

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

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Femtoscopy – going beyond the system size

Correlations of baryons

$K^0_{s}K^{\pm}$ correlations

Femtoscopy technique





- Femtoscopy measures space-time characteristics of the source using particle correlations in momentum space
- Main sources of correlations:
 - Quantum statistics (QS)
 - bosons (i.e. pions) Bose-Einstein QS
 - fermions (i.e. protons) Fermi-Dirac QS
 - Final-state interactions (FSI)
 - strong interaction
 - Coulomb repulsion or attraction

 $C(q) = \int S(r) |\Psi(q,r)|^2 d^4r$

In the experiment:

- $C(\vec{q}) = A(\vec{q})/B(\vec{q})$
- $A(ec{q})$ signal distribution ("same" events)
- $B(ec{q})$ background distribution ("mixed" events)

How does it look like?



The correlation functions have various shapes, depending on the pair type (interactions involved), collision system and energy, pair transverse momentum, etc.



Going beyond the system size





Correlation from Strong Interaction



• If only Strong Final State Interaction (FSI) the result of integration:

$$C(k^{*}) = 1 + \sum_{S} \rho_{S} \left[\frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{f^{S}(k^{*})}{R} \right|^{2} \left(1 - \frac{d_{0}^{S}}{2\sqrt{\pi}R} \right) + \frac{2\Re f^{S}(k^{*})}{\sqrt{\pi}R} F_{1}(2k^{*}R) - \frac{\Im f^{S}(k^{*})}{R} F_{2}(2k^{*}R) \right]$$

Lednicky, Lyuboshitz, Sov. J. Nucl. Phys., 35, 770 (1982)

where ρ_s are the spin fractions

- The correlation function is finally characterized by **three parameters**:
 - radius *R*, scattering length f_0 , and effective radius d_0
 - Cross section σ (at low k^*) is simply: $\sigma = 4\pi |f|^2$

$$F_{1}(z) = \int_{0}^{z} x e^{x^{2} - z^{2}} / z dz$$
$$F_{2}(z) = (1 - e^{-z}) / z$$
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What are the potential applications?



- Input to models with re-scattering phase (eg. UrQMD): PRC 89 (2014) 054916
 - annihilation cross sections only measured for pp, pn, and pd pairs – UrQMD currently guesses it for other systems from pp pairs
 - should help us to answer the question on deviations of baryon yields from thermal model expectations
- Structure of baryons/search for CPT violation STAR, Nature 527, 345-348 (2015)
- Search for H-dibaryon ALICE, PLB 752 (2016) 267-277
- Hypernuclear structure theory Nucl.Phys. A914 (2013) 377-386
- Neutron star equation of state Nucl.Phys. A804 (2008) 309-321





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Baryon-baryon correlations



- ALICE particle identification capabilities allow us to measure correlations of different baryons
- Except for pairs like proton-proton or proton-neutron, cross sections for other baryons practically not known
 - eg. only ~30 points for proton-lambda interaction measurements exist
- ALICE can constrain cross sections for these systems at low relative momentum *k**
- Assuming LO and NLO scattering parameter predictions in the fit (from Nucl. Phys. A915, 24-58)
- Preliminary results of simultaneous fit to proton-proton and proton-lambda correlation functions:
 - extracted source size: $R = 1.31 \pm 0.02$ fm
 - NLO predictions seems to be slightly more accurate, however we still lack statistics
 - we hope to have more accurate results after analysing 13 TeV LHC Run2 data

Baryon-antibaryon correlations





Explanation of the fitting procedure:

- χ² is calculated from a "global" fit to all functions:
 2 data sets, 3 pair combinations, 6 centrality bins
 (total 36 functions)
- simultaneous fit accounts for parameters **shared** between different systems (such as $\Lambda\overline{\Lambda}$ scattering length)
- radii scale with multiplicity for a given system

 $R_{inv} = a \cdot \sqrt[3]{N_{ch}} + b$

- for different system we assume **radii scaling with m**_τ
- Fractions of **residual pairs** taken from AMPT



Baryon-antibaryon correlations





Conclusions from fitting:

- Interaction parameters are measurable
- Scattering parameters for all baryonantibaryon pairs are similar to each other (UrQMD assumption is valid)
- We observe a negative real part of scattering length → repulsive strong interaction or creation of a bound state (existence of baryon-antibaryon bound states?)
- Significant positive imaginary part of scattering length – presence of a nonelastic channel – annihilation

Next steps:

Try to look for baryon-antibaryon bound states

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0.35

-1.8

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 $\Re f_0$ (fm)

-0.8

Baryon-antibaryon correlations





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 $\Re f_0$ (fm)



Are baryons interesting?

