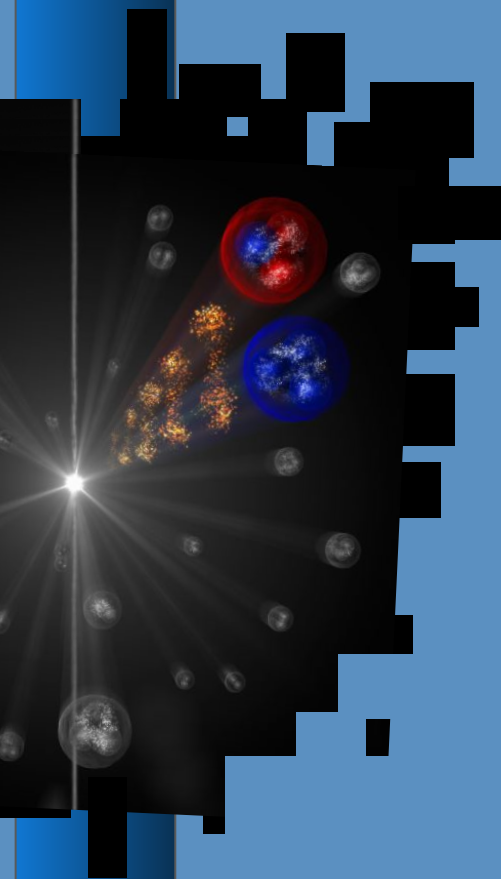


# Novel constraints for the multi-strange meson-baryon interaction using correlation measurements

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# (Multi-)strange meson-baryon systems and exotic states

## Interactions between mesons and baryons involving strangeness

→ Landmark for hadron-hadron interaction studies

Presence of a **rich coupled-channel dynamics**

→ Systems sharing same quantum numbers (B,S,Q)  
relatively close in mass

→ On- and off-shell processes from one channel to the other

Several candidates for exotic states with **molecular nature**

→ Typically observed close to channel thresholds

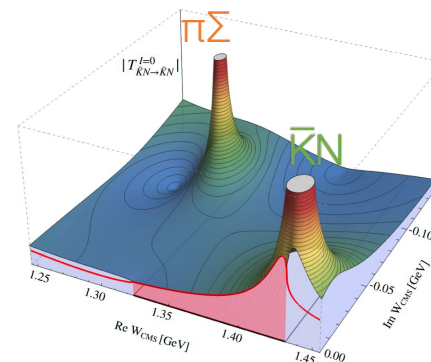
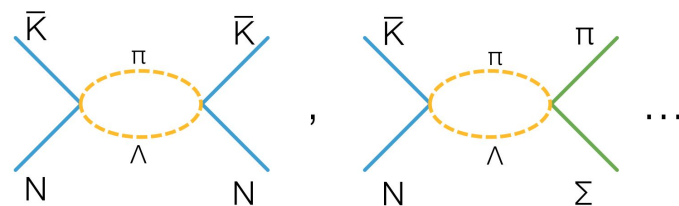
→ Main example given by the **two-pole  $\Lambda(1405)$  state**

J. M.M. Hall et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 114 (2015) 13

U. G. Meißner Symmetry 12 (2020) 6, 981

→ New Belle-ALICE data: Analogous behaviour in the S=-2 sector!

$\Xi(1620)$ - $\Xi(1690)$ : coupled to  $\bar{K}$ - $\Lambda$ ,  $\bar{K}$ - $\Sigma$ ,  $\Xi\pi$ .



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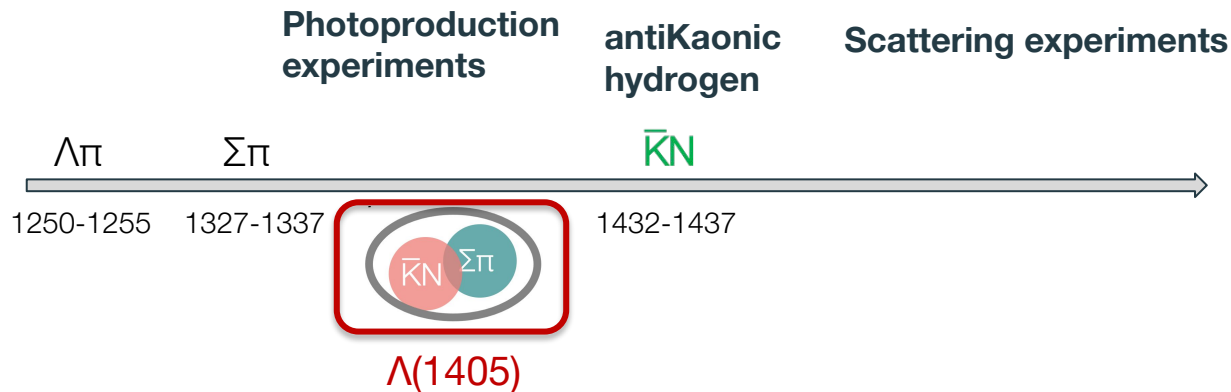
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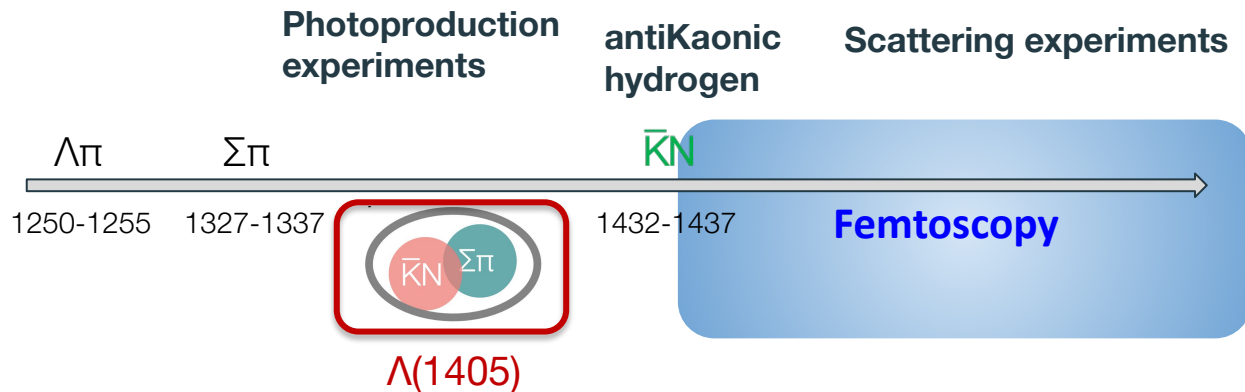
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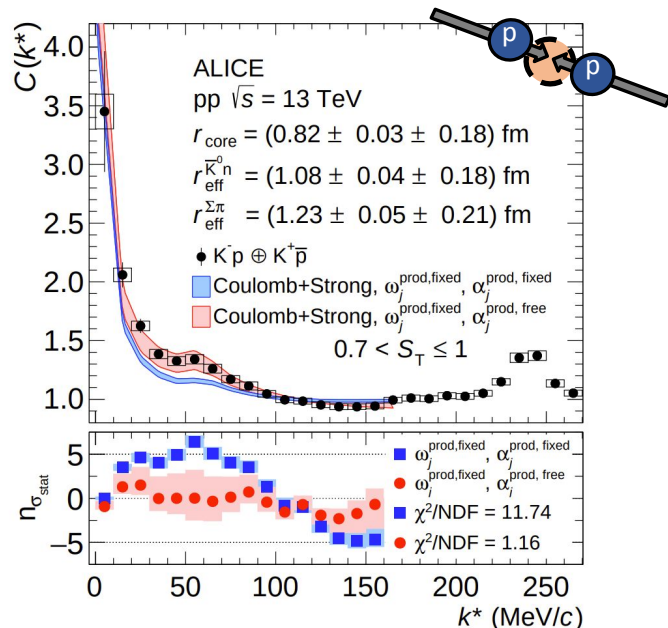
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Femtoscopy delivers the **most precise data above  $K^-p$  threshold**

