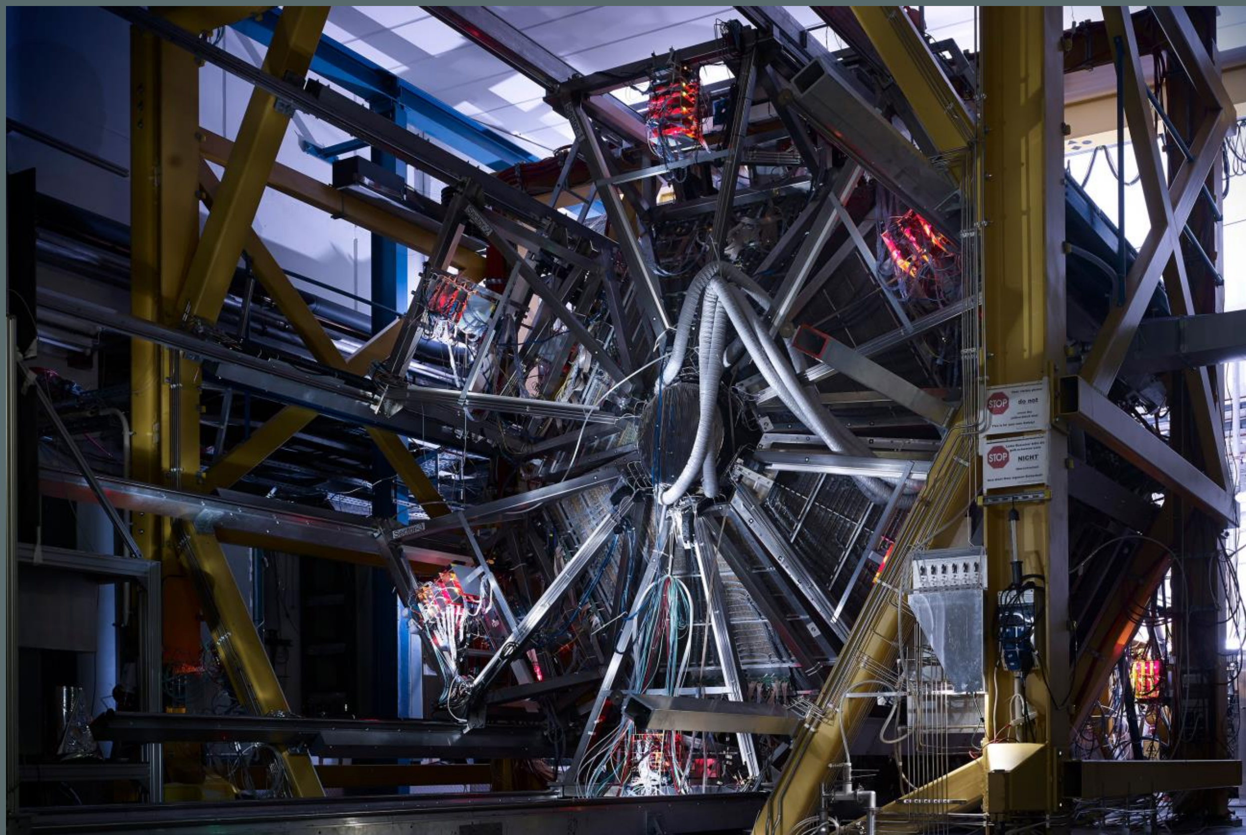
Photon-photon femtoscopy in Ag+Ag collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ =2.55 GeV



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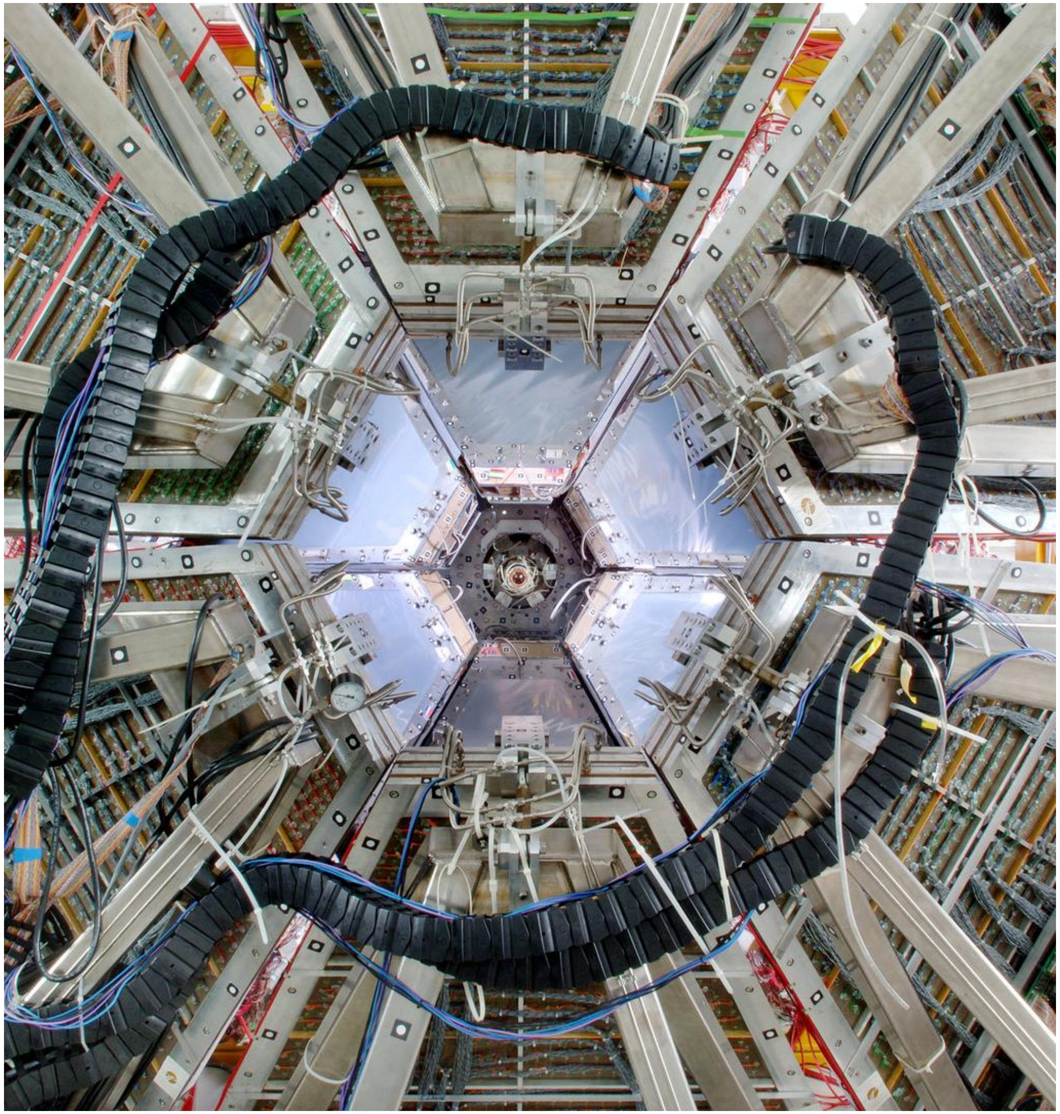
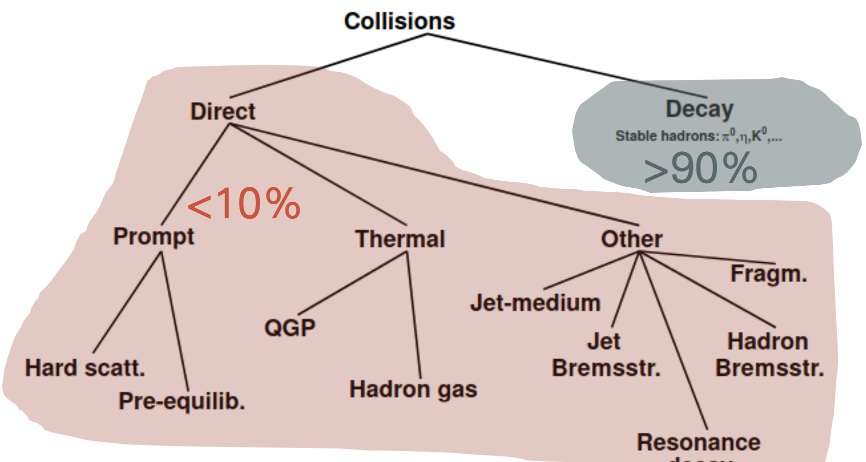


