

# Status of JINR group participation in ALICE

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**Charged kaon femtoscopy correlations in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV**

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# Overview



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## ALICE experiment at LHC

JINR group participation

## Correlation femtoscopy (Bose-Einstein correlations, HBT)

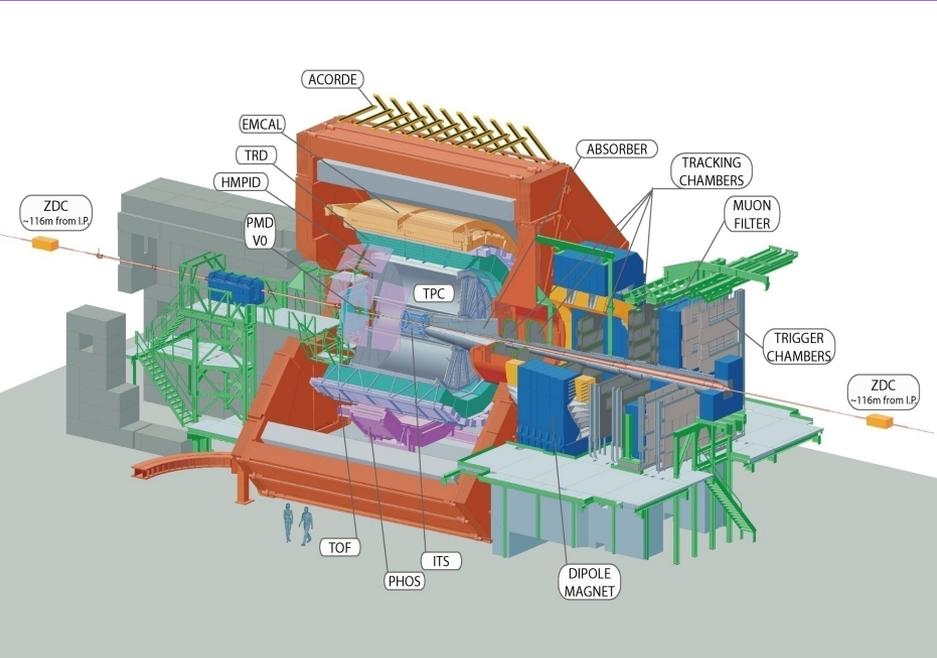
Motivation in HI & pp

## JINR group analysis :

Charged Kaon femtoscopy correlations in pp collisions at 7 TeV,  
KK in PbPb collisions at 2.76 TeV (under way)

## Conclusion & Plans

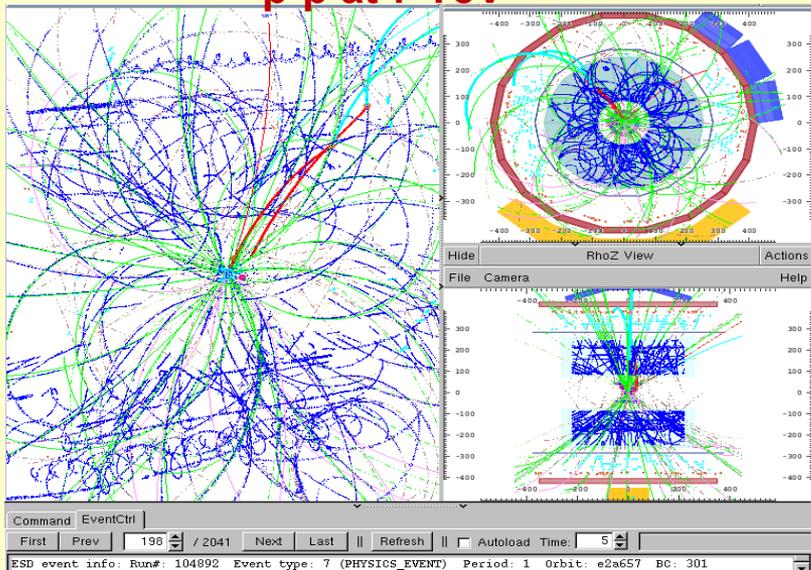
# A Large Ion Collider Experiment (ALICE)



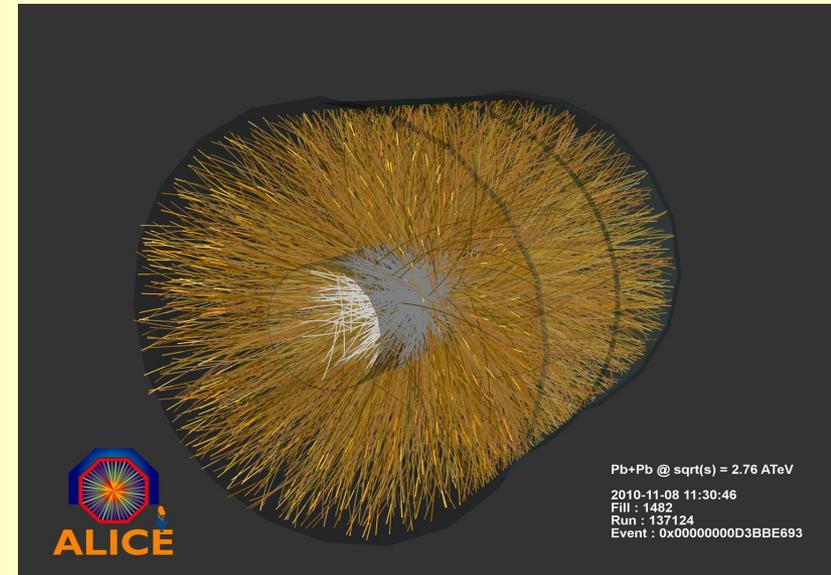
**ALICE** is the dedicated heavy-ion experiment at the LHC. In addition to its HI physics program, it also has a rich pp physics program benefiting from a detector with:

- a low momentum cut-off ( $p_T$  50 MeV/c);
- a small material budget
- excellent particle identification (PID) by specific energy loss & time of flight & transition & Cherenkov radiation;
- good primary and secondary vertex resolution allows for measurements of strangeness and heavy flavor with low backgrounds.

**p-p at 7 TeV**



**Pb-Pb at 2.76 TeV**



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# ALICE physics analysis & publications



- ❑ **17 ALICE physics publications for p-p (mostly at 7 TeV) and 6 for PbPb at 2.76 TeV per NN interactions;**
- ❑ **18 other articles for p-p and 16 for Pb-Pb are under preparation dedicated to :**
  - **Charged and neutral particle spectra,**
  - **strange and charmed particles,**
  - **two-pion Bose-Einstein correlations,**
  - **light vector mesons and baryon resonances,**
  - **elliptic and direct flows,**
  - **quarkonias,**
  - **event-by-event**

# Most interest and activity of JINR group



## **Bose-Einstein correlations (femtoscopy correlations):**

Suggestion and responsibility for an analysis of two-charged kaons Bose-Einstein correlations in pp and PbPb:

## **Physics of resonances:**

Participation in the analysis of  $\rho$  meson production in p-p and Pb-Pb collisions.

