

Study of hadron two-body and three-body interactions with femtoscopy

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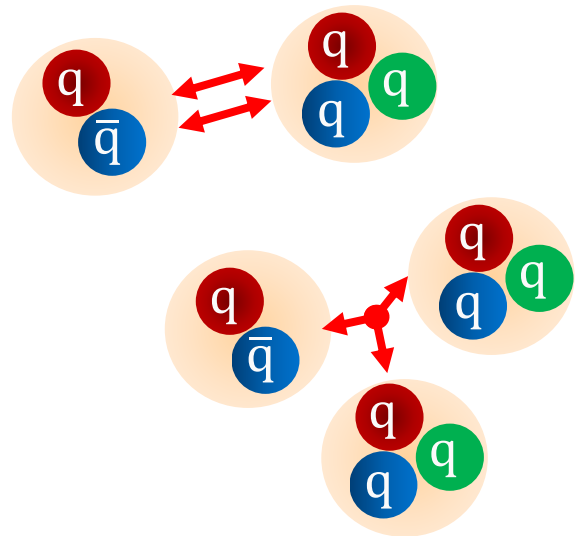
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Why do we study hadronic interactions?

Understand how QCD evolves from high-energy to low-energy regime

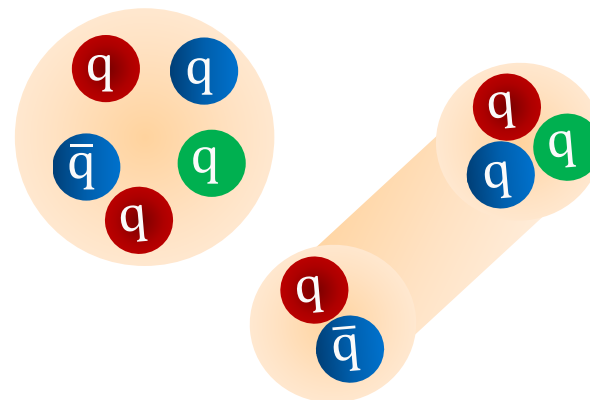
How do hadrons interact?

2-body and many-body interactions

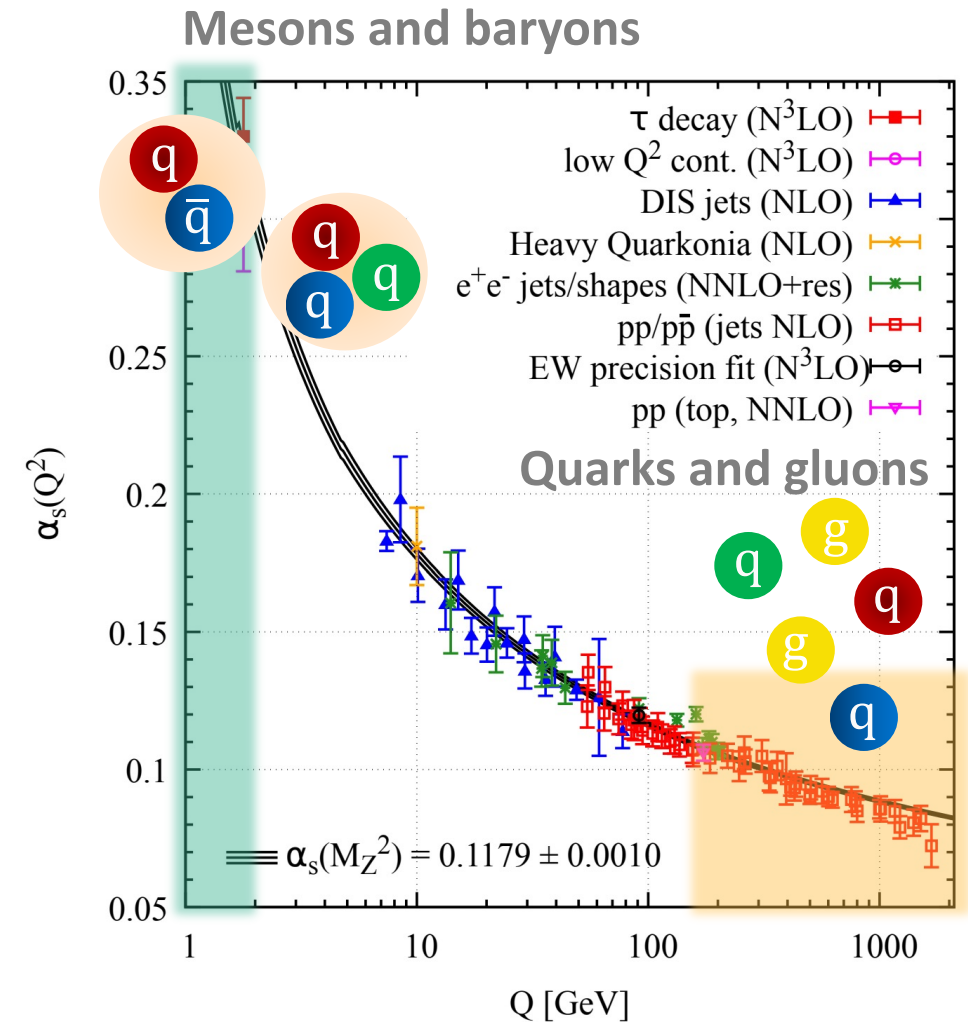


How do hadrons emerge?

Bound states/resonances
Conventional and exotic states



Need for experimental data



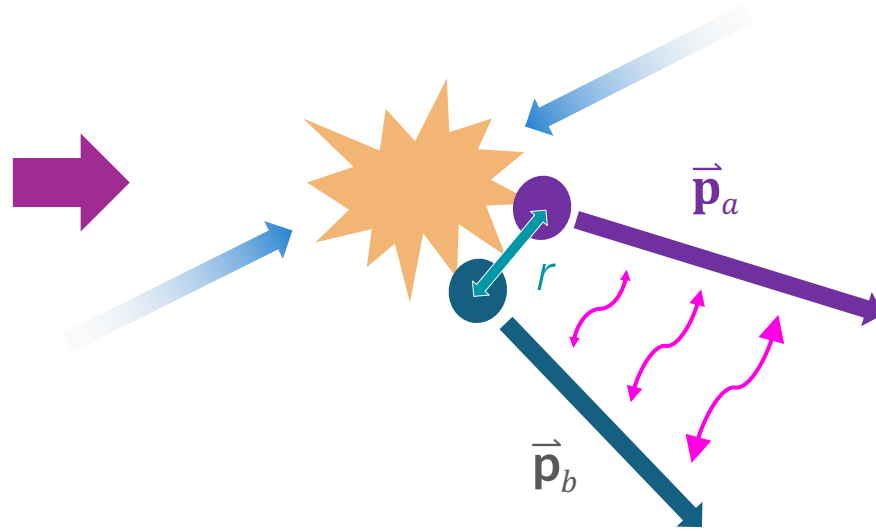
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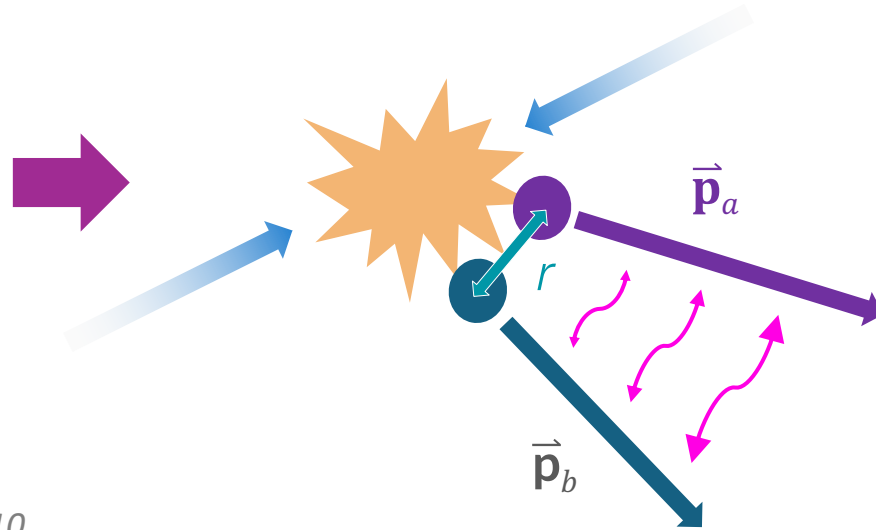
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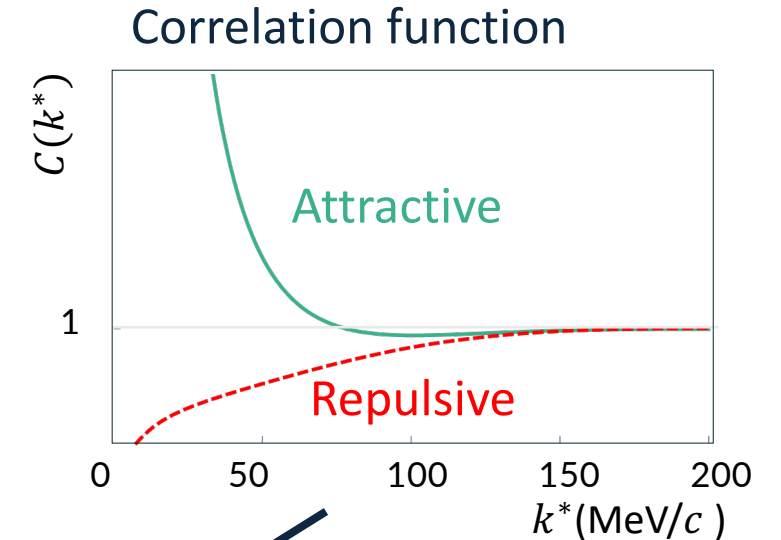
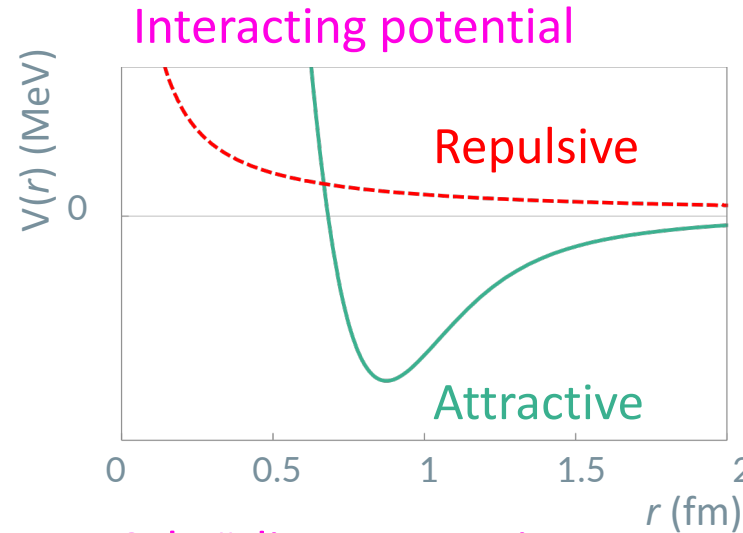
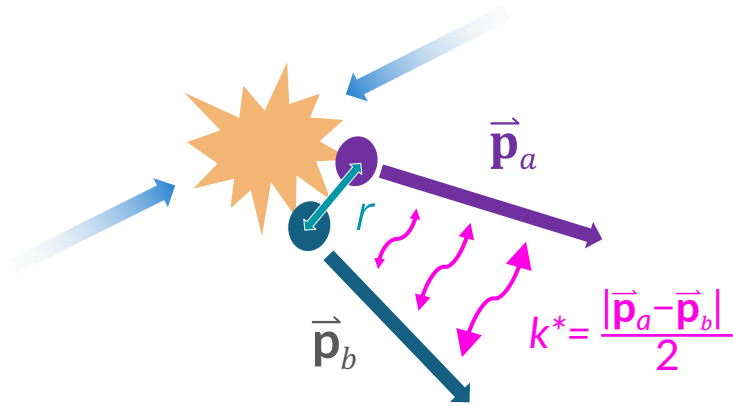
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Correlation function



Emission source $S(\vec{r})$

Schrödinger equation

D. Mihaylov et al., EPJC 78 (2018), 5, 394

Two-particle wave function

$$C(k^*) = \int S(\vec{r}) |\psi(\vec{k}^*, \vec{r})|^2 d^3\vec{r} = \mathcal{N}(k^*) \frac{N_{\text{same}}(k^*)}{N_{\text{mixed}}(k^*)}$$

Measuring $C(k^*)$, fixing the source $S(\vec{r})$, study the interaction

M. Lisa, S. Pratt et al., ARNPS 55 (2005), 357-402
L. Fabbietti et al., ARNPS 71 (2021), 377-402

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- Emitting source function anchored to p-p correlation function

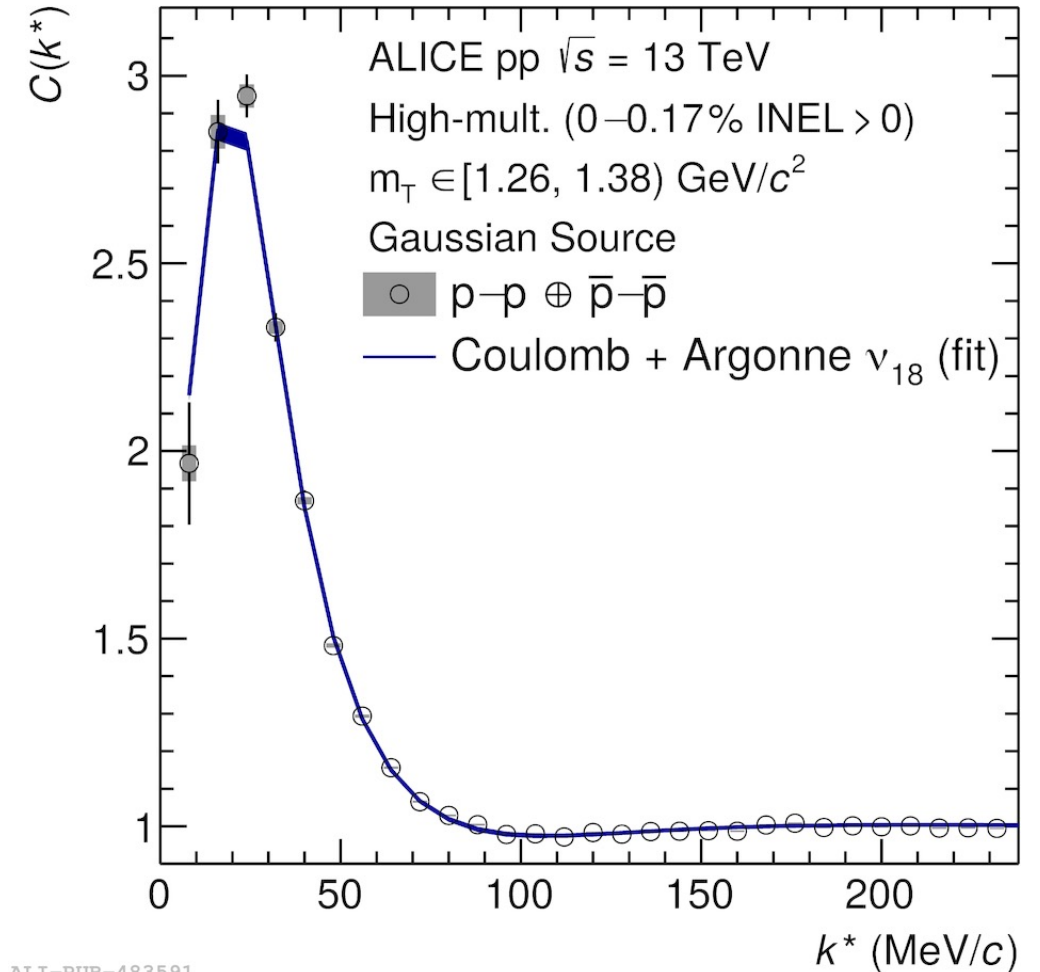
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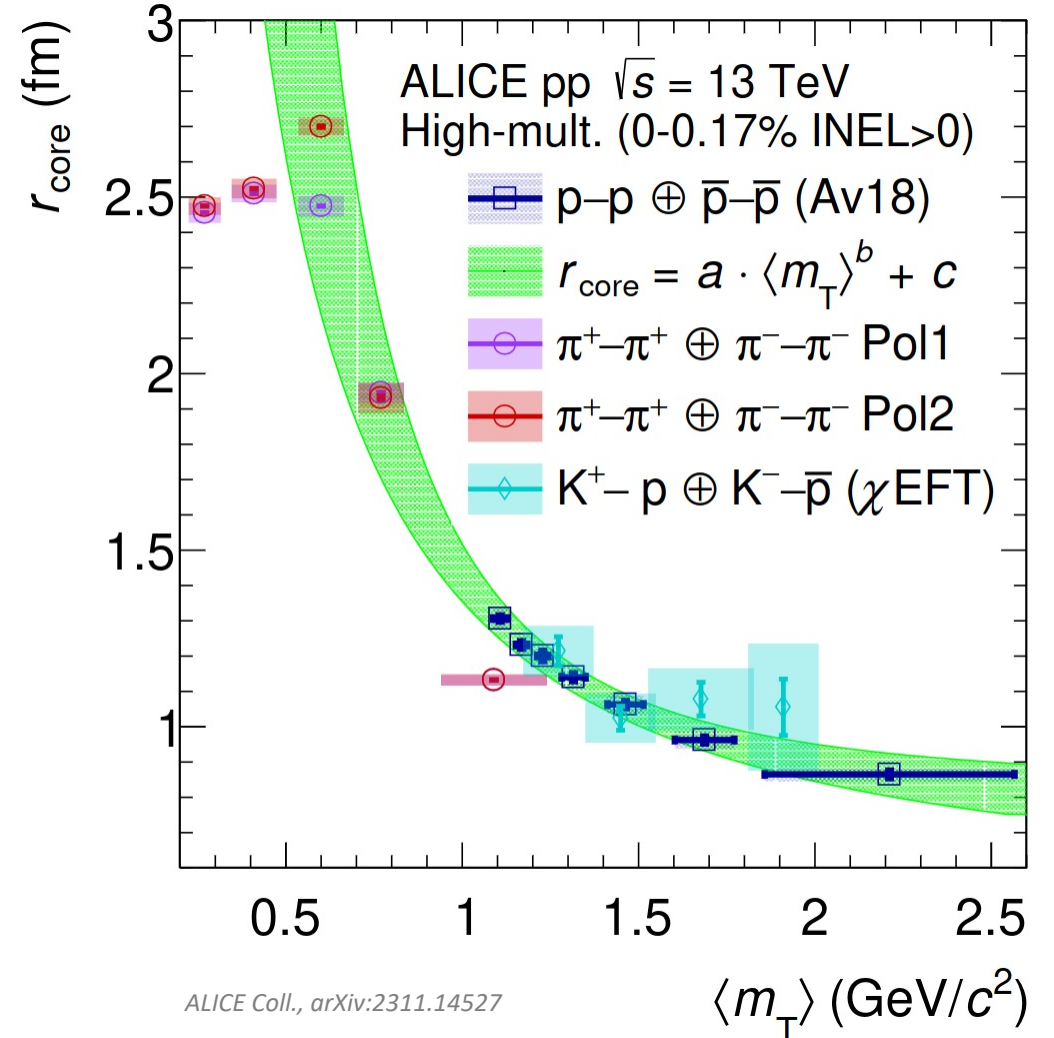
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- One universal source for all hadrons (cross-check with K^+ -p, π - π , p- Λ , p- π)
- **Small particle-emitting source created in pp collisions at the LHC** ALICE Coll., PLB, 811 (2020), 135849; ALICE Coll., arXiv:2311.14527