Motivation

- Measure source properties **at early stages** -> inaccessible for hadrons

- Estimate average **direct photon yield**

- Easy in theory, challenging in practice



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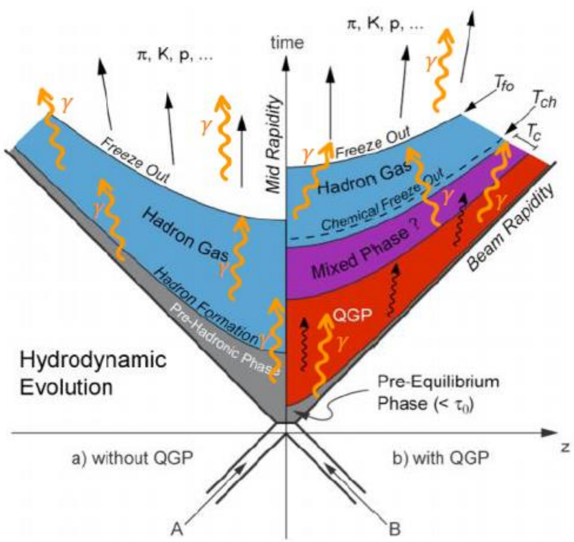

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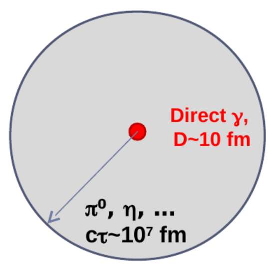
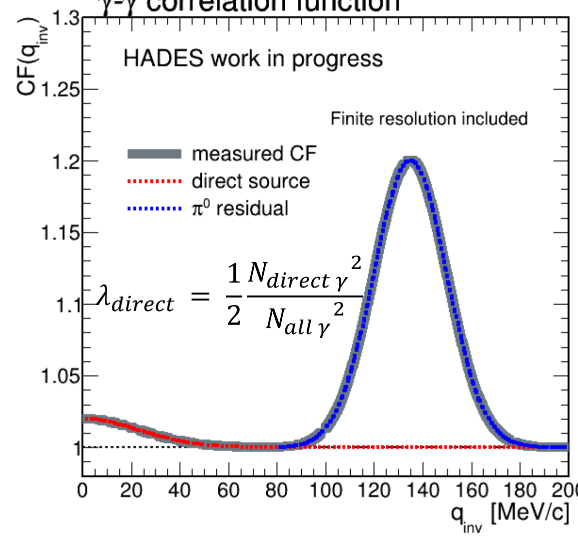
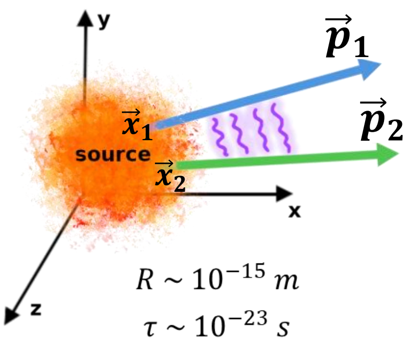


$$q_{inv} = M_{\gamma\gamma} = \sqrt{2E_1E_2(1-\cos(\alpha_{\gamma\gamma}))}$$

Cartoonish idea of experimental γ-γ correlation function



Goal - measure source's space-time characteristics and/or interactions between particles through low relative momentum correlations.



