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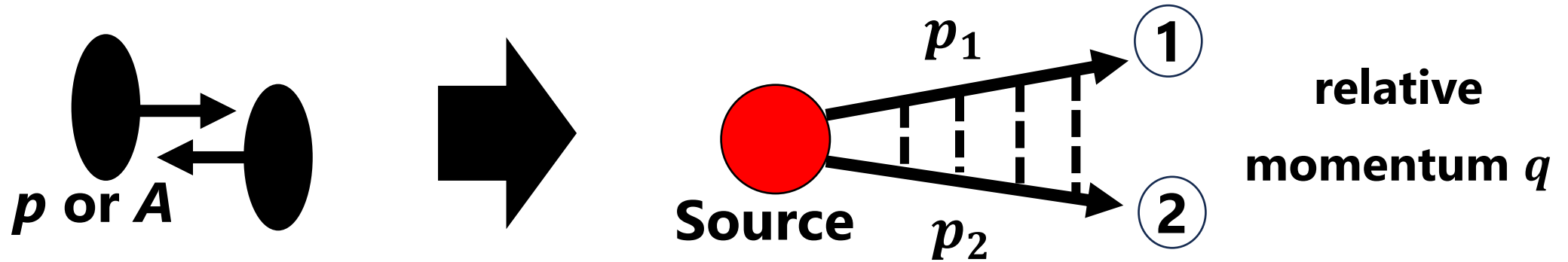
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Introduction: Femtoscopy for baryon-baryon interactions

Correlation function in heavy-ion collision



- **Definition:**

$$C(q) = \frac{N_{12}(p_1, p_2)}{N_1(p_1)N_2(p_2)}$$

If interaction and quantum statistics is none, $C(q) = 1$.

- **Historically, $C(q)$ is used to estimate the size and shape of the source.**
e.g. Hanbury Brown and Twiss (1956); Goldhaber, Goldhaber, Lee, and Pais (1960);
Wiedemann and Heinz, Phys. Rep, 319 (1999) 145.
- **Recently, by assuming the source properties, correlation function is used for examining the hadron-hadron interactions.**
Lednicky and Lyuboshits (1982); Morita, Furumoto and Ohnishi (2015)

Theoretical model

- **Basic formula: Koonin-Pratt formula**

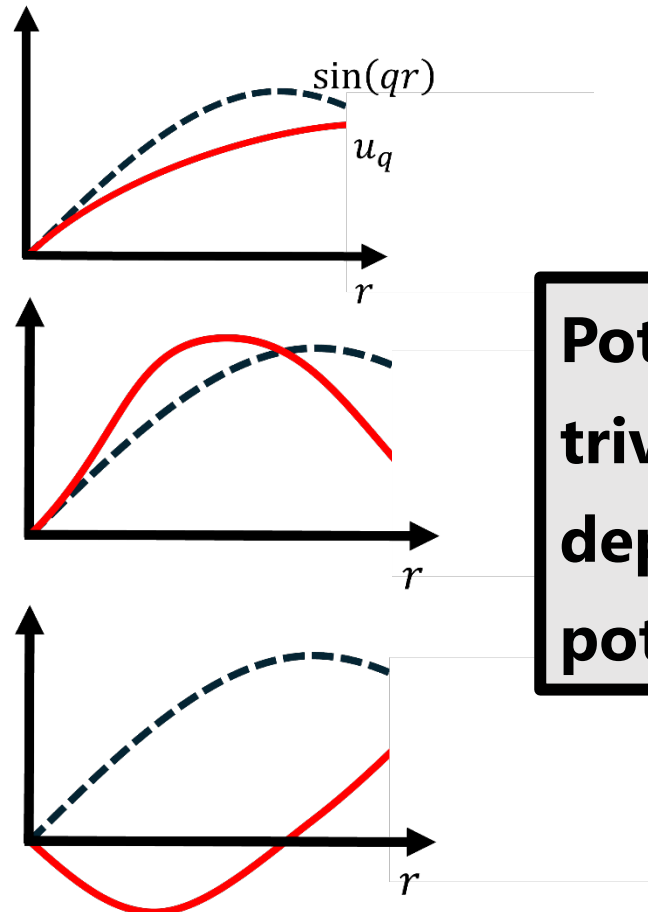
Koonin (1977), Pratt (1986)

$$C(q) \cong \int dr S(r) |\Psi^{(-)}(r, q)|^2$$

$S(r)$: relative source function, $\Psi^{(-)}$: outgoing relative wave function

If someone is included,

- **Repulsive potential $\Rightarrow C < 1$**
- **Attractive potential without bound state $\Rightarrow C > 1$**
- **Attractive potential with bound state $\Rightarrow C < 1$ (Wavefunction has a node at $r \sim$ scattering length a_0 .)**



Potential has non-trivial values depending on the potential properties!

Lednicky – Lyuboshits (LL) formula

Lednicky and Lyuboshits, Sov. J. Nucl. Phys. 35 (1982).

Approximation 1: Source function is a spherical Gaussian.

Approximation 2: Asymptotic wave function is used for whole coordinate space.

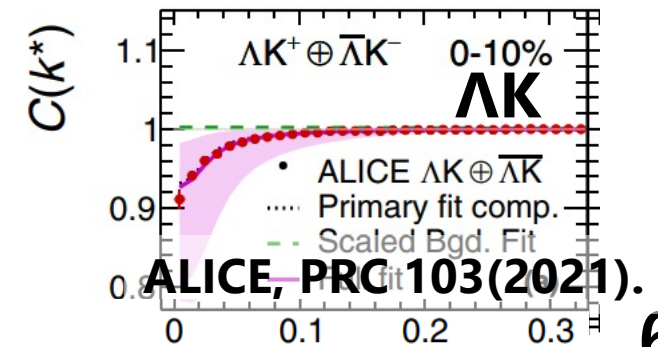
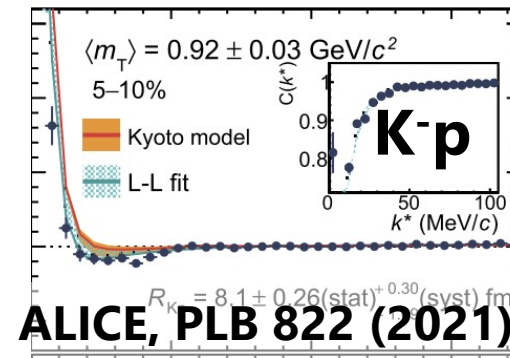
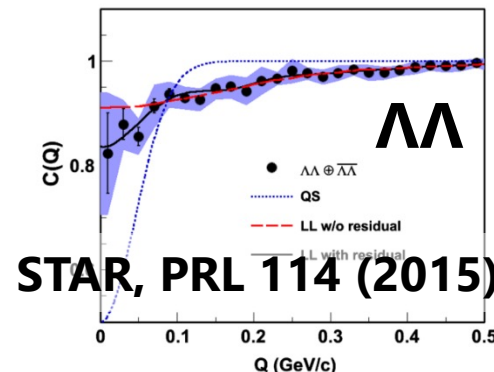
→ It can be adopted only for source size $R \gg$ (interaction range)

