The study of short-range interactions using femtoscopic correlation

Current status in HADES



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https://www.ph.nat.tum.de/denseandstrange/research/current-proj ects/yn-interaction-in-neutron-stars-from-alice-and-hades-data/

Microscopy and Wavelength

- Wave + object = interference, if $\lambda \leq$ length scale
- Wavelength of light 3-600 nm: smaller objects not
 - resolvable due to interference (1µm = 10⁻⁶ m, microscope)
- Electron microscope: nanoscope

 1 nm = 10⁻⁹ m = 10 Å resolution
 Visible biological nanostructures
- Size of atoms: approx. 10⁻¹⁰ m
 Atomic force microscope!
- Atomic nucleus:

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- $1 \text{ fm} = 10^{-15} \text{ m}$
- → Femtoscope?



time

 $\lambda = C/$



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Single photon interference

- What happens in double slit experiment with weak source?
- Only a single photon arrives at a time
- Smallest possible energy packet, cannot split!
- Will there be interference?
- Yes, but appears sequentially

- Photon interferes with itself?
- The two possibilities interfere!

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R. Q. Twiss helped to understand results mathematically

- Weird correlation in all experiments: joint intensity "too frequent", interference?
- "Interference between two different photons never occurs"
 P. A. M. Dirac, Quantum Mechanics (Oxford UP, London, 1958)

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A SURPRISING DISCOVERY: HBT CORRELATIONS

- Radio astronomy: Jansky, 1933, weird 24h oscillation; stars also emit EM radiation in the radio domain!
- R. H. Brown: investigated radio waves from stars
 - Jordell Bank (optical and radio telescopes), tabletop experiment (optics), Narrabri (stellar interferometer)







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A classical description of the HBT effect

- Detector A: average intensity < I_A > from sources a and b
- Detector B: intensity $< I_{B} >$
- Depending on source size, many geometries possible
- Average joint intensity: $\langle I_A I_B \rangle$
- Very simple treatment, but works approximately
- Brown's measurement : $C(\Delta) = rac{<I_A I_B>}{<I_A><I_B>} = 1 + rac{1}{2} cos(\Delta)$

$$\Delta = rac{kRd}{L}, \, if\, d << R << L,$$
 measures $:rac{C(\Delta)-1}{C(0)-1} = cos(\Delta)$

- Size of pointlike source (star) measurable : 30 nano radians (Sirius)
- Nanoscope (in radians) here comes first measurement









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Evolution of matter in HI collisions



- "Little bangs" in huge particle accelerators
- Deconfined matter created
- One of the main goals of high energy physics: investigate and understand this matter
- Matter freezes out extremely quickly (~10 fm/c), then free streams
- How to access the spacetime geometry?
- Via HBT correlations of frozen out hadrons!
- measurement of space-time characteristics R, cT ~fm of particle production using particle correlations due to the effects of QS and FSI. (short range)

Femtoscopy (originating from HBT): the method to probe geometric and dynamic properties of the source



Space-time properties $(10^{-15}m, 10^{-23}s)$ can be determined due to two-particle correlations that arise due to: **Quantum Statistics** (Fermi-Dirac, Bose-Einstein); **Final State Interactions** (Coulomb, strong) Pairs from the



 $S(r^*)$ -

- source function
- $\Psi(k^*, r^*)$ two-particle wave function (includes e.g. FSI interactions)
- Sgnl(k*)
 - correlation function

 $q, q_{inv}, k^* \rightarrow \text{pair-momentum}$ component (depending of the reference frame) ⁸



If we assume we know the emission/source function, measured correlation function used to determine parameters of Final State Interactions



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 $\frac{Sgnl(k^*)}{Bckg(k^*)}$ - correlation function

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How correlations are obtain?



Correlation function

https://indico.mitp.uni-mainz.de/event/191/contributions/3148/attach ments/2450/2649/VMS_BORMIO2020_final.pdf_

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How correlations are obtain?



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How to measure correlation function : Exp?

- Momentum distribution of pairs: many effects
- Detector acceptance and efficiency
- Kinematics (momentum distributions)
- Event mixing, distribution of actual & background pairs: A q , B(q)
- Background via pairs from different events: no quantum statistics
- Correlation: ratio C q = A(q)/B(q)





Experimental technique : mixed events

- Basic idea: take N_{pool} separate (but similar) events (i.e., in centrality or vertex location)
- Take an event with N pions
- Method A: pair all pions of the pool to all actual pions
- Method B: pair all actual pions to a random selection of N background pions
- Method C: create a randomly selected mixed event, pair internally
- Other possibilities exist...





