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One year of HBT in ALICE

an overview

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two particle correlations in pp at $\sqrt{s} = 900 \text{ GeV}$

1 dimensional

- measuring space-time dimensions in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 900$ GeV with ALICE
 - using Bose-Einstein enhancement of identical pion pairs to get access to size of pion emitting source
- investigating collective behaviour in pp collisions at LHC energies
 - dependence of source size as function of event multiplicity $dN_{CH}/d\eta$ and transverse momentum k_T
- reference for long p+p run in 2010 and heavy ion measurements starting in November 2010

„The only way to get access to space-time properties of the emitting source in elementary particle collisions is through the measurement of Bose-Einstein correlations (BEC) between identical pions“

(U.Heinz, Ohio)

- building the correlation function (CF)

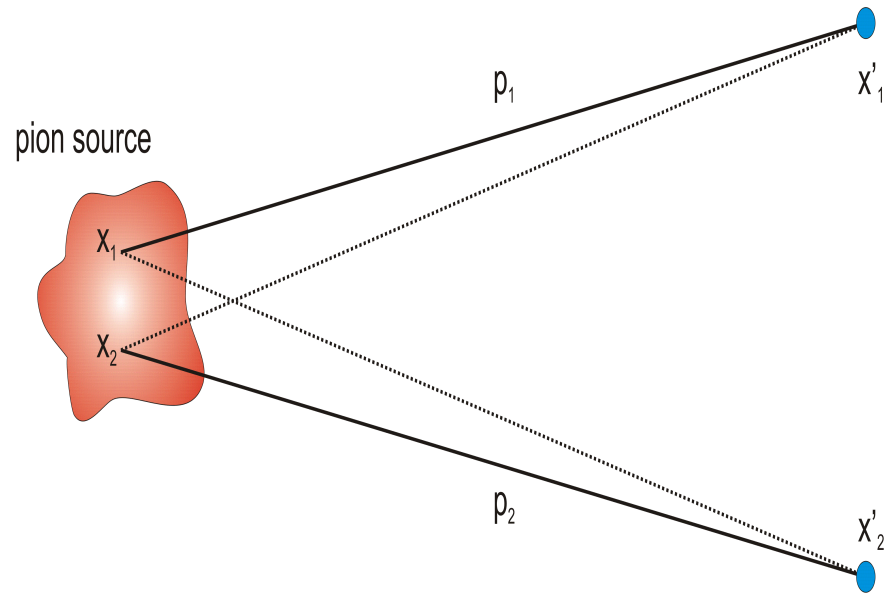
$$C_2(p_1, p_2) = \frac{P(p_1, p_2)}{P(p_1)P(p_2)}$$

- transformation in relative momenta q

$$q = \sqrt{-(p_1 - p_2)^2} = \sqrt{m_{inv}^2 - 4m_\pi^2}$$

- correlation function in the experiment

$$C_2(q) = \frac{A(q)}{B(q)}$$



$A(q)$ is the measured distribution of the pair momentum difference q , whereas $B(q)$ is a reference distribution build by using pairs of particles from different events (event-mixing) or by rotating on particle of the pair in the transverse plane (rotation)

Reference distribution should be without Bose-Einstein correlations

extracting the HBT radii

To get the HBT-radii out of the correlations one has to use a proper parametrization

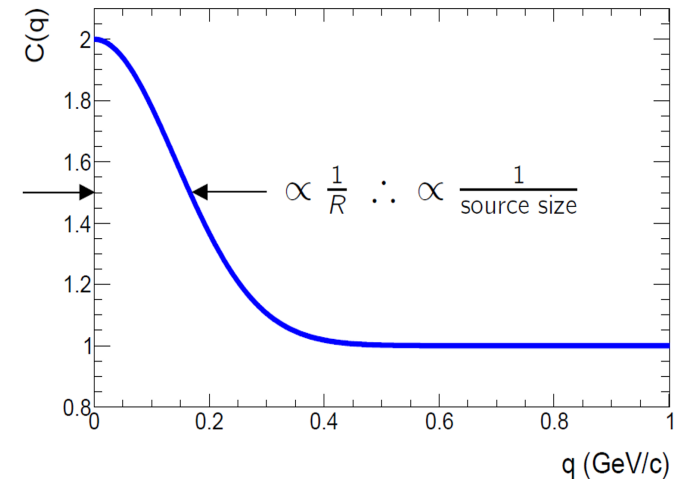
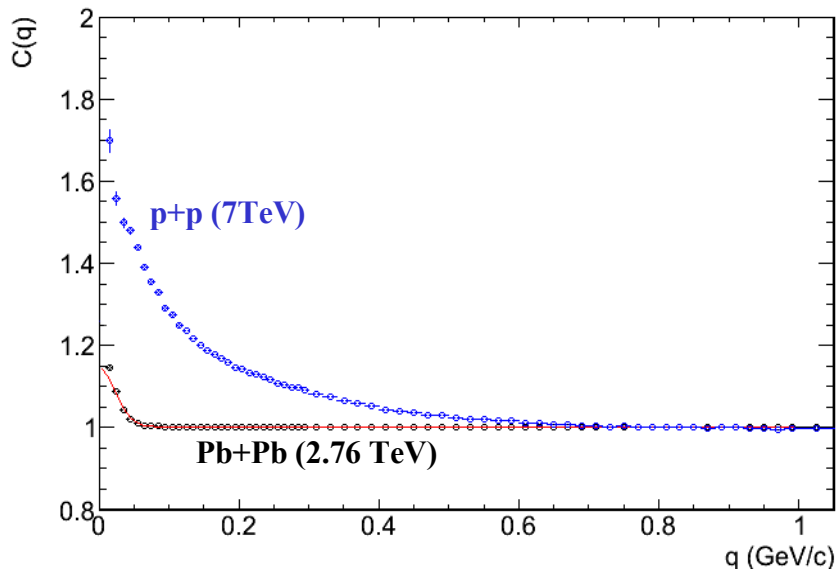
If one assumes that the source function has a Gaussian shape the parametrization has also a Gaussian shape

A common parametrization is the following

$$C_2(q) = 1 + \lambda \exp(-(Rq)^2)$$

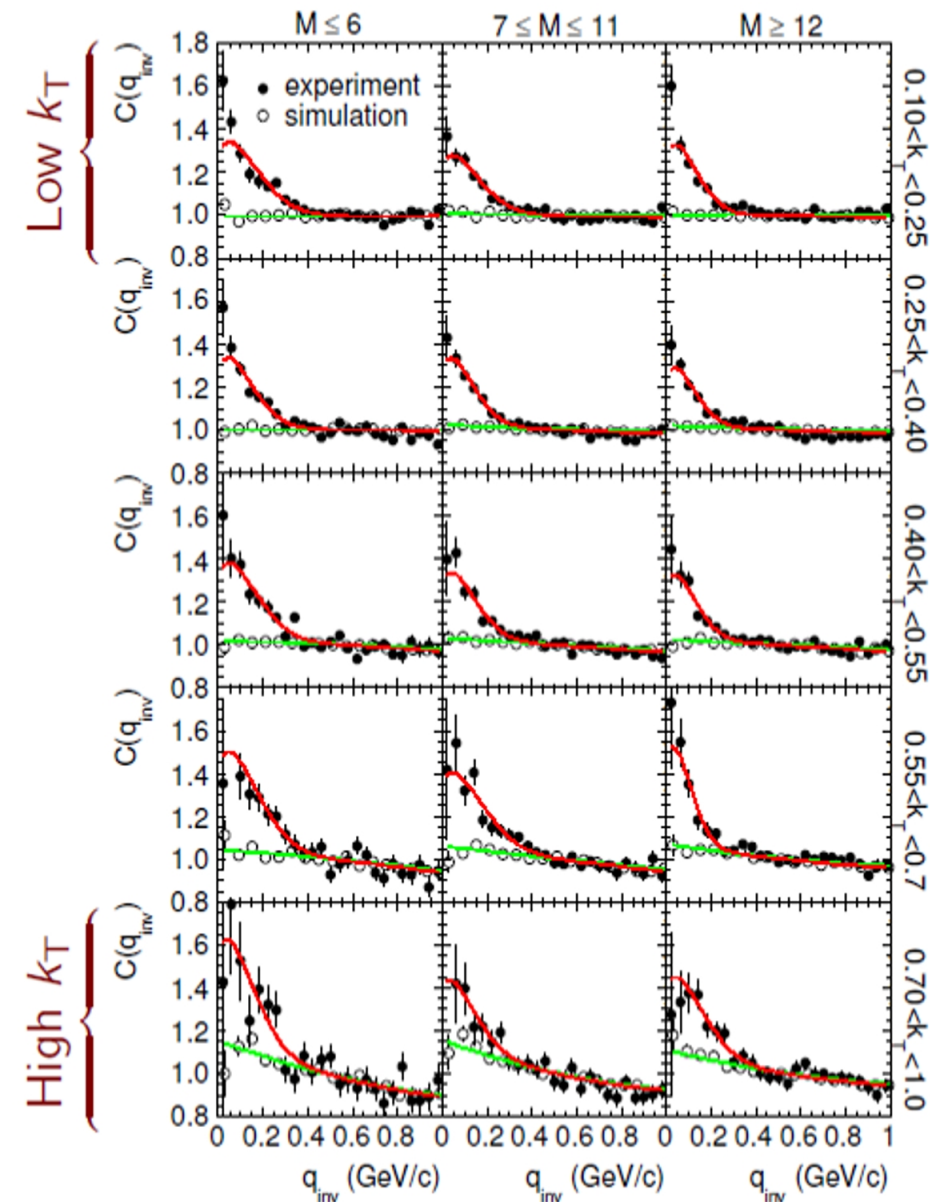
R is the effective size of the emission region

λ is a parameter measuring the strength of the Bose-Einstein correlation



HBT in pp at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV will provide an interconnection between small systems (pp) and heavy systems (AA) at lower energies

correlation of identical pions at $\sqrt{s} = 900$ GeV



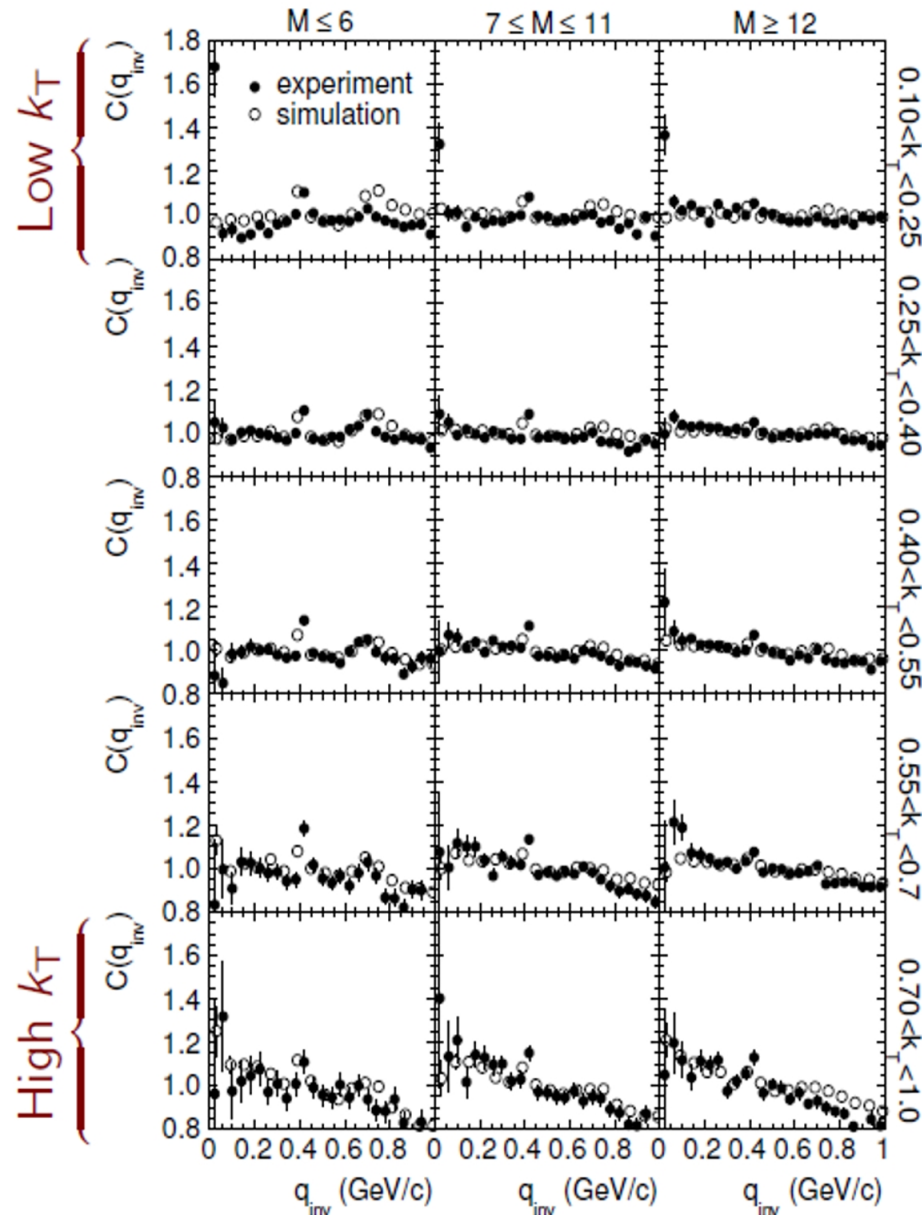
- $\pi^+\pi^-$ correlations in one dimension
- 2009 data not enough statistics for 3D
- 3 bins in event multiplicity
- 5 bins in transverse momentum
- Bose-Einstein effect clearly visible
- fixing the baseline with simulations (see next slide)
- used parametrization