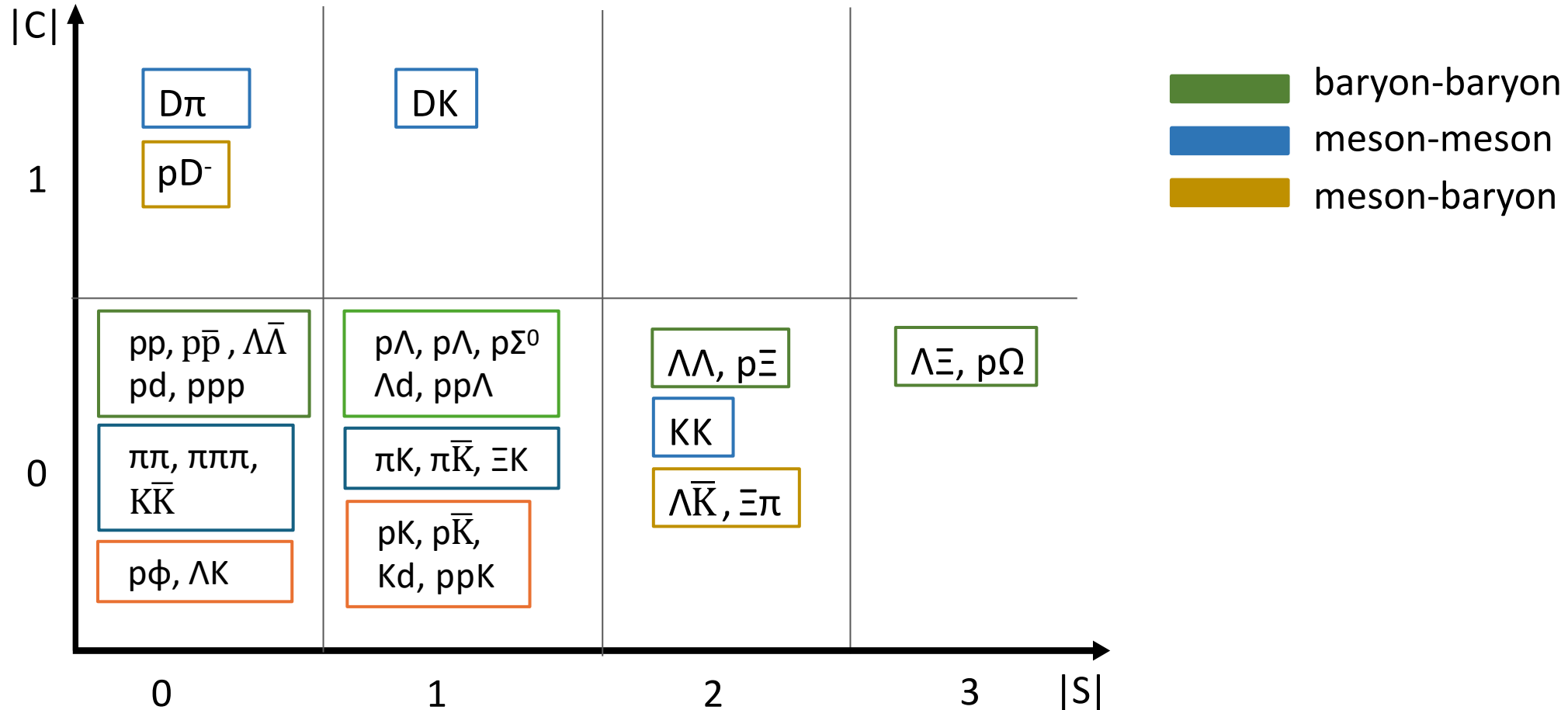
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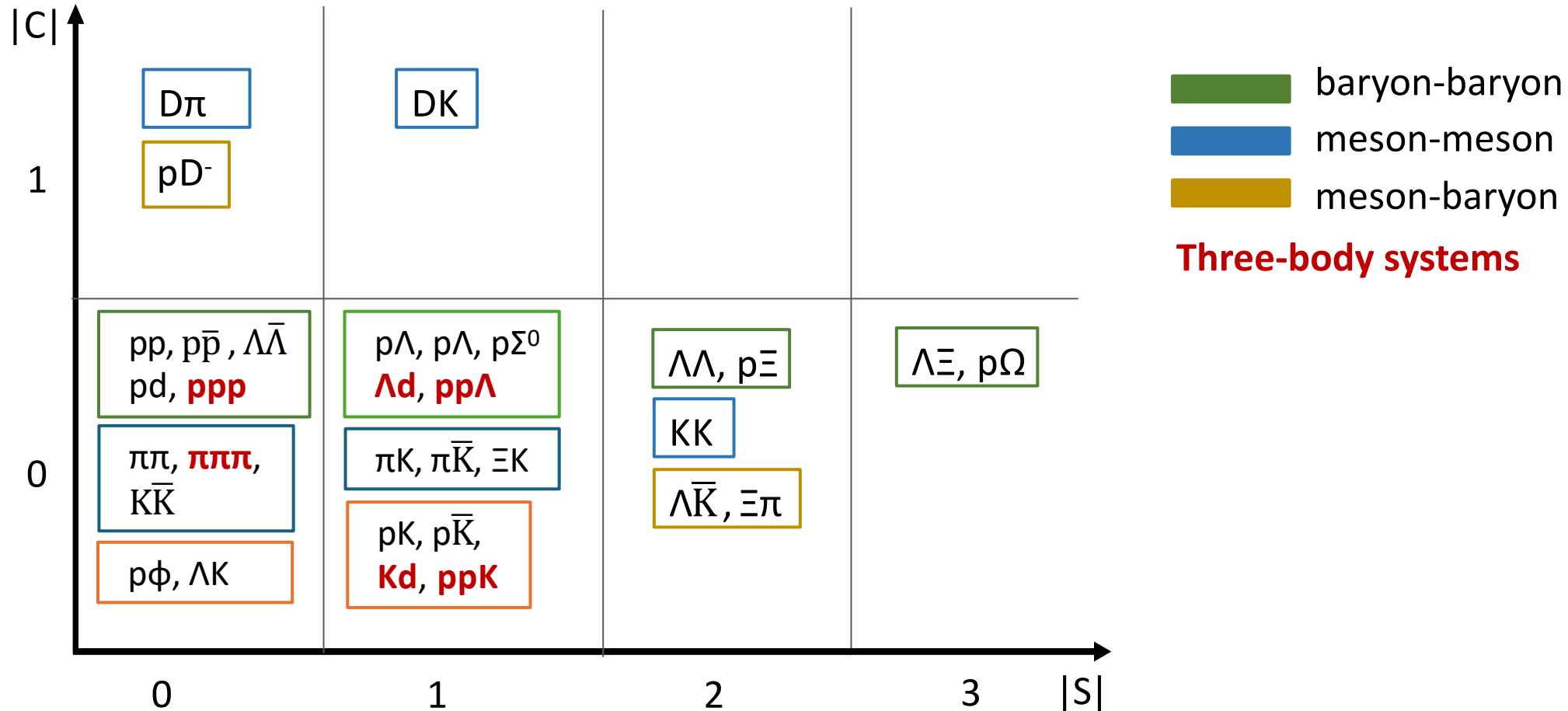
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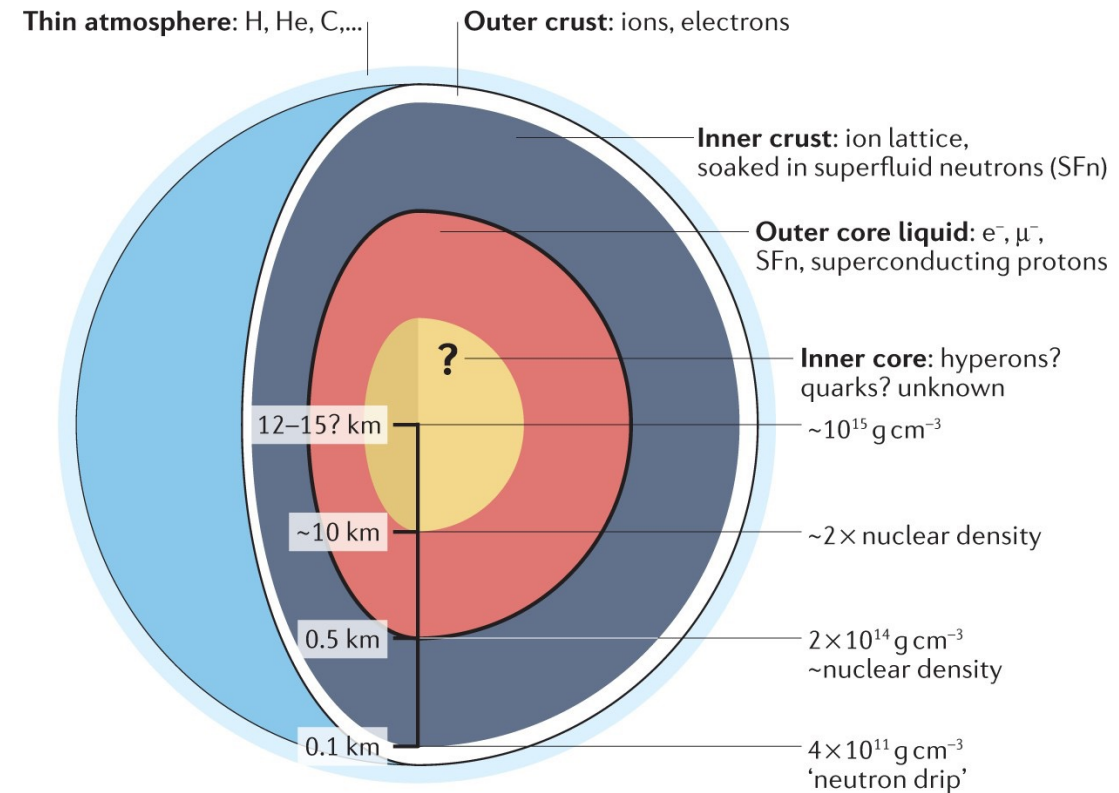
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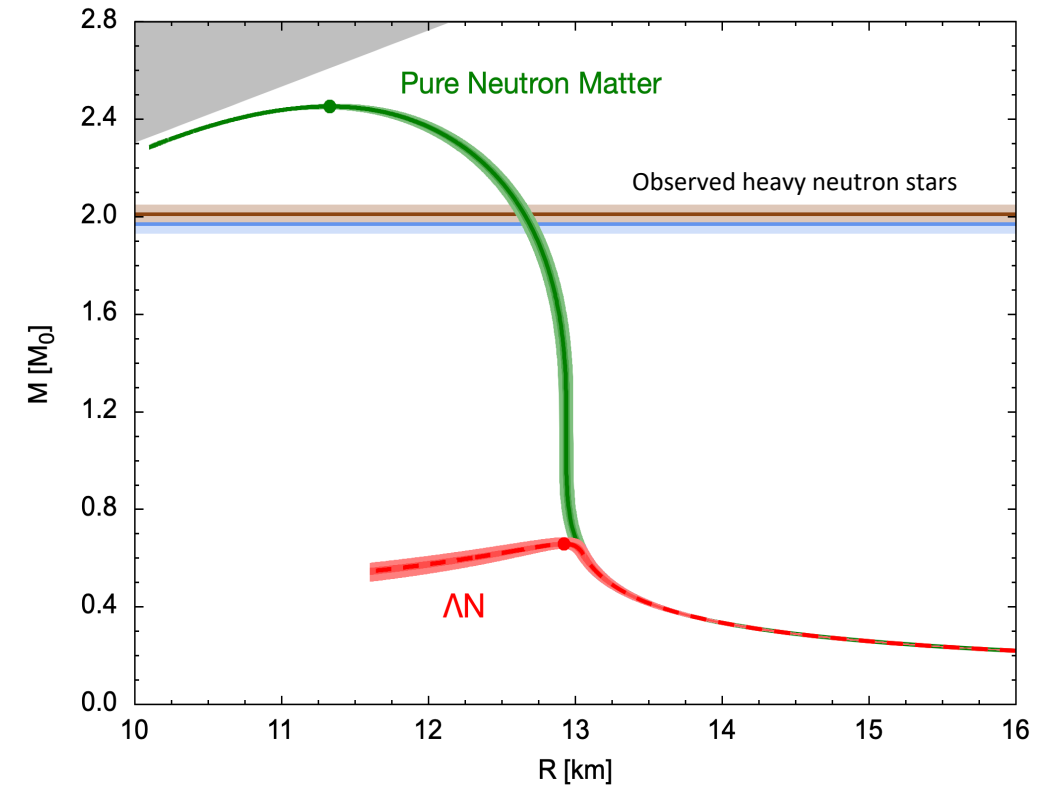
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Nature Reviews Physics 4 (2022)
Figure adapted from NICER

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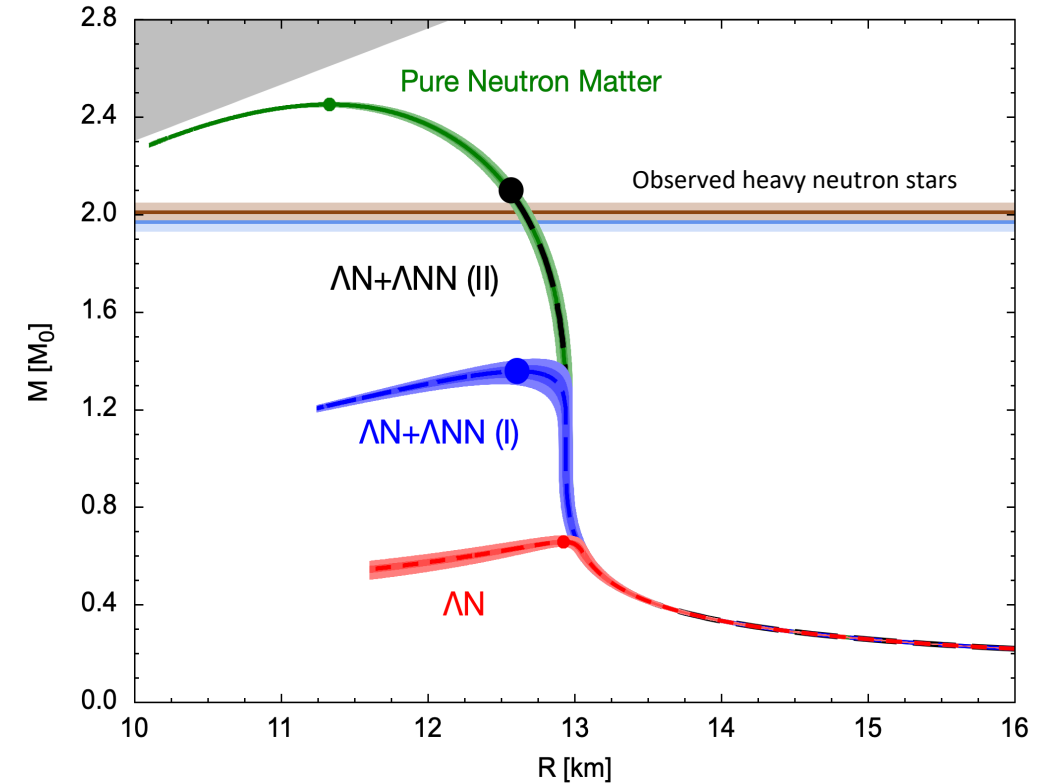


D. Lonardoni et al., PRL 114 (2019)

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- Repulsive 3-body ΛNN interaction can stiffen the EoS but:
 - Effect on EoS largely model dependent
 - too repulsive YNN leads to no hyperons in the NSs

D. Logoteta et al., EPJA 55 (2019); D. Lonardoni et al., PRL 114 (2019)

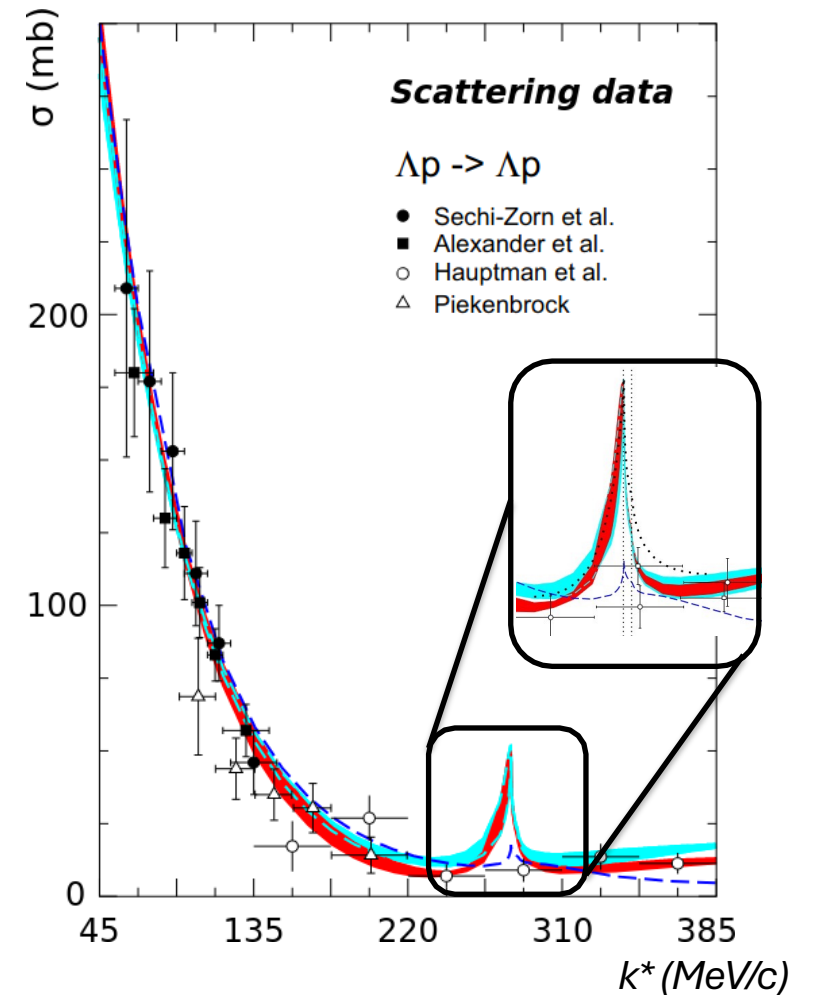


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Can we exploit femtoscopy
measurements?

The $p\Lambda$ interaction so far...

- Mainly investigated with scattering data
 - High-precision results by CLAS at large momenta
CLAS coll. PRL 127 (2021), 27, 27230
 - Large uncertainties at low momenta and not available down to threshold
- Cusp structure at ΣN opening
 - Coupling ΛN - ΣN driving the behaviour of Λ at finite p
D. Gerstung et al. Eur.Phys.J.A 56 (2020), 6, 175; J.Haidenbauer, U. Meißner, EPJA 56 (2020), 3, 91
 - State-of-art chiral potentials with different ΛN - ΣN strength



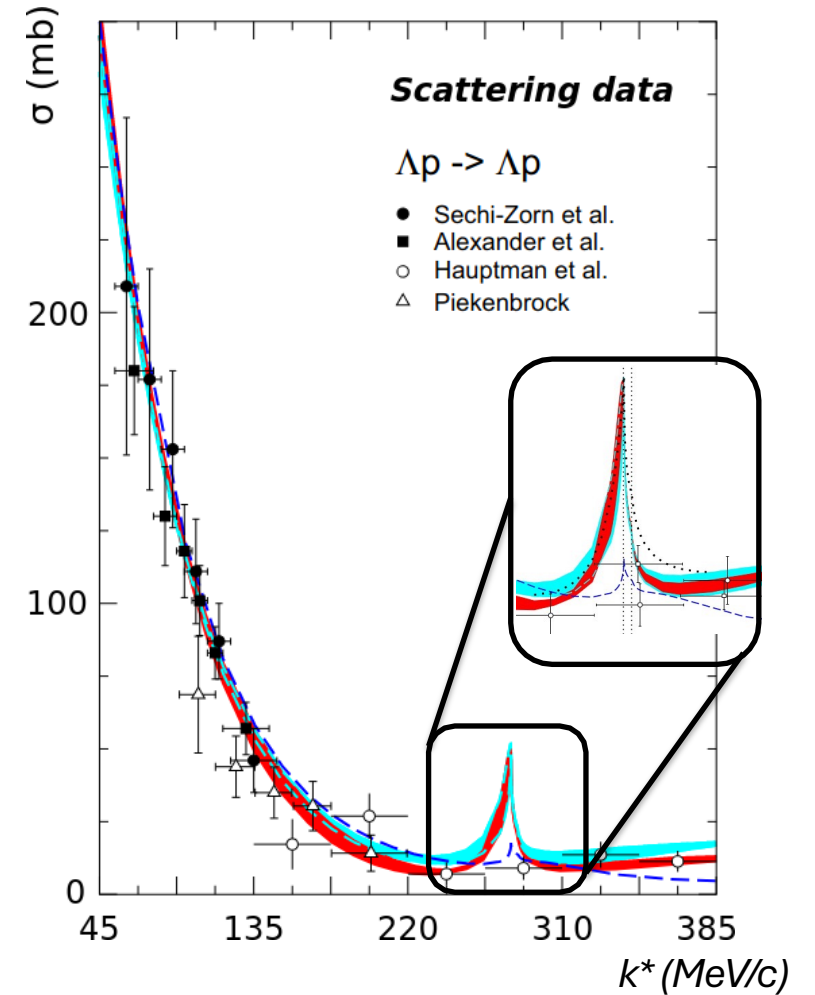
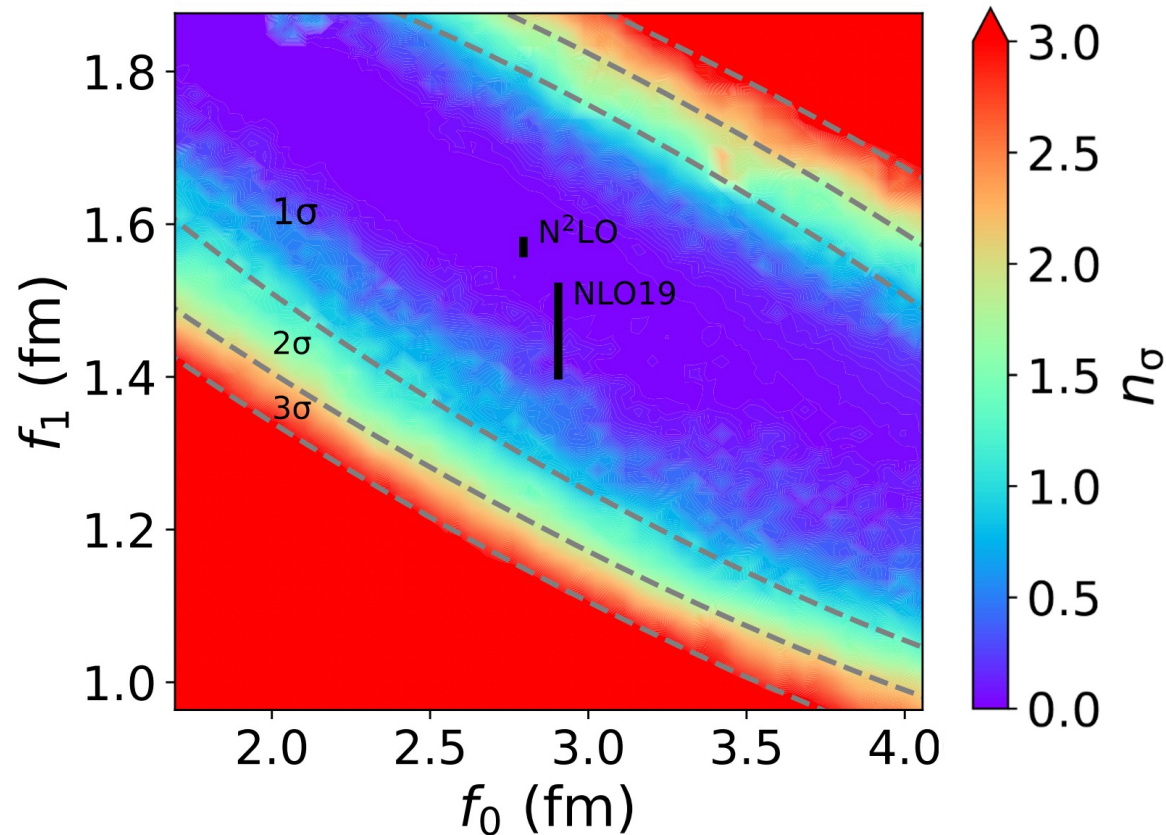
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NLO13: J.Haidenbauer, N.Kaiser et al., NPA 915, 24 (2013)

The $p\Lambda$ interaction before femtoscopy

- Spin-0 and Spin-1 scattering length from scattering data
- Agreement with N²LO and NLO19

