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## Multiplicity-dependent production of $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$ and $\Xi(1530)^0$ in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

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### Abstract

The production yields of the  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  resonances are measured in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV with ALICE. The measurements are performed as a function of the charged-particle multiplicity  $\langle dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \rangle$ , which is related to the energy density produced in the collision. The results include transverse momentum ( $p_T$ ) distributions,  $p_T$ -integrated yields, mean transverse momenta of  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$ , as well as ratios of the  $p_T$ -integrated resonance yields relative to yields of other hadron species. The  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm/\pi^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0/\pi^\pm$  yield ratios are consistent with the trend of the enhancement of strangeness production from low to high multiplicity pp collisions, which was previously observed for strange and multi-strange baryons. The yield ratio between the measured resonances and the long-lived baryons with the same strangeness content exhibits a hint of a mild increasing trend at low multiplicity, despite too large uncertainties to exclude the flat behaviour. The results are compared with predictions from models such as EPOS-LHC and PYTHIA 8 with Rope shoving. The latter provides the best description of the multiplicity dependence of the  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  production in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV.

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## 1 Introduction

Quantum chromodynamics (QCD) [1, 2] predicts an extreme state of nuclear matter at high temperature and energy density where quarks and gluons are not confined into hadrons, the quark–gluon plasma (QGP). These conditions are achieved in ultrarelativistic heavy-ion collisions [3–8] like those at the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) and the Large Hadron Collider (LHC). As the system created during the collision evolves, the QGP matter cools down and a transition to a hadron gas occurs when the pseudo-critical temperature is reached. During the subsequent hadronic phase, inelastic scatterings among hadrons a priori stop at the chemical freeze-out and elastic interactions cease at the later time of kinetic freeze-out.

The measurement of the production of strange hadrons has an important role in the study of the QGP properties [9–11]. A large abundance of strange hadrons in nucleus–nucleus (AA) collisions relative to proton–proton (pp) collisions has manifested itself, without significant initial–energy or volume dependence from RHIC to LHC energies [12–14]. Strangeness production in central heavy-ion collisions is described in the frame of statistical hadronisation models utilising a grand canonical formulation and assuming a hadron gas in thermal and chemical equilibrium at the chemical freeze-out stage [15–19]. Meanwhile, a continuous enhancement of strange particles relative to pions has been observed with increasing number of charged particles produced in the final state from pp, p–Pb to peripheral Pb–Pb collisions [20]. The statistical model with strangeness canonical suppression [21, 22] and the core-corona superposition model [23, 24] predict a multiplicity dependence of strangeness production in small systems.

Hadron resonances are powerful tools to study the properties of the late hadronic phase in ultrarelativistic heavy-ion collisions since the duration of such a phase is of the same order of magnitude as the resonance lifetimes (few fm/c) [25]. Such resonances are influenced by interactions in the hadronic phase. If resonances decay before the kinetic freeze-out, the resonance yield reconstructed from the kinematics of the decay particles should decrease relative to the primordial resonance yield due to rescattering of the decay particles. Conversely, pseudo-elastic scattering of long-lived hadrons occurring after chemical freeze-out can generate resonances and potentially increase the observed yield. The balance between rescatterings and regeneration depends on the scattering cross sections of the decay products, the density of the produced hadron gas, the lifetime of the resonances, and the hadronic phase duration [25]. Such a hot and dense medium usually cannot be expected to be produced in pp collisions, in contrast to ultra-relativistic heavy-ion collisions. However, recent measurements in high-multiplicity pp collisions [26–28] showed some features resembling those observed in heavy-ion collisions, which can be understood as due to the collective expansion of the medium. Thus, the study of multiplicity-dependent resonance production in pp collisions may provide insight into the role of the hadronic interactions in small systems [29–31].

The  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  baryons are good candidates for the study of single and double-strange resonances with different lifetimes. These baryonic resonances were previously measured in inelastic pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV [32] and as a function of the charged-particle multiplicity in p–Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV [33]. The present measurements in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV extend our knowledge on the production of  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  at different centre-of-mass energy and provide insight, for the first time, into the production of these baryonic resonances as a function of the charged-particle multiplicity in pp collisions.

## 2 Experimental setup

A detailed description of the ALICE detector can be found in [8, 34], where the configuration in place during the Run 1 period of the LHC (2009–2013) is discussed. This configuration is essentially valid also for the Run 2 (2015–2018) when the data used in this analysis were collected. The main detectors used for the measurement of  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  (also denoted as  $\Sigma^{*\pm}$  in the following) and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  (denoted as

$\Xi^{*0}$ ) reported here are briefly discussed below.

The V0 detector [35, 36] consists of two arrays (V0A and V0C) of 32 scintillating counters each. The V0A (V0C) is located at a distance of 329 cm ( $-88$  cm) away from the nominal interaction point ( $z = 0$ ) along the beam line that defines the  $z$ -axis in the coordinate system. The V0A (V0C) covers the pseudorapidity range  $2.8 < \eta < 5.1$  ( $-3.7 < \eta < -1.7$ ) and the full azimuth. It is used for triggering, for rejection of beam-induced background events, and for the determination of the multiplicity classes by measuring the sum of the signals from V0A and V0C forming the V0M signal.

The Inner Tracking System (ITS) [34] is composed of six silicon layers and is the innermost detector of ALICE. The ITS is used for charged track reconstruction, and in particular to provide high-precision points in the vicinity of the primary vertex of the collision. The first two layers of the ITS consist of the Silicon Pixel Detector (SPD), located at an average radial distance  $r$  of 3.9 cm and 7.6 cm from the beam line and covering the pseudorapidity ranges  $|\eta| < 1.4$  and  $|\eta| < 2.0$  and the full azimuth around the interaction point. The SPD is used to reconstruct short track segments that are called tracklets and to determine the primary vertex of the collision. Beyond the SPD, there are two layers of Silicon Drift Detectors (SDD) and two layers of Silicon Strip Detectors (SSD), with the outermost layer having a radius  $r = 43$  cm.

The Time Projection Chamber (TPC) [34], located just outside the ITS, is a  $90\text{ m}^3$  cylindrical drift chamber filled with a gas mixture and has a large number of readout channels (557568 [37]). The radial and the longitudinal dimensions of the TPC are about  $85 < r < 250$  cm and  $-250 < z < 250$  cm, respectively. The TPC covers the pseudorapidity range  $|\eta| < 0.9$  and the full azimuthal angle. It provides excellent momentum and spatial resolution for the reconstruction of charged-particle tracks. Besides its tracking capability, the TPC is used for particle identification by measuring the specific ionisation energy loss ( $dE/dx$ ) in the gas.

### 3 Data analysis

The data sample used in this study was collected with the ALICE detector during the LHC Run 2 (2015–2018) in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV with a minimum bias (MB) trigger, which selects inelastic collisions based on the requirement of coincident signals in the V0A and V0C detectors. In addition to the MB trigger requirement, at least one primary charged-particle track in the  $|\eta| < 1$  range is required in the offline event selection ( $\text{INEL} > 0$ ), to minimise the fraction of diffractive events in the sample [38]. The transverse momentum ( $p_T$ ) thresholds of the V0 and SPD detectors are around 50 MeV/ $c$  [39, 40]. Events with pileup of collisions occurring in different bunch crossings (out-of-bunch pileup) within the V0 readout time are rejected based on the timing information of the V0. Events with collision pileup in the same bunch crossing (in-bunch pileup) are removed based on the presence multiple primary vertices reconstructed from SPD tracklets [39]. Further background events are rejected by using the correlation between the number of hits and the number of tracklets in the SPD. Events having a primary vertex (PV) reconstructed from global tracks (at least ITS+TPC information), within the range of  $\pm 10$  cm with respect to the nominal interaction point along the beam axis are considered. The total number of minimum bias triggered pp events analysed is  $1.82 \times 10^9$  corresponding to an integrated luminosity of  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = 31.5\text{ nb}^{-1}$  [41].

The  $\text{INEL} > 0$  data sample is split into several event classes denoted with Roman numerals by measuring the event activity via the total charge deposited in both V0 detectors, see details in Ref [42]. Table 1 presents the event classes used in this analysis, their corresponding percentile of the  $\text{INEL} > 0$  class, and their mean charged-particle multiplicity density  $\langle dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \rangle$  measured in  $|\eta| < 0.5$ . Note that some event classes (e.g. I, II, and III) are merged in this analysis (e.g. I+II+III) to increase the statistical significance. The detailed information on  $\langle dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \rangle$  distributions and values in each event class is reported in [38].

**Table 1:** The event classes [42] used in this analysis, their corresponding multiplicity percentile P (INEL > 0) (%) and the mean charged-particle multiplicity,  $\langle dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \rangle$  [42, 43]. The  $\langle dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \rangle$  in inelastic events is  $5.31 \pm 0.18$  [44].

Event Class	P (INEL > 0) (%)	$\langle dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \rangle$
I+II+III	0–9.15	$18.67 \pm 0.20$
IV+V+VI	9.15–27.50	$11.46 \pm 0.13$
VII+VIII	27.50–46.12	$7.13 \pm 0.08$
IX	46.12–65.53	$4.49 \pm 0.05$
X	65.53–100.00	$2.54 \pm 0.03$

In addition to the study of the multiplicity dependence of particle production in the INEL > 0 data sample [38], a separate analysis based on the data from inelastic events (INEL) [39] is carried out. This inelastic (INEL) analysis differs from the INEL > 0 only by the event selection based on the MB trigger, that does not request the condition that at least one primary charged-particle track in the  $|\eta| < 1$  range is present. It implies that the corresponding event normalisation and its corrections differ; for INEL, the correction on the event normalisation is obtained from the ratio of the ALICE visible cross section to the total inelastic cross section [41, 43]

### 3.1 Reconstruction of $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$ and $\Xi(1530)^0$

The properties of the particles involved in this analysis and the decay modes used for their reconstruction together with the branching ratios are reported in Table 2.

