

FEMTOSCOPY WITH LÉVY DISTRIBUTIONS FROM SPS TO LHC



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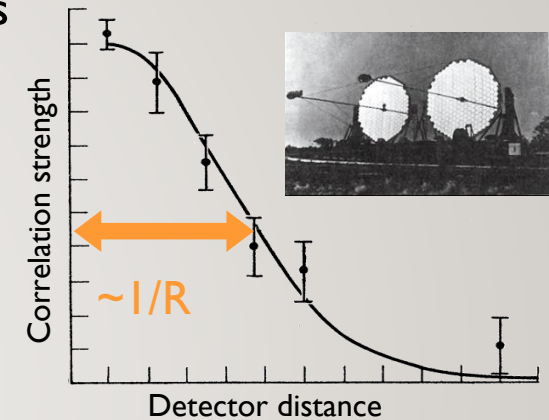
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FEMTOSCOPY IN HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS

- R. Hanbury Brown, R. Q. Twiss - observing Sirius with radio telescopes
 - Intensity correlations vs detector distance \Rightarrow source size
 - Measure the sizes of apparently point-like sources!
- Goldhaber et al: applicable in high energy physics
- Understanding: Glauber, Fano, Baym, ...
Phys. Rev. Lett. 10, 84; Rev. Mod. Phys. 78 1267, ...



- Momentum correlation $C(q)$ related to source $S(r)$

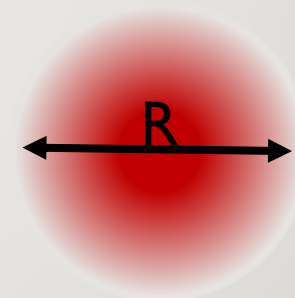
$$C(q) \cong 1 + \left| \int S(r) e^{iqr} dr \right|^2$$

(under some assumptions)

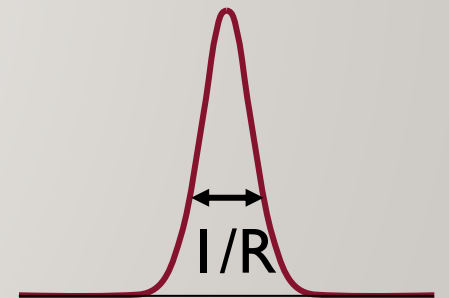
- Also with distance distribution $D(r)$:

$$C(q) \cong 1 + \int D(r) e^{iqr} dr$$

- Neglected: pair reconstruction, final state interactions, multi-particle correlations, coherence, ...



source function $S(r)$



correlation funct. $C(q)$

- What is the source shape? Can be explored via femtoscopy

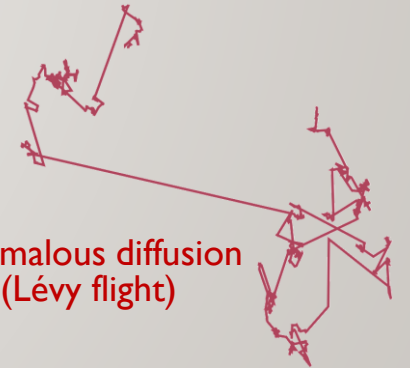
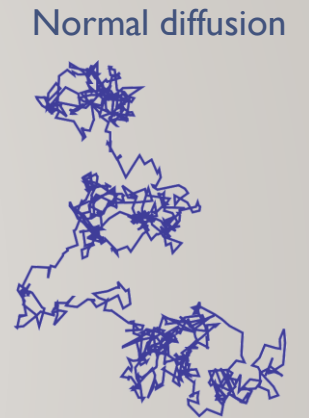
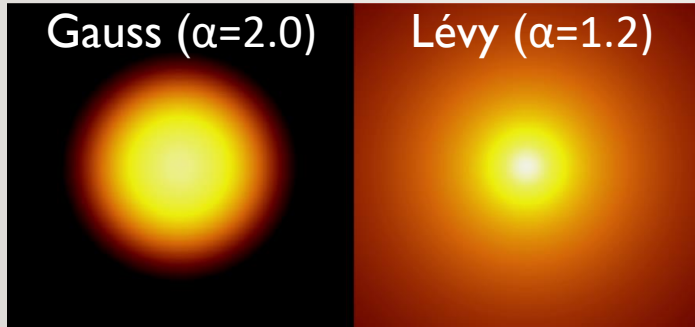


LÉVY DISTRIBUTIONS IN HEAVY ION PHYSICS

- Central limit theorem (**diffusion**) and thermodynamics lead to Gaussians
- Measurements suggest phenomena beyond Gaussian distribution

- Lévy-stable distribution:

$$\mathcal{L}(\alpha, R; r) = (2\pi)^{-3} \int d^3q e^{iqr} e^{-\frac{1}{2}|qR|^\alpha}$$
 - From generalized central limit theorem, power-law tail $\sim r^{-(1+\alpha)}$
 - Special cases: $\alpha = 2$ Gaussian, $\alpha = 1$ Cauchy



- Shape of the correlation functions with Lévy source:
 - $C_2(q) = 1 + \lambda \cdot e^{-|qR|^\alpha}$; $\alpha = 2$: Gaussian; $\alpha = 1$: exponential
Csörgő, Hegyi, Zajc, Eur.Phys.J. C36 (2004) 67-78
- A possible reason for Lévy source: **anomalous diffusion**, many others



WHY DO LÉVY SHAPES APPEAR, WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- A more comprehensive list of possible reasons:
 - Jet fragmentation (Csörgő, Hegyi, Novák, Zajc, Acta Phys.Polon. B36 (2005) 329-337)
 - See also talk by Yacine Mehtar-Tani at ExploreQGP workshop in Belgrade
 - Critical phenomena (Csörgő, Hegyi, Novák, Zajc, AIP Conf.Proc. 828 (2006) no.1, 525-532)
 - Direction averaging and non-sphericity (Cimerman et al., Phys.Part.Nucl. 51 (2020) 282)
 - Event averaging (Cimerman et al., Phys.Part.Nucl. 51 (2020) 282)
 - Resonance decays (Csanád, Csörgő, Nagy, Braz.J.Phys. 37 (2007) 1002; Kincses, Stefaniak, Csanád, Entropy 24 (2022) 308)
 - Hadronic rescattering, Lévy flight (Braz.J.Phys. 37 (2007) 1002; Entropy 24 (2022) 308)
- Importance of utilizing Lévy sources:
 - Measuring α and R
 - Order of quark-hadron transition, critical point search, understanding source dynamics
 - Measuring λ also requires correct shape assumption
 - In-medium mass modification, coherent pion production

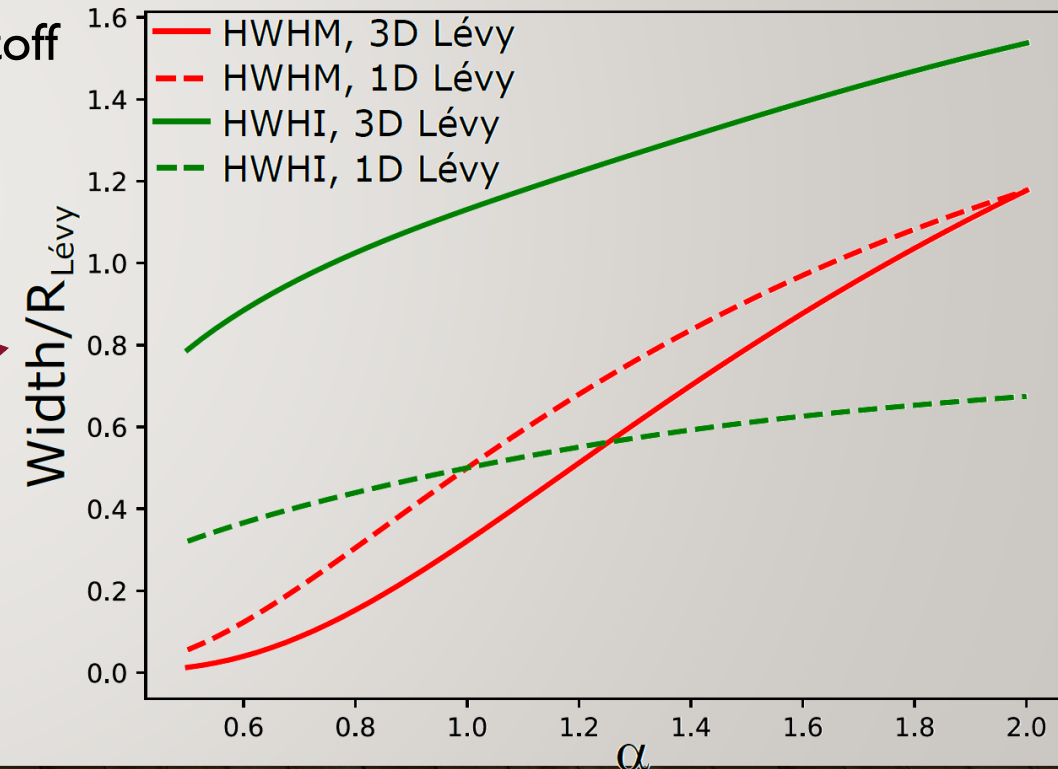




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WHAT IS THE TRUE SIZE OF THE SOURCE?