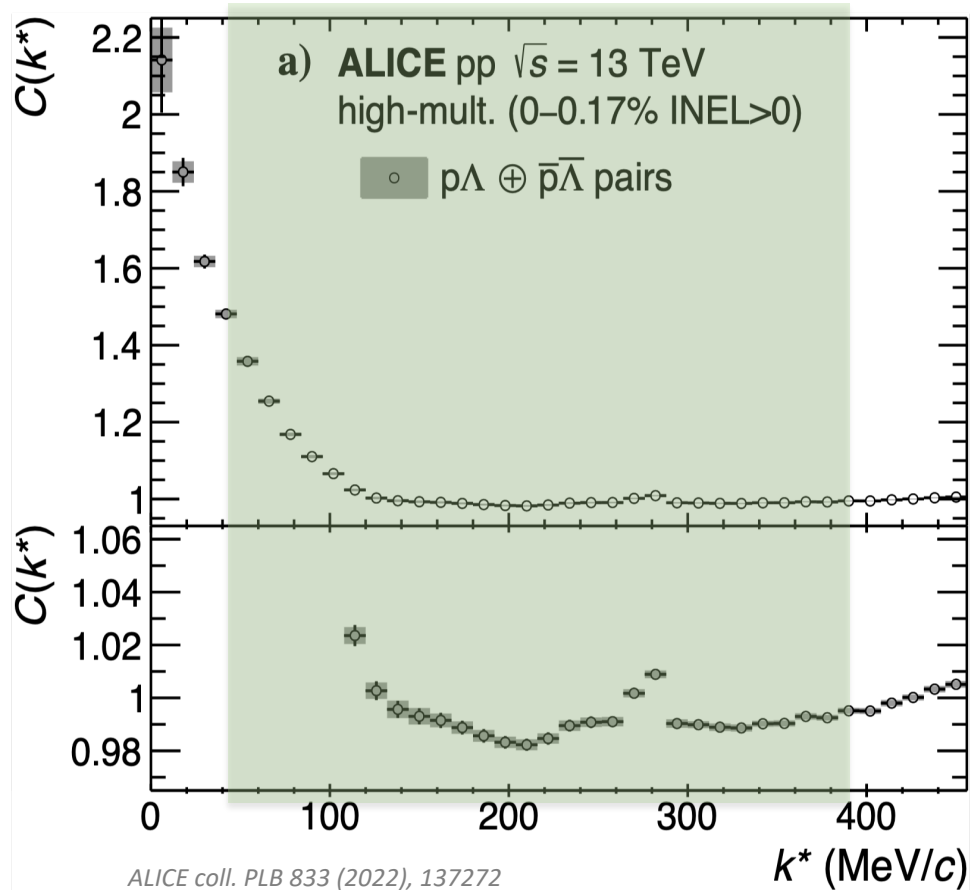
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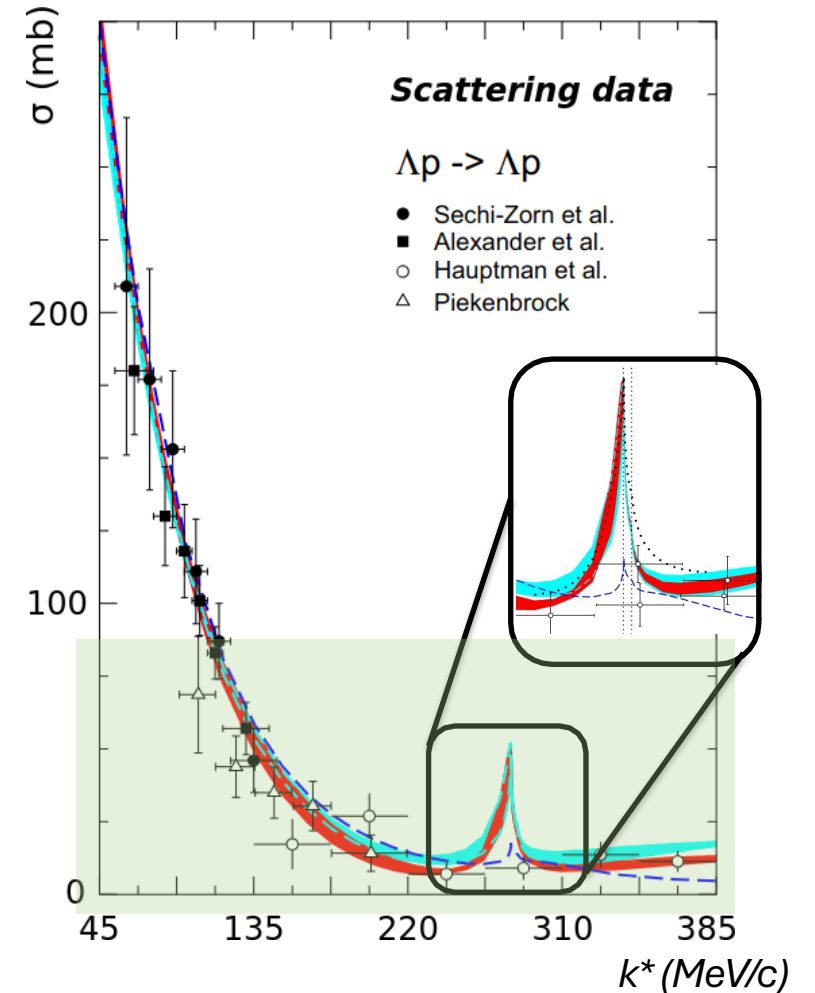
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The $p\Lambda$ interaction in the femtoscopy era



- Measurement down to zero momentum
- Factor 20 improved precision (<1%)
- First experimental evidence of ΛN - ΣN opening in 2-body channel



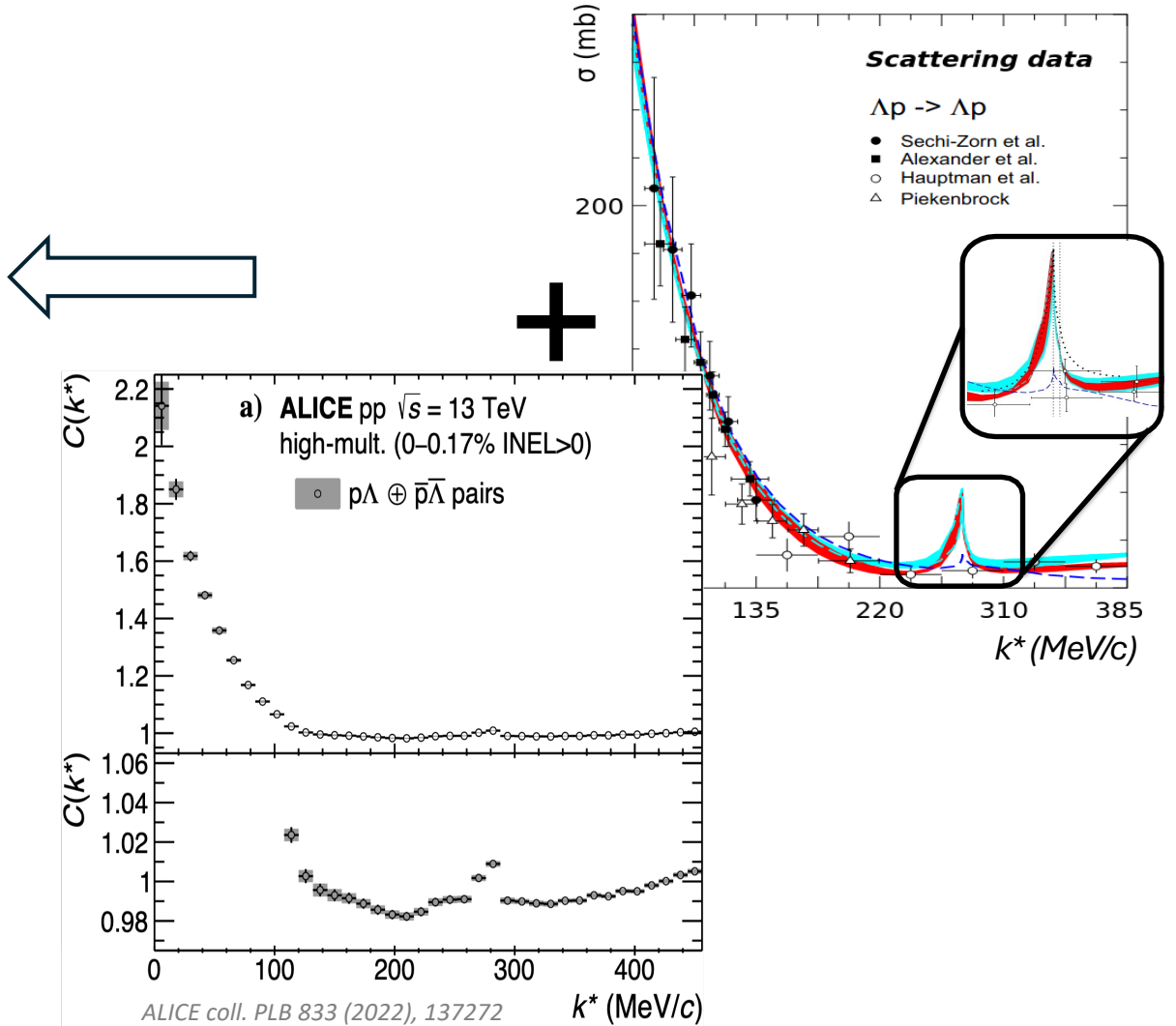
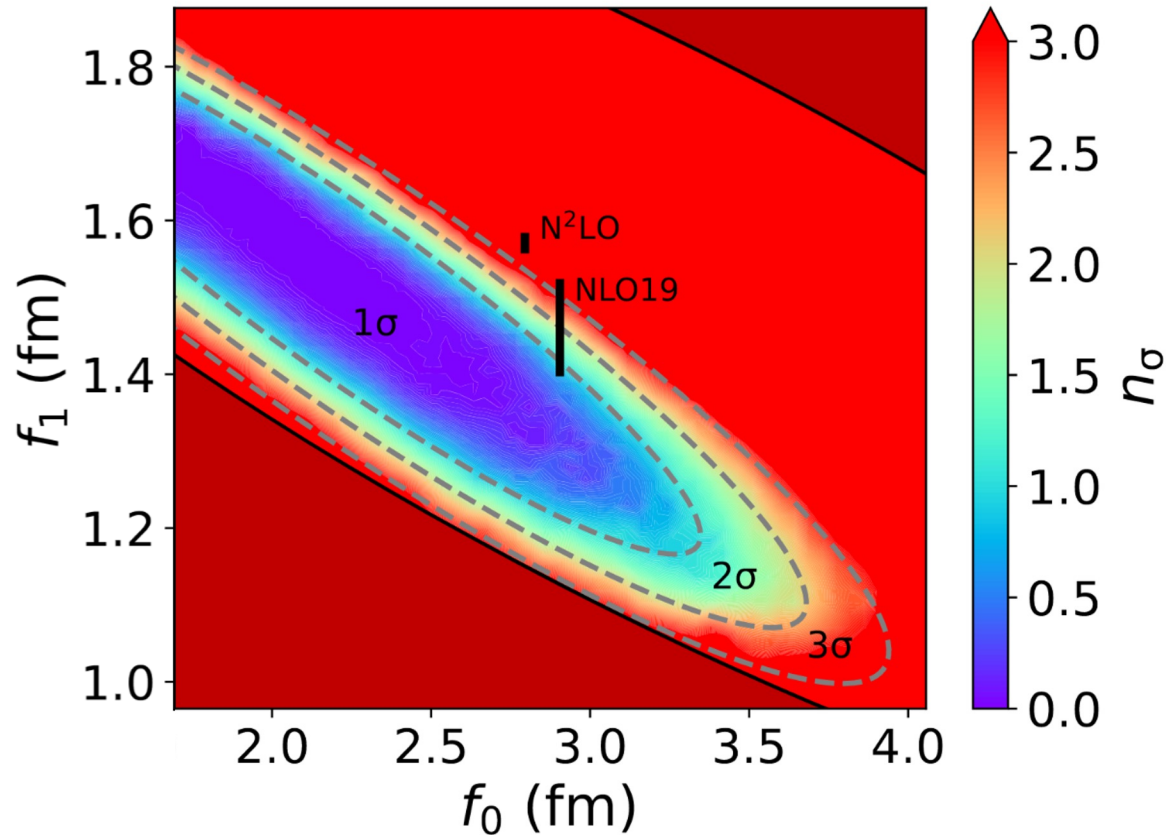
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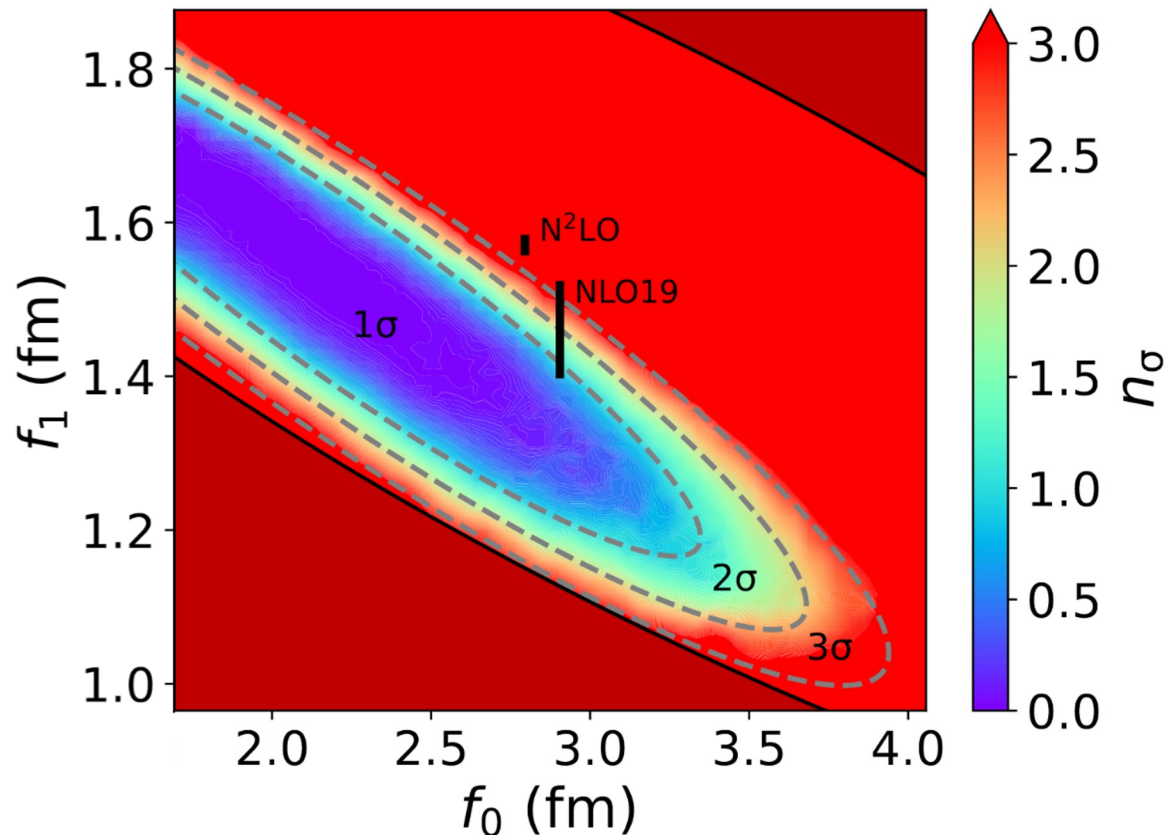
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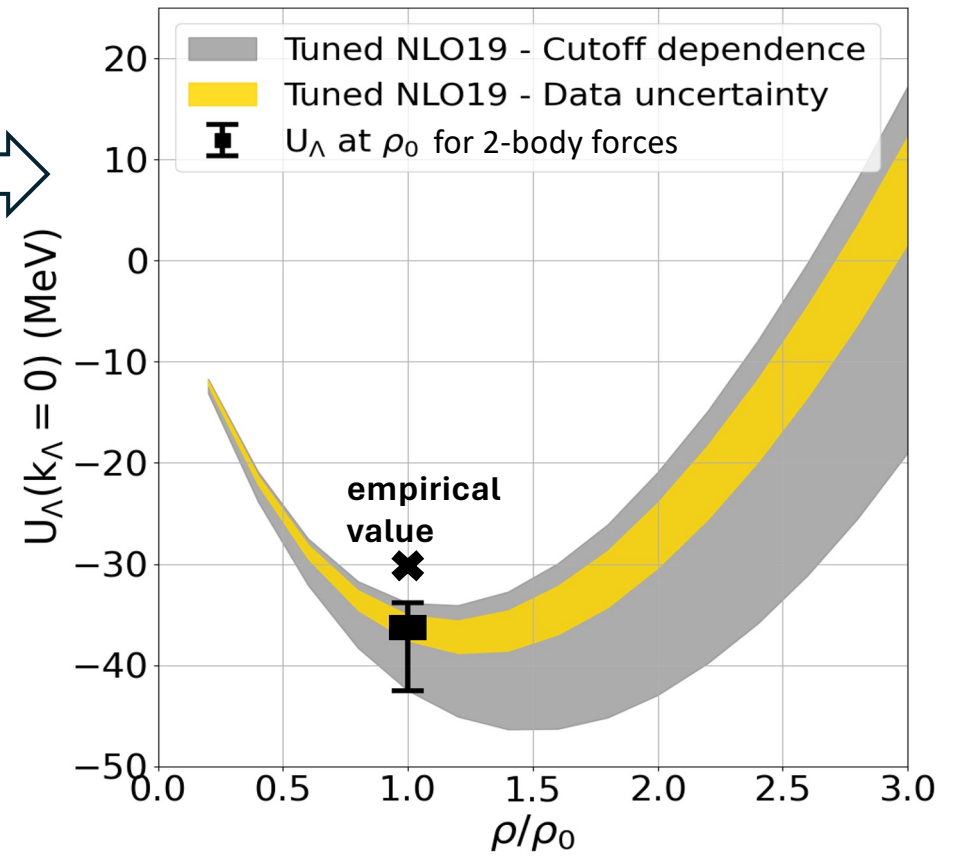
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**New parameterizations of the χ EFT
Compatible with repulsive 3-body forces**



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NNN using proton-deuteron correlations

- Point-like particle models anchored to scattering experiments

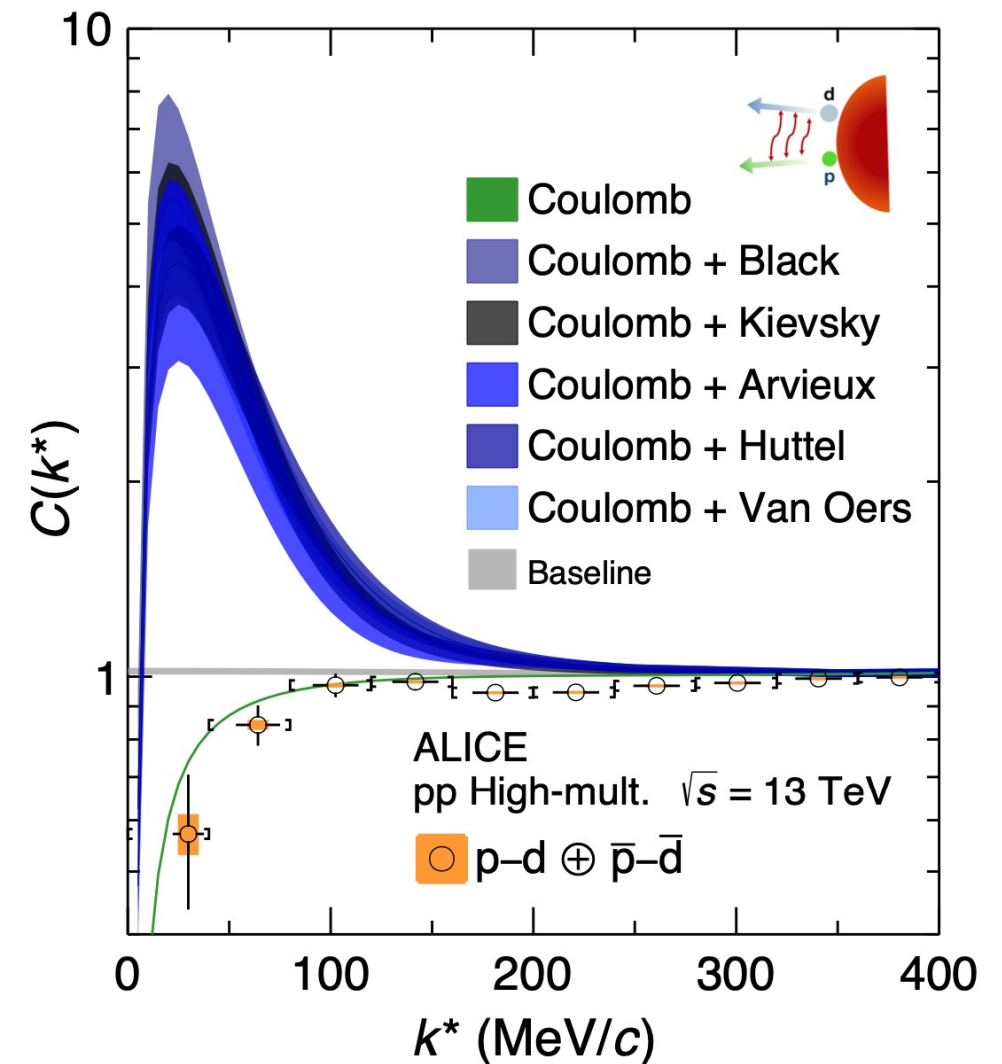
W. T. H. Van Oers et al., NPA 561 (1967);

J. Arvieux et al., NPA 221 (1973); E. Huttel et al., NPA 406 (1983);

A. Kievsky et al., PLB 406 (1997); T. C. Black et al., PLB 471 (1999);

- Coulomb + strong interaction using Lednický model
Lednický, R. Phys. Part. Nuclei 40, 307–352 (2009)
- Only s-wave interaction
- Source radius evaluated using the universal m_T scaling

