

The ppp and $pp\Lambda$ correlation functions

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Introduction

- ▶ When a high-energy pp or p–nucleus collision occurs, particles are produced and emitted at relative distances of the order of the nuclear force
- ▶ The effect of the mutual interaction between hadrons is reflected as a correlation signal in the momentum distributions of the detected particles which can be studied using correlation functions
- ▶ The correlation function incorporate information on the emission process as well as on the final state interaction of the emitted pairs
- ▶ By measuring correlated particle pairs or triplets at low relative energies and comparing the yields to theoretical predictions, it is possible to study the hadron dynamics.

The two-particle correlation function

- ▶ The two-particle correlation function is defined as the ratio of the yield of a particle pair to the product of the single-particle yields.

$$C(\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2) = \frac{\mathcal{P}(\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2)}{\mathcal{P}(\vec{p}_1) \mathcal{P}(\vec{p}_2)}$$

- ▶ $\mathcal{P}(\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2)$ is the probability of finding a pair with momenta \vec{p}_1 and \vec{p}_2
- ▶ $\mathcal{P}(\vec{p}_i)$ is the probability of finding each particle with momentum \vec{p}_i .
- ▶ In absence of correlations, the two-particle probability factorizes, $\mathcal{P}(\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2) = \mathcal{P}(\vec{p}_1)\mathcal{P}(\vec{p}_2)$, and the correlation function is equal to unity.

The two-particle correlation function

- ▶ The correlation between the pair is related to the particle emission and the subsequent interaction of the pair

$$C(\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2) = \frac{1}{\Gamma} \sum_{m_1, m_2} \int d^3 r_1 d^3 r_2 S_1(r_1) S_1(r_2) \times |\Psi_{m_1, m_2}(\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2, \vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2)|^2$$

- ▶ $S_1(r)$ describes the spatial shape of the source for single-particle emissions. It can be approximated as a Gaussian probability distribution with a width R_M

$$S_1(r) = \frac{1}{(2\pi R_M^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} e^{-r^2/2R_M^2}$$

- ▶ The integration on the CM coordinates leads to the Koonin-Pratt relation for two-particle correlation function

$$C(k) = \frac{1}{\Gamma} \int d^3 r S(r) |\psi_k(\vec{r})|^2$$

The pp correlation function

- ▶ $S(r)$ is the two-particle emission source, given by

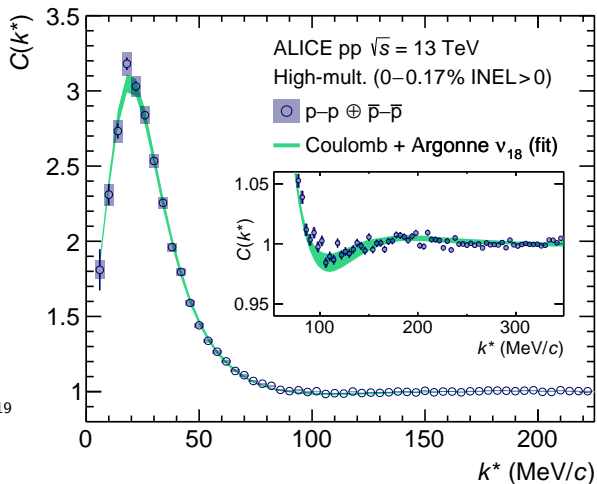
$$S(r) = \left(\frac{1}{4\pi R_M^2} \right)^{3/2} e^{-\frac{r^2}{4R_M^2}}$$

- ▶ $\psi_k(\vec{r})$ is the two-particle scattering wave function at $E = \hbar^2 k^2 / 2\mu$
- ▶ The scattering wave function is expanded in partial waves

$$\psi_k = 4\pi \sum_{JJ_z} \sum_{\ell m S S_z} i^\ell (kr)^{-1} u_\ell(kr) \mathcal{Y}_{[\ell S]}(\hat{r}) (\ell m S S_z | J J_z) Y_{\ell m}^*(\hat{k})$$

- ▶ In the case of two protons $u_\ell(kr) \rightarrow F_\ell(\eta, kr) + T_{\ell\ell} \mathcal{O}_\ell(kr)$

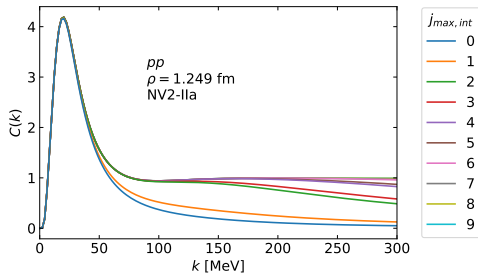
The pp Correlation Function



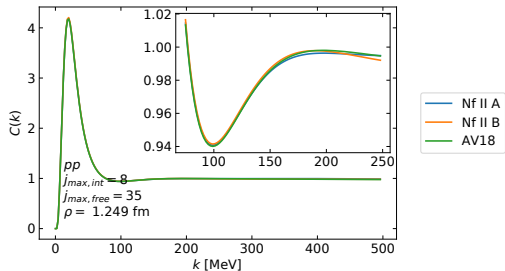
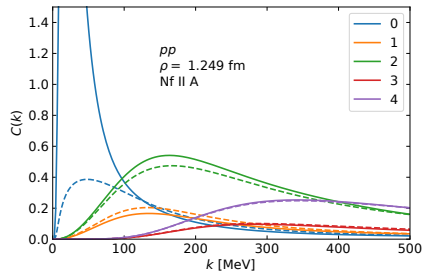
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The pp correlation function

$$C(k) = \frac{1}{N} \left[\sum_{j \leq j_m} \sum_{l, l', s, t} \int dr r^2 S(r) \left| \psi_{k; l, s, j, t}^{(l')} \right|^2 + \sum_{j_m < j \leq j_M} \sum_{l, s, t} \int dr r^2 S r \left| \psi_{\text{free}; k; l, s, j, t}(r) \right|^2 \right]$$