The charged  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and the  $\Xi(1530)^0$  are reconstructed via their hadronic decay channels. The two charged states  $\Sigma(1385)^+$ ,  $\Sigma(1385)^-$  and their anti-particles ( $\bar{\Sigma}(1385)^-$ , and  $\bar{\Sigma}(1385)^+$ ) are separately reconstructed via

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Sigma(1385)^+ &\rightarrow \Lambda + \pi^+ \rightarrow (\text{p} + \pi^-) + \pi^+ \\
 \bar{\Sigma}(1385)^- &\rightarrow \bar{\Lambda} + \pi^- \rightarrow (\bar{\text{p}} + \pi^+) + \pi^- \\
 \Sigma(1385)^- &\rightarrow \Lambda + \pi^- \rightarrow (\text{p} + \pi^-) + \pi^- \\
 \bar{\Sigma}(1385)^+ &\rightarrow \bar{\Lambda} + \pi^+ \rightarrow (\bar{\text{p}} + \pi^+) + \pi^+ .
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Likewise,  $\Xi(1530)^0$  and its antiparticle ( $\bar{\Xi}(1530)^0$ ) are reconstructed via

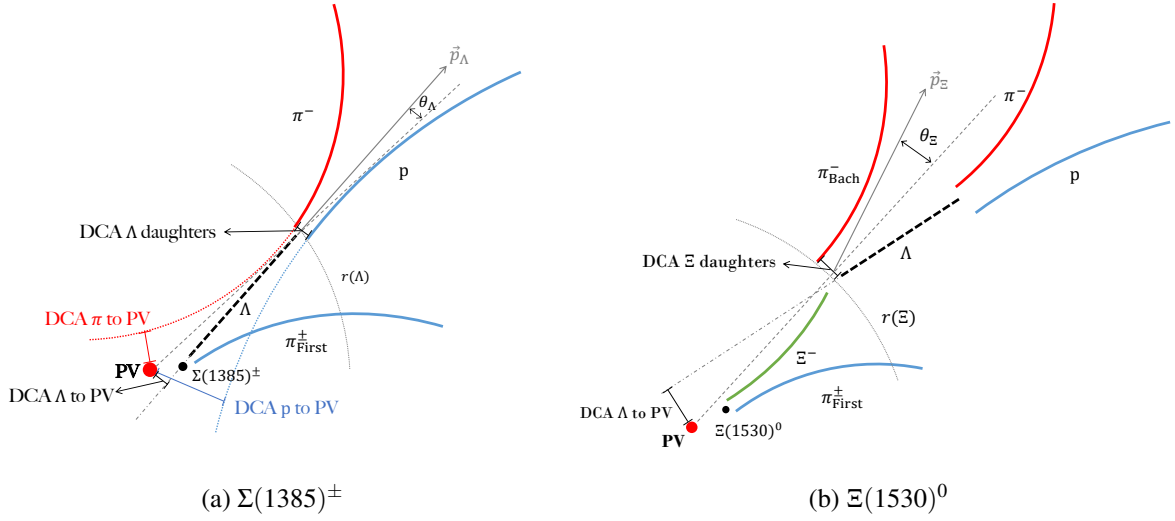
$$\begin{aligned}
 \Xi(1530)^0 &\rightarrow \Xi^- + \pi^+ \rightarrow (\Lambda + \pi^-) + \pi^+ \rightarrow [(\text{p} + \pi^-) + \pi^-] + \pi^+ \\
 \bar{\Xi}(1530)^0 &\rightarrow \bar{\Xi}^+ + \pi^- \rightarrow (\bar{\Lambda} + \pi^+) + \pi^- \rightarrow [(\bar{\text{p}} + \pi^+) + \pi^+] + \pi^- .
 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

The decays are schematically presented in Fig. 1 which illustrates the major variables used in the selection of decay topologies on a magnified scale for clarity.

The  $p_T$ -differential yields in inelastic pp collisions are calculated using the following equation:

**Table 2:** Quark content, mass, width, lifetime, decay channel used in this analysis and corresponding branching ratio for the  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  resonances as well as for the  $\Xi^-$  and  $\Lambda$  [45] hyperons. Antiparticles are not listed for conciseness.

Baryon	Valence quarks	Mass (MeV/ $c^2$ )	Width (MeV/ $c^2$ )	$c\tau$ (fm)	Decay channel	B.R. (%)
$\Sigma(1385)^+$	uus	$1382.8 \pm 0.4$	$36.0 \pm 0.7$	$5.5 \pm 0.1$	$\Lambda + \pi^+$	$87.0 \pm 1.5$
$\Sigma(1385)^-$	dds	$1387.2 \pm 0.5$	$39.4 \pm 2.1$	$5.0 \pm 0.3$	$\Lambda + \pi^-$	$87.0 \pm 1.5$
$\Xi(1530)^0$	uss	$1531.8 \pm 0.3$	$9.1 \pm 0.5$	$22.0 \pm 1.0$	$\Xi^- + \pi^+$	66.7
$\Xi^-$	dss	$1321.7 \pm 0.1$		$4.91 \times 10^{13}$	$\Lambda + \pi^-$	99.9
$\Lambda$	uds	1115.7		$7.89 \times 10^{13}$	$\text{p} + \pi^-$	$63.9 \pm 0.5$



**Figure 1:** Sketch of the decay modes of  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  and depiction of the relevant variables employed for the selection of displaced decay topologies. The distance between the decay vertex (black circle) of the resonances and the PV (red circle) is inflated for clarity, that is, to separate such vertices normally just a few dozen femtometers away from one another.

$$\frac{1}{N_{\text{event}}} \frac{d^2N}{dp_T dy} = \frac{\epsilon_{\text{Trig}} \times \epsilon_{\text{Vertex}}}{N_{\text{event,raw}}} \frac{N_{\text{raw}} \times f_{\text{S.L.}}}{\Delta p_T \Delta y} \frac{1}{A \times \epsilon_{\text{rec}} \times \text{B.R.}} \quad (3)$$

where  $N_{\text{event,raw}}$  is the total number of analysed events after the online trigger and the offline selections,  $N_{\text{raw}}$  is the raw yield of the particles extracted in each  $p_T$  and rapidity interval, with widths of  $\Delta p_T$  and  $\Delta y$ . The factor  $A$  is the acceptance of the detector,  $\epsilon_{\text{rec}}$  is the resonance reconstruction efficiency, and B.R. is the branching ratio of the decay used for the  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  reconstruction.  $\epsilon_{\text{Trig}}$  is the trigger efficiency,  $\epsilon_{\text{Vertex}}$  is the vertex selection efficiency, and both correct the number of events.  $f_{\text{S.L.}}$  is the  $p_T$ -dependent signal loss correction factor correcting the raw signal yields. The extraction of the raw yield,  $N_{\text{raw}}$ , is discussed in Section 3.3. The correction factors, such as the  $p_T$ -dependent  $A \times \epsilon_{\text{rec}} \times \text{B.R.}$ , the multiplicity-dependent  $\epsilon_{\text{Trig}}$  and  $\epsilon_{\text{Vertex}}$ , and  $f_{\text{S.L.}}$  which is dependent on both  $p_T$  and multiplicity, are discussed in Section 3.4.

### 3.2 Track and topological selections

Due to the very short lifetime of the strong decaying  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  baryons, pions and hyperons originating from the primary vertex are considered for the reconstruction of the resonances. Pions from the primary vertex are required to have  $p_T > 0.15$  GeV and to be located in the pseudorapidity range  $|\eta| < 0.8$  to avoid edge effects in the TPC acceptance [34]. To ensure a good track reconstruction quality, primary tracks are required to cross at least 70 out of 159 TPC readout rows with a normalised  $\chi^2$  ( $\chi^2$  per TPC space point) lower than 4. In addition, tracks are required to have a ratio of crossed readout rows,  $N_{\text{crossed}}$ , to the number of findable clusters,  $N_{\text{findablecluster}}$ , in the TPC larger than 80%. Primary tracks are also required to have at least one hit in the SPD. The  $\chi^2_{\text{ITS+TPC}}$ , calculated by comparing with combined ITS+TPC track parameters to those obtained only from the TPC and constrained to the interaction point, is required to be lower than 36.  $\Xi^-$  and  $\Lambda$  baryons produced in the resonance decays are long lived and they are reconstructed from their decay particles produced in secondary vertices displaced from the primary vertex. The decay particles produced in these secondary vertices are selected among tracks with  $|\eta| < 0.8$  based on a looser selection with respect to the one for the primary tracks. They are required to cross at least 60 TPC readout rows, while no request on ITS hits is applied. Finally, the selected pion and

**Table 3:** Summary of the track selection criteria applied to primary and secondary tracks. The unit of  $p_T$  in the DCA<sub>r</sub> to PV formula is GeV/c.

Secondary track selection	
$ \eta $	$< 0.8$
$N_{\text{crossed}}$	$> 60$
TPC dE/dx ( $\sigma$ )	$< 3$
Primary track selection	
$ \eta $	$< 0.8$
$p_T$ (GeV/c)	$> 0.15$
$N_{\text{crossed}}$	$> 70$
$N_{\text{crossed}}/N_{\text{findablecluster}}$	$> 0.8$
$\chi^2/\text{cluster in TPC}$	$< 4$
$\chi^2$ of ITS-TPC track fit	$< 36$
DCA <sub>z</sub> to PV (cm)	$< 2$
DCA <sub>r</sub> to PV (cm)	$< 0.0105 + 0.035p_T^{-1.1}$
number of SPD points	$\geq 1$
TPC dE/dx ( $\sigma$ )	$< 3$

proton candidates are identified by requiring that the specific ionisation energy loss, dE/dx, measured in the TPC lies within three standard deviations ( $\sigma_{\text{TPC}}$ ) from the specific energy loss expected for pions or protons.