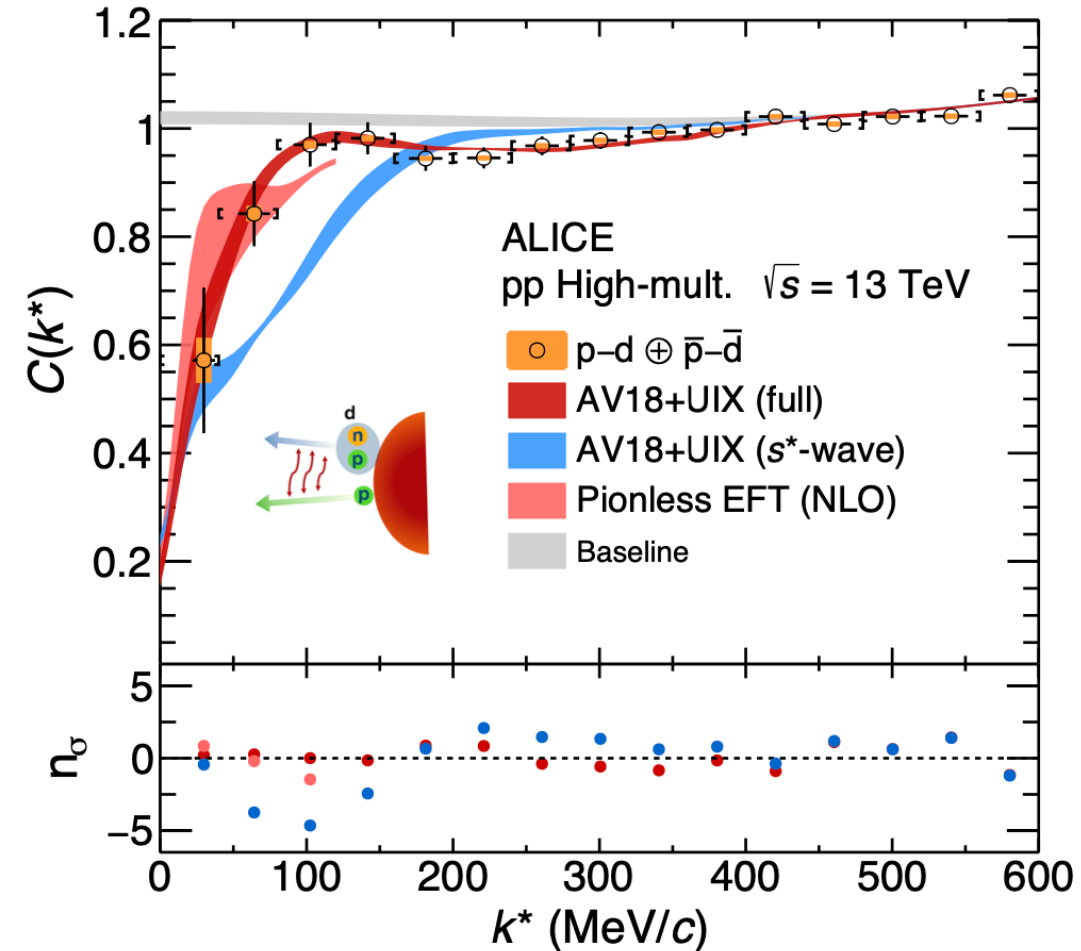
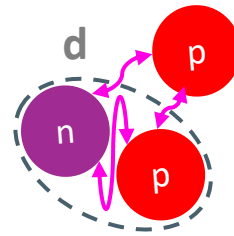
Point-like particle description doesn't work for p-d



ALICE Coll. arXiv:2308.16120 (2023)

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- Full three-body calculations are required (NN + NNN + Quantum Statistics)
- Hadron-nuclei correlations at the LHC can be used to study many-body dynamics

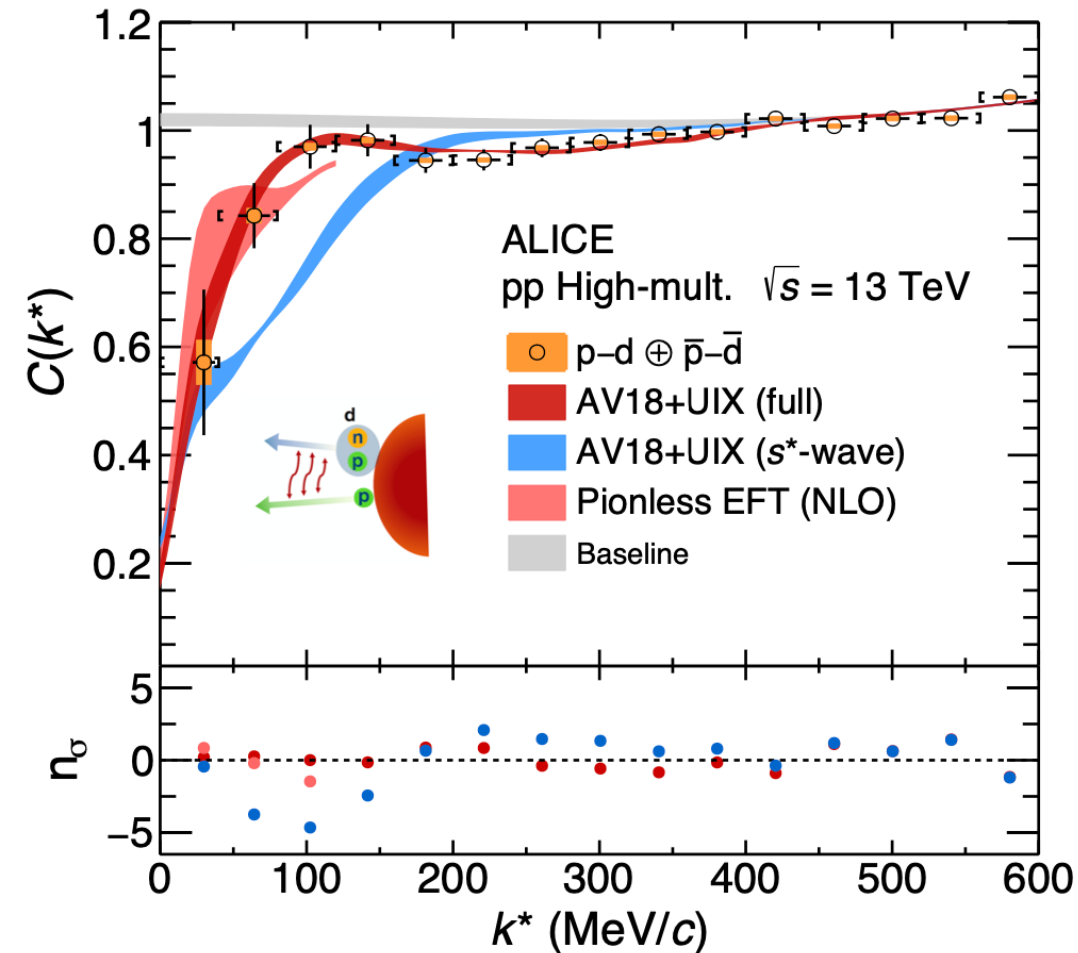
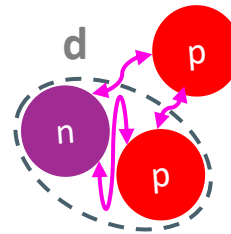
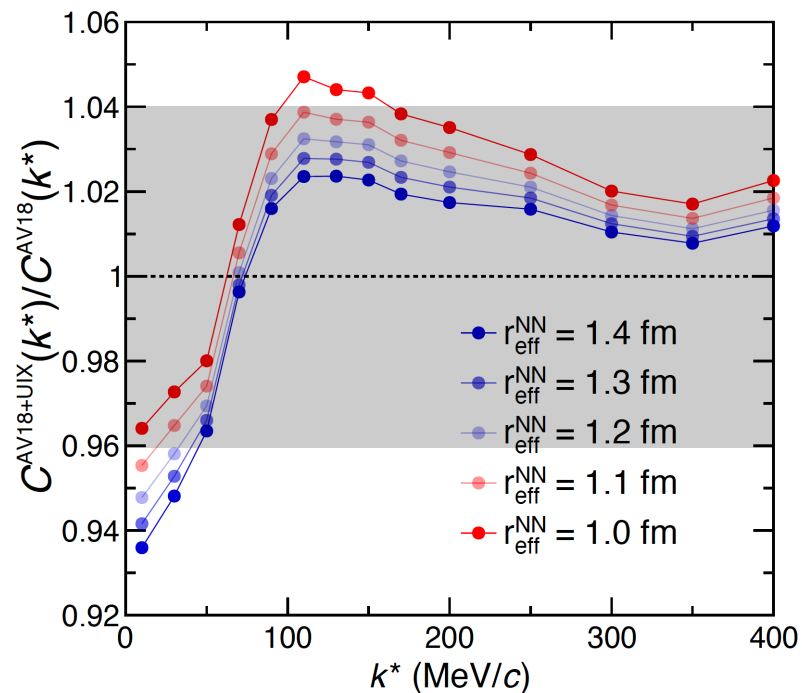


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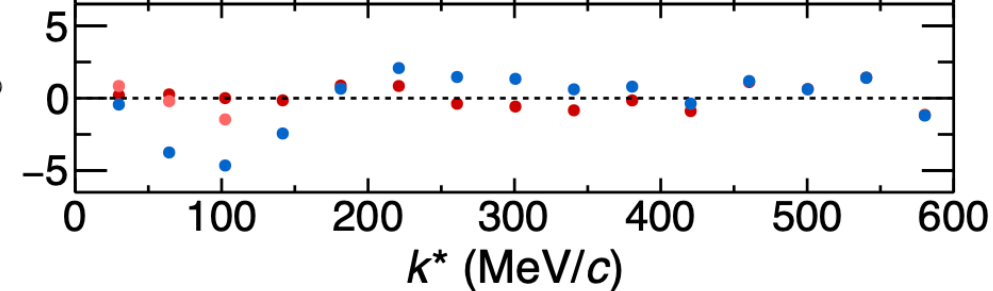
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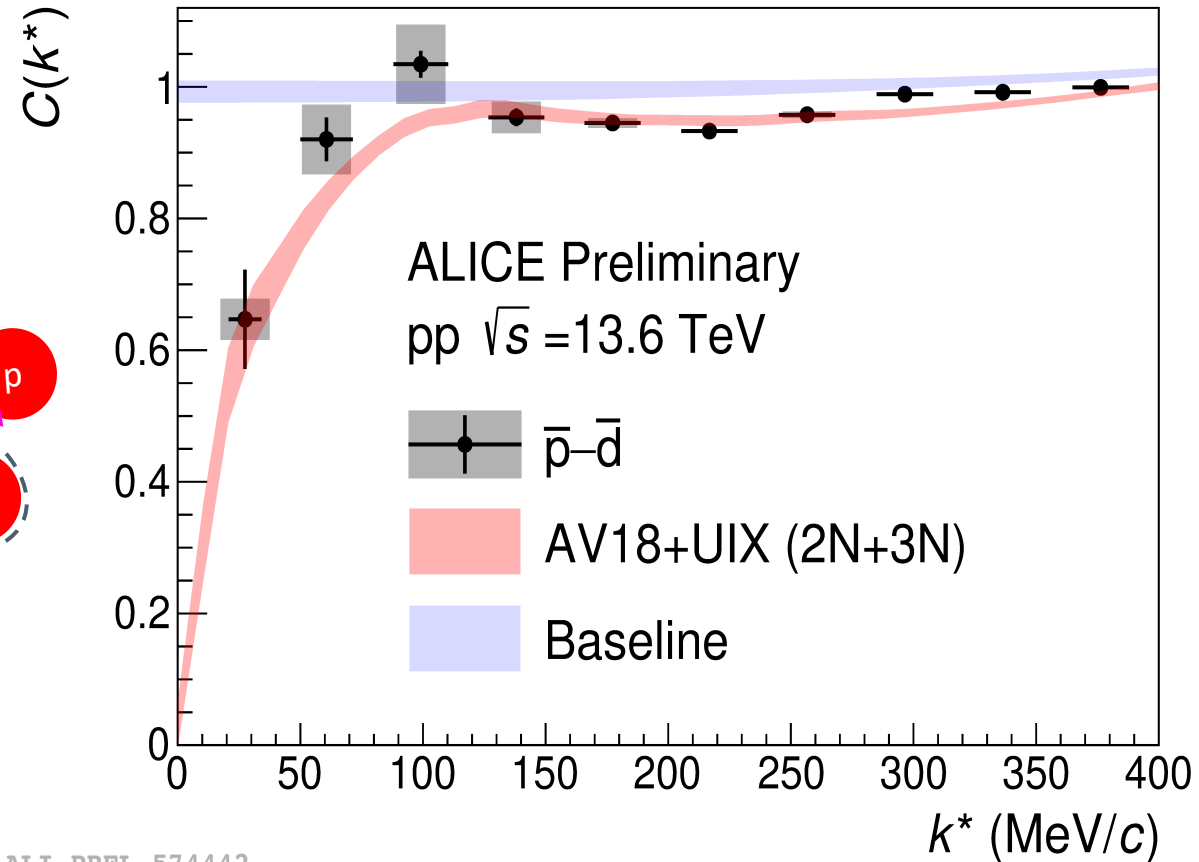
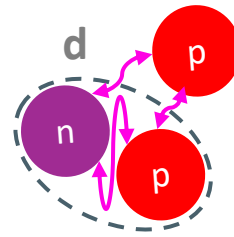
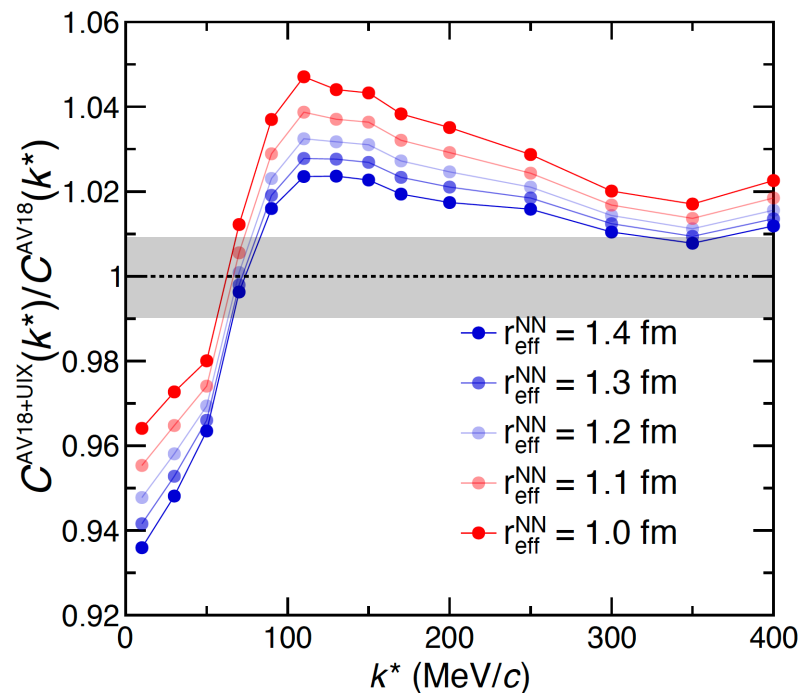
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- Run 3 data from 2022 already analysed and results are promising!
- In Run 3 expected uncertainty of 1%



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p-p-p correlation function

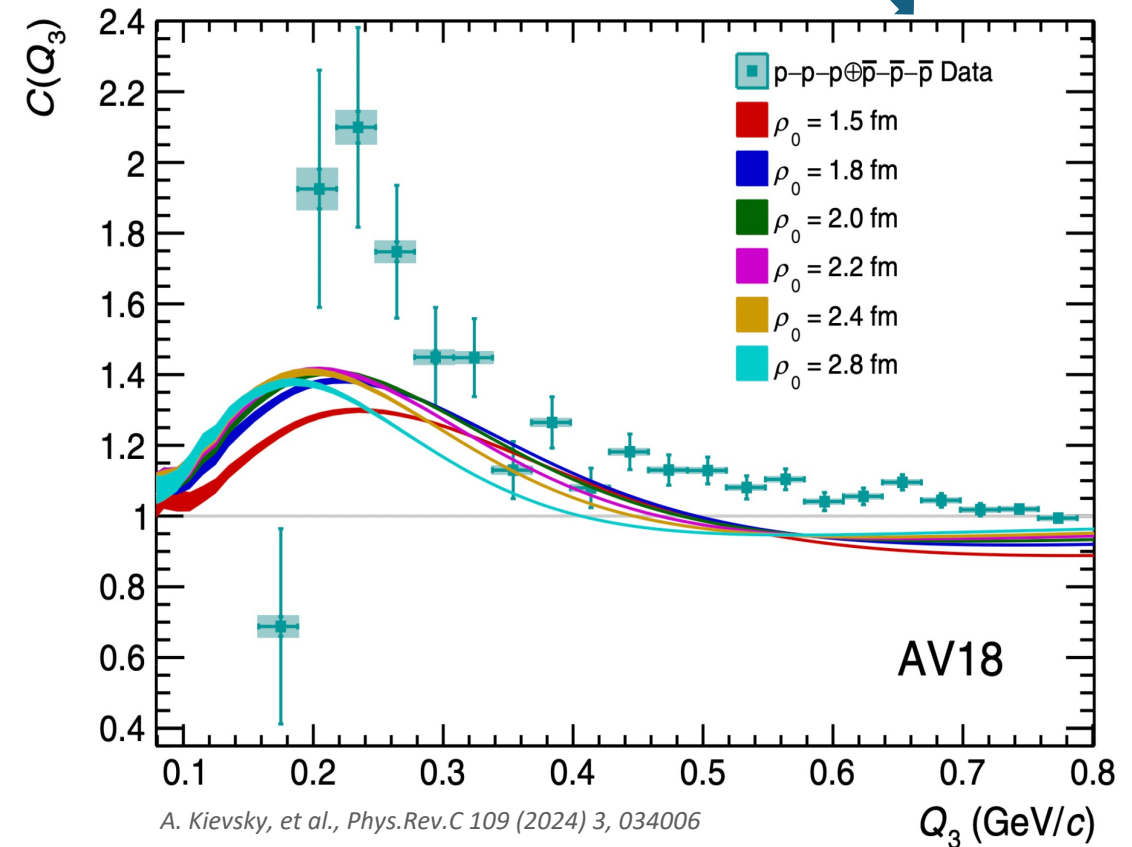
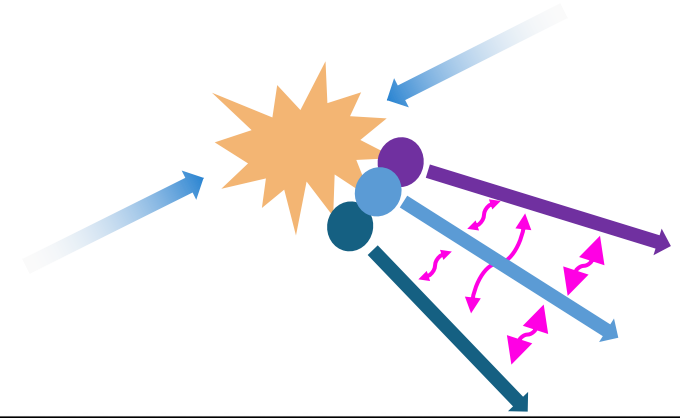
- First ever full three-body correlation function calculations

$$C(Q_3) = \int \rho^5 d\rho \underset{\text{hyperradius}}{S(\rho, \rho_0)} \overset{\text{three-proton wave function}}{|\Psi(\rho, Q_3)|^2}$$

- Wave function via HH:
 - AV18
 - Three-body Coulomb interaction
 - Quantum statistics

A. Kievsky, et al., Phys.Rev.C 109 (2024) 3, 034006

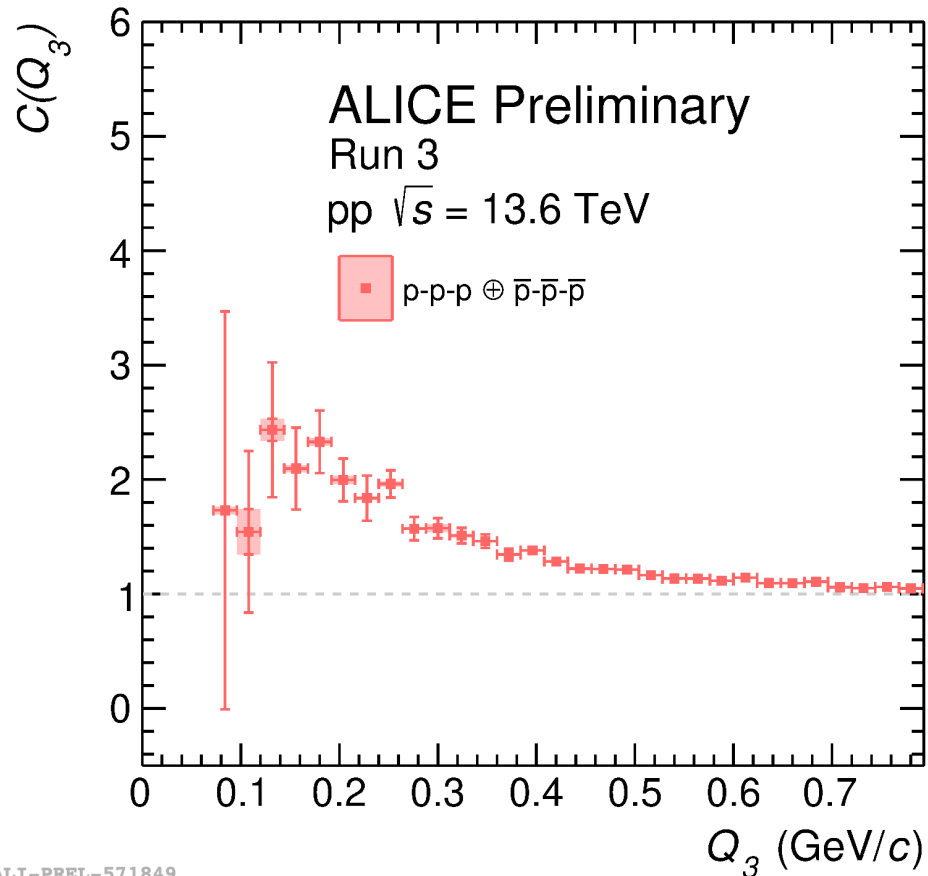
- Negligible contribution from UIX
- Utilise to study three-body source
- Only shape of the theory and data should be compared