$$C_2(q_{inv}) = ((1 - \lambda) + \lambda K(q_{inv}) \cdot (1 + \exp(-(R_{inv} q_{inv})^2))) D(q_{inv})$$
- developing of long range correlations with increasing k_T

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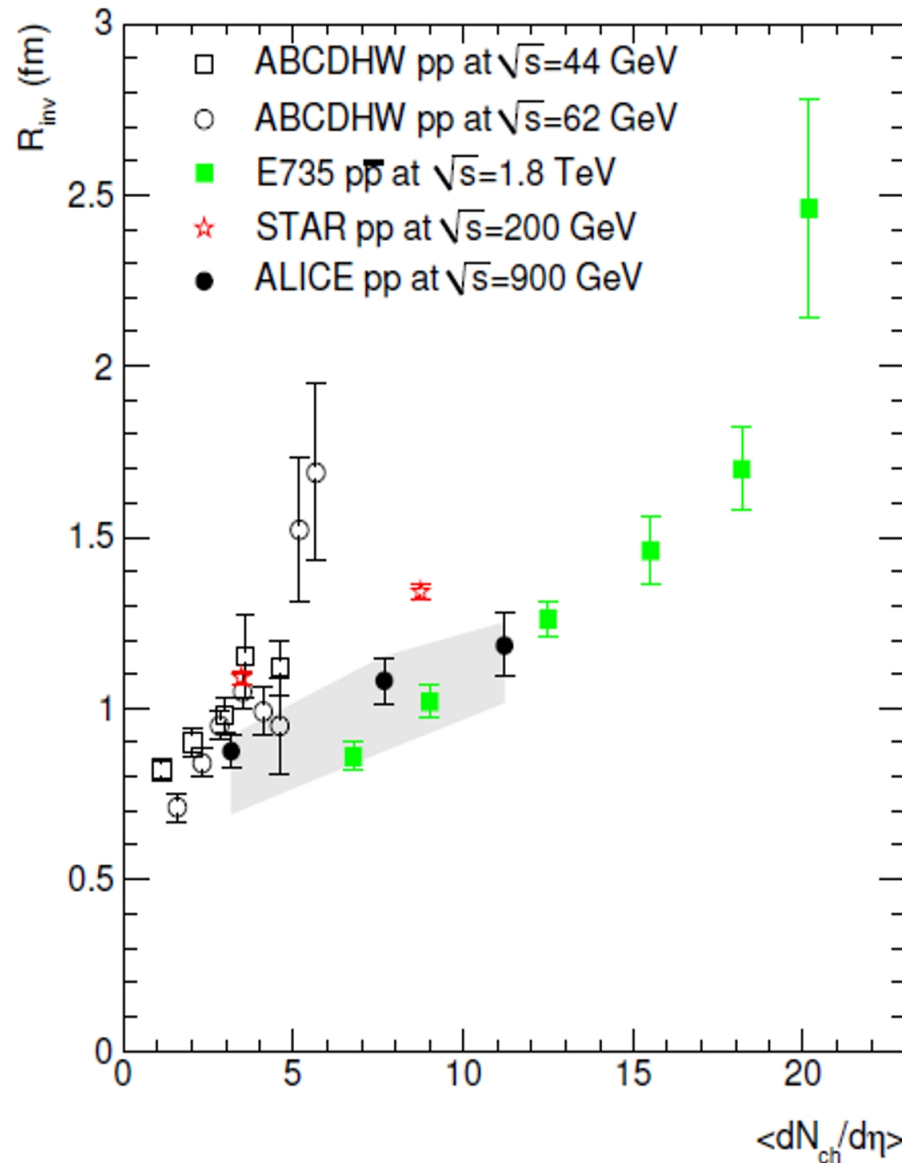


correlation of non-identical pions at sqrt(s) = 900 GeV



- $\pi^+\pi^-$ correlations in comparison with PHOJET simulations
- description of the background of the CF
- rich spectrum of meson resonances
- Coulomb effect in the first bins
- using the background of the CF for the parametrization of the CF of identical pions
- proper treatment of baseline very important when studying the dependance of the radii from transverse momentum and multiplicity
- parametrization of the background

$$D(q_{inv}) = a + bq_{inv} + cq_{inv}^2$$



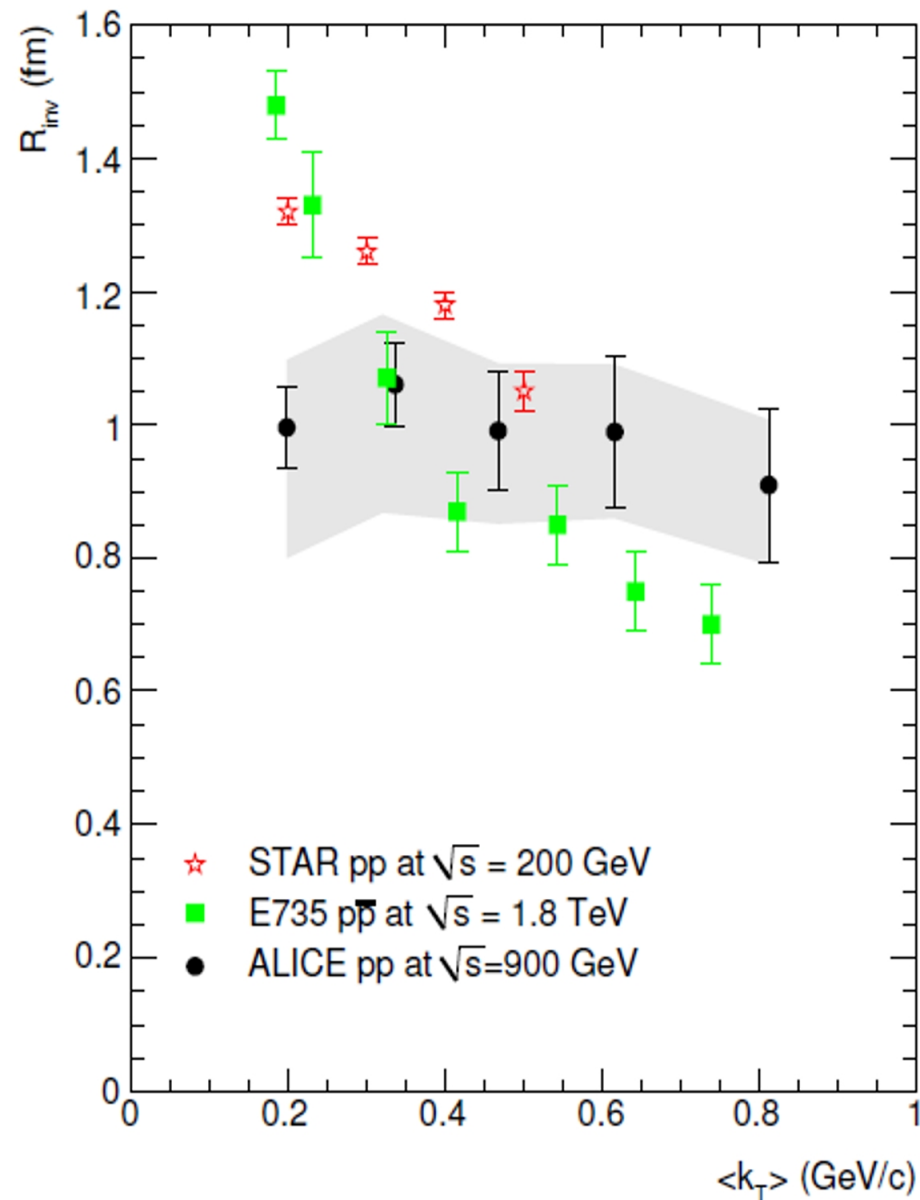
- HBT radii increase with multiplicity
- same dependence like older measurements
- HBT radii seem to depend more on multiplicity than on geometry (pp)

- grey shadowed band (systematic error)

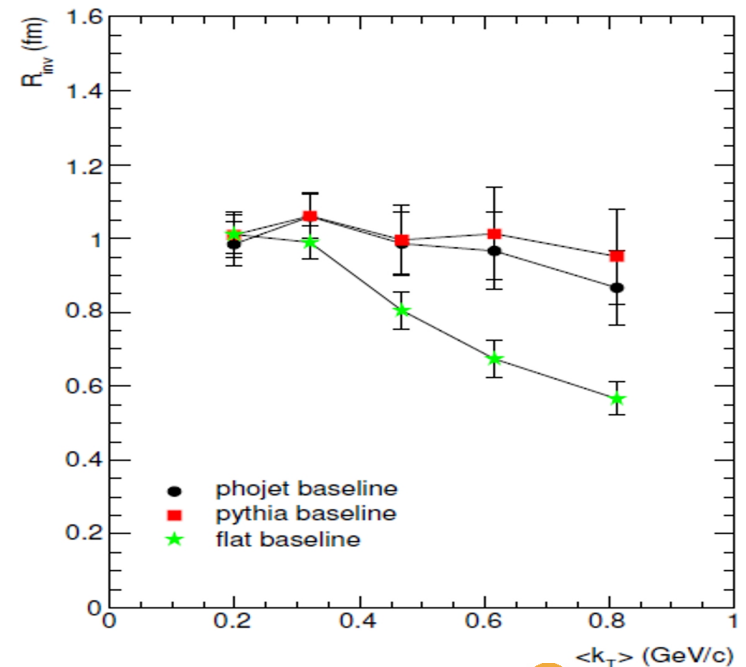
Systematic error from:

- baseline assumption
- fitting
- background construction
- UNICOR vs. ALIFEMTO

k_T dependance - baseline



- HBT radii independent of k_T
- no sign of collective behaviour (presence of a bulk) in pp at 900 GeV
- very sensitive to baseline assumption
- if fitted free (flat baseline) – dependance emerges



parametrization with a Gaussian

$$C_2(q_{Inv}) = ((1 - \lambda) + \lambda K(q_{Inv}) [1 + \exp(-(R_{Inv} q_{Inv})^2)]) \cdot D(q_{Inv})$$

