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#### h-Strangeness correlations in Run 3 with Alice

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Introduction and motivation

•Data sample and event selection

•Analysis algorithm

•Preliminary results









## Introduction and motivation

- Strangeness enhancement: well-known in small systems by now
- Characterization: if the origin is common in all systems?
- Is strangeness enhancement correlated with high-momentum or low-momentum physics?
- The relationship between enhancement effect and strangeness
- Previous studies have done in Run 2 (Lund group)
- Now: take advantage of Run 3 data samples!
  - Enormous statistics may allow for very precise study





#### Data sample and event selection

- Data: pp collisions at 13.6 TeV collected in 2022 500 x 10<sup>9</sup> events
- Monte Carlo (MC): LHC23k2d (anchored to the data) 526 x 10<sup>6</sup> events

#### Event selection:

- sel8 (including selections on ITS ROF border and TimeFrame border)
- |z| < 10 cm
- INEL > 0 (at least one track with |eta| < 1 contributing to the PV)</li>

About 75% of the events pass these selections







## Analysis algorithm: two-particle correlations

- Tool of choice: two-particle correlations
  - -Trigger particle: high-momentum (settable) charged hadron
  - -Associated particles: low-momentum (settable) strange particles such as  $K_S^0$ ,  $\Lambda$ ,  $\Xi^-$  to  $\Omega^-$
- Phase space selections:
  - -trigger particles are from  $2.0 < p_T < 50.0 \text{ GeV}/c$
  - -associated particles are from  $0.0 < p_T < 15.0 \text{ GeV/c}$



Correlations done in vertex-Z ,p<sub>T</sub> trigger and multiplicity bins for proper corrections + look at mult dependence





## Trigger and V0 candidate selection

| Trigger particle selections    |   |  |  |
|--------------------------------|---|--|--|
| At least one hit in ITS        | Yes                                       |  |  |
| Number of TPC crossed pad rows | > 70                                      |  |  |
| η                              | < 0.8                                     |  |  |
| DCA <sub>xy</sub>              | $< (0.004 + 0.013/p_T(GeV/c)) \text{ cm}$ |  |  |

Table 1: Selections applied to identify trigger particles.



| V <sup>0</sup> daughter tracks sel       | ections                       |  |
|--|-------------------------------|--|
| Number of TPC crossed pad rows           | > 70                          |  |
| dE/dx measured in the TPC                | < 4 $\sigma$ (< 20 in the MC) |  |
| Topological variables se                 | lections                      |  |
| DCA daughters to primary vertex          | > 0.1 cm                      |  |
| DCA between daughter tracks of the $V^0$ | < 1 cm                        |  |
| $\cos(\theta_{\rm P})$                   | > 0.97(0.995)                 |  |
| V <sup>0</sup> decay radius r            | 1.5 < r < 200 cm              |  |
| V <sup>0</sup> candidates select         | ions                          |  |
| $ \eta_{V^0} $                           | < 0.8                         |  |

Table 2: Selections applied to identify  $K_S^0$  (A) among the reconstructed  $V^0$  candidates.





# Invariant mass distributions of $K_S^0$



ALICE



#### Parametrization for the mean and width of V0 mass distribution



• Necessary as input to the correlation function studies

 Divide the invariant mass region into three parts: LeftBg region : [-10σ, -5σ] Signal region : [-5σ, 5σ] RightBg region : [5σ, 10σ]





# $K_S^0$ reconstruction efficiency





## Trigger particle efficiency







- Below 15 GeV/c purity higher than 98%
- Up to 50 GeV/c purity higher than 90%
- Small dependence on multiplicity within 1%
- No dependence on eta





#### Mixed event correction







Same-event correlation

Mixed-event correlation

Acceptance-corrected function

$$C(\Delta \eta, \Delta \varphi) = \alpha \frac{C_{SE}(\Delta \eta, \Delta \varphi)}{C_{ME}(\Delta \eta, \Delta \varphi)} -$$

