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# ALICE in particle wonderland understanding the strong interaction with hadron correlations

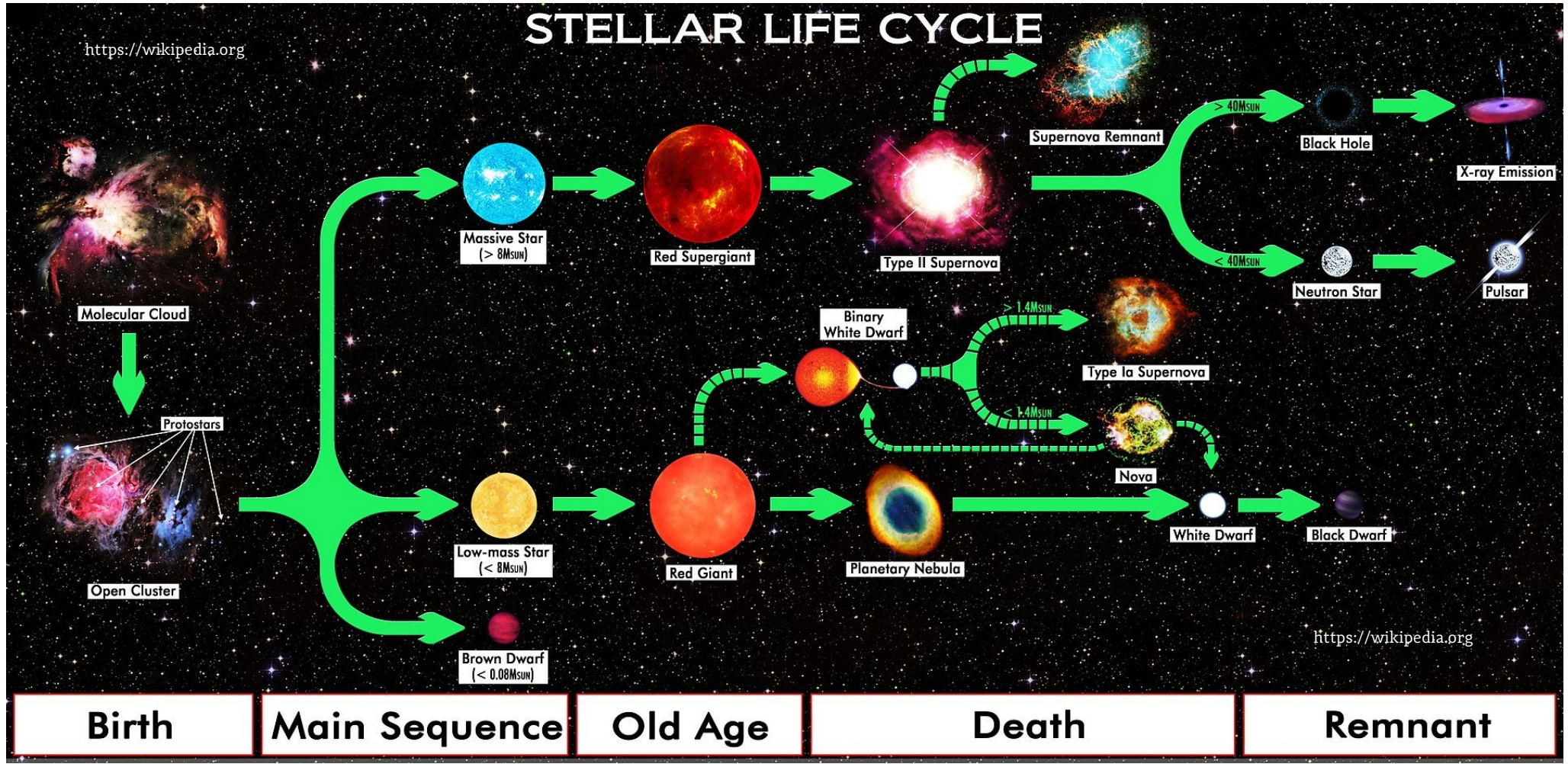
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All stars die when the fusion reaction ceases

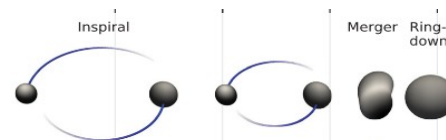
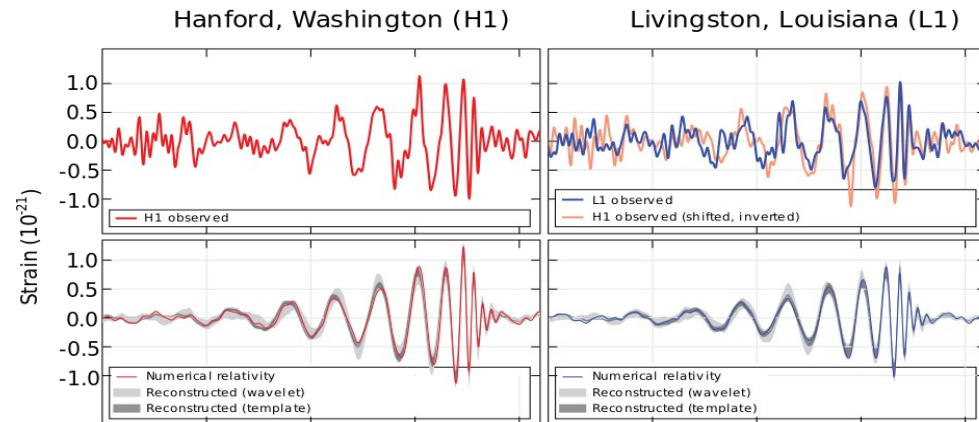
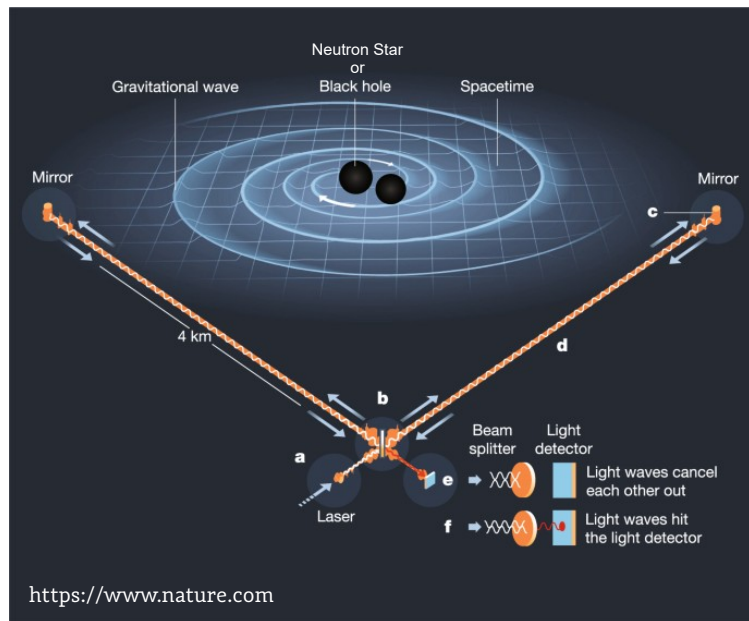
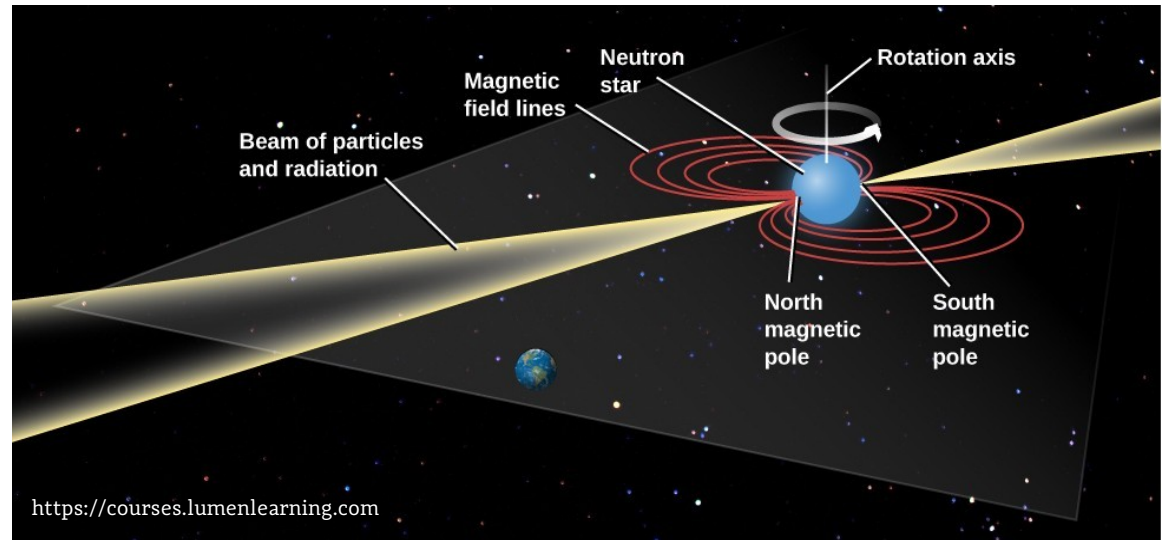
Massive stars end their life with Supernovae, which leaves:

- Black hole
- **Neutron star (NS)**

How do we detect NS?

Radiation from spinning in regular pulses (**pulsars**)

Gravitational waves from NS collisions (**mergers**)



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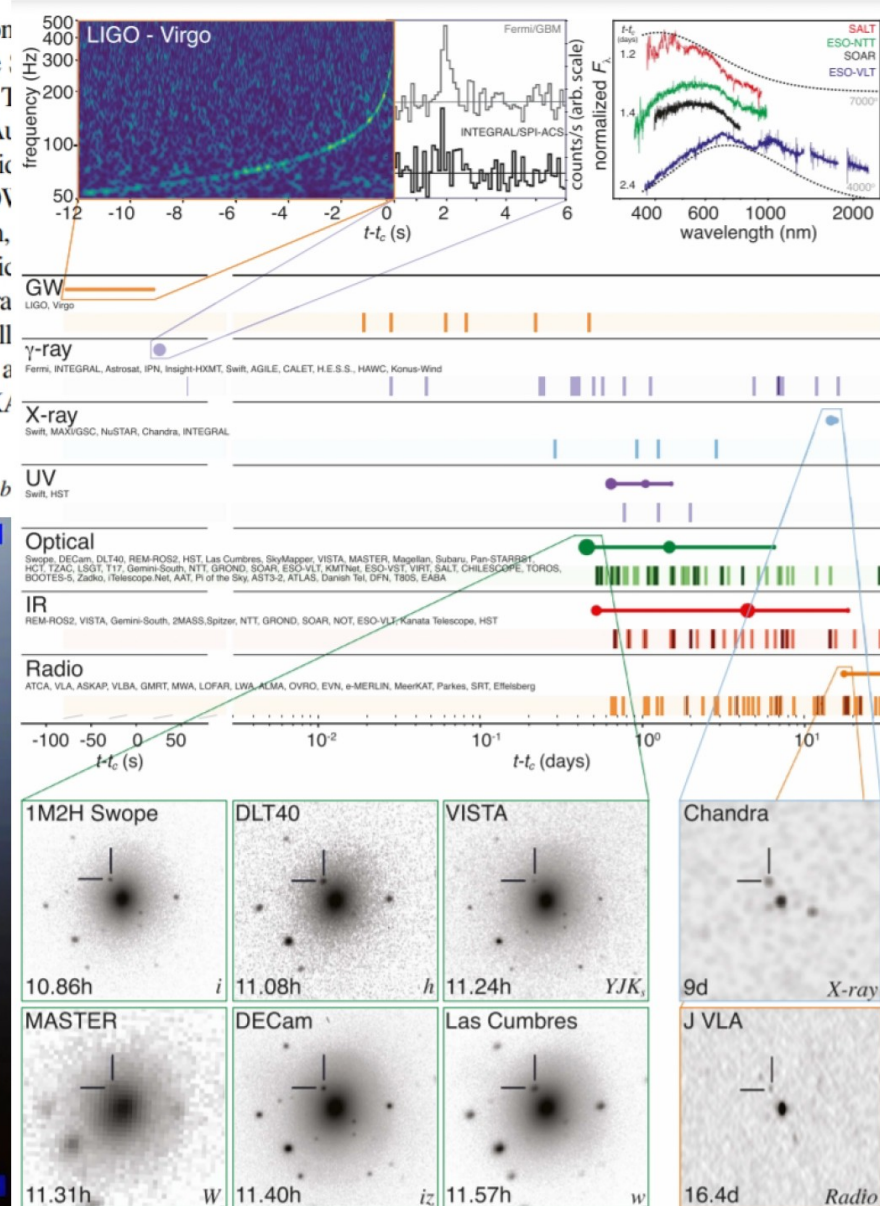
First detection of gravitational waves



## Multi-messenger Observations of a Binary Neutron Star Merger

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The Nobel Prize in Physics 2017

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Med ena hälften till  
With one half to:

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LIGO/VIRGO Collaboration

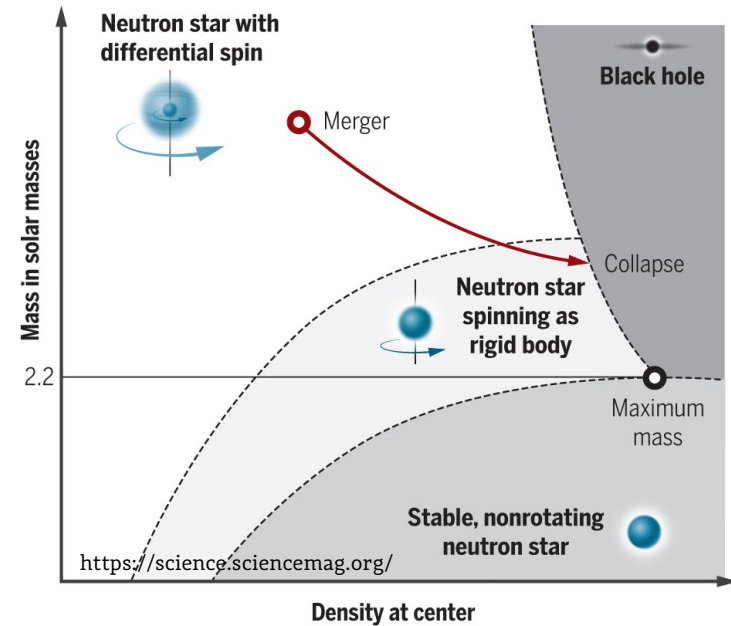
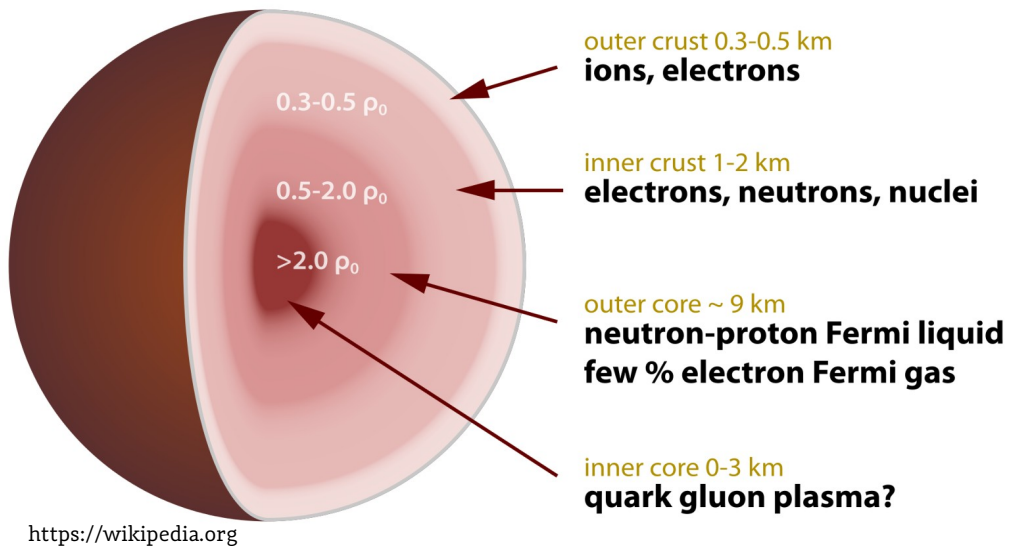
och med den andra hälften gemensamt till  
and with the other half jointly to:

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LIGO/VIRGO Collaboration

**Kip S. Thorne**  
LIGO/VIRGO Collaboration

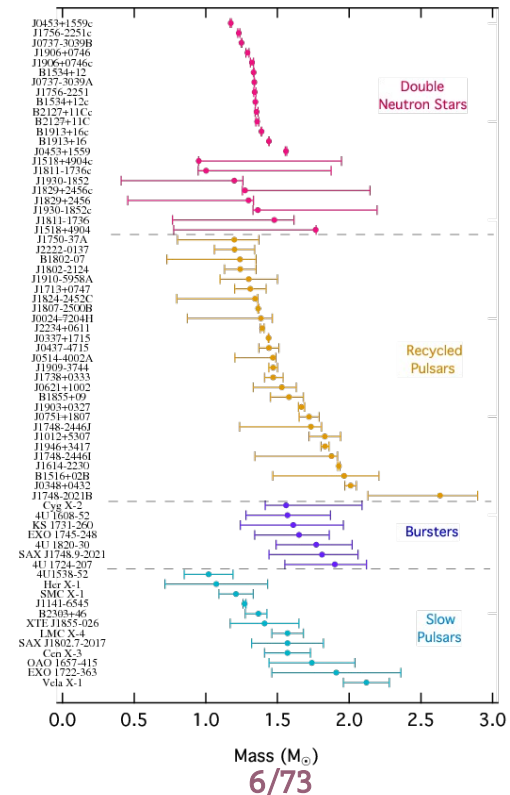
*"för avgörande bidrag till LIGO-detektorn och observationen av gravitationsvågor"*  
*"for decisive contributions to the LIGO detector and the observation of gravitational waves"*

3 October 2017



## Neutron star properties:

- mass between 1.2-2.2  $M_\odot$  ( $M_\odot$  – mass of the Sun)
- radius 10-15 km
- density and pressure grows towards the center
- composition of the inner core remains unknown





## INSIDE A NEUTRON STAR

A NASA mission will use X-ray spectroscopy to gather clues about the interior of neutron stars — the Universe's densest forms of matter.

**Outer crust** — Atomic nuclei, free electrons

**Inner crust** — Heavier atomic nuclei, free neutrons and electrons

**Outer core** — Quantum liquid where neutrons, protons and electrons exist in a soup

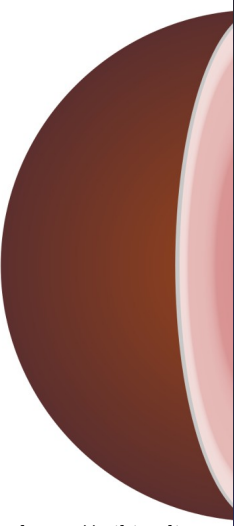
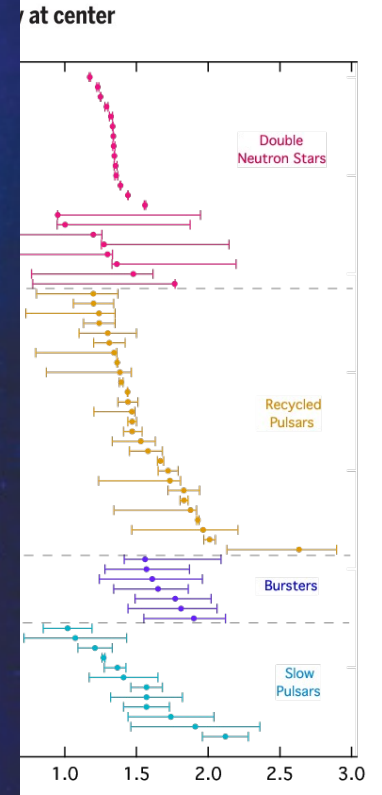
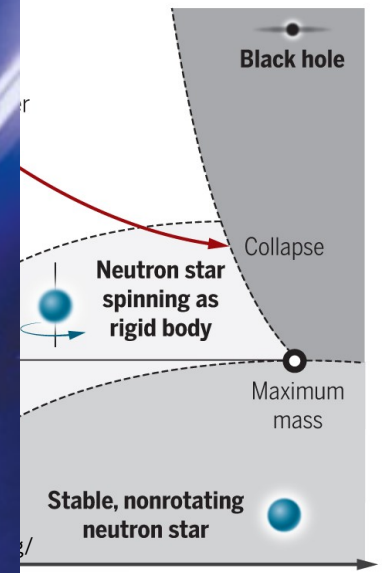
**Inner core** — Unknown ultra-dense matter. Neutrons and protons may remain as particles, break down into their constituent quarks, or even become 'hyperons'.

**Atmosphere** — Hydrogen, helium, carbon

Beam of X-rays coming from the neutron star's poles, which sweeps around as the star rotates.

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Neutron Star

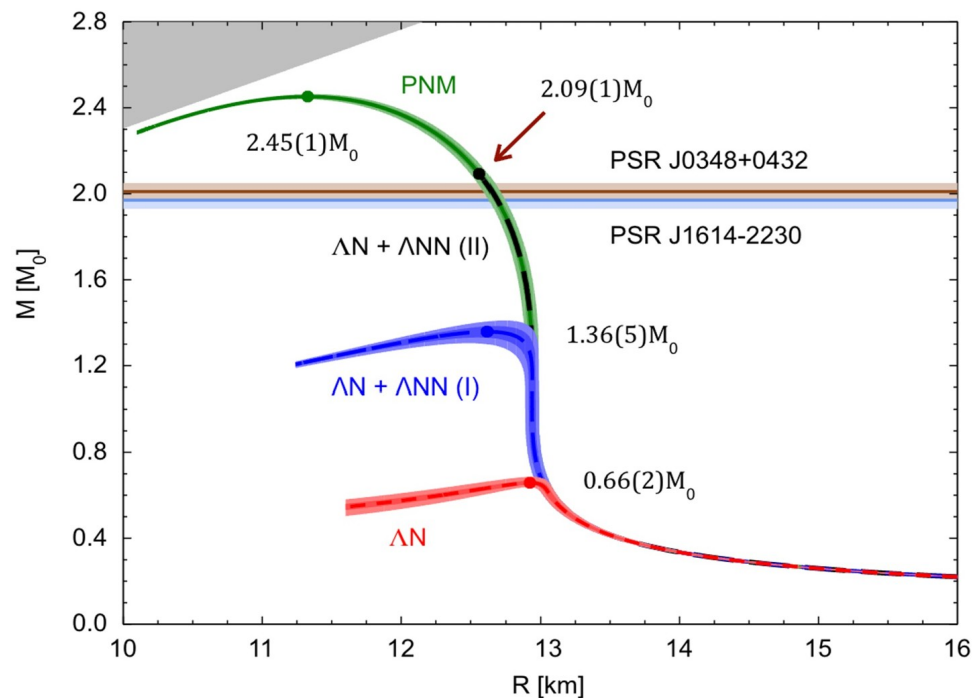
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Due to very high density in the core of NS hyperons are expected to exist

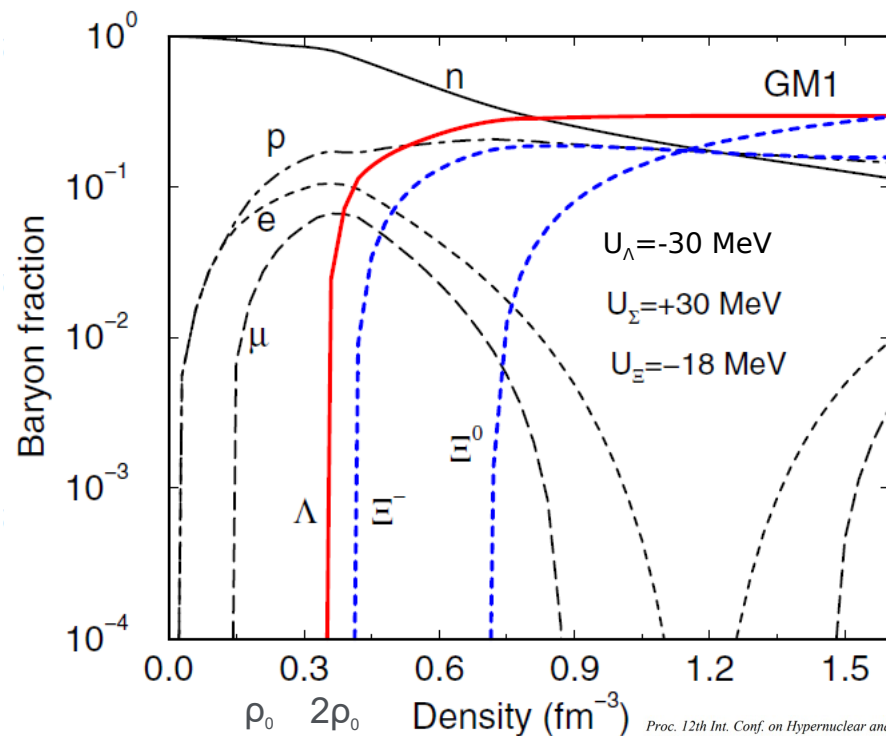
Introduction of hyperons in the NS Equation-of-State (EoS) leads to **disagreement between astronomical observations and theoretical calculations**

EoS depends on the hyperon (Y) – nucleon (N) and YY interaction

- YN, YY and three-body YNN, YYN, YYY interactions are **very poorly known**

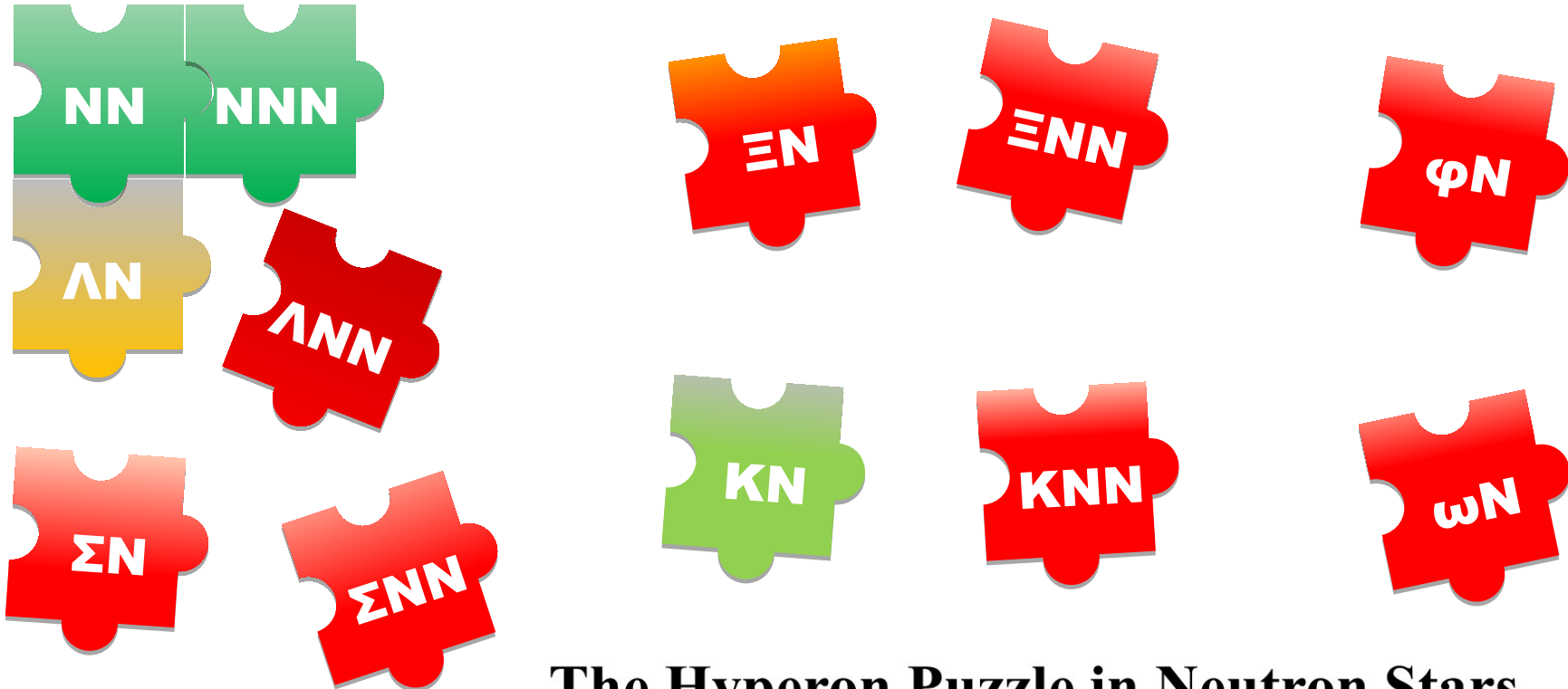


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## The Hyperon Puzzle in Neutron Stars

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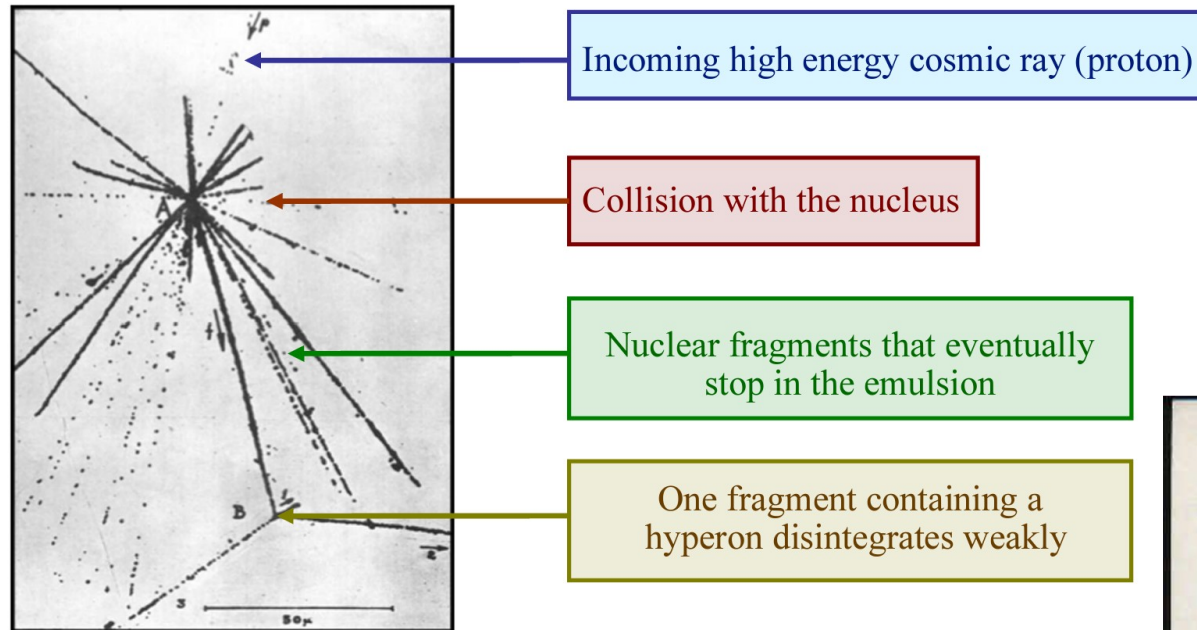
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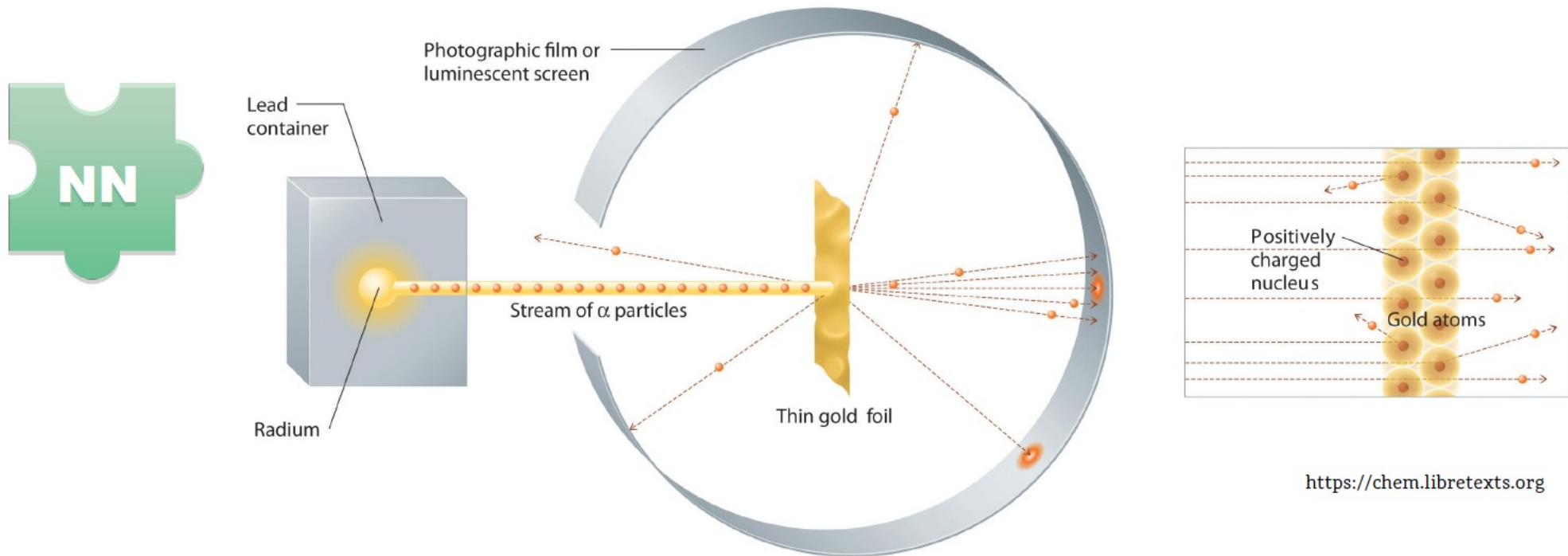
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Discovery of hypernuclei from cosmic rays by Marian Danysz (who had an electrical engineering degree from WUT, 1938) and Jerzy Pniewski



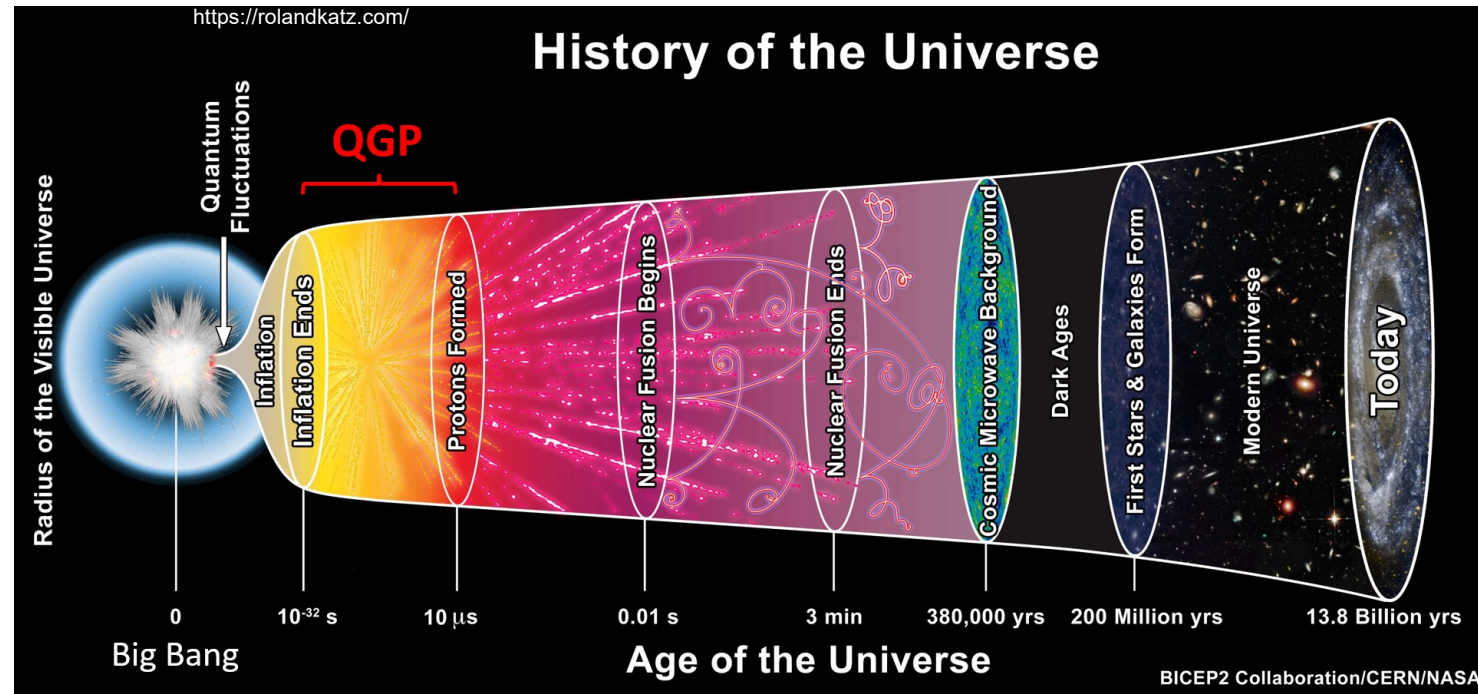
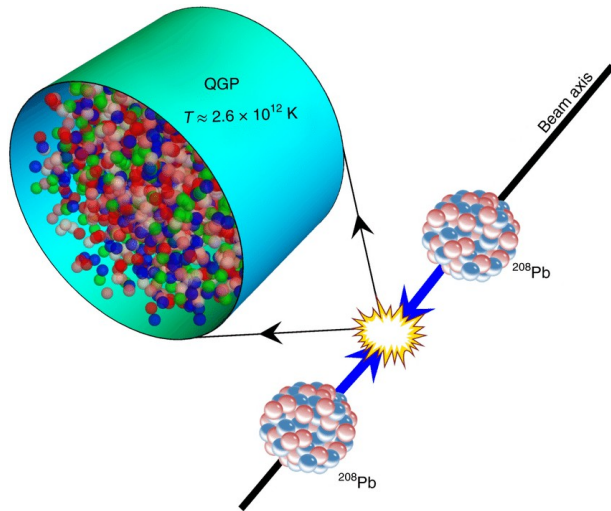