$dN_{CH}/d\eta$	λ	R_{Inv}/fm
3.2	0.386 (0.022)	0.874 (stat 0.047) (sys 0.181)
7.7	0.331 (0.023)	1.082 (stat 0.068) (sys 0.206)
11.2	0.310 (0.026)	1.184 (stat 0.092) (sys 0.168)

parametrization with an exponential

$$C_2(q_{Inv}) = [1 + \lambda \exp(-R_{Inv} q_{Inv})] \cdot D(q_{Inv})$$

$dN_{CH}/d\eta$	λ	R_{Inv}/fm
3.2	0.704 (0.048)	0.808 (stat 0.061) (sys 0.208)
7.7	0.577 (0.054)	0.967 (stat 0.095) (sys 0.206)
11.2	0.548 (0.051)	1.069 (stat 0.104) (sys 0.203)



- observation of HBT enhancement in first LHC p+p data at $\sqrt{s} = 900$ GeV
- HBT radii increase with multiplicity
- HBT radii dependence on pair momentum k_T not significant (contrary to other experiments)
- pair momentum dependence highly sensitive to baseline assumption

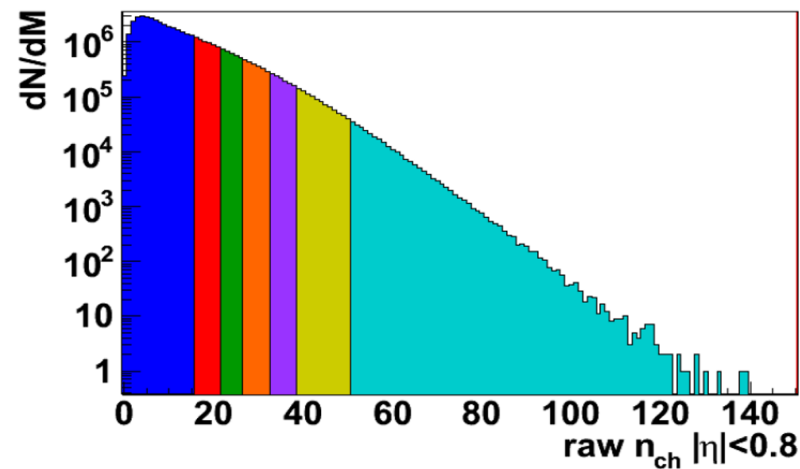


two particle correlations in pp at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV

1 dimensional

3 dimensional

- measuring space-time dimensions in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 900$ GeV and at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV at ALICE
 - using Bose-Einstein enhancement of identical pion pairs to assess size of pion emitting source
- investigating collective behaviour in pp collisions at LHC energies
 - dependence of source size as function of event multiplicity $dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta$ and transverse momenta k_T
- more statistics makes it possible to go into more than one dimension
 - cartesian parametrization in out, side and long (Bertsch-Pratt)
 - expansion in spherical harmonics
- getting deeper into the physics of the system
 - difference between 900 GeV and 7 TeV
 - understanding the background – non BE correlations – EMCIC
 - no Gaussian shape of the CF
 - collective behaviour of the pion emitting fireball



extracting the HBT radii in three dimensions (part 1)



To get the HBT-radii out of the correlations one has to use a proper parametrization

If one assumes that the source function has a Gaussian shape also the parametrization has a Gaussian shape

A common parametrization was introduced by Bertsch and Pratt

$$C_2(q_o, q_s, q_l) = \left[(1 - \lambda) + \lambda K (1 + \exp(-(R_o q_o)^2 - (R_s q_s)^2 - (R_l q_l)^2)) \right] \\ (1 + \beta \exp(-R_B^2 (q_o^2 + q_s^2 + q_l^2)))$$

q_l in longitudinal direction.

q_o in the direction of the k_T

q_s perpendicular to q_o

second Gaussian describes the non-femtoscopic background

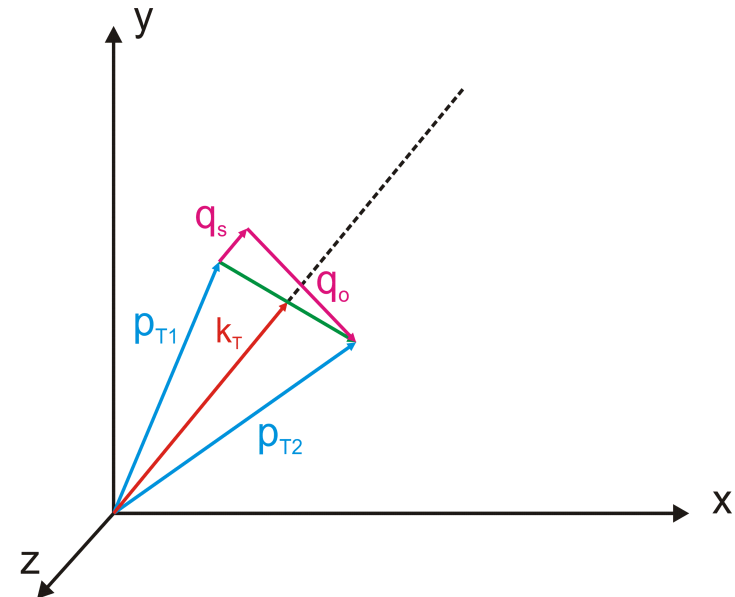
λ is a parameter measuring the strength of the Bose-Einstein correlation

Longitudinal CoMoving System (LCMS)

better parametrization of the data using an exponential function

Assumption that the emission function factorizes into out, side and long

$$S(r) = S_o(r_o) \cdot S_s(r_s) \cdot S_l(r_l)$$



extracting the HBT radii in three dimensions (part 2)



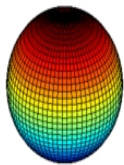
assumption of an exponential emission in out and long

$$S(r) = \frac{1}{r_o^2 + R_o^{E^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{r_s^2}{4R_s^{E^2}}\right) \frac{1}{r_l^2 + R_l^{E^2}}$$

leads to an exponential parametrization

$$C_2(q_o, q_s, q_l) = 1 + \lambda \exp(-\sqrt{R_o^{E^2}} q_o^2 - R_s^{G^2} q_s^2 - \sqrt{R_l^{E^2}} q_l^2)$$

$$Y_0^0 = 1$$



$$Y_1^0 = \cos\theta$$



$$Y_2^0 = 3\cos^2\theta - 1$$



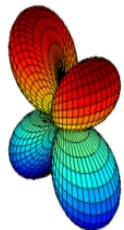
expansion of the correlation function in spherical harmonics

- more complete representation of 3D structure of the source
- better diagnostic of non-femtoscopic correlations

$$A_{l,m}(Q) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \int d\varphi d(\cos(\theta)) C(Q, \theta, \varphi) Y_{l,m}(\theta, \varphi)$$

with $q_l = Q \cos\theta$ and $q_o = Q \sin\theta \cos\varphi$

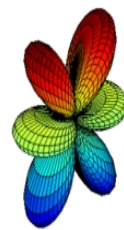
$$^s Y_2^1 = \cos\theta \sin\theta \sin\varphi$$



$$Y_3^0 = 5\cos^3\theta - 3\cos\theta$$



$$^c Y_3^1 = (5\cos^2\theta - 1) \sin\theta \cos\varphi$$



first three non vanishing momenta are C_0^0 C_2^2 C_2^0

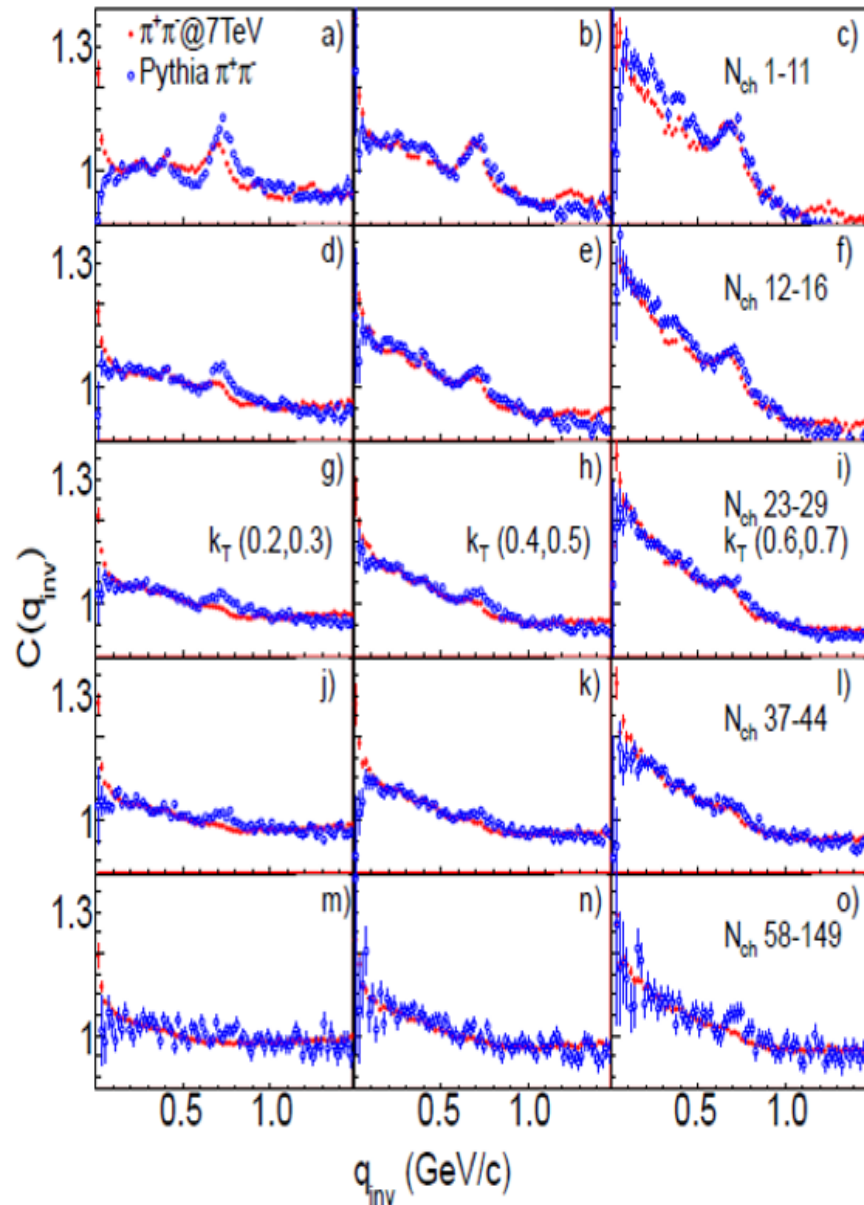
C_0^0 angle average component – general shape

C_2^2 comparison longitudinal and transverse size

C_2^0 comparison out and side component – *HBT puzzle*



underlying physics (part 1)



non-femtoscopic correlations in p+p

- long-range structures at large k_T
- if femtoscopic they would correspond to a source of 0.2 fm
- above k_T 0.7 GeV/c \rightarrow no HBT effect measurable

hypothesis of mini-jets

investigation of non-identical pion correlations

- due to charge conservation it is easier to produce an oppositely charged pion pair via mini-jet fragmentation
- femtoscopic effects from Coulomb interactions (first bins)
- identify signals from wide variety of decays in $\pi^+\pi^-$

