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Molecular and bound states searches with femtoscopy



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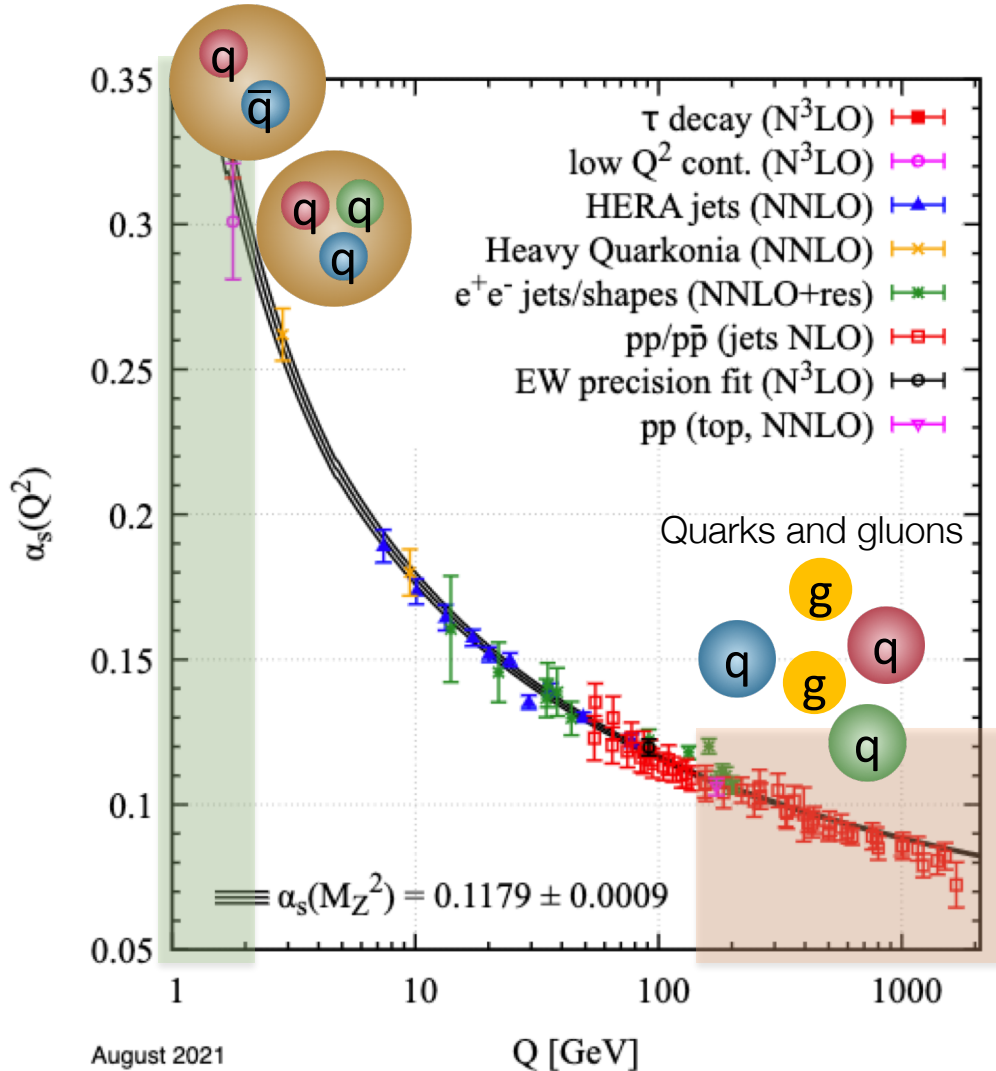
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Mesons and baryons



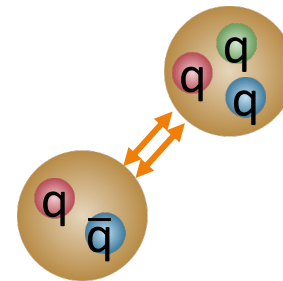
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PDG, Prog.Theor.Exp.Phys 2022, 083C01(2022)

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

How do hadrons emerge?

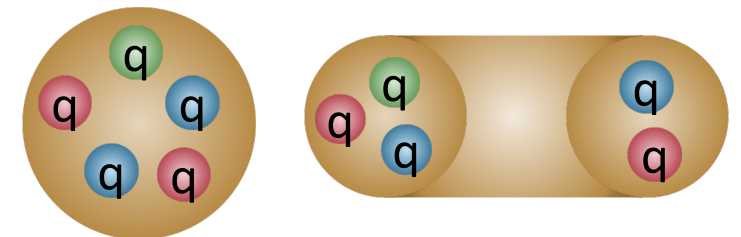
How do hadrons interact?
2-body and many-body interactions



M. Kübner HK 12.1 Tue 11:00

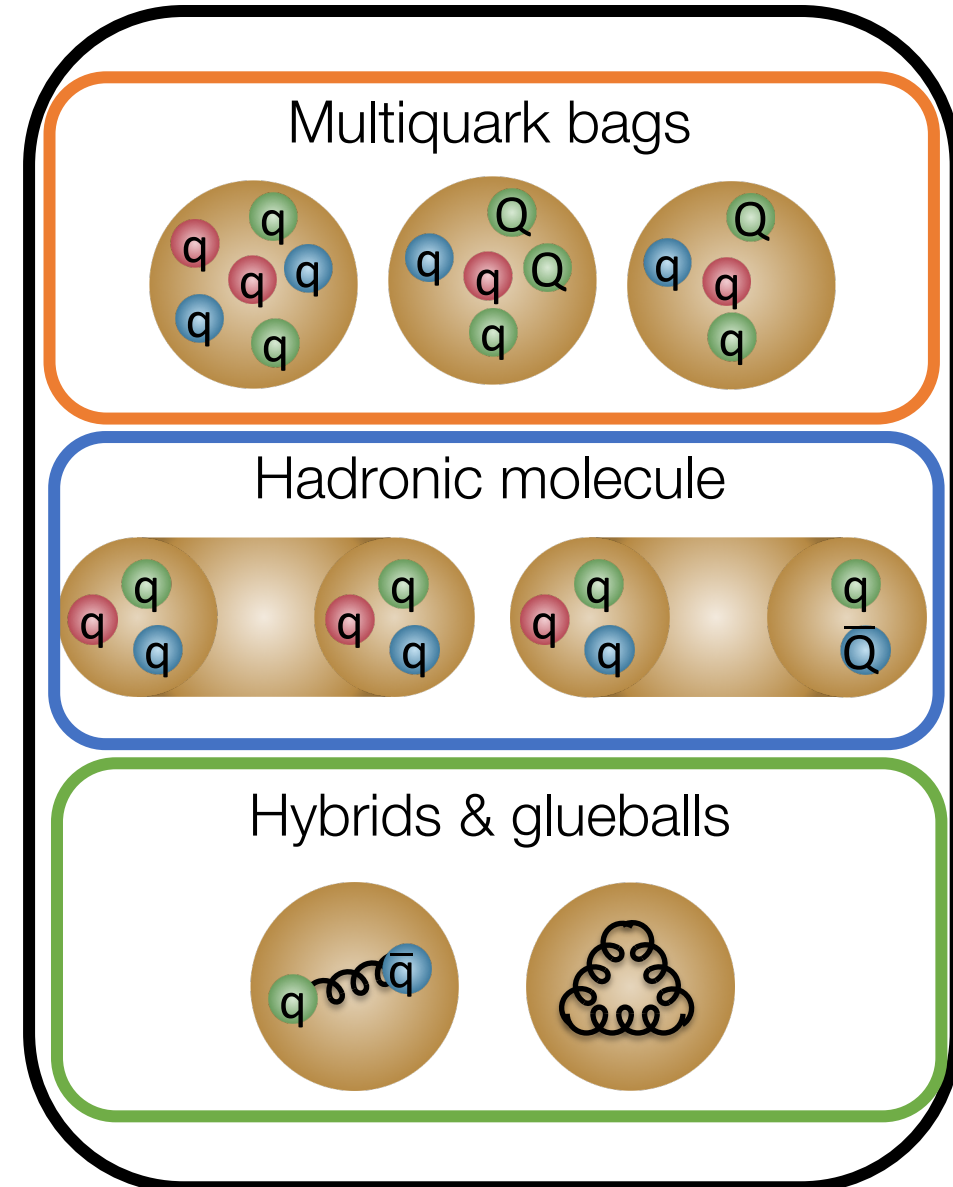
How is the QCD spectrum organized?

Bound states/resonances
Conventional and exotic states

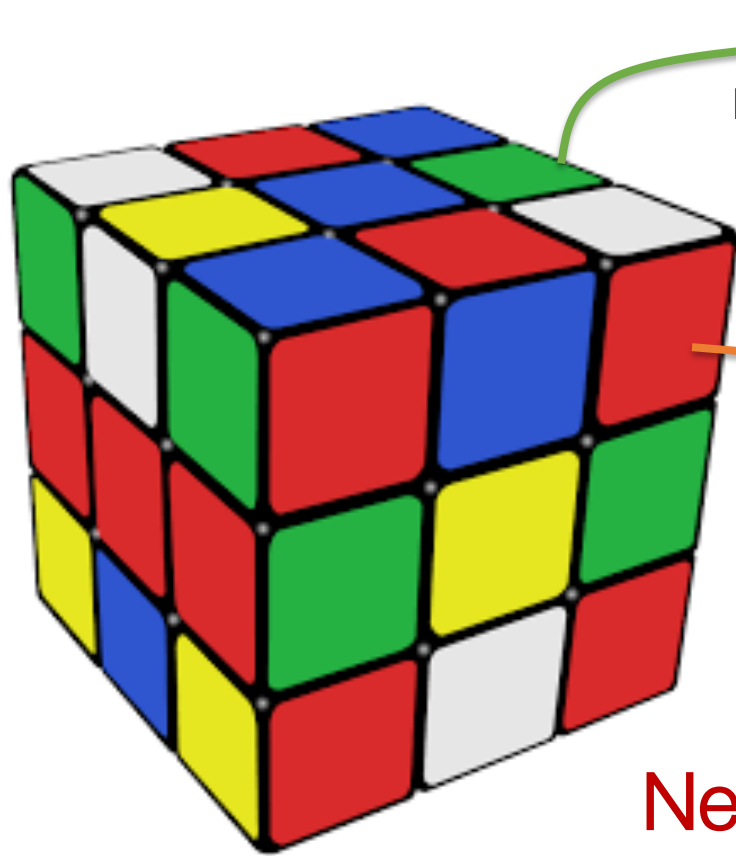


Exotic states in QCD and where to find them

- Color-neutral states beyond $(qqq)/(q\bar{q})$
 $\chi_{c1}(3872)$: Belle Coll. PRL 91 (2003) 262001
- **Multiquark bags**
 - several candidates and observations in the **heavy-quark sector**
 $T_{cs0}^a(2900)^{++0}$: LHCb Coll. PRL 131 (2023) 4, 041902
 - Candidates also in **light sector**, very broad states, very challenging!
[PDG: Review on light meson spectroscopy](#)
 - **Dibaryons** state might also fit in this category
H. Clement Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 93 (2017) 195
- **Hadronic molecules**
 - Case of the $\Lambda(1405)$, similar candidates in other meson-baryon strangeness sectors, e.g. $\Xi(1620)$
 - Candidates also in heavy-quark sector, e.g. T_{cc}^+
- **And more...**



Exotic states to probe the many facets of QCD



Exotics, resonances, ...

Many examples in the strange and heavy-quark sectors

Coupled-channel dynamics

Need to be understood to assess existence and nature of observed states

Need to measure systematically as many channels as possible

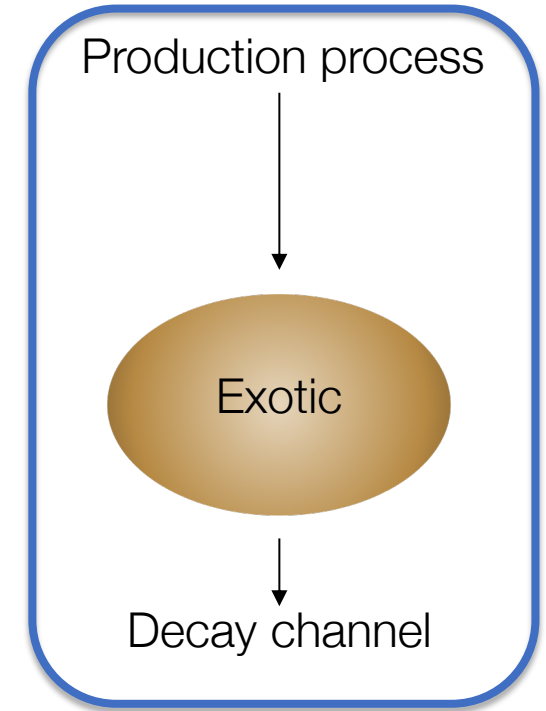
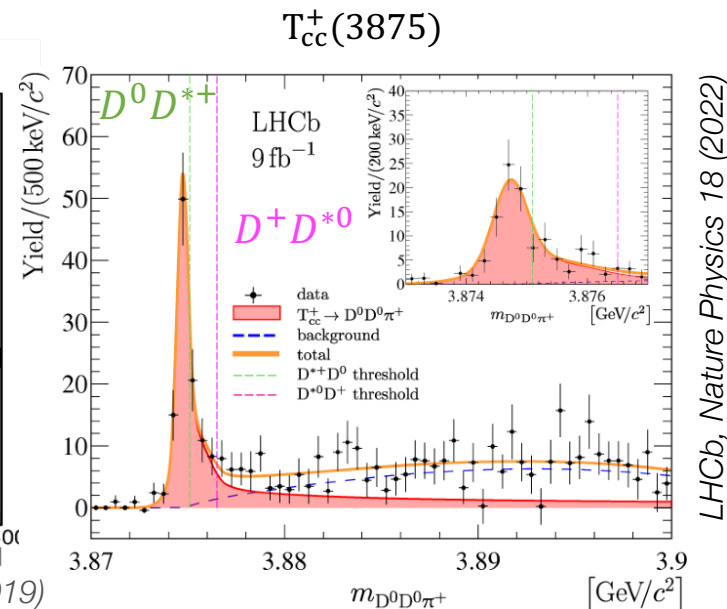
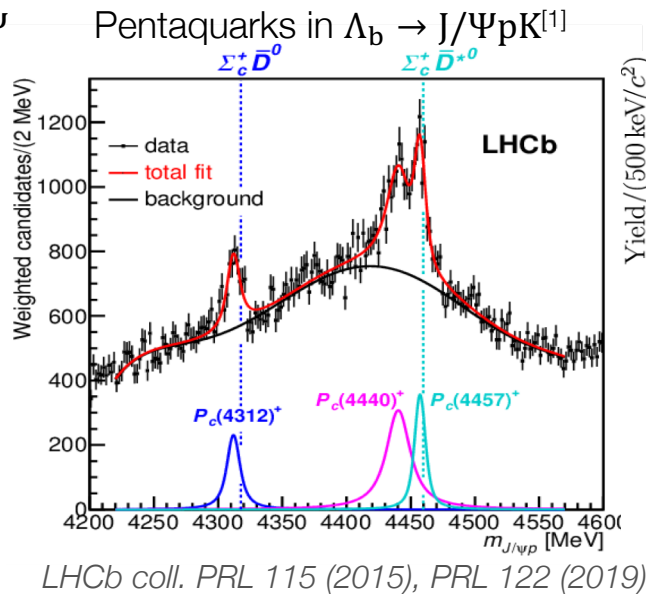
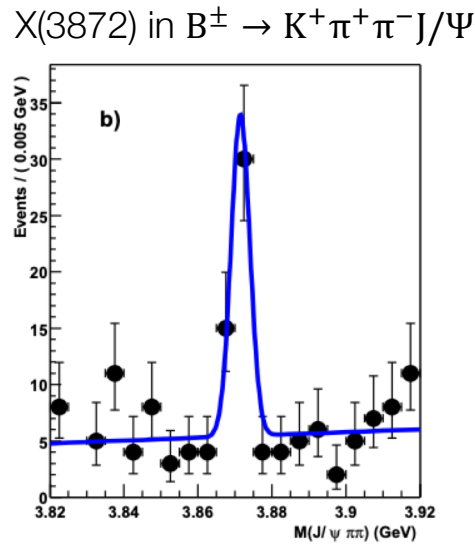
Need for complementary experimental constraints
Need for advanced analysis/modeling approaches
Joint effort theory-experiment!

