



p-φ Correlation and Interaction Using a Dynamical Model

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1. Femtoscopy: Phenomenological way to study low-energy hadron interactions in high-energy nuclear collisions

Correlation Function (CF)

$$C(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{0}) := \frac{N_{\text{pair}}(\mathbf{p}_a, \mathbf{p}_b)}{N_a(\mathbf{p}_a) N_b(\mathbf{p}_b)}$$

\mathbf{q} : Relative momentum, \mathbf{P} : Total momentum

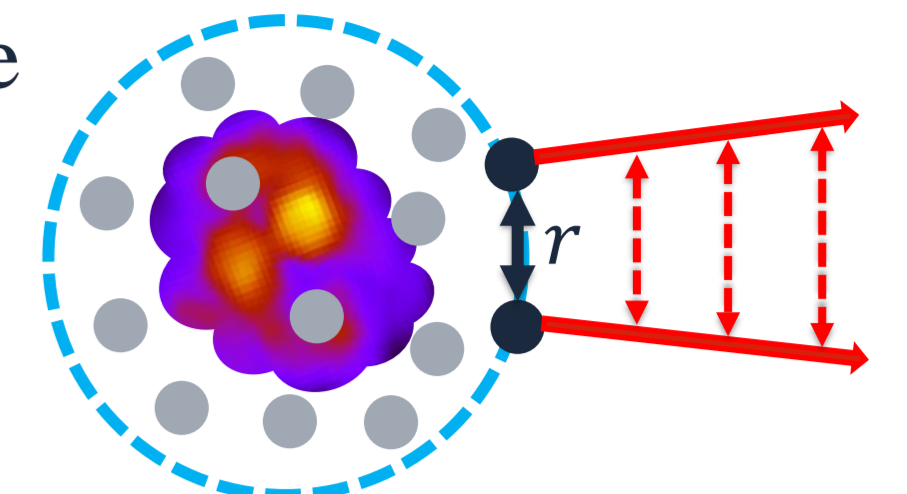
Correlation = Deviation of $C(\mathbf{q})$ from 1

Koonin-Pratt (KP) formula

S. E. Koonin, PLB 70, 43 (1977); S. Pratt, PRD 33, 1314(1986)

Settings: non-identical pairs, only s-wave scatt. w/o Coulomb, spherical source

$$C(q) = 1 + \int_0^\infty dr \frac{4\pi r^2 S(q; r)}{\text{Source Func. (SF) with Jacobian}} \left\{ |\varphi_0(q; r)|^2 - [j_0(qr)]^2 \right\} \frac{\text{Weight Func. (WF)}}{\text{Increase/Decrease of w.f. by interaction}}$$