Experimental challenges : merging/splitting



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- **Tracking**: detector hits used to reconstruct particle tracks
- **Merging**: hits by close particles reconstructed as one track
- **Splitting**: hits by one particle reconstructed as two tracks
- Need to cut this:







HADES Spectrometer

- SIS-18 beams: protons (1-4 GeV), nuclei (1-2 AGeV), pions (0.4-2 GeV/c) – secondary beam
- rare probes:(e^+ , e^-), strangeness: $K^{+/-,0}$, Λ , Ξ^- , ϕ
- $\Delta M/M$ 2% at ρ / ω
- PID : $\pi/p/K dE/dx$ (MDC) and TOF : $\sigma_{tof} \sim 80$ ps (RPC)
- electrons : RICH (hadron blind)
- neutral particles: ECAL

Geometry :

• full azimuthal, polar angles 18° - 85°





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Measure source properties at early stages -> inaccessible for hadrons

photon-photon femtoscopy

- Estimate direct photon yield via femtoscopy
- Experimentally challenging



"Space-time evolution of the QGP"

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80

60

20

40

100

120

140

Q_{INV} [MeV/c]

160

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Electromagnetic calorimeters (ECAL)



- Photon definition:
 - No matching with charged tracks or hits in ToF detectors ٠
 - Energy > 100 MeV•
 - β within 2 σ from expected photon peak (β =1), adjusted ٠ for each module (and time of beamtime)



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photon-photon femtoscopy

fitting contain only quantum statistics and background

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- Studies of excited / bound states
- From two nucleons to many nucleons system, relevant reference for neutron star studies



Studies of decaying nuclear state presence,

Some of them impossible to see in traditional "**mass invariant**" distributions

Femtoscopic correlations provide the access to these studies

Possible validation of the production mechanism



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Particle identification

Selected events, Multiplicity













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Good description of p-cluster CFs

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Excited states of ⁴He^{*}:

- $E = 20.21 \text{ MeV}, J^{\pi} = 0^+, \Gamma = 0.5 \text{ MeV}, \Gamma_p/\Gamma = 1, k_1^* = 20 \text{ MeV/c}$
- E = 21.01 MeV, $J^{\pi} = 0^{-}$, $\Gamma = 0.84$ MeV, $\dot{\Gamma}_{p}/\Gamma = 0.76$, $k^{*}_{2} = 53.3$ MeV/c
- E = 21.84 MeV, $J^{\pi} = 2^{-}$, $\Gamma = 2.01$ MeV, $\Gamma_p/\Gamma = 0.63$, $k^*_{3} = 56.6$ MeV/c

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Proton - ³He and proton - triton comparison

- Similar masses
- Same baryon number



- Different charges -> different strength of coulomb interactions
- Different stability



Effect of (possible) resonances might be visible

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Unbound ground state of ⁴Li:

J^π = 2-, Γ = 6.0 MeV, Γ_n/Γ = 1, k*₀ ≈ 72 MeV/c

Neutron Star and hyperon puzzle?



- Neutron stars (NS) are the remnants of the gravitational collapse of massive stars during supernova event.
- Their masses and radii are of the order of 1 2 $M_{_{\odot}}$ and 10 12 km, respectively.
- Central densities in the range of 4 8 times the normal nuclear matter saturation density, $\epsilon_0 \sim 2.7 \times 10^{14} \text{ g/cm}^3$ ($\rho_0 \sim 0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3}$)

Best suitable theory takes hyperons into account,

- Hyperons are expected to appear in the core of NS at $\rho \sim 2$ 3 ρ_0
- Hyperons softens the EoS —> Reduction on maximum NS mass
- Observation of the NS with $\rm M_{G} > 2\rm M_{S}$ is incompatible with such soft EoS
- Although the existence of hyperons is energetically favorable, their existence makes the EoS softer and is not consistent with the experimental results. This is the essence of the hyperon puzzle.

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hyperons appearance in NS



• Exact composition strongly depends on constituent interaction and couplings

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Mass

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Neutron (uud, m = 938 MeV)

 Λ Hyperon (uus, m = 1115 MeV)

Mass

Signal Reconstruction







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Lednicky & Lyuboshitz (LL) analytical model



The normalized pair separation distribution (source function) S(r*) is assumed to be Gaussian,

$$S(r^*) = (2\sqrt{\pi}r_0)^{-3}e^{-rac{r^{*2}}{4r_0^2}},$$

Ref : Lednicky, Richard & Lyuboshits, V.L.. (1982). Effect of the final-state interaction on pairing correlations of particles with small relative momenta. Sov. J. Nucl. Phys. (Engl. Transl.); (United States). 35:5.

