



EMMI Workshop "5th Workshop on Anti-Matter, Hyper-Matter and Exotica Production"

Day-5 wrap up

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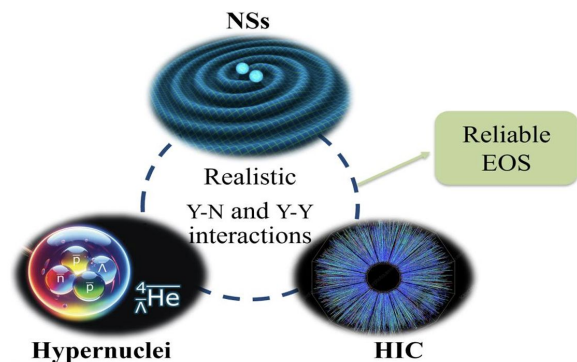
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Neutron stars: Dense matter factory

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The Most Robust Observational Inputs

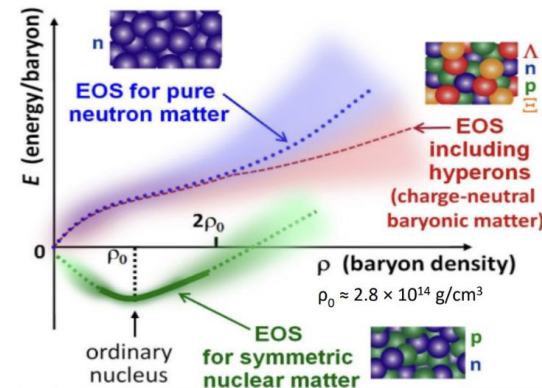
- Maximum mass of pulsars
- NICER mass-radius measurements
- Gravitational waves detected by LIGO-VIRGO-KAGRA

mass-radius

Tidal Deformability

- Cooling and thermal evolution

Hyperon	Mass (MeV/c ²)
Λ	1115.57 ± 0.06
Σ^+	1189.37 ± 0.06
Σ^0	1192.55 ± 0.10
Σ^-	1197.50 ± 0.05
Ξ^0	1314.80 ± 0.8
Ξ^-	1321.34 ± 0.14
Ω^-	1672.43 ± 0.14



➤ **The most important check with hyperons**

H.Tamura, JPS Conf. Proc. , 011003 (2014)

Including hyperon \longrightarrow Softening the EOS $\longrightarrow M_{max} < 2M_{\odot}$

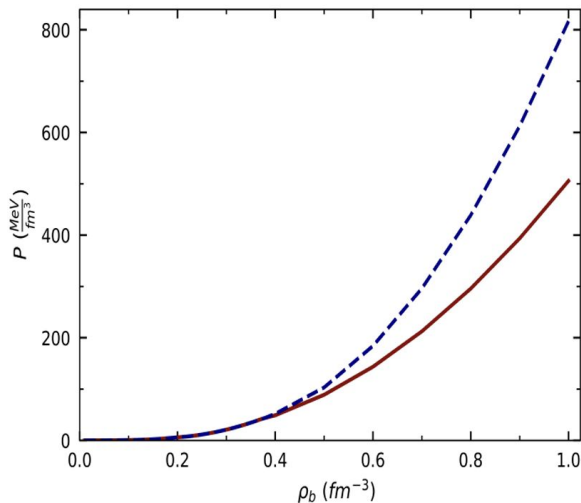
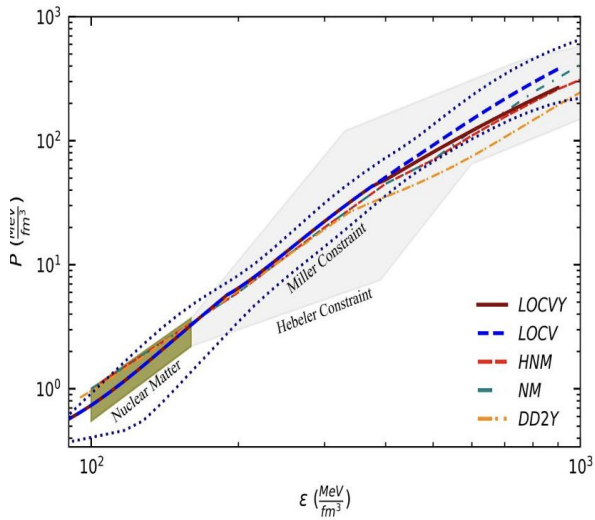
EOS of hypernuclei matter

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→ Observed softening of EOS as expected