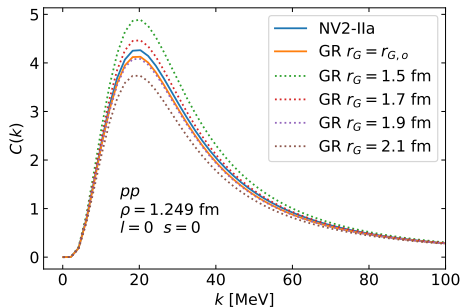
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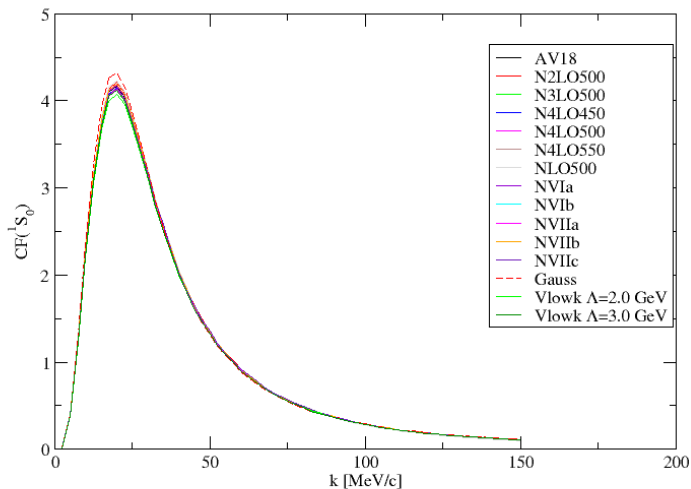
The pp correlation function from a Gaussian representation

$$V_{pp}(^1S_0) = V_0 e^{-(r/r_G)^2} + \frac{e^2}{r}$$

with V_0 fixed to reproduce the pp scattering length. When $r_G = r_{G,o}$ the pp effective range is described too.



The pp correlation function using several potentials



Considering the Coulomb interaction

The pp case

We consider two cases

$$a) V_{pp}(r) = V_0 e^{-(r/r_0)^2} \mathcal{P}_0 + \frac{e^2}{r}$$

$$b) V_{pp}^{sc}(r) = V_0 e^{-(r/r_0)^2} \mathcal{P}_0 + \frac{e^2}{r} e^{-(r/r_{sc})^n}$$

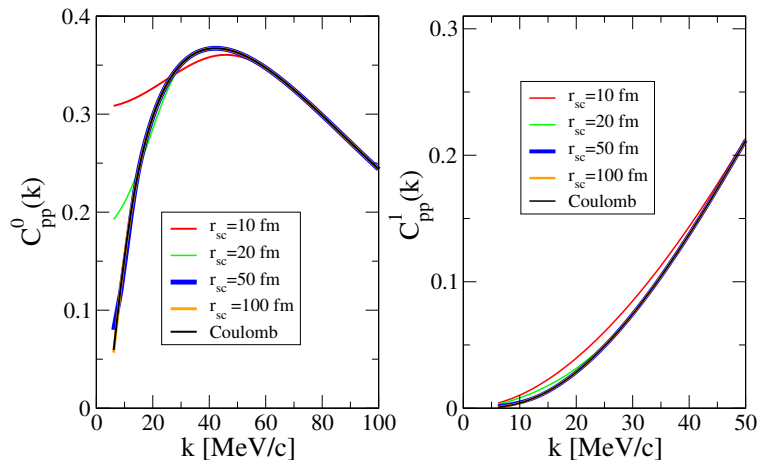
The correlation function is

$$C_{pp}(k) = \sum_{\ell} C_{pp}^{\ell} = \int dr \frac{e^{-(r^2/4R^2)}}{4\sqrt{\pi}R^3k^2} \left(\sum_{\ell \equiv \text{even}} u_{\ell}^2(kr)(2\ell+1) + 3 \sum_{\ell \equiv \text{odd}} u_{\ell}^2(kr)(2\ell+1) \right)$$

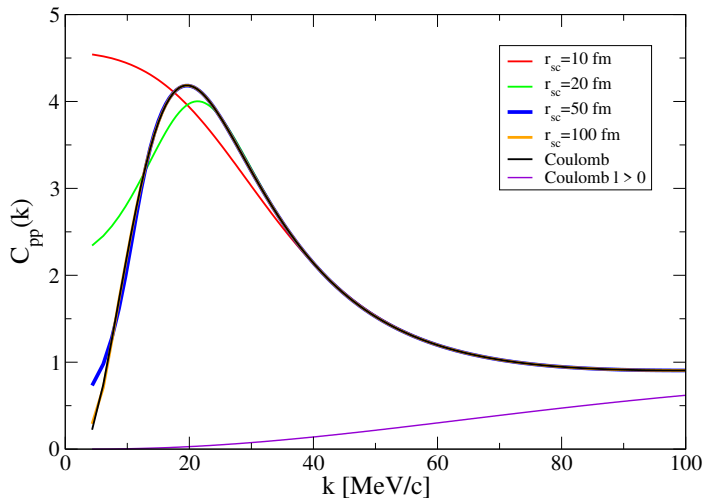
$$a) u_{\ell}(kr \rightarrow \infty) \longrightarrow [F_{\ell}(\nu, kr) + T_{\ell\ell} \mathcal{O}(\nu, kr)]$$

$$b) u_{\ell}(kr \rightarrow \infty) \longrightarrow kr[j_{\ell}(kr) + T_{\ell\ell} \mathcal{O}(kr)]$$