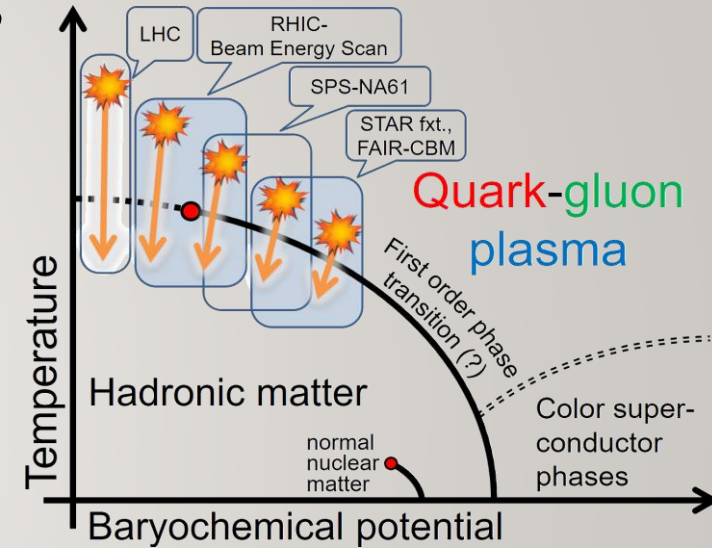
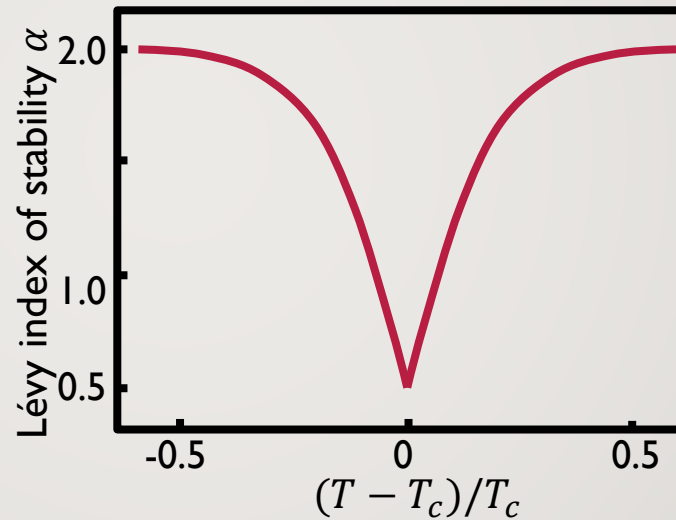
- No tail if $\alpha = 2$, power law if $\alpha < 2$; tail depends on α
- If $S(r)$ Lévy, $D(r)$ Lévy with same α and $R \rightarrow 2^{1/\alpha} R$
- In principle, $RMS = \infty$ if $\alpha < 2$, practice: depends on cutoff
- What do Gaussian HBT radii mean?
- Alternative measures:
 - **HWHI**: (half) width at half integral
 - **HWHM**: (half) width at half max
 - Large difference between 1D and 3D relative width
 - Width (normalized by R) nontrivially depends on α
 - If $\alpha = 2$ or $\alpha = 1$ assumed: **deviation from true scale**





LÉVY INDEX AS A CRITICAL EXPONENT?

- Critical spatial correlation: $\sim r^{-(d-2+\eta)}$; Lévy source: $\sim r^{-(1+\alpha)}$; $\alpha \Leftrightarrow \eta$?
Csörgő, Hegyi, Zajc, Eur.Phys.J. C36 (2004) 67
- QCD universality class \leftrightarrow 3D Ising
Halasz et al., Phys.Rev.D58 (1998) 096007
Stephanov et al., Phys.Rev.Lett.81 (1998) 4816
- At the critical point:
 - Random field 3D Ising: $\eta = 0.50 \pm 0.05$
Rieger, Phys.Rev.B52 (1995) 6659
 - 3D Ising: $\eta = 0.03631(3)$
El-Showk et al., J.Stat.Phys.157 (4-5): 869
- Motivation for precise Lévy HBT!
- Change in $\alpha_{\text{Lévy}}$ proximity of CEP?
- Finite size/time & non-equilibrium effects \rightarrow what does power-law tail mean?



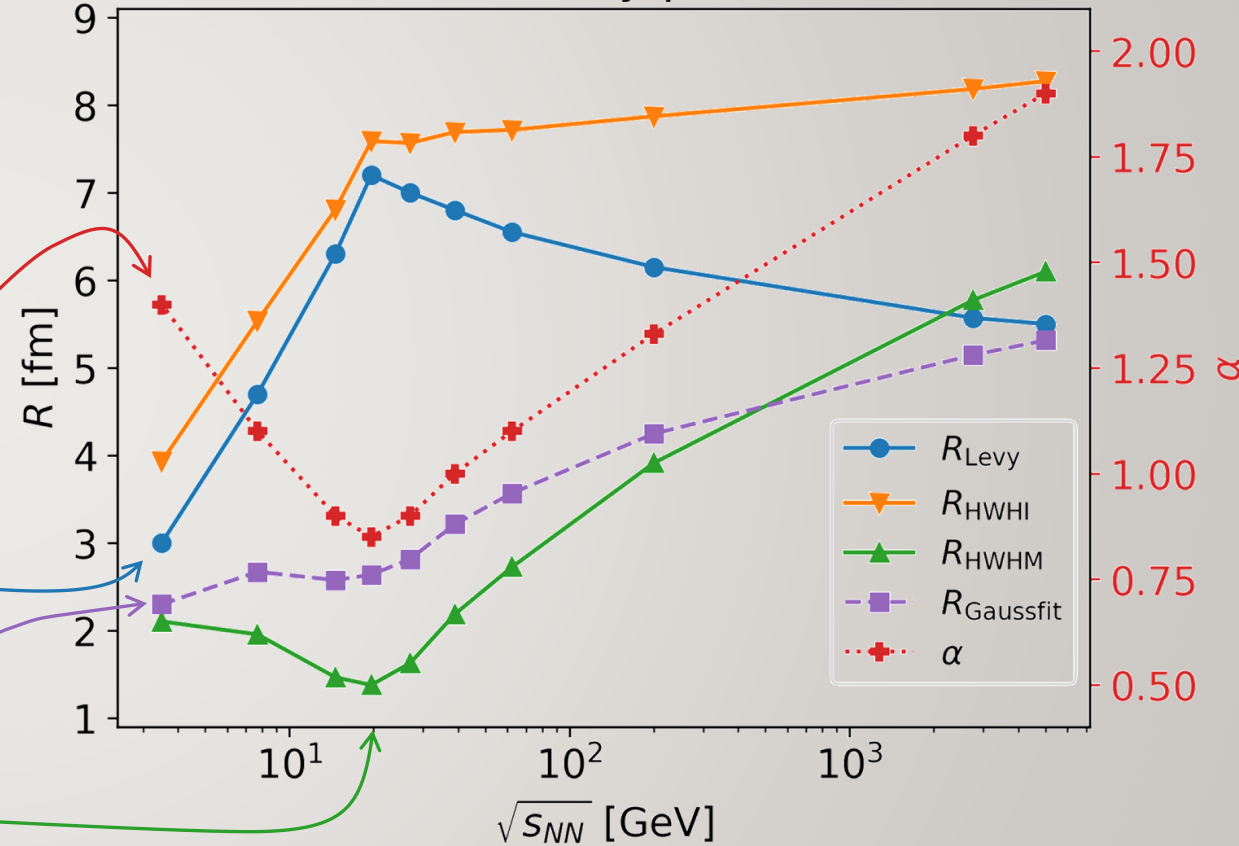


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SOURCE SIZE MEASURES AROUND THE CRITICAL POINT?

- Main Lévy source parameters: R_{Levy} , α
- Other source size measures:
 - R_{Gaussfit} : $C(Q; R_{\text{Levy}}, \alpha)$ fitted with $\alpha = 2$ fixed
 - R_{HWHM} : half width at half maximum
 - R_{HWHI} : half width at half integral
- **Simulated scenario:**
 - minimum in α vs. S_{NN}
 - maximum in R_{Levy} vs. S_{NN}
- **Observation:**
 - R_{Gaussfit} : approximately monotonic increase
 - Minimum in R_{HWHM} !
 - Trend change in R_{HWHI} !

Gauss and Levy parameters





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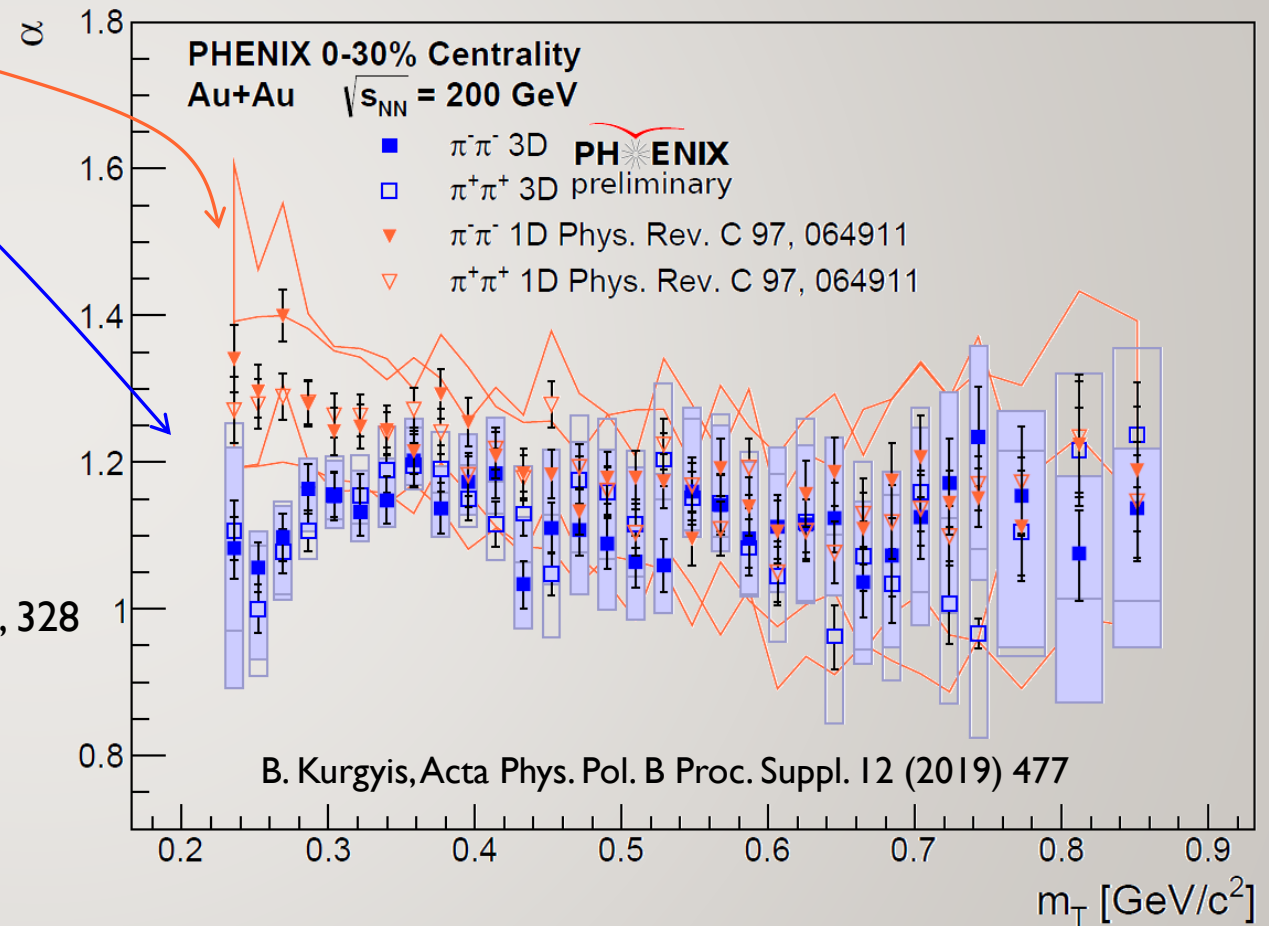
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LÉVY EXPONENT VERSUS TRANSVERSE MASS, 1D AND 3D

