

A novel method for calculating Bose-Einstein correlation functions with Coulomb final-state interaction

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 - Ready to use in experimental analyses
 - Generalizations: non-spherically symmetric case, strong interaction

Introduction

- Bose-Einstein-correlations of like particles ($\pi^+\pi^+$, $\pi^-\pi^-$, K^+K^+ ...): measure fm-scale space-time extent of particle emitting source

- Some definitions:

source function: $S(x, \mathbf{p})$

single part. distr.: $N_1(\mathbf{p}) = \int dx S(x, \mathbf{p})$

pair wave function: $\psi^{(2)}(x_1, x_2)$

pair mom. distr.: $N_2(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2) = \int dx_1 dx_2 S(x_1, \mathbf{p}_1) S(x_2, \mathbf{p}_2) |\psi^{(2)}(x_1, x_2)|^2$

corr. function: $C(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2) = \frac{N_2(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2)}{N_1(\mathbf{p}_1)N_1(\mathbf{p}_2)}$

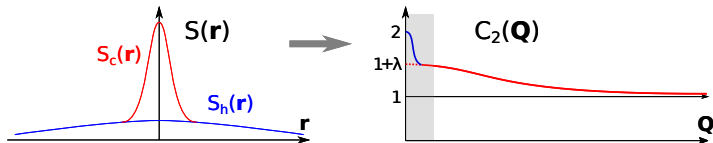
pair source: $D(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{K}) = \int d^4\rho S(\rho + \frac{r}{2}, \mathbf{K}) S(\rho - \frac{r}{2}, \mathbf{K})$

- Approximately thus

$$C(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{K}) = \frac{\int D(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{K}) |\psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})|^2 d\mathbf{r}}{\int D(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{K}) d\mathbf{r}}, \quad \mathbf{K} := \frac{\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2}{2}, \quad \mathbf{k} := \frac{\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2}{2}.$$

Introduction

- Core-halo model intercept parameter λ : $S = \sqrt{\lambda}S_c + (1 - \sqrt{\lambda})S_h$



$$S_h \text{ „large”}: \Rightarrow \text{observable } C(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{K}) = 1 - \lambda + \lambda \frac{\int D_c(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{K}) |\psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})|^2 d\mathbf{r}}{\int D_c(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{K}) d\mathbf{r}}.$$

- No final state interactions: $C(\mathbf{k}) \equiv C^{(0)}(\mathbf{k})$, Fourier transform of source

$$|\psi_{\mathbf{k}}^{(0)}(\mathbf{r})|^2 = 1 + \cos(2\mathbf{k}\mathbf{r}) \Rightarrow C^{(0)}(\mathbf{k}) = 1 + \lambda \frac{\int D_c(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{K}) \cos(2\mathbf{k}\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}}{\int D_c(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{K}) d\mathbf{r}}.$$

- Final state Coulomb interaction: $\psi^{(0)}$ replaced by solution of two-body Coulomb Schr. eq.; NR case: well known formulas (see below)

$$C^{(0)}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{C(\mathbf{k})}{K(\mathbf{k})}, \quad K(\mathbf{k}) \equiv \frac{\int D_c(\mathbf{r}) |\psi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{r})|^2 d\mathbf{r}}{\int D_c(\mathbf{r}) |\psi_{\mathbf{k}}^{(0)}(\mathbf{r})|^2 d\mathbf{r}} \quad \text{Coulomb correction}$$

- Final state strong interaction: small (?) for $\pi\pi$, KK
Usual treatment: only s -wave (1 parameter: strong scattering length f_0)

