

# Updated experimental insight into the strong interaction between antikaons and nucleons

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# KbarN interaction

KbarN interaction: building block of non-perturbative regime of QCD

The presence of the strange quark has dramatic consequences:

**KN and KbarN interactions are very different and with very different cross sections**

- excitation of resonances below threshold
- strong coupled channel dynamics
- absorption from one or more nucleons
- attractiveness in KbarN gives rise to bound states

**$\Lambda(1405)$  is an “old object” not fitting in the standard 3-quark picture**

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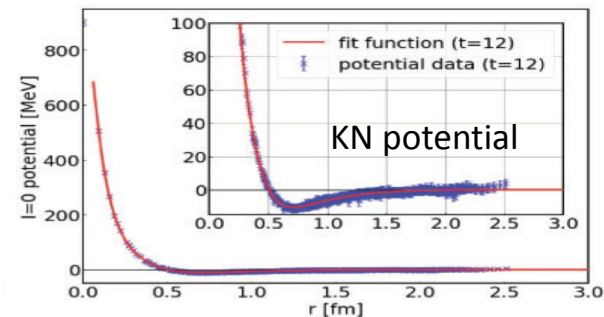
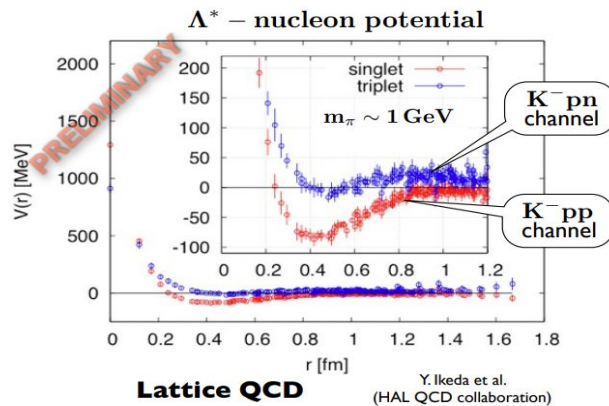
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⇒ “Lattice QCD Evidence that the  $\Lambda(1405)$  Resonance is an Antikaon-Nucleon Molecule”, Hall et al., PRL 114, 132002 (2015)



Murakami, Akahoshi, Aoki  
PTEP 2020, 093B03 (2020)

⇒ MB systems with annihilation available K. Murakami arXiv:2111.15563v1 [hep-lat]

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- Next to leading order (NLO), just considering the **contact term**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\phi B}^{(2)} = b_D \langle \bar{B} \{ \chi_+, B \} \rangle + b_F \langle \bar{B} [ \chi_+, B ] \rangle + b_0 \langle \bar{B} B \rangle \langle \chi_+ \rangle + d_1 \langle \bar{B} \{ u_\mu, [ u^\mu, B ] \} \rangle + d_2 \langle \bar{B} [ u_\mu, [ u^\mu, B ] ] \rangle + d_3 \langle \bar{B} u_\mu \rangle \langle u^\mu B \rangle + d_4 \langle \bar{B} B \rangle \langle u^\mu u_\mu \rangle$$

*New terms taken into account*

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} & -\frac{g_1}{8M_N^2} \langle \bar{B} \{ u_\mu, [ u_\nu, \{ D^\mu, D^\nu \} B ] \} \rangle - \frac{g_2}{8M_N^2} \langle \bar{B} [ u_\mu, [ u_\nu, \{ D^\mu, D^\nu \} B ] ] \rangle \\ & -\frac{g_3}{8M_N^2} \langle \bar{B} u_\mu \rangle \langle [ u_\nu, \{ D^\mu, D^\nu \} B ] \rangle - \frac{g_4}{8M_N^2} \langle \bar{B} \{ D^\mu, D^\nu \} B \rangle \langle u_\mu u_\nu \rangle \\ & -\frac{h_1}{4} \langle \bar{B} [ \gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu ] B u_\mu u_\nu \rangle - \frac{h_2}{4} \langle \bar{B} [ \gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu ] u_\mu [ u_\nu, B ] \rangle - \frac{h_3}{4} \langle \bar{B} [ \gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu ] u_\mu \{ u_\nu, B \} \rangle \\ & -\frac{h_4}{4} \langle \bar{B} [ \gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu ] u_\mu \rangle \langle u_\nu, B \rangle + h.c. \end{aligned} \right.$$

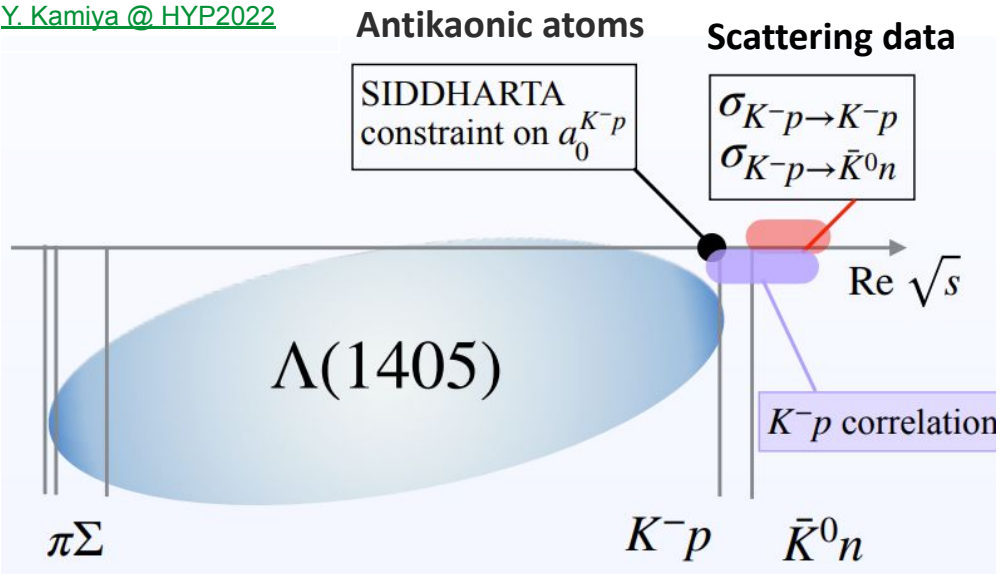
- $b_0, b_D, b_F, d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4, g_1, g_2, g_4, h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4$  are not well established, so they should be treated as parameters of the model!

## Data fitting by Chiral SU(3).

- Going to NLO (N<sup>2</sup>LO?), s+p waves  $\Rightarrow$  more parameters to be fixed (by data)
- Adding **new data** helps to improve the model
- Adding **more precise data** helps to improve the model
- Adding **data at different energies** helps to improve the model

# Available experimental data

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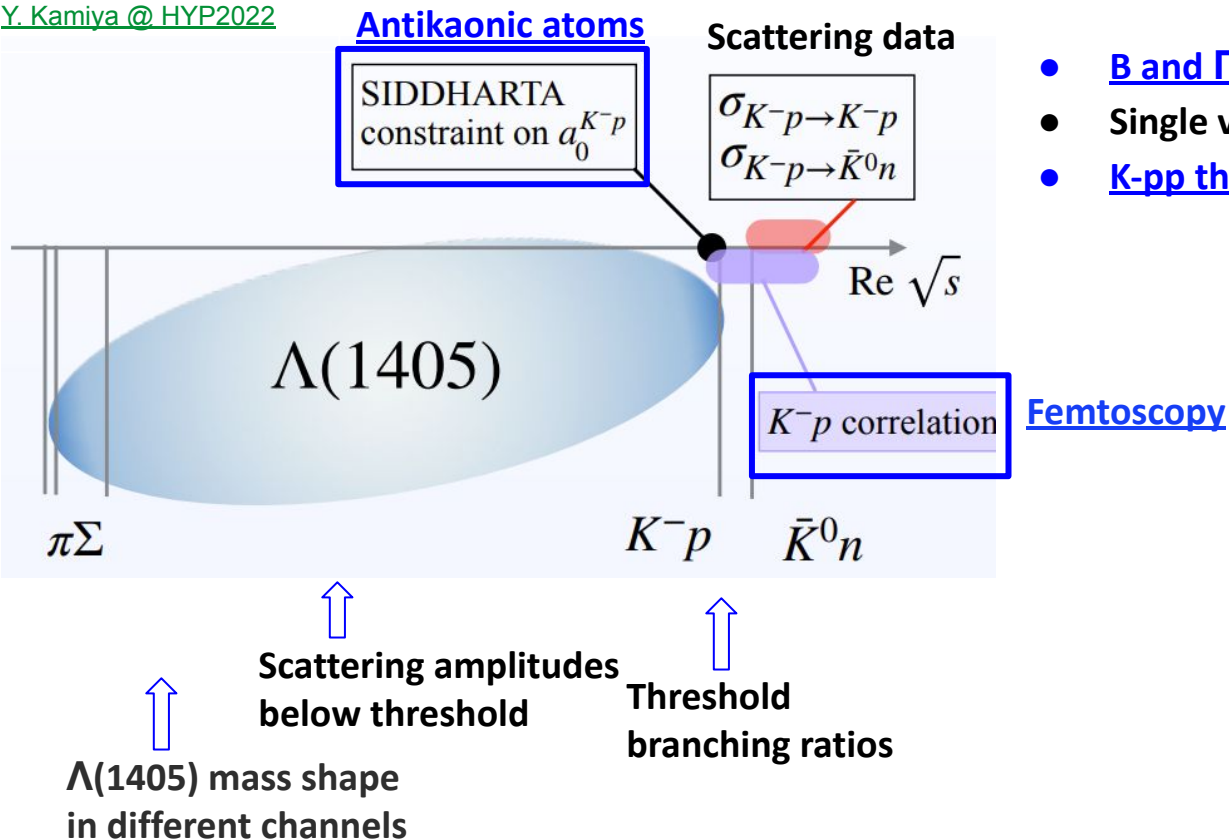
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 Scattering amplitudes below threshold