- Lévy exponent α in 3D close to 1D result
- On average still far from 2
- Observable differences at low m_T
 - Maybe due to lack of spherical symmetry?
- Coulomb effect for non-spherical sources?
 - Approximation possible
Kurgyis, Kincses, Csanád, Nagy, Universe 9 (2023) 7, 328
 - If spherical in LCMS, radius in PCMS:

$$R_{PCMS} = \sqrt{\frac{1-2\beta_T^2/3}{1-\beta_T^2}} \cdot R_{LCMS}$$

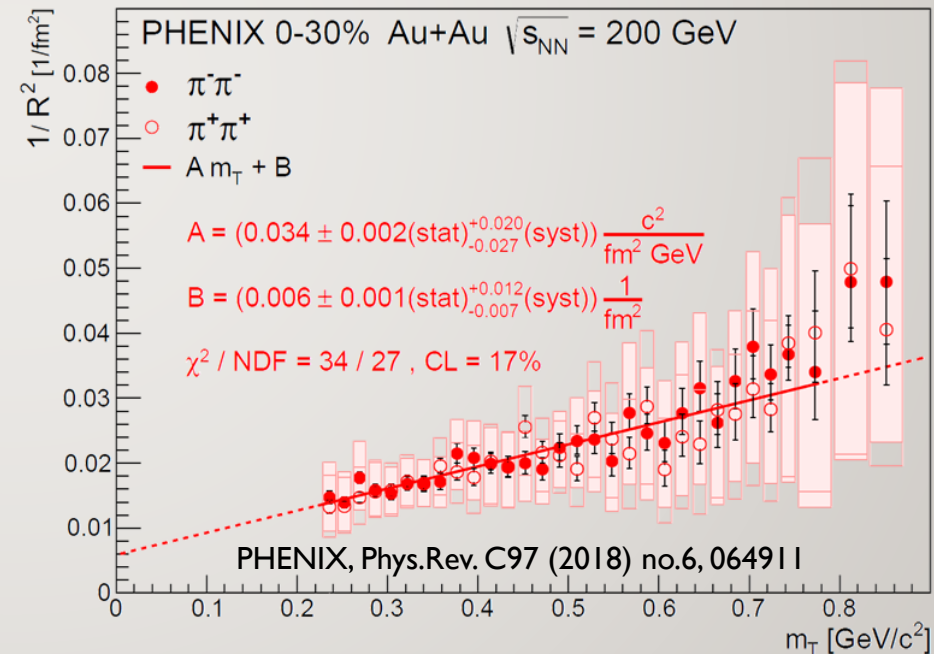
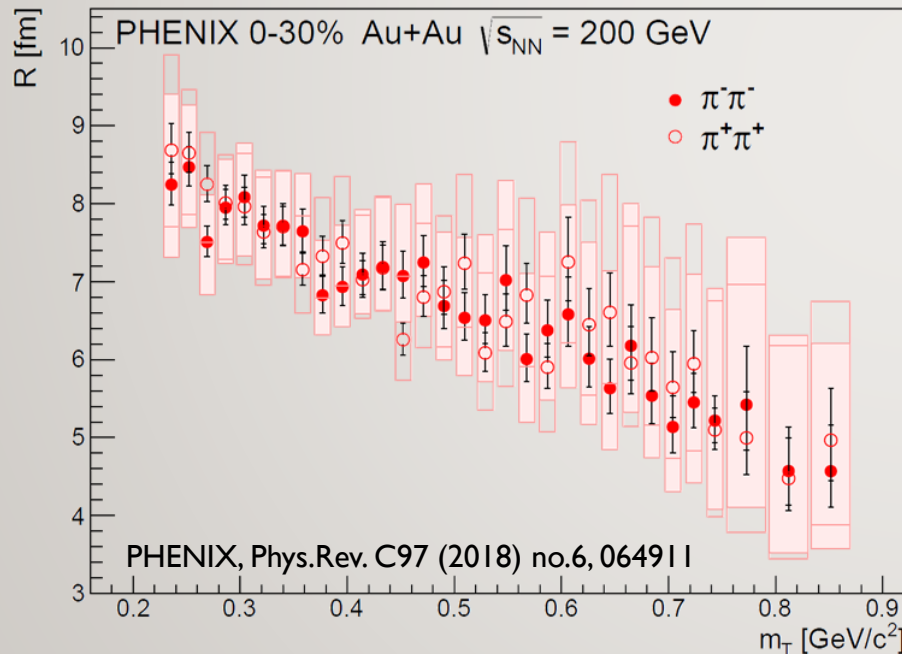




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LÉVY SCALE PARAMETER R AT RHIC

- Similar decreasing trend as Gaussian HBT radii, but it is not an RMS!
 - RMS of a Lévy source: in principle infinity, obtained value depends on cutoff
- What do model calculations, simulations say about this?
- Hydro behavior ($1/R^2 \sim m_T$) not invalid; but: **predicted for Gaussian case only!**



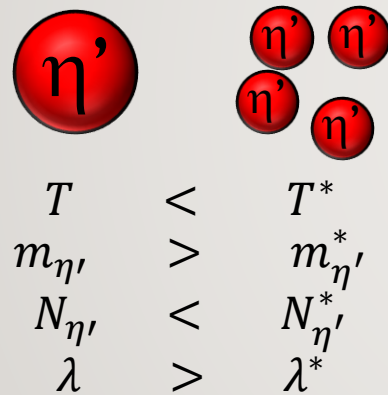


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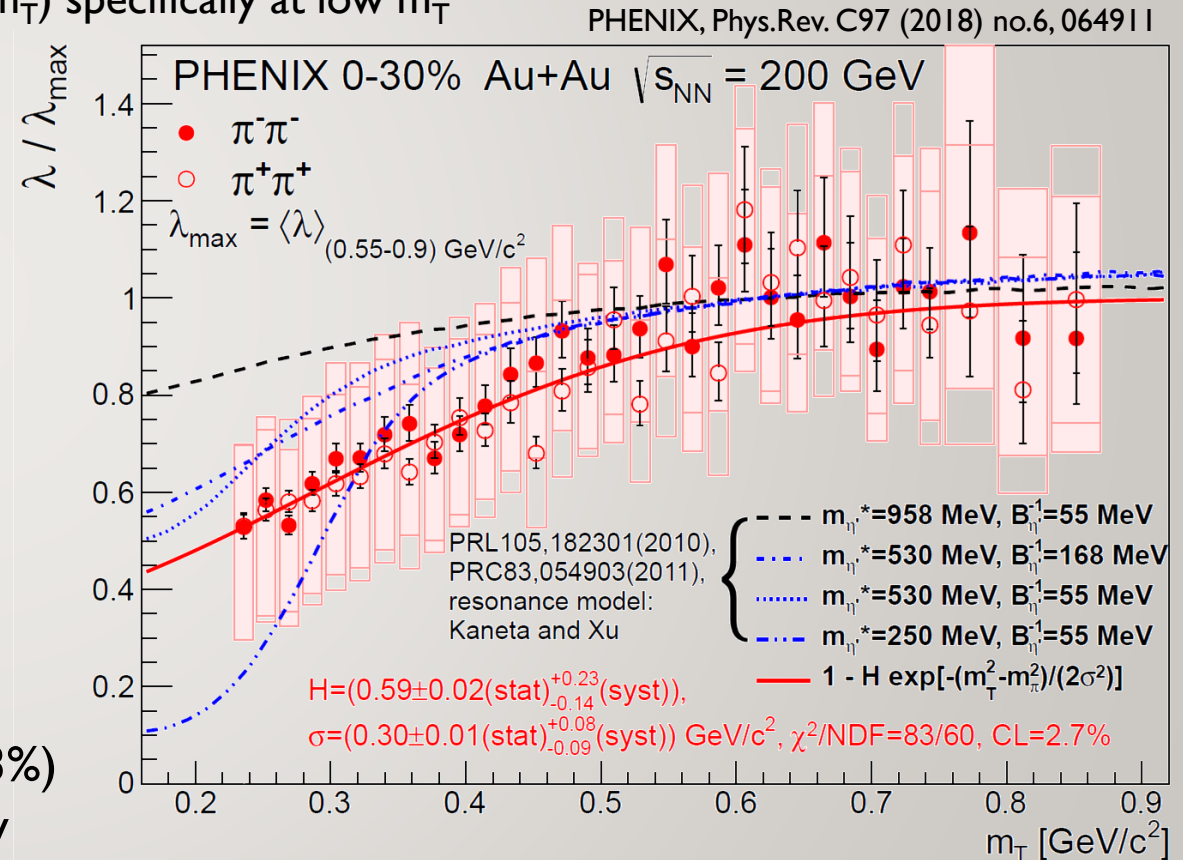
CORRELATION STRENGTH λ : IN-MEDIUM MASS?

