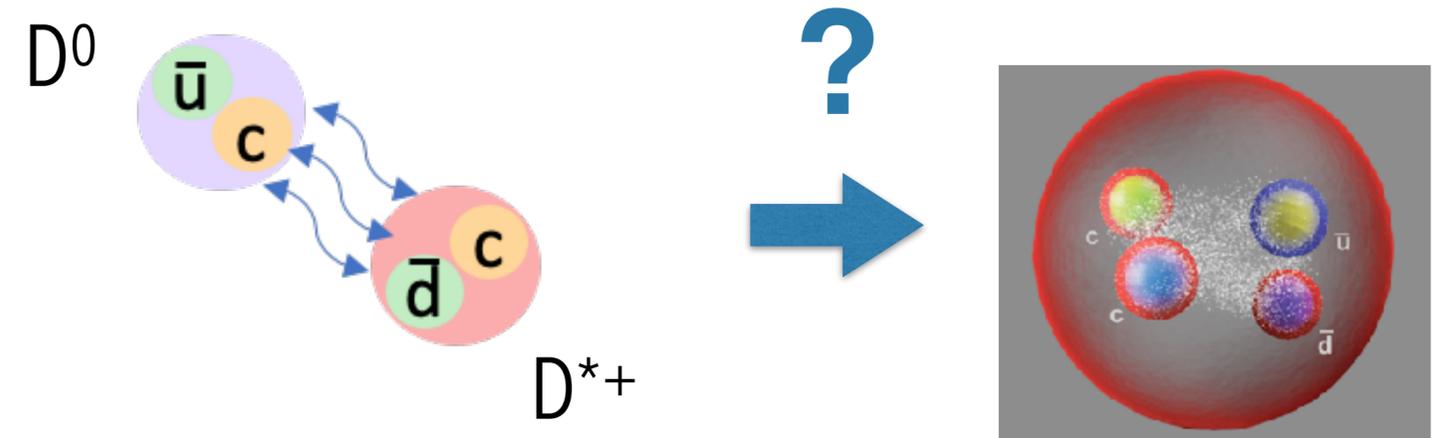
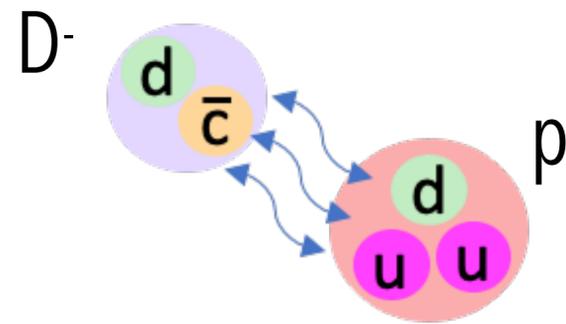


D meson scattering parameters with light-flavor hadrons



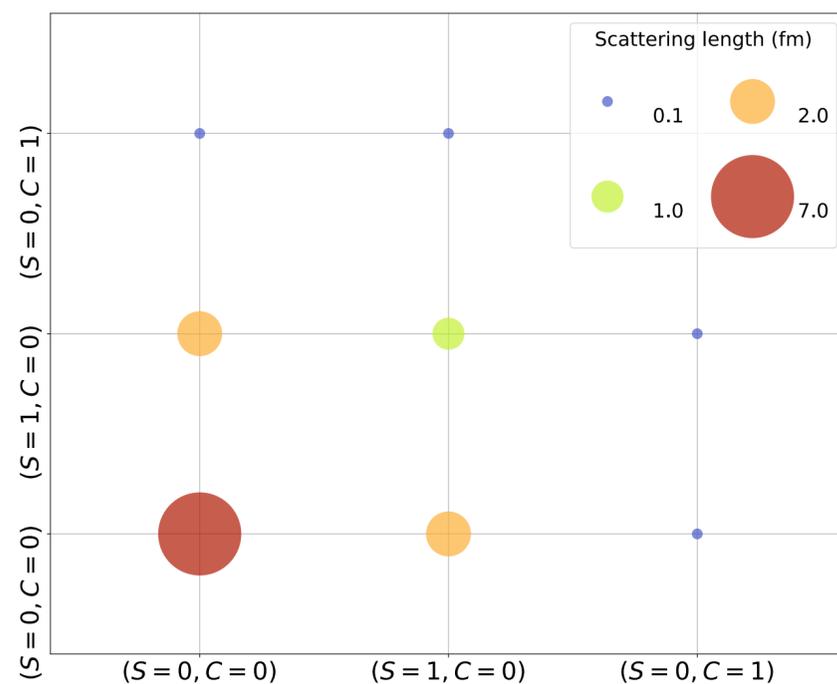
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- The residual strong interaction among hadrons is rather well known for NN, less known for YN and barely known for Charmed hadrons-light hadrons combination



- Determine the hierarchy of the hadron-hadron coupling for all quark flavours

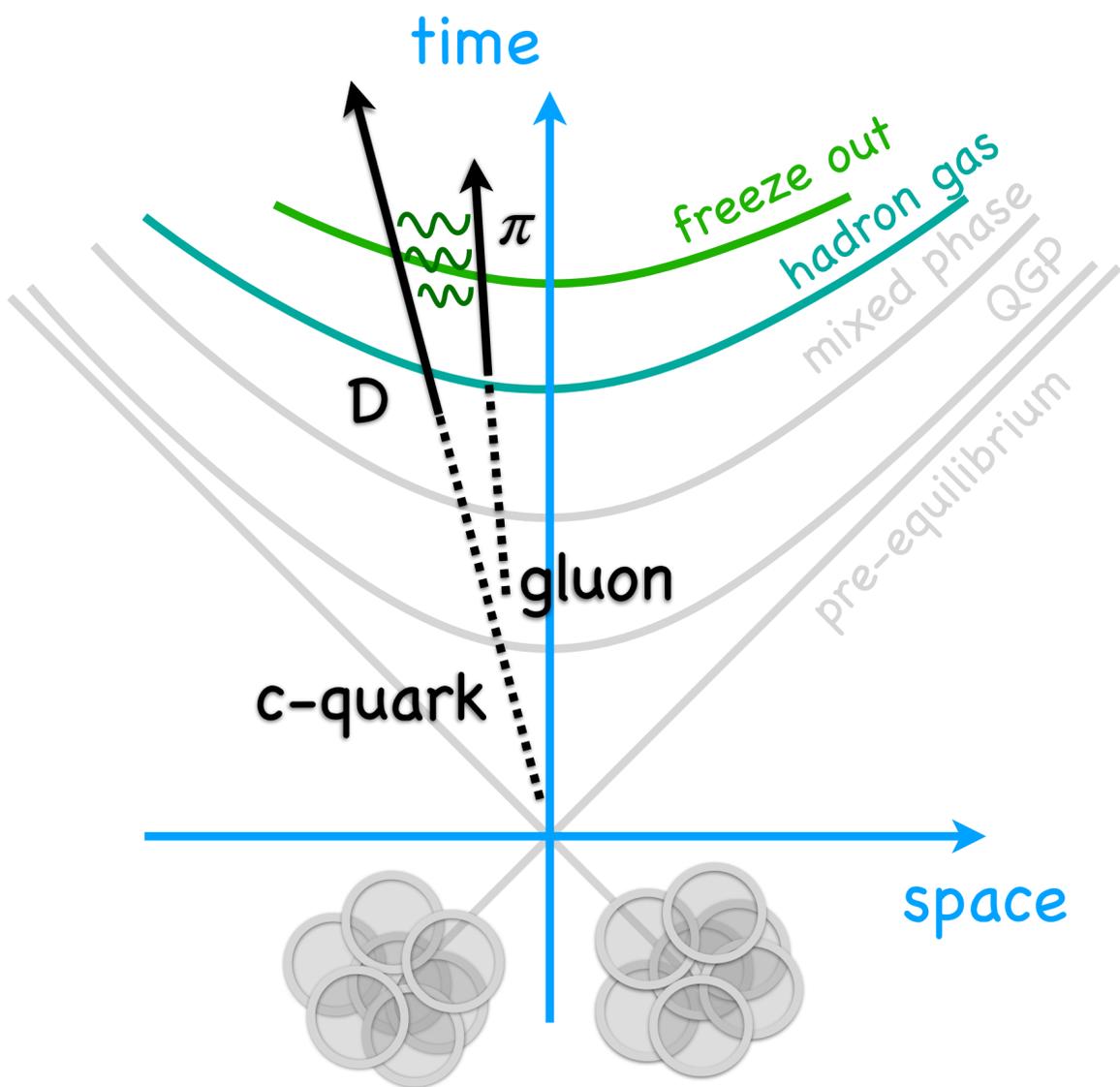
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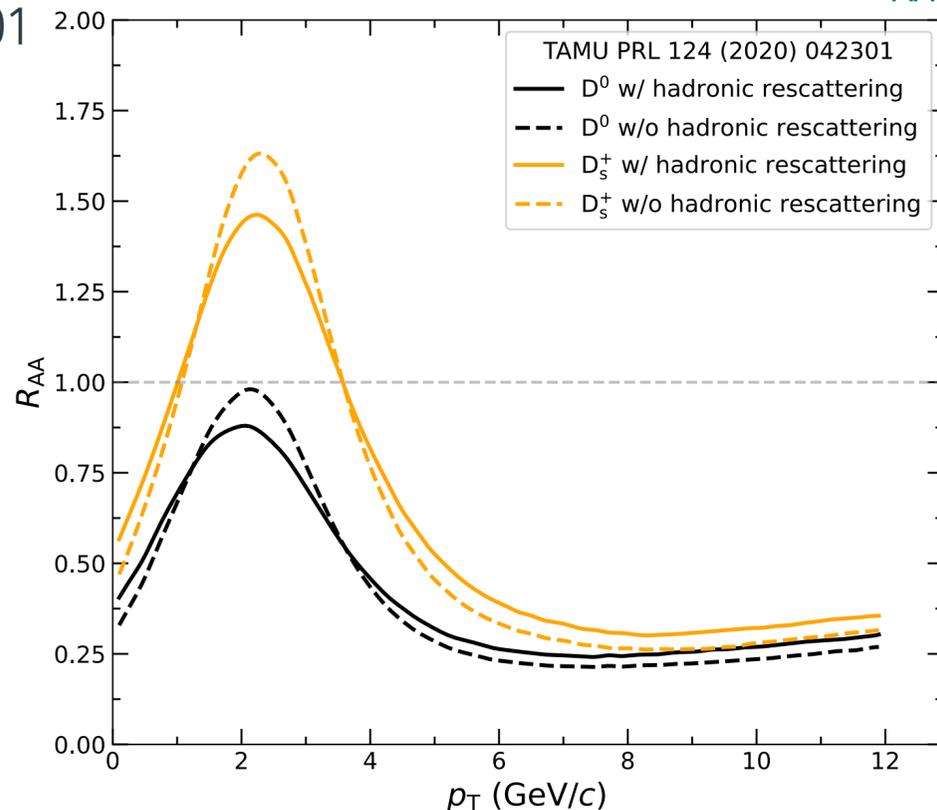
- Determine the scattering parameters among charmed hadrons as a tool to study molecular states with charm content

- After the hadronisation, heavy-flavour hadrons might still interact with the light hadrons produced
 - ➔ How much does the hadronic phase influence the heavy-ion observables?

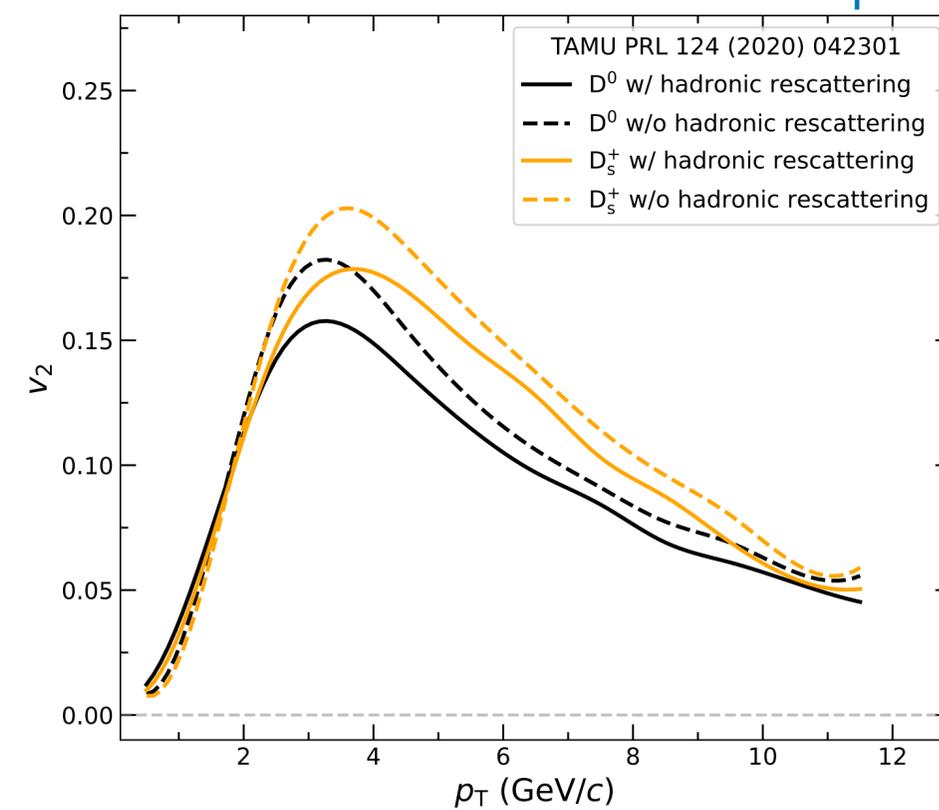
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Nuclear modification factor R_{AA}



Azimuthal anisotropies



- In the TAMU model the scattering lengths used for πD and KD are:

➔ $a_{\pi D}(l=3/2) = -0.10 \text{ fm}$

➔ $a_{KD}(l=1) = -0.22 \text{ fm}$

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- Femtoscscopy technique: based on the correlation function (CF)

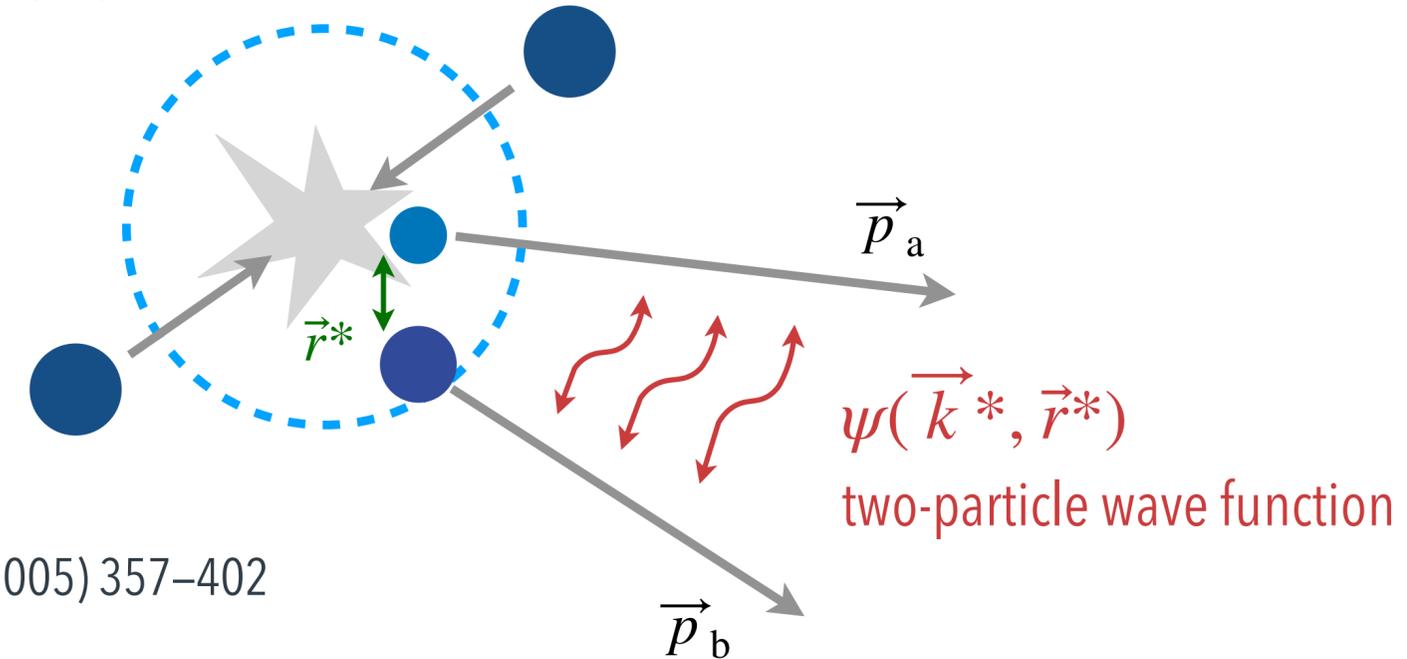
$$C(k^*) = \underbrace{\mathcal{N} \frac{N_{\text{same}}^{\text{pairs}}(k^*)}{N_{\text{mixed}}^{\text{pairs}}(k^*)}}_{\text{Experiment}} = \underbrace{\int S(\vec{r}^*) |\psi(\vec{k}^*, \vec{r}^*)|^2 d^3 r^*}_{\text{Theory}}$$

Koonin-Pratt equation

M. Lisa, S. Pratt et al, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 55 (2005) 357–402

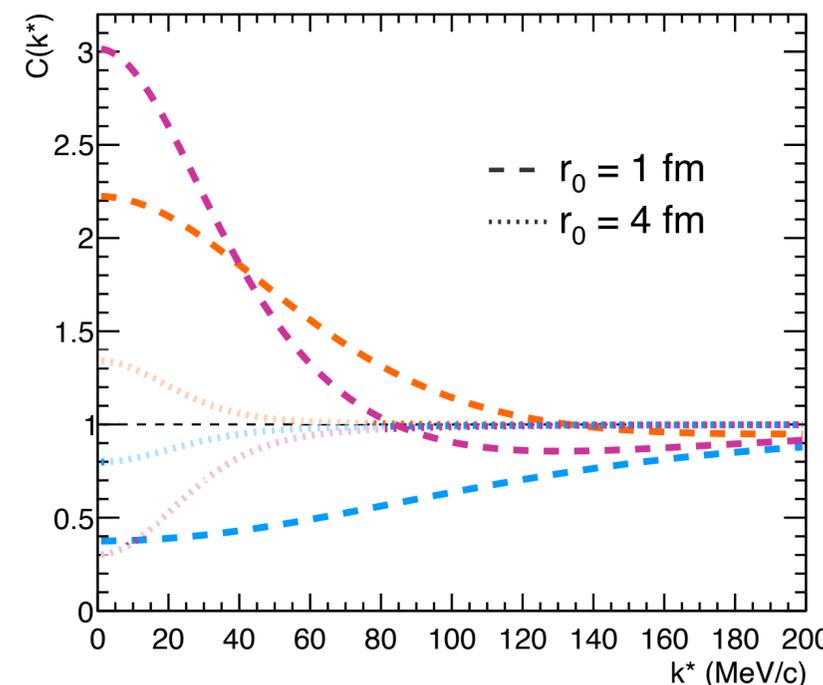
where $\vec{k}^* = \frac{\vec{p}_a^* - \vec{p}_b^*}{2}$ is in the rest frame of the particle pair

$S(\vec{r}^*)$ source function



$\psi(\vec{k}^*, \vec{r}^*)$
two-particle wave function

- Relative wave function sensitive to interaction potential
- Emitting source: hypersurface at kinematic freeze out of final-state particles
- $C(k^*)$ most sensitive to strong interaction when the source size ~ 1 fm



