

# Investigations of event-by-event fluctuations of mean transverse momentum ( $\langle p_T \rangle$ ) in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with PYTHIA8 and HERWIG7 models

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The study of event-by-event mean transverse momentum ( $\langle p_T \rangle$ ) fluctuations is reported in terms of the integral two-particle correlator ( $\langle \Delta p_T \Delta p_T \rangle$ ) and skewness of the event-wise  $\langle p_T \rangle$  distribution in proton–proton (pp) collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV. The simulations were carried out using the Monte Carlo event generators PYTHIA8 and HERWIG7. Charged particles with transverse momentum ( $p_T$ ) and pseudo-rapidity ( $\eta$ ) ranges  $0.15 \leq p_T \leq 2.0$  GeV/c and  $|\eta| \leq 0.8$  were taken into the consideration. The correlator  $\langle \Delta p_T \Delta p_T \rangle$  is observed to follow distinct declining trends with the average charged particle multiplicity ( $\langle N_{ch} \rangle$ ) for PYTHIA8 and HERWIG7 models. Furthermore, both models yield positive finite skewness in low-multiplicity events. The observables are additionally studied using the transverse sphericity estimator ( $S_0$ ) to comprehend the relative contributions of hard scattering (jets) and soft multi-partonic interactions (MPI) to the observed fluctuations. The comparative measurements using these models would help in understanding the fluctuation dynamics and constraint the particle productions in such models.

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