TUM Hunting for exotic states: a broad experimental effort

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- Several collaborations with **different production mechanism**
 - Hadronic/ e^+e^- colliders, fixed target experiments, photoproduction experiments

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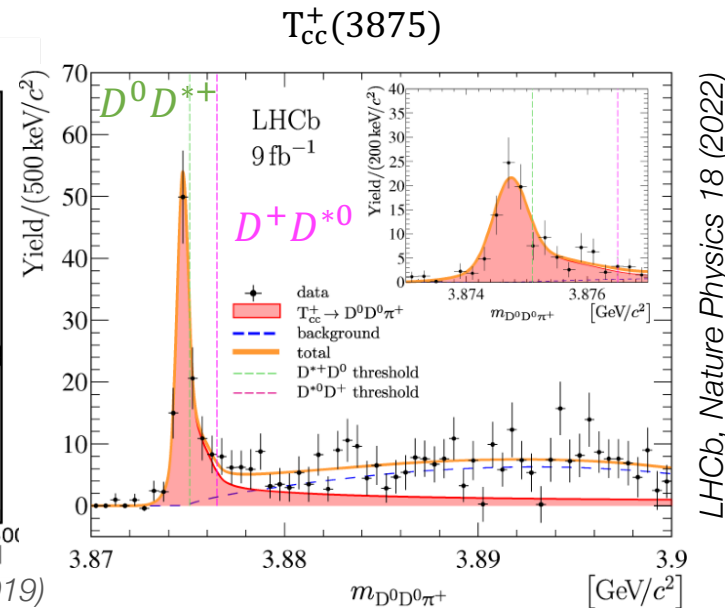
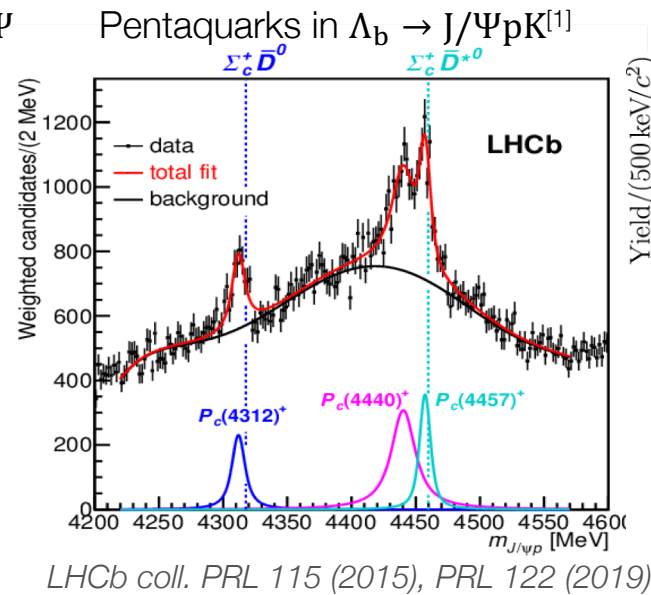
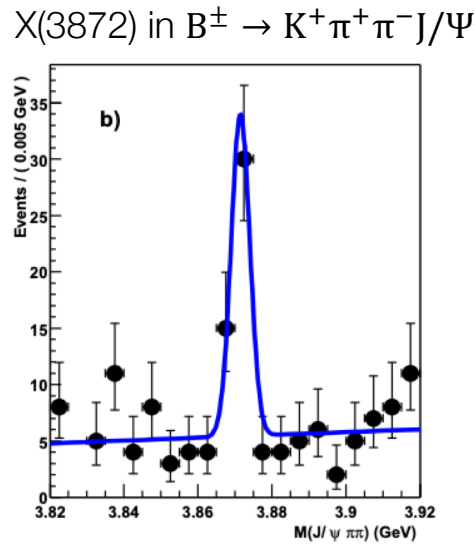


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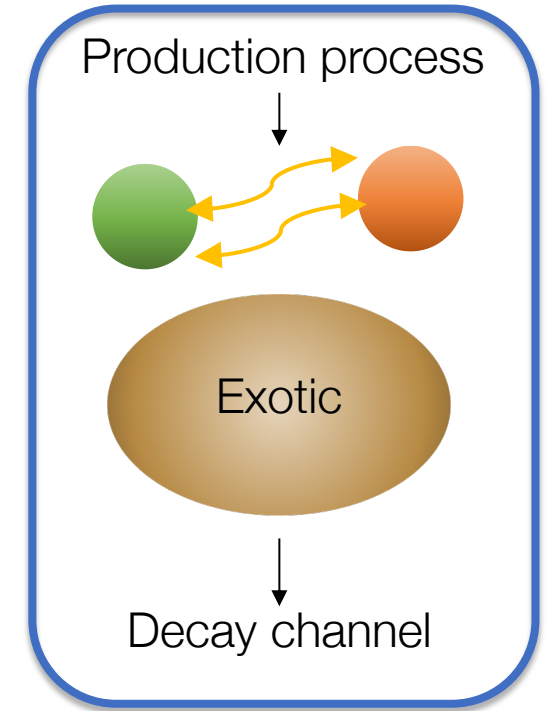
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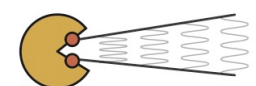
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LHCb, Nature Physics 18 (2022)

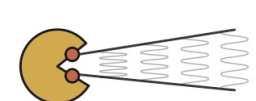
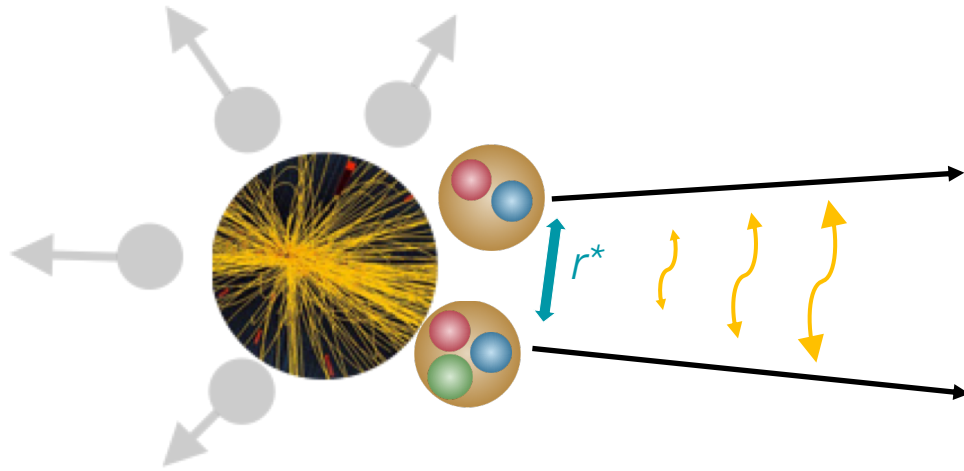


Accessing the interaction between the constituents



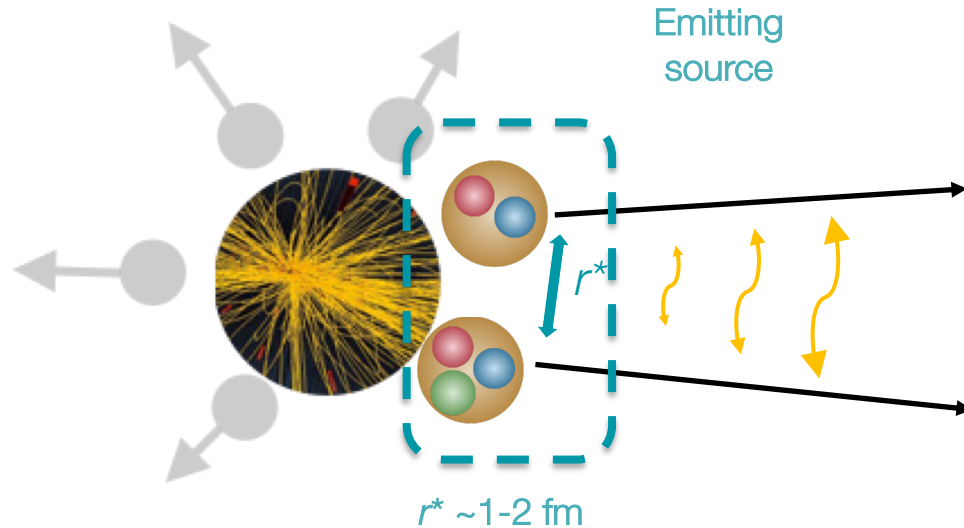
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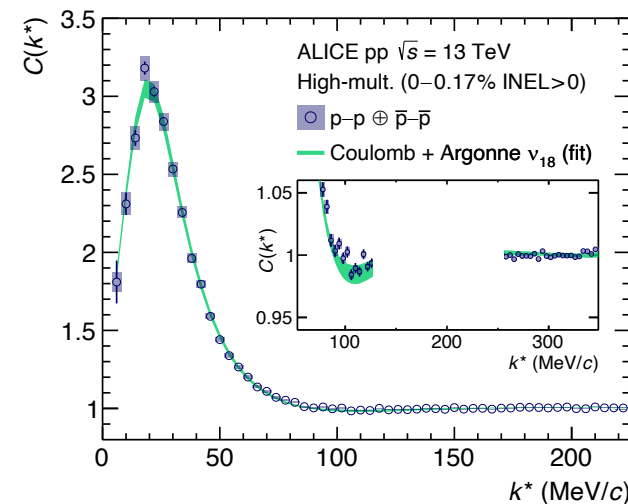


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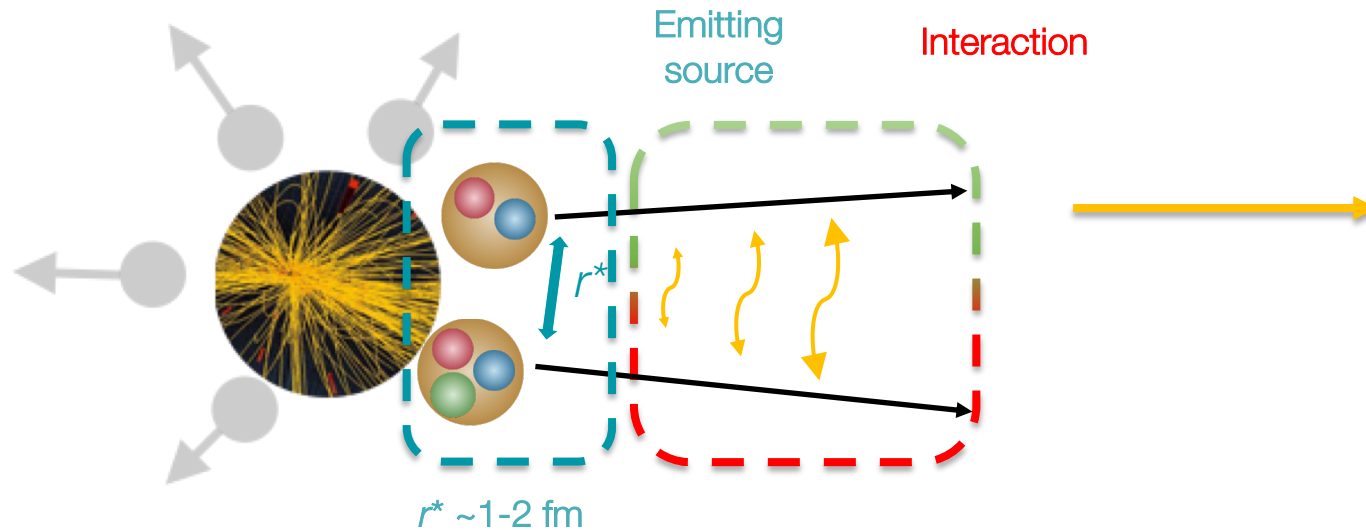
Emitting source constrained with p-p correlation data
ALICE coll., PLB, 811 (2020), 135849
 → Interparticle distances ~1-2 fm



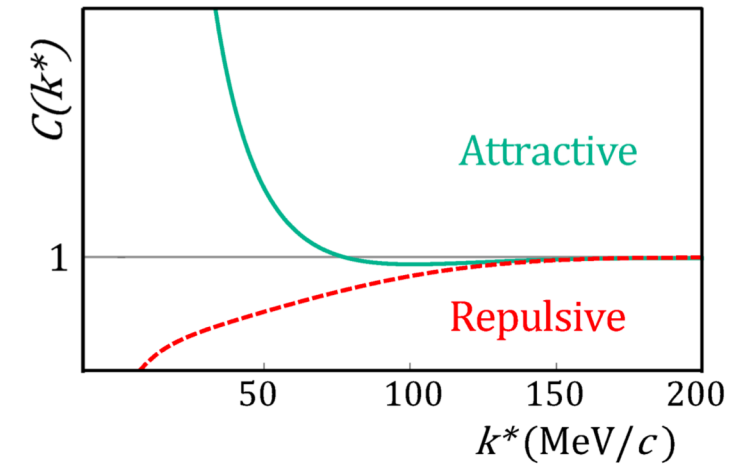
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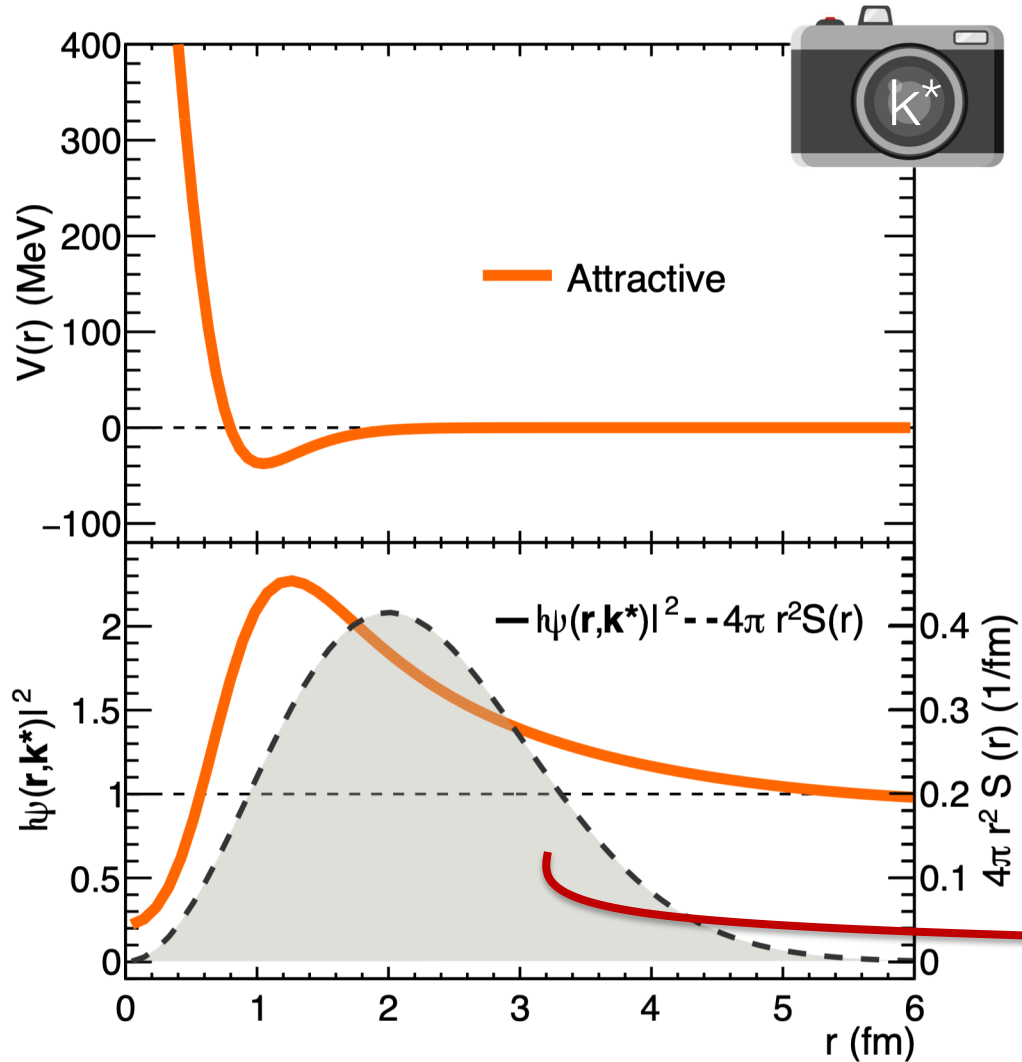


