

# FEMTOSCOPY WITH LÉVY DISTRIBUTIONS FROM SPS TO LHC



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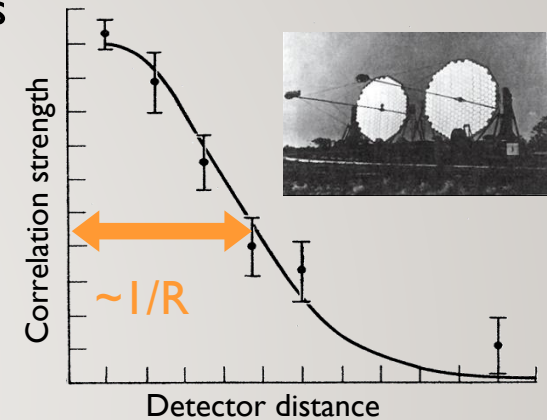
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# FEMTOSCOPY IN HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS

- 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  $S(r)$

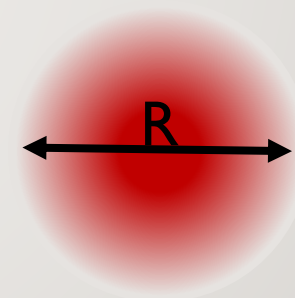
$$C(q) \cong 1 + \left| \int S(r) e^{iqr} dr \right|^2$$

(under some assumptions)

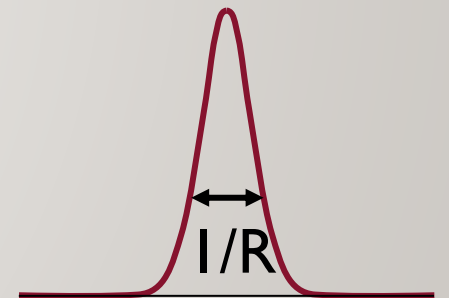
- Also with distance distribution  $D(r)$ :

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

- 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



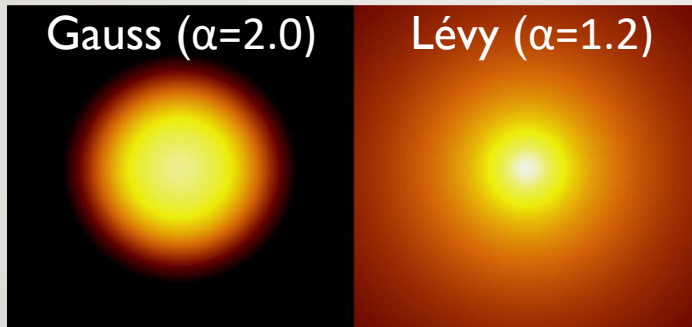
# LÉVY DISTRIBUTIONS IN HEAVY ION PHYSICS

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

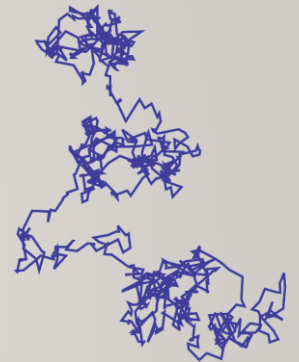
- Lévy-stable distribution:

$$\mathcal{L}(\alpha, R; r) = (2\pi)^{-3} \int d^3q e^{iqr} e^{-\frac{1}{2}|qR|^\alpha}$$

- From generalized central limit theorem, power-law tail  $\sim r^{-(1+\alpha)}$
- Special cases:  $\alpha = 2$  Gaussian,  $\alpha = 1$  Cauchy

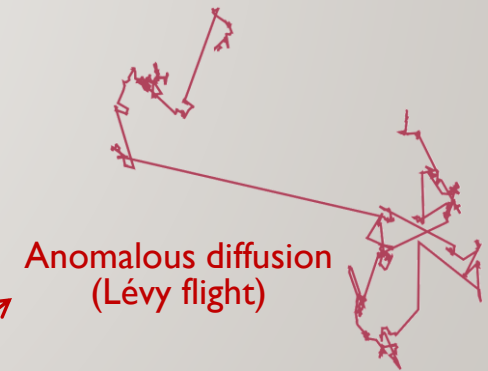


Normal diffusion



- 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

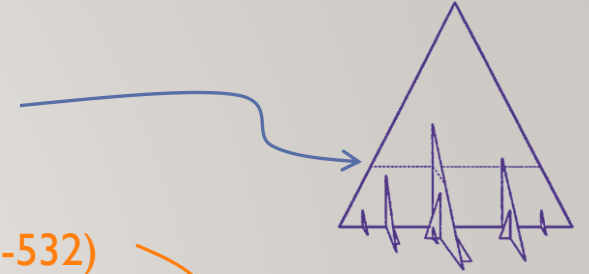


- A possible reason for Lévy source: **anomalous diffusion**, many others



# 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  $\alpha$  and  $R$ 
    - Order of quark-hadron transition, critical point search, understanding source dynamics
  - Measuring  $\lambda$  also requires correct shape assumption
    - In-medium mass modification, coherent pion production



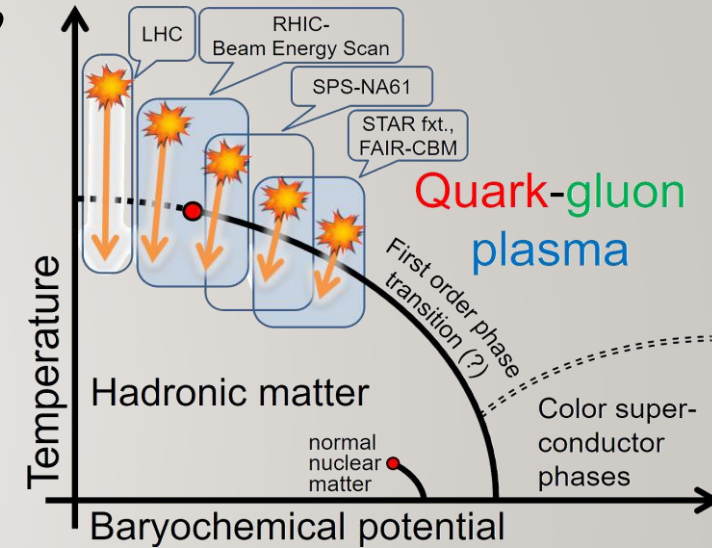
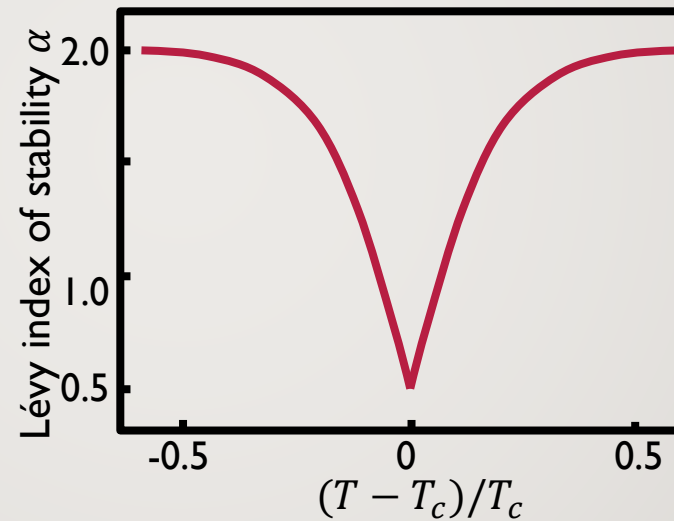






# LÉVY INDEX AS A CRITICAL EXPONENT?

- 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?