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 Threshold branching ratios

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 $\Lambda(1405)$  mass shape in different channels

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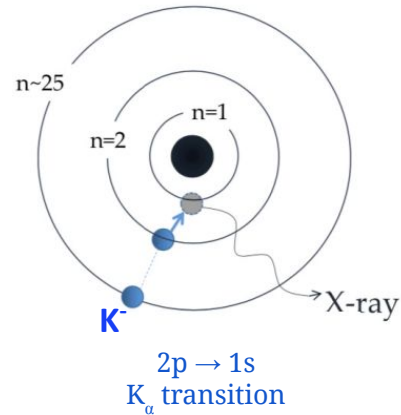
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# antikaonic hydrogen: SIDDHARTA



**shift( $\epsilon$ ), width( $\Gamma$ )** with respect to e.m. value caused by attractive/repulsive strong interaction and the presence of inelastic channels

Measurement of the **shift( $\epsilon$ ) and width( $\Gamma$ ) induced by the strong interaction** in the lowest level atomic transition.

$$\epsilon_{1s} = -283 \pm 36(\text{stat}) \pm 6(\text{syst}) \text{ eV}$$

$$\Gamma_{1s} = 541 \pm 89(\text{stat}) \pm 22(\text{syst}) \text{ eV},$$

SIDDHARTA Coll., PLB 704 (2011) 113

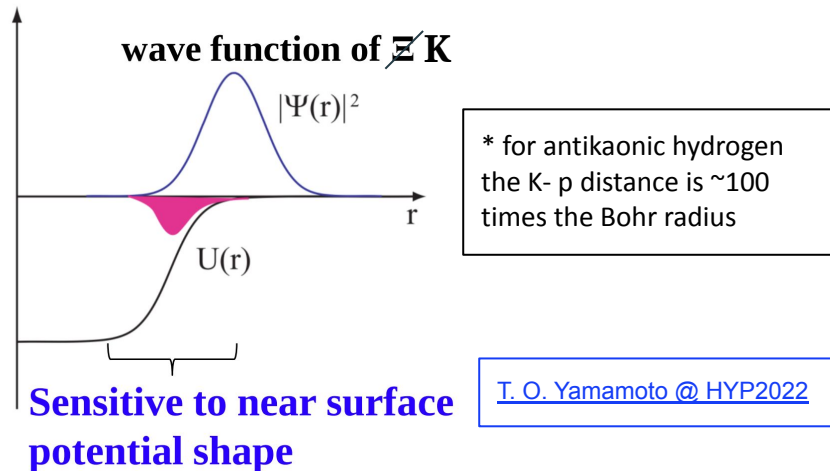
**Translated** via Dessler-type Formula into a  **$K^-p$  scattering length** that is an average of the  $K^-p$  scattering lengths for  $I=0$  and  $I=1$

$$\epsilon_{1s} - \frac{i}{2}\Gamma_{1s} = -2\alpha^3 \mu_c^2 a_p (1 - 2\alpha \mu_c (\ln \alpha - 1) a_p)$$

$$a_{K^-p} = \frac{a_0(I=0) + a_1(I=1)}{2}$$

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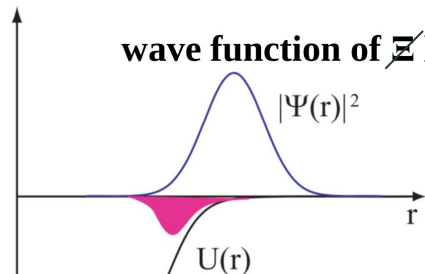
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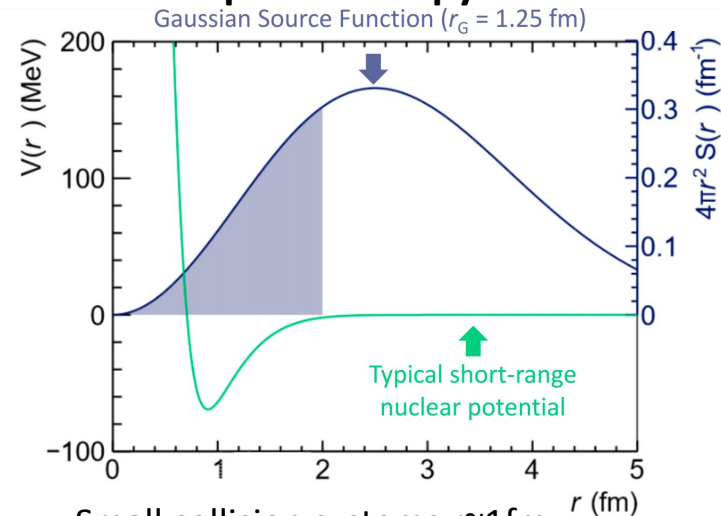
\* for antikaonic hydrogen  
the K- p distance is  $\sim 100$   
times the Bohr radius

**Sensitive to near surface  
potential shape**

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## ALICE: $K^-p$ femtoscopy



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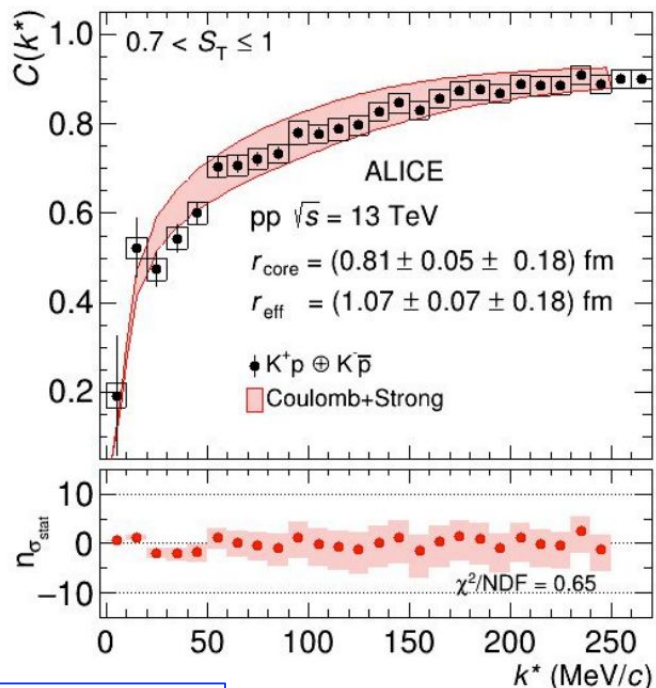
$\Rightarrow$  effect of the interaction is enhanced

$$C(k^*) = \int S(r^*) |\Psi(k^*, \vec{r}^*)|^2 d^3 r^*$$

**Deliver different observables  $\Leftrightarrow$  scattering lengths can be obtained** from both  
(via Deser-type and Lednický–Lyuboshitz formulae)

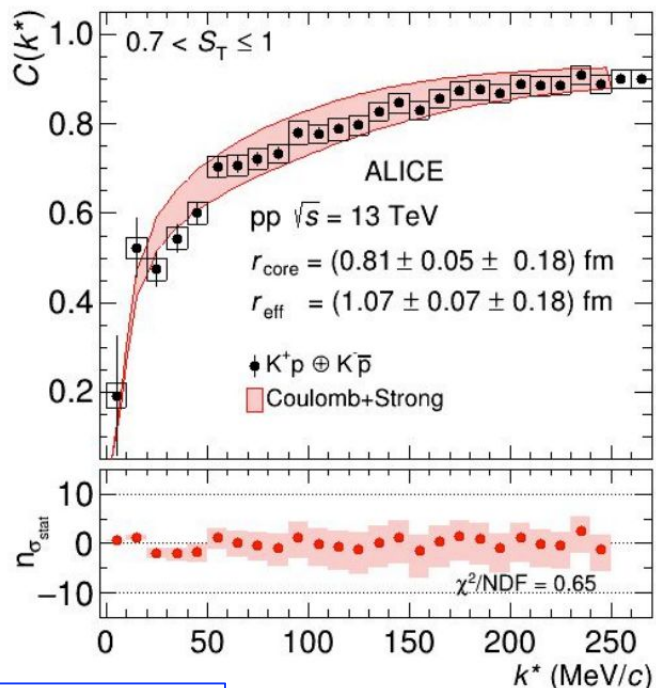
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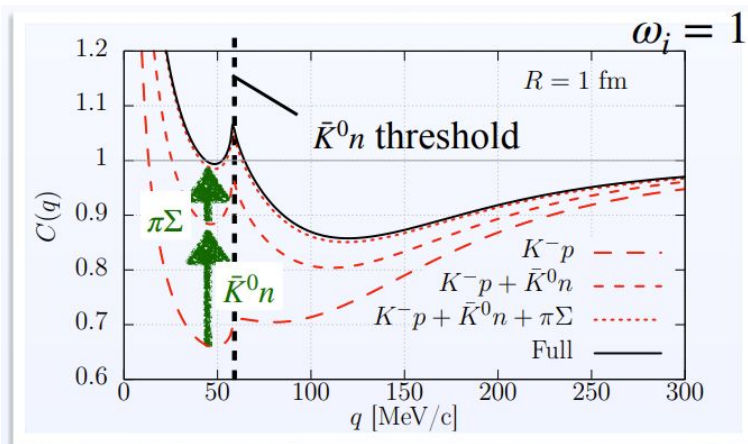
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**Effects of coupled channels** enhanced by small source