The first emitted pion ( $\pi_{\text{First}}^\pm$  in Fig.1) tracks appear as if they originate from the primary vertex (PV), so they are selected using the condition that the distance of closest approach (DCA) to the primary vertex along the beam axis (DCA<sub>z</sub>) should be lower than 2 cm and the DCA in the transverse plane (DCA<sub>r</sub>) lower than  $0.0105 + 0.035p_T^{-1.1}$  cm, with  $p_T$  in units of GeV/c. The primary track selection criteria, which are the standard criteria used in ALICE analyses, are summarised in Table 3, along with those for secondary tracks.

The secondary vertices of  $\Lambda$  and  $\Xi^-$  are reconstructed via their decay mode into  $p+\pi^-$  and  $\Lambda+\pi^-$  (and charge conjugates) respectively, by applying a similar strategy as the one used in [32, 33, 42, 43]. The applied geometrical selections on the displaced decay-vertex topology are summarised in Table 4.

The  $\Lambda(\bar{\Lambda})$  from  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  decays are selected if the DCA between the two daughter tracks (DCA  $\Lambda$  daughters in Fig.1(a)) is smaller than 1.6 cm and the DCA of the  $\Lambda$  in the  $xy$ -plane to the PV ( $r(\Lambda)$  in Fig.1(a)) is larger than 0.02 cm to ensure that those tracks are not primary charged particles coming from the PV. In addition, the DCA of  $\Lambda$  to the PV is required to be lower than 0.3 cm to reject the  $\Lambda$  baryons from  $\Xi^-$  or  $\Xi^+$  [32]. The invariant mass of the  $m_{p\pi^-}$  pair is required to be within  $\pm 10$  MeV/c<sup>2</sup> with respect to the world-average  $\Lambda$  mass value [45], i.e. within a mass window which is at least about 4 times the reconstructed mass resolution for  $\Lambda$  [46]. The cosine of the pointing angle ( $\theta_\Lambda$ ) between the direction of the momentum of the  $\Lambda$  and the line connecting the secondary to the primary vertex is required to be larger than 0.98 to reject any potential secondary  $\Lambda$  from other particle decays.

The  $\Xi^-$  from  $\Xi(1530)^0$  decays are selected by requiring that the accompanying pion called "bachelor" pion,  $\pi_{\text{Bach}}^-$ , and the  $\Lambda$  baryon stem from a common point in space by imposing that the DCA between  $\Xi^-$  daughters is  $< 1.6$  cm (see Fig.1(b)) and further demanding the  $\pi_{\text{Bach}}^-$  from  $\Xi^-$  to be a secondary particle, i.e. a track sufficiently apart from the primary vertex (DCA  $\pi_{\text{Bach}}^-$  to PV  $> 0.015$  cm). The DCA between the  $\Lambda$  decay products,  $\pi$  and  $p$  (DCA  $\Lambda$  daughters in Fig.1(b)) is required to be lower than 1.4 cm. The  $\Lambda$  baryon itself is a secondary decay product in the decay topology, hence the DCA of  $\Lambda$  to the PV (DCA  $\Lambda$  to PV in Fig.1(b)) is required to be larger than 0.07 cm. Selections on the invariant masses of the daughter particles, the cosine of the pointing angles ( $\theta_\Lambda$  and  $\theta_\Xi$ ), and the transverse distance from PV  $r(\Lambda)$  and  $r(\Xi)$  are applied to optimise the balance between purity and efficiency of each particle species.

**Table 4:** Summary of the selection criteria for  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  candidates. See the text and Fig. 1 for the details.

Selection criteria	$\Sigma(1385)^\pm$	$\Xi(1530)^0$
DCA $\Lambda$ daughters (cm)	$< 1.6$	$< 1.4$
DCA $\Lambda$ to PV (cm)	$< 0.3$	$> 0.07$
DCA $\pi$ to PV (cm)	$> 0.05$	$> 0.05$
DCA p to PV (cm)	$> 0.05$	$> 0.05$
$\cos \theta_\Lambda$	$> 0.98$	$> 0.97$
$r(\Lambda)$ (cm)	$1.4 < r < 100$	$0.2 < r < 100$
$ m_{p\pi} - m_{\Lambda, \text{PDG}} $ (MeV/ $c^2$ )	$< 10$	$< 7$
DCA <sub>r</sub> of pions decaying from $\Xi^-$ to the PV (cm)		$> 0.015$
DCA $\Xi^-$ daughters (cm)		$< 1.6$
$\cos \theta_\Xi$		$> 0.97$
$r(\Xi)$ (cm)		$0.2 < r < 100$
$ m_{\Lambda\pi} - m_{\Xi, \text{PDG}} $ (MeV/ $c^2$ )		$< 7$
$ y $ of reconstructed resonance		$< 0.5$

The selection criteria for  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  are listed in Table 4.

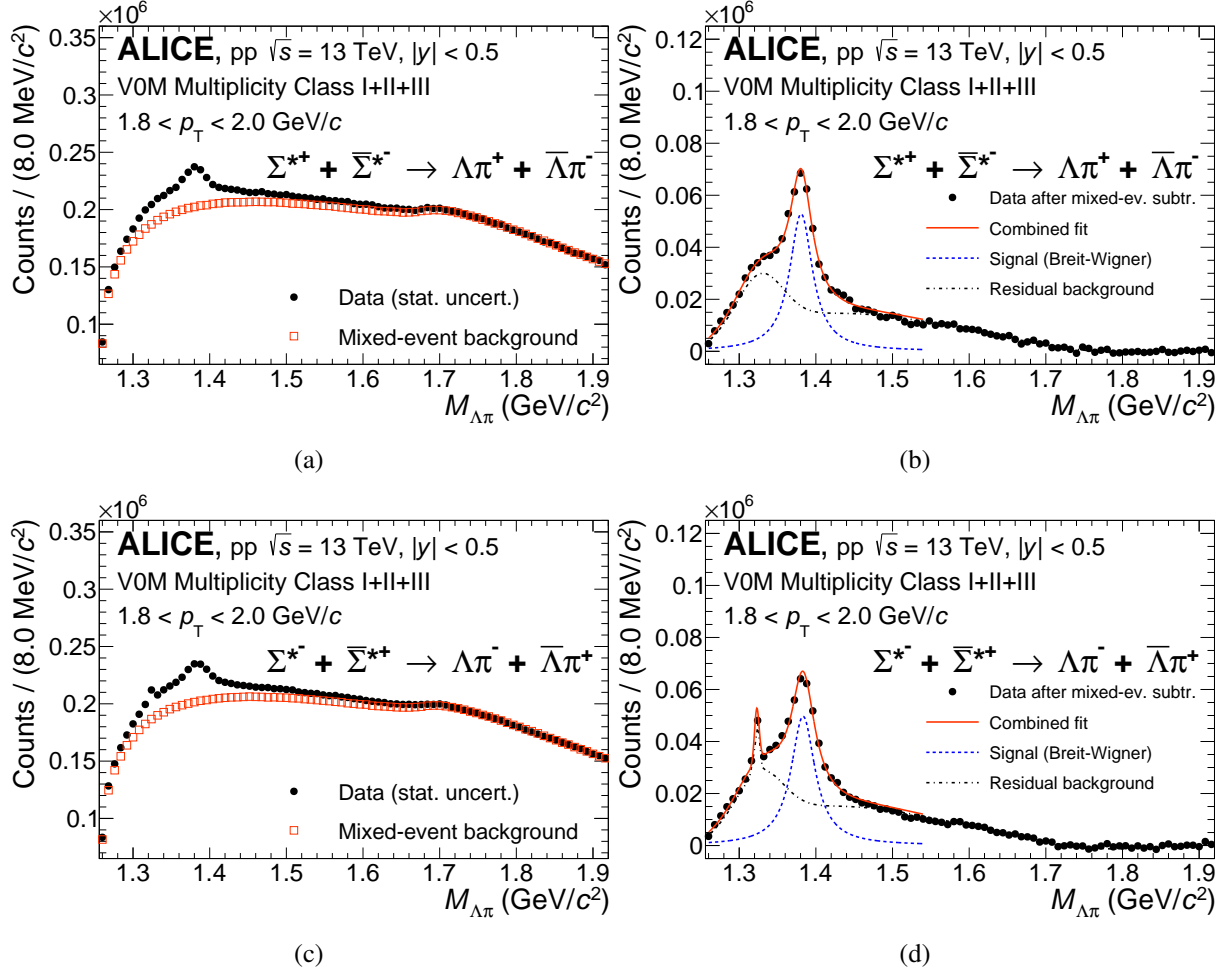
Finally, all reconstructed resonances are required to be in the rapidity interval ( $|y| < 0.5$ ).

