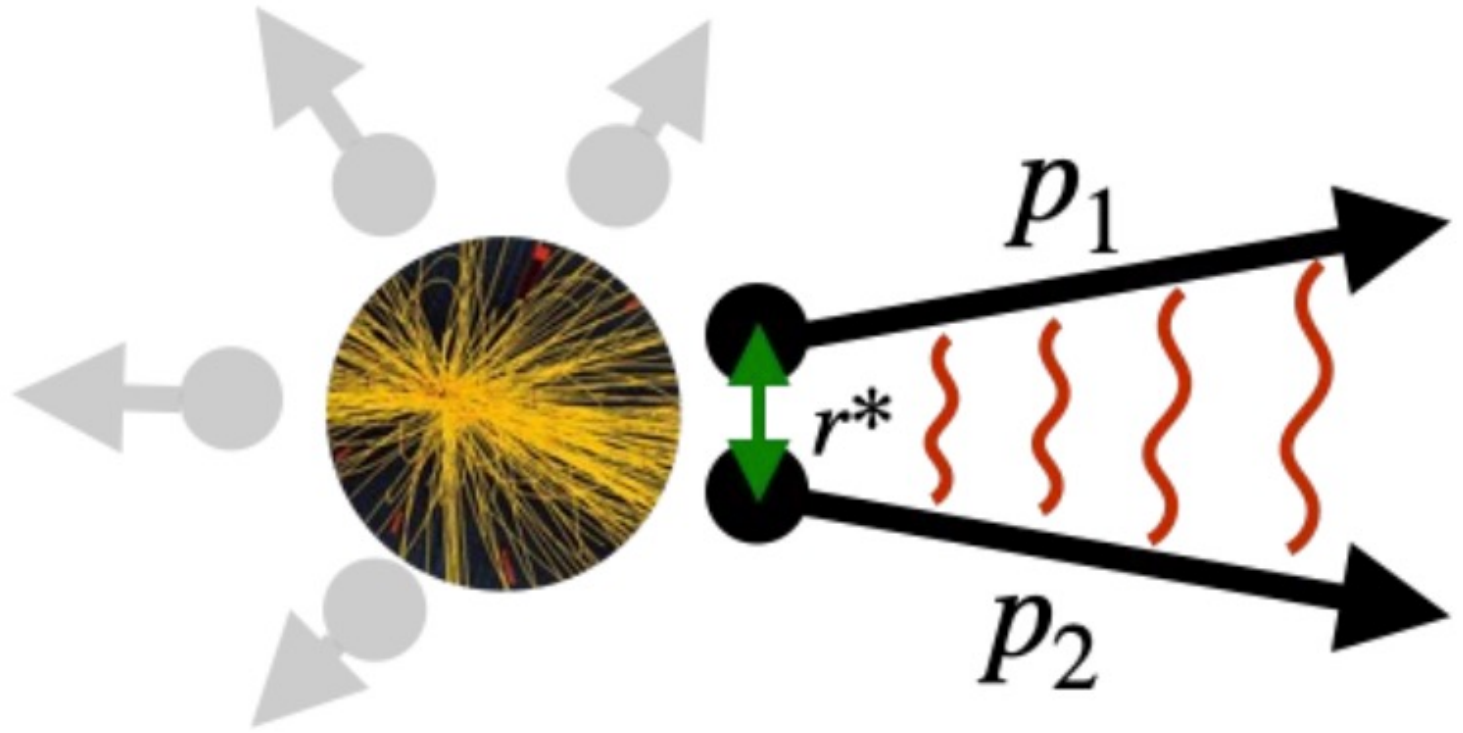


**Correlation function  
constraints on meson-baryon  
interaction from U $\chi$ PT in the  
 $S = - 2$  sector**

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## This talk in few words

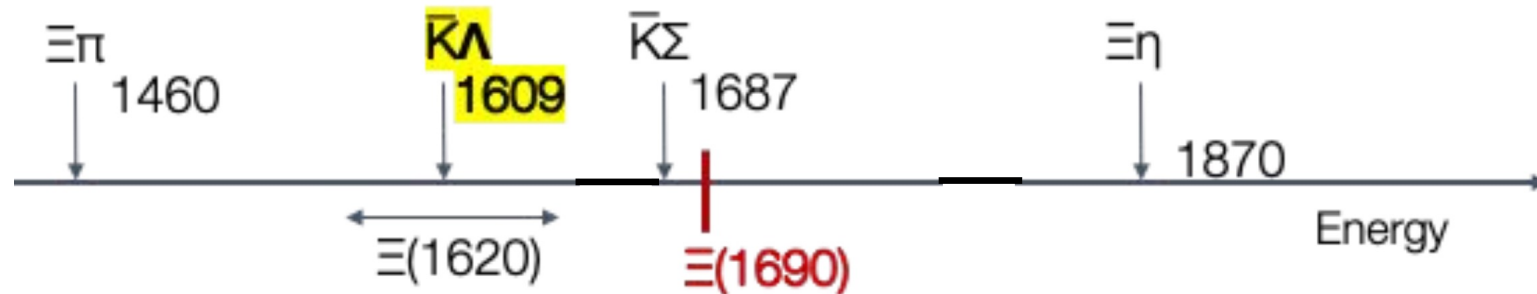
In this work:

- We use for the first time femtoscopic data to constrain the parameters of a low-energy chiral effective QCD Lagrangian
- Particularly, we focus on the strangeness  $S = -2$  meson-baryon interaction sector probed via  $K^- \Lambda$  correlations recently measured in  $pp$  collisions by the ALICE Collaboration
- We provide new insights on the molecular nature of the  $\Xi(1620)$  state

# The $S = -2$ Meson-Baryon Interaction

The lack of scattering data associated to technical experimental difficulties has not allowed to fix the meson-baryon interaction in the strangeness sector  $S = -2$  yet **but** the use of **femtoscopic data** offers an **unprecedented opportunity to fix it**

