

Correlations in ALICE: research activities of the Warsaw University of Technology group



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Femtoscopy technique





- **Femtoscopy** measures space-time characteristics of the source using particle correlations in <u>momentum space</u>
- Main sources of correlations:
 - Quantum statistics (QS)
 - bosons (i.e. pions) Bose-Einstein QS
 - fermions (i.e. protons) Fermi-Dirac QS
 - Final-state interactions (FSI)
 - strong interaction
 - Coulomb repulsion or attraction

$$C(q) = \int S(r) |\Psi(q,r)|^2 d^4r$$

In the experiment:

- C(q) = A(q)/B(q)
- A(q) signal distribution ("same" events)
- B(q) background distribution ("mixed" events)

$$q = p_1 - p_2$$

How does it look like?



The correlation functions have various shapes, depending on the pair type (interactions involved), collision system and energy, pair transverse momentum, etc.



Going beyond the system size





Correlation from Strong Interaction



• If only Strong Final State Interaction (FSI) the result of integration:

$$C(k^{*}) = 1 + \sum_{S} \rho_{S} \left[\frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{f^{S}(k^{*})}{R} \right|^{2} \left(1 - \frac{d_{0}^{S}}{2\sqrt{\pi}R} \right) + \frac{2\Re f^{S}(k^{*})}{\sqrt{\pi}R} F_{1}(2k^{*}R) - \frac{\Im f^{S}(k^{*})}{R} F_{2}(2k^{*}R) \right]$$

Lednicky, Lyuboshitz, Sov. J. Nucl. Phys., 35, 770 (1982)

where ρ_s are the spin fractions

- The correlation function is finally characterized by **three parameters**:
 - radius *R*, scattering length f_0 , and effective radius d_0
 - Cross section σ (at low k^*) is simply: $\sigma = 4 \pi |f|^2$

What are the potential applications?



- Input to models with re-scattering phase (eg. UrQMD): PRC 89 (2014) 054916
 - annihilation cross sections only measured for pp, pn, and pd pairs – UrQMD currently guesses it for other systems from pp pairs
 - should help us to answer the question on deviations of baryon yields from thermal model expectations
- Structure of baryons/search for CPT violation STAR, Nature 527, 345-348 (2015)
- Search for H-dibaryon ALICE, PLB 752 (2016) 267-277
- Hypernuclear structure theory Nucl.Phys. A914 (2013) 377-386
- Neutron star equation of state Nucl.Phys. A804 (2008) 309-321





Baryon-baryon correlations



- Except for pairs like proton-proton or proton-neutron, cross sections for other baryons practically not known
 - eg. only ~30 points for proton-lambda interaction measurements exist
 - ALICE can constrain cross sections for these systems at low relative momentum *k**
 - Assuming LO and NLO scattering parameter predictions in the fit (from Nucl. Phys. A915, 24-58)
- Preliminary results of simultaneous fit to proton-proton and proton-lambda correlation functions:
 - extracted source size: $R = 1.31 \pm 0.02$ fm
 - NLO predictions seems to be slightly more accurate, however we still lack statistics
 - we hope to have more accurate results after analysing 13 TeV LHC Run2 data

Baryon-antibaryon correlations



Explanation of the fitting procedure:

- χ² is calculated from a "global" fit to all functions:
 2 data sets, 3 pair combinations, 6 centrality bins (total 36 functions)
- simultaneous fit accounts for parameters **shared** between different systems (such as $\Lambda\overline{\Lambda}$ scattering length)
- radii scale with multiplicity for a given system

 $R_{inv} = a \cdot \sqrt[3]{N_{ch}} + b$

- for different system we assume radii scaling with $m_{\rm T}$
- Fractions of **residual pairs** taken from AMPT



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0.6

0.4

0.2

PRC 92(2015) 054908

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1.4

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Baryon-antibaryon correlations







Conclusions from fitting:

- Interaction parameters are measurable
- Scattering parameters for **all baryonantibaryon pairs are similar to each other** (UrQMD assumption is valid)
- We observe a negative real part of scattering length → repulsive strong interaction or creation of a bound state (existence of baryon-antibaryon bound states?)
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Angular correlations





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- *p* particle momentum;
- $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ polar angle;
- η pseudorapidity:

$$\eta = -\ln|\mathrm{tg}rac{ heta}{2}|$$



 p_{T} - transverse momentum; arphi - azimuthal angle;

Creation of jets







- Δφ ~ 0 Δη ~ 0



For particles from from back-to-back jets (blue): *Away-side ridge* - $\Delta \phi \sim \pi$

- $\Delta \eta \sim \text{const}$, if avaraged over many events

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 p_2

 $m_{\rm T} = \sqrt{k_{\rm T}^2 + m_{\pi}^2}$





$\Delta \eta \Delta \phi$ angular correlations



Low energy pp results from SPS: NA61



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Can we learn something more?



One step further: $\Delta \eta \Delta \phi$ of identified particles!

Unexplored phenomena **conservation laws** and their influence on **particle production mechanisms –** study via correlation functions for particles with **different quark content**

Pion: • Charge		Kaon: • Charg	Proton: • Charge • Baryon			
	conservation laws					
particles	momentum	charge	strangeness	baryon number		

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pions	\checkmark	\checkmark		
kaons	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
protons	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark

Useful to perform analysis in a more refined way:

- charge dependence
- identified particles

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$\Delta \eta \Delta \phi$ of identified particles in pp collisions



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p_T<2.5 GeV/*c*



Baryon correlations

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Not reproduced by MC models:

- Pythia6
- •Pythia8
- Phojet
- •EPOS
- •Herwig

No plausible explanation



(anti)baryon-(anti)baryon anticorrelation!

