

# Event by Event $\langle p_T \rangle$ Fluctuations of Identified Particles in pp Collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$ TeV in Run-3 Data

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# Motivation

- “Dynamical” fluctuations reflect the dynamics and responses of the system
- Help to characterize the properties of the bulk description of the system
- Mean transverse momentum fluctuation is sensitive to temperature/energy fluctuation
- $\langle p_T \rangle$  is independent of the volume as volume fluctuates from one event to the other due to fluctuations of the impact parameter

# Motivation

- Fluctuations of  $\langle p_T \rangle$  arise from many kinds of correlations among the  $p_T$  of the final-state particles, such as resonance decays, jets etc...
- So, E-by-E  $\langle p_T \rangle$  fluctuations in pp collisions can be used as a model-independent baseline to search for non-trivial fluctuations in heavy-ion collisions
- By studying this for identified particles, one can get an insight into the production and dynamics of the specific particles

## Moments of $p_T$

$$Q_n = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{ch}} (p_i)^n$$

## Mean $p_T$

$$\langle\langle p_T \rangle\rangle_{star} = \left\langle \frac{Q_1}{N_{ch}} \right\rangle$$

## Two Particle Correlator

$$\langle\langle \Delta p_i \Delta p_j \rangle\rangle_{star} = \left\langle \frac{Q_1^2 - Q_2}{N_{ch}(N_{ch} - 1)} \right\rangle - \left\langle \frac{Q_1}{N_{ch}} \right\rangle^2$$

- Angular brackets denote an average over events in a multiplicity class

<https://journals.aps.org/prc/pdf/10.1103/PhysRevC.103.024910>

$\frac{\sqrt{\langle \Delta p_i \Delta p_j \rangle}}{\langle \langle p_T \rangle \rangle} \rightarrow$  Dynamical  $\langle p_T \rangle$  fluctuations relative to  $\langle p_T \rangle$

- Reduces the dependence on the detection efficiency

# Event Selection Criterion

## pp Collisions

- $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$  TeV

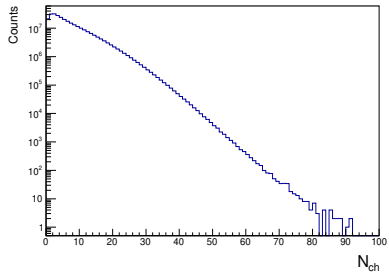
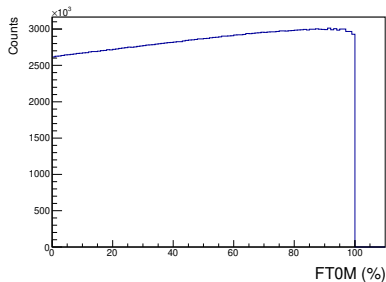
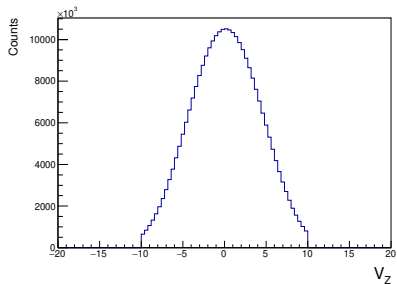
## Data Set

- LHC22m\_apass4
- Number of Events  $\approx 285$  M

## Event Selections

- $|V_Z| < 10$  cm
- sel8() (T0A + T0C)

