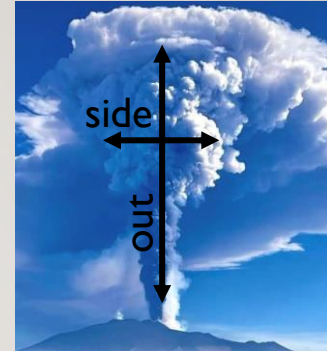




# TWO-PARTICLE FEMTOSCOPIC CORRELATION MEASUREMENTS



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HIN-21-011, ARXIV:[2306.11574](https://arxiv.org/abs/2306.11574), SUBMITTED TO PRC  
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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, ...

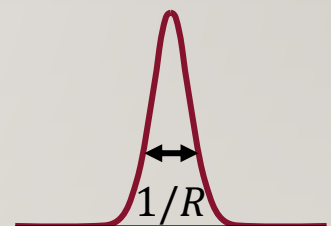
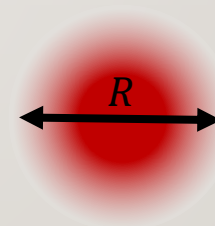
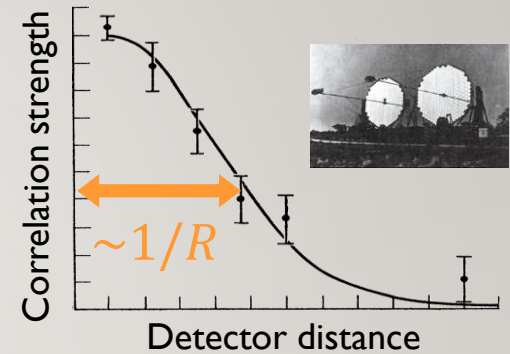
- Momentum correlation  $C(q)$  related to particle emitting source  $S(r)$

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

- With distance distribution  $D(r)$ :

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

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

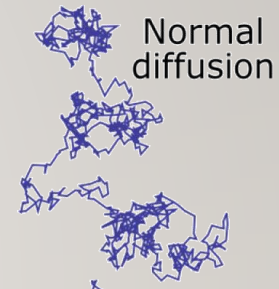
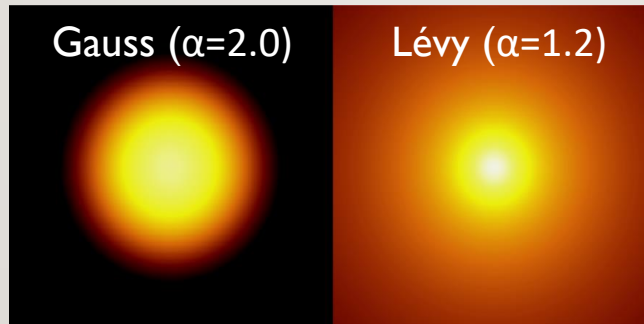


source function  $S(r)$  correlation funct.  $C(q)$

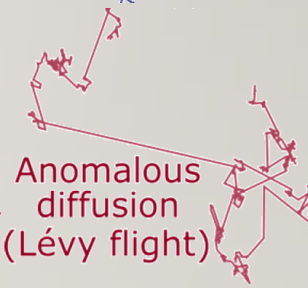
- Only way to map out source space-time geometry on femtometer scale!

# SOURCE SHAPE AND CORRELATIONS

- 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



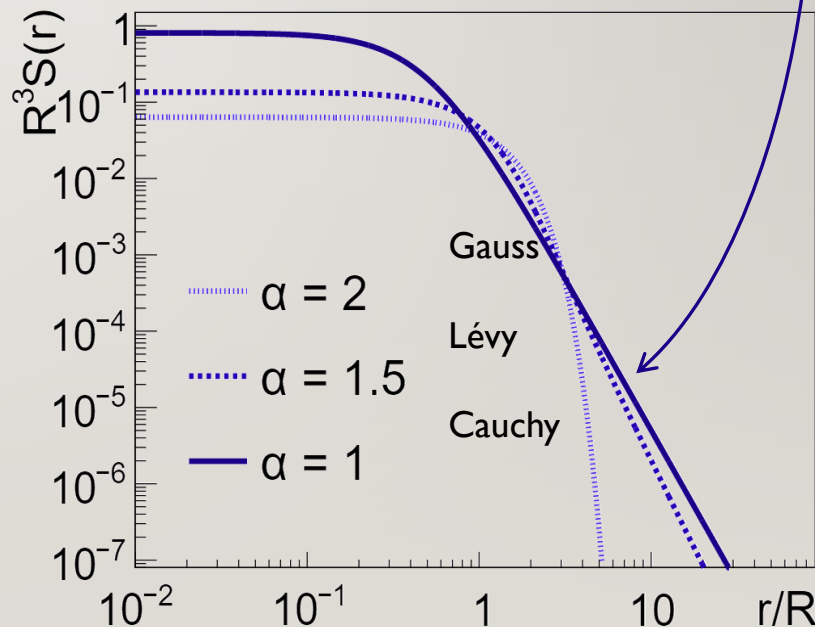
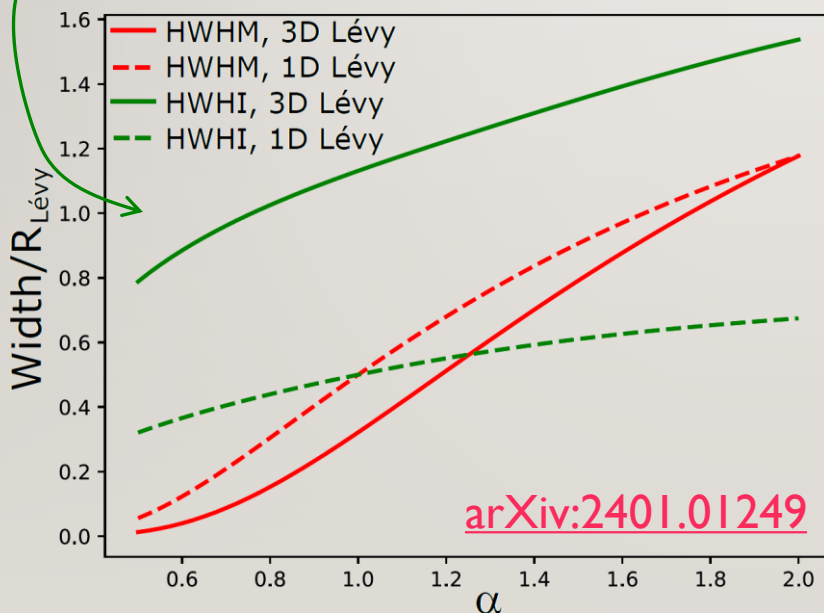
Anomalous diffusion (Lévy flight)

- 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 Levy source: **anomalous diffusion**, jet fragmentation, critical phenomena, decays, averaging (see backup slide for details)



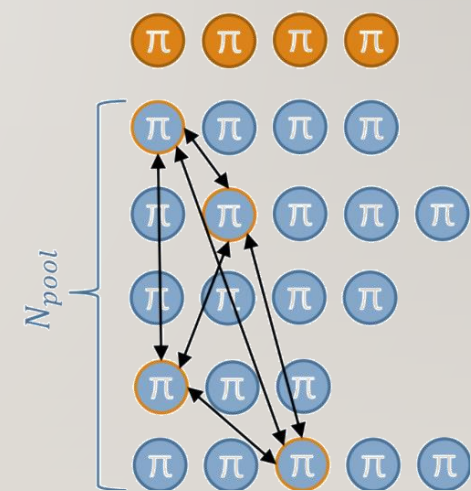
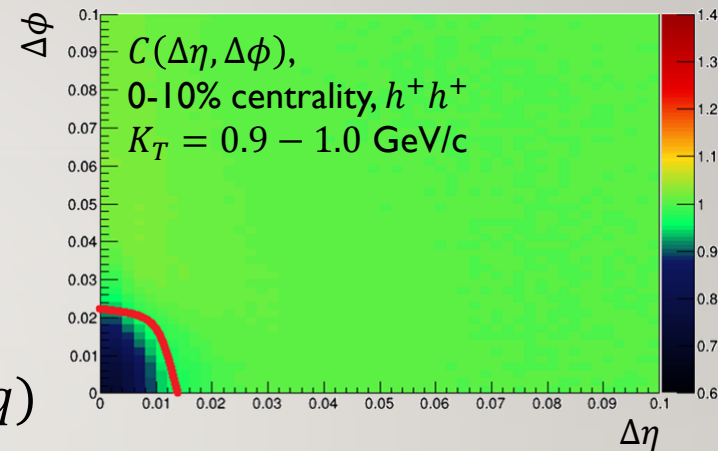
# MEANING OF HBT SCALE $R$

