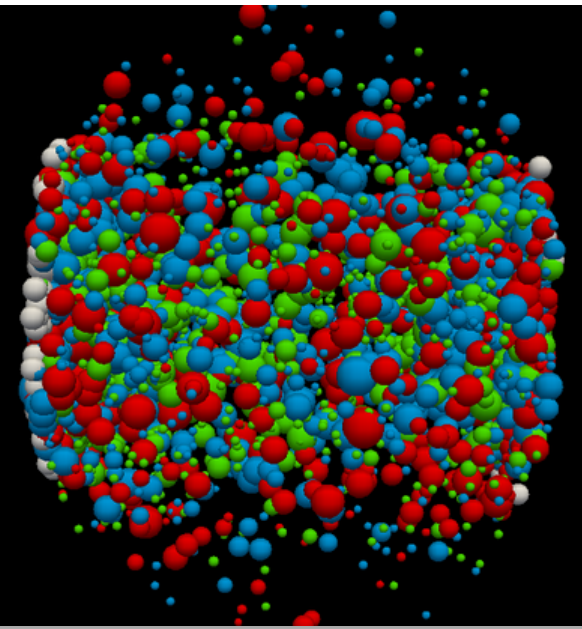


Bulk of the particle production and collective behavior study for searching QGP in small collision system



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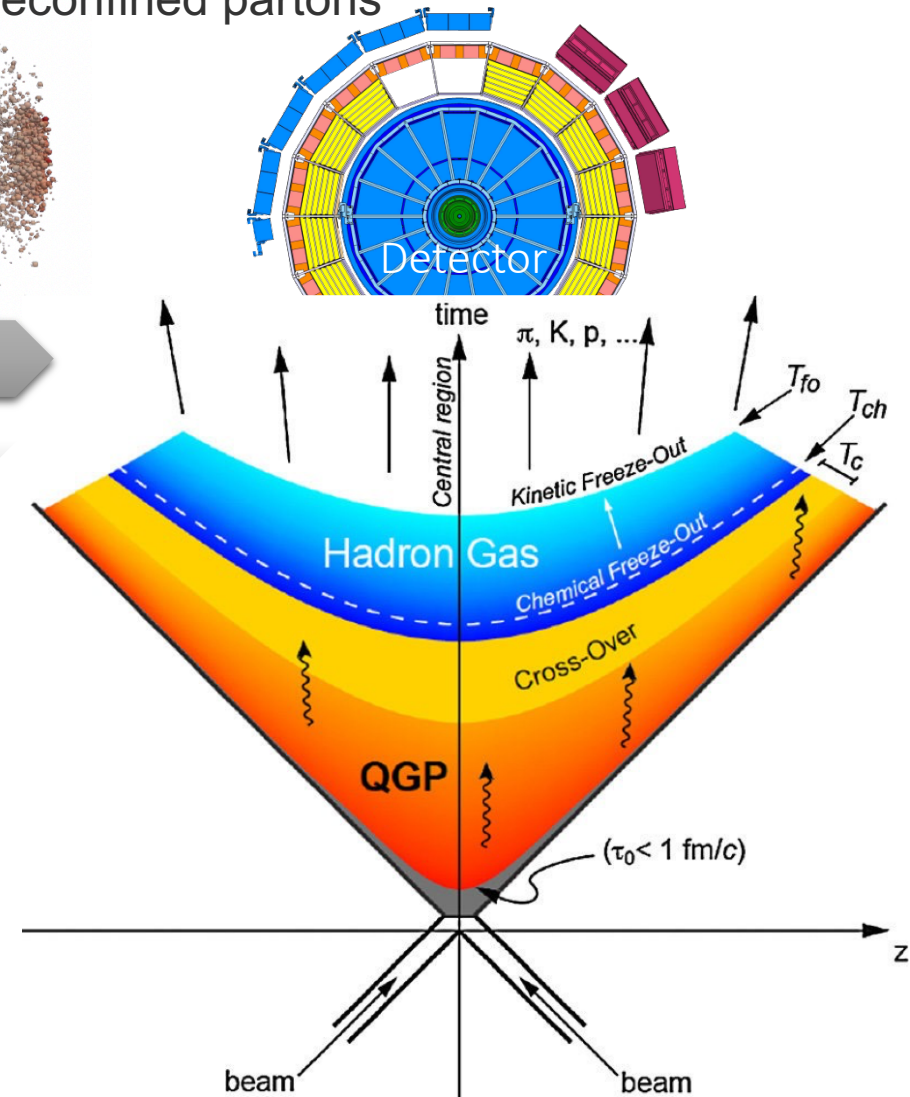
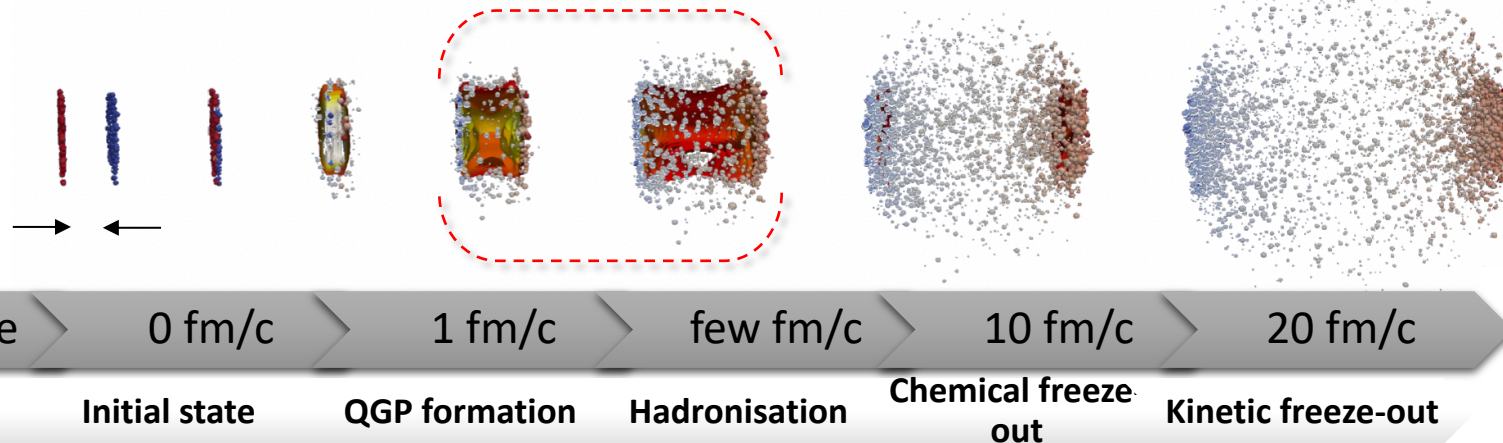
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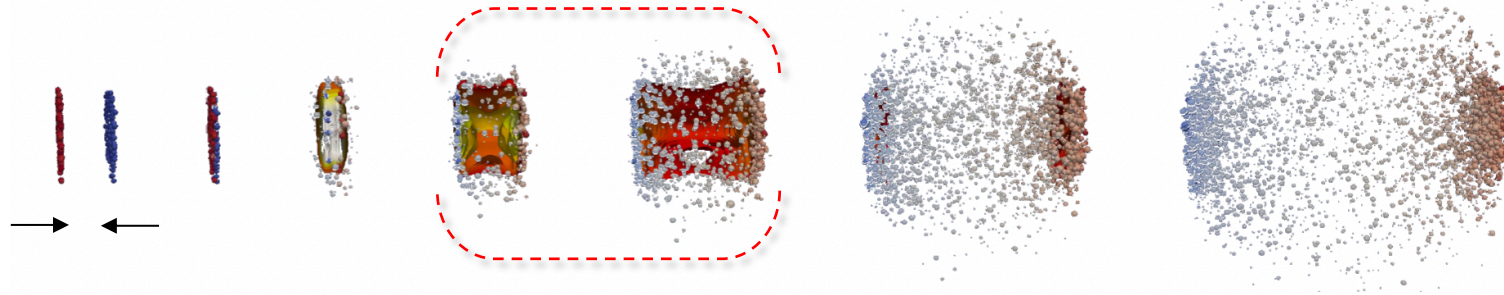
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Quark-gluon plasma (QGP): A hot and dense medium of deconfined partons



