Recent activities on multi-strange dibaryon searches at LHC energy

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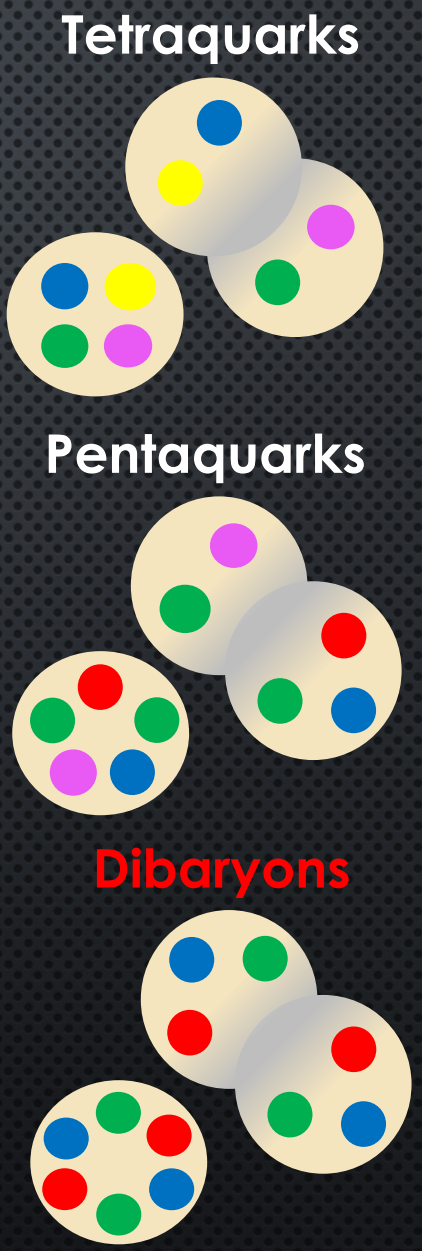
Multi-strange dibaryons

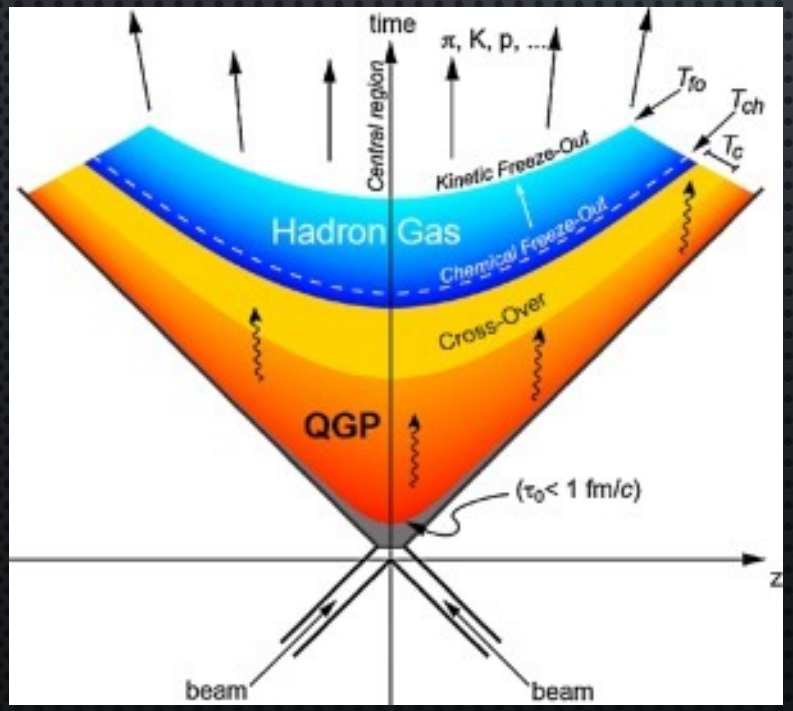
- Long-standing challenge in hadron physics
  - ✓ Multi-quark state other than mesons & baryons
    - Famous H dibaryon as six quark state of $uuddss$
  - ✓ Recent discoveries of exotic hadron candidates with heavy quarks, but not with light quarks in flavor SU(3)

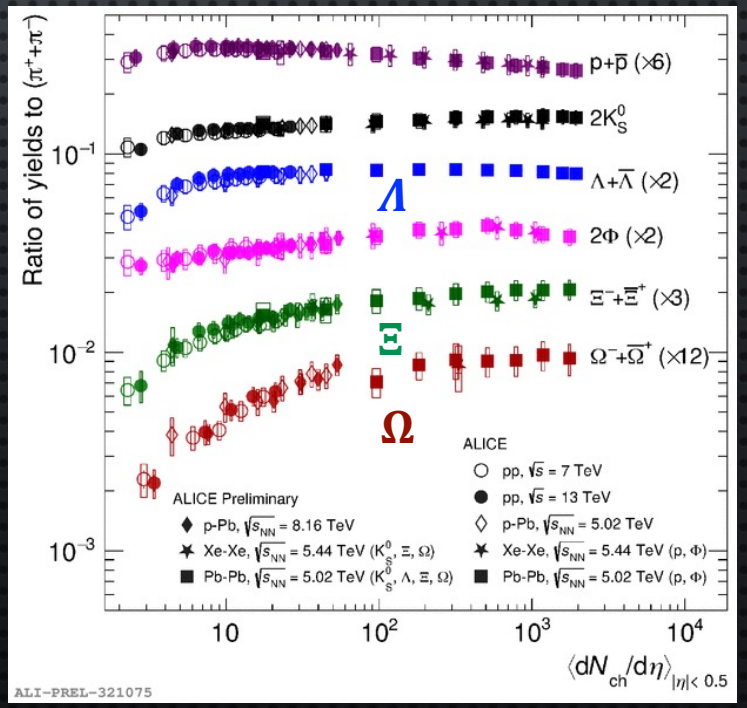
- Possible multi-strange dibaryons predicted by HAL QCD
  - ✓ Important to study fundamental hadron interactions in flavor SU(3)
  - ✓ Systems with $|S| > 2$ are of particular interest
    - $N\Omega\ (J = 2)$, $\Omega\Omega\ (J = 0)$
  - → Heavy Ion collisions as unique playground for multi-strange systems



Heavy Ion Collisions

- Dynamic space-time evolution of the collisions through phase transition from partonic phase (QGP) to hadronic phase
  - ✓ Particle production by coalescence
- Enhanced hyperon productions
  - ✓ Increasing at higher multiplicity even in pp/p-Pb collisions





