

Femtoscscopy of the matter distribution in the proton

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Outline

1. Motivation: trace anomaly, origin of proton's mass
2. Mass distribution in the proton, gluonic GFF
3. J/ψ -proton @ LHC femtoscopy
4. Predictions for J/ψ -proton femtoscopy, proton mass radius
5. Conclusions & Perspectives

Back ~ 40 years

- $|h(\mathbf{p})\rangle$: hadron state*, $p = (E_h(\mathbf{p}), \mathbf{p})$
- $\langle h(\mathbf{p}) | T^{\mu\nu}(x) | h(\mathbf{p}) \rangle = p^\mu p^\nu / E_h(\mathbf{p})$, $T^{\mu\nu}(x)$: en.-mom. tensor
- $\langle h(\mathbf{p}) | T_\mu^\mu(x) | h(\mathbf{p}) \rangle = p^\mu p_\mu / E_h(\mathbf{p}) = M_h^2 / E_h(\mathbf{p})$
- Take $m_{\text{light}} = 0$ and $m_{\text{heavy}} = \infty$ in QCD Lagrangian:

Classical action is scale invariant: $x^\mu \rightarrow \lambda x^\mu$

Conserved current: $\partial_\mu J_D^\mu(x) = 0$ where $J_D^\mu(x) = x_\nu T^{\mu\nu}(x)$

Since $\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu}(x) = 0 \rightarrow \partial_\mu J_D^\mu(x) = 0 \rightarrow T_\mu^\mu(x) = 0 \Rightarrow M_h = 0$

*Normalized such that expectation value of T^{00} gives the hadron energy

Back ~ 40 years - cont'd

The quantum action **IS NOT** scale invariant: $g \xrightarrow{\text{reg.}} g(\mu)$

$$M_p = \frac{\beta(g)}{2g} \langle p | G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu} | p \rangle + \sum_{l=u,d,s} \langle p | m_l (1 + \gamma_{m_l}) \bar{q}_l q_l | p \rangle$$

$\Downarrow$ $\Downarrow$

$\simeq 860 \text{ MeV}$ $\simeq 80 \text{ MeV}$ (**Higgs**)

$$\beta(g) \simeq -b \frac{g^3}{16\pi^2}, \quad b = 11 - \frac{2n_l}{3} \quad (\text{heavy quarks integrated out})$$

Matter distribution in the proton

Most of proton's mass: trace of the gluonic part of the EMT $\langle p|T|p\rangle$:

$$\langle p|T|p\rangle \quad \text{where} \quad T = \frac{\beta(g)}{2g} G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu}$$

How is this mass distributed in the proton? Off-forward matrix element:

$$\langle p'|T|p\rangle$$

Need a probe for the EMT: gravitational form factors (GFF)

Presently impossible with gravitational probes

Alternative: quarkonium-nucleon scattering

Proton GFFs*

$$\langle p' | T_{\mu\nu}(0) | p \rangle \sim \bar{u}(p') \left[G_1(q^2) (P_\mu \gamma_\nu + P_\nu \gamma_\mu) + G_2(q^2) \frac{P_\mu P_\nu}{M_p} + G_3(q^2) \frac{q^2 g_{\mu\nu} - q_\mu q_\nu}{M_p} \right] u(p)$$

$$P_\mu = 1/2(p + p')_\mu, \quad q_\mu = (p - p')_\mu, \quad q^2 = t = (p - p')^2, \quad p^2 = p'^2 = M_p^2$$

Off-forward matrix element:

$$\langle p' | T | p \rangle = 2M_p G(t), \quad G(0) = M_p, \quad \langle r_m^2 \rangle = \frac{6}{M_p} \left. \frac{dG(t)}{dt} \right|_{t=0}$$

$$G(t) = G_1(t) + \left(1 - \frac{t}{4M_p^2} \right) G_2(t) + \frac{3t}{4M_p^2} G_3(t)$$

* H. Pagels (1966)

$J/\psi - 007$ experiment @ JLab

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Determining the gluonic gravitational form factors of the proton