- NN interaction is precisely known from **scattering experiments**
  - beam of particles of one type bounces (scatters) off a specific target
  - idea similar to the Rutherford experiment from beginning of 1900s' (discovery of atomic nuclei)
  - **beams are easily available for stable and charged particles only!**

Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP) is a state of **deconfined** quarks and gluons in a thermal equilibrium

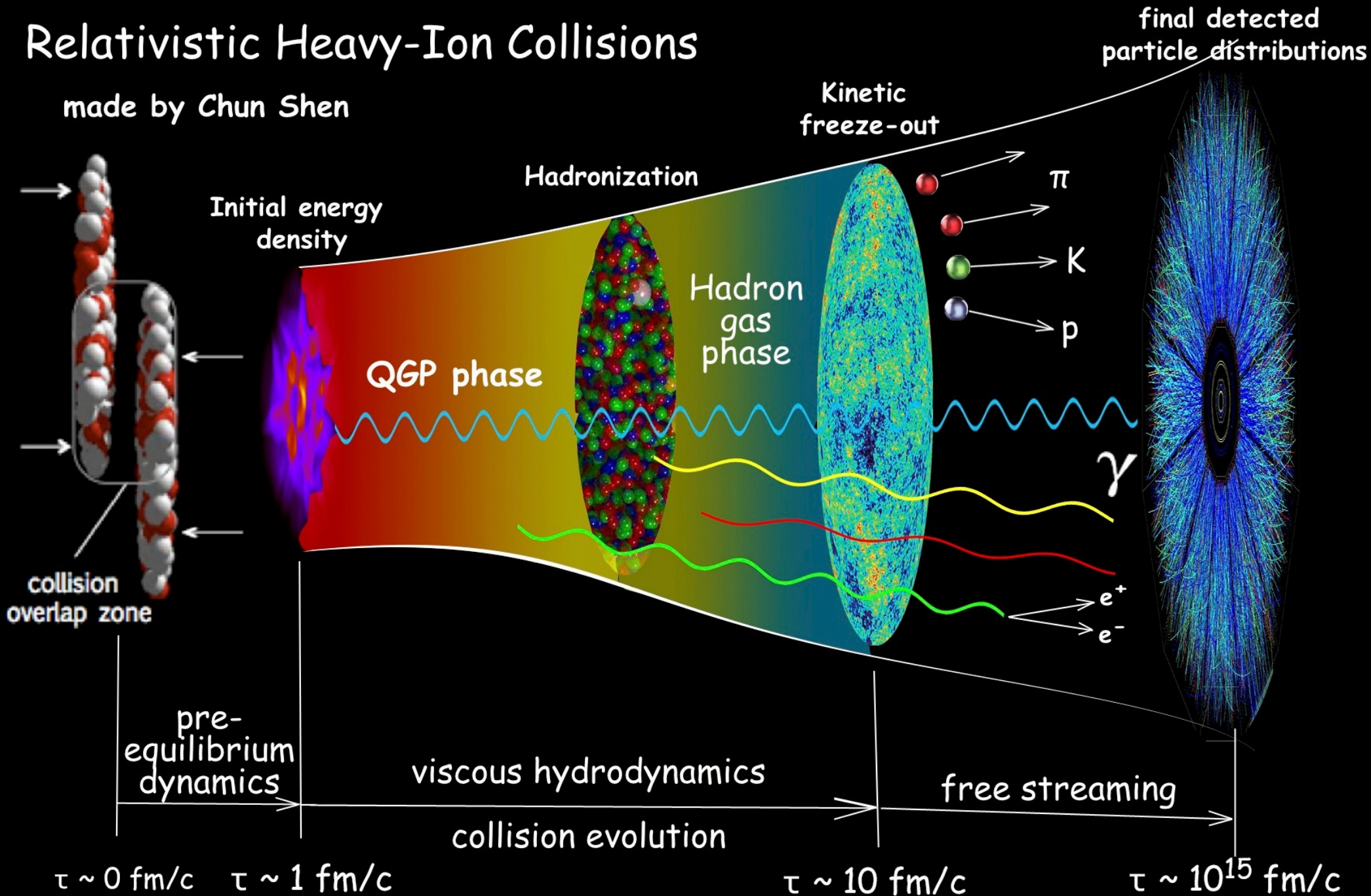
In a generally accepted model of the evolution of the Universe QGP existed in a such a state few microseconds after the Big Bang

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# Relativistic Heavy-Ion Collisions

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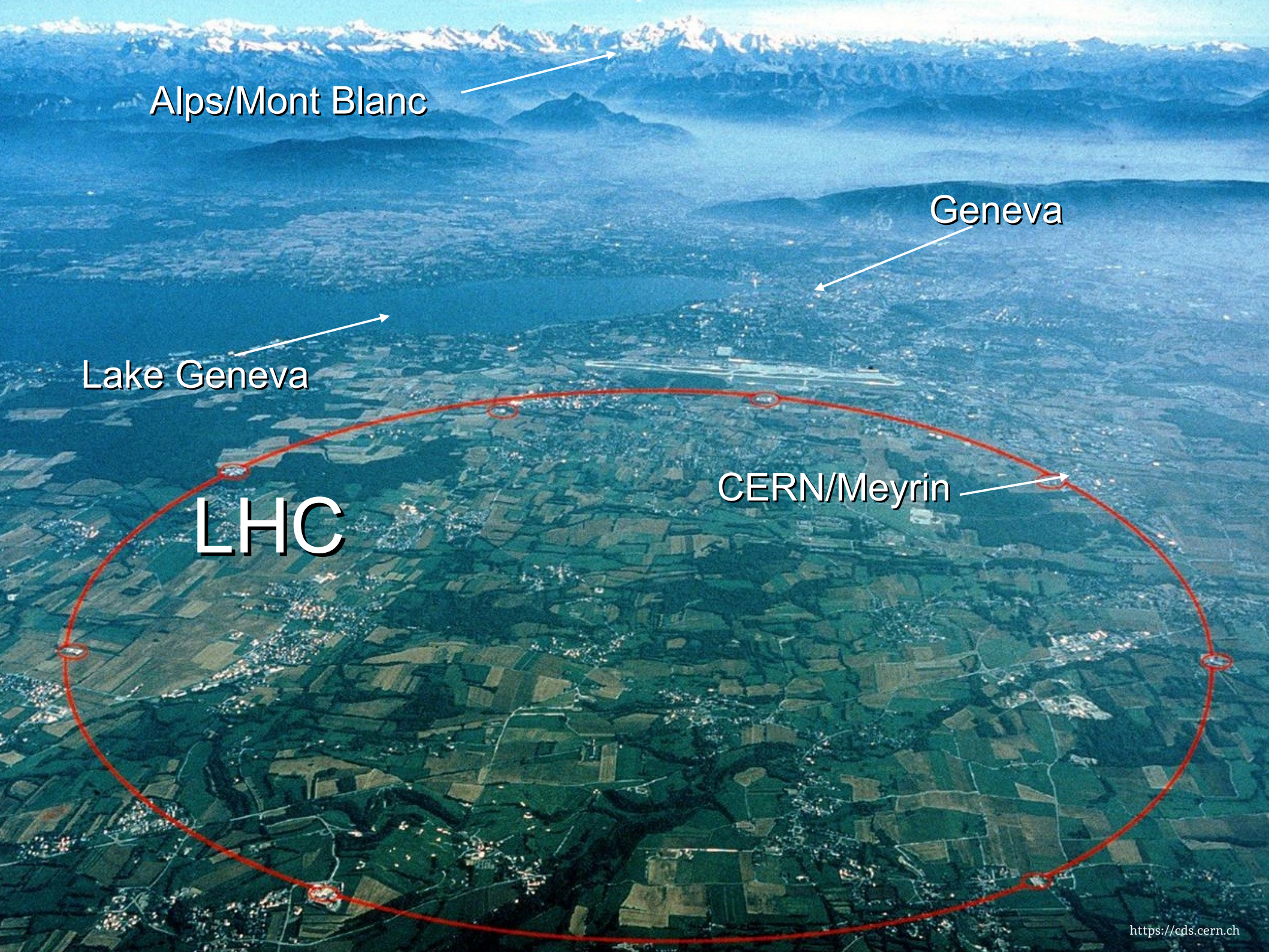
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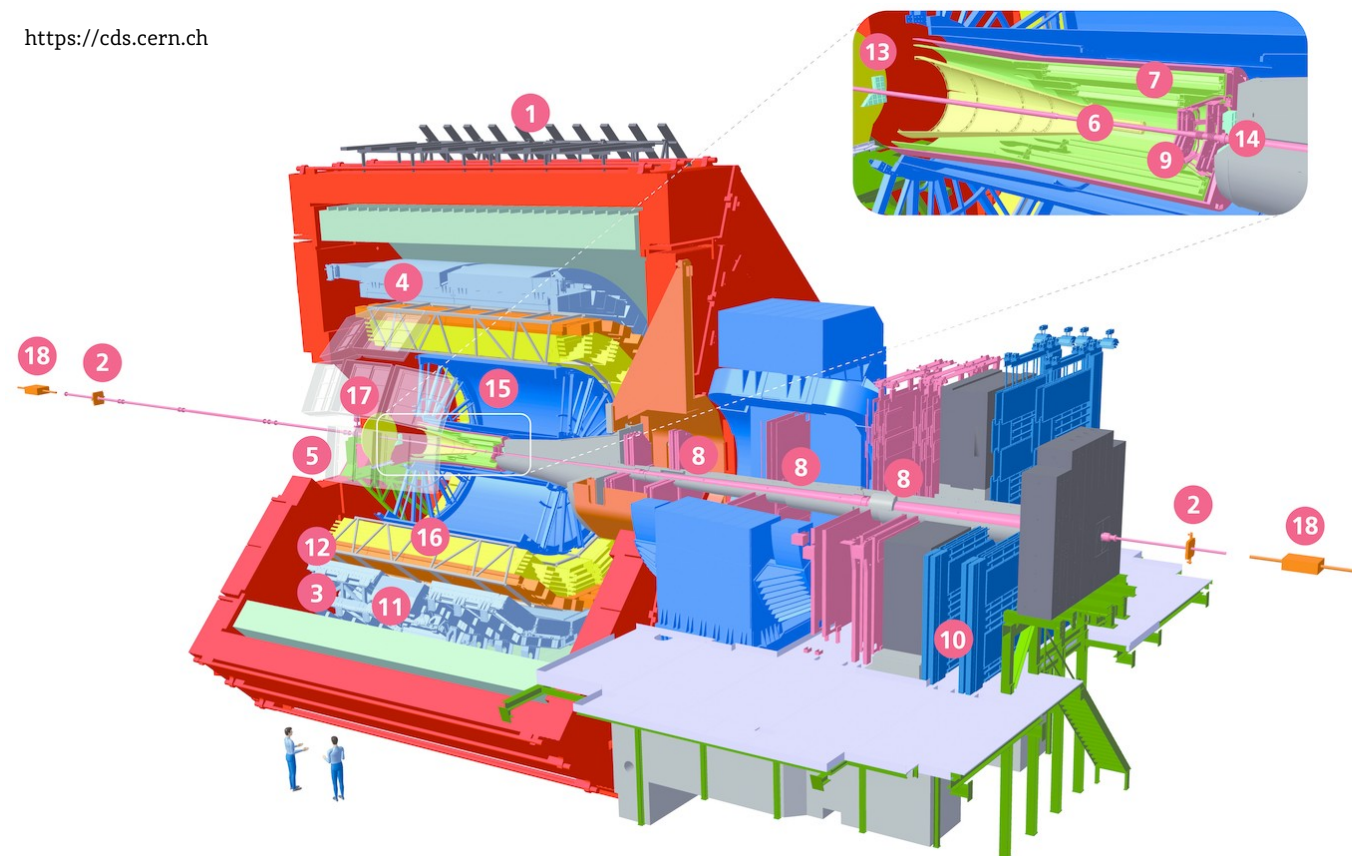




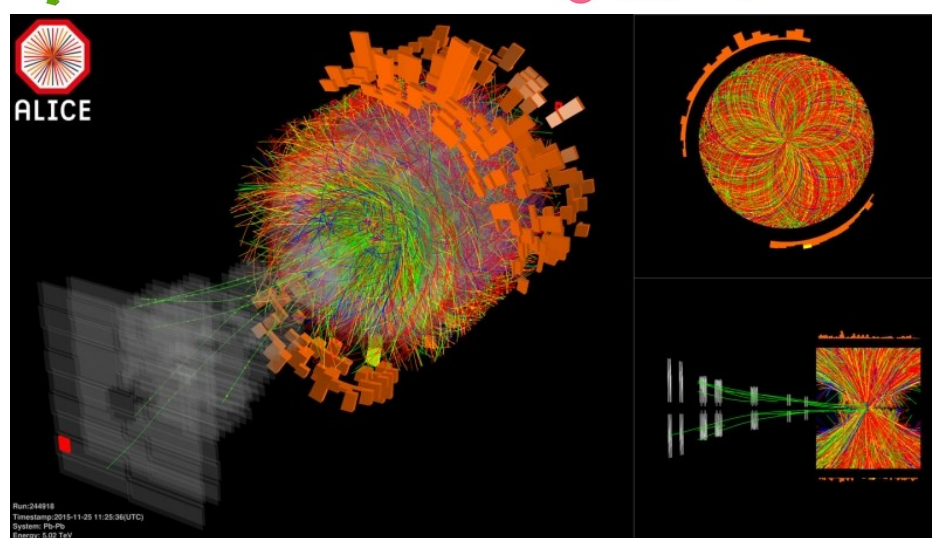
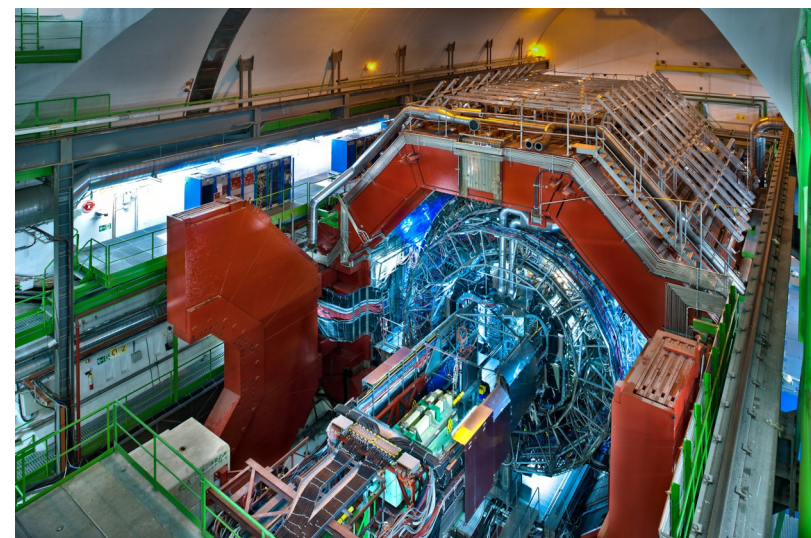
# The ALICE experiment

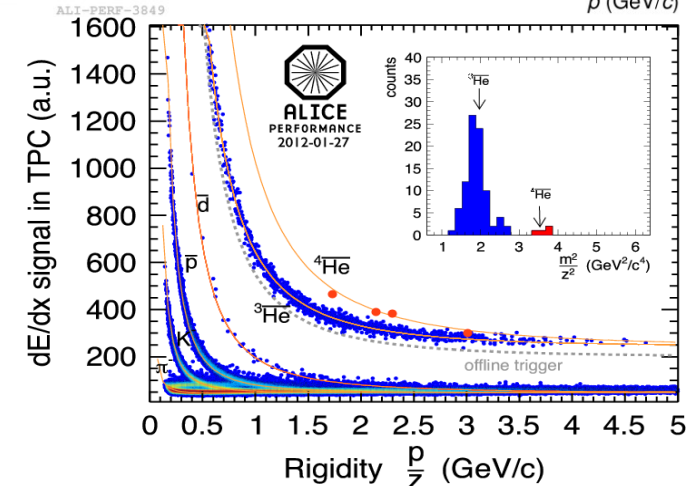
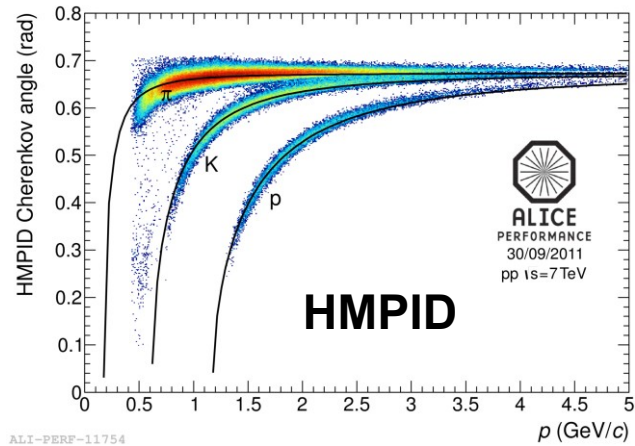
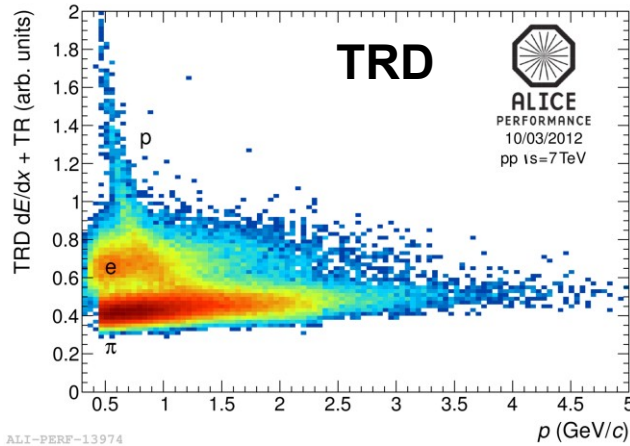
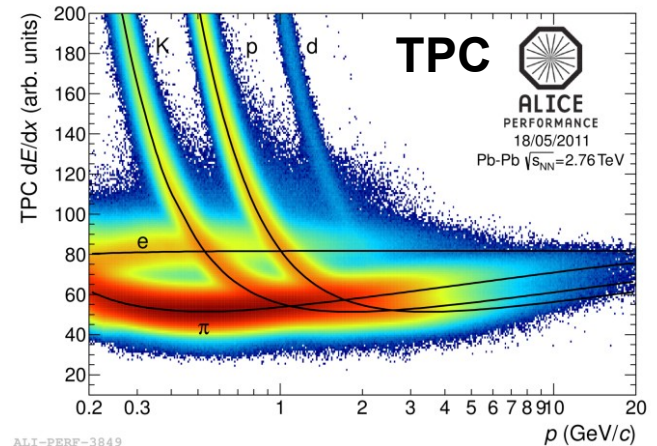
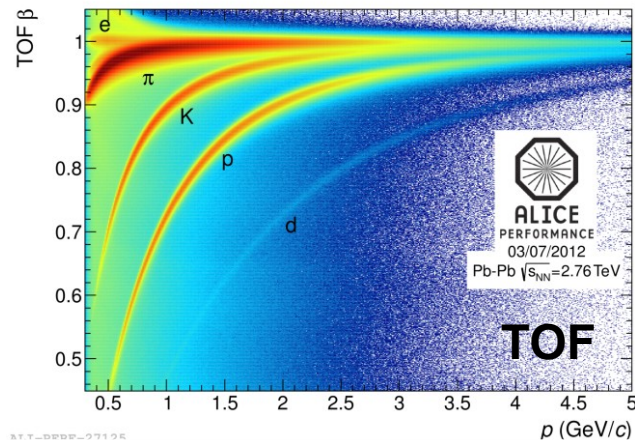
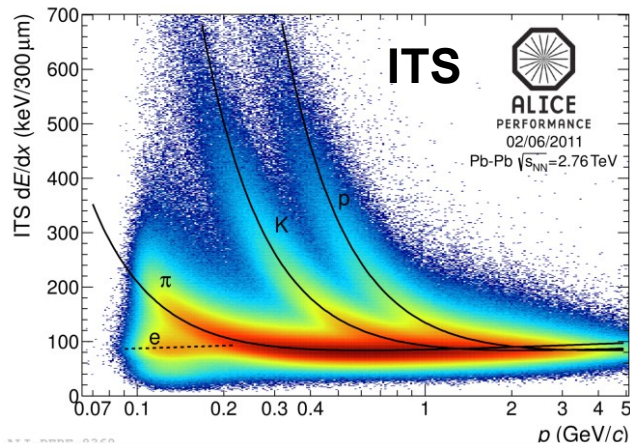


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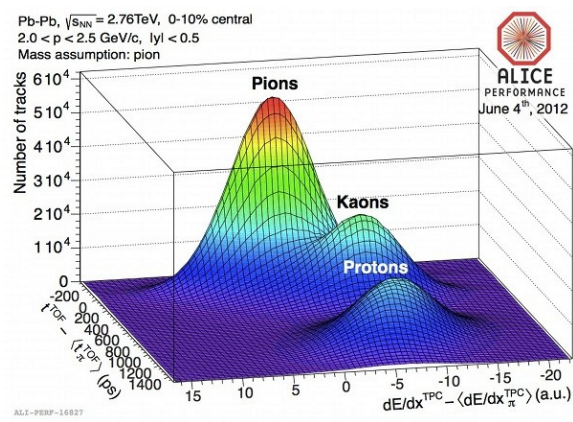
- 1 ACORDE | ALICE Cosmic Rays Detector
- 2 AD | ALICE Diffractive Detector
- 3 DCal | Di-jet Calorimeter
- 4 EMCal | Electromagnetic Calorimeter
- 5 HMPID | High Momentum Particle Identification Detector
- 6 ITS-IB | Inner Tracking System - Inner Barrel
- 7 ITS-OB | Inner Tracking System - Outer Barrel
- 8 MCH | Muon Tracking Chambers
- 9 MFT | Muon Forward Tracker
- 10 MID | Muon Identifier
- 11 PHOS / CPV | Photon Spectrometer
- 12 TOF | Time Of Flight
- 13 T0+A | Tzero + A
- 14 T0+C | Tzero + C
- 15 TPC | Time Projection Chamber
- 16 TRD | Transition Radiation Detector
- 17 V0+ | Vzero + Detector
- 18 ZDC | Zero Degree Calorimeter



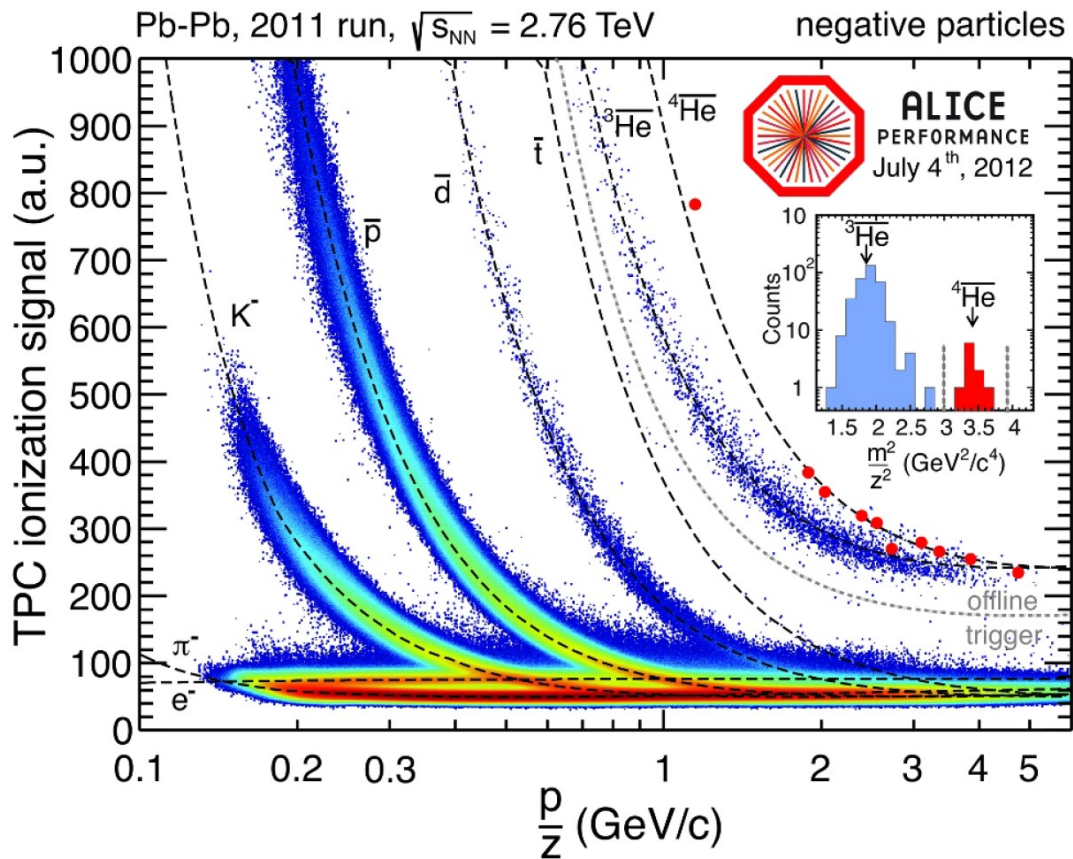


Practically all known PID techniques  
 energy loss, time-of-flight, Cherenkov radiation for hadrons, transition radiation for electrons, in a wide momentum range

A perfect experiment to study a variety of particle species





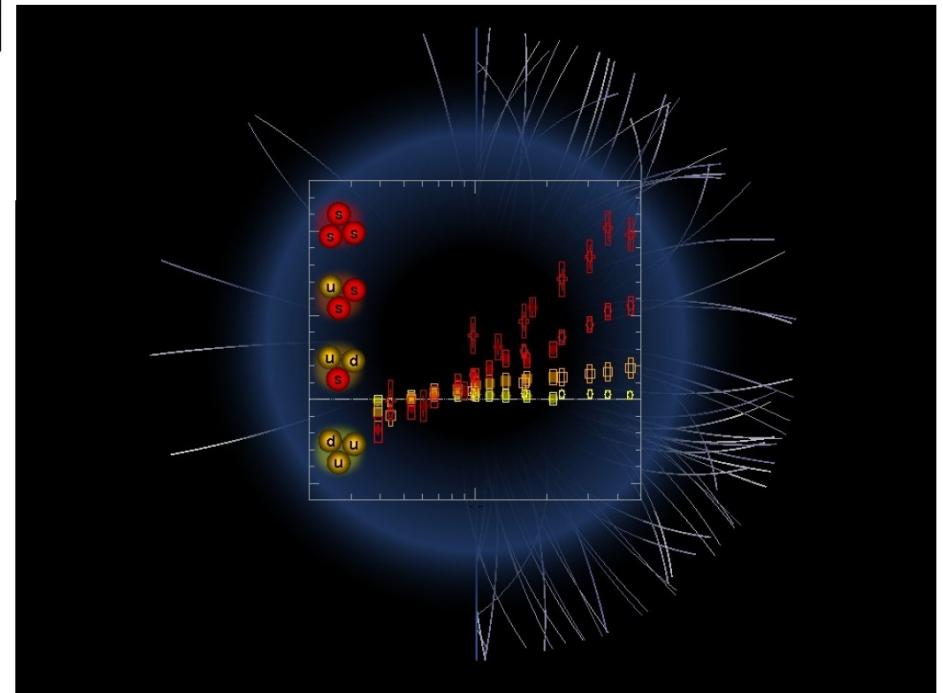


- ALICE has excellent PID capabilities:
  - can measure up to anti-<sup>4</sup>He ions
- Such measurements are not possible in other LHC experiments

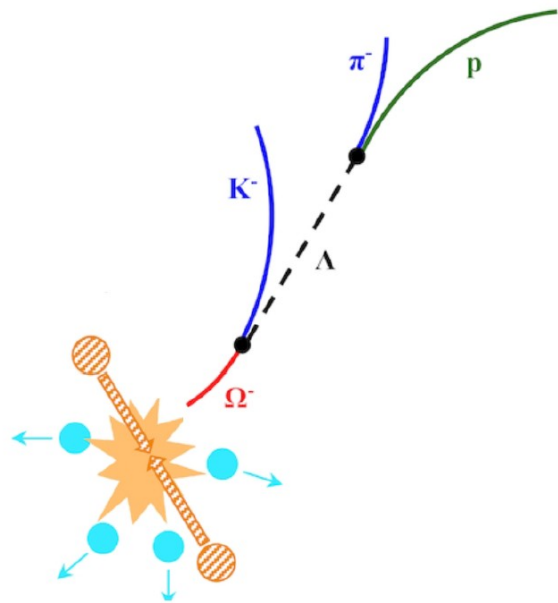
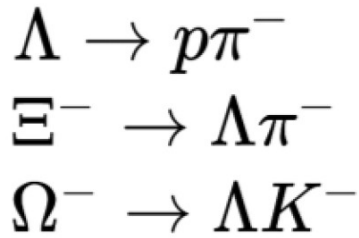
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- LHC collisions are the factory of strange matter, even in proton-proton collisions (small system)
- see Nature Physics 13, 535–539 (2017)

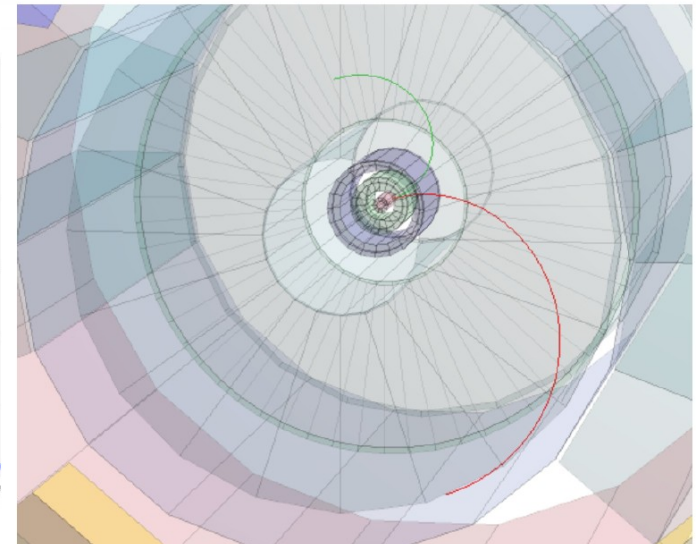
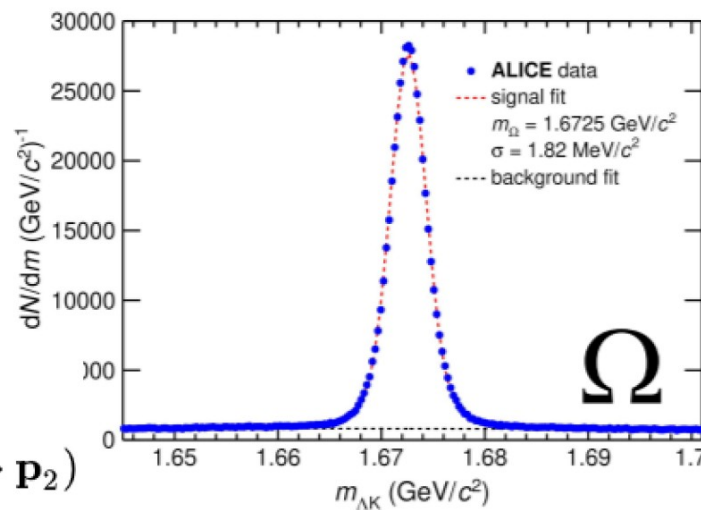
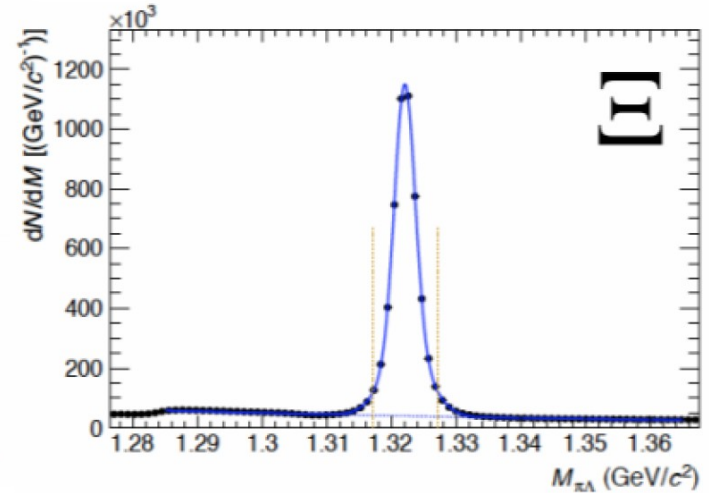
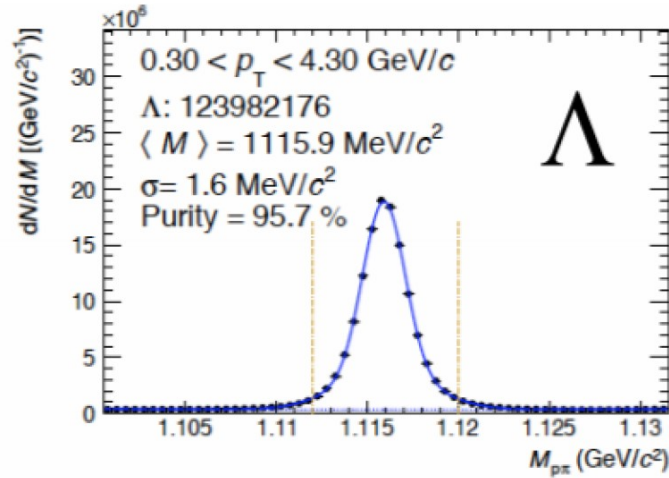


- Hyperons are reconstructed using their decay topology and their final decay products (charged particles) which are detected
- Selection is based on the calculated **invariant mass**



$$M^2 = (E_1 + E_2)^2 - \|\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2\|^2$$

$$= m_1^2 + m_2^2 + 2(E_1 E_2 - \mathbf{p}_1 \cdot \mathbf{p}_2)$$





**Knowing the basics...**

**... we can now discuss the results!**

## Laser-Induced Microexplosion Confined in the Bulk of a Sapphire Crystal: Evidence of Multimegabar Pressures

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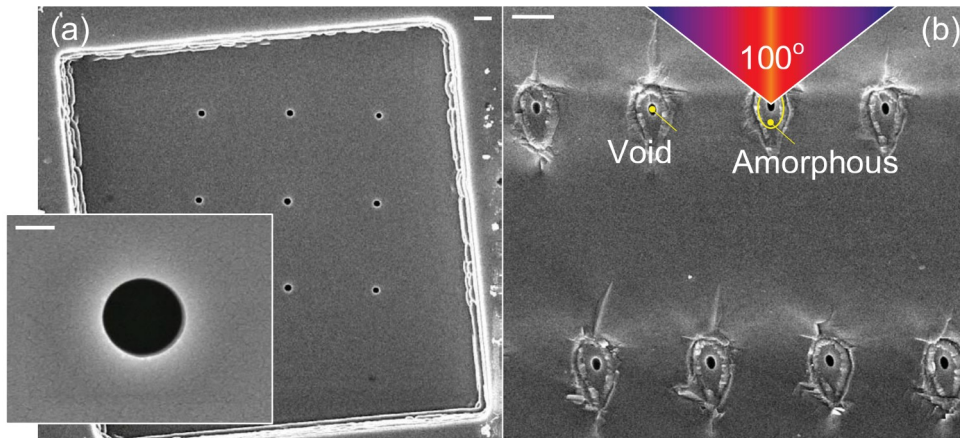
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Extremely high pressures ( $\sim 10$  TPa) and temperatures ( $5 \times 10^5$  K) have been produced using a single laser pulse (100 nJ, 800 nm, 200 fs) focused inside a sapphire crystal. The laser pulse creates an intensity over  $10^{14}$  W/cm<sup>2</sup> converting material within the absorbing volume of  $\sim 0.2$   $\mu\text{m}^3$  into plasma in a few fs. A pressure of  $\sim 10$  TPa, far exceeding the strength of any material, is created generating strong shock and rarefaction waves. This results in the formation of a nanovoid surrounded by a shell of shock-affected material inside undamaged crystal. Analysis of the size of the void and the shock-affected zone versus the deposited energy shows that the experimental results can be understood on the basis of conservation laws and be modeled by plasma hydrodynamics. Matter subjected to record heating and cooling rates of  $10^{18}$  K/s can, thus, be studied in a well-controlled laboratory environment.