- **Initial state:** collision of two Lorentz-contracted nuclei
- **QGP formation:** fast thermalization, $\tau \approx 1 \text{ fm}/c$
→ deconfined medium expanding hydrodynamically
- Phase transition (cross-over) to hadron gas
($T_c = 156.5 \pm 1.5 \text{ MeV}$, Nucl. Phys. A 982 (2019) 847)
→ Color confinement: **hadronization**
- **Chemical freeze-out** ($T_{ch} \approx 153 \text{ MeV}$)
→ inelastic collisions stop: particle abundances fixed
- **Kinetic freeze-out** ($T_{fo} \approx 100 \text{ MeV}$)
→ elastic collisions stop: particle spectra fixed
- Particles fly towards detectors

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The **bulk of the particle production** at LHC constituting light-flavour (u, d, s) hadrons. They are more than 99% at low p_T region (< 2 GeV/c).

Study the thermodynamic property and explore the **collective phenomena**.

- p_T — **spectra** of the identified hadrons carry the information on radial flow, energy loss, chemical and kinetic freezeout temperature.

The **particle ratio** study helps to understand the hadron chemistry of the particle production.

- Strangeness enhancement

Azimuthal anisotropic behavior of particle production

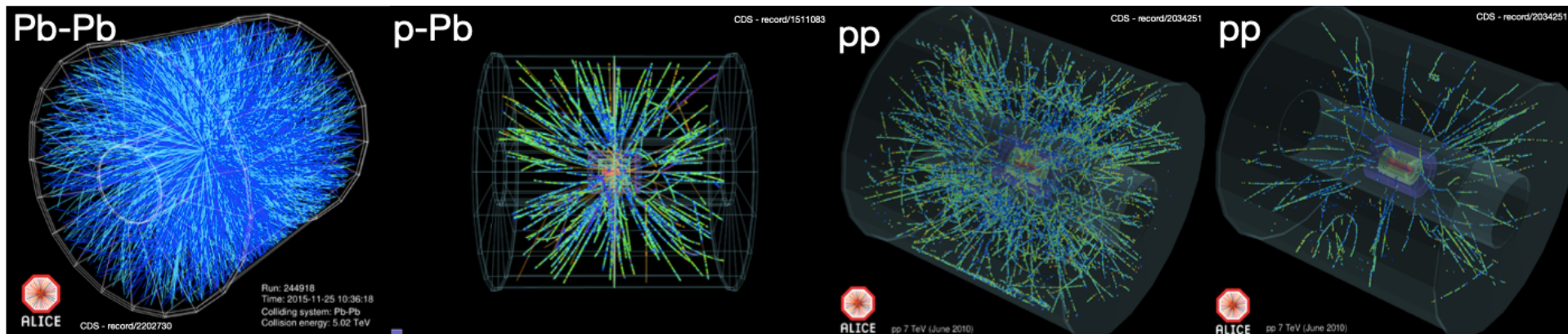
- Anisotropic flow and **long range correlation**

Useful in comparison among the colliding systems.

- **Hints of collectivity in in small system (pp and p—A).**

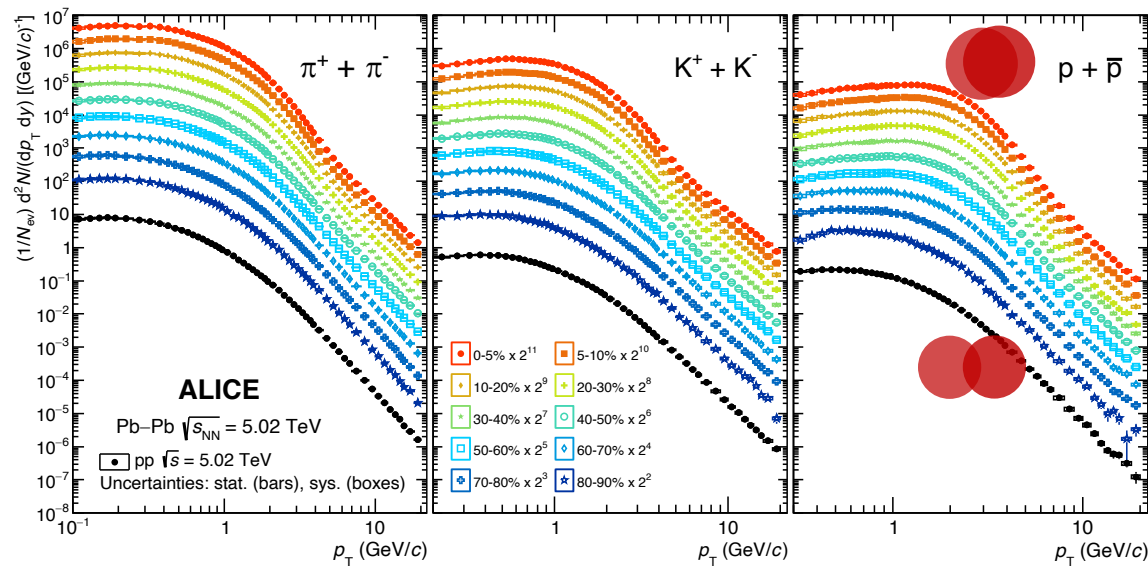
What is 'small system'?

- In preLHC relativistic heavy-ion physics, a 'small system' is defined where QGP formation is not expected.
 - pp system as a reference for physics of A-A system.
- Recent studies show the **collective phenomena in high multiplicity (HM)** collisions in small system.
- **Formation of QGP in small system?** High multiplicity pp collisions are particularly important.
 - minimum bias pp system still holds as reference of A-A system.



