

# Exploring strong interaction in three hadron systems at the LHC

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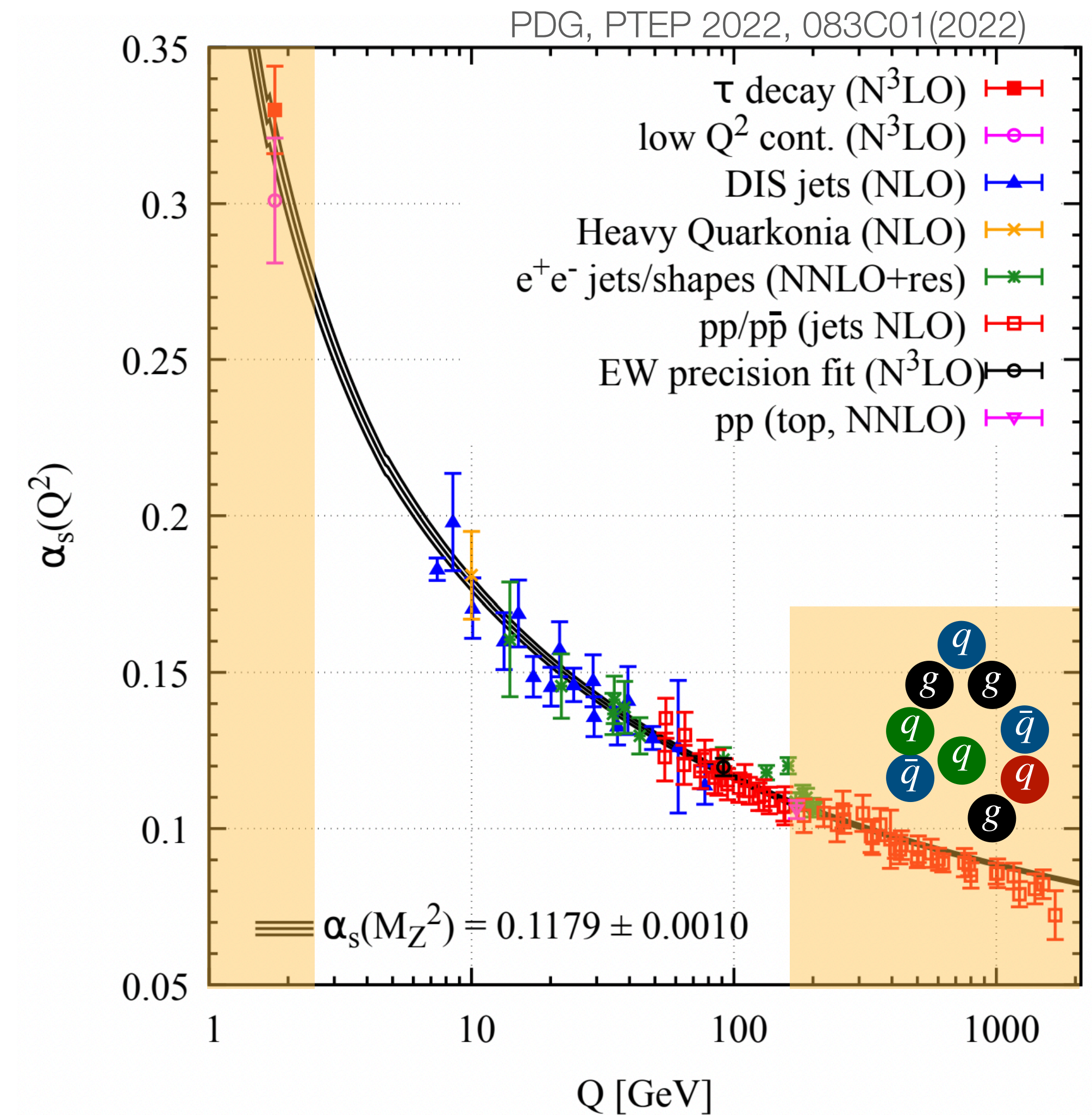
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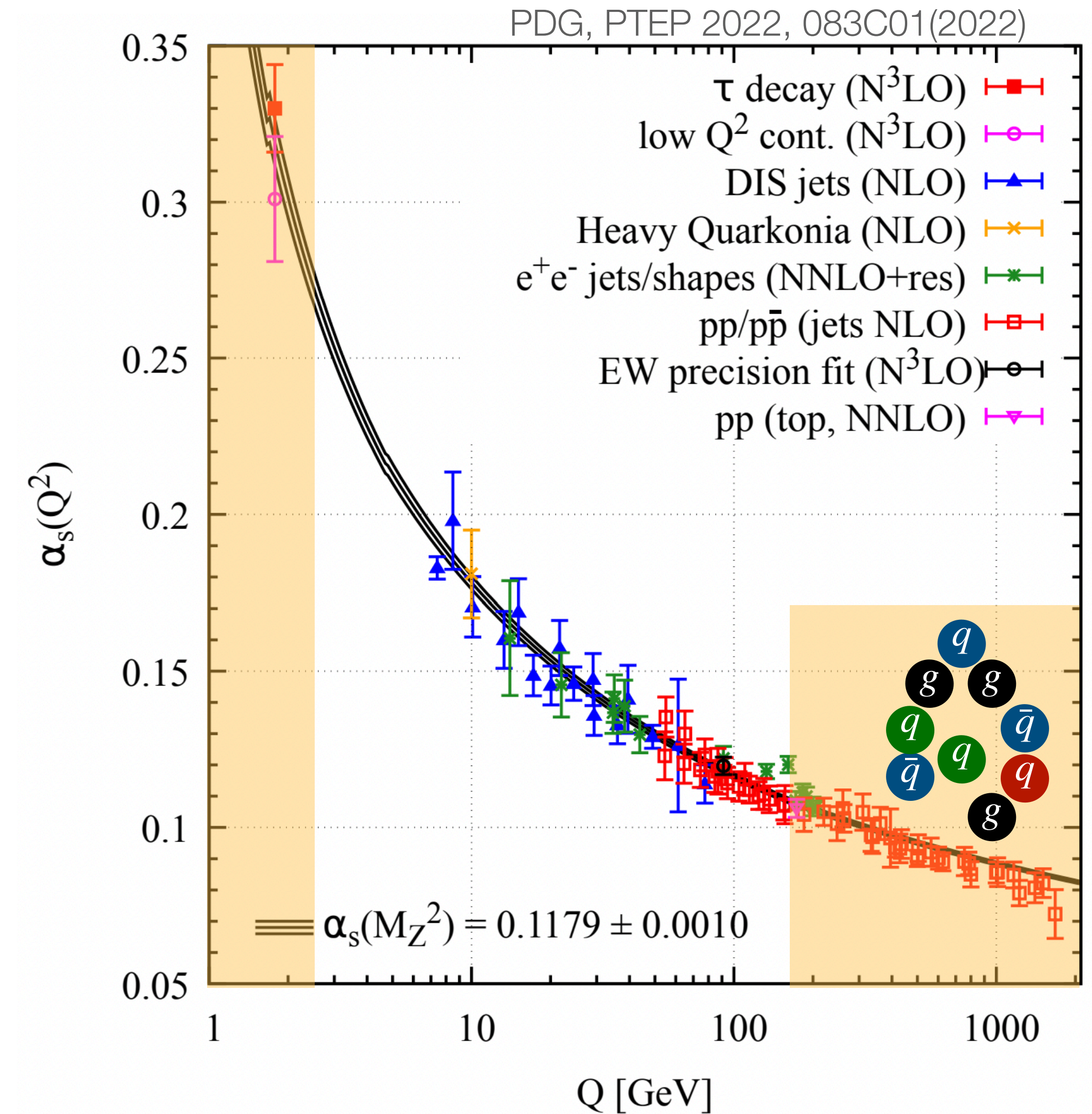


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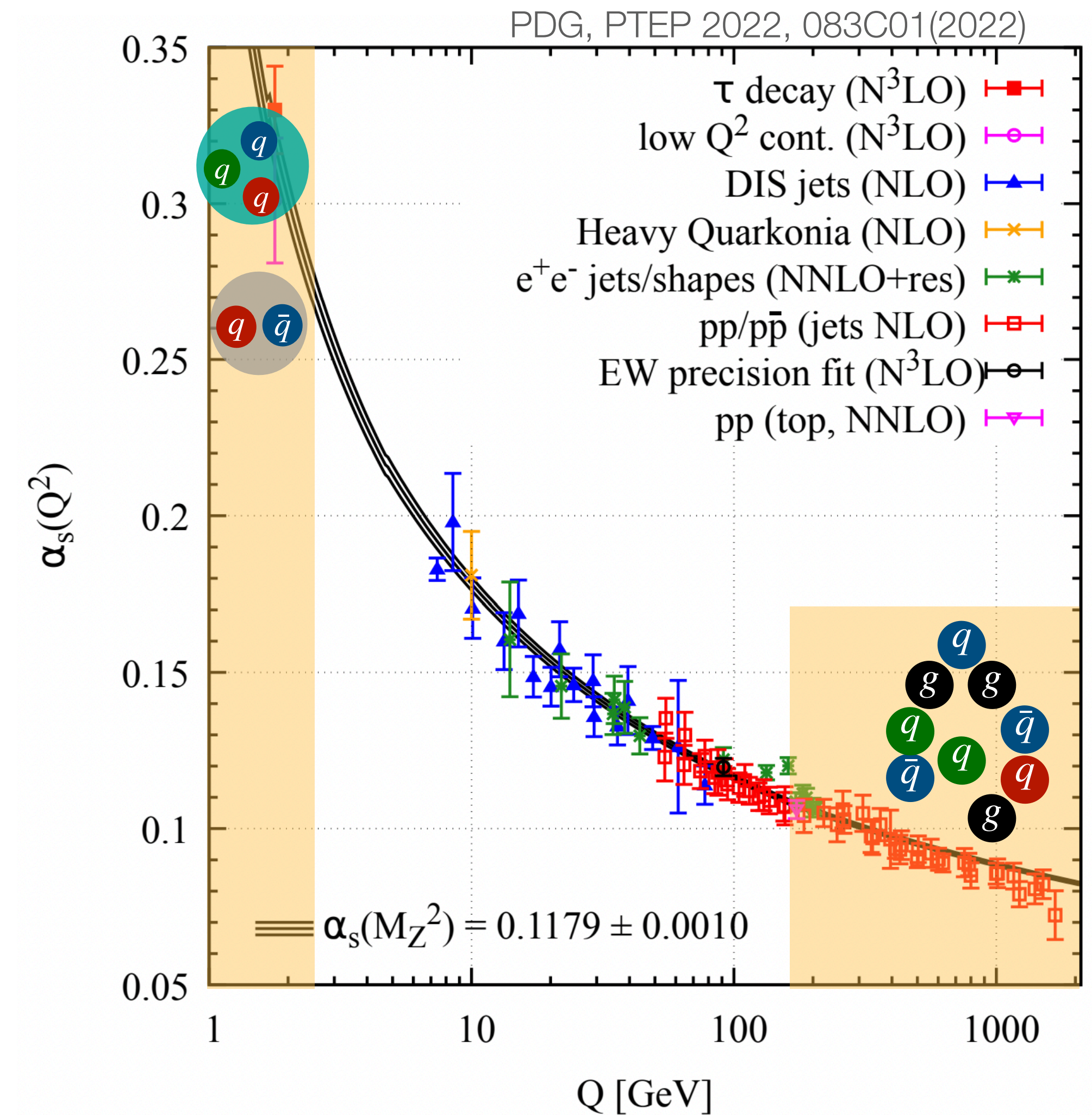
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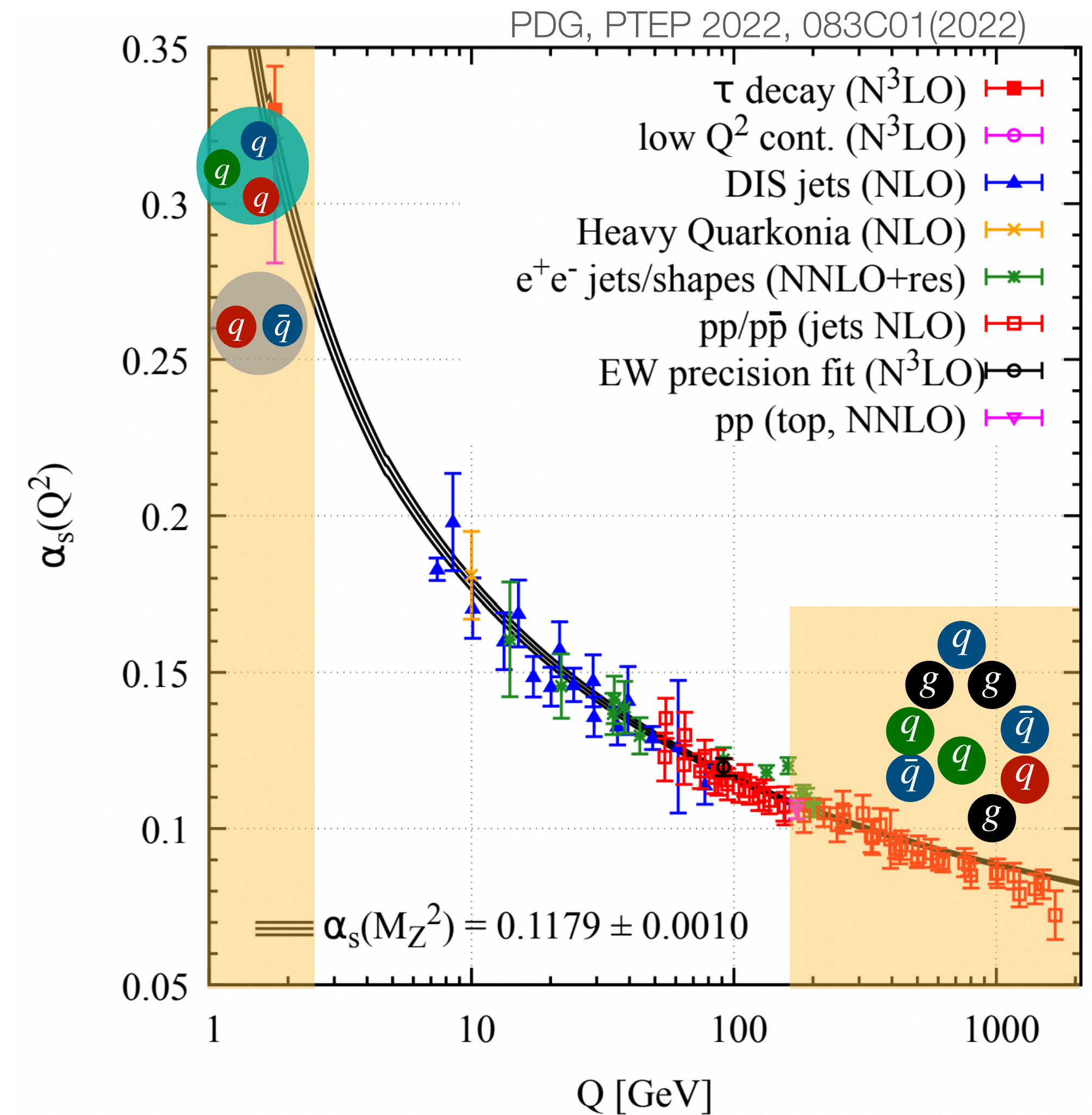
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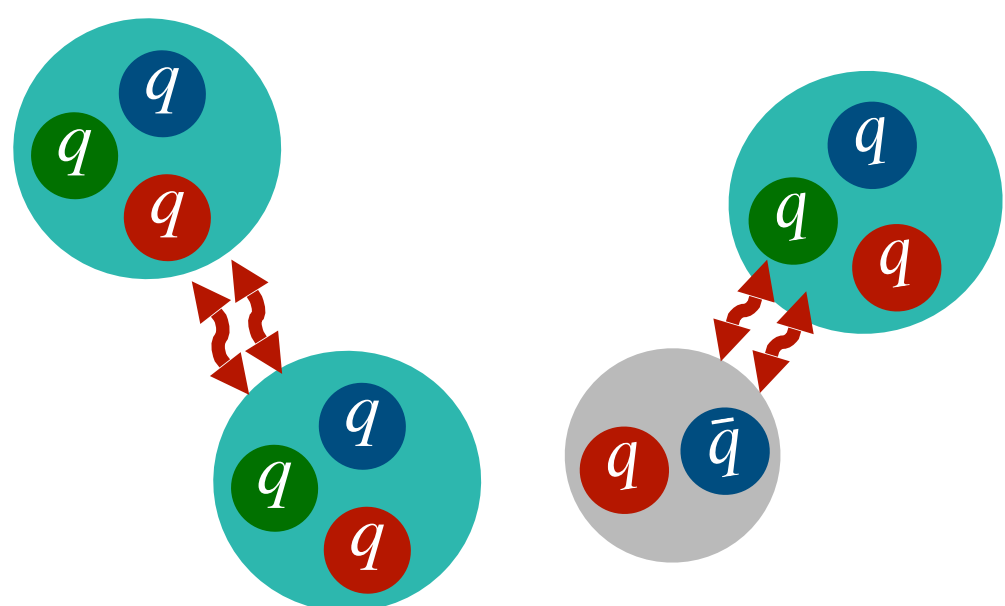


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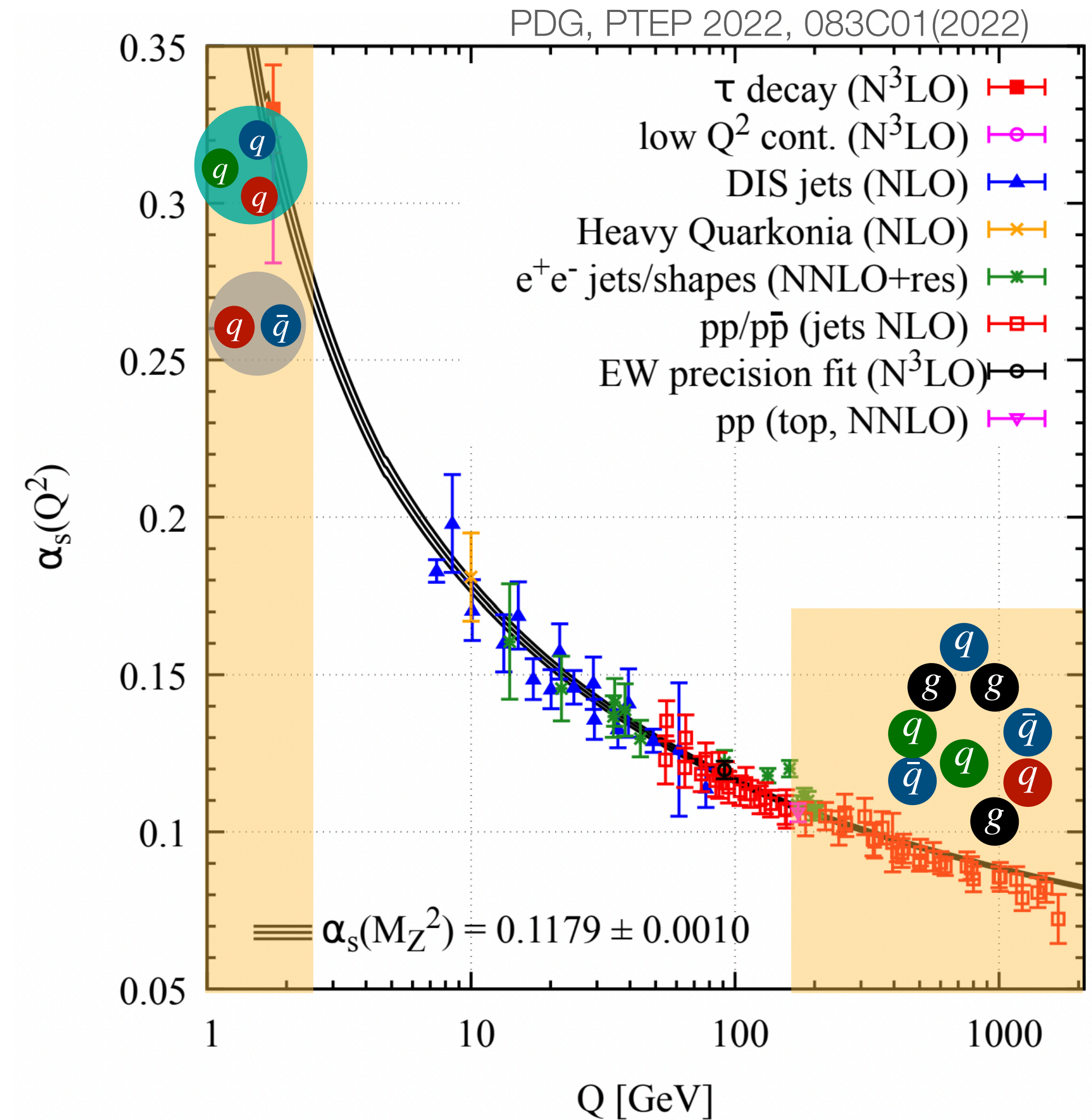
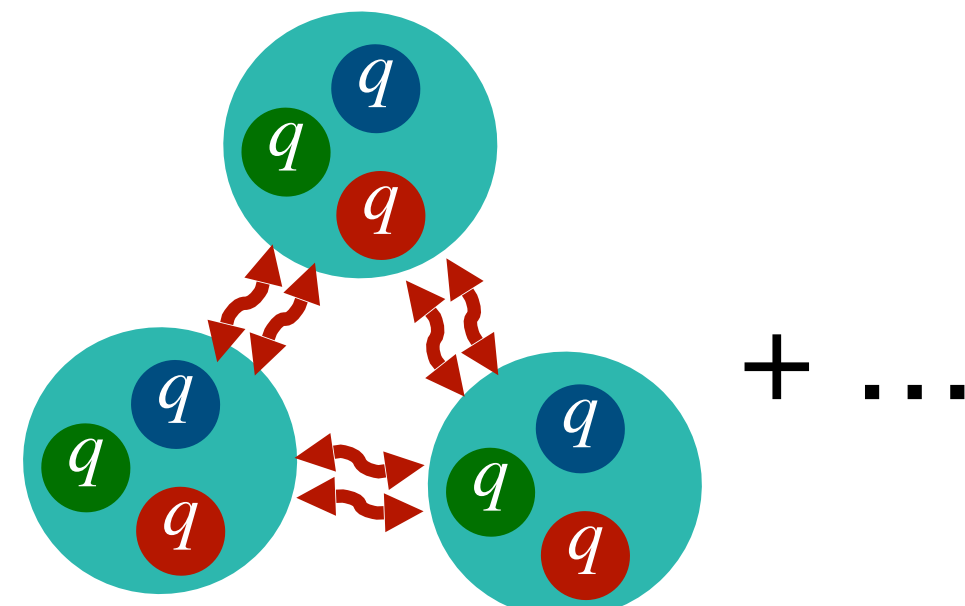
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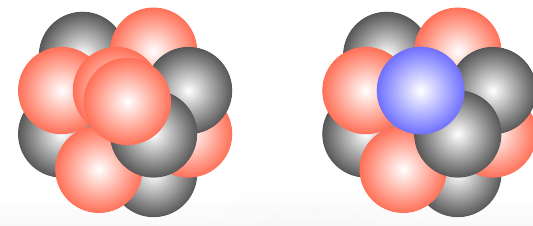


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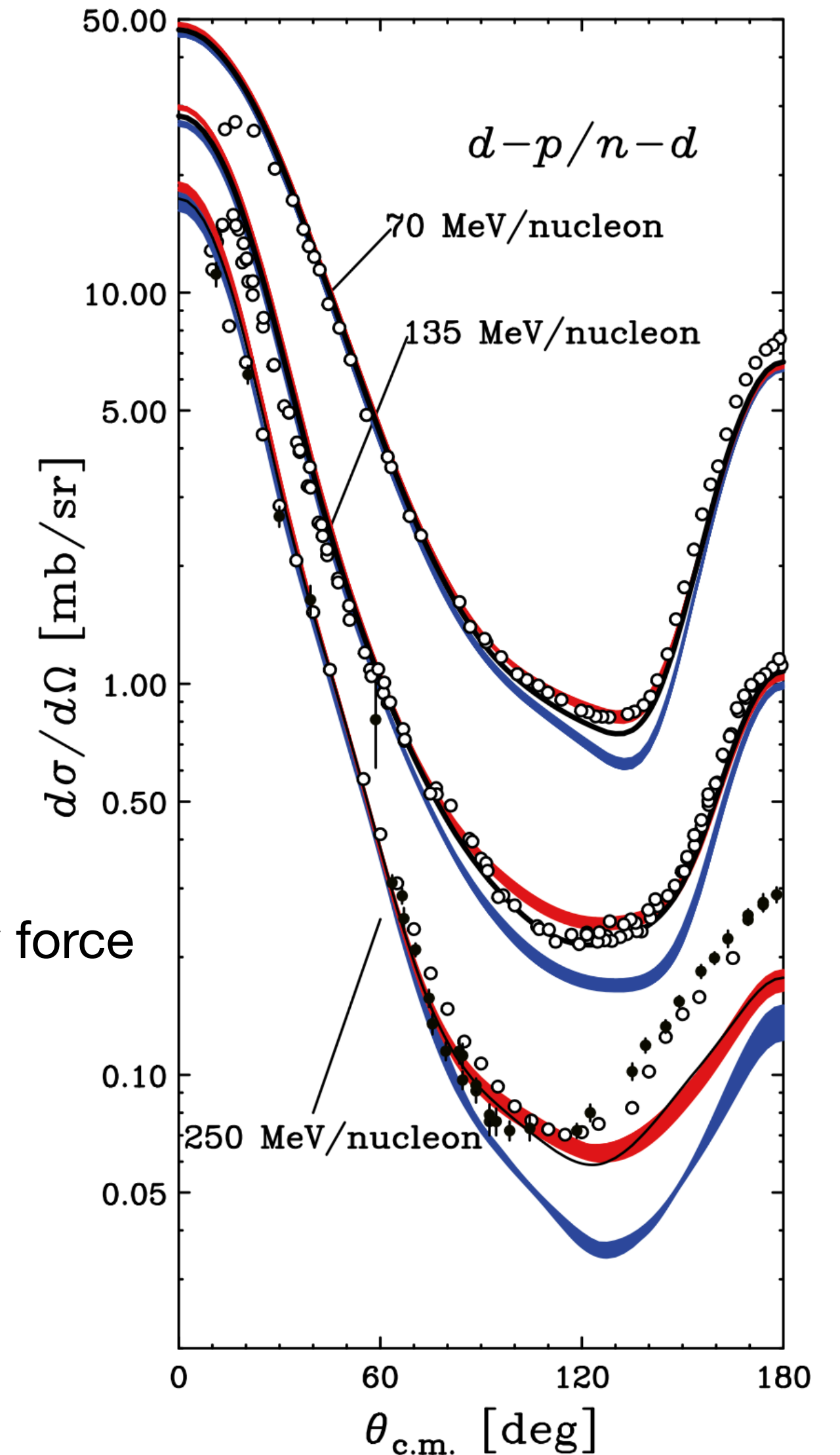
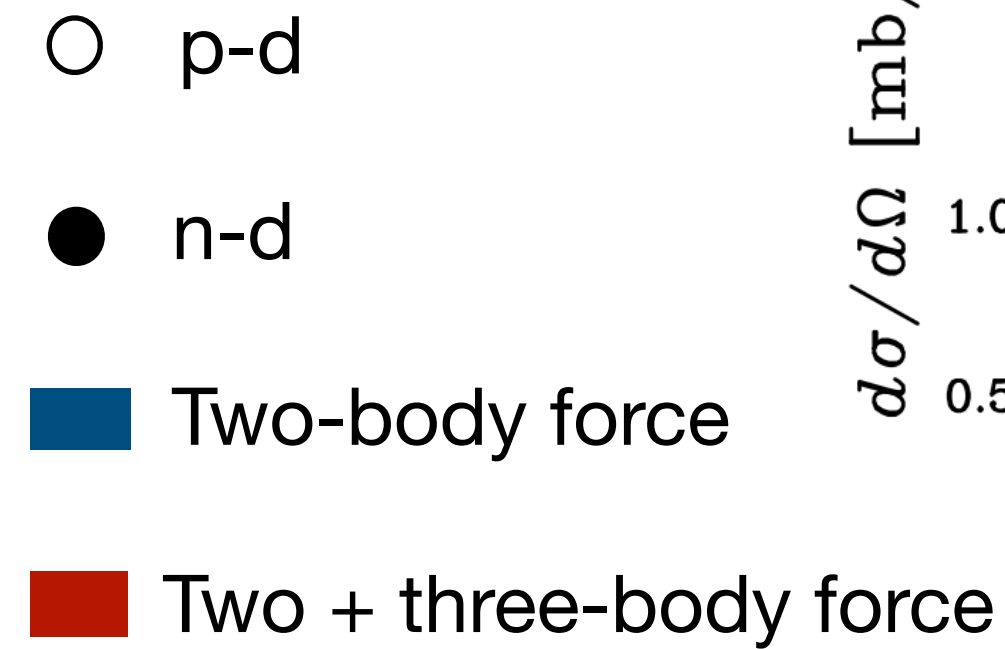


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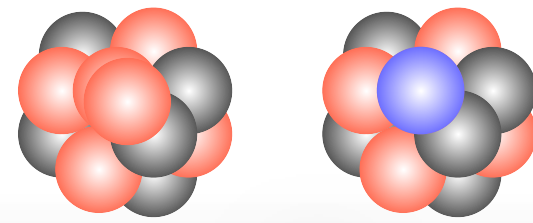
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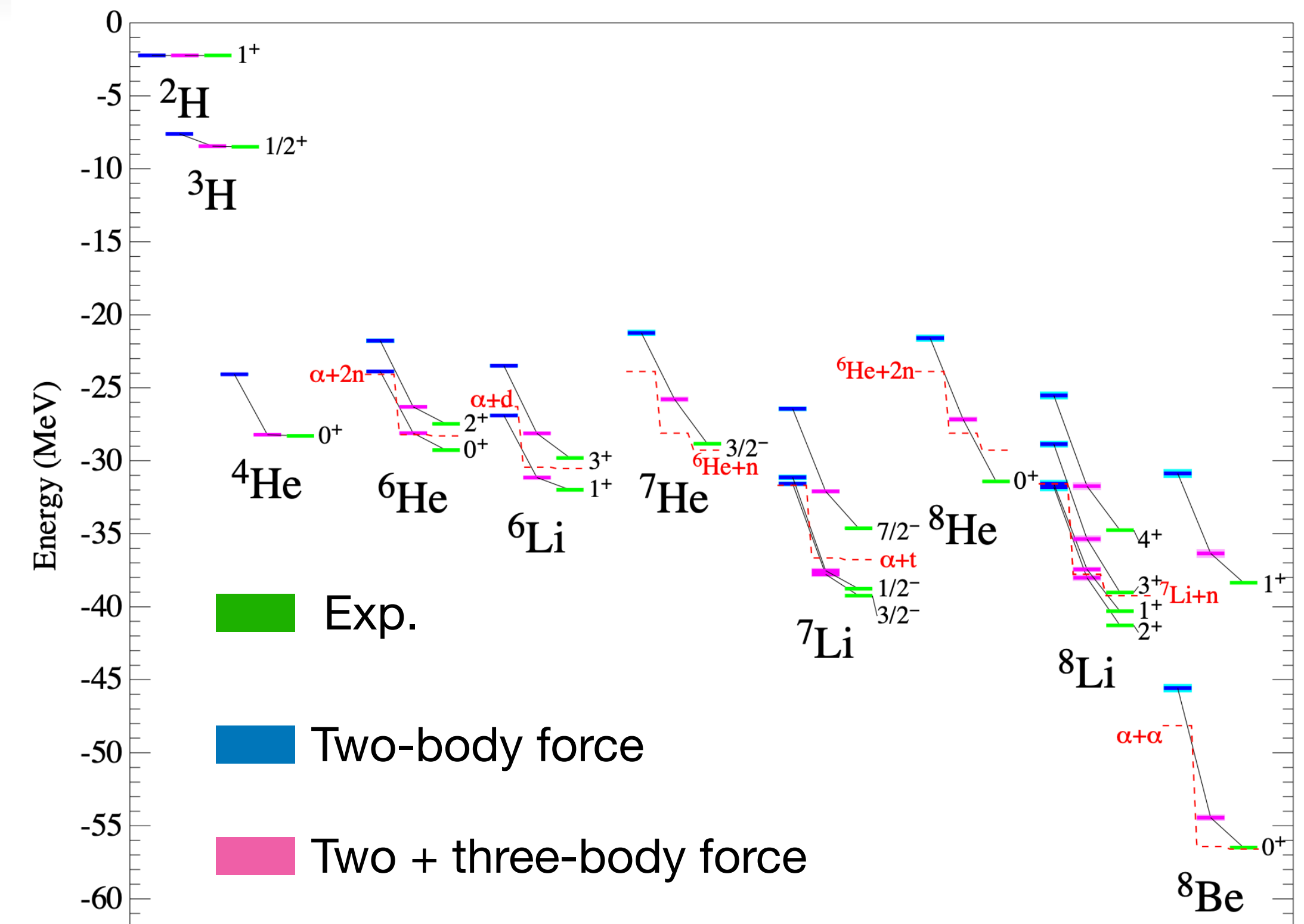
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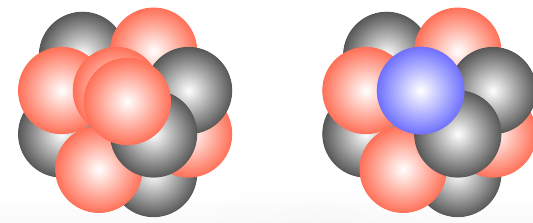


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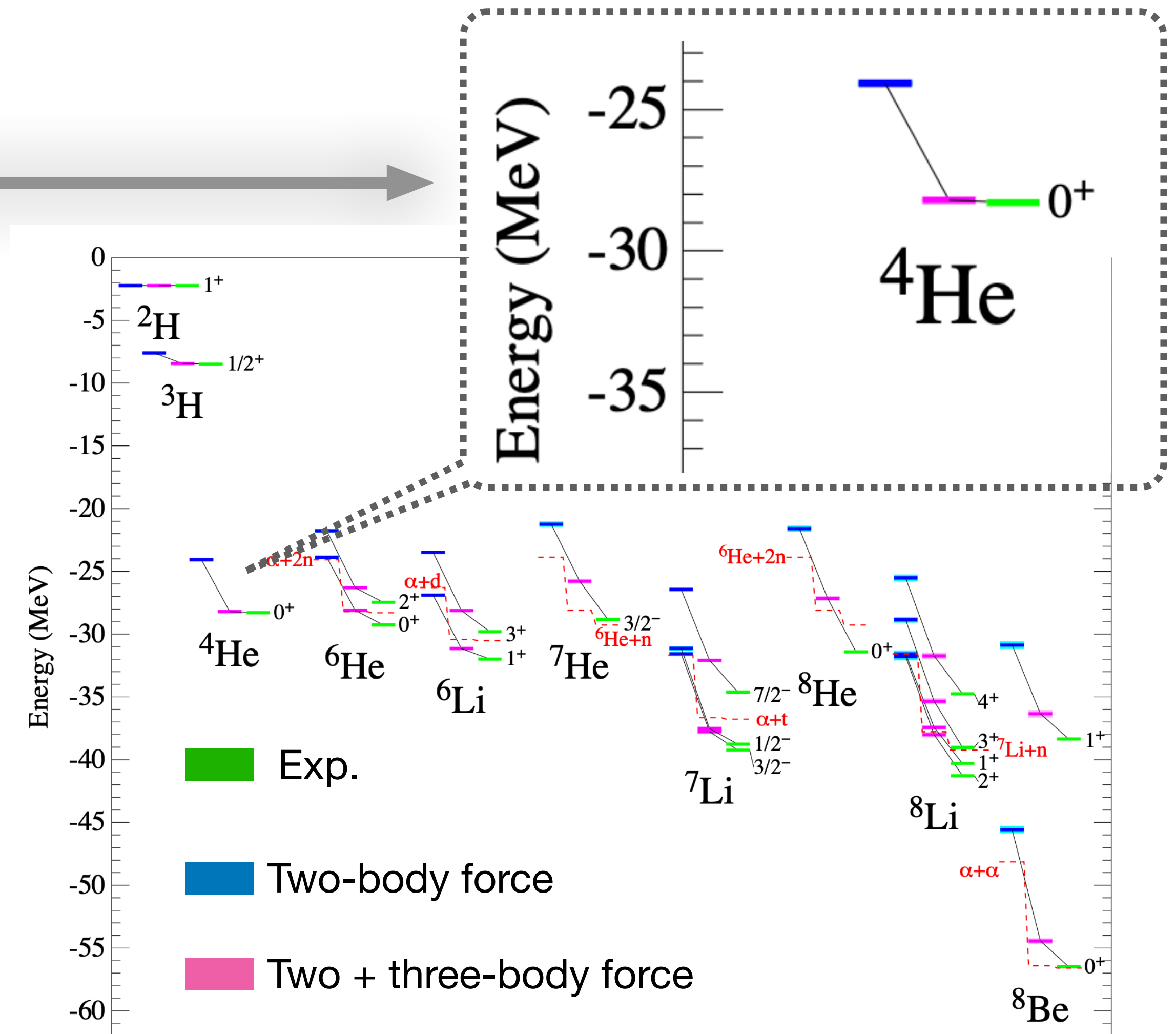
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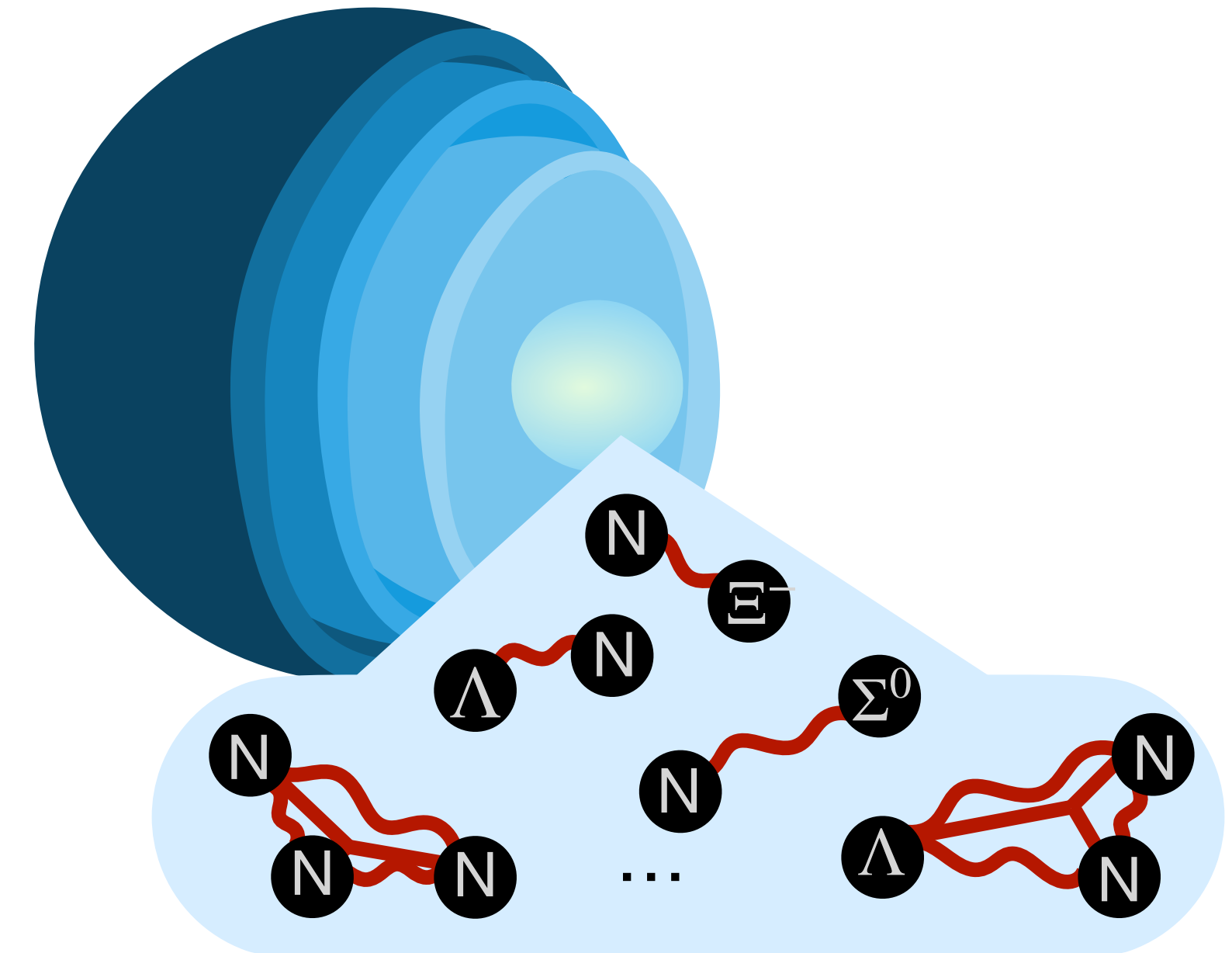