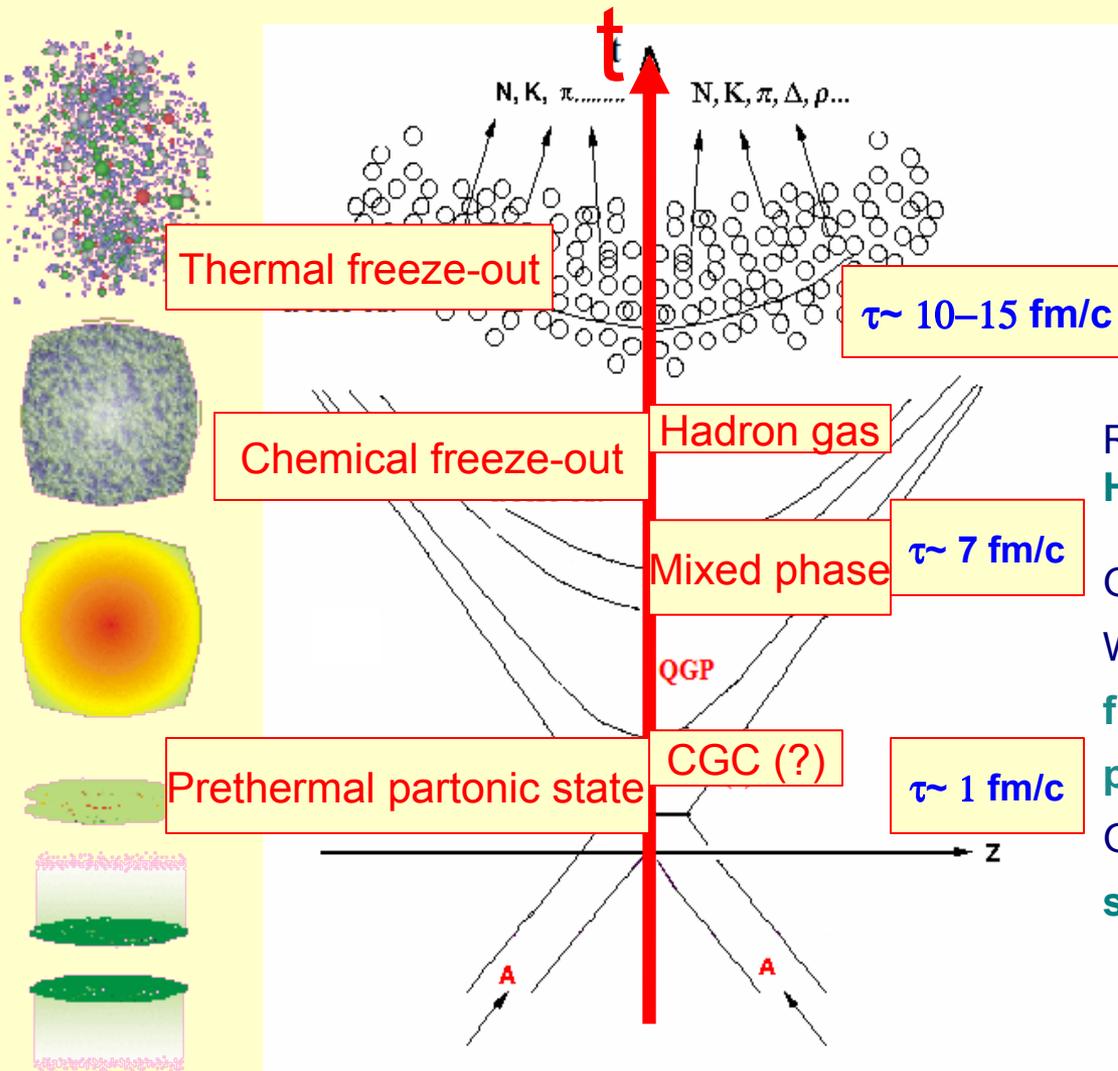
## **Quarkonia physics:**

Participation in the analysis of  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$  in p-p and Pb-Pb collisions.

## **Updating of the analysis software.**

## **GRID and PROOF computing and software activity.**

# Evolution of matter in HI collisions



**Correlation femtoscopy** :  
 measurement of space-time  
 characteristics  $R, c\tau \sim \text{fm}$  of  
 particle production using  
 particle correlations due to  
 the effects of **QS** and **FSI**

R. Hanbury-Brown and R.Q. Twiss (1956)-  
**HBT effect in astronomy**

G. Goldhaber, S. Goldhaber,  
 W-Y Lee, A. Pais (1960)

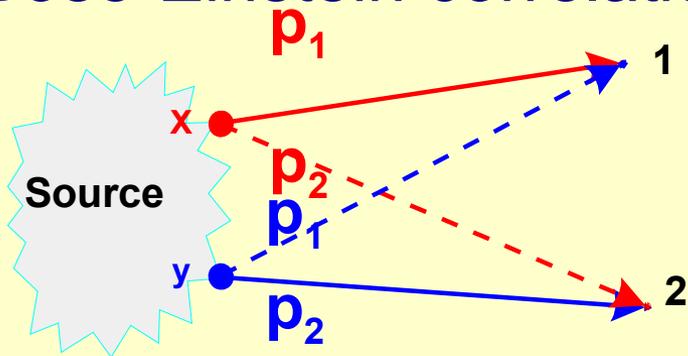
**firstly shown BE correlation of identical  
 pions in ap-p collisions**

G.I. Kopylov and M.I. Podgoretsky (71-75)  
**settled basics of correlation femtoscopy**

# Correlation femtoscopy: Quantum Statistics



## Bose-Einstein correlations



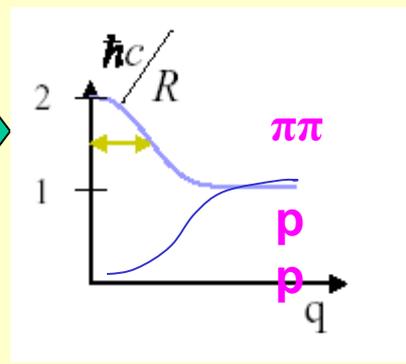
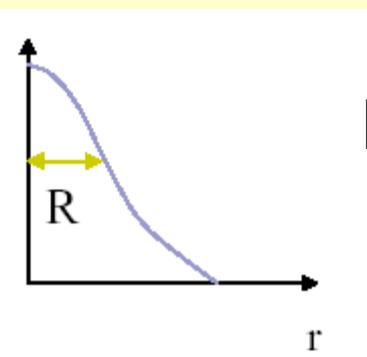
## 2-particles correlation function:

$$C(q) = \frac{N_2(p_1, p_2)}{N_1(p_1)N_2(p_2)} \quad C(\infty) = 1$$

$$q = -(\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2)^2$$

## Experimentally:

$$C(q) = \frac{S(q)}{B(q)}$$



$S(q)$  - distribution of pair momentum difference of particles from the same events

$B(q)$  - reference distribution, build by mixing particles from different events

