

# p- $\Xi$ and K-p femtoscopy in ALICE: going beyond scattering experiments

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1. How do we learn about hadron-hadron interactions?
  - Scattering experiments: Kaon-Nucleon interaction
  - Hypernuclei: Hyperon-Nucleon interactions (focusing on  $\Xi$  hypernuclei)
2. Basics of Femtoscopy in small colliding systems in ALICE
3. Two selected results:
  - Results for **p- $\Xi^-$  correlation function** in p-Pb 5.02 TeV  $\Rightarrow$  first evidence of **strong attractive potential**
  - Results for **K $^-$ -p correlation function** in pp 5,7,13 TeV  $\Rightarrow$  high precision data close to threshold and first evidence of the **opening of the isospin breaking channel K $^0$ -n**



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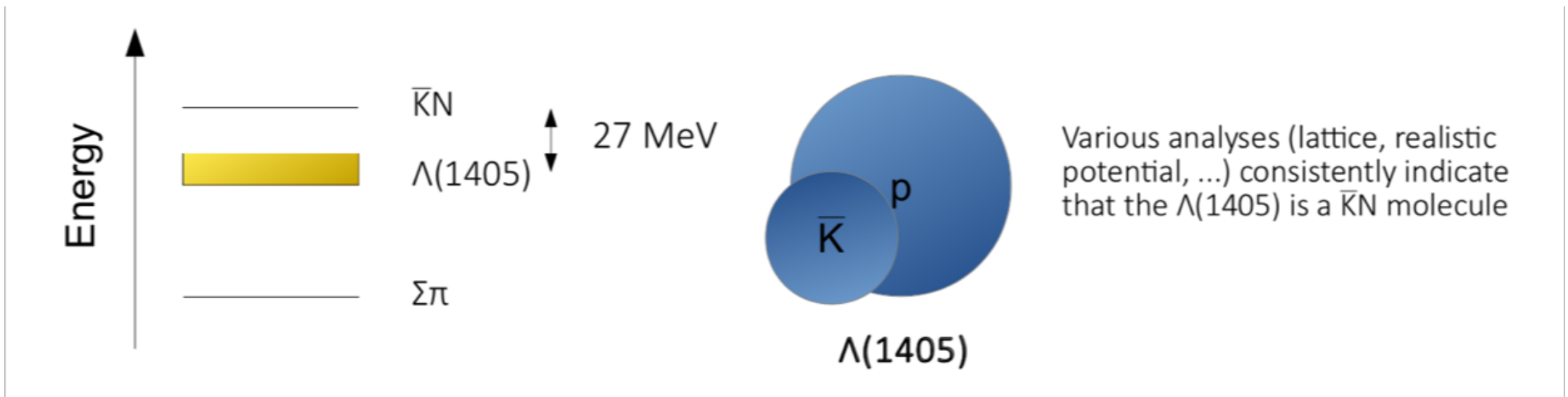
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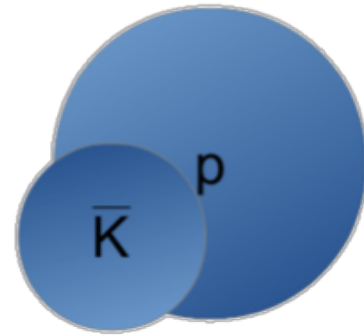
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- Two examples to show the importance of a better understanding of hadron-hadron interactions:
  - 1. Multistrange hyperon-nucleon interactions ( $\Xi N$ )** ⇒ the attractive/repulsive nature of the interaction drastically affects the EoS for NSs
    - No scattering data, only 1 hypernucleus observed so far
  - 2. Molecular state as  $\Lambda(1405)$  emerging from the strongly attractive  $\bar{K}N$  interaction**
    - Kaonic atom data at threshold + old and imprecise scattering data above threshold

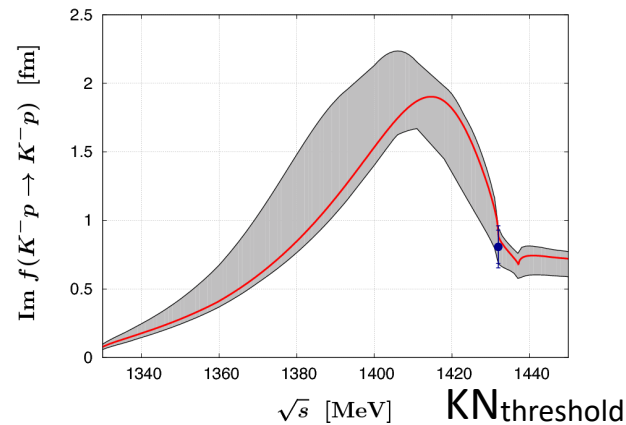
**So far Hadron-Hadron interactions have been studied through Scattering Experiments and Hypernuclei.....**

1. Kaons are the lightest particles with strangeness content
  - interaction with protons and neutrons at very low energy is fundamental to constrain the low energy QCD sector
  - $\bar{K}N$  potential is **attractive** while  $KN$  is **repulsive**
  
2.  $\Lambda(1405)$  is the ONLY state commonly considered as a meson-baryon molecule





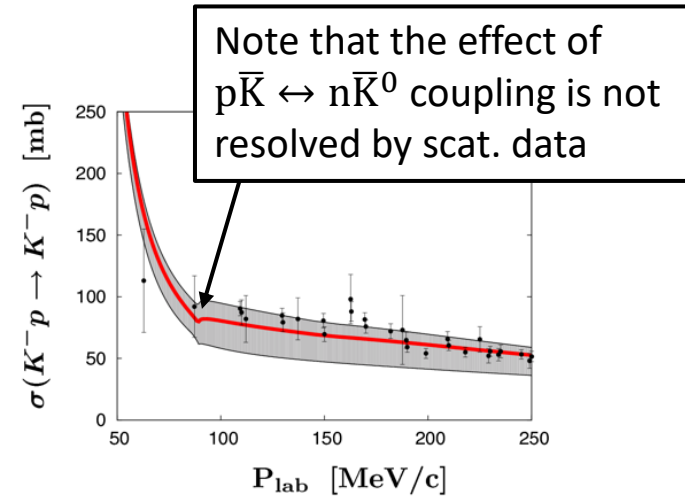
$\Lambda(1405)$



$p_{lab} = 0$

kaonic atoms

Siddharta et al. Phys.Lett. B704 (2011)



Scattering data

G.S. Abrams et al. Phys.Rev. 139 (1965) B454-B457

Y. Ikeda et al Nucl.Phys. A881 (2012) 98-114

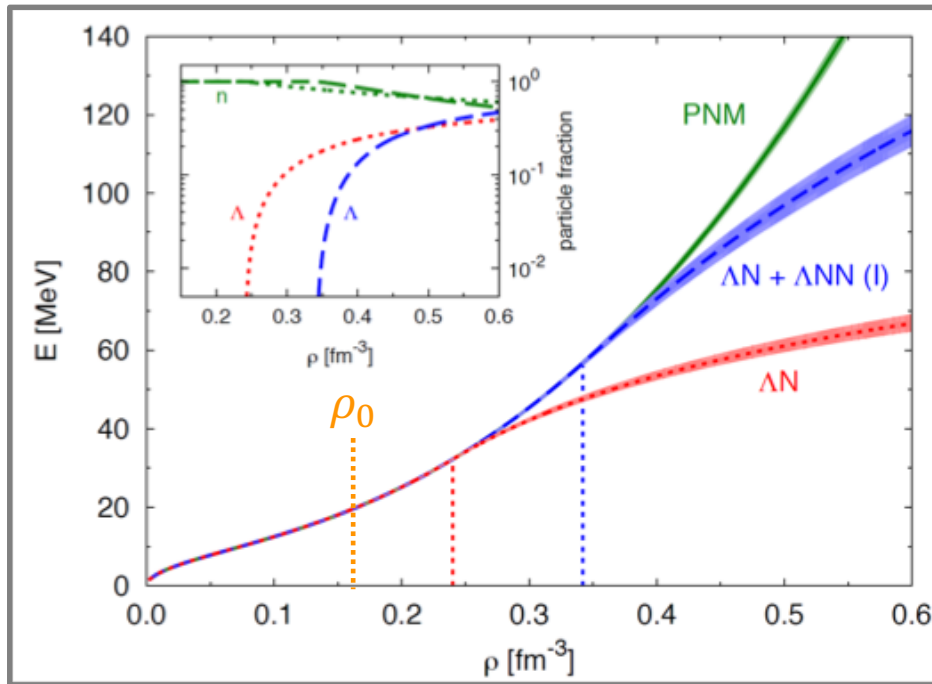


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# Hyperon-Nucleon interactions in Neutron Stars

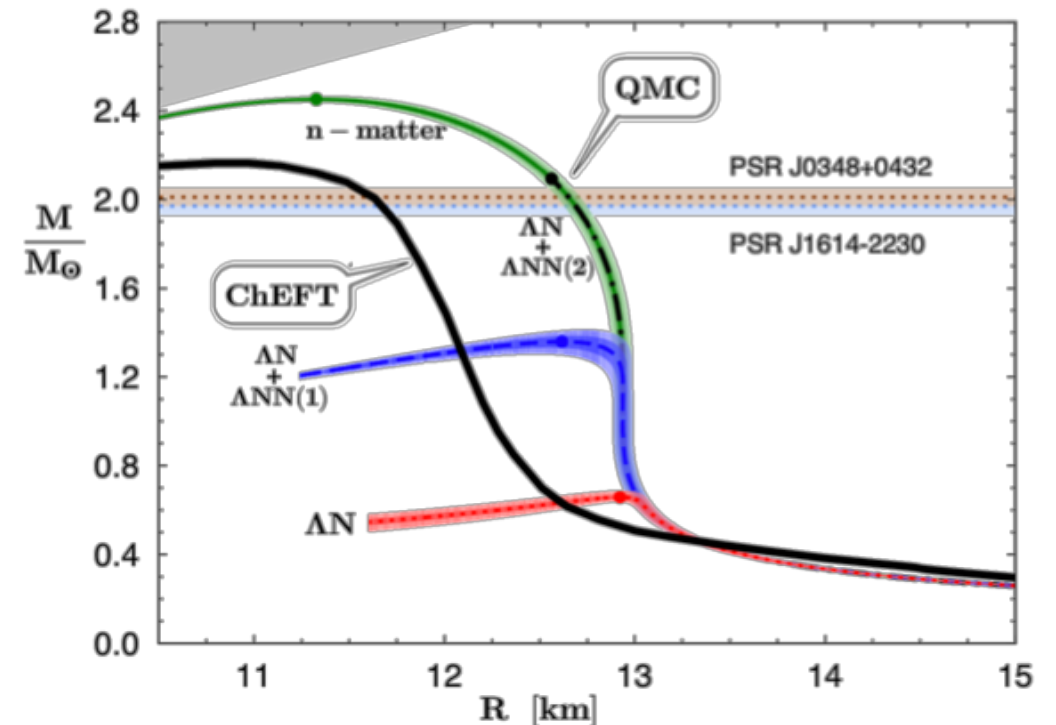


- **Hyperons** should appear in **dense neutron-rich matter** starting from **moderate-large densities**
- Threshold depends on the **Y-N interaction**



D. Lonardoni, A. Lovato, S. Gandolfi, F. Pederiva Phys. Rev. Lett. 114, 092301 (2015)

- The appearance of Hyperons **softens** the EoS
- **Maximum NS masses get smaller**