Theory

Single particle emission function: $P(\vec{p}) = \int S(\vec{x})\, d^3x$

Correlation function: $CF(\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2) = \dfrac{P(\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2)}{P(\vec{p}_1)P(\vec{p}_2)}$

Two particle emission function: $P(\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2) = \int S(\vec{x}_1; \vec{x}_2)\, |\Psi(\vec{x}_1, \vec{p}_1; \vec{x}_2, \vec{p}_2)|^2 d^3x_1 d^3x_2$

$\vec{x}$: particle's position

$\vec{p}$: particle's momentum

$\Psi(\vec{x}_1, \vec{p}_1; \vec{x}_2, \vec{p}_2)$: two particle's wave function

$S(\vec{x})$: source function

$q = |\vec{p}_1 - \vec{p}_2|$: momentum difference

$N_{same}(q)$: same event distribution

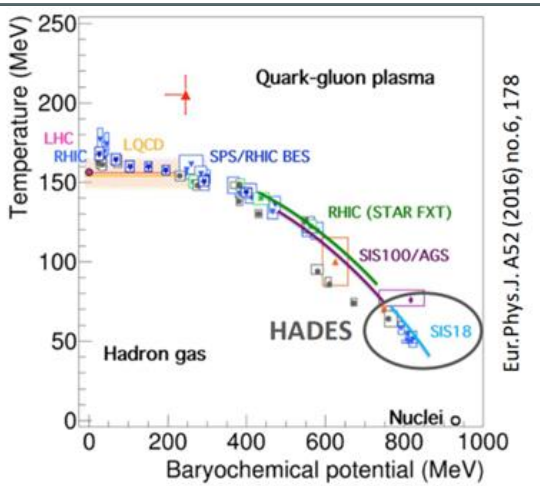
$N_{mixed}(q)$: mixed event distribution

Experiment

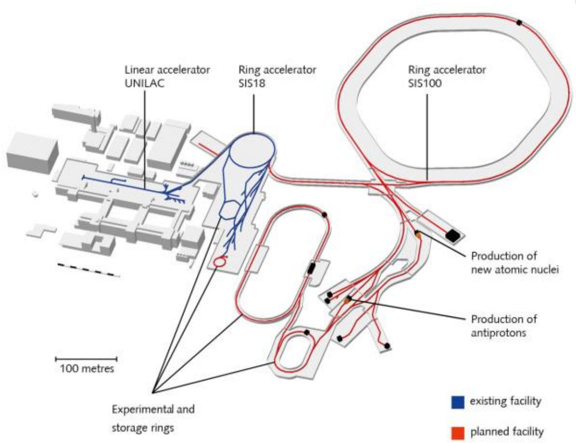
Correlation function:

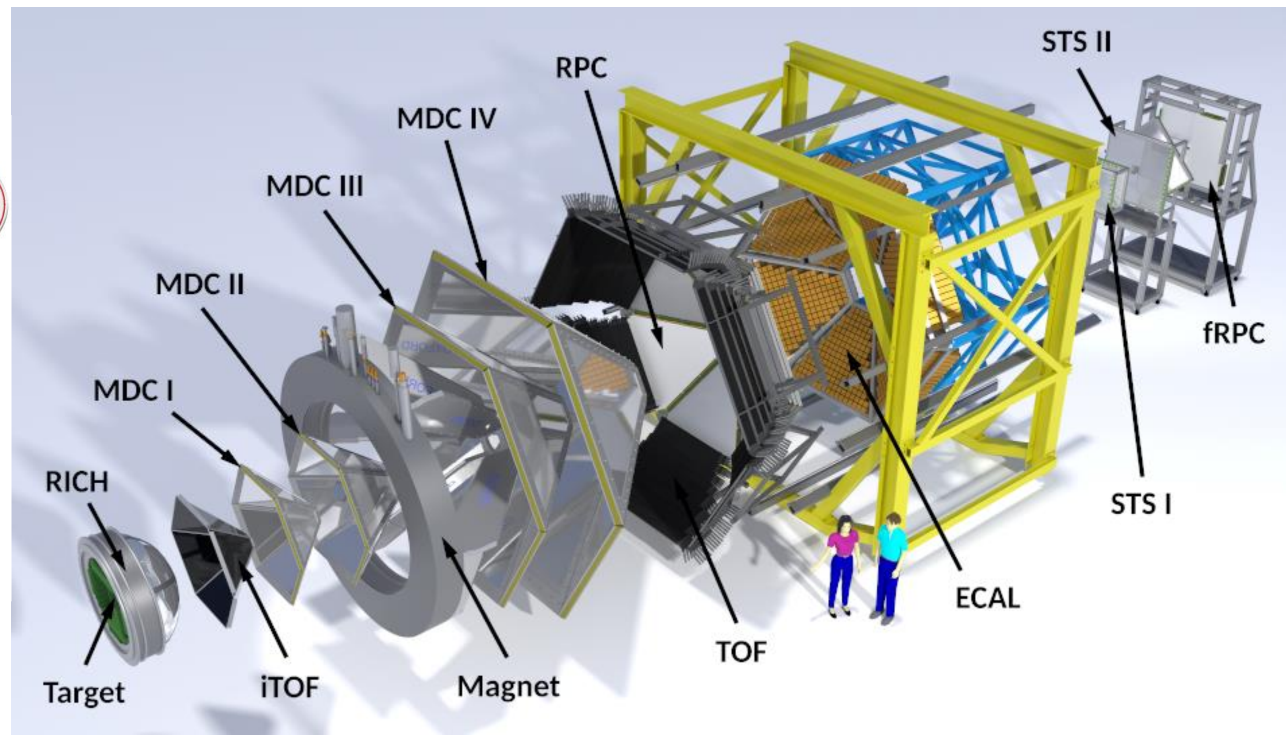
$$CF(q) = \frac{N_{same}(q)}{N_{mixed}(q)}$$

HADES experiment



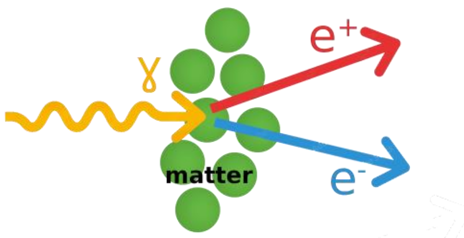
- **H**igh **A**cceptance **D**i-**E**lectron **S**pectrometer
- Fixed target, few (1-2) GeV beam kinetic energy
- Measurement of dilepton pairs from vector mesons (ω, ϕ, ρ)
- High angular acceptance (0°<ϕ<360°, 18°<θ<85°) split into 6 sectors
- High $e^{\pm}$ reconstruction efficiency (RICH, ECAL) and $\pi^{\pm}$ /p separation (TOF)





Photons at HADES

Photon Conversion Method (PCM)

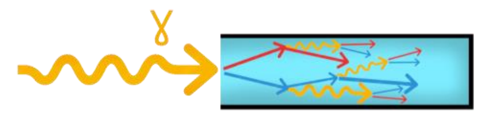


- High momentum and angular resolution
- Good lepton reconstruction efficiency at HADES
- Pure sample of photons

- Possible lepton close track effects due to small opening angle
- 2-step reconstruction (leptons → photons) → **low efficiency**
- **Low conversion** probability due to very small material budget of HADES
- **(~10^{-5} prob. of reconstructing 2γ/event)**

Not enough photons reconstructed via PCM for femtoscopic measurements!