- less important for large sources of HIC



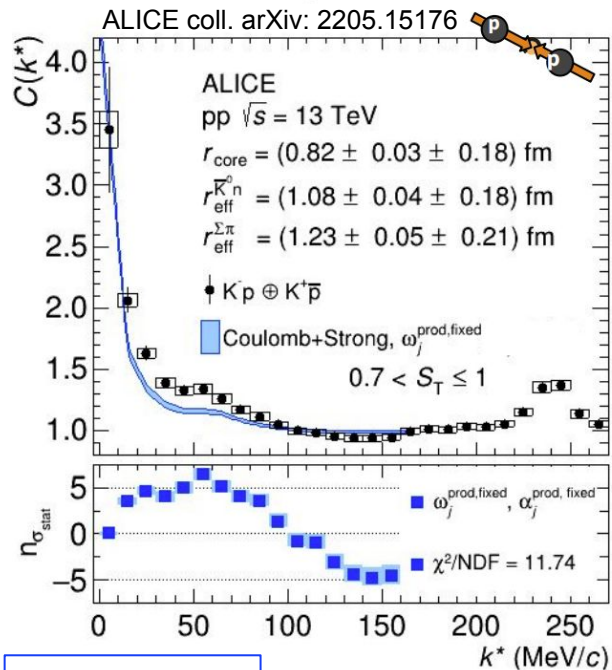
Kamiya, Hyodo, Morita, Ohnishi, Weise, PRL 124 (2020) 13, 132501

$K^- p, \bar{K}^0 n, \pi^0 \Sigma^0, \pi^+ \Sigma^-, \pi^- \Sigma^+, \pi^0 \Lambda$



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# KbarN Femtoscopy with ALICE in pp collisions

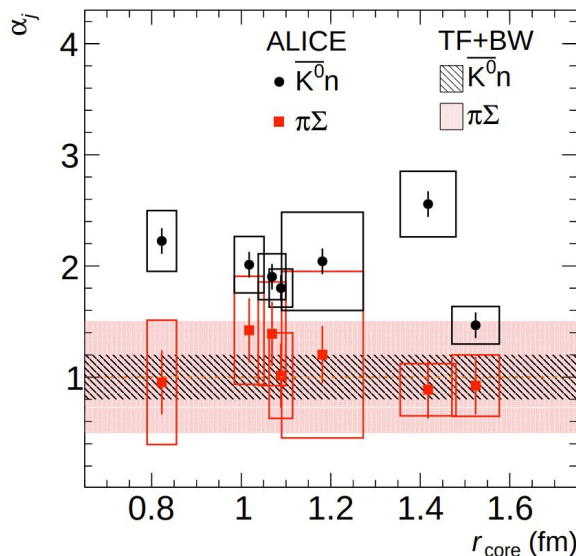


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## Small systems: pp collisions $r \sim 1$ fm

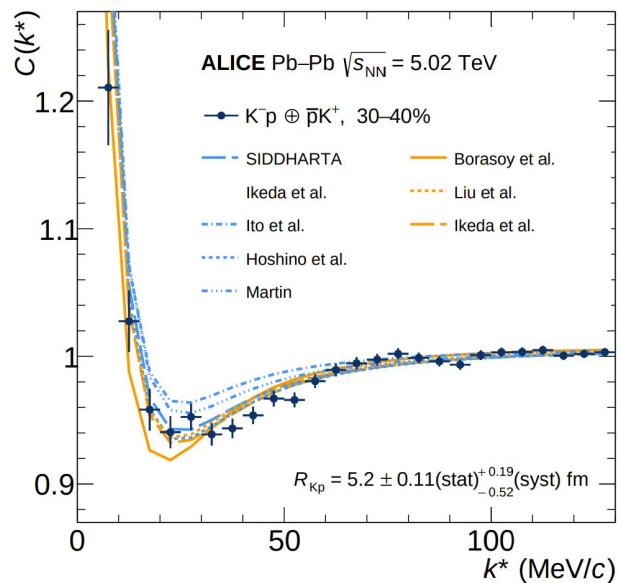
Coupled channels in the correlation function: production yields (thermal model) + production  $p_T$  spectrum (blast-wave) + pair kinematics

⇒ Provides a quantitative test of coupled channels in the theory



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ALICE Coll., PLB 822 (2021) 136708



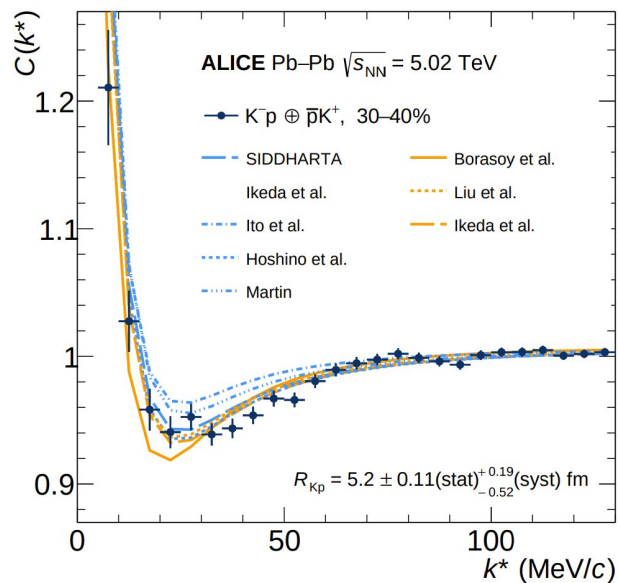
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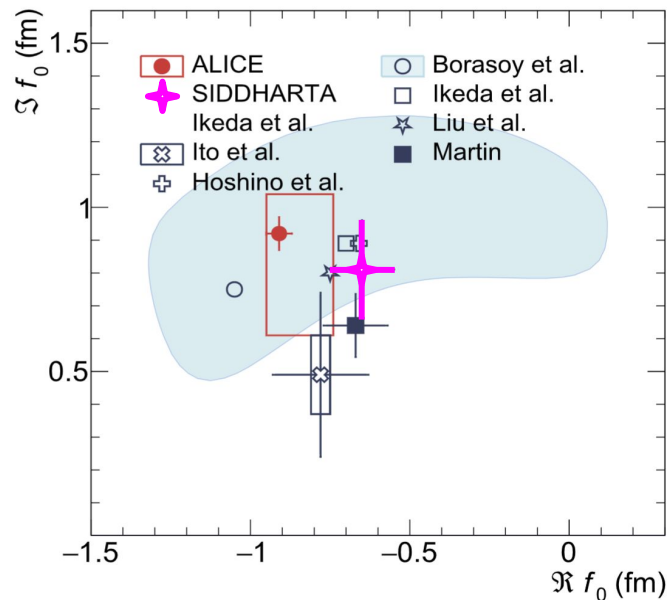
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**Full isospin dependence** needs  $K^-d$  interaction measurements:

$$a_{K^-d} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_N + m_K}{m_N + \frac{m_K}{2}} (3a_1 + a_0) + C$$

A experimental constraint exists from  $pp \rightarrow d K^0 \bar{K}^+$  (COSY)

$K^-d$  scatt. length  $|\text{Re}| \leq 1.3 \text{ fm}$ ,  $\text{Im} \leq 1.3 \text{ fm}$  V. Kleber et al., PRL 91 (2003) 172304  
A. Sibirtsev et al PLB 601 (2004) 132

**SIDDHARTA-2** with new experimental setup

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→ measurement of **antikaonic deuterium**

→ very challenging! low yield of signal.

The interpretation of the SIDDHARTA-2 results will require some effort too:

- Deser type formulae with model dependence
- Better test potentials by **full three body calculations**

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Potential	$\Delta E - i\Gamma/2$ [eV]
$V_{\bar{K}N-\pi\Sigma}^{1,\text{SIDD}}$	767 - 464i [1]
$V_{\bar{K}N-\pi\Sigma}^{2,\text{SIDD}}$	782 - 469i [1]
$V_{\bar{K}N-\pi\Sigma-\pi\Lambda}^{\text{chiral}}$	835 - 502i [1]
Kyoto $\bar{K}N$	670 - 508i [2]