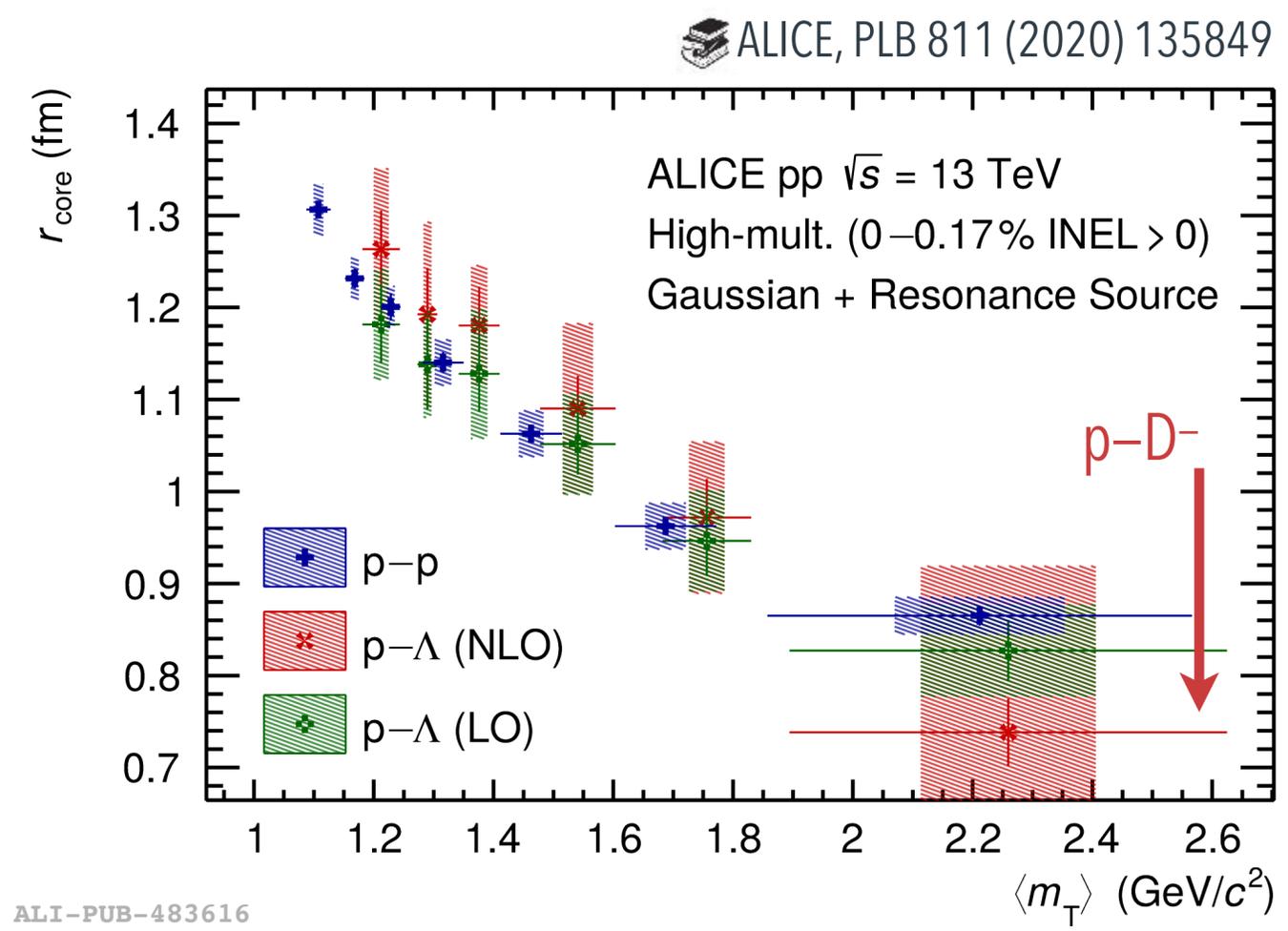
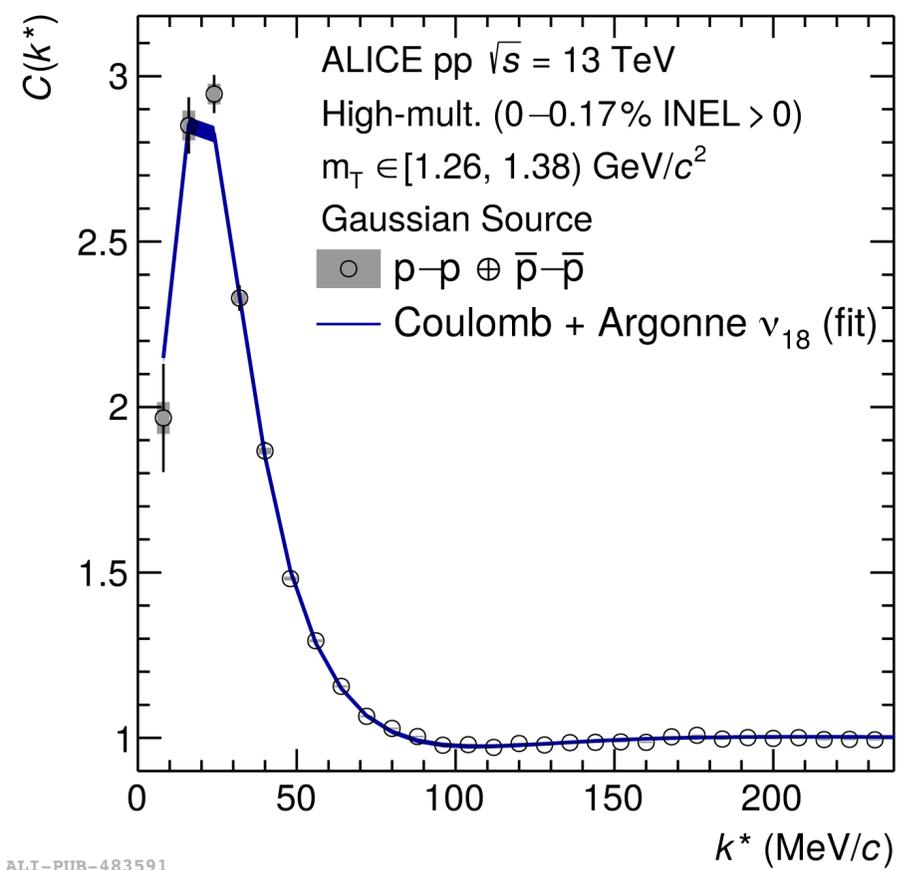
Absence of interaction $C(k^*) = 1$

Attractive potential $C(k^*) > 1$

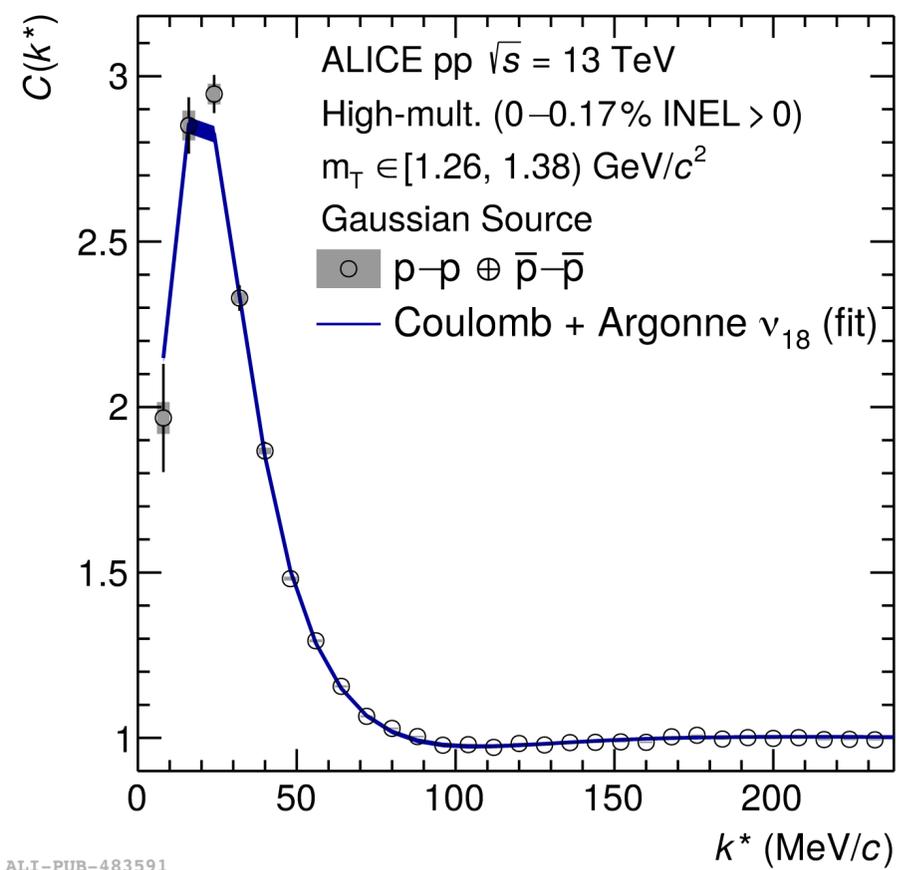
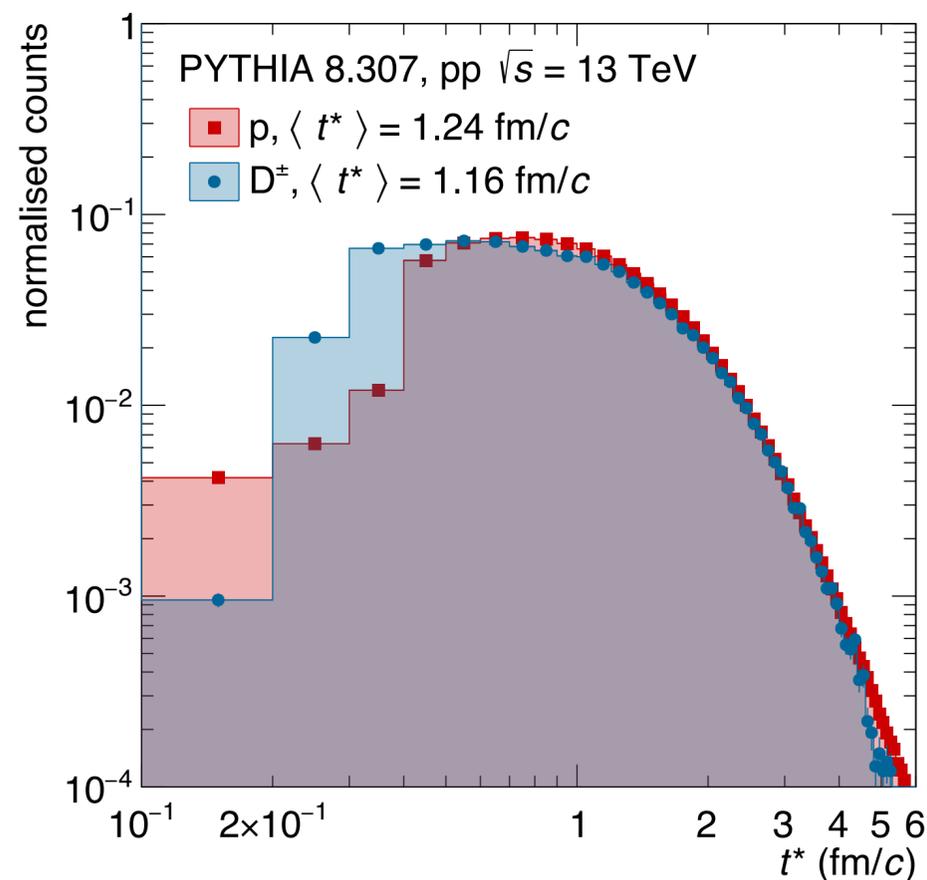
Repulsive potential $C(k^*) < 1$

Bound-state formation $C(k^*) \ll 1$

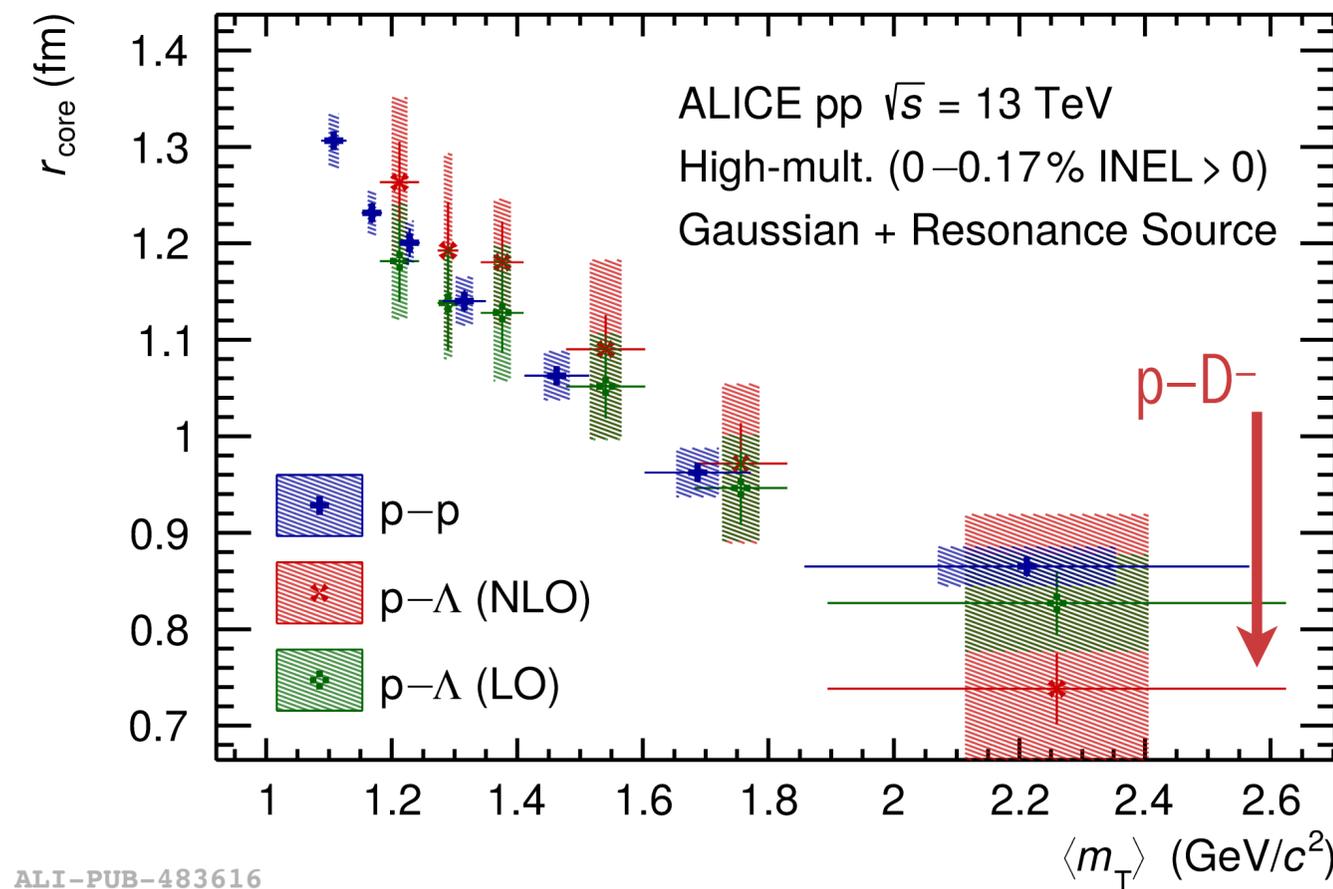
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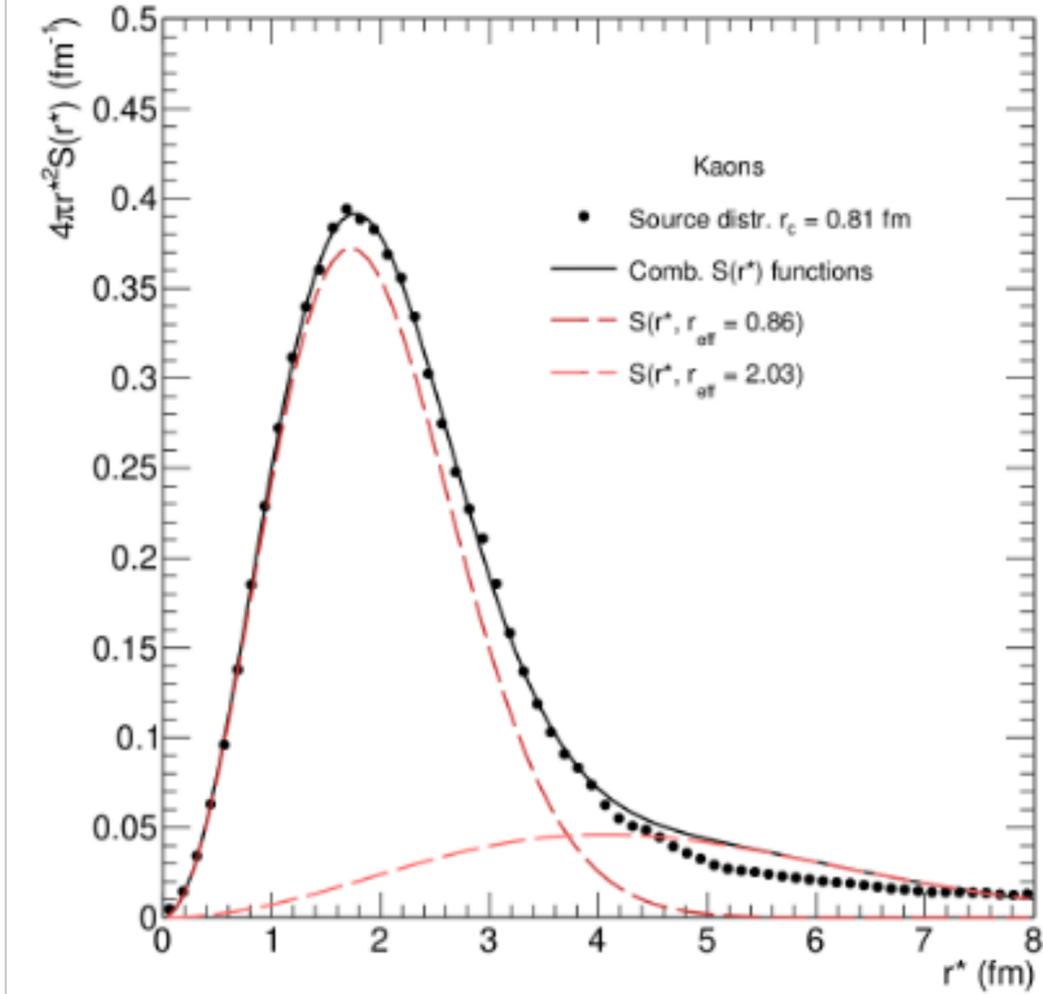
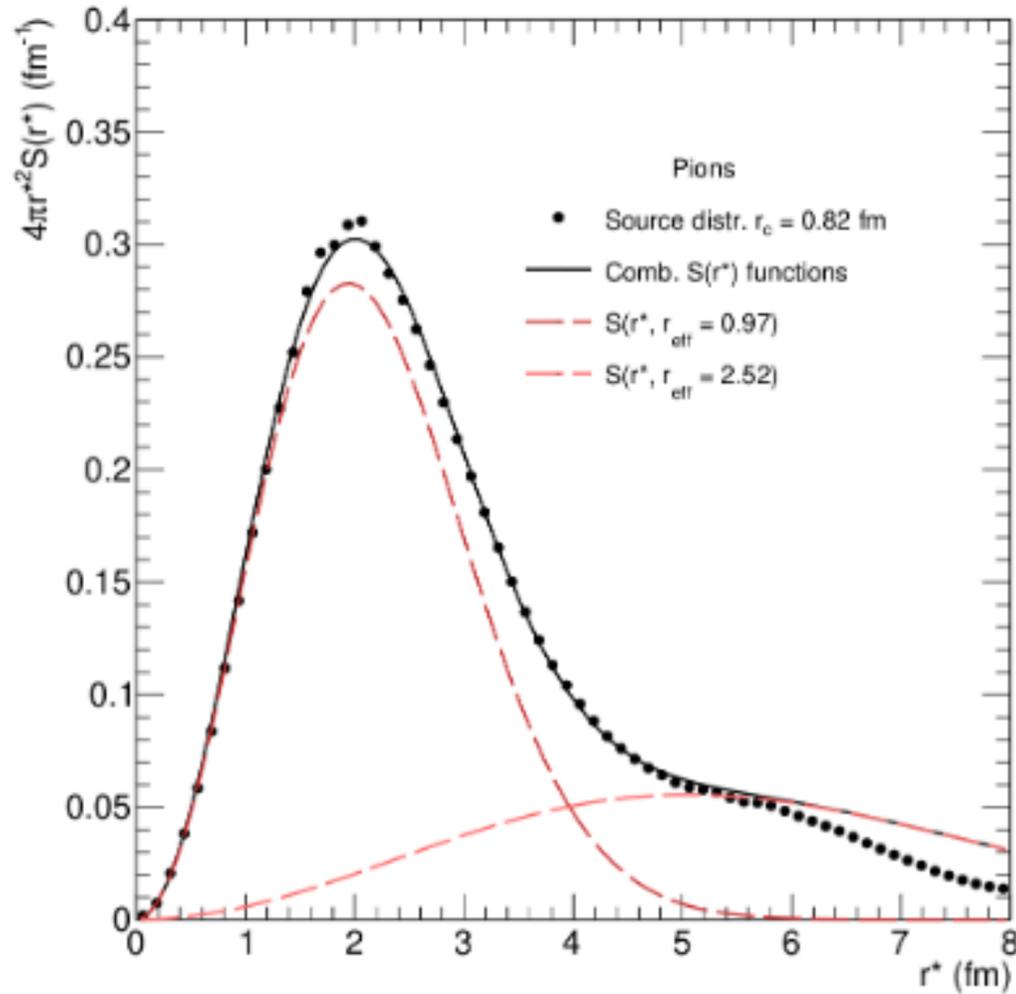