→ Crucial input for low-energy chiral effective potentials



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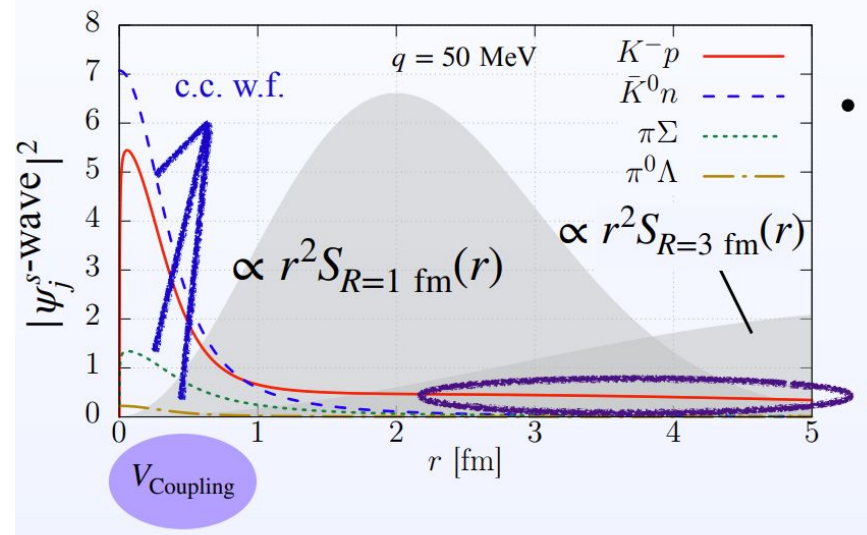
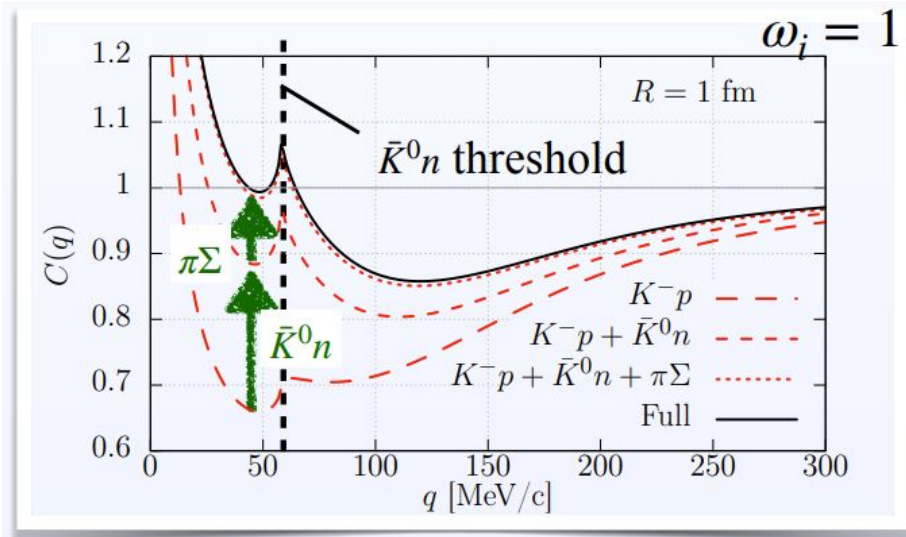
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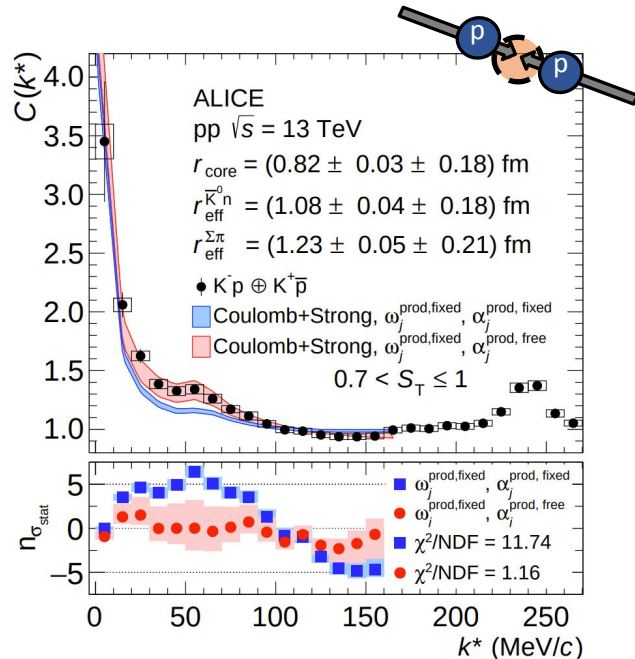
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[Y. Kamiya et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 124, 132501 \(2020\)](#)

