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## $K^*(892)^\pm$ production in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 5.02$ and 8 TeV with ALICE at the LHC

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Resonances are useful tools to study the properties of the hadronic medium produced in high energy heavy-ion collisions, due to their short lifetime. They are good candidates to probe the interplay of particle re-scattering and regeneration in the hadronic phase. In particular, the  $K^*(892)^\pm$  resonances are important because of their very short lifetimes ( $\sim 4$  fm/c) which are comparable to that of the fireball. The  $K^{*\pm}$  is reconstructed via a two-step decay process: the resonance undergoes a strong decay to  $K_S^0 + \pi^\pm$  and then the  $K_S^0$  decays weakly to  $\pi^+ + \pi^-$ . Measurements in pp collisions constitute a reference for the measurements in p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions at the same center-of-mass energy and contribute to the study of the energy and multiplicity dependence of particle production in pp collisions. The results presented here include the transverse momentum ( $p_T$ ) spectra, integrated yields and  $\langle p_T \rangle$  for  $K^{*\pm}$  in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 5.02$  and 8 TeV. The results are compared to the measured production of neutral  $K^*(892)$  and with the predictions from commonly used QCD-inspired event generators.

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