Let's look at correlations in angular space

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This one looks different!



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$\Delta \eta \Delta \phi$ of identified particles

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- Similar depletion is observed for lambda-lambda and proton-lambda pairs as well
- Projections baryon-baryon pairs consistent within uncertainties
- Similarity, but to a lesser extent, is observed also in the baryon-antibaryon case

$\Delta \phi$ correlation of baryons

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Possible explanations:

- Fermi-Dirac Quantum Statistics? NO (non-identical particles)
- Coulomb repulsion? NO (uncharged particles)
- Strong Final-State Interactions? NO (small peak visible for proton-proton pairs)

• How does it change with p_{τ} ?

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• None of studied current MC models agree with the data even qualitatively

• What can be the explanation of this effect?

Let's look at similar studies in e^+e^- collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 29$ GeV (SLAC-PEP) from late 80's

Rapidity correlations in e⁺e⁻ collisions





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Rapidity correlations in e⁺e⁻ collisions





Hypothesis from e^+e^- studies at $\sqrt{s} = 29$ GeV (SLAC-PEP):

• Depletion is a manifestation of "local" baryon number conservation

• Production of 2 baryons in a single jet would be suppressed if the initial parton energy is small when compared to the energy required to produce 4 baryons in total (2 in the same mini-jet + 2 anti-particles) – fine explanation at 29 GeV collision energy, **but why at 7 TeV?!**



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Motivation for K⁰_sK[±] analysis



- Which sources of correlations are present in kaon systems?
 - Quantum Statistics (QS) both $K^0_{s}K^0_{s}$ and $K^{\pm}K^{\pm}$
 - Coulomb FSI $K^{\pm}K^{\pm}$
 - Strong FSI $K_{s}^{0}K_{s}^{0}$ (via $f_{0}(980)/a_{0}(980)$ resonances)
- Why are K⁰_sK[±] pairs interesting?
 - only Strong FSI:
 - − $f_0(980)$ resonance is isospin = 0 → no $f_0(980)$ strong interaction
 - $a_0(980)$ resonance is isospin = 1 as is the kaon pair → only $a_0(980)$ strong interaction present
- We can study the properties of the a₀(980) resonance, which is a proposed tetraquark state (PRC 75 (2007) 045206)
- $a_0(980)$ mass and coupling parameters (in GeV) extracted from model fits to ϕ decay experiments: "Martin" 0.974 0.3330 $V_{a0-x\overline{k}}$ $V_{a0-x\eta}$ Reference 0.220 Nucl. Phys. B 121, (1977)

$f(k^*) = \frac{\gamma_{a_0 \to K\bar{K}}}{m_{a_0}^2 - s - i\gamma_{a_0 \to K\bar{K}}k^* - i\gamma_{a_0 - \pi\eta}k_{\pi\eta}}$	iviai ti i	0.974	0.3330	0.2220	(1977)
	"Antonelli"	0.985	0.4038	0.3711	arXiv: hep/ex-0209069 (2002)
	"Achasov1"	0.992	0.5555	0.4401	Phys. Rev. D 68, 014006 (2003)
	"Achasov2"	1.003	0.8365	0.4580	Phys. Rev. D 68,
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Measured correlation functions C_{raw}(k*)/(linear fit)



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Results of the fits



- "Achasov" parameter fits give best agreements with $K_{s}^{0}K_{s}^{0}$ and $K^{\pm}K^{\pm}$ results
- "Antonelli" parameter fits are somewhat lower
- "Martin" parameter fits much lower
- Present results favor higher a₀(980) parameters

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arXiv:1705.04929, accepted by PLB, DOI: 10.1016/j.physletb.2017.09.009