- This interaction is dominated by the **presence** of the  $\Xi(1620)$  &  $\Xi(1690)$  resonances whose nature and properties cannot be accommodated within the quark model picture, and are still subject to debate
- Similarly to the well known case of the  $\Lambda(1405)$ , whose molecular state nature arises from the coupled dynamics of the  $\pi\Sigma$  &  $\bar{K}\Lambda$  channels, also the  $\Xi(1620)$  &  $\Xi(1690)$  resonances might be dynamically generated from the interplay of several channels, thereby acquiring a molecular nature



# Observation of the $\Xi(1620)$ & $\Xi(1690)$ resonances

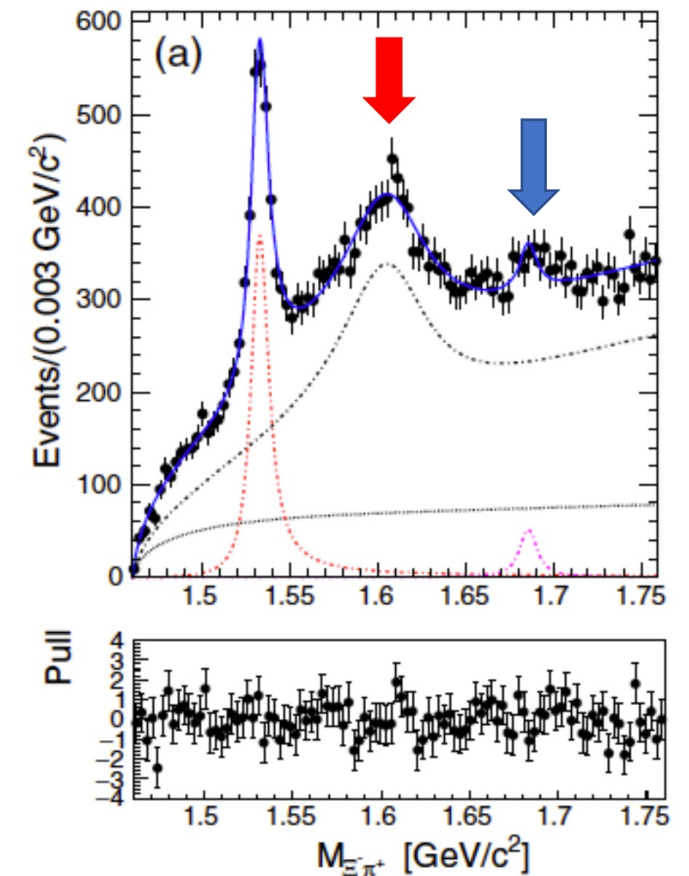
- The first observation of the neutral  $\Xi^0(1620)$  decaying into  $\Xi^- \pi^+$  via the  $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \Xi^-$  process was reported in 2019 by the BELLE collaboration

$$M = 1610.4 \pm 6.0^{+6.1}_{-4.2} \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma = 59.9 \pm 4.8^{+2.8}_{-7.1} \text{ MeV}$$

- ✓ PDG status: \*
- ✓  $J^P = \frac{??}{?}$ . Perhaps  $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-$  as the  $S = -2$  counterpart of  $\Lambda(1405)$

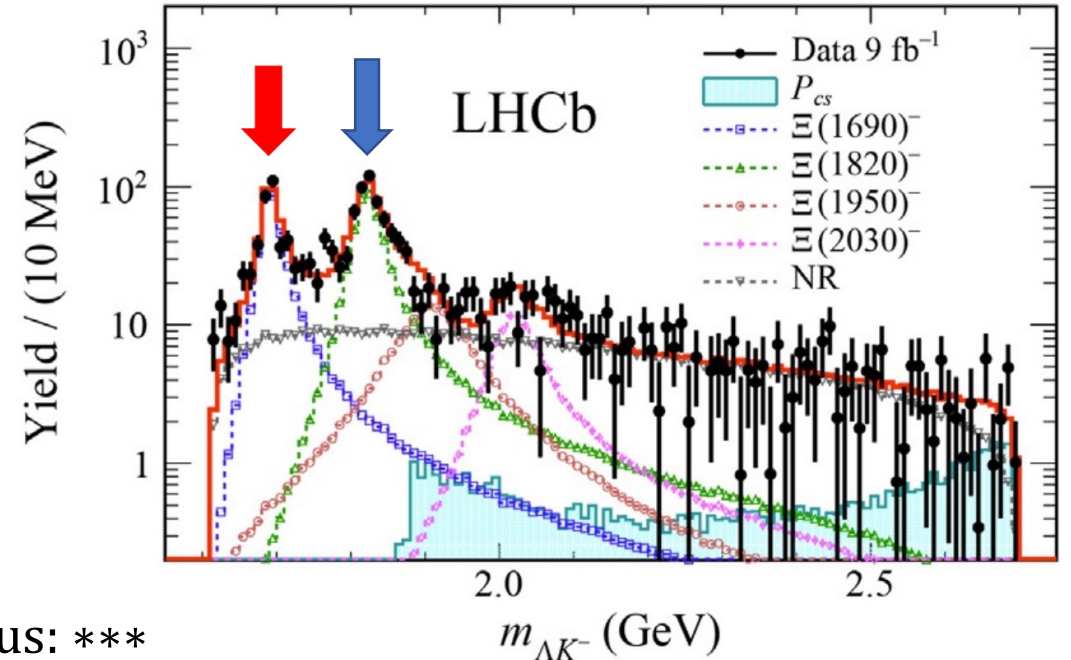
- A  $4\sigma$  evidence of  $\Xi(1690)$  in the same data sample was also reported



