

Exploring hadronic few-body interactions with femtoscopy

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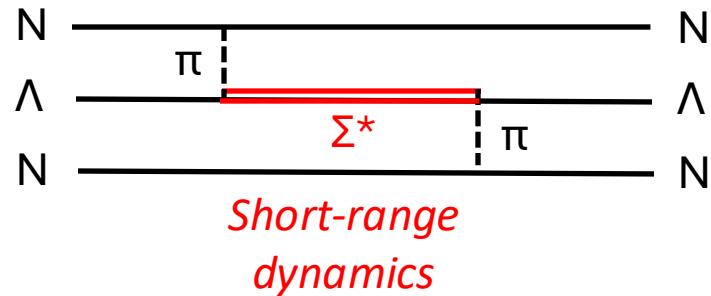
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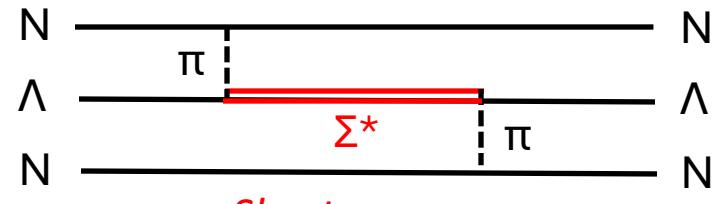
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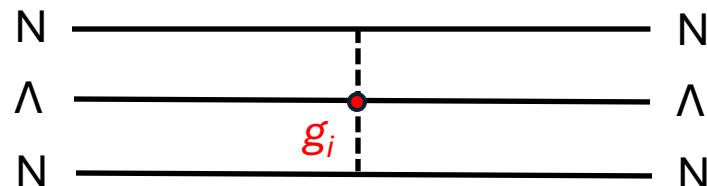
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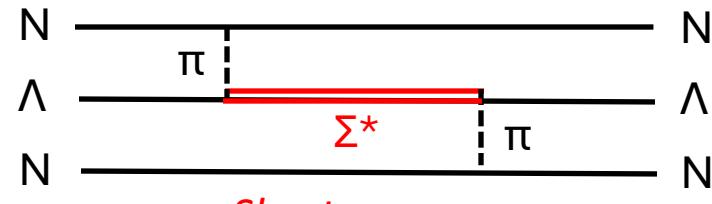


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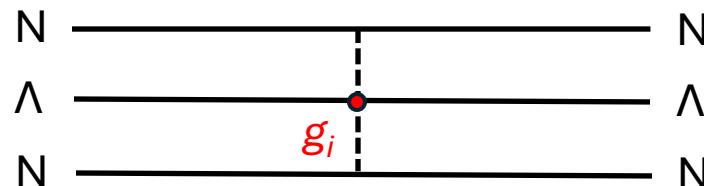
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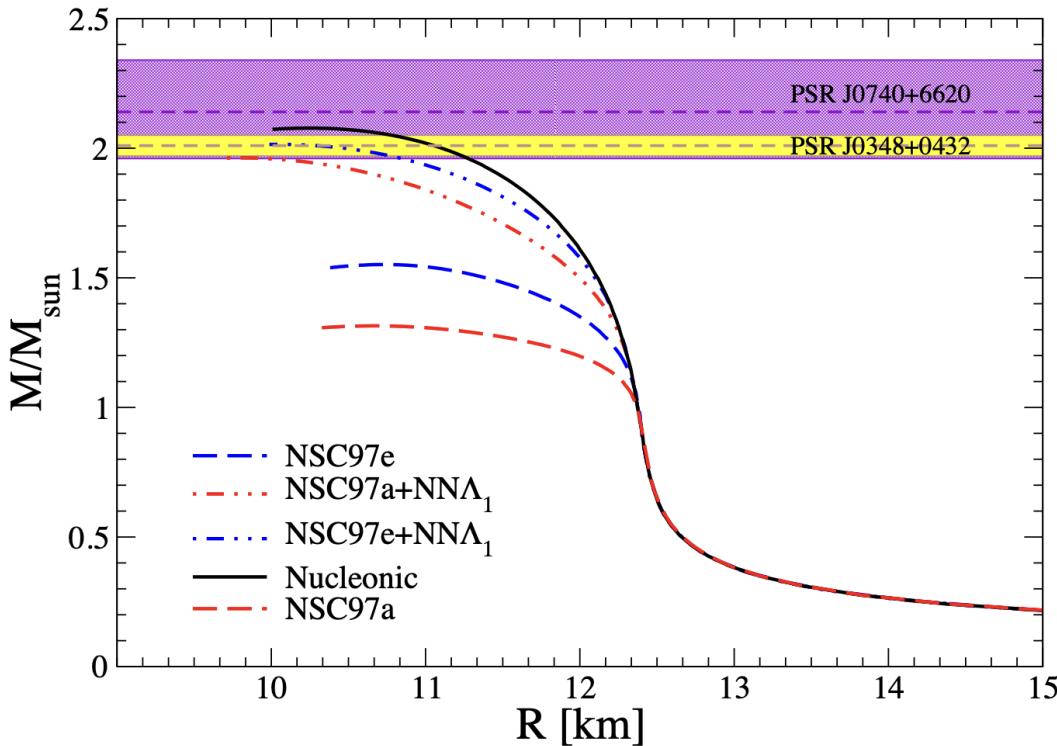
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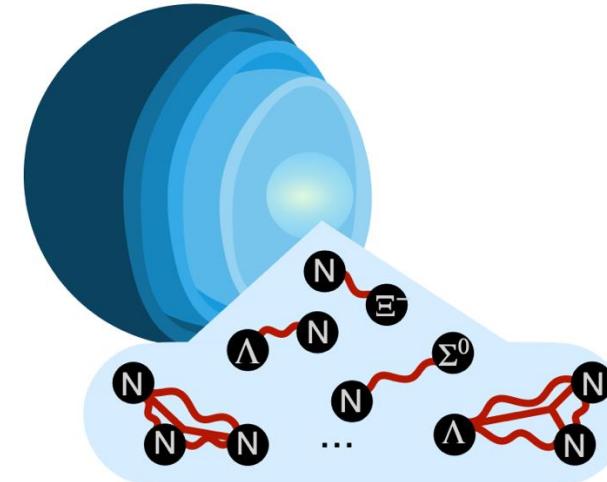
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Equation of State → Mass-Radius relation



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- Neutron stars (NS) are dense ($3-5\rho_0$) and compact ($R = 10-14$ km) objects
- Equation of state (EOS) depends on constituents and interactions

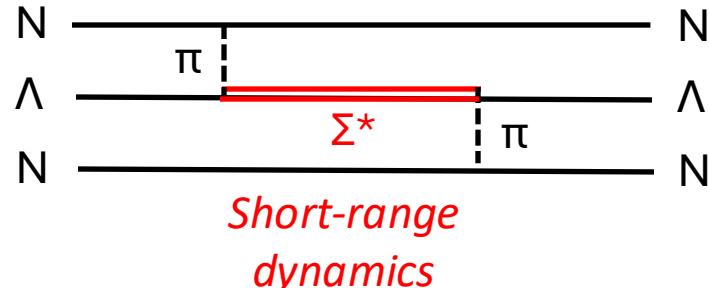


- Hyperon production might be energetically favorable, however, repulsive ΛNN is needed to reach $2M_0$

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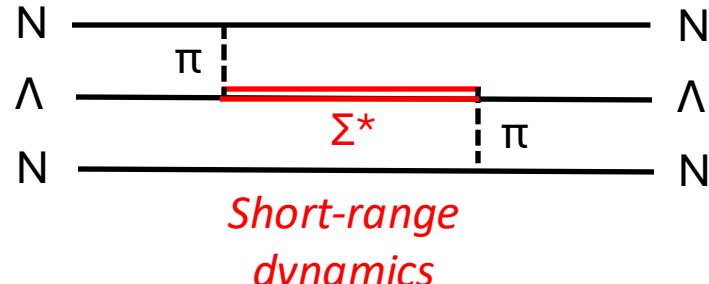
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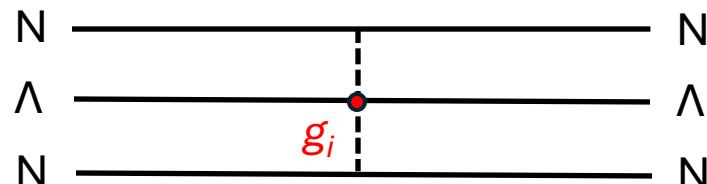
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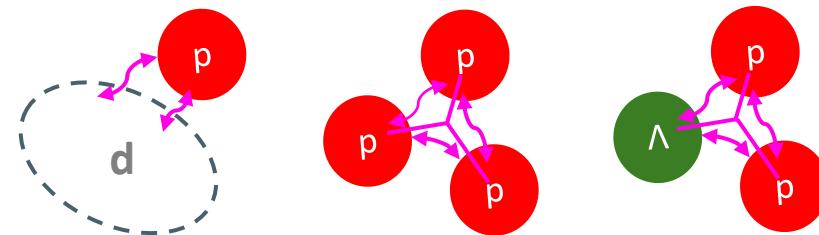
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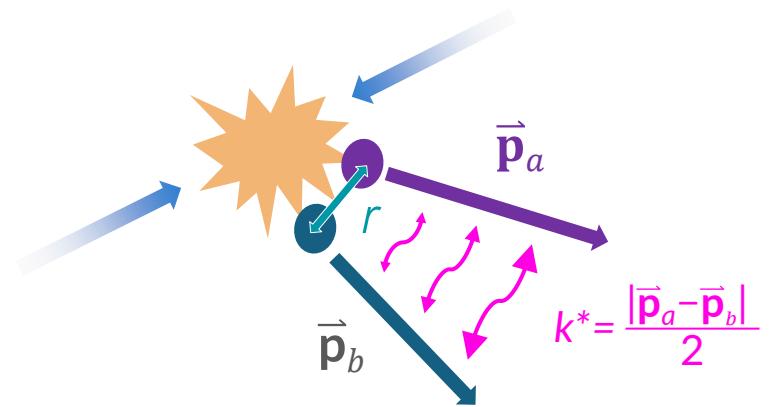
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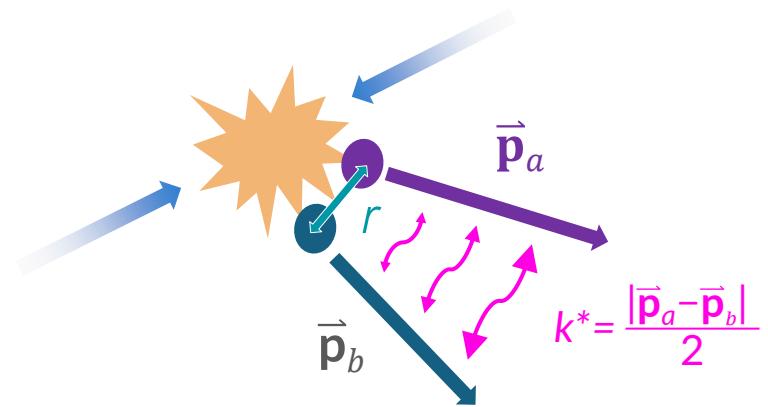
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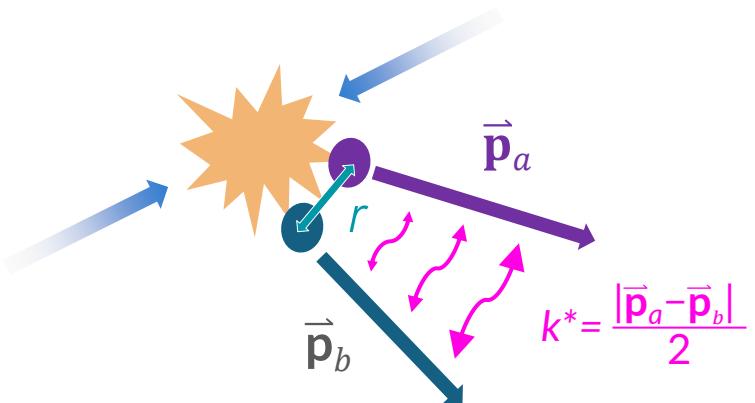


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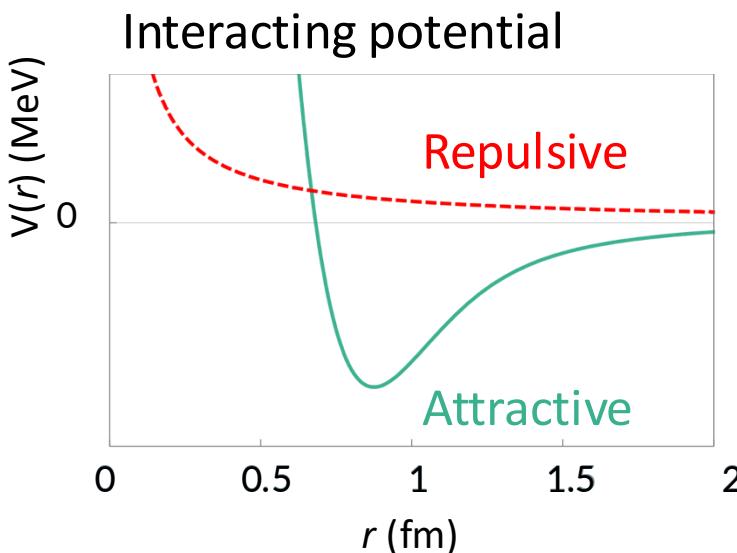
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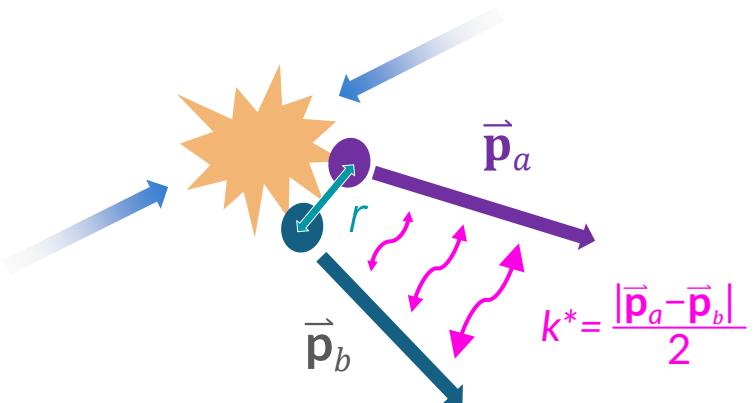
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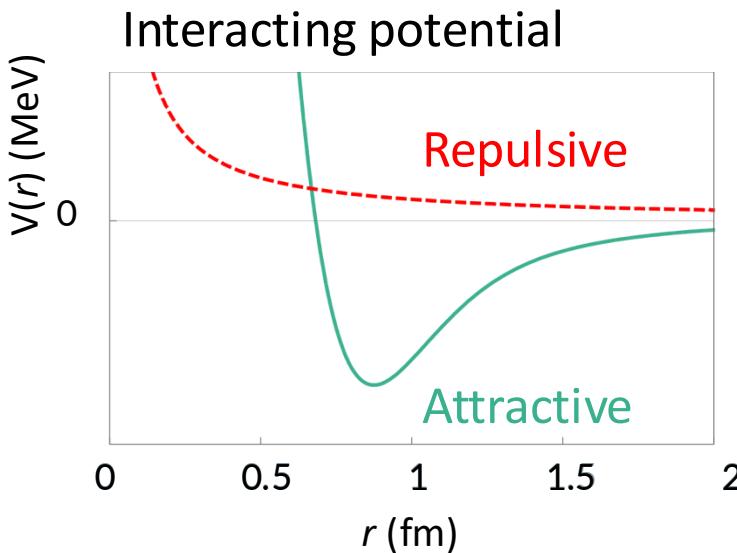
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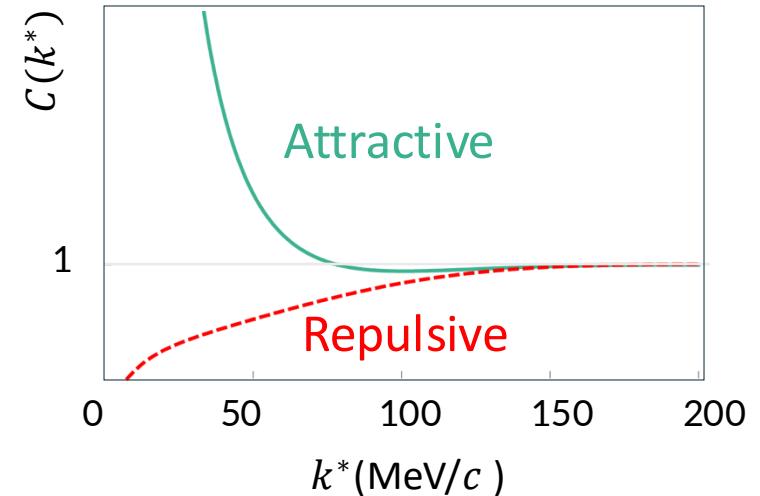