Considering the Coulomb interaction



Considering the Coulomb plus the short-range interaction



The pd Correlation Function

- ▶ We now consider the pd correlation function:

$$A_d C_{pd}(k) = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{m_2, m_1} \int d^3 r_1 d^3 r_2 d^3 r_3 S_1(r_1) S_1(r_2) S_1(r_3) |\Psi_{m_2, m_1}|^2$$

- ▶ the probability of deuteron formation

$$A_d = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{m_2} \int d^3 r_1 d^3 r_2 S_1(r_1) S_1(r_2) |\phi_{m_2}|^2$$

- ▶ the single particle source function

$$S_1(r) = \frac{1}{(2\pi R_M^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} e^{-r^2/2R_M^2}$$

The pd Correlation Function

- ▶ the pd correlation function results

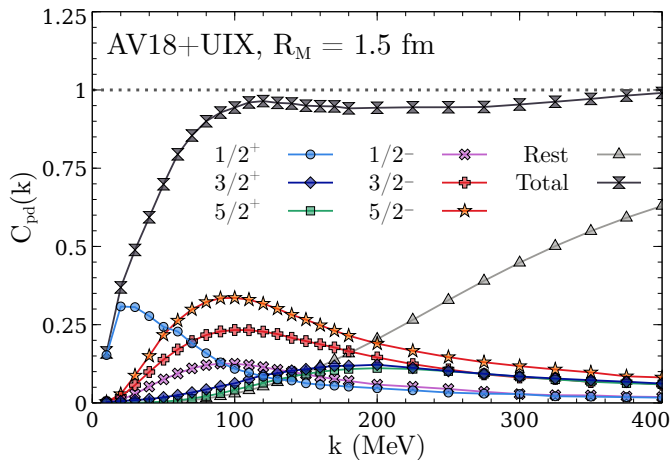
$$A_d C_{pd}(k) = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{m_2, m_1} \int \rho^5 d\rho d\Omega \frac{e^{-\rho^2/4R_M^2}}{(4\pi R_M^2)^3} |\Psi_{m_2, m_1}|^2$$

$$\Psi_{m_2, m_1} = \sum_{LSJ} \sqrt{4\pi} i^L \sqrt{2L+1} e^{i\sigma_L} (1m_2 \frac{1}{2} m_1 | SJ_z)(L0SJ_z | JJ_z) \Psi_{LSJJ_z}$$

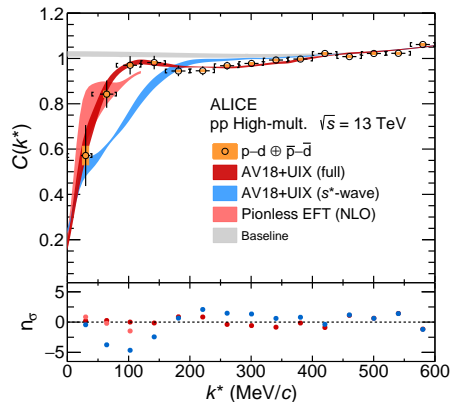
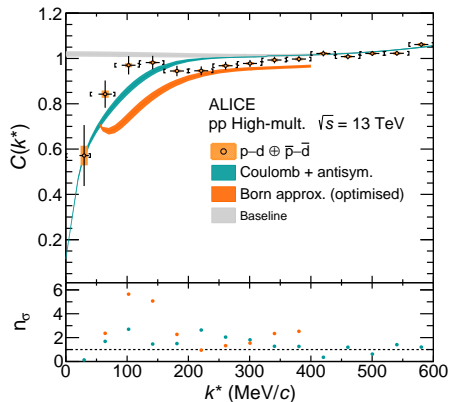
- ▶ the Jacobi coordinates: $\mathbf{x}_\ell = \mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i$, $\mathbf{y}_\ell = \mathbf{r}_\ell - \frac{\mathbf{r}_i + \mathbf{r}_j}{2}$
- ▶ the hyperspherical coordinates $\rho = \sqrt{x_1^2 + (4/3)y_1^2}$, $\Omega \equiv [\alpha_1, \hat{x}_1, \hat{y}_1]$
- ▶ The scattering wave function is expanded in partial waves using the HH basis

$$\Psi_{LSJJ_z} = \rho^{-5/2} \sum_{[K]} u_{[K]}(\rho) \mathcal{Y}_{[K]}^{LSJJ_z}(\Omega)$$

The pd Correlation Function: partial-wave contributions



The pd Correlation Function: comparison to experiment



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The ppp correlation function

- Now we consider the ppp correlation function:

$$C_{ppp}(Q) = \int \rho^5 d\rho d\Omega S_{\rho_0}(\rho) |\Psi_{ppp}|^2$$

with Q the hyper-momentum, S_{ρ_0} the source function defined as

$$S_{\rho_0}(\rho) = \frac{1}{\pi^3 \rho_0^6} e^{-(\rho/\rho_0)^2}$$

Ψ_{ppp} is the ppp scattering wave function

$$\Psi_{ppp} = \sum_{[K]} u_{[K]}(\rho) \mathcal{B}_{[K]}(\Omega) = \Psi^0 + \sum_{J, [K]}^{\bar{J}, \bar{K}} \Psi_{[K]}^J$$

To be noticed that Ψ^0 is not well known. In $\Psi_{[K]}^J$ the interaction has been considered up to \bar{J} and \bar{K}

Considering the Coulomb interaction

The *ppp* case

As a preliminary step we introduce the hypercentral Coulomb force obtained after averaging the bare Coulomb force on the hyperangles

$$V_{\text{Coul}}(\rho) = \frac{1}{\pi^3} \int d\Omega_\rho \sum_{i < j} \frac{e^2}{r_{ij}} = \frac{3(4\pi)^2}{\pi^3} \int d\alpha \sin^2 \alpha \cos^2 \alpha \frac{e^2}{\rho \cos \alpha} = \frac{16}{\pi} \frac{e^2}{\rho}$$