ρ , f_0 , f_2 , ω (three body), η , K_s^0

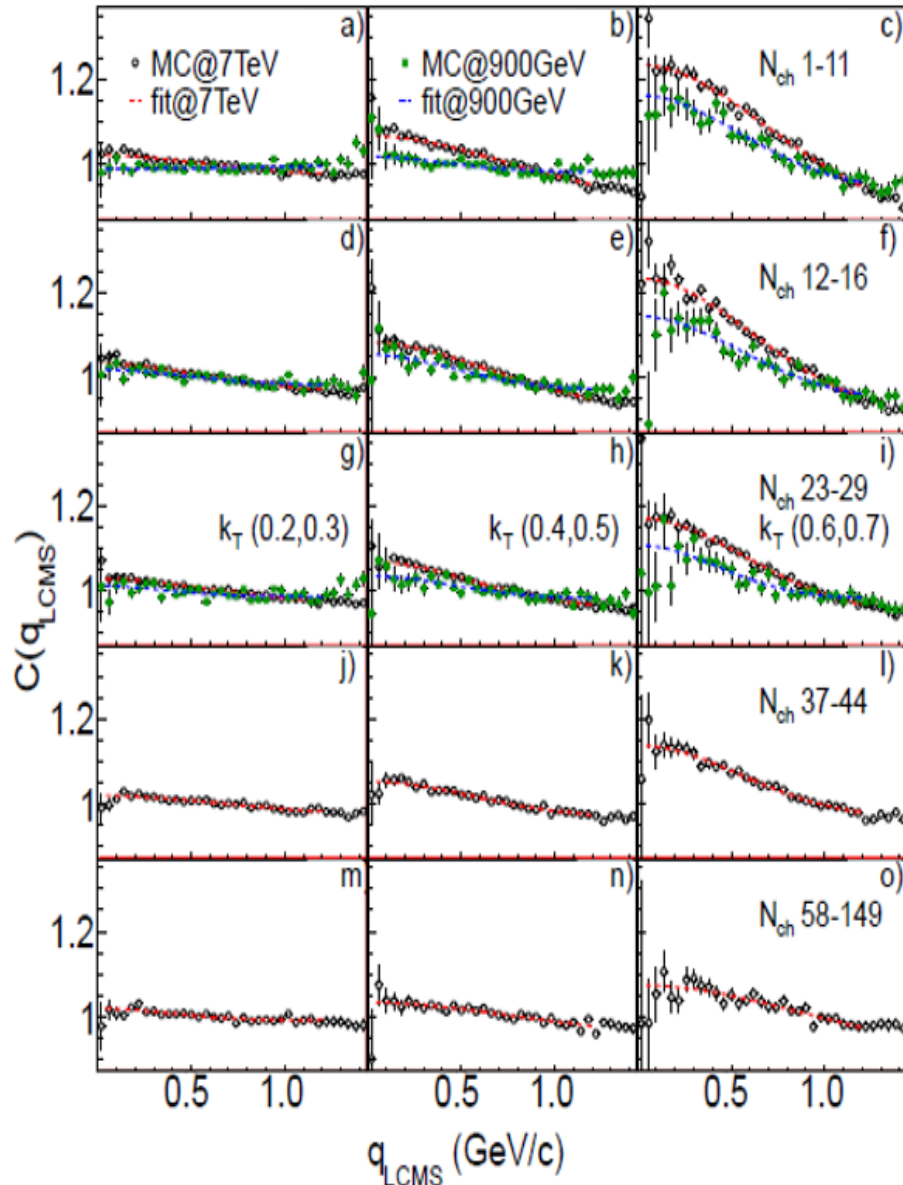
Non identical pions not usable for baseline parametrization because

- stronger mini-jet contribution in $\pi^+\pi^-$ than in $\pi^+\pi^+$
- resonances

\rightarrow simulations



underlying physics (part 2)



simulations to estimate the underlying physics

- **PYTHIA with Perugia-0 tuning**

what we learned out of simulations

- **successful comparison simulations $\pi^+\pi^-$**
- **fitting the baseline**
- **needed to be taken into account while extracting the HBT peak**
- **verification of mini-jet hypothesis**

study of $\pi^+\pi^-$ correlations confirm that MC reproduce the structure of the underlying events.

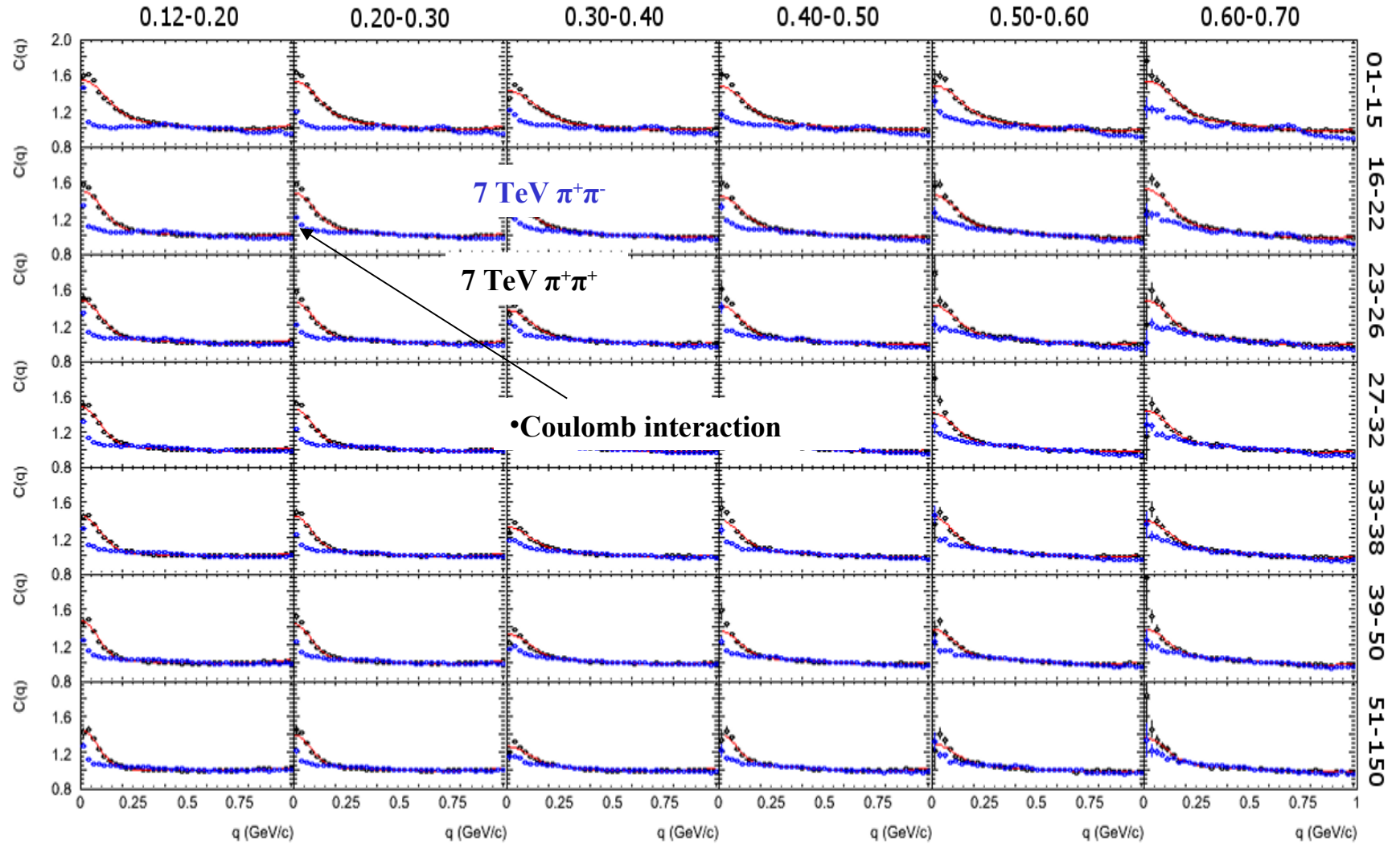
- **What happens with the k_T dependence**

correlations in sphericals very useful to understand the underlying physics

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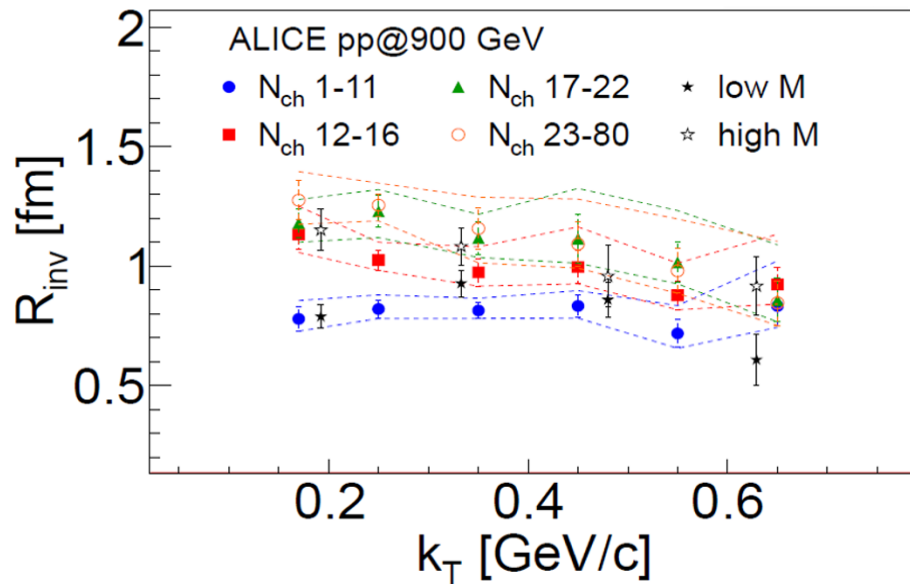


1 dim 7TeV – k_T and $dN_{ch}/d\eta$





comparison 7 TeV and 900 GeV – one dimensional CF



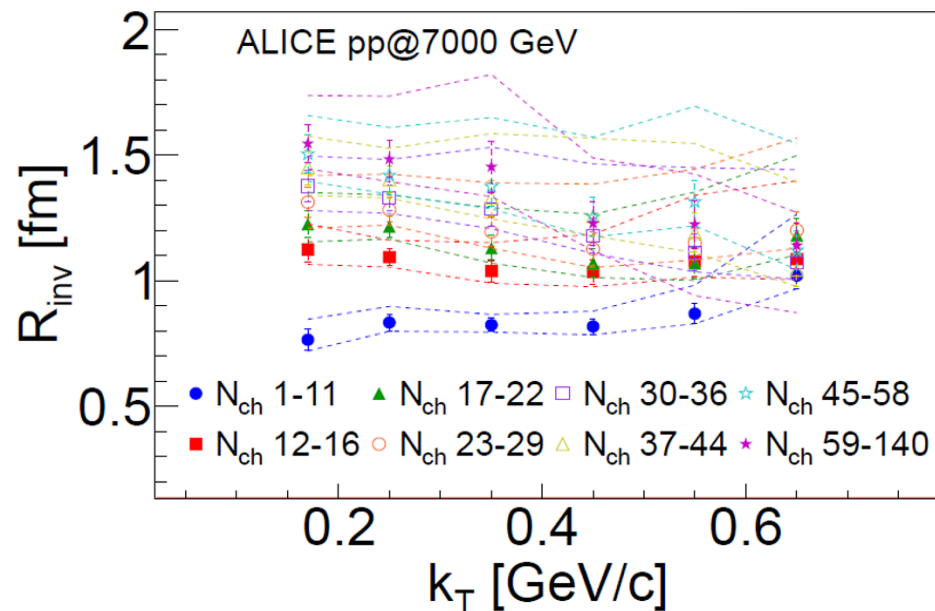
comparison of the results with the first paper