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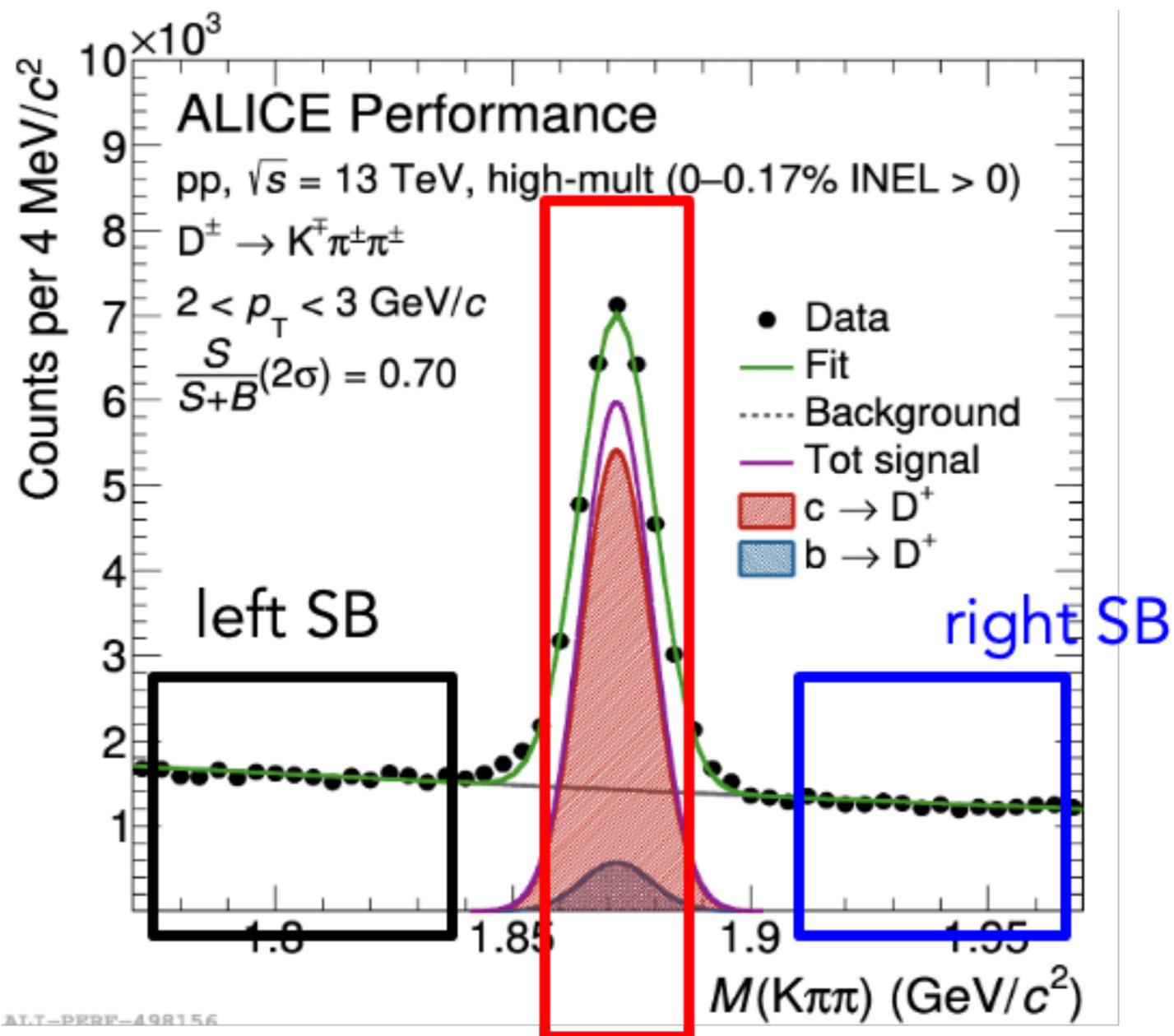
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- Is the source the same also for charm hadrons?
 - ➔ Charm-hadrons produced slightly earlier in MC generators (PYTHIA 8)
 - ➔ Charm-light interaction starts only when other light particle produced, hence similar emitting source expected
 - ➔ **Data-driven studies of emitting source crucial**



- Gaussian core, effectively enlarged by short-live strongly decaying resonances
- ➔ Resonances yield from statistical hadronisation model
- ➔ Resonances propagated with EPOS

Pair	w_1	r_{eff}^1 [fm]	r_{eff}^2 [fm]
KD	$0.78^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$	$0.86^{+0.09}_{-0.07}$	$2.03^{+0.19}_{-0.12}$
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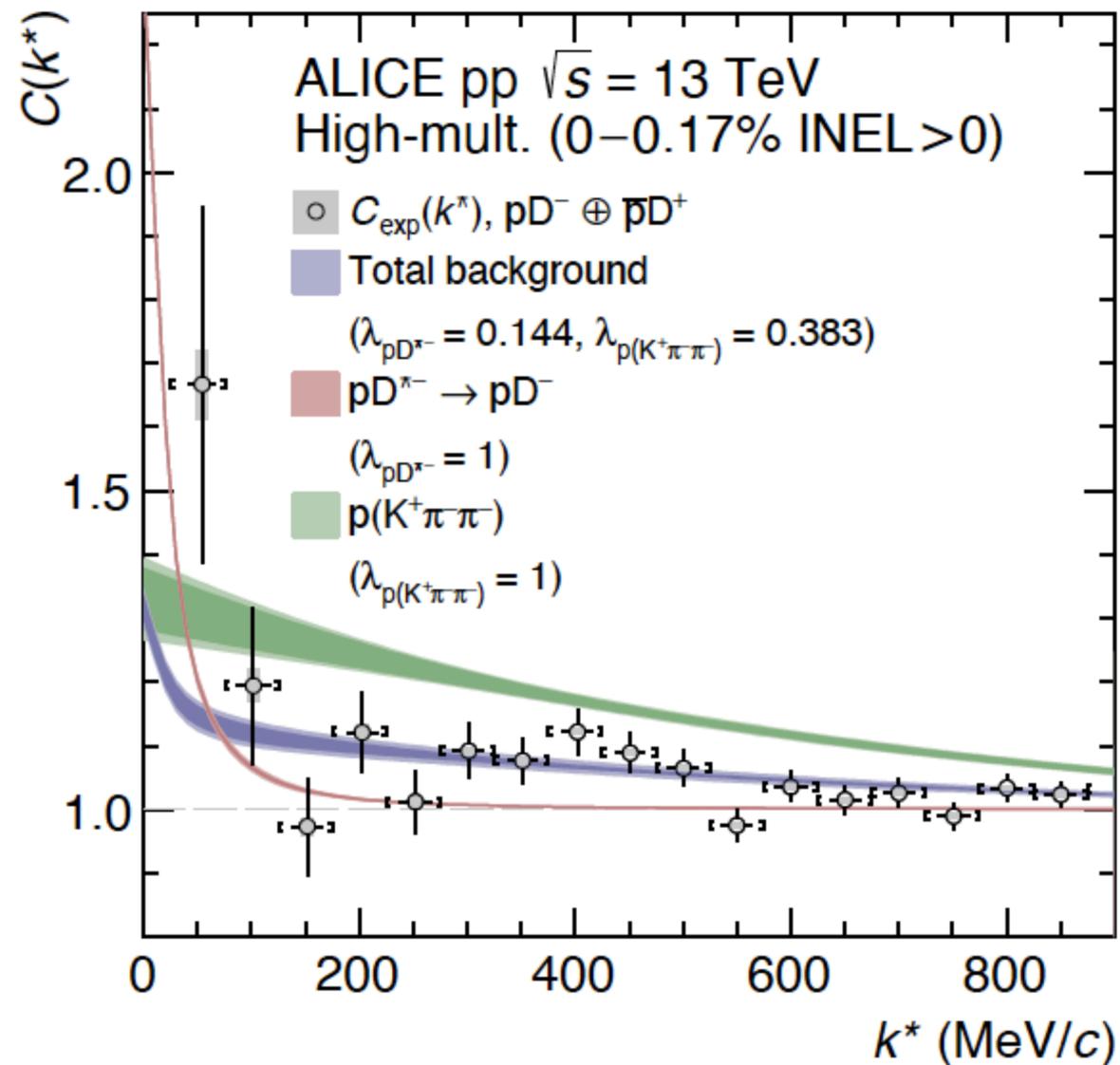


- Relevant sources of background
 1. Uncorrelated ($K^+ \pi^- \pi^-$) background candidates
 - Parametrised from the measured $C(k^*)$ computed with D⁻ candidates in the sidebands
 2. D⁻ from D^{*-} decays (~30% of D⁻)
 - p–D^{*-} strong interaction not known, only Coulomb considered
- All these contributions must be considered for the interpretation of the correlation function

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$$C_{\text{exp}}(k^*) = \lambda_{pD^-} \times C_{pD^-}(k^*) + \lambda_{p(K^+\pi^-\pi^-)} \times C_{p(K^+\pi^-\pi^-)}(k^*) + \lambda_{pD^{*-}} \times C_{pD^{*-}}(k^*) + \lambda_{\text{flat}} \times C_{\text{flat}}.$$

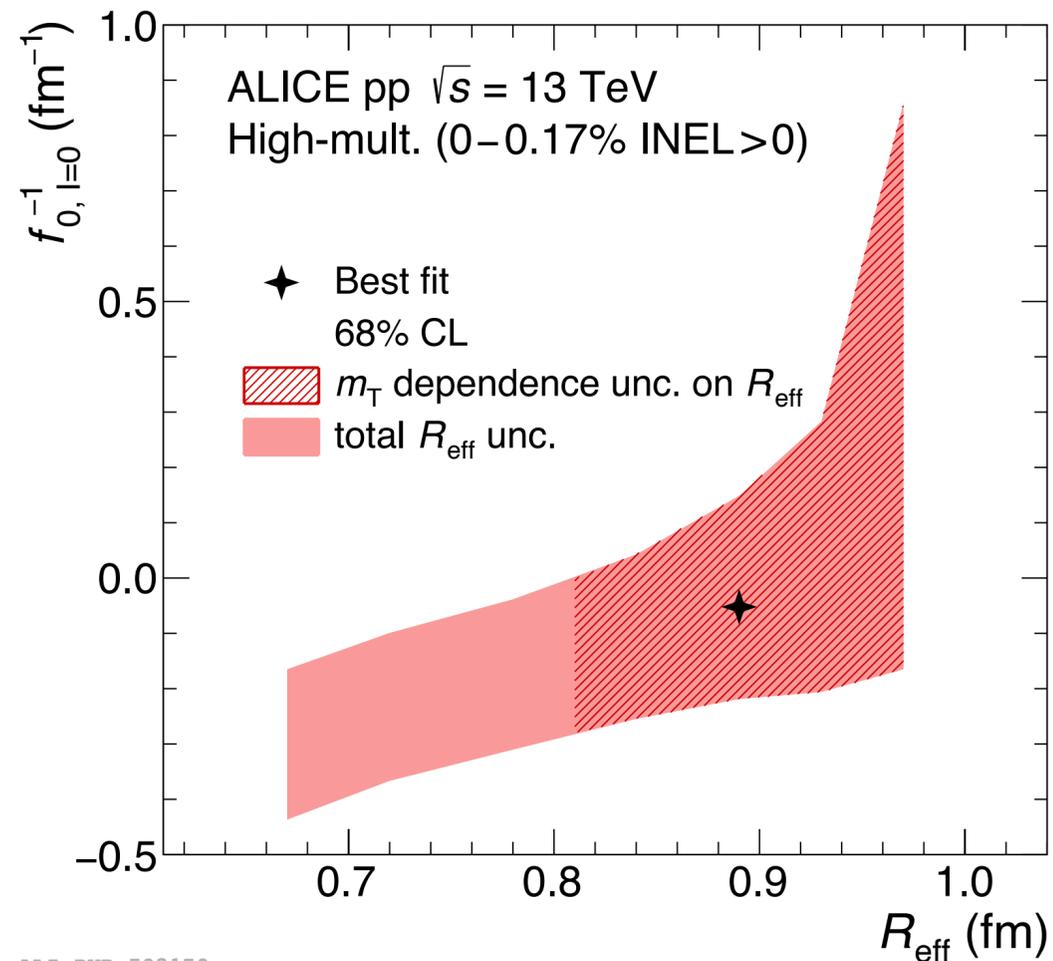
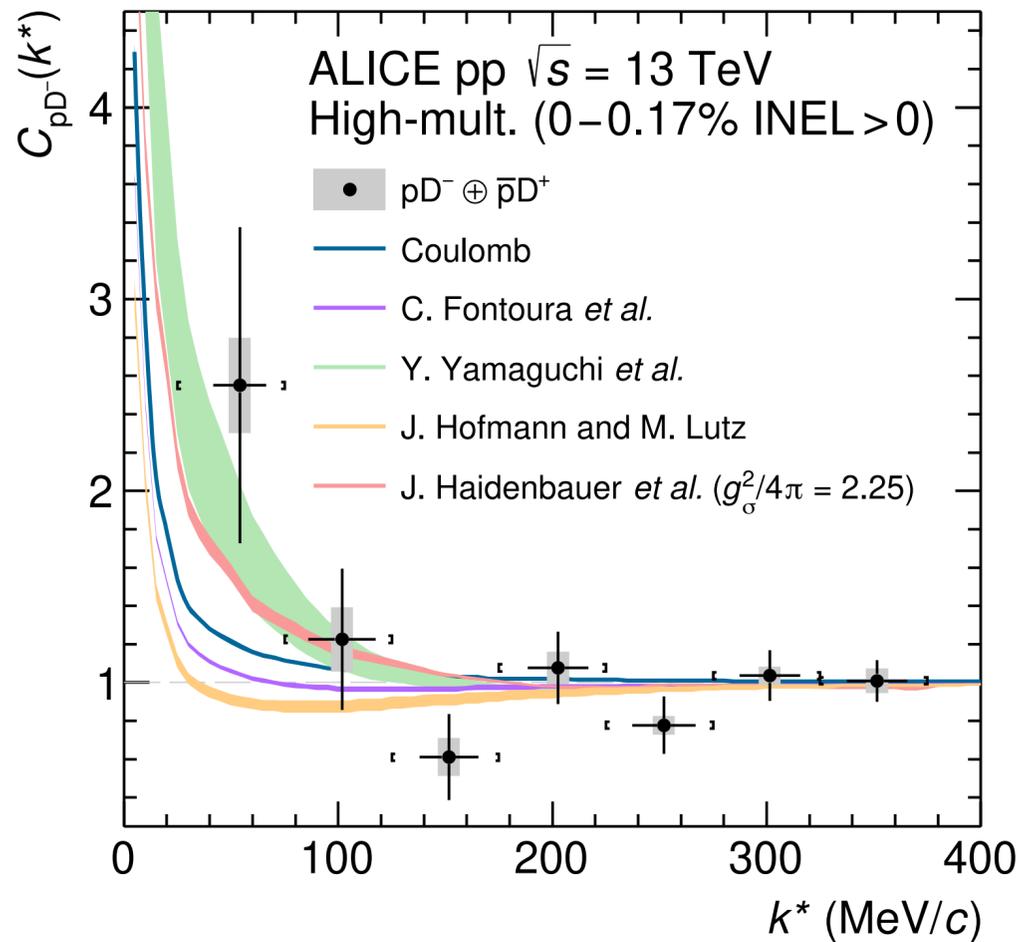
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- The different λ parameters are extracted from the weight of the side-bands, the evaluated D^* contribution and the purity for the D and p reconstruction
- There is no mini-jets background for the $\bar{D}N$ correlation

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- Interval of scattering length for isospin $I=0$ at 68% CL indicates either **attractive interaction with or without the formation of a bound state**

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J. Haidenbauer *et al*, EPJA 33 (2007) 107–117

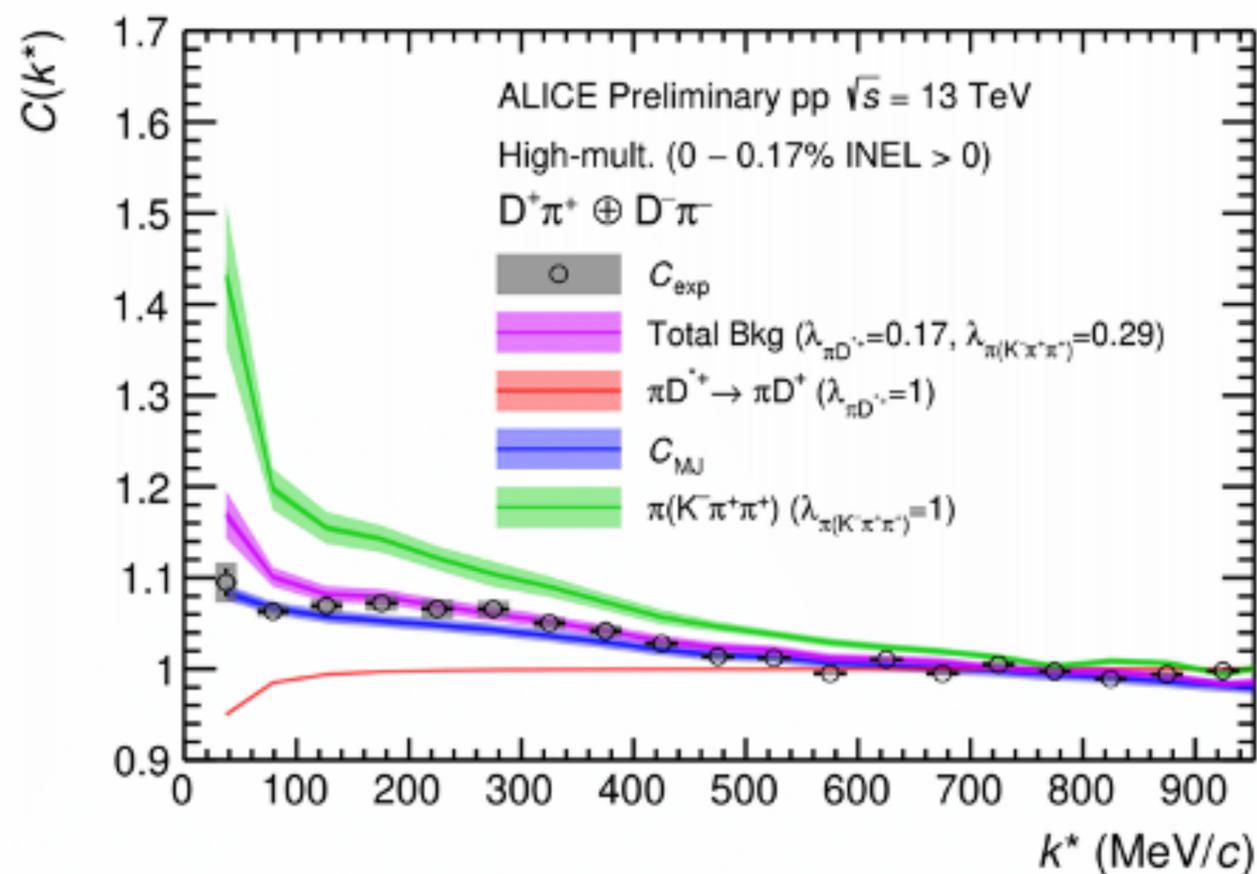
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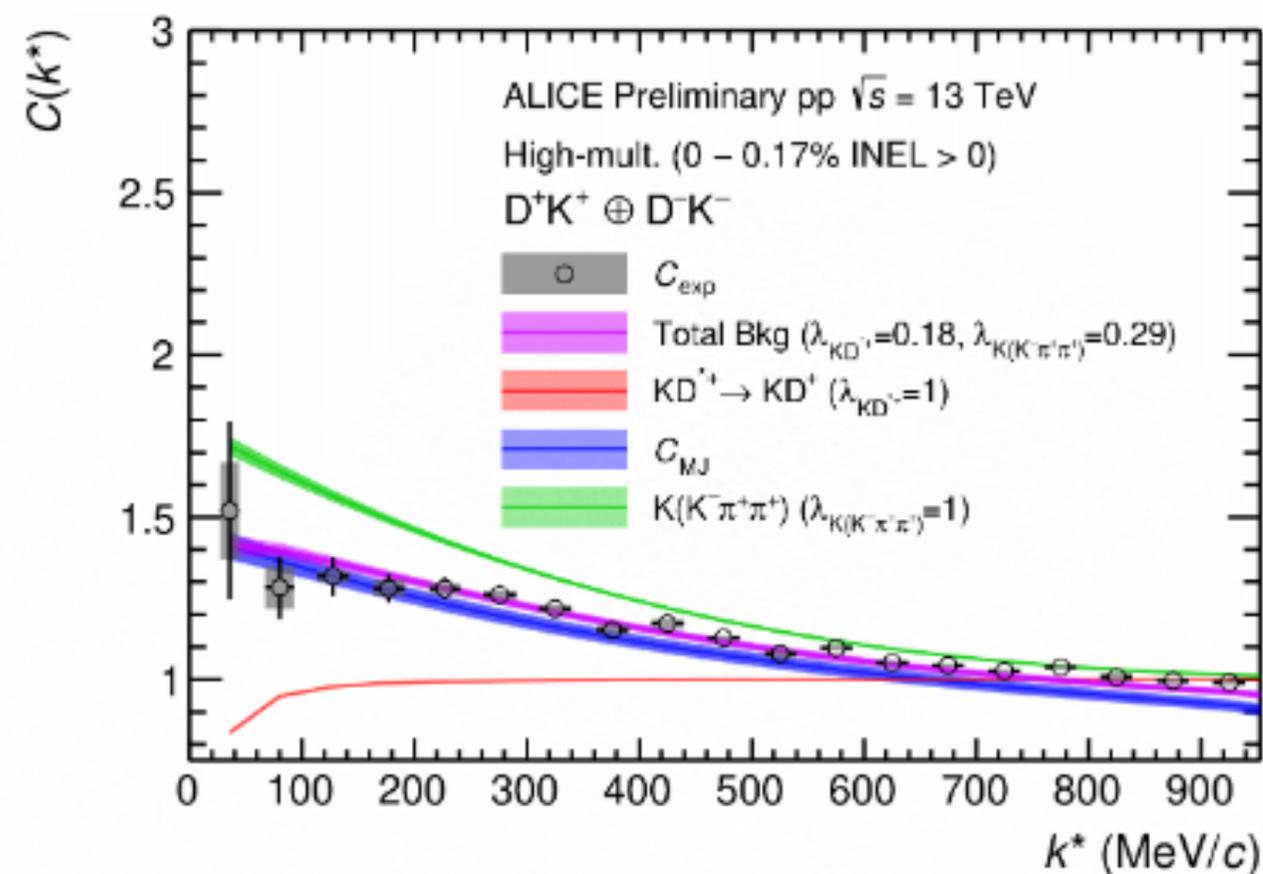
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$$C_{\text{raw}} = \lambda_{(\tilde{D},K)} C_{(\tilde{D},K)} + C_{\text{minijets}} \left[\lambda_{\text{gen}} C_{\text{gen}} + \lambda_{(D \leftarrow D^*, K)} C_{(D \leftarrow D^*, K)} + \lambda_{\text{flat}} C_{\text{flat}} \right]$$