Now the asymptotic solution is a regular Coulomb function with order $K + \frac{3}{2}$, the Sommerfeld parameter $\eta = 16me^2/(\pi\hbar^2 Q)$. The norm of the continuum wave function is formally equal to the non Coulomb case replacing $J_{K+2}(z) \longrightarrow \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi z}} F_{K+\frac{3}{2}}(z)$:

$$|\psi_s^0|_\Omega^2 = \frac{96}{\pi} \frac{1}{(Q\rho)^5} \sum_K F_{K+3/2}^2(Q\rho) (N_{ST}^m(K) + 4N_{ST}^a(K))$$

Considering the Coulomb interaction: asymptotic behavior

Without considering long-range interaction, the correlation function is

$$C_{ppp}^0(Q) = \frac{6}{8} \frac{2^6}{Q^4 \rho_0^6} \int \rho d\rho e^{-\frac{\rho^2}{\rho_0^2}} \sum_K J_{K+2}^2(Q\rho) [N_{ST}^m(K) + 4N_{ST}^a(K)]$$

When the Coulomb force is considered in its hypercentral approximation it results

$$C_{ppp}^{0,c}(Q) = \frac{96}{\pi} \frac{1}{Q^5 \rho_0^6} \int \rho d\rho e^{-\frac{\rho^2}{\rho_0^2}} \sum_K F_{K+3/2}^2(Q\rho) [N_{ST}^m(K) + 4N_{ST}^a(K)]$$

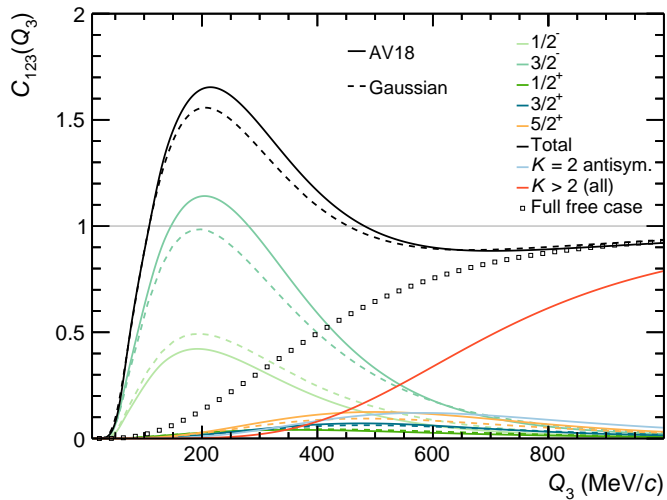
We now introduce the screened hypercentral Coulomb potential

$$V_{\text{Coul}}^{\text{sc}}(\rho) = \frac{16}{\pi} \frac{e^2}{\rho} e^{-(\rho/\rho_{\text{sc}})^n}$$

The correlation function results ($\epsilon = c, \text{sc}$)

$$C_{ppp}^{0,\epsilon}(Q) = \sum_K C_K^{0,\epsilon} = \frac{6}{8} \frac{2^6}{Q^4 \rho_0^6} \int \rho d\rho e^{-\frac{\rho^2}{\rho_0^2}} \sum_K |u_K|^2(Q\rho) [N_{ST}^m(K) + 4N_{ST}^a(K)]$$

The ppp correlation function



Some remarks

- ▶ To compare the experimental and the theoretical correlation functions some corrections have been considered
- ▶ For the pp case the corrected correlation function is defined as

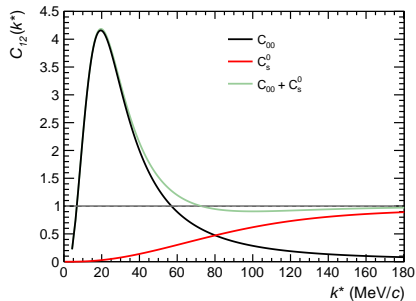
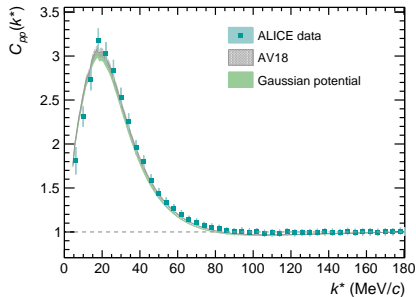
$$C(k) = \lambda_{pp} C_{pp}(k) + \lambda_{pp\Lambda} C_{pp\Lambda}(k) + \lambda_X C_X(k)$$

- ▶ primary protons $\lambda_{pp} = 0.67$, secondary protons produced mainly in the decay of the Λ , $\lambda_{pp\Lambda} = 0.203$, misidentification contributions $\lambda_X = 0.127$
- ▶ For the ppp case the corrected correlation function is defined as

$$C(Q_3) = \lambda_{ppp} C_{ppp}(Q_3) + \lambda_{ppp\Lambda} C_{ppp\Lambda}(Q_3) + \lambda_X C_X(Q_3)$$

- ▶ primary protons $\lambda_{ppp} = 0.618$, secondary protons produced mainly in the decay of the Λ , $\lambda_{ppp\Lambda} = 0.196$, misidentification contributions $\lambda_X = 0.186$

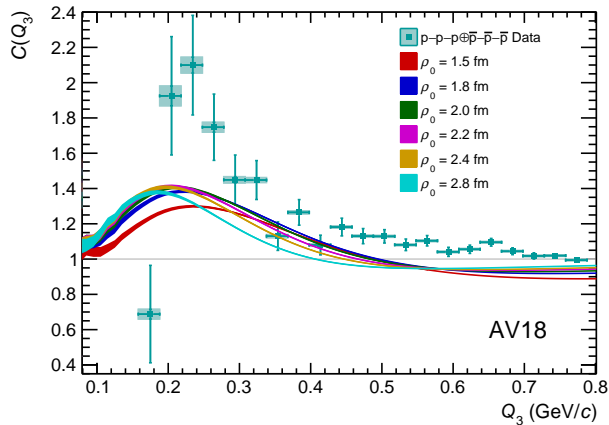
The pp correlation function



$$C_{12}(k) = C_s^0 + C_{00} = \int dr S_{12}(r) \left[|\Psi_s^0|^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{F_0(\eta, kr)}{kr} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{u_0(kr)}{kr} \right)^2 \right]$$