Electromagnetic calorimeters (ECAL)



- Great efficiency due to direct reconstruction of neutral particles
- Decently pure sample with suitable criteria

- Calorimeter modules are usually big → poor angular resolution
- Low-end energy resolution is low due to ~1/√E behavior → low Q_{INV} might be fairly smeared, since:

$$q_{inv} = m_{\gamma\gamma} = \sqrt{2E_1E_2(1-\cos(\alpha_{\gamma\gamma}))}$$

Photons at HADES - ECAL

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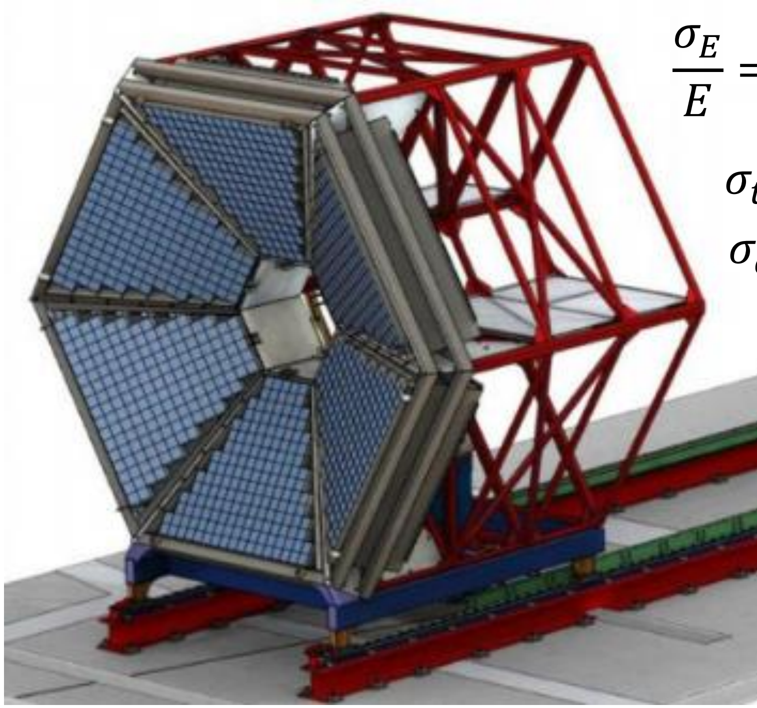
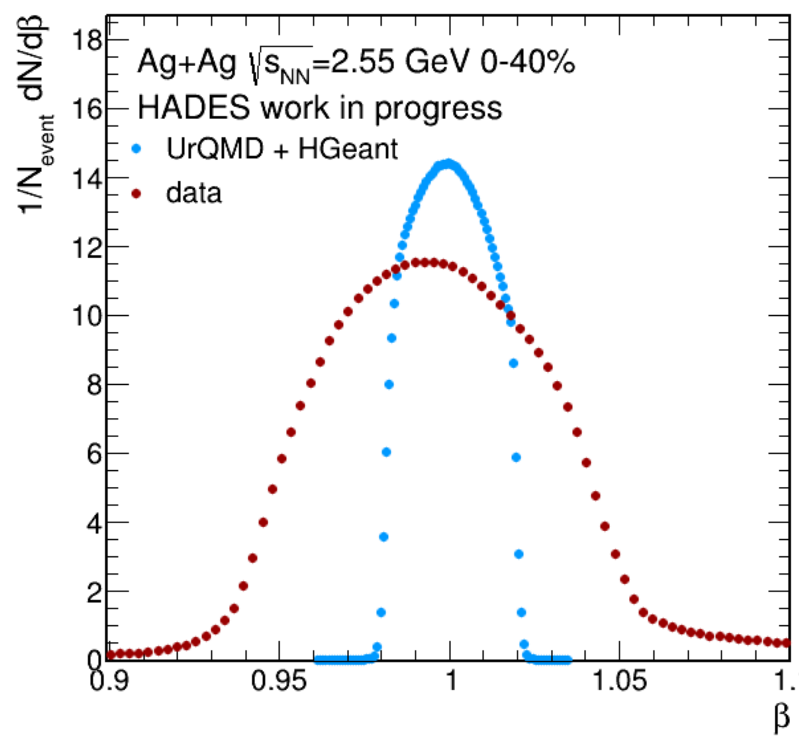


$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} = \frac{6\%}{\sqrt{E(GeV)}}$$

$$\sigma_t < 300\ ps$$

$$\sigma_{\alpha_{\gamma\gamma}} = 2.2°$$

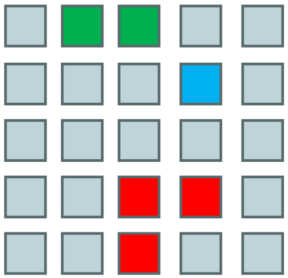
ECAL γ β distribution



- Photon definition:
  - No matching with charged tracks or hits in ToF detectors within 6σ
  - No charged particle with opening angle to cluster > 2.8 °
  - Cells closest to the beam line are not used
  - Total cluster energy > 100 MeV, minimal energy in each module > 50 MeV
  - β within 1σ from expected photon peak (β~1), adjusted for each module (and day/hour of a beamtime)

statistical uncertainties only

Photons at HADES - ECAL



Modules are ~ 2.2° (92 mm) wide, Can't separate 2γ within 300 ps interval → **1 module detects 1 γ**

Minimum opening angle by geometry, aka. „hardware limit" ~ 4.4° (for 2 „size 1" clusters)

γ triggers:

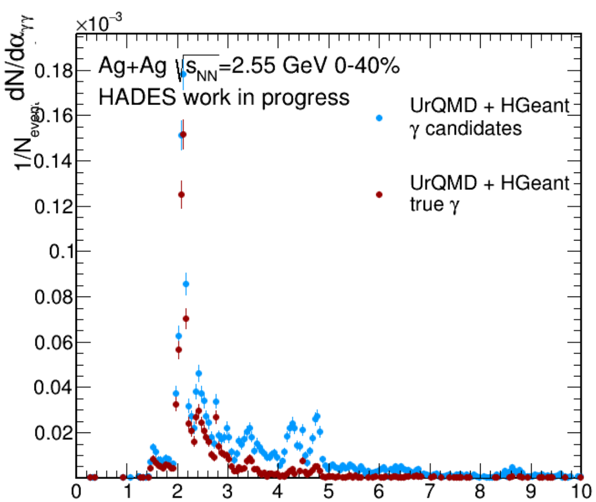
1 module → cluster size 1

2 modules → cluster size 2

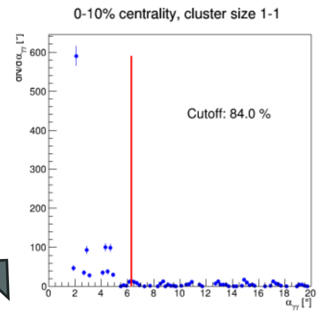
3 modules → cluster size 3

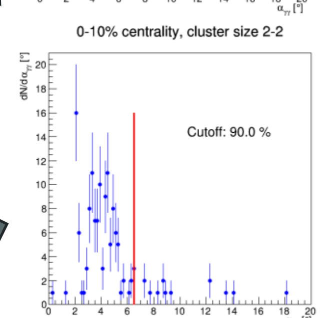
…

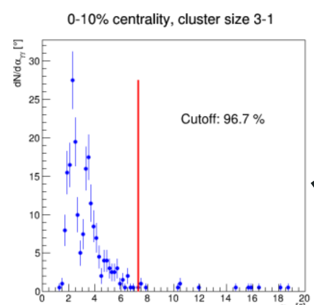
ECAL $\alpha_{\gamma\gamma}$, same Geant track pairs



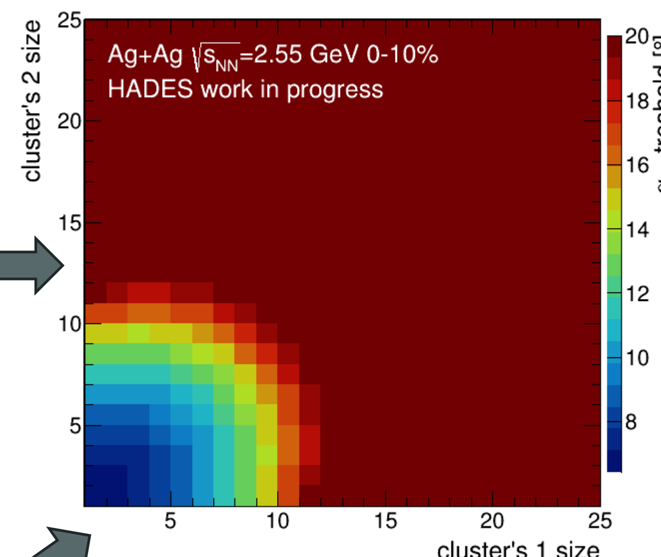
… but simulations show some „split" clusters







Two ECAL γ $\alpha_{\gamma\gamma}$ treshold map



Made for each 10% centrality interval separately

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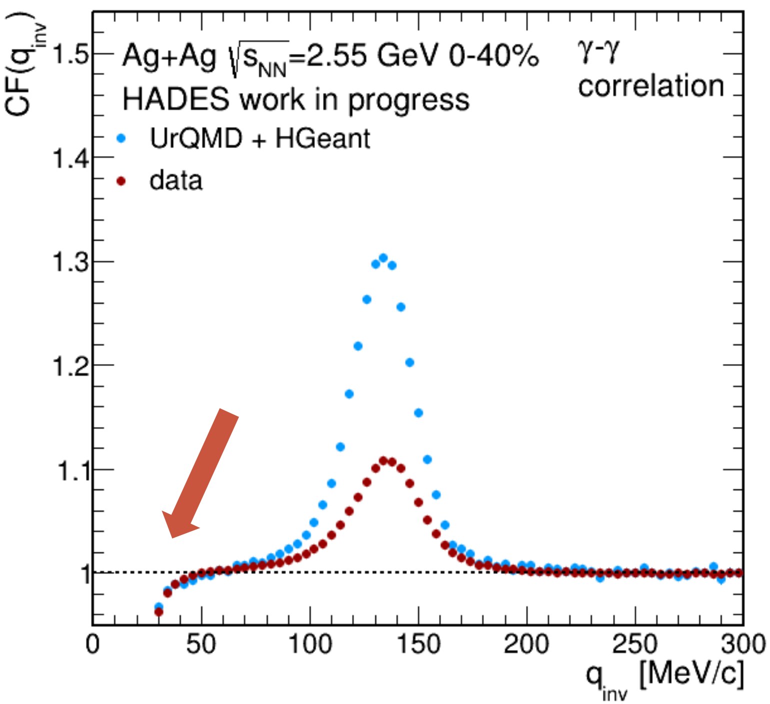
Photon-photon correlation functions, Ag+Ag at 2.55 GeV



Anticorrelation caused by uneven $\alpha_{\gamma\gamma}$ acceptance between same & mixed events („hardware limit")

UrQMD + HGeant → HADES's simulations.
No FSI/QS involved, no direct photons present.
Used as a benchmark of detector effects