### 3.3 Signal extraction

The selected hyperons and primary pions from the same event are combined into pairs to compute the invariant mass in given  $p_T$  intervals and in the region  $|y| < 0.5$ . The invariant mass distributions of  $\Lambda\pi^+$  ( $\bar{\Lambda}\pi^-$ ) and  $\Lambda\pi^-$  ( $\bar{\Lambda}\pi^+$ ) pairs for  $1.8 < p_T < 2.0$  GeV/ $c$  and  $\Xi^-\pi^+$  ( $\Xi^+\pi^-$ ) pairs for  $1.6 < p_T < 2.0$  GeV/ $c$  are shown in Figs. 2 and 3, respectively. In order to increase the significance of the signal, the invariant mass distributions of  $\Sigma(1385)^+$  and  $\bar{\Sigma}(1385)^-$  are summed together in Fig. 2a and 2b. Similarly, the distributions for  $\Sigma(1385)^-$  and  $\bar{\Sigma}(1385)^+$  (Fig. 2c and 2d), as well as  $\Xi(1530)^0$  and  $\bar{\Xi}(1530)^0$ , are also summed (Fig. 3). The combinatorial background distributions in the figures are estimated through an event-mixing technique where  $\Lambda\pi$  ( $\Xi\pi$ ) pairs are formed by combining  $\Lambda$  ( $\Xi$ ) candidates from one event with  $\pi$  from different events. Each event is combined with nine others. To minimise distortions due to the different positions of the PV and to ensure a similar event structure, the events entering the pool for mixing are requested to i) have a similar PV position in the  $z$  direction ( $|\Delta z_{\text{PV}}| < 1$  cm) and ii) belong to the same multiplicity class.

The mixed-event background and the same-event distributions are normalised in an invariant mass interval where they are supposed to overlap, away from the signal peak. The normalisation regions are  $1.7 < M_{\Lambda\pi} < 1.9$  GeV/ $c^2$  and  $1.65 < M_{\Xi\pi} < 1.75$  GeV/ $c^2$  for  $\Lambda\pi$  and  $\Xi\pi$  invariant mass distributions, respectively.

The mixed-event background is subtracted from the same-event invariant mass distribution producing the histograms for  $\Sigma(1385)^+$  ( $\bar{\Sigma}(1385)^-$ ),  $\Sigma(1385)^-$  ( $\bar{\Sigma}(1385)^+$ ) and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  ( $\bar{\Xi}(1530)^0$ ) candidates, which are reported in the right panels of Figs. 2 and 3. These distributions are fitted with a combination of a non-relativistic Breit-Wigner function or a Voigtian function to describe the signal peak and a function to describe the residual background of correlated pairs, which is detailed subsequently below, that remain after the subtraction of the combinatorial background estimated with the mixed-event technique. The Breit-Wigner function is used to describe the signal peak of  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and the Voigtian function, with the width of the Lorentzian part fixed at the PDG value, is used for  $\Xi(1530)^0$ . The Voigtian function is the convolution of a Breit-Wigner function to the line shape of the resonance and a Gaussian function to account for the detector resolution that for  $\Xi(1530)^0$  is not negligible in comparison with the width of the resonance. The fitting ranges are  $1.28 < M_{\Lambda\pi} < 1.54$  GeV/ $c^2$  for  $\Sigma(1385)$  and  $1.47 < M_{\Xi\pi} < 1.65$  GeV/ $c^2$



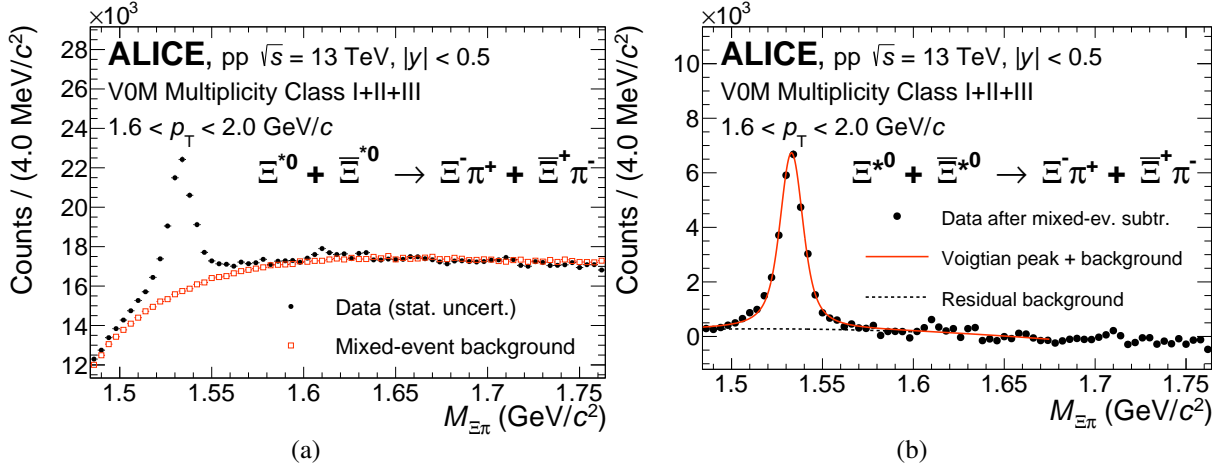
**Figure 2:** The invariant mass distribution of  $\Lambda\pi^+ + \bar{\Lambda}\pi^-$  pairs (a) and the charge conjugates (c) in  $|y| < 0.5$  produced in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV for  $1.8 < p_{T,\Lambda\pi} < 2.0$  GeV/c and the I+II+III multiplicity class (full black circles). The combinatorial background estimated with the event mixing technique is shown as open red squares in the (a) and (c) panels, whereas the invariant mass distributions after combinatorial background subtraction are shown in the (b) and (d) panels together with the fits to the signal and the residual background contributions. The solid red curves are the results of the combined fit and the dashed black lines represent the residual background.

for  $\Xi(1530)^0$ , as in previous analysis at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV [32].

The residual background consists of  $\Lambda\pi$  ( $\Xi\pi$ ) pairs originating from the decays of other particles. For  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$ , a template function is implemented for the residual background based on Monte Carlo simulations. As explained in [32] where the reader is redirected for details, the residual background is partly due to the decays of other particles which have  $\Lambda\pi$  among the decay products and partly due to the dynamics of the collision that is not removed from the subtraction of the mixed-event background. In Fig. 2c and 2d the peak from  $\Xi^- \rightarrow \Lambda + \pi^-$  ( $\Xi^+ \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda} + \pi^+$ ) is visible: this physical background is accounted for by an additional component entering the residual background for  $\Sigma(1385)^-$  ( $\bar{\Sigma}(1385)^+$ ) decays. For  $\Xi(1530)^0$ , a second-order polynomial is used.

In each  $p_T$  interval, the raw yield of  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  is obtained by integrating the Breit-Wigner function and Voigtian function, respectively.





**Figure 3:** The invariant mass distribution of  $\Xi^- \pi^+ + \Xi^+ \pi^-$  pairs in  $|y| < 0.5$  produced in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV for  $1.6 < p_{T,\Delta\pi} < 2.0$  GeV/c and the I+II+III multiplicity class (full black circles). The combinatorial background estimated with the event mixing technique is shown as open red squares in panel (a), whereas the invariant mass distribution after combinatorial background subtraction is shown in panel (b) together with the fits to the signal and the residual background contributions. The solid red curve is the result of the combined fit and the dashed black line represents the residual background.

### 3.4 Corrections and normalisation

The raw yields of  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  resonances for each  $p_T$  interval are corrected for the geometrical acceptance and the reconstruction efficiency of the detector, and normalised for the branching ratios of the considered decay channels.

The correction factors are estimated from Monte Carlo simulations based on the PYTHIA 8 event generator [47] with the Monash 2013 tune [48] and on GEANT 3 [49] (v2-4-14) for the transport of particles through the ALICE detector. The  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  resonances from the simulation are reconstructed and selected by applying the same track quality, topological, and particle identification criteria as for the data. The generated and reconstructed resonances in PYTHIA 8 are used to calculate the correction factors. The corrections, including acceptance, efficiency, and total branching ratio,  $A \times \epsilon_{\text{rec}} \times \text{B.R.}$ , for  $\text{INEL} > 0$  events are shown in Fig. 4. Since no strong multiplicity dependence of the efficiency is observed as in Ref [42], the values from the  $\text{INEL} > 0$  events are used for the correction of the raw yields of all the multiplicity classes, and a 2% systematic uncertainty, constant across  $p_T$  bins, is assigned to account for residual differences.

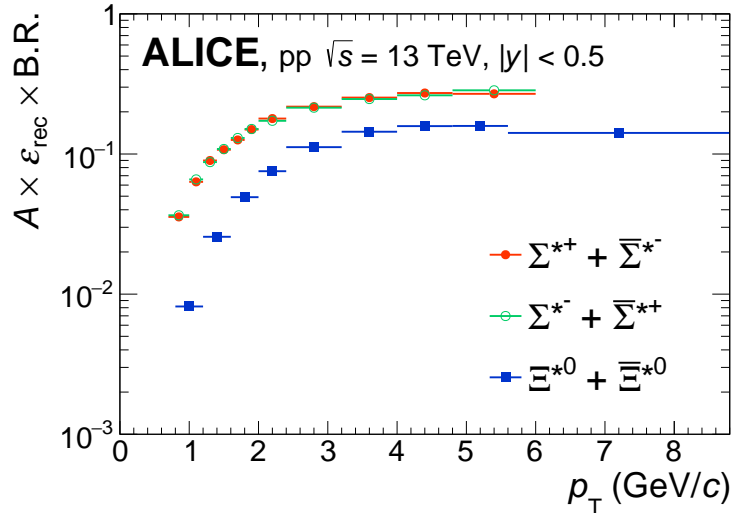
As mentioned in section 3,  $\text{INEL} > 0$  selection is required. However, due to the inefficiency of the trigger, some  $\text{INEL} > 0$  events are not selected and, in turn, all the  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  resonances produced in those events are not counted as well. A signal-loss correction,  $f_{\text{S.L.}}$ , is thus applied, which accounts for resonances in non-triggered events. This is evaluated using the same simulations used to estimate the acceptance and efficiency. To calculate this correction factor, the simulated resonance  $p_T$  spectrum before triggering and event selection is divided by the corresponding  $p_T$  spectrum after those selections for each multiplicity class. This correction is more important for the lower multiplicity classes (10% correction for class X, while only 1% for class I+II+III).