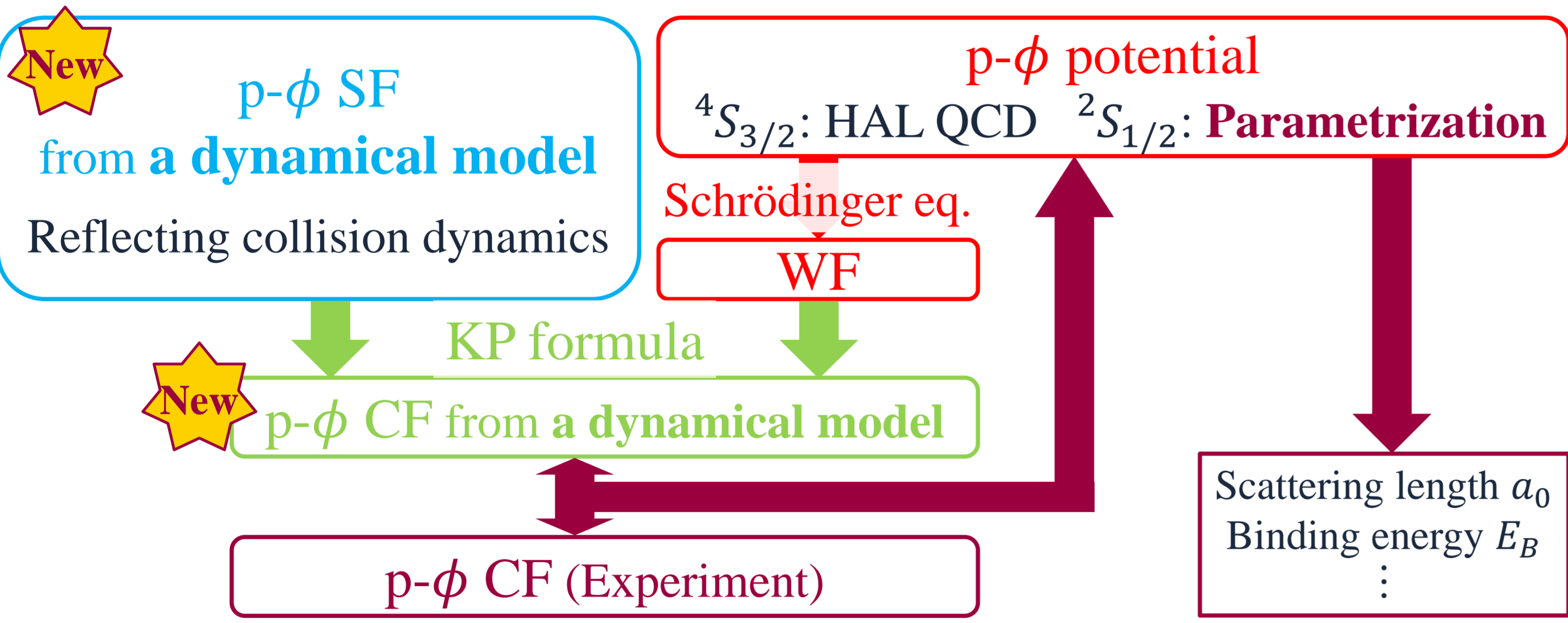


φ_0 : s-wave wave func.
 j_0 : Spherical Bessel func.

Correlation = How much SF "picks up" WF

From experimental hadron correlation function, input: source function → output: hadron interaction

2. Overview of This Study



4. Potential and Weight Function

$^4S_{3/2}$: HAL QCD

Y. Lyu *et al.*, PRD 106, 074507 (2022)

Attraction w/o bound states → Enhancement of WF

$^2S_{1/2}$: Parametrization

E. Chizzali *et al.*, PLB 848, 138358 (2023)

Channel-couplings are neglected for simplicity

$$V^{(1/2)}(r) = \beta \left[a_1 e^{-(r/b_1)^2} + a_2 e^{-(r/b_2)^2} \right] + a_3 m_\pi^4 f(r; b_3) \frac{e^{-2m_\pi r}}{r^2}$$