data → real data gathered by HADES

$$q_{inv} = \sqrt{(\vec{p_1} - \vec{p_2})^2 - (E_1 - E_2)^2}$$

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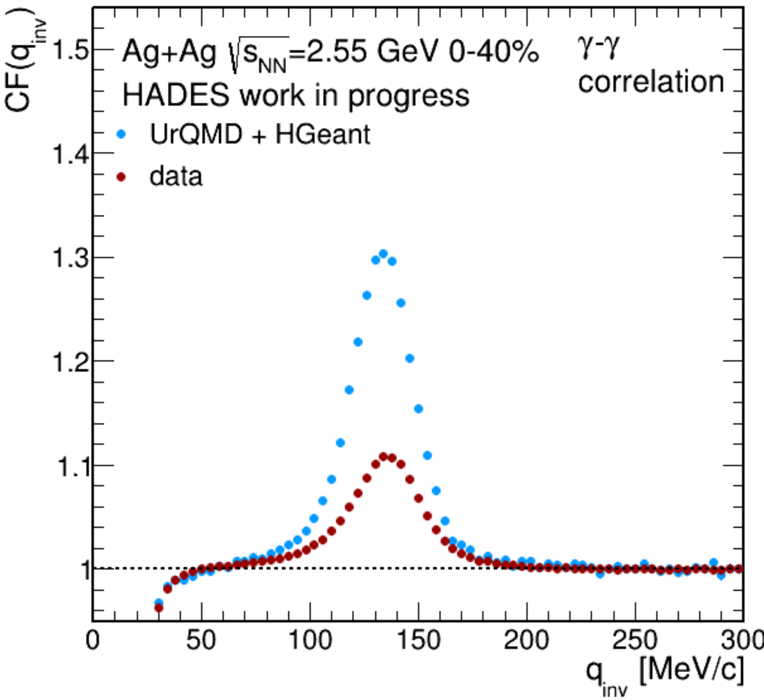
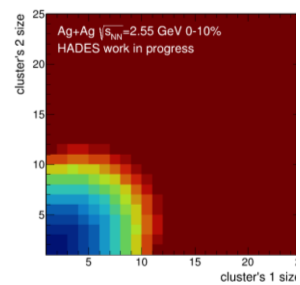
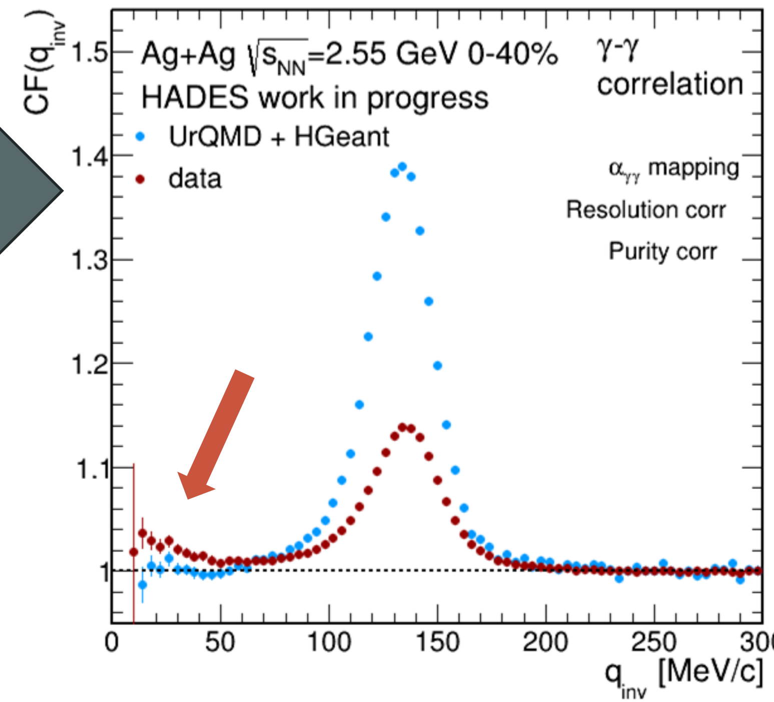
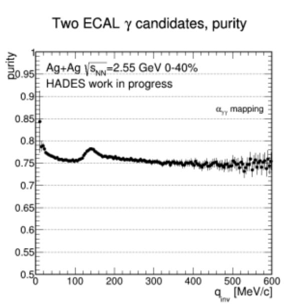


Corrections (map, purity, resolution)

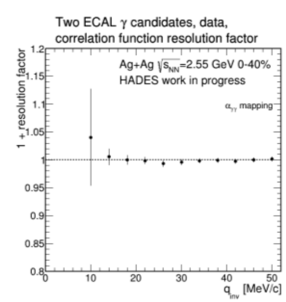






$$purity_{sim}(q_{inv}) = \frac{N_{\gamma\gamma\ pair}(q_{inv})}{N_{any\ pair}(q_{inv})}$$

$$CF_{pur\ corr}(q_{inv}) = \frac{CF(q_{inv}) - 1}{purity\ (q_{inv})} + 1$$



$$1 + res_{\ sim}(q_{inv}) = \frac{CF_{smeared}(q_{inv})}{CF_{not\ smeared}(q_{inv})}$$

$$CF_{res\ corr}(Q_{INV}) = \frac{CF(q_{inv})}{1 + \ res.\ factor(q_{inv})}$$

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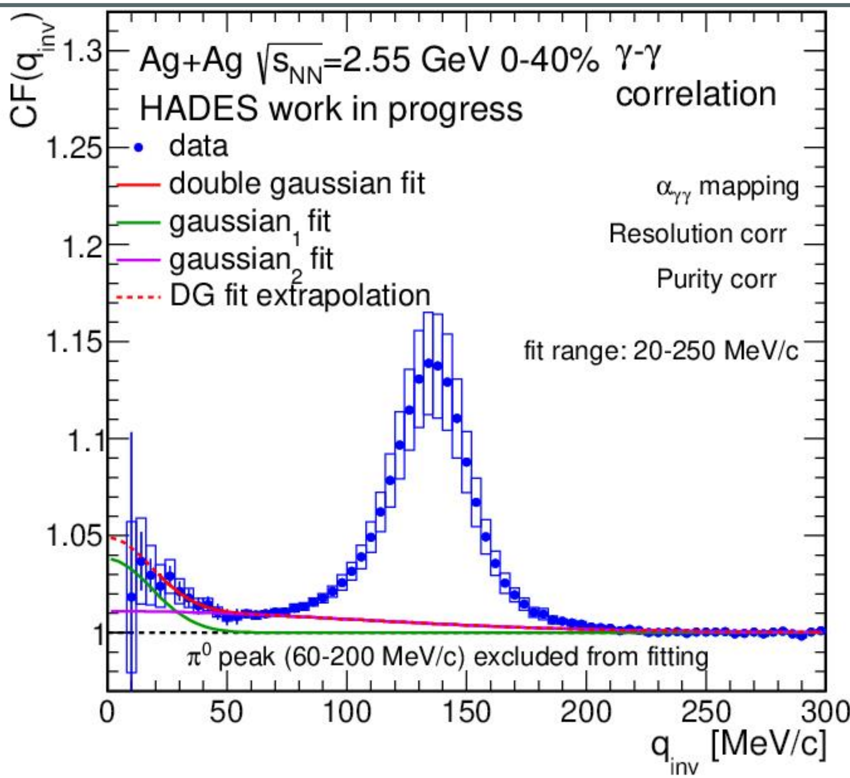
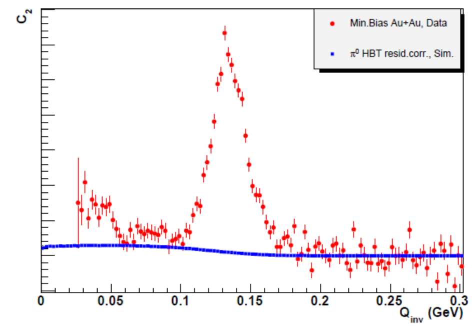
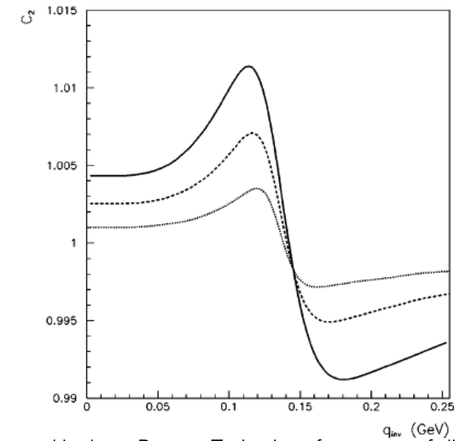