C: corrected correlation function  $C_{SE}$ : same-event correlation function  $C_{ME}$ : mixed-event correlation function  $\alpha$ : factor such that  $C_{ME}(0,0) = 1$ 





#### Background subtraction





### Near-side, away-side and underlying event yield extraction







#### Systematic uncertainties (MB)



- Dominant sources : UE Subtraction & TPC PID & topological selections
- There is no significant dependence on pt, trigg and multiplicity



#### MC closure test



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#### Corrected near-side, away-side and underlying event spectra



• The near-side and away-side spectra are harder than the underlying event ones, in all multiplicity classes and pt,trigg intervals





## Corrected spectra as a function of the trigger particle momentum



- For NS and AS spectra, the yields increase and the spectra become harder with increasing pt,trigg
- Little to no pt, trigg dependence for the UE spectra as expected



## Corrected yields – Multiplicity dependence

Away-side

 $2 < p_{T,trigg} < 4 \text{ GeV/c}$ 

UE

#### Near-side



The UE spectra show a larger dependence on the multiplicity than the NS and AS spectra





#### Corrected yields – Multiplicity dependence

Away-side

UE







The multiplicity dependence of NS and AS spectra becomes smaller with increasing pt, trigg







- Underlying event yields increase with multiplicity
- Near-side and Away-side yields show slight dependence on multiplicity





# Summary

• Parameteraction for strangeness particles mass

#### • Corretions

- Detector acceptance correction
- Single particle efficiency
- Background subtraction

#### • Preliminary results

- The Underlying event spectra show a larger dependence on the multiplicity than the Near-side and Away-side spectra
- The multiplicity dependence of the Near-side and Away-side spectra becomes weaker with increasing  $p_T^{trigg}$  while Underlying event spectra does not depend on  $p_T^{trigg}$





# Thank You !



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# Backup





#### MC closure test: trigger particles versus momentum



#### MC closure test: associated particles vs momentum



#### MC closure test



#### Corrected yields – Multiplicity dependence

Away-side

 $10 < p_{T,trigg} < 50 \text{ GeV/}c$ 

UE



#### Near-side



• The multiplicity dependence of NS and AS spectra becomes smaller with increasing pt, trigg