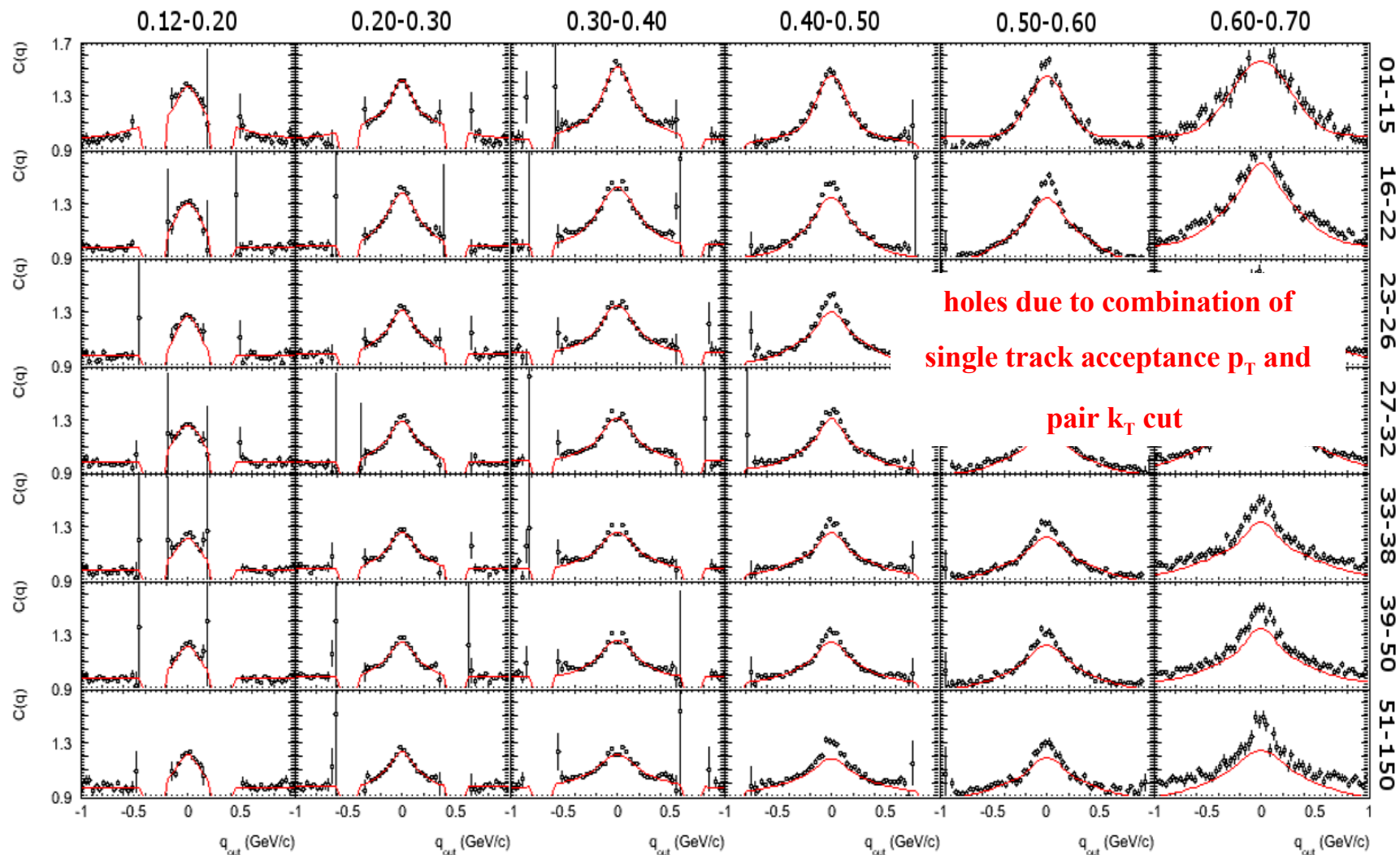
- source radii independant of k_T in p+p at 900 GeV
- very sensitive to baseline assumption
- results show same scaling as in first paper

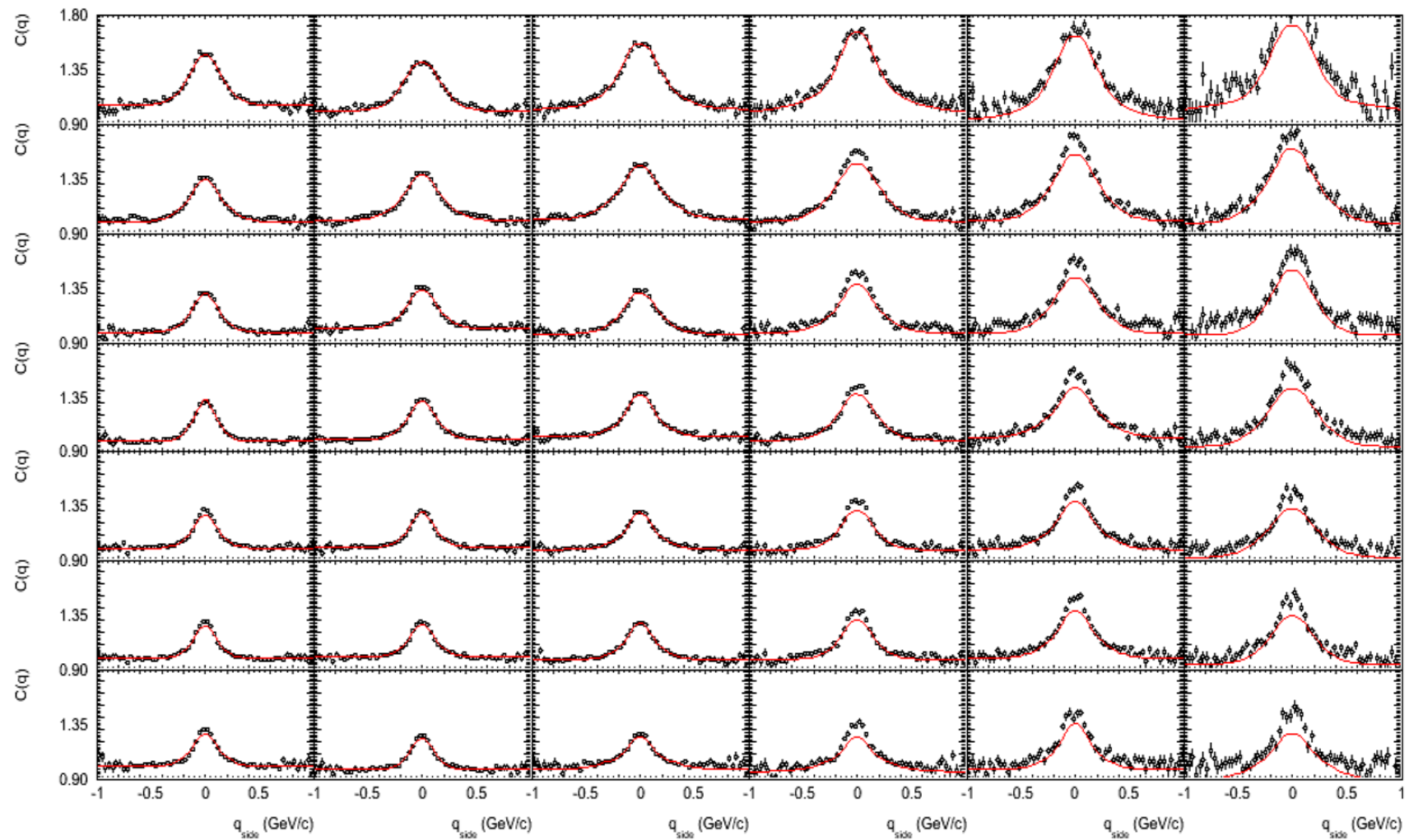
One dimensional correlations in pair rest frame in p+p at 7 TeV

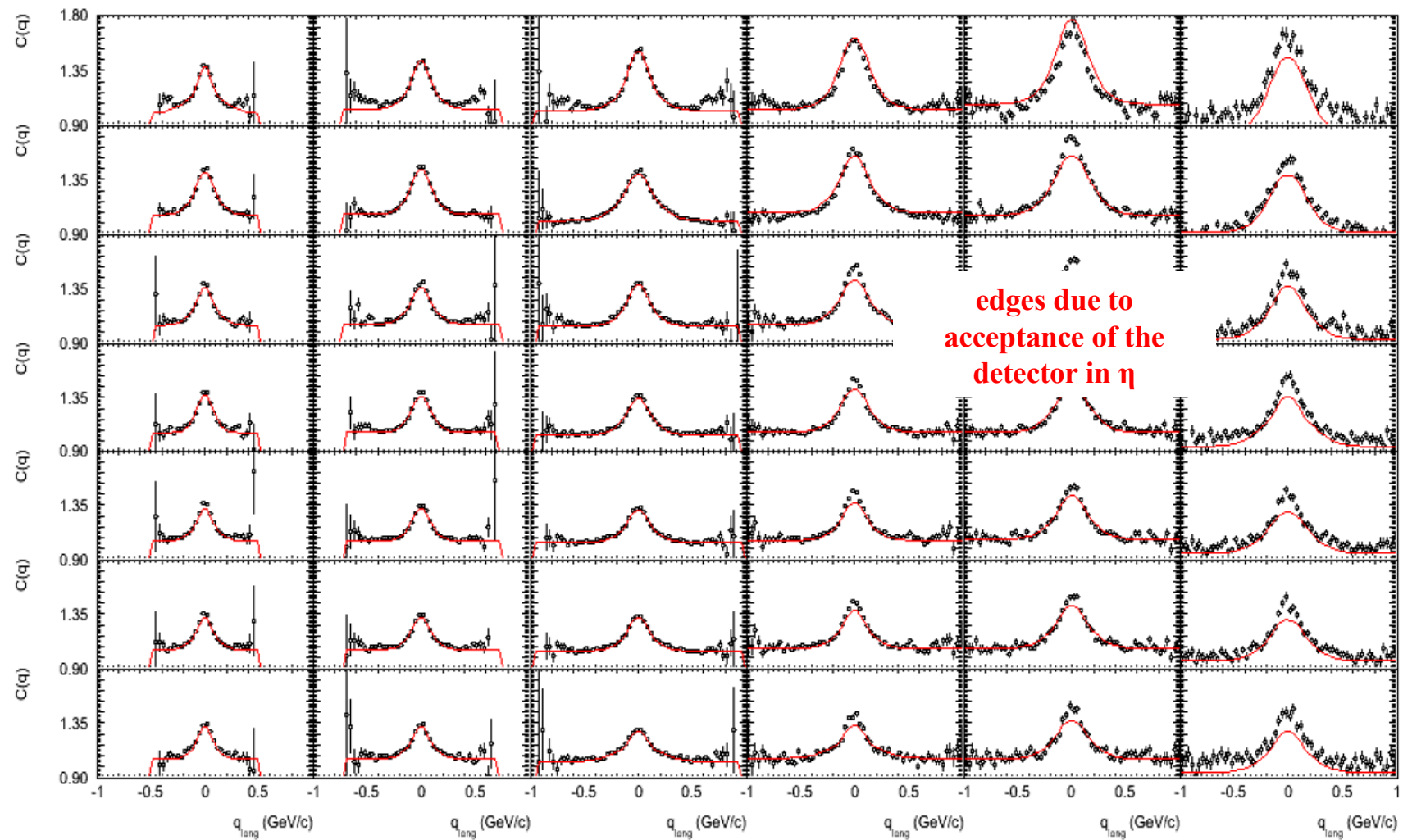
- HBT radii independant of k_T in p+p at 7 TeV
- very sensitive to baseline assumption
- same scaling as 900 GeV data

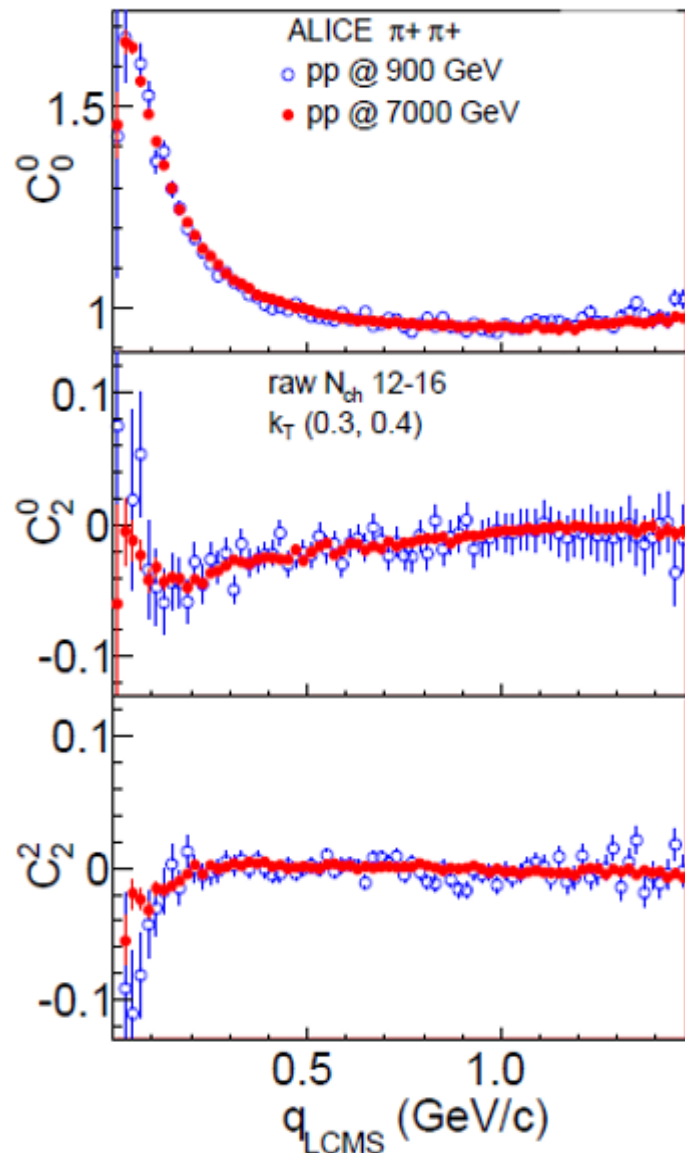
no significant difference between the two energies (at same multiplicity)!