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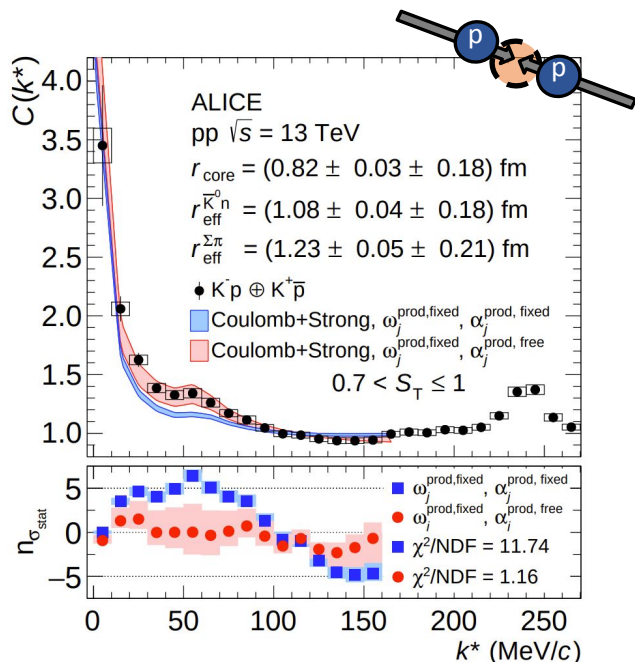
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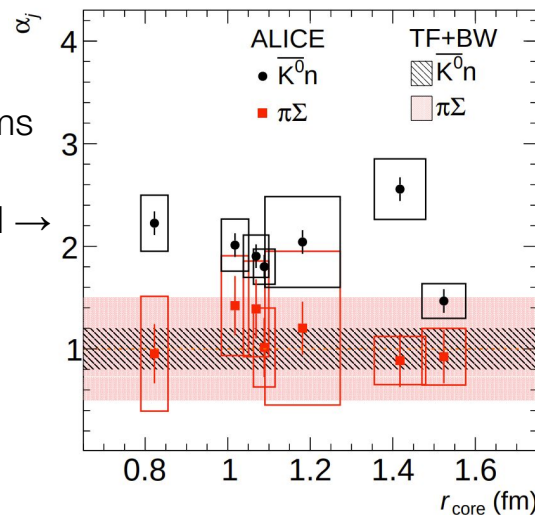
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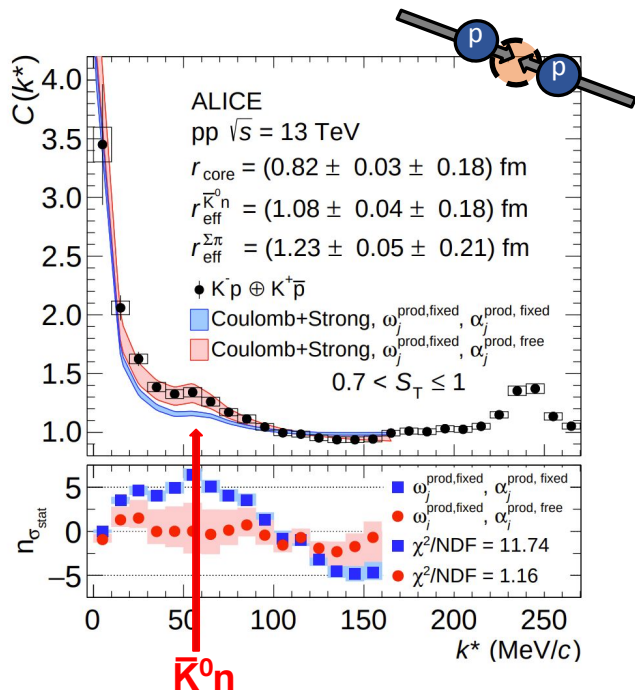
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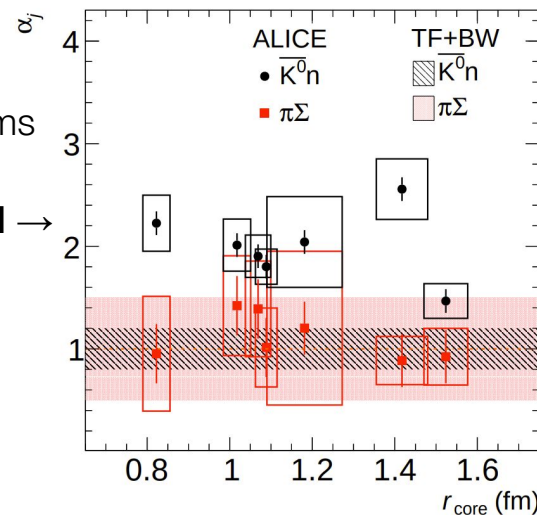
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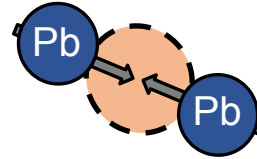
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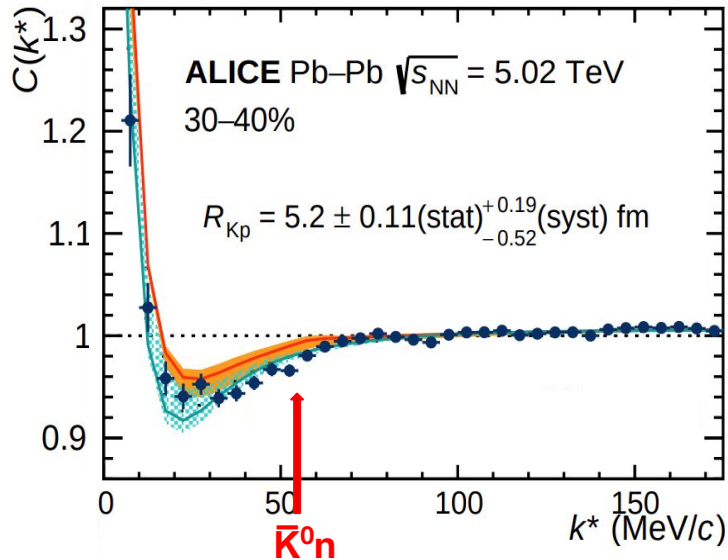


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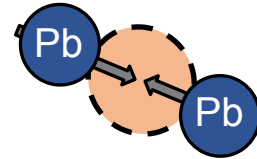


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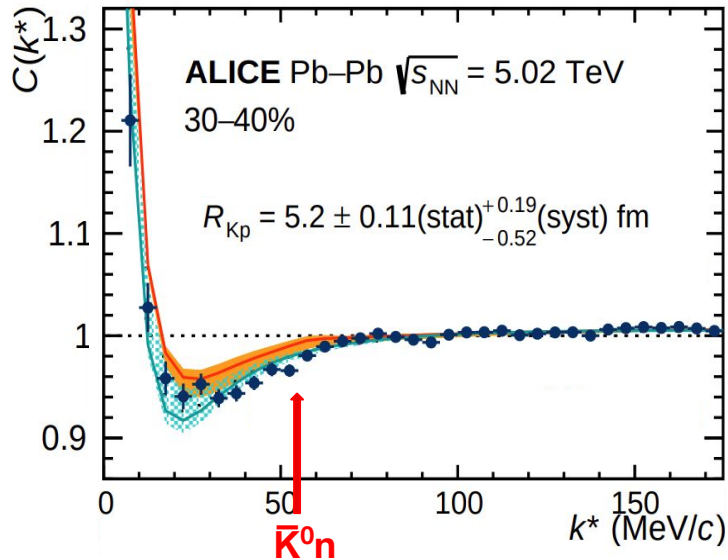
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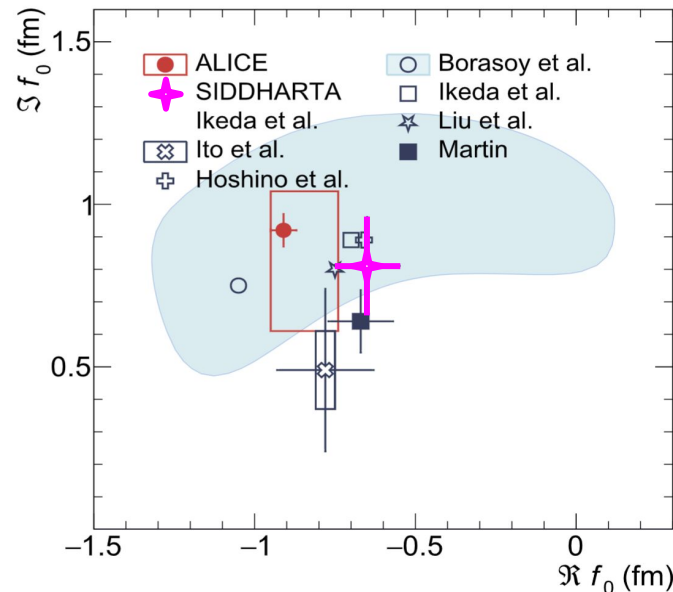