Source types

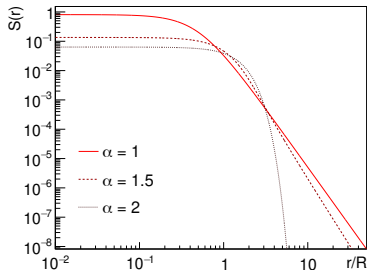
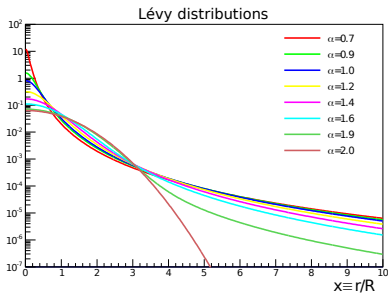
- Gaussian: usual choice; $D_{cc}(\mathbf{r}) \propto \exp(-r_k r_l R_{kl}^{-1})$.
 - Fit parameters: $R_{kl}(\mathbf{K})$ and $\lambda(\mathbf{K})$
 - A generalization: Edgeworth expansion of $C(k)$; in this source: FT of $C^{(0)}(k)$
see eg. T. Csörgő, S. Hegyi, Phys. Lett. B **489**, 15 (2000)
- Lévy-type sources: generalized Gaussian; new parameter $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+$: stability index; $\alpha \leq 2$.
Expressed as a Fourier transform:

$$D_{cc}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3 \mathbf{q} e^{i\mathbf{q}\mathbf{r}} \exp(-|\mathbf{q}R|^\alpha).$$

- Arises in natural processes: stability property (just as for Gaussian)
- Generalization: Levy polynomials (same as Edgeworth for Gaussians)
T. Novák, *et al.*, Acta Phys. Polon. Supp. **9**, 289 (2016)
- Cauchy sources \Leftrightarrow exponential $C(k)$: special case of Levy ($\alpha=1$)
employed at CMS for HBT in p+p collisions. . .

Illustration of Lévy sources

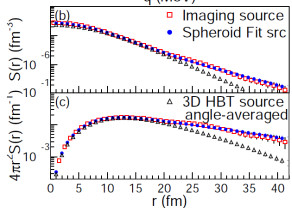
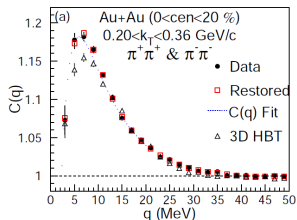
- $\alpha=2$: Gaussian, $\alpha=1$: Cauchy distribution
- For $\alpha \neq 2$, power law like $r \rightarrow \infty$ decrease ($\sim r^{-3-\alpha}$); no finite variance



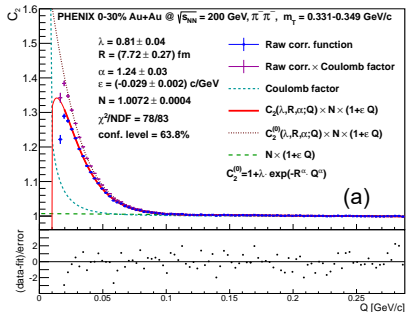
- For such sources, $C_2^{(0)}(\mathbf{Q}) = 1 + \lambda \exp(-|QR|^\alpha)$ easy, $D_{cc}(\mathbf{r})$ source itself calculable only numerically (for $\alpha \neq 1, 2$)

Lévy sources in heavy ion collisions

- Non-Gaussian behavior:
 - Model independent source extraction („imaging”)
 - PHENIX, PRL 98 (2007) 132301



- PHENIX measurement with Lévy assumption
 - $\alpha \neq 2$ confirmed m_t -independently



- Coulomb effect: an essential ingredient

Coulomb interaction

- Non-relativistic treatment: valid in Pair Co-Moving System (PCMS).
- $\mathbf{p} = \hbar \mathbf{k}$: relative momentum, $E = \frac{p^2}{2m}$, m : reduced mass
- Sommerfeld parameter (Coulomb parameter) η : ratio of classical closest distance $r_0 \equiv \frac{q_e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{E}$ to wavelength $\lambda \equiv \frac{2\pi\hbar}{p}$:

$$\eta \equiv \alpha_{\text{em}} \frac{mc}{\hbar k} = \frac{\pi r_0}{\lambda}, \quad \text{with} \quad \alpha_{\text{em}} \equiv \frac{q_e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{\hbar c} \approx \frac{1}{137}.$$

- Two-particle wave function: symmetrized scattering „out” state
 - „out” states asymptotically plane wave + *incoming* spherical wave
 - alternate „in” state (plane wave + outgoing spherical wave) yields same results

$$\psi^{(C)} = e^{i\mathbf{K}\mathbf{R}} \times \frac{\mathcal{N}^*}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-ikr} \left\{ M(1-i\eta, 1, i(kr + \mathbf{k}\mathbf{r})) + (\mathbf{k} \leftrightarrow -\mathbf{k}) \right\}.$$