# Accessing $K\bar{N}$ $I=1$ interaction with ALICE

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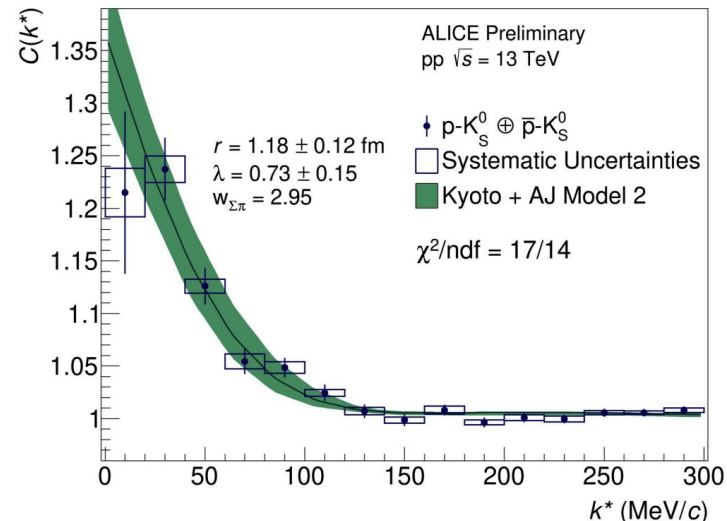
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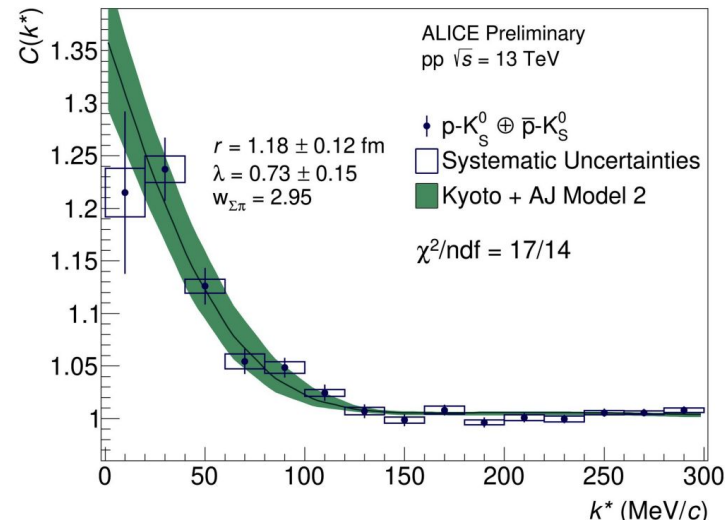
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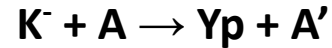
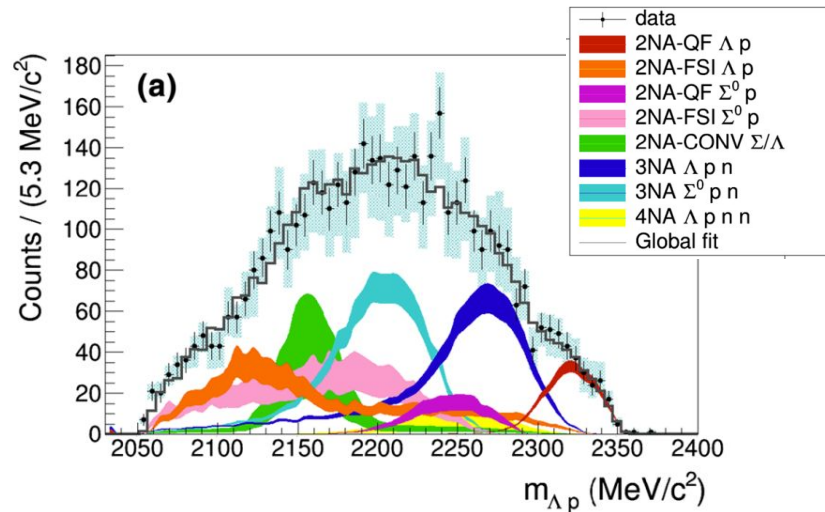


## On the horizon by ALICE: $K^+d$ , $K^-d$ femtoscopy

For femtoscopy with deuterons (pd) by ALICE in small systems  
see [B. Singh @ HYP2022](#) and by STAR in HIC: [H. Zbroszczyk @ HYP2022](#)

# Kaonic nuclei

# AMADEUS: $K^-$ absorption in $^4\text{He}$ and $^{12}\text{C}$



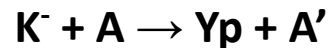
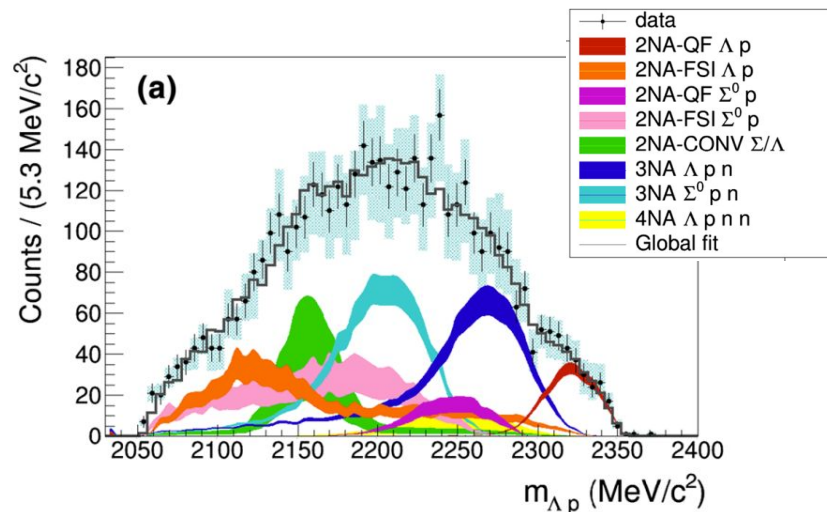
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Below threshold (-33 MeV)

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$K^- n \rightarrow \pi^- \Lambda$  ( $I=1$  non resonant)

$$|A_{K^- n \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-}| = (0.334 \pm 0.018 \text{ stat}^{+0.034}_{-0.058} \text{ syst}) \text{ fm.}$$

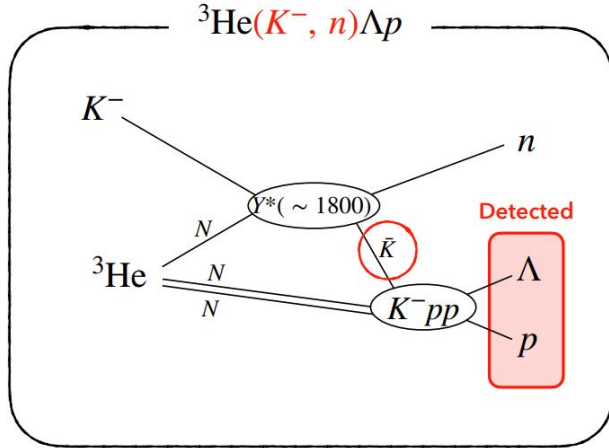
AMADEUS Coll., PLB 782 (2018) 339-345]

Above threshold

$K^- p \rightarrow \pi^0 \Lambda, \pi^0 \Sigma^0$  cross sections (preliminary)

- $\sigma_{K^- p \rightarrow \Sigma^0 \pi^0} = 42.8 \pm 1.5(\text{stat.})_{-2.0}^{+2.4}(\text{syst.}) \text{ mb}$
- $\sigma_{K^- p \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^0} = 31.0 \pm 0.5(\text{stat.})_{-1.2}^{+1.2}(\text{syst.}) \text{ mb}$ ,

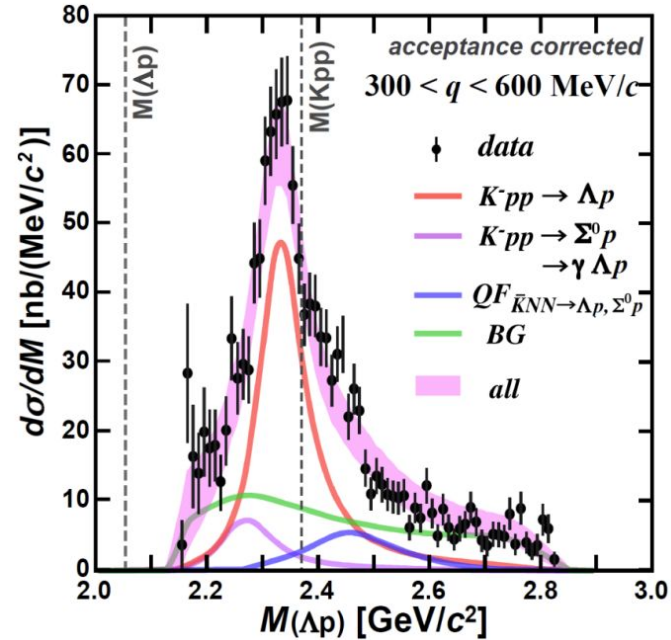
In-flight  ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, n)\Lambda p$  reaction @ 1.0 GeV/c



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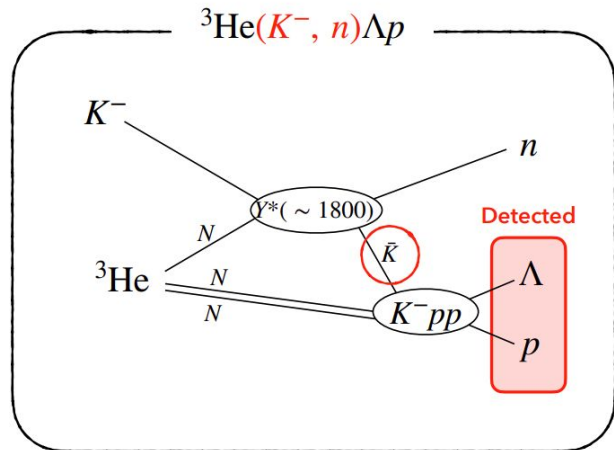


Similar interpretation by Sekihara, Oset, Ramos

JPS Conf. Proc. 26, 023009 (2019)