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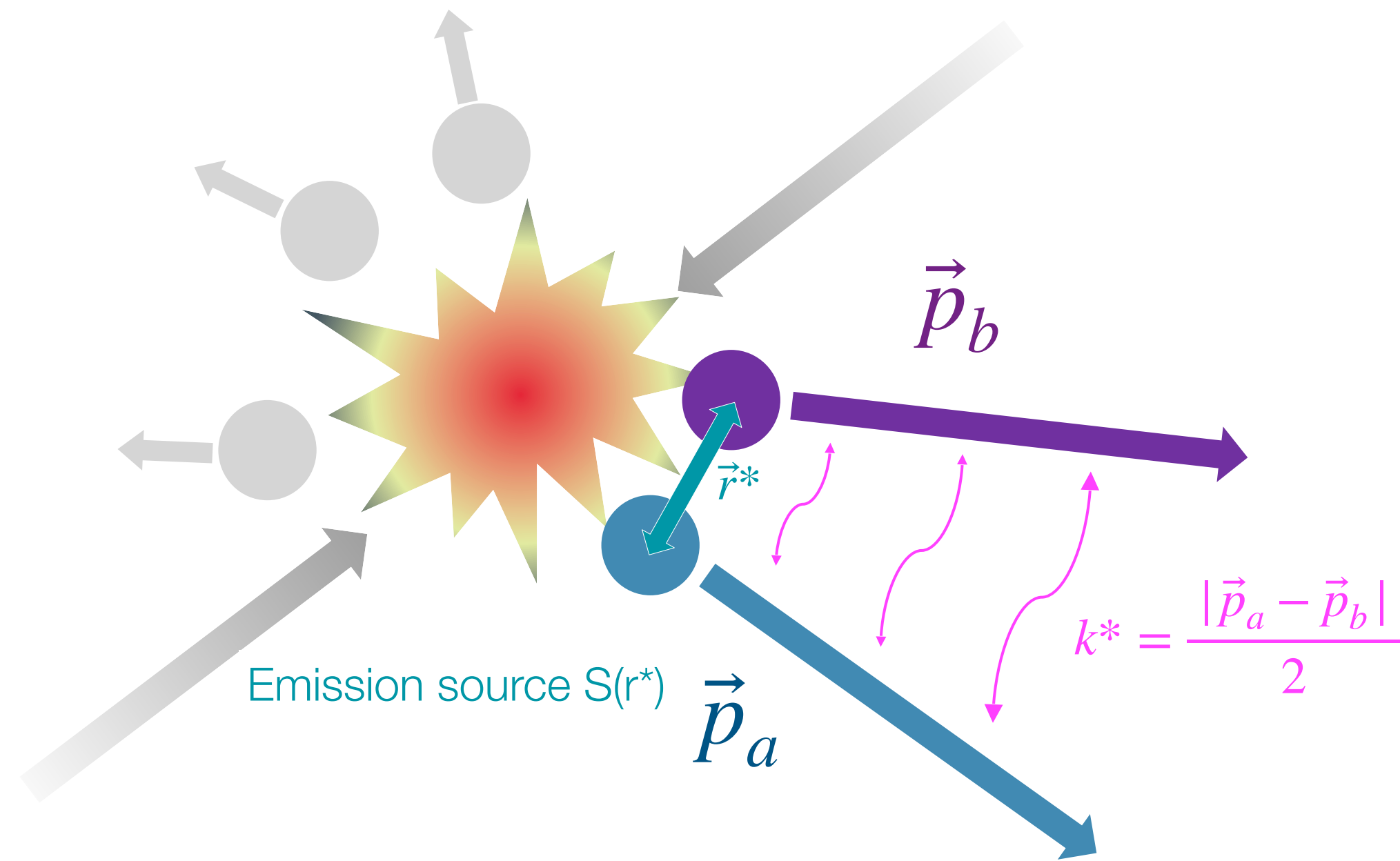
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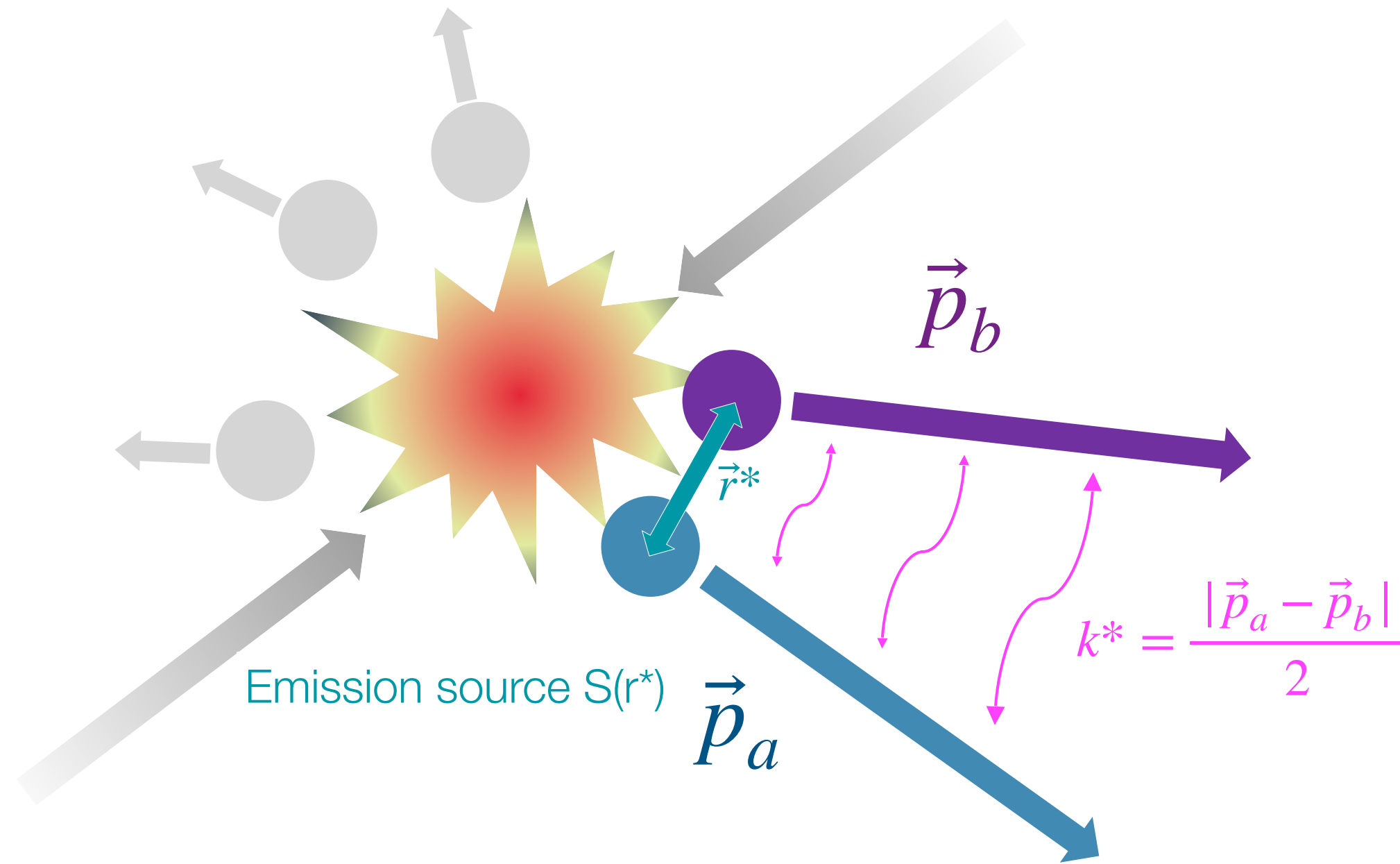


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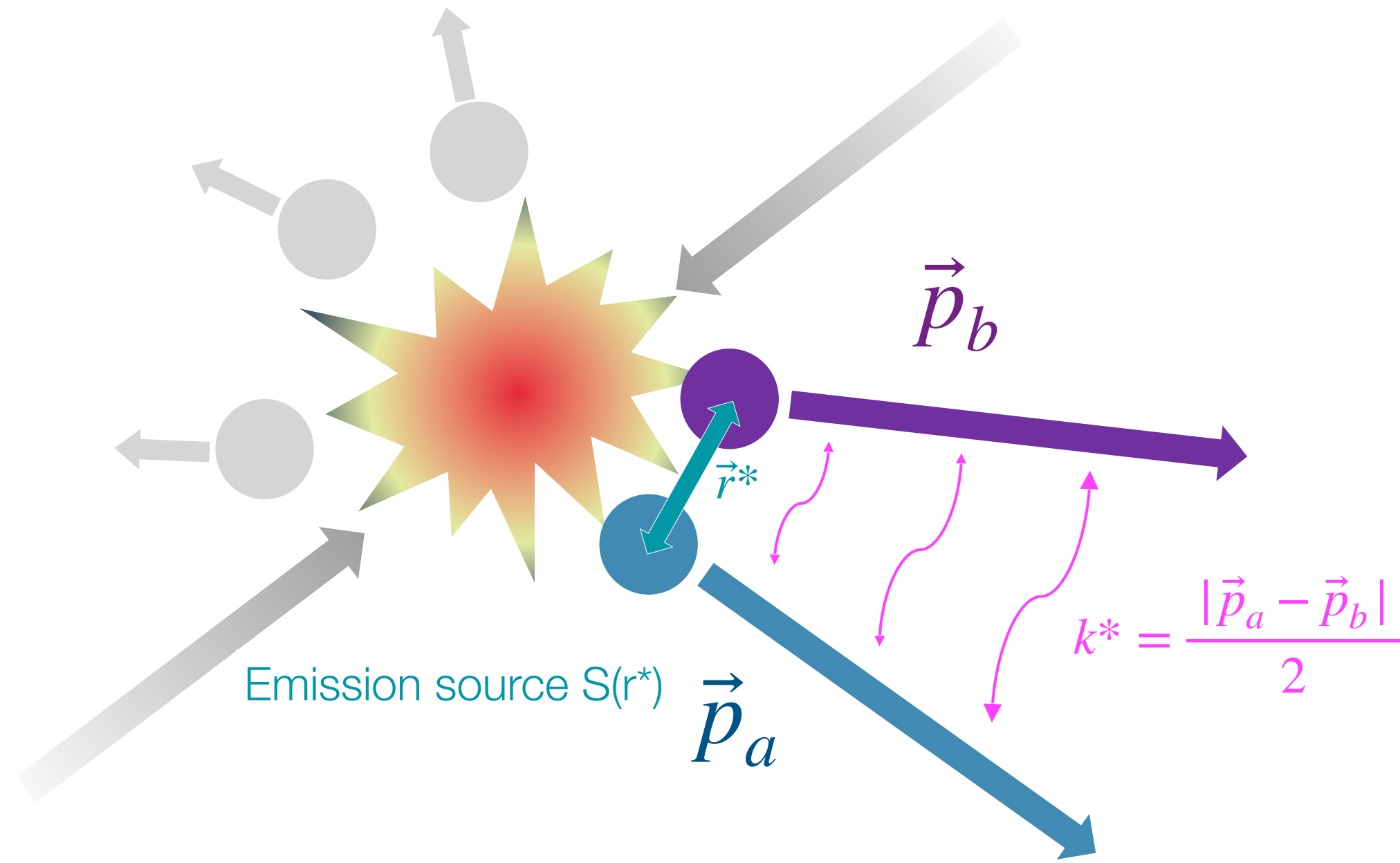


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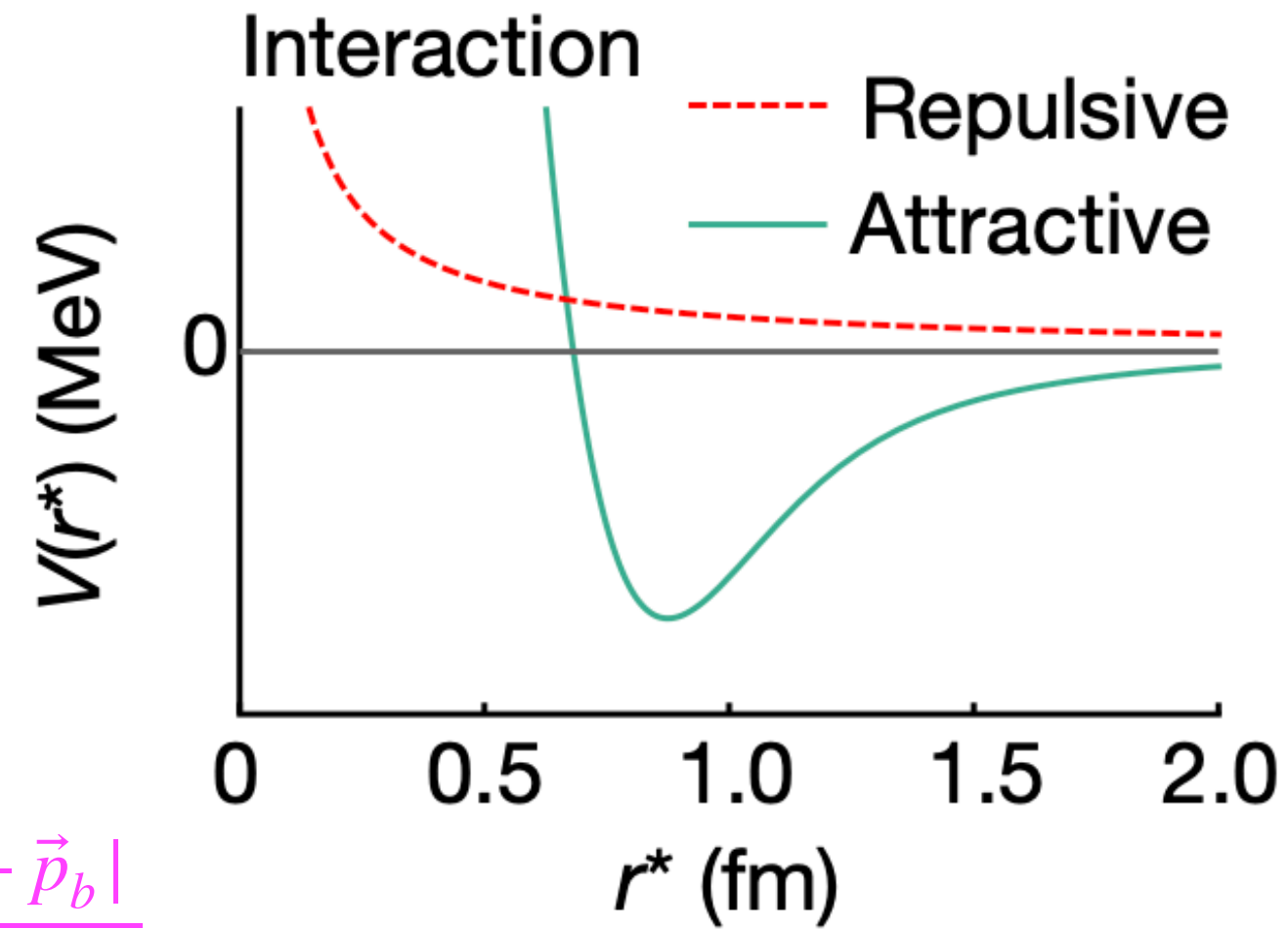
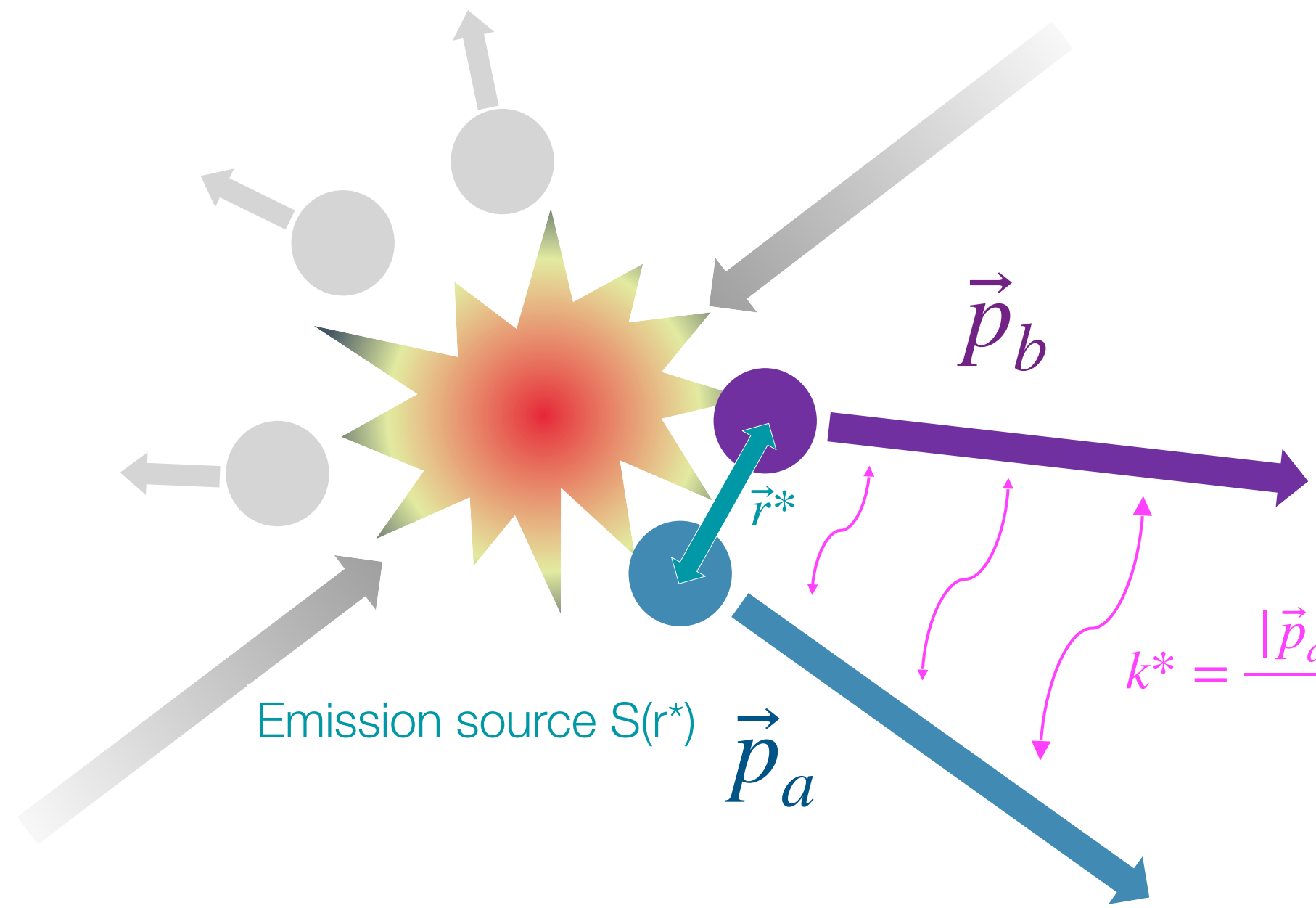
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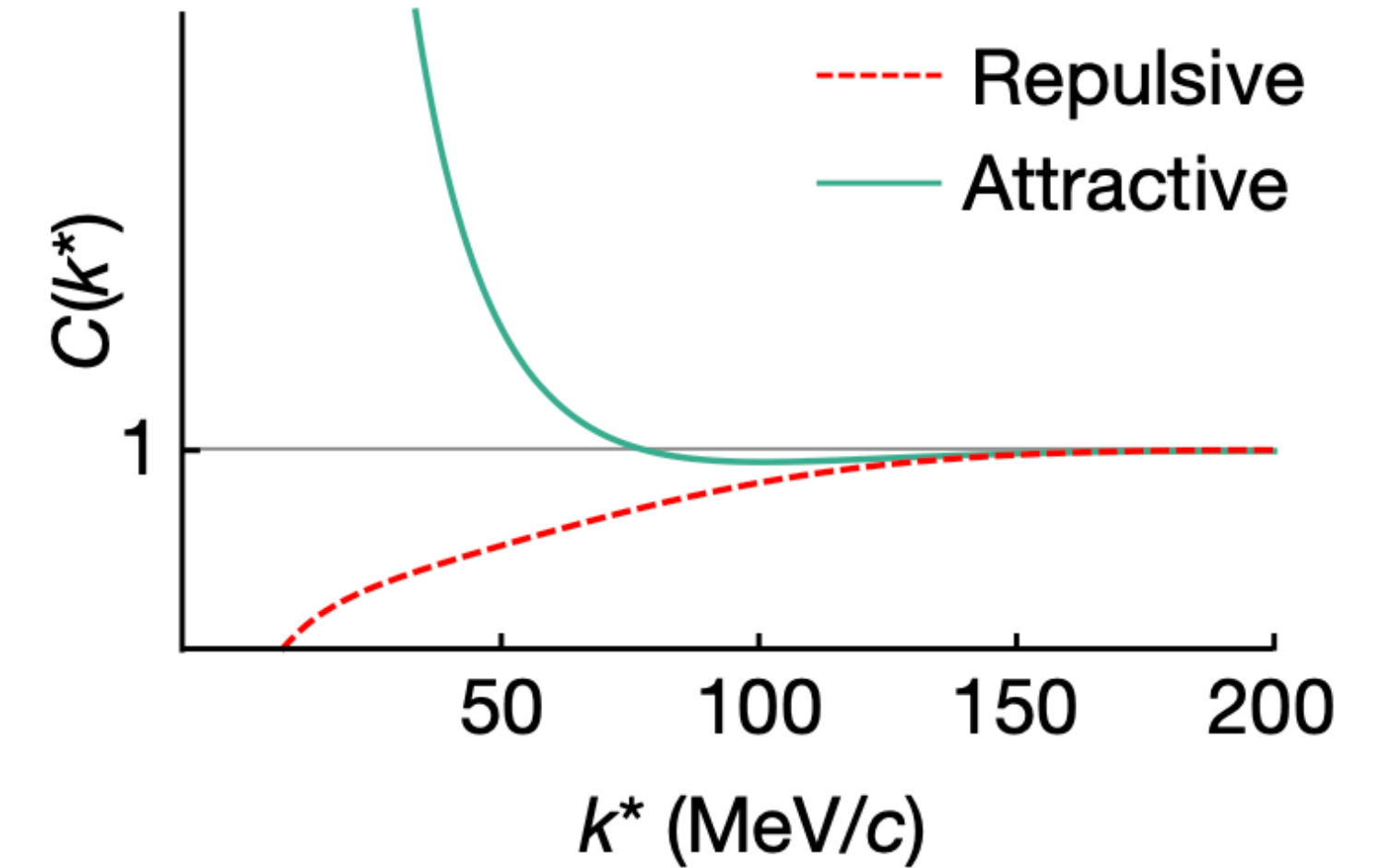
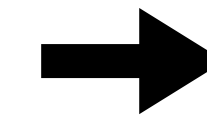
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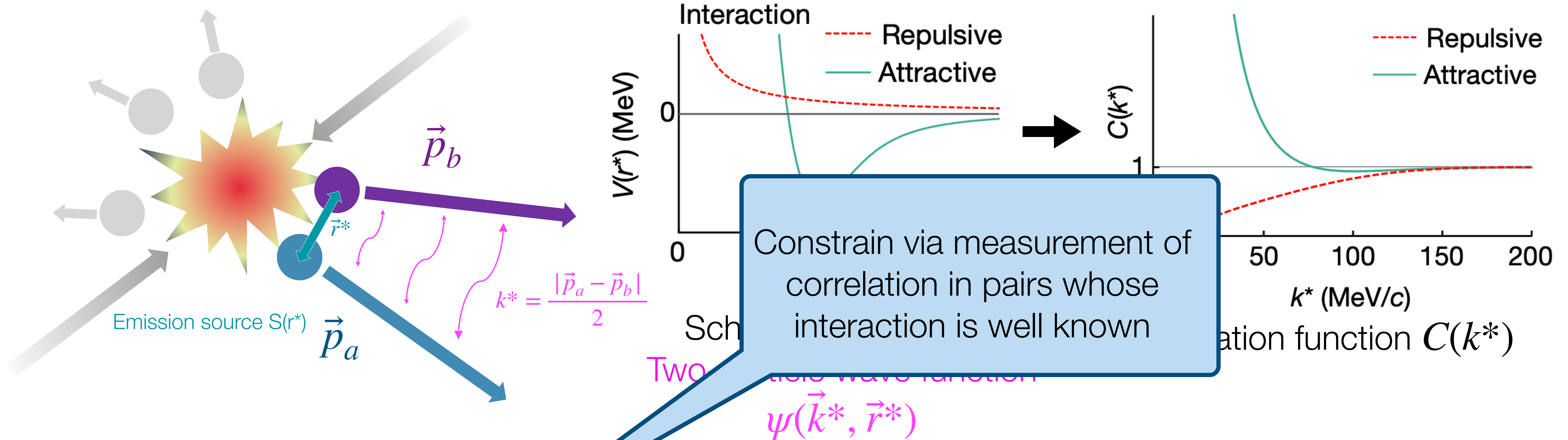
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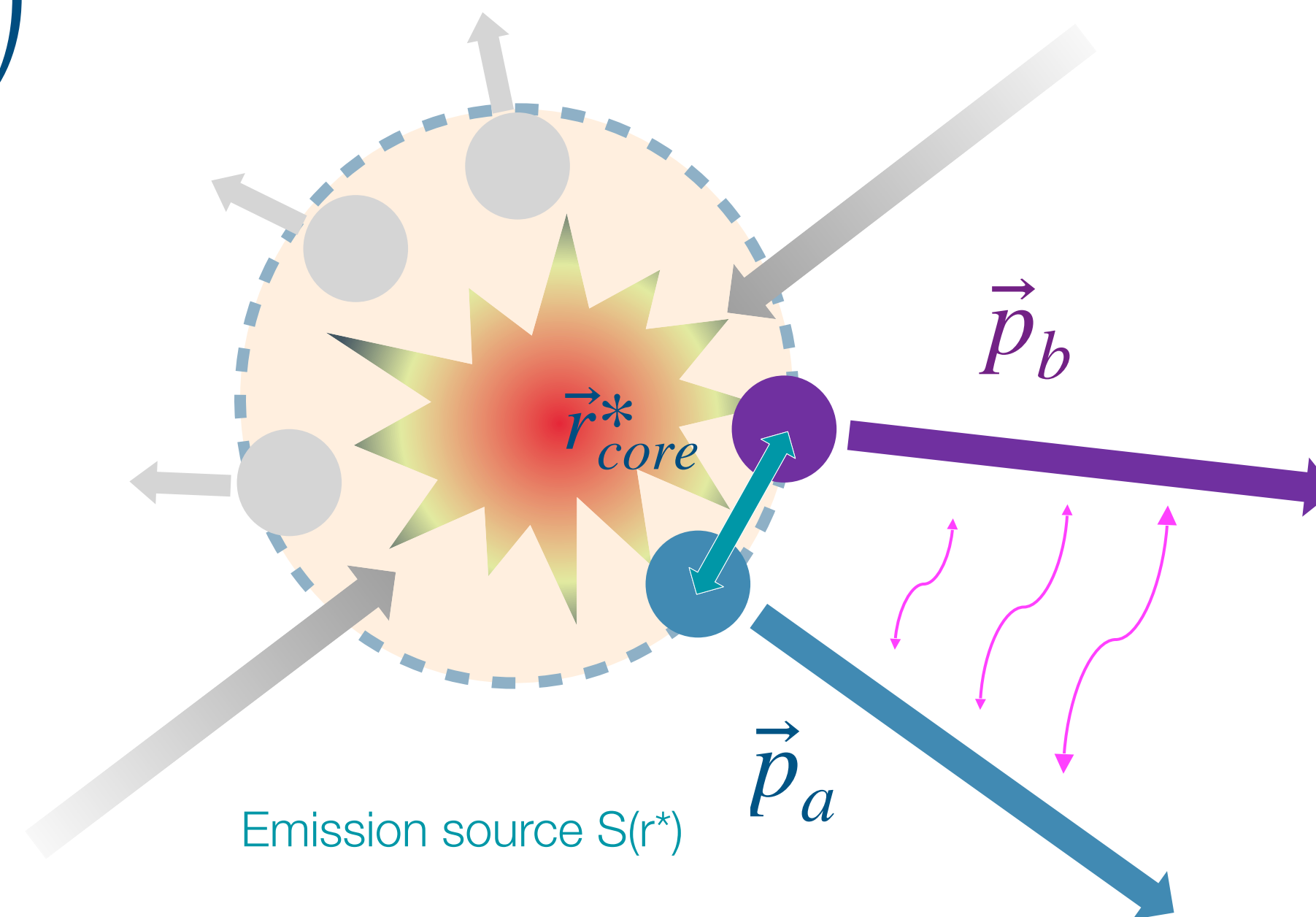
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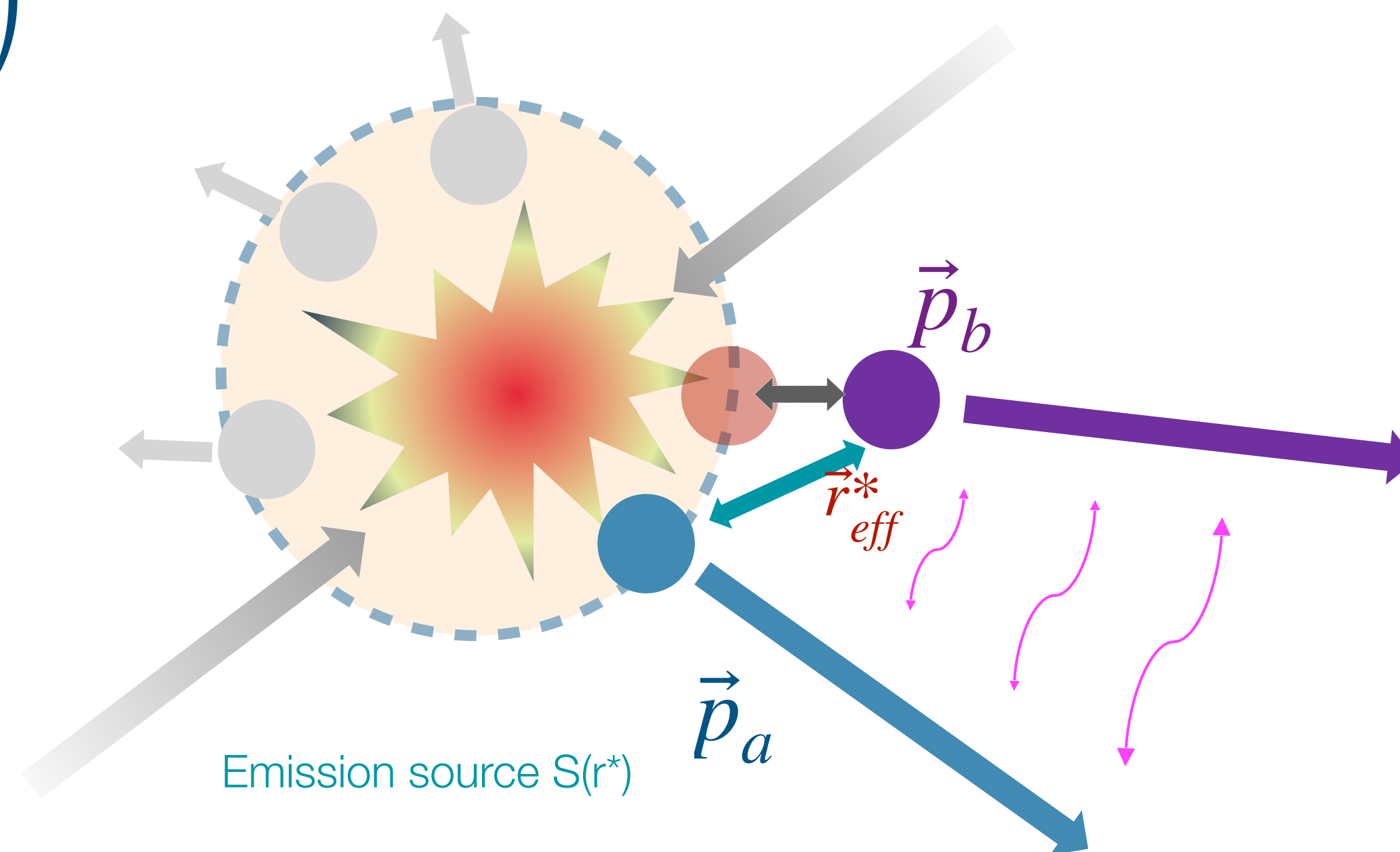
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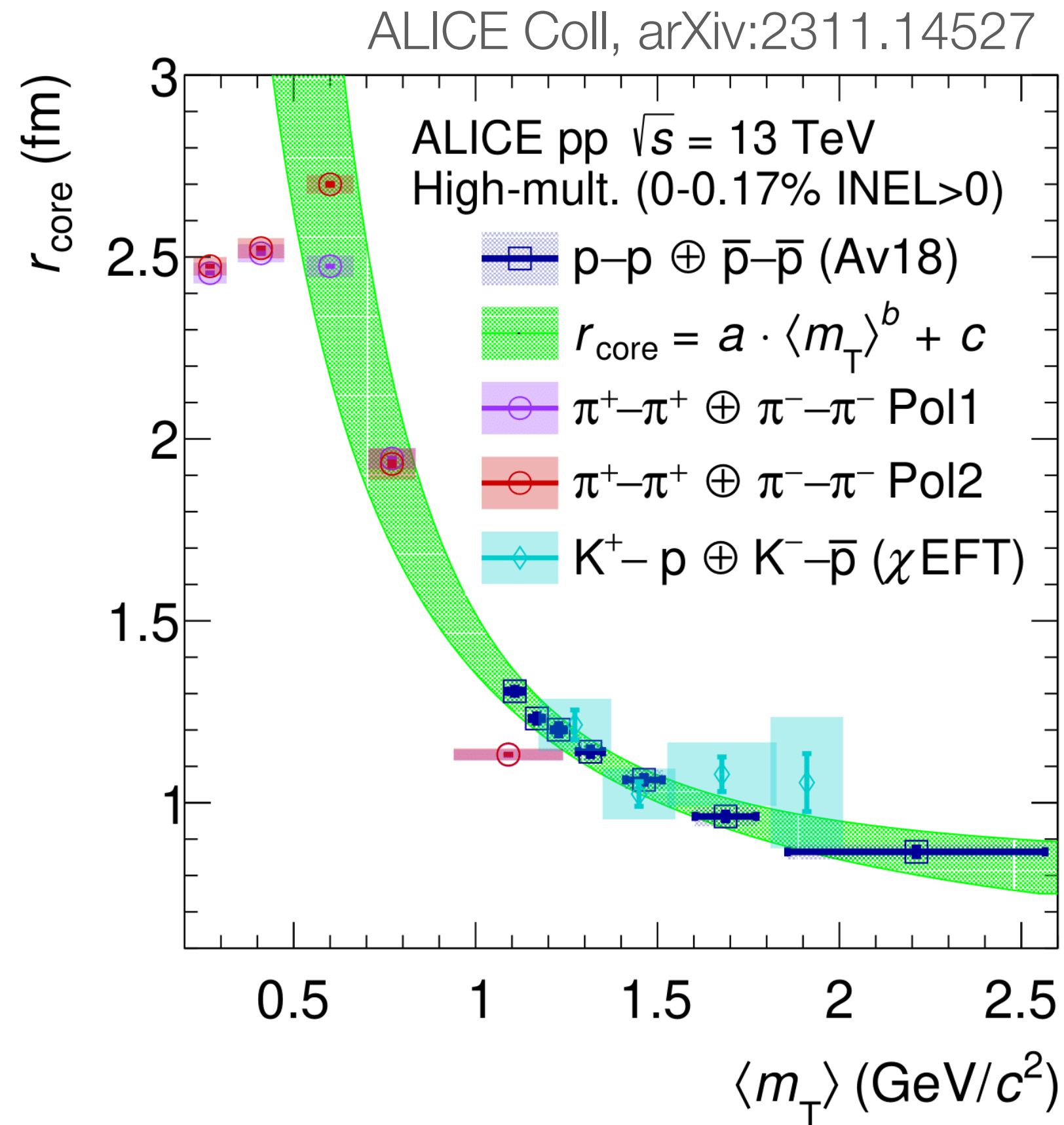
$$c\tau \sim r_{core} \sim 1\text{fm} (\Delta^{++}, N^*, \Sigma^*)$$

