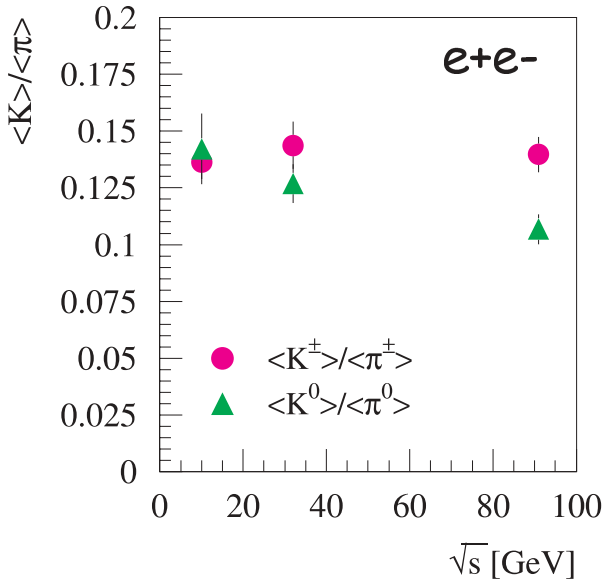
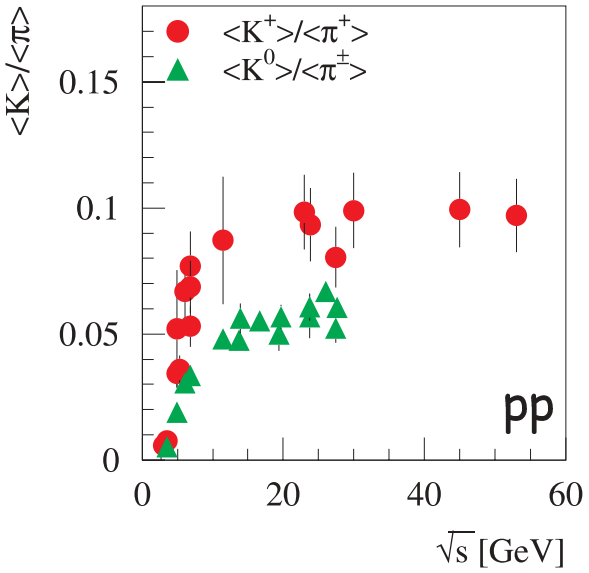
Discussion/ Interpretation

evidence for approximate independence of K/π ratio on collision energy in pp and e+e- collisions (above kaon threshold)





Collision energy is correlated to energy loss of the projectiles/ string excitation:

e+e-	all cm-energy goes into strings
pp	~1/2 of the cm-energy used for particle production

Strangeness enhancement in AA cannot be a trivial result of more energy loss per projectile (stopping) in AA but other features must play a role.