PTEP 2016, 12, 123D03

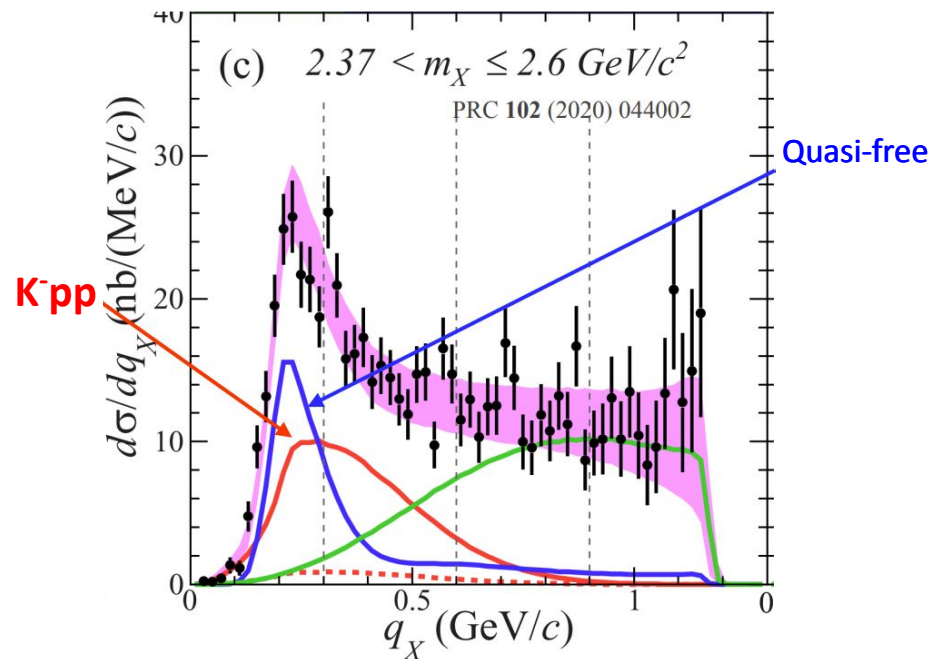
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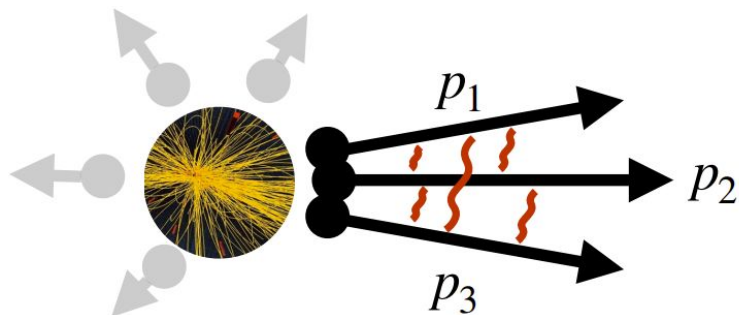
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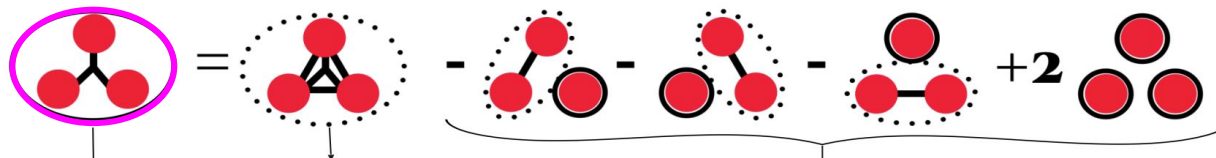
Three-particle correlation function:

$$C(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_3) \equiv \frac{P(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_3)}{P(\mathbf{p}_1)P(\mathbf{p}_2)P(\mathbf{p}_3)} = \mathcal{N} \frac{N_{\text{same}}(Q_3)}{N_{\text{mixed}}(Q_3)}$$

$$Q_3 = \sqrt{-q_{12}^2 - q_{23}^2 - q_{31}^2}$$

Isolation of the **three-body effects** in the correlation function:

$$c_3(Q_3) = C(Q_3) - [C_{12}(Q_3) - C_{23}(Q_3) - C_{31}(Q_3) + 2] \rightarrow \text{2-body correlations experimentally determined}$$



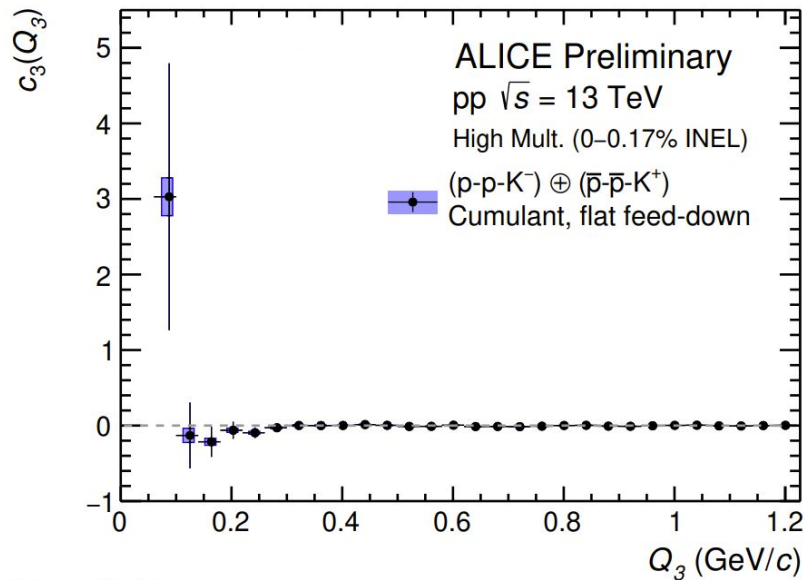
Genuine three-body correlations (cumulant)