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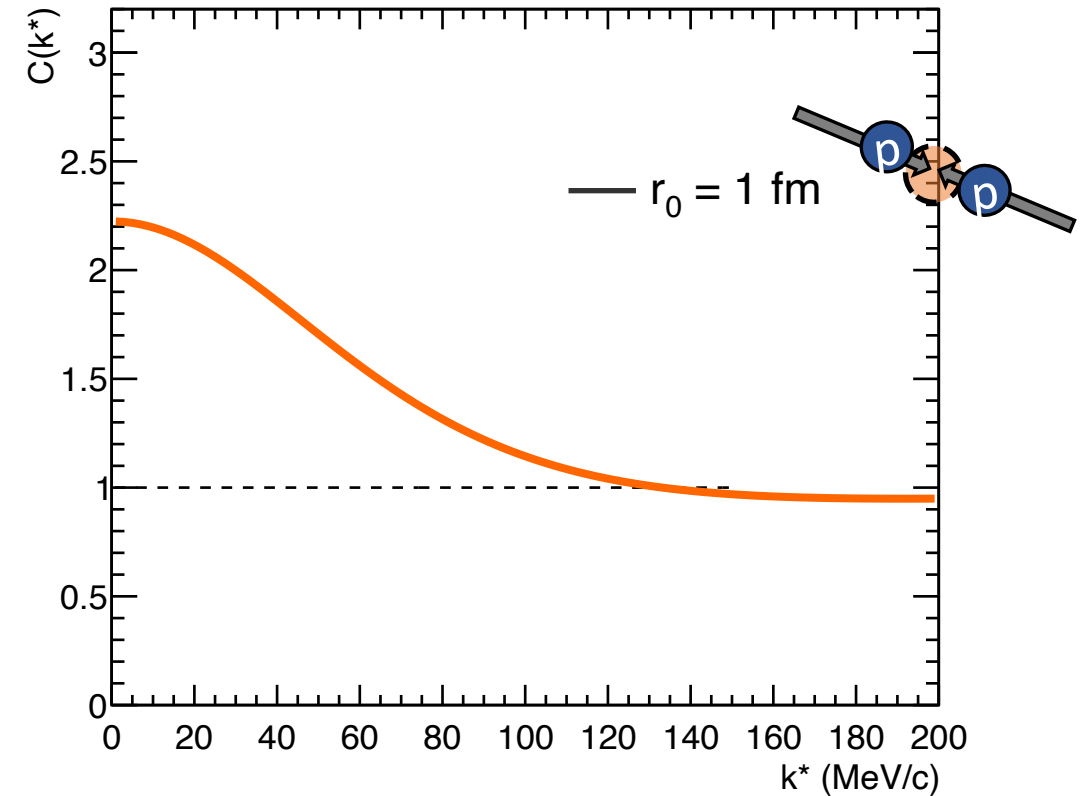


Correlation mapping 1-to-1
the nature of the interaction

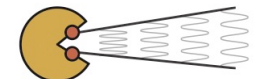
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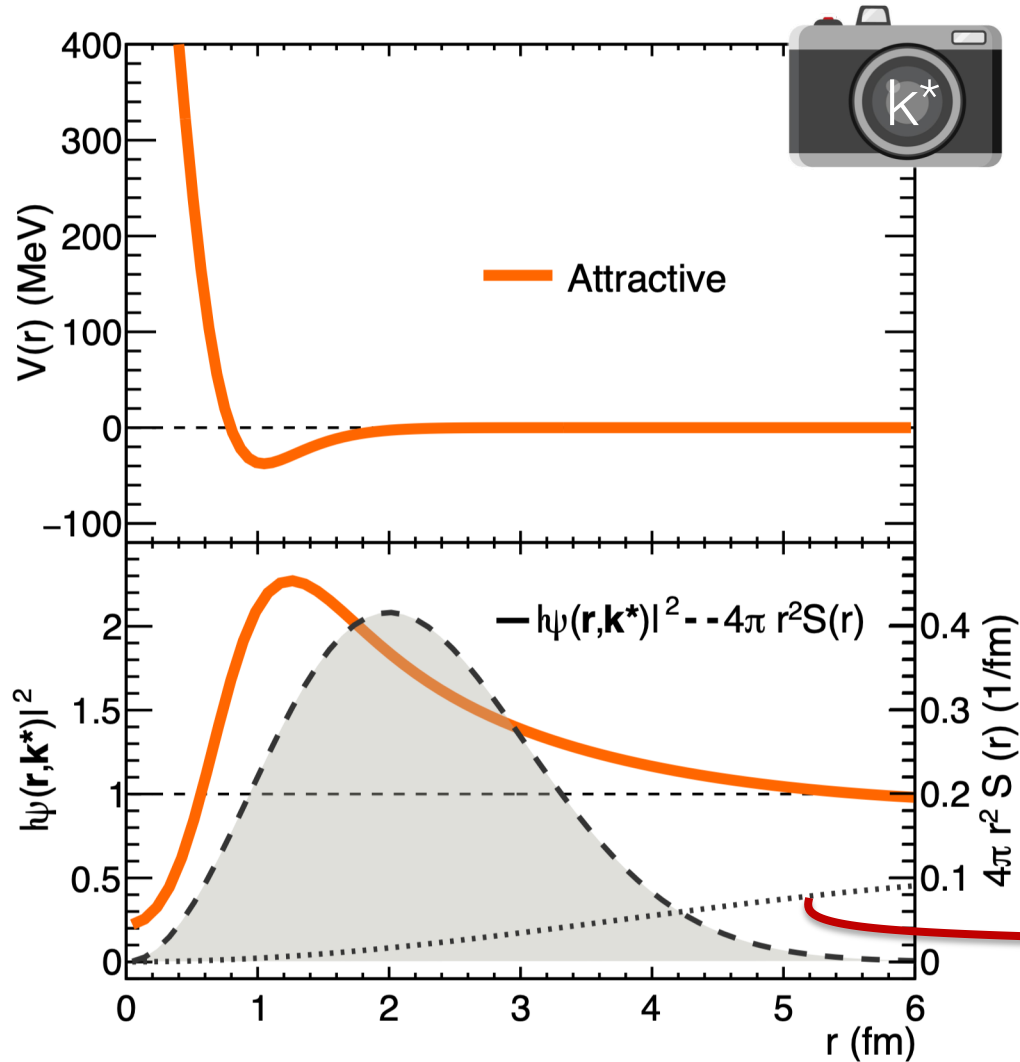
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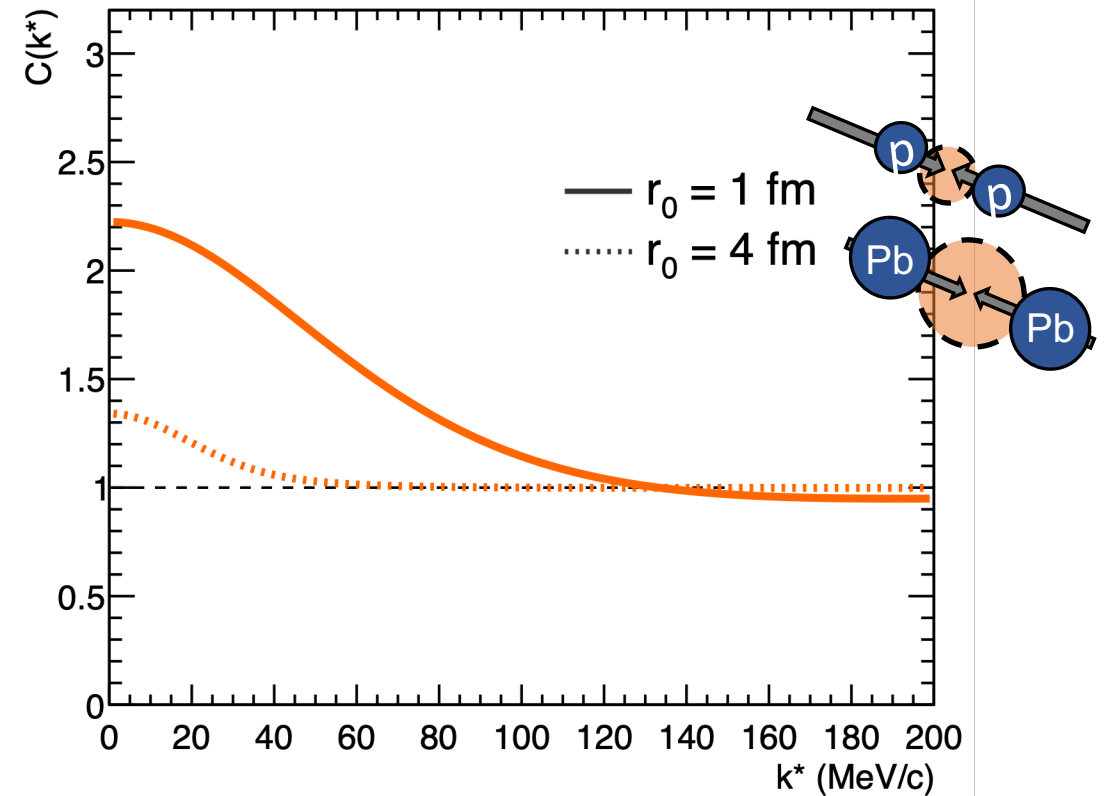
Accessing short-range dynamics
in pp collisions



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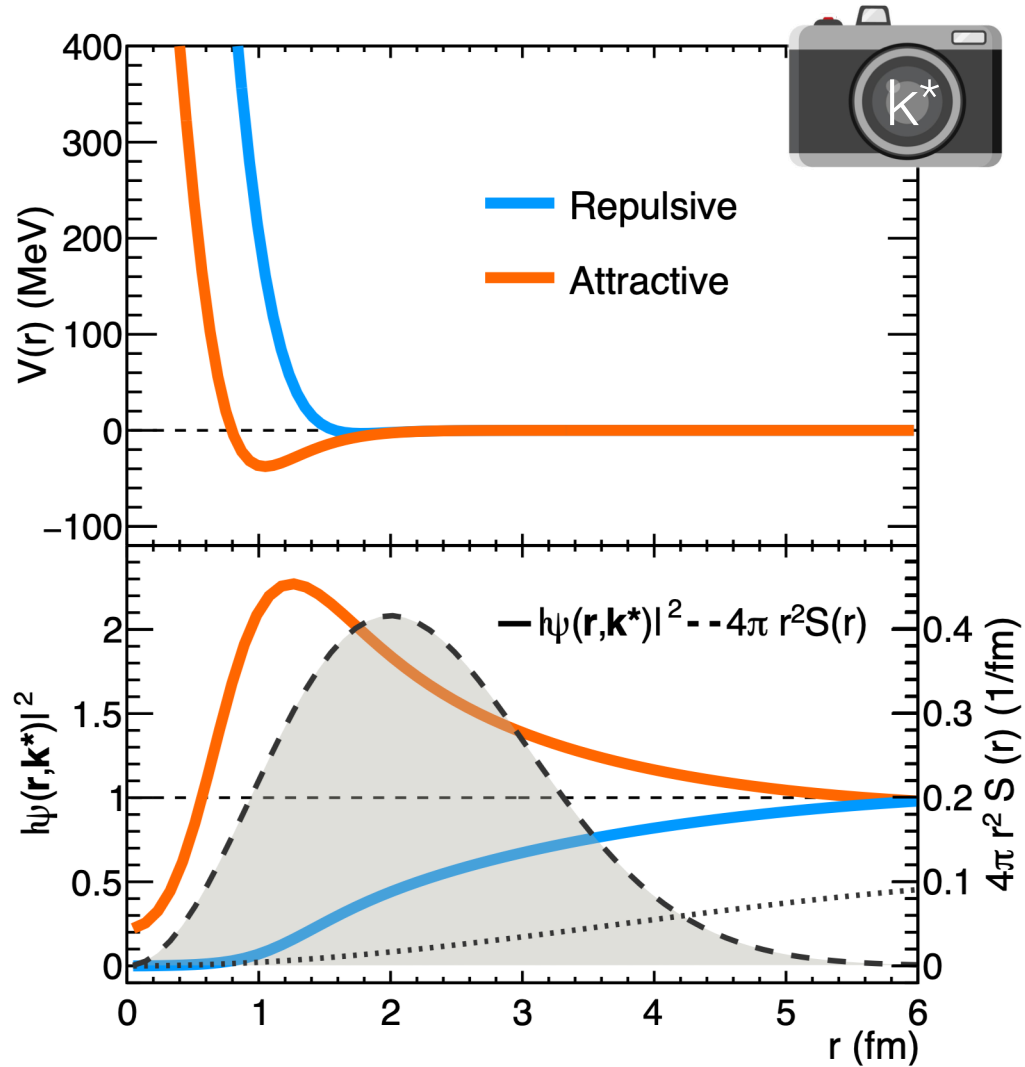


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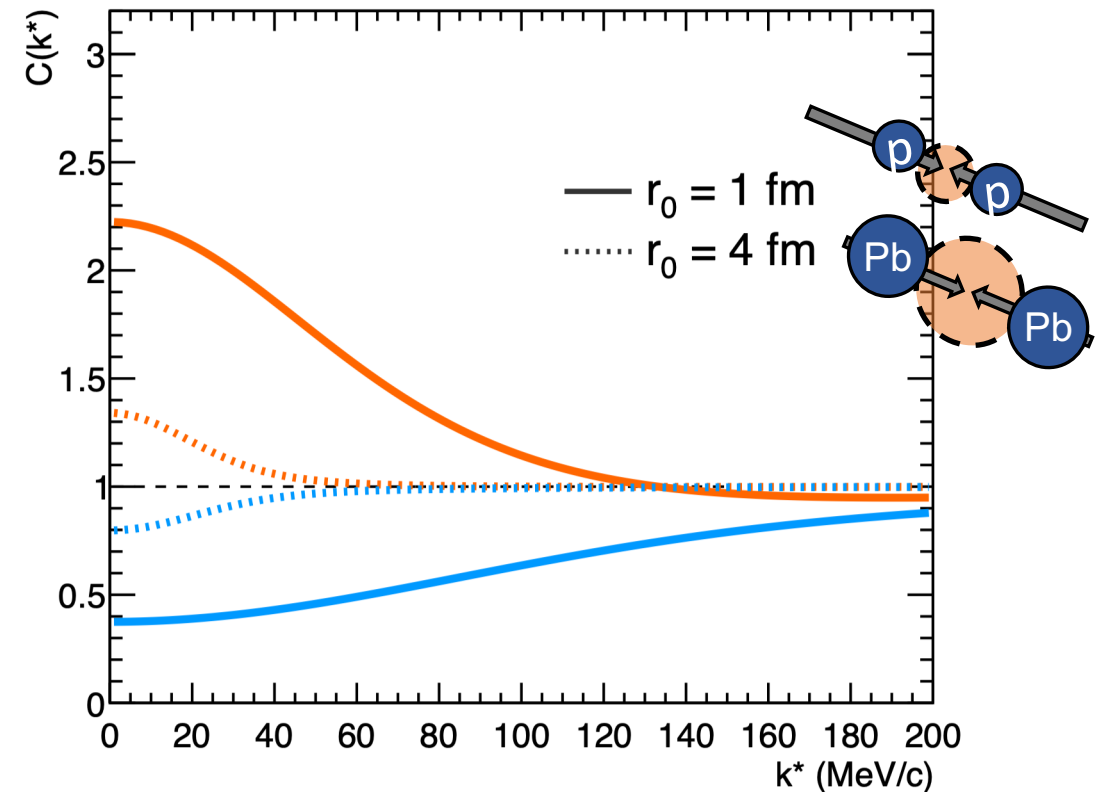