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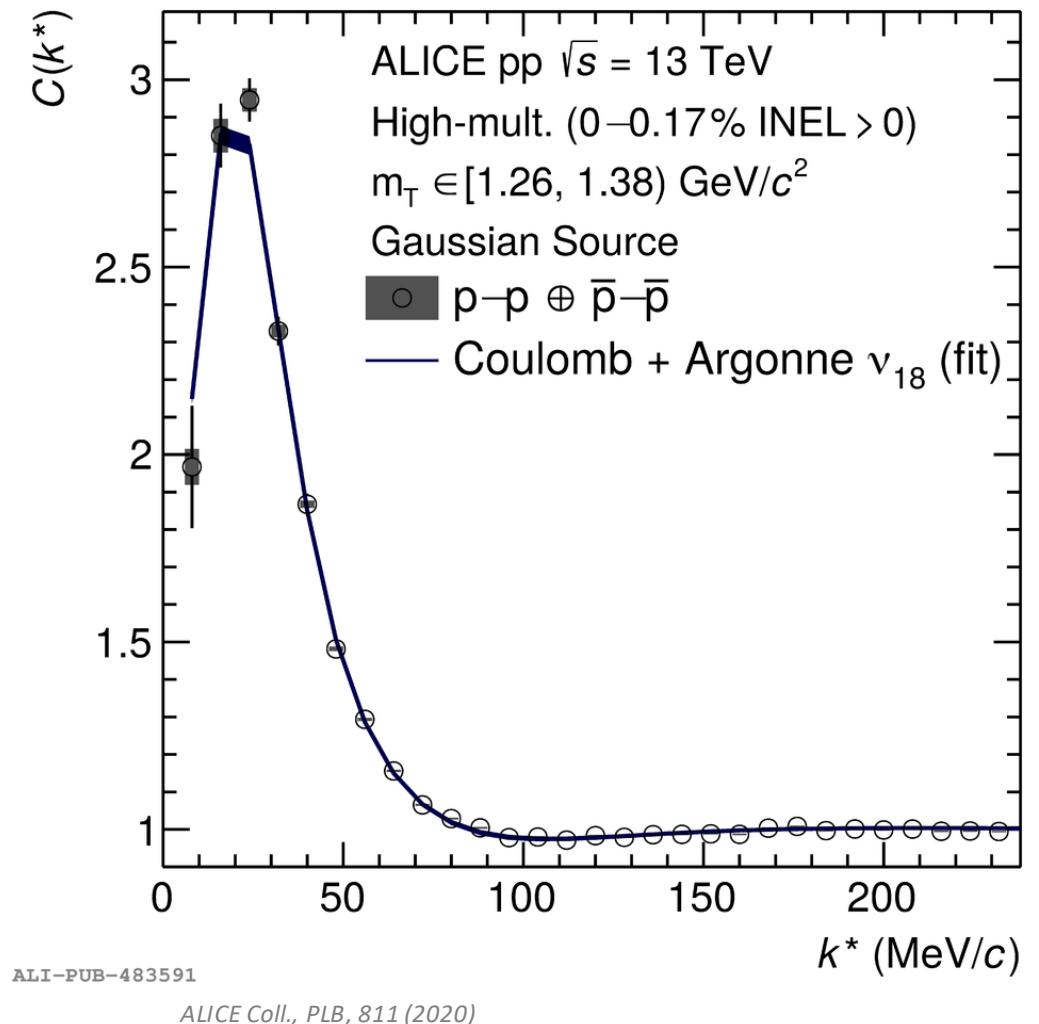
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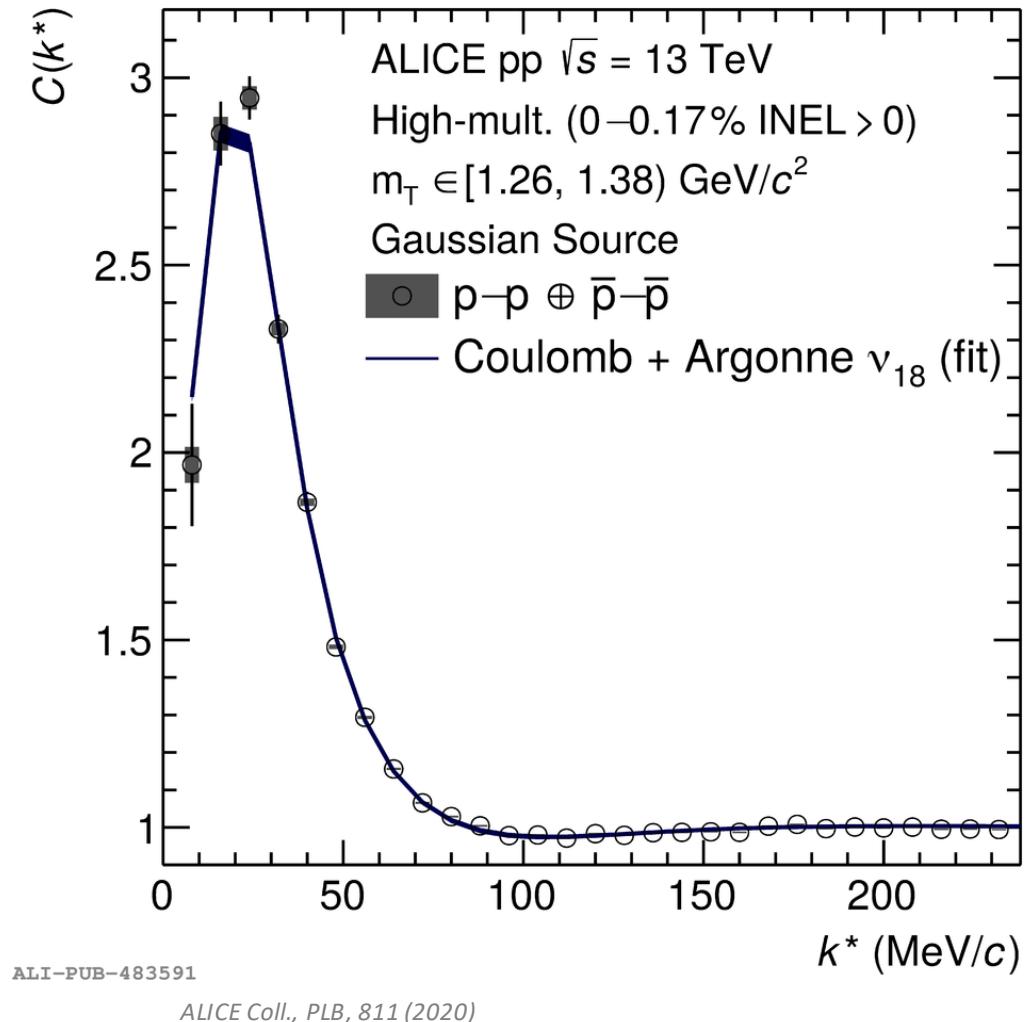
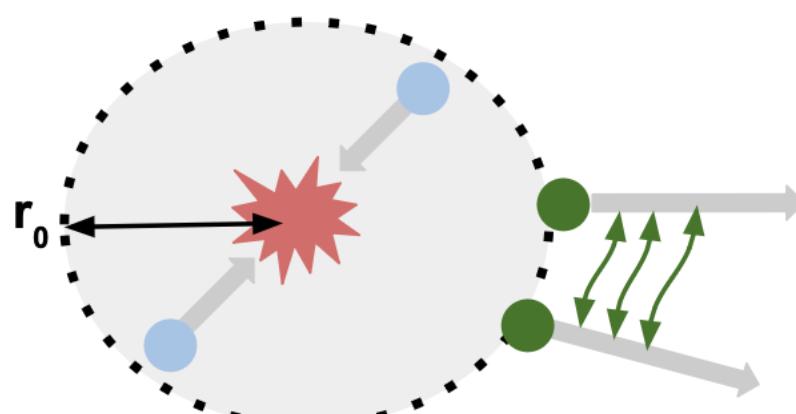
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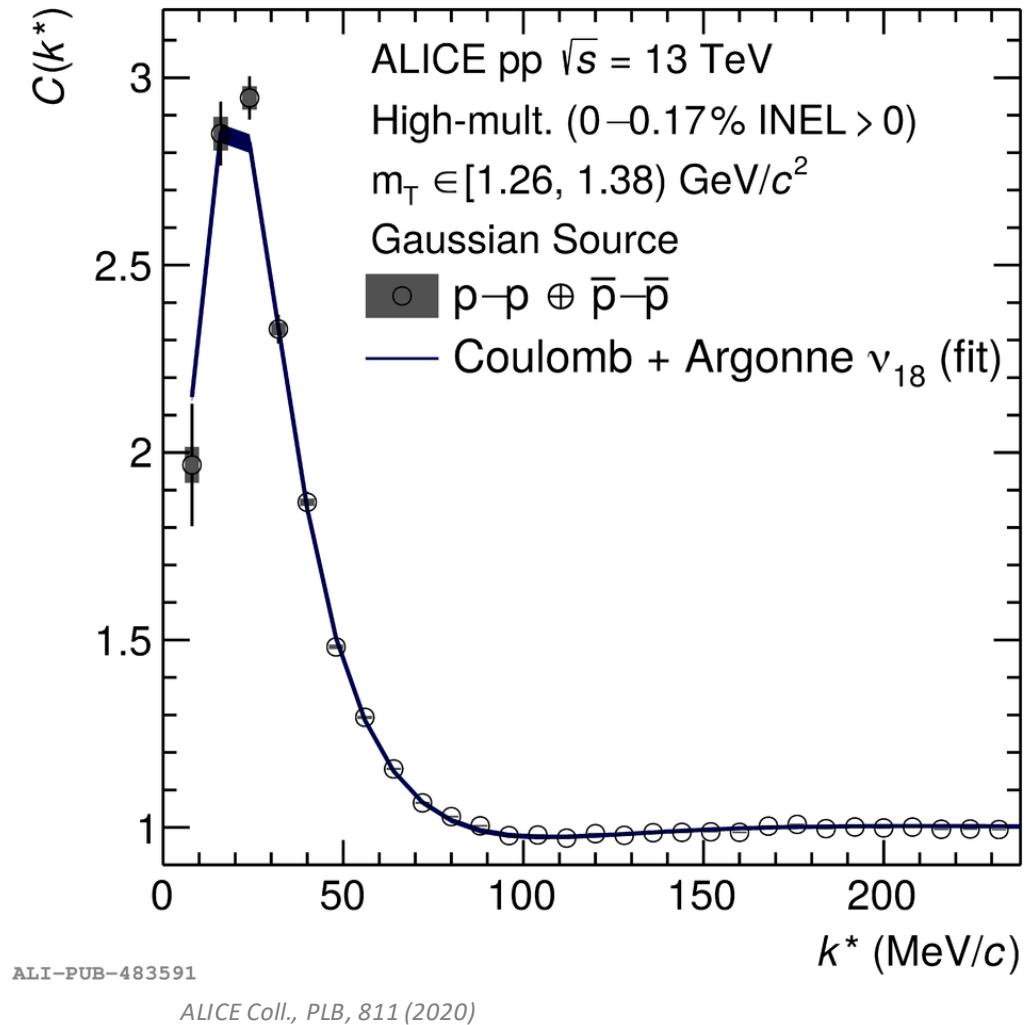
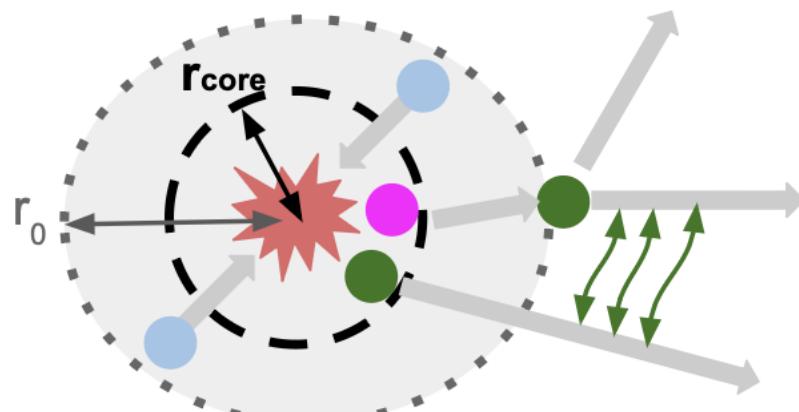
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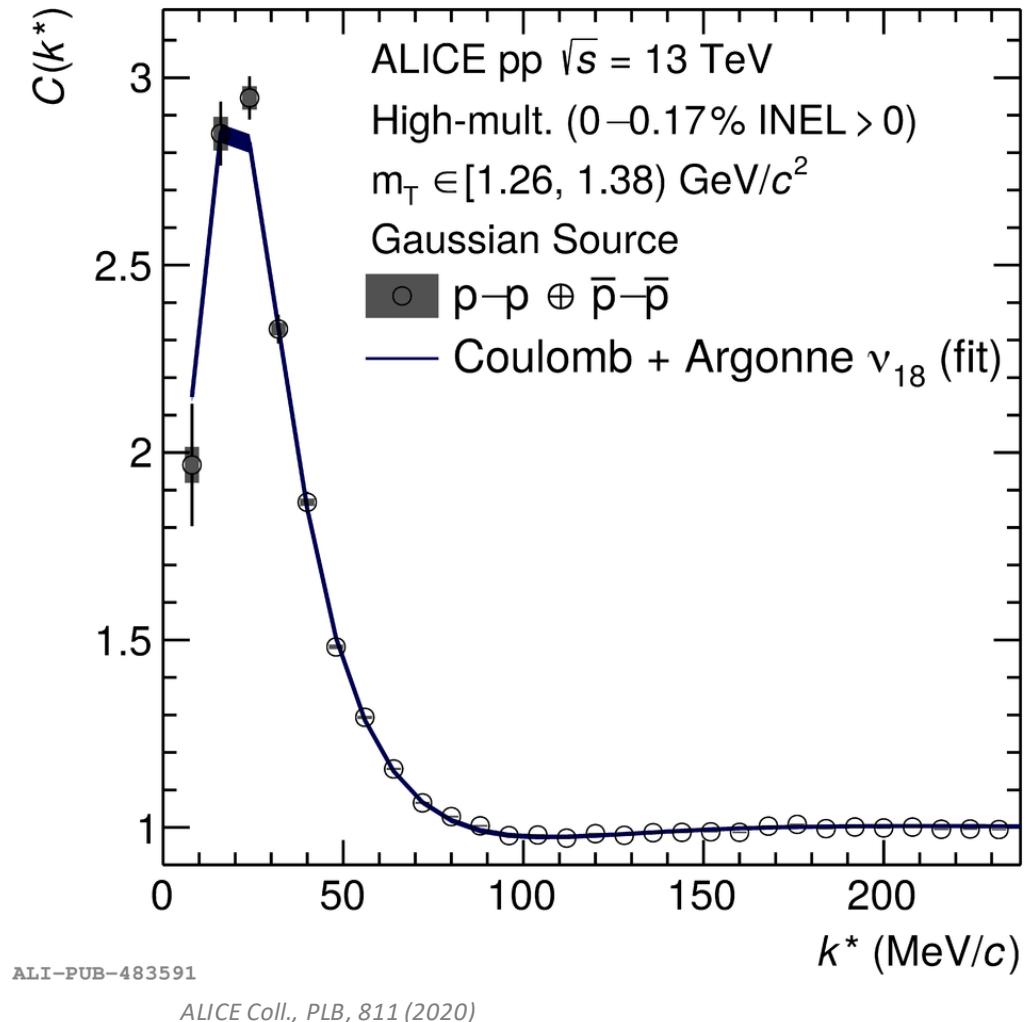
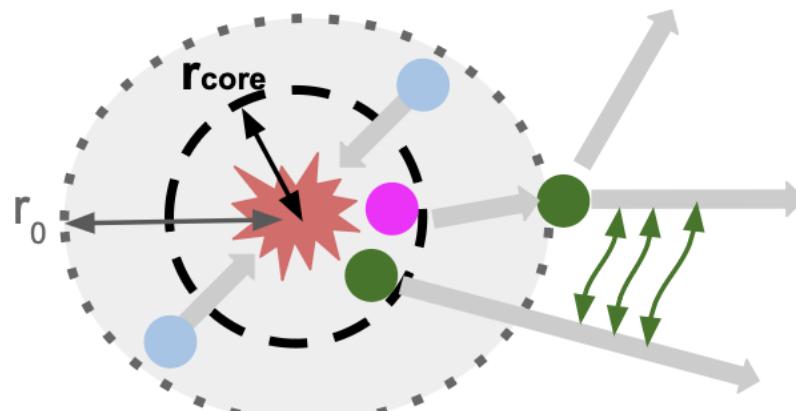
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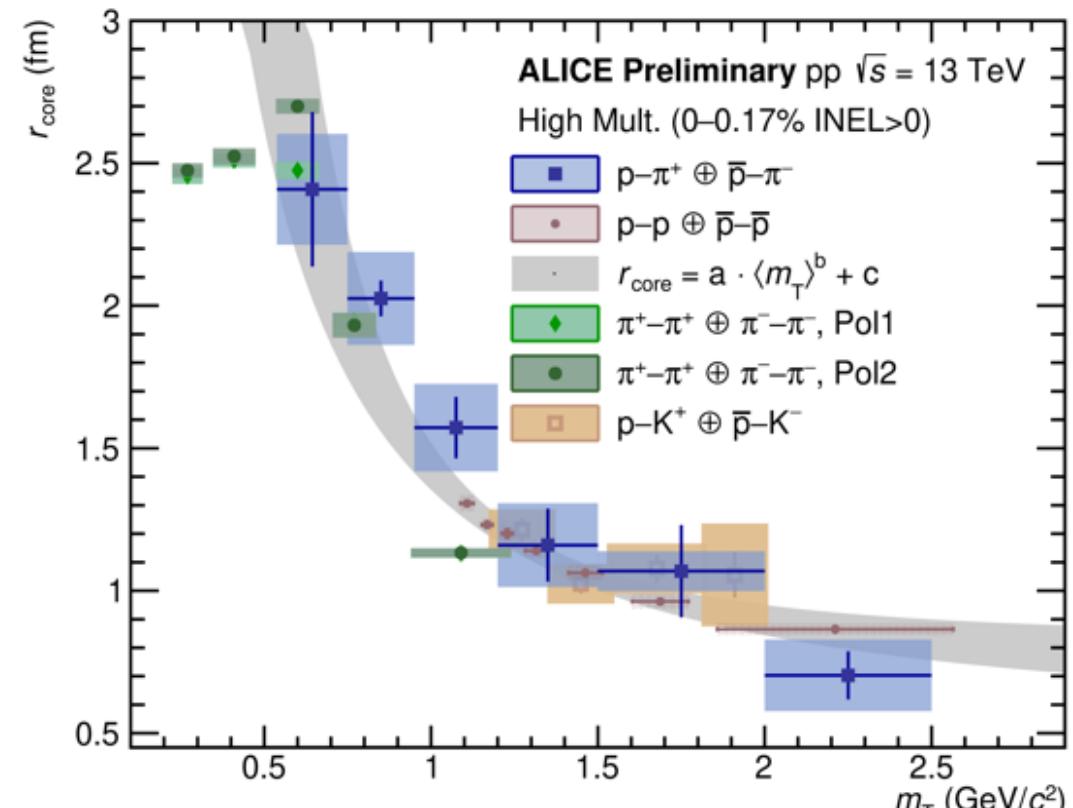
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- Universal source for all hadrons (cross-check for universality with K⁺-p, π-π, p-π)
- **Small particle-emitting source created in pp collisions at the LHC**



