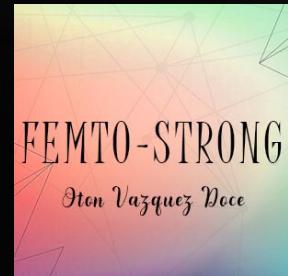


# Measurements of hadronic interactions enter a new era

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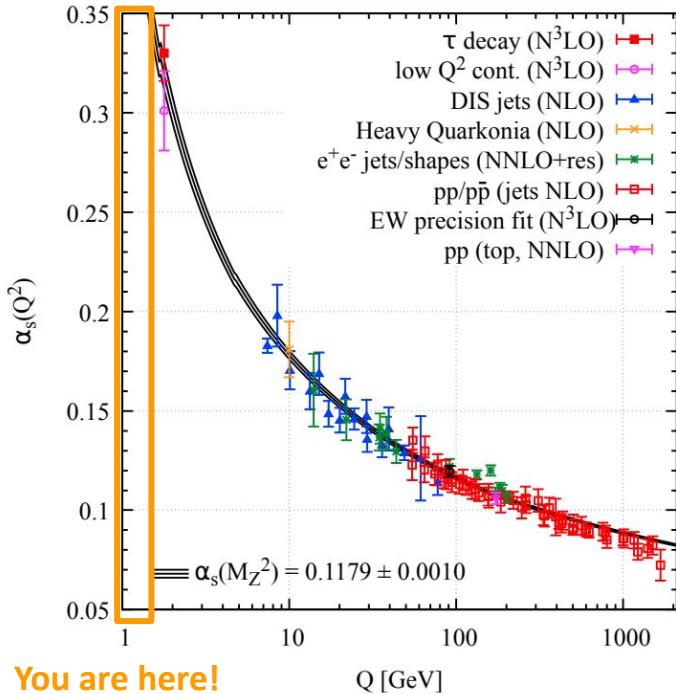
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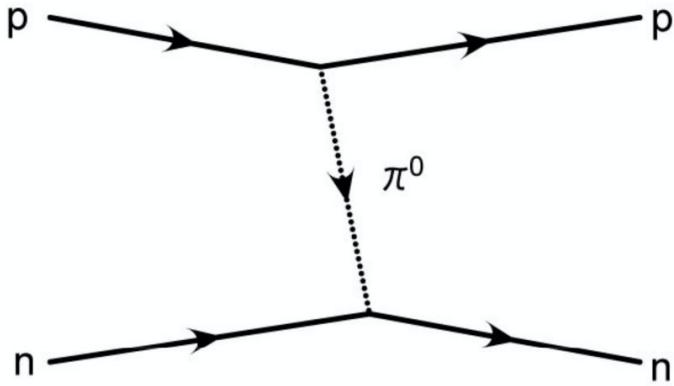


Running coupling constant defines the boundaries of “Low energy QCD”

- $Q \sim 1 \text{ GeV}, R \sim 1 \text{ fm}$
- Perturbative methods not applicable

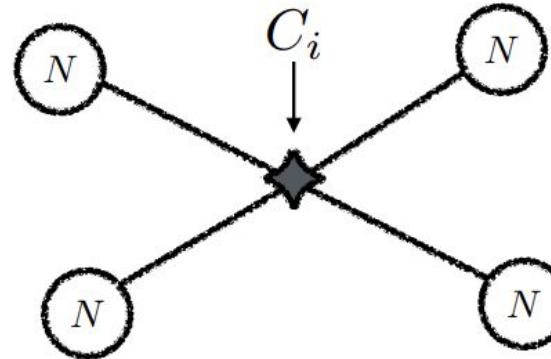
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$$\mathcal{L}_{EFT}[\pi, N, \dots; m_\pi, m_N, \dots, C_i]$$

Effective theories (EFT)

- Hadrons as degrees of freedom
- Low-energy EFT coefficients constraint by data

## Parameter fixing by chiral SU(3) dynamical approaches for antiK-N interaction

- Going to NLO (N<sup>2</sup>LO?), s+p waves  $\Rightarrow$  more parameters to be fixed (by data)

- Next to leading order (NLO), just considering the **contact term**

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$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\phi B}^{(2)} = & b_D \langle \bar{B} \{\chi_+, B\} \rangle + b_F \langle \bar{B} [\chi_+, B] \rangle + b_0 \langle \bar{B} B \rangle \langle \chi_+ \rangle + d_1 \langle \bar{B} \{u_\mu, [u^\mu, B]\} \rangle \\ & + d_2 \langle \bar{B} [u_\mu, [u^\mu, B]] \rangle + d_3 \langle \bar{B} u_\mu \rangle \langle u^\mu B \rangle + d_4 \langle \bar{B} B \rangle \langle u^\mu u_\mu \rangle \\ & \left. \begin{array}{l} -\frac{g_1}{8M_N^2} \langle \bar{B} \{u_\mu, [u_\nu, \{D^\mu, D^\nu\} B]\} \rangle - \frac{g_2}{8M_N^2} \langle \bar{B} [u_\mu, [u_\nu, \{D^\mu, D^\nu\} B]] \rangle \\ -\frac{g_3}{8M_N^2} \langle \bar{B} u_\mu \rangle \langle [u_\nu, \{D^\mu, D^\nu\} B] \rangle - \frac{g_4}{8M_N^2} \langle \bar{B} \{D^\mu, D^\nu\} B \rangle \langle u_\mu u_\nu \rangle \\ -\frac{h_1}{4} \langle \bar{B} [\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu] B u_\mu u_\nu \rangle - \frac{h_2}{4} \langle \bar{B} [\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu] u_\mu [u_\nu, B] \rangle - \frac{h_3}{4} \langle \bar{B} [\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu] u_\mu \{u_\nu, B\} \rangle \\ -\frac{h_4}{4} \langle \bar{B} [\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu] u_\mu \rangle \langle u_\nu, B \rangle + h.c. \end{array} \right\} \\ & \text{New terms taken into account}\end{aligned}$$

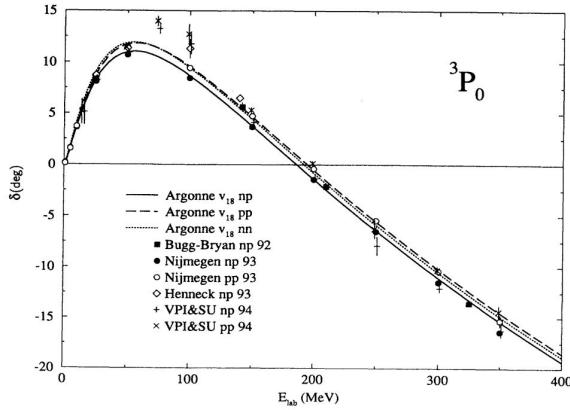
- $b_0, b_D, b_F, d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4, g_1, g_2, g_4, h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4$  are not well established, so they should be treated as parameters of the model!

# Hadron-hadron interactions (with strangeness)



**S=0**

$NN \rightarrow NN$



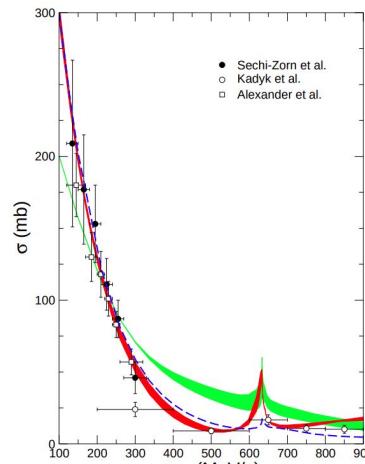
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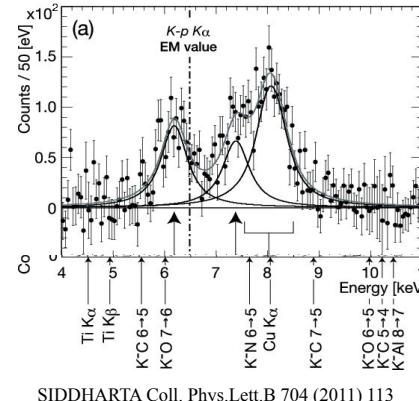
Experimental data

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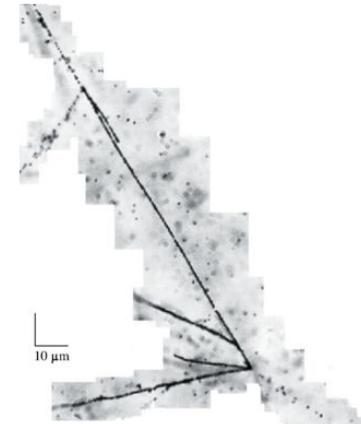
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Kaonic atoms



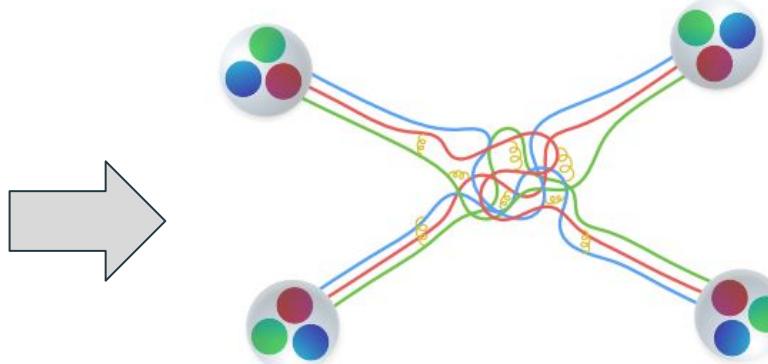
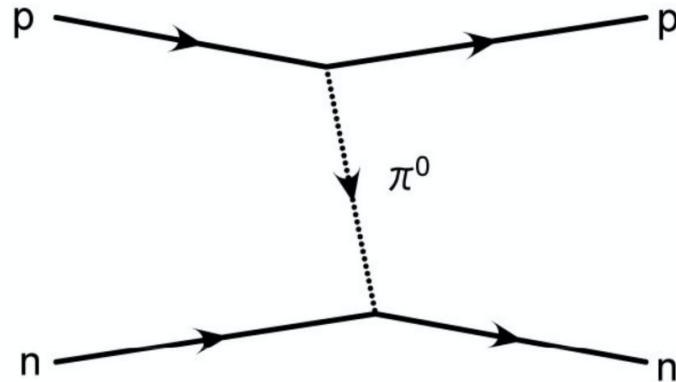
$\Lambda\Lambda, \Xi$  hypernuclei