Measured triplets

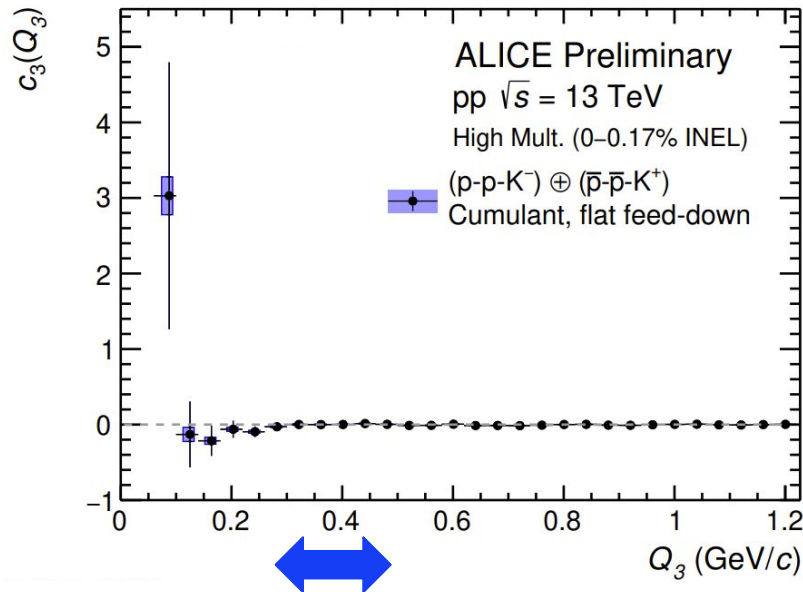
Lower-order correlations

R. Kubo, J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. 17, 1100 (1962)

# ppK<sup>-</sup> cumulant

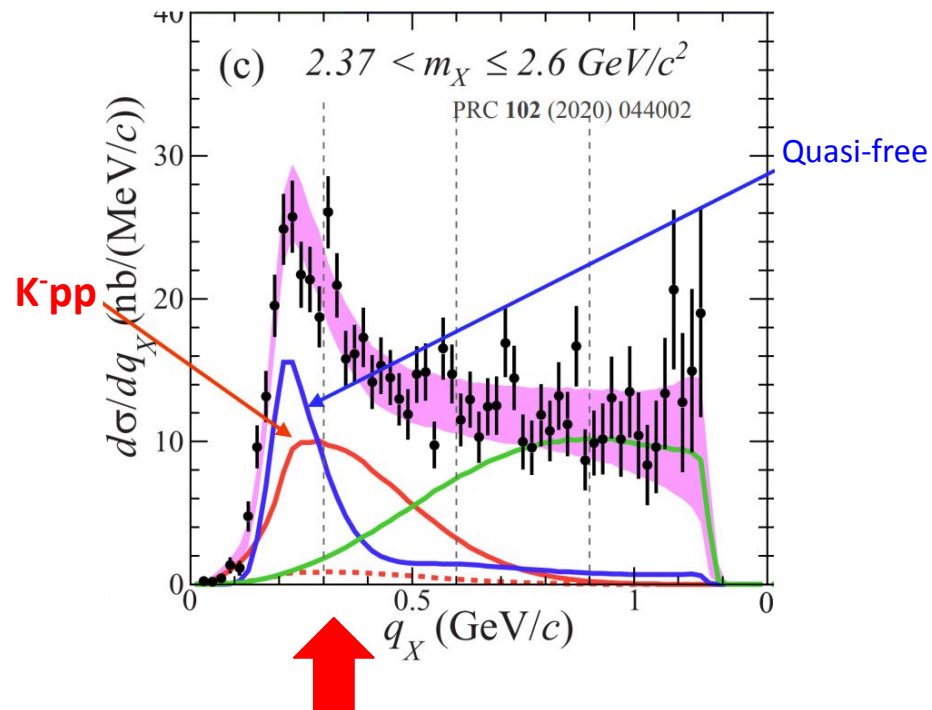


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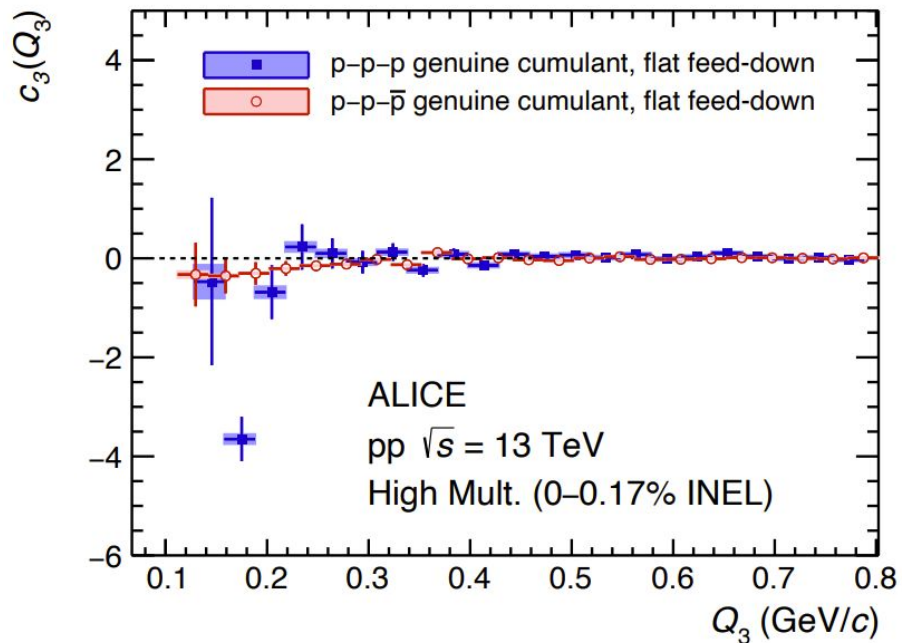
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⇒ The measurement suggest that **three-body effects** are **not relevant for the description of the K<sup>-</sup>pp system**



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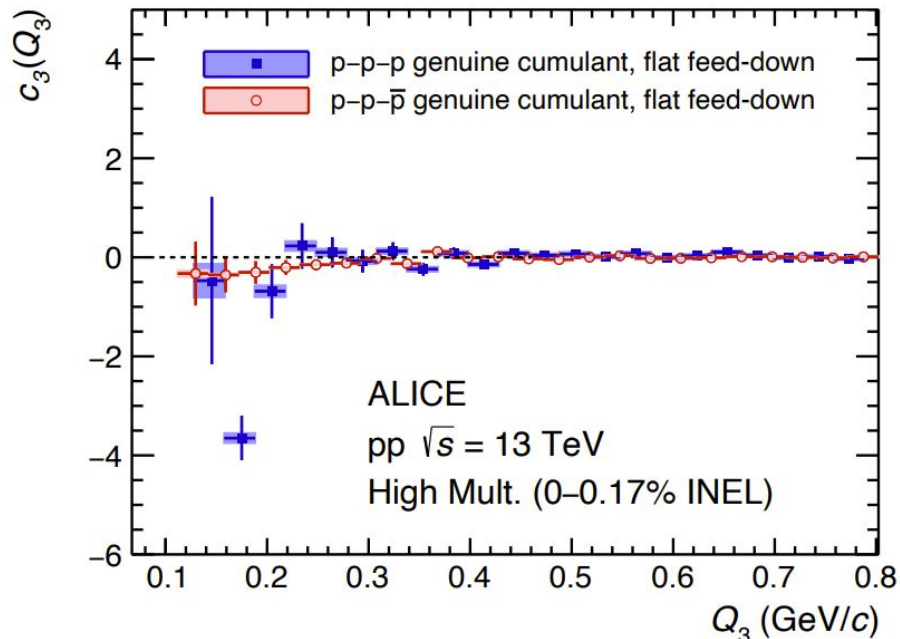


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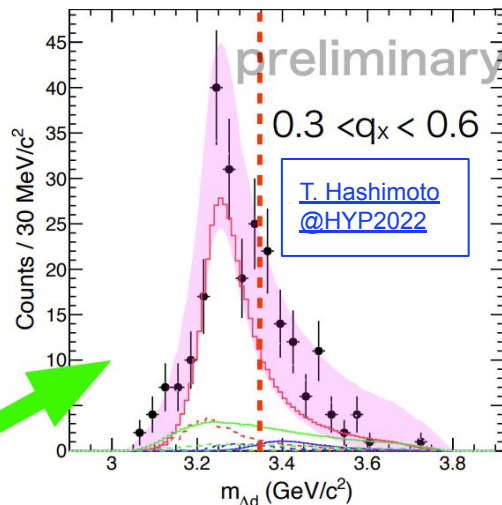
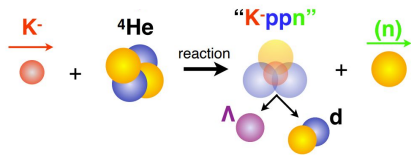
$K^-ppn - \bar{K}^0nnp$  system:

$\bar{K}NNN$  with  $I^{(4)} = 0, S^{(4)} = 1/2, L^{(4)} = 0$

	$V_{NN}^{\text{TSA-A}}$		$V_{NN}^{\text{TSA-B}}$		$V_{NN}^{\text{TSN}}$	
	B	$\Gamma$	B	$\Gamma$	B	$\Gamma$
$V_{\bar{K}N}^{1,\text{SIDD}}$	52.0	50.4	50.3	49.6	51.2	50.8
$V_{\bar{K}N}^{2,\text{SIDD}}$	47.0	39.6	46.4	38.2	46.4	39.9
$V_{\bar{K}N}^{\text{Chiral}}$	32.6	39.7	34.5	50.9	30.5	42.8

⇒ relevant for the description of the  $K^-NNN$  system?

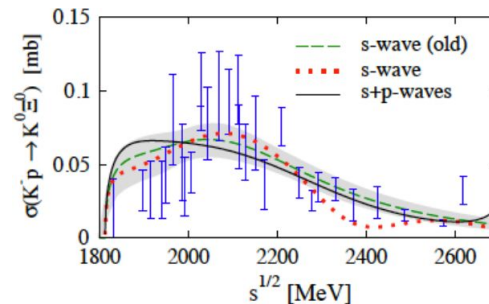
# Data is coming



- Extended J-PARC program for kaonic nuclei studies

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Calculations in p-wave with fitting higher mass channels



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⇒ J-Lab proposal for the secondary  $K_L$  beam

**GLUEX:**

$\Lambda(1405)$  photoproduction

$$\gamma p \rightarrow K^+ \Lambda^*$$

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New approaches proposed:

**fusion reaction  $K^- d \rightarrow p \Sigma^-$**

⇒ can deliver information on the lower pole of  $\Lambda(1405)$

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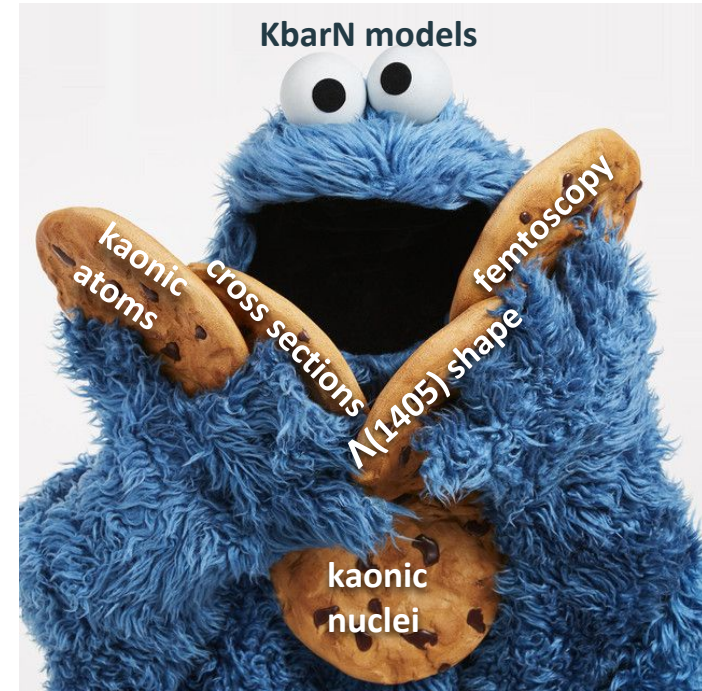
**We are collecting new data** (e.g. ALICE run 3 with  $\geq x100$  stats and improved tracking, SIDDHARTA2 running)

In the near future:

- **new experimental apparatus**
- **new facilities**

In the KbarN field a boost similar to the precise measurement of kaonic hydrogen is expected

On the search for a description of the KbarN interaction that can accommodate all the data from above to below threshold



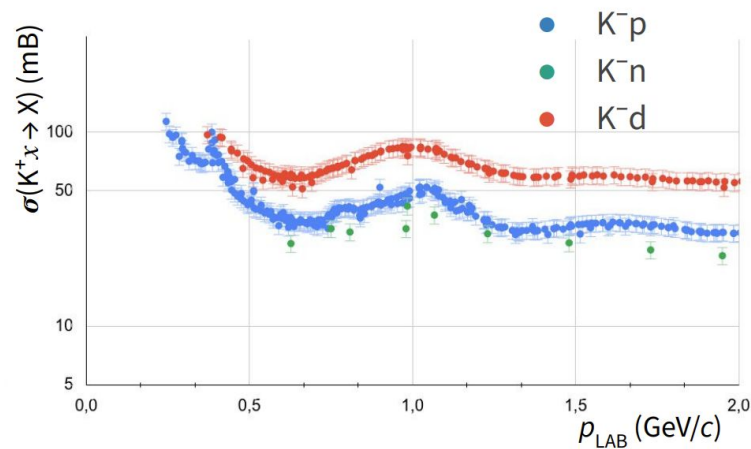
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ALL the cookies!**