## Commonly used parametrizations: $C(q) = 1 + \lambda \exp(-R^2 q^2)$

**Out:** direction of the mean transverse momentum of the pair

**Side:** orthogonal to out

**Long:** beam direction

$\lambda$  - Strength of correlations

$R$  - effective size of emission region

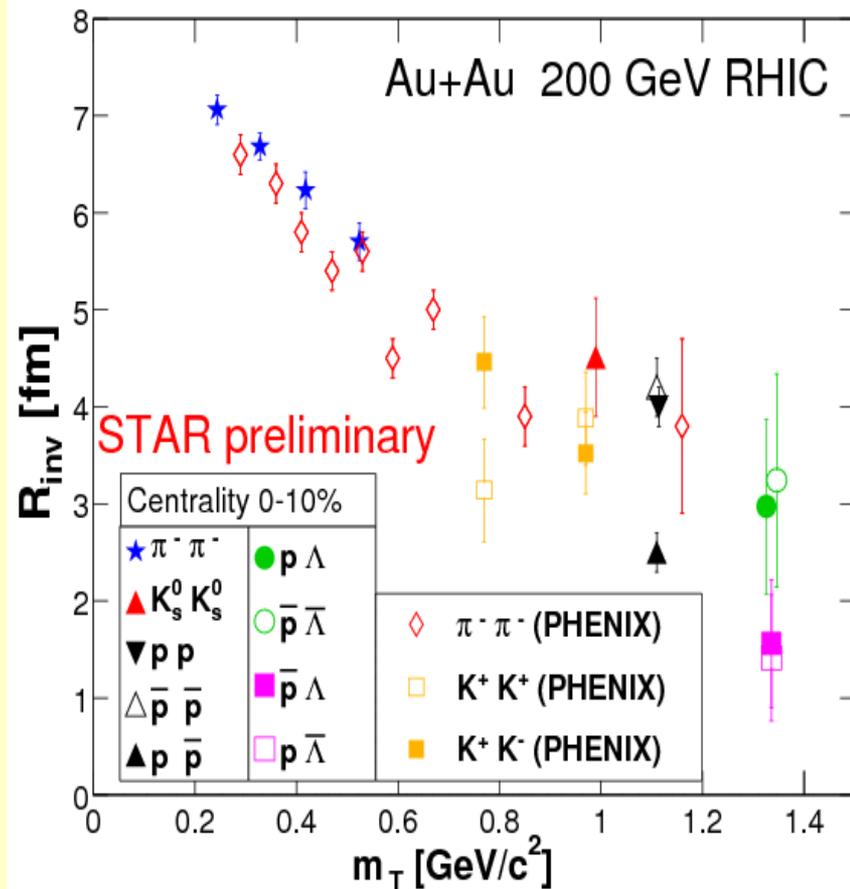
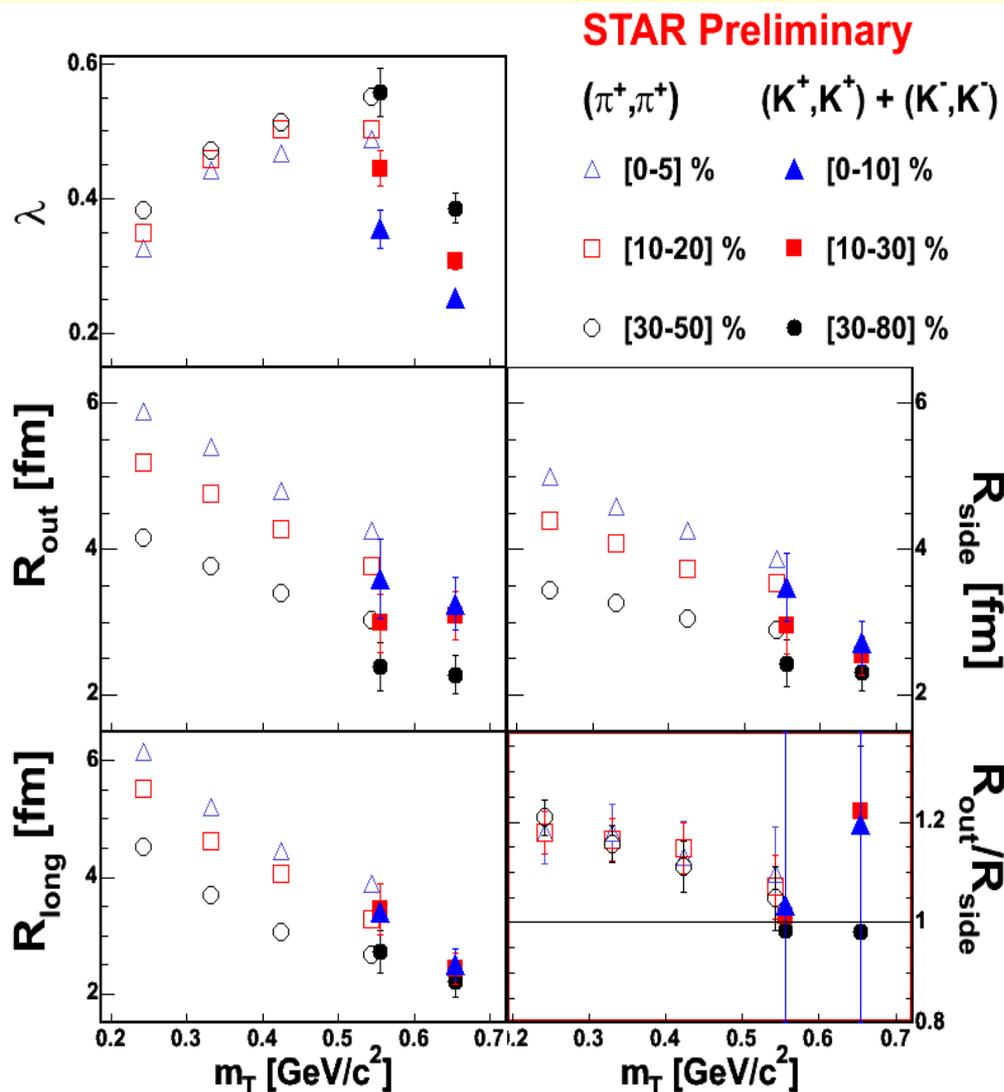
$$CF = 1 + \lambda \exp(-R_o^2 q_o^2 - R_s^2 q_s^2 - R_l^2 q_l^2)$$

# JINR analysis: Kaon femtoscopy motivation



- Study of  $m_T$ -dependence of correlation radii. In heavy ions collisions at RHIC was observed  $m_T(KK) > m_T(\pi\pi)$ ,  $R(KK) < R(\pi\pi)$  – indication on effects of hydrodynamic expansion
- $KK$  suffer less from the resonance contributions than  $\pi\pi$  -> more clear signal
- Strong FSI leads to coupling of  $K+K- \rightarrow \phi$ , dependence of the magnitude of the peak on the source size -> additional information about space-time source sizes and asymmetries
- Residual correlations of  $\phi\phi$  can be seen from  $KK$  CF
- Strangeness distillation mechanism could lead to strong temporal emission asymmetries between  $K+$  and  $K-$ . It is possible to determine the difference between emission times and positions of  $K+$  and  $K-$  e. g. [D.Ardouin et al. Phys.Lett.B446, 191 \(1999\)](#)

# KK at RHIC: Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200$ GeV



- an approximately “universal”  $m_T$  dependence is usually attributed to **collective flow**

- **KK** one dimensional radius 3-5 fm

We studied the charged KK femtoscopy correlations in 7 TeV pp collisions from the ALICE data 2010.

Preparation of the article is under way.

Results were shown on QM2011, Annecy & “LHC on the March”,  
Protvino Nov2011

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# KK correlations in pp

## Motivation & main problems

- Perform the first measurements of the charged kaon source size in pp collisions by Bose-Einstein correlations (femtoscopy)
- Look for collective behavior by studying the source size dependence on the particle transverse momentum and mass
- Using charged  $KK$  &  $K_s^0 K_s^0$  increases available  $k_T$  range

**Problems:** stronger Coulomb FSI & smaller purity of the charged  $KK$  make the correlation peak less pronounced than in  $\pi\pi$  and  $K_s^0 K_s^0$  cases so the relative role of the non-femtoscopic background increases. Baseline determination is main problem of  $KK$  analysis.

# Details of Analysis



## General analysis conditions:

- 3 bins in uncorrected charged particle multiplicity :

**$M < 11$ ,  $11 < M < 22$ ,  $M > 23$**

- 4 bins in  $k_T$  **(0.2-0.35) (0.35-0.5) (0.5-0.7) (0.7-1.0)** GeV/c.

