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**Heavy Flavour Electron-Hadron Correlation in pp
Collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13.6$ TeV with ALICE**

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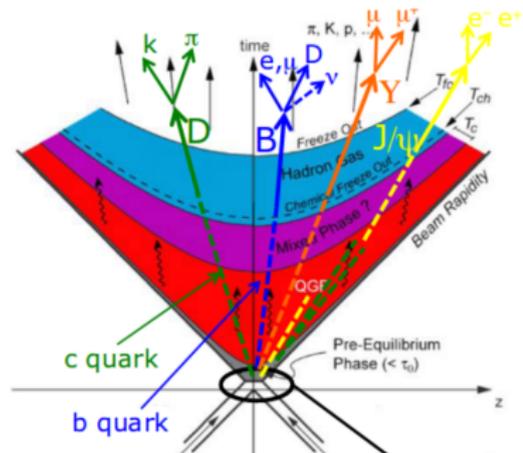
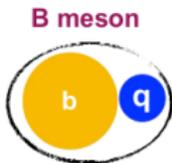
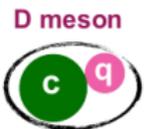
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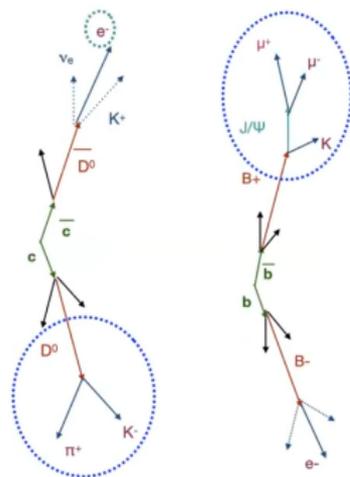
Physics Motivation

- Charm and beauty quarks (c,b) are produced in the initial hard scattering processes at the early stages of the collision
- $m_{c,b} \gg \Lambda_{QCD}$
- Excellent probes of QGP due to their early production



Physics Motivation

- ◀ Heavy flavours can be reconstructed from ground state charm hadron decays or via semi-leptonic decays
 - $D^0(c\bar{u}) \rightarrow K^- + \pi^+$ (BR $\approx 3.88\%$)
 - $B, D \rightarrow e(\mu) + \bar{\nu} + X$ (BR $\approx 10\%$)
- ◀ HF production in different collision systems
 - pp collisions
 - Test for pQCD calculations
 - Baseline for heavy-ion collisions (p-Pb, Pb-Pb)
 - p-Pb collisions
 - Cold nuclear matter (CNM) effects
 - Pb-Pb collisions
 - Modification due to the interaction with the Quark Gluon Plasma (QGP).

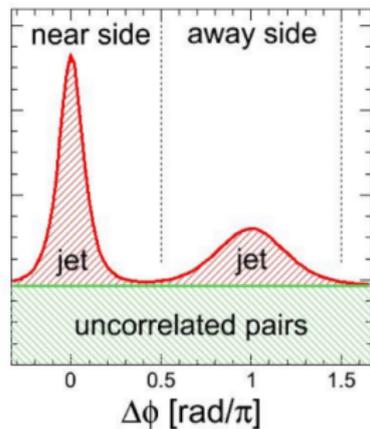
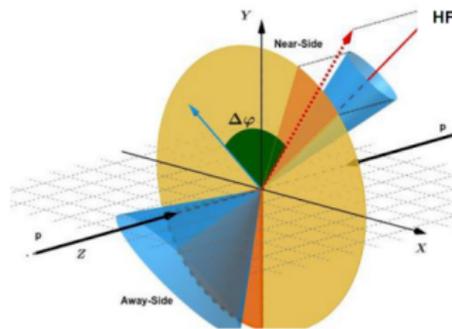


Physics Motivation

- High p_T heavy quarks produced in these collisions produce directed spray of particles called as jets
- $\Delta\phi$ distribution of charged particles

$$\Delta\phi = \phi_{\text{trigger}} - \phi_{\text{associated}}$$

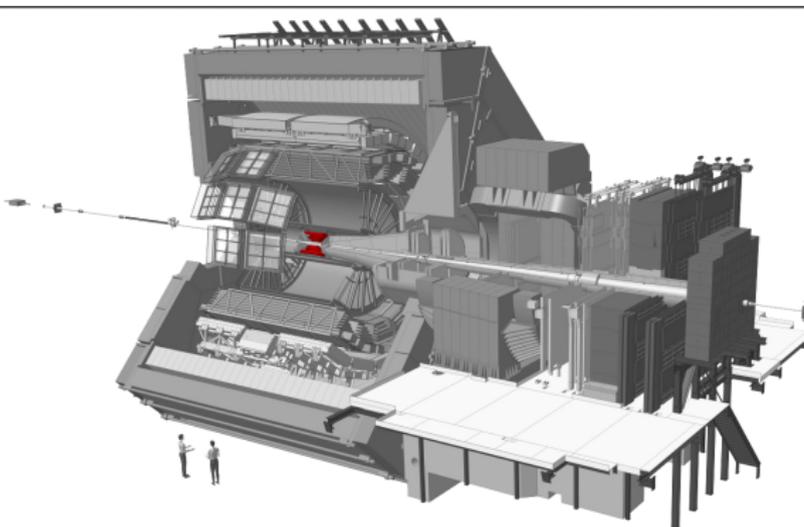
- Azimuthal angular correlation of heavy flavour electrons (HFe) with charged-particles provide insight into:
 - Heavy quark production
 - Fragmentation and hadronization of heavy quarks