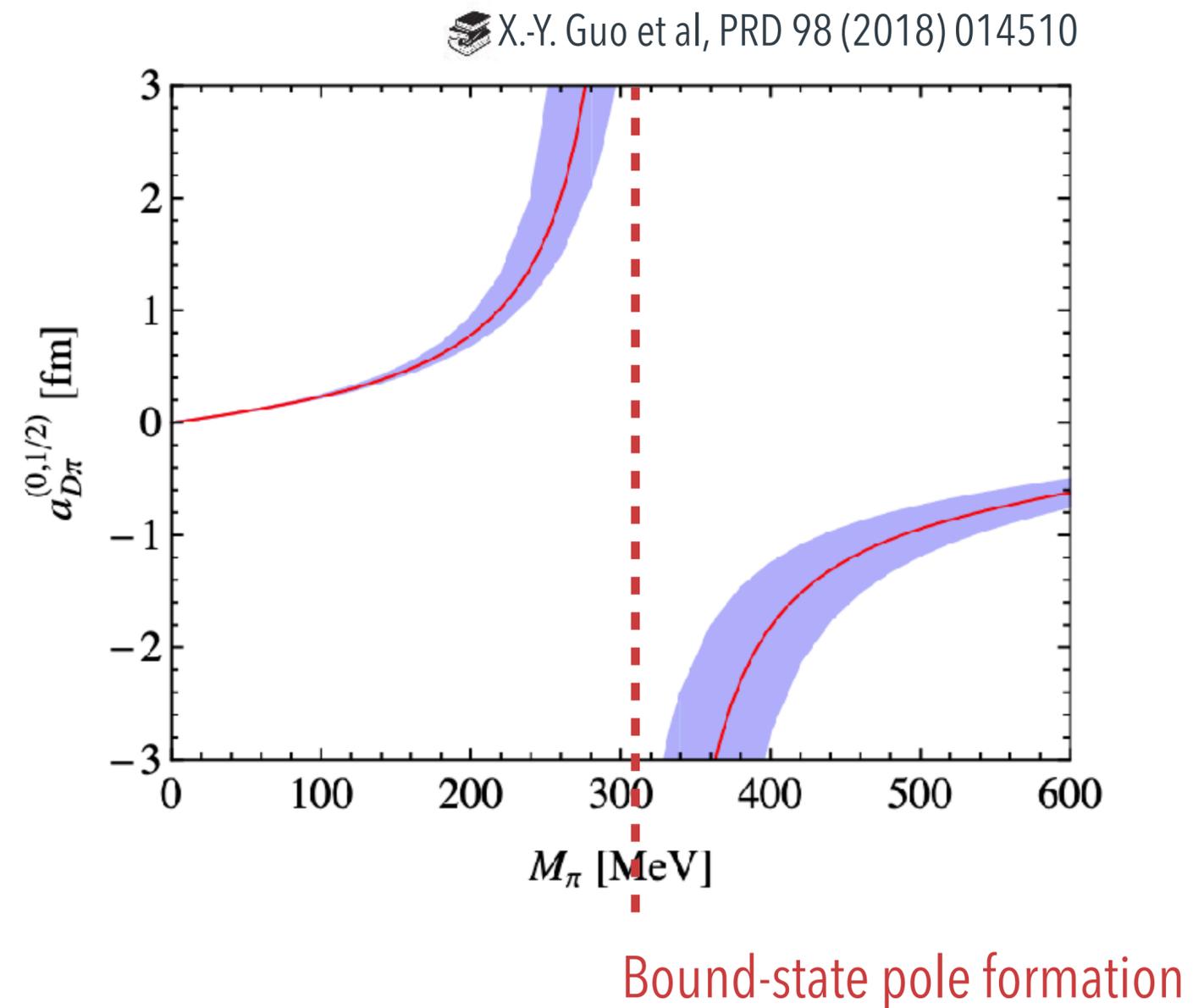
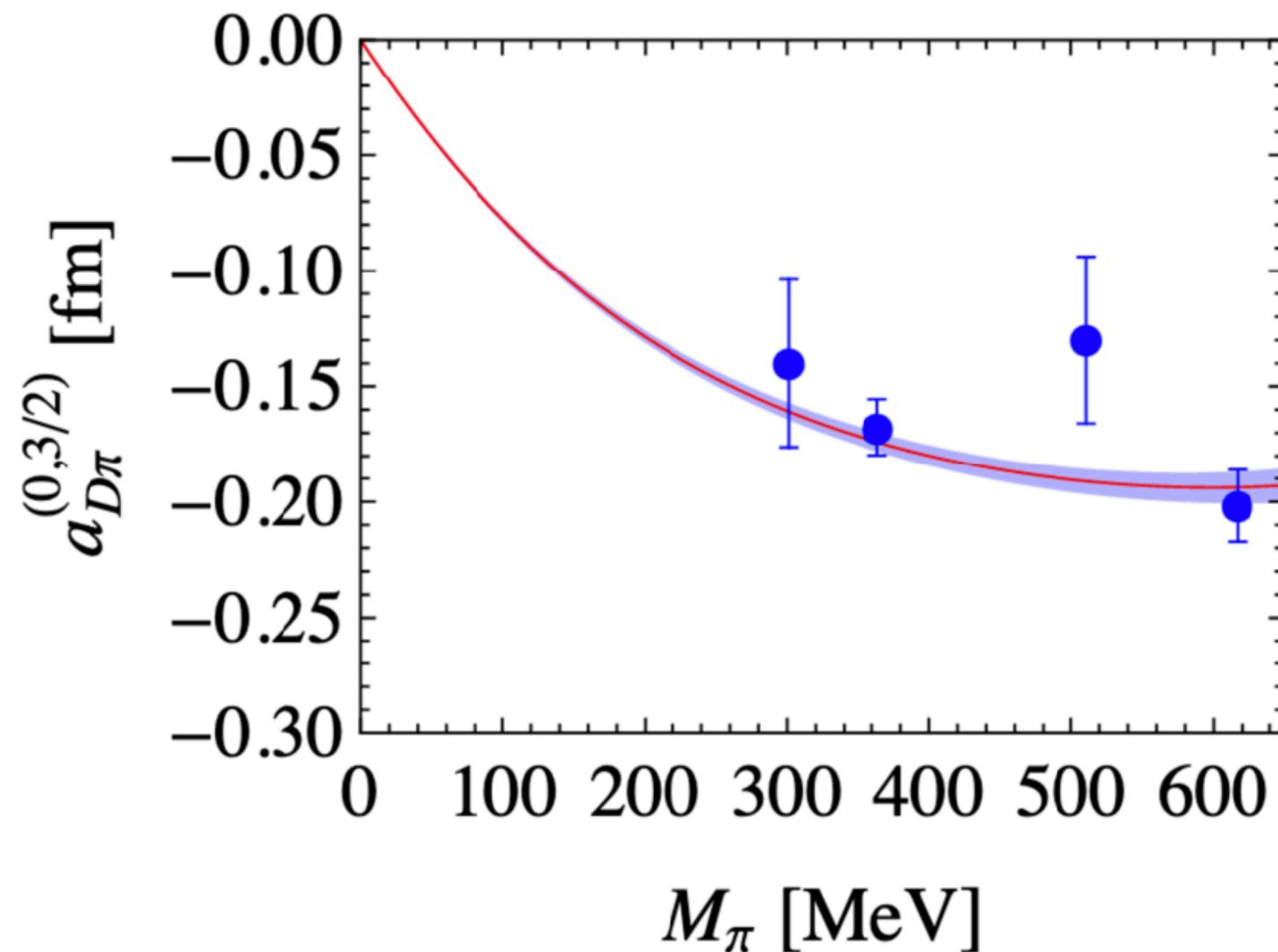
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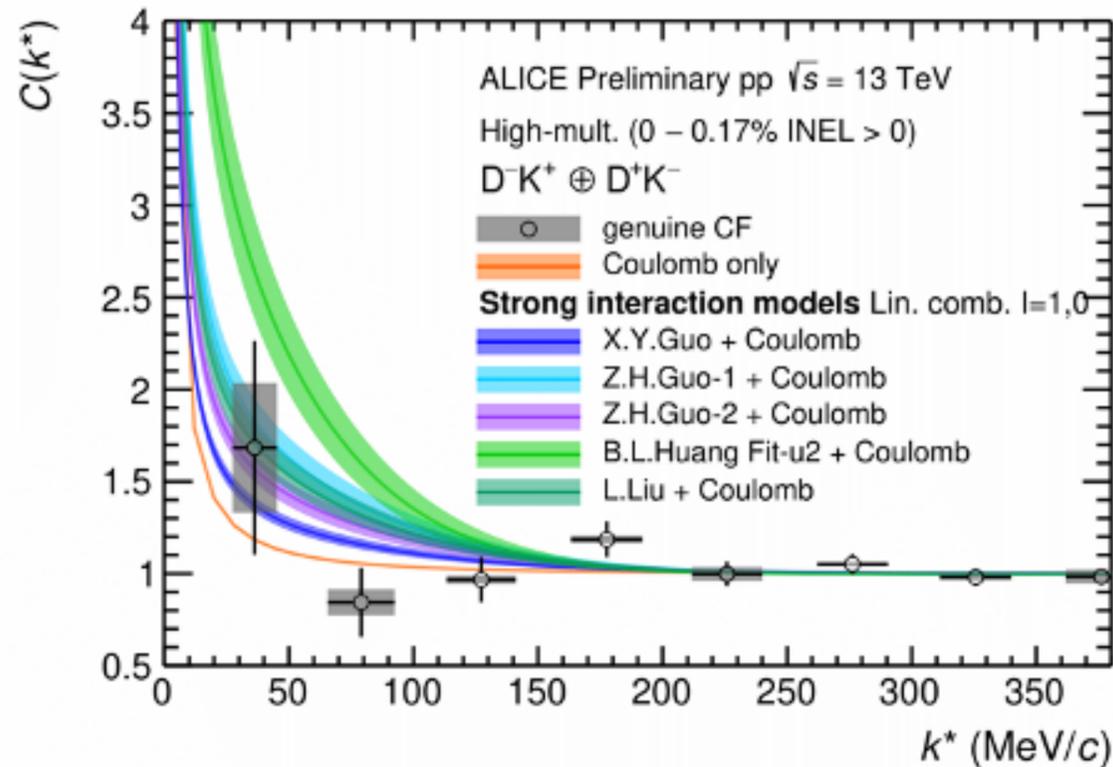
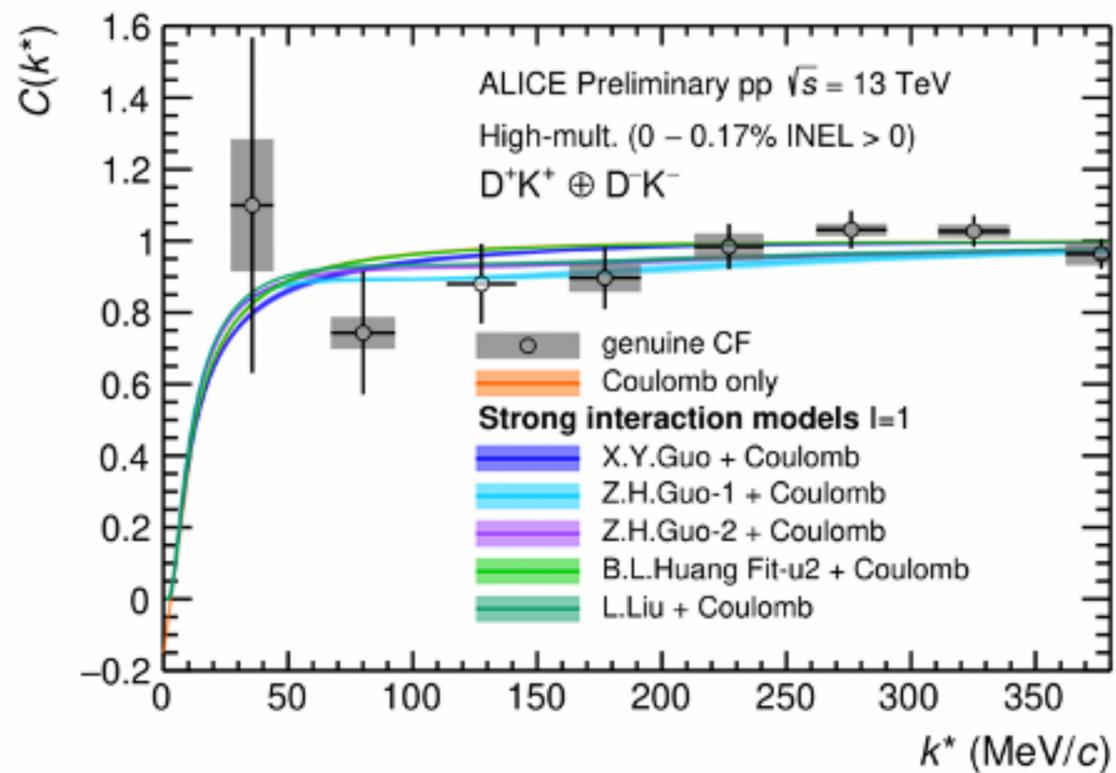
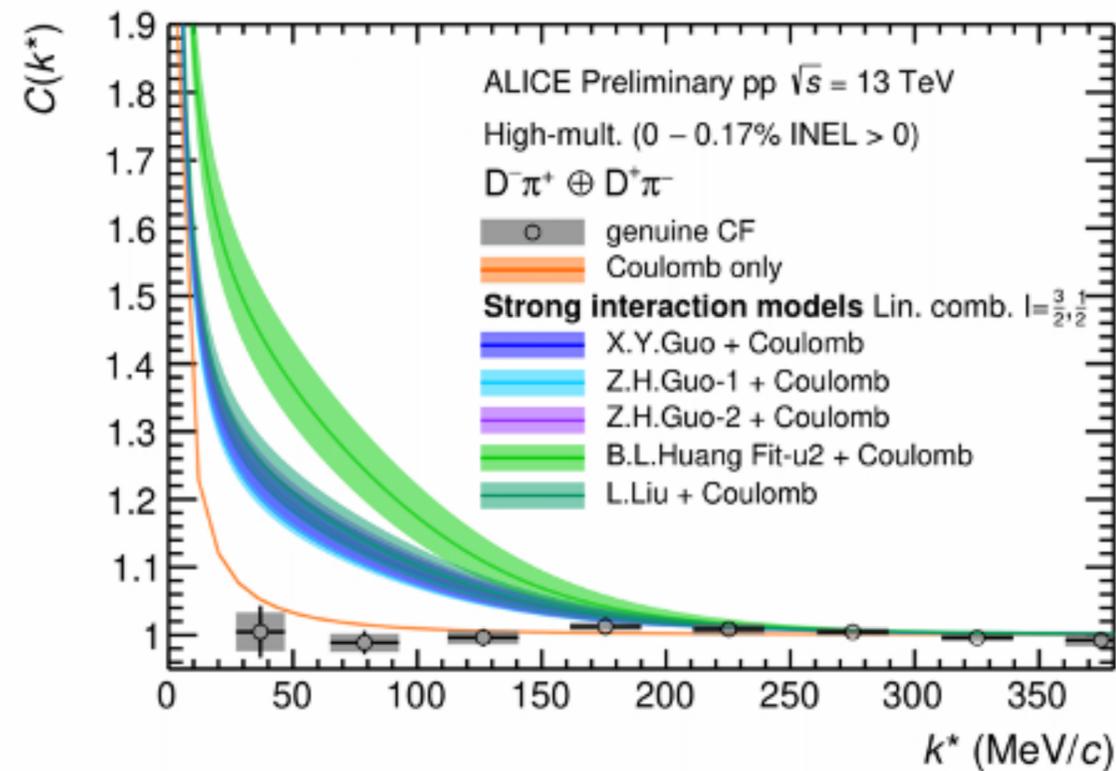
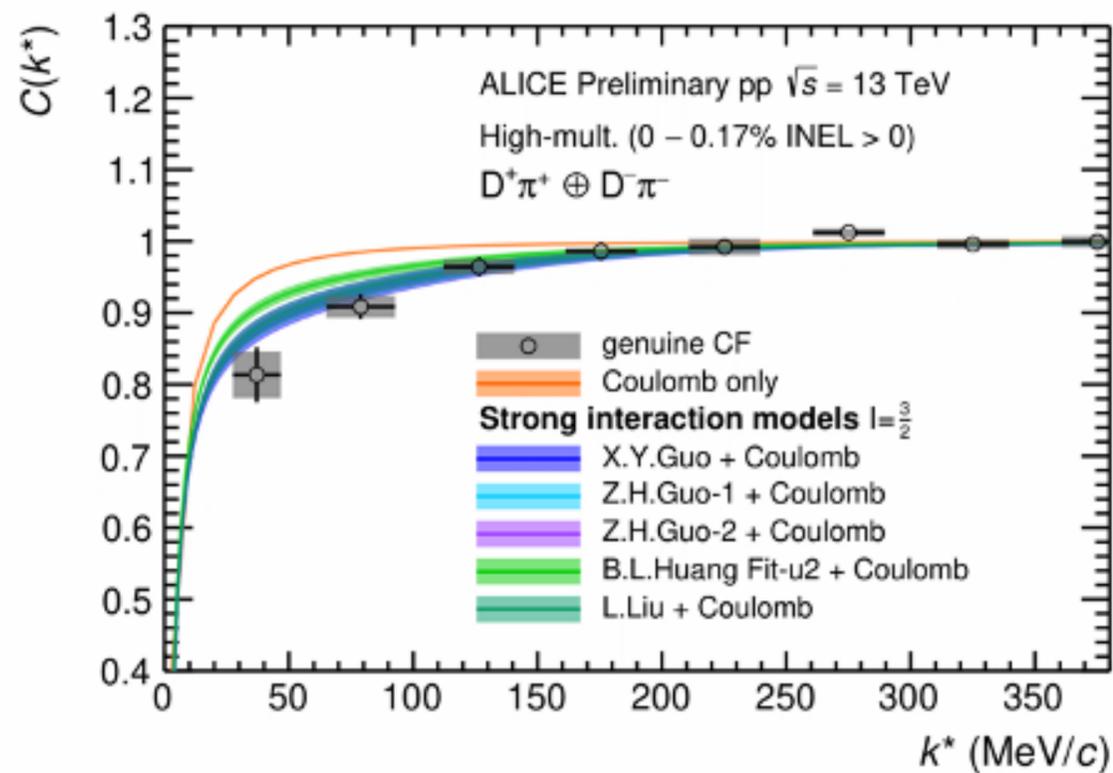
Channel	(S,I)	L. Liu	X.-Y. Guo	B.-L. Huang	Z.-H. Guo - 1	Z.-H. Guo - 2
$D\pi$	(0,3/2)	-0.10 fm	-0.11 fm	-0.06 fm	-0.101 fm	-0.099 fm
	(0,1/2)	0.37 fm	0.33 fm	0.61 fm	0.31 fm	0.34 fm
DK	(1,1)	0.07+i0.17 fm	-0.05 fm	-0.01 fm	0.06+i0.30 fm	0.05+i0.17 fm
$D\bar{K}$	(-1,0)	0.84 fm	0.46 fm	1.81 fm	0.96 fm	0.68 fm
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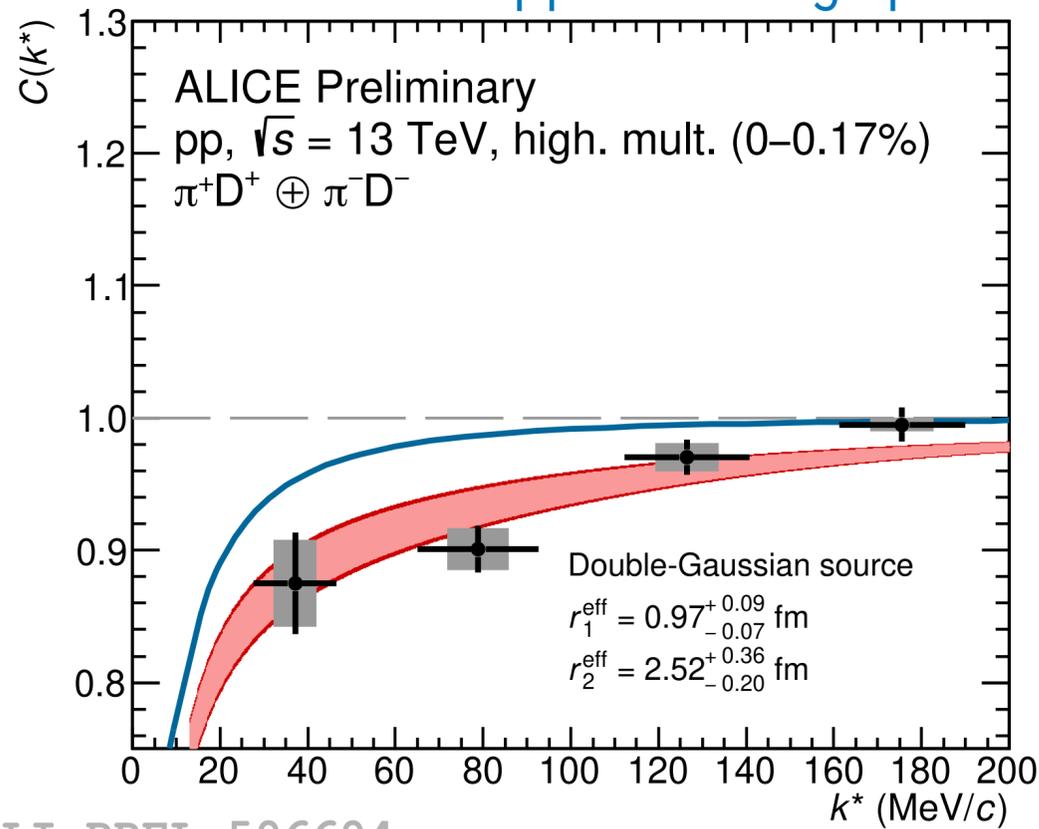
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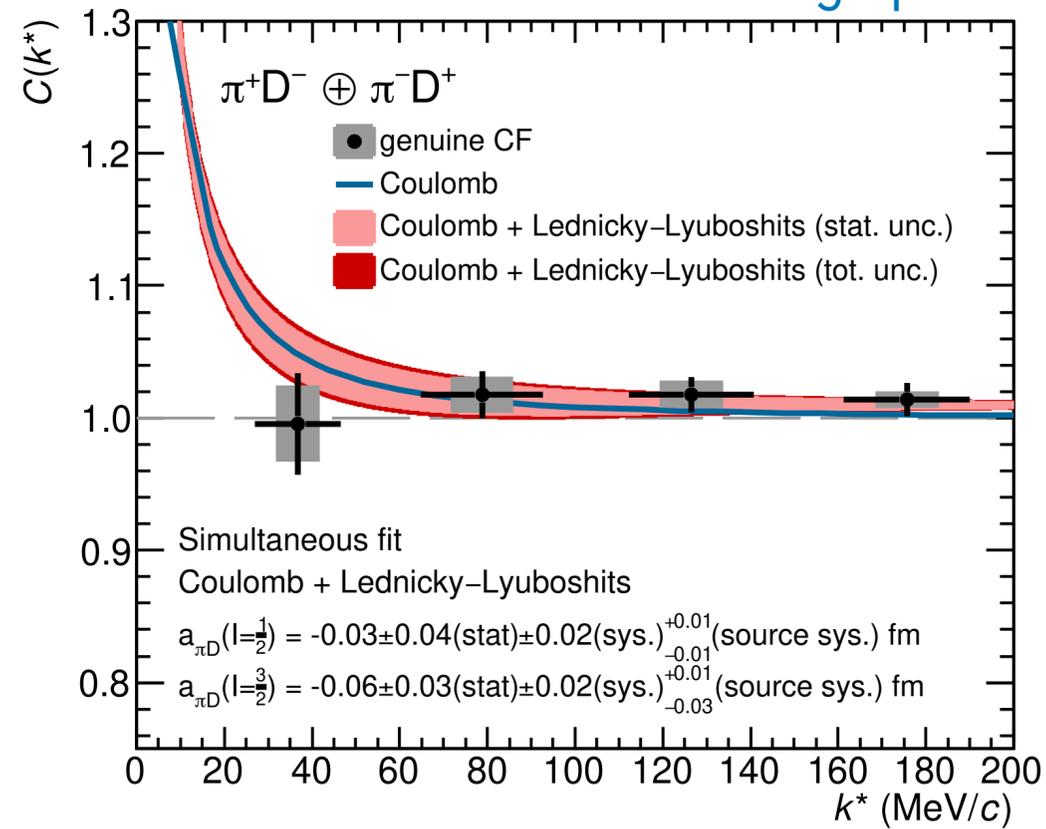
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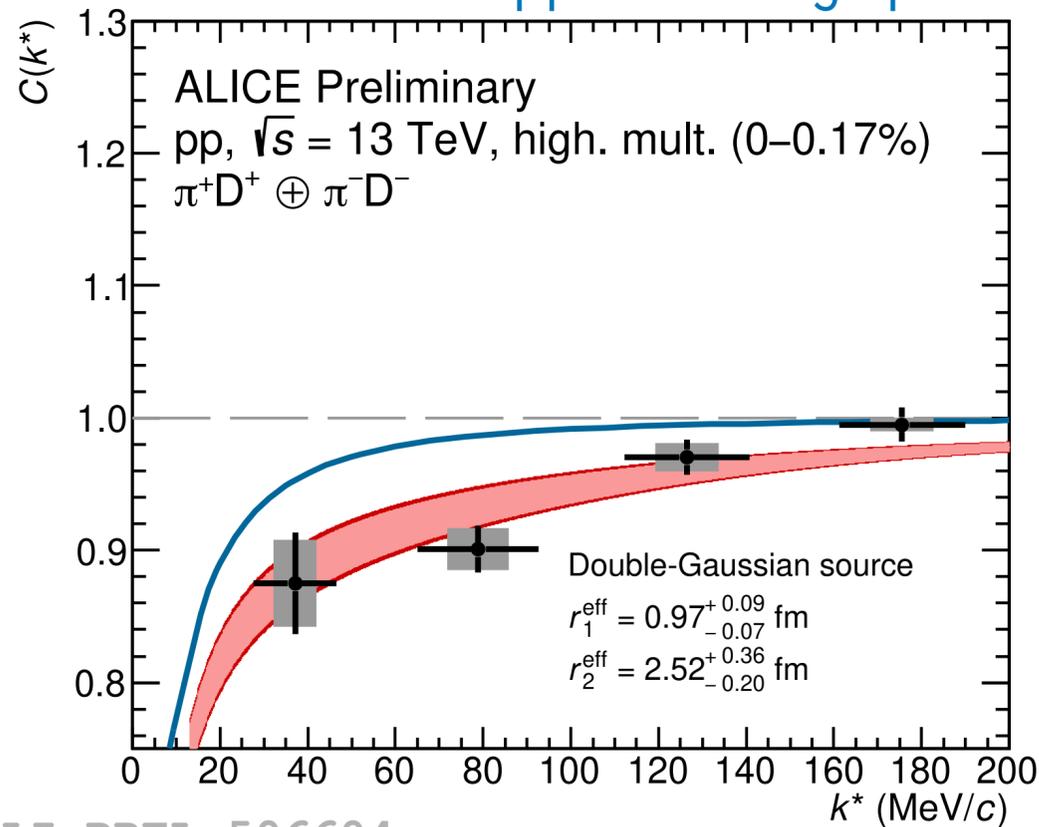