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ChEFT Calculations from: T. Hell, W.W. PRC90 (2014) 045801

- HYPERNUCLEI DATA:**

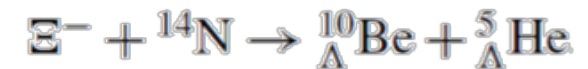
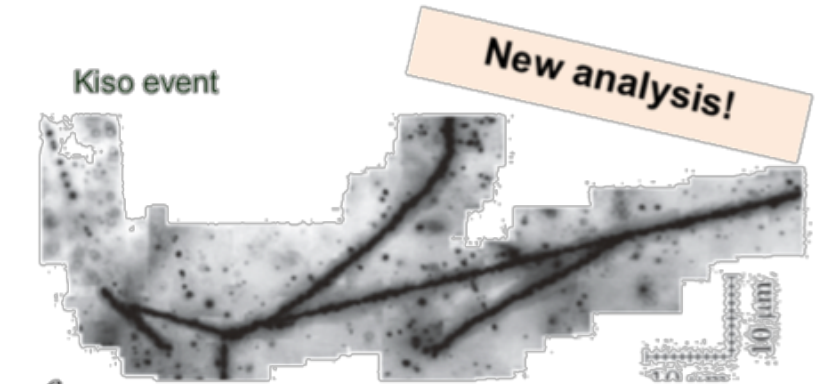
- $\Lambda$  hypernuclei data:  $B_{\Lambda \text{ nucleus}} = 30 \text{ MeV}$

- $\Xi$  hypernuclei data show **shallow attractive interaction** [Kiso Evt]

- $\Lambda\Lambda$  hypernuclei exist as well showing **weakly attraction** [Nagara Evt]

- $\Sigma$  hypernuclei: only  ${}^4_{\Sigma}\text{He}$  observed, ongoing at JPARC-E13 Coll.

Courtesy H. Tamura, Bormio Winter Meeting 2018



The first clear  $\Xi$  hypernucleus

$$B_{\Xi^-} = 4.38 \pm 0.25 \text{ MeV},$$

$$- 1.11 \pm 0.25 \text{ MeV}$$

K. Nakazawa et al. PTEP 2015, 033D02



- Hadron-Hadron interactions are fundamental to constrain:
  - Behavior of nuclear matter at large densities  $\Rightarrow$  EoS of NSs
  - Existence of states beyond the standard quark model
- Two striking examples:
  - Kaon - Nucleon  $\Rightarrow$  more precise data needed above threshold  $\Rightarrow \Lambda(1405)$ , low energy QCD models
  - $\Xi$  - Nucleon  $\Rightarrow$  only one hypernuclei event, data in vacuum needed  $\Rightarrow$  hyperon puzzle in NSs
- Scattering experiments cannot be applied to multi-strange hyperons and cannot access the low-momentum range, hypernuclei experiments are often based on single events
- What is the next step?

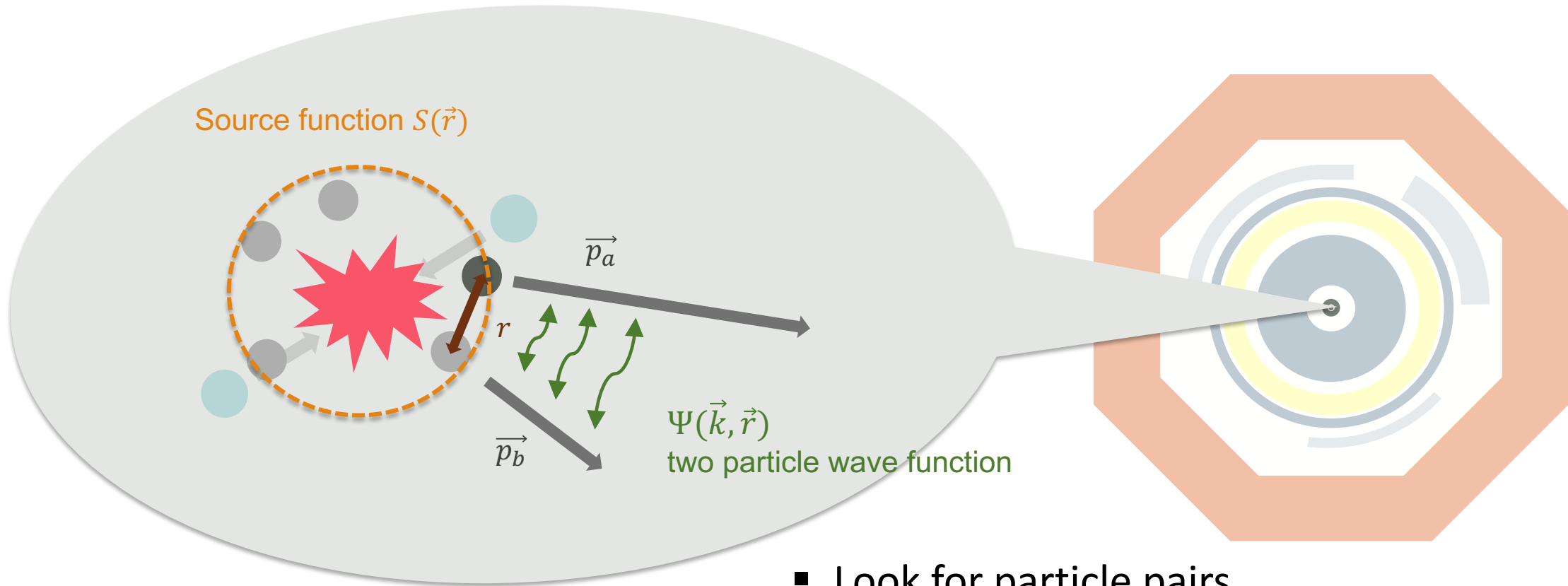
## Femtoscscopy



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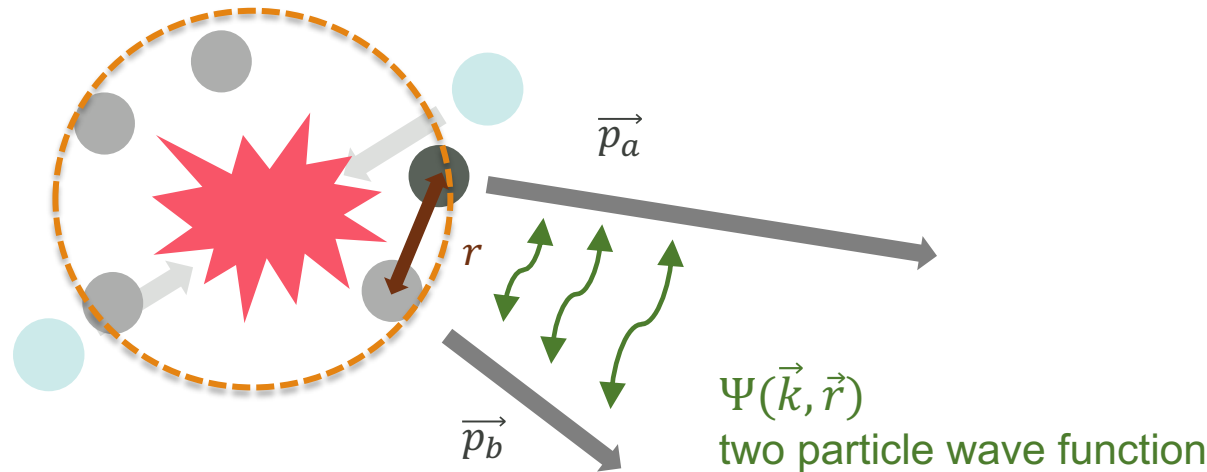


# BASICS OF FEMTOSCOPY



- Look for particle pairs
- Measure the relative momentum  $k$  distribution in your experimental set up
- Search for correlations

Source function  $S(\vec{r})$

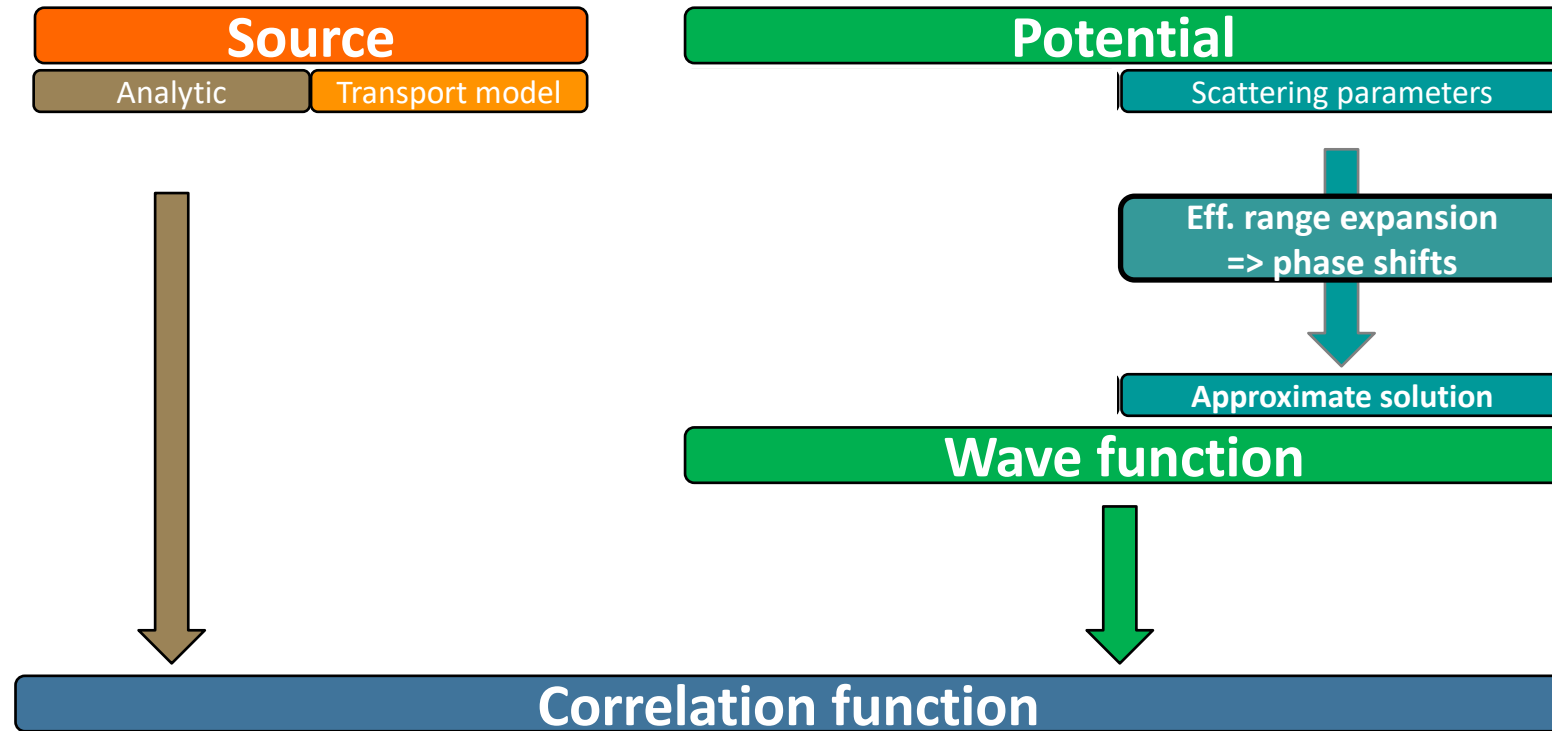


$$C(k) = \frac{\mathcal{P}(\vec{p}_a, \vec{p}_b)}{\mathcal{P}(\vec{p}_a)\mathcal{P}(\vec{p}_b)} = \mathcal{N} \frac{N_{\text{Same}}(k)}{N_{\text{Mixed}}(k)} = \int S(\vec{r}) |\Psi(\vec{k}, \vec{r})|^2 d^3\vec{r} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 1$$