ALICE Detector

Inner Tracking System (ITS)

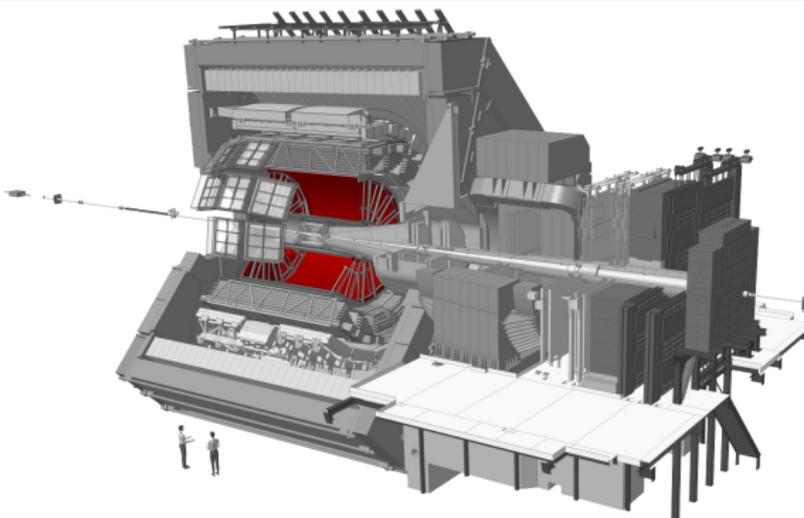
- ▶ $|\eta| < 0.9$
- ▶ $0^\circ < \phi < 360^\circ$
- ▶ Vertexing
- ▶ Tracking
- ▶ Particle Identification



ALICE Detector

Time Projection Chamber (TPC)

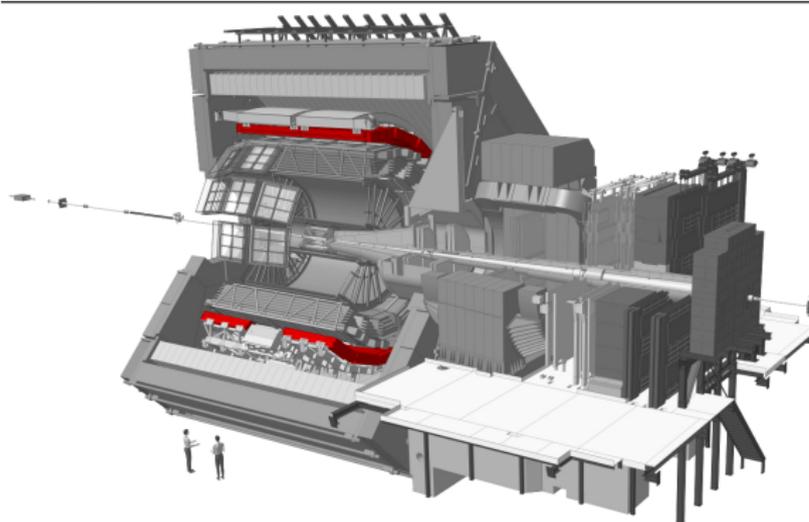
- ▶ $|\eta| < 0.9$
- ▶ $0^\circ < \phi < 360^\circ$
- ▶ Tracking
- ▶ Momentum information
- ▶ Particle identification



ALICE Detector

Electromagnetic Calorimeter (EMCal, DCal)

- ▶ $|\eta| < 0.7, 0.22 < |\eta| < 0.7$
- ▶ $80^\circ < \phi < 187^\circ, 260^\circ < \phi < 320^\circ$
- ▶ Energy measurement
- ▶ Particle identification



Heavy Flavour Electron-Hadron Correlation

- ▶ Electron identification with TPC + EMCal (DCal) detectors
- ▶ $\Delta\phi$ distribution between HFe and charged particles is obtained as:

$$\Phi_{\text{HFe}} = \frac{dN}{d\Delta\phi}$$

$$\Phi_{\text{HFe}} = \Phi_{\text{Inclusive}} - \Phi_{\text{Non-HFe}}$$

- ▶ $\Delta\phi$ distribution for inclusive electrons is obtained as:

$$\Phi_{\text{Inclusive}} = \Phi^{\text{e-h}} - \Phi^{\text{h-h}}$$

- $\Phi^{\text{e-h}}$ is the electron hadron correlation
- $\Phi^{\text{h-h}}$ is the di hadron correlation

Datasets and Event/Track selection

Datasets used

- ◀ Run3
- ◀ $pp \sqrt{s} = 13.6\text{TeV}$ (LHC22o)
- ◀ Total no. of events - 2.45B

