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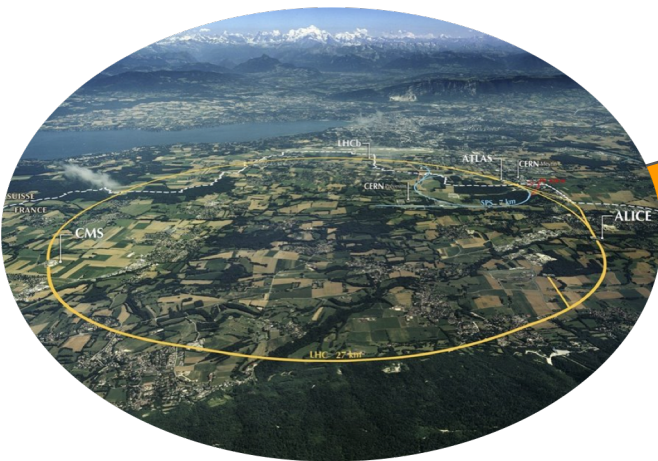


# **A brand new approach to constrain hadron-hadron interactions using femtoscopy in ALICE**

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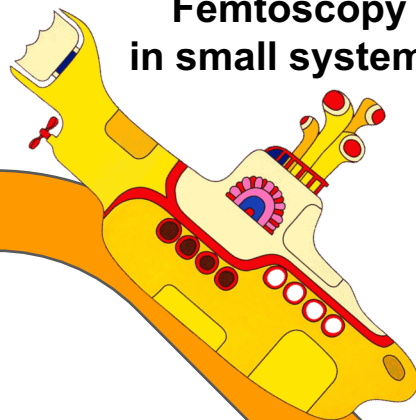
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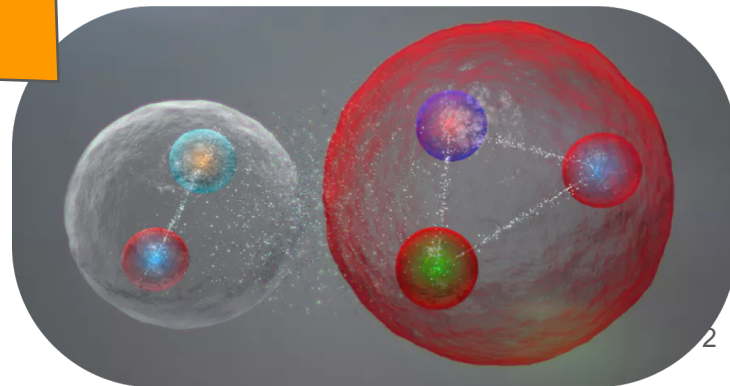


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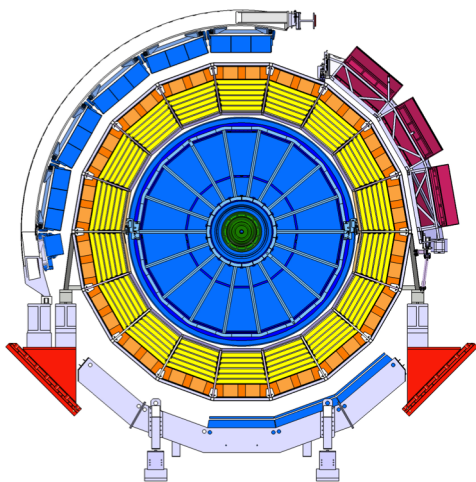


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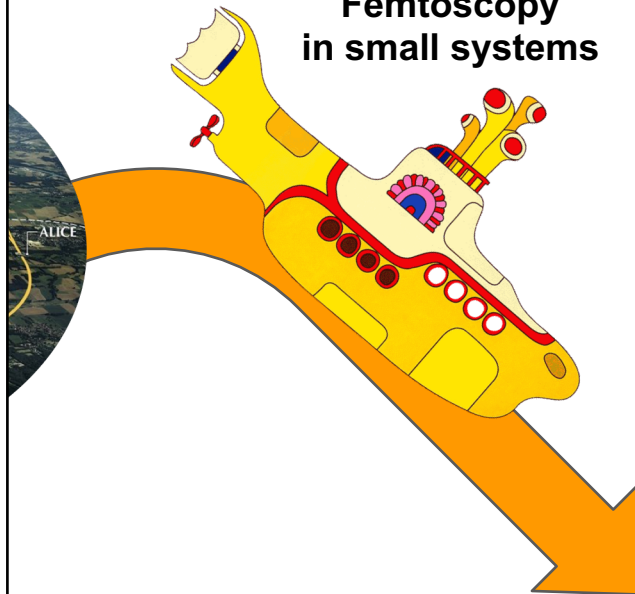
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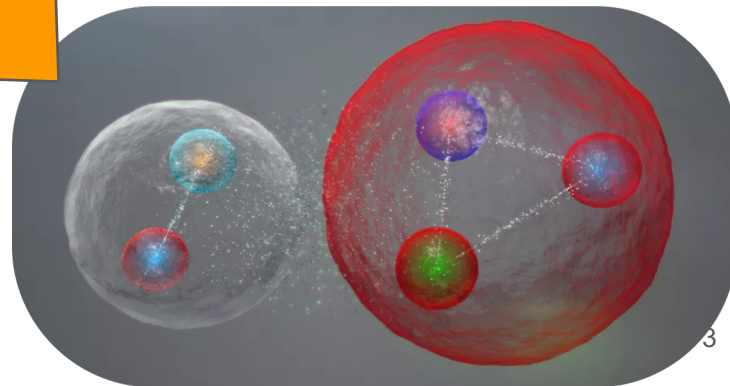
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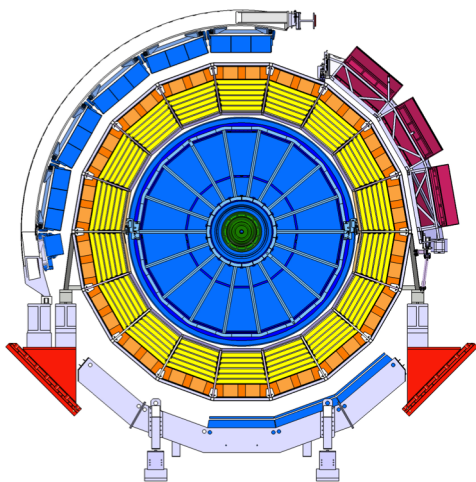


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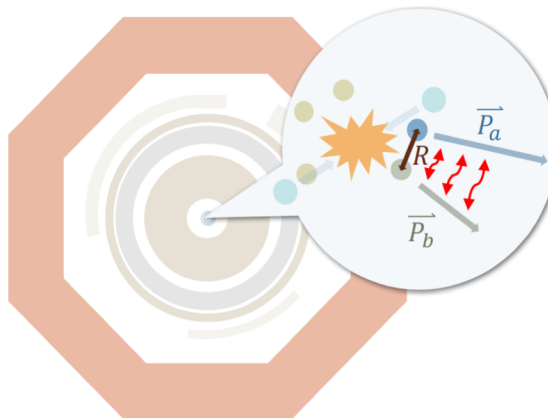
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## "Femtoscopy in small systems"



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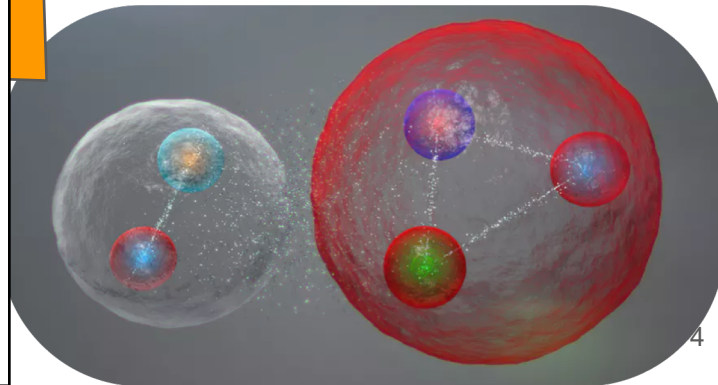
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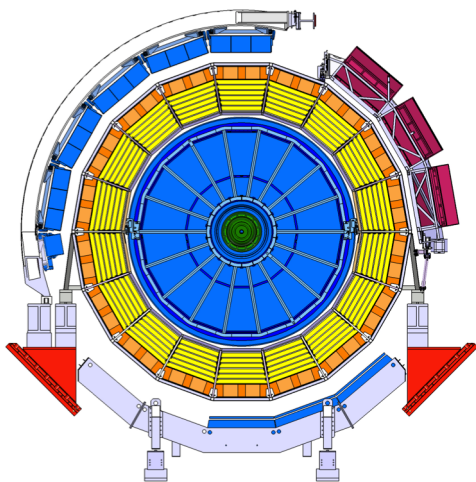
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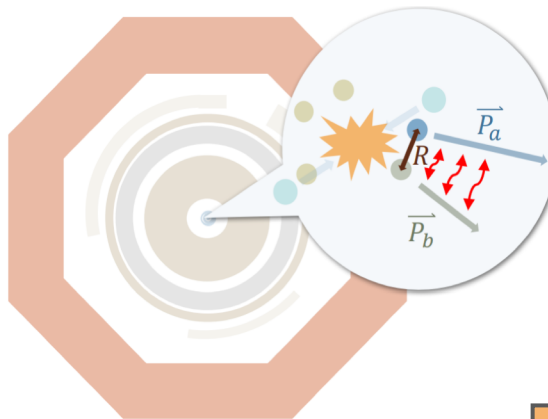
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## “Non-traditional Femtoscopy”



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## Hadron physics

- Study the **interaction of hadrons with strange content**.
- Experimental difficult with strange particle beams: Scattering data, hypernuclei, search for bound states, exotic atoms, etc.
- Models are constrained by data with limited precision
- **Femtoscopy with ALICE: delivers precise data in the low momentum range region not accessible with other approaches, access to exotic pairs**

# Two interesting examples of femtoscopy in small systems

## p-K femtoscopy

- Fundamental ingredient in the strangeness sector of low energy hadron physics
- $\Lambda(1405) \Rightarrow$  ONLY accepted **MOLECULAR STATE**
- Models are constrained by the (rather imprecise) scattering data above threshold and by SIDDHARTA data at threshold
- Extrapolations below threshold differs for models describing the scattering data.

## p- $\Omega^-$ femtoscopy

- Experimental study on the interaction between a proton and a multi-strange baryon
- Lattice QCD simulations and meson-exchange models predict an N- $\Omega$  interaction attractive at all distances  
 $\rightarrow$  leading to the possible existence of a **N $\Omega$  DI-BARYON**
- No  $\Omega$  beams, no hypernuclei...  
 $\rightarrow$  for p- $\Omega$  interaction femtoscopy is the only experimental method!

# Femtoscscopy as a tool to study H-H interactions

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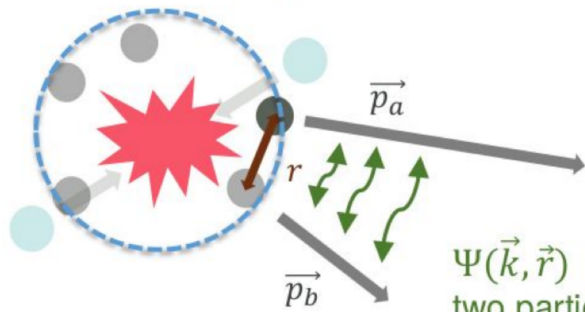
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Source

Relative wave function:  
Sensitivity to the interaction potential

Theory

Source function  $S(\vec{r})$



Study the  $C(k^*)$  of hadron-hadron pairs  
in pp collisions  $\Rightarrow$  small particle source ( $\sim 1$  fm)

$\Psi(\vec{k}, \vec{r})$   
two particle wave function

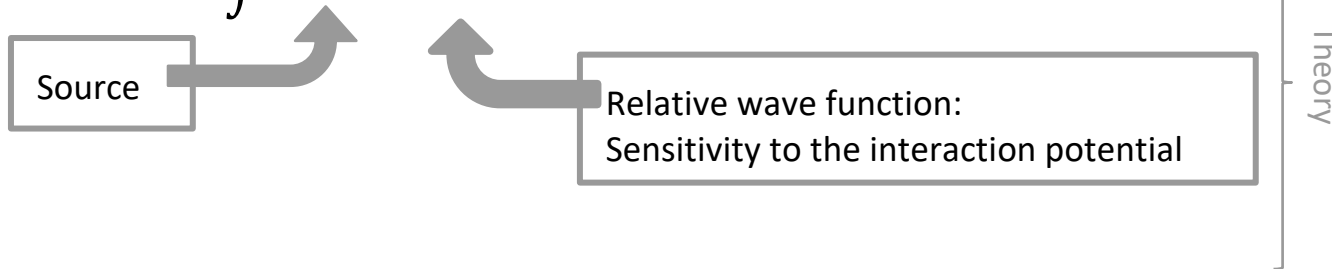
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## Experimentally:

$$C(k^*) = \mathcal{N} \frac{N_{Same}(k^*)}{N_{Mixed}(k^*)}$$

Generally, the experimental correlation function accounts also for contributions coming from feed-downs, misidentifications and detector.