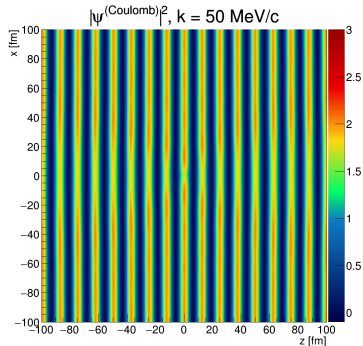
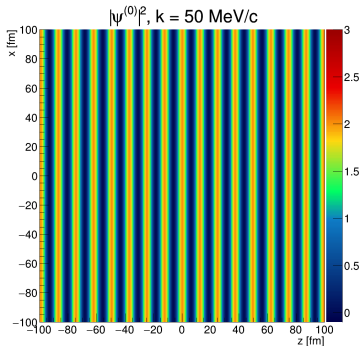
Making use of the $M(a, b, z)$ confluent hypergeometric function

- Normalization (\mathcal{N}) and Gamow factor ($|\mathcal{N}|^2$):

$$\mathcal{N} = e^{-\pi\eta/2} \Gamma(1+i\eta), \quad |\mathcal{N}|^2 = e^{-\pi\eta} |\Gamma(1+i\eta)|^2 = \frac{2\pi\eta}{e^{2\pi\eta} - 1}. \quad (1)$$

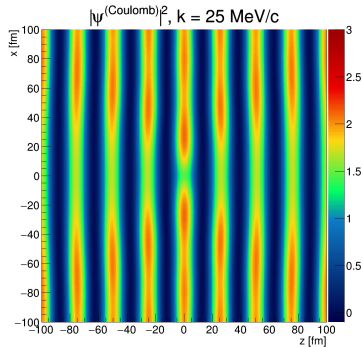
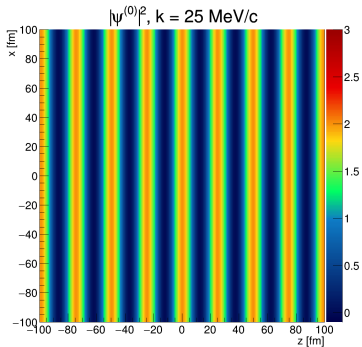
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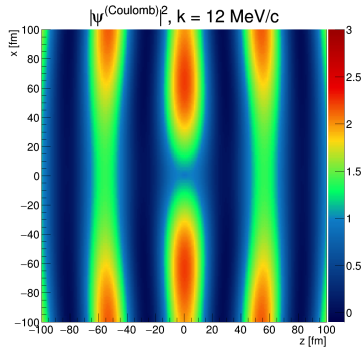
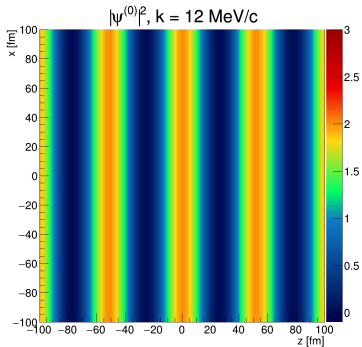
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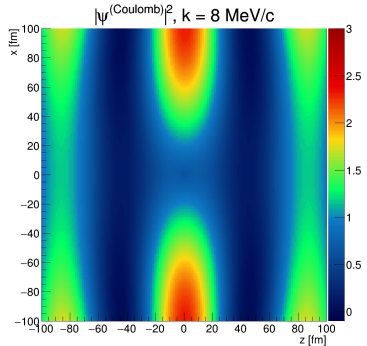
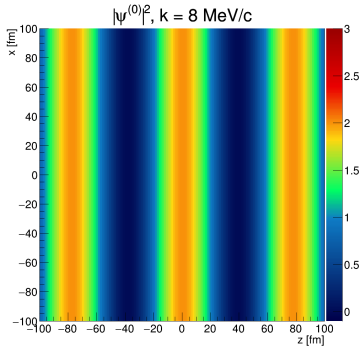
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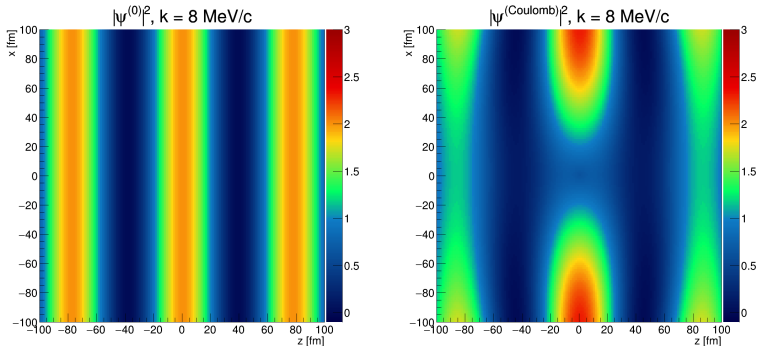
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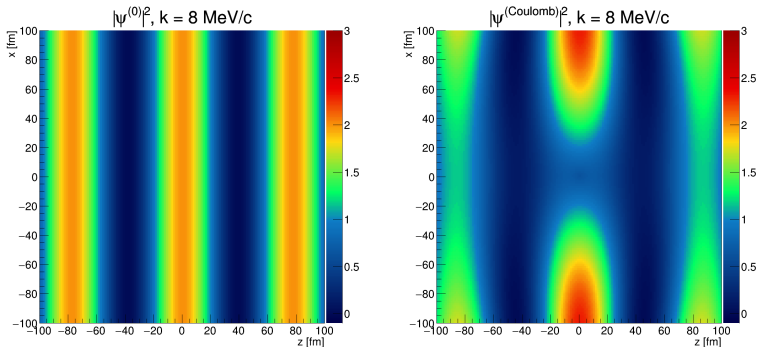
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- Computational methods:
 - Direct integrating $D(\mathbf{r})|\psi_{\mathbf{k}}^{(2)}(\mathbf{r})|^2$ during fit: time-consuming, even nowadays
 - Pre-calculate a „Coulomb correction” with fix parameters (say, $R = 5 \text{ fm}$ Gaussian): fast but inconsistent
 - Use iterative method, use memory lookup table. . .

