# **Probing Short-Range Correlations of Hadrons**

# Femtoscopy Analysis of p- $\Lambda$ pairs in Ag-Ag collisions at 1.58 A GeV with HADES



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https://www.ph.nat.tum.de/denseandstrange/research/current-proj ects/yn-interaction-in-neutron-stars-from-alice-and-hades-data/

# Neutron Star and hyperon puzzle?



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- Neutron stars (NS) are the remnants of the gravitational collapse of massive stars during supernova event.
- Their masses and radii are of the order of 1 2  $M_{_{\odot}}$  and 10 12 km, respectively.
- Central densities in the range of 4 8 times the normal nuclear matter saturation density,  $\epsilon_0 \sim 2.7 \times 10^{14} \text{ g/cm}^3$  ( $\rho_0 \sim 0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ )

Best suitable theory takes hyperons into account,

- Hyperons are expected to appear in the core of NS at  $\rho \sim 2$  3  $\rho_0$
- Hyperons softens the EoS —> Reduction on maximum NS mass
- Observation of the NS with  $\rm M_{G} > 2\rm M_{S}$  is incompatible with such soft EoS
- Although the existence of hyperons is energetically favorable, their existence makes the EoS softer and is not consistent with the experimental results. This is the essence of the **hyperon puzzle**.

# why hyperons are produced



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# HADES Spectrometer

- SIS-18 beams: protons (1-4 GeV), nuclei (1-2 AGeV), pions (0.4-2 GeV/c) – secondary beam
- rare probes:(  $e^+$ ,  $e^-$ ), strangeness:  $K^{+/-,0}$ ,  $\Lambda$ ,  $\Xi^-$ ,  $\phi$
- $\Delta M/M$  2% at  $\rho / \omega$
- PID :  $\pi/p/K dE/dx$  (MDC) and TOF :  $\sigma_{tof} \sim 80$  ps (RPC)
- electrons : RICH (hadron blind)
- neutral particles: ECAL

# Geometry :

• full azimuthal, polar angles 18° - 85°





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# Particle identification



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Ag

# Selected events, Multiplicity







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# Signal Reconstruction



# Weak Decay Recognition



Schematic depiction of the Off-Vertex-Decay-Topology of  $\Lambda$  decays.

Distance of closest approach (DCA) between the daughter tracks and the primary vertex,
 → Dau1VD = > 8 mm
 → Dau2VD = > 24 mm

 DCA between reconstructed mother track and primary vertex (Mot-VD) = < 5 mm</li>

• Distance between the primary and secondary vertex (VDX) = > 65 mm

- DCA between the two daughter tracks (MTD)
   = < 6 mm</li>
- Opening angle between the two daughter tracks
   (A) = > 15 °

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# Reconstructed $\Lambda$ signal $(\pi^- + p \rightarrow \Lambda)$



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# Strategy of analysis



 $C^{ab}(P,q) = rac{\mathbb{P}(\overrightarrow{p_a},\overrightarrow{p_b})}{\mathbb{P}(\overrightarrow{p_a})\mathbb{P}(\overrightarrow{p_b})} = \int d^3r^{'} S_p(r^{'}) | \phi(q,r^{'})|^2$ 

region of homogeneity == "Source" =  $S_{p}(\mathbf{r})$ 

 Emission profile of the Ag-Ag system :
 Source function :Distribution of relative
 distance between the particle pairs (in CMS)

Use the information of point 1 to investigate particle interactions which are not well known

## Method 1 :

• Lednicky Model : Correlation formula as a function of the  $\Lambda p$  scattering length and source radii  $r_0$ .

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• Scan and extract strong interacting parameters  $(f_0, d_0)$  and source radii  $(r_0)$ .

## Method 2 :

- SMASH simulation for particle correlation
- CRAB Afterburner to account for the Final State Interaction among the emitted particles.

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 $|\phi({f q},{f r})|^2$ 

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p h



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# Result : $p - \Lambda$ correlation





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# Lednicky & Lyuboshitz (LL) analytical model



The normalized pair separation distribution (source function) **S(r\*)** is assumed to be Gaussian,

$$S(r^*) = (2\sqrt{\pi}r_0)^{-3}e^{-rac{r^{*2}}{4r_0^2}},$$

Ref : Lednicky, Richard & Lyuboshits, V.L.. (1982). Effect of the final-state interaction on pairing correlations of particles with small relative momenta. Sov. J. Nucl. Phys. (Engl. Transl.); (United States). 35:5.