p+p correlation in 900 GeV and 7 TeV – spherical harmonics

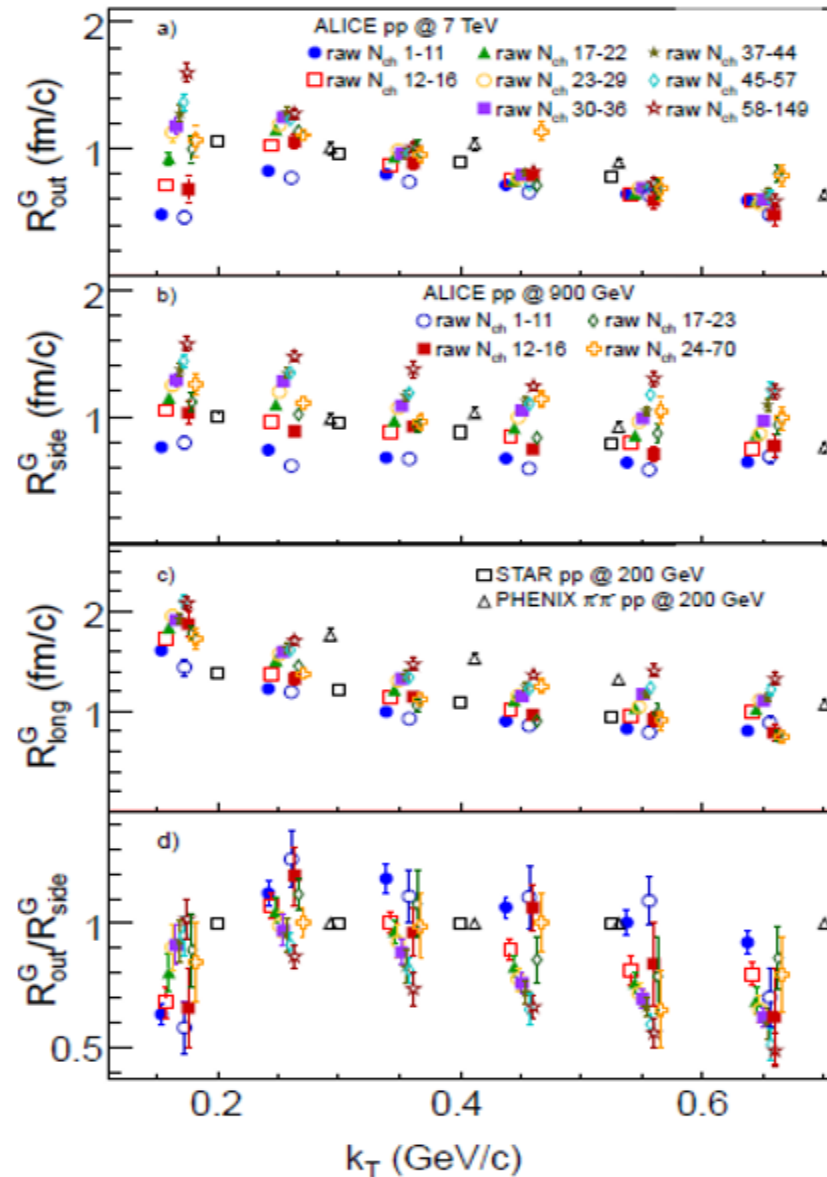
- no significant difference between two energies (for same multiplicities)
- same behaviour for other k_T and multiplicity bins

changing the collision energy of an order of magnitude has not as much impact as changing the multiplicity or the pair momentum

main scaling variables for the correlation function are global event multiplicity and the transverse momentum

analysis of 72 correlation functions

- 4 multiplicity bins in 900 GeV
- 8 multiplicity bins in 7 TeV
- 6 k_T bins



k_T dependance for Gaussian parametrization in p+p LHC collisions at 900 GeV and 7 TeV

- comparison between the two energies shows that they are universally similar for all multiplicities, pair-momenta and in all directions
- no changes between LHC and RHIC energies

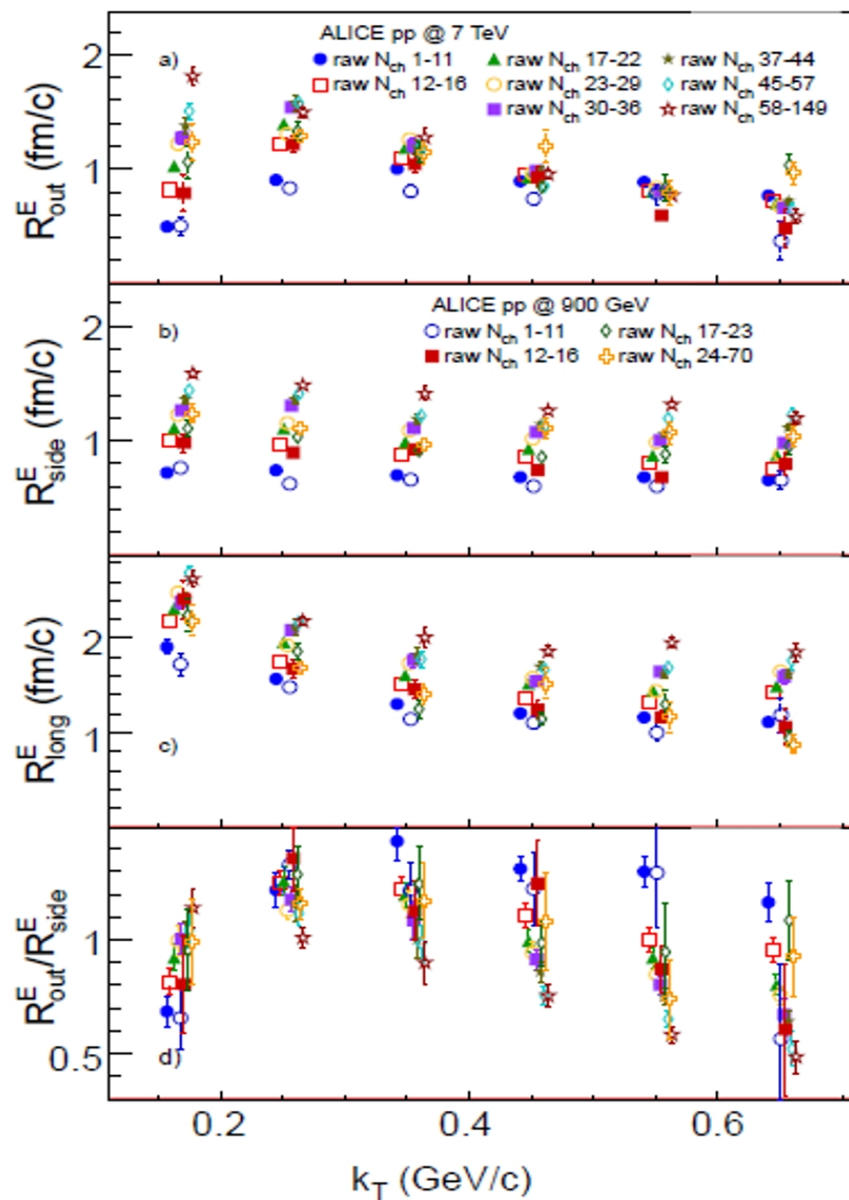
Different directions

- R_l - falls with k_T at all multiplicities and energies
- R_o - k_T dependance flat at low multiplicities
- develops a negative slope at high multiplicities
- R_s - general small negative slope

R_o/R_s

- signature of strong collective behaviour \rightarrow HBT puzzle
- R_o/R_s decreases with multiplicity

\rightarrow The larger the multiplicity the more collective and self interacting is the system

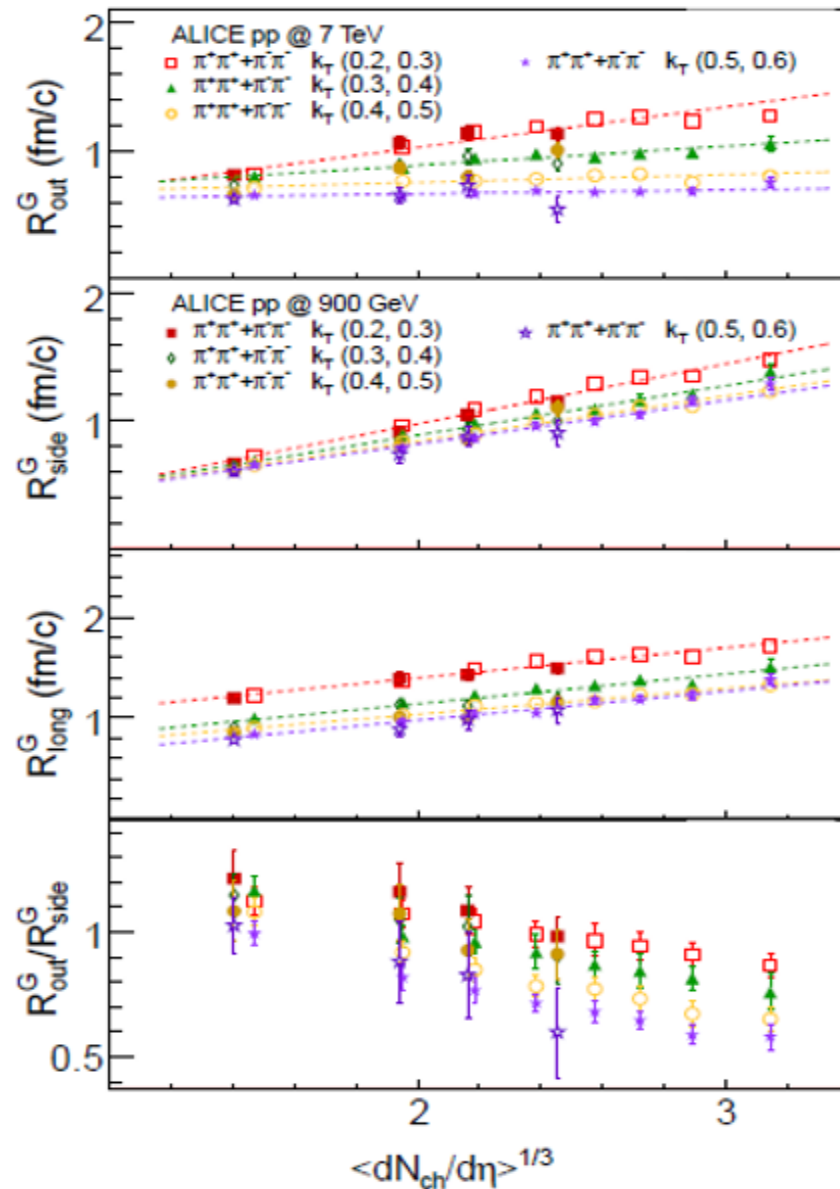


k_T dependence for exponential parametrization in p+p LHC collisions at 900 GeV and 7 TeV

- same results as for Gaussian parametrization



multiplicity dependence (part 1)



$\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle^{1/3}$ dependence for Gaussian parametrization in p+p LHC collisions at 900 GeV and 7 TeV

