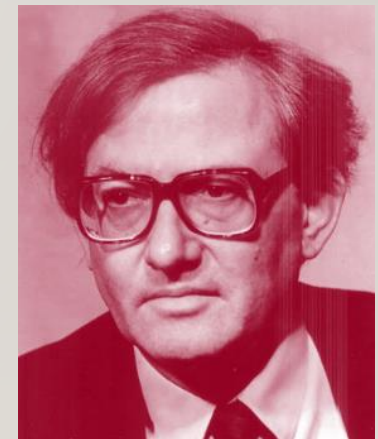


# FEMTOSCOPY WITH LÉVY DISTRIBUTIONS FROM SPS TO LHC



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# 4/28 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  $S(r)$

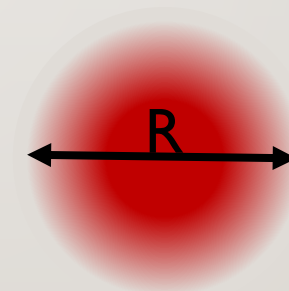
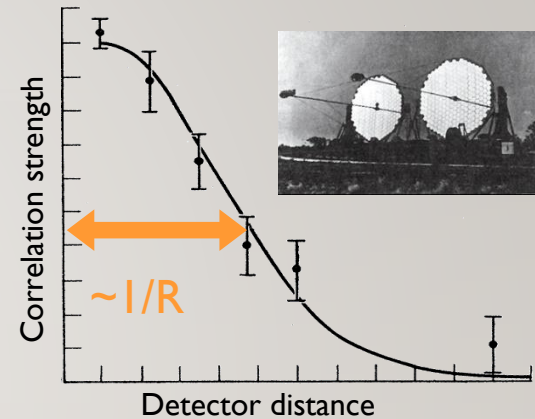
$$C(q) \cong 1 + \left| \int S(r) e^{iqr} dr \right|^2$$

(under some assumptions)

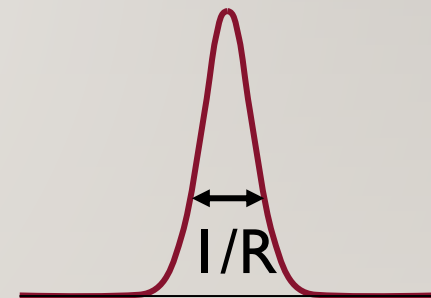
- Also with distance distribution  $D(r)$ :

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

- Neglected: pair reco., final state int., N-particle correlations, coherence, ...



source function  $S(r)$



correlation funct.  $C(q)$