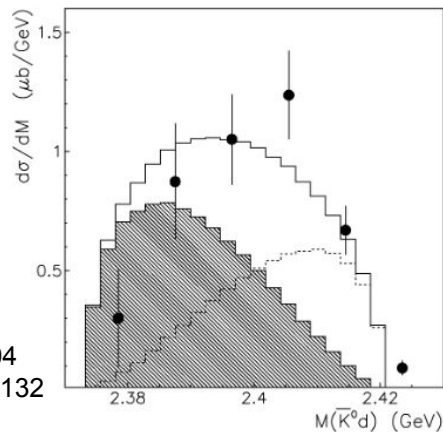
# $K^-n$ , $K^-d$ experimental constraints

- $K^-n$ ,  $K^-d$  scattering data



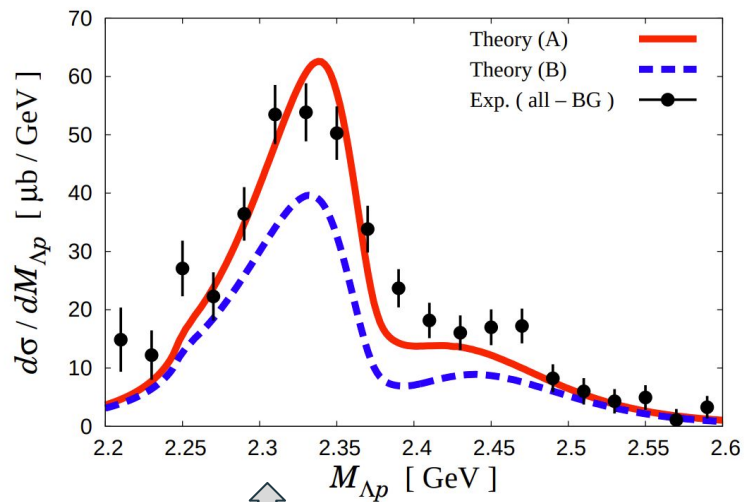
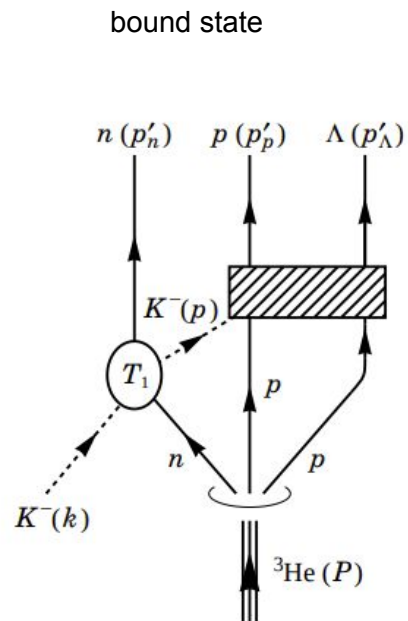
- COSY at Jülich:  
 $pp \rightarrow d K^0 \bar{K}^+ K^+$

$K^-d$  scattering length constraints:  
 $|\text{Re } a| \leq 1.3 \text{ fm}$ ,  $\text{Im } a \leq 1.3 \text{ fm}$

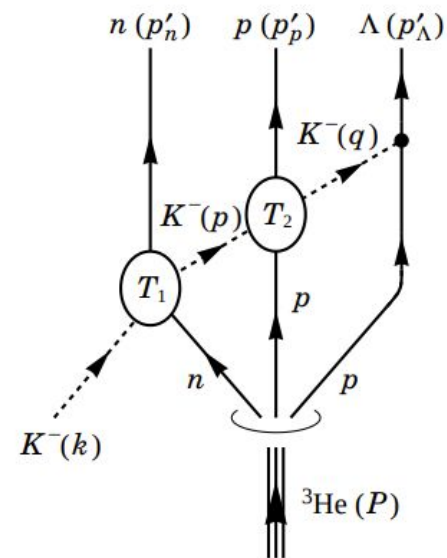


V. Kleber et al., PRL 91 (2003) 172304  
A. Sibirtsev et al PLB 601 (2004), p. 132

Sekihara, Oset, Ramos  
 JPS Conf. Proc. 26, 023009 (2019)  
 PTEP 2016, 12, 123D03



quasi-elastic scattering via  $\Lambda(1405)$   
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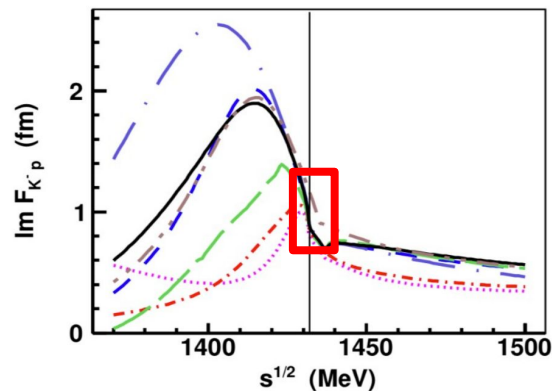
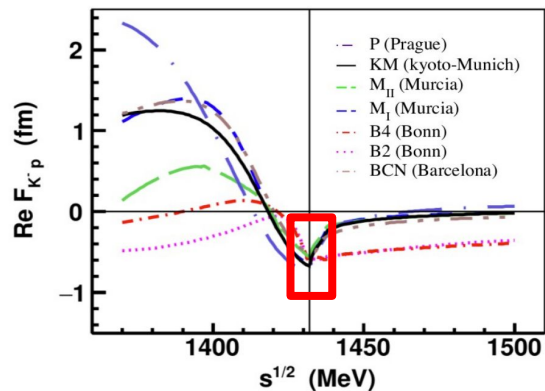
## K-atom experiments @ J-PARC K1.8BR

	K-d (E57)	K- <sup>3/4</sup> He (E62)
Physics	K <sup>bar</sup> N (l=1)	K <sup>bar</sup> -nucleus potential
X-ray transition	2p → 1s	3d → 2p
Energy	~ 8 keV	~ 6 keV
Width	~ <b>1000 eV</b>	~ <b>2 eV</b>
Yield (per stopped K-)	~ <b>0.1 %</b> <small>(0.04% of liquid D2 density)</small>	~ 7 % (Liquid He)
X-ray detector	<b>Silicon Drift Detector</b>	<b>TES microcalorimeter</b>
FWHM resolution	~ 150 eV	~ <b>5 eV</b>
Effective area	~ <b>200 cm<sup>2</sup></b>	~ 0.2 cm <sup>2</sup>

**High sensitivity**

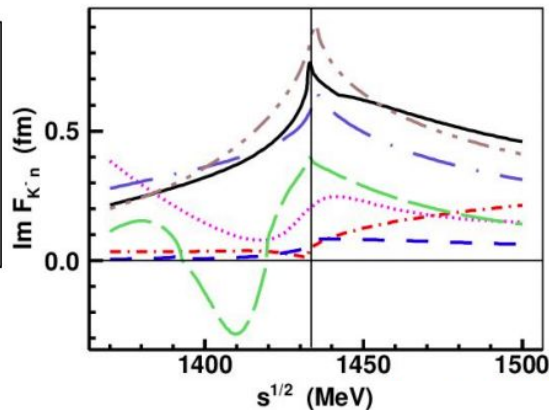
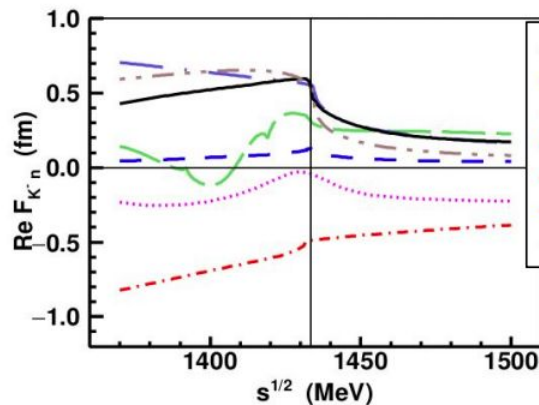
**High resolution**

## antikaonic hydrogen: SIDDHARTA



⇒ Kaonic hydrogen  
SIDDHARTA constraint

A. Cieply, J. Hrtánková, J. Mareš, E. Friedman, A. Gal and A. Ramos, AIP Conf. Proc. 2249, no.1, 030014 (2020).



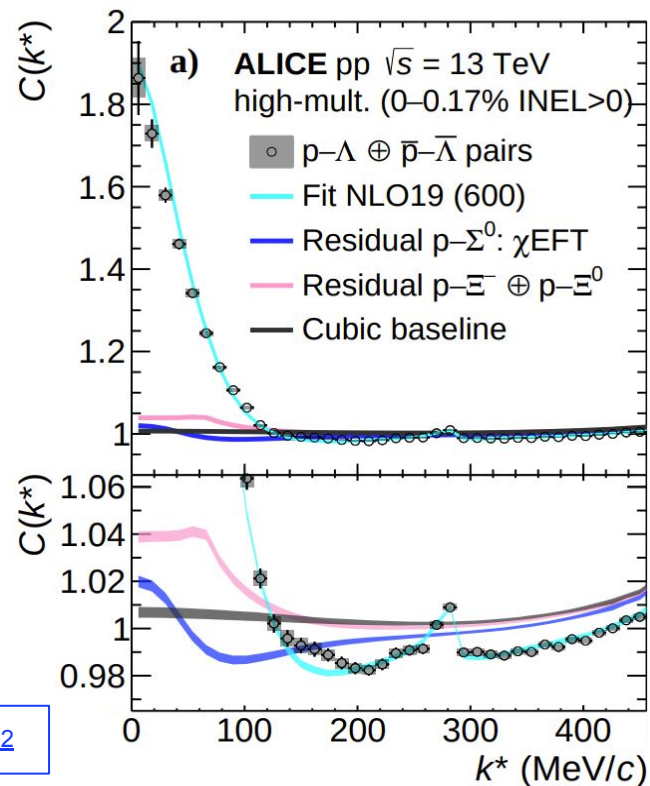
⇒ Lack of experimental  
K-n constraint

KbarN is also the ideal playground for femtoscopy studies

Connected to the main issues addressed using femtoscopy:

- Coupled channel dynamics
- Strangeness in NS
- Bound states

ALICE Coll., arXiv:2104.04427 [nucl-ex]. PLB in press.



