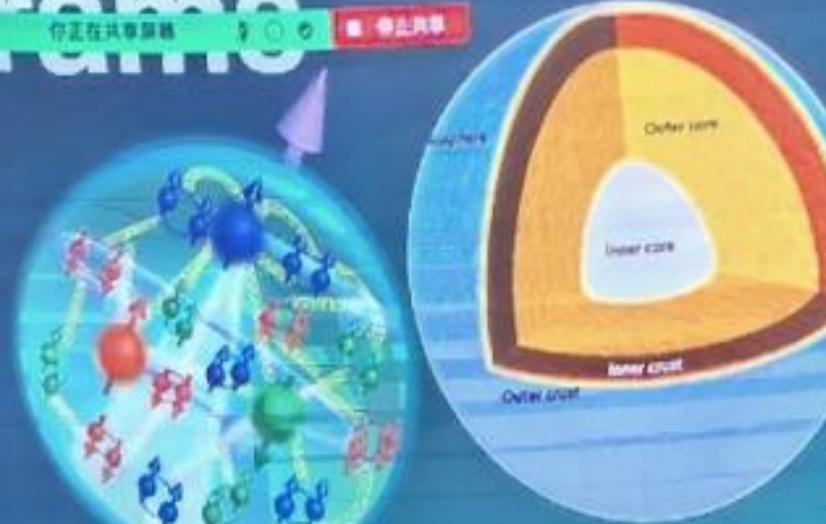


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Recent progress in Femtoscopic studies

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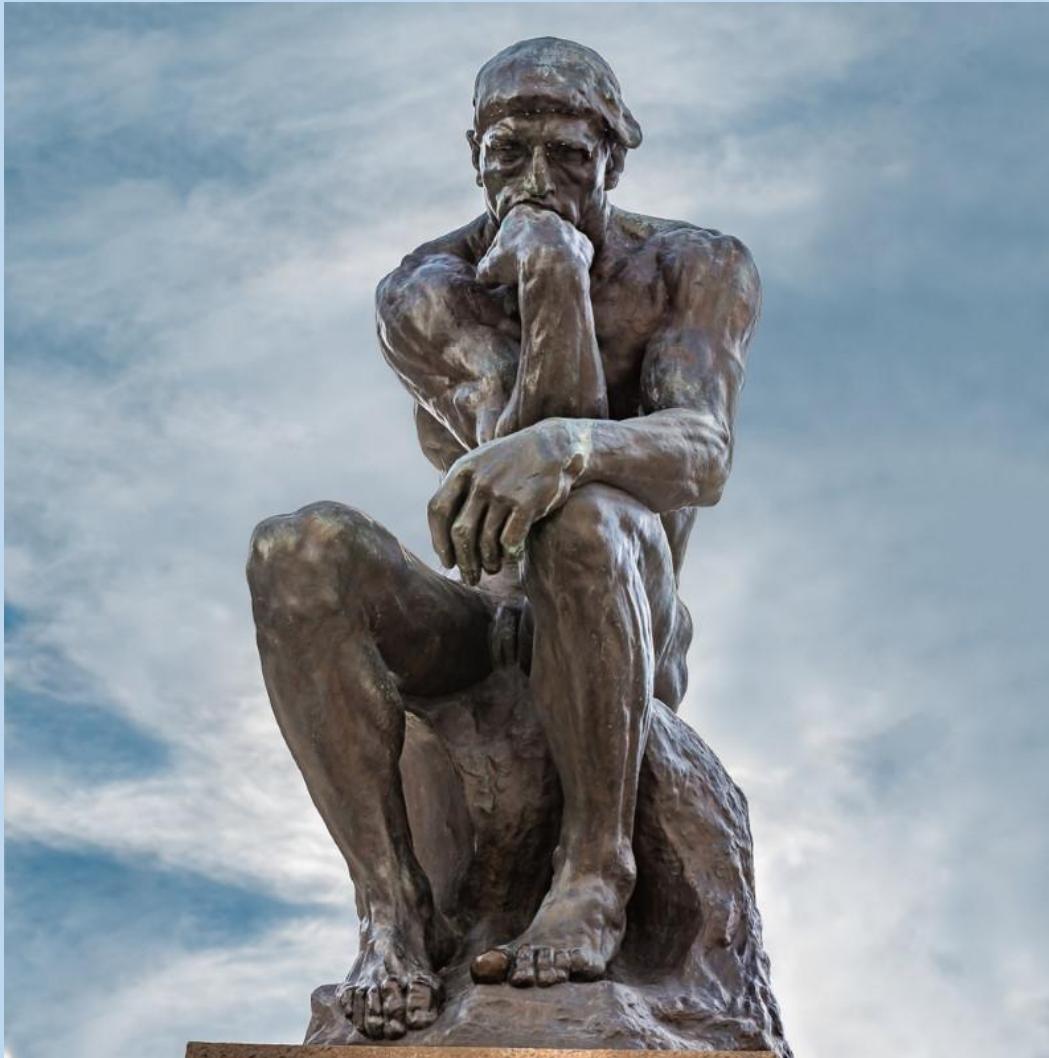
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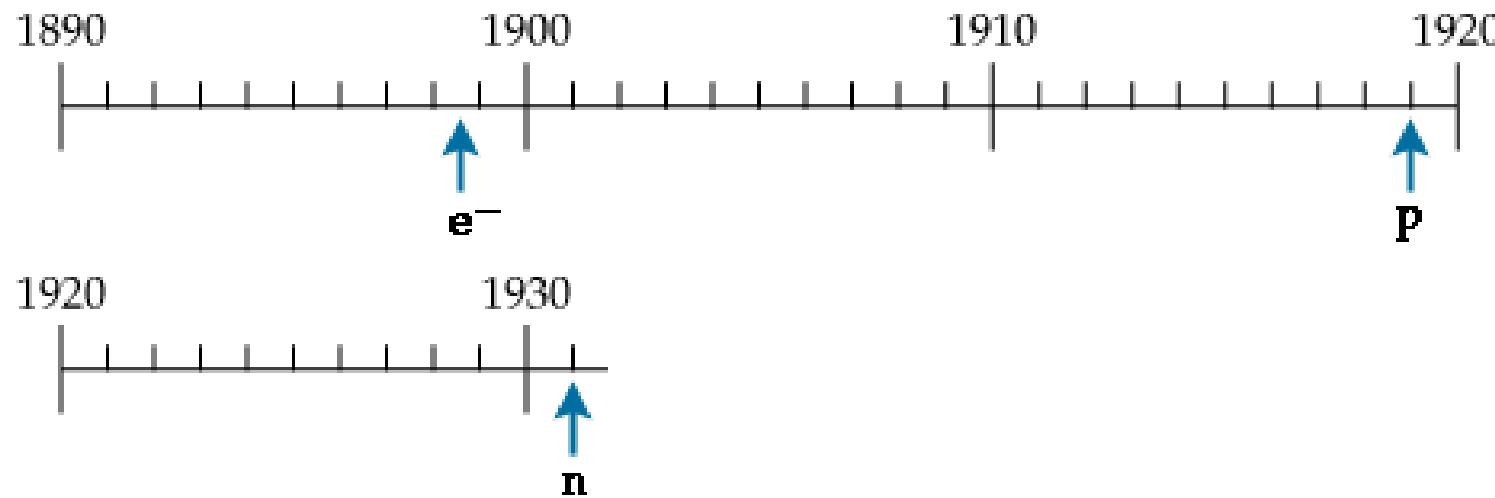


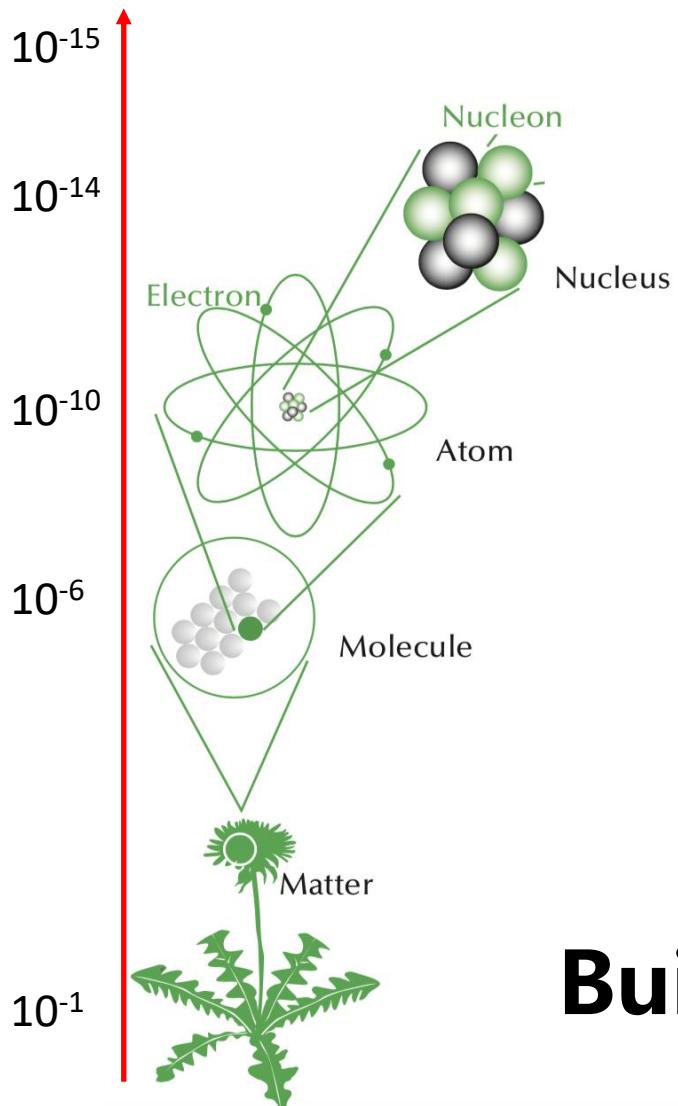
The Thinker by Auguste Rodin

- **What are the basic building blocks of NATURE?**
- **How do they interact with one another?**

The world was once very simple

Particles discovered before 1932

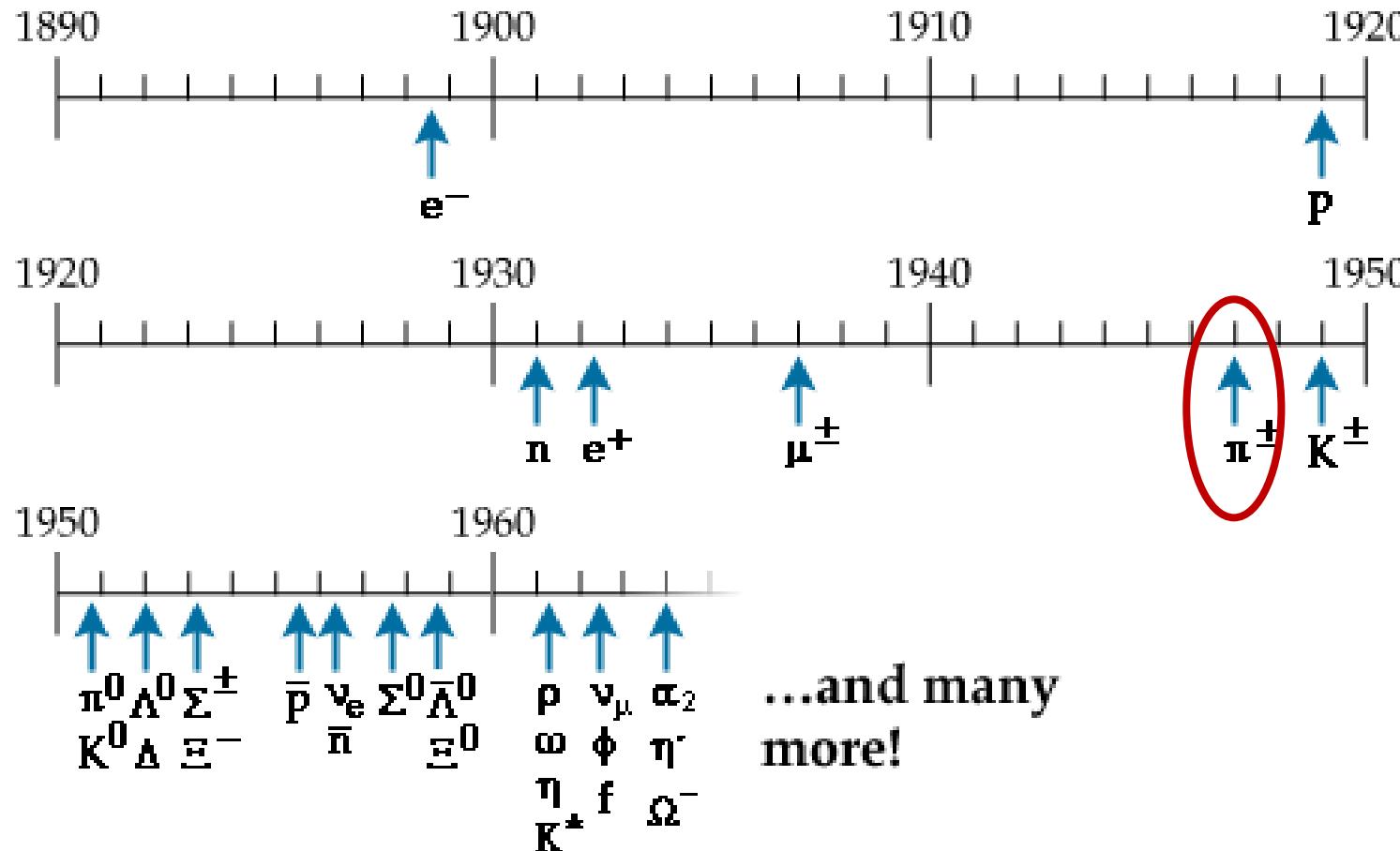




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3 Li lithium [6.94, 6.997] [9.0122]	4 Be beryllium [9.0122]
5 B boron [10.806, 10.812]	6 C carbon [12.006, 14.008] [15.999, 16.005] [16.998]
7 N nitrogen [14.006, 14.007]	8 O oxygen [16.000, 16.003] [16.997, 17.000] [18.000]
9 F fluorine [18.000]	10 Ne neon [20.160]
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15 P phosphorus [31.000]	16 S sulfur [32.059, 32.076] [34.966, 35.457] [37.932, 39.946]
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27 Co cobalt [58.913]	28 Ni nickel [58.693]
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33 As arsenic [74.944]	34 Se selenium [78.97(8)]
35 Br bromine [79.91(8)]	36 Kr krypton [83.79(8)]
37 Rb rubidium [85.498]	38 Sr strontium [87.62]
39 Y yttrium [88.908]	40 Zr zirconium [91.24(2)]
41 Nb niobium [92.908]	42 Mo molybdenum [95.95]
43 Tc technetium [101.07(2)]	44 Ru ruthenium [102.91]
45 Rh rhodium [106.42]	46 Pd palladium [107.87]
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49 In indium [118.71]	50 Sn tin [121.76]
51 Sb antimony [126.90]	52 Te tellurium [127.60(5)]
53 I iodine [131.29]	54 Xe xenon [139.901]
55 Cs cesium [132.931]	56 Ba barium [137.33]
57-71 La lanthanoids [176.492]	72 Hf hafnium [180.95]
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85 At astatine [217.26]	86 Rn radon [219.98]
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89-103 Ac actinoids [232.04]	104 Rf rutherfordium [231.04]
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115 Mc moscovium [238.02]	116 Lv livermoreum [239.02]
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Building up the atomic world

Many particles observed in the 1950/60s



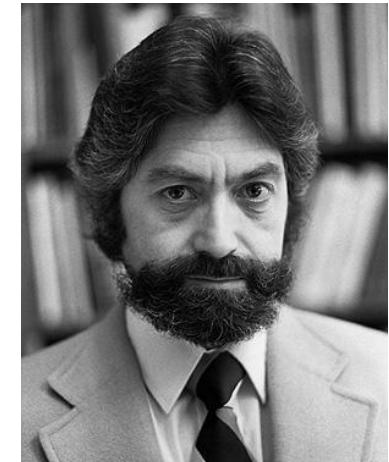
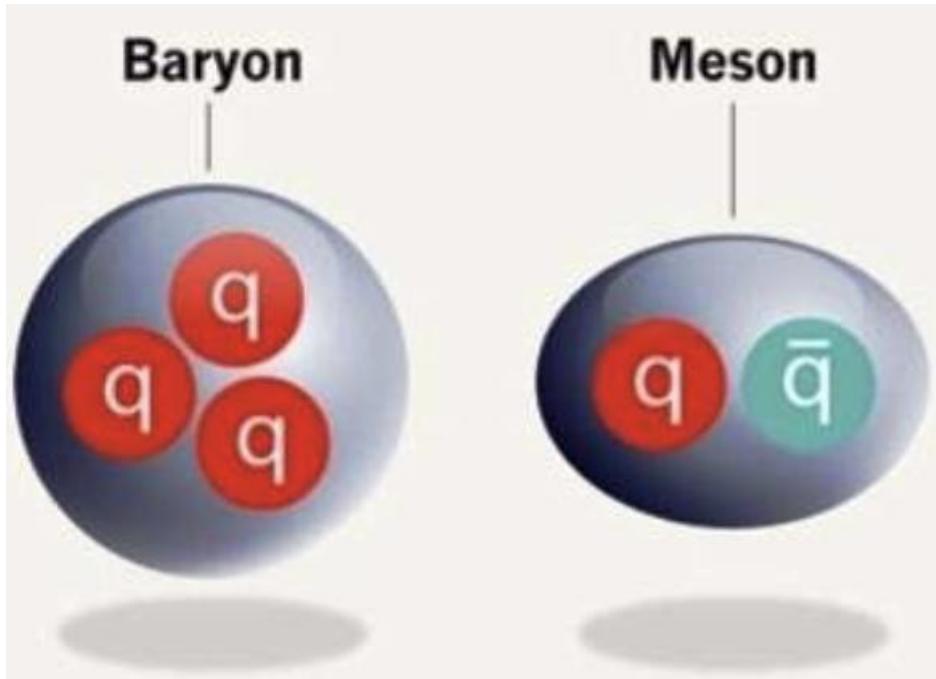
They cannot all be “elementary particles” !