The correlated function can be calculated analytically by averaging Ψ^s over the total spin S and the distribution of the relative distances **S(r*)**

$$C(k^*) = 1 + \sum_{S}
ho_s [rac{1}{2} |rac{f^S(k^*)}{r_0}|^2 ig(1 - rac{d_0^S}{2\sqrt{\pi}r_0}ig) + rac{2\mathbb{R}f^S(k^*)}{\sqrt{\pi}r_0}F_1(Qr_0) - rac{\Im f^S(k^*)}{r_0}F_2(Qr_0)]$$

with
$$F_1(z) = \int_0^z dx e^{x^2-z^2}/z$$
 and $F_2(z) = (1-e^{-z^2})/z$

Decomposition for spin channels :

$$C(k^*) = rac{1}{4}(1 + \lambda C(k^*, s = 0)) + rac{3}{4}(1 + \lambda C(k^*, s = 1))$$

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Set parameters loop λ , r_0 , f_{0s} , d_{0s} , f_{0t} , d_{0t}

Lednicky & Lyuboshitz analytical model





Experimental correlation function

χ² calculation minimum determination

How do we formulate this model?



Principle ways of generate the theoretical correlation function.

1. The Lednicky-Luboshitz semi-analytical model (utilized in CorrfitCumac codes) provides an immediate correlation function value but may be computationally intensive due to integral calculations.

2. The first fitter employs ROOT minimizers, offering precise statistical uncertainty estimation, but it operates on "continuous" maps with limited control over parameter steps.

3. The second fitter, Hal:Minimizer, accommodates "non-continuous" functions, allowing parameters to change in discrete steps. However, it provides only approximate uncertainty estimates.



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for( int \lambda = 0.6; \lambda < 0.8; \lambda +=0.1 )

for( int r0 = 1.0; r0 < 4.0; r0 +=0.1 )

for( int f0 = 0.01; f0 < 5.0; f0 +=0.1 )

for( int d0 = 0.01; d0 < 5.0; d0 +=0.1 )

for( int ft = 0.01; ft < 5.0; ft += 0.1 )

for( int dt =0.01; dt < 5.0; dt +=0.1 )

Calculate Lednicky-Luboshitz

correlation function : fit data

\chi^2 : value is extracted : minimizer
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f_{0s} , d_{0s} , f_{0t} and d_{0t} parameters : χ^2 value





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1. λ and R [fm] parameters : χ^2 value 2. Fitted spectra with extracted parameters





Parameters scan and Plot : r₀ vs A ^{1/3}



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The Bertsch-Pratt coordinates, HBT radii

side

- A choice for an 1D variable : $q_{inv} = \sqrt{-(k_1 k_2)^2}$
- Shape : Gaussian (diffusion, central limit theorem)
- In general: $C(q_{inv})=1\,+\,\lambda e^{-R_{\mu
 u}q^{\mu}q^{
 u}}$
- Pair coordinate system :
 - **Out**: pair transverse (\perp to beam) momentum
 - Long: beam direction
 - Side: perpendicular to both
- Typically in LCMS (longitudinally comoving system)
 - Zero pair longitudinal momentum, i.e. $K^{\mu} = (M_t, K_t, 0, 0)$

Then:
$$q_0 = rac{m_{1t}^2 - m_{2t}^2}{2M_t} \; q_{out} = rac{p_{1t}^2 - p_{2t}^2}{2K_t} \; q_{side} = rac{p_{2x}p_{1y} - p_{1x}p_{2y}}{K_t} \; q_{long} = rac{E_2 p_{1z} - E_1 p_{2z}}{M_t}$$

- Mass shell condition: $q^{\mu}K_{\mu}=0 \, \Rightarrow \, q^{0}=rac{K_{t}}{M_{t}}q_{out}=eta_{t}q_{out}$
- From $\mathbf{R}^2_{\mu\nu}$ matrix usually \mathbf{R}_{out} , \mathbf{R}_{side} , \mathbf{R}_{long} nonzero: HBT radii • Angular dependence appears (\mathbf{R}_{OS}) as well

from the HB.

out

side

QGP dynamics 1

out

Outcome : essence of hot dense matter



Hadron - Hadron Interaction



Summary

- Photon-photon correlation exhibits an enhancement at low Q_{inv}. Additional, unknown background contribution was observed. Complementary study with photons reconstructed via conversion method is ongoing.
- Strong interaction parameters have been determined from proton-lambda correlations. Estimated source radius is consistent with proton-proton correlation.
- Proton-proton and proton-deuteron correlation functions show good match with theory. Signatures from ⁴/₂He^{*} and ⁴/₃Li decays of were observed.
- The same analyses will be performed new HADES data from p-p at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 3.46 GeV.