- Yields are constrained using the thermal fit



Gaussian core source +resonance contributions

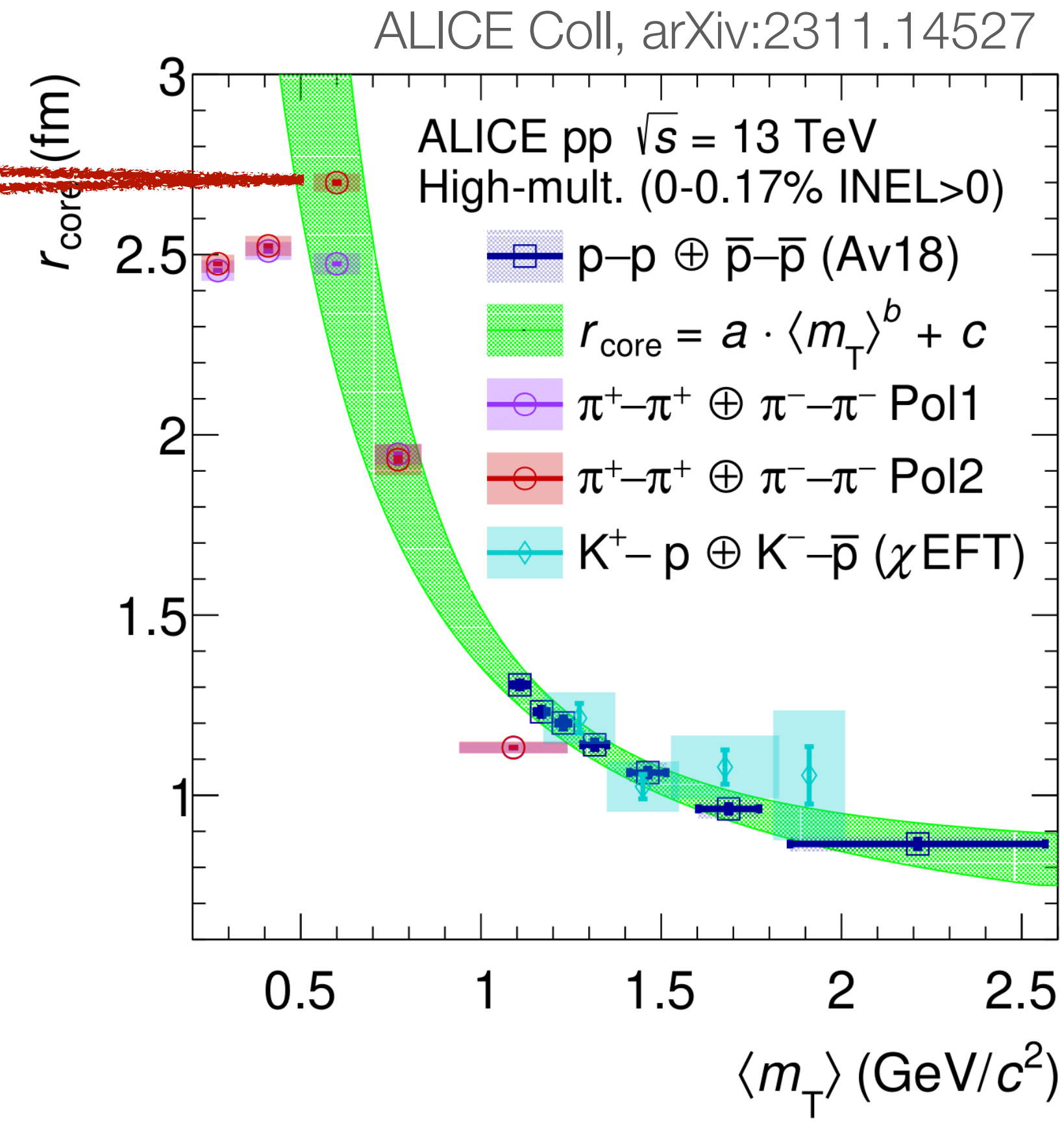
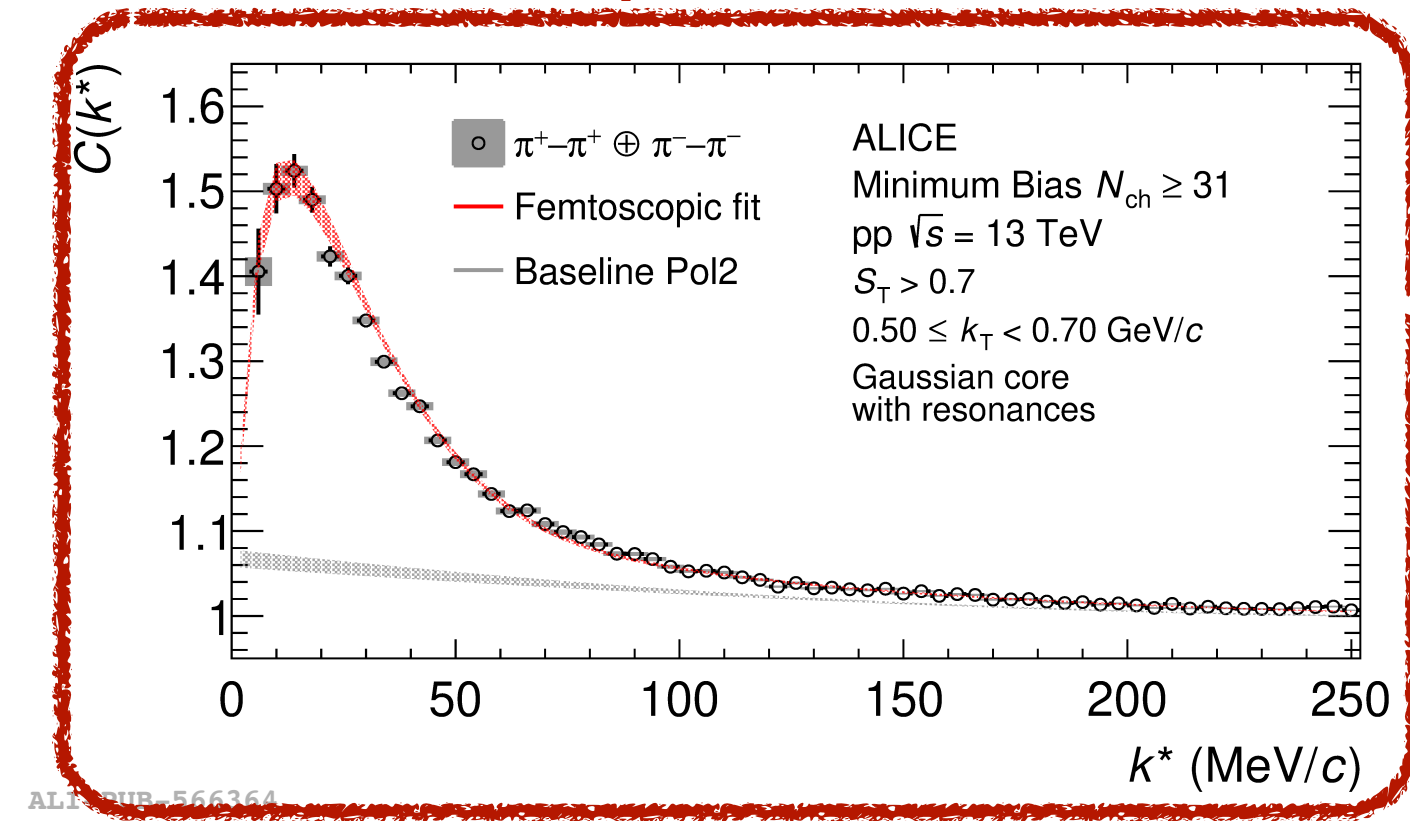
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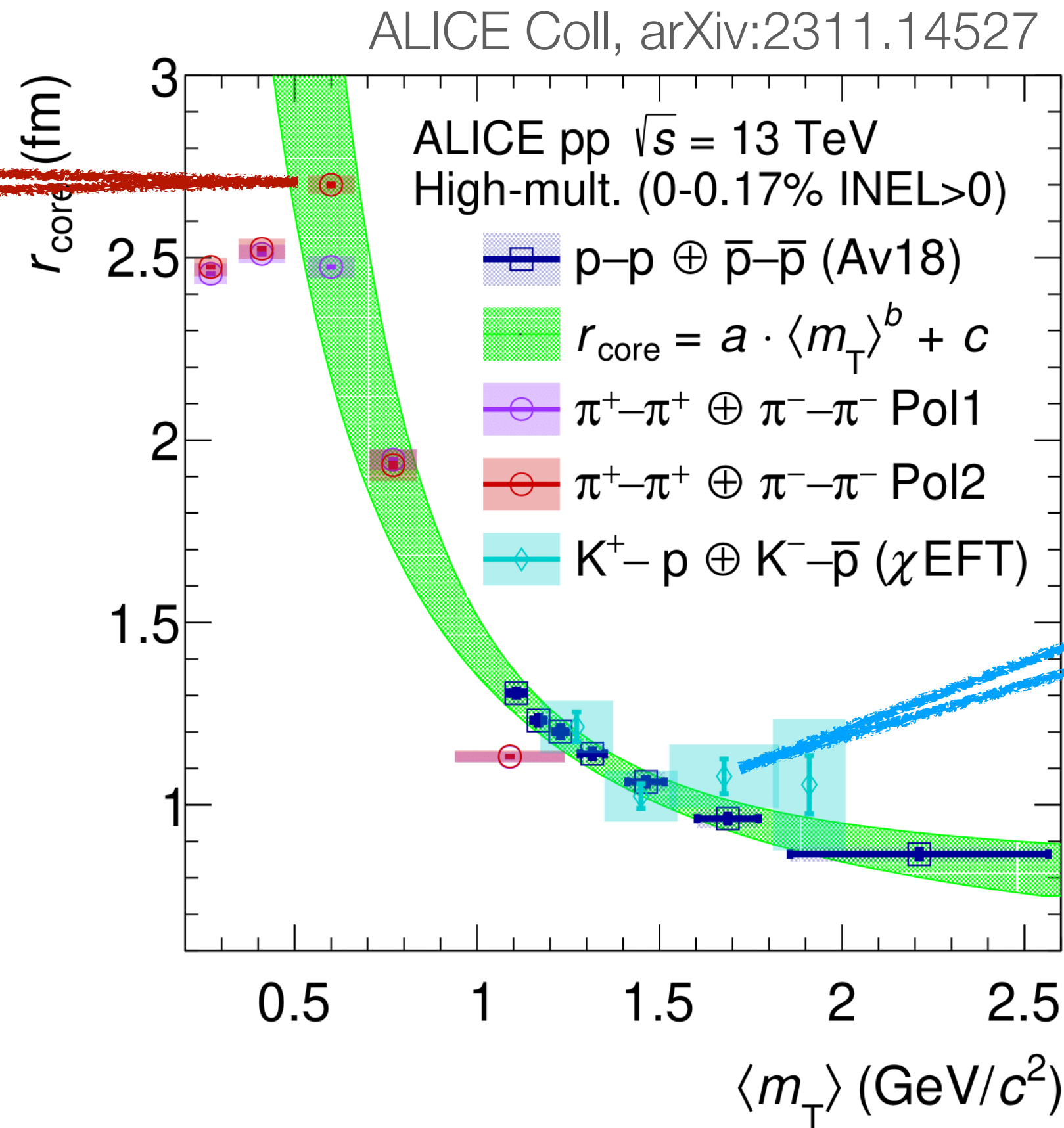
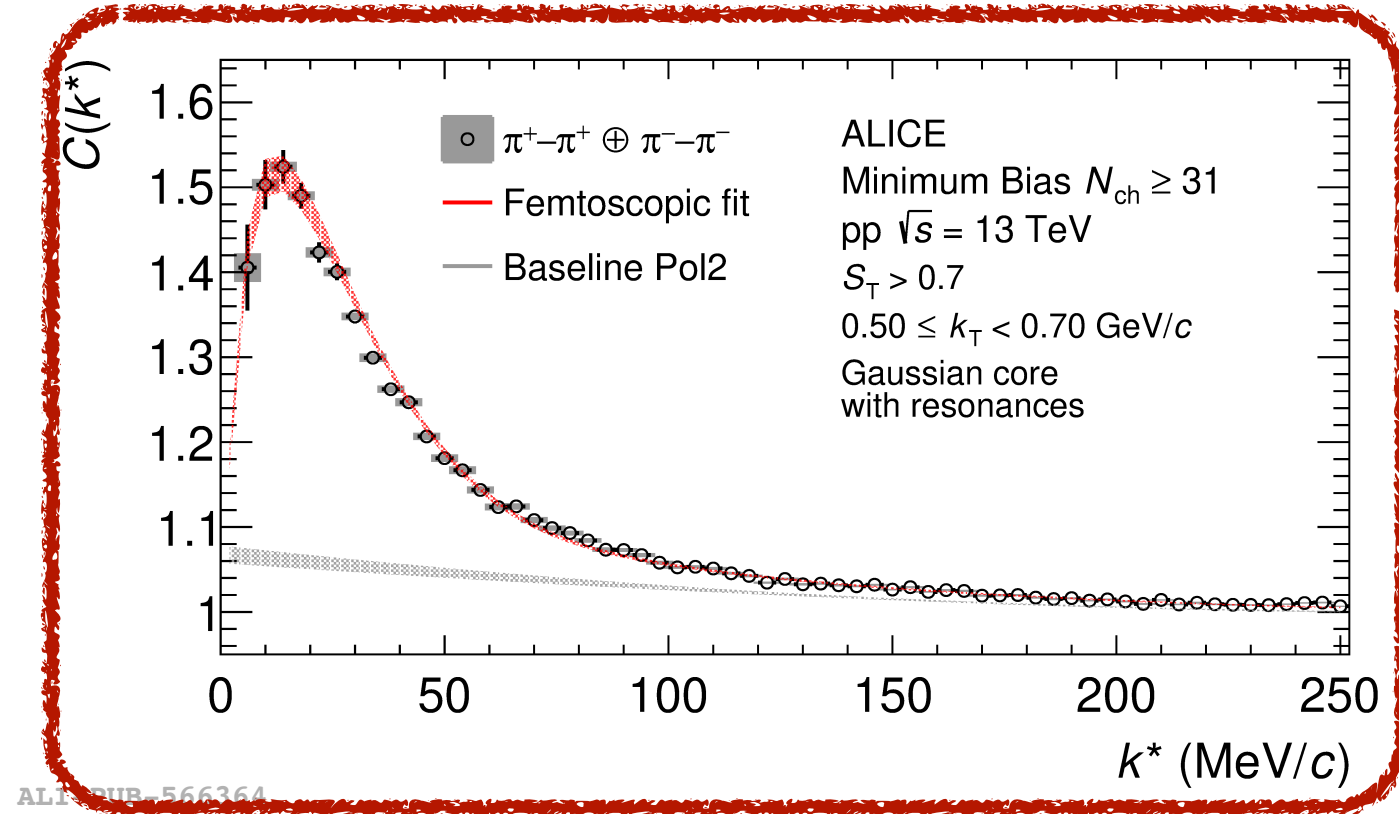


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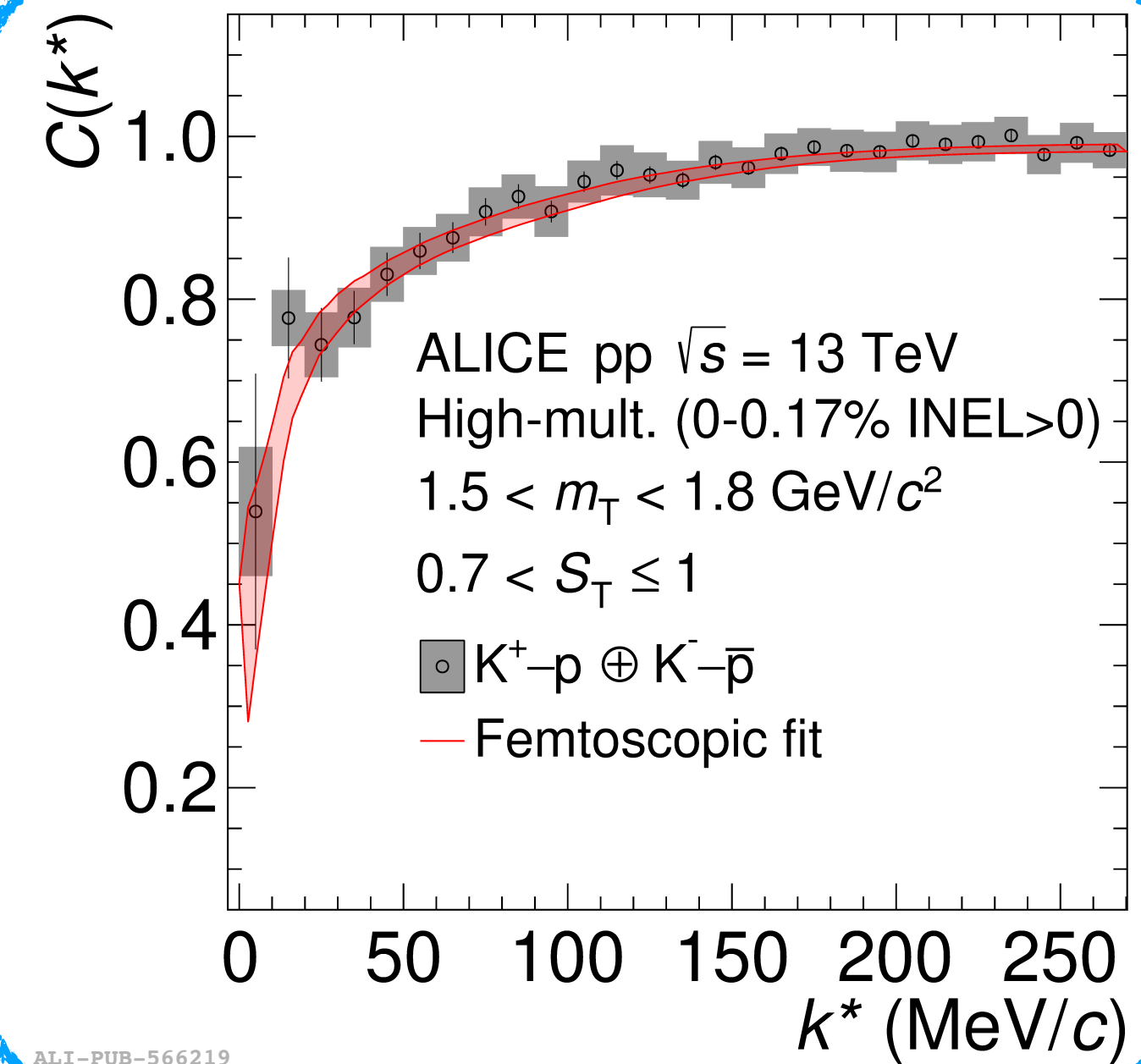
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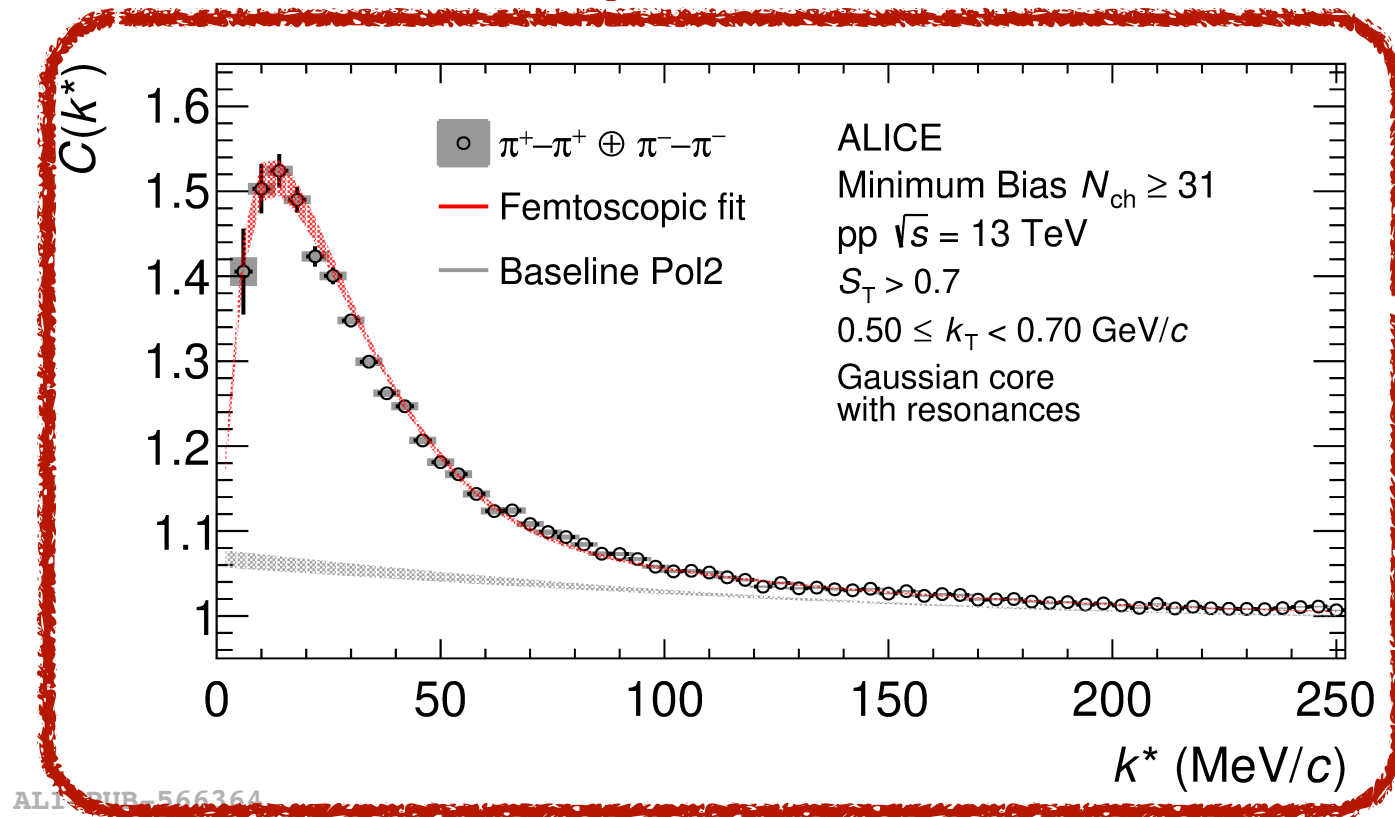


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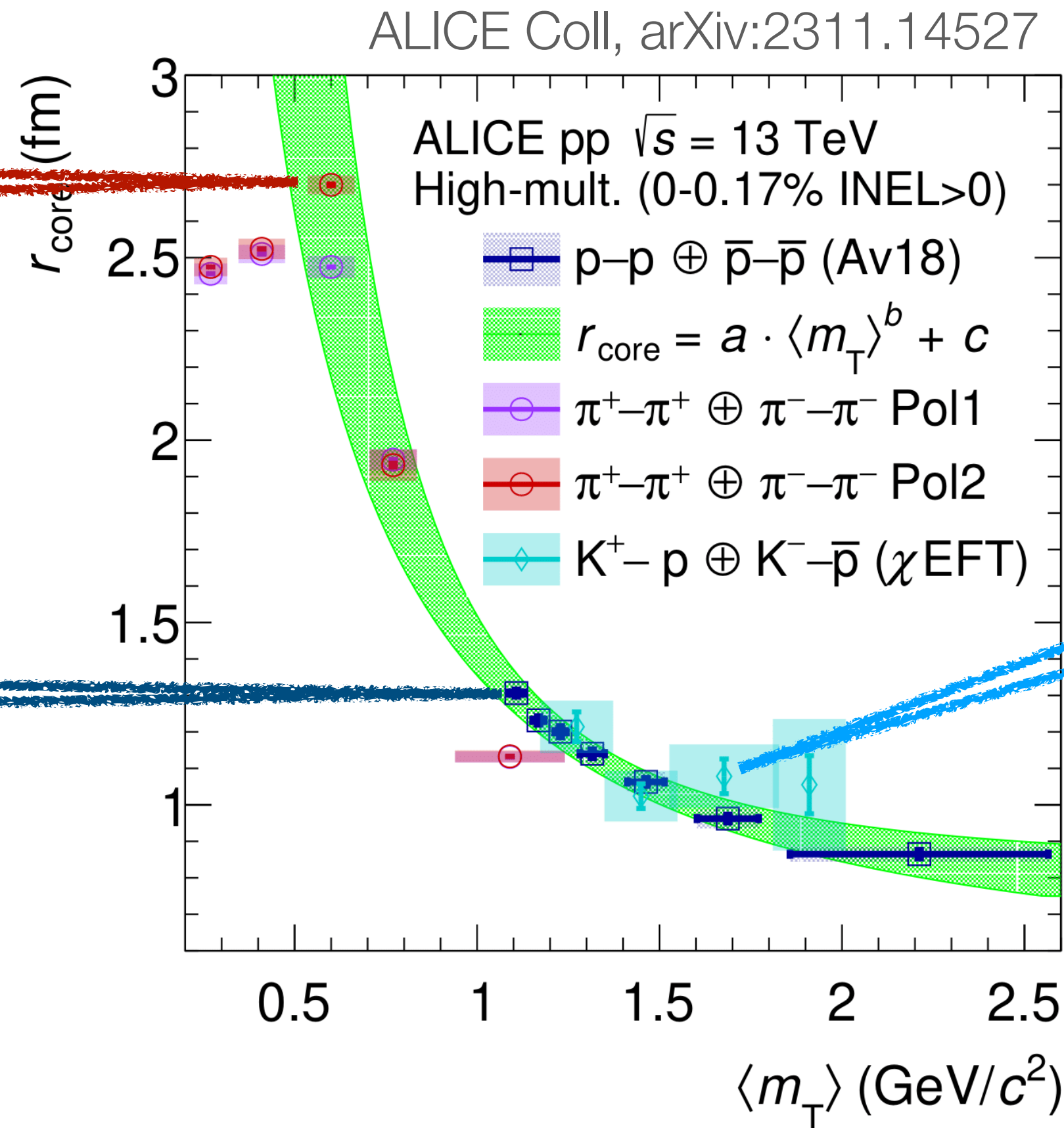
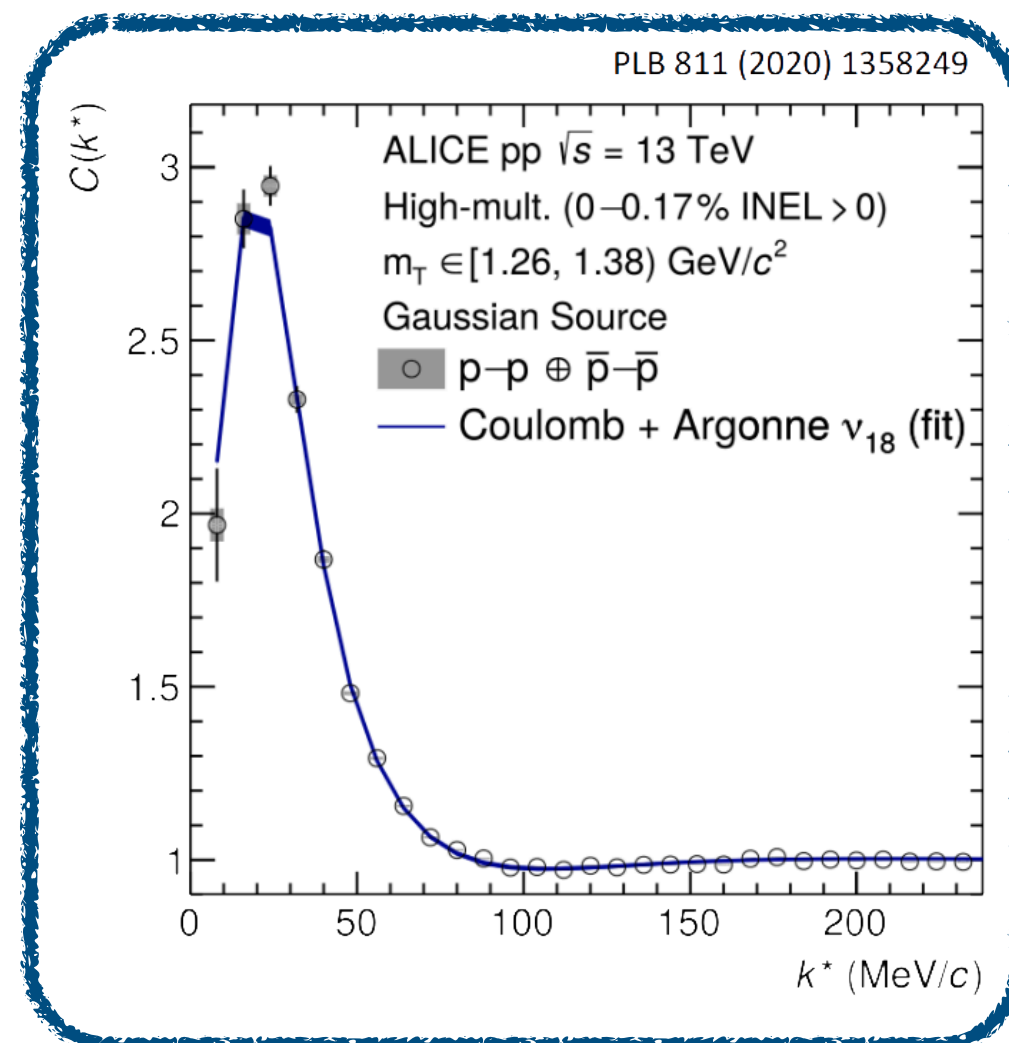
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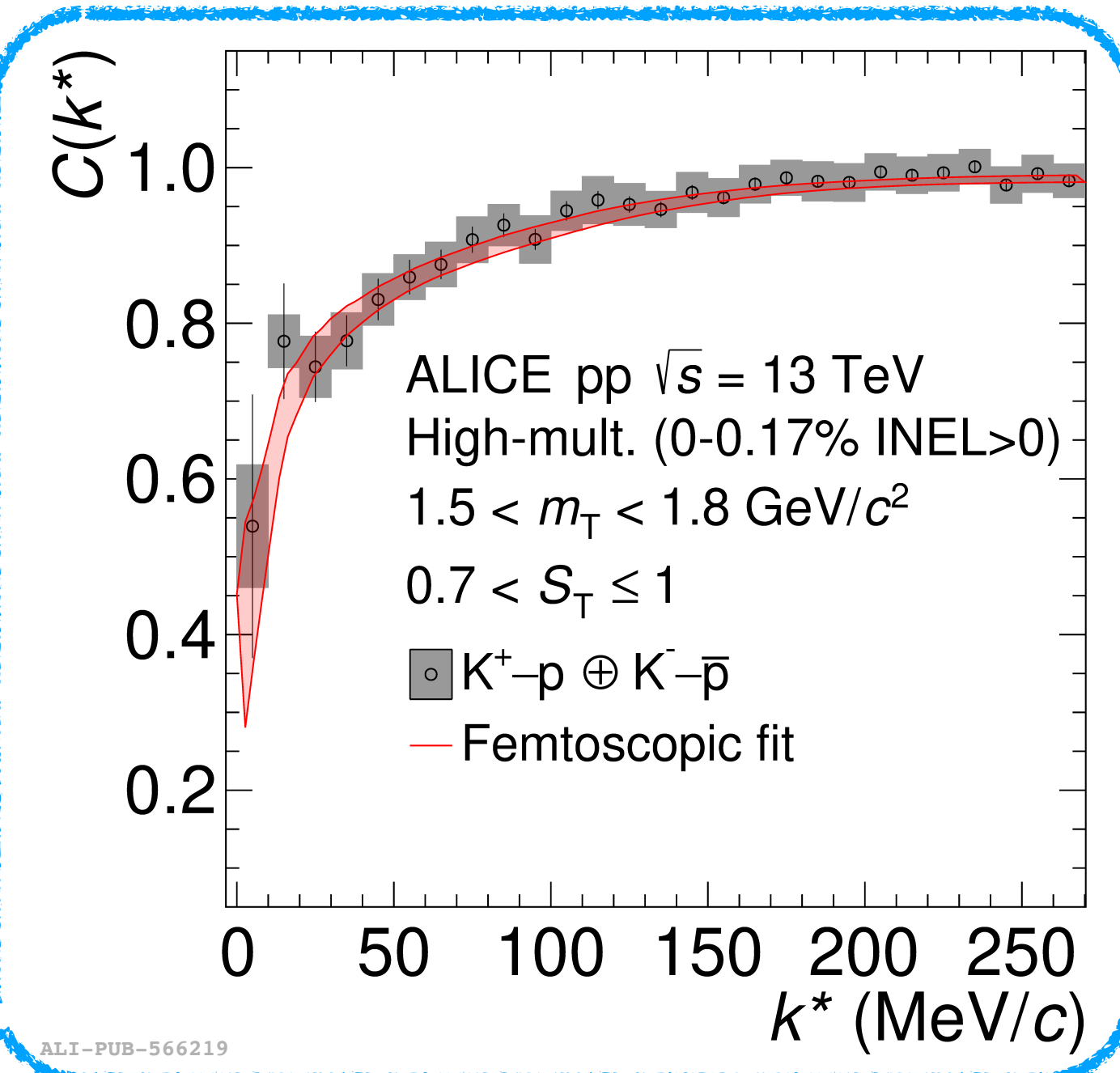
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p-p: Coulomb + Argonne v18



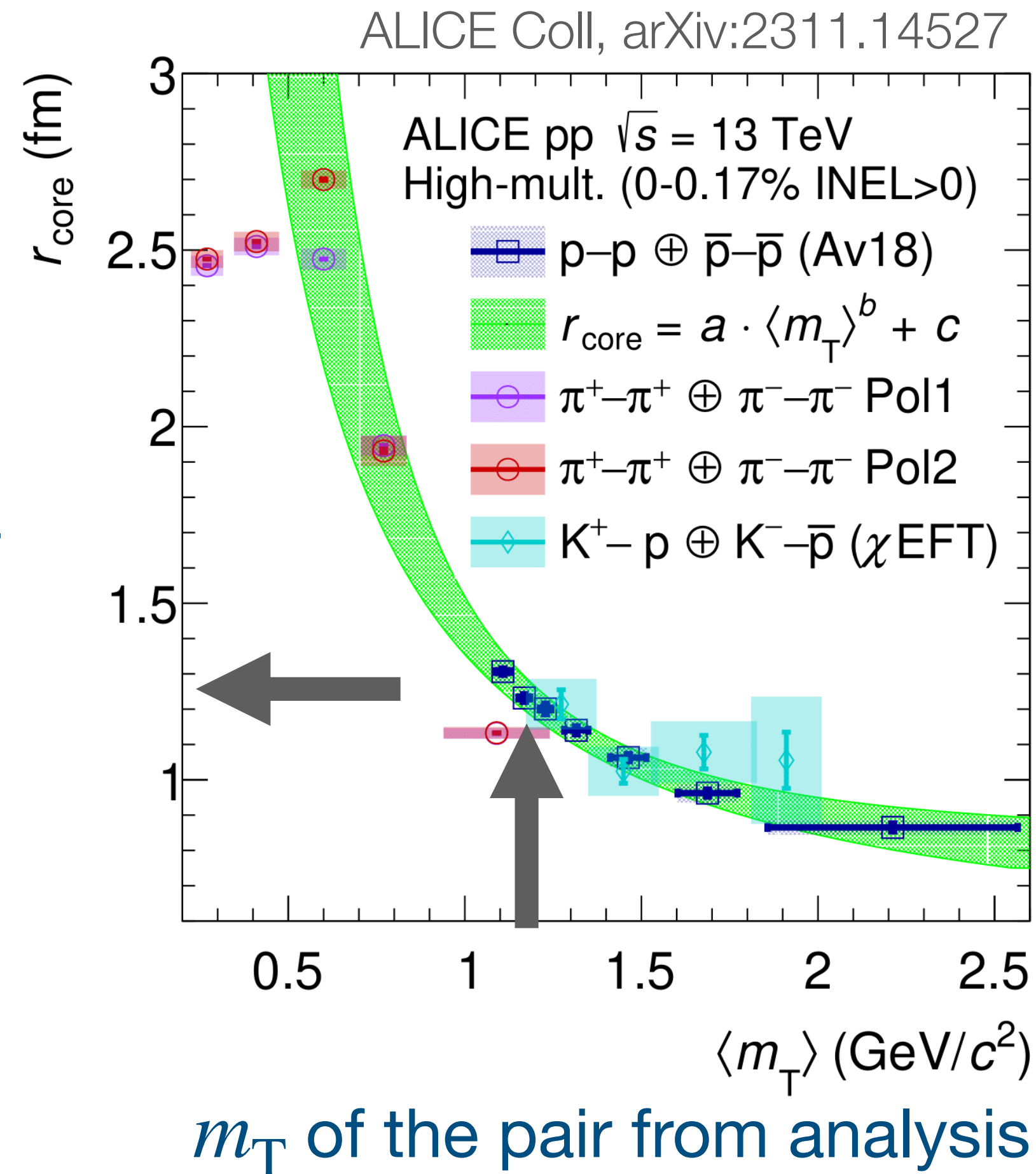
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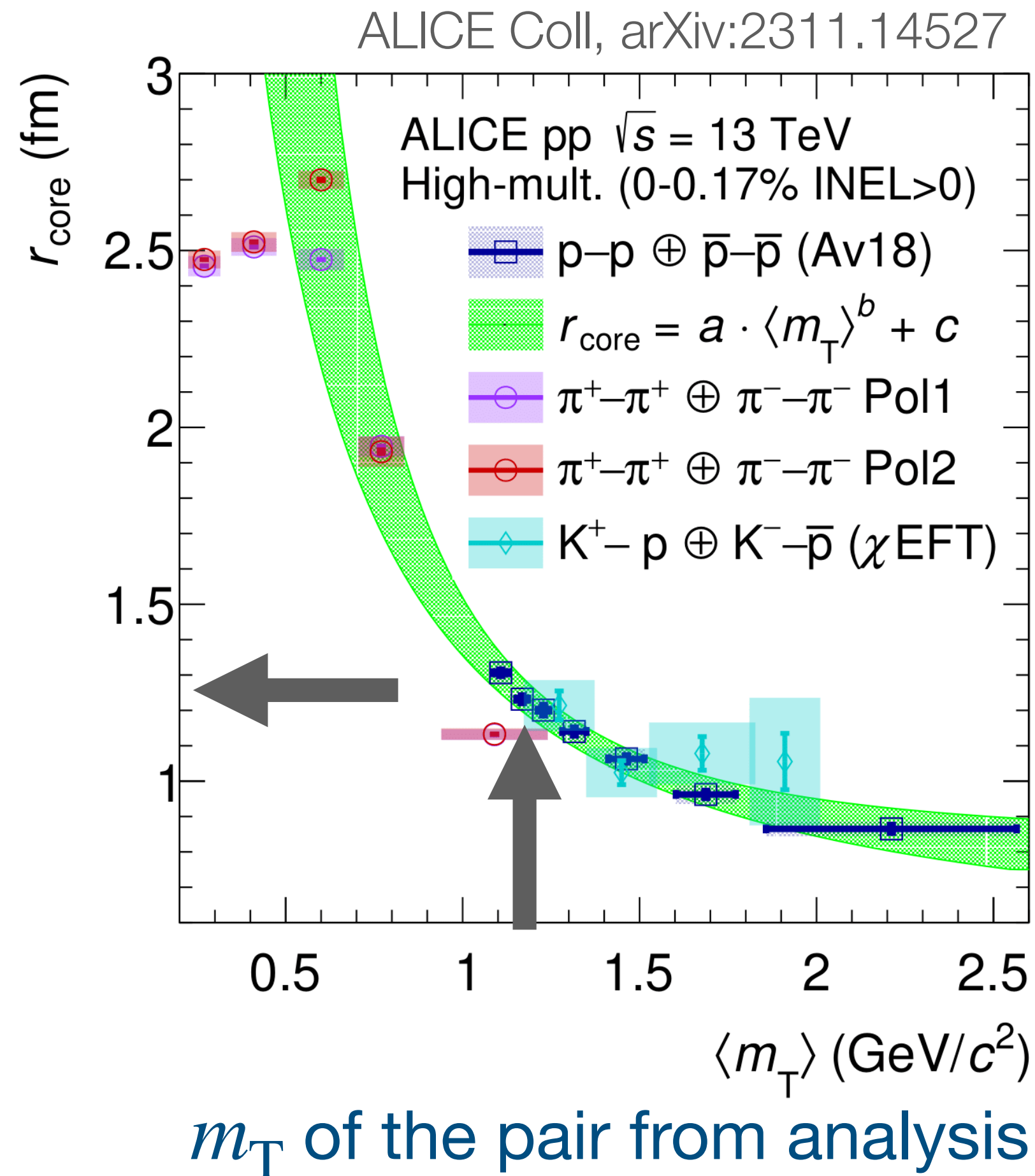
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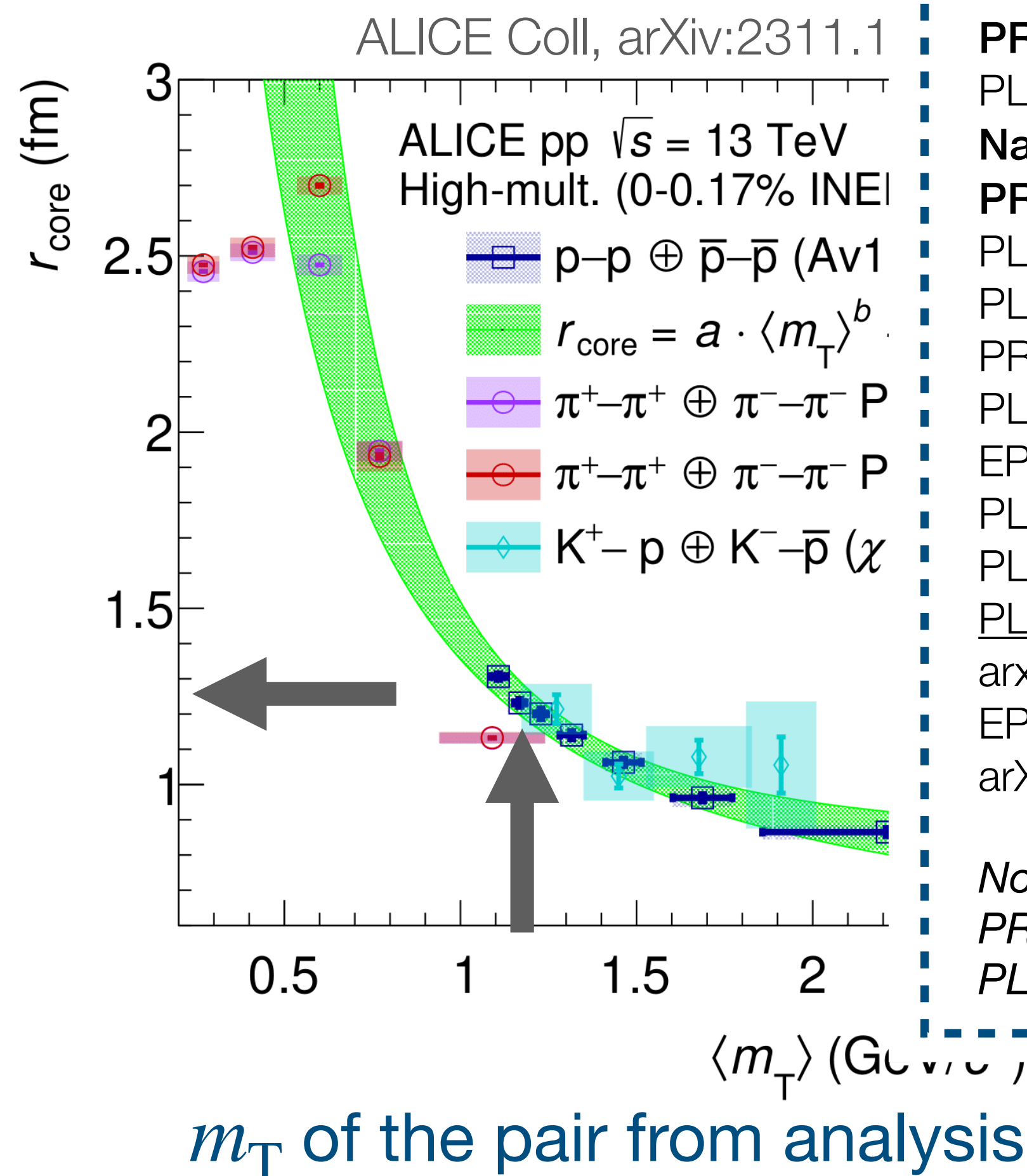
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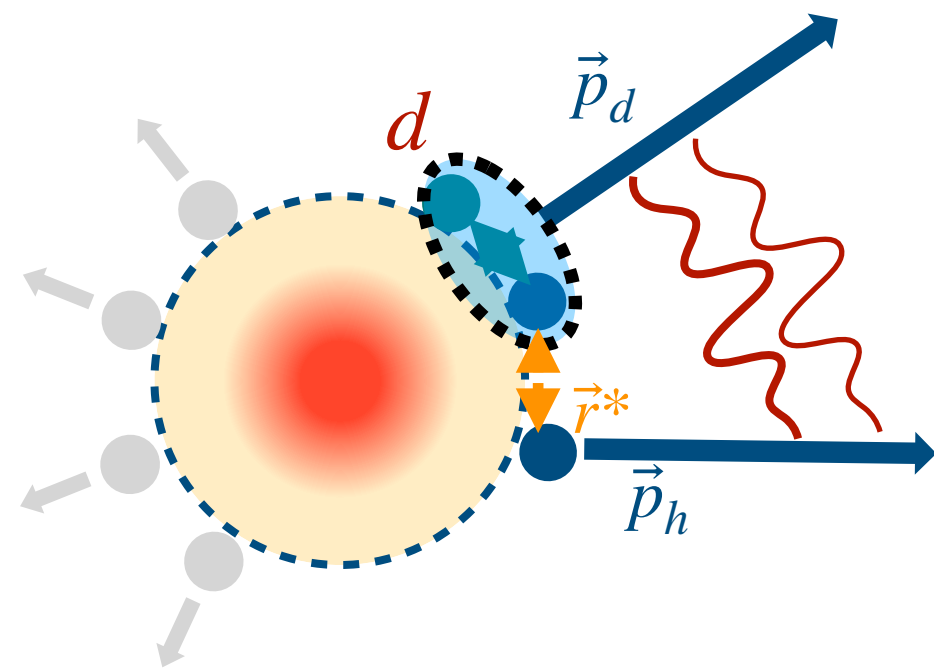
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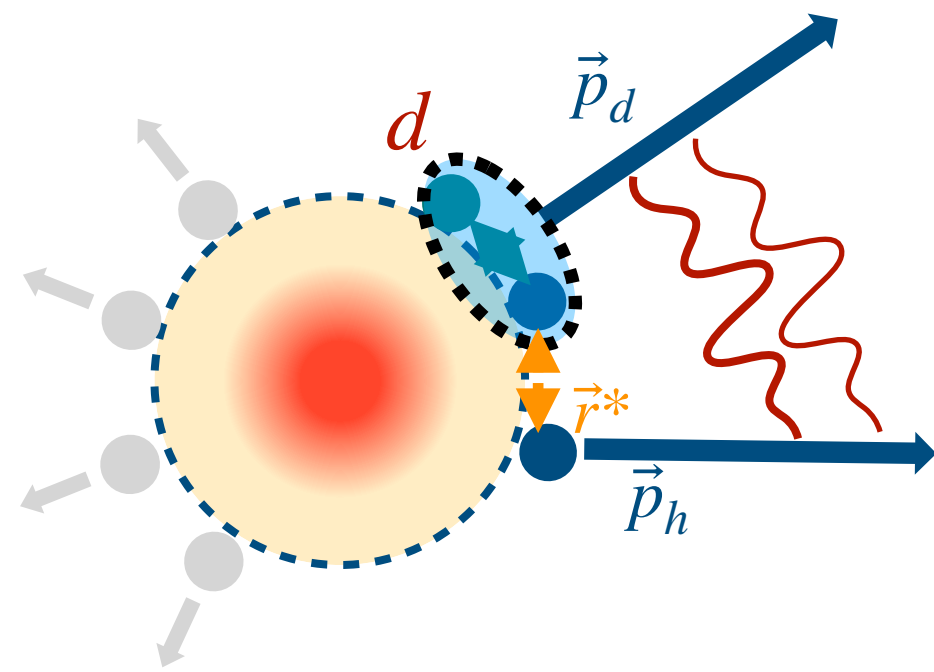