Single-particle momenta

Relative distance / reduced momentum in the rest frame of the pair

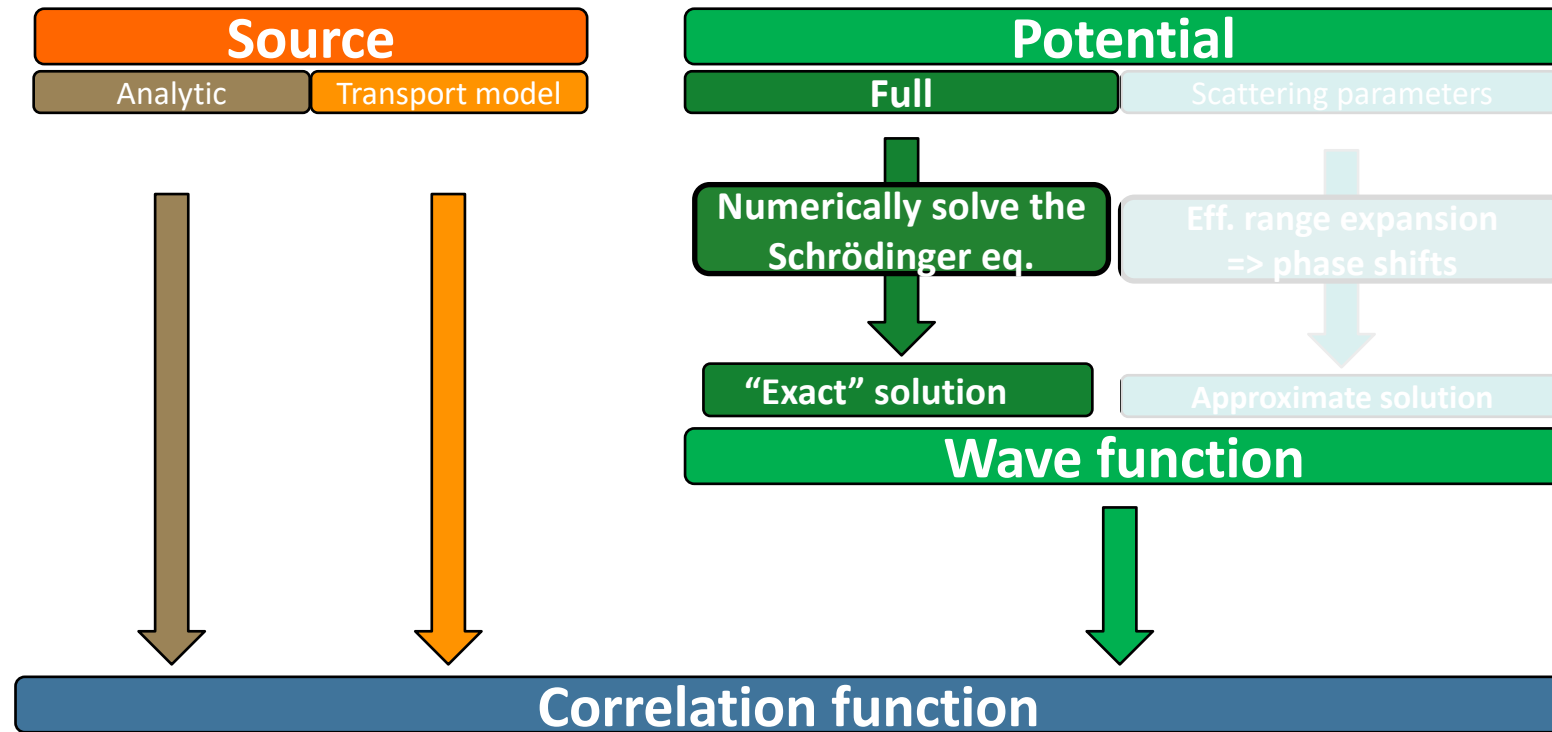
Lisa, Pratt, Wiedemann, Solz,  
Ann.Rev.Nucl.Part.Sci. 55 (2005) 357-402



$$C(k) = 1 + \sum_S \rho_S \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{f^S(k)}{R_G^{\Lambda p}} \right|^2 \left( 1 - \frac{d_0^S}{2\sqrt{\pi} R_G^{\Lambda p}} \right) + 2 \frac{\Re f^S(k)}{\sqrt{\pi} R_G^{\Lambda p}} F_1(Q R_G^{\Lambda p}) - \frac{\Im f^S(k)}{R_G^{\Lambda p}} F_2(Q R_G^{\Lambda p}) \right]$$

Depends on scattering parameters, might locally break down for small sources

R. Lednicky and V. L. Lyuboshits, Sov. J. Nucl. Phys. **35**, 770 (1982), [Yad. Fiz.35,1316(1981)].



$$C(k) = \int S(\vec{r}, k) |\psi(\vec{r}, k)|^2 d\vec{r} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 1$$

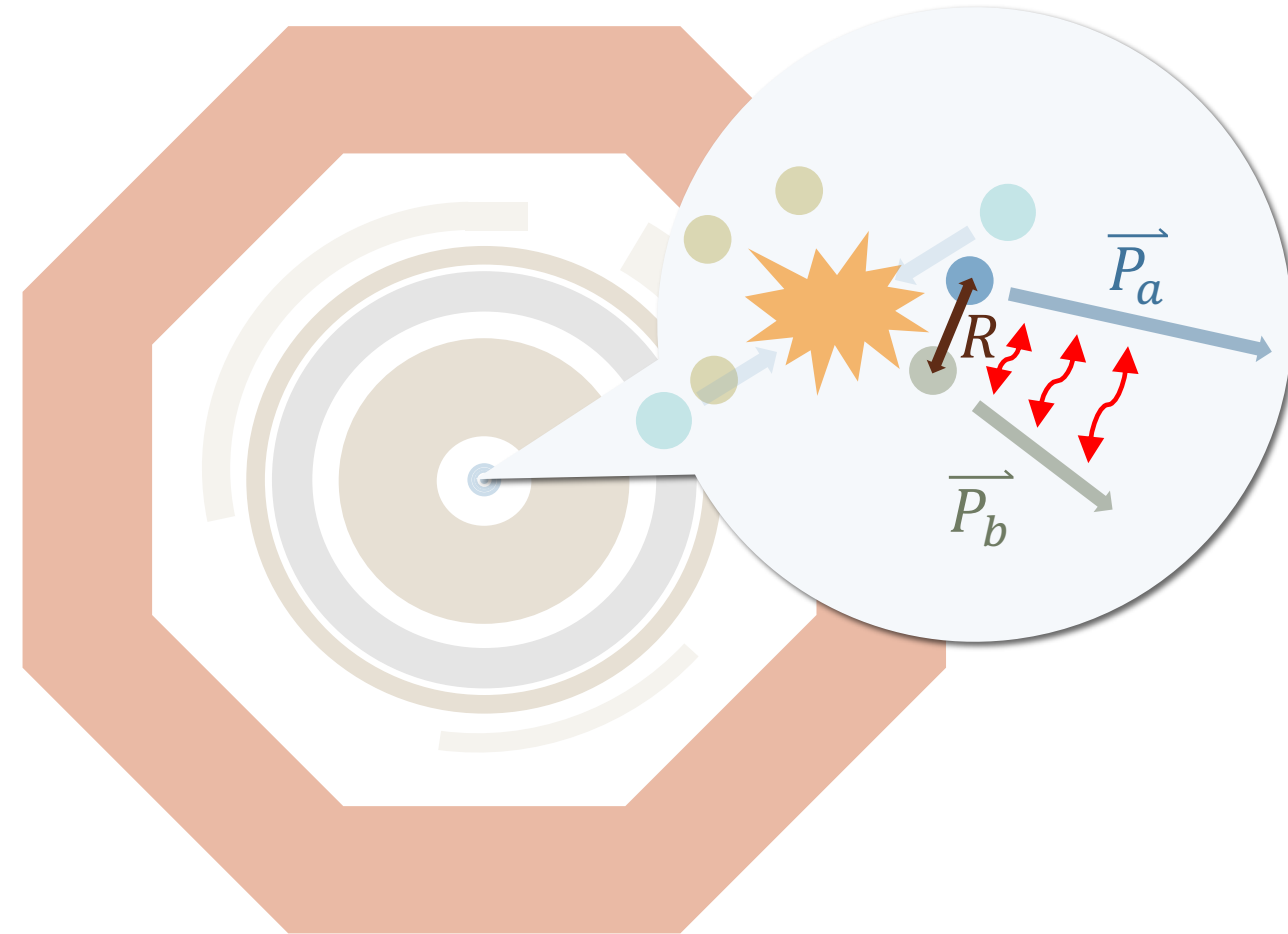
(D.L.Mihaylov et al. Eur.Phys.J. C78 (2018) no.5,394)



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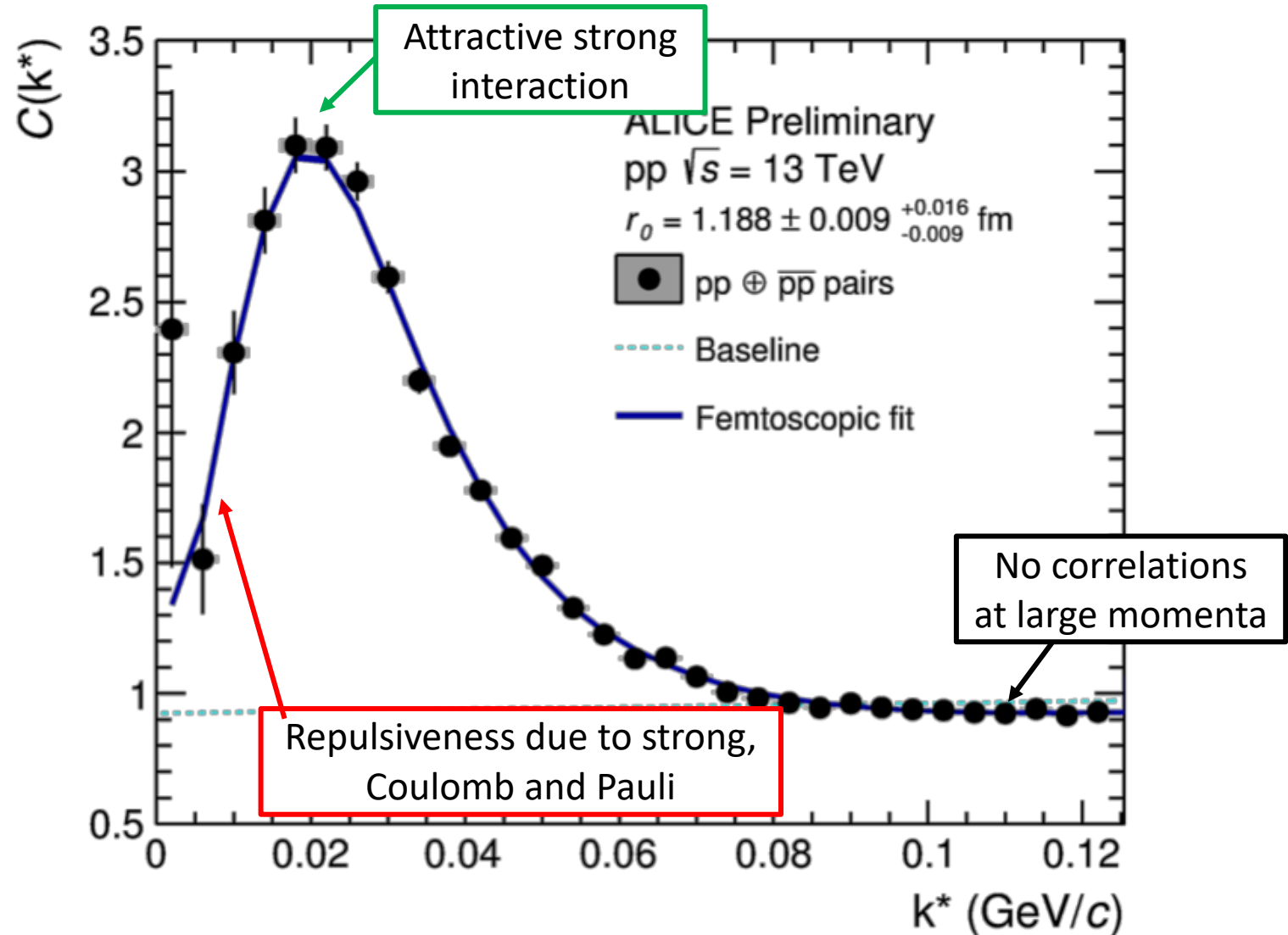
# RESULTS