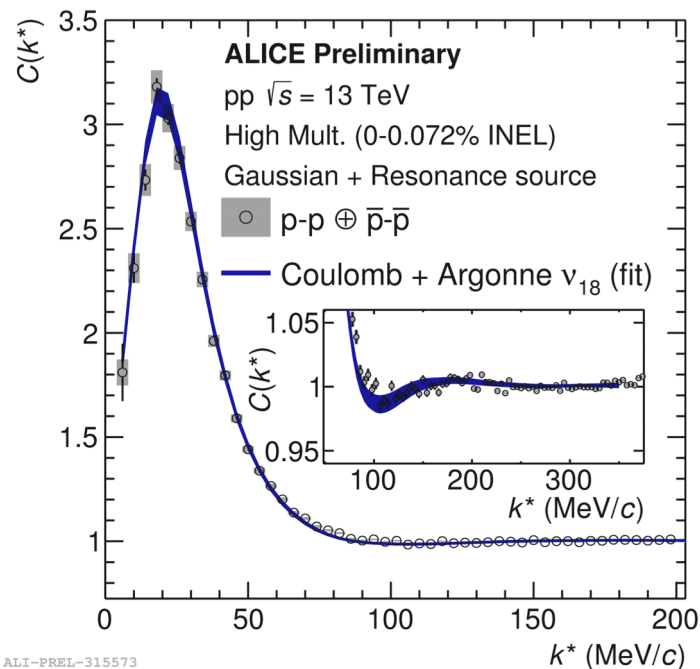
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# Setting the source

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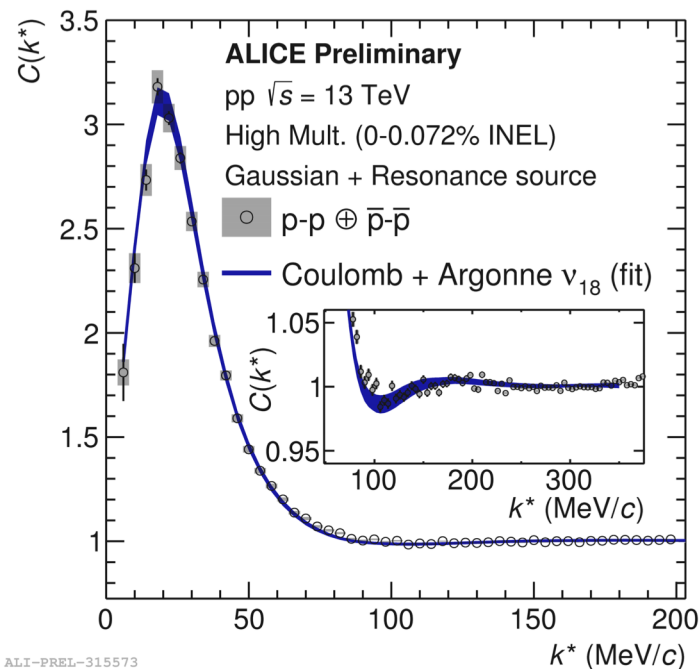


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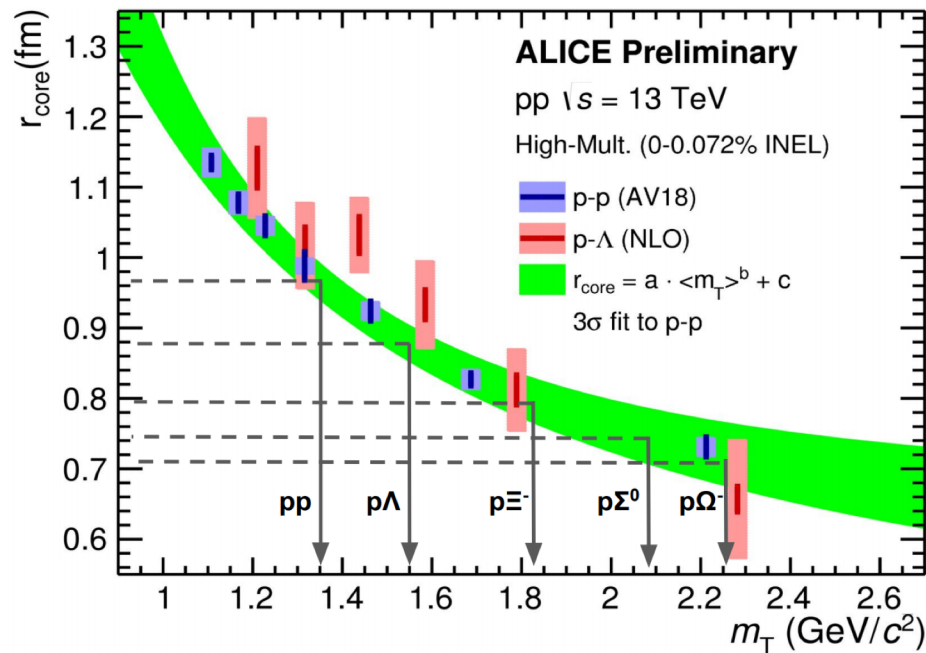
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**p-p** as a **benchmark** since interaction is well known → determination of the source size

- Consider  $\langle m_T \rangle$  dependence of the source due to possible collective effects
- Effect of strong short-lived resonances computed for all hadrons



# Setting the source: collective effects & resonances



## For p- $\Omega^-$ in pp High-Multiplicity events:

The p- $\Omega^-$  source (Gaussian + resonances) is **determined given the pair  $\langle m_T \rangle$ :**

$$\text{p-}\Omega^-: r_{\text{core}} = 0.73 \pm 0.05 \text{ fm}$$

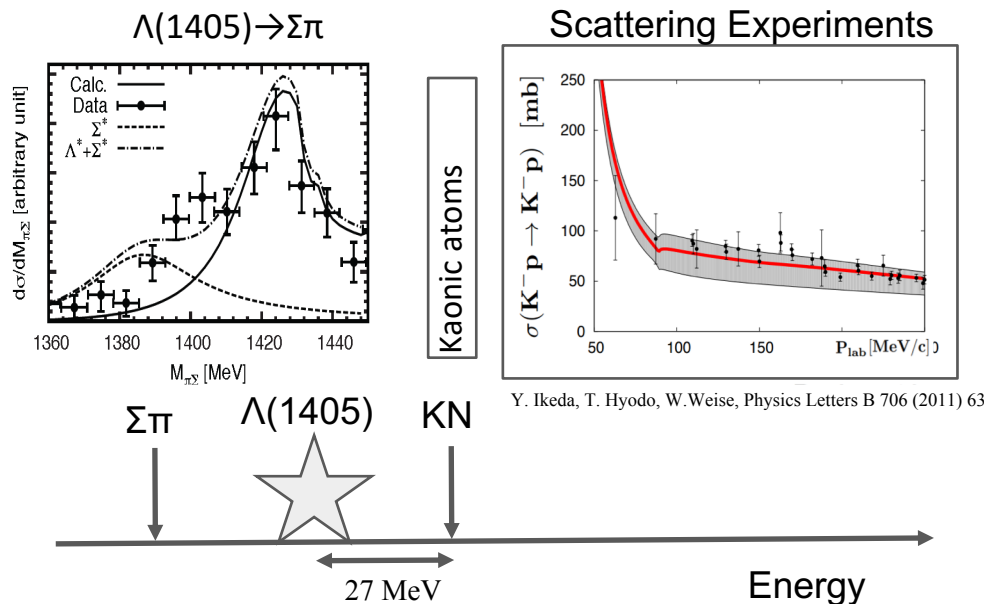
## For p-K in Minimum-Bias pp collisions:

Gaussian source, with the radius fixed from the simultaneous fit to p-p, p- $\Lambda$  and  $\Lambda$ - $\Lambda$  femtoscopic data:

$$r_{13\text{TeV}} = 1.18 \pm 0.05 \text{ fm}$$

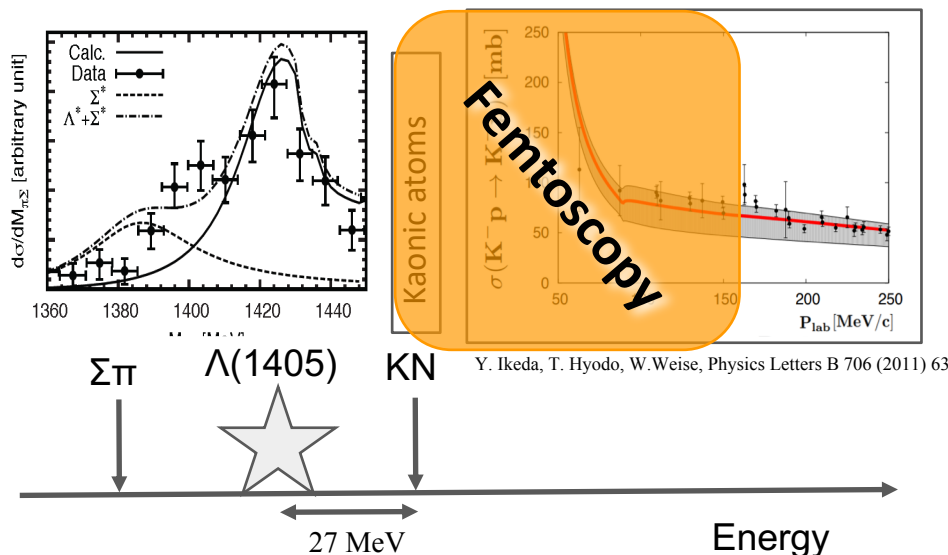
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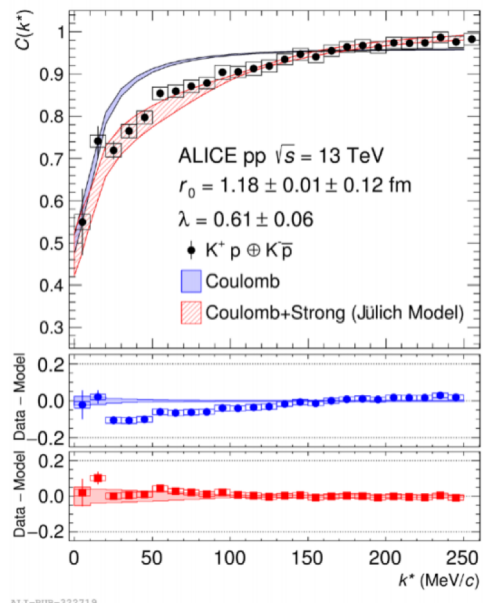
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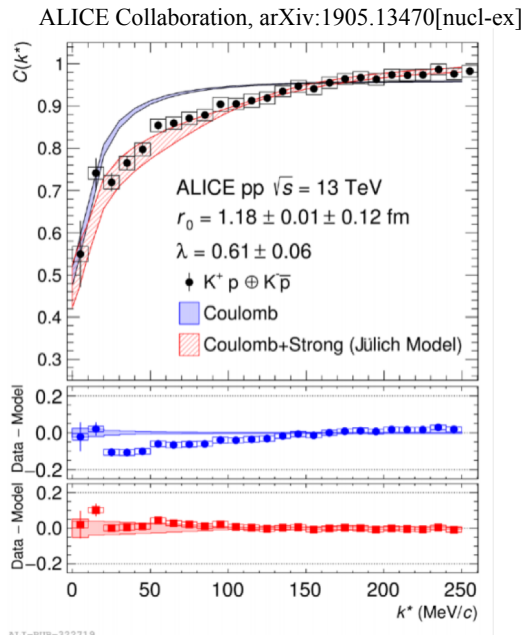
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ALICE Collaboration, arXiv:1905.13470[nucl-ex]

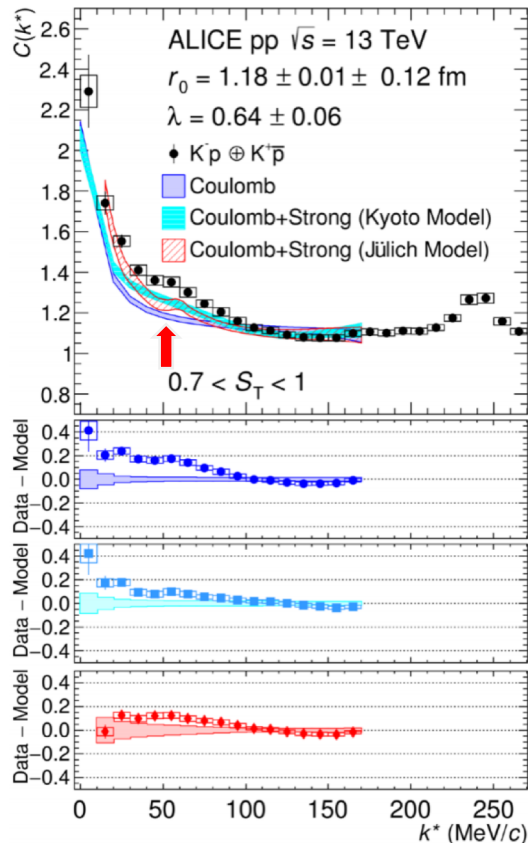


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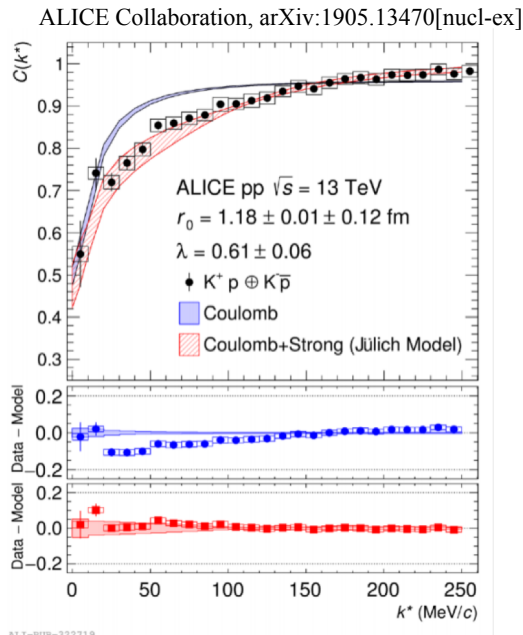
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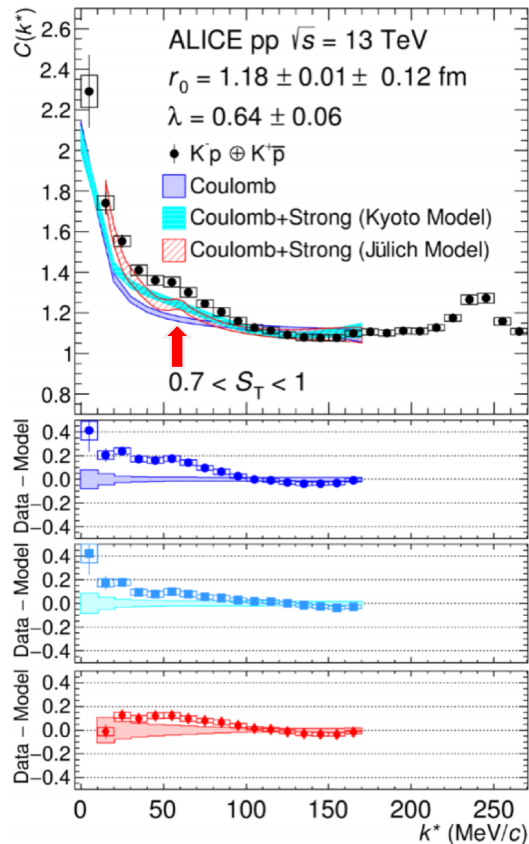
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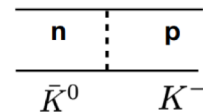
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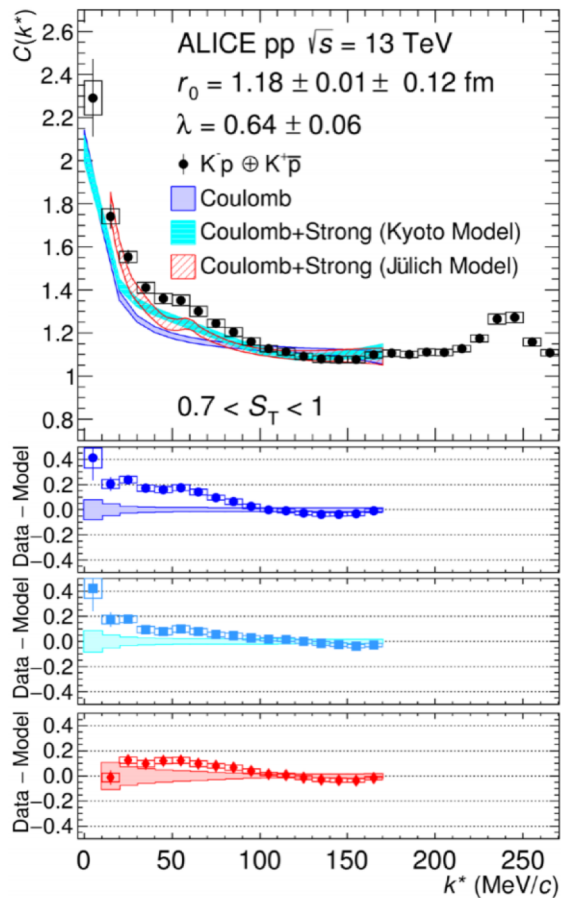
**First experimental evidence of the opening of the  $K^0 n$  isospin breaking channel**

