

# Probing the underlying event with identified heavy-flavor triggers



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# Motivation

- Existence of QGP in small colliding systems with high final-state multiplicity cannot yet be completely ruled out
- In experiment, the effect of MPI and CR can be investigated by observing the connection of the leading hard process to the underlying event
- we investigate underlying event activity using simulations where with identified heavy and light-flavor triggers
  - UE is the part of the event that does not originate from the leading hard process
  - can help in understanding mass-dependent development as well as color-charge effects in the parton shower and jet fragmentation
- Why we use Heavy Flavor?
  - it mostly arises in initial hard processes
  - it's present until the latest stages of the reaction
  - we reconstruct heavy flavor properties from its decay products

# Definitions and concepts about p-p collision

- Underlying Event (UE):
  - presence of UE from non-hard processes
  - interplay between UE and hard processes
  - significantly influenced by MPI and CR

- Multi-Parton Interaction (MPI):

- more partons interact
- multistep process

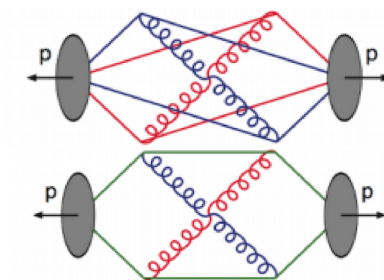
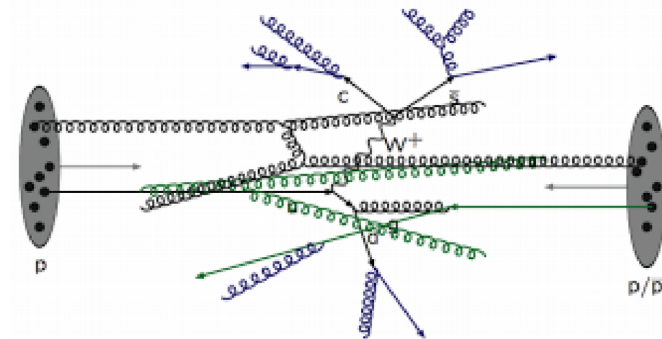
- Color-Reconnection (CR):

- striving for energy minimum (analogy)
- CR leads to radial flow

(Ortiz-Bencédi-Bello. *J.Phys. G44* (2017), 065001)

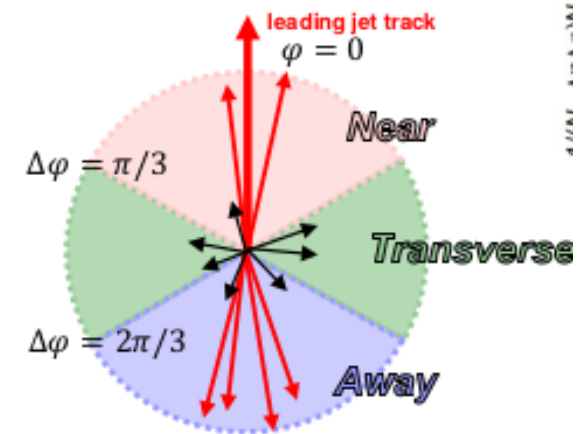
- Initial State Radiation (ISR): particle emitted by one of the incoming partons before the interaction with other partons

- Final State Radiation (FSR): particle emitted by the outgoing parton after the interaction with other partons

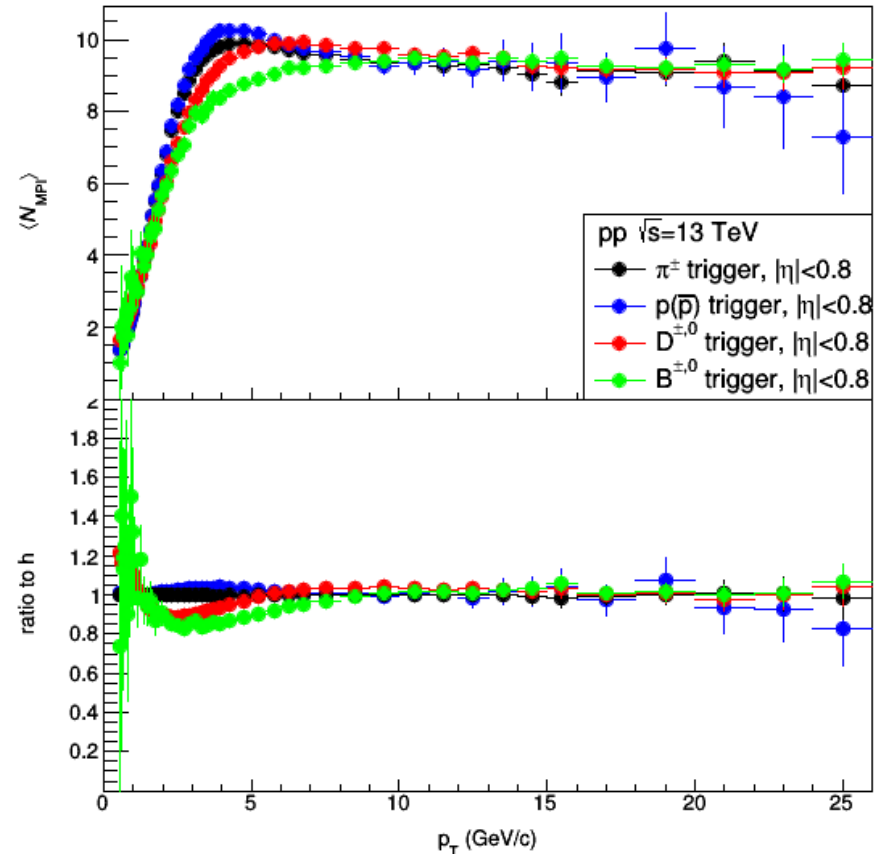


# Analysis methods and settings

- **PYTHIA 8 Settings**
  - $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV, SoftQCD, MinBias;
  - no decay of  $D^+, D^-, D^0, \bar{D}^0, B^+, B^-, B^0, \bar{B}^0$
- **Trigger particles**  $\pi^\pm, p/p, D$  or  $B$ 
  - $p_T > 0.5$  GeV/c,  $|\eta| < 0.8$
- **Associated**  $\pi^\pm, K^\pm, p/p$ 
  - $p_T > 0.15$  GeV/c,  $|\eta| < 0.8$
- **Azimuthal regions:**
  - **Near-side cone:**  $\Delta R < 0.5$
  - Near-side:  $|\Delta\phi| < \pi/3$
  - **Transverse side:**  $\pi/3 < |\Delta\phi| < 2\pi/3$
  - Away-side:  $2\pi/3 < |\Delta\phi|$