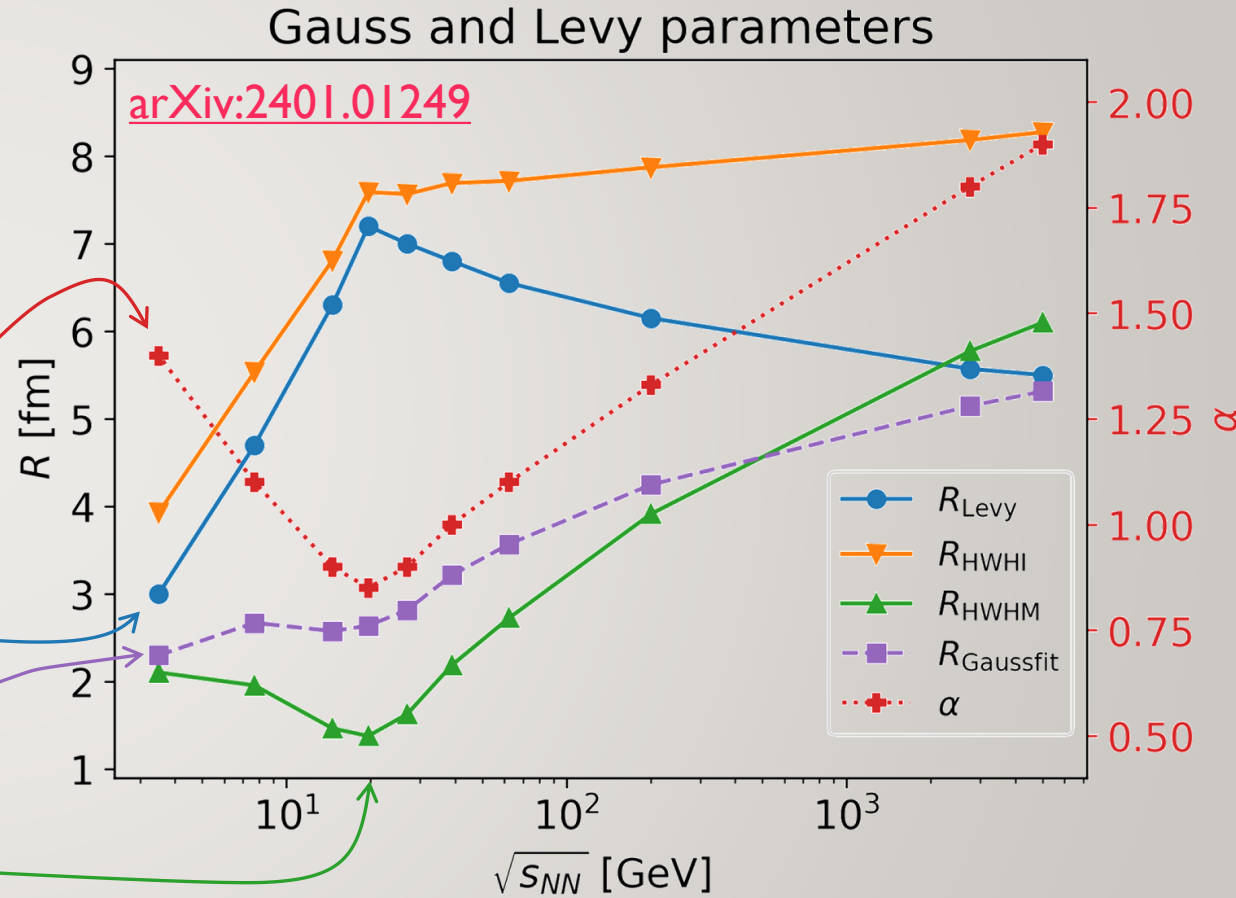






# SOURCE SIZE MEASURES AROUND THE CRITICAL POINT?

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





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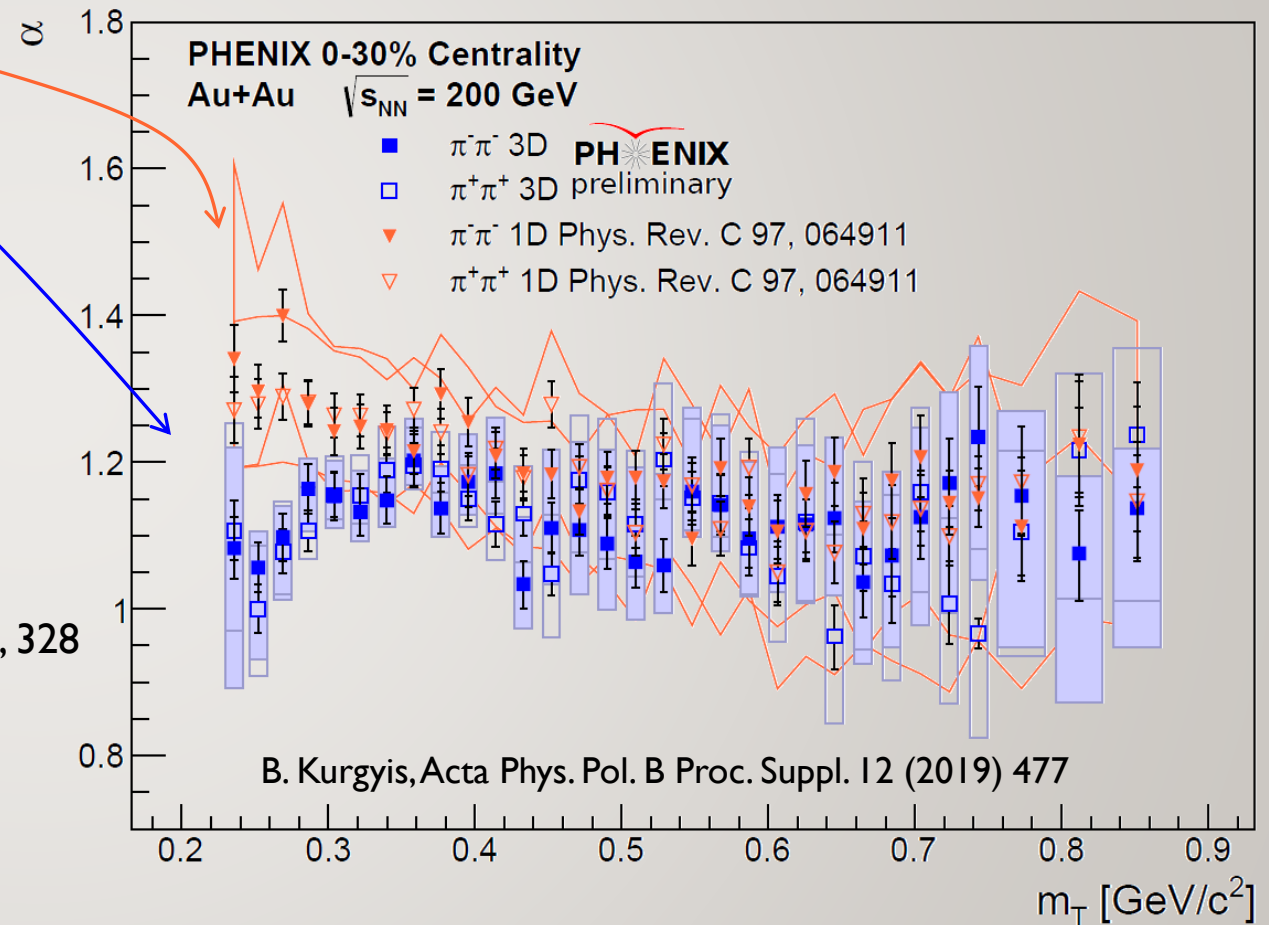
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# LÉVY EXPONENT VERSUS TRANSVERSE MASS, 1D AND 3D

- Lévy exponent  $\alpha$  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:

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



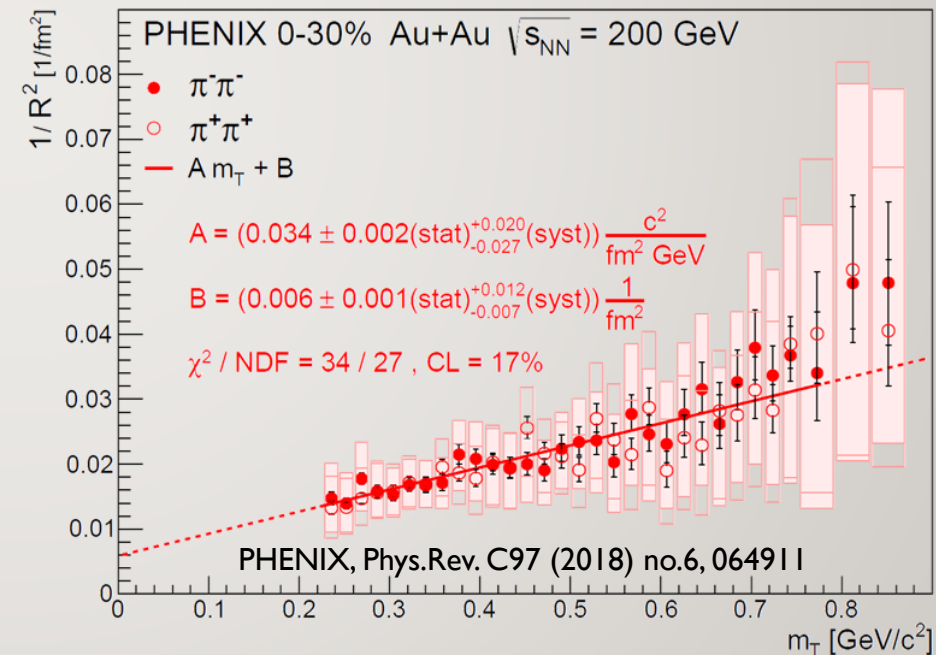
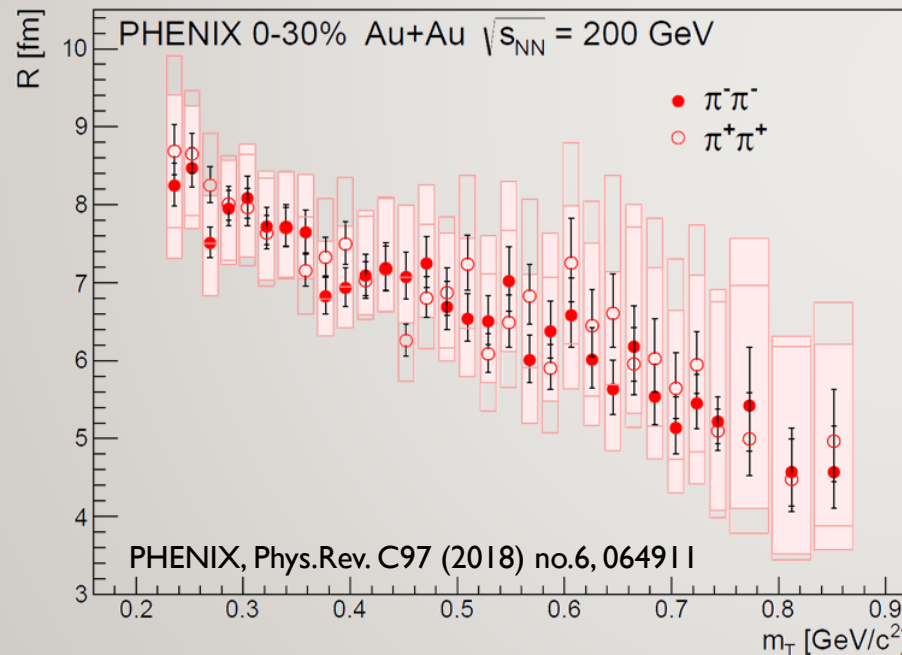




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# LÉVY SCALE PARAMETER R AT RHIC

- 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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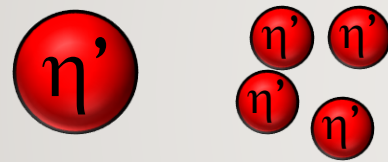


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# CORRELATION STRENGTH $\lambda$ : IN-MEDIUM MASS?

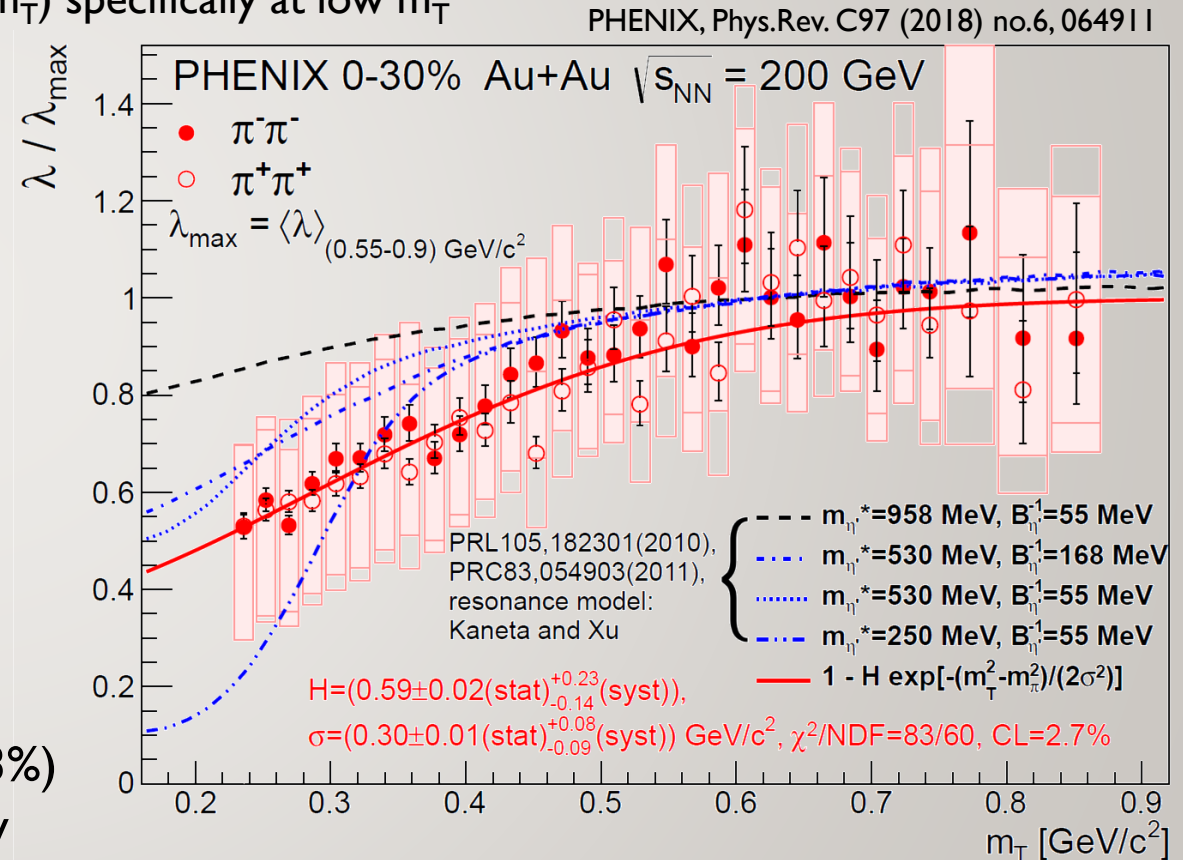
- Connection to chiral restoration
  - Decreased  $\eta'$  mass  $\rightarrow$  more  $\eta'$  produced  $\rightarrow$  more decay pions  $\rightarrow \lambda$  decreases
  - Kinematics:  $\eta' \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi\pi$  with low  $m_T \rightarrow$  decreased  $\lambda(m_T)$  specifically at low  $m_T$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