# Observation of the $\Xi(1690)$ & $\Xi(1820)$ resonances

R. Aaij et al., Sci, Bull. 66, 1278 (2021)

- A couple of years later the LHCb collaboration reported the observation of **two narrow excited  $\Xi^-$  states in the  $K^- \Lambda$  invariant mass distribution** obtained from the analysis of the  $\Xi_b^- \rightarrow J/\Psi \Lambda K^-$  decay, identifying the peak located at low energy with the  $\Xi^-(1690)$  resonance



$$M = 1692.0 \pm 1.3_{-0.4}^{+1.2} \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma = 25.9 \pm 9.5_{-13.5}^{+14.0} \text{ MeV}$$

✓ PDG status: \*\*\*

✓  $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^+$  from  $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^+ \Xi^-$  decay

B. Aubert et al., PRD 78, 034008 (2008)

- Second peak was identified with the  $\Xi^-(1820)$  resonance

$$M = 1822.7 \pm 1.5_{-0.6}^{+1.0} \text{ MeV} \quad \Gamma = 36.0 \pm 4.4_{-8.2}^{+7.8} \text{ MeV}$$

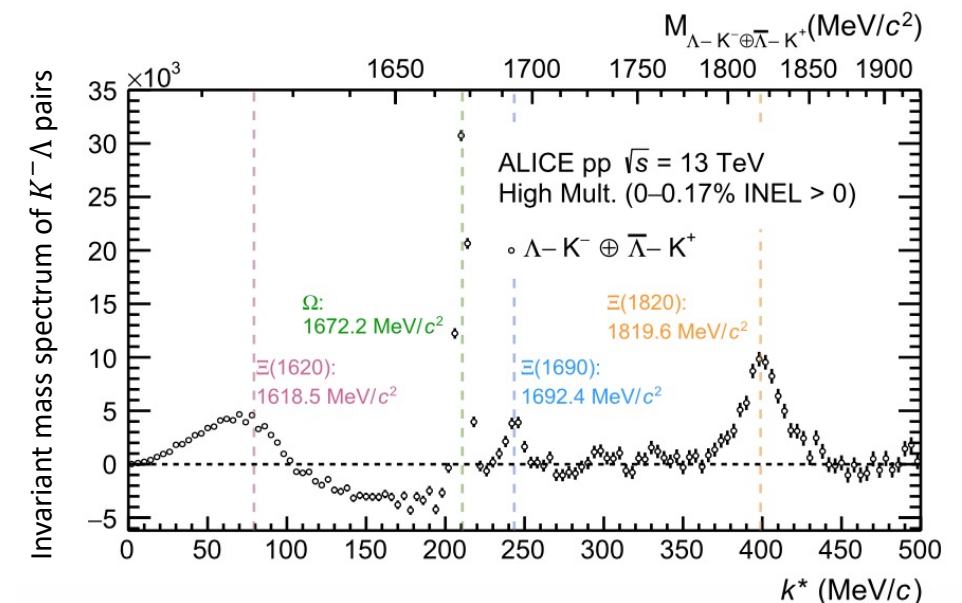
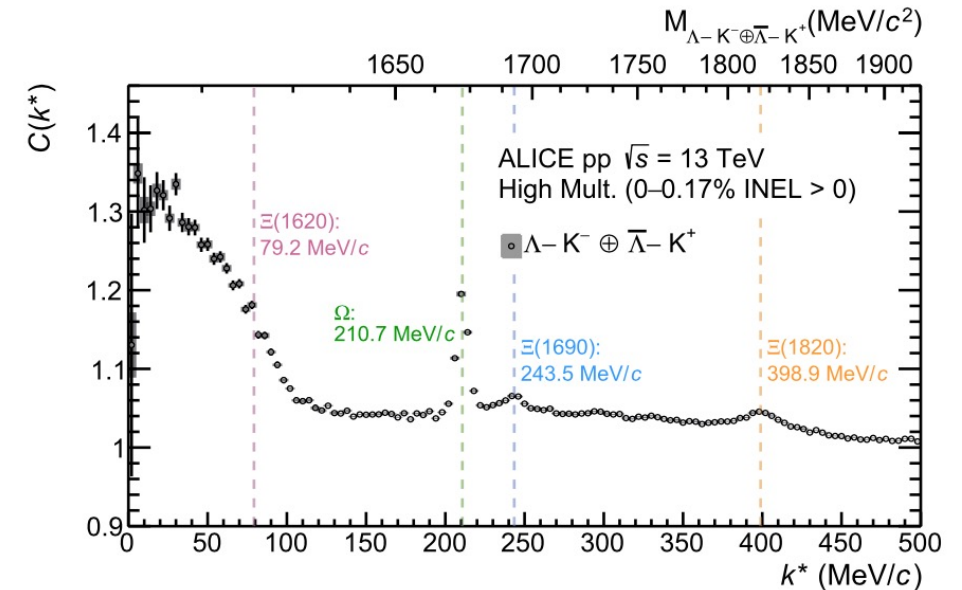
# First experimental observation of the $\Xi(1620)$ decaying into $K^- \Lambda$ pairs

- Very recently the ALICE Collaboration measured the  $K^- \Lambda$  correlation function in  $pp$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV
- This measurement represents nowadays the **most precise data** on the  $S = -2$  meson-baryon interaction and it has provided the **first experimental observation** of the  $\Xi(1620)$  decaying into  $K^- \Lambda$  pairs
- The measured correlation function presents also peak structures compatible with the  $\Omega^-$ , and the strangeness  $S = -2$  states  $\Xi(1690)$  &  $\Xi(1820)$

Unprecedented opportunity to fix the  $S = -2$  meson-baryon interaction

ALICE Collaboration, PLB 845, 138145 (2023)

(see also Dimitar Mihaylov's talk on Monday)