KISO event: K. Nakazawa et al., Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. 2015, 033D02  
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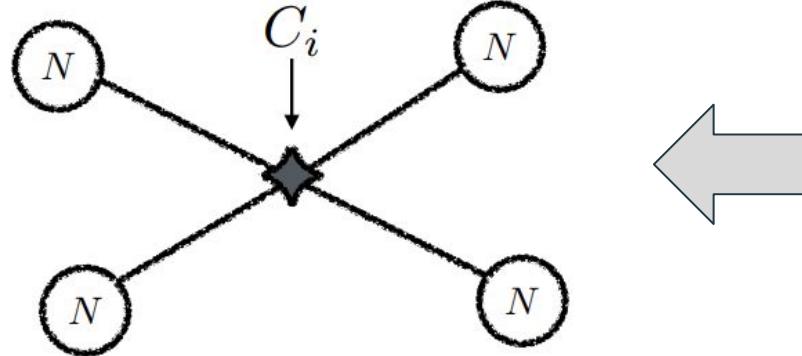
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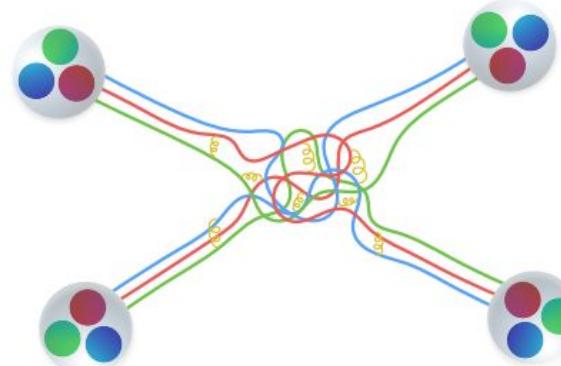
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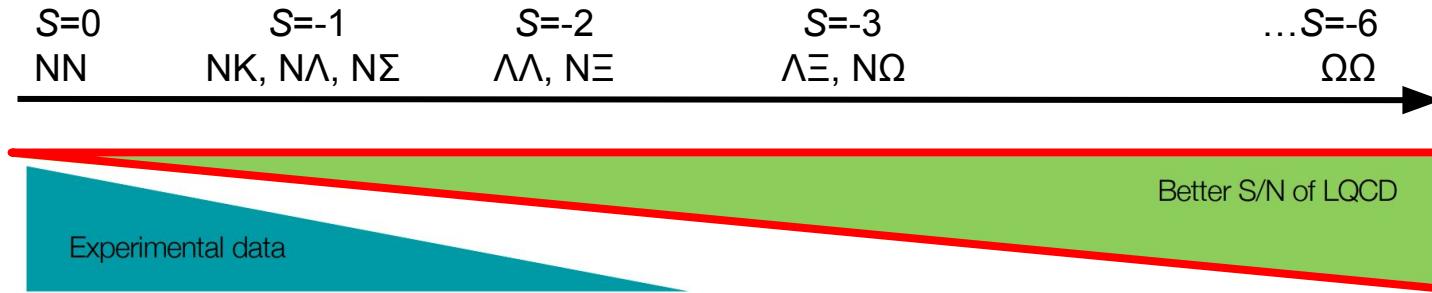
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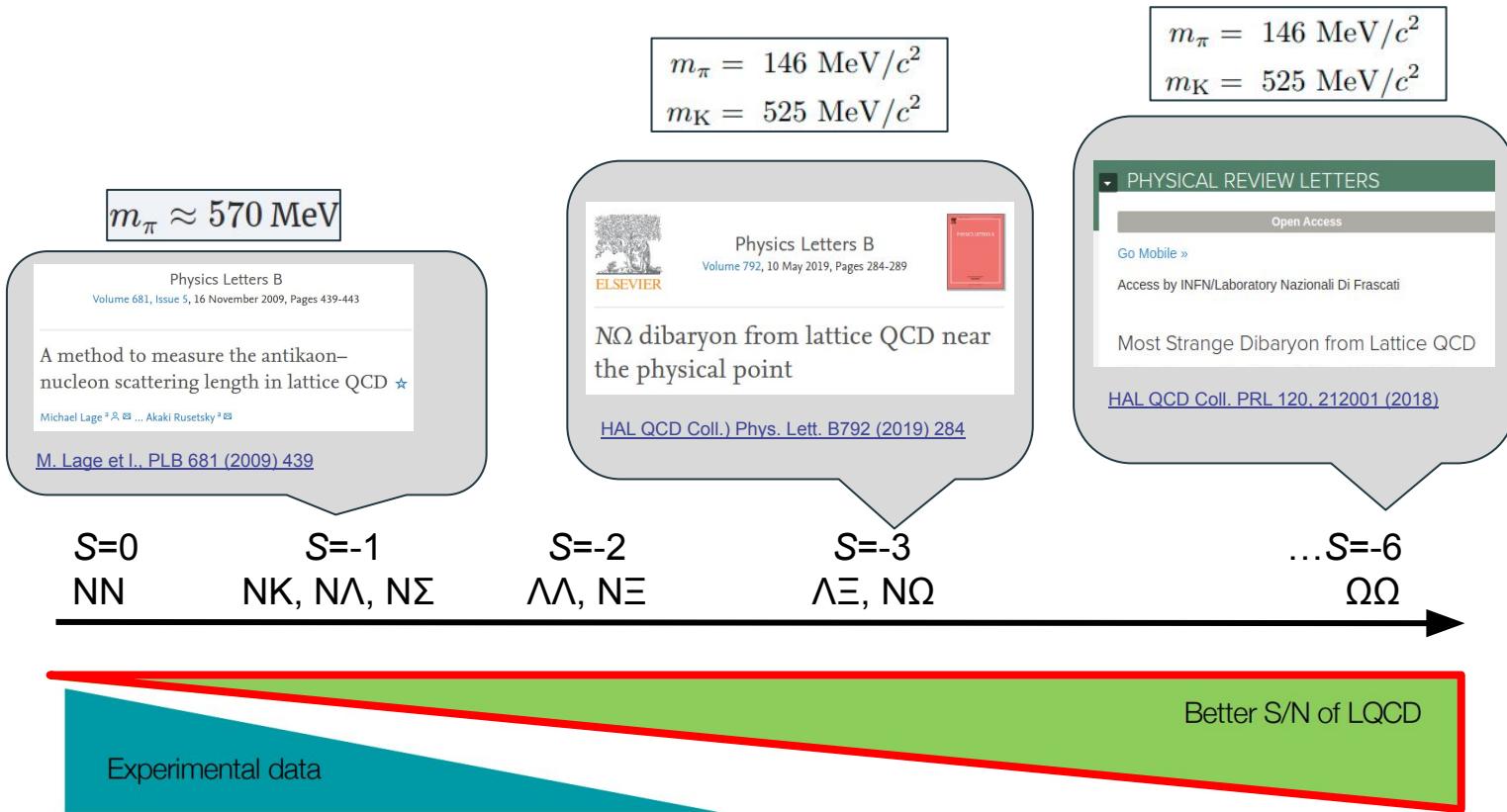
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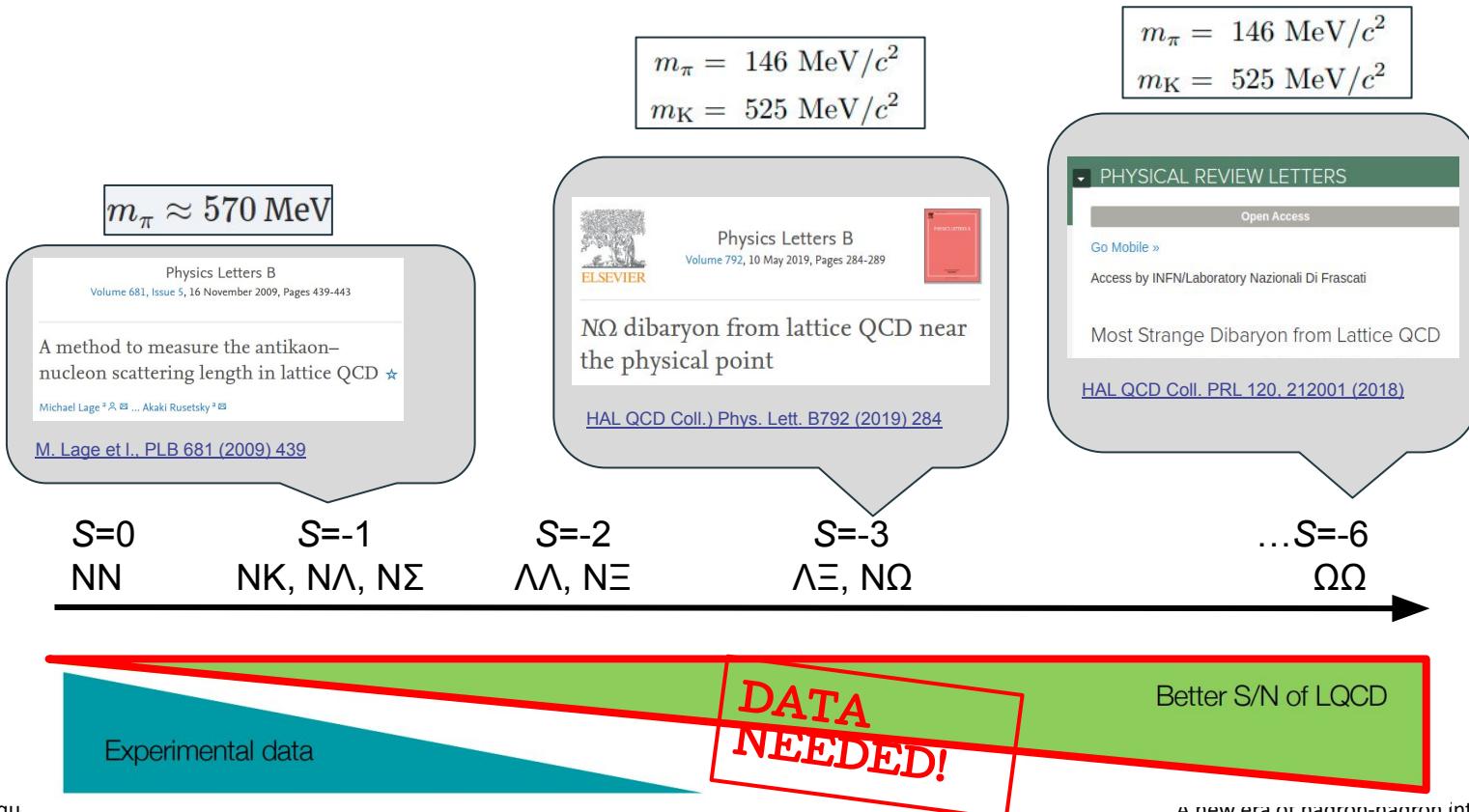
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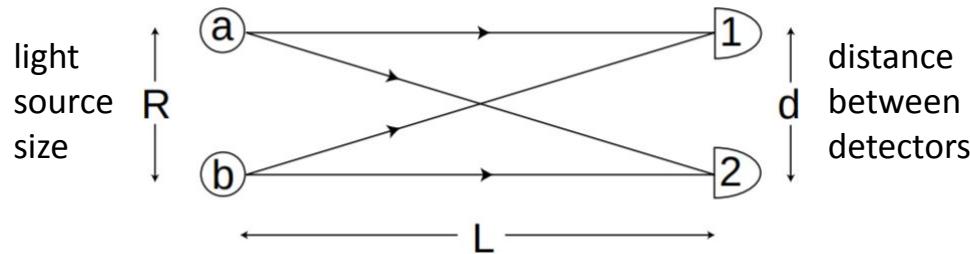


# Femtoscopy

# Femtoscopy method in nuclear collisions

Method defined by HBT interferometry

- based in the **measurement of the correlation function**  $C(\vec{d}) = \frac{\langle I_1 I_2 \rangle}{\langle I_1 \rangle \langle I_2 \rangle}$



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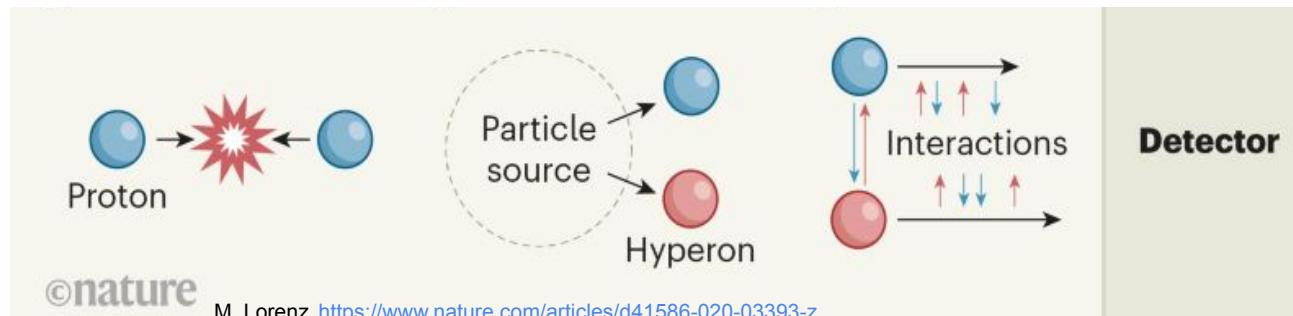
## ⇒ Application to Heavy Ion Collisions

### Measurement of the particle source

- based on the correlation function of two particles emitted in the collision

$$C(\vec{p}_a, \vec{p}_b) = \frac{P(\vec{p}_a, \vec{p}_b)}{P(\vec{p}_a)P(\vec{p}_b)}$$

## ⇒ Application to Small Systems

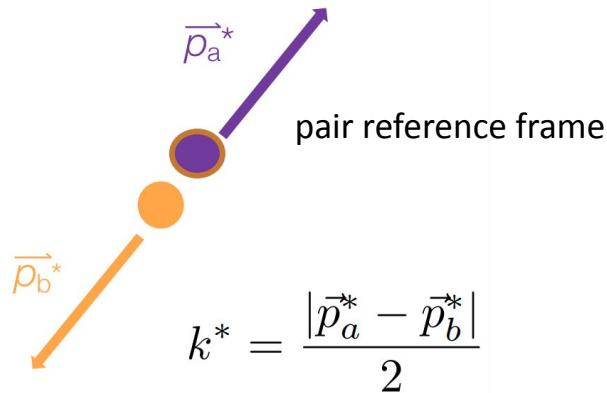


# Experimental correlation function

Experimentally:

$$C(k^*) = \xi(k^*) \otimes \frac{N_{\text{same}}(k^*)}{N_{\text{mixed}}(k^*)}$$

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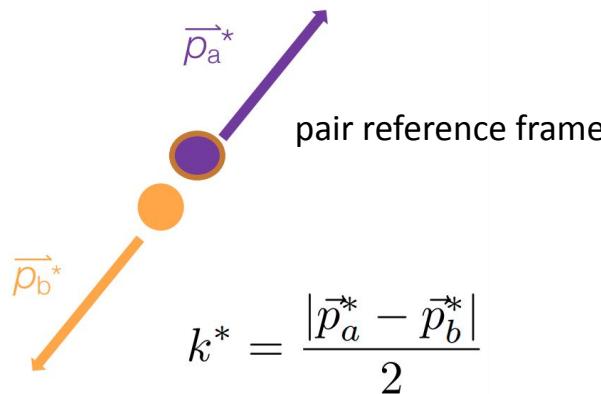
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- Normalization
- Resolution effects
- **Residual correlations**

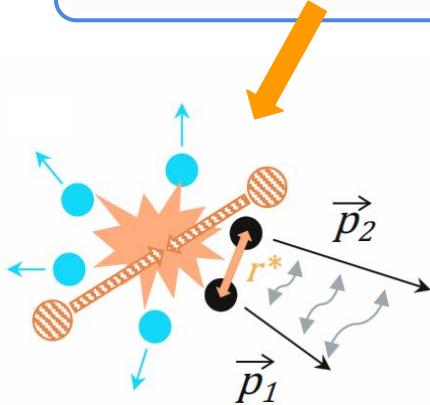


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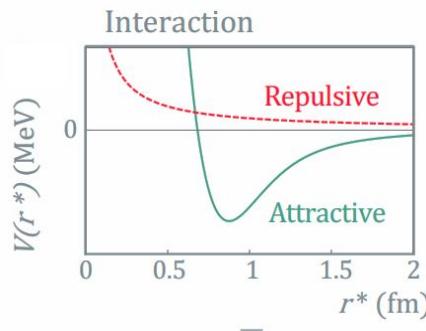
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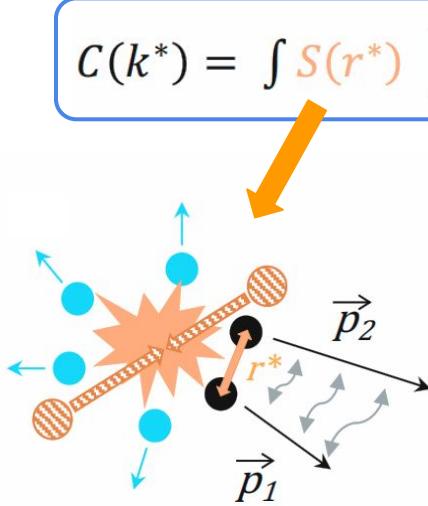
Interaction  
Schrödinger equation

Two-particle wave function

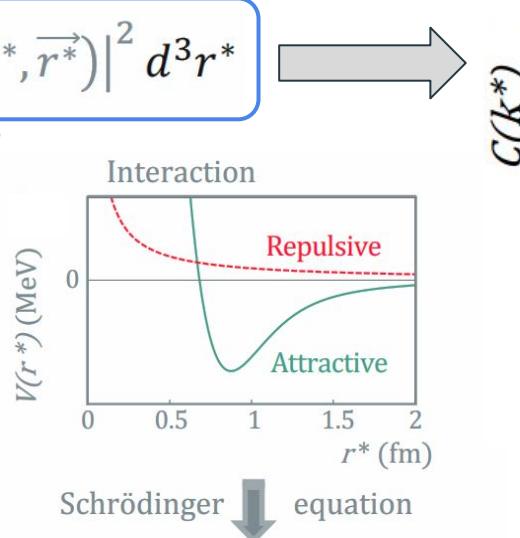
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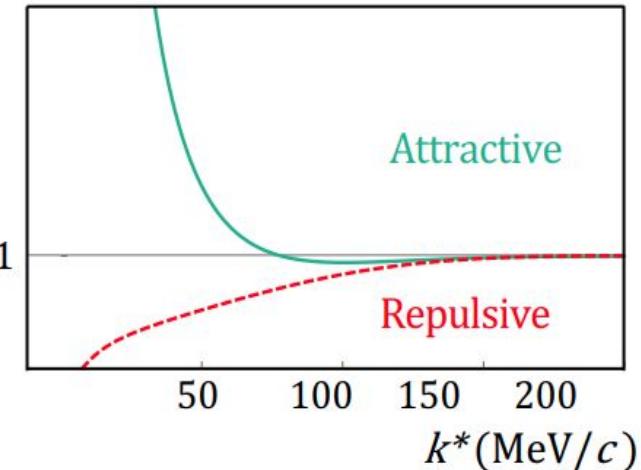


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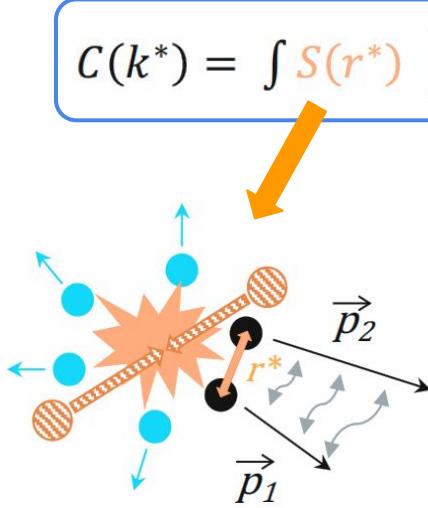