- ✓ Consistent with chiral EFT + astrophysical constraints
- softening after Λ onset

- Additional repulsive effects in the EOS (e.g., $\Lambda\Lambda$ interaction, three-body forces or any kind of many-body repulsions)

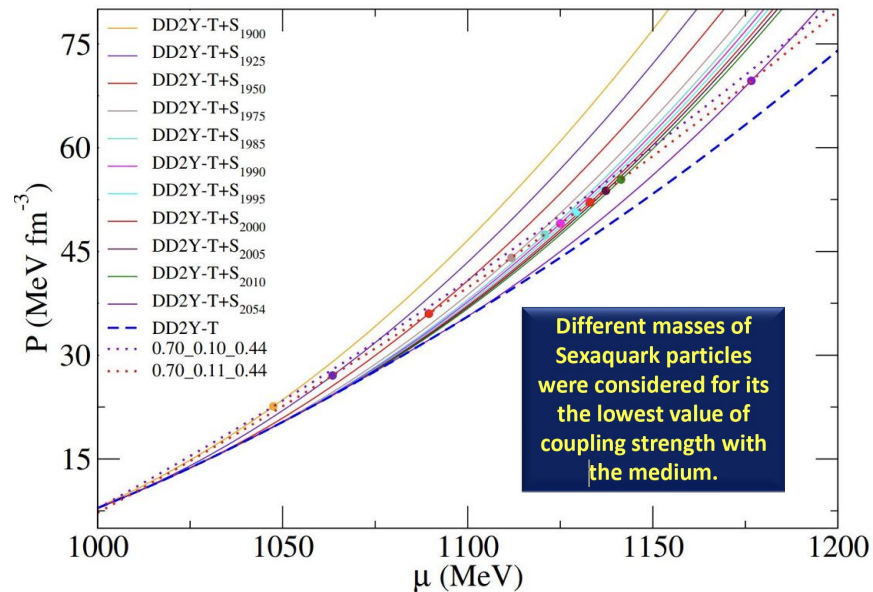


The slow increase in the Λ fraction moderates the overall softening once hyperons appear.

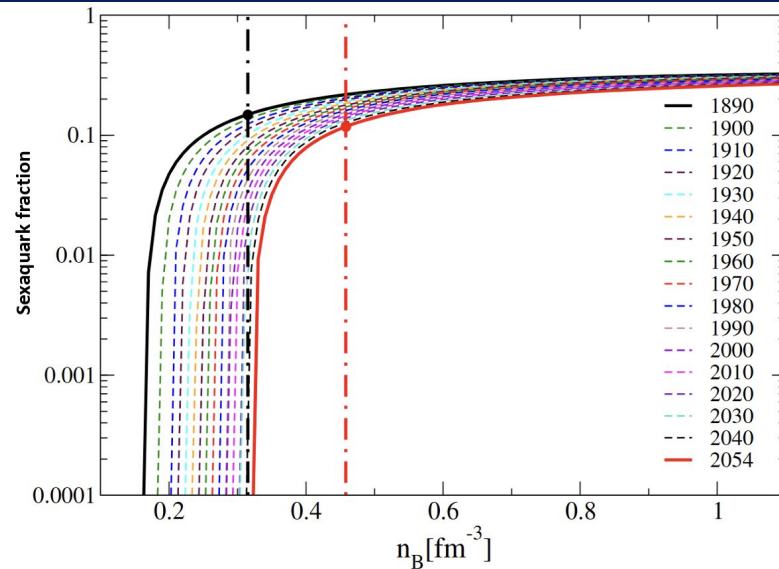
- The net repulsive $\Lambda\Lambda$ interaction becomes significant at high densities.
- Central correlation functions provide additional medium-induced repulsion.
- The effect of tensor correlations is suppressed in the $\Lambda\Lambda$ interaction due to zero isospin.