◀ Event selection

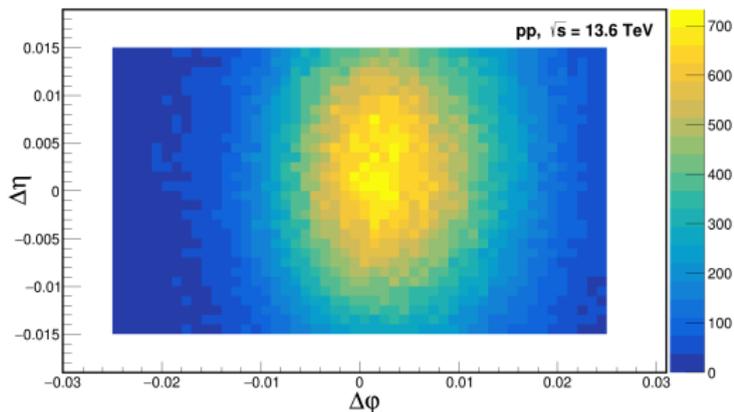
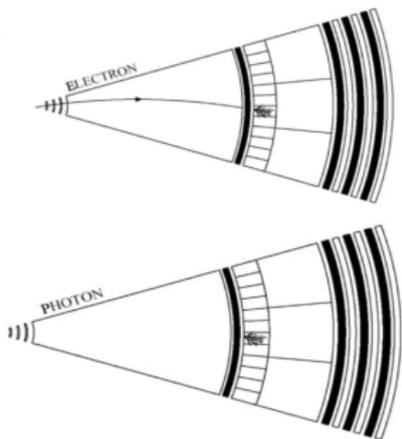
Trigger selection	Minimum bias (kINT7)
Contributors to primary vertex	≥ 2
Pileup rejection	sel8
Primary Z vertex range	$\pm 10\text{ cm}$

◀ Track selection

Pseudo-rapidity	TPC (-0.8, 0.8), EMCAL (-0.6, 0.6)
Transverse momentum	$> 3.0\text{ GeV}/c$
ITS refit, TPC refit	Yes
TPC crossed rows	> 70
Ratio crossed rows over findable clusters	> 0.8
Number of ITS clusters	> 2
χ^2 / clusters of the momentum fit in the TPC	< 4
Hits on SPD layers	kAny
DCA_{xy}	$< 1\text{ cm}$
DCA_z	$< 0.5\text{ cm}$

Track and Cluster Matching

- Tracks reconstructed from TPC and clusters from EMCal are matched by their track topology
- $|\Delta\phi| < 0.025$ and $|\Delta\eta| < 0.015$

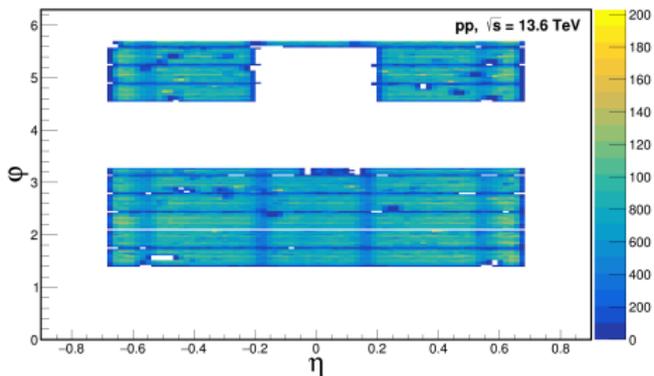


$$\Delta\phi = \phi_{\text{track}} - \phi_{\text{cluster}}$$

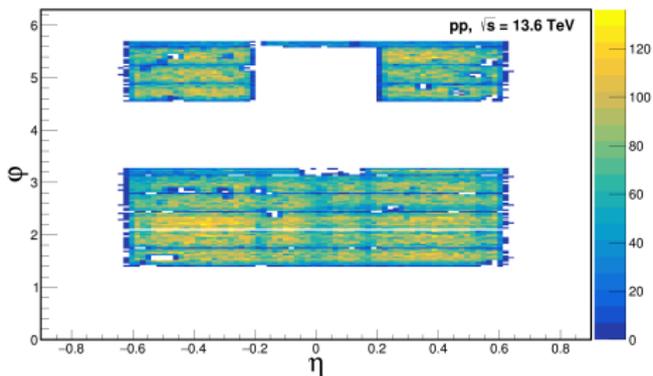
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Cluster η and ϕ Distributions