Naive QM: hadron structure

1964

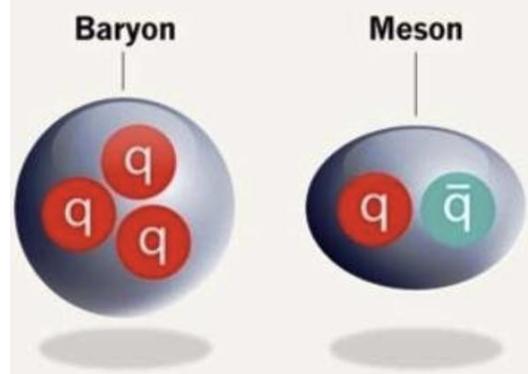


Murray Gell-Mann



George Zweig

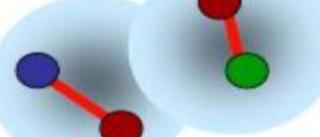
Beyond Naïve QM hadrons, more complicated structures allowed



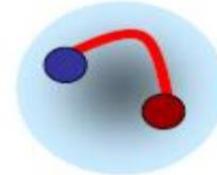
Conventional Hadrons

Exotic Hadrons

Hadronic molecule



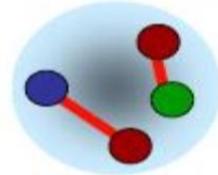
Hybrid



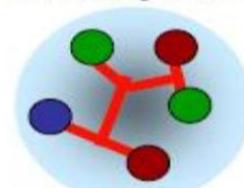
Glueball



Tetraquark



Pentaquark

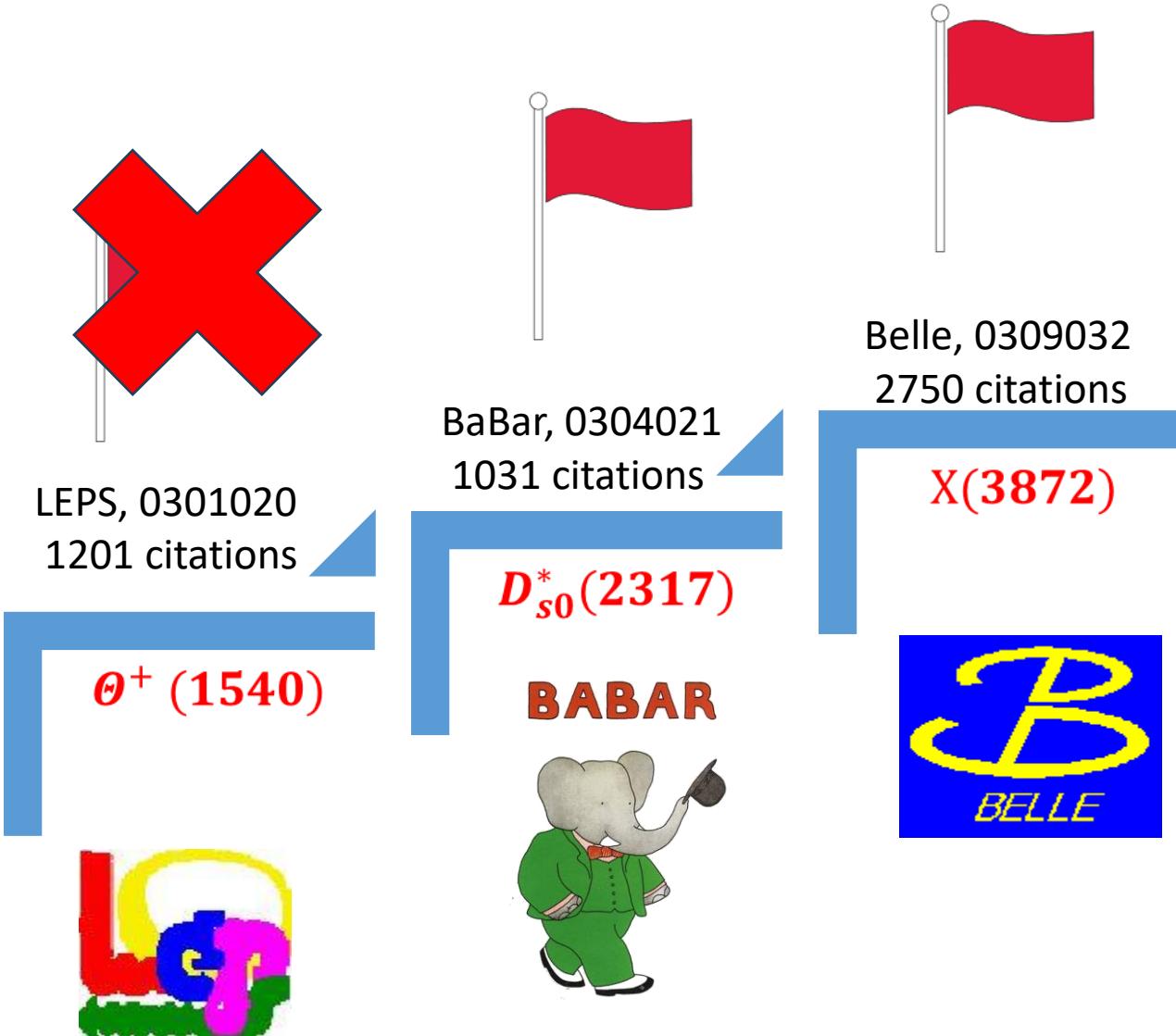


Naïve quark models more or less fine until 2003

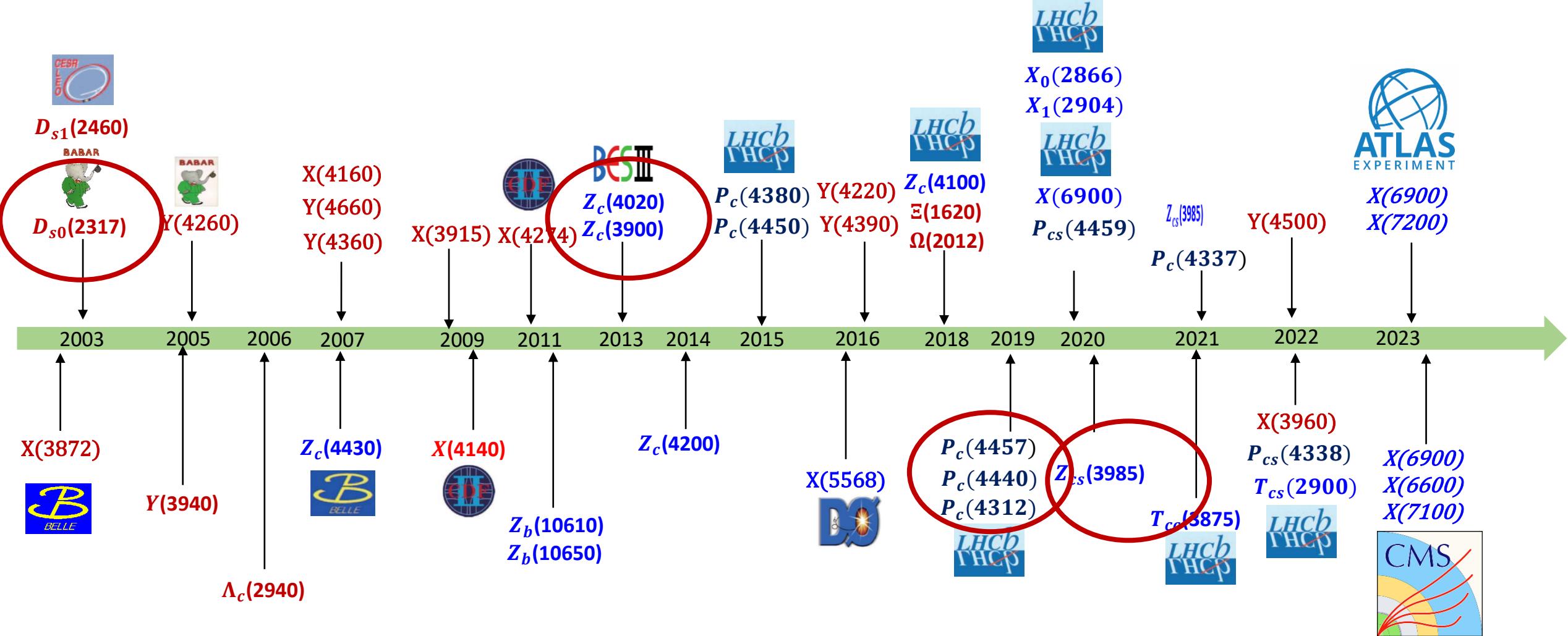
$\Lambda(1405)$, $N^*(1535), \dots$
 $f_0(500)$, $f_0(980)$, $a_0(980)$, ...

2003—the beginning of a new era

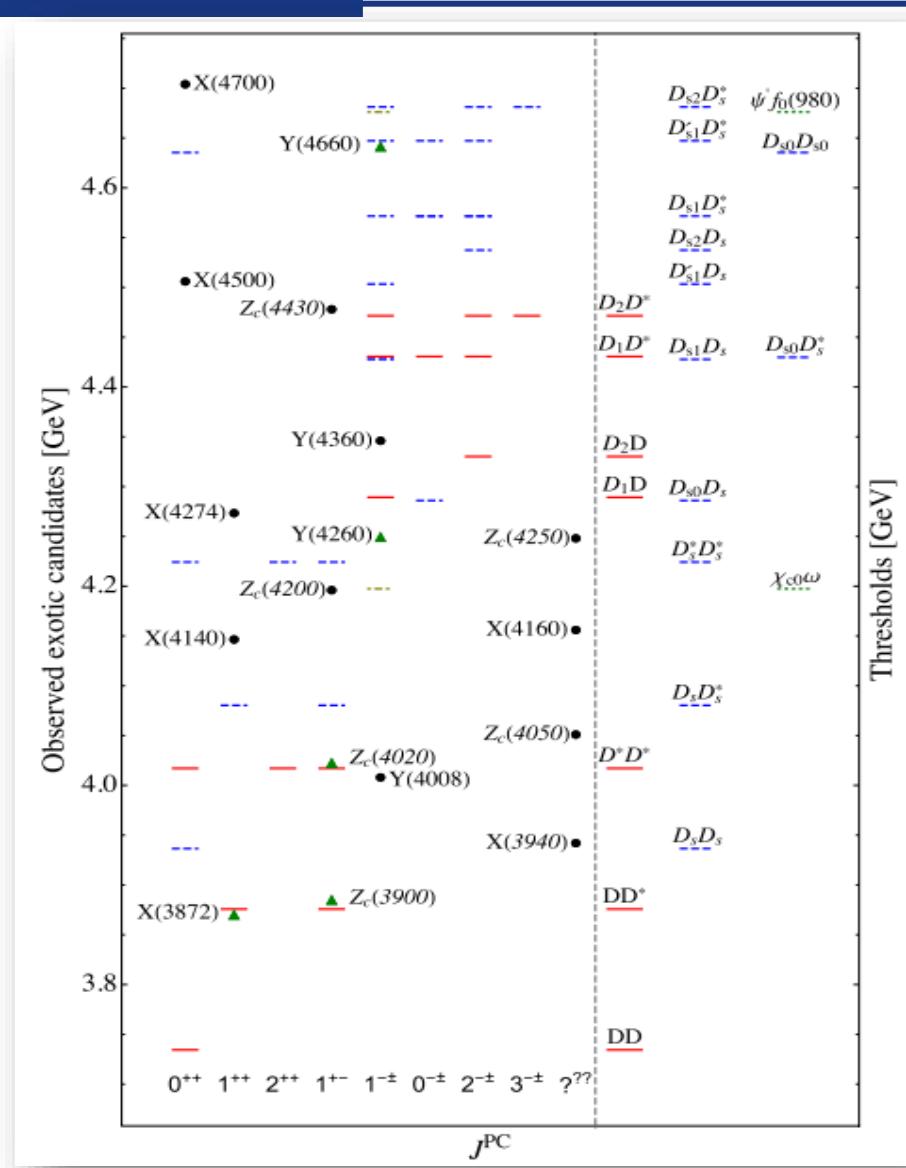
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Many more exotic hadrons discovered



Many (if not all) of them close to thresholds—molecules



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Three ways to decipher the nature of exotic hadrons: Multiplets, three-body hadronic molecules, and correlation functions



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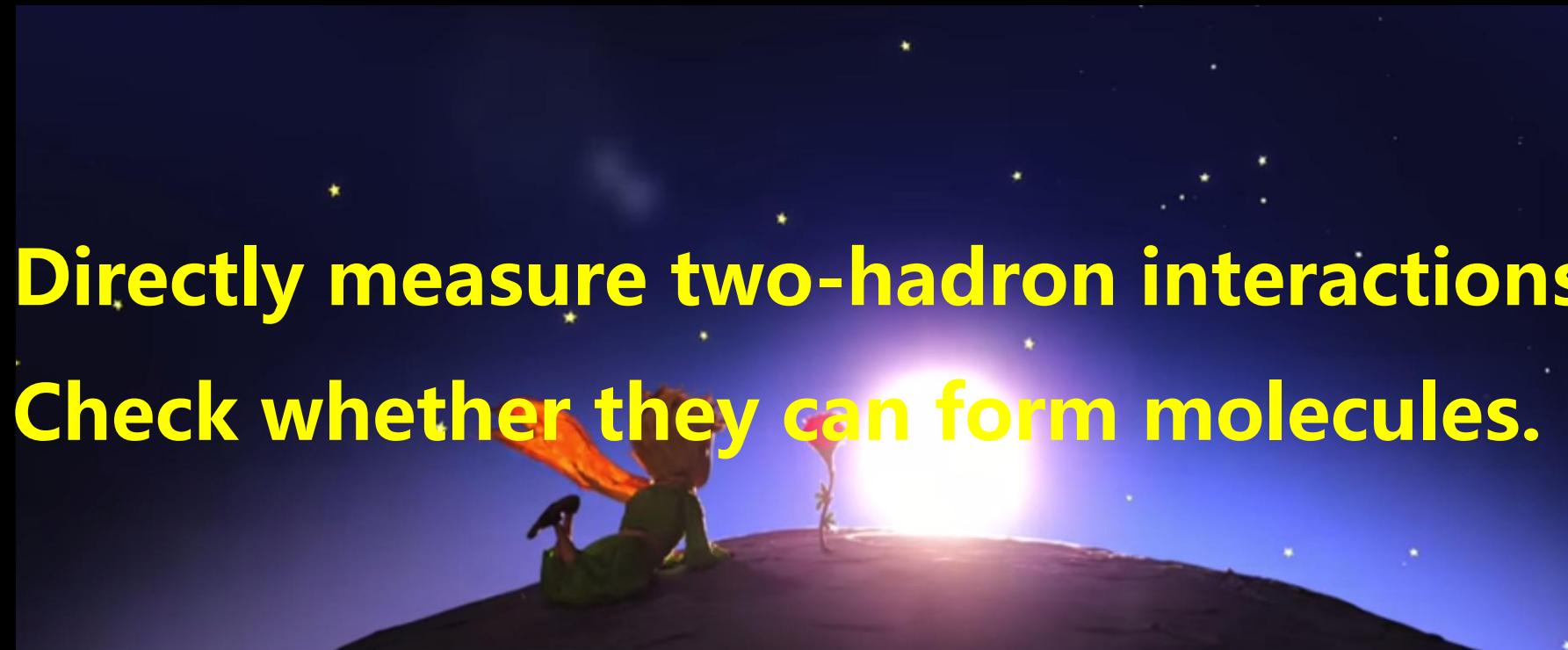
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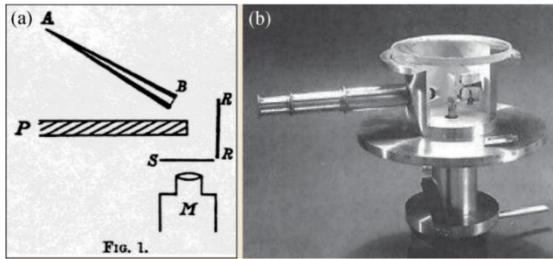
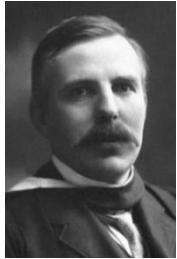
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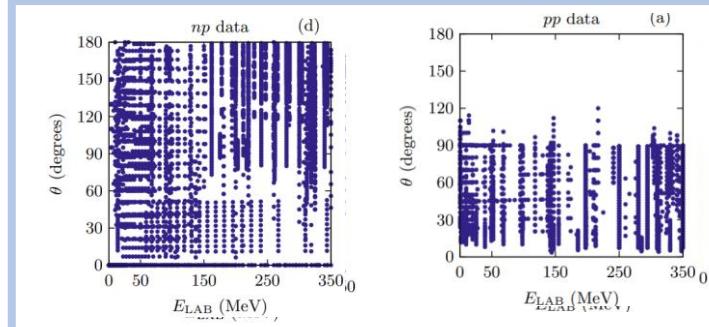


New probe—femtoscopic correlation functions

- For stable hadrons, scattering experiments are extremely valuable in extracting their interactions



Ernest Rutherford Rutherford Scattering Experiment



- NN scattering, 8125 data
- Foundation of high-precision nuclear force

- For unstable particles, direct scattering experiments are impossible!