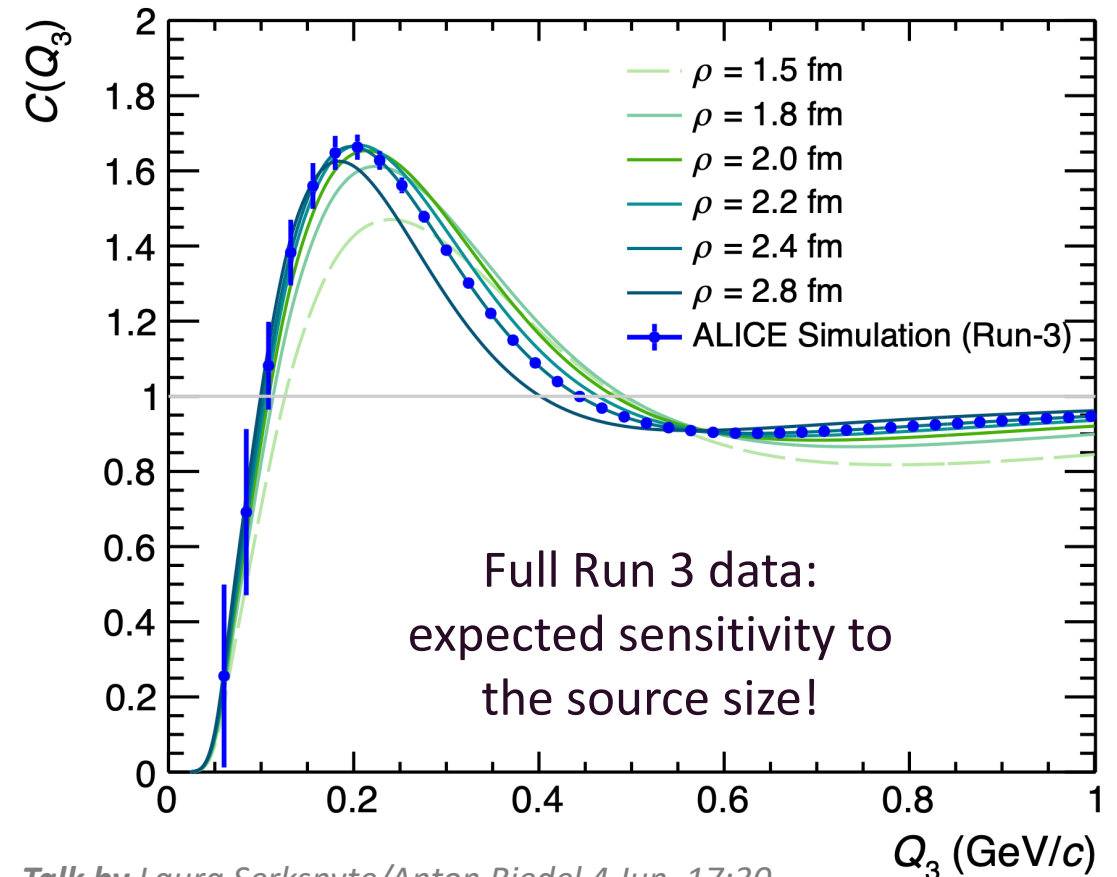
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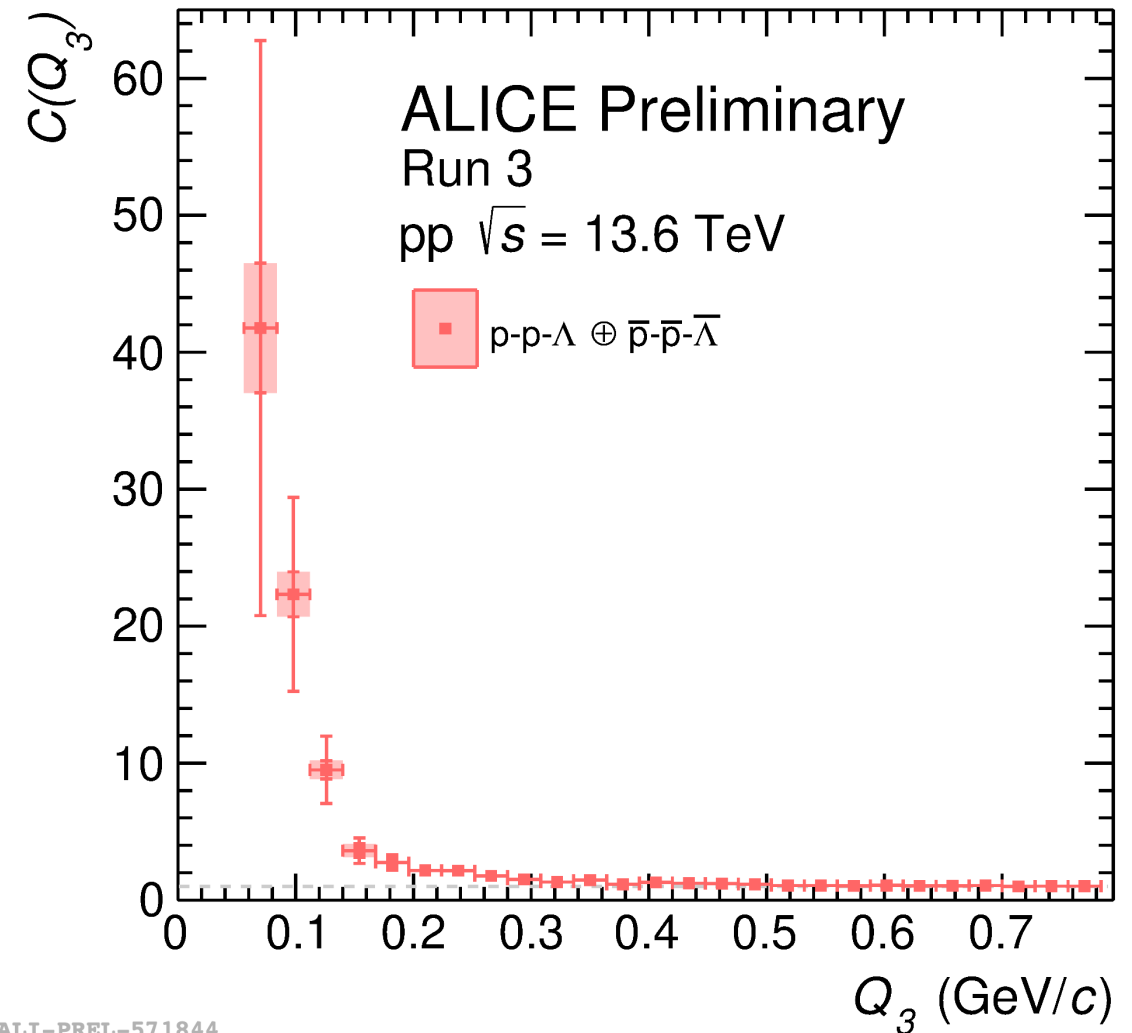


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p-p- Λ correlation function

- **New data by ALICE** (Run 3 2022 data)
- By the end of Run 3: 150 times larger statistical triplets sample expected compared to Run 2 due to developed software triggers!

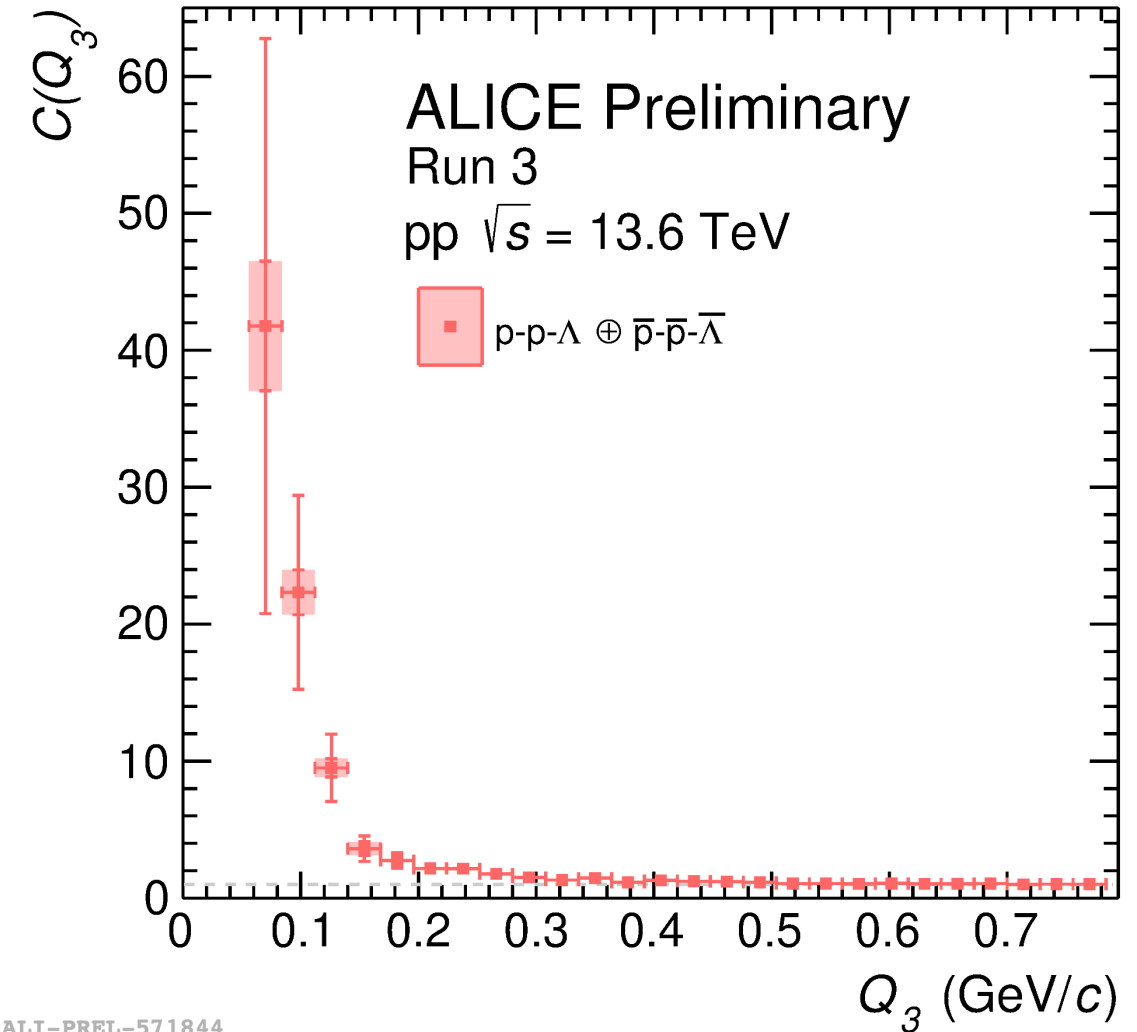
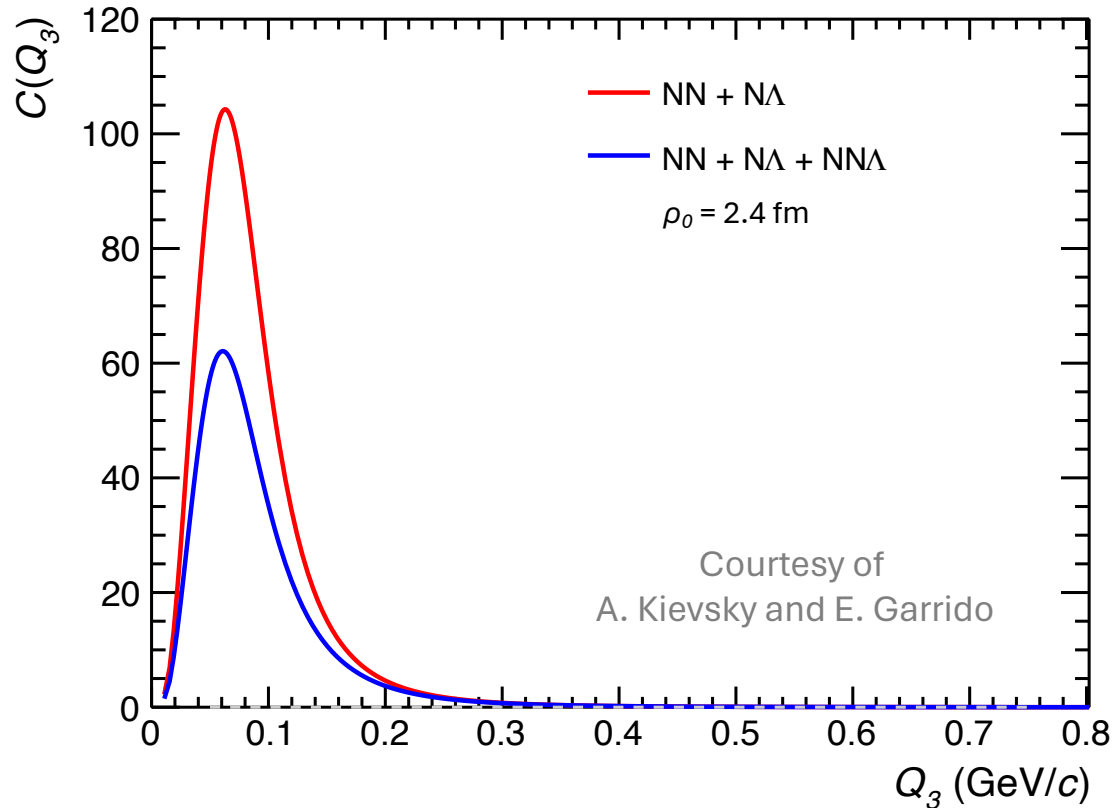


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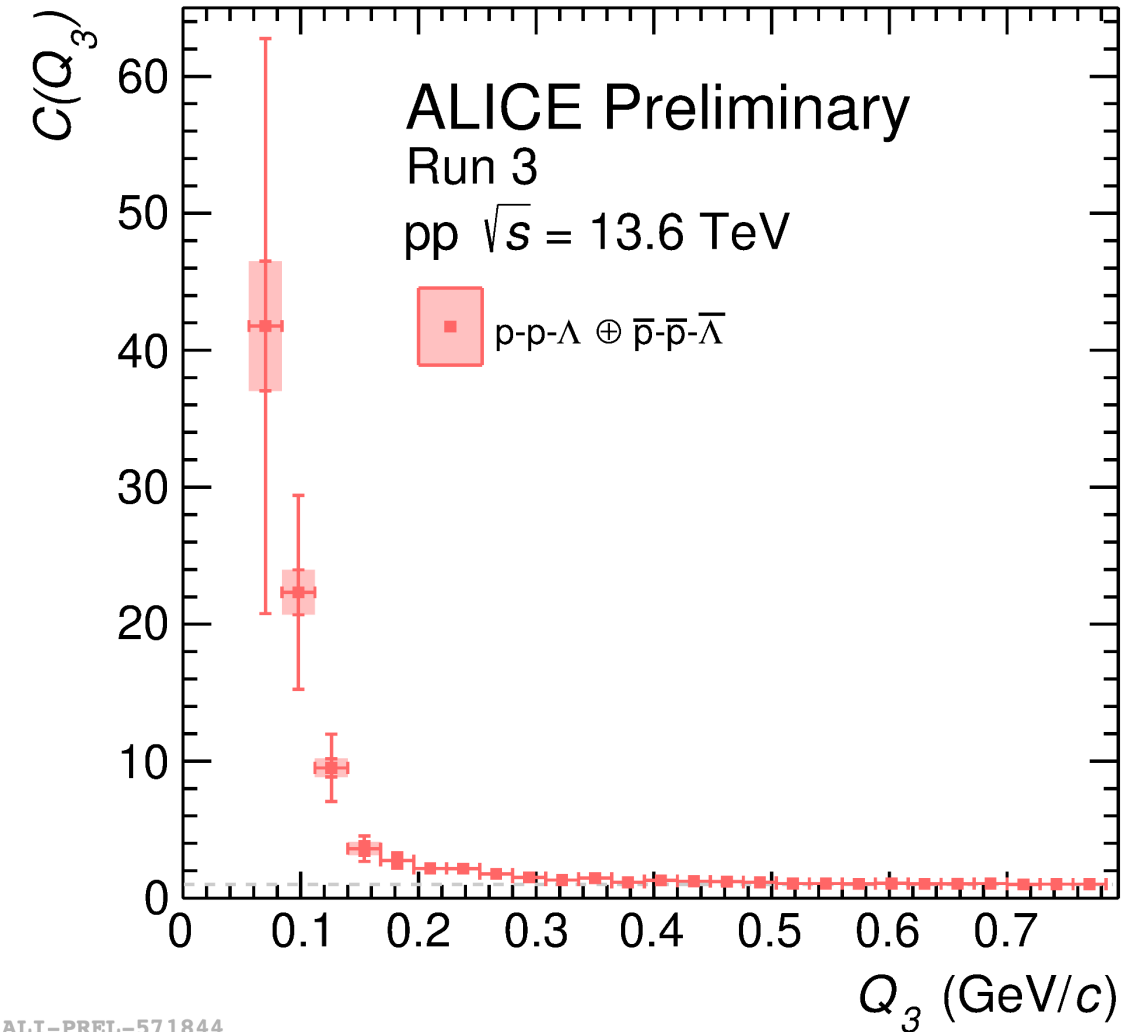
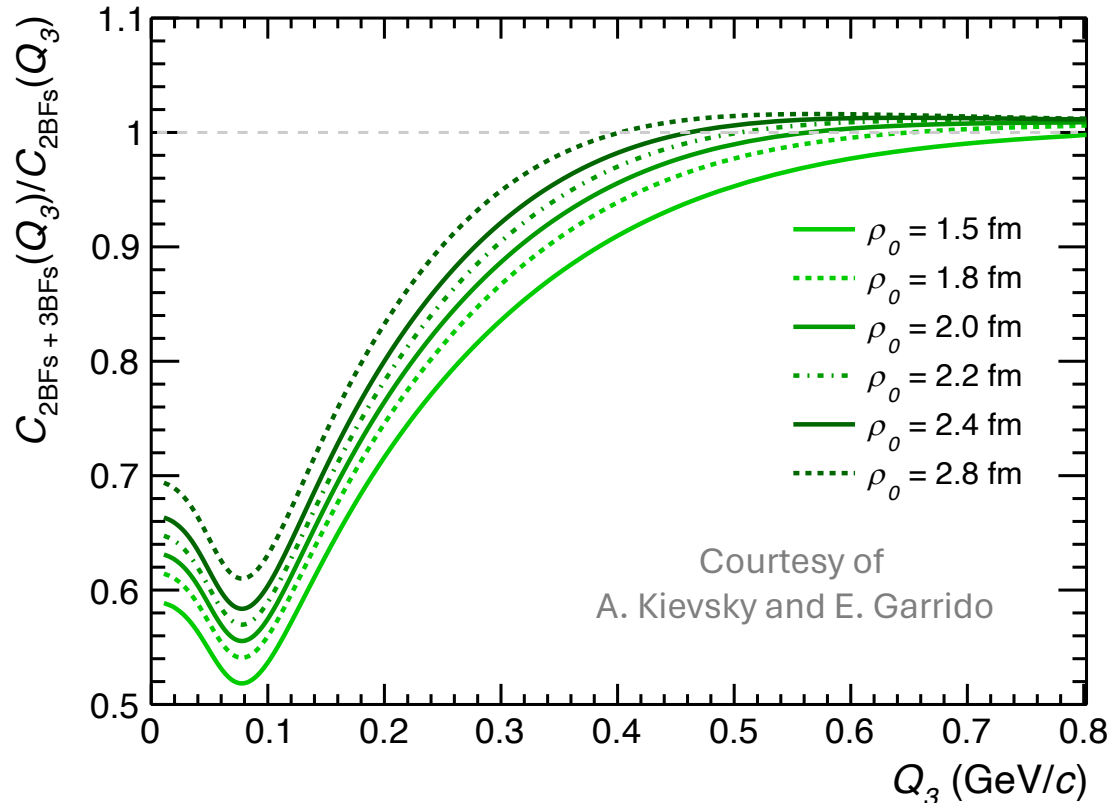
p-p- Λ correlation function

- First theoretical predictions:
 - N Λ interaction from NLO19
 - NN Λ interaction fixed to hypertriton BE



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 → effect up to 50% due to 3BFs
 (preliminary with s - and p -waves)



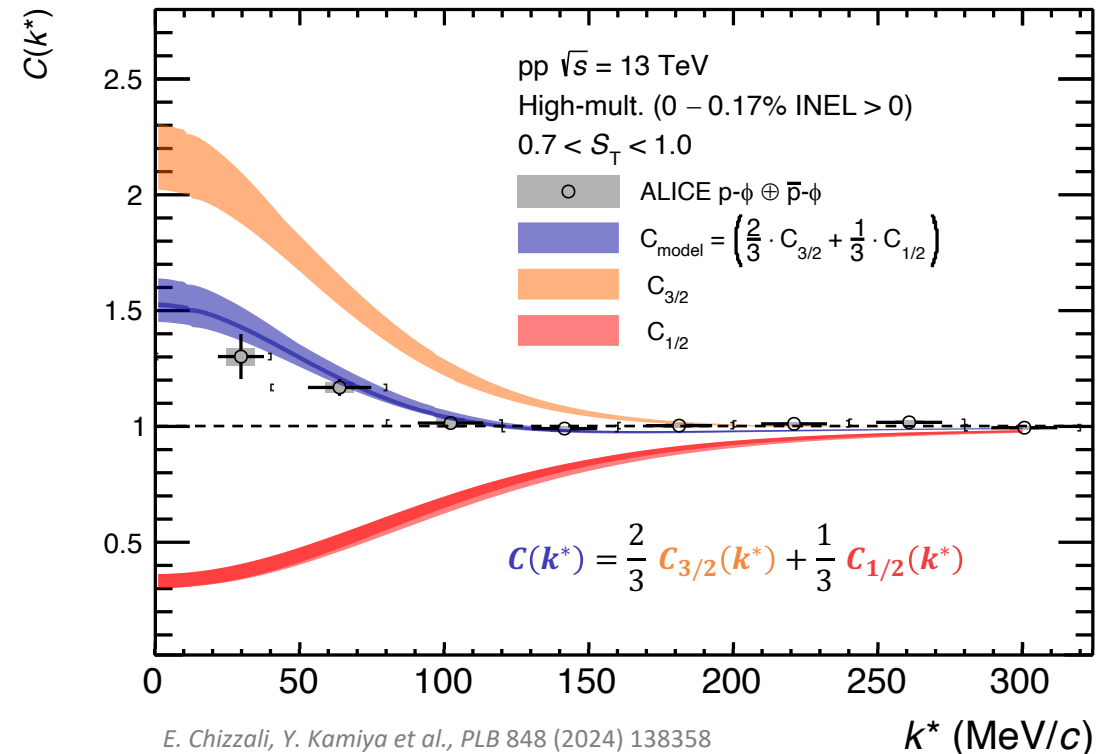
Femtoscscopy to study bound states

p- ϕ correlation function:

- Spin-3/2 interaction: elastic channel
→ Lattice QCD potentials (HAL QCD)
Yan Lyu et al., Phys. Rev. D 106 (2022) 074507
- Spin-1/2 interaction: inelastic channels
($N\phi-\Lambda K$, $N\phi-\Sigma K$)
→ Complex potential fitted to the data
- Attractive potential with $C(k^*) < 1$ provides **indication of a p- ϕ bound state**
→ Binding Energy = 14.7–56.6 MeV