# The $S = -2$ Meson-Baryon Interaction Model

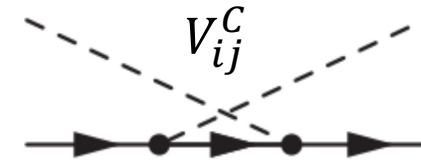
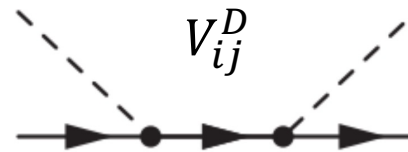
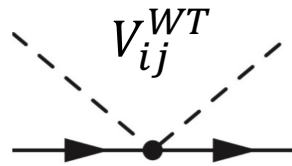
The  $S = -2$  meson-baryon is described by a **chiral effective lagrangian**  $\mathcal{L}_{MB}^{eff} = \mathcal{L}_{MB}^{LO} + \mathcal{L}_{MB}^{NLO}$

- Leading order (LO)

$$\mathcal{L}_{MB}^{LO} = \underbrace{i\langle \bar{B}\gamma_\mu [D^\mu, B] \rangle - M_0 \langle \bar{B}B \rangle}_{\text{Weinberg-Tomozawa term}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}D\langle \bar{B}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5\{u^\mu, B\} \rangle - \frac{1}{2}F\langle \bar{B}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5[u^\mu, B] \rangle}_{\text{Direct \& Exchange Born terms}}$$

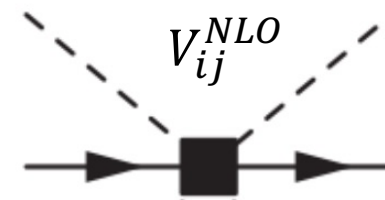
Weinberg-Tomozawa term

Direct & Exchange Born terms



- Next to leading order (NLO) (**novelty of this model**, A. Feijoo et al., PLB 841, 137927 (2023))

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{MB}^{NLO} = & b_D \langle \bar{B}\{\chi_+, B\} \rangle + b_F \langle \bar{B}[\chi_+, B] \rangle + b_0 \langle \bar{B}B \rangle \langle \chi_+\chi \rangle \\ & + d_1 \langle \bar{B}\{u_\mu, [u^\mu, B]\} \rangle + d_2 \langle \bar{B}[u_\mu, [u^\mu, B]] \rangle \\ & + d_3 \langle \bar{B}u_\mu \rangle \langle u^\mu B \rangle + d_4 \langle \bar{B}B \rangle \langle u^\mu u_\mu \rangle \end{aligned}$$



# The $S = -2$ Meson-Baryon Interaction Model

- Total interaction kernel:  $V_{ij} = V_{ij}^{WT} + V_{ij}^D + V_{ij}^C + V_{ij}^{NLO}$

$$V_{ij}^{WT} = -\frac{C_{ij}^{WT}}{4f^2} \mathcal{N}_i \mathcal{N}_i (\sqrt{s} - M_i - M_j) \quad V_{ij}^D = -\sum_{k=1}^8 \frac{C_{ii,k}^{Born} C_{jj,k}^{Born}}{12f^2} \mathcal{N}_i \mathcal{N}_j \frac{(\sqrt{s} - M_i)(\sqrt{s} - M_k)(\sqrt{s} - M_j)}{s - M_k^2}$$

$$V_{ij}^C = \sum_{k=1}^8 \frac{C_{ii,k}^{Born} C_{jj,k}^{Born}}{12f^2} \mathcal{N}_i \mathcal{N}_j \left[ \sqrt{s} + M_k - \frac{(M_i + M_k)(M_j + M_k)}{2(M_i + E_i)(M_j + E_j)} (\sqrt{s} - M_k + M_i + M_j) + \frac{(M_i + M_k)(M_j + M_k)}{4q_i q_j} \right. \\ \left. \times \left[ (\sqrt{s} + M_k - M_i - M_j) - \frac{s + M_k^2 - m_i^2 - m_j^2 - 2E_i E_j}{2(M_i + E_i)(M_j + E_j)} (\sqrt{s} - M_k + M_i + M_j) \right] \ln \frac{s + M_k^2 - m_i^2 - m_j^2 - 2E_i E_j - 2q_i q_j}{s + M_k^2 - m_i^2 - m_j^2 - 2E_i E_j + 2q_i q_j} \right]$$

$$V_{ij}^{NLO} = \frac{1}{f^2} \mathcal{N}_i \mathcal{N}_i \left( D_{ij} - 2 \left( \omega_i \omega_j + \frac{q_i^2 q_j^2}{3(M_i + E_i)(M_j + E_j)} \right) L_{ij} \right)$$

- ✓ Weinberg-Tomozawa coefficients  $C_{ij}^{WT}$  are determined by chiral SU(3) symmetry
- ✓ Born coefficients  $C_{ii,k}^{Born}$  are function of  $D = 0.8, F = 0.46$  (constrained by  $g_A = D + F = 1.26$ )
- ✓ NLO coefficients  $D_{ij}, L_{ij}$  are function of the Lagrangian parameters

$f, b_0, b_D, b_F, d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4$ : determined by fitting the  $K^- \Lambda$  correlation function



# The $S = -2$ Meson-Baryon Interaction Model

- Unitarized scattering amplitudes (**coupled-channel Bethe-Salpeter equation**)

$$T_{ij} = V_{ij} + V_{il}G_lT_{lj} \xrightarrow[\text{system of algebraic equations}]{\text{on-shell factorization approach}} T_{ij} = (1 - V_{il}G_l)^{-1}V_{lj}$$

- ✓ meson-baryon propagator

$$G_l = \frac{2M_l}{(4\pi)^2} \left\{ a_l(\mu) + \ln \frac{M_l^2}{\mu^2} + \frac{m_l^2 - M_l^2 + s}{2s} \ln \frac{m_l^2}{M_l^2} + \frac{q_{cm}}{\sqrt{s}} \ln \frac{(s + 2\sqrt{s}q_{cm})^2 - (M_l^2 - m_l^2)^2}{(s - 2\sqrt{s}q_{cm})^2 - (M_l^2 - m_l^2)^2} \right\}$$

$a_l(\mu)$  : **subtraction constants** (SCs) replace the divergency for the given dimensional regularization scale  $\mu$  taken to be 1 GeV.