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Summary

- 1. The correlation signals in Ag-Ag collision is extracted : $p-\Lambda$, \checkmark
- 2. Resolution effects (θ , ϕ , p) studies are performed, fits are available for MC \checkmark
- 3. Systematics studies are performed ✓
- 4. Detector effects, purity determination and model interference are studied \checkmark

2nd stage : (towards strong parameters)

- 5. Use Lednicky and Lyuboshitz (LL) analytical model
 - source radii (R), 🗸
 - extract strong interaction parameters
 - Uncertainties \checkmark (χ^2 method done \checkmark , ALICE bootstrap technique under progress)
- 6. adding proton and lambda resolution resolution to smash model with LL weights \checkmark
- 7. Few cross-checks needed to lock obtain parameters : resolution ✓, check mT / pT ✓ scaling, rechecks centrality results, acceptance check. *Results will be ready for publication (Stay tuned)*

What's next? (new ideas to explore)

- 8. physics behind heavier hydrogen (deuteron) interaction with lambda $(d-\Lambda)$ will be interesting.
- 9. also opportunity to work with new HADES (p-p collision)- data for femtoscopy studies......







Result : STAR and LHC data



RHIC : Au+Au @ 200 GeV and STAR : LHC Pb+Pb @ 2.76 TeV : Testing fitting procedure



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Armenteros-Podolanski plots Geometrical definition of the VSArmenteros-Podolanski variables Example : $\Lambda \rightarrow p + \pi^{-}$ la []120 []120 []120 []120 []120 []120 []120 []120 []120 []120 []120 50 45 62147 Entries 40 Mean x 0.6719 40 35 Mean y 88.79 80 80 30 30 25 60 60 20 20 40 Entries 62147 40 15 0.6513 Mean x Simulation 10 20 Mean y 89.57 0.3 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.8 0.9 502 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 0.7α α **HADES**: Additional boost to daughter particles Corrected TVector3 beta (0., 0., 0.99); Low energies for more nsrathore.rajput@gmail.com 12th December 2023

Proton resolution





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Lambda resolution





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Result - II

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Experimental raw spectra
 Model effect
 Detector effects + model
 Exp + corrected (detector+model)
 Exp + corrected + purity : final spectra



Armenteros-Podolanski plots



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$\Delta \theta$ vs $\Delta \phi$ distribution



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$$C(k^*) = \left\langle \left| \Psi^{S}_{-\mathbf{k}^*}(\mathbf{r}^*) \right|^2 \right\rangle,$$

where the wave function Ψ^s represents the approximate stationary solution of the scattering problem

 $\Psi_{-\mathbf{k}^*}^S(\mathbf{r}^*) = e^{-i\mathbf{k}^*\cdot\mathbf{r}^*} + \frac{f^S(k^*)}{r^*}e^{ik^*\cdot r^*}.$

The effective range approximation for the scattering amplitude is

$$f^{S}(k^{*}) = \left(\frac{1}{f_{0}^{S}} + \frac{1}{2}d_{0}^{S}k^{*2} - ik^{*}\right)^{-1},$$

where f_0^{S} is the scattering length and d_0^{S} is the effective radius for a given total spin S = 1 or S = 0. The particle is assumed to be unpolarized (the polarization P = 0): singlet state $\rho_0 = \frac{1}{4} (1 - P^2)$ and triplet state $\rho_1 = \frac{3}{4} (1 - P^2)$.

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Energy-loss correction



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Systematics check (few of them)





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Goal - measure source's space-time characteristics and interactions between particles through low relative momentum correlations. **Theory**



Single particle emission function :

 $P(ec{p}) = \int S(ec{x},ec{p}) d^3x$

Two particle emission function :

Correlation function :

$$C(\overrightarrow{p_1},\overrightarrow{p_2})=rac{P(\overrightarrow{p_1},\overrightarrow{p_2})}{P(\overrightarrow{p_1})P(\overrightarrow{p_2})}$$

 $P(\overrightarrow{p_1},\overrightarrow{p_1})=\int S(\overrightarrow{x_1},\overrightarrow{p_1};\overrightarrow{x_2},\overrightarrow{p_2})|\Psi(\overrightarrow{x_1},\overrightarrow{p_1};\overrightarrow{x_2},\overrightarrow{p_2})|^2d^3x_1d^3x_2$

 $egin{aligned} ec{x} &= particle's \, position \ ec{p} &= particle's \, momentum \ ec{p} &= particle's \, momentum \ \Psi(ec{x_1},ec{p_1};ec{x_2},ec{p_2}) &= two \, particle's \, wave \, function \ S(ec{x},ec{p}) &= source \, function \ q &= |ec{p_1}-ec{p_2}| &= momentum \, difference \ N_{same}(q_{inv}) &= same \, event \, distribution \ N_{mixed}(q_{inv}) &= mixed \, event \, distribution \end{aligned}$

Experiment

$$C(q_{inv}) = rac{N_{same}(q_{inv})}{N_{mixed}(q_{inv})}$$
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