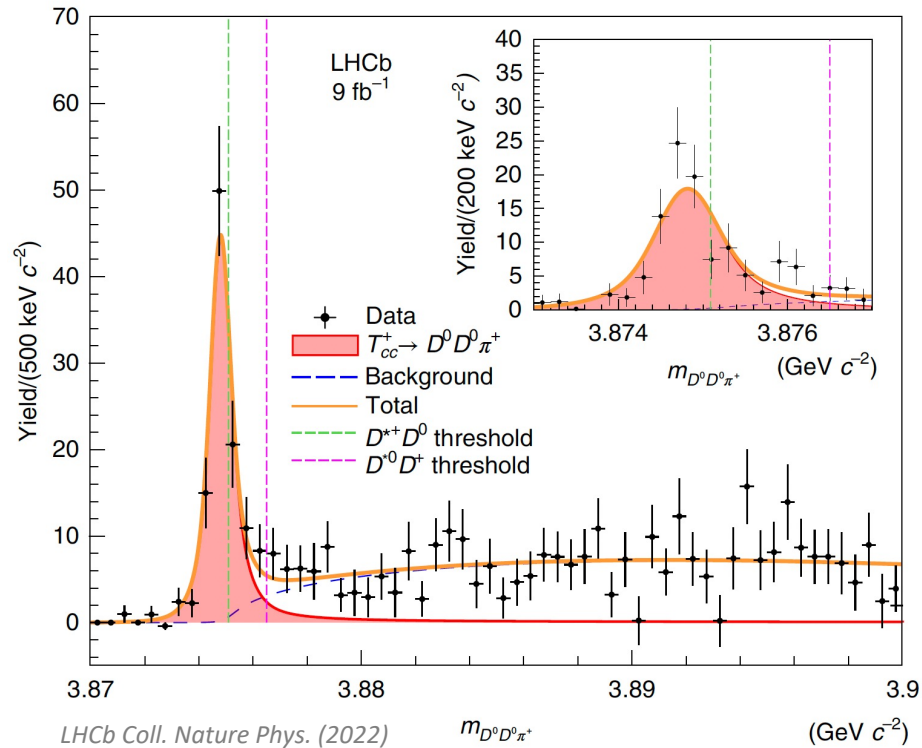
E. Chizzali, Y. Kamiya et al., PLB 848 (2024) 138358

Correlation analysis as alternative to the standard invariant mass analyses to study bound states



Talk by K. Kuroki 5 June 08:50

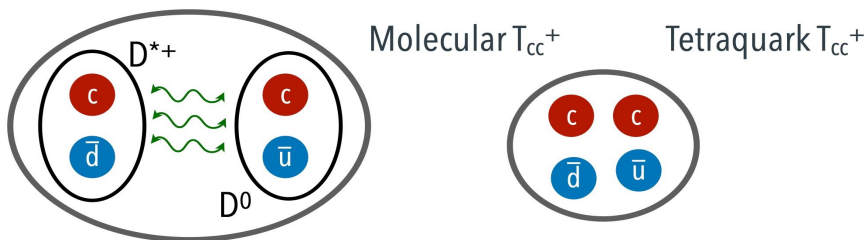
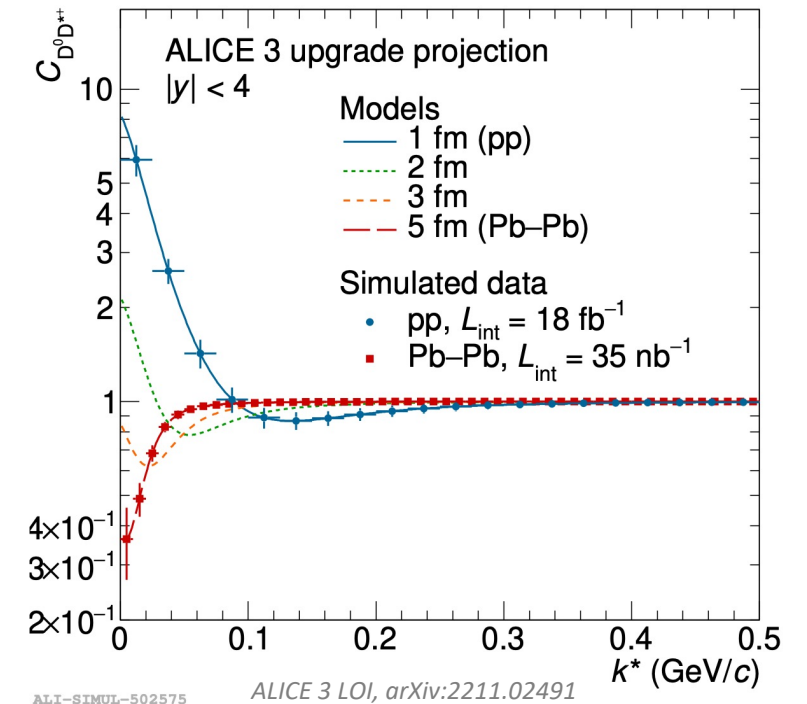
D* D correlation and link to molecular states



T_{cc}^+ : molecular state ?

Inversion of the sign of the scattering length of the $D^+ D^0$ pair translates into an inversion of the correlation function from pp to Pb-Pb collisions at the LHC*

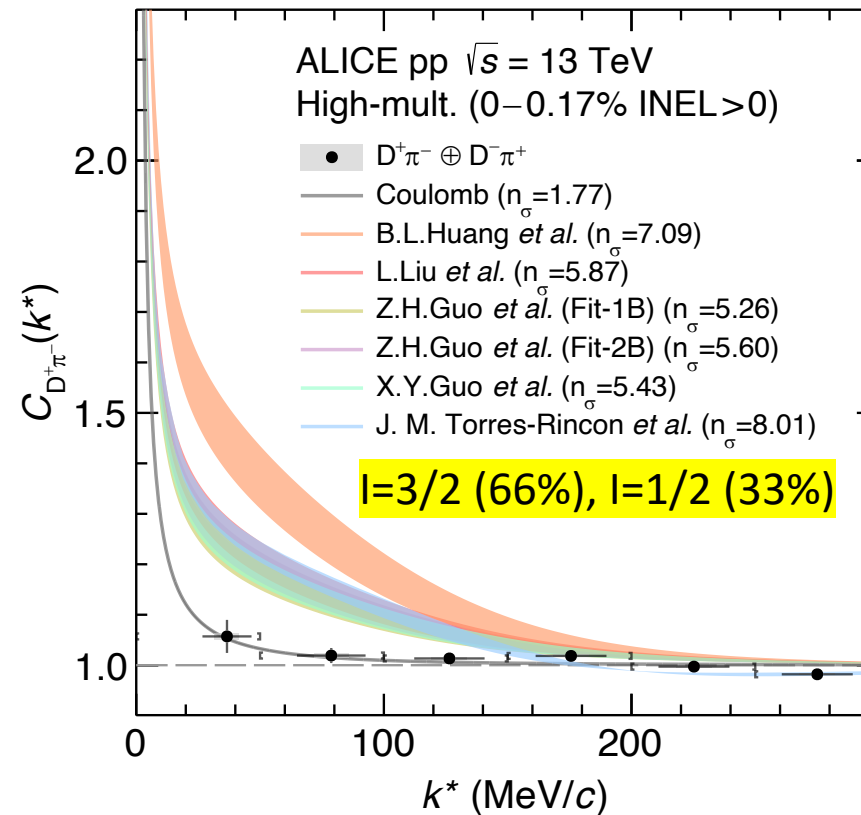
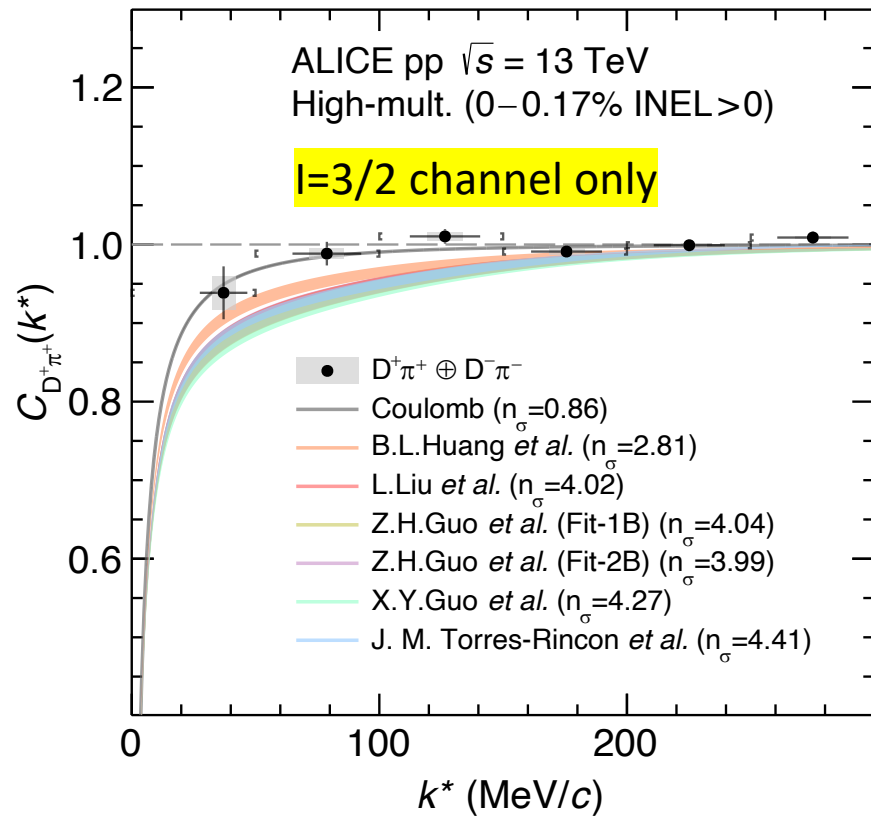
Y. Kamiya et al. EPJA 58 (2022)



First measurement of $D\pi$ correlation functions

- Coulomb-only interaction favoured
- Tension with theory models

L. Liu *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. D* 87 (2013) 014508
 X.-Y. Guo *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. D* 98 (2018) 014510
 Z.-H. Guo *et al.* *Eur. Phys. J. C* 79 (2019) 13
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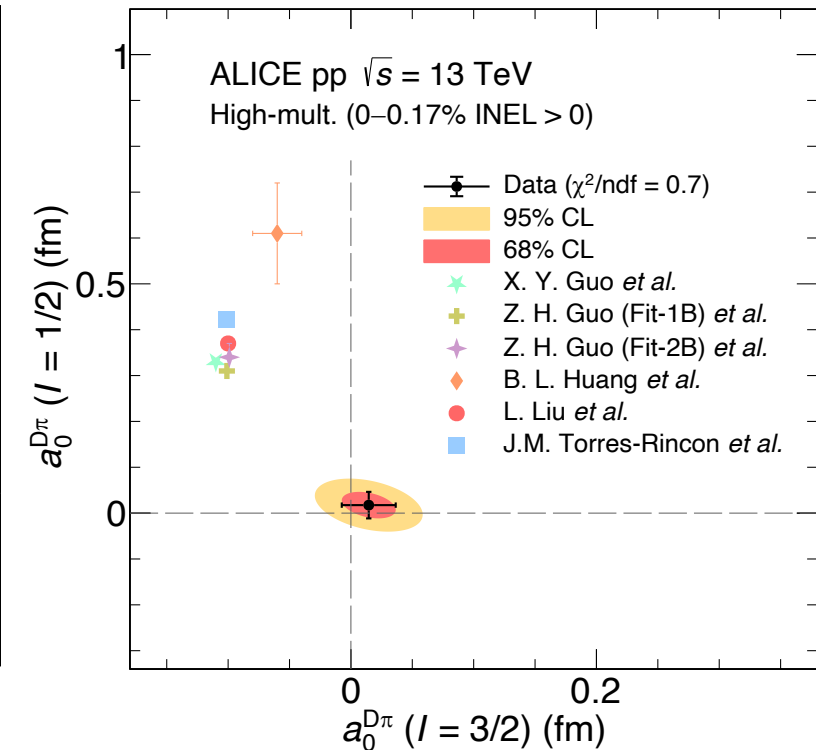
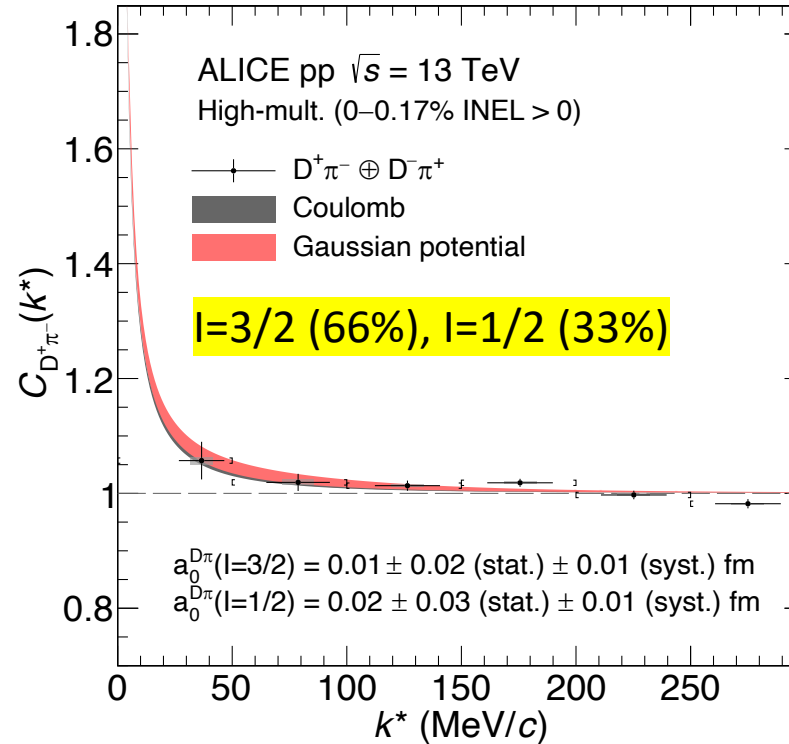
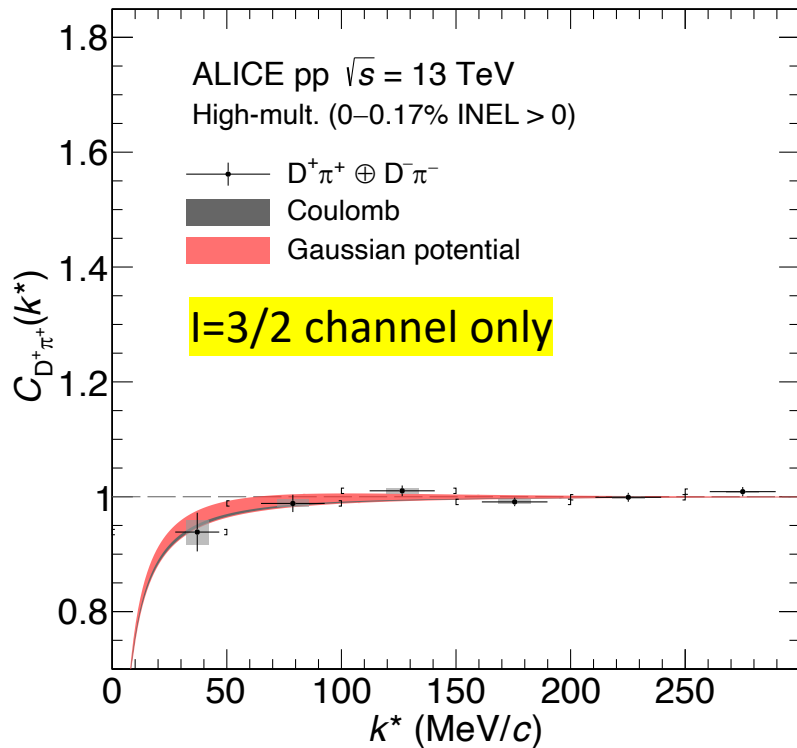
ALICE Coll., *arXiv:2401.13541* (2023)

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D π correlation function fit

- D $^+\pi^+$ and D $^+\pi^-$ share $l=3/2$ channel \rightarrow simultaneous fit
- Vanishing scattering parameters in both isospin channels
- Tension with theory especially in $l=1/2$ channel

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ALICE Coll., arXiv:2401.13541 (2023)

Conclusions and Outlook

- Exciting results from femtoscopy
 - Important experimental input to understand the many facets of QCD in strange and charm sector
 - Most precise p - Λ data at low momenta
 - First extraction of the p - Λ scattering parameters using femtoscopy and scattering data
 - First measurements of three-particle correlation functions
 - Indication of a p - ϕ bound state using correlation techniques
 - First measurements of D meson correlations
- On-going Run 3 and future Run 4
 - Access to precise data on three-particle interactions and interactions with charm mesons
 - Sensitivity to the effect of three-body forces in the correlation functions

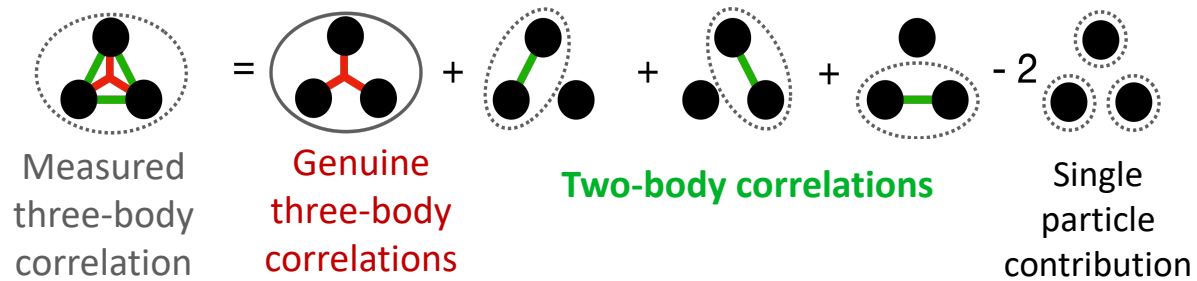
Backup

p-p-p correlation function

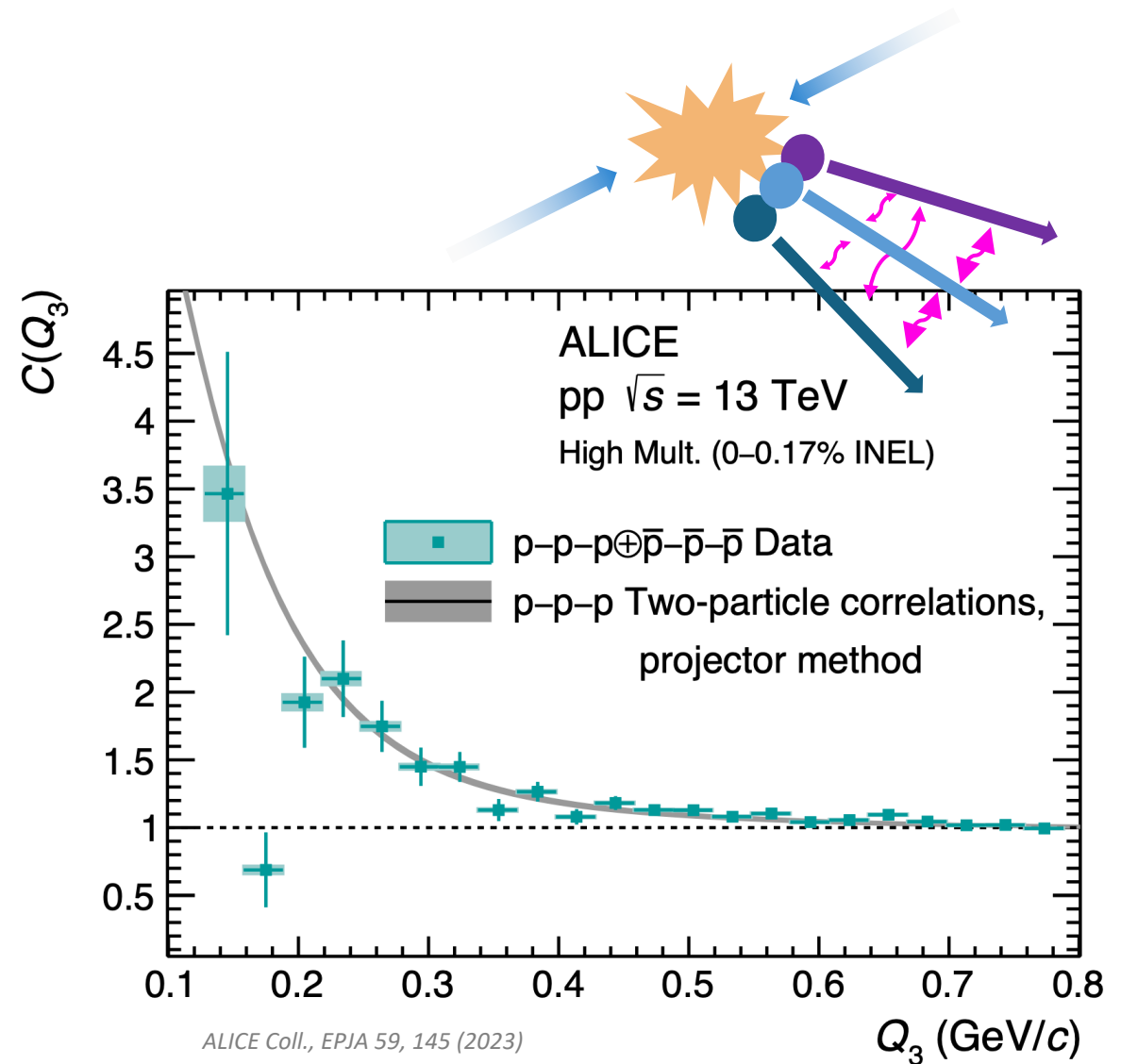
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R. Kubo, *J. Phys. Soc. Jpn.* 17, 1100-1120 (1962)

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- A deviation of $n\sigma = 6.7$ from lower-order contributions
- Theoretical predictions necessary to understand the origin of the deviation further