- No tail if  $\alpha = 2$ , power law if  $\alpha < 2$ ; tail depends on  $\alpha$  ( $r^{-1-\alpha}$ )
- In principle,  $RMS = \infty$  if  $\alpha < 2$ , in practice finite but depends on cutoff
- Wrong assumption  $\rightarrow \alpha$  and  $R_{Lévy}$  entangle in observed source size
  - See backup slide for details
- Alternative measures:
  - Width at half integral (HWHI) or width at half maximum (HWHM)
  - Nontrivially connected to  $\alpha$  and  $R$



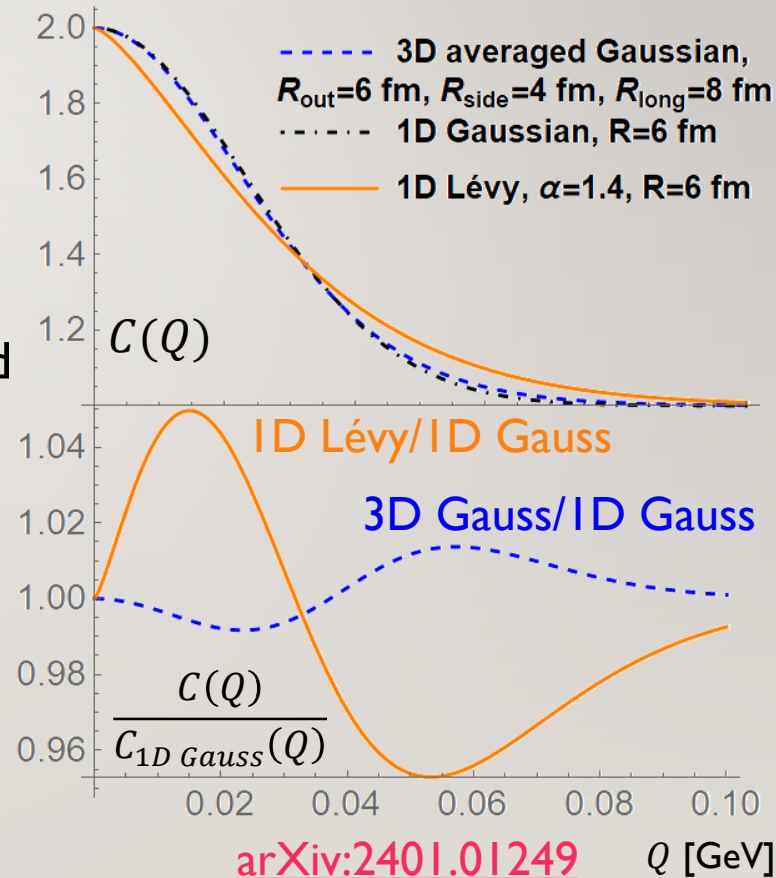
# MEASURING CORRELATION FUNCTIONS

- $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV PbPb, 3B MinBias events
  - vtx cut, centrality classes, std single-track cuts
- Pair cuts needed in  $\Delta\eta$ ,  $\Delta\phi$  to reduce splitting and merging
- Measuring correlation functions via mixed event background:  $C(q) = A(q)/B(q)$
- $C(q)$  for large  $q$  may contain remaining effects
  - Energy and momentum conservation, resonances, minijets...
- $BG(q)$  long-range background fit to  $C(q)$
- Double ratio calculated:  $DR(q) = \frac{C(q)}{BG(q)}$
- Very small remaining linear background handled in fit
  - ... with a  $(1 + \epsilon \cdot q)$  factor



# ROLE OF 1D ANALYSIS IN SHAPE

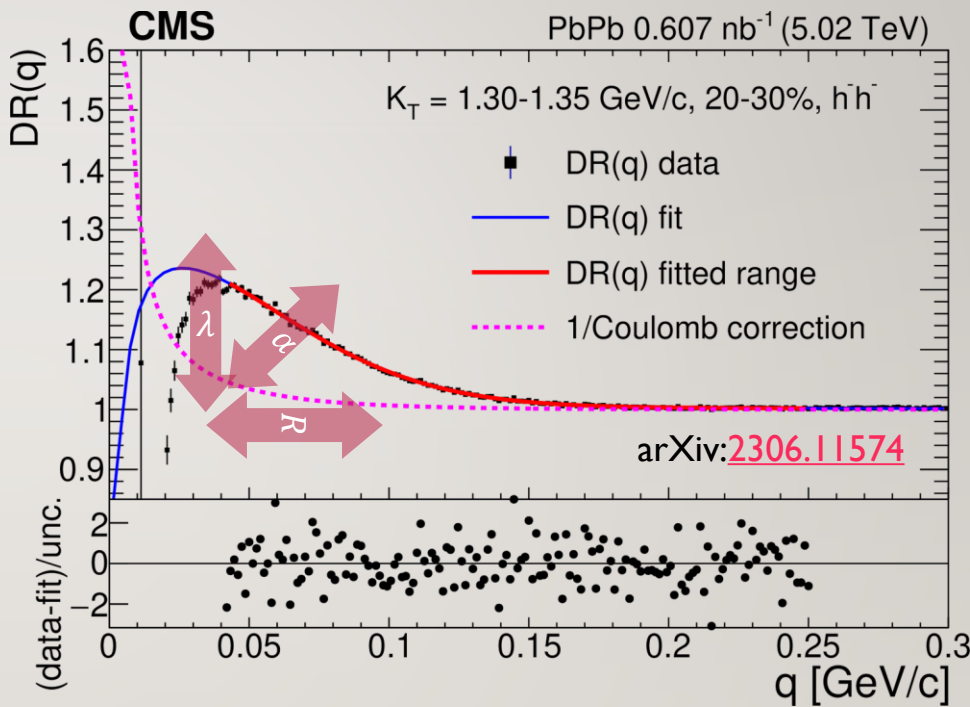
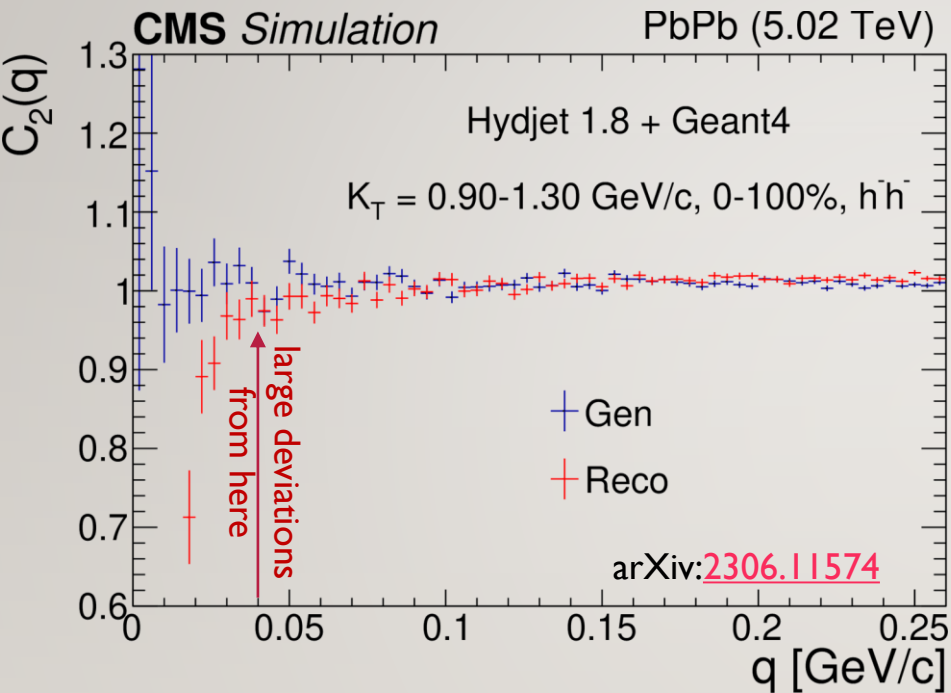
- Approximate spherical symmetry observed by ALICE with Gaussian radii
  - PRC 93 (2016) arXiv: [1507.06842](https://arxiv.org/abs/1507.06842), PRL 118 (2017) arXiv: [1702.01612](https://arxiv.org/abs/1702.01612) (similarly at RHIC)
- Preliminary 3D Lévy analysis by PHENIX showed  $\alpha_{1D} \approx \alpha_{3D}$ 
  - APPolB Proc. S. 12 (2019) arXiv: [1809.09392](https://arxiv.org/abs/1809.09392)
- This CMS analysis: geometry explored in  $(q_0, |q|)$  and  $(q_L, q_T)$ , sphericity valid
- 3D Gaussian does *not* result in 1D Lévy
  - Difference: several percent
  - Available experimental precision: much better than this difference
  - Experimental uncertainties in this analysis: few permille (‰)