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PLB 797 (2019), 134822	$\Lambda$ - $\Lambda$
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PLB 805 (2020), 135419	p- $\Sigma$
<b>PRL 124 (2020) 092301</b>	<b>p-K</b>
PLB 811 (2020), 135849	p-p, p- $\Lambda$
<b>Nature 588 (2020) 232-238</b>	<b>p-<math>\Omega</math> and p-<math>\Xi</math></b>
<b>PRL 127 (2021), 172301</b>	<b>p-<math>\phi</math></b>
PLB 833 (2022), 137272	p- $\Lambda$
PLB 829 (2022), 137060	baryon-(anti)baryon
PRD 106 (2022) 5, 052010	p-D
PLB (2022), 137223	$\Lambda$ - $\Xi$
EPJC 83 (2023) 4, 340	K-p
PLB 822 (2021) 136708	p-K
PLB 845 (2023), 138145	$\Lambda$ -K
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arxiv 2308.16120	p-d
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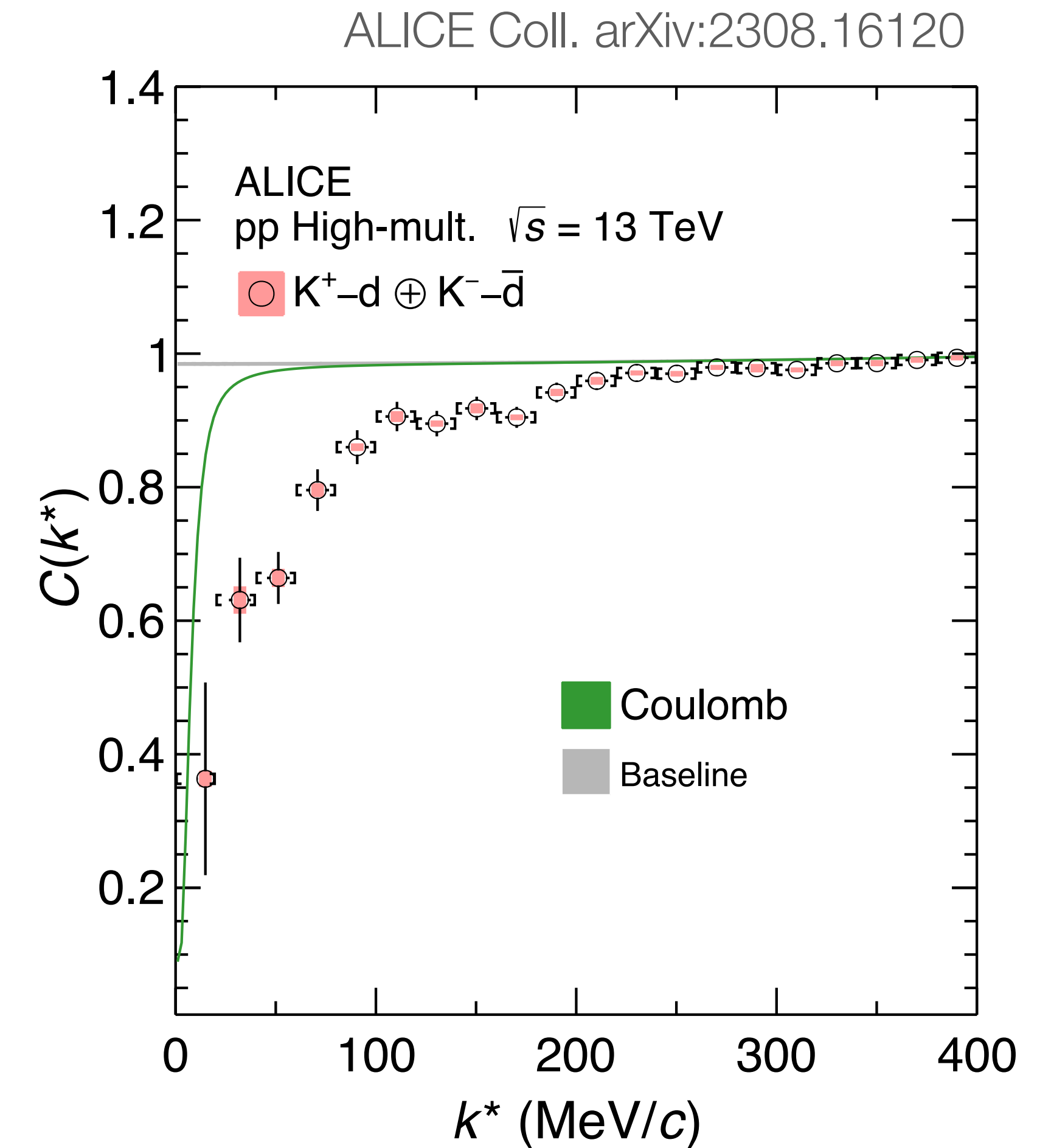
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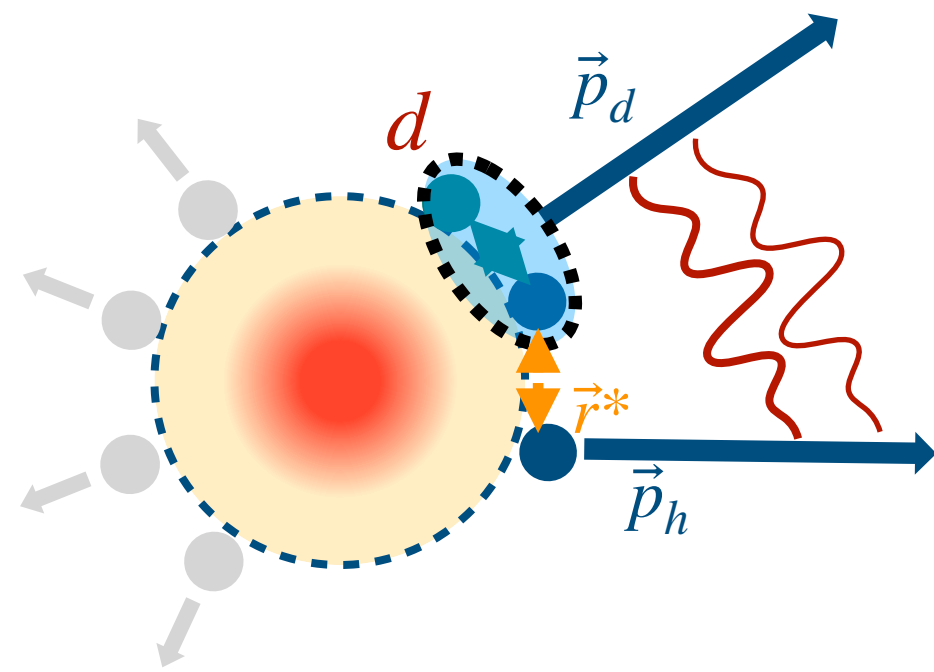


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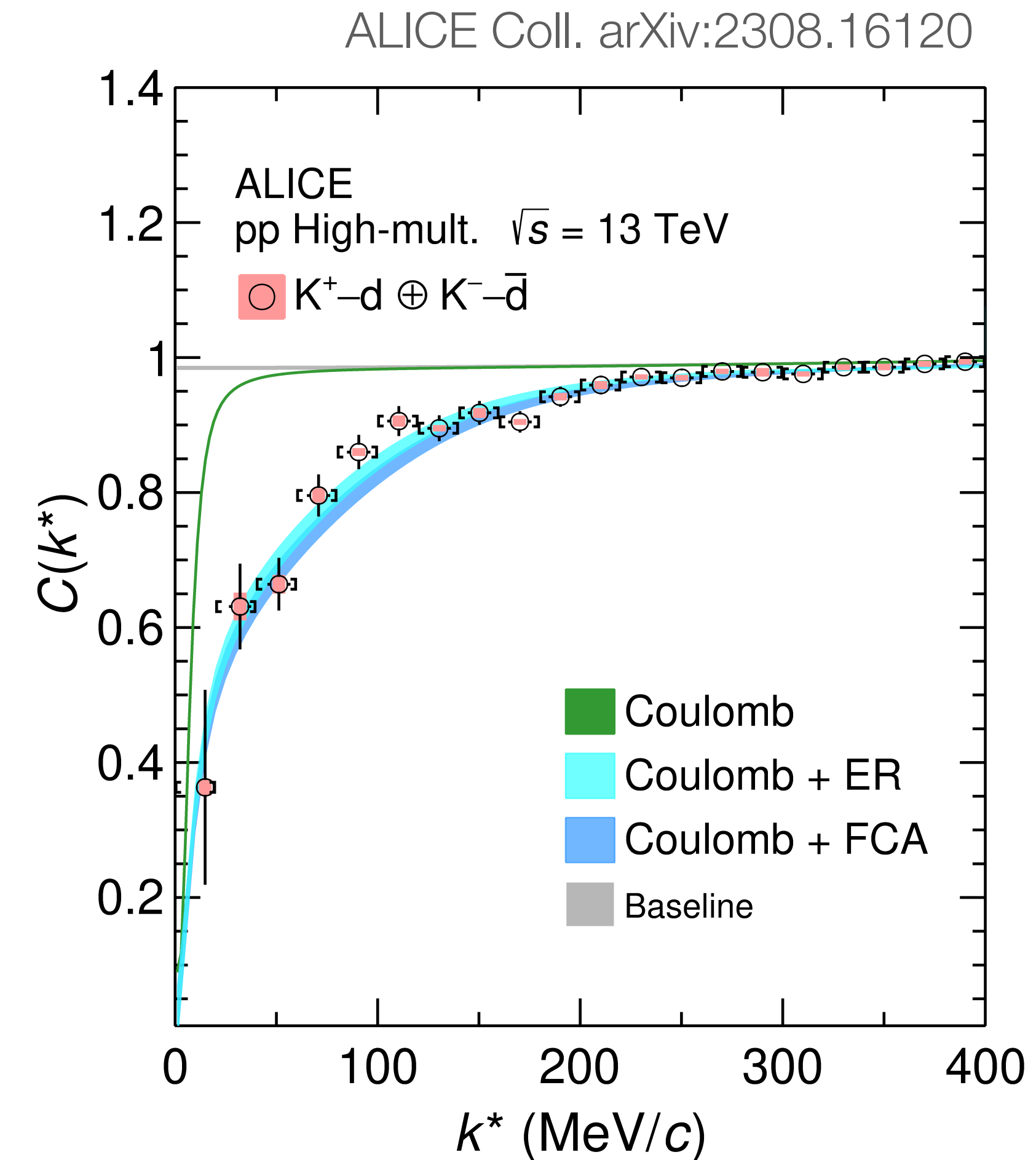




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  - Fixed-center approximation (FCA):  
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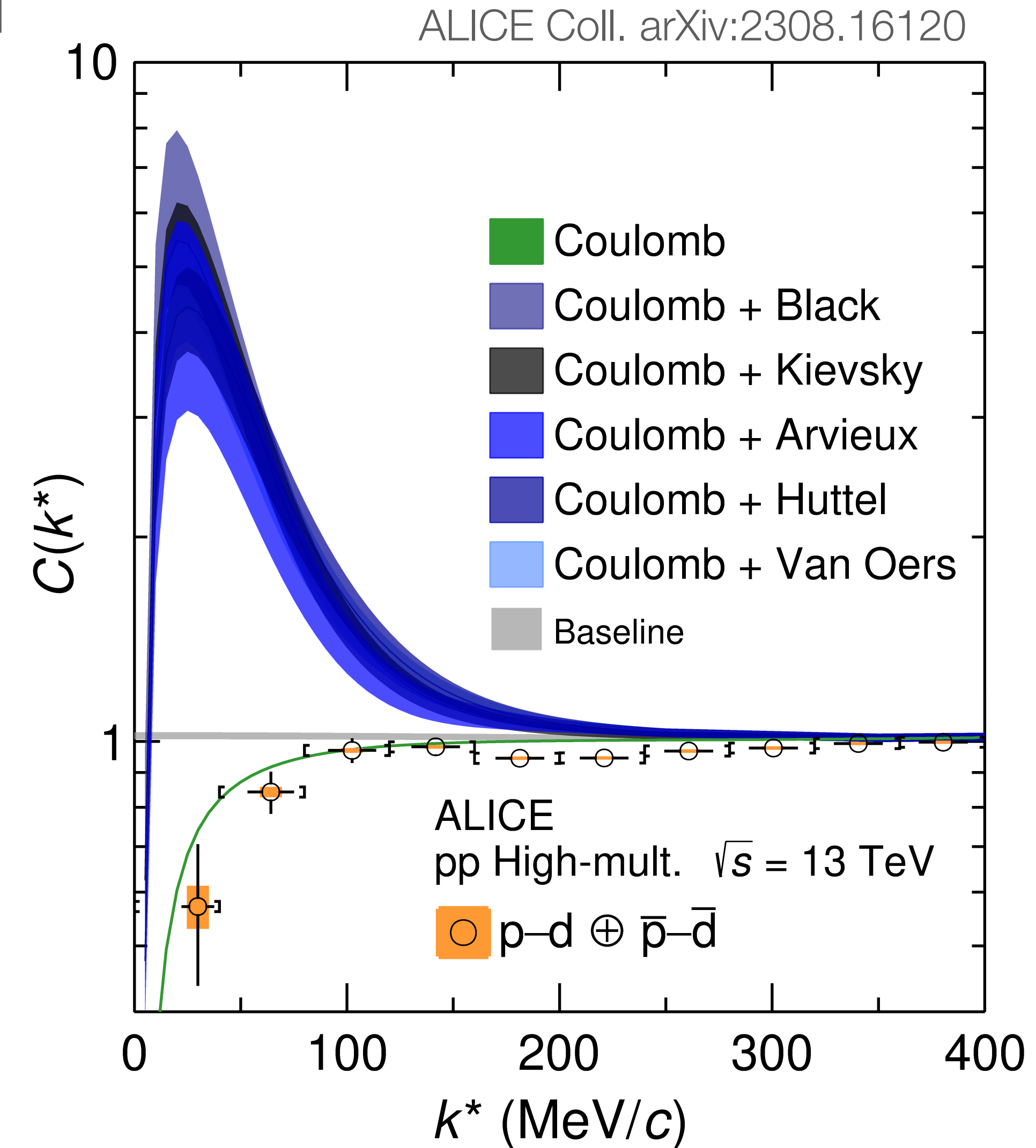
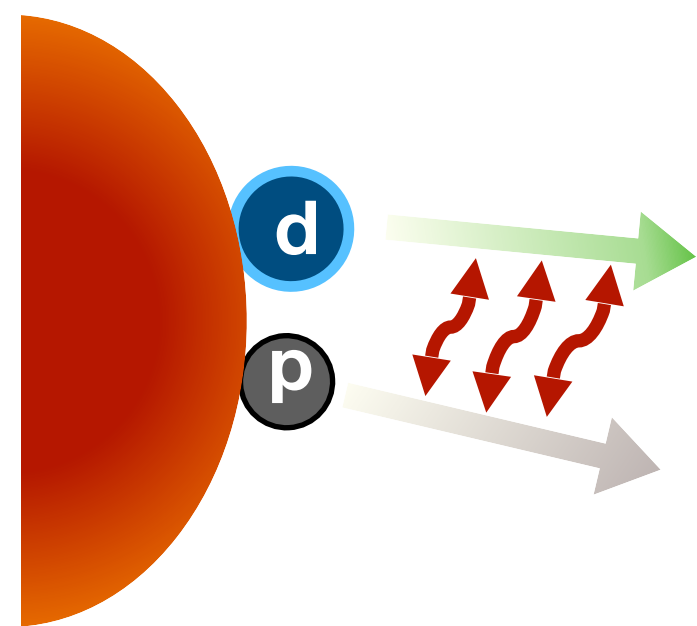
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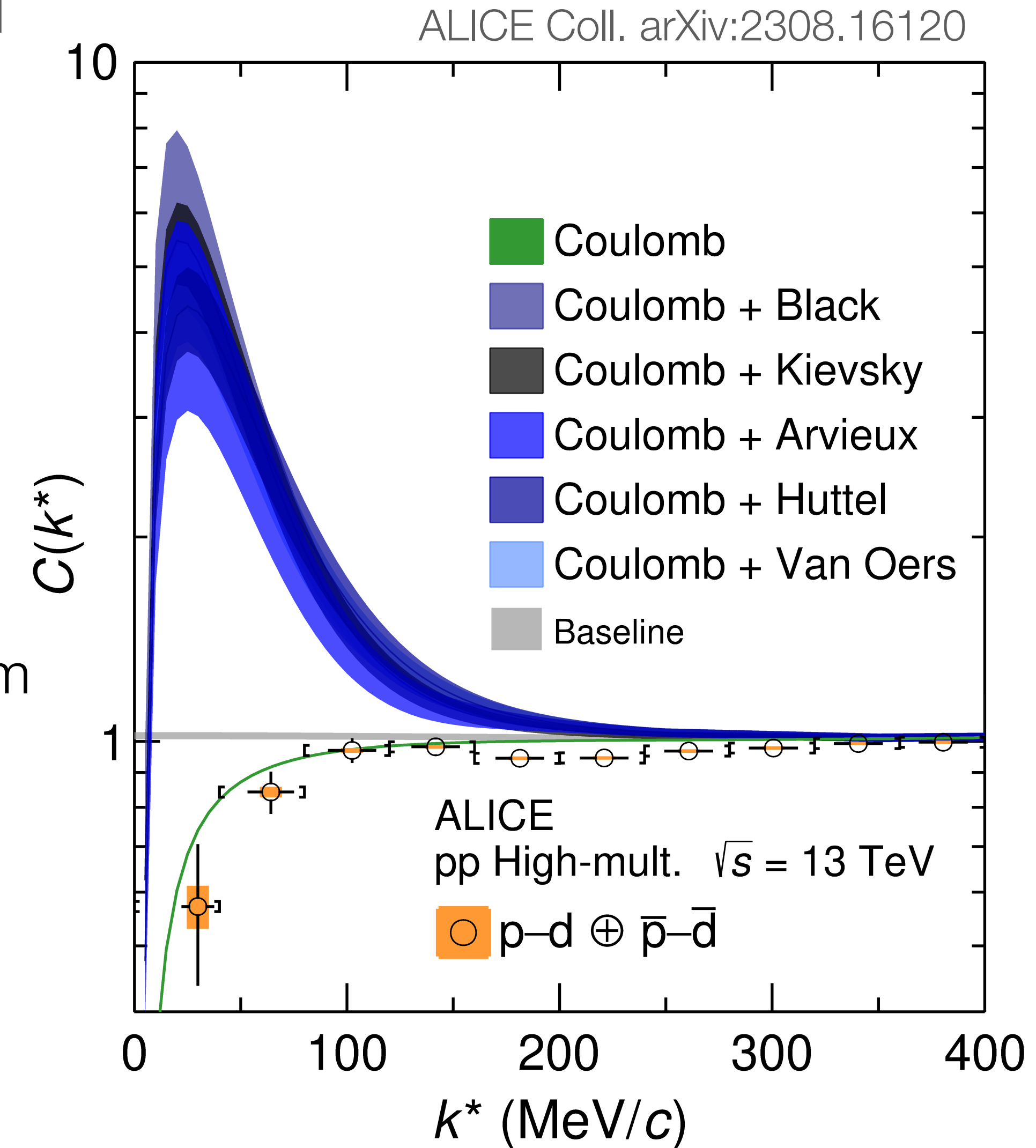
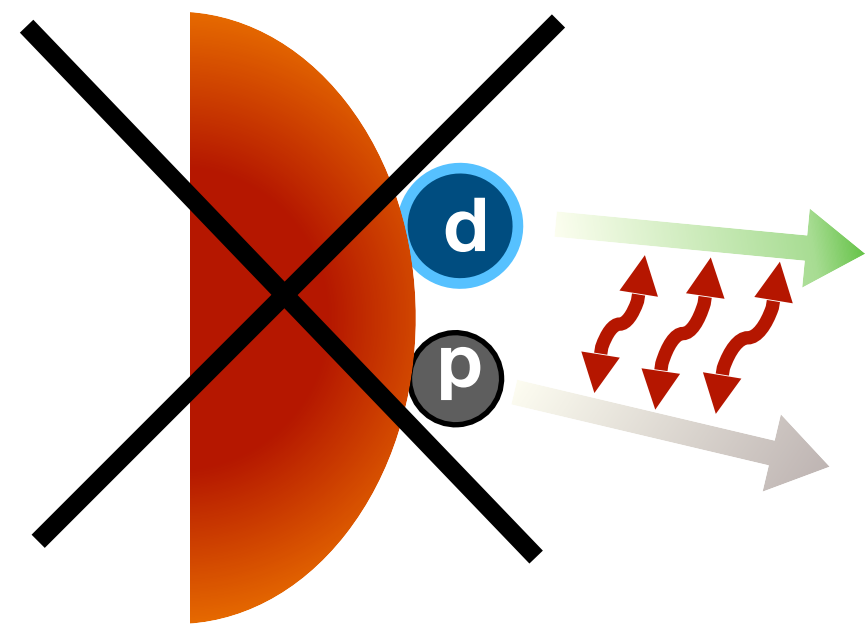
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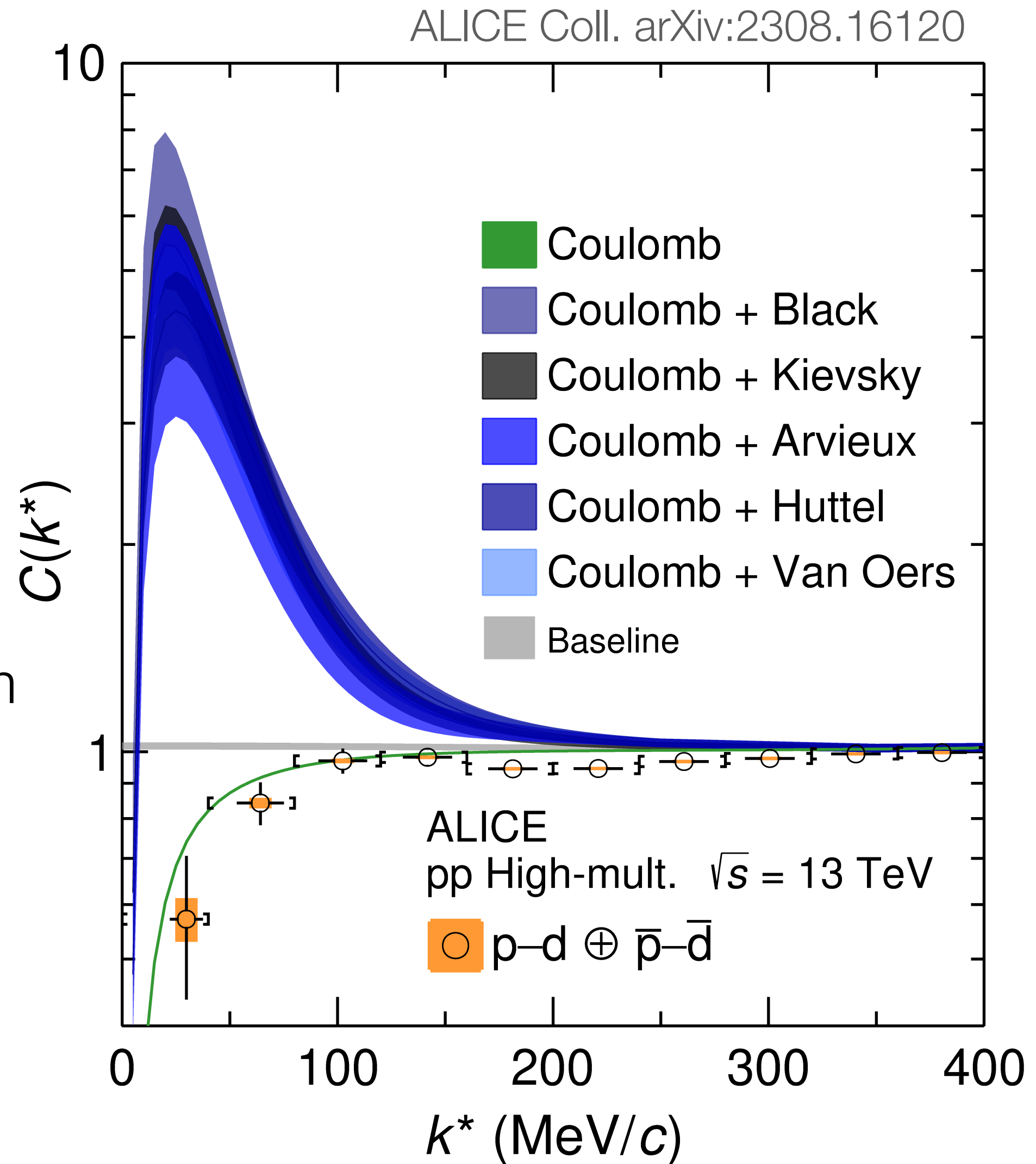
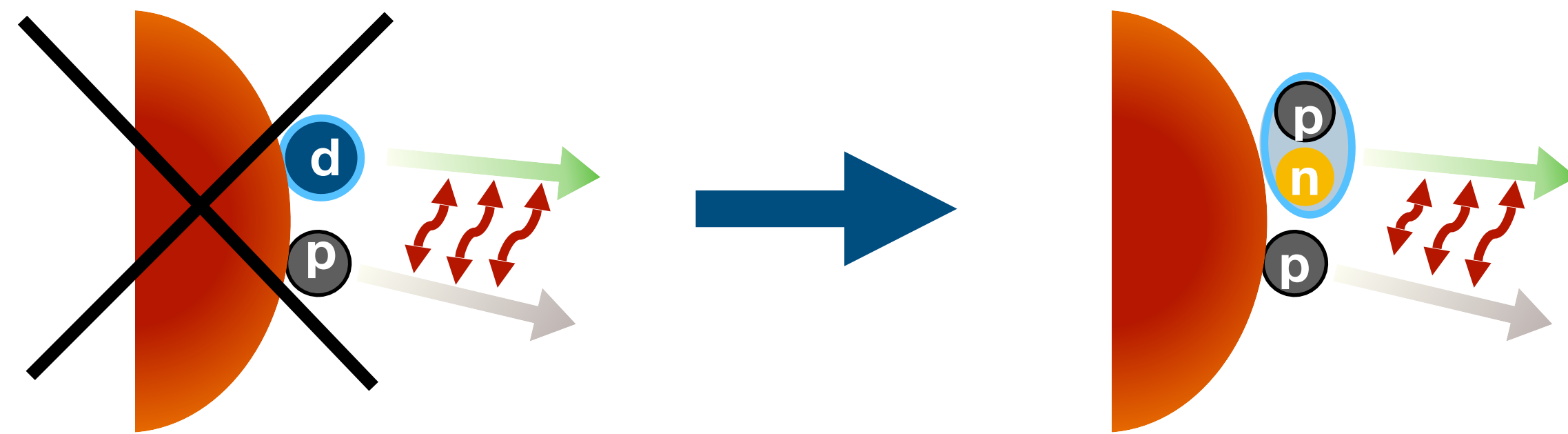
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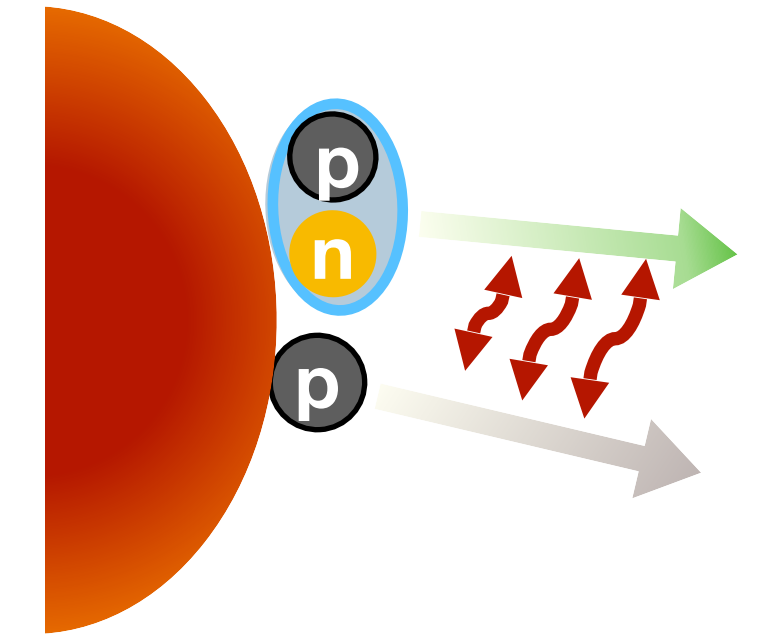
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**Need for three-body calculations accounting for p-(pn) dynamics**

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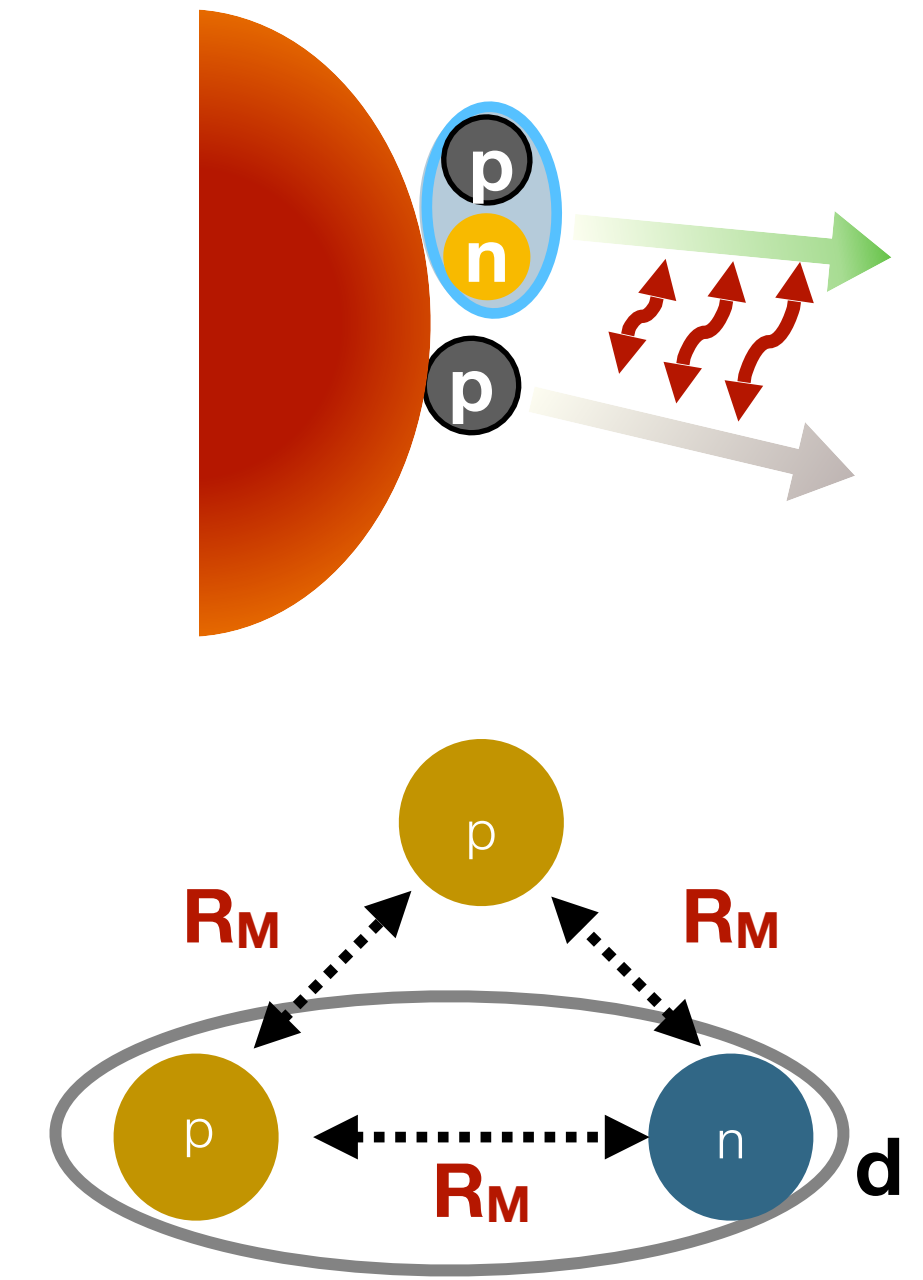
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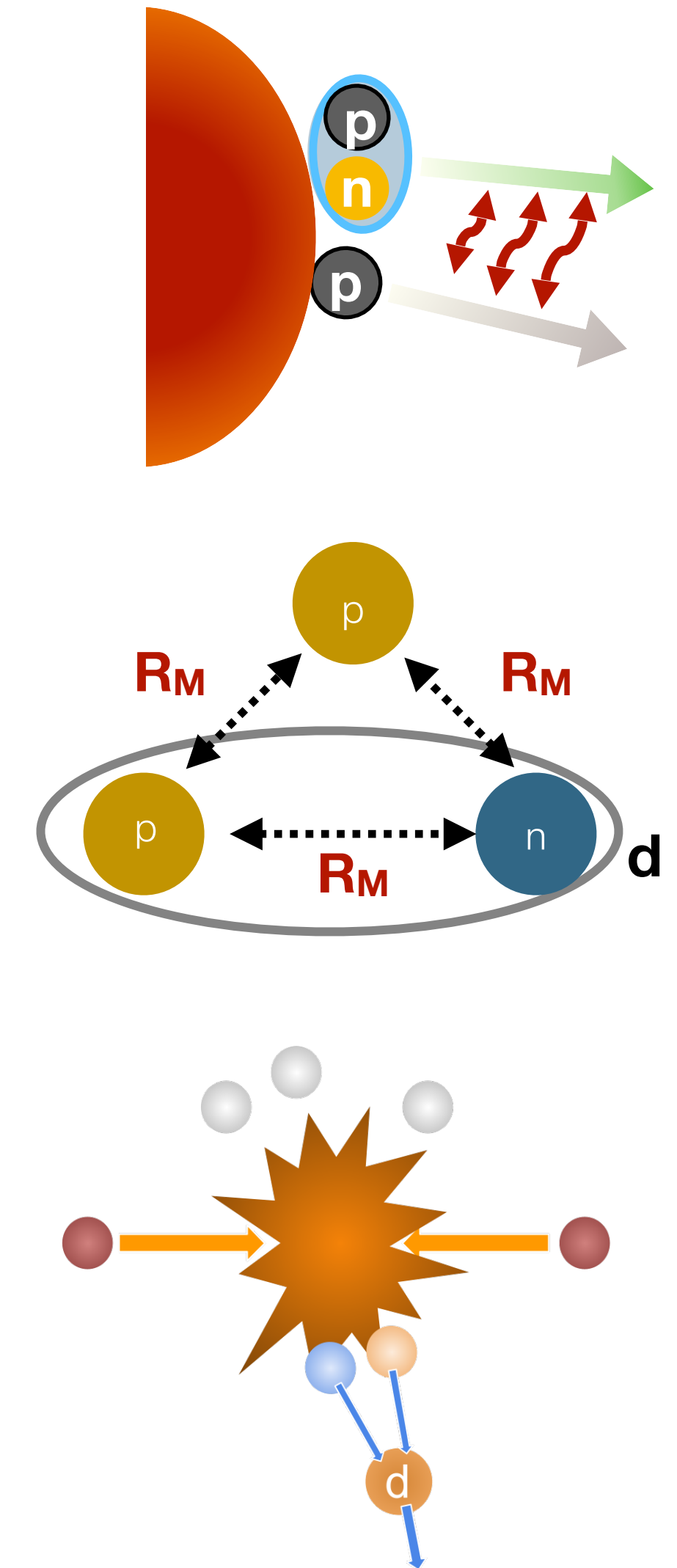
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- Start from p-(pn) system that form p-d state:

$$C_{pd}(k^*) = \frac{1}{16A_d} \int S(\rho, R_M) |\Psi(k^*, \rho)|^2 \rho^5 d\rho d\Omega$$

- $\Psi(k^*, \rho)$  the three-nucleon wave function, p-(pn) to p-d state asymptotically
- $R_M = 1.43 \pm 0.16$  fm nucleon-nucleon source size in p-d (obtained from analysis)
- $A_d$  is the deuteron formation probability using deuteron wave function