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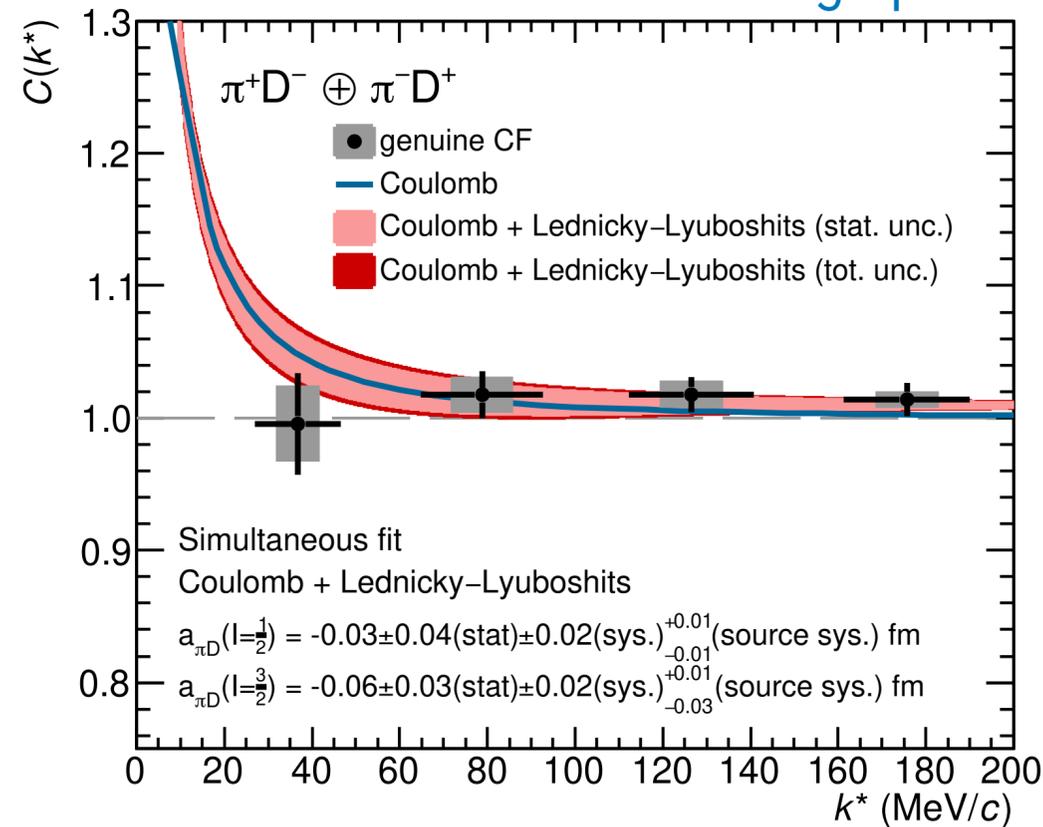
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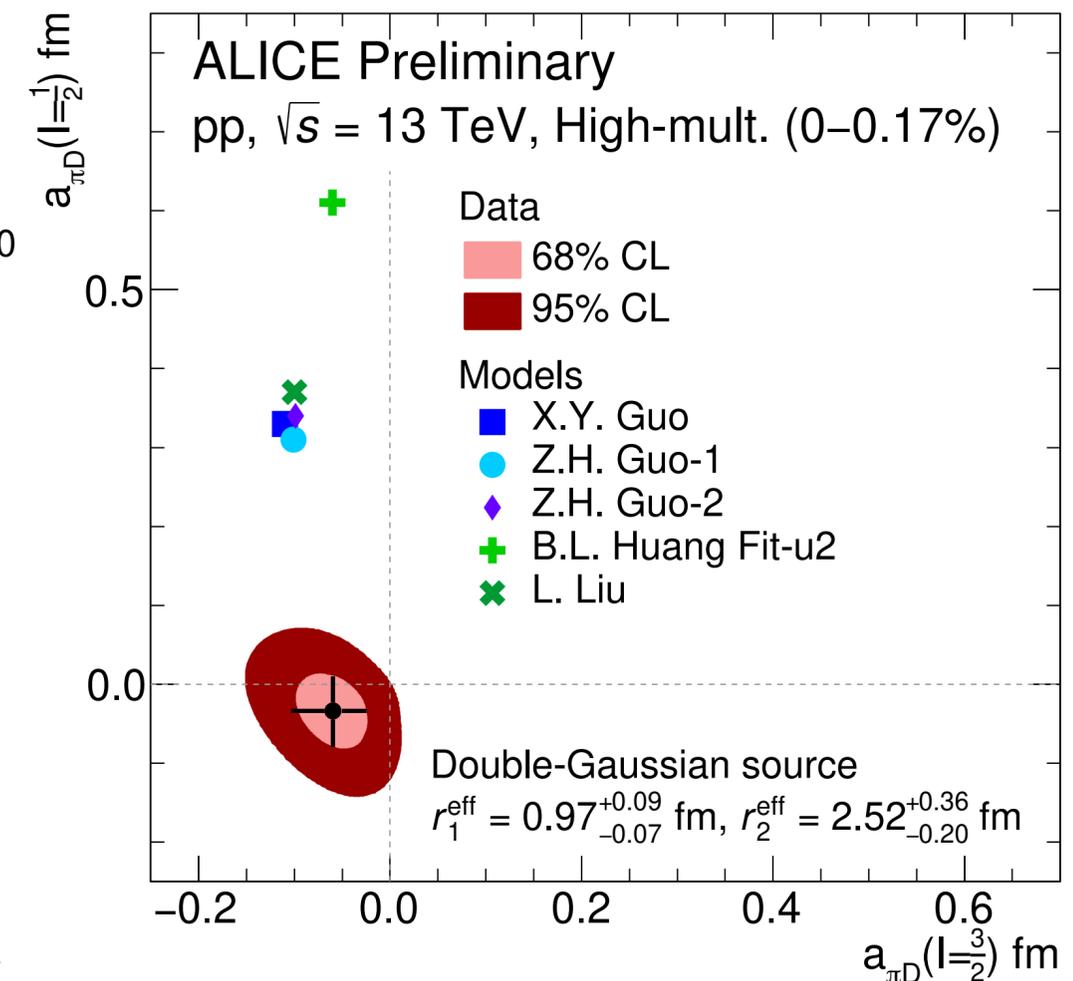
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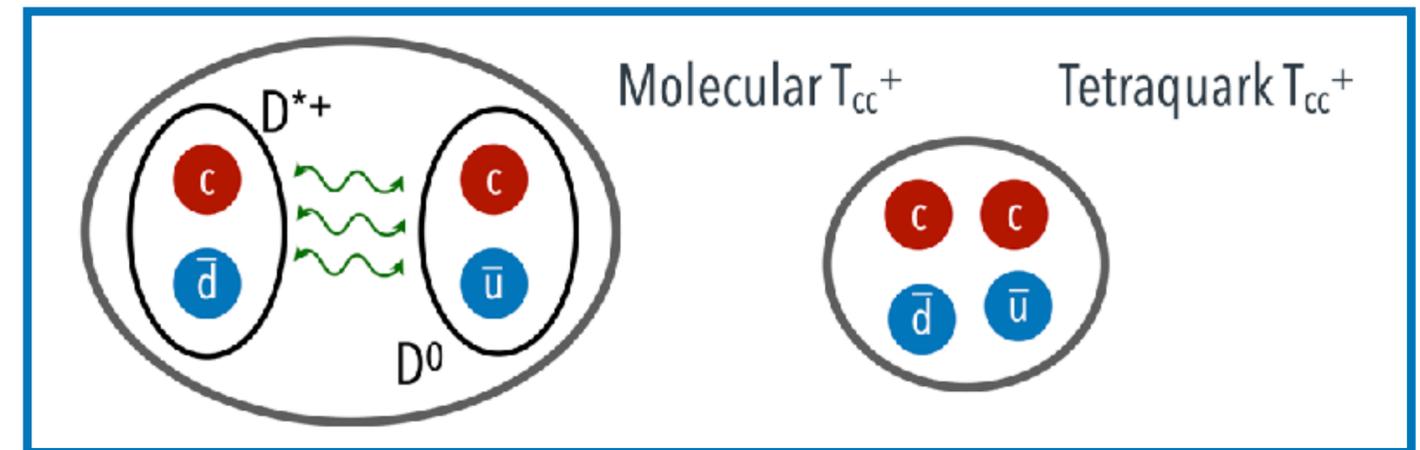
- Scattering length for $l=3/2$ in agreement with models
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- The values found indicate a **small rescattering of D mesons in the hadronic phase of heavy-ion collisions**

