Production of strange particles in charged jets in Pb–Pb and p–Pb collisions measured with ALICE

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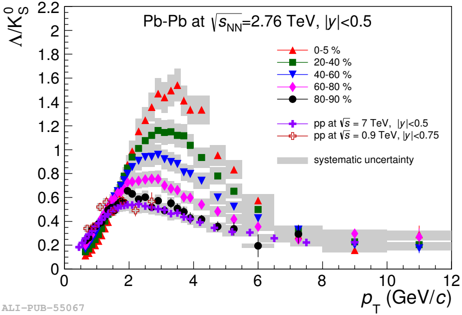
Motivation for PID in jets

- Baryon-to-meson ratio enhanced in Pb–Pb and p–Pb collisions.
- This phenomenon cannot be explained by fragmentation in vacuum.
- What is the effect of QGP on hadronisation mechanism(s) in jets?
- What mechanisms are they (parton recombination)?

Pb–Pb



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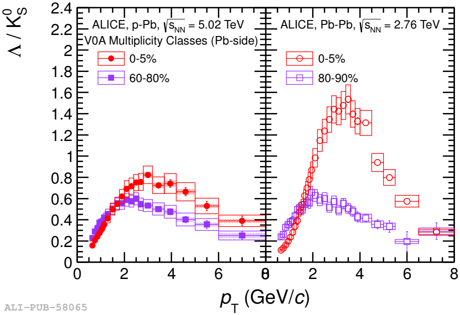

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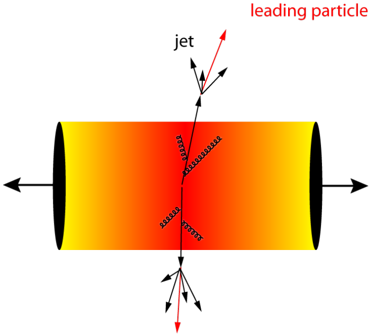
Motivation for PID in jets

We aim to understand the origin(s) of the Λ/K^0_S enhancement by separating hadrons produced in jets from hadrons produced in the thermalised bulk.

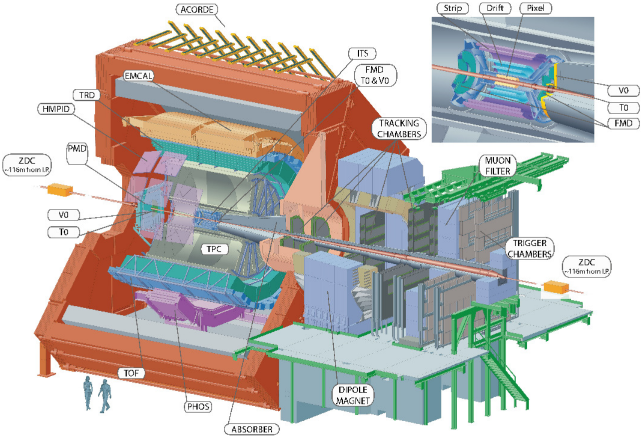
Is the baryon-to-meson ratio enhanced due to the bulk effects in the plasma (parton recombination, radial flow,...) or is it (also) due to a modification of the jet fragmentation in the medium?

Jet fragmentation:
In a hard scattering process, a high-p_T parton is produced which fragments into hadrons.



ALICE

- Pb–Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\mathrm{NN}}} = 2.76$ TeV and p–Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\mathrm{NN}}} = 5.02$ TeV measured with ALICE
- tracking of charged particles by ITS & TPC in magnetic field of 0.5 T
- centrality estimated from the multiplicity of charged particles in the V0 detectors



