

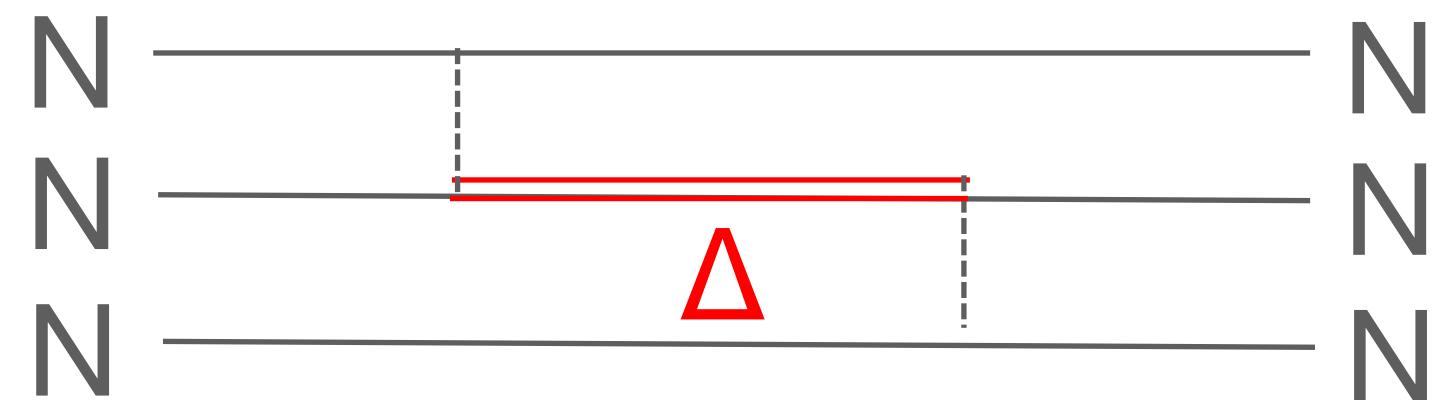
# Can we measure genuine three body forces with femtoscopy?

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# Three-body dynamics

Dynamics of baryons involves  
formation of hadronic excitations

H.-W. Hammer, S. König, U. van Kolck RMP 92 (2020)

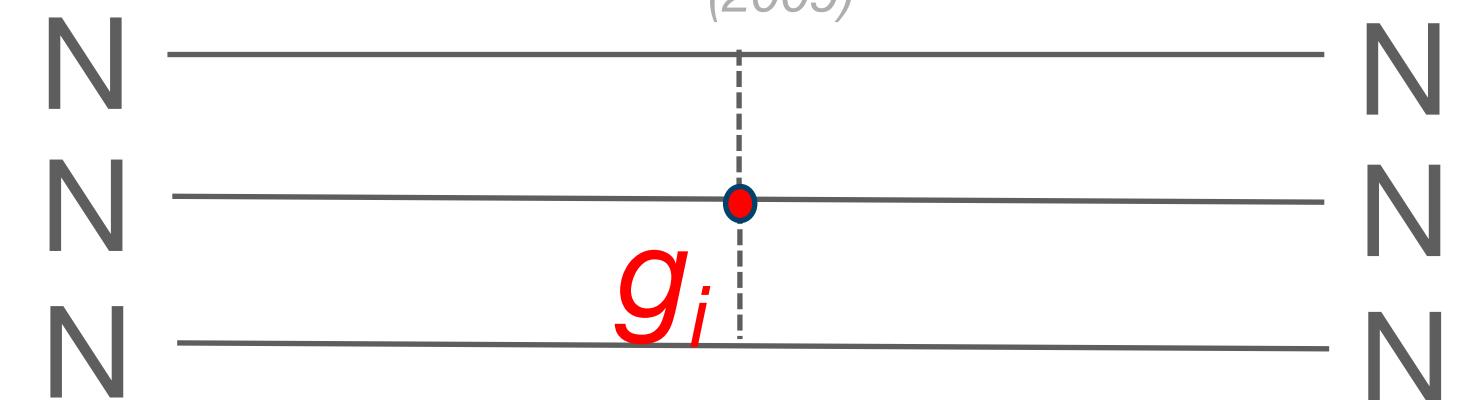


*Short-range  
dynamics*



Three-body forces in  
Effective Field Theories

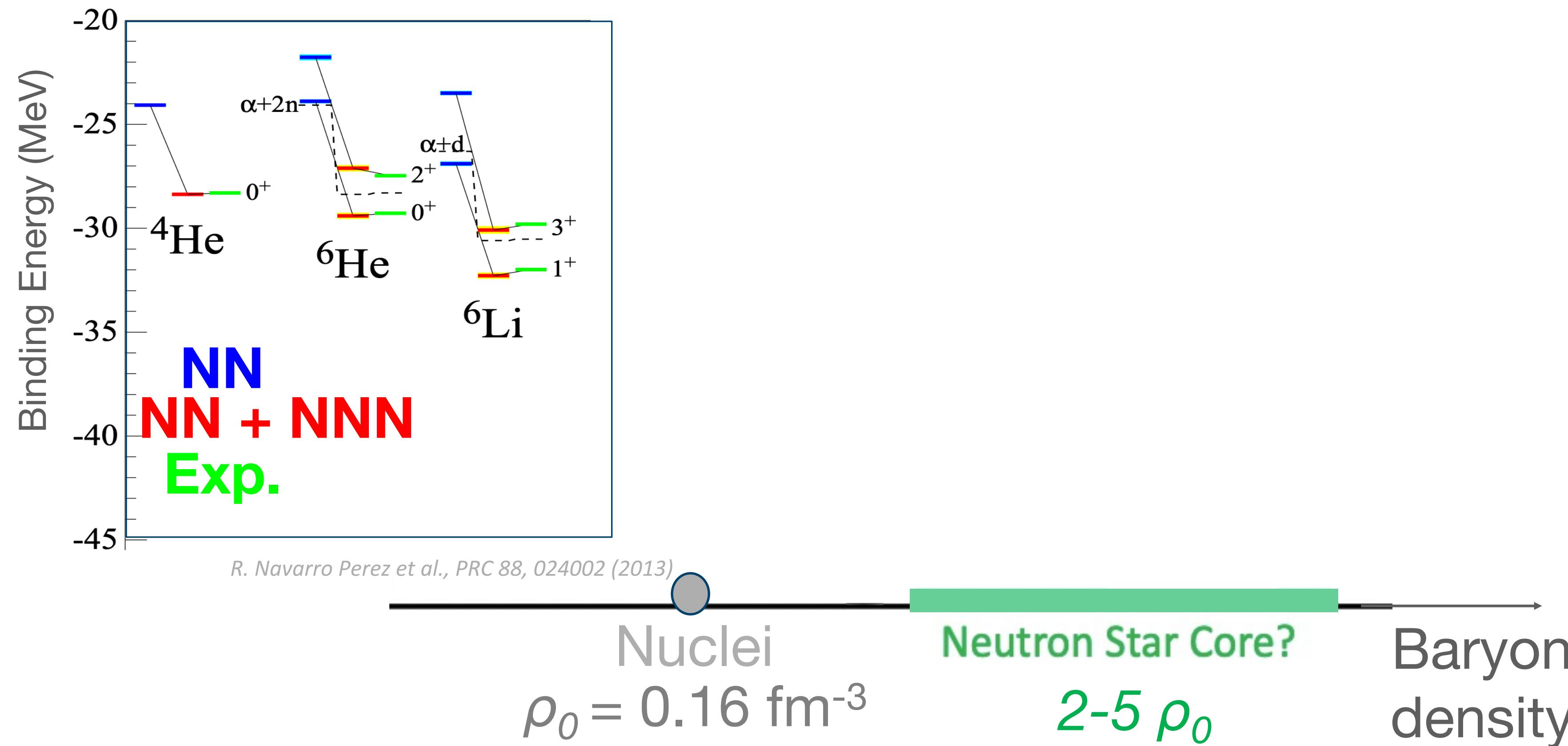
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(2009)



$g_i$  constants to be  
fixed by the  
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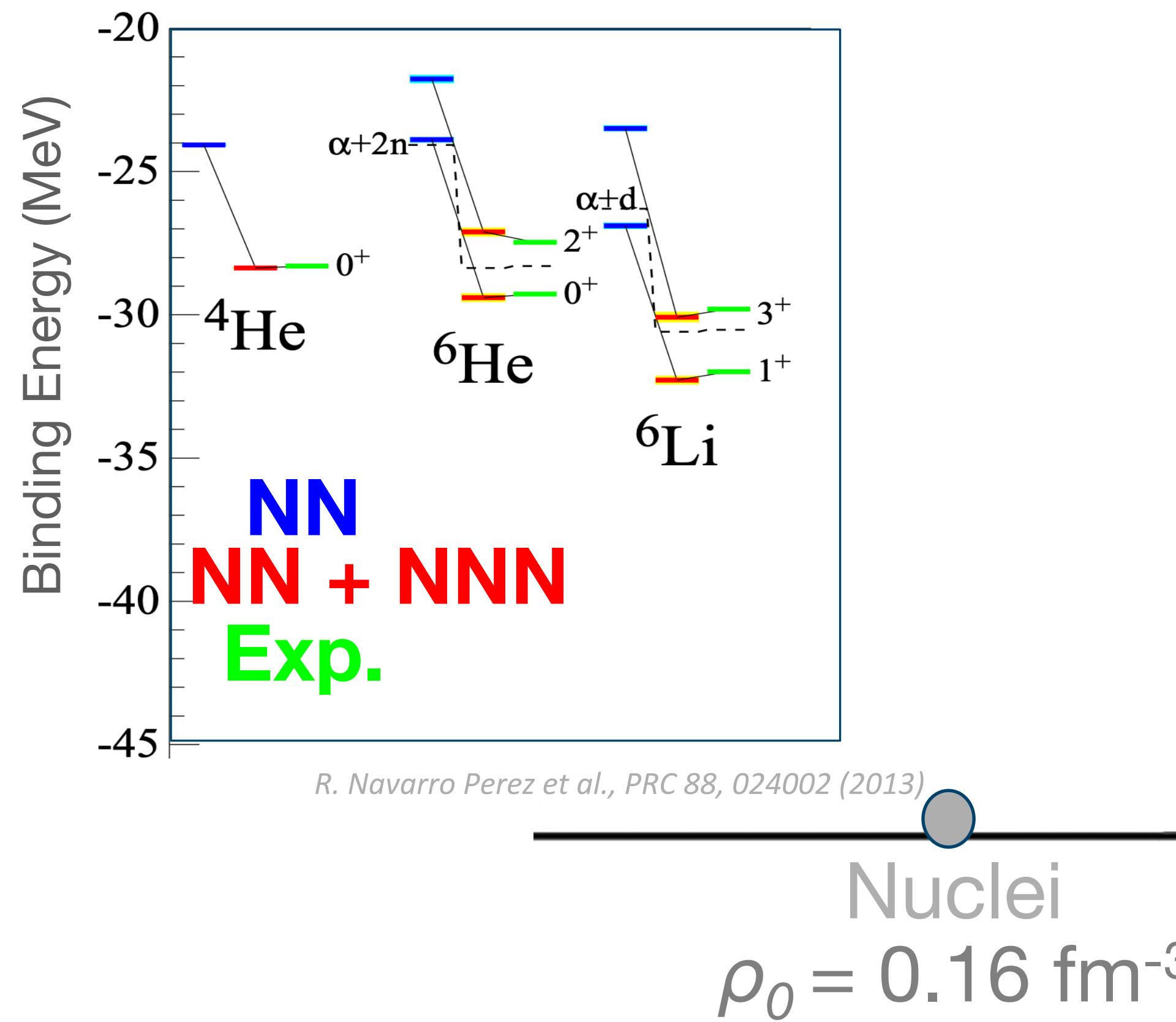
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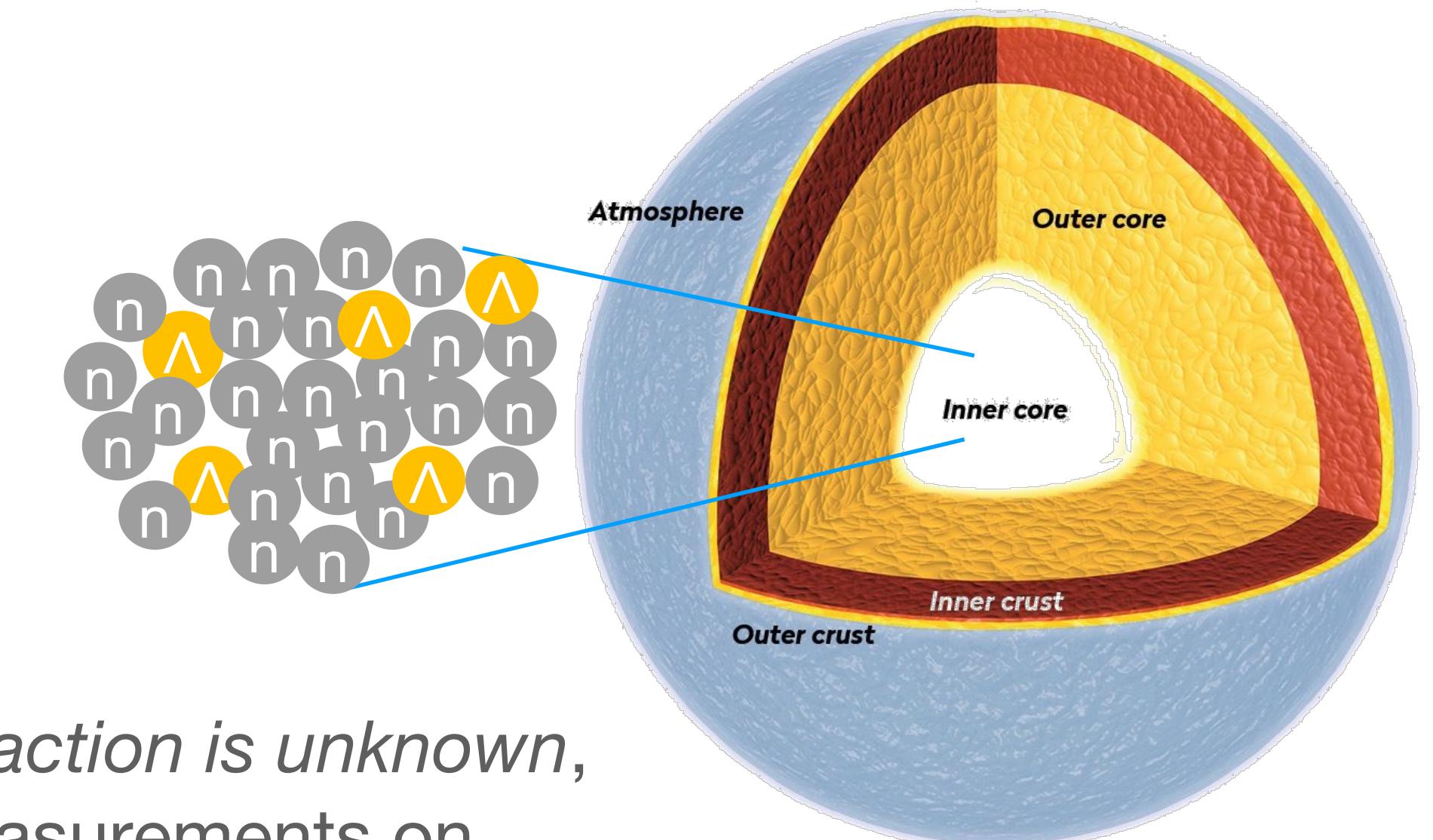
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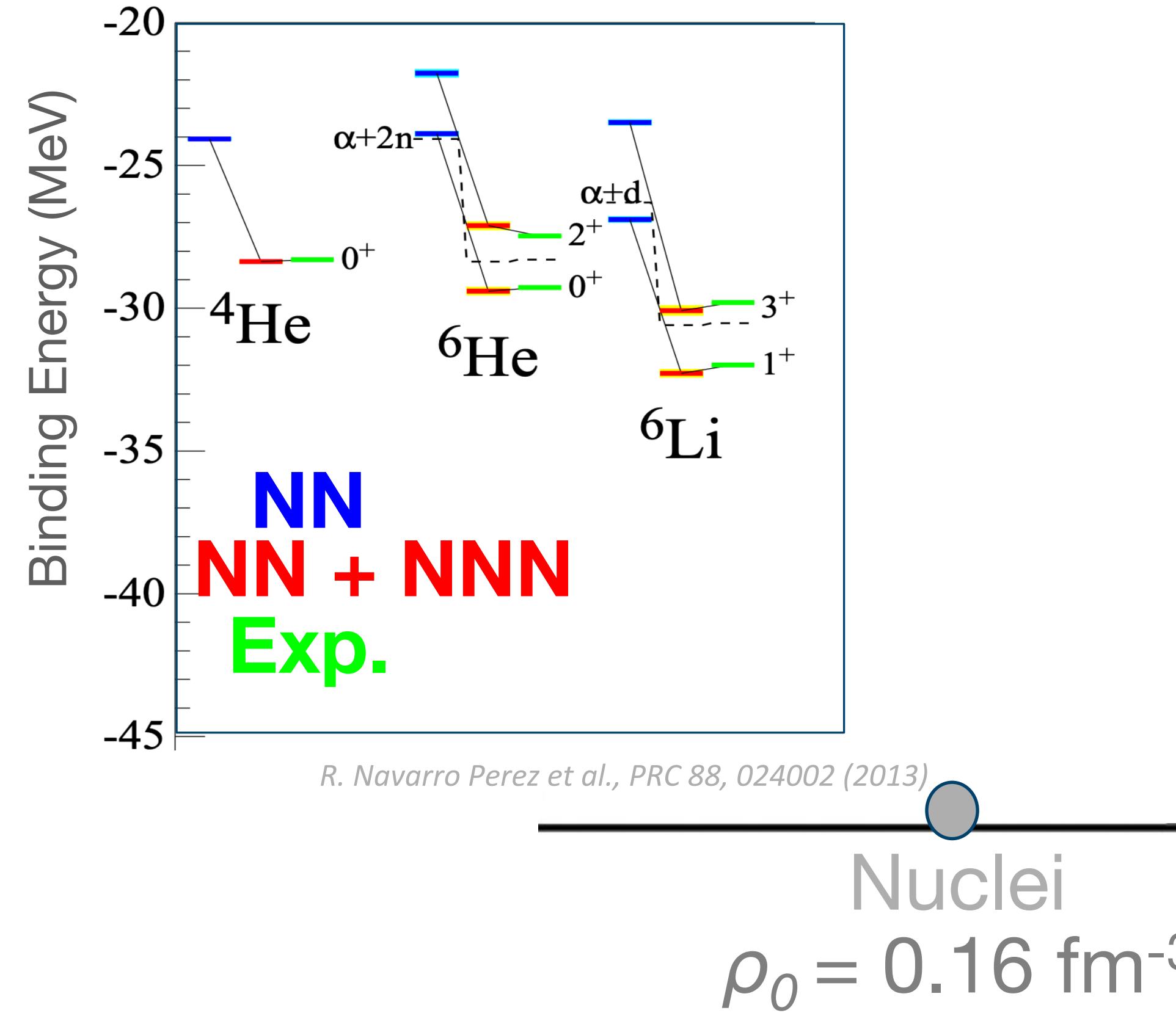
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$\Lambda$ NN interaction is unknown,  
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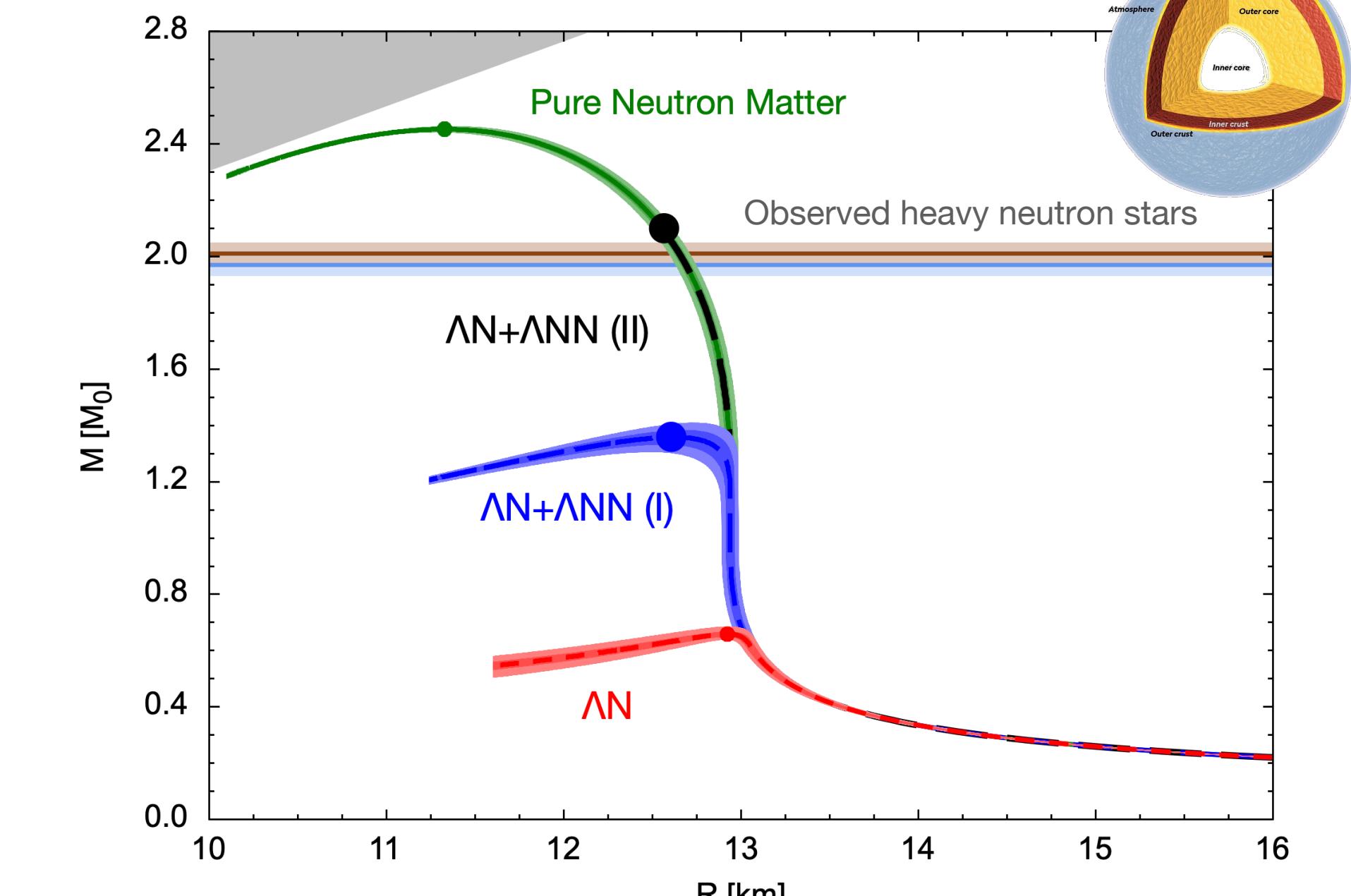


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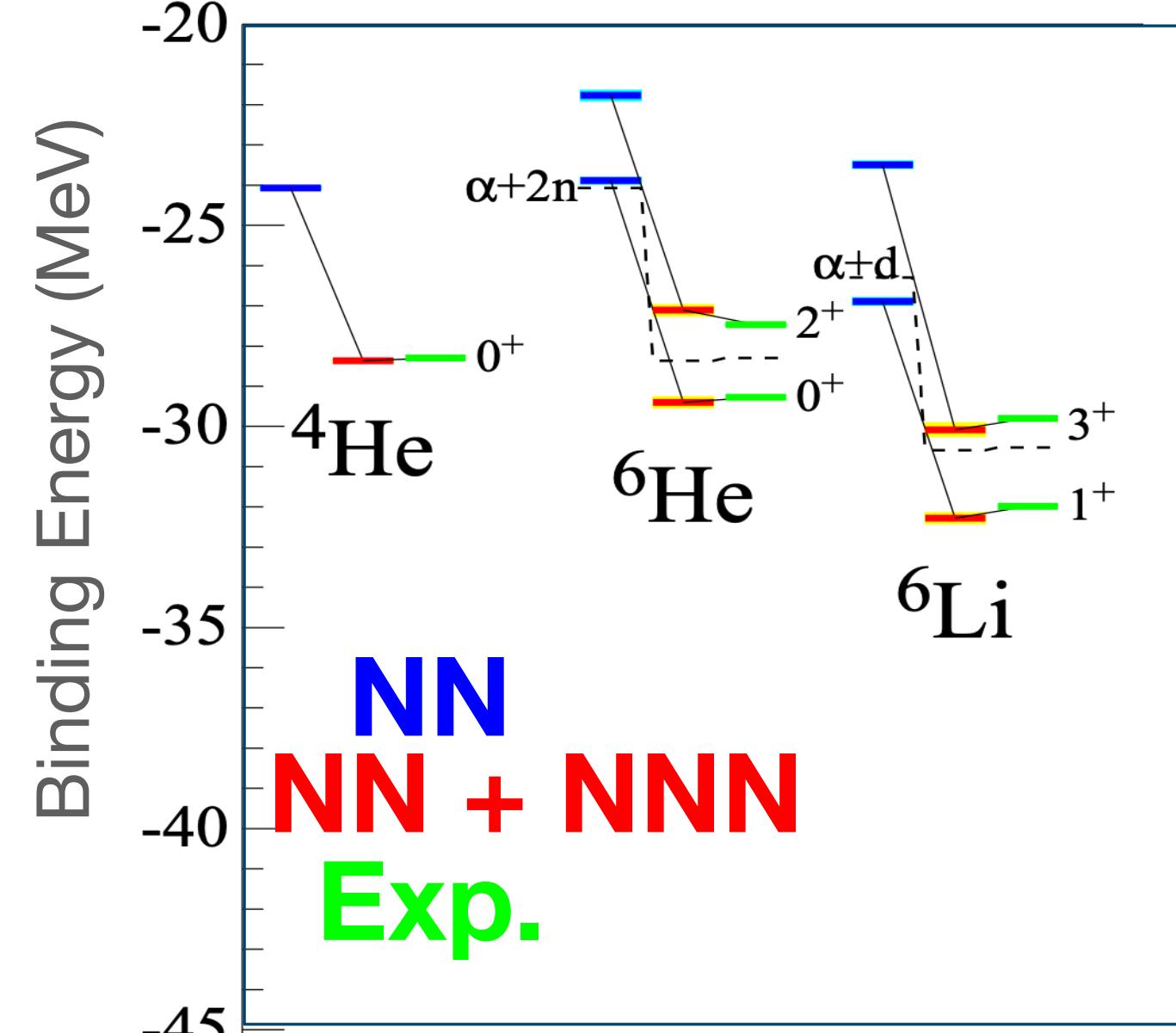


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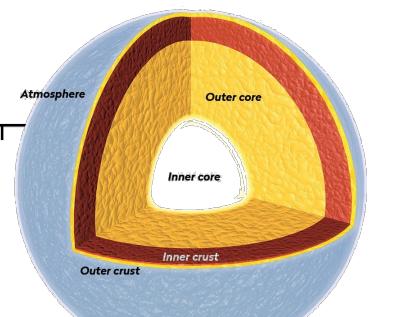
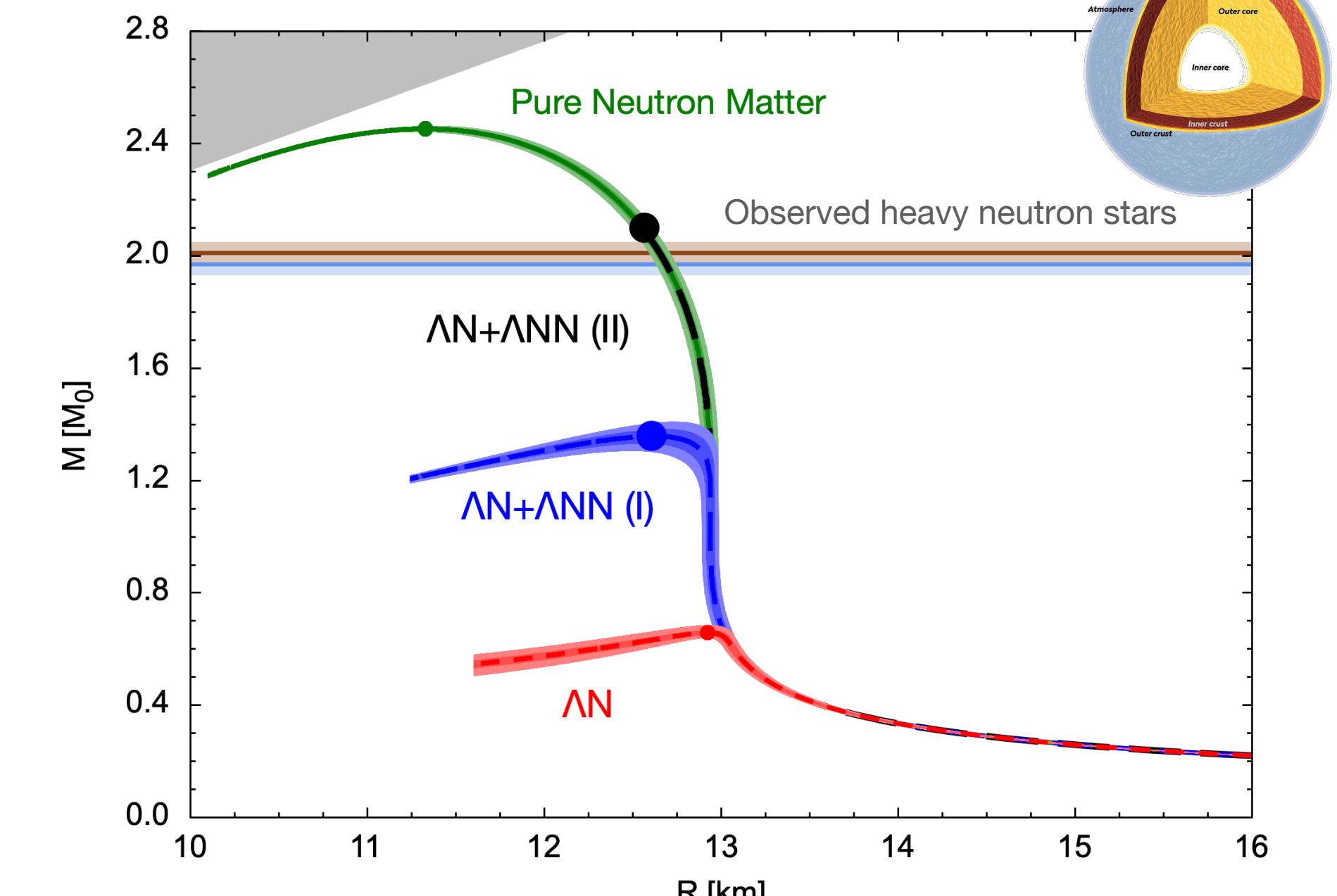
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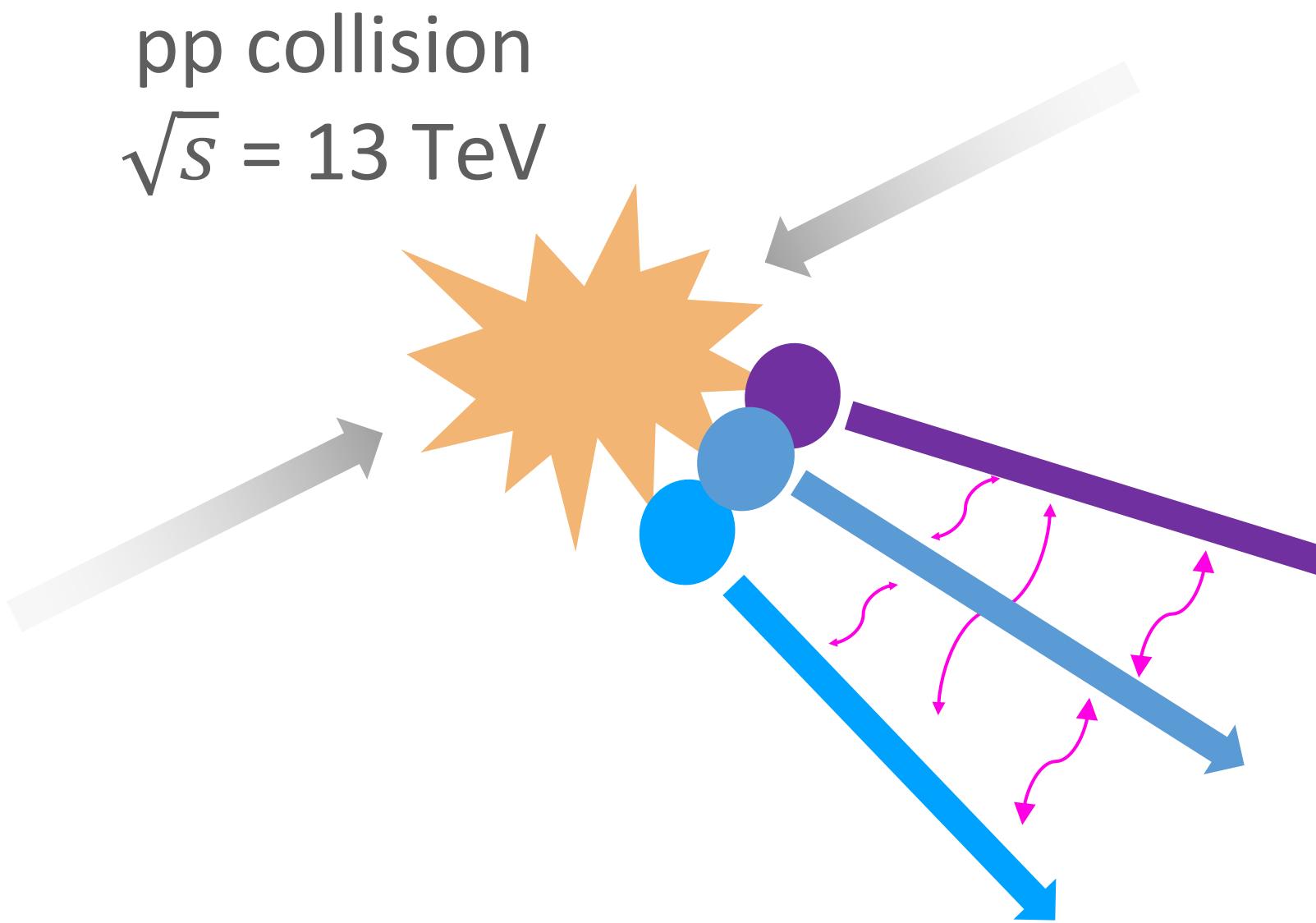
Nuclei  
 $\rho_0 = 0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3}$   
 Inter-particle distances  
 $\sim 2 \text{ fm}$

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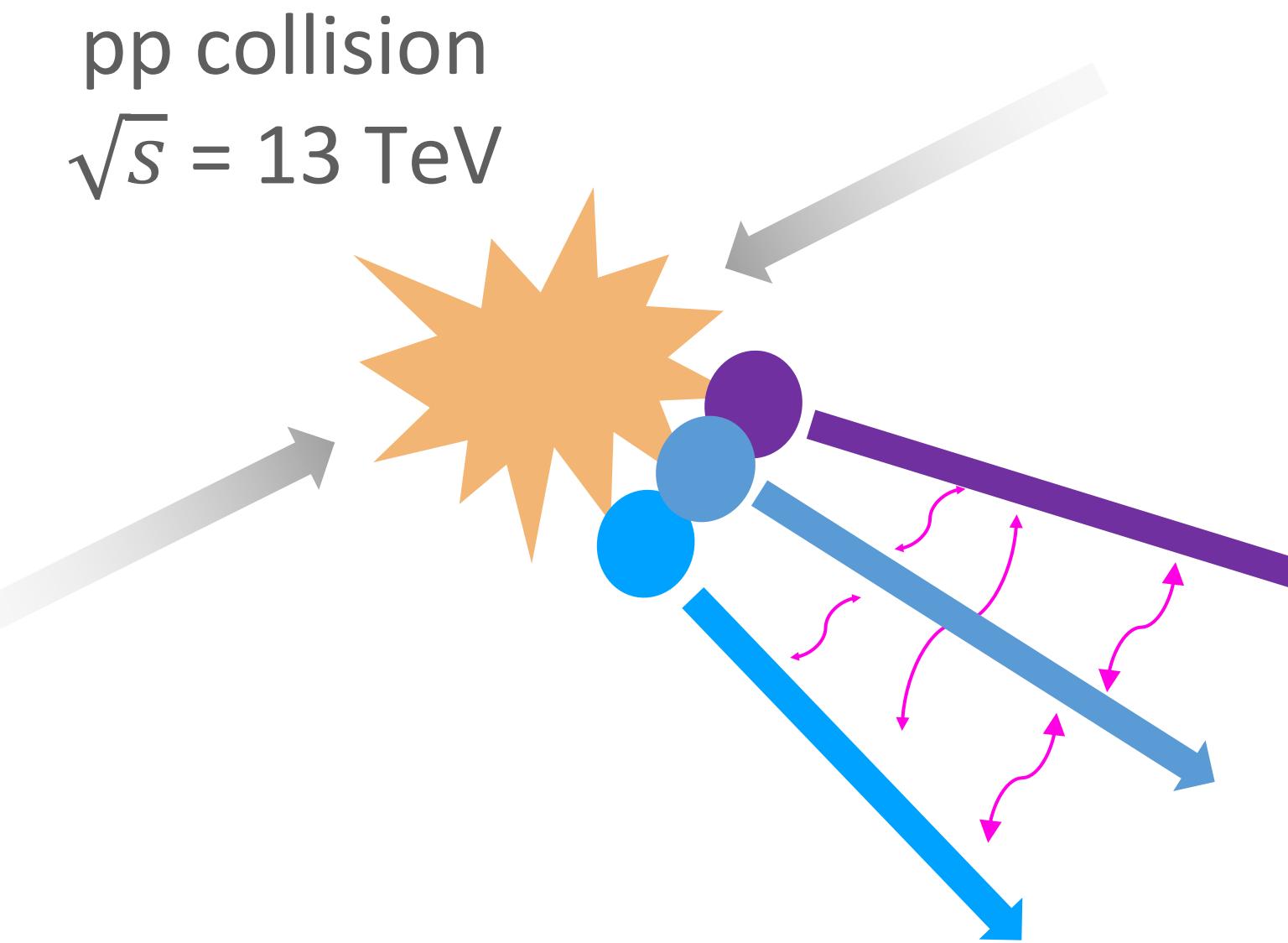
Neutron Star Core?  
 $2-5 \rho_0$   
 Baryon density

# Three-body scattering at the LHC

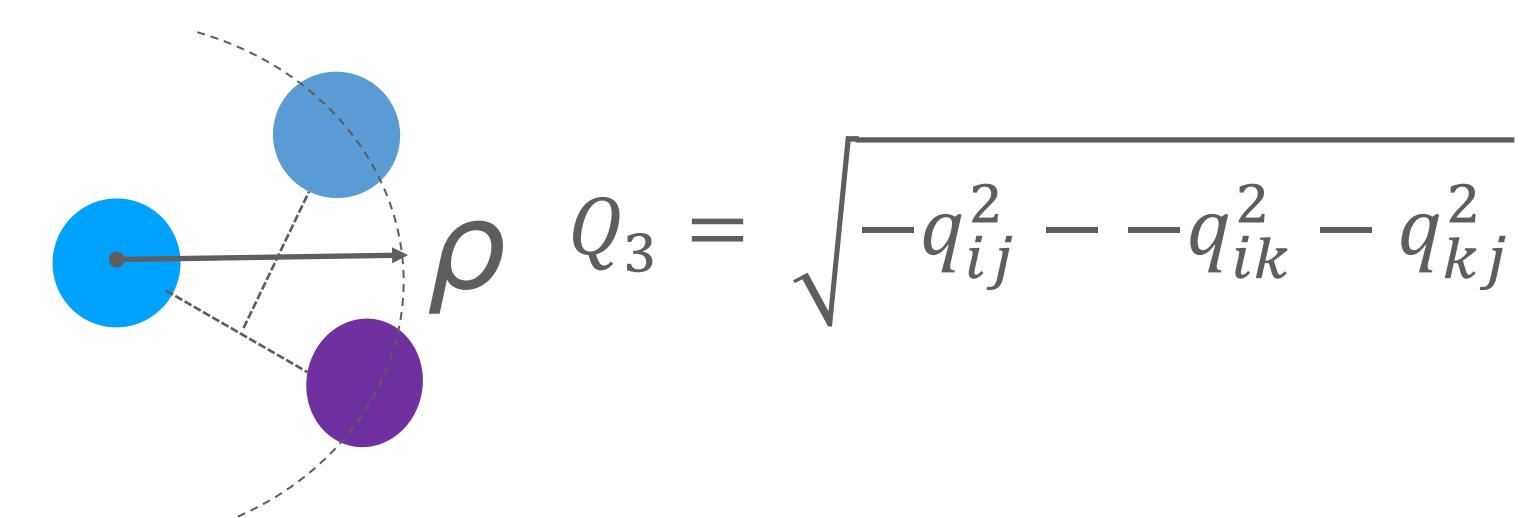


- Scattering of three hadrons are possible  
 $a + b + c \rightarrow a + b + c$
- Interaction of unstable hadrons can be accessed

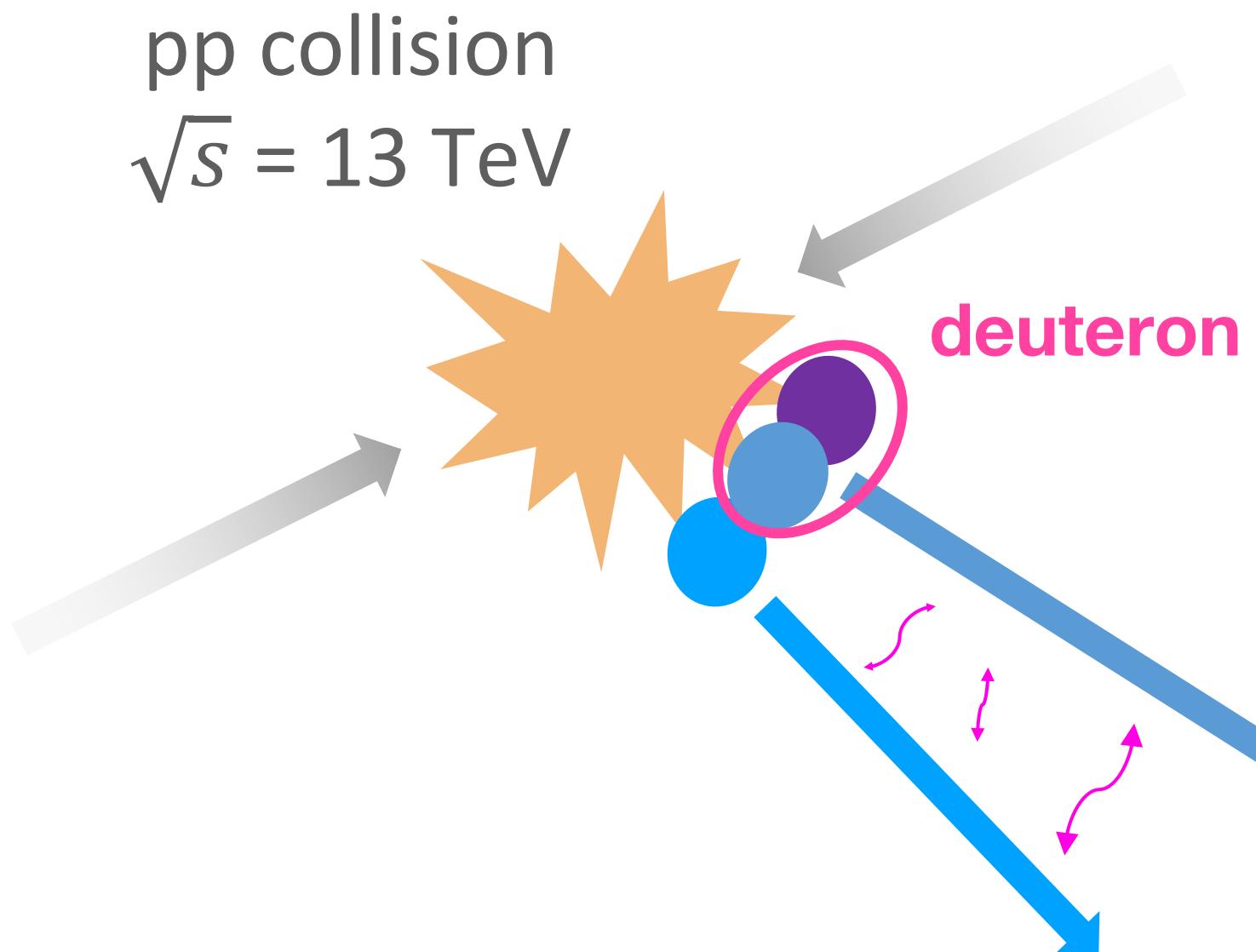
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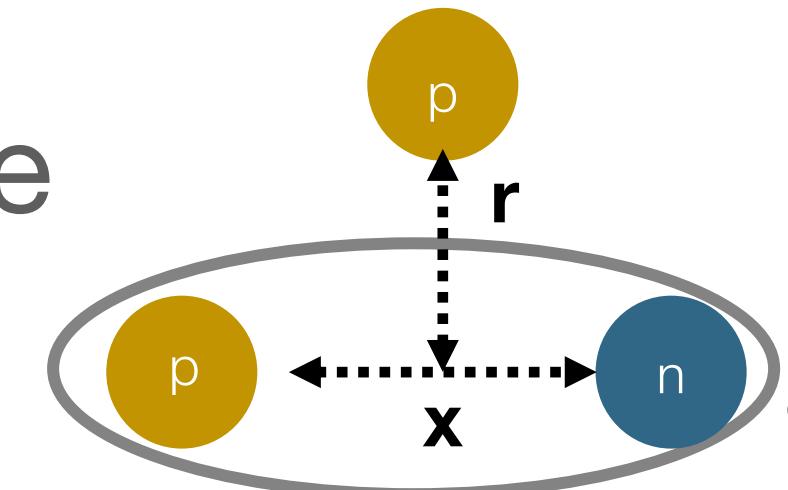
$Q_3$  = momentum coordinate  
 $\rho$  = spatial coordinate



# Three-body scattering at the LHC



$k^*$  = relative momentum in the pair reference frame  
 $r$  = spatial coordinate



- *Femtoscopy:* Clear relation between the experimental observable and the theory