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



$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 T & < & T^* \\
 m_{\eta'} & > & m_{\eta'}^* \\
 N_{\eta'} & < & N_{\eta'}^* \\
 \lambda & > & \lambda^*
 \end{array}$$

- 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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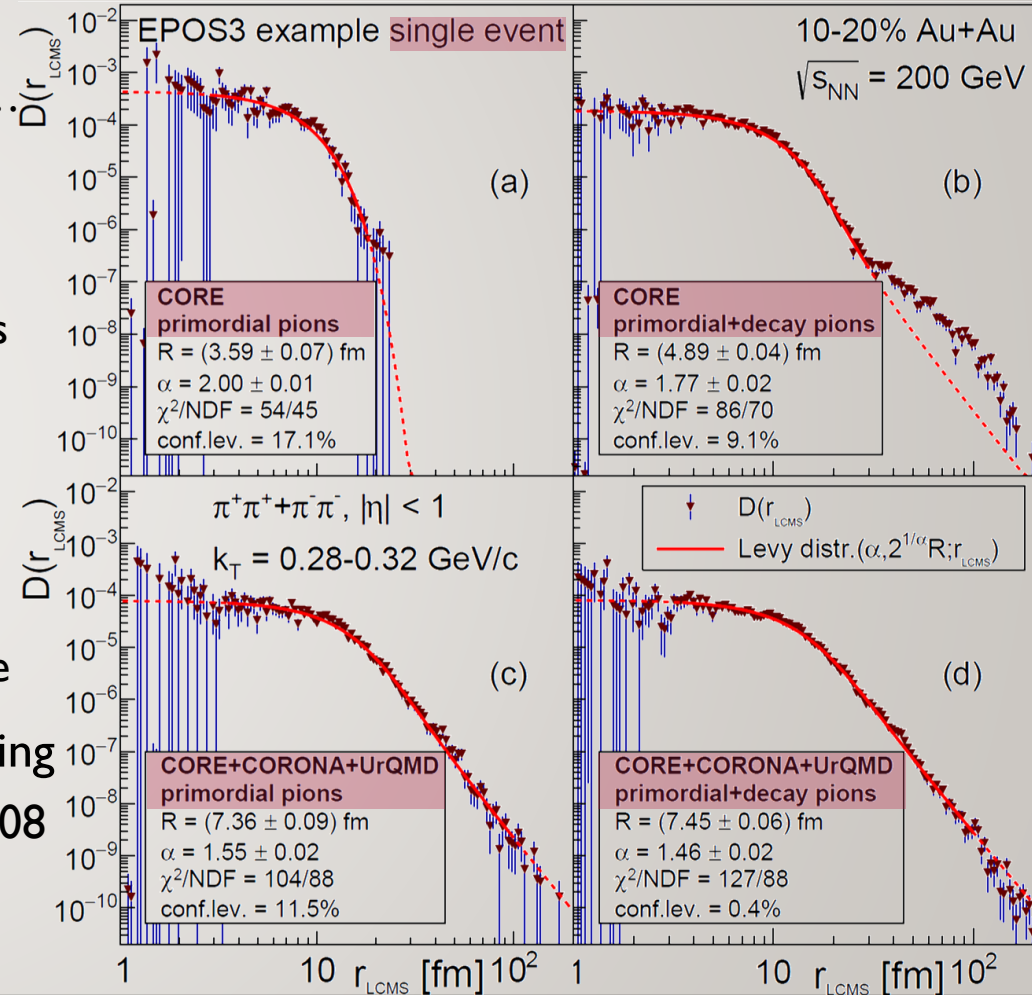
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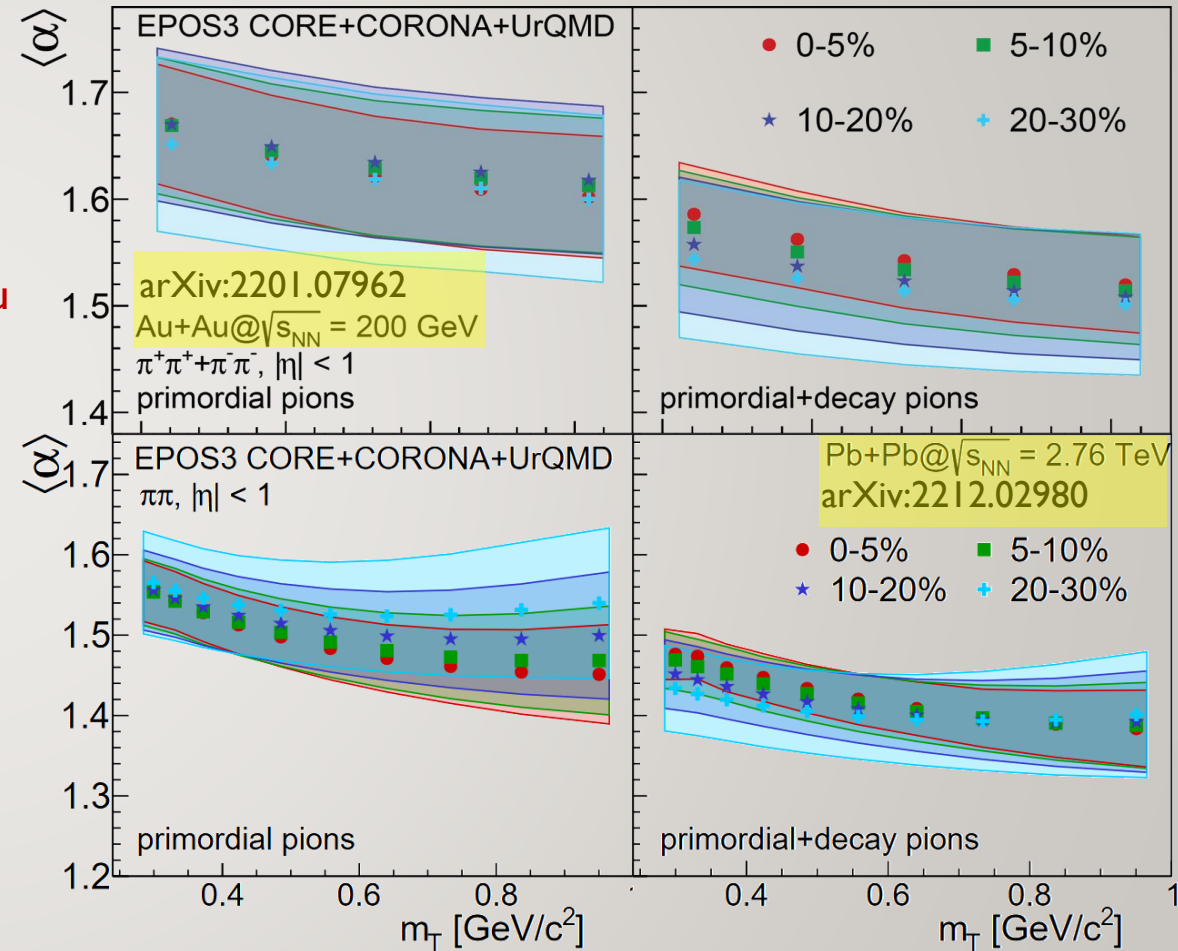
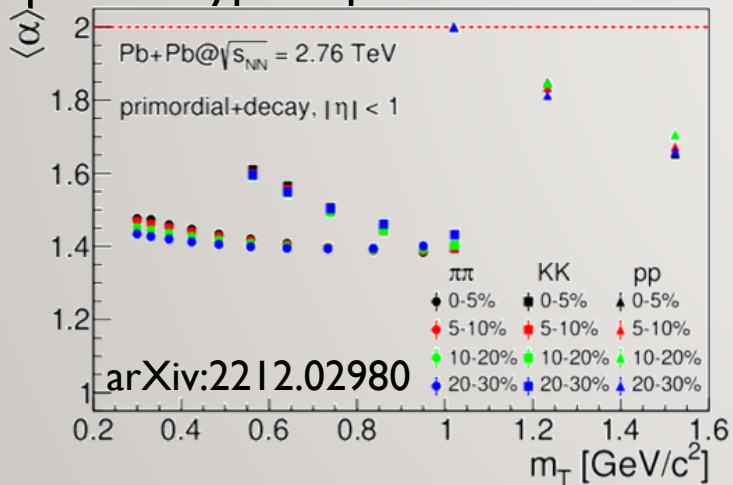
# EVENT BY EVENT SHAPE ANALYSIS WITH EPOS