[B. Duran](#), [Z.-E. Meziani](#) , [S. Joosten](#), [M. K. Jones](#), [S. Prasad](#), [C. Peng](#), [W. Armstrong](#), [H. Atac](#), [E. Chudakov](#), [H. Bhatt](#), [D. Bhetuwal](#), [M. Boer](#), [A. Camsonne](#), [J.-P. Chen](#), [M. M. Dalton](#), [N. Deokar](#), [M. Diefenthaler](#), [J. Dunne](#), [L. El Fassi](#), [E. Fuchey](#), [H. Gao](#), [D. Gaskell](#), [O. Hansen](#), [F. Hauenstein](#), ... [Z. Zhao](#) [+ Show authors](#)

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Kharzeev (2021): $G(t) \equiv \frac{1}{(1 - t/m_s^2)^2}, \quad \langle r_m^2 \rangle = 12/m_s^2$

$$\sqrt{\langle r_m^2 \rangle} = 0.52 \pm 0.03 \text{ fm}$$

Electro- and photoproduction @ JLab, EIC, EicC

Issues:

- Require extrapolation due to high-momentum threshold,
 $\sqrt{-t_{\text{thr.}}} \simeq 1.5 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Need models:
 - Holographic models: 2^{++} graviton-like exchange and scalar 0^{++}
 - DSE-BSE: light-cone distribution functions (moments reconstruction)
- Vector meson dominance (VMD) problematic (heavy quarks)*
- Not enough time for J/ψ to be formed

Here, femtoscopy

*Xu, Chen, Yao, Binosi, Cui, Roberts (2021)

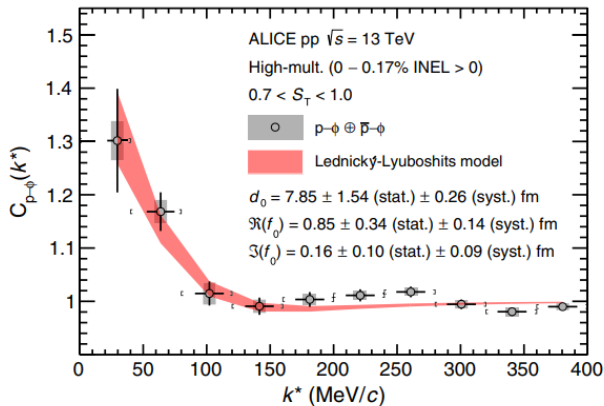
Similar to the femtoscopy of ϕN

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Editors' Suggestion

Experimental Evidence for an Attractive p - ϕ Interaction

S. Acharya *et al.*^{*}
(ALICE Collaboration)



Femtoscopy: basics

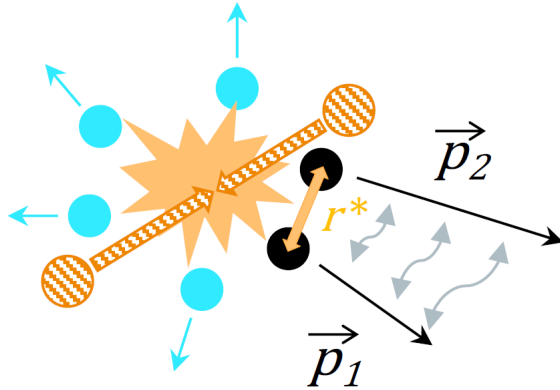


Figure from:
Unveiling the strong interaction among hadrons at the LHC
ALICE Coll., Nature 588, 232 (2020)

Momentum correlation function

Experimental extraction

- $\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2$: laboratory hadron momenta m_1, m_2 : hadron masses

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2, \quad \mathbf{k} = \frac{m_2 \mathbf{p}_1 - m_1 \mathbf{p}_2}{m_1 + m_2} : \text{c.m. and relative momenta}$$

- Pair's c.m. frame: $\mathbf{P} = 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{p}_1 = -\mathbf{p}_2 \Rightarrow \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{p}_1 = -\mathbf{p}_2$

$$C(k) = \frac{A(k)}{B(k)} \begin{cases} A(k) : \text{yield from same event (coincidence yield)} \\ B(k) : \text{yield from different events (background)} \end{cases}$$

- Corrections: nonfemtoscopic correlations, momentum resolution, etc $\leftarrow \xi(k)$

$$C(k) = \xi(k) \frac{A(k)}{B(k)}$$

Correlation function

Theoretical interpretation

- Koonin-Pratt formula

$$C(k) = \int d^3r S_{12}(\mathbf{r}) |\psi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r})|^2$$