Coupled channel effect

$$M(K^- p) + 5 \text{ MeV} = M(n \bar{K}^0)$$



# K-p femtoscopy in pp collisions



## Blue bands

Coulomb potential only

## Light blue bands

(Kyoto Model: Phys. Rev. C93 no. 1, (2016) 015201)  
 Chiral Kyoto model with approximate boundary conditions:

- $K^- - K^0$  mass difference not considered (isospin averaged masses)
- $\Sigma\pi$  and  $\Lambda\pi$  coupled channels neglected (outgoing B.C not fully implemented)

## Red bands

(Jülich Model: Nucl. Phys. A981 (2019))  
 Jülich strong potential, meson exchange model

- Recently updated to reproduce the SIDDHARTA results at threshold
- Includes the  $K^- - K^0$  mass difference and coupled channels ( $KN - \pi\Sigma - \pi\Lambda$ )

**The correlation functions at low  $k^*$  cannot be reproduced by any of the considered potentials**

**New Chiral Kyoto model calculation available with CC included (Y. Kamiya et al. arXiv:1911.01041)  $\Rightarrow$  Work in progress!**

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# p- $\Omega^-$ femtoscopy results in pp HM 13 TeV

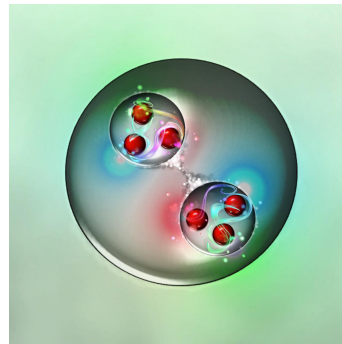
Experimental [study on the interaction between a proton and a multi-strange baryon](#)

- $\Omega^-$  is a hyperon with quark content: sss

Use the most recent datasets to test recent models of the p- $\Omega$  interaction:

- Lattice QCD (HAL Collaboration) predicts very attractive p- $\Omega^-$  interaction at all distances
- Meson exchange (Sekihara model)

→ Open the door for a **N $\Omega$  di-baryon**



# Comparison with models: p- $\Omega^-$ interaction potentials

- Lattice **HAL-QCD** potential with physical quark masses ( $^5S_2$  channel)

- $m_\pi = 146 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- $m_K = 525 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

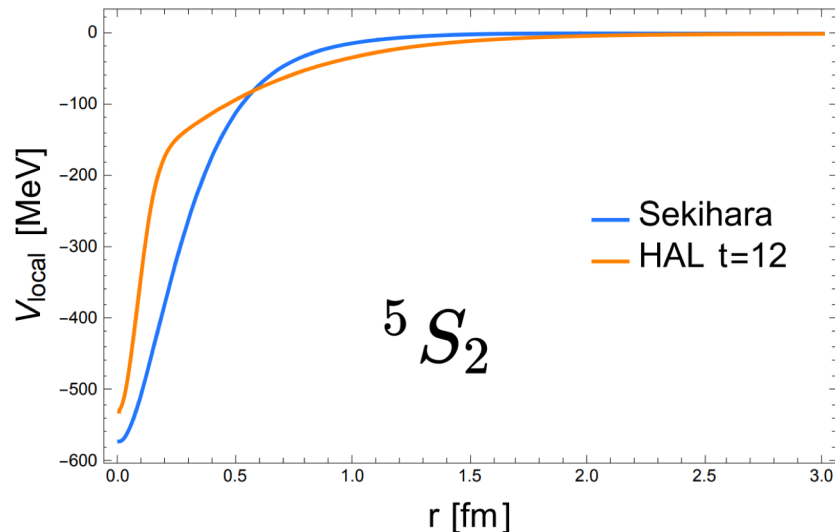
T. Iritani et al., arXiv:1810.03416

- Sekihara:** Meson-exchange model ( $^5S_2$  channel)

- Short range attractive interaction fitted to HAL-QCD scattering parameters
- Includes inelastic channels (strong decays into  $X\Xi$ )  
small contributions in the S-wave interaction

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

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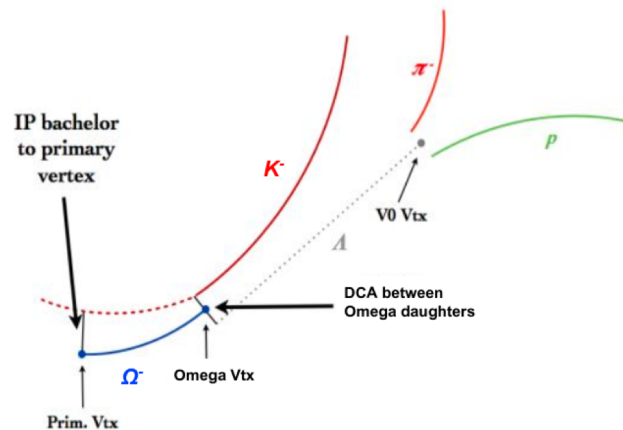
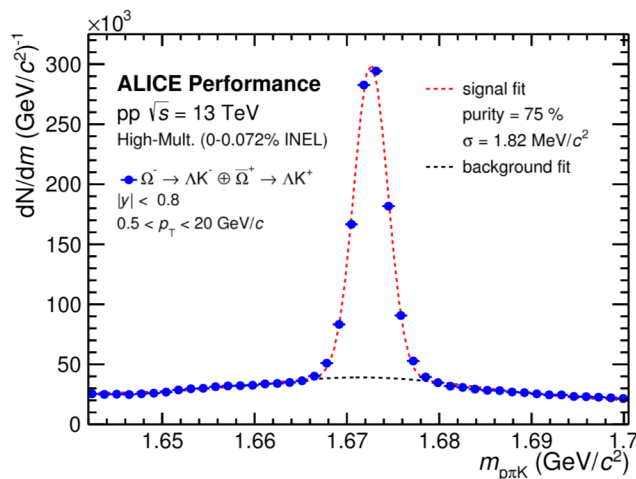


→ Models provide so far only  $^5S_2$  channel  
(weight 5%)

Model	p $\Omega^-$ binding energy (strong interaction only) (+1 MeV with Coulomb)
<b>HAL-QCD</b>	<b>1.54 MeV</b>
<b>Sekihara</b>	<b>0.1 MeV</b>

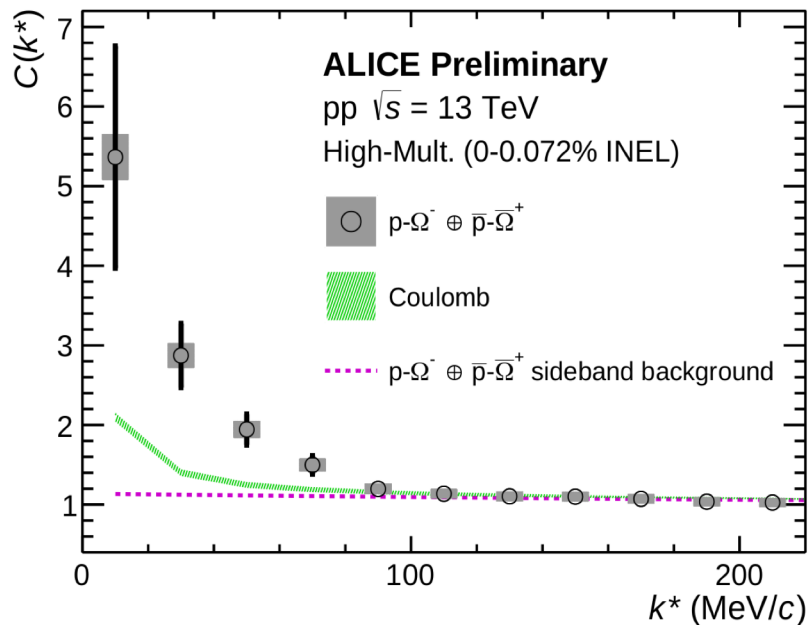
# Data analysis: $\Omega^-$ reconstruction

- Identified by its decay:  $\Omega^- \rightarrow \Lambda K^- \rightarrow (p\pi^-)K^-$
- Total of  $1.2 \cdot 10^6$  selected ( $\Omega^- + \Omega^+$ ) candidates:
  - $0.6 \cdot 10^6$  p- $\Omega^- \oplus$  p- $\Omega^+$  pairs
  - $11 \cdot 10^3$  pairs at  $k^* < 300$  MeV/c
  - 700 pairs at  $k^* < 100$  MeV/c
- Purity of the preliminary sample **75%**



**Fig. 2:** Sketch of the  $\Omega^-$  decay and identification.

# Results: $p$ - $\Omega^-$ correlation function in pp HM



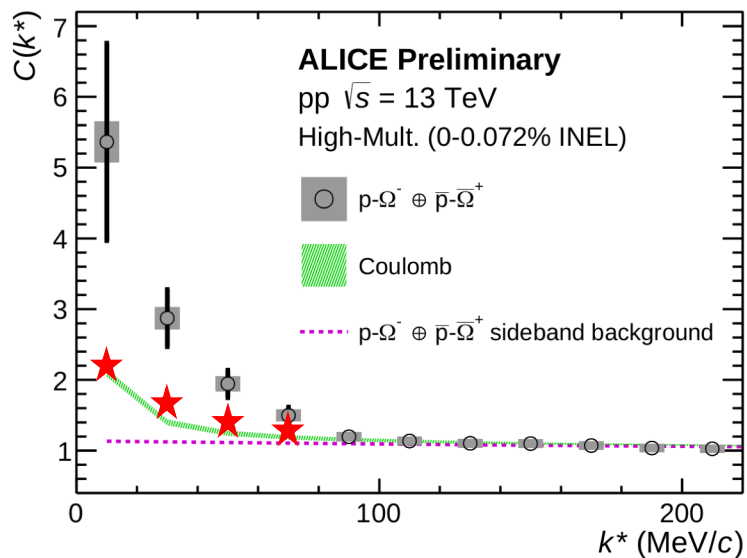
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showing the attractive character of the strong interaction

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# Sensitivity to short ranges: $p\text{-}\Omega^-$ and $p\text{-}\Xi^-$



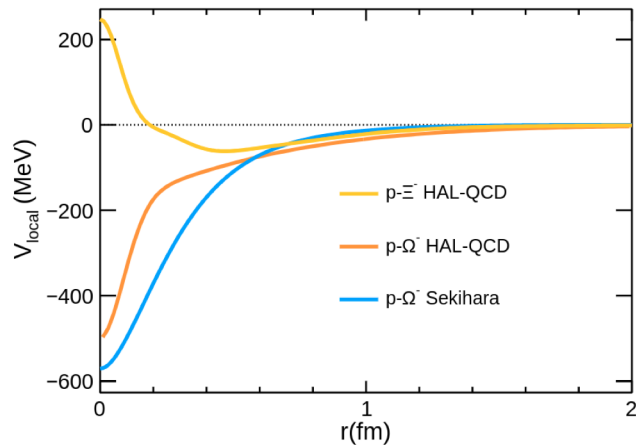
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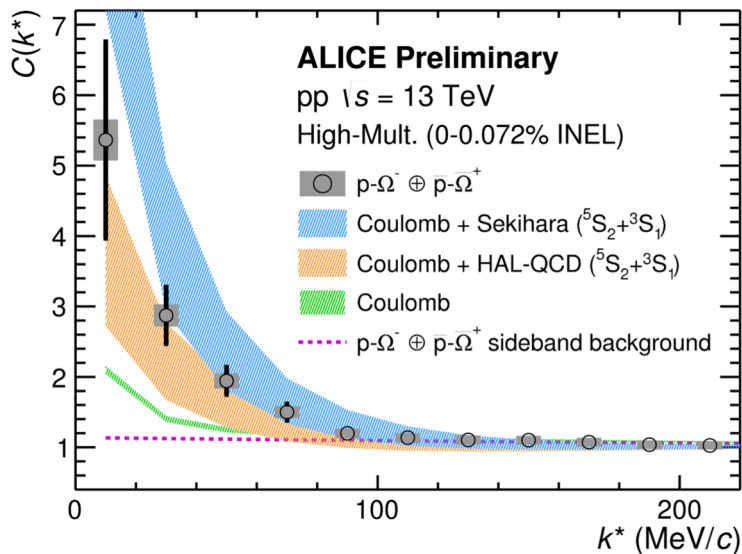
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p-Xi correlation function (ALICE Coll. Phys.Rev.Lett. 123 (2019))



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- “**Coulomb only**” scenario discarded by ALICE data ( $> 6 \sigma$ ) showing the attractive character of the strong interaction
- Precision of ALICE data exceeds the current theoretical predictions
- Theoretical models predict similar binding energies  $\Rightarrow C(k^*)$  shows very different behaviour
- Sensitivity to the different shapes of interacting potential, also at short distances

# Outlook

ALICE and the femtoscopy method deliver **precise data** to test hadron-hadron interactions at distances lower than 1 fm

The comparison of the ALICE data in small systems with the expectation from the models is **very sensitive to the shape of the strong potential**.

→ Femtoscopic data substitutes/complement the scattering data, hypernuclei and other approaches.

→ The precision in some of the studied channels exceed the model.

RUN3/4 will provide the possibility of carrying out new studies and investigate 3-body interactions.