M. Viviani, BS et al. Phys. Rev. C 108, 064002 (2023)

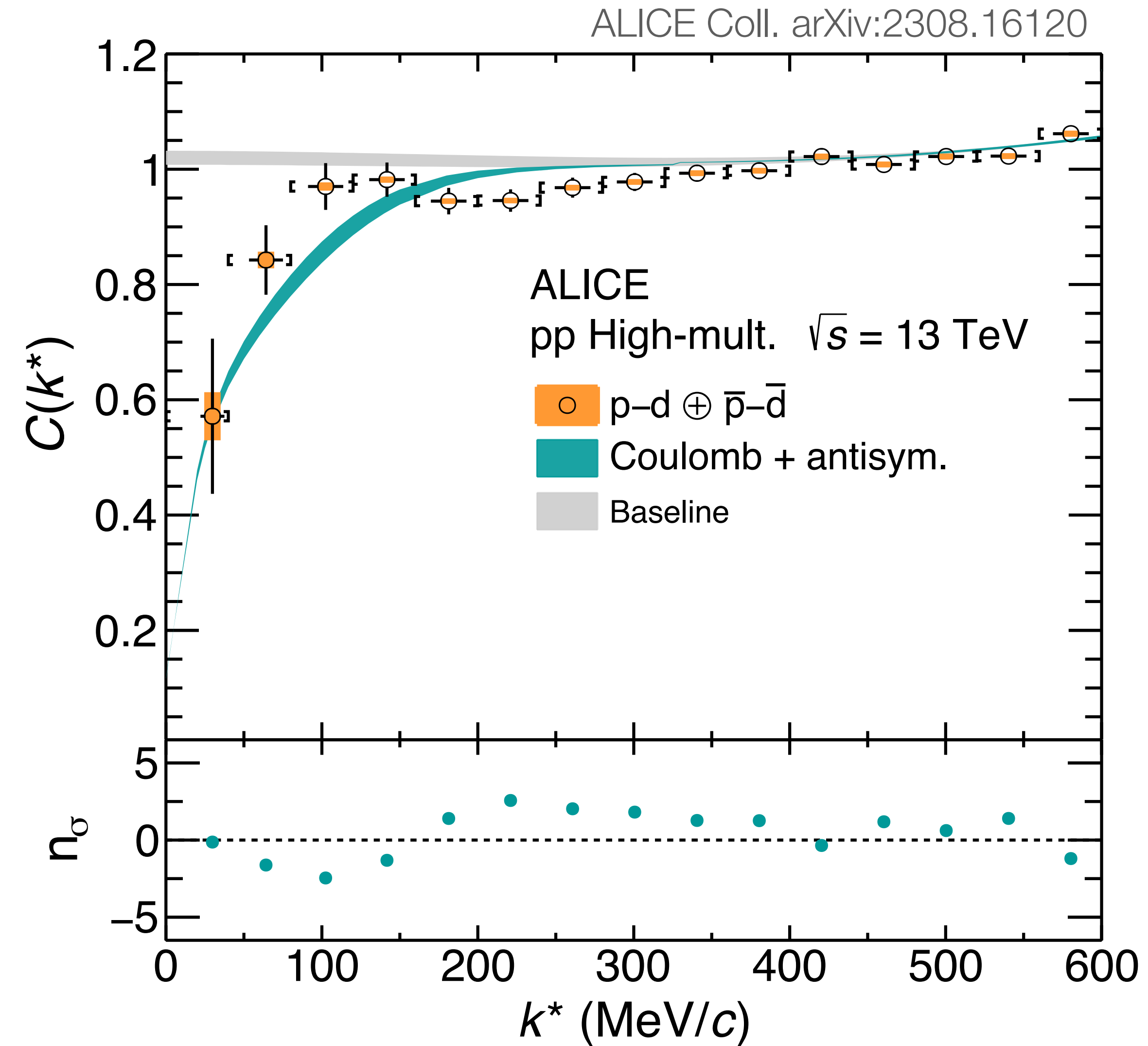
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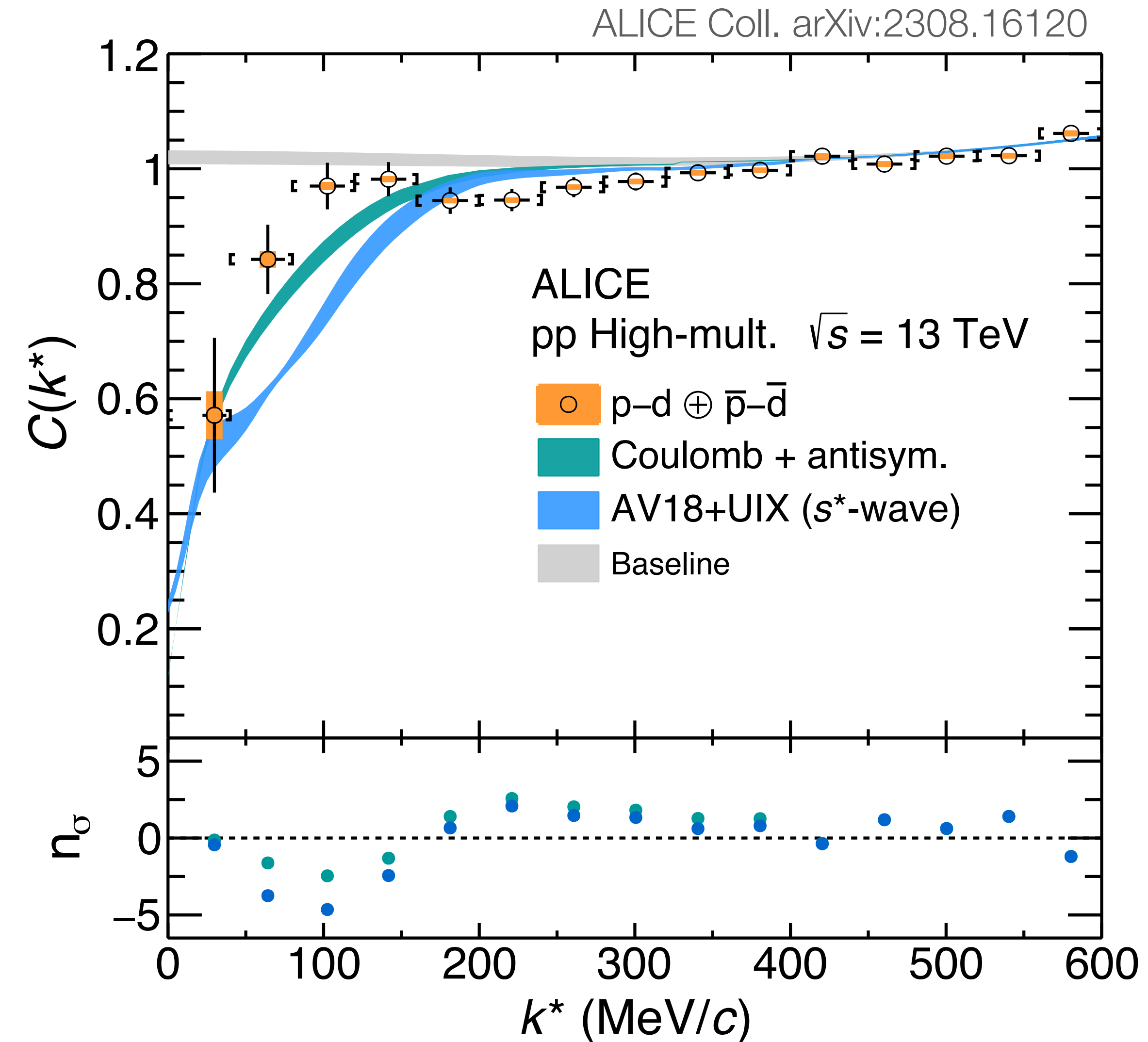
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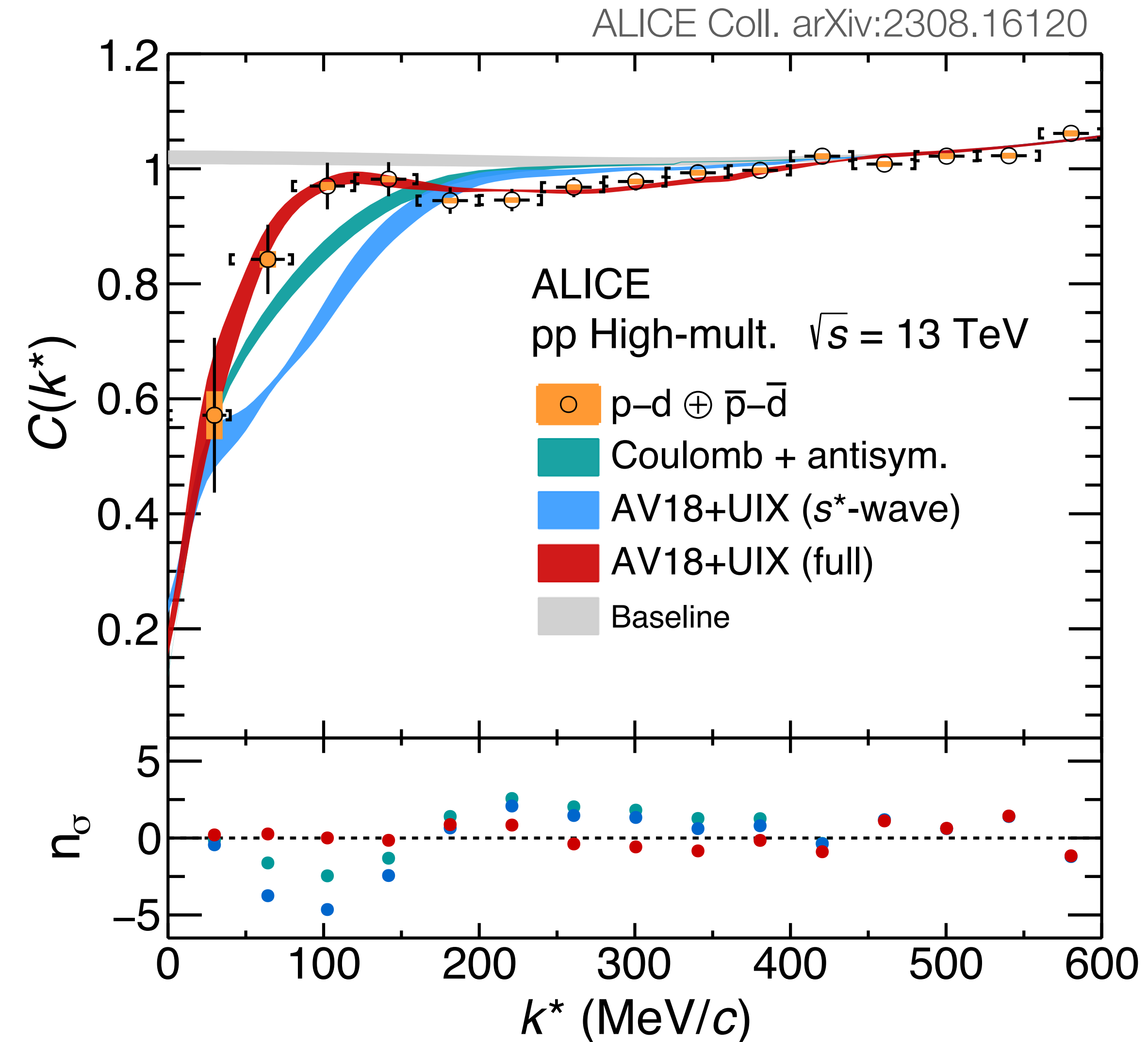
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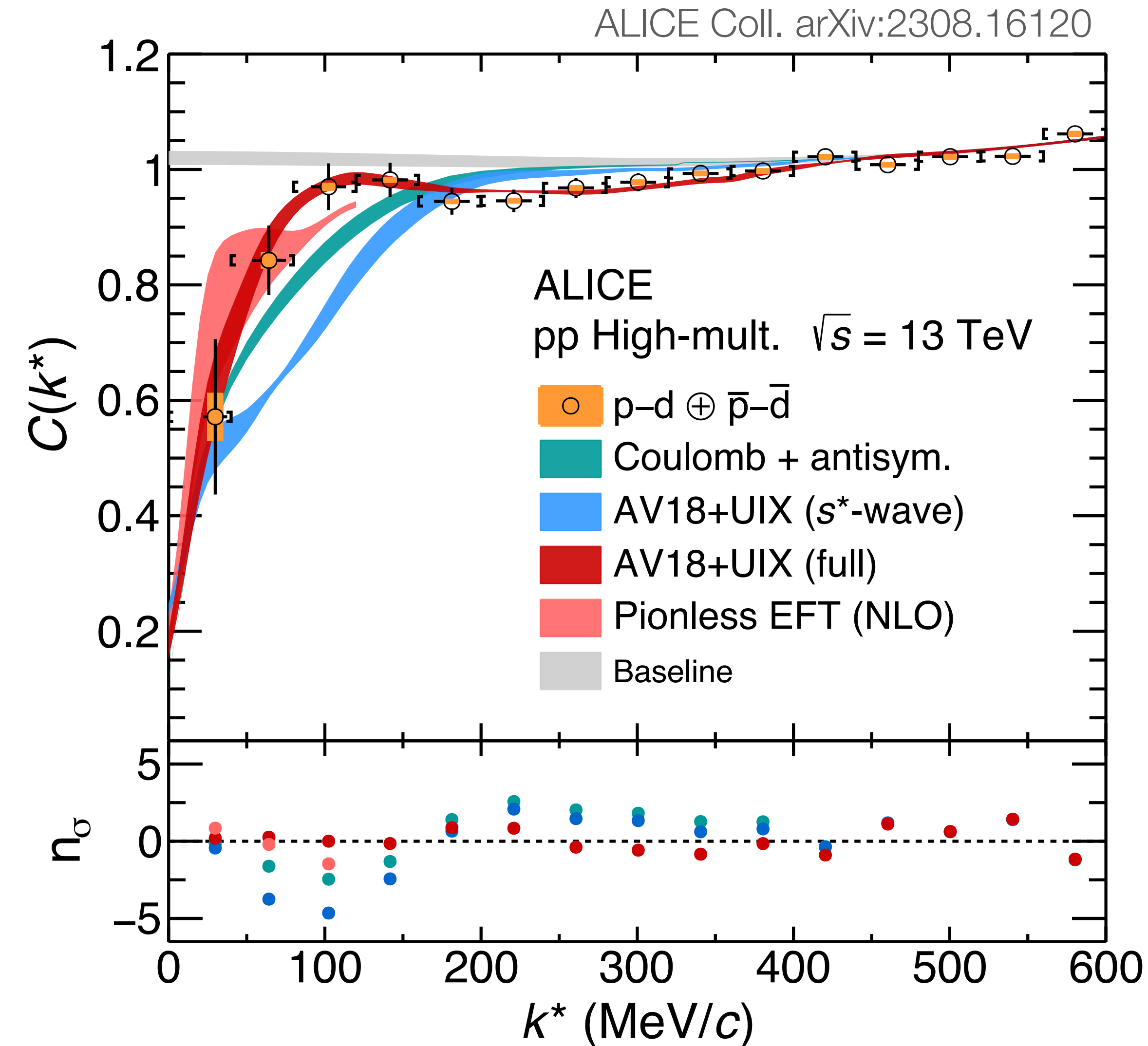
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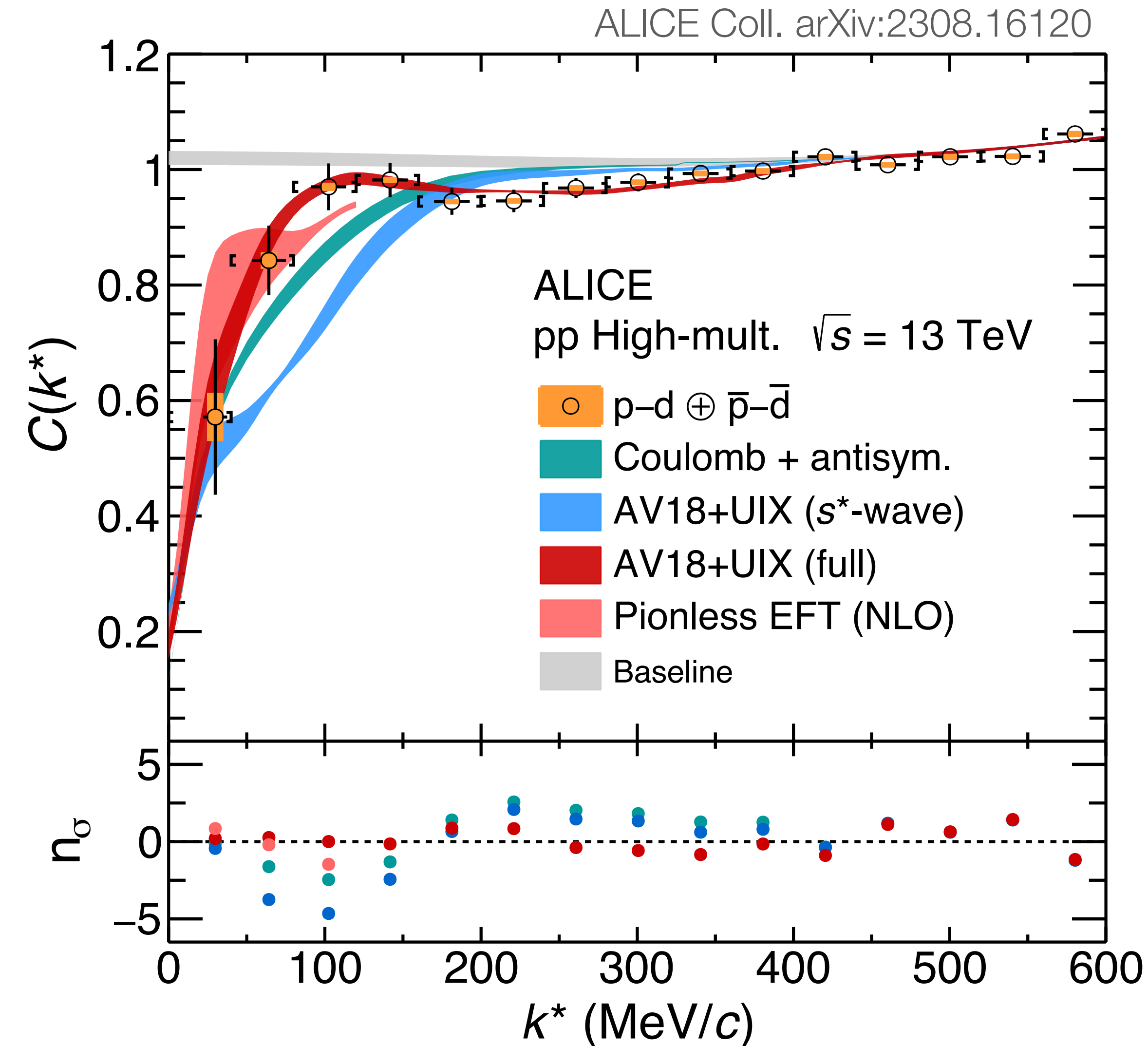
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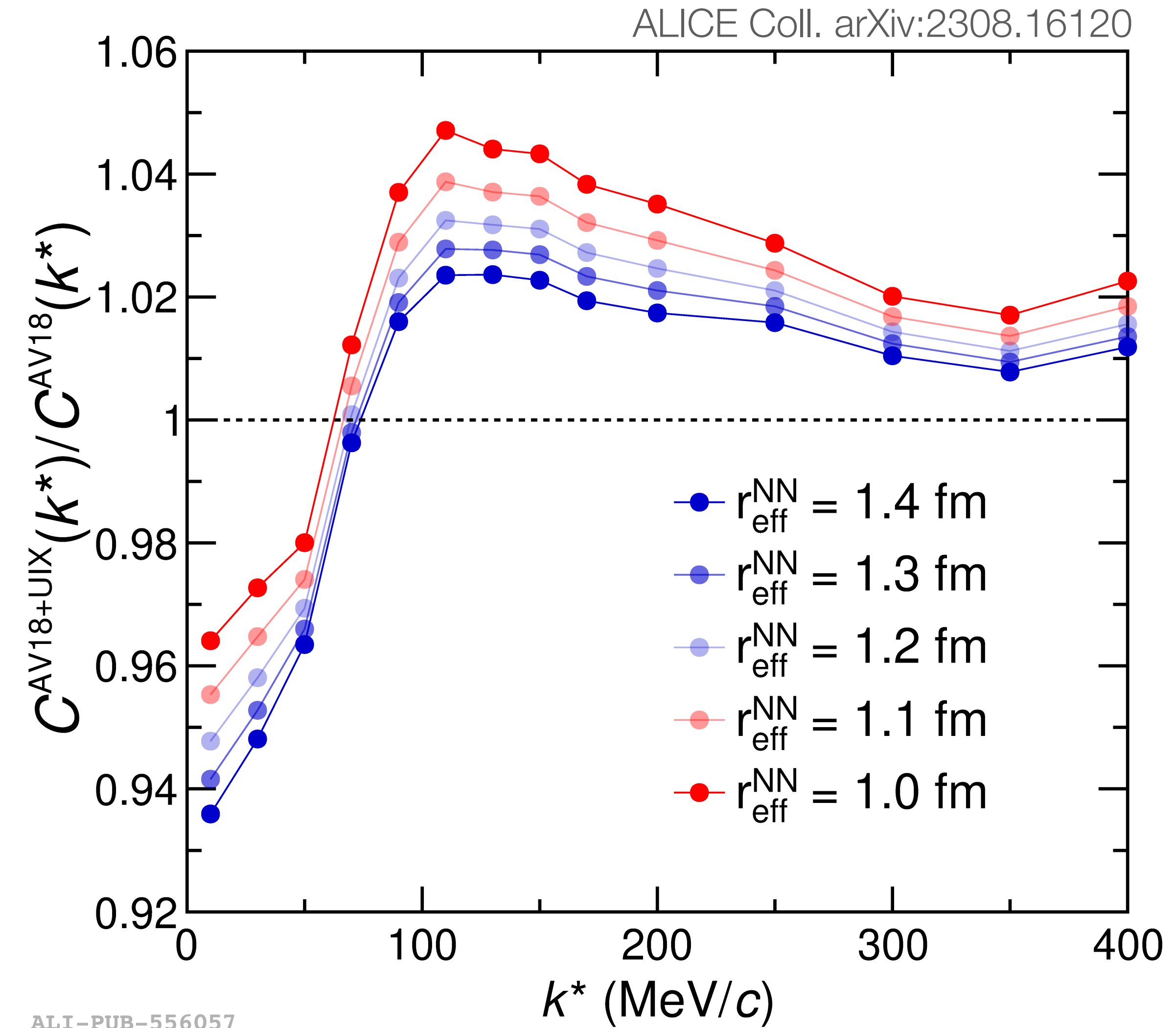


- Dynamics of the three-body p-(pn) system at short distances!
- Inclusion of the higher partial waves

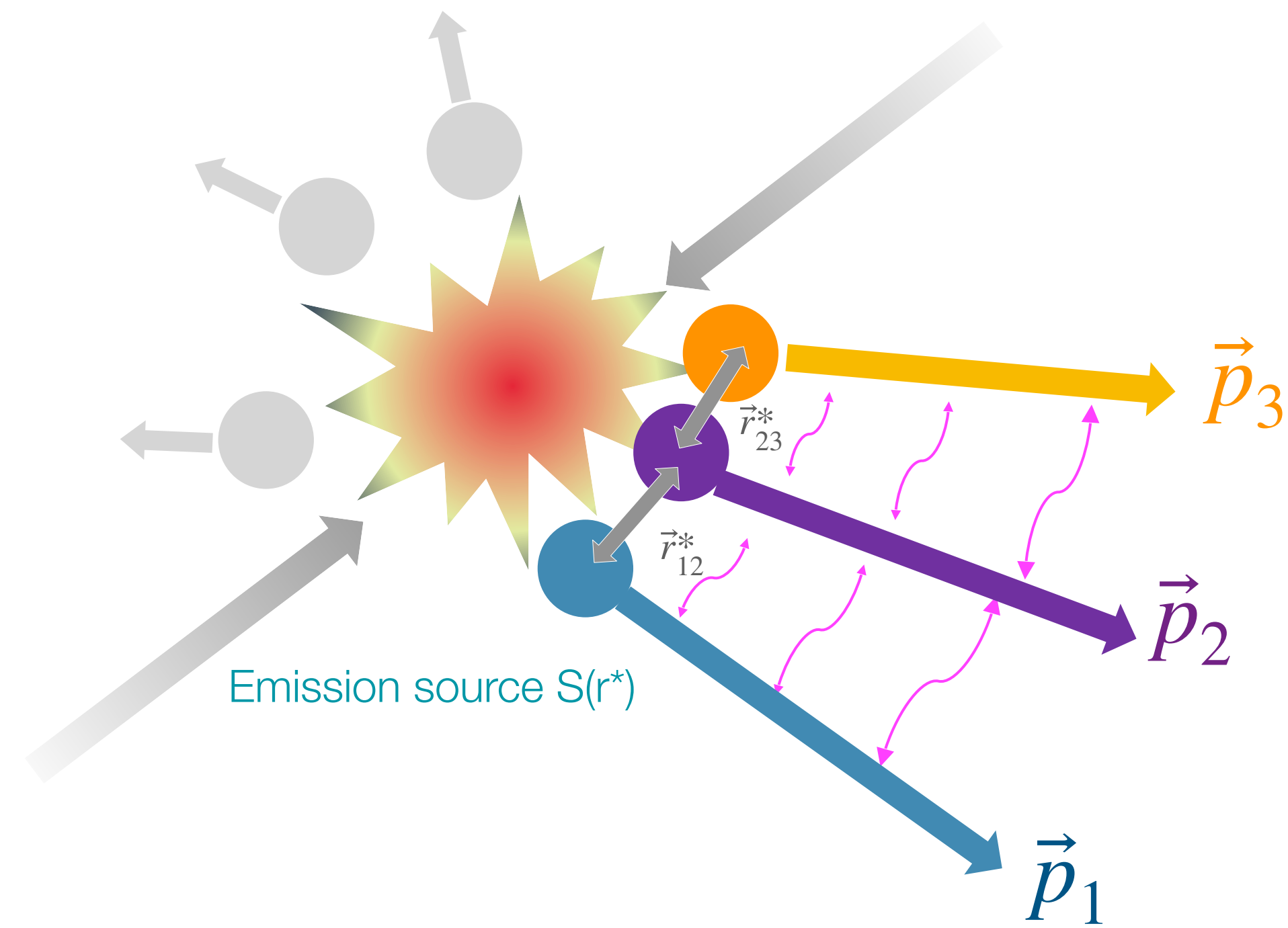
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- **Computed correlation function with and without genuine three-body force**
  - Up to 5% effect of genuine three-body interaction
  - Run 2: limited statistics does not allow for resolution to see the effect of three-body force
- **LHC Run 3:** ~2 orders of magnitude increase in pair statistics
  - Possibility to perform  $m_T$  differential analysis



Avenue for the study of hadron–deuteron systems, including charm and strange hadrons!



**Femtoscscopy opens the door for the study of interactions in unbound system of three hadron (3 to 3 scattering process)**



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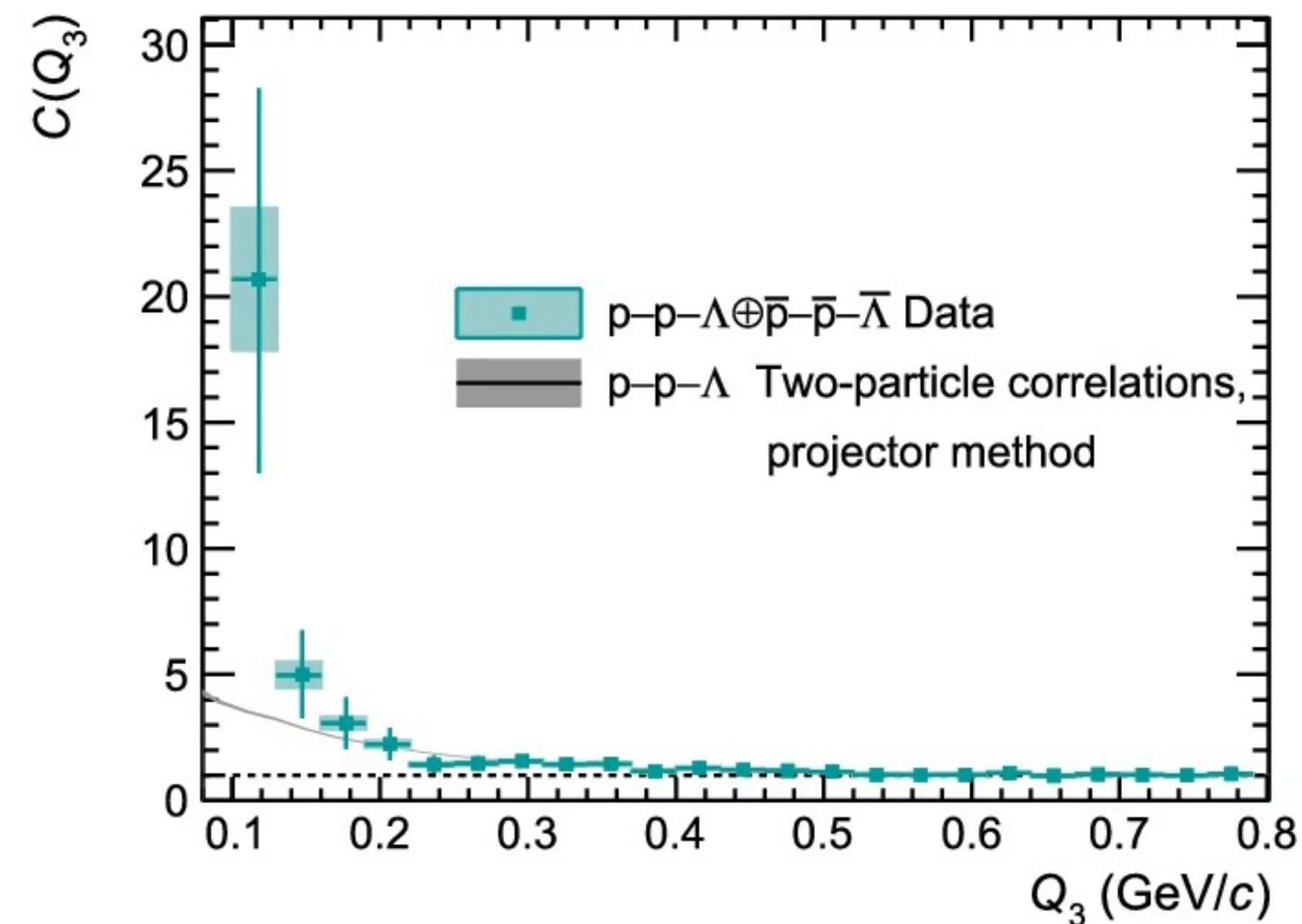
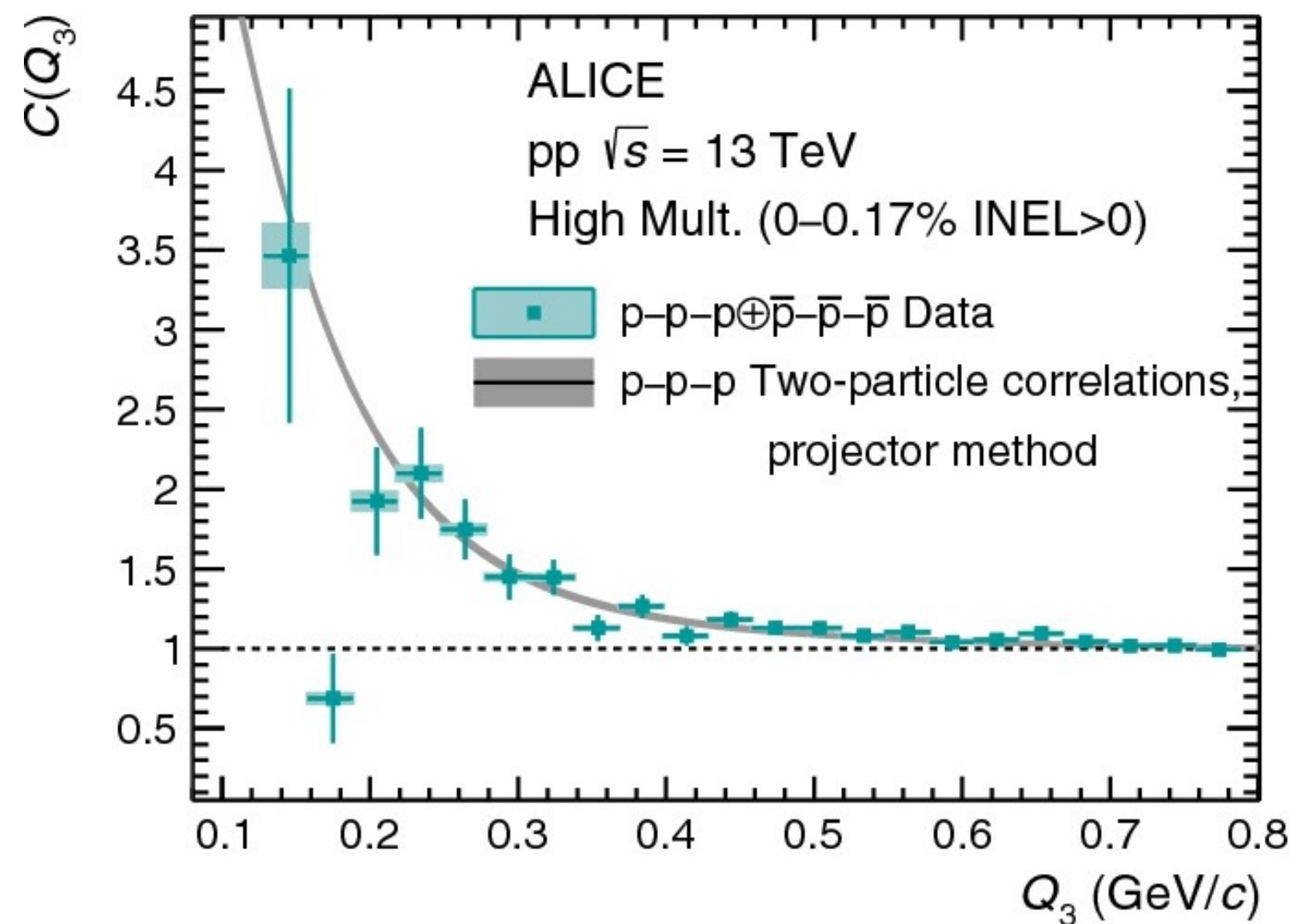
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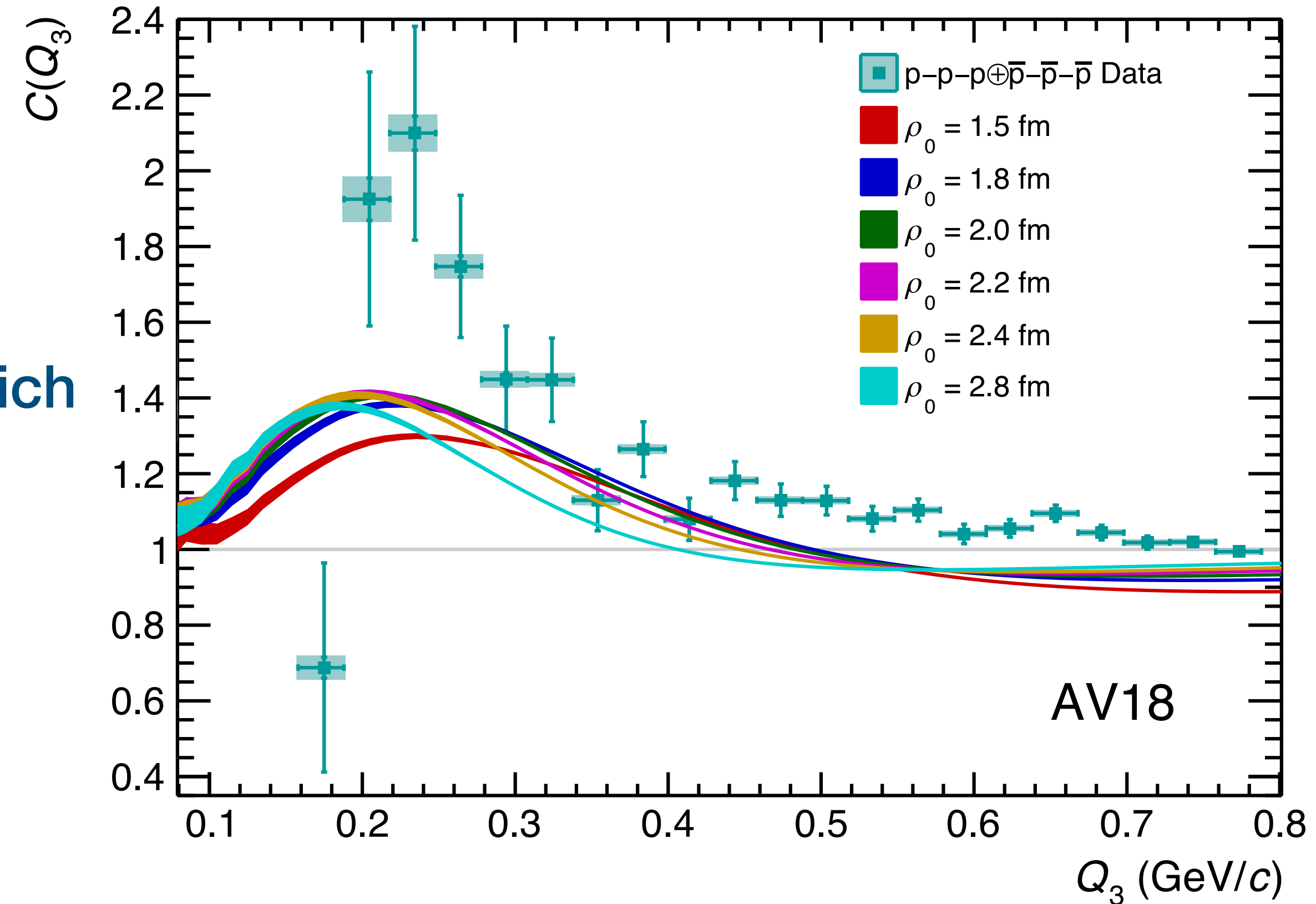
[2] Del Grande et al, EPJC 82, 244 (2022)

- Three-body correlation function with HH approach<sup>1</sup>

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

Work of Laura Šerkšnyte, and Raffaele Del Grande (**Munich group**) in collaboration with **INFN PISA group**

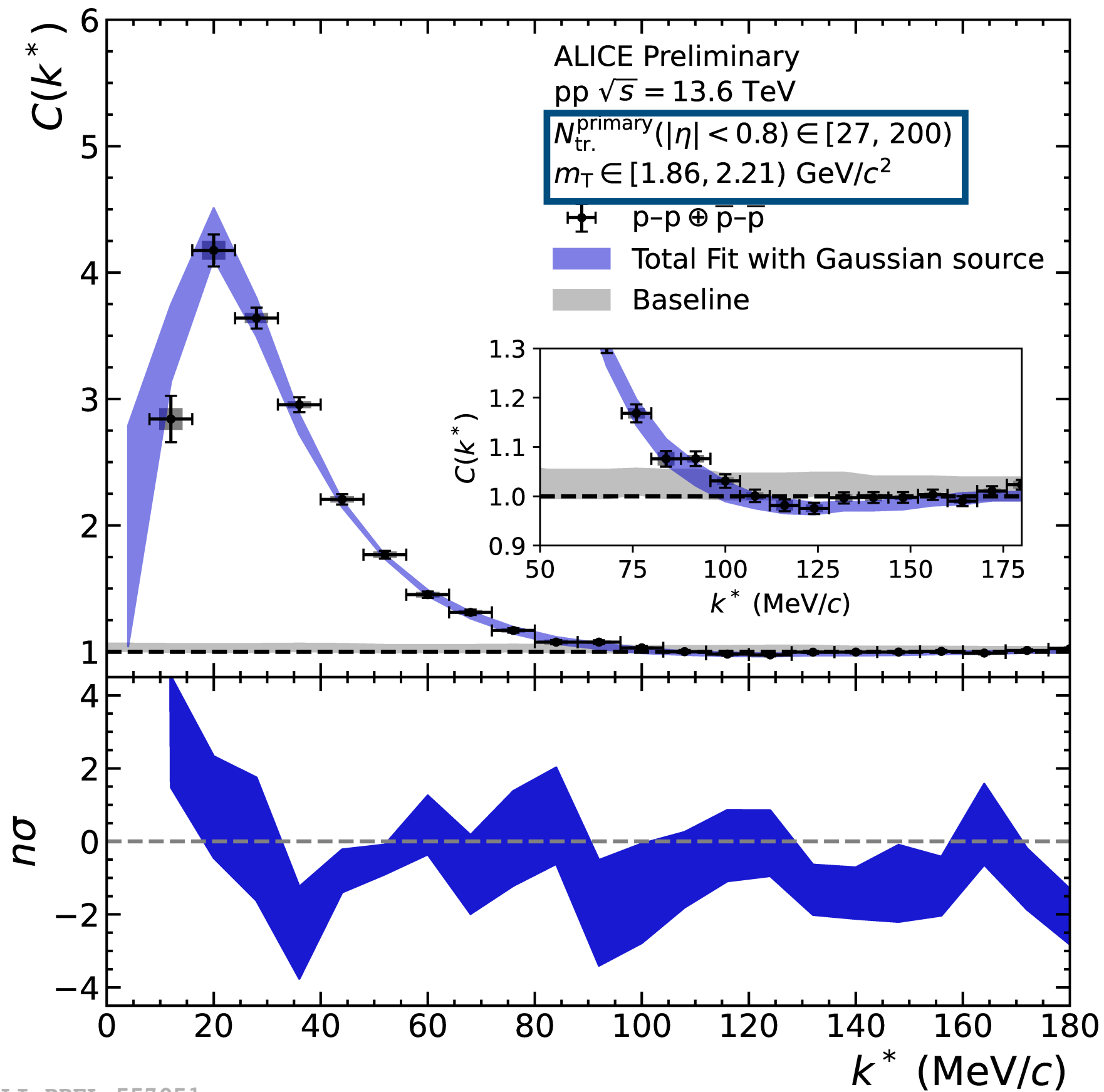
- $\Psi(Q_3, \rho)$  computed using pp AV18 strong interaction, Coulomb corrections, and quantum statistics
- Attractive AV18 interaction: results peak
- Pauli-blocking: depletion in  $C(Q_3)$



p-p- $\Lambda$ : theoretical work in progress

[1] A Kievsky et al, arXiv:2310.10428 (accepted by PRC)