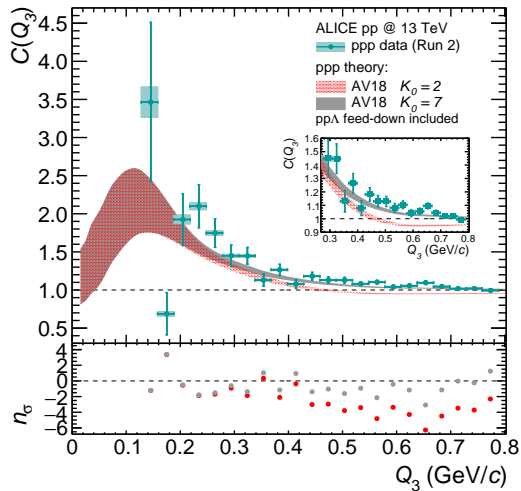
$$C_{pp}(k) = \lambda_{pp} C_{12}(k) + \lambda_{pp\Lambda} C_{pp\Lambda}(k) + \lambda_X C_X(k)$$

The ppp correlation function



$$C(Q_3) = \lambda_{ppp} C_{ppp}(Q_3) + \lambda_{ppp\Lambda} C_{ppp\Lambda}(Q_3) + \lambda_X C_X(Q_3)$$

The ppp correlation function



The $p\Lambda$ and $pp\Lambda$ correlation functions

- ▶ The $p\Lambda$ correlation function is defined as

$$C(k) = \int d^3r S(r) |\psi_{p\Lambda}(\vec{r})|^2$$

- ▶ $\psi_{p\Lambda}$ is the scattering $p\Lambda$ wave function. It is governed by the $p\Lambda$ interaction which is not very well known
- ▶ The few $p\Lambda$ scattering data can be described in the context of the EFT at different orders (see for example J. Haidenbauer et al. Eur. Phys. J. A 59 (2023) 63)
- ▶ At different cutoffs different sets of low-energy scattering parameters appear

C (MeV)	NLO13						NLO19				SMS N2LO		
	450	500	550	600	650	700	500	550	600	650	500	550	600
a_0 (fm)	-2.90	-2.91	-2.91	-2.91	-2.90	-2.90	-2.91	-2.90	-2.91	-2.90	-2.80	-2.79	-2.80
r_e^0 (fm)	2.64	2.86	2.84	2.78	2.65	2.56	3.10	2.93	2.78	2.65	2.82	2.89	2.68
a_1 (fm)	-1.70	-1.61	-1.52	-1.54	-1.51	-1.48	-1.52	-1.46	-1.41	-1.40	-1.56	-1.58	-1.56
r_e^1 (fm)	3.44	3.05	2.83	2.72	2.64	2.62	2.62	2.61	2.53	2.59	3.16	3.09	3.17

Introduction to universal physics

- ▶ In the 40's Bargmann and Hulthén, and before Eckart, studied potentials that give specific representations of the S -matrix
- ▶ Here we are interested in the S -matrix representing one shallow state, virtual or bound

$$S(k) = \frac{k + i/a_B}{k - i/a_B} \frac{k + i/r_B}{k - i/r_B}$$

with the energy of the system $E = \hbar^2 k^2 / m$

- ▶ The energy pole is described by the energy length $a_B \rightarrow E_2 = -\hbar^2 / m a_B^2$
- ▶ E_2 is a bound or virtual state when $a_B > 0$ or $a_B < 0$
- ▶ the superfluous pole is described by the length $r_B = a - a_B$, with a the scattering length. It ensures the correct asymptotic behavior of the Jost function and it is always positive.
- ▶ When $r_B = 0$ implies a contact interaction and the superfluous pole goes to ∞

Shallow states: definition

- ▶ The given S -matrix is equivalent to the effective range expansion

$$k \cot \delta = -\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{2} r_e k^2$$

- ▶ The physical pole verifies

$$\frac{1}{a_B} = \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{r_e}{a_B^2}$$

- ▶ The degree of validity of this relation defines the shallow characteristic of the state
- ▶ In real systems there are small corrections in the effective range expansion

$$k \cot \delta = -\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{2} r_e k^2 + \sum_{n=2} v_n k^{2n}$$

with v_n the shape parameters. Inside the region of interest, the universal window, they are small and the state is shallow

Effective description

► The S-matrix

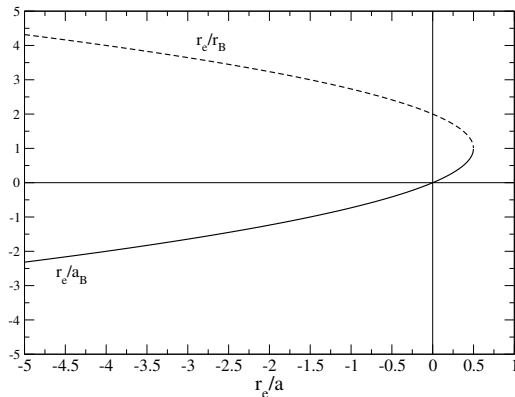
$$S(k) = \frac{k + i/a_B}{k - i/a_B} \frac{k + i/r_B}{k - i/r_B}$$

is exactly represented by the Eckart potential:

$$V(r) = -2 \frac{\hbar^2}{mr_0^2} \frac{\beta e^{-r/r_0}}{(1 + \beta e^{-r/r_0})^2}$$