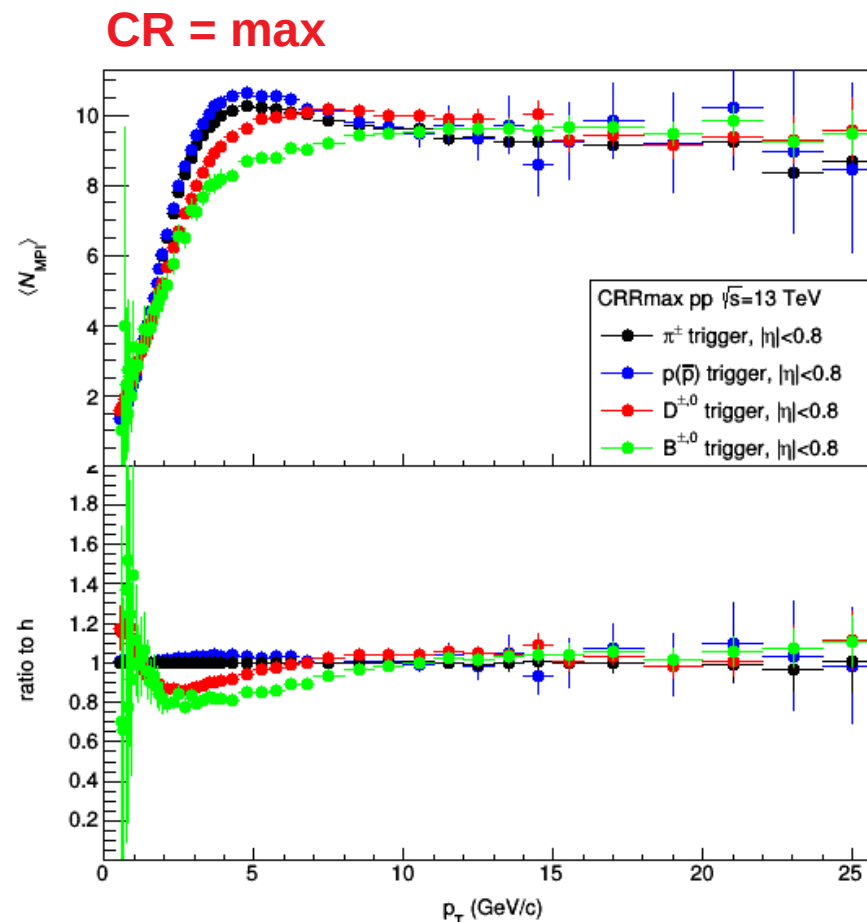
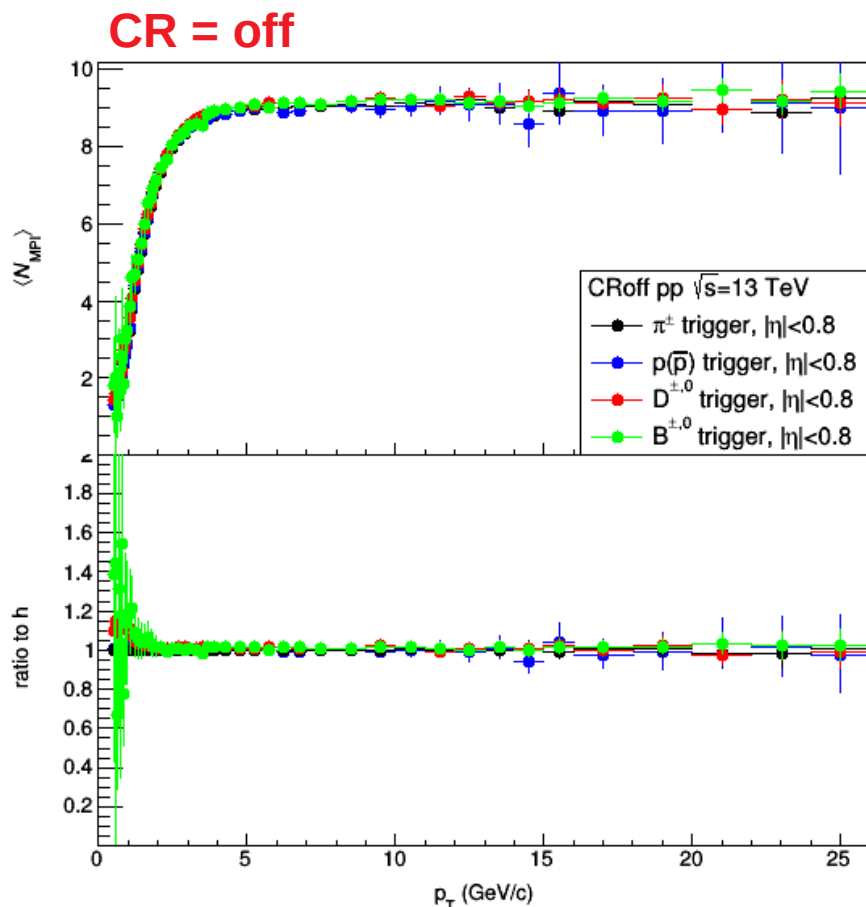
# The average number of multiple-parton interactions per trigger



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Proton  
D-meson  
B-meson

- clear difference seen in  $N_{MPI}$  depending on the trigger particle species in the momentum range:  $2 < p_T^{leading} < 8$  GeV/c
- The MPI activity corresponds to light-flavor and it is forming a visible bump

# Number of MPI in function of $p_T$ leading: CR off and CR maximum

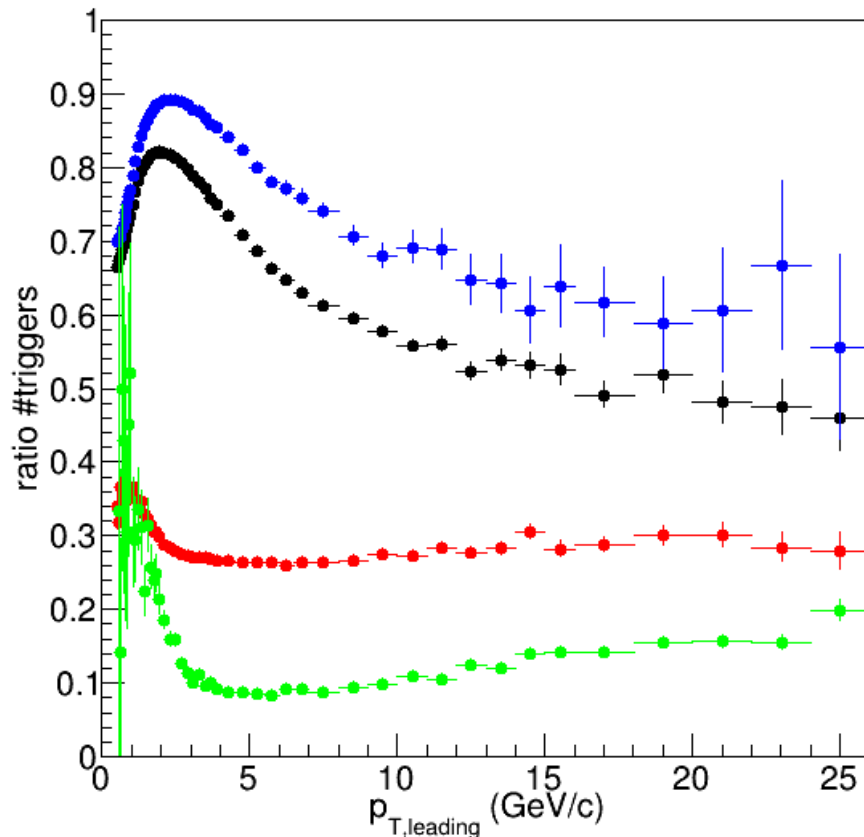


- **CR = off**: the effect vanishes, bringing all four curves together
- **CR = max**: the bump is stronger
- Why are we investigated in Transverse side: the activity in this range is strongly correlated with  $N_{MPI}$