f : scattering amplitude

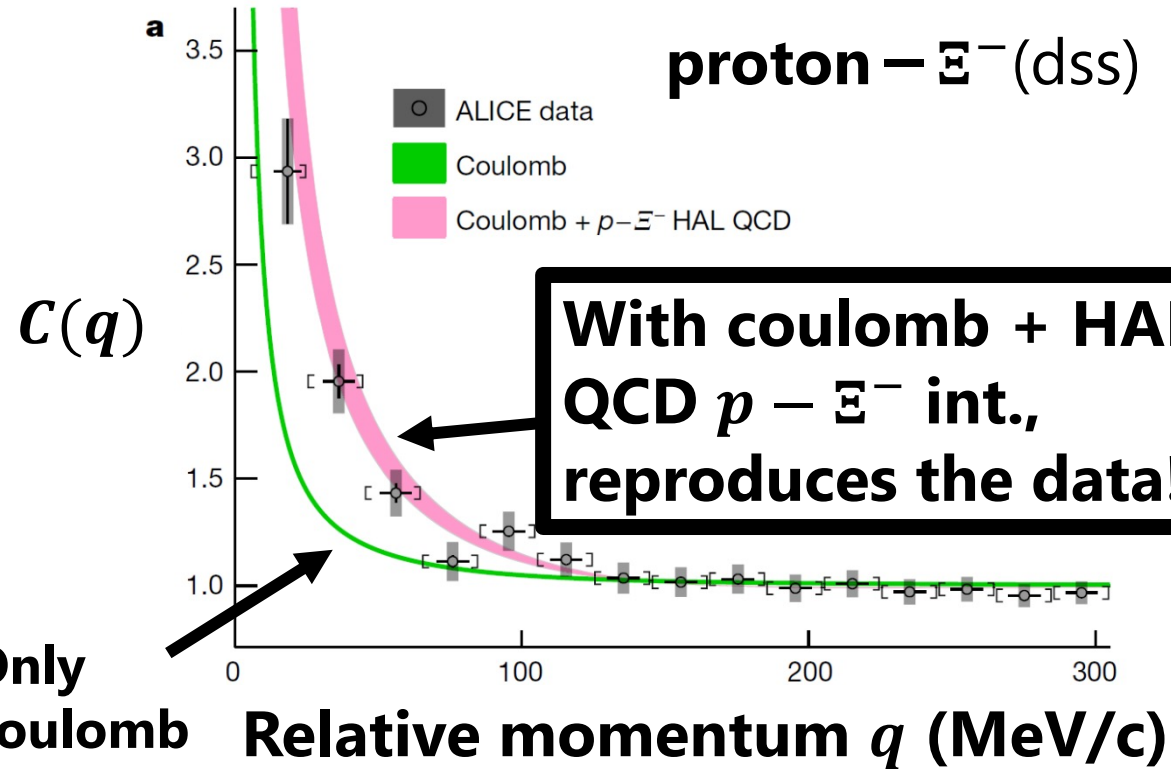
$$C_{LL}(q; f) = 1 + \int dr S(r) \left(|\psi_{asy}(r; f)|^2 - |j_0(qr)|^2 \right)$$

Expressing correlation function by only the scattering observable.

Inferring a_0 and r_{eff} from measurements



Correlation function studies of BB systems



ALICE, Nature 588 (2020) 232.

HAL QCD int.: Sasaki et al., NPA 998 (2020) 121737.

- Measured BB systems by ALICE and STAR $p\Lambda$, $p\Sigma^0$, $\Lambda\Lambda$, $\Lambda\Xi$, $\Xi\Xi$, and $p\Omega$.
(see AJ, Y. Kamiya, T. Hyodo, and A. Ohnishi, arXiv: 2403.09126 and references therein.)

- Recently, system with $A > 2$ becomes to be studied.

measurements

p -deuteron(d): Singh, PoS EPS-HEP2021, 391 (2022).

$pp\Lambda$: ALICE, EPJA 59, 145 (2023).

theoretical studies

pd : Viviani *et al.*, PRC 108 (2023) 064002.

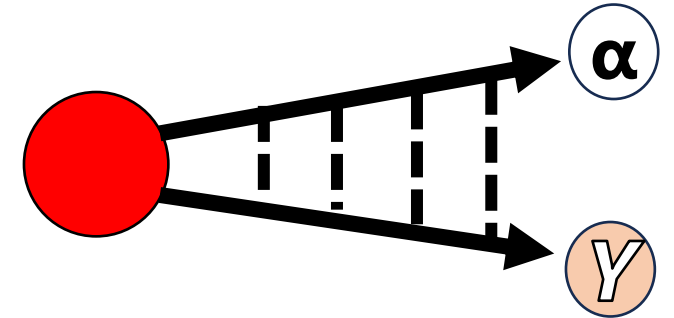
Λd : Haidenbauer, PRC 102 (2020); Kohno and Kamada, arXiv:2406.13899 (2024).

Ξd : Ogata, Fukui, Kamiya, & Ohnishi (2021).

$+\Lambda\alpha$, $\Xi\alpha$

hyperon- α (^4He) correlation function

$Y\alpha$ correlation function is expected to elucidate further properties of YN (+ YNN) interactions!



- ✓ **Two-body calculation is reasonable.**
- ✓ Since the central density in α can reach $2\rho_0$, **short range** part of the YN (+ YNN) interaction could be probed.
- ✓ **Enough statistics** may be obtained at the **collision energy** $\sqrt{s_{NN}} < 10$ GeV. (HADES, FAIR, J-PARC-HI)

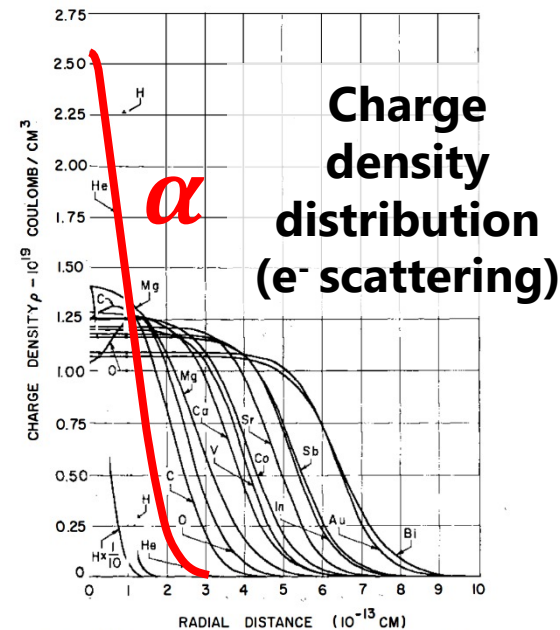
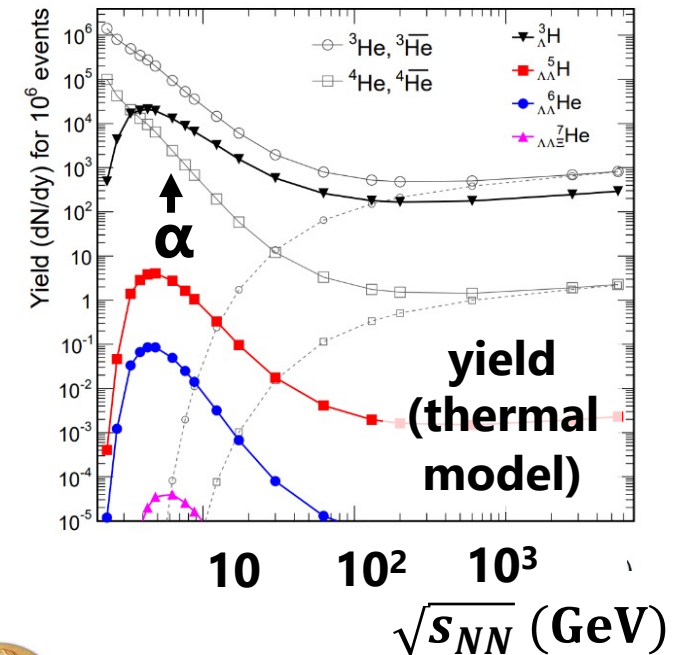