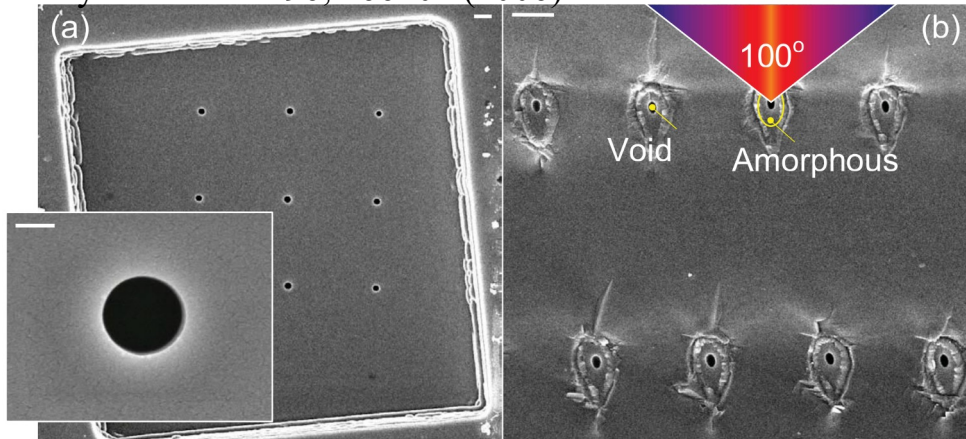


# Femtosecond technique



Idea borrowed from Prof. Mike Lisa

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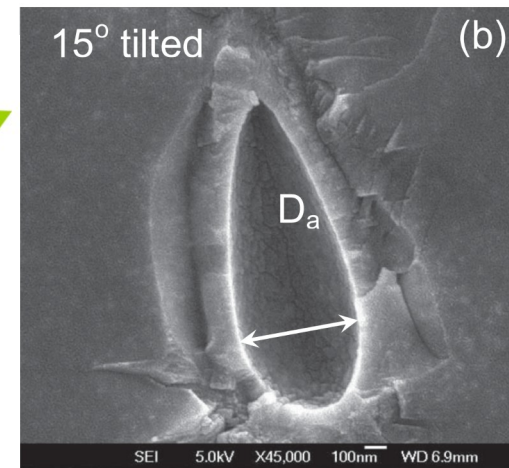
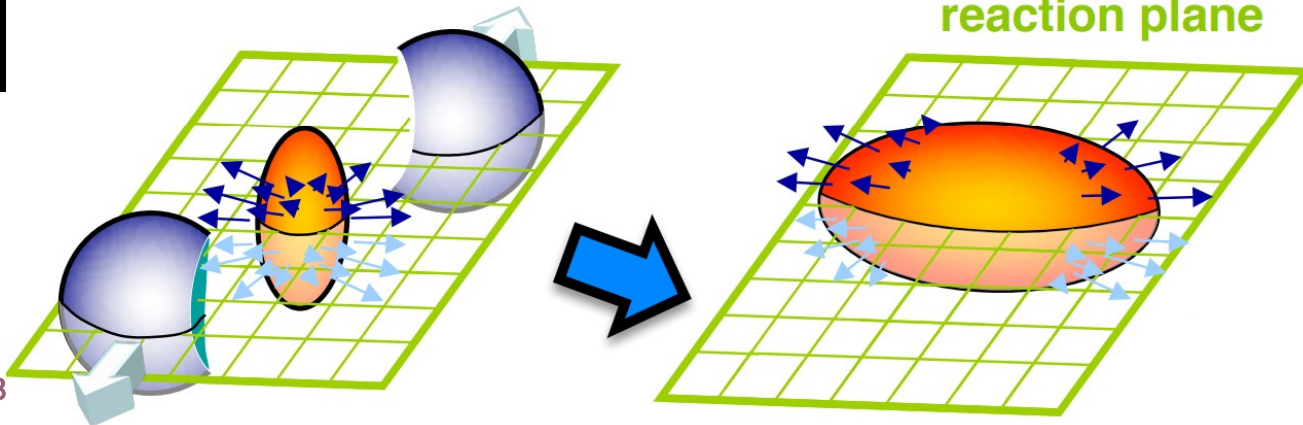
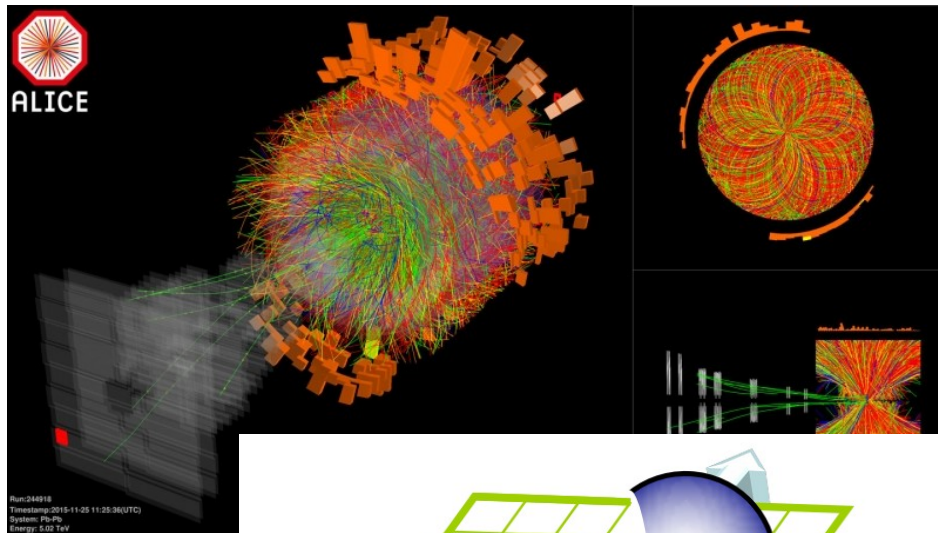


Does it look similar to RHIC?

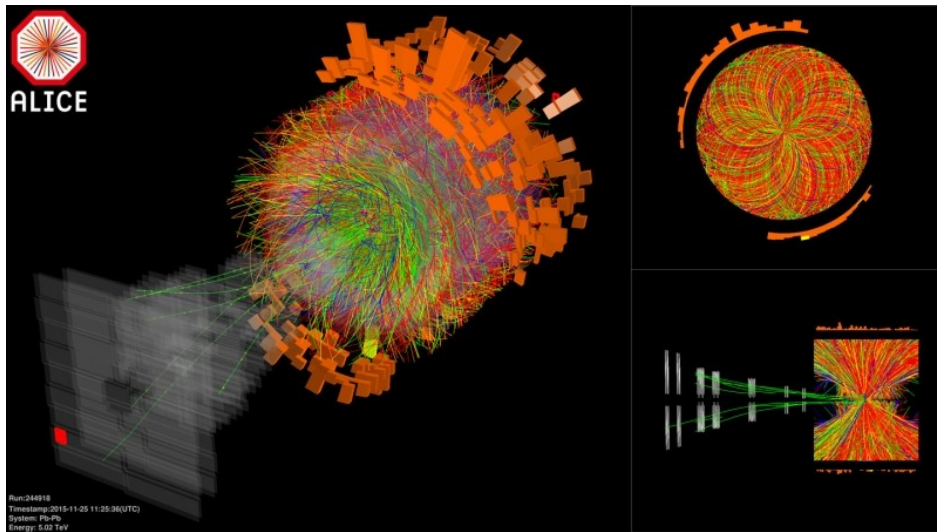
Let's see:

- energy quickly deposited
- enter plasma phase
- expand hydrodynamically

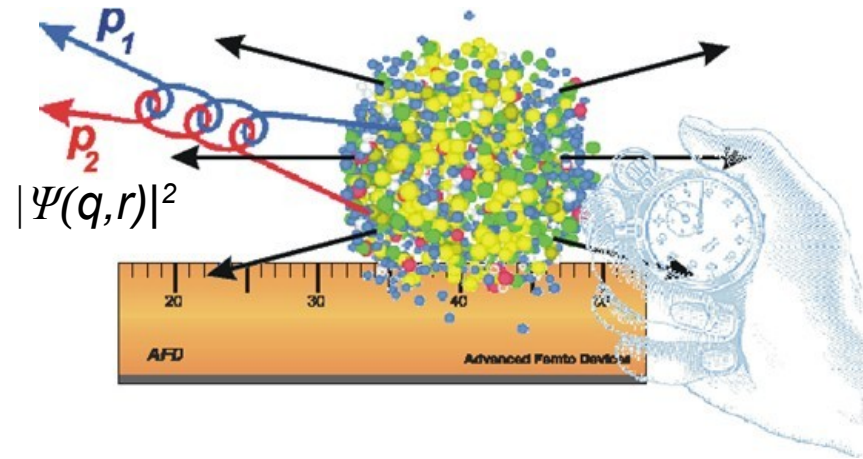
We can do a “post mortem” analysis to investigate i.e. the source geometry



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from M. Lisa and S. Pratt



Femtoscscopy – measures space-time characteristics of the source using particle correlations in momentum space

$$C(\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2) = \frac{P_{12}(\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2)}{P_1(\vec{p}_1)P_2(\vec{p}_2)}$$

$$\vec{q} = \vec{p}_1 - \vec{p}_2$$

$$\vec{r} = \vec{x}_1 - \vec{x}_2$$

experiment

$$C(\vec{q}) = \frac{A(\vec{q})}{B(\vec{q})}$$

$A(\vec{q})$  - correlated pairs (“same events”)

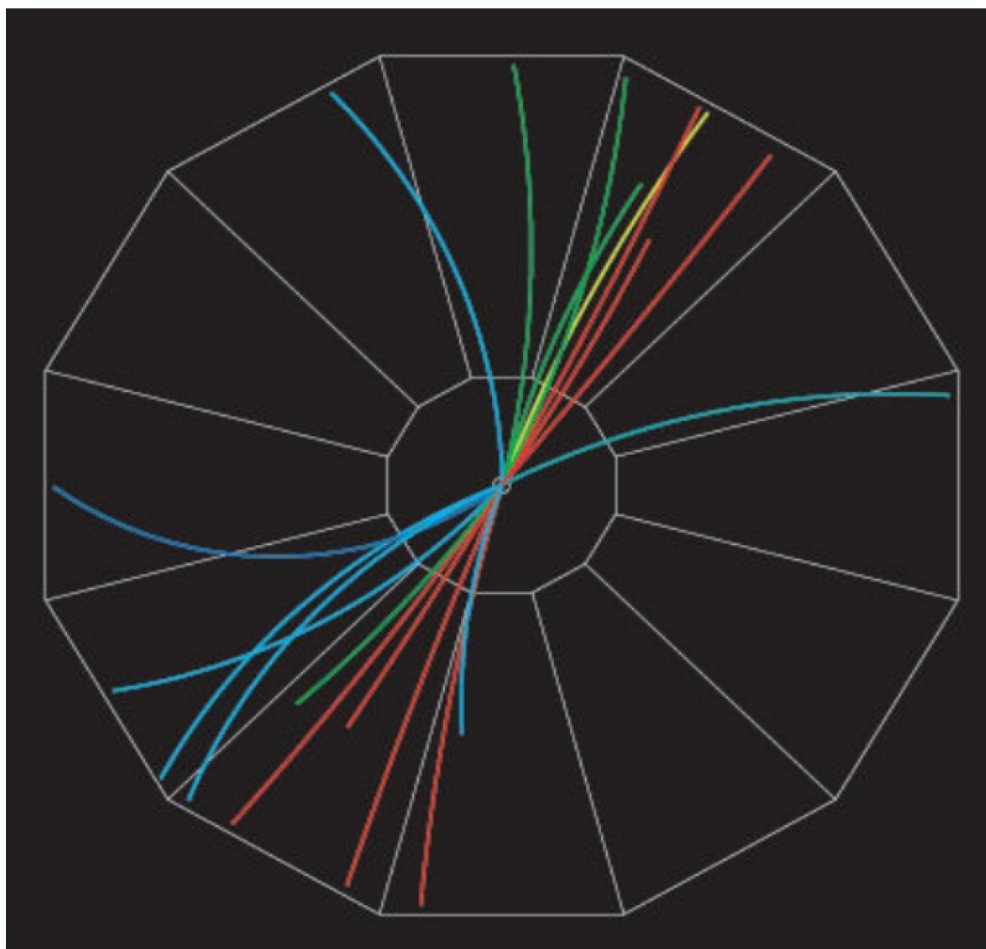
$B(\vec{q})$  - uncorrelated pairs (“mixed events”)

theory (models)

$$C(\vec{q}) = \frac{\int d^3 r S_{12}(\vec{q}, \vec{r}) |\Psi(\vec{q}, \vec{r})|^2}{\int d^3 x_1 S_1(\vec{x}_1, \vec{p}_1) \int d^3 x_2 S_2(\vec{x}_2, \vec{p}_2)}$$

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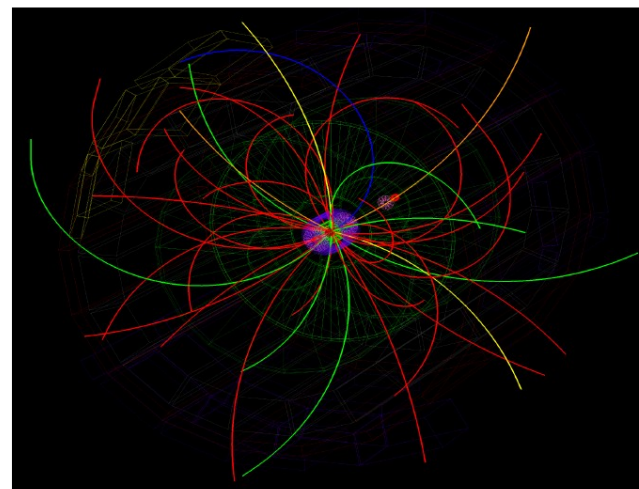
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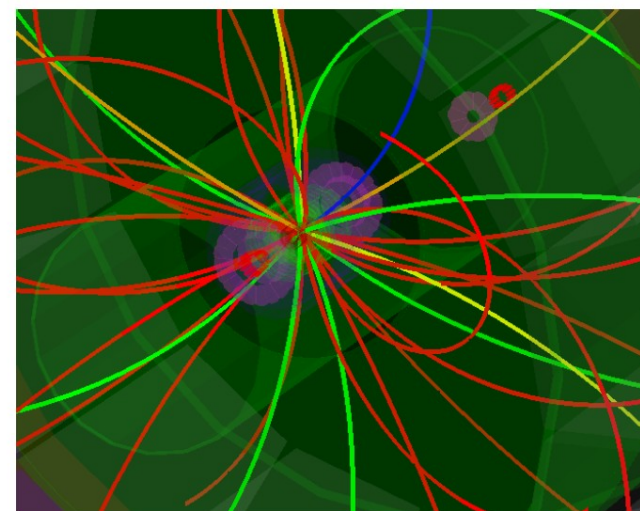
physics + detector effects  
(acceptance, inefficiencies, etc.)

uncorrelated pairs (“mixed events”)

Event 1



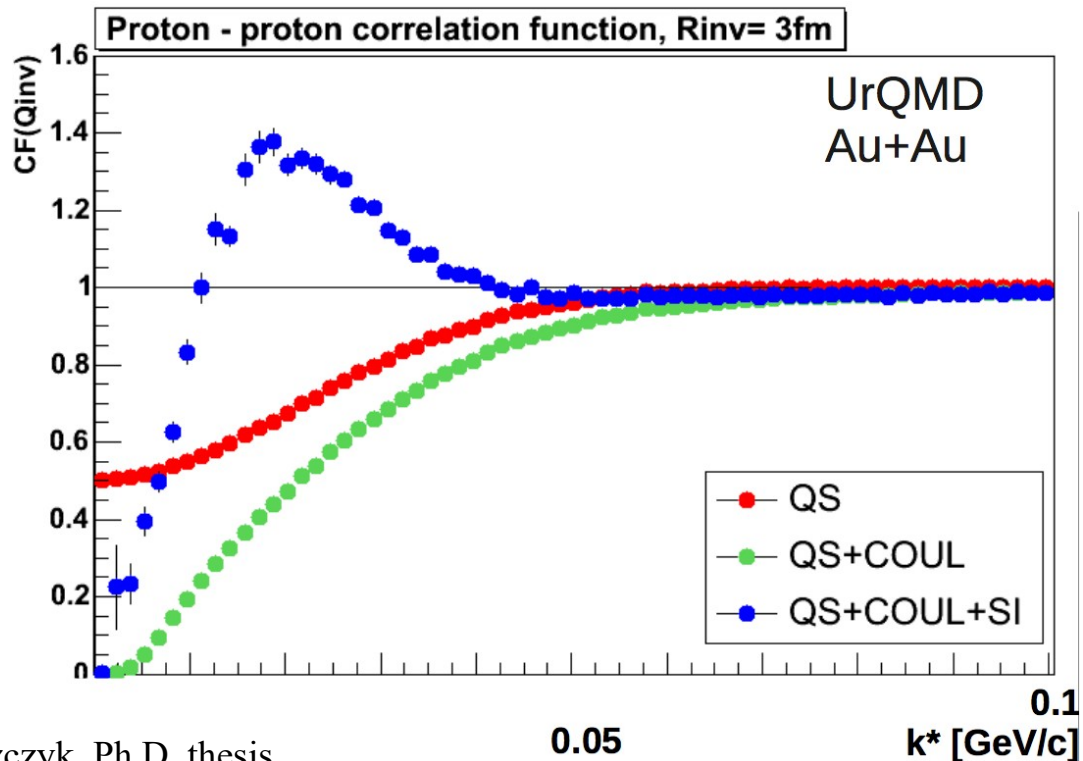
Event 2



detector effects

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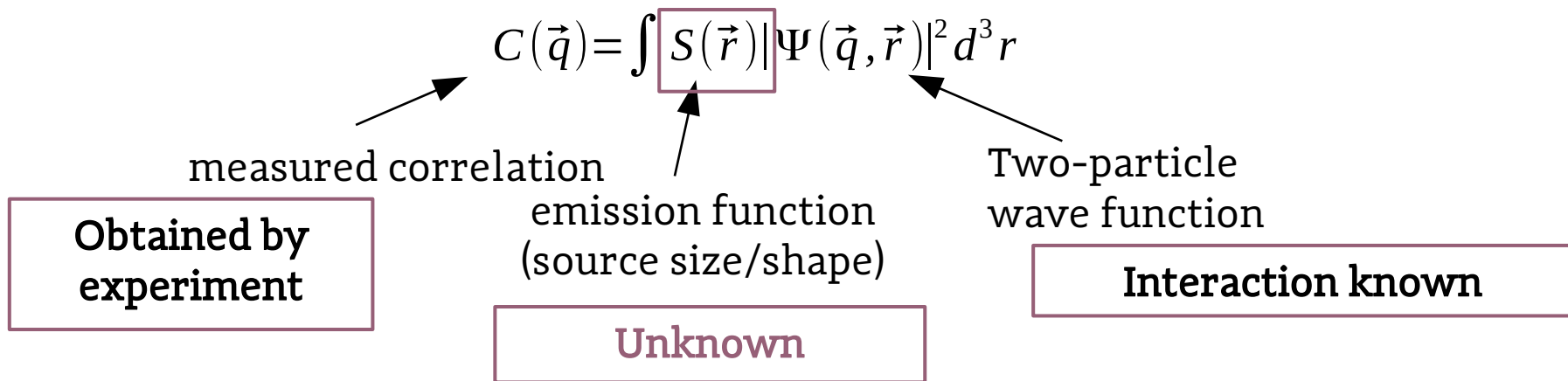
- Quantum statistics (QS)
  - pairs of identical bosons (i.e. pions) – Bose-Einstein QS
  - pairs of identical fermions (i.e. protons) – Fermi-Dirac QS
- Final-state interactions (FSI)
  - strong interaction
  - Coulomb interaction



H. Zbroszczyk, Ph.D. thesis



## Measuring the system size



“Femtoscopy” - spatio-temporal characterization of the collision region on the femtometer scale

In case of uncharged identical bosons, CF is a Fourier transformation of the Wave Function

$$S(\vec{r}) \sim \exp\left(-\frac{r_{out}^2}{4R_o^2} - \frac{r_{side}^2}{4R_s^2} - \frac{r_{long}^2}{4R_l^2}\right) \left. \vphantom{S(\vec{r})} \right\} C = 1 + \lambda \exp(-R_o^2 q_o^2 - R_s^2 q_s^2 - R_l^2 q_l^2)$$

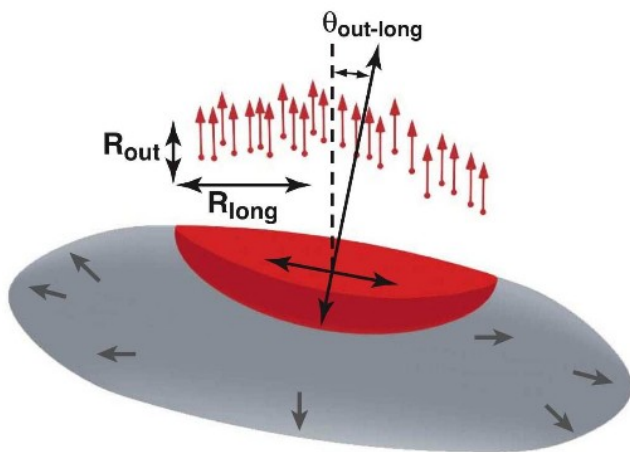
$$|\Psi(\vec{q}, \vec{r})|^2 = 1 + \cos(\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r})$$

Pair WF: Bose-Einstein QS



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## The HBT-interferometry of expanding sources

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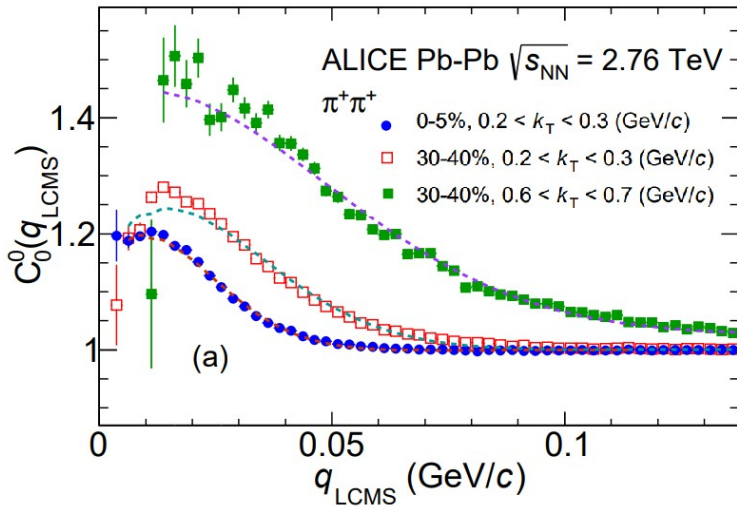
### Abstract

The structure of the bosonic correlation function for expanding thermalized systems is obtained using the conception of the system's lengths of homogeneity. The analysis of the  $p_T$ -behavior of the *long*-, *out*- and *side*-interferometry radii is performed for radiating sources with relativistic transversal and longitudinal flows. Simple analytical formulas for all interferometry radii are obtained for typical classes of transversal flows.

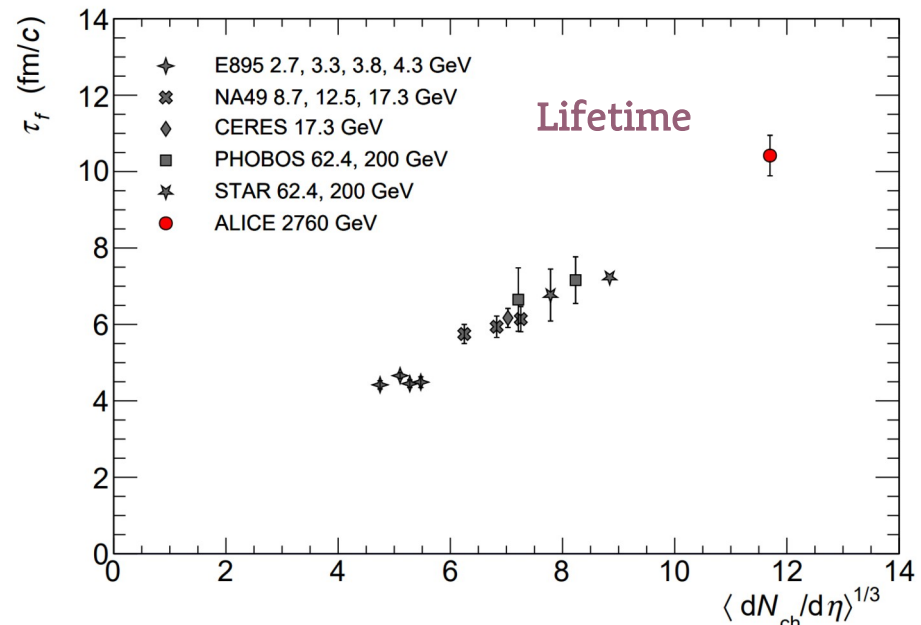
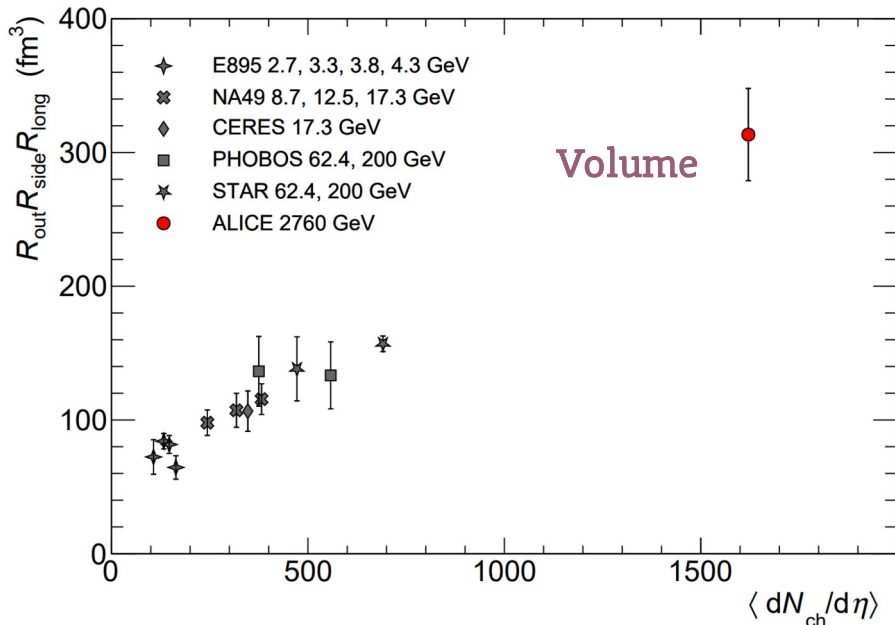
- The size (or sizes in 3D)  $R$  is referred to as the “**source radius**”  
 → size of the “**region of homogeneity**”  
 region from which particles are emitted with similar velocity

Lifetime and volume of the homogeneity region can be estimated from the fits

The fireball formed in heavy-ion collisions at LHC is hotter, lives longer and expands to a larger size that at lower energies

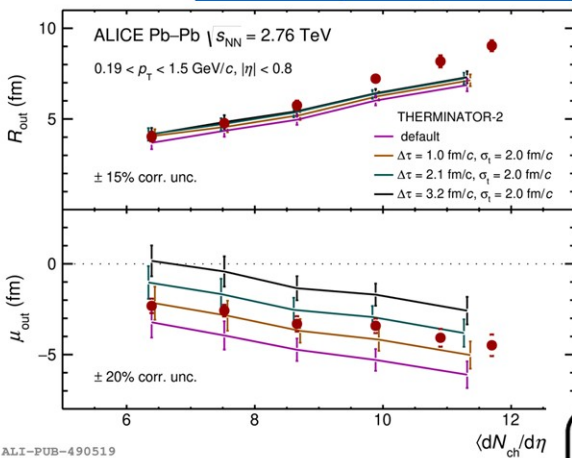


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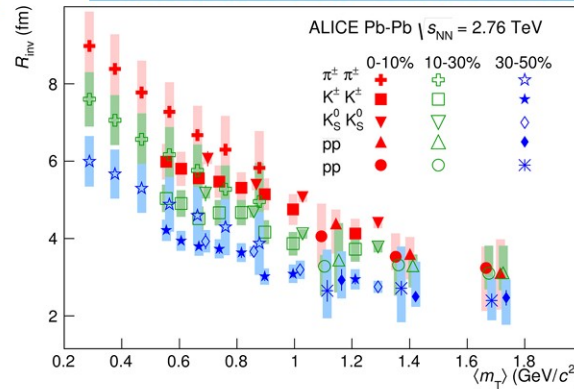


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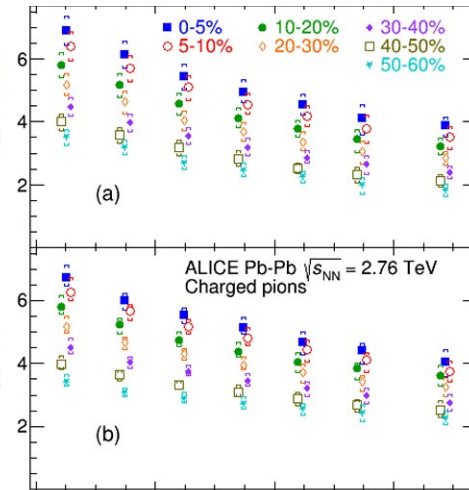
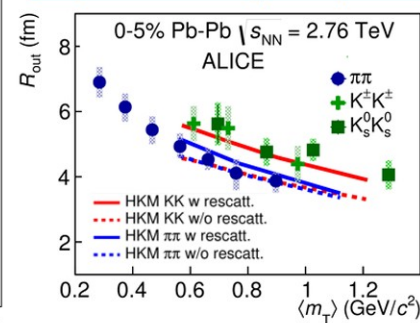
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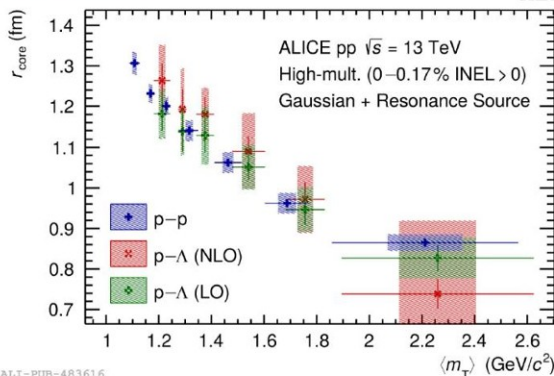


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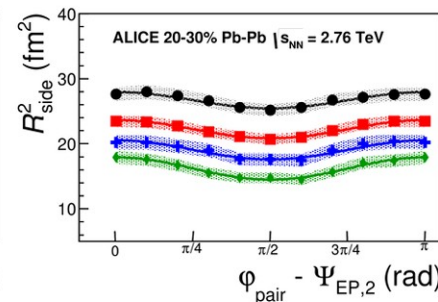
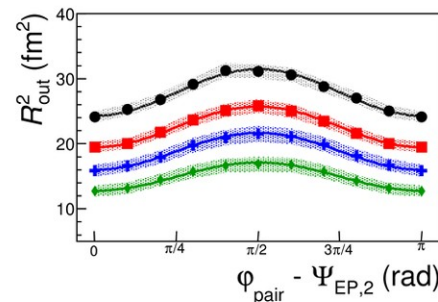
$$C(k^*) = \int S(r^*) |\Psi(k^*, r^*)|^2 d^3r^* = \xi(k^*) \cdot \frac{N_{\text{same}}(k^*)}{N_{\text{mixed}}(k^*)}$$

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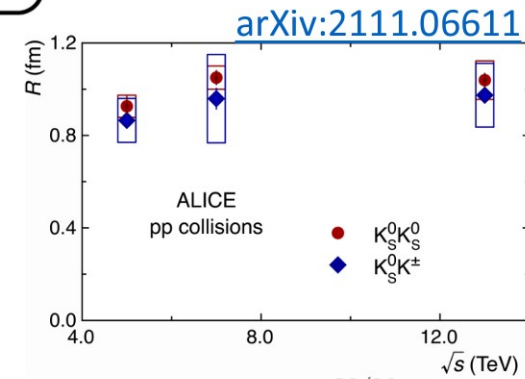
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**Can we do something more with femtoscopy than QGP volume and lifetime measurements?**

$$C(q) = \int S(r) |\Psi(q, r)|^2 d^3 r$$

$$q = 2 \cdot k^* = p_1 - p_2$$

measured correlation

emission function  
(source size/shape)

pair wave function  
(includes cross section)

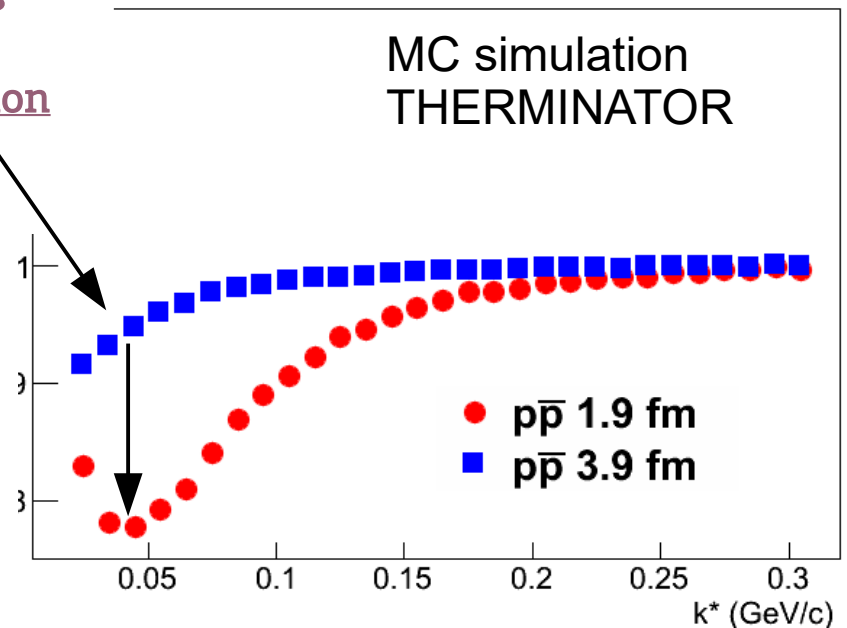
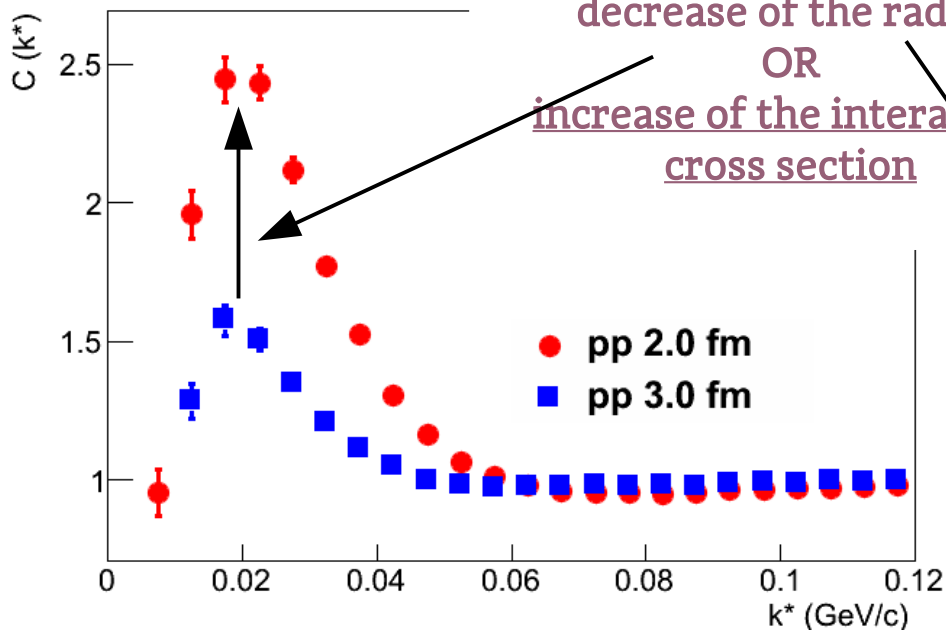
increase of (anti)correlation

=

decrease of the radius

OR

increase of the interaction  
cross section



$$C(q) = \int S(r) |\Psi(q, r)|^2 d^3 r \quad q = 2 \cdot k^* = p_1 - p_2$$

measured correlation      emission function (source size/shape)      pair wave function (includes cross section)

pair wave function  $\longrightarrow \Psi = \exp(-ik^* r) + f \frac{\exp(ik^* r)}{r}$       s-wave scattering approximation

scattering amplitude  $\longrightarrow f^{-1}(k^*) = \frac{1}{f_0} + \frac{1}{2} d_0 k^{*2} - ik^*$       effective range approximation

If **only** Strong FSI is present:

**Lednický-Lyuboshitz equation**

$$C(k^*) = 1 + \sum_s \rho_s \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{f^s(k^*)}{R} \right|^2 \left( 1 - \frac{d_0^s}{2\sqrt{\pi}R} \right) + \frac{2\Re f^s(k^*)}{\sqrt{\pi}R} F_1(2k^*R) - \frac{\Im f^s(k^*)}{R} F_2(2k^*R) \right]$$

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where  $\rho_s$  are the spin fractions

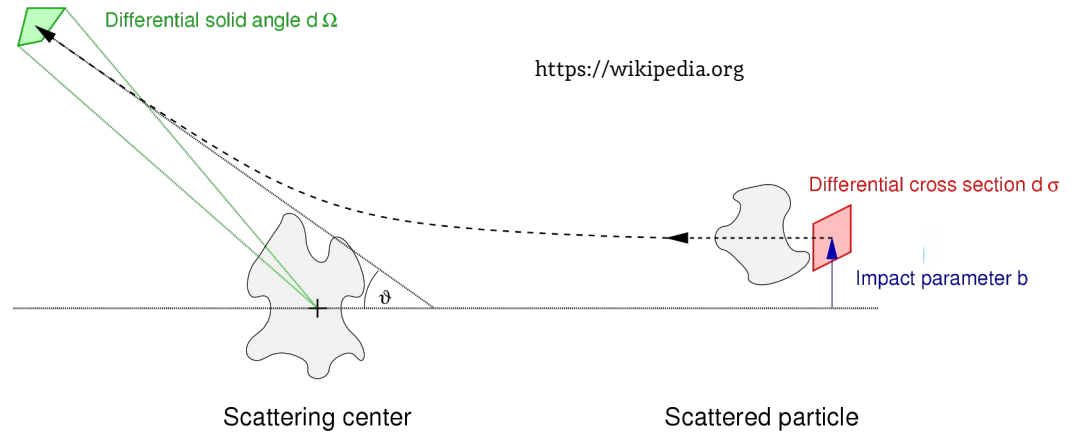
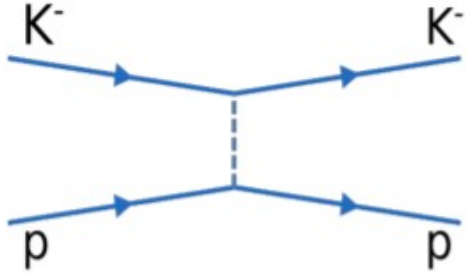
The correlation function is characterized by **three parameters**:

- radius  $R$ , scattering length  $f_0$ , and effective radius  $d_0$
- cross section  $\sigma$  (at low  $k^*$ ) is simply:  $\sigma = 4\pi |f|^2$



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## Scattering

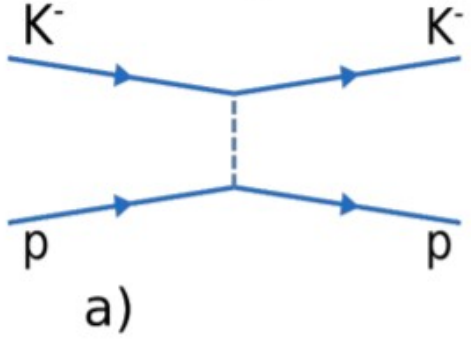




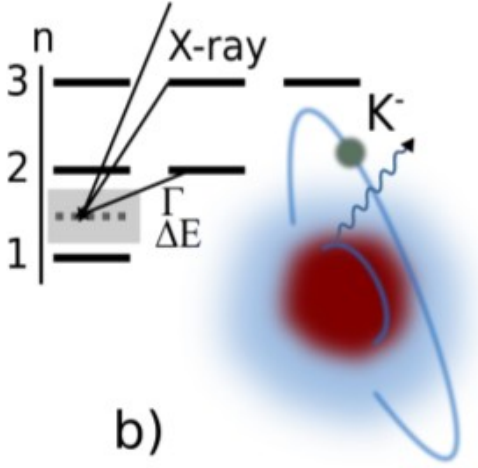


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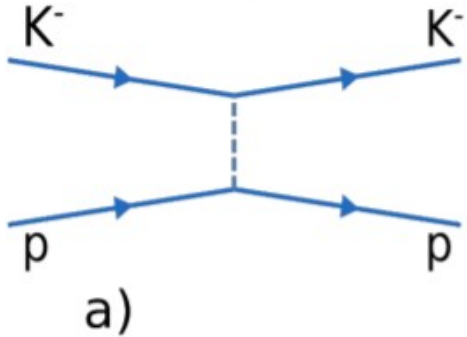


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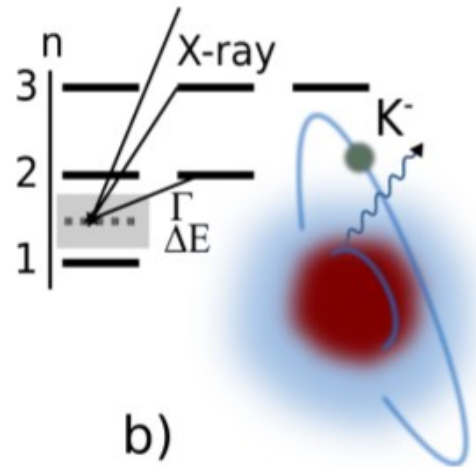


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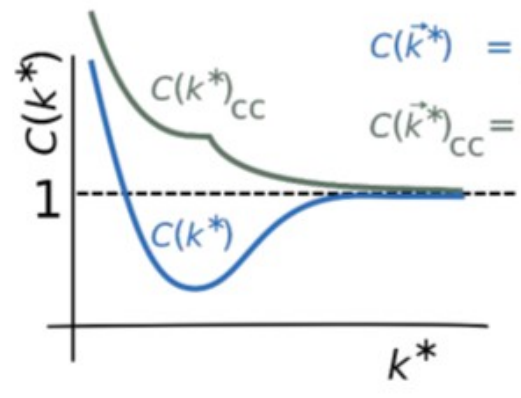
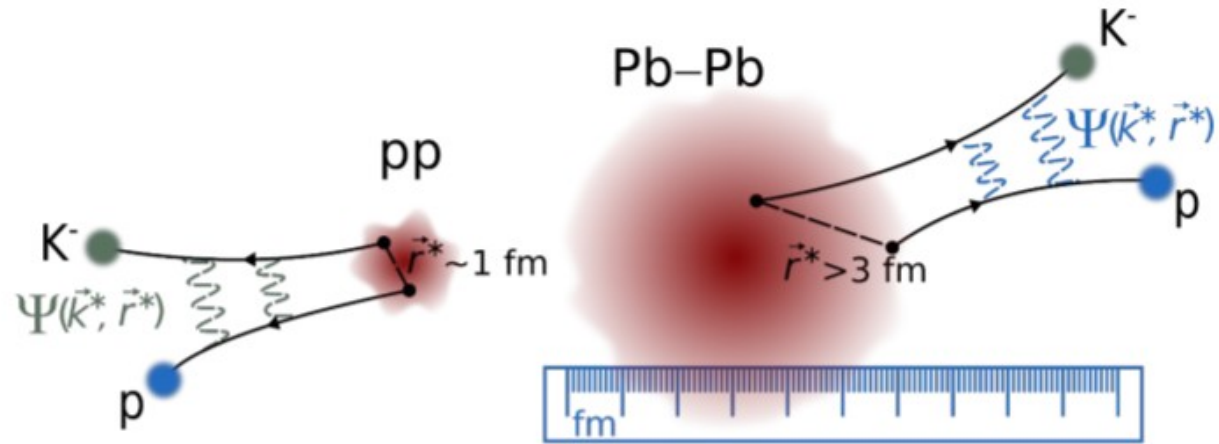
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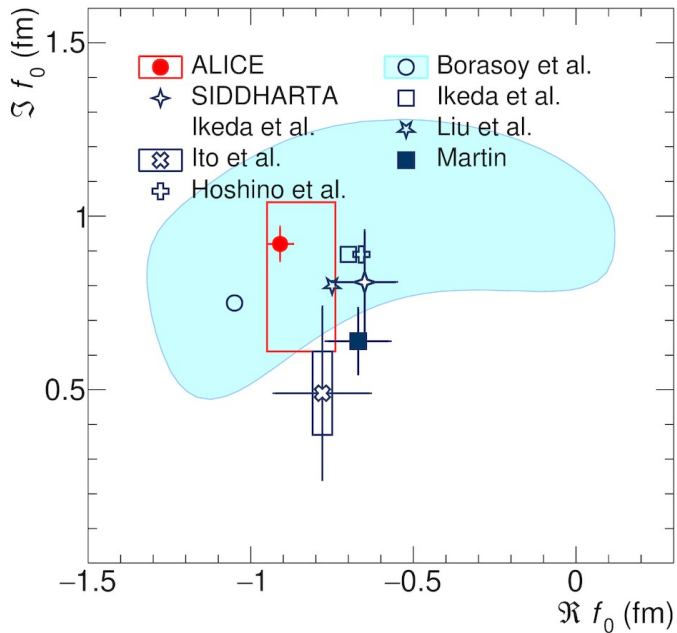
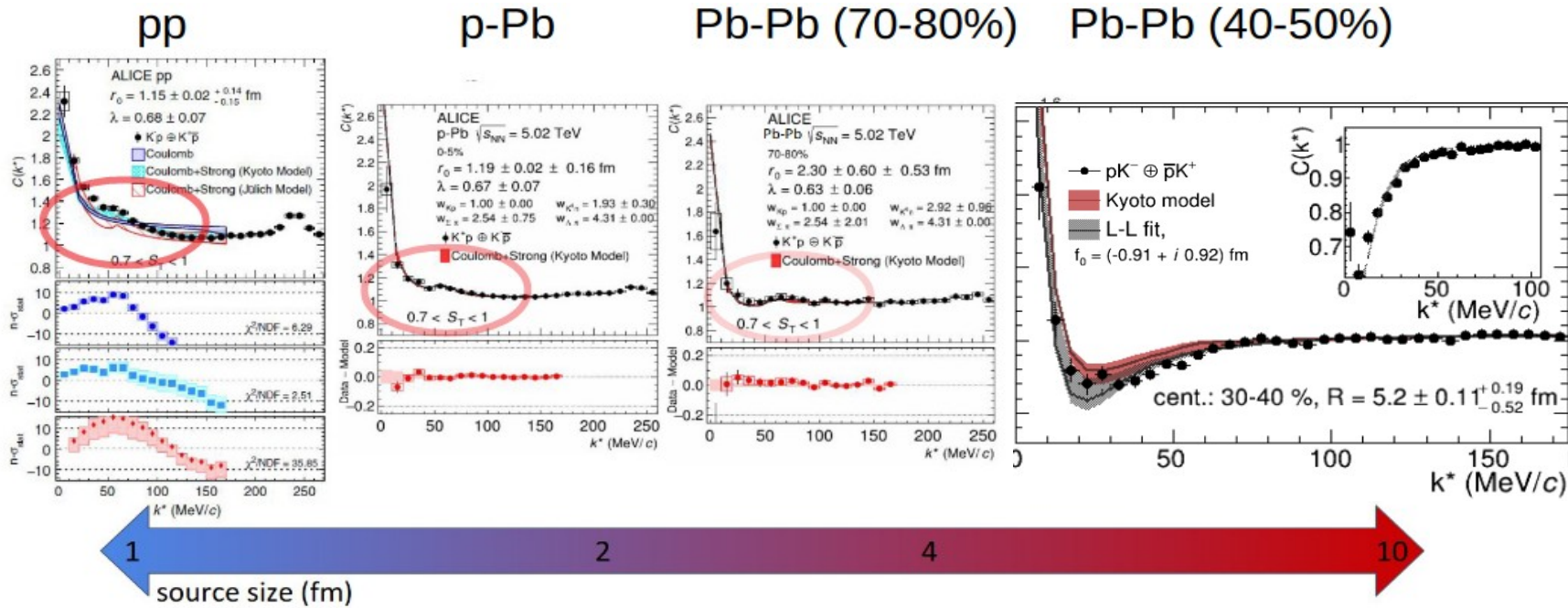
## Femtoscscopy



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

$$C(\vec{k}^*)_{cc} = C(\vec{k}^*) + \sum_j \omega_j \int s_j(\vec{r}^*) |\Psi_j(\vec{k}^*, \vec{r}^*)|^2 d^3 r^*$$

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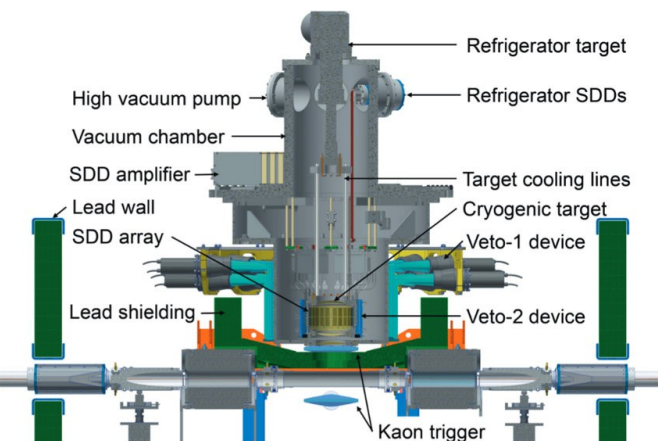
- Measured in all collision systems (different system size)
- $\text{Re } f_0$  and  $\text{Im } f_0$  in agreement with available data and theory calculations!
- Complementary to dedicated exotic atoms and scattering experiments



# Kaon-deuteron correlations



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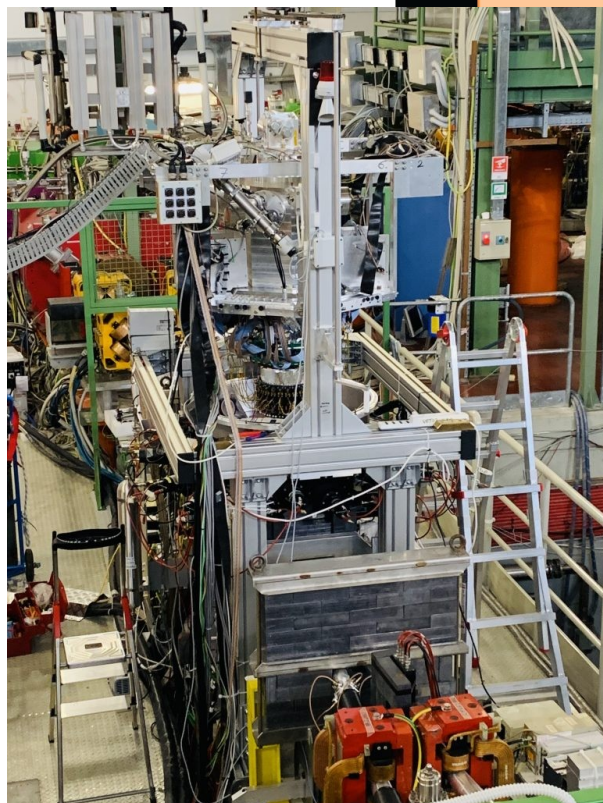
K-p

K-He

1970

**STILL MISSING!!!**

**the measurement of the kaonic deuterium**  
*the most important experimental information missing in the field of the low-energy antikaon-nucleon interactions*



1990

**SIDDHARTA-2 collaboration**  
**starting from 2019 at DAFNE accelerator**

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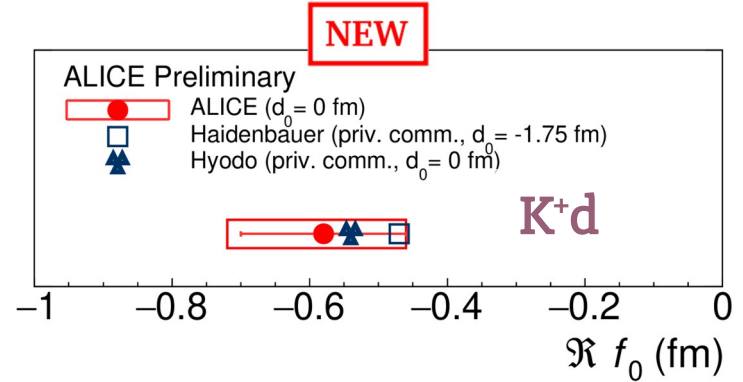
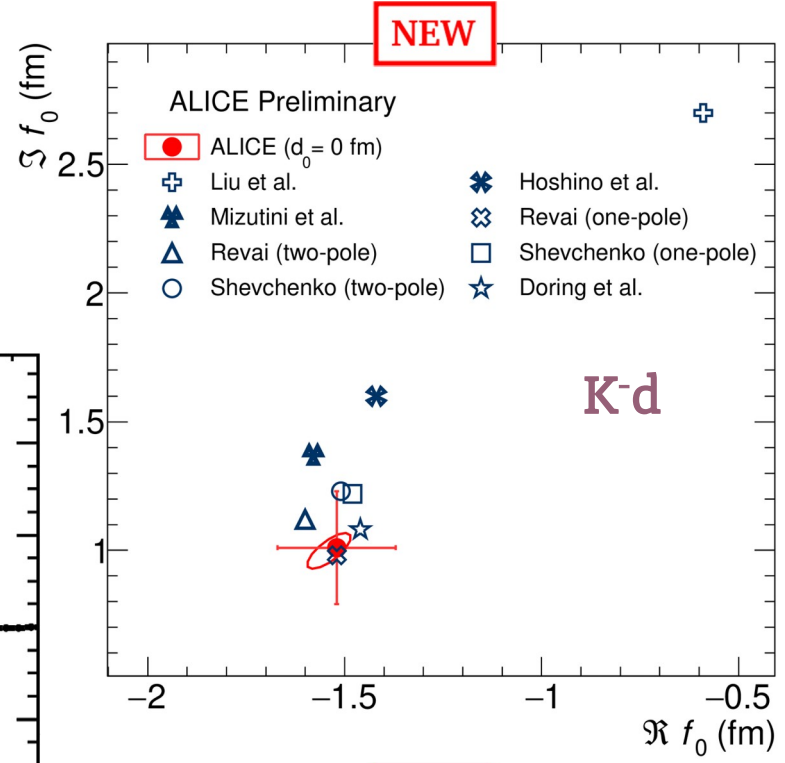
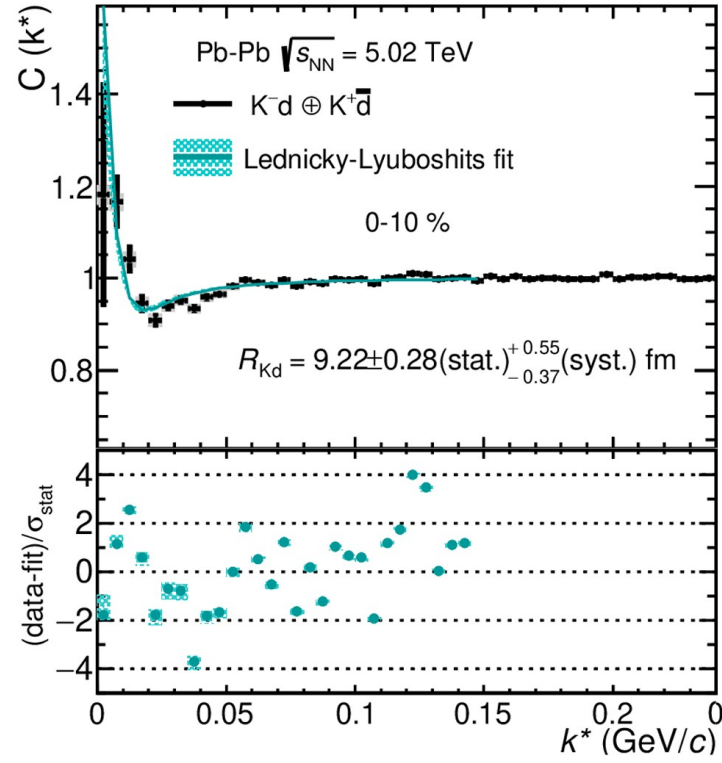
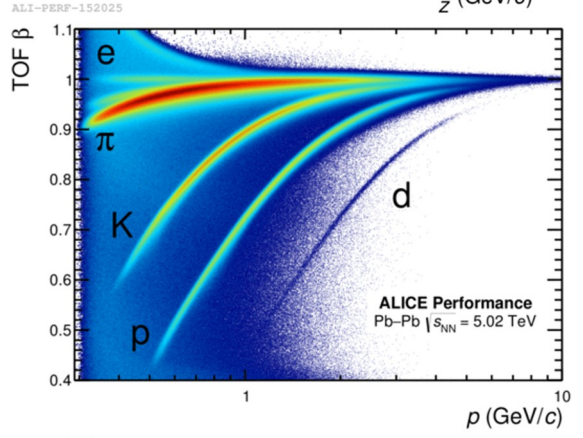
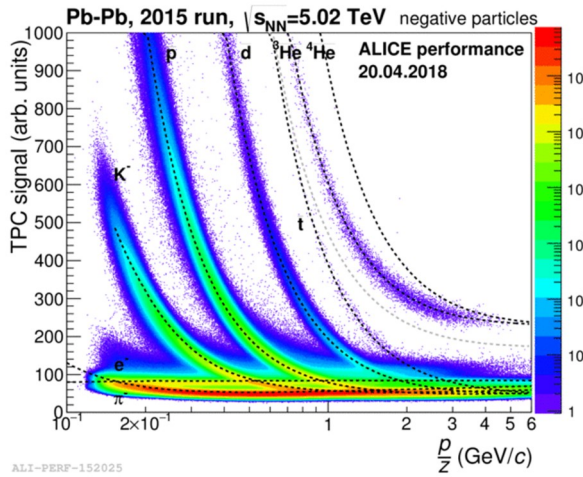
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- First ever measurements of kaon-deuteron scattering lengths

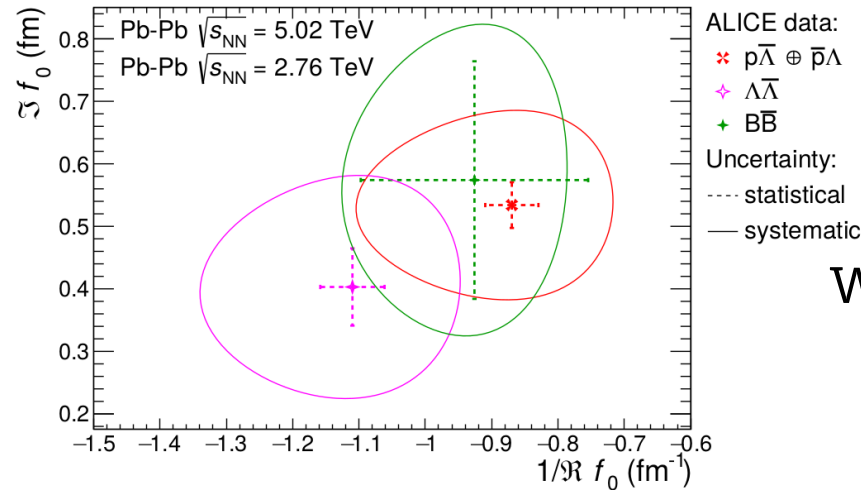
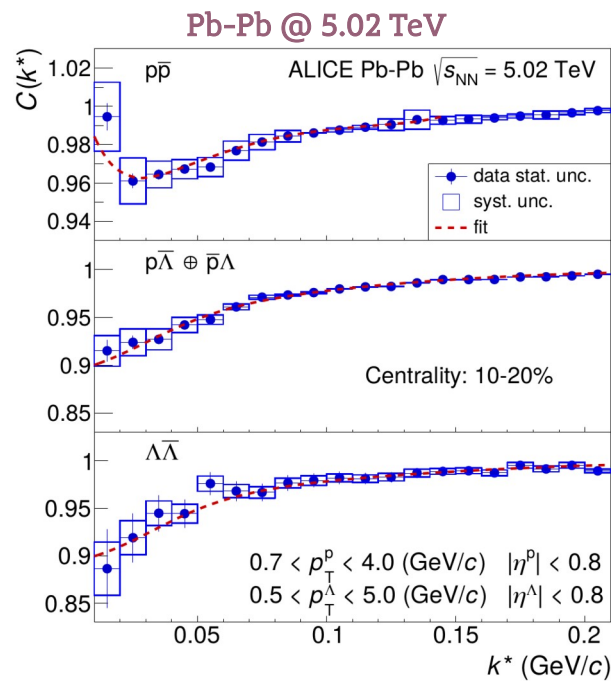
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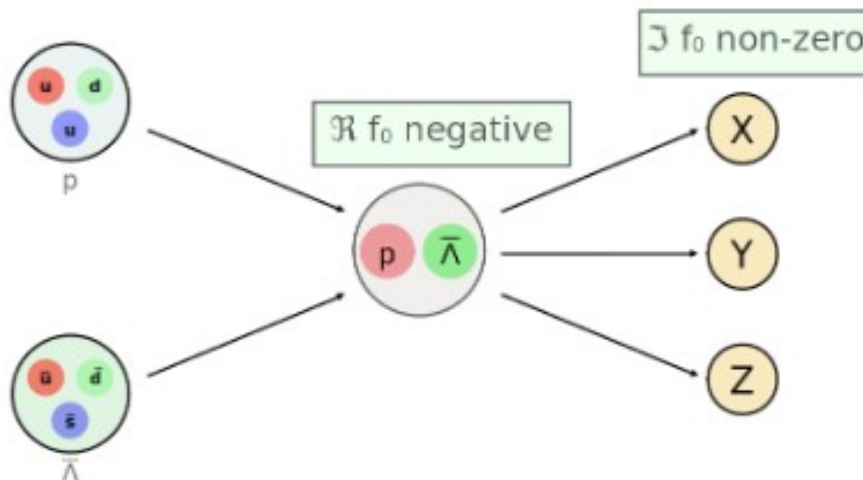


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Scattering parameters for all baryon-antibaryon pairs are similar to each other

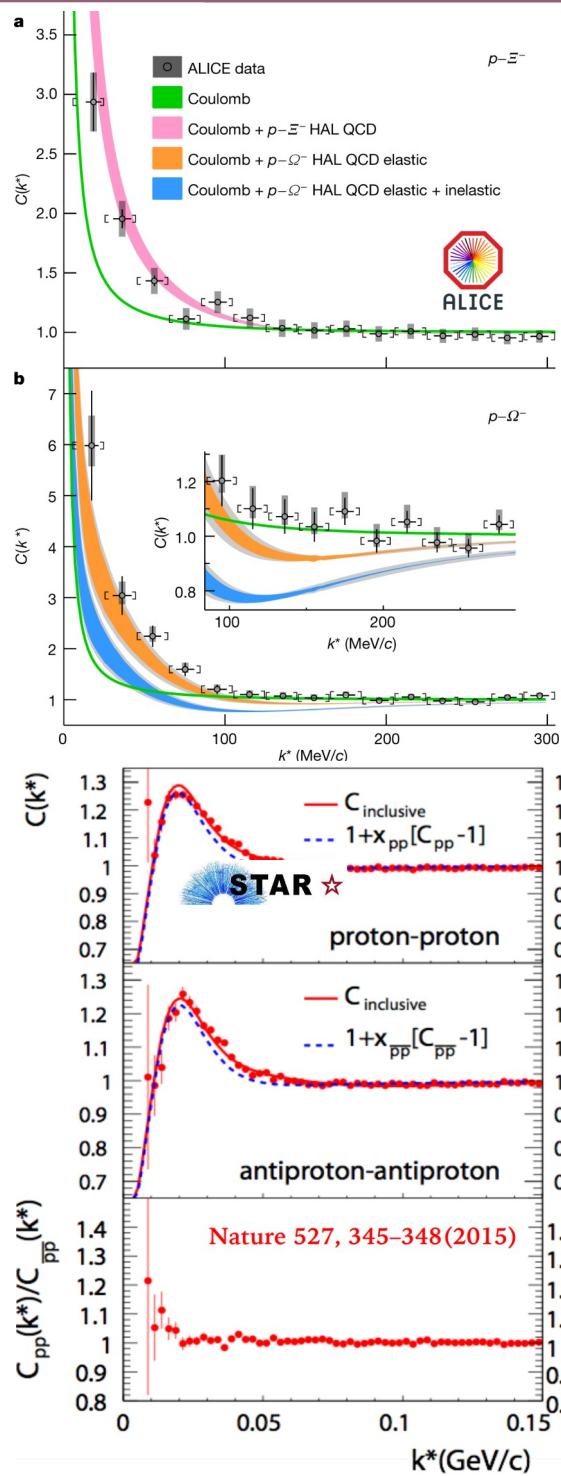


We observe a **negative real part of scattering length** → repulsive strong interaction OR creation of a bound state (existence of **baryon-antibaryon states (baryonia)?**)



Significant **positive imaginary part of scattering length** – presence of a non-elastic channel – annihilation

LHC → matter-antimatter pair factory



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#### Abstract

One of the primary goals of nuclear physics is to understand the force between nucleons, which is a necessary step for understanding the structure of nuclei and how nuclei interact with each other. Rutherford discovered the atomic nucleus in 1911, and the large body of knowledge about the nuclear force that has since been acquired was derived from studies made on nucleons or nuclei. Although antinuclei up to antihelium-4 have been discovered<sup>1</sup> and their masses measured, little is known directly about the nuclear force between antinucleons. Here, we study antiproton pair correlations among data collected by the STAR experiment<sup>2</sup> at the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC)<sup>3</sup>, where gold ions are collided with a centre-of-mass energy of 200 gigaelectronvolts per nucleon pair. Antiprotons are abundantly produced in such collisions, thus making it feasible to study details of the antiproton–antiproton interaction. By applying a technique similar to Hanbury Brown and Twiss intensity interferometry<sup>4</sup>, we show that the force between two antiprotons is attractive. In addition, we report two key parameters that characterize the corresponding strong interaction: the scattering length and the effective range of the interaction. Our measured parameters are consistent within errors with the corresponding values for proton–proton interactions. Our results provide direct information on the interaction between two antiprotons, one of the simplest systems of antinucleons, and so are fundamental to understanding the structure of more-complex antinuclei and their properties.

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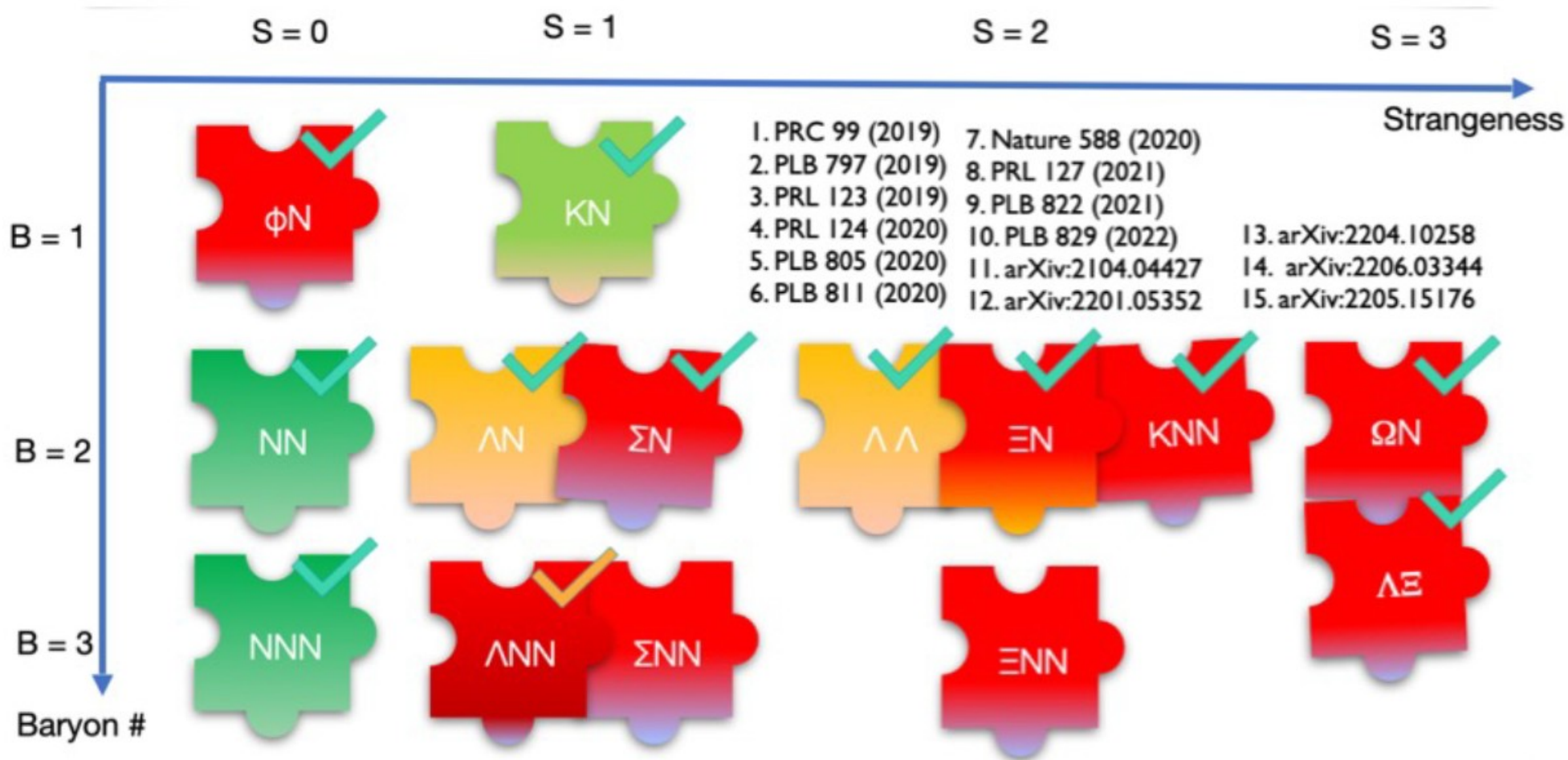
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#### Abstract

One of the key challenges for nuclear physics today is to understand from first principles the effective interaction between hadrons with different quark content. First successes have been achieved using techniques that solve the dynamics of quarks and gluons on discrete space-time lattices<sup>1,2</sup>. Experimentally, the dynamics of the strong interaction have been studied by scattering hadrons off each other. Such scattering experiments are difficult or impossible for unstable hadrons<sup>3,4,5,6</sup> and so high-quality measurements exist only for hadrons containing up and down quarks<sup>7</sup>. Here we demonstrate that measuring correlations in the momentum space between hadron pairs<sup>8,9,10,11,12</sup> produced in ultrarelativistic proton–proton collisions at the CERN Large Hadron Collider (LHC) provides a precise method with which to obtain the missing information on the interaction dynamics between any pair of unstable hadrons. Specifically, we discuss the case of the interaction of baryons containing strange quarks (hyperons). We demonstrate how, using precision measurements of proton–omega baryon correlations, the effect of the strong interaction for this hadron–hadron pair can be studied with precision similar to, and compared with, predictions from lattice calculations<sup>13,14</sup>. The large number of hyperons identified in proton–proton collisions at the LHC, together with accurate modelling<sup>15</sup> of the small (approximately one femtometre) inter-particle distance and exact predictions for the correlation functions, enables a detailed determination of the short-range part of the nucleon–hyperon interaction.