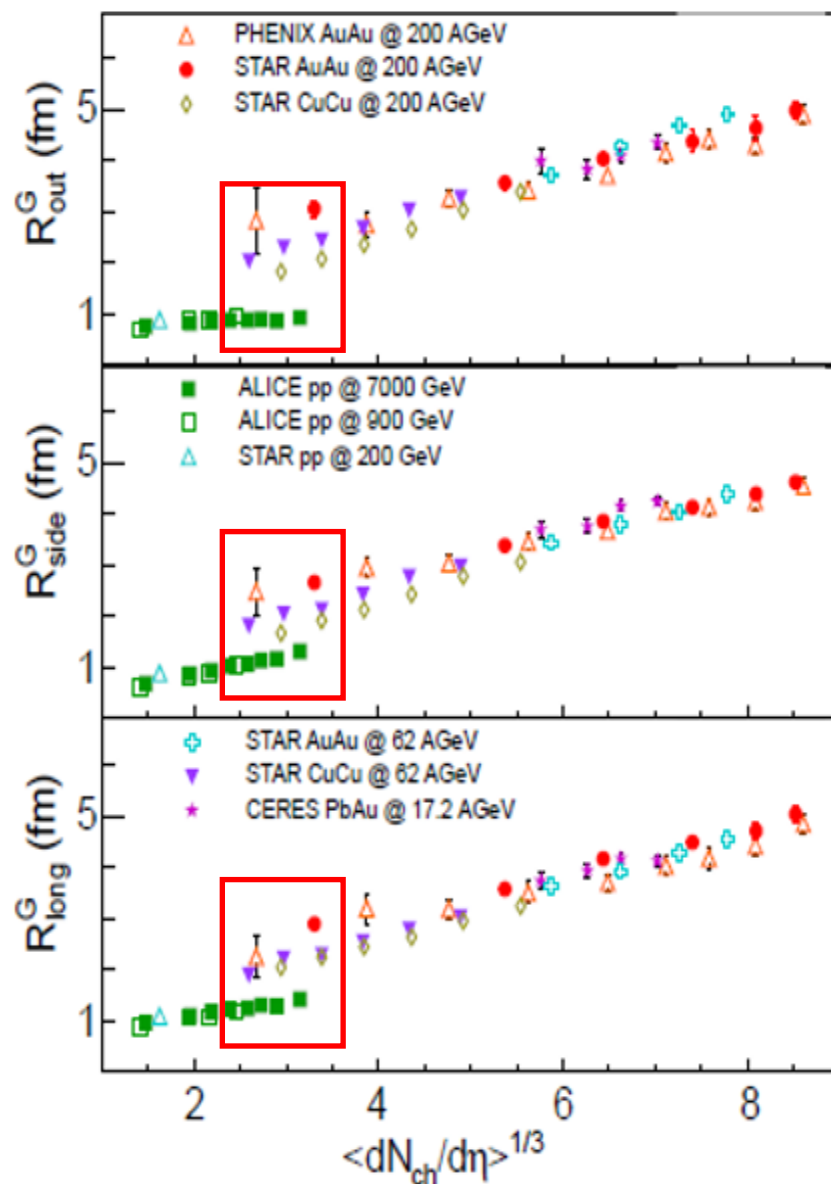
- all radii grow with event multiplicity $\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle$
- same scaling for both energies 900 GeV and 7 TeV

Different directions

- R_l grows linearly with $\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle^{1/3}$ in all k_T
- R_s grows linearly with $\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle^{1/3}$ in all k_T but with different slopes for different k_T
- R_o grows linearly with $\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle^{1/3}$ for the lowest k_T but not at all for the highest k_T

R_o/R_s

- signature of strong collective behaviour \rightarrow HBT-puzzle
- R_o/R_s decreases with multiplicity (as expected)



Multiplicity dependence compared to world systematics in heavy ions

- similar multiplicity scaling in heavy-ions for RHIC and lower energies (f.e. CERES)

for the first time ALICE provides a multiplicity link to peripheral heavy ion systems

- similar $\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle$ than measured in peripheral Cu+Cu and Au+Au collisions
- both heavy-ions and p+p scale linear with $\langle dN_{ch}/d\eta \rangle$
- slope is clearly different
- p+p radii are below heavy-ion radii

→ No universal multiplicity scaling in heavy ions and p+p

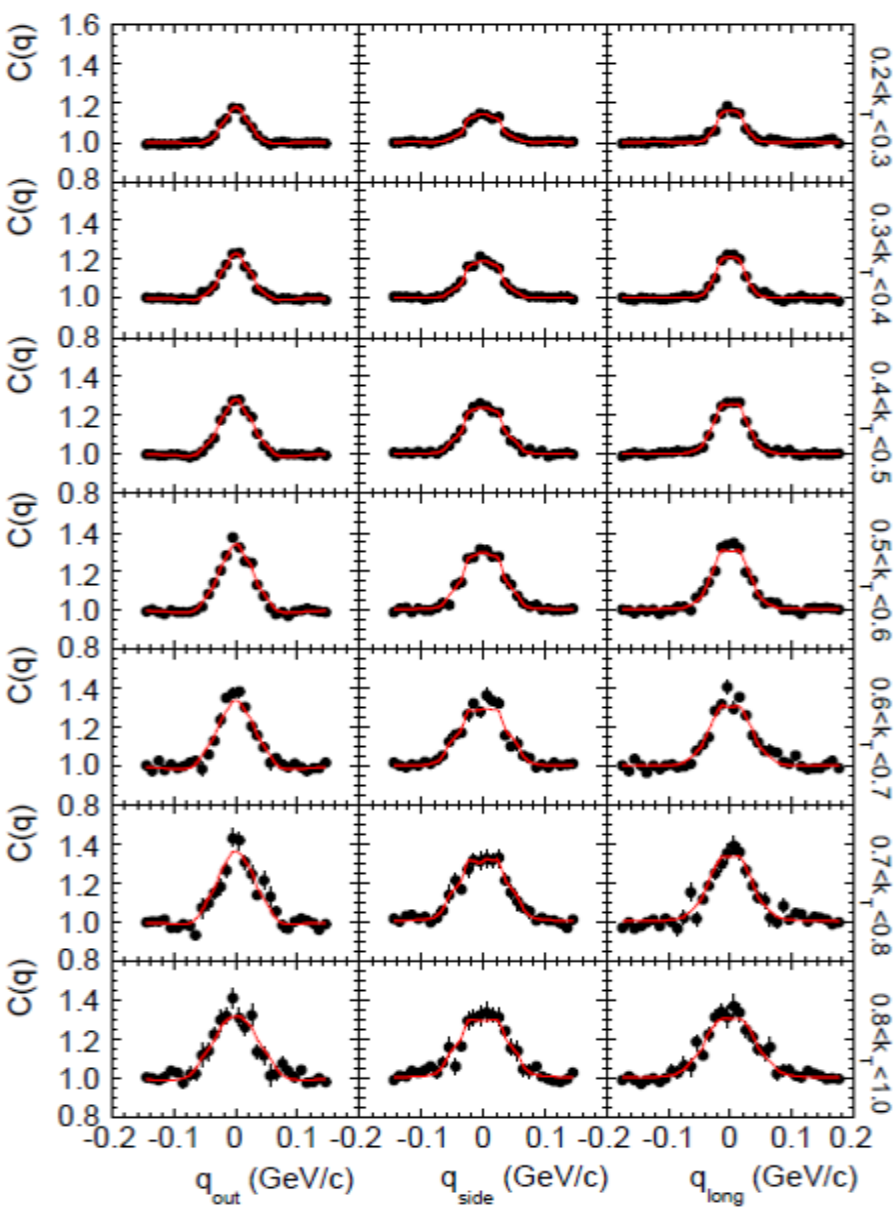
→ A heavy ion collision is not a simple compound of many p+p collisions!!!



- one dimensional analysis reveals same results as in the first paper
 - HBT radii increase with multiplicity
 - HBT radii dependence of the pair momentum not significant (contrary to other experiments)
 - pair momentum dependence highly sensitive to baseline assumption
- in three dimensions
 - underlying event structure reproduced by MC and $\pi^+\pi^- \rightarrow$ mini-jets at high k_T
 - decreasing size of the HBT radii with pair momentum k_T
 - increasing size of the HBT radii with multiplicity
- link between heavy ion data and p+p
 - heavy ions not a substitution of p+p \rightarrow shift in size of HBT radii
 - no universal scaling in multiplicity for heavy ions and p+p

**two particle correlations in PbPb at $\sqrt{s} = 2.76$
TeV
3 dimensional**

- measuring space-time dimensions in PbPb collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$
 - comparing results to world systematics
 - dependence of source size as function of transverse momenta k_T
 - dependence of HBT radii as function of energy and multiplicity
 - comparison to model predictions



5% most central events

- Bose-Einstein enhancement visible at low q
- 16000 Pb+Pb events minimum bias
- 6 k_T bins

projection in out, side and long (Bertsch, Bratt)

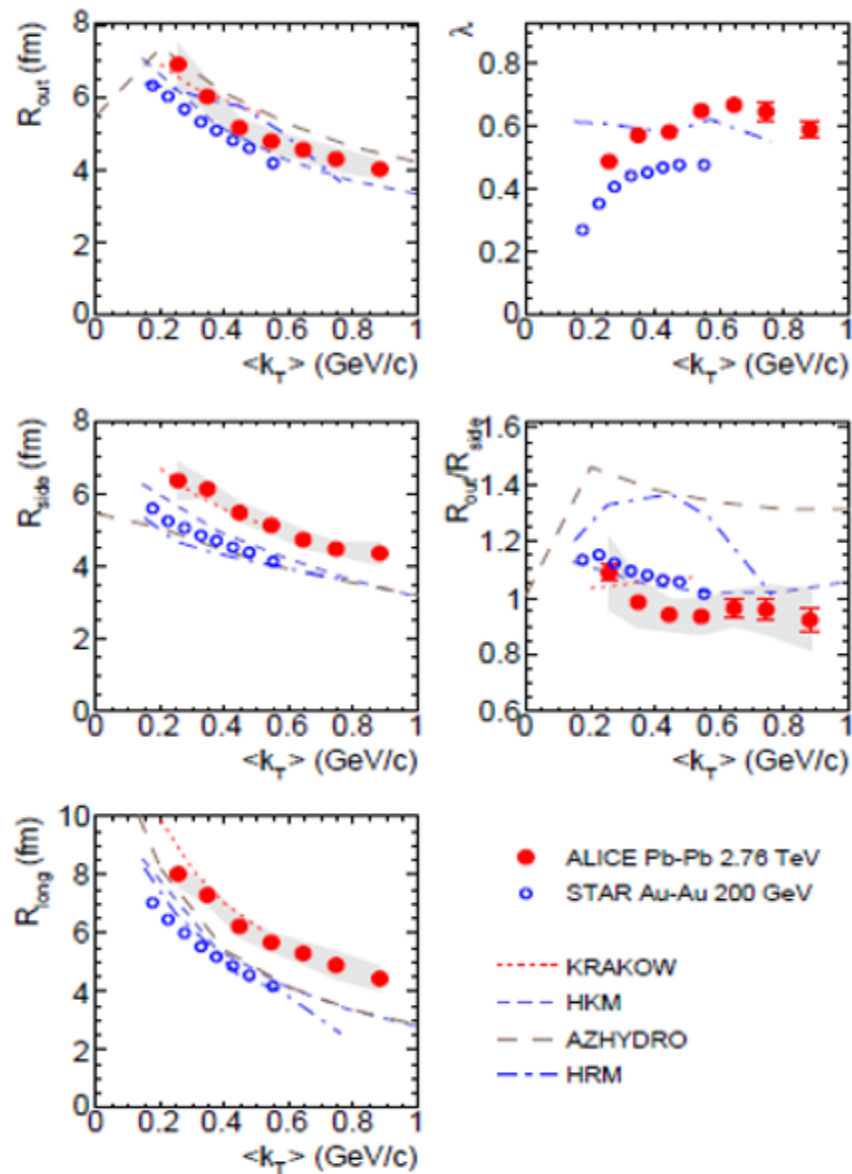
- pair selection cuts (track splitting & track merging)
- peak width increases when going from low to high k_T