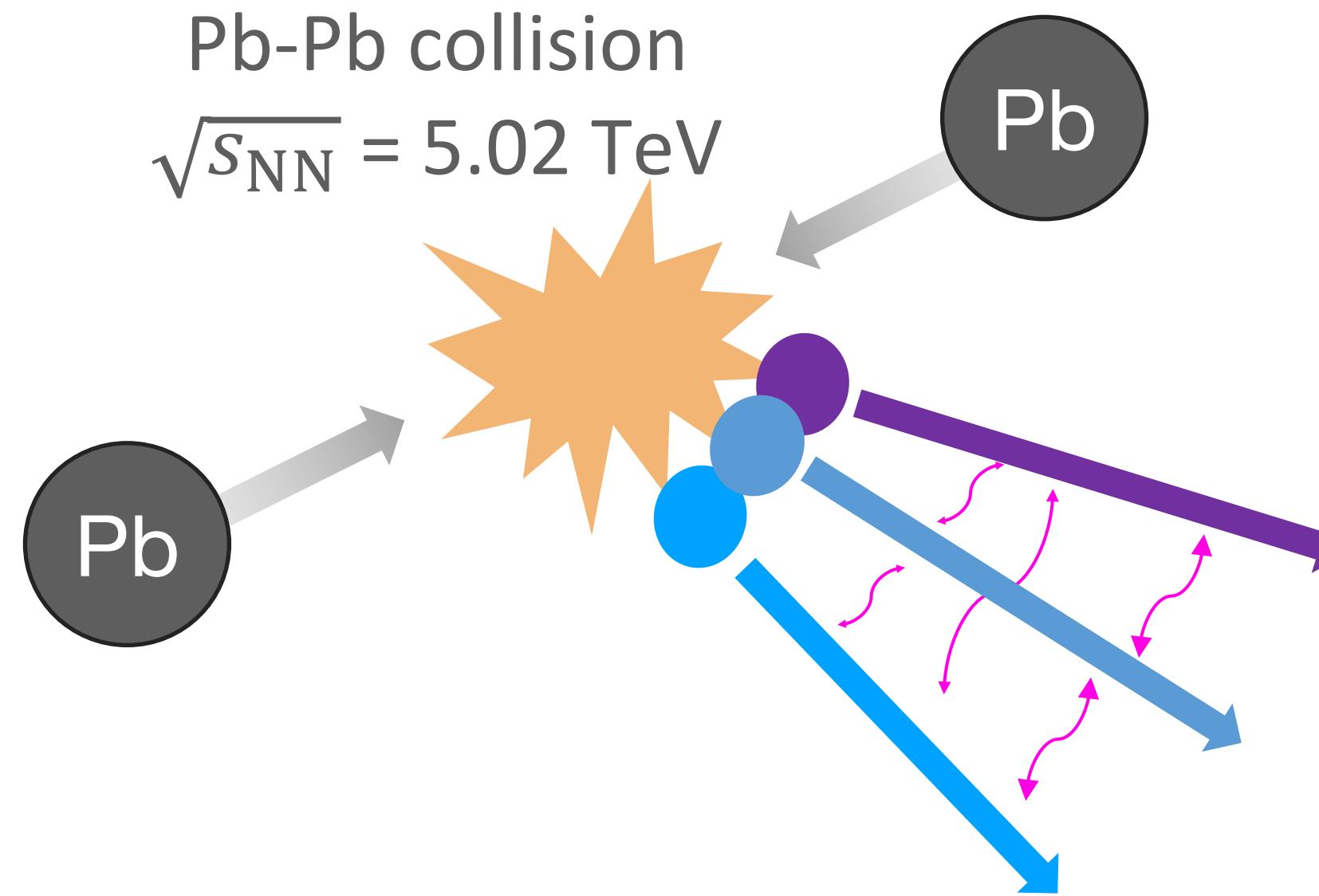
$$C(k^*) = \int S(r) |\psi(k^*, r)|^2 4\pi r^2 dr$$

Source  
function

Wave function

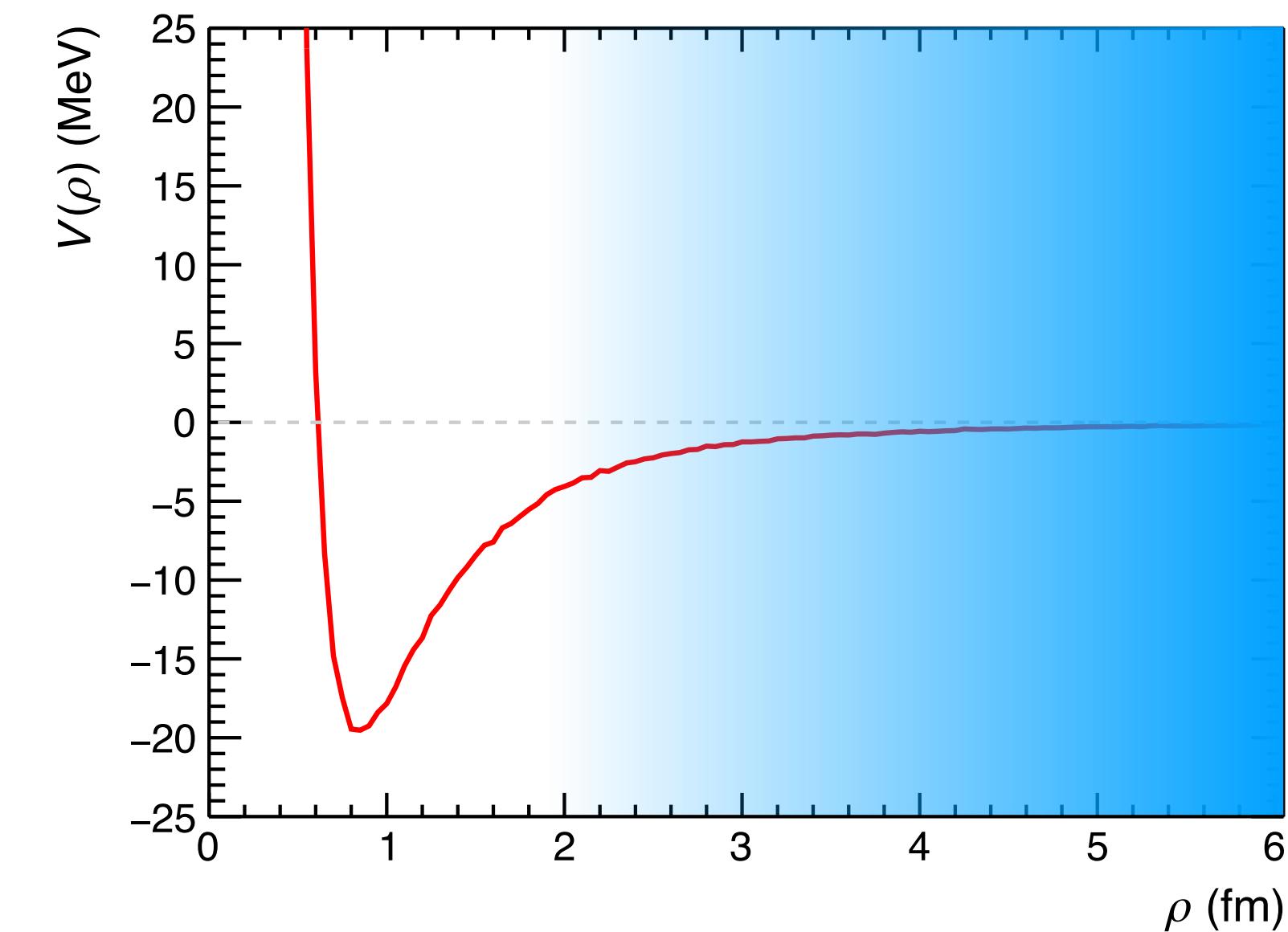
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# Accessing the distance dependence

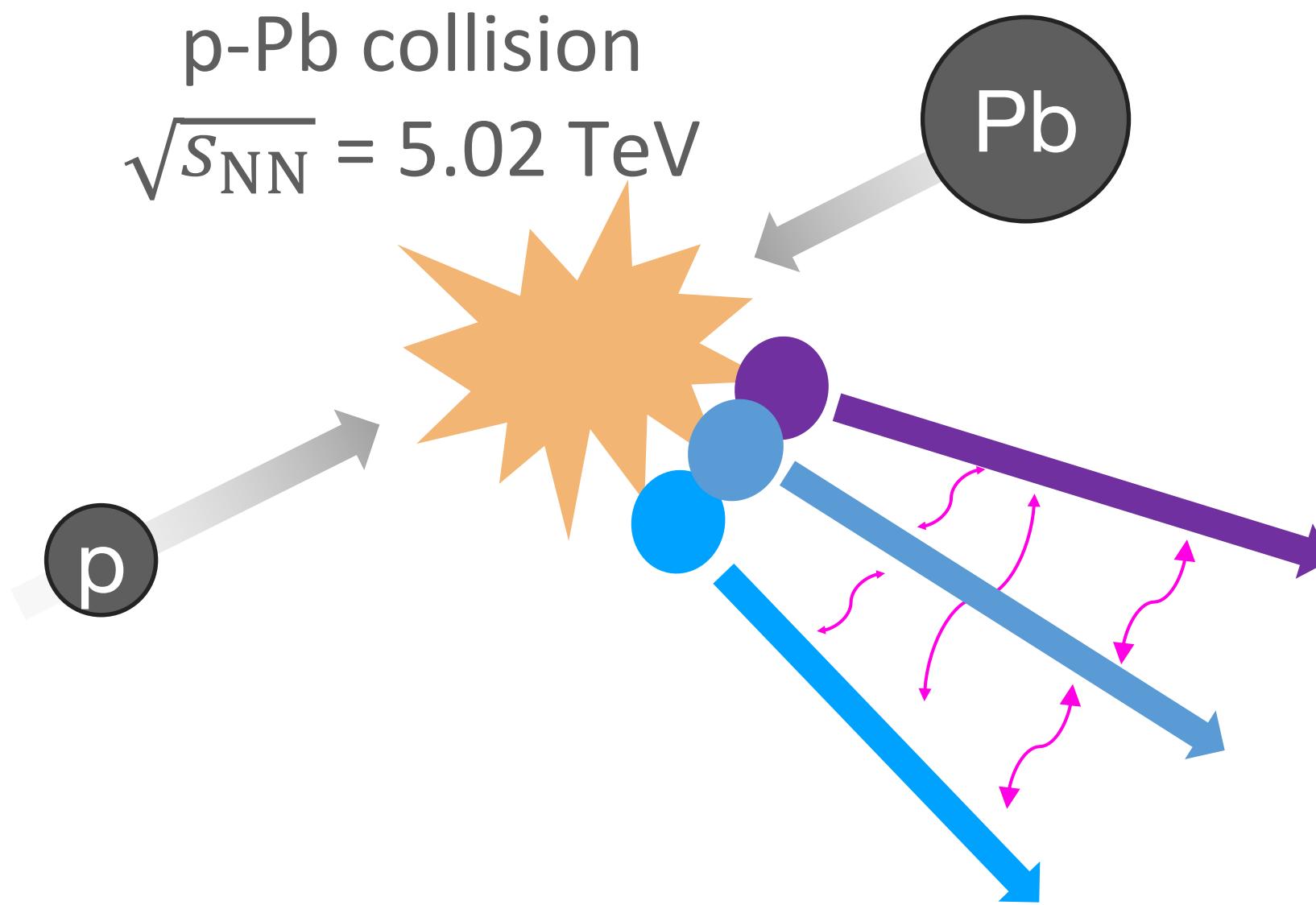


Explore different system size

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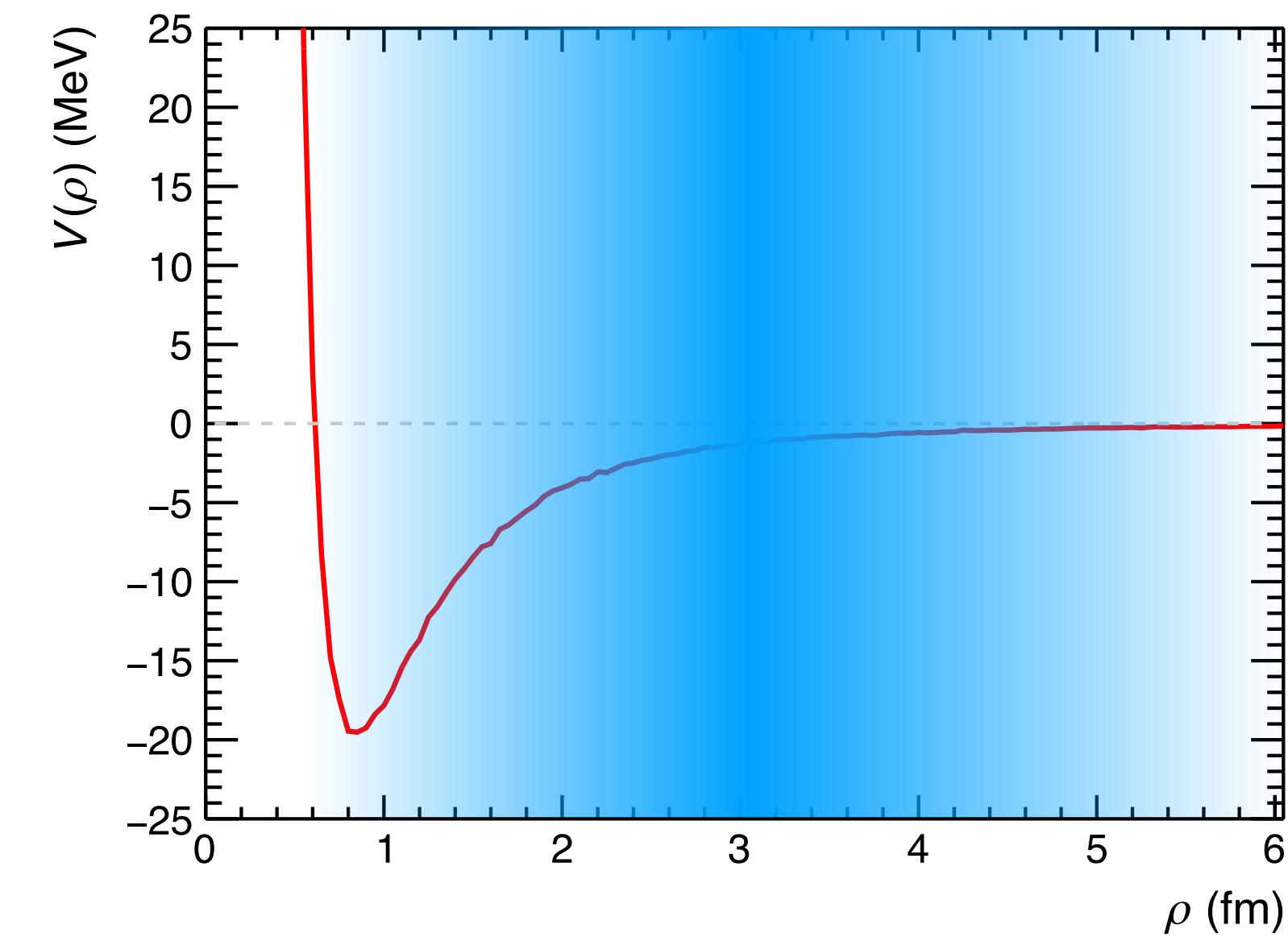


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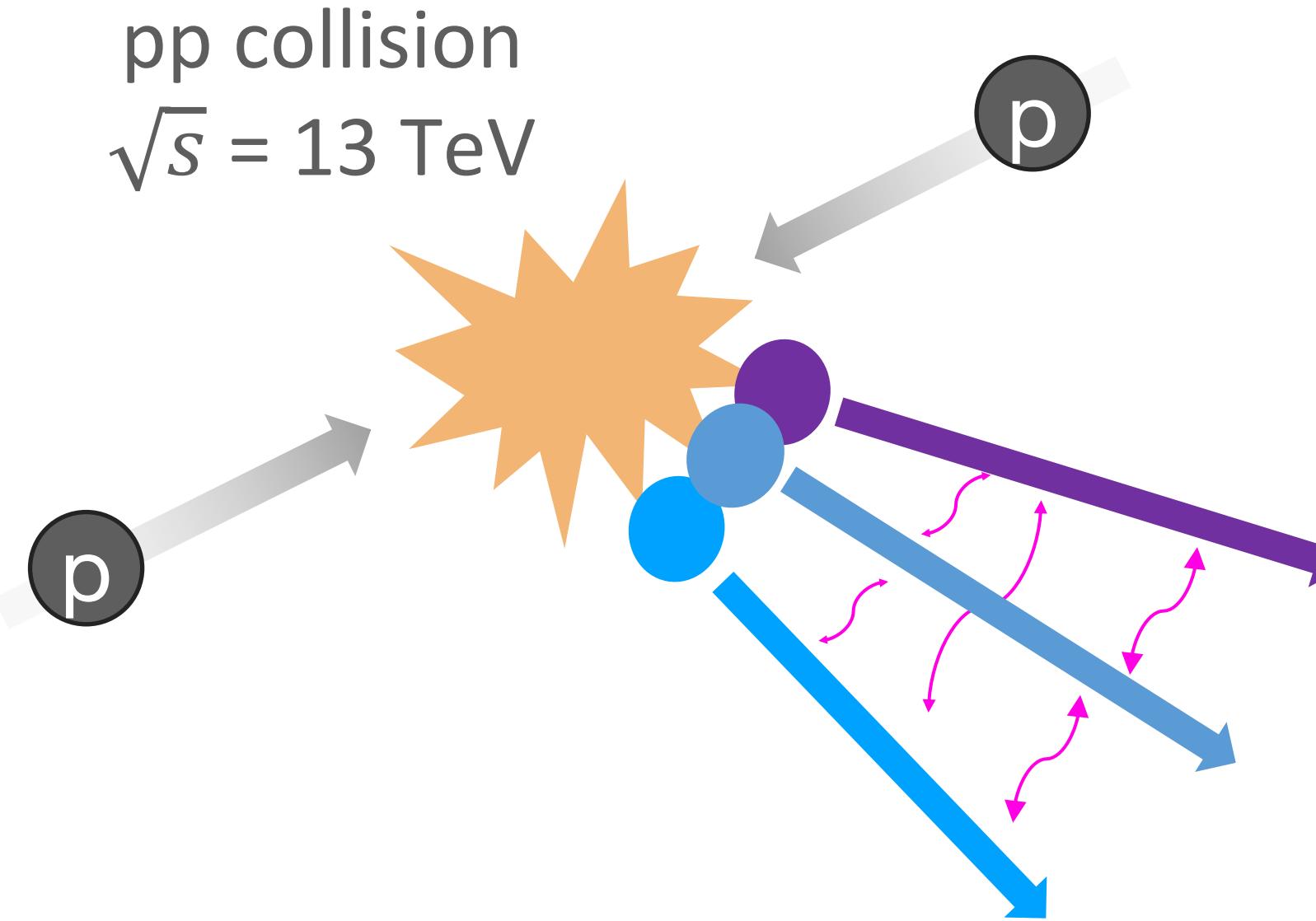


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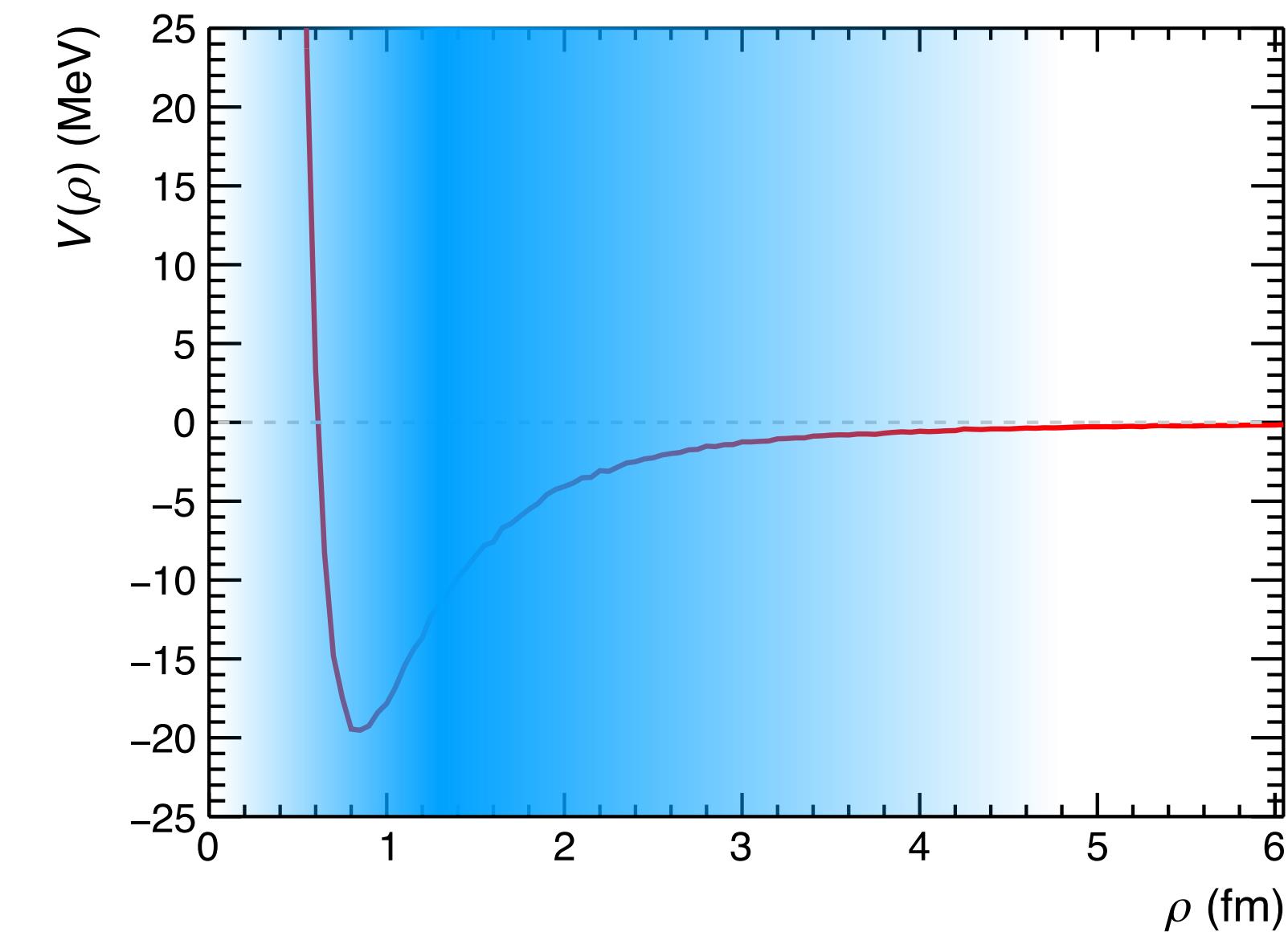


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- Excellent tracking and particle identification (PID) capabilities
- Most suitable detector at the LHC to study (anti-)nuclei production and annihilation
- Major upgrade of the TPC (GEM read out) and ITS2
- Factor 100 in data taking rate w.r.t to Run 2
- Run 3 started in 2022-(2025)

## Inner Tracking System

Tracking, vertex, PID ( $dE/dx$ )

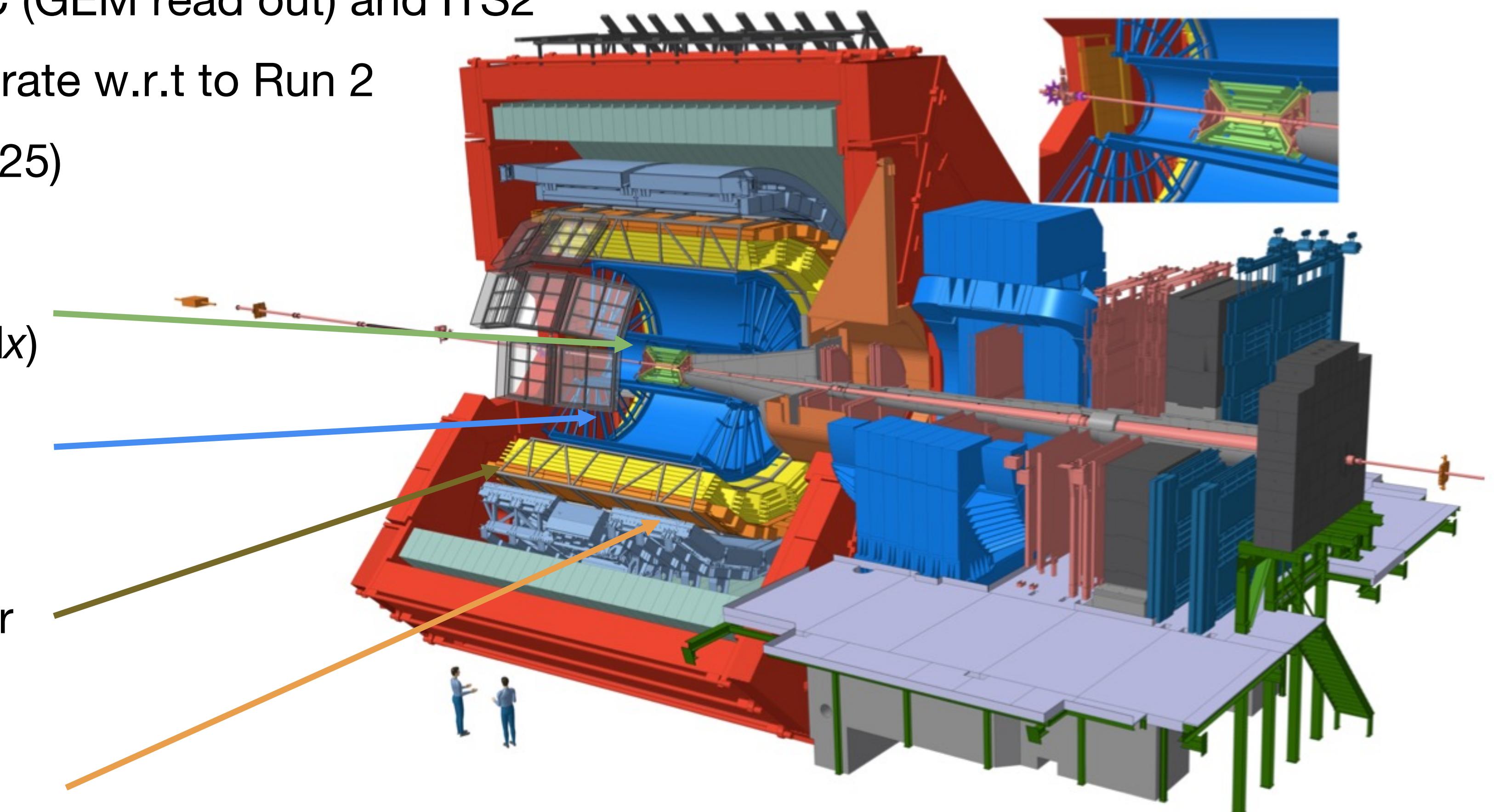
## Time Projection Chamber

Tracking, PID ( $dE/dx$ )

## Transition Radiation Detector

## Time Of Flight detector

PID (TOF measurement)



# Source function in pp collisions at the LHC

- Emitting source function anchored to p-p correlation function

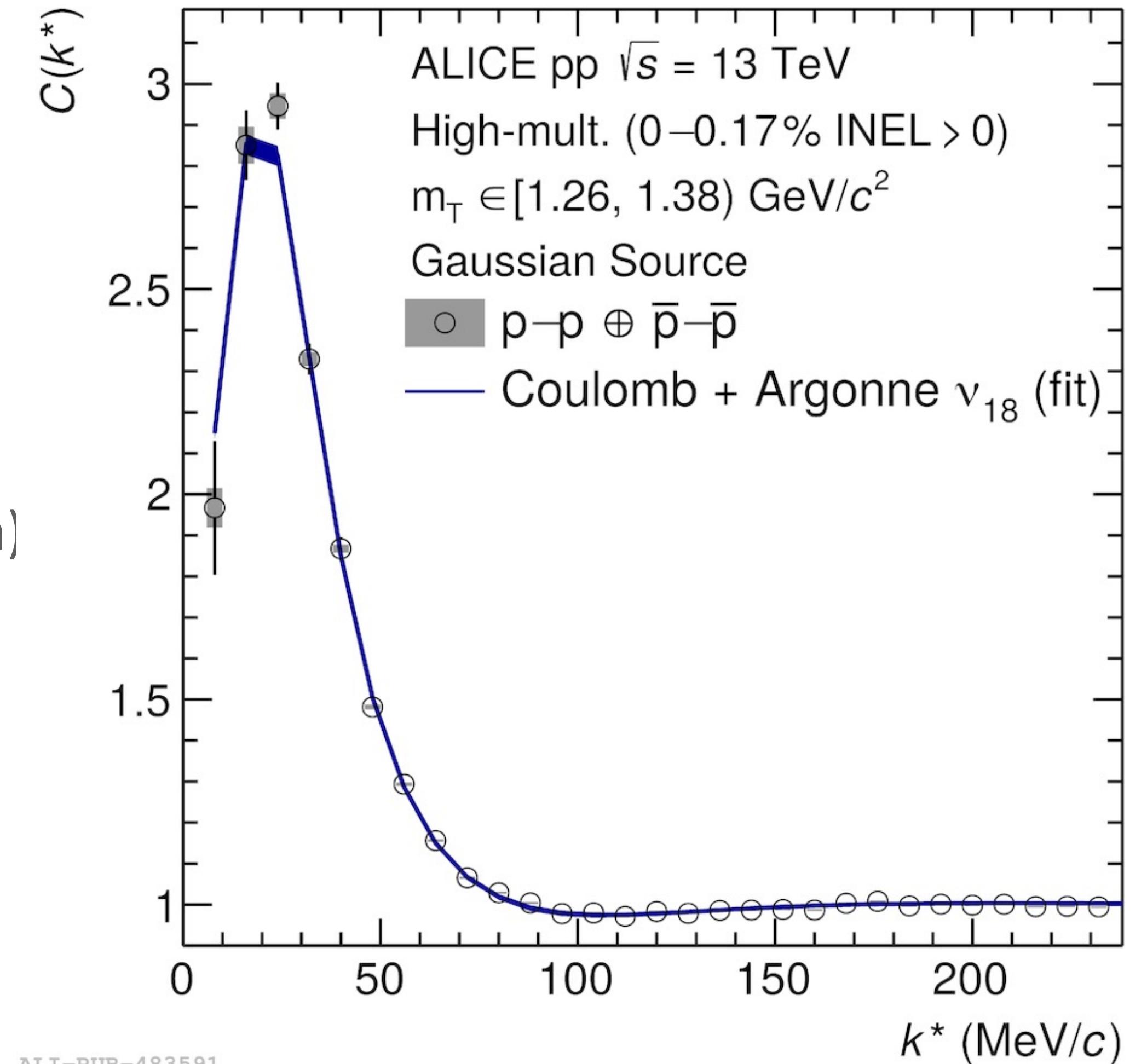
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ALICE Coll., PLB, 811 (2020)

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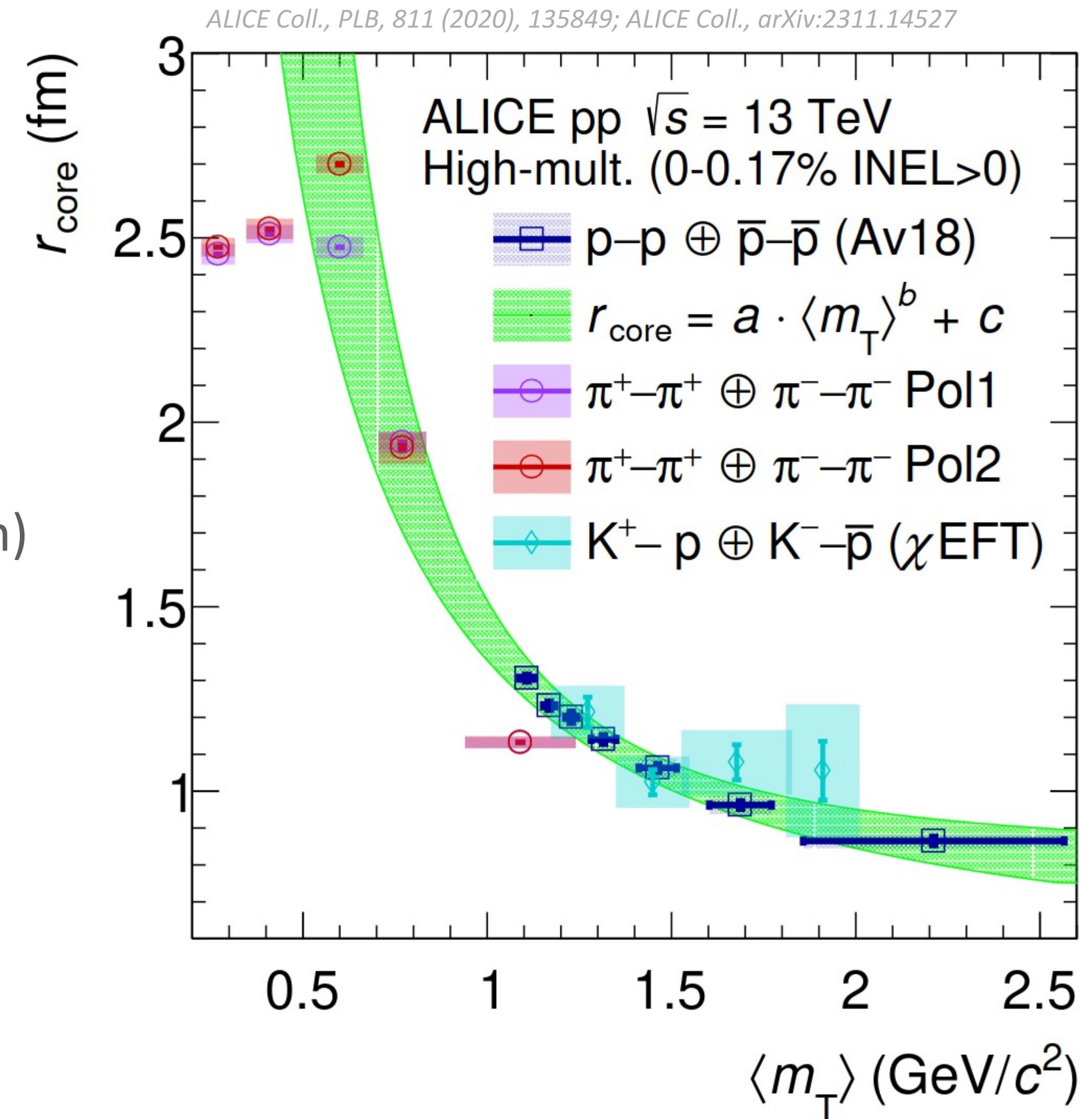
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- One universal source for all hadrons (cross-check with K<sup>+</sup>-p, π-π, p-Λ, p-Π)

- **Small particle-emitting source created in pp collisions at the LHC**

- **Currently the two-body source is used also for three-body calculations!**



# Kaon/Proton-deuteron correlation

- Effective two-body system
  - Coulomb + Strong interactions via Lednický model; only s-wave
  - Anchored to scattering experiments
  - Emission source: from  $m_T$  scaling

R. Lednický, Phys. Part. Nucl. 40, 307(2009)

W. T. H. Van Oers, & K. W. Brockman Jr, NPA 561 (1967);  
 J. Arvieux et al., NPA 221 (1973); E. Huttel et al., NPA 406 (1983);  
 A. Kievsky et al., PLB 406 (1997); T. C. Black et al., PLB 471 (1999);

System	Spin averaged		$S = 1/2$		$S = 3/2$	
	$a_0$ (fm)	$d_0$ (fm)	$a_0$ (fm)	$d_0$ (fm)	$a_0$ (fm)	$d_0$ (fm)
p-d			$1.30^{+0.20}_{-0.20}$	—	$11.40^{+1.80}_{-1.20}$	$2.05^{+0.25}_{-0.25}$
			$2.73^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$	$2.27^{+0.12}_{-0.12}$	$11.88^{+0.10}_{-0.40}$	$2.63^{+0.01}_{-0.02}$
			4.0	—	11.1	—
			0.024	—	13.8	—
			$-0.13^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$	—	$14.70^{+2.30}_{-2.30}$	—
K <sup>+</sup> -d	-0.470	1.75				
	-0.540	0.0				

\*\*R. Lednický and V. L. Lyuboshits Sov. J. Nucl. Phys. 35 (1982)

$$C(k^*) = 1 + \sum_S \rho_S \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{f(k^*)^S}{r_0} \right|^2 \left( 1 - \frac{d_0^S}{2\sqrt{\pi}r_0} \right) + \frac{2\Re f(k^*)^S}{\sqrt{\pi}r_0} F_1(2k^*r_0) - \frac{2I f(k^*)^S}{\sqrt{\pi}r_0} F_2(2k^*r_0) \right]$$

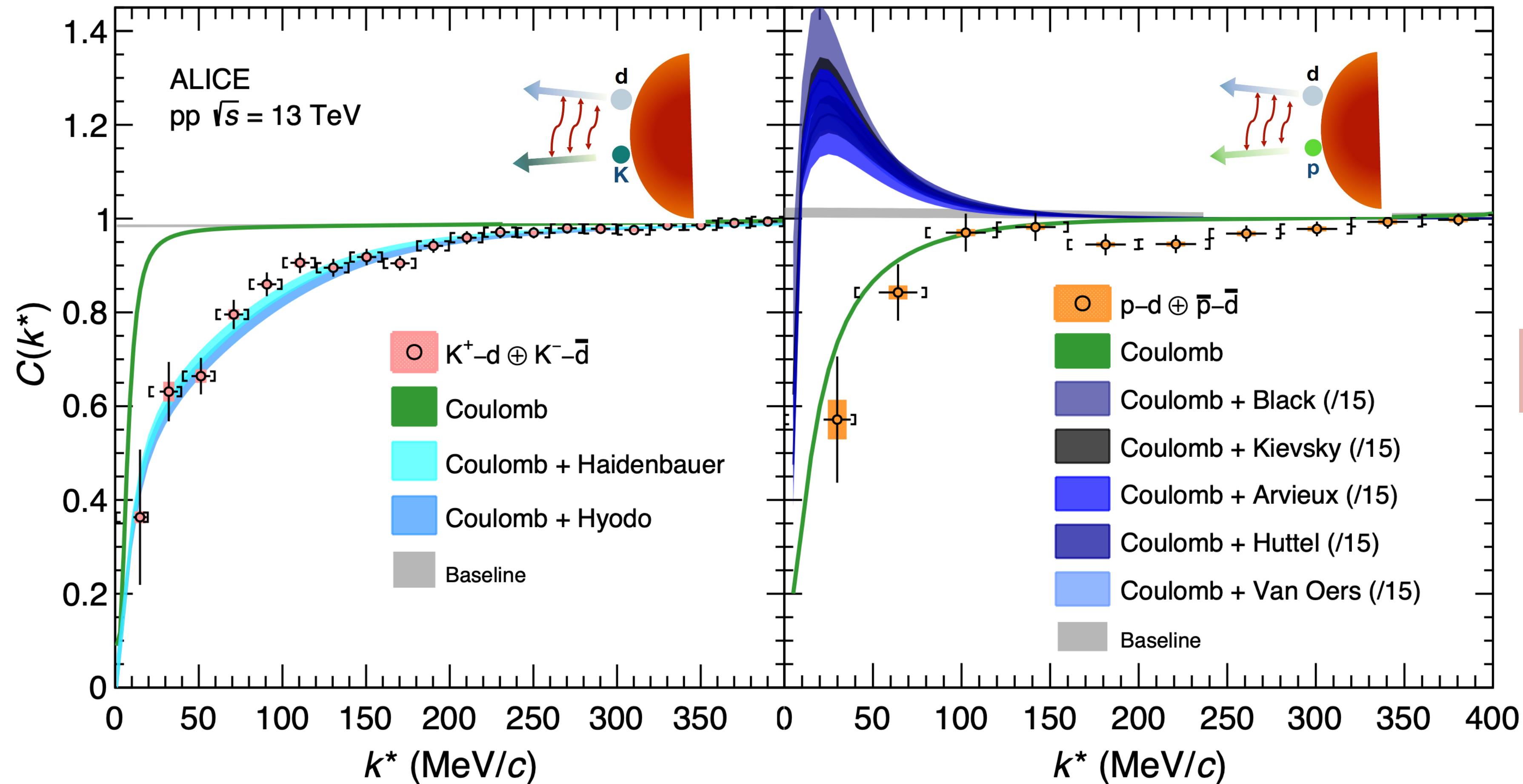
$S$  = spin state  
 $d_0^S$  = effective range  
 $f_0^S$  = scattering length

$$f(k^*)^S = \left( \frac{1}{f_0^S} + \frac{1}{2} d_0^S k^{*2} - ik^* \right)^{-1}$$

$$S(r) = (4\pi r_0^2)^{-3/2} \cdot \exp \left( -\frac{r^2}{4r_0^2} \right)$$

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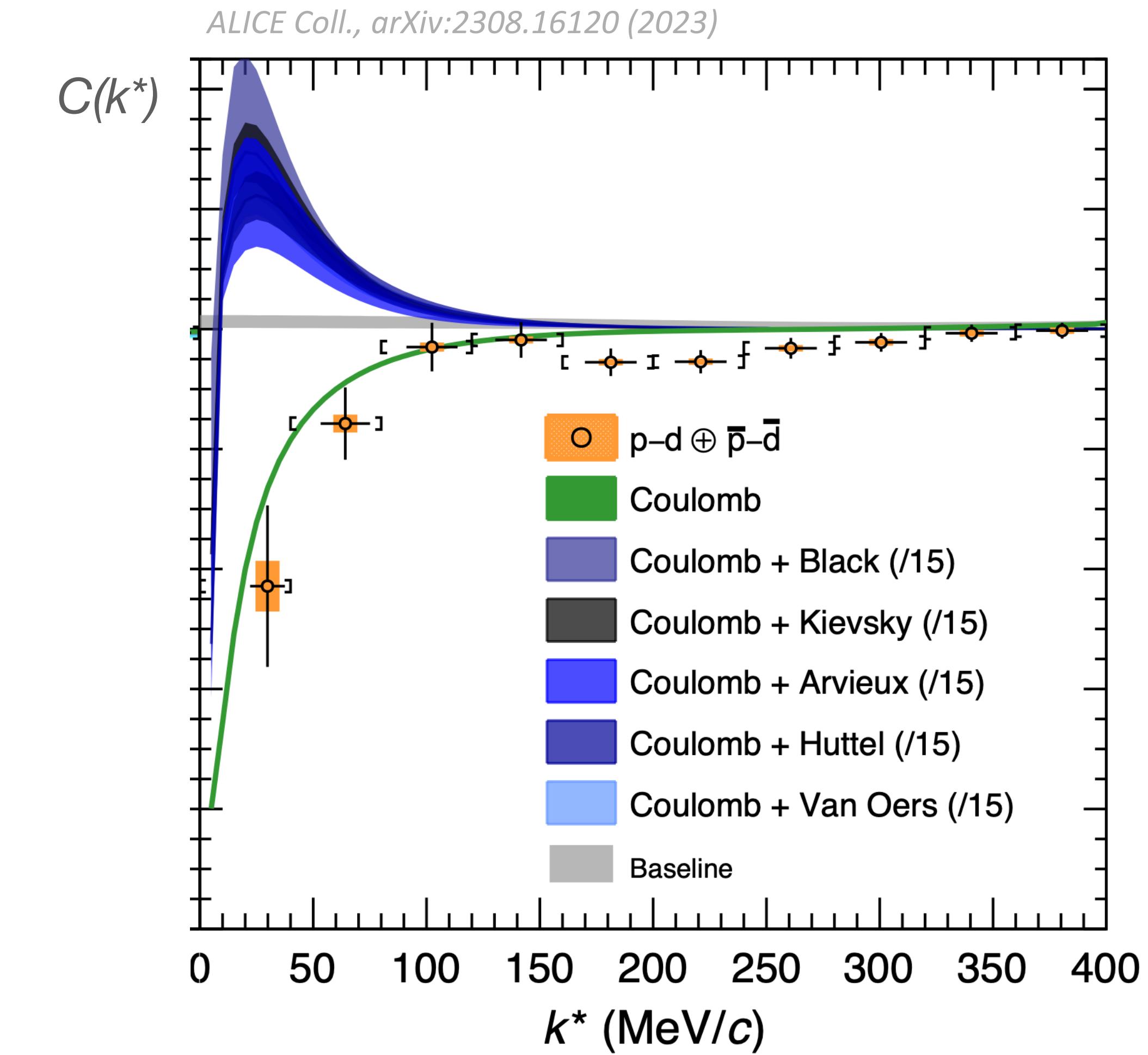
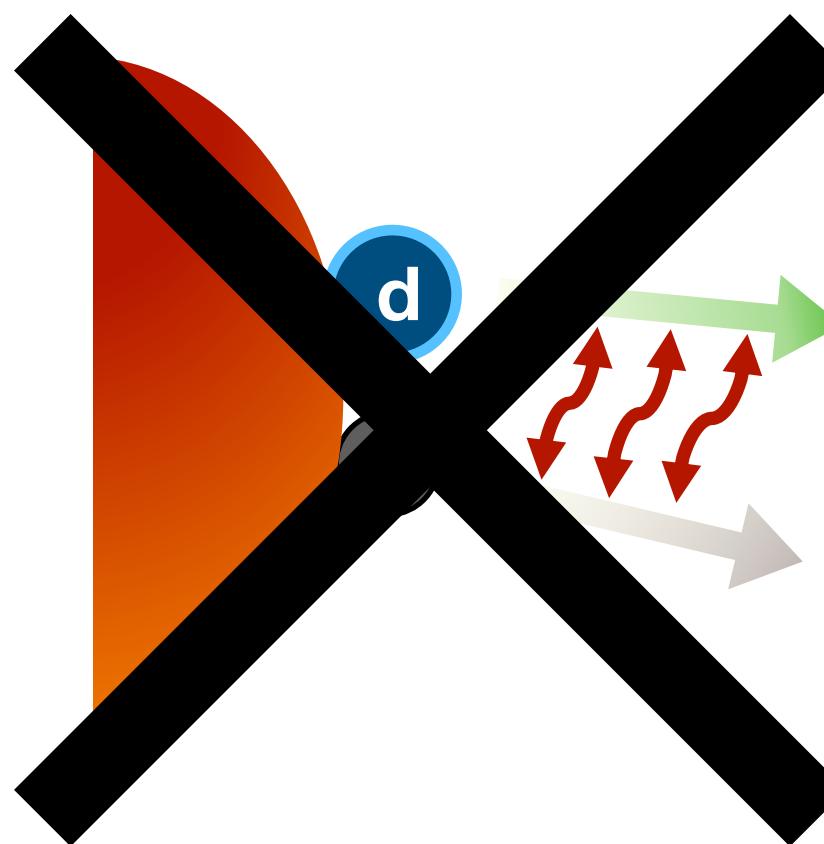
$$r_{\text{eff}}^{Kd} = 1.41^{+0.03}_{-0.06} \text{ fm}$$

$$r_{\text{eff}}^{pd} = 1.059^{+0.04}_{-0.04} \text{ fm}$$

It works very well for k-d since this interaction is only repulsive and there are no features of the interaction that appears only at short distances. The asymptotic description is sufficient