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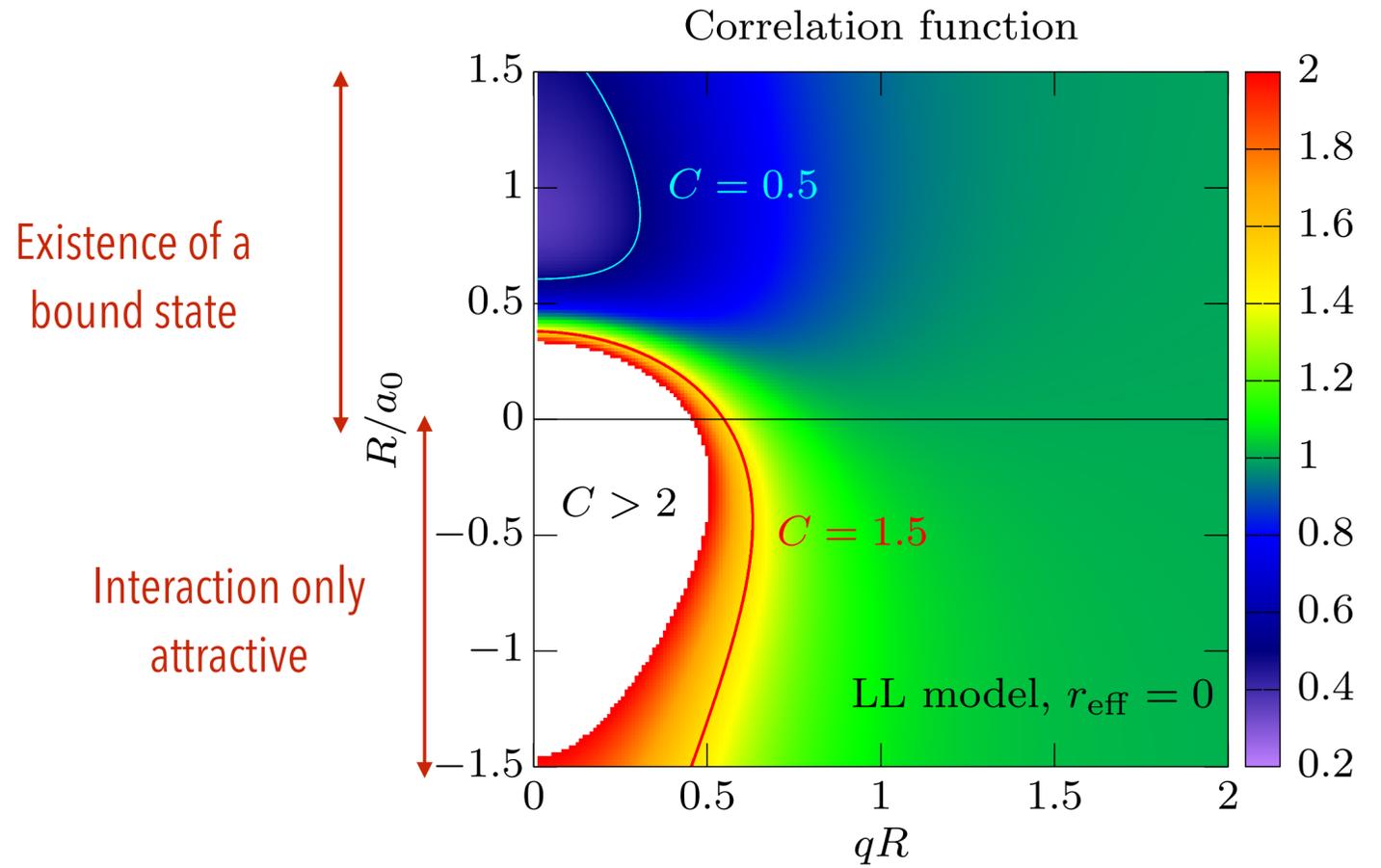
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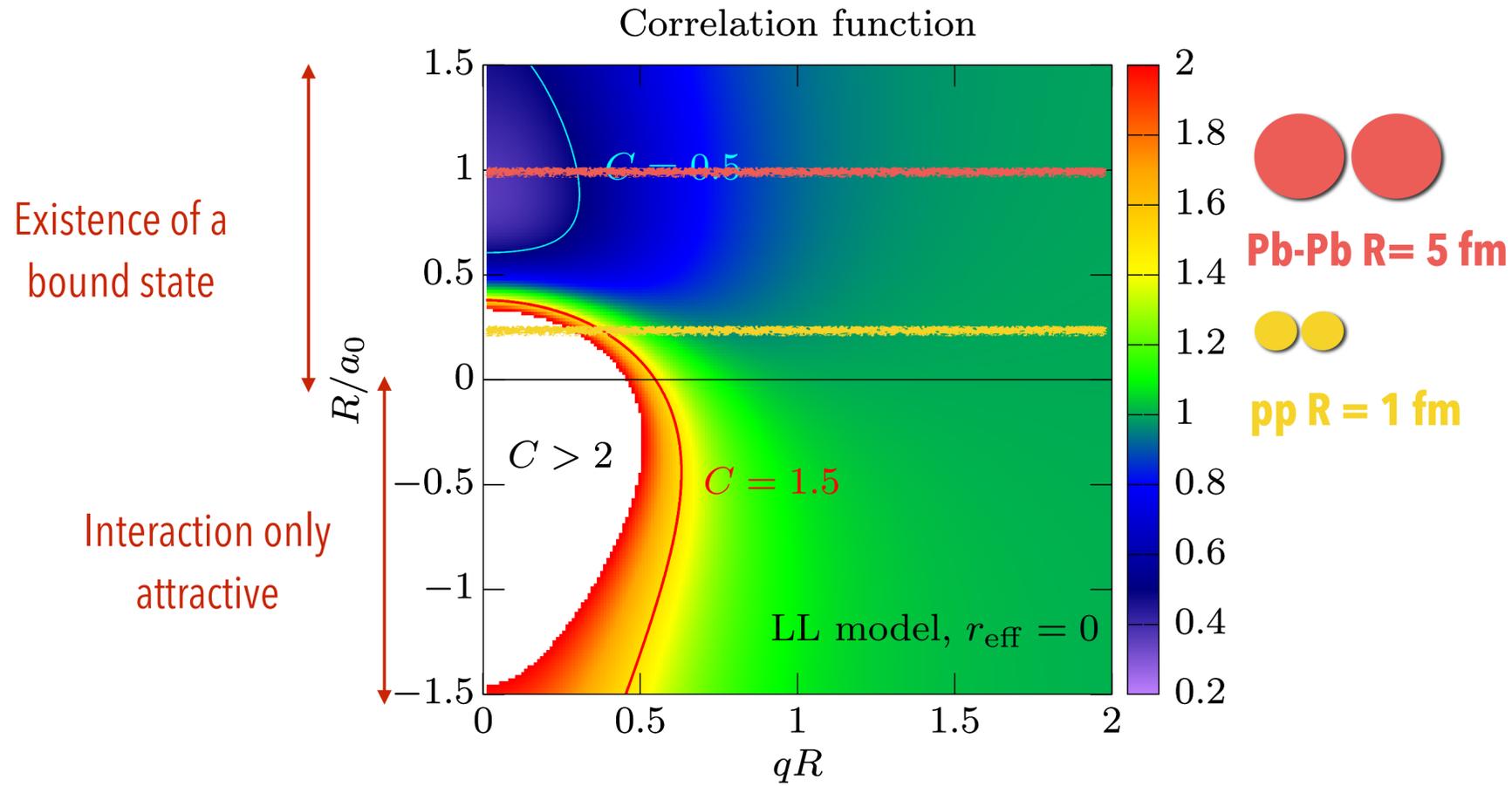
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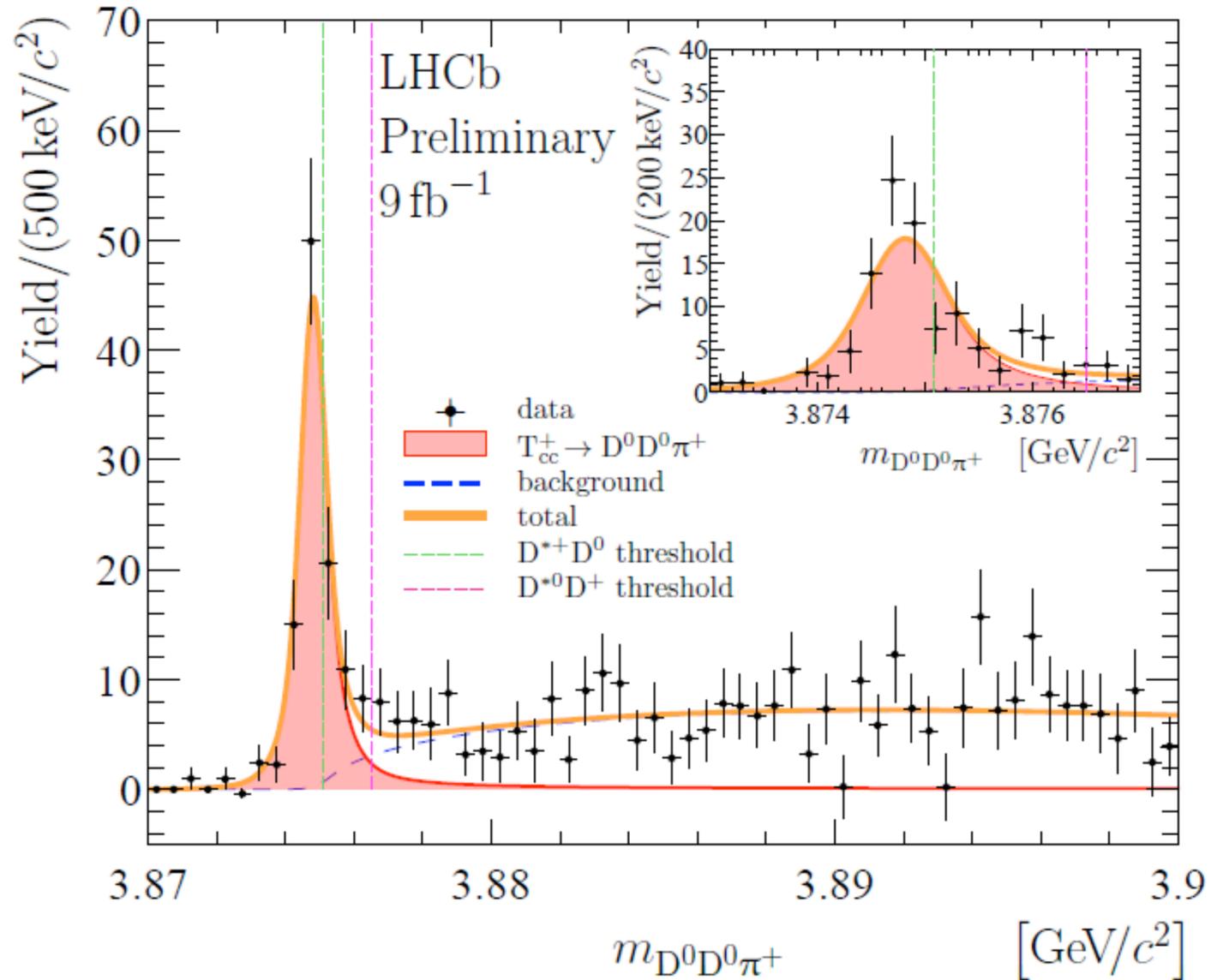
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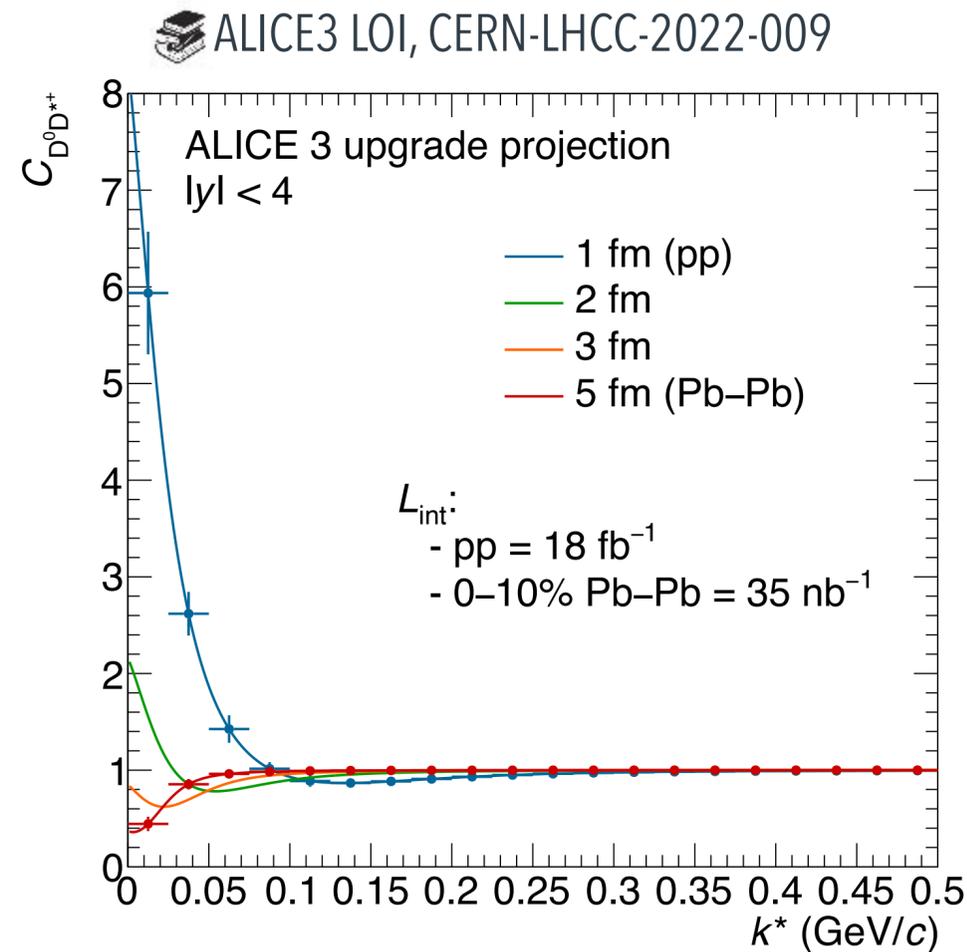
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- Recent measurement of a tetraquark candidate by LHCb
 - Just below D^0D^{*+} and D^+D^{*0} thresholds → candidate to be a molecular state



- Its nature can be assessed via the measurement of DD^* correlations
 - In case of a bound state (T_{cc}^+) the correlation function is expected to change from smaller to larger than unity for different source sizes



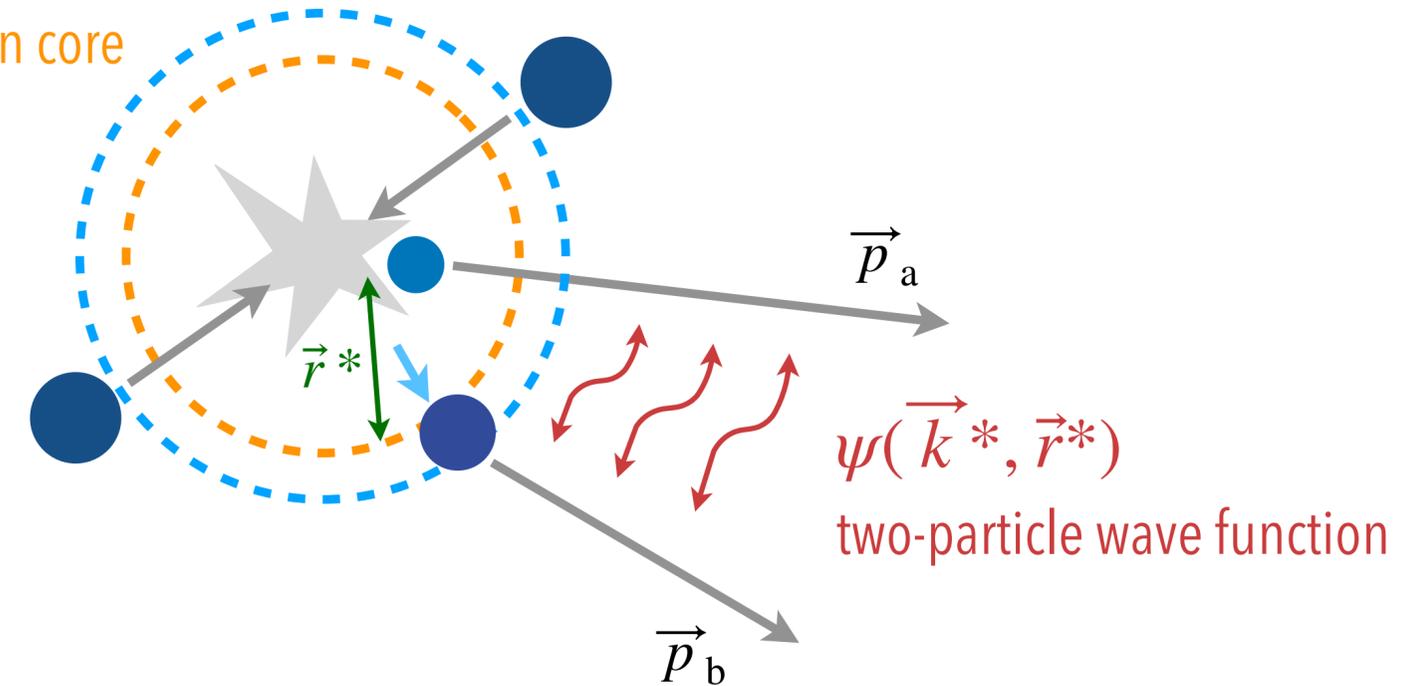
- Scan from pp to AA collisions needed
- ALICE3 is the ideal detector for acceptance and purity for the heavy flavour signal

- D- light hadron scattering parameters estimated for the first time
- D-pion: disagreement with theory prediction for $l=1/2$ channel
- On going work on simultaneous fit of all correlation function to improve precision on the scattering parameter
- DD^* correlation can be used as a tool to study molecular state candidates with charm content
- such measurements can be carried out with ALICE3

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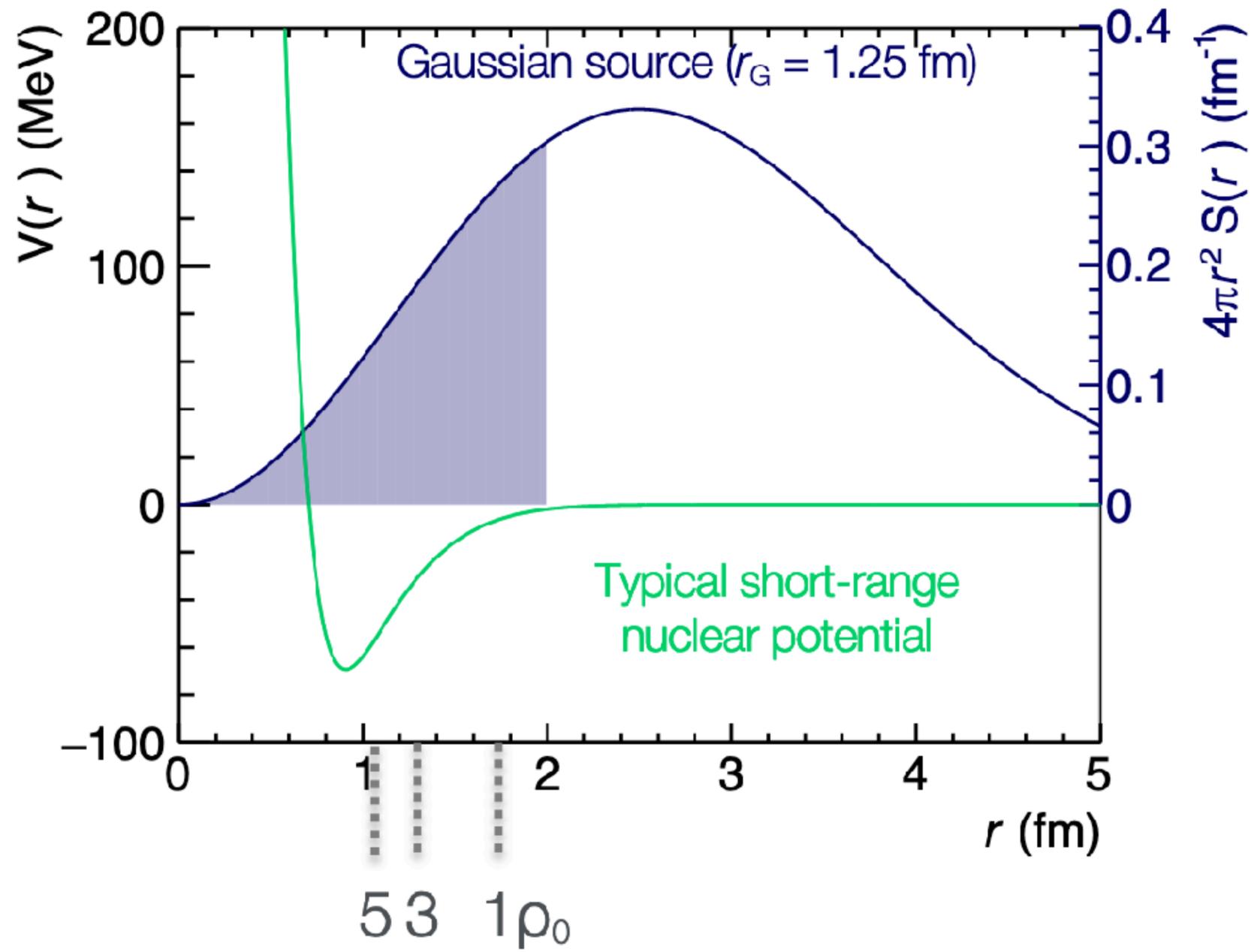


- Described with a Gaussian core

$$G(r^*, r_{\text{core}}(m_T)) = \frac{1}{(4\pi r_{\text{core}}^2(m_T))^{3/2}} \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{r^{*2}}{4r_{\text{core}}^2(m_T)}\right)$$

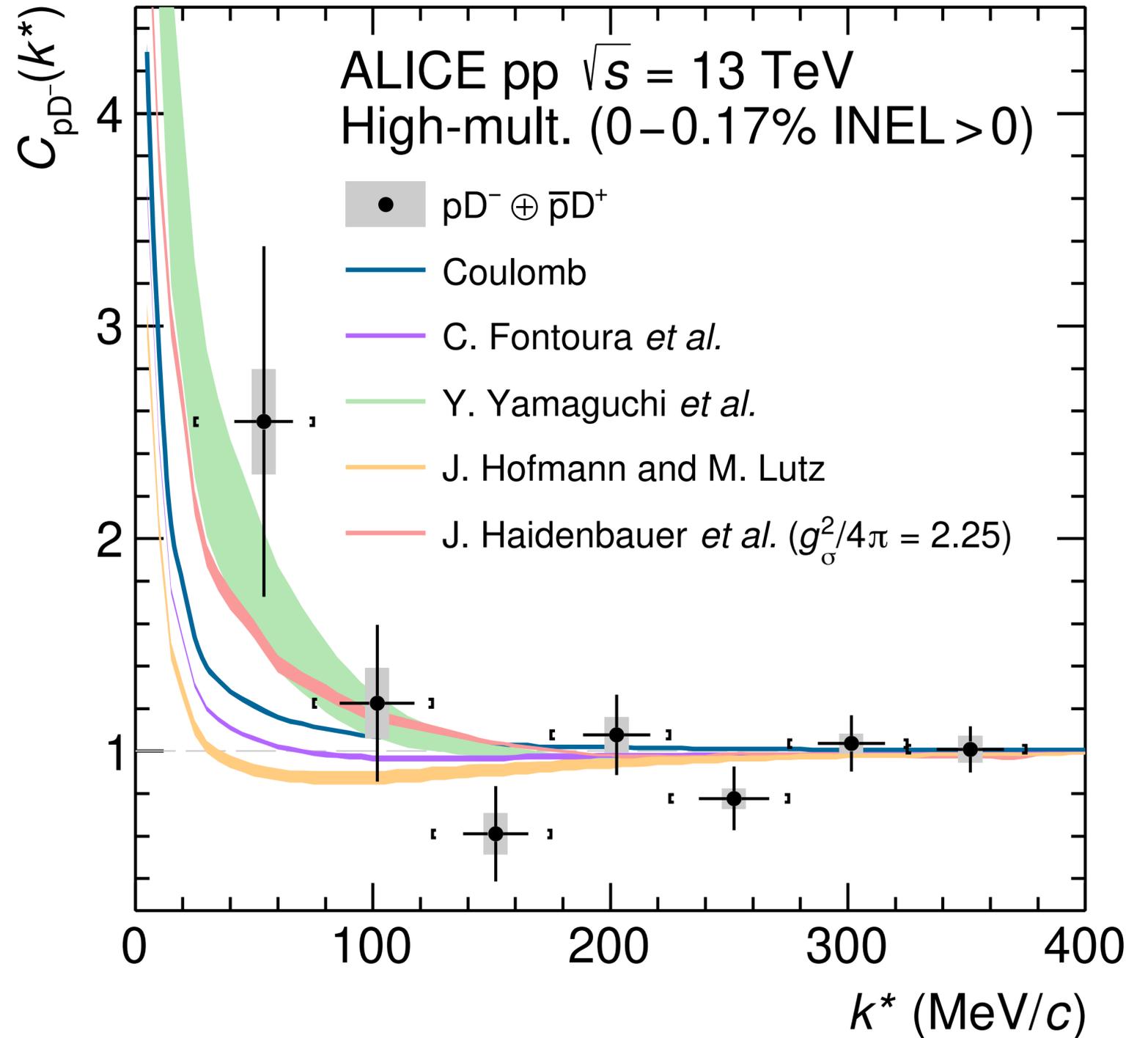
- Short-lived strongly decaying resonances effectively enlarge it

$$E(r^*, M_{\text{res}}, \tau_{\text{res}}, p_{\text{res}}) = \frac{1}{s} \exp\left(-\frac{r^*}{s}\right) \quad \text{with} \quad s = \beta\gamma\tau_{\text{res}} = \frac{p_{\text{res}}}{M_{\text{res}}}\tau_{\text{res}}$$