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Other interesting correlations



- Many other interesting correlations not covered in this talk
- Lambda-kaon (both charged and neutral) pairs
 - scattering parameters
 measured for the first time ALI-PREL-125934
- ΛK⁺ shows greater suppression at low k* compared to: ΛK⁻:
 - effect arising from ss annihilation compared to uu?
 - or S=0 ΛK⁺ system has more interaction channels than S=-2 ΛK⁻?
- For details see Quark Matter 2017 poster by J. Buxton http://cern.ch/go/qwF7





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Summary



- ALICE can probe strong interaction cross sections with femtoscopy
- Correlations of baryons reveal interesting features and baryons in general seem to be of great importance:
 - Unique experimental environment at RHIC and LHC \rightarrow "baryon-antibaryon pair factories"
 - Femtoscopic correlation functions sensitive to strong interaction potential, including annihilation, possible bb bound states?
 - Angular correlations reveal unexpected behavior no two or more baryons in a single (mini-)jet?
- K⁰_sK[±] femtoscopic correlations measured for the first time:
 - $a_0(980)$ FSI gives excellent description of the signal
 - No difference wrt identical kaons if larger mass and coupling $a_0(980)$ parameters used ("Achasov1" and "Achasov2") e.g. " $a_0(1000)$ " favored over " $a_0(980)$ "

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Identical bosons – typical scenario



M.Lisa et al, Annu. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 55 (2005), 357



 $q = p_a - p_b, q = 2 \cdot k^2$ $r = T_a - T_b$

- Quantum interference of indistinguishable scenarios:
 - we detect a pair of particles with momenta p_a and p_b knowing that they have been emitted somewhere from the source T_a and T_b .

$$\begin{split} \Psi &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Big[\exp(-i\,p_a T_a - i\,p_b T_b) + \exp(-i\,p_a T_b - i\,p_b T_a) \Big] \\ &|\Psi|^2 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \Big[\exp(-i\,p_a T_a - i\,p_b T_b + i\,p_a T_b + i\,p_b T_a) + \exp(-i\,p_a T_b - i\,p_b T_a + i\,p_a T_a + i\,p_b T_b) \Big] \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{2} \Big[\exp[-i(T_a - T_b)(p_a - p_b)] + \exp[i(T_a - T_b)(p_a - p_b)] \Big] \\ &= 1 + \cos(qr) \end{split}$$

Reference frame



Measuring system lifetime and volume



- Lifetime can be estimated from the longitudinal radius
- Clear increase of system volume and lifetime with collision energy, at LHC system twice as large and living 30% longer than at top RHIC energy (good conditions for QGP studies)
- BUT... This talk is not about the traditional femtoscopy



lifetime

volume

Measuring system lifetime and volume

- Lifetime can be estimated from the longitudinal radius
- Longer time for kaons, when compared to pions: model interpretation influence on kaon evolution time from rescattering via K* resonance



Correlation from Strong Interaction – $\overline{p}\Lambda$ example



Real and imaginary part of scattering length have distinctively different contributions

- Contribution from Re(f₀) is either positive or negative but very narrow (up to 100 MeV/c) in k*
- The Im(f₀) accounts for baryon-antibaryon annihilation and produces a wide (hundreds of MeV) negative correlation

Annihilation vs. yields and femtoscopy

Strong interaction parametrized by scattering length f_0 and effective range d_0

Point-like, large momentum transfer interaction (rescattering)

Fold in with density and dynamics, e.g. via UrQMD

Infinite time interaction at low relative momentum (Final State Interaction)

Fold in with source function

Decrease of single particle yield (important for thermal model)

Specific shape of the femtoscopic two-particle correlation function with wide annihilation effect

- Measured cross-sections (f_0 and d_0 parameters) can be supplied to UrQMD for a realistic calculation of the decrease of baryon yield
- Currently UrQMD uses theory guesses for most baryonantibaryon potentials!