◀ Before track-cluster matching



◀ After track-cluster matching



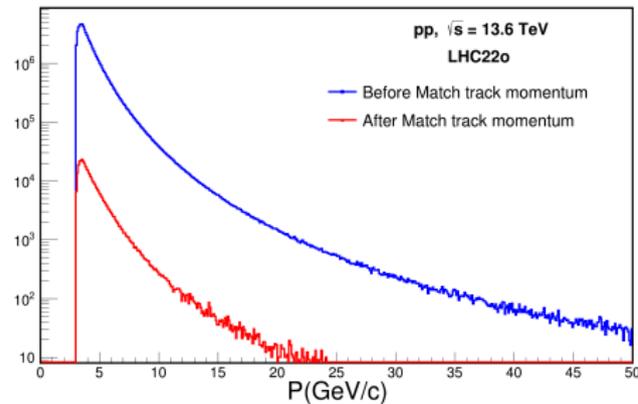
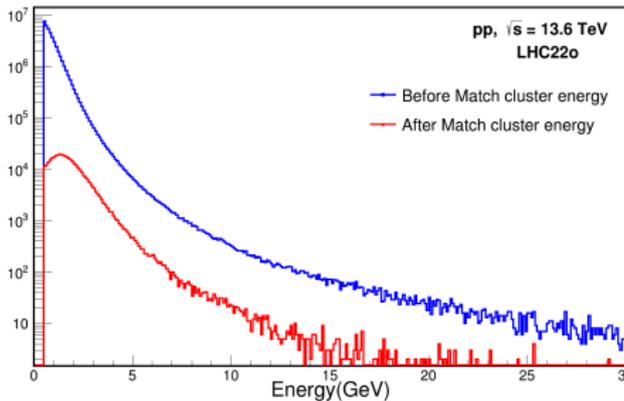
◀ Cluster η range

- EMCal $|\eta| < 0.6$
- DCal $0.22 < |\eta| < 0.6$

◀ Cluster ϕ range

- EMCal $80^\circ < \phi < 180^\circ$
- DCal $260^\circ < \phi < 320^\circ$

Cluster Energy and Track Momentum Distributions

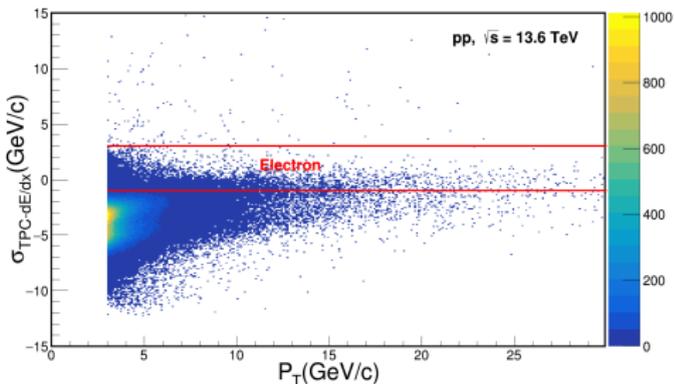
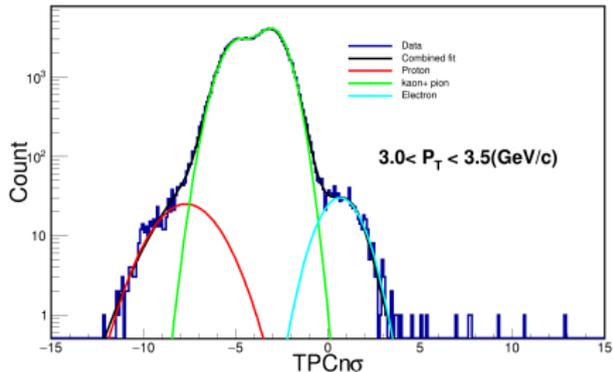


Cluster energy is suppressed 99.15 % after track-cluster matching

Track momentum is suppressed 99.46 % after track-cluster matching

Electron Identification

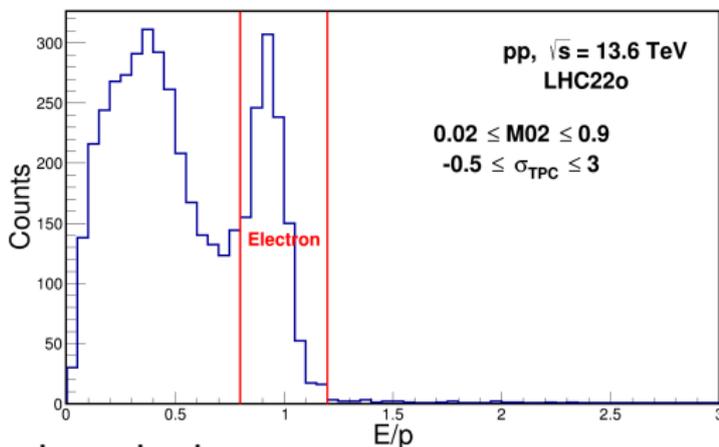
- ▶ Electrons are identified via their specific energy loss (dE/dx) in the TPC detector
- ▶ Due to large background at high momentum, combined identification of electrons from TPC and EMCal is performed



$$n(\sigma) = \frac{dE/dx_{\text{obs}} - dE/dx_{\text{th}}}{\sigma(\text{Resolution})}$$

Electron Identification

- ▶ Electrons and hadrons deposit energy in EMCal
- ▶ Particles can be characterised based on the shower created in the EMCal
- ▶ E (energy) = Energy deposited to EMCal cluster
- ▶ p (Momentum) = Momentum of corresponding particle