- We measure **p-p**, **p- $\Lambda$** ,  **$\Lambda$ - $\Lambda$** , **p- $\Xi$** , **K-p** correlations
- Proton identification with TPC and TOF
- Reconstruction of hyperons
  - $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$  (BR  $\sim$  64%)
  - $\Xi^- \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^-$  (BR  $\sim$  100%)
- Datasets:
  - **pp 13 TeV:**  **$10 \cdot 10^8$  Events**
  - **p-Pb 5.02 TeV:**  **$6.0 \cdot 10^8$  Events**
- Assumption of a **common Gaussian source**
  - **Constrained from p-p**
  - **Infer on p- $\Lambda$** , **p- $\Xi$** ,  **$\Lambda$ - $\Lambda$**  and **K-p** interactions

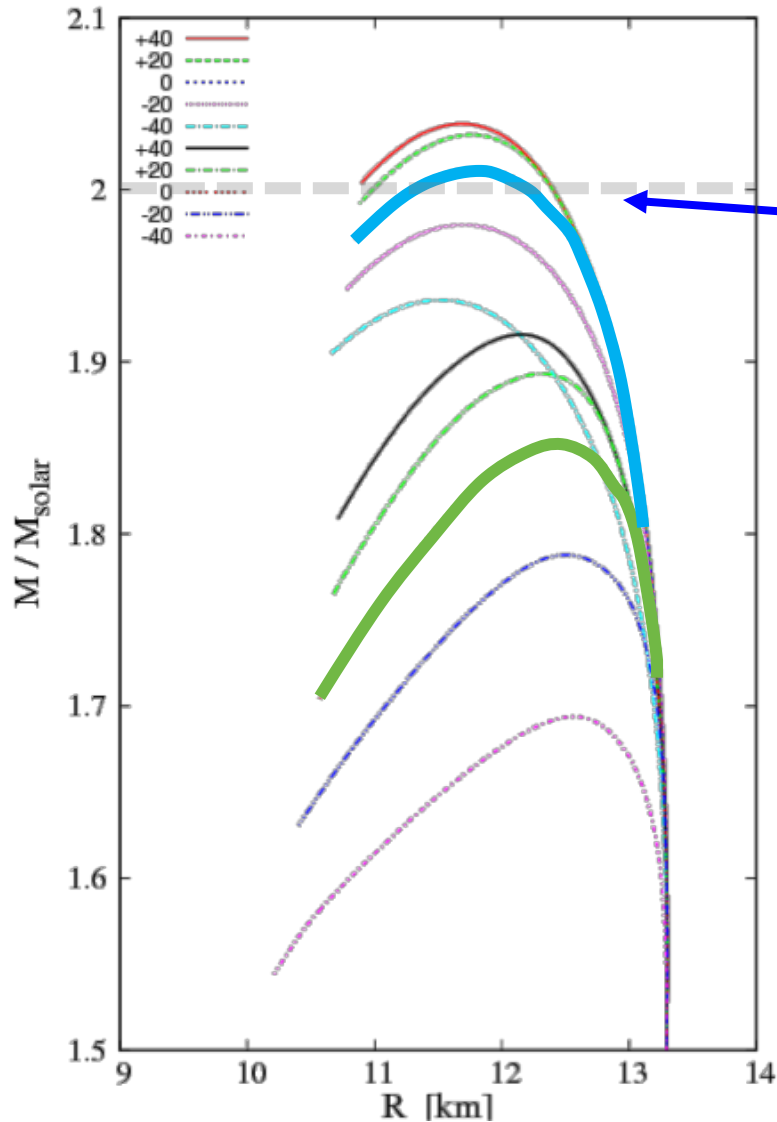


$C(k^*)$  →  $> 1$  attraction  
 $= 1$  no interaction  
 $< 1$  repulsion



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Weissborn et al., NPA881 (2012) 62-77



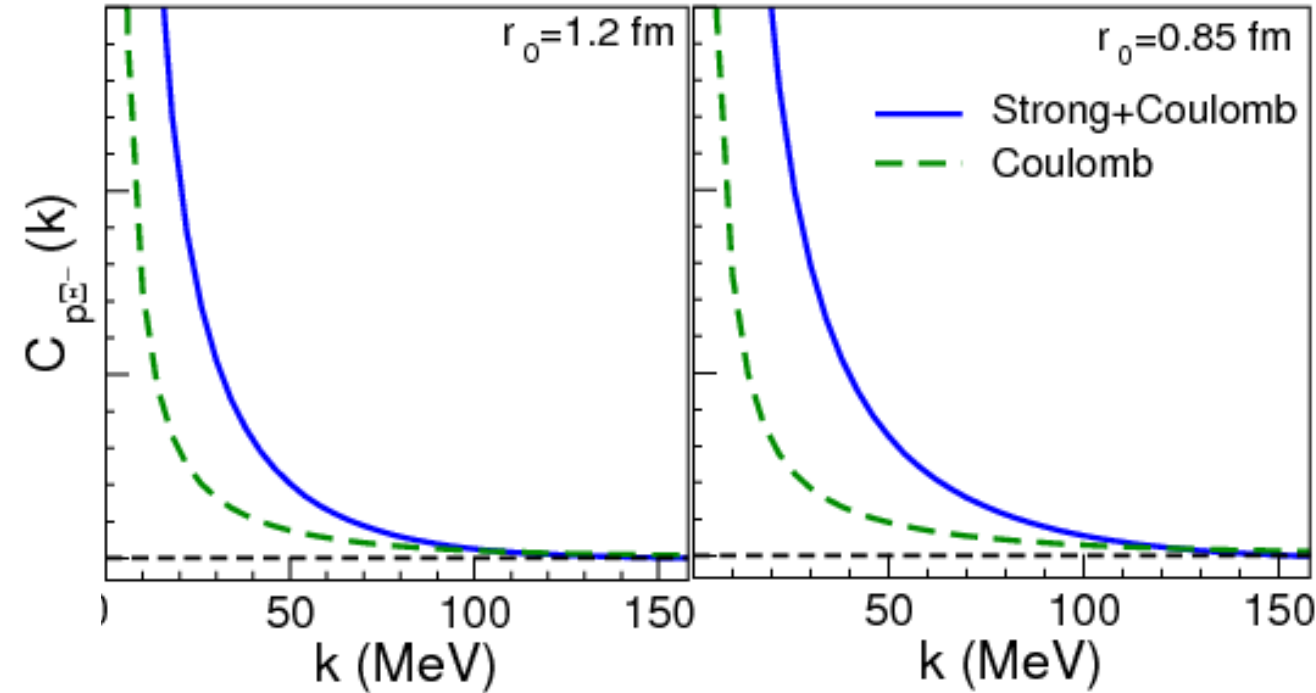
- Single-hyperon potential fundamental ingredient in EoS for NSs
- **Repulsive interaction  $\Rightarrow$  Production of  $\Xi^-$  pushed to higher densities  $\Rightarrow$  stiffer EoS, higher masses**
- A complication: in the case of neutron stars only the  $n-\Xi$  interaction is important, but for us neutrons are not detectable
- Experimentally challenging to isolate the  $I=1$  channel

	$I=0$	$I=1$	Detectable
$n-\Xi^-$	X	✓	No
$p-\Xi^0$	X	✓	Difficult
$p-\Xi^-$	✓	✓	Yes

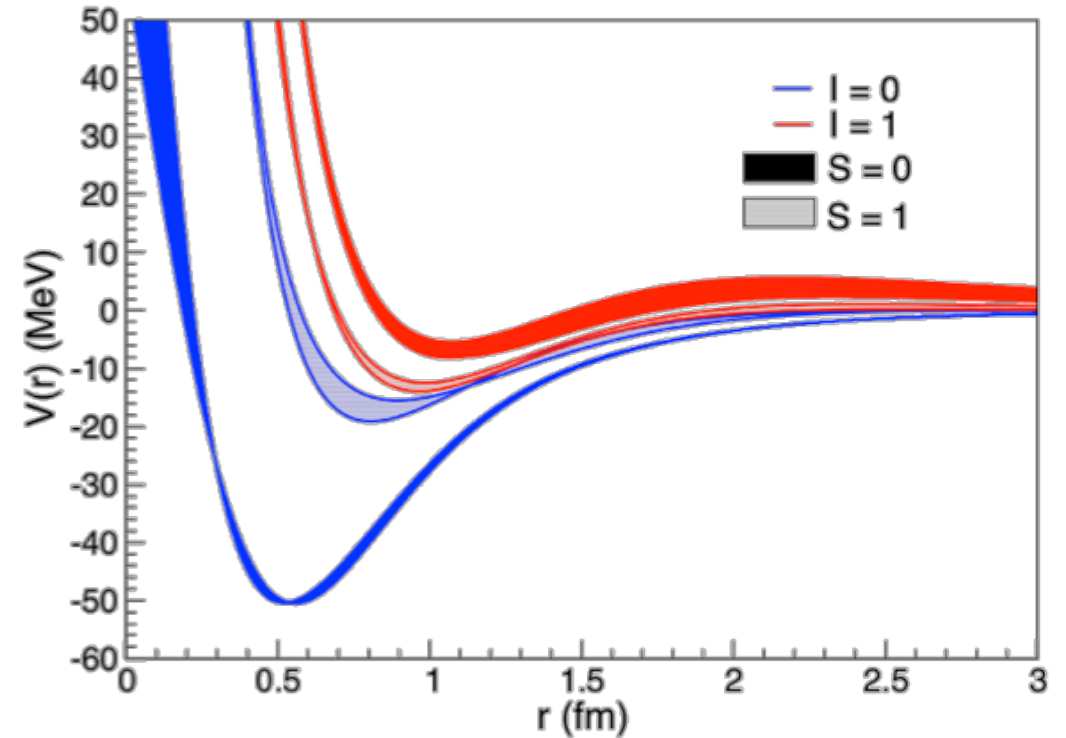


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# Theoretical $p\text{-}\Xi^-$ Correlation function