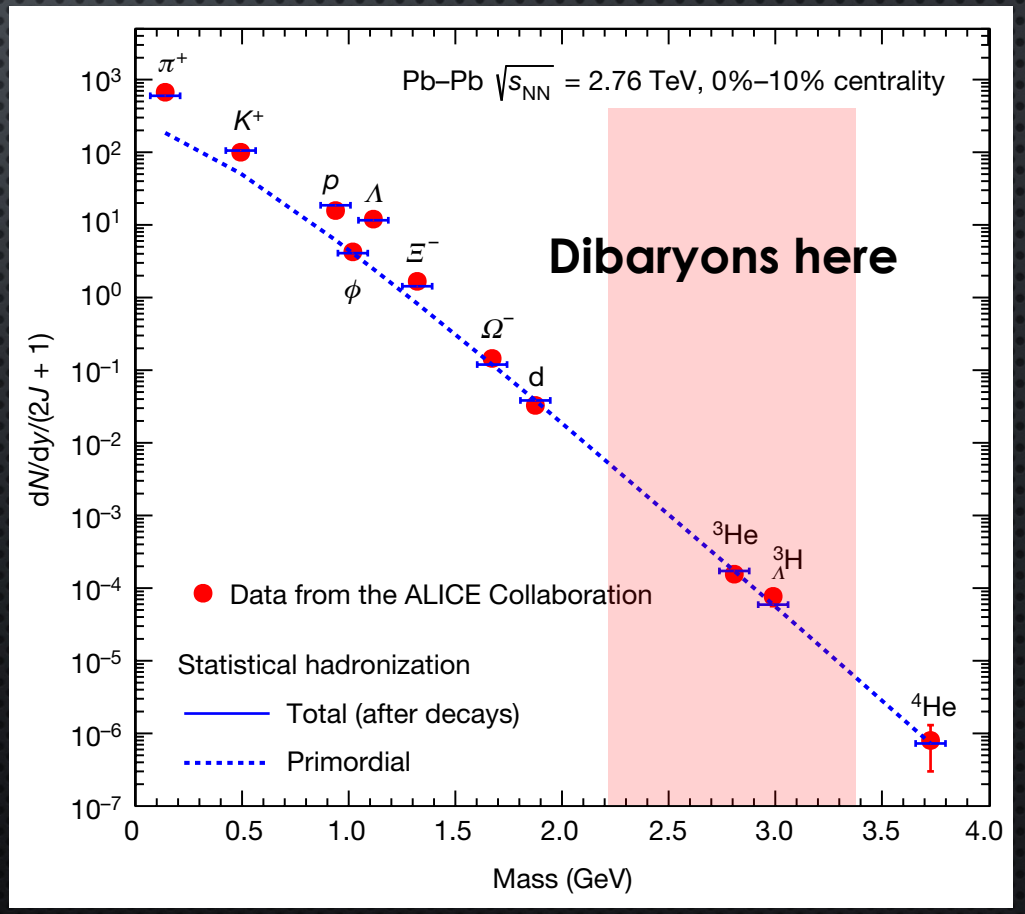
Expected dibaryon yields

- Hadron yields well-described by Statistical Hadronization model
  - ✓ Global fit with T_{ch}, μ_B, volume as free parameters
  - ✓ Works even for loosely bound particles **A.Andronic et al., Nature 561, 321-330 (2018)**
- Clear mass dependence of the yield

Rough estimation of dibaryon yields in Pb-Pb 0-10% at ALICE

	RUN-1	RUN-2
H	~$10^{4\text{-}5}$	~10^{6}
$N\Omega$	~10^{4}	~10^{5}
$\Omega\Omega$	~10^{2}	~10^{3}

→ Searches for H & $N\Omega$ dibaryons in HIC
  - ✓ Less statistics in pp HM and p-Pb, but better S/N than Pb-Pb



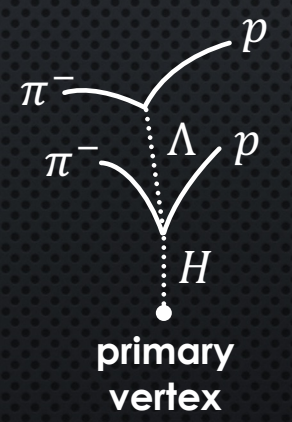
How to search for dibaryons

Measurements with possible daughter particles

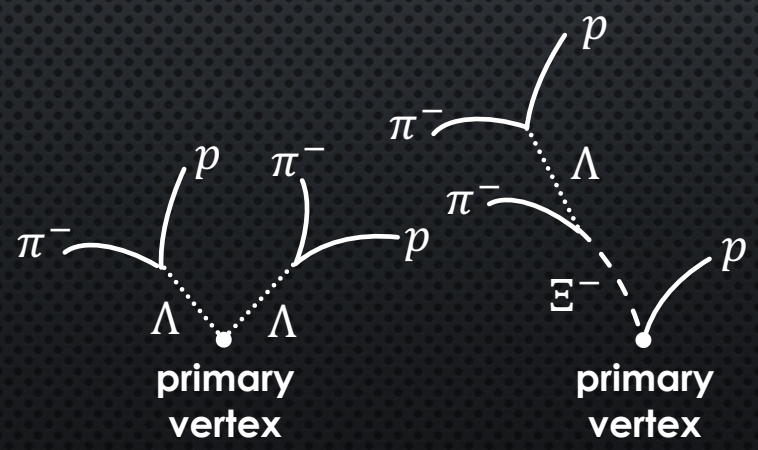
1. Invariant mass reconstruction
   - ✓ Only if the signal width is sufficiently small
2. Two-particle correlation