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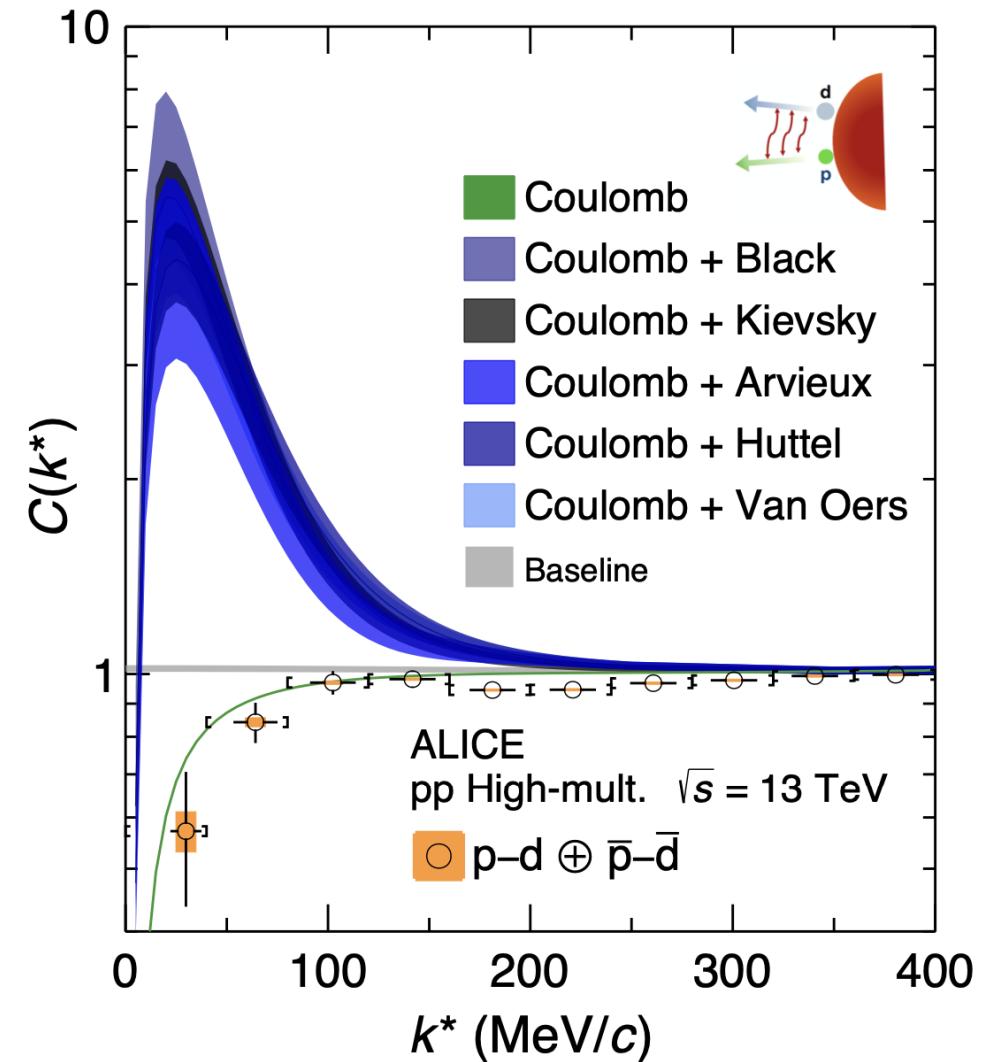
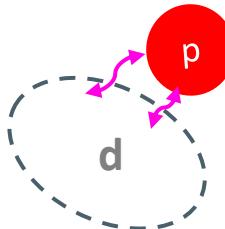
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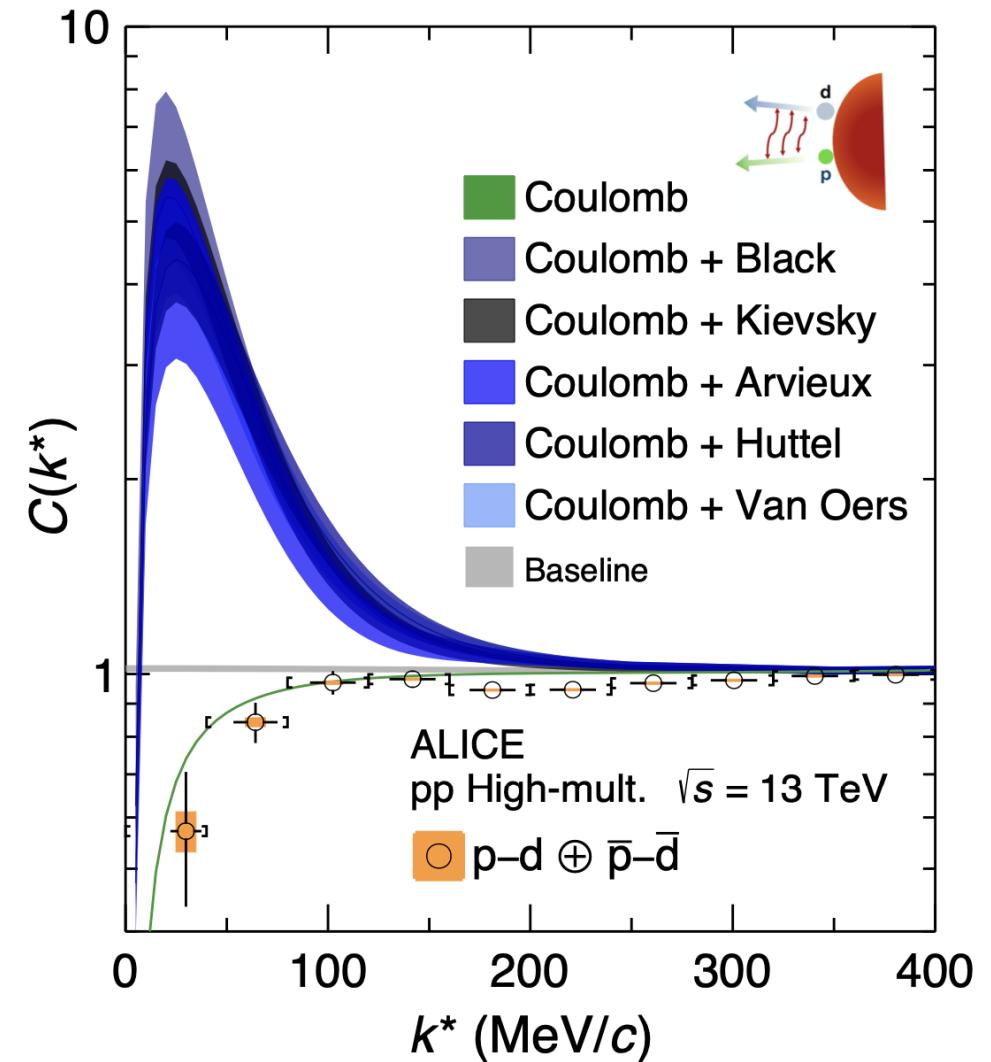
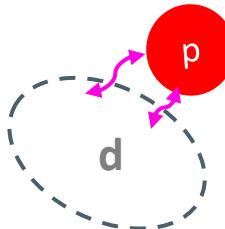
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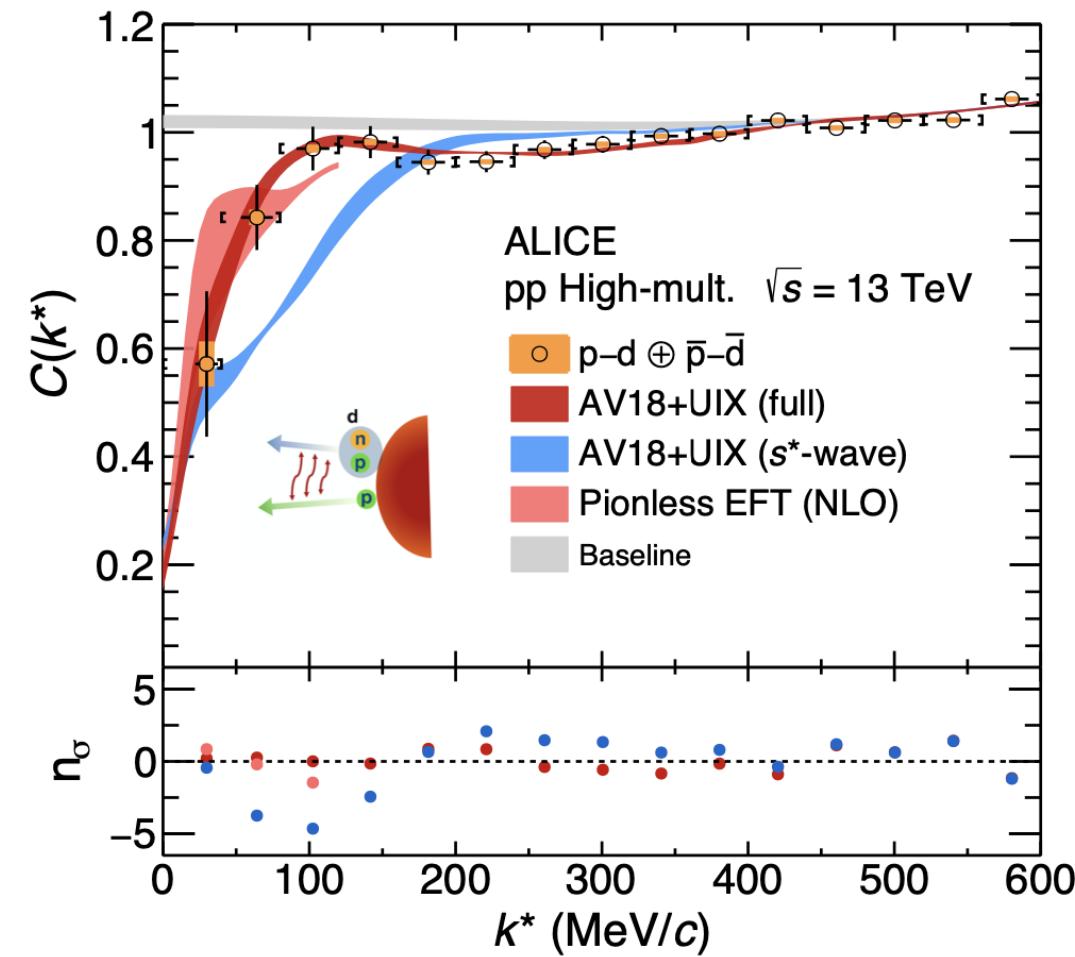
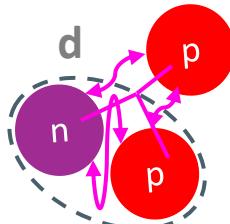
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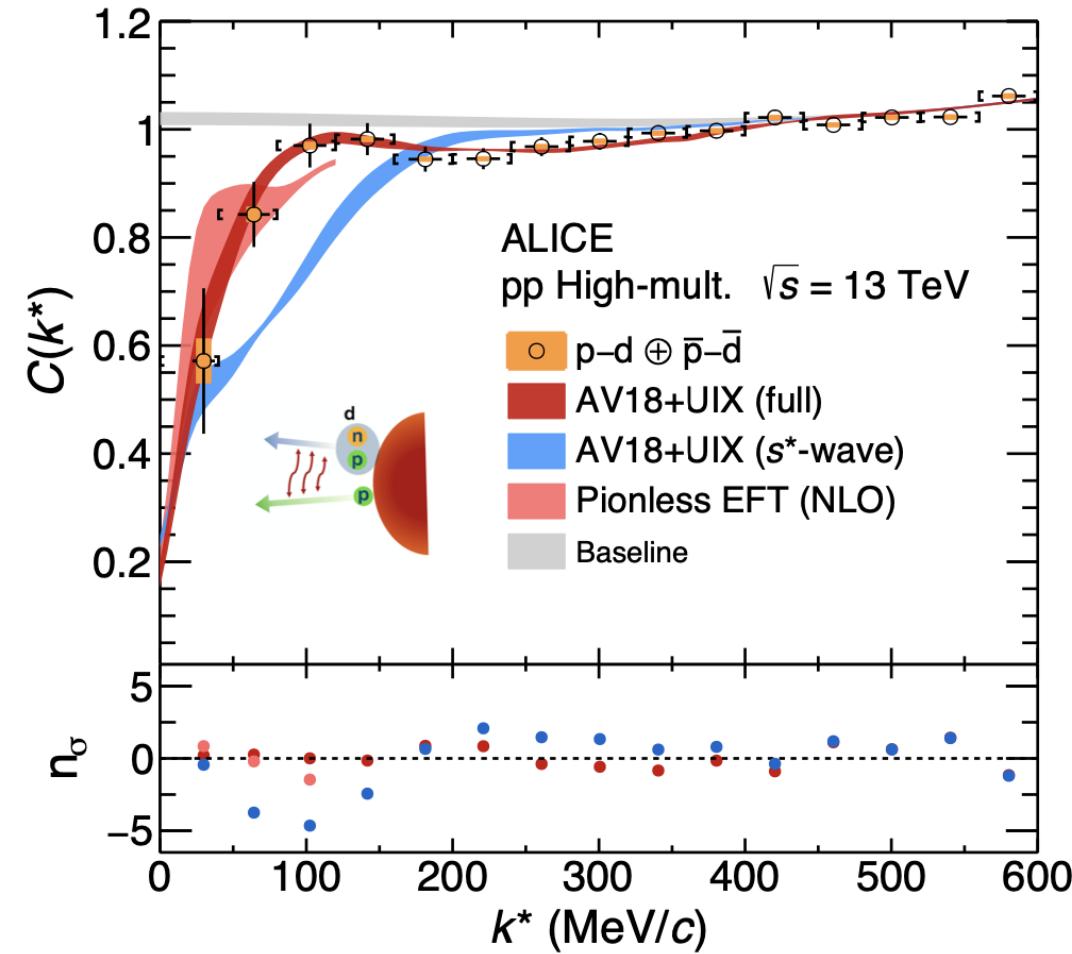
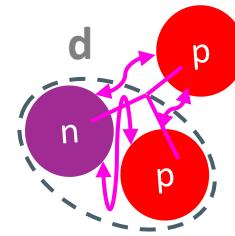
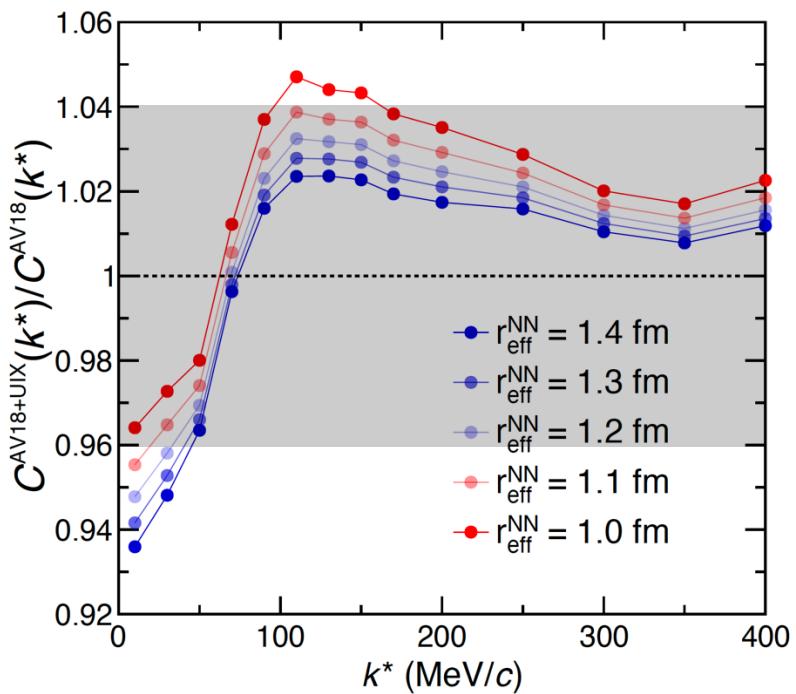
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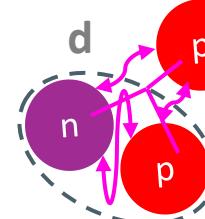
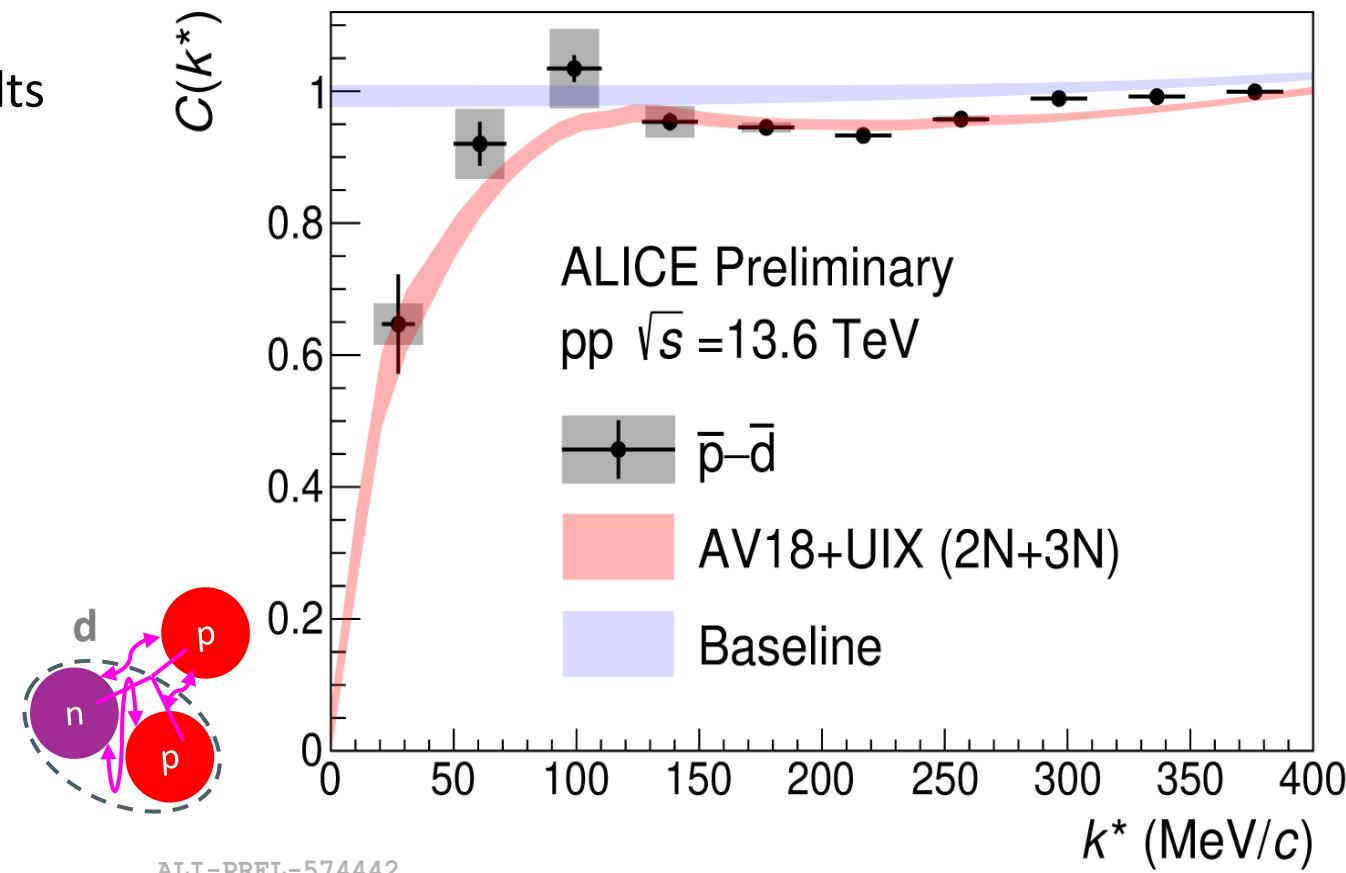
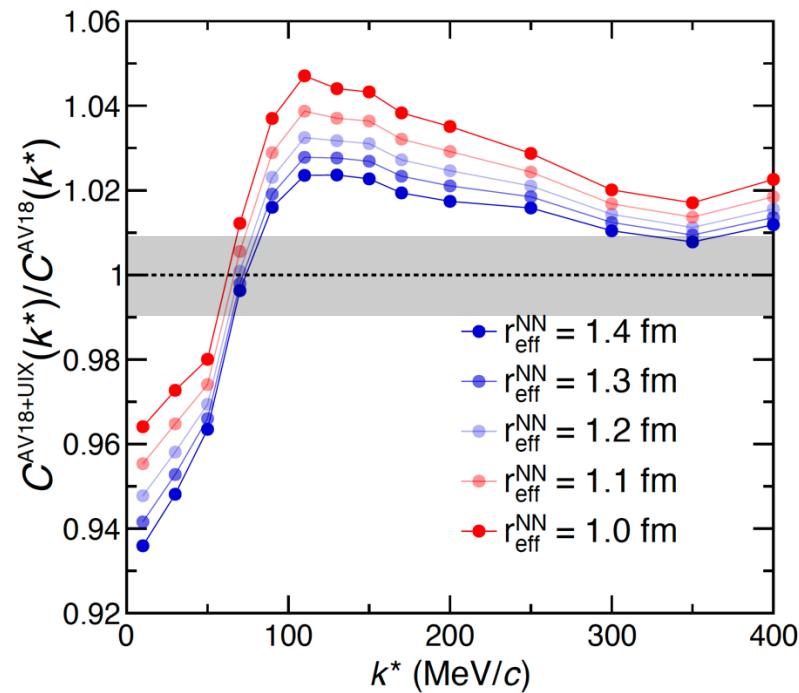
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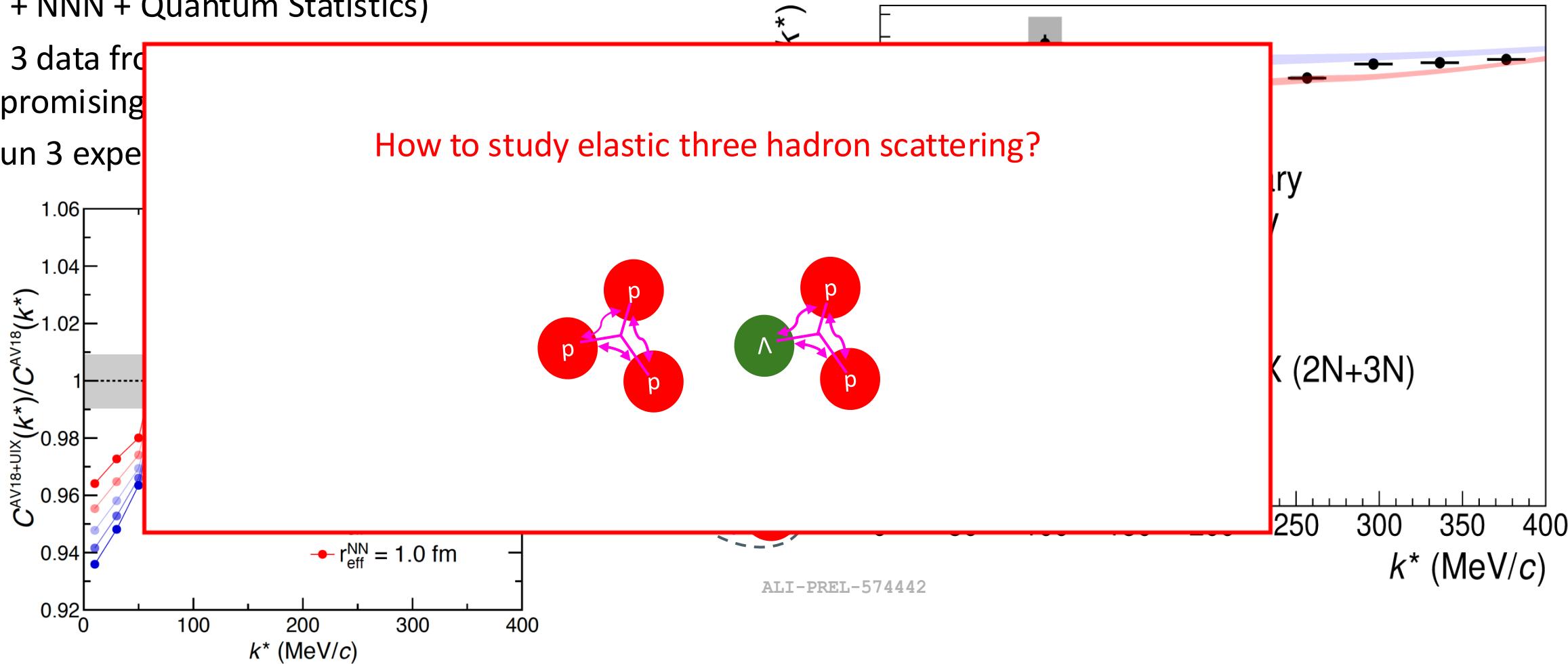
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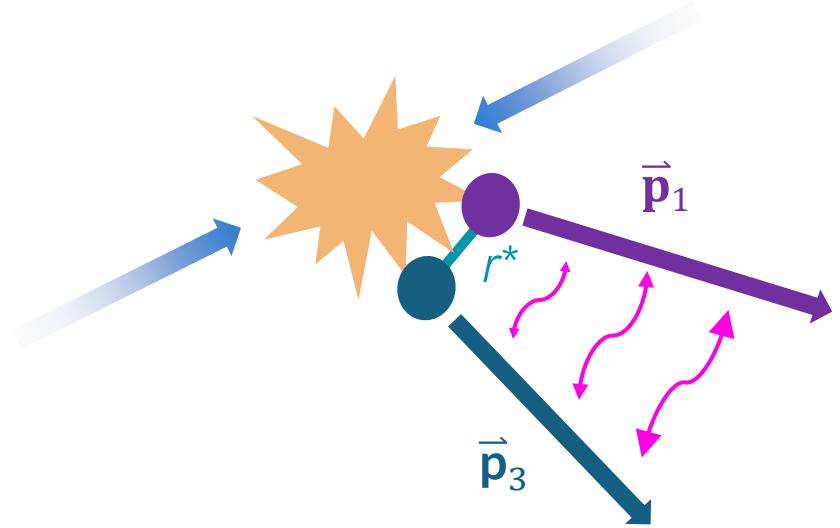
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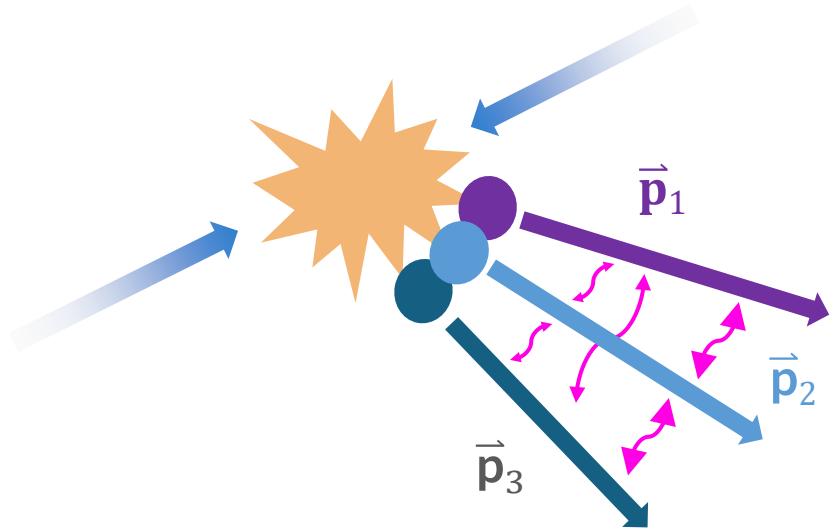
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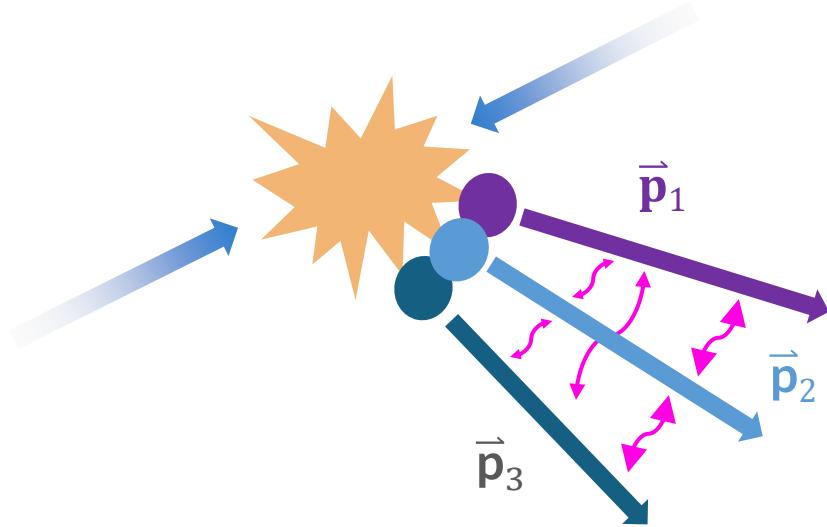
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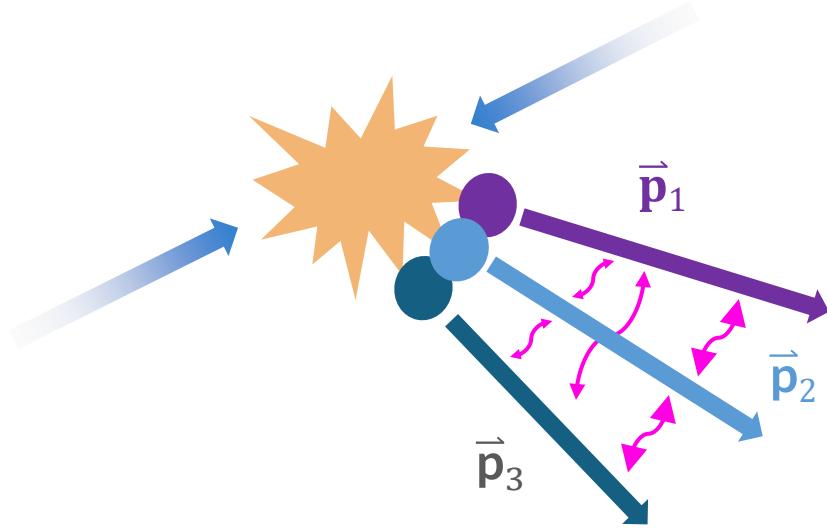
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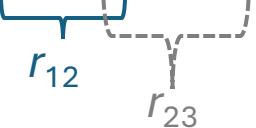
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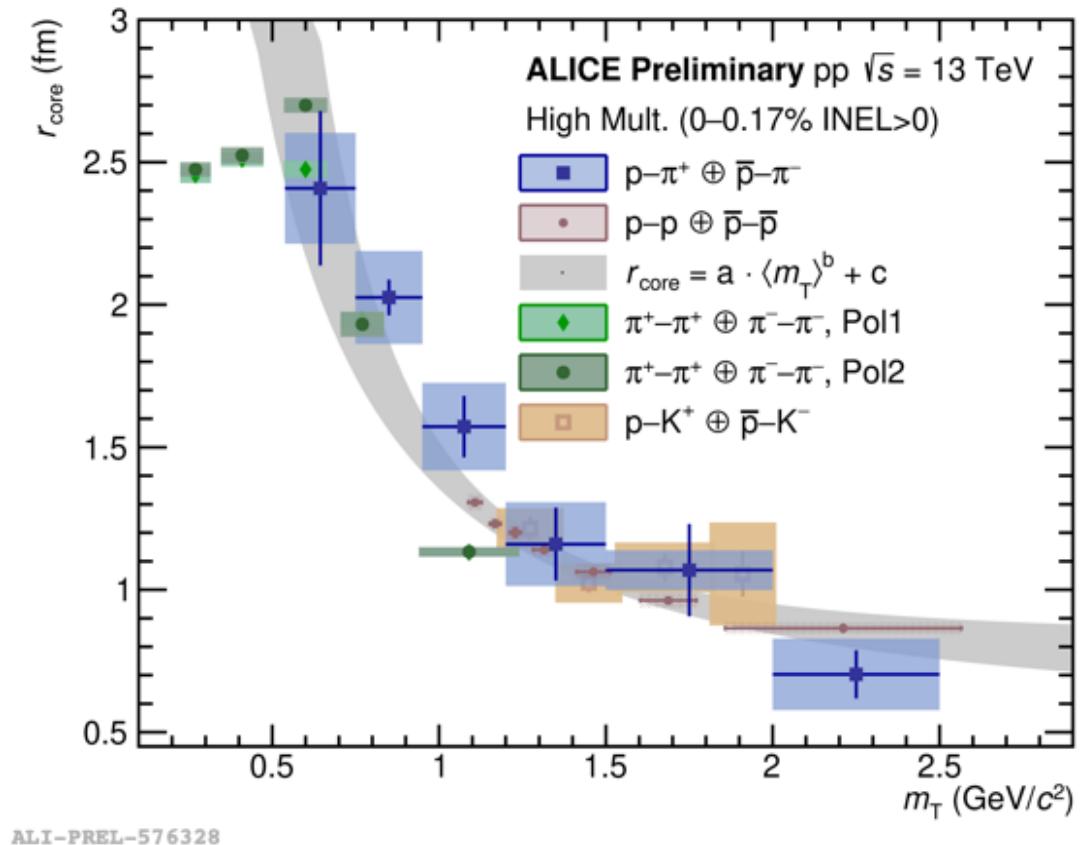
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Source function in pp collisions at the LHC

- Three-particle source as independent Gaussian emitter

$$S(x_1, x_2, x_3) = S(x_1) S(x_2) S(x_3)$$


- Pair radii r_{12}, r_{23}, r_{31} obtained from common source model using the m_T of the pairs in the triplets.



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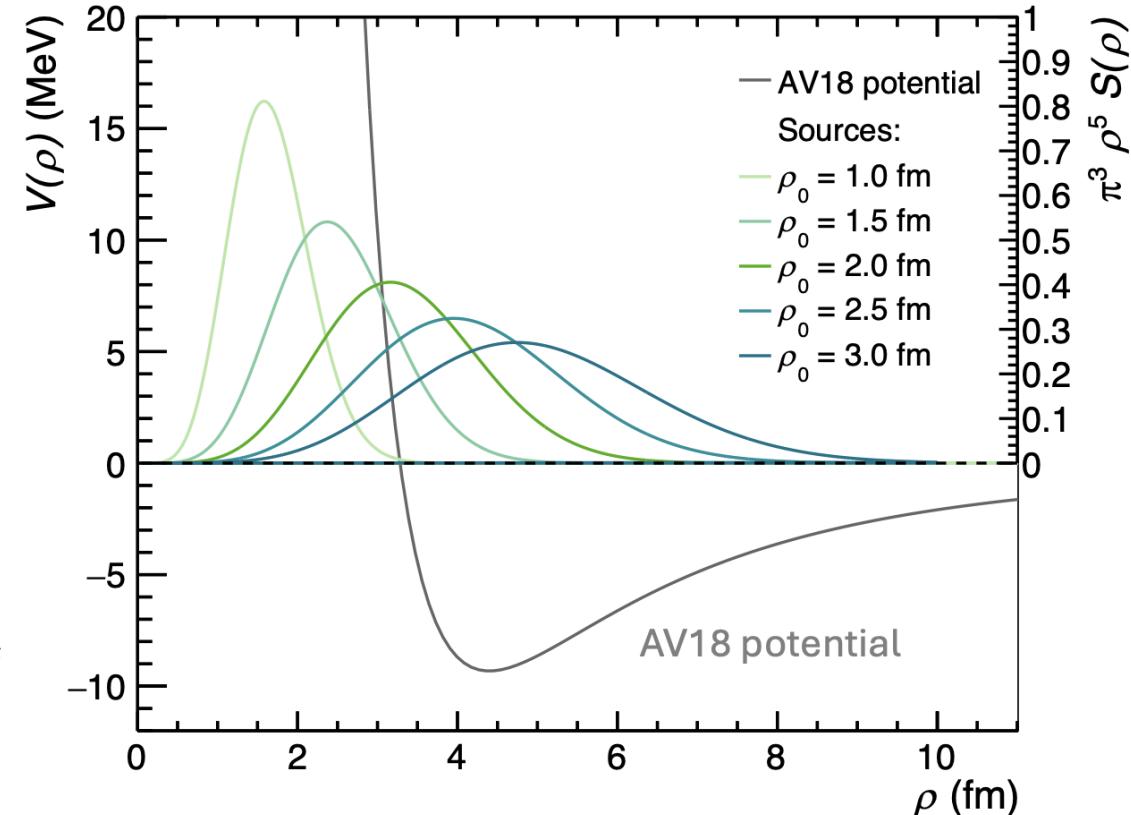
$$S(x_1, x_2, x_3) = S(x_1) S(x_2) S(x_3)$$

- Pair radii r_{12}, r_{23}, r_{31} obtained from common source model using the m_T of the pairs in the triplets.
- In hyperspherical coordinates

$$S(\rho) = \frac{1}{\pi^3 \rho_0^6} e^{-\left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right)^2}$$

M. Viviani et al, Phys.Rev.C 108 (2023) 6, 064002
A. Kievsky, et al., Phys.Rev.C 109 (2024) 3, 034006
E. Garrido et al., arXiv: 2408.01750 (2024)

- The value of ρ_0 is determined the pair radii.
- In pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV the LHC source: $\rho_0 = 1-3$ fm.**



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p-p-p correlation function in Run 2