- Difficult to get large quantity of beam particles
- No fixed targets available

$\Lambda p \rightarrow \Lambda p$	$\Sigma^- p \rightarrow \Lambda n$	$\Sigma^+ p \rightarrow \Sigma^+ p$	$\Sigma^- p \rightarrow \Sigma^- p$	$\Sigma^- p \rightarrow \Sigma^0 n$
12	6	4	7	6

- Hyperon-nucleon low energy scattering, 35 data
- Hindering hyper-nuclear physics and neutron star studies

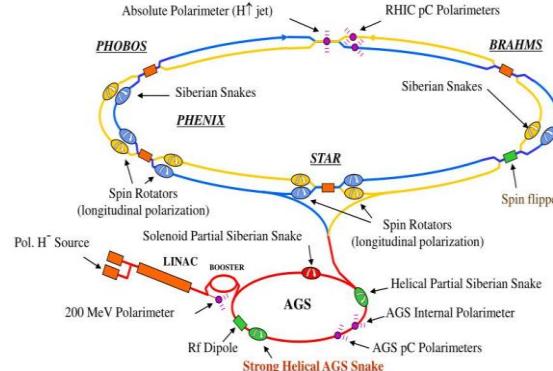
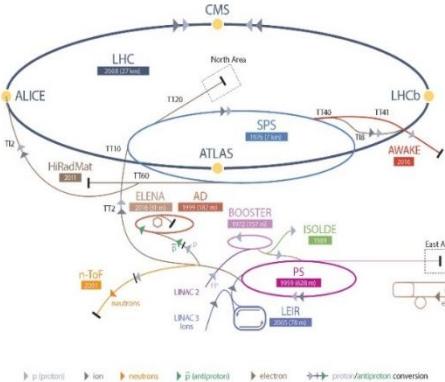
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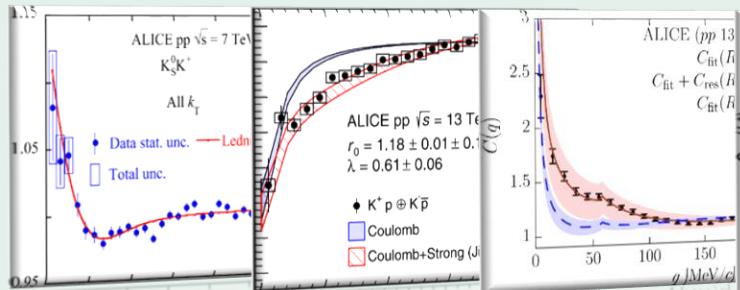
The Large Hadron Collider



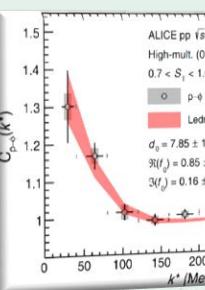
RHIC
Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider



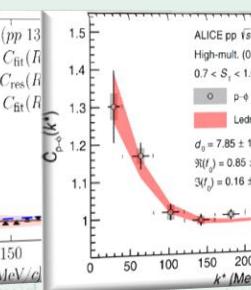
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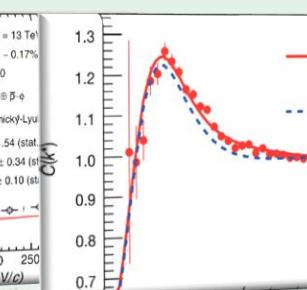
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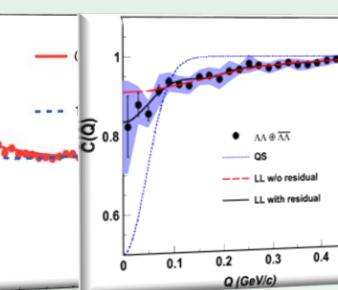
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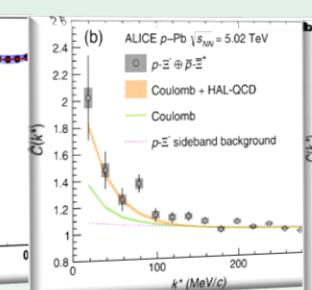
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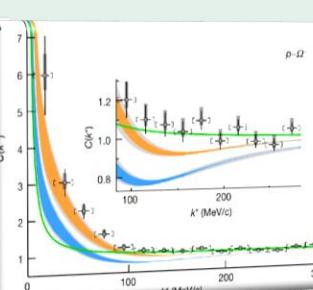
$p\bar{p}$



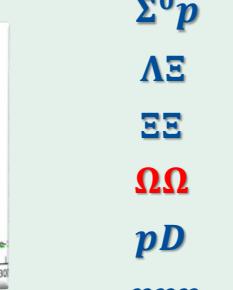
$\Lambda\Lambda$



$\Xi^- p$



$\Omega^- p$



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$K^- d$

$\Sigma^0 p$

$\Lambda \Xi$

$\Xi \Xi$

$\Omega \Omega$

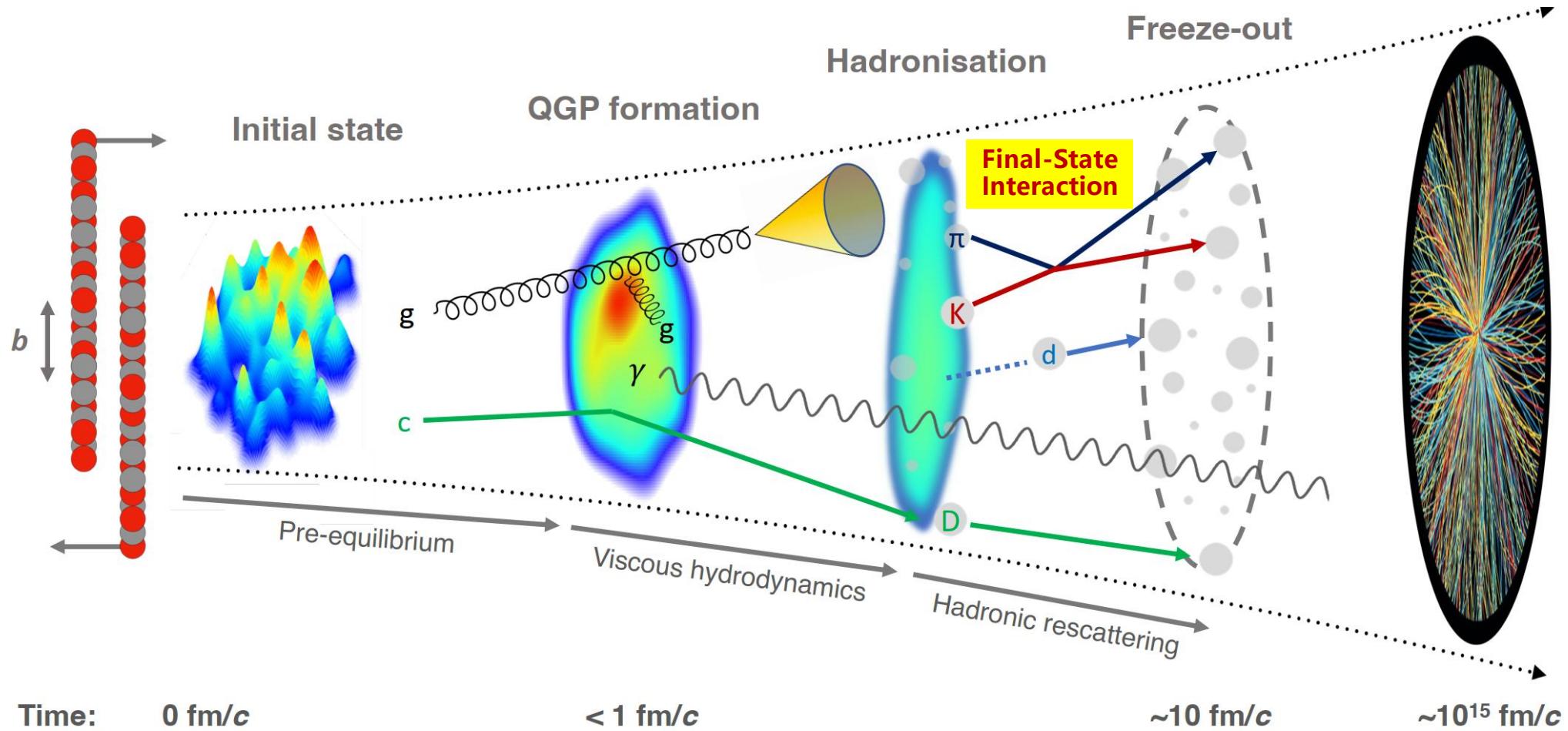
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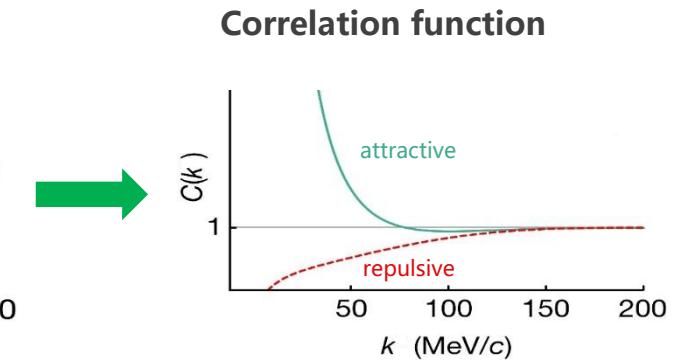
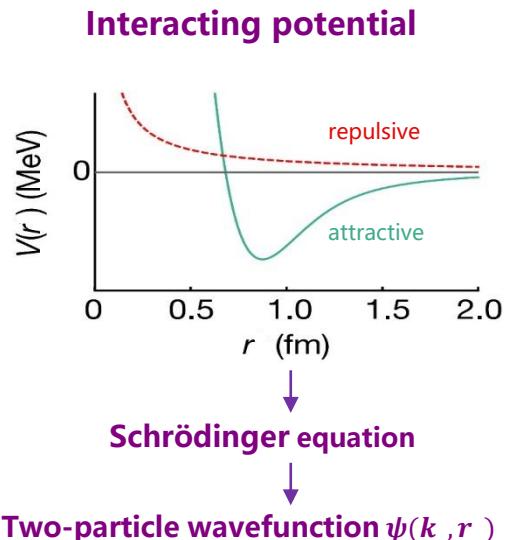
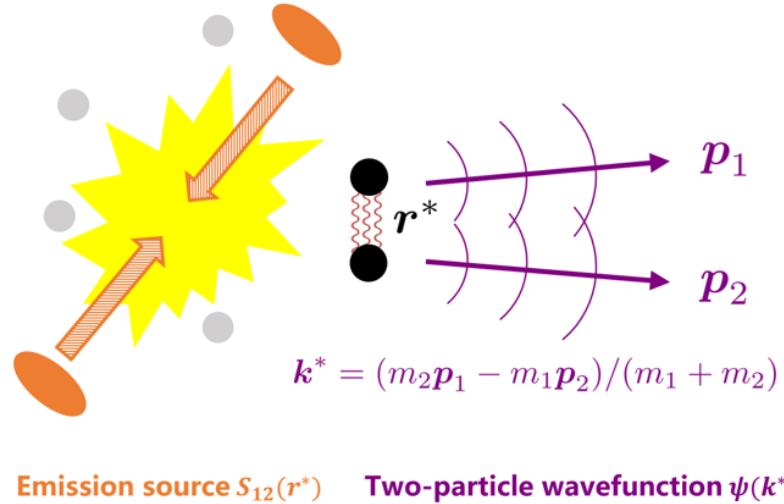
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Abundant particles produced in AA, pA, and pp collisions



Femtoscopy correlation functions (CFs)

$$C(p_1, p_2) = \frac{P(p_1, p_2)}{P(p_1) \cdot P(p_2)}$$



Exp. measurement
mixed-event technique

$$C(k) = \xi(k) \frac{N_{\text{same}}(k)}{N_{\text{mixed}}(k)}$$

N_{same} : the same event distributions

N_{mixed} : the mixed event distributions

ξ : the corrections for experimental effects

Theo. description
Koonin–Pratt formula

$$C(k) = \int S_{12}(\mathbf{r}) |\psi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r})|^2 d\mathbf{r}$$

spacial structure

final-state interactions
quantum statistics effects
coupled-channel effects

Basic Properties

$$C(k) \begin{cases} > 1 & \text{if the interaction is attractive} \\ = 1 & \text{if there is no interaction} \\ < 1 & \text{if the interaction is repulsive} \end{cases}$$

Femtoscopic correlation functions (CFs)

Koonin–Pratt (KP) formula

S. E. Koonin, Phys. Lett. B 70 (1) (1977) 43
A. Ohnishi, Nucl. Phys. A 954 (2016) 294

$$C(k) = \int S_{12}(r) |\Psi(r, k)|^2 dr$$

Only S-waves $C(k) \simeq 1 + \int_0^\infty 4\pi r^2 dr S_{12}(r) [|\psi_0(r, k)|^2 - |j_0(kr)|^2]$

➤ Common static and spherical Gaussian source

$$S_{12}(r) = \exp[-r^2/(4R^2)]/(2\sqrt{\pi}R)^3$$

➤ Scattering wave function

- the Schrödinger equation
- the Lippmann-Schwinger equation

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla^2 \psi + V\psi = E\psi$$

$$T = V + VGT \implies |\psi\rangle = |\phi\rangle + GT|\phi\rangle$$

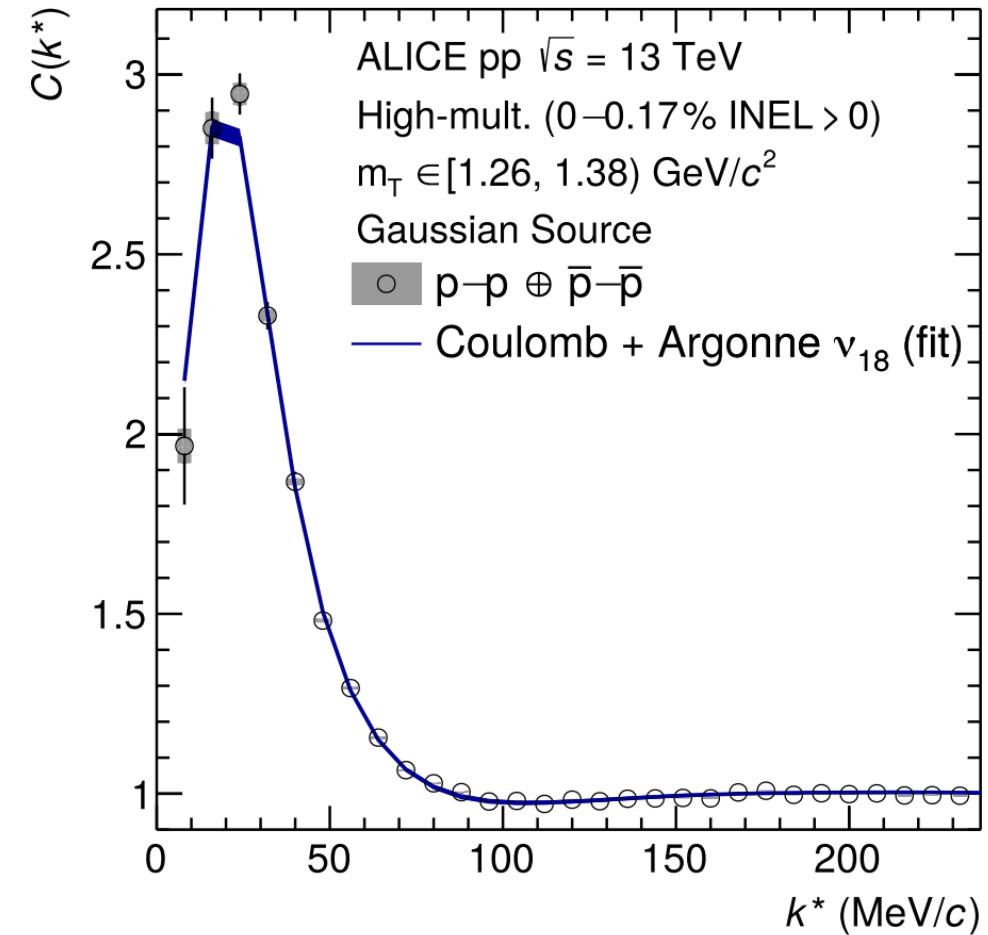
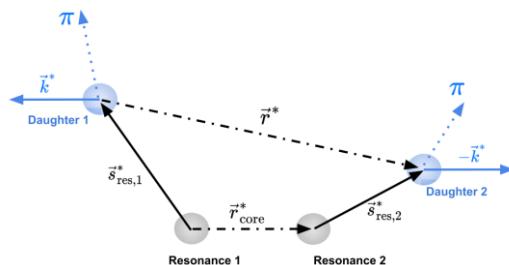
Constraining the source function