D.L.Mihaylov, V.M.S, O.W.Arnold, L.Fabbietti, B.Hohlweger,  
A.M.Mathis, Eur.Phys.J. C78 (2018) no.5,394



Potential from Hatsuda et al., NPA967 (2017) 856, PoS  
Lattice2016 (2017) 116)

- Comparison **Coulomb-only/Coulomb+Strong**
- Strong potential from preliminary calculations from HAL-QCD collaboration

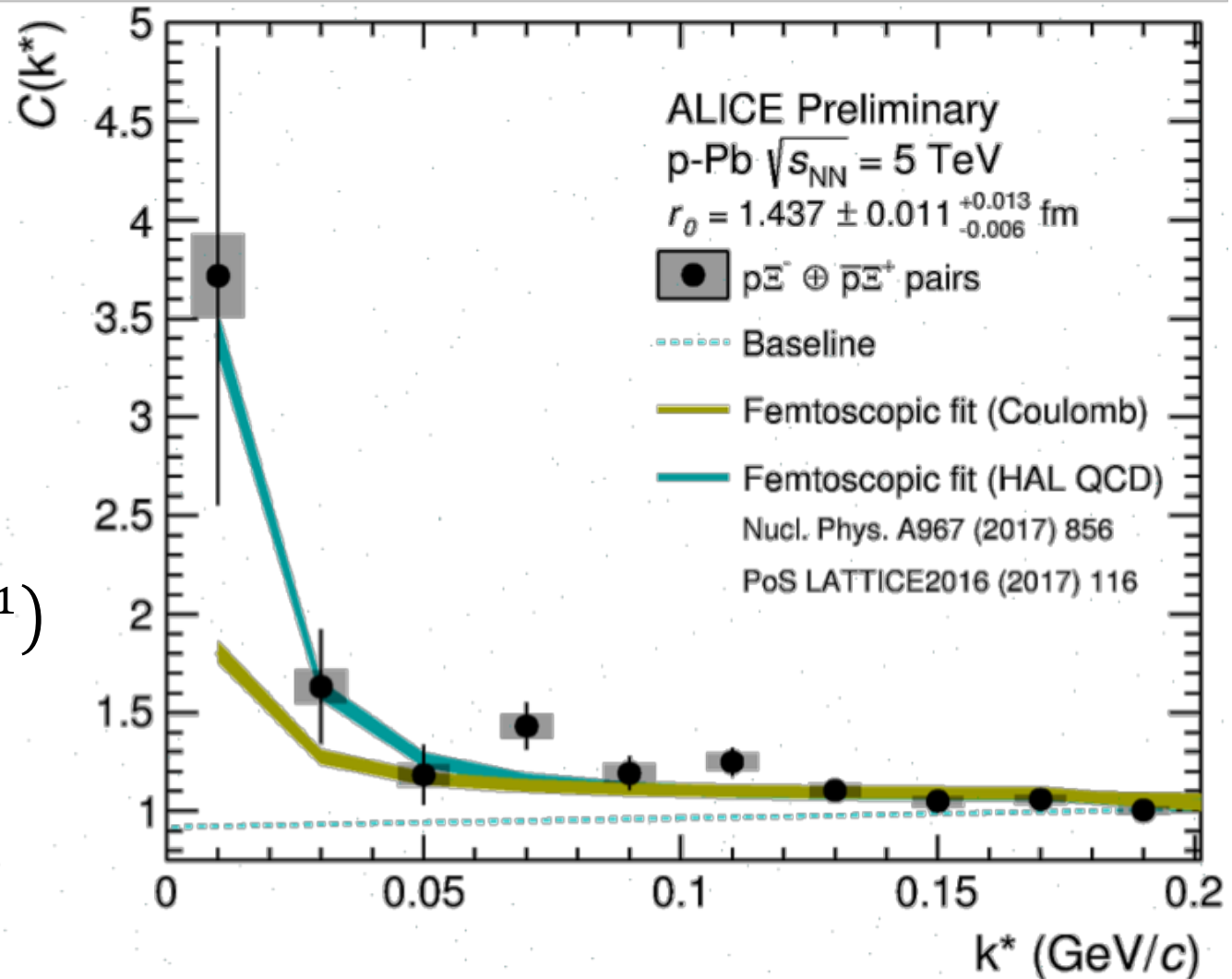
$$C(k^*) = \frac{1}{8} (C_{I=0}^{S=0} + C_{I=1}^{S=0}) + \frac{3}{8} (C_{I=0}^{S=1} + C_{I=1}^{S=1})$$

- **First observation of strong attractive interaction in p-Ξ<sup>-</sup>**
- modeled with preliminary QCD strong potential by the HAL QCD collaboration

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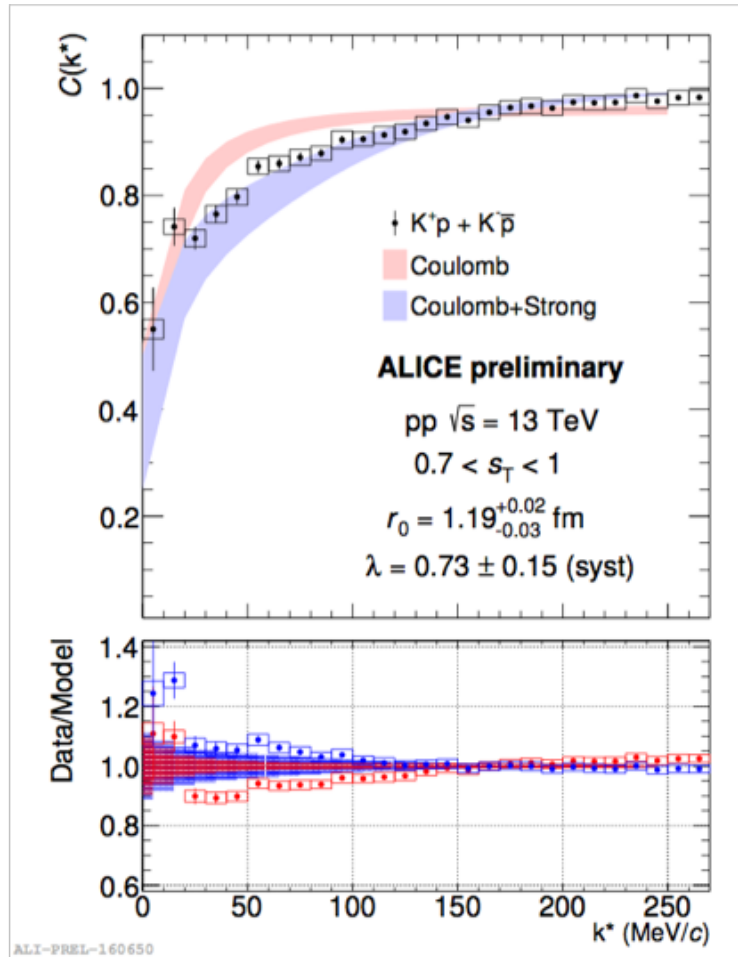
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**COULOMB-ONLY  
HYPOTHESIS EXCLUDED  
AROUND 3σ**



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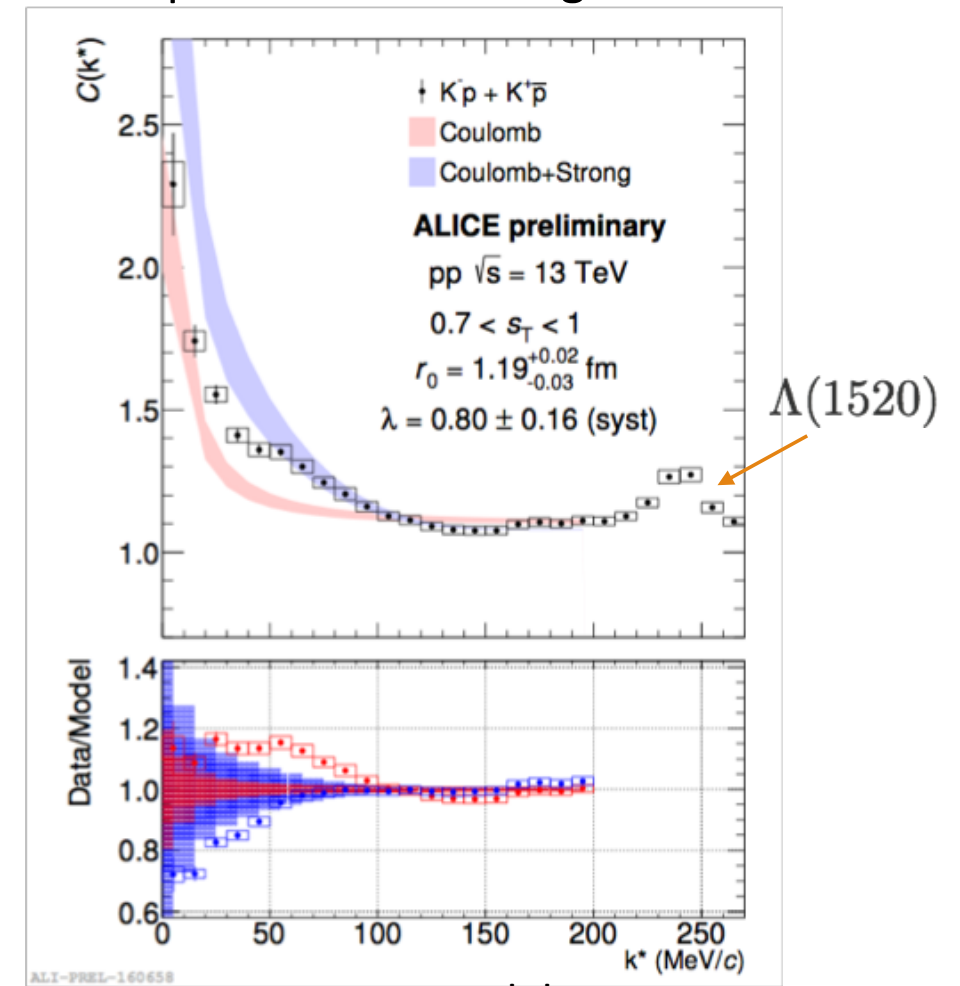
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Jülich Model

(Haidenbauer et al., Phys.Rev. C66 (2002) 055214)