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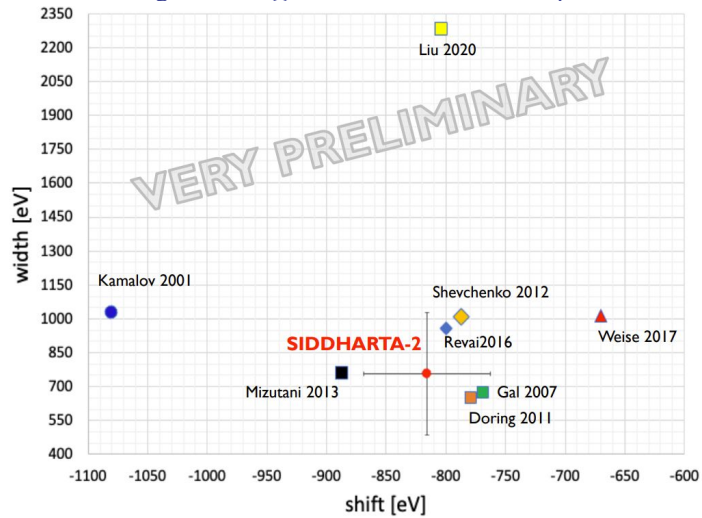
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⇒ AntiKaonic-hydrogen  
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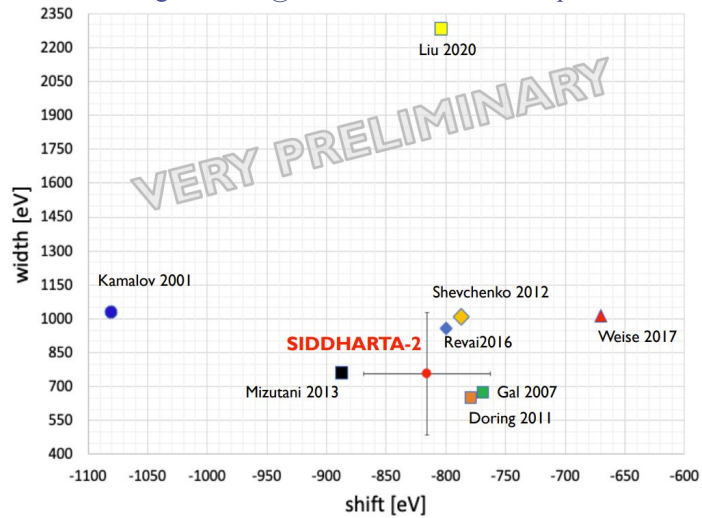


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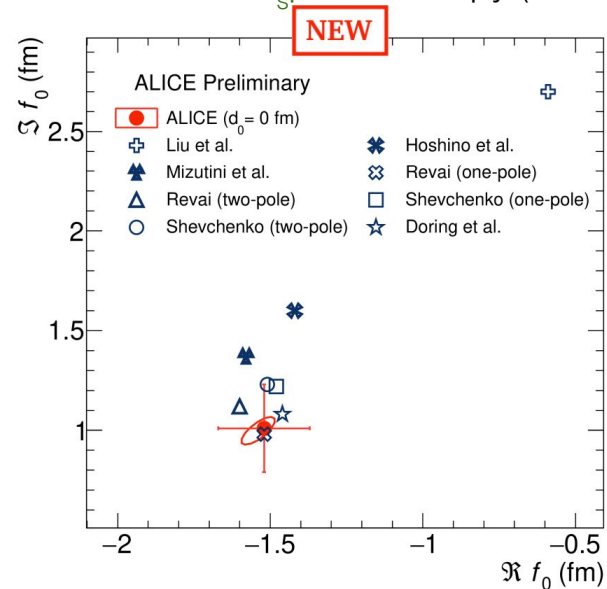
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# S=-1 meson-baryon interaction

$\bar{K}N$  interaction description with effective chirally models able to describe the data in a wide energy range

→ Help on fixing of the NLO constants

→ Incorporate channels sensitive to the  $l=1$  component

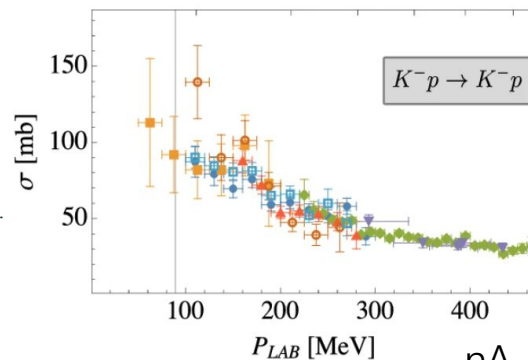
Photoproduction experiments

$\Lambda(1405)$

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SIDDHARTA Coll.  
PLB 704 (2011)

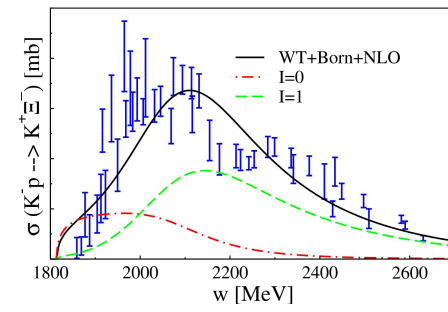
Scattering experiments

M. Mai Eur. Phys. J. Spec. Top. 230, 1593 (2021)



**Sensitivity to  $l=1$  component**

A. Feijoo et al., Phys. Rev. C99, 035211 (2019)



← **Femtoscopy can also give explore the several relevant coupled channels** →

# Accessing the $\Xi^-K^+$ system with femtoscopy

**Femtoscopy delivers precise data at low momenta** on the interaction between  $\Xi$  and kaons

→ Important constraints for  **$l=1$  channel** of  $S=-1$  meson-baryon interaction

Modeled assuming Lednický-Lyuboshits wavefunction with Coulomb (S-wave only)