FIG. 32. This figure represents a summary of the charge distributions found for various nuclei by electron-scattering methods.

Hofstadter, Annu. Rev. Nucl. Sci. 7 (1957) 231.

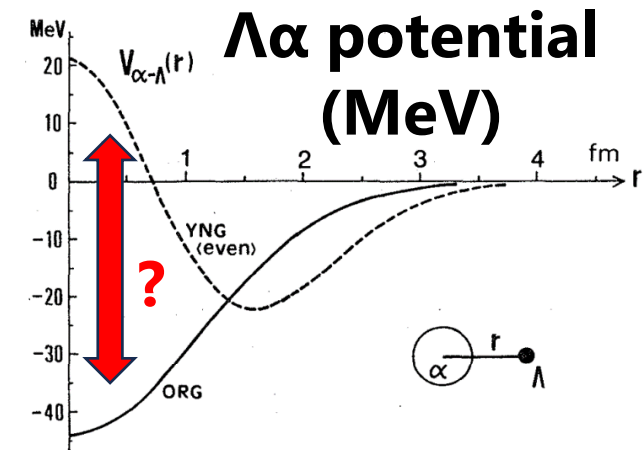


Andronic et al., Phys. Lett. B 697 (2011) 203.

$\Lambda\alpha$ momentum correlation function

What is known/unknown for the $\Lambda\alpha$ system?

- Overall attraction is constrained from ${}^5_{\Lambda}\text{He}$ ($\Lambda+\alpha$) Λ binding energy: 3.12 MeV
M. Juric, et al, NPB 52 (1973) 1-30.
- Interaction range \sim (α radius + 2π exchange) \sim 2-3 fm
- **Short range behavior, or repulsive core of ΛN (and ΛNN) is unknown, although it is important in discussing dense nuclear matter!**
 - Λ binding energy in few-body hypernuclei ($A < 10$) is not sensitive.
Motoba, Bando, Ikeda, & Yamada, Prog. Theor. Phys. 81 (1985) 42.
 - Weak decay width of the light Λ hypernuclei is well reproduced for repulsive core case. Kumagai-Fuse, Okabe, Akaishi, PLB345 (1995) 386.



➔ **Can $\Lambda\alpha$ correlation function elucidate the short-range behavior?**

$\Lambda\alpha$ potentials

We compare four models with different short-range behaviors.

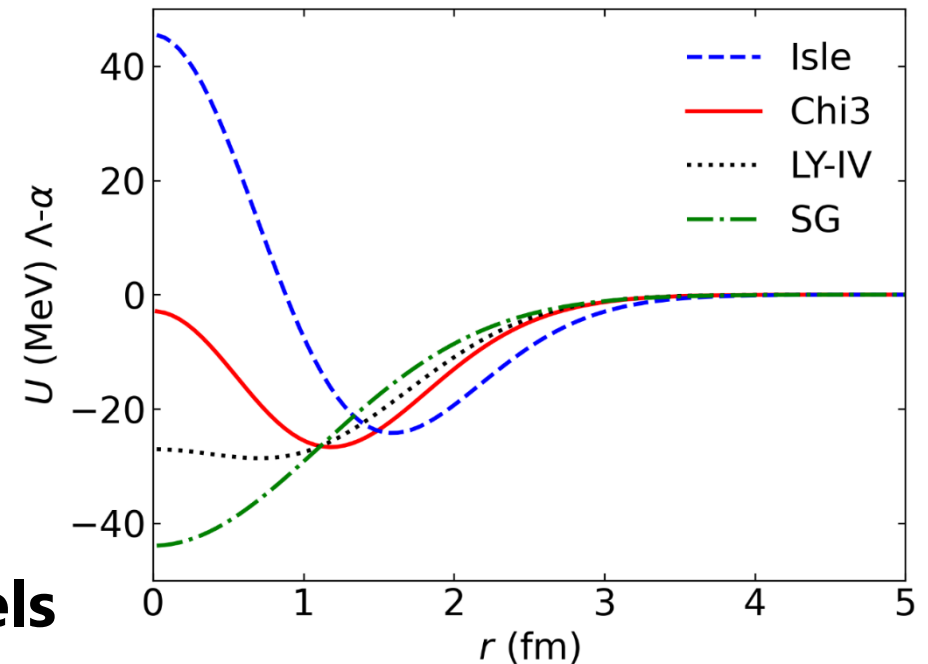
- **Chi3, LY-IV**: Skyrme-type Λ potential substituting the density distribution in α

(Chi3: based on Chiral EFT with $\Lambda NN - \Sigma NN$, Gerstung, Kaiser, and Weise (2020))

(LY-IV: Lansky and Yamamoto (1997))

It is important to distinguish them to solve the hyperon puzzle of neutron stars.