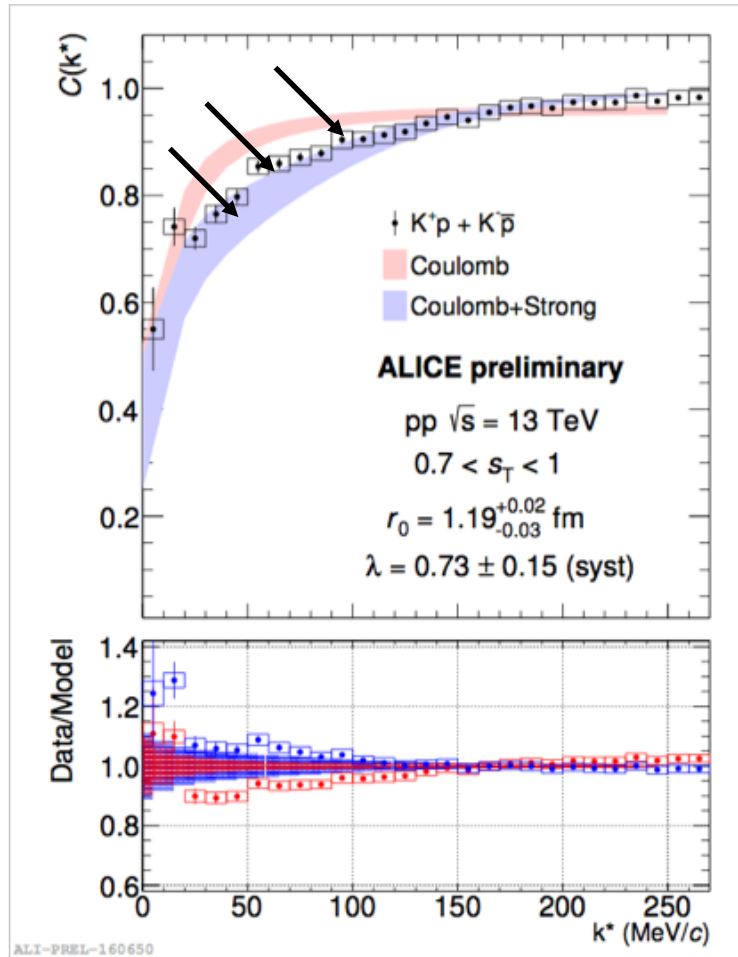
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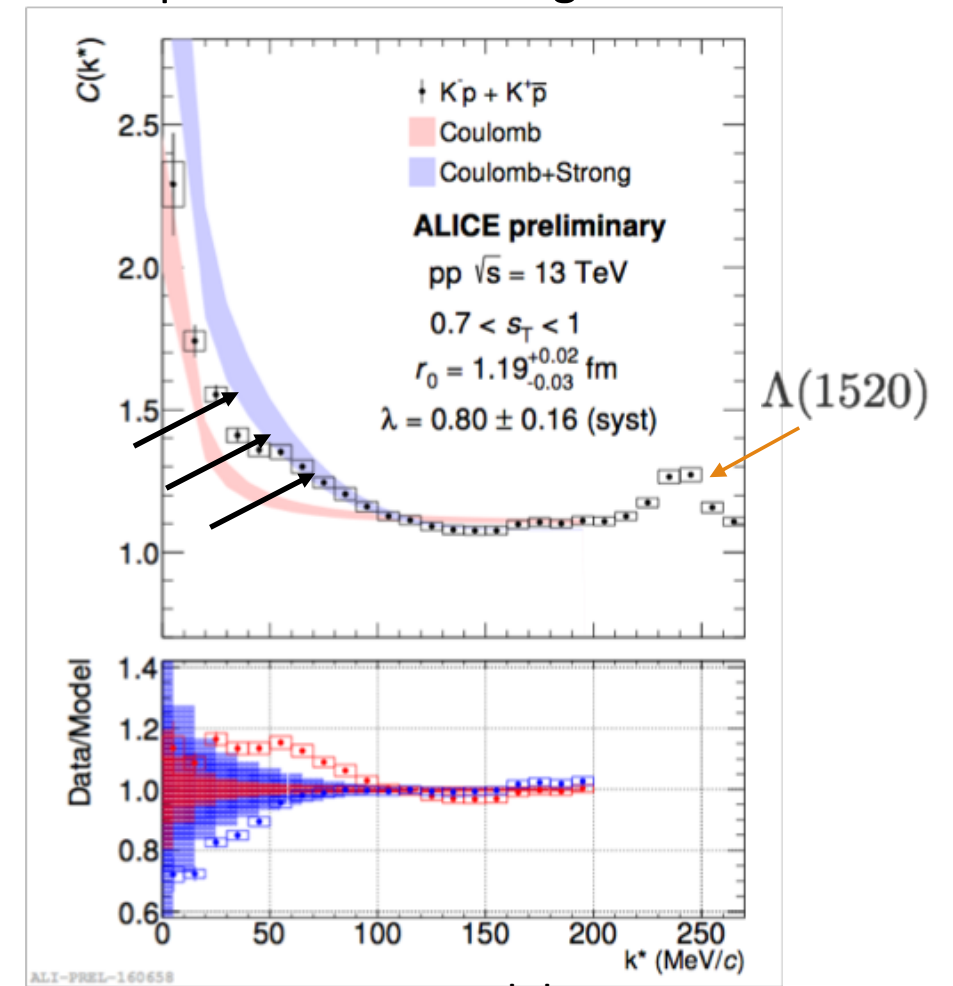
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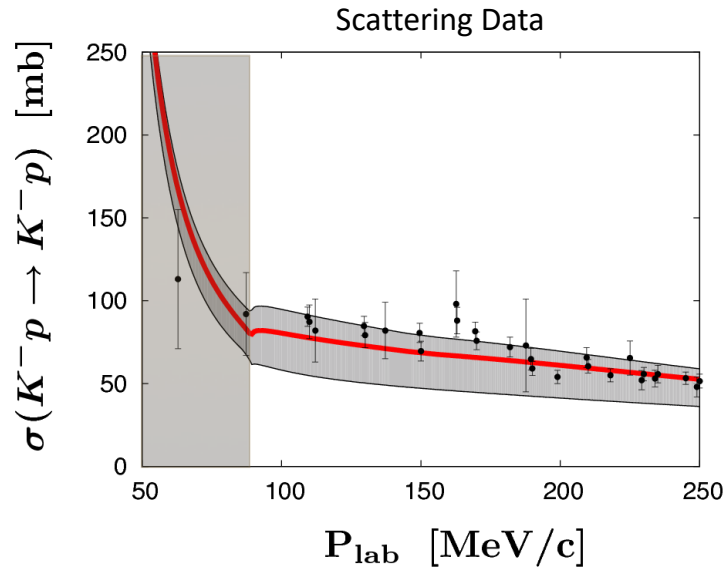
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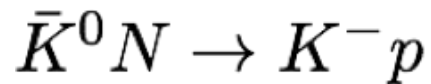
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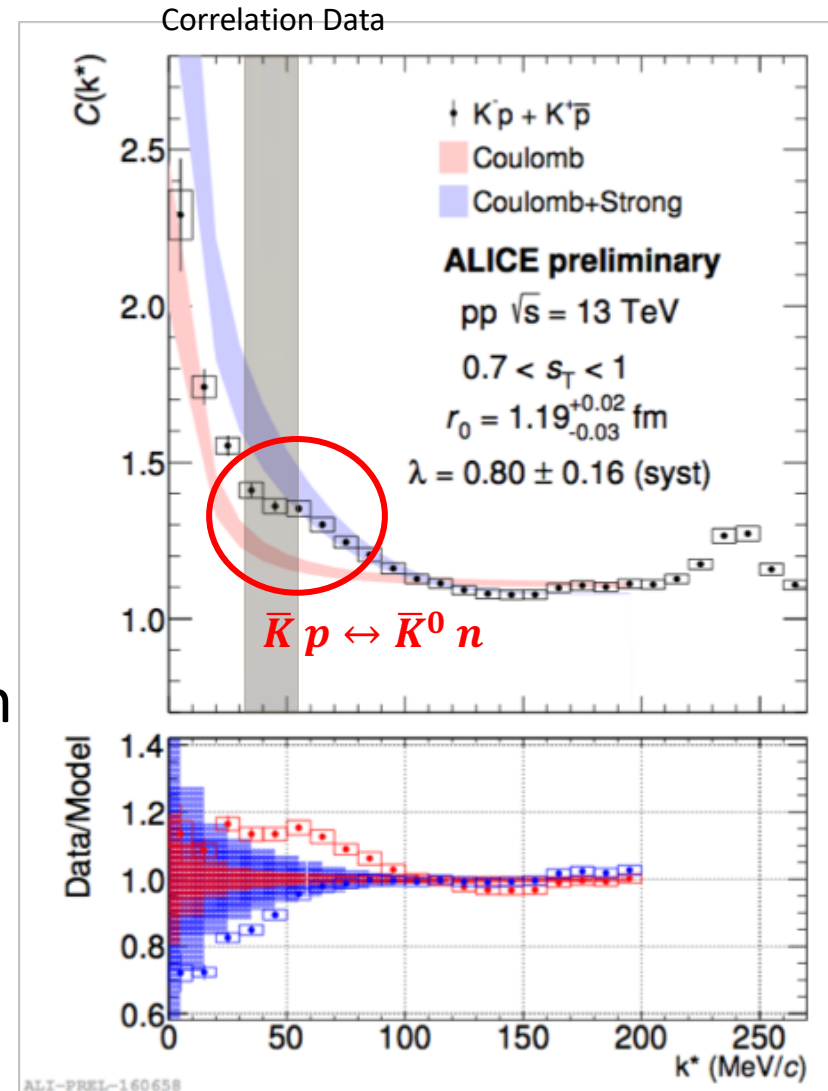


G.S. Abrams *et al.* Phys.Rev. 139 (1965) B454-B457

- Clear effect of the opening of the isospin breaking channel  $\bar{K}^0 N$



- **Unprecedented constraints for low energy QCD**





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# Summary and Outlook:



- **Femtoscopia** is an excellent tool to study **interactions of particle pairs**
  - Significant sensitivity to the interaction potentials
  - Access to the multistrange hyperons sector
  - Access to low momenta region with unprecedented high precision
- Observation of **attractive p- $\Xi^-$  interaction for the first time**  $\Rightarrow$  set constraints on the average potential of  $\Xi$  hyperons at finite density for NS EoS
- In the meson-baryon sector  $\Rightarrow$  **First experimental observation of the  $\bar{K}^0 N$  isospin breaking opening channel**  $\Rightarrow$  constraints close to threshold for low energy QCD models
- Extending the study to **more hyperon-nucleon pairs** (p- $\Omega$ , p- $\Sigma^0$ ) and in the future to **three-body interactions**
- **Looking forward to RUN3!**



- You name the pair, we measure it:
  - Work in progress at the moment: baryon-antibaryon,  $p$ - $\Omega$ ,  $p$ - $\Sigma^0$  K-d,....
- Universal and Robust Femto Analysis Tool
  - Fit the correlation function of various systems simultaneously in combination with CATS
- Development of a formalism to study three particle correlations  $\Rightarrow$  three-body forces including hyperons





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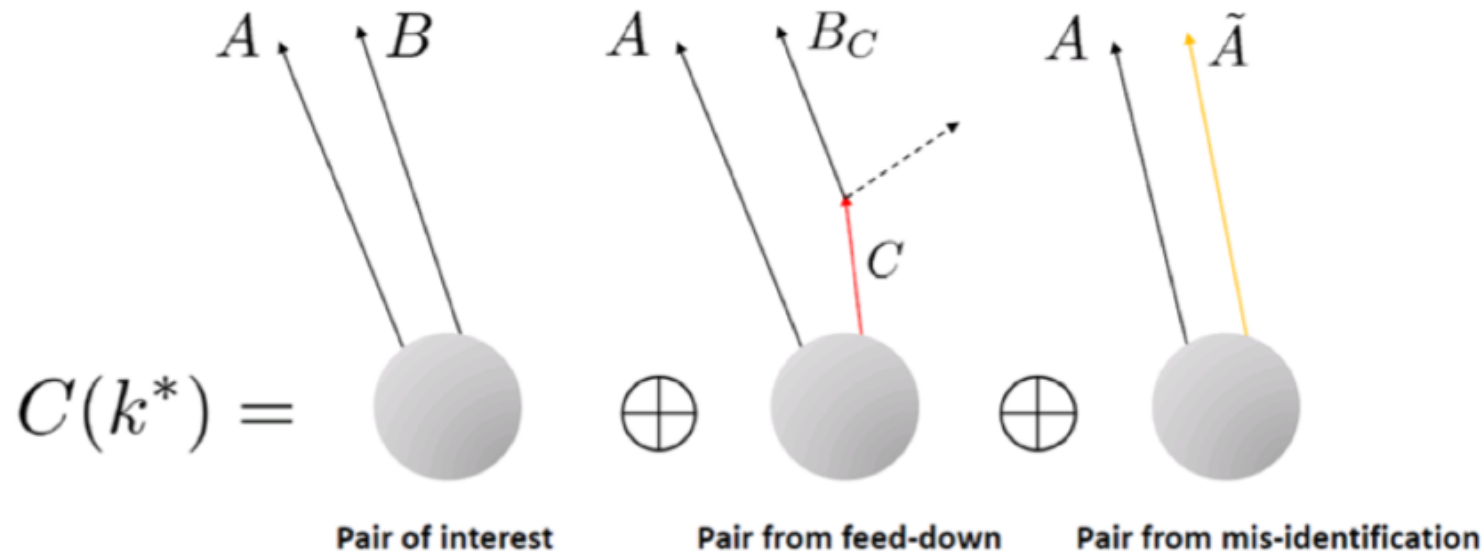
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# Backup Slides