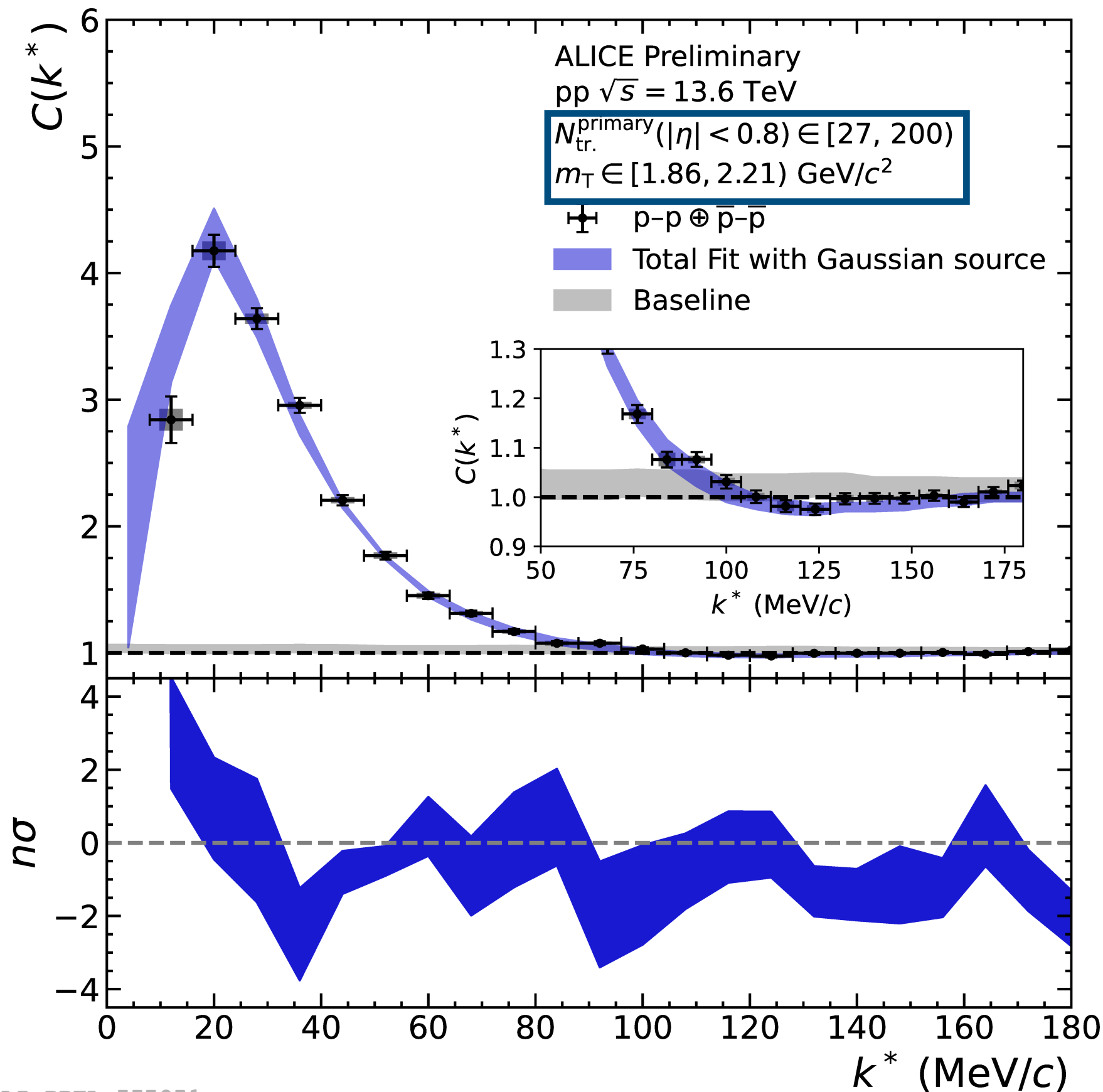
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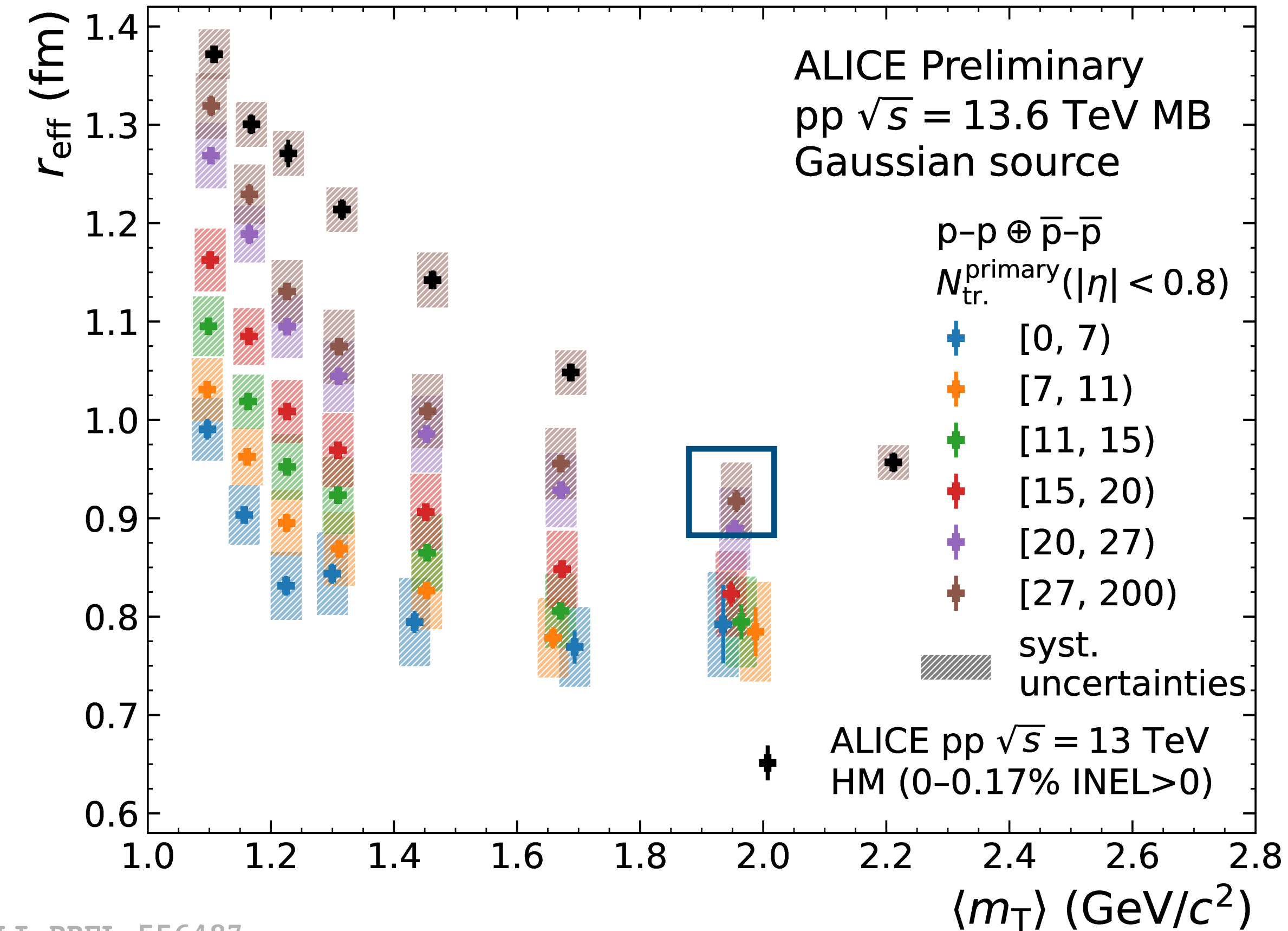
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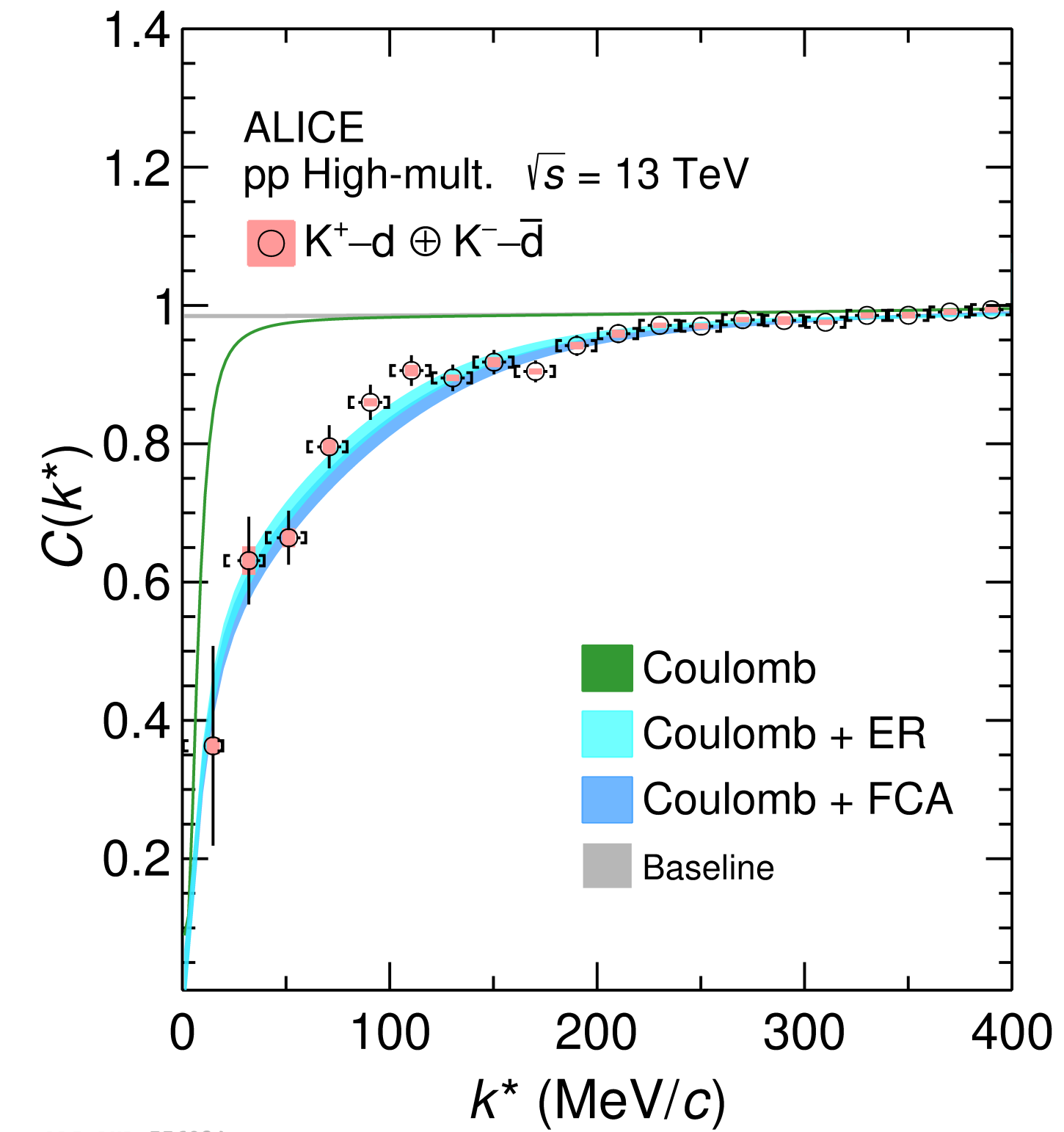


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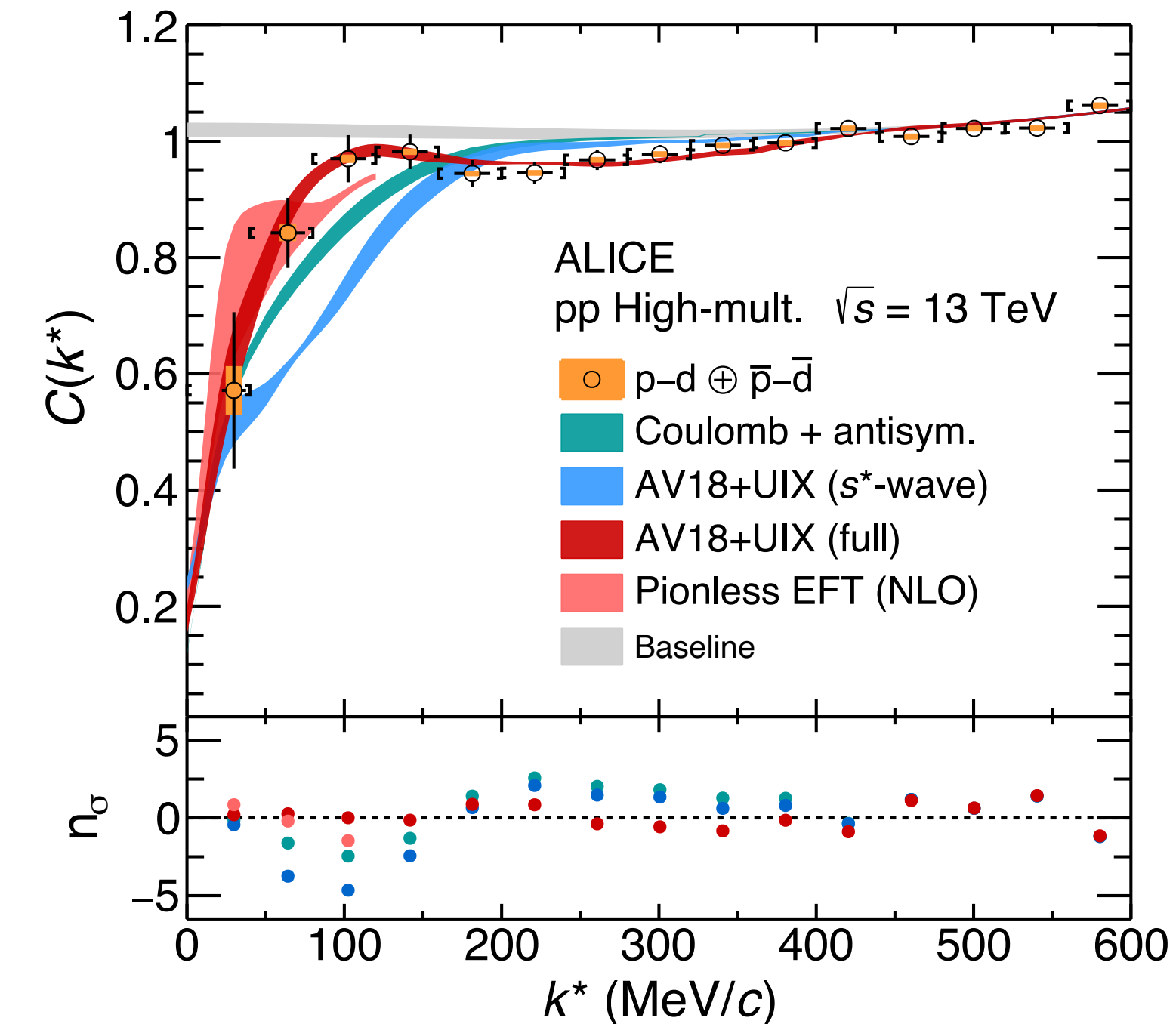
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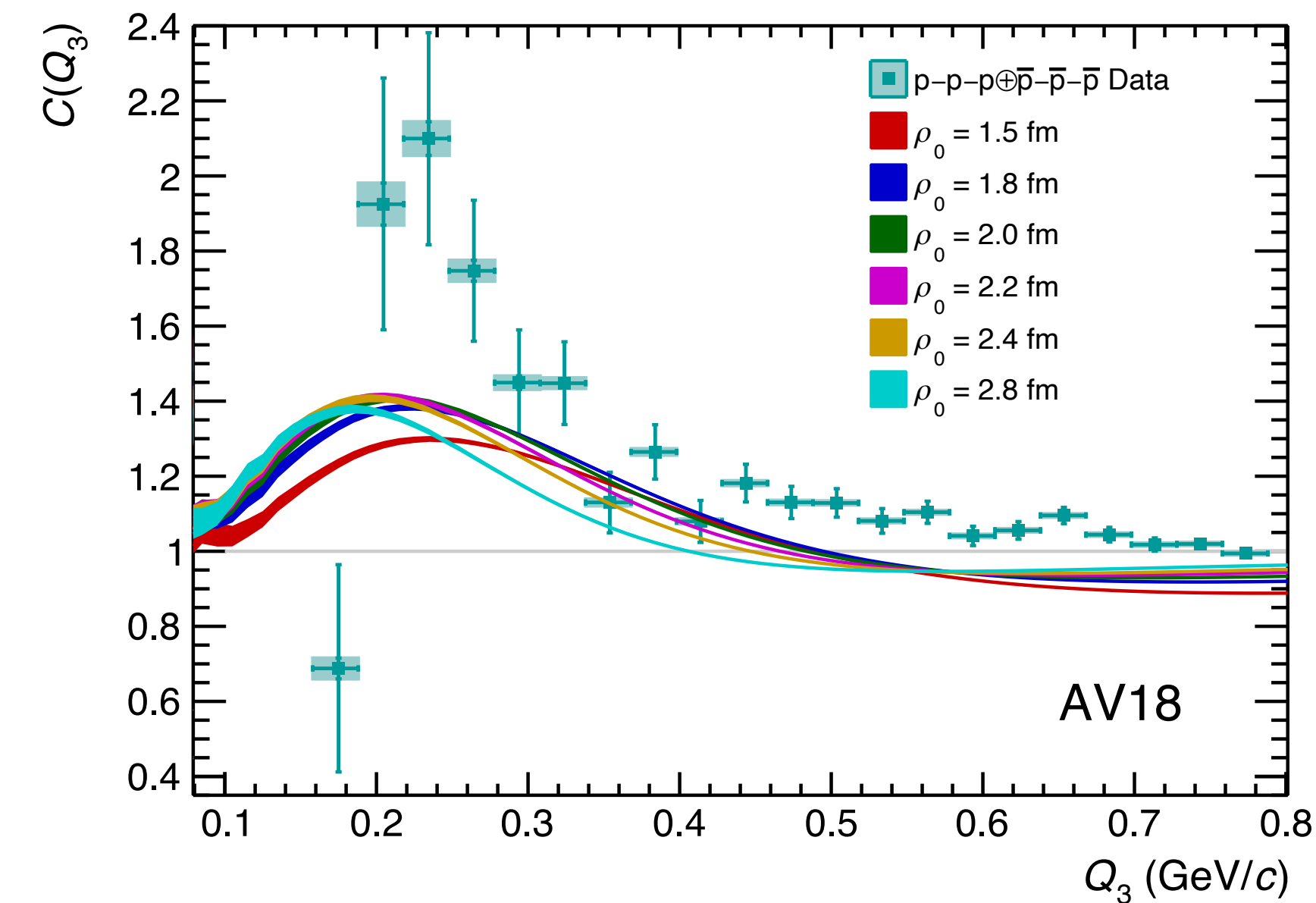
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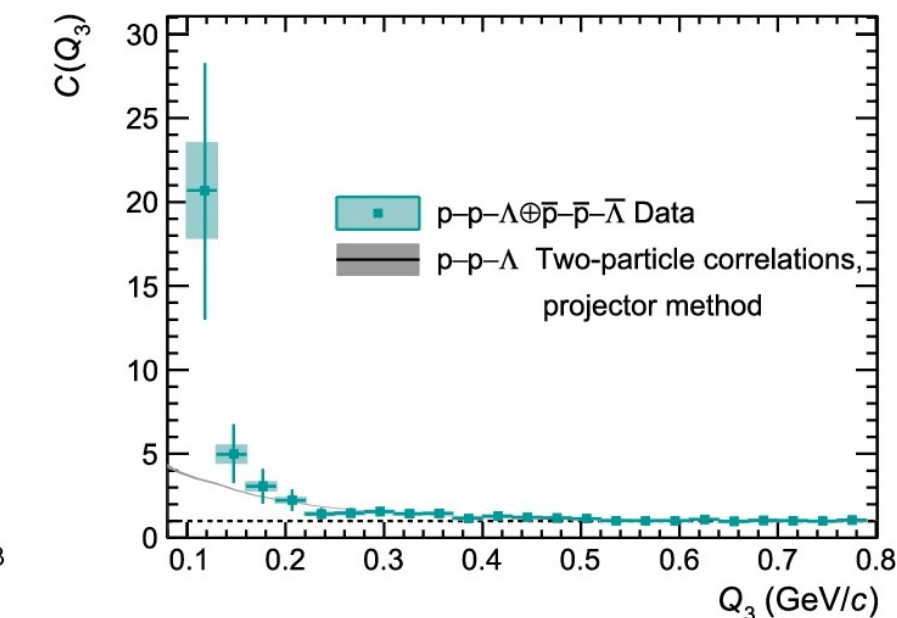
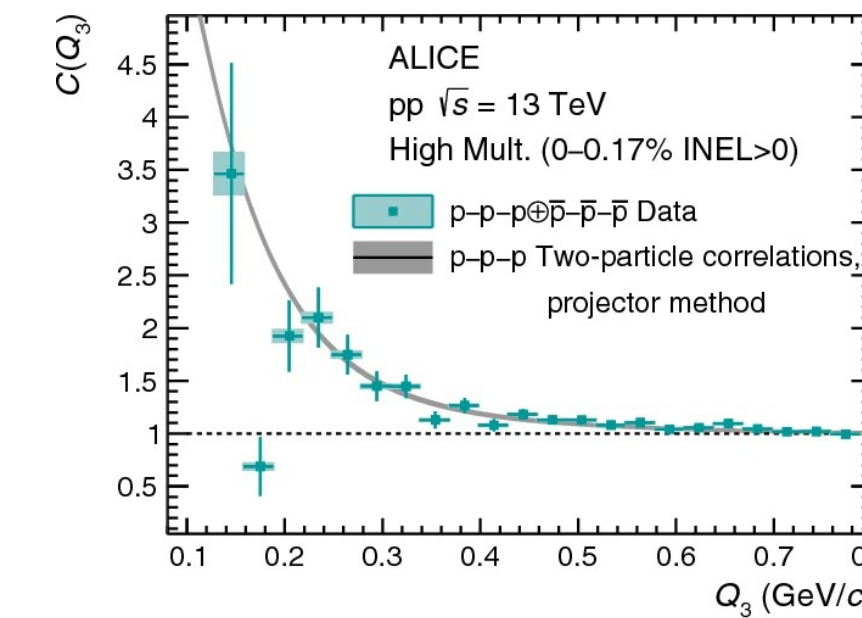
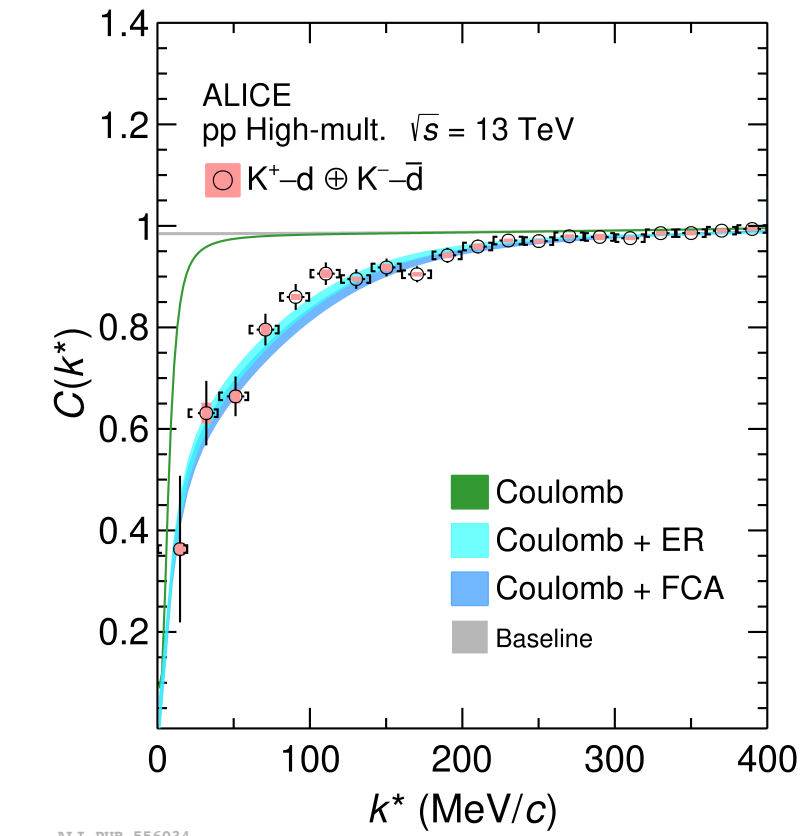
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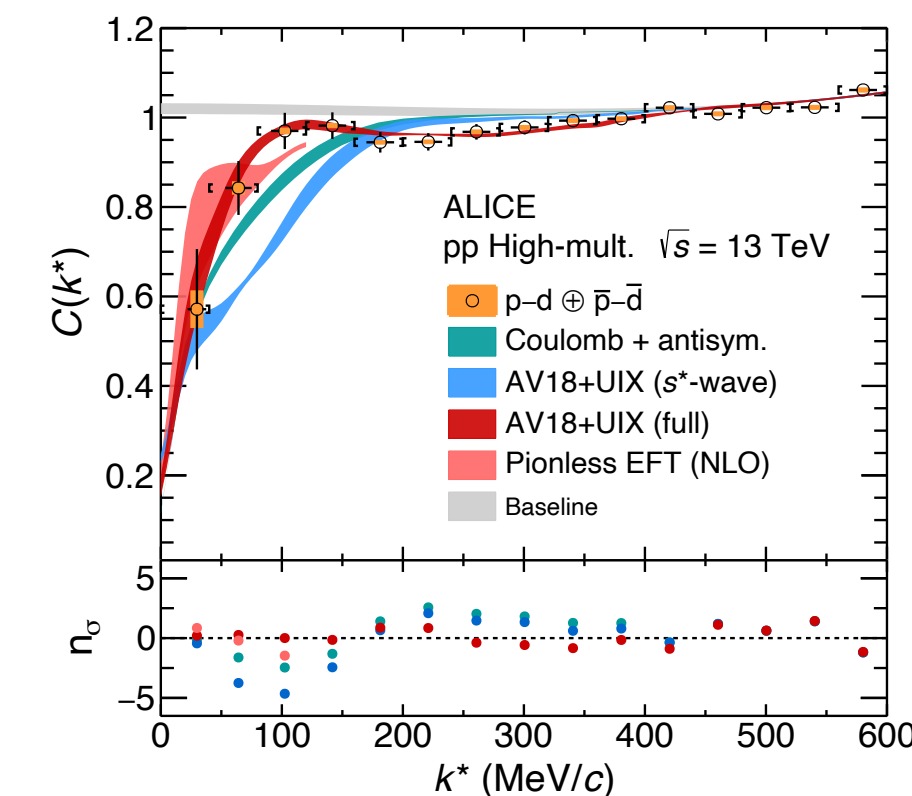
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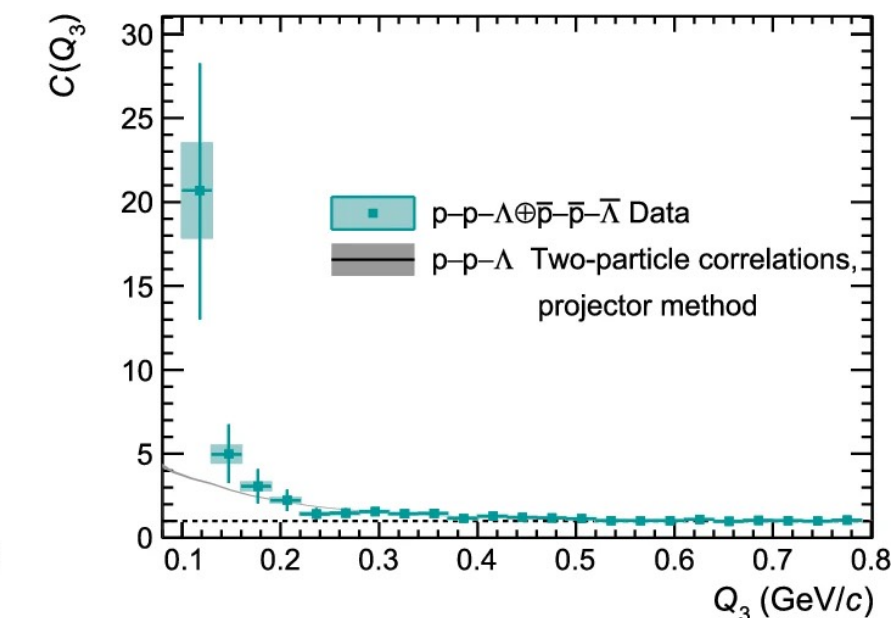
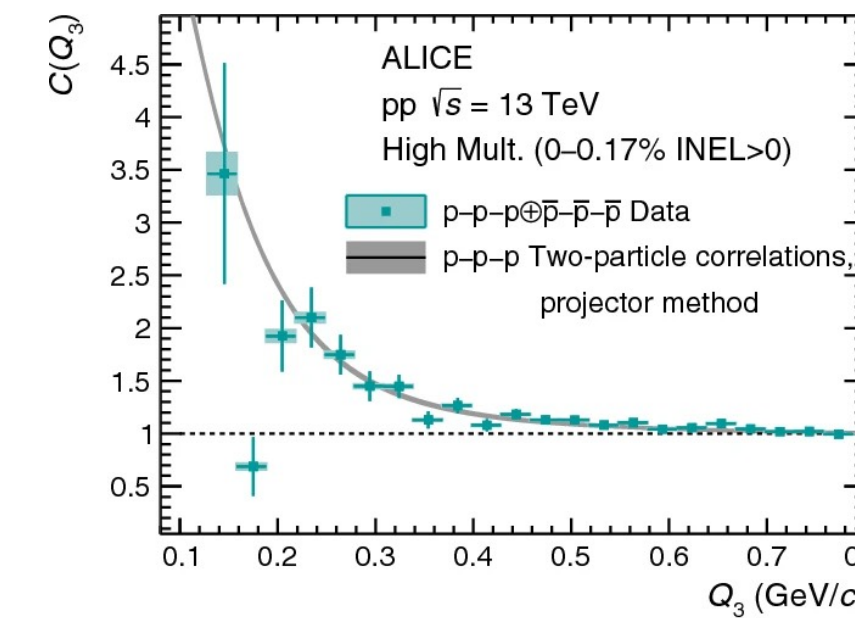
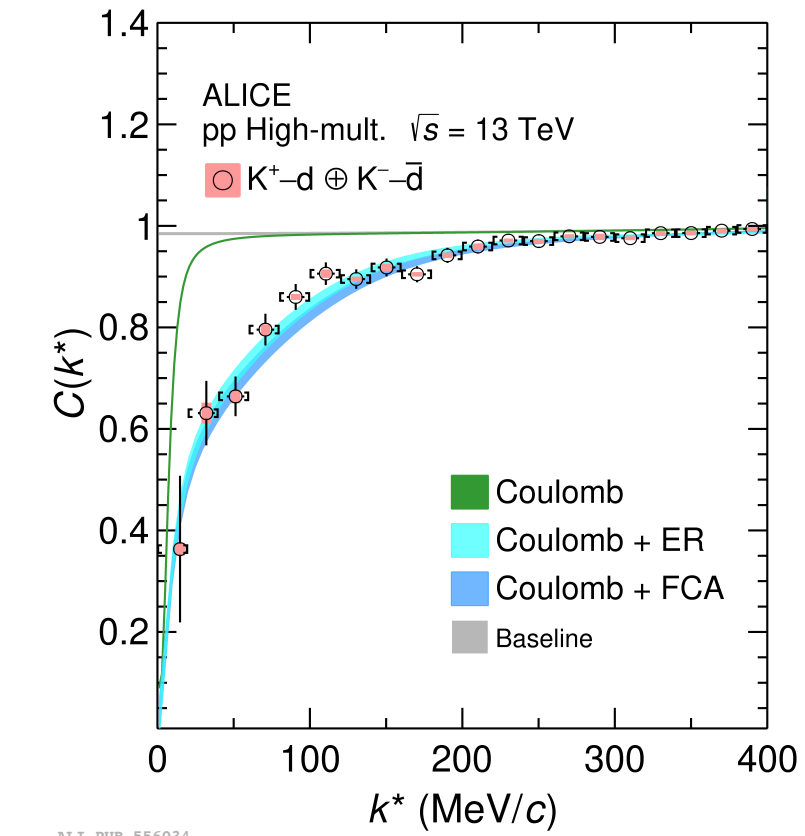
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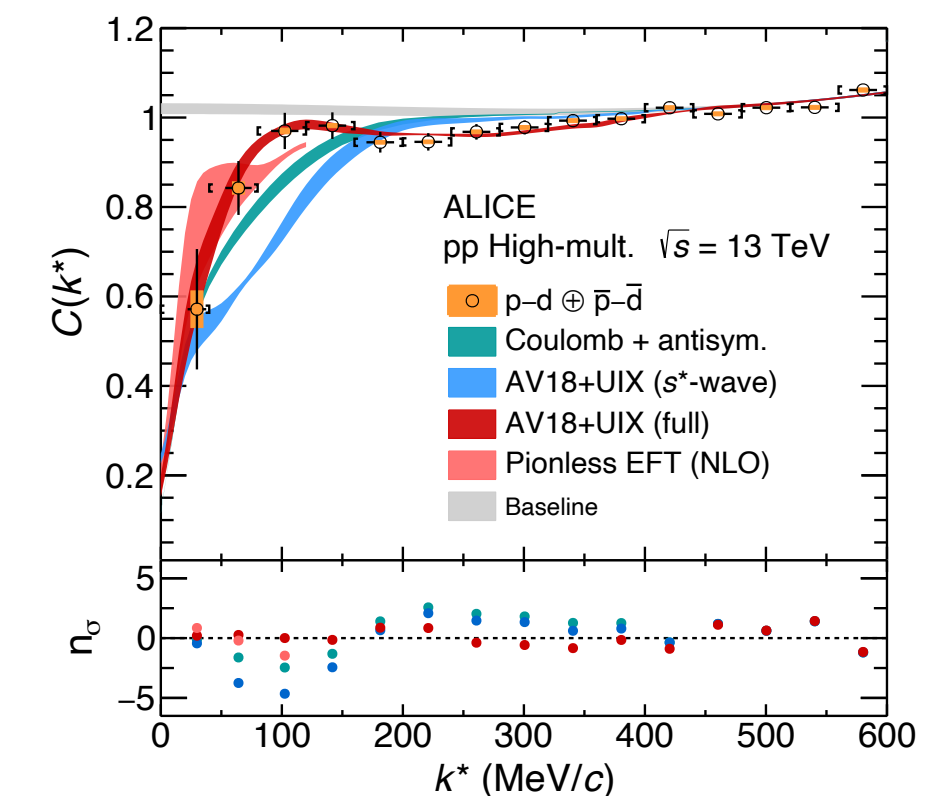
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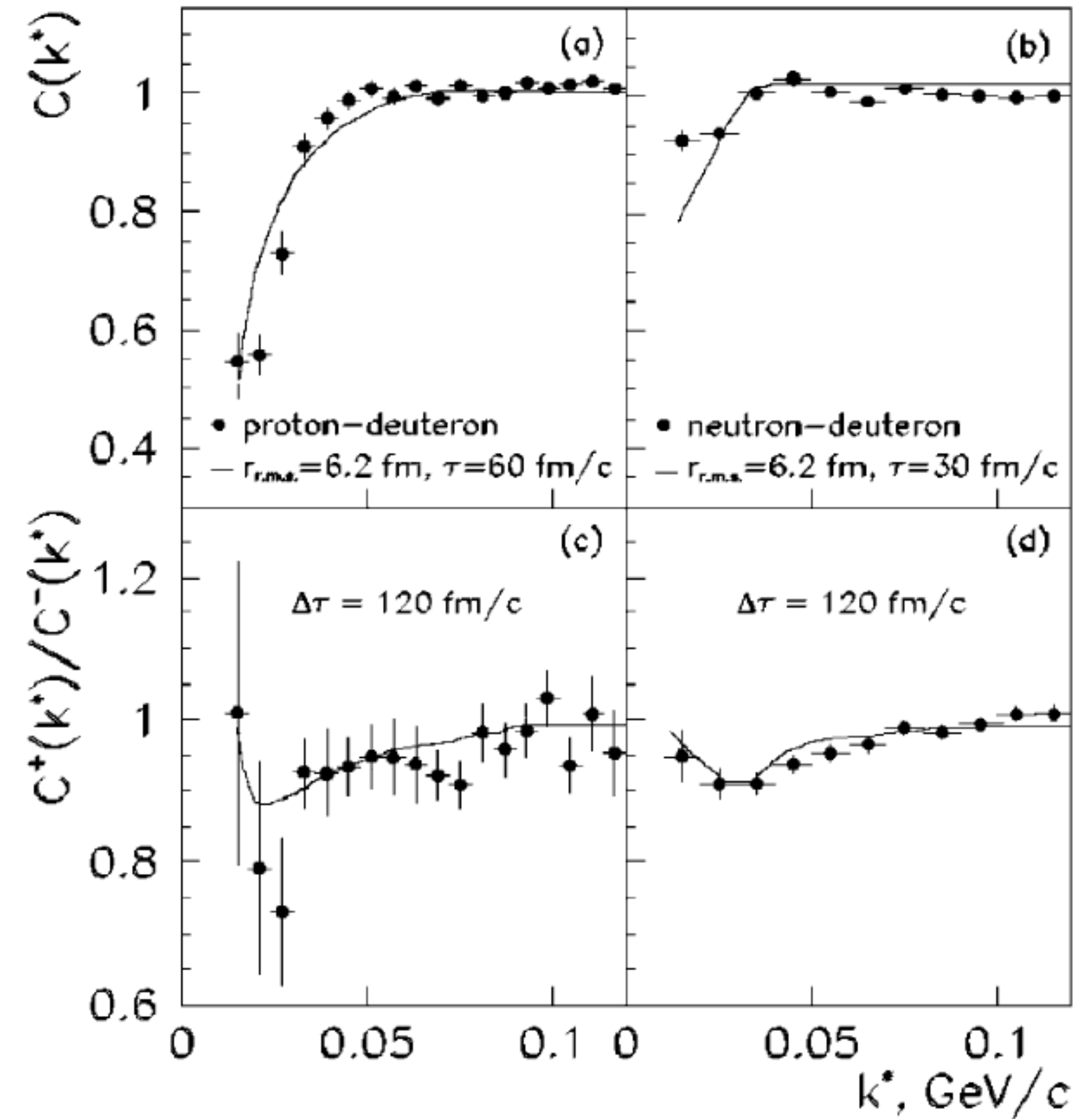


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**Backup**

# p-d correlation in the past

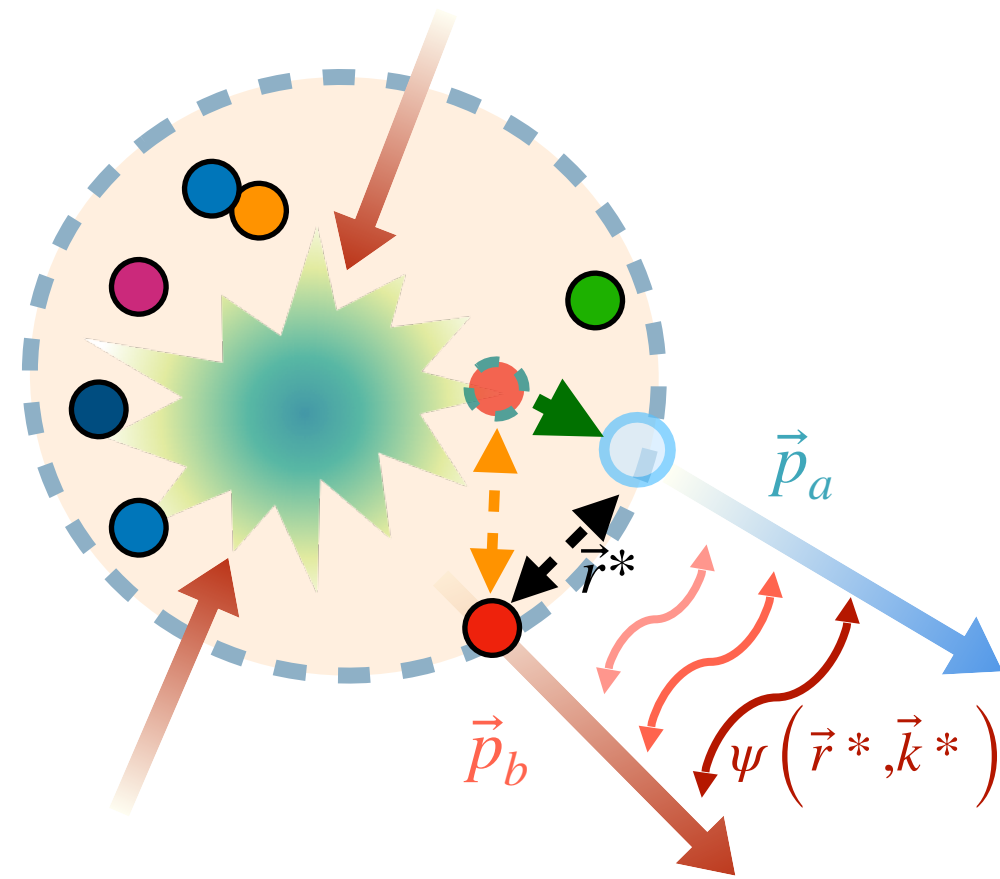
- Interpreted using the LL approach
- Measurement performed at AGS



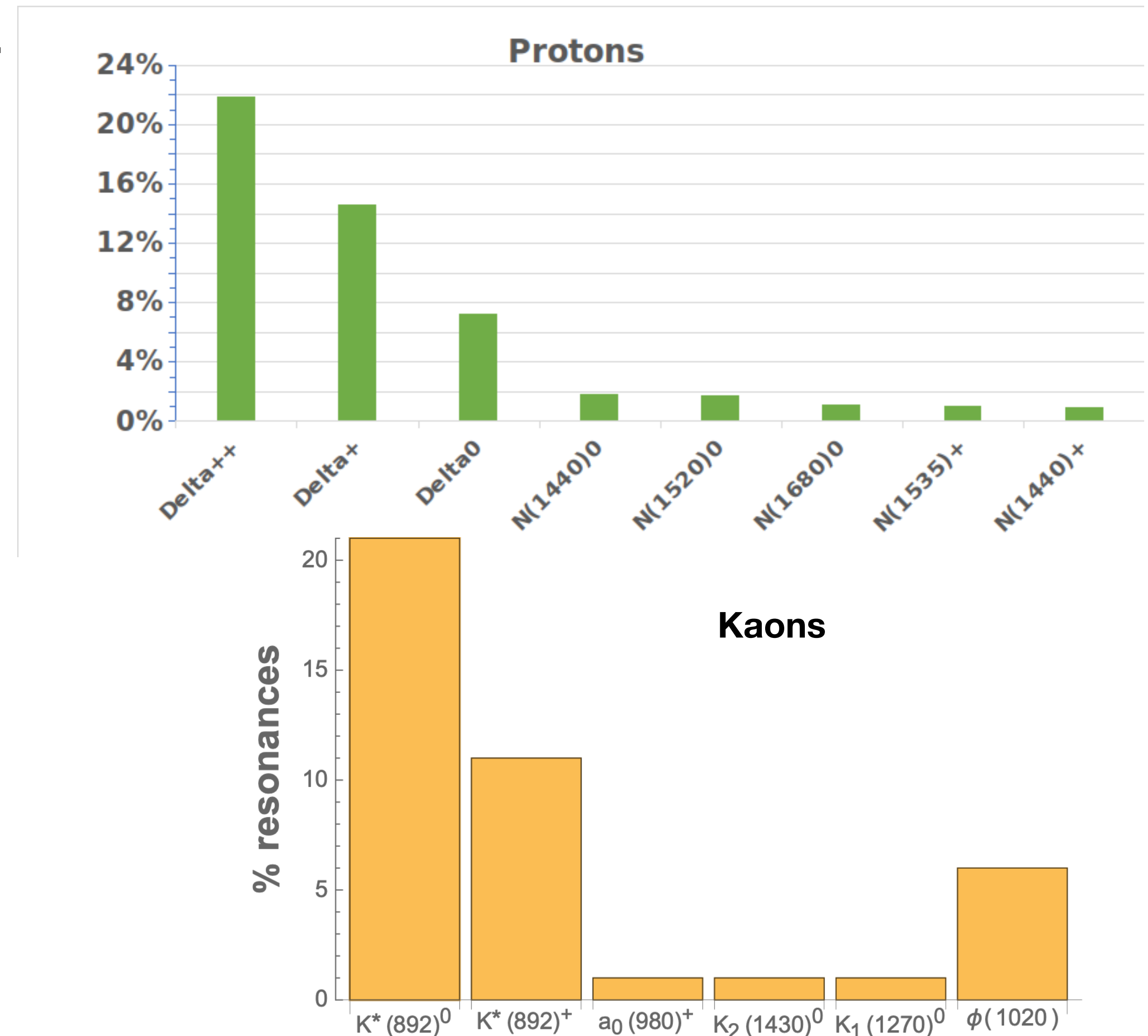
[1] Wosińska, K., Pluta, J., Hanappe, F. *et al. Eur. Phys. J. A* 32, 55–59 (2007)

# Source size for p-d and K<sup>+</sup>-d pairs

- The source radius is effectively increased by **short-lived strongly decaying resonances** ( $c\tau \approx r_{\text{core}}$ ) e.g.  $\Delta$ -resonances in case of protons



Source size	mean value:p-d	mean value:K <sup>+</sup> -d
$r_{\text{core}}$	$0.99 \pm 0.05$ fm	$1.04 \pm 0.04$ fm
$r_{\text{eff}}$	$1.08 \pm 0.06$ fm	$1.35^{+0.04}_{-0.05}$ fm



Hadron-deuteron pairs are created at very small distances in pp collisions at the LHC!