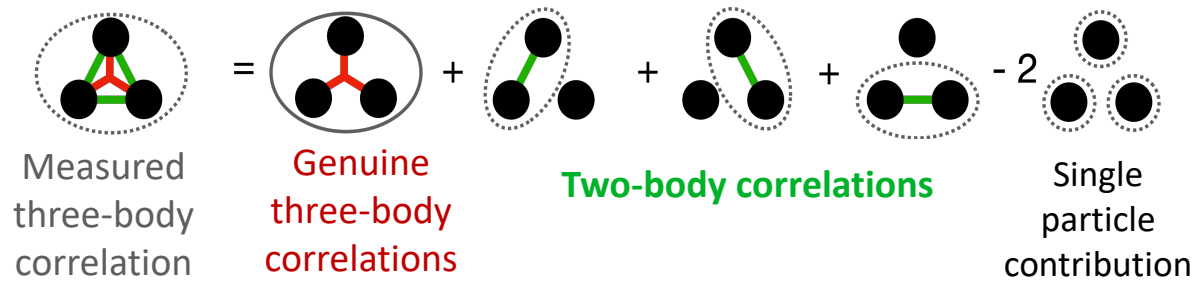


p-p- Λ correlation function

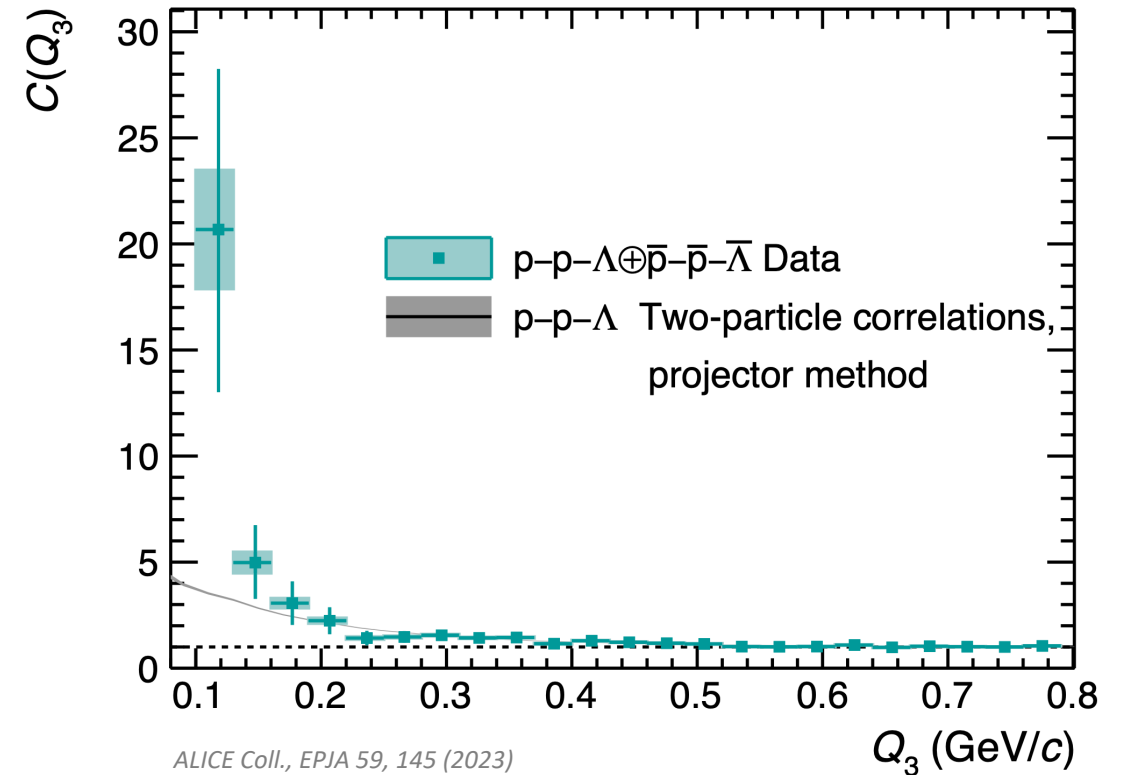
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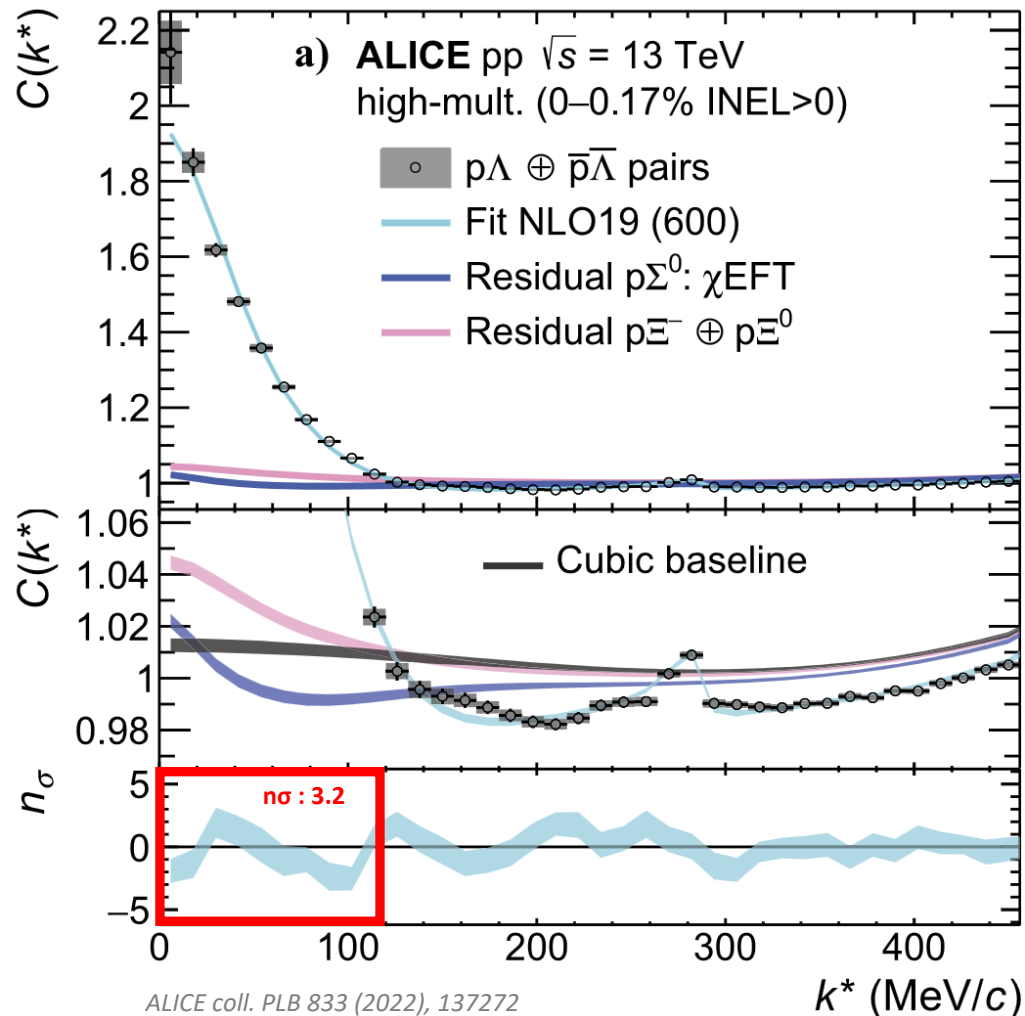


- Compatible with lower-order contributions ($n\sigma = 0.8$)



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The $p\Lambda$ interaction in the femtoscopy era



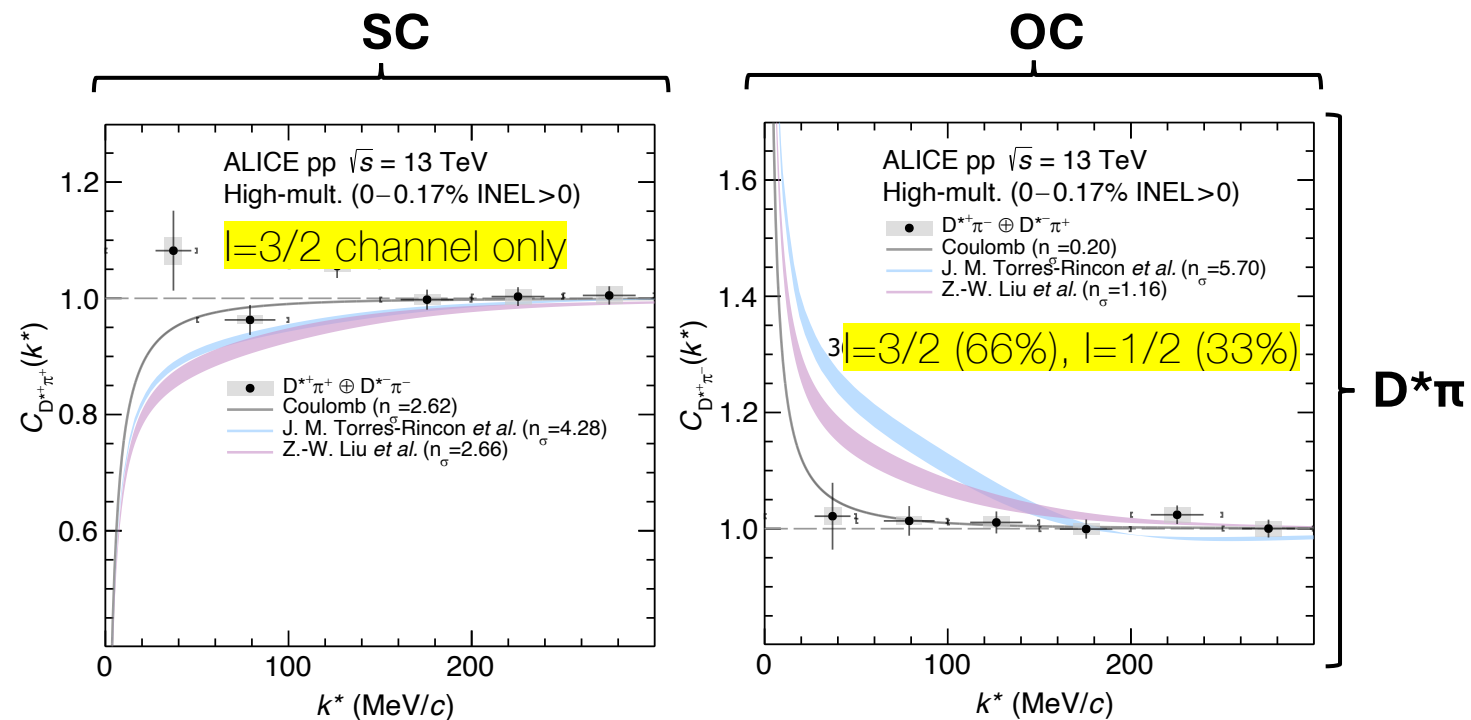
- New scenario for $p\Lambda$ interaction
→ Weaker ΛN - ΣN coupling favoured, important for neutron stars
D. Gerstung et al. Eur.Phys.J.A 56 (2020), 6, 175
- **Most precise data on $p\Lambda$ system at low momenta**
→ Input for low energy effective models in the strange baryonic sector
- More pieces needed for the hyperon puzzle in LHC Run 3 and Run-4
→ $p\Sigma^{+,-}$ and Λd interactions
→ Three-particle ppp and $pp\Lambda$ interactions

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D* π interaction

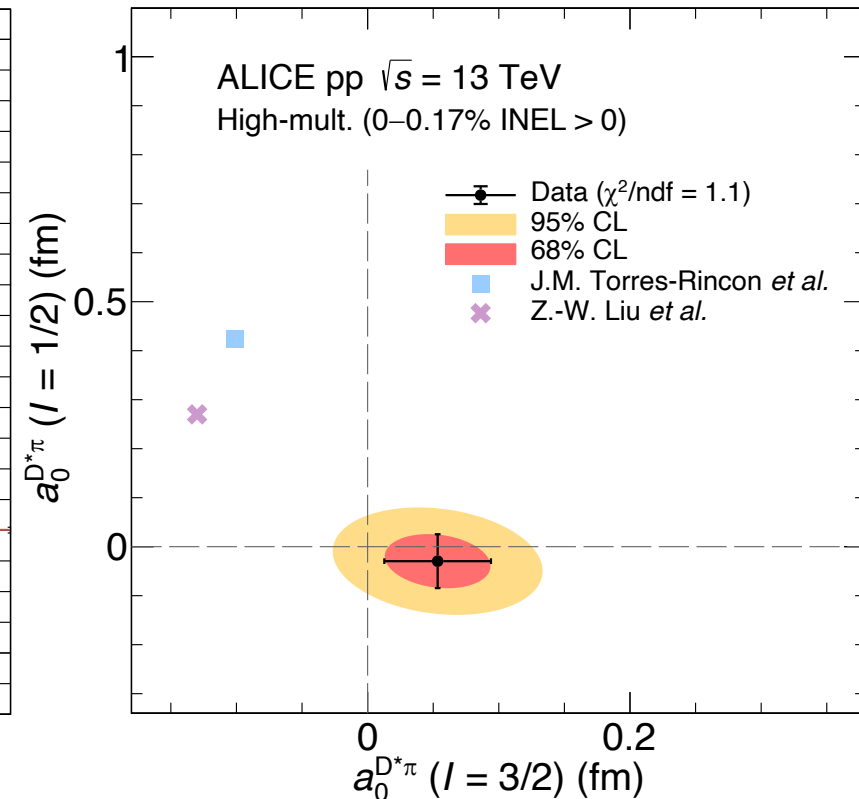
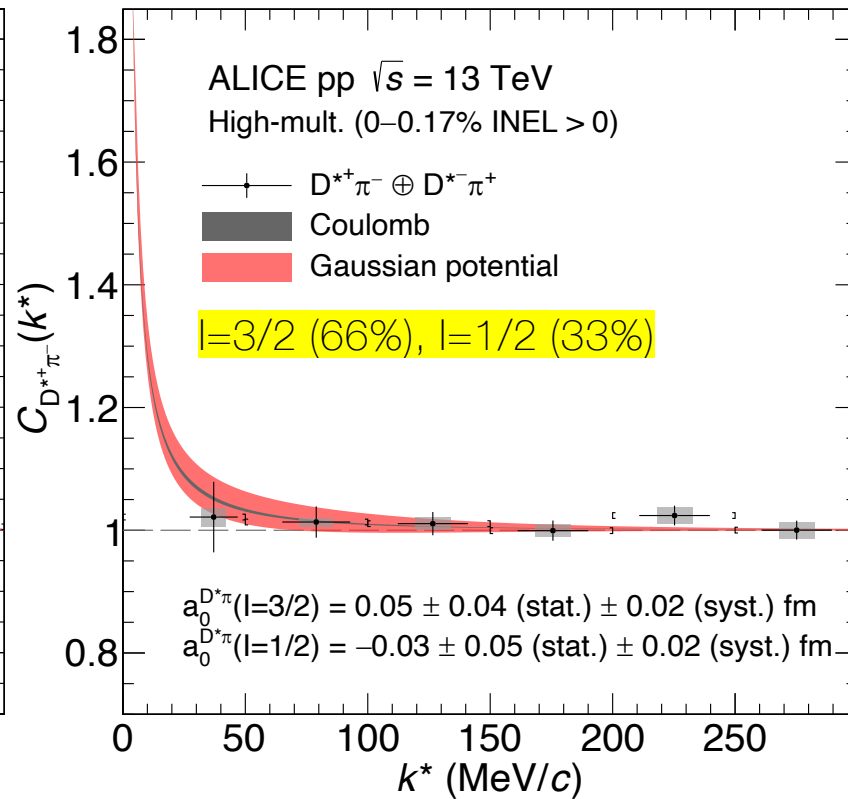
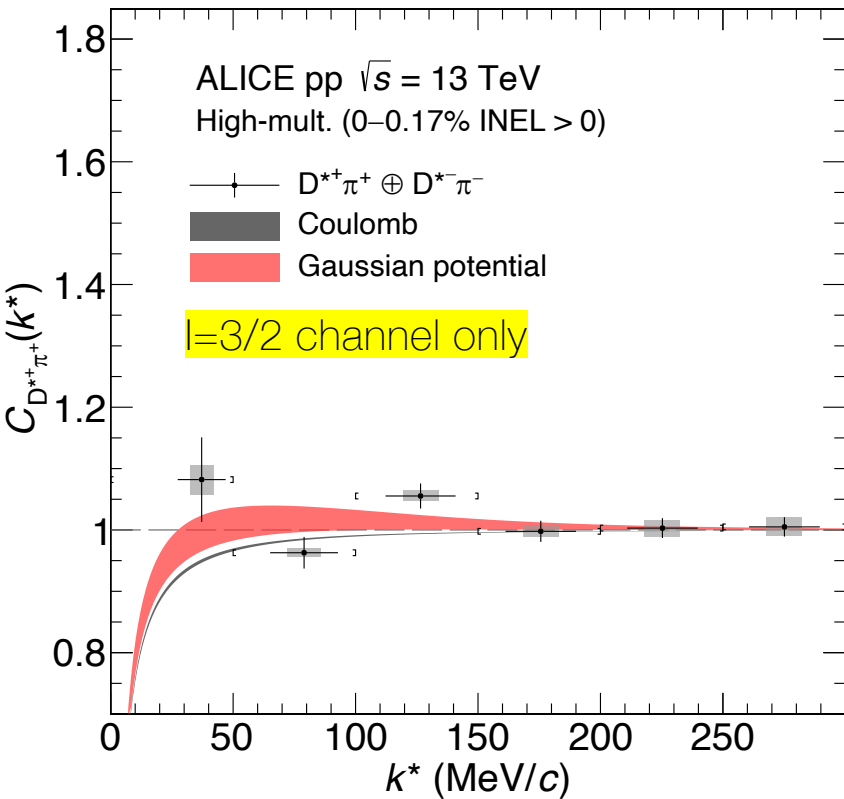
- Similar results as for D- π
→ heavy-quark spin symmetry
- D* π
 - Coulomb-only interaction favoured
 - Tension with theory model

J. M. Torres-Rincon et al, Phys. Rev. D 108 (2023) 096008
Z.-W. Liu et al, Phys. Rev. D 84 (2011) 034002



D* π correlation function fit

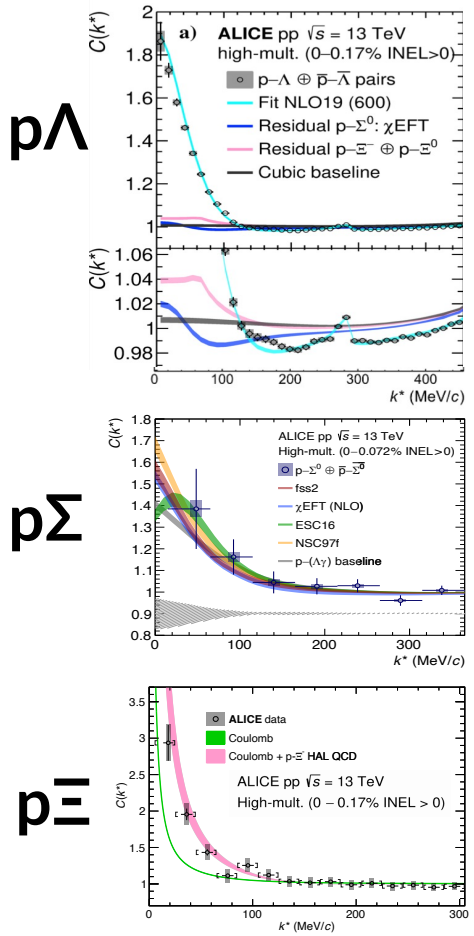
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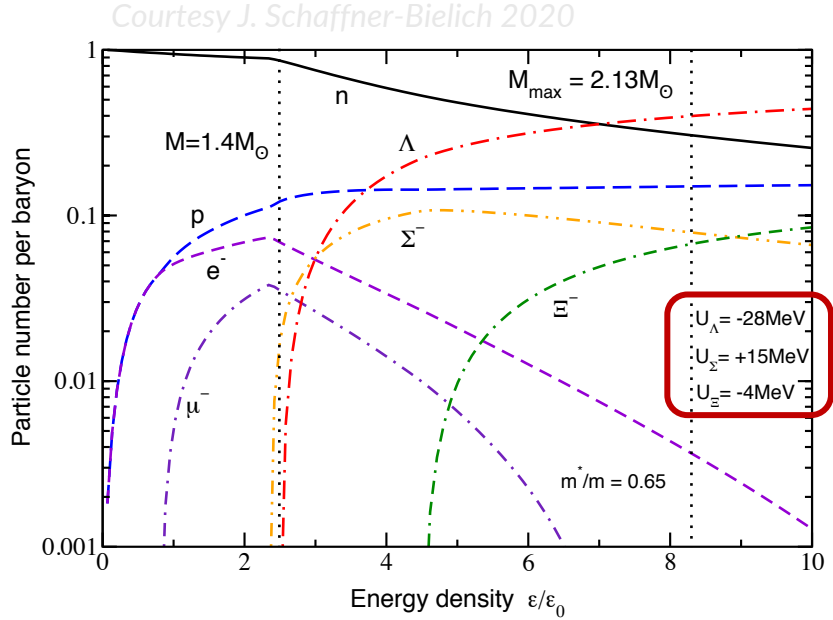
- Vanishing scattering parameters within uncertainties
- Scattering parameters compatible with $D\pi$ results \rightarrow Heavy-quark spin symmetry