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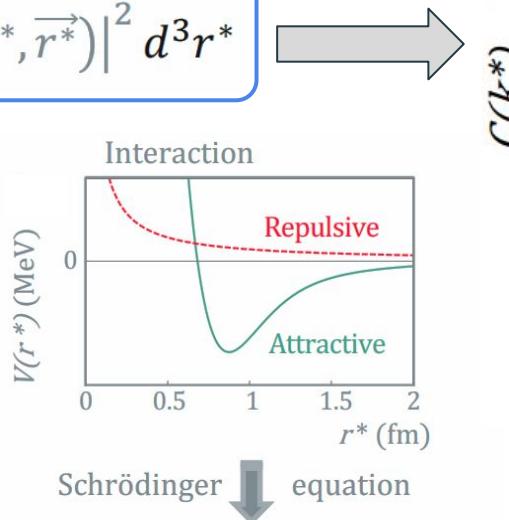
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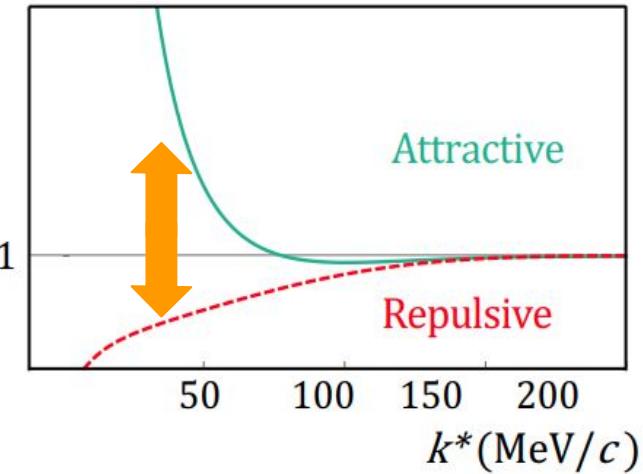


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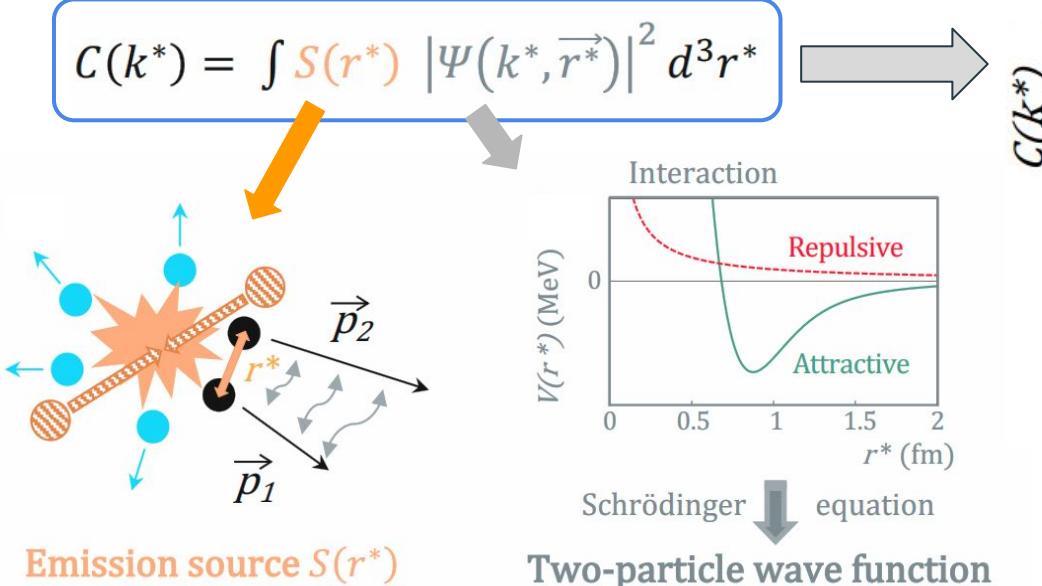


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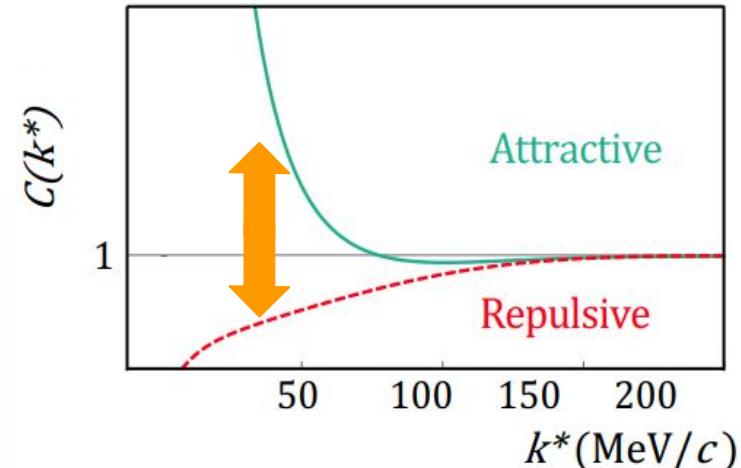
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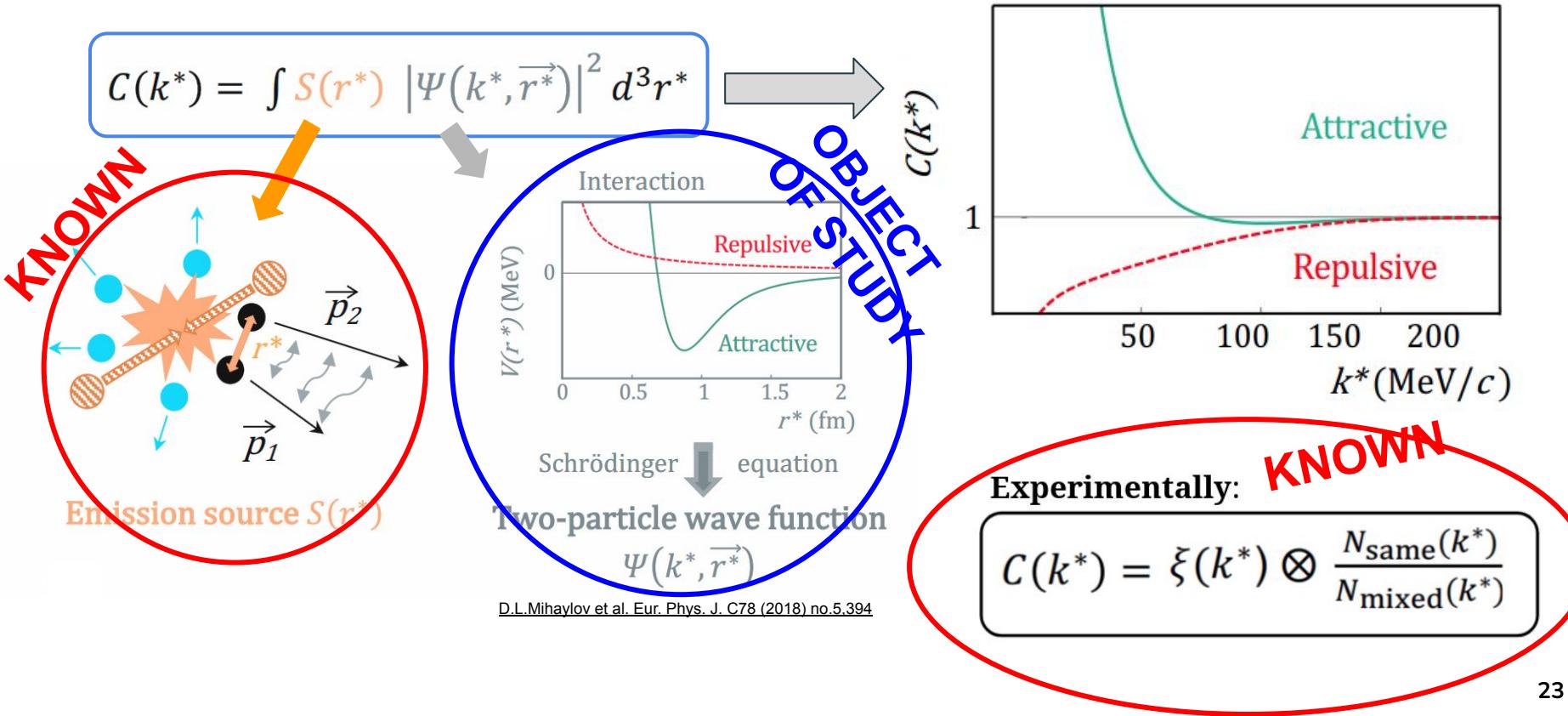
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# Femtoscopy method in small systems

“Traditional” femtoscopy analyses in Heavy Ions Collisions:

Study pairs of particles with “known” interaction

⇒ Determine the characteristics of the source (sizes 3-10 fm)

“Non-traditional” femtoscopy

⇒ Study the **interaction** given a **known source**

Applied to small collision systems ~1fm

# Femtoscopy in small systems with ALICE

# Femtoscopy at the LHC with ALICE

LHC



**Small collision systems:**

- pp  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV

⇒ size of particle  
source  $\sim 1$  fm

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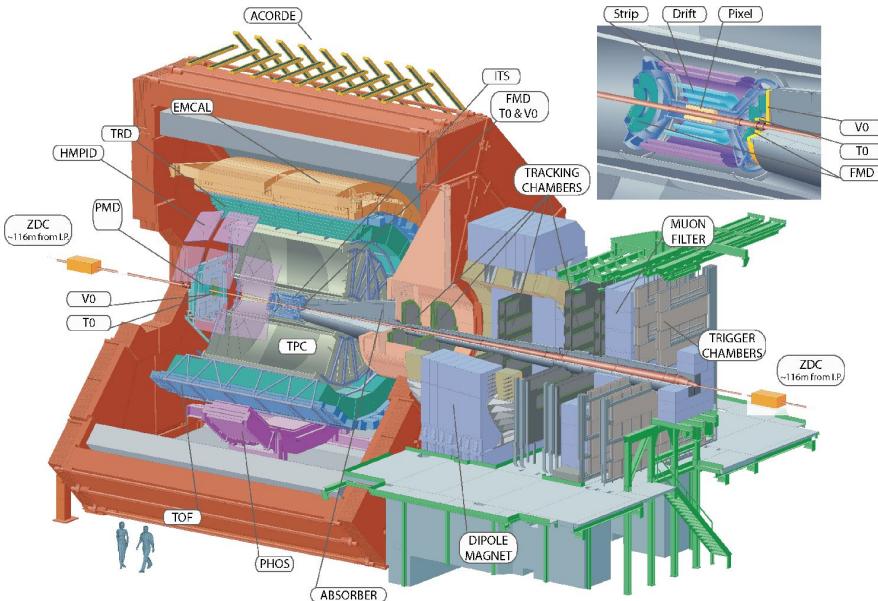
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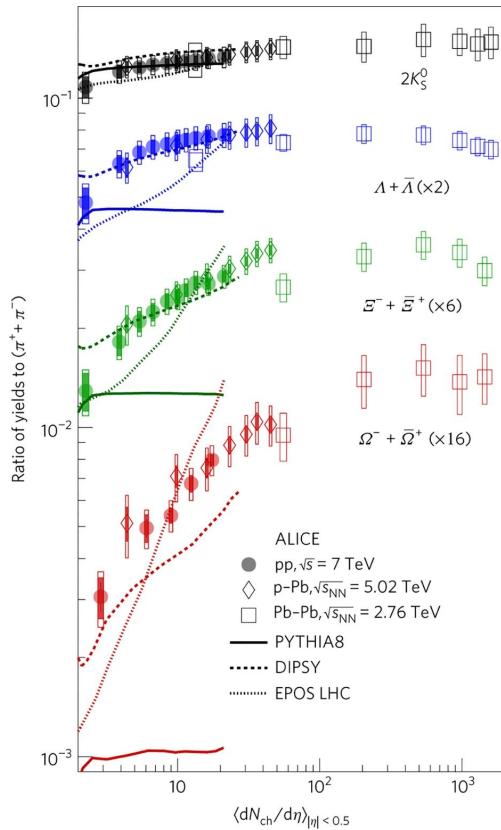
ALICE in Run 1 & 2

Central barrel tracking and PID:

- Reconstruction of charged particles: p,  $\pi$ , K.
- **Hyperon reconstruction** through weak decays  
 $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi$ ,  $\Xi \rightarrow \Lambda\pi$ ,  $\Omega \rightarrow \Lambda K$



# ALICE High-Multiplicity pp data

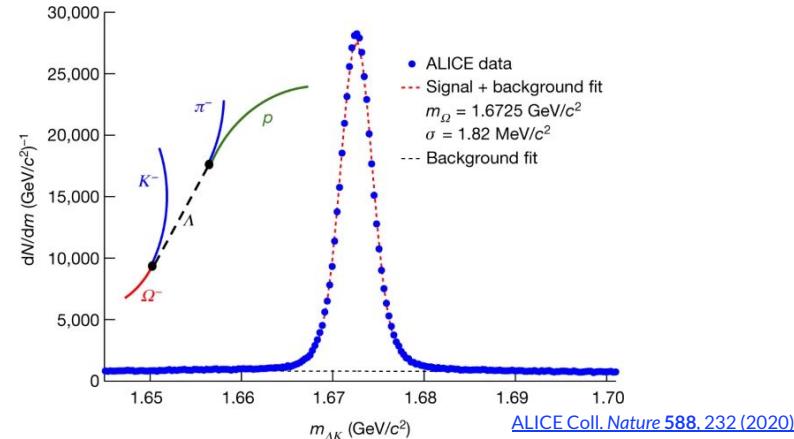


## Data sample:

- pp 13 TeV (1000 M **high multiplicity** events)

## Tracking and PID:

- Hyperon reconstruction with purities >95%

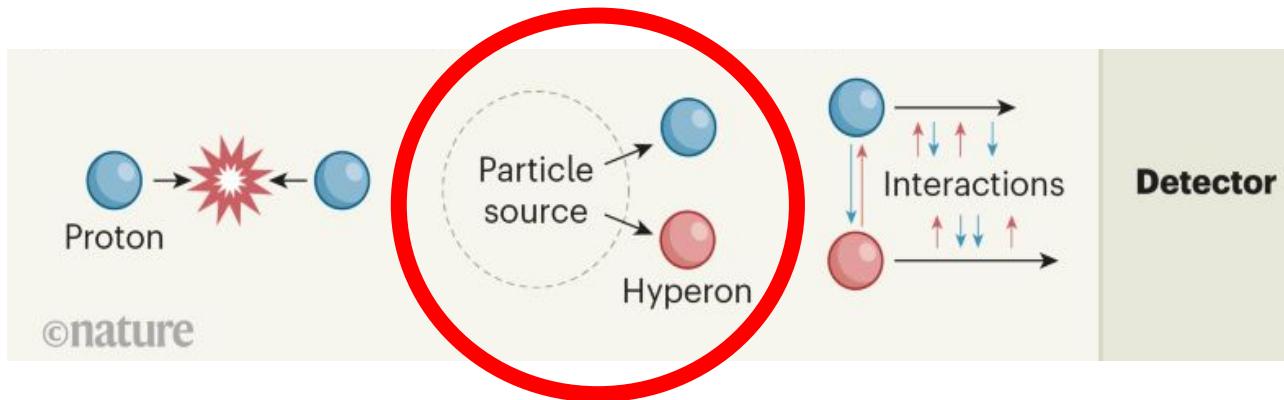


ALICE Coll. *Nature* 588, 232 (2020)

⇒ Enhanced strangeness production!