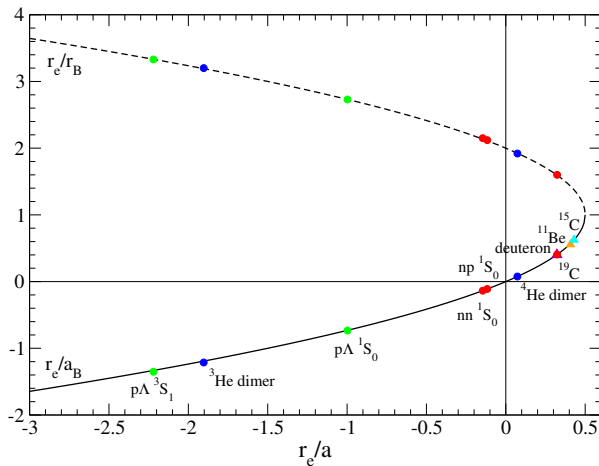
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a = 4r_0 \frac{\beta}{\beta-1} \\ a_B = 2r_0 \frac{\beta+1}{\beta-1} \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} r_e = 2r_0 \frac{\beta+1}{\beta} \\ r_B = 2r_0 \end{array} \right.$$

Effective description in the plane $[r_e/a, r_e/a_b]$



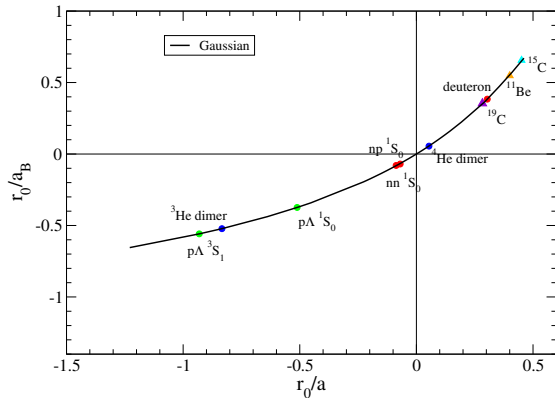
in terms of the potential parameters $r_e/a = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\beta^2 - 1}{\beta^2}$, $r_e/a_B = \frac{\beta - 1}{\beta}$ and $r_e/r_B = \frac{\beta + 1}{\beta}$

Physical systems inside the Eckart window



Systems are put on the figure by their experimental data

The universal window in terms of the Gaussian parameters



$$V(r) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{mr_0^2}\beta e^{-(r/r_0)^2}$$

Effective description

- ▶ System inside the window have been described using different EFT frameworks
- ▶ The nuclear system is currently described using chiral potentials or using pionless EFT
- ▶ Atomic helium has been extensively studied using potentials models (Aziz potentials, TTY potential, etc) and also using contact EFT
- ▶ Halo nuclei are currently studied using potential models and also Halo EFT
- ▶ Hadron systems as $N - \Lambda$ and hypernuclei are studied using potential models and also using chiral or contact EFT
- ▶ The above discussion suggests an effective description of a system inside the universal window based on the Eckart or Gaussian potential

$$V_{LO} = V[\beta(a, a_B, r_e), r_0(a, a_B, r_e)]$$

- ▶ We consider this description a optimized LO description

The $p\Lambda$ effective interaction

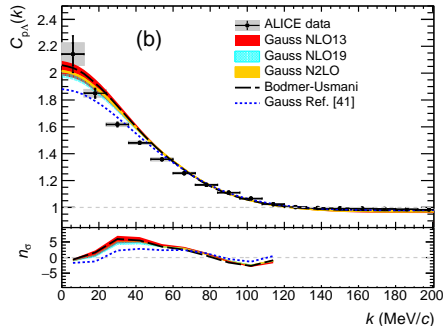
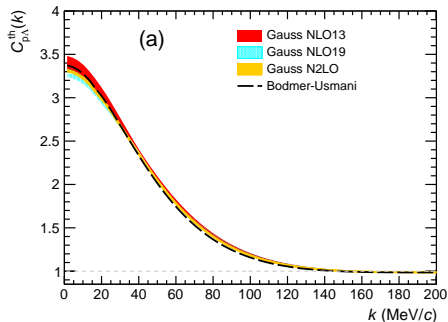
Using the Gaussian form, we define the effective $p\Lambda$ interaction as

$$V_{p\Lambda}(r) = \sum_{S=0,1} V_S e^{-(r/r_S)^2} \mathcal{P}_S$$

	NLO13				NLO19				SMS N2LO		
C (MeV)	500	550	600	650	500	550	600	650	500	550	600
V_0 (MeV)	-30.180	-30.574	-31.851	-34.831	-25.954	-28.817	-31.851	-34.831	-31.140	-29.753	-34.273
r_0 (fm)	1.467	1.459	1.434	1.380	1.563	1.495	1.434	1.380	1.439	1.466	1.382
V_1 (MeV)	-29.205	-33.839	-36.258	-38.455	-38.984	-39.470	-42.055	-40.373	-27.544	-28.609	-27.392
r_1 (fm)	1.338	1.247	1.216	1.183	1.178	1.163	1.126	1.143	1.361	1.344	1.364
$B_{\Lambda}({}^3\text{H})$ (MeV)	2.8729	2.87956	2.92508	2.98499	2.79212	2.83929	2.90455	3.25522	2.81932	2.79875	2.8785
W_3 (MeV)	11.83	11.733	12.32	12.873	10.545	11.056	11.795	12.294	10.65	10.375	11.4
ρ_3 (fm)	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