- Connection to chiral restoration
 - Decreased η' mass \rightarrow more η' produced \rightarrow more decay pions $\rightarrow \lambda$ decreases
 - Kinematics: $\eta' \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi\pi$ with low $m_T \rightarrow$ decreased $\lambda(m_T)$ specifically at low m_T
 - Dependence on in-medium η' mass?

Kapusta, Kharzeev, McLerran, PRD53 (1996) 5028
 Vance, Csörgő, Kharzeev, PRL 81 (1998) 2205
 Csörgő, Vértesi, Sziklai, PRL105 (2010) 182301



- Results not incompatible with this
- Recall: 3D results similar to 1D
- Would need direct check with photons ($\eta' \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, 2.3\%$)
- Centrality dependent analysis in collaboration review





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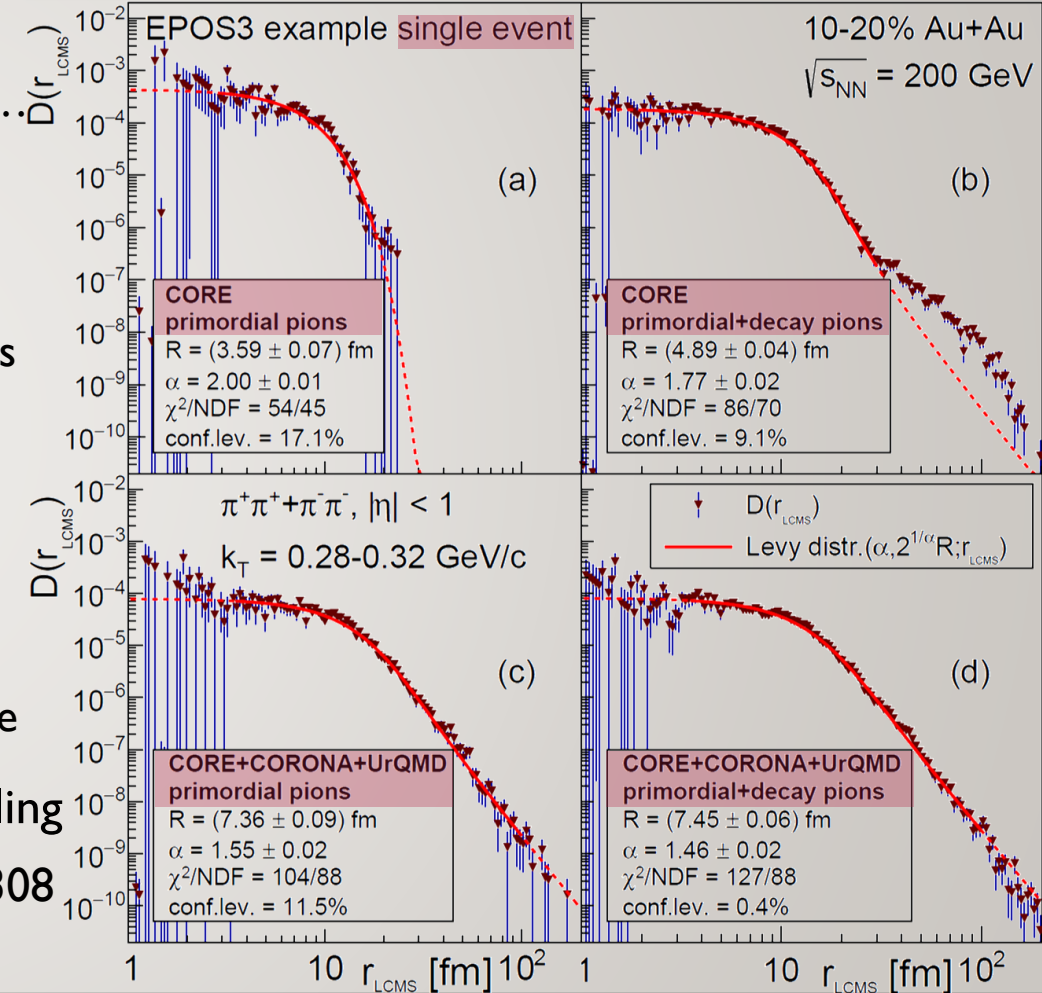
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EVENT BY EVENT SHAPE ANALYSIS WITH EPOS

- EPOS model: parton-based Gribov-Regge theory (PBGRT)
 - Werner et al., PRC82 (2010) 044904, PRC89 (2014) 064903, ...
 - Core-Corona, viscous hydro (vHLLE), cascades, UrQMD
- Pair distribution calculated: $D(r_{LCMS}) = \int d\Omega dt D(t, r_x, r_y, r_z)$
 - Angle-averaged radial source distribution of like-sign pion pairs
- Investigated cases:
 - a) CORE, primordial pions: close to Gaussian
 - b) CORE, with decay products: power-law structures
 - c) CORE+CORONA+UrQMD, primordial pions: Lévy shape
 - d) CORE+CORONA+UrQMD, with decay products: Lévy shape
- Lévy shape in single events; source size versus m_T : hydro scaling
 - 200 GeV AuAu: Kincses, Stefaniak, Cs., Entropy 24 (2022) 308
 - 2.76 TeV PbPb: Kórodi, Kincses, Cs., arXiv:2212.02980

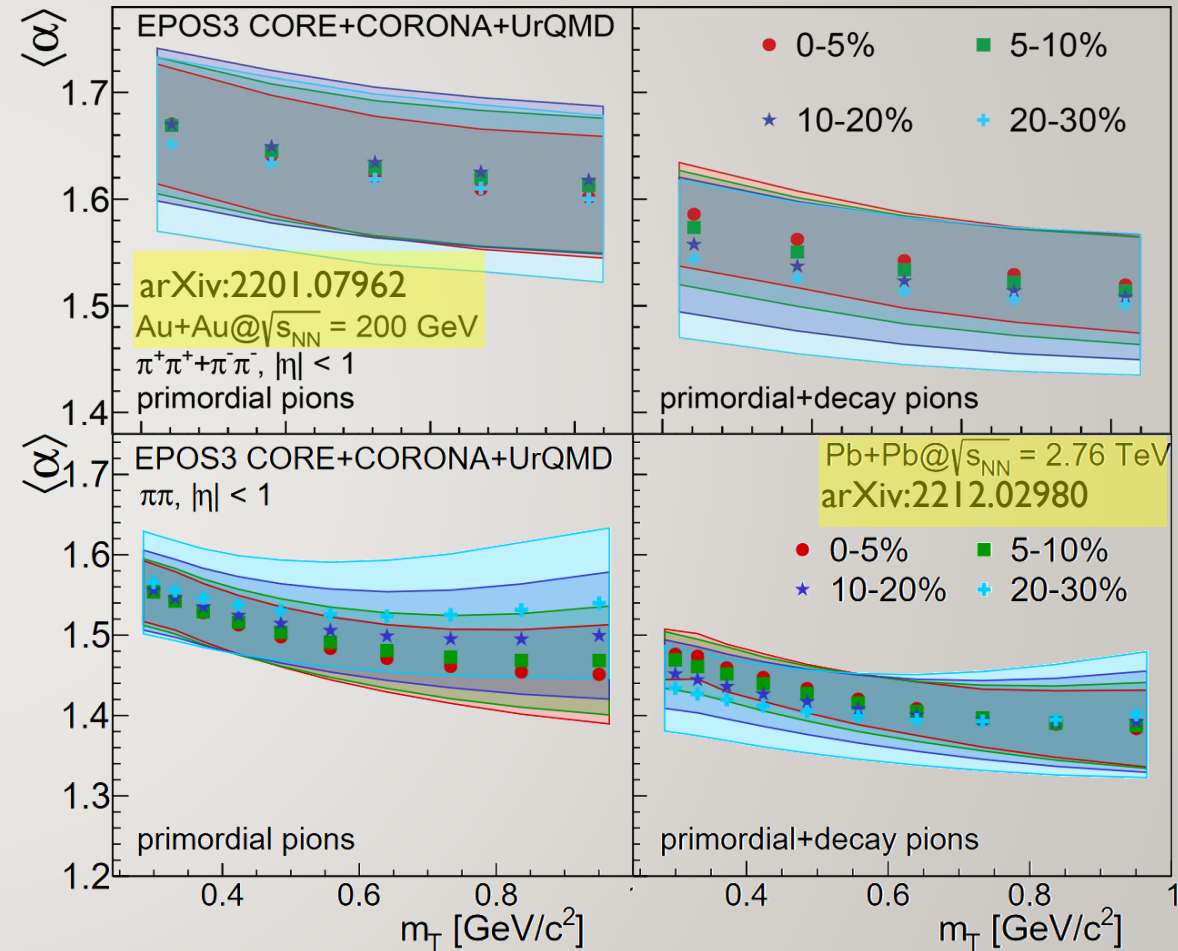
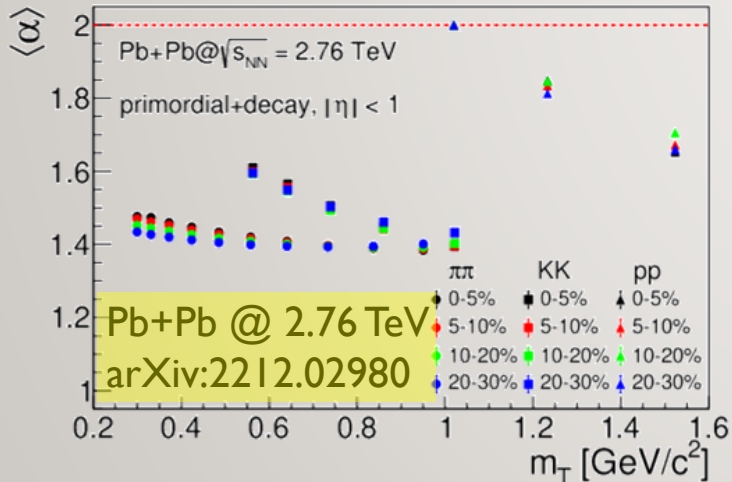