# Our femtoscopic results so far:

- *Investigation of the  $p$ - $\Sigma^0$  interaction via femtoscopy in  $pp$  collisions* (ALICE Coll. nucl-ex/1910.14407)
- *Scattering studies with low-energy kaon-proton femtoscopy in proton-proton collisions at the LHC* (ALICE Coll. nucl-ex/1905.13470)
- *First Observation of an Attractive Interaction between a Proton and a Cascade Baryon* (ALICE Coll. Phys.Rev.Lett. 123 (2019) no.11, 112002)
- *Study of the  $\Lambda$ - $\Lambda$  interaction with femtoscopy correlations in  $pp$  and  $p$ -Pb collisions at the LHC* (ALICE Coll. Phys.Lett. B797 (2019) 134822)
- *$p$ - $p$ ,  $p$ - $\Lambda$  and  $\Lambda$ - $\Lambda$  correlations studied via femtoscopy in  $pp$  reactions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV* (ALICE Coll. Phys.Rev. C99 (2019) no.2, 024001)

Additional slides

# Femtoscopic data constraints: Model tuning

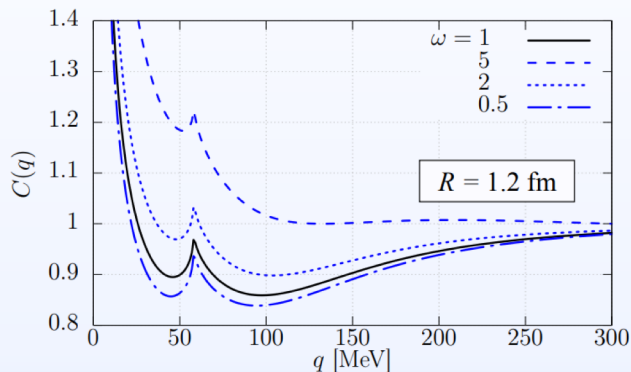
Y. Kamiya at FemTUM Workshop, Munich, October 2019

- Update of the Kyoto model: coupled-channel effect and interaction dependence

## Channel weight dependence of $K^-p$ correlation

$$C_f(\mathbf{q}) = \int d^3\mathbf{r} S_f(\mathbf{r}) \left[ |\varphi^{C,\text{full}}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{q})|^2 - |j_0^C(qr)|^2 + |\chi_i^{C,(-)}(r, q)|^2 \right] + \sum_{j \neq i} \omega_j \int d^3\mathbf{r} S_j(\mathbf{r}) |\chi_j^{C,(-)}(r, q)|^2$$

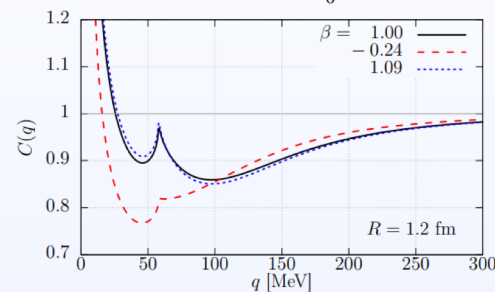
- Vary the source weight of the  $\pi\Sigma$  channel:



- Increase  $\omega_{\pi\Sigma} \implies$ 
  - weakened dip at  $q \sim 40 \text{ MeV}$
  - weakened cusp

## Interaction dependence of $\bar{K}N$ correlation

- $I = 0$   $\bar{K}N$  interaction  $\Leftarrow$  strongly constrained by the SIDDHARTA constraint M. Bazzi, et al., NPA 881 (2012)
- $I = 1$   $\bar{K}N$  interaction is not well known  $\implies$  vary  $V_{\bar{K}N-\bar{K}N}^{I=1} \rightarrow \beta V_{\bar{K}N-\bar{K}N}^{I=1}$
- SIDDHARTA constraint on  $a_0^{K^-p} \implies$  Varied region of  $\beta$  as  $-0.24 < \beta < 1.09$



$\beta$	$a_0^{K^-p} \text{ [fm]}$	$a_0^{\bar{K}N, I=1} \text{ [fm]}$
-0.24	0.75-i0.69	-0.07-i0.13
1.00	0.65-i0.91	0.61-i0.78
1.09	0.65-i0.96	0.64-i0.95

$(a_0 \equiv -\mathcal{F}(E = E_{\text{th}}))$

- For  $\beta = -0.24$ ,
  - Remarkable suppression around  $\bar{K}^0n$  threshold ( $q \simeq 58 \text{ MeV}$ )
  - Moderate cusp structure



$I = 1$   $\bar{K}N$  interaction can be determined with the detailed analysis!

# Lattice HAL-QCD potential with heavy quarks

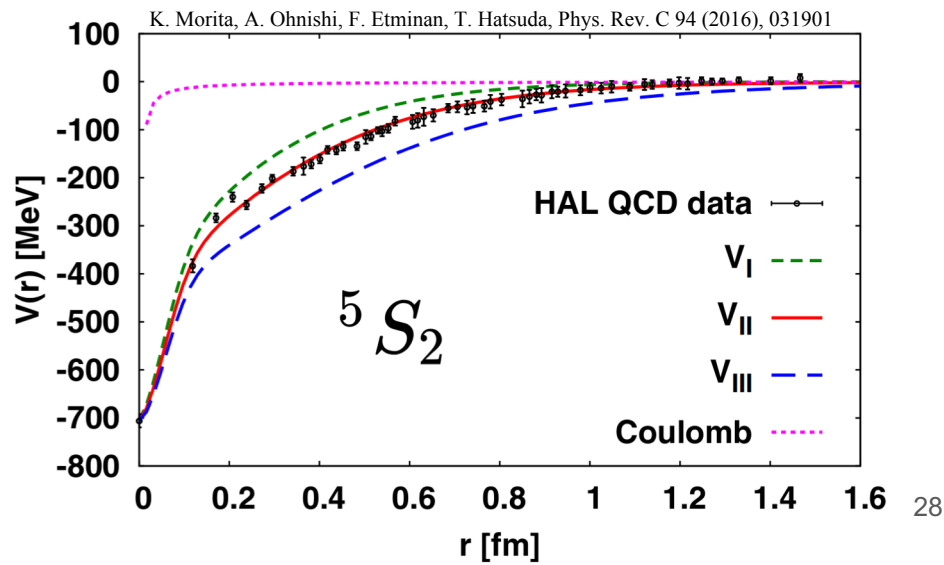
- Based on Lattice calculations with heavy quark masses
  - $m_\pi = 875 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
  - $m_K = 916 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- Used in the STAR  $p\Omega$  analysis in Au-Au collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200 \text{ GeV}$
- Lattice calculations fitted by an attractive Gaussian core + an attractive tail, varying the range parameter at long distance ( $b_5$ )
  - $V_{II}$ : best fit to Lattice calculations
  - $V_I / V_{III}$ : weaker / stronger attraction

F. Etminan et al. (HAL QCD Collaboration), Nucl. Phys. A928,89(2014)

$$V(r) = b_1 e^{-b_2 r^2} + b_3 (1 - e^{-b_4 r^2}) (e^{-b_5 r} / r)^2$$

Binding energy ( $E_b$ ), scattering length ( $a_0$ ) and effective range ( $r_{\text{eff}}$ ) for the Spin-2 proton- $\Omega$  potentials [24].

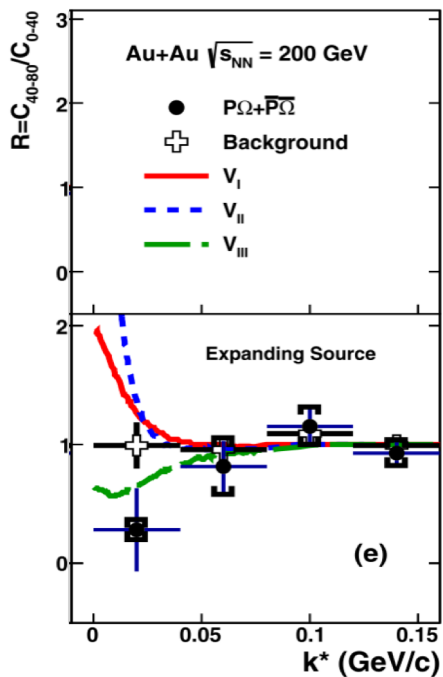
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# Previously available experimental data: STAR

- Study of the  $p$ - $\Omega^-$  correlation function in Au-Au collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV
- Observable: ratio of the correlation function peripheral/central collisions.
- Comparison with Lattice QCD calculations (with large masses)

STAR Collaboration. Phys. Lett. B790 (2019) 490-497



- Test different fits to Lattice QCD data (delivering **three different binding energies of the  $N\Omega$** ):

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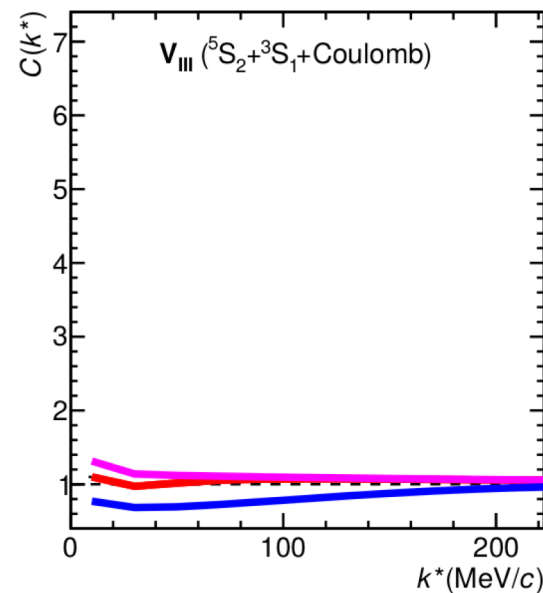
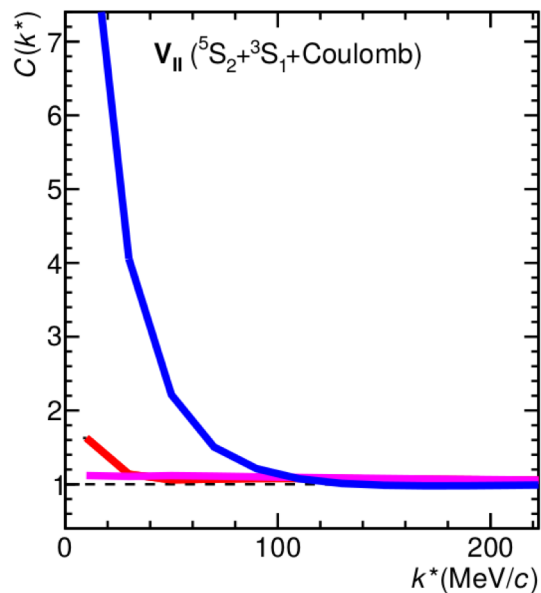
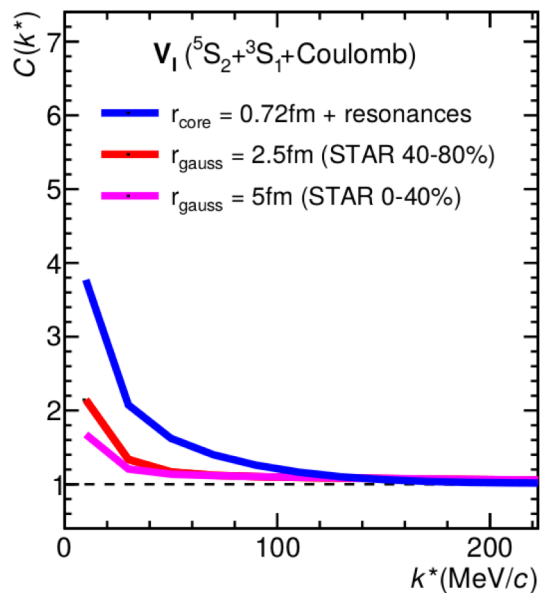
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[24] K. Morita, A. Ohnishi, F. Etminan, T. Hatsuda, Phys. Rev. C 94 (2016), 031901

STAR data favor  $V_{III}$ , with  $E_b = 27$  MeV

# Sensitivity of ALICE and STAR data

- Expected correlation function from heavy quark Lattice QCD potentials
- **Smaller radius** source offers the ideal conditions to test the models
- **Better purity** of ALICE data increases the **sensitivity** of the test



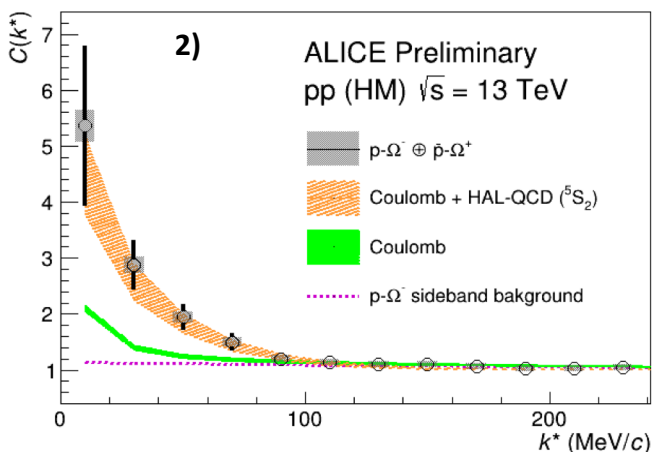
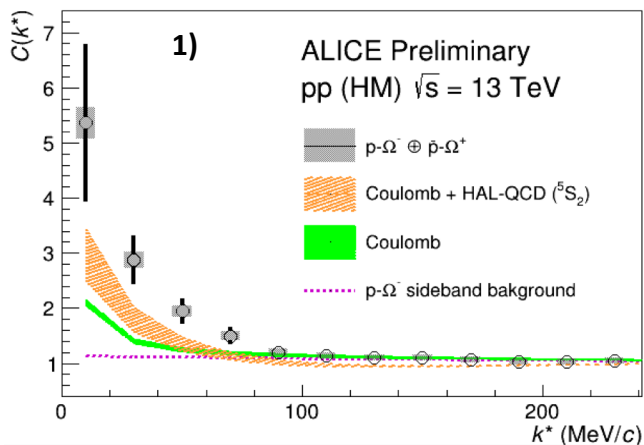
purity 75% (ALICE)

# Model evaluation

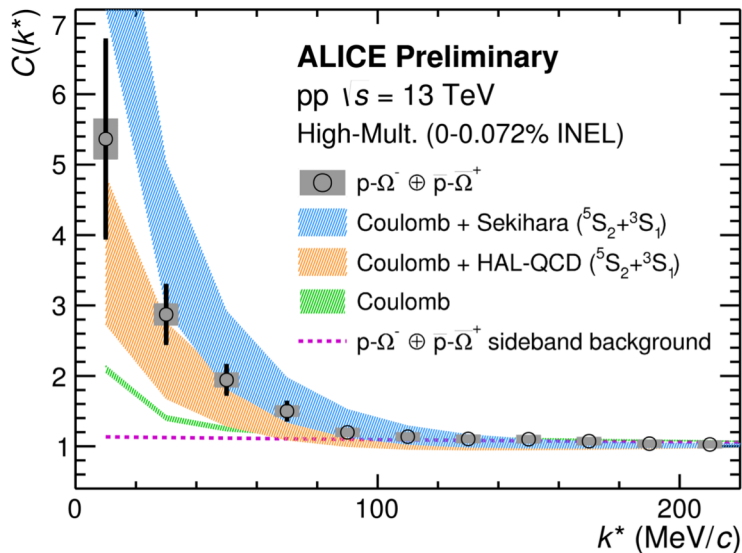
Calculations provide the potential shape for the  $^5S_2$  channel (weight 5%). **Currently, no model for the other channel in S-wave interaction,  $^3S_1$  (weight 3%).** Requires coupled channel treatment.