Nature Physics volume 13, 535–539(2017)

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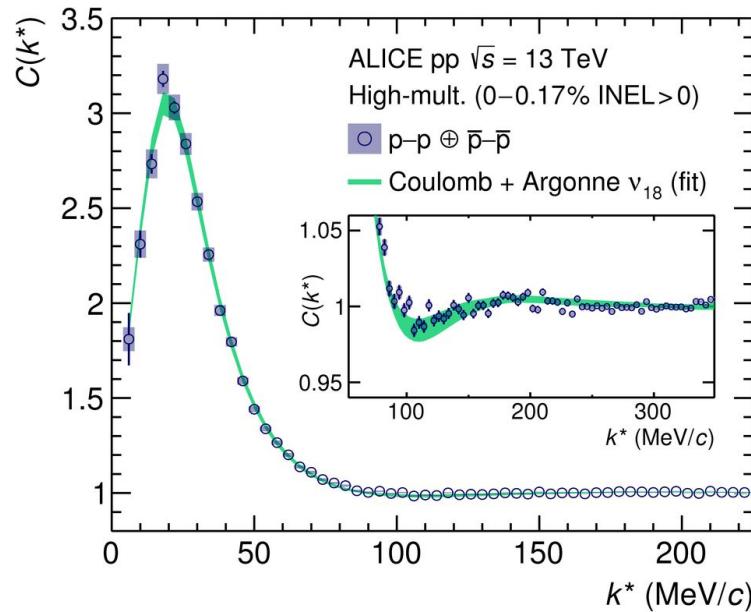
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⇒ Fit of the radius of the source of p-p pairs in p-p collisions.

The source size (gaussian width)  
here is the only fit parameter

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Determine gaussian “core” radius as a function of pair  $\langle m_T \rangle$

- Common to all hadron-hadron pairs



**Effect of strong short-lived resonances**  
Adds exponential tail to the source profile  
→ Angular distributions from EPOS

Input:

→ Production fraction/lifetimes (Statistical Hadronization Model)

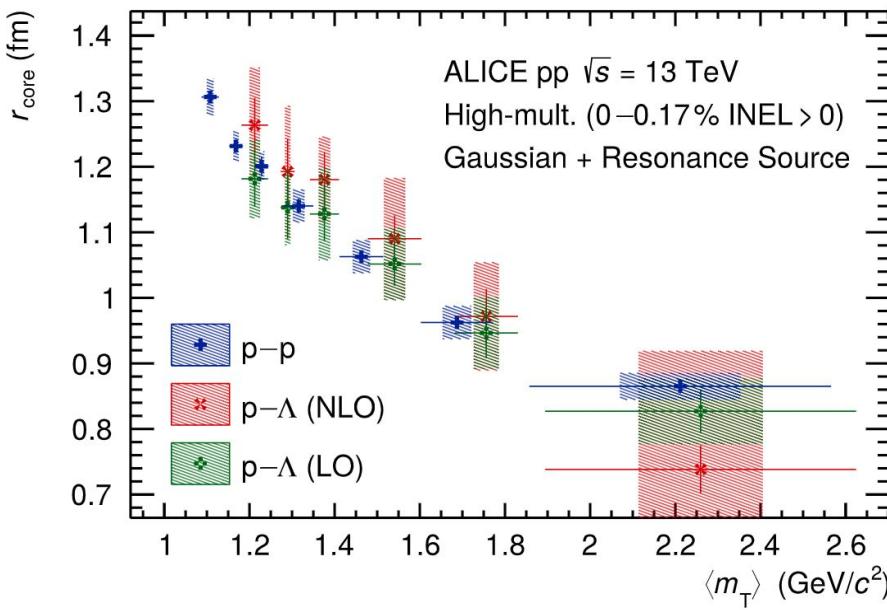
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T. Pierog et al.m PRC 92 (2015) 3, 034906

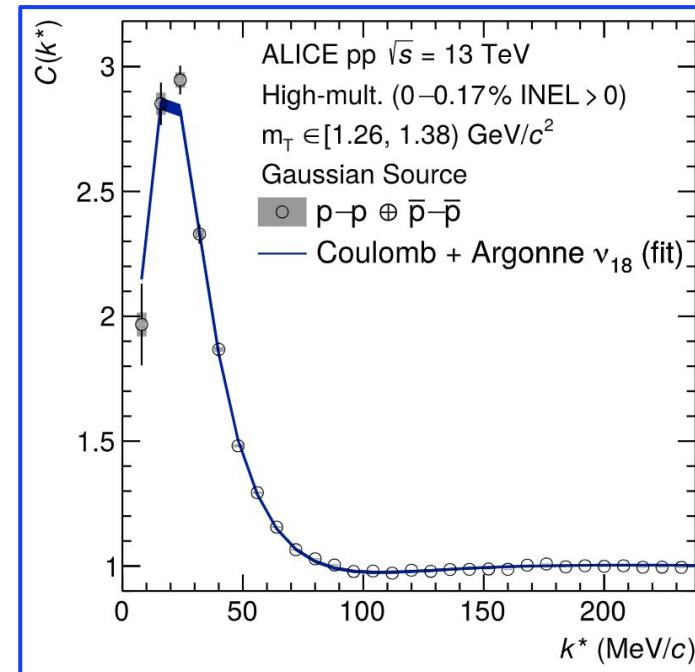
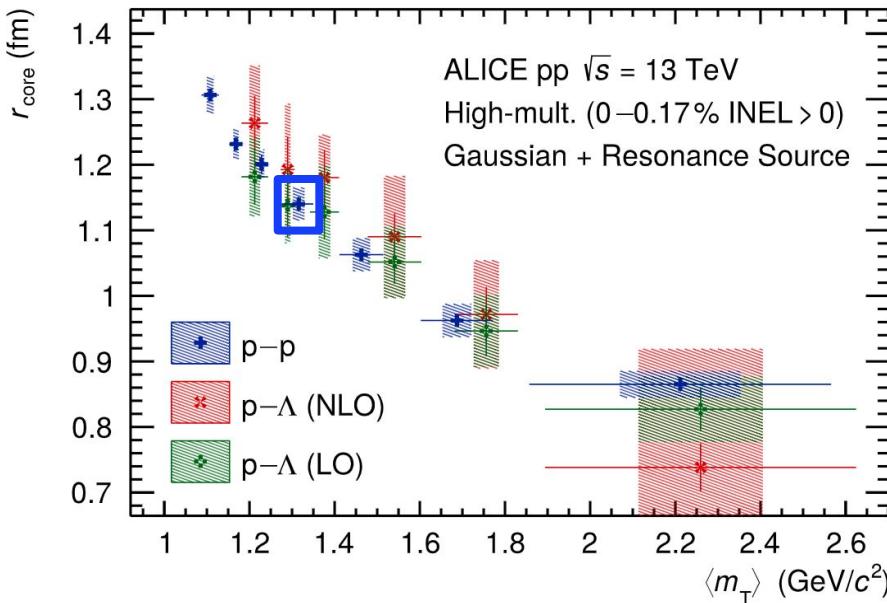
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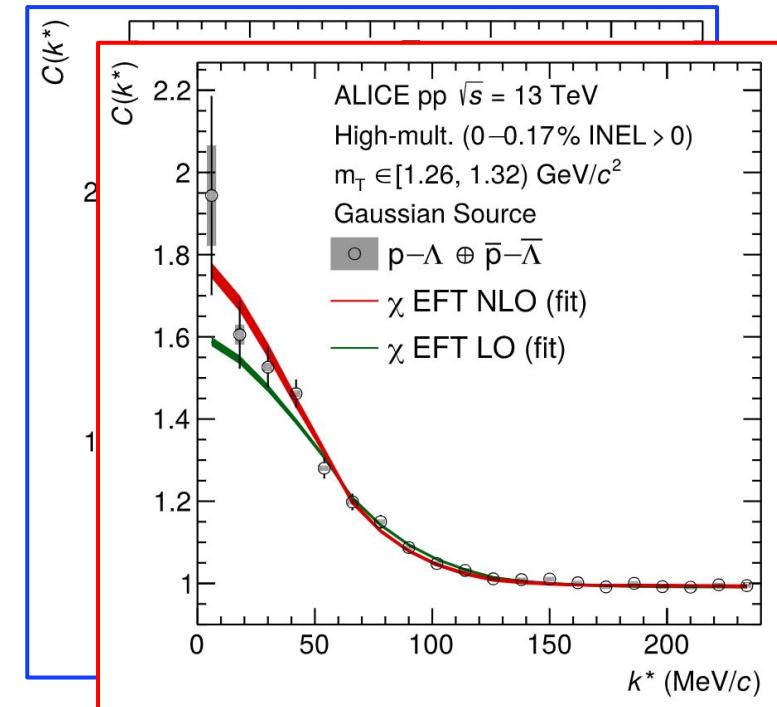
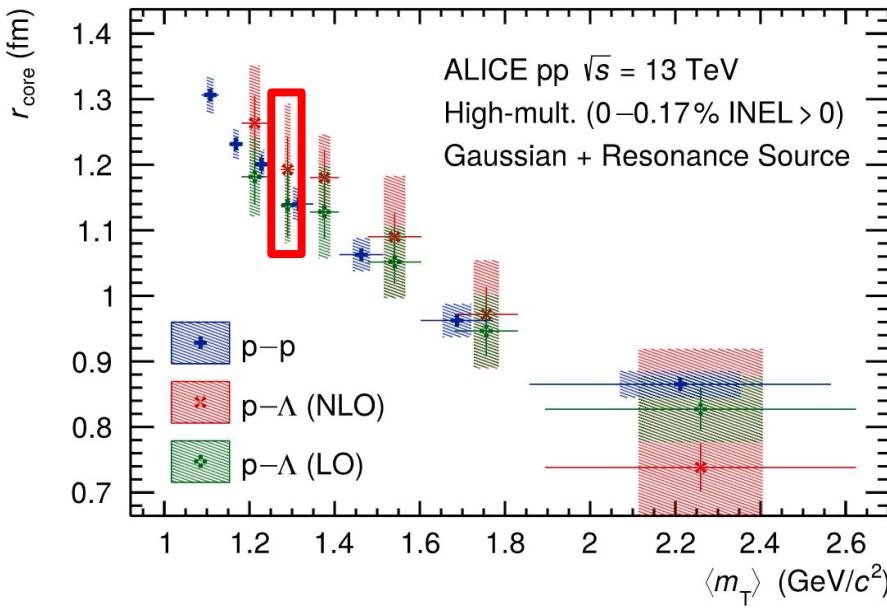
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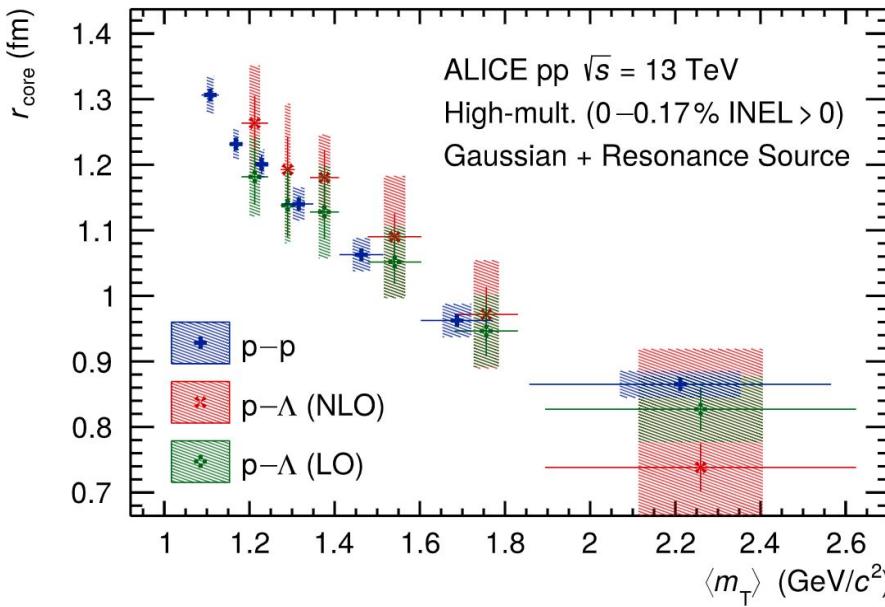
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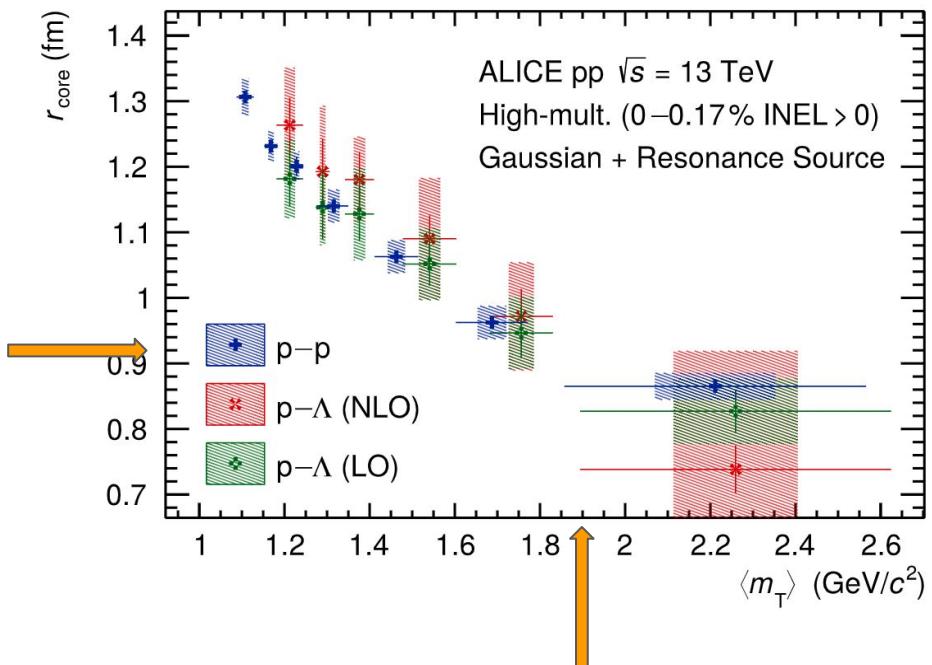
Dependence of the source size with  $\langle m_T \rangle$   
related to collective phenomena

“HIC”-like features being observed now in small systems:

- strangeness enhancement
- collective flow

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Source size determined given the pair  $\langle m_T \rangle$  and considering the effect of strong resonances for the particles of the pair of interest

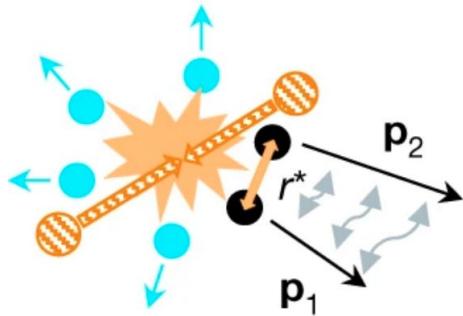
Example:

$$p-\Xi^-: \langle m_T \rangle = 1.9 \text{ GeV}/c \Rightarrow r_{\text{core}} = 0.92 \pm 0.05 \text{ fm}$$

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strong resonances effect

$$\Rightarrow r_{\text{gauss}} = 1.02 \pm 0.05 \text{ fm}$$

# Femtoscopy for hadron-hadron interactions: What can we do this tool?



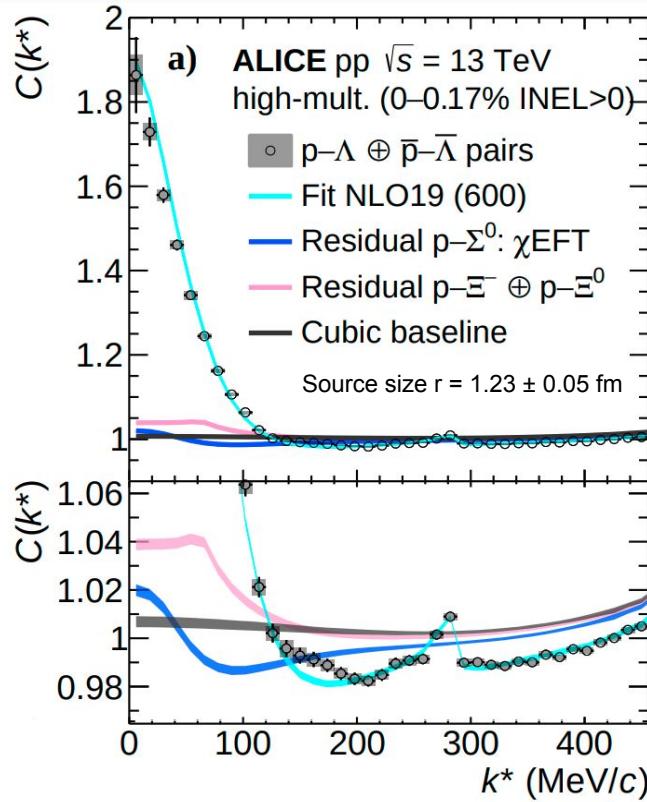
Precise data in the low momentum range to hadron-hadron interaction with unprecedented precision

Test of first principle calculations (and other models) and...