**All LHC10bcd and MB trigger LHC10e** ~300 mln events

## Fit by :

$$(1) \text{ CF} = N(1 - \lambda + \lambda K_{\text{cou1}}(1 + \exp(-R^2 Q_{\text{inv}}^2))) \{1 + a Q_{\text{inv}} + b Q_{\text{inv}}^2\}$$

$$(2) \text{ CF} = N(1 - \lambda + \lambda K_{\text{cou1}}(1 + \exp(-R^2 Q_{\text{inv}}^2))) \sqrt{1 + a Q_{\text{inv}}^2 + b Q_{\text{inv}}^4}$$

$$(3) \text{ CF} = N(1 - \lambda + \lambda K_{\text{cou1}}(1 + \exp(-R^2 Q_{\text{inv}}^2))) b (1 + \exp(-a Q_{\text{inv}}^2))$$

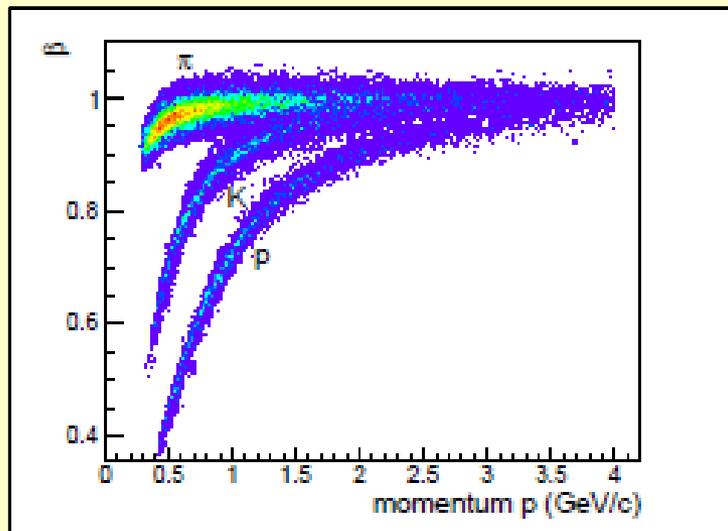
**-Use PYTHIA(PERUGIA2011) to model baseline:**

Make baseline fit with **(1)  $\{1 + a Q_{\text{inv}} + b Q_{\text{inv}}^2\}$ ; (2)  $\sqrt{1 + a Q_{\text{inv}}^2 + b Q_{\text{inv}}^4}$ ; (3) Gaussian** to extract parameters a,b for fitting  $\text{CF}(Q_{\text{inv}})$

# Charged kaon identification pp @ 7 TeV



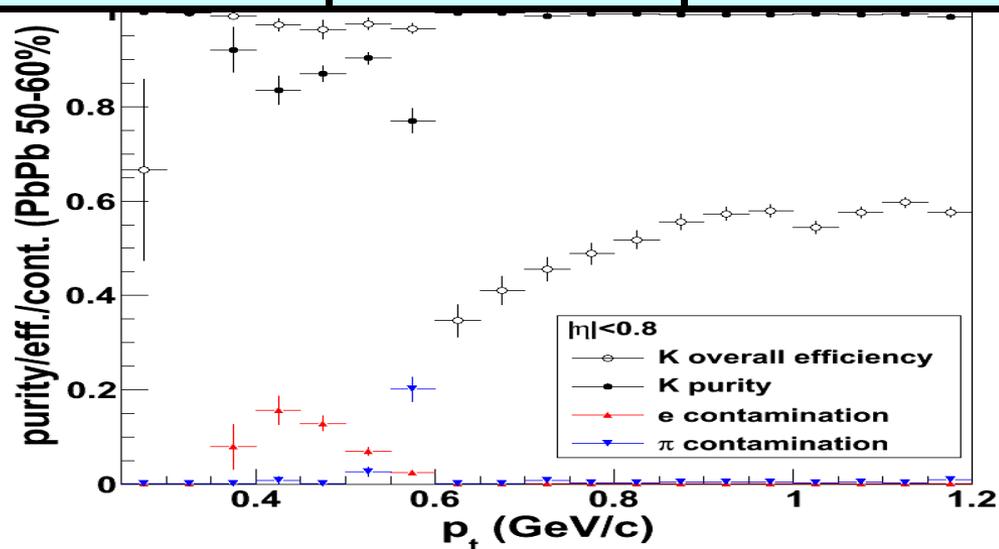
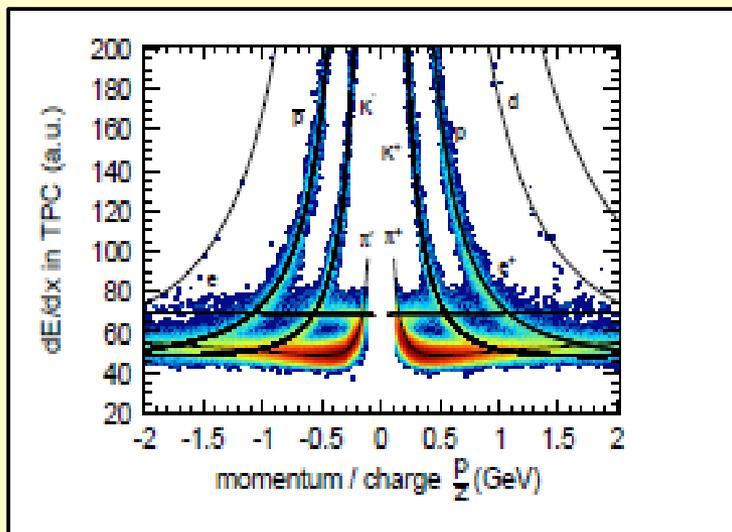
## TOF momentum versus velocity



## Kaons selection cuts

cut	TOF PID not available $N\sigma$	TOF PID is available $N\sigma$
Kaon $N_6$	TPC signal $P < 0.350$ GeV/c 1.0 $350 < P < 600$ MeV 2.0	TPC signal always 5.0 TOF signal $P < 1.5$ GeV/c 3.0 $p > 1.5$ GeV/c 2.0