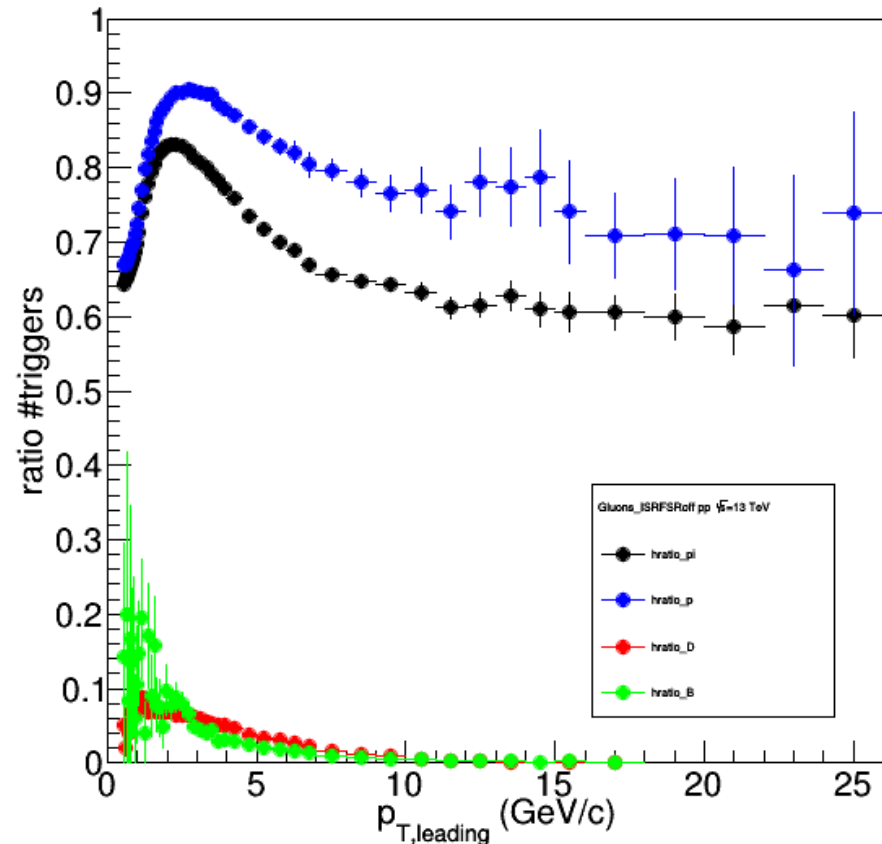
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# Separated jets - with and without ISR and FSR

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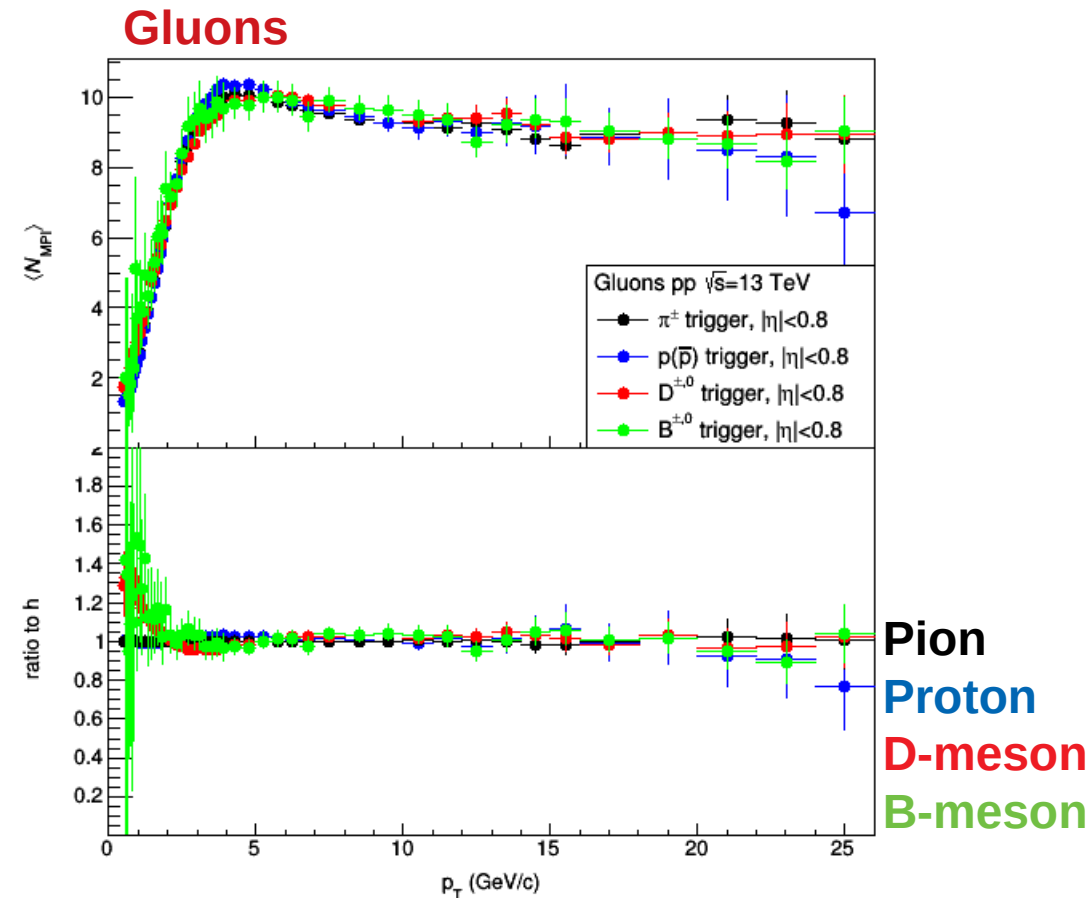
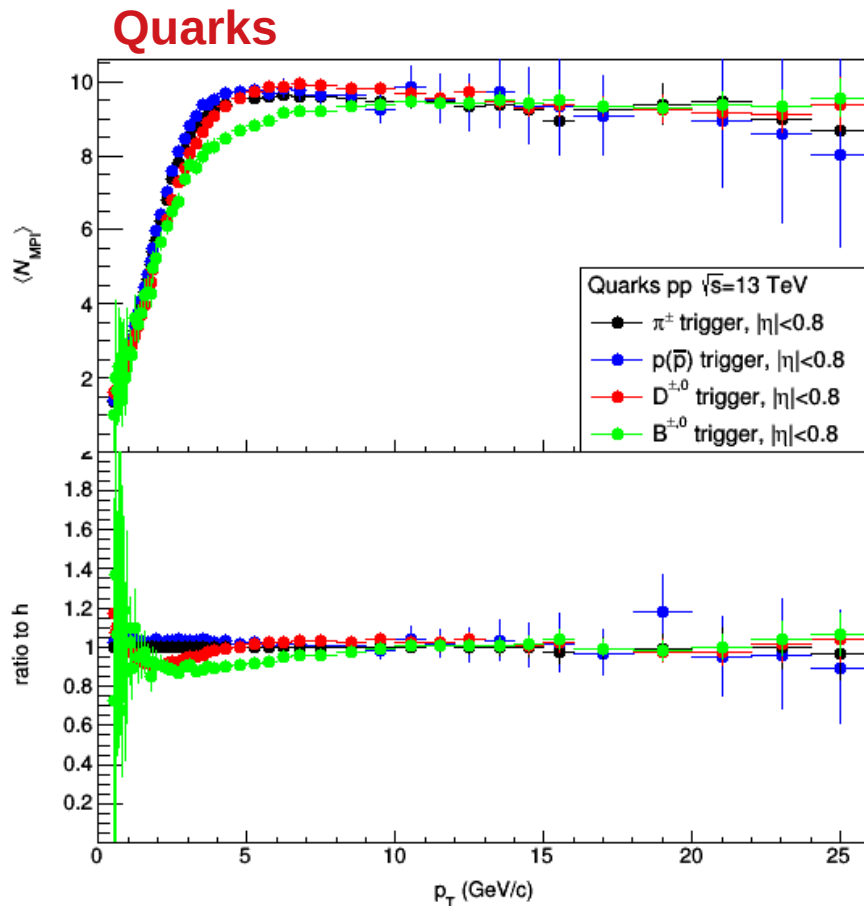
without ISR and FSR