- Study **coupled-channel systems**
- **Equation of State** of neutron stars
- **Search for new bound states** beyond the deuteron

# Coupled-channels: p- $\Lambda$ correlation function

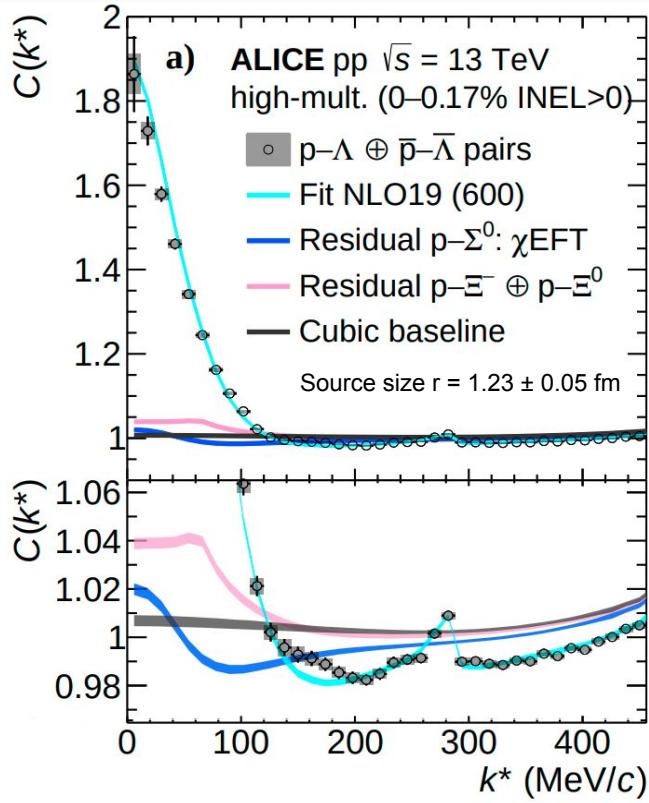
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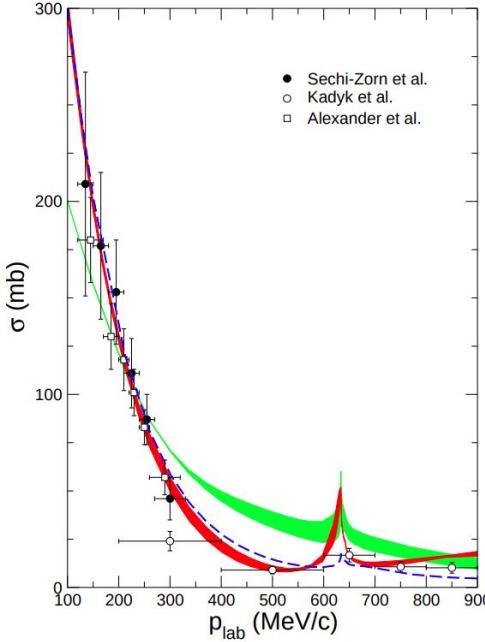
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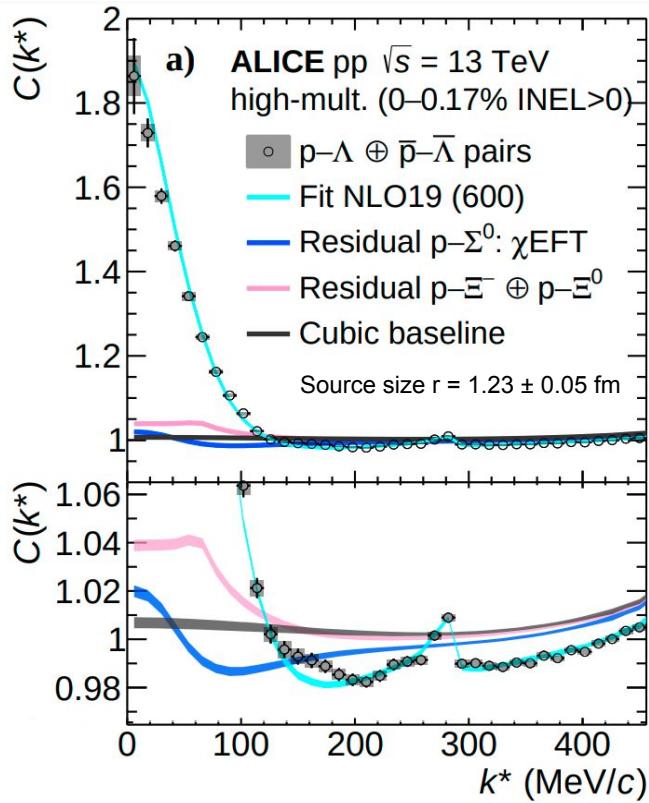


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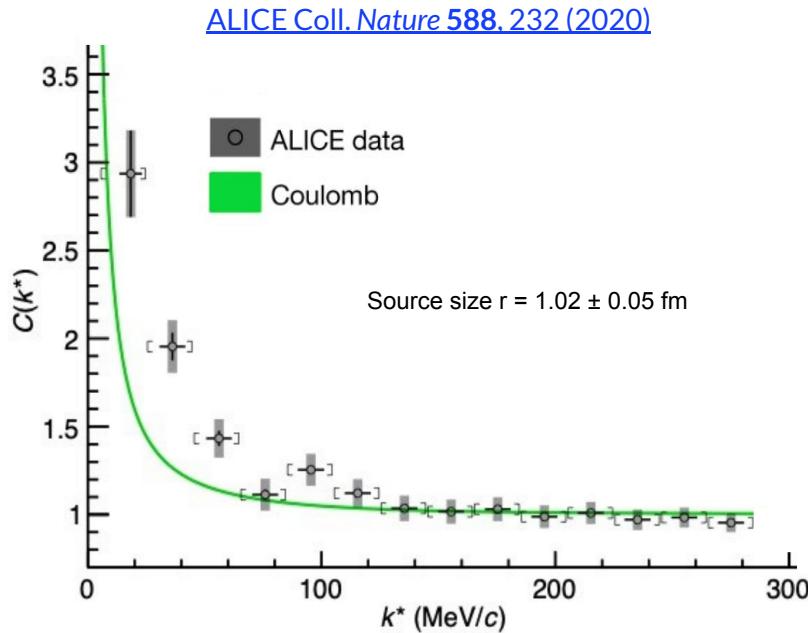
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- Most precise measurements on the p- $\Lambda$  interaction
- **Test strengths of the  $N\Sigma \leftrightarrow N\Lambda$  transition**
- Hyperons in NS?: Exact composition strongly depends on constituent interactions and couplings

Theory: Haidenbauer et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 56 (2020) 91

# Hyperons in NS: p- $\Xi^-$ correlation function

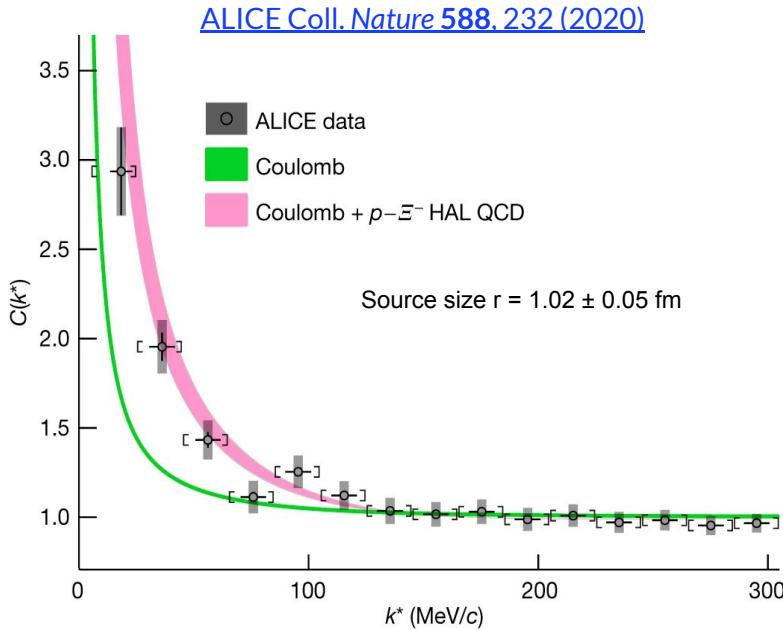
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Theory: HAL QCD Coll., *Nucl. Phys. A* 998, 121737 (2020).

Excellent agreement with lattice predictions  
⇒ Effect of validated Lattice QCD p $\Xi$  interaction  
for the **Equation of State of Neutron Stars**

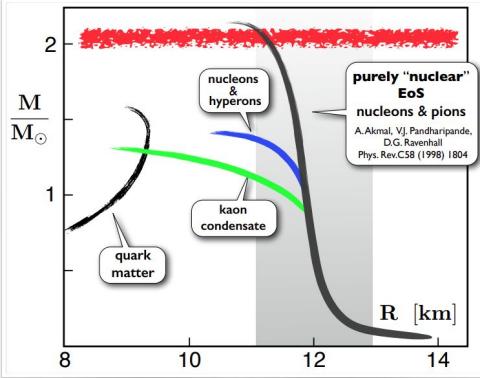
# EoS of dense symmetric nuclear matter

W. Weise @ HYP 2022

## CONSTRAINTS on EQUATION-of-STATE

- from observations of  $2 M_{\odot}$  neutron stars

### Mass-Radius Relation



### Tolman - Oppenheimer - Volkov Equations

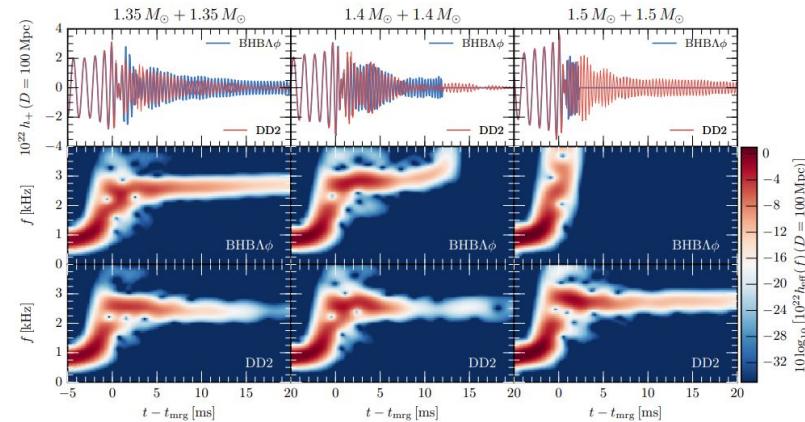
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$$\frac{dM}{dr} = 4\pi r^2 \frac{\mathcal{E}}{c^2}$$

- Stiff equation-of-state  $P(\mathcal{E})$  required
- Simple forms of exotic matter (kaon condensate, quark matter,...) ruled out

D. Logoteta @ EXOTICO 2022

GWs spectrum with hyperons and without



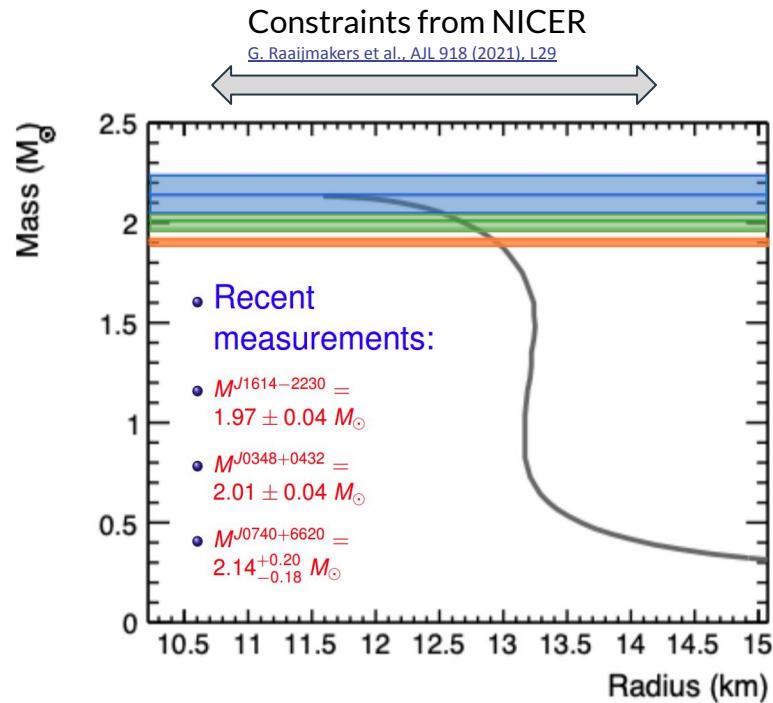
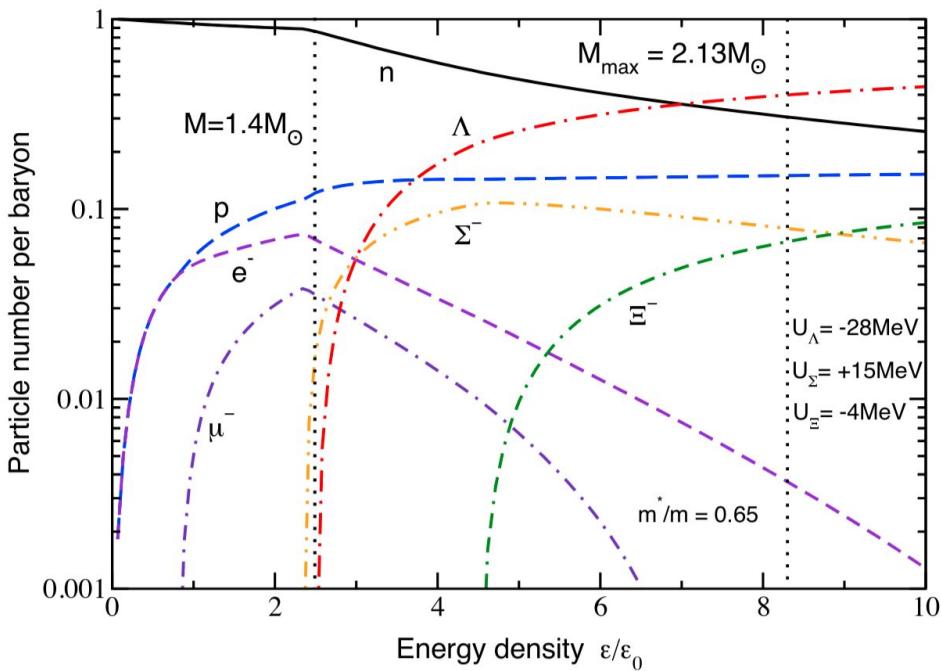
D. Radice et al. ApJL 842 L10 (2017)