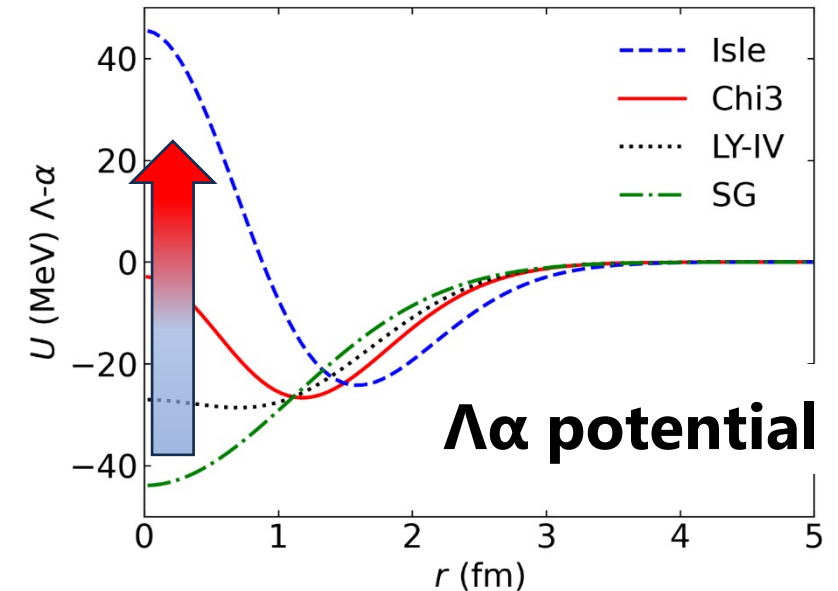
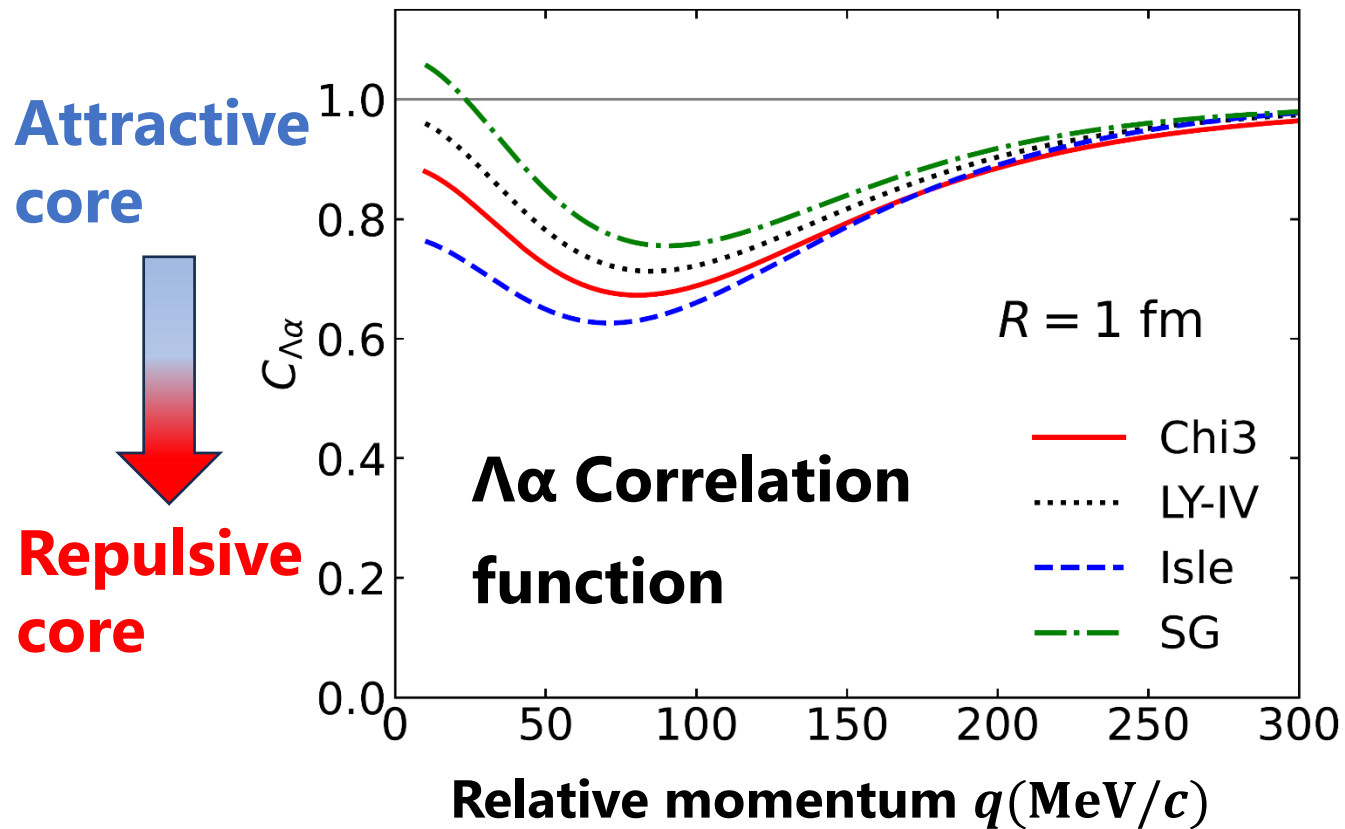
- Both reproduce the Λ hypernuclear data
AJ, K. Murase, Y. Nara, & A. Ohnishi, PRC 108 (2023) 065803.
- (note) One parameter is tuned to reproduce the Λ binding energy data of ${}^5_{\Lambda}\text{He}$, -3.12 MeV.
- **Isle, SG**: conventional phenomenological models
Kumagai-Fuse, Okabe, Akaishi, PLB345 (1995) 386.



(Result) $\Lambda\alpha$ correlation function

Difference among models is found at small momentum region!

Repulsive $\Lambda\alpha$ potential core leads to suppression in correlation function.