„Bose-Einstein correlations of direct photons in Au+Au collisions at sNN = 200 GeV", D. Peressounko for the PHENIX collaboration, International Journal of Modern Physics E



„Hanbury Brown–Twiss interferometry of direct photons in heavy ion collisions", D. Peressounko PHYSICAL REVIEW C 67, 014905 (2003)

$$CF(q_{inv}) = 1 + \lambda_1 e^{(-q_{inv}{}^2 R_1{}^2)} + \lambda_2 e^{(-q_{inv}{}^2 R_2{}^2)}$$

variable	value	stat. uncert.	syst. uncert.	syst. uncert. (+ Barlow test)	
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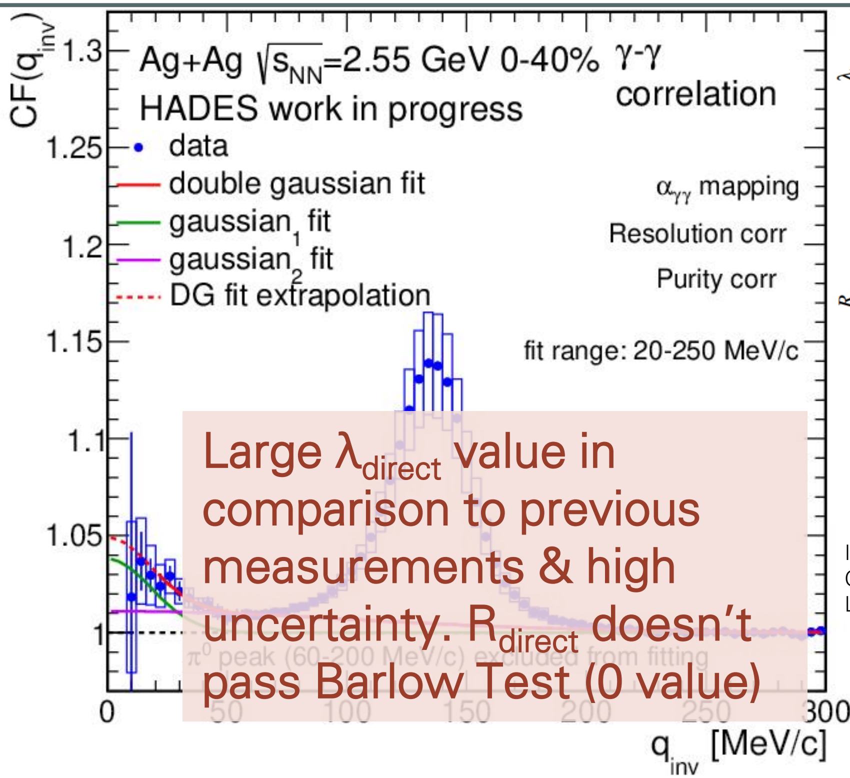
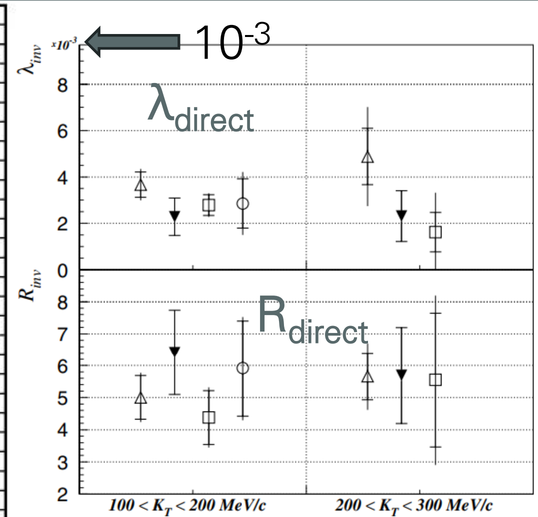


Large λ_{direct} value in comparison to previous measurements & high uncertainty. R_{direct} doesn't pass Barlow Test (0 value)



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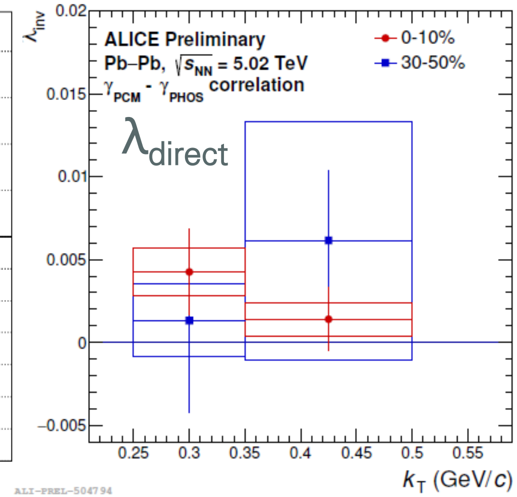

„DIRECT PHOTON PRODUCTION AND HBT CORRELATIONS IN Pb–Pb COLLISIONS AT √sNN = 5.02 TeV WITH THE ALICE EXPERIMENT", Meike Charlotte Danisch on behalf of the ALICE Collaboration, Acta Physica Polonica B Proceedings Supplement 16, 1-A122 (2023)

