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Unraveling the Hadronic Phase with Resonances in pp Collisions at LHC Run 3 with ALICE

The study of hadronic resonances provides valuable information about the final state interactions and the system evolution in ultra-relativistic nuclear collisions. Due to their short lifespan, comparable with the duration of the hadronic phase, resonances can be affected by the competing re-scattering and regeneration mechanisms. In particular, their decay daughters interact elastically with other hadrons, altering their transverse momentum (p_T) distributions and affecting the measured resonance yields. Measurements of the ratio of yields of hadronic resonances to their ground state particles across various charged-particle multiplicities provide time information between chemical and kinetic freezeout. The ALICE experiment in the LHC Run 3 is best suited for resonance measurements because of its excellent tracking and PID capabilities over a broad momentum range.

In this contribution, we present the new ALICE results on resonance production from LHC Run 3 data collected in 2022 with the upgraded ALICE detector, making use of the higher statistics compared to previous data-taking periods. The results will be compared to similar measurements from data collected during LHC Run 2. The contribution focuses on p_T distributions of the hadronic resonances, their p_T -integrated yields, and the ratios of p_T -integrated resonance yields to those of long-lived particles. The experimental results will be compared with the available theoretical predictions, which may offer new perspectives on the underlying dynamics in the hadronic phase.

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