# FITTING CORRELATION FUNCTIONS

- Small  $q$  values: measurement not reliable



- Fit:  $N(1 + \varepsilon q) [1 - \lambda + \lambda(1 + e^{-|qR|^\alpha}) K_C(q; R, \alpha)]$ 
  - $K_C$ : Coulomb corr., Phys. Part. Nucl. 51, 238 (2020) [See talk by M. Nagy on this subject]
- $R, \alpha, \lambda$ : physical parameters of Lévy source, N: normalization;  $\varepsilon$ : background
  - 6 centrality (0-60%) & 24  $K_T$  (0.5-1.9 GeV/c) bins

# SYSTEMATIC UNCERTAINTY SOURCES

Systematic source	Default	Low	High
vertex z selection	<15 cm	<12 cm	<18 cm
$p_T$ selection	>0.5 GeV/c	>0.55 GeV/c	>0.5 GeV/c
$\delta p_T$ selection	<10%	<5%	<15%
$ \eta $ selection	<0.95	<0.9	<1
$N_{\text{pixel-hit}}$ selection	>1	>2	>0
$\chi^2 / N_{\text{dof}} / N_{\text{layer}}$ selection	<0.18	<0.15	<0.18
$ d_{xy} / \sigma(d_{xy}) $ selection	<3	<2	<5
$ d_z / \sigma(d_z) $ selection	<3	<2	<5
$(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi)$ pair selection	$\Delta\eta_{\text{min}} = 0.014$ $\Delta\phi_{\text{min}} = 0.022$	$\Delta\eta_{\text{min}} = 0.017$ $\Delta\phi_{\text{min}} = 0.028$	$\Delta\eta_{\text{min}} = 0.011$ $\Delta\phi_{\text{min}} = 0.016$
$q_{\text{min}}$ lower fit limit	$q_{\text{min}}^0(K_T, \text{cent})$	$q_{\text{min}}^0 - 0.004$	$q_{\text{min}}^0 + 0.004$
$q_{\text{max}}$ upper fit limit	$q_{\text{max}}^0(K_T, \text{cent})$	$0.85q_{\text{max}}^0$	$1.15q_{\text{max}}^0$
centrality edges	Default values	Lower values	Higher values

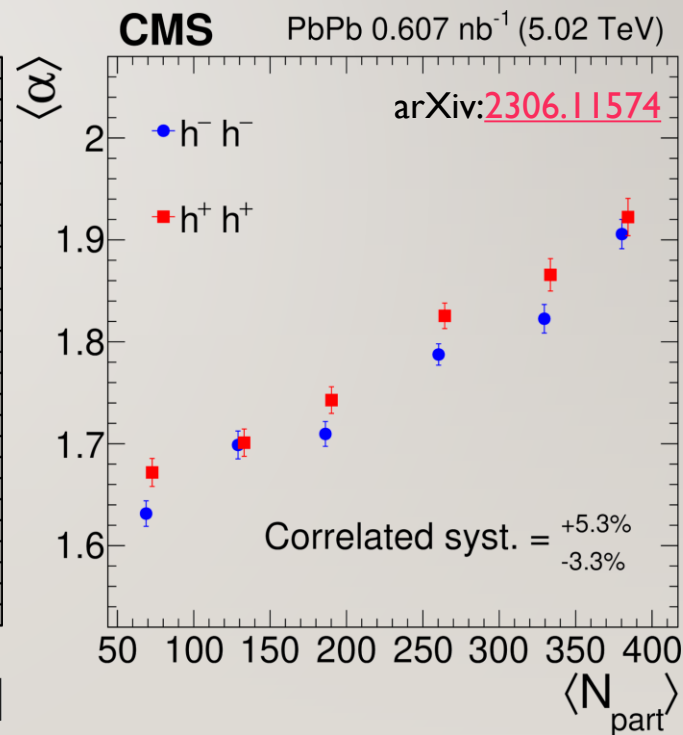
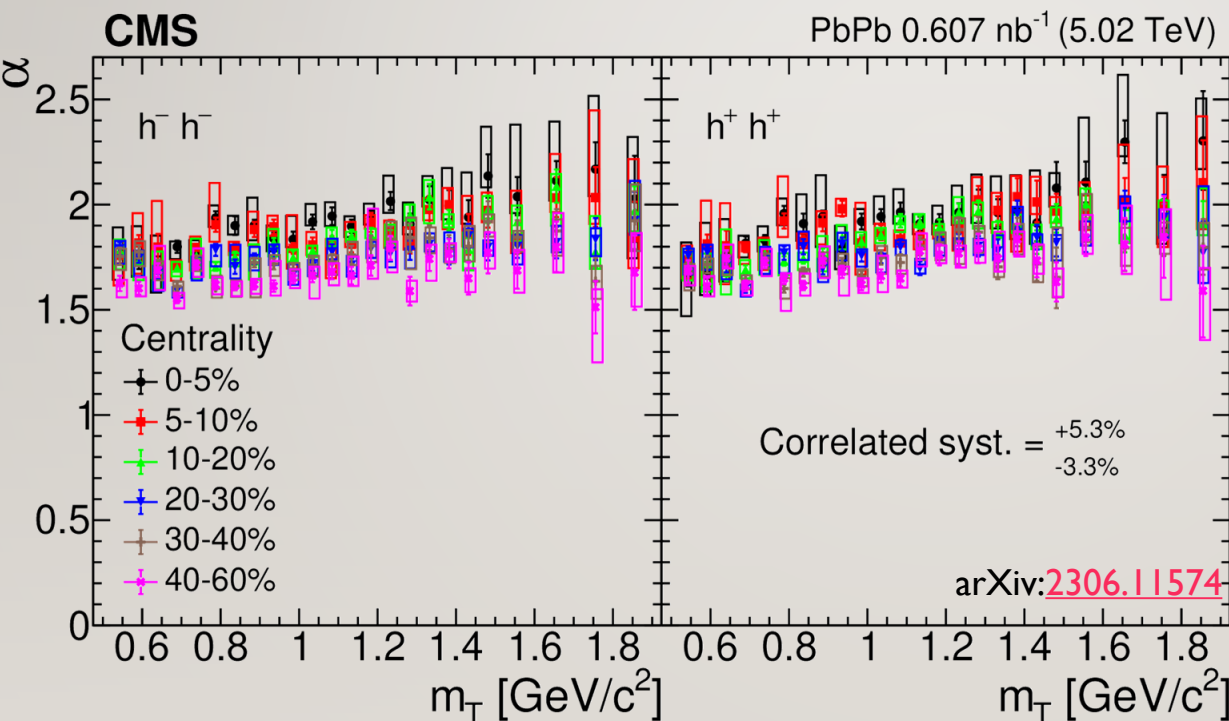
- Event and track cuts: 2-4%, pair cuts: 4-6%, fit range: 2-9% → largest effect
- Largest uncertainties for central collisions and for  $\lambda$  parameter
- Separation of point-to-point (fluctuating) and constant part (overall factor)