Using **isospin symmetry** arguments the number of independent SC is **4** to be **determined aso in the fitting procedure of the  $K^- \Lambda$  correlation function**

$$a_{\pi^- \Xi^0} = a_{\pi^0 \Xi^-} \equiv a_{\pi \Xi}$$

$$a_{K^- \Lambda} \equiv a_{\bar{K} \Lambda}$$

$$a_{K^- \Sigma^0} = a_{\bar{K}^0 \Sigma^-} \equiv a_{\bar{K} \Sigma}$$

$$a_{\eta \Xi^-} \equiv a_{\eta \Xi}$$

# Correlation Function of a Multi-Channel System

In the case of a multi-channel system the **correlation function** of a given observed channel  $i$  (e.g.,  $K^- \Lambda$ ) reads

$$C_i(k^*) = \sum_j \omega_j^{prod} \int d^3 r^* S_j(r^*) |\Psi_{ji}(k^*, r^*)|^2$$

- $\omega_j^{prod}$ : production weights take into account how many  $j$  pairs, produced as initial state, can convert to the measured  $i$  final state

✓ Depend on yields & kinematics: 
$$\omega_j^{prod} = \frac{N_j^{prim}}{N_i^{prim}} = \frac{N_{jA}^{prim} N_{jB}^{prim}}{N_{iA}^{prim} N_{iB}^{prim}}$$

- ✓ Particle abundances estimated from Thermal<sup>1</sup> & Transport<sup>2</sup> models

Channel $j$	$\omega_j^{prod}$
$\Lambda K^-$	1.000
$\pi^- \Xi^0$	$1.536^{+0.005}_{-0.012}$
$\pi^0 \Xi^-$	$1.584^{+0.001}_{-0.006}$
$K^- \Sigma^0$	$0.682^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$
$\bar{K}^0 \Sigma^-$	$0.630^{+0.001}_{-0.004}$
$\eta \Xi^-$	$0.178^{+0.023}_{-0.022}$

<sup>1</sup> V. Vovchenko & H. Stoecker, Comp. Phys. Commun. 244, 295 (2019)

<sup>2</sup> S. Portebouf et al., arXiv:1006.2987

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- $S_j(r^*)$ : emitting source describes the probability of emitting the particle pair  $j$  at a relative distance  $r^*$ . In general it may be different for different channels

$$S_j(r^*) = \Lambda_s \left( \omega G_1^j(r^*) + (1 - \omega) G_2^j(r^*) \right)$$

$$G_k^j(r^*) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi R_k^{j3}}} \exp\left(-\frac{r^{*2}}{4R_k^{j2}}\right), \quad (\mathbf{k} = 1, 2)$$

Channels	$R_1^j$ (fm)	$R_2^j$ (fm)	$\omega$	$\Lambda_s$
$\Lambda K^-, \Sigma \bar{K}$	$1.202^{+0.043}_{-0.042}$	$2.330^{+0.050}_{-0.045}$	$0.7993^{+0.0037}_{-0.0027}$	$0.9806^{+0.0006}_{-0.0008}$
$\pi \Xi$	$1.371^{+0.041}_{-0.040}$	$3.338^{+0.038}_{-0.035}$	$0.7415^{+0.0017}_{-0.0035}$	$0.9806^{+0.0019}_{-0.0013}$
$\eta \Xi^-$	$1.21^{+0.040}_{-0.040}$	$2.28^{+0.040}_{-0.040}$	0.86	$0.988^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$

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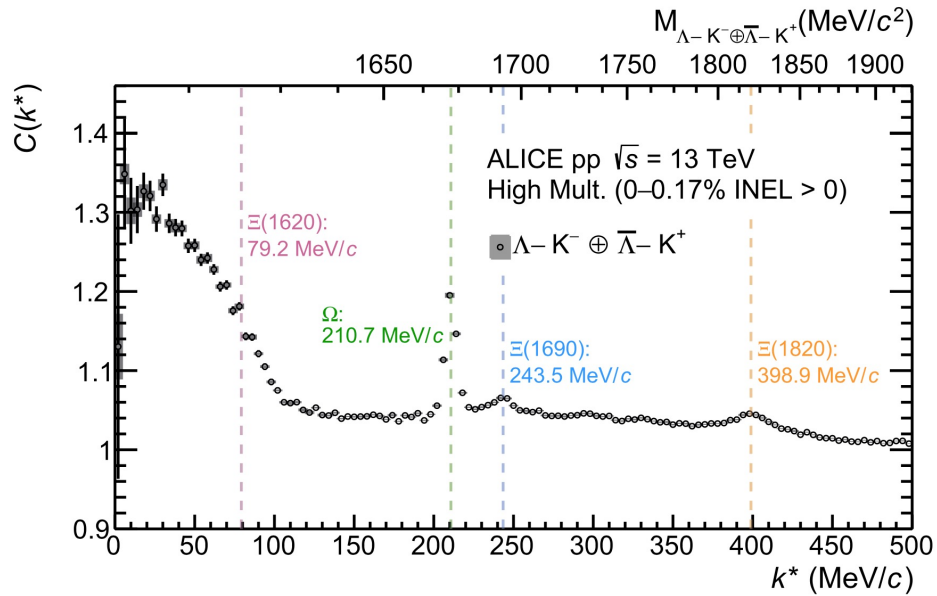
$$C_i(k^*) = \sum_j \omega_j^{prod} \int d^3 r^* S_j(r^*) |\Psi_{ji}(k^*, r^*)|^2$$

- $\Psi_{ji}(k^*, r^*)$ : relative wave function describes the scattering from any initial channel  $j$  to the final observed channel  $i$  & it can be obtained from the **scattering amplitude**  $T_{ji}$  as