Assume two different (~extreme) scenarios:

- 1.- Complete absorption for distances  $r < r_0$ . K. Morita, A. Ohnishi, F. Etminan, T. Hatsuda, Phys. Rev. C 94 (2016), 031901  
 $r_0 = 2\text{fm}$ , chosen from the condition  $|V(^5S_2)| < |V(\text{Coulomb})|$  for  $r > r_0$
- 2.- Complete elastic with a similar attraction as  $^5S_2$



# Results: p- $\Omega^-$ correlation function in pp HM



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$r_{\text{source}} = 0.73$  fm (+resonances)

$\lambda_{\text{genuine}} = 0.62$

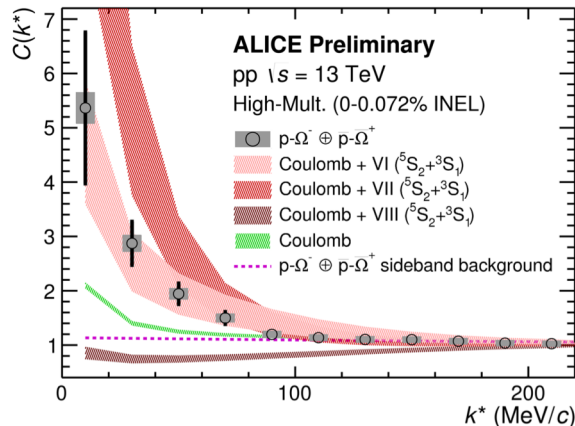
“Coulomb only” scenario discarded by ALICE data ( $> 6 \sigma$ ) showing the attractive character of the interaction

Precision of ALICE data exceeds the theoretical predictions

Comparison with the model favoured by STAR data

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**V<sub>III</sub>**: Ad-hoc fit to previous HAL-QCD calculations with non-physical quark masses with p $\Omega$  dibaryon  $E_b = 27$  MeV



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# $p-\Omega^- \oplus \bar{p}-\bar{\Omega}^+$ correlation function

- $0.6 \times 10^6$   $p-\Omega^- \oplus \bar{p}-\bar{\Omega}^+$  pairs
- $\sim 700$  pairs at  $k^* < 100$  MeV/c
- Strong enhancement of the correlation function: the “**Coulomb only**” scenario is discarded by a  $\chi^2$  comparison to the data,  $n_\sigma \sim 6$
- $\lambda$  parameters:

Pair	$\lambda$ [%]
$p-\Omega^-$	61.5
$p_\Lambda-\Omega^-$	8.3
$p_{\Sigma^+}-\Omega^-$	3.8
$\tilde{p}-\Omega^-$	1.5
$p-\tilde{\Omega}^-$	20.5
$p_\Lambda-\tilde{\Omega}^-$	2.8
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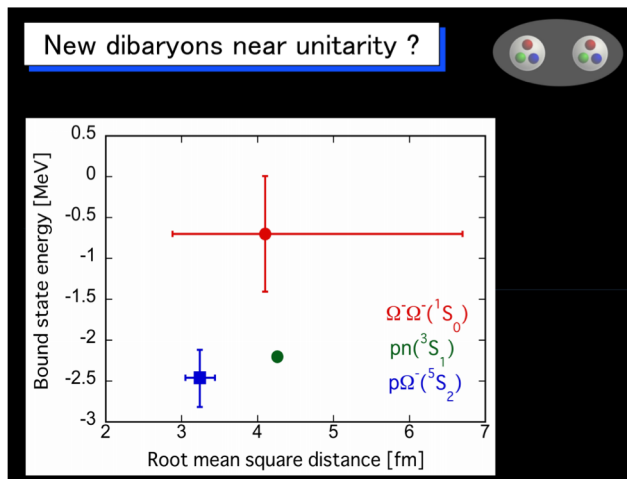
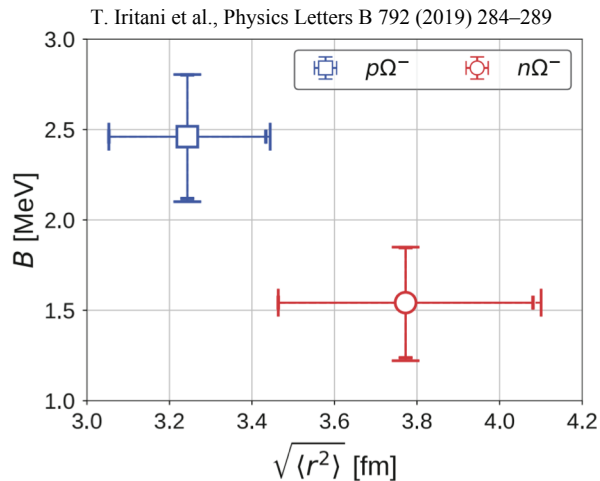
# Lattice QCD prediction

In recent years calculations of baryon-baryon interactions became possible near the physical quark masses. Mainly due to development of advanced techniques such as the HAL QCD method.

Lattice QCD (**HAL Collaboration**) predicts **very attractive  $p\text{-}\Omega^-$  interaction at all distances**

→ Open the door for a  $N\Omega$  di-baryon

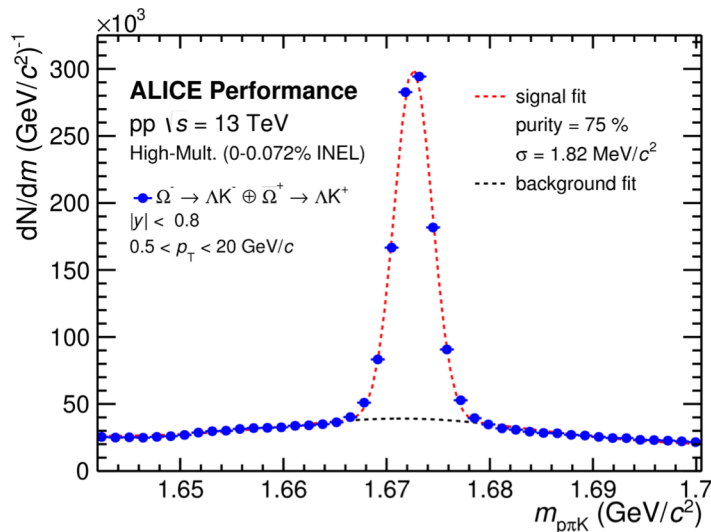
The  $N\Omega$  system, with  $J=2$ ,  $S=-3$  would be a particularly interesting case since the Pauli blocking among valence quarks do not operate in this system  $\Rightarrow$  Absence of a repulsive core



T. Hatsuda,  
Strangeness in Quark Matter 2019, Bari.

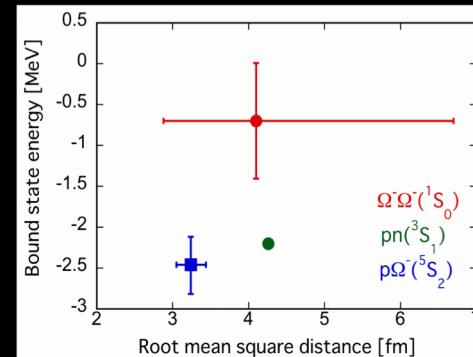
# Data analysis: $\Omega^-$ reconstruction

- Identified by its decay:  $\Omega^- \rightarrow \Lambda K^- \rightarrow (p\pi^-)K^-$
- Total of  $1.2 \times 10^6$  selected ( $\Omega^- + \Omega^+$ ) candidates:
  - $0.6 \times 10^6$  p- $\Omega^- \oplus$  p- $\Omega^+$  pairs  $\rightarrow 304$   $\Omega\Omega$  pairs
  - $11 \times 10^3$  pairs at  $k^* < 300$  MeV/c  $\rightarrow 3$
  - 700** pairs at  $k^* < 100$  MeV/c  $\rightarrow 0$
- Purity of the preliminary sample **75%**

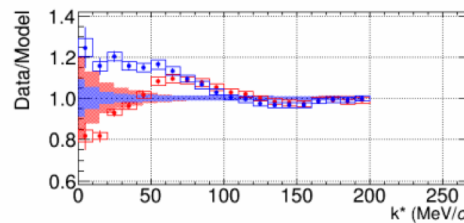
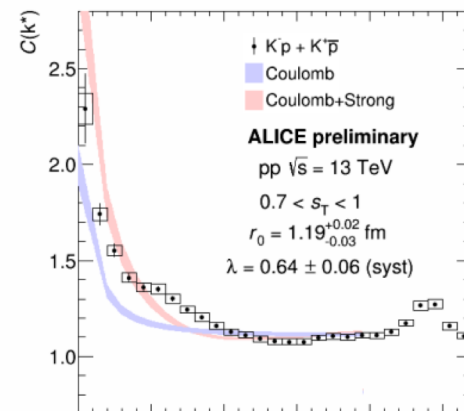
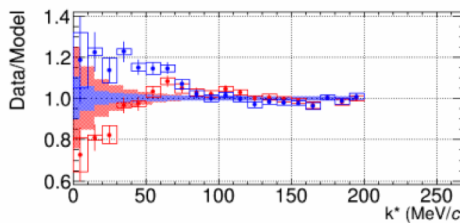
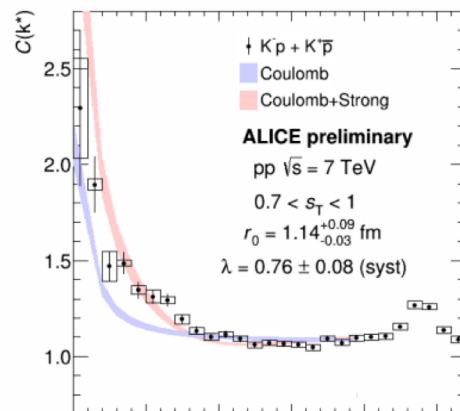
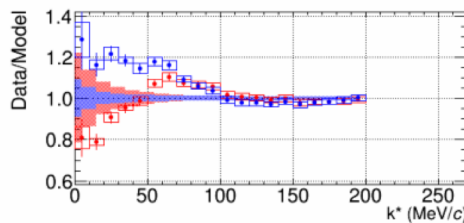
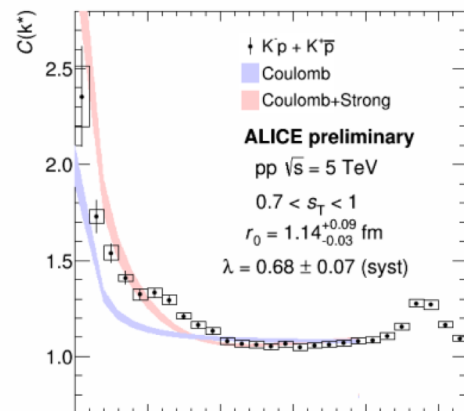


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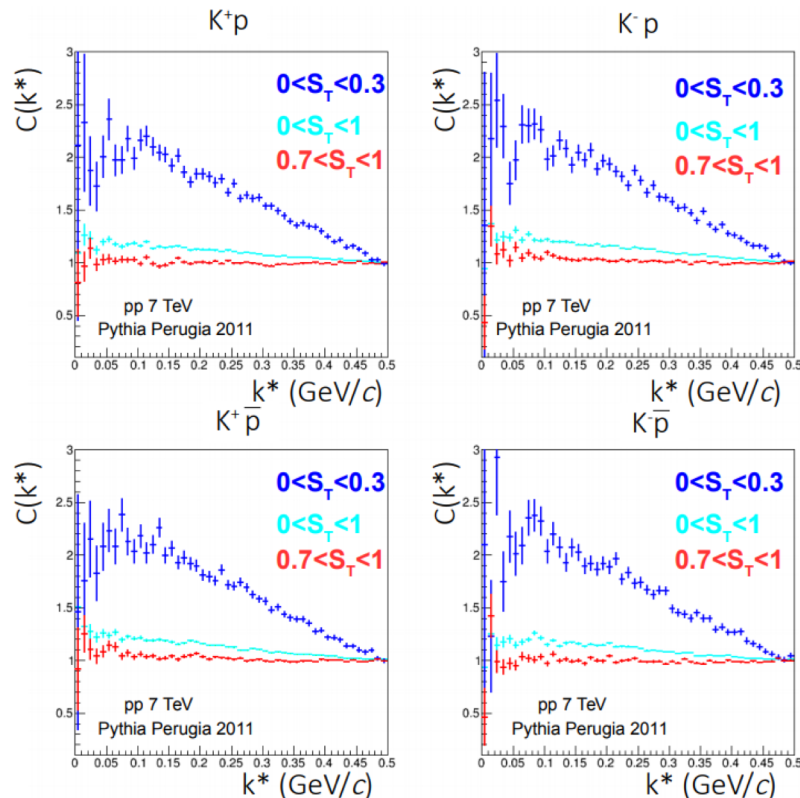
## New dibaryons near unitarity ?