- 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
  - See talk by B. Kórodi on Thursday



# AVERAGE LÉVY EXPONENT VS TRANSVERSE MASS

- $\langle \alpha \rangle$  w.r.t.  $m_T$  and centrality: small dependence
  - 200 GeV AuAu: Entropy 24 (2022) 308
  - 2.76 TeV PbPb: arXiv:2212.02980
- With or without decays at RHIC:  $\alpha_{\text{EPOS}} > \alpha_{\text{measured}}$ 
  - Opposite at LHC energies, see talk by B. Kórodi on Thu
- Similar analysis at 2.76 TeV [arXiv:2212.02980]: particle type dependence as well





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# A NOVEL METHOD FOR LÉVY SHAPES WITH COULOMB FSI

- Calculating correlation functions with the Coulomb effect included: **time consuming in the past**
  1. Method used in early analyses: Coulomb correction calculated for **fixed radius and shape** (e.g.  $R = 5$  fm,  $\alpha = 2$ )
  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
  3. Convenient, but somewhat restricted method: **interpolating functional form**, in a limited  $R, \alpha$  range
    - See Csanád, Lökös, Nagy, Phys.Part.Nucl. 51 (2020) 3, 238, used e.g. in CMS Coll., arXiv:2306.11574 (HIN-21-011)
- **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, see details in arXiv:2308.10745 (available on Aug 22, Tuesday)

$$C_2(Q) = |\mathcal{N}|^2 \left( 1 + f(Q) + \frac{\eta}{\pi} [A_{1s}[f](Q) + A_{2s}[f](Q)] \right), \text{ where } |\mathcal{N}|^2 = \frac{2\pi\eta}{e^{2\pi\eta} - 1} \text{ (Gamow)}, \eta = \frac{mc^2\alpha}{\hbar cQ}$$

- Details in Nagy, Purzsa, Csanád, Kincses [arXiv:2308.10745](https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.10745), code at [github.com/csanadm/CoulCorrLevyIntegral](https://github.com/csanadm/CoulCorrLevyIntegral)

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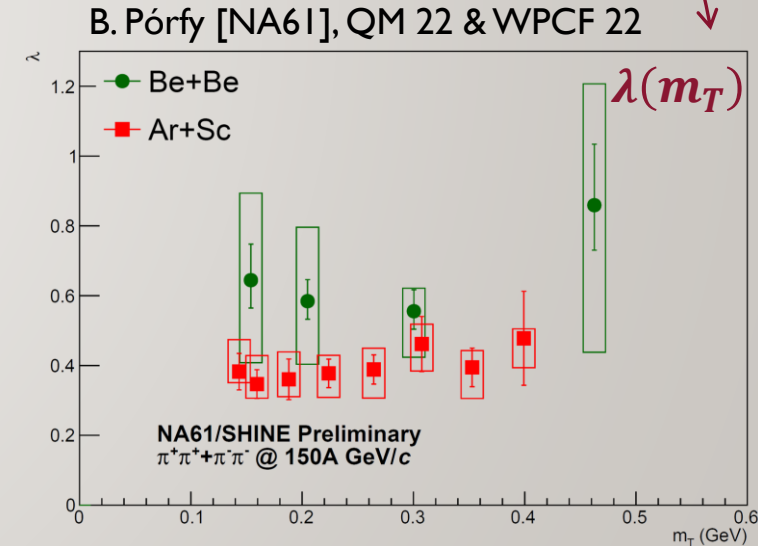
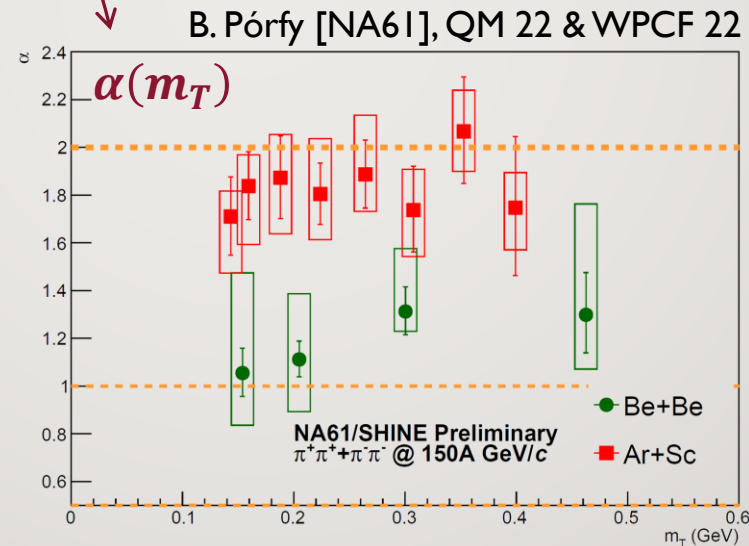
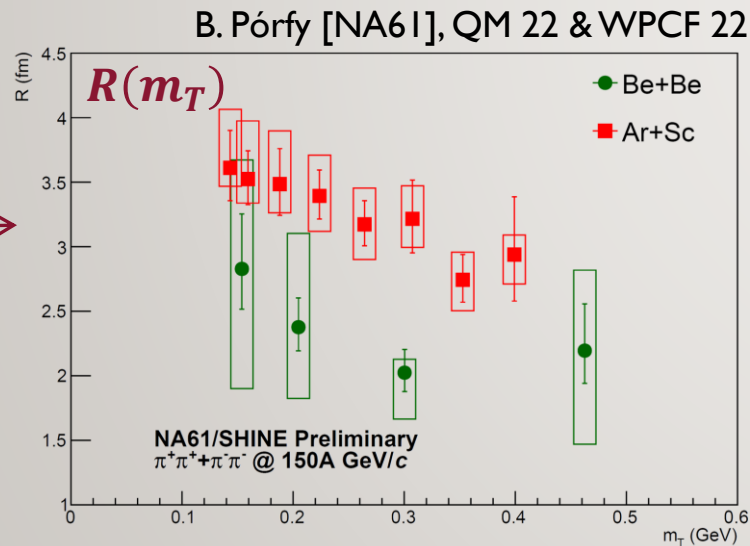
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# PION ANALYSIS AT SPS NA61/SHINE

- 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  $\lambda$ , in contrast to RHIC result – can be turned off?
- Lévy index  $\alpha$ : significant difference