Along with the correction of the yield, the number of events needs to be corrected for the inefficiencies of the trigger and the event selections, such as the primary vertex selection. The trigger efficiency  $\epsilon_{\text{Trig}}$  and the vertex selection efficiency  $\epsilon_{\text{Vertex}}$  are about 88% and 98%, respectively, for the lower-multiplicity classes and reach almost 100% for the higher-multiplicity classes [42, 50]. In the case of inelastic collisions, a global normalisation factor,  $\epsilon_{\text{Trig}} \times \epsilon_{\text{Vertex}} = 0.74$  with a relative uncertainty of 2.5% [43] is

**Table 5:** Summary of systematic uncertainties on the differential yield  $d^2N/dp_T dy$  for the INEL  $> 0$  event class. Negligible contributions are noted as negl.

Source of uncertainty	$\Sigma(1385)^+$	$\Sigma(1385)^-$	$\Xi(1530)^0$
<i>p<sub>T</sub>-dependent</i>			
Signal extraction	4–10%	8–15%	1–17%
Topological selection	1–10%	1–10%	1–3%
TPC particle identification	1–3%	1–3%	1–3%
Material budget	0.8–8.3%	0.8–8.3%	1.2–5.1%
<i>p<sub>T</sub>-independent</i>			
ITS–TPC matching	3%	3%	3%
Dependence of efficiency on multiplicity	2%	2%	2%
Branching Ratio	1.1%	1.1%	0.3%
Signal loss correction	negl.	negl.	negl.
Trigger efficiency	negl.	negl.	negl.
Vertex selection efficiency	negl.	negl.	negl.
Total	6–17%	9–20%	4–19%

applied.


**Figure 4:** The product of geometrical acceptance ( $A$ ), reconstruction efficiency of the detector ( $\epsilon_{\text{rec}}$ ) and branching ratio (B.R.) for  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  resonances as a function of  $p_T$  in  $|y| < 0.5$  obtained with simulations based on event generation with PYTHIA 8 Monash 2013 [48] and particle transported with GEANT 3 [49].

#### 4 Systematic uncertainties

Different sources of systematic uncertainty on the measured  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  observables ( $\frac{d^2N}{dp_T dy}$ ,  $\frac{dN}{dy}$ ,  $\langle p_T \rangle$ ) were considered: the sources are essentially associated with the global tracking efficiency, track quality and topological selections, particle identification, signal extraction, and knowledge of the ALICE material budget. The systematic uncertainties are determined by varying the fit range and the selection criteria. The procedure applies to both  $p_T$ -dependent and  $p_T$ -independent uncertainties and is reconsidered for each  $p_T$  interval and multiplicity class. The list of sources is given in Table 5 together with the range of values estimated for each of them.

The signal extraction uncertainty includes the uncertainty from the fitting procedure quantified by varying the fit range, and the normalisation range of the invariant mass distributions of the mixed-event back-

ground. The signal extraction is the main contribution to the total systematic uncertainty for  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$ , originating from the bump structure located on the left side of the signal peak (see Fig. 2 (b)). The signal extraction uncertainty on the  $\Sigma(1385)^+$  is around 10% in most of the  $p_T$  and multiplicity intervals while the one of the  $\Sigma(1385)^-$  is around 15% due to the effect of the additional  $\Xi^-$  peak in the background. The signal extraction uncertainty of the  $\Xi(1530)^0$  is around 5–6 % on average and reaches up to 17%, but only in the case of the first  $p_T$  bin in the highest multiplicity event (I+II+III) case caused by the poor significance of the signal. The systematic uncertainty originating from an imperfect description in the simulation of the variables utilised in the selection of displaced decay topologies are estimated by varying the criteria on the DCA and the cosine of the pointing angle of the particle decay products  $\Lambda$  and  $\Xi^-$ , and their mass windows. Variations are performed around the nominal values of the selection variables one at a time, while fixing all the other ones.  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  show a relatively higher uncertainty for the topological selection than the one of  $\Xi(1530)^0$ , given that the  $\Sigma(1385)$  family is indeed further affected by the residual background (see Fig. 2). The systematic uncertainty associated with particle identification is determined by using a tighter and a looser requirement on the TPC  $dE/dx$ . The uncertainty from the material budget of the ALICE detector is taken from the studies performed for the reconstruction of  $\Lambda$  and  $\Xi^-$  hyperons reported in [43]. Finally, the systematic uncertainty on ITS–TPC matching efficiency of the first emitted pion from the resonances ( $\pi_{\text{first}}$  in Fig. 1) was defined from the difference in the prolongation probability of TPC tracks to ITS points between data and Monte Carlo simulations. The matching efficiency uncertainty and the tiny variation of the reconstruction efficiency in different multiplicity classes are considered as fully  $p_T$ -correlated uncertainties. Other uncertainties such as the ones on signal loss correction, trigger efficiency, and vertex selection efficiency have a negligible contribution to this study.

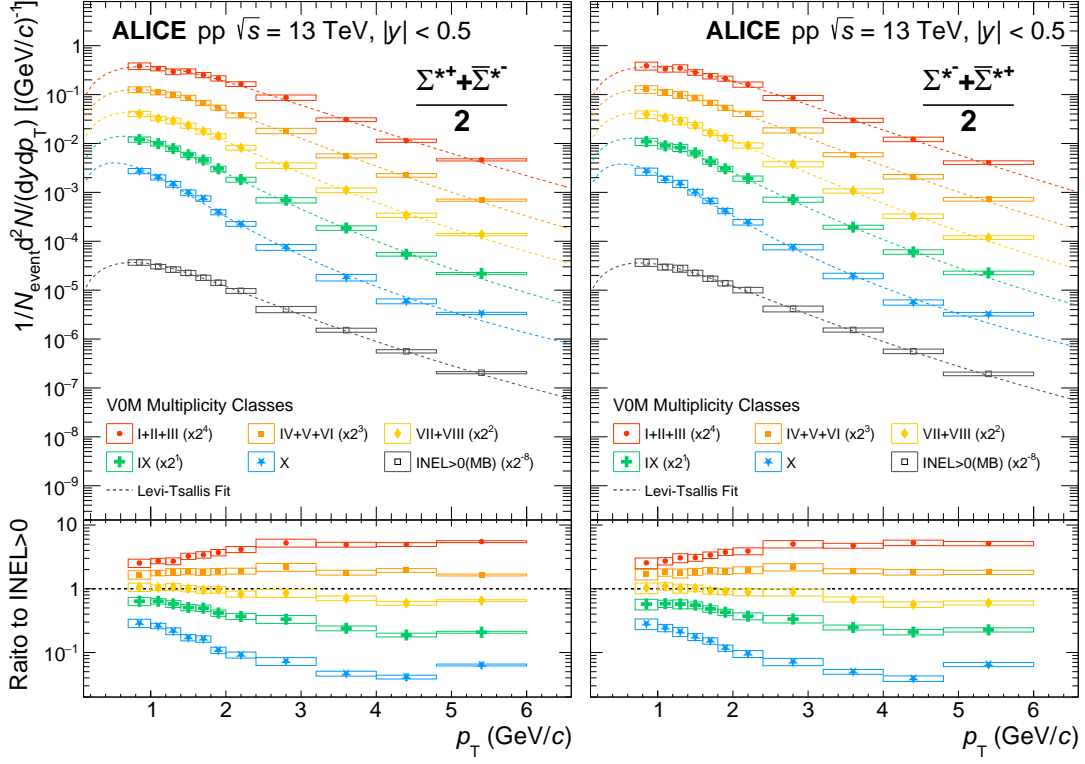
The total uncertainty is calculated as the quadratic sum of the uncertainties from the different sources. The  $p_T$ -independent uncertainties are considered but as a separate group for  $\frac{d^2N}{dp_T dy}$  spectra and  $\langle p_T \rangle$  quantities, since they do not affect the  $p_T$  shape of the spectra but just their overall magnitude. On the other hand, such uncertainties are of special concern for  $p_T$ -integrated quantities such as  $\frac{dN}{dy}$ . For quantities given along  $dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta$ , a special investigation was conducted to quantify the level of correlation of all systematic uncertainties along event multiplicity.

## 5 Results

The  $p_T$ -differential yields ( $p_T$  spectra) for  $\Sigma(1385)^+$ ,  $\Sigma(1385)^-$ , and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  (and their antiparticles) in the various multiplicity classes, as well as the ratios of these spectra to the inclusive INEL > 0 spectrum, are shown in Fig. 5. The  $p_T$  spectra of  $\Sigma(1385)^+$  and  $\Sigma(1385)^-$  are identical within uncertainties.