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AVERAGE LÉVY EXPONENT VS TRANSVERSE MASS

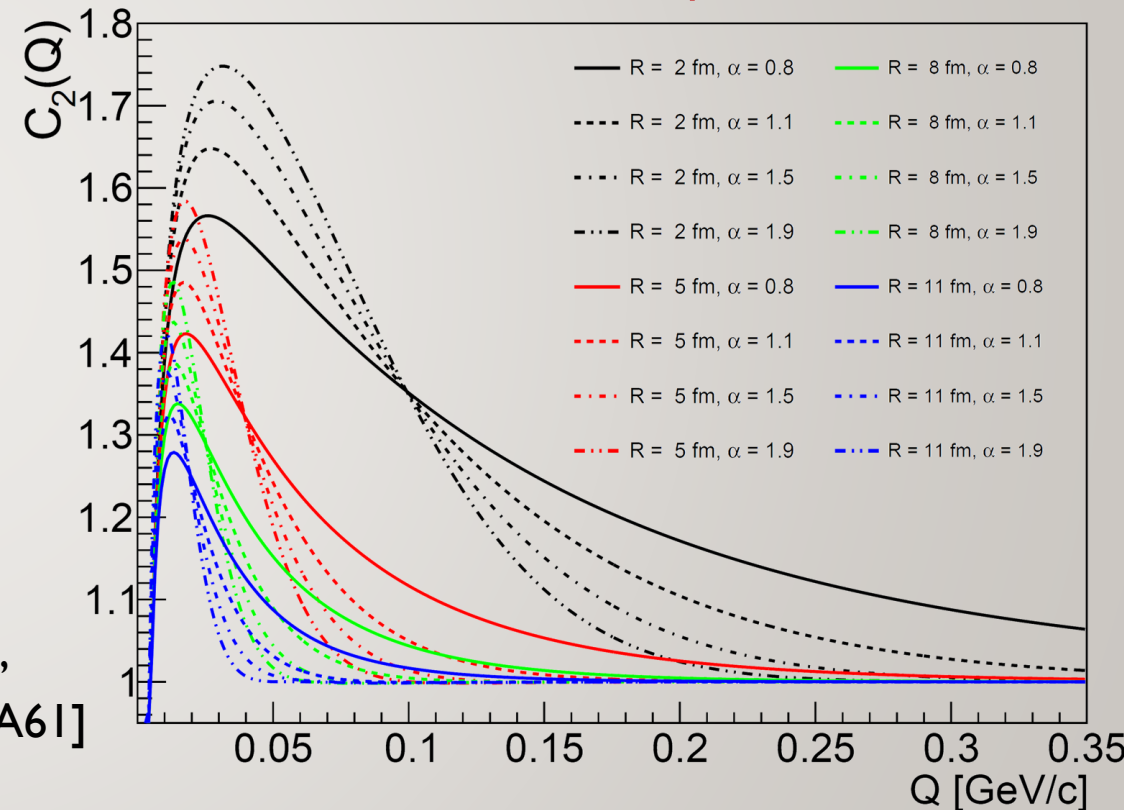
- $\langle \alpha \rangle$ versus m_T and centrality: small dependence
 - 200 GeV Au+Au: Entropy 24 (2022) 308
 - 2.76 TeV Pb+Pb: arXiv:2212.02980
- With or without decays at RHIC: $\alpha_{\text{EPOS}} > \alpha_{\text{measured}}$
 - Opposite at LHC energies, see arXiv:2212.02980
- Similar analysis at 2.76 TeV [arXiv:2212.02980]: particle type dependence as well





HOW TO CALCULATE THE COULOMB EFFECT

- Calculating correlation functions with the Coulomb effect included: **time consuming in the past**
- Method used in early analyses: Coulomb correction calculated for **fixed radius and shape**
 - For example, fixing $R = 5$ fm and $\alpha = 2$
- More consistent method: correlation function with Coulomb FSI **precalculated in a tabular form**
 - Iterative fitting, convergence in 2-3 iterations usually, see e.g., PHENIX Coll., Phys.Rev.C 97 (2018) 6, 064911
- Convenient, but somewhat restricted method: **interpolating functional form**, in a limited R, α range
 - See Csanád, Lökös, Nagy, Phys.Part.Nucl. 51 (2020) 238, used in arXiv:2306.11574 [CMS], arXiv:2302.04593 [NA61]



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A NOVEL METHOD FOR LÉVY SHAPES WITH COULOMB FSI

- New mathematical development:**

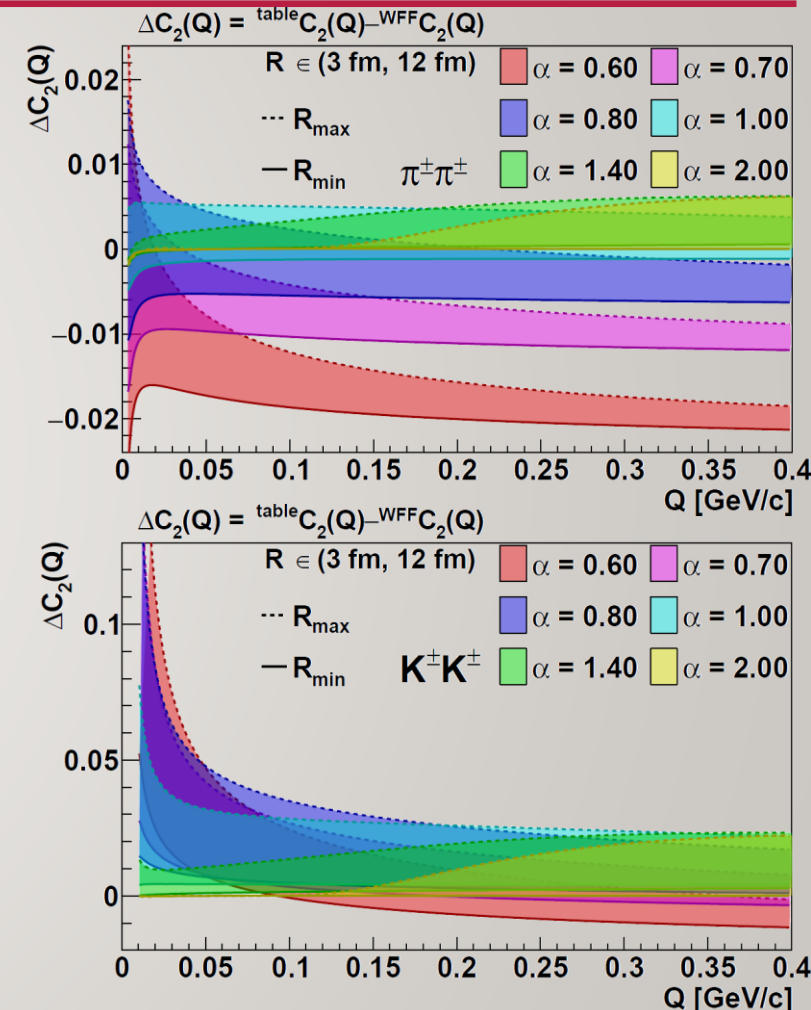
Coulomb integral $C_2(Q) = \int d^3r |\psi_Q(r)|^2 D(r)$ can be performed

- $D(r)$ is expressible as a Fourier transform:
 $D(r) = \int d^3q e^{iqr} f(q)$, for example $D(r)$ Lévy: $f(q) = e^{-|qR|^\alpha}$
- Integrals $\int d^3r$ and $\int d^3q$ unfortunately cannot be exchanged
- Calculation can still be performed via Lebesgue and Fubini theorems

- Result: $C_2(Q) = |\mathcal{N}|^2 \left(1 + f(Q) + \frac{\eta}{\pi} [A_{1s}[f](Q) + A_{2s}[f](Q)] \right)$,

where $|\mathcal{N}|^2 = \frac{2\pi\eta}{e^{2\pi\eta}-1}$ (Gamow), $\eta = \frac{mc^2\alpha}{\hbar cQ}$, A_{ns} functionals

- Few percent difference to numerical (tabularized) values used earlier
- Details in Nagy, Purzsa, Csanád, Kincses [arXiv:2308.10745](https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.10745),
code at github.com/csanadm/CoulCorrLevyIntegral