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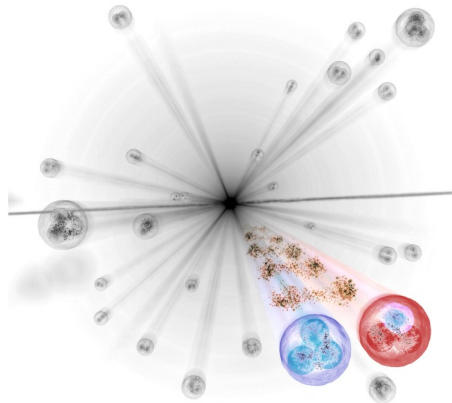




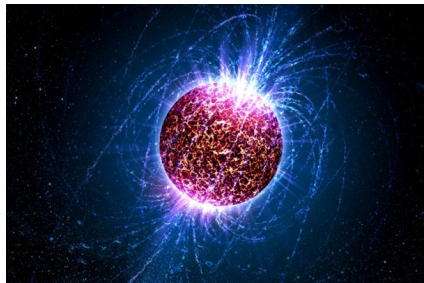
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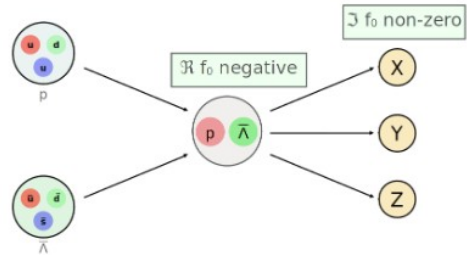
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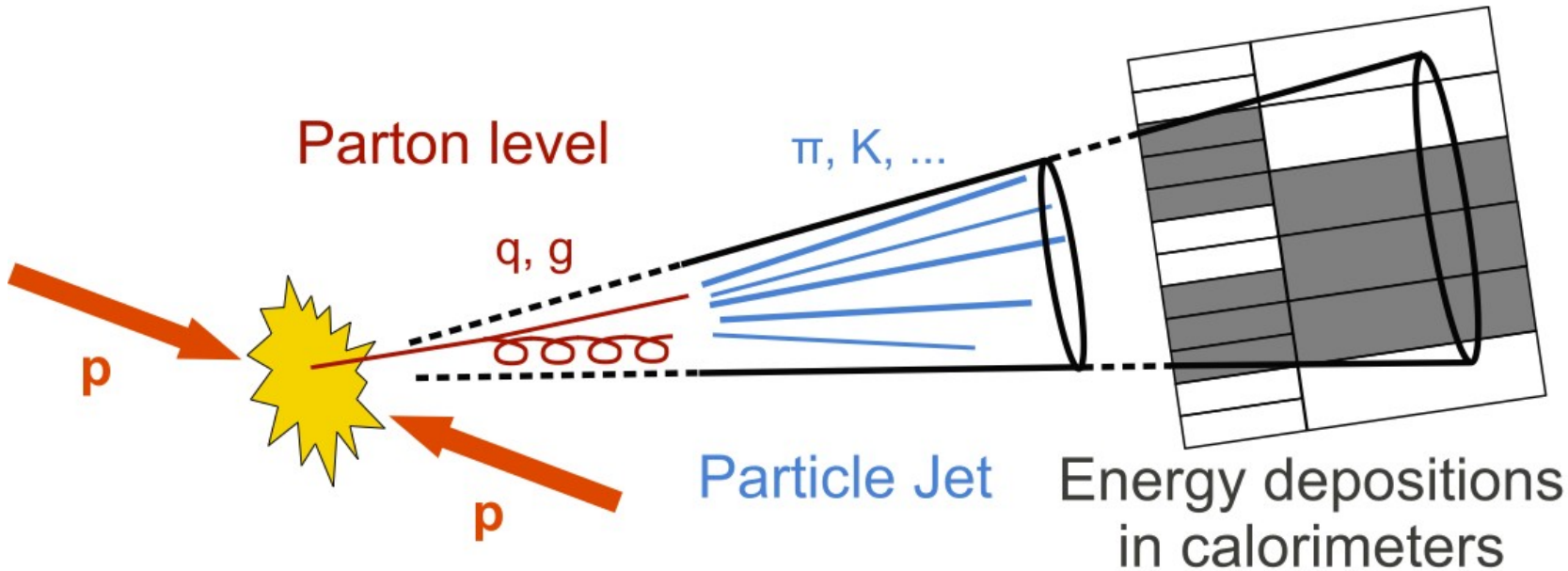
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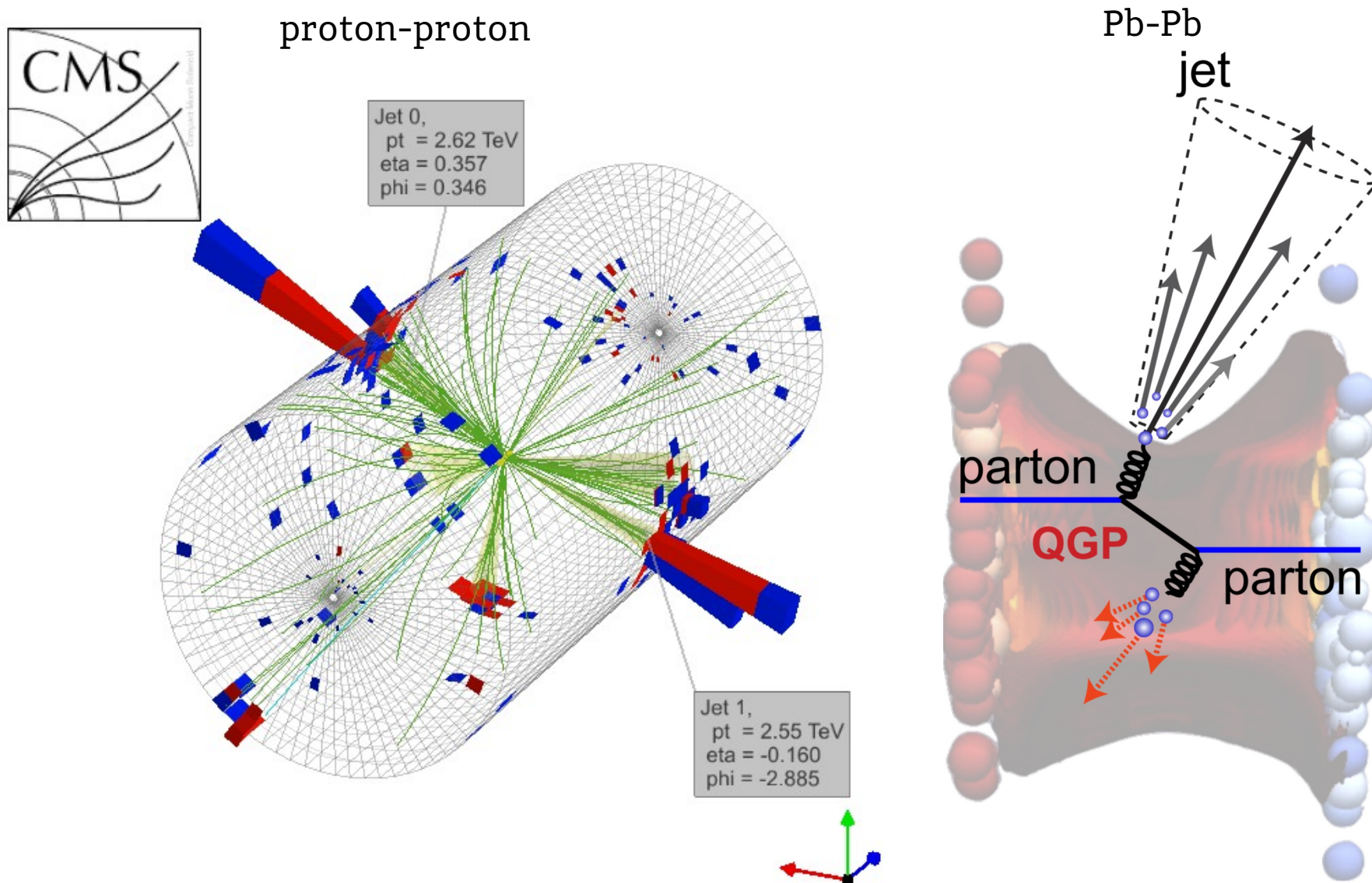
# Baryon correlations puzzle

- Initial partons (quarks or gluons) with **high momentum** cause the creation of so-called “jets”:



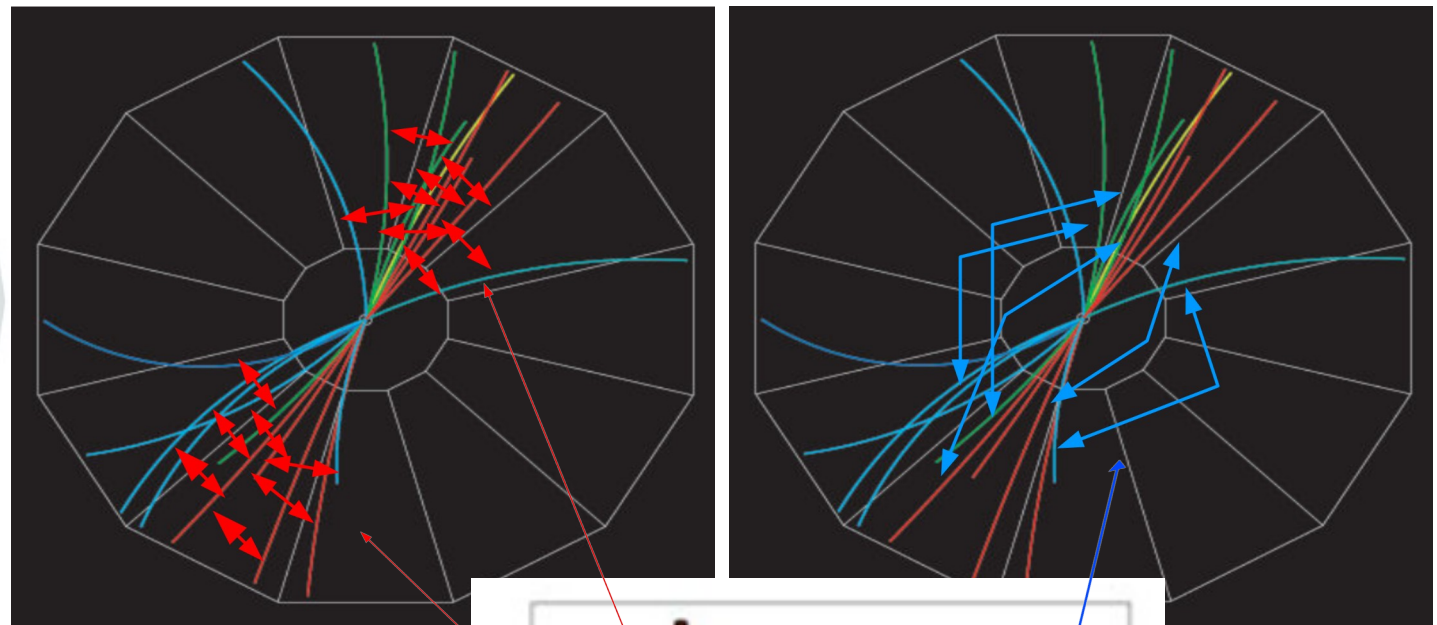
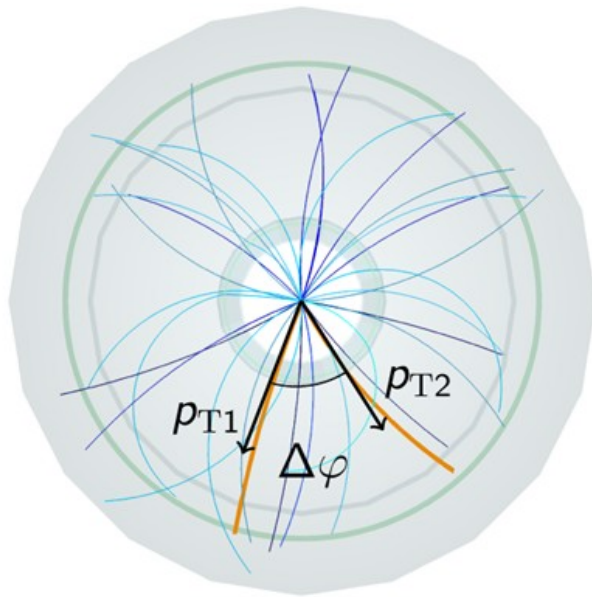
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- “Jet” is a collimated stream of particles (hadrons) of high momentum (energy) which reach the detector
- Usually (energy-momentum conservation) in a collision we have two (sometimes more) jets

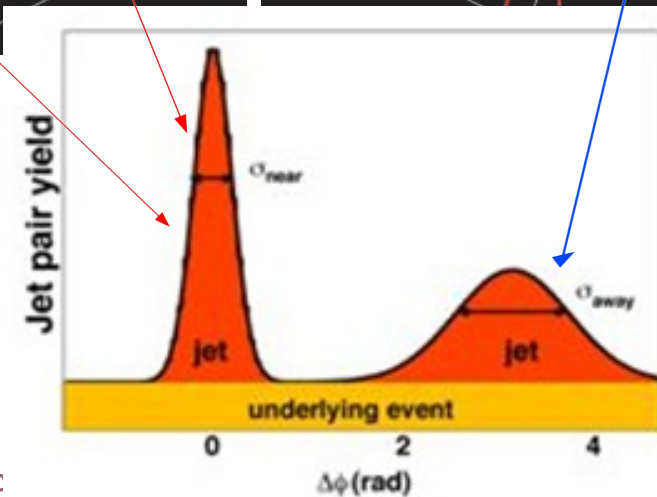


- In heavy-ion collisions one jet is being quenched (suppressed) in the created QGP medium

- How to experimentally measure jets?
- We can look at the collision in the transverse plane and calculate azimuthal angle difference distribution:



$p_T$  - transverse momentum;  
 $\varphi$  - azimuthal angle;



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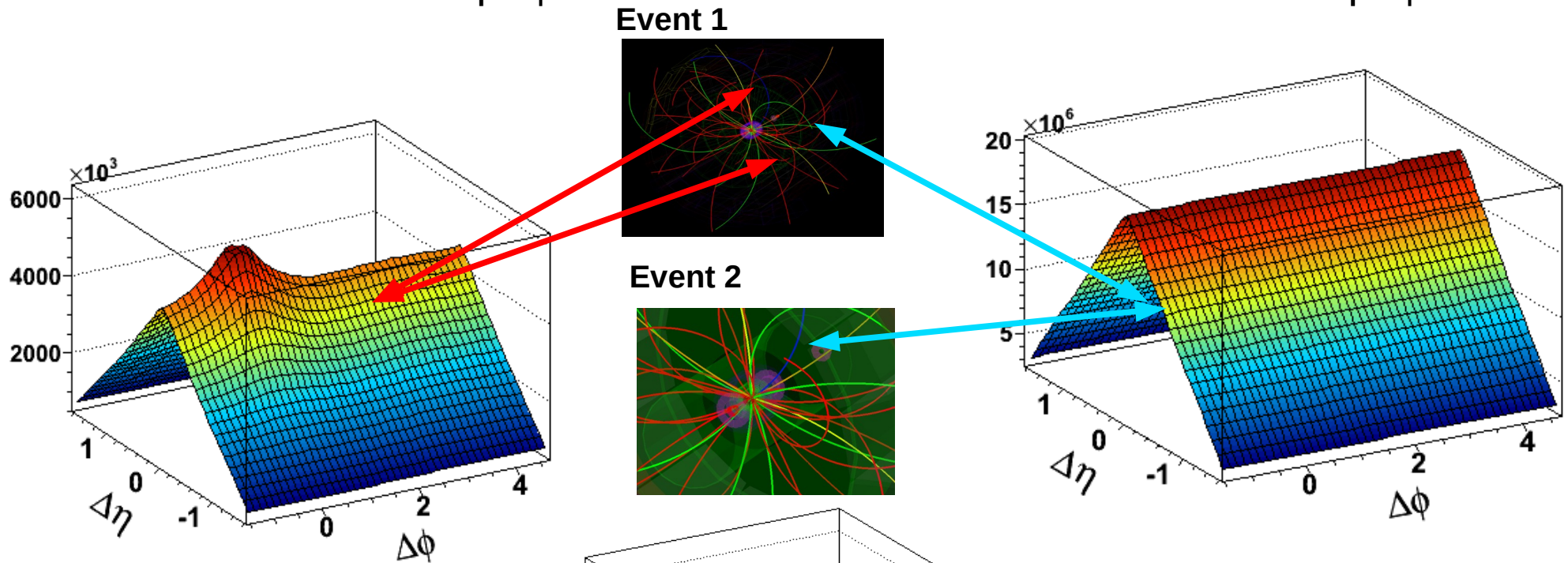
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## Signal distribution

$$S(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi) = \frac{d^2 N^{signal}}{d\Delta\eta d\Delta\phi}$$

## Uncorrelated reference

$$B(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi) = \frac{d^2 N^{mixed}}{d\Delta\eta d\Delta\phi}$$



## Same event pairs

$$\Delta\eta = \eta_1 - \eta_2$$

$$\Delta\phi = \phi_1 - \phi_2$$

## Mixed event pairs

$$C(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi) = \frac{N_{pairs}^{mixed}}{N_{pairs}^{signal}} \frac{S(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)}{B(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)}$$

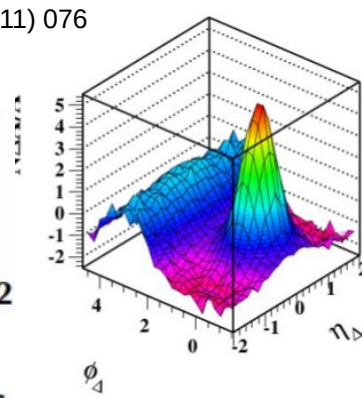
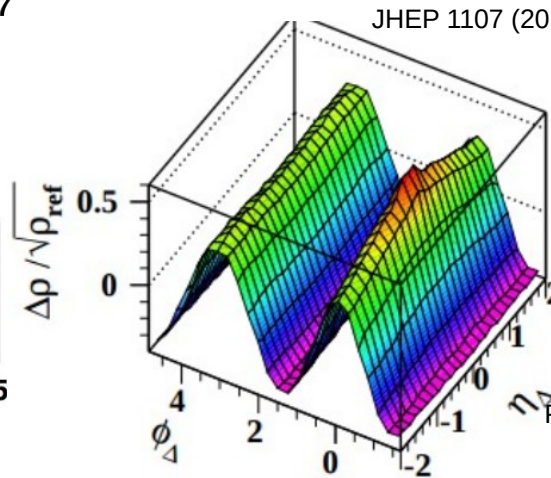
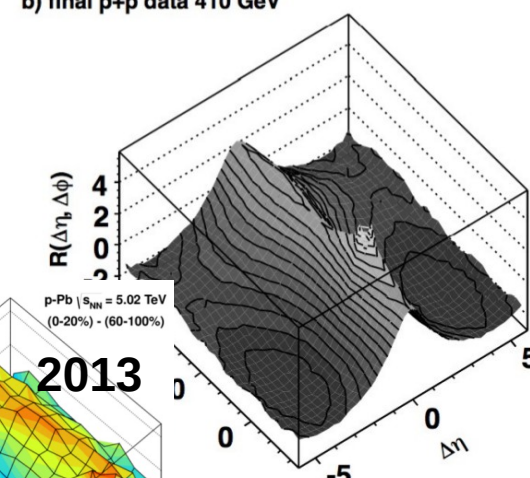
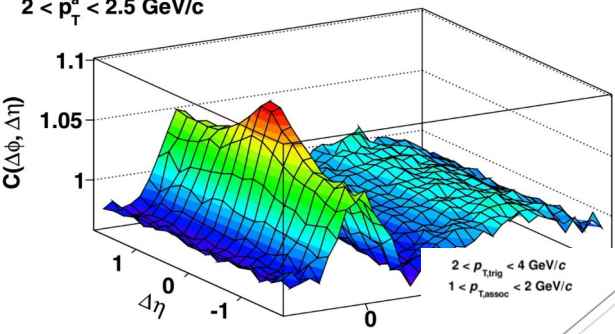
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0-10%

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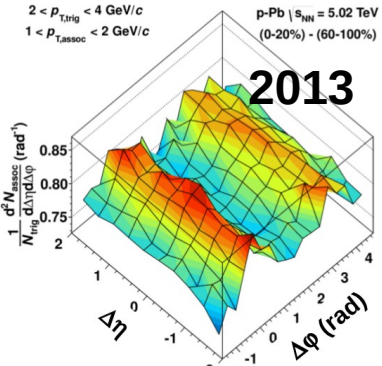
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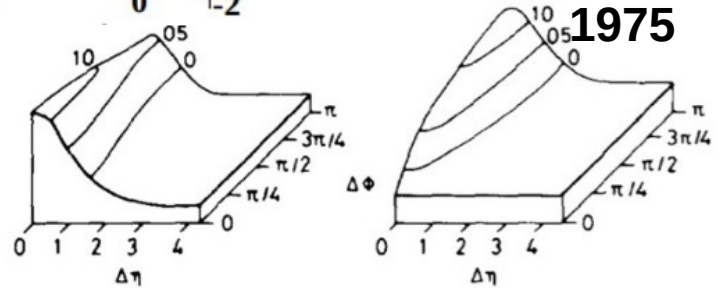
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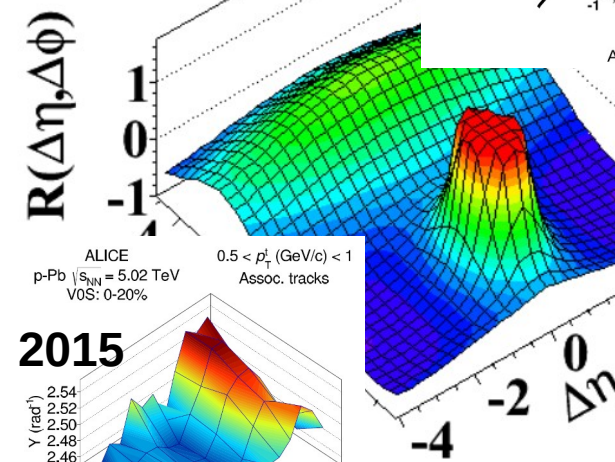
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$1 \text{ GeV}/c < p_T < 3.0 \text{ GeV}/c$

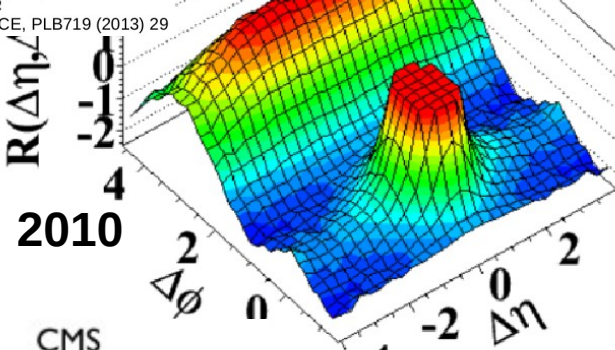
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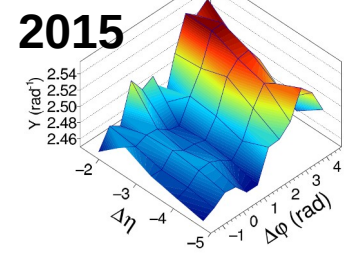


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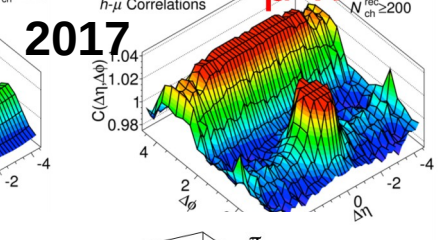


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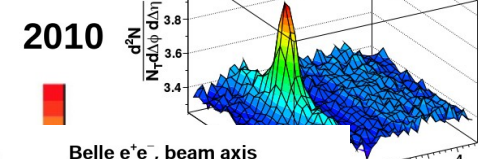
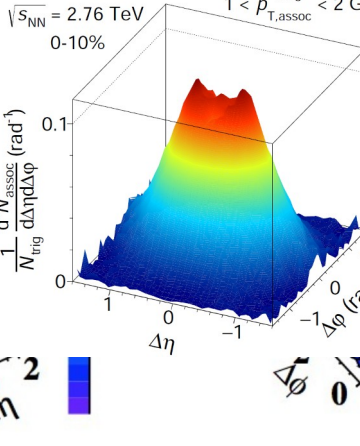
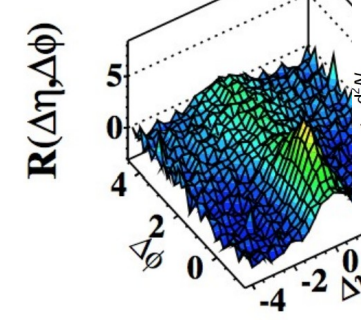
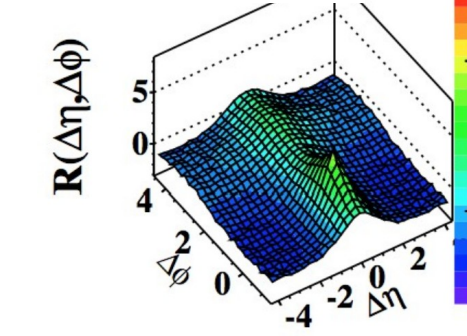
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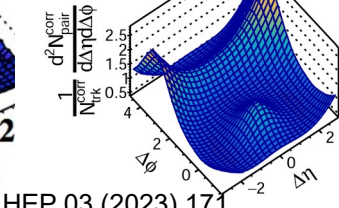
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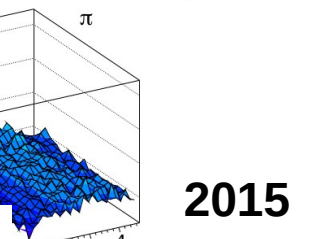
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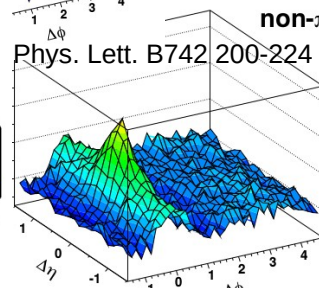
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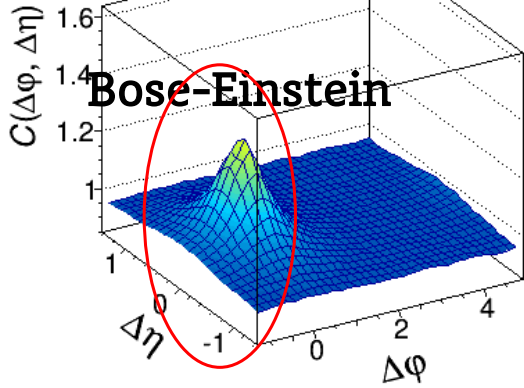


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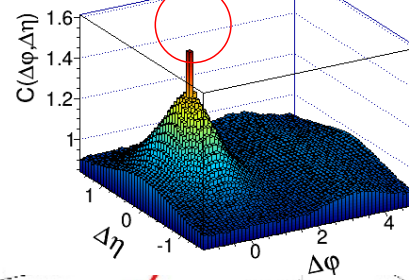
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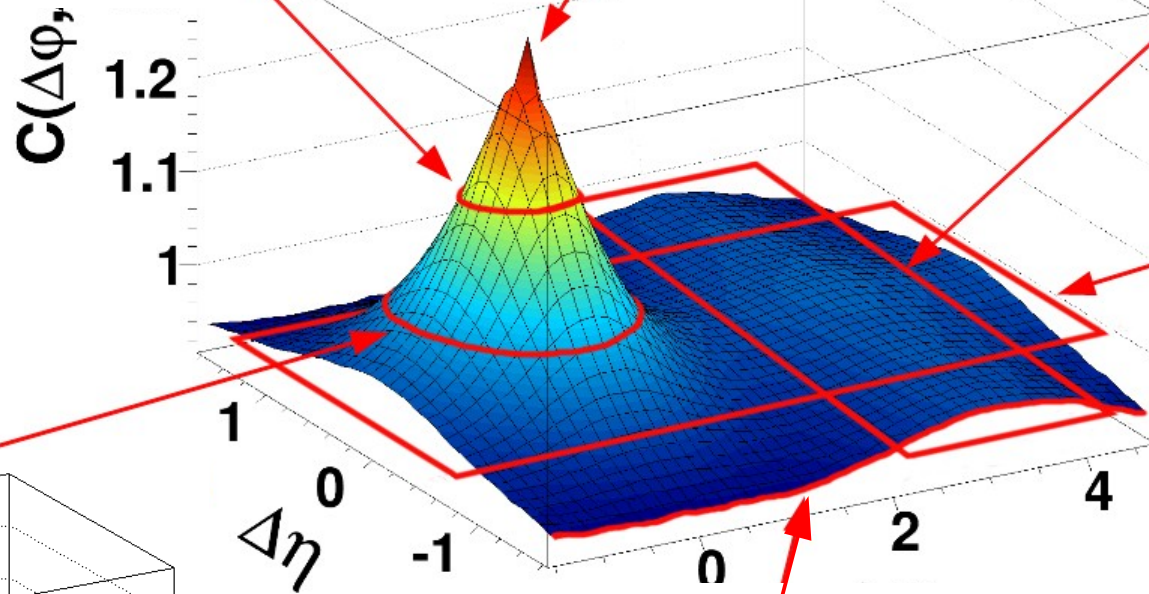
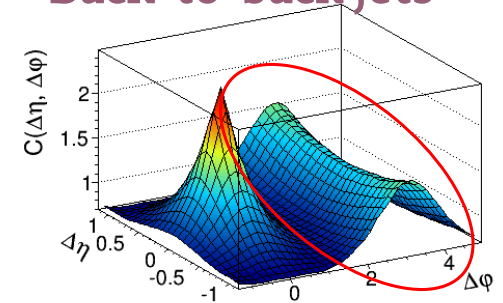


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(b) all unlike-sign pairs

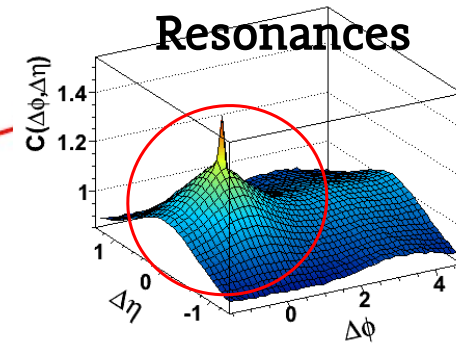
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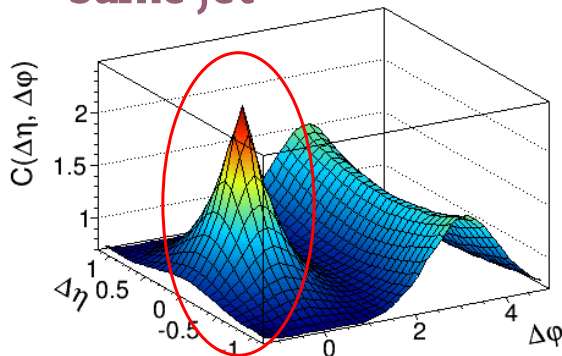
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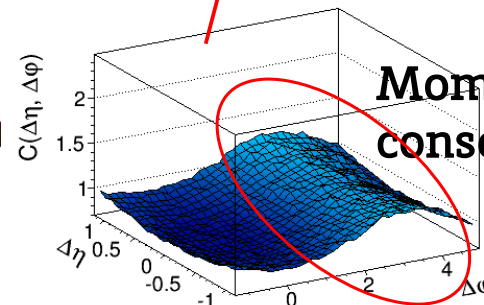
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**Same jet**



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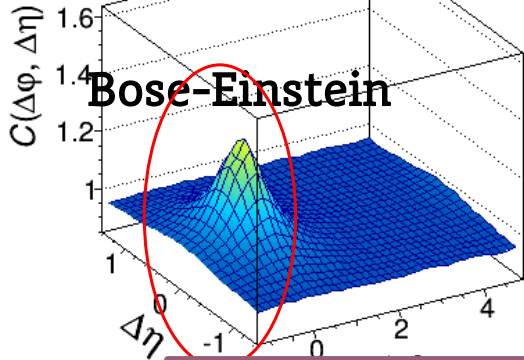


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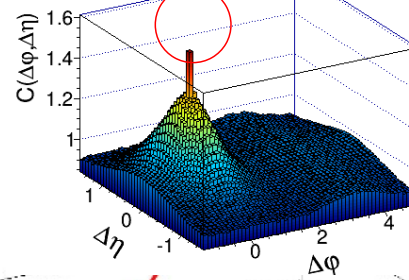


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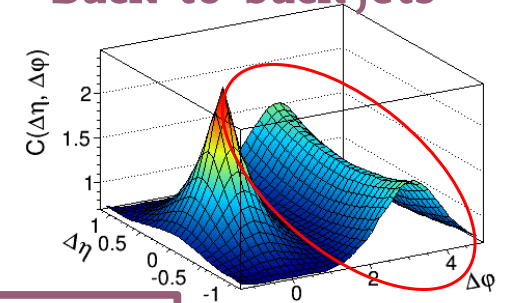


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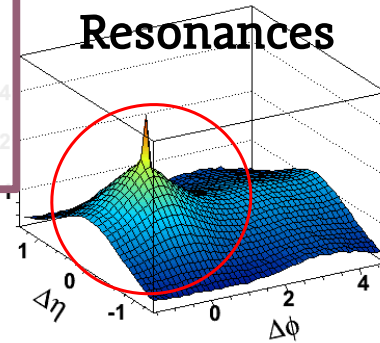


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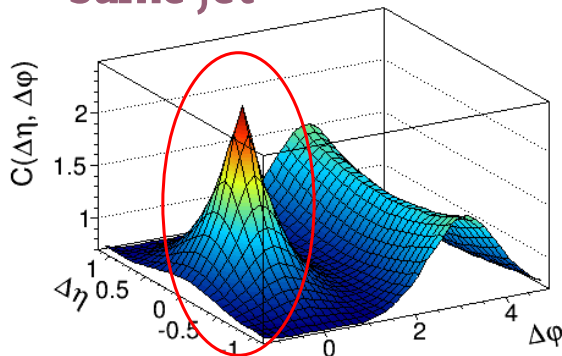


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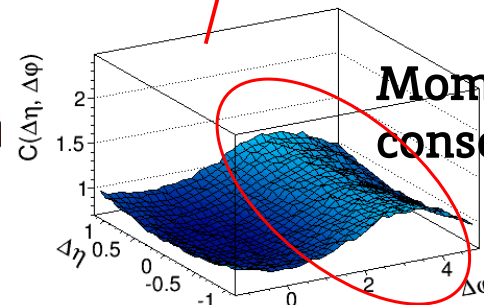
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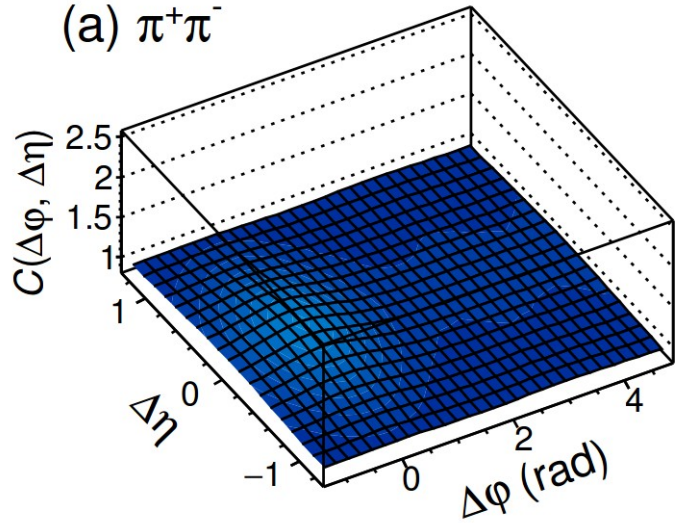


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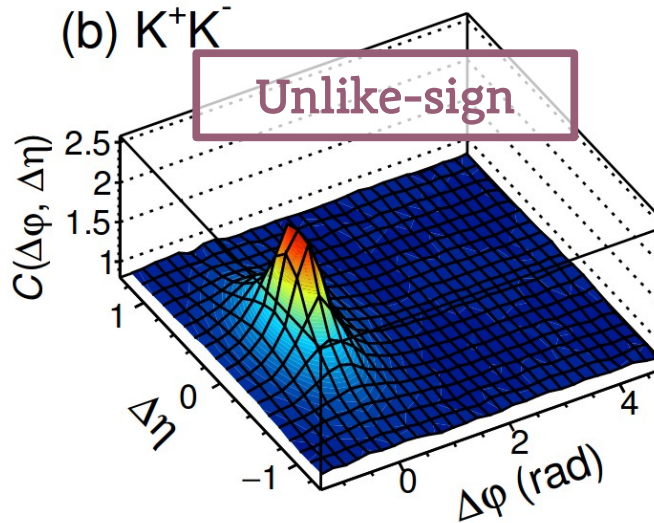
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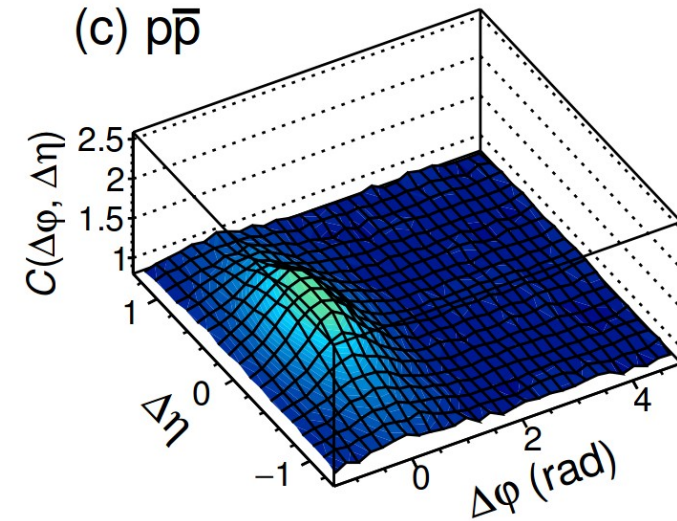
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(b)  $K^+K^-$



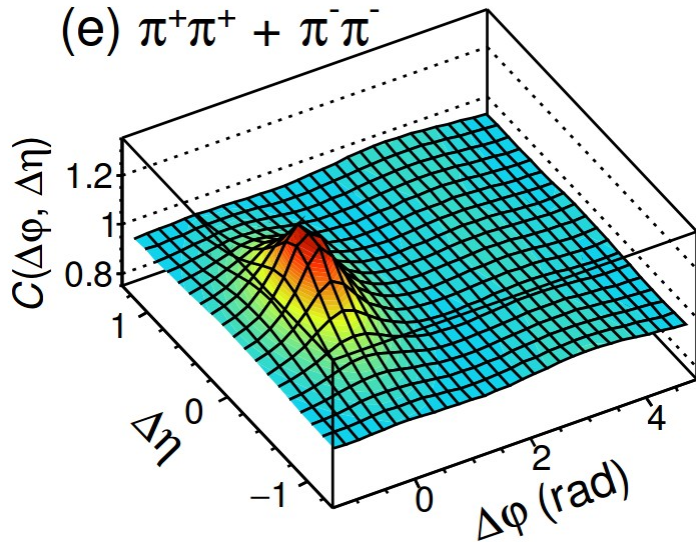
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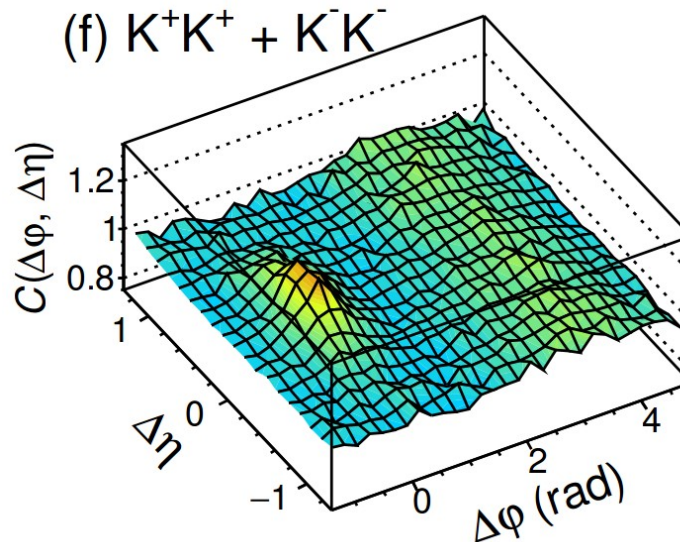
ALICE pp @ 7TeV