# Event Selection

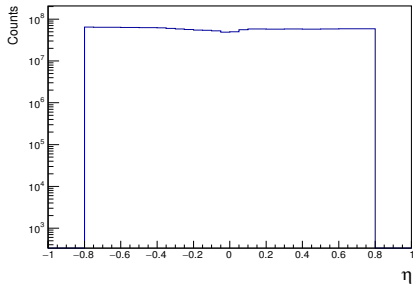
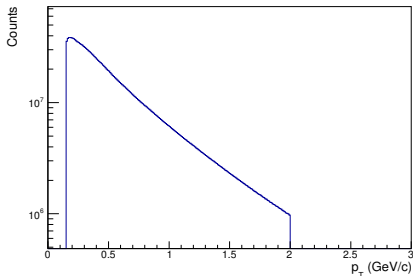
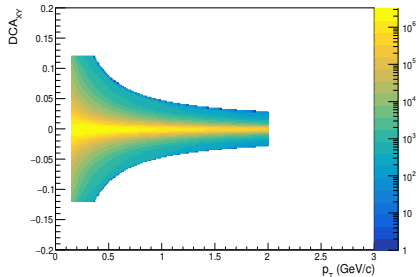
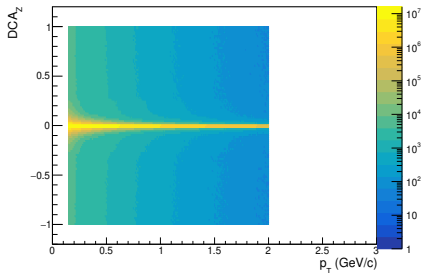




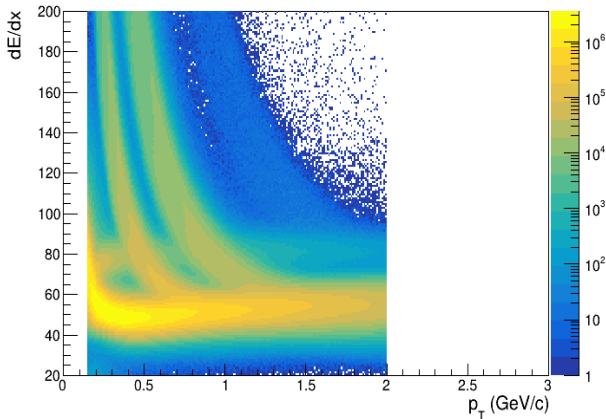
## Track Selections

- $0.15 < p_T < 2.0 \text{ GeV}/c$
- $|\eta| < 0.8$
- $|\text{DCA}_z| < 1.0 \text{ cm}$
- $|\text{DCA}_{xy}| < 0.12 \text{ cm}$
- GlobalTracks()

# Track Selection



# PID Selection



- To identify the particles, we used TPC signal (i.e. radiation loss per unit length)
- at 0.55 GeV/c: pions and kaons start merging
- at 0.9 GeV/c: protons start merging with the other particles
- there is also electron contamination

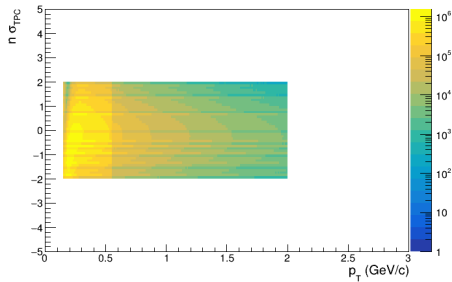
- TOF is used to identify those particles which could not be classified by only TPC
- Pions and Kaons can be classified after 0.55 GeV/c
- Protons can be classified after 0.9 GeV/c

## PID Selections

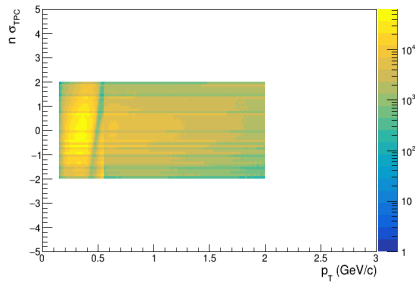
- only TPC cuts
  - To minimize electrons contamination :  $|n\sigma|_{TPC} > 2$
  - $|n\sigma|_{TPC} < 2$  (Pion:  $p_T \leq 0.55$  GeV/c)
  - $|n\sigma|_{TPC} < 2$  (Kaon:  $p_T \leq 0.55$  GeV/c)
  - $|n\sigma|_{TPC} < 2$  (Proton:  $p_T \leq 0.9$  GeV/c)
- TPC+TOF cuts
  - $|n\sigma|_{TPC} < 2$  &  $|n\sigma|_{TOF} < 2$  (Pion:  $p_T > 0.55$  GeV/c)
  - $|n\sigma|_{TPC} < 2$  &  $|n\sigma|_{TOF} < 2$  (Kaon:  $p_T > 0.55$  GeV/c)
  - $|n\sigma|_{TPC} < 2$  &  $|n\sigma|_{TOF} < 2$  (Proton:  $p_T > 0.9$  GeV/c)