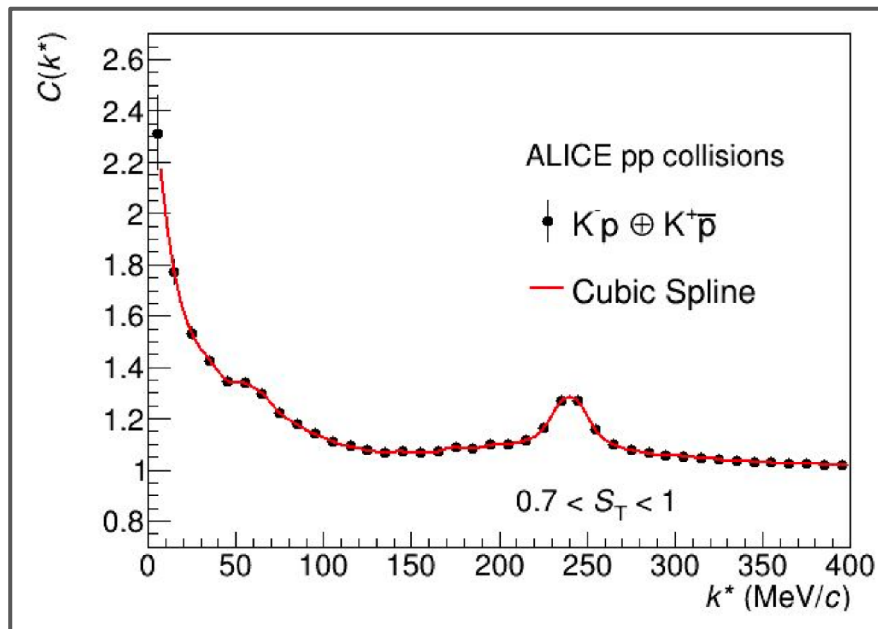
# Updated results : $K^-p$ (Haidenbauer)



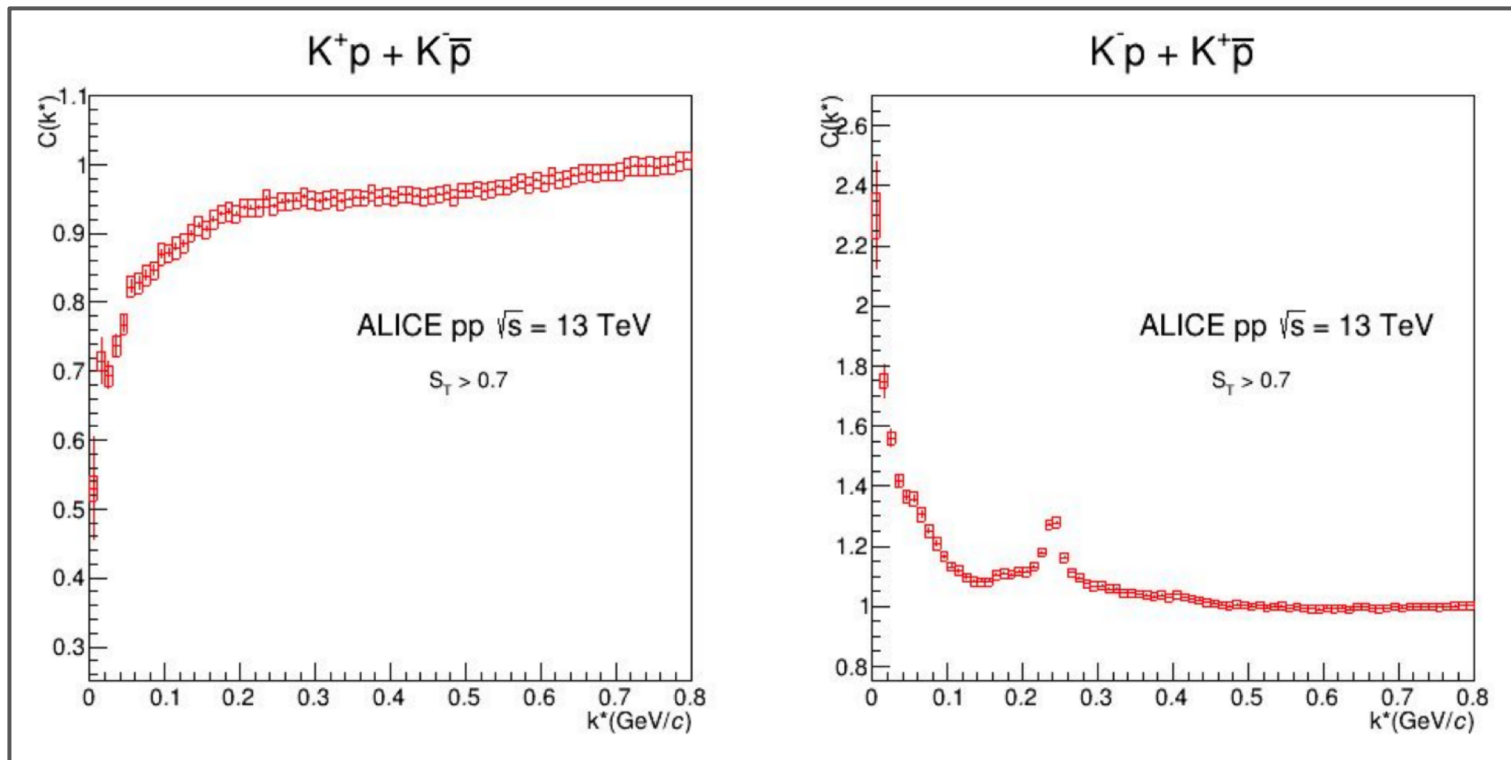
# CF for different Sphericity- MC

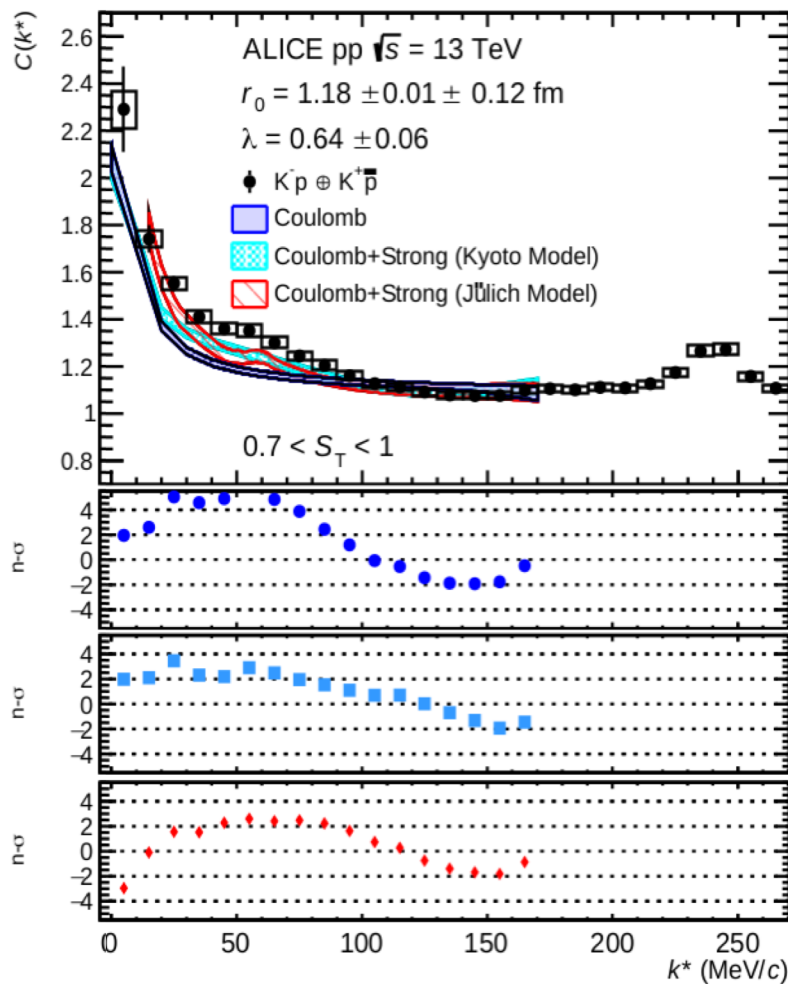
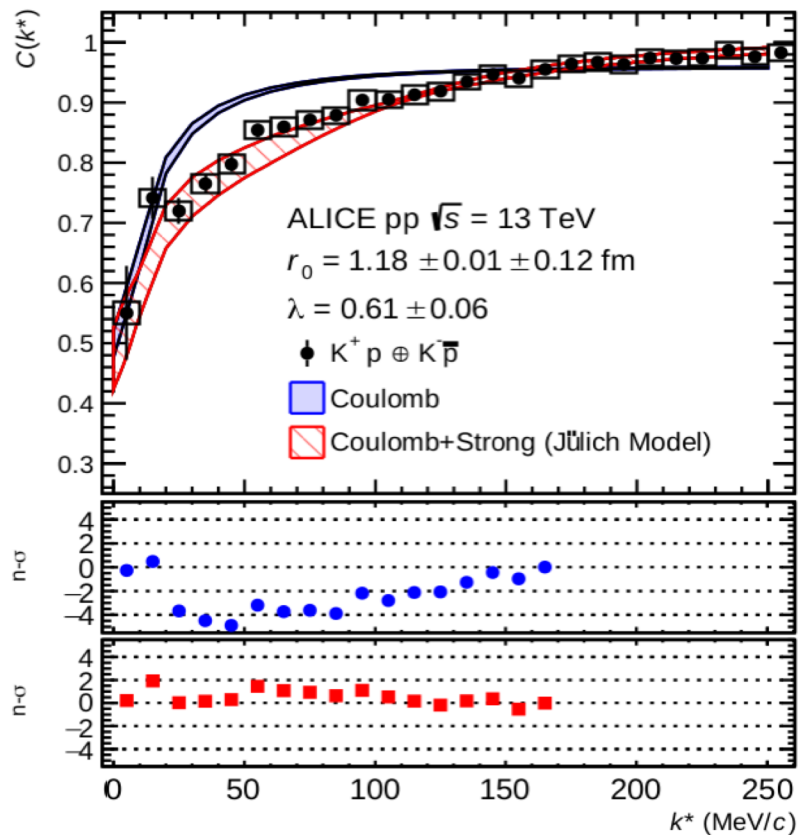


- Clear dependence on the sphericity for all charge combination considered
- Events with “large sphericity” ( $0.7 < S_T < 1$ ) have a flat behavior in the considered interval
- If only events with a large sphericity are considered, no Pythia-related function is needed to fit data



4.4 $\sigma$  has been observed, to be compared with a significance of 30 $\sigma$  for  $\Lambda(1520)$



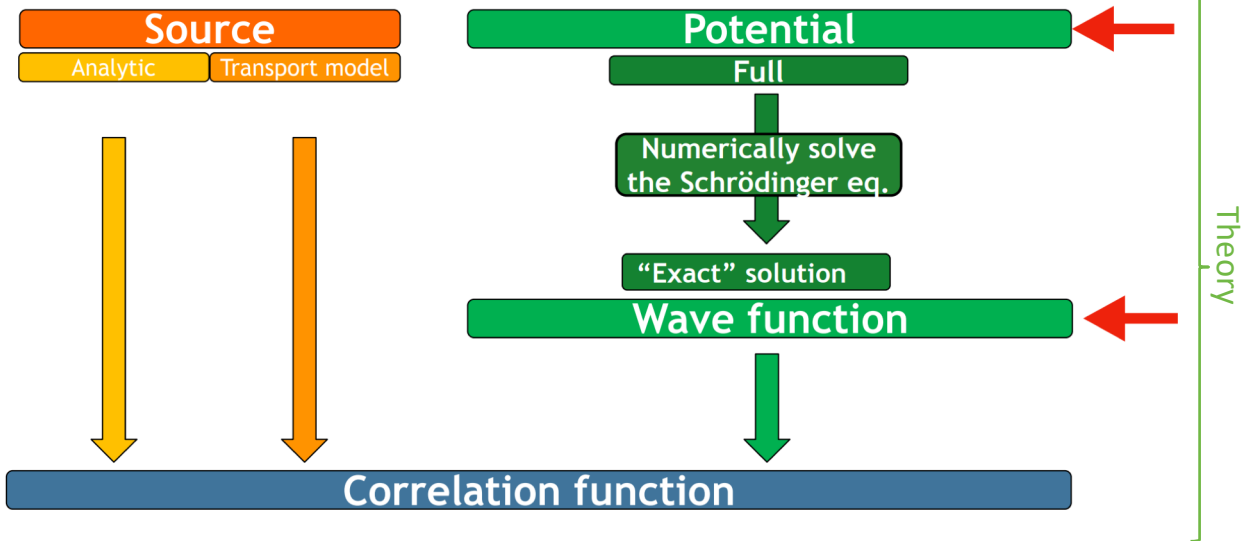


## CATS: Correlation Analysis Tool

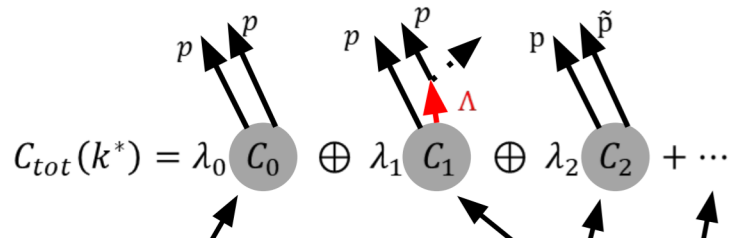
### Using the Schrödinger Equation

D.L.Mihaylov et al. Eur.Phys.J. C78 (2018) no.5,394

Provides a exact solution computing the correlation function from the model given a local potential or wave function form.



## Decomposition of the correlation function

$$C_{tot}(k^*) = \lambda_0 C_0 \oplus \lambda_1 C_1 \oplus \lambda_2 C_2 + \dots$$


The diagram shows the decomposition of the total correlation function  $C_{tot}(k^*)$  into a sum of components  $C_0, C_1, C_2, \dots$  weighted by  $\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots$ . Each component is represented by a grey circle. Arrows point from the components to the equation. A red arrow points to  $C_1$ , and a red triangle labeled  $\Delta$  is shown next to it. Arrows also point from the components to the 'Correlation of interest' box.

Correlation of interest

Contributions from impurities, secondaries etc.