# LÉVY STABILITY INDEX $\alpha$

- Source shape not Gaussian ( $\alpha \neq 2$ )
- Close to constant in each centrality class, average value: 1.6-2.0
- Lévy  $\alpha$  larger in central collisions (unlike at RHIC, see talk by D. Kincses)

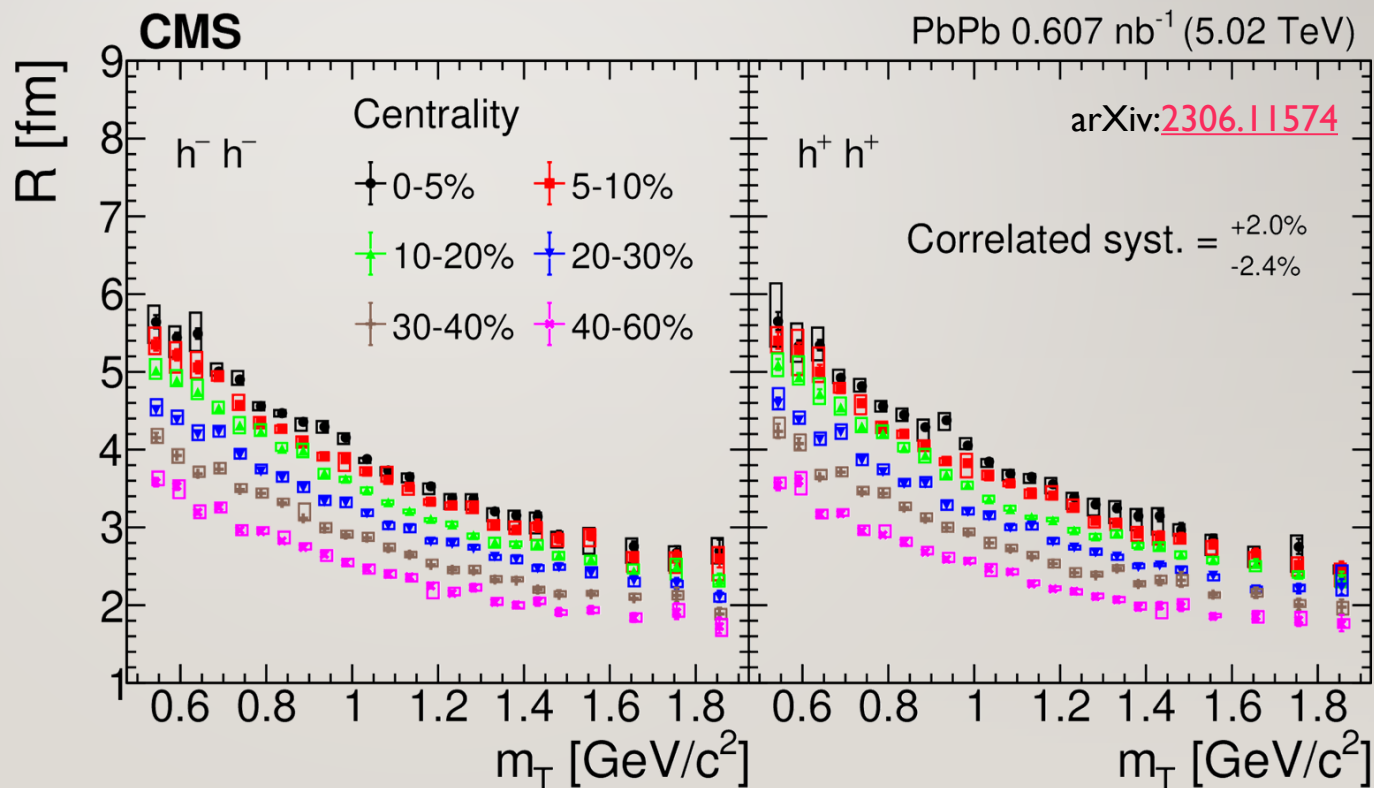




# THE LÉVY SCALE PARAMETER: $R$ VS $m_T$

- Pair transverse mass:  $m_T = \sqrt{m^2 + (K_T/c)^2}$
- Source homogeneity length  $R$ : smooth  $m_T$  dependence
  - Usual decrease with  $m_T$ , as predicted by hydro for transverse flow

- Centrality dependence:
  - Decrease for peripheral collisions
- Compatible with hydro?