The $p\Lambda$ correlation function: $C_{p\Lambda}(k) = \int d^3r S(r) |\Psi_{p\Lambda}|^2$

$$C_{p\Lambda}(k) = \lambda_{p\Lambda} C_{p\Lambda}^{\text{th}}(k) + \lambda_{p\Lambda\Sigma^0} C_{p\Lambda\Sigma^0}(k) + \lambda_{p\Lambda\Xi} C_{p\Lambda\Xi}(k) + \lambda_{\text{flat}}$$



$$V_{p\Lambda}^{BU} = V_C(r)(1 - \epsilon + \epsilon P_x) + 0.25 V_G T_\pi^2(r) \sigma_\Lambda \cdot \sigma_p$$

$$a_0 = -2.88 \text{ fm}, r_e^0 = 2.87 \text{ fm}$$

$$a_1 = -1.66 \text{ fm}, r_e^1 = 3.67 \text{ fm}$$

$$B({}^3_\Lambda\text{H}) = 2.73 \text{ MeV}$$

$$V_{p\Lambda}(r) = \sum_{S=0,1} V_S e^{-(r/r_S)^2} \mathcal{P}_S$$

$$a_0 = -2.10 \text{ fm}, r_e^0 = 3.21 \text{ fm}$$

$$a_1 = -1.54 \text{ fm}, r_e^1 = 3.16 \text{ fm}$$

$$B({}^3_\Lambda\text{H}) = 2.40 \text{ MeV}$$

The $pp\Lambda$ system

Jacobi coordinates for two nucleons of mass m and the Λ of mass M in \mathbf{r}_3

r -space

q -space

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1 \\ \mathbf{y} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{(1+2m/M)}} \left(\mathbf{r}_3 - \frac{\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}_2}{2} \right) \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{k} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_1) \\ \mathbf{q} = \sqrt{\frac{m}{M}} \sqrt{\frac{m}{2m+M}} \left(\mathbf{p}_3 - \frac{M}{m} \frac{\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2}{2} \right) \end{array} \right.$$

The hyperradius $\rho = (x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}$ the hypermomentum $Q = (k^2 + q^2)^{1/2}$
[$\Omega_\rho \equiv \hat{x}, \hat{y}, \alpha = \arctan(x/y)$] [$\Omega_Q \equiv \hat{k}, \hat{q}, \tilde{\alpha} = \arctan(k/q)$]

In terms of the particle distances $\frac{\rho^2}{2} = r_1^2 + r_2^2 + \frac{M}{m} r_3^2 - \frac{M+2m}{m} R^2$

The hypermomentum is related to the total energy $E = \frac{p_1^2}{2m} + \frac{p_2^2}{2m} + \frac{p_3^2}{2M} = \frac{Q^2}{m}$

The $pp\Lambda$ source function

The correlation function for three particles is given by

$$C_{123}(Q) = \int d\mathbf{r}_1 d\mathbf{r}_2 d\mathbf{r}_3 S_1(\mathbf{r}_1) S_2(\mathbf{r}_2) S_3(\mathbf{r}_3) |\Psi_s|^2$$

The source function $S_i(\mathbf{r}_i)$ is approximated by a Gaussian probability distribution. The widths of the proton and Λ distributions as R_m and R_M , respectively.

$$S_1(\mathbf{r}_1) S_1(\mathbf{r}_2) S_1(\mathbf{r}_3) = \frac{e^{-\left(\frac{\rho^2}{2} - \left(\frac{R_m^2}{R_M^2} - \frac{M}{m}\right)r_3^2 + \frac{M+2m}{m}R^2\right)/2R_m^2}}{(2\pi R_m^2)^3 (2\pi R_M^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

with the condition $R_m^2/R_M^2 = M/m$ after integrating over the center of mass

$$S_{123}(\rho) = \frac{1}{\pi^3 \rho_0^6} e^{-(\rho/\rho_0)^2}$$

with $\rho_0 = 2R_m$

The $pp\Lambda$ correlation function

$$C_{123}(Q) = \frac{1}{\pi^3 \rho_0^6} \int e^{-(\rho/\rho_0)^2} |\Psi_s|^2 \rho^5 d\rho d\Omega_\rho$$

With the three-body scattering wave function

$$\Psi_s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_S}} \frac{(2\pi)^3}{(Q\rho)^{5/2}} \sum_{JJ_z} \sum_{K\gamma} \Psi_{K\gamma}^{JJ_z} \sum_{M_L M_S} (LM_L SM_S | JJ_z) \mathcal{Y}_{KLM_L}^{\ell_x \ell_y}(\Omega_Q)^*$$

N_S is the number of spin states and $\gamma \equiv \{\ell_x, \ell_y, L, s_x, S\}$. The coordinate wave functions, $\Psi_{K\gamma}^{JJ_z}$, in the HH formalism take the general form

$$\Psi_{K\gamma}^{JJ_z} = \sum_{K'\gamma'} \Psi_{K\gamma}^{K'\gamma'}(Q, \rho) \Upsilon_{JJ_z}^{K'\gamma'}(\Omega_\rho)$$

$$\Upsilon_{JJ_z}^{K\gamma}(\Omega_\rho) = \sum_{M_L M_S} (LM_L SM_S | JJ_z) \mathcal{Y}_{KLM_L}^{\ell_x \ell_y}(\Omega_\rho) \chi_{SM_S}^{s_x}.$$

The $pp\Lambda$ correlation function

$$|\Psi_s|_\Omega^2 = \frac{1}{\pi^6} \int d\Omega_\rho \int d\Omega_Q |\Psi_s|^2$$

For non-interacting particles $\Psi_{K\gamma}^{K'\gamma'}(Q, \rho) = i^K \sqrt{Q\rho} J_{K+2}(Q\rho) \delta_{KK'} \delta_{\gamma\gamma'}$
and the norm results, with N_{ST} the number of states for a given K

$$|\Psi_s^0|_\Omega^2 = \frac{2}{N_S} \frac{2^6}{(Q\rho)^4} \sum_K J_{K+2}^2(Q\rho) N_{ST}(K)$$

$$C_{pp\Lambda}(Q) = \frac{1}{4} \frac{2^6}{Q^4 \rho_0^6} \int \rho d\rho e^{-\frac{\rho^2}{\rho_0^2}} \left(\sum_J (2J+1) \left| \frac{u_{n_0}^J}{\sqrt{Q\rho}} \right|^2 + \sum_{K>1} J_{K+2}^2(Q\rho) N_{ST}(K) \right)$$

where the sum over J includes the states $J^\pi = 1/2^+, 1/2^-, 3/2^-, 5/2^-$ with $u_{n_0}^J$ the corresponding wave function.