Like-sign

(e)  $\pi^+\pi^+ + \pi^-\pi^-$

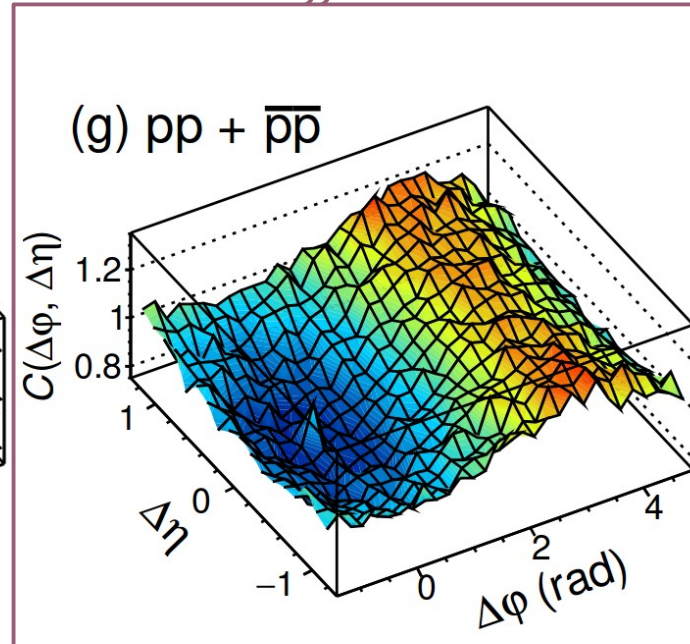


(f)  $K^+K^+ + K^-K^-$

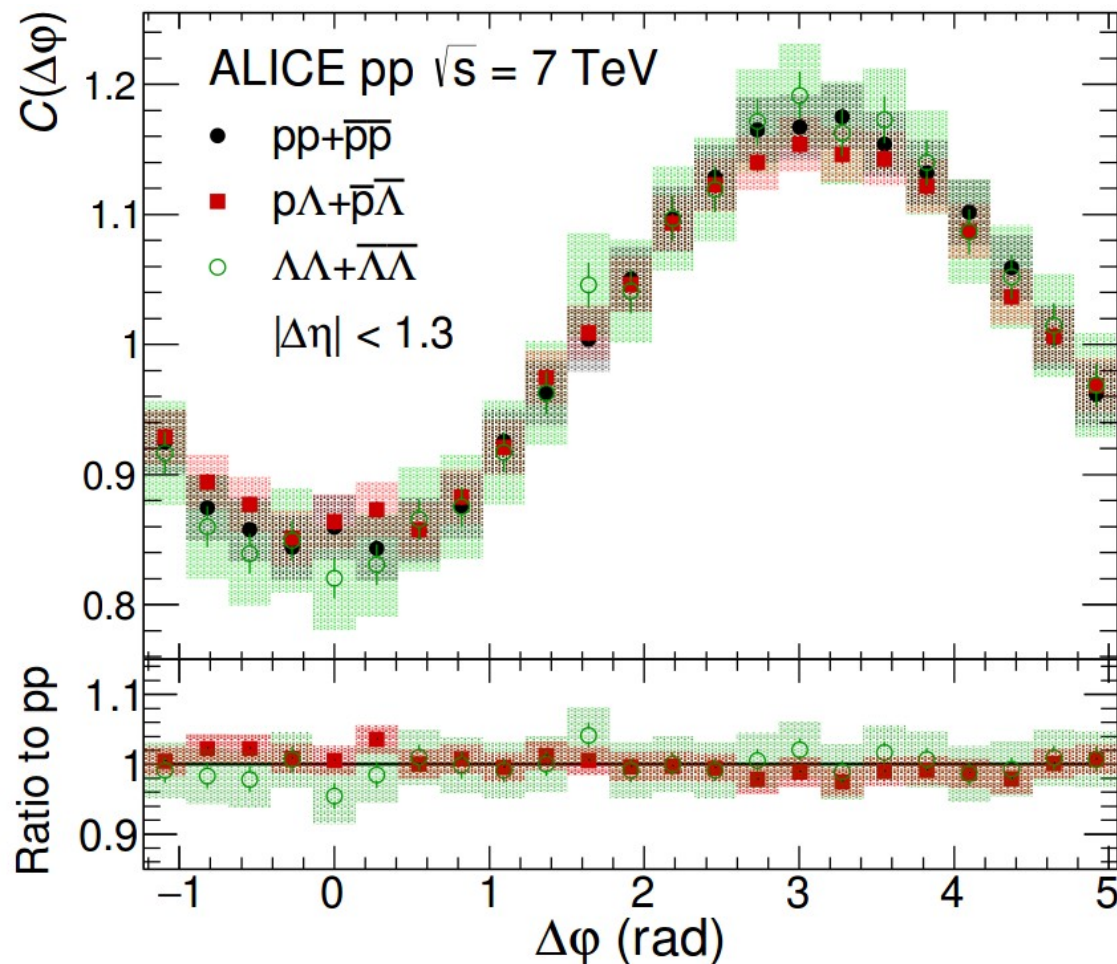


*This one looks different!*

(g)  $pp + \bar{p}\bar{p}$



- The anticorrelation effect is surprising
- Is this a common effect for all baryons?
- Correlation functions were measured also for  $\Lambda\Lambda$  and  $p\Lambda$  pairs
- $\Lambda$  baryons are neutral  
→ no Coulomb repulsion as in  $pp$
- $p$  and  $\Lambda$  are not identical  
→ no effect from Fermi-Dirac quantum statistics
- Conclusion:  
→ all observations from  $pp$  pairs can be extended to  $\Lambda\Lambda$  and  $p\Lambda$



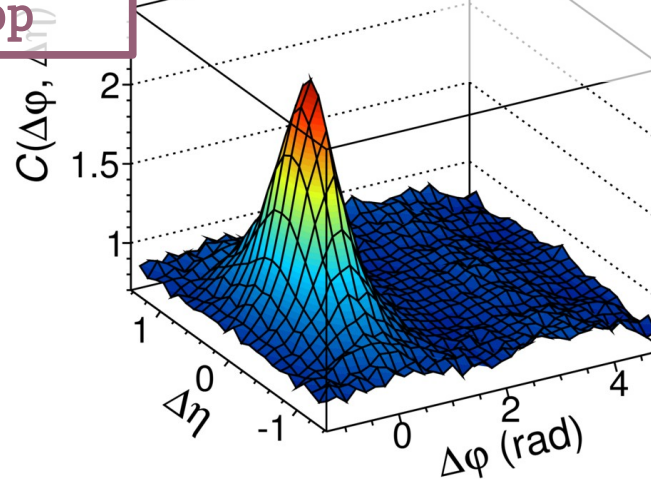
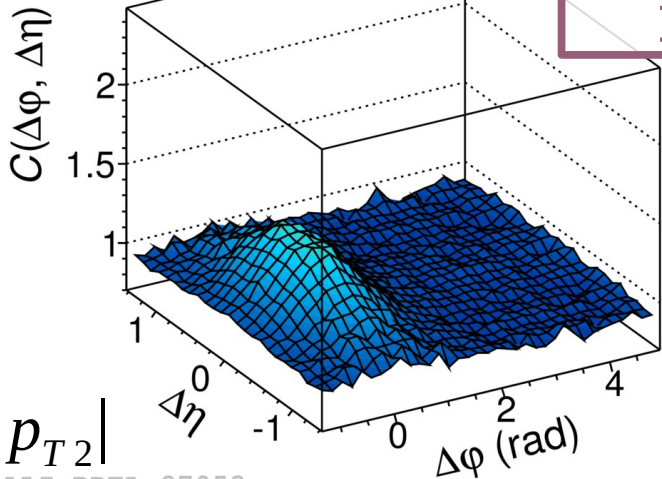
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ALICE Preliminary, pp  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV  
proton unlike-sign pairs

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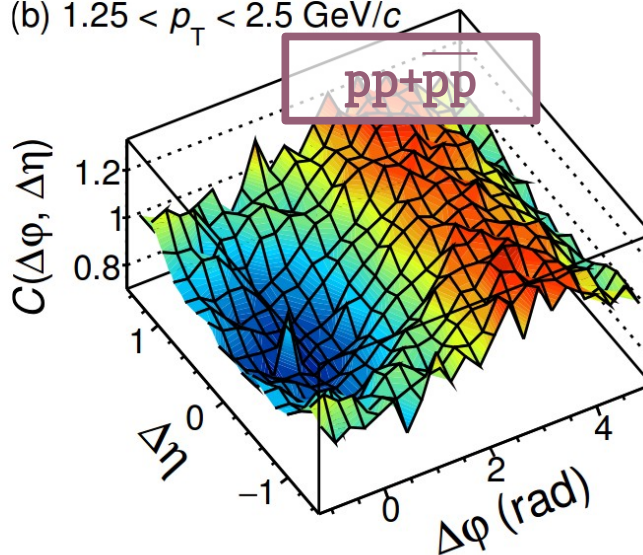
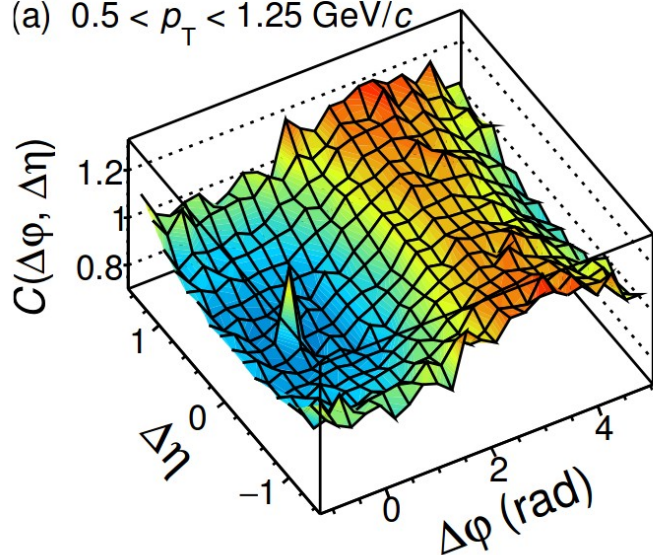
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ALICE pp  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV, pp+ $\bar{p}\bar{p}$  pairs

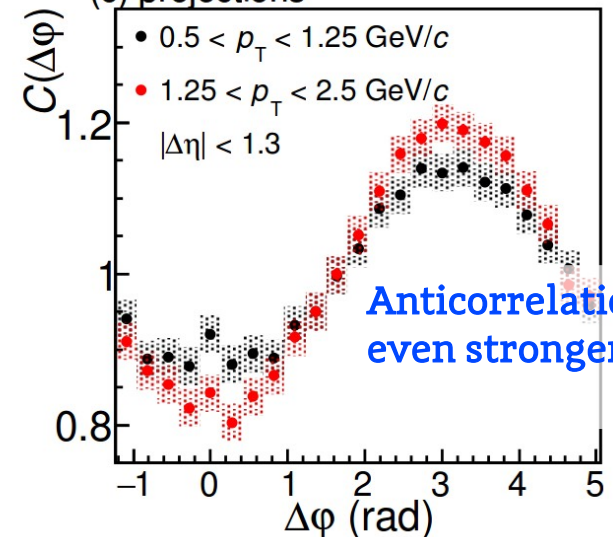
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transverse momentum growth



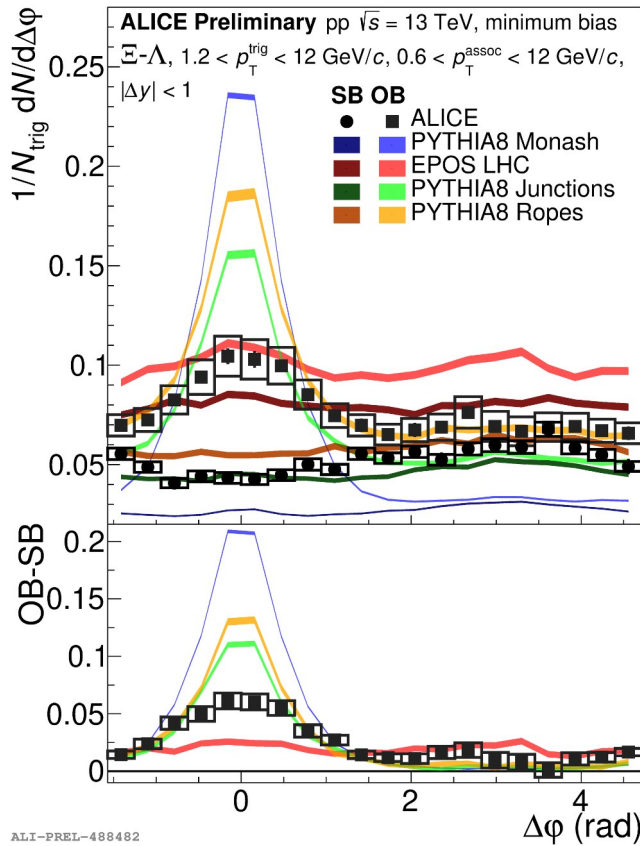
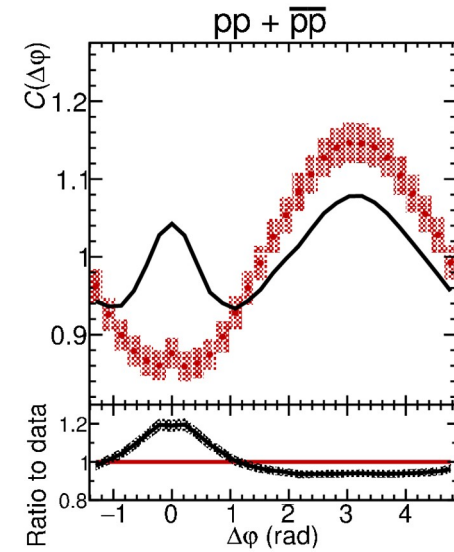
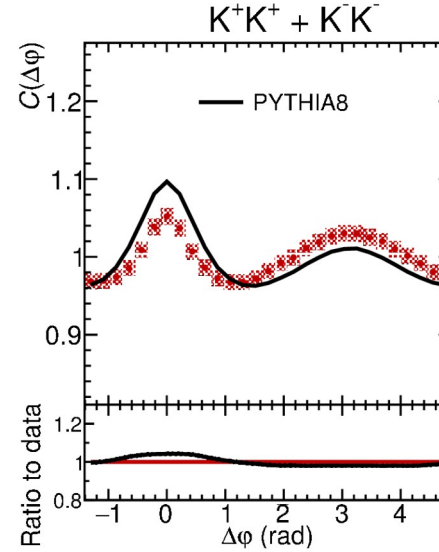
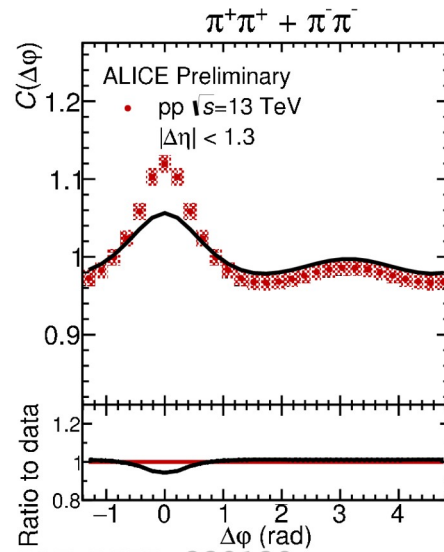
(c) projections



Anticorrelation  
even stronger!

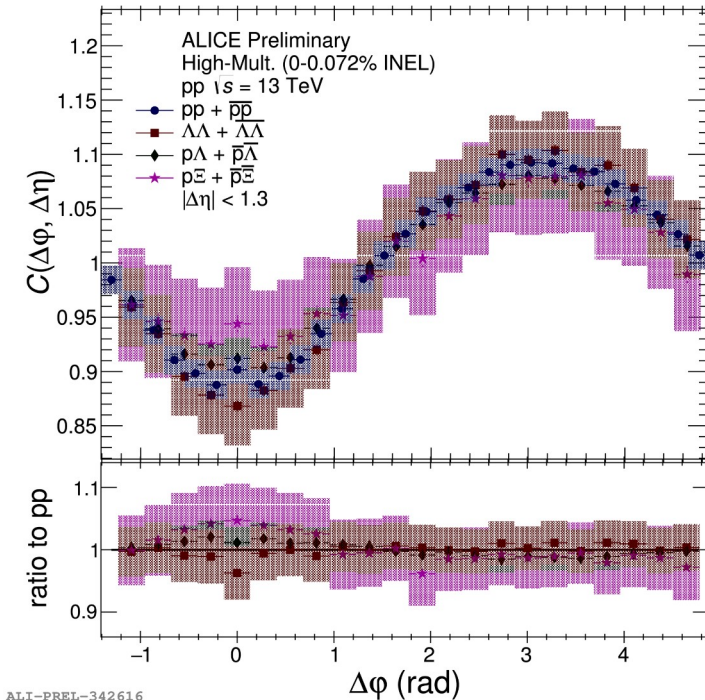
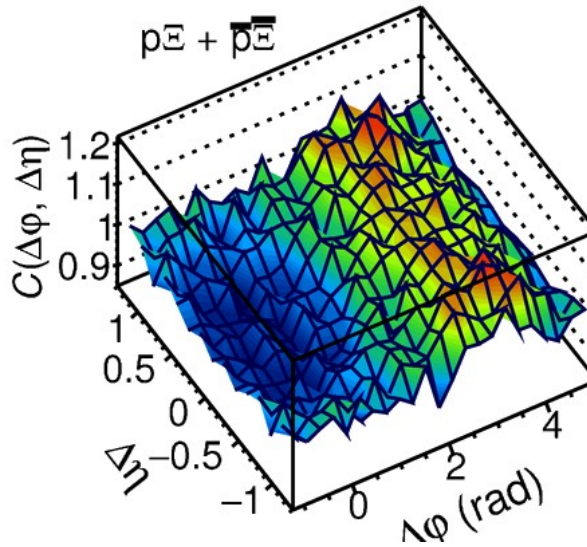


- The anticorrelation persists at 13 TeV collision energy
- It also persists for higher mass multi-strange baryons



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ALICE Preliminary, pp  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV  
High-Mult. (0-0.072% INEL)

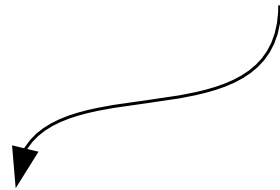


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A Parametrization of the Properties of Quark Jets  
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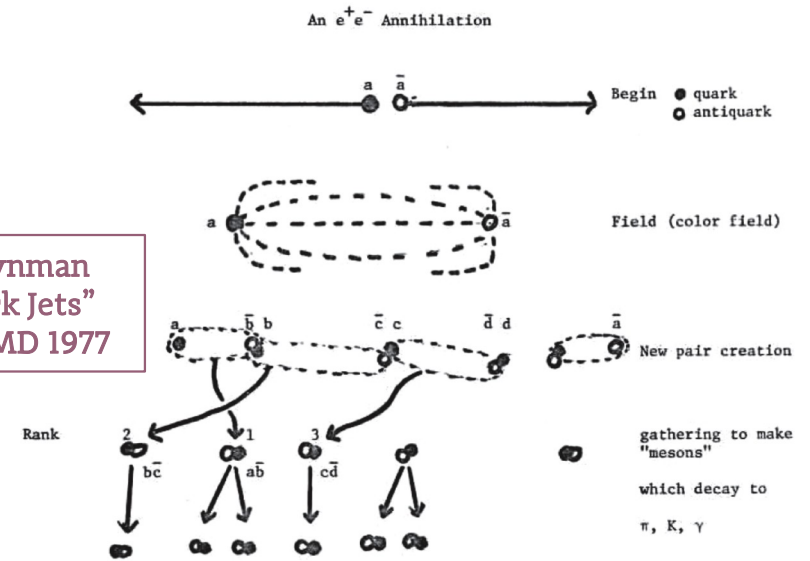


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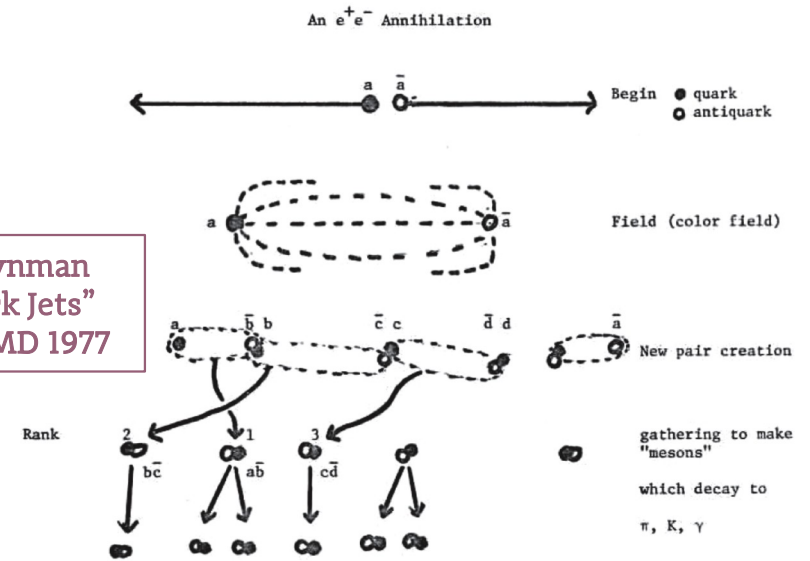
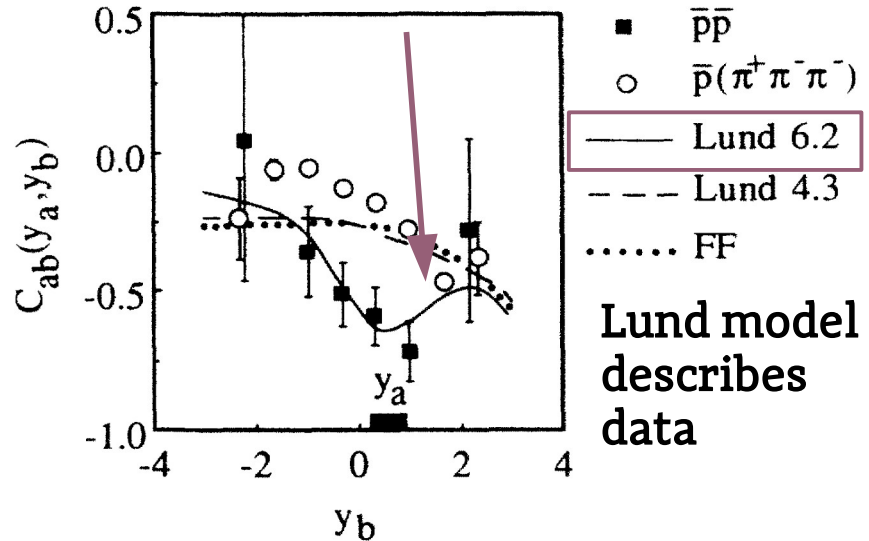
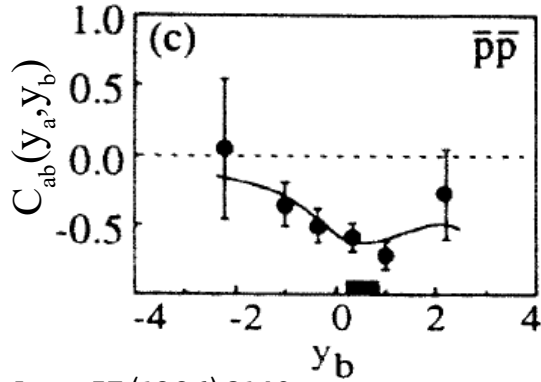
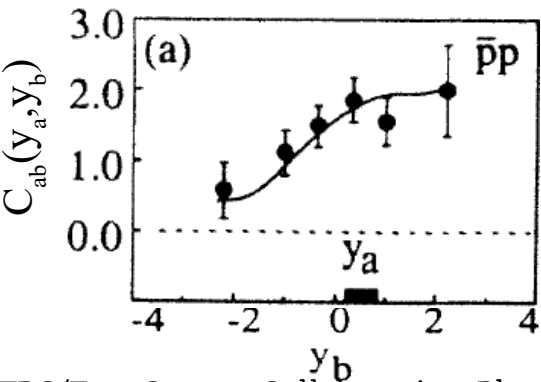


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Local baryon number conservation partially responsible for anticorrelation at 29 GeV collision energy

Models at lower energies agree with observations seen in data



Lund model describes data

TPC/Two Gamma Collaboration, Phys.Rev.Lett. 57 (1986) 3140



ISMD conference 40 years later....

<https://indico.nucleares.unam.mx/event/1180/session/19/contribution/108>



## What can we learn from femtoscopic and angular correlations of identified particles in ALICE?

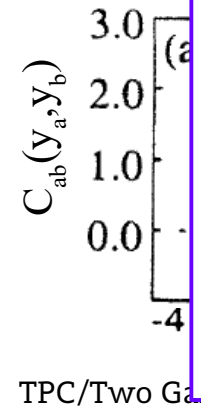
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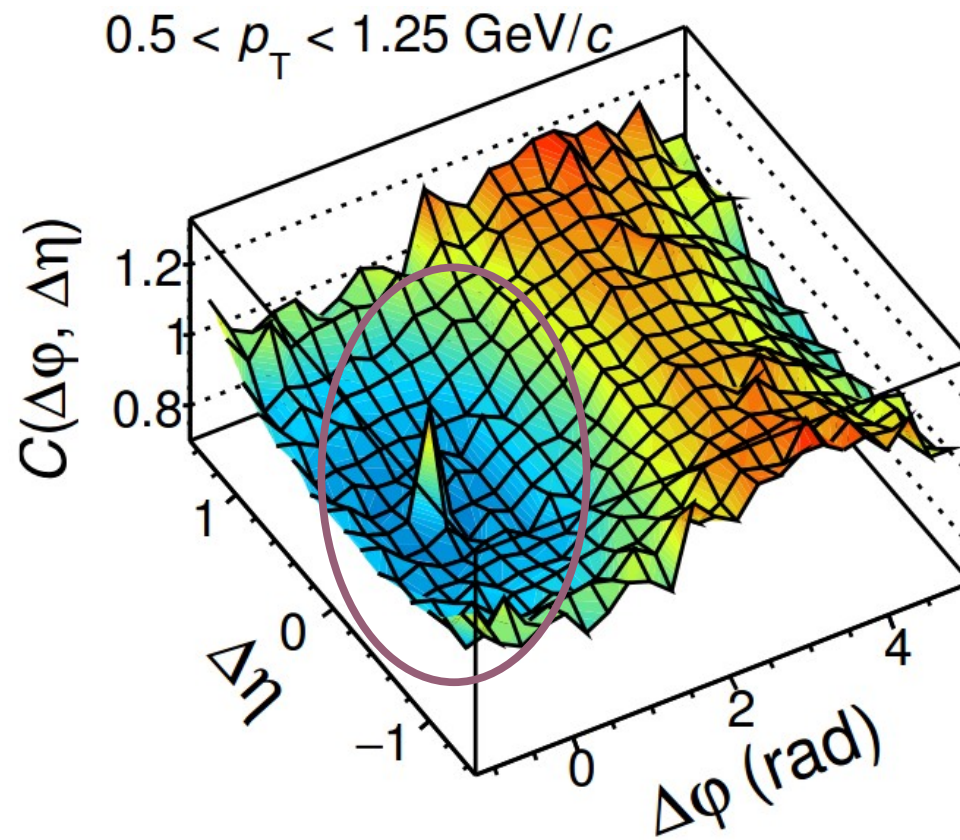
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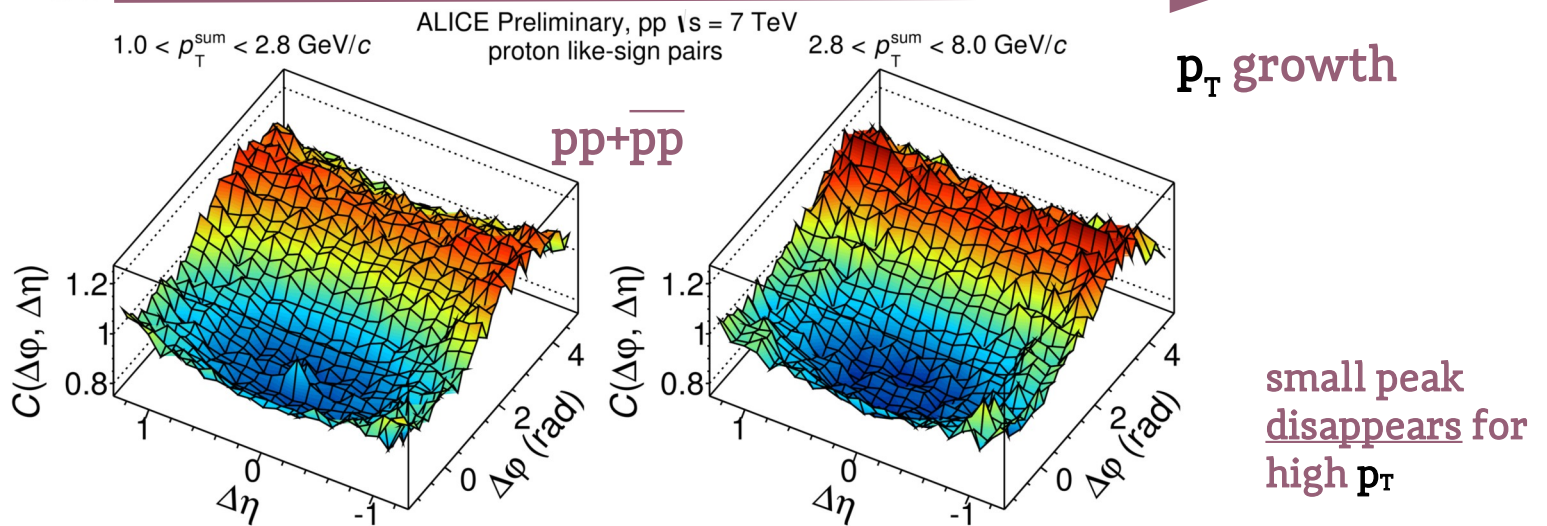
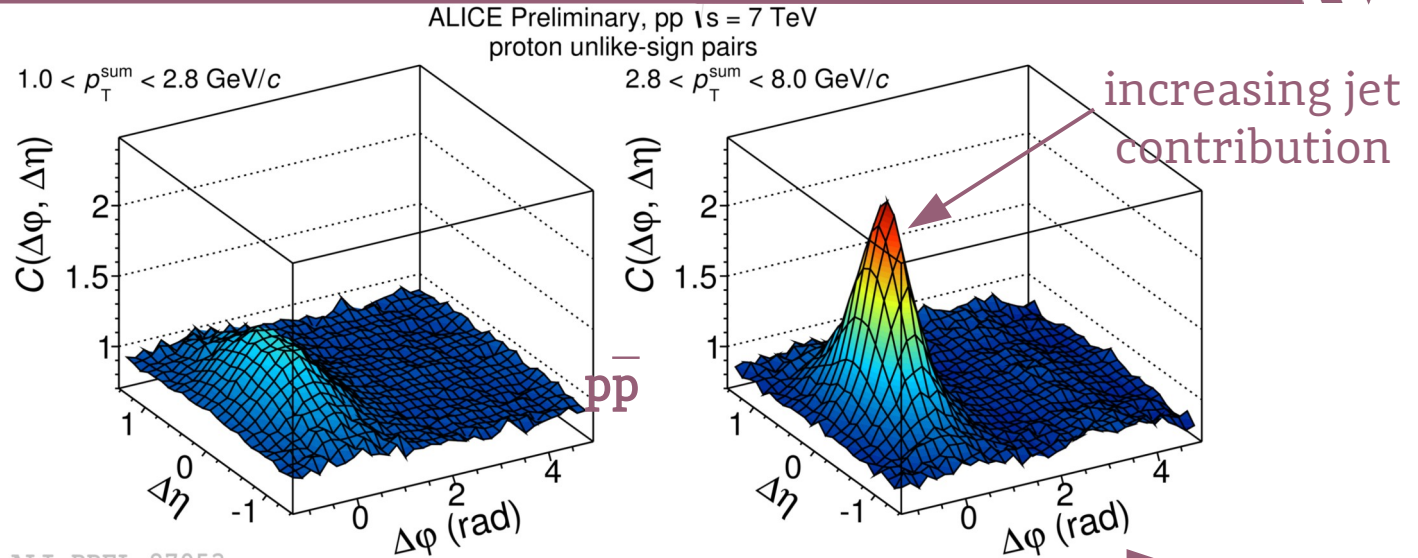
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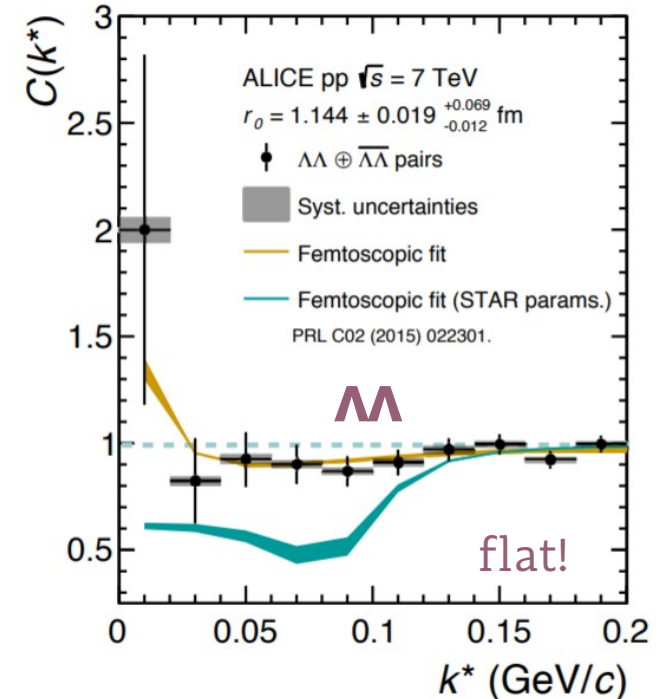
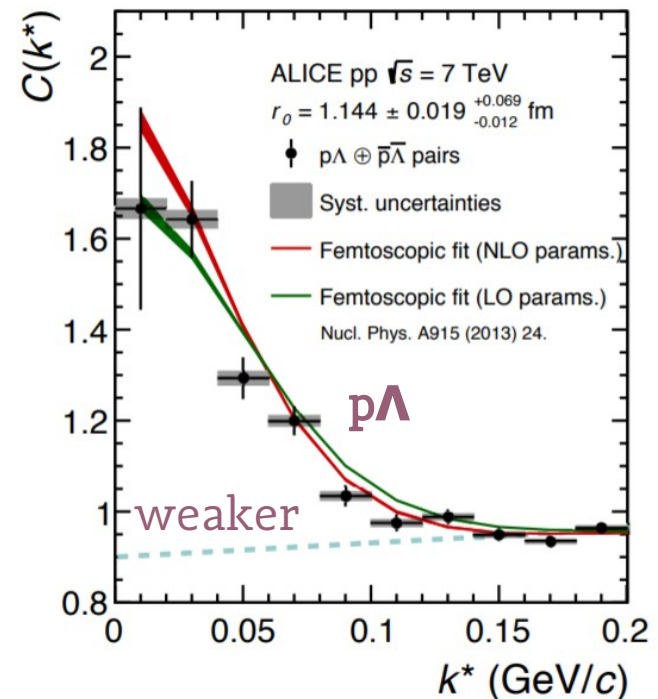
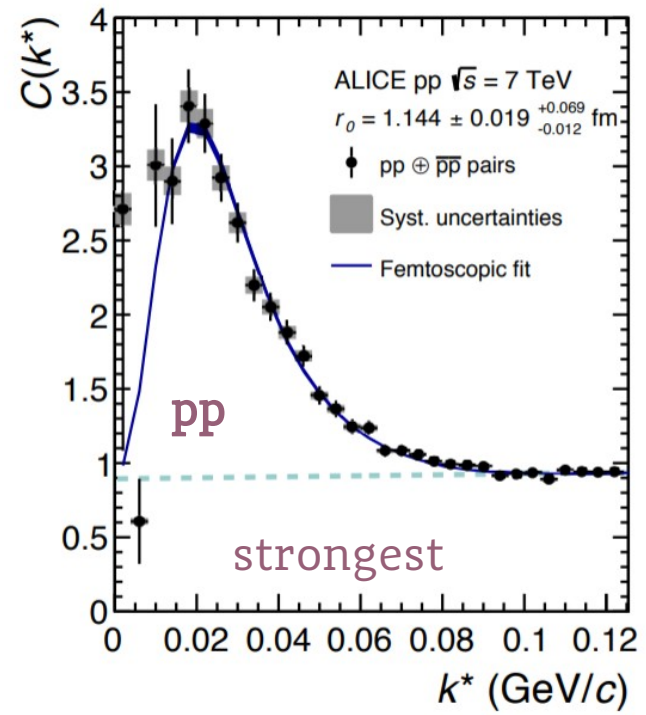
# What is the origin of the “small peak” in pp correlations?



Near-side peak grows with  $p_T$  (more contribution from jets)

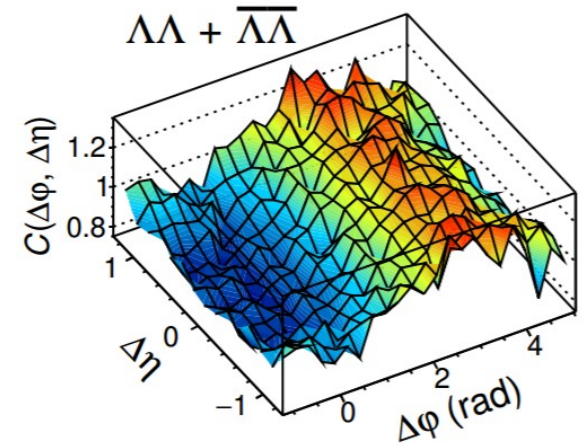
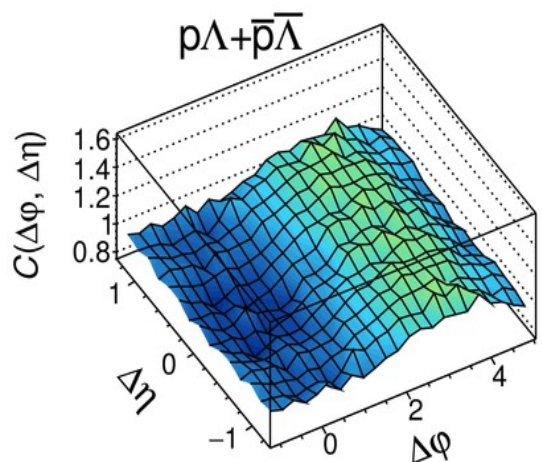
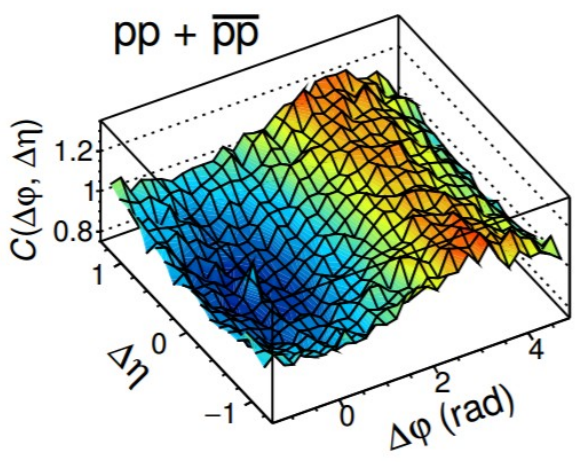


- The small peak seems to behave **strangely** → decreases with increasing  $p_T$
- Is it an unnoticed and not removed **detector effect** OR is there some **physics** behind it?