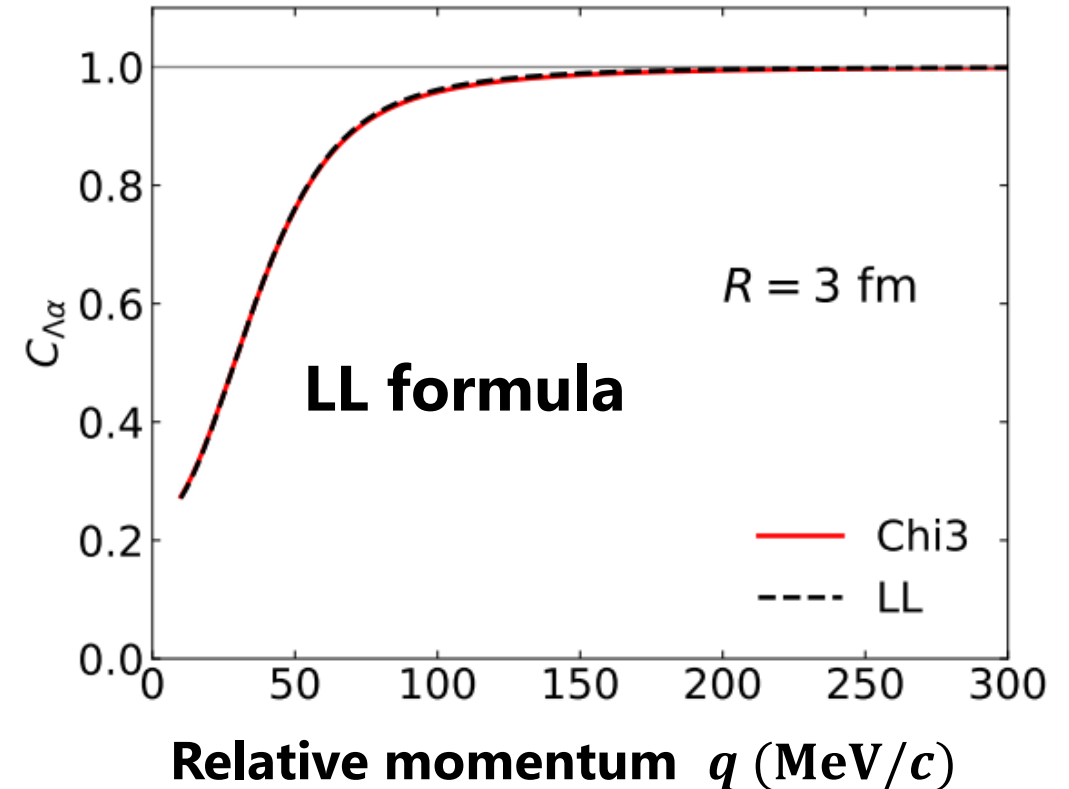
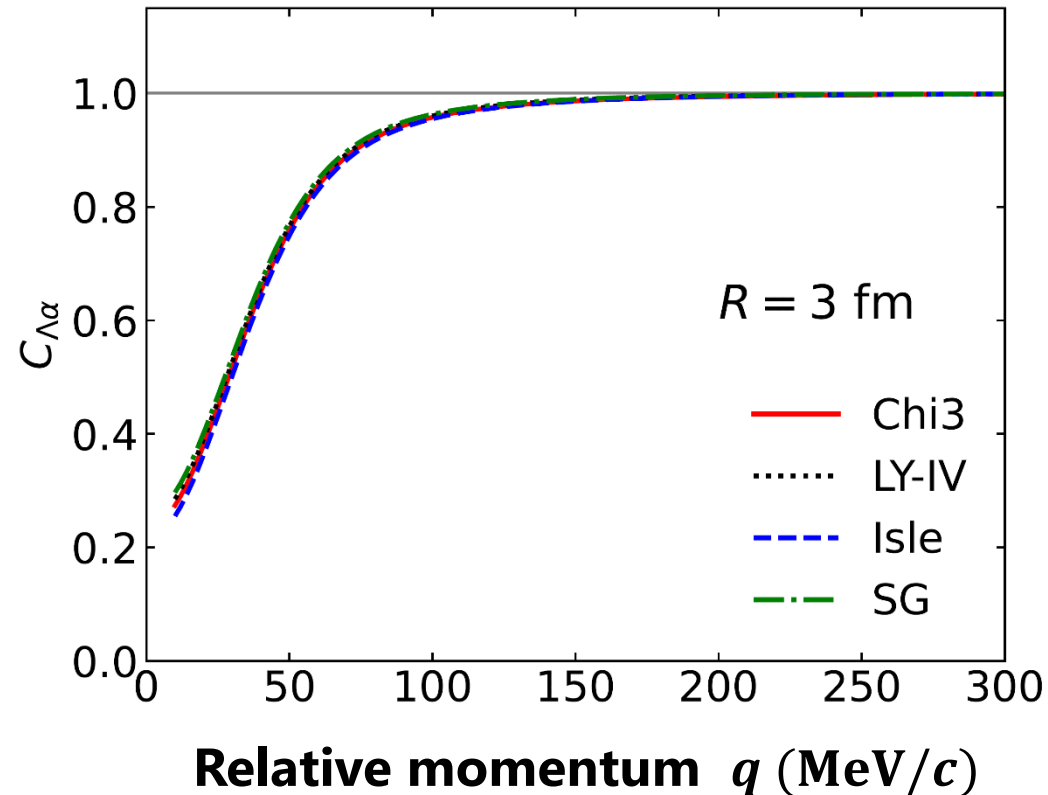


Note: The relative source is sampled by Gaussian with the width $\sqrt{2}R$, and the average distance btw. particles is $\langle r \rangle = 4R/\sqrt{\pi} \sim 2.26 \text{ fm}$.

Mihaylov *et al.*, EPJC 78, 394 (2018).

$\Lambda\alpha$ correlation function (large sources)

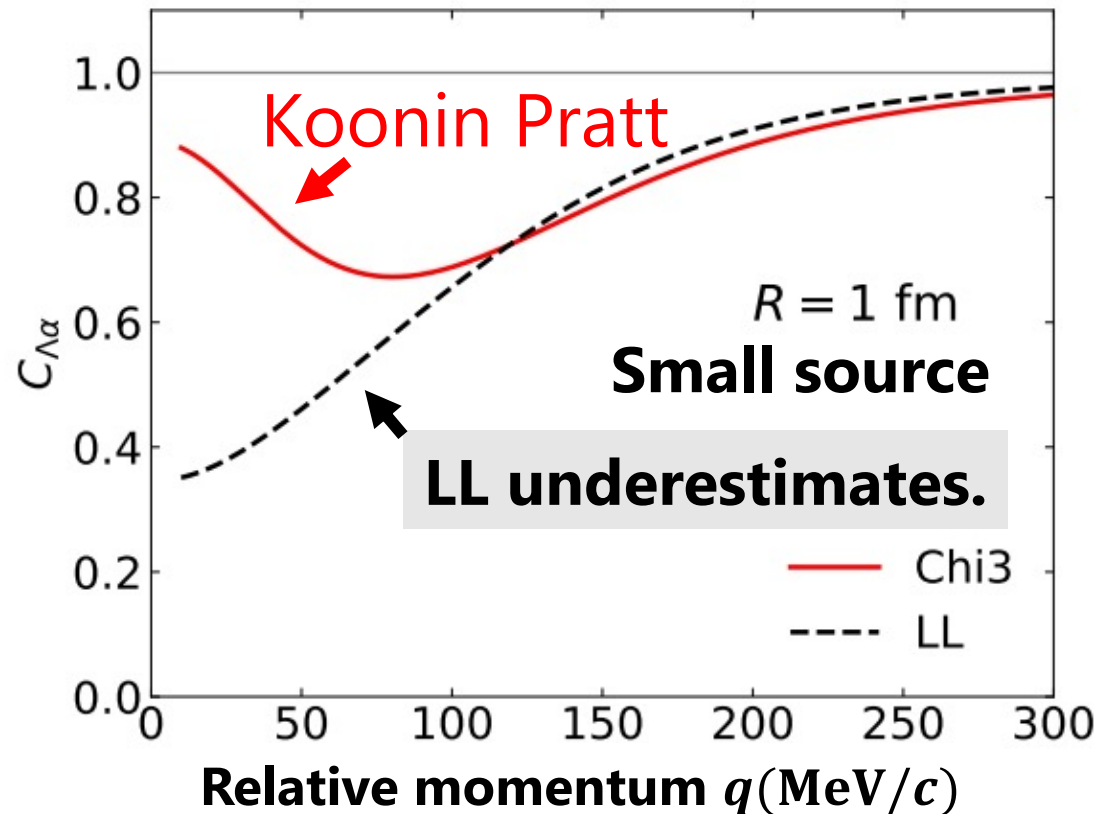
- No difference is found for large sources ($R \gtrsim 3$ fm).
- LL formula $C_{LL}(q, a_0, r_{\text{eff}})$ well approximates the results.
→ a_0 and r_{eff} do not differ enough to exhibit a difference.



Lednicky – Lyuboshits (LL) formula

$\Lambda\alpha$ system demonstrates LL formula can deviate from Koonin-Pratt formula.

i.e. LL formula can be a good approximation only if $R \gg$ interaction range.
2-3 fm for $\Lambda\alpha$



$\Xi\alpha$ momentum correlation function

ΞN interactions and $\Xi\alpha$ system

- ΞN system has four channels in s wave.
 - From $p\Xi^-$ correlation function, the $^{11}S_0$ attraction is confirmed not enough to make the ΞN bound state.