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- We separate contributions from quark and gluon jets
- **with**: 30% of D-meson triggers and 10–15% of B-meson triggers as gluon-initiated
- **without**: the fraction of heavy-flavor triggers identified as gluon-initiated is below 5–10% - and low- $p_T^{leading}$  and vanishes toward higher  $p_T^{leading}$
- the algorithm can be used for enhancing gluon (quark) initiated triggers in a sample

# Separately for quark-initiated and gluon-initiated triggers

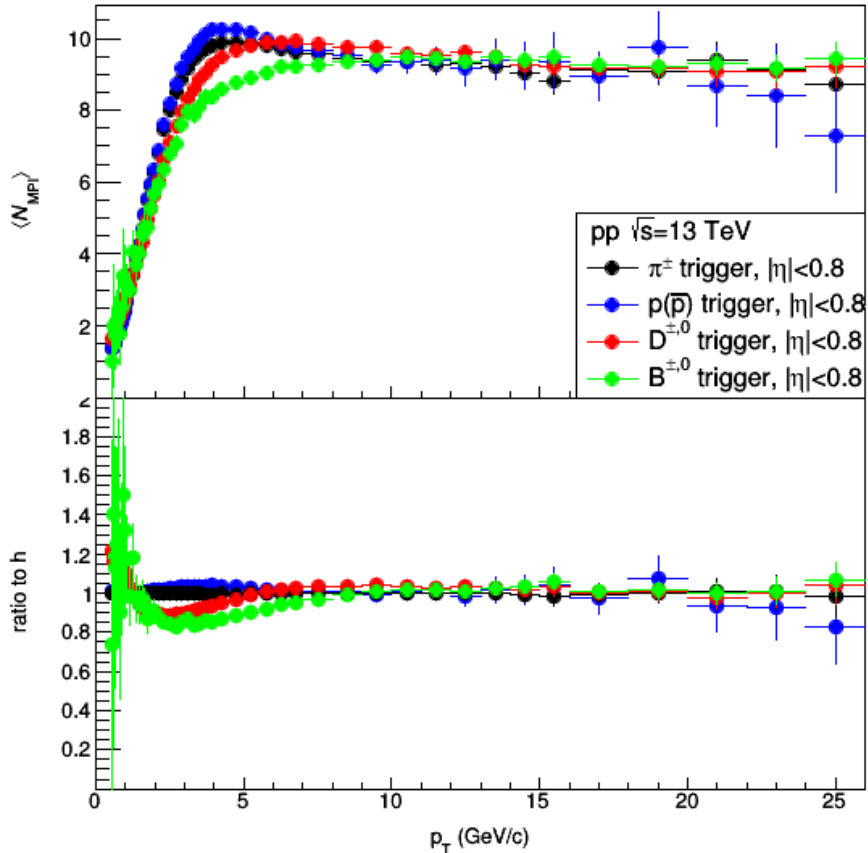


- we investigate the bump structure
- **Quarks**: there is no bump structure (no significant overshoot above the saturation value) for any of the trigger species
- **Gluon**: remarkable bump can be seen