Electron Identification criteria

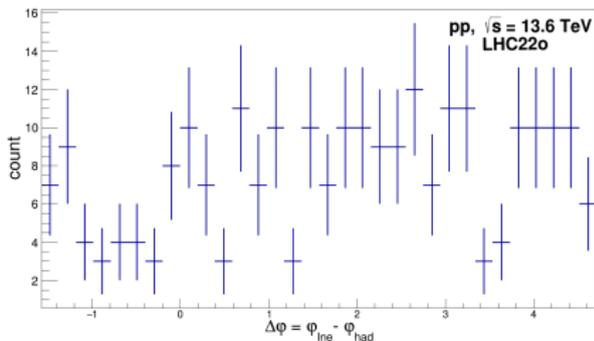
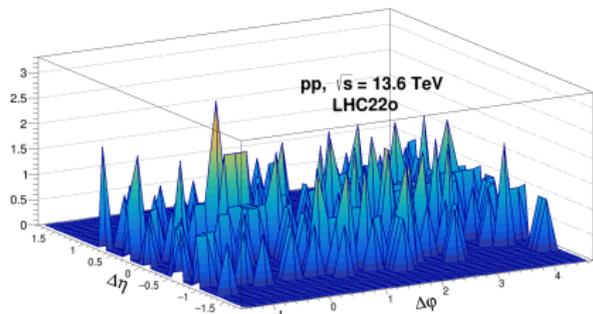
$\sigma_{TPC-dE/dx}$	(-0.5, 3)
Shower shape long axis(M02)	(0.02, 0.9)
E/p	(0.8, 1.2)

Inclusive Electron Hadron Correlation

◀ Total number of events = 80M

◀ p_T trigger $>$ p_T associated

◀ p_T associated $>$ 0.1 GeV/c



◀ Trigger particle \rightarrow inclusive electron

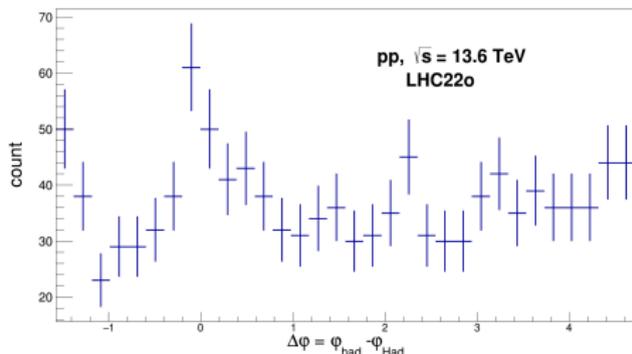
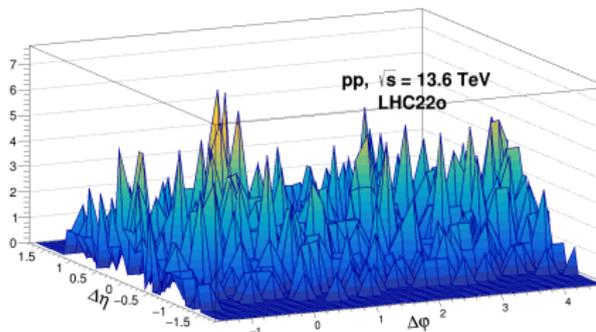
◀ Near side peak at $\Delta\phi = 0$

◀ Associated particle \rightarrow charged hadron

◀ Away side peak at $\Delta\phi = \pi$

Hadron-Hadron Correlation

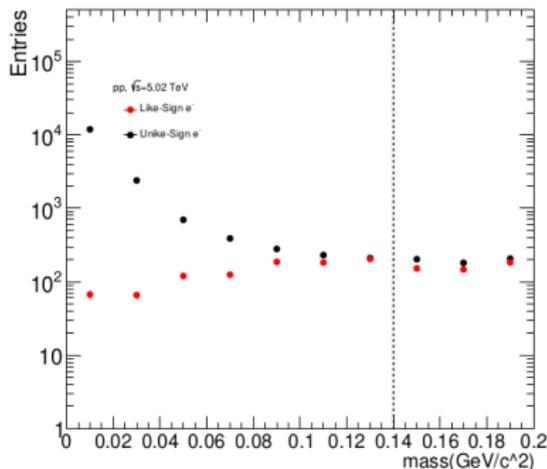
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- ▶ Away side peak at $\Delta\phi = \pi$

Non-HFe Hadron Correlation

- ▶ Dalitz decay and photon conversion process contribute to non HFe
 - $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma + e^- + e^+$
 - $\eta \rightarrow \gamma + e^- + e^+$
 - $\gamma \rightarrow e^- + e^+$
- ▶ Non-HFe are reconstructed via their using invariant mass calculation
 - $\Phi_{\text{Non HFe}} = (\Phi_{\text{ULSE}} - \Phi_{\text{LSE}})_{M_{e^+e^-} < 0.14 \text{ GeV}/c^2}$
- ▶ For finding the electron pair a loose $\sigma_{\text{TPC-dE/dx}} (-3, 3)$ cut is applied to increase the efficiency of electron identification