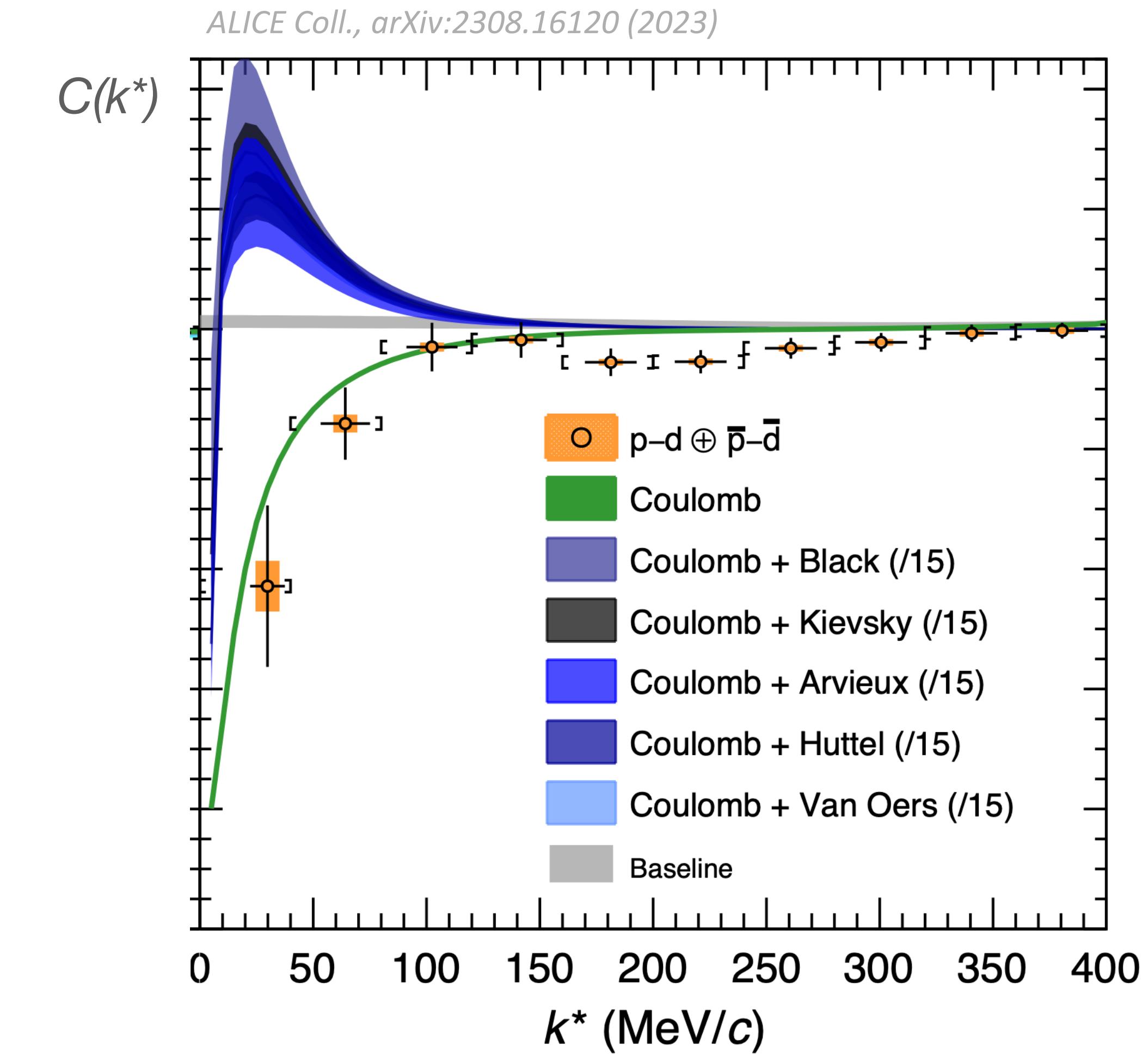
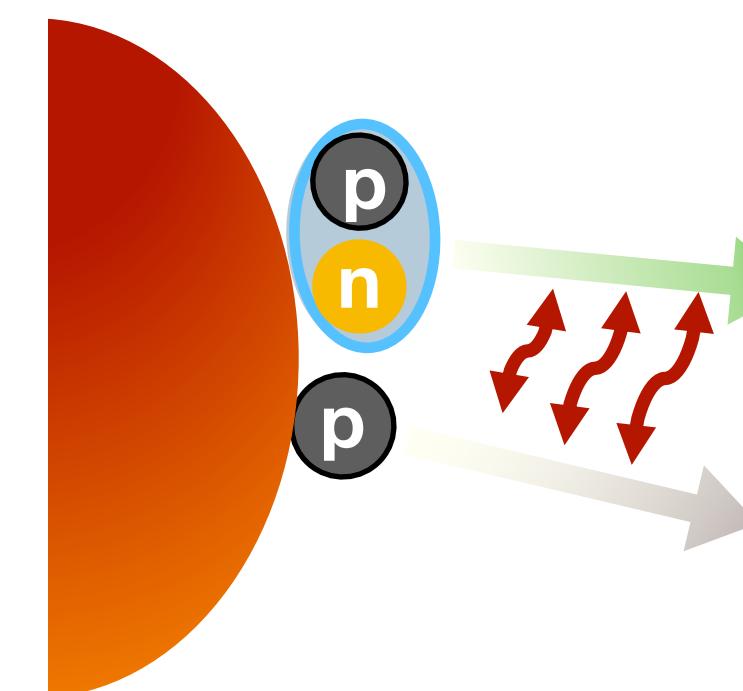
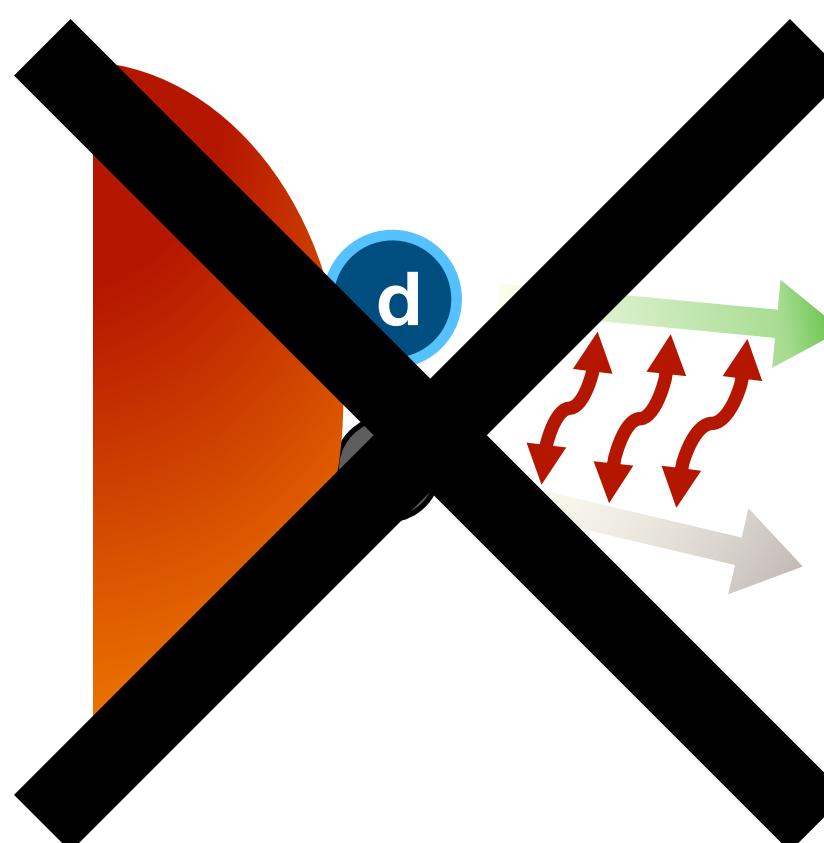
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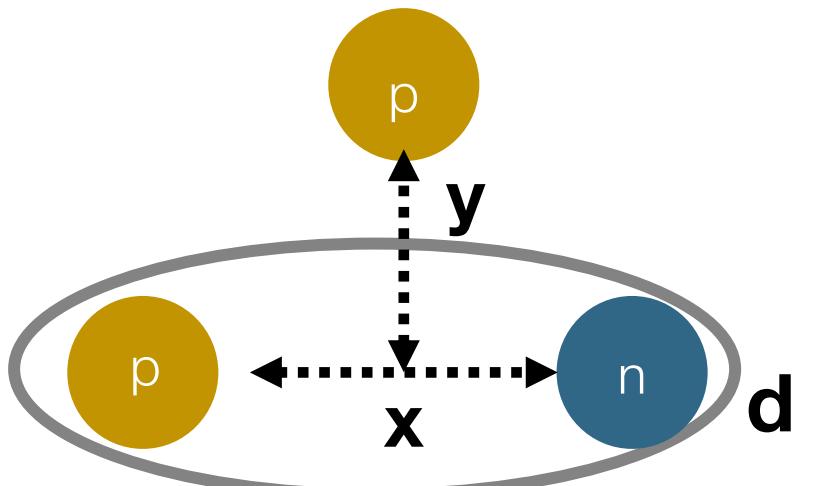
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Calculation done by PISA theory group: Michele Viviani,  
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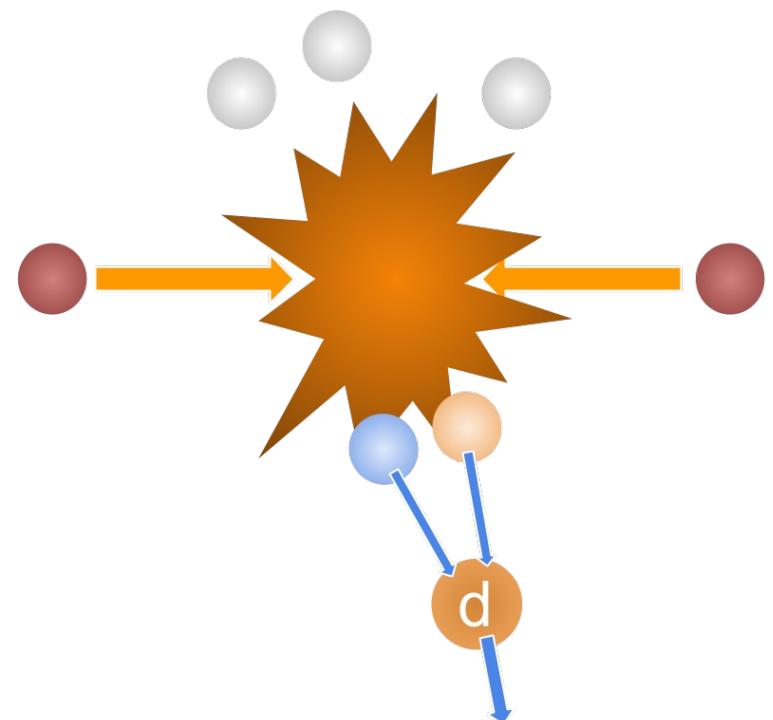
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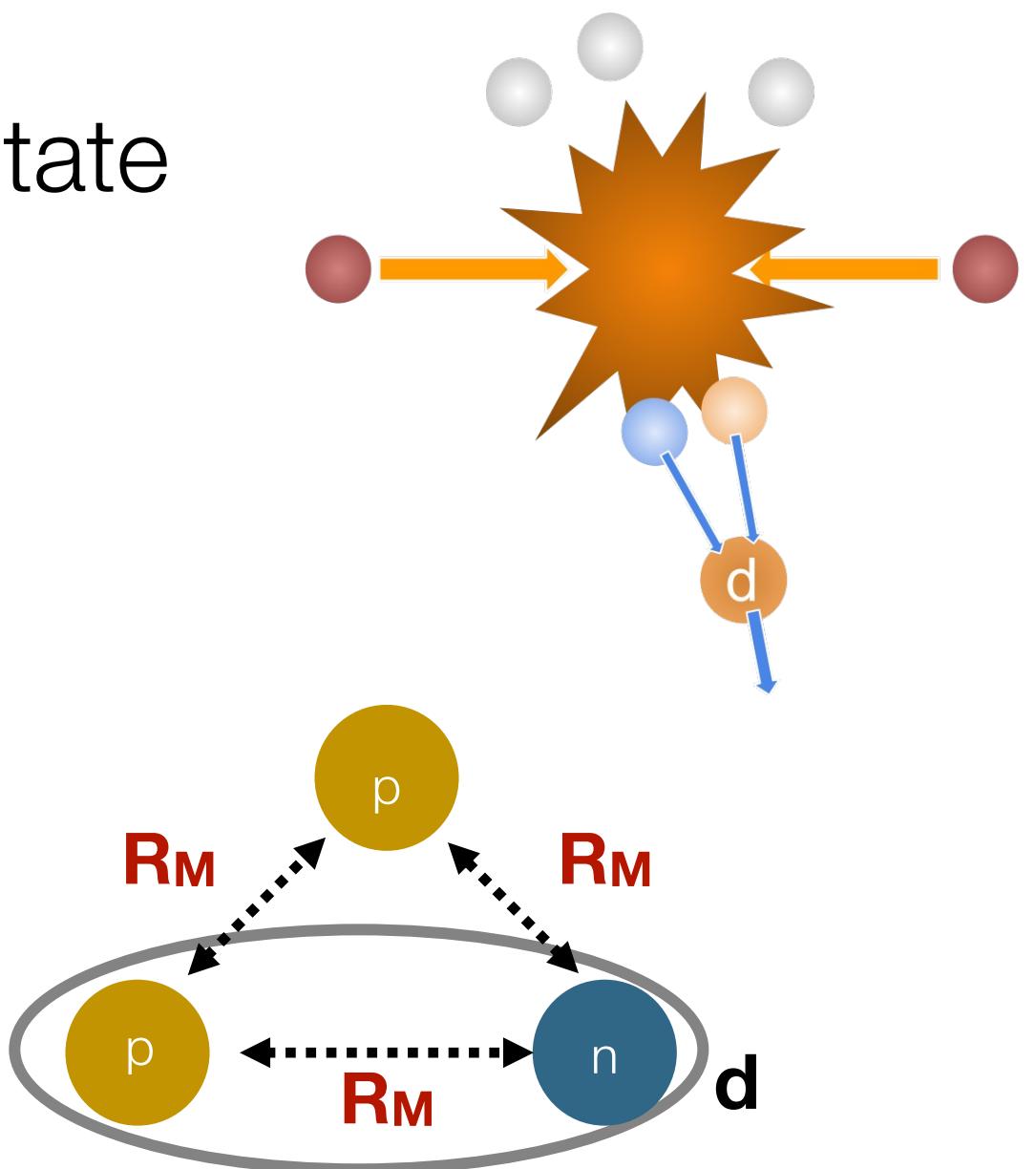
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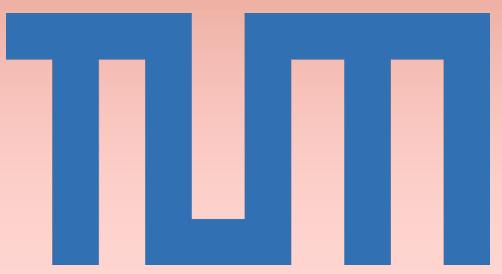
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- Final definition of the correlation with p-p source size  $R_M$  :

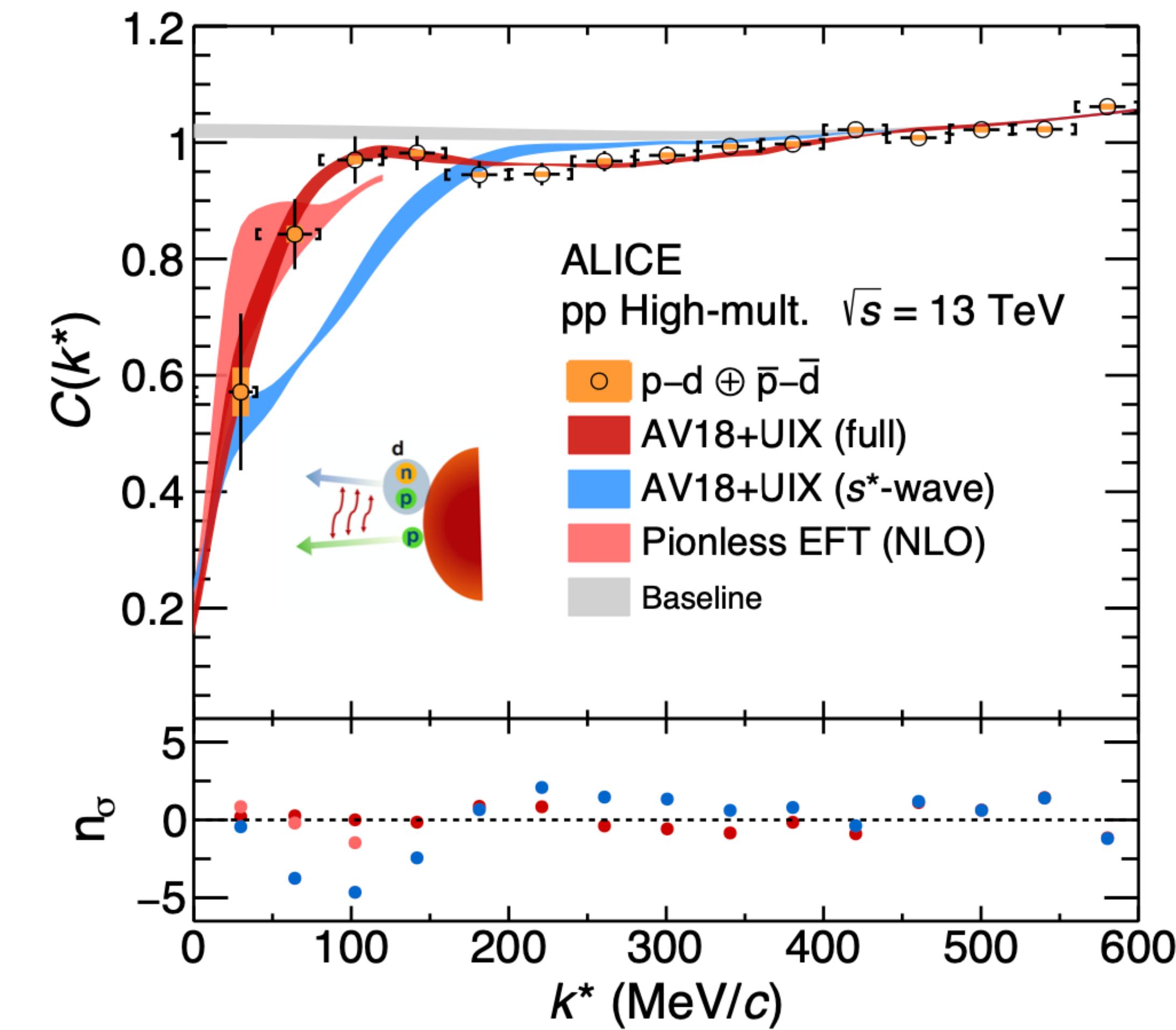
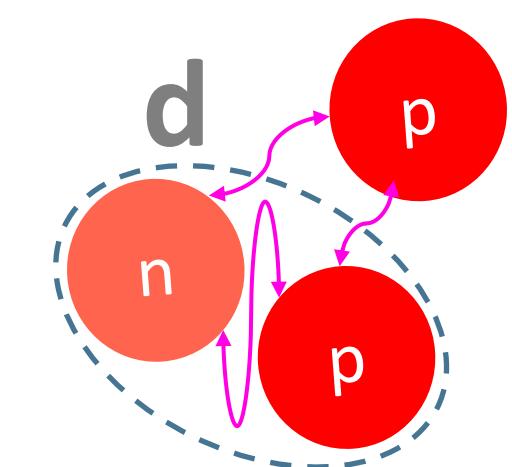
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# NNN using proton-deuteron correlations



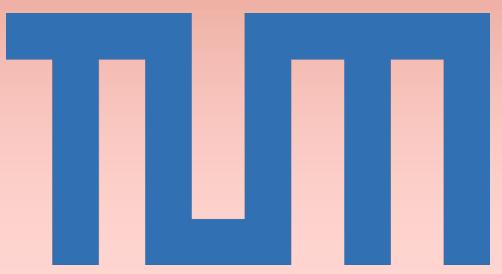
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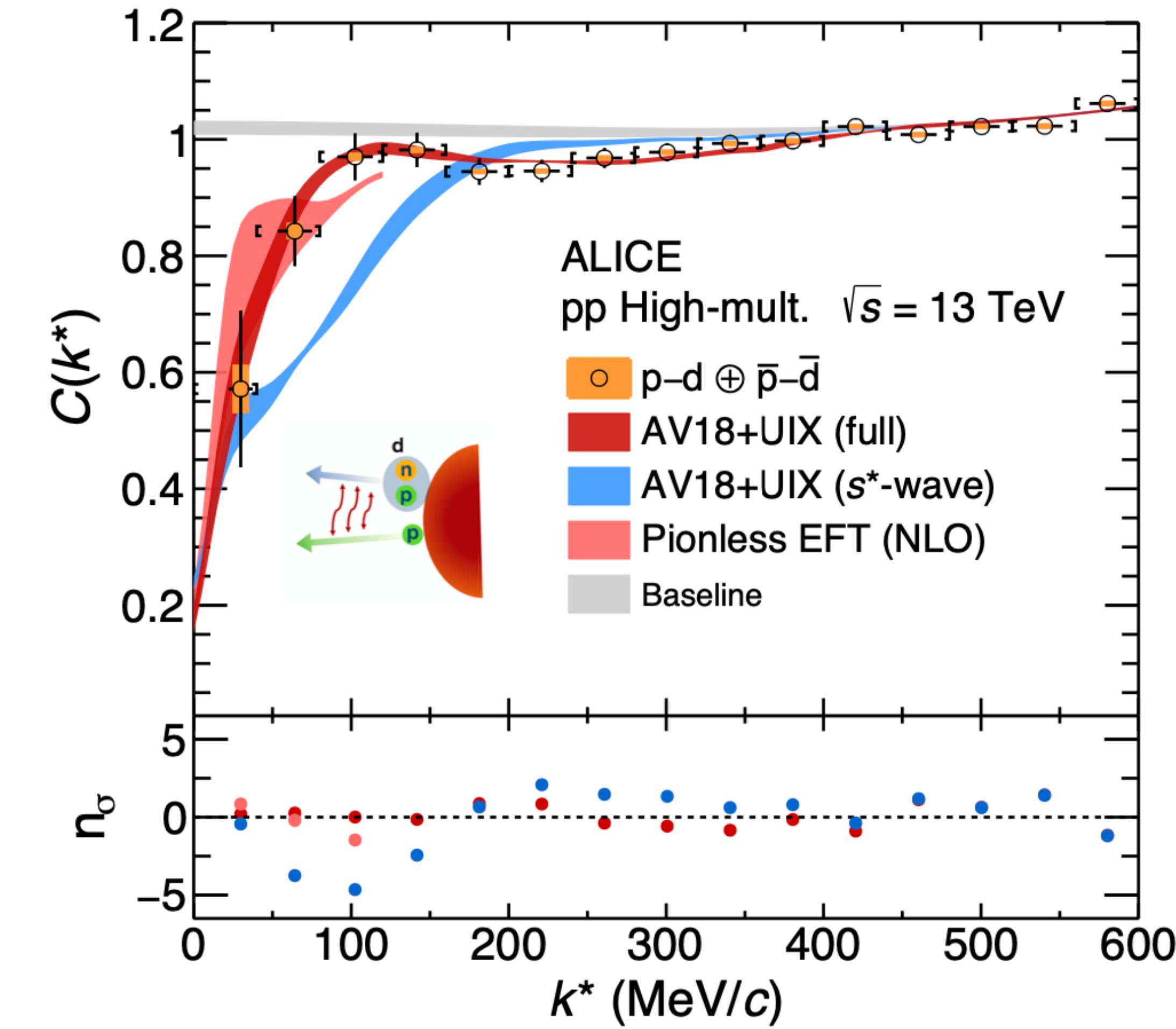
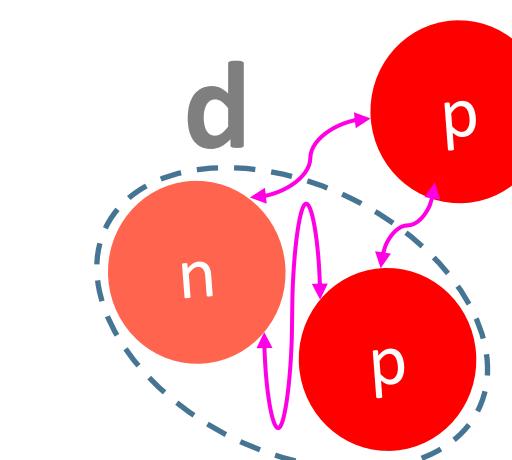
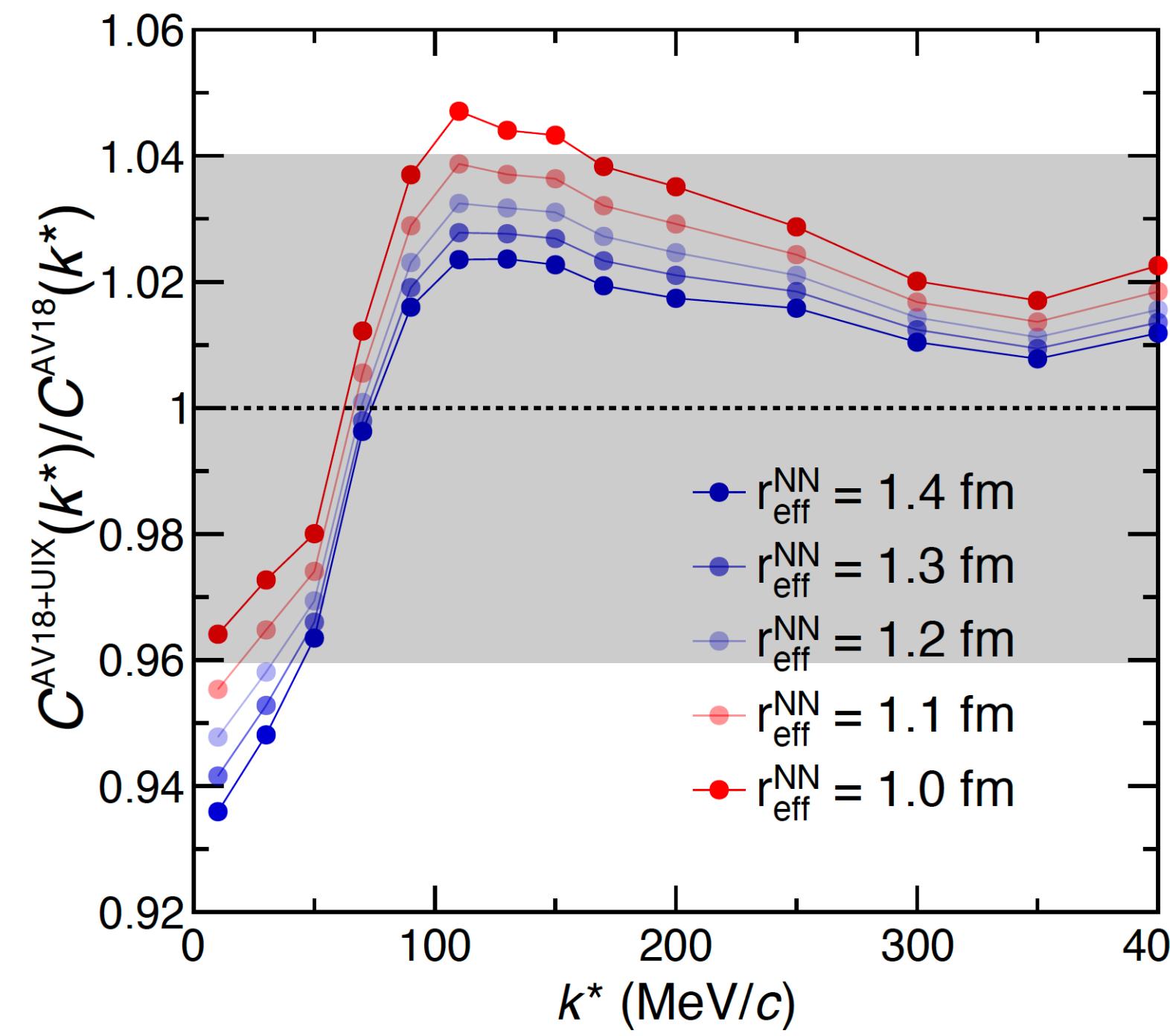
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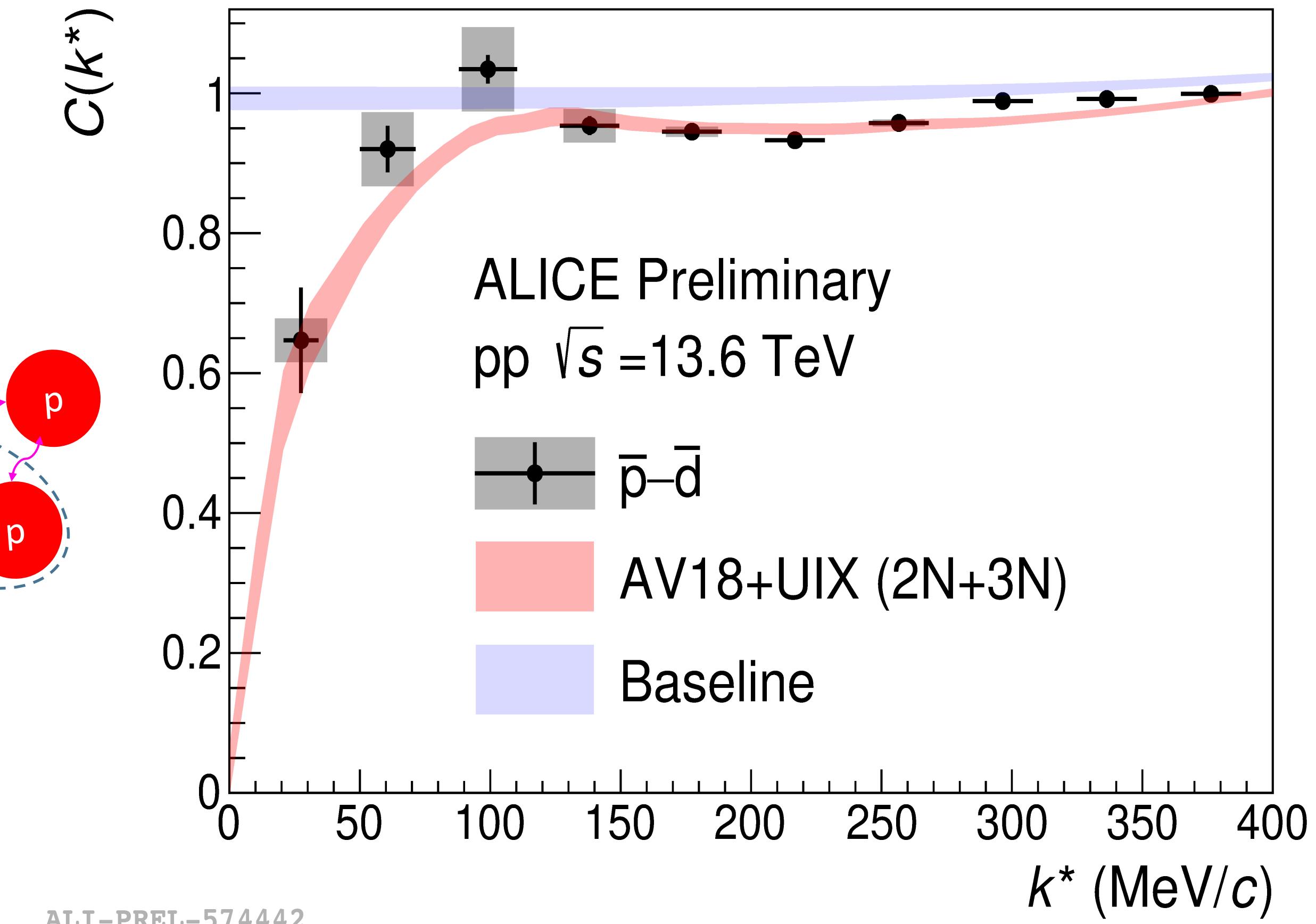
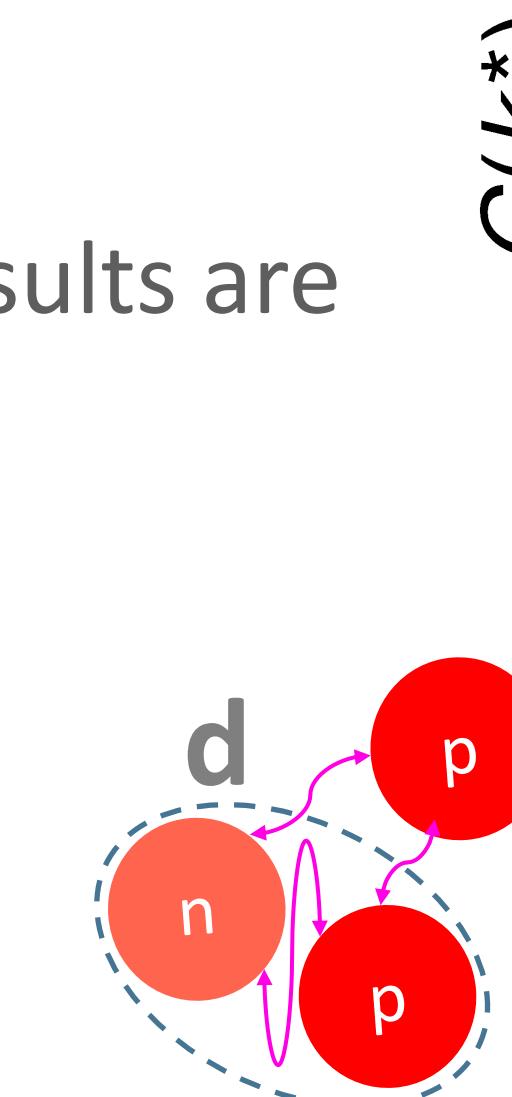
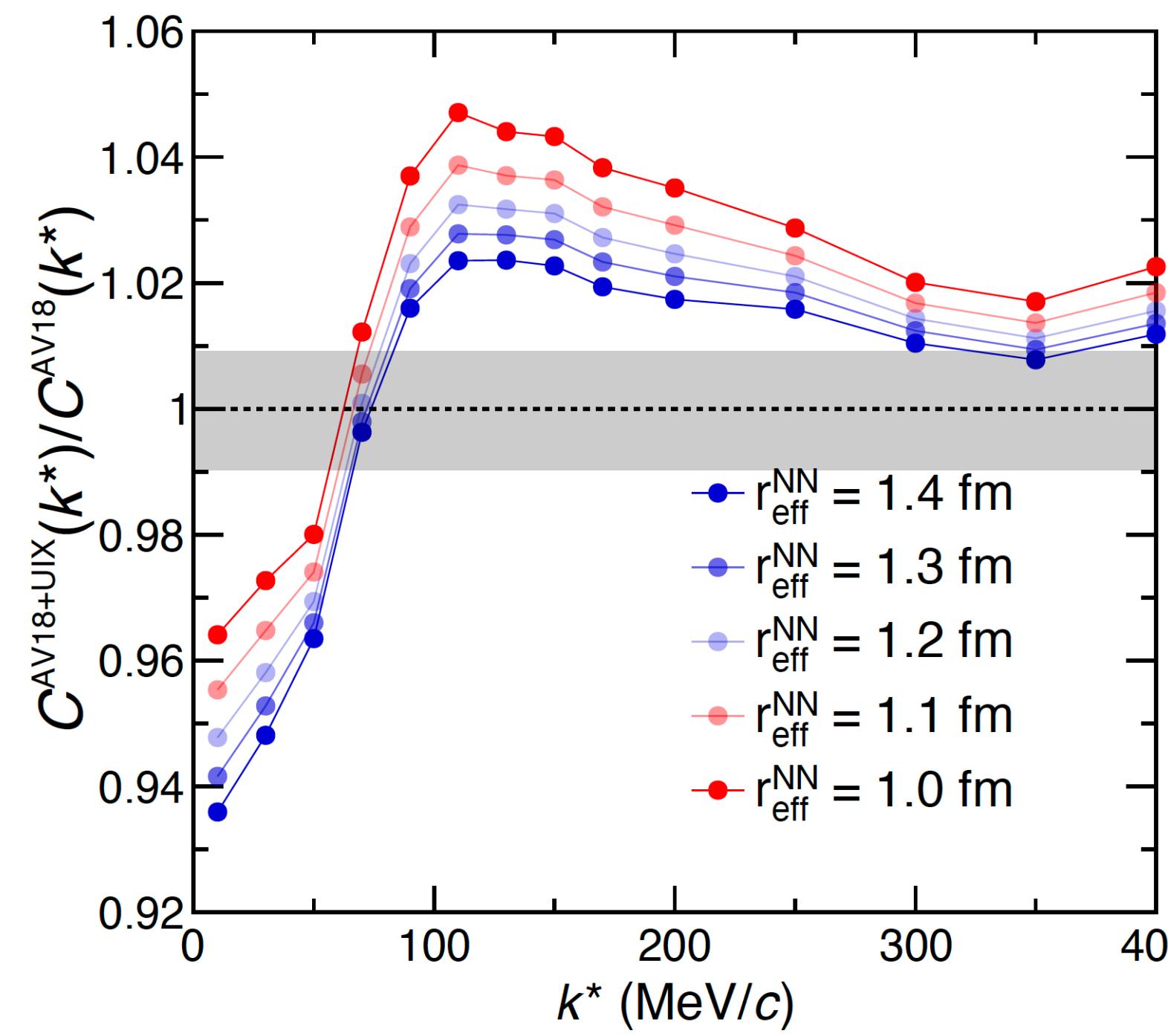


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- Run 3 data from 2022 already analysed and results are promising!
- In Run 3 expected uncertainty of 1%

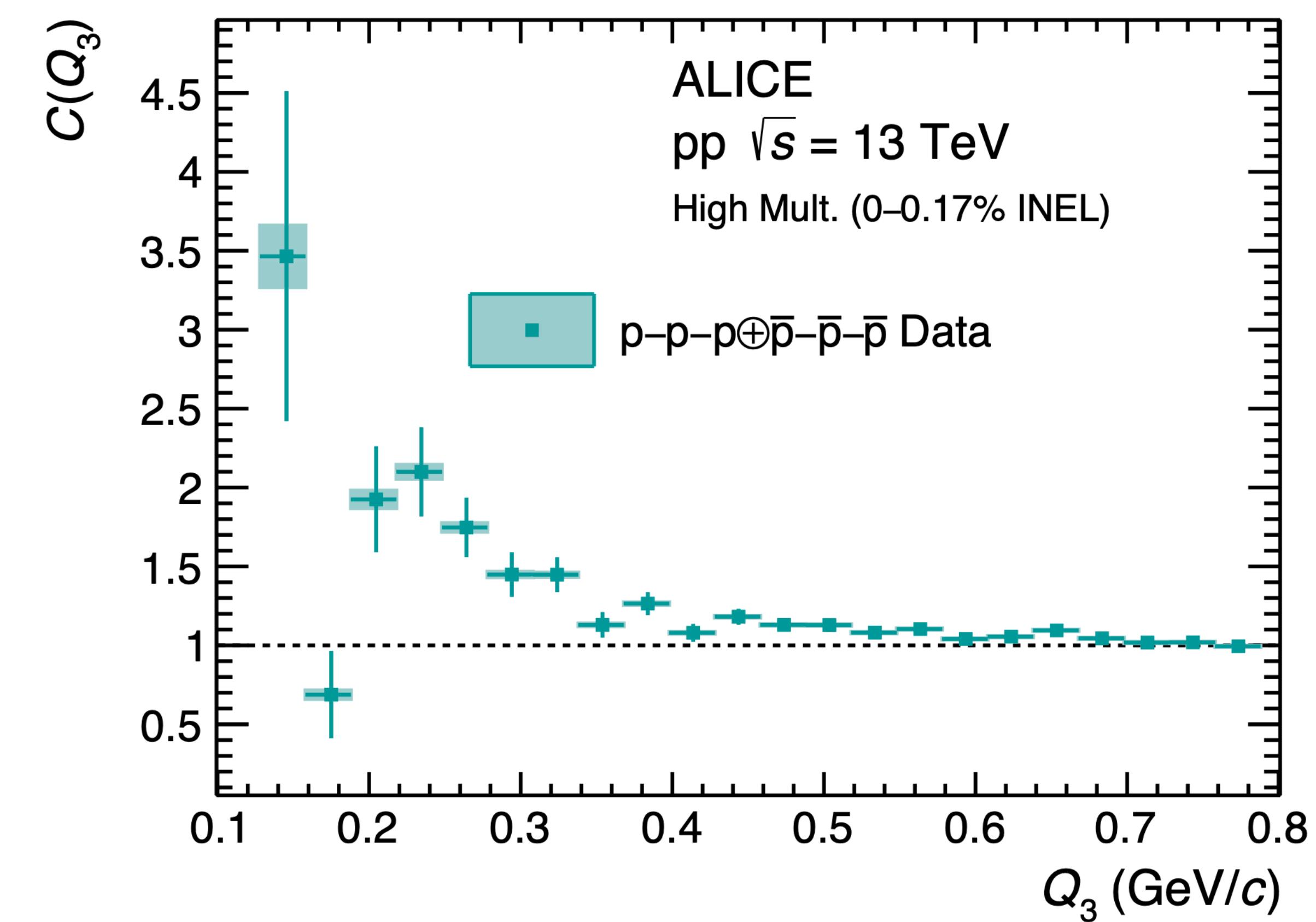
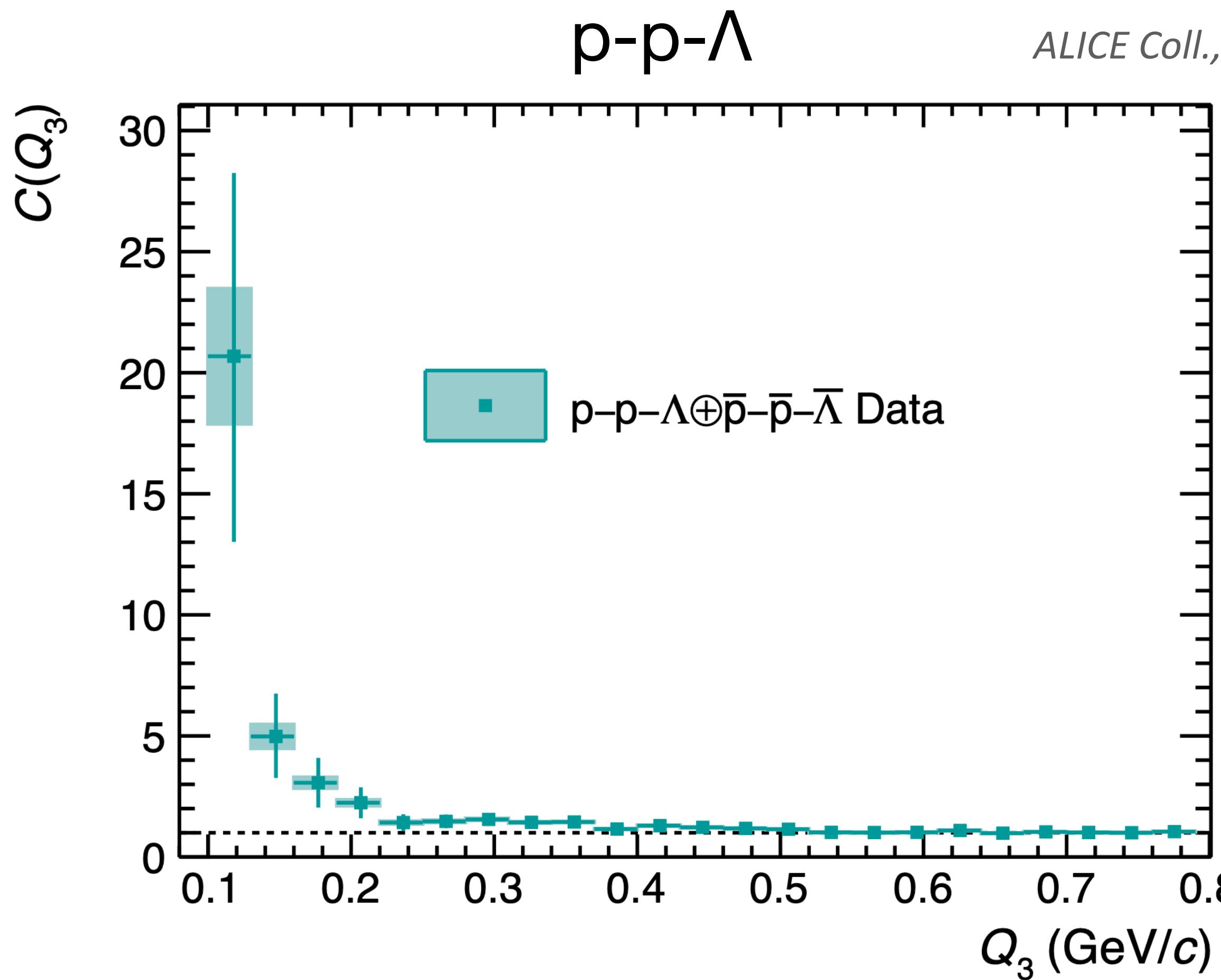
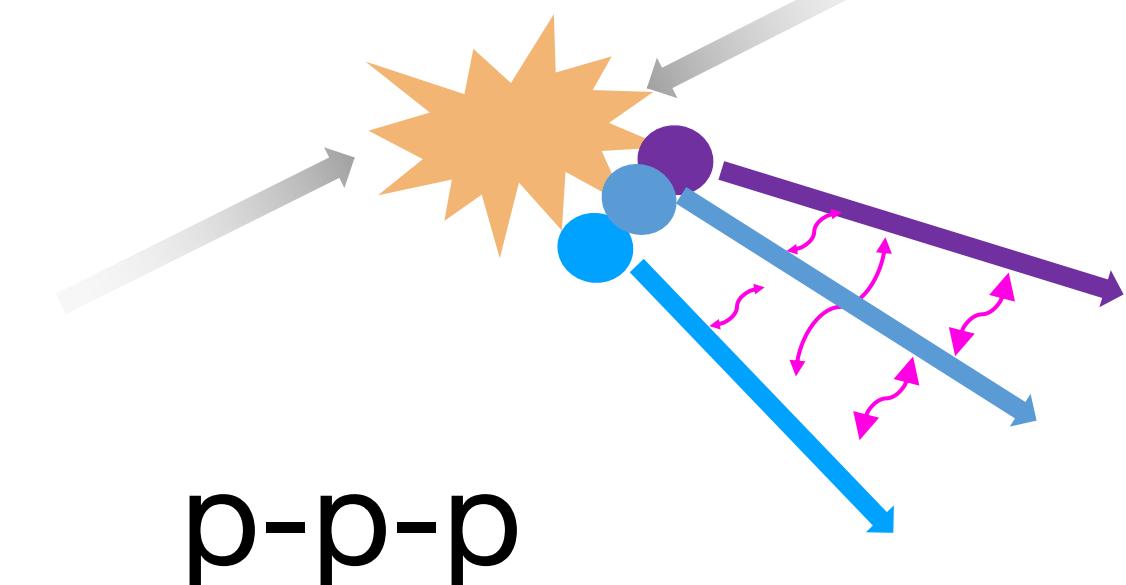


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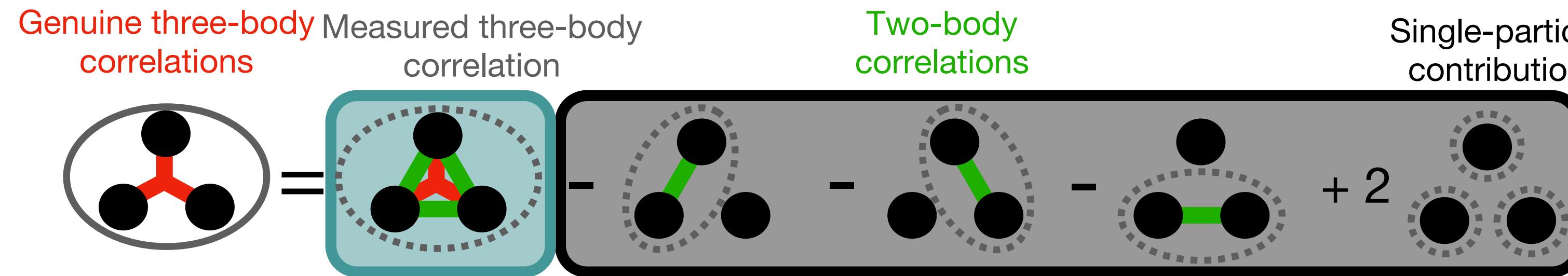
# Measured three-body correlation functions



- Measured correlation functions are not equal to unity
- Are two- or/and three-body interactions responsible?