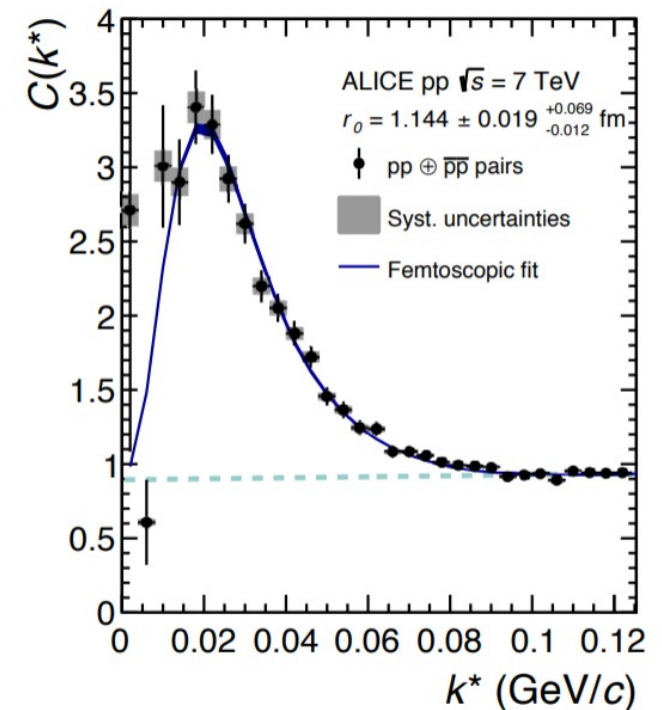
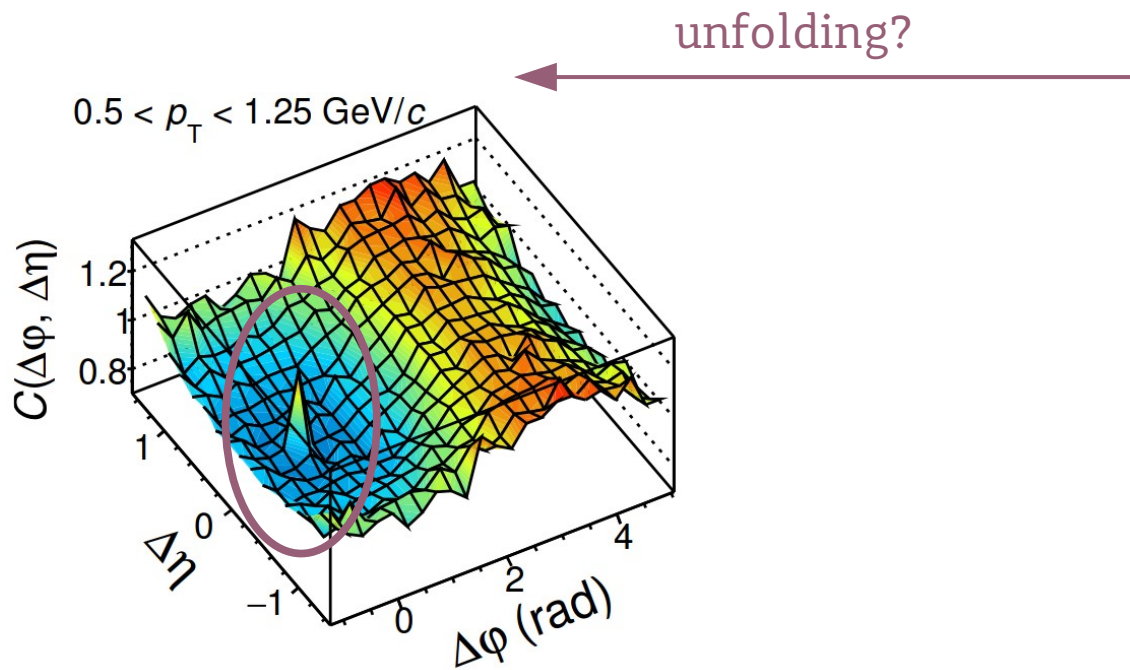


← correlation strength

→ correlation **weakens** from  $pp$  to  $\Lambda\Lambda$  pairs, same as the small peak in angular correlations



# Can we then use femtoscopic correlations to prove the ALICE hypothesis for the small peak?



- Direct transformation from  $C(k^*)$  to  $C(\Delta\eta, \Delta\varphi)$  is not possible
- We propose a very simple Monte Carlo algorithm to unfold the angular correlation from the femtoscopic one

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## Unfolding the effects of final-state interactions and quantum statistics in two-particle angular correlations

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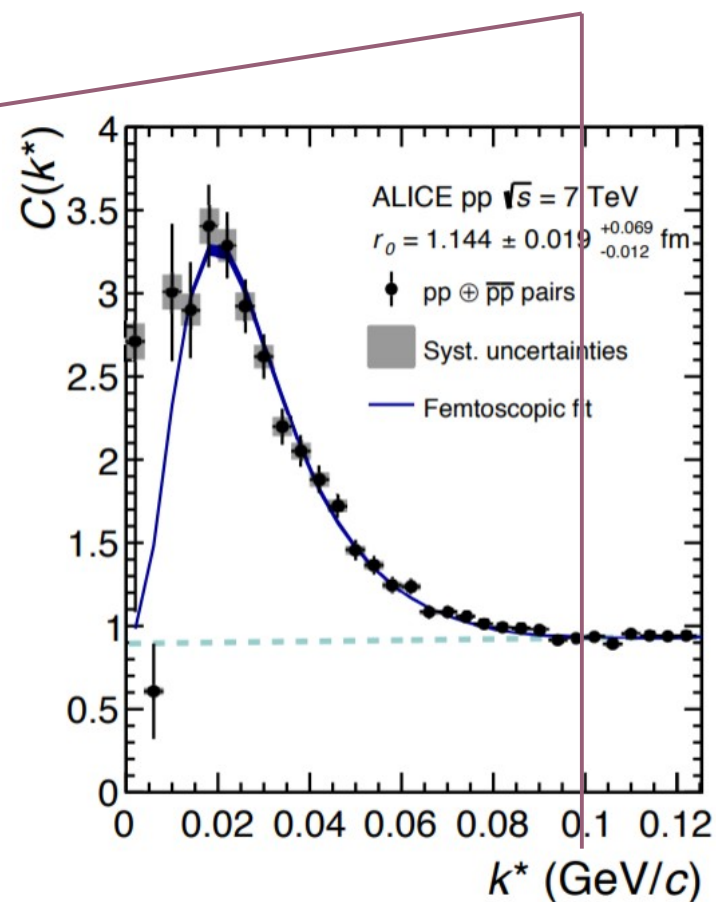
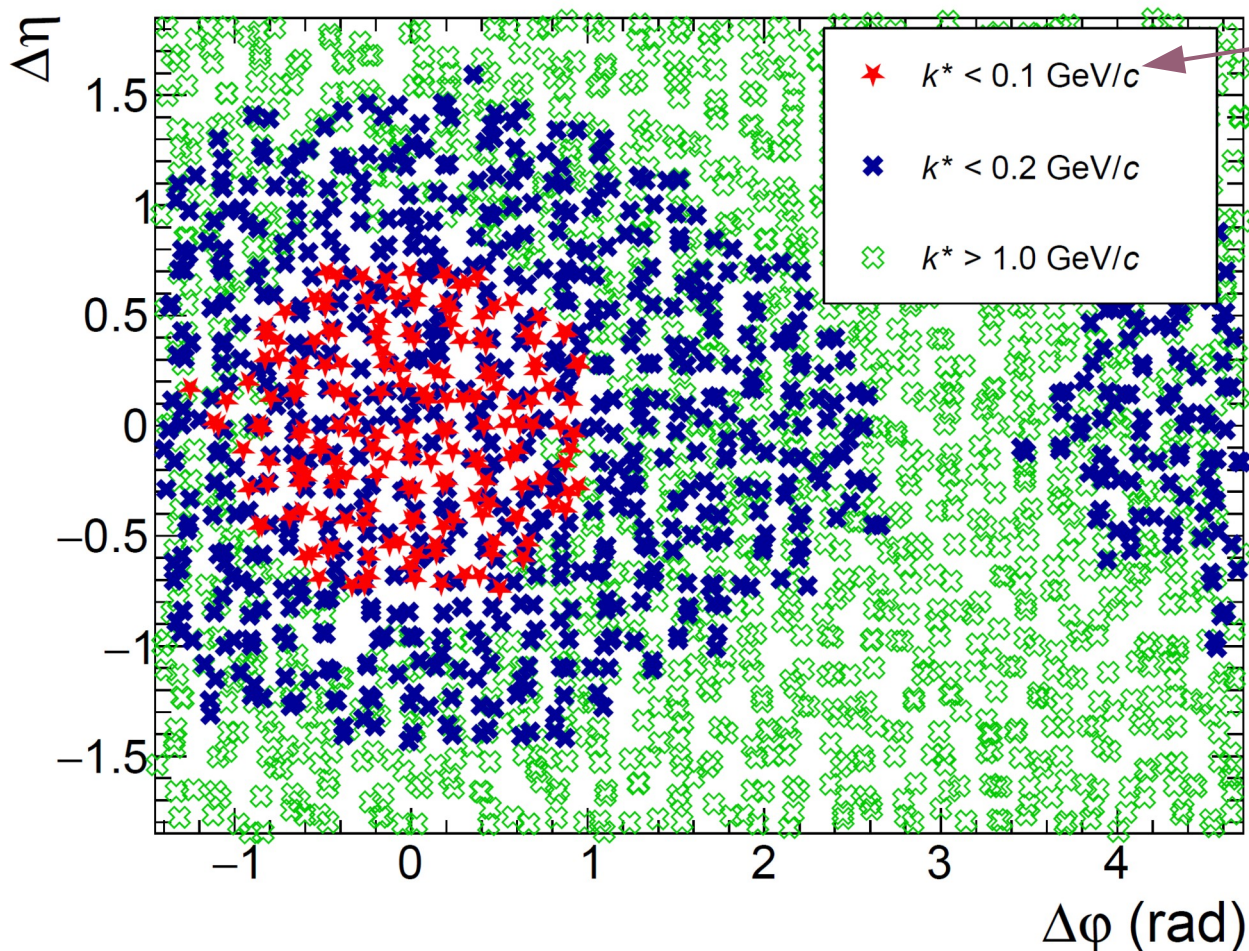
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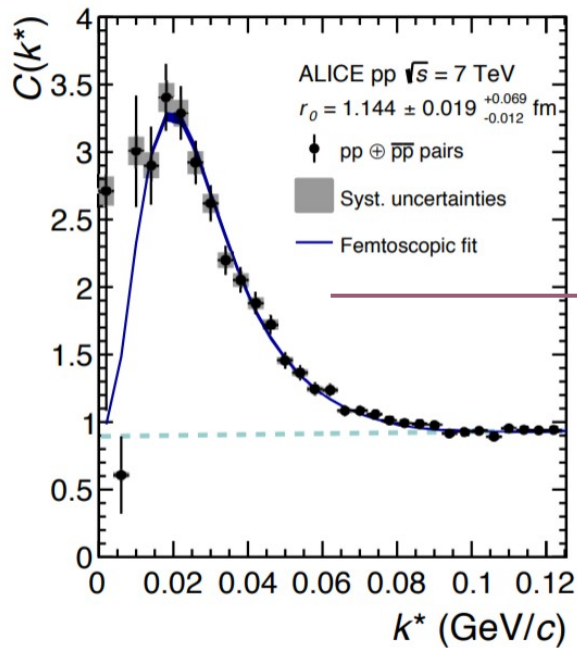


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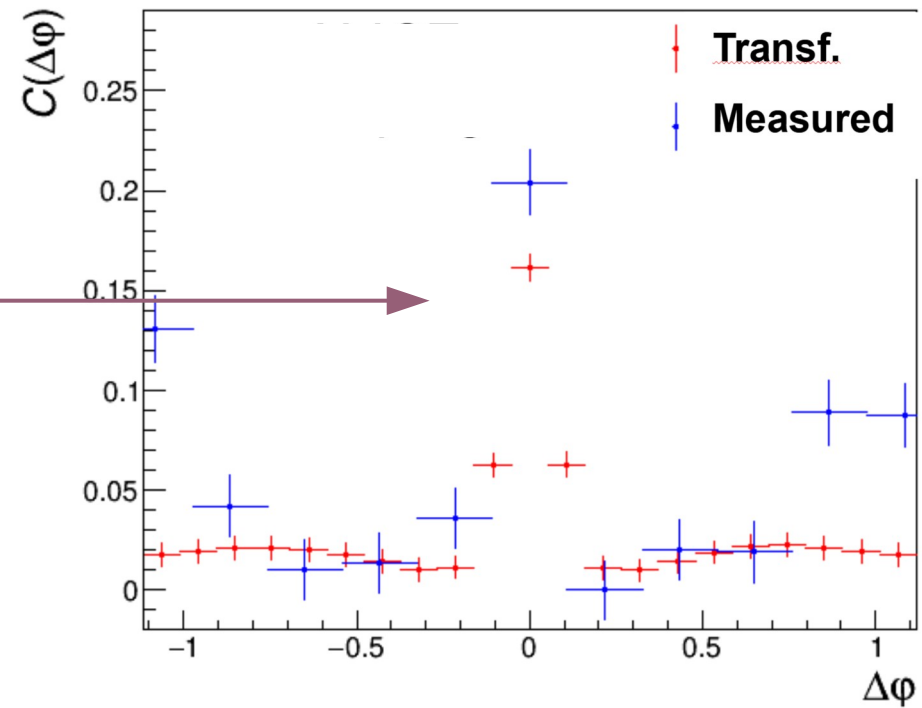
- **Femtoscopic region** (small  $k^*$ ) translates directly to the near-side region (0,0) in the angular correlation

→ QS+FSI effects should be possible to be quite precisely unfolded from the femtoscopic correlation function





unfolding



- Femto correlation produces spike at  $(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi) = (0, 0)$
- Comparison of two peaks: 1-bin wide projection on  $\Delta\phi$  (subtract minimum)
- **Both the height and the width of two peaks are comparable!**

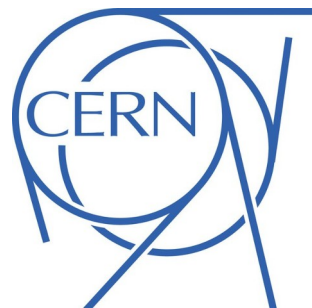
# Improving the ALICE analysis framework with Machine Learning PID

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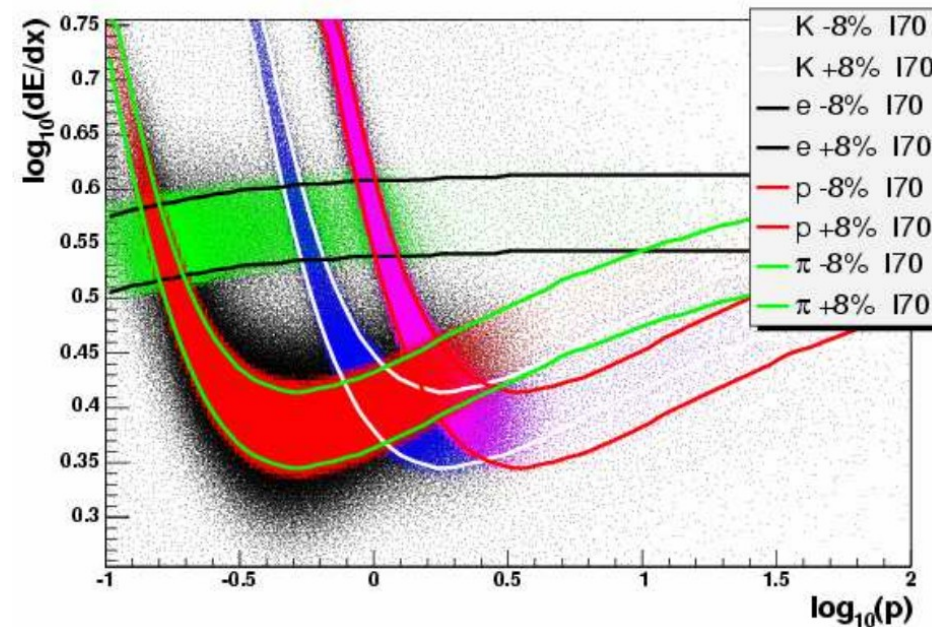
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## Traditional PID:

- a typical analyzer selects particles “manually” by cutting on certain quantities, like the number of standard deviations of a signal from the expected value ( $n\sigma$ )
- most limitations come in the regions where signals from different particle species cross
- “cut” optimization is a time-consuming task



<https://arxiv.org/pdf/nucl-ex/0505026.pdf>

## Machine learning PID:

- perfect task for Machine Learning
- can learn non-trivial relations between different track parameters and PID
- no “trial and error” approach



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## Objectives:

- 1) Build a ML classifier that can outperform traditional PID
- 2) Train and validate the classifier on Monte Carlo simulations and experimental data
- 3) Create a simple-to-use interface for users (ALICE physicists):
  - first attempts in 2019 (Random Forest) for LHC Run 2 (AliRoot)
    - proof-of-concept work
  - new, much more advanced, project for LHC Run 3 (O<sup>2</sup>)
    - still in the research phase

## Limitations:

Quality of the classifier will depend on the MC sample (need to handle discrepancies between data and MC)

No easy way to calculate systematic uncertainties from the ML procedure

The classifier is a “black box” - no easy way to tell what’s going on inside

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ALICE is undergoing a major upgrade with completely new software framework O<sup>2</sup>

We explore the Unsupervised Domain Adaptation for ML PID

- problem of transferring the knowledge from a **labeled source domain** to **unlabeled target domain**, when both domains have different distributions of attributes (as in the case of MC and data)

Preliminary implementation in O<sup>2</sup> ready, but research work still ongoing

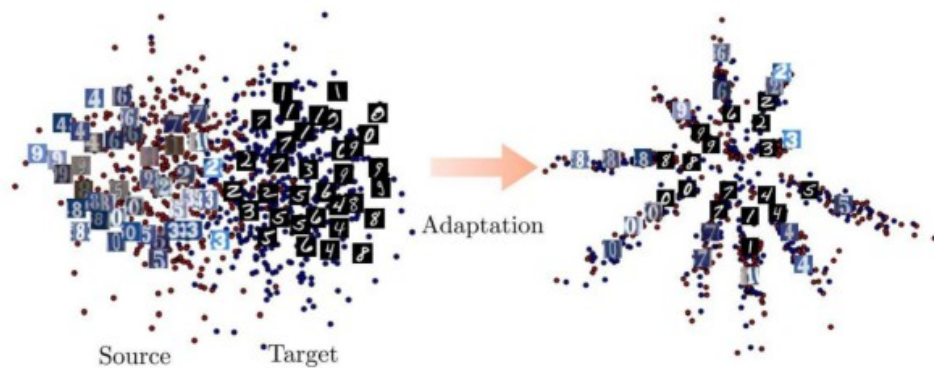


(a) MNIST



(b) SVHN

MNIST and SVHN datasets



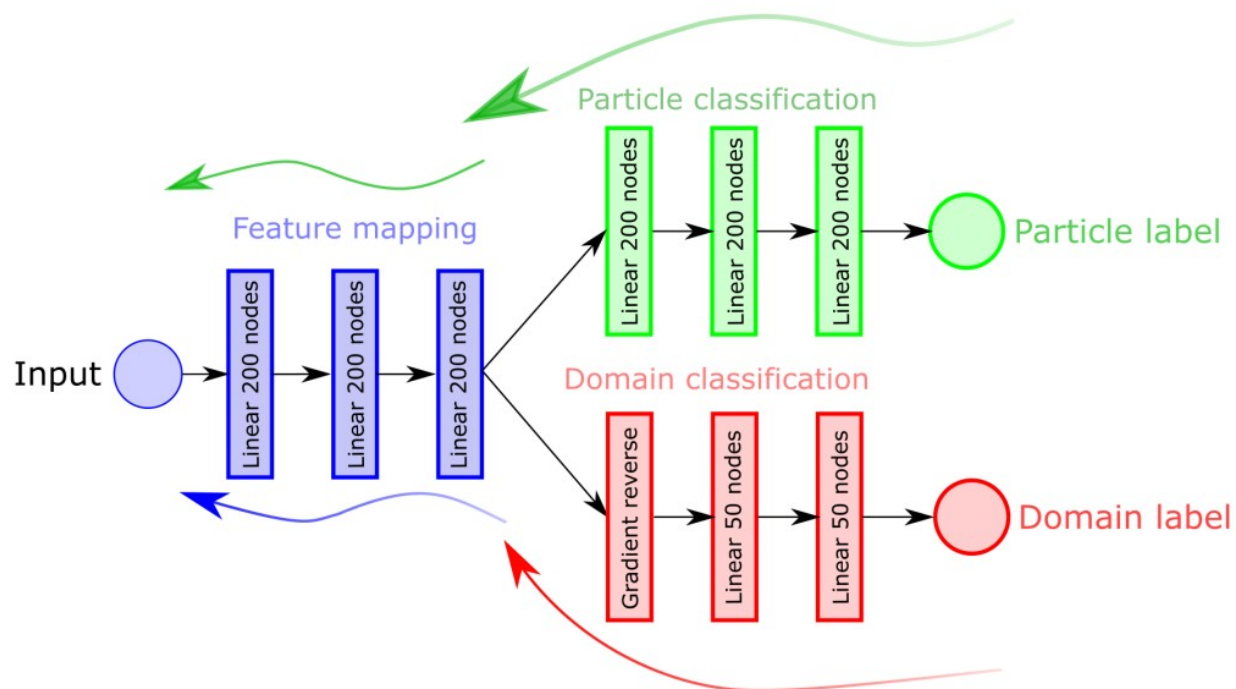
Visualization of domain adaptation

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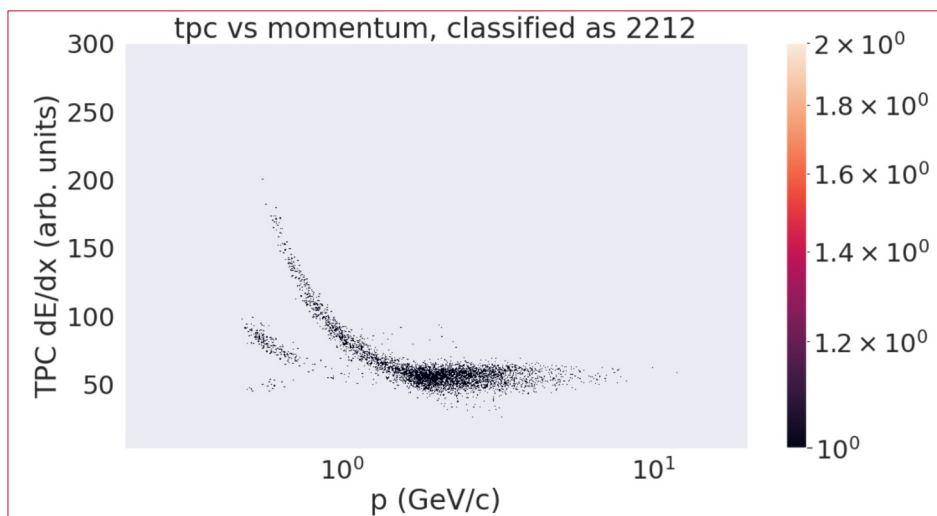
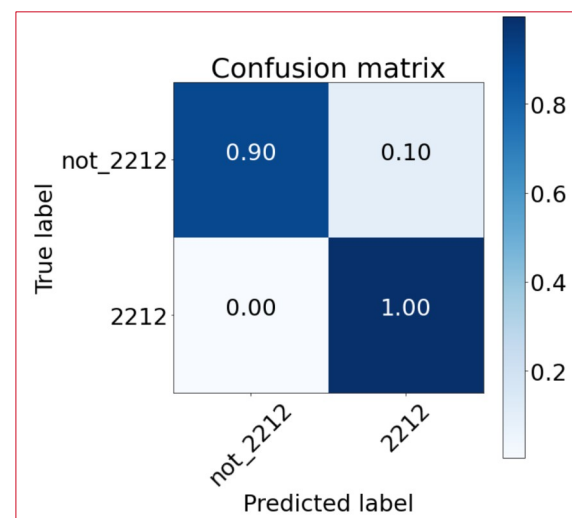
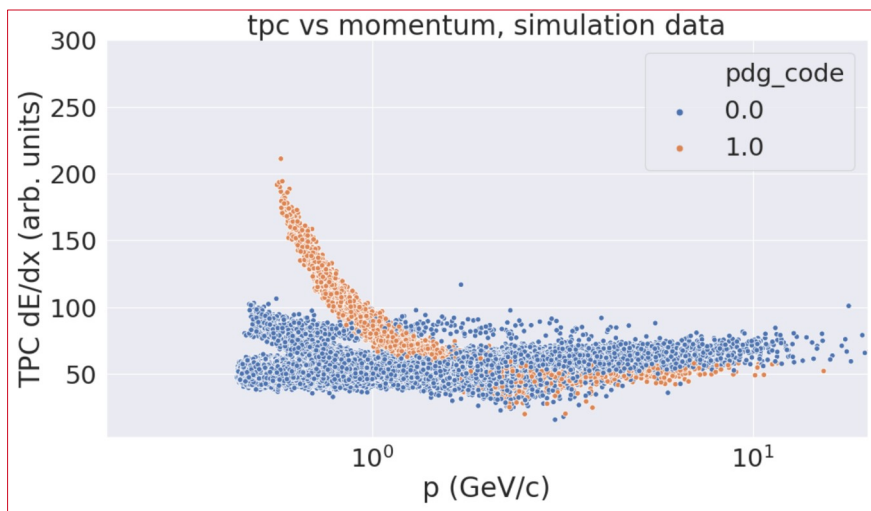
## Model based on Domain Adversarial Training of Neural Networks

Architecture consists of three neural networks:

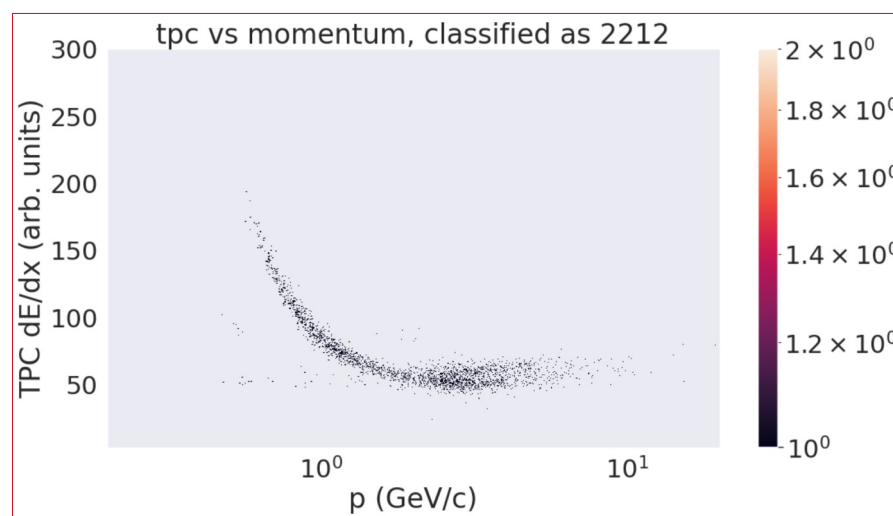
- **feature mapping network**, which maps features of both data sets into common, domain invariant latent space
- **particle classification network**, which classifies particles basing on domain invariant latent space
- **domain discriminator network**, which classifies domain of each particle



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No Domain Adaptation



Domain Adaptation



**Instead of a summary...**



ALICE

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ALICE

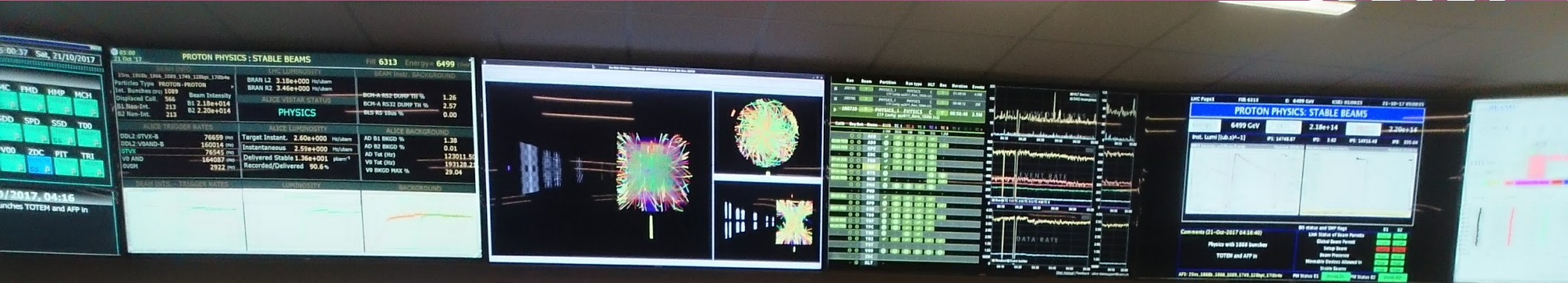
## The ALICE experiment: A journey through QCD


arXiv:2211.04384v1 [nucl-ex] 8 Nov 2022

- ALICE Review Paper of the last 10+ years of operation
- Overview of the most important results from LHC Run 1 (2009-2013) & LHC Run 2 (2015-2018)
- 328 pages, 9 chapters
- Written as a collaborative effort, coordinated by the Steering Group (24 members)
  - SG divided into 9 Topical Groups
  - I was leading TG1, together with Dr. Francesca Bellini from the University of Bologna (Italy)
- A perfect place to learn about the HI physics @ LHC from the very basics

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.04384>

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 A Large Ion Collider Experiment





A man wearing a white hard hat with a headlamp, a dark jacket, and blue jeans stands in the center of a large, industrial facility. The walls are painted a bright orange color. The background is filled with complex machinery, including pipes, cables, and structural beams. The lighting is warm and yellowish. The man is smiling and looking towards the camera. Overlaid on the image is white text.

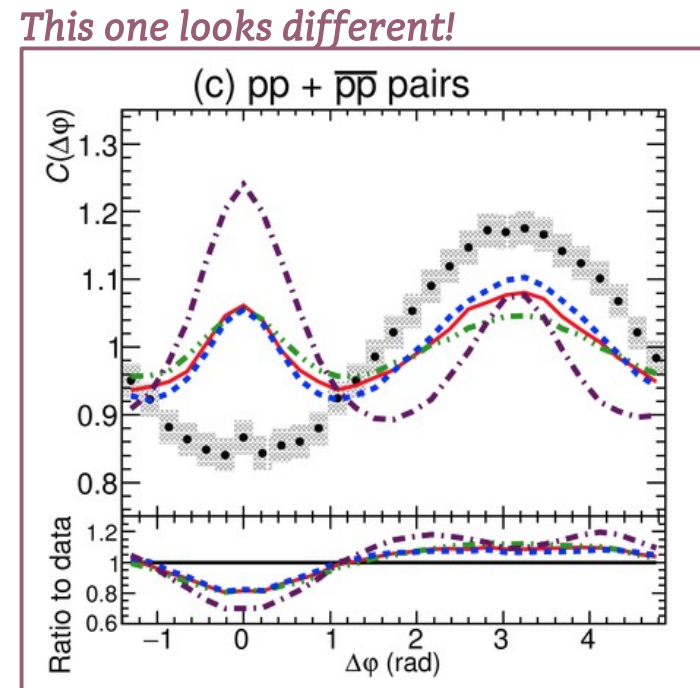
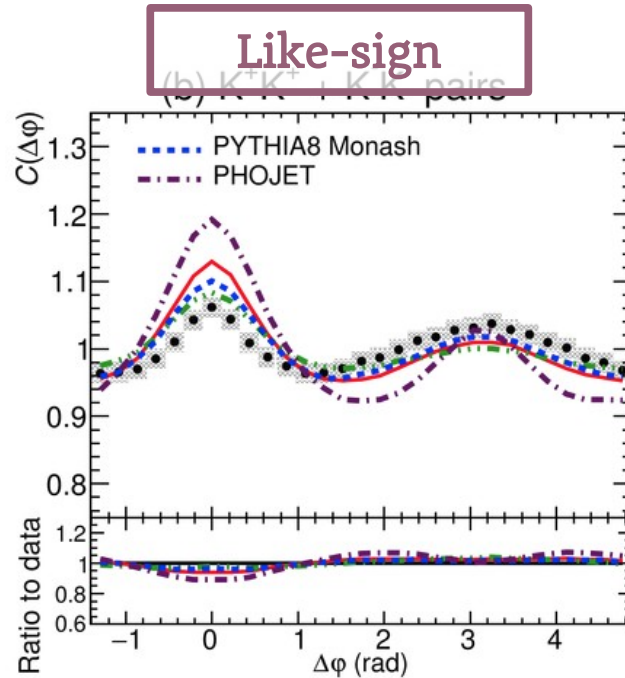
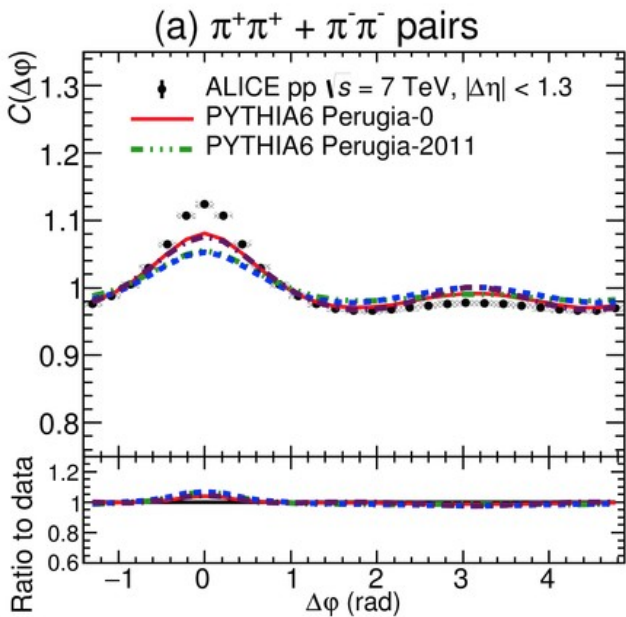
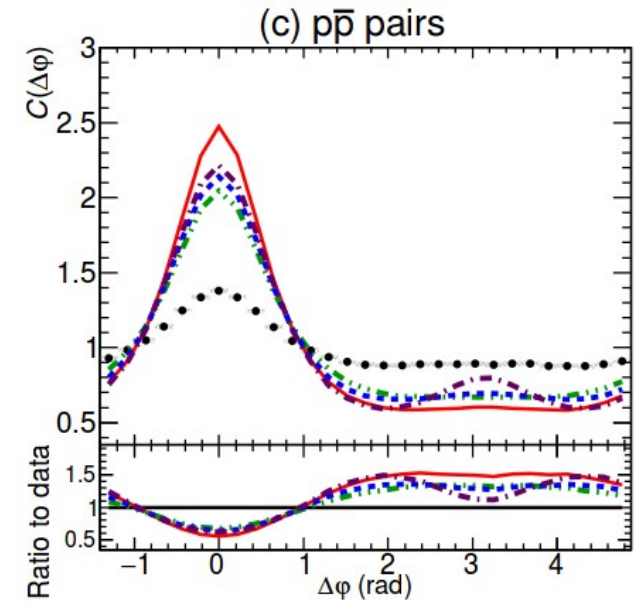
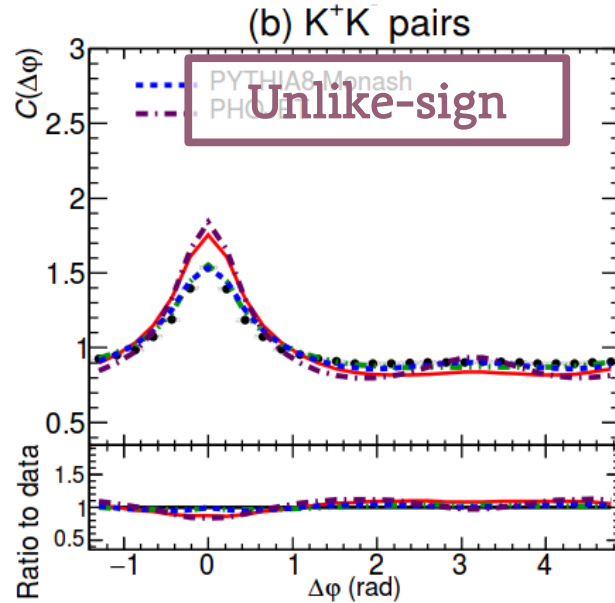
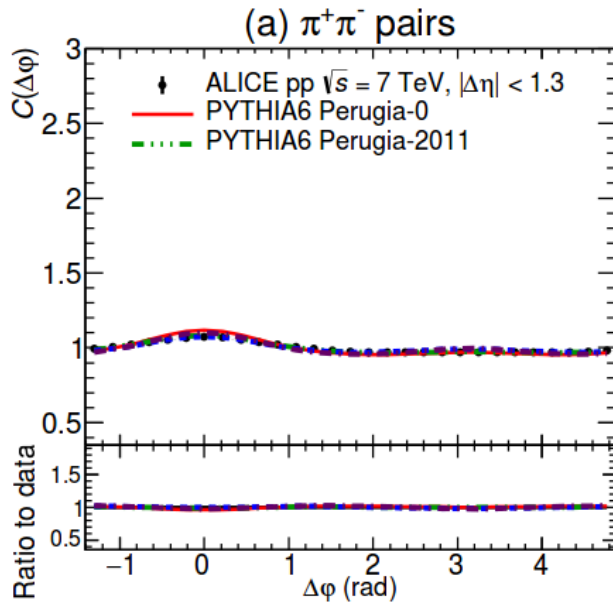
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**I am happy to answer any questions**

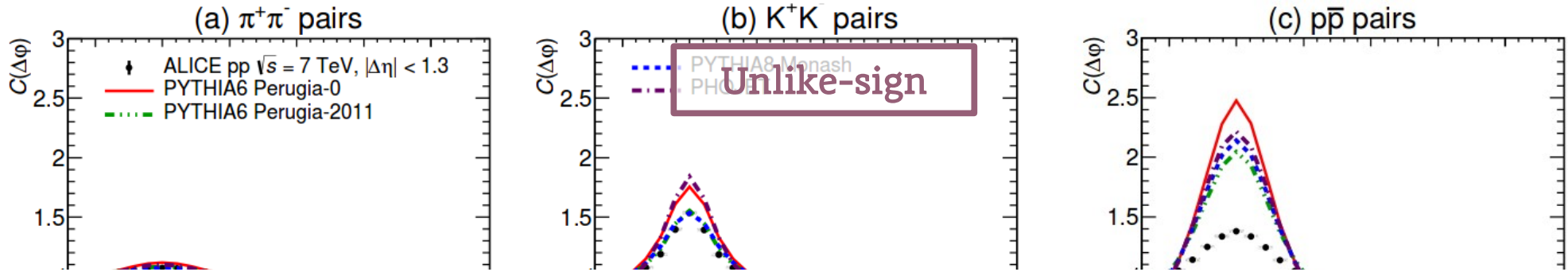
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T. Sjostrand, QM 2018, plenary talk  
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/656452/contributions/2899749/>



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“The real problem is baryon production. [...] so it is clear we still lack some fundamental insight on baryon production, at least in the string context.”