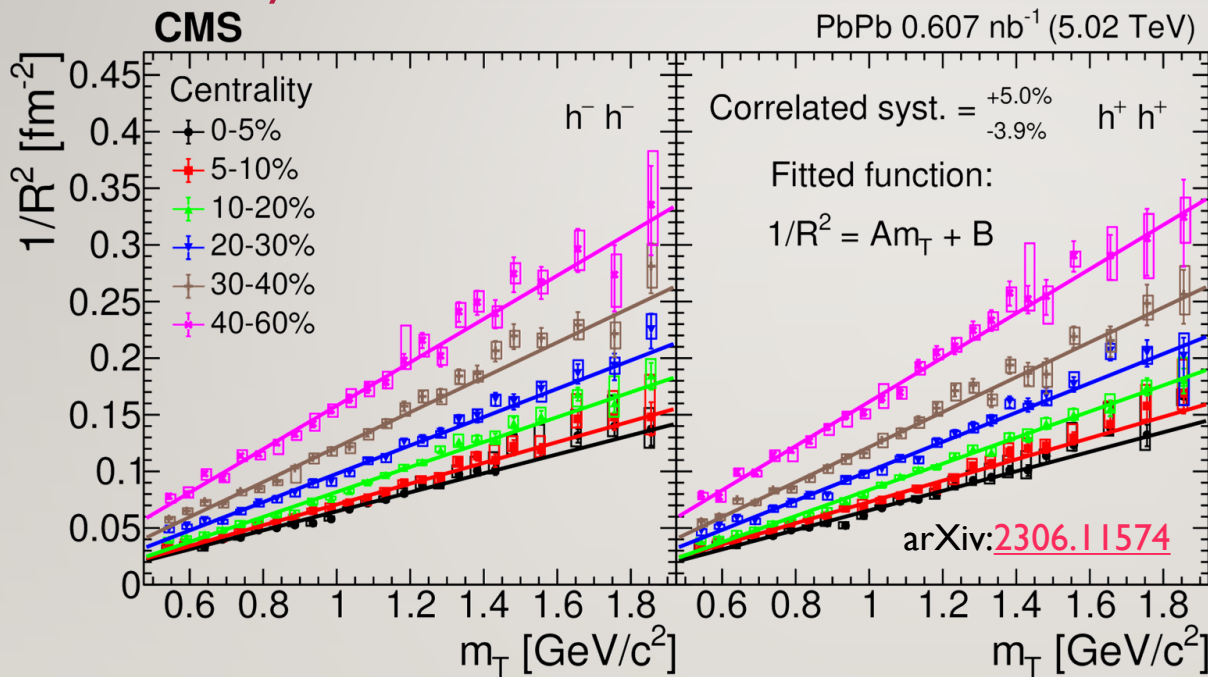




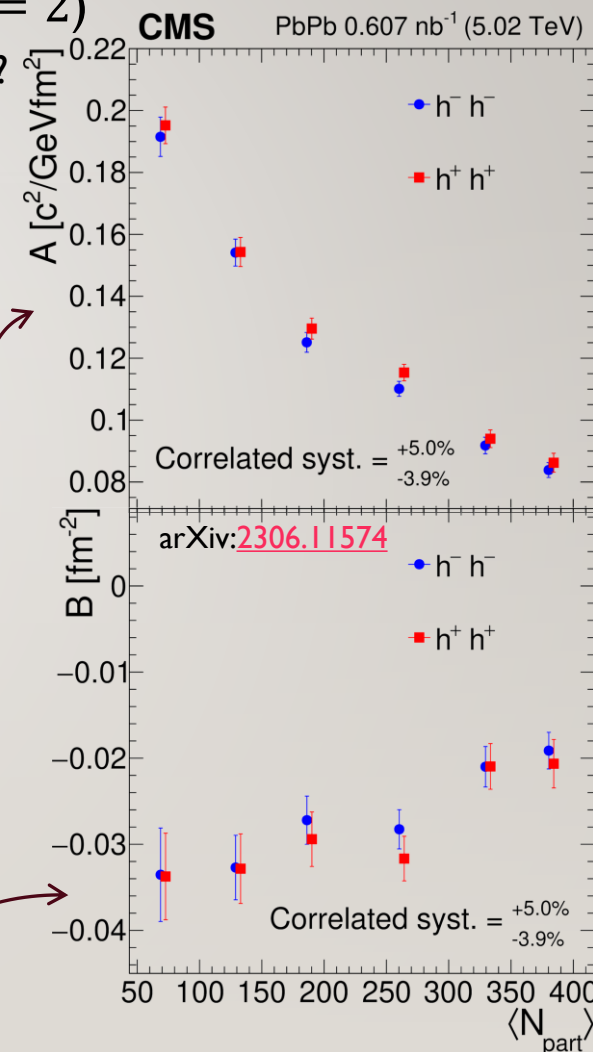
# HYDRODYNAMICAL SCALING OF LÉVY R?

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- Hydro model prediction:  $R^{-2} \approx A \cdot m_T + B$  (for  $\alpha = 2$ )
  - Slope  $A = H^2/T_f$ : flow; Intercept  $B = R_f^{-2}$ : freeze-out size?
- Hydro fits work well, but source not Gaussian?!



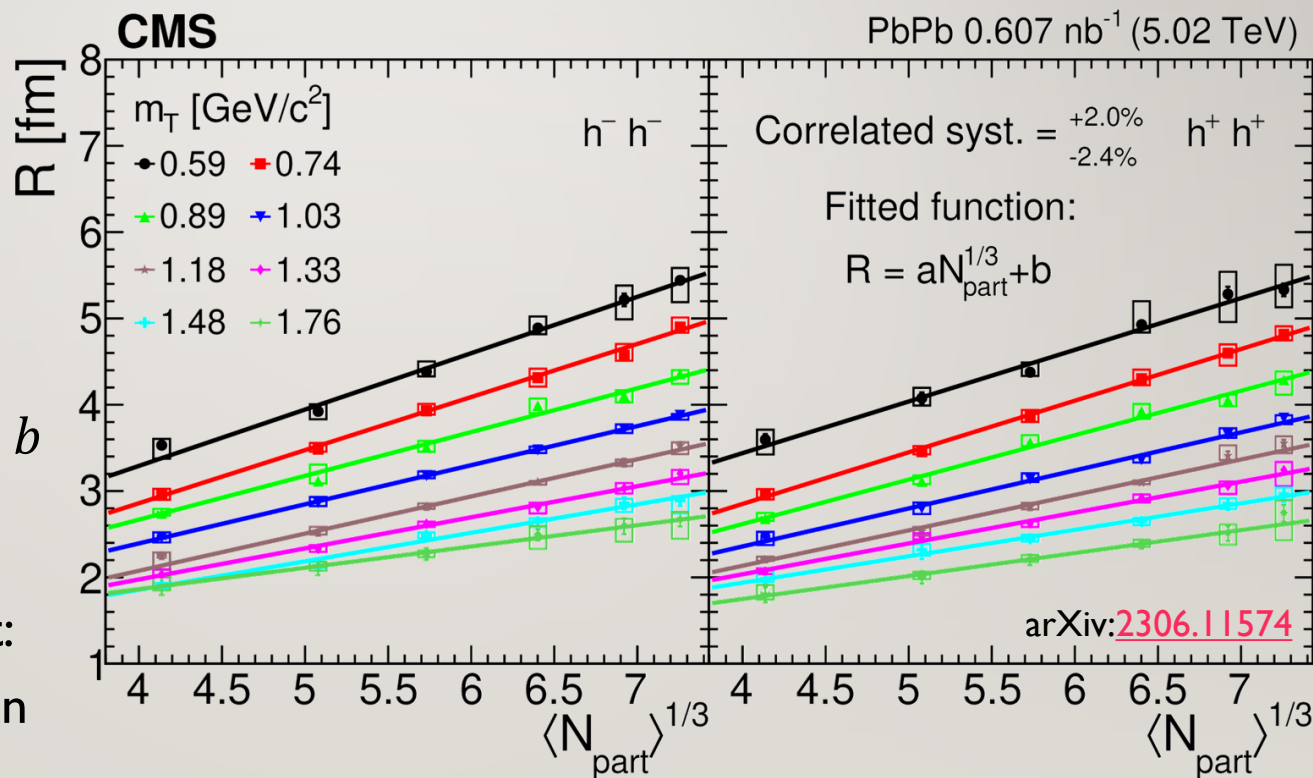
- Hubble constant:  $0.10 - 0.17 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ 
  - Centrality dependence of radial flow
- Negative intercept!





# GEOMETRICAL SCALING: R VS $N_{part}$

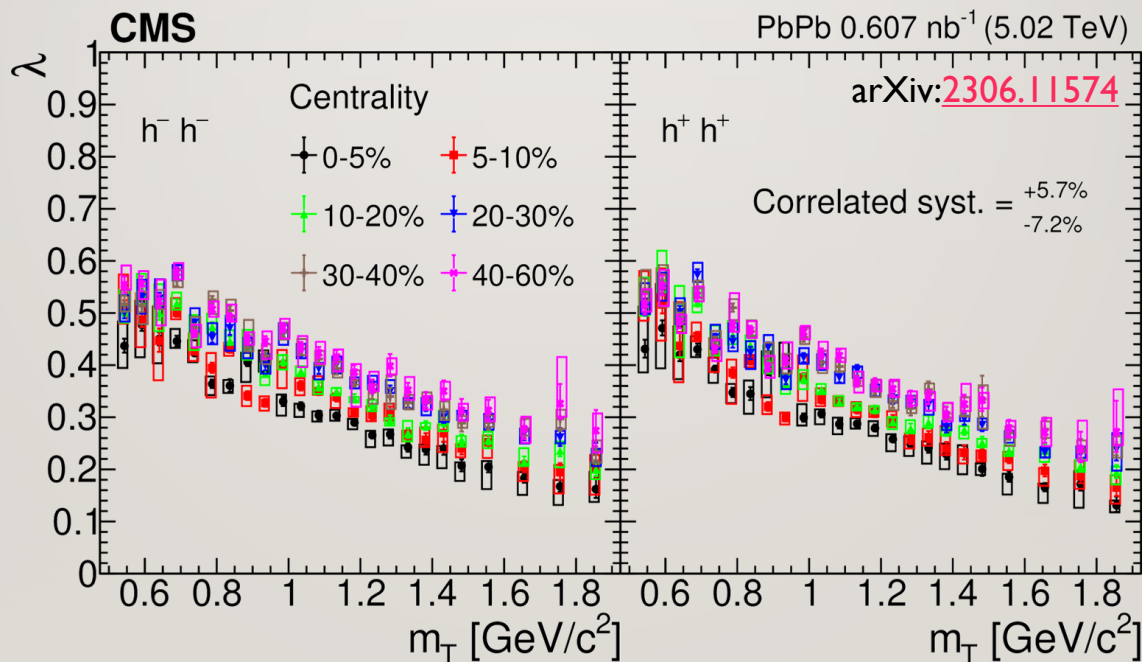
- $\langle N_{part} \rangle$  : average number of participating nucleons in the collision
- $\langle N_{part} \rangle^{1/3} \sim$  initial one-dimensional size
- If  $R \sim \langle N_{part} \rangle^{1/3}$  :  
 $R$  connected to initial geometry
- Linear scaling  
 $R = a \cdot \langle N_{part} \rangle^{1/3} + b$   
 verified
- Slope and intercept:  
 related to expansion