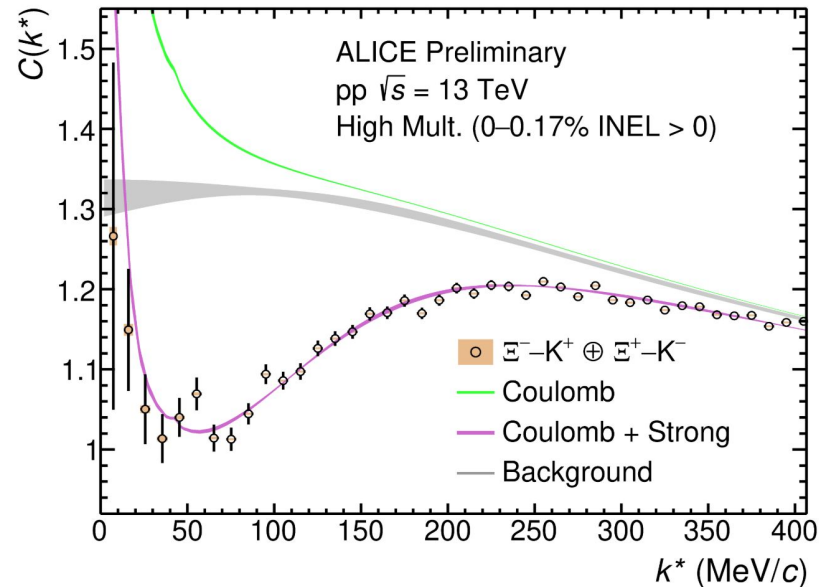
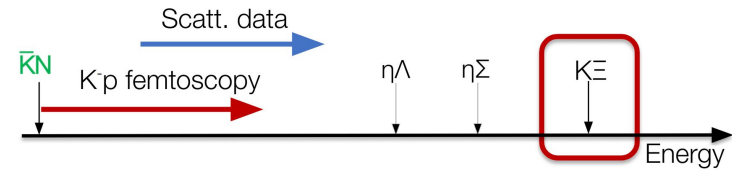
R. Lednický, Phys. Part. Nucl. 40: 307-352 (2009)

→ **Coulomb + strong repulsive interaction** assumption agrees with the data

→ Determination of scattering length from best fit:

$$\Re f_0 = -0.61_{\pm 0.02(stat)}_{\pm 0.07(syst)}$$

$$\Im f_0 = 0.41_{\pm 0.04(stat)}_{\pm 0.11(syst)}$$



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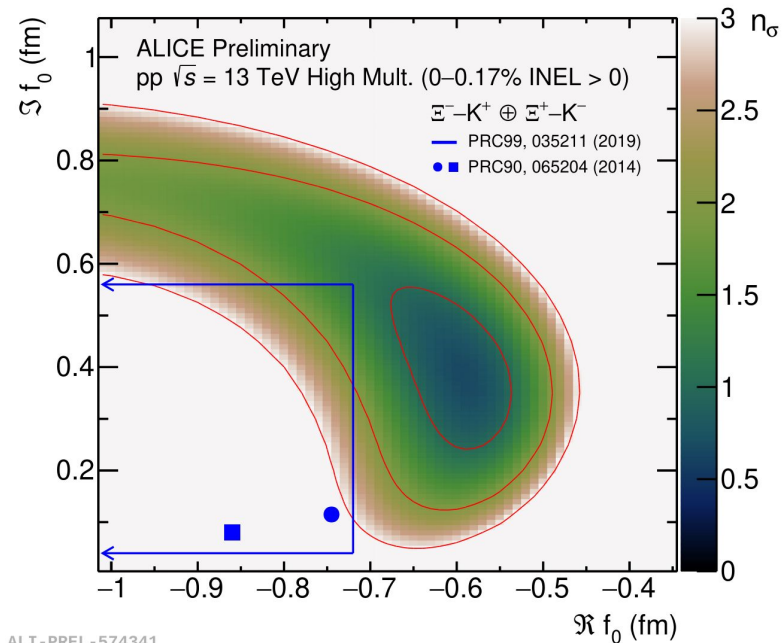
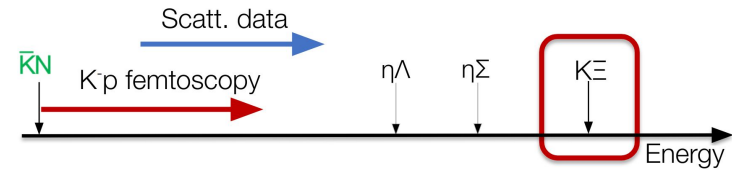


# Constraining the $\Xi^-K^+$ scattering parameters

Heat map: Comparison of data with modeling assuming different values of  $(\Re f_0, \Im f_0)$

→ Delivered in terms of number of standard deviations ( $n_\sigma$ ) in  $k^* \in [0, 250]$  MeV/c

Allowed values for  $f_0$  from **state-of-the-art chiral calculations** at next-to-leading order and phenomenological potentials **constrained** to **available scattering data** ⇒ Higher precision constraints can be delivered with femtoscopy



# Moving to the $S=-2$ sector

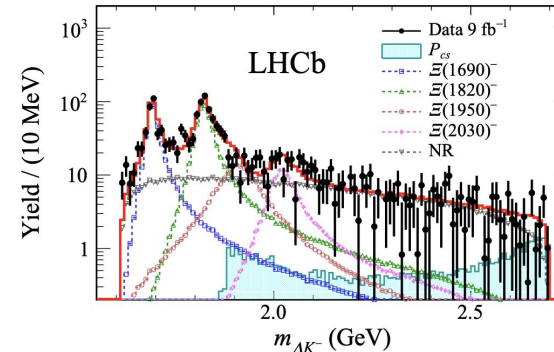
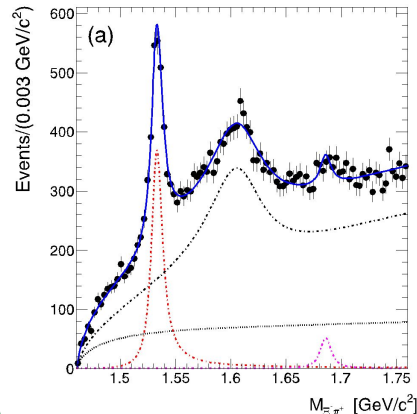
Scattering experiments challenging with increasing strangeness

→  $\Xi(1620)$  lying across the  $\bar{K}\Lambda$  threshold as molecular candidate, poorly known:  $\pi\Xi-K\Lambda$  molecule?