- Typical range of nuclear potential around 1-2 fm
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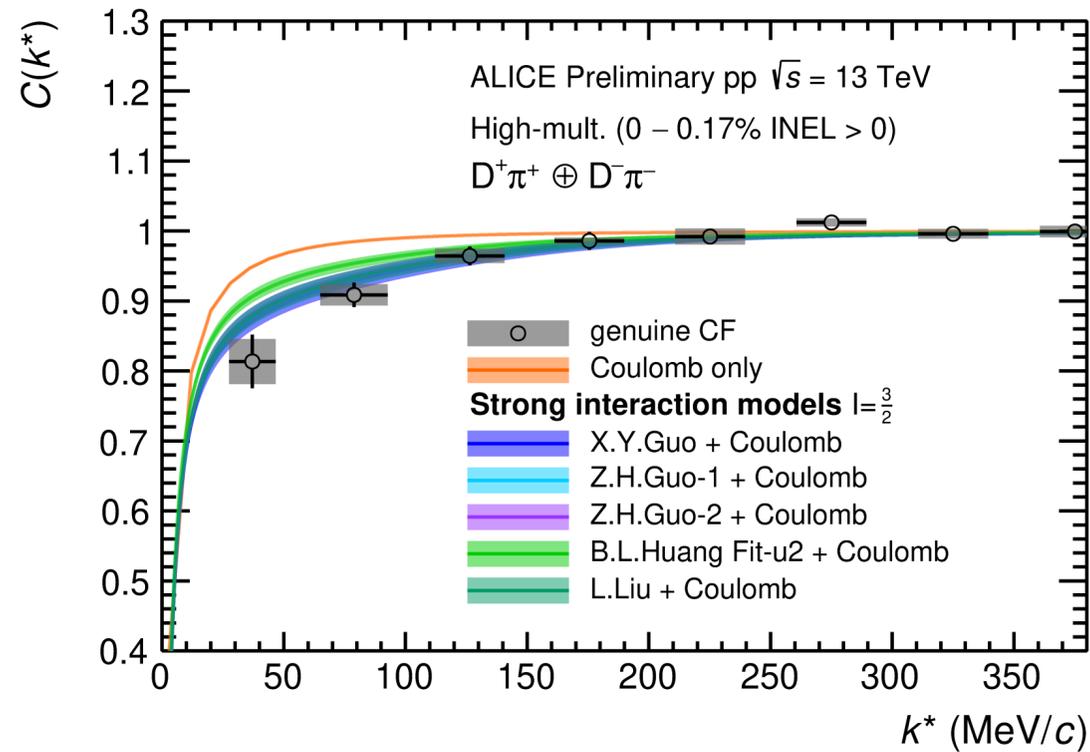


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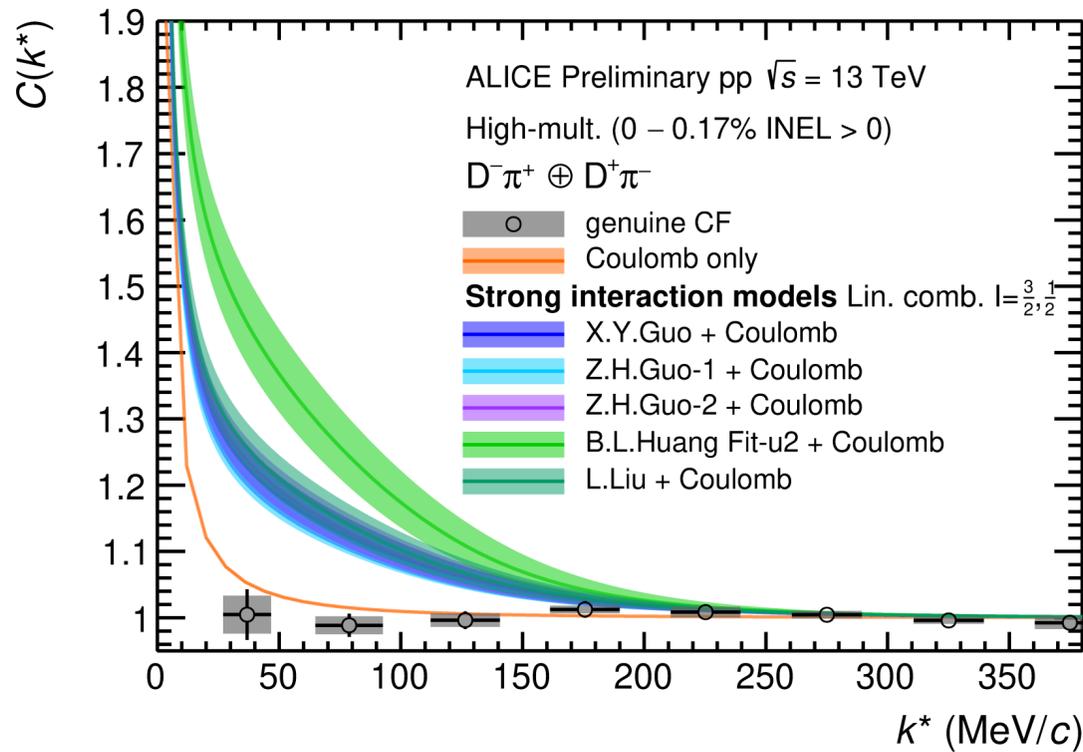
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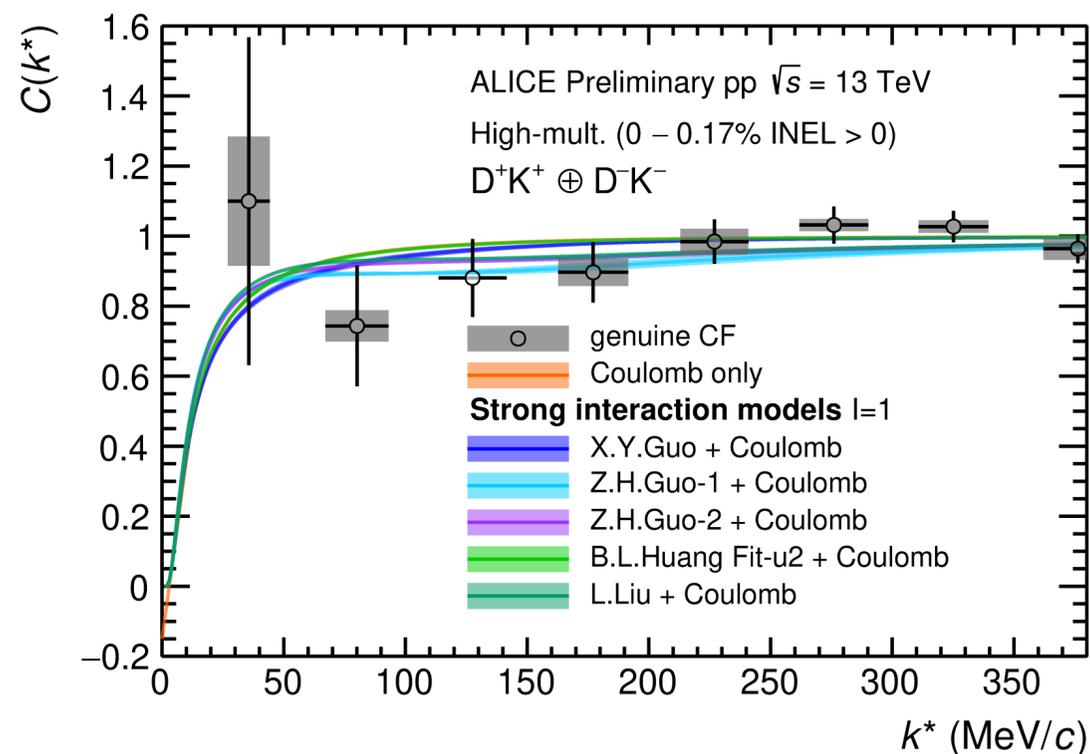
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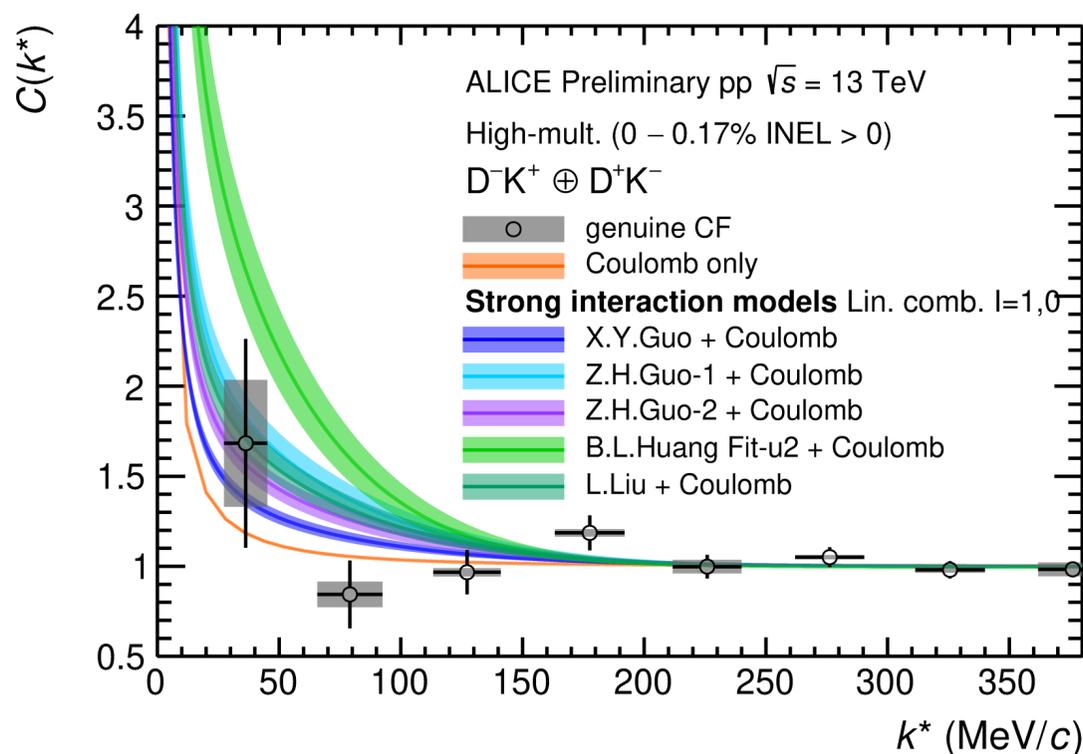
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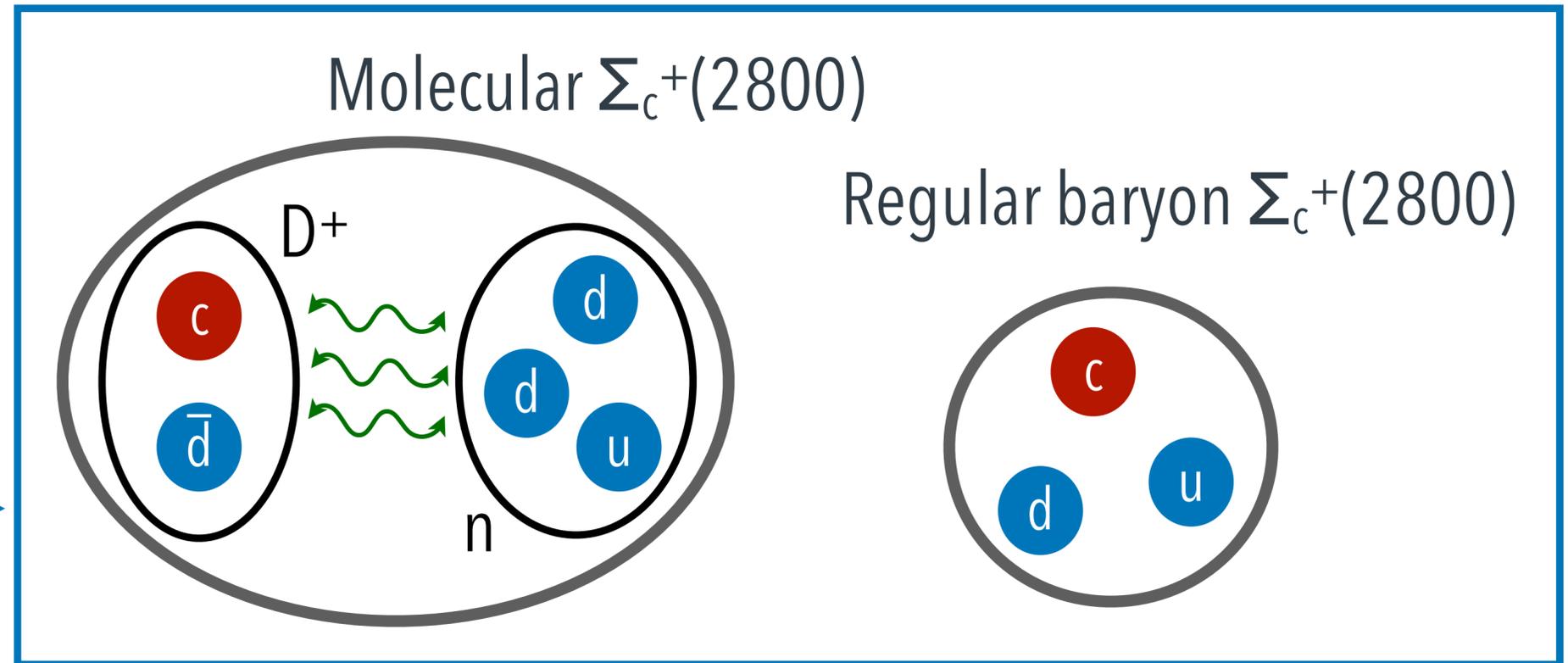
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- Models agree with data in case of same-charge CF
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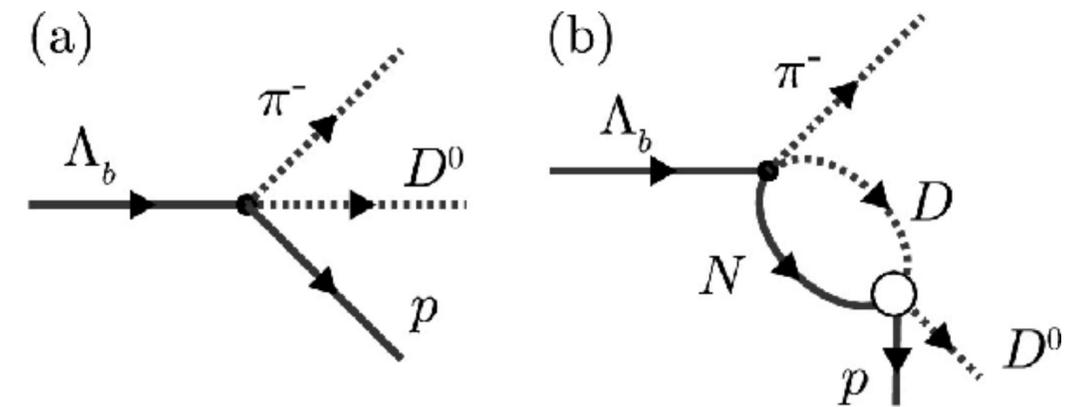
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$\Sigma_c\bar{D}^*$	$1/2 (3/2^-)$	$P_c(4440)$



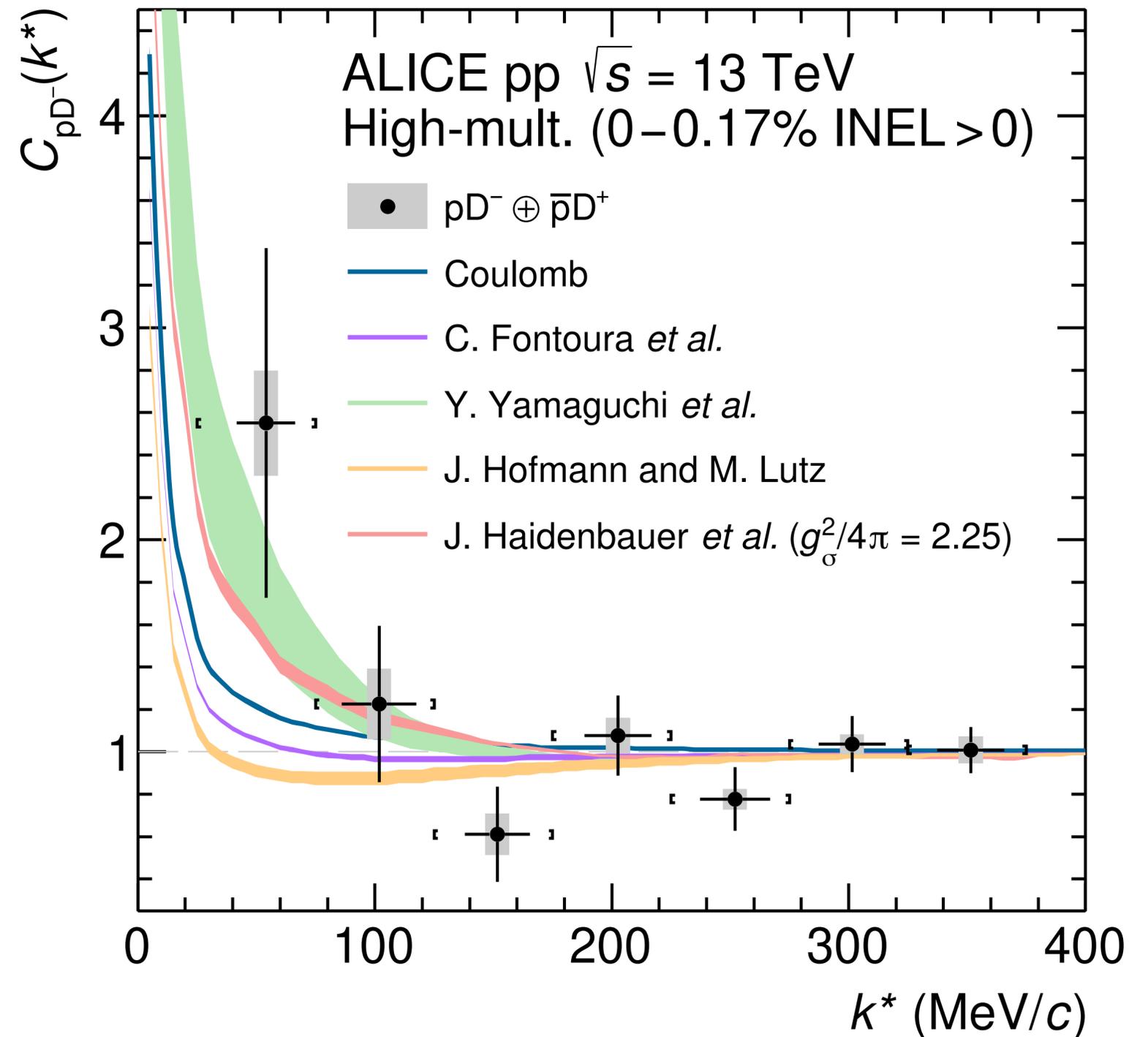
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- Molecular states also relevant to explain some beauty-hadron decays