Short-range interaction

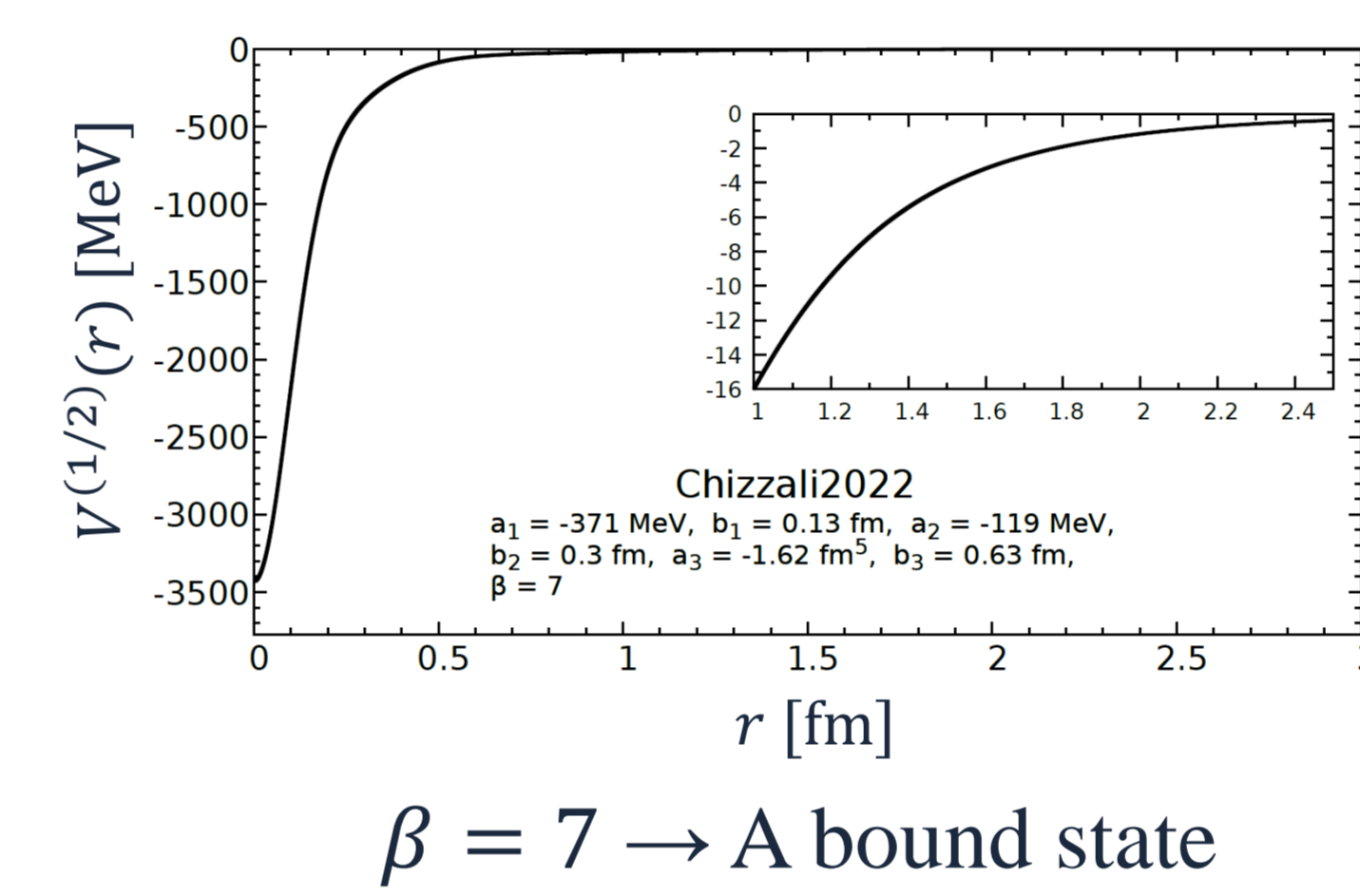
TPE

Only one