- First-ever full three-body correlation function calculations

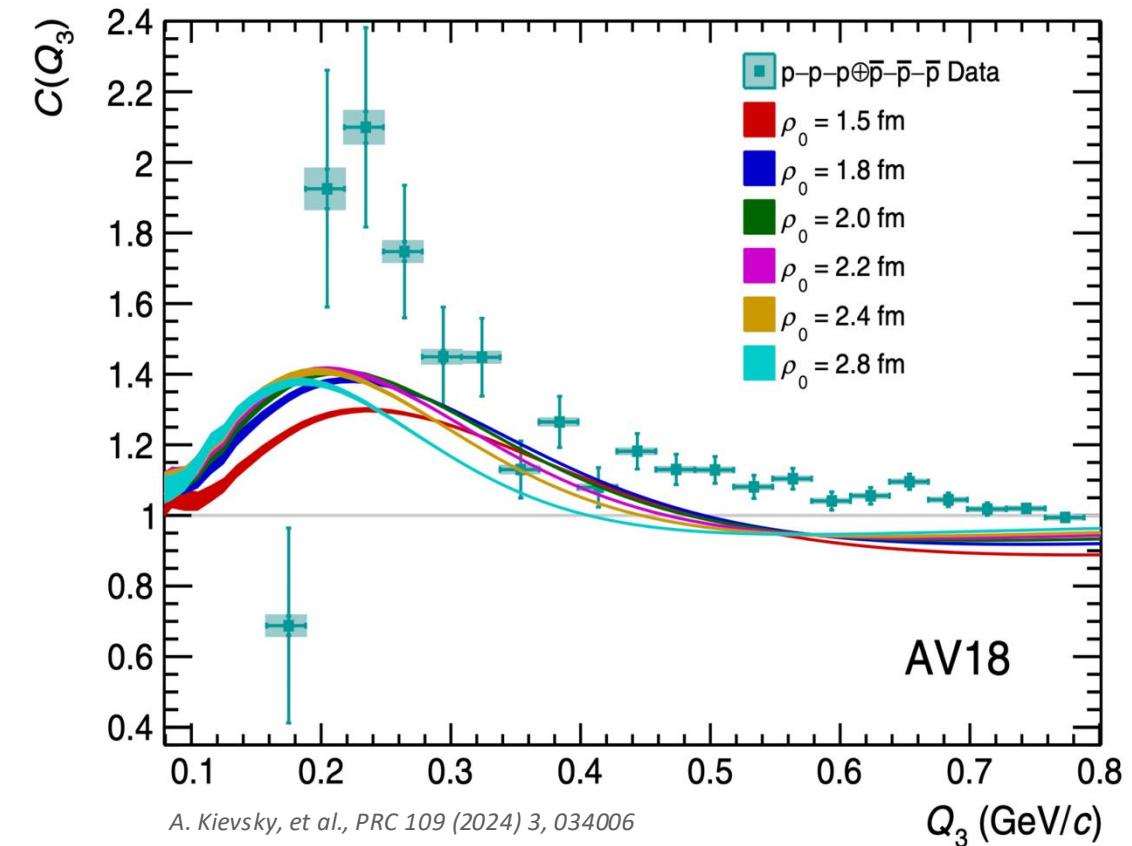
$$C(Q_3) = \int \rho^5 d\rho S(\rho, \rho_0) |\Psi(\rho, Q_3)|^2$$

three-proton wave function
hyperradius

- Wave function via HH with AV18, Coulomb interaction and Quantum statistics

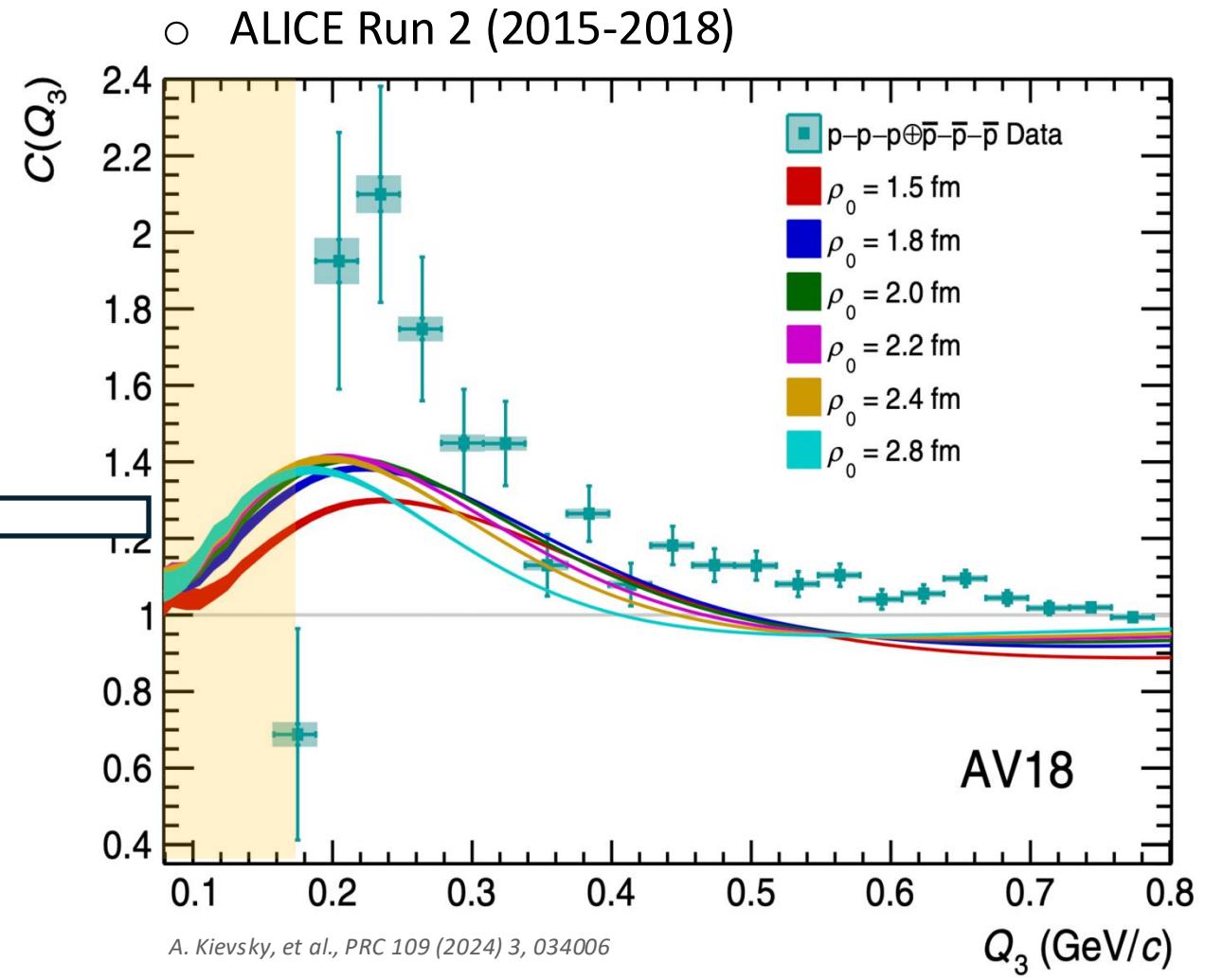
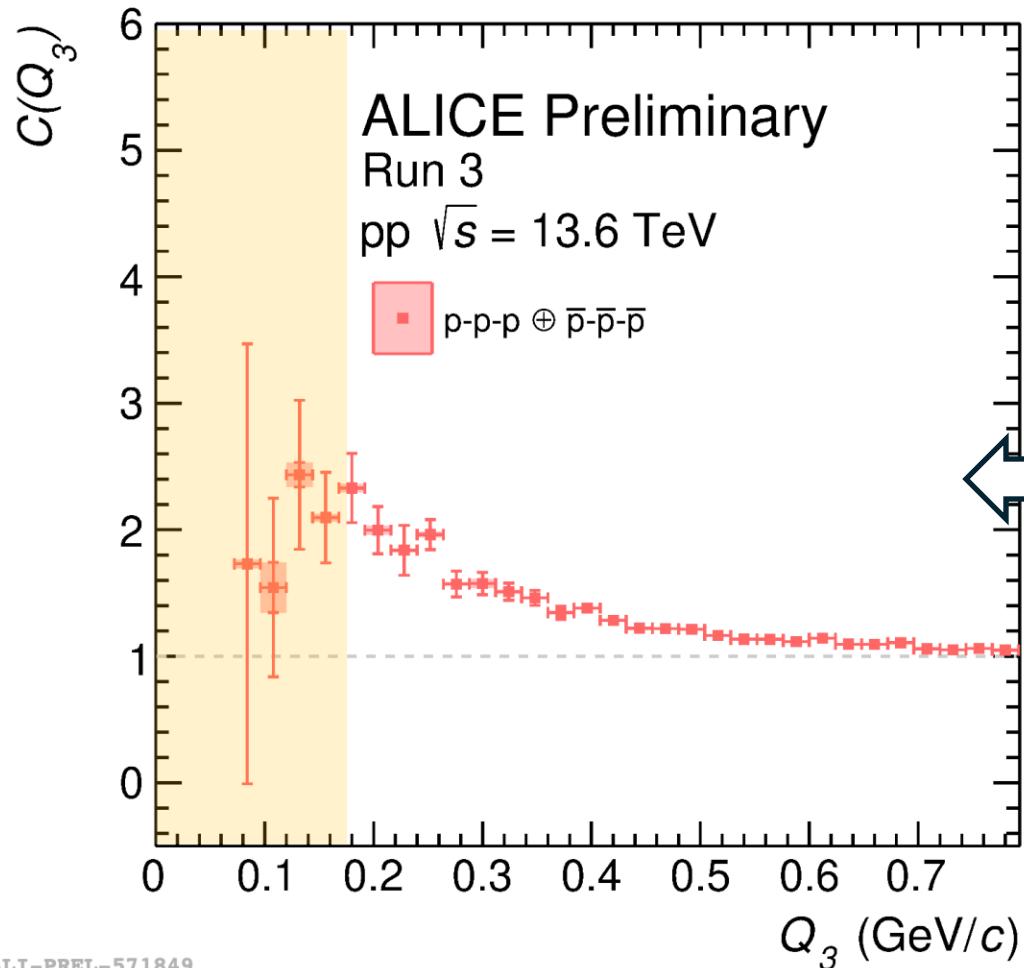
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- Negligible contribution from NNN (via UIX) found < 1%
- Access the three-body source
- Need to study asymptotic behavior of wave function in detail (compare shape only since no normalization)



p-p-p correlation function in Run 3

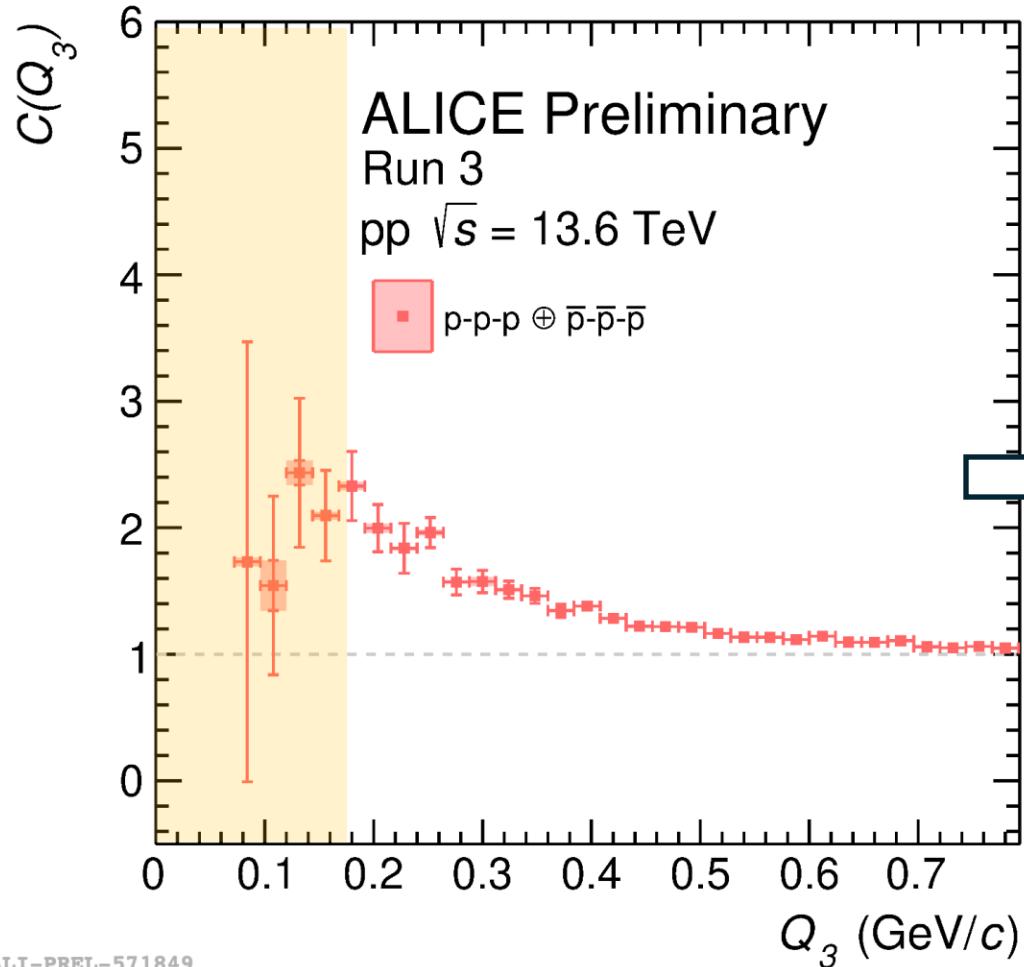
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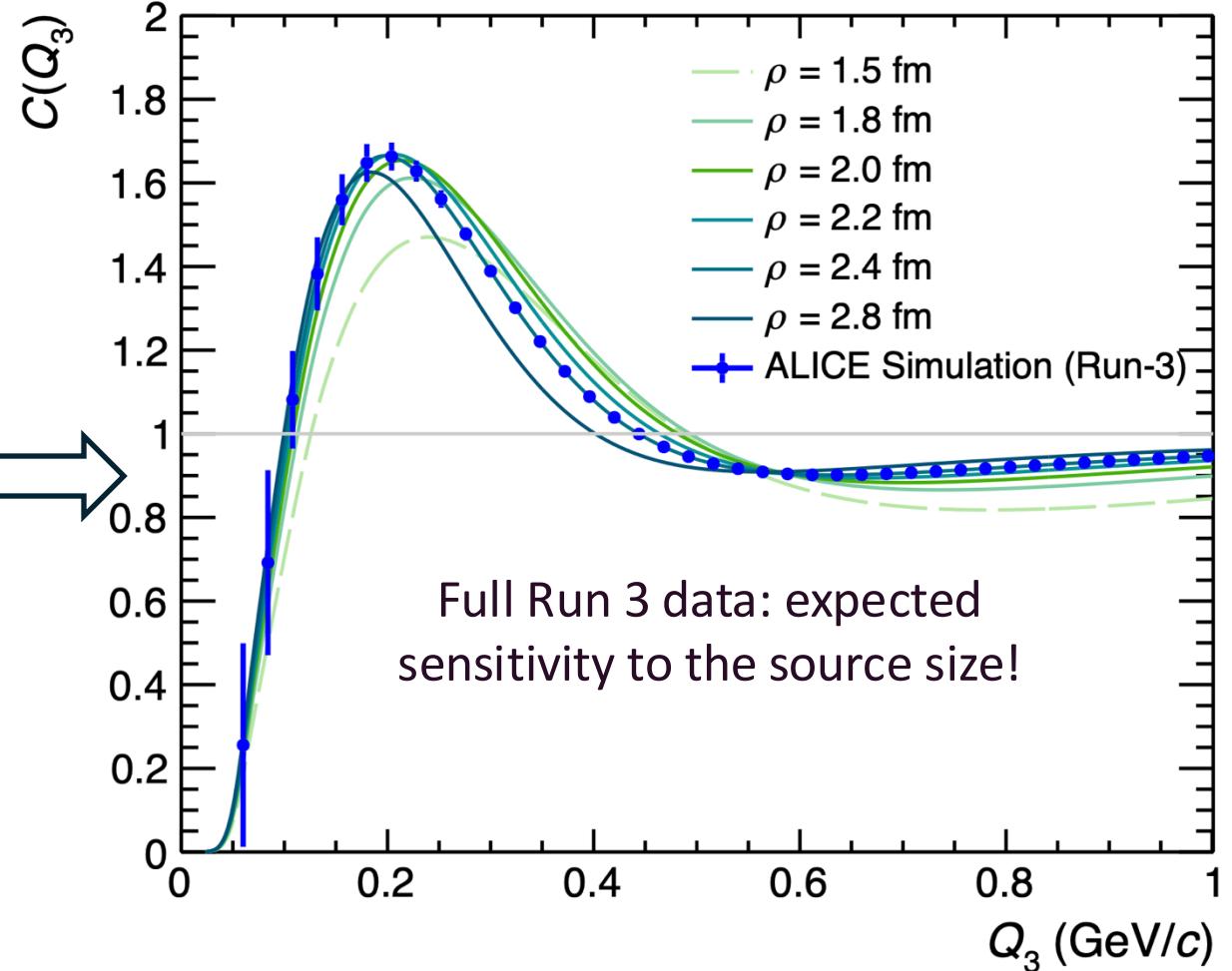
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p-p-p correlation function in Run 3

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- Run 3: about 25 times larger statistical sample than 2022 alone



p-p- Λ correlation function in Run 2

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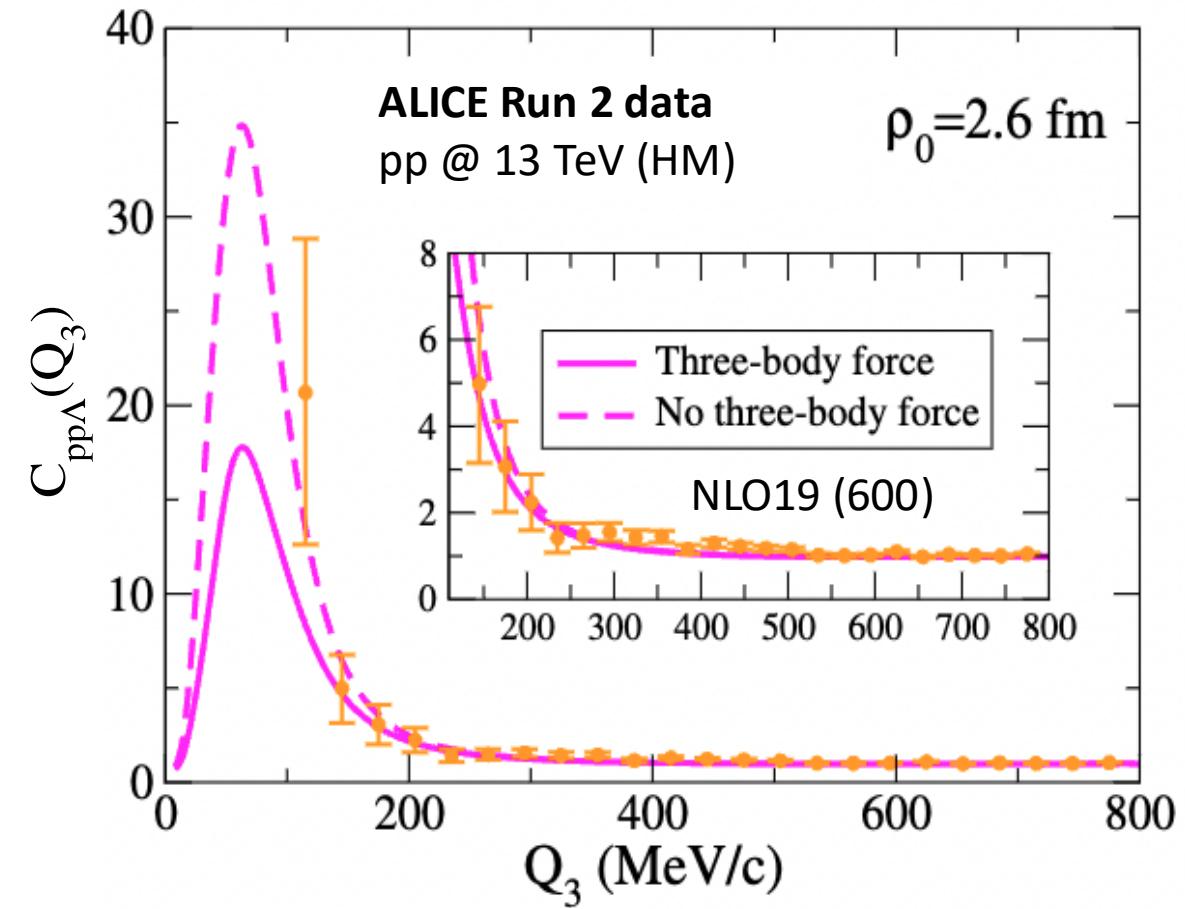
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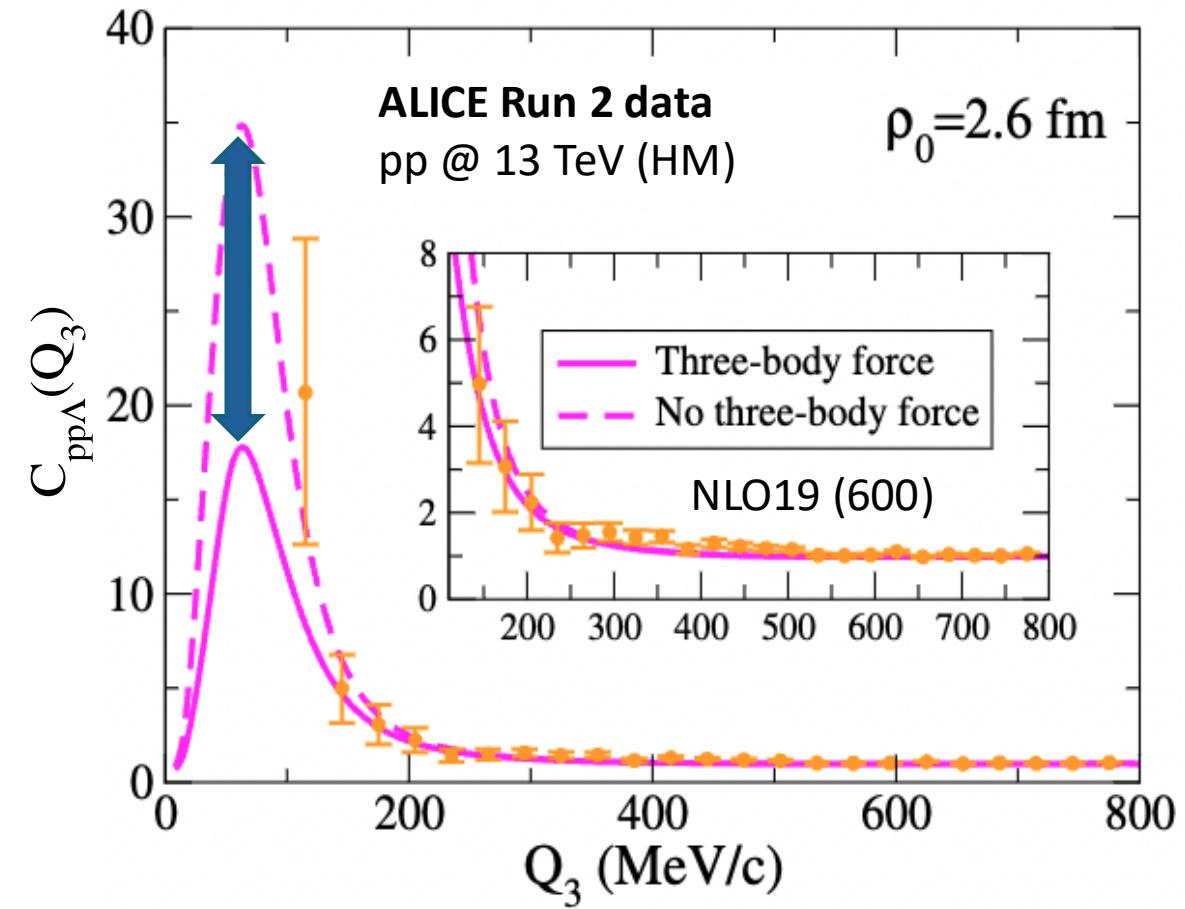
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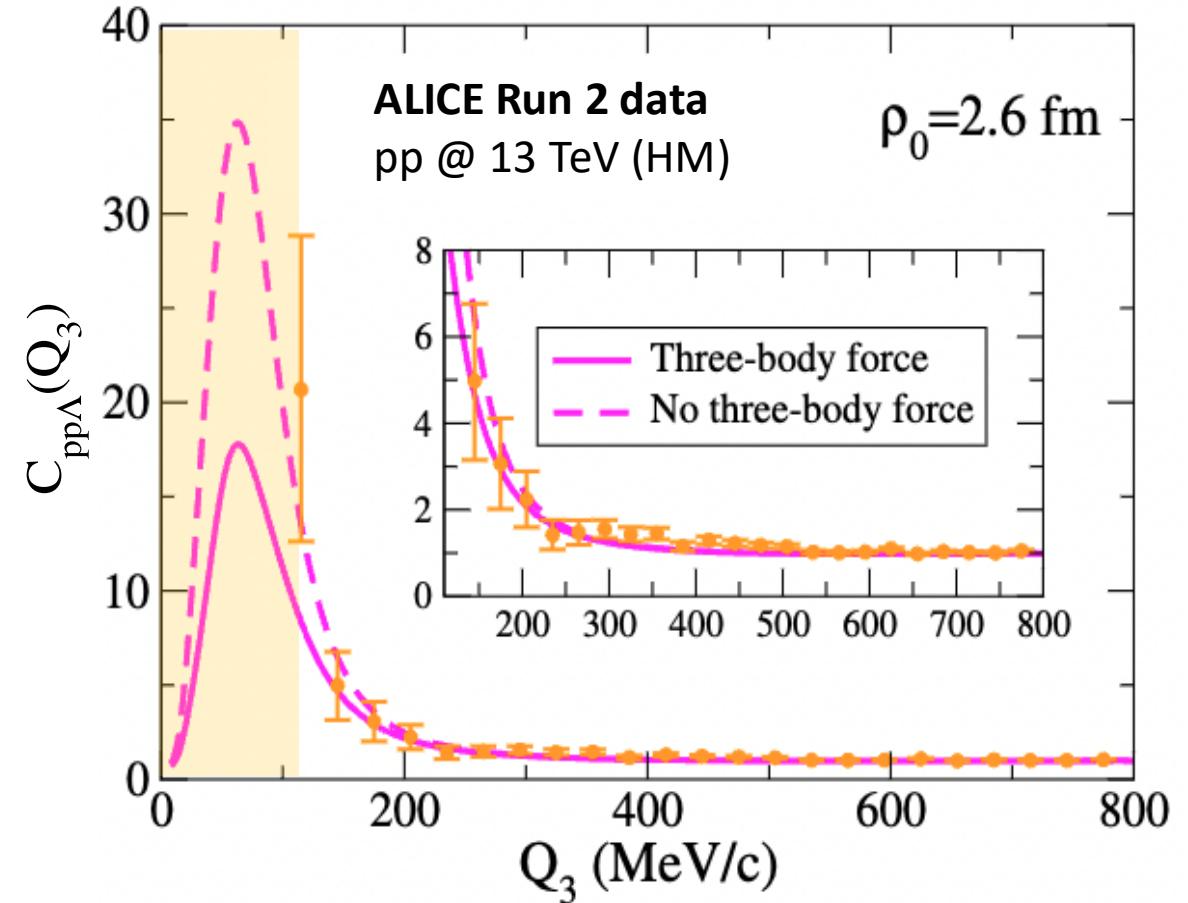
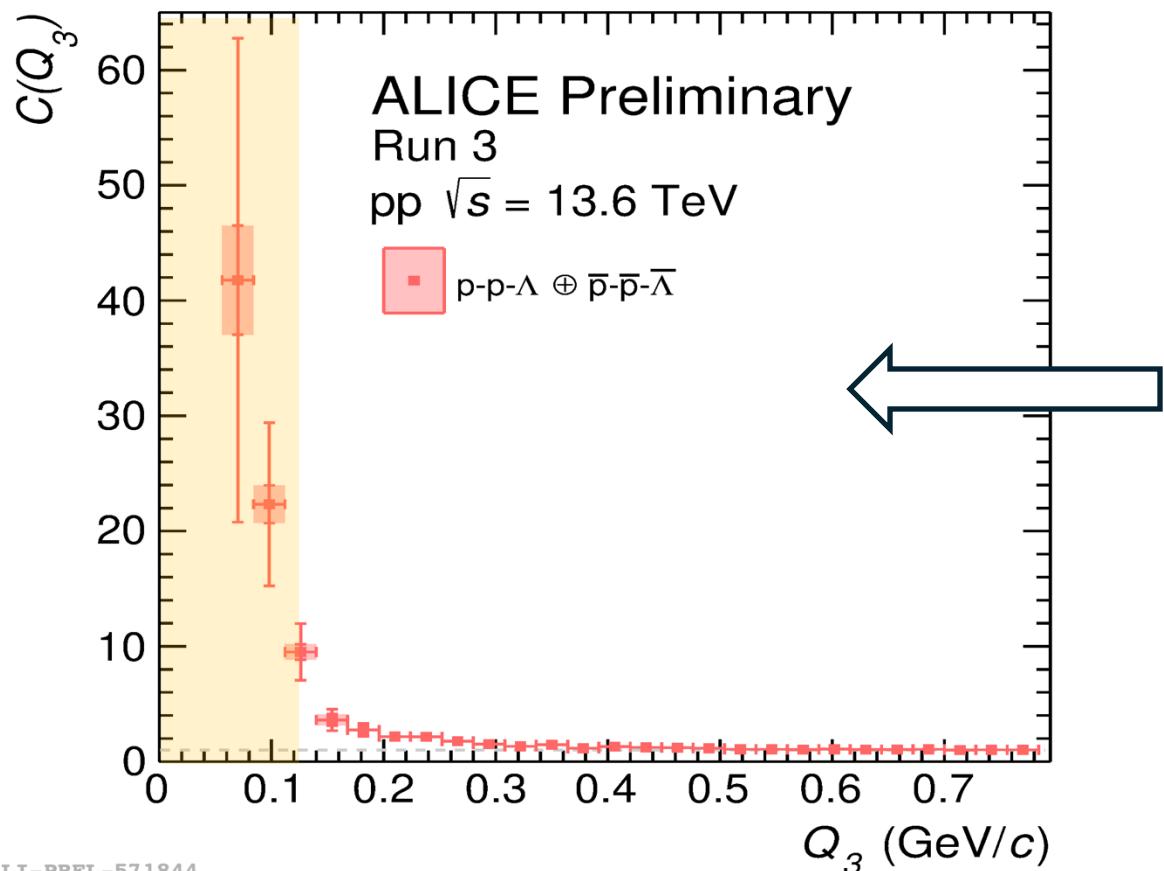
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- Λ NN interaction gives 40% effect