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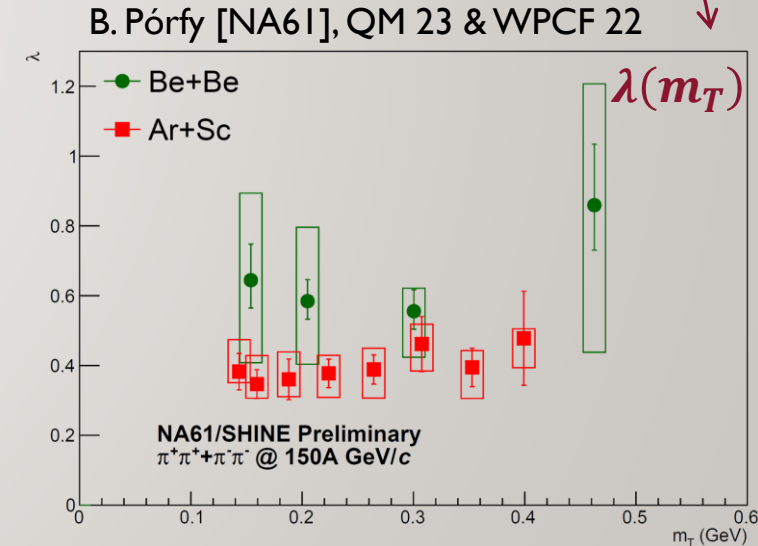
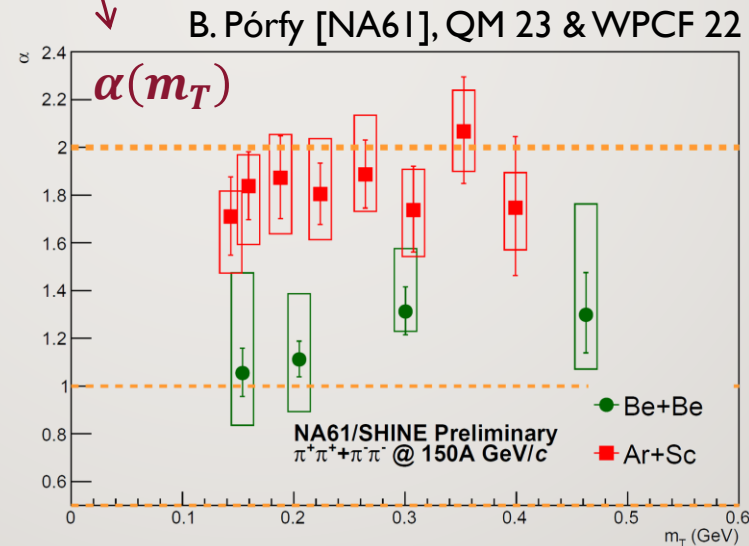
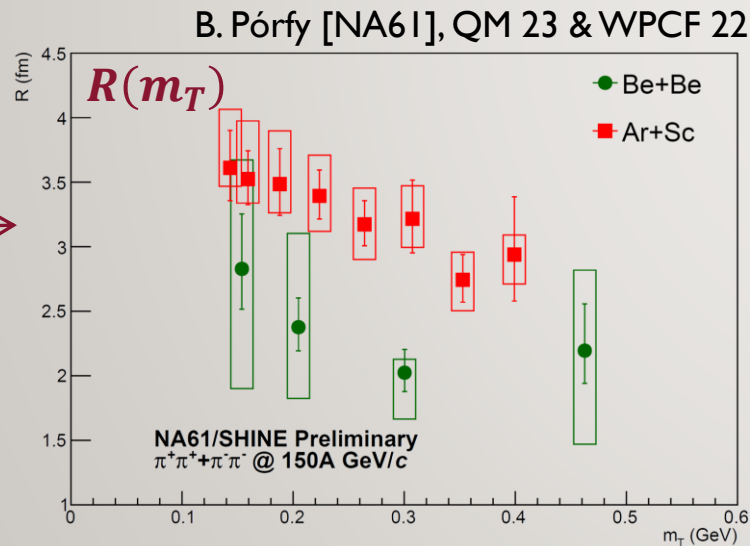
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PION ANALYSIS AT SPS NA61/SHINE

- **Lévy scale R** of Ar+Sc [prelim.: Universe 9 (2023) 7, 298] and Be+Be [arXiv:2302.04593, EPJC accepted]:
 - Compatible with initial geometry factor 1.6 between Ar+Sc and Be+Be
 - Decrease with m_T due to transverse flow?
- No m_T dependence in λ , in contrast to RHIC result – can be turned off?
- **Lévy index α** : significant difference



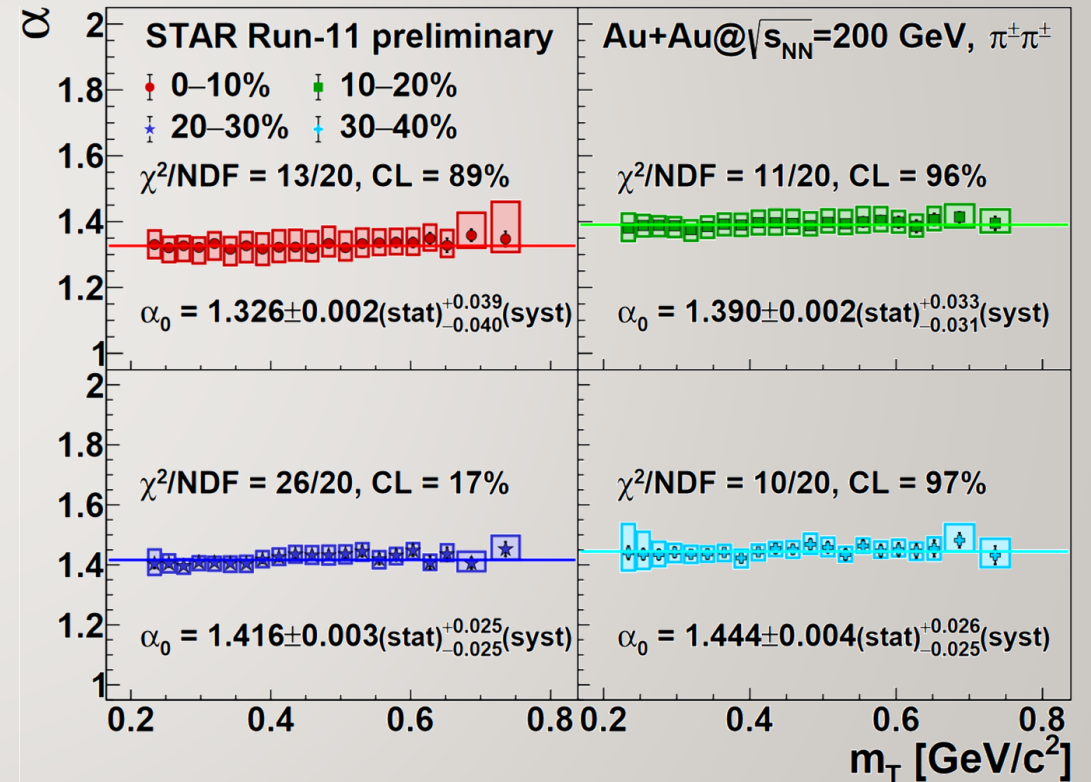
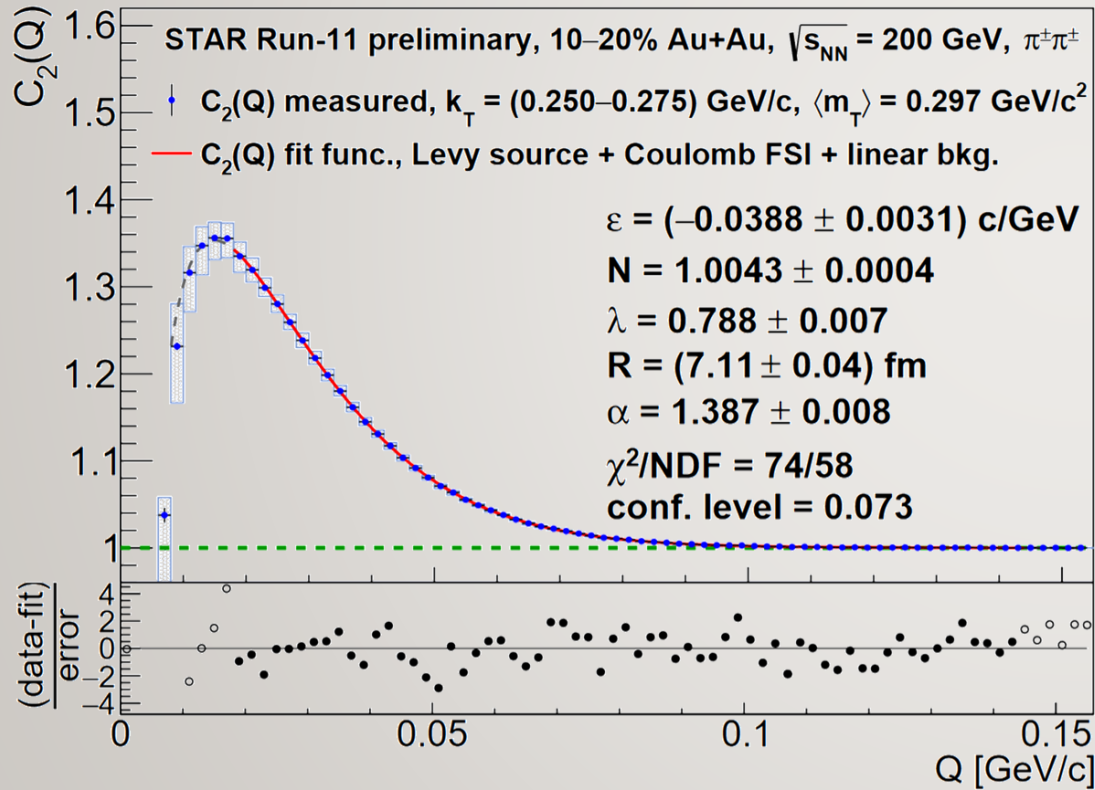
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PION ANALYSIS WITH LÉVY SOURCES AT STAR

- Run-II Au+Au at 200 GeV, ~ 550 M events, PID by TPC+TOF, 21 m_T and 4 centrality bins
- Source far from Gaussian, constant in m_T , slight increase of α for peripheral collisions (1.326 \rightarrow 1.444)