- Purities and contributions from weak decays determined from fits to experimental data
- Such residual correlations modelled (weak decays) or obtained from data (impurities)
- Resolution effects applied to the fit function

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Experiment

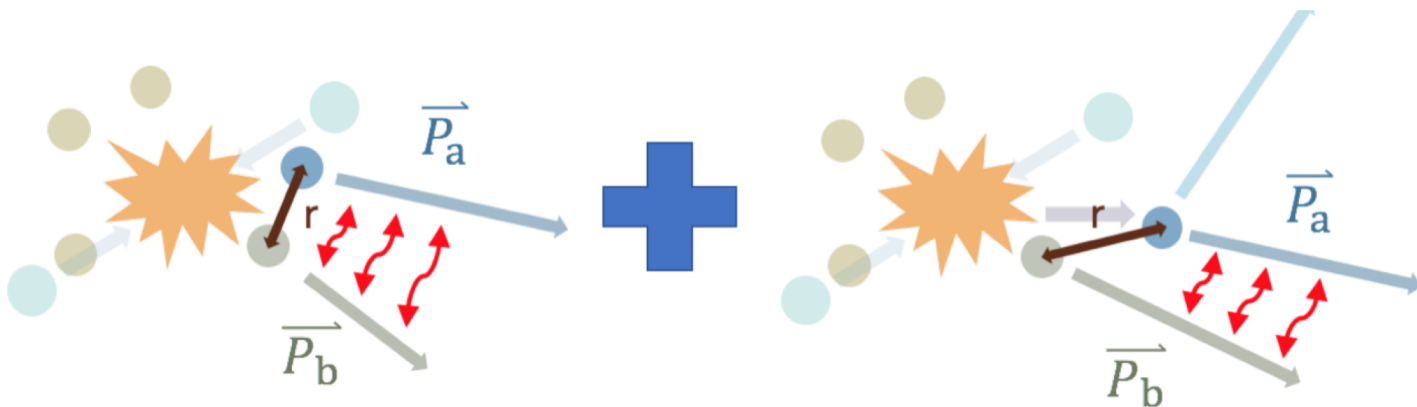
# Effect of resonances in the source

## Resonances with $c\tau \gg r_0$

- Decrease of the correlation strength
- Taken into account by the  **$\lambda$  parameters**

## Resonances with $c\tau \sim r_0 \sim 1$ fm:

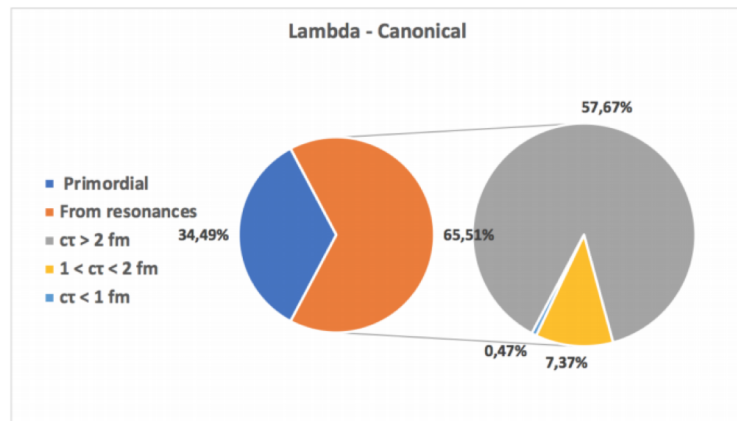
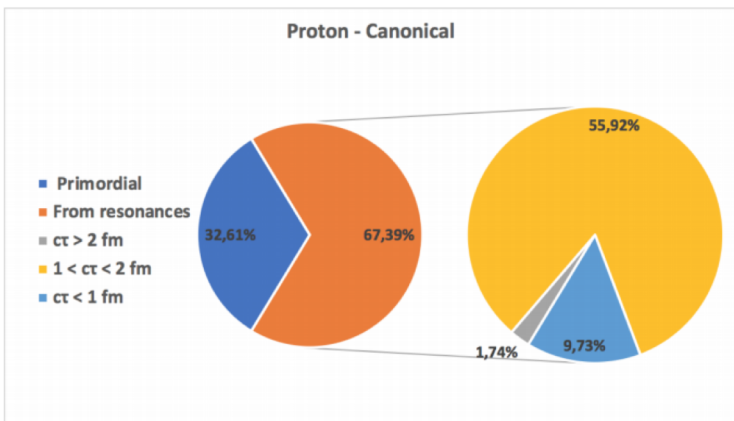
- Introduce an **exponential tale**
  - example:  $N^*$  ( $\Gamma \sim 150$ -200 MeV),  $\Delta$  ( $\Gamma \sim 150$  MeV), etc
  - Specific exponential modulation to each pair due to different strong decaying resonances feeding to the different particle species



# Details on resonances

Amount of resonances: Canonical approach of the statistical hadronization model (SHM)

- $T = 166 \text{ MeV}$  &  $\gamma_s \sim 0.8$  (Private Comm Prof. F. Becattini, J. Phys. G38 (2011) 025002)



- For  $\Xi$  and no  $\Omega$  contributions!
- Average mass and average  $ct$  determined by the weighted average values of all resonances

Particle	$M_{\text{res}} [\text{MeV}]$	$\tau_{\text{res}} [\text{fm}]$
p	1361.52	1.65
$\Lambda$	1462.93	4.69
$\Sigma^0$	1581.73	4.28

# Modelling the source including resonances

Gaussian Core

$$G(r, r_{core}) = \frac{2\sqrt{\pi}r^2}{r_{core}^3} \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{4r_{core}^2}\right)$$

- Shared between particle pairs
- Scales as a function of  $m_T$

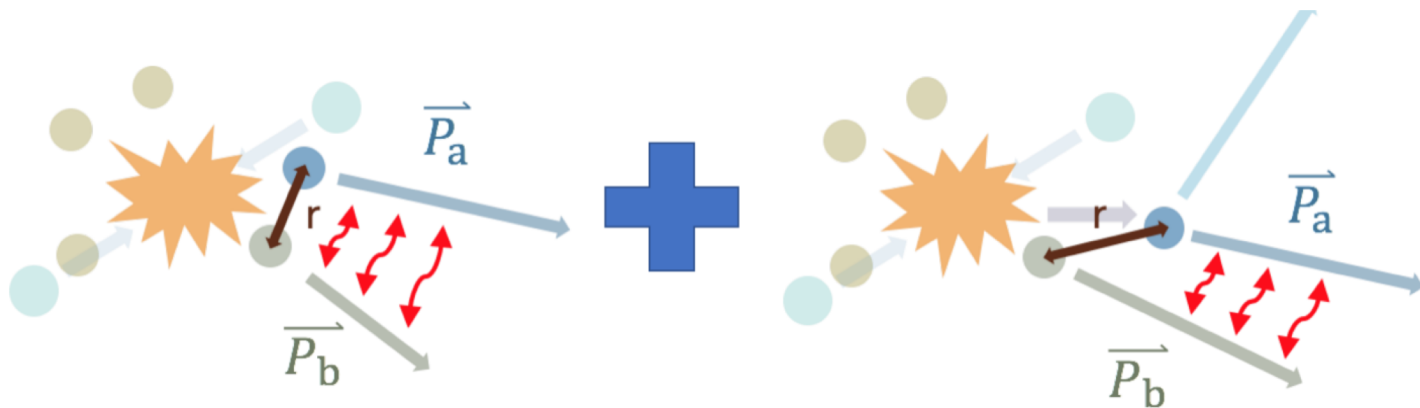


Exponential resonance tail

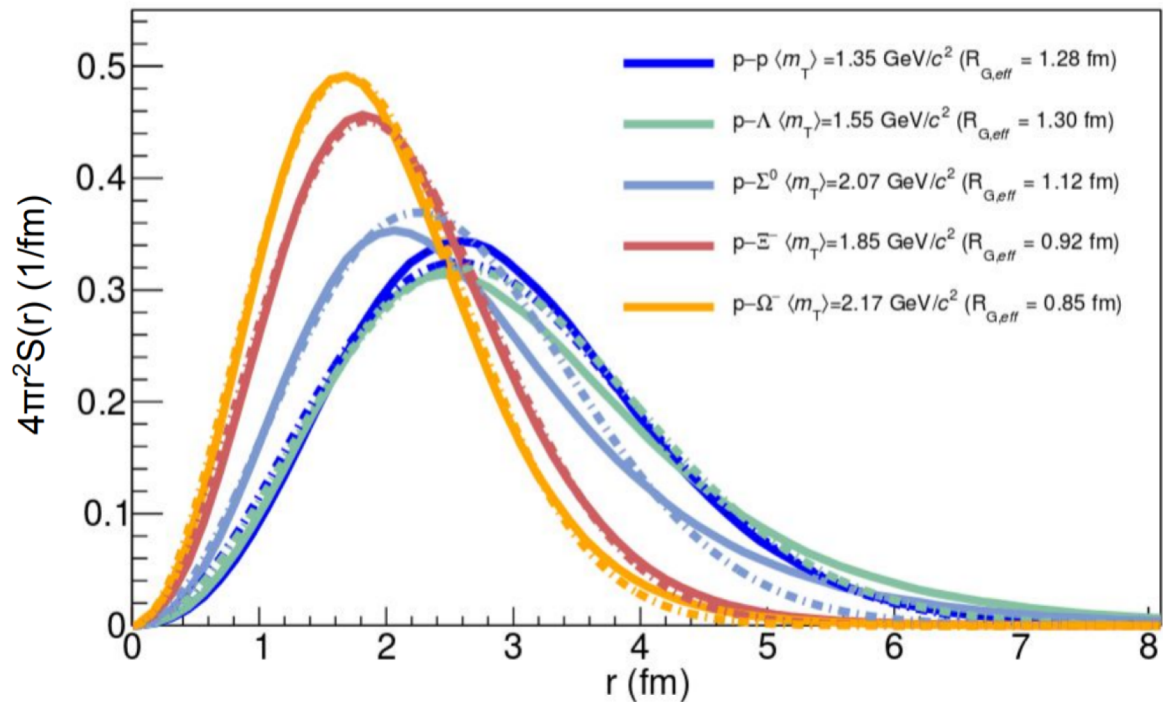
$$E(r, M_{res}, \tau_{res}, p_{res}) = \frac{1}{s} \exp\left(-\frac{r}{s}\right)$$

$$s = \beta\gamma\tau_{res} = \frac{p_{res}}{M_{res}}\tau_{res}$$

- Specific modulation of each pair



# Gaussian core + resonances



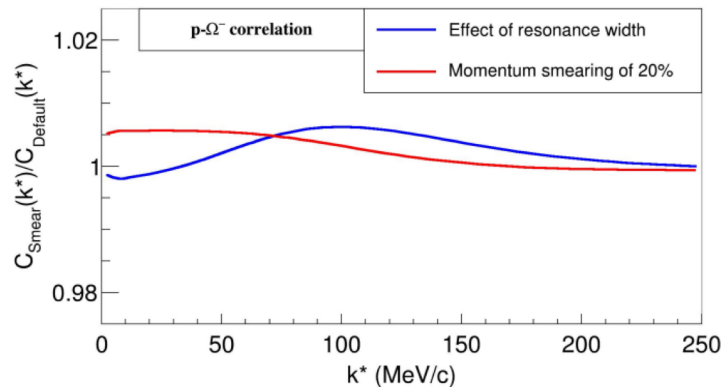
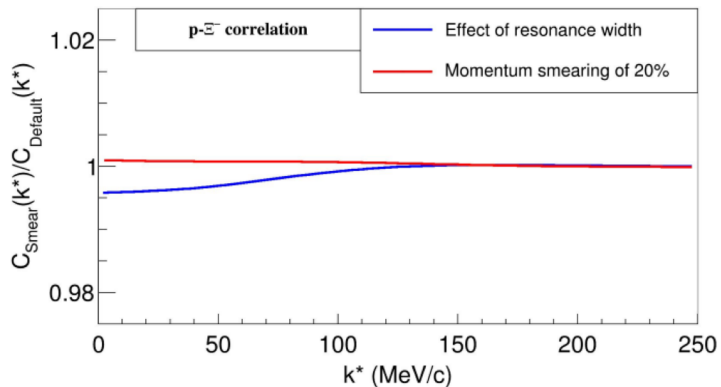
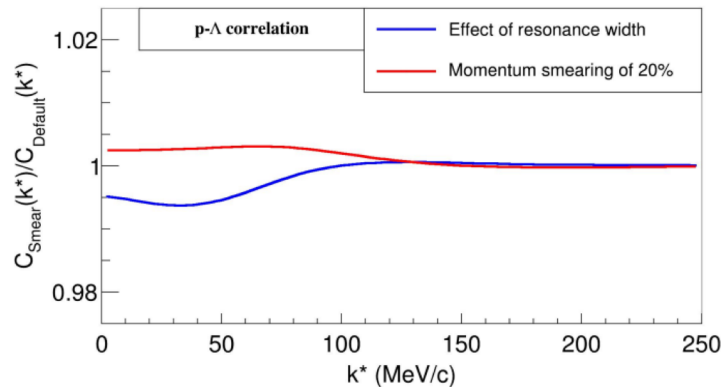
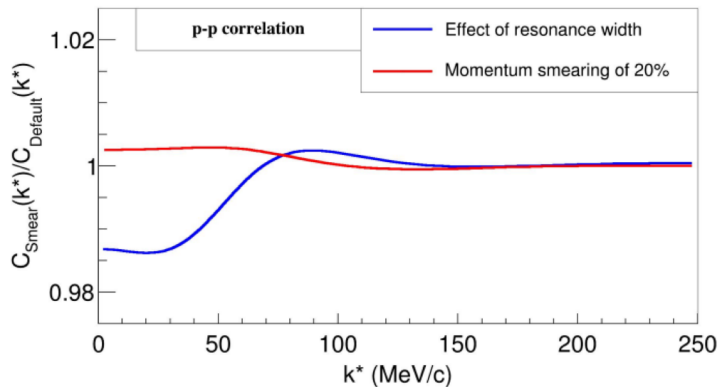
**Solid line:** Source distribution including the effect of resonances

**Dashed line:** Fit with an effective Gaussian

- Direct fit of the p-p correlation function yields similar radius

- Resonance contribution to Omega yield negligible.
- Modification of the gaussian core for p-Omega pairs coming only from resonances contribution to the proton yield

# Effect on the source when smearing resonances



# Setting the source

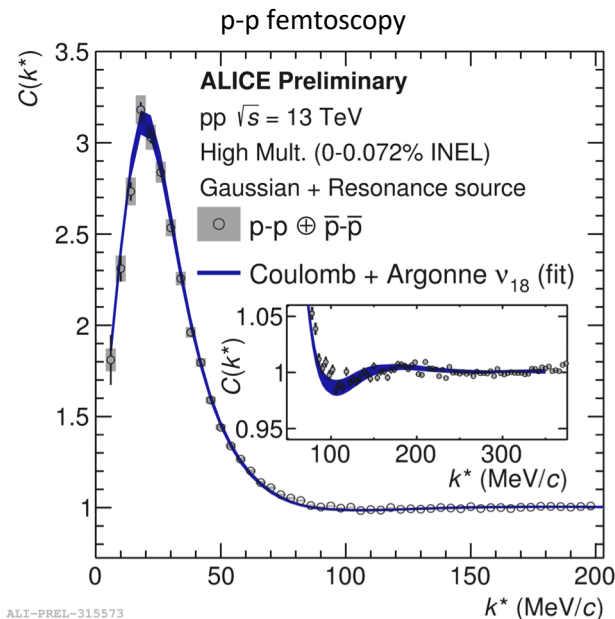
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Assume a p-p known interaction  $\rightarrow$  determination of the source size