Notation: $2I+1, 2S+1 L_J$

- $\Xi\alpha$ potential can reveal $^{33}S_1$ channel! Relative strength in folding potential: $V(^{11}S_0) + 3V(^{13}S_1) + 3V(^{31}S_0) + 9V(^{33}S_1)$

- Binding energy of $^5_{\Xi}H$ ($\Xi^- + \alpha$) is under debate.

HAL QCD $N\Xi$ potential based folding potential 0.45 MeV

Hiyama, Isaka, Doi, and Hatsuda, Phys. Rev. C 106 (2022) 064318.

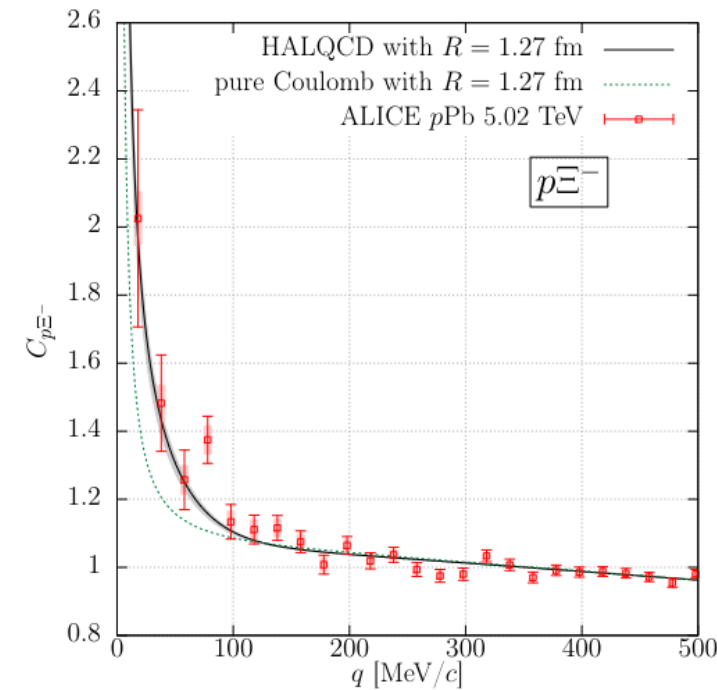
Sasaki et al. [HAL QCD], Nucl. Phys. A 998 (2019) 121737.

Chiral NLO using no core shell model 2.16 MeV

H. Le, J. Haidenbauer, U.-G. Meißner, and A. Nogga, EPJA 57 (2021) 339.

J. Haidenbauer. and U.-G. Meißner, EPJA 55 (2019) 23.

Unbound case also remains.



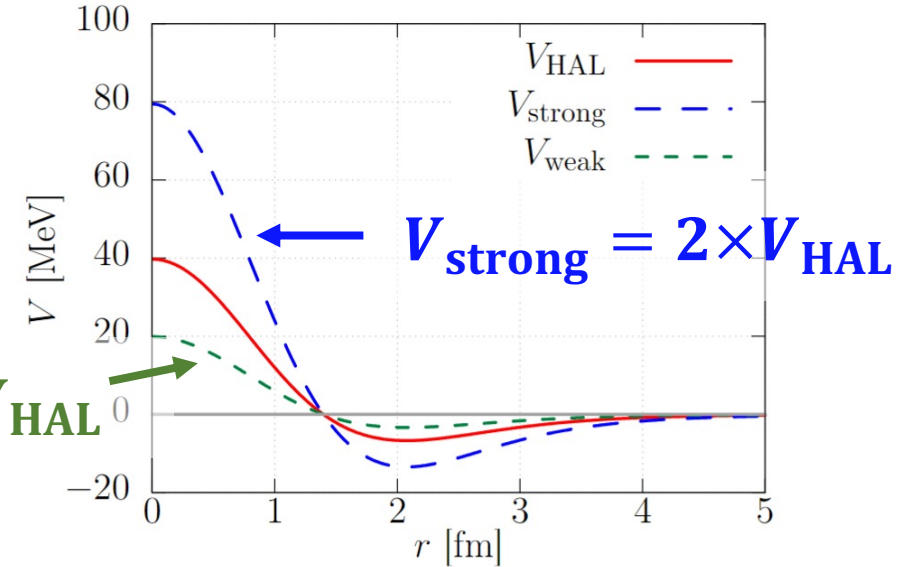
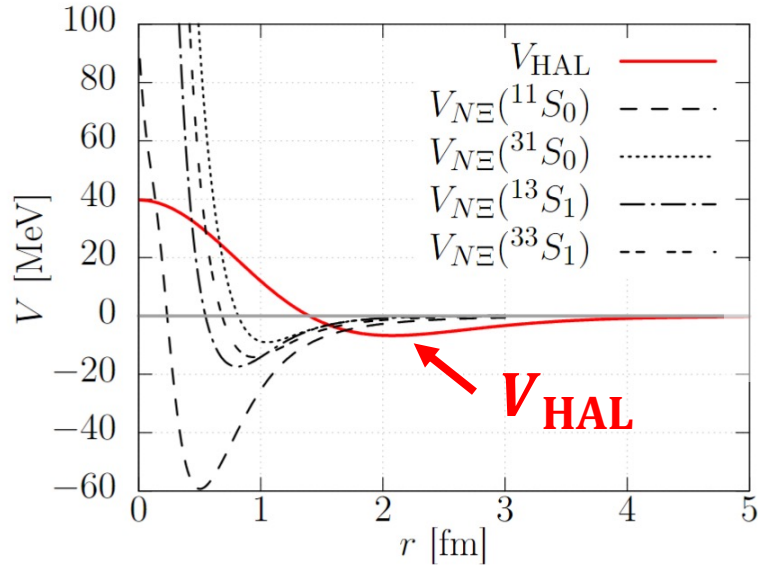
Kamiya et al., PRC 105 (2022) 014915.

➔ **Let's discuss ΞN int. by $\Xi\alpha$ correlation function!**

$\Xi\alpha$ potentials

We employ the folding $\Xi\alpha$ potential based on the HAL QCD $N\Xi$ potential, and two variations that correspond to the deeper and shallower binding cases.

Hiyama, Isaka, Doi, and Hatsuda, PRC 106 (2022) 064318.