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- By the end of Run 3 x100 improvement software trigger

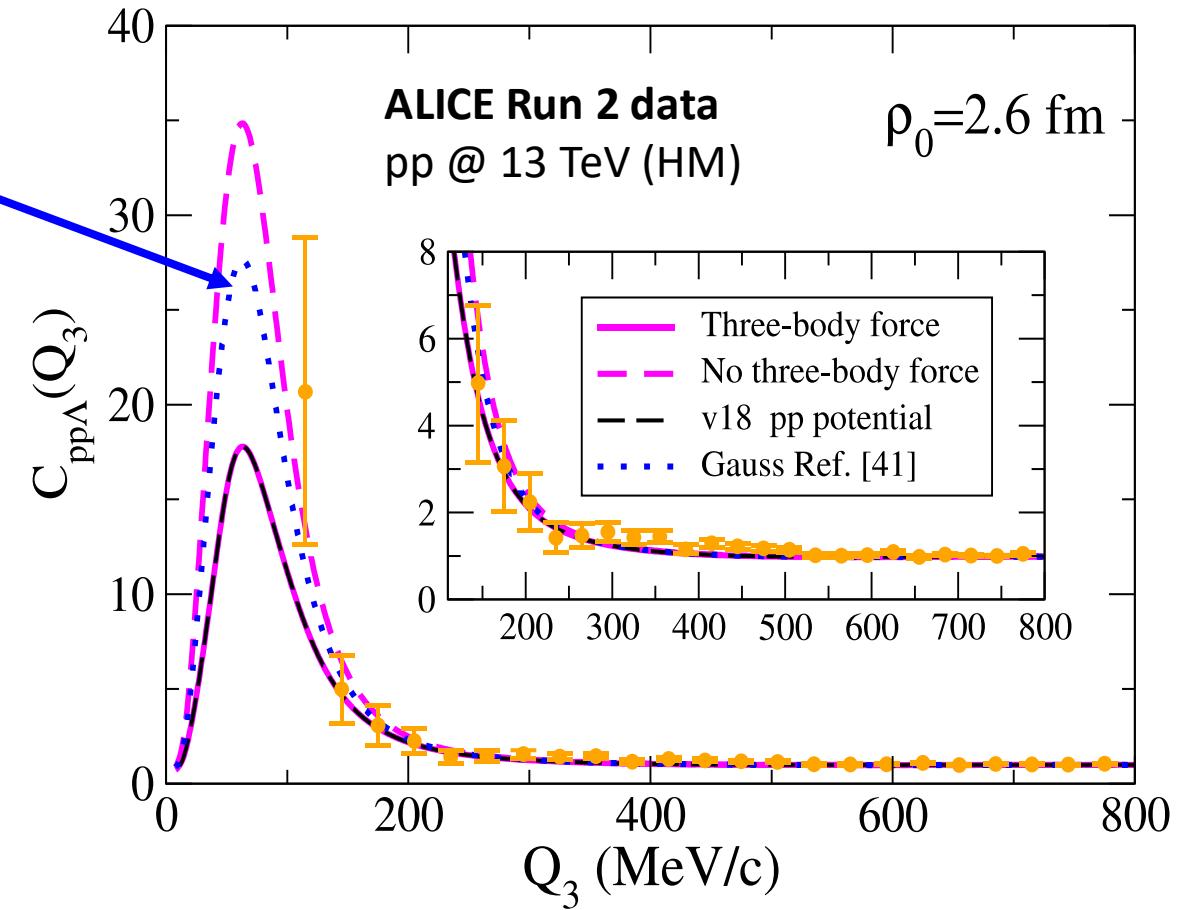
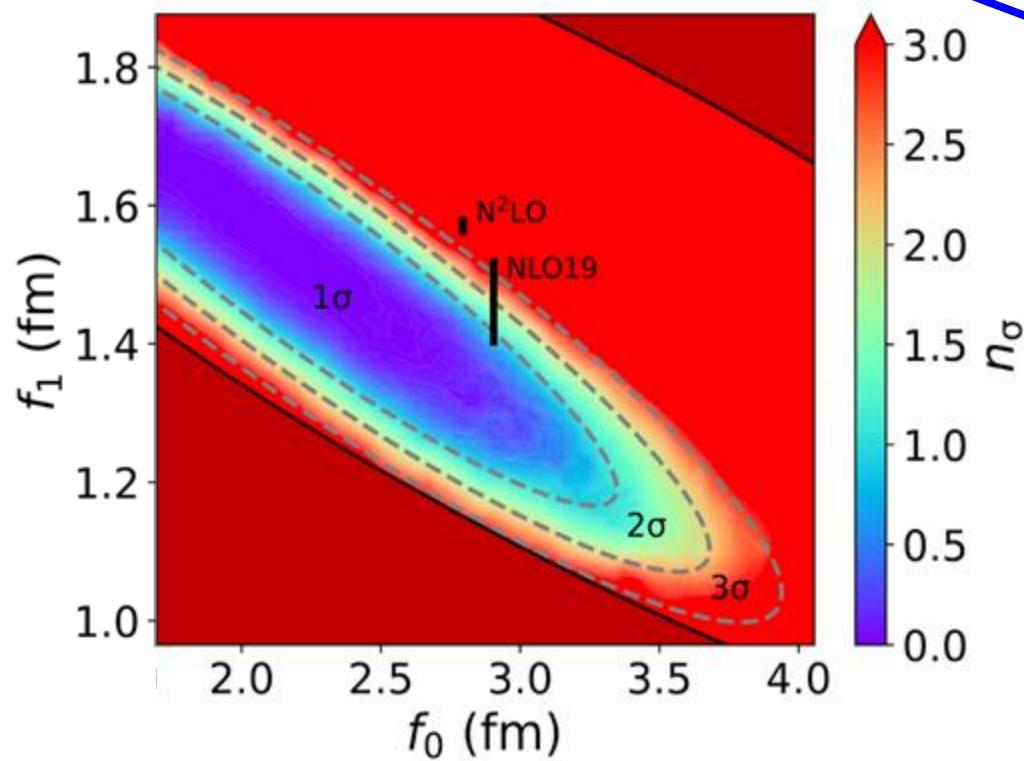


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- Hypertriton binding energy can be reproduced using ONLY ΛN interaction

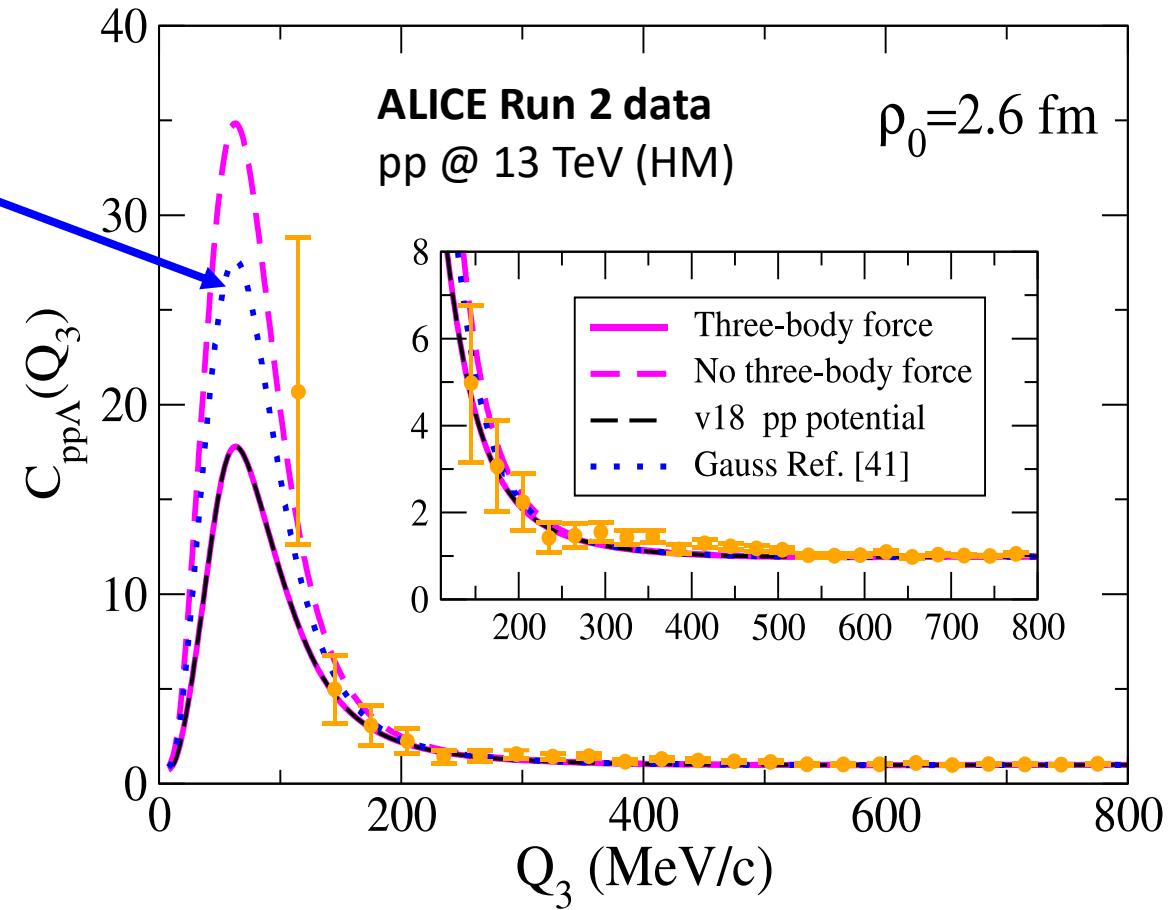
$$\text{BE} = 2.41 \text{ MeV} \quad \text{exp: } 2.39 \text{ MeV}$$

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- Four-body systems:

$$\text{BE} = 13.37 \text{ MeV*} \quad \text{exp: } 10.651 \text{ MeV } (^4\text{H}_\Lambda) \\ \text{exp: } 10.064 \text{ MeV } (^4\text{He}_\Lambda)$$

- Future:
Combined analysis of scattering data + hypernuclei + femtoscopy data



*Private communication A. Kievsky and E. Garrido

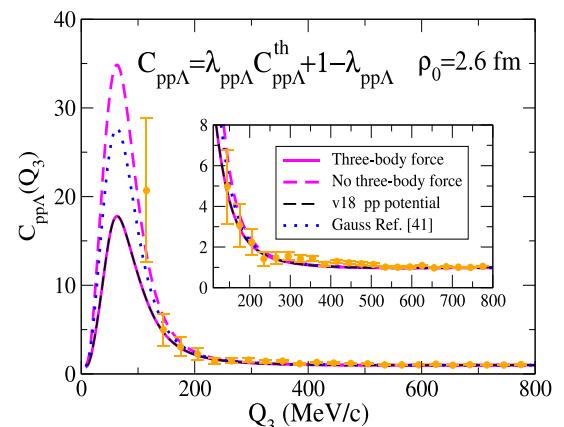
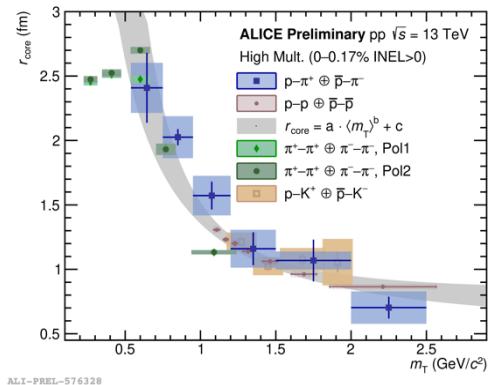
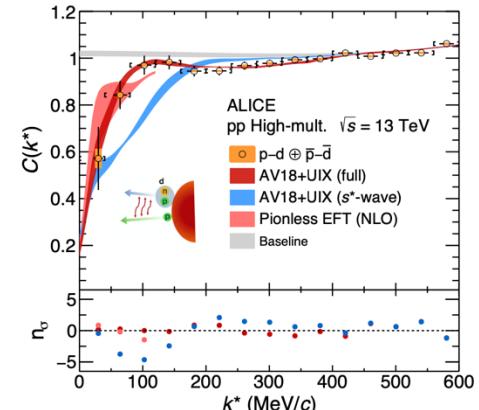
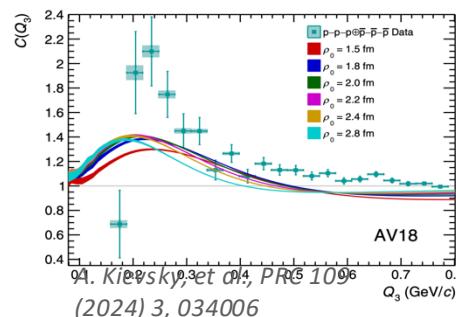
Conclusions and Outlook

Exciting results from femtoscopy:

- p-d correlation function:
 - ✓ Many-body dynamics can be studied using hadron-deuteron correlations
 - ✓ Measured across several system sizes
- pp collisions at the LHC provide access to the interactions at short distances
- p-p-p correlation function:
 - ✓ negligible effect of three-body forces (< 1%)
- p-p- Λ correlations:
 - ✓ 40 % effect of three-body forces

On-going

- Access to precise data on three-particle correlations in Run 3 and future Run 4
- New results expected from HADES and STAR for femtoscopy of light nuclei

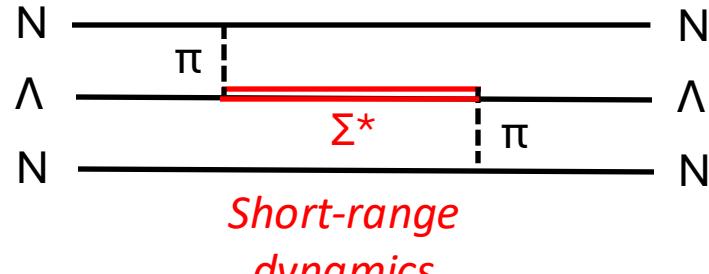


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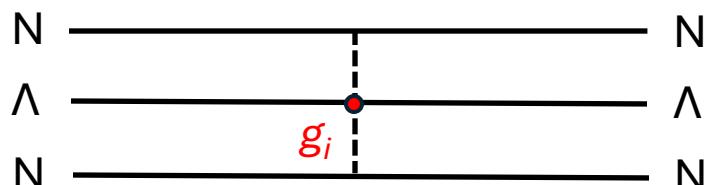
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Three-body forces:



g_i constants to be fixed by the experimental data

Experimental information from hypernuclear data:

- **Strongly dependent on the ΛN interaction**
- **Overbinding of hypernuclei \rightarrow repulsive ΛNN**

Hypertriton:

cutoff (MeV)	NLO19				SMS N2LO			Exp.
	500	550	600	650	500	550	600	
$B(^3_\Lambda H)$ (MeV)	2.792	2.839	2.904	3.255	2.819	2.799	2.878	2.39

NLO19: J. Haidenbauer, U. Meißner, EPJA 56 (2020), 3, 91

N2LO: J. Haidenbauer, U. Meißner, A. Nogga, H. Le, EPJA 59 (2023), 3, 63

Exp: Mainz data base

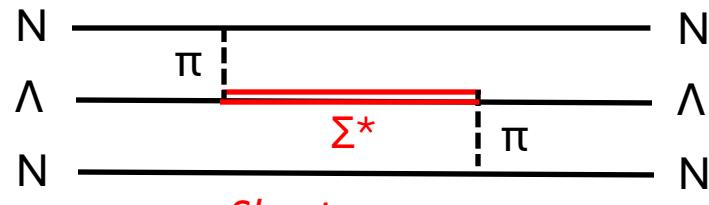
- **Distances of about 2 fm and in the hypertriton the Λ -d separation is 10 fm**
- In dense nuclear matter (neutron stars)
Large densities ($3-5\rho_0$) \rightarrow Small distances (0.8-1.0 fm)

Can we use three particle correlations?

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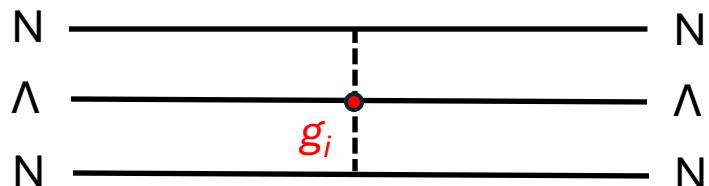
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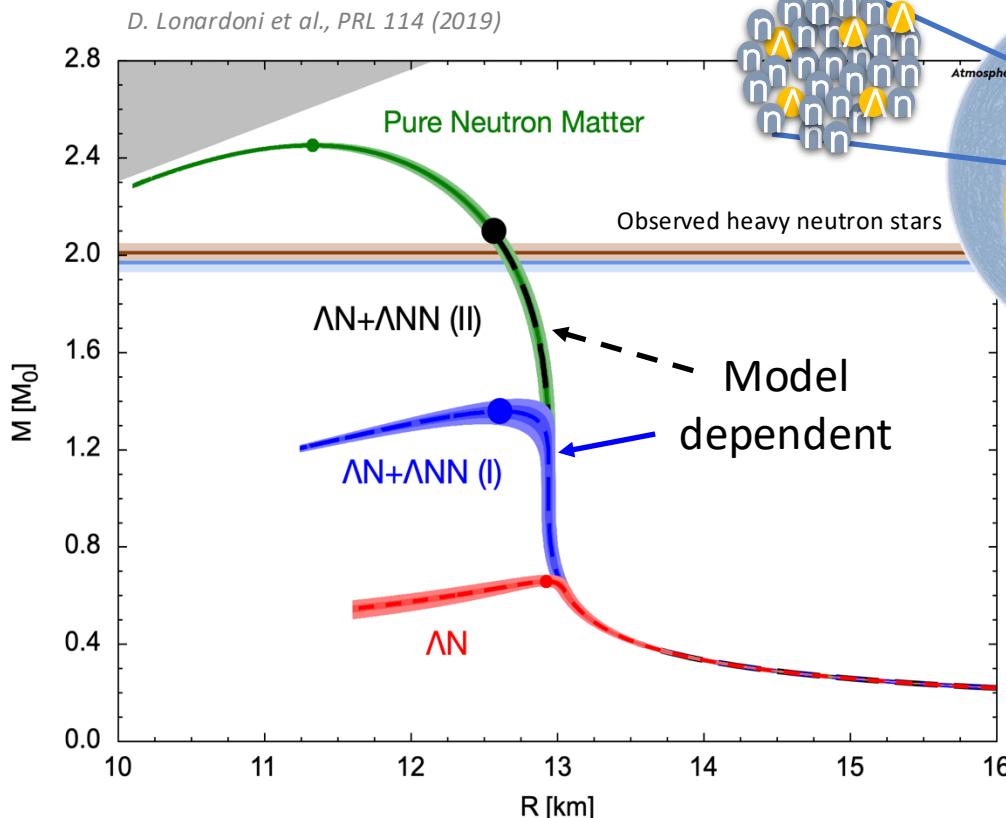


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Small particle distances can be accessed using femtoscopy!