#### Corrected yields – Multiplicity dependence

Away-side

 $10 < p_{T,trigg} < 50 \text{ GeV/c}$ 

UE

Probability density

Ratio to 0-100%



#### Probability density Probability density 10<sup>5</sup> 10<sup>4</sup> $10^{4}$ **ALICE Preliminary ALICE Preliminary** ALICE Preliminary 10<sup>4</sup> pp $\sqrt{s}$ = 13.6 TeV, h–K<sup>0</sup><sub>s</sub> correlation pp $\sqrt{s}$ = 13.6 TeV, h–K<sup>0</sup><sub>S</sub> correlation pp $\sqrt{s}$ = 13.6 TeV, h–K<sup>0</sup><sub>S</sub> correlation $10^{3}$ $10^{3}$ $10^{3}$ $6 < p_{\tau}^{\text{trigg}} < 10 \text{ GeV}/c, |\eta^{\text{trigg}}| < 0.8, |\eta^{\text{K}_{\text{S}}^{0}}| < 0.8$ $6 < p_{\tau}^{\text{trigg}} < 10 \text{ GeV}/c, |\eta^{\text{trigg}}| < 0.8, |\eta^{\text{K}_{\text{S}}^{0}}| < 0.8$ $6 < p_{\tau}^{\text{trigg}} < 10 \text{ GeV}/c, |\eta^{\text{trigg}}| < 0.8, |\eta^{K_{S}^{0}}| < 0.8$ Underlying event: $|\Delta \eta| < 1.1$ , $-\pi/2 < |\Delta \phi| < 3/2\pi$ $10^{2}$ Near-side: $|\Delta \eta| < 1.1$ , $|\Delta \phi| < \pi/2$ Away-side: $|\Delta \eta| < 1.1$ , $\pi/2 < |\Delta \phi| < 3/2\pi$ $10^{2}$ 10<sup>2</sup> 10 10 10- $10^{-}$ 10 $10^{-2}$ $10^{-2}$ $10^{-2}$ FT0M Multiplicity Percentile **FT0M Multiplicity Percentile FT0M Multiplicity Percentile** $10^{-3}$ 0-100% (x2<sup>8</sup>) 0-1% (x2<sup>6</sup>) $\bigcirc$ 0–100% (x2<sup>8</sup>) $\blacksquare$ 0–1% (x2<sup>6</sup>) 1–10% (x2<sup>5</sup>) $\bigcirc$ 0–100% (x2<sup>8</sup>) $\blacksquare$ 0–1% (x2<sup>6</sup>) $\blacksquare$ 1–10% (x2<sup>5</sup>) 1–10% (x2<sup>5</sup>) 10<sup>-3</sup> ⊧ $10^{-3}$ $10^{-4}$ 10–20% (x2<sup>4</sup>) 20–30% (x2<sup>3</sup>) 30–40% (x2<sup>2</sup>) 10-20% (x2<sup>4</sup>) 20-30% (x2<sup>3</sup>) 30-40% (x2<sup>2</sup>) 10–20% (x2<sup>4</sup>) 20–30% (x2<sup>3</sup>) 30–40% (x2<sup>2</sup>) $10^{-5}$ 40–50% (x2) 50–70% 40–50% (x2) 50–70% 40–50% (x2) 50–70% 10<sup>-4</sup> $10^{-4}$ Ratio to 0-100% Ratio to 0-100% 8 8 6 2 6 8 10 6 10 10 0 $p_{\tau}$ (GeV/c) $p_{\tau}$ (GeV/c) $p_{_{\rm T}}$ (GeV/c) LI-PREL-58164 ALI-PREL-581624 ALI-PREL-581633

The multiplicity dependence of NS and AS spectra becomes smaller with increasing pt, trigg •











|                             | Chi2/NDF Near-<br>side | Chi2/NDF Near-<br>side<br>(no 70-100%) | Chi2/NDF Away-<br>side |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--|------------------------|
| 2 < pt,trigg < 4<br>GeV/c   | 21/7 (p = 0.004)       | 8.4/7 (p = 0.2)                        | 6.6/7 < 1              |
| 4 < pt,trigg <<br>6 GeV/c   | 10/7 (p = 0.19)        | 3/7 < 1                                | 1.8/7 < 1              |
| 6 < pt,trigg <<br>10 GeV/c  | 12/7 (p = 0.10)        | 2.8/7 < 1                              | 0.45/7 < 1             |
| 10 < pt,trigg <<br>50 GeV/c | 15/7 (p = 0.036)       | 1.5/6 < 1                              | 1.4/7 < 1              |





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#### Monte Carlo studies

- PYTHIA
  - -First objective: color ropes should reproduce the strangeness enhancement versus multiplicity
  - -Second objective: Color string shoving should cause a near-side, long-range ridge in 2pc studies
- Complementary effort in this analysis: quantify these effects in near-side, away-side and UE systematically so that this can then be readily compared to the final measurement





#### Monte Carlo studies: implementation details

- Different configurations tested, approximately 1010 events generated each:
  - -PYTHIA Monash 2013 standard setting
  - -PYTHIA with Color Ropes: prescription obtained from Christian Bierlich -PYTHIA with String Shoving: prescription obtained from Christian Bierlich
- Analysis done at pure MC level
  - -Same-event and mixed-event correlation functions done as in data
  - -Includes multiplicity-differential analysis all the way (also for event mixing), but vertex-Z differentiation unnecessary in MC
  - -Currently in development and being cross-checked: event mixing compared to  $dN/d\eta$  distribution convolution for trigger and associated: eventually get rid of event mixing, less CPU