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- These can be calculated (using complex analysis; method pioneered by Nordsieck in the theory of bremsstrahlung & pair creation)

A. Nordsieck, Phys. Rev. **93**, 785 (1954).

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The main result

- For $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0}$, function forms of $\mathcal{D}_{1\lambda s}$, $\mathcal{D}_{2\lambda s}$ become „ill-behaved”
(*Remark*: a simple well known similar case is the approximation of $\delta(x)$ Dirac delta with smooth peaked functions)
- Need to calculate & simplify $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ limit (numerical limit-taking... $\Rightarrow \zeta$)
 \Rightarrow result: *functional*, not a proper integral transform of $f_s(q)$

- Result of the calculation:

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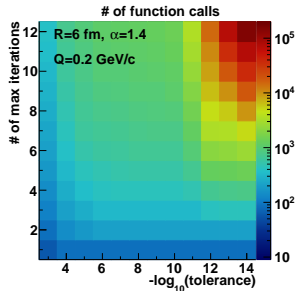
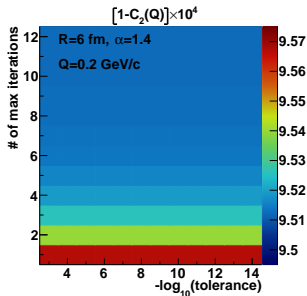
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- $\eta \rightarrow 0$: free $C_2^{(0)}(Q) = 1 + f_s(Q)$ recovered (NB: $Q = 2k$)
- $|\mathcal{N}|^2$ factor only: Gamow correction
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{1s}, \mathcal{A}_{2s}$ „correct the Gamow correction”
- \mathcal{A}_{1s} and \mathcal{A}_{2s} : well-defined *functionals* of $f_s(q)$
- Care needed about branch cuts ($\pm i0$ terms) of $\mathcal{F}_+(x)$ and complex powers