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$\Delta \eta \Delta \phi$ of identified particles of pp collisions





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Angular correlations summary



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Angular correlations summary

- Allow to study wide range of physics phenomena
- Still new mysteries to solve



ALICE Event Display



Data Quality Monitoring with Machine Learning

Using Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) for anomaly detection

• GANs are used to synthetically generate data (e.g. images) that look **authentic.**





- In ALICE, a GAN model trained on correct data can be used to simulate correct detector outputs.
- When real data comes to the detector, it can be compared to GAN-generated data points and differences can be interpreted as anomalies.
- Other applications include data compression and detector aging modeling



Similar Anomaly Detection mechanism proposed for anomaly detection in medical images. Source: Unsupervised Anomaly Detection with Generative Adversarial Networks to Guide Marker Discovery



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Elliptic flow

The initial spatial anisotropy leads to the momentum anistotropy, which leads to larger flow in the plane of the minor-axis of the ellipse.

The collimated production of particles along the reaction plane produces a near- and away-side ridges, of the cosine shape in deltaphi.

Angular correlations in Au-Au

The Ridge

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Collective effects: flow

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ID correlation function

At LHC, the large acceptance of the experiments, together with the high particle density (as a collective effect, the flow signal increases strongly with multiplicity) made the observation and interpretation straightforward and unambiguous. J. Schukraft

Baryon correlations

Study of baryon correlations in **e**⁺**e**⁻ annihilation a**t √s=29 GeV** TPC/Two Gamma Collaboration (H. Aihara et al.), Phys.Rev.Lett. 57 (**1986**) 3140

baryon-antibaryon correlation in e+e-

baryon-antibaryon correlation in ALICE

(anti)baryon-(anti)baryon anticorrelation!

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baryon-antibaryon correlation in e+e-3.0 (a) (e) īрр Āp 2.0 1.0 0.0 y_a Уa 6.0 (b) $\overline{p}\Lambda$ (f) 4.0 2.0 $C_{ab}(y_a, y_b)$ 0.0 1.0 (c) ₽₽ (g) Āp̄ 0.5 0.0 -0.5 1.0 (d) $\overline{p}\overline{\Lambda}$ (h) $\overline{\Lambda}\overline{\Lambda}$ 0.5 0.0 -0.5 -1.0 -2 2 -2 -4 0 4 2 0 1 antibaryon-antibaryon anticorrelation!

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ALICE data

arXiv:1612.08975

Possible explanations:

- Fermi-Dirac Quantum Statistics? NO (non-identical particles)
- Coulomb repulsion? NO (uncharged particles)
- Strong Final-State Interactions? NO

Hypothesis from e⁺e⁻ studies:

- Depletion is a manifestation of "local" baryon number conservation
- Production of 2 baryons in a single mini-jet would be suppressed if the initial parton energy is small when compared to the energy required to produce 4 baryons in total (2 in the same mini-jet + 2 anti-particles) fine at 29 GeV, but why at 7 TeV?!

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CALM – toy MC that allows to study the effects of different sources of correlations in a well-controlled way

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Comparison to MC models

• PYTHIA and PHOJET were successfully used to describe non-femtoscopic background in HBT correlations for pions and kaons

• The models reproduce reasonably well the angular correlations for mesons as well

• The models fails to reproduce the results for baryons – apparently they produce 2 baryons close in the phase space

• These results argue against the hypothesis that the combination of energy and baryon-number conservation is enough to explain the anticorrelation, since both local conservation laws are implemented in all studied models

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$\Delta \eta \Delta \phi$ Experimental Correlation Function

Same event pairs

Mixed event pairs

$\Delta \eta \Delta \phi$ Experimental Correlation Function

Protons – femtoscopic correlations

- Direct transformation from $C(q_{inv})$ to $C(\Delta \eta \Delta \phi)$ **not possible**
- One can employ a simple **Monte Carlo procedure**:
 - generate random η and ϕ from uniform distributions (for 2 particles: η_1 , η_2 , ϕ_1 , ϕ_2)
 - generate random p_T from measured p_T distribution (for 2 particles: p_{T1} , p_{T2})
 - calculate q_{inv} from generated η_1 , η_2 , ϕ_1 , ϕ_2 , p_{T1} and p_{T2}
 - take the value of measured femtoscopic correlation function at given q_{inv} and apply it as weight while filling the numerator of $\Delta \eta \Delta \phi$

Protons – femtoscopic correlations

- Results:
- Femto correlation produces spike at (Δη,Δφ)=(0,0)
- Comparison of two peaks: 1-bin wide projection on Δφ (subtract minimum)
- Both the height and the width of two peaks comparable

Rapidity correlations in e⁺e⁻ collisions

A Parametrization of the Properties of Quark Jets R.D. Field, R.P. Feynman (Caltech). Nov 1977. 131 pp. Published in Nucl.Phys. B136 (1978) 1 From mechanism of jet production: Two primary hadrons with the same **baryon number** (or **charge** or **strangeness**) **are separated** by at least two steps in rank ("rapidity").

We are not likely to find two baryons or two antibaryons at the same rapidity

Fig. 10. Transparency from a talk Feynmen gave on our model for how quarks fragment into hadrons at the International Symposium on Multiparticle Dynamics (ISMD), Kaysersberg, France, June 12, 1977.

• Models for e⁺e⁻ agree with observations seen in data.

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Lund model

reproduces

$\Delta \eta \Delta \phi$ of identified particles in pp collisions

Protons

$p_{Tsum} = |\vec{p_{T1}}| + |\vec{p_{T2}}|$

Protons

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Two-particle rapidity correlations in e⁺e⁻ collisions