Au-Au: pp and pp correlations @ STAR

Figure 4 presents the first measurement of the antiproton-antiproton interaction, together

with prior measurements for nucleon-nucleon interactions. Within errors, the f_0 and d_0 for the

antiproton-antiproton interaction are consistent with their antiparticle counterparts – the ones for

the proton-proton interaction. Our measurements provide parameterization input for describing the

Exactly the same methodology was used by STAR to measure pp interaction (Nature paper)



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Residual correlations in pp

 The excess about 50 MeV/c in k* is explained by residual correlations, from main decay channel leading to protons:

$$\Lambda \rightarrow p + \pi$$

 Fitting function is a combination of theoretical pp and pΛ functions:

$$meas(k^*) = 1 + \lambda_{pp}(C_{pp}(k_{pp}; R) - 1) + \lambda_{p\Lambda}(\int C_{p\Lambda}(k_{p\lambda}; R)T(k_{p\lambda}, k_{pp}) - 1)$$

- Assume Gaussian source, $R_{pp}/R_{p\Lambda}$ ratio, decay kinematics taken into account.
- Results with RC effect taken into account published in:

Phys. Rev. C 92, 054908 (2015)



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Residual correlations in pp – transformation matrix

- The transformation matrix T from parent pair k* to the daughter pair k* determined by random decay, bound by decay momenta
- When only one particle decays, it has a rectangular shape, for pairs when both particles decay it is smeared more F. Wang, S. Pratt; Phys. Rev. Lett. 83, 3138 (1999)



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Two-particle $\Delta \eta \Delta \phi$ angular correlations (





- *p* particle momentum;
- θ polar angle;
- η pseudorapidity:

$$\eta = -\ln_{\eta} | \pm g \frac{\theta}{2} |_{\tan \frac{\theta}{2}} |$$



 p_{T} - transverse momentum; arphi - azimuthal angle;

$\Delta \eta \Delta \phi$ correlation function in experiment



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How does it work?





- Δφ ~ 0 Δη ~ 0

How does it work?





For particles from from back-to-back jets (blue): Away-side ridge - $\Delta \phi \sim \pi$

- $\Delta \eta \sim \text{const distribution}$, if avaraged over many events

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Properties of quark jets



^{*)} Provided that the order of particles in rapidity closely reflects their order in rank (Phys. Rev. Lett. 57 (1987) 3140)



PYTHIA

P. Skands Particle physics seminar Warwick Univ., 3.07.2014

PYTHIA anno 1978 (then called JETSET)

LU TP 78-18 November, 1978

A Monte Carlo Program for Quark Jet Generation

T. Sjöstrand, B. Söderberg

A Monte Carlo computer program is presented, that simulates the fragmentation of a fast parton into a jet of mesons. It uses an iterative scaling scheme and is compatible with the jet model of Field and Feynman.

Note:

Field-Feynman was an early fragmentation model Now superseded by the String (in PYTHIA) and Cluster (in HERWIG & SHERPA) models.

SUBROUTINE JETGEN(N) COMMON /JET/ K(100,2), P(100,5) COMMON /PAR/ PUD, PS1, SIGMA, CX2, EBEG, WFIN, IFLBEG COMMON /DATA1/ MESO(9,2), CMIX(6,2), PMAS(19) IFLSGN=(10-IFLBEG)/5 W=2.*E8EG T=0 160=0 C 1 FLAVOUR AND PT FOR FIRST QUARK IFL1=IABS(IFLBEG) PT1=SIGMA*SQRT(-ALOG(RANF(D))) PHI1=6.2832*RANF(0) PY1=PT1*COS(PHI1) PY1=PT1*SIN(PHI1) 100 I=I+1 C 2 FLAVOUR AND PT FOR NEXT ANTIQUARK IFL2=1+INT(RANF(0)/PUD) PT2=SIGMA*SQRT(-ALOG(RANF(0))) PH12=6.2832*RANF(0) PX2=PT2*COS(PHI2) PY2=PT2*SIN(PHI2) C 3 MESON FORMED, SPIN ADDED AND FLAVOUR MIXED K(I,1)=MESO(3*(IFL1-1)+IFL2,IFLSGN) ISPIN=INT(PS1+RANF(0)) K(I,2)=1+9*ISPIN+K(I:1) IF(K(I,1).LE.6) GOTO 110 TMIX=RANF(0) KM=K(1,1)-6+3*ISPIN K(I,2)=8+9*ISPIN+INT(TMIX+CMIX(KM:1))+INT(TMIX+CMIX(KM:2)) C 4 MESON MASS FROM TABLE, PT FROM CONSTITUENTS 110 P(1,5)=PMAS(K(1,2)) P(1,1) = PX1 + PX2P(I,2) = PY1 + PY2PMTS=P(1,1)**2+P(1,2)**2+P(1,5)**2 C 5 RANDOM CHOICE OF X=(E+PZ)MESON/(E+PZ)AVAILABLE GIVES E AND PZ X = RANF(0)IF(RANF(D).LT.CX2) X=1.-X**(1./3.) P(1,3)=(X*W-PMTS/(X*W))/2. P(1,4)=(X*W+PMTS/(X*W))/2. C & IF UNSTABLE, DECAY CHAIN INTO STABLE PARTICLES 120 IPD=IPD+1 IF(K(IPD,2).GE.8) CALL DECAY(IPD,I) IF(IPD.LT.I.AND.I.LE.96) GOTO 120 C 7 FLAVOUR AND PT OF QUARK FORMED IN PAIR WITH ANTIQUARK ABOVE IFL1=IFL2 PX1 = -PX2PY1=-PY2 C 8 IF ENOUGH E+PZ LEFT, GO TO 2 W = (1, -X) * WIF(W.GT.WFIN.AND.I.LE.95) GOTO 100 N = IRETURN END