# Cumulants



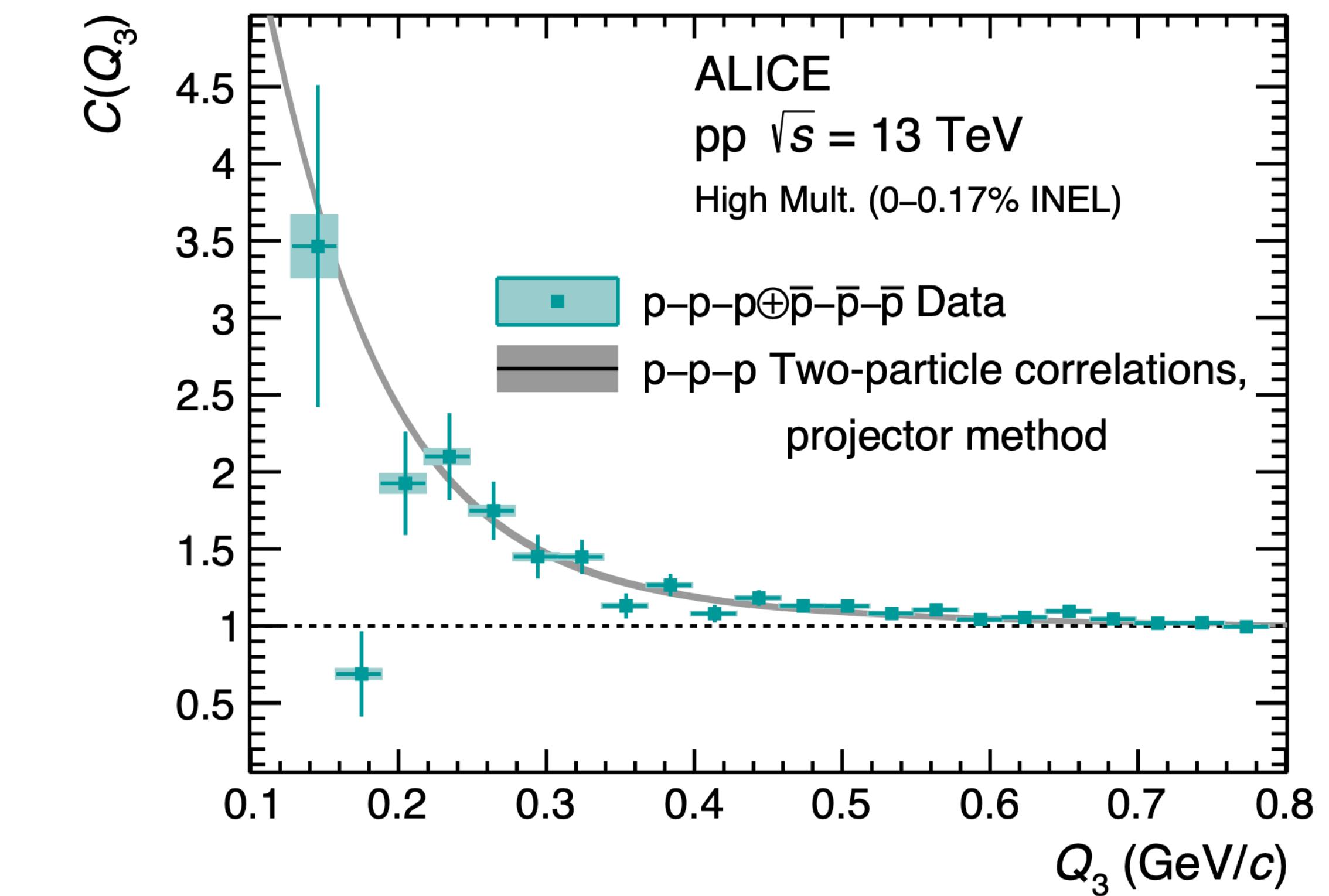
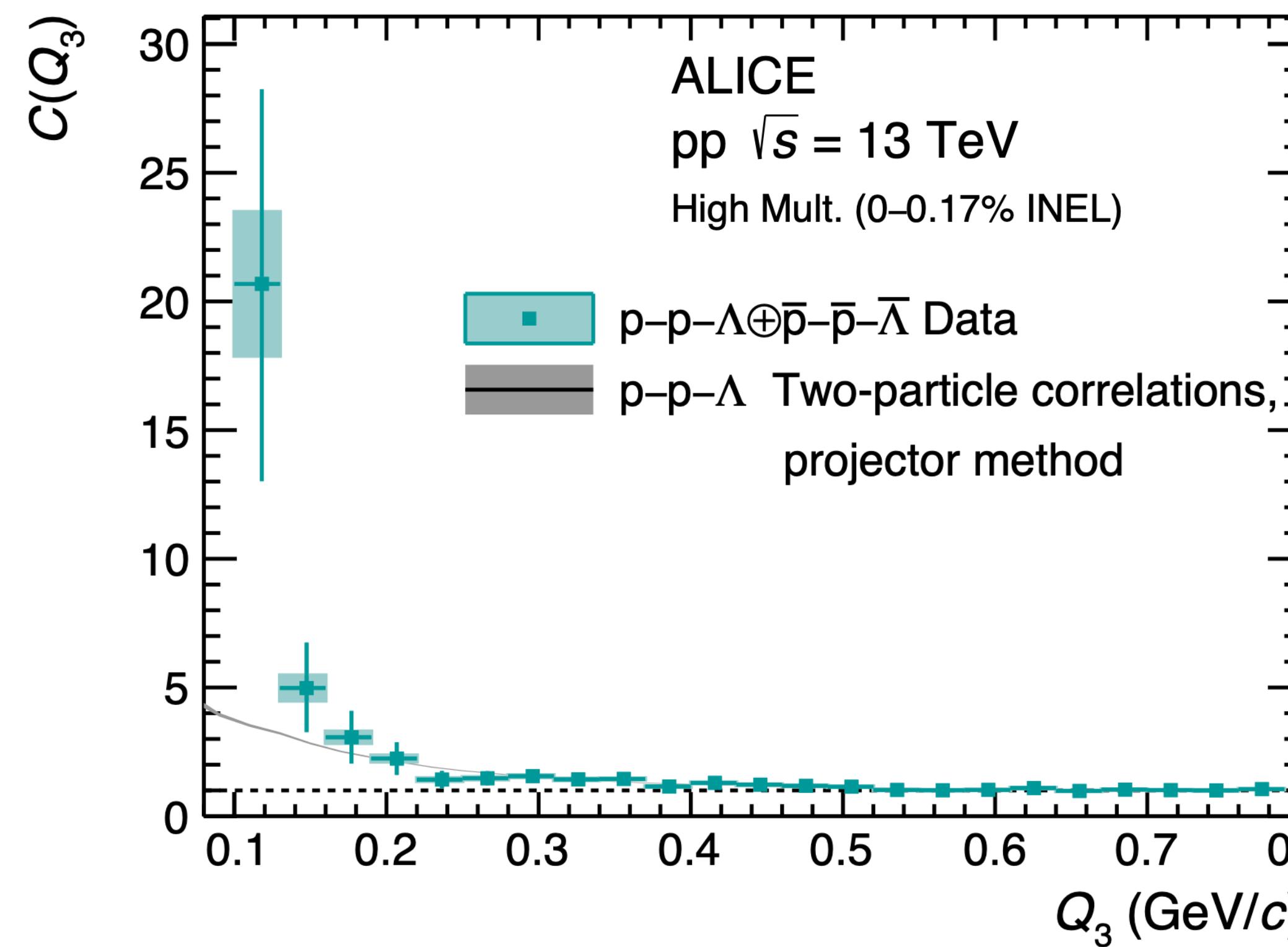
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# Calculation of the p-p-p correlation function



- First ever full three-body correlation function calculations

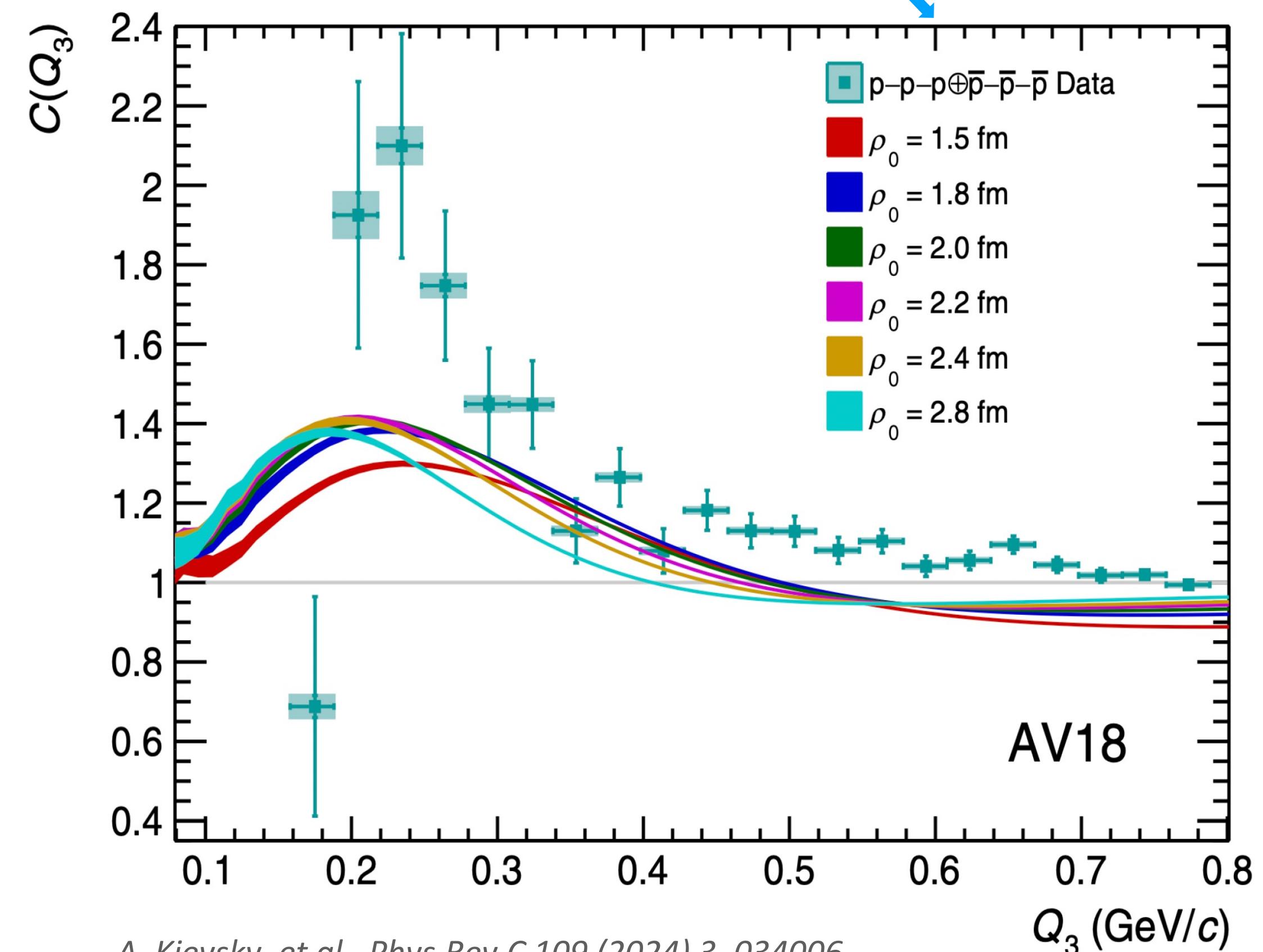
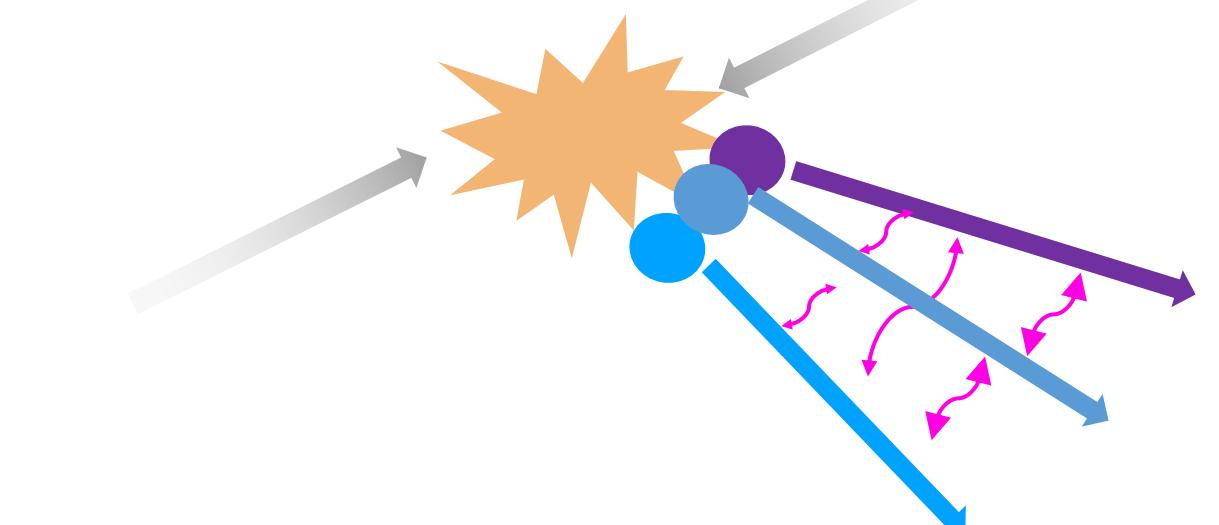
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three-proton wave function  
hyperradius

- Wave function via HH:
  - AV18
  - Three-body Coulomb interaction
  - Quantum statistics

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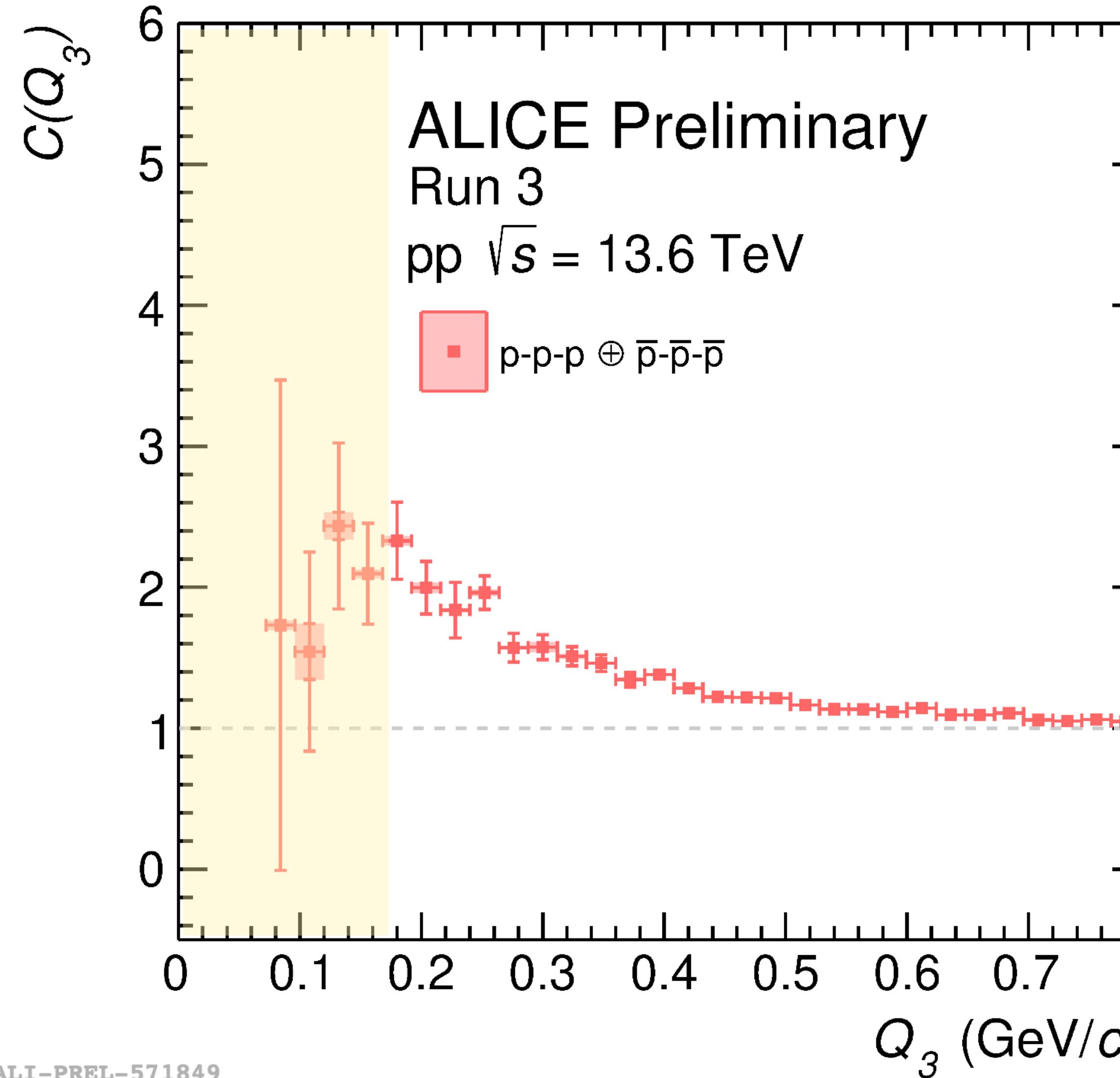
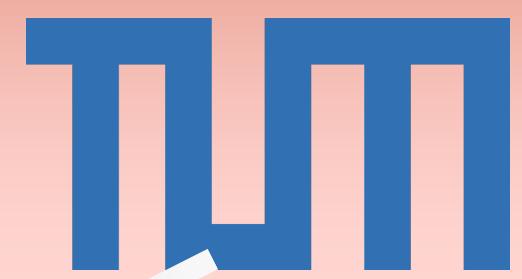
- Negligible contribution from UIX
- Utilise to study three-body source



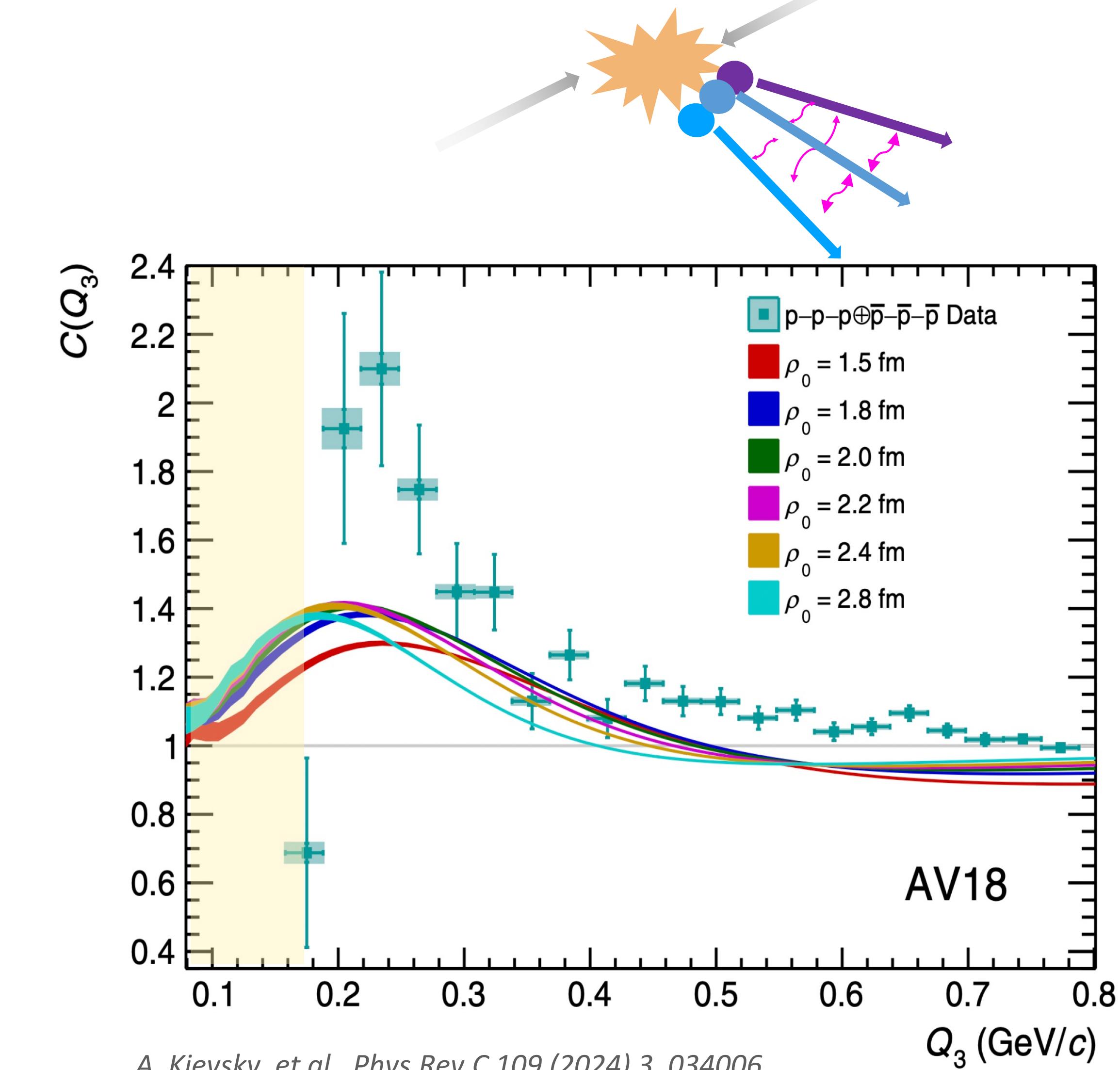
A. Kievsky, et al., Phys.Rev.C 109 (2024) 3, 034006

Calculation done by PISA theory group: Michele Viviani,  
Alejandro Kievsky and Laura Marcucci

# Calculation of the p-p-p correlation function

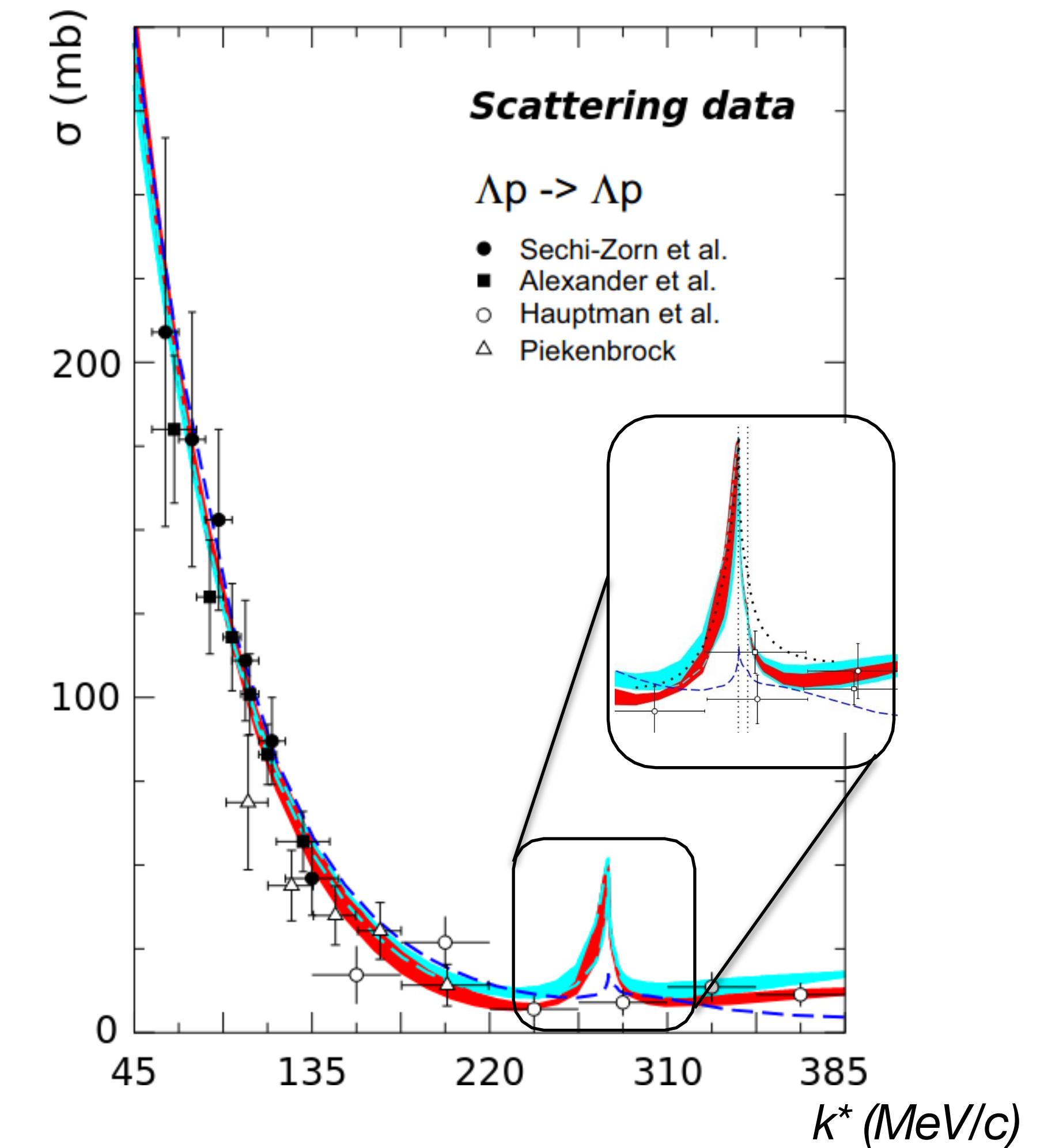


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# The p $\Lambda$ interaction so far...

- Mainly investigated with scattering data
  - High-precision results by CLAS at large momenta  
*CLAS coll. PRL 127 (2021), 27, 27230*
  - Large uncertainties at low momenta and not available down to threshold
- Cusp structure at  $\Sigma N$  opening
  - Coupling  $\Lambda N - \Sigma N$  driving the behaviour of  $\Lambda$  at finite  $\rho$   
*D. Gerstung et al. Eur.Phys.J.A 56 (2020), 6, 175; J. Haidenbauer, U. Meißner, EPJA 56 (2020), 3, 91*
  - State-of-art chiral potentials with different  $\Lambda N - \Sigma N$  strength



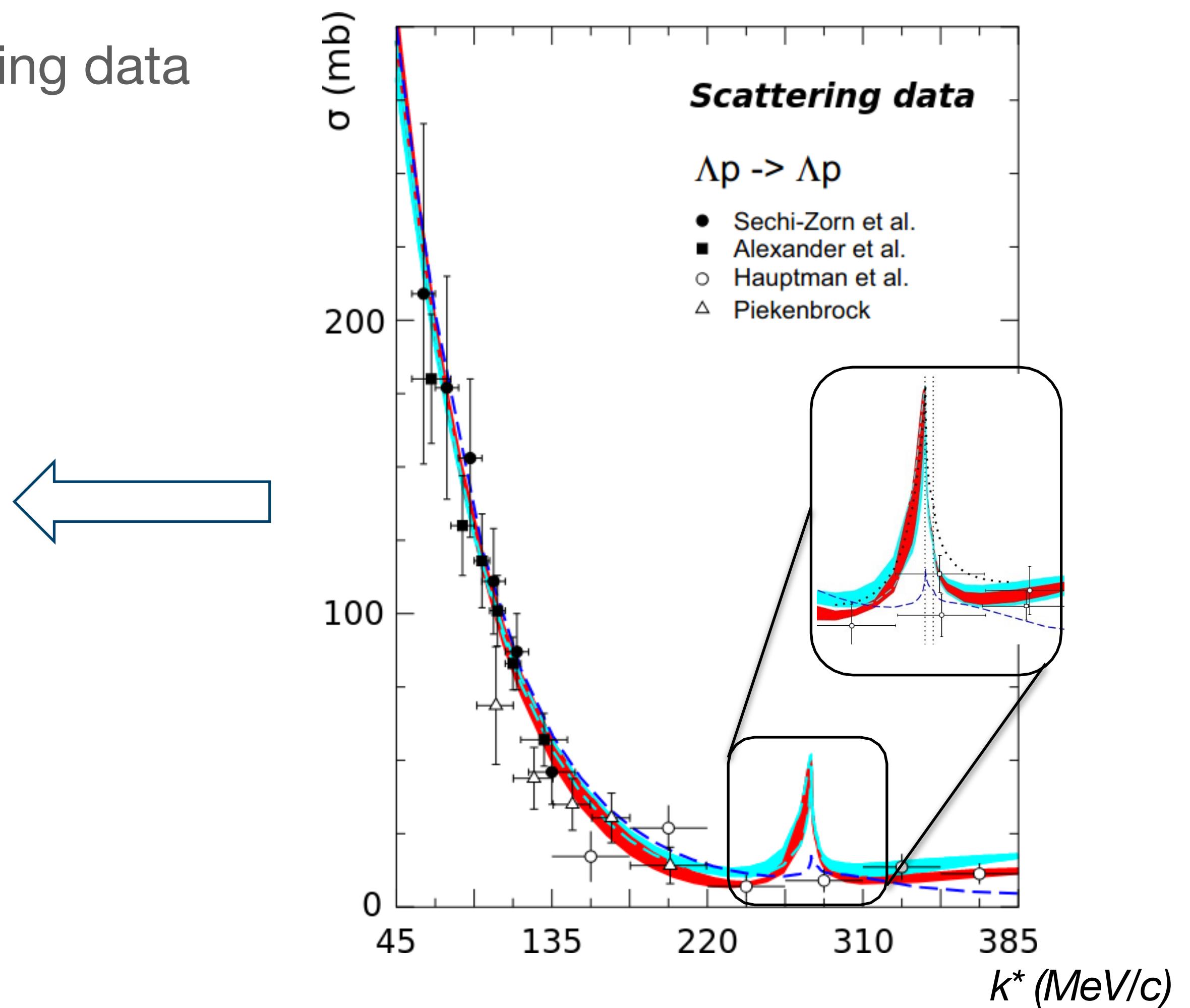
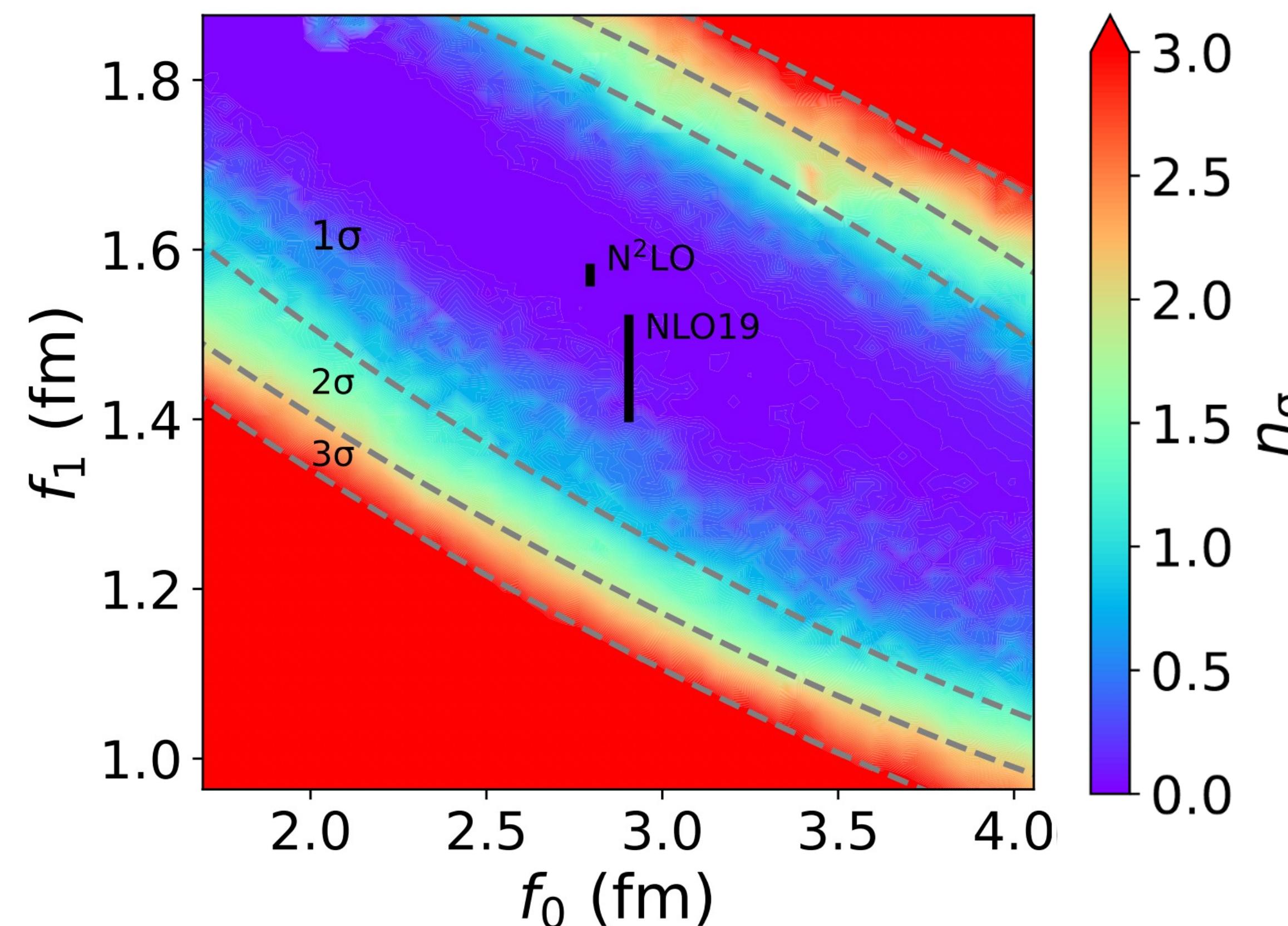
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NLO13: J. Haidenbauer, N. Kaiser et al., NPA 915, 24 (2013)

# The $p\Lambda$ interaction before femtoscopy

- Spin-0 and Spin-1 scattering length from scattering data
- Agreement with N2LO and NLO19

D. Mihaylov, J. Haidenbauer and V. Mantovani Sarti, PLB 850 (2024) 138550

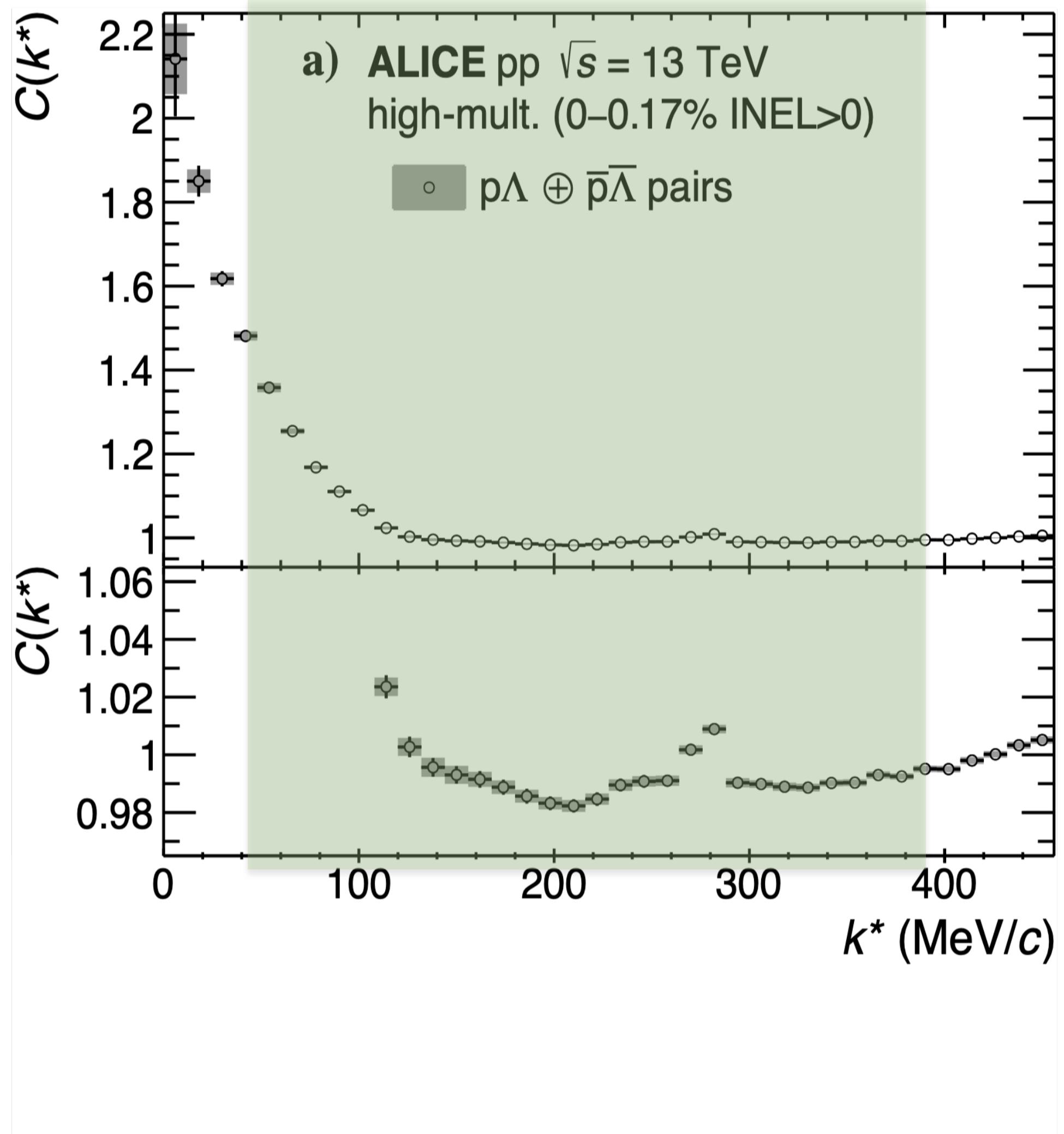


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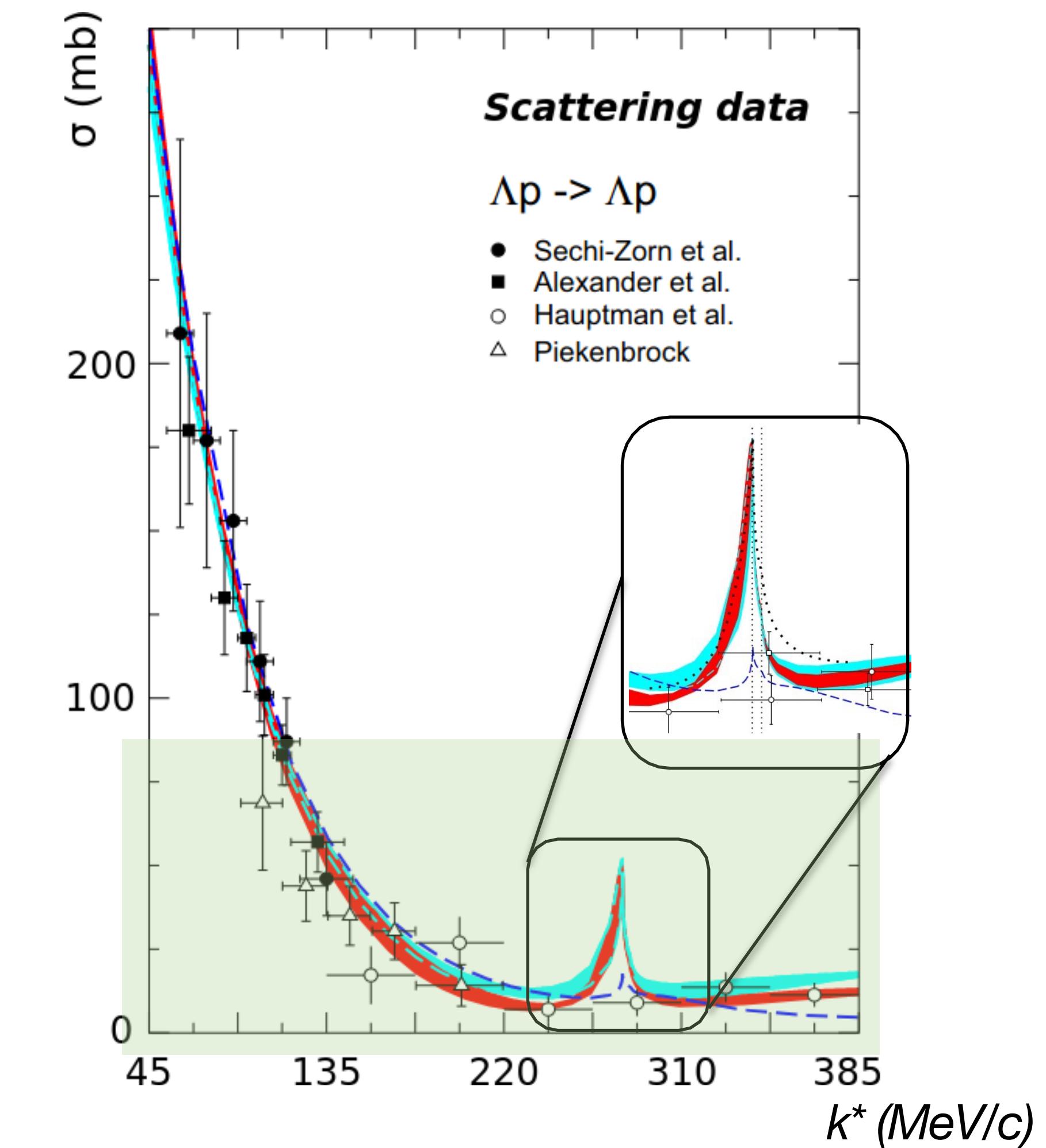
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# The p $\Lambda$ interaction in the femtoscopy era

ALICE coll. PLB 833 (2022), 137272



- Measurement down to zero momentum
  - Factor 20 improved precision (<1%)
- First experimental evidence of  $\Lambda N$ - $\Sigma N$  opening in 2-body channel



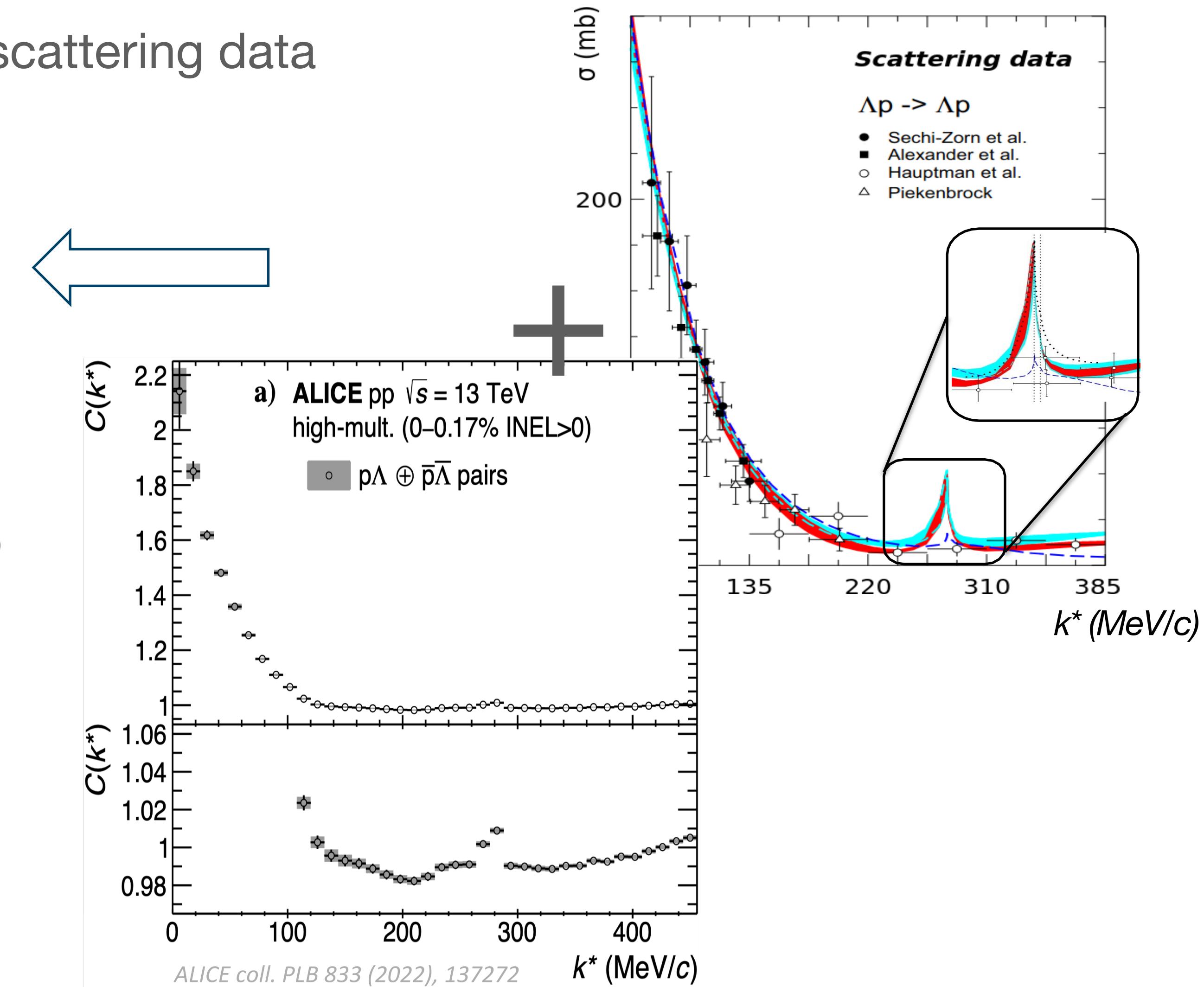
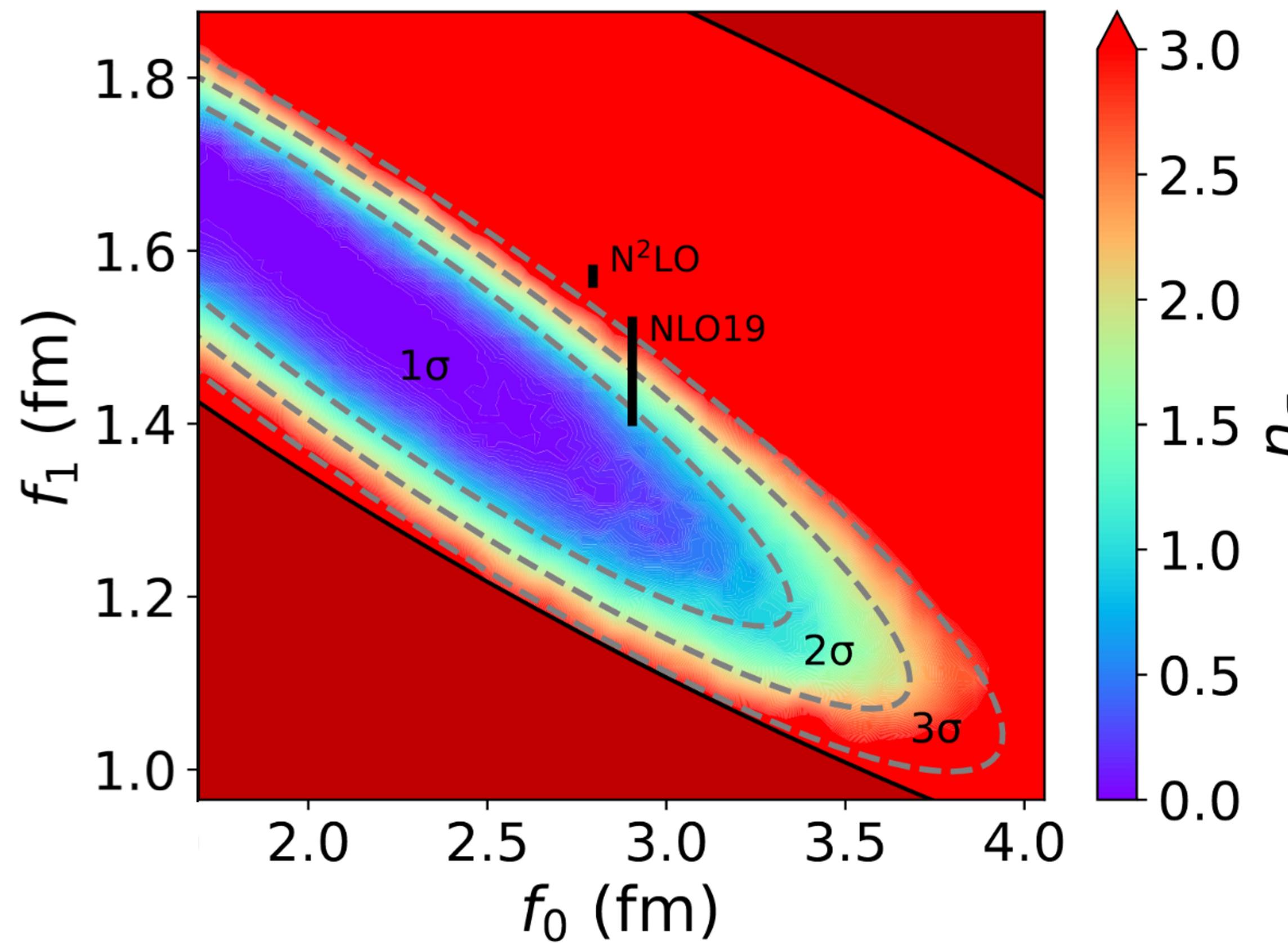
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# The pΛ interaction in the femtoscopy era