Decrease of signal strength for large source sizes

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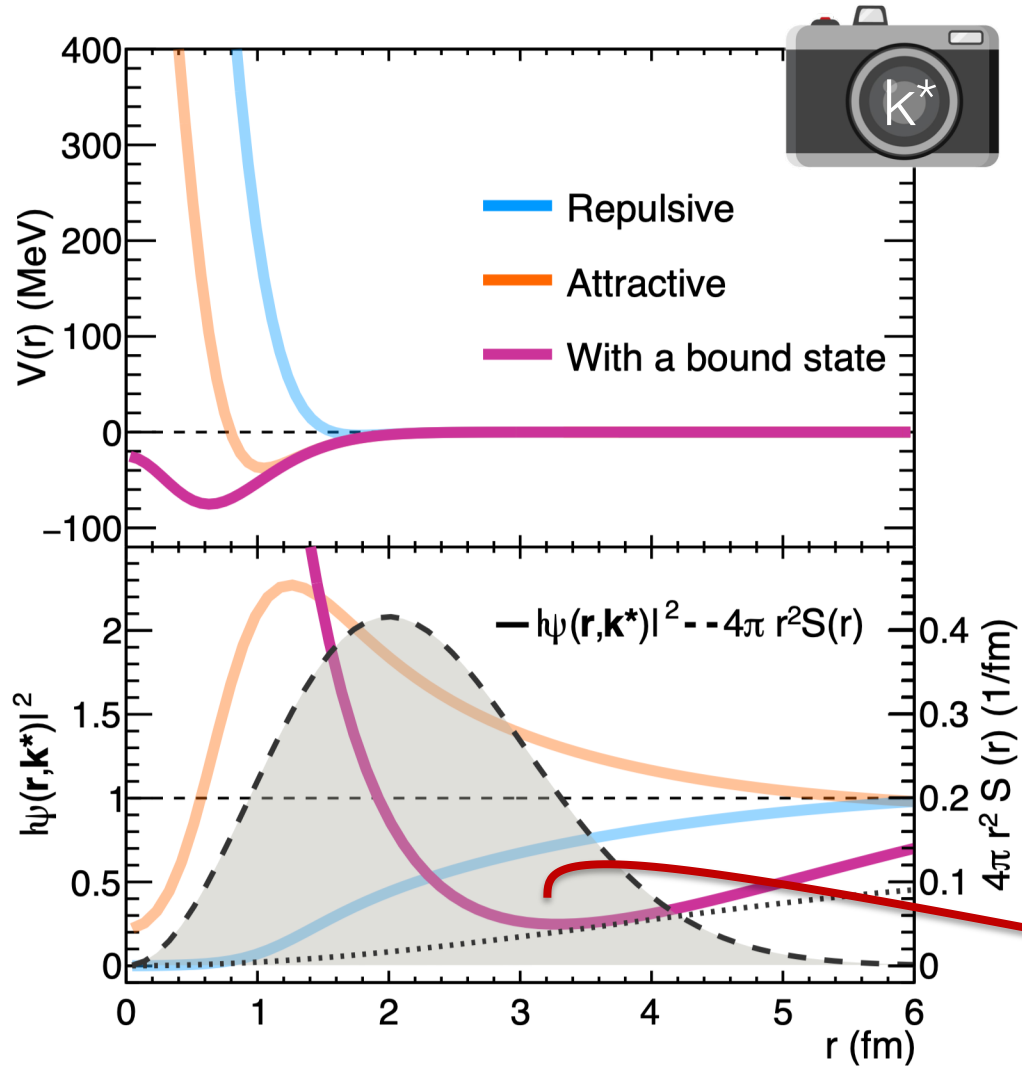
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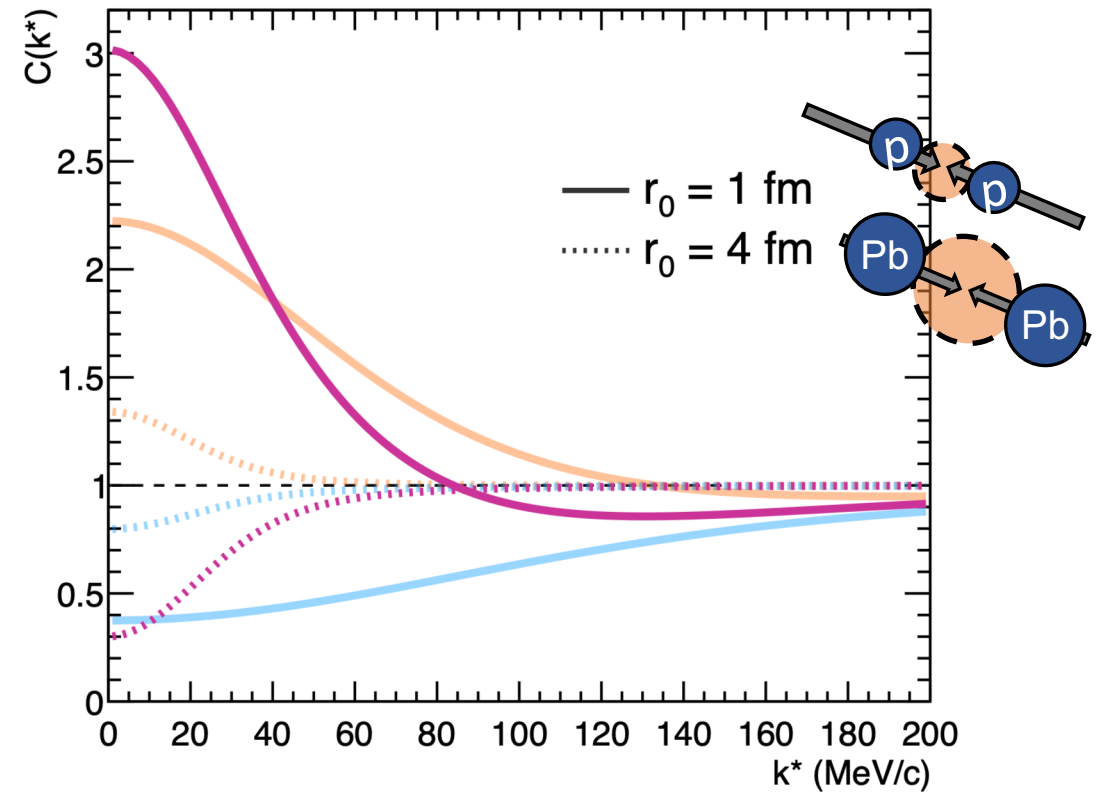
$$C(k^*) \begin{cases} > 1 & \text{Attractive (no BS)} \\ < 1 & \text{Repulsive} \end{cases}$$

A clear signature for bound states

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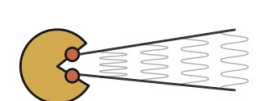
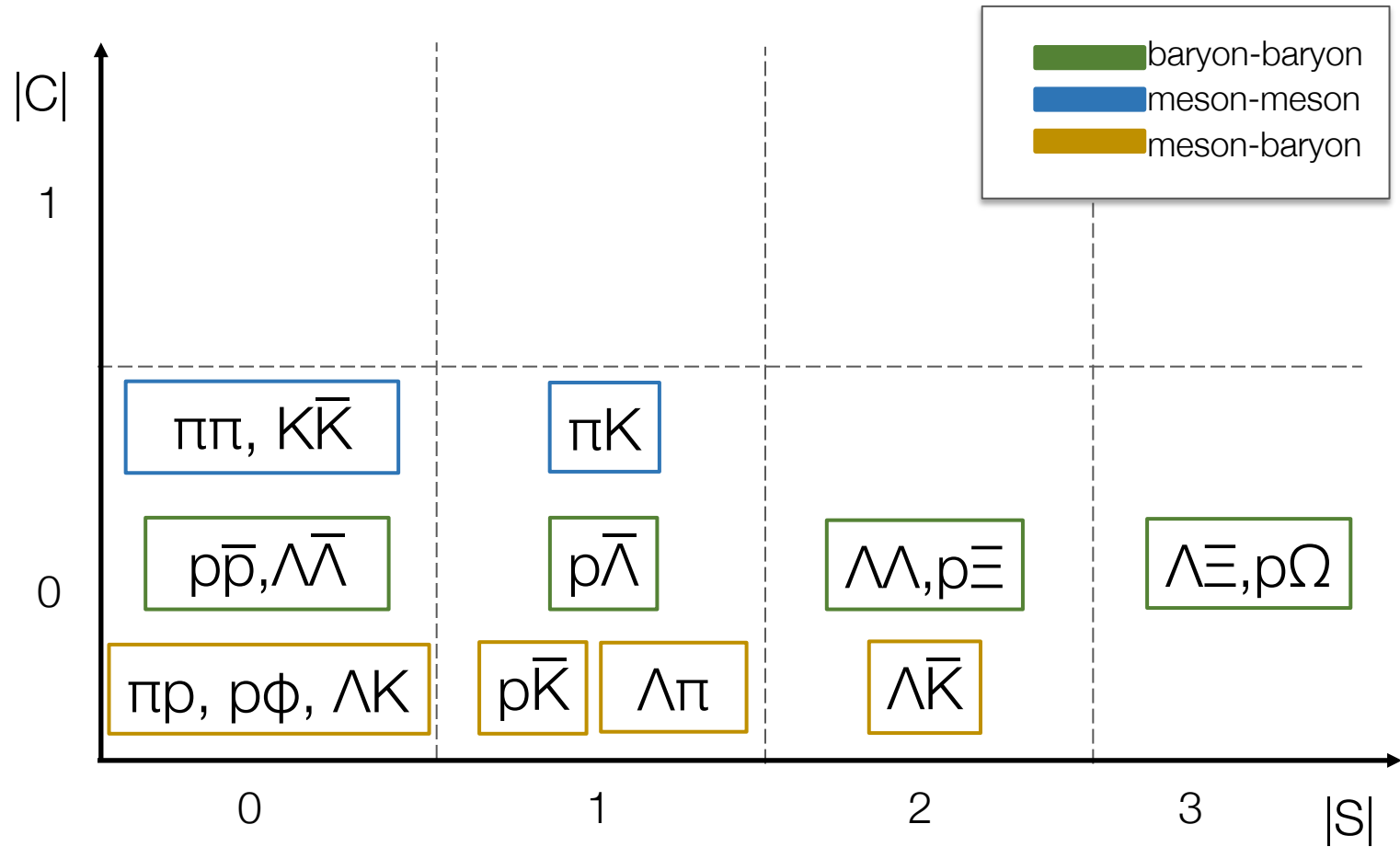
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Correlation flips around unity when a bound state is present!

What can correlations do for bound states and exotics

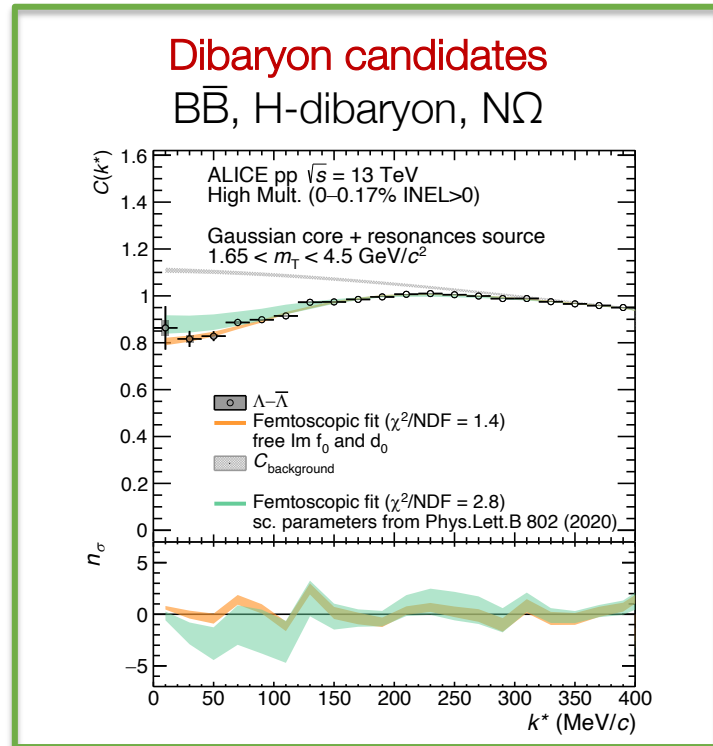
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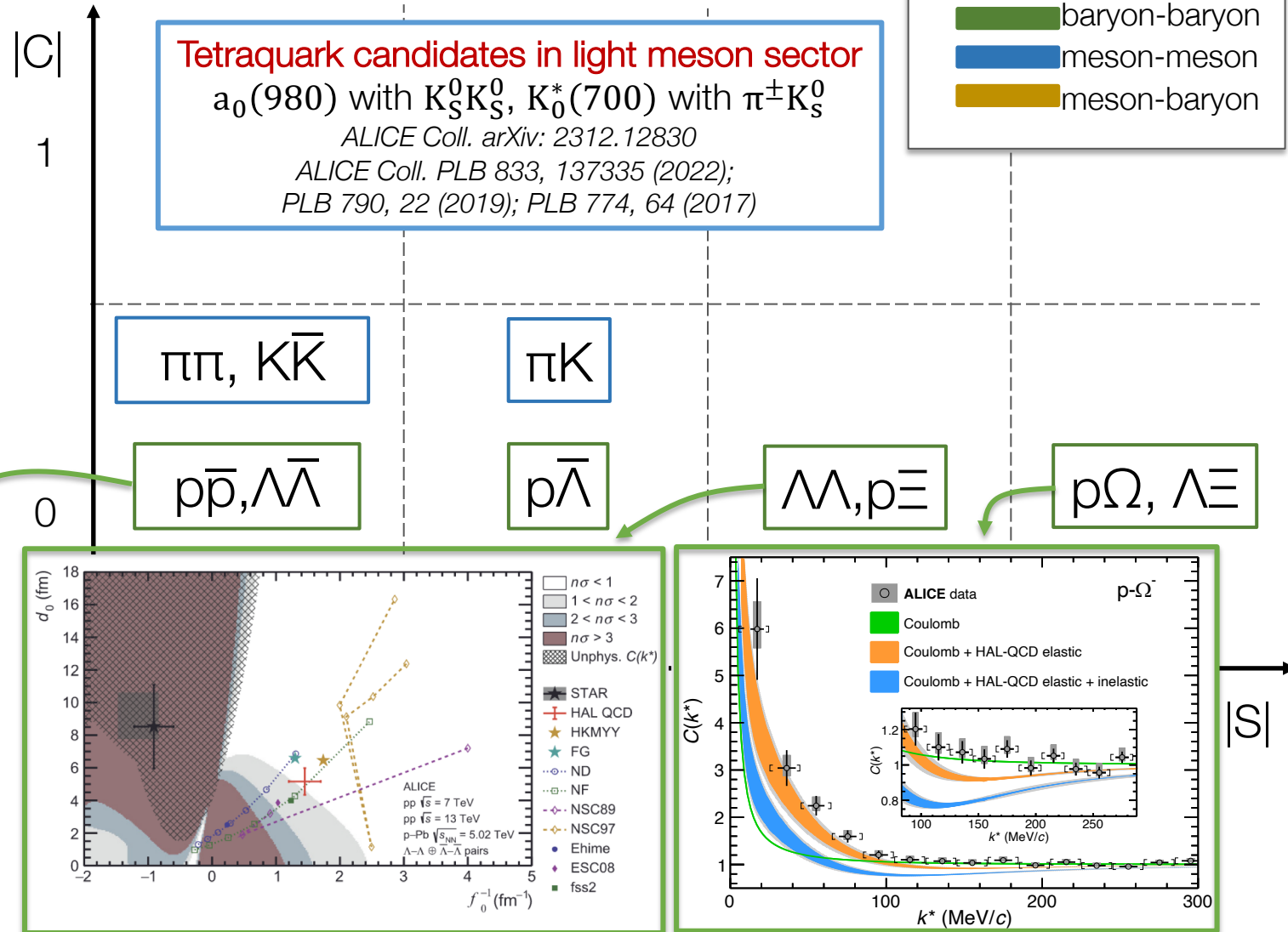
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- Widely explored the light and strange sector with LHC Run 2