Source function in pp collisions at the LHC

- Emitting source function anchored to p-p correlation function

$$C(k^*) = \int \underset{\text{measured}}{S(\vec{r})} \left| \psi(\vec{k}^*, \vec{r}) \right|^2 d^3\vec{r}$$

known interaction

- Gaussian parametrization

$$S(r) = \frac{1}{(4\pi r_{\text{core}}^2)^{3/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{4r_{\text{core}}^2}\right) \times \text{Effect of short lived resonances } (c\tau \sim 1 \text{ fm})$$

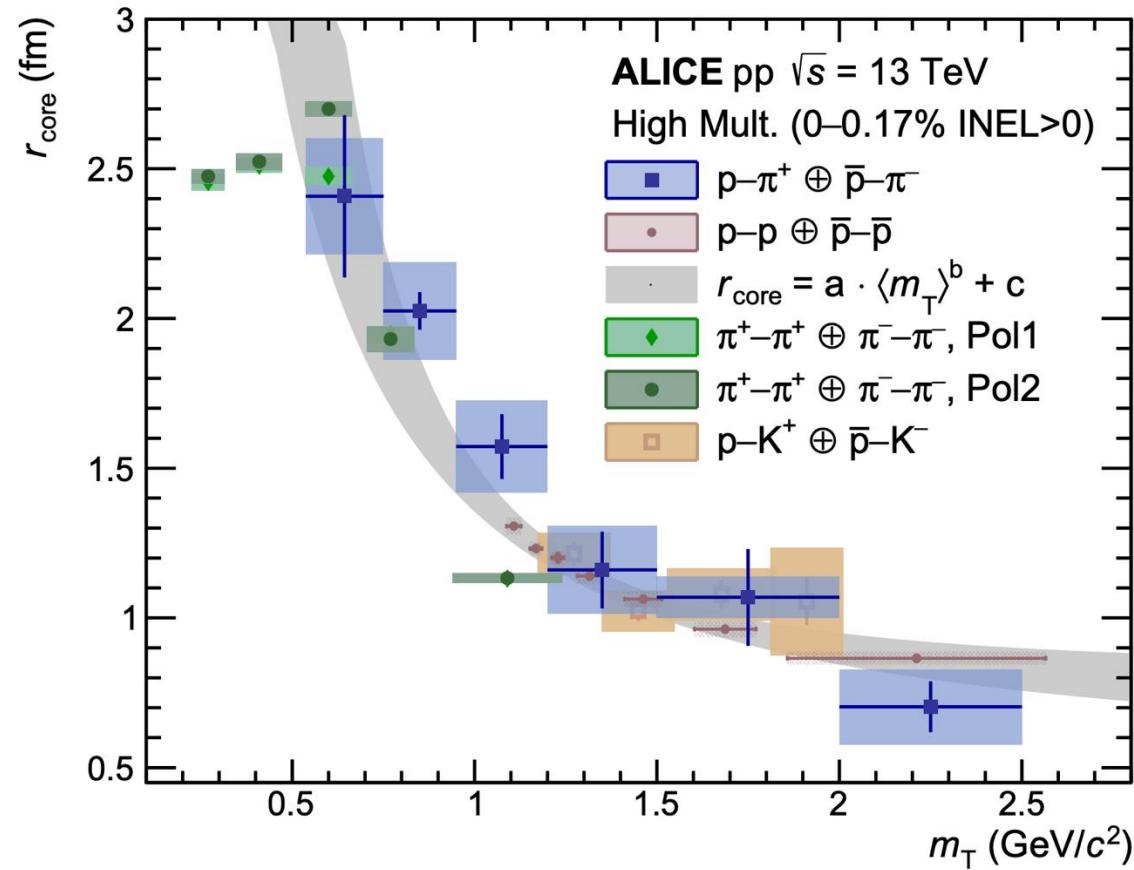
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- One universal source for all hadrons (cross-check with K⁺-p, π-π, p-Λ, p-π)
- Small particle-emitting source created in pp collisions at the LHC**

ALICE Coll., arXiv:2011.14527

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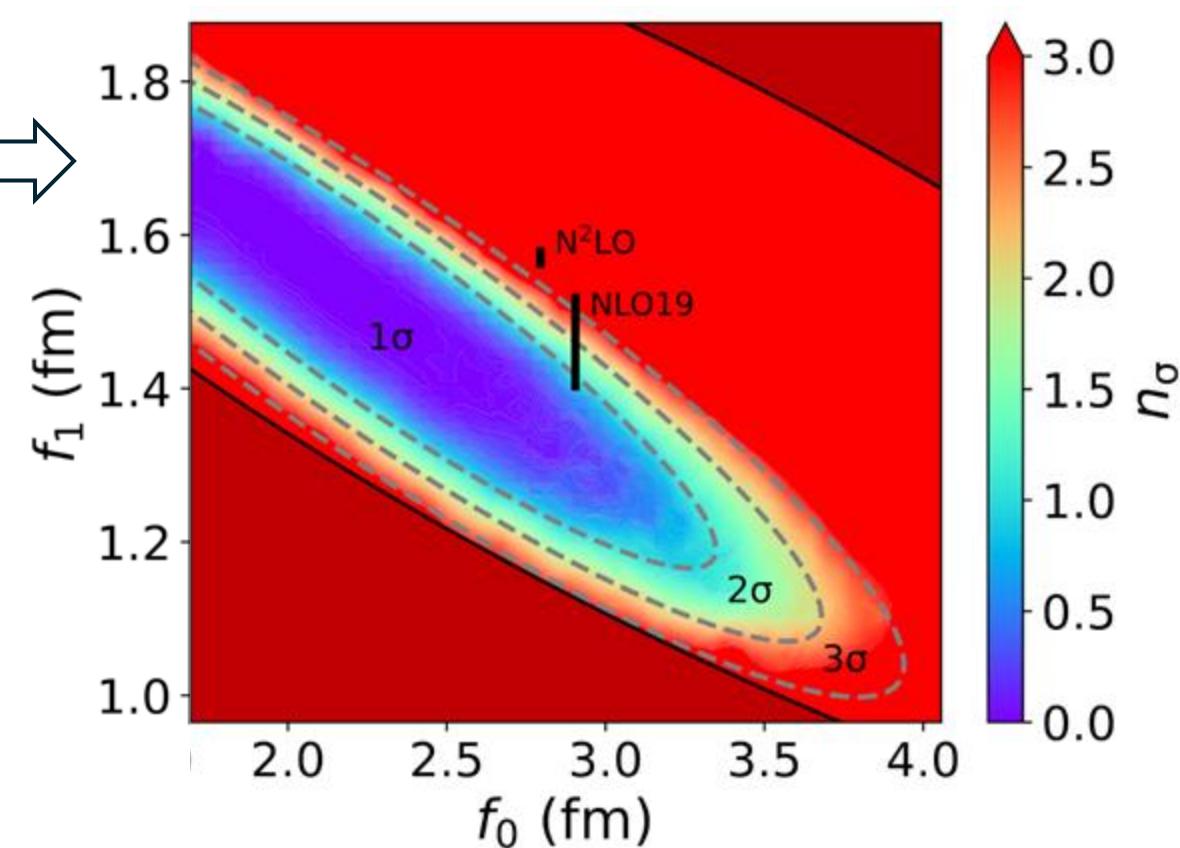
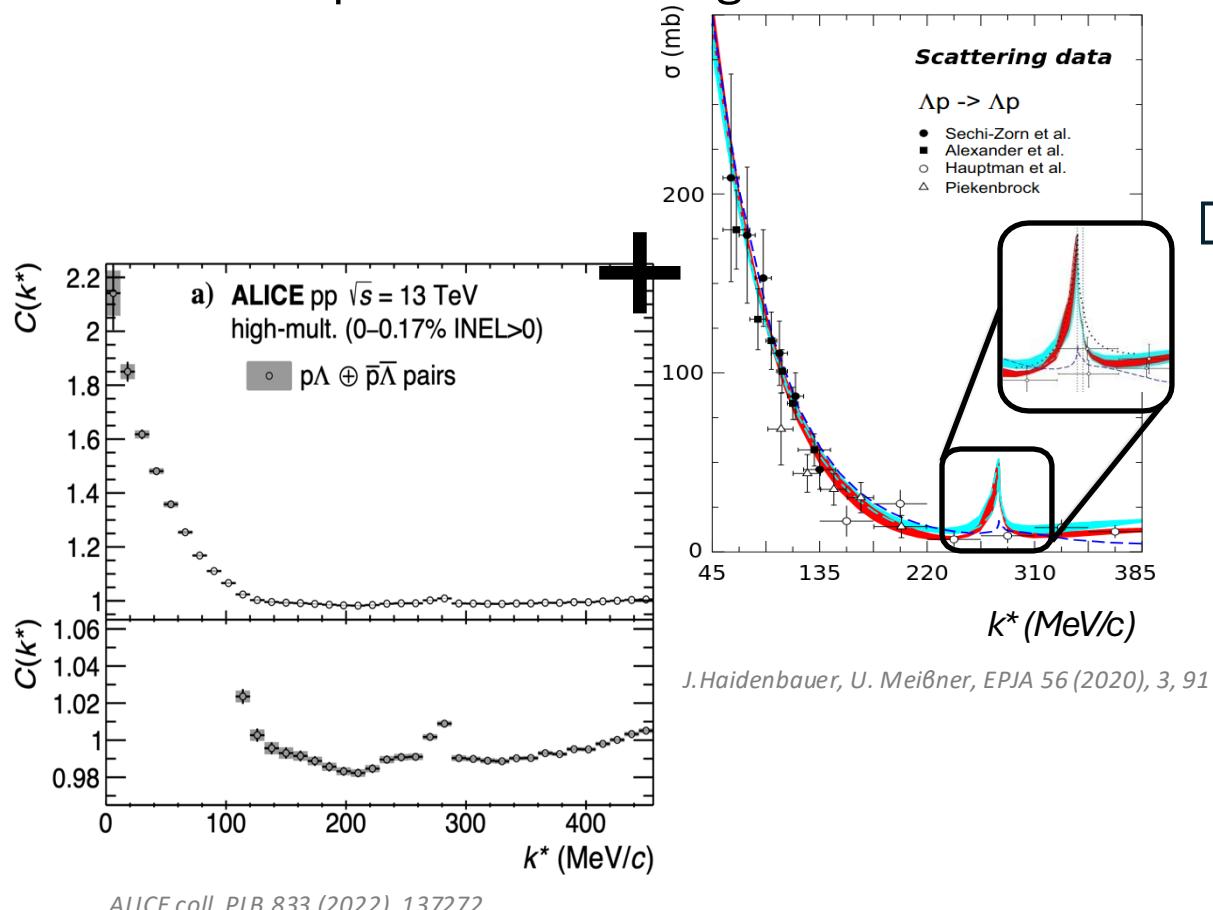
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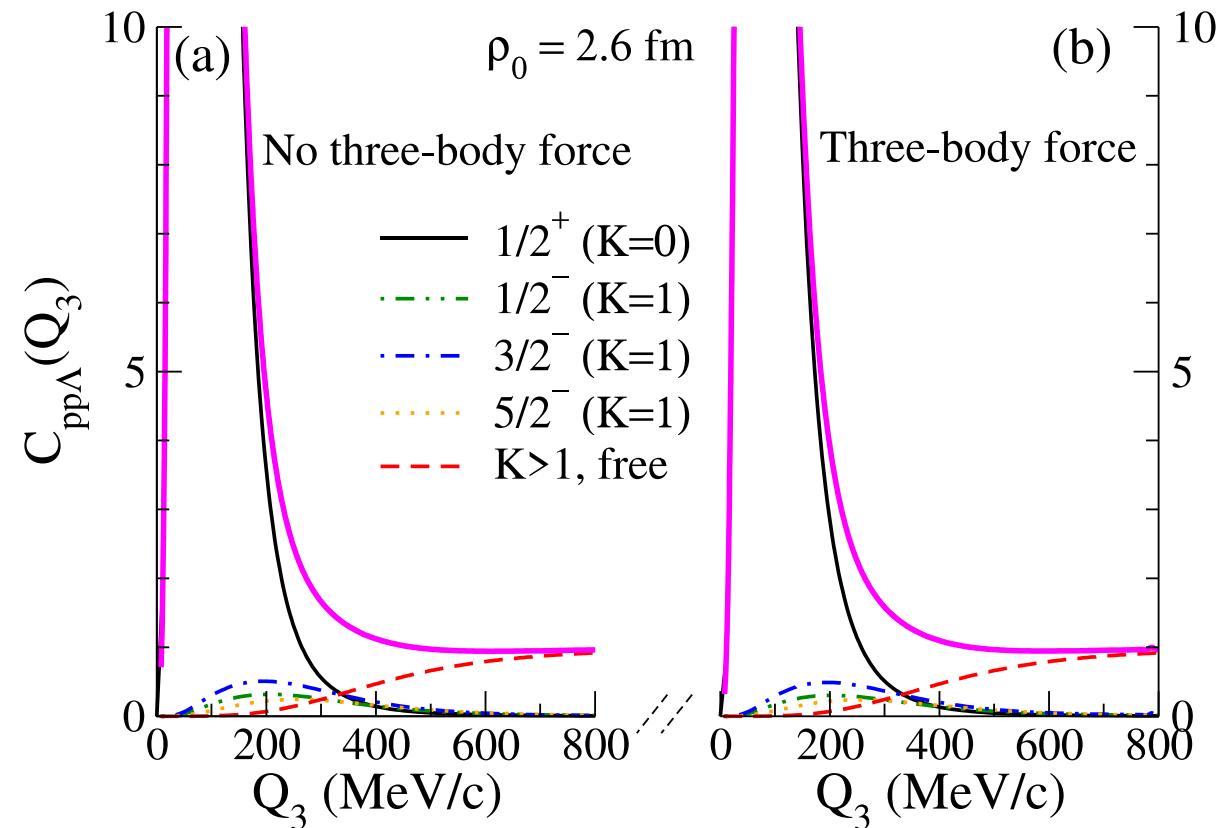
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- Λ NN interaction gives 50% effect:
only one partial wave ($K=0$) significantly contributes



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NNN using proton-deuteron correlations

- The p-d correlation function, assuming that p-p-n forms p-d

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

where $S_1(r)$ is a single-particle Gaussian source and A_d is the formation probability of a deuteron

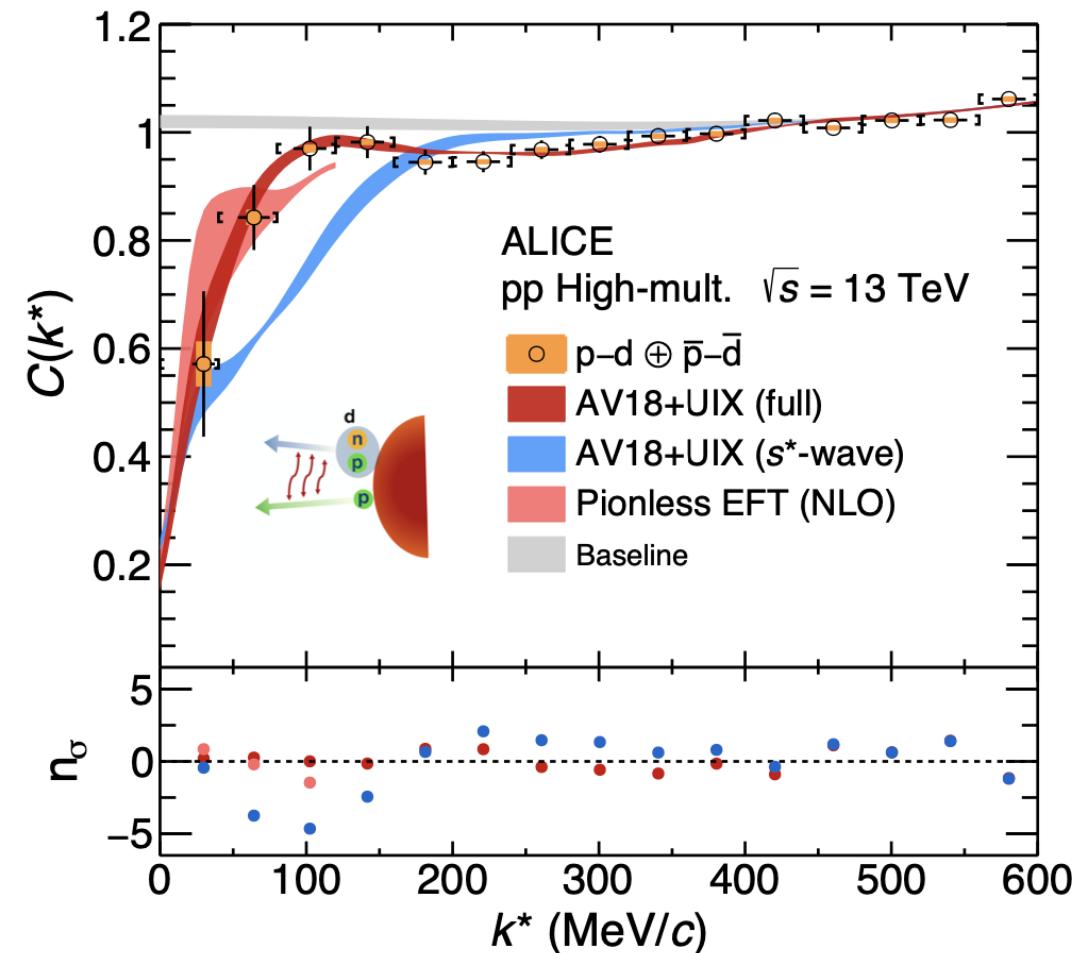
- The **three-body wavefunction** of the p-d System

$$\Psi_{m_2, m_1}(x, y) = \Psi_{m_2, m_1}^{free} + \sum_{LSJ} \sqrt{4\pi} i^L \sqrt{2L+1} e^{i\sigma_L} \left(1m_2 \frac{1}{2}m_1 | SJ_z \right) (L0SJ_z | JJ_z) \tilde{\Psi}_{LSJJ_z}$$

Asymptotic solution

Three-body dynamics

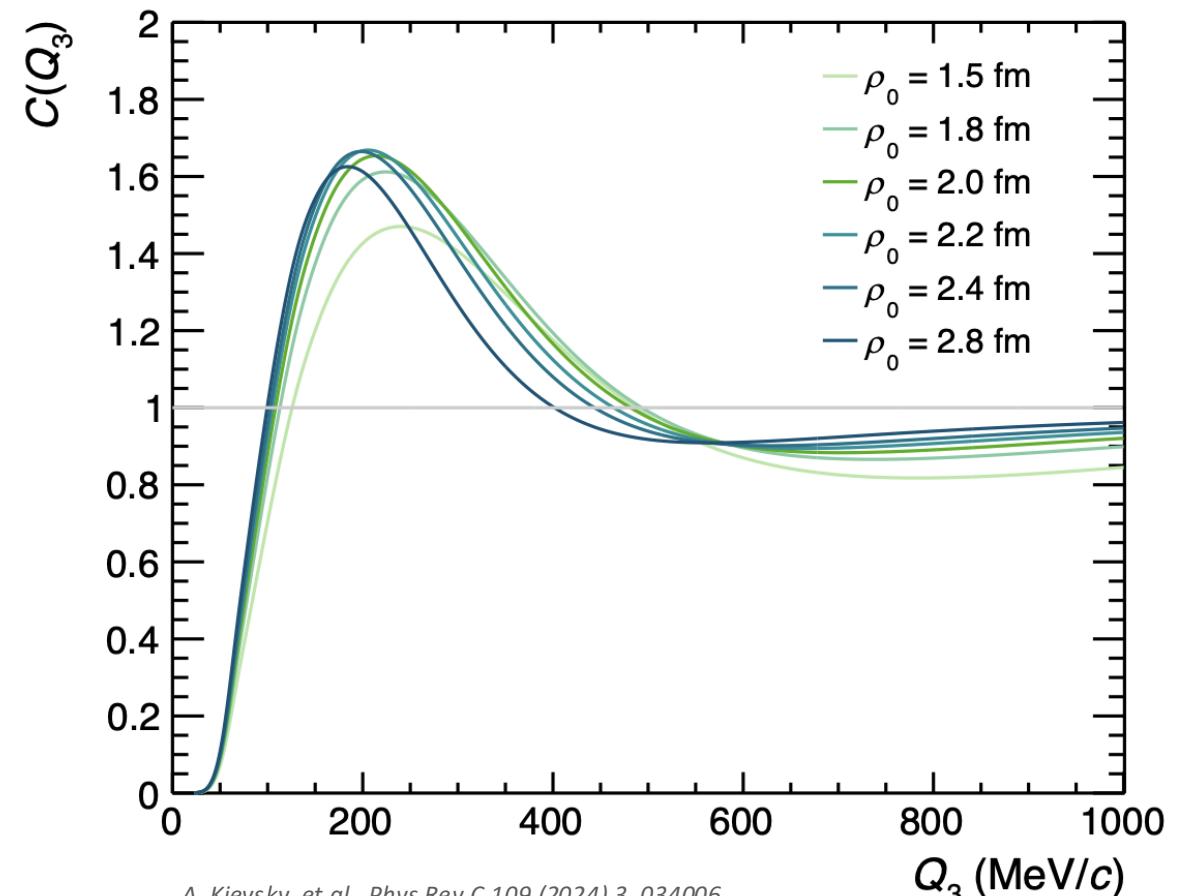
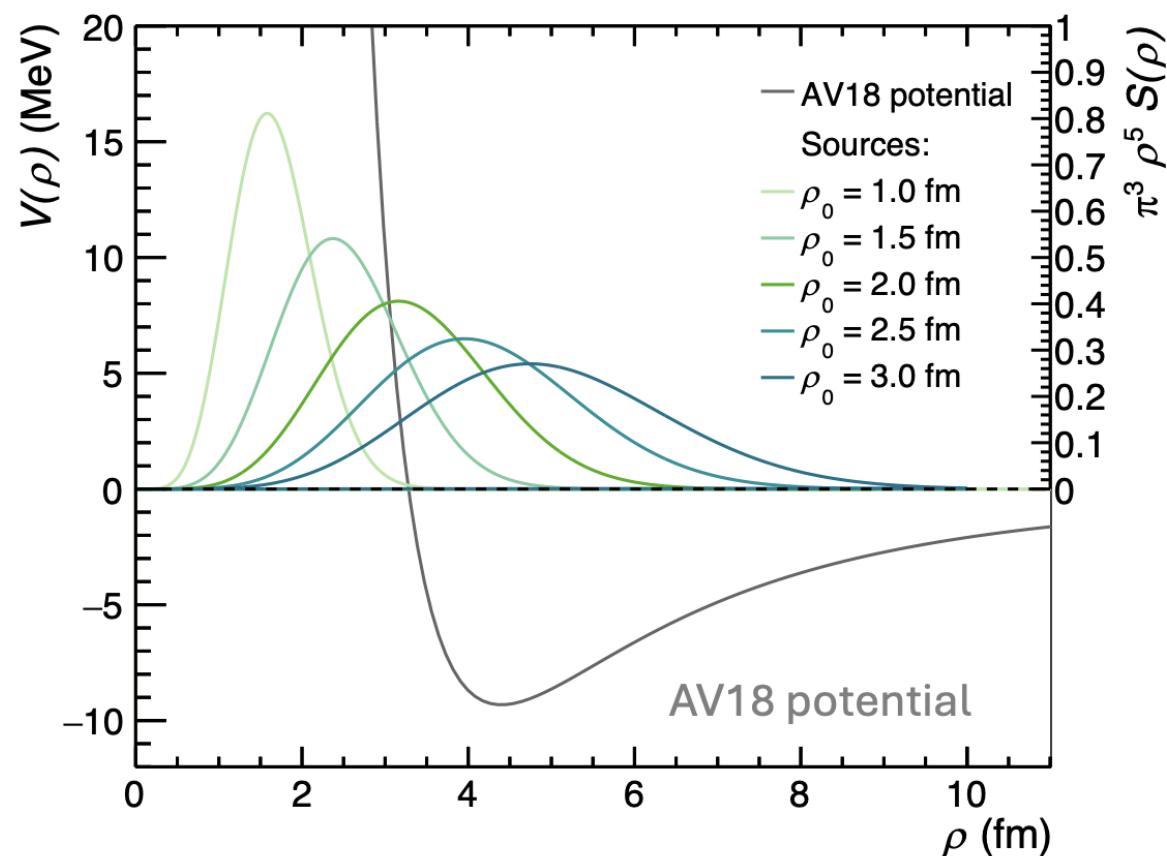
- Hadron-nuclei correlations at the LHC can be used to study many-body dynamics**



ALICE Coll. arXiv:2308.16120 (2023), accepted by PRX
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Influence of the source size

- Using m_T (source size) differential studies we can probe the interaction with the distances

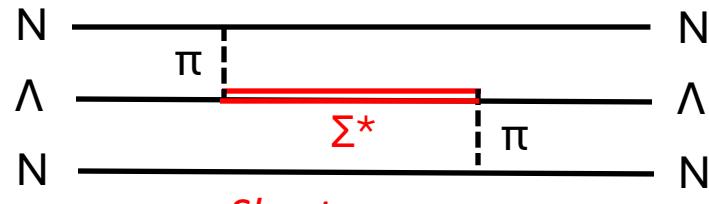


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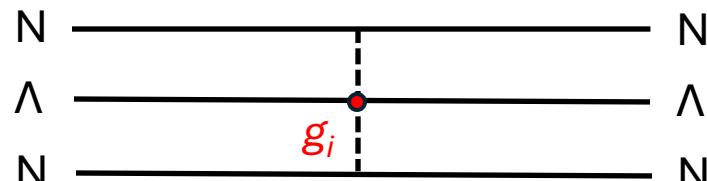
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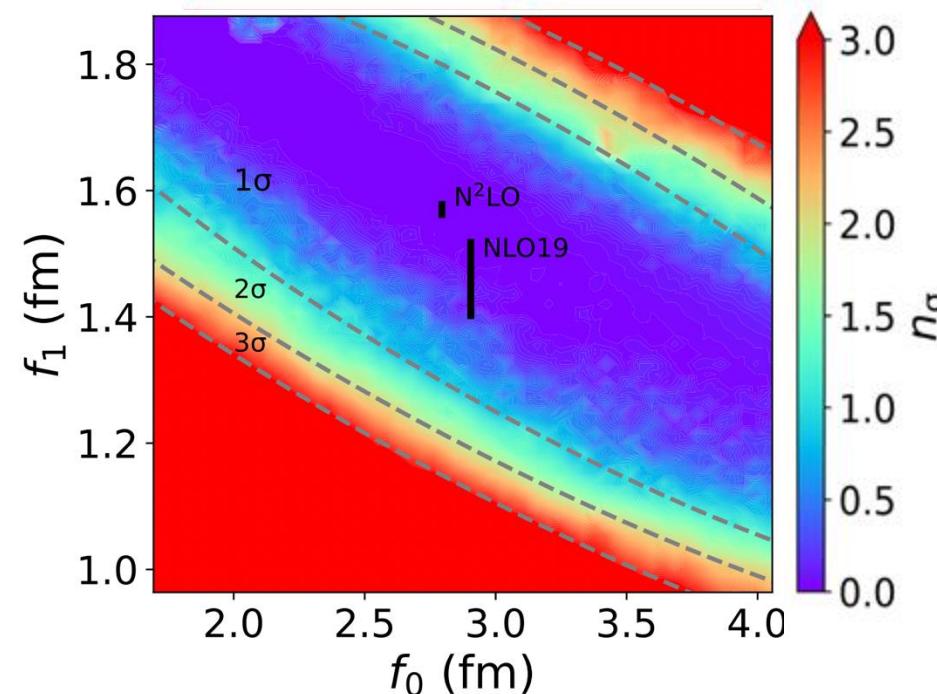
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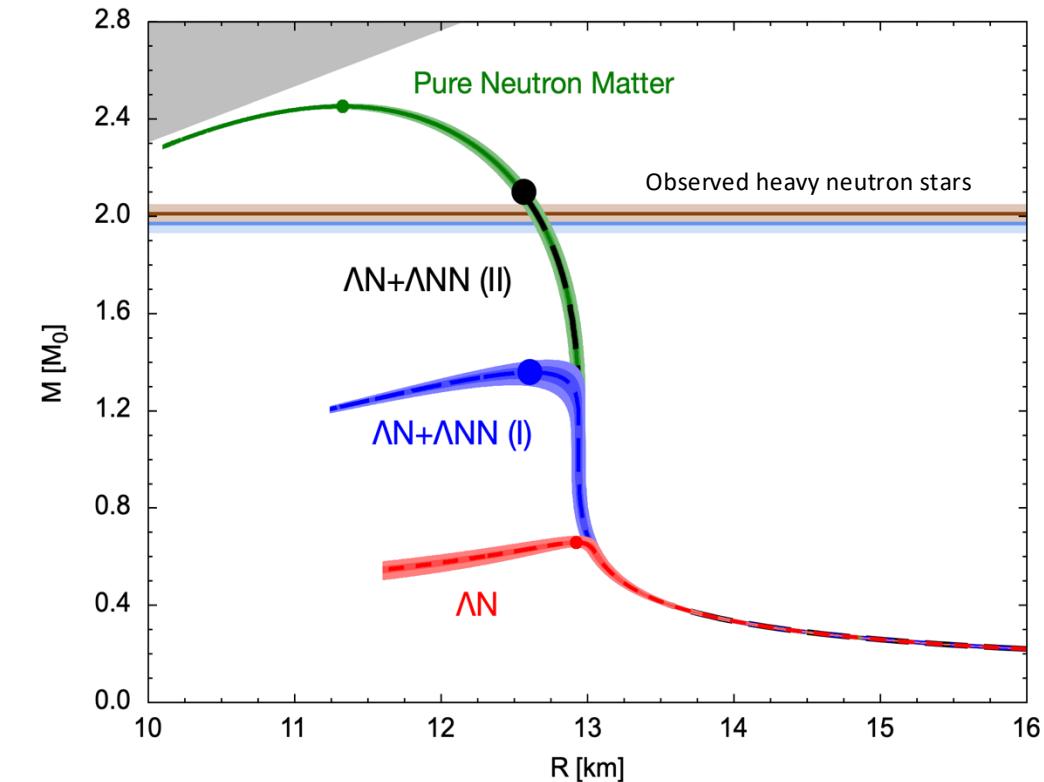
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A. Gal, E. V. Hungerford, and D. J. Millener, RMP 88, 035004 (2016)
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The $N\Lambda$ and $NN\Lambda$ interactions in neutron stars

- High density in the core of neutron stars
 - Production of hyperons as Λ at $\rho = 2-3\rho_0$ and softening of the equation of state (EoS)
 - Incompatibility with astrophysical measurements of $M_{NS} \gtrsim 2 M_\odot$
- Repulsive 3-body ΛNN interaction can stiffen the EoS but:
 - Effect on EoS largely model dependent
D. Logoteta et al., EPJA 55 (2019); D. Lonardoni et al., PRL 114 (2019)
 - Is ΛNN interaction repulsive at finite densities?
 - How can we access the short range part of the interaction?