H dibaryon

a. $H \to p + \pi^- + \Lambda$

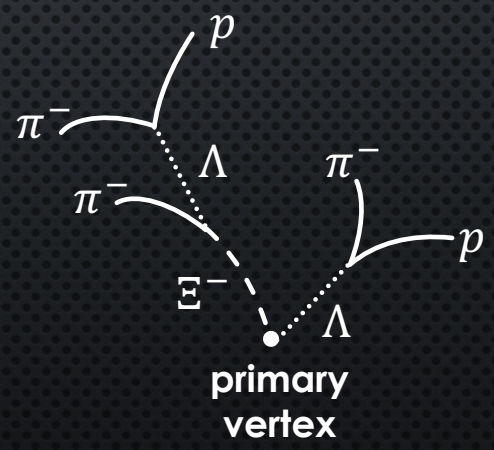


b. $H \to \Lambda + \Lambda/p + \Xi^-$

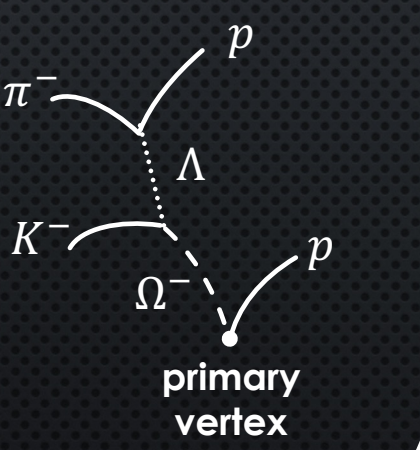


$N\Omega$ dibaryon

c. $n\Omega \to \Lambda + \Xi^-$

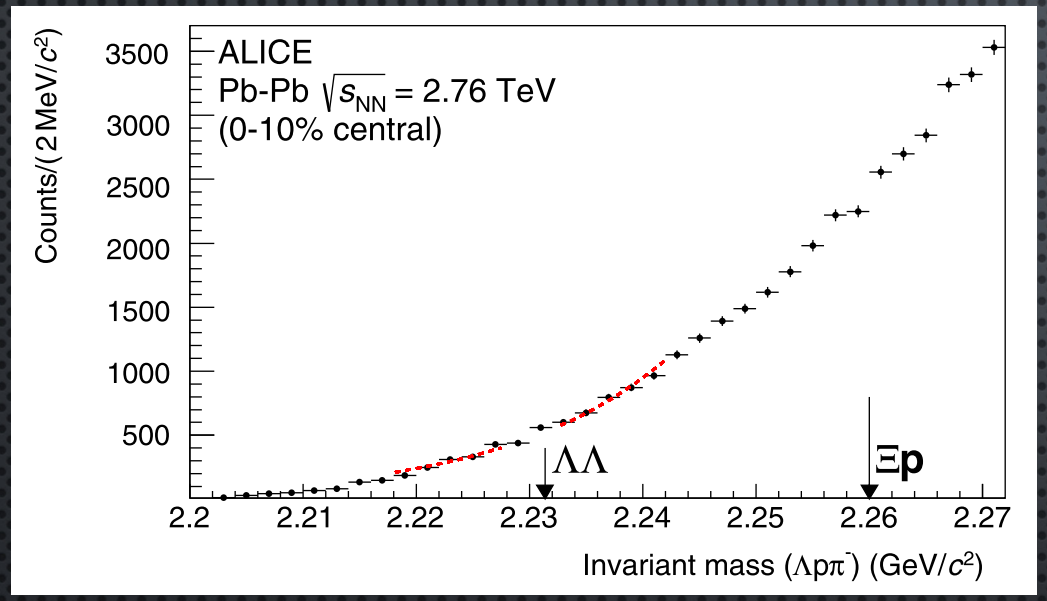


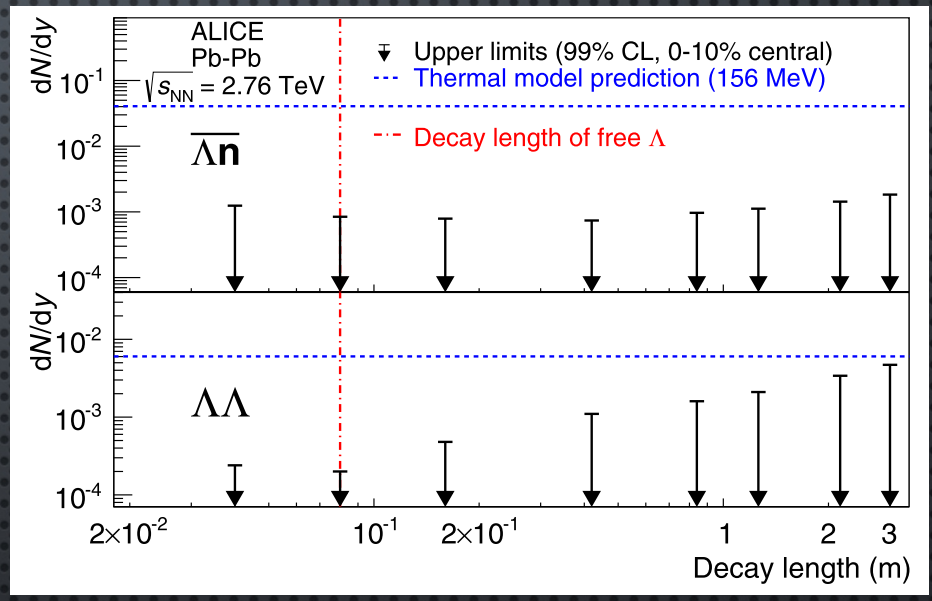
d. $p\Omega \to p + \Omega^-$



$\Lambda\Lambda$ bound state ($H \rightarrow p + \pi + \Lambda$)

ALICE, PLB 752, 267-277 (2016)





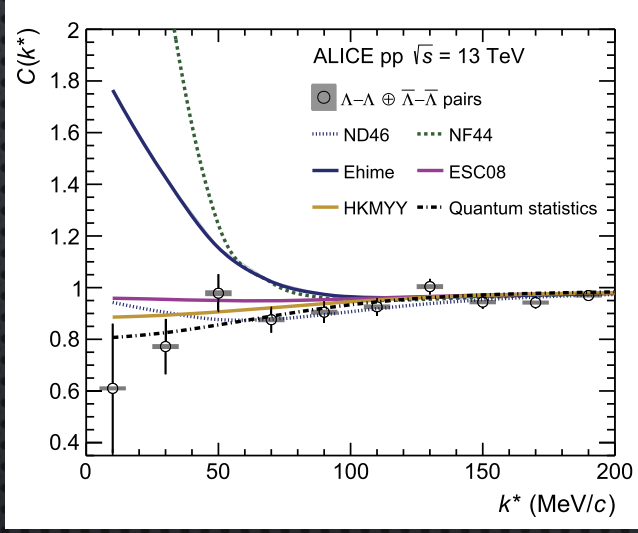
- Search for $\Lambda\Lambda$ bound state as H dibaryon with RUN-1 Pb-Pb data
  - ✓ Invariant mass reconstruction at secondary vertex
  - ✓ Assumed to be long-lived as long as a free Λ
  - ✓ Search for $\overline{\Lambda n}$ bound state as well by $\bar{d} + \pi^+$ combination

→ No peak was found.