#### Example two-particle correlation plots: h- $\Lambda$



Near-side ridge visible in the shoving mode









#### Example two-particle correlation plots

- Correlation functions very well populated for V0s
- Much more statistics-demanding for multi-strange baryons
- For comparing to Run 3 data analysis and to ensure MC modeling isn't a bottleneck, we may need more than 10<sup>10</sup> events
  - -MC LEGO trains restricted to 2x10<sup>9</sup> per train due to Int\_t counting
  - -Hyperloop on-the-fly MC probably a solution





#### Example: yields as a function of associated $p_T$



- Extraction in multiplicity bins corresponding to forward charged-particle counters
- Note: Use of multiplicities instead of percentiles: further plots will be done vs midrapidity  $\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta\rangle$





#### Particle ratios to $\pi$ as a function of multiplicity: Monash versus Ropes



- Significant dynamical difference whenever color ropes are enabled
- Sizable impact not only in underlying event, but also in near and away sides





## Particle ratios to $K_S^0$ as a function of multiplicity: Monash versus Ropes



- Ratio to  $K_S^0$  calculated as a backup plan in case h- $\pi$  analysis does not converge with bayesian PID, etc
- Physical conclusion is still rather similar: effect of ropes is very visible!
  - Note: first data point in ratio to pions dominates scale





#### Strangeness collectivity due to string shoving in PYTHIA



- Analysis method: project 2D correlation function using  $|\Delta \phi| < \pi/2$  (select near-side+long-range)
- String shoving produces visible near-side longrange ridge, as expected
- Full characterization of momentum, multiplicity and species dependence ongoing
  - Might even require more than 1010 events for very rare particles such as  $\Omega$
  - Showcases also why this is a Run 3 analysis!



## MC studies



- UE yields increase with multiplicity and do not show any significant dependence on pttrigg
- **NS and AS** yields per trigger particle **increase with pttrigg** (partially because low-pt trigg particle are not associated with jet production)
- **NS shows a hint of increase with multiplicity**, AS shows no dependence on multiplicity (to be quantified)



#### Particle ratios to $\pi$ as a function of multiplicity: $\Lambda$



Strangeness enhancement present only in the ropes configuration in all regions



Trigger particle QA





# K0 QA







#### Systematic uncertainties

- PV position acceptance < 8 cm (varied from 10)
- Track quality of the trigger particle > 90 TPC crossed rows (varied from 70)
- Track quality of K0s daughter particles > 90 TPC crossed rows (varied from 70)
- DCA\_xy of the trigger particle
- Topological variations of K0s (looser and tighter, varied all at once)
- Signal extraction window of the K0s candidates:  $4\sigma$  and  $6\sigma$
- DeltaEta : 1.1->1.05
- UE definition and subtraction
- Material budget uncertainty inherited from Run 2
- Barlow criterion not yet used
  - To be used in future studies to possibly reduce uncertainties
- MB uncertainty used for all multiplicity classes
  - Motivated by systematic evaluated in mult. bins:
  - Very similar at low  $p_T$ , only more erratic at high  $p_T$  (stat fluctuations)

| $V^0$ daughter tracks selections         |                     |  |  |  |
|--|---------------------|--|--|--|
| dE/dx measured in the TPC                | $3\sigma - 5\sigma$ |  |  |  |
| Topological variables selections         |                     |  |  |  |
| DCA daughters to primary vertex          | 0.06 - 0.14  cm     |  |  |  |
| DCA between daughter tracks of the $V^0$ | 0.8 – 1.2 cm        |  |  |  |
| $\cos(\theta_{\rm P})$                   | 0.965 - 0.98        |  |  |  |
| Minimum $V^0$ decay radius $r$           | 0.5 - 0.9  cm       |  |  |  |



#### Systematic Uncertainty - MB





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#### Systematic Uncertainty - MB



#### Apass6 Check





#### Apass6 Check----Corrected Spectrum