Intensive searches via spectroscopy measurements

→ Combine different production mechanisms/decay channels to reveal the nature of the state

$\Xi(1620)$   
Belle Coll.,  
Phys. Rev. Lett 122 (2019)



$\Xi(1690)$   
LHCb Coll.  
Sci. Bull. 66 (2021)

$\Xi\pi$

$\bar{K}\Lambda$

$\bar{K}\Sigma$

$\eta\Xi$

1449-1461

1609-1613

1683-1691

1870

Energy



**Femtoscopy approach: accessing the interaction between the constituents**

# Accessing the $S=-2$ meson-baryon interaction

$\Lambda K^0$  femtoscopy studied in Pb–Pb collisions by CMS (see the next talk by R. Pradhan) and ALICE

ALICE studied also  $\Lambda K^+$  and  $\Lambda K^-$  pairs both in Pb–Pb and pp collisions

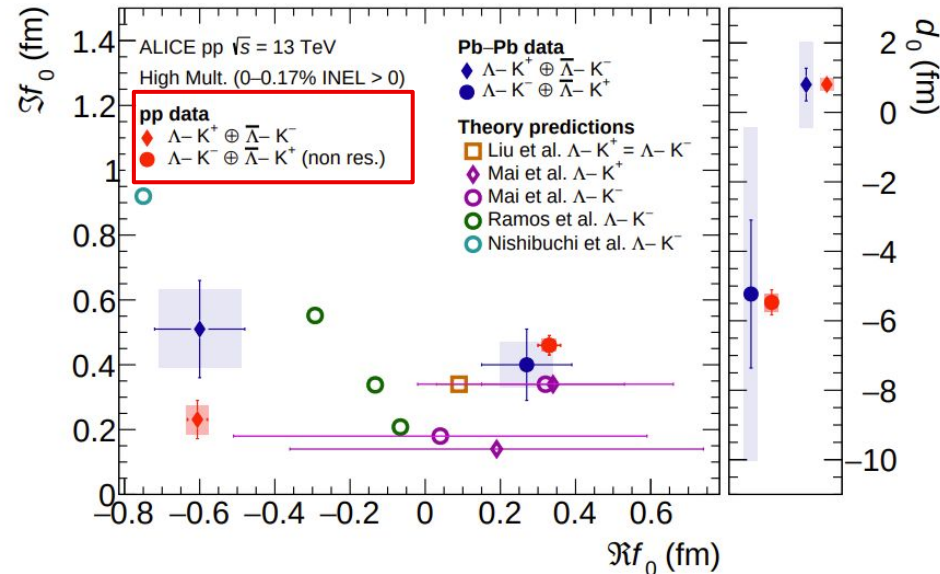
→ Determination of the real and imaginary part of the scattering length and effective range using the Lednicky model

Data:

Pb–Pb: CMS Coll. Phys. Lett. B 857 (2024) 138936

ALICE Coll. Phys. Rev. C 103 (2021)

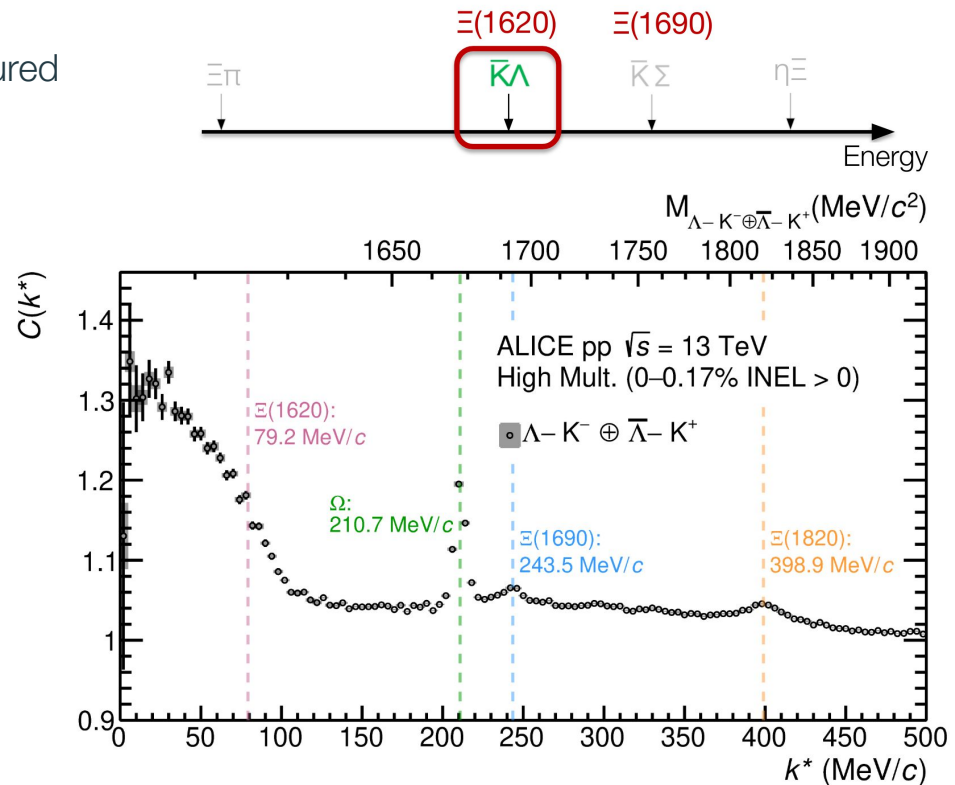
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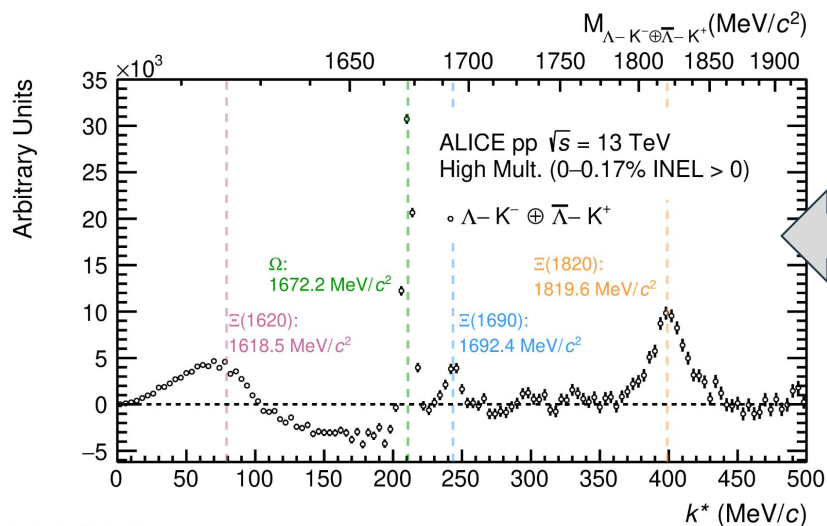
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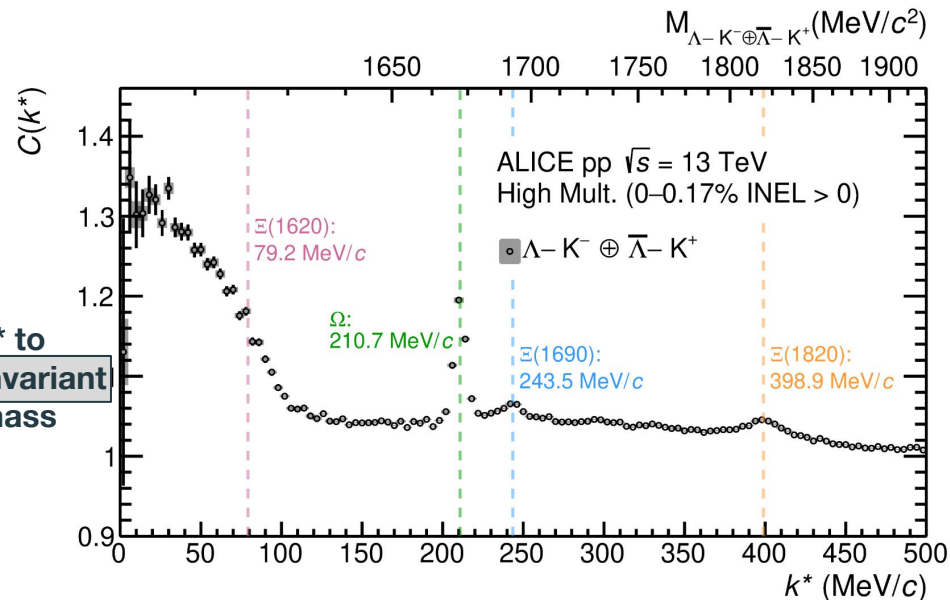
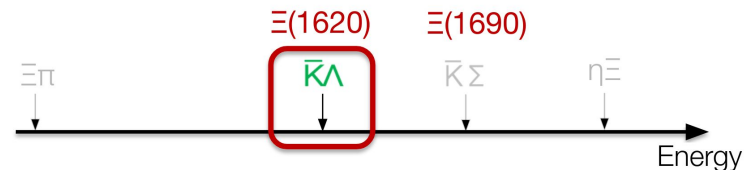
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## First experimental evidence of $\Xi(1620) \rightarrow \Lambda K^-$