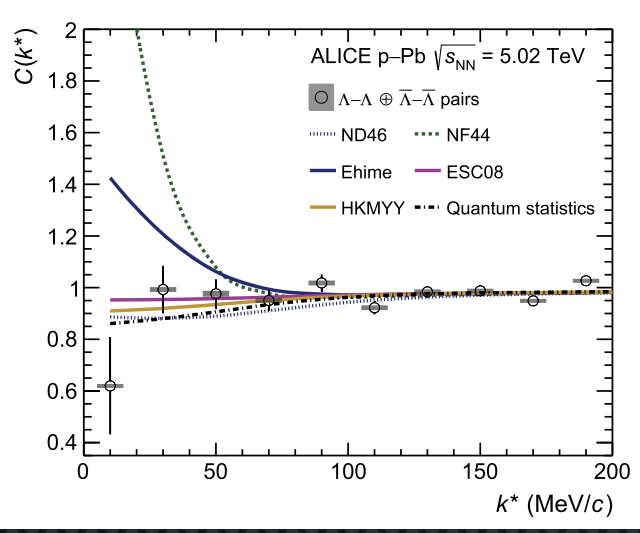
  - ✓ Upper limits of the yield below 10^{-1} of model prediction

ΛΛ correlation in pp & p-Pb

pp, 13TeV



p-Pb, 5.02TeV



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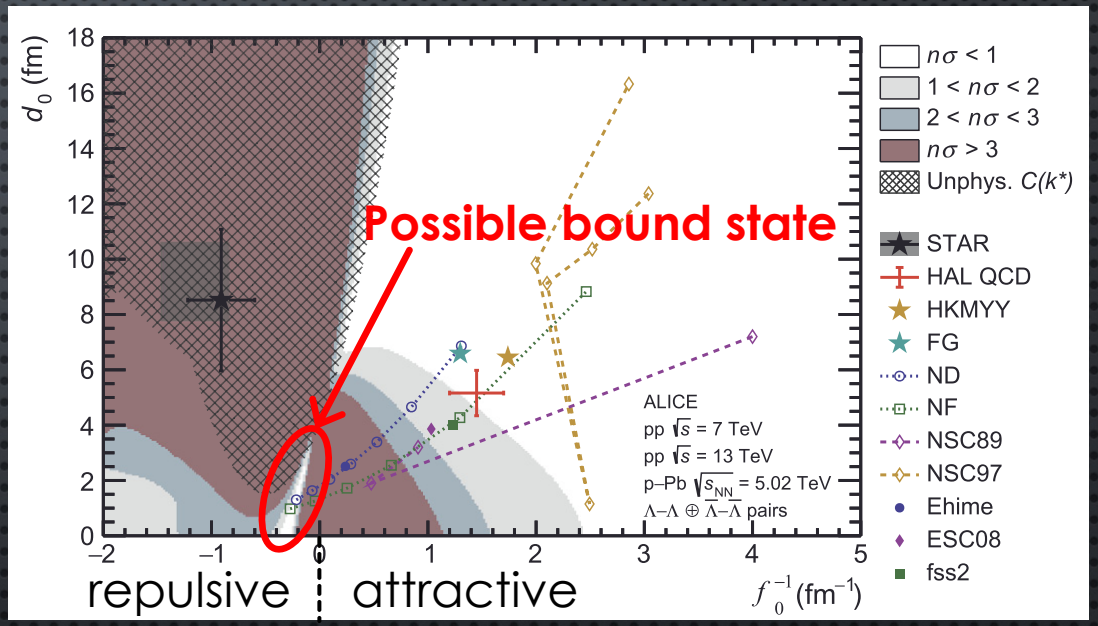


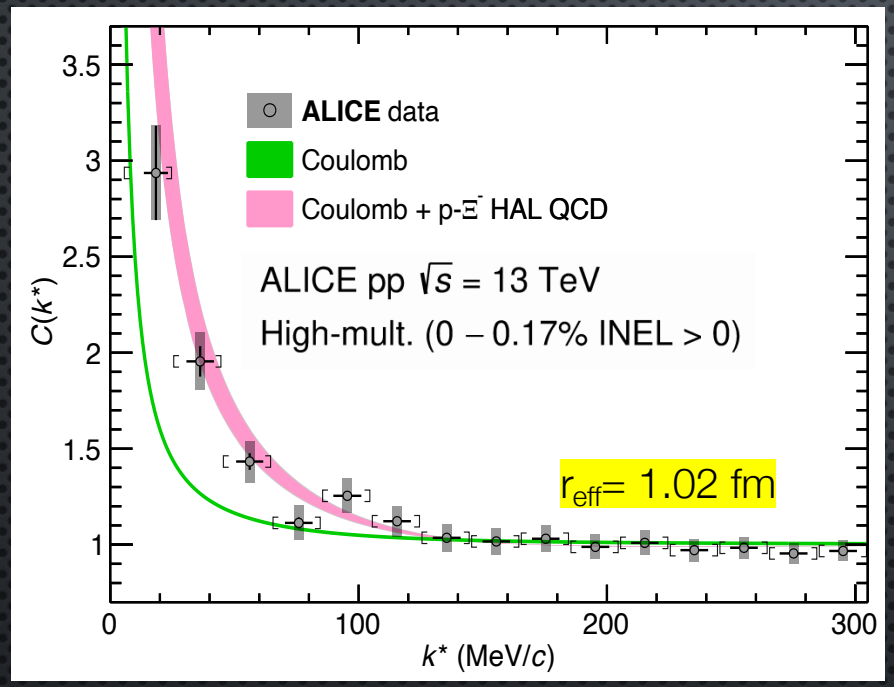
- ΛΛ correlation measured in pp & p-Pb collisions
  - ✓ Flat correlation allowing a large parameter space

→ Almost excluded a possibility of existence of bound state

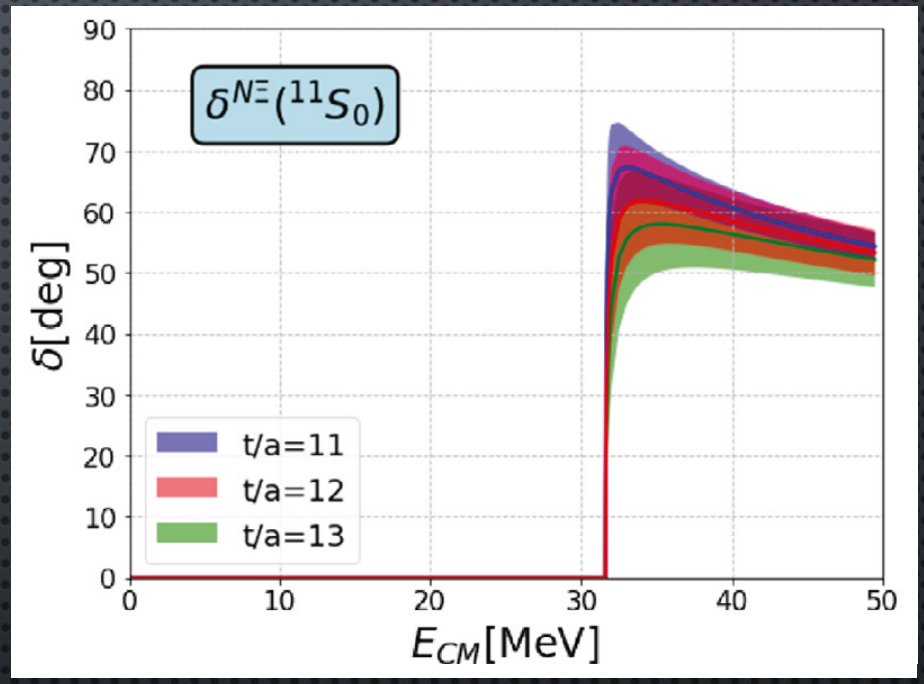
  - ✓ Non-existence of bound state supported by HAL QCD calculations with nearly physical point

H as resonance state ?