- Using the well-known proton-proton interaction to calibrate the source

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

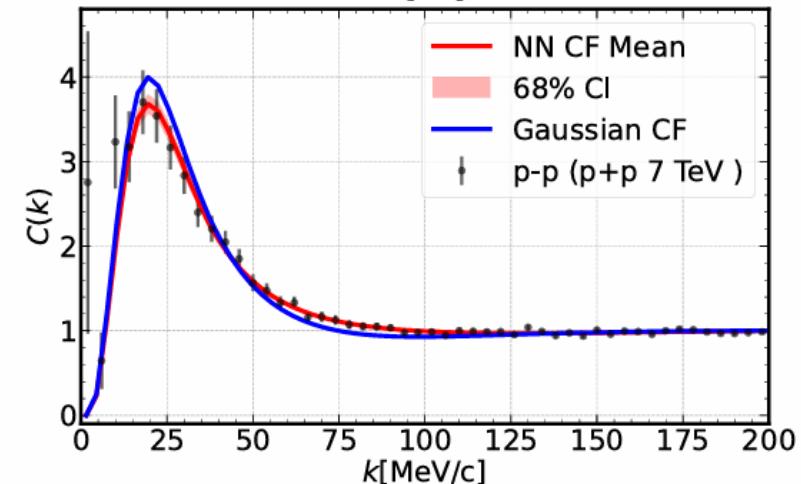
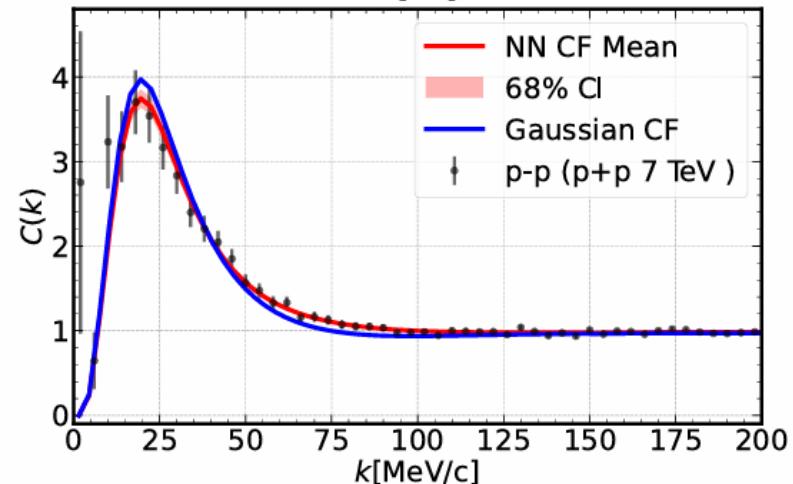
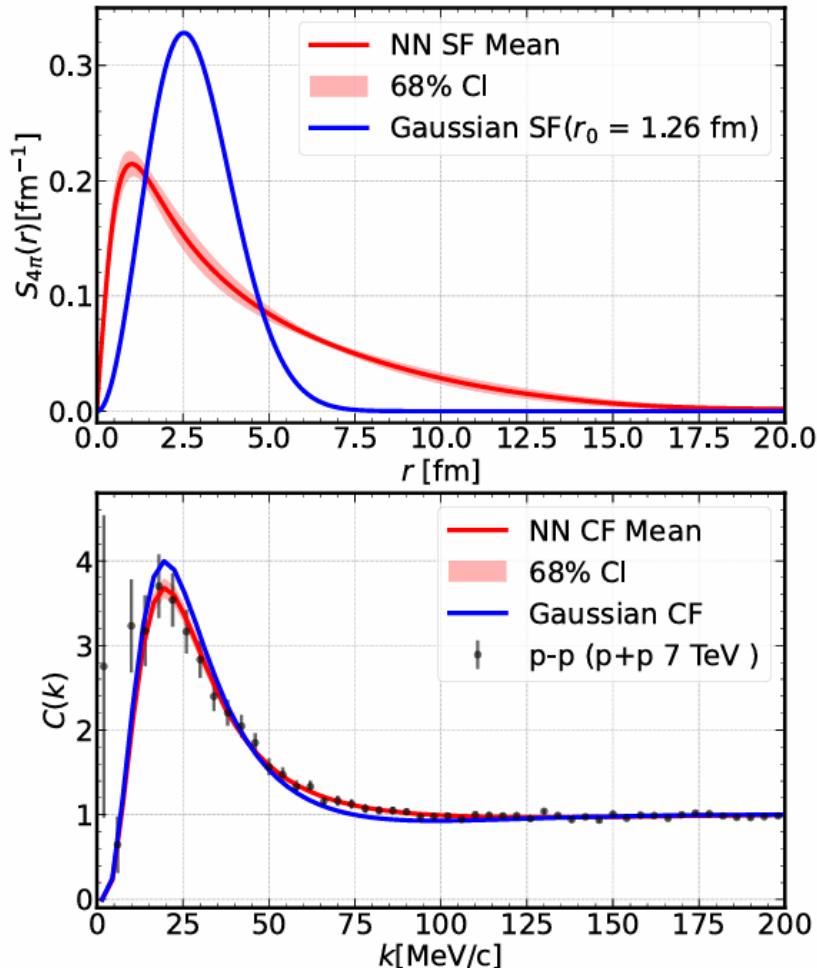
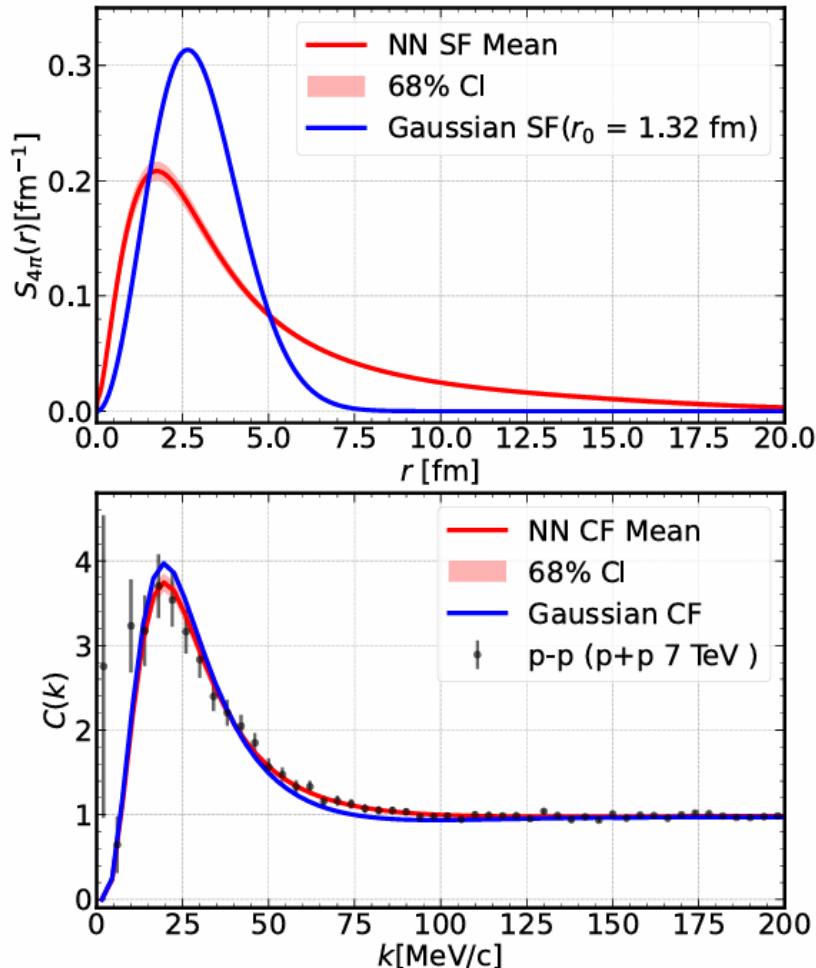
- For CFs involving short-lived resonances ($c\tau \sim 1\text{fm}$)—Resonance Source Model

$$S(r^*) = \frac{1}{(4\pi r_{\text{core}}^2)^{3/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{r^{*2}}{4r_{\text{core}}^2}\right) \times \text{SLR}$$

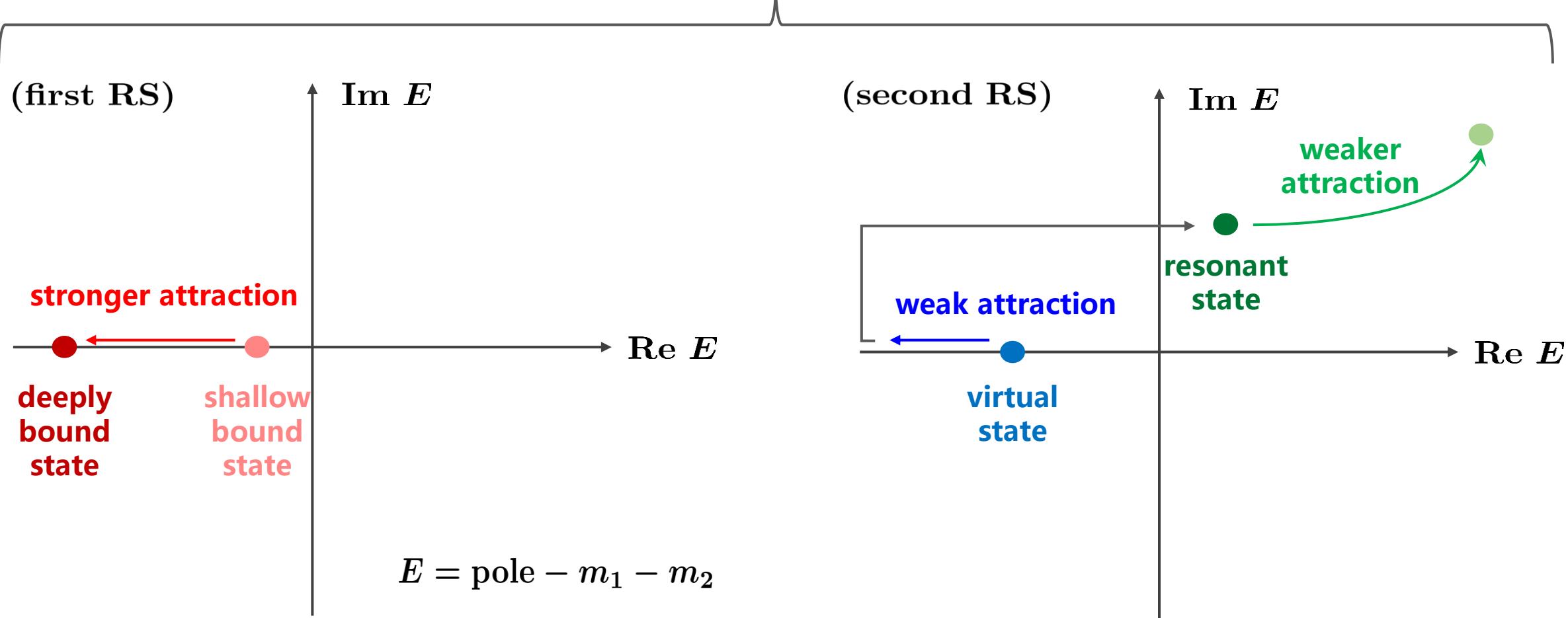


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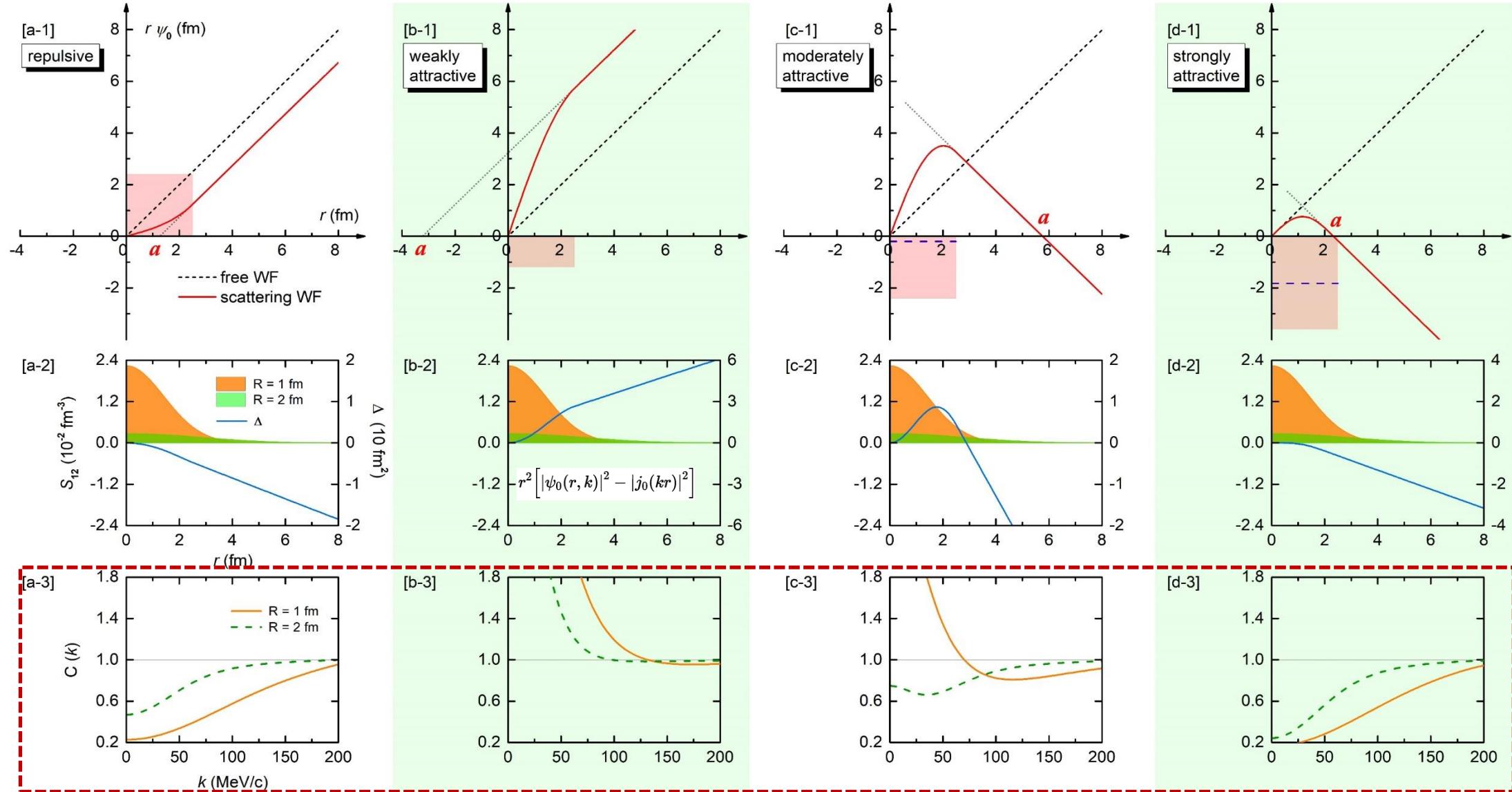