Decreasing system size

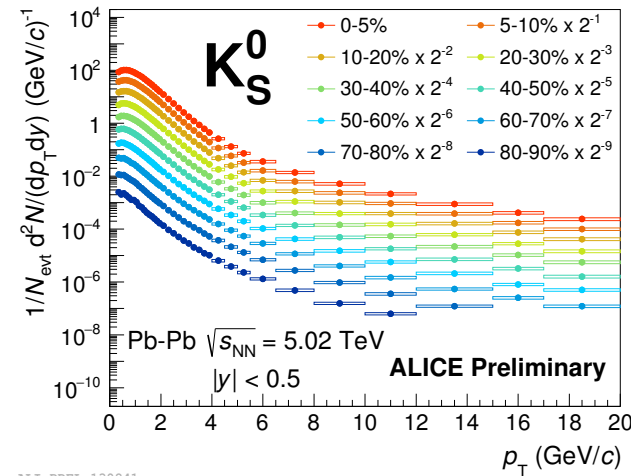
Light flavor spectra at A-A systems



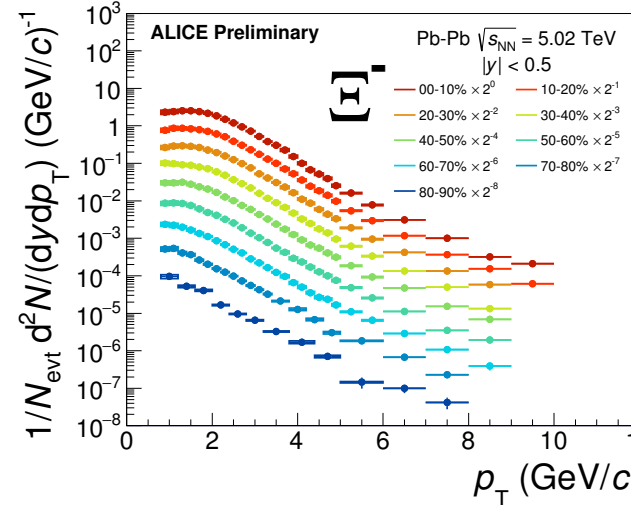
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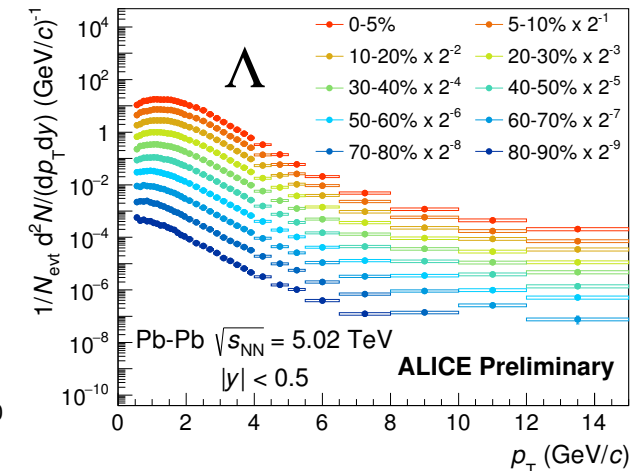
- Spectra shifted towards higher momenta from peripheral to central collisions – **hardening of the spectra** at low p_T .
- The effect is also mass dependent - heavier particles have more shifted towards large p_T ($p = \gamma\beta mc$).
- signature of the **radial flow**.



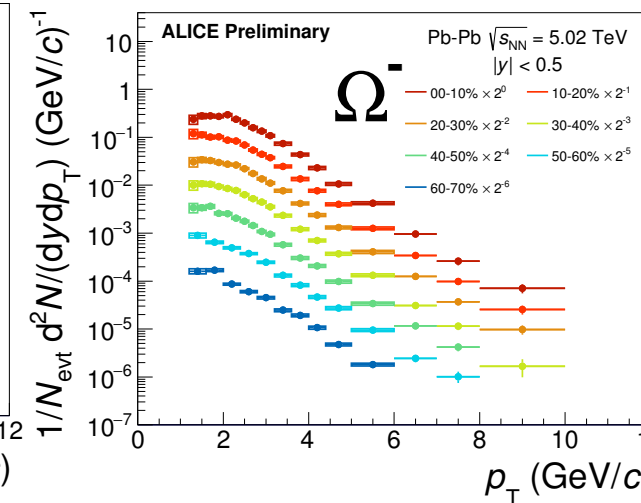
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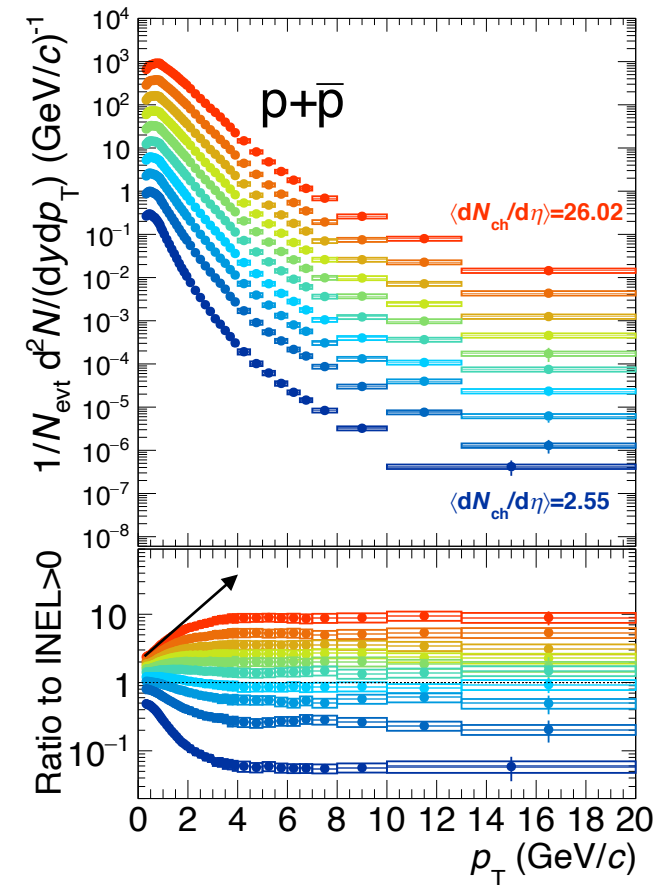
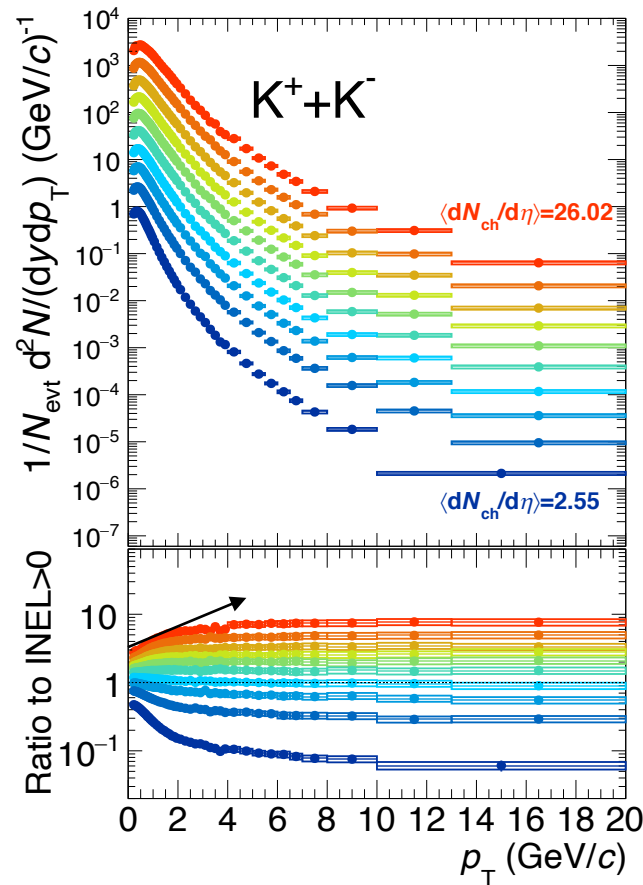
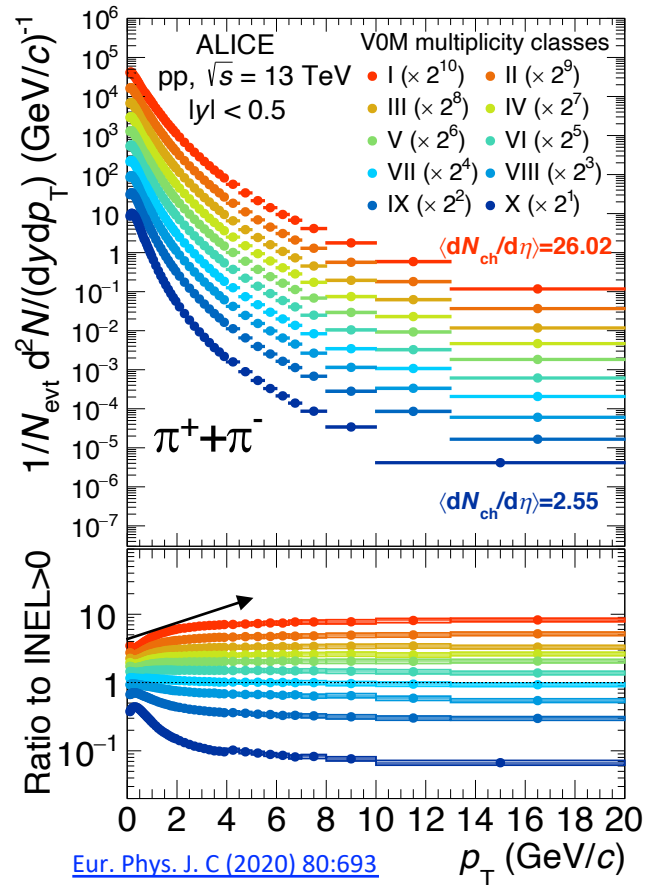
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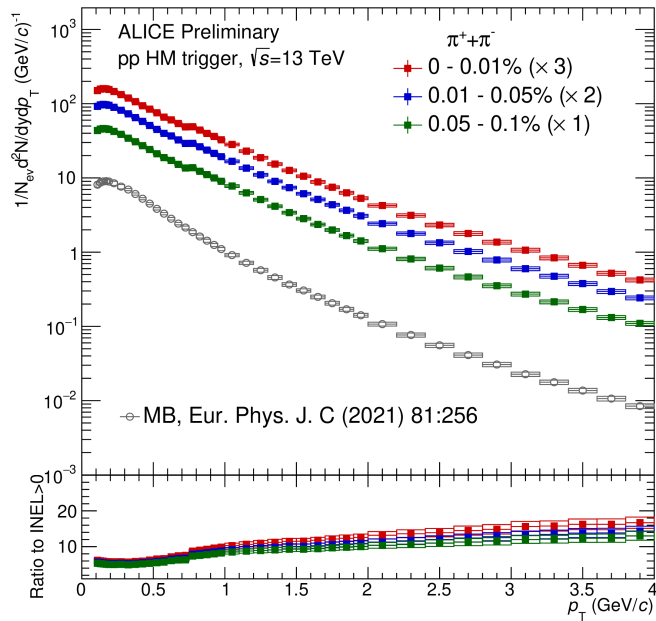
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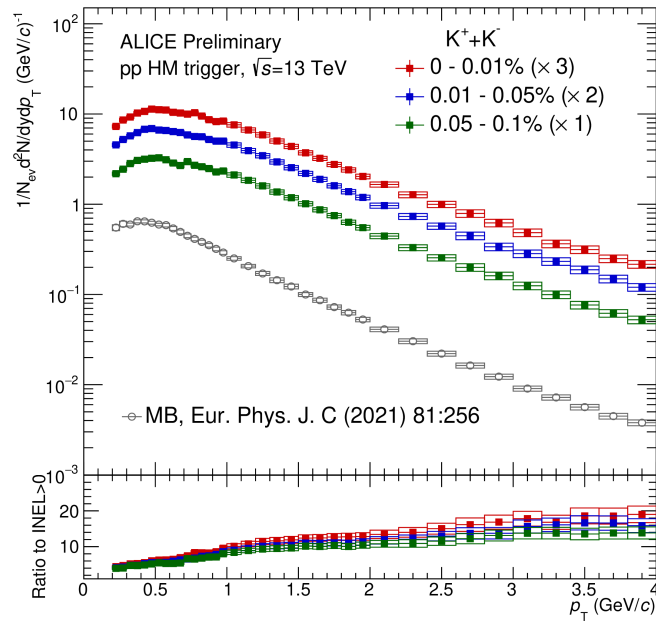
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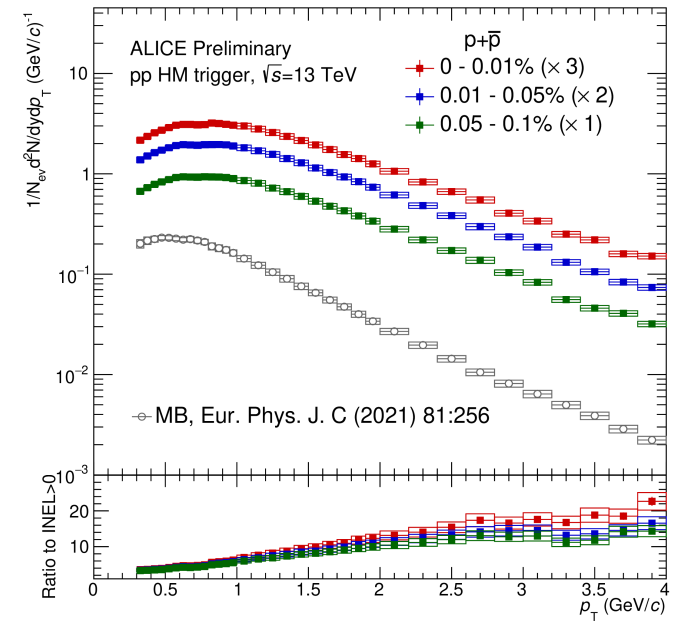
- At low p_T region mass dependent hardening of the spectra is observed.
- At higher p_T (> 8 GeV/c) slope of the spectra are independent of the multiplicity class, as expected from pQCD.
- Multiplicity dependent hardening found.