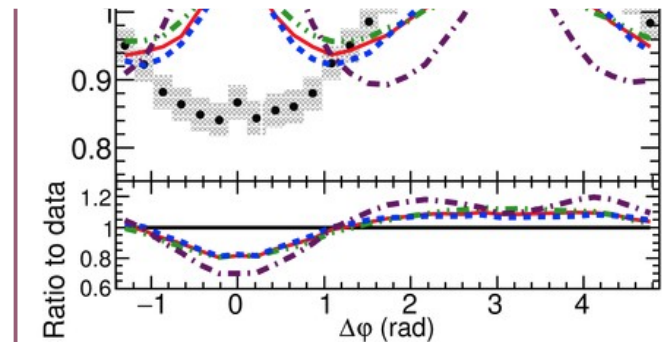
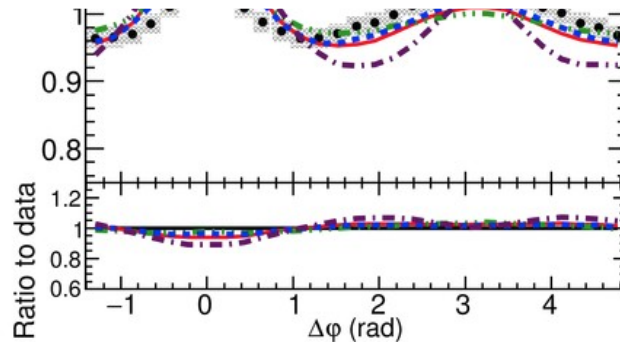
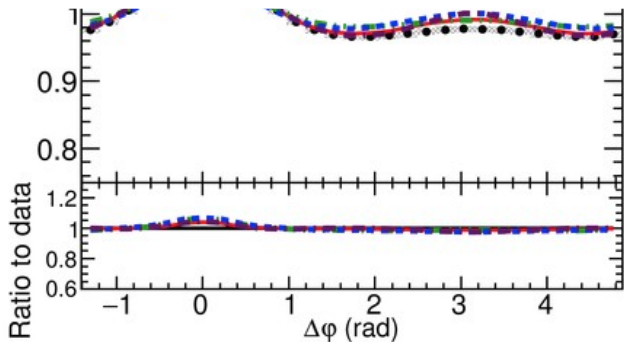


Collective Effects:  
the viewpoint of HEP MC codes

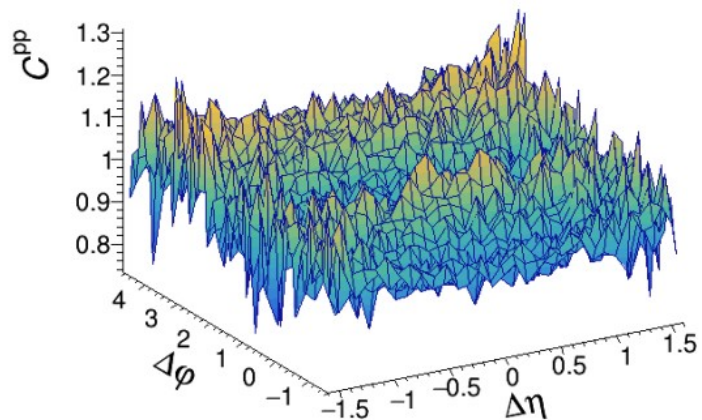
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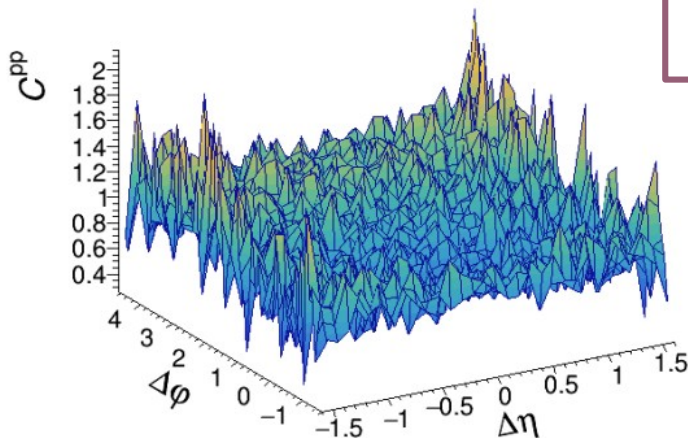
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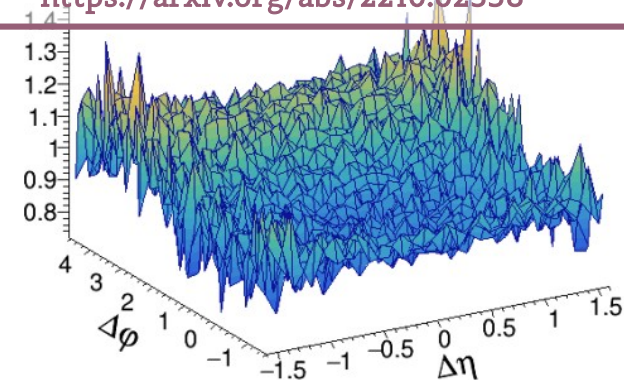
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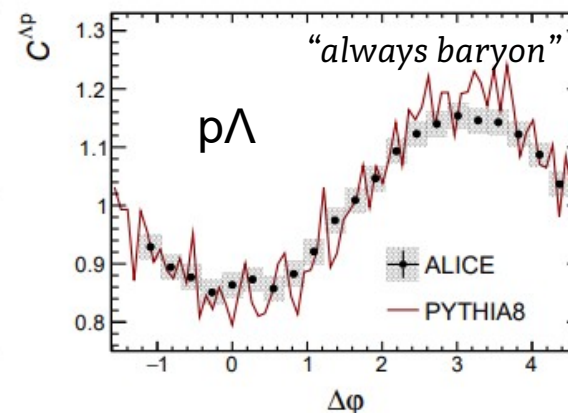
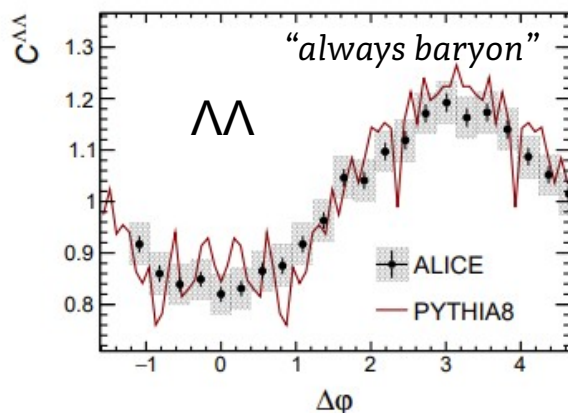
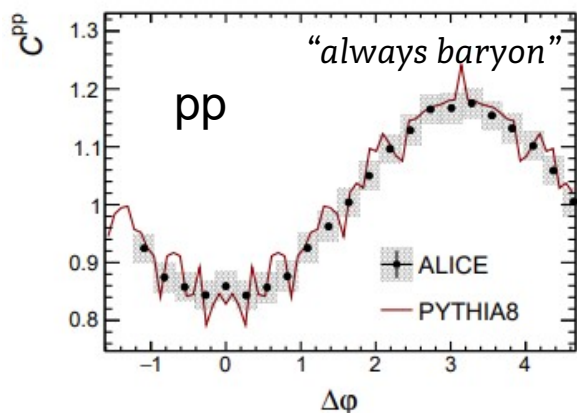
(a) pp  $C$  correlation with unmodified PYTHIA



(b) pp  $C$  correlation, one-baryon per string policy

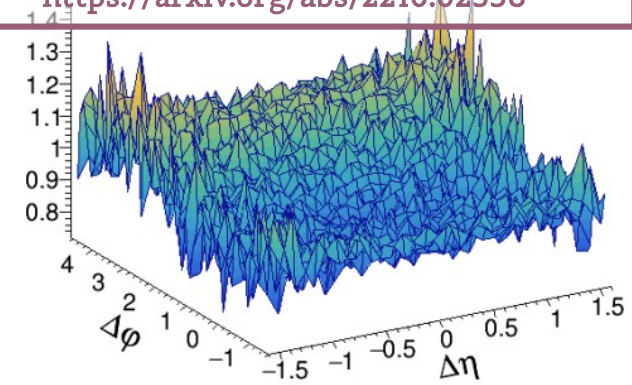
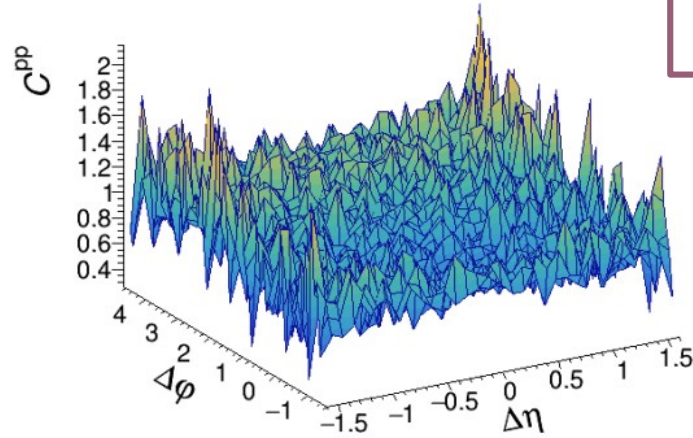
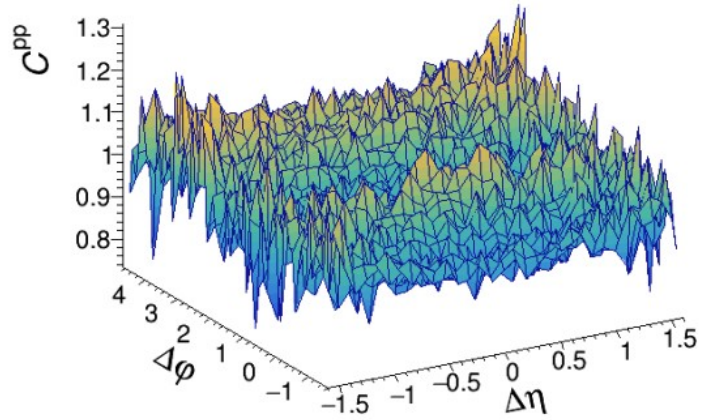


(c) pp  $C$  correlation, always-baryon policy

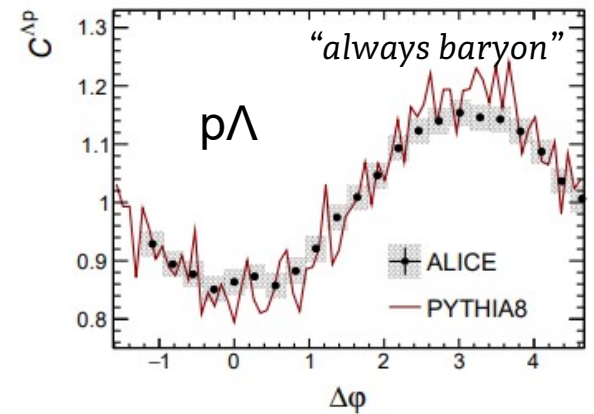
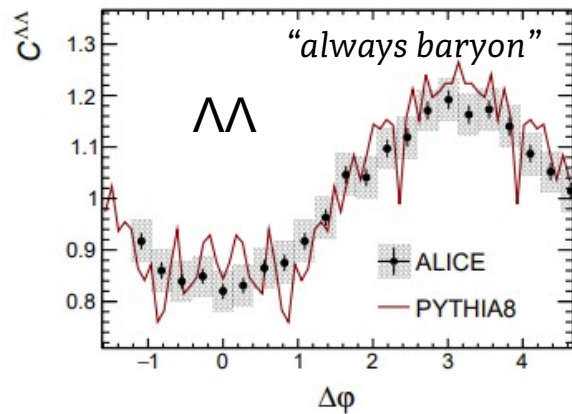
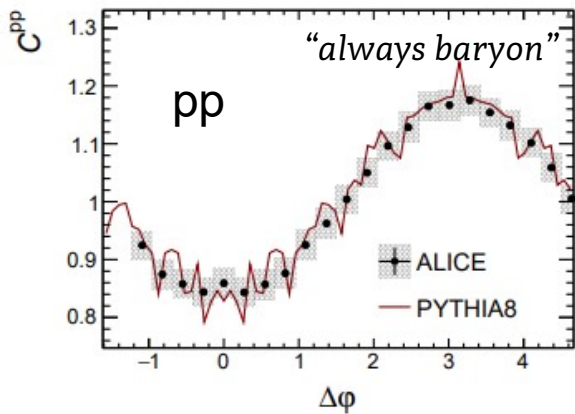


- Two modifications to PYTHIA string fragmentation allow the model to describe the data:
  - *one baryon* – each string must *produce at most one baryon* (a way to impose Pauli principle to baryons, but lowers the baryon-to-meson ratio)
  - *always baryon* – each string must *always produce one baryon* (no physical meaning, but produces very good agreement with data)

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(a) pp  $C$  correlation with unmodified PYTHIA (b) pp  $C$  correlation, one-baryon per string policy (c) pp  $C$  correlation, always-baryon policy



The LEP baryon correlation data could be reasonably fit by PYTHIA as is, given that the color string did form linking a back-to-back primary quark-antiquark pair; this means that baryons from the same string did not form positive correlations near  $\Delta\eta \simeq 0 \simeq \Delta\phi$  in OPAL data, as they were somewhat randomized, with the string frame not too far from the laboratory frame.

At the LHC strings are however formed at various rapidities and azimuths, with a natal Lorentz boost. Because of that string boost, two baryons formed from the same string will create that positive correlation in the laboratory frame. Therefore, to avoid it and bring about the anticorrelation seen in the data, two-baryon production from the same string should be suppressed: our way of achieving it is the very rough pair of policies (one-baryon and all-baryon) that certainly need to be improved in future work.

## A multiphase transport (AMPT) model

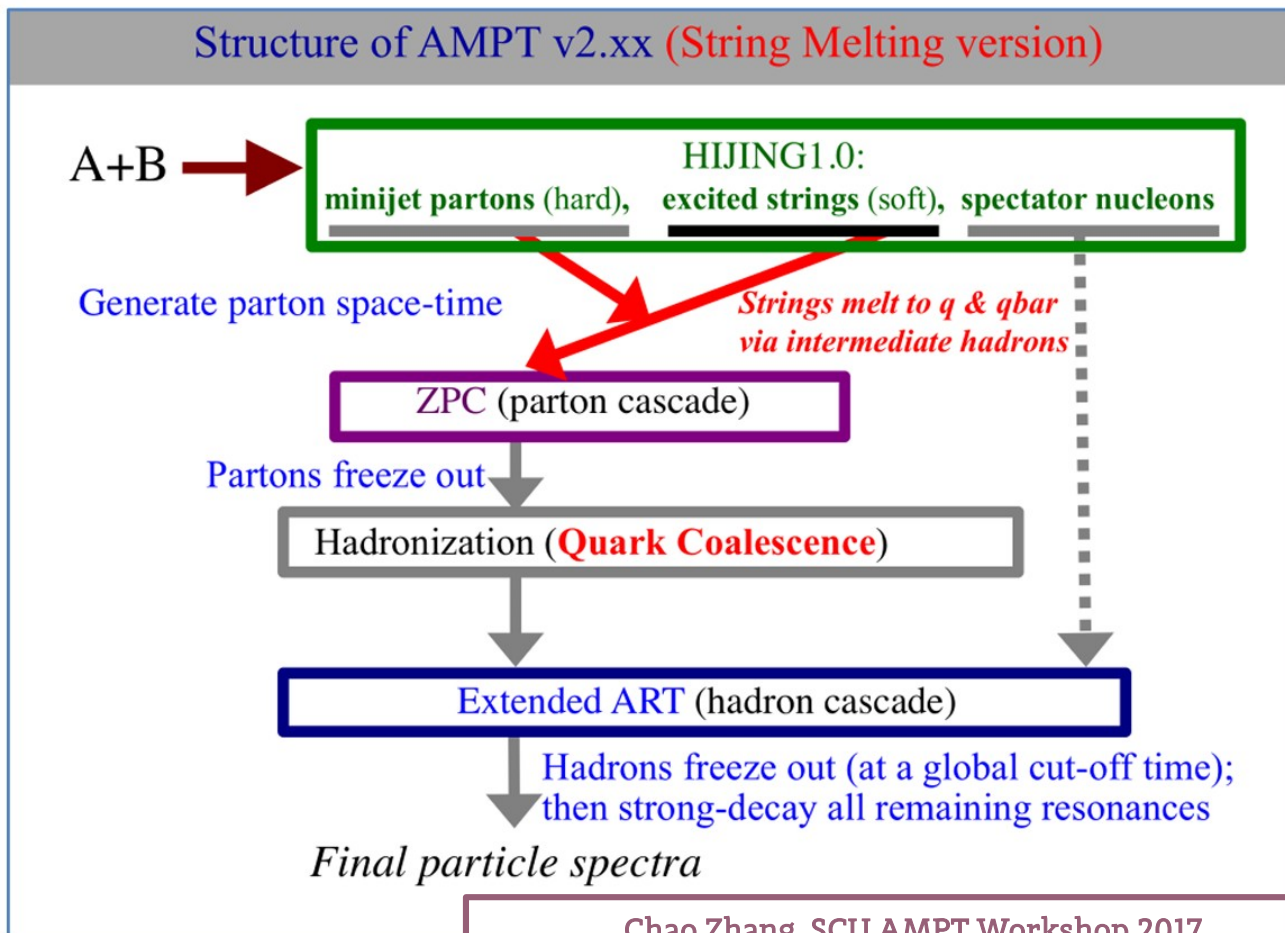
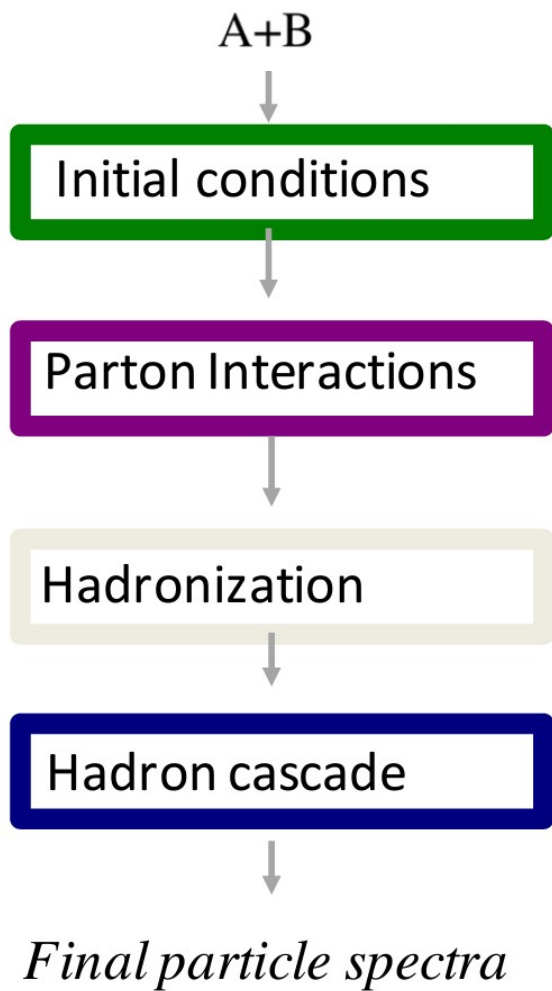
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72, 064901 (05); <http://www.cunuke.phys.columbia.edu/OSCAR>

- Initial conditions: HIJING (soft strings and hard minijets)
- Parton evolution: ZPC
- Hadronization: Lund string model for default AMPT
- Hadronic scattering: ART

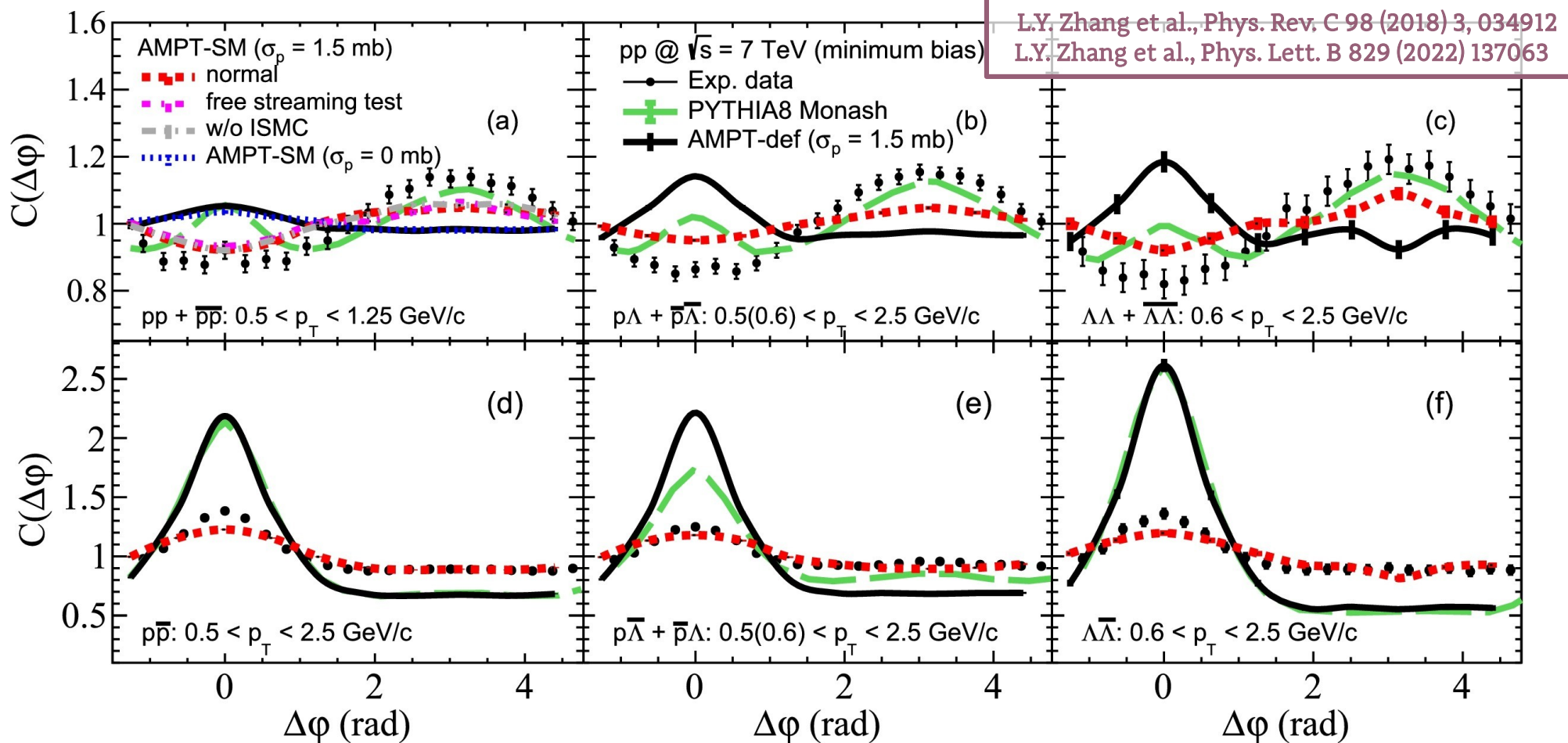
String melting: PRC 65, 034904 (02); PRL 89, 152301 (02)

- Convert hadrons from string fragmentation into quarks and antiquarks
- Evolve quarks and antiquarks with ZPC
- When partons stop interacting, combine nearest quark and antiquark to meson, and nearest three quarks to baryon (coordinate-space coalescence)
- Hadron flavors are determined by the invariant mass of quarks

- Contains *4 main components* to describe the whole phase space of heavy-ion collisions
- *String melting*: convert hadrons from string fragmentation into quarks and antiquarks
- *Coalescence*: when partons stop interacting, combine nearest quark and antiquark to meson, and nearest three quarks to baryon



- **Improved** coalescence (removed separate conservation for mesons and baryons)
- **String melting (SM)** → parton degrees of freedom are expected in the initial state
  - **AMPT-SM** with non-zero parton cross section describes the data
  - test of **SM with parton cross section set to 0 mb** does not describe the data
- If initial state momentum correlation (**ISMC**) are removed → the result is similar to standard AMPT-SM version → describes anticorrelation



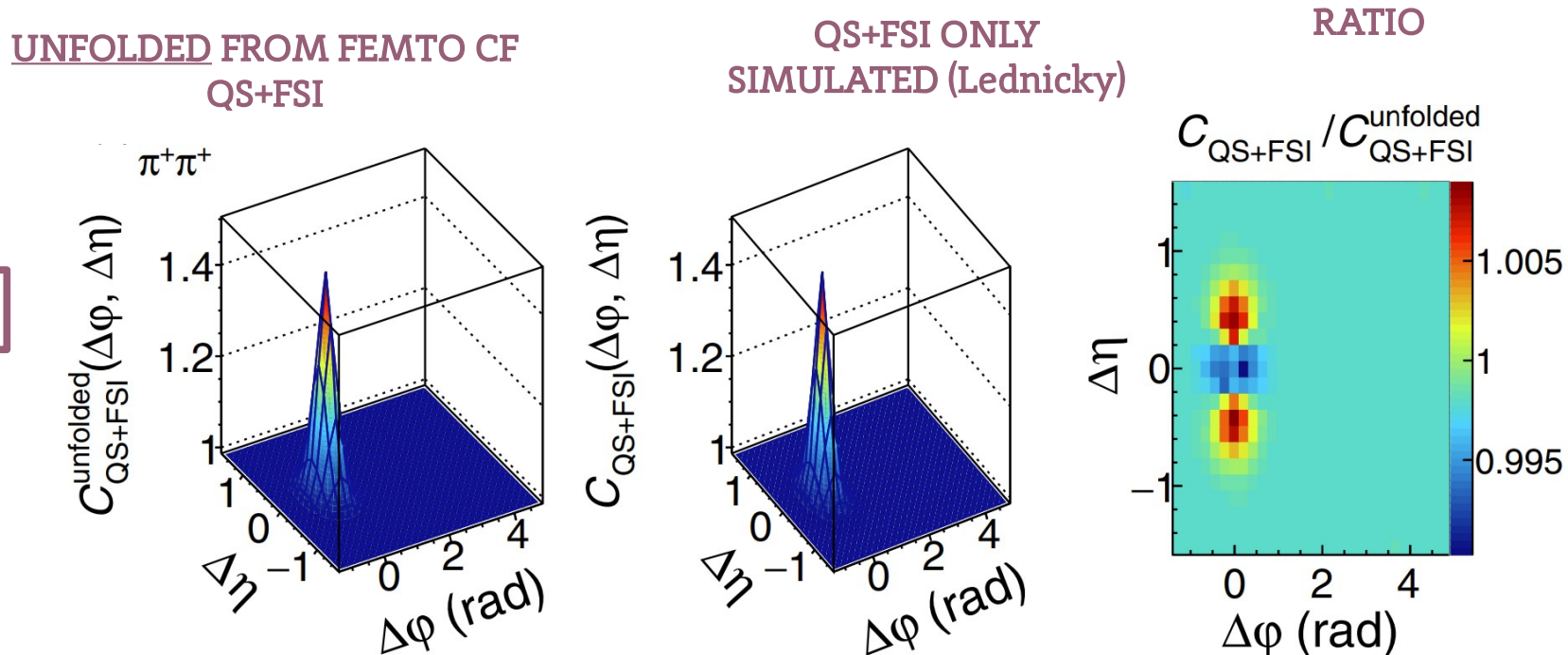


The unfolding of the QS+FSI works very well

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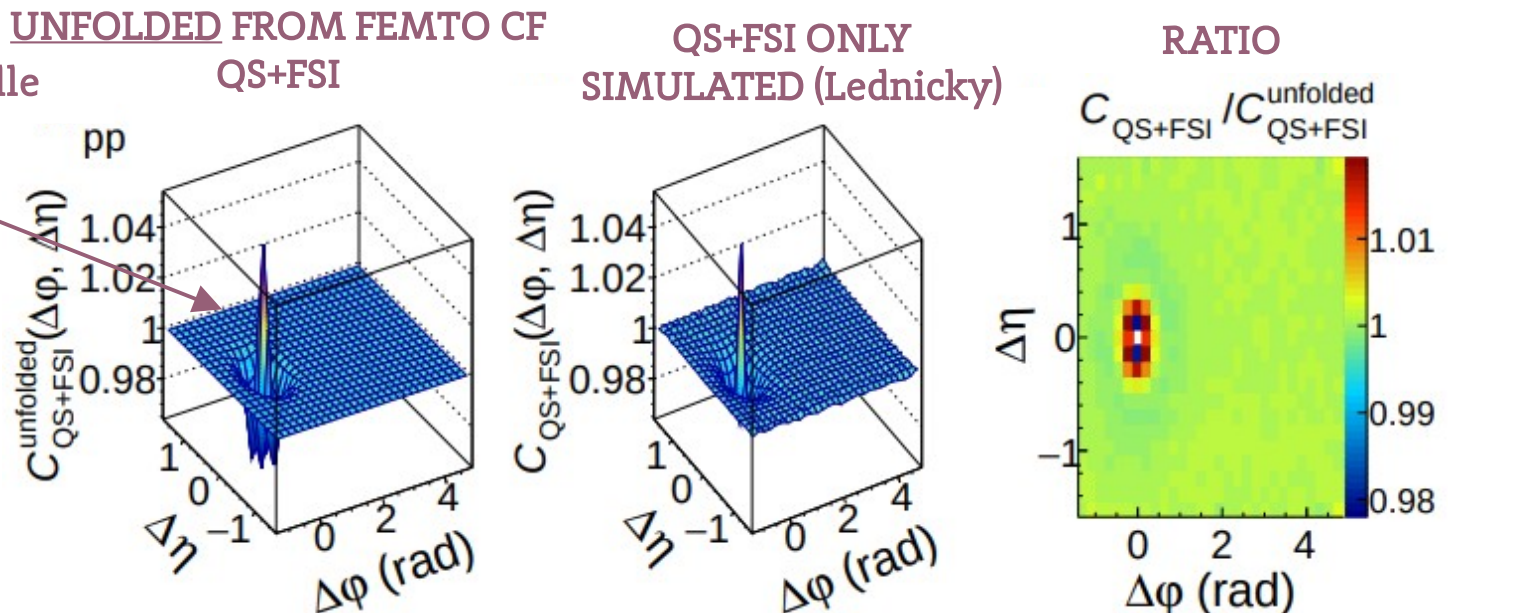
Lednickiy-Lyuboshitz model coupled to PYTHIA 8

Pions



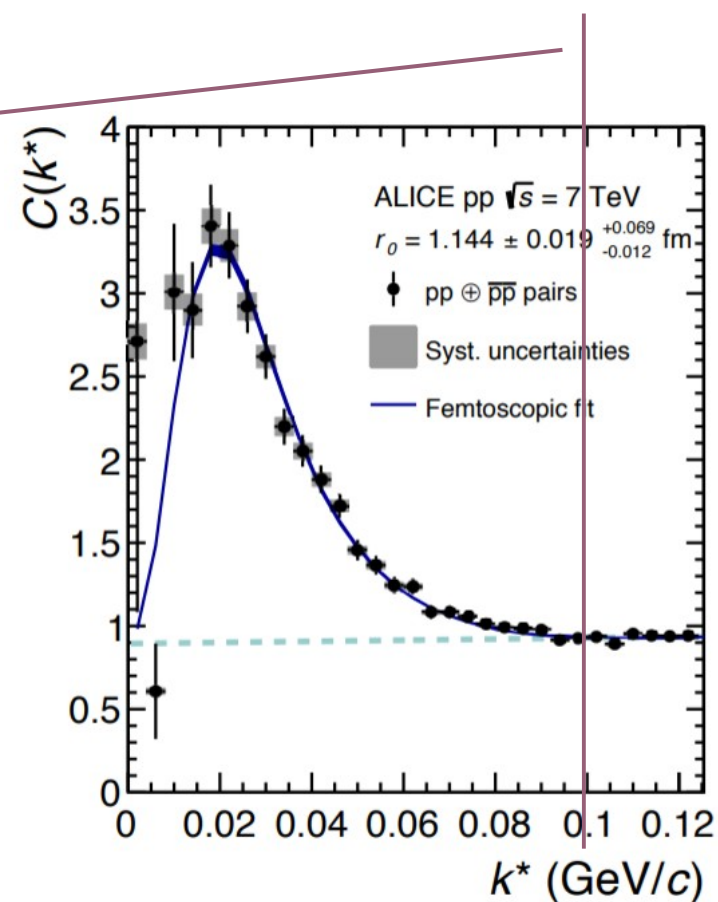
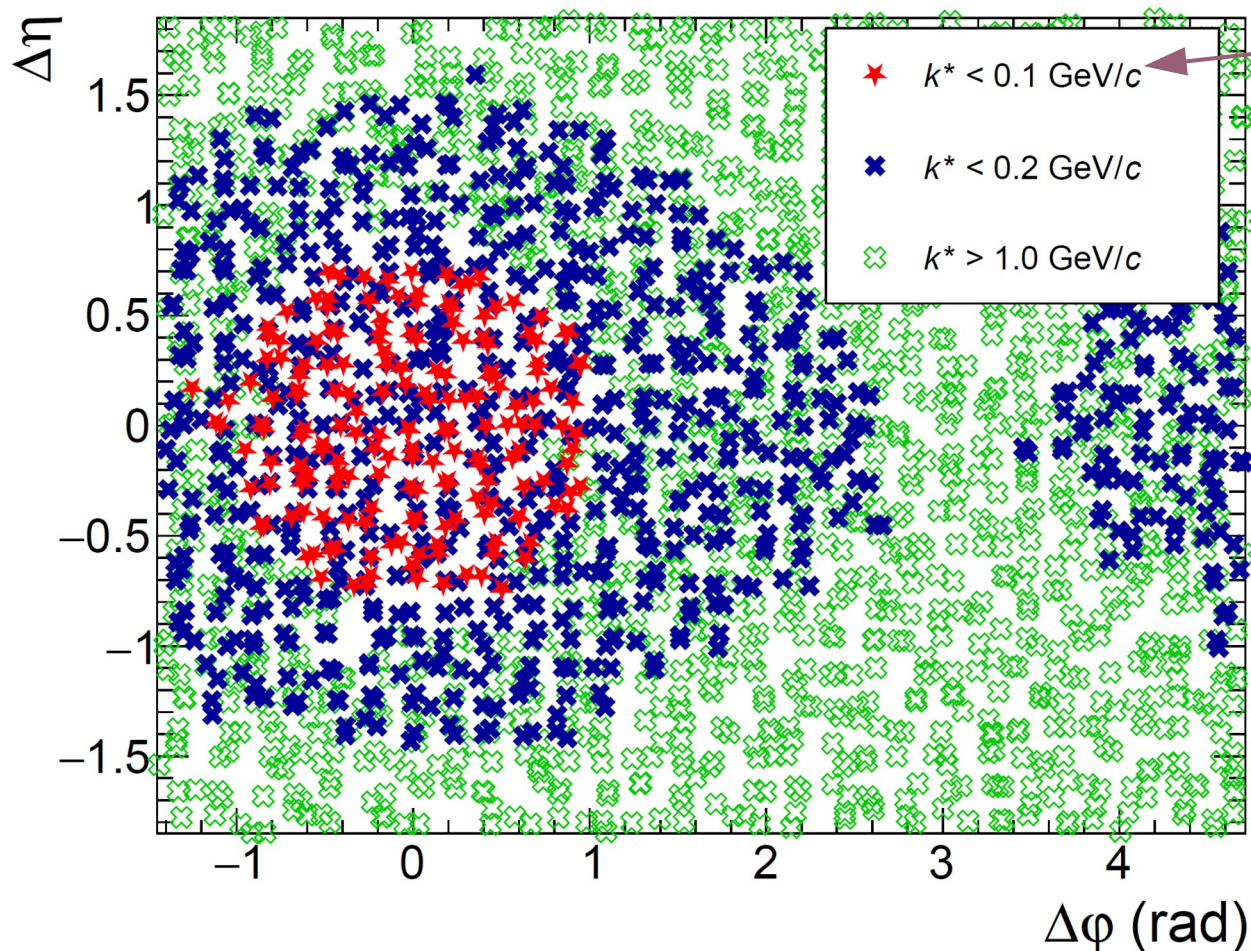
narrow dip + spike in the middle

Protons



- **Femtoscopic region** (small  $k^*$ ) translates directly to the near-side region (0,0) in the angular correlation

→ QS+FSI effects should be possible to be quite precisely unfolded from the femtoscopic correlation function



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How does the unfolding work?

- we sample (twice) single-particle kinematic distributions ( $p_T$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $\varphi$ )
- for each iteration we calculate  $q_{inv}$  (or  $k^*$ ) from those randomly sampled quantities
- we obtain the weight 'w' for a given  $q_{inv}$   
→ value of the femtoscopic correlation
- then, we calculate  $\Delta\eta$  and  $\Delta\varphi$  and fill two histograms  
→ signal with the weight 'w'  
→ background, with weight = 1

By definition, such simple procedure will work ONLY for those effects to which the femtoscopic CF is sensitive the most

It will not work for long-range effects (i.e. jets, momentum conservation)