- **NEW:** combined analysis of femtoscopic and scattering data

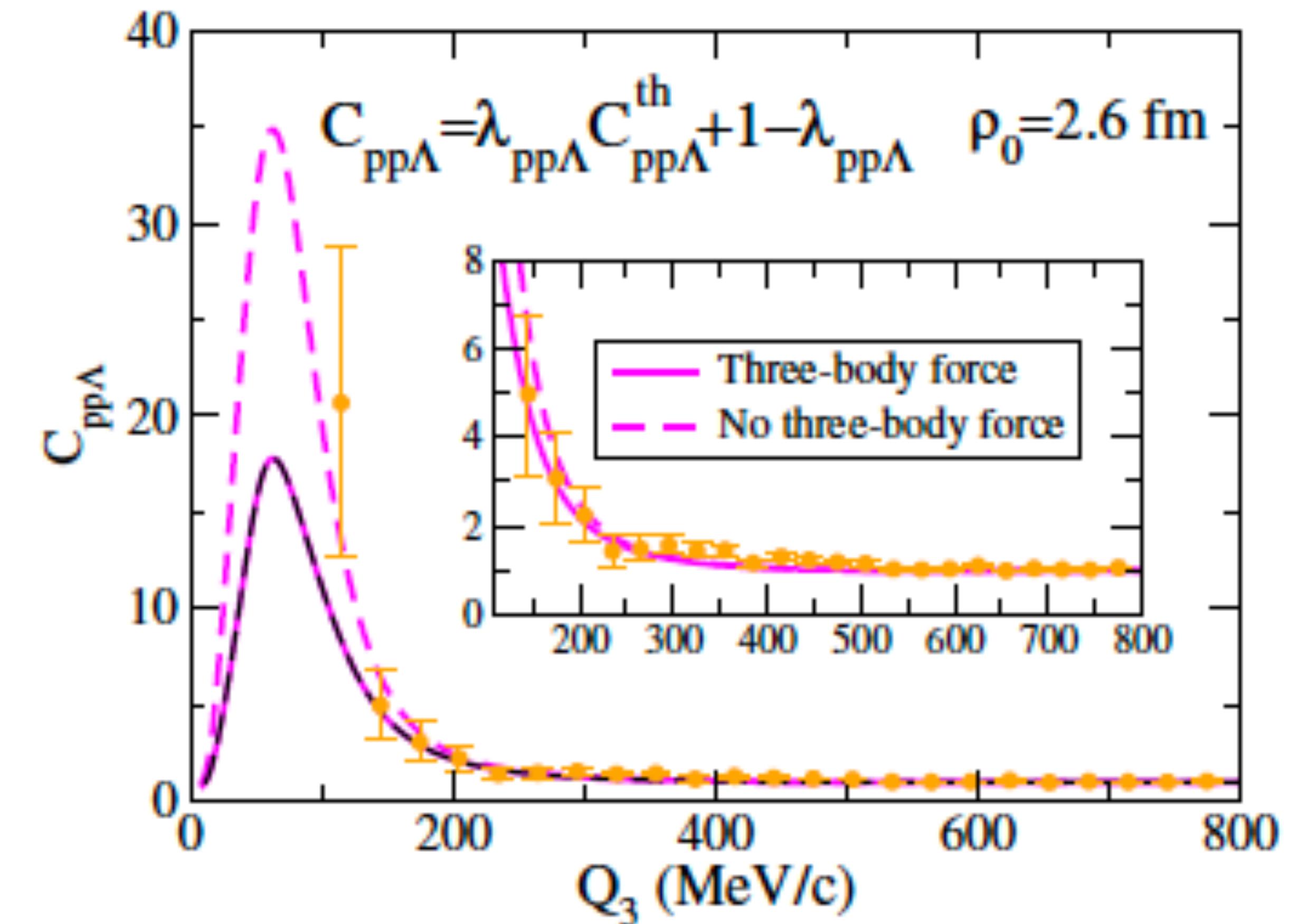
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# p-p- $\Lambda$ correlation function

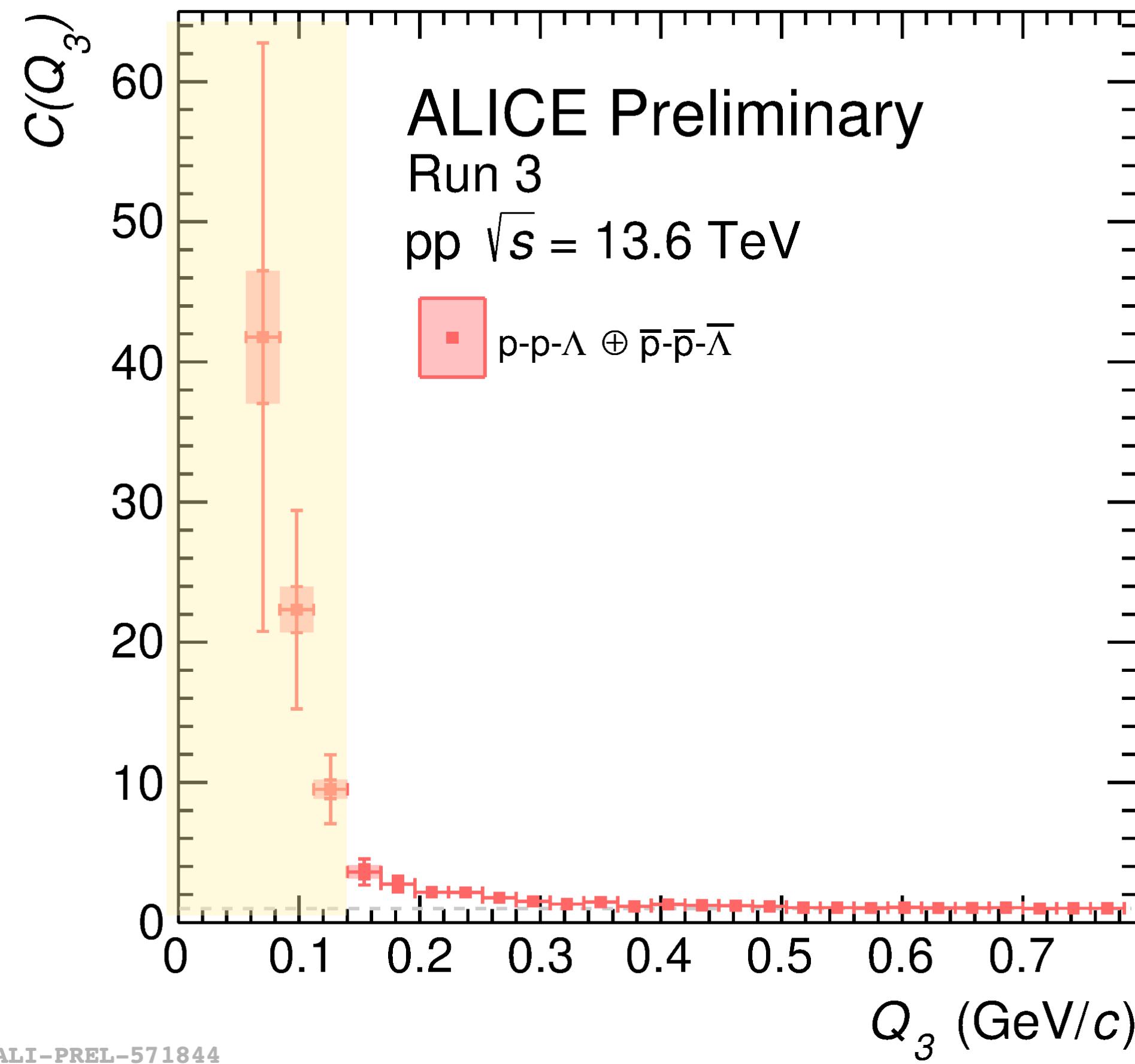
A. Kievsky and E. Garrido, Gattobigio, R. Del Grande, LF paper in preparation  
ALICE Coll., EPJA 59, 145 (2023)

- First theoretical predictions:
  - N $\Lambda$  interaction from NLO19
  - NN $\Lambda$  interaction fixed to hypertriton BE



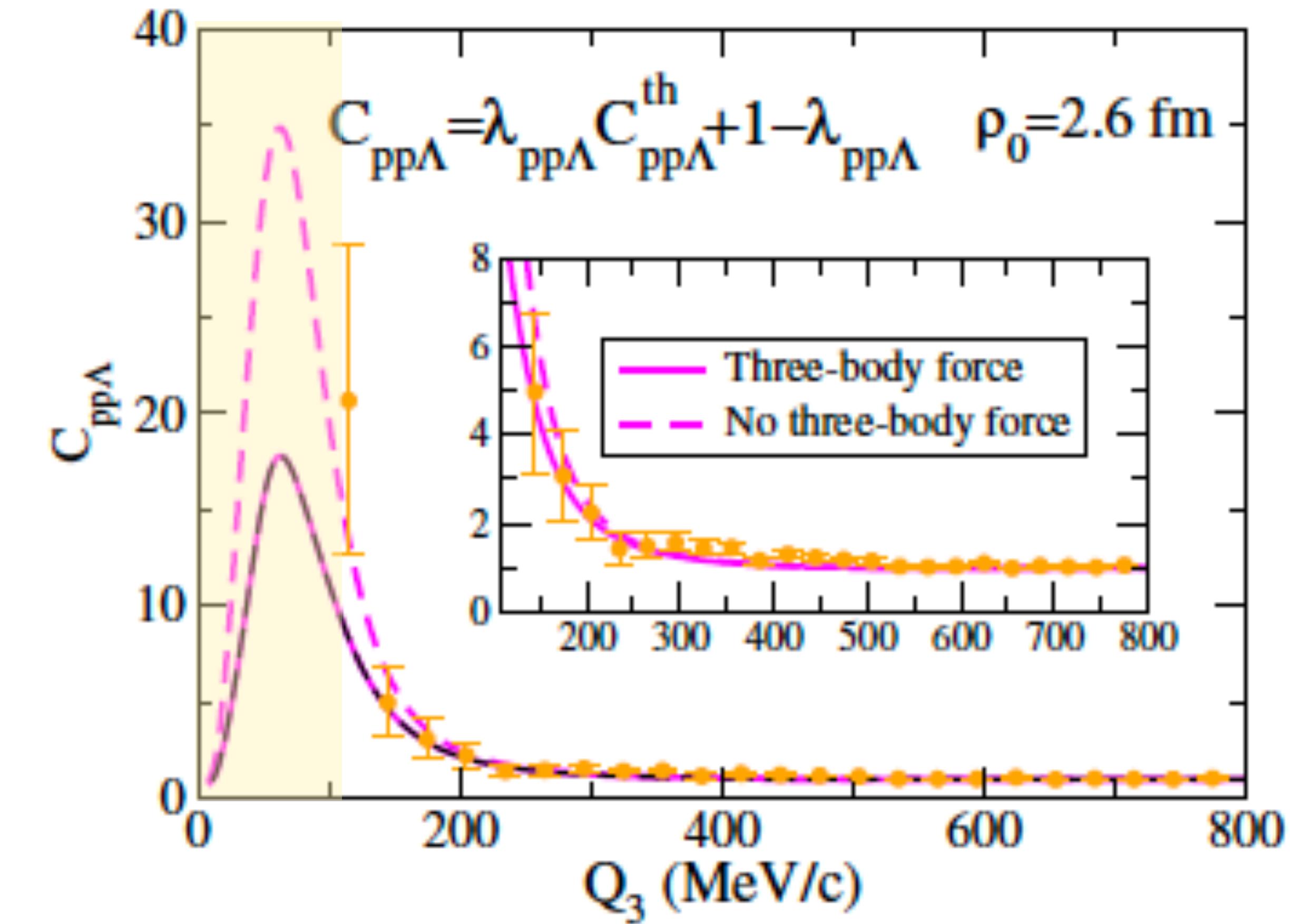
Calculation done by Alejandro Kievsky, Edoardo Garrido, Mario Gattobiglio, Raffaele Del Grande

# p-p- $\Lambda$ correlation function



- New data by ALICE (Run 3 2022 data)
- By the end of Run 3: 150 times larger statistical triplets sample expected compared to Run 2 due to developed software triggers!

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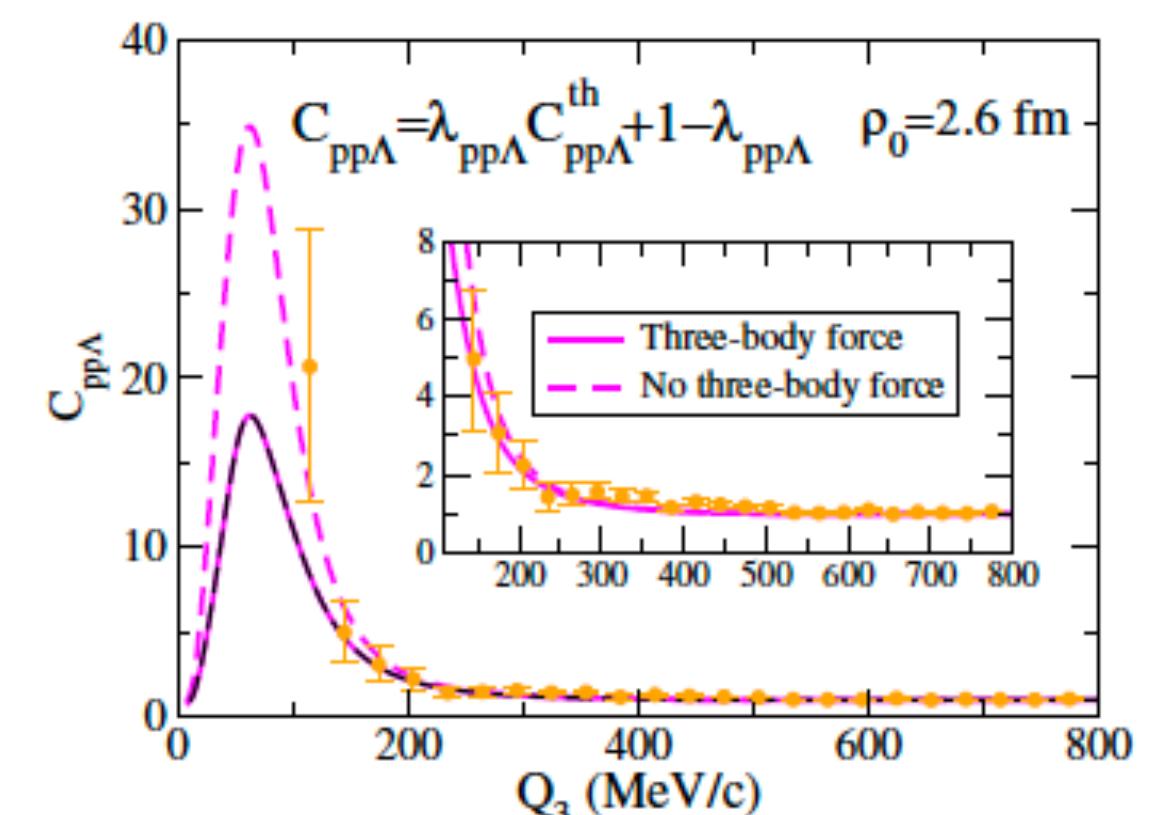
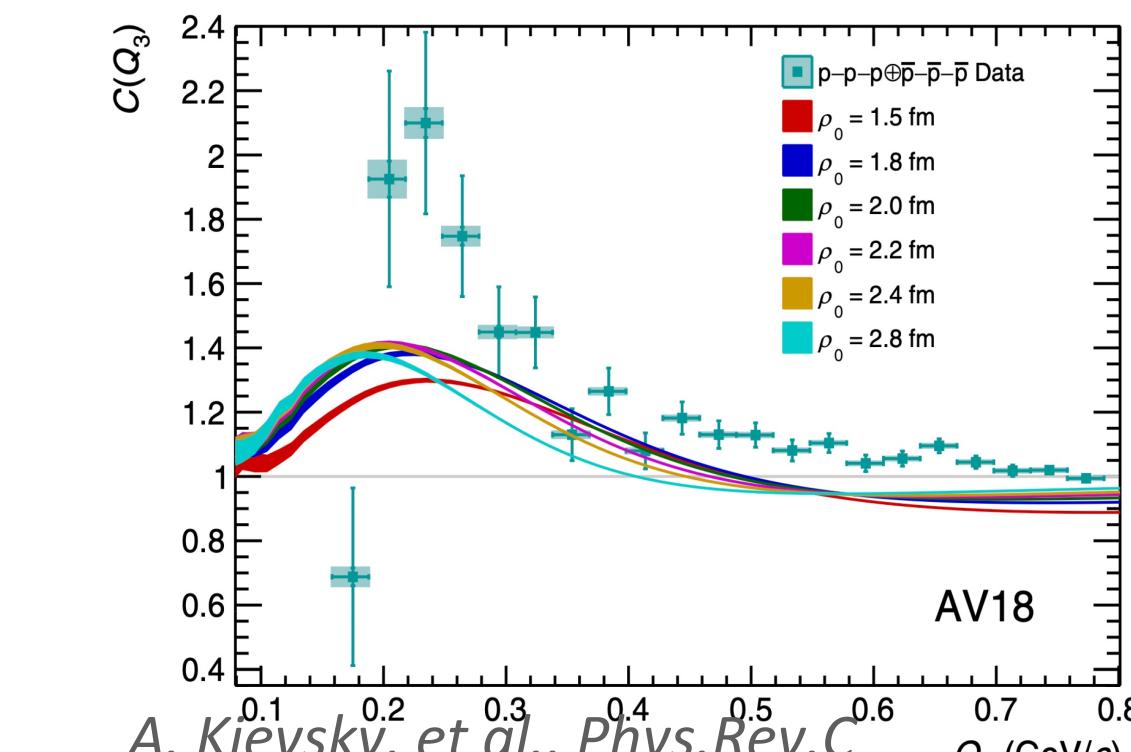
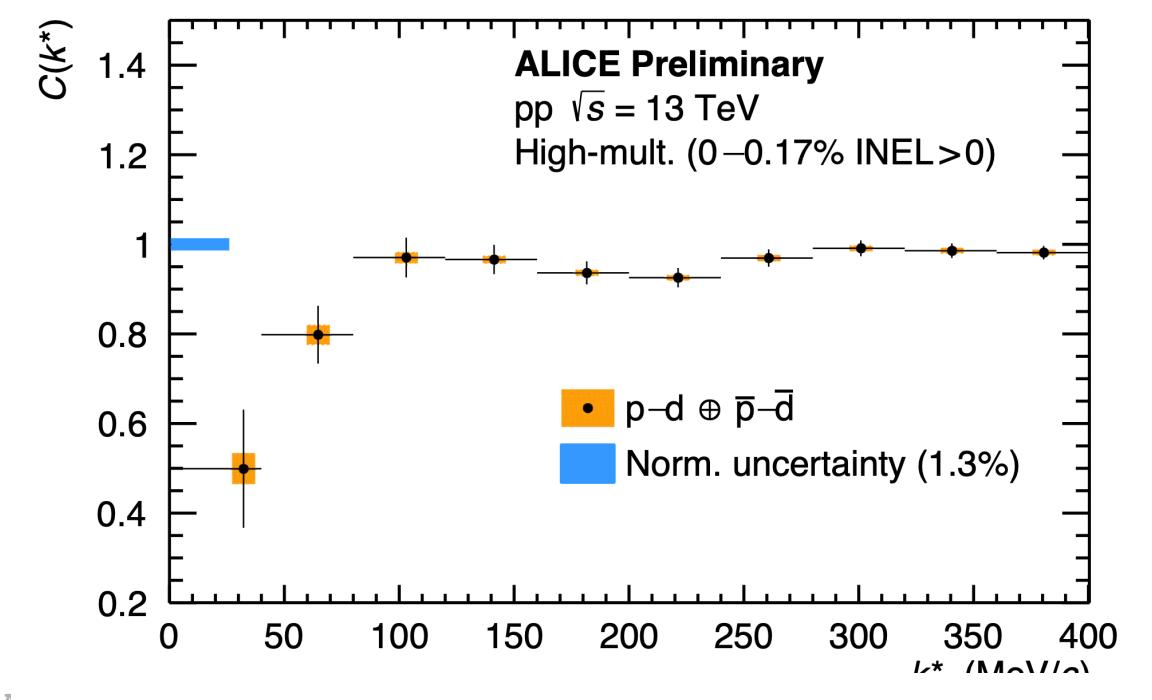
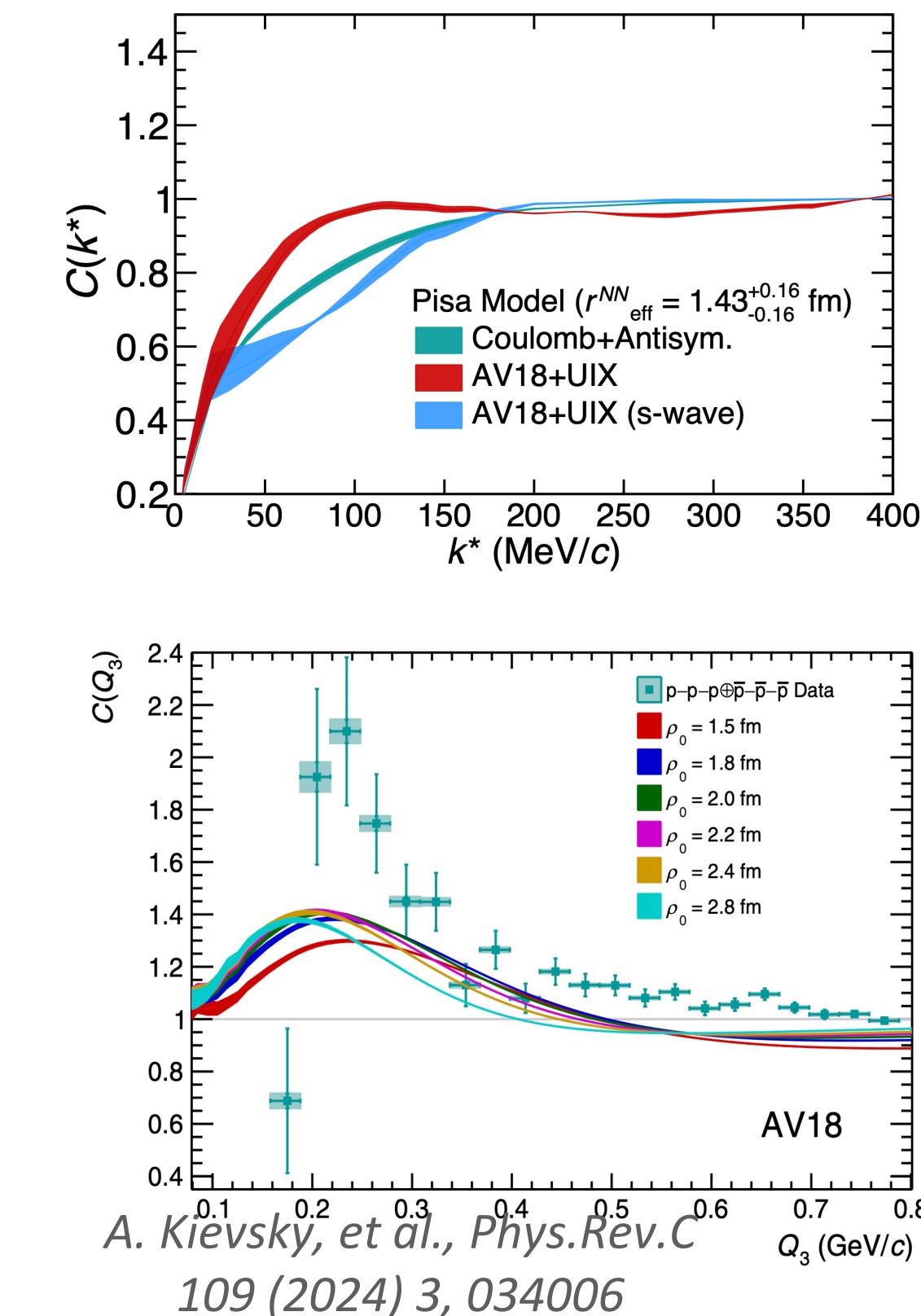


# Conclusions

**First measurements tackling the problem of genuine three-body interactions using femtoscopy!**

- **p-d**: can be described with full three-body calculations
- **p-p-p**: towards a precision measurement as a benchmark
- **p-p- $\Lambda$** : first measurement and first calculation

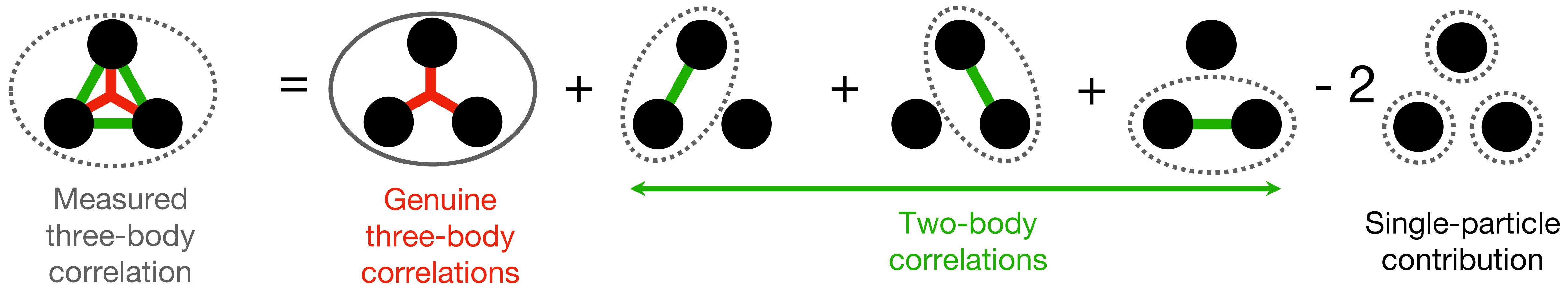
**Final constraints on three-body interactions will arrive with Run 3 data!**



# **Back-up**

# Cumulants in femtoscopy

The total three-particle correlations can be expressed as a sum of genuine three-body correlation and the lower-order contributions employing Kubo's cumulants [1]:



In terms of correlation functions:

$$c_3(Q_3) = C(Q_3) - c_{12}(Q_3) - c_{23}(Q_3) - c_{31}(Q_3) + 2$$

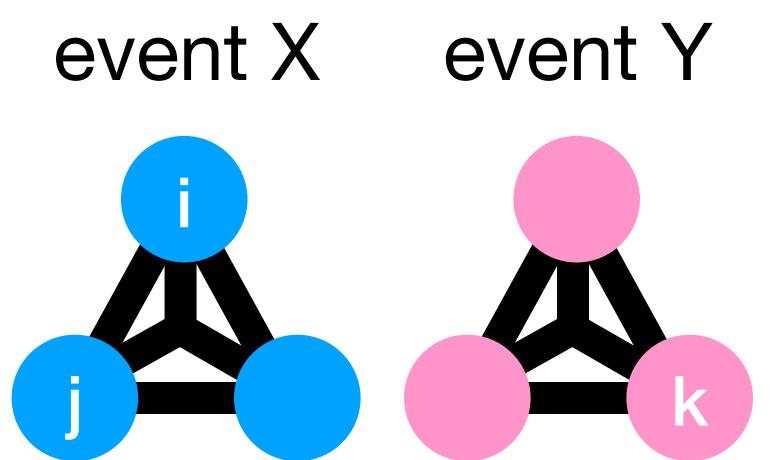
Lower-order contributions

[1] R. Kubo, J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. 17, 1100-1120 (1962)

# Lower-order contributions

## Data-driven method

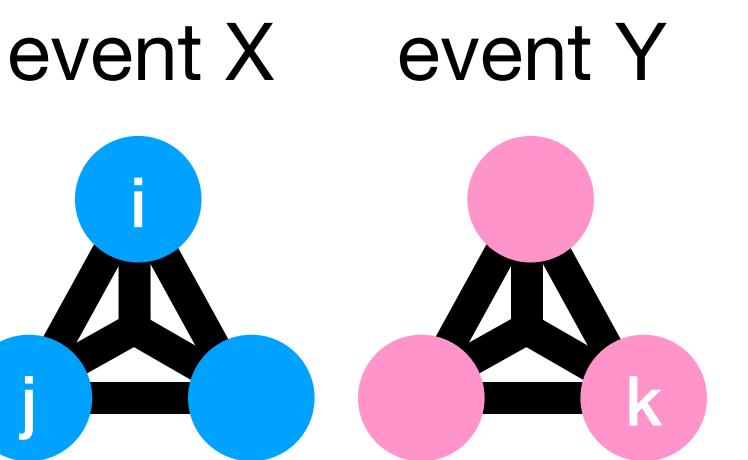
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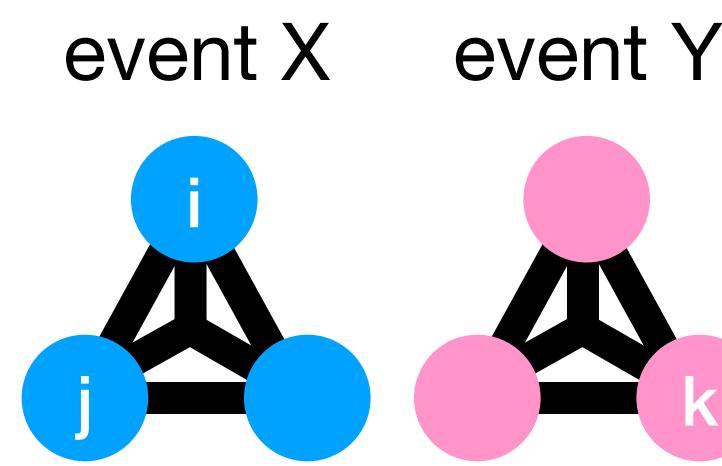
$$C_{ij}([\mathbf{p}_i, \mathbf{p}_j], \mathbf{p}_k) = \frac{N_2(\mathbf{p}_i, \mathbf{p}_j)N_1(\mathbf{p}_k)}{N_1(\mathbf{p}_i)N_1(\mathbf{p}_j)N_1(\mathbf{p}_k)}$$

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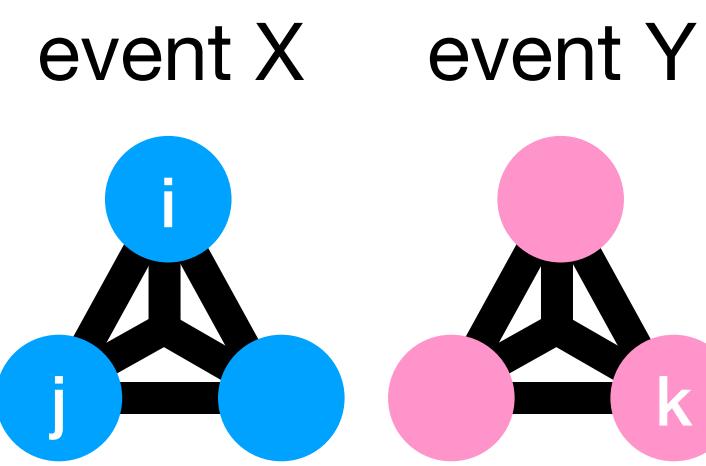
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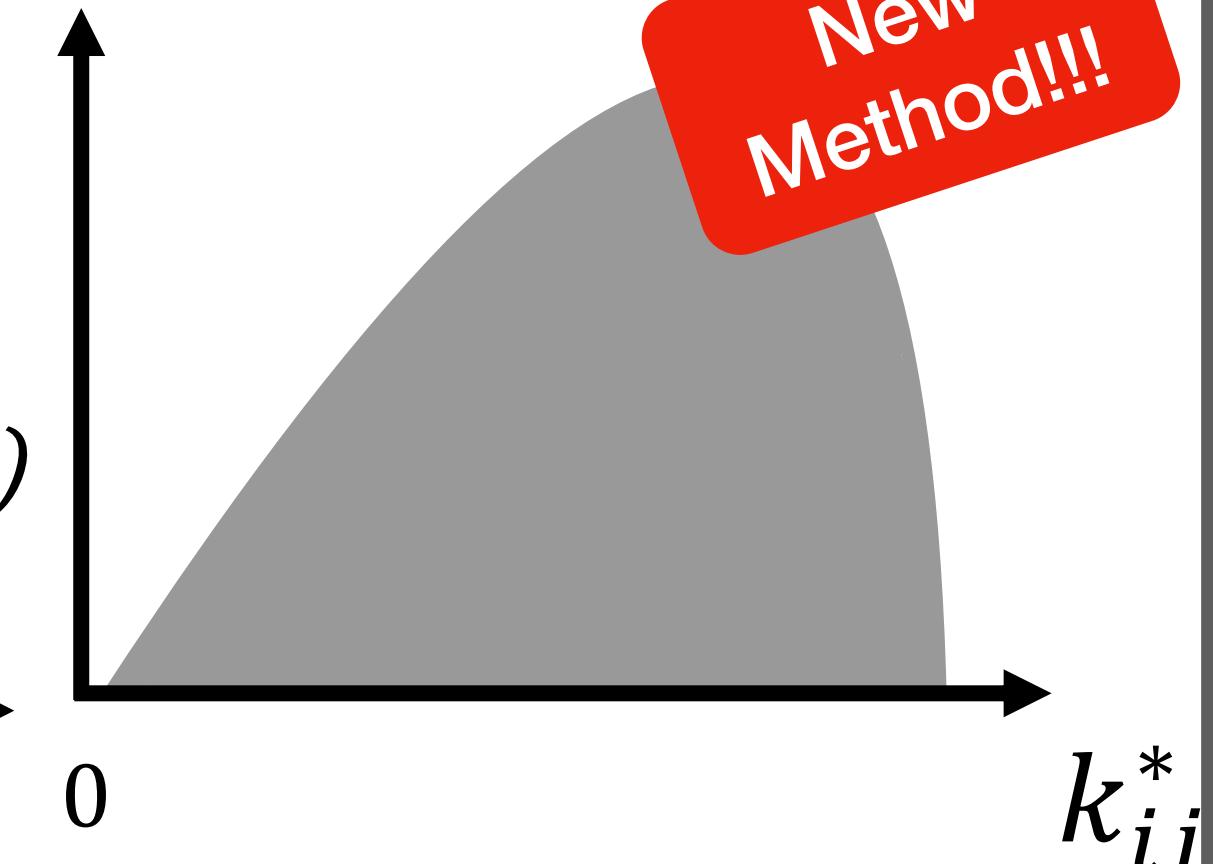
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- To obtain the correlation function:

$$C_{ij}(Q_3) = \int C(k_{ij}^*)W_{ij}(k_{ij}^*, Q_3)dk_{ij}^*$$

Del Grande, Šerkšnytė et al. EPJC 82 (2022) 244

New  
Method!!!



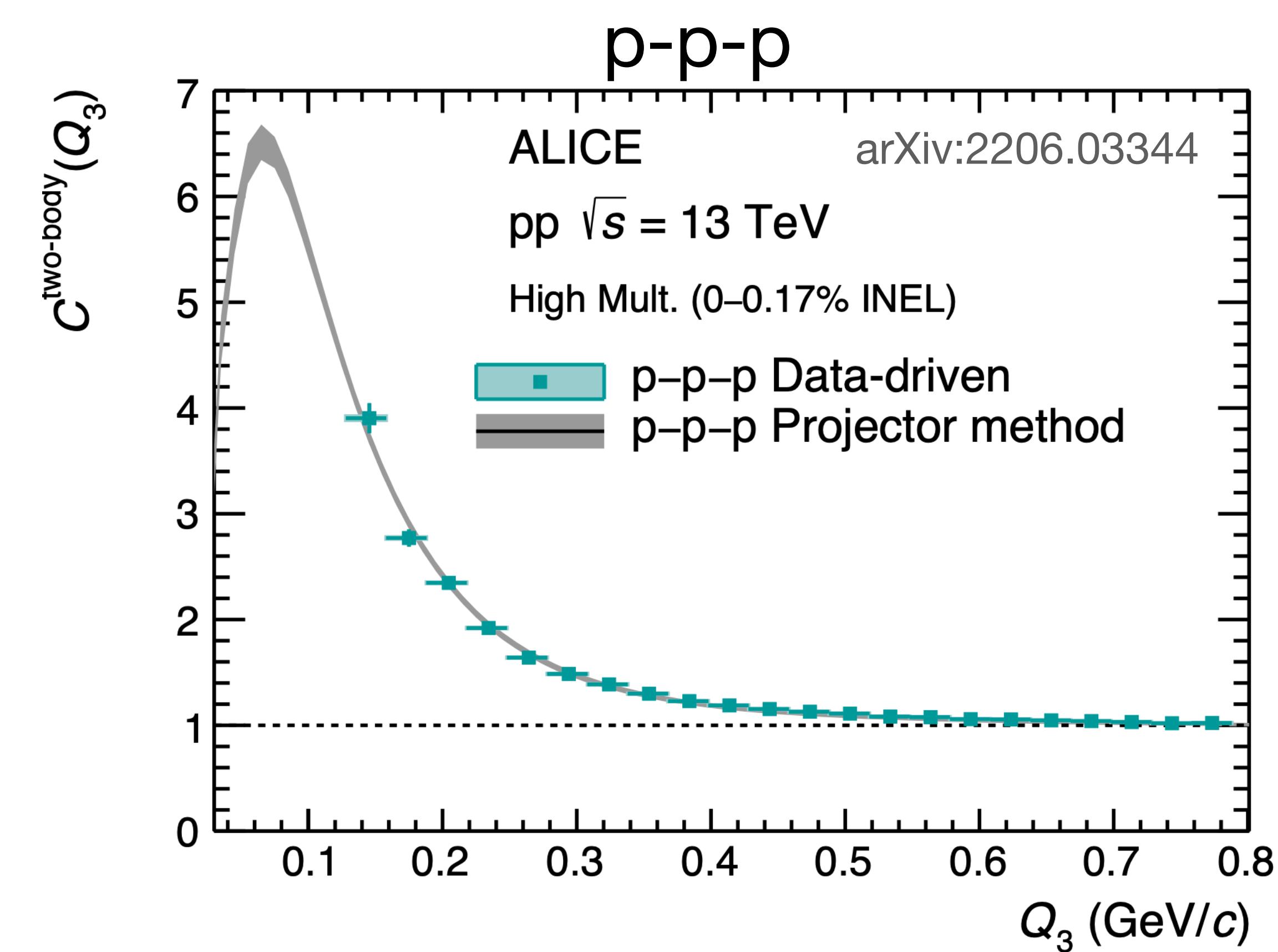
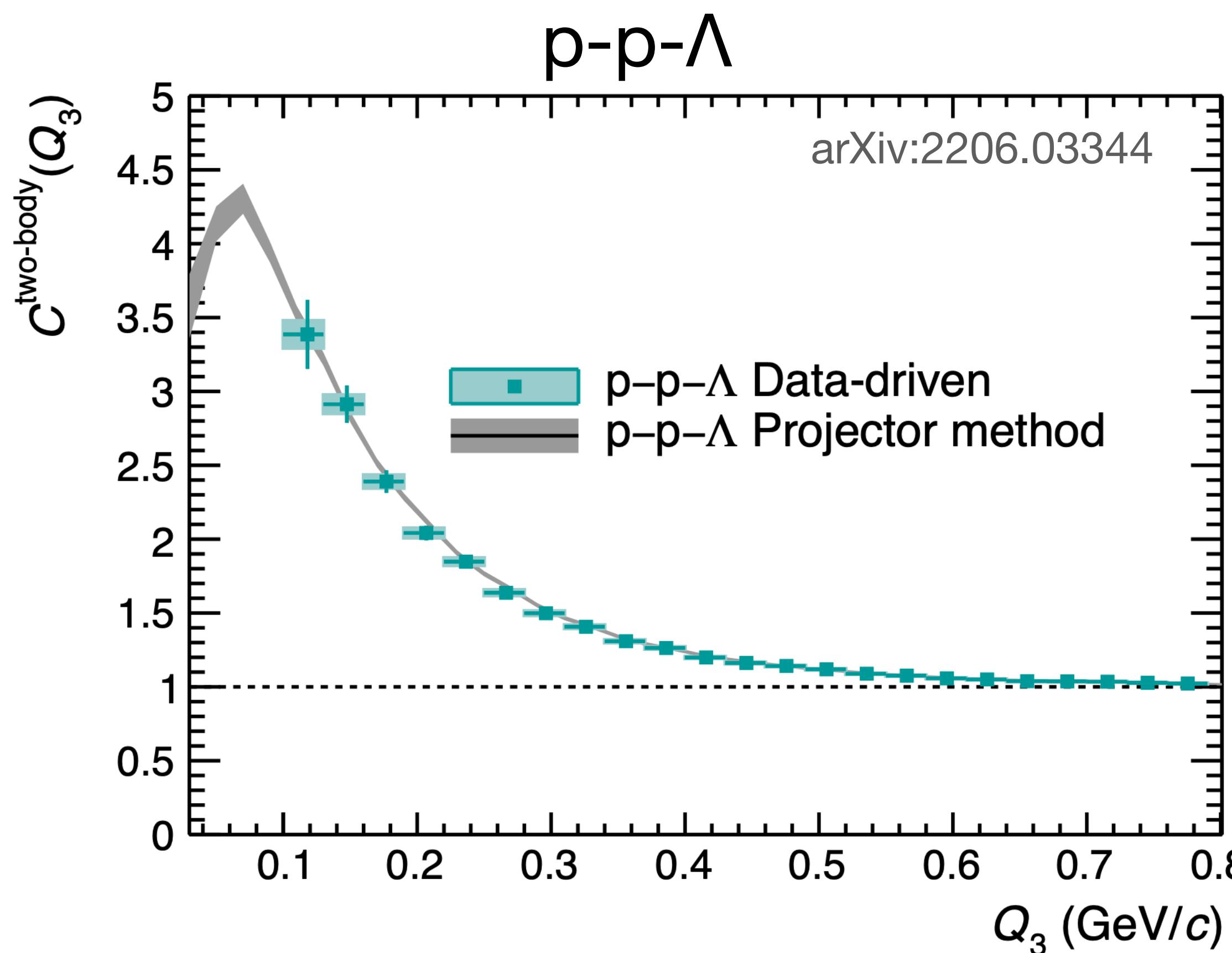
Caption

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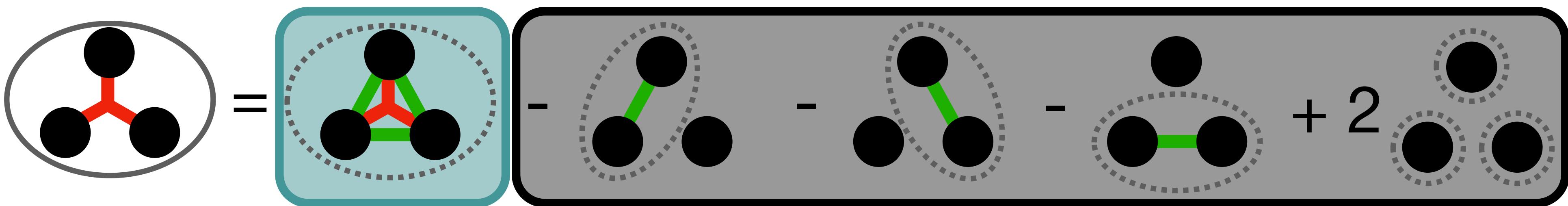
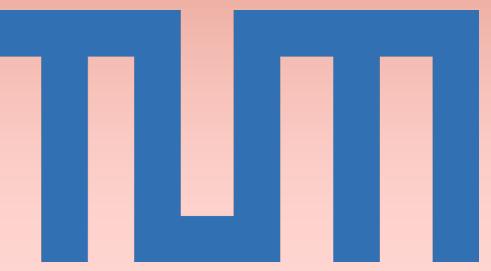
- Two methods:
  - Data-driven method: event mixing
  - Projector method: project two-body correlation function on the three-particle phase space

Lower-order contributions under control!