adjustable parameter

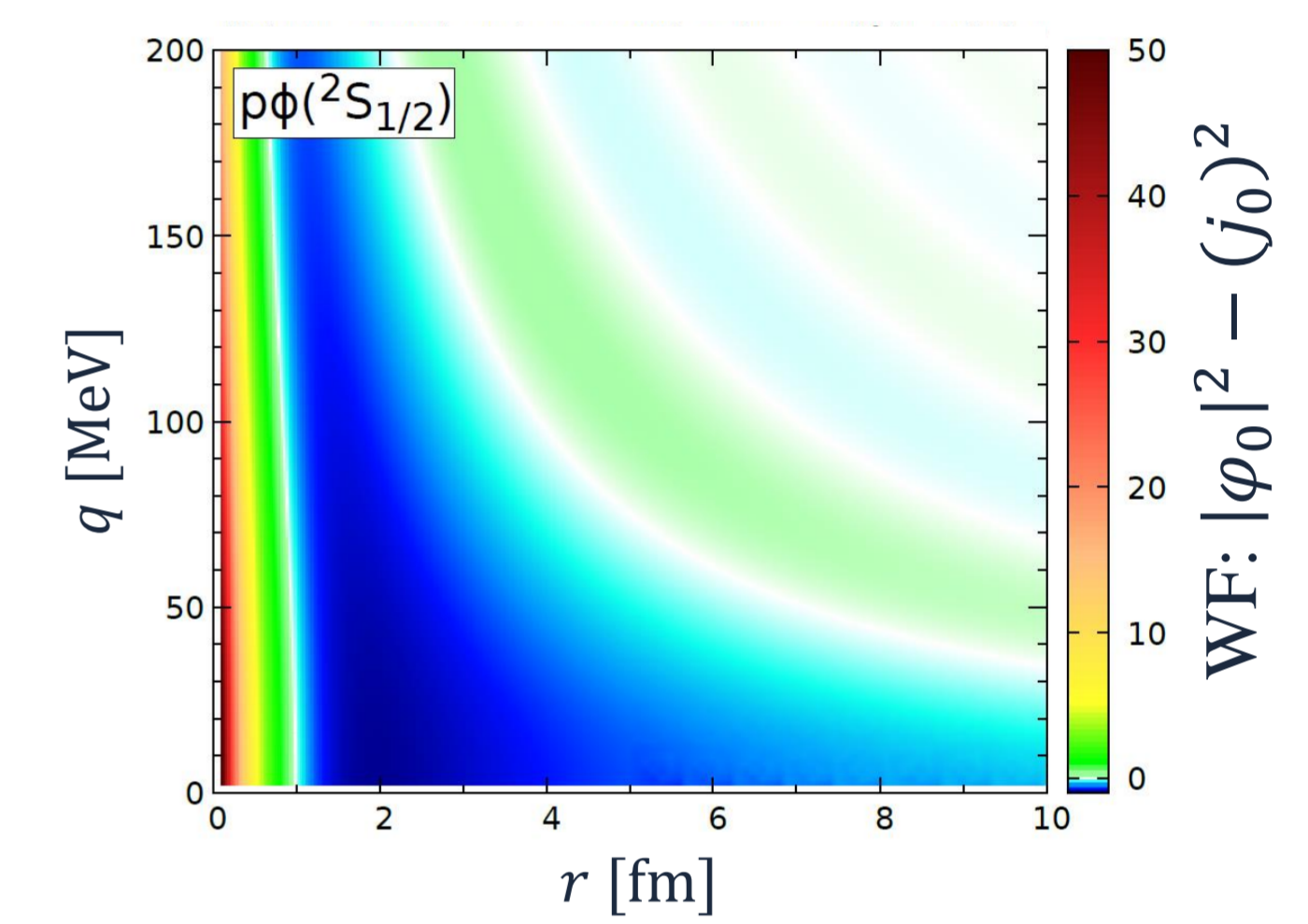
β (default: $\beta = 7$)