An example of EoS for neutron stars

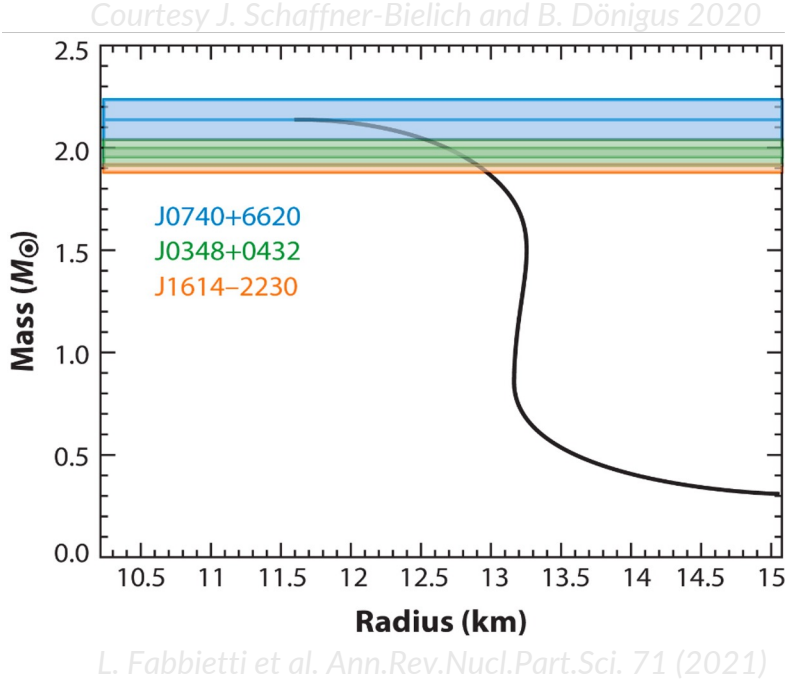
Correlation
2-body interaction



Single-particle potentials
EoS



Mass vs Radius relation
for hyperon stars

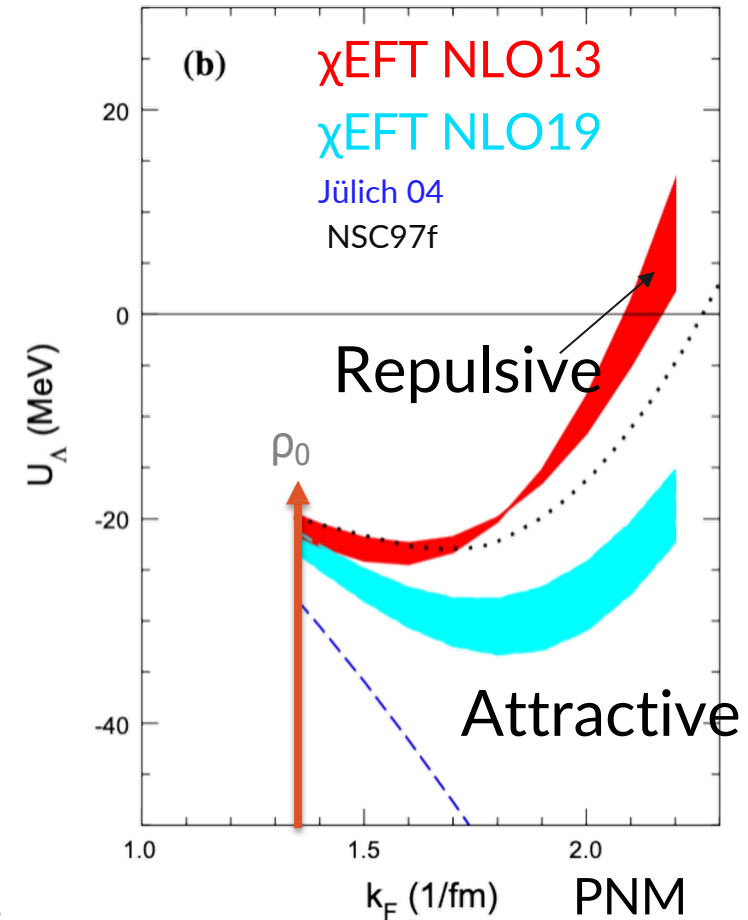
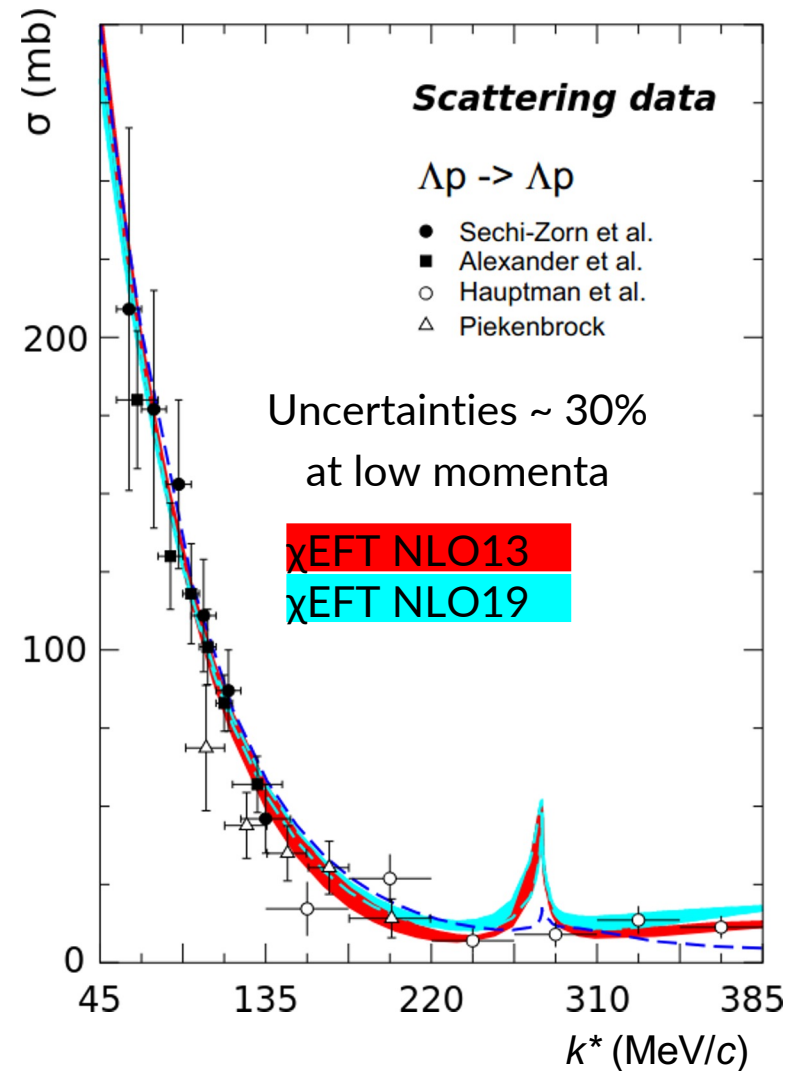


This is only an example. Experimental uncertainties need to be propagated and some interactions are missing ...

- What about the three-body strong interaction?

$|S| = 1$: p - Λ interaction

- Low statistics and not available at low momenta
- ΛN - ΣN coupled system \rightarrow two-body coupling to ΣN is not (yet) measured
- ΣN coupling strength relevant for EoS
 - Strongly affects the behaviour of Λ at finite density
 - Implications for ΛNN interactions
- NLO19 predicts weak coupling $N\Lambda$ - $N\Sigma$
 - Attractive Λ interaction in neutron matter



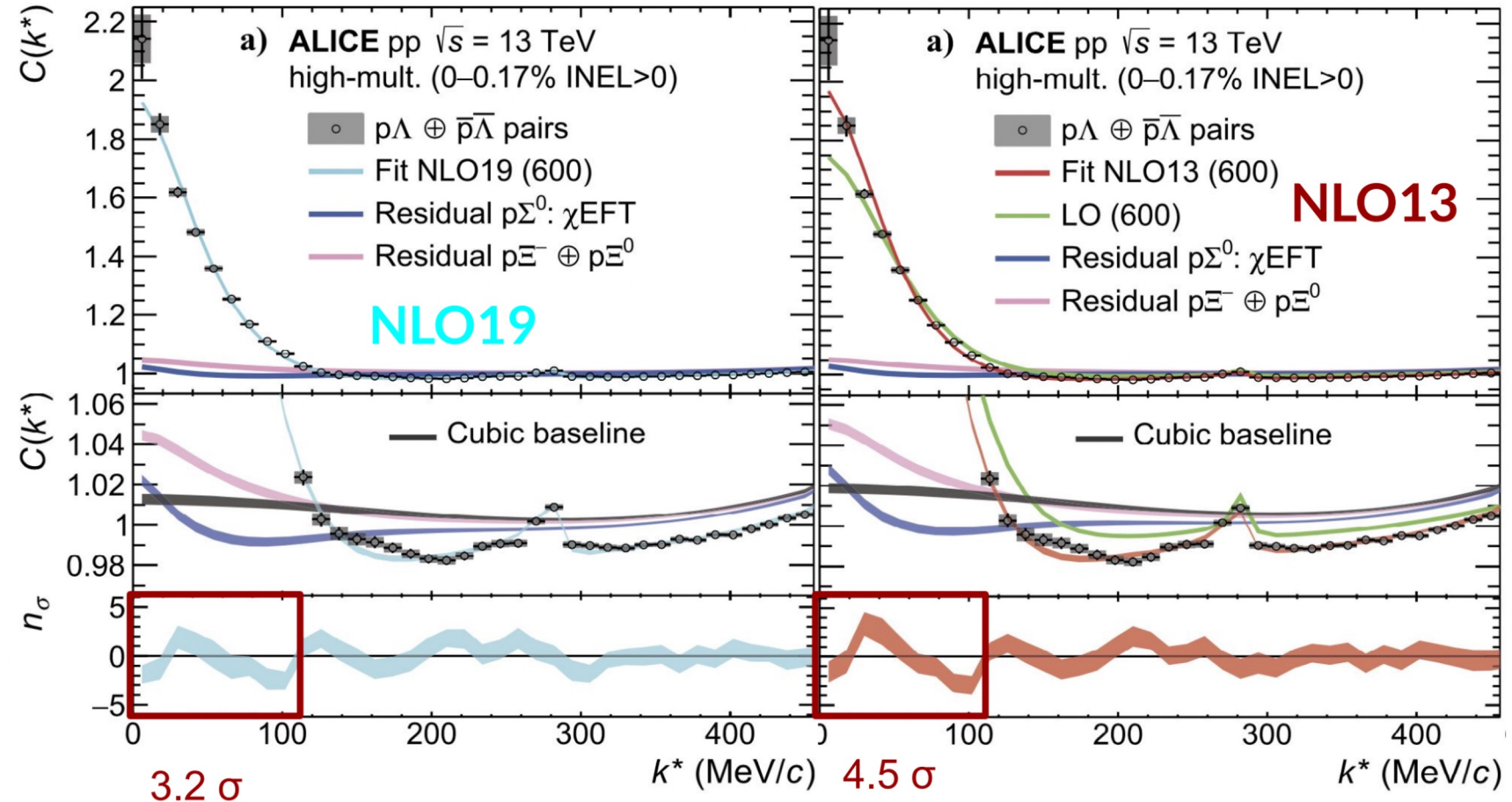
J.Haidenbauer, N.Kaiser et al. NPA 915 24 (2013)

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Comparison with χ EFT potentials

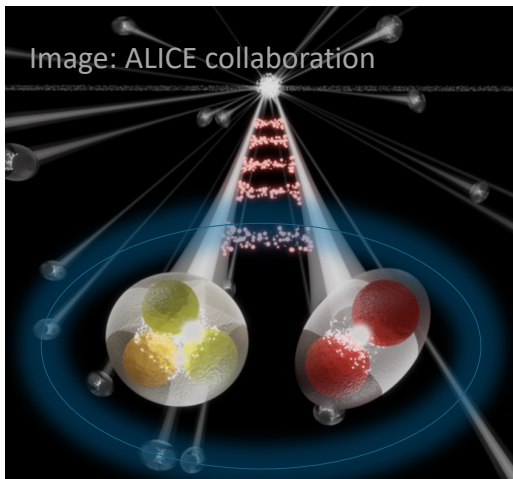
- Sensitivity to different ΣN coupling strength
- NLO19 favoured ($n_\sigma = 3.2$)
→ attractive interaction of Λ at large densities



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p- ϕ bound state

- Predicted by various theoretical calculations
- No experimental evidence
 - Standart method of invariant mass measurment not yet available
- Accessible by studying **interaction** among constituents



	System	E_B [MeV]
QCD Van der Waal using Yukawa type Potential ¹	ϕ N	1.8
Chiral quark model ²	ϕ N	3.0
Monte Carlo study of ϕ photoproduction from nuclear targets ³	ϕ N	2.5
Quark delocalization color screening model ⁴	ϕ N	0.3-8.8
Unitary coupled-channel approximation anchored to ALICE p ϕ scattering data ⁵	ϕ N	9.0
Phenomenological potential+variational method ⁶	ϕ N	9.3/9.23
	ϕ NN	10.0/17.5
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	ϕ NN	39.8
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$|S|=0$ sector: p - ϕ spin dependent interactions

$$V_1(r) = V_{LATTIC,MOD}(r) + i \cdot \sqrt{f(r; b_3)} \cdot \frac{\gamma}{r} e^{-m_K \cdot r}$$

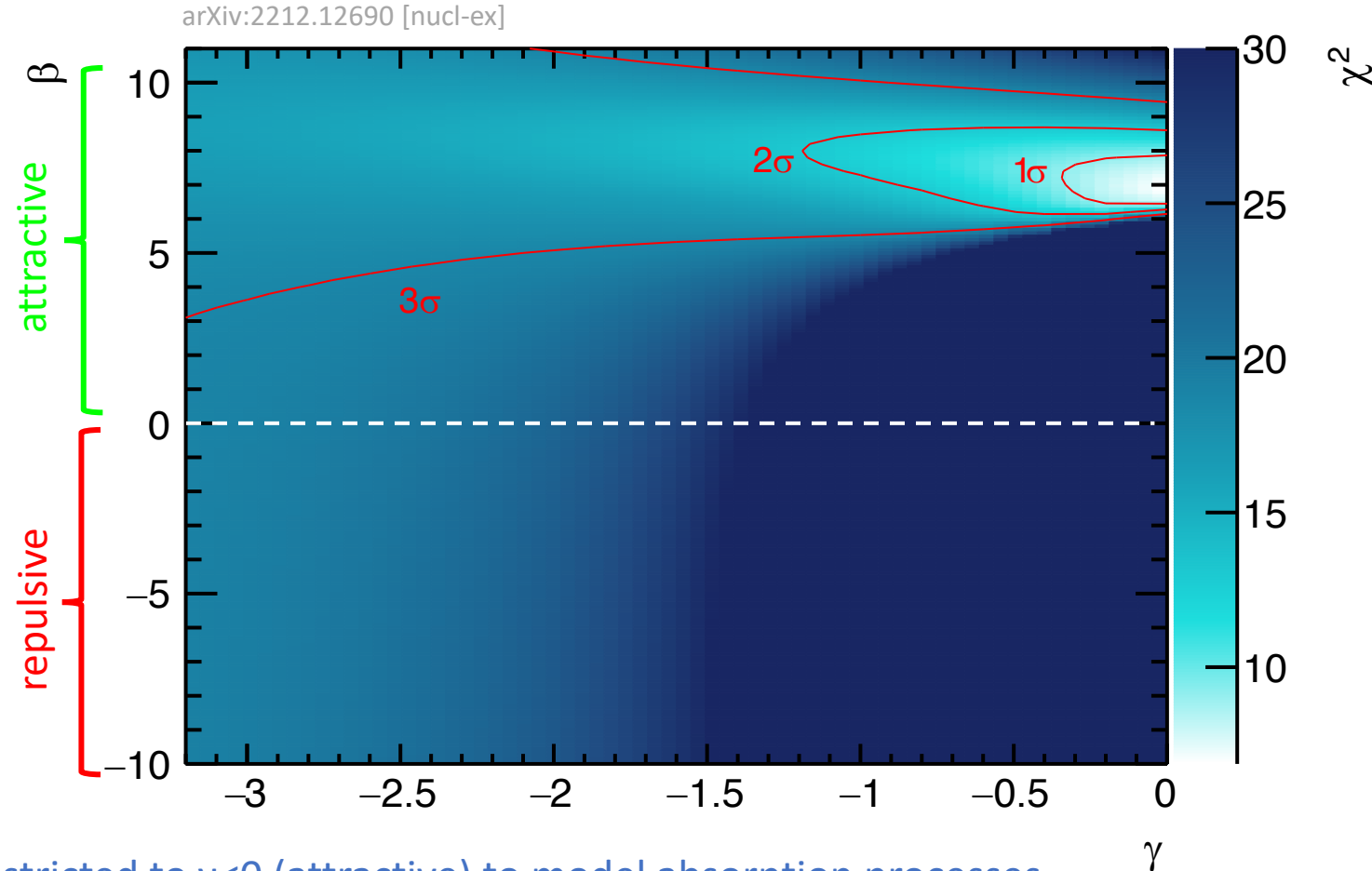
$\beta \cdot V_{short}(r) + V_{2\pi}(r)$

Best fit to data obtained for attractive potential

- $\beta = 7.0^{+0.8}_{-0.2}(stat.)^{+0.2}_{-0.2}(syst.)$
- $\gamma = 0.0^{+0.0}_{-0.2}(stat.)^{+0.0}_{-0.2}(syst.)$

Repulsive potential ($\beta < 0$) excluded by over 3σ

Within uncertainties room for inelastic contributions expected by theory

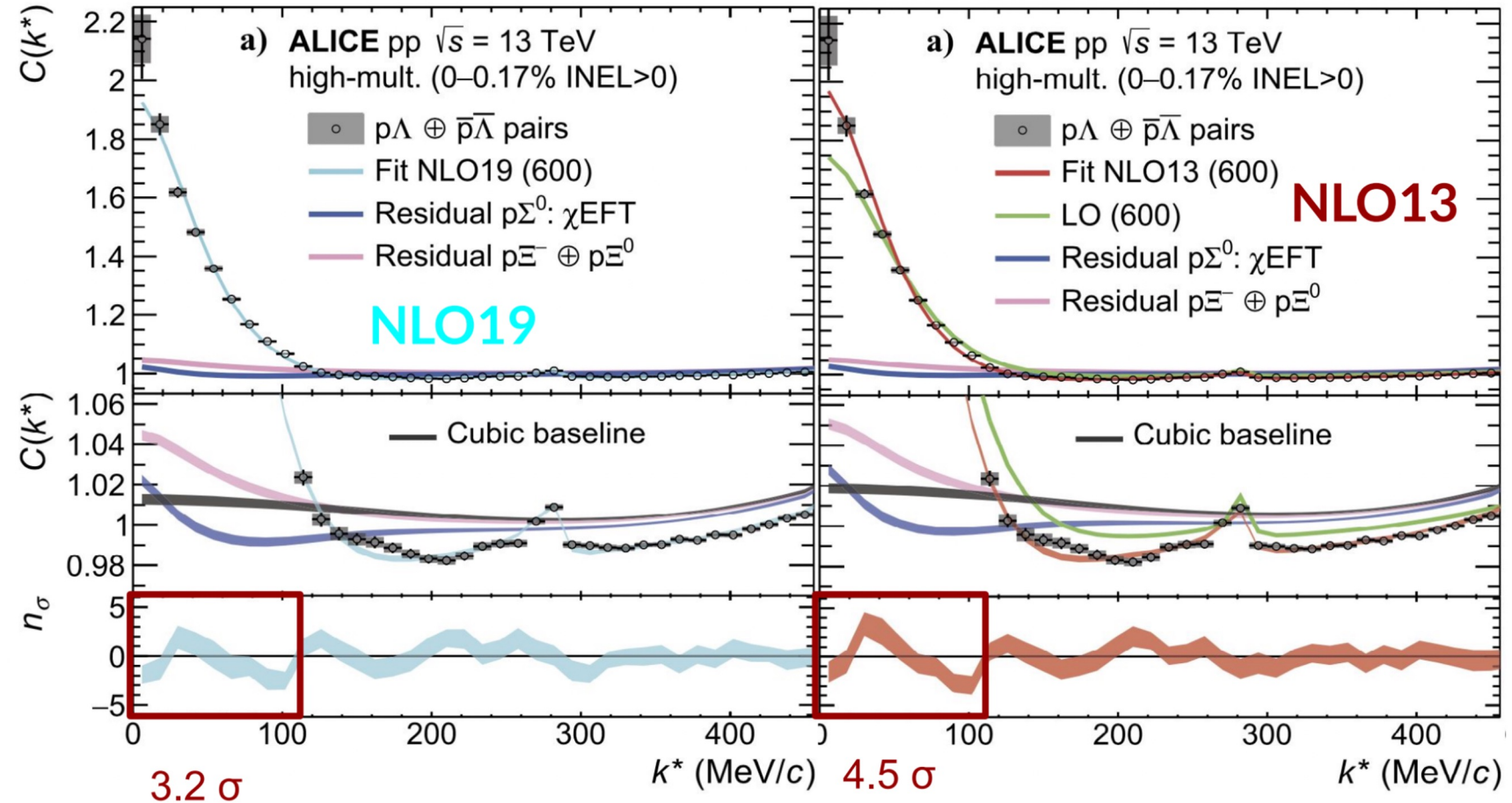


Imaginary Pot restricted to $\gamma < 0$ (attractive) to model absorption processes

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p-d correlation function: d as composite object

The three body wave function with proper treatment of 2N and 3N interaction at very short distances goes to a p-d state.

- **Three-body wavefunction for p-d:** $\Psi_{m_2, m_1}(x, y)$ describing three-body dynamics, anchored to p-d scattering observables.
 - x = distance of p-n system within the deuteron
 - y = p-d distance
 - m_2 and m_1 deuteron and proton spin

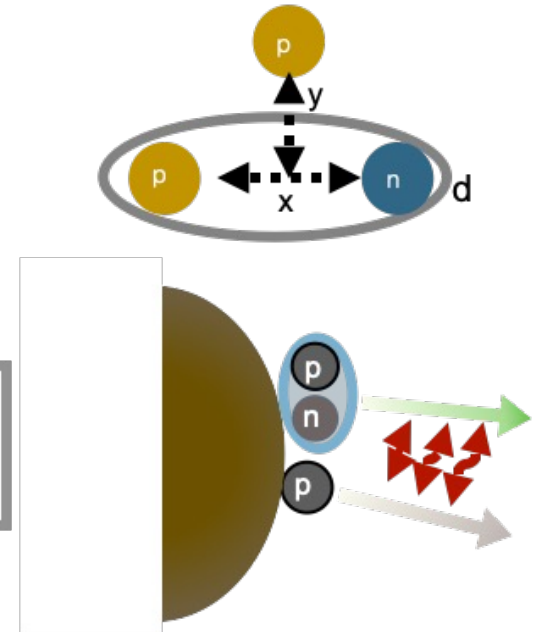
- $\Psi_{m_2, m_1}(x, y)$ three-nucleon wave function asymptotically behaves as p-d state:

$$\Psi_{m_2, m_1}(x, y) = \underbrace{\Psi_{m_2, m_1}^{(\text{free})}}_{\text{Asymptotic form}} + \sum_{LSJ}^{J \leq \bar{J}} \underbrace{\sqrt{4\pi} i^L \sqrt{2L+1} e^{i\sigma_L} (1m_2 \frac{1}{2} m_1 |SJ_z)(LOSJ_z | JJ_z) \tilde{\Psi}_{LSJJ_z}}_{\text{Strong three-body interaction}}$$

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→ Ψ_{LSJJ_z} describe the configurations where the three particles are close to each other

→ $\Psi_{m_1, m_2}^{(\text{free})}$ an asymptotic form of p-d wave function



Kievsky et al, Phys. Rev. C 64 (2001) 024002
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p-d correlation function

- Starting with the PPN state that goes into pd state:

- Nucleons with the Gaussian sources distributions

Single-particle Gaussian emission source

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

- Where A_d is the deuteron formation probability using deuteron wavefunction ϕ_{m_2}

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

- Final definition of the correlation with p-p source size R_M :

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