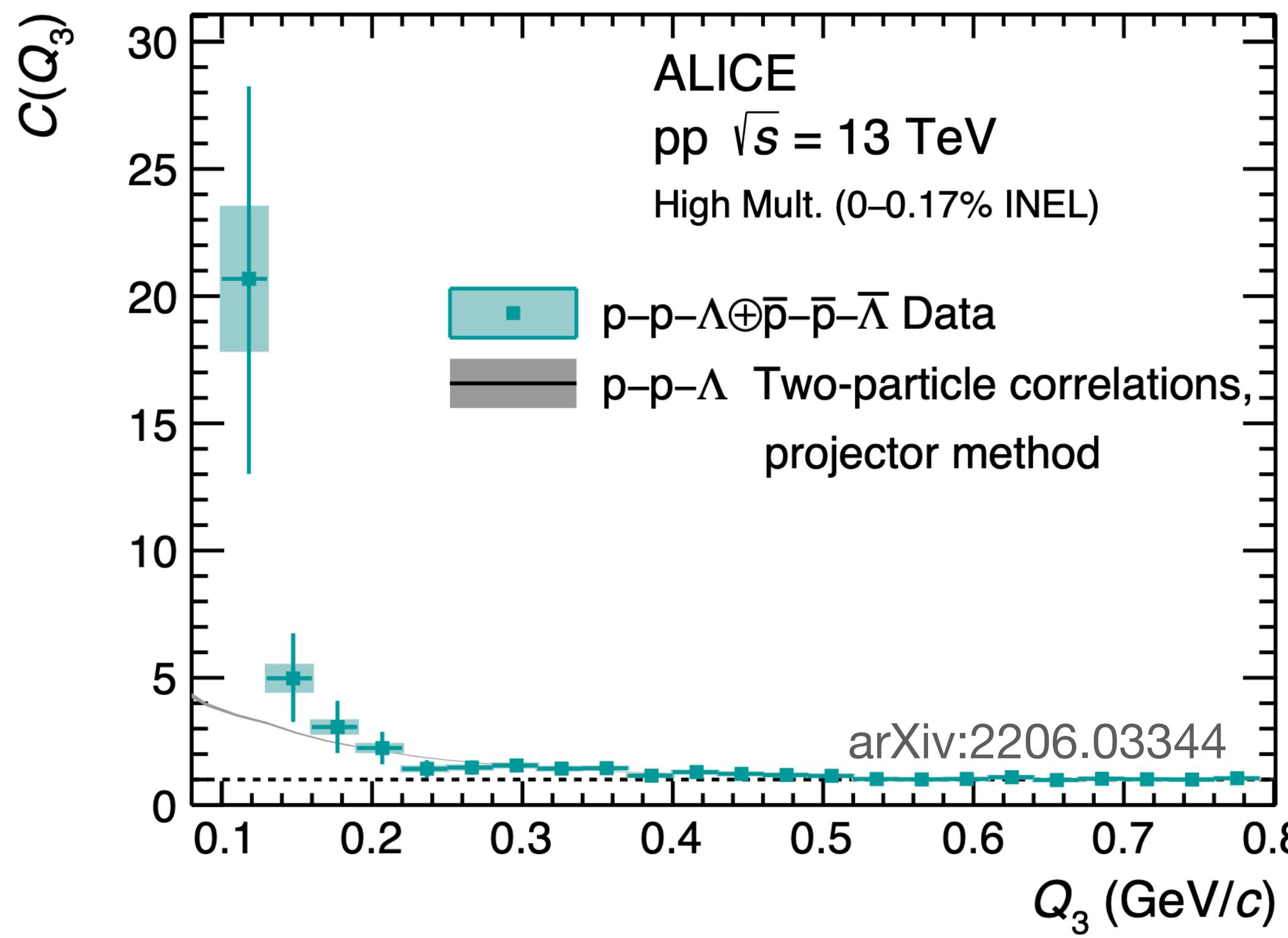
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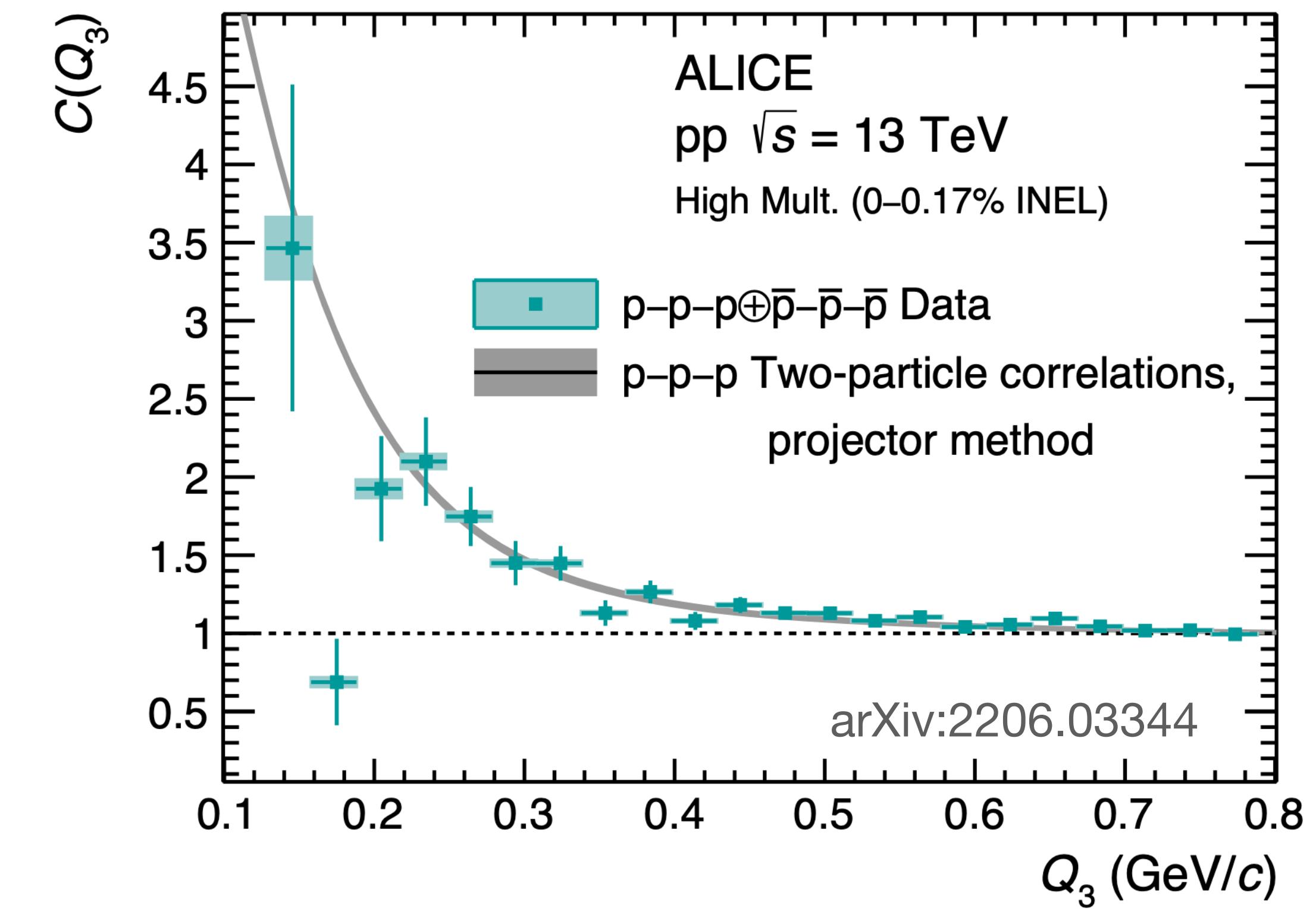
# p-p- $\Lambda$ and p-p-p correlation functions



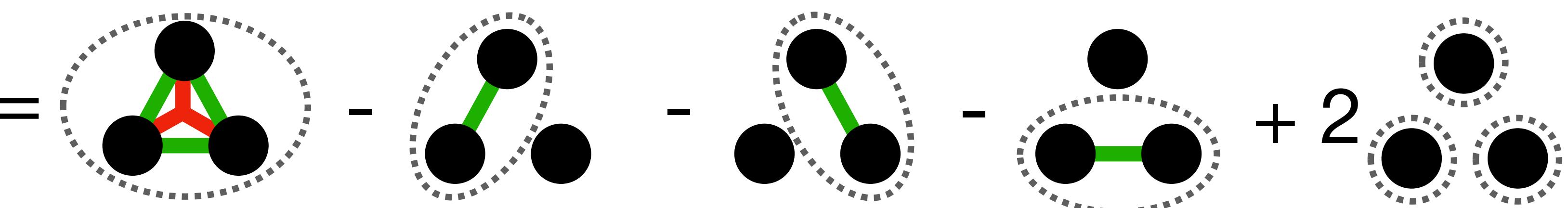
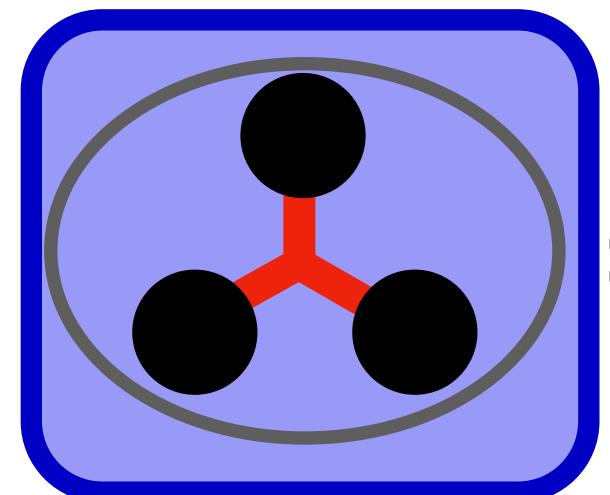
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p-p-p



# p-p-p cumulant



**Negative cumulant for p-p-p**

**Possible forces at play:**

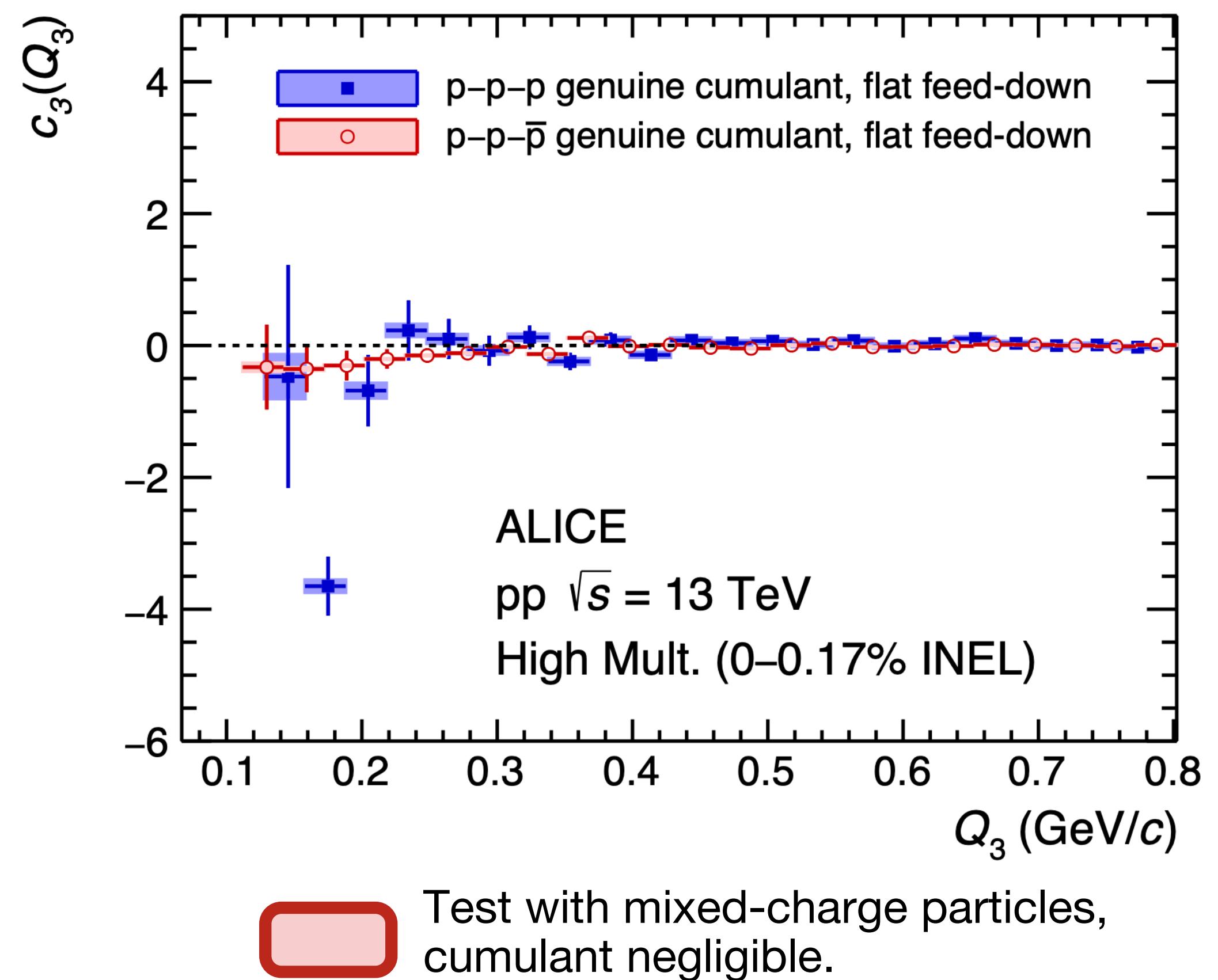
- *Pauli blocking at the three-particle level*
- three-body strong interaction
- long-range Coulomb



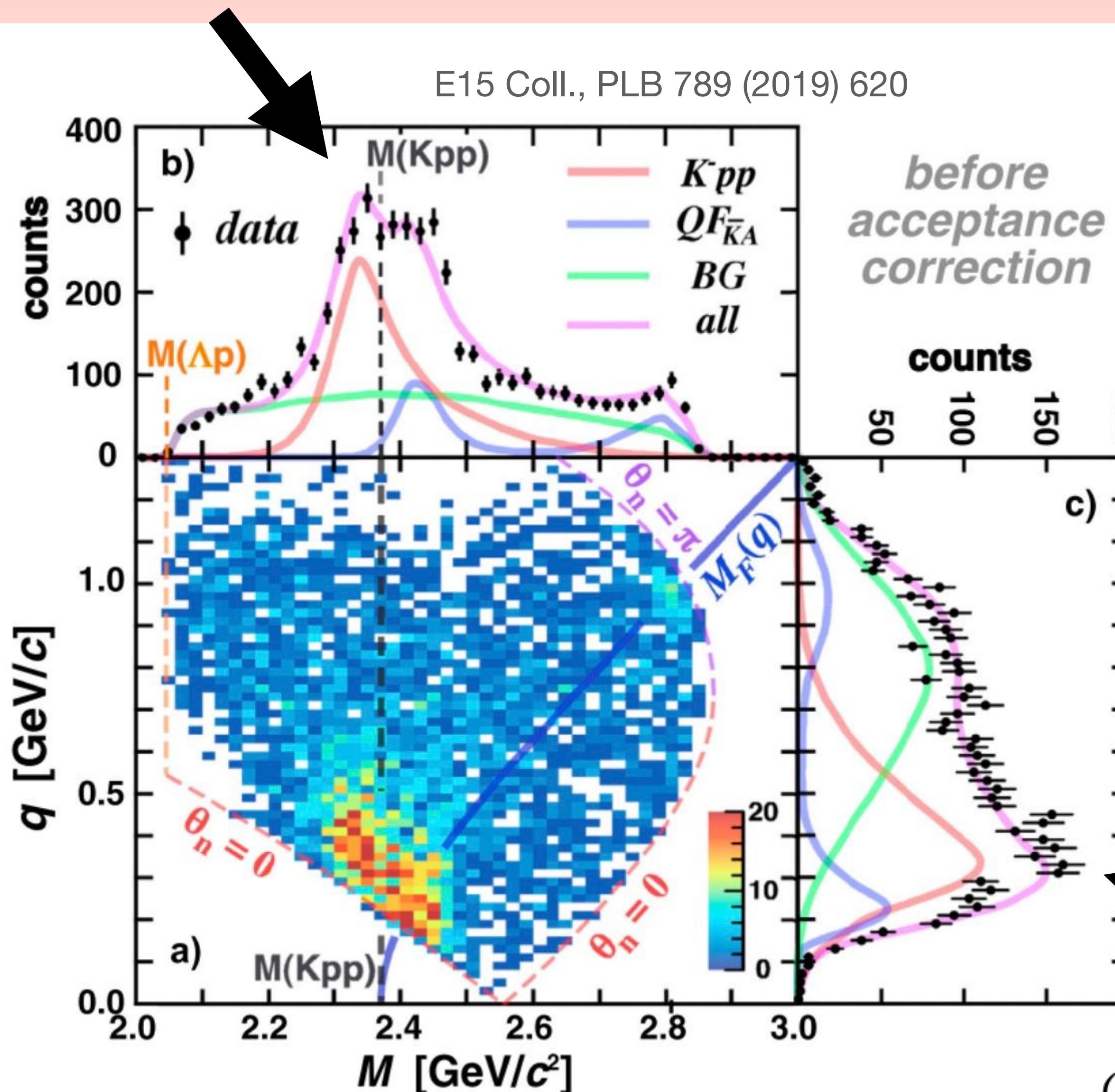
**Statistical significance:**

$n_\sigma = 6.7$  for  $Q_3 < 0.4 \text{ GeV}/c$

**Conclusion:** significant deviation from null hypothesis;  
ongoing collaboration with A. Kievsky, L. Marcucci and  
M. Viviani (Pisa University - INFN) for the theoretical  
interpretation



# Kaonic bound state measured by E15



The E15 collaboration measured the bound state via the following decay:



The  $\Lambda p$  momentum distribution has a peak at

$$q = p_\Lambda + p_p \approx 0.35 \text{ GeV}/c$$

Using the momentum conservation:

$$p_K^- + p_p + p_p \approx 0.35 \text{ GeV}/c$$

The protons are at-rest  $\rightarrow p_K \approx 0.35 \text{ GeV}/c$

In terms of  $Q_3$  we have

$$Q_3 = 2 \sqrt{k_{pK}^2 + k_{pK}^2 + k_{pp}^2} = 2\sqrt{2} k_{pK} = 4/3\sqrt{2} p_K < 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c$$

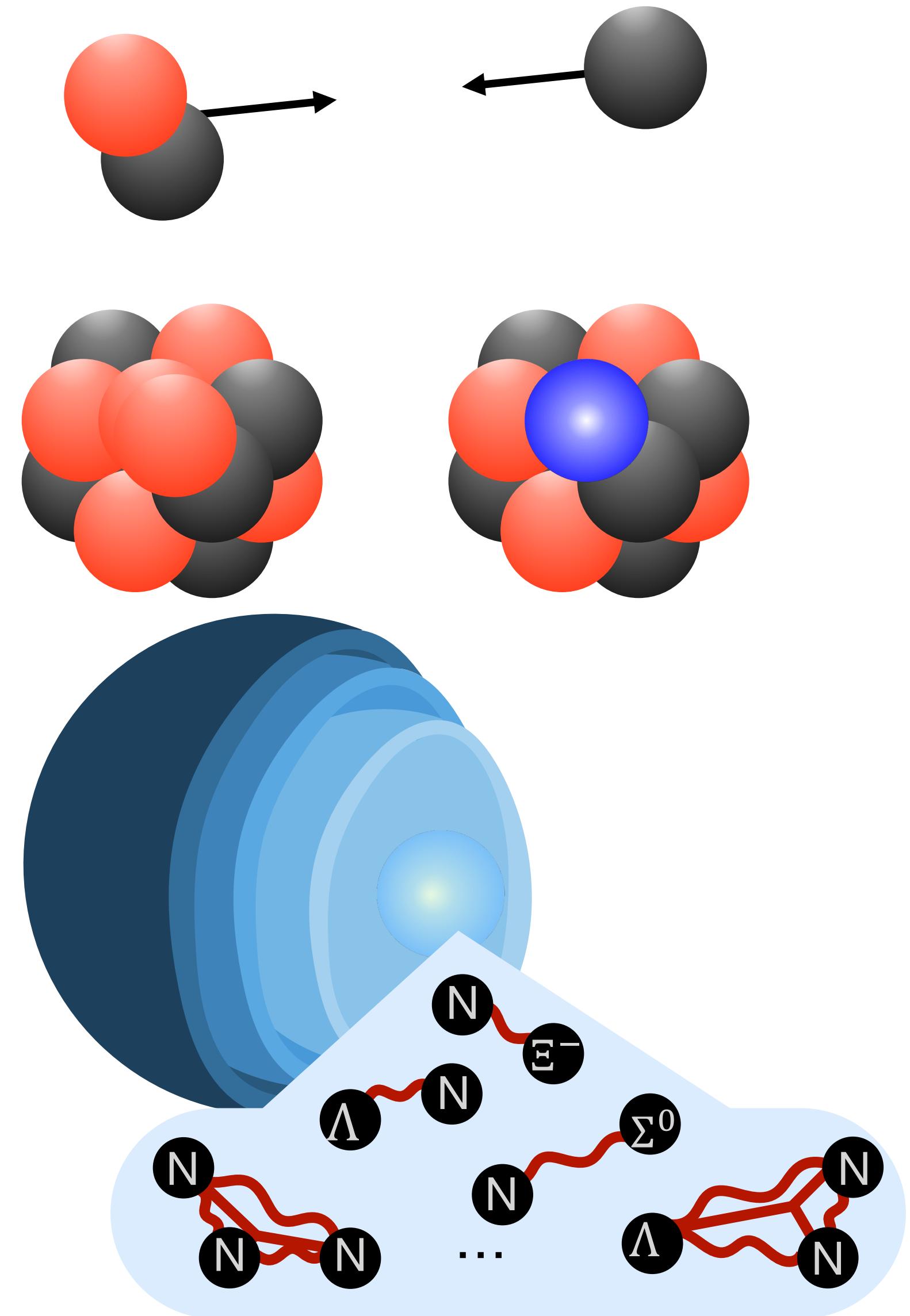
# Many-body systems

- Description of the N-d elastic scattering requires inclusion of three-body interactions

L.E. Marcucci et al., Front. Phys. 8, 69 (2020)

- Properties of nuclei and hypernuclei cannot be described satisfactorily with two-body forces only

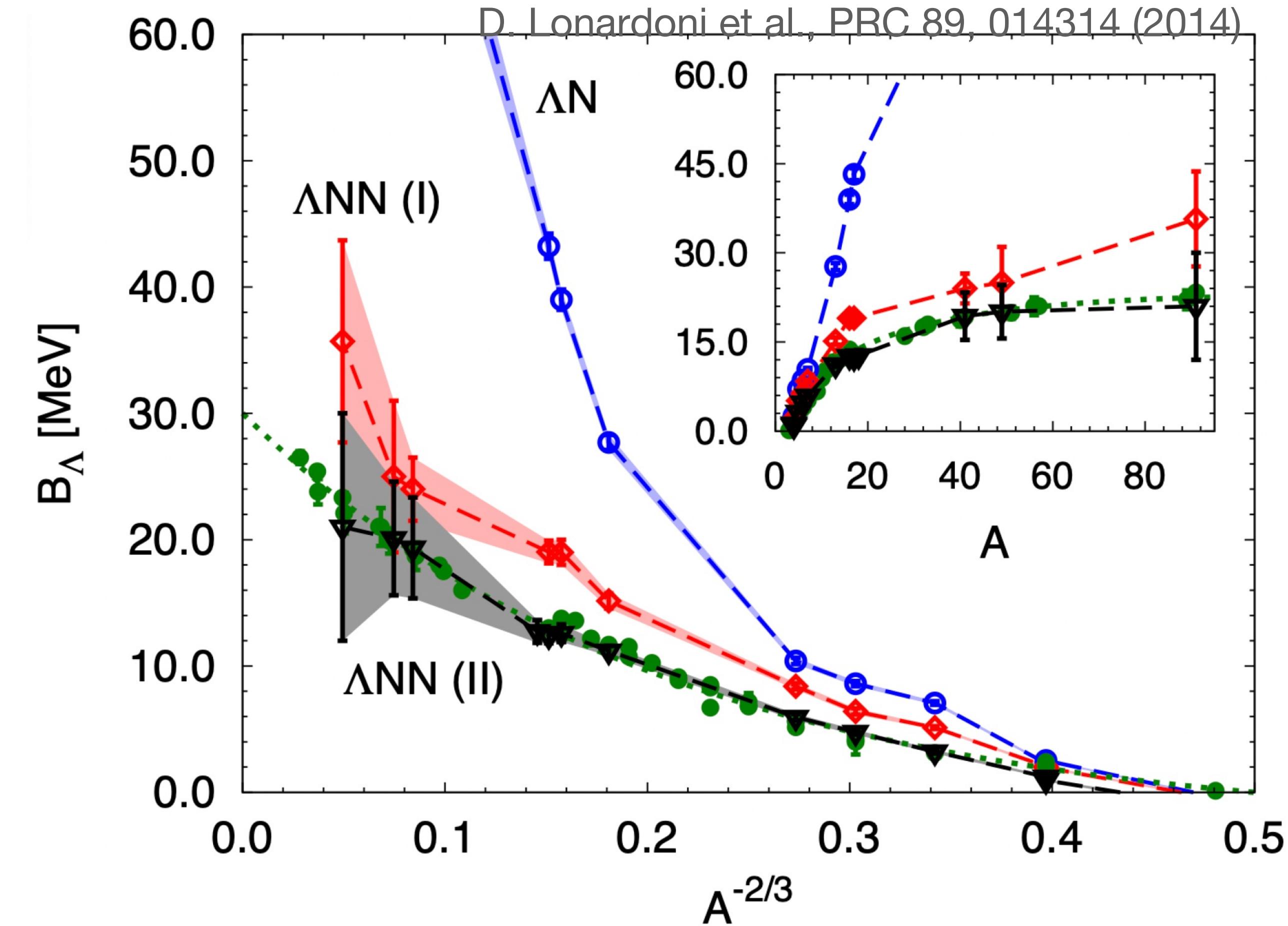
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# How to constrain three-body forces?

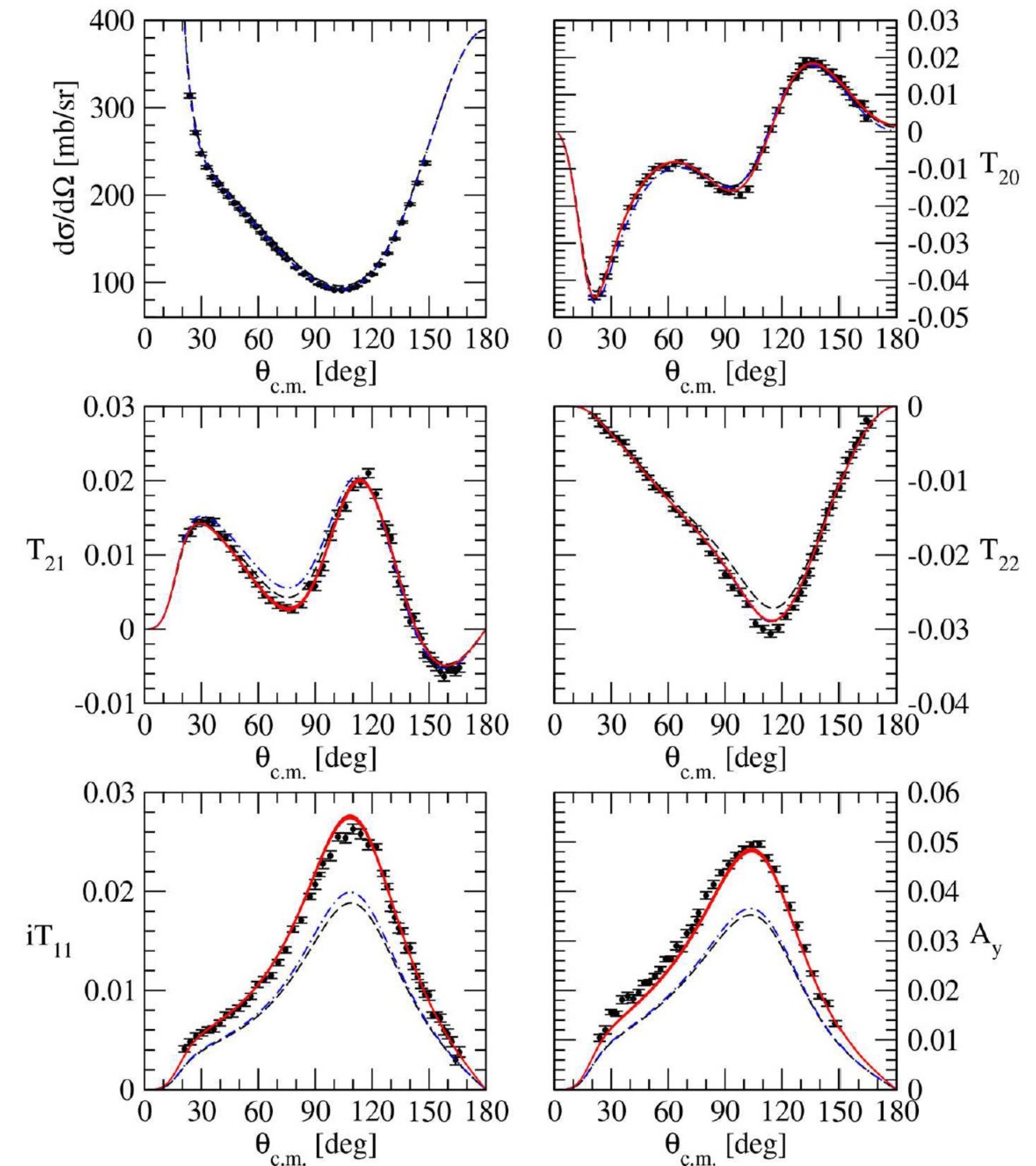
- Models are fitted to reproduce measured (hyper)nuclei properties
  - Access only to nuclear densities
  - Strongly dependent on the assumed two-body and many-body interactions
  - Different parametrisations of three-body forces describe better different nuclei

Parameters	System	$B_{\Lambda}^{CSB}$
Set (I)	$^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$	1.89(9)
	$^4_{\Lambda}\text{He}$	2.13(8)
Set (II)	$^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$	0.95(9)
	$^4_{\Lambda}\text{He}$	1.22(9)
Expt. [12]	$^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$	2.04(4)
	$^4_{\Lambda}\text{He}$	2.39(3)



# p-d scattering

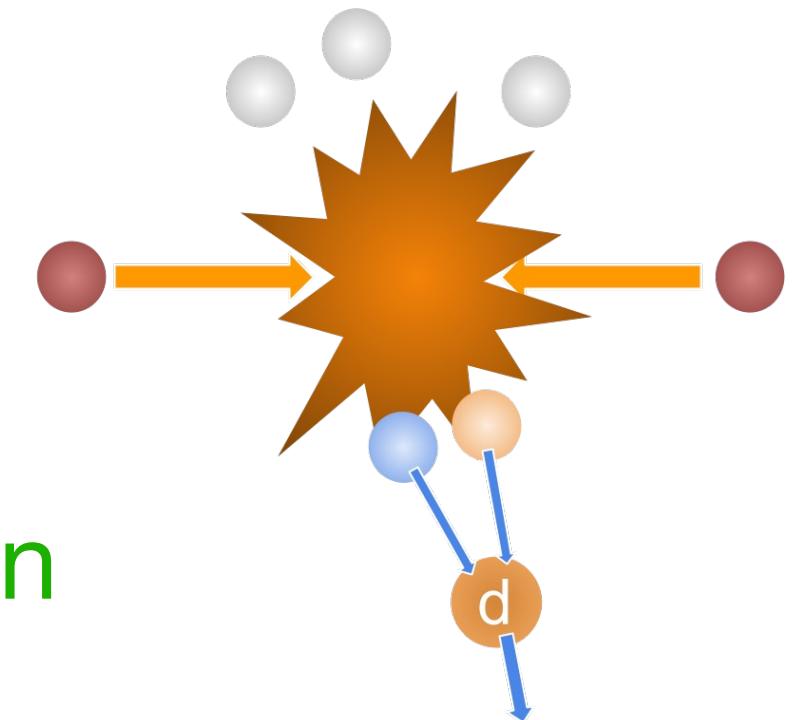
- Three body interactions are required to reproduce scattering data



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# Three-body dynamics

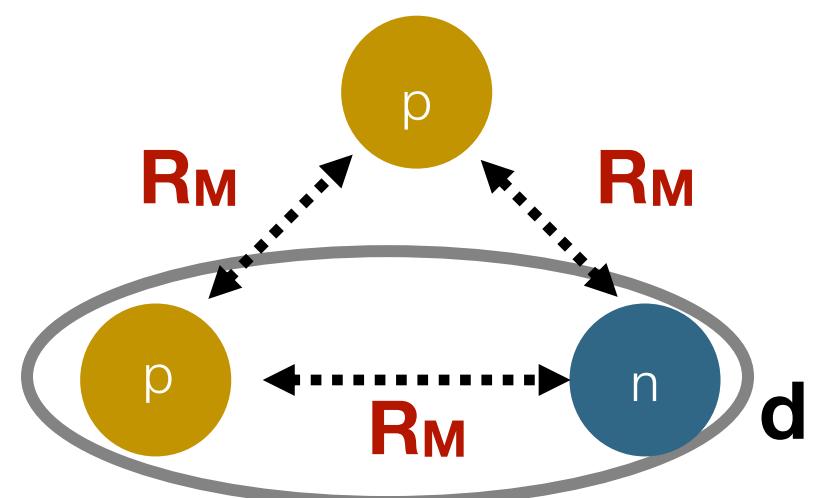
- Start with p-p-n state:
  - single-particle Gaussian emission source
  - three-nucleon wave function asymptotically behaves as p-d state
  - account for the probability to form deuteron employing deuteron wave function



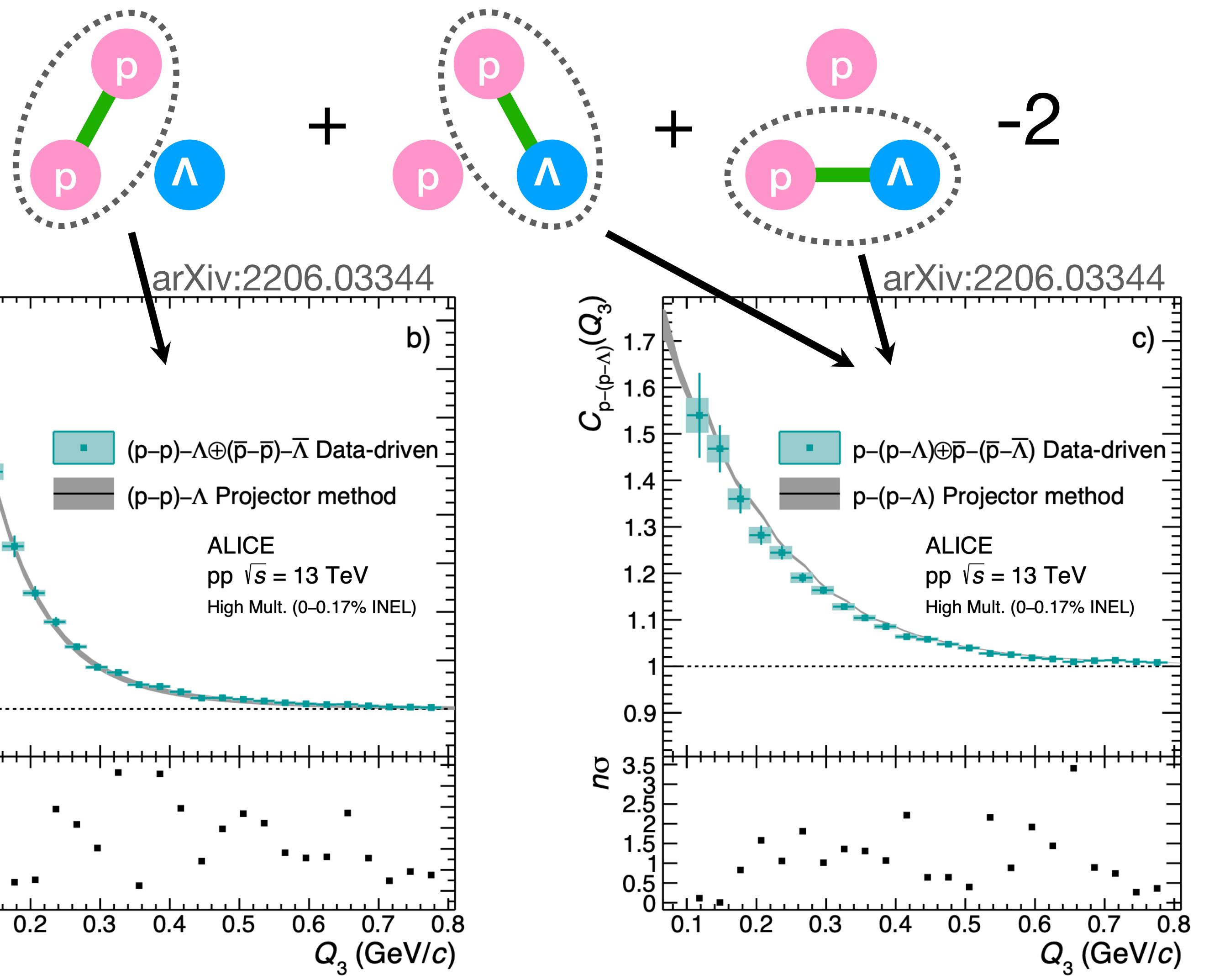
$$C_{pd}(k) = \frac{1}{A_d} \frac{1}{6} \sum_{m_2, m_1} \int d^3 r_1 d^3 r_2 d^3 r_3 S_1(r_1) S_1(r_2) S_1(r_3) |\Psi_{m_2, m_1}|^2$$

- Rewritten as a function of the known source size  $R_M$  constrained by p-p

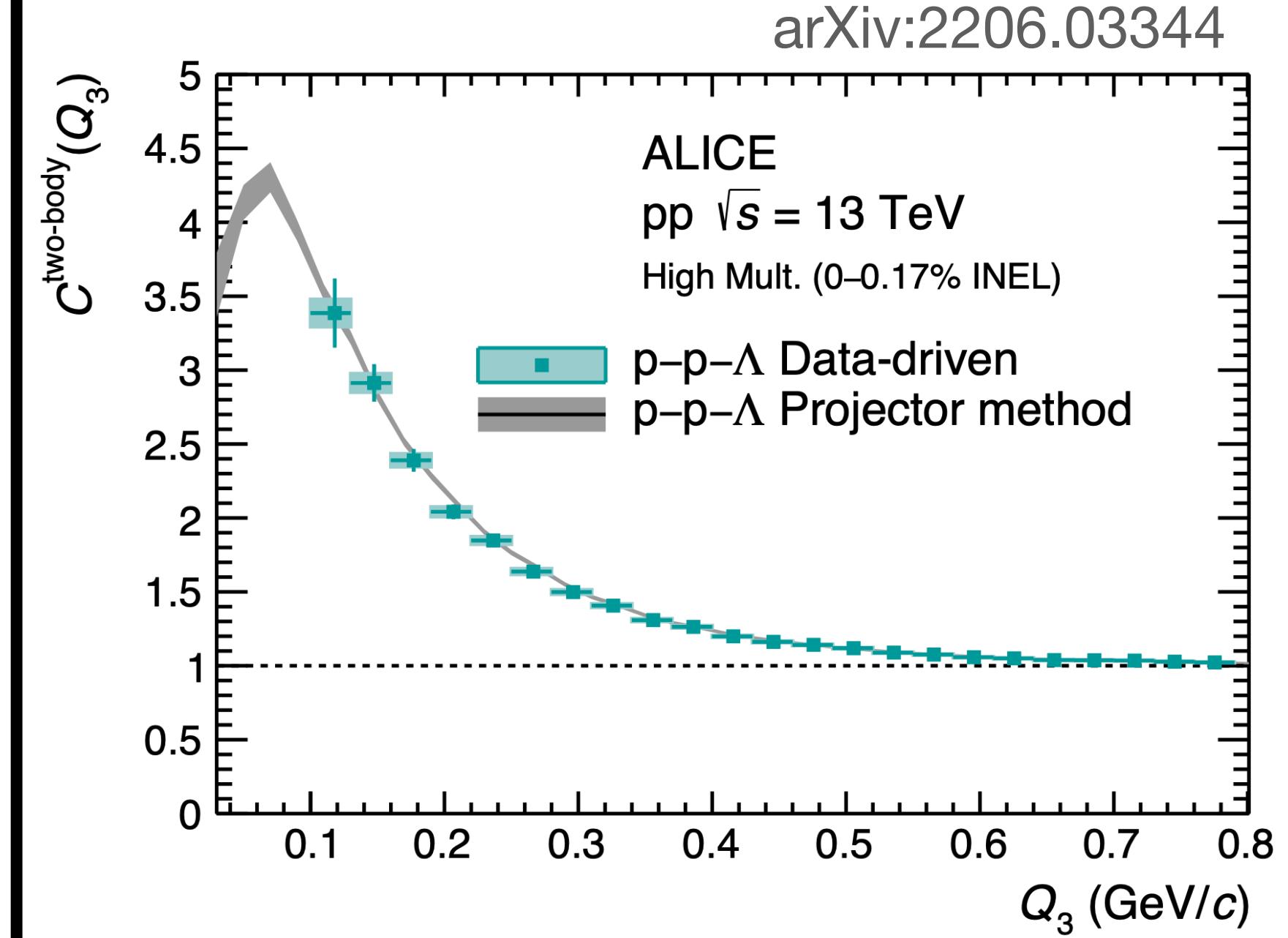
$$C_{pd}(k) = \frac{1}{A_d} \frac{1}{6} \sum_{m_2, m_1} \int \rho^5 d\rho d\Omega \frac{e^{-\rho^2/4R_M^2}}{(4\pi R_M^2)^3} |\Psi_{m_2, m_1}|^2$$



# Lower-order contributions: p-p- $\Lambda$



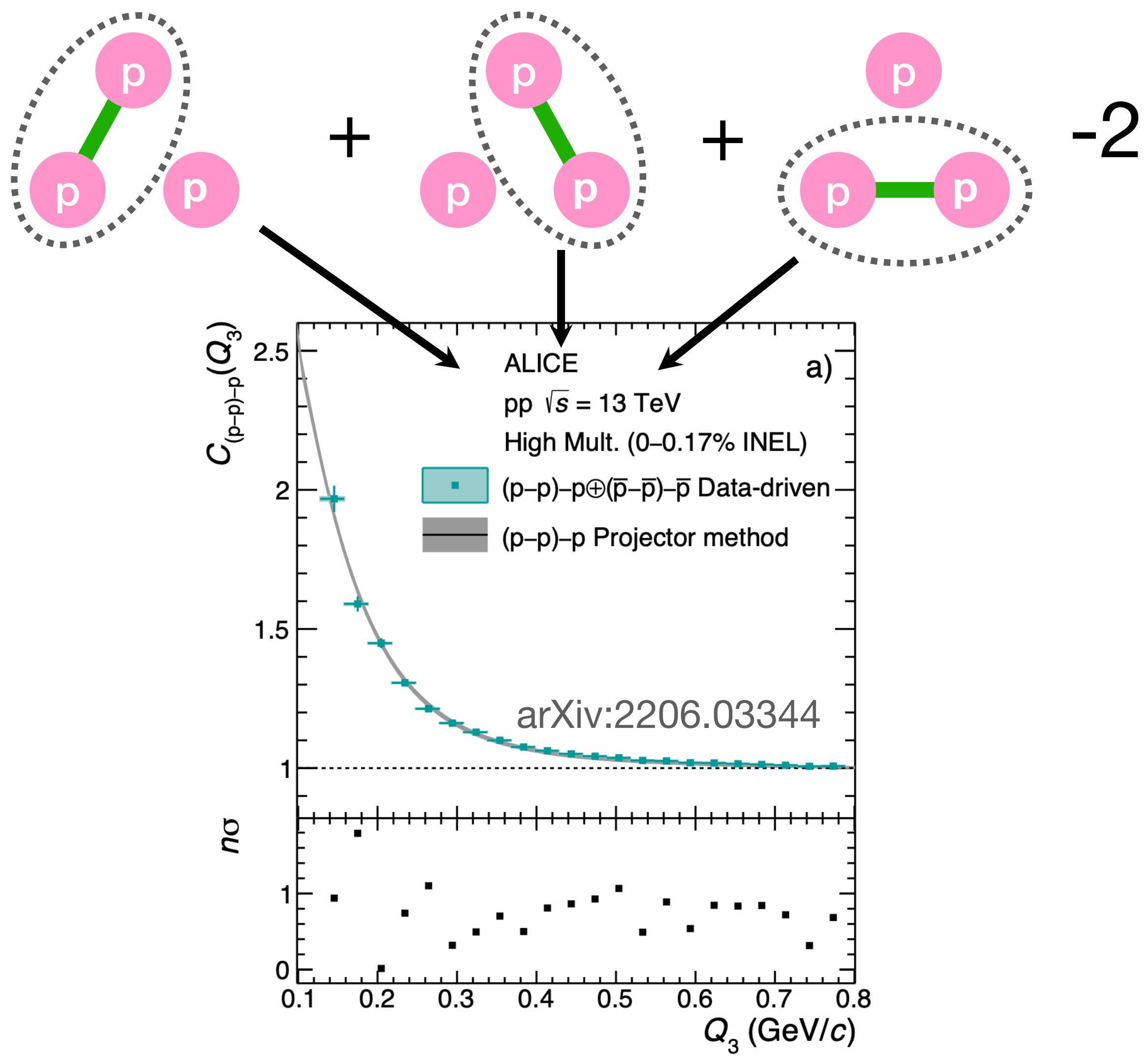
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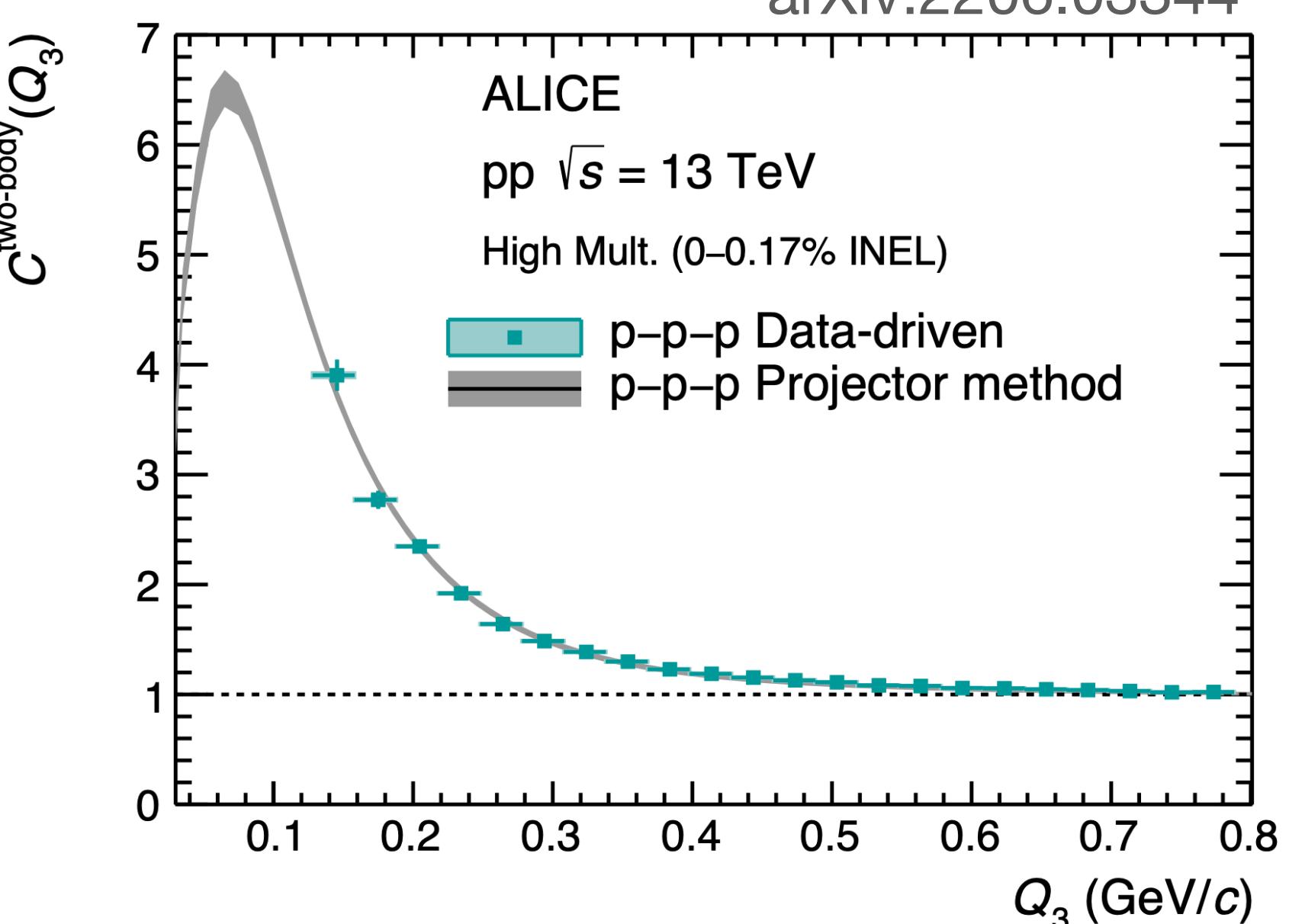
Already measured p-p [1] and p- $\Lambda$  [2] correlation functions used for projection

[1] PLB 805 (2020) 135419; [2] arXiv:2104.04427

# Lower-order contributions: p-p-p



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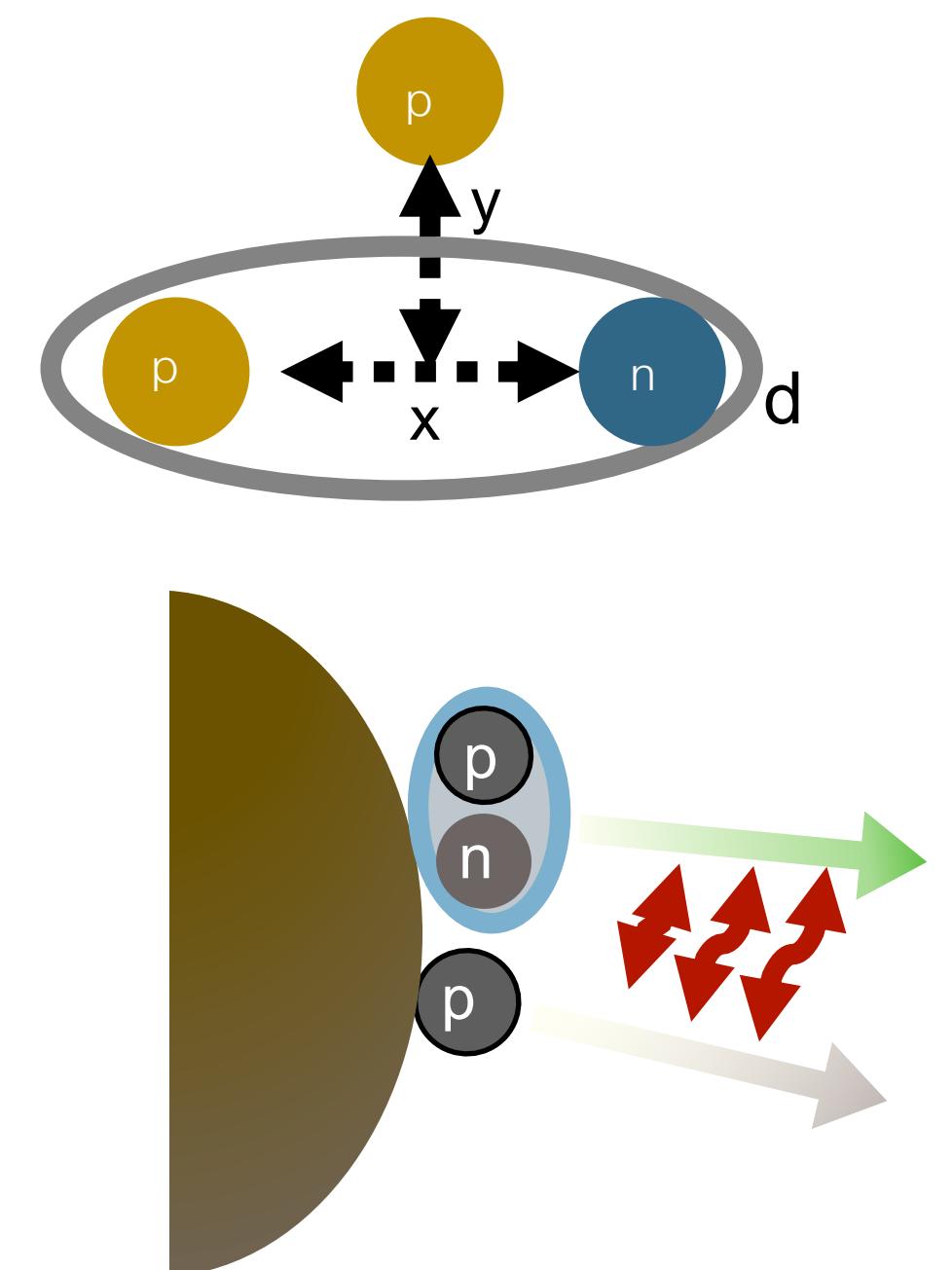
# Proton-deuteron wave function

The three body wave function with proper treatment of 2N and 3N interaction at very short distances goes to a p-d state.