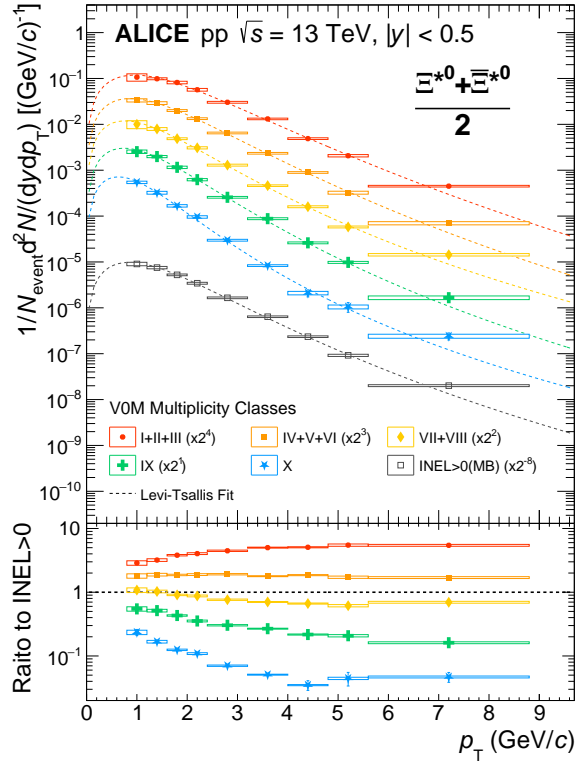
For  $p_T < 4$  GeV/c, a hardening of the  $p_T$  spectra from low to high-multiplicity events is clearly visible, while at higher  $p_T$  the spectra have the same shape regardless of the multiplicity class, indicating that the processes that affect the shape of the  $p_T$  spectra depending on the multiplicity of particles produced in the collision are dominant at low  $p_T$ . A similar behaviour was reported for other species, in collisions at the same energy [51].

Figure 6 shows the ratios of the transverse momentum spectra for inelastic pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV to those at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV for  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  (left) and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  (right). For both  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$ , the yield ratios at low  $p_T$  ( $p_T < 2$  GeV/c) are slightly larger than unity, even though they are compatible with unity within the systematic uncertainties. The yield ratios are also consistent with being independent of  $p_T$  at low  $p_T$ . These considerations suggest that the production mechanism of these resonances in the soft scattering regime is only mildly dependent on the collision energy in the measured energy range. For  $p_T > 2$  GeV/c, the ratios are observed to depart from unity, indicating a hardening of the  $p_T$  spectra at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV as compared with  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV. A similar behaviour was observed for the yield ratios of  $\pi^\pm$ ,  $\Lambda$  and  $\Xi^-$  [43] which are shown in Figure 6 overlaid to the  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  results. The slope of the  $\Xi(1530)^0$  yield ratios in Figure 6 (b) is compatible within uncertainties with the slope



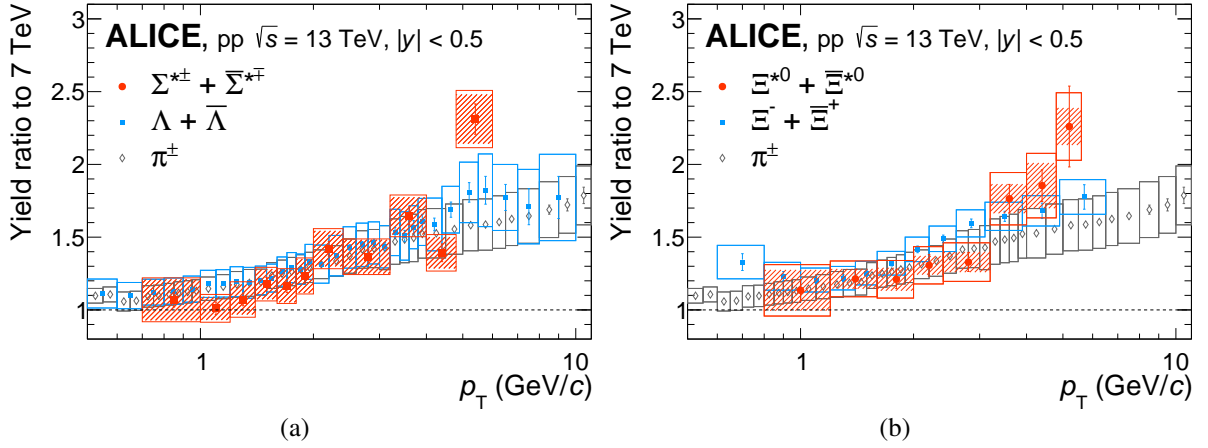
(a)

(b)



(c)

**Figure 5:** Transverse momentum spectra of  $\Sigma(1385)^+$  (a),  $\Sigma(1385)^-$  (b) and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  (c) in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV in multiplicity classes and for the inclusive case (INEL > 0). Statistical and total systematic uncertainties are shown by error bars and boxes, respectively. The bottom panels show the ratios of the multiplicity-dependent spectra to the INEL > 0 distributions. The systematic uncertainties on the ratios are obtained by considering only contributions of multiplicity-uncorrelated uncertainties described in Table 5. The dashed lines represent the fits to the spectra with the Lévy–Tsallis function.



**Figure 6:** Ratios of transverse momentum spectra of  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  (a) and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  (b) in inelastic pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV to the ones in inelastic pp collisions  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV [32] compared with those of  $\Xi^-$ ,  $\Lambda$  and  $\pi^\pm$  [43, 52]. The statistical and systematic uncertainties are shown as vertical error bars and boxes, respectively. In the present measurement, the shaded boxes represent the multiplicity-uncorrelated uncertainties.

of  $\Xi^\mp$  yield ratios and the rapid increase of  $\Xi(1530)^0$  for  $p_T > 3$  GeV/c needs to be confirmed in the higher  $p_T$  region with more precise measurements on larger data samples for further interpretations on any distinction.

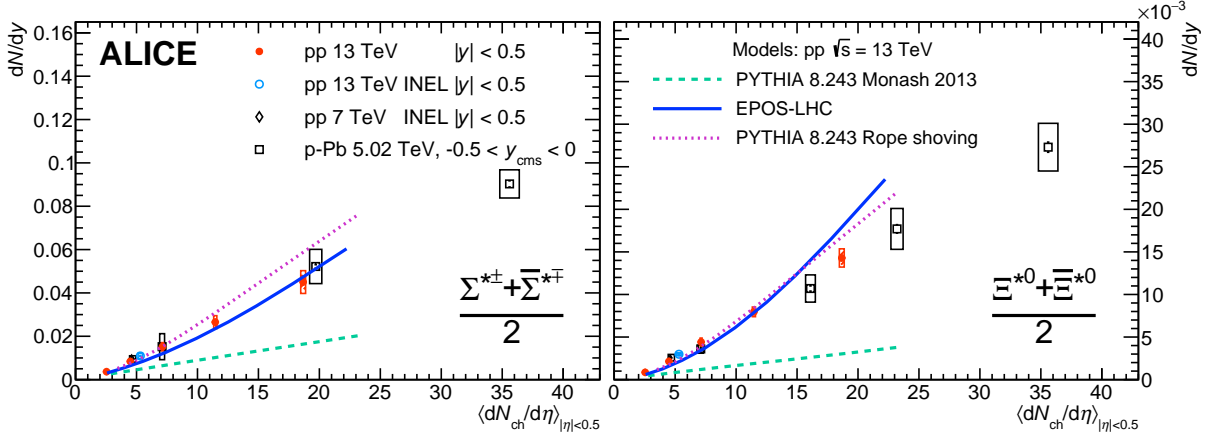
To calculate the total yields of  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  integrated over  $p_T$  ( $dN/dy$ ) and their mean transverse momentum  $\langle p_T \rangle$ , the measured  $p_T$ -differential spectra are fitted with a Lévy–Tsallis function [53] defined as:

$$\frac{1}{N_{\text{event}}} \frac{d^2N}{dp_T dy} = p_T N' \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{nC[nC + m_0(n-2)]} \left[ 1 + \frac{\sqrt{p_T^2 + m_0^2} - m_0}{nC} \right]^{-n}, \quad (4)$$

where  $N_{\text{event}}$  is the number of events in a given multiplicity class,  $m_0$  is the world-average mass of the particle, and  $n$ ,  $C$ , and the integrated yield  $N'$  are free parameters of the fit. This function is successfully used to describe most of the identified particle spectra in pp collisions [42, 43]. The Lévy–Tsallis functions obtained by fitting the  $p_T$  spectra in the different multiplicity classes are shown as dashed lines in Fig. 5.

The value of  $dN/dy$  is obtained by integrating the measured spectrum from  $p_T = 0.7$  (0.8) to 6.0 (8.8) GeV/c for  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  ( $\Xi(1530)^0$ ) and the extrapolated fitting curve in the unmeasured regions down to  $p_T = 0$  and up to  $p_T = 10$  GeV/c. The  $\langle p_T \rangle$  is defined as  $\frac{\sum_j (\bar{p}_{T,j} \times dp_{T,j} \times I_j)}{dN/dy}$ , where  $j$  means each  $p_T$  bin,  $\bar{p}_{T,j}$  means bin center,  $dp_{T,j}$  mean bin width and  $I_j$  means measured  $p_T$ -differential yield. Similar to the  $dN/dy$ ,  $\langle p_T \rangle$  is computed using the measured spectra in the  $p_T$  interval of the measurement and the Lévy–Tsallis function outside this range. The values of  $dN/dy$  and  $\langle p_T \rangle$  are reported in Table 6.