## TPC dEdx versus momentum

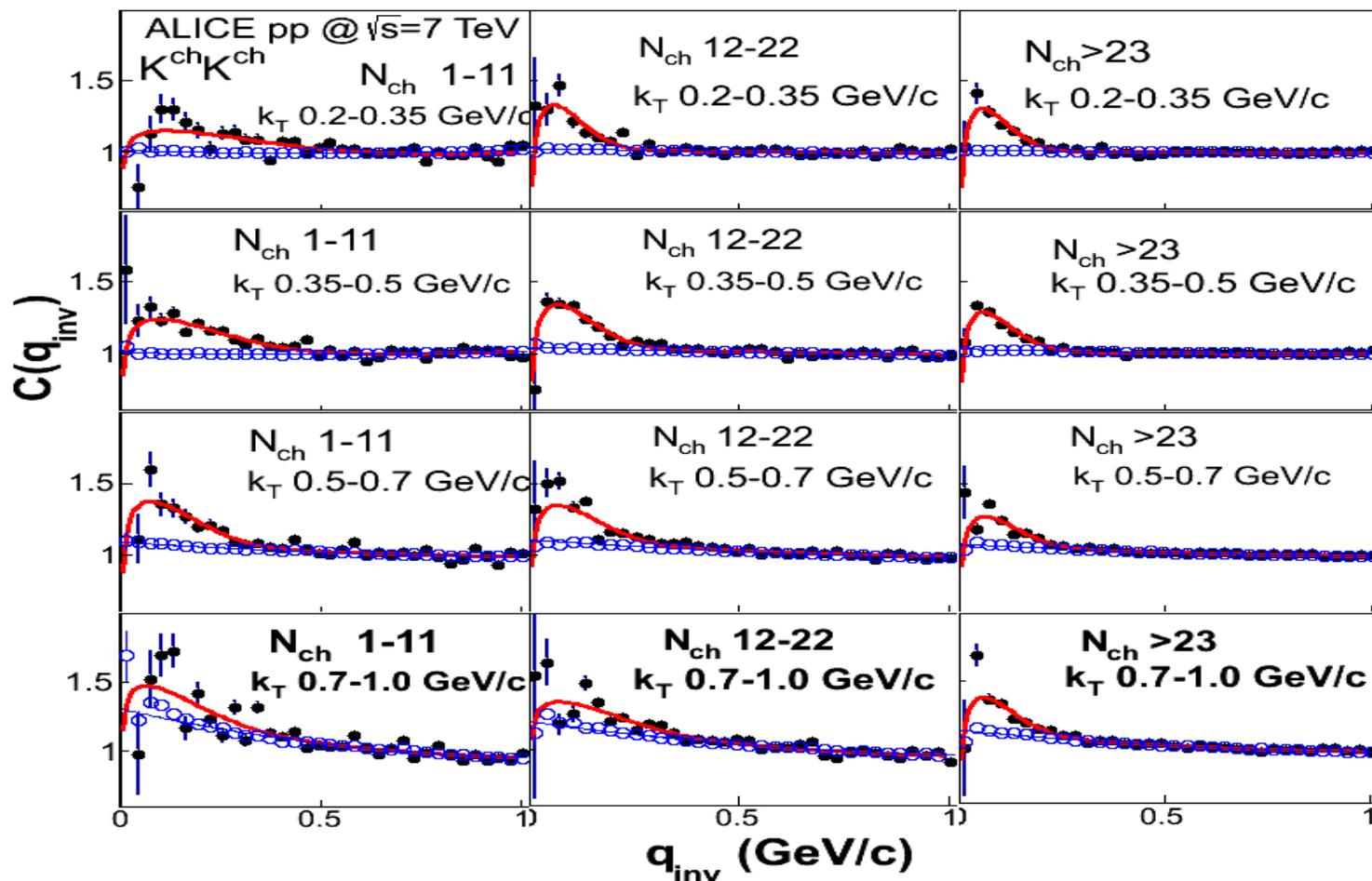


# KK CFs fitted by Gaussian \* PERUGIA2011 baseline

fitted with with  $\{1 + a Q_{inv} + bQ_{inv}^2\}$

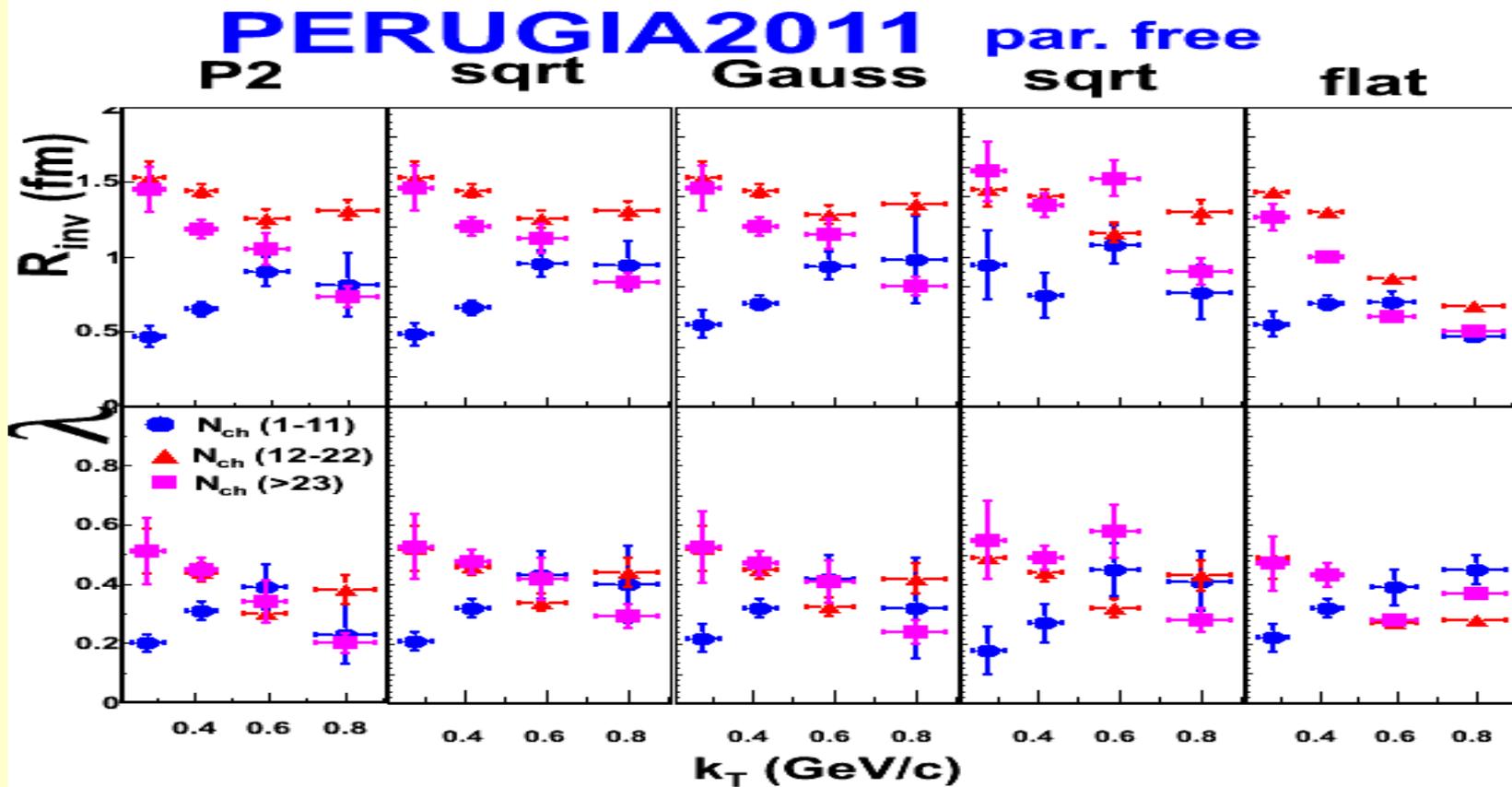


## Figure from the article



Ideal description of long range correlations by PERUGIA2011,  
small  $hi2/ndf \sim (2-3)$

# Comparison of different fitting strategies

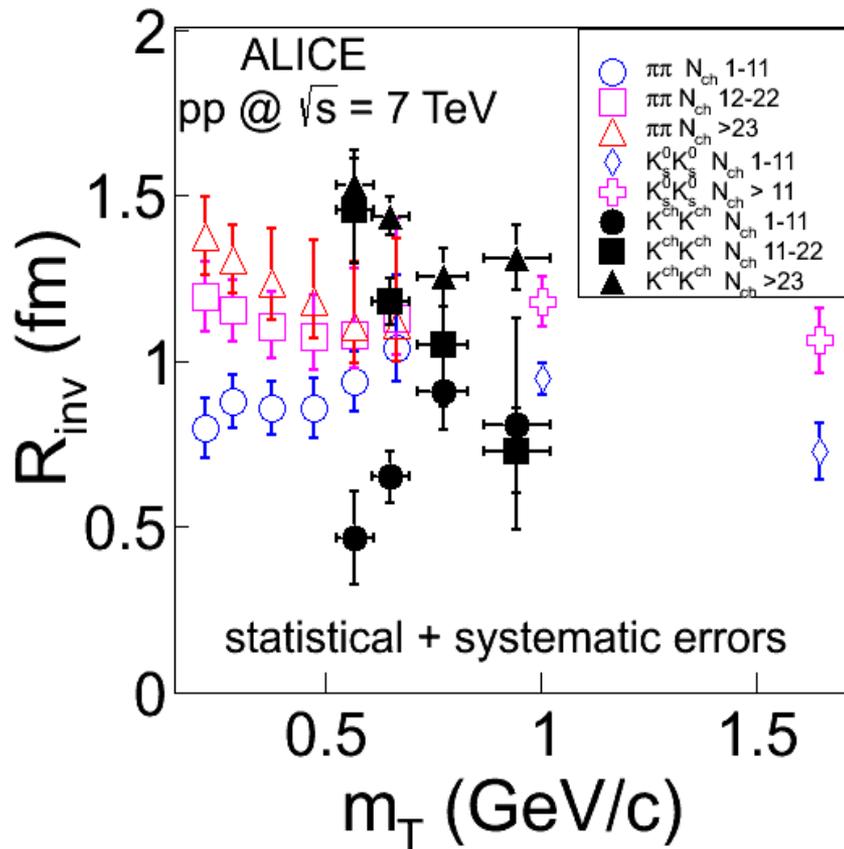


blue M0(1-11), rosy M1(12-22), red (23-140)