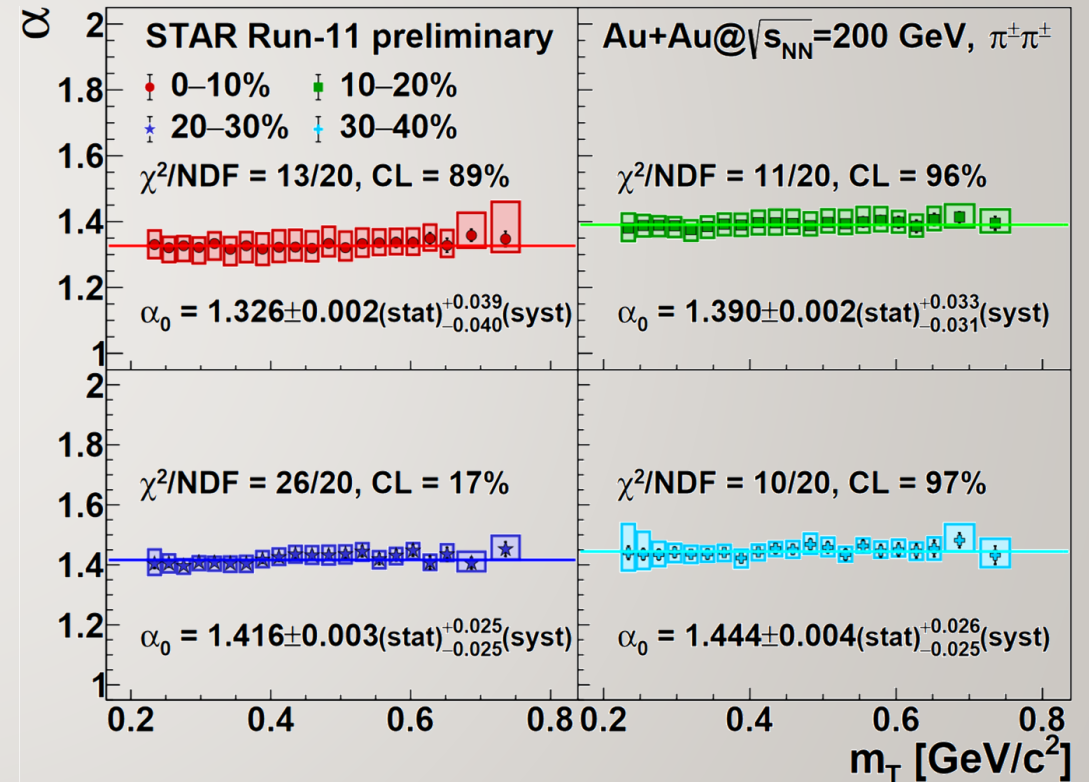
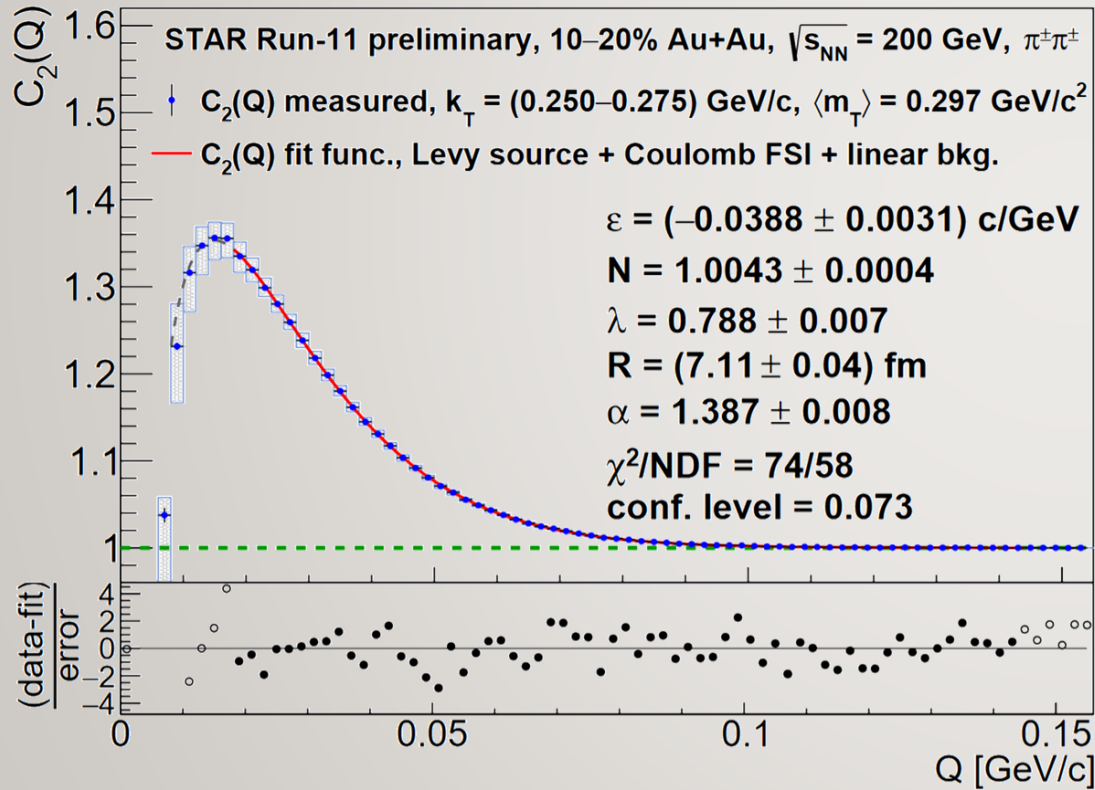
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# PION ANALYSIS WITH LÉVY SOURCES AT STAR

- Run-II Au+Au at 200 GeV, ~ 550 M events, PID by TPC+TOF, 21 mT and 4 centrality bins
- Source far from Gaussian; more details on poster and flash talk by D. Kincses (and RHIC AUM poster)



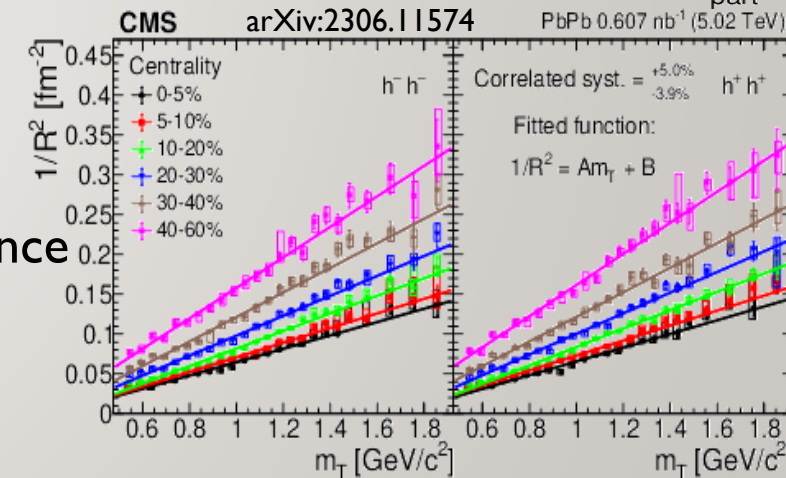
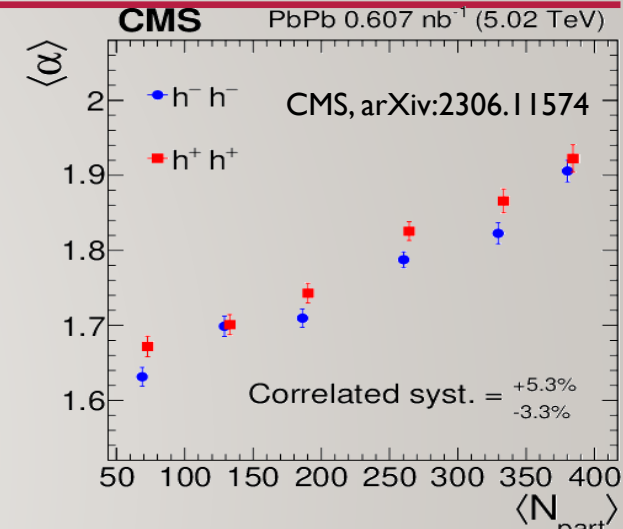
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# CHARGED HADRON ANALYSIS IN 5 TEV PB+PB