The fractions of extrapolated particle yield at low  $p_T$  for different multiplicity classes are 26–43% and 21–43% depending on the multiplicity class for  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$ , respectively. The extrapolated yields in the high- $p_T$  region are negligible. Alternative functions such as the Boltzmann, Fermi–Dirac,  $m_T$ -exponential,  $p_T$ -exponential, and blast-wave functions are employed to estimate the systematic uncertainty of this extrapolation, which amounts to about 3–4% for both resonances. The fit functions used for the systematic study are listed in Appendix A. As reported in Table 6, the relative uncertainties of the INEL results are larger than those of the INEL  $> 0$  results due to the propagation of the uncertainty on the normalisations,  $\epsilon_{\text{Trig}}$ ,  $\epsilon_{\text{Vertex}}$ , and  $f_{\text{S.L.}}$  which are slightly different for the INEL and the INEL  $> 0$



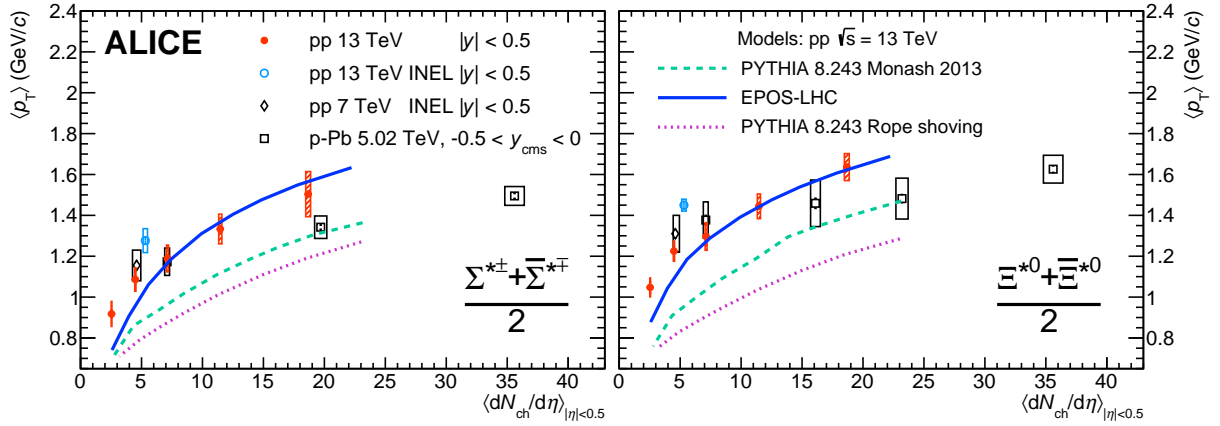
**Figure 7:** The  $p_T$ -integrated yields as a function of charged-particle pseudorapidity density  $\langle dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta \rangle_{|\eta|<0.5}$  for  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  (left) and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  (right) compared with the measurements in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV [32] and p–Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.02$  TeV [33]. The open and shaded boxes represent the total and multiplicity-uncorrelated systematic uncertainties, respectively. The measured points are compared with predictions from different event generators, namely EPOS-LHC [54], PYTHIA 8 with Monash 2013 tuning [48], and PYTHIA 8 with Rope shoving [55–58]. (Appendix B). The predictions are obtained for pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV on INEL  $> 0$  events.

samples.

**Table 6:** The values of  $dN/dy$  and  $\langle p_T \rangle$  for multiplicity-integrated spectra (INEL, INEL  $> 0$ ) and for each multiplicity class. Statistical (first one), total systematic (second one) and multiplicity-uncorrelated systematic (third one, in brackets) uncertainties are quoted. The multiplicity-uncorrelated systematic uncertainties are not an additional source here but must be considered as a component of the total systematic uncertainties.

Baryon	Event Class	$dN/dy (\times 10^{-3})$	$\langle p_T \rangle$ (GeV/c)
$\Xi(1530)^0$	INEL $> 0$	$4.29 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.20$ (0.16)	$1.44 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.06$ (0.05)
	I+II+III	$14.29 \pm 0.15 \pm 1.07$ (0.78)	$1.64 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.07$ (0.06)
	IV+V+VI	$7.96 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.57$ (0.39)	$1.44 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.06$ (0.06)
	VII+VIII	$4.42 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.47$ (0.41)	$1.30 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.07$ (0.07)
	IX	$2.14 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.18$ (0.14)	$1.22 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.05$ (0.05)
	X	$0.85 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.09$ (0.08)	$1.05 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.05$ (0.04)
$\Sigma(1385)^\pm$	INEL	$2.98 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.15$ (0.11)	$1.45 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.06$ (0.05)
	INEL $> 0$	$14.50 \pm 0.11 \pm 1.33$ (0.82)	$1.29 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.05$ (0.03)
	I+II+III	$45.02 \pm 0.72 \pm 5.26$ (3.24)	$1.50 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.11$ (0.11)
	IV+V+VI	$26.53 \pm 0.50 \pm 2.97$ (2.06)	$1.33 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.07$ (0.07)
	VII+VIII	$15.19 \pm 0.36 \pm 1.89$ (1.37)	$1.19 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.07$ (0.06)
	IX	$8.39 \pm 0.25 \pm 1.22$ (0.77)	$1.09 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.06$ (0.05)
X	$3.66 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.70$ (0.46)	$0.92 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.06$ (0.06)	
	INEL	$10.91 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.89$ (0.59)	$1.27 \pm 0.01 \pm 0.04$ (0.02)

Figure 7 shows the  $p_T$ -integrated yields,  $dN/dy$ , as a function of the charged-particle pseudorapidity density at midrapidity and in comparison with the values previously measured in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV [32] and in p–Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.02$  TeV [33] by the ALICE Collaboration. The comparison suggests that the integrated yields depend only on the multiplicity, irrespective of the collision energy and system. This is consistent with previous results at the LHC [42, 51], highlighting the fact that

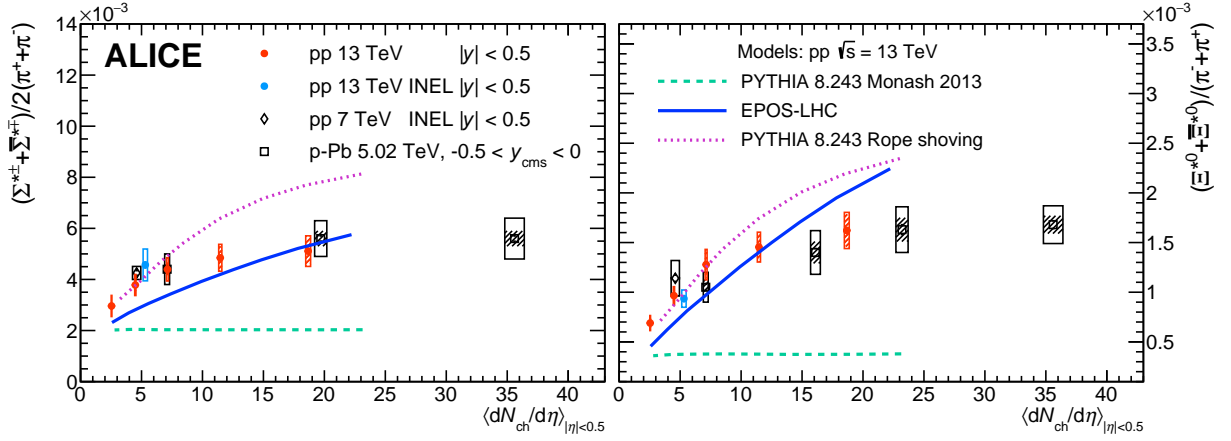


**Figure 8:** The  $\langle p_T \rangle$  as a function of charged-particle pseudorapidity density for  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  (left) and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  (right) compared with the measurements in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV [32] and p–Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV [33]. The open and shaded boxes represent the total and multiplicity-uncorrelated systematic uncertainties, respectively. The measured points are compared with predictions from different event generators, namely EPOS-LHC [54], PYTHIA 8 with Monash 2013 tuning [48], and PYTHIA 8 with Rope shoving [55–58]. (Appendix B). The predictions are obtained for pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV, based on INEL  $> 0$  events.

the mechanisms of particle production are related essentially to the event properties that determine the multiplicity. The measurements are compared with the predictions of different event generators, namely EPOS-LHC [54], PYTHIA 8 with Monash 2013 tuning [48], and PYTHIA 8 with Rope shoving [55–58]. Both EPOS-LHC and PYTHIA8 are QCD-inspired event generators. The EPOS-LHC includes a modelling of the collective behaviour implemented via a core-corona approach [59]. Instead, PYTHIA 8 with Monash 2013 does not include a collective expansion and is based on the Lund string fragmentation model. PYTHIA 8 with Rope shoving describes multiparton interactions by allowing nearby strings to shove each other and form a colour "rope" from overlapping strings. The model predictions are reported for pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV. The increasing trend of the  $dN/dy$  of  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  with increasing  $\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle$  for pp collisions is qualitatively reproduced by the different event generator models. However, PYTHIA 8 with Monash 2013 tuning (green dashed curve) predicts a much milder increase for both resonances, whereas EPOS-LHC (blue solid curve) and PYTHIA 8 with Rope shoving (purple dotted curve, see details of the tune settings in Appendix B) describe the measured  $dN/dy$  of both resonances within the uncertainties, with possibly a small tension between the EPOS-LHC prediction and the  $\Xi(1530)^0$  data in the highest multiplicity interval.