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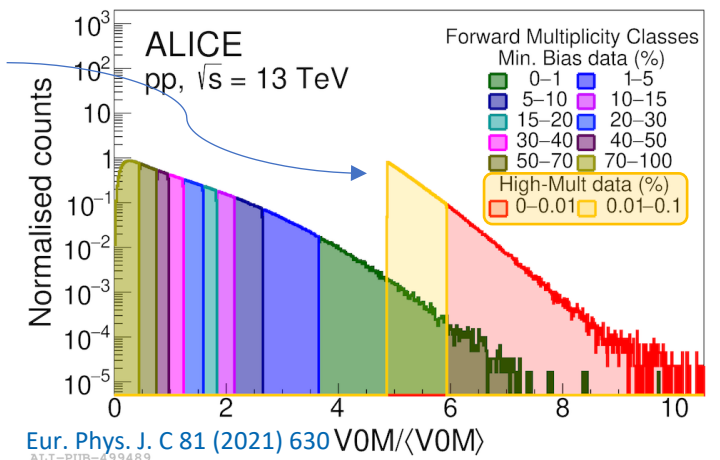


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High-multiplicity classes

- High-multiplicity pp collisions: mass dependent hardening observed.
- Slight centrality dependent hardening.
- Hint of the *radial flow* in high multiplicity pp collisions.



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Boltzmann-Gibbs blast-wave model*: a three-parameter simplified hydrodynamical model -> calculate radial flow (β_T)

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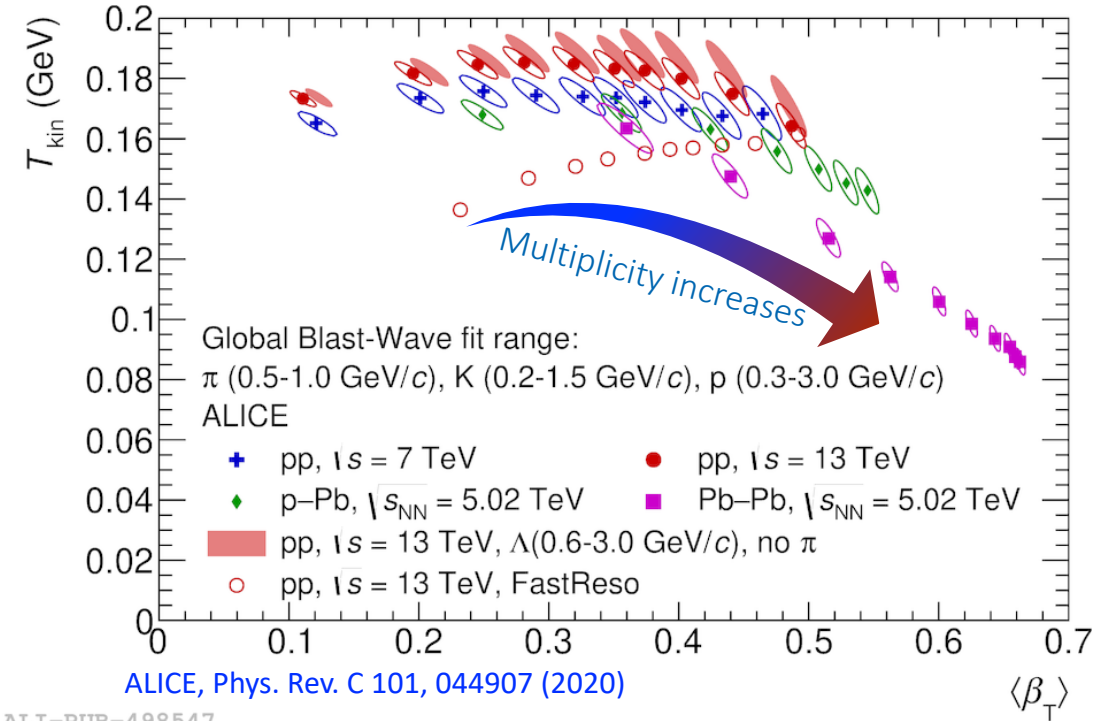
$$E \frac{d^3 N}{dp^3} \propto \int_0^R m_T I_0 \left(\frac{p_T \sinh(\rho)}{T_{kin}} \right) K_1 \left(\frac{m_T \cosh(\rho)}{\beta_T} \right) r dr$$