# CORRELATION STRENGTH $\lambda$

- $\lambda$  may be influenced (at least) by:
  - Core fraction ( $f_c$ ) and partial coherence ( $p_c$ ): increase with  $f_c$ , decrease with  $p_c$   
 $\lambda = f_c^2 [(1 - p_c)^2 + 2p_c(1 - p_c)]$  (see e.g., Csörgő, hep-ph/0001233)
  - Lack of particle identification:  $\lambda \leq (N_\pi/N_{\text{hadron}})^2$
- Strongly decreasing trend with  $m_T$ : caused by lack of PID?





# RESCALED CORRELATION STRENGTH: $\lambda^*$

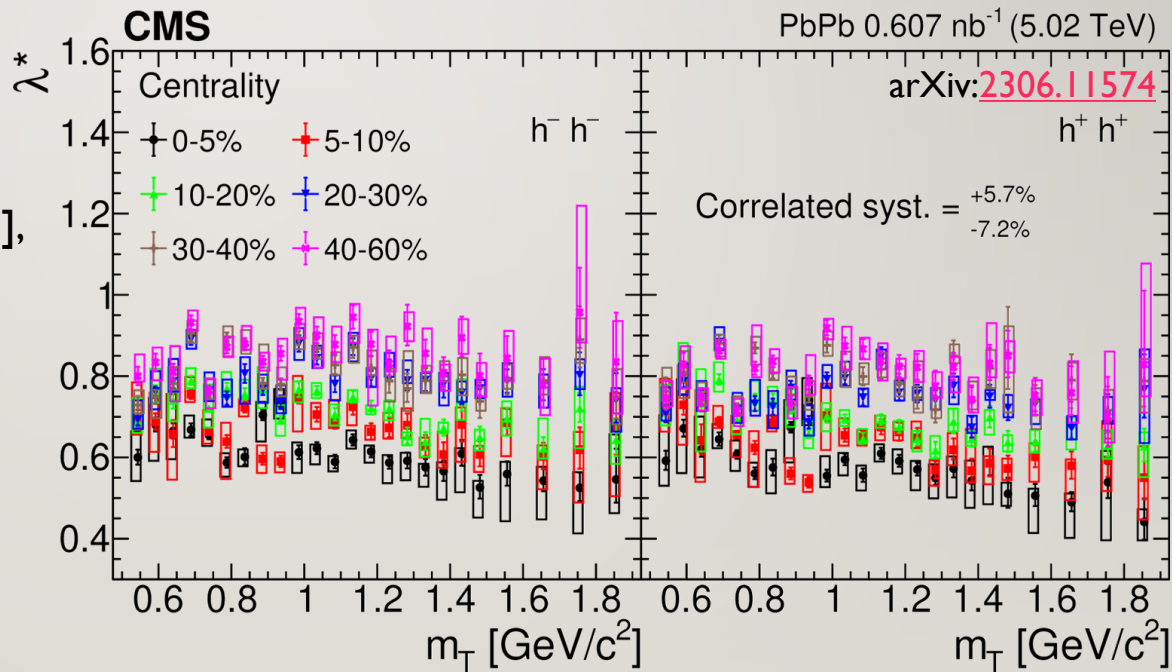
- Proton and kaon to pion ratio increases with  $m_T$ 
  - See for example ALICE result Phys.Rev.C 101 (2020) 4, 044907
  - Can rescale with it:  $\lambda^* = \lambda \cdot (N_{\text{hadron}}/N_\pi)^2$

- Close to constant trend vs  $m_T$

- RHIC observes  $U_A(1)$  restoration at  $m_T \lesssim 300 \text{ MeV}/c^2$  [PRC 97 (2018) 064911], not resolvable here

- Centrality dependence: more coherence in central collisions?

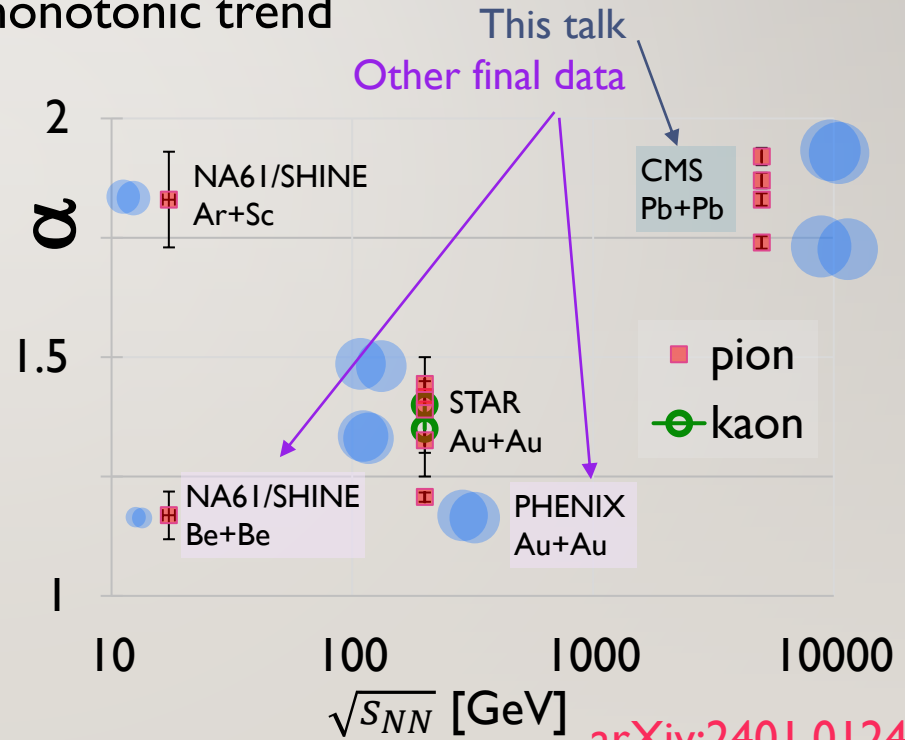
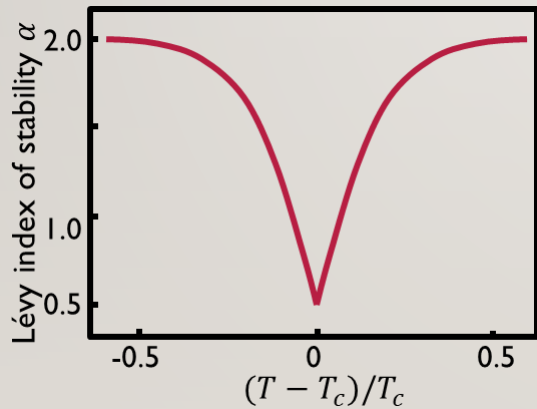
- Test with 3-particle correlations!