- Lévy index  $\alpha$  measured:
  - Far from Cauchy
  - Not exactly Gaussian
  - Closer to Gaussian for large  $N_{\text{part}}$ , **unlike RHIC**
- Lévy scale  $R$ : hydro scaling confirmed
  - In every centrality class, despite non-Gaussianity
  - Hubble coefficient can be extracted: 0.12-0.18  $c/\text{fm}$ , larger than at RHIC
- Correlation strength  $\lambda$  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

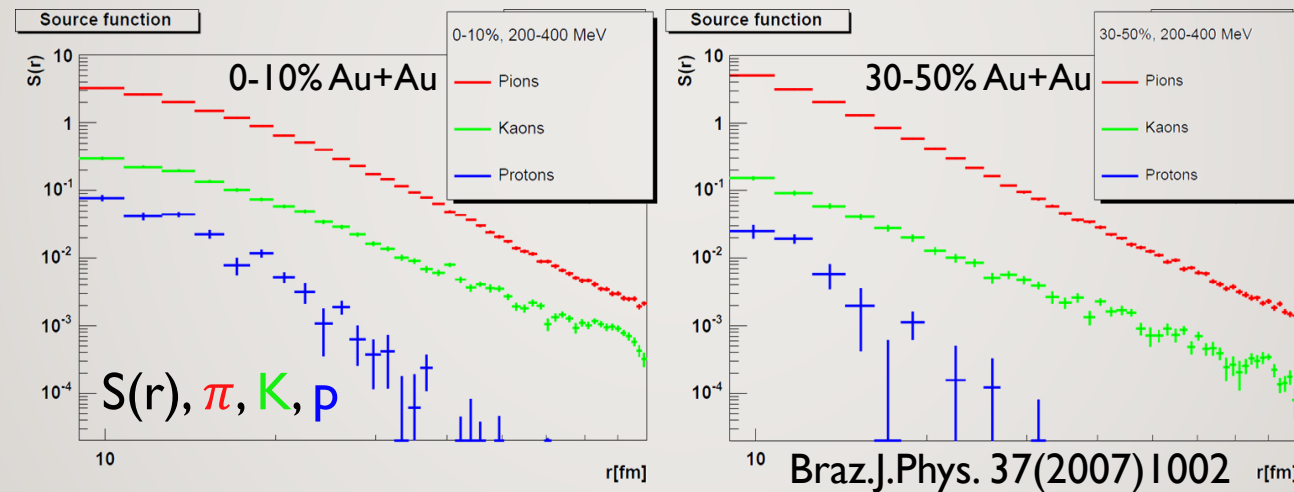




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# THE IMPORTANCE OF A KAON ANALYSIS

- Kaons: smaller cross-section, larger mean free path
- Mean free path increases more during a time-step → heavier power-law tail?
- Prediction for  $\pi$ ,  $K$ ,  $p$  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:  $\alpha(p) > \alpha(\pi) > \alpha(K)$

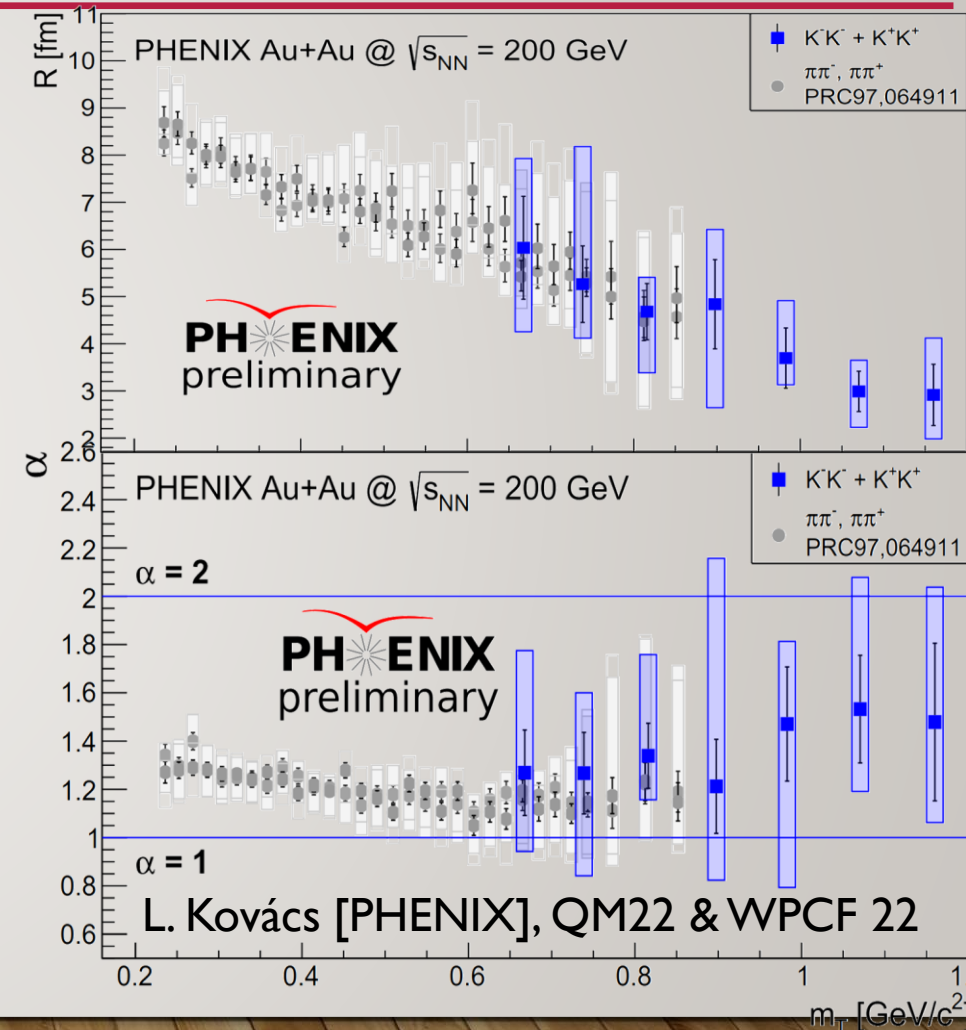
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# KAON ANALYSIS AT PHENIX AND STAR