Analysis of charged jets

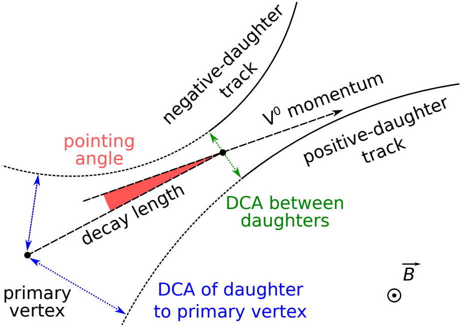
- track selection
  - charged primary particles
  - $p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{track}} > 150\ \mathrm{MeV}/c$
  - uniform in $\varphi \times \eta$, $|\eta_{\mathrm{track}}| < 0.9$
- raw-jet reconstruction
  - anti-k_{t} algorithm
  - resolution parameter $R = 0.2, 0.3, (0.4)$
- subtraction of average soft background
  - average background density ρ estimated from the median k_{t} cluster
  - $\boldsymbol{p}_{\mathrm{jet,ch}}^{\mathrm{corr}} = \boldsymbol{p}_{\mathrm{jet,ch}}^{\mathrm{raw}} - \rho \boldsymbol{A}_{\mathrm{jet,ch}}$, (where $\boldsymbol{A}_{\mathrm{jet,ch}}$ is jet area)
- signal jet selection (good candidates for hard scattering)
  - $p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet,ch}} > 5\ \mathrm{GeV}/c$
  - $p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{leading\ track}} > 5\ \mathrm{GeV}/c$
  - $A_{\mathrm{jet,ch}} > 0.6\pi R^2$
- further $p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{jet,ch}}$ corrections
  - background anisotropy (intra-event fluctuations)
  - detector response

Analysis of neutral strange particles

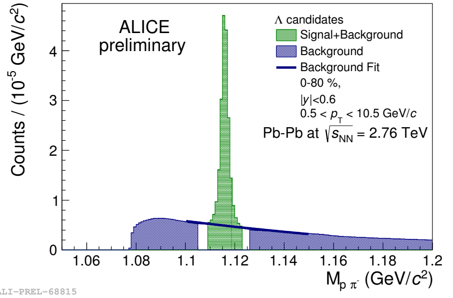
Strange neutral particles decaying into two charged daughter particles

- meson $K^0_S \to \pi^+ + \pi^-$ (BR 69 %)
- baryon $\Lambda \to p + \pi^-$ (BR 64 %)

Mother V^0 particle reconstructed using topology of its V-shaped decay.



Combinatorial background suppressed by cuts on decay parameters.
Signal yield extracted from the invariant-mass distribution.



Analysed ranges:

- $0.6\ \mathrm{GeV}/c < p_T^{V^0} < 10\ \mathrm{GeV}/c$
- $|\eta_{V^0}| < 0.7$

Strange particles in jets

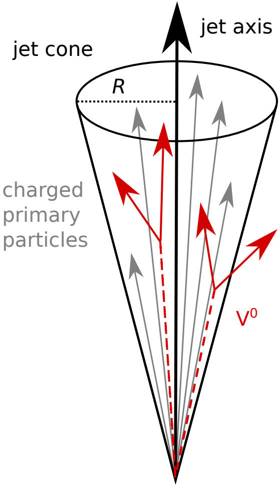
Analysis steps

- V^0 candidate selection
- candidate–jet matching (V^0s in jet cones)

$$\sqrt{(\varphi_{V^0} - \varphi_{\text{jet,ch}})^2 + (\eta_{V^0} - \eta_{\text{jet,ch}})^2} < R,$$

$$|\eta_{\text{jet,ch}}|^{\max} < |\eta_{V^0}|^{\max} - R$$

- candidate–bulk matching (regions with V^0s from underlying event (UE) only)
- signal extraction (invariant-mass distribution)
- efficiency correction (inclusive, in jet cones, in UE)
- subtraction of V^0s in UE
- subtraction of V^0s coming from decays, i.e. "feed-down correction" (inclusive, in jets, in UE)

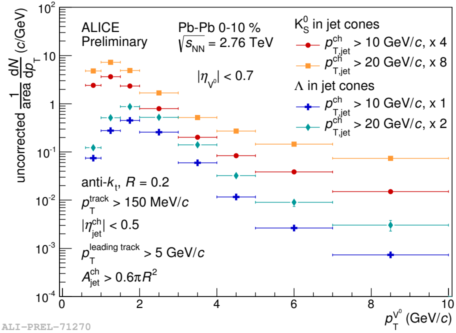


Uncorrected spectra of V^0s in jet cones in Pb–Pb

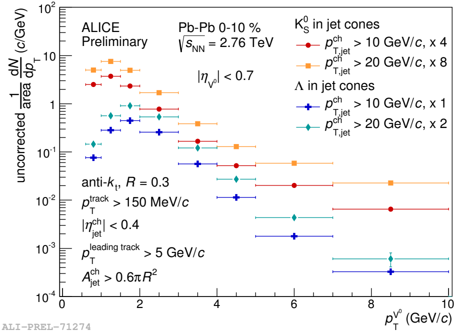
Analysis performed for:

- triggered central events (0–10 %, $7.3 \cdot 10^6$ events)
- jets in open p_T bins: $p_T^{\text{jet,ch}} > 10\ \text{GeV}/c, 20\ \text{GeV}/c$
- jets reconstructed with cone size: $R = 0.2, 0.3$

$R = 0.2$



$R = 0.3$

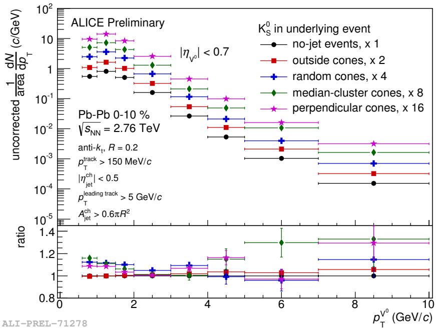


Estimation of V^0s in the underlying event in Pb–Pb

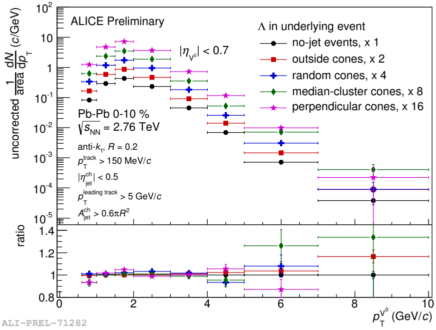
- no-jet events: V^0s in events with no selected jets
- outside cones: V^0s outside jet cones
- random cones: V^0s in a randomly oriented cone
- median-cluster cones: V^0s in the cone of the median k_t-cluster
- perpendicular cones: V^0s in cones perpendicular to the jet in azimuth

Methods differ in regions, events, statistics, efficiency.
Spectra after efficiency correction agree within 5 % at intermediate $p_T^{V^0}$.

K^0_S



Λ

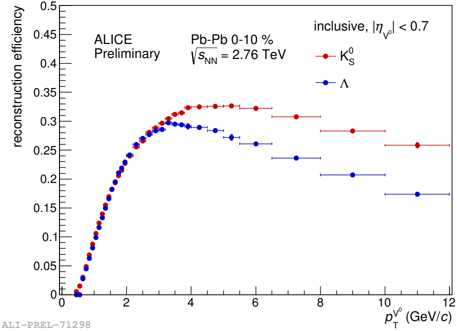


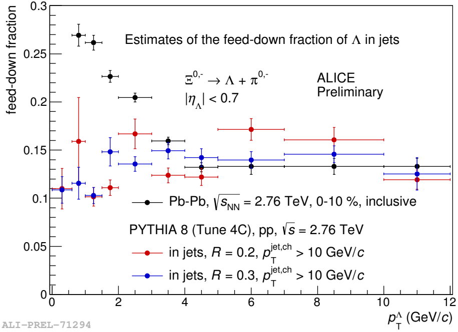
Reconstruction efficiency, feed-down in Pb–Pb

Reconstruction efficiency depends strongly on $p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{V}^0}$, η_{V^0}.
Shape of the measured η_{V^0} distribution depends on the selection criteria.
Efficiency of inclusive V^0s is reweighted to get efficiency in jet cones and UE.

Feed-down fraction of Λ in jets estimated from:

- inclusive Λ (Pb–Pb-like),
- jets generated by PYTHIA 8 (pp-like).