(1)  $\phi(1020)$  corrected as feed-down

# Total wavefunction for p-d system



$$\begin{aligned}\Psi_{LSJJ_z} &= \sum_{n,\alpha} \frac{u_{n,\alpha}(\rho)}{\rho^{5/2}} \mathcal{Y}_{n,\alpha}(\Omega) \\ &+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sum_{\ell}^{\text{even perm.}} \left\{ Y_L(\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{\ell}) \left[ \varphi^d(i,j) \chi(\ell) \right]_S \right\}_{JJ_z} \frac{F_L(\eta, ky_{\ell})}{ky_{\ell}} \\ &+ \sum_{L'S'} T_{LS,L'S'}^J \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sum_{\ell}^{\text{even perm.}} \left\{ Y_{L'}(\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{\ell}) \left[ \varphi^d(i,j) \chi(\ell) \right]_{S'} \right\}_{JJ_z} \\ &\times \frac{\bar{G}_{L'}(\eta, ky_{\ell}) + iF_{L'}(\eta, ky_{\ell})}{ky_{\ell}} .\end{aligned}$$

# p-d as three-body system

The three-body wave function with proper treatment of 2N and 3N interaction at very short distances goes to a p-d state.

- **p-pn correlation to form p-d state:**

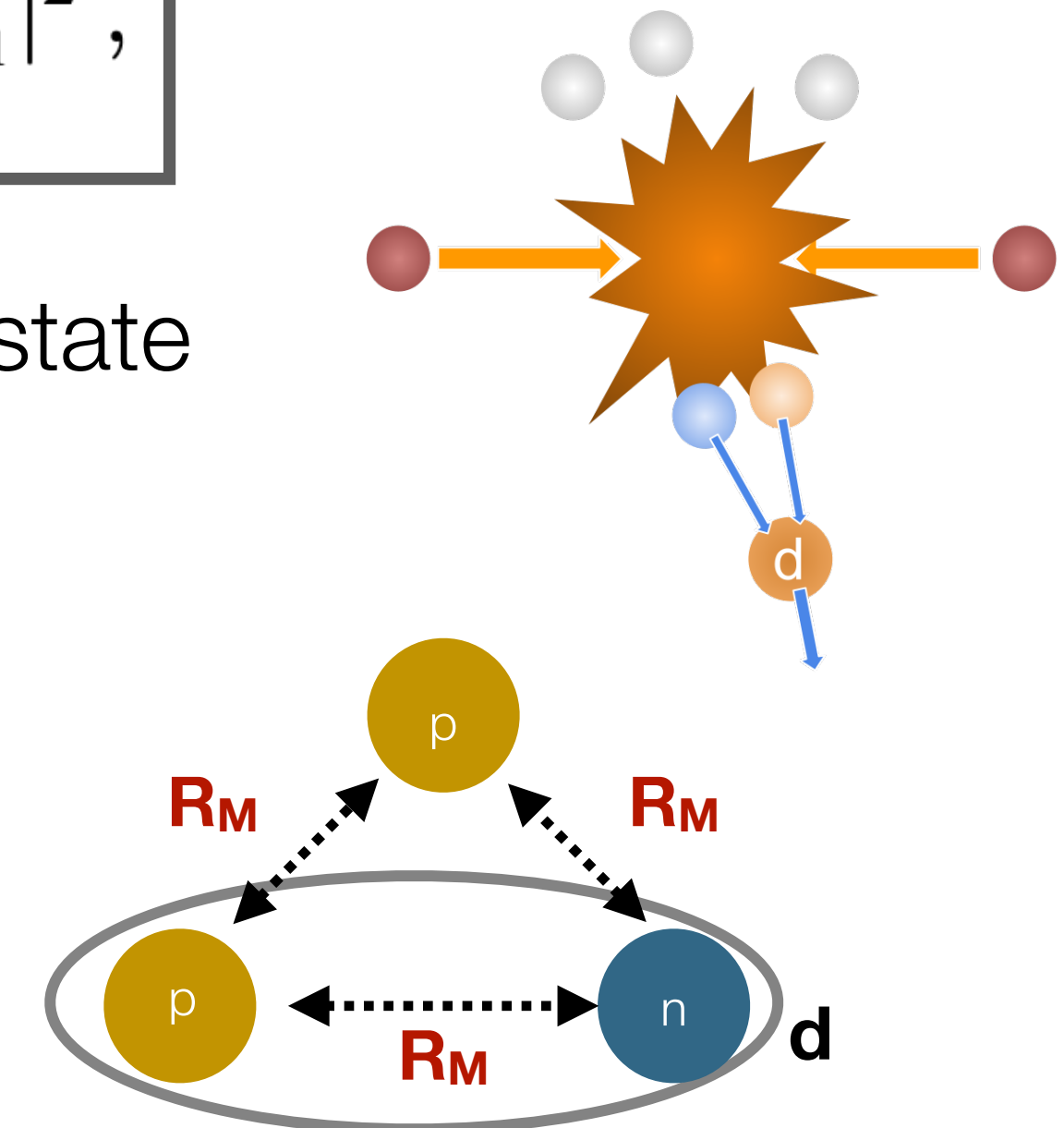
- Nucleons with the Gaussian sources distributions

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

Single-particle Gaussian emission source

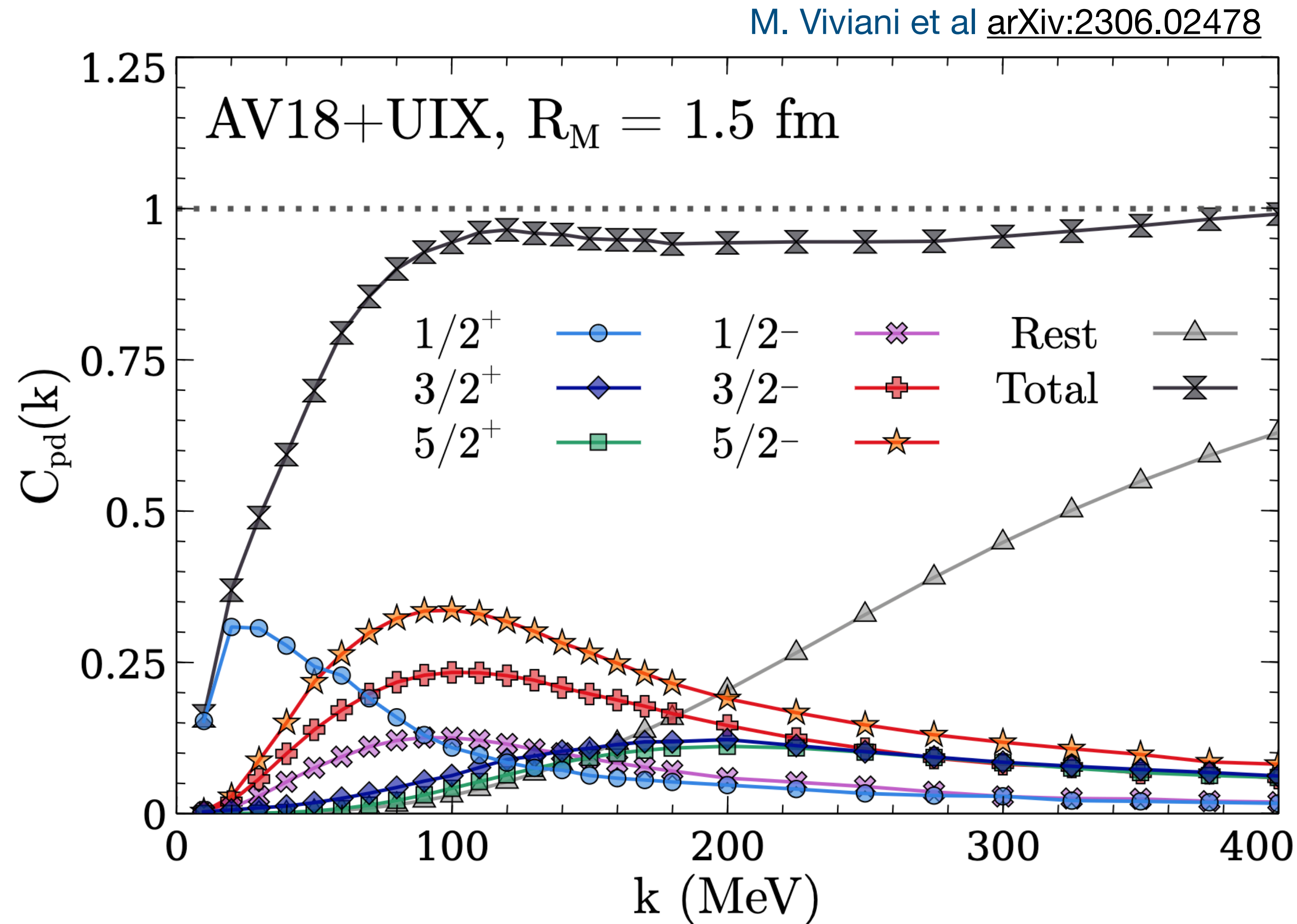
- $\Psi_{m_2, m_1}(x, y)$  three-nucleon wave function asymptotically behaves as p-d state
- $A_d$  is the deuteron formation probability using deuteron wavefunction
- Final definition of the correlation with p-p source size  $R_M$ :

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# Partial wave decomposition of p-d

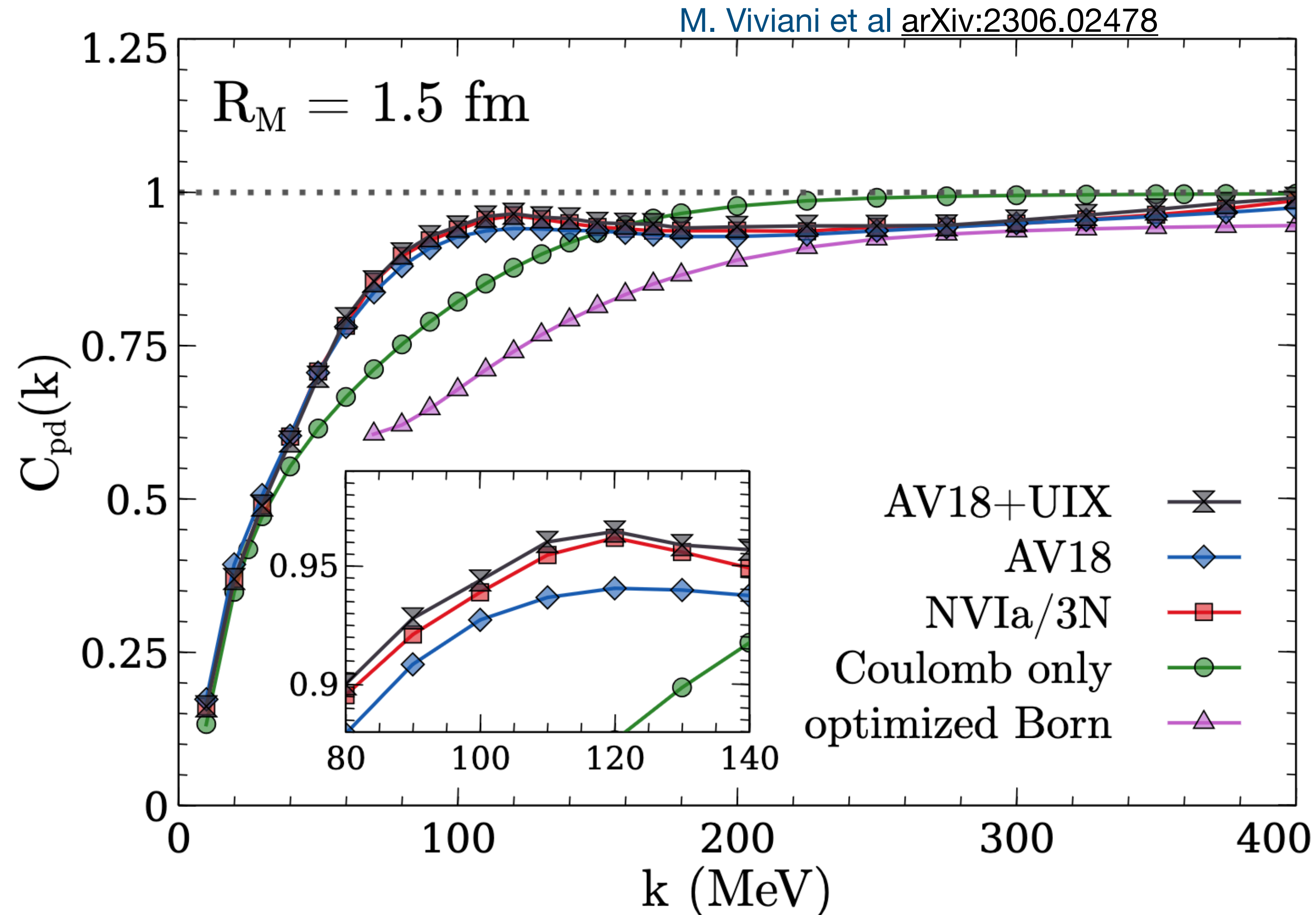
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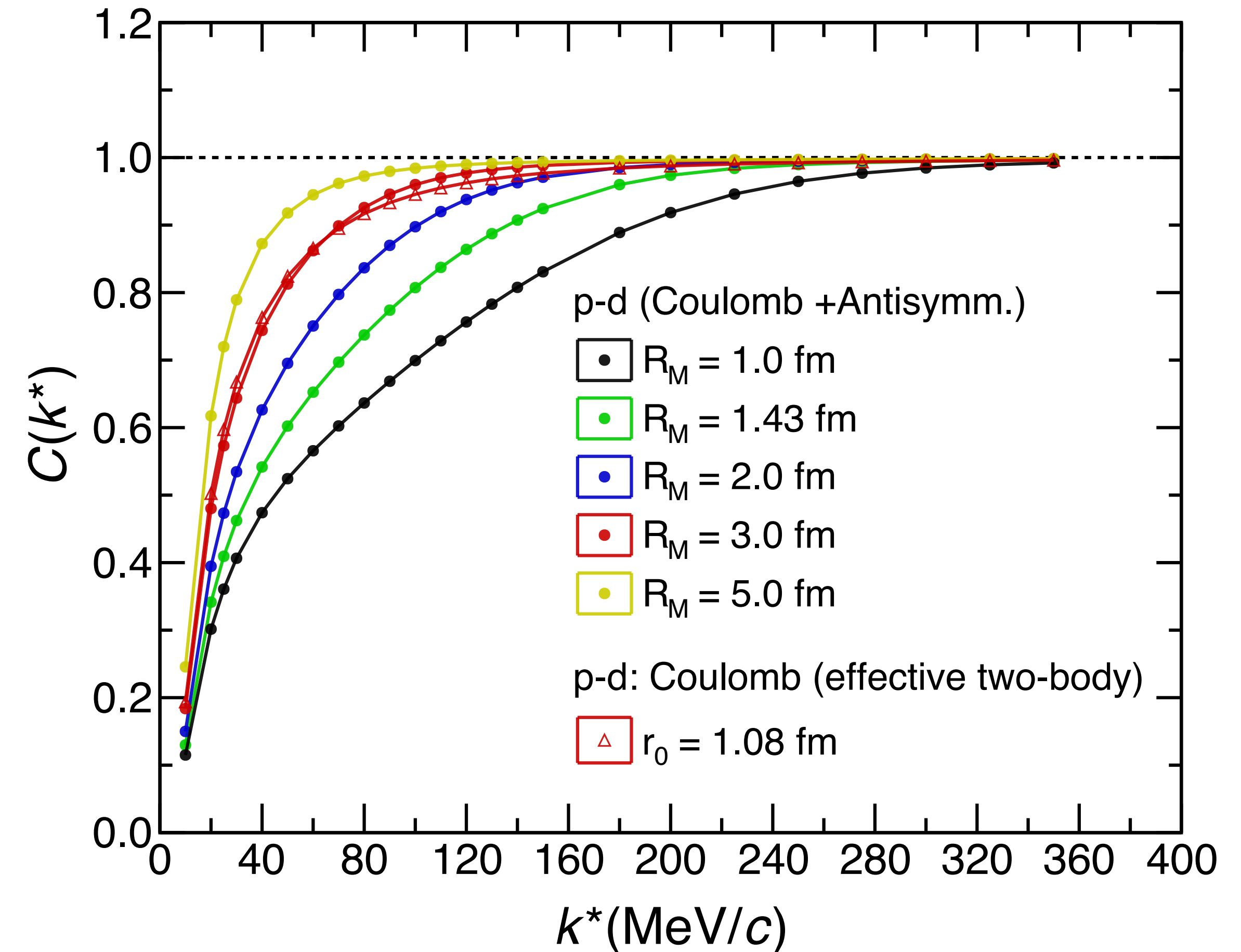
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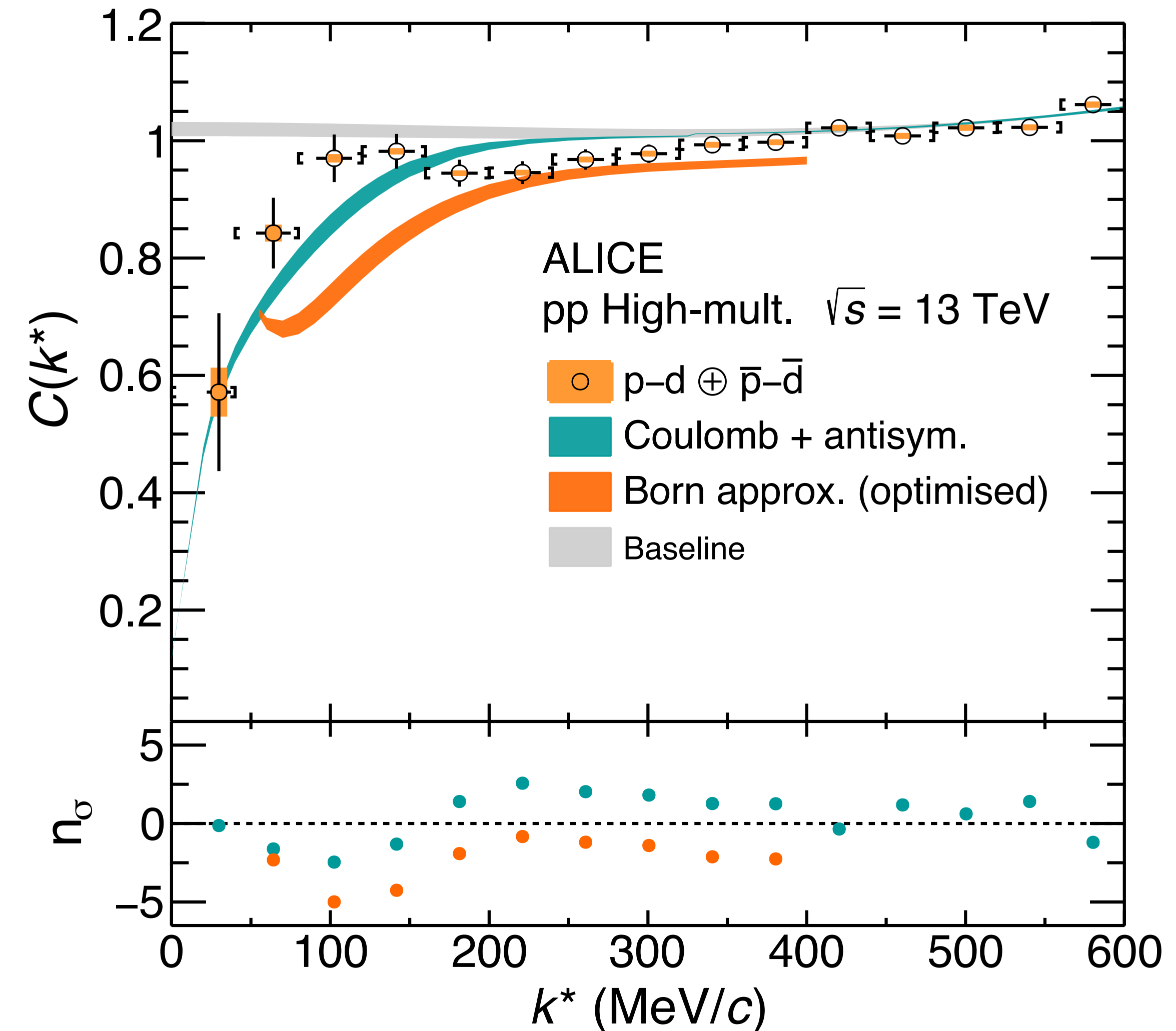
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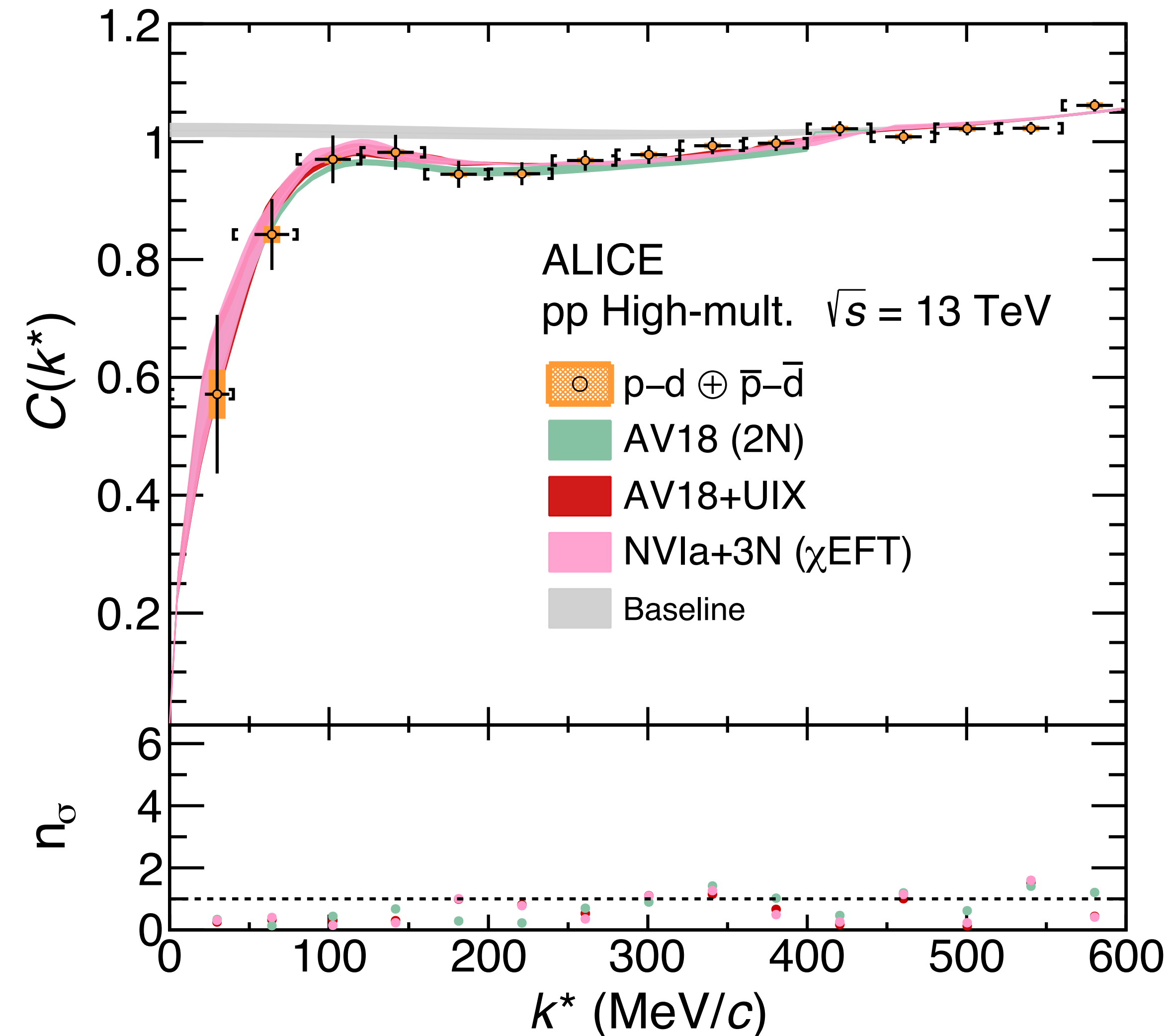
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Sensitivity to the dynamics of the three-body p–(pn) system at short distance

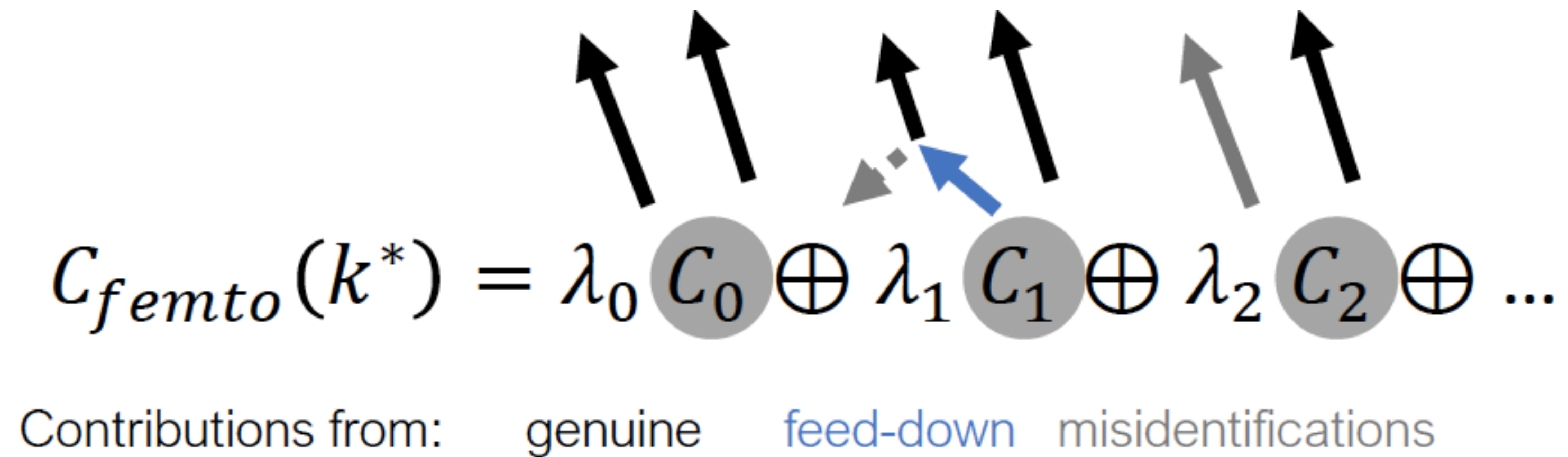


- Comparison with Chiral potentials (**Full three-body dynamics**)<sup>[1]</sup>
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  - **All partial waves upto d-waves:** describes data within  $n_\sigma \sim 1$  for  $k^*$  up to 400 MeV/c
- Calculations using chiral potential from NV1a+3N
  - **Very good agreement with AV18+UIX**
- AV18 alone: just two-body NN interaction
  - Current data cannot resolve the effect of three-body force

Both AV18+UIX and NV1a+3N calculations provide an excellent agreement with the measurement



- The femtoscopic correlation may have background/contributions from
  - Particles from weak decays
  - Particles from material knock-outs
  - Misidentifications

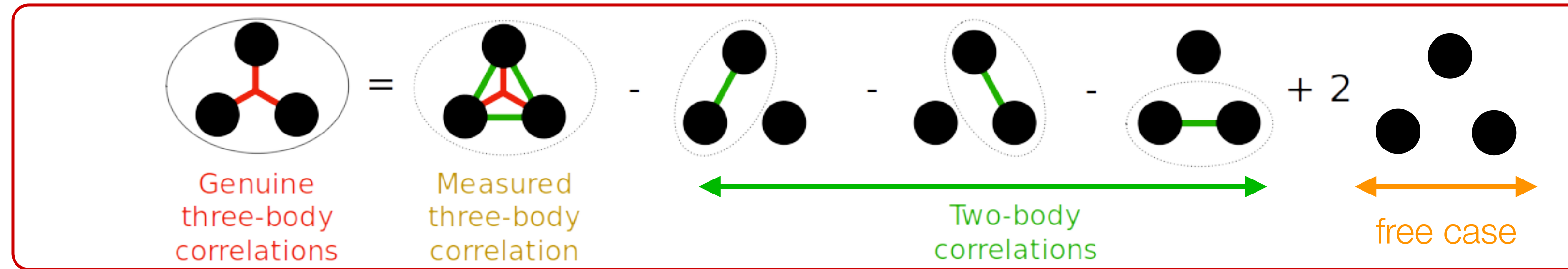

$$C_{femto}(k^*) = \lambda_0 C_0 \oplus \lambda_1 C_1 \oplus \lambda_2 C_2 \oplus \dots$$

Contributions from:    genuine    feed-down    misidentifications

- Quantification of the contributions to the pairs done by the lambda parameters  $\lambda_{ij} = \mathcal{P}_i \cdot f_i \times \mathcal{P}_j \cdot f_j$ 
  - Purity of the individual particles ( $\mathcal{P}_i$ )
  - Feed-down fractions ( $f_i$ )

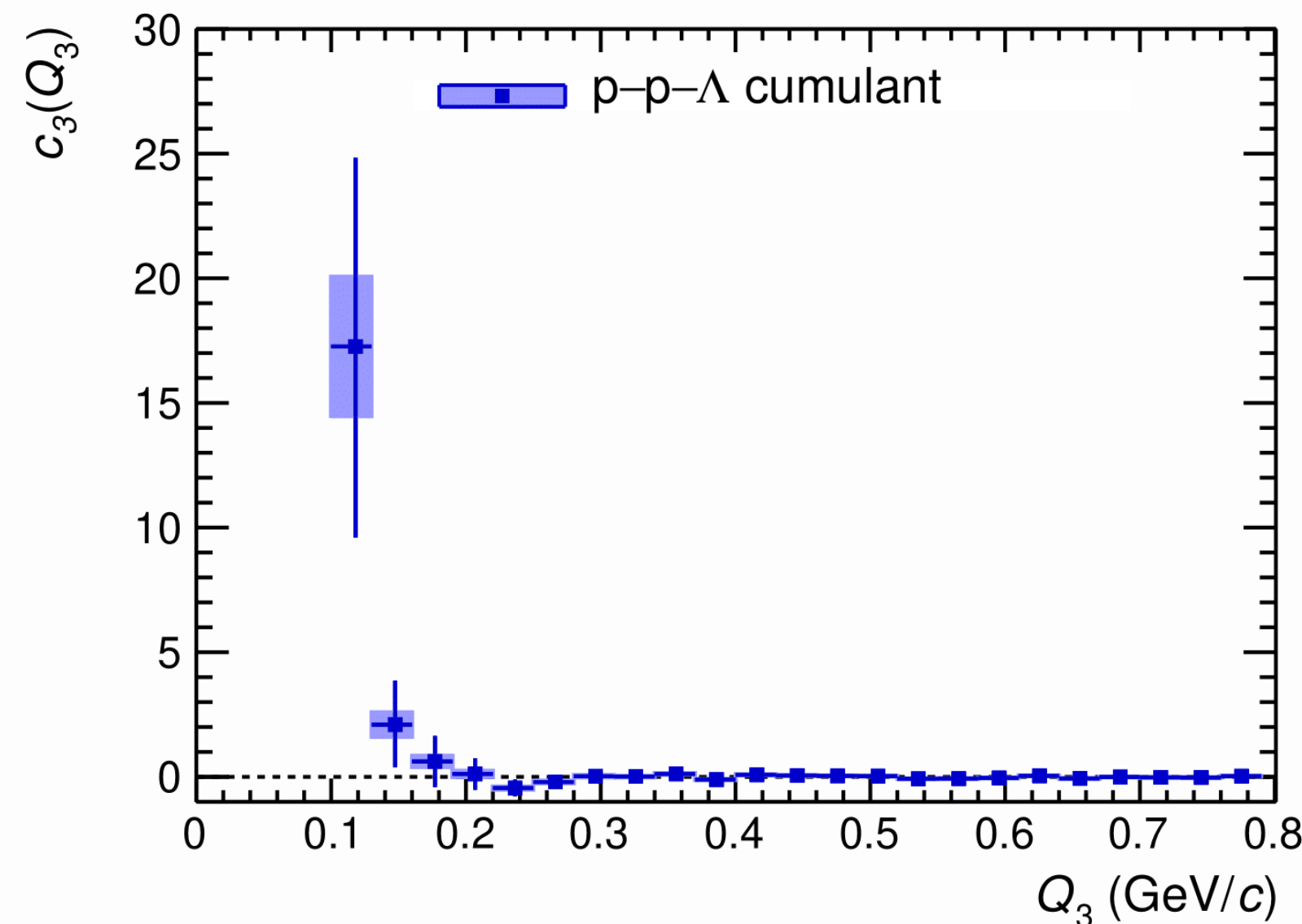
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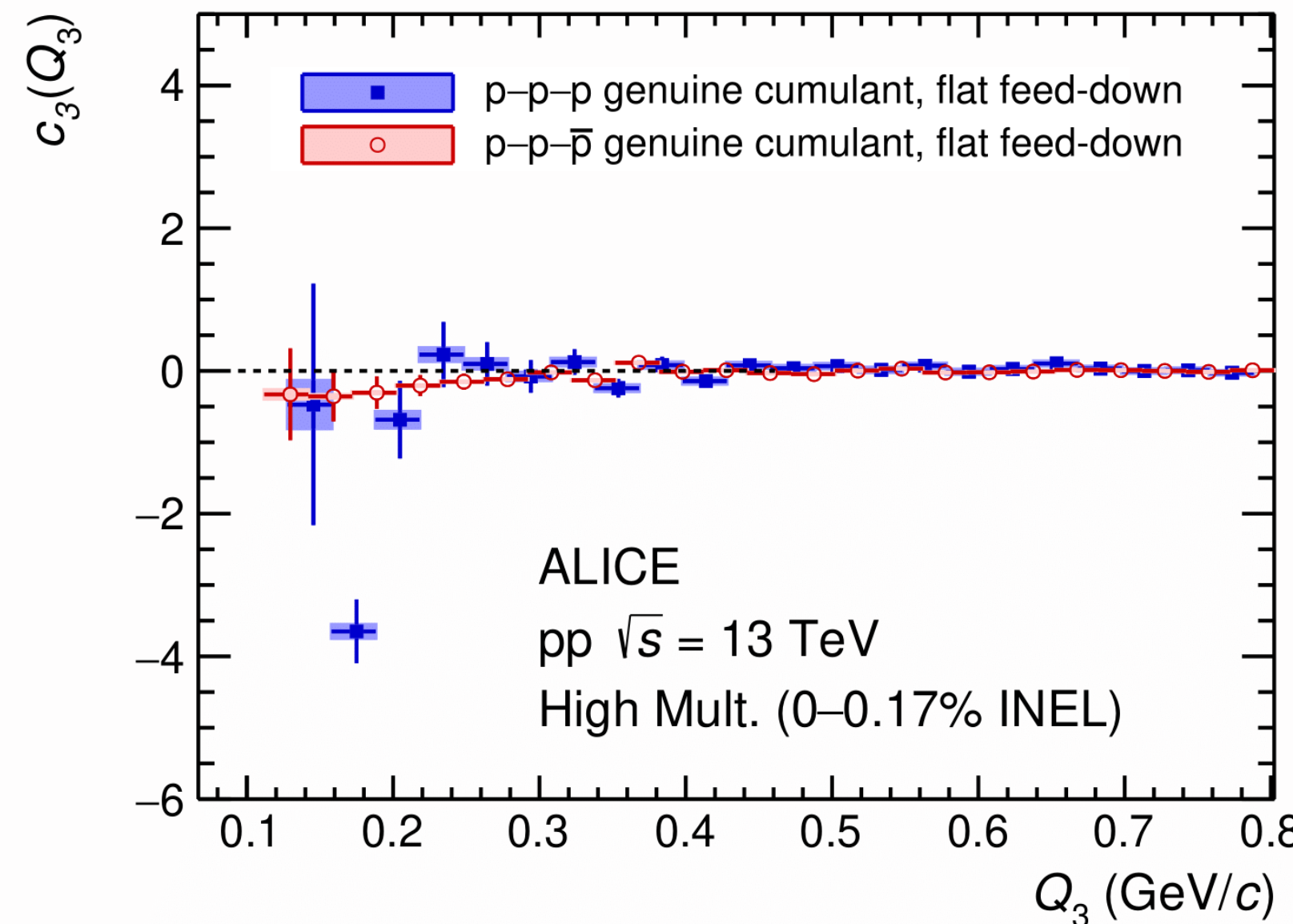