- **Consider  $\langle m_T \rangle$  dependence of the source due to collective effects:**
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  - $\langle m_T \rangle$  dependence cross-checked with p- $\Lambda$  analysis
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  - Statistical hadronization model in the canonical approach

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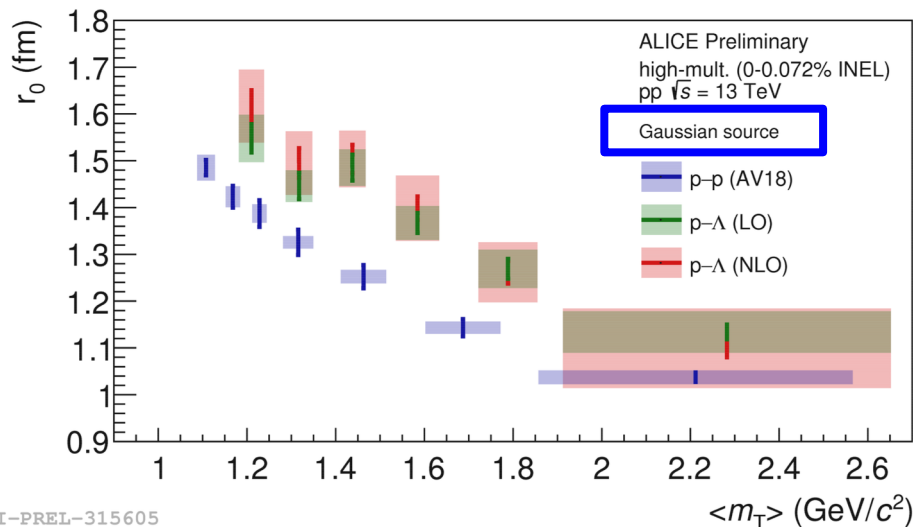
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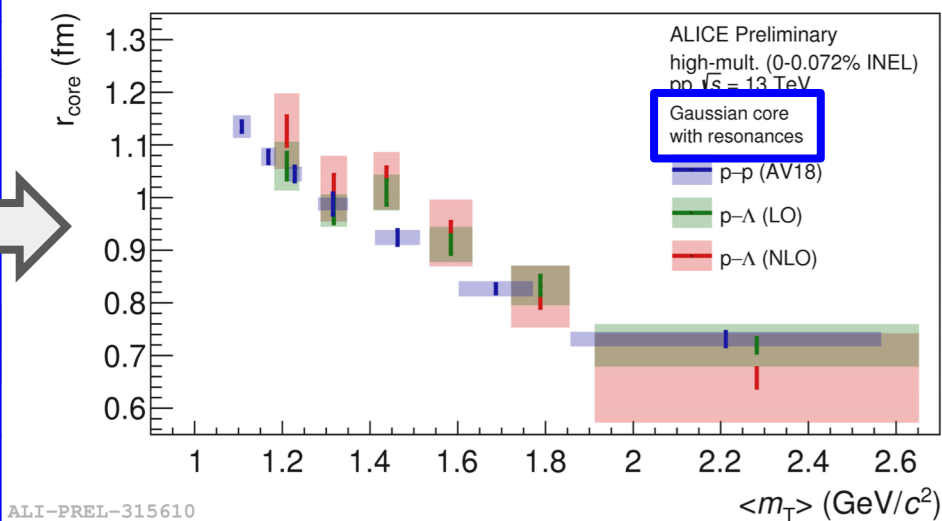
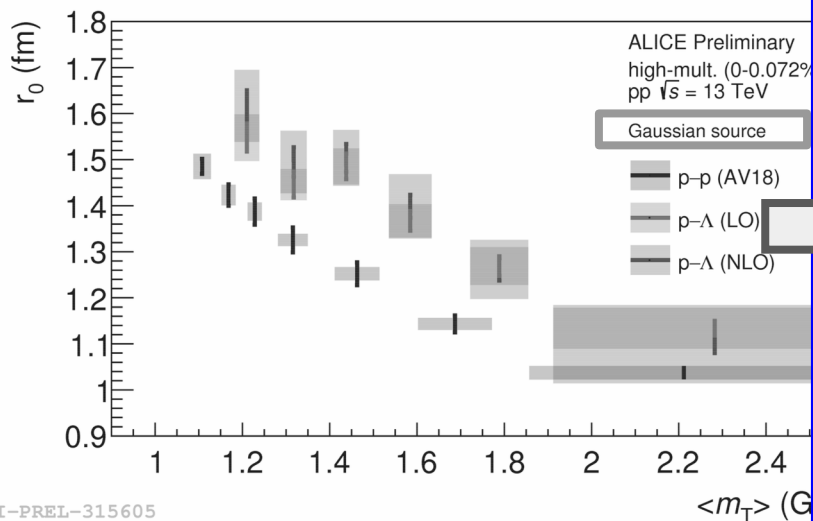
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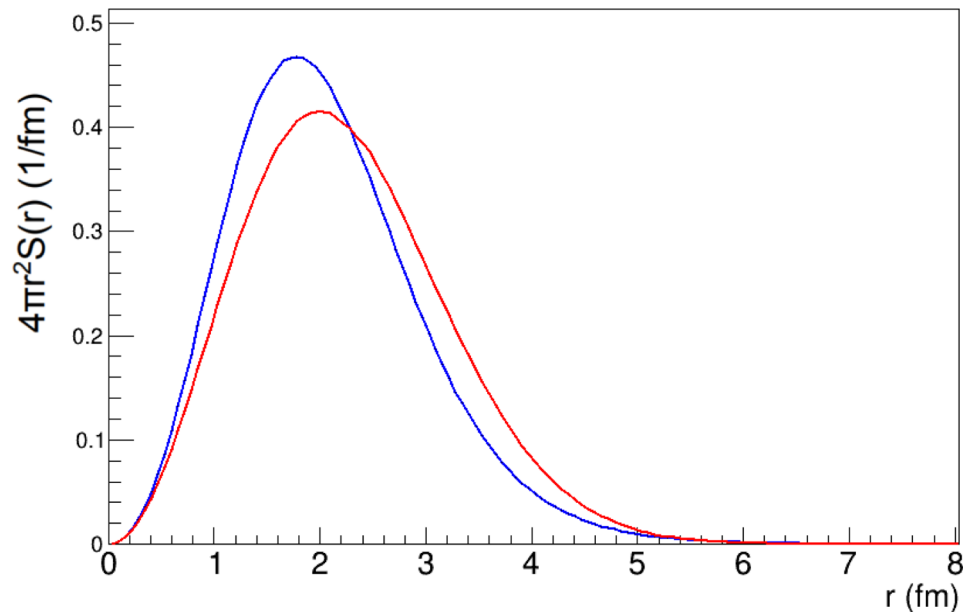
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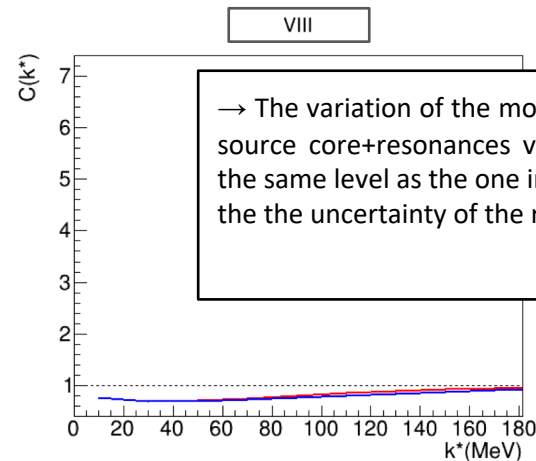
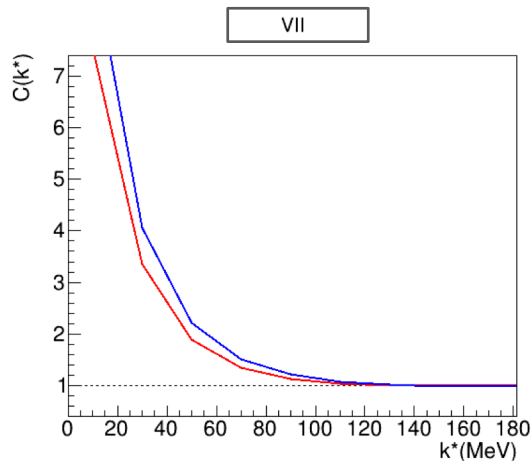
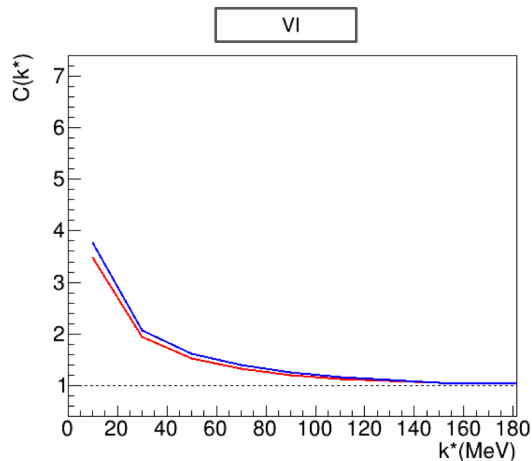
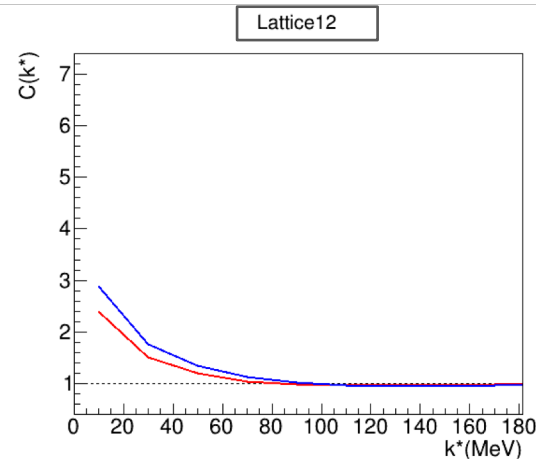
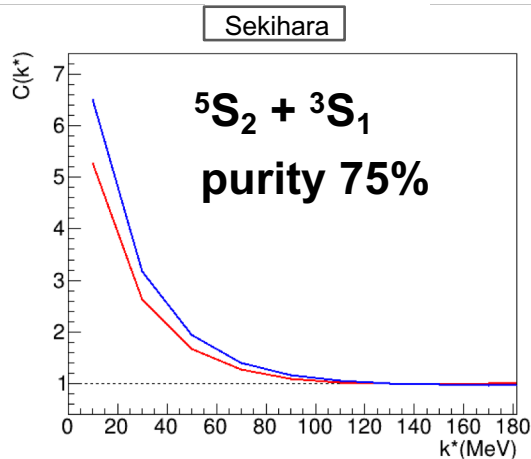
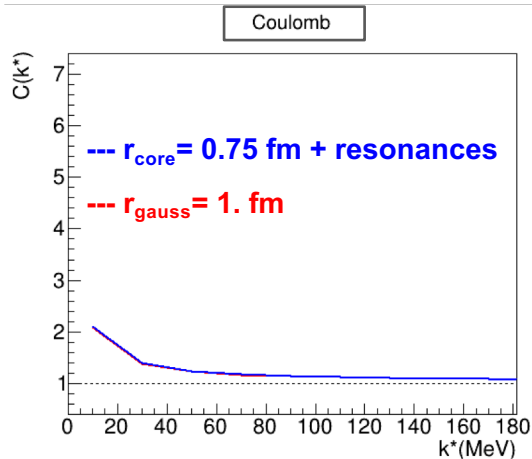


# p- $\Omega^-$ Correlation function: source dependence

- Comparison of the  $C(k^*)$  for the different models for different source assumptions
- Size of the source determined from p-p fitted radius vs  $\langle m_T \rangle$ 
  - core gaussian source + resonances effects
  - pure gaussian source



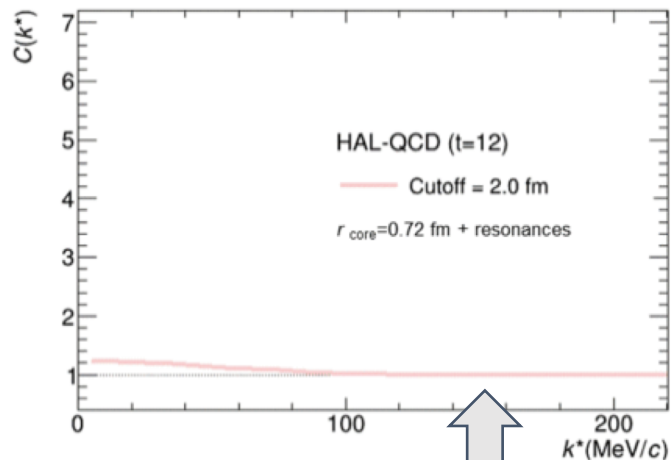
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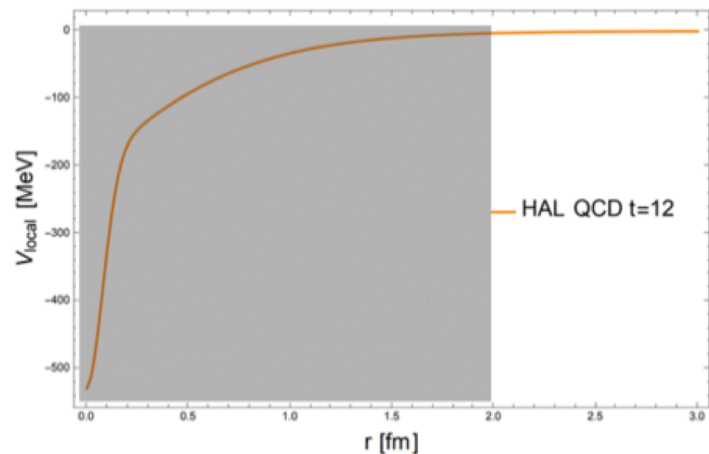
→ The variation of the models with the source core+resonances vs gauss is as the same level as the one introduced by the the uncertainty of the radius size

# $p$ - $\Omega^-$ Correlation function ( $^5S_2$ ) with distance cutoff

- Correlation function from  $^5S_2$  channel with cutoff in  $r$  (for  $r < r_{\text{cutoff}} \Rightarrow V = 0$ )
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Precision of ALICE data  $\sim 5\%$



$^5S_2$

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- For **VI potential (no bound state)**  $C(k^*)$  always increases with decreasing  $r_{\text{cutoff}}$