- Three-body wavefunction for p-d:  $\psi_{m_2, m_1}(x, y)$  describing three-body dynamics, anchored to p-d scattering observables.
  - x = distance of p-n system within the deuteron
  - y = p-d distance
  - m<sub>2</sub> and m<sub>1</sub> deuteron and proton spin
- $\psi_{m_2, m_1}(x, y)$  three-nucleon wave function asymptotically behaves as p-d state:

$$\Psi_{m_2, m_1}(x, y) = \underbrace{\Psi_{m_2, m_1}^{(\text{free})}}_{\text{Asymptotic form}} + \sum_{LSJ}^{\bar{J} \leq J} \underbrace{\sqrt{4\pi} i^L \sqrt{2L+1} e^{i\sigma_L} (1m_2 \frac{1}{2}m_1 | SJ_z ) (L0SJ_z | JJ_z) \tilde{\Psi}_{LSJJ_z}}_{\text{Strong three-body interaction}} .$$

$\tilde{\Psi}_{LSJJ_z}$  describe the configurations where the three particles are close to each other  
 $\Psi_{m_1, m_2}^{(\text{free})}$  an asymptotic form of p-d wave function



Kievsky et al, Phys. Rev. C 64 (2001) 024002  
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Deltuva et al, Phys. Rev. C71 (2005) 064003

# Proton-deuteron correlations

Point-like particle models anchored to scattering

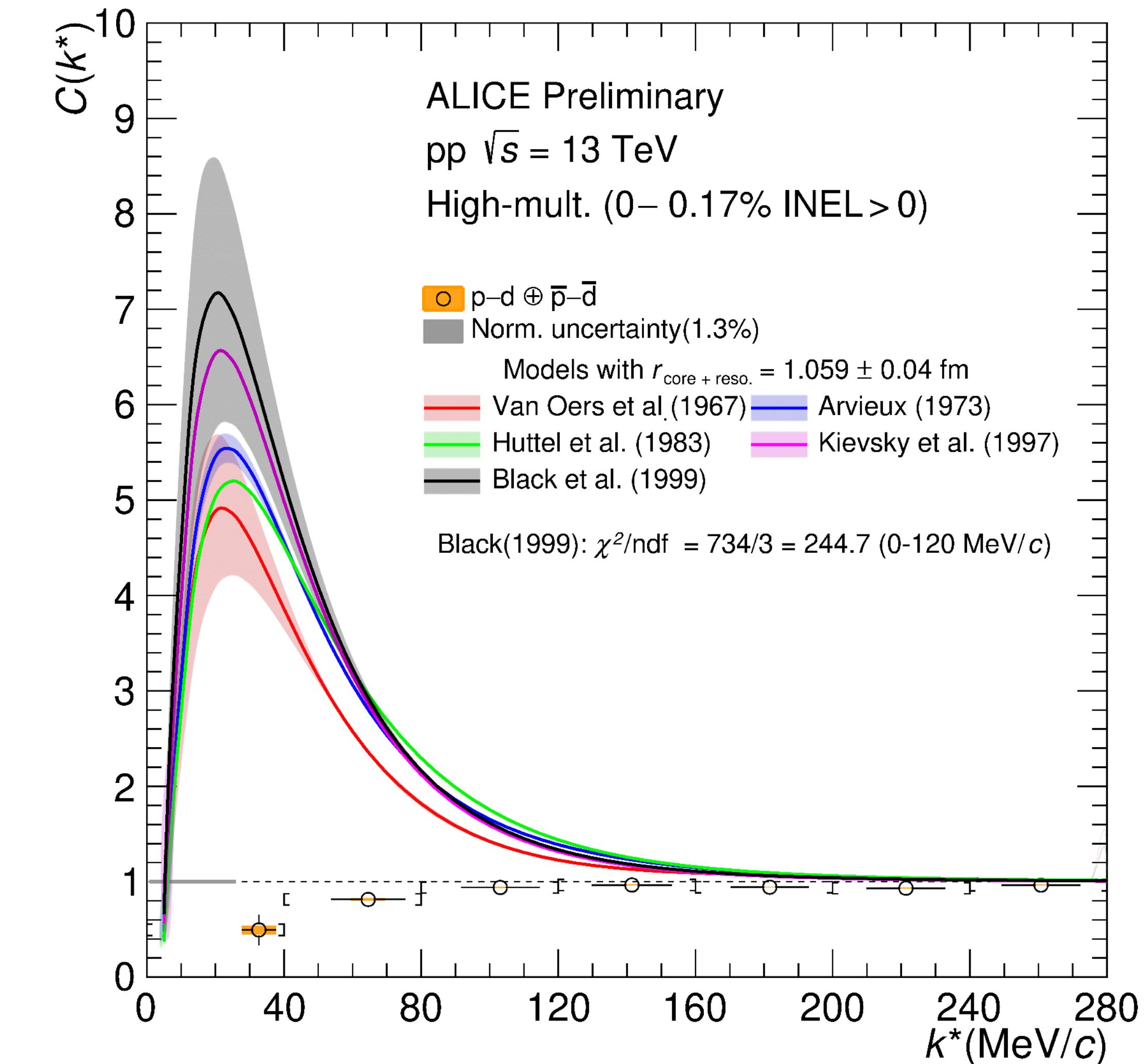
experiments

- █ Van Oers et al (1967) ■
- █ Arvieux (1973) ■
- █ Huttel et al. (1983) ■
- █ Kievsky et al. (1997) ■
- █ Black et al. (1999)

	$S = 1/2$		$S = 3/2$	
	$f_0(\text{fm})$	$d_0(\text{fm})$	$f_0(\text{fm})$	$d_0(\text{fm})$
Van Oers et al (1967)	$-1.30^{+0.20}_{-0.20}$	—	$-11.40^{+1.20}_{-1.80}$	$2.05^{+0.25}_{-0.25}$
Arvieux (1973)	$-2.73^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$	$2.27^{+0.12}_{-0.12}$	$-11.88^{+0.10}_{-0.40}$	$2.63^{+0.01}_{-0.02}$
Huttel et al. (1983)	—	—	$-11.1$	—
Kievsky et al. (1997)	$-0.024$	—	$-13.7$	—
Black et al. (1999)	$0.13^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$	—	$-14.70^{+2.30}_{-2.30}$	—

W. T. H. Van Oers, & K. W. Brockman Jr, *NPA* 561 (1967);  
 J. Arvieux et al., *NPA* 221 (1973); E. Huttel et al., *NPA* 406 (1983);  
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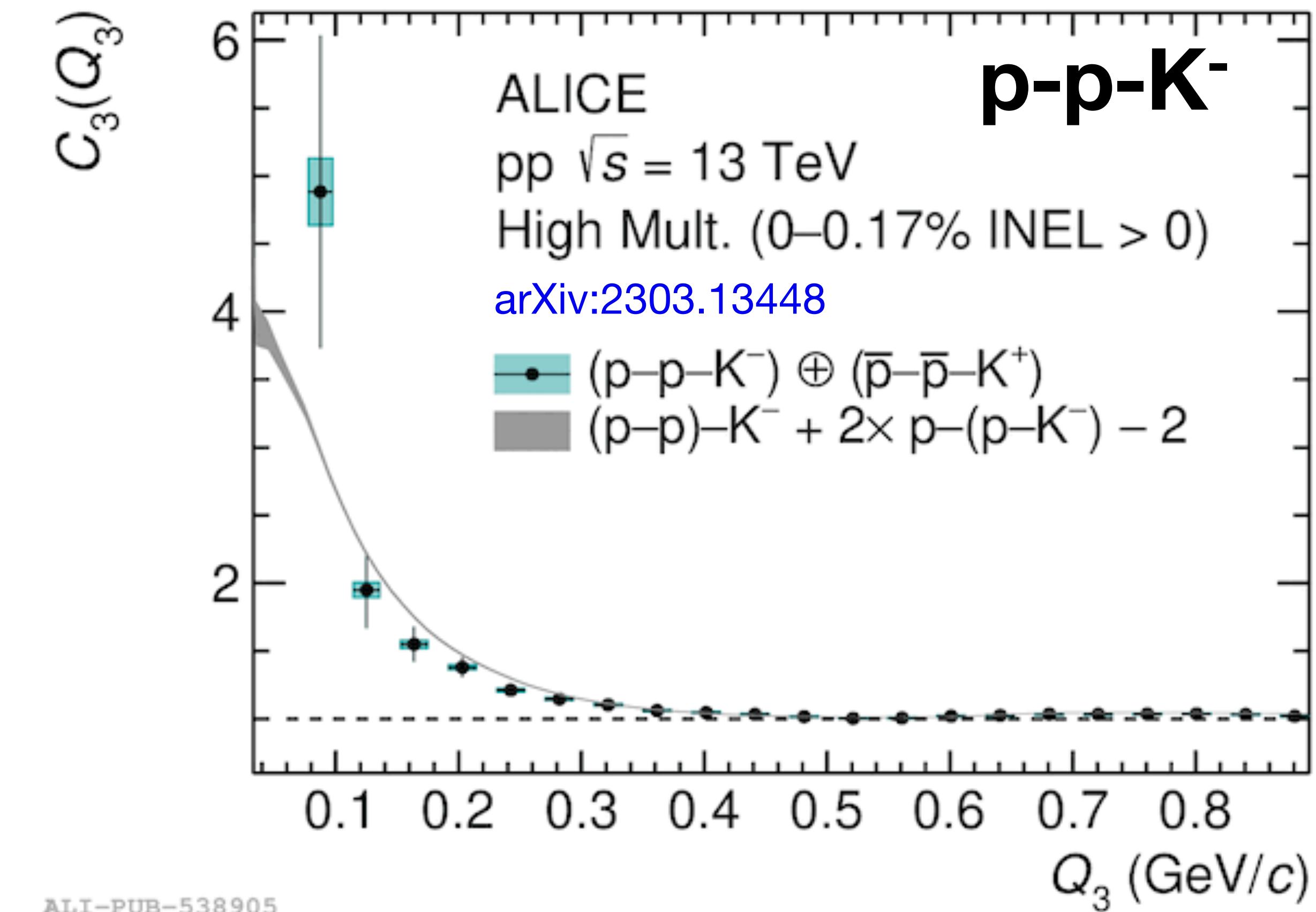
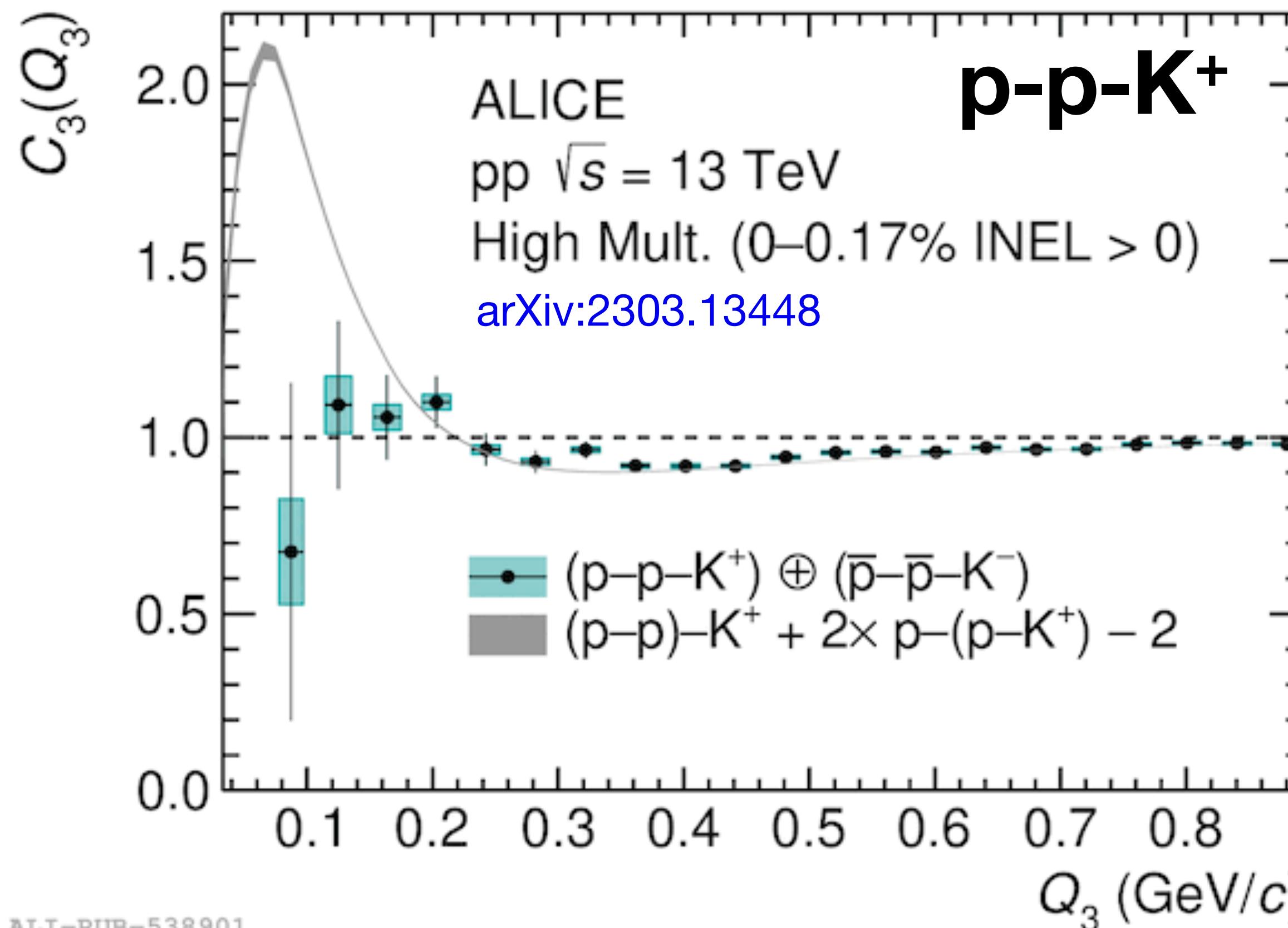
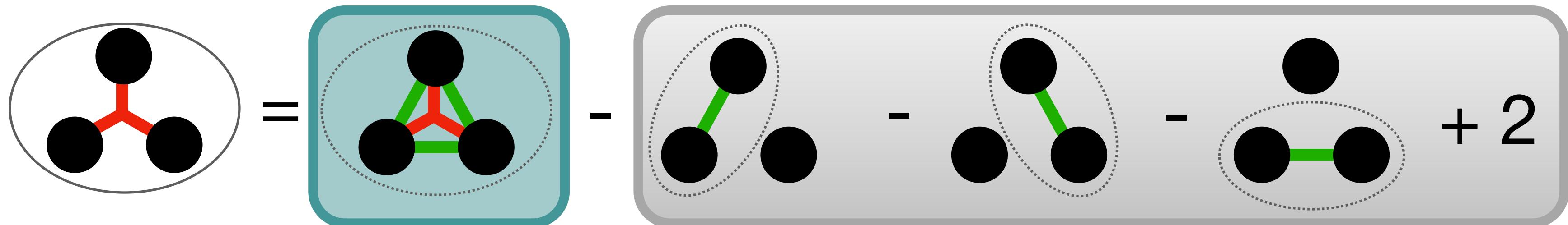
Lednický, *R. Phys. Part. Nuclei* 40, 307–352 (2009)



Point-like particle description doesn't work for p-

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# p-p-K<sup>+</sup> and p-p-K<sup>-</sup> correlation functions

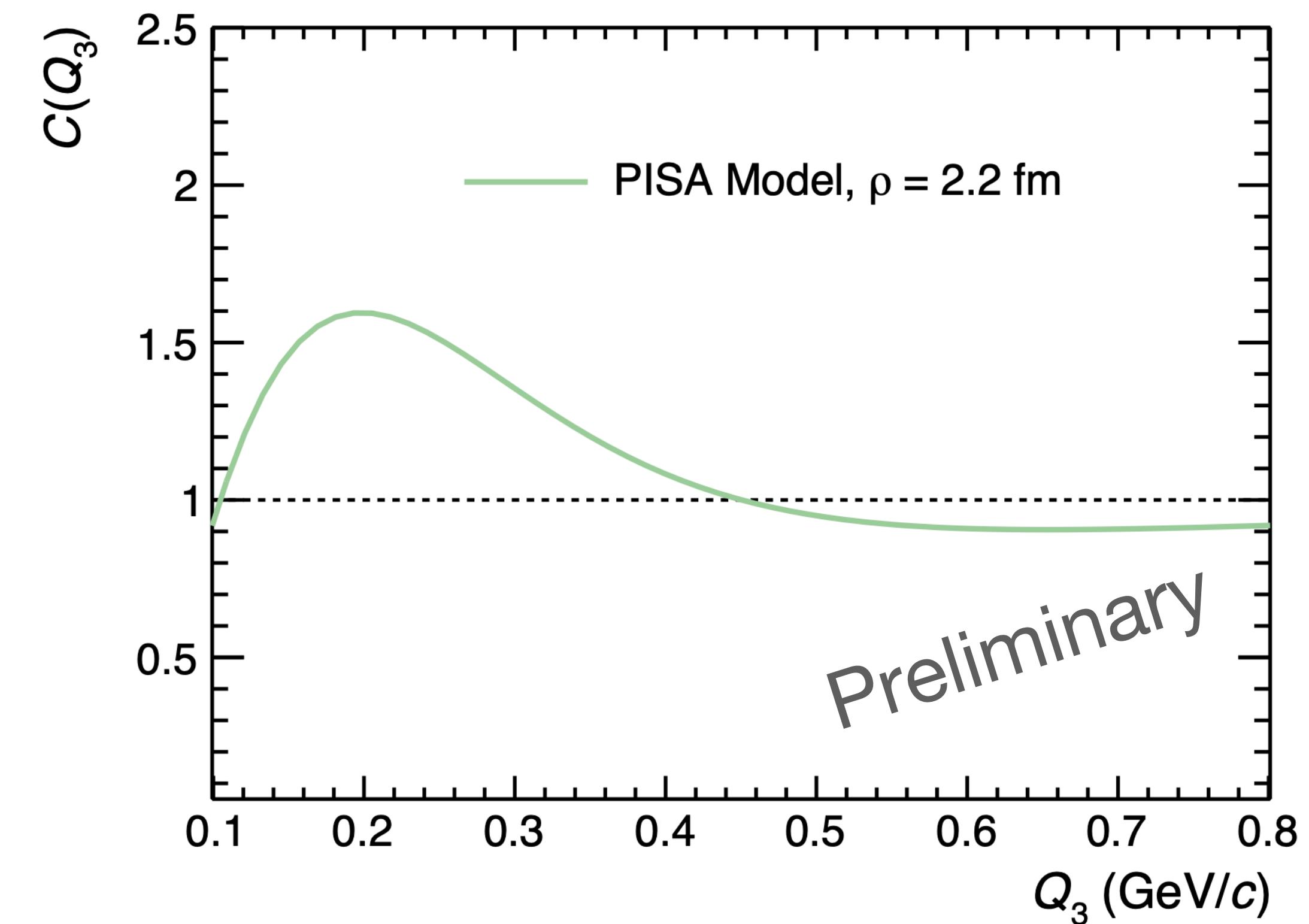
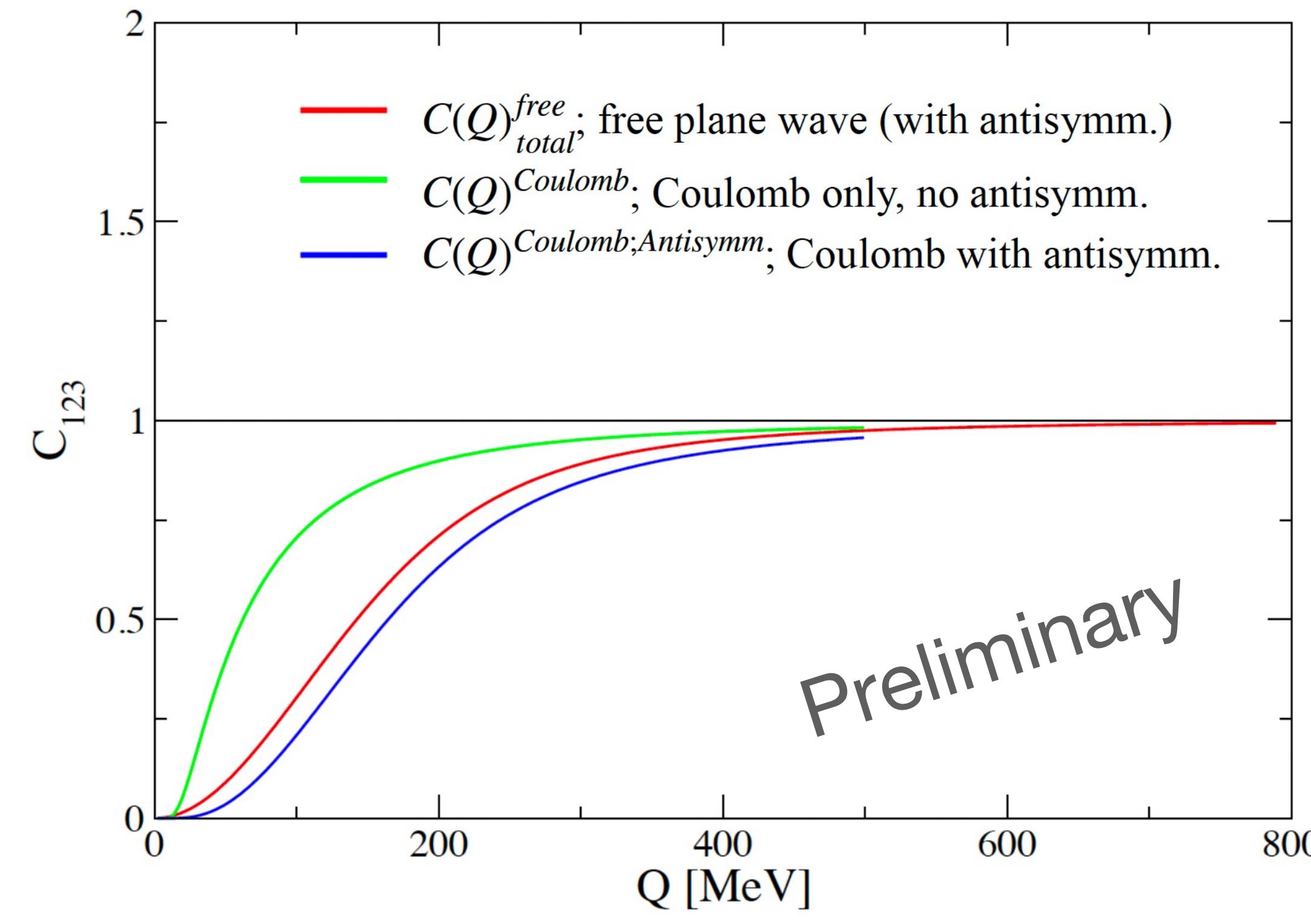


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# p-p-p calculations (ongoing)

- Calculations performed by Alejandro Kievsky



# Projector

- Looking at 2-body correlation function in 3-body space requires to account for the phase-space of the particles.
- The projection onto  $Q_3$  is performed by integrating the correlation function over all the configurations in the momentum phase space having the same value of  $Q_3$

$$C(Q_3) = \iiint_{Q_3=\text{constant}} C([\mathbf{p}_i, \mathbf{p}_j], \mathbf{p}_k) d^3\mathbf{p}_i d^3\mathbf{p}_j d^3\mathbf{p}_k = \int C_2(k_{ij}^*) W_{ij}(k_{ij}^*, Q_3) dk_{ij}^*$$

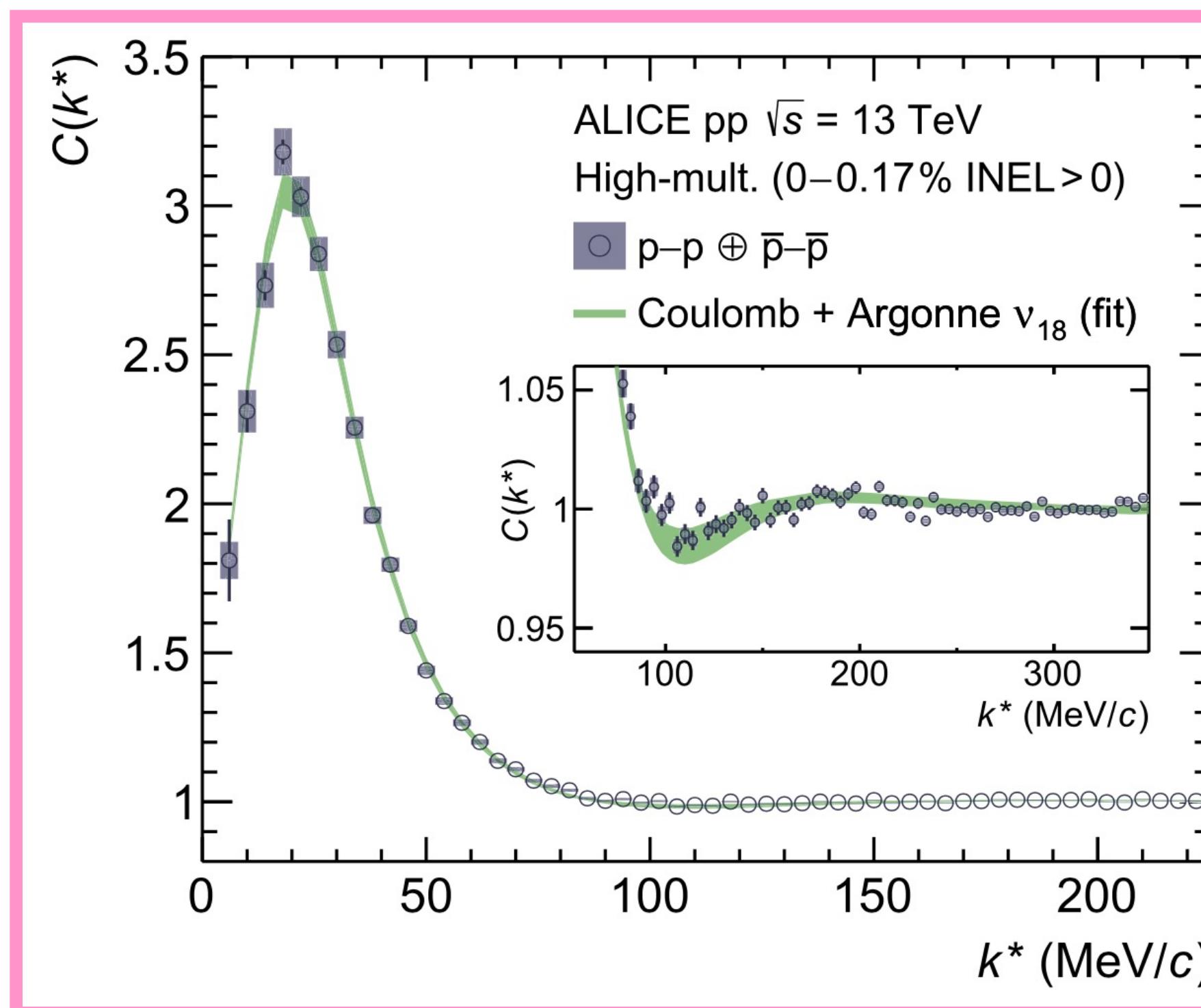
$$W_{ij}(k_{ij}^*, Q_3) = \frac{16(\alpha\gamma - \beta^2)^{3/2} k_{ij}^{*2}}{\pi\gamma^2 Q_3^4} \sqrt{\gamma Q_3^2 - (\alpha\gamma - \beta^2) k_{ij}^{*2}}$$

- The  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  depend only on the masses of the three particles.

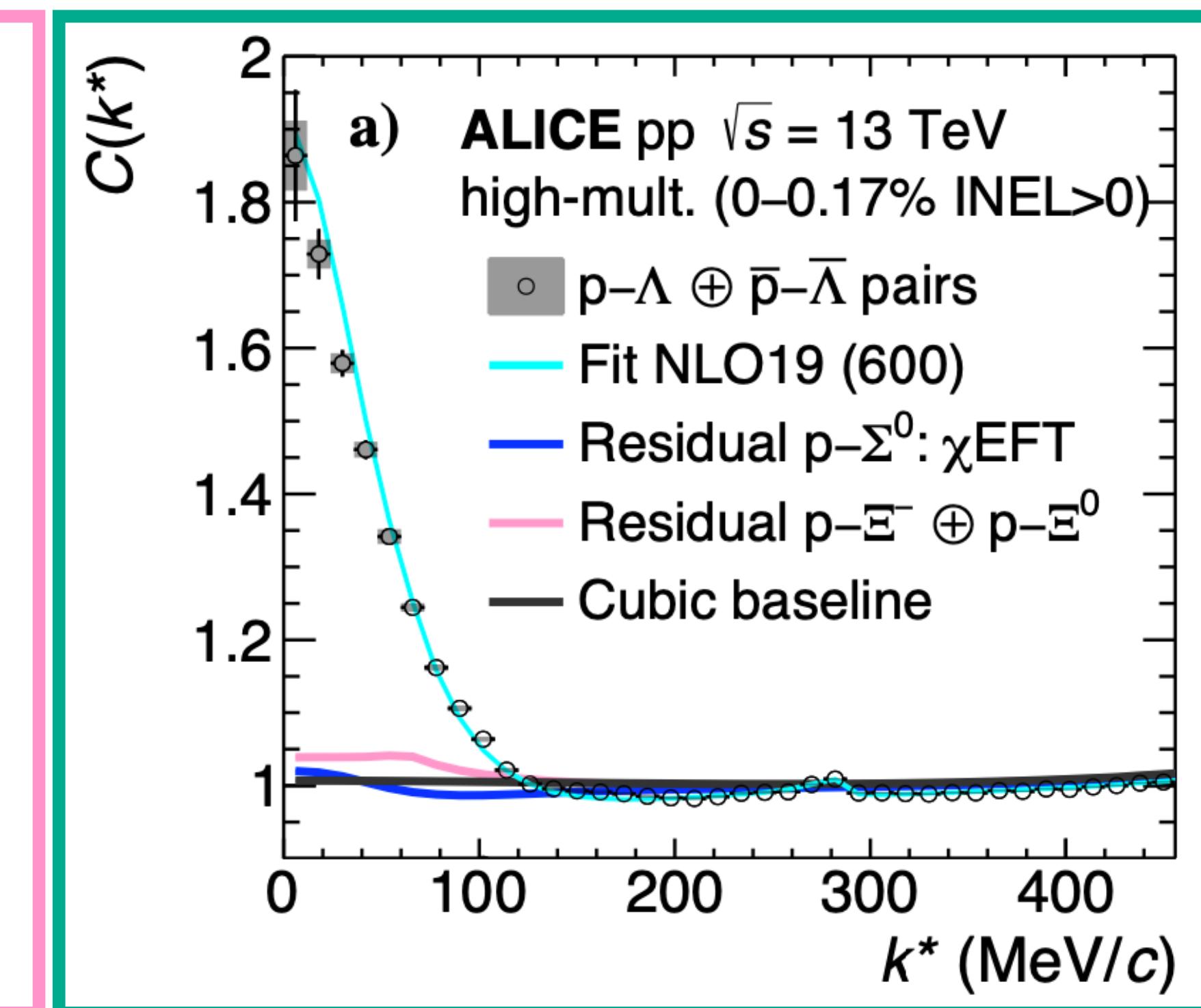
# Two-body measurements

- Many different two-body interactions measured successfully!

p ? p



p ?  $\Lambda$

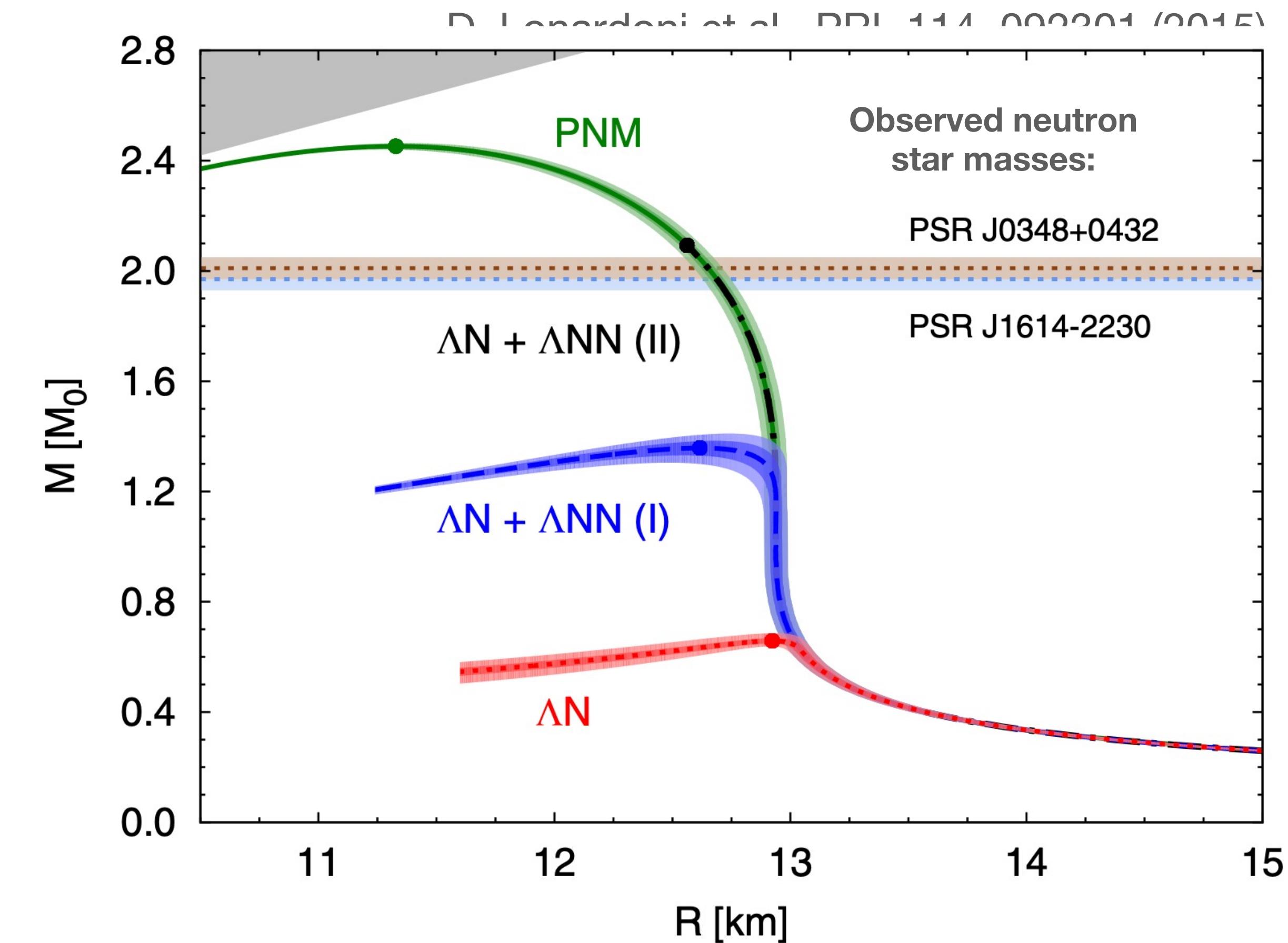


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# How to constrain three-body forces?

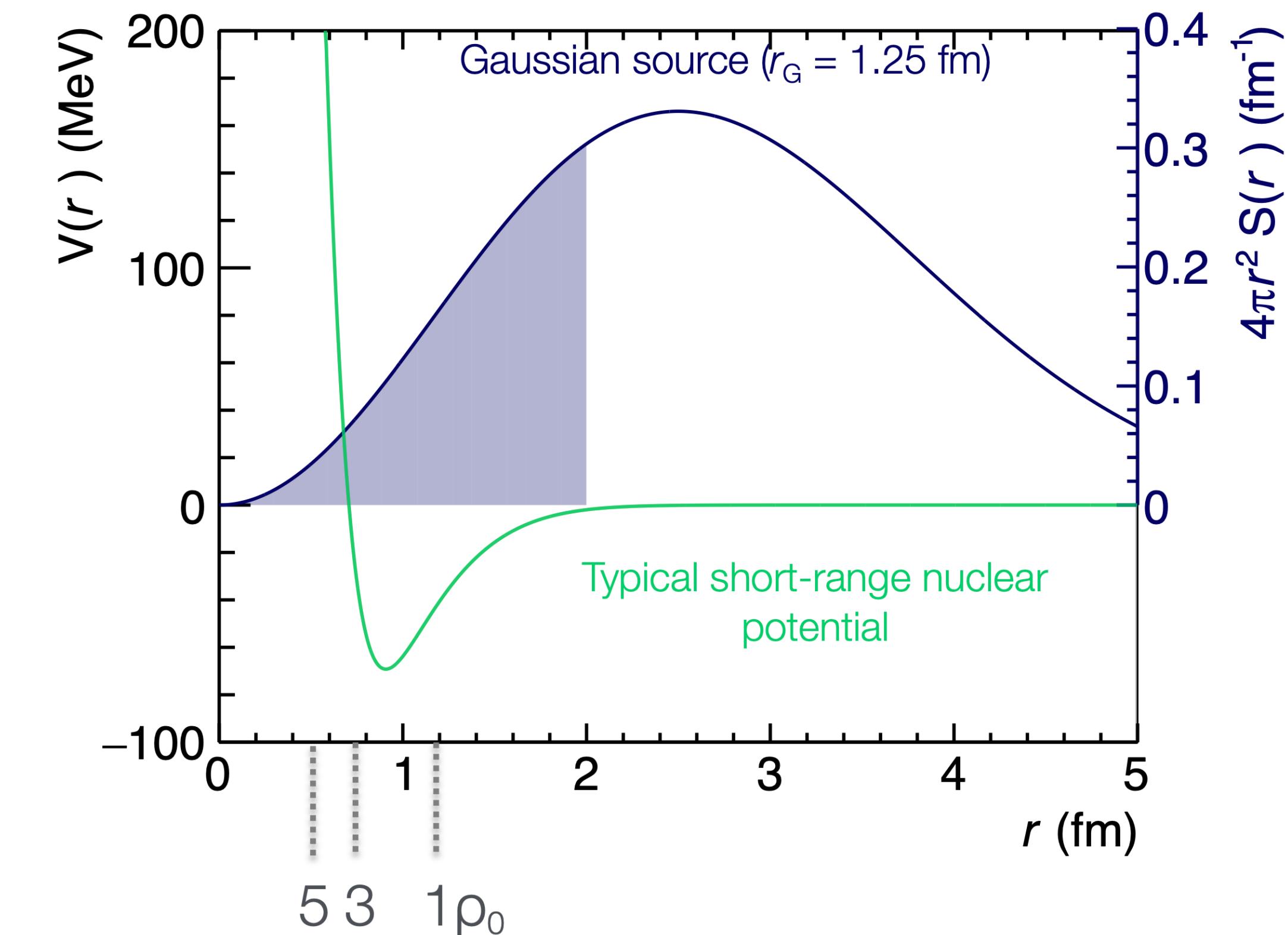
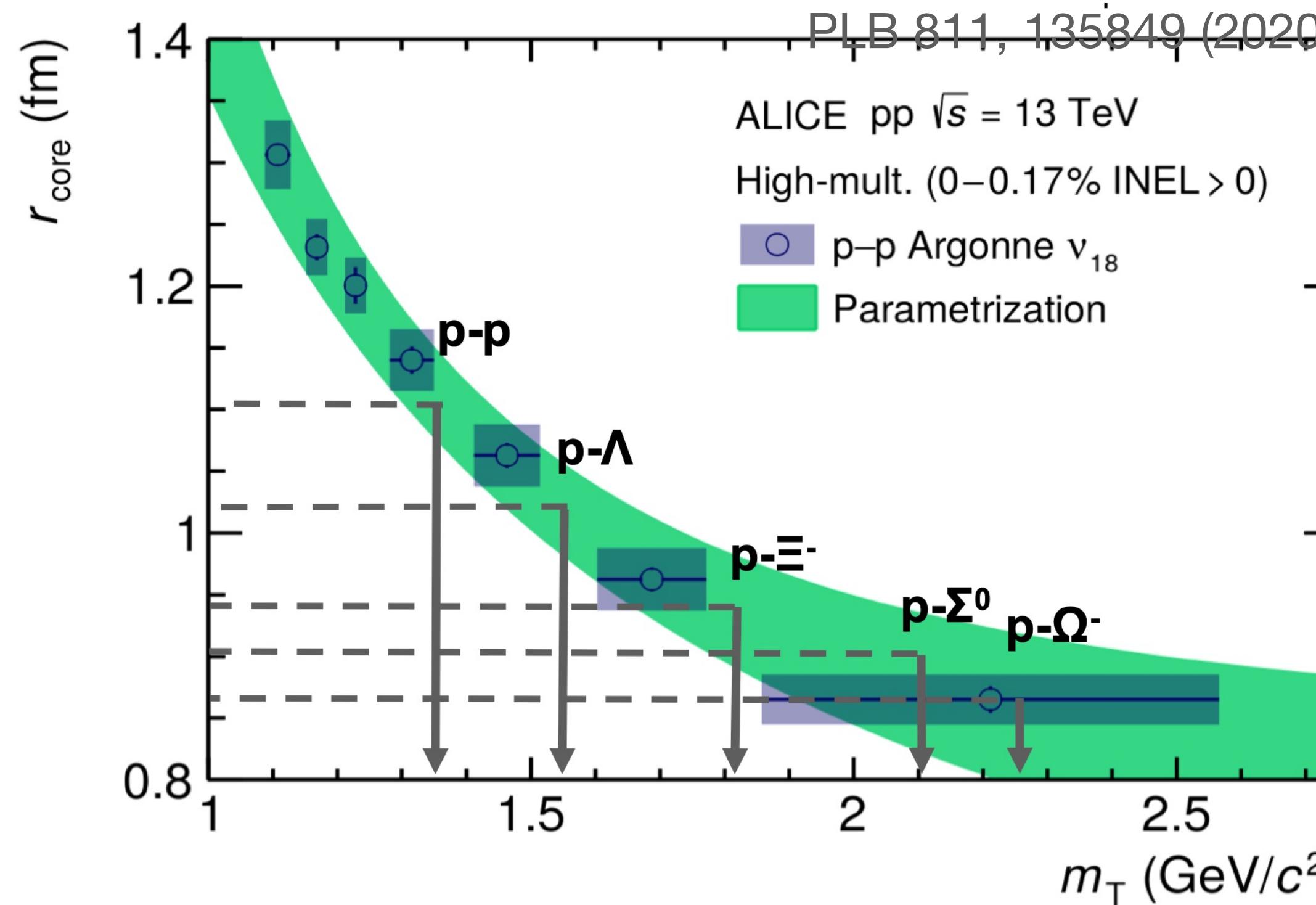
- Models are fitted to reproduce measured (hyper)nuclei properties
  - Access only to nuclear densities
  - Strongly dependent on the assumed two-body and many-body interactions
  - Different parametrisations of three-body forces describe better different nuclei



New observables are required to solve the three-body problem!