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Cumulants (Run 2)

**p-p-p and p-p- $\bar{p}$ : nonzero**

- Hint of a genuine three-body effect

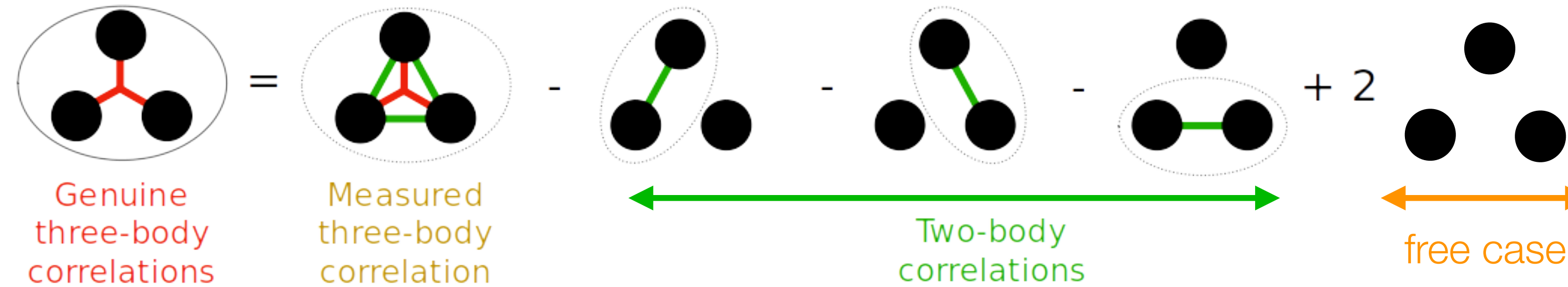
**p-p- $\Lambda$ : compatible with zero**

- Strong rise but inclusive due to lack of statistics

Need for large statistics to precisely measure the three-body effects=> Run 3 of LHC

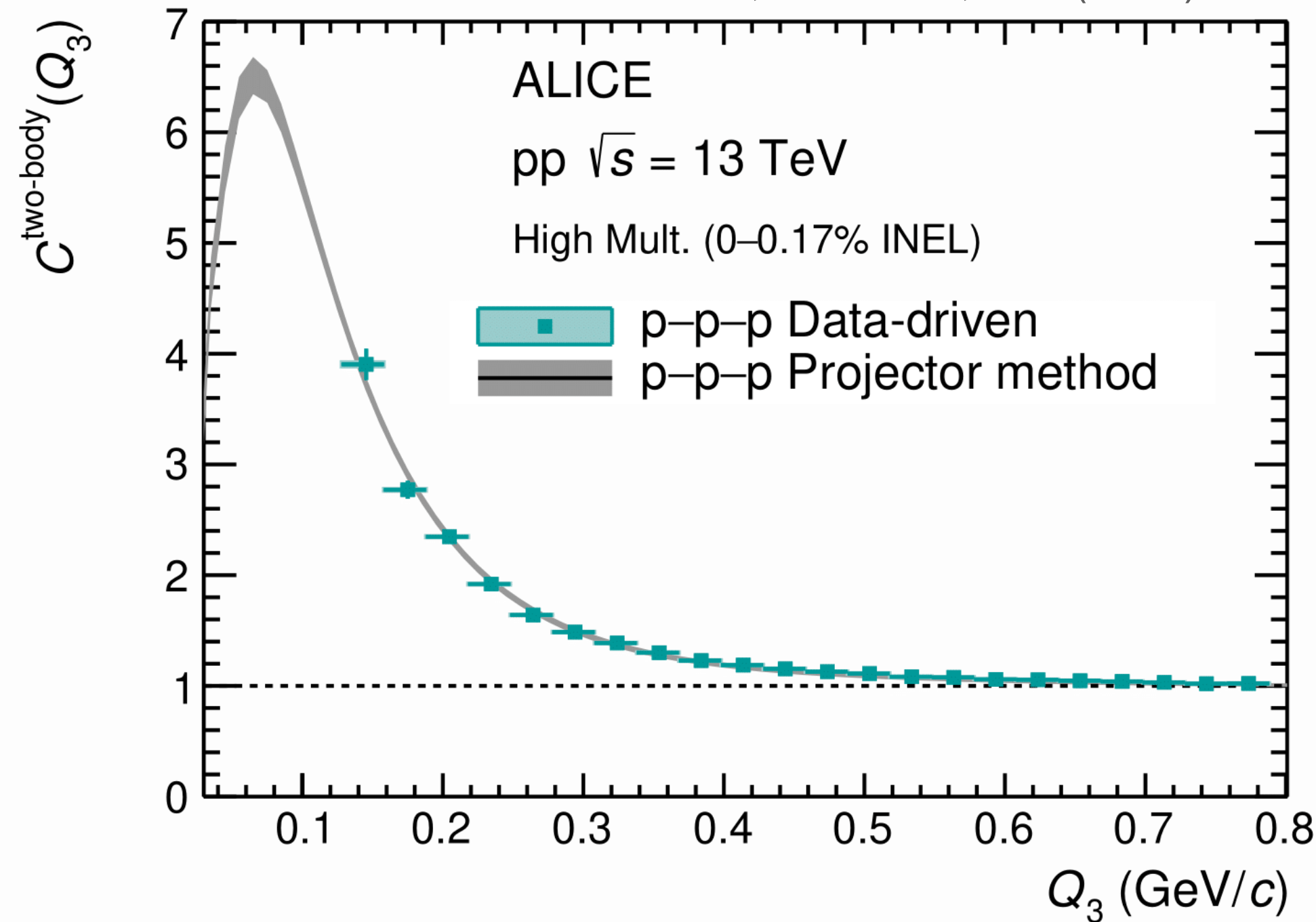
# Towards genuine three-body interaction

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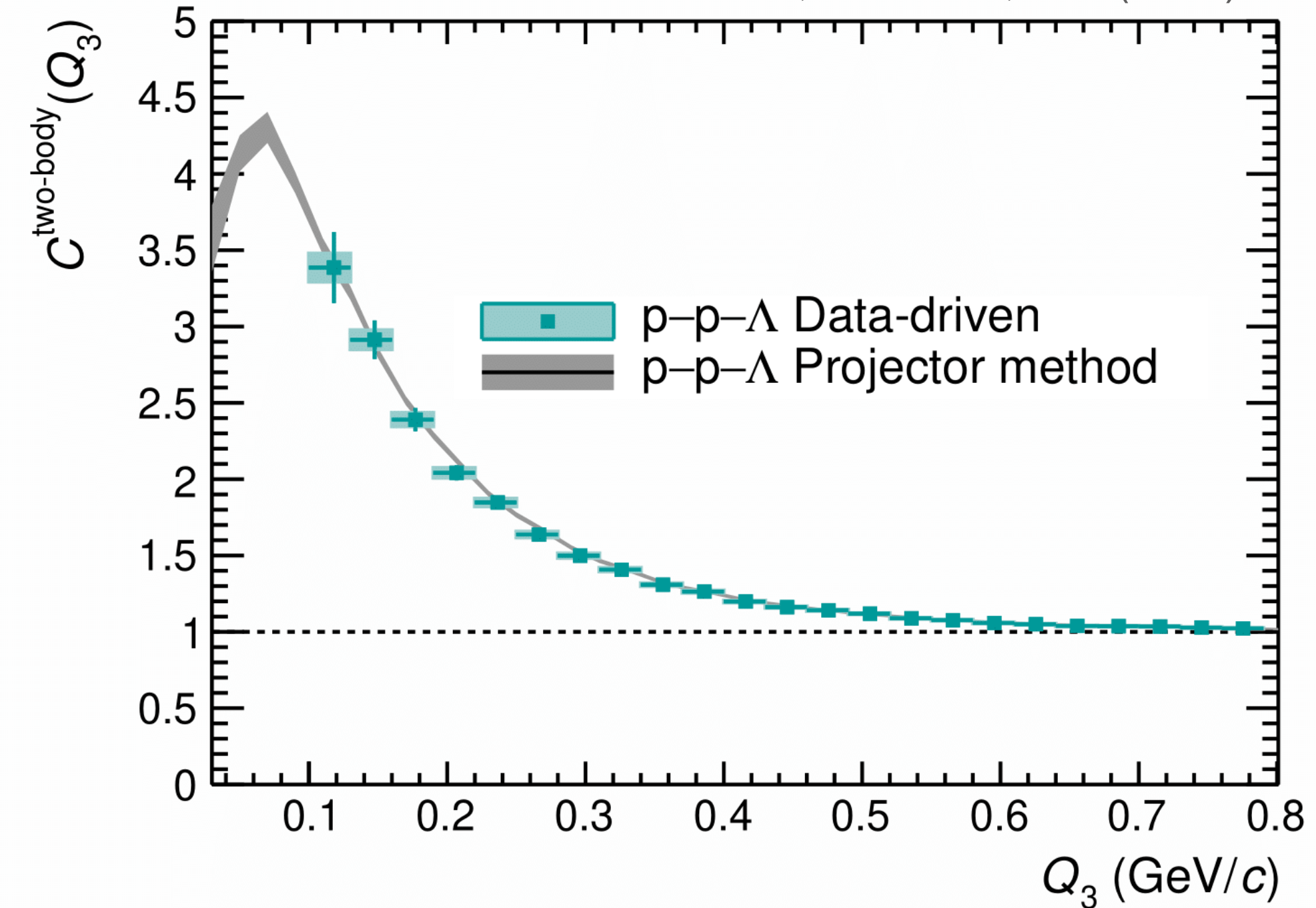
- First study underlying two body correlations with a **data-driven**<sup>2</sup> and a **phase-space projector**<sup>3</sup> methods

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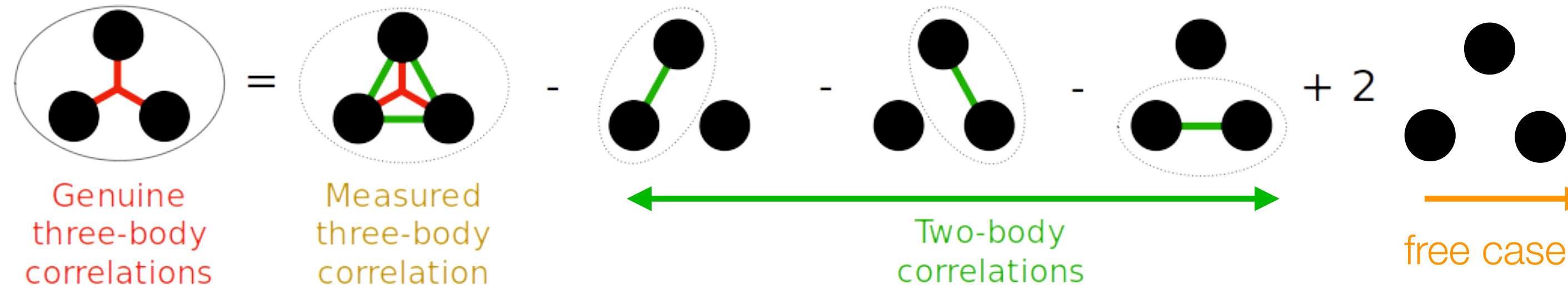
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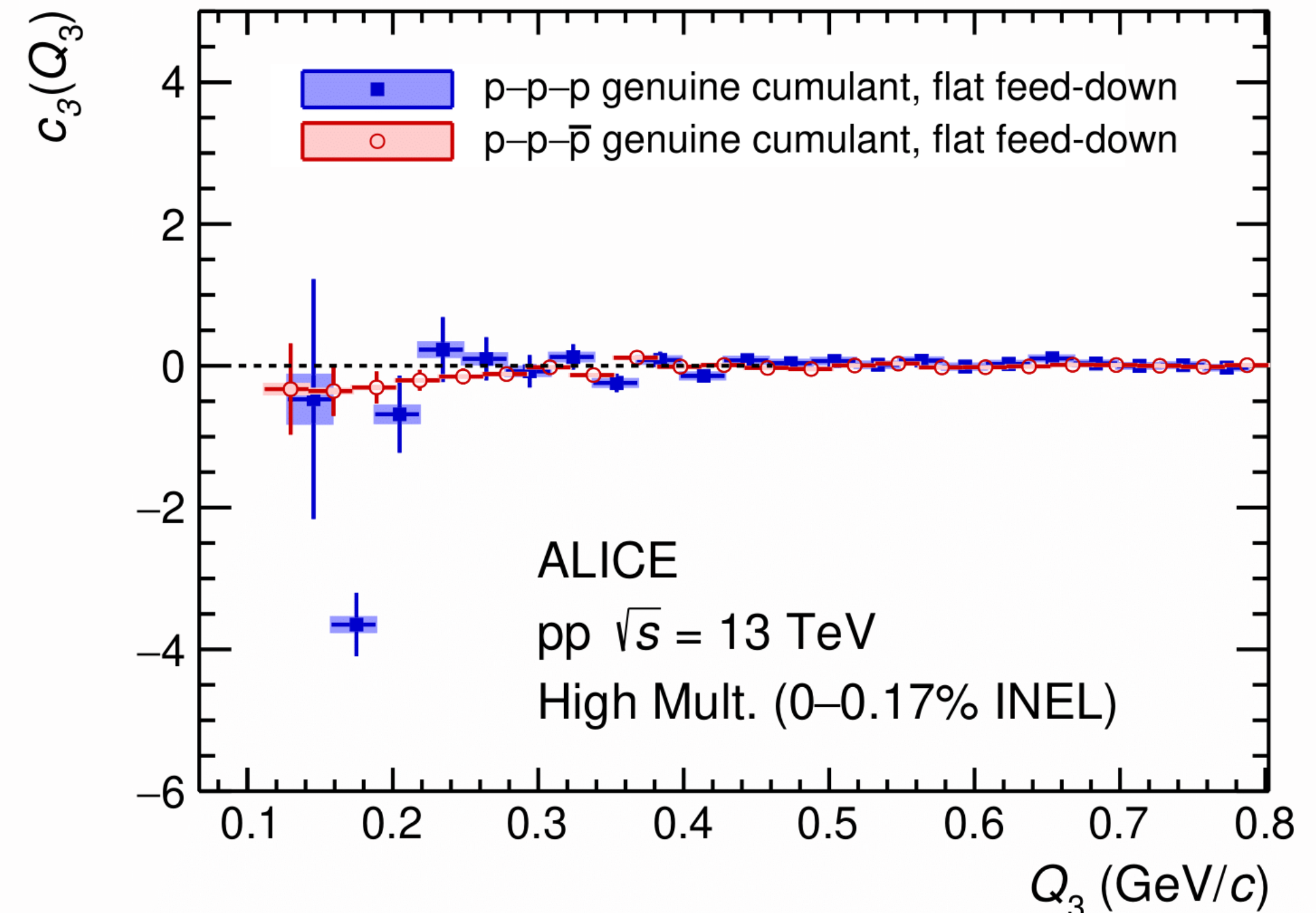
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- Negative values of p-p-p and p-p- $\bar{p}$  cumulants
  - Pauli blocking at the three-particle level
  - Three-body strong interaction

- Statistical significance:

**$n\sigma = 6.7$  for  $Q_3 < 0.4$  GeV/c**

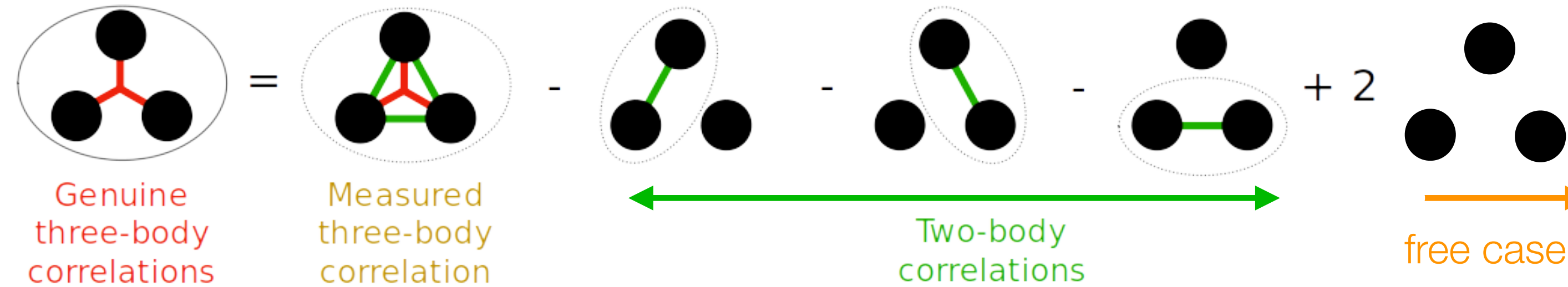


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# p-p- $\Lambda$ cumulant

Kubo's cumulant approach<sup>1</sup>



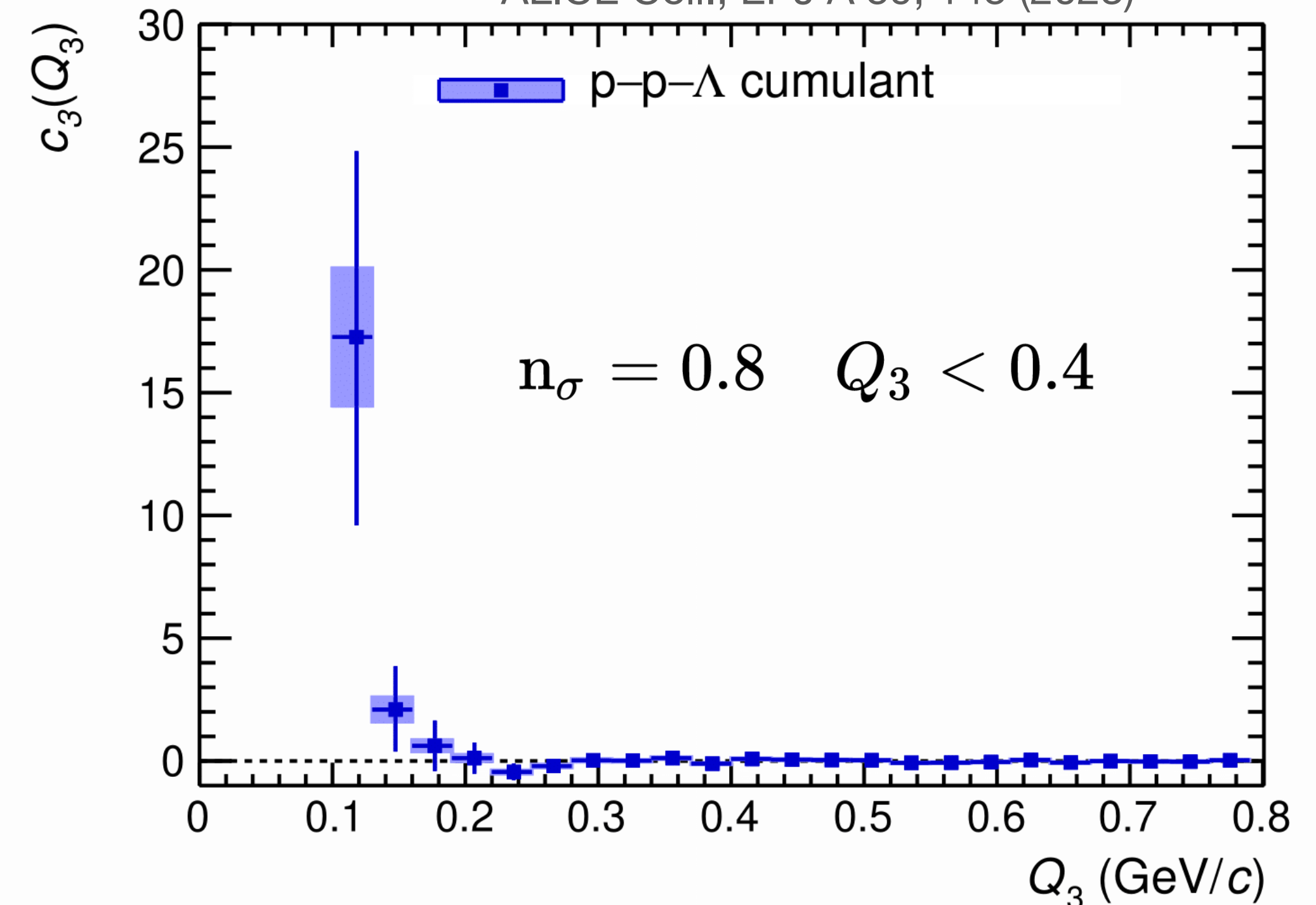
$c_3(Q_3)$  allows to isolate effects associated with the genuine three-body interactions

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- Positive p-p- $\Lambda$  cumulant
  - Two identical particle and charged particle
  - Expected dominant contribution from strong interaction

- Statistical significance:

**$n\sigma = 0.8$  for  $Q_3 < 0.4$  GeV/c**



**In Run 3, two orders of magnitude gain in statistics expected!**

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- For distinguishable particles
  - Starting from the scattering parameters  $\Rightarrow$  define the s-wave two-particle relative wave function
  - Considers Coulomb effects

- Coulomb-corrected wave function for final-state interactions in s wave:

$$\psi_{-k^*}(r^*) = e^{i\delta_c \sqrt{A_c(\eta)}} \left[ e^{-ik^*r^*} F(-i\eta, 1, i\zeta) + f_c(k^*) \frac{\tilde{G}(\rho, \eta)}{r^*} \right]$$

- $f_c$  : Coulomb normalized scattering amplitude for strong interaction
- $F(-i\eta, 1, i\zeta)$  : confluent hypergeometric function
- $\tilde{G}(\rho, \eta)$ : combination of singular and regular Coulomb function, describes asymptotic behavior of wavefunction

$\Rightarrow$  to obtain two-particle correlation: apply Koonin-Pratt formula

- **For distinguishable pointlike particles: Lednicky approach**<sup>[1]</sup>
  - Starting from the scattering parameters  $\Rightarrow$  define the s-wave two-particle relative wave function
  - Considers Coulomb effects + strong interaction (via scattering parameters)

- **p-d scattering parameters** from constrained to the p-d scattering data

$S = 1/2$		$S = 3/2$	
$a_0(\text{fm})$	$d_0(\text{fm})$	$a_0(\text{fm})$	$d_0(\text{fm})$
$1.30^{+0.20}_{-0.20}$	—	$11.40^{+1.80}_{-1.20}$	$2.05^{+0.25}_{-0.25}$
$2.73^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$	$2.27^{+0.12}_{-0.12}$	$11.88^{+0.40}_{-0.10}$	$2.63^{+0.01}_{-0.02}$
4.0	—	11.1	—
0.024	—	13.8	—
$-0.13^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$	—	$14.70^{+2.30}_{-2.30}$	—

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- **K<sup>+</sup>-d scattering parameters**

- ER (effective-range approximation):  $a_0 = -0.47 \text{ fm}$ ,  $d_0 = -1.75 \text{ fm}$ , calculated by Prof. Johann Haidenbauer, based on potential describing K<sup>+</sup>d low-energy cross-sections<sup>[2]</sup>
- FCA (fixed-center approximation):  $a_0 = -0.54 \text{ fm}$ ,  $d_0 = 0.0 \text{ fm}$ , calculated by Prof. Tetsuo Hyodo starting from Chiral model KN scattering lengths<sup>[3]</sup>

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## Time-Of-Flight detector

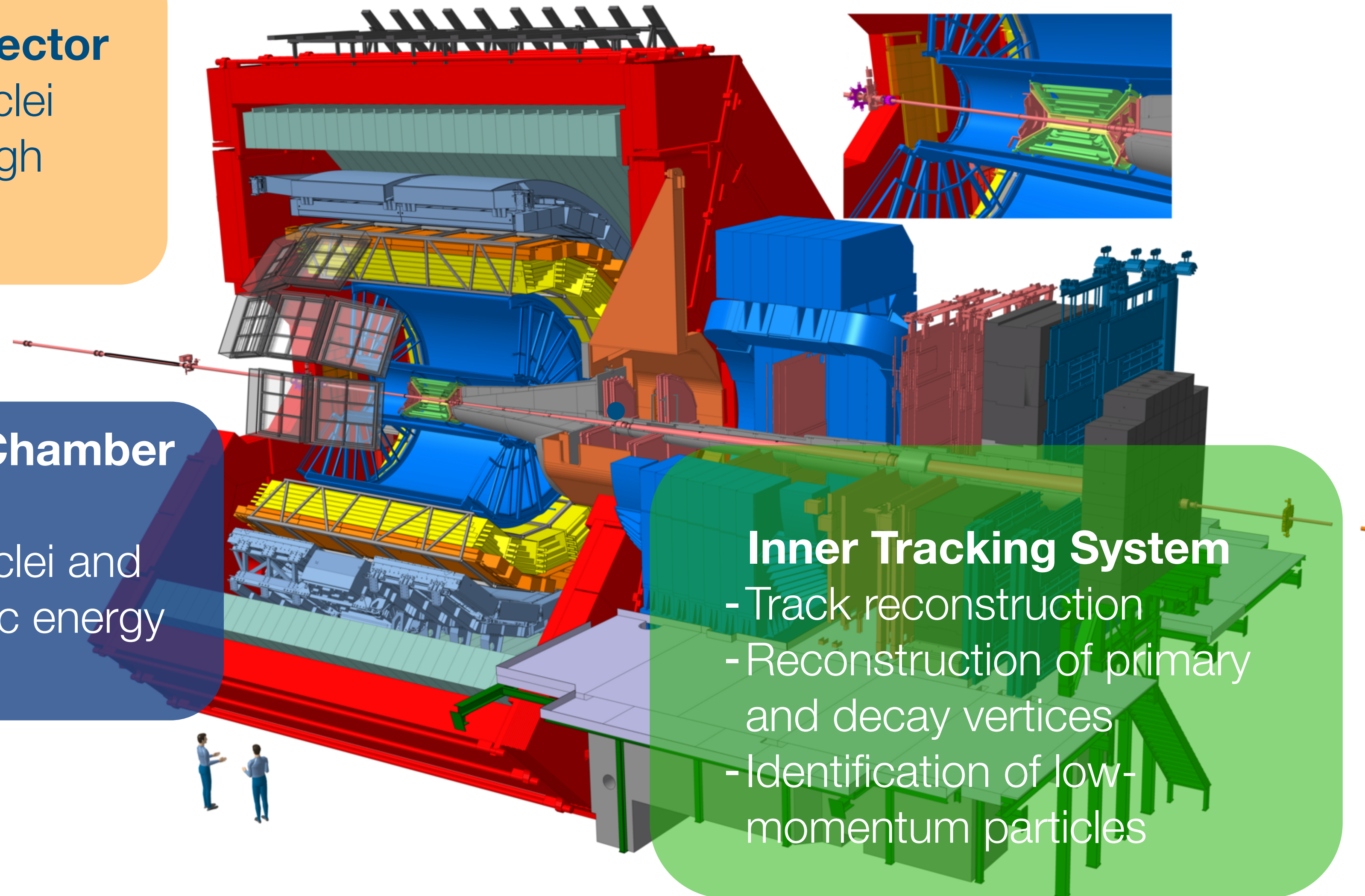
- Identification of nuclei and hadrons through their time-of-flight

## Time Projection Chamber

- Tracking
- Identification of nuclei and hadrons via specific energy loss

## Inner Tracking System

- Track reconstruction
- Reconstruction of primary and decay vertices
- Identification of low-momentum particles



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- Hadron-Deuteron Correlations and Production of Light Nuclei in Relativistic Heavy-Ion Collisions:  
[arxiv.org/abs/1904.08320](https://arxiv.org/abs/1904.08320)
  - hadron-deuteron correlation function which carries information about the source of the deuterons
  - Allows one to determine whether a deuteron is directly emitted from the fireball or if it is formed afterwards
  - Conclusion:
    - The theoretical p-d correlation function is strongly dependent on the source size

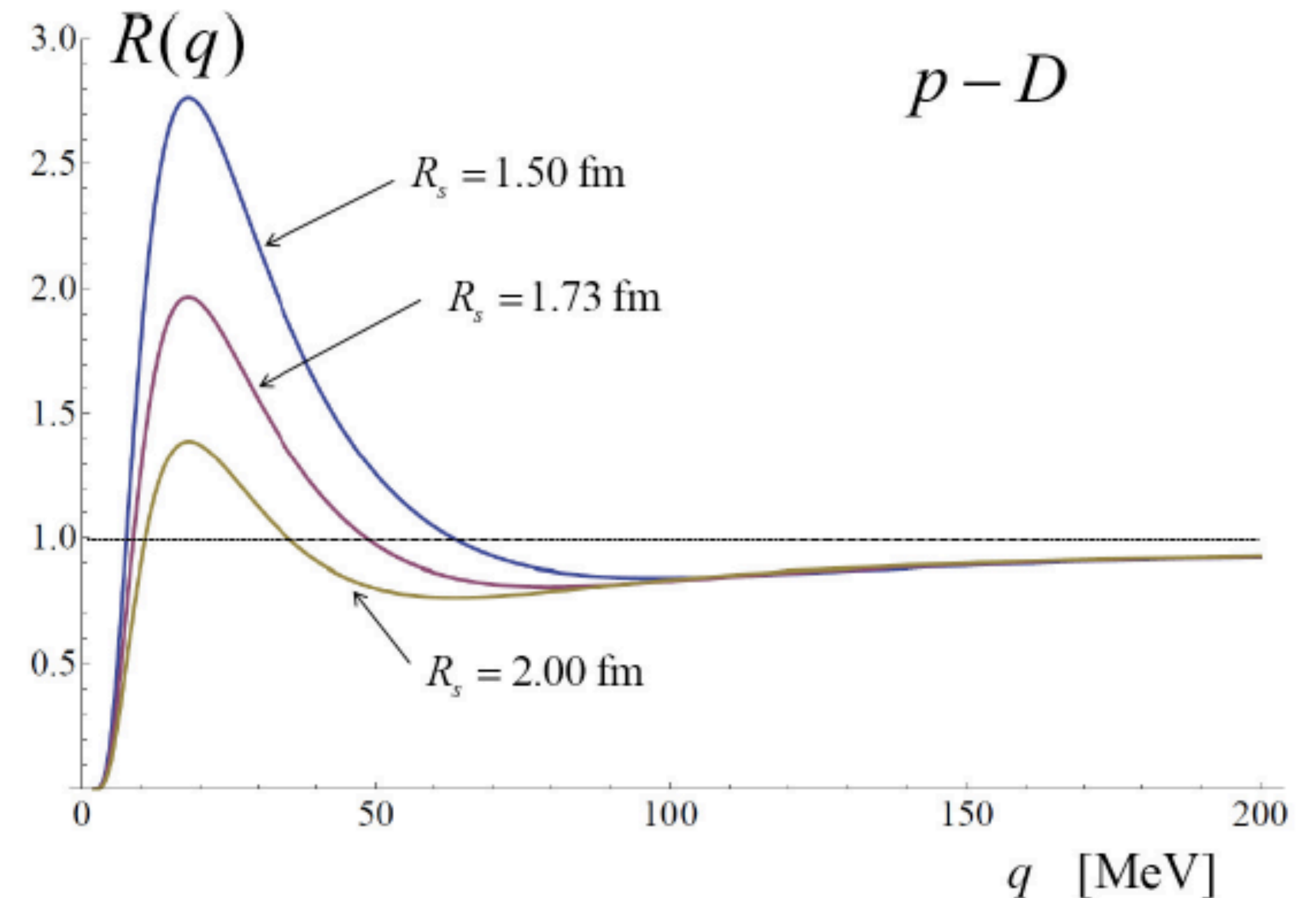
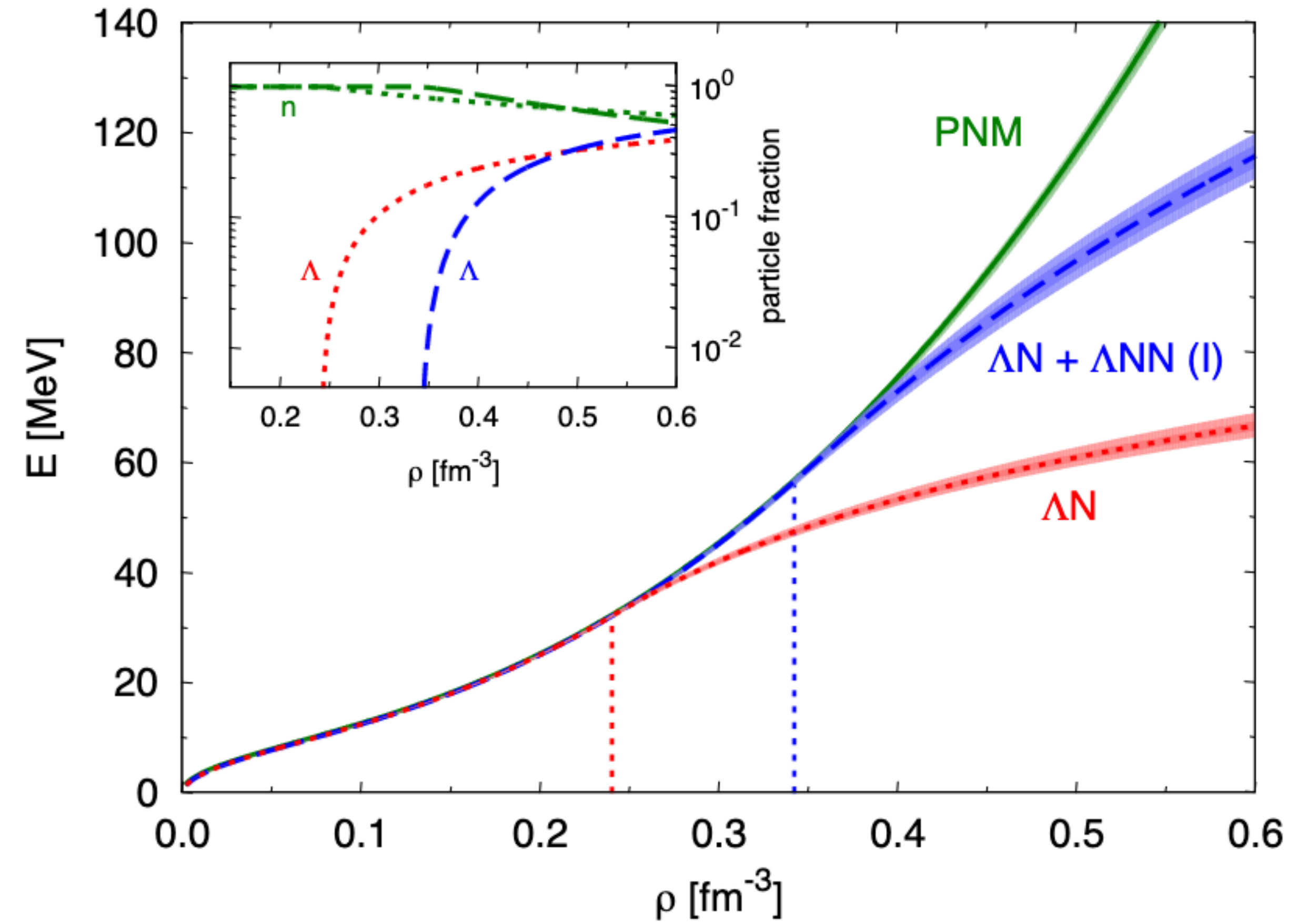
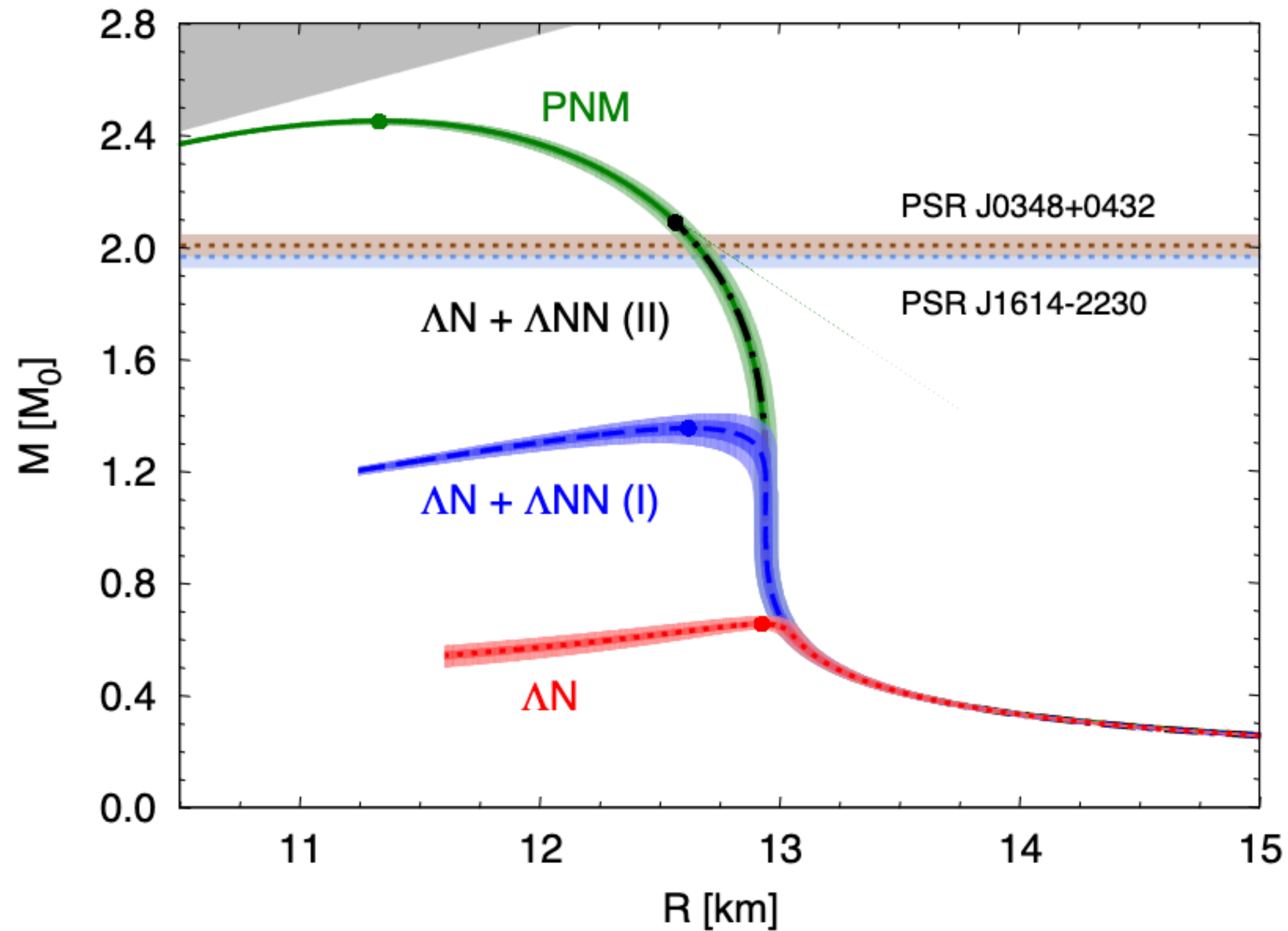


Fig. 2.  $p-D$  correlation function



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