Mixed Event HFe-Hadron Correlation

- ◀ To remove pair acceptance and uncorrelated pairs due to detector inhomogeneity
- ◀ These effects can be evaluated and corrected for by using the $\Delta\phi, \Delta\eta$ distributions from mixed events
- ◀ In mixed event distribution electron and hadron coming from different event
- ◀ The same event distributions are corrected as:

$$\frac{d^2 N^{\text{pair}}}{d\Delta\eta d\Delta\phi} = \beta \times \frac{S_{SE}(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)}{B_{ME}(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)}$$

$$S_{SE}(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi) = \frac{d^2 N^{\text{same}}}{d\Delta\eta d\Delta\phi}$$

$$B_{ME}(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi) = \frac{d^2 N^{\text{mix}}}{d\Delta\eta d\Delta\phi}$$

- ◀ β is the normalization yield for mixed events

Summary and Outlook

◀ Summary

- Inclusive electron-hadron correlation
- Mc reconstruction electron-hadron correlation
- Mixed event inclusive electron-hadron correlation
- Like and Unlike sign electron-hadron correlation
- Electron selection task is committed to O2Physics repository
- Results are presented in ALICE collaboration physics analysis group for heavy flavor correlations (PAG-HFL and HFC) meeting
 - <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1380066/>
 - <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1303169/>

◀ Outlook

- Implement identification of HF electrons.
- HFe - hadron correlation task implementation and offline task

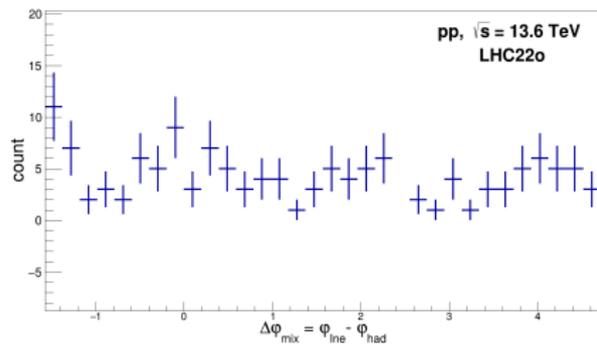
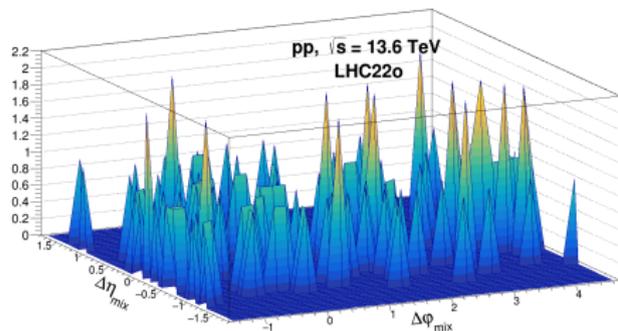
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Mixed event Inclusive Electron Hadron Correlation

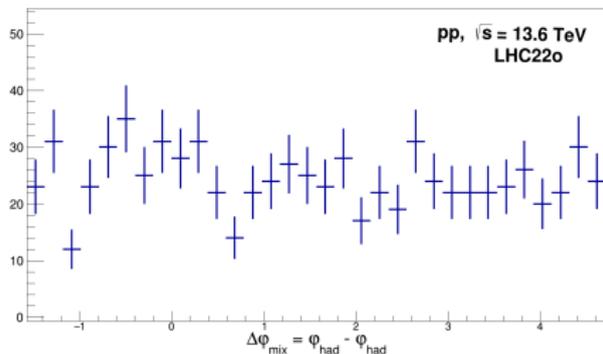
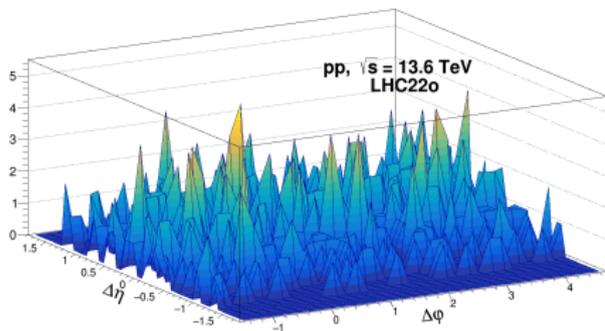
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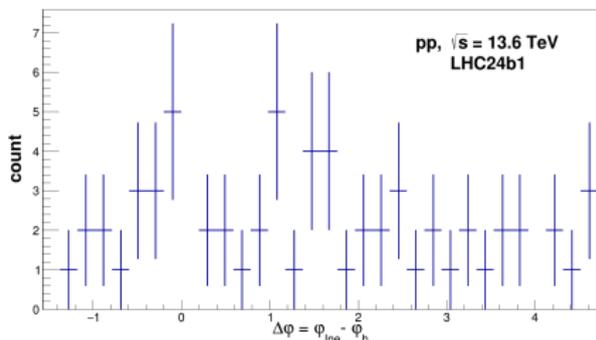
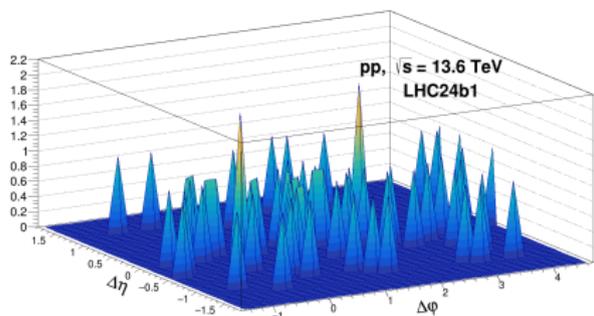
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MC Reco Inclusive Electron Hadron correlation