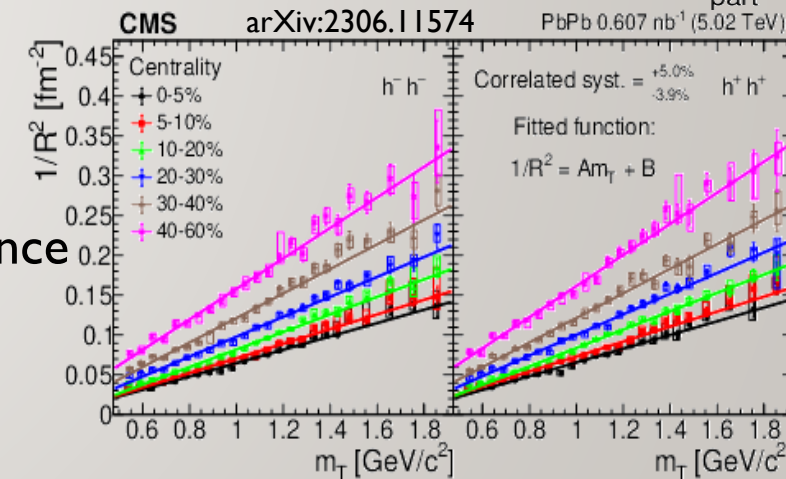
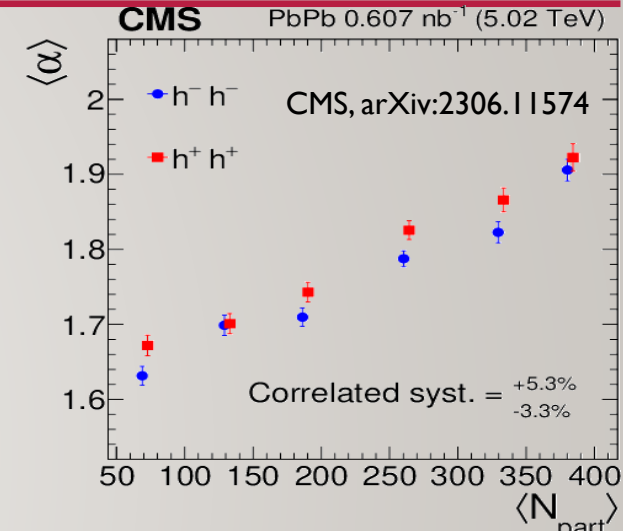
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CHARGED HADRON ANALYSIS IN 5 TEV Pb+Pb

- Lévy index α measured:
 - Far from Cauchy
 - Not exactly Gaussian
 - Closer to Gaussian for large N_{part} , **unlike RHIC**
- Lévy scale R : hydro scaling confirmed
 - In every centrality class, despite non-Gaussianity
 - Hubble coefficient can be extracted: 0.12-0.18 c/fm , larger than at RHIC
- Correlation strength λ also analyzed
- Low- Q deviation cross-checked with Monte-Carlo: two-track acceptance
- Final CMS result: HIN-21-011, arXiv:2306.11574 [under review]
 - Preliminary results in proceedings: B. Kórodi, Universe 9 (2023) 7, 318



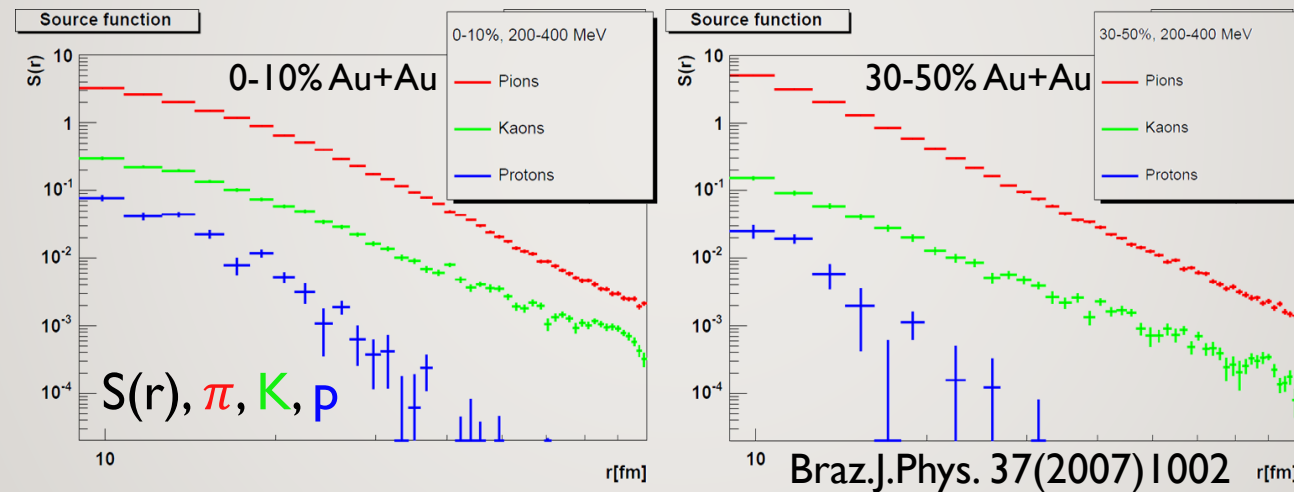
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THE IMPORTANCE OF A KAON ANALYSIS

- Kaons: smaller cross-section, larger mean free path
- Mean free path increases more during a time-step \rightarrow heavier power-law tail?
- Prediction for π , K , p based on Humanic's Resonance Model (HRM): anomalous diffusion due to rescattering
Humanic, Int.J.Mod.Phys. E15 (2006) 197 [nucl-th/0510049]
Csanád, Csörgő, Nagy, Braz.J.Phys. 37 (2007) 1002 [hep-ph/0702032]



- Kaon HBT radii: m_T scaling or its violation for Lévy scale R ?
- Prediction: $\alpha(p) > \alpha(\pi) > \alpha(K)$

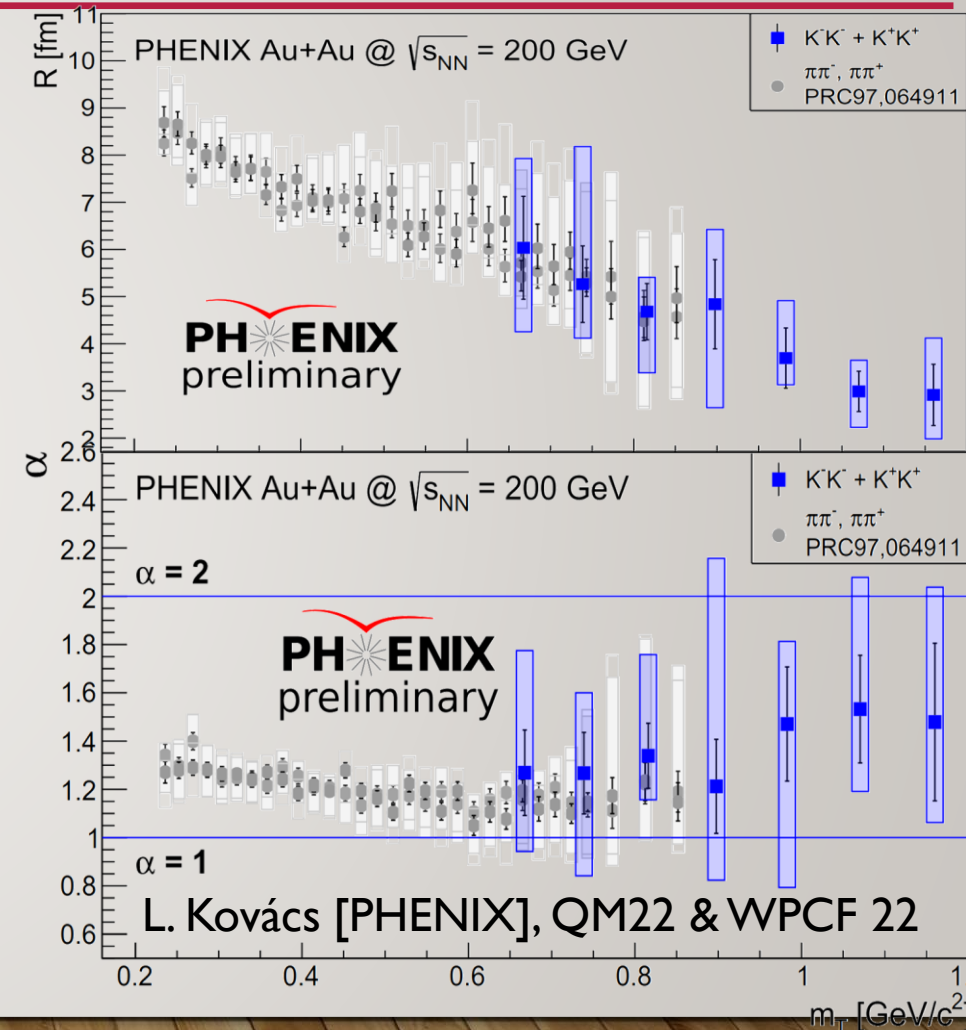
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KAON ANALYSIS AT PHENIX AND STAR

- Preliminary analysis performed at PHENIX and STAR
- Kaon and pion data seem compatible at the same m_T
- Lévy scale R shows hydro type of scaling with m_T
 - R depending on m_T but not on particle type separately
- $\alpha(K) \geq \alpha(\pi)$, but anomalous diffusion suggests opposite
- Dominant mechanism creating Lévy source?
 - Not only rescattering?
 - Anomalous hydro at the sQGP stage?
- PHENIX prelim. results: L. Kovács, Universe 9 (2023) 7, 336
- STAR prelim. results: A. Mukherjee, Universe 9 (2023) 7, 300