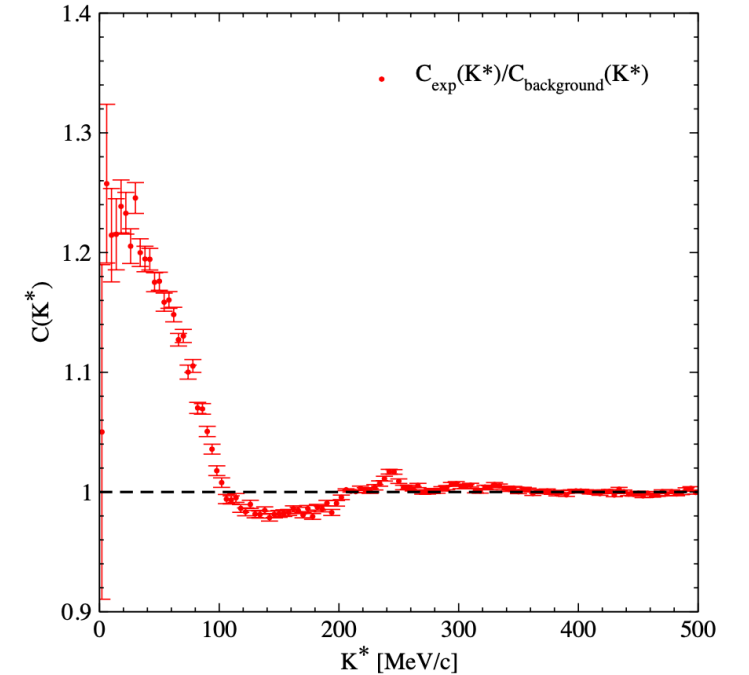
$$\Psi_{ji}(k^*, r^*) = \delta_{ji} j_0(k^* r^*) + \int d^3 q \frac{j_0(q r^*) T_{ji}(E, k^*, q)}{E - E_1^{(j)}(q) - E_2^{(j)}(q) + i\eta}$$

# Fitting the $K^- \Lambda$ Correlation Function

The first step of our fitting procedure is to remove the background in the experimental data



$$C_{K^- \Lambda}^{exp}(k^*) \rightarrow \frac{C_{K^- \Lambda}^{exp}(k^*)}{C_{K^- \Lambda}^{background}(k^*)}$$

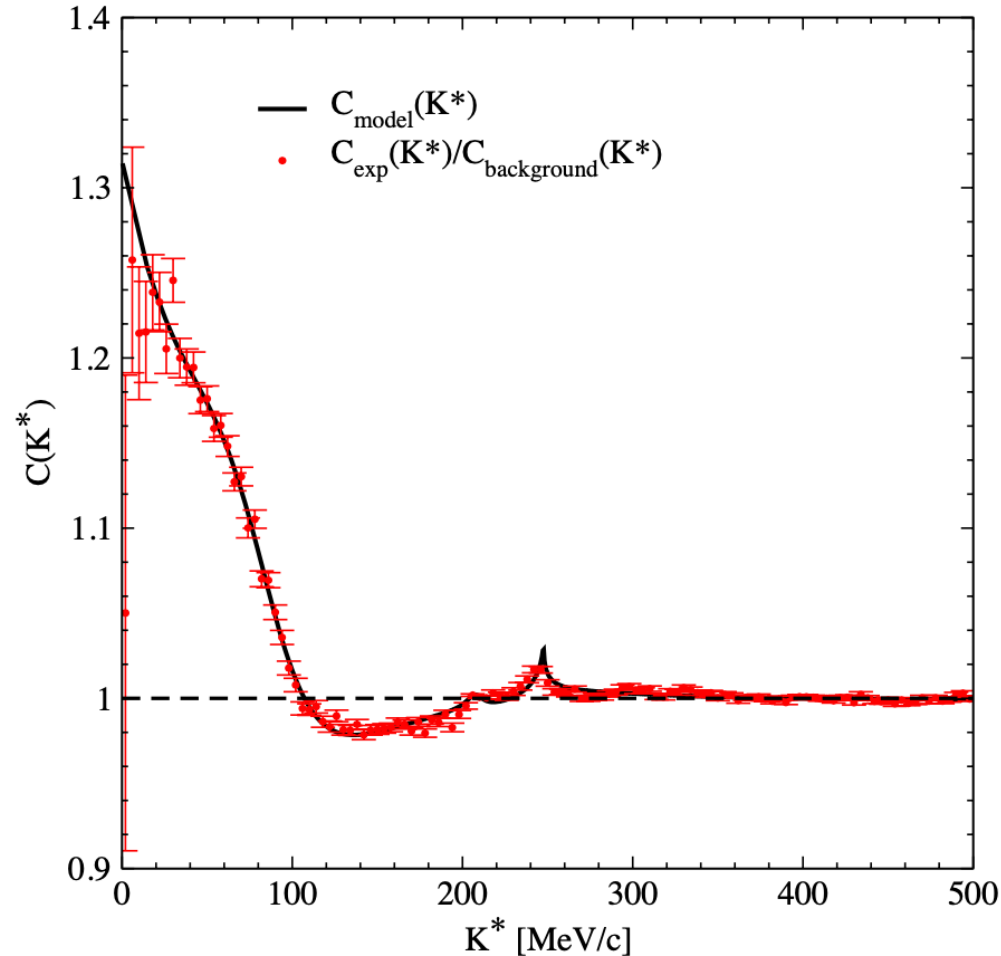


$C_{K^- \Lambda}^{background}(k^*)$  is taken from the experimental analysis performed by the ALICE collaboration

$$C_{K^- \Lambda}^{background}(k^*) = \alpha_{pol3} (1 + bk^{*2} + ck^{*3}) + \alpha_{\Omega} f_G(M_{\Omega}, \sigma_{\Omega}) + \alpha_{\Xi(1820)} f_{BW}(M_{\Xi(1820)}, \Gamma_{\Xi(1820)})$$