# Hyperons in NS

Lattice: slightly repulsive single particle potential in PNM for  $\Xi$

$\Rightarrow \Xi$  appears at larger densities in NS

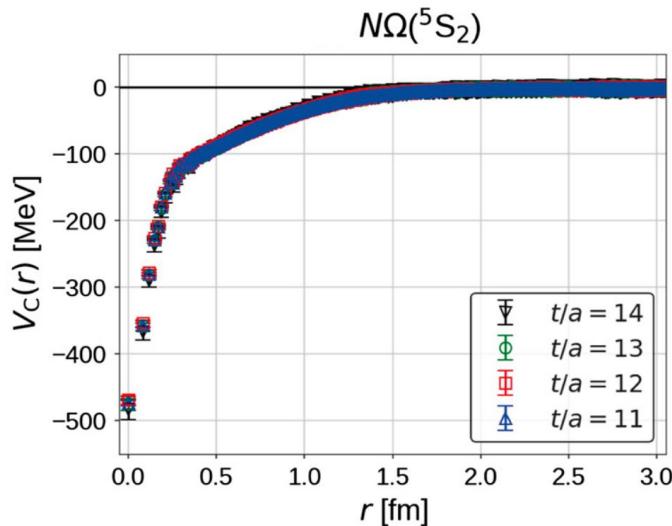
$\Rightarrow$  Stiffer EoS



Courtesy J. Schaffner-Bielich (2021)

# Di-baryon states: p– $\Omega^-$ correlation function

$s = -3$



T. Iritani et al. (HAL QCD Coll.) Phys. Lett. B792 (2019) 284

Interaction of p– $\Omega^-$  pairs in  ${}^5S_2$  state by HAL QCD

Predicts the formation of a p– $\Omega^-$  di-baryon

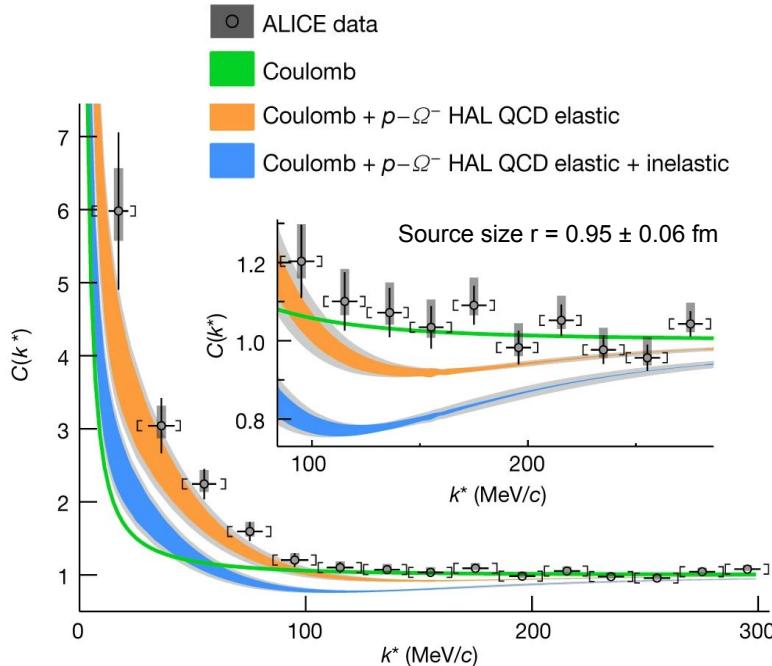
⇒ Binding Energy = 2.5 MeV

Meson exchange models predict smaller binding

T. Sekihara et al., Phys. Rev. C 98, 015205 (2018)

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[ALICE Coll. Nature 588, 232 \(2020\)](#)



- Data more precise than lattice calculations  
⇒ First constraints in the  $S=-3$  sector
- So far, no indication of a bound state  
No visible depletion of  $C(k^*)$
- Uncertainty of calculations dominated by inelastic channels

Theory: HAL QCD Coll., Phys. Lett. B792 (2019) 284

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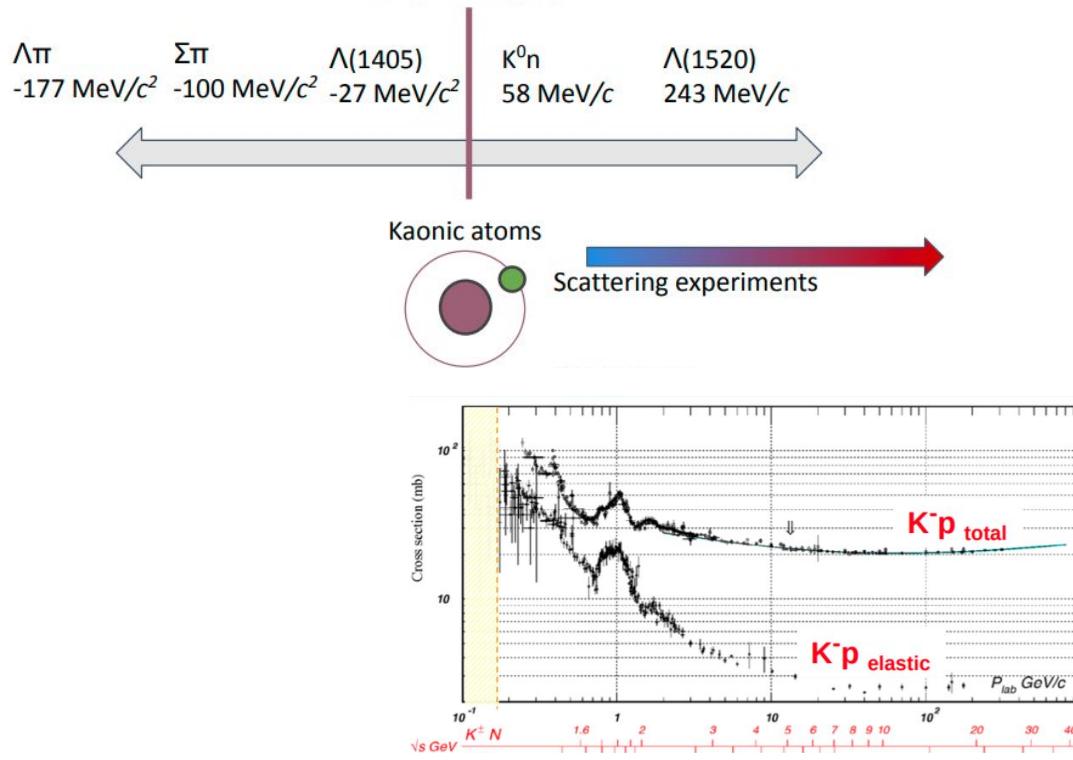
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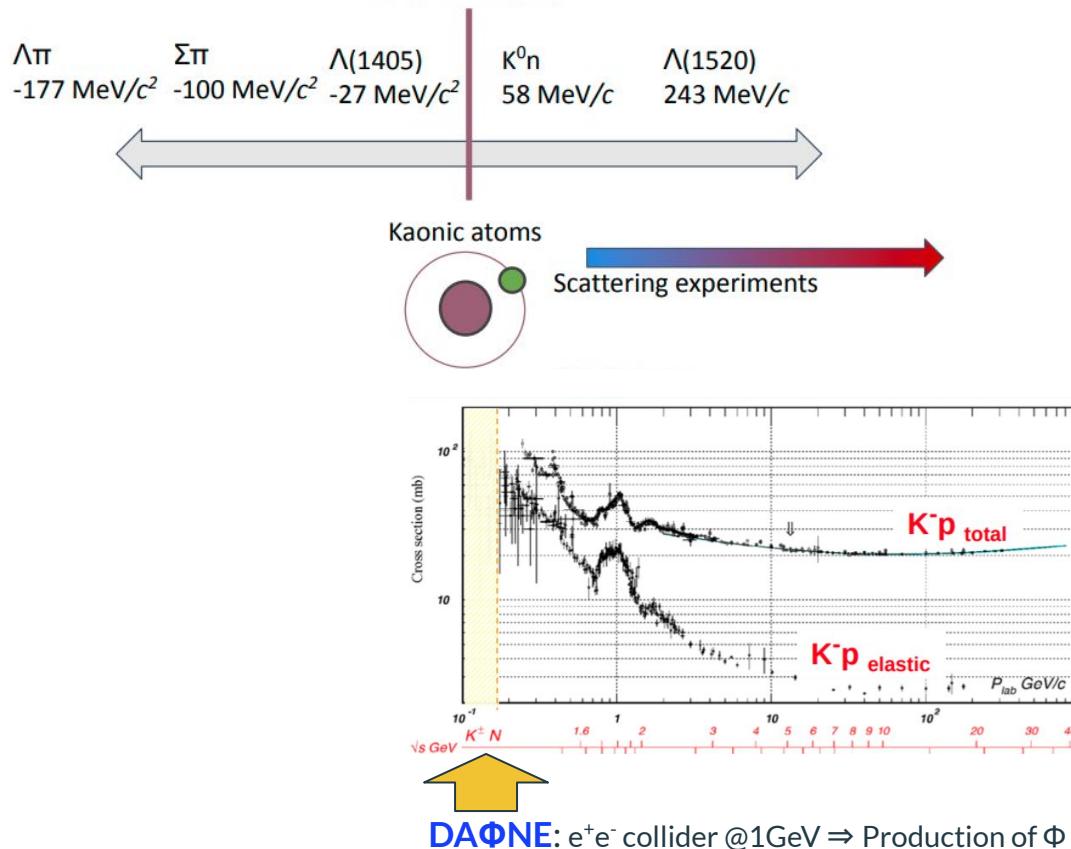
Connected to the main topics:

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[Y. Kamiya et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 124, 132501 \(2020\)](#)
- Kaonic bound states (case of  $\bar{K}NN$ )  
[JPARC E15, PLB 789 \(2019\) 620](#)
- Strangeness in NS: kaon condensate  
[D.Logoteta Universe 2021, 7\(11\), 408](#)
- Enhanced production of strangeness with multiplicity [T. Song @ SQM2021](#)

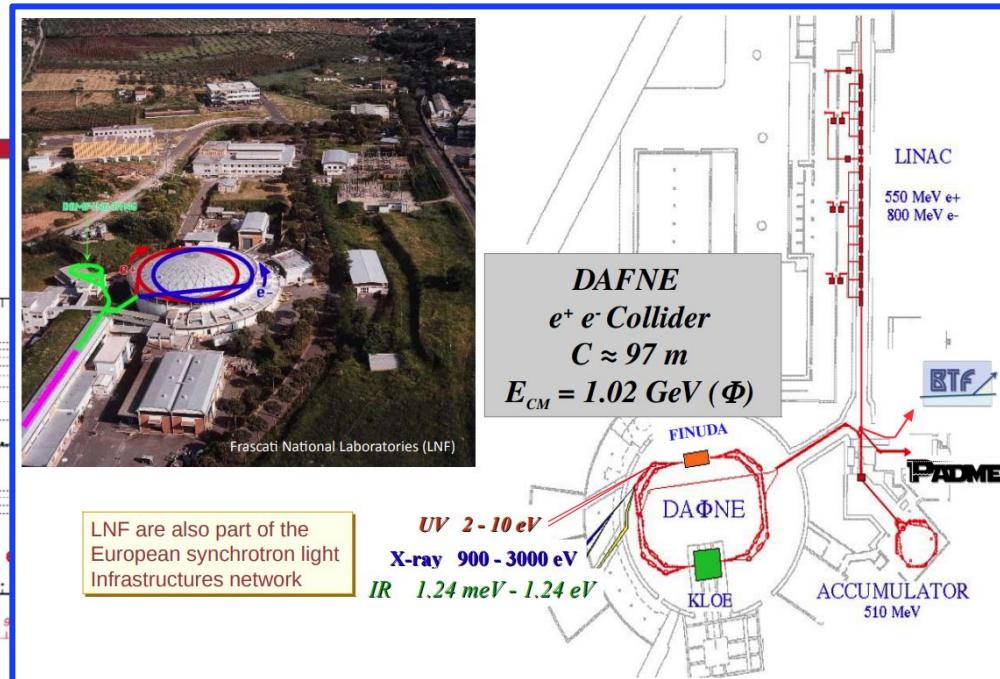
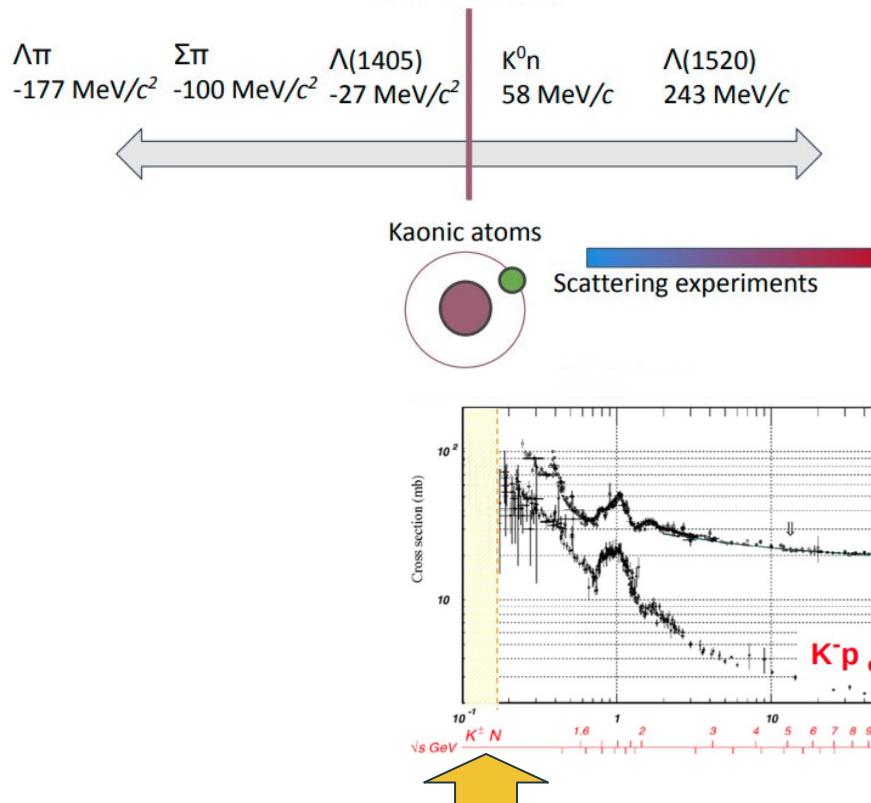
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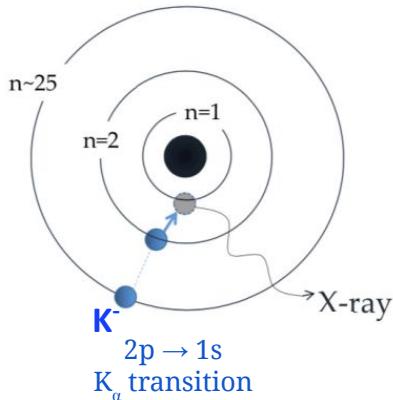
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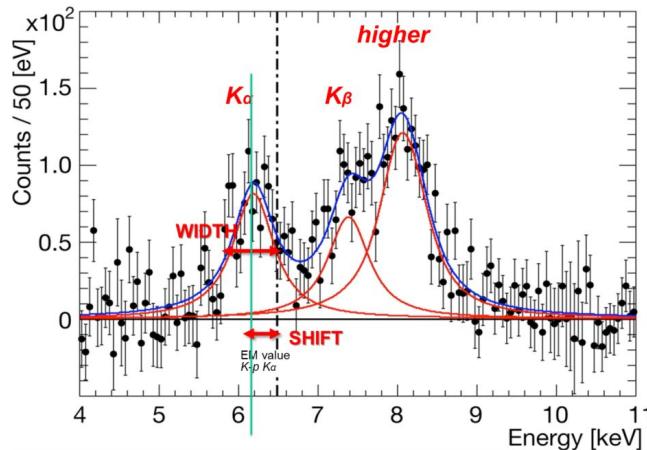


# antikaonic hydrogen: SIDDHARTA



shift( $\epsilon$ ), width( $\Gamma$ ) with respect to e.m. value caused by attractive/repulsive strong interaction and the presence of inelastic channels

Measurement of the shift( $\epsilon$ ) and width( $\Gamma$ ) induced by the strong interaction in the lowest level atomic transition.