Rapidity correlations in e⁺e⁻ collisions

Study of baryon correlations in e+e- annihilation at 29 GeV TPC/Two Gamma Collaboration (H. Aihara et al.), Phys.Rev.Lett. 57 (**1986**) 3140

Measured (anti)protons and (anti)lambdas!

Particles with the opposite baryon number create positive correlation, regardless of their type (i.e. we see correlation for proton-lambda systems).

Particles with the same baryon number create anticorrelation, regardless of their type.

We are not likely to find two baryons or two antibaryons at the same rapidity (anticorrelation).

Is it similar for hadron-hadron collisions? Do models reproduce these features?



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Conservation Laws Model (CALM): Simple MC

 $C(\Delta \eta, \Delta \phi)$ Jet correlations dominate the 2 correlation function shape 1.5 ¢η 0.5 0 -0.5 2 n C(Δη,Δφ) 1.3 Anti-correlation shape can be 1.2 easily reproduced with a toy 1.1 Monte Carlo with conservation laws included 0.9 (no other physics) ₫ŋ 0 2

Δφ

Δφ

Femtoscopic measurements: protons

- How does strong interaction manifest in these correlations?
- Example proton correlations:
 - Fermi-Dirac QS + Coulomb + strong interaction
 - Dominant effect around $q_{inv} = 0.04 \text{ GeV/c}$
 - Strong interaction the only source of positive correlation for baryons



Proton correlations – transformation

- Direct transformation from $C(q_{inv})$ to $C(\Delta \eta \Delta \phi)$ **not possible**
- One can employ a simple Monte Carlo procedure:
 - generate random η and ϕ from uniform distributions (for 2 particles: η_1 , η_2 , ϕ_1 , ϕ_2)
 - generate random p_T from measured p_T distribution (for 2 particles: p_{T1} , p_{T2})
 - calculate k* from generated η_1 , η_2 , ϕ_1 , ϕ_2 , p_{T1} and p_{T2}
 - take the value of measured femtoscopic correlation function at given k* and apply it as weight while filling the numerator of $\Delta \eta \Delta \phi$



Protons – femtoscopic correlations

Results:

- Femto correlation produces spike at (Δη,Δφ)=(0,0)
- Both the height and the width of two peaks comparable
- FSI cannot produce observed anti-correlation
- Unsolved question: why are baryons so different?



Non-femtoscopic correlations

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- Non-femtoscopic correlations visible in small systems for **pions** and **kaons**:
 - Grow with increasing $k_{\scriptscriptstyle T}$
 - Grow with decreasing multiplicity
 - Significant problem in the fitting procedure
- So far <u>hypothesis</u> of minijet/jet origin







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Flat baseline for all baryon-baryon pair measurements.

Consistent picture from femtoscopic measurements and ΔηΔφ!