$$\rightarrow m_T = \sqrt{m^2 + p_T^2} \quad \rho = \tanh^{-1}(\beta_T) \quad \beta_T(r) = \beta_s \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^n$$

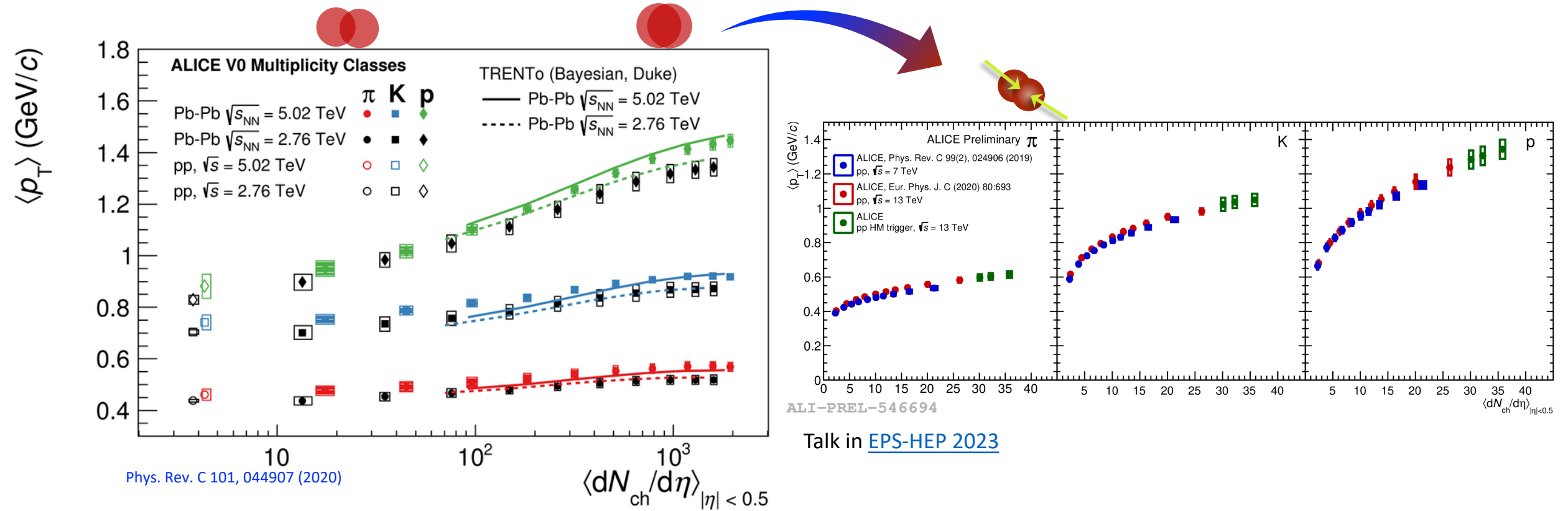
- **Large systems:** Largest β_T and lowest T_{kin} for central Pb-Pb collisions
- **Small systems:** pp and p-Pb show a similar trend and
- values are comparable

➤ Continuous evolution as a function of the event multiplicity is found in small systems.

➤ Radial flow effect can be observed in small system.

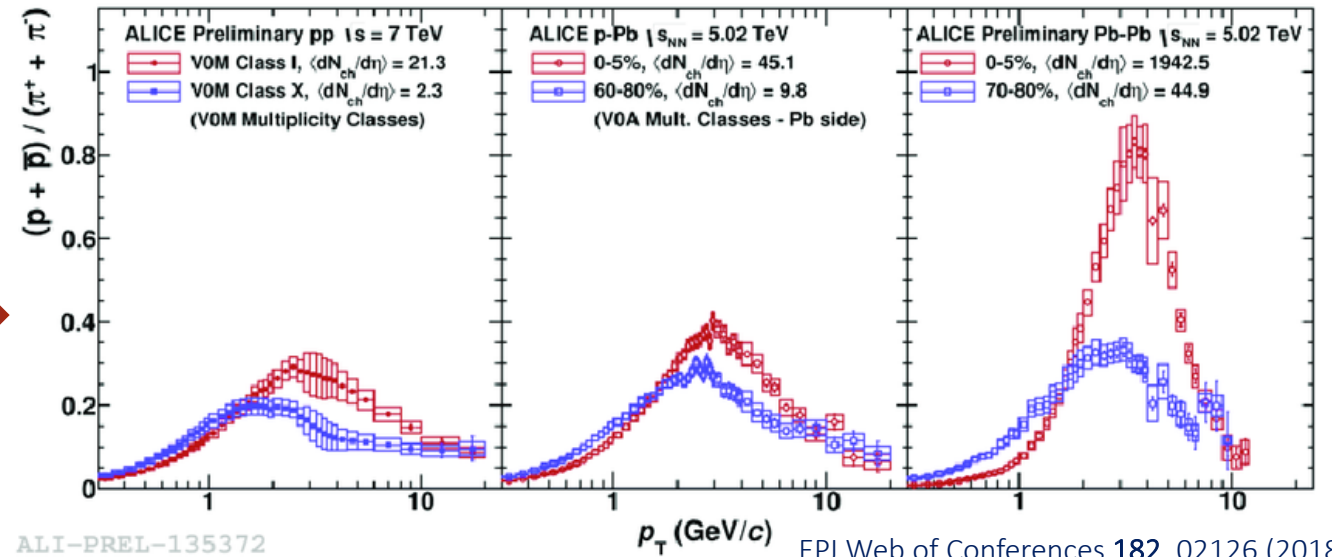
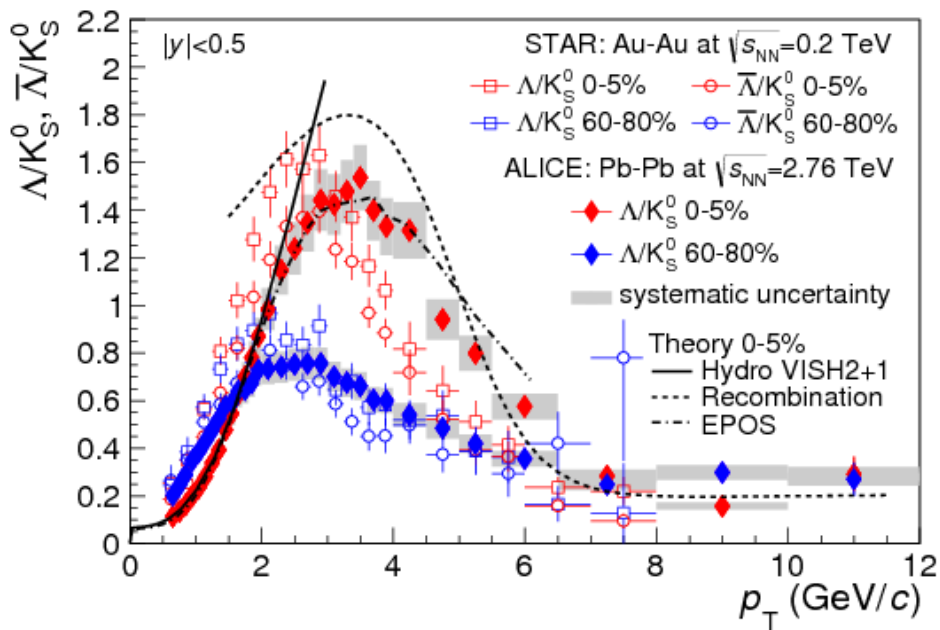