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$$C(\vec{p}_a, \vec{p}_b) = \frac{P(\vec{p}_a, \vec{p}_b)}{P(\vec{p}_a)P(\vec{p}_b)} = \mathcal{N} \frac{N_{SE}(k)}{N_{ME}(k)}$$



$$\{pp\} = pp + p_{\Lambda}p + p_{\Lambda} + p_{\Lambda} + p_{\Sigma^+}p + p_{\Sigma^+}p_{\Sigma^+} + p_{\Lambda}p_{\Sigma^+} + \tilde{p}p + \tilde{p}p_{\Lambda} + \tilde{p}p_{\Sigma^+} + \tilde{p}\tilde{p},$$

- Purity from MC (Pythia 8)
- Feed-down fractions from MC template fits to the  $DCA_{xy}$  distribution

Pair	p-p $\lambda$ [%]
pp	75.19
$p_{\Lambda}p$	15.06
$p_{\Lambda}p_{\Lambda}$	0.75
$p_{\Sigma^+}p$	6.46
$p_{\Sigma^+}p_{\Sigma^+}$	0.14
$p_{\Lambda}p_{\Sigma^+}$	0.65
$\tilde{p}p$	1.52
$\tilde{p}p_{\Lambda}$	0.15
$\tilde{p}p_{\Sigma^+}$	0.07
$\tilde{p}\tilde{p}$	0.01

$$\begin{aligned} \{p\Lambda\} = & p\Lambda + p\Lambda_{\Xi^-} + p\Lambda_{\Xi^0} + p\Lambda_{\Sigma^0} + p_{\Lambda}\Lambda + p_{\Lambda}\Lambda_{\Xi^-} + p_{\Lambda}\Lambda_{\Xi^0} + p_{\Lambda}\Lambda_{\Sigma^0} \\ & + p_{\Sigma^+}\Lambda + p_{\Sigma^+}\Lambda_{\Xi^-} + p_{\Sigma^+}\Lambda_{\Xi^0} + p_{\Sigma^+}\Lambda_{\Sigma^0} + \tilde{p}\Lambda + \tilde{p}\Lambda_{\Xi^-} + \tilde{p}\Lambda_{\Xi^0} + \tilde{p}\Lambda_{\Sigma^0} \\ & + p\tilde{\Lambda} + p_{\Lambda}\tilde{\Lambda} + p_{\Sigma^+}\tilde{\Lambda} + \tilde{p}\tilde{\Lambda}. \end{aligned}$$

- Purity from fits to the invariant mass distribution
- Feed-down fractions from MC template fits to the  $\cos\alpha$  distribution

Pair	p- $\Lambda$ $\lambda$ [%]	Pair	p- $\Lambda$ $\lambda$ [%]
p $\Lambda$	52.42	$\tilde{p}\Lambda$	0.53
p $\Lambda_{\Xi^-}$	6.94	$\tilde{p}\Lambda_{\Xi^-}$	0.07
p $\Lambda_{\Xi^0}$	6.94	$\tilde{p}\Lambda_{\Xi^0}$	0.07
p $\Lambda_{\Sigma^0}$	17.47	$\tilde{p}\Lambda_{\Sigma^0}$	0.18
p $_{\Lambda}\Lambda$	5.25	p $\tilde{\Lambda}$	2.95
p $_{\Lambda}\Lambda_{\Xi^-}$	0.69	p $_{\Lambda}\tilde{\Lambda}$	0.30
p $_{\Lambda}\Lambda_{\Xi^0}$	0.69	p $_{\Sigma^+}\tilde{\Lambda}$	0.13
p $_{\Lambda}\Lambda_{\Sigma^0}$	1.75	$\tilde{p}\tilde{\Lambda}$	0.03
p $_{\Sigma^+}\Lambda$	2.25		
p $_{\Sigma^+}\Lambda_{\Xi^-}$	0.30		
p $_{\Sigma^+}\Lambda_{\Xi^0}$	0.30		
p $_{\Sigma^+}\Lambda_{\Sigma^0}$	0.75		

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Lambda properties obtained from the  $\Lambda$  purity and the  $\cos\alpha$  template fits

$\Lambda$ - $\Lambda$		$\Lambda$ - $\Lambda$	
Pair	$\lambda$ [%]	Pair	$\lambda$ [%]
$\Lambda\Lambda$	36.54	$\tilde{\Lambda}\Lambda$	4.11
$\Lambda\Lambda_{\Sigma^0}$	24.36	$\tilde{\Lambda}\Lambda_{\Sigma^0}$	1.37
$\Lambda_{\Sigma^0}\Lambda_{\Sigma^0}$	4.06	$\tilde{\Lambda}\Lambda_{\Xi^0}$	0.54
$\Lambda\Lambda_{\Xi^0}$	9.67	$\tilde{\Lambda}\Lambda_{\Xi^-}$	0.54
$\Lambda_{\Xi^0}\Lambda_{\Xi^0}$	0.64	$\tilde{\Lambda}\tilde{\Lambda}$	0.12
$\Lambda\Lambda_{\Xi^-}$	9.67		
$\Lambda_{\Xi^-}\Lambda_{\Xi^-}$	0.64		
$\Lambda_{\Sigma^0}\Lambda_{\Xi^0}$	3.22		
$\Lambda_{\Sigma^0}\Lambda_{\Xi^-}$	3.22		
$\Lambda_{\Xi^0}\Lambda_{\Xi^-}$	1.28		

$$\begin{aligned} \{p\Xi^-\} = & p\Xi^- + p\Xi_{\Xi^-(1530)}^- + p\Xi_{\Xi^0(1530)}^- + p\Xi_{\Omega}^- + p\Lambda\Xi^- + p\Lambda\Xi_{\Xi^-(1530)}^- \\ & + p\Lambda\Xi_{\Xi^0(1530)}^- + p\Lambda\Xi_{\Omega}^- + p\Sigma^+\Xi^- + p\Sigma^+\Xi_{\Xi^-(1530)}^- + p\Sigma^+\Xi_{\Xi^0(1530)}^- + p\Sigma^+\Xi_{\Omega}^- \\ & + \tilde{p}\Xi^- + \tilde{p}\Xi_{\Xi^-(1530)}^- + \tilde{p}\Xi_{\Xi^0(1530)}^- + \tilde{p}\Xi_{\Omega}^- + p\tilde{\Xi}^- + p\Lambda\tilde{\Xi}^- + p\Sigma^+\tilde{\Xi}^- + \tilde{p}\tilde{\Xi}^-. \end{aligned}$$

Feeding from

- $\Omega$  (BR very small)
- $\Xi^0(1530)$  and  $\Xi^-(1530)$ 
  - Isospin partners: assume to be produced in the same amount
  - $\Xi(1530)/\Xi^- = 0.32$   
(<https://doi.org/10.1140/epjc/s10052-014-3191-x>)
  - $BR(\Xi^0(1530) \rightarrow \Xi^-) = 2/3$
  - $BR(\Xi^-(1530) \rightarrow \Xi^-) = 1/3$

Pair	p- $\Xi$	$\lambda$ [%]
$p\Xi^-$		52.40
$p\Xi_{\Xi^-(1530)}^-$		8.32
$p\Xi_{\Xi^0(1530)}^-$		16.65
$p\Xi_{\Omega}^-$		0.67
$p\Lambda\Xi^-$		5.25
$p\Lambda\Xi_{\Xi^-(1530)}^-$		0.83
$p\Lambda\Xi_{\Xi^0(1530)}^-$		1.67
$p\Lambda\Xi_{\Omega}^-$		0.07
$p\Sigma^+\Xi^-$		2.25
$p\Sigma^+\Xi_{\Xi^-(1530)}^-$		0.36
$p\Sigma^+\Xi_{\Xi^0(1530)}^-$		0.71
$p\Sigma^+\Xi_{\Omega}^-$		0.03

Pair	p- $\Xi$	$\lambda$ [%]
$\tilde{p}\Xi^-$		0.53
$\tilde{p}\Xi_{\Xi^-(1530)}^-$		0.08
$\tilde{p}\Xi_{\Xi^0(1530)}^-$		0.17
$\tilde{p}\Xi_{\Omega}^-$		0.01
$p\tilde{\Xi}^-$		8.67
$p\Lambda\tilde{\Xi}^-$		0.87
$p\Sigma^+\tilde{\Xi}^-$		2.25
$\tilde{p}\tilde{\Xi}^-$		0.09

## pp@13 TeV

Particle	# baryons
p	$113.7 \times 10^6$
$\bar{p}$	$97.4 \times 10^6$
$\Lambda$	$22.3 \times 10^6$
$\bar{\Lambda}$	$21.0 \times 10^6$
$\Xi^-$	$509 \times 10^3$
$\Xi^+$	$527 \times 10^3$

Pair	# of pairs $k^* < 200$ MeV/c
p - p	$190 \times 10^3$
$\bar{p} - \bar{p}$	$140 \times 10^3$
p - $\Lambda$	$62 \times 10^3$
$\bar{p} - \bar{\Lambda}$	$49 \times 10^3$
$\Lambda - \Lambda$	5659
$\bar{\Lambda} - \bar{\Lambda}$	5243
p - $\Xi^-$	407
$\bar{p} - \Xi^+$	364

