PHENIX results on centrality and beam energy dependent Levy HBT analysis

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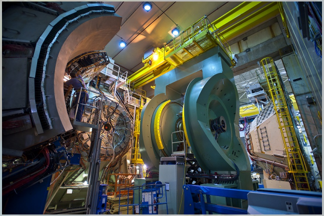
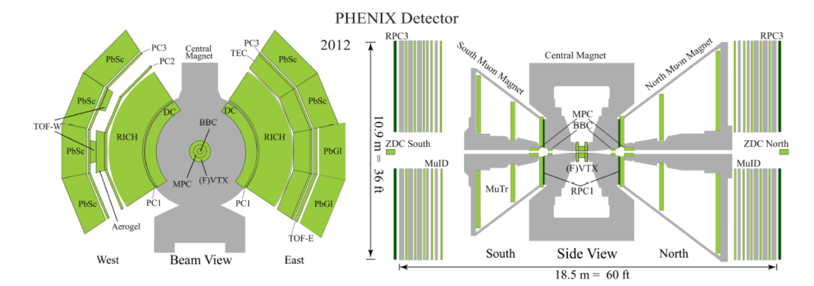
PHENIX experiment

- Observing collision of p+p, p+Al, p+Au, d+Au, h+Au, Cu+Cu, Cu+Au, Au+Au, U+U
- Charged pion ID from ∼ 0.2 to 2 GeV
- Typical Au+Au: $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 130$ GeV, **200 GeV**
- Beam energy scan program: **62.4**, **39.0**, 27.0, 19.6, 14.5, 7.7 GeV





Bose-Einstein correlations

- Correlation function from one- and two-particle momentum distributions:

$$C_2(p_1, p_2) = \frac{N_2(p_1, p_2)}{N_1(p_1)N_2(p_2)} \to C_2(q, K) = 1 + \frac{|\tilde{S}(q, K)|^2}{|\tilde{S}(q = 0, K)|^2}$$

  where $q = p_1 - p_2$ and $K = (p_1 + p_2)/2$
- Several effect could modify the correlation functions
  - Like-charged pions $\to$ Coulomb correction needed: $C_{B-E} = K(q) \cdot C_m(q)$
  - Strong final state interaction
  - Effect of the resonance pions $\to$ core-halo model:
    - $S = S_{\text{core}} + S_{\text{halo}}$
    - Long-lived resonances contribute to the halo
    - In-medium η' mass modification $\to$ specific, m_T dependent suppression
  - Partial coherence
  - Squeezed states
  - Aharonov-Bohm-like effect (see our poster :))
    - The hadron gas around the pair could reduce the strength of the correlation
    - Could be treated as an Aharonov-Bohm-like effect

Lévy-type distribution and the critical point

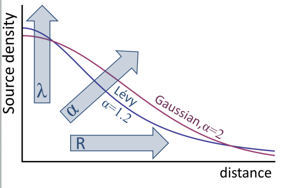
- Generalized Gaussian – Lévy-distribution

  −Anomalous diffusion
  −Generalized central limit th.

$$\left.\begin{array}{l}\\ \\ \end{array}\right\} \mathcal{L}(\alpha, R, \mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3 q e^{i\mathbf{qr}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{q}R|^\alpha}$$

- $\alpha = 2$ Gaussian, $\alpha = 1$ Cauchy, $0 < \alpha \leq 2$ Lévy
- The C_2 from a symmetric Lévy-source:

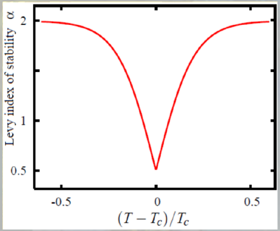
$$C_2(Q) = 1 + \lambda \cdot e^{-(RQ)^\alpha}$$



- Spatial corr. $\sim r^{-1-\eta}$ in 3D → defines η exponent
- Symmetric stable distribution (Lévy) → spatial corr. $\sim r^{-1-\alpha}$
- α identical to η!
- For details see e.g.:

  - [1] Csörgő, Hegyi, Zajc, Eur.Phys.J. C36 (2004) 67, nucl-th/0310042
  - [2] Csörgő, Hegyi, Novák, Zajc, AIP Conf.Proc. 828 (2006) 525, nucl-th/0512060
  - [3] Csörgő, PoS HIGH-pTLHC08:027 (2008), nucl-th/0903.0669
  - [4] Csanád, Csörgő, Nagy, Braz.J.Phys. 37 (2007) 1002-1013

Searching for the critical point

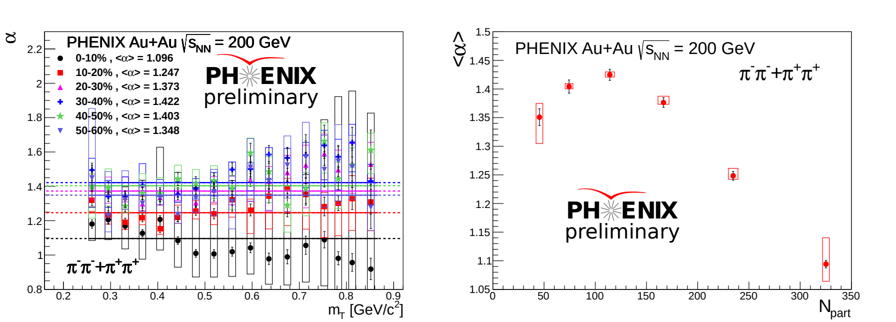


- QCD universality class ↔ 3D Ising [5],[6]
- At the critical point:
  - random field 3D Ising model [7]: $\eta = 0.5 \pm 0.05$
  - 3D Ising [8]: $\eta = 0.03631(3)$
- Change in α → vicinity of the CEP
- Motivation for precise HBT measurements ...
  - ... with different multiplicity → centrality dependence
  - ... with different energy: now 200 GeV, 62 GeV, 39 GeV

- [5] Halasz et al., Phys.Rev.D58 (1998) 096007, hep-ph/9804290
- [6] Stephanov et al., Phys.Rev.Lett.81 (1998) 4816, hep-ph/9806219
- [7] Rieger, Phys.Rev.B52 (1995) 6659, cond-mat/9503041
- [8] El-Showk et al., J.Stat.Phys.157 (4-5): 869, hep-th/1403.4545

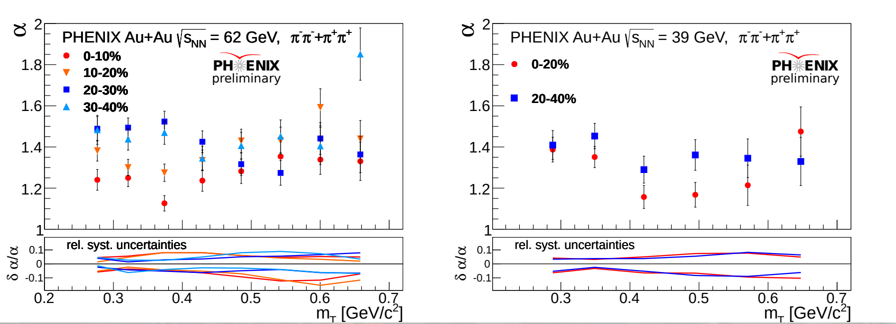
Lévy exponent α at 200 GeV

- Slightly non-monotonic behavior as a function of m_T
- Average has non-monotonic behavior at 200 GeV
- $\alpha = \langle\alpha\rangle$ constant fits were performed with centrality bin dependent value



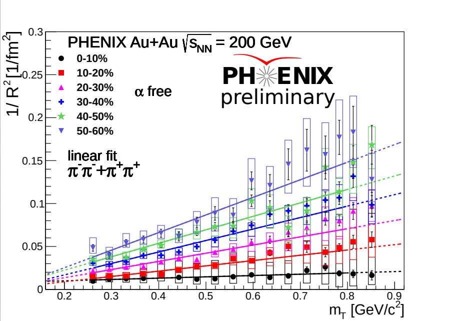
Lévy exponent α at 62 and 39 GeV

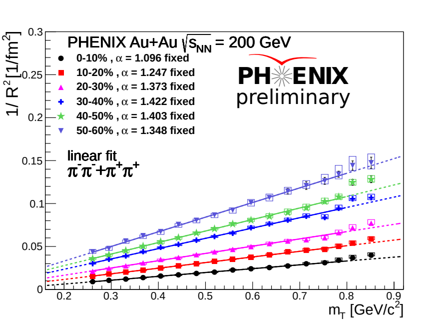
- Lévy exponent α does not seem to depend on $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$
- Fewer centrality bins have to be used due to the statistics
- $\alpha = \langle\alpha\rangle$ constant fits were not done