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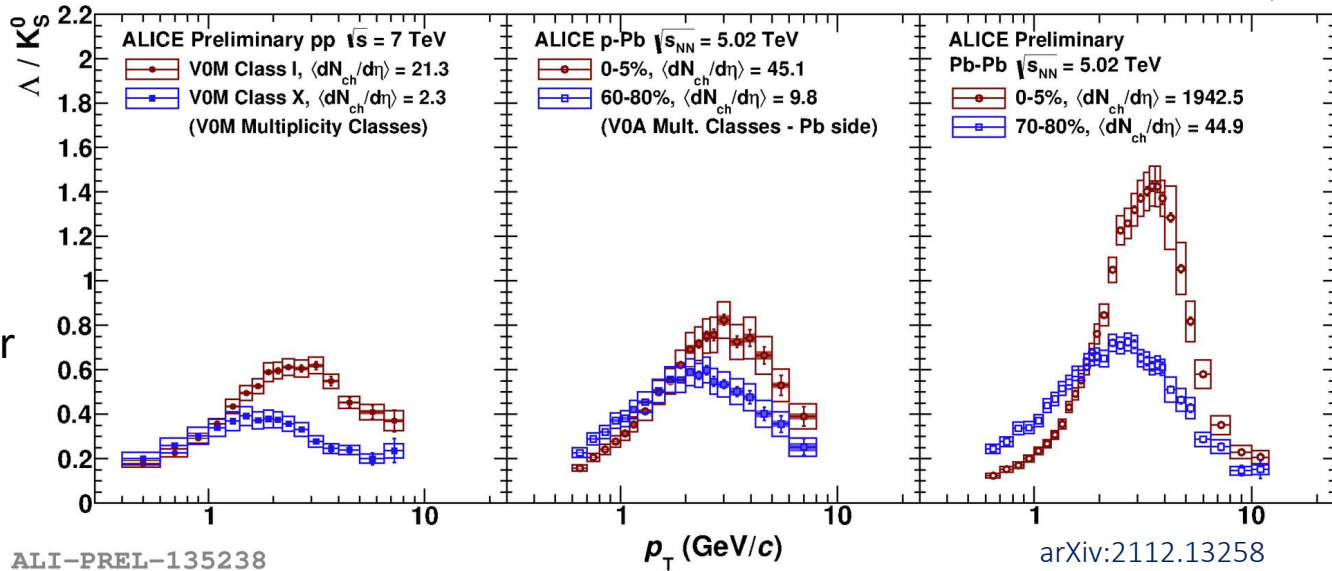
- $\langle p_T \rangle$ increases going from inelastic pp and peripheral Pb–Pb collisions to central Pb–Pb collisions.
- $\langle p_T \rangle$ increases continuously with multiplicity in pp collisions
- The **increase is steeper with mass** - supports the picture of common radial flow effect.
- At central Pb–Pb collision, $\langle p_T \rangle$ is slightly higher at 5.02 TeV than 2.76 TeV – low p_T part contribution in stronger radial flow.

Signature of radial flow as collective effect



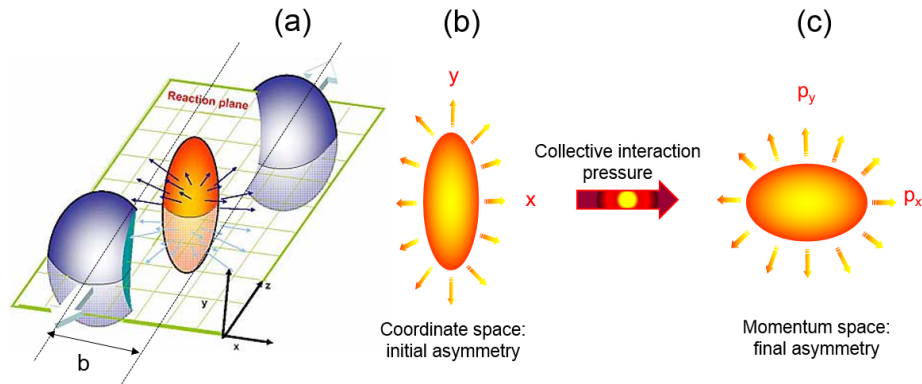
- Baryon-to-meson ratio shows qualitatively similar results in pp, p-Pb and Pb-Pb systems
- The peak at intermediate p_T is due to interplay between **hydrodynamic flow and recombination**.
- With increasing multiplicity the peak shifts towards higher p_T .

The results supports the radial flow is more effective to baryon than meson

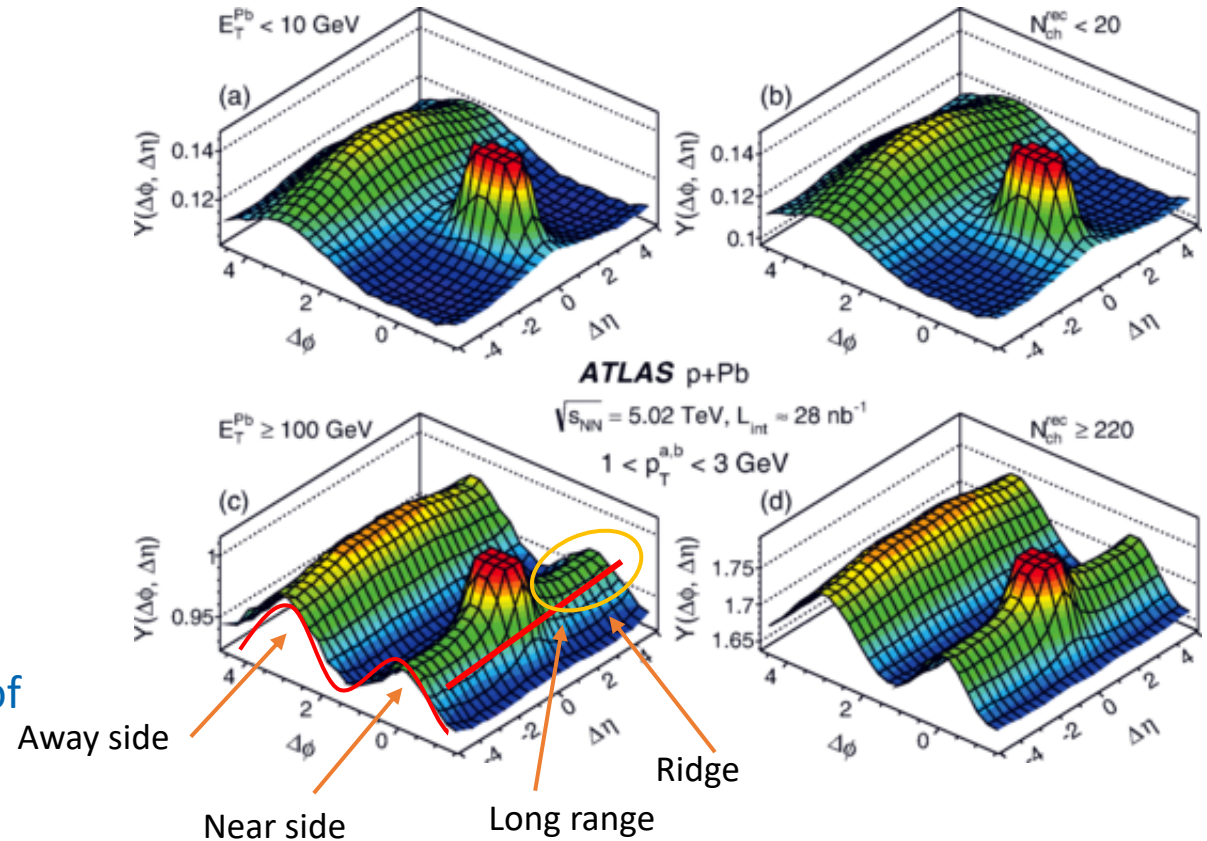


Collective expansion translates into **long range** modulation of particle emission **in azimuth**