ALICE, Nature 588, 232-240 (2020)



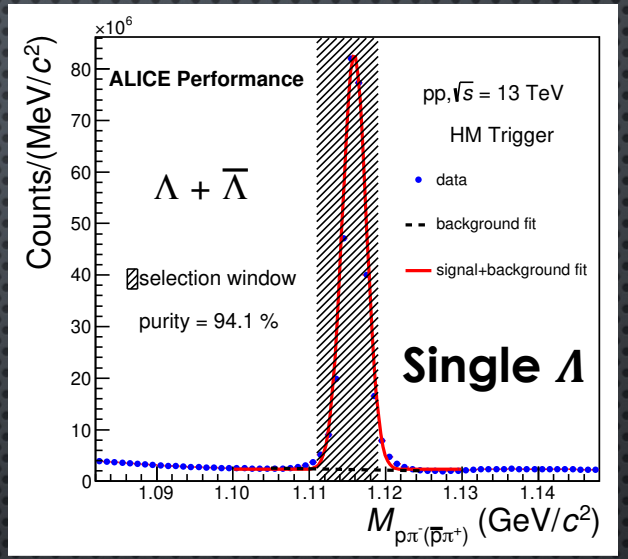
K.Sasaki et al., Nucl. Phys. A 998, 121737 (2020)

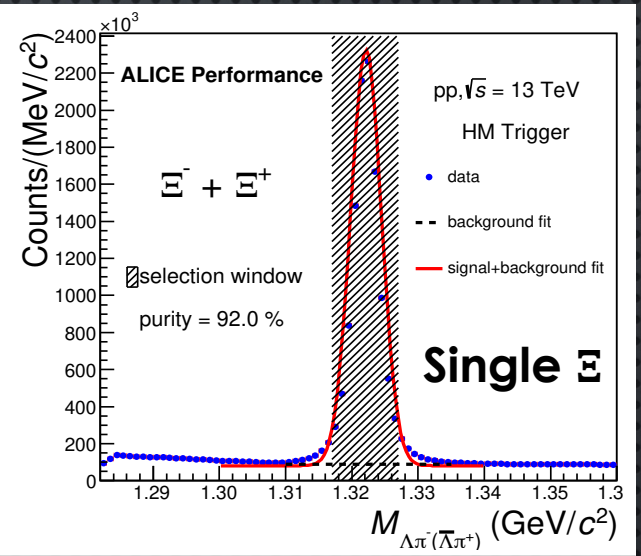


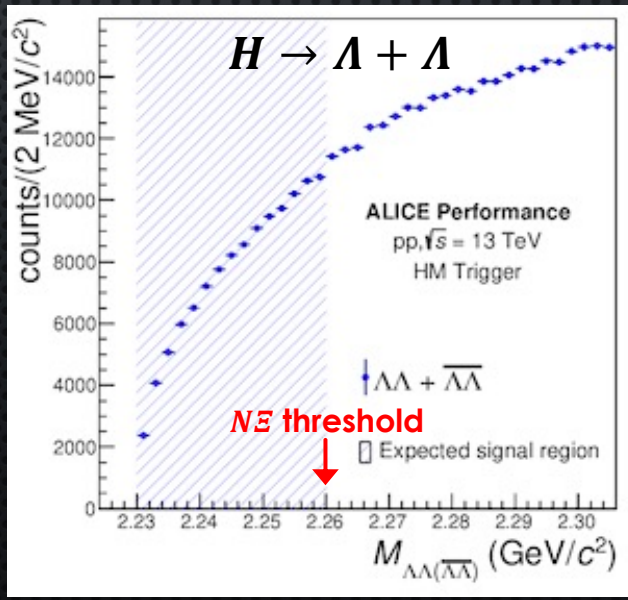
- Attractive $p\Xi^-$ interaction by strong interaction
  - ✓ Quantitative agreement with HAL QCD
  - ✓ Possible resonance state at $N\Xi$ threshold
  - → Looking for a possible peak around $N\Xi$ threshold by reconstructing invariant mass of $\Lambda\Lambda$ & $p\Xi^-$ from primary vertex

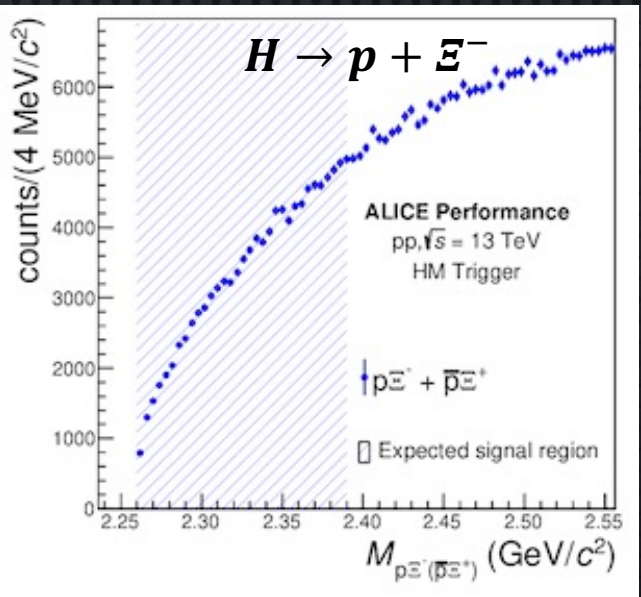
Reconstructed $\Lambda\Lambda$ & $p\Xi^-$

- Initial attempt with pp HM & p-Pb
  - ✓ Analyzed events: 1B (pp HM), 0.6B (p-Pb MB) events
  - ✓ Good purity for single Λ & Ξ
    - Λ: 94%, Ξ: 92% in pp HM
  - ✓ No significant peak at $N\Xi$ threshold so far
- Ongoing issues:
  a. Analysis with RUN-2 Pb-Pb data
  b. Signal search with $J = 0$ state selection for $\Lambda\Lambda$