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Direct-like γ signal

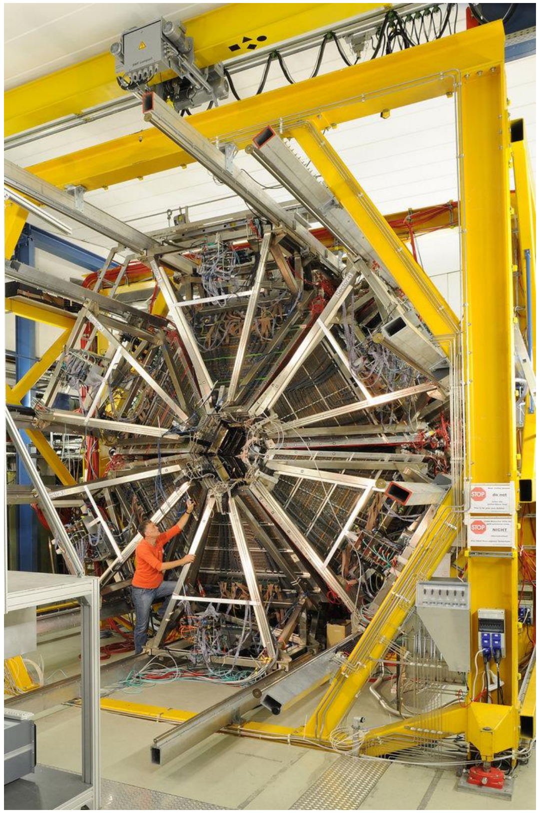
Neutral π-π residual

Summary & Outlook

- Photon correlation functions at low collision energy were achieved using HADES's calorimeters, with full systematical analysis as well.

- Expected HBT-like signal was observed for $q_{inv} < 50$ MeV/c, with additional contribution most likely coming from π^0- π^0 residua correlation

- The HBT parameters were extracted, although they suffer from high systematical uncertainty due to fitting variation differences. λ_{direct} parameter shows ~10 times higher than expected value. This might be related to differences between real data & detector's implementation in simulations. Additional study to confirm that is needed.



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Backup

Photon-photon CF, Ag+Ag at 2.55 GeV, systematics

Single particle	Default value	variation	
Nσ matching to charged track	> 6	± 2	Strength of charged particle's VETO
Opening angle with any charged track	< 2.8 °	± 0.8 °	Contribution from charged particles not matched with clusters
Minimal energy in module	> 50 MeV	± 20 MeV	Minimal energy resolution
Nσ for β	< 1	± 0.5	Contamination from other (fast) particles

Pair	Default value	variation	
Opening angle mapping	> value from map	± 10%	Stability/strength of two track effects correction
Resolution correction	value from function	± 10%	Impact of resolution correction
Purity correction	value from function	± 10%	Impact of purity correction

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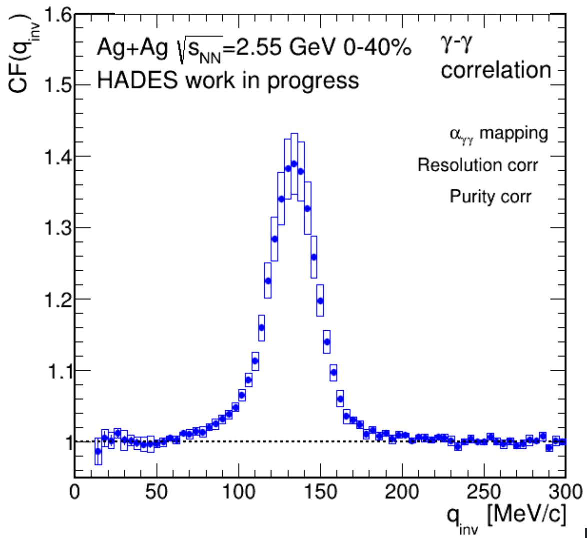
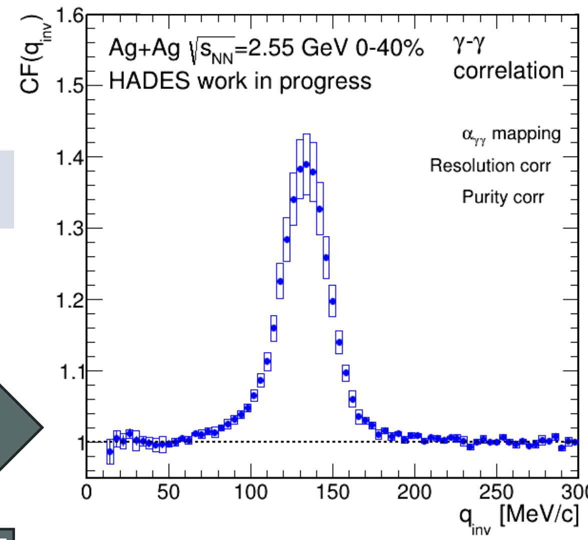


UrQMD + HGeant

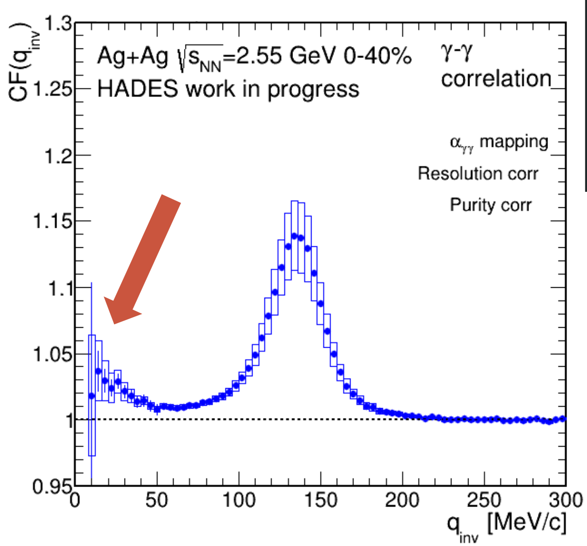
„Barlow test"



$$diff = CF_{default} - CF_{var}\ ,\quad \sigma_{diff} = \sqrt{|\,stat^2_{def} - stat^2_{var}\,|}$$

If diff < σ_{diff} , sys = 0 . Else, sys = $\sqrt{diff^2 - \sigma^2_{diff}}$

$$sys_{total} = \sqrt{(sys^2_{var1} + sys^2_{var2} + \ldots + sys^2_{varn})}$$



data

Very subtle change introduced by Barlow test → small impact of statistics on data points