- $R_{inv}$  increase with multiplicity;
- $R_{inv}$  decrease with  $k_T$  for M1, M2
- $R_{inv}$  obtained with different baseline fits are very close !  
Systematic errors due to different fitting procedure are <5%

# Charged KK versus $K_s^0 K_s^0$ and $\pi\pi$ (Gaussian\*PERUGIA)

Figure for the article



- radii increase with multiplicity
- radii decrease with  $kT$  at large multiplicities (M1(11-22), M2(>22)) similarly to HI
- at small multiplicity (M0 (1-11)) behaviour of kaon radii is different, similarly to pion ones
- breaking of  $mt$  scaling  $R_K > R_\pi$  (attempt of interpretation A. Kisiel, [arXiv:1012.1517 [nucl-th]]) in pp collisions flow of short lived resonances plays an important role differently for pions and kaons; T. J. Humanic, J. Phys. G 38, 124058 (2011) [arXiv:1107.0084 [hep-ex]].

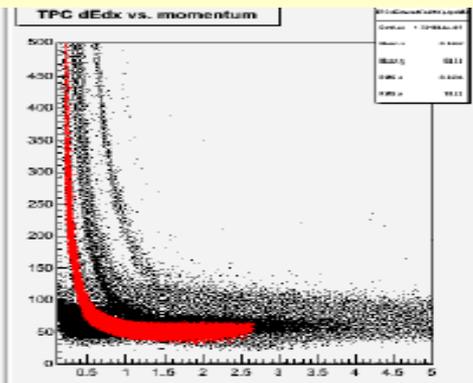
We started study of charged KK femtoscopy correlations in 2.76 TeV PbPb collisions from the ALICE data 2010 (7 mln events in this analysis); data 2011(80 mln will be analysed)

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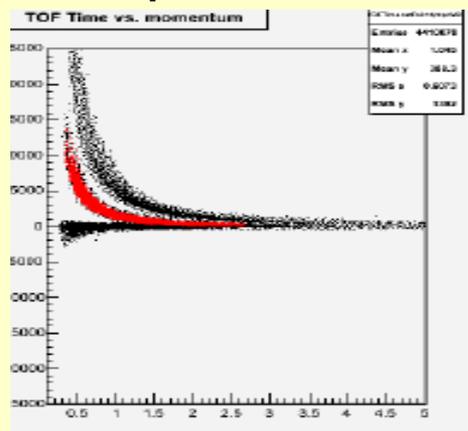
# KK analysis in PbPb: first results