$N\Omega$ system

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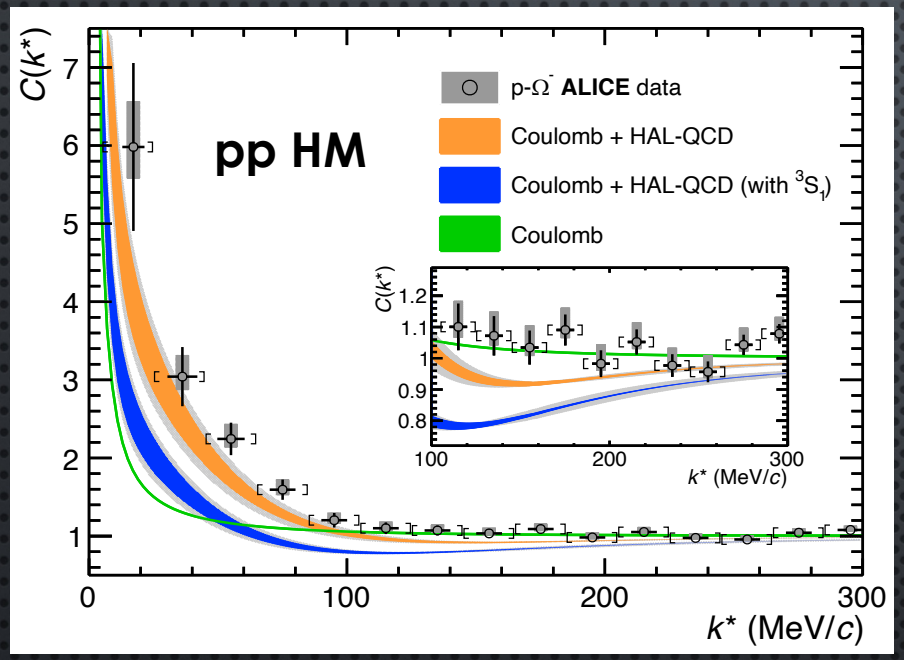

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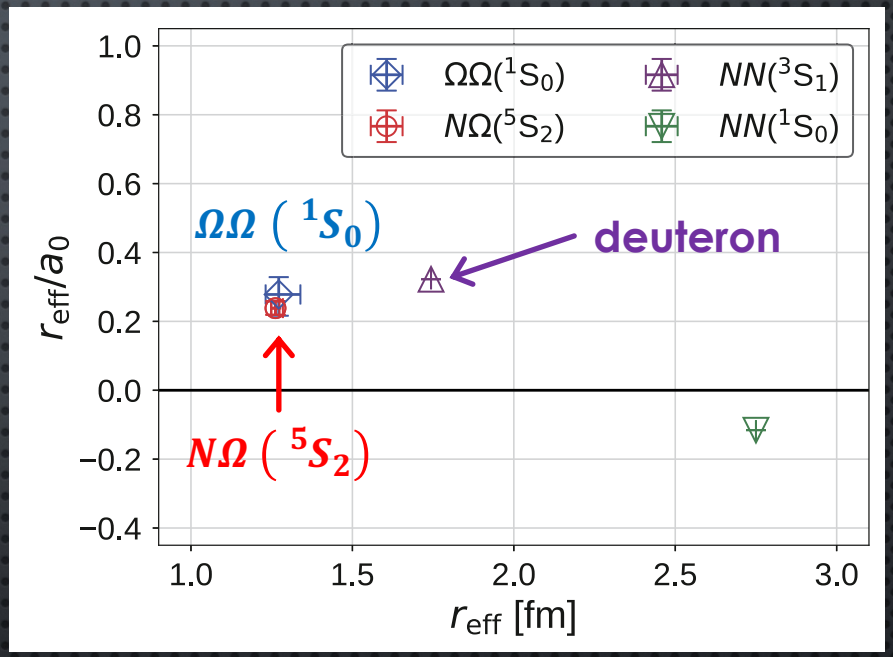

- Attractive $p\Omega^-$ interaction by strong interaction
  - ✓ More attractive than $p\Xi^-$
  - ✓ Consistent with HAL QCD
  - ✓ Possible quasi-bound state ($J = 2$) similar to deuteron
    - No Pauli blocking & assist by Coulomb attraction for $p\Omega$

→ Looking for a possible signal for $n\Omega$ quasi-bound state

Reconstructed $\Lambda\Xi^-$

- Analysis with pp HM & p-Pb
  - ✓ No significant peak below $n\Omega$ threshold
  - ✓ $p\Omega \rightarrow p + \Omega^-$ analysis is ongoing
  - ✓ Statistically suffering with finer mass-bin
  - → Need more statistics with Pb-Pb data