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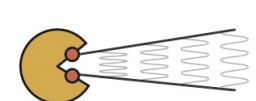
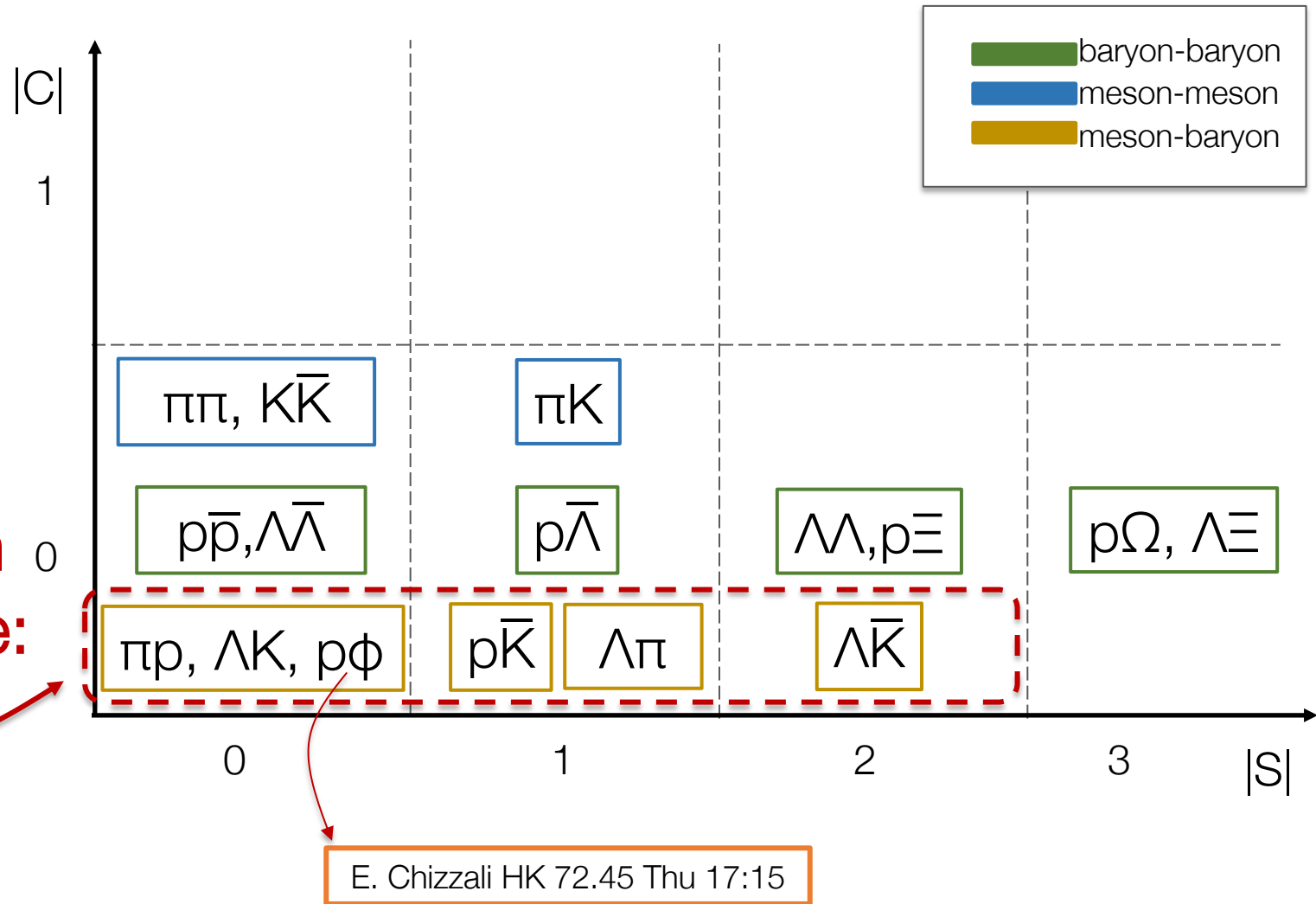
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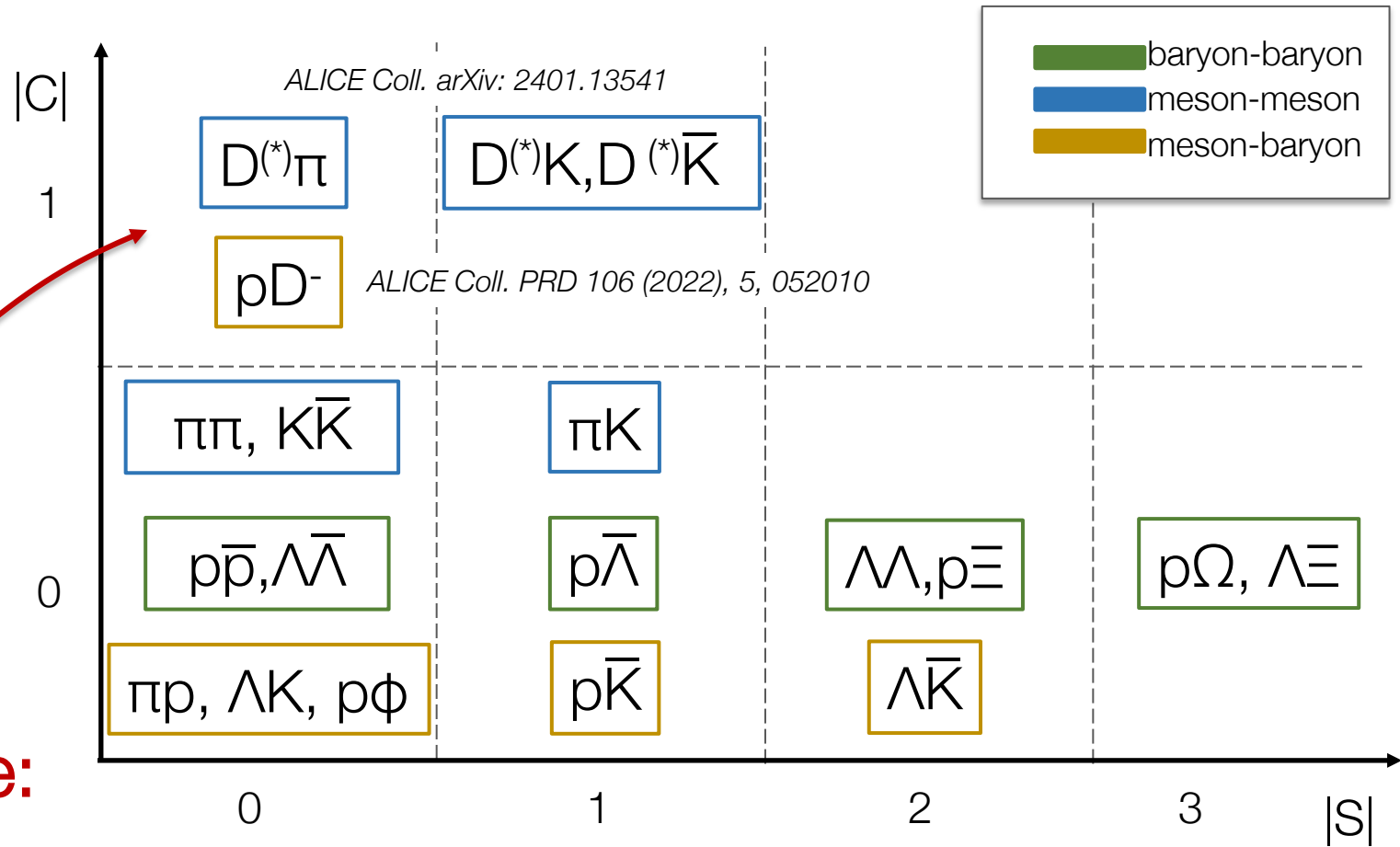
Novel data on $|S|=0,1,2$ meson-baryon interaction
 Molecular states and more:
 $\Lambda(1405), \Xi^*, N^*, \dots$

M. Mai Eur.Phys.J.ST 230 (2021) 6, 1593-1607
A. Feijoo et al. Phys.Lett.B 841 (2023) 137927
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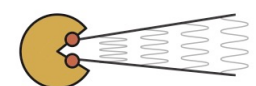


High-precision correlation data on many interactions involving exotic/bound states

First “scattering” data available also in the charm sector
 Molecular states and more:
 Λ_C^* , D_0^* (2300), D_{s0}^* (2317), ...



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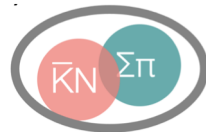
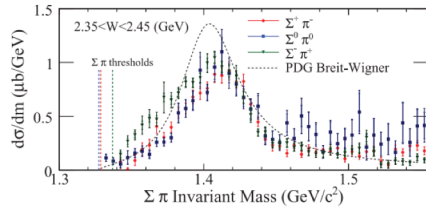


$S = -1$

Strangeness \rightarrow

Photoprod. experiments

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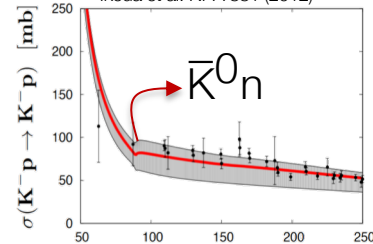


$\bar{K}N$

Kaonic hydrogen
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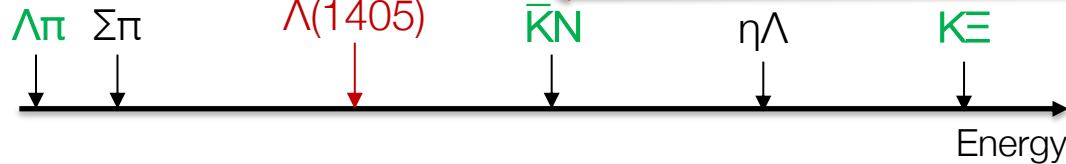
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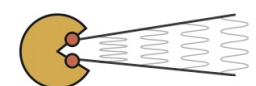
Femtoscscopy

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PLB 822 (2021), EPJC 83 (2023)



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Meson-baryon interactions with strangeness

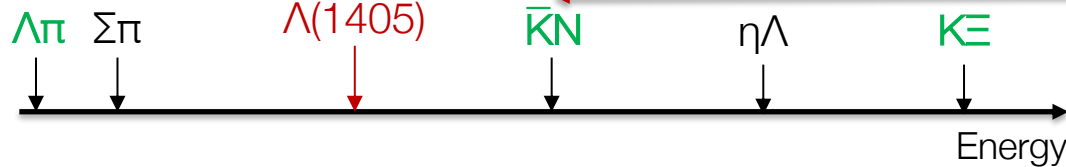
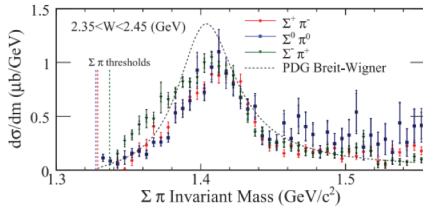
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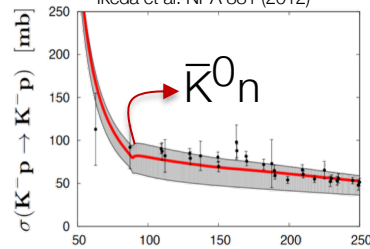


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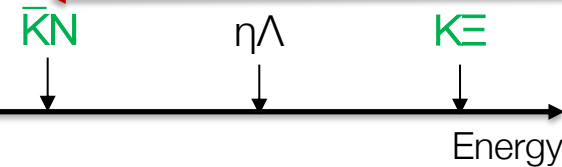
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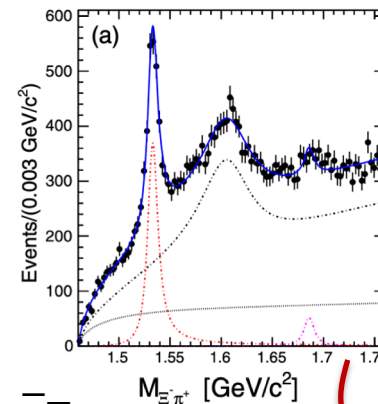
Femtoscopy

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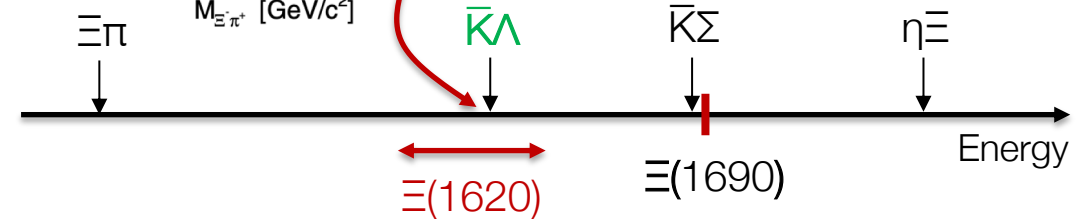
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Belle Coll. PRL 122 (2019)



Femtoscopy in Pb-Pb

ALICE Coll. PRC 103 (2021),
CMS Coll. arXiv: 2301.05290



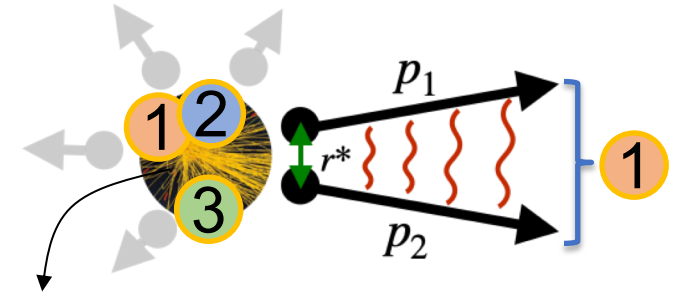
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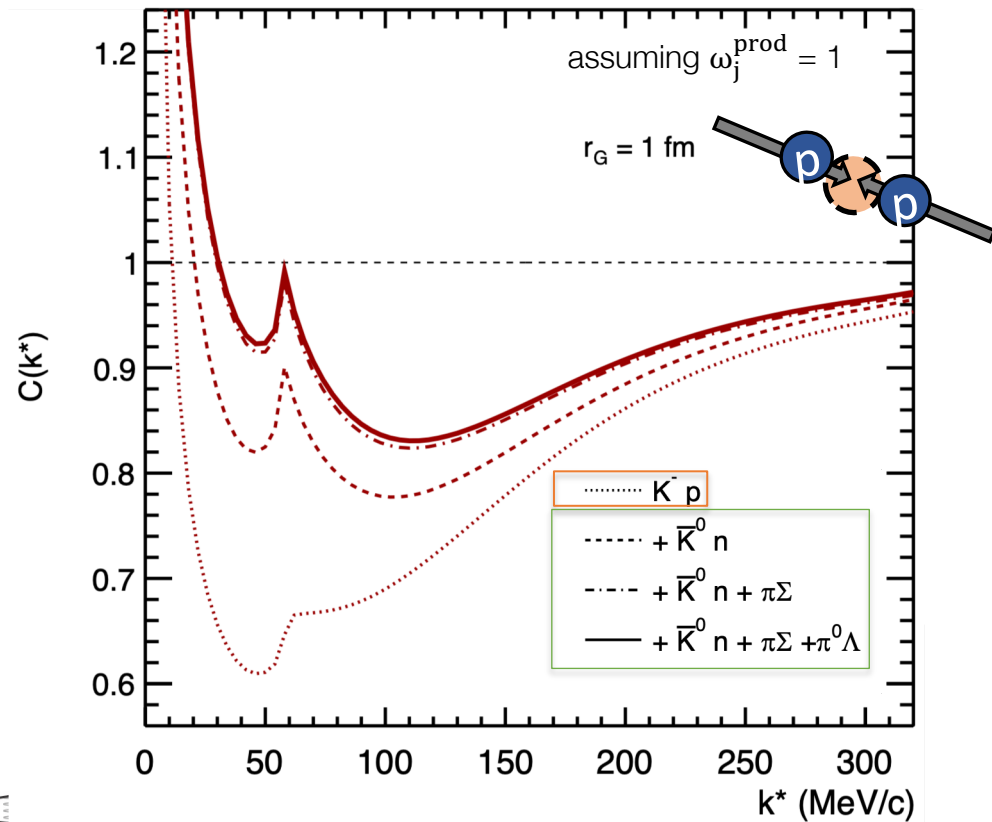
Similar scenario for $\Xi(1620)$ state?

Can we shed light on the nature of this state with correlations?

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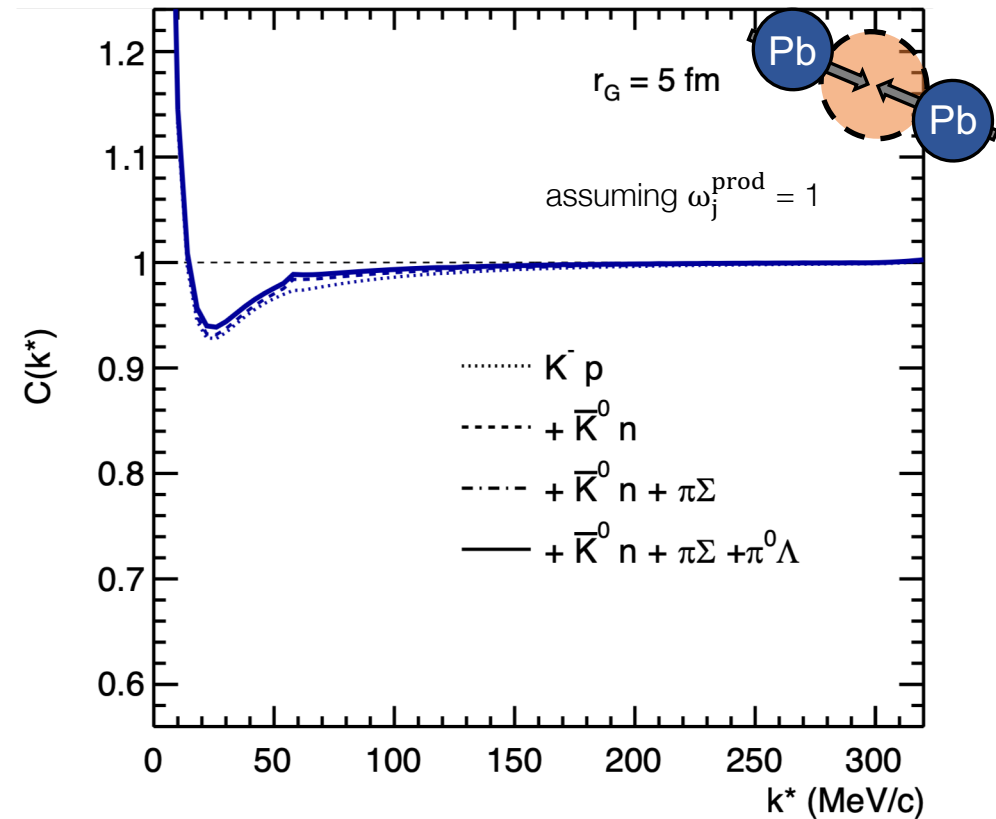
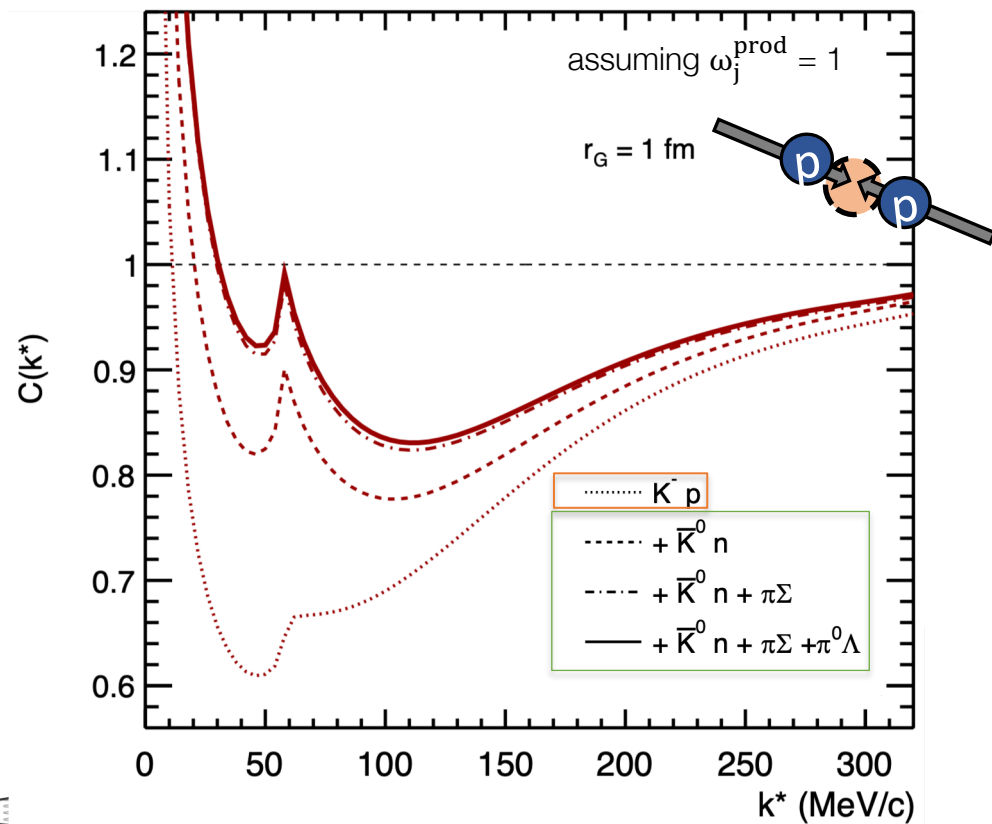
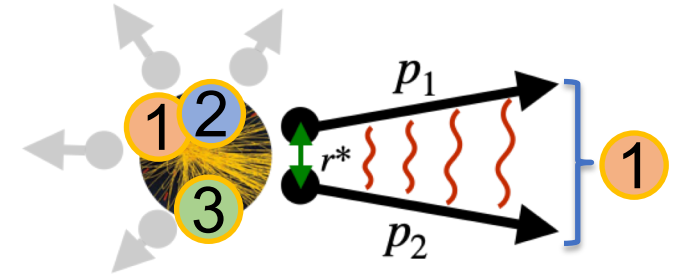
Elastic/Inelastic channels
 $\psi_1(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{r}) + \psi_2(\mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{r}) + \dots$