Model	$f_0(l=0)$ [fm]	$f_0(l=1)$ [fm]
Haidenbauer $g_\sigma^2/4\pi = 1$ Meson-exchange model	0,14	-0,28
Haidenbauer $g_\sigma^2/4\pi = 2.25$ Meson-exchange model	0,67	0,04
Hofmann and Lutz SU(4) contact interaction	-0,16	-0,26
Yamaguchi meson-exchange on HQ symmetry	-4,38	-0,07
Fontoura Chiral-quark model	0,16	-0,25



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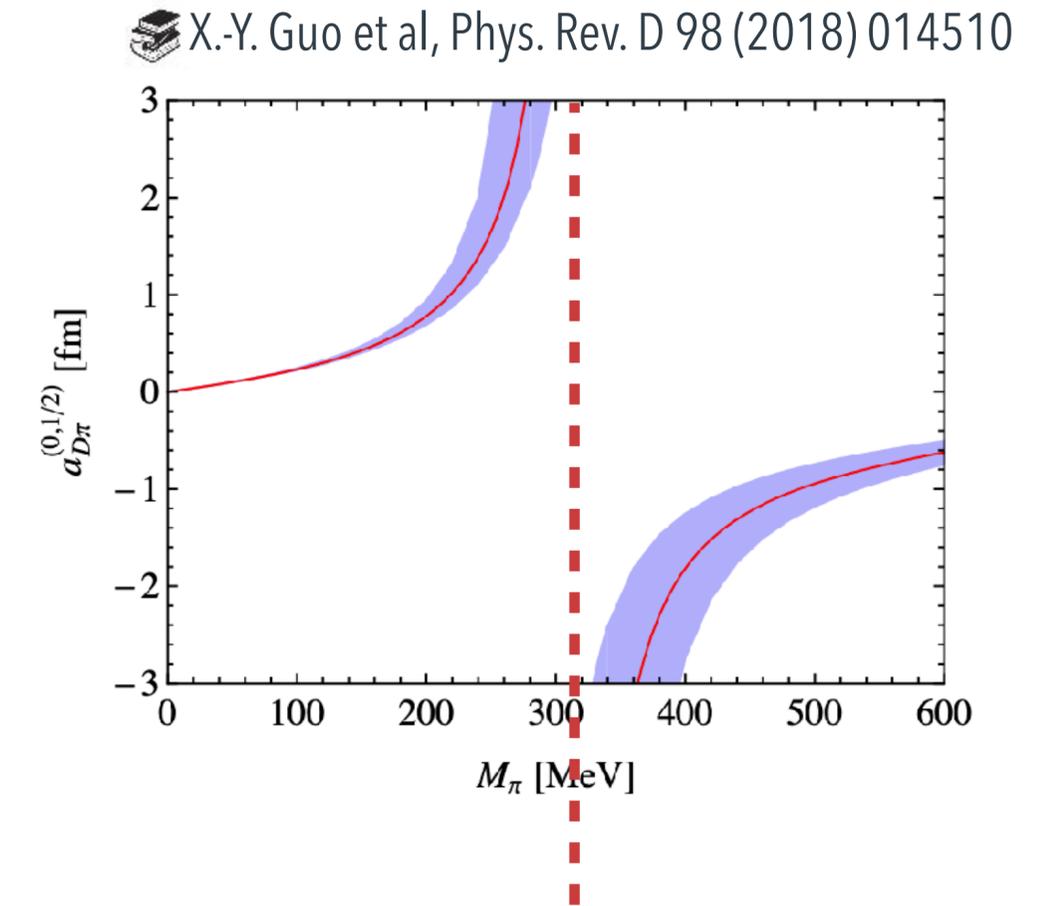
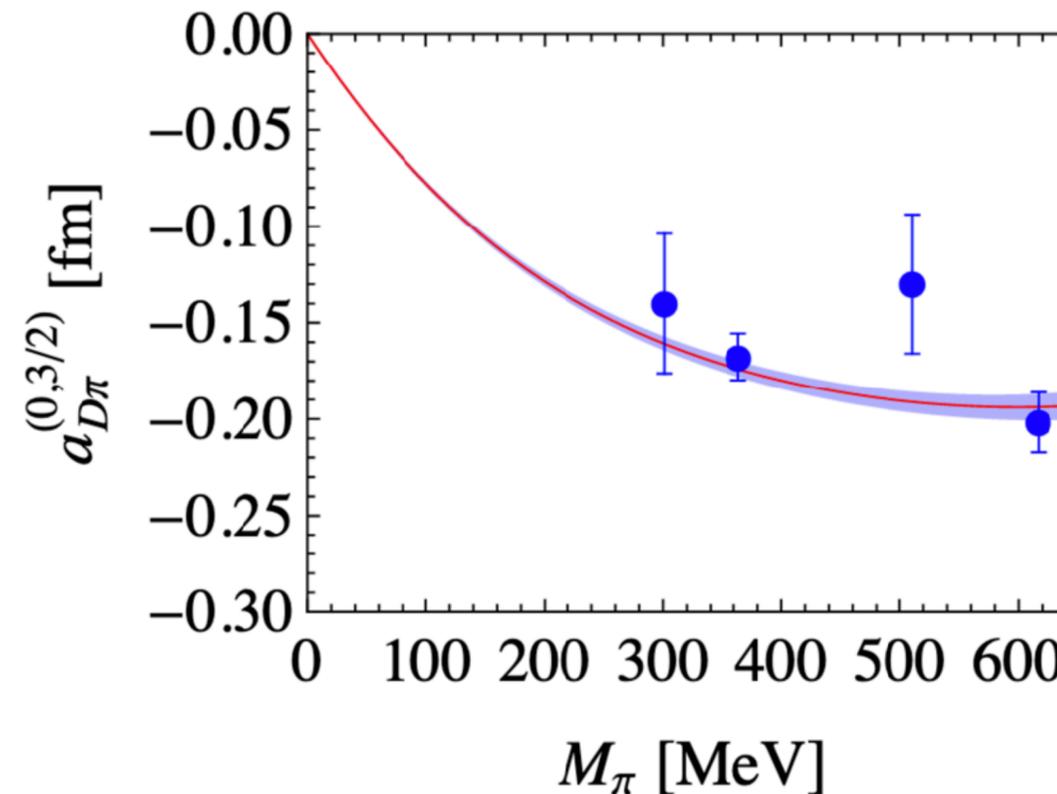
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Channel	L. Liu	X.-Y. Guo	Z.-H. Guo-1	Z.-H. Guo-2	B.-L. Huang
$D\pi(l=3/2)$ [fm]	-0,10	-0,11	-0,101	-0,099	-0,06
$D\pi(l=1/2)$ [fm]	0,37	0,33	0,31	0,34	0,61
$DK(l=1)$ [fm]	0,07+i0,17	-0,05	0,06+i0,30	0,05+i0,17	-0,01
$D\bar{K}(l=0)$ [fm]	0,84	0,46	0,96	0,68	1,81
$D\bar{K}(l=1)$ [fm]	-0,20	-0,22	-0,18	-0,19	-0,24

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- Predictions of scattering lengths derived from lattice QCD calculations
 - ➔ Typically very small compared to other interactions (light-light \sim 7-8 fm, light-strange \sim 1.5 fm)
 - ➔ No constraints from data
 - ➔ For pions $l=3/2$ channel more constrained than $l=1/2$ channel

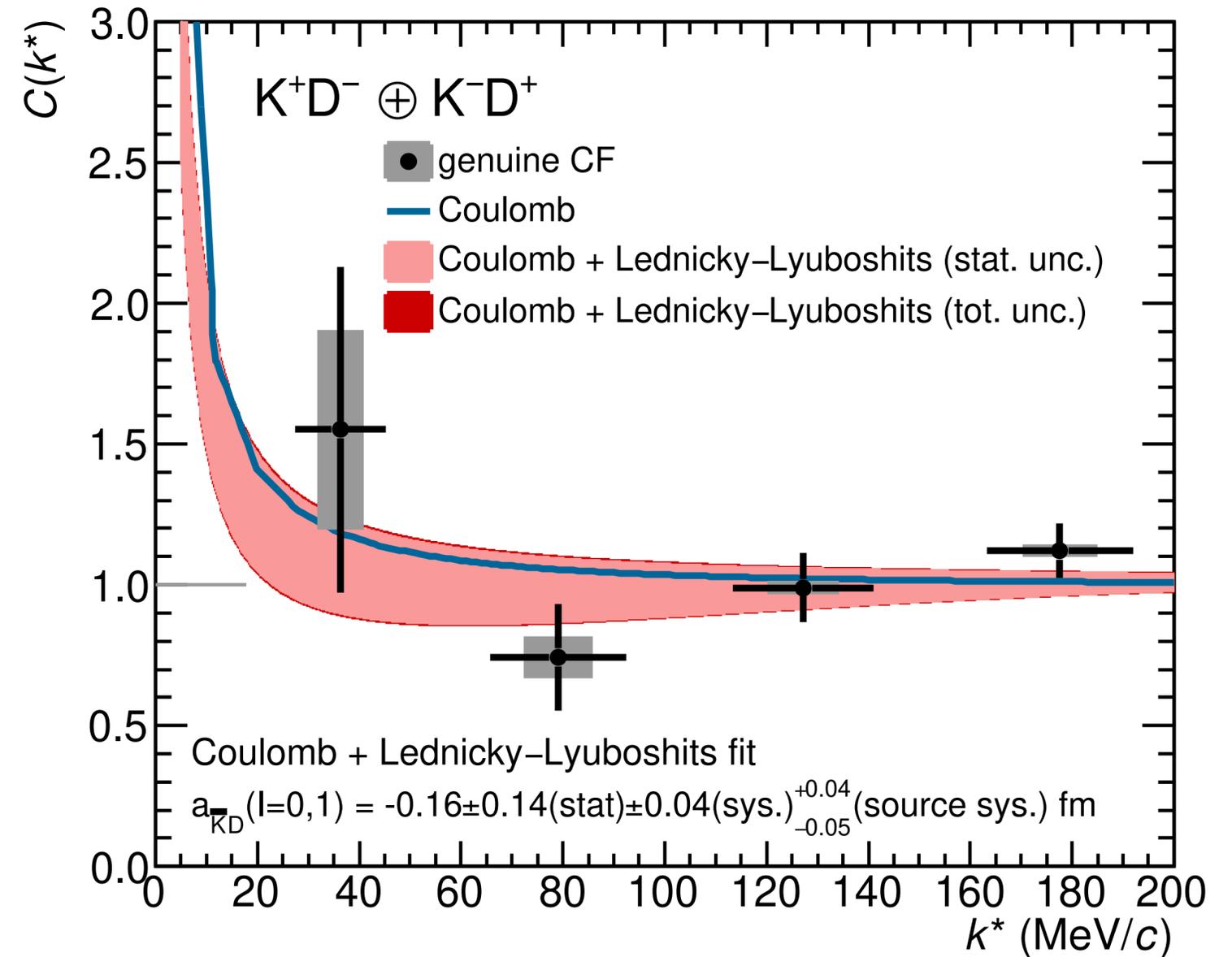
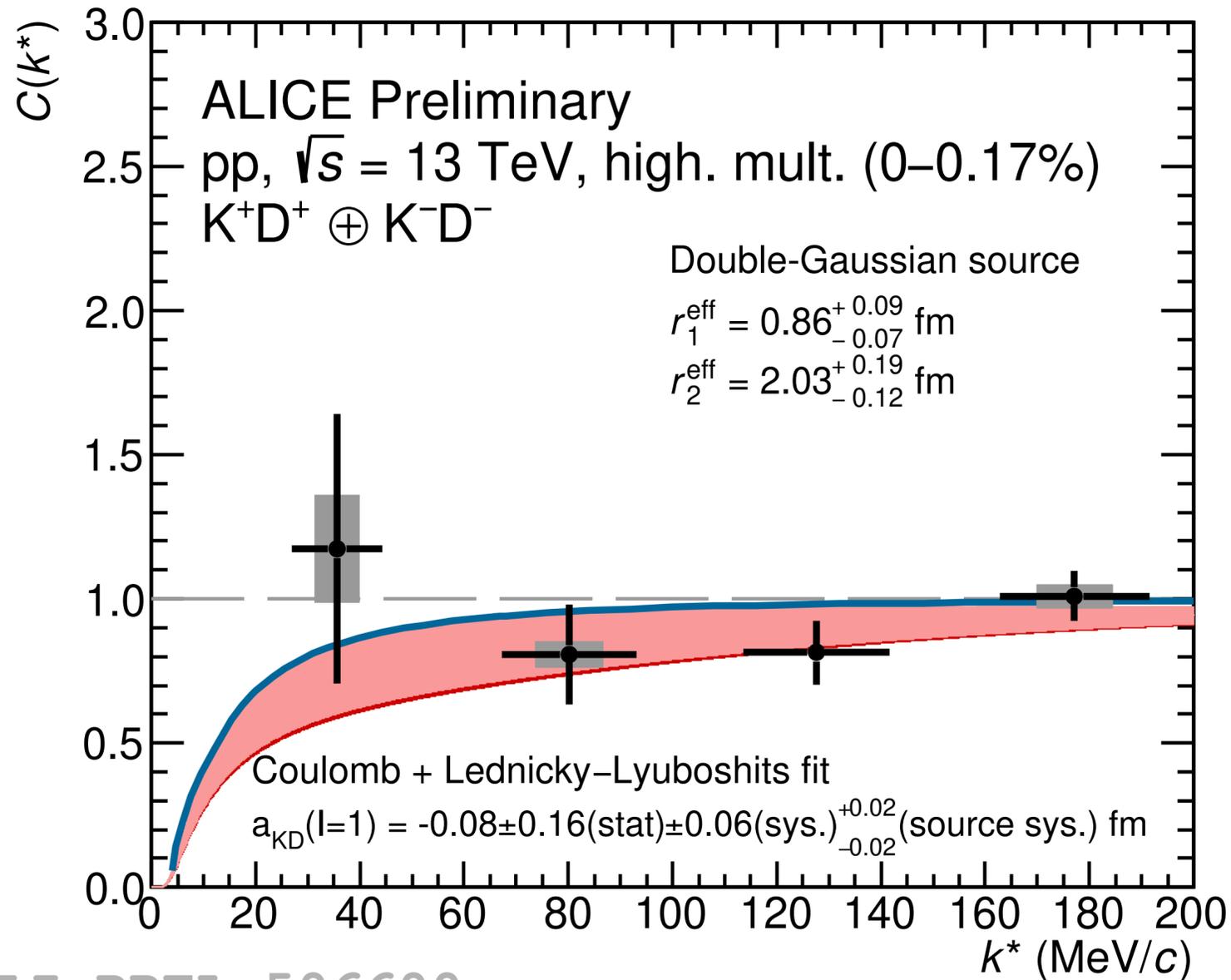


Bound-state pole formation

$$\begin{aligned}
 C'(k^*) = A_C(k^*) & \left\{ 2 \left[\frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{|f_C(k^*)|}{r} \right)^2 \left[1 - \frac{d_0}{2\sqrt{\pi r}} + \frac{1}{2} (A_C(k^*) - 1)^2 (1 - e^{-4(rk^*)^2}) \right] + \right. \right. \\
 & + \mathcal{R}(f_C(k^*)) \frac{F_1(2k^*r)}{\sqrt{\pi r}} + \\
 & \left. \left. + \mathcal{I}(f_C(k^*)) \left[\frac{F_2(2k^*r)}{2r} + (A_C(k^*) - 1)k^* \cos(rk^*) e^{-(rk^*)^2} \right] + 1 \right] \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

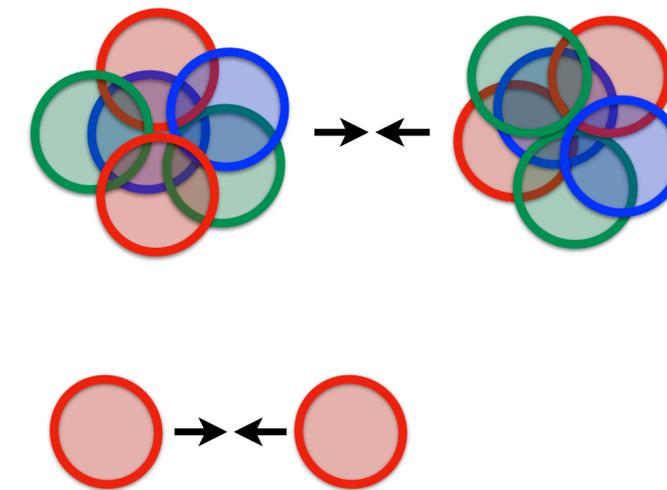
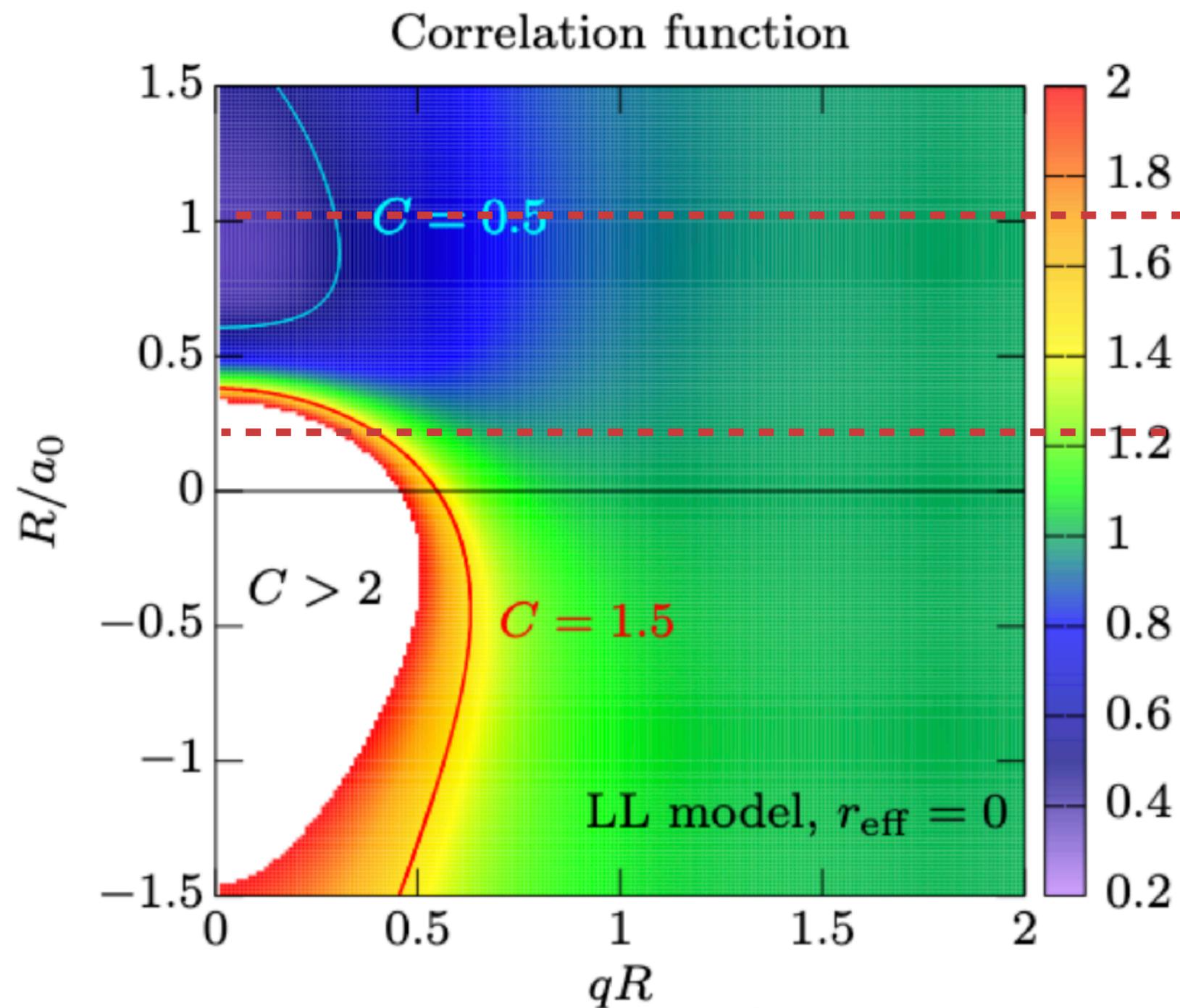
Where

$$f_C(k^*) = \left[\frac{1}{a_0} + \frac{1}{2} d_0 k^{*2} - \frac{2}{a_C} h(k^* a_C) - ik^* A_C(k^*) \right]^{-1}$$



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- K^+D^+
- K^+D^-
- $l=1$ channel only
- $l=0$ (50%)
- $l=1$ (50%)



- Interplay between system size and scattering length
- ➔ size-dependent modification of the correlation function in presence of a bound state