



## proton-Kaon and proton-Omega interactions: bound states and coupled channels

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#### <u>Hadron physics</u>

- Study the interaction of hadrons with strange content.
- Models are constrained by <u>data with limited</u> <u>precision</u>
- Experimental difficult with strange particle beams: Scattering data, hypernuclei, search for bound states, exotic atoms, etc.
- Femtoscopy with ALICE delivers precise data in the low momentum range region not accessible with other approaches





 $p-\Omega^{-}$  femtoscopy

- Experimental study on the <u>interaction between a</u> <u>proton and a multi-strange baryon</u>
- Lattice QCD simulations predict an N- $\Omega$  interaction attractive at all distances  $\rightarrow$  leading to the possible existence of a N $\Omega$  di-baryon
- No  $\Omega$  beams, no hypernuclei...
  - $\rightarrow$  for p- $\Omega$  interaction femtoscopy is the only experimental method!

p-K femtoscopy

- Fundamental problem in the strangeness sector of hadron physics
- Models are constrained by the (rather imprecise) scattering data above threshold and by SIDDHARTA data at threshold
- Extrapolations below threshold differs for models describing the scattering data.





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two particle wave function

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Theoretically formulated:

$$C(k^*) = \int S(\vec{r}, k) |\psi(\vec{r}, k)|^2 d\vec{r}$$
  
Source  
Relative wave function:  
Sensitivity to the interaction potential

**Experimentally:** 
$$C(k^*) = \mathcal{N} \frac{N_{Same}(k^*)}{N_{Mixed}(k^*)}$$

Generally, the experimental correlation function accounts for the genuine correlation and it is affected by residual correlations and finite momentum resolution.



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 $\begin{array}{l} \hline For \ p-\Omega \ in \ pp \ High-Multiplicity \ events: \\ Parametrization \ with \ exponential \ law \ r_{core} = a \ < m_T^{>^b} + c \\ - \ Fit \ parameters: \ a \in [ \ 0.65 \ , \ 0.83 \ ] \\ b \in [ \ -1.2 \ , \ -2.2 \ ] \\ c \in [ \ 0.36 \ , \ 0.66 \ ] \end{array}$ 

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The p- $\Omega^{-}$  source is **determined given the pair**  $\langle m_{T} \rangle$ :

**p-Ω**<sup>-</sup>:  $r_{core}^{-}$  = 0.73 ± 0.05 fm

For p-K in Minimum-Bias pp collisions:

Gaussian source, with the radius fixed from the simultaneous fit to p-p, p- $\Lambda$  and  $\Lambda$ - $\Lambda$  femtoscopic data:

ALICE Collaboration, Phys.Rev. C99 (2019) no.2, 024001,arXiv:1805.12455 [nucl-ex]

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# First experimental evidence of the opening of the K<sup>0</sup>n isospin breaking channel

Coupled channel effect  $M(K^-p) + 5 \text{ MeV} = M(n\bar{K}^0)$ 

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$\bar{K}^0$		$K^{-}$





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#### Blue bands Coulomb potential only

#### Light blue bands

Chiral Kyoto model with approximate boundary conditions:

- K<sup>-</sup>–K<sup>0</sup> mass difference not considered (isospin averaged masses)
- $\Sigma \pi$  and  $\Lambda \pi$  coupled channels neglected

#### **Red bands**

Jülich strong potential, meson exchange model

- Recently updated to reproduce the SIDDHARTA results at threshold
- Includes the K<sup>-</sup>–K<sup>0</sup> mass difference and coupled channels (KN- $\pi\Sigma$ - $\pi\Lambda$ )

### The correlation functions at low k\* cannot be reproduced by any of the considered potentials

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## K-p femtoscopy in p-Pb collisions







• The results for lower multiplicity interval (smaller radius) are consistent and with pp results

- Different behavior of models:
  - **Kyoto** chiral model seems to describe the data quite well for large multiplicity
- Jülich model describe the data worse w.r.t. the results obtained in pp collisions

### $\Rightarrow$ The present results represent a unique to tool to study Kp interaction



### Femtoscopic data constraints: Model tunning

- Y. Kamiya at FemTUM Workshop, Munich, October 2019
  - Update of the Kyoto model: coupled-channel effect and interaction dependence