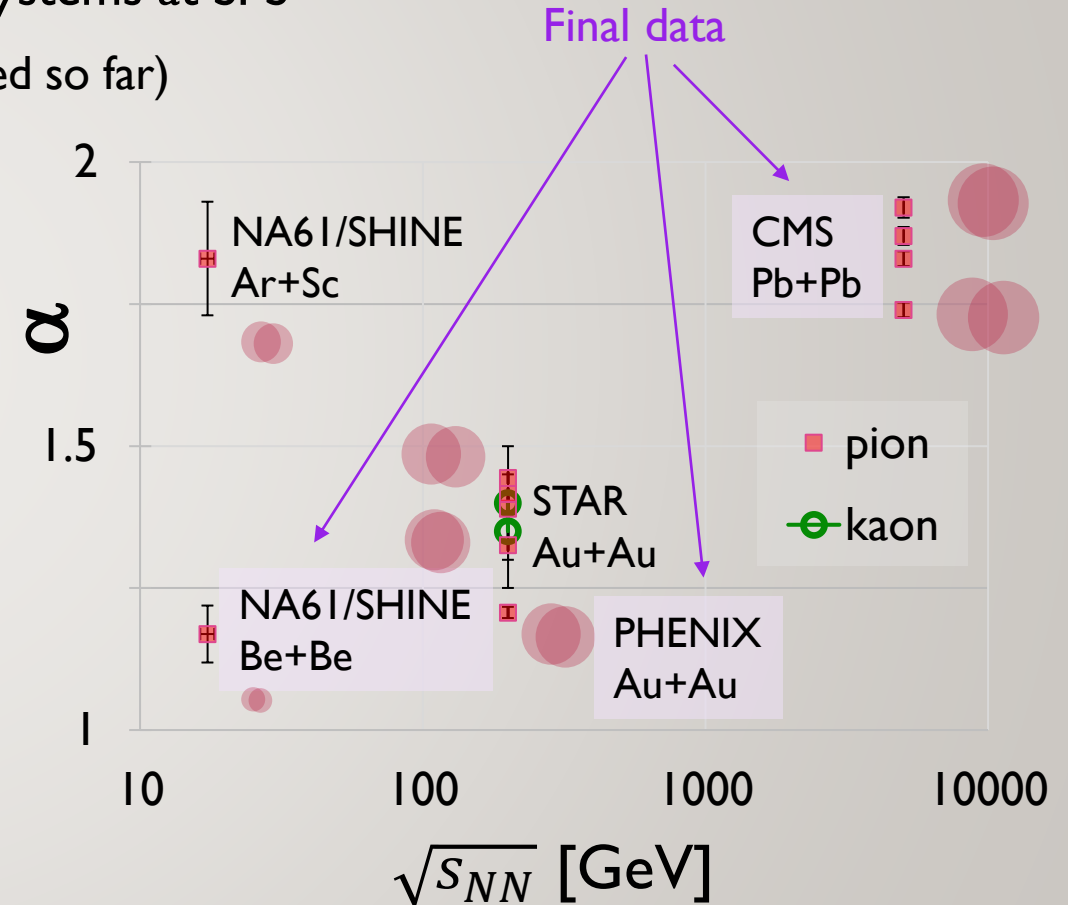
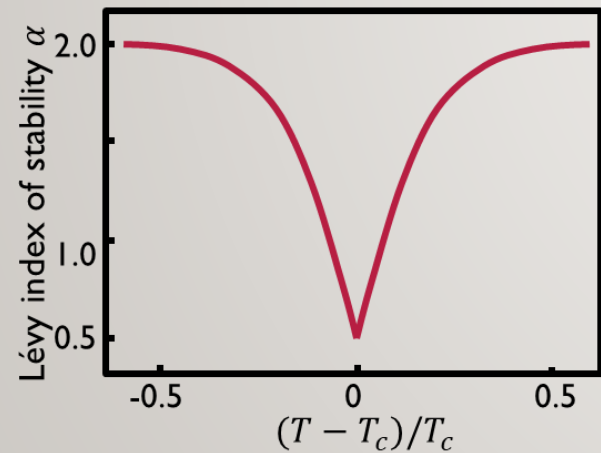
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STABILITY PARAMETER α FROM SPS TO LHC

- Different values for small (Be+Be) & medium (Ar+Sc) systems at SPS
 - Also true for Pb+Pb and p+p at LHC? (pp: $\alpha = 1$ assumed so far)
- Medium and large systems: non-monotonic trend
- Compare to expectation cartoon based on Csörgő, Hegyi, Zajc, Eur.Phys.J. C36 (2004) 67



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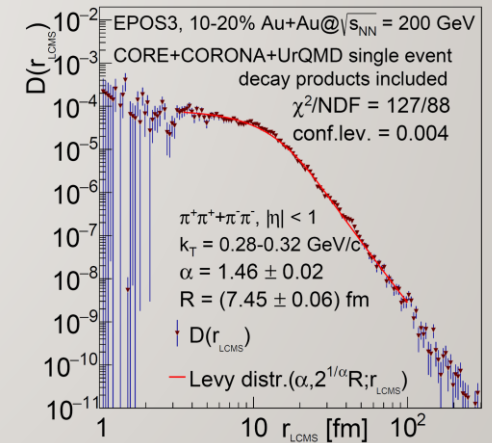
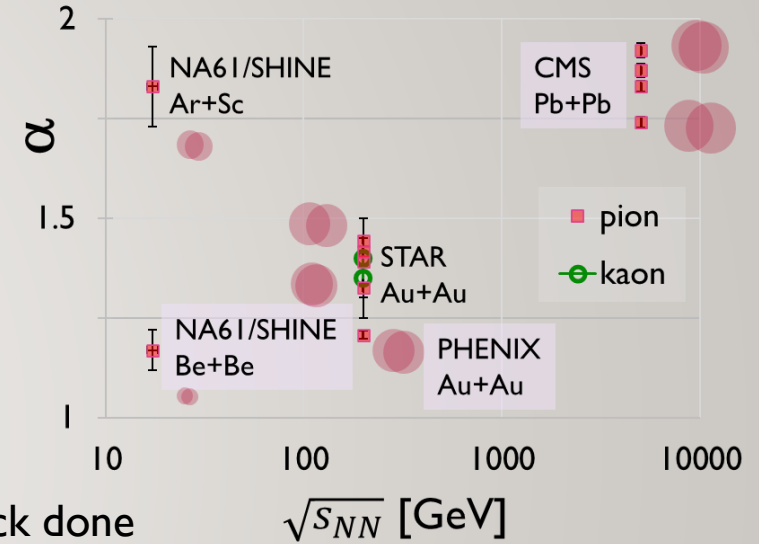
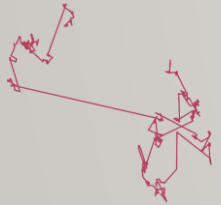
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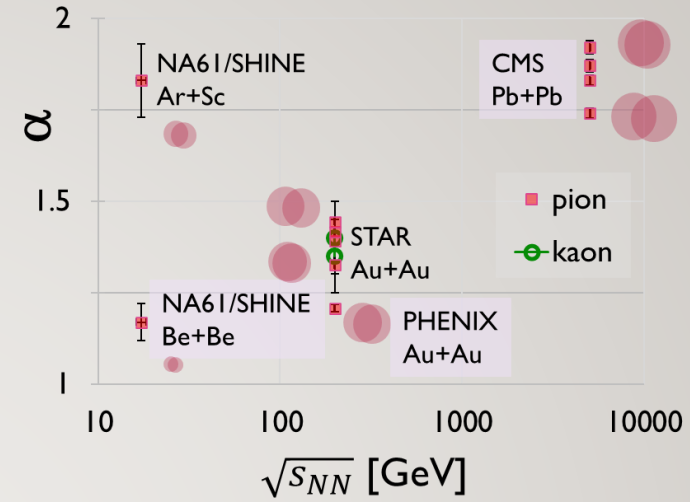
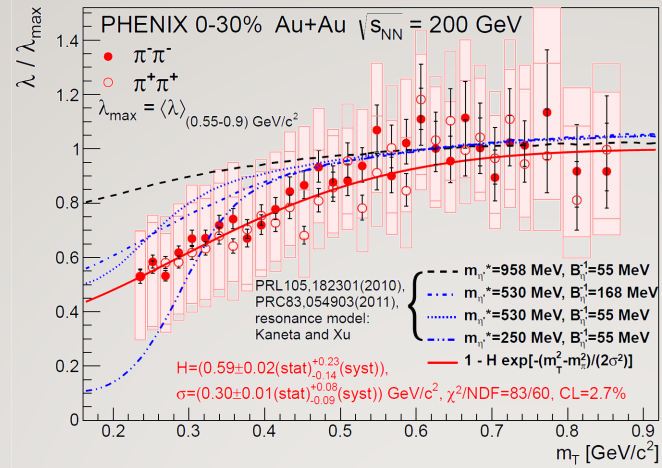
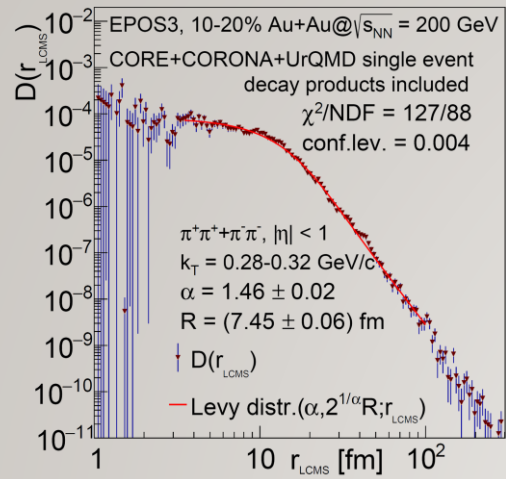
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CONCLUSIONS AND OUTLOOK

- Lévy sources from SPS to RHIC and LHC
 - **Lévy α** : between 1 and 2, increases with $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$
 - Contrary to expectations, $\alpha(K) \geq \alpha(\pi)$
 - **Lévy R** : hydro scaling, despite not Gaussian
 - **Lévy λ** : signs of η' in-medium mass modification
- Possible reasons:
 - Jet fragmentation \rightarrow not dominant in AA collisions
 - **Critical phenomena** \rightarrow maybe at lowest RHIC energies and SPS
 - Directional averaging \rightarrow source is (approx.) spherical in LCMS, 3D cross-check done
 - Event averaging \rightarrow event-by-event simulations show Lévy
 - **Resonance decays** \rightarrow part of the reason, not enough alone
 - **Hadronic rescattering, Lévy flight** $\rightarrow \alpha(K) \geq \alpha(\pi)$ puzzling
- Questions to be answered:
 - When measuring α , what effects need to be considered?
 - Can there be anomalous diffusion in the quark stage?
 - What is the role of finite size and finite time?



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