Numerical implementation

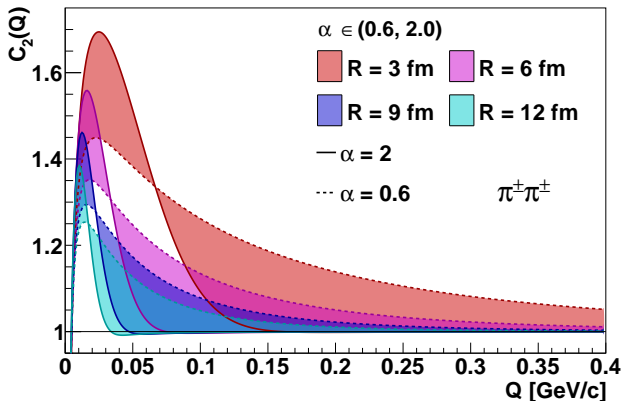
- Final numerical integrals needed: in $\mathcal{A}_{1\lambda_5}$ and $\mathcal{A}_{2\lambda_5}$
- Transform integral to $x \in [0, 1] \Rightarrow$ smooth, „beautiful” integrands
- Gauss-Kronrod quadrature (from C++ boost library) used:
 - Main parameters: # of max iterations & tolerance
 - Investigated; optimal value found:
few hundred integrand evaluations (instead of many 10000-s)



- Real-time calculation (during fit procedure) possible!
- Codes archived at: github.com/csanadm/CoulCorrLevyIntegral

Example calculations: illustrations

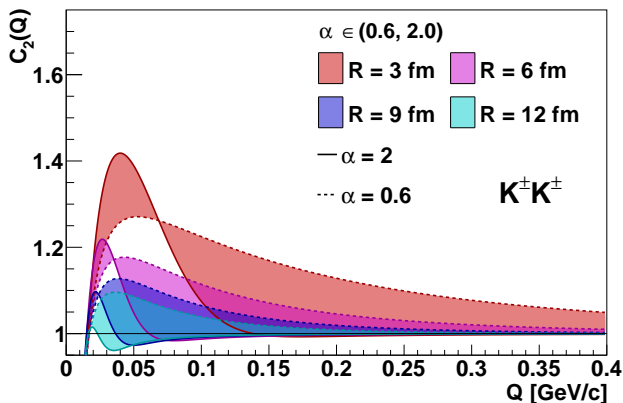
- For Lévy sources, for pion ($\pi^+\pi^+$, $\pi^-\pi^-$) pairs:



- most frequent target of HBT measurements
- Shaded region „swept” over by $C_2(Q)$ as α changes
- Apparent „nodes” disappear with increased zooming in

Example calculations: illustrations

- For Lévy sources, for kaon (K^+K^+ , K^-K^-) pairs:

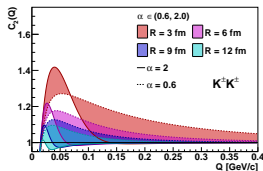
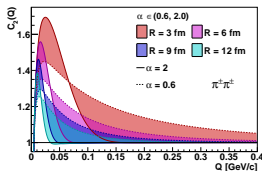


- Similarly to the case of pions; „nodes” are only apparent
- Coulomb effect stronger ($m_K > m_\pi$; η increases)
- Considerable interplay of experimentally measurable λ , R , α

Summary and outlook

- Efficient new method Coulomb interacting HBT correlation function calculation
 - Calculations directly in momentum (Fourier) space
 - Careful mathematical methods invoked, distribution theory motivated
 - Cross-checked with previous direct calculations
 - Numerical implementation done, ready for use in data analysis
- As of now, implementation only for spherically symmetric sources
 - Prospective generalization I: go beyond spherical symmetry
This is where efficiency becomes crucial. . .
 - Prospective generalization II: short-range strong interactions
 - Prospective generalization (in fact, simplification) for non-identical particle correlations: only $\mathcal{D}_{1\lambda_S}$ (ie. \mathcal{A}_{1S}) term needed

New exact analytic formulas for QM Coulomb problem! 😊



*Thank you for
your attention!*