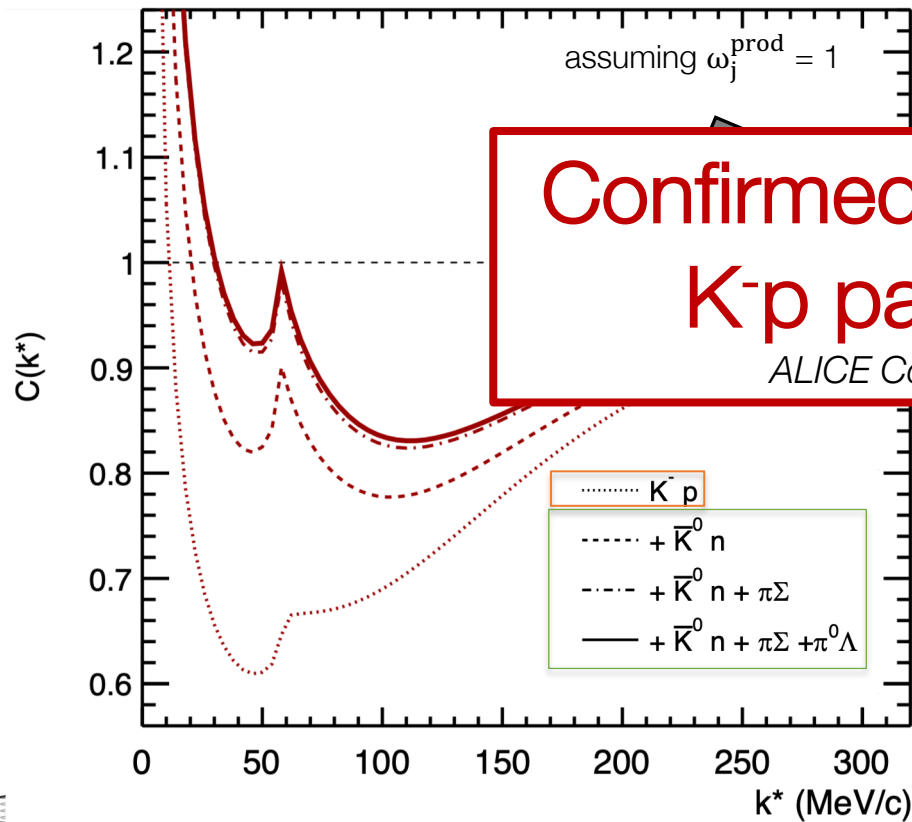
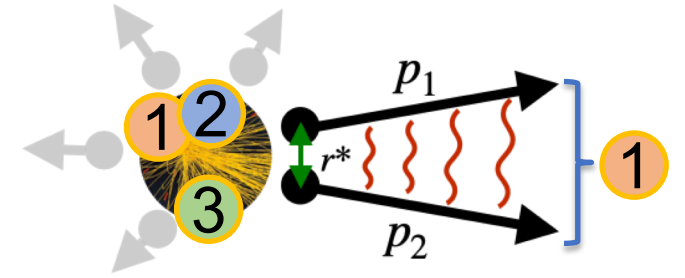
- Wavefunctions obtained in a coupled-channel approach
 - Above threshold: modify the shape of CF
 → cusp structure e.g. $\bar{K}^0 n$
 - Below threshold: increase the strength of CF
 → shift upward of CF e.g. $\Sigma \pi$
- Conversion weights ω_j^{prod}
 - How many j pairs are produced as initial states?
 - Can be obtained in a data-driven way

For more details: J. Haidenbauer NPA 981 (2019), Y. Kamiya et al. PRL 124 (2020)
 L. Fabbietti, VMS, O. Vazquez Doce Ann.Rev.Nucl.Part.Sci. 71 (2021)

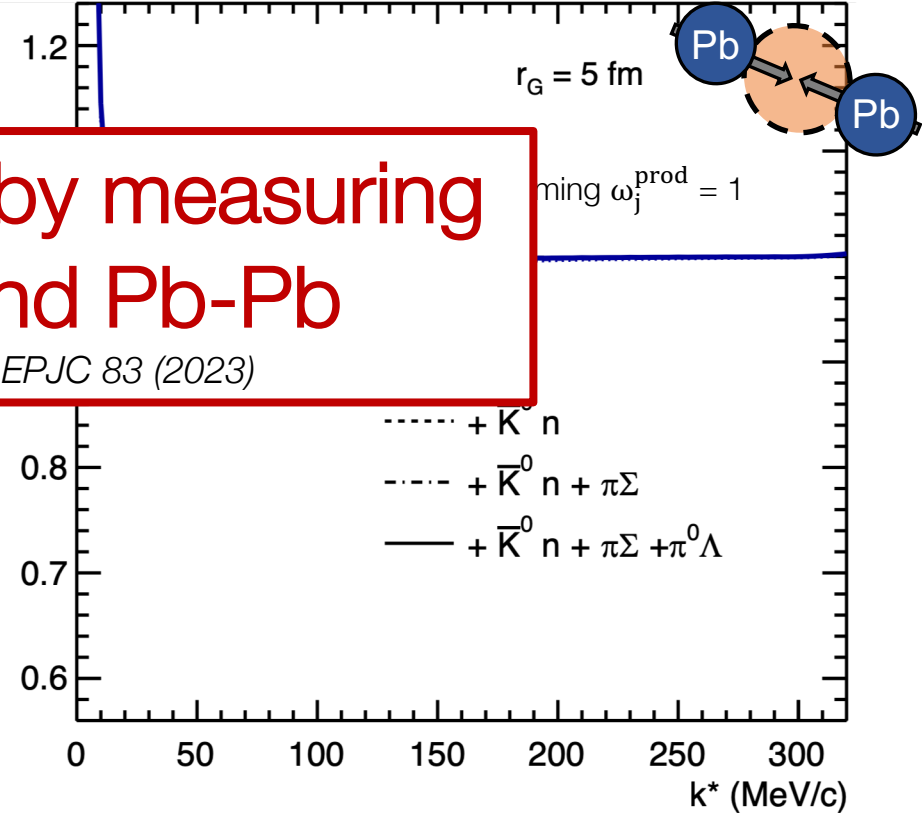
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**Confirmed experimentally by measuring
 K-p pairs in pp, p-Pb and Pb-Pb**
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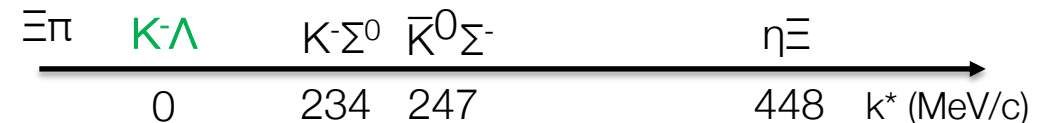
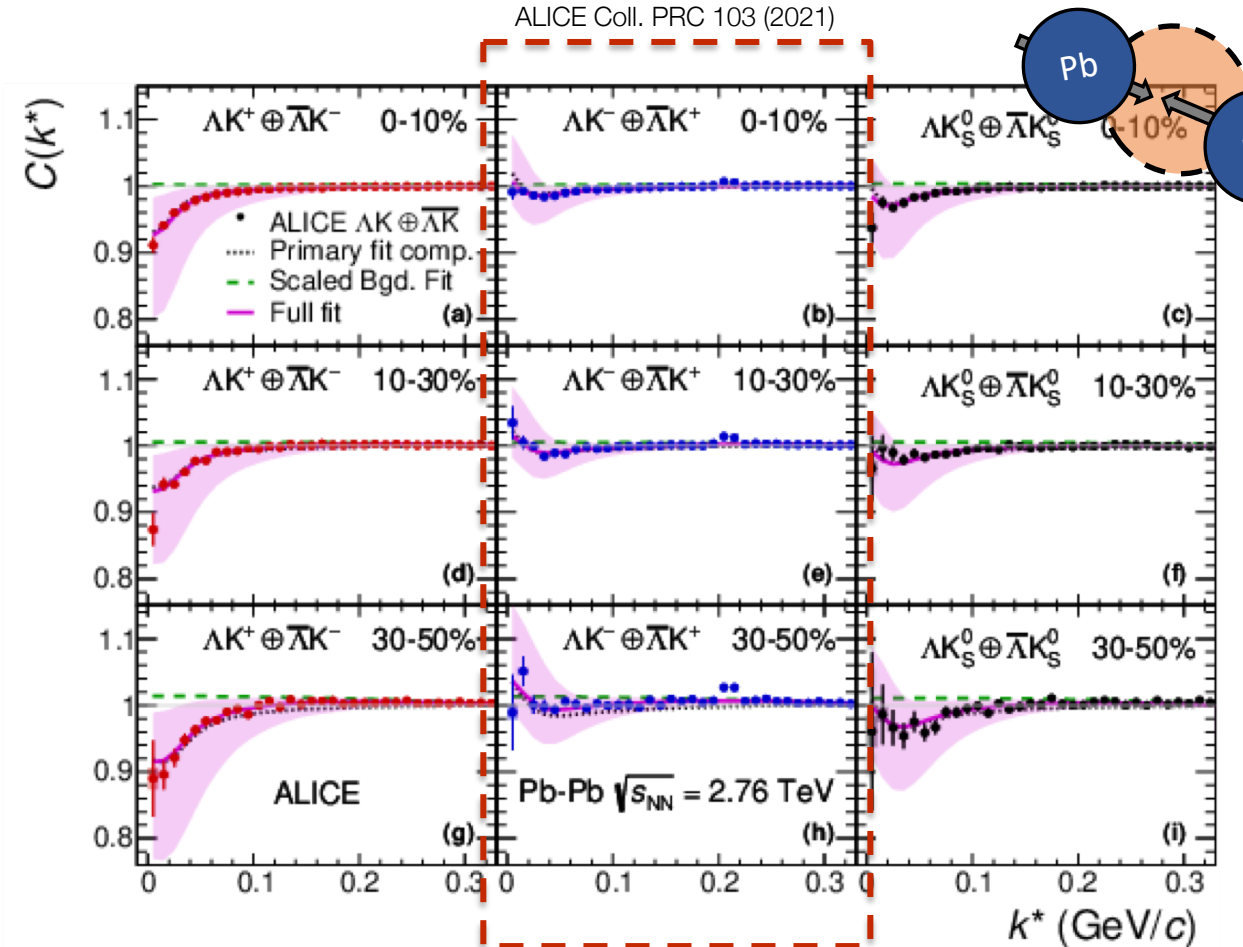


Accessing the $\Lambda\bar{K}$ interaction with correlations

- Correlations in Pb-Pb
 - No particular cusps or structure visible
 - First measured scattering parameters available!

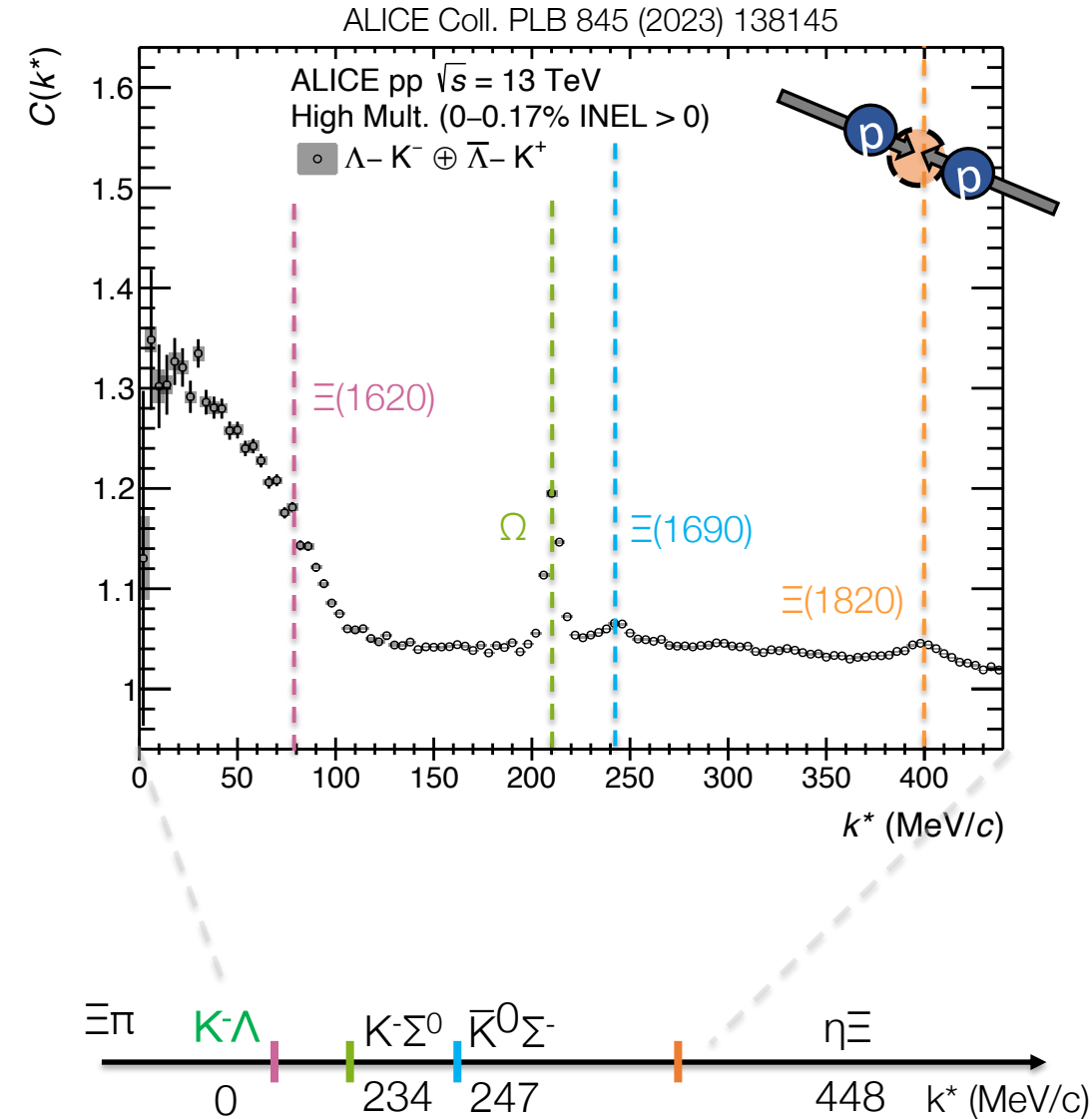
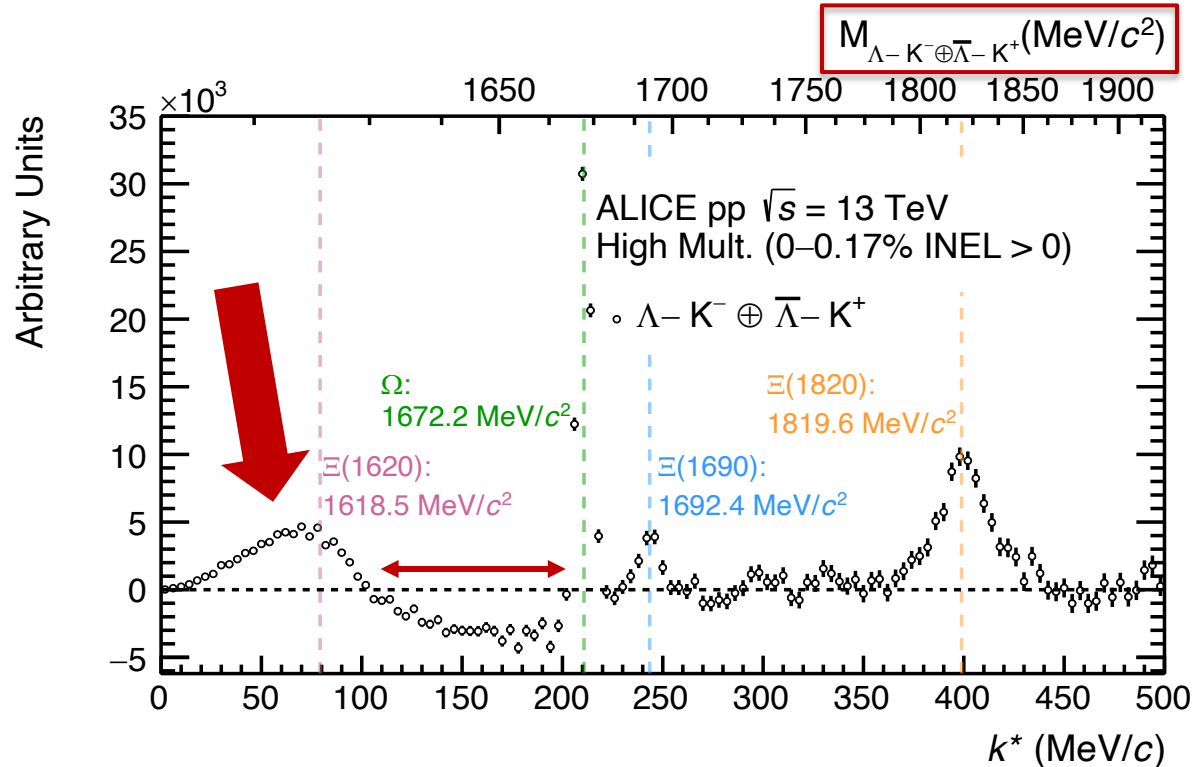
How does the correlation look like in pp collisions?