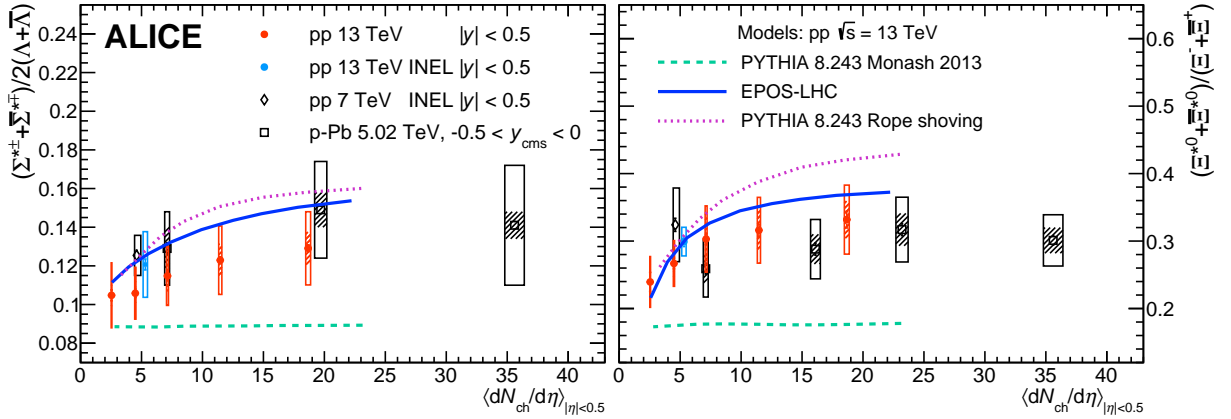
Figure 8 shows the mean transverse momentum  $\langle p_T \rangle$  for  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  as a function of the charged-particle pseudorapidity density. The values obtained in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV [32] and in p–Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV [33] are reported in the same figure. The increasing trend of the  $\langle p_T \rangle$  as a function of multiplicity in pp collisions is steeper than the one in p–Pb collisions for both  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$ , consistent with what is observed for unidentified charged particles in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV and p–Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV [60]. The increasing trend and the measured values are well described by EPOS-LHC. Both PYTHIA 8 with Monash 2013 tuning and PYTHIA 8 with Rope shoving predict an increasing trend, however, they underestimate the data in the full range of the pp measurements.

The ratios of the  $p_T$ -integrated yields of  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  hyperons to those of pions are shown in Fig. 9 as a function of the charged-particle pseudorapidity density and they are compared with the ratios measured in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV and p–Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV [32, 33, 43, 53]. They provide insight into the evolution of strangeness production with increasing multiplicity. The results show a smooth increasing trend as a function of multiplicity without energy and collision



**Figure 9:** Ratio of the resonance to pion  $p_T$ -integrated yield as a function of the charged-particle pseudorapidity density for  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  (left) and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  (right). The open and shaded boxes represent the total and multiplicity-uncorrelated systematic uncertainties, respectively. The measured points are compared with predictions from different event generators, namely EPOS-LHC [54], PYTHIA 8 with Monash 2013 tuning [48], and PYTHIA 8 with Rope shoving [55–58]. (Appendix B). The predictions are obtained for pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV, based on INEL  $> 0$  events.

system dependence. The yields of  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  relative to those of pions increase by 60% and 120%, respectively, from the lowest to highest multiplicity pp collisions considered in this work. The increase depends on the strangeness content ( $S$ ) of the resonance; with  $\Sigma^{*\pm}$  having  $S=1$  and  $\Xi^{*0}$  having  $S=2$ . These results are consistent with previous measurements of ground-state hyperons to pion ratios with ALICE [42]. EPOS-LHC and PYTHIA 8 with Rope shoving predict an increasing trend with multiplicity for both resonances. EPOS-LHC describes fairly well the measured  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm/\pi$  ratios, while PYTHIA 8 Rope overestimates them. Both EPOS-LHC and PYTHIA 8 Rope tend to overestimate the increasing trend of  $\Xi(1530)^0/\pi$  ratios.



**Figure 10:** Yield ratio of the resonances to the ground states having the same quark content as a function of the charged-particle pseudorapidity density for  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  (left) and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  (right). The open and shaded boxes represent the total and multiplicity-uncorrelated systematic uncertainties, respectively. The measured points are compared with predictions from different event generators, namely EPOS-LHC [54], PYTHIA 8 with Monash 2013 tuning [48], and PYTHIA 8 with Rope shoving [55–58]. (Appendix B). The predictions are obtained for pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV, based on INEL  $> 0$  events.

The integrated yield ratios of excited to ground-state hyperons [32, 33, 42] with the same strangeness content are shown in Fig. 10. They are drawn for different collision systems and centre-of-mass energies as a function of  $\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle$ . The measured  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm/\Lambda$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0/\Xi^-$  ratios are compatible either



with a flat behaviour as a function of multiplicity or with a mild multiplicity dependence, even though no firm conclusion can be drawn considering the magnitude of the systematic uncertainties and the fact that they are partly uncorrelated across multiplicity intervals. The EPOS-LHC and PYTHIA 8 with Rope shoving predict a slight increase of the  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm/\Lambda$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0/\Xi^-$  ratios with increasing multiplicity at low multiplicities. They describe the data within the experimental uncertainties. The PYTHIA 8 Monash 2013 prediction exhibits a flat behaviour and it underestimates the overall magnitude of the ratios by about a factor of two. Note that a decreasing trend was observed in the EPOS-LHC model prediction for the  $K^*/K$  ratio ( $c\tau(K^*) = 4.16$  fm/c [45]), apparently describing the measurements in pp and p–Pb collisions [31, 61]. Despite similar lifetimes,  $K^*$  and  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  exhibit different yield trends in pp collisions, hinting at the nuanced interplay of rescattering and regeneration effects within a potential hadronic stage. While the decreasing yield of  $K^*$  could be attributed to decay product rescattering, the stable yield of  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  might suggest a more pronounced regeneration effect. Conversely, the longer-lived  $\Xi(1530)^0$ , seemingly unaffected by these hadronic stage effects, provides a contrasting reference.

## 6 Conclusions

In this article, the  $p_T$ -differential yields of  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  in inelastic pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV are reported and compared with previous ALICE measurements in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV, revealing a hardening of the  $p_T$  spectra as the collision energy increases. The hardening is more pronounced for  $p_T > 2$  GeV/c. Going from low to high multiplicity events in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV, a clear hardening is observed that affects the shape of the lowest  $p_T$  part of the spectra.

The  $p_T$ -integrated yield,  $dN/dy$  of  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$ , and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  is found to increase with charged-particle pseudorapidity density, with a trend that does not depend on collision energy and is the same for pp and p–Pb collisions. This is consistent with previous findings at the LHC [42], highlighting the fact that the mechanisms of particle production are related primarily to the conditions that determine multiplicity. On the other hand, the increasing trend of the  $\langle p_T \rangle$  as a function of  $\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle$  in pp collisions is slightly steeper than the one in p–Pb collisions for both  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$ , as observed for charged particles and other light-flavour hadrons in pp collisions at different energies and in p–Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV.

An increasing trend with multiplicity is found for the  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm/\pi^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0/\pi^\pm$  ratios. The enhancement is more pronounced for  $\Xi(1530)^0$  ( $S=2$ ) than  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  ( $S=1$ ), confirming that strangeness enhancement predominantly depends on the strangeness content, rather than on the hyperon mass [20]. The integrated yields of  $\Sigma(1385)^\pm$  and  $\Xi(1530)^0$  show a scaling with multiplicity consistent within uncertainties with that of the ground-state hyperons with the same strangeness content, indicating that the strange-baryon resonance production and its ground state have a similar increase on multiplicity. These results, when combined with other resonance studies in small systems, can provide valuable contributions to our understanding of a possible hadronic stage in pp collisions and on the role of rescattering and regeneration effects in such stage.

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## A Fitting functions used in this paper

### $p_T$ exponential function

$$\frac{d^2N}{dp_T dy} = Ap_T e^{-p_T/T}, \quad (\text{A.1})$$

with normalisation factor  $A$  and temperature  $T$  as fit parameters.

### $m_T$ exponential function

$$\frac{d^2N}{dp_T dy} = Ap_T e^{-m_T/T}, \quad (\text{A.2})$$

where  $m_T = \sqrt{p_T^2 + m_0^2}$  while  $m_0$  is the rest mass of the particle. The normalisation factor  $A$  and temperature  $T$  are the fit parameters.

### Fermi–Dirac function [62]

$$\frac{d^2N}{dp_T dy} = p_T A \frac{1}{e^{(\sqrt{p_T^2 + m^2}/T) + 1}}, \quad (\text{A.3})$$

with  $A$  and  $T$  as fit parameters and  $m$  the mass of the particle under study.

### Boltzmann distribution [62]

$$\frac{d^2N}{dp_T dy} = Ap_T m_T e^{-m_T/T}, \quad (\text{A.4})$$

where  $m_T$  is  $\sqrt{p_T^2 + m_0^2}$  while  $m_0$  is the rest mass of the particle. The normalisation factor  $A$  and temperature  $T$  are the fit parameters.

### Lévy–Tsallis distribution [53]

$$\frac{d^2N}{dp_T dy} = p_T N' \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{nC[nC + m_0(n-2)]} \left[ 1 + \frac{m_T - m_0}{nC} \right]^{-n}, \quad (\text{A.5})$$

where  $m_T = \sqrt{p_T^2 + m_0^2}$  while  $m_0$  is the rest mass of the particle, and  $n$ ,  $C$  and the integrated yield  $N'$  are free parameters of the fit.

### Blast-wave distribution [63]

$$\frac{1}{p_T} \frac{d^2N}{dp_T dy} \propto \int_0^R r m_T I_0 \left( \frac{p_T \sinh \rho}{T_{\text{kin}}} \right) K_1 \left( \frac{m_T \cosh \rho}{T_{\text{kin}}} \right) dr, \quad (\text{A.6})$$

where  $I_0$  and  $K_1$  are the modified Bessel functions,  $r$  is the distance from the centre of the expanding system,  $R$  is the limiting radius of the system expansion,  $T_{\text{kin}}$  is the temperature of the kinetic freeze-out and  $\rho = \text{arctanh } \beta$  defines the velocity profile.

## B PYTHIA8 Rope Shoving Parameters

Parameters below are additional parameters to the default Monash tune 2013 (Tune ID = 14 in v8.243).

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Ropewalk:doShoving = on
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Ropewalk:tShove 0.1
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Ropewalk:doFlavour = on
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PartonVertex:protonRadius = 0.7
PartonVertex:emissionWidth = 0.1
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


















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