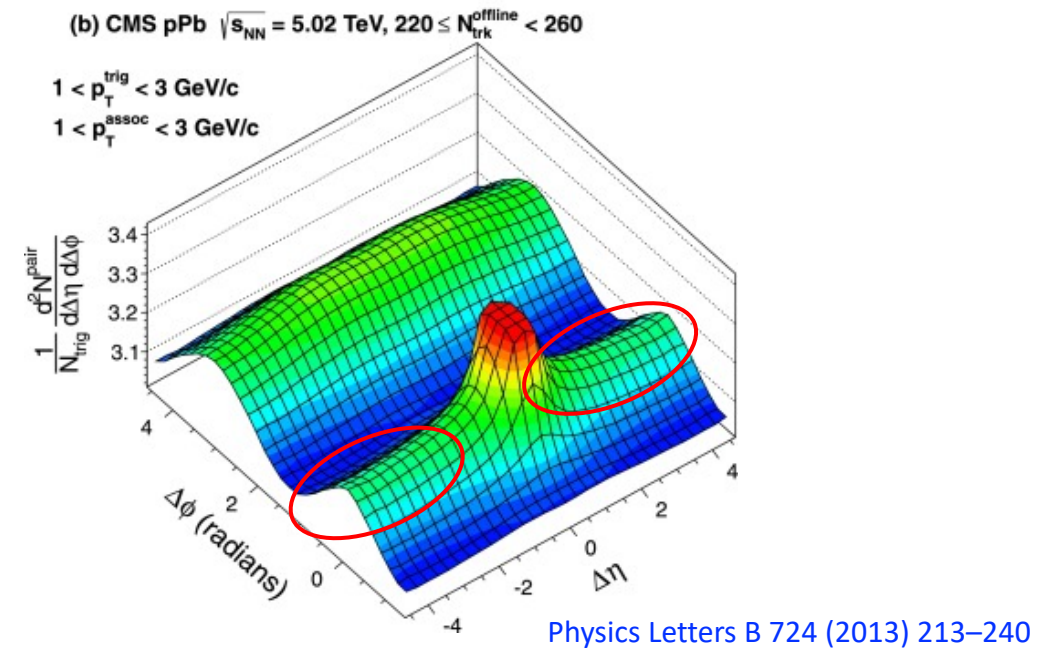
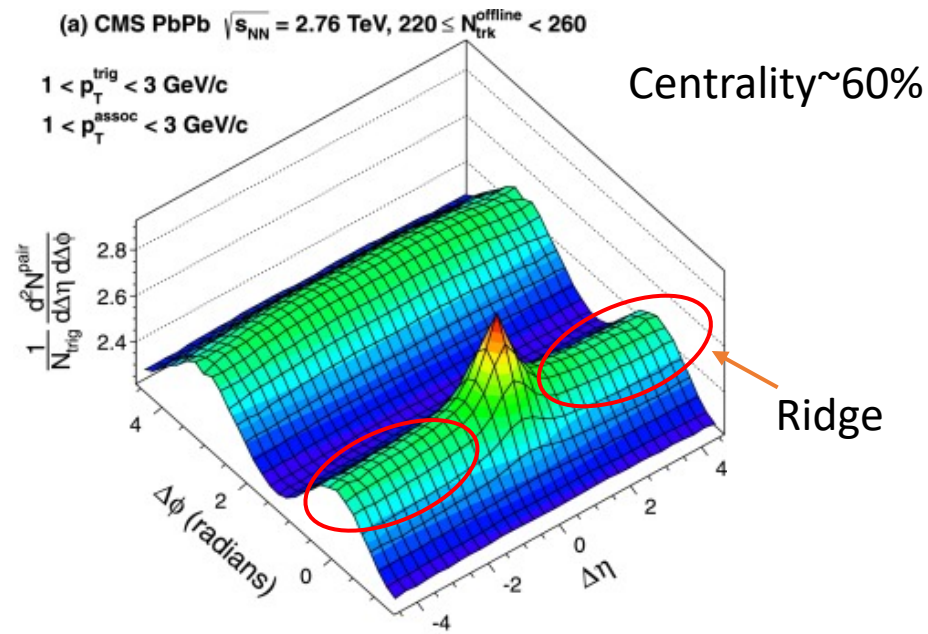
Correlations over a large range in pseudorapidity implies it originate from early times of collisions and thus suggest that hydrodynamic behavior.



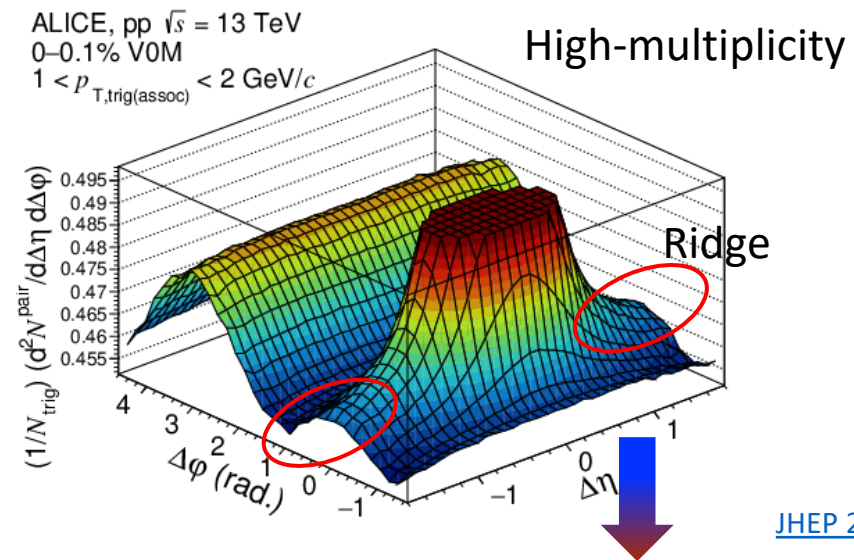
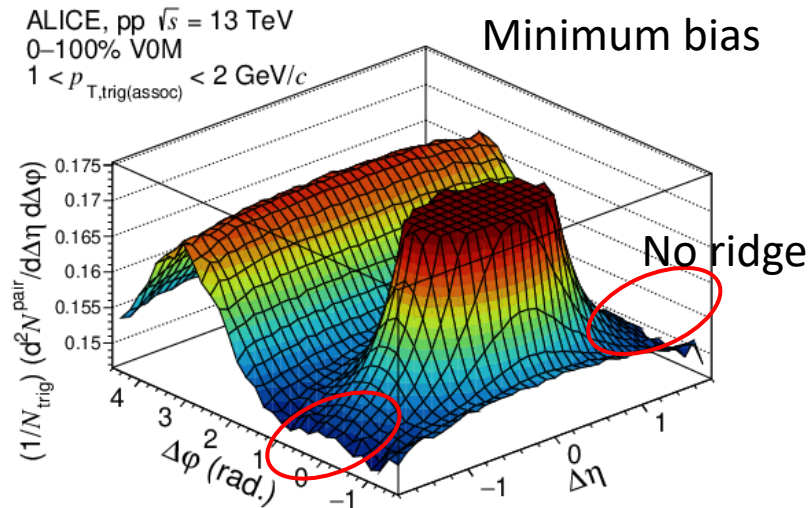
- Two particle correlation in $(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)$ plane shows a ridge like structure at near side ($\Delta\phi \approx 0$) as a function of collision multiplicity because of long range correlation.
- **Near side ridge structure is because of collective effect of the medium.**
- Away side ($\Delta\phi \approx \pi$) ridge might be also seen, possible reason for that is elliptic flow and jet.