# $n\sigma_{\text{TPC}}$ vs $p_T$

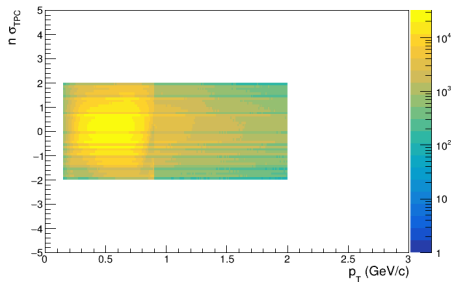
Pions



Kaons

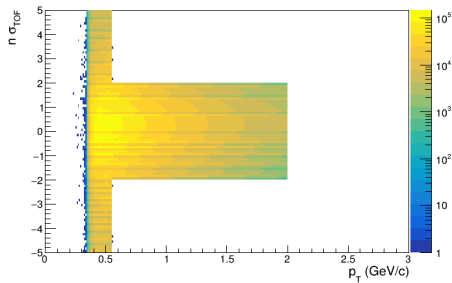


Protons

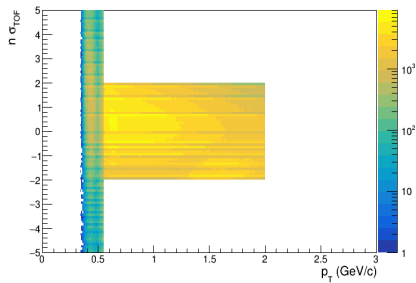


# $n\sigma_{\text{TOF}}$ vs $p_T$

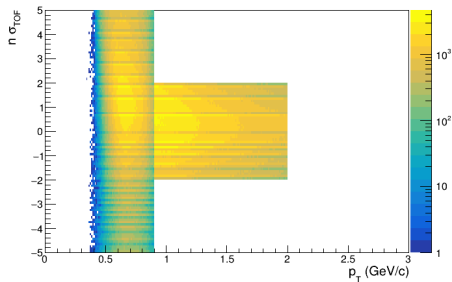
Pions



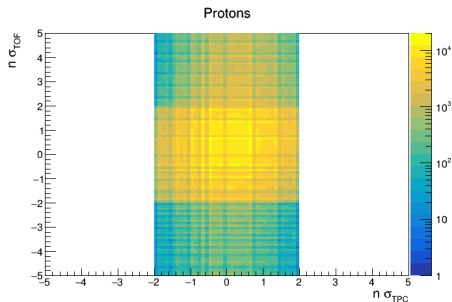
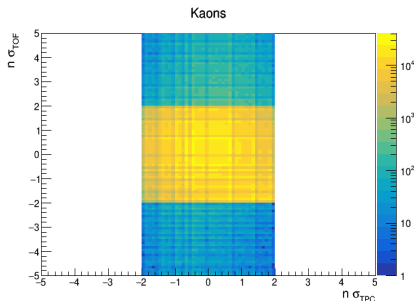
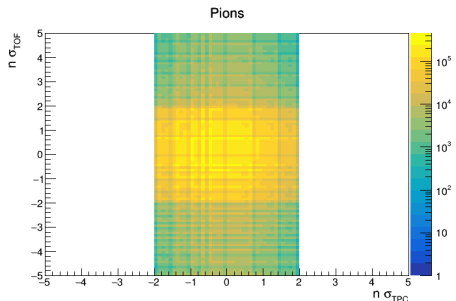
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Protons



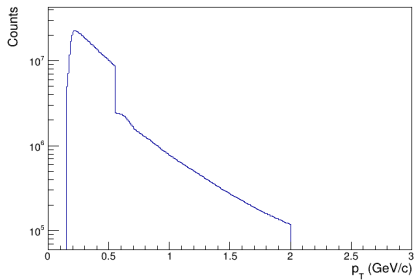
# $n\sigma_{\text{TOF}}$ VS $n\sigma_{\text{TPC}}$