Lévy scale R at 200 GeV

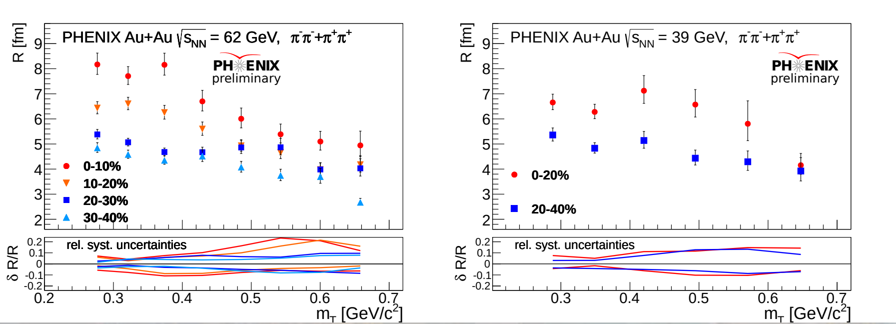
- Not equivalent with the Gaussian width but show similar trends
- Linear scaling behavior is seen in $1/R^2(m_T)$
- α fix fits reduce the systematic uncertainties





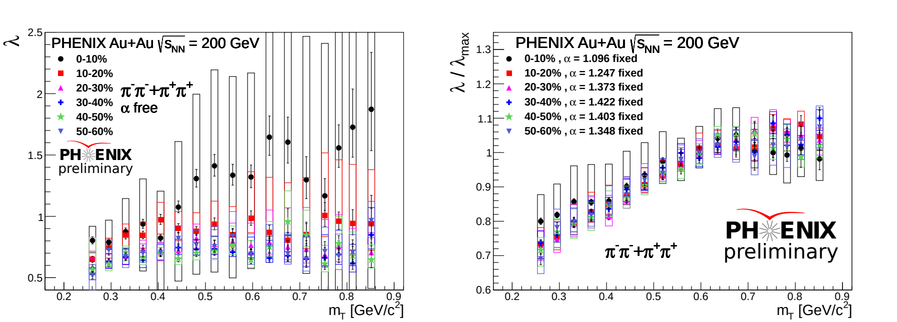
Lévy scale R at 62 and 39 GeV

- Similar decreasing trends with m_T as in the Gaussian case
- Similar trends as at 200 GeV
- Fewer centrality bins have to be used due to statistics



Lévy strength λ at 200 GeV

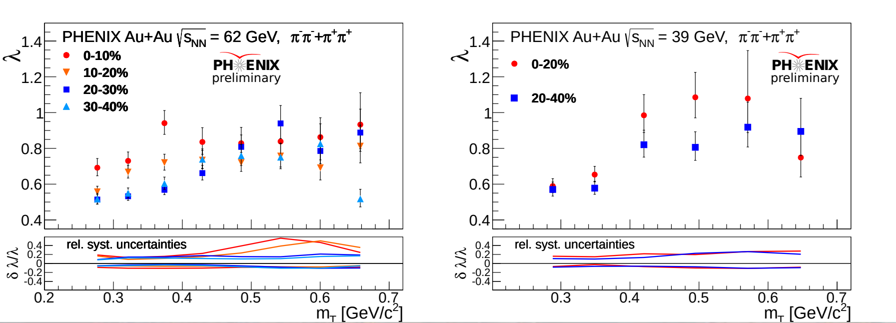
- Decreasing tendency at lower m_T not depend on centrality (as in [9])
- Can be observed clearly in λ/λ_{max} with α fix (r.h.s. figure)
- Partial coherence predicts strong centrality dependence
- No centrality dependence of the "hole"