# p-Ω<sup>-</sup> femtoscopy

Experimental study on the interaction between a proton and a multi-strange baryon

-  $\Omega^{-}$  is a hyperon with quark content: sss

Use the most recent datasets to <u>test recent models</u> of the p- $\Omega$  interaction:

- Lattice QCD: HAL-QCD Collaboration
- Meson exchange (Sekihara model)



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T. Iritani et al., Physics Letters B 792 (2019) 284-289

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- Observable: ratio of the correlation function peripheral/central collisions.
- Comparison with Lattice QCD calculations (with large masses)





# Lattice HAL-QCD potential with heavy quarks

- Based on Lattice calculations with heavy quark masses F. Etminan et al.(HAL QCD Collaboration),Nucl. Phys. A928,89(2014)
  - $m_{\pi} = 875 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
  - $\circ$  m<sup>*n*</sup><sub>K</sub> = 916 MeV/*c*<sup>2</sup>
- Used in the STAR p $\Omega$  analysis in Au-Au collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{_{NN}}}$  = 200GeV
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  - $V_{II}$ : best fit to Lattice calculations
  - $\circ$   $V_{I} / V_{III}$ : weaker / stronger attraction

$$V(r) = b_1 e^{-b_2 r^2} + b_3 (1 - e^{-b_4 r^2}) (e^{-b_5 r} / r)^2$$

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STAR data favor  $V_{III}$ , with  $E_b = 27 \text{ MeV}$ 

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## ALICE pp High Multiplicity data

- Analyzed 10<sup>9</sup> events data of ALICE Run2 (2016, 2017, 2018), pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s}$  = 13 TeV
- <u>High multiplicity trigger</u>: 0.1% highest multiplicity with respect to Minimum Bias events (V0M, forward rapidities:  $2.8 < \eta < 5.1$ ,  $-3.7 < \eta < -1.7$ ).
  - $\circ$  ~ Increased yield of  $\Omega$  baryon







## Data analysis: $\Omega^{-}$ reconstruction

- Identified by its decay:  $\Omega^- \rightarrow \Lambda K^- \rightarrow (p\pi^-)K^-$
- Total of  $1.2 \times 10^6$  selected ( $\Omega^- + \Omega^+$ ) candidates:
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- Lattice HAL-QCD potential with <u>physical guark masses</u> ( ${}^{5}S_{2}$  channel) •
  - $m_{\pi} = 146 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  $m_{\mu} = 525 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ 0
  - 0

T. Iritani et al., arXiv:1810.03416

- **Sekihara:** <u>Meson-exchange model</u> (<sup>5</sup>*S*<sub>2</sub> channel) •
  - Short range attractive interaction fitted to HAL-QCD 0 scattering parameters
  - Includes inelastic channels (strong decays into X<sub>\(\medstar\)</sub>) 0 small contributions in the S-wave interaction

T. Sekihara et al., Phys. Rev. C 98, 015205 (2018)

Model	pΩ <sup>-</sup> binding energy (strong interaction only)
HAL-QCD	1.54 MeV
Sekihara	0.1 MeV



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 $\rightarrow$  Models provide so far only  ${}^{5}S_{2}$  channel (weight  ${}^{5}\!\!$ s)

(+1 MeV with Coulomb)



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Comparison with the model favoured by STAR data STAR Coll. Phys. Lett. B790 (2019) 490-497 **V**<sub>III</sub>: Ad-hoc fit to previous HAL-QCD calculations with non-physical quark masses with  $p\Omega$  dibaryon  $E_h = 27$  MeV



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Outlook

ALICE and the femtoscopy method deliver **precise data** to test hadron-hadron interactions at distances lower than 1 fm

The comparison of the ALICE data in small systems with the expectation from the models is **very** sensitive to the shape of the strong potential.

- $\rightarrow$  Femtoscopic data substitutes/complement the scattering data, hypernuclei and other approaches.
- $\rightarrow$  The precision in some of the studied channels exceed the model.

RUN3/4 will provide the possibility of carrying out new studies and investigate 3-body interactions.