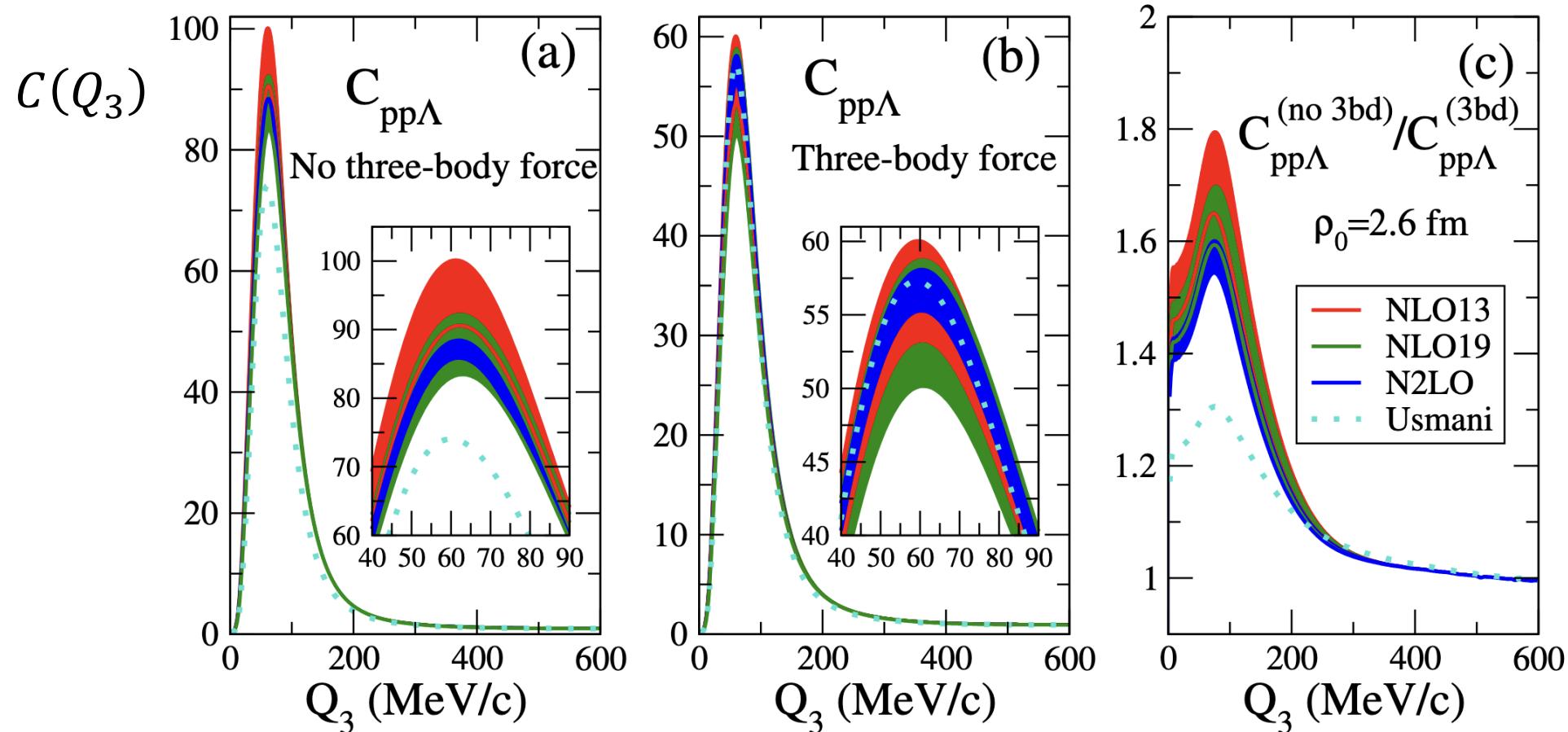
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We can exploit femtoscopy measurements

Talk by I. Vidana

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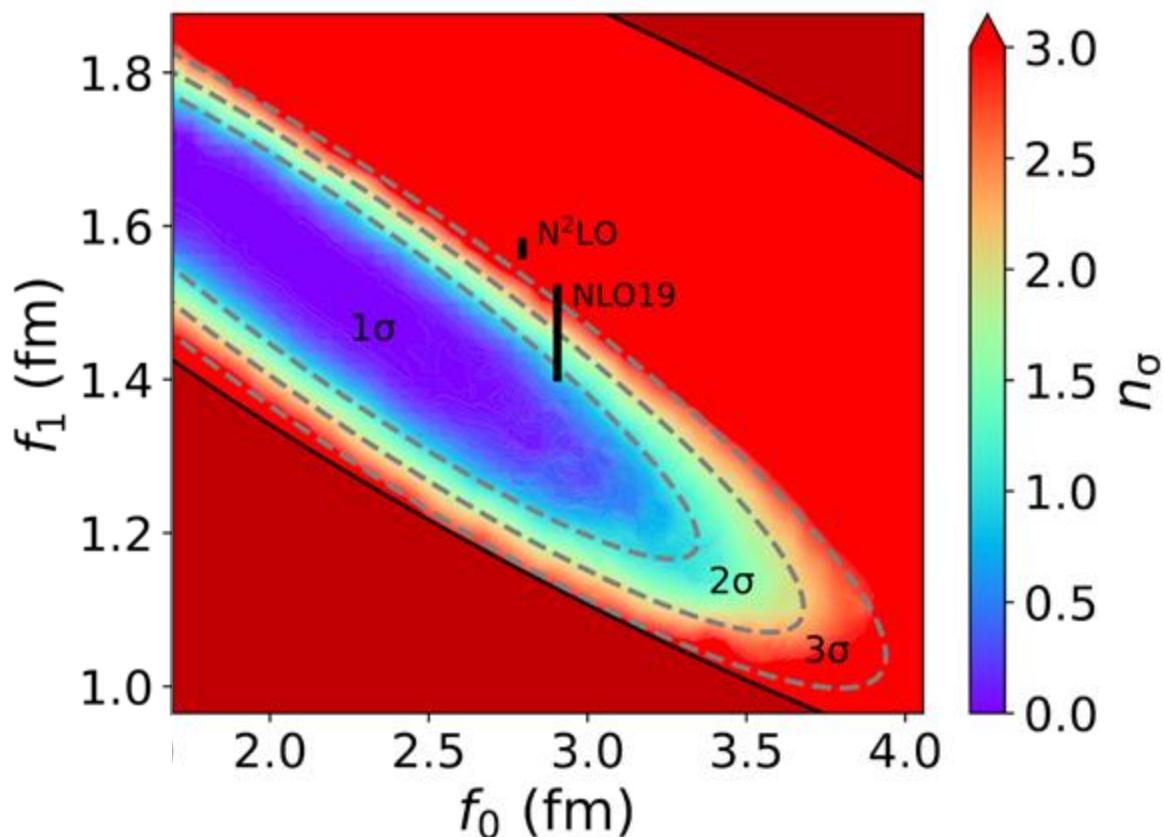
- Effect of the three-body interaction for different interaction models: 30% (Usmani) - 80% (NLO13)



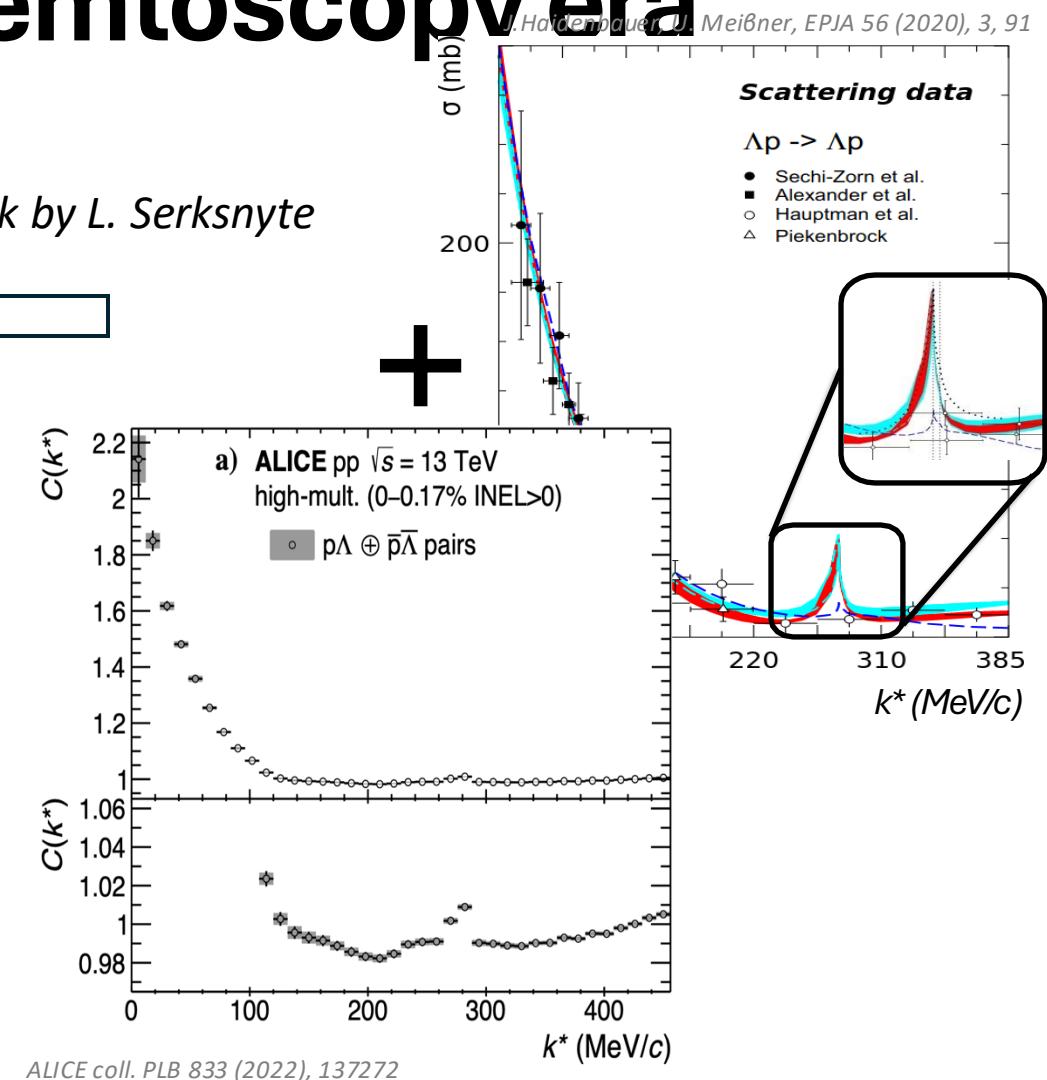
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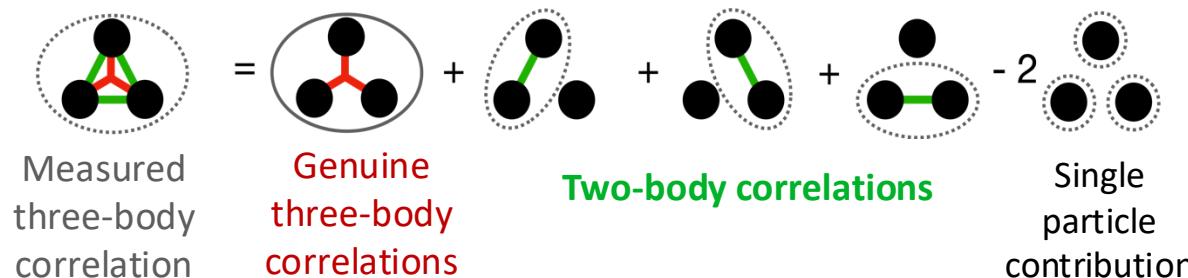


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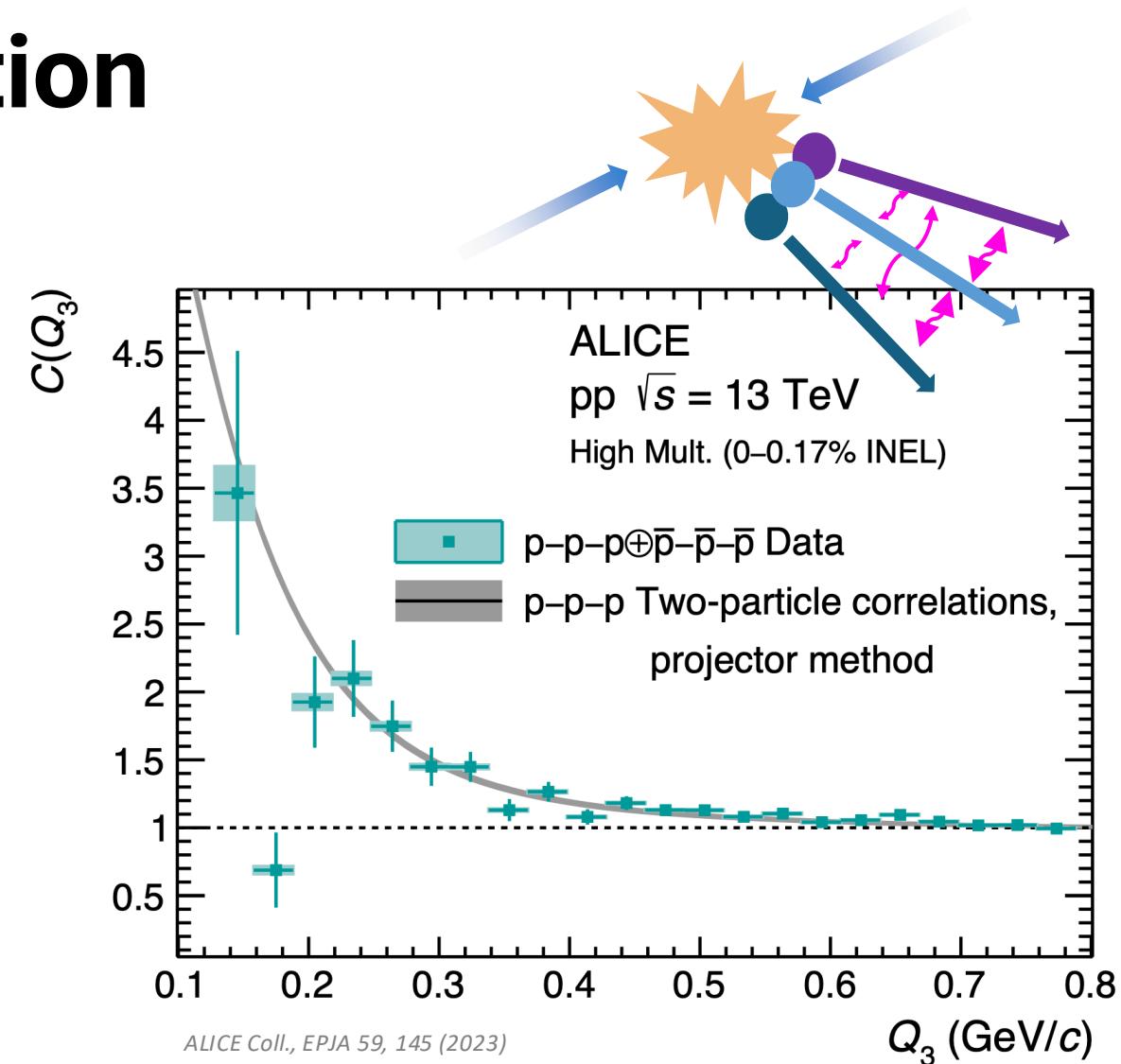
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- A deviation of $n\sigma = 6.7$ from lower-order contributions
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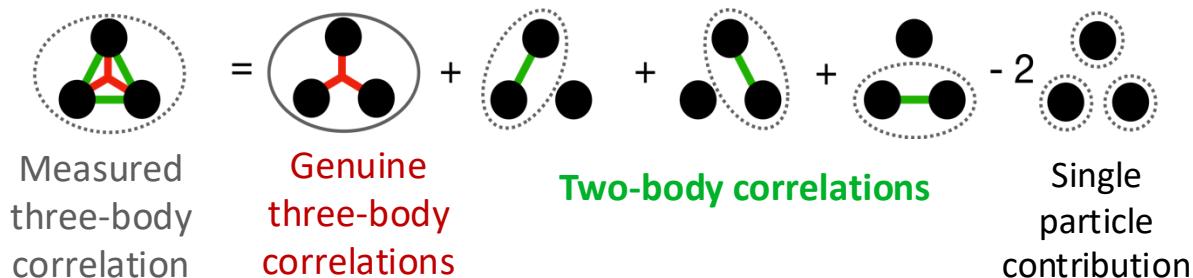


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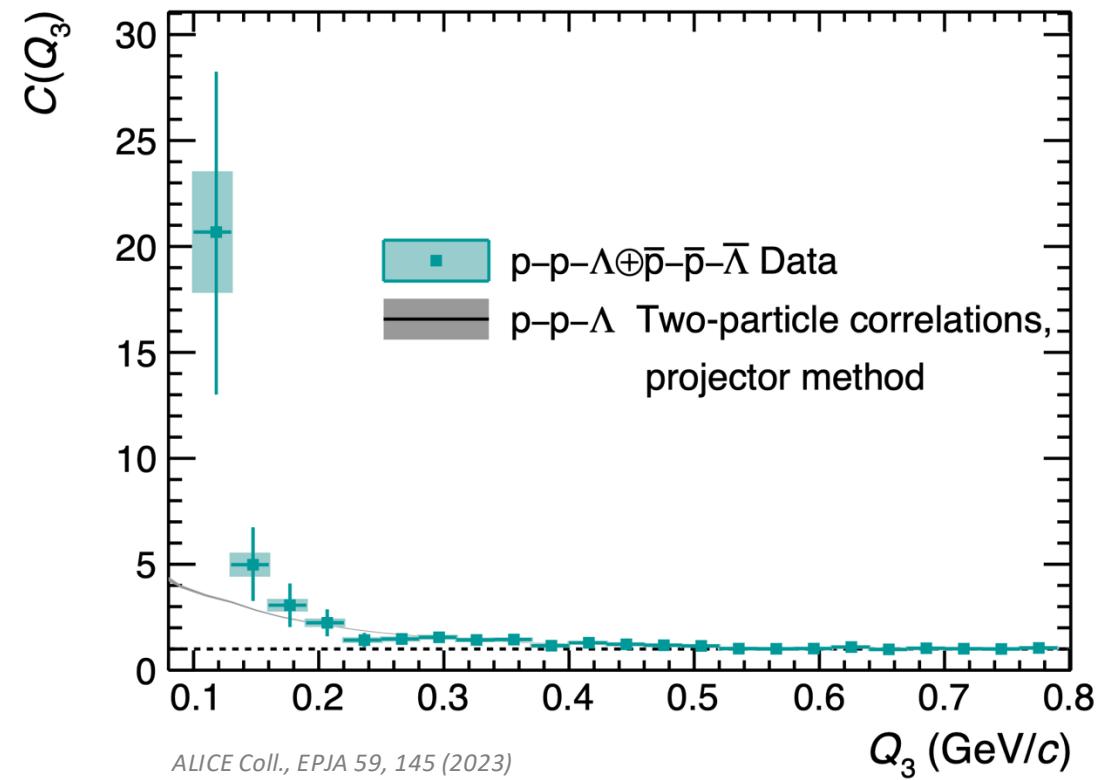
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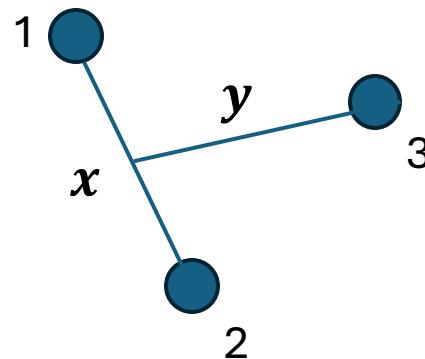


- Compatible with lower-order contributions ($n\sigma = 0.8$)



Hyperspherical Harmonics formalism

- The Jacobi coordinates:



$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1 \\ \mathbf{y} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{(1+2m/M)}} (\mathbf{r}_3 - \frac{\mathbf{r}_1+\mathbf{r}_2}{2}) \end{cases}$$

- We introduce the hyperradius and hyperangle:

$$\rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\phi = \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

- Now the 6 variables are: $(\rho, \phi, \hat{\mathbf{x}}, \hat{\mathbf{y}})$ → 1 radius, 5 angles

Hyperspherical Harmonics formalism

Defining the wave function as:

$$\psi = \sum_{[K]} \rho^{-5/2} \textcolor{blue}{u}_{[K]}(\rho) Y_{[K]}(\Omega)$$

Schroedinger equation with the interaction:

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 \textcolor{blue}{u}_{[K]}(\rho)}{\partial \rho^2} - \frac{(K + 3/2)(K + 5/2)}{\rho^2} \textcolor{blue}{u}_{[K]}(\rho) \right) + \sum_{[K']} U_{[K][K']}(\rho) \textcolor{blue}{u}_{[K']}(\rho) = Q^2 \textcolor{blue}{u}_{[K]}(\rho)$$

Where the hypercentral potential is obtained as

$$U_{[K][K']}(\rho) = \int d\Omega Y_{[K]}^*(\Omega) [V_{12} + V_{23} + V_{31} + V_{123}] Y_{[K']}(\Omega)$$

Kaon/Proton-deuteron correlation

- Effective two-body system
 - Coulomb + Strong interactions via Lednický model; only s-wave
 - Anchored to scattering experiments
 - Emission source: from m_T scaling

System	Spin averaged		$S = 1/2$		$S = 3/2$	
	a_0 (fm)	d_0 (fm)	a_0 (fm)	d_0 (fm)	a_0 (fm)	d_0 (fm)
p-d			$1.30^{+0.20}_{-0.20}$	—	$11.40^{+1.80}_{-1.20}$	$2.05^{+0.25}_{-0.25}$
			$2.73^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$	$2.27^{+0.12}_{-0.12}$	$11.88^{+0.10}_{-0.40}$	$2.63^{+0.01}_{-0.02}$
			4.0	—	11.1	—
			0.024	—	13.8	—
			$-0.13^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$	—	$14.70^{+2.30}_{-2.30}$	—
K ⁺ -d	-0.470	1.75				
	-0.540	0.0				