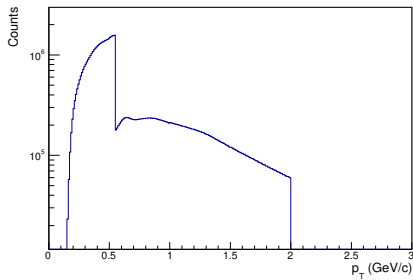


# $p_T$ Distribution

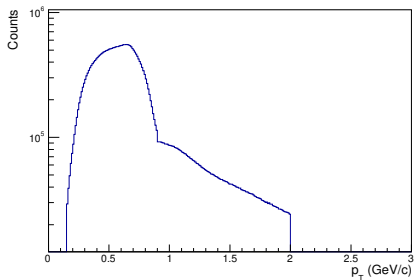
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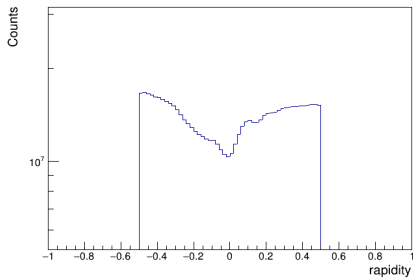


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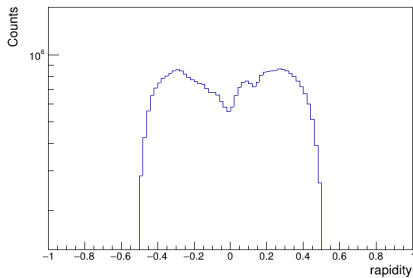


# Rapidity ( $y$ ) Distribution

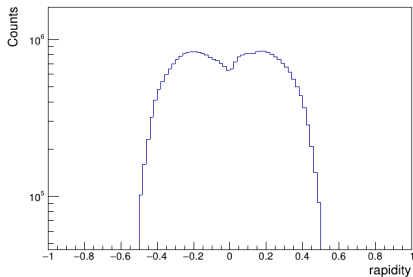
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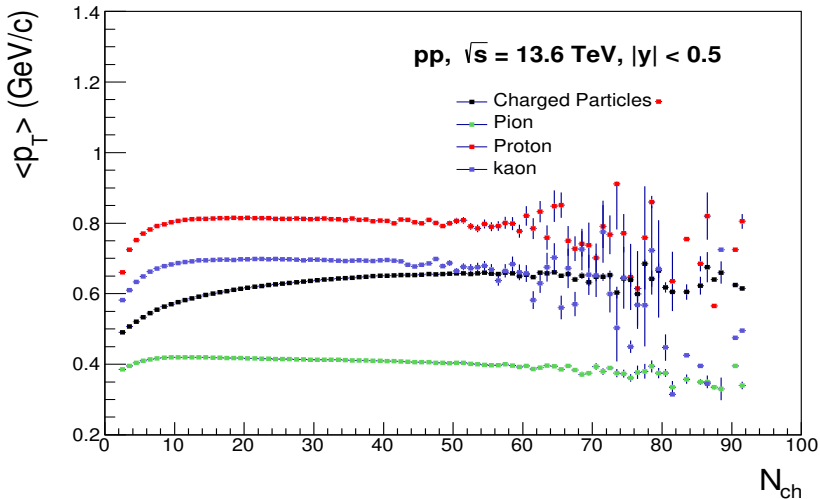
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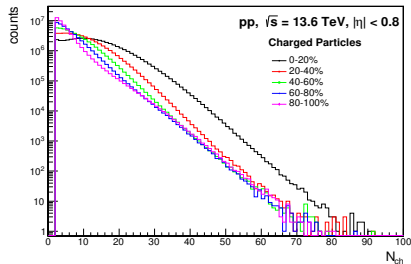
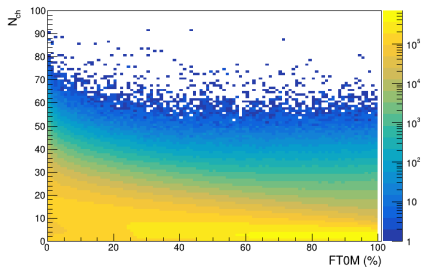
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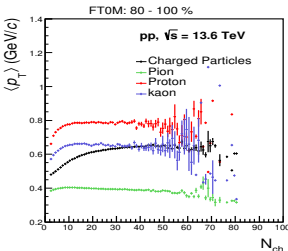
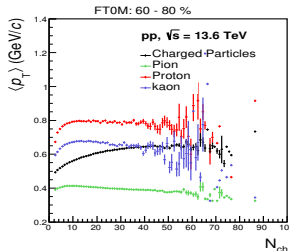
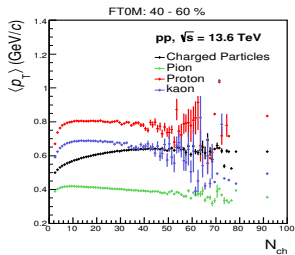
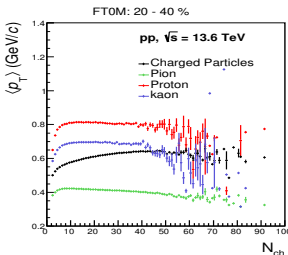
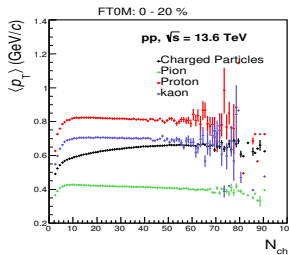
# $\langle p_T \rangle$ Distribution