# Fitting the $K^- \Lambda$ Correlation Function

$C_{K^- \Lambda}(k^*)$  is then fitted to the experimental data after removing the background contribution

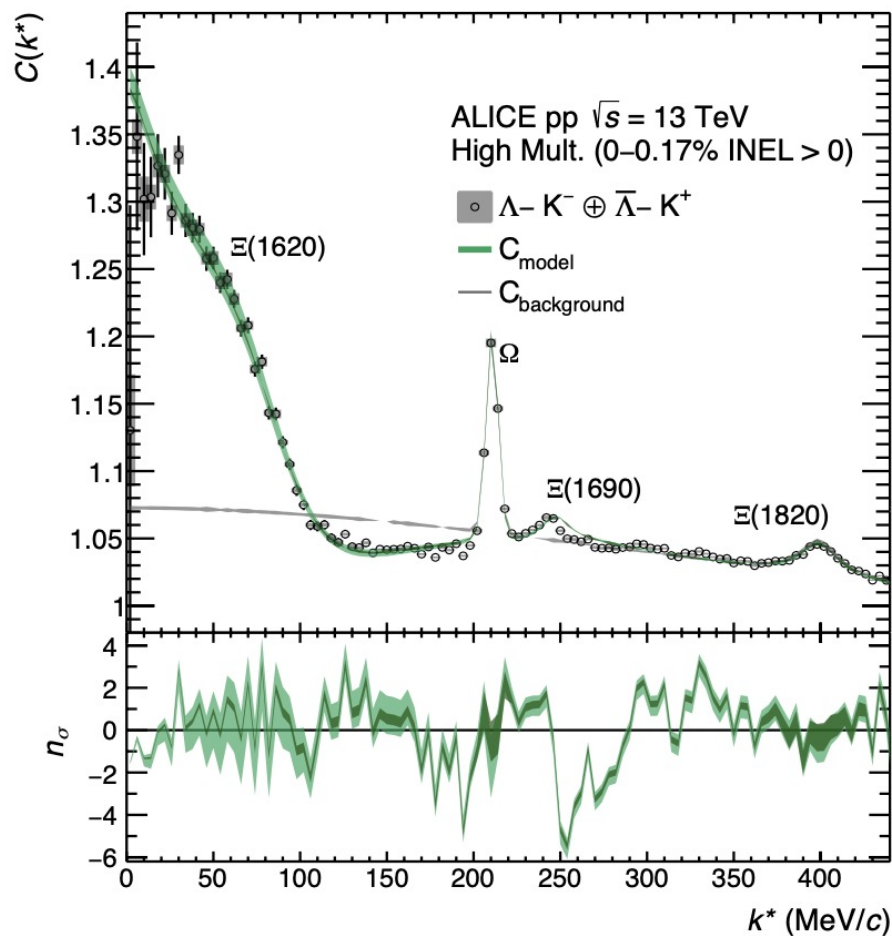


$a_{\Xi\pi}$	$-3.71 \pm 0.17$
$a_{\Lambda\bar{K}}$	$-2.02 \pm 0.14$
$a_{\Sigma\bar{K}}$	$-1.69 \pm 0.05$
$a_{\Xi\eta}$	$-3.93 \pm 0.12$
$f/f_\pi$	$1.001 \pm 0.006$
$b_0$ [GeV $^{-1}$ ]	$-1.13 \pm 0.12$
$b_D$ [GeV $^{-1}$ ]	$0.05 \pm 0.13$
$b_F$ [GeV $^{-1}$ ]	$0.30 \pm 0.07$
$d_1$ [GeV $^{-1}$ ]	$-0.18 \pm 0.03$
$d_2$ [GeV $^{-1}$ ]	$-0.26 \pm 0.02$
$d_3$ [GeV $^{-1}$ ]	$-0.71 \pm 0.09$
$d_4$ [GeV $^{-1}$ ]	$-0.44 \pm 0.01$
$N_D$	$1.0024 \pm 0.0005$

Errors determined with the bootstrap method

# Fitting the $K^- \Lambda$ Correlation Function

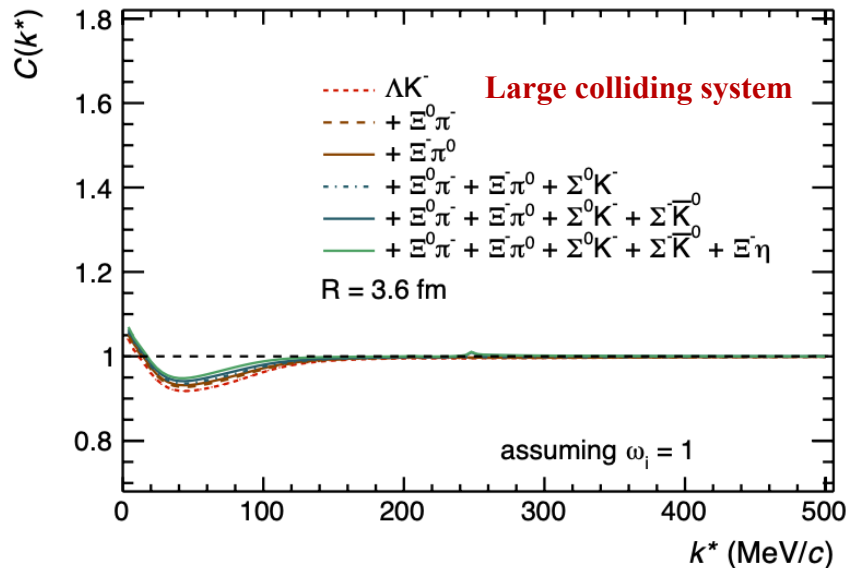
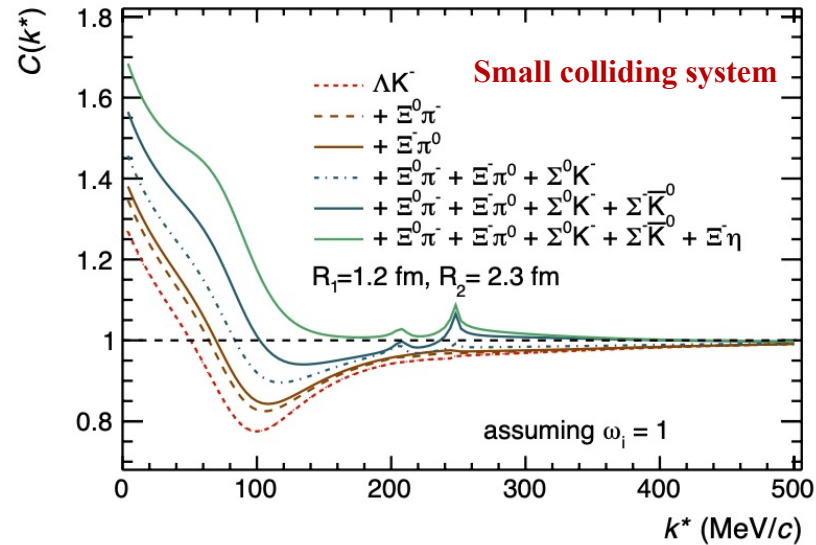
Restablishing the background contribution we can compare the fit with the total experimental  $K^- \Lambda$  correlation function