Relative strength: $\frac{1}{16} [V(^{11}S_0) + 3V(^{13}S_1) + 3V(^{31}S_0) + 9V(^{33}S_1)]$

$$q \cot \delta = -\frac{1}{a_0} + \frac{1}{2} r_{\text{eff}} q^2 + \mathcal{O}(q^4)$$

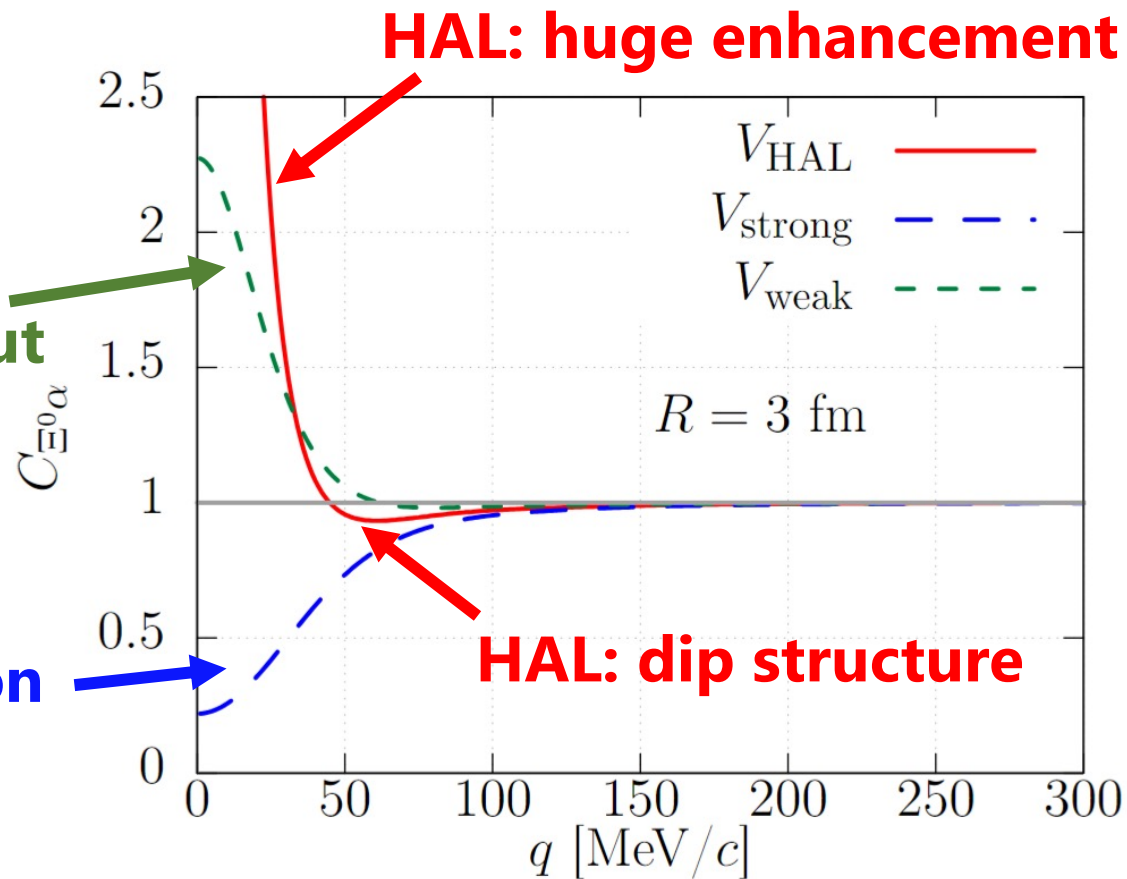
potential	Low-energy scattering parameters		Binding energies	
	a_0 [fm]	r_{eff} [fm]	$\Xi^- \alpha$ [MeV]	$\Xi^0 \alpha$ [MeV]
V_{HAL}	-522.8	4.50	0.47	unbound
$V_{\text{strong}} = 2V_{\text{HAL}}$	6.39	3.01	2.08	1.15
$V_{\text{weak}} = V_{\text{HAL}}/2$	-3.39	7.36	0.18	unbound

$\Xi^0\alpha$ correlation function (large source)

Difference among the three models is found clearly,
reflecting the bound state nature!

weak: moderate enhancement
(\because attraction without bound state)

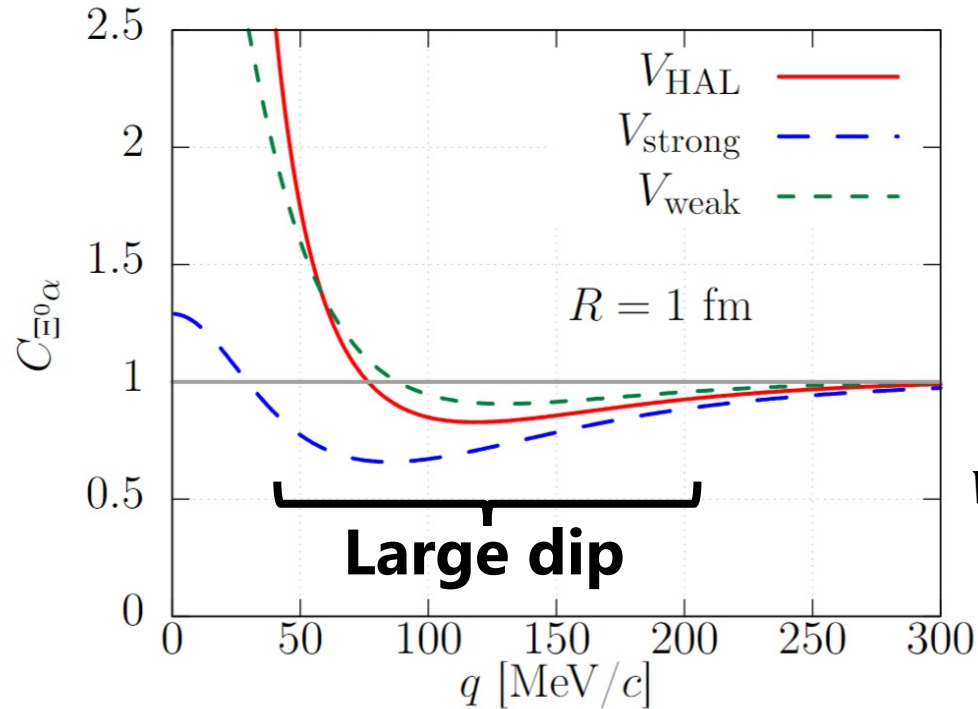
strong: suppression
(\because bound state)



Qualitatively same behavior is also found for $R = 5$ fm.

$\Xi^0\alpha$ correlation function (small source)

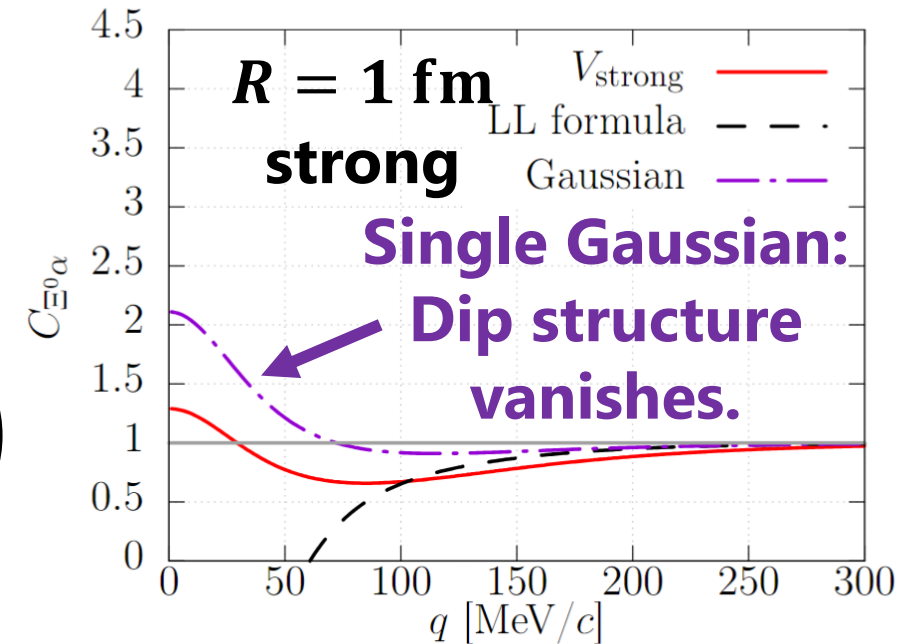
Dip structure is prominent for all models.