## P-Pb @ 5.02 TeV

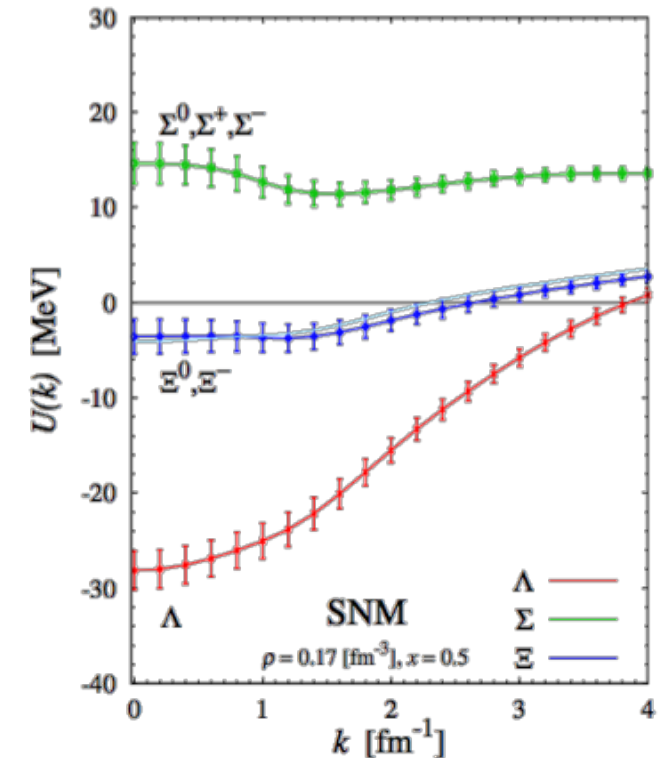
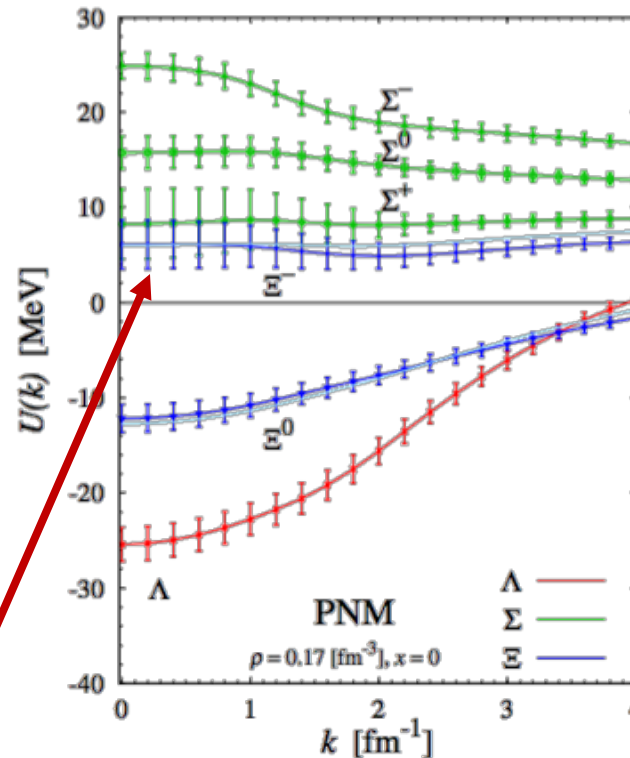
Particle	Candidates
p	$155 \times 10^6$
$\bar{p}$	$133 \times 10^6$
$\Lambda$	$26 \times 10^6$
$\bar{\Lambda}$	$24 \times 10^6$
$\Xi$	$0.9 \times 10^6$
$\bar{\Xi}$	$0.9 \times 10^6$

Combinations	Pairs ( $k^* < 200$ MeV/c)
p - p	$517 \times 10^3$
$\bar{p} - \bar{p}$	$370 \times 10^3$
p - $\Lambda$	$127 \times 10^3$
$\bar{p} - \bar{\Lambda}$	$62 \times 10^3$
$\Lambda - \Lambda$	$13 \times 10^3$
$\bar{\Lambda} - \bar{\Lambda}$	$12 \times 10^3$
p - $\Xi$	$1.8 \times 10^3$
$\bar{p} - \bar{\Xi}$	$1.3 \times 10^3$



- NS environment  $\Rightarrow$  **Pure Neutron Matter**
- Tested HAL-QCD potential in vacuum with ALICE  $\Rightarrow$  Brueckner-Hartree-Fock many-body calculations  $\Rightarrow U_Y$  single-particle potential of hyperons in nucleonic matter
- At saturation density in PNM:

**$U_{\Xi^-}$  slightly repulsive**

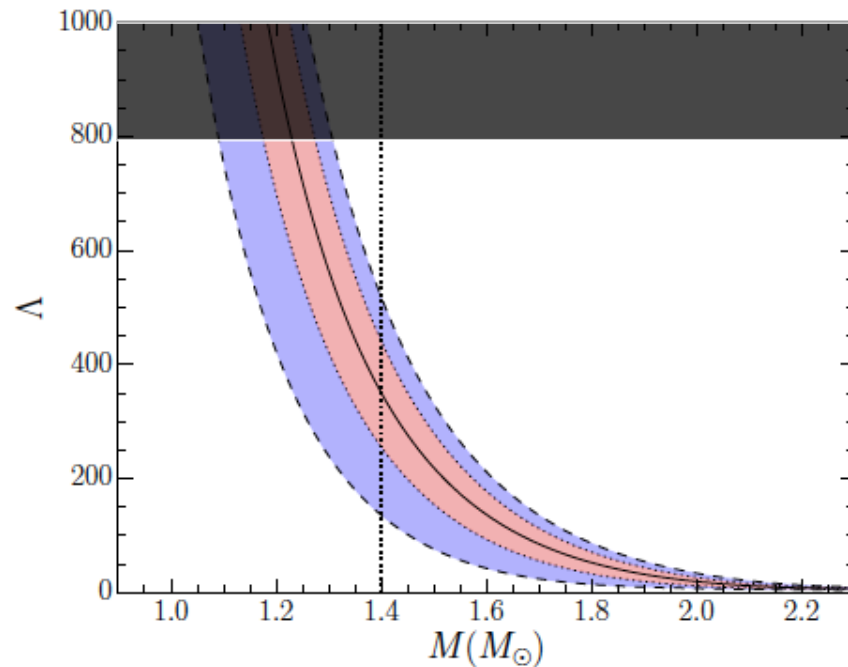


HAL-QCD Collaboration, arXiv:1809.08932 (2018)

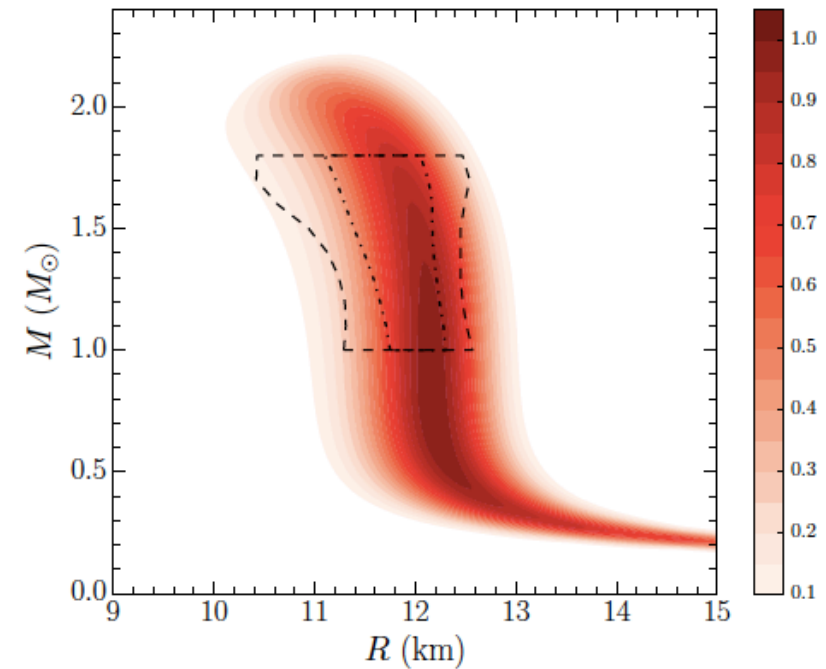
Tidal Deformability  $\Lambda$ : measurement of the NS deformability, upper limit extracted from GW170817

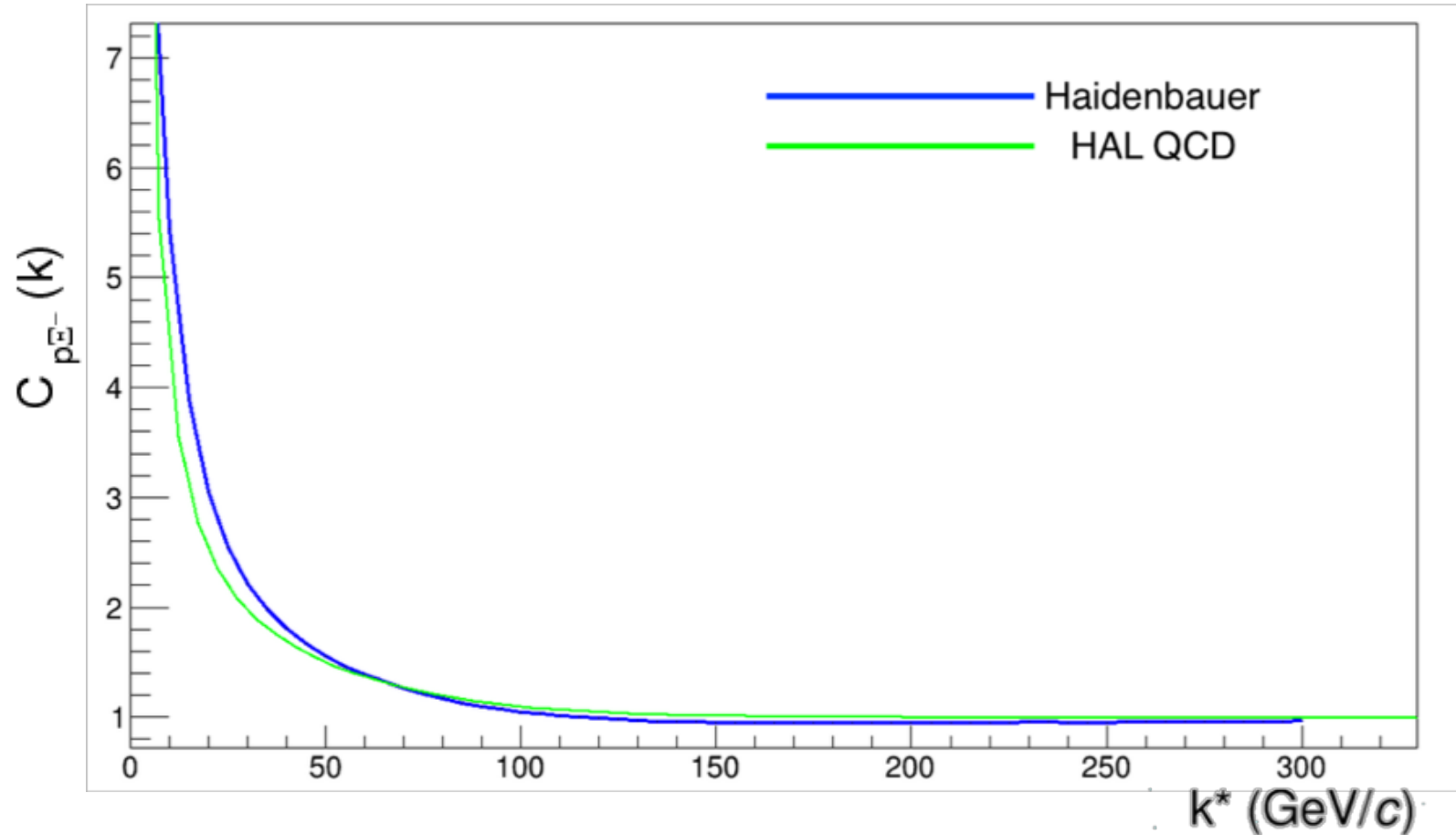
B. P. Abbott et al. (LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration), Phys. Rev. Lett. 119, 161101 (2017).

Nuclear EoS including 2N and 3N interactions are consistent with these constraints



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- Comparison **HAL-QCD/ $\chi$ EFT** from recent work by Haidenbauer and Meissner (arxiv:1810.04883)