# STABILITY PARAMETER $\alpha$ FROM SPS TO LHC

- Decrease from LHC to RHIC, again increase towards SPS (Ar+Sc)
- Different values for small (Be+Be) & medium (Ar+Sc) systems at SPS
  - Also true for Pb+Pb and p+p at LHC? ( $\alpha = 1$  assumed so far in p+p at LHC)
- Medium and large systems: non-monotonic trend
- Compare to expectation cartoon

Csörgő, Hegyi, Zajc,  
Eur.Phys.J. C36 (2004) 67



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# COMPARING TO MODEL RESULTS

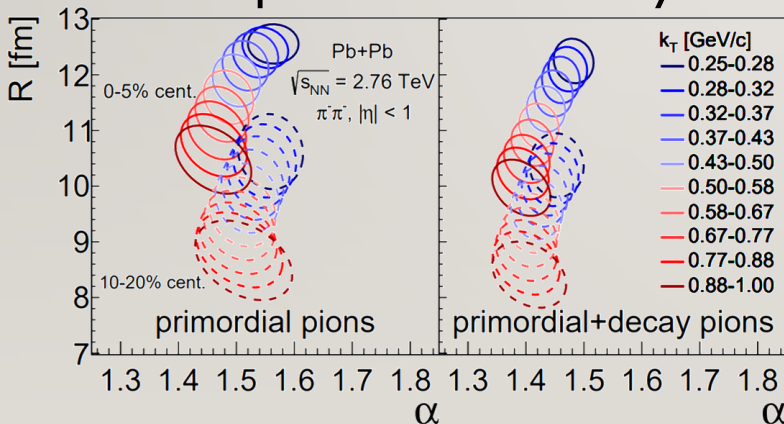
- Pion and kaon pair distributions calculated in individual EPOS events

$$D(r_{LCMS}) = \int d\Omega dt D(t, r_x, r_y, r_z)$$

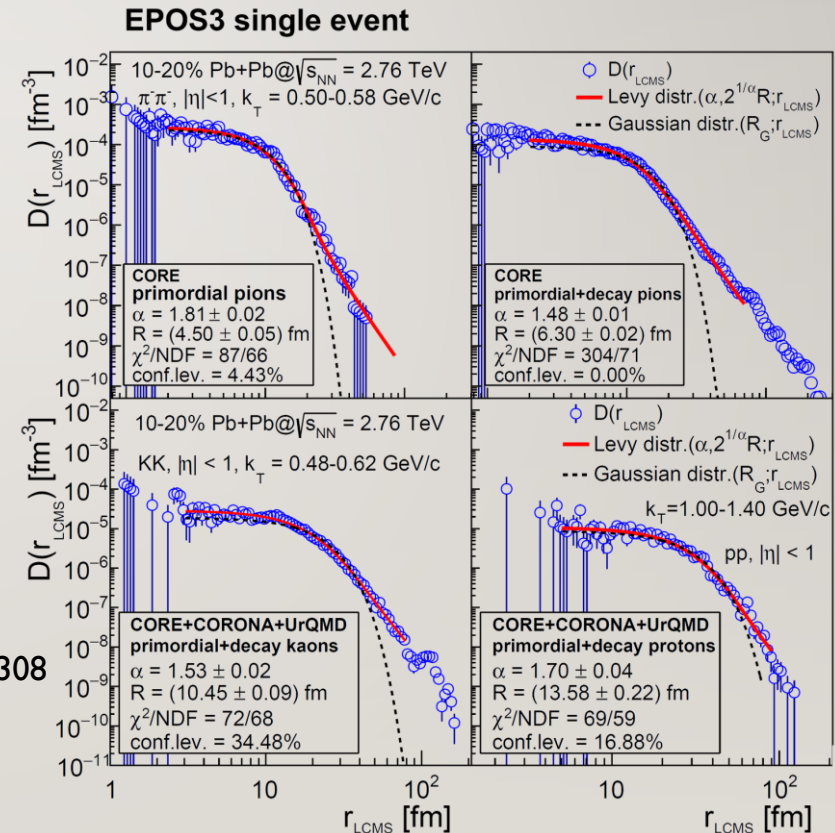
- Lévy source parameters determined for each event separately

- Fit limits: from 2-5 fm to 70-100 fm
- Criterion: confidence level > 0.1%
- Strongly non-Gaussian shapes observed

- In various centrality and  $k_T$  classes, primordial or decays



Kincses, Kórodi,  
Stefaniak, Csanád  
Entropy 24 (2022) 308  
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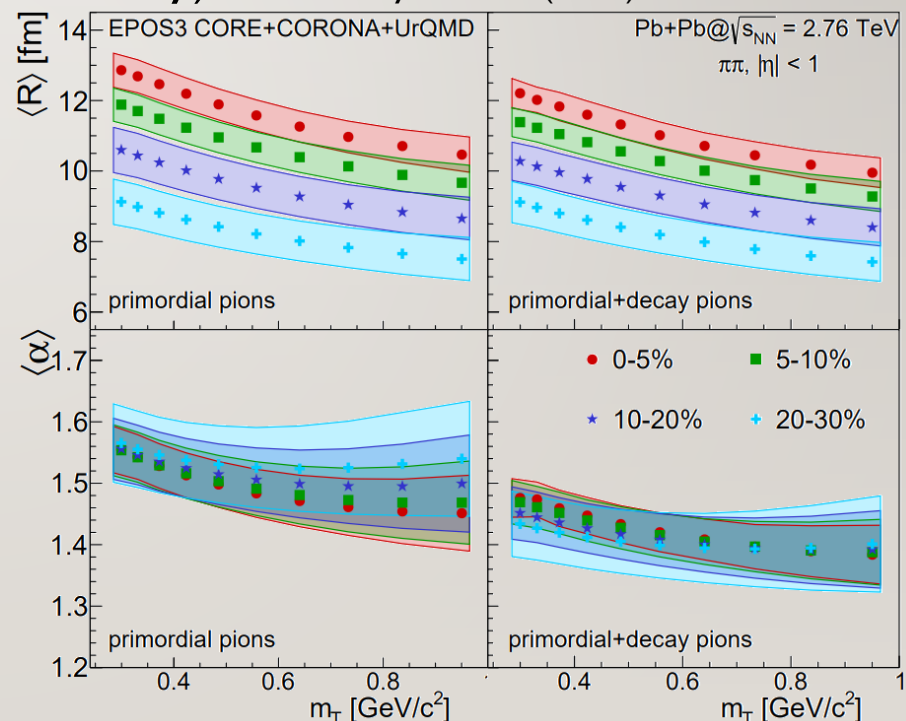
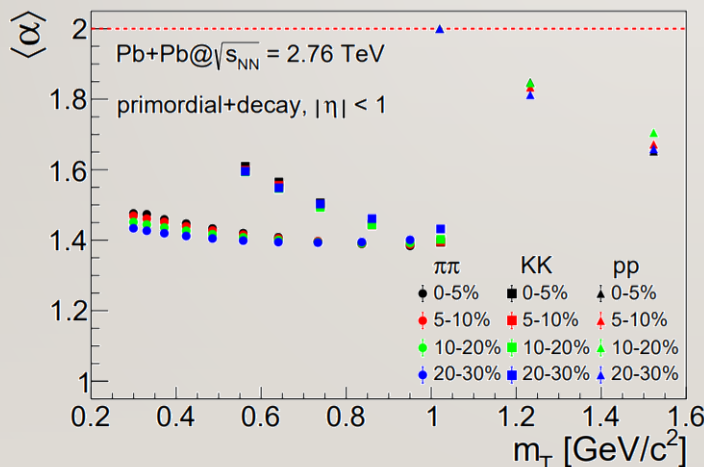




# LÉVY SOURCE PARAMETERS IN EPOS

- Lévy scale parameter ( $R$ ):
  - Behavior similar as in data ( $m_T$  and centrality dependence); but larger!
- Lévy stability index ( $\alpha$ ):
  - Behavior different than in data (no centrality dependence here); but smaller!
- Bands: variance of  $R, \alpha$  in fits ( $\neq$  uncertainty)
- Particle type dependence:
  - Anomalous diffusion:  $\alpha_K < \alpha_\pi < \alpha_p$
  - Not exactly valid in EPOS; decays?