- 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



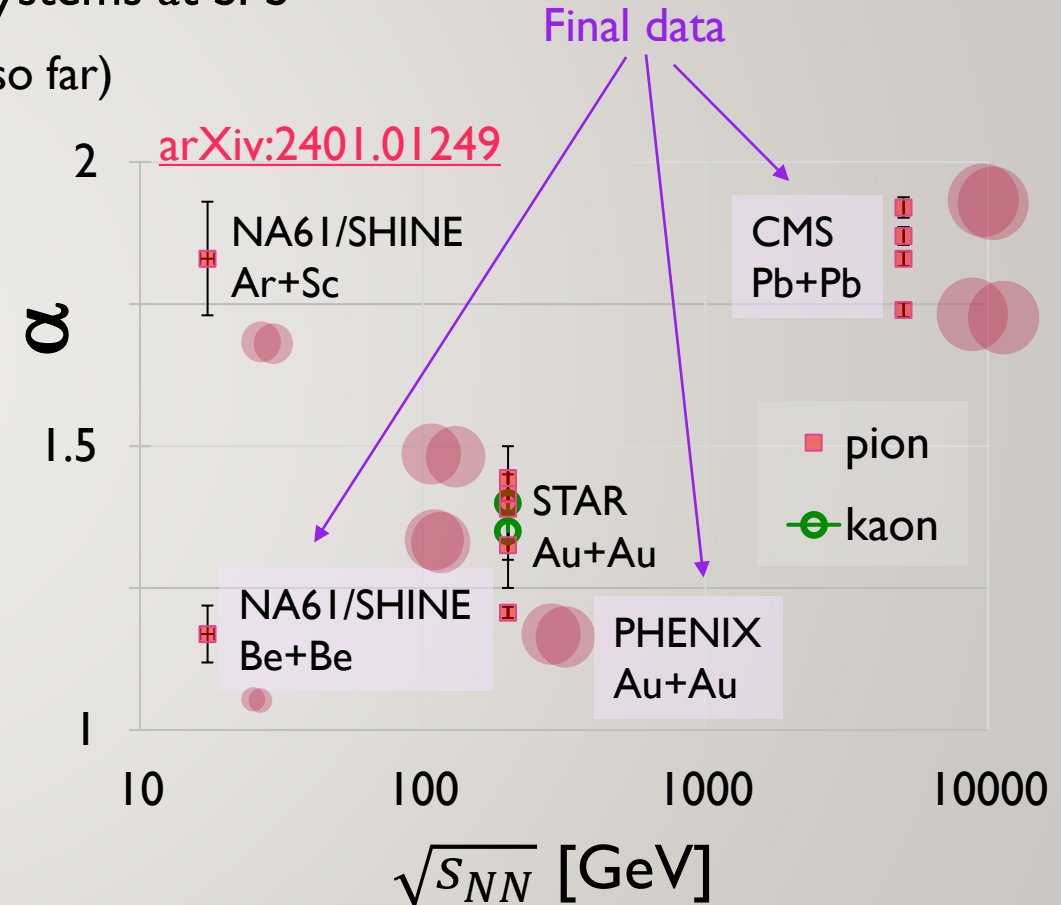
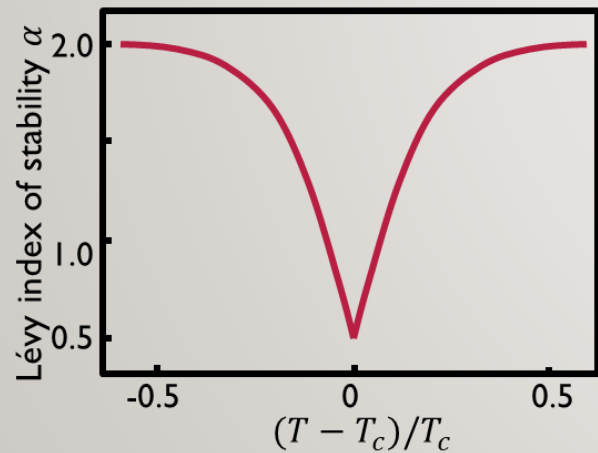
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# STABILITY PARAMETER $\alpha$ FROM SPS TO LHC

- Different values for small (Be+Be) & medium (Ar+Sc) systems at SPS
  - Also true for PbPb and pp 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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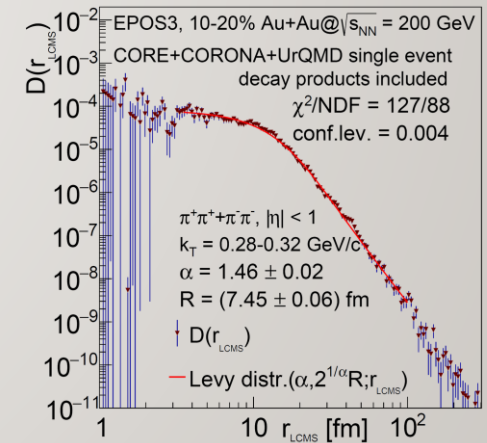
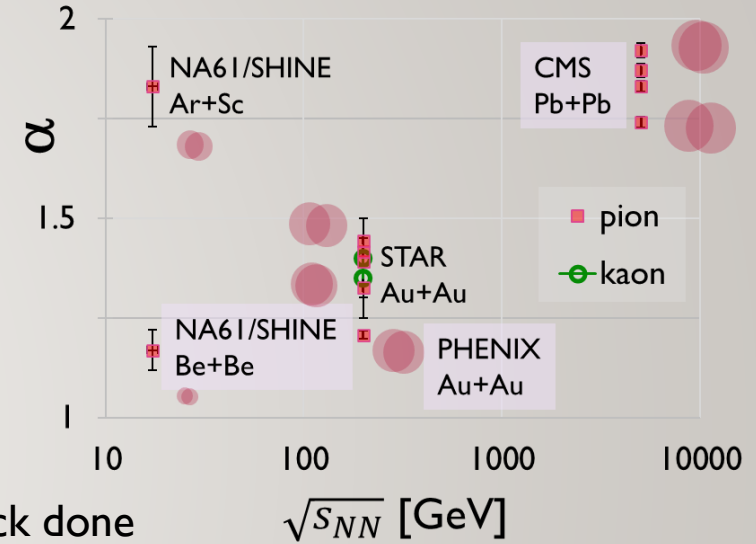
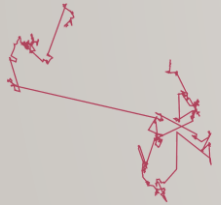
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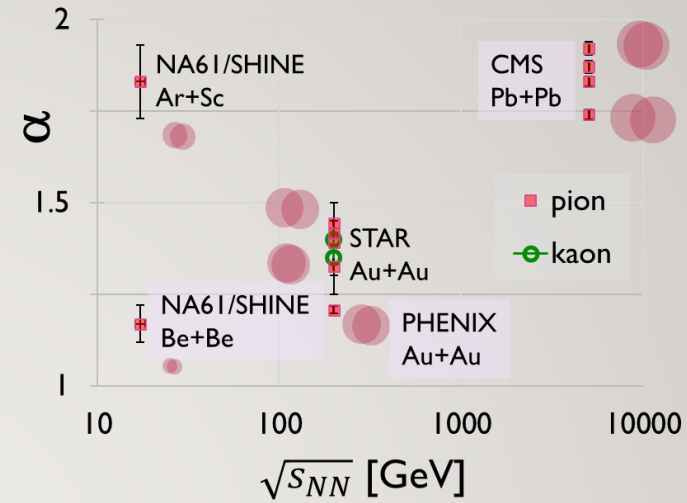
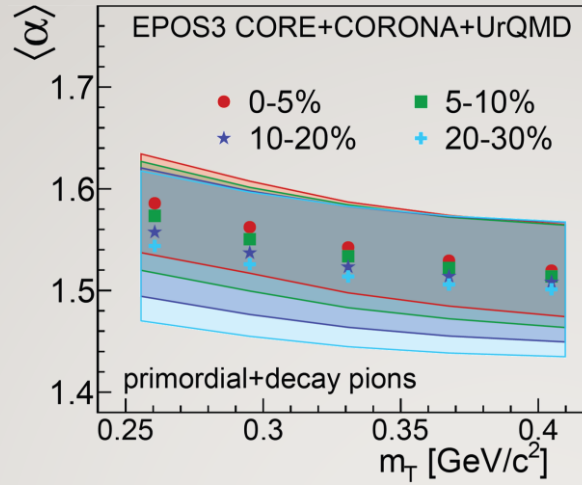
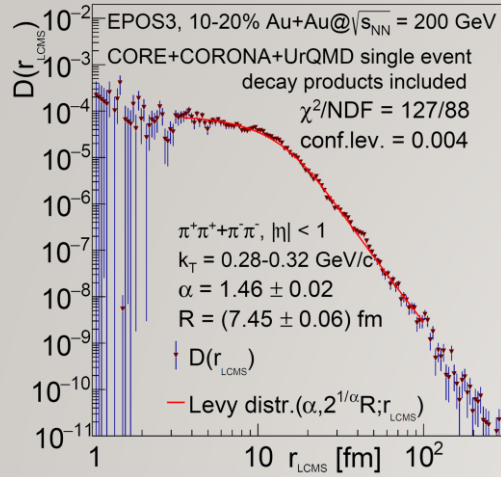
# CONCLUSIONS AND OUTLOOK

- Lévy sources from SPS to RHIC and LHC
  - **Lévy  $\alpha$** : 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  $\lambda$** : signs of  $\eta'$  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  $\alpha$ , 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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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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