Sexaquarks as probe of NS-EOS

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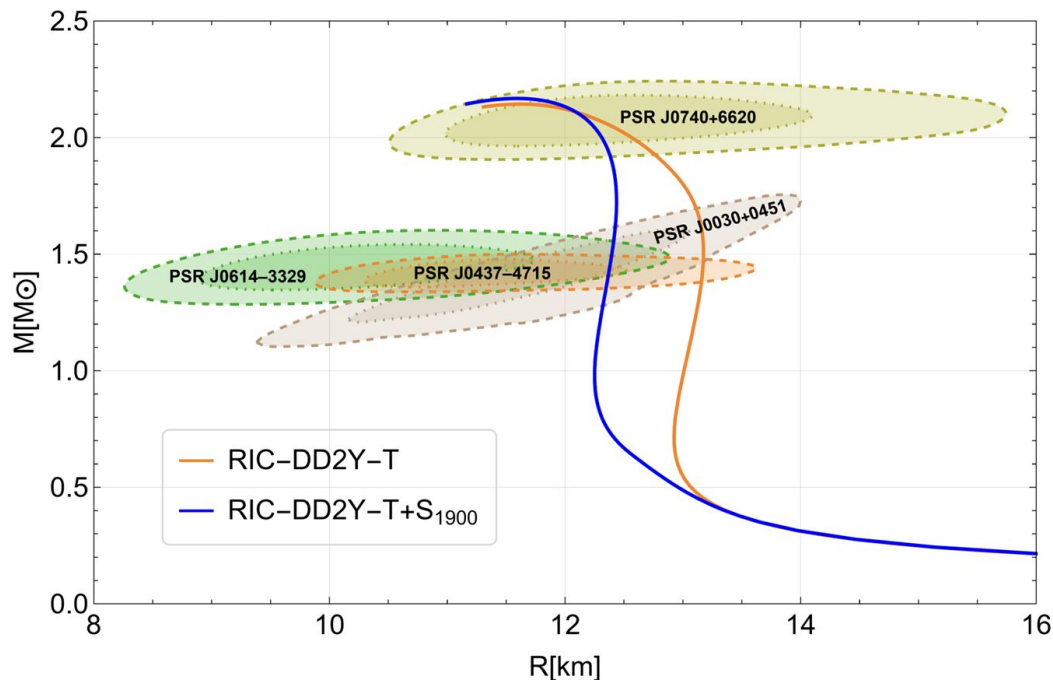


The maximum Sexaquark fraction allowed in our models varies from about 12% for the highest S-particle mass to 15% for the lightest one.



Sexaquarks as probe of NS-EOS

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M. Shahrbafe, P. Thakur, D.R.K., [arXiv:2510.08115](https://arxiv.org/abs/2510.08115)

→ Including sexaquarks bring model calculations closer to Neutron Star Interior Composition Explorer (NICER) results

Orange curve : without Sexaquark

Blue curve : with Sexaquark, $m_s = 1900 \text{ MeV}$ and $x_s = 0.03$

Modelling the Nuclei production - Pythia 8.3

Marika Rassa

- Pion-deuteron femtoscopy measurement shows the contribution from $\Delta(1232)$ resonance
- Nuclear Fusion reactions to treat the nuclei production
- Approach based on Dal-Raklev empirical modelling

- Model independent evidence
 - About 80% of the (anti)deuterons are produced in nuclear fusion reactions following the decay of short lived resonances
 - About the 60% of them derive from the $\Delta(1232)$

Different reactions are considered:

$$pn \rightarrow \gamma d$$

$$pn \rightarrow \pi^0 d$$

$$pp \rightarrow \pi^+ d$$

$$nn \rightarrow \pi^- d$$

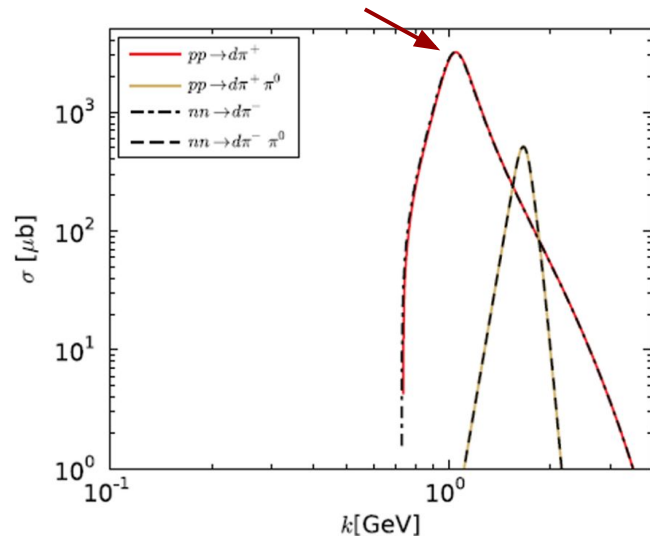
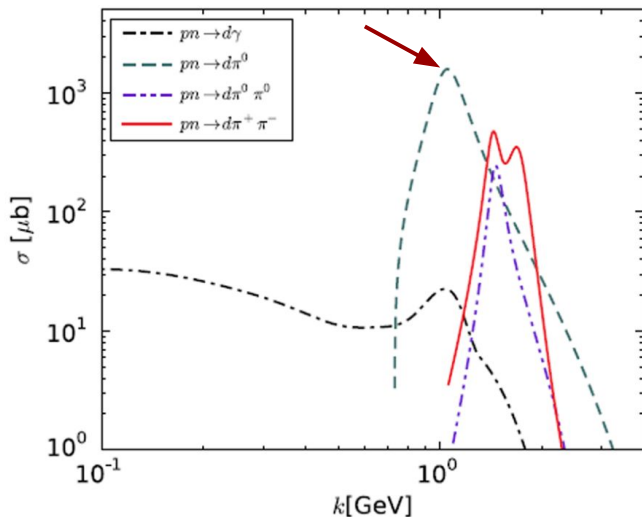
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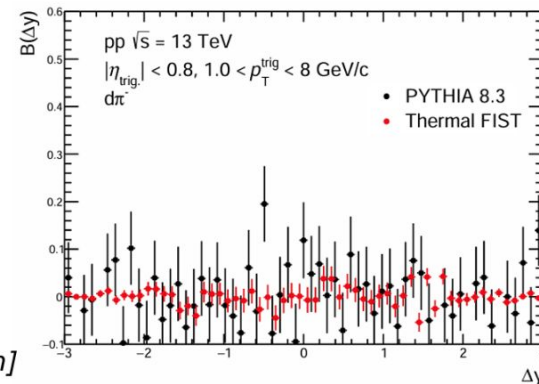
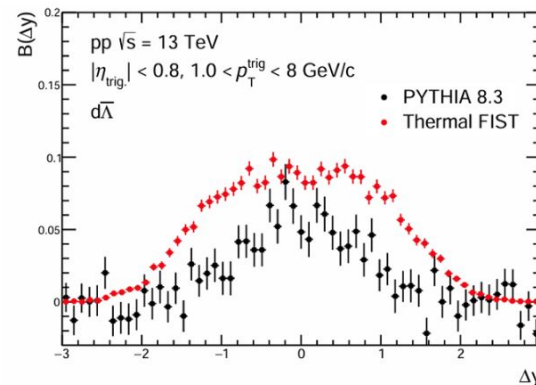
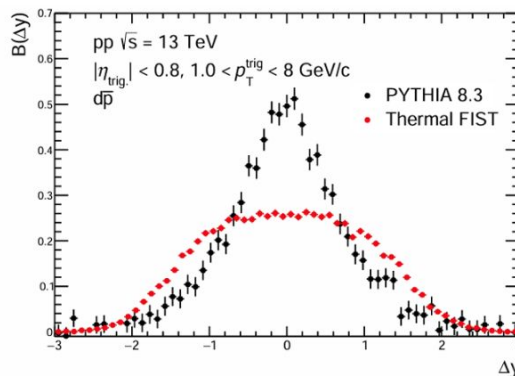
→ similar treatment for anti-nuclei



Deuteron balance function

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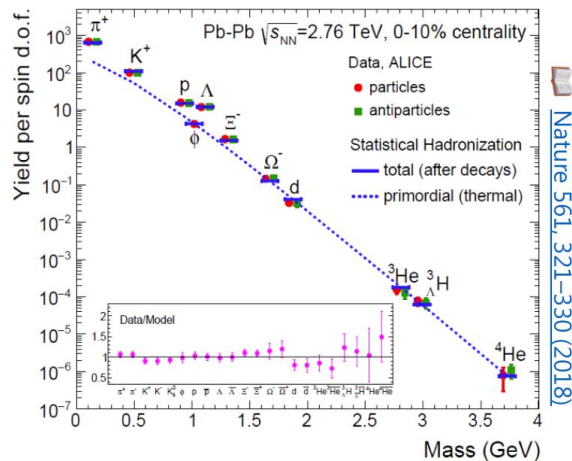
- Is it possible to estimate the balance function for all the cases
- Different shape for the one predicted by PYTHIA and THERMAL FIST due to the intrinsic differences of the models
- More observations can be made comparing these balance functions with the one triggered by protons
- But still, no experimental data available for these observables