Classification of hadron-hadron interactions



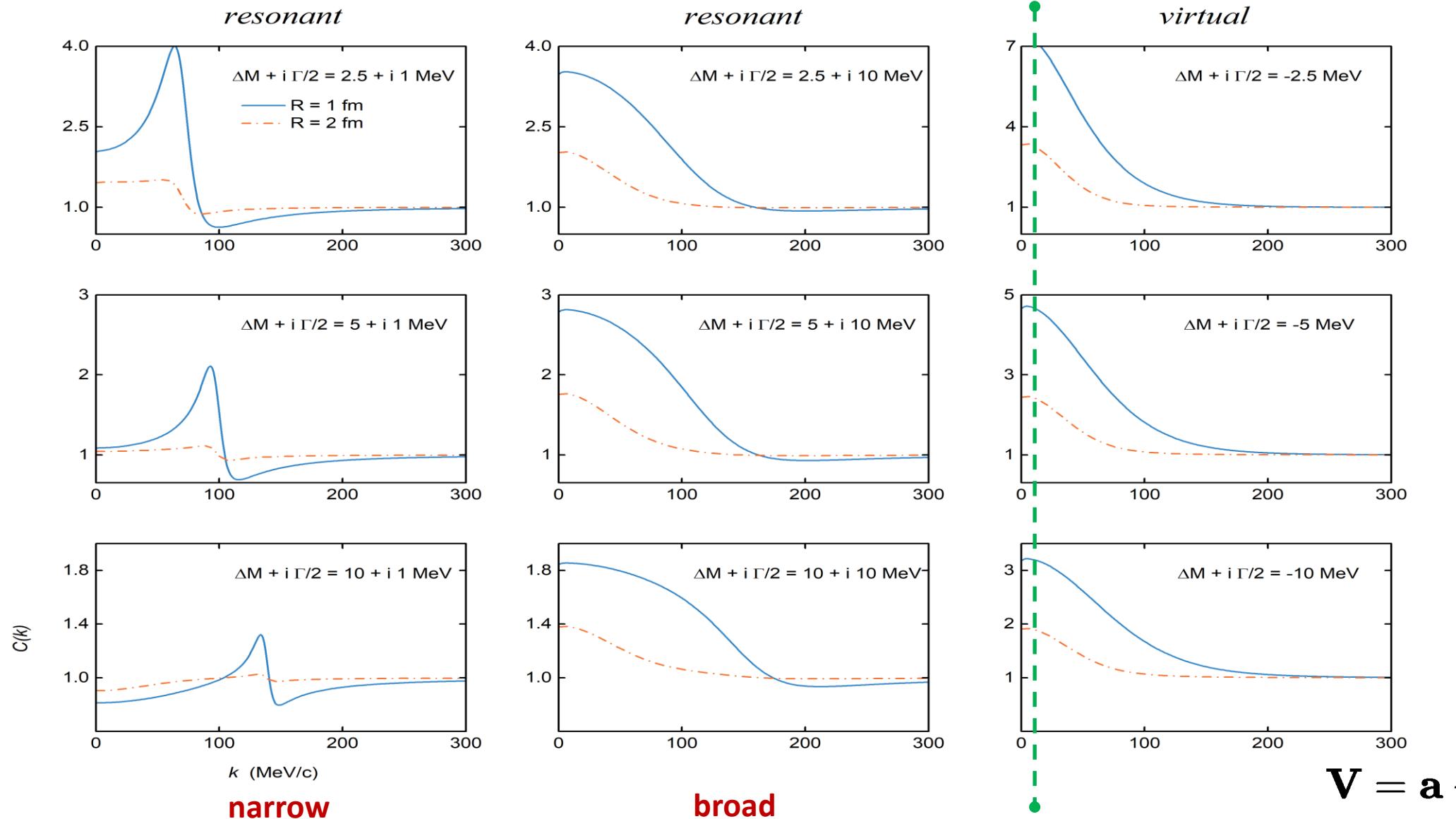
CFs in the presence of bound states

Zhi-Wei Liu, Jun-Xu Lu and LSG*, PRD 107, 074019 (2023)



CFs in the presence of resonant and virtual states

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$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{k}^2$$

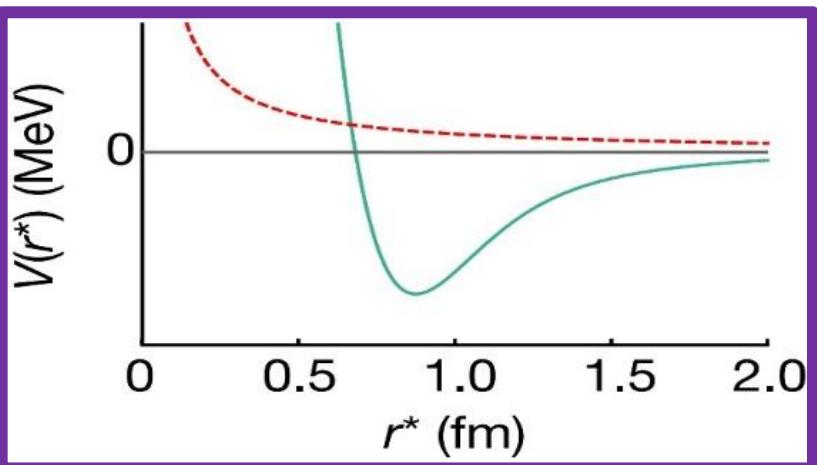
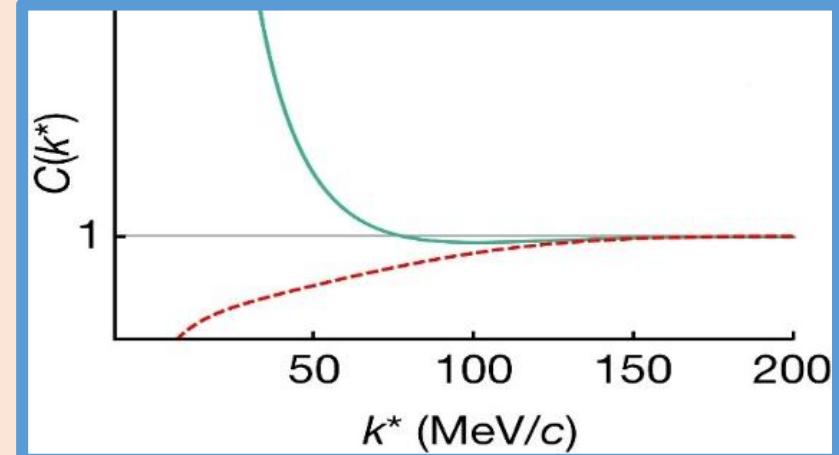
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Basic philosophy

The interaction is known from, e.g., experiments, lattice QCD, or effective field theories

Direct
Predict

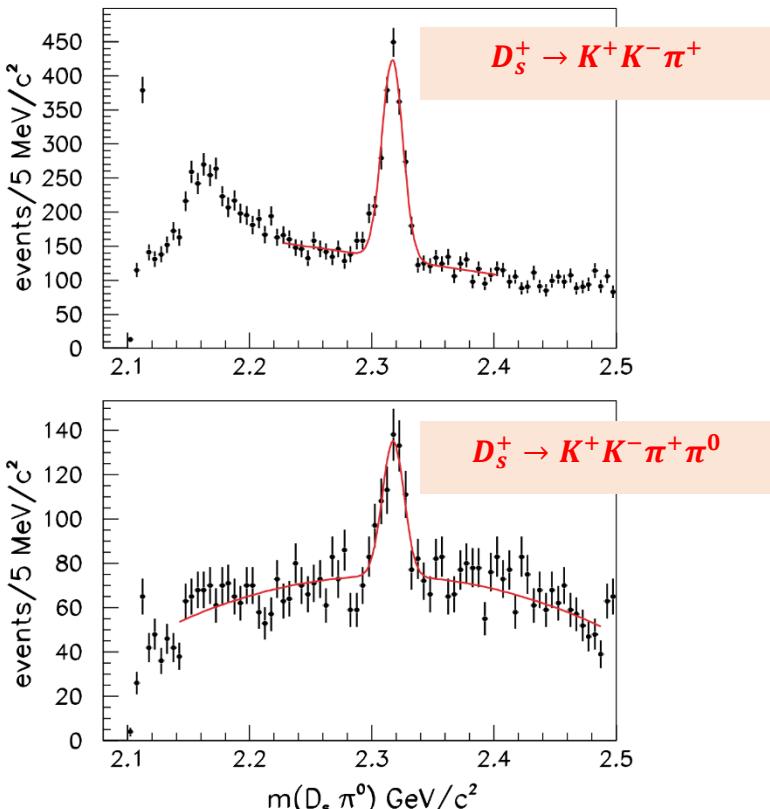


Inverse
Extract

Experiments measure the correlation functions

Mysterious exotic hadron $D_{s0}^*(2317)$

$M = 2317.8 \pm 0.6$ and $\Gamma < 3.8$ MeV

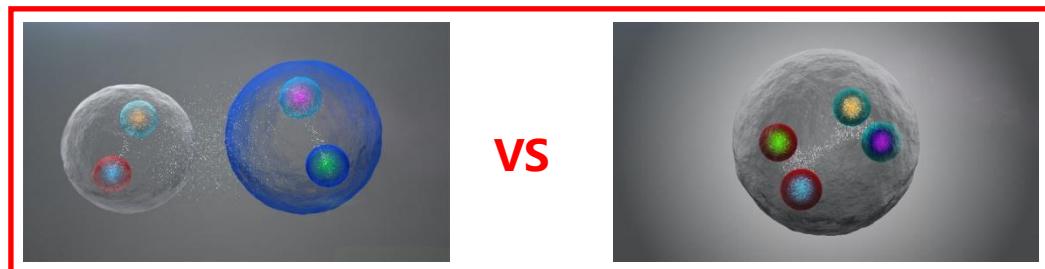


BABAR, PRL90 (2003) 242001

➤ 160 MeV lower than the quark model predictions – difficult to understand as a conventional charm-strange meson

➤ It could be a *DK* bound state

- ✓ E. E. Kolomeitsev 2004
- ✓ F. K. Guo 2006
- ✓ D. Gammermann 2007



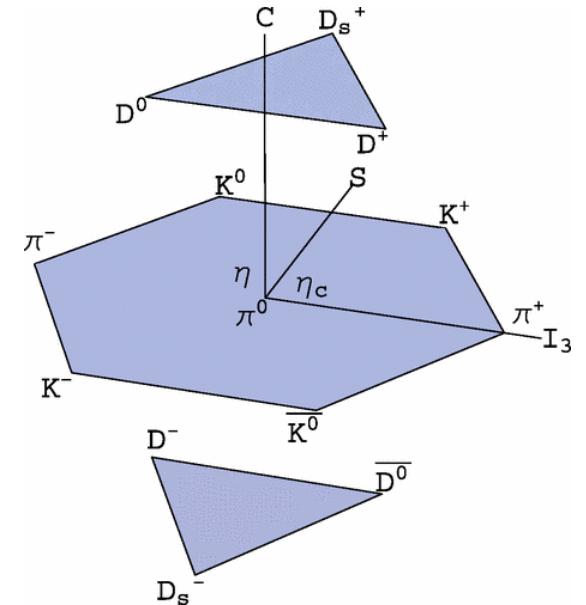
Weinberg-Tomozawa Interaction (leading order)

- LO interaction between a NGB and a heavy pseudoscalar boson

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{4f_\pi^2} (\partial^\mu P[\Phi, \partial_\mu \Phi] P^\dagger - P[\Phi, \partial_\mu \Phi] \partial^\mu P^\dagger)$$

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\pi^0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\eta & \pi^+ & K^+ \\ \pi^- & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\pi^0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\eta & K^0 \\ K^- & \bar{K}^0 & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\eta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P = (D^0, D^+, D_s^+)$$



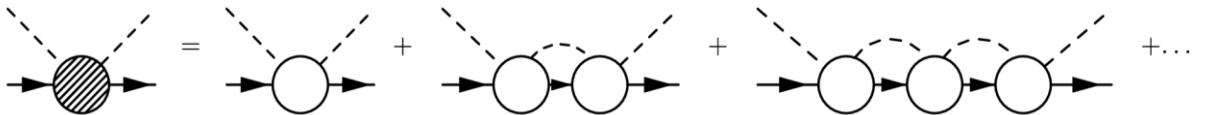
- Weinberg-Tomozawa (WT) potential – parameter free

$$V_{\nu'\nu} = \frac{C_{\nu'\nu}}{4f_0^2} \left[(p_1 + p_2)^2 - (p_1 - p_4)^2 \right]$$

$$p_{1(3)} = (E_{1(3)}, \mathbf{p}^{(\prime)}), \quad p_{2(4)} = (\sqrt{s} - E_{1(3)}, -\mathbf{p}^{(\prime)})$$

Scattering wave function

□ Coupled-channel scat. eq.



$$T_{\nu'\nu}(k', k) = V_{\nu'\nu} \cdot f_{\Lambda_F}(k', k) + \sum_{\nu''} \int_0^\infty \frac{dk'' k''^2}{8\pi^2} \frac{V_{\nu'\nu''} \cdot f_{\Lambda_F}(k', k'') \cdot T_{\nu''\nu}(k'', k)}{E_{P,\nu''} E_{\Phi,\nu''} (\sqrt{s} - E_{P,\nu''} - E_{\Phi,\nu''} + i\epsilon)}$$

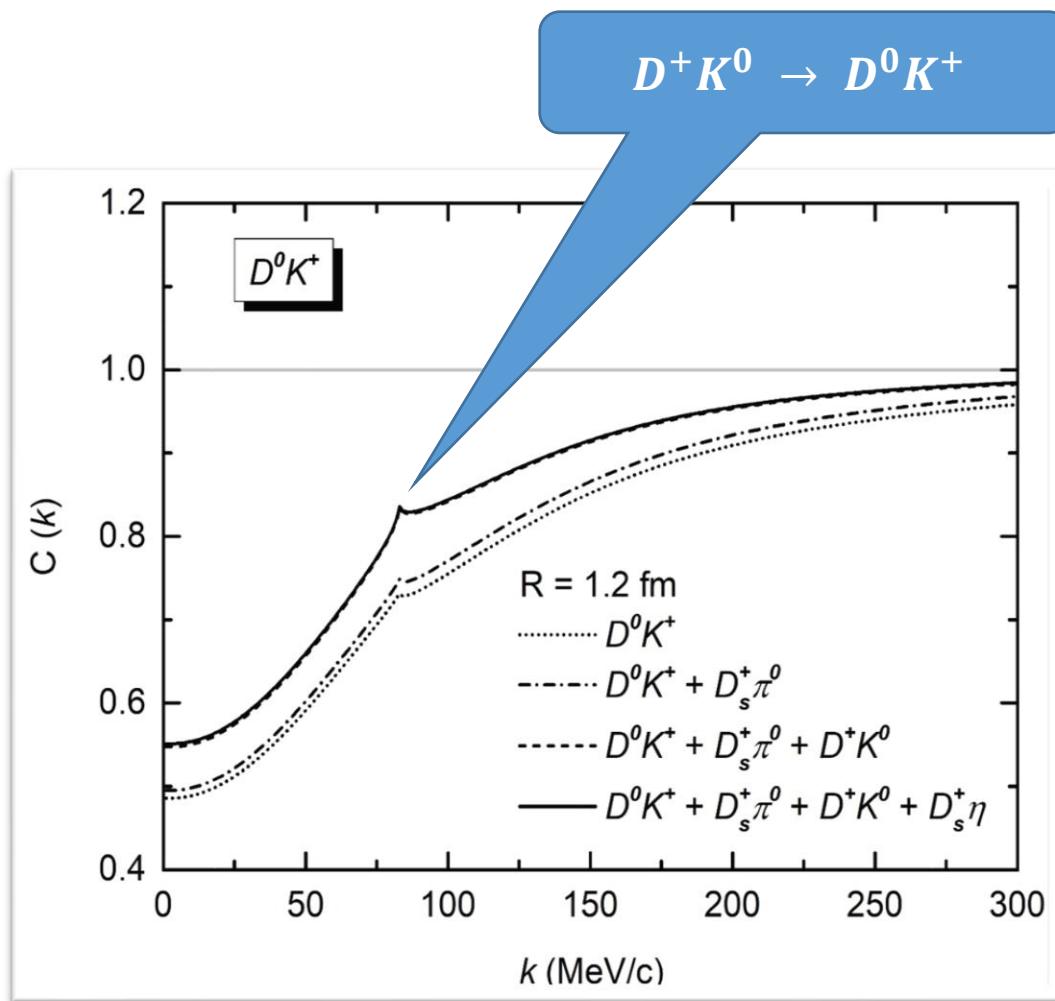
$$f_{\Lambda_F}(k', k) = \exp \left[- \left(\frac{k'}{\Lambda_F} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{k}{\Lambda_F} \right)^2 \right]$$

$M_{D_{s0}^*} = 2317.8 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow \Lambda_F = 1107 \text{ MeV}$