The correlated function can be calculated analytically by averaging  $\Psi^s$  over the total spin S and the distribution of the relative distances **S(r\*)** 

$$C(k^*) = 1 + \sum_S 
ho_s [rac{1}{2} |rac{f^S(k^*)}{r_0}|^2 ig(1 - rac{d_0^S}{2\sqrt{\pi}r_0}ig) + rac{2\mathbb{R}f^S(k^*)}{\sqrt{\pi}r_0}F_1(Qr_0) - rac{\Im f^S(k^*)}{r_0}F_2(Qr_0)]$$

with 
$$F_1(z) = \int_0^z dx e^{x^2-z^2}/z$$
 and  $F_2(z) = (1-e^{-z^2})/z$ 

Decomposition for spin channels :

$$C(k^*) = rac{1}{4}(1 + \lambda C(k^*, s = 0)) + rac{3}{4}(1 + \lambda C(k^*, s = 1))$$

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# Parameters : f<sub>0s</sub>,d<sub>0s</sub>,f<sub>0t</sub>,d<sub>0t</sub>

| Model      |           | $f_0^{S=0}$ (fm) | $f_0^{S=1}$ (fm) | $d_0^{S=0}$ (fm) | $d_0^{S=1}$ (fm) | n <sub>σ</sub> |
|------------|-----------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| ND [77]    |           | 1.77             | 2.06             | 3.78             | 3.18             | 1.1            |
| NF [78]    |           | 2.18             | 1.93             | 3.19             | 3.358            | 1.1            |
| NSC89 [79] |           | 2.73             | 1.48             | 2.87             | 3.04             | 0.9            |
| NSC97 [80] | a         | 0.71             | 2.18             | 5.86             | 2.76             | 1.0            |
|            | b         | 0.9              | 2.13             | 4.92             | 2.84             | 1.0            |
|            | с         | 1.2              | 2.08             | 4.11             | 2.92             | 1.0            |
|            | d         | 1.71             | 1.95             | 3.46             | 3.08             | 1.0            |
|            | e         | 2.1              | 1.86             | 3.19             | 3.19             | 1.1            |
|            | f         | 2.51             | 1.75             | 3.03             | 3.32             | 1.0            |
| ESC08 [81] |           | 2.7              | 1.65             | 2.97             | 3.63             | 0.9            |
| χEFT       | LO [25]   | 1.91             | 1.23             | 1.4              | 2.13             | 1.8            |
|            | NLO [26]  | 2.91             | 1.54             | 2.78             | 2.72             | 1.5            |
| Jülich     | A [82]    | 1.56             | 1.59             | 1.43             | 3.16             | 1.0            |
|            | J04 [83]  | 2.56             | 1.66             | 2.75             | 2.93             | 1.4            |
|            | J04c [83] | 2.66             | 1.57             | 2.67             | 3.08             | 1.1            |

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parameter scan boundaries :  $f_0$  [0.01, 5.0],  $d_{0s}$  [0.01, 2.0] and  $d_{0t}$  [0.01, 5.0]

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| Parameters      | p-Nb (LO) | p-Nb<br>(NLO)   |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| f <sub>0s</sub> | 1.91 fm   | 2.91 fm         |
| d <sub>0s</sub> | 1.40 fm   | 2.78 fm         |
| f <sub>0t</sub> | 1.23 fm   | 1.54fm          |
| d <sub>0t</sub> | 2.13 fm   | 2.72fm          |
| r <sub>o</sub>  | 1.71±0.10 | $1.62 \pm 0.02$ |

**HADES** results



Set parameters loop  $\mathbf{\lambda}, \mathbf{r}_0, \mathbf{f}_{0s}, \mathbf{d}_{0s}, \mathbf{f}_{0t}, \mathbf{d}_{0t}$ 

Lednicky & Lyuboshitz analytical model





Experimental correlation function



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# How do we formulate this model?



Principle ways of generate the theoretical correlation function.

1. The Lednicky-Luboshitz semi-analytical model (utilized in CorrfitCumac codes) provides an immediate correlation function value but may be computationally intensive due to integral calculations.

2. The first fitter employs ROOT minimizers, offering precise statistical uncertainty estimation, but it operates on "continuous" maps with limited control over parameter steps.