Presence of $\Xi(1620)$?

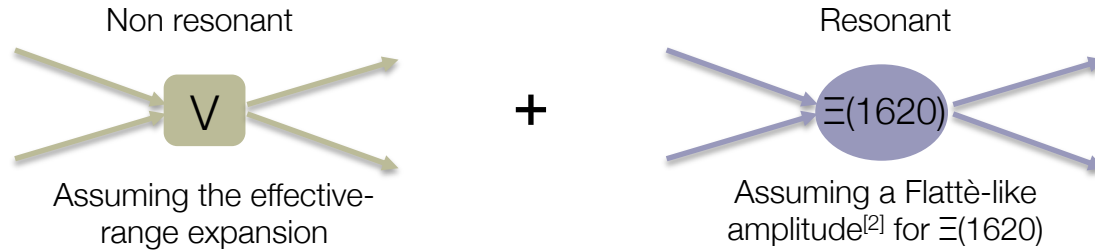


The ΛK^- correlation in pp collisions

- Several peak structures in the measured correlation
- Invariant mass from same and mixed event distributions used to build the correlation
 - $\Xi(1620)$ just above the threshold
 - First experimental evidence of decay into ΛK^-

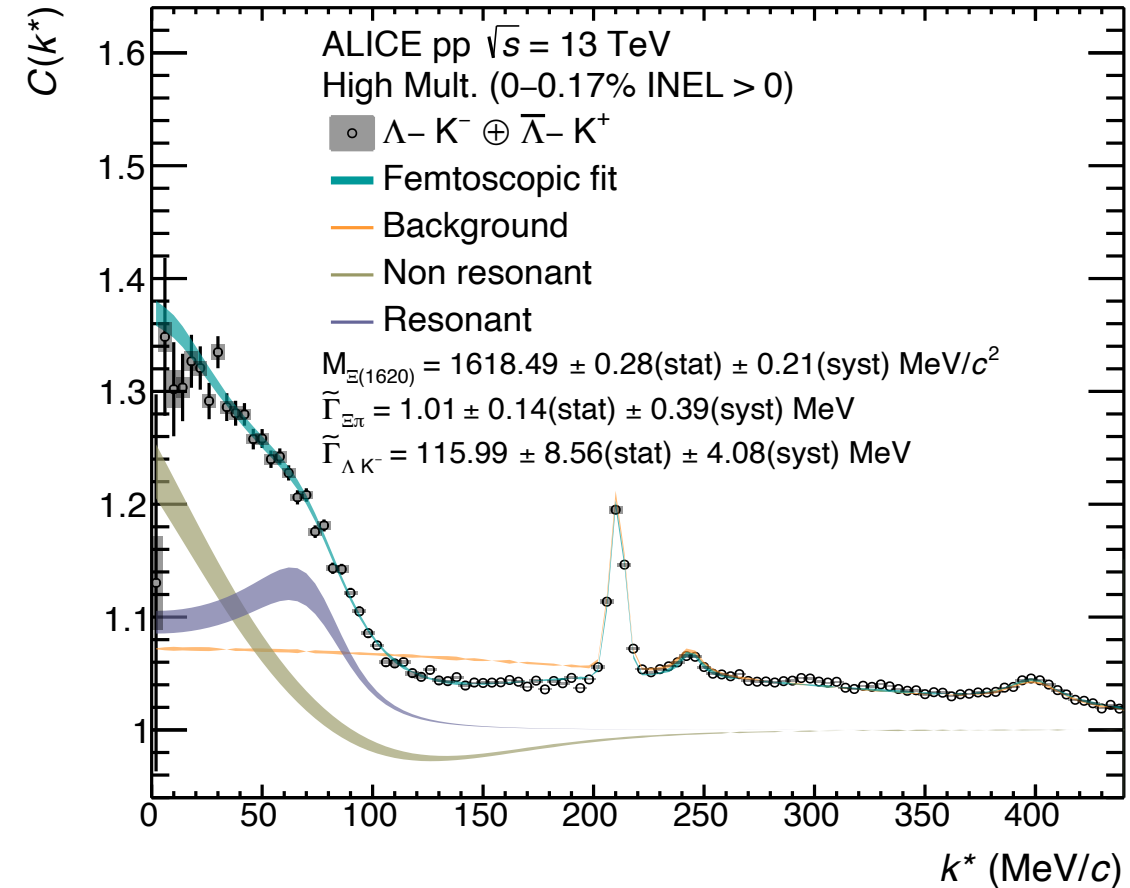


- Data modeled assuming effective scattering amplitude^[1]



- $\Xi(1620)$ properties and scattering parameters overall in agreement with Belle and Pb-Pb results
 - Indication of a large coupling of $\Xi(1620)$ to ΛK^-

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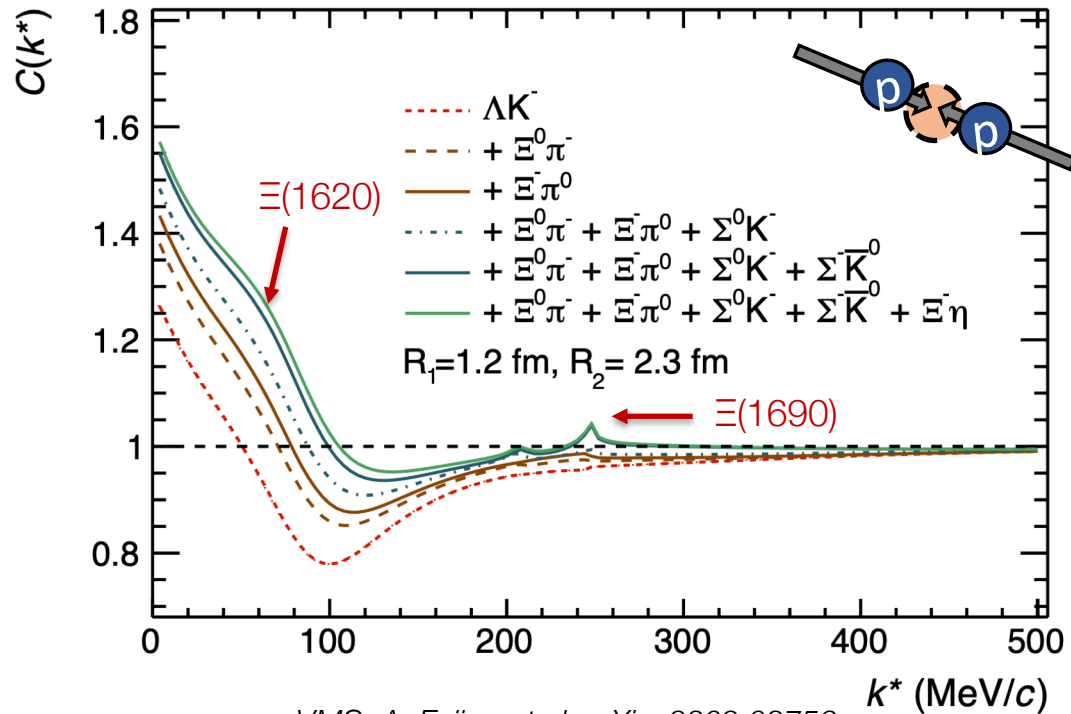
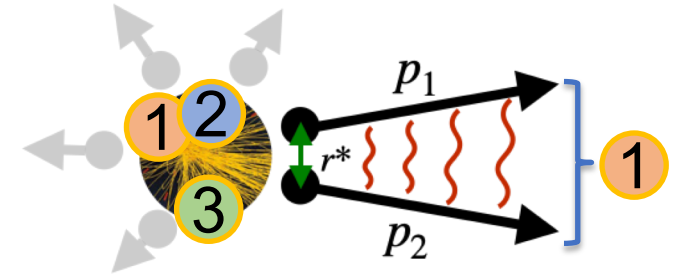
Can we use these femtoscopic data to constrain effective QCD models and investigate the $\Xi(1620)$ nature?

[1] R. Lednicky, V. Lyuboshits *SJNP* 35 (1982)

[2] F. Giacosa et al. *EPJA* 57 (2021), 12, 336

TUM Constraining effective QCD lagrangians with correlations

$$C(k^*) = \underbrace{\int S_1(\vec{r}^*) |\Psi_{1 \rightarrow 1}(\vec{k}^*, \vec{r}^*)|^2 d^3 r^*}_{\text{elastic } 1 \rightarrow 1} + \underbrace{\sum_{j \neq 1} \omega_j^{\text{prod}} \int S_j(\vec{r}^*) |\Psi_{j \rightarrow 1}(\vec{k}^*, \vec{r}^*)|^2 d^3 r^*}_{\text{inelastic } 2, 3, \dots \rightarrow 1}$$



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inelastic
2, 3, ... → 1

Wavefunctions obtained in a coupled-channel approach

- State-of-the-art NLO effective lagrangian in UχPT
A. Feijoo et al., PLB 841 (2023)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\phi B}^{(1)} = i\langle \bar{B} \gamma_\mu [D^\mu, B] \rangle - M_0 \langle \bar{B} B \rangle - \frac{1}{2} D \langle \bar{B} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \{u^\mu, B\} \rangle - \frac{1}{2} F \langle \bar{B} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 [u^\mu, B] \rangle,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\phi B}^{(2)} = b_D \langle \bar{B} \{ \chi_+, B \} \rangle + b_F \langle \bar{B} [\chi_+, B] \rangle + b_0 \langle \bar{B} B \rangle \langle \chi_+ \rangle + d_1 \langle \bar{B} \{ u_\mu, [u^\mu, B] \} \rangle + d_2 \langle \bar{B} [u_\mu, [u^\mu, B]] \rangle + d_3 \langle \bar{B} u_\mu \rangle \langle u^\mu B \rangle + d_4 \langle \bar{B} B \rangle \langle u^\mu u_\mu \rangle.$$

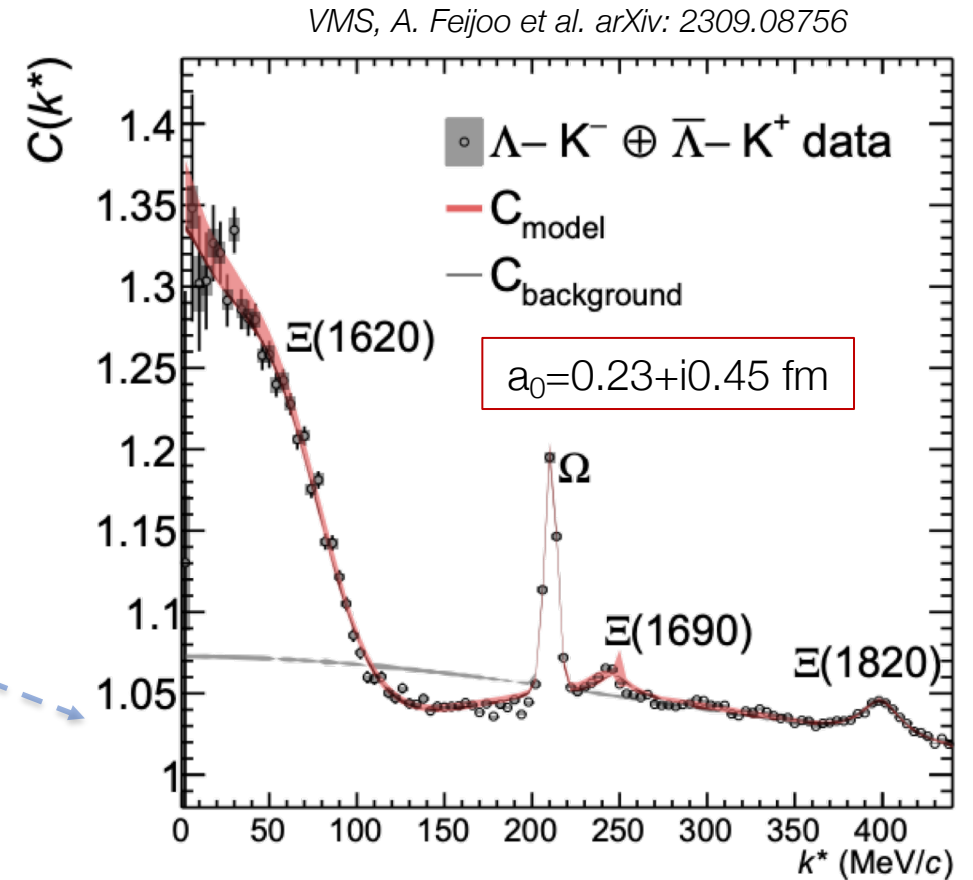
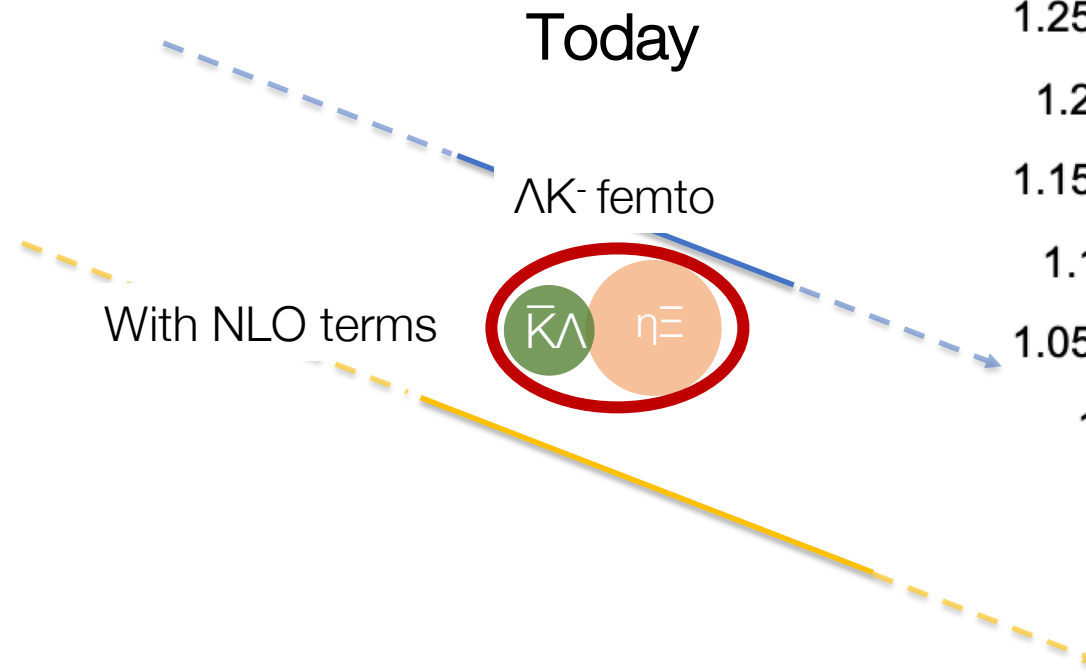
- $\Xi(1620)$ and $\Xi(1690)$ dynamically generated states