- Ongoing issues:
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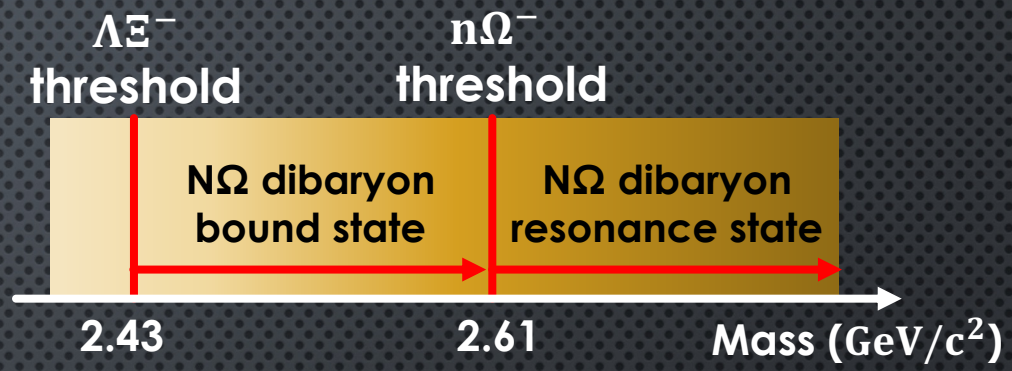
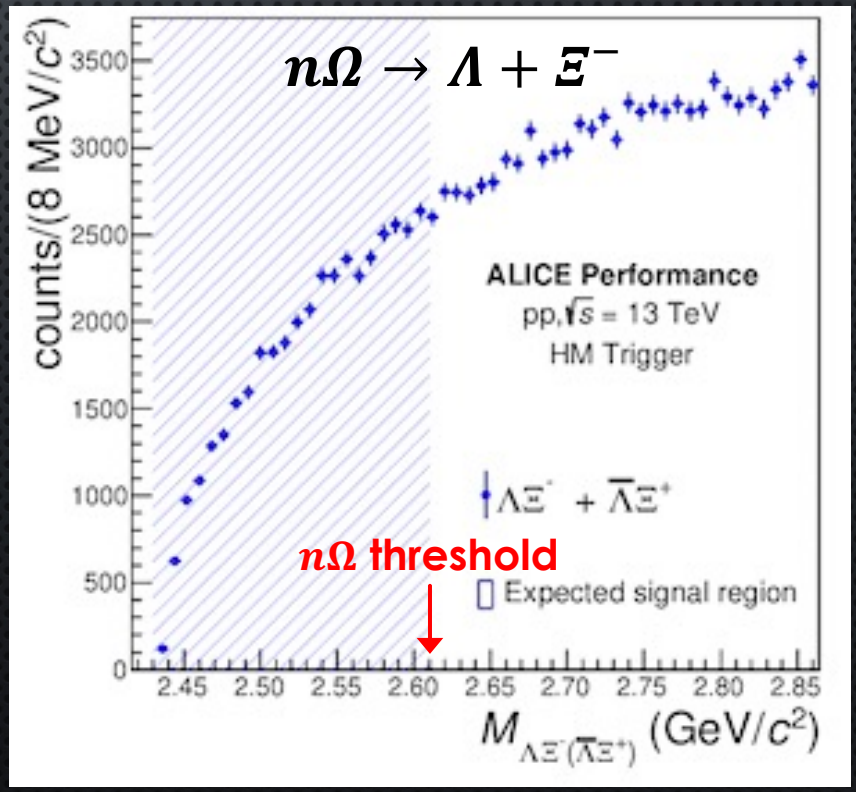
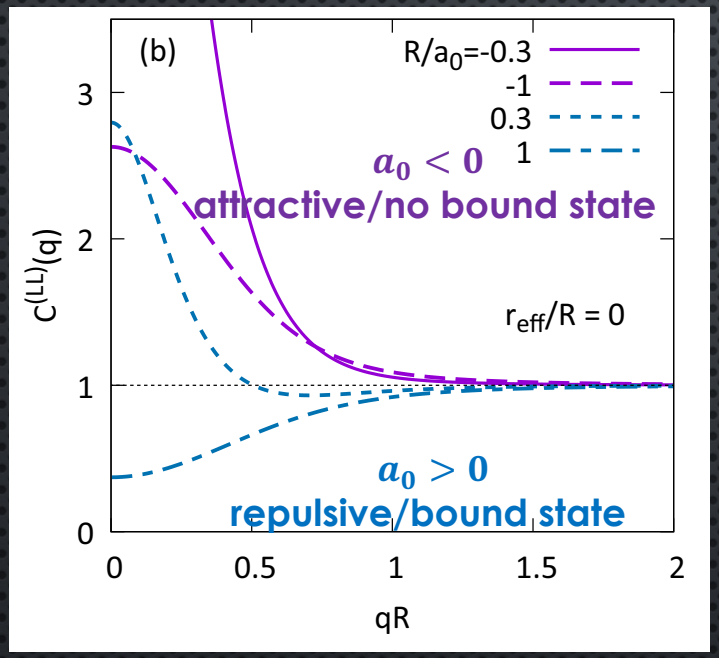
  b. Signal search with $J = 2$ state selection for $\Lambda\Xi$





$p\Omega$ correlation in Pb-Pb

K.Morita et al., PRC 101, 015201 (2020)



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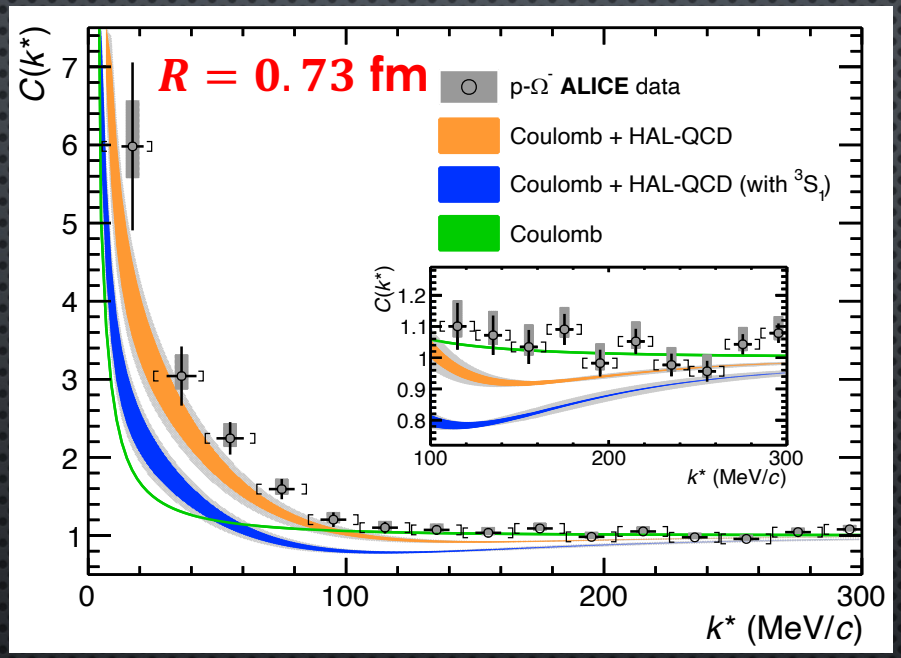