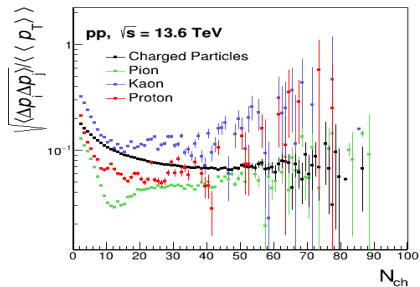
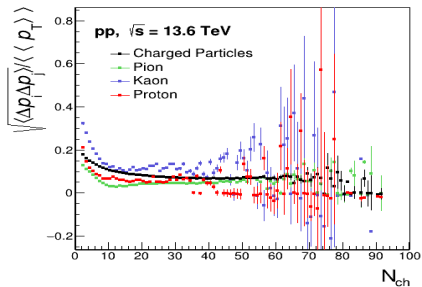
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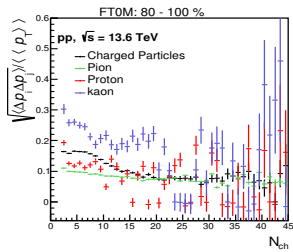
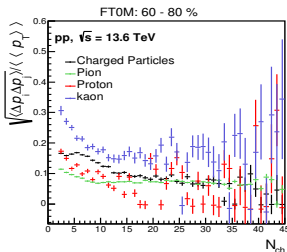
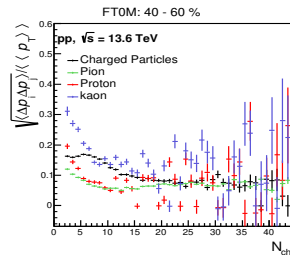
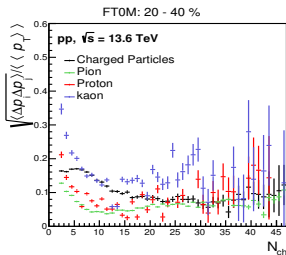
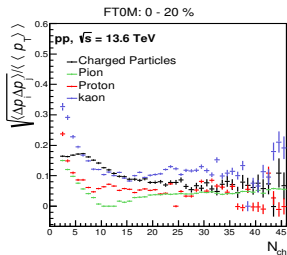
# $\langle p_T \rangle$ Distribution in Different Multiplicity Classes