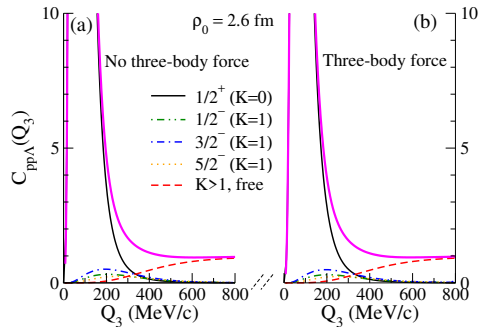
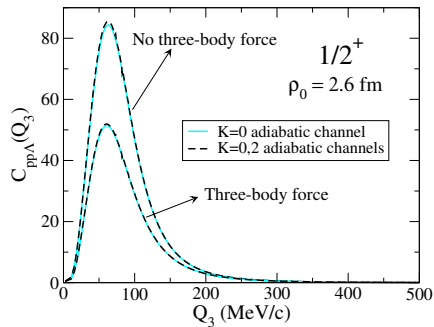
The $pp\Lambda$ three-body force

- ▶ The optimized LO $p\Lambda$ potential has been constructed to describe the scattering length and effective range in the two spin channels
- ▶ Going to $NN\Lambda$ system this description has to be completed including a three-body force
- ▶ This is related to what is called **The three-body parameter** as in pion-less EFT
- ▶ Accordingly, when describing the $pp\Lambda$ system we consider the following three-body force

$$W(r_{12}, r_{13}) = W_0 e^{-(r_{12}/\rho_0)^2 - (r_{13}/\rho_0)^2}$$

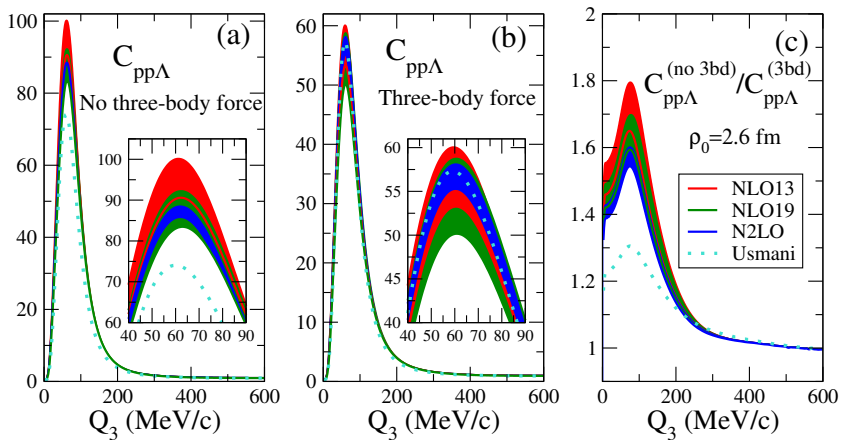
- ▶ W_0, ρ_0 fixed to describe the hypertriton and if possible the $N = 4, 5$ hypernuclei

The $pp\Lambda$ correlation function

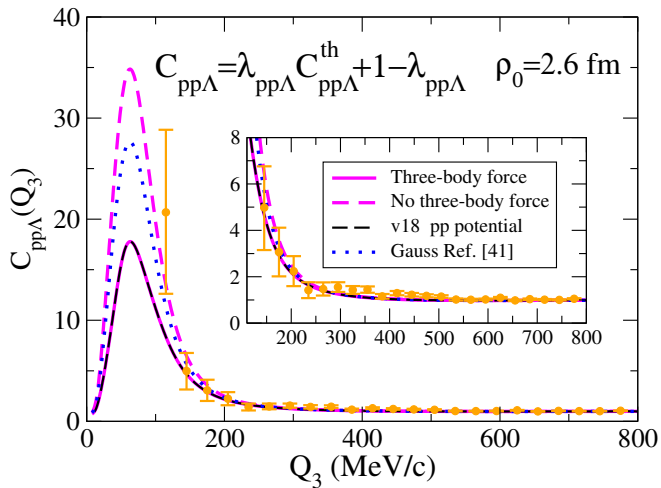


Contribution of the different partial waves

The $pp\Lambda$ correlation function



The $pp\Lambda$ correlation function



- A $NN\Lambda$ three-body force is included fixed to describe the $B(\Lambda^3\text{H})$

Summary

- ▶ Although its apparent simplicity, the three-body problem is of great complexity
- ▶ Measurements of the correlation function allow for new tests of the NN , NNN , $N\Lambda$, $NN\Lambda$,... interactions
- ▶ In the ppp case the Coulomb interaction couples the asymptotic dynamics increasing the difficulties of the numerical treatment
- ▶ The corrections of the computed pp and ppp correlation functions needs the knowledge of the $p\Lambda$ and $pp\Lambda$ correlation functions
- ▶ The $N\Lambda$ and $NN\Lambda$ interactions are not very well known
- ▶ The universal window could help to link the correlation function data and the potential

- ▶ Studies on the $p\Lambda$ and $pp\Lambda$ correlation functions have been started
- ▶ The $pp\Lambda$ correlation functions could be sensitive to the $NN\Lambda$ three-body force, an important ingredient in the studies of compact systems