$S_{12}(\mathbf{r})$: emission source, pair's emission probability distribution

$\psi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r})$: pair's relative wave function

- One needs here $\psi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r})$ for $0 \leq r \leq \infty$, not asymptotic as in scattering
- $\psi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r})$: properties of the interaction

Femtoscscopy - interaction

- Interaction: if weakly attractive, S -wave dominated

$$\psi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) = e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} + \psi_0(k, r) - j_0(kr)$$

$\psi_0(k, r)$ contains the effects of the interaction

- Simplification (not unrealistic):

$$S_{12}(r) = \frac{1}{(4\pi R^2)^{3/2}} e^{-r^2/4R^2}$$

Normally used: $R = 1 \text{ fm} - 1.3 \text{ fm} (pp)$, $R = 1.5 \text{ fm} - 4.0 \text{ fm} (pA, AA)$

- Correlation function:

$$C(k) = 1 + \frac{4\pi}{(4\pi R^2)^{3/2}} \int_0^\infty dr r^2 e^{-r^2/4R^2} [|\psi_0(k, r)|^2 - |j_0(kr)|^2]$$

Lednický-Lyuboshits (LL) model

If emission occurs outside interaction range: $\psi_0(k, r) \rightarrow \psi_0^{\text{asy}}(k, r)$

$$\psi_0^{\text{asy}}(k, r) = \frac{\sin(kr + \delta_0)}{kr} = e^{-i\delta_0} \left[j_0(kr) + f_0(k) \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \right]$$

$$C(k) = 1 + \frac{|f_0(k)|^2}{2R^2} + \frac{2\Re f_0(k)}{\sqrt{\pi}R} F_1(2kR) - \frac{\Im f_0(k)}{R} F_2(2kR)$$

$$F_1(x) = \frac{1}{x} \int_0^x dt e^{t-x}, \quad F_2(x) = \frac{1}{x} \left(1 - e^{-x^2} \right).$$

Effective range expansion (ERE): $f_0(k) = \frac{1}{k} e^{i\delta_0} \sin \delta_0 \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{-1/a_0 + r_0 k^2/2 - ik}$

Validity of ERE: scattering length a_0 much larger than the physical range of the interaction

Femtoscopy of J/ψ - p

Lattice QCD simulations and models point toward a weakly attractive J/ψ - p interaction, S -wave dominated

Therefore, in this study use LL model (but no ERE):

$$\mathcal{A}_0(s) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 d(\cos \theta) \mathcal{A}(s, t),$$

$$\mathcal{A}_0(s) = \frac{8\pi\sqrt{s}}{k} \left(\frac{e^{2i\delta_0(s)} - 1}{2i} \right) = \frac{8\pi\sqrt{s}}{k} \frac{1}{\cot \delta_0(s) - i} = 8\pi\sqrt{s} f_0(s),$$

QCD multipole expansion:

- Low-energy J/ψ -proton interaction
- J/ψ : small object, (much) smaller than the proton
- J/ψ - p interaction: a small dipole in soft gluon fields
- Validity: relative J/ψ - p energies smaller than J/ψ binding energy E_b
- $E_b = 2M_D - M_{J/\psi} = 640$ MeV

Scattering amplitude: leading order

$$\mathcal{A}(s, t) = \alpha_{J/\psi} 2M_{J/\psi} \frac{1}{2} \langle p(k') | (g\mathbf{E}^a(0))^2 | p(k) \rangle$$

$\alpha_{J/\psi}$: (static) color J/ψ polarizability

Peskin (1978), Bhanot & Peskin (1978), Voloshin (1979), Kaidalov & Volkovitsky (1992), Luke, Manohar & Savage (1992), Kharzeev (1996)

Forward scattering: $\alpha_{J/\psi} \times M_p$

$k \rightarrow 0$:

$$C(k) = 1 - \frac{1}{2\pi^{3/2}} \left(1 - \frac{8}{3} k^2 R^2 \right) \frac{\mu_{J/\psi p} \alpha_{J/\psi} \langle p | (g\mathbf{E})^2 | p \rangle}{R}$$