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# Effect of coupled channels in the $K^- \Lambda$ Correlation Function



All production weights are set equal to 1 to analyze the coupled channel dynamics stemming from the underlying strong interaction

We observe:

- Coupled-channel effects **larger for small colliding systems** where particle pairs are produced at 1 – 2 fm. As source size increase the  $K^- \Lambda$  correlation function is dominated by the elastic contribution  $K^- \Lambda \rightarrow K^- \Lambda$
- Increase of the  $K^- \Lambda$  correlation function when including the contribution of the inelastic channels
  - ✓ Inclusion of  $\pi^- \Xi^0$  and  $\pi^0 \Xi^-$  shift upward it without modifying its momentum dependence
  - ✓ Inclusion of  $K^- \Sigma^0$  and  $\bar{K}^0 \Sigma^-$  channels lead to a modification of the correlation function profile in the region where the  $\Xi(1620)$  and the  $\Xi(1690)$  are located
  - ✓ Inclusion of  $\eta \Xi^-$  leads to an enhancement on these regions



# $\Xi(1620)$ & $\Xi(1690)$ resonances

mass $M$ :	1616.18 MeV	1670.43 MeV		
width $\Gamma$ :	23.03 MeV	7.17 MeV		
Riemann sheet:	(- - - + + +)	(- - - + + +)		
	$ g_i $	$ g_i^2 dG/dE $	$ g_i $	$ g_i^2 dG/dE $
$\pi^- \Xi^0(1454)$	0.50	0.013	0.17	0.0014
$\pi^0 \Xi^-(1456)$	0.33	0.006	0.41	0.0079
$K^- \Lambda(1609)$	0.92	0.155	0.06	0.0003
$K^- \Sigma^0(1686)$	1.24	0.099	2.30	0.836
$\bar{K}^0 \Sigma^-(1695)$	1.51	0.135	1.32	0.215
$\eta \Xi^-(1868)$	2.97	0.243	0.16	0.0009
Experimental $\Xi^*$ :	$\Xi(1620)$ [1]	$\Xi(1690)$ [2]		
mass $M$ :	$1610.4 \pm 6.0_{-3.5}^{+5.9}$ MeV	$1690 \pm 10$ MeV		
width $\Gamma$ :	$59.9 \pm 4.8_{-3.0}^{+2.8}$ MeV	$20 \pm 15$ MeV		

[1] M. Sumihama et al., PRL 122, 072501 (2019)

[2] R. L. Workman et al., PTEP 2022, 083C01 (2022)

- Both poles found in the physically relevant Riemann sheet

Close to a pole  $T_{ij} \sim \frac{g_i g_j}{\sqrt{s} - z_p}$ ,  $M = \text{Re}(z_p)$ ,  $\Gamma = -2\text{Im}(z_p)$

- Masses & Widths compatible with experimental data (key role of Born & NLO terms)
- The strong coupling of  $\Xi(1620)$  to  $\bar{K}\Sigma$ , &  $\eta\Xi$  channels reveals a **change of paradigm in the interpretation as a molecular state** of this resonance
  - ✓ All former works:  $\pi\Xi - \bar{K}\Lambda$  molecule with non-negligible coupling to the  $\bar{K}\Sigma$  channel
  - ✓ This work:  $\bar{K}\Sigma - \eta\Xi$  mixture
- $\Xi(1690)$  located  $\sim 20$  MeV below the experimental value &  $\sim 16$  MeV below the  $K^- \Sigma^0$  threshold, reducing the possibility of decaying to it & leading to a **reduction of its width** w.r.t. that found in previous works

# The final message of this talk



- We have **used** for the first time **femtoscopic data** to **constraint** the parameters of a low-energy chiral effective QCD Lagrangian
- Particularly, we have focused on the strangeness  $S = -2$  meson-baryon interaction sector using as experimental constraints the  **$K^- \Lambda$  correlation function** recently measured in  $pp$  collisions by the ALICE Collaboration
- We have then used the interaction model to study the  $\Xi(1620)$  &  $\Xi(1690)$  states finding:
  - ✓ Masses & widths compatible experimental data
  - ✓ **Change of paradigm in the molecular state interpretation of  $\Xi(1620)$**  which would be a  $\bar{K}\Sigma - \eta\Xi$  mixture rather than a  $\pi\Xi - \bar{K}\Lambda$  one predicted by previous works

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THANK YOU!



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