# Relative Dynamical Fluctuation: $\sqrt{\langle \Delta p_i \Delta p_j \rangle} / \langle \langle p_T \rangle \rangle$



# $\sqrt{\langle \Delta p_i \Delta p_j \rangle} / \langle \langle p_T \rangle \rangle$ Distribution in Different Multiplicity Classes



# Summary

- E-by-E  $\langle p_T \rangle$  fluctuations for identified particles (  $\pi$ ,  $K$  and  $p$ ) measured by ALICE
- Observable: Two-particle correlator
- Significant dynamical fluctuations decreasing with multiplicity
- Dynamical fluctuations is significantly large for Kaons

## Future Work

- MC closure test to extract efficiencies
- Other observables: three and four-particle correlators
- Study of these observables in Pb-Pb collisions
- All 3 observables as a function of sphericity in pp collisions



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## Statistical fluctuation

$$F(k) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \implies \langle F(k) \rangle = \lambda$$

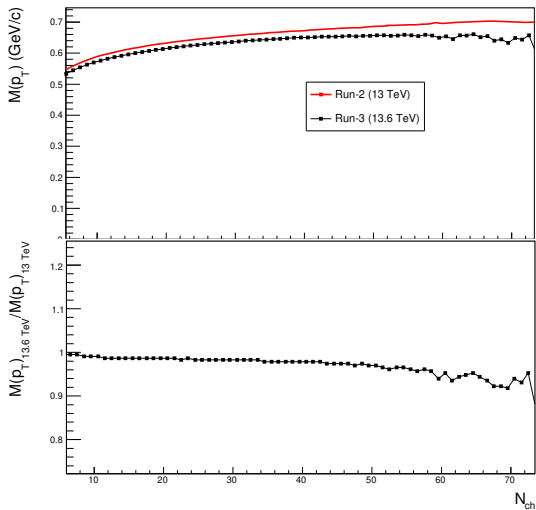
$$\text{Cov}(x, y) = E[x, y] - E[x]E[y] \rightarrow C_m \text{ (Two particle Correlator)}$$

$$\implies \lambda_1 \lambda_2 - \lambda_1 \lambda_2 = 0 \rightarrow C_m$$

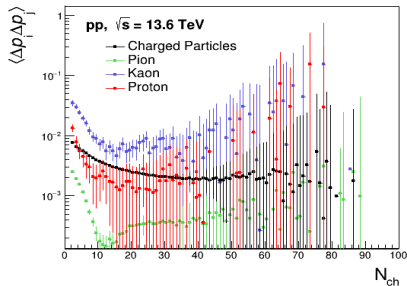
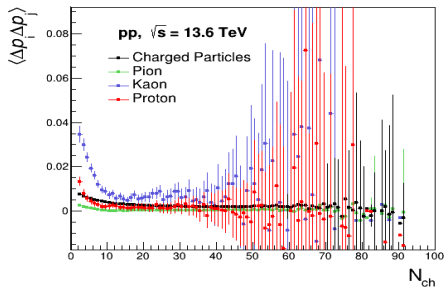
## Presence of Correlation

Non-zero value of  $\langle \Delta p_i \Delta p_j \rangle$  indicates contribution from non-statistical fluctuation

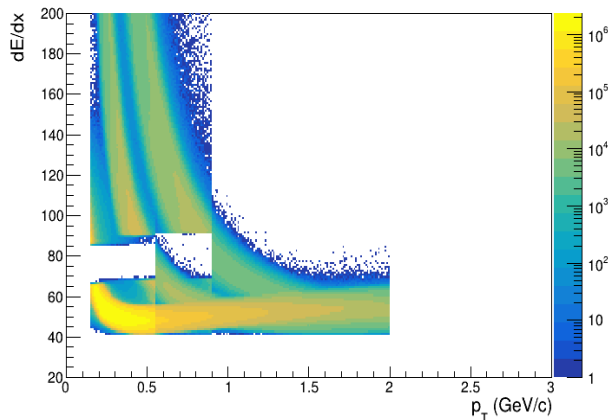
# Comparison with Run-2 mean $p_T$ results



# Two particle correlator: $\langle \Delta p_i \Delta p_j \rangle$



# PID Selection



- TPC signal after applying PID selection cuts