3. The second fitter, Hal:Minimizer, accommodates "non-continuous" functions, allowing parameters to change in discrete steps. However, it provides only approximate uncertainty estimates.



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# $f_{0s}$ , $d_{0s}$ , $f_{0t}$ and $d_{0t}$ parameters : $\chi^2$ value





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# 1. $\lambda$ and R [fm] parameters : $\chi^2$ value 2. Fitted spectra with extracted parameters



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# Parameters scan and Plot : r<sub>0</sub> vs A <sup>1/3</sup>



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# Result : p - Λ correlation : centrality classes: 0-10%, 10-20%, 20-30%



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# Result : p - Λ correlation : kT bins : 0-400, 400-800, 800-1200 [MeV/c]





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# Resolution effects



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# Summary

- 1. The correlation signals in Ag-Ag collision is extracted :  $p-\Lambda$ ,  $\checkmark$
- 2. Resolution effects ( $\theta$ ,  $\phi$ , p) studies are performed, fits are available for MC  $\checkmark$
- 3. Systematics studies are performed ✓
- 4. Detector effects, purity determination and model interference are studied

## 2nd stage : (towards strong parameters)

- 5. Use Lednicky and Lyuboshitz (LL) analytical model
  - source radii (R), 🗸

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- extract strong interaction parameters
- Uncertainties  $\checkmark$  ( $\chi^2$  method done  $\checkmark$ , ALICE bootstrap technique under progress .....)
- 6. adding proton and lambda resolution resolution to smash model with LL weights
- 7. Few cross-checks needed to lock obtain parameters : resolution ✓, check mT / pT ✓ scaling, rechecks centrality results, acceptance check. *Results will be ready for publication (Stay tuned)*

## What's next? (new ideas to explore)

- 8. physics behind heavier hydrogen (deuteron) interaction with lambda  $(d-\Lambda)$  will be interesting.
- 9. also opportunity to work with new HADES (p-p collision)- data for femtoscopy studies......









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# Result : STAR and LHC data



RHIC : Au+Au @ 200 GeV and STAR : LHC Pb+Pb @ 2.76 TeV : Testing fitting procedure



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#### Armenteros-Podolanski plots Geometrical definition of the vsArmenteros-Podolanski variables Example : $\Lambda \rightarrow p + \pi^{-}$ lai []120 Lange Me//c] Lange Me//c] []120 []120 []120 []120 []120 []120 []120 []120 []120 []120 []120 []120 45 50 62147 Entries 40 0.6719 Mean x 40 35 Mean y 88.79 80 80 - 30 30 25 60 60 20 20 40 Entries 62147 40 15 Mean x 0.6513 Simulation 10 20 Mean y 89.57 0.2 0.3 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 α α **HADES**: Additional boost to daughter particles Corrected TVector3 beta (0., 0., 0.99); Low energies ZIMÁNYI SCHOOL 2023 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023

# Proton resolution





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# Lambda resolution





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Experimental raw spectra
 Model effect
 Detector effects + model
 Exp + corrected (detector+model)
 Exp + corrected + purity : final spectra







# Armenteros-Podolanski plots



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# $\Delta \theta$ vs $\Delta \phi$ distribution



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$$C(k^*) = \left\langle \left| \Psi^{S}_{-\mathbf{k}^*}(\mathbf{r}^*) \right|^2 \right\rangle,$$

where the wave function  $\Psi^s$  represents the approximate stationary solution of the scattering problem

 $\Psi_{-\mathbf{k}^*}^S(\mathbf{r}^*) = e^{-i\mathbf{k}^*\cdot\mathbf{r}^*} + \frac{f^S(k^*)}{r^*}e^{ik^*\cdot r^*}.$ 

The effective range approximation for the scattering amplitude is

$$f^{S}(k^{*}) = \left(\frac{1}{f_{0}^{S}} + \frac{1}{2}d_{0}^{S}k^{*2} - ik^{*}\right)^{-1},$$

where  $f_0^{S}$  is the scattering length and  $d_0^{S}$  is the effective radius for a given total spin S = 1 or S = 0. The particle is assumed to be unpolarized (the polarization P = 0): singlet state  $\rho_0 = \frac{1}{4} (1 - P^2)$  and triplet state  $\rho_1 = \frac{3}{4} (1 - P^2)$ .

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# Energy-loss correction



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# Systematics check (few of them)





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