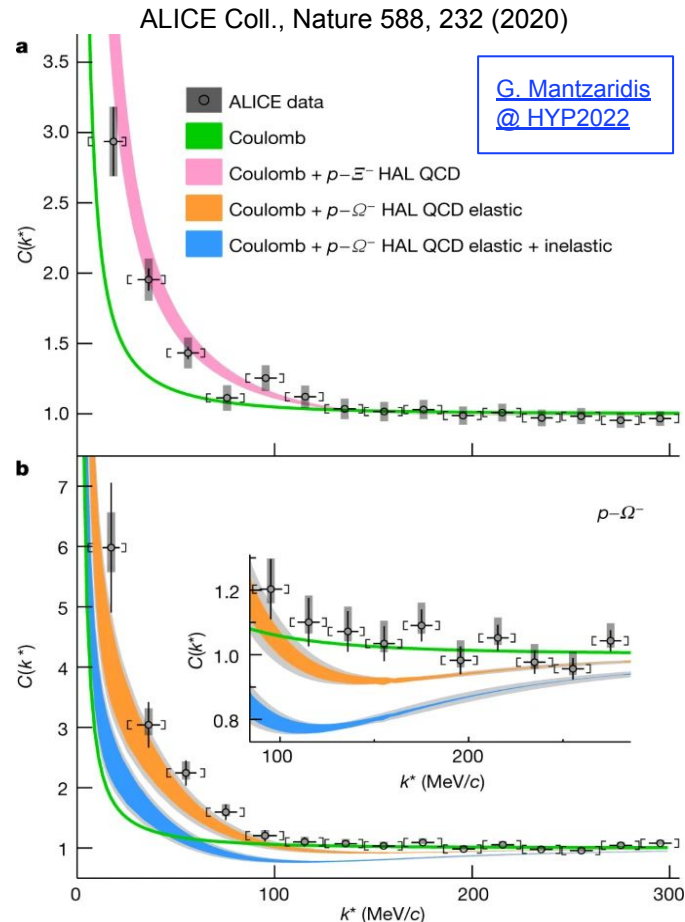
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# Single and Multi-Nucleonic absorptions

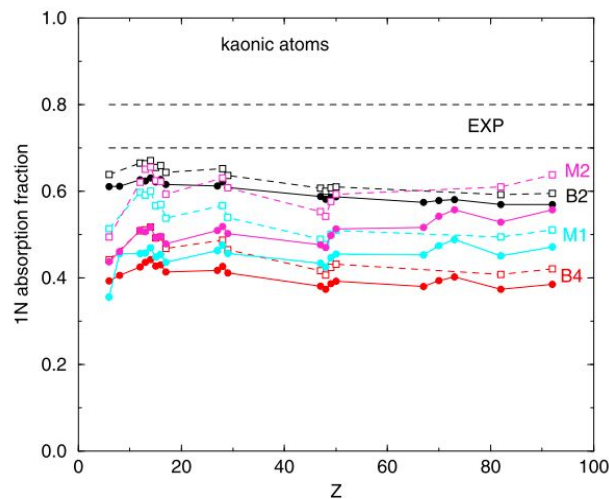
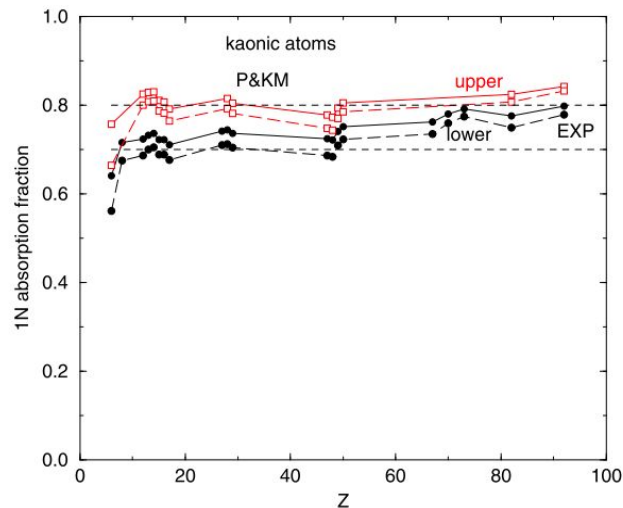
Multinucleonic absorption contributes between 20-30% constant in Z

Main background for kaonic nuclear states

KbarN potentials need to set constraints for such 1NA, 2NA, 3NA, etc

Chiral models tested in the framework of antikaonic atoms up to high Z:

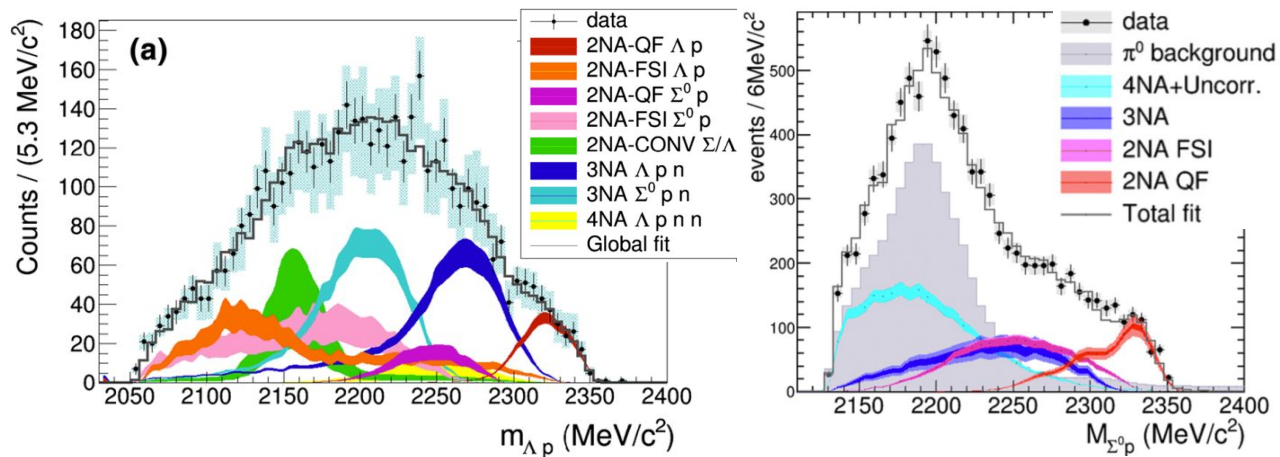
Nuclear Physics A 959 (2017) 66–82



⇒ to be incorporated to few-body calculations in order to predict BE vs Width for KNN, KNNN,

...

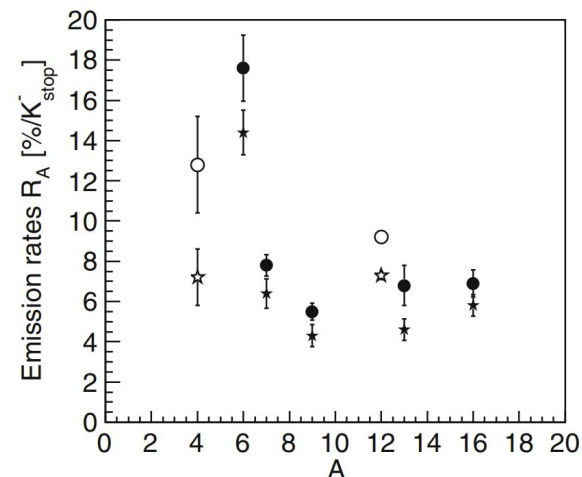
# AMADEUS above and below threshold



AMADEUS Coll. PLB 758  
(2016) 134, PLB 782 (2018)  
339, FBS 62 (2021) 7.

$$(K^- 2NA \rightarrow YN) = (21.6 \pm 2.9(\text{stat.})_{-5.6}^{+4.4}(\text{syst.})) \%$$

FINUDA Coll. Hyperfine Interact (2012) 210:97–101  
Sigma-p emission rates from A 6 to 16



emission rates of  $K_{\text{stop}}^- + A \rightarrow \Sigma^+ + \pi^- + A'$ , circles, and  $K_{\text{stop}}^- + A \rightarrow \Sigma^- + \pi^+ + A'$ ,