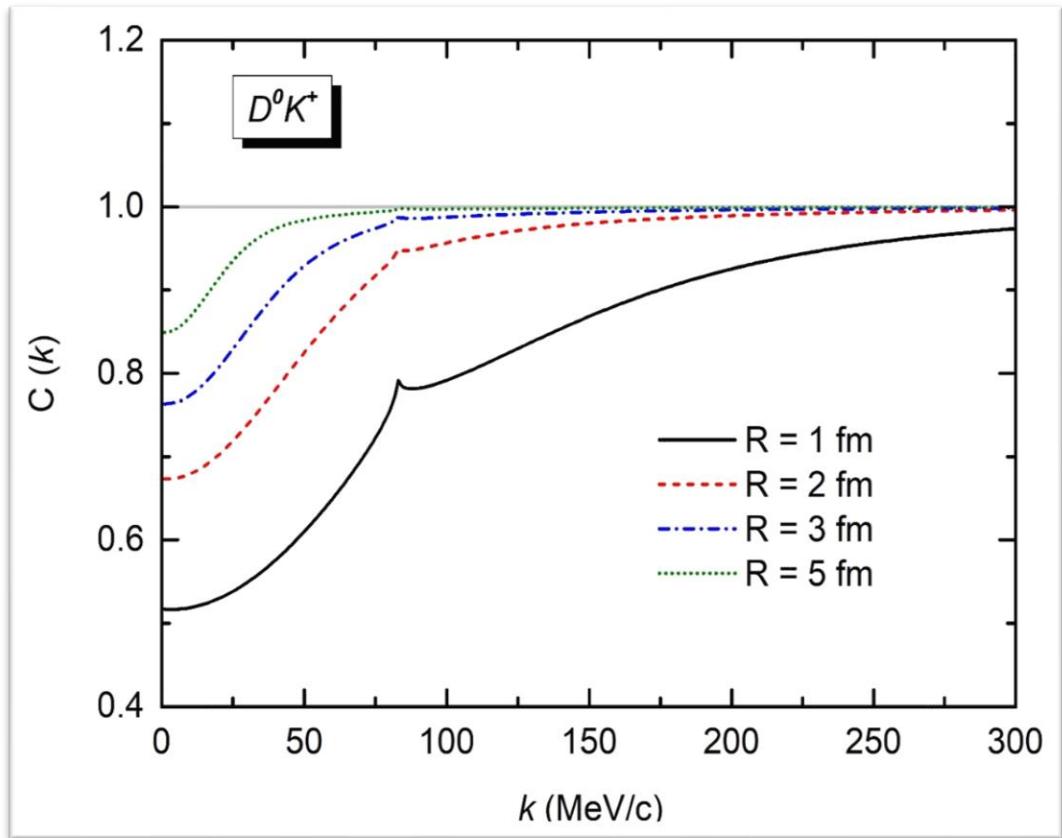
□ S-wave scattering wave function (including off-shell effect)

$$\psi_{\nu'\nu}(k, r) = \delta_{\nu'\nu} j_0(kr) + \int_0^\infty \frac{dk' k'^2}{8\pi^2} \frac{T_{\nu'\nu}(k', k) \cdot j_0(k'r)}{E_{P,\nu'} E_{\Phi,\nu'} (\sqrt{s} - E_{P,\nu'} - E_{\Phi,\nu'} + i\epsilon)}$$

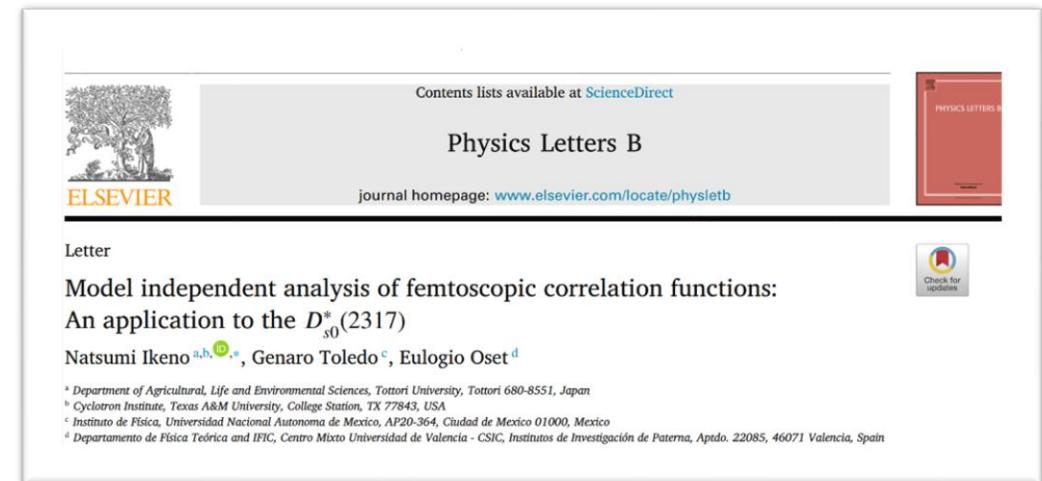
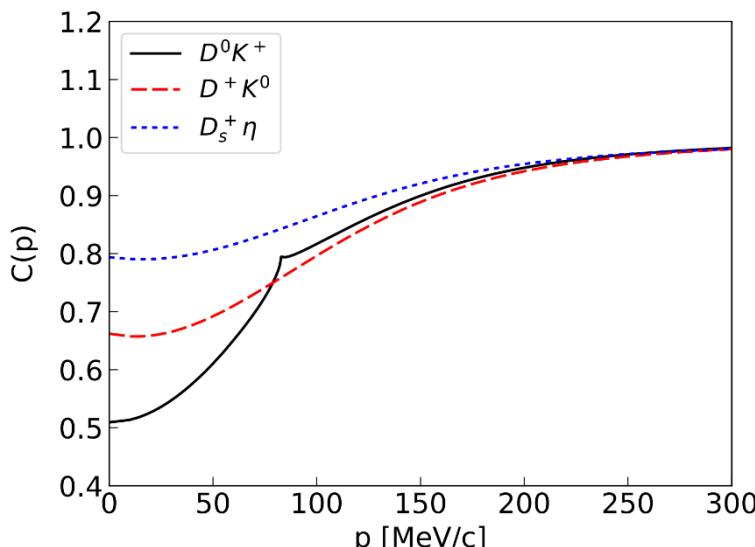
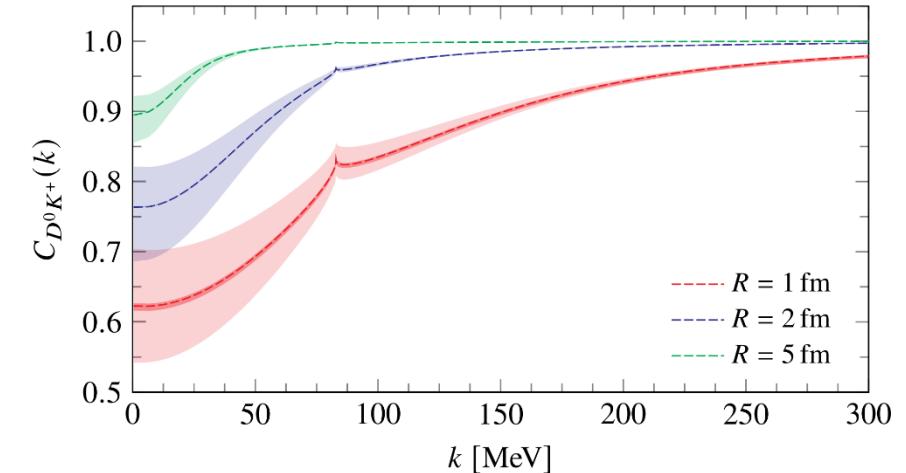
DK CFs and its source size dependence



Typical feature of deeply bound states



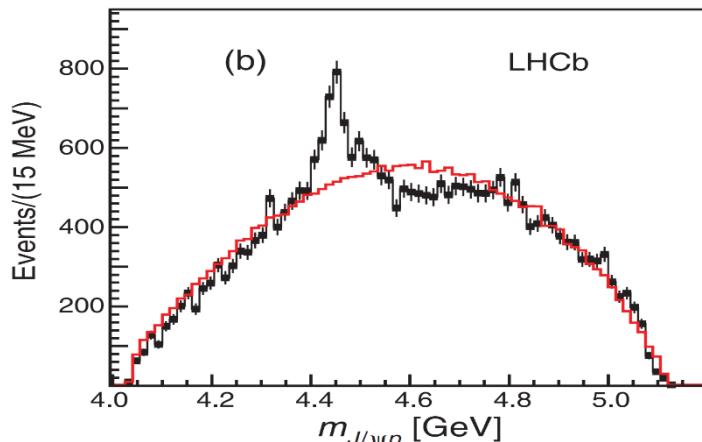
Confirmed by two subsequent studies



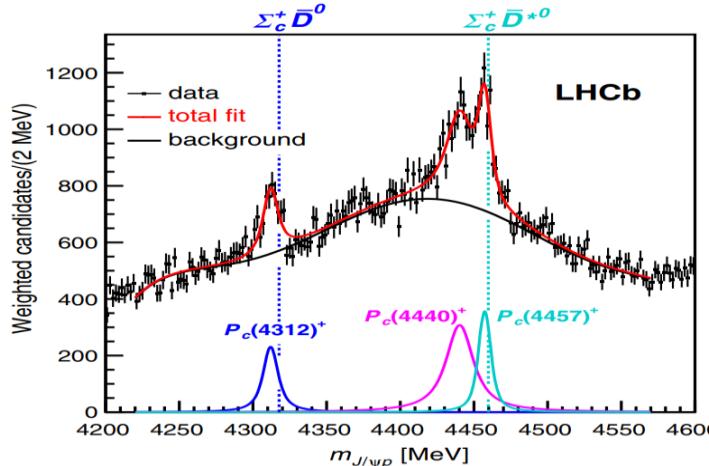
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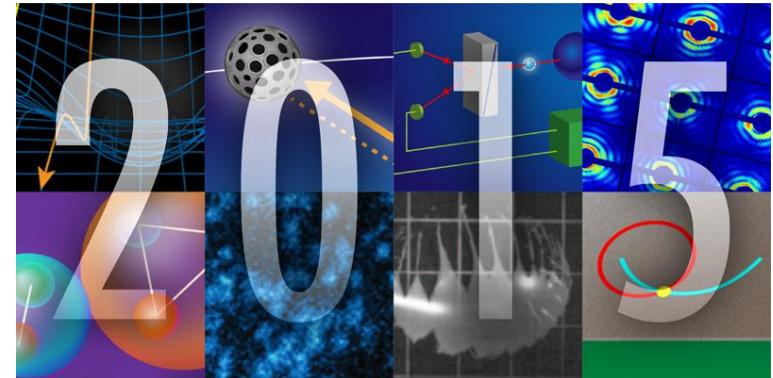
Pentaquark states $P_c(4440)$ & $P_c(4457)$



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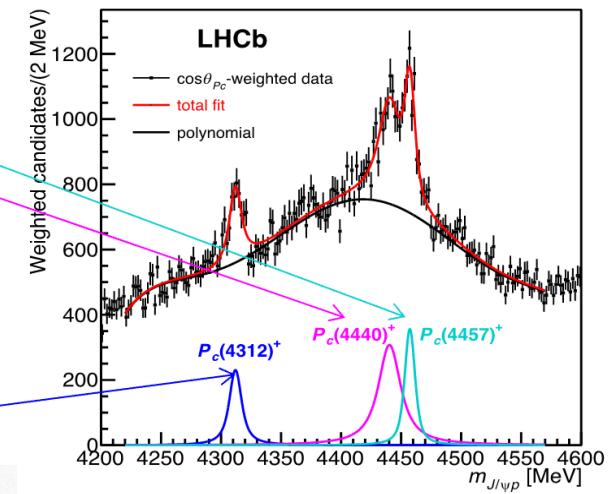
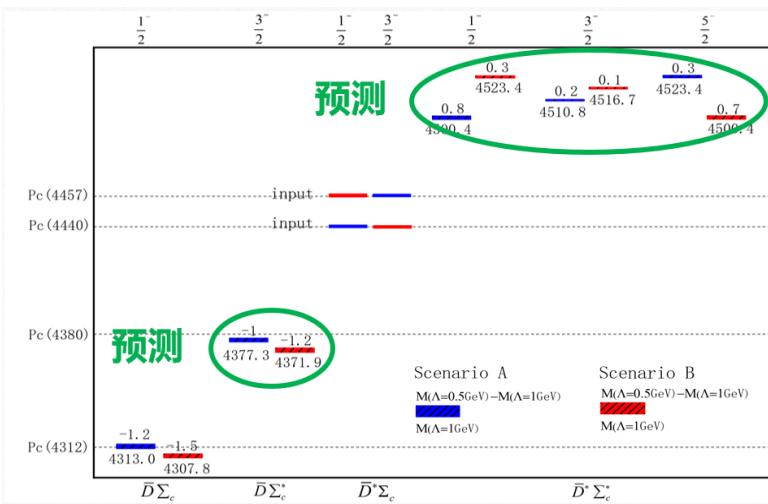
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Pentaquark states • 2015 APS Highlights

➤ They can be nicely arranged into a $\Sigma_c^{(*)}$ $\bar{D}^{(*)}$ multiplet

M. Z. Liu, Y. W. Pan, F. Z. Peng, M. Sánchez S, LSG*, A. Hosaka, M. P. Valderrama, PR122 (2019) 242001



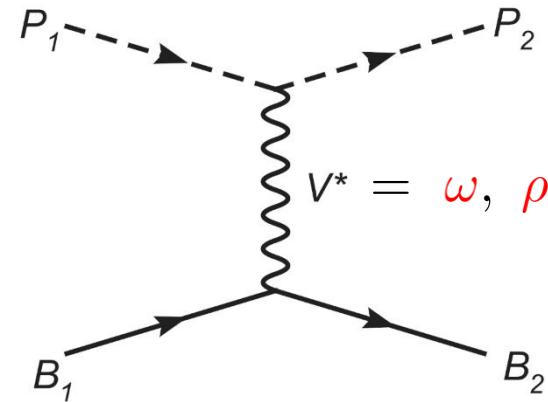
How to distinguish the spins of $P_c(4440)$ and $P_c(4457)$?

Light vector meson exchange interactions

□ Interactions in The hidden local symmetry approach – parameter free

$$V_{\Sigma_c \bar{D}^{(*)}}^{I=\frac{3}{2}} = 2M_{\Sigma_c} M_{\bar{D}^{(*)}} \tilde{\beta}_1 \tilde{\beta}_2 g_V^2 \left(\frac{1}{m_\omega^2} + \frac{1}{m_\rho^2} \right)$$

$$V_{\Sigma_c \bar{D}^{(*)}}^{I=\frac{1}{2}} = 2M_{\Sigma_c} M_{\bar{D}^{(*)}} \tilde{\beta}_1 \tilde{\beta}_2 g_V^2 \left(\frac{1}{m_\omega^2} - \frac{2}{m_\rho^2} \right)$$



Isospin basis



Charge basis

$$\left| \Sigma_c \bar{D}^{(*)}, I = \frac{3}{2}, I_3 = \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} \left| \Sigma_c^{++} D^{(*)-} \right\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \left| \Sigma_c^+ \bar{D}^{(*)0} \right\rangle$$

$$\left| \Sigma_c \bar{D}^{(*)}, I = \frac{1}{2}, I_3 = \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \left| \Sigma_c^{++} D^{(*)-} \right\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} \left| \Sigma_c^+ \bar{D}^{(*)0} \right\rangle$$

Two different spin assignments

□ Interaction strengths

$$f_{\Lambda_F}(k', k) = \exp \left[- \left(\frac{k'}{\Lambda_F} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{k}{\Lambda_F} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$\Lambda_F = 1067 \text{ MeV}$$

deep bound
state of $\Sigma_c \bar{D}^*$

$$\Lambda_F = 860 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\text{shallow bound state of } \Sigma_c \bar{D}^*$$



DATA SOURCE: K.L. Workman et al. (Particle Data Group), *Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys.* **2022**, US3L01 (2022) and 2023 update

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$P_c(4440)^+$ MASS		DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
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CF for the shallow bound state is **significantly larger** than that for the deep bound