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$k^*$  to  
invariant  
mass



# $K^- \Lambda$ correlations and the $S=-2$ meson-baryon sector

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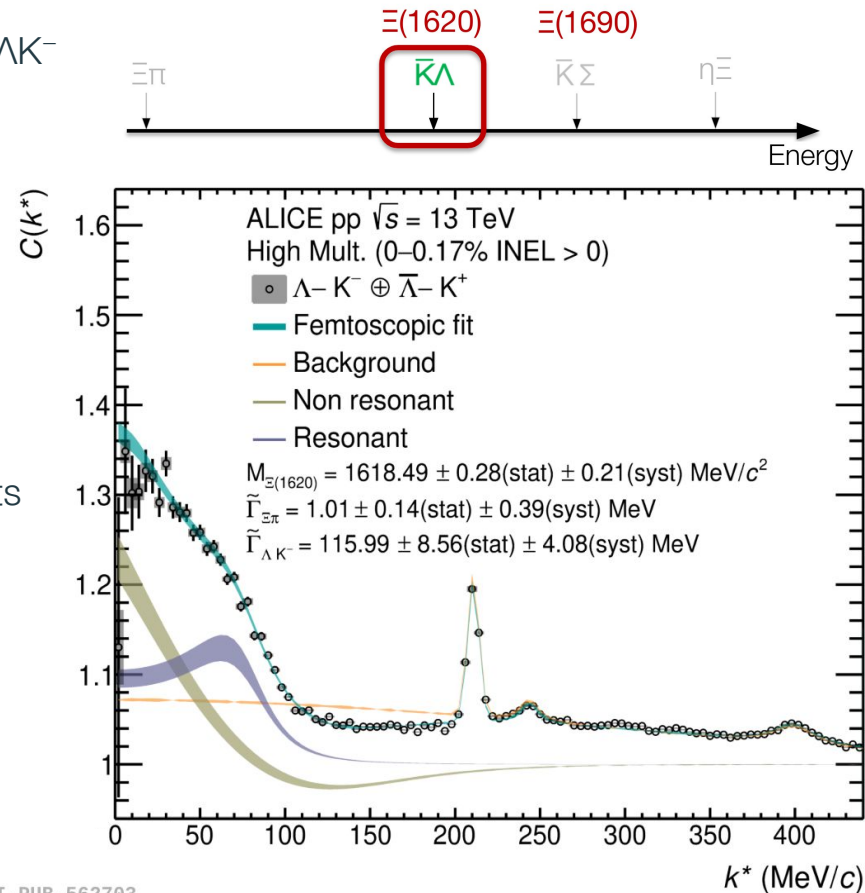
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Low  $k^*$  region description including  $\Xi(1620)$ :

→ Interplay between resonant (Flatté-like) and non-resonant interaction

## ⇒ $\Xi(1620)$ and $\Xi(1690)$ properties

- Overall compatible with previous Belle and LHCb results
- Indication of a large coupling of  $\Xi(1620)$  to  $\Lambda K^-$



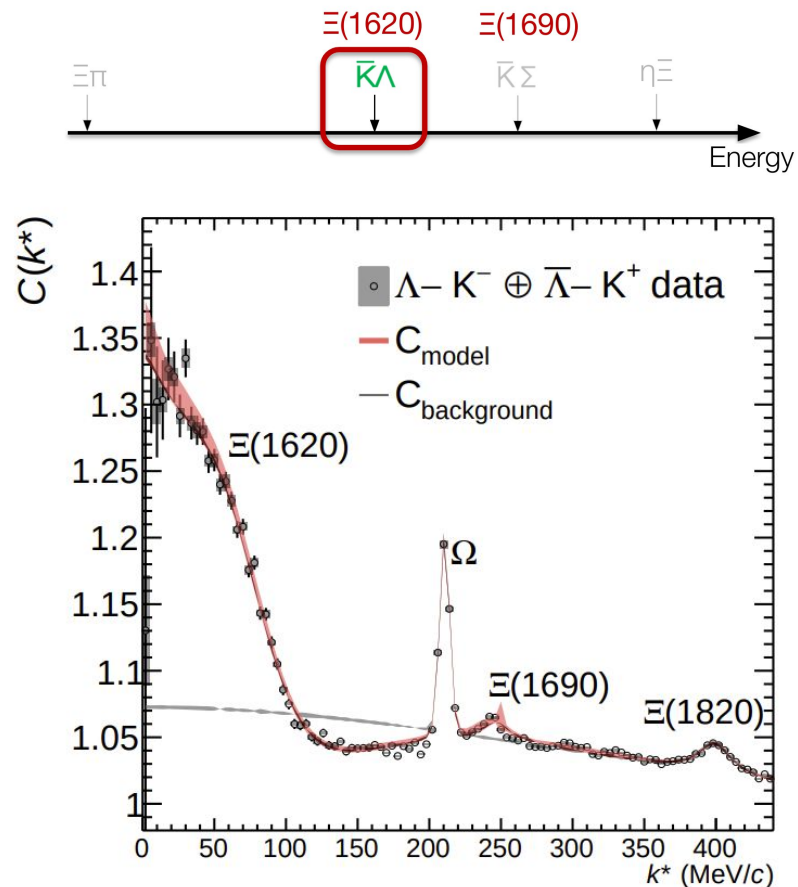
# Femtoscopy data as a constraint

Employ ALICE data in pp to **constrain effective chiral potentials** to explore this multi-strange sector