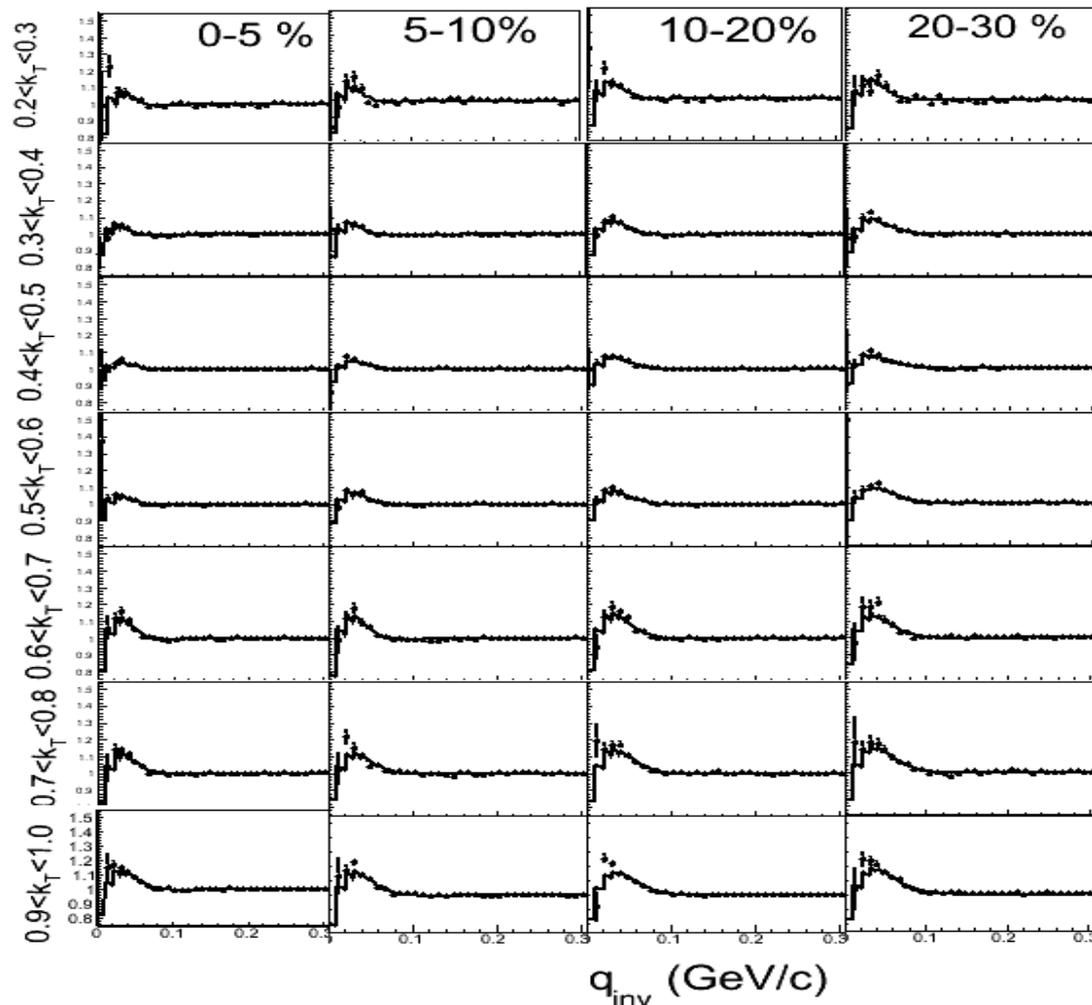
## TPC dEdx



## TOF p & time



## Correlation functions

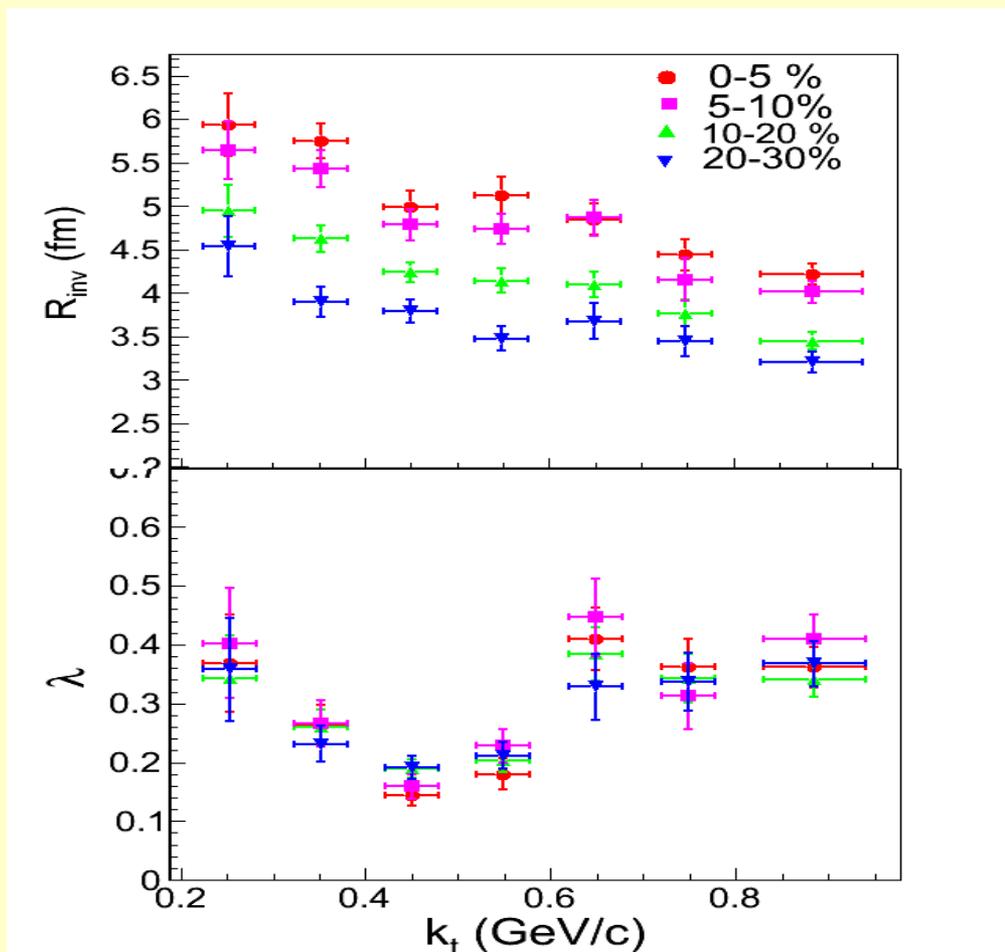


Fit with

$$CF = N(1 - \lambda + \lambda K_{coul}(1 + \exp(-R^2 Q_{inv}^2))) \quad r = 5 \text{ fm}$$

# KK analysis in PbPb: first results

## $k_T$ dependence of radii



Kaon radii decrease with  $k_T$ , increase with multiplicity similarly to RHIC HI data; study of  $m_T$  dependence for different centralities is under way.

# Conclusions & Plans



- In pp and PbPb radii increase with multiplicity
- In pp radii decrease with  $k_T$  at large multiplicities ( $M1(11-22)$ ,  $M2(>22)$ ) similarly to PbPb
- At small multiplicity ( $M0(1-11)$ ) behaviour of kaon radii in pp is different, similarly to pion ones
- In pp breaking of  $m_T$ -scaling.

These peculiarities deserve further experimental and theoretical studies

## Plans:

- Prepare the article “Charged kaon femtoscopy correlations in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$ ”
- Continue analysis of KK in PbPb at 2.76 TeV

**Additional  
slides**

## Table for the article

Table 1:  $K^{ch}K^{ch}$  source parameters vs.  $k_T$  for  $\sqrt{s}=7$  TeV pp collisions. Statistical and systematic errors are listed.

$k_T$ range (GeV/c)	$N_{ch}$	$\langle k_T \rangle$ (GeV/c)	$dN_{ch}/d\eta$	$\lambda$	$R_{inv}$ (fm)
0.20-0.35	1-11	$0.28 \pm 0.04$	3.2	$0.20 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.03$	$0.47 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.12$
0.35-0.50	1-11	$0.42 \pm 0.05$	3.2	$0.31 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.02$	$0.65 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.06$
0.50-0.70	1-11	$0.59 \pm 0.06$	3.2	$0.39 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.03$	$0.91 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.06$
0.07-1.00	1-11	$0.80 \pm 0.08$	3.2	$0.23 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.20$	$0.81 \pm 0.21 \pm 0.24$
0.20-0.35	12-22	$0.28 \pm 0.04$	8.9	$0.51 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.03$	$1.45 \pm 0.15 \pm 0.02$
0.35-0.50	12-22	$0.42 \pm 0.05$	8.9	$0.46 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.04$	$1.18 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.03$
0.50-0.70	12-22	$0.59 \pm 0.06$	8.9	$0.34 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.10$	$1.05 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.14$
0.70-1.00	12-22	$0.80 \pm 0.08$	8.9	$0.21 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.10$	$0.73 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.10$
0.20-0.35	>23	$0.28 \pm 0.04$	15.3	$0.51 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.03$	$1.53 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.02$
0.35-0.50	>23	$0.42 \pm 0.05$	15.3	$0.44 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.04$	$1.44 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.03$
0.50-0.70	>23	$0.59 \pm 0.06$	15.3	$0.30 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.04$	$1.25 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.06$
0.70-1.00	>23	$0.80 \pm 0.08$	15.3	$0.37 \pm 0.05 \pm 0.06$	$1.31 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.08$

**Statistical & systematic errors are shown;**

(statistical + systematic errors were summarized quadratically )

## Event selection:

- Only events with minimum bias trigger were selected.
- Reconstructed vertex must be within 10 cm of the center of the TPC along the beam direction.
- At least one particle must be reconstructed and identified as a kaon.

## Single track cuts:

- $|\eta| < 1.0$  &  $0.15 < p_T < 1.2$  GeV/c.
- Only well reconstructed tracks are accepted: at least 70 out of maximum 159 points in the TPC.
- Distance of particle trajectory to the primary vertex.  
in the transverse plane  $< 0.2$  cm and in the beam direction  $< 0.25$  cm.

## Double track cuts:

- pairs which share more than 5% of clusters in the TPC were removed - anti-splitting cut;
- pairs that are separated by less than 3 cm at the entrance of the TPC were removed – anti-merging cut.

Pair cuts were applied in exactly the same way for same (signal) and mixed (background) pairs.

# Details of Analysis PbPb



## Event selection:

- Only events with minimum bias trigger were selected.
- Reconstructed vertex must be within 8 cm of the center of the TPC along the beam direction.
- At least one particle must be reconstructed and identified as a kaon.

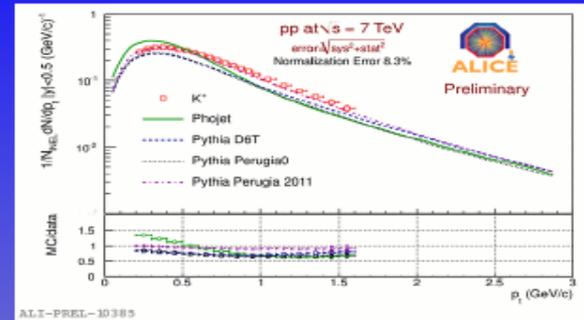
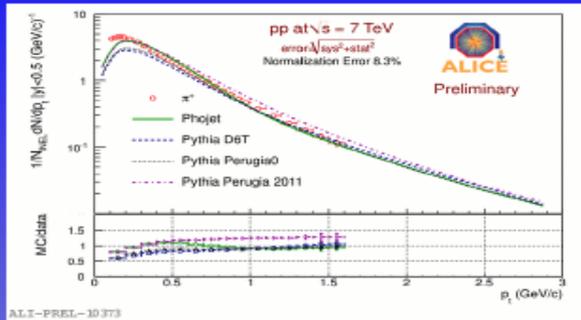
## Single track cuts:

- $|\eta| < 0.8$  &  $0.14 < p_T < 2.0$  GeV/c.
- TPC inner tracks  
Maximum TPC ChiNdof = 4
- Distance of particle trajectory to the primary vertex.  
in the transverse plane  $< 0.2$  cm and in the beam direction  $< 0.15$  cm.