Conversion weights ω_j^{prod} and source studies

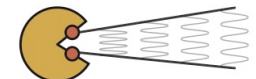
- Detailed data-driven study using thermal and transport models

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- First **combined effort in constraining** the low-energy constants of an **effective chiral lagrangian to correlation data**

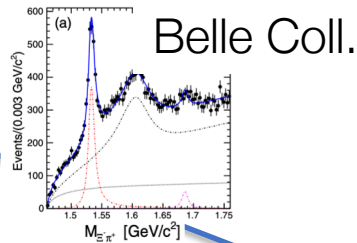
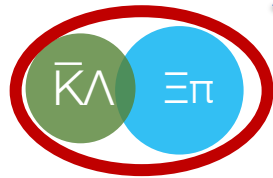


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TUM Femtoscopy era in the $S=-2$ meson-baryon sector

- First **combined effort in constraining** the low-energy constants of an **effective chiral lagrangian to correlation data**



A. Ramos, E. Oset PRL 89 (2002)

Only contact terms
 $|S|=1$ data



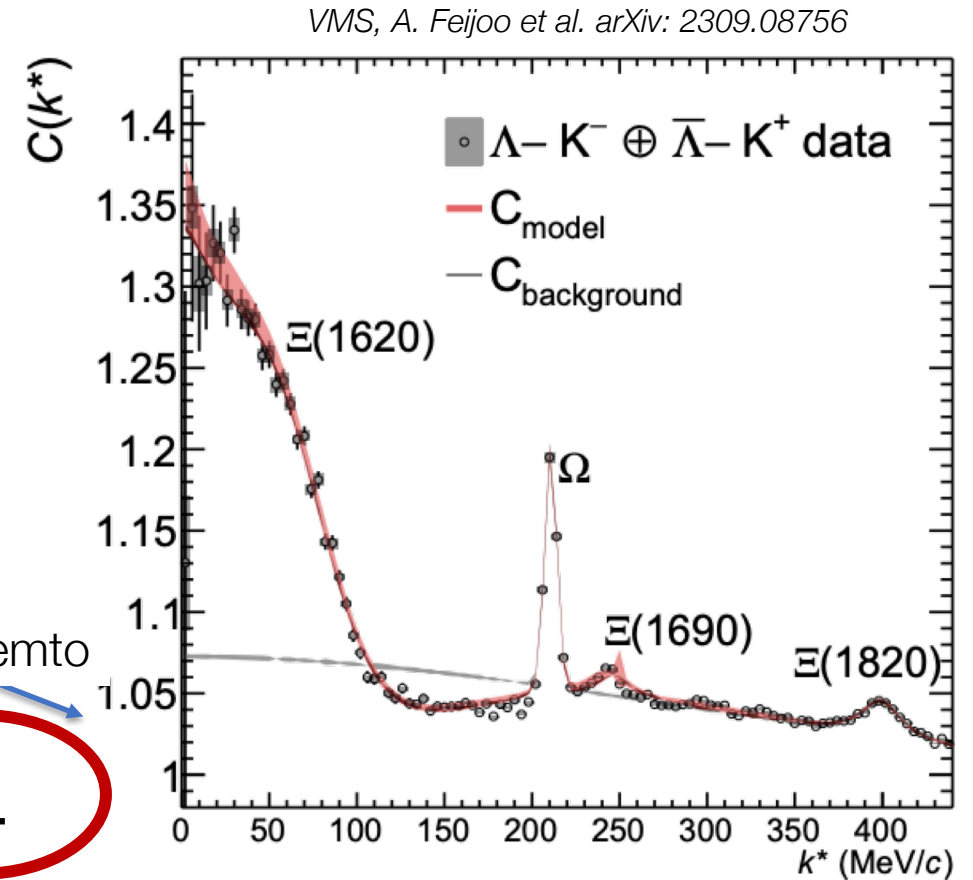
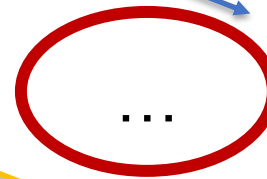
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ΛK^- femto

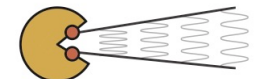


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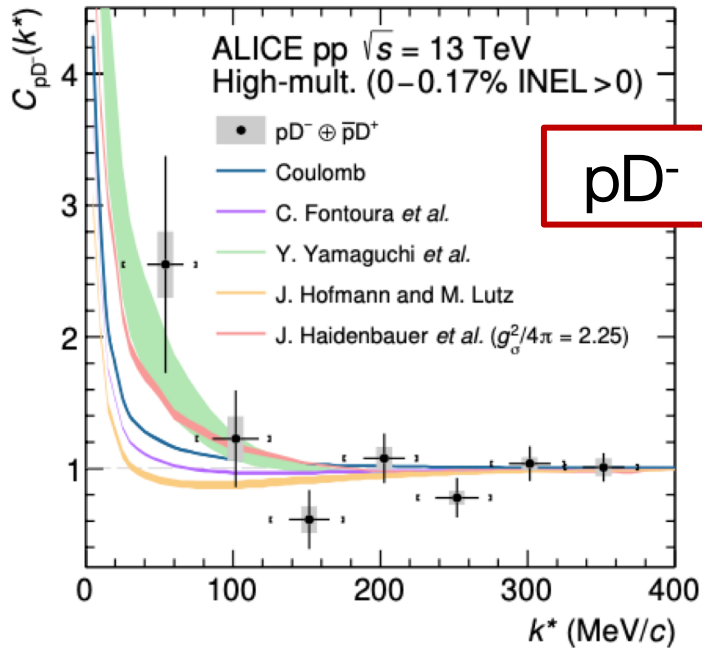


**Towards a combined exp/theo effort
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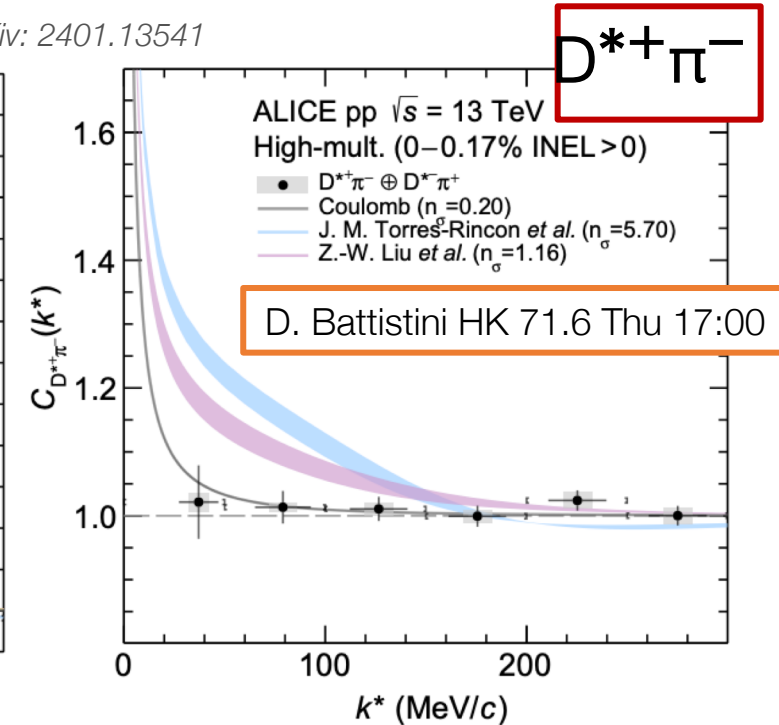
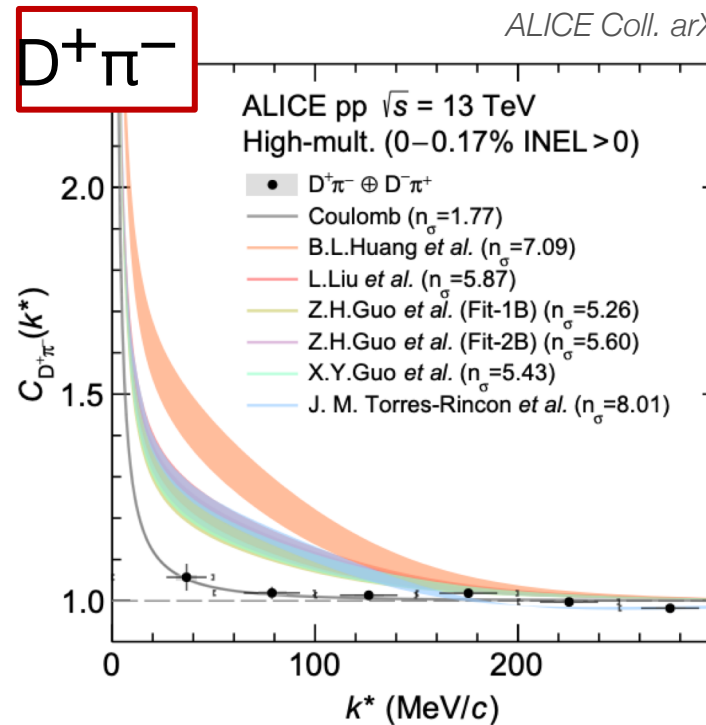


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Moving towards a charming future

- **First measurements of interaction between D(*) mesons and light hadrons**
 - Several predictions of exotic states, crucial input for charm nuclei and heavy-flavor observables in heavy-ions
- **Femtoscopy can be extended to the charm sector**
 - More results to come with the LHC Run 3 and Run 4 statistics

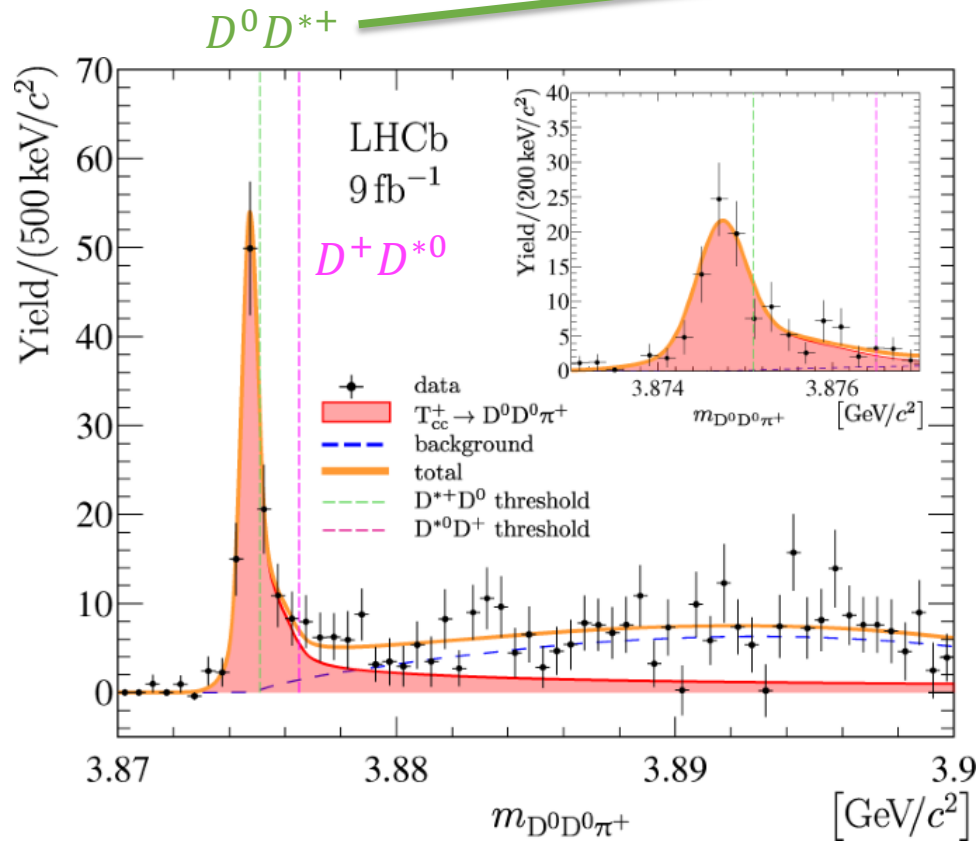
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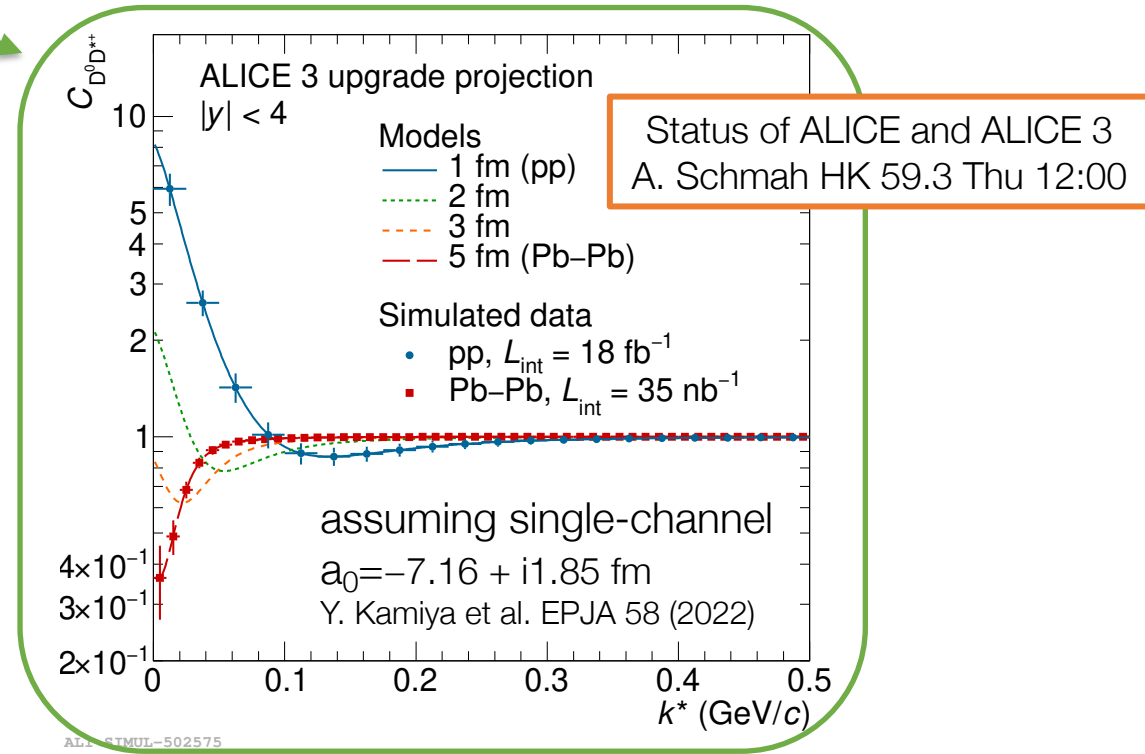
Correlations and exotic states for a charming future

- Exotic charm states as T_{cc}^+ observed at LHCb
 - Possible molecular candidate

- Investigate its nature with **ALICE 3 in Run 5 and Run 6 (from 2035) via DD^* correlations**



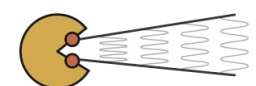
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**Future complementarity
between spectroscopy and femtoscopy**

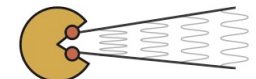
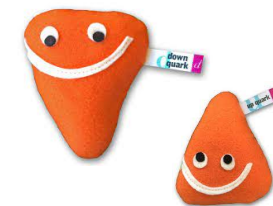


- Femtoscopy technique as a complementary tool to provide high-precision data on hadron-hadron interactions to study exotic states
- Access to strong interaction involving **strange** and **charm** hadrons
 - most precise data at low momenta available
 - input for low-energy effective lagrangians and test of lattice potentials
- Many more correlations to come with on-going Run 3 and future LHC runs



Femtoscopy DPG menu of the week

- B. Heybeck HK 23.4 Tue 16:45
- D. Mihaylov HK 57.2 Wed 18:00
- M. Korwieser HK 71.3, Thu 16:15
- D.F. Wang HK 71.4 Thu 16:30
- D. Battistini HK 71.6 Thu 17:00
- M. Lesch HK 57.4 Thu 17:15
- R. Del Grande HK 72.39 Thu 17:15
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- L. Serksnyte HK 72.38, Thu 17:15
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Additional slides