Argonne-type FF:

$$f(r; b_3) = \left[1 - e^{-(r/b_3)^2} \right]^2$$



$\beta = 7 \rightarrow$ A bound state

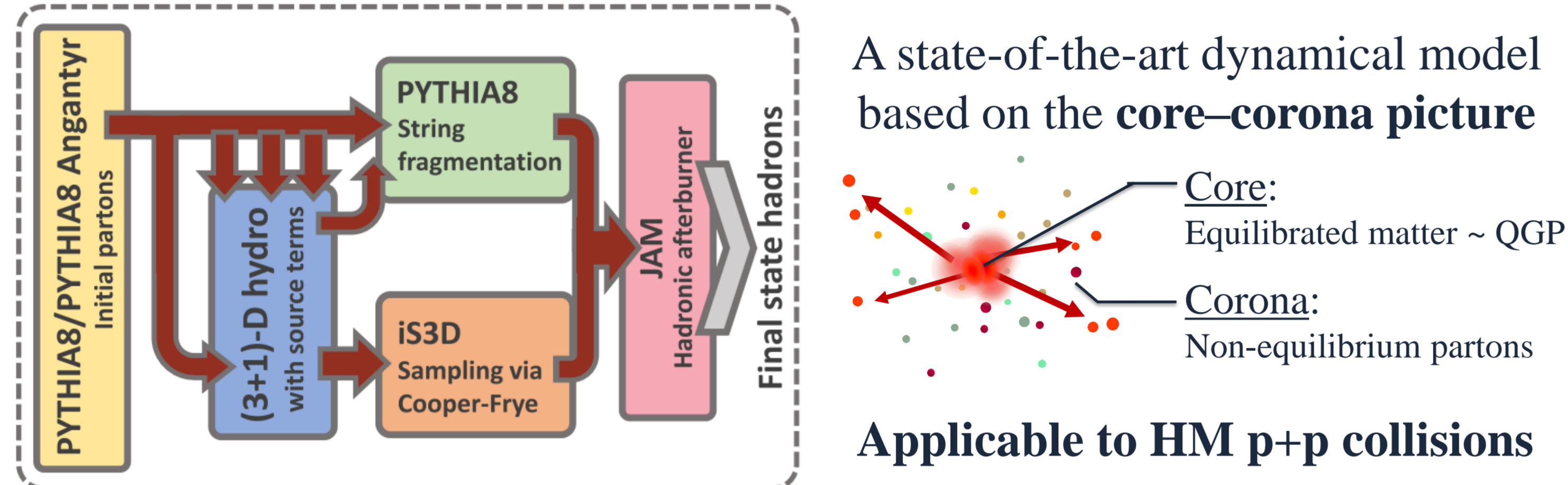


➤ Strong enhancement of WF at small qr

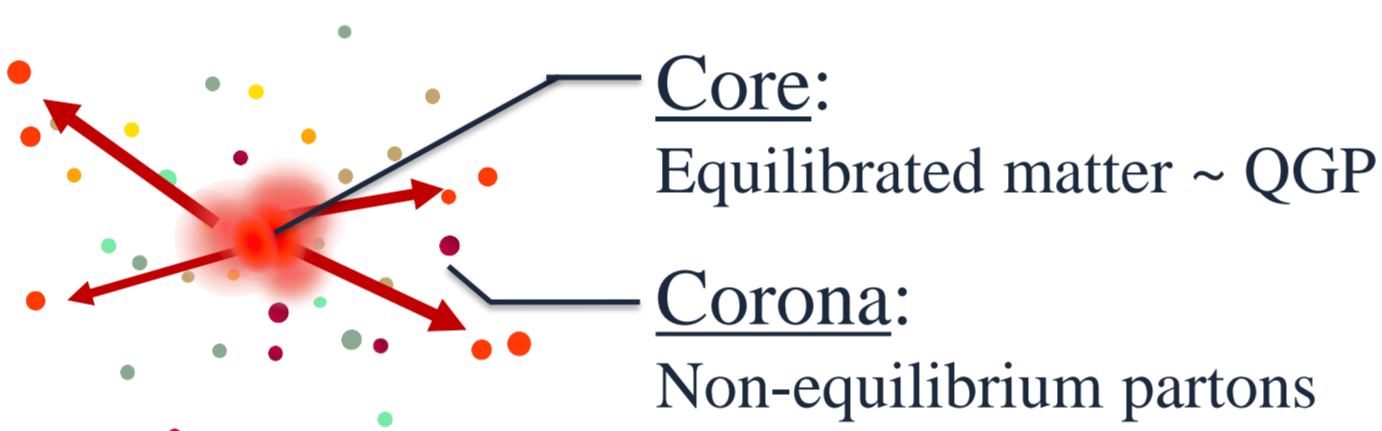
➤ "Negative valley" of WF around $a_0 \leftarrow$ Node of φ_0 due to a bound state

