

# Exploring Event-by-Event $p_T$ Fluctuations in pp Collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV: An Insights from ALICE

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Event-by-event fluctuations of the mean transverse momentum ( $p_T$ ) of relativistic charged particles are analyzed using the two-particle correlator,  $\sqrt{C_m}/M(p_T)_m$  which quantifies the correlations strength in units of the mean  $p_T$  in proton-proton collision at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV in ALICE both for Minimum Bias and High-multiplicity triggered events. The non-monotonic variations in  $p_T$  correlations with changing energy could serve as a signature of QGP formation. A comprehensive investigation across soft, intermediate, and hard  $p_T$  regions could provide crucial insights into both equilibrium (e.g., thermal radial flow) and non-equilibrium (e.g., jet/minijet) contributions to  $p_T$  fluctuations. The dependence of the correlator on particle multiplicity for different  $p_T$  window widths and positions is explored. The correlator values are found to decrease with increasing charged particle density, following a power-law behavior similar to observations in both small and large systems at lower energies. Additionally, the influence of  $p_T$  range on the power-law coefficient is studied and results are compared with predictions from Monte Carlo models, such as PYTHIA (pQCD string model) and EPOS (core-corona model), to enhance understanding of the underlying mechanisms driving  $p_T$  fluctuations.

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