SIDDHARTA Coll., PLB 704 (2011) 113

$$\epsilon_{1s} = -283 \pm 36(\text{stat}) \pm 6(\text{syst}) \text{ eV}$$

$$\Gamma_{1s} = 541 \pm 89(\text{stat}) \pm 22(\text{syst}) \text{ eV},$$

Translated via Desser-type Formula into a  $K^- p$  scattering length that is an average of the  $K\bar{n}$  scattering lengths for  $I=0$  and  $I=1$

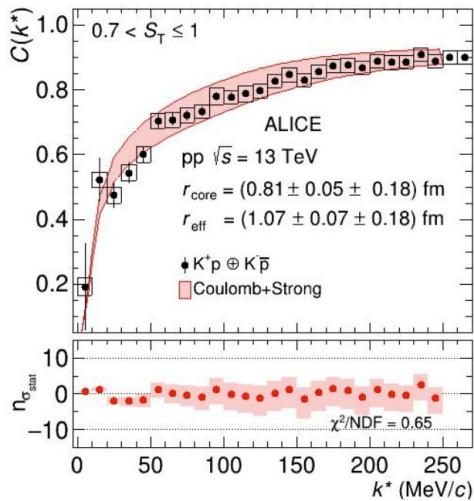
$$\epsilon_{1s} - \frac{i}{2} \Gamma_{1s} = -2\alpha^3 \mu_c^2 a_p (1 - 2\alpha \mu_c (\ln \alpha - 1) a_p)$$

$$a_{K^- p} = \frac{a_0(I=0) + a_1(I=1)}{2}$$

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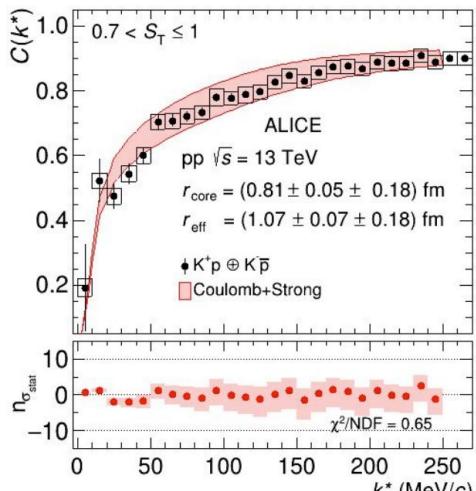
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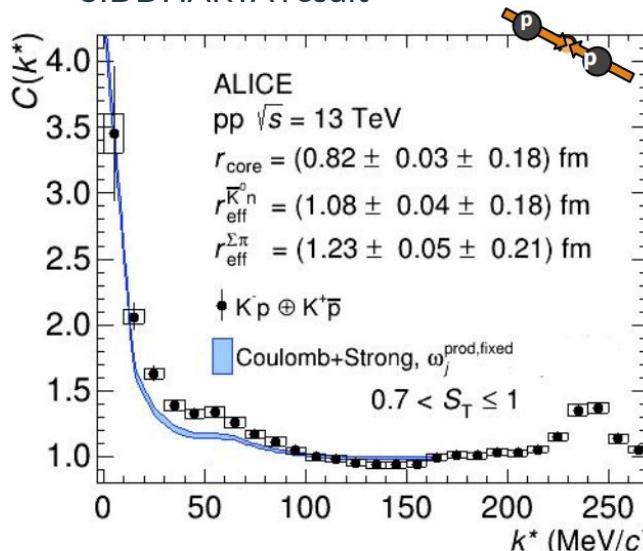
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## $K^-p$ femtoscopy:

Test of Kyoto potential anchored to  
SIDDHARTA result



Strong interaction: Kyoto model  
K. Miyahara, T. Hyodo, W. Weise, Phys. Rev. C98, 2, (2018) 025201

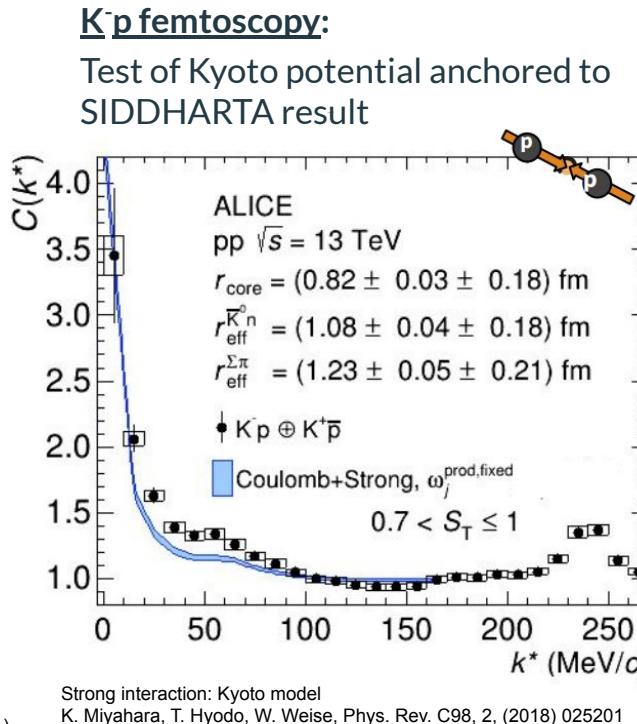
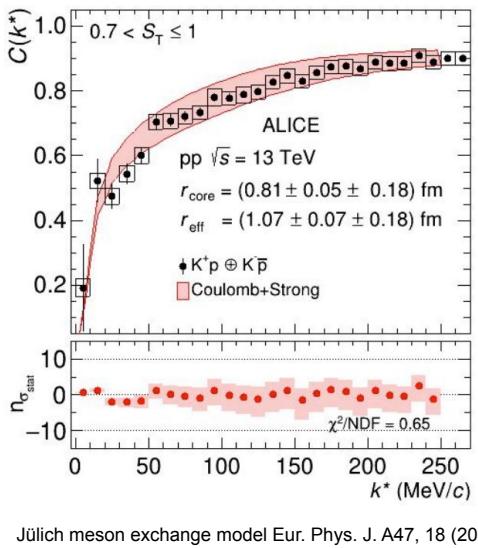
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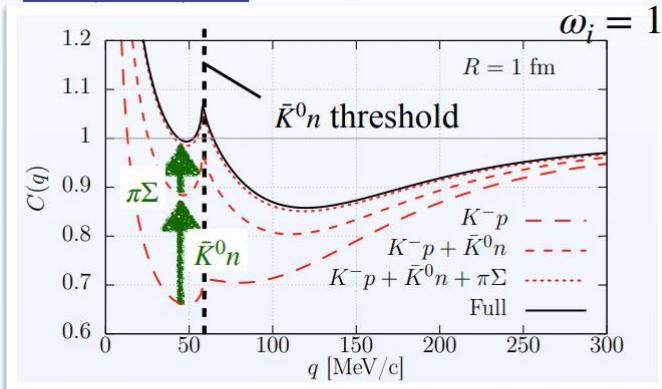
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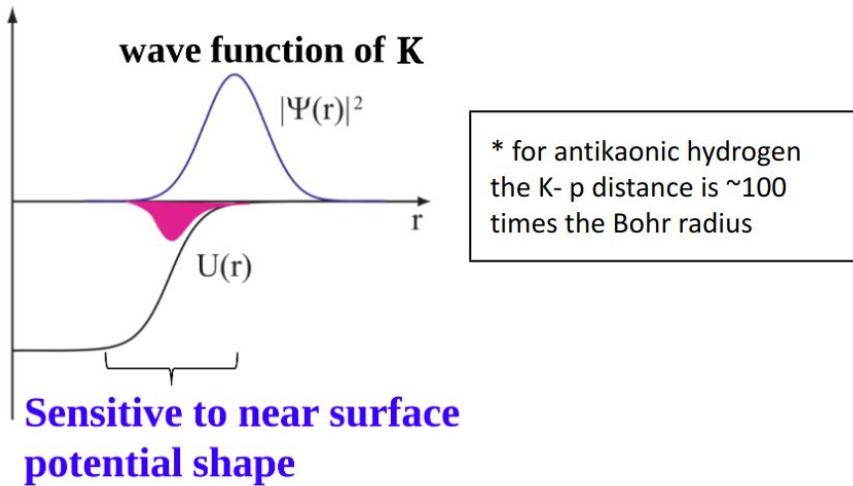
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Y. Kamiya @ Baryons22



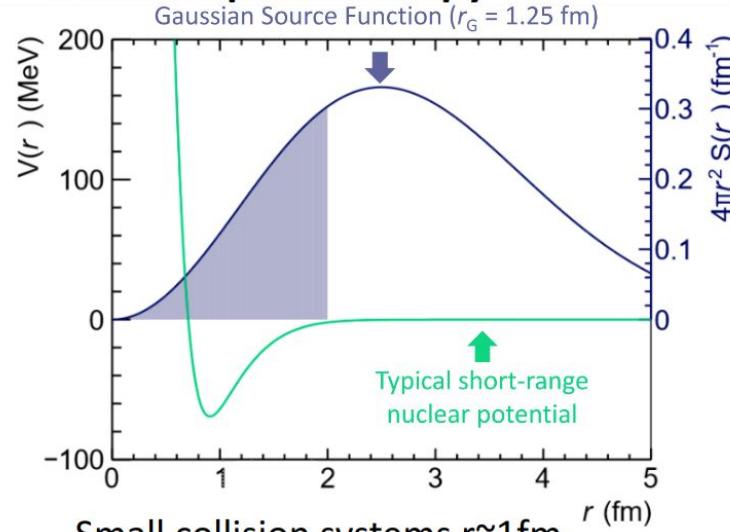
# KbarN at threshold and low momentum

## SIDDHARTA: antiKaonic Hydrogen



The overlap of the kaon wavefunction with the nucleon delivers insight into the effects of the strong interaction, competing with Coulomb effects

## ALICE: K<sup>-</sup>p femtoscopy

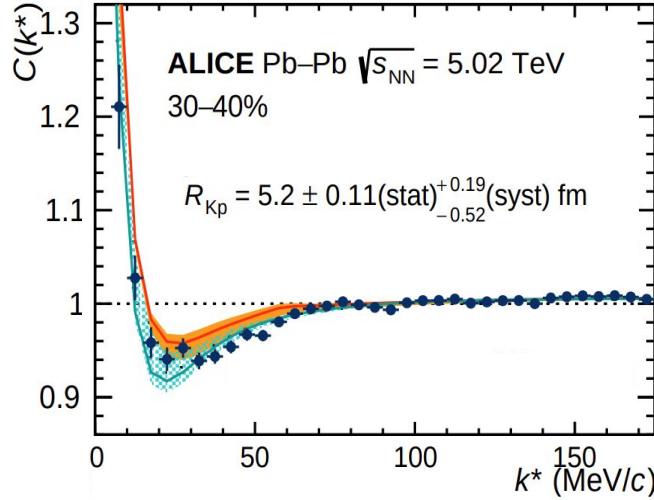


$$C(k^*) = \int S(r^*) |\Psi(k^*, \vec{r}^*)|^2 d^3r^*$$

Deliver different observables  $\Leftrightarrow$  scattering lengths can be obtained from both  
(via Deser-type and Lednický–Lyuboshitz formulae)

# K<sup>-</sup>p Femtoscopy with ALICE in Pb-Pb collisions

ALICE Coll., PLB 822 (2021) 136708



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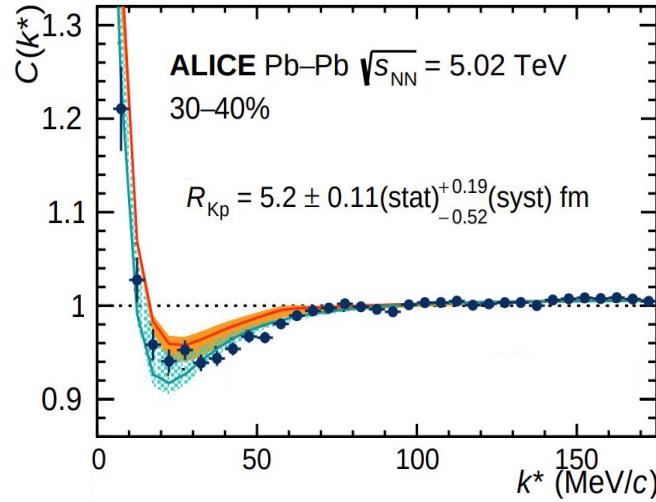
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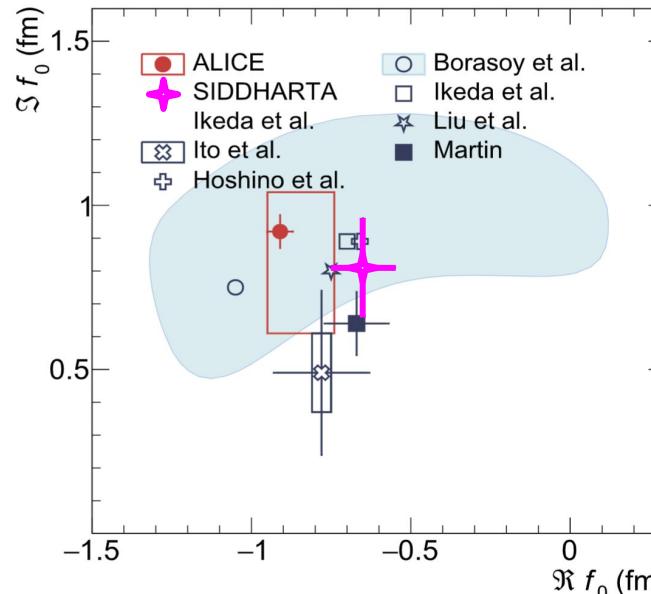
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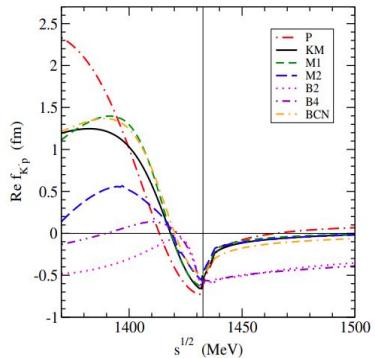
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⇒ Antikaonic-hydrogen and K-p femtoscopy scattering parameters compatible