3. Source Function from DCCI2

Y. Kanakubo, Y. Tachibana, and T. Hirano, PRC 105, 024905 (2022)

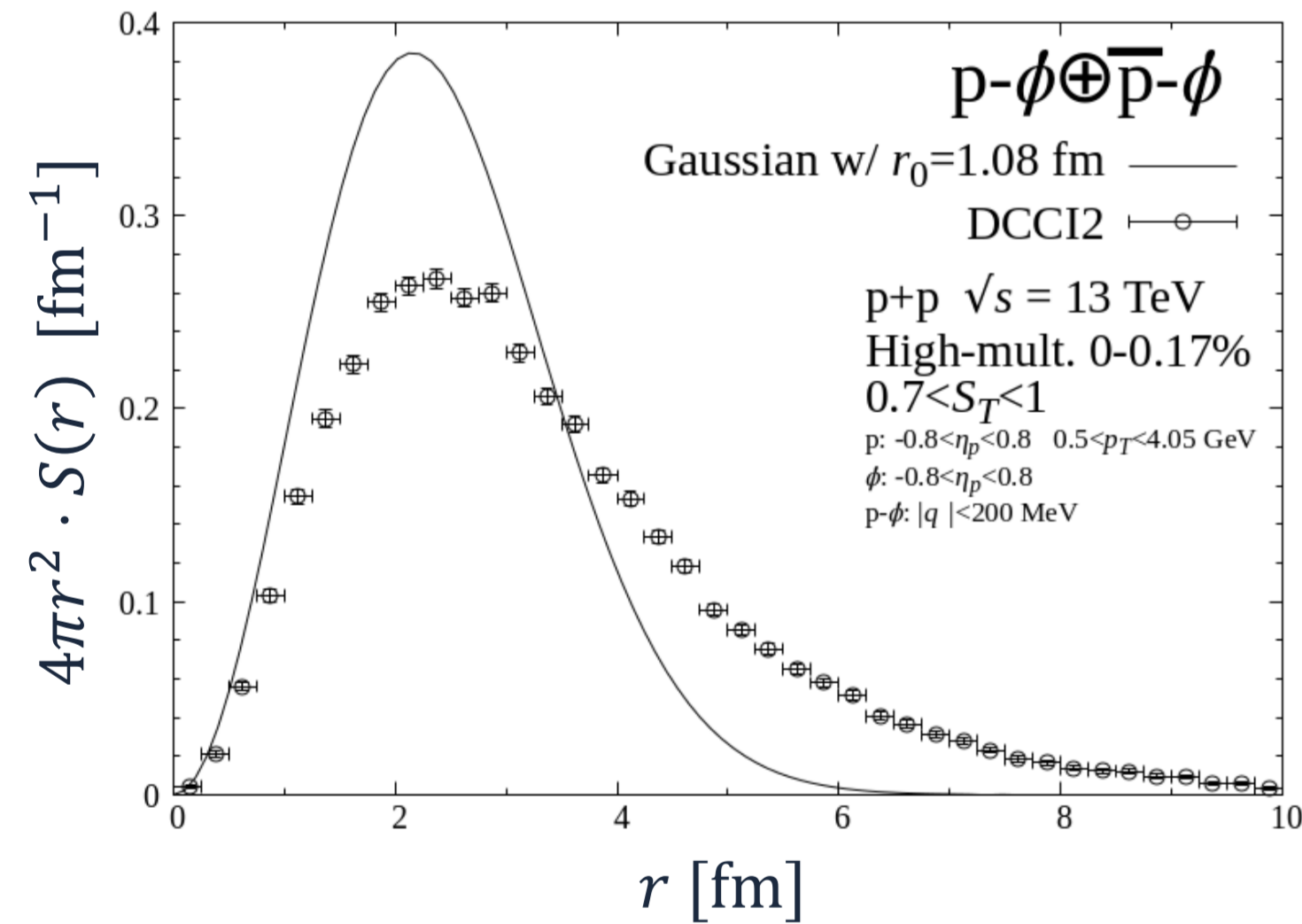


A state-of-the-art dynamical model based on the core-corona picture

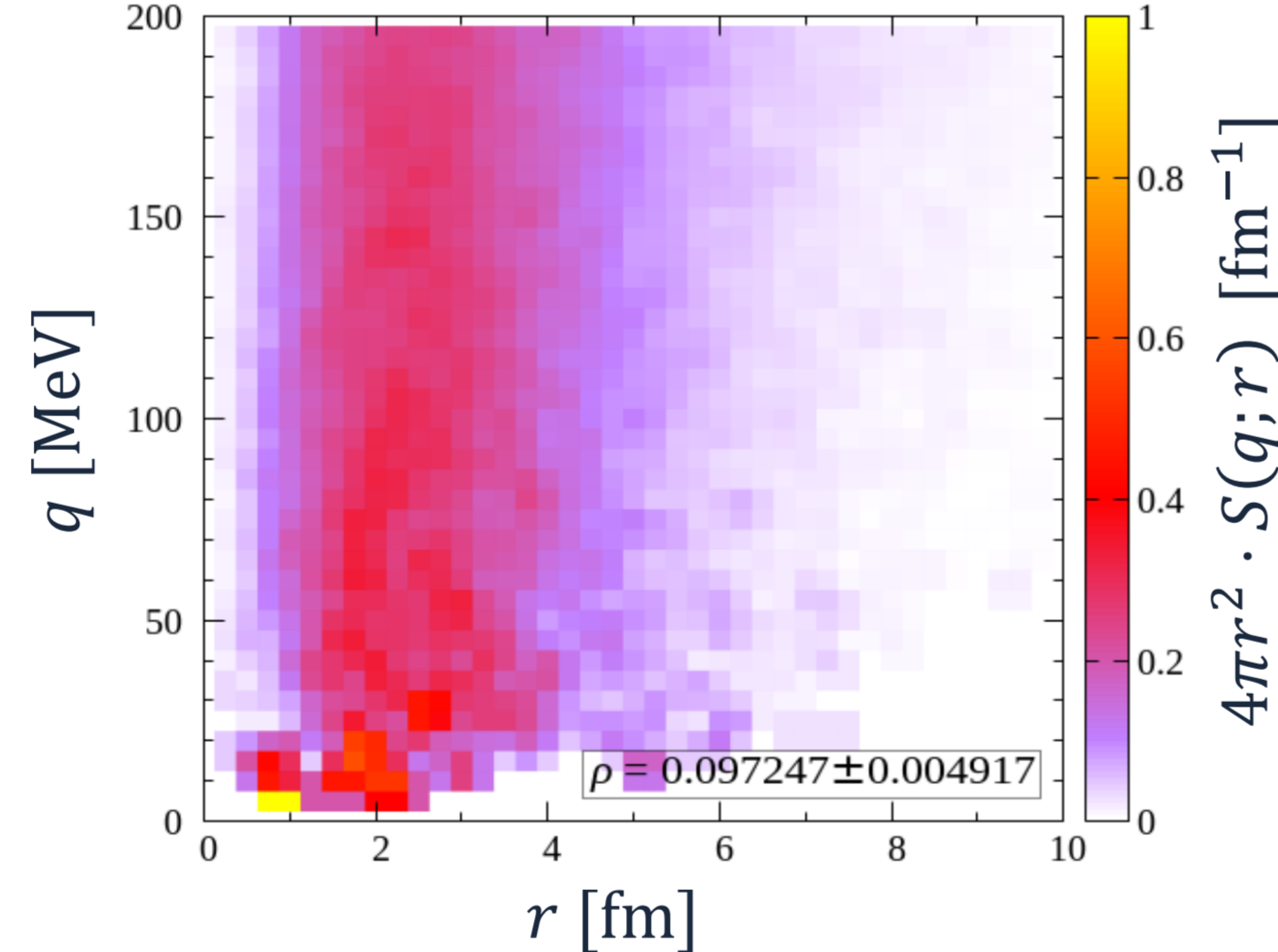


Applicable to HM p+p collisions

q-integrated SF



q-differential SF

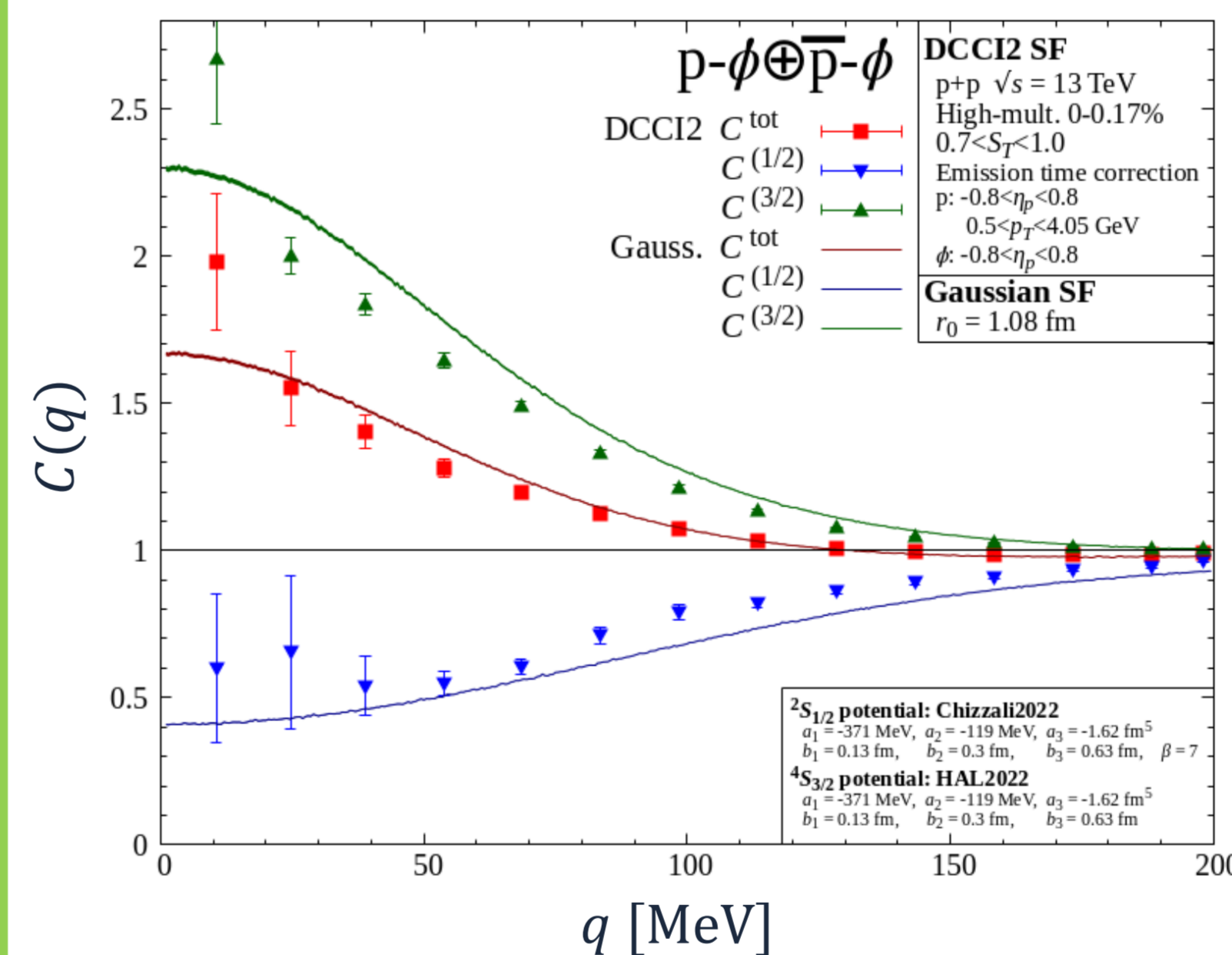


➤ Larger source size $\langle r^2 \rangle \leftarrow$ Non-Gaussian long-tail
Mainly due to hadronic rescatterings (e.g., p rescatterings w/ pion gas)

➤ Positive q-r correlation
Due to e.g., collectivity of generated matter