#### THANK YOU!





C(k\*)

Model

- Model

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High multiplicity (m>70)

## K-p femtoscopy in p-Pb collisions









purity 75% (ALICE)

# Sensitivity of ALICE and STAR data

- Expected correlation function from heavy quark Lattice QCD potentials
- **Smaller radius** source offers the ideal conditions to test the models
- **Better purity** of ALICE data increases the **sensitivity** of the test





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## $p-\Omega^- \oplus \overline{p-\Omega^+}$ correlation function

- $0.6x10^6 \text{ p}-\Omega^-\oplus \overline{p}-\overline{\Omega}^+$  pairs
- ~700 pairs at  $k^* < 100 \text{ MeV}/c$
- Strong enhancement of the correlation function: the "Coulomb only" scenario is discarded by a  $\chi^2$  comparison to the data,  $n_{\sigma}$ ~6

λ parameters:  
Pair 
$$\lambda$$
 [%]  
 $p-\Omega^-$  61.5  
 $p_{\Lambda}-\Omega^-$  8.3  
 $p_{\Sigma^+}-\Omega^-$  3.8  
 $\tilde{p}-\Omega^-$  1.5  
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T. Hatsuda, Strangeness in Quark Matter 2019, Bari.



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### Updated results : K<sup>-</sup>p (Haidenbauer)











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4.4 $\sigma$  has been observed, to be compared with a significance of 30 $\sigma$  for A(1520)



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correlation function from the model given a local potential or wave function form.



#### **Decomposition of the correlation function**



Purities and contributions from weak decays determined from fits to experimental data
Such residual correlations modelled (weak decays) or obtained from data (impurities)
Resolution effects applied to the fit function Phys. Rev. C99 (2019) no.2, 024001

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## Effect of resonances in the source

<u>Resonances with  $c\tau >> r_0$ </u>

- Decrease of the correlation strength
- Taken into account by the  $\lambda$  parameters

<u>Resonances with  $c\tau \sim r_0 \sim 1$  fm:</u>

- Introduce an **exponential tale** 
  - example:  $N^*(\Gamma \sim 150\text{-}200 \text{ MeV})$ ,  $\Delta$  ( $\Gamma \sim 150 \text{ MeV}$ ), etc
  - Specific exponential modulation to each pair due to different strong decaying resonances feeding to the different particle species





Amount of resonances: Canonical approach of the statistical hadronization model (SHM)

- T = 166 MeV &  $\gamma_s \sim 0.8$  (Private Comm Prof. F. Becattini, J. Phys. G38 (2011) 025002)





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- For  $\Xi$  and no  $\Omega$  contributions!
- Average mass and average cτ determined by the weighted average values of all resonances

Particle	M <sub>res</sub> [MeV]	$ au_{ m res}$ [fm]
р	1361.52	1.65
Λ	1462.93	4.69
$\Sigma^0$	1581.73	4.28



## Modelling the source including resonances

Gaussian Core

$$G(r, r_{core}) = \frac{2\sqrt{\pi}r^2}{r_{core}^3} \exp\left(\frac{r^2}{4r_{core}^2}\right)$$

- Shared between particle pairs
- Scales as a function of  $m_T$

Exponential resonance tail

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$$E(r, M_{res}, \tau_{res}, p_{res}) = \frac{1}{s} \exp(-\frac{r}{s})$$
$$s = \beta \gamma \tau_{res} = \frac{p_{res}}{M_{res}} \tau_{res}$$

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### Gaussian core + resonances



**Solid line**: Source distribution including the effect of resonances

**Dashed line**: Fit with an effective Gaussian

- Direct fit of the p-p correlation function yields similar radius

- Resonance contribution to Omega yield negligible.
- Modification of the gaussian core for p-Omega pairs coming only from resonances contribution to the proton yield





## Effect on the source when smearing resonances







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- Comparison of the C(k\*) for the different models for different source assumptions
- Size of the source determined from p-p fitted radius vs  $\langle m_T \rangle$ 
  - core gaussian source + resonances effects
  - pure gaussian source





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### p-Ω<sup>-</sup> Correlation function: source dependence





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