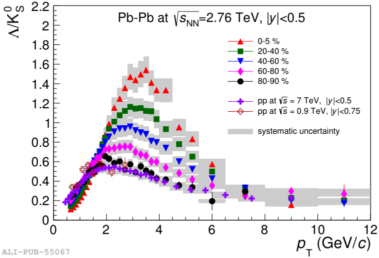


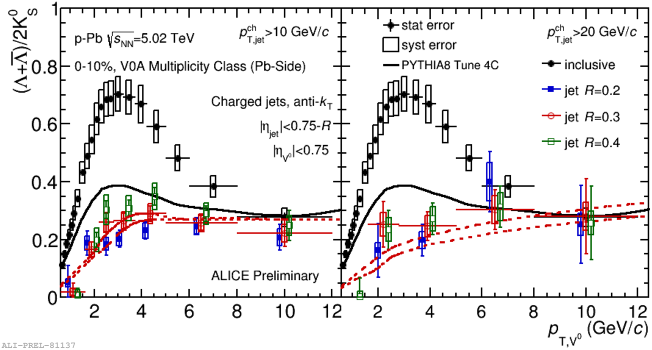


Corrected Λ/K^0_S ratio in charged jets in p–Pb

Λ/K^0_S ratio in jets in high-multiplicity p–Pb collisions

- below the inclusive ratio in p–Pb (black circles), in pp (dark purple, right plot) and in PYTHIA (black line)
- similar to ratios in PYTHIA jets (red dashed lines)
- no significant dependence on R or $p_T^{\mathrm{jet,ch}}$





Summary and outlook

- Pb–Pb
  - Extracted uncorrected spectra of Λ and K^0_S in charged jets in Pb–Pb collisions.
  - Ongoing investigation of corrections and uncertainties.
  - Fully corrected Λ/K^0_S ratio in charged jets in central Pb–Pb collisions will be reported soon.
- p–Pb
  - ALICE performed the first measurement of Λ and K^0_S in charged jets in p–Pb collisions at the LHC.
  - Λ/K^0_S ratio in charged jets is close to the ratio in jets in PYTHIA 8.
  - No visible modification of strangeness production in charged jets in p–Pb.

Message: Λ/K^0_S enhancement is coming from the bulk effects.

Thank you for your attention.

Backup

V^0 particle reconstruction

Cut variable	Value
Daughter tracks	
TPC refit	`true`
type of production vertex	not `kKink`
DCA to the primary vertex	≥ 0.1 cm
DCA between daughters	$\leq 1\sigma_{\mathrm{TPC}}$
$\lvert\eta\rvert$	≤ 0.8
$\lvert\Delta(\mathrm{d}E/\mathrm{d}x)\rvert$ (p, $\overline{\mathrm{p}}$: $p_{\mathrm{T}} < 1$ GeV/c)	$\leq 3\sigma_{\mathrm{d}E/\mathrm{d}x}$
V0 candidate	
reconstruction method	offline (Vít), on-the-fly (Alice)
cosine of the pointing angle (CPA)	≥ 0.998
radius of the decay vertex	5–100 cm
$\lvert\eta\rvert$	≤ 0.7
transverse proper lifetime	$\leq 5\tau$
Armenteros–Podolanski cut ($\mathrm{K}^0_{\mathrm{S}}$)	$p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{Arm.}} \geq 0.2\lvert\alpha^{\mathrm{Arm.}}\rvert$

Sources of uncertainties

- statistical
  - number of candidates in real data (propagation of $\sqrt{N}$)
  - number of particles in simulated data (propagation of $\sqrt{N}$)
  - signal extraction (background fitting, fit uncertainty)
- systematic
  - choice of cuts for the selection of V^0 candidates (cuts varied)
  - choice of a method to extract signal yields (multiple settings)
  - choice of a method to estimate V^0s in the underlying event (multiple methods)
  - estimation of material budget (taken from another analysis)
  - choice of a method to estimate fraction of Λ baryons from feed-down in jets (extreme scenarios)
  - correction of p_T^{jet} (embedding of simulated jets in real data)

Systematic uncertainties in p–Pb

source	uncertainty
selection cuts	2–5 % for K^0_S, 3–6 % for Λ
signal extraction	6 % (10 %) for $p_T^{\text{jet,ch}} > 10$ GeV/c (20 GeV/c)
V^0s in UE	10 % (2 %) at low (high) $p_T^{V^0}$
$p_T^{\text{jet,ch}}$ scale	1 % (10 %) at low (high) $p_T^{V^0}$
feed-down	5 %