# Emission source

- Two main contributions:
  - general: Collective effects result in Gaussian core
  - specific: Decaying resonances require source correction

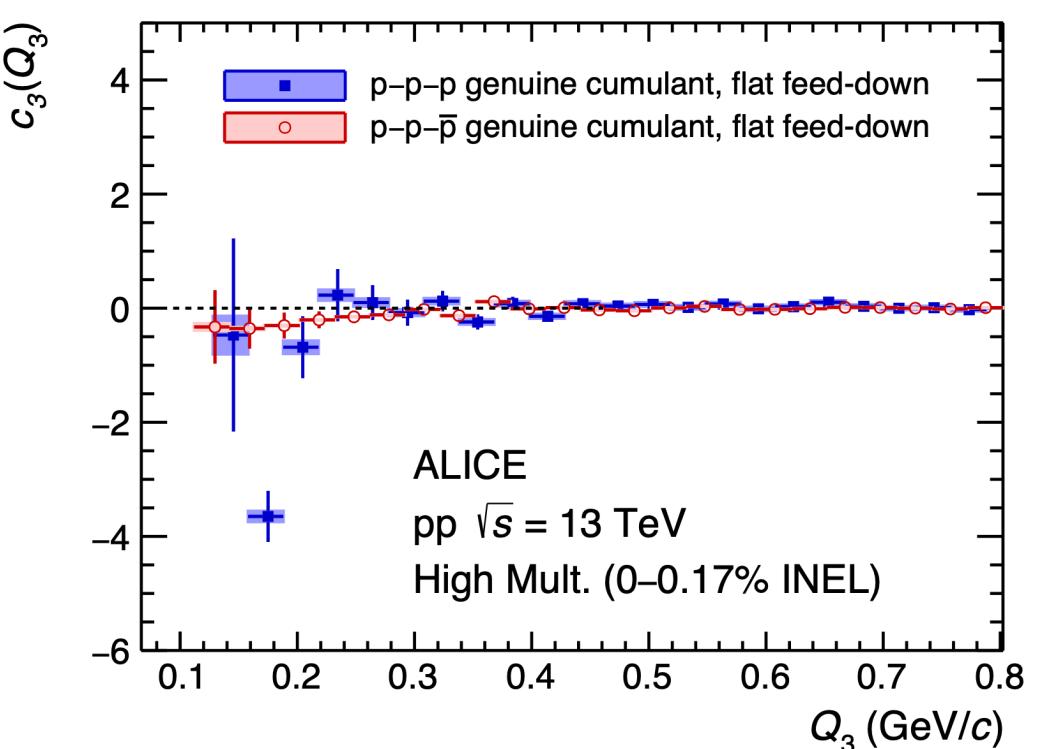
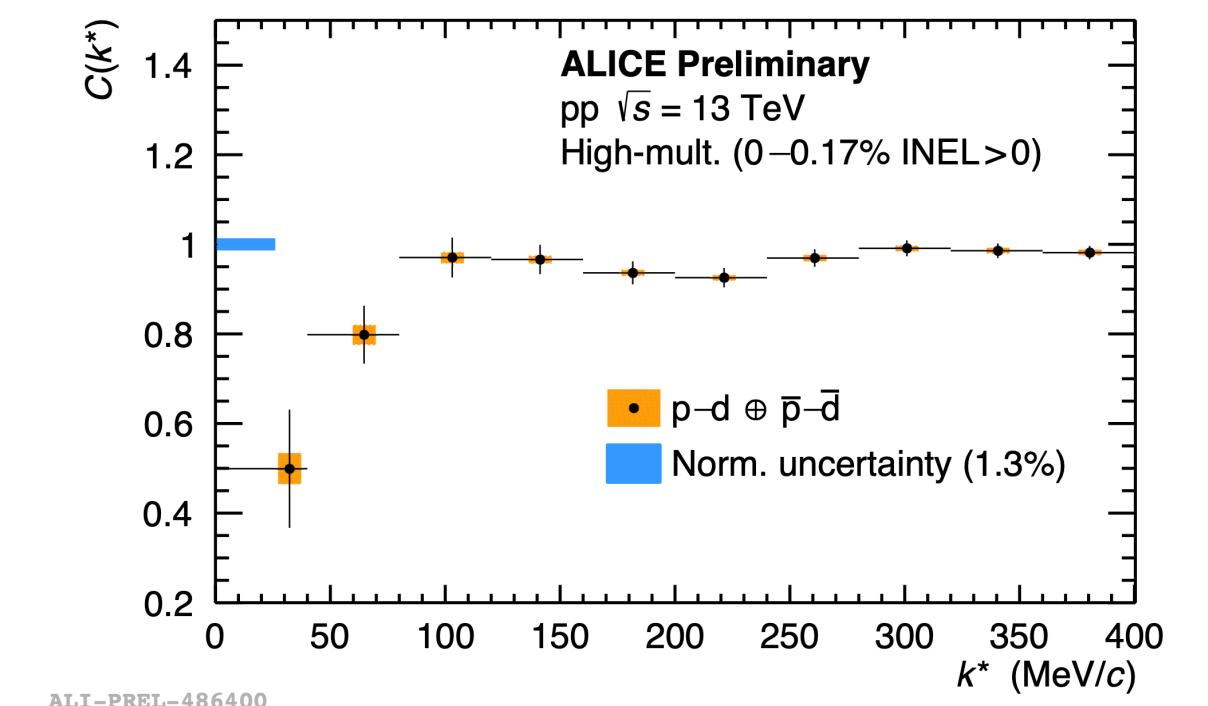
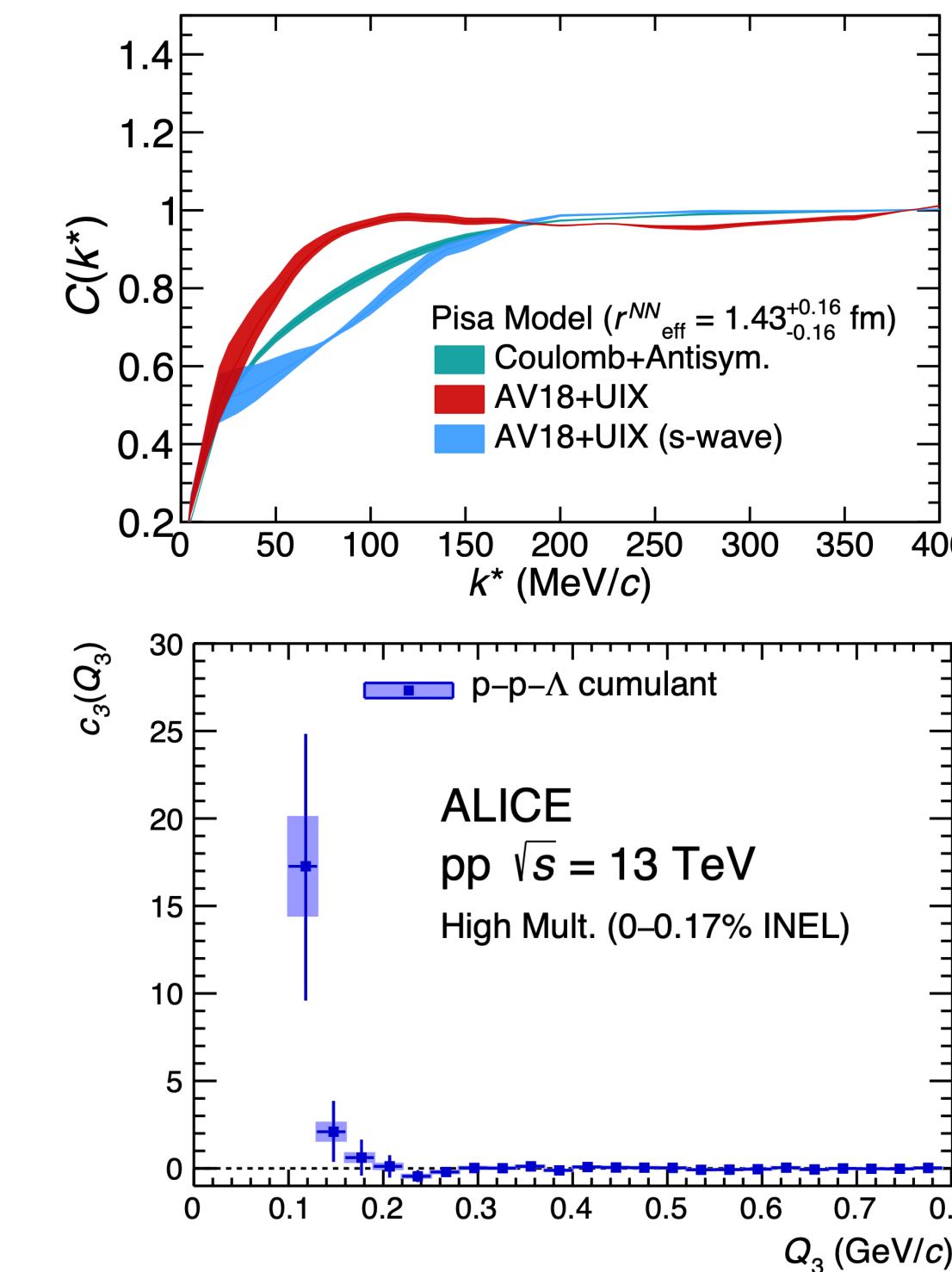


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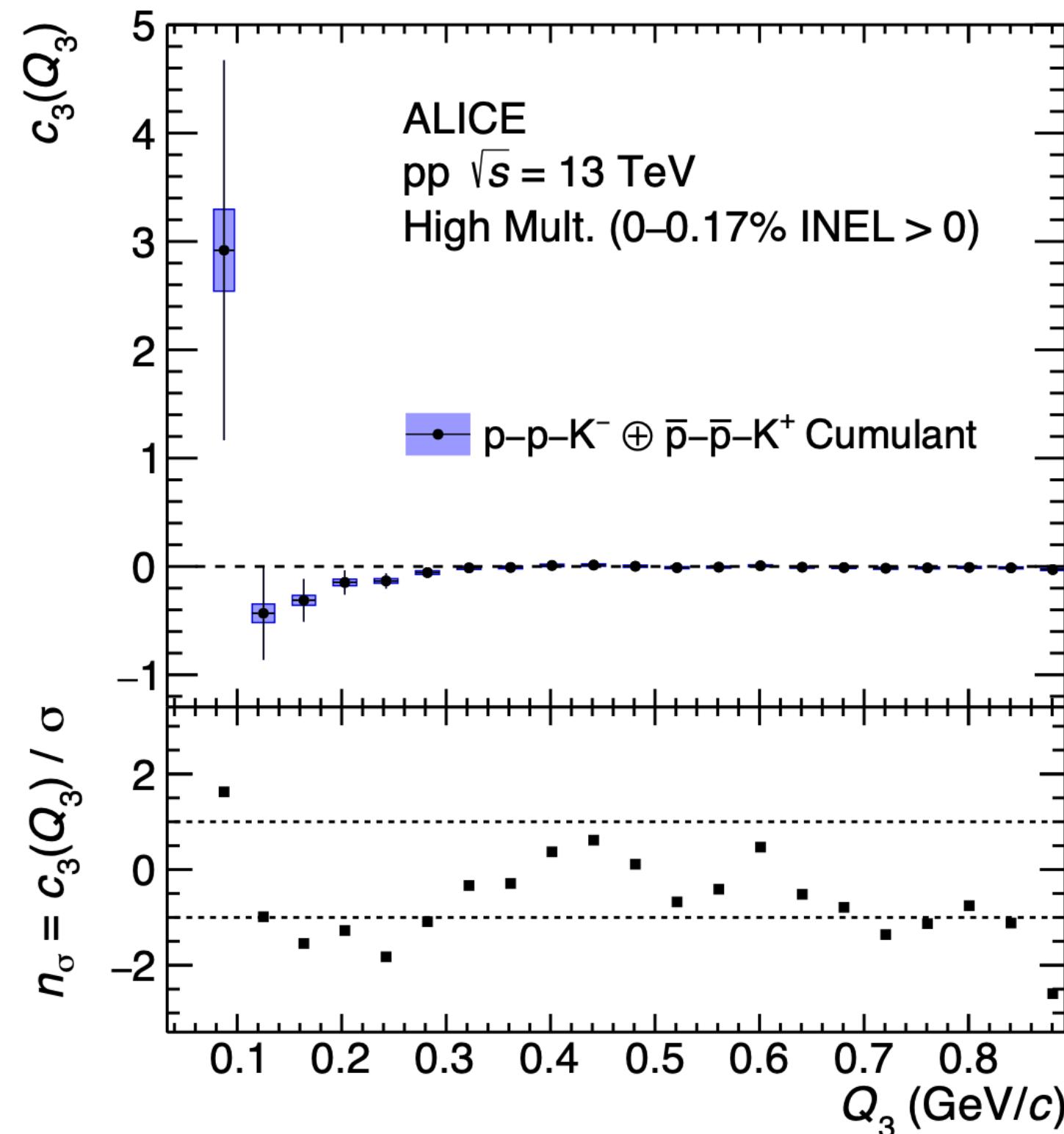
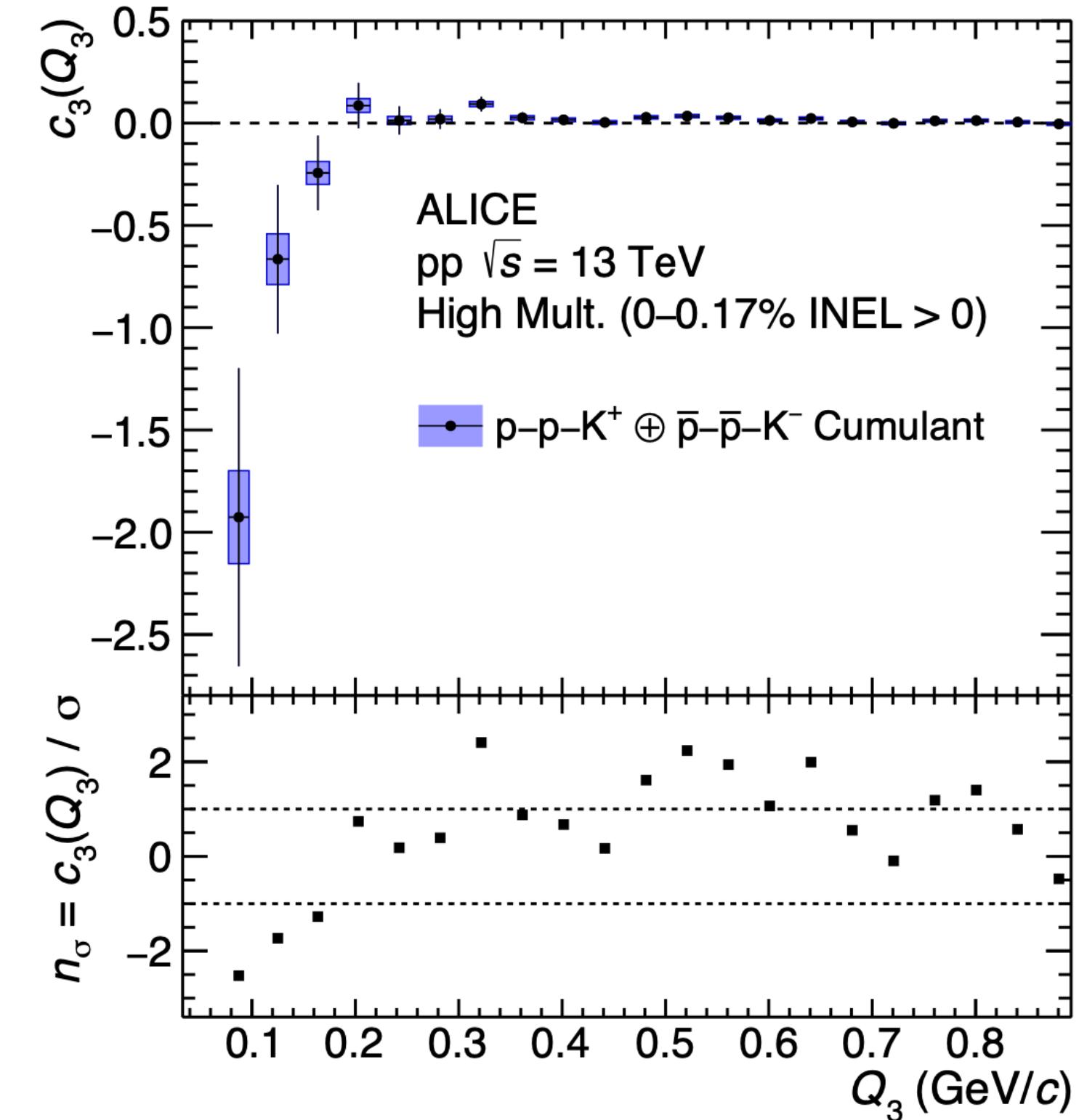
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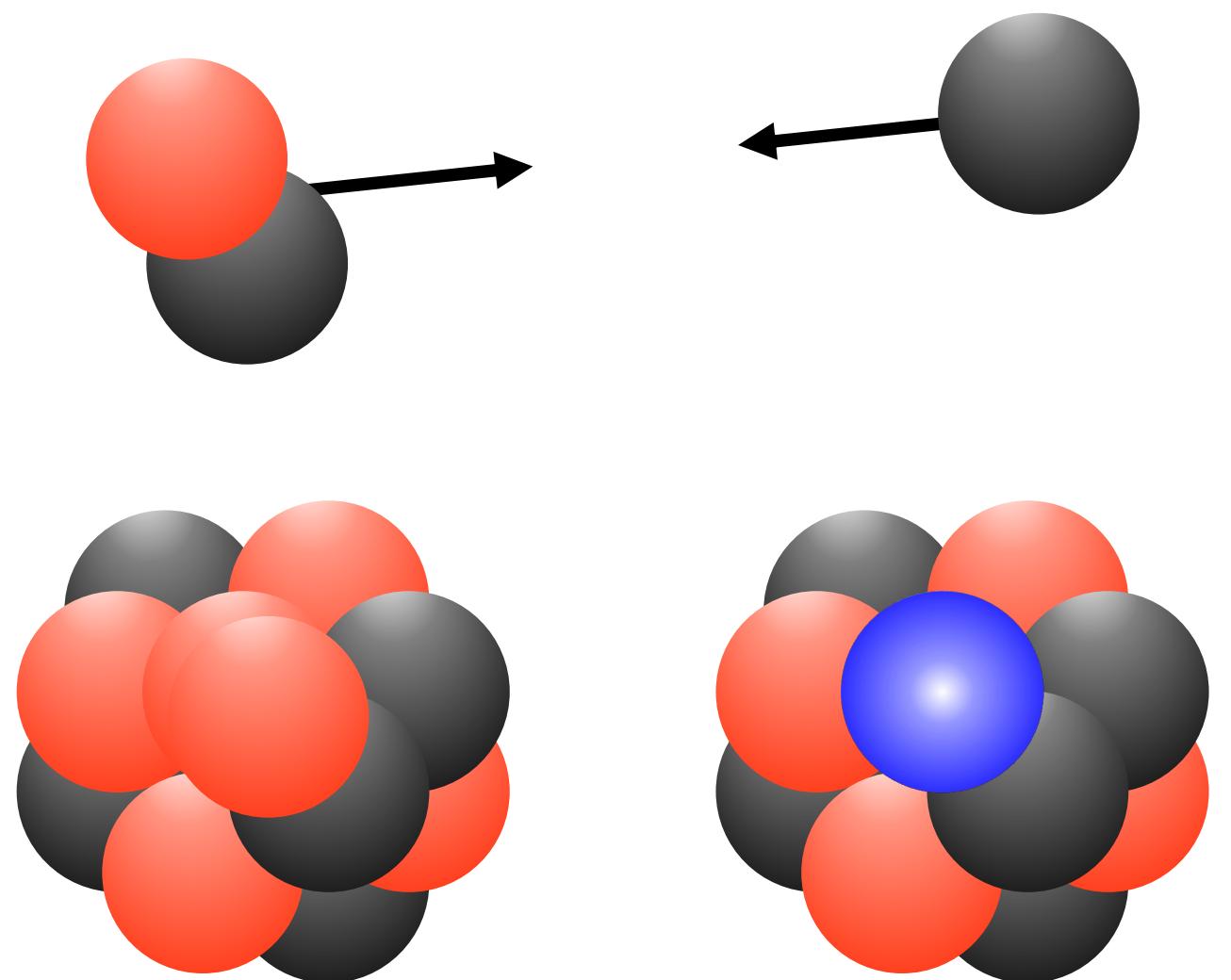
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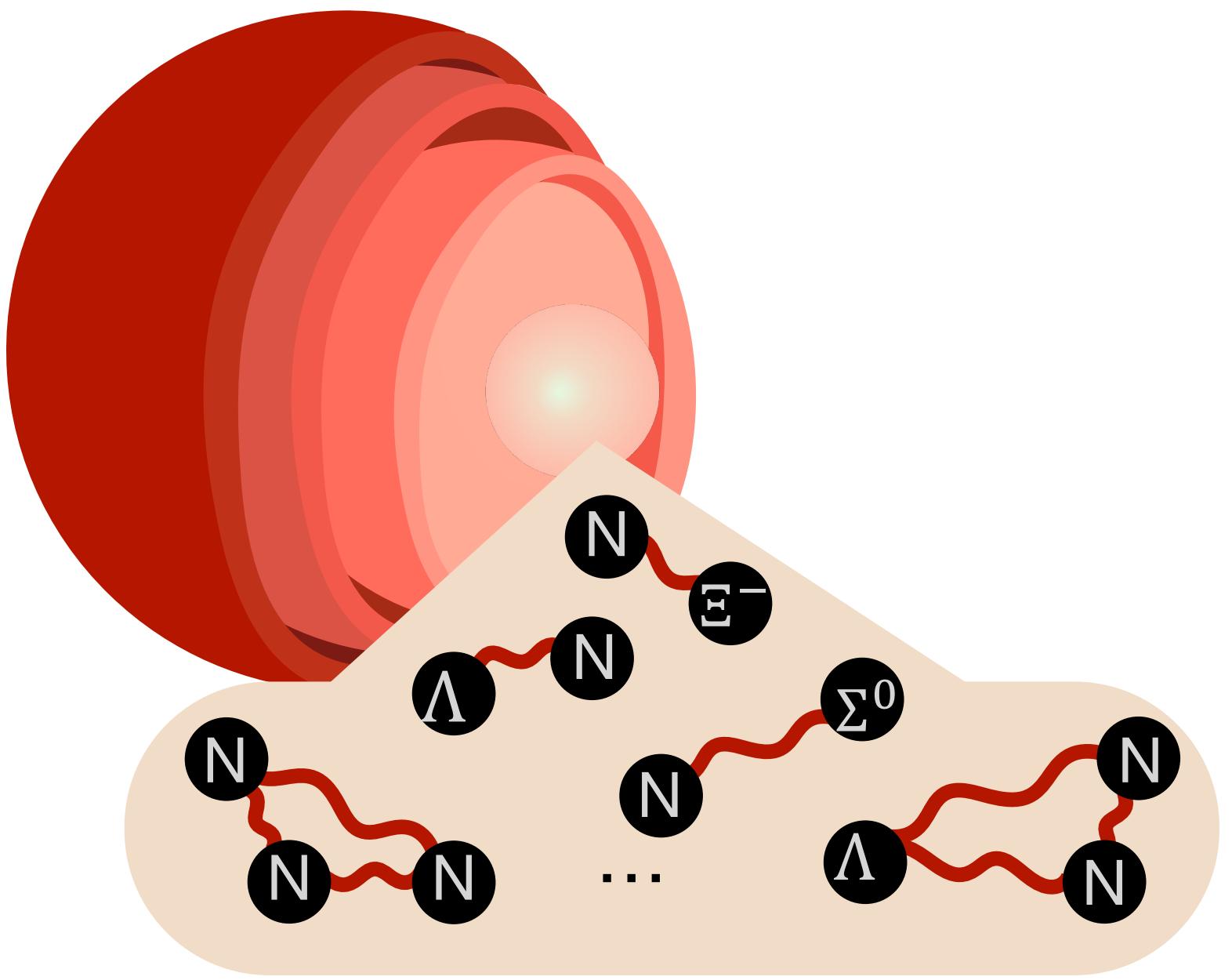
- Properties of nuclei and hypernuclei cannot be described satisfactorily with two-body forces only

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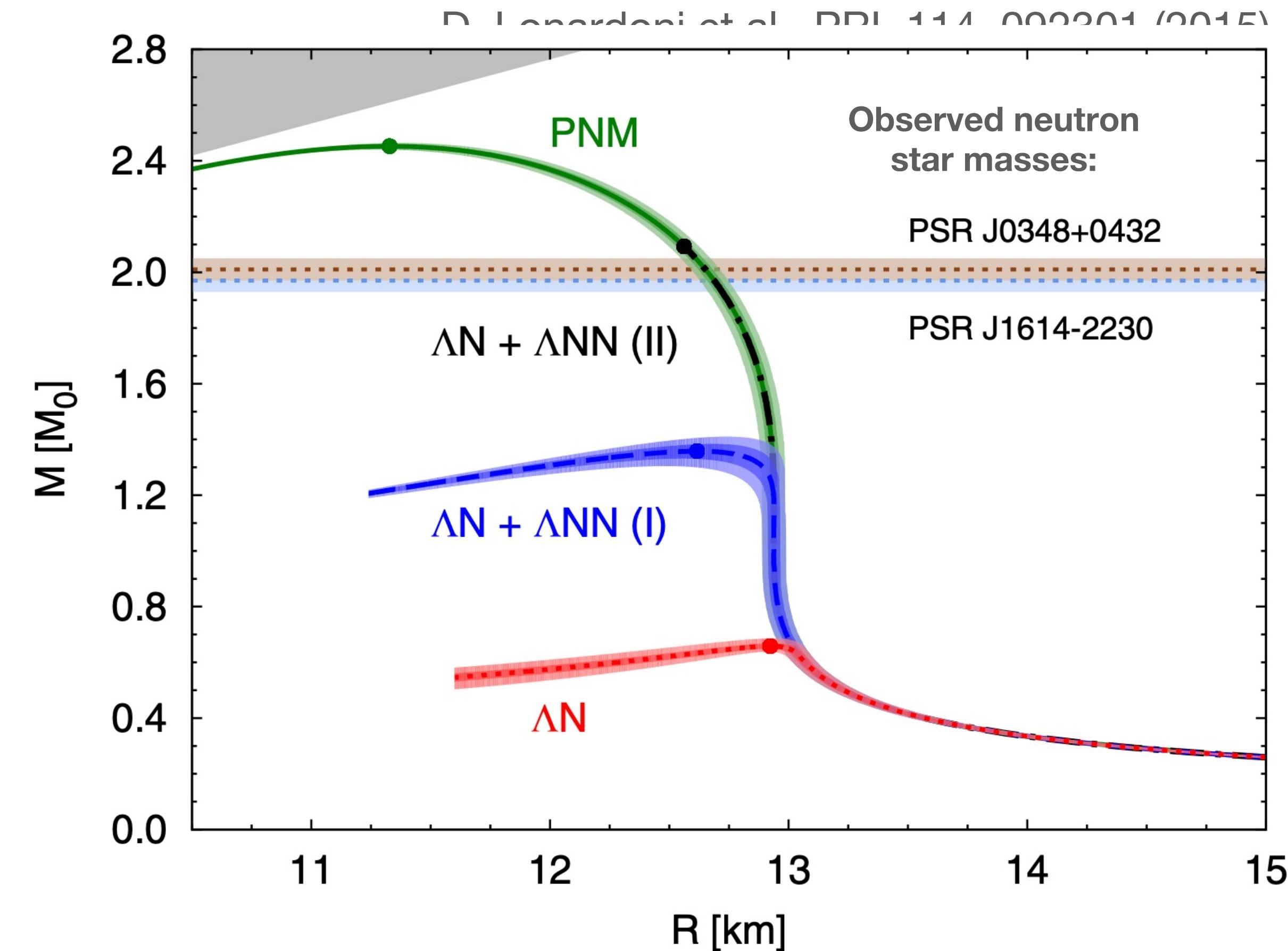


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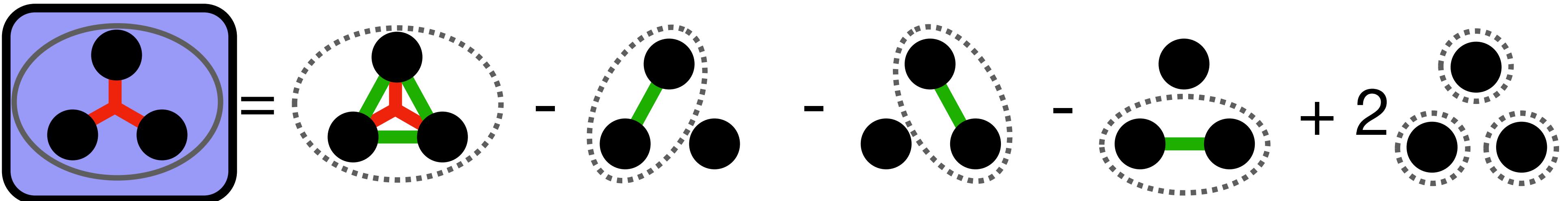
# Neutron stars and three-body forces

- Three-body interaction models are fitted to reproduce measured (hyper)nuclei properties
- Large difference in the equation of state at large densities
  - Very different consequences to the resulting mass to radii relation for neutron stars



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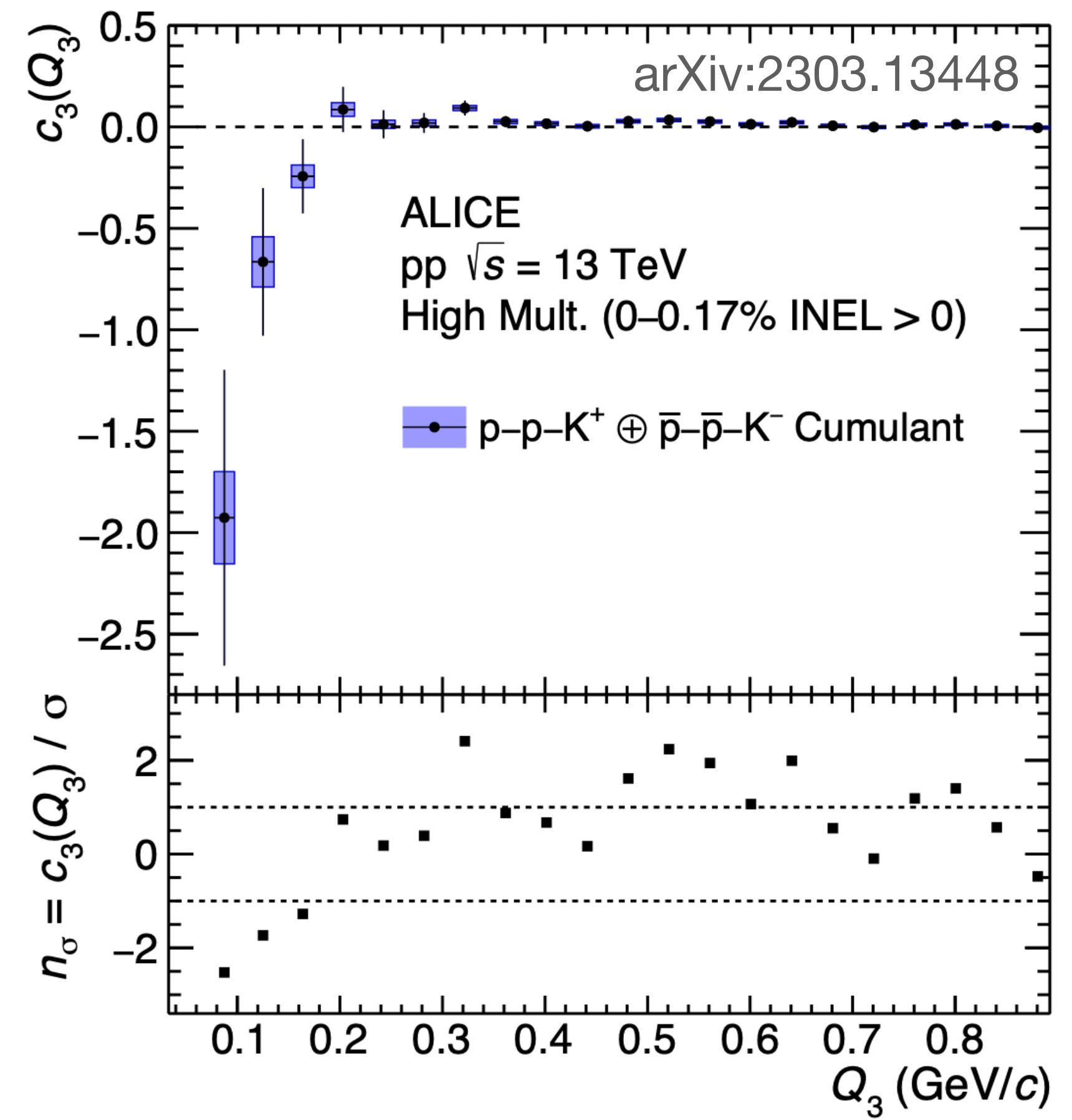


**Hint of a negative cumulant for p-p-K<sup>+</sup>**

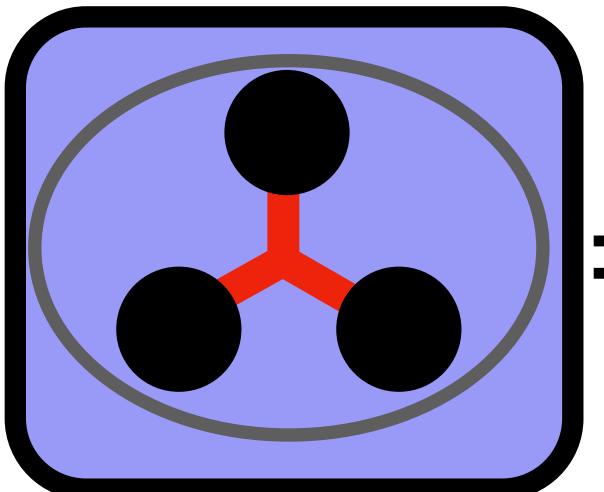
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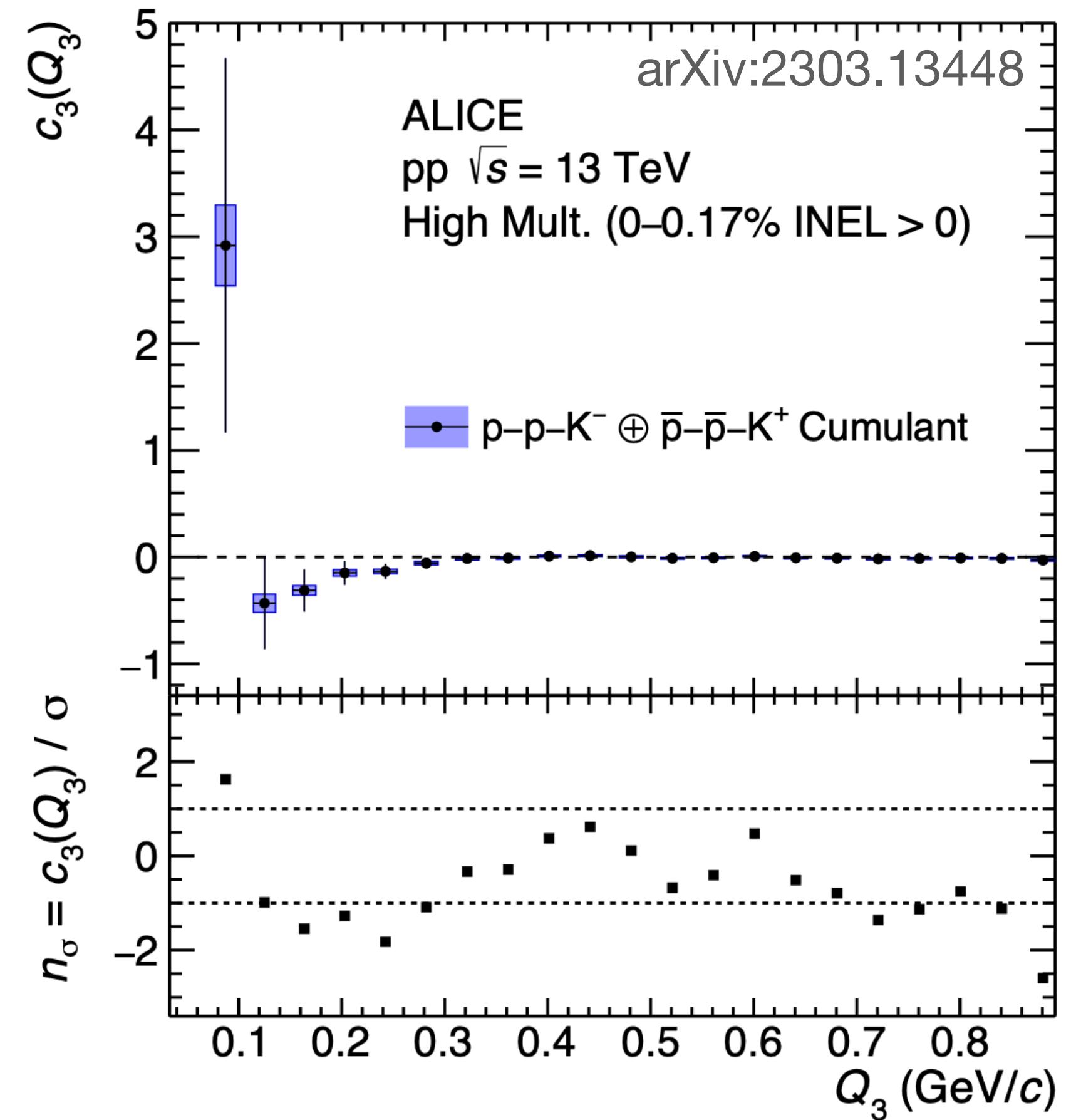
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p-p-K<sup>-</sup> system shows only two-body interactions.

- ✓ The measurement confirms that three-body strong interaction should not be relevant in the formation of exotic kaonic bound states!

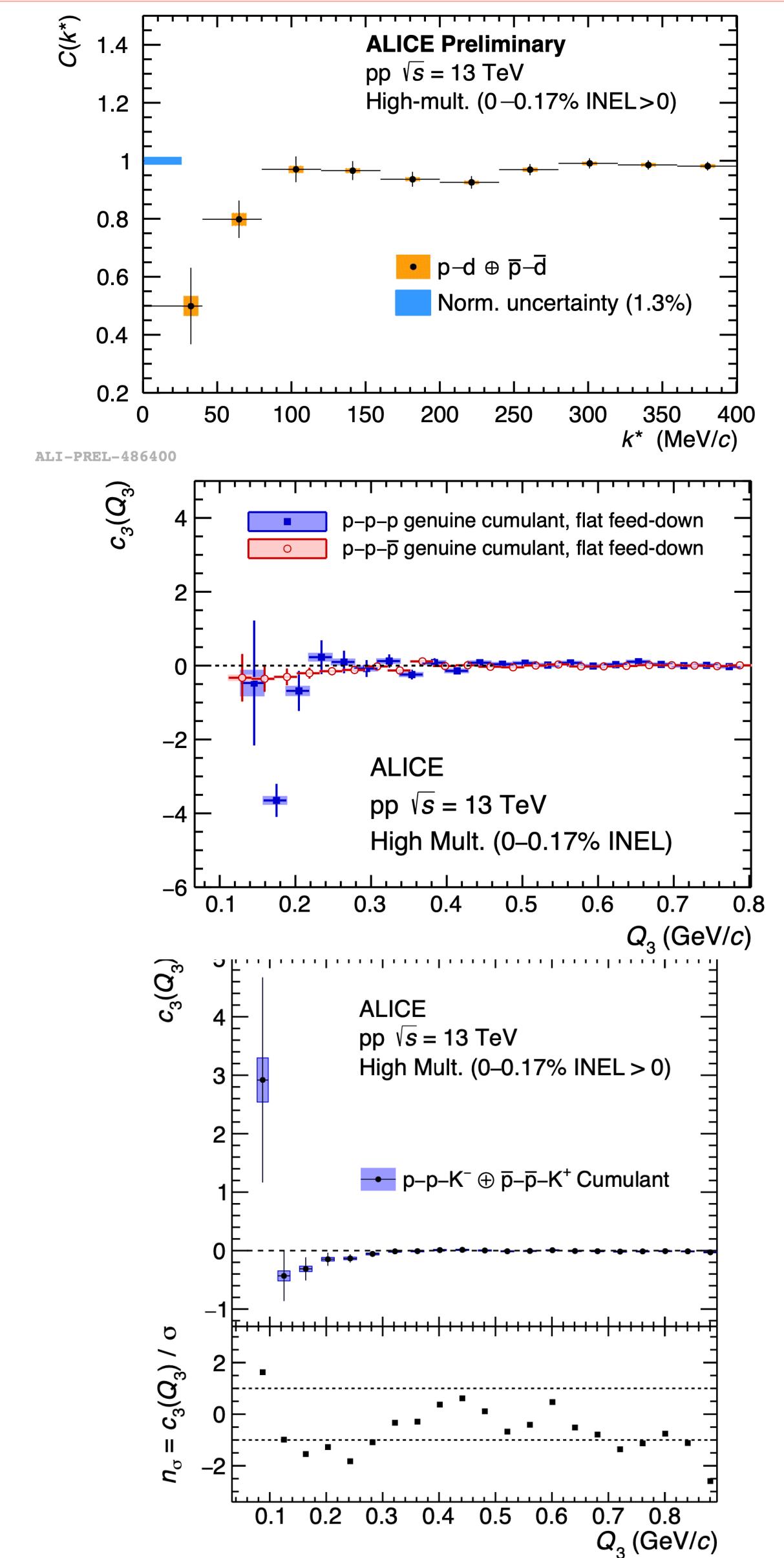
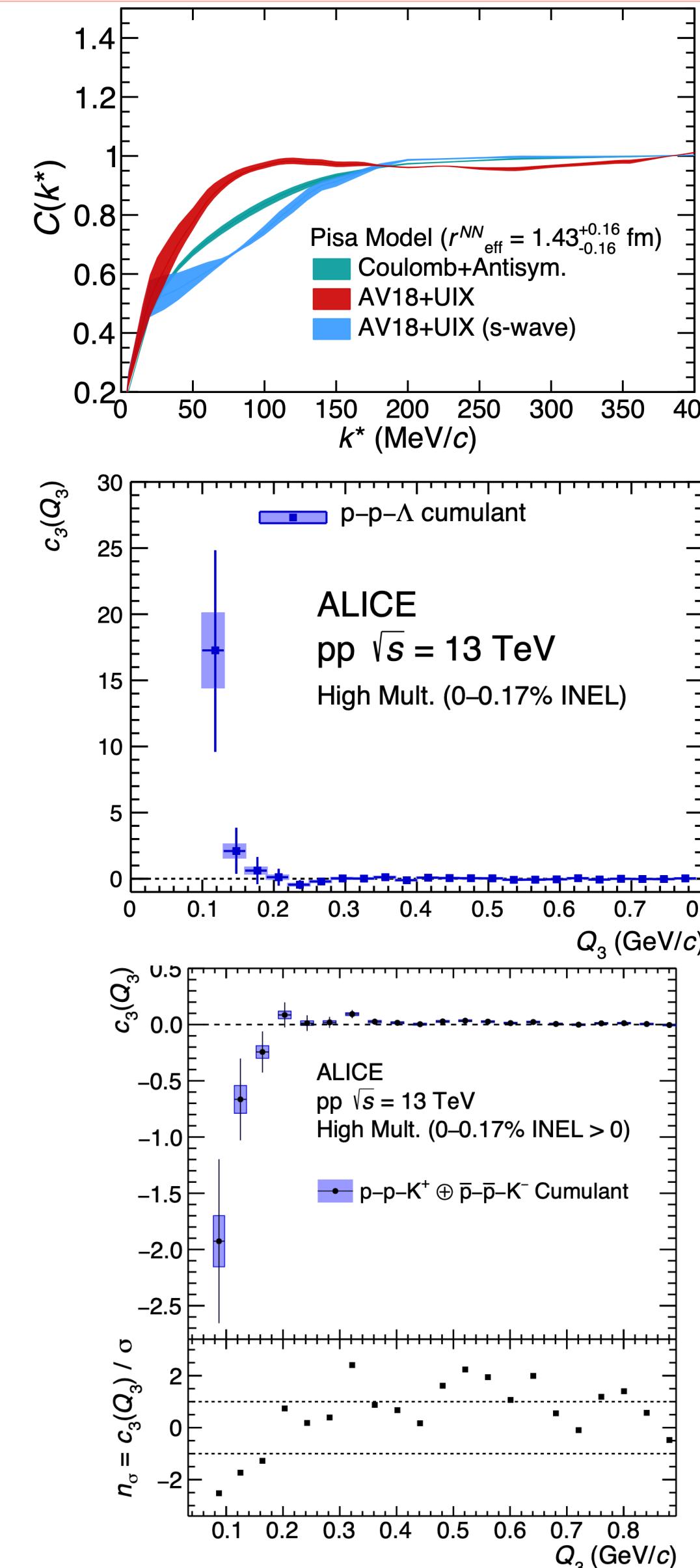


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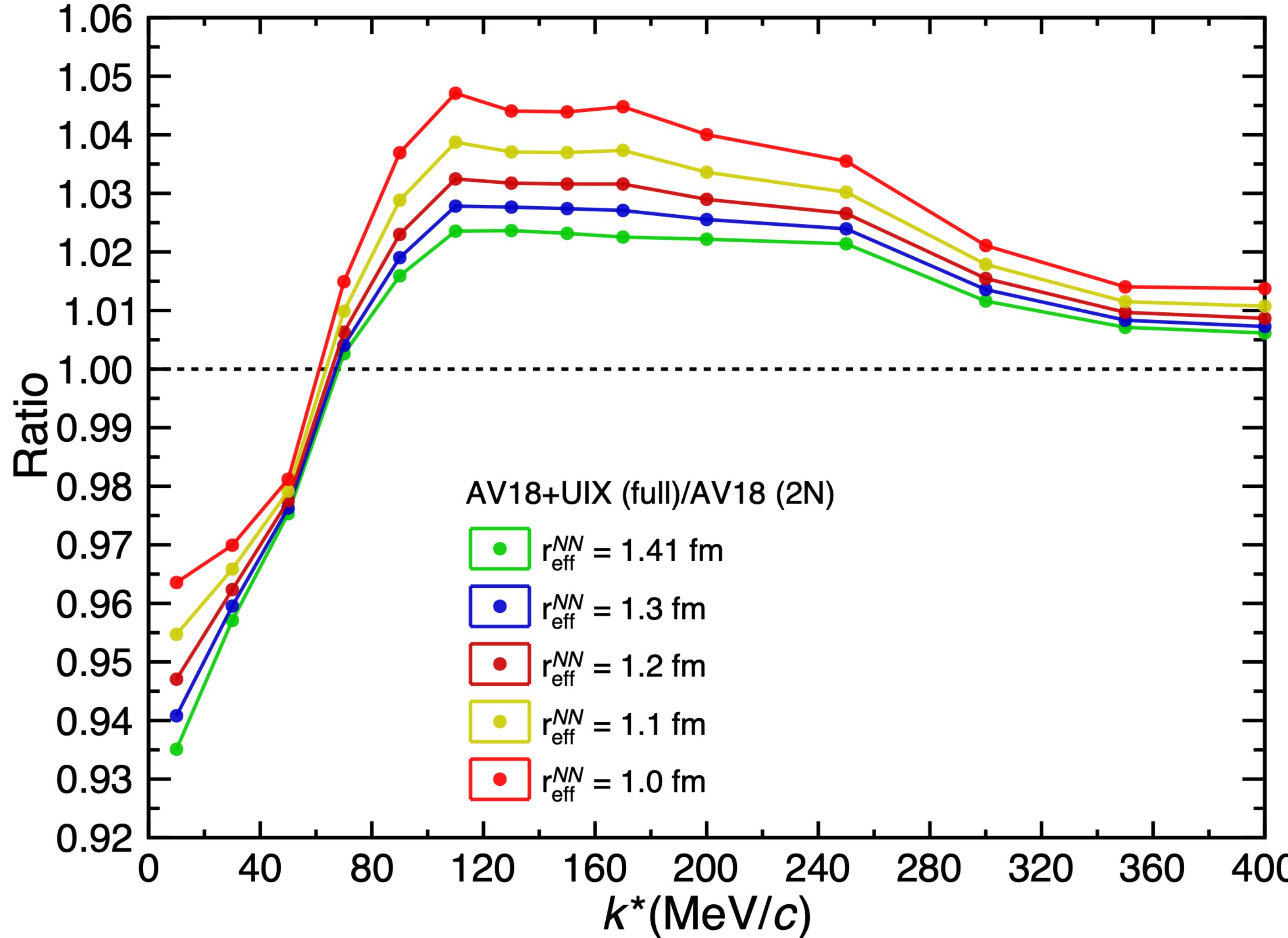
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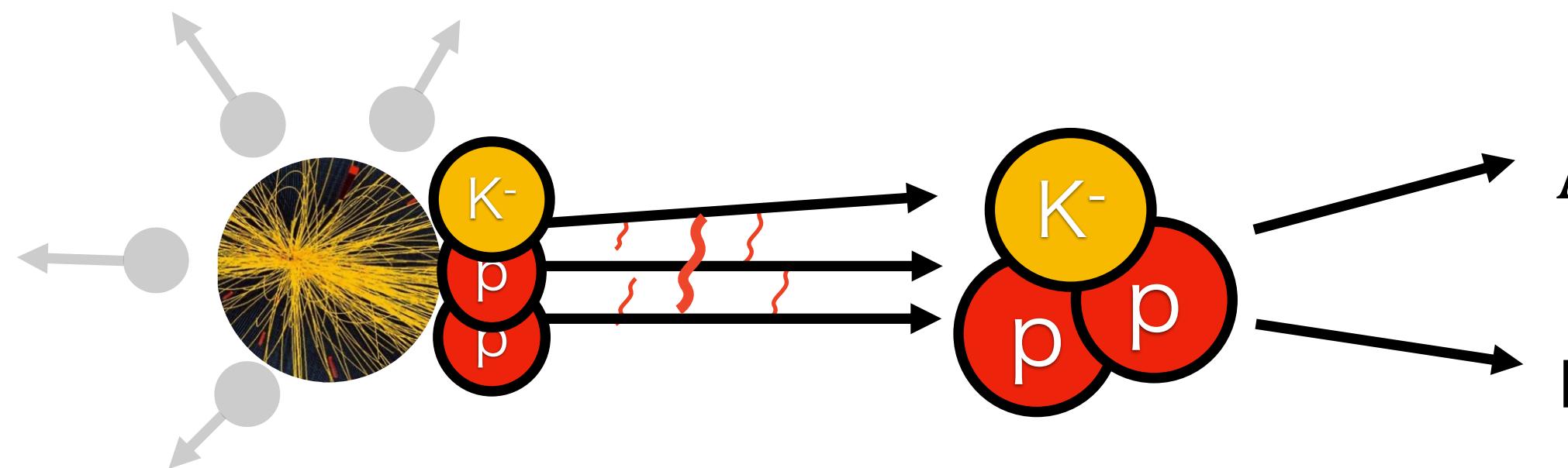
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# Effect of genuine three body forces



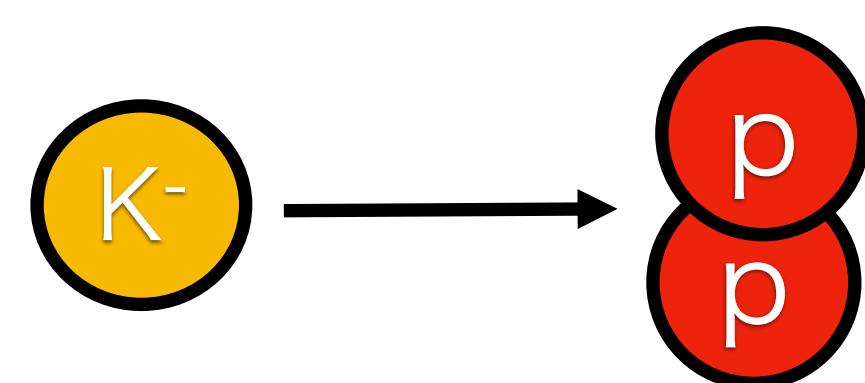
Current precision and radius size does not allow sensitivity to genuine three body forces yet  
More differential measurement ( mT scaling!!) are needed

# p-p-K<sup>-</sup> cumulant

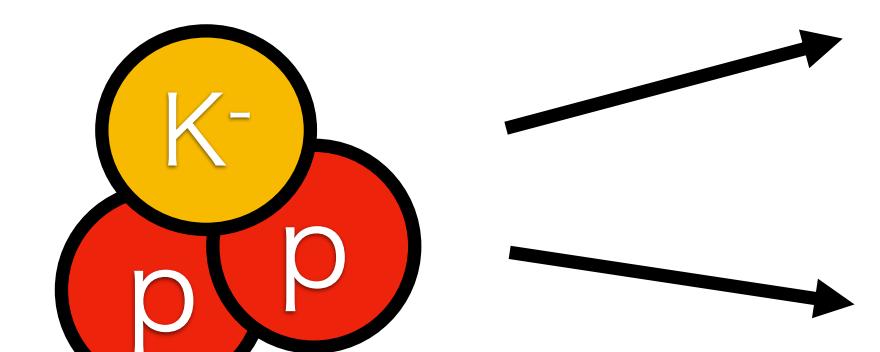


Which is the  $q_3$  of the p-p-K<sup>-</sup> triplets?

If we believe in the measurement by E15, the bound state is compact ( $R \sim 0.6$  fm) and the transfer momentum by the K<sup>-</sup> on the two rest protons is  $q_x \sim 0.3$  GeV/c.



Transfer momentum  
 $q_x = p_K \sim 0.3$  GeV/c



$Q_3$  is Lorentz-invariant —> we can choose the rest frame of the two-protons

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

$$q_{ij}^\mu = 2 \left( \frac{m_j E_i}{m_i + m_j} - \frac{m_i E_j}{m_i + m_j}, \frac{m_j}{m_i + m_j} \mathbf{p}_i - \frac{m_i}{m_i + m_j} \mathbf{p}_j \right)$$