$\mu_{J/\psi p}$: reduced mass

$C(k \simeq 0)$ gives direct access to $\alpha_{J/\psi} \langle p | (g\mathbf{E})^2 | p \rangle$

Impossible in electro- and photoproduction experiments ($\sqrt{-t_{\min}} \simeq 1.5$ GeV)

Nonforward scattering: $\sqrt{\langle r_m^2 \rangle}$

Decompose $(g\mathbf{E}^a)^2$ into scalar 0^{++} and tensor 2^{++} gluon operators*:

$$(g\mathbf{E}^a)^2 = \frac{1}{2} [(g\mathbf{E}^a)^2 - (g\mathbf{B}^a)^2] + \frac{1}{2} [(g\mathbf{E}^a)^2 + (g\mathbf{B}^a)^2] = \frac{8\pi^2}{b} T + g^2 T_{00}^G$$

$$T = \frac{\beta(g)}{2g} G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu}, \quad \beta(g) = -\frac{bg^3}{32\pi^2}, \quad b = 9$$

Scalar gluonic gravitational form factor (gGFF)**:

$$\langle p(k') | T | p(k) \rangle = 2M_p G(t), \quad G(0) = M_p, \quad \langle r_m^2 \rangle = \frac{6}{M_p} \left. \frac{dG(t)}{dt} \right|_{t=0}$$

$$G(t) = G_1(t) + \left(1 - \frac{t}{4M_p^2}\right) G_2(t) + \frac{3t}{4M_p^2} G_3(t) \leftarrow G_1, G_2, G_3 \text{ proton GFFs}$$

* Novikov & Shifman (1981), Sibirtsev & Voloshin (2005)

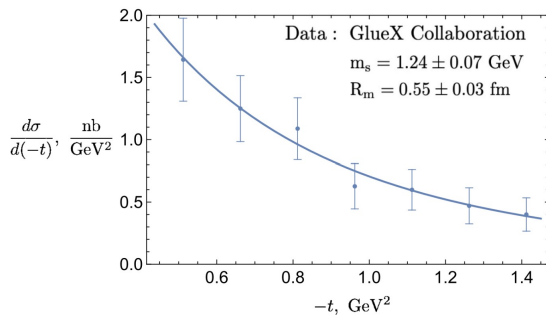
** Kharzeev (2021)

$$g^2 T_{00}^G = 1/2 [(g\mathbf{E}^a)^2 + (g\mathbf{B}^a)^2] \text{ Term:}$$

- uncertainty regarding its importance
- usually ignored
- here, follow Sibirtsev & Voloshin (2005)

$$\mathcal{A}(s, t) = \alpha_{J/\psi} (1 + C) 2M_{J/\psi} \frac{8\pi^2}{b} M_p G(t), \quad 0 \leq C \leq 1$$

gGFF - dipole fit*

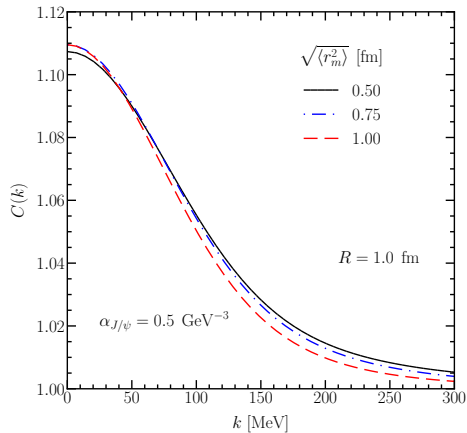
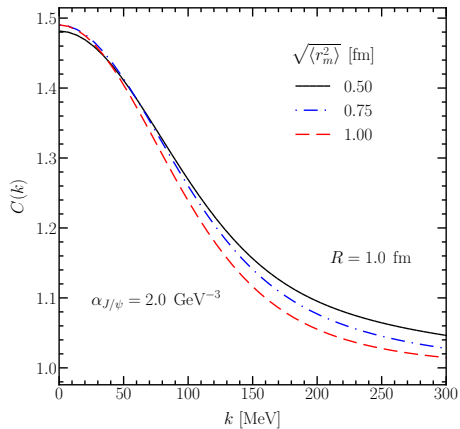