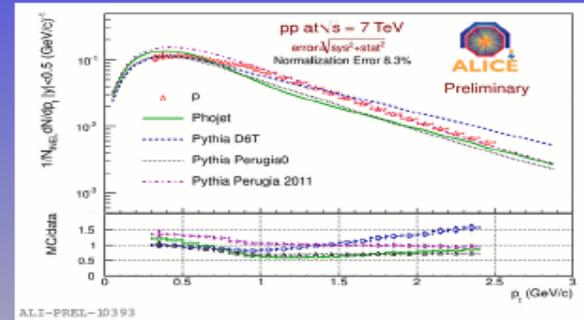
## Double track cuts:

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SetShareQualityMax(1.0)  
SetShareFractionMax(0.05)  
SetPhiStarDifferenceMinimum(0.017)  
SetEtaDifferenceMinimum(0.015)  
SetMagneticFieldSign(-1)
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## *pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV: MB combined spectra vs MC*



MC models do not describe the details of particle spectra at low  $p_t$



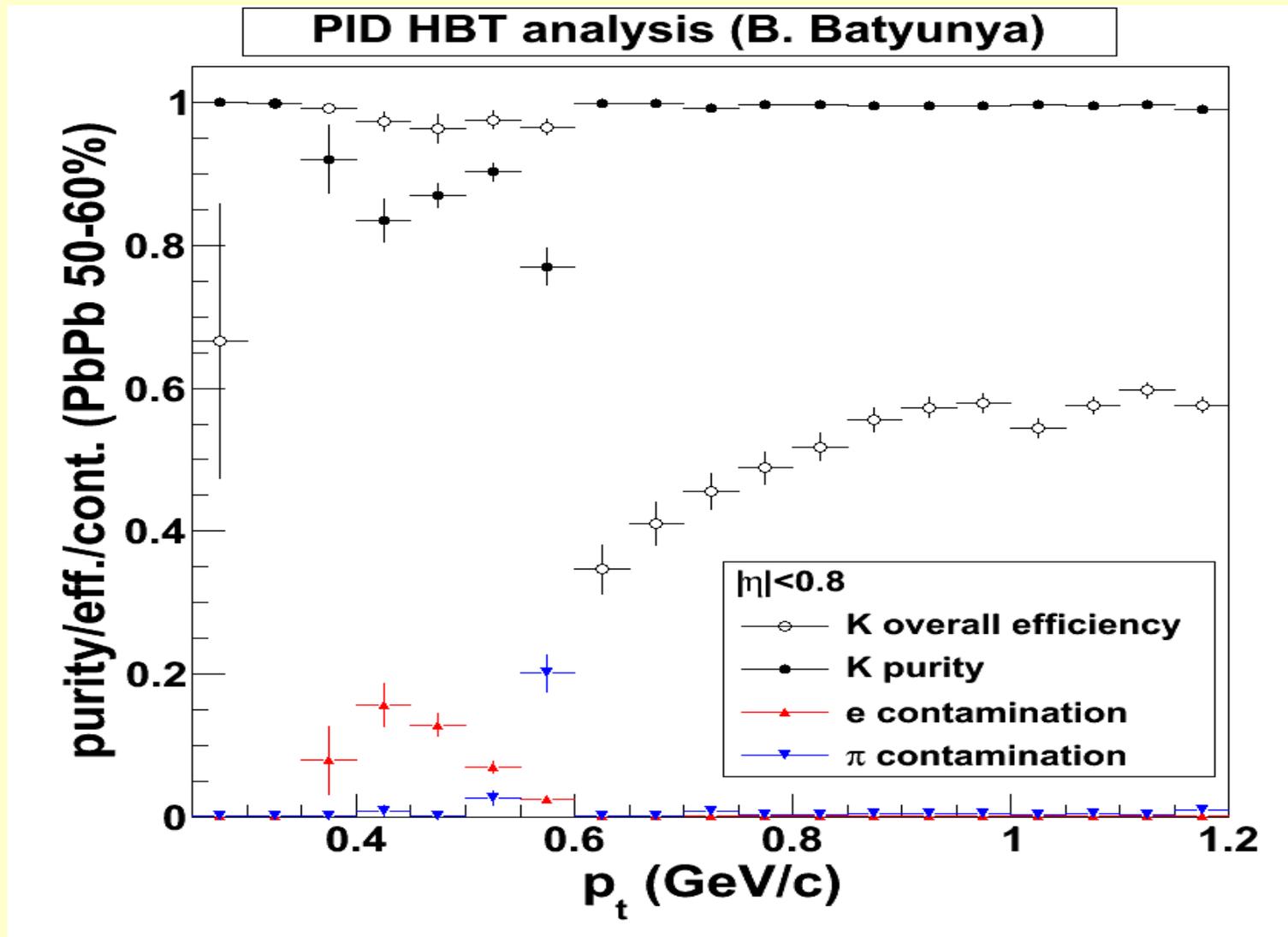
Neither PYTHIA(PERUGIA0) nor PHOJET described kaon spectra; new PERUGIA2011 is created and seems to describe the kaon spectra much better than previous PYTHIA tunes e.g. PERUGIA0

# Estimation of systematic errors



- **systematic errors from baseline functional form** ( 1-10 %)
- **systematic errors related to the choice of the fit range** (2 – 15%)
  - $Q_{inv}$  (0.0-1.0) GeV/c was used, (0.0-1.5) GeV/c , (0.0-0.8) GeV/c for the test;
  - study of double tracks effects influence: (0.03-1.0); (0.06-1.0) GeV/c
- **Coulomb function influence:** (2-4 %) at first, the radius of the spherical source was taken equal to 1 fm, then the radii were calculated and for each correlation function the argument of Coulomb function was varied within  $\pm 3R$  (where R is the total systematic error).
- **PID contaminations** The contaminations in the kaon sample of the other particles were estimated by the Monte Carlo simulation:
  - $p_T < 0.35$  GeV/c and  $0.6 < p_T < 1.2$  GeV/c all contaminations are negligible,
  - $0.35 < p_T < 0.5$  the contamination comes mainly from **e** ~15%,  **$\pi$**  2– 3%,
  - $0.5 < p_T < 0.6$  GeV/c  **$\pi$**  ~ 10%, **e** ~ 5% .
  - probability of taking the **ee** pair instead of **KK** pair at  $0.35 < p_T < 0.5$  GeV/c, where the contamination is maximal, is still very low **2%**;
  - probability of taking **eK** for **KK** is **12%**, but such contaminations decrease only the strength of correlations and do not change the shape of the correlation function.
  - purity of kaon pairs is higher than 95% at  $p_T < 0.35$  GeV/c and  $0.6 < p_T < 1.2$  GeV/c, and about 72% at  $0.35 < p_T < 0.6$  GeV/c.

# Purity calculation by F. Noferini



## **The analysis JINR group :**

11 physicists including 2 PhD and

1 graduate student

(the group leader is Boris Batyunya)

# COMPUTING



- 30,000 cores
- 70 computer centres (1T0, 5T1, 64T2)
- America, Europe, Africa and Asia

- Stable and smooth operation 24 x 7
- Operated according to the Computing Model