Comparing with the single-Gaussian potential without repulsive core



$$V_{\text{Gaussian}} = \underbrace{V_0}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{tuned to reproduce the} \\ \text{scattering length } a_0}} \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{(3 \text{ fm})^2}\right)$$



Dip structure reflects the repulsive core of the $\Xi\alpha$ potential!

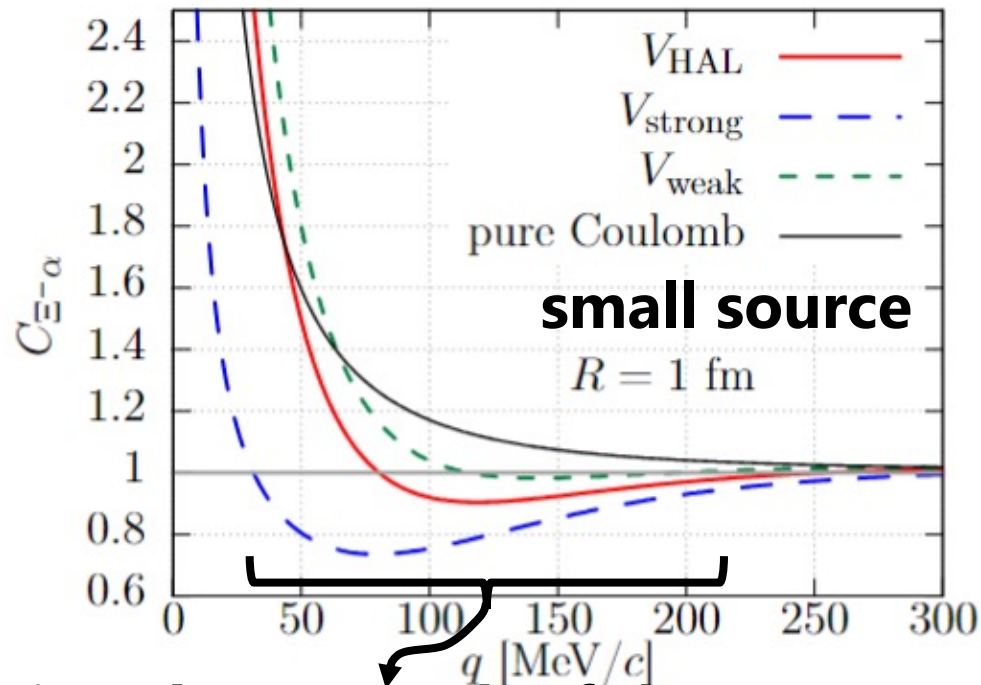
Small-source measurements may be useful to investigate the existence and strength of the repulsive core.

$\Xi^- \alpha$ correlation function (large source)

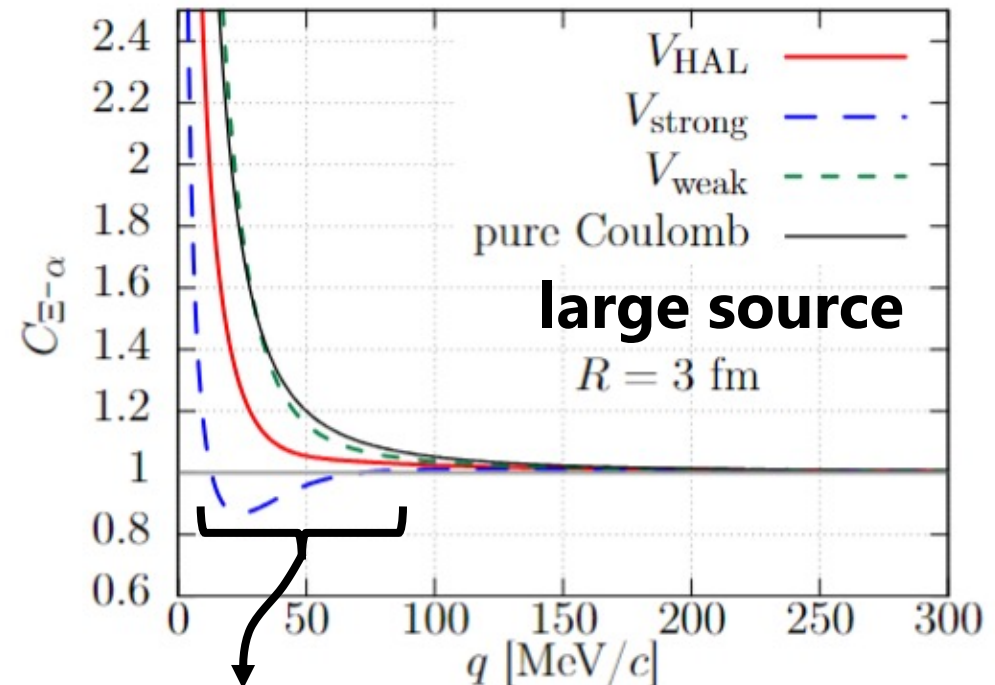
Bound state exists for HAL and weak.

The difference among three models is still noticeable!

potential	$\Xi^- \alpha$ [MeV]	$\Xi^0 \alpha$ [MeV]
V_{HAL}	0.47	-
V_{strong}	2.08	1.15
V_{weak}	0.18	-



Reflecting the strength of the repulsive core and the binding.



Reflecting the Ξ^- binding energy of ${}^5_{\Xi^-}\text{H}$ ($\Xi^- + \alpha$)

Summary

We investigated $\Lambda\alpha$ and $\Xi\alpha$ correlation function to reveal further properties of hyperon-nucleon interactions.

■ $\Lambda\alpha$ correlation function · · · for ΛN (+ ΛNN) interaction at short range

- We compare phenomenological $\Lambda\alpha$ potentials with different strength at short range.
- Difference among models is found for small size source.
(e.g. pA collision for $\sqrt{s_{NN}} < 10$ GeV (J-PARC HI, FAIR, NICA) ?)
- We verify that the Lednický-Lyuboshits formula can yield erroneous results for a small source size with a potential that has large interaction range, like the $\Lambda\alpha$ system.

■ $\Xi\alpha$ correlation function · · · for ΞN two-body interactions

- We employ the folding potential from HAL QCD ΞN potential, and their variations.
- Both $\Xi^0\alpha$ and $\Xi^-\alpha$ correlation functions are sensitive to their bound state property.
- The strength of the repulsive core could be accessed by the small-size source.

We have to discuss...

- the treatment of α as a point-like particle for small source size.
- the validity of the assumption of chaotic source for $\sqrt{s_{NN}} < 10$ GeV. (e.g. by JAM + coalescence)