S. Tripathy, P. Christiansen, *arXiv:2509.03195 [hep-ph]*

Charm quark and SHM

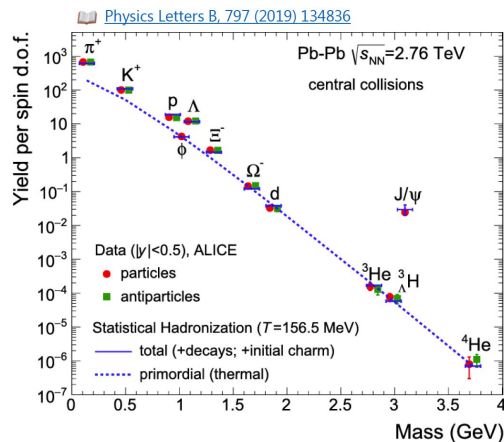
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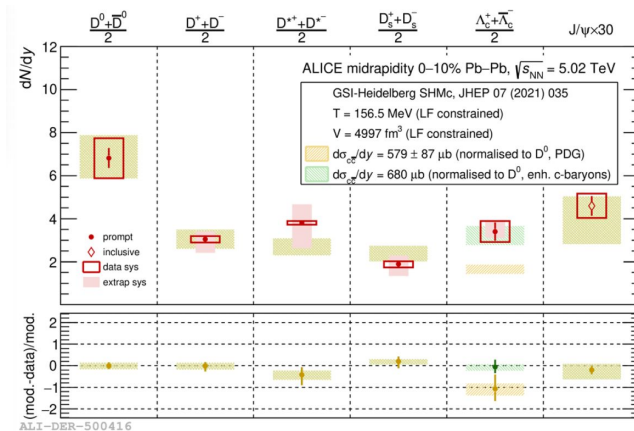
Thermal density of hadron species i

$$n_i(T_H) \propto m_i^2 T_H K_2\left(\frac{m_i}{T_H}\right)$$

→ Can heavy quarks be considered in thermal and chemical equilibrium with the medium?



- J/ψ enhanced compared to other $M = 3$ GeV hadrons.
- Number of c-quarks in Pb-Pb collisions at LHC energy is about **30 times larger** than expected for pure thermal production.
 - $g_c \sim 30$



For open heavy flavor hadrons strong contribution from **resonance decays**.

- include all known charm hadron states as of PDG.
- **Additional feed-down** from excited baryon states not yet measured but predicted by IQCD.

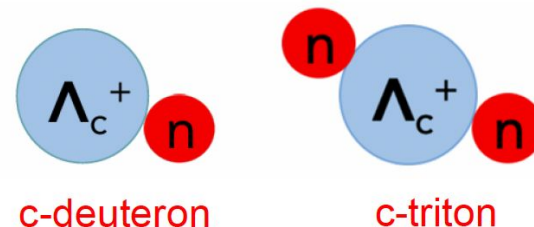
Deuteron - coming from charm decay in HI

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The lightest possible bound states of a charm baryon and a nucleon without Coulomb repulsion.

constraints for in-medium and “molecular” coalescence

c-deuteron and c-tritium

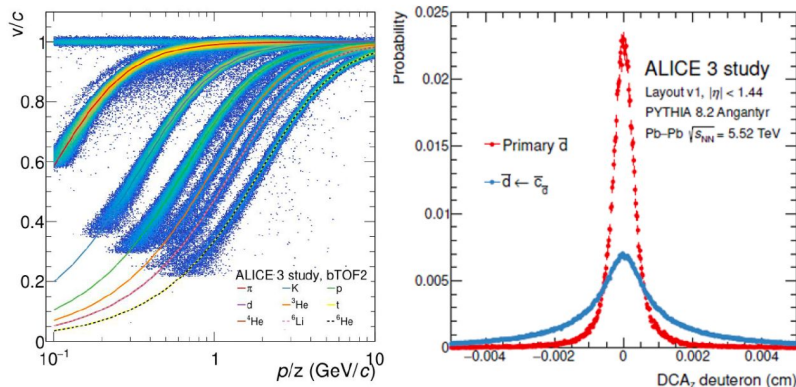


- Excellent performance of ALICE 3 for the identification of light nuclei with TOF.
- Main background source: combinatorial of primary deuterons with pions and kaons.
 - Excellent DCA resolution to reject primary deuterons.

The most promising decay channels:

$$c_d \rightarrow d + K^- + \pi^+$$

$$c_t \rightarrow t + K^- + \pi^+$$



- Assuming the production rates of the SHM, in 1 month of Pb-Pb collisions (5.6 nb^{-1}):
 - ~ 50 significance for c_d
 - ~ 3 significance for c_t

ALICE 3 sensitive to c_d and c_t !!!



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Thank you