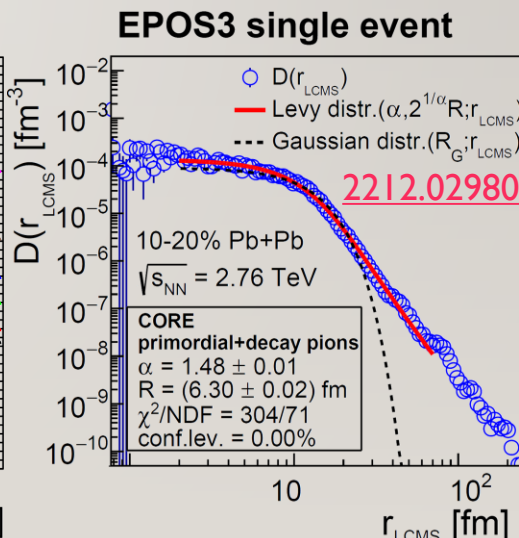
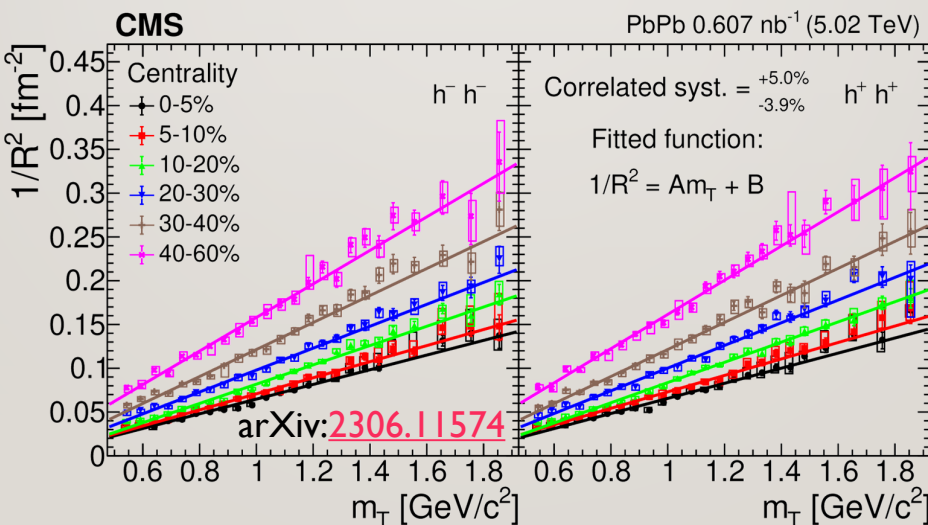
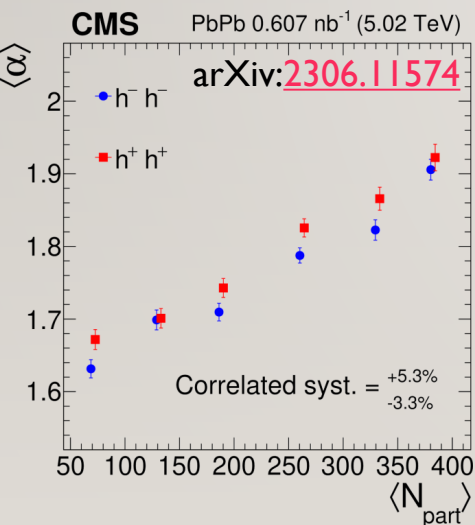
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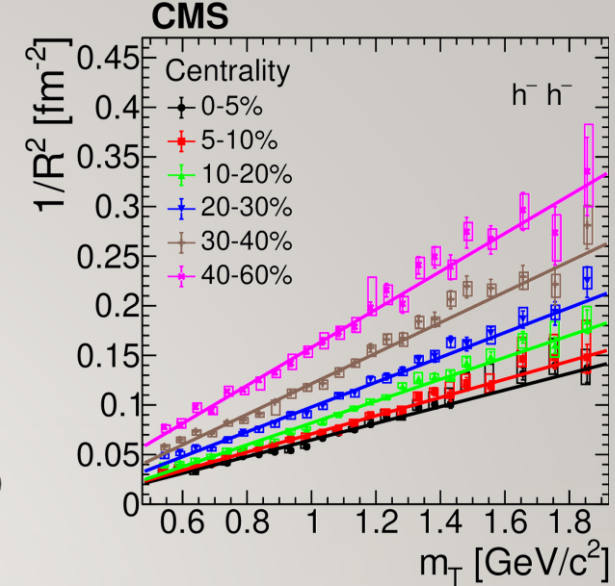
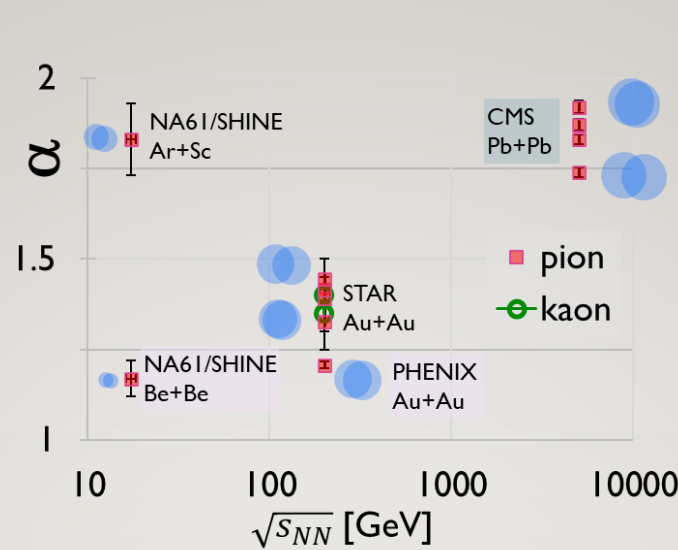
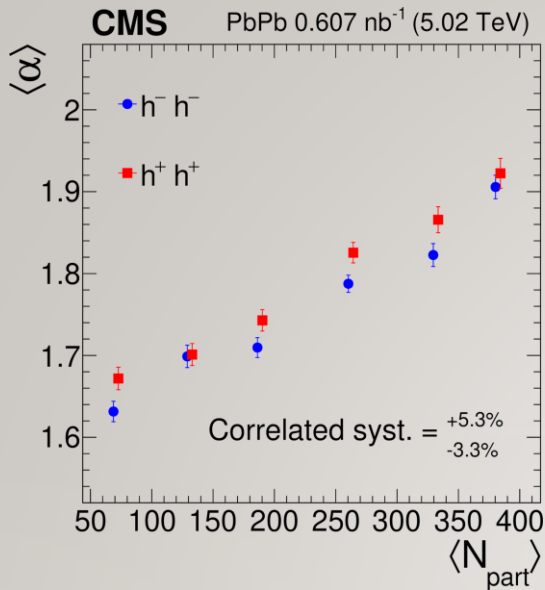




# CONCLUSIONS

- Lévy sources appear in  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  PbPb collisions at LHC
  - Importance: entanglement of  $\alpha$  and  $R$  masks energy, momentum, centrality dependence
- **Lévy  $\alpha$** : between 1.6 and 2
  - Larger in central collisions: larger density, less anomalous diffusion?
- **Lévy  $R$** : hydro scaling versus  $m_T$ , despite not Gaussian source
- Possible reason: Lévy flight  $\rightarrow$  checked with EPOS, Lévy in single events





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