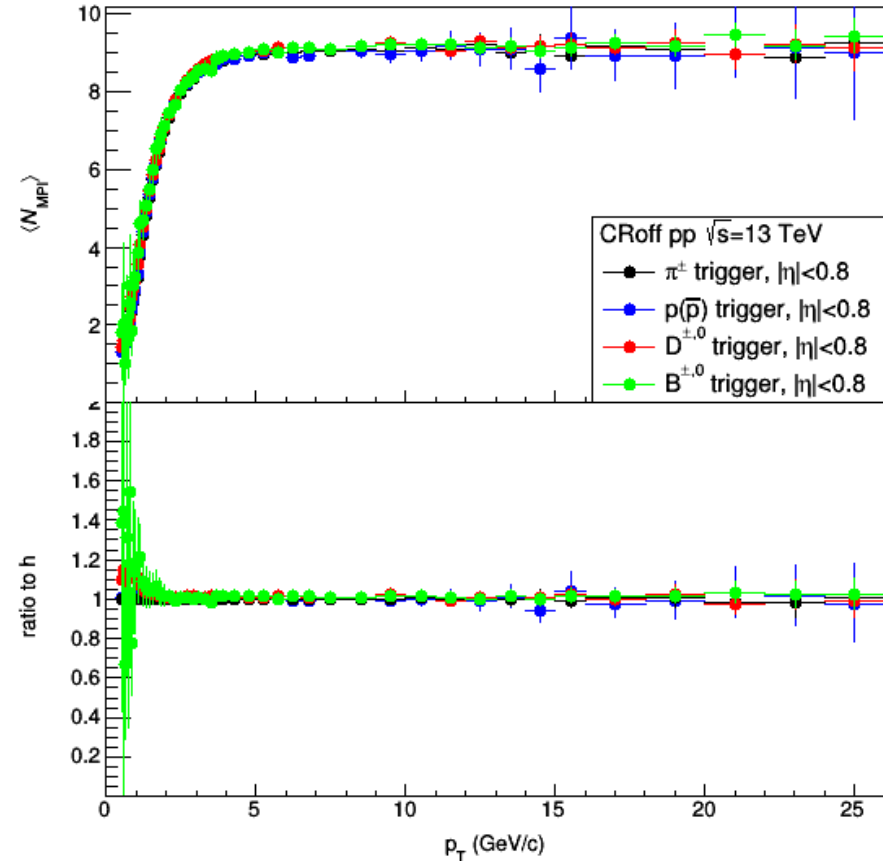


# MPI CR on vs CR off

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CR = off

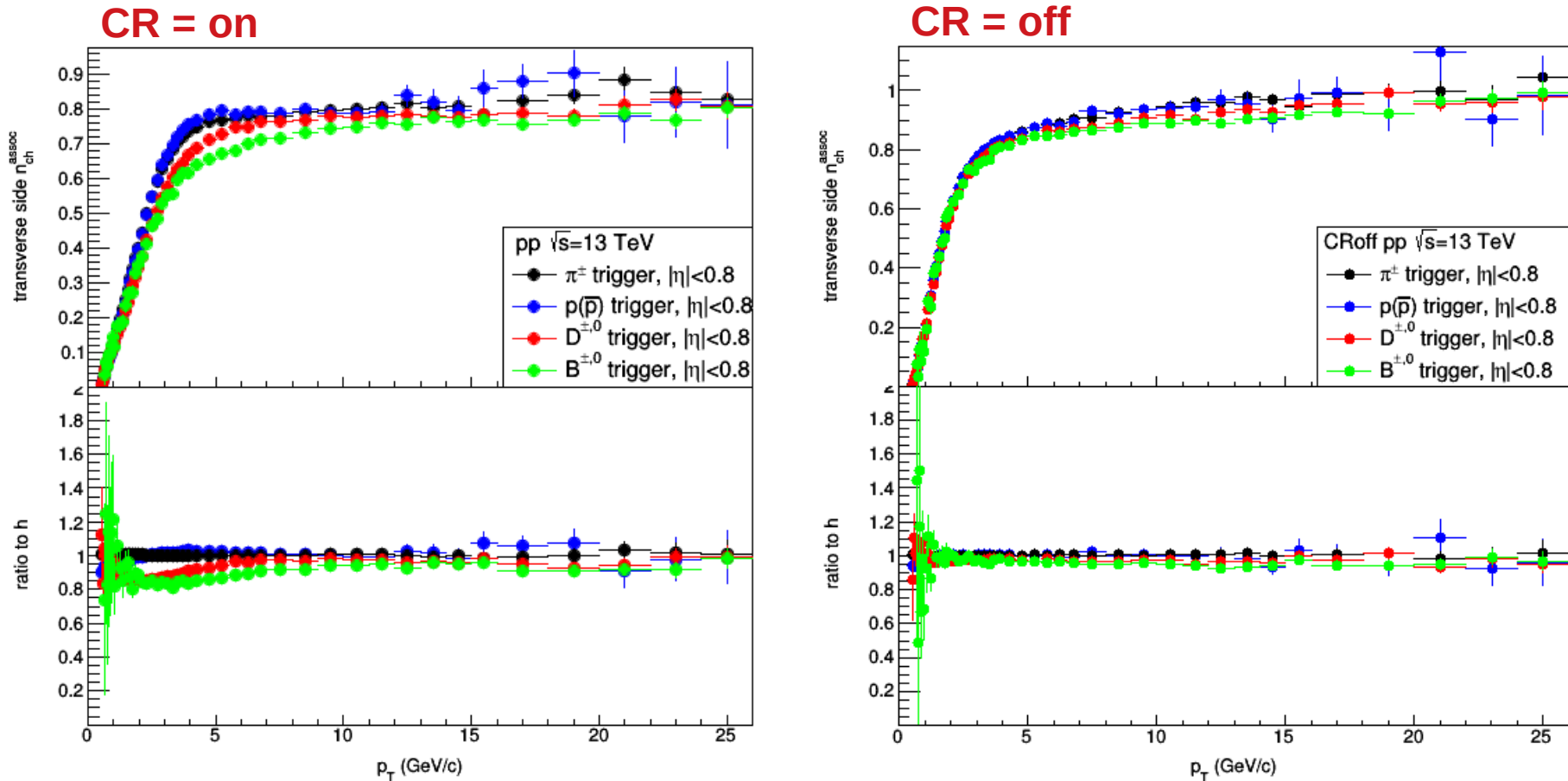


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- CR = off: the curves coincide
- CR = on level > CR = off level for pions, but the B are same

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We are looking for the physical quantity that the most closely resembles the MPI

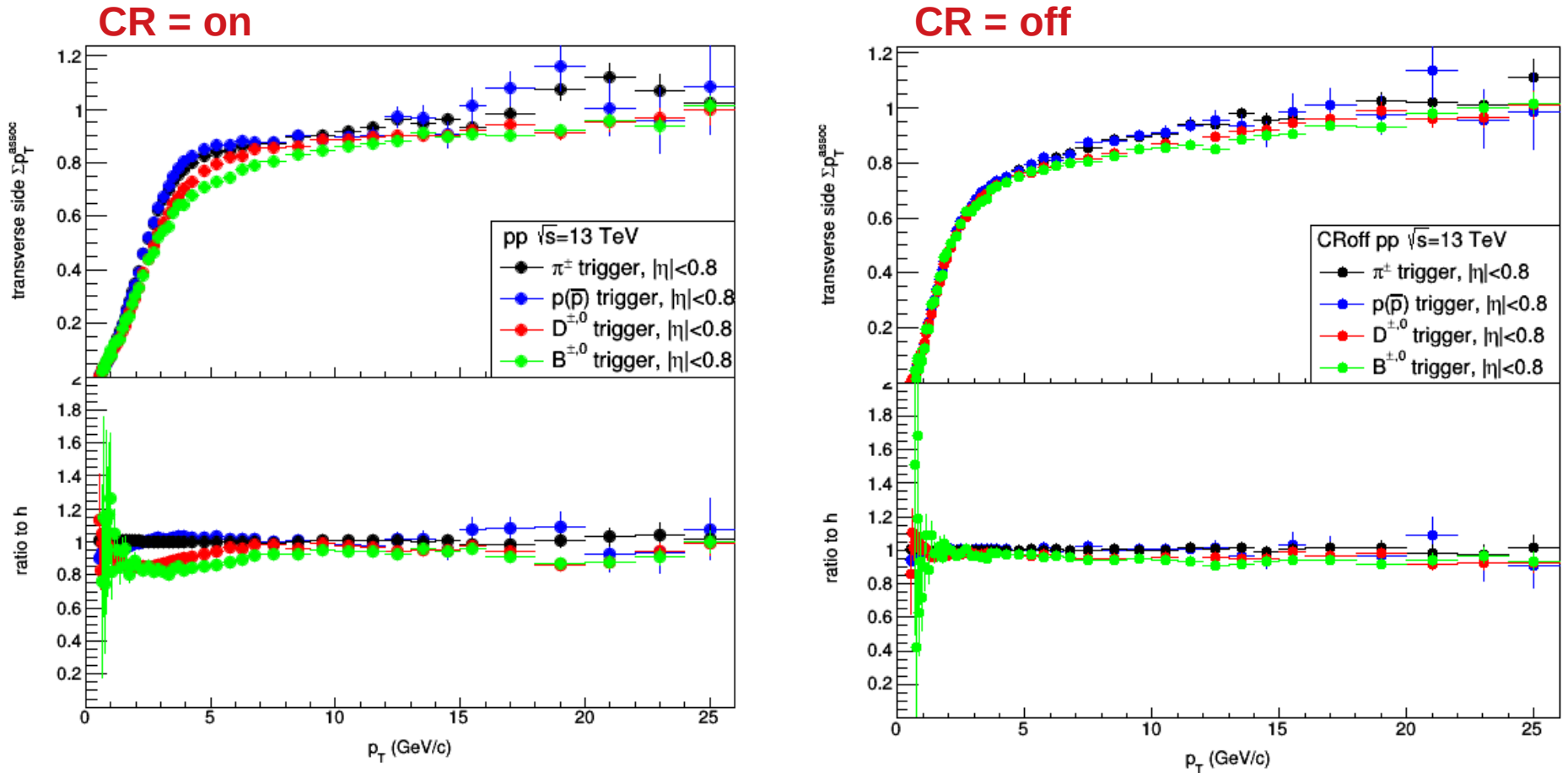
# Transverse side: particles yield CR on vs CR off