V. Mantovani Sarti et al. arXiv: 2309.08756

Fit the parameters of state-of-the-art  $U\chi$ PT NLO Lagrangian that **dynamically generates** the  $\Xi(1620)$  and  $\Xi(1690)$  states in the coupled channels approach

- **large sensitivity** of femtoscopy data to NLO LECs
- $\Xi(1620)$ : not a  $\pi\Xi-K\Lambda$  molecule but a narrower  $\eta\Xi$  bound state with small or negligible coupling to other channels
- $\Xi(1690)$ :  $K\Sigma$  quasi-bound state



# The $\Xi^- \pi^+$ correlation in HI collisions

## STAR Preliminary data in Au-Au collisions

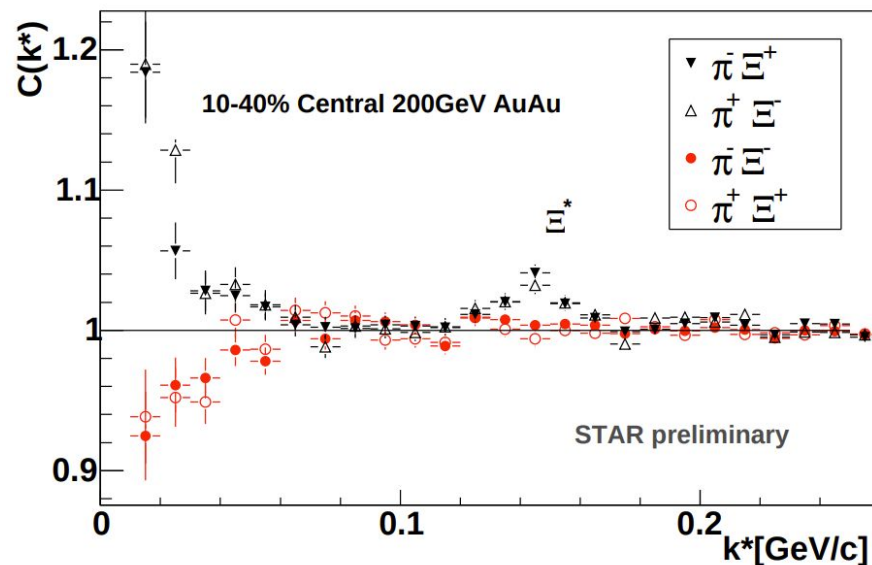
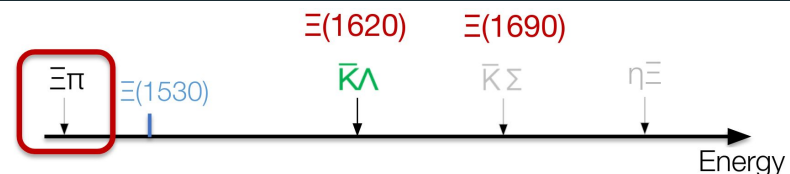
P. Chaloupka arXiv:nucl-ex/0510064

Enhancement in the low  $k^*$  region described by Coulomb FSI

Lednicky model to describe the resonant part ( $\Xi^*$ ) through resonant strong interaction

R. Lednicky, Phys.Part.Nucl.Lett. 8 (2011) 9, 965-968

→ Large sensitivity to the height of the  $\Xi(1530)$  region to the system size and effects of  $\Xi$  elliptic flow





# The $\Xi^- \pi^+$ correlation in pp collisions

ALICE  $\Xi^- \pi^+$  femtoscopy in pp collisions

Several states visible in the measured correlation

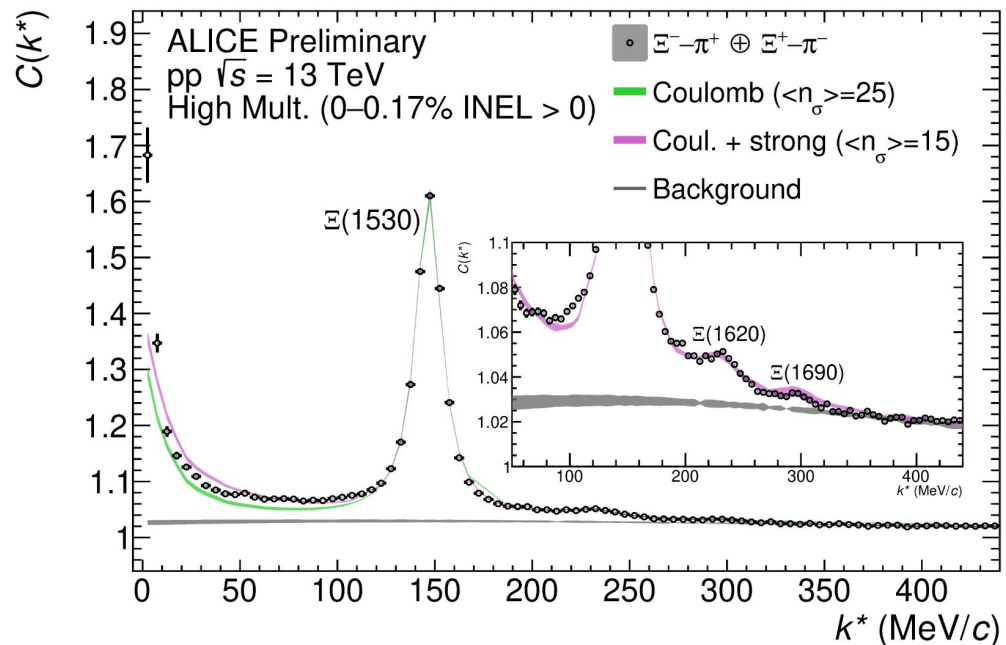
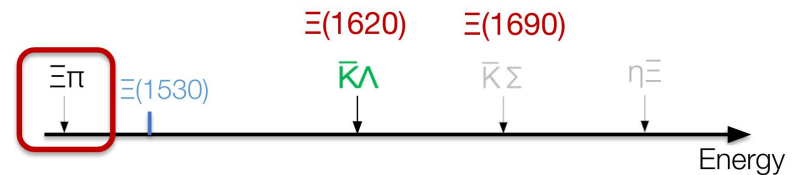
- $\Xi(1530)^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+$  (B.R. 100%)
- $\Xi(1620)$  and  $\Xi(1690)$  as observed by Belle

Evidence of strong attractive interaction

Rather shallow attractive interaction

$$\Re f_0 = 0.089^{+0.007(stat)}_{\pm 0.009(syst)}$$

$$\Im f_0 = \mathbf{0.007}^{+0.003(stat)}_{\pm 0.005(syst)}$$



# Conclusions and outlook

**Femtoscopy** is a **complementary tool** to provide precision data on hadron-hadron interactions to **study exotic states**

→ **Delivers often the most precise data at low momenta in many channels, in some cases the only data!**

- Novel high-precision constraints on  $S=-1$  and  $S=-2$  baryon interactions available with correlation data
- Input for low-energy effective chiral lagrangians

⇒ Possibility to explore other relevant systems and extend them to other sectors (charm!) with **ongoing experiments!**

Thank you for your attention!