extracting R_o , R_s , R_l

- correction for finite momentum resolution

arXiv:1012.4035v2





scaling of R_o , R_s , R_l with k_T

- decreasing of the HBT radii with increasing k_T

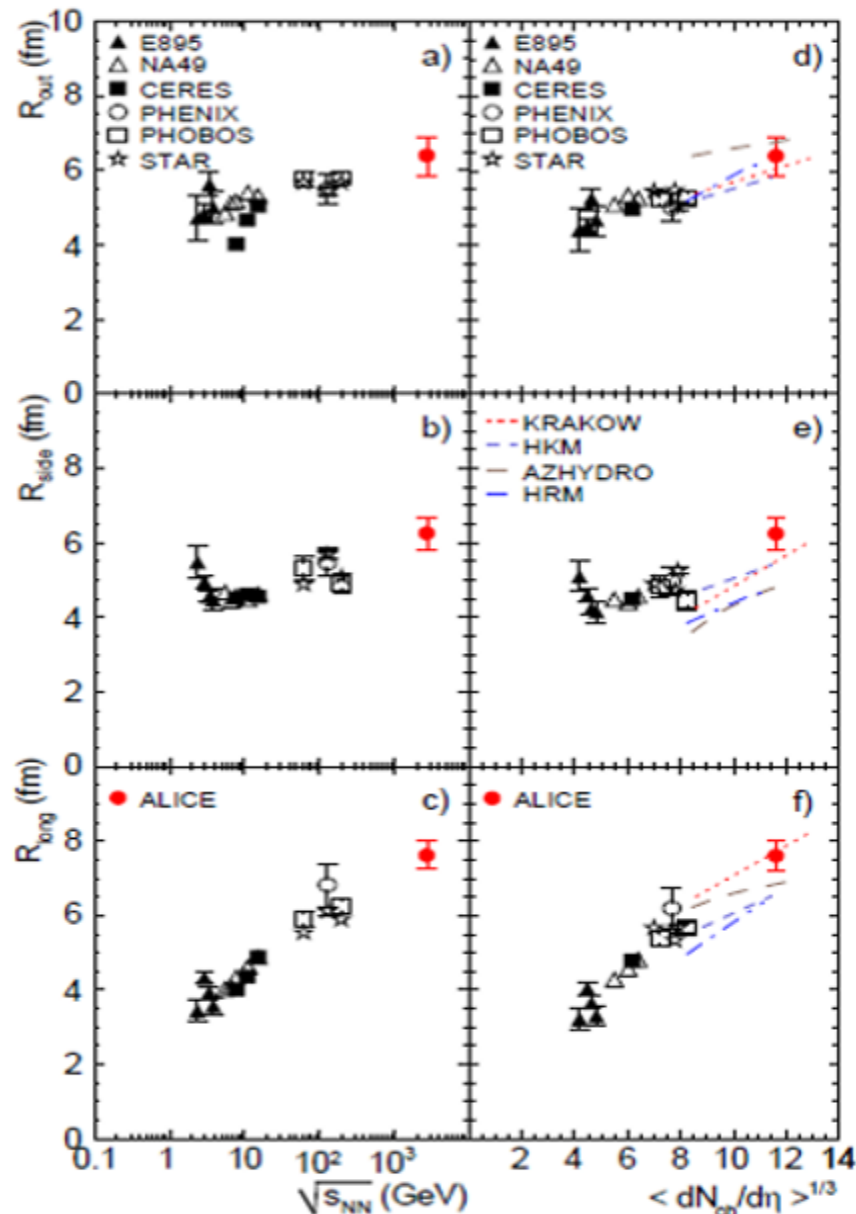
• HBT radii describe length of homogeneity
comparison with model predictions

- all models predict decrease of the HBT radii in all three directions with k_T

- best prediction by KARKOW

R_o/R_s

- R_o/R_s flat within systematic errors



energy dependance

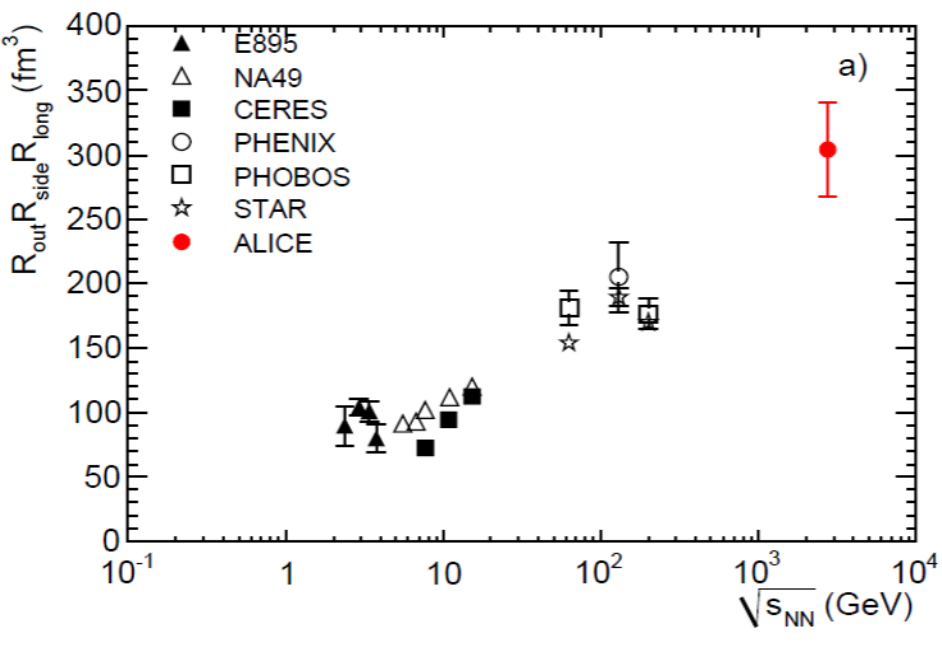
- k_T of 0.3 GeV/c
- scaling of the HBT radii (to compare with the other results)
- all HBT radii increase with energy

multiplicity dependance

- multiplicity better parameter to compare with model predictions (hydro)
- all HBT radii increase with multiplicity
- increase in agreement with model predictions



freeze out volume and freeze out time



volume of the homogeneity region

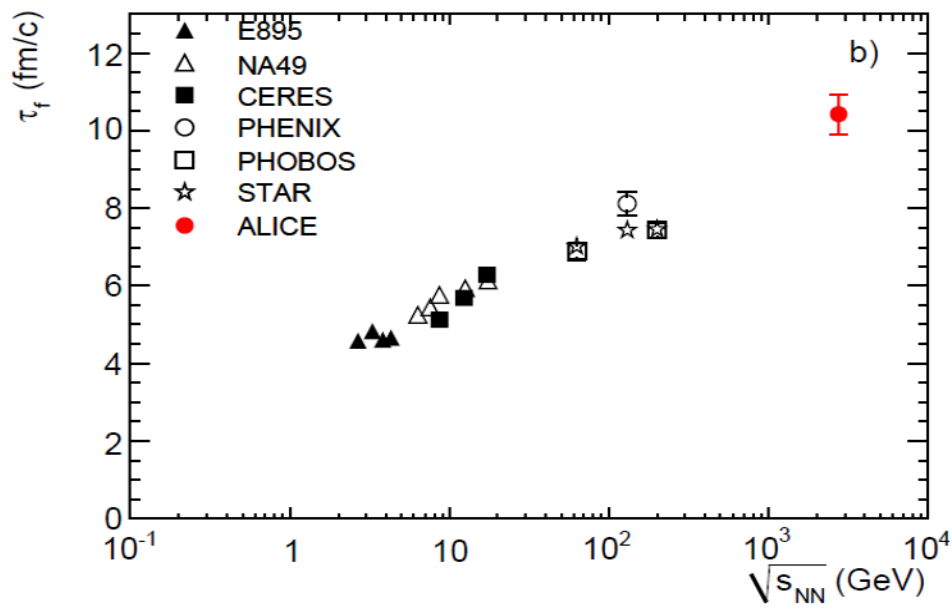
- $R_o * R_s * R_l$
- volume nearly two times as large as at RHIC
- freeze out volume 320 fm³

freeze out time

- R_l proportional to duration of longitudinal expansion (freeze out time)

$$R_{l^2}(k_T) = \frac{\tau_f^2 T}{m_T} \frac{K_2(m_T/T)}{K_1(m_T/T)}$$

- freeze out Temperature $T = 0.12$ GeV (?)
- freeze out time 10 fm/c



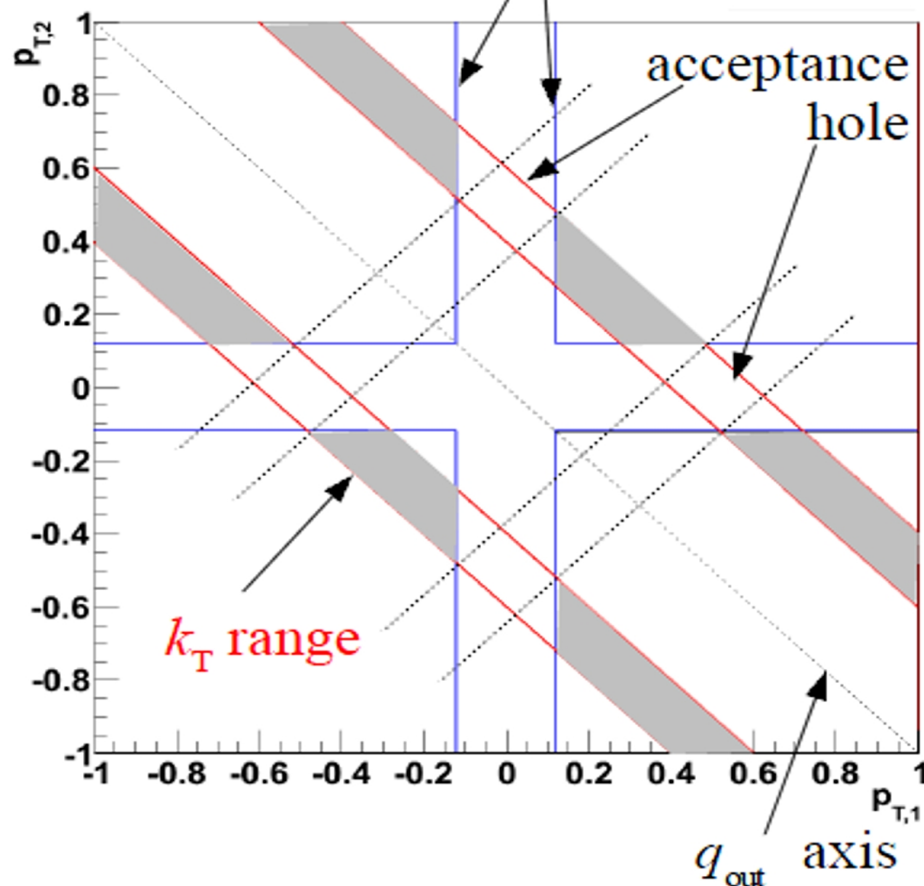


- link between heavy ion data and p+p
 - ALICE Pb+Pb results significantly broaden the range of world systematics in HBT
 - first HBT results in Pb+Pb at $\sqrt{s} = 2.76$ TeV
 - decreasing HBT radii with increasing $k_T \rightarrow$ development of a bulk
 - increasing HBT radii with energy \sqrt{s} and multiplicity (as predicted)

- zero order HBT in ALICE done
- first order HBT → next year
 - analyzing other systems than $\pi\pi$
 - HBT in charged Kaons
 - HBT in neutral Kaons (V0 finder)
 - HBT with protons
 - azimuthal dependence of the HBT radii
 - higher order sphericals
 - ...

Backup

single particle p_T acceptance



holes in q_{out}

- q_{long} and q_{side} vanish
- p_T is sum of p_{T1} and p_{T2}
- k_T is difference of p_{T1} and p_{T2}

combination of single particle acceptance and two particle cut leads to holes

edges in q_{long}

η acceptance of the detector