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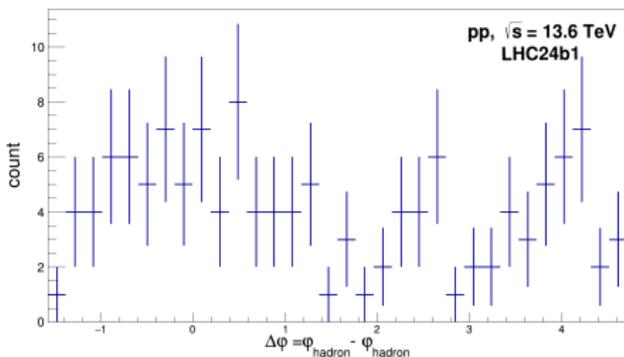
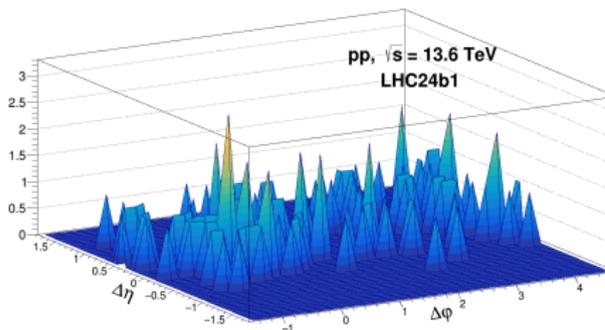
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TPC

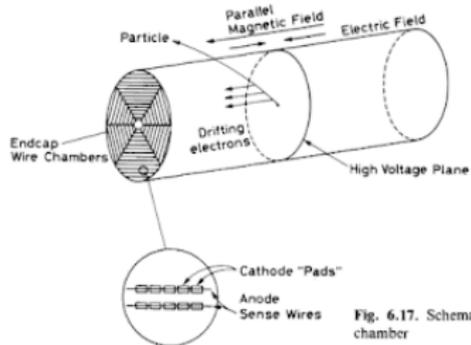
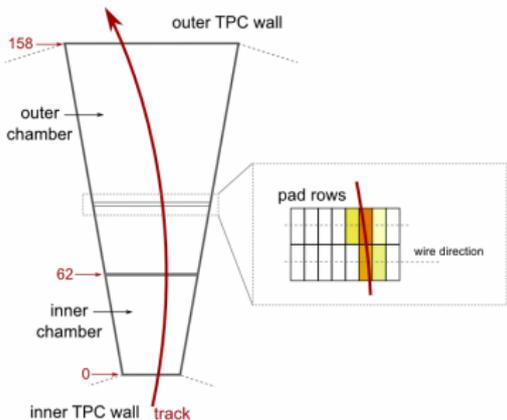
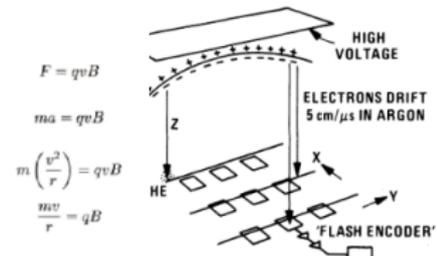
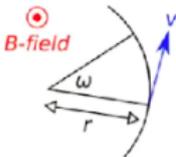
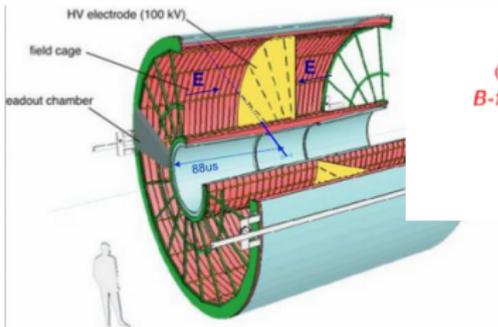
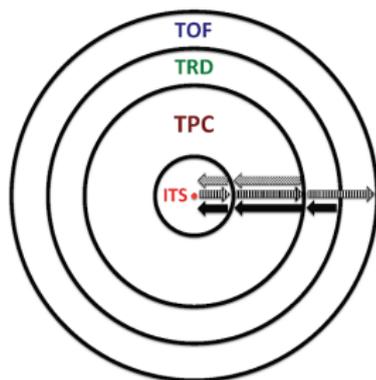
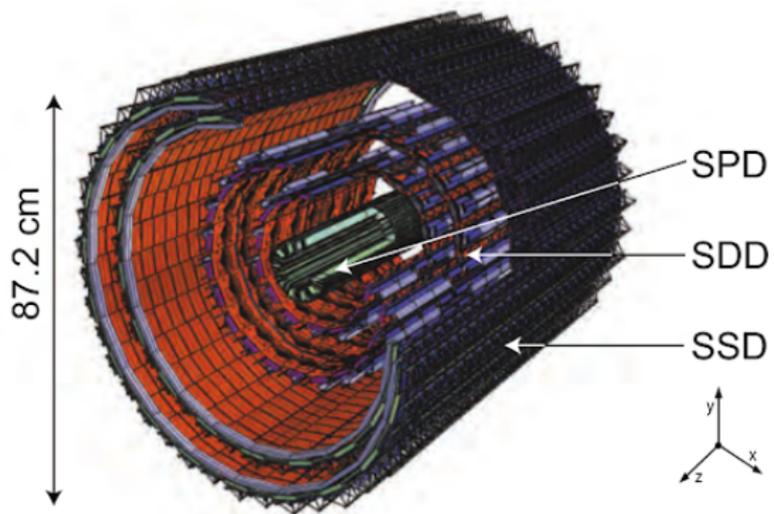