$$G(t) = \frac{M_p}{\left(1 - \frac{t}{m_s^2}\right)^2}$$

$$\langle r_m^2 \rangle = \frac{12}{m_s^2}$$

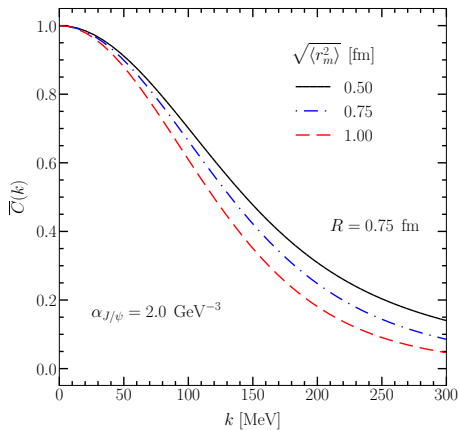
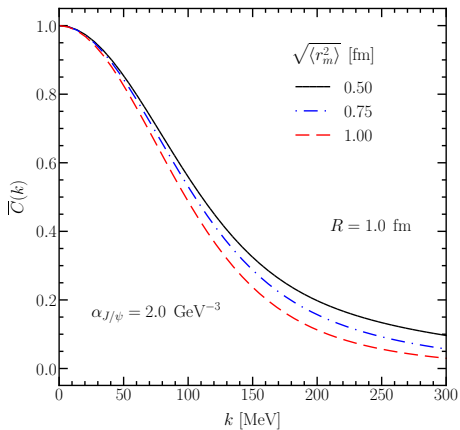
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Predictions for $C(k)$



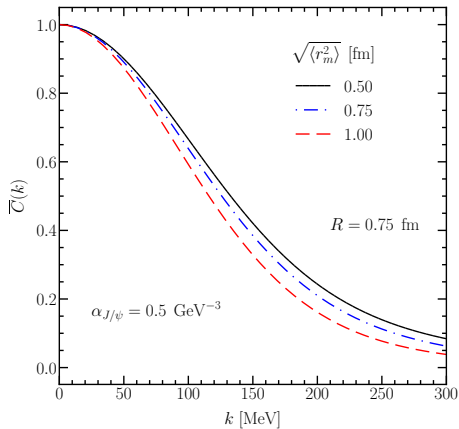
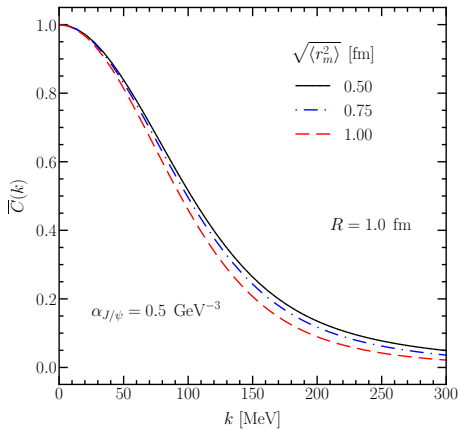
Sensitivity to $\sqrt{\langle r_m^2 \rangle}$

$$\overline{C}(k) = \frac{C(k) - 1}{C(0) - 1}$$



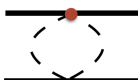
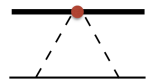
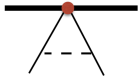
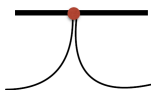
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Check on the multipole expansion: QNEFT

QNEFT: quarknonium-nucleon effective field theory



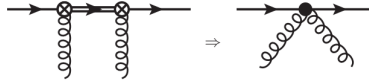
Degrees of freedom – Scales – Power counting

- **DOF:** nucleons (N), quarkonia (ϕ), pions (π)
- **Scales:** $E_N, E_\phi, E_\pi \ll \Lambda_\chi \simeq 1 \text{ GeV}$
- **Power counting:** powers of $\frac{m_\pi}{\Lambda_\chi}$
- **Loops:** dimensional regularization

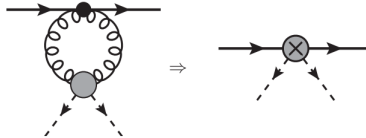
J. Tarrús Castellà & GK, Phys. Rev. D 98, 014029 (2018)