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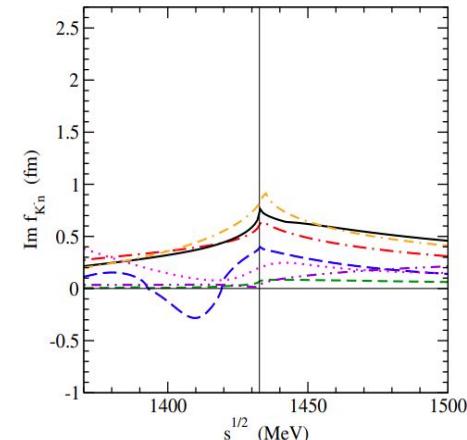
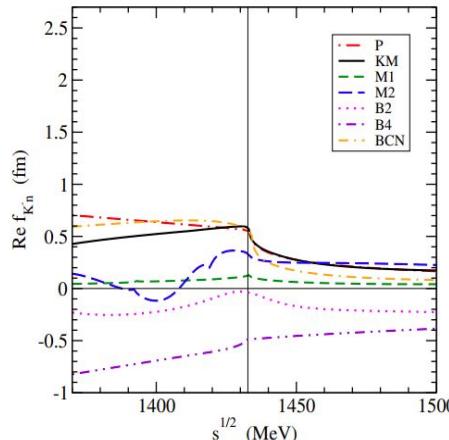
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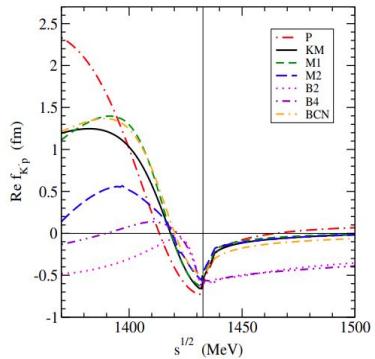
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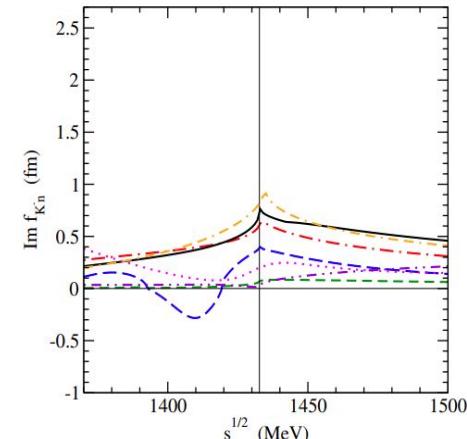
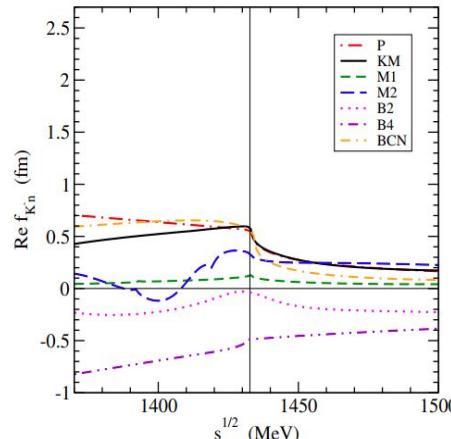
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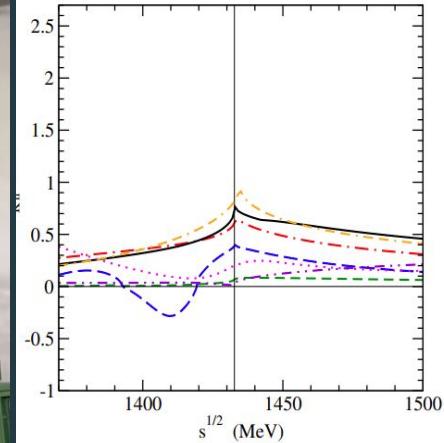
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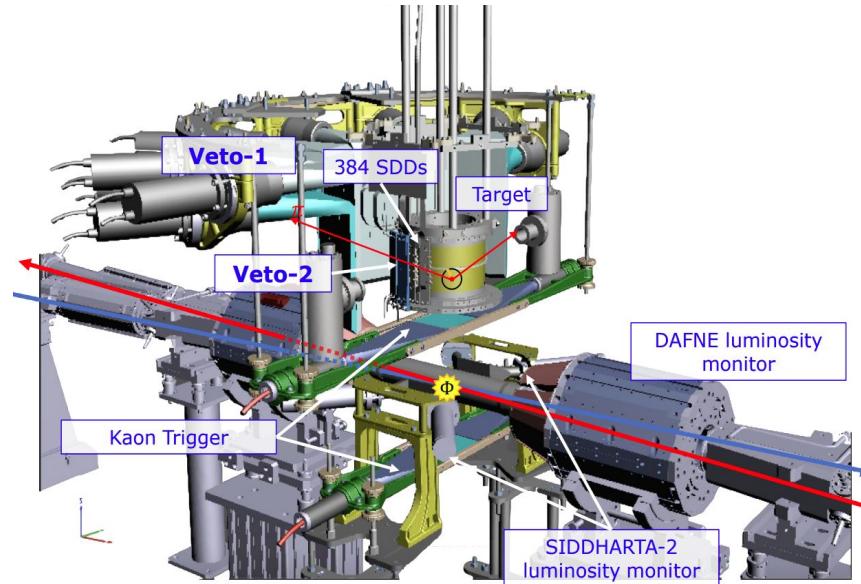
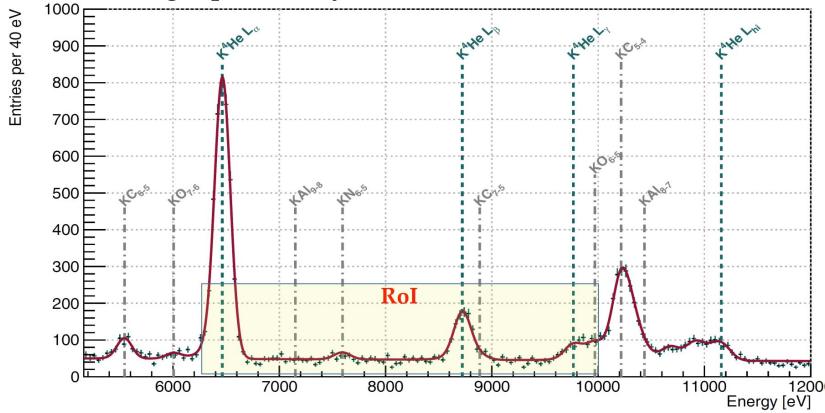
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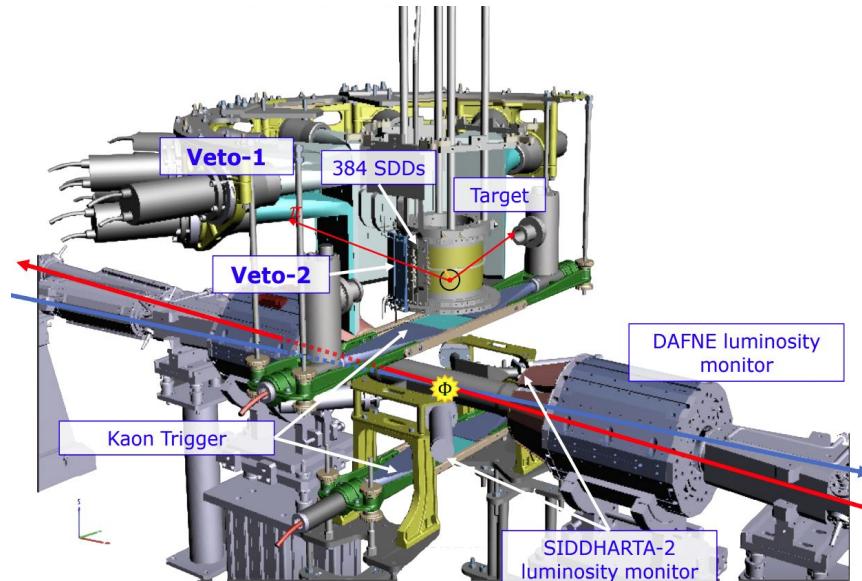
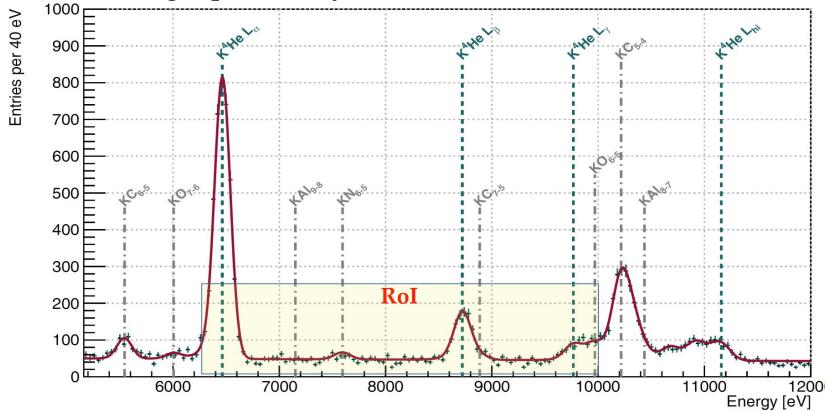
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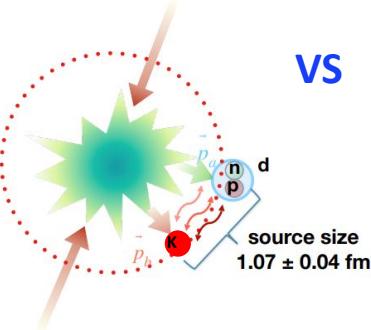
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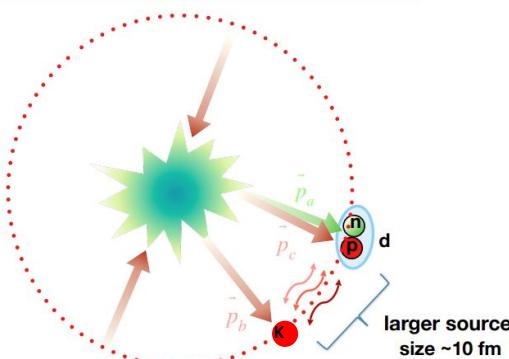
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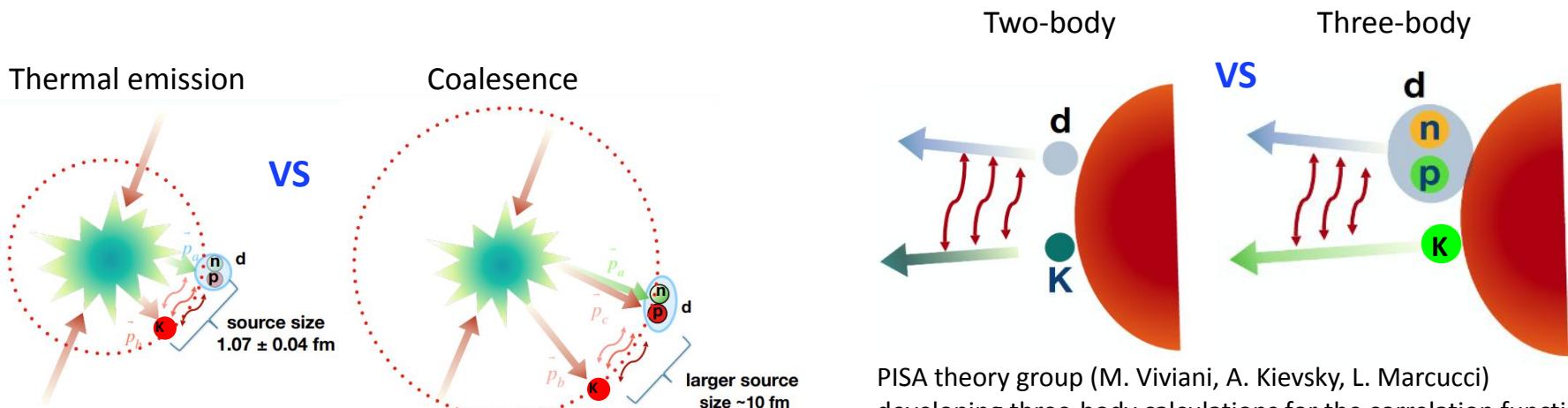


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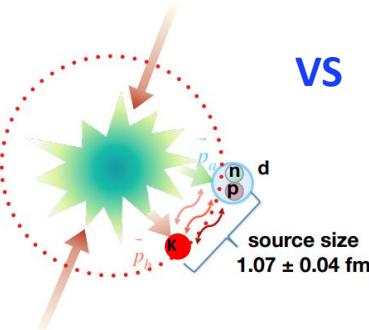
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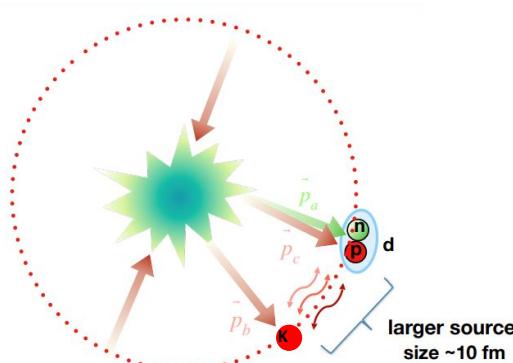
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⇒ Currently being studied also via three-body femtoscopy!!!

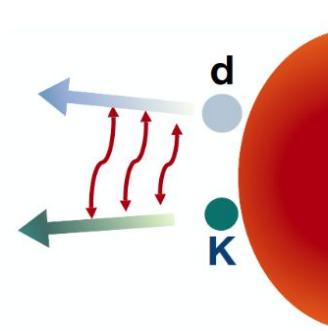
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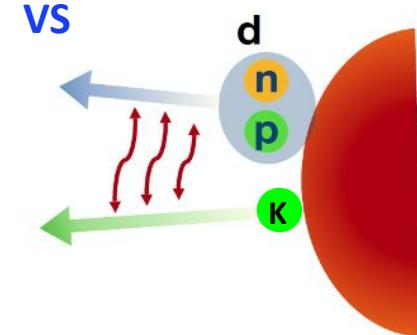
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Two-body



Three-body



PISA theory group (M. Viviani, A. Kievsky, L. Marcucci)  
developing three-body calculations for the correlation function

# Outlook

Precision studies of the strong interaction between hadrons at the LNF

⇒ Exotic atoms experiments enter a new era with SIDDHARTA-2

⇒ Femtoscopy studies at the LHC update the experimental studies on hadron-hadron interactions

What we do now:

- Test lattice calculations
- Study bound states
- Provide important constraints to the EoS of NS

What we are going to do:

More precision studies within reach with the large data samples to be collected in LHC Run 3 & 4

- Direct measurements of **three-body interactions** for the first time
- Study the **formation of light nuclei**
- And then we **move to charmed hadrons...**

# ... and thank you very much!

I only spent ~**1.5 years as Fellini fellow...**

... however this time helped me to focus my career and move to the next step!

**Most of the items in my Career Plan Development have been reached or initiated:**

- Get a tenure track position, eventually in Italy ✓
- Reach a new level in my status as a researcher ✓
- Boost my profile as an independent researcher (be able to decide “what to do next”) ✓
- Increase the visibility of my research ✓
- Improve my skills: machine learning, hardware items, etc ✓
- Get a better theoretical understanding of the field ✓
- In my case: learn from two supervisors in different “energy regimes” ✓
- First steps for dissemination out of the scientific community ✓
- Management of funds ✓
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