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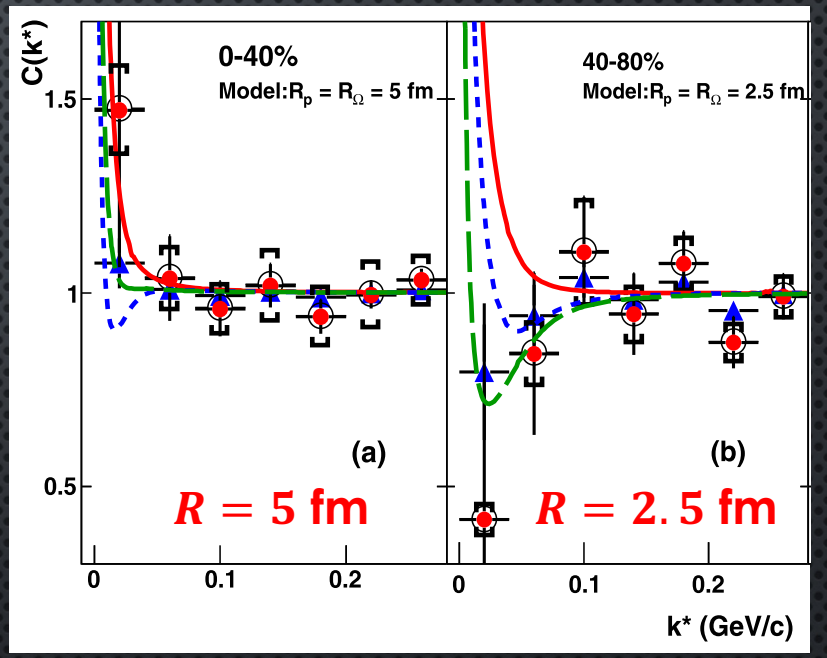
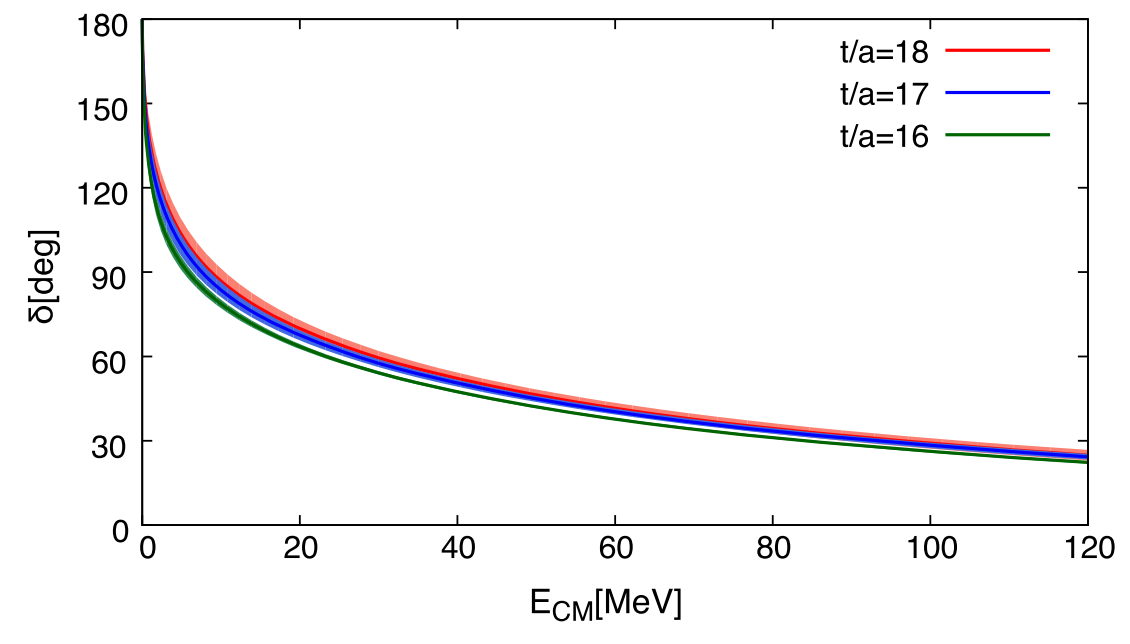


- Crucial to study source size dependence of correlation function
  - ✓ $p\Omega^-$ correlation: a sign of a_0 is unknown due to a large statistical error
  - ✓ Good to see C_{SL} to cancel out the Coulomb contribution
  - → Working on improvement of single Ω purity & low p_T reach
    - Purity ~ 50% for p_T>1.2GeV/c with conventional selection

ΩΩ system

S.Gongyo et al., PRL 120, 212001 (2018)



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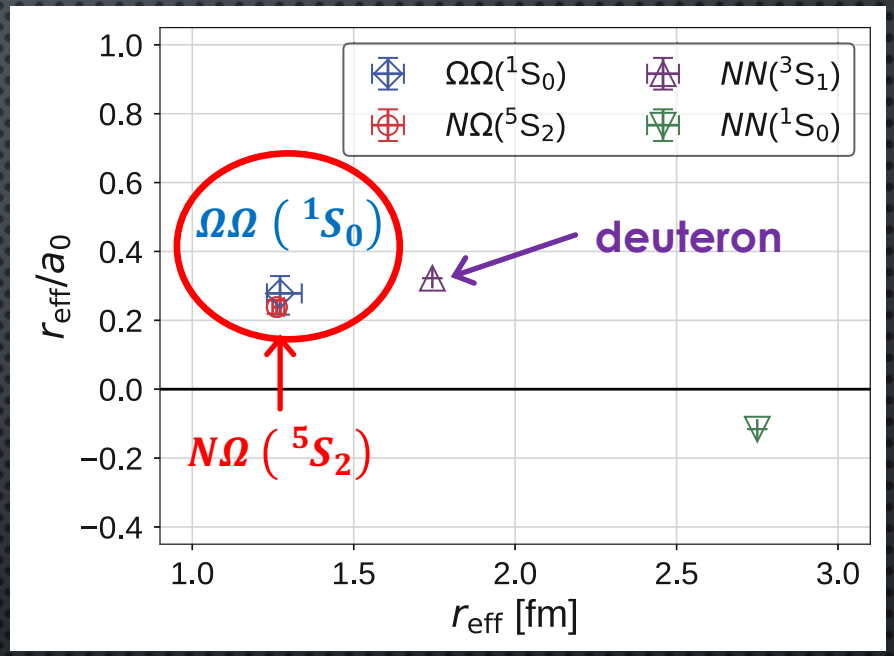

- Possible ΩΩ bound state for $J = 0$ predicted by HAL QCD calculation
  - ✓ Interesting to see with LHC RUN-3&4 data
    - 100 times more MB events at ALICE with detector upgrade
    - Both mass reconstruction via $\Omega\Omega \rightarrow \Omega + \Lambda + K$ & ΩΩ correlation function in Pb-Pb with different centralities

Summary

- Making efforts to search for multi-strange dibaryons at LHC energy
  - ✓ Possible (quasi-)bound states for $N\Omega$ & $\Omega\Omega$ systems predicted by HAL QCD calculations
  - ✓ Invariant mass reconstruction with daughter particles
- Current status:
  - ✓ Almost excluded $\Lambda\Lambda$ bound state by initial searches in RUN-1
  - ✓ No significant peaks for $H \rightarrow \Lambda + \Lambda/p + \Xi$ & $n\Omega \rightarrow \Lambda + \Xi$ in small systems so far
- Ongoing analysis & plans
  - ✓ Analysis with RUN-2 Pb-Pb data with more statistics
    - Working on improvement of purity for single Hyperons
  - ✓ 2 particle correlation measurements in Pb-Pb
    - Source size dependence of correlation function