QNEFT input: $\phi - \pi$ vertex

pNRQCD $\rightarrow$ gWEFT (J/ψ polarizability)



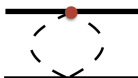
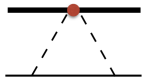
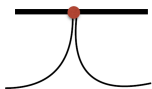
gWEFT $\rightarrow$ χ EFT (trace anomaly)



¹ A. Vairo, in QCHS IV, ed. W. Lucha and K. M. Maung (World Scientific, 2002)

² N. Brambilla, GK, J. Tarrús Castellà, A. Vairo, Phys. Rev. D 93 054002 (2016)

QNEFT predictions



QNEFT: J/ψ polarizability + χ EFT

- Weakly attractive
- Tail: van der Waals type of force

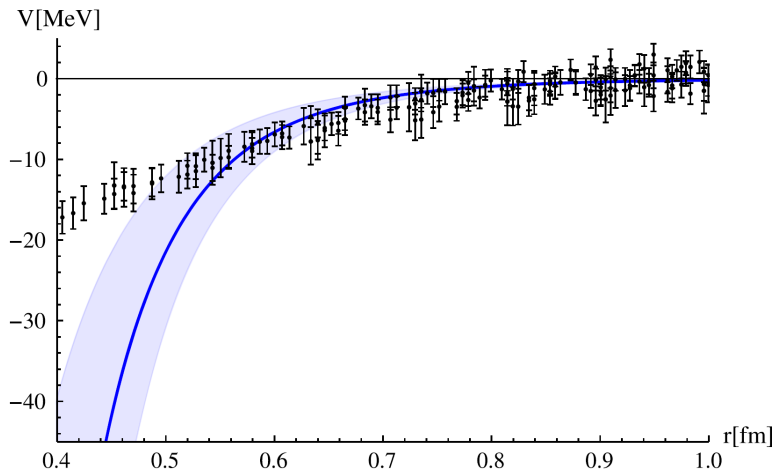
$$V_{\text{vdW}}(r) \xrightarrow{r \gg 1/2m_\pi} \frac{3g_A^2 m_\pi^4 (c_{di} + c_m)}{128\pi^2 F^2} \frac{e^{-2m_\pi r}}{r^2}$$

- S -wave dominated:

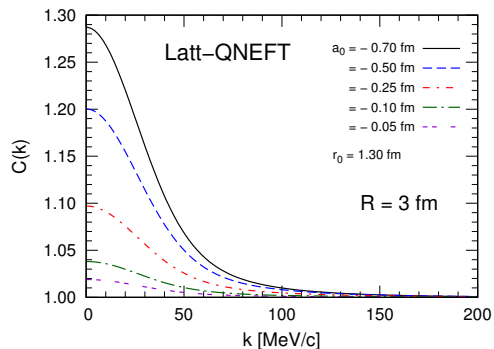
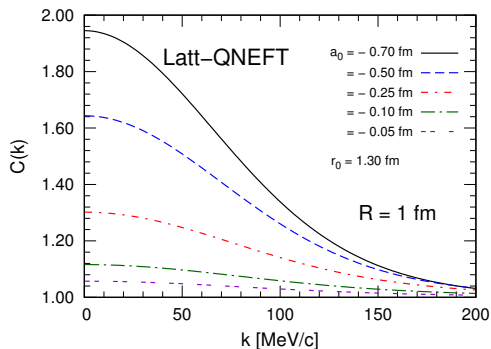
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$$f_0(k) = \frac{1}{k \cot \delta - ik} = \frac{1}{-\frac{1}{\mathbf{a}_0} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{r}_0 k^2 - ik} \begin{cases} -0.71 \text{ fm} \leq \mathbf{a}_0 \leq -0.35 \text{ fm} \\ 1.29 \text{ fm} \leq \mathbf{r}_0 \leq 1.35 \text{ fm} \end{cases}$$

$J/\psi N$ long range tail (Latt-QNEFT)



Use of ERE



Conclusions & Perspectives

1. Femtoscopy of J/ψ -nucleon: can access gGFF

2. How about quarkonium-pion? **too small** $C(k)$

3. Open issues:

Theory: LL model & multipole expansion

Experiment: source size, nonfemtoscopic correlations, etc

4. Prospects: **cautiously optimistic !**

Thank you

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