□ Experimental CFs – spin-averaged

Scenarios A

$$P_c(4440) : J^P = (1/2)^- \quad P_c(4457) : J^P = (3/2)^-$$



$$\bar{C} = 1/3 \cdot C_{\text{deep}} + 2/3 \cdot C_{\text{shallow}}$$

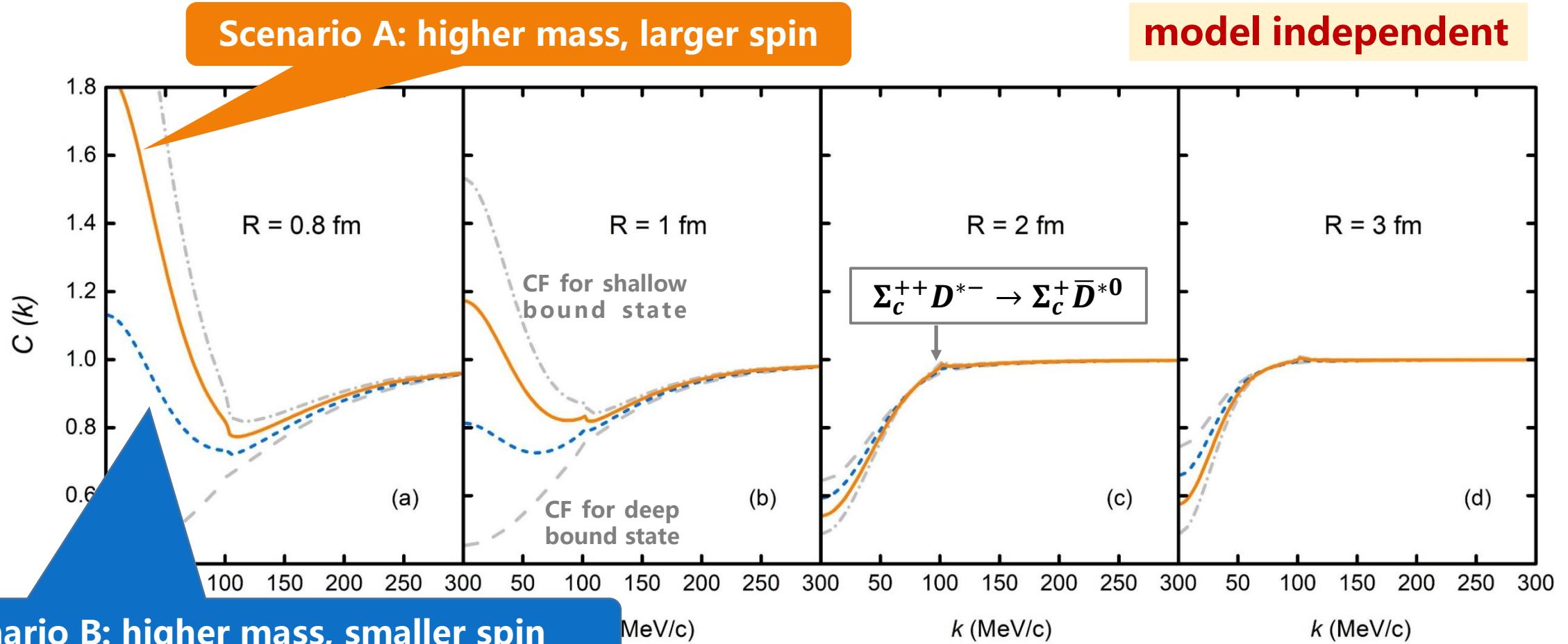
Scenarios B

$$P_c(4440) : J^P = (3/2)^- \quad P_c(4457) : J^P = (1/2)^-$$



$$\bar{C} = 2/3 \cdot C_{\text{deep}} + 1/3 \cdot C_{\text{shallow}}$$

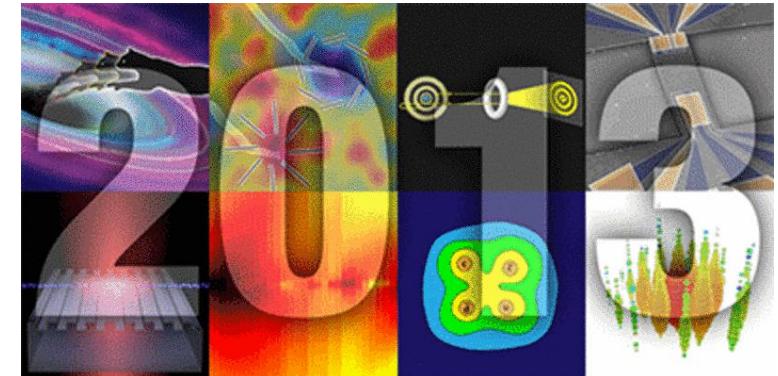
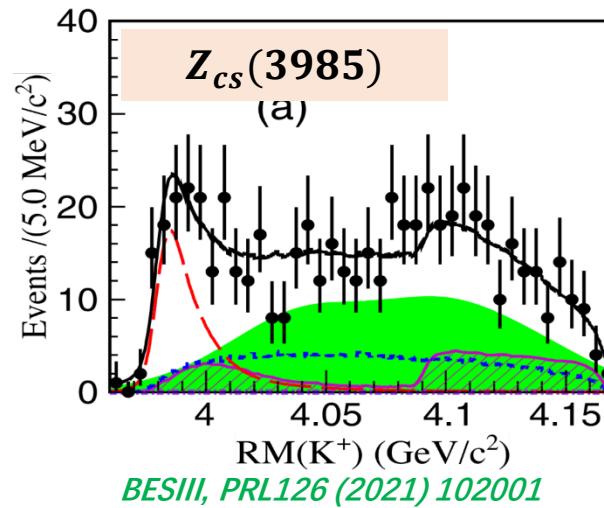
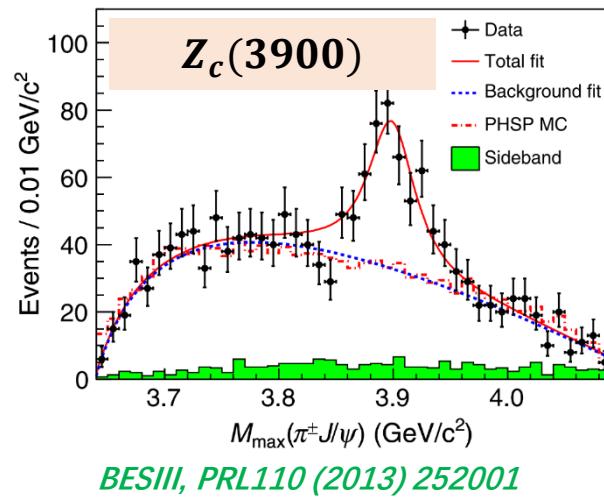
Spin-averaged $\Sigma_c \bar{D}^*$ CFs



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Tetraquark states $Z_c(3900)$ & $Z_{cs}(3985)$



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$Z_c(3900)$ & $Z_{cs}(3985)$: Resonant VS Virtual states

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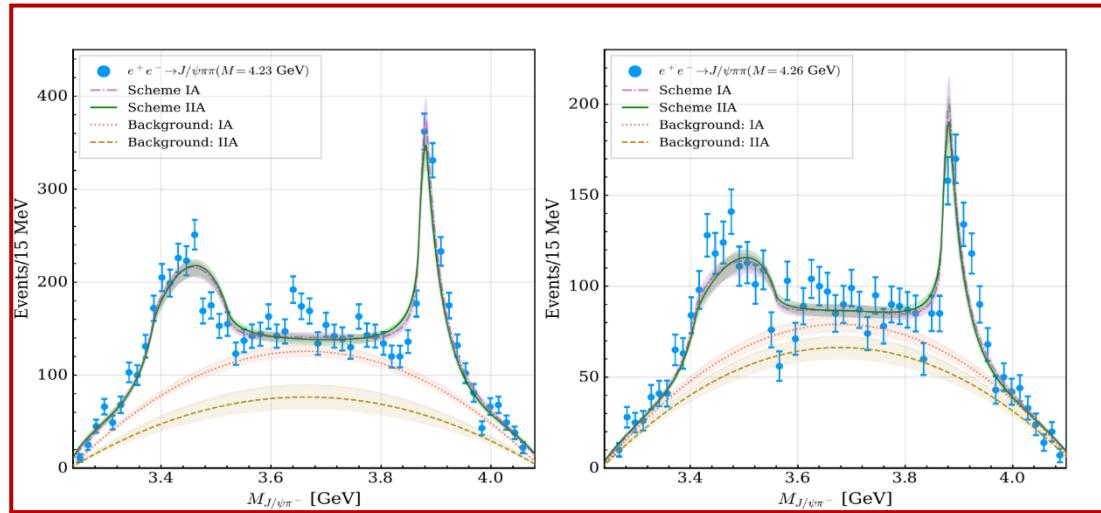
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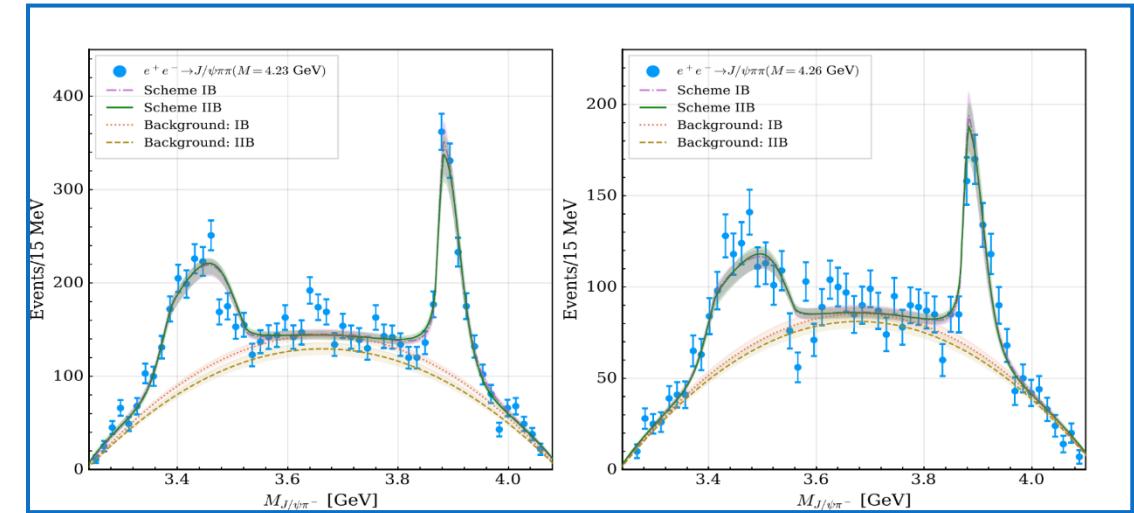
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Invariant mass distributions fail to distinguish vir. or res.

Virtual state scenario



Resonant state scenario



M.-L. Du, M. Albaladejo, F.-K. Guo, and J. Nieves, PRD105(2022)074018

Data are compatible with either a resonant or virtual state.

How to tell which is reality?

General potential from EFTs

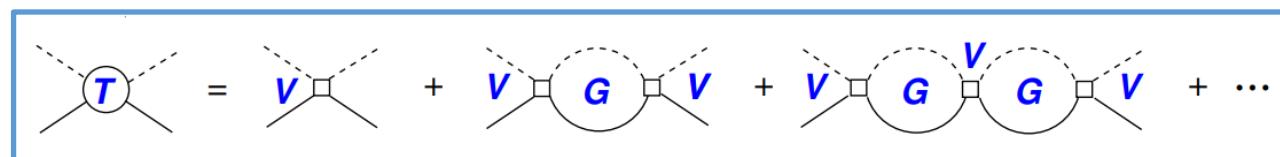
□ Interaction between heavy pseudoscalar bosons

$$V = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{k}^2, \quad k = \sqrt{[s - (m_1 + m + 2)^2][s - (m_1 - m + 2)^2]} / 2\sqrt{s}$$

- energy-dependent potential → resonant state
- contact-range potential → bound or virtual state

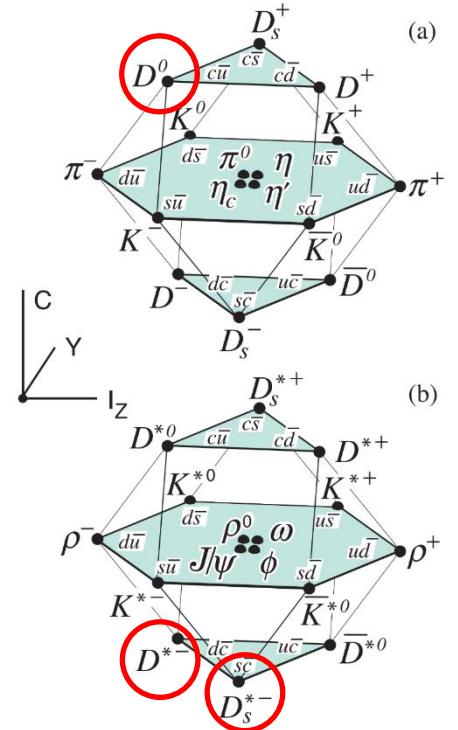
□ Scattering equation – unitarity

$$T = V + VGT \quad \longleftrightarrow$$



Loop function G with cutoff regularization

$$G(\sqrt{s}) = \int_0^{|q| < q_{\max}} \frac{d^3 k'}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{E_1(k') + E_2(k')}{2E_1(k')E_2(k')} \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^2 - [E_1(k') + E_2(k')]^2} + i\varepsilon}, \quad q_{\max} \in [0.8, 1.2] \text{ GeV}$$



Interaction strengths determined by fitting to data

	Scenario	M [MeV]	Γ [MeV]	$m_1 + m_2$ [MeV]	a	b [MeV $^{-2}$]
$Z_c(3900)$	Res. [95]	3887.1	28.4	$D^0 D^{*-} (3875.1)$	-101.68	-1380.60
	Vir. [27]	3796	0	$D^0 D^{*-} (3875.1)$	-87.36	0
$Z_{cs}(3985)$	Res. [95]	3988	13	$D^0 D_s^{*-} (3977.04)$	-84.17	-2894.16
	Vir. [27]	3967	0	$D^0 D_s^{*-} (3977.04)$	-130.21	0

[95] Particle Data Group, PTEP 2022,(2022)083C01

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□ Correlation functions with on-shell approximation

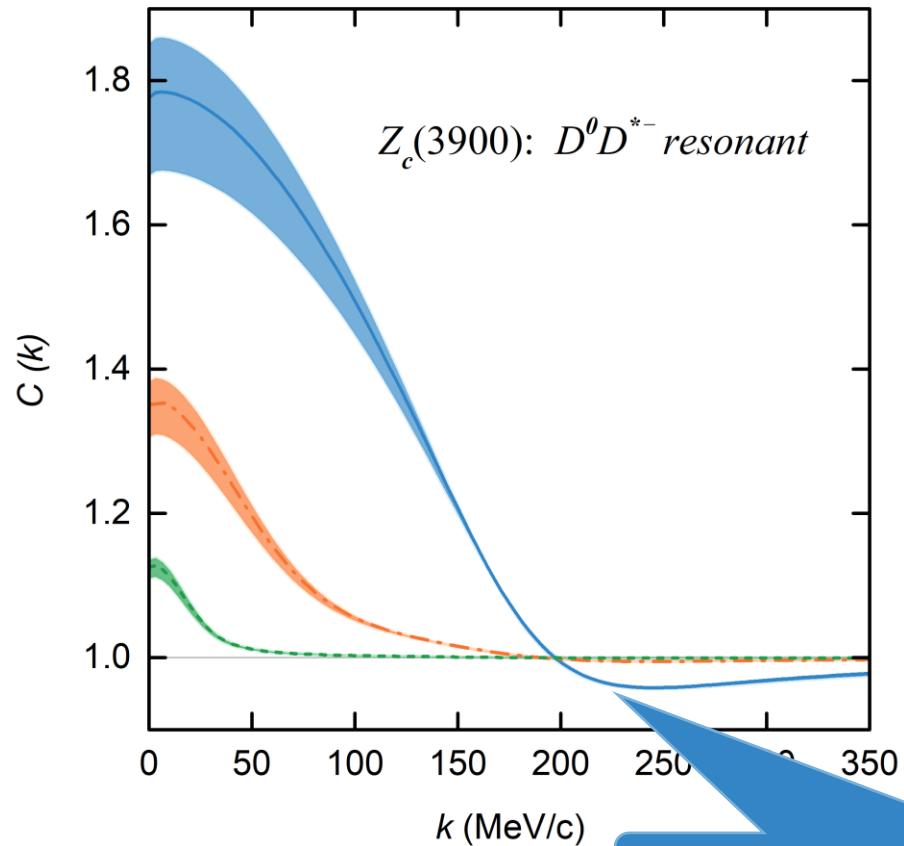
$$C(\mathbf{k}) = 1 + \int_0^\infty 4\pi r^2 dr \mathbf{S}_{12}(\mathbf{r}) \theta(\mathbf{q}_{\max} - \mathbf{k}) \left[|j_0(kr) + \mathbf{T}(\sqrt{s}) \tilde{\mathbf{G}}(\mathbf{r}, \sqrt{s})|^2 - |j_0(kr)|^2 \right]$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{G}}(\mathbf{r}, \sqrt{s}) = \int_0^{|\mathbf{q}| < \mathbf{q}_{\max}} \frac{d^3 k'}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\mathbf{E}_1(\mathbf{k}') + \mathbf{E}_2(\mathbf{k}')}{2\mathbf{E}_1(\mathbf{k}')\mathbf{E}_2(\mathbf{k}')} \frac{j_0(k'r)}{\sqrt{s}^2 - [\mathbf{E}_1(\mathbf{k}') + \mathbf{E}_2(\mathbf{k}')]^2 + i\varepsilon}$$