**R. Lednický and V. L. Lyuboshits Sov. J. Nucl. Phys. 35 (1982)

$$C(k^*) = 1 + \sum_S \rho_S \left[\frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{f(k^*)^S}{r_0} \right|^2 \left(1 - \frac{d_0^S}{2\sqrt{\pi}r_0} \right) + \frac{2\Re f(k^*)^S}{\sqrt{\pi}r_0} F_1(2k^*r_0) - \frac{2I f(k^*)^S}{\sqrt{\pi}r_0} F_2(2k^*r_0) \right]$$

R. Lednický, Phys. Part. Nucl. 40, 307(2009)
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S = spin state

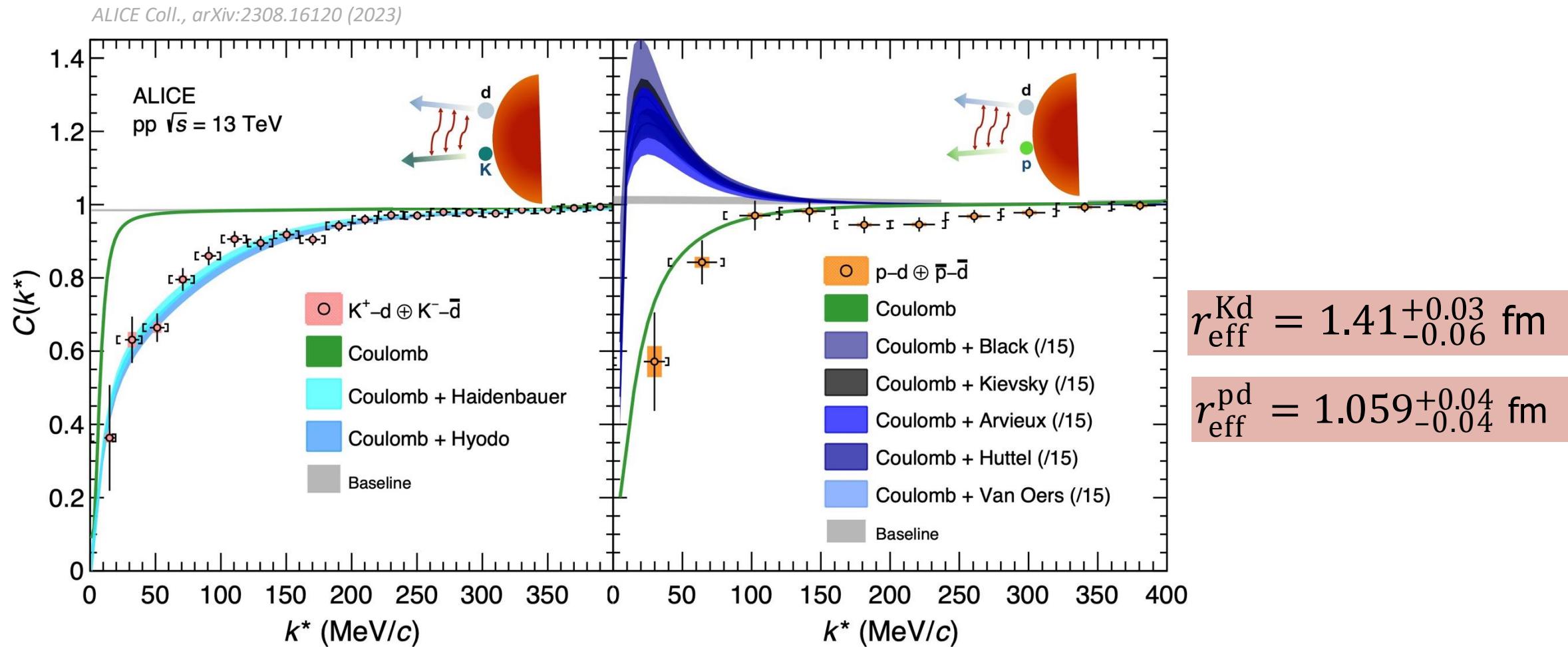
d_0^S = effective range

f_0^S = scattering length

$$f(k^*)^S = \left(\frac{1}{f_0^S} + \frac{1}{2} d_0^S k^{*2} - ik^* \right)^{-1}$$

$$S(r) = (4\pi r_0^2)^{-3/2} \cdot \exp \left(-\frac{r^2}{4r_0^2} \right)$$

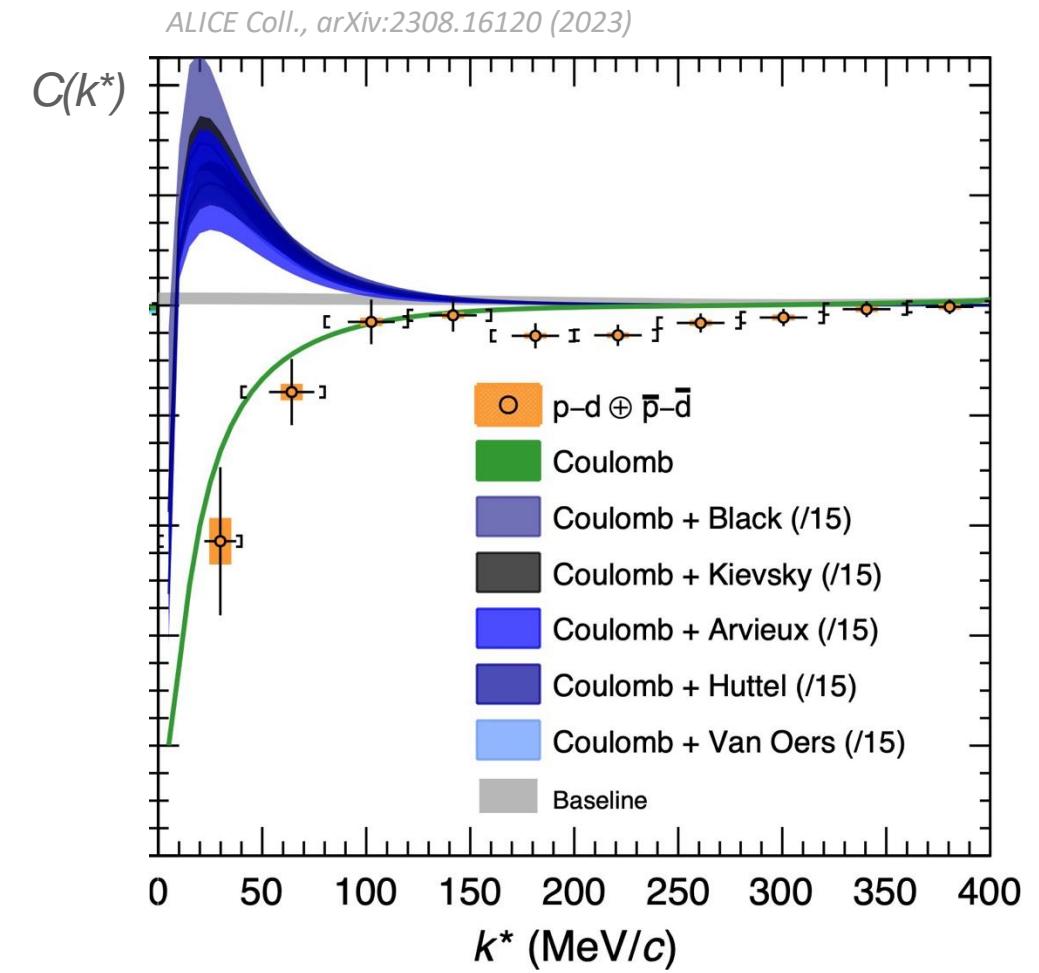
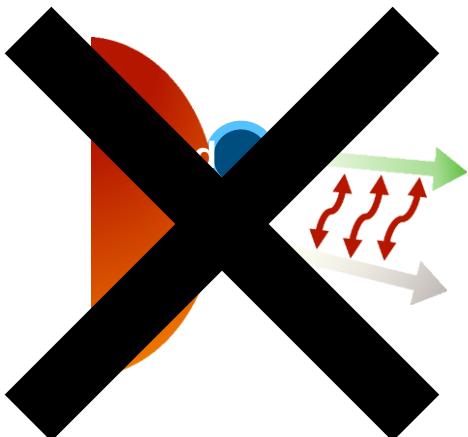
Kaon/Proton-deuteron correlation



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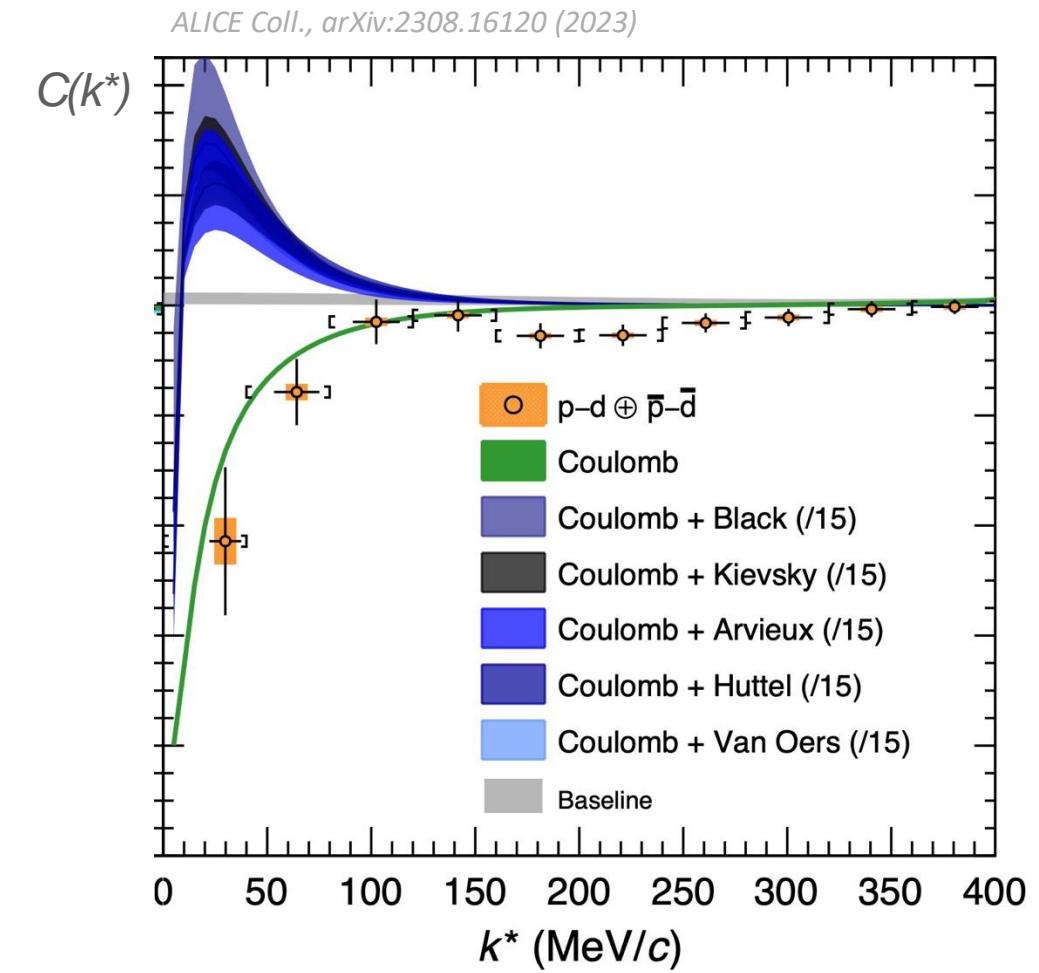
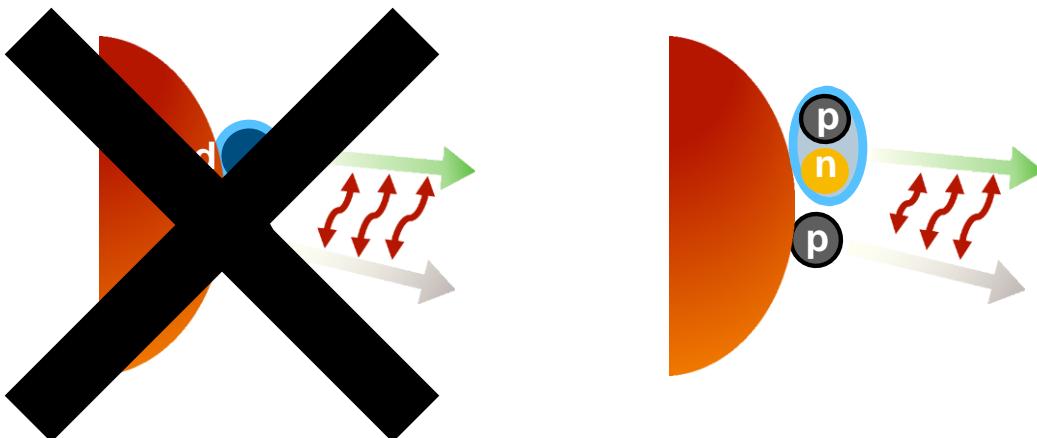
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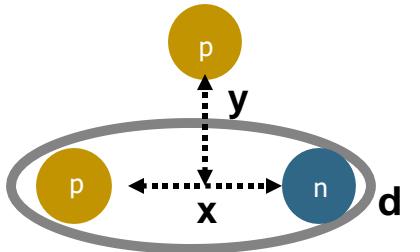
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Calculation done by PISA theory group: Michele Viviani,
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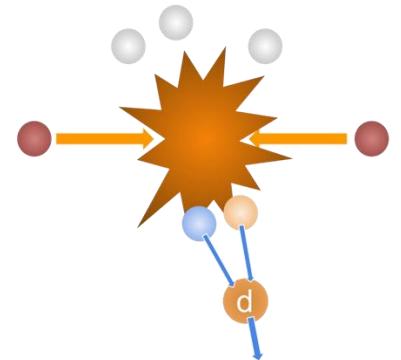
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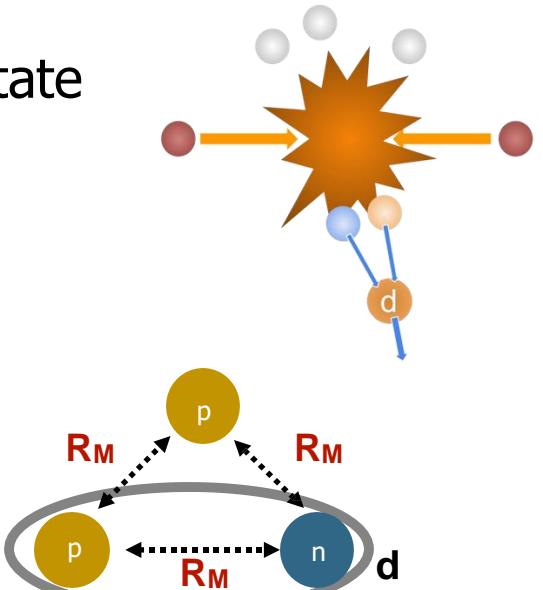
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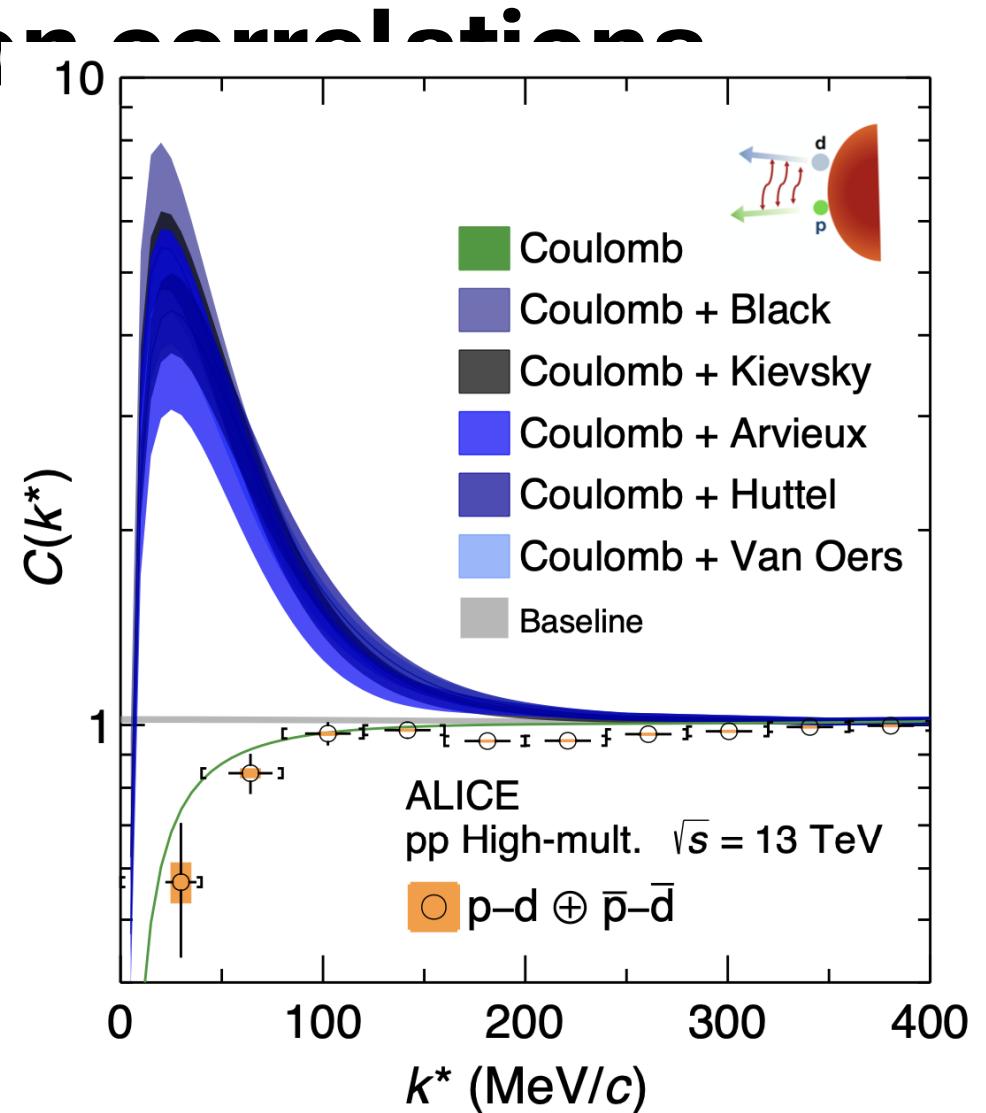
NNN using proton-deuteron correlations

- 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);
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- 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), accepted by PRX

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.

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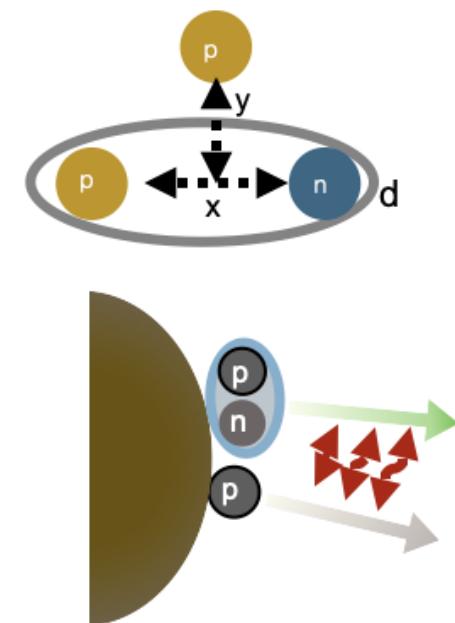
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Asymptotic form

Strong three-body interaction

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



Kievsky et al, Phys. Rev. C 64 (2001) 024002

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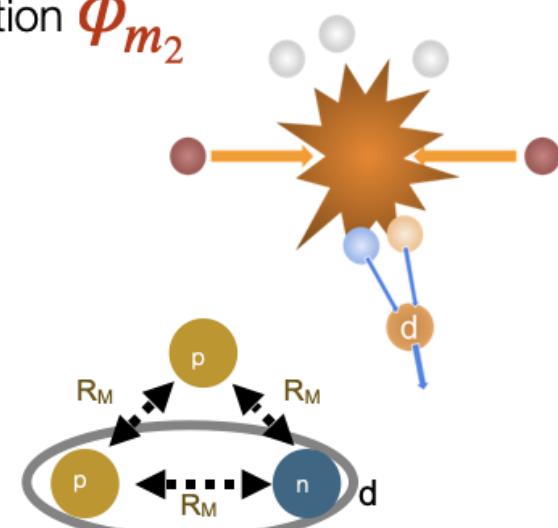
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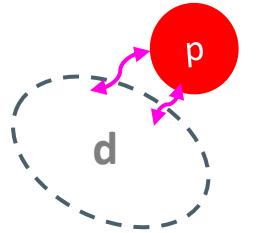
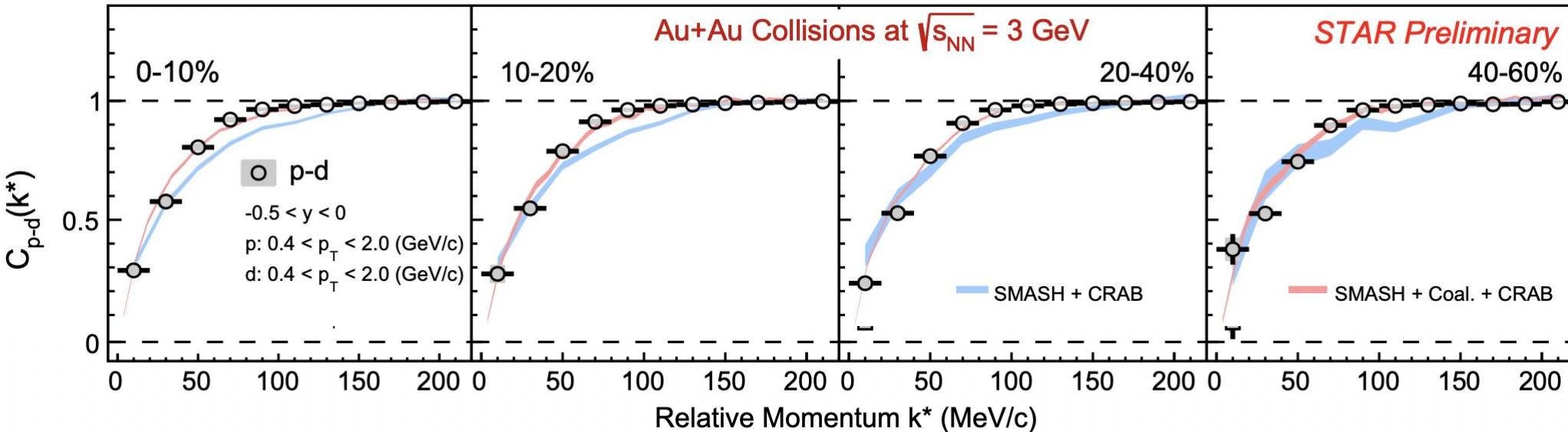
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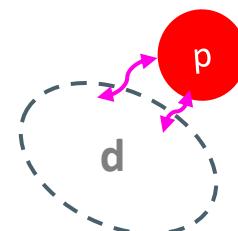
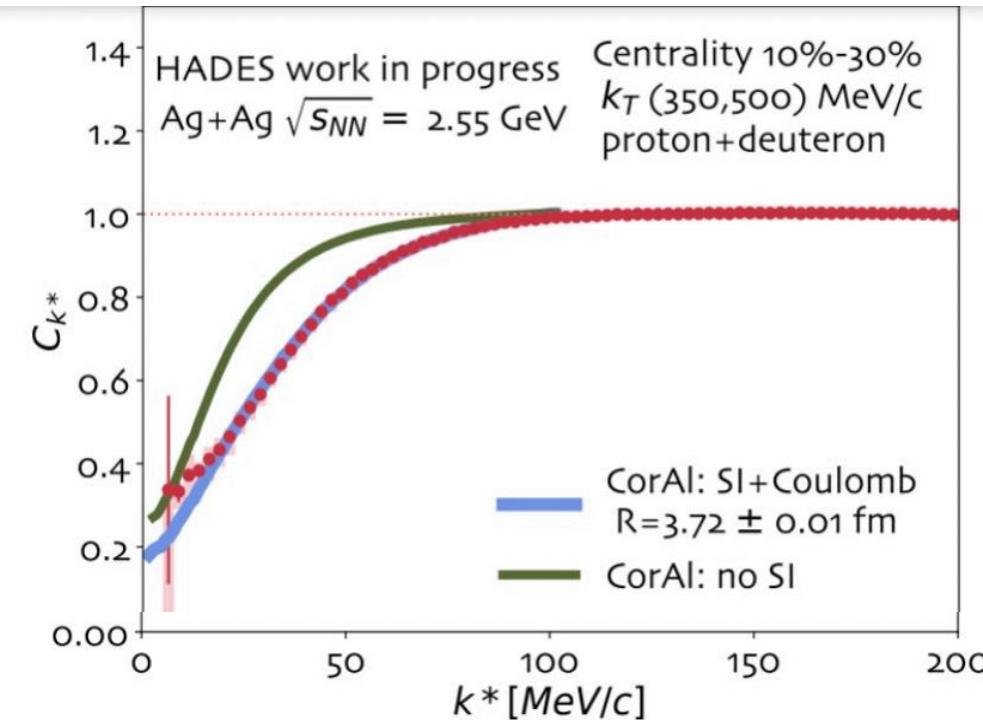
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2: CorAI by Scott Pratt: <https://github.com/scottEdwardpratt/coral>