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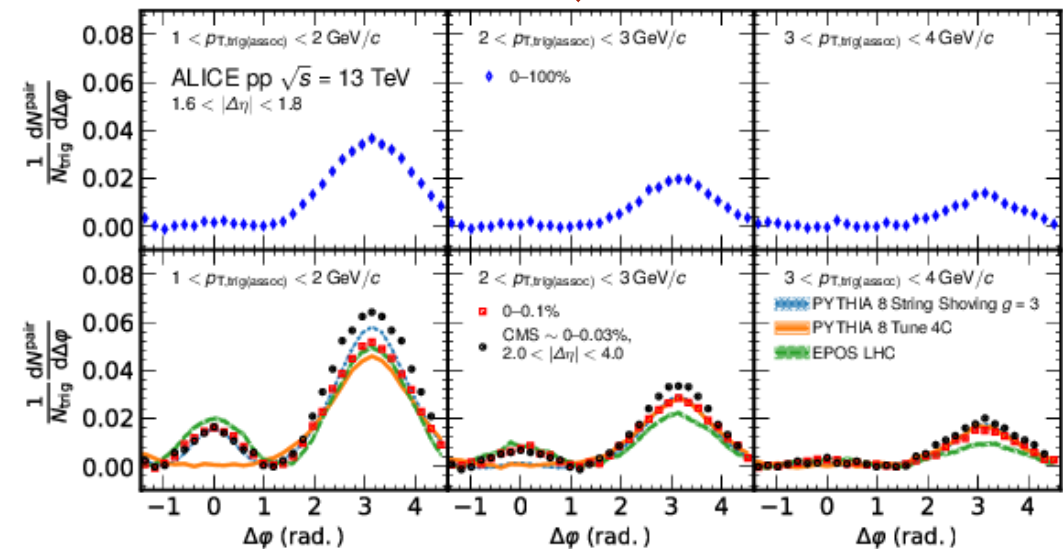
- Near side ($\Delta\phi \approx 0$) ridge observed because of long range correlation in PbPb and pPb system
- Away side ($\Delta\phi \approx \pi$) ridge because of elliptic flow and also jet correlation
- So collectivity definitely observed in PbPb and pPb system
- Can we expect similar ridge like structure as a signal of collectiveness in pp system?



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- In $\Delta\phi$ projected correlation shows clear near side ridge at high-multiplicity but no definitive signal at minimum bias pp events.
- Away side ridge structure is because of Jet correlation.
- The PYTHIA and EPOS LHC none models could explain the experimental observation exactly.
- High-multiplicity pp events shows hydrodynamical behaviour.

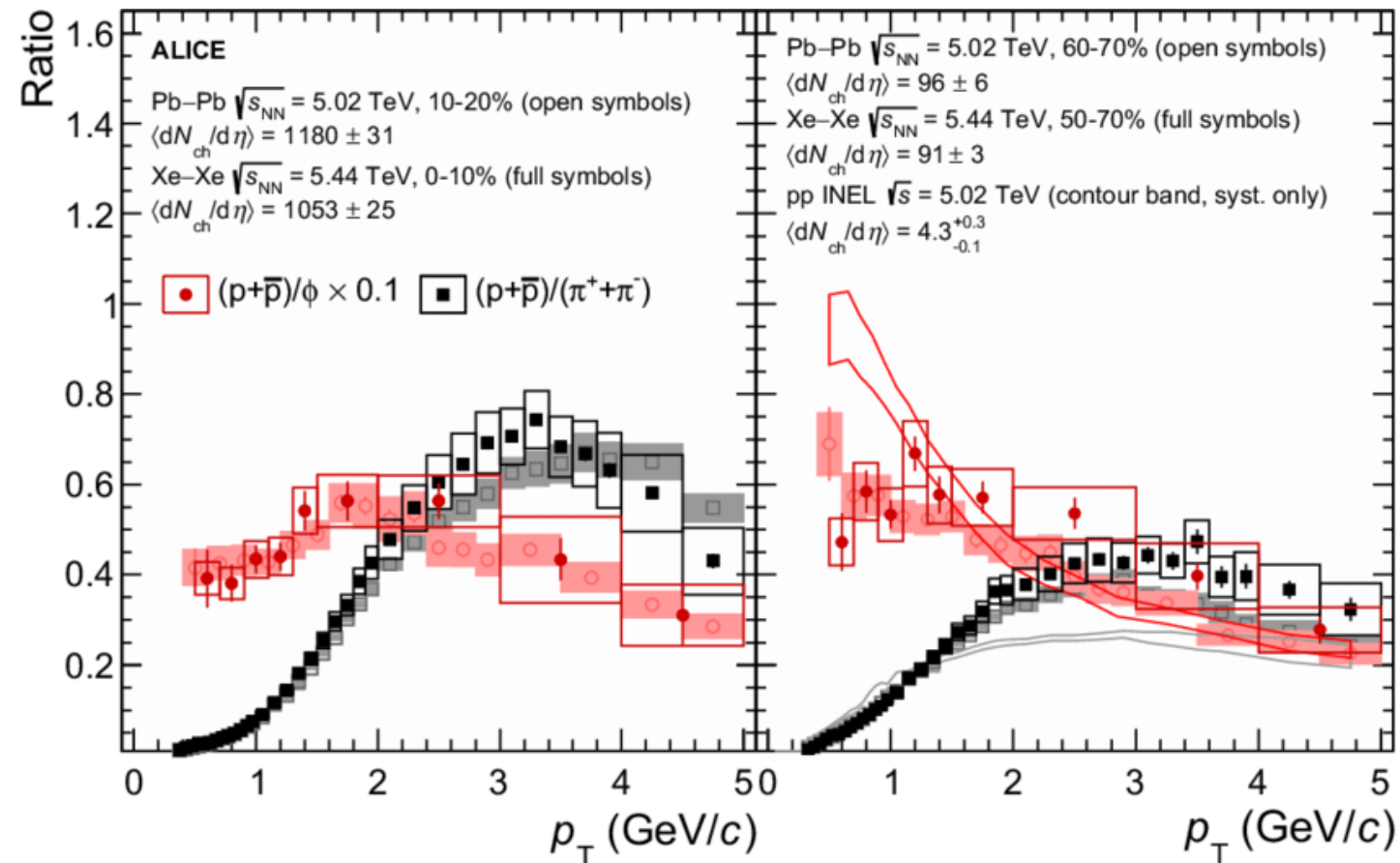


- High-multiplicity pp collisions show collectivity in particle production
 - Charged-particle multiplicity is driving force behind colliding physics irrespective of colliding systems and collision energy
- Radial flow effect in small system can found as in heavy-ion collisions
 - Mass ordered hardening of the p_T spectra
 - Multiplicity dependent mean p_T , mass ordering
 - Enhancement of baryon-over-meson at intermediate p_T
- Two particle long range correlation shows near side ridge structure in small system
 - Suggest hydrodynamical behaviour as found in large system

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