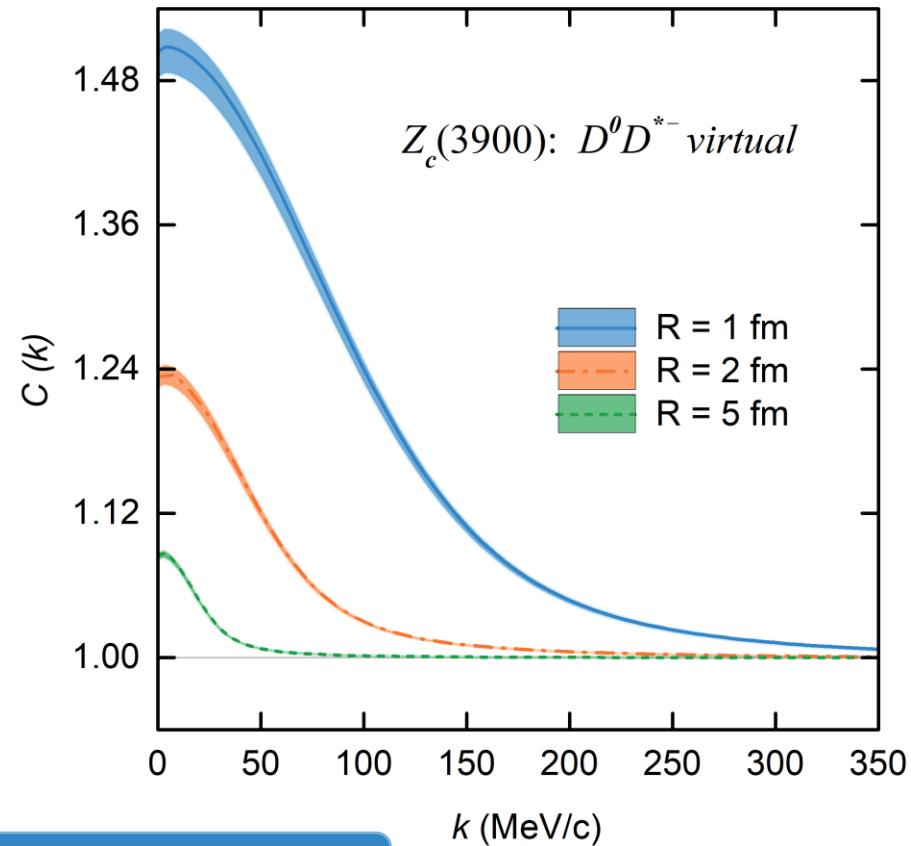
$D^0 D^{*-}$ CFs for $Z_c(3900)$

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Resonant state scenario



Virtual state scenario

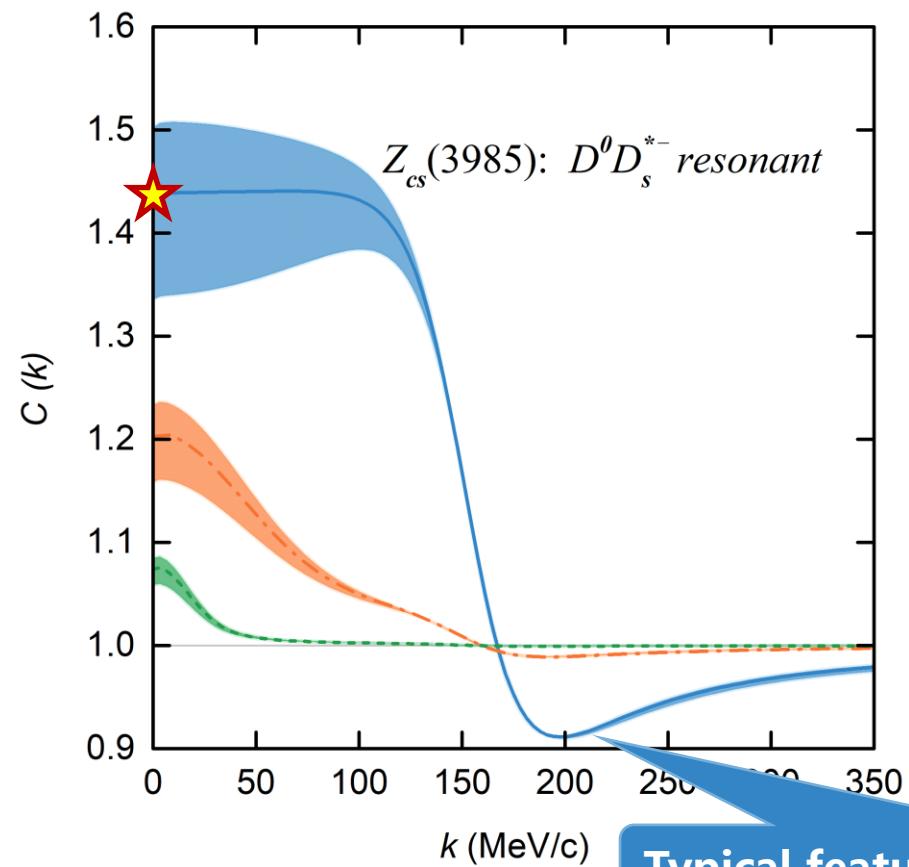


Typical feature of broad resonant state

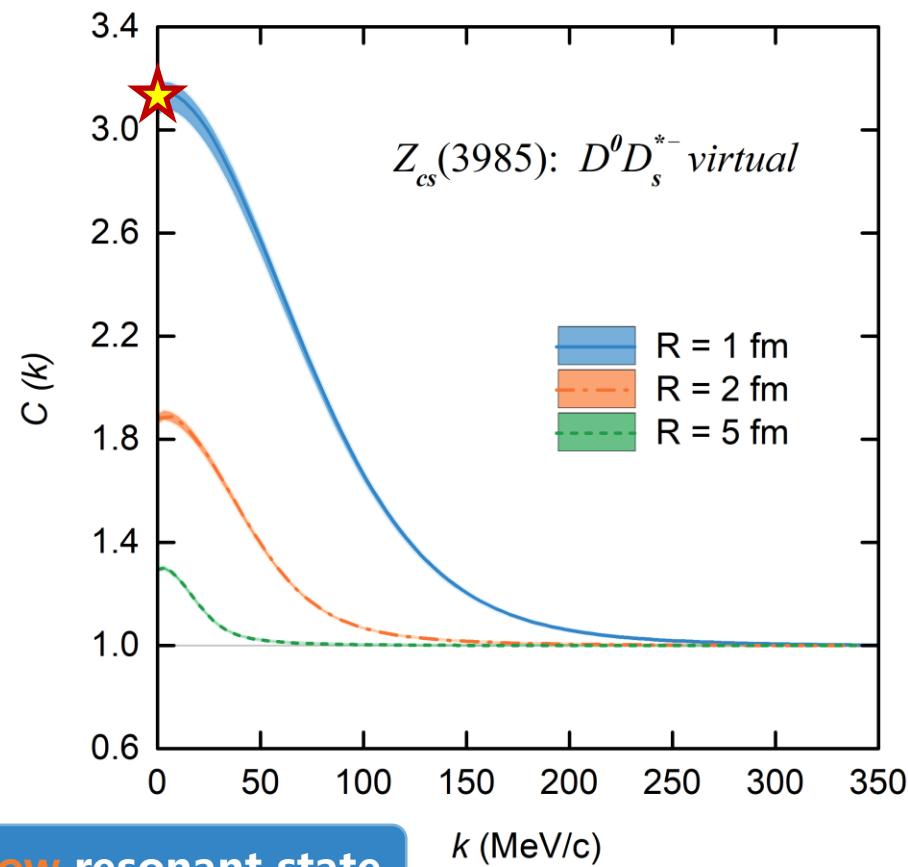
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Summary and outlook

- Femtoscopy offers high-precision tests of the strong interaction between pairs of (un)stable particles and can be valuable to decipher the nature of the many exotic hadrons discovered so far.
 - ✓ $D_{s0}^*(2317)$, $P_c(4440)$ and $P_c(4457), Z_c(3900)/Z_{cs}(3985)$
- More recent studies not covered in this talk
 - ✓ J/ Ψ - N and η_c - N correlation functions with lattice QCD phaseshifts—in relation to the tetra-charm X(6200), [2504.04853](#)
 - ✓ Deuteron-deuteron interactions in comparison with the STAT data—in relation to nuclear clusters, [2502.18872](#)
 - ✓ J/ Ψ - J/ Ψ correlation functions with EFT potential—in relation to the pentaquark states, [in preparation](#)

Summary and outlook

- With more data from LHC Run3/4/5, more two-hadron correlations involving s, c, b quarks, and even three-particle correlations can be studied



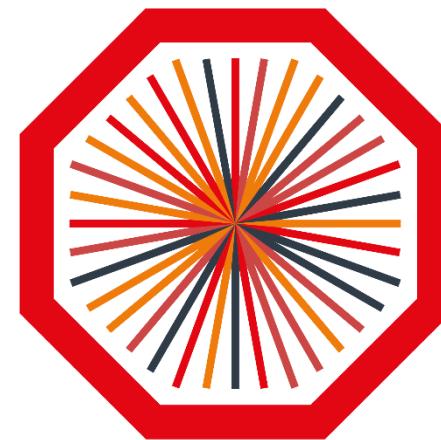
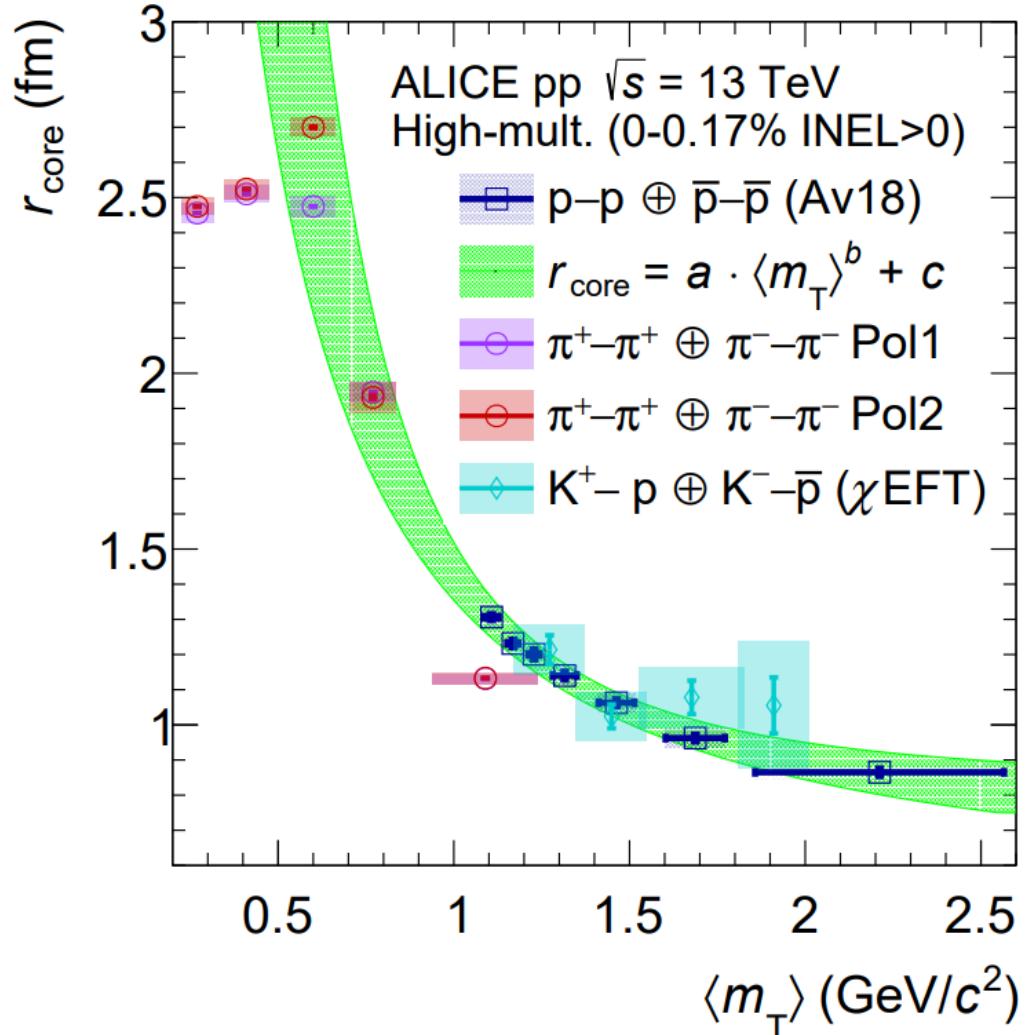
- Many questions remain unanswered, at least not satisfactorily
 - ✓ Is the factorization of the KP formula well justified
 - ✓ Can one define a universal source function
 - ✓ How to study three-body correlation functions
 - ✓ ...

Thanks a lot for your attention!

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Universal source function

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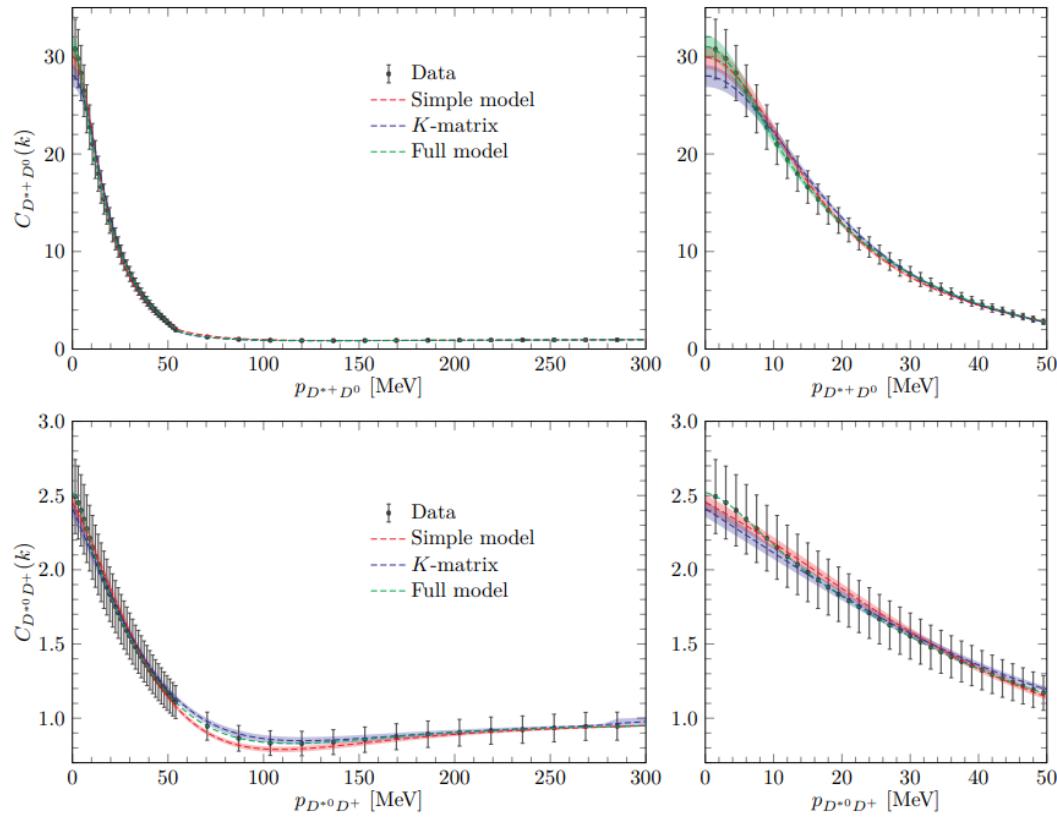


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... “providing compelling evidence for the presence of a common emission source for all hadrons in small collision systems at the LHC ...”

Inverse method

- One can also perform inverse studies and extract hadron-hadron interaction from the exp. CF data



Inverse problem in femtoscopic correlation functions: The Tcc(3875)+ state,
Albaladejo , Feijoo , Vidaña , Nieves , and Oset, 2307.09873

$$C_{D^0 D^{*+}}(p_{D^0}) = 1 + 4\pi \theta(\Lambda - p_{D^0}) \int_0^\infty dr r^2 S_{12}(r) \\ \times \left\{ \left| j_0(p_{D^0} r) + T_{11}(s) \tilde{G}_1(r; s) \right|^2 \right. \\ \left. + \left| T_{12}(s) \tilde{G}_2(r; s) \right|^2 - j_0^2(p_{D^0} r) \right\}, \quad (1)$$

$$C_{D^+ D^{*0}}(p_{D^+}) = 1 + 4\pi \theta(\Lambda - p_{D^+}) \int_0^\infty dr r^2 S_{12}(r) \\ \times \left\{ \left| j_0(p_{D^+} r) + T_{22}(s) \tilde{G}_2(r; s) \right|^2 \right. \\ \left. + \left| T_{12}(s) \tilde{G}_1(r; s) \right|^2 - j_0^2(p_{D^+} r) \right\}, \quad (2)$$