[9] Abelev et al. [STAR collaboration] PRC80, 024905

Lévy strength λ at 62 and 39 GeV

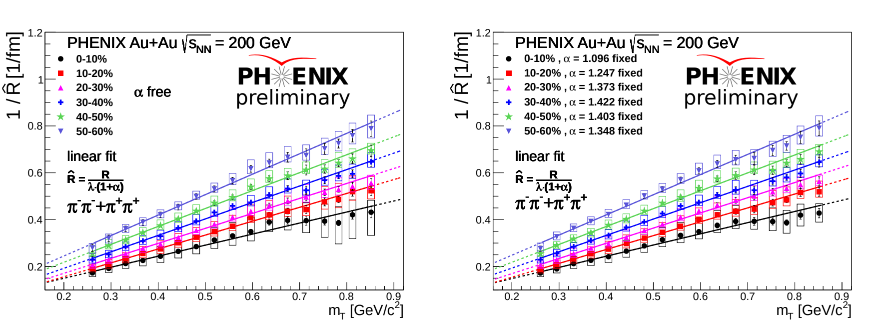
- Similar trends as at 200 GeV
- The characteristics of the "hole" do not depend strongly on $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$
- At $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \approx 19.4$ GeV the effect seems to disappear in S+Pb (see [10])



[10] Beker et al. [NA44 collaboration], PRL74, 3340

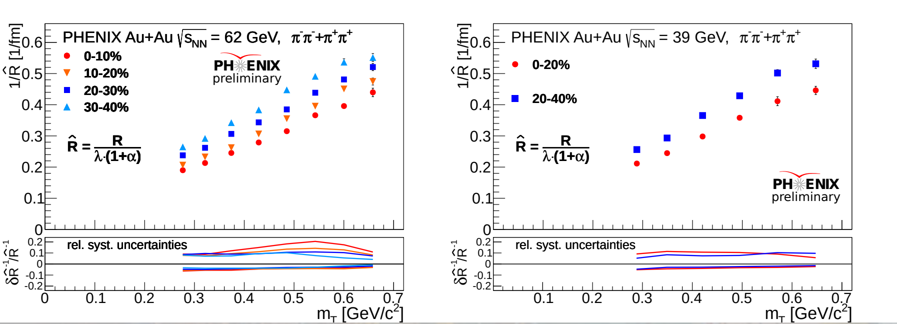
New scaling parameter $\hat{R}$ at 200 GeV

- $\frac{1}{\hat{R}} = \frac{\lambda(1+\alpha)}{R}$ scales with m_T
- Not sensitive to the α fixation
- May correspond to the area under the correlation function
- Experimentally observed, no theoretical explanation as far as we know



New scaling parameter $\hat{R}$ at 62 and 39 GeV

- Surprisingly good behavior at lower energy
- Linear behavior does still hold

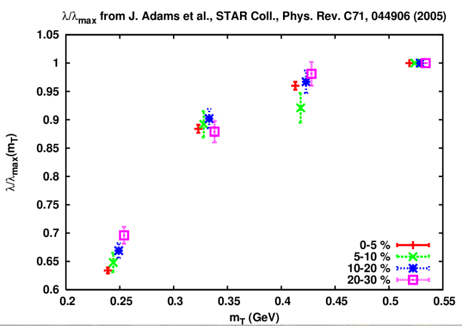


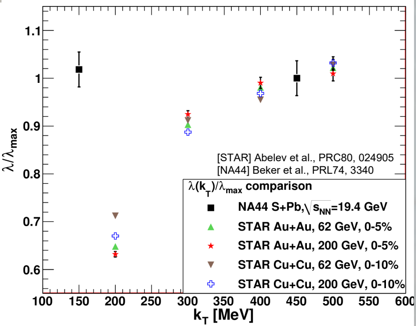
Summary

- Experimentally, a significant deviation from the Gaussian ($\alpha = 2$) case
- Symmetric Lévy shape is a statistically acceptable description
- Lévy parameters connected to rescattering, core/halo model and size
- Lévy exponent α: non-monotonic in N_{part}, almost independent of $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$
- Lévy scale R: geometric/hydro scaling, similar to Gaussian
- Lévy strength: low-m_T "hole" for $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \geq 39$ GeV, weak centrality dep.
- New par $\hat{R}$: linear scaling for $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \geq 39$ GeV, all investigated centrality

Thank you for your attention!

Backup slides





STAR centrality dependent results (left) and the comparison of STAR results in different $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ with NA44 data (right)