- **CR = on**: there is differentiation between the curves
  - **CR = off**: the curves coincide
  - CR = on  $N_{ch} <$  CR = off  $N_{ch}$  - that was our expectation, because CR = on event multiplicity less
- arXiv:1805.03101
- Can not use for comparison

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# Transverse side: $p_T$ sum CR on vs CR off

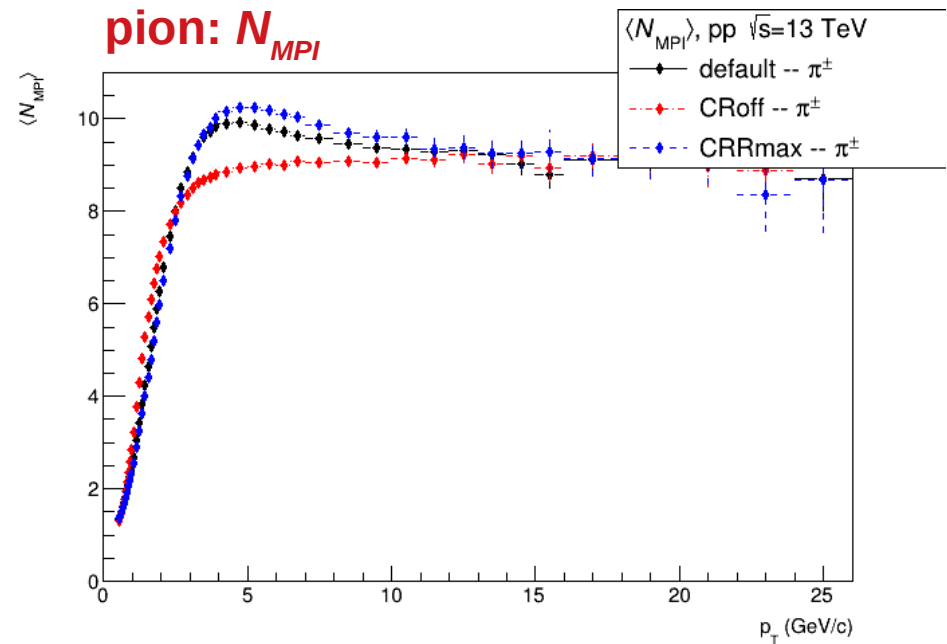
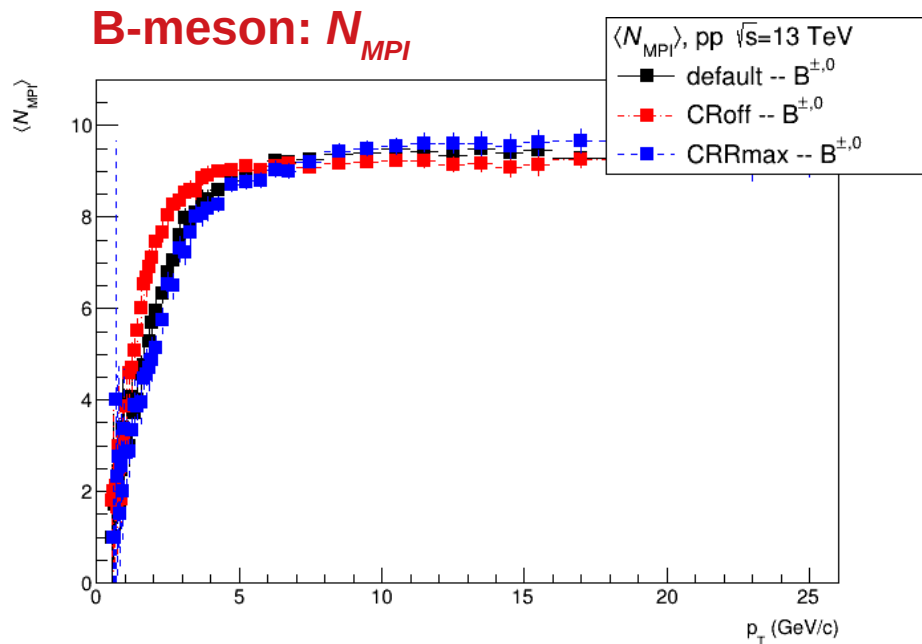


- **CR = on**: there is differentiation between the curves
- **CR = off**: at low  $p_T$  the curves coincide
- CR = on sum  $p_T >$  CR = off sum  $p_T$  pions, but the B are same
- we check with  $p_T$  average and we get same results

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**We use transverse sum  $p_T$  as a proxy for  $N_{MPI}$**