Fig. 6.17. Schematic diagram of chamber

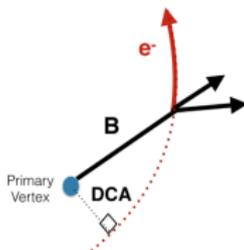
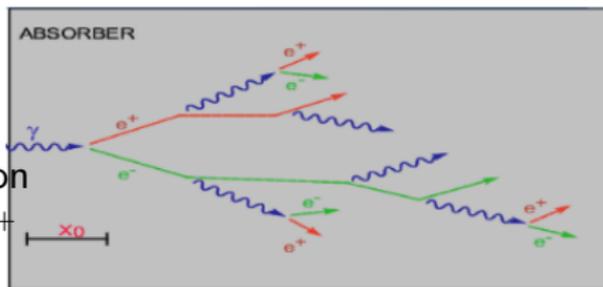


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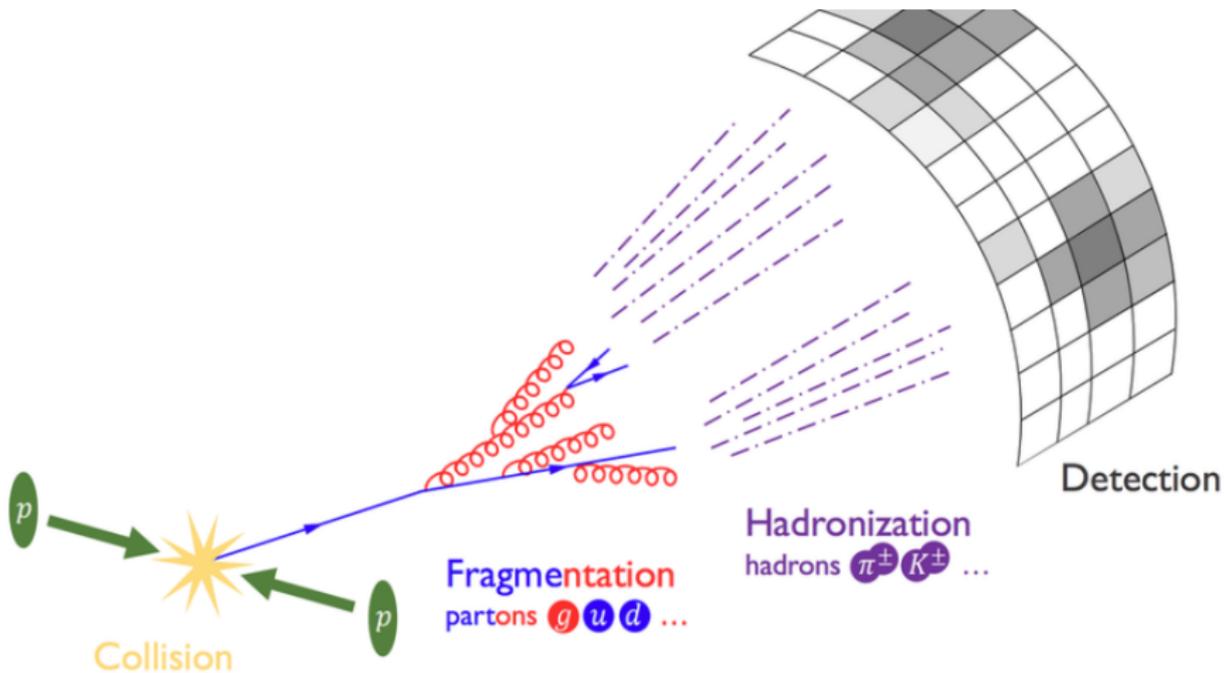


EMCAL

- ◀ Electron loses energy by Bremsstrahlung
 - $e^- + nucleus \rightarrow e^- + nucleus + \gamma$
- ◀ Photon is absorbed by pair production
 - $\gamma + nucleus \rightarrow e^- + nucleus + e^+$



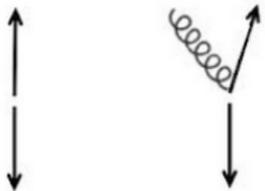
Fragmentation



Heavy Quark Production

Hard scattering

We would desire nature to be LO, giving us only back-to-back HQ pairs



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