5. Correlation Function

DCCI2 SF vs Gaussian SF



➤ Slightly weaker correlation
Larger source size from DCCI2

➤ Non-trivial behavior at small q
Sensitive to w.f. in scatt. region

Small but statistically significant effects of collision dynamics

6. Constraint on Interaction

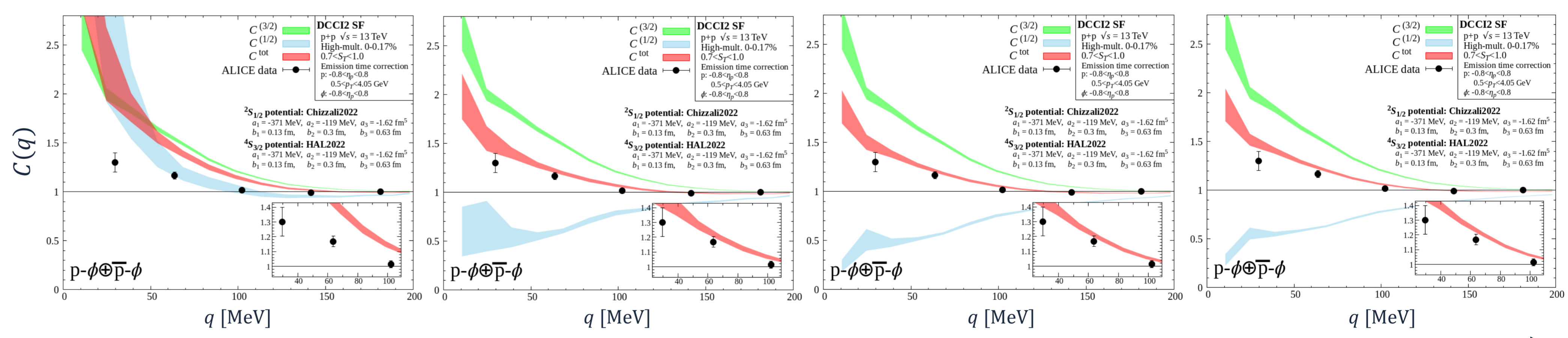
$C^{(3/2)}$: Fixed, $C^{(1/2)}$: Changed with β

$$\text{Compare } C^{\text{tot}} = \frac{2}{3} C^{(3/2)} + \frac{1}{3} C^{(1/2)}$$

with ALICE data

ALICE, PRL, 127, 172301 (2021)

Indication of a p-φ bound state in $^2S_{1/2}$ ($E_B \cong 10\text{--}70$ MeV)



$\beta = 6$

$a_0 = 4.54$ fm
 $E_B = 2.3$ MeV

$\beta = 7$

$a_0 = 1.99$ fm
 $E_B = 13.3$ MeV

$\beta = 8$

$a_0 = 1.23$ fm
 $E_B = 37.5$ MeV

$\beta = 9$

$a_0 = 0.85$ fm
 $E_B = 93.1$ MeV

Overestimate

Agree within errors

Overestimate

7. Summary

➤ Effects of collision dynamics on CF: Statistically significant difference due to e.g., hadronic rescatterings and collectivity

➤ Comparison w/ ALICE data: Indication of a p-φ bound state in $^2S_{1/2}$ channel

Importance of using SF that reflects collision dynamics for precision interaction study via femtoscopy