# B-meson vs pion - Proxy for quark and gluon jets



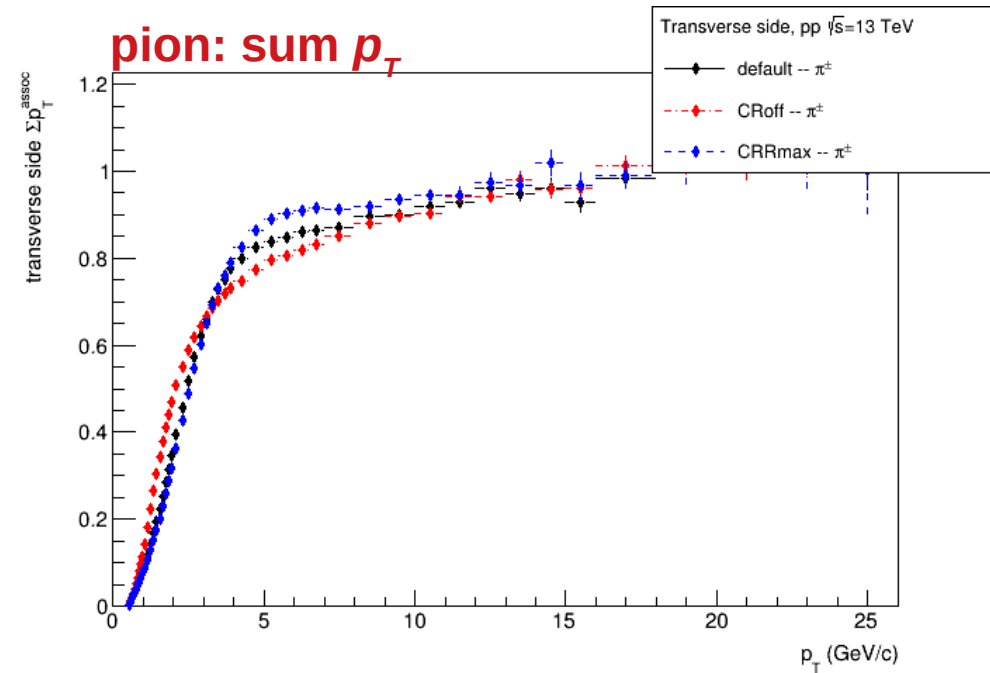
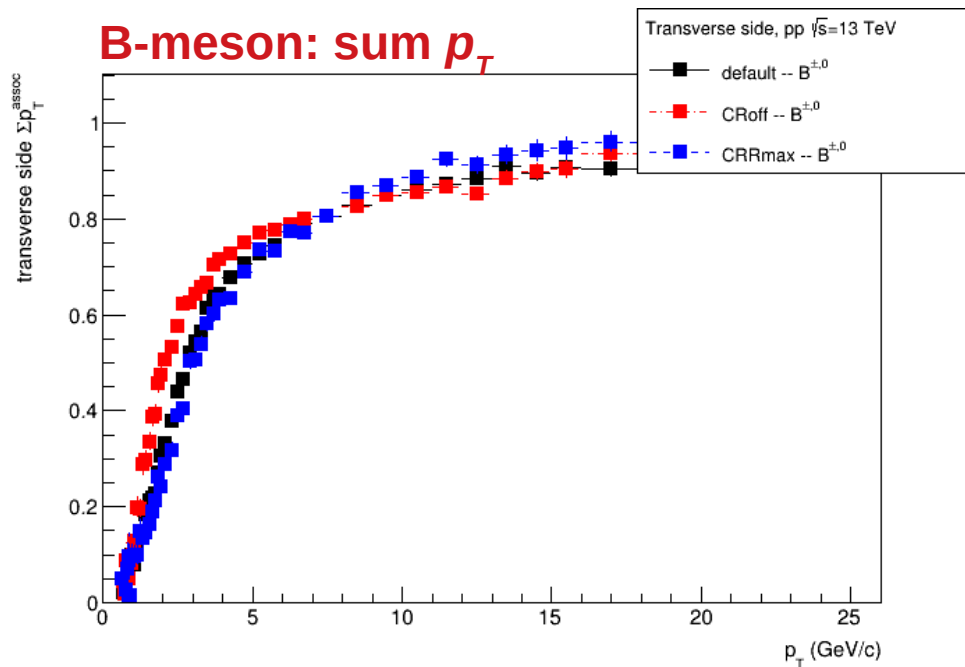
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- Pions: the difference can be seen - CR effect only affects gluon jets
- MPI acting on gluons and quarks can be accessed in the experiment by measuring event activity in events triggered with pions and B mesons

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CRR = max

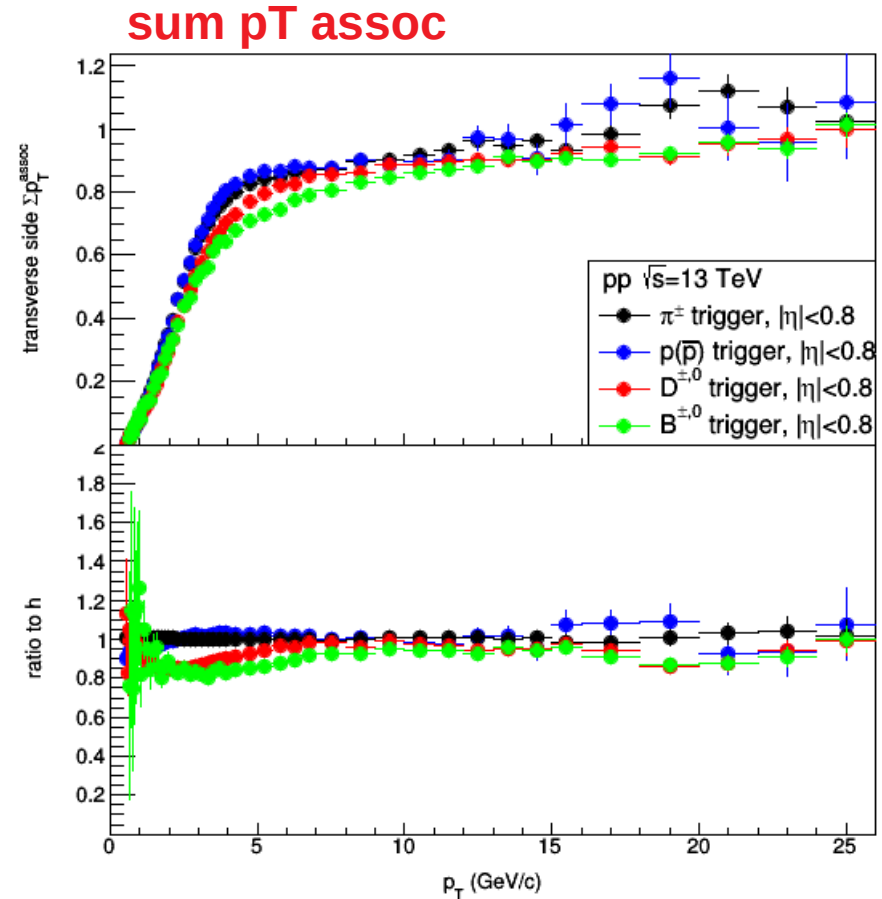
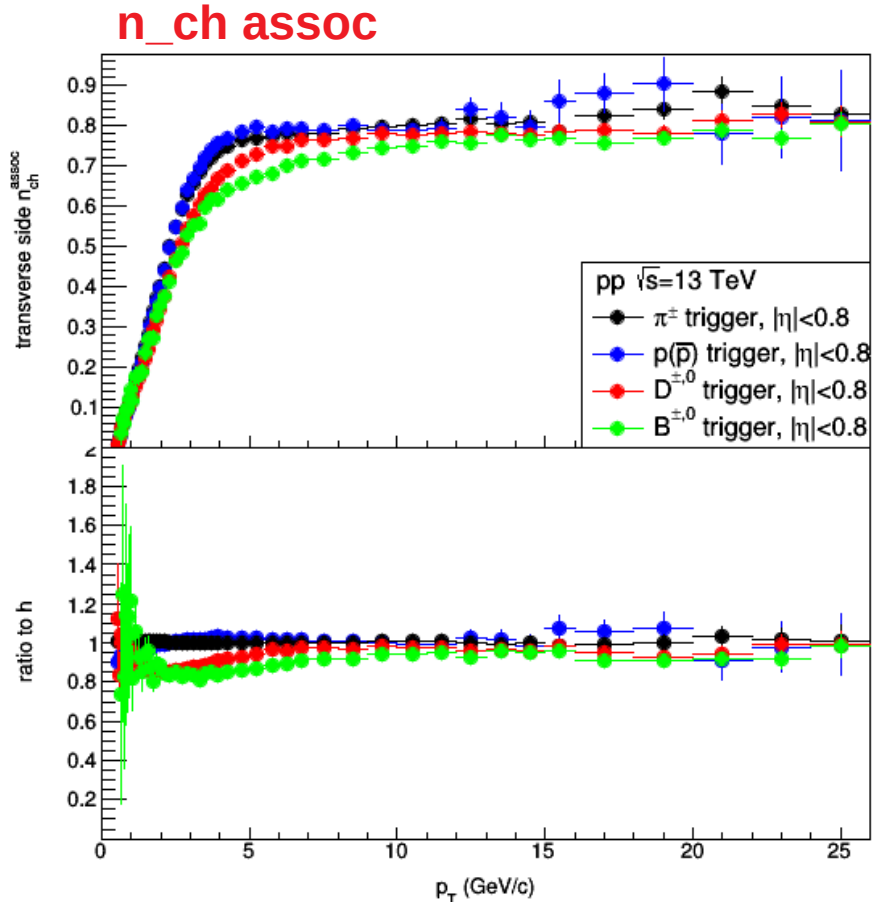
## Summary

- We examined the multiple-parton interactions with identified light and heavy-flavor triggers
- We found that the sum transverse momentum represents well the number of MPI
- Color reconnection causes a characteristic enhancement ("bump") in the semi-soft region, that is different depending on the trigger (has also been seen in LF)
  - According to our analysis, the bump is caused by gluons, but the flavor separation comes from the quarks
  - We found that B mesons can be used as a proxy for quarks, and pions are more representative for gluons



**Thank you for your attention**

# Transverse side: associated charged particle multiplicity vs sum pT

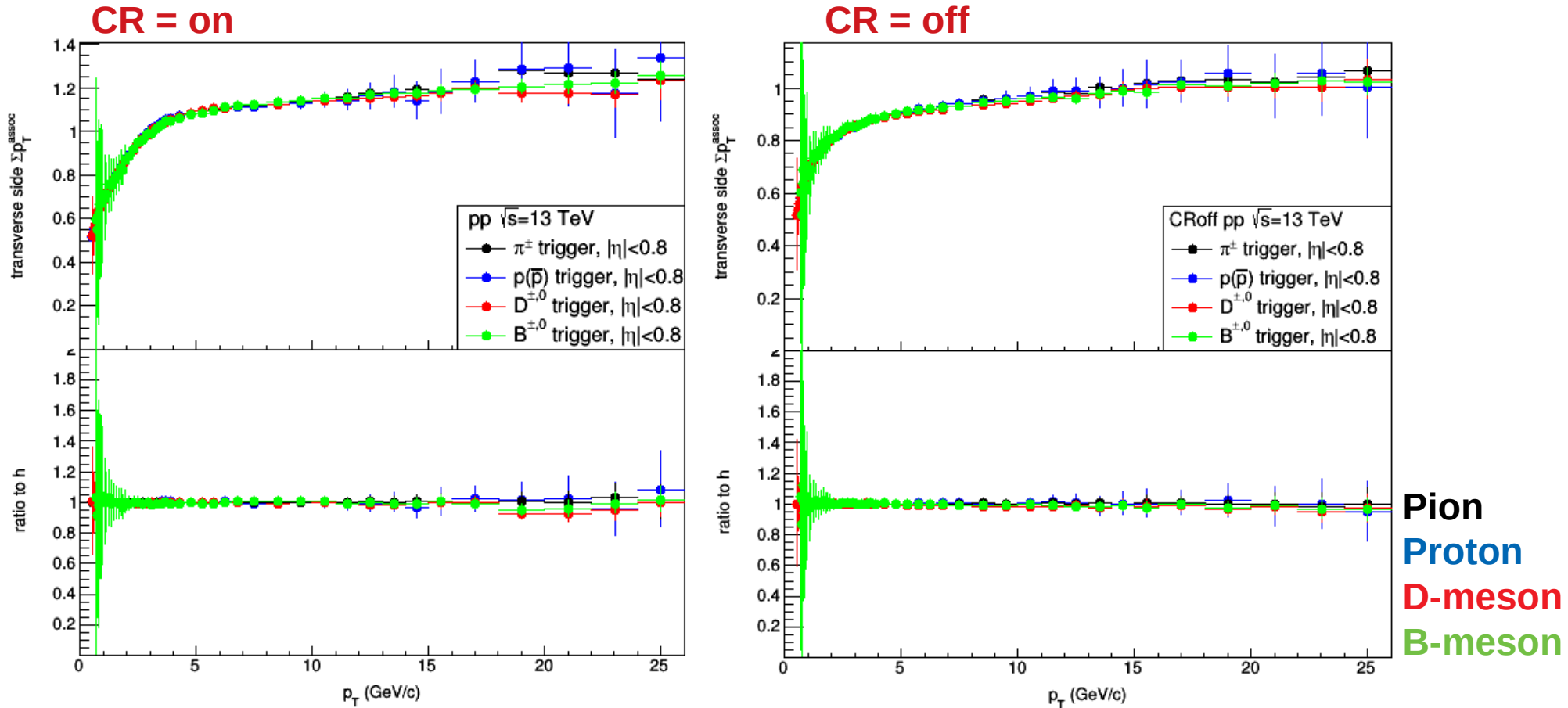


- **Light jets**: quark-initiated and gluon-initiated jets,
- **Heavy-flavor jets**: almost exclusively quark jets (especially at low- $p_T$ )
- makes it possible to disentangle effects associated to quark-initiated and gluon-initiated jets
- **our algorithm**: identifies events based on whether the parton that eventually fragments into the trigger particle is a quark or a gluon

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# Transverse side: $p_T$ Average CR on vs CR off



- **CR = on, CR = off:** there is no differentiation between the curves
- CR = on  $p_T$  average  $>$  CR = off  $p_T$  average
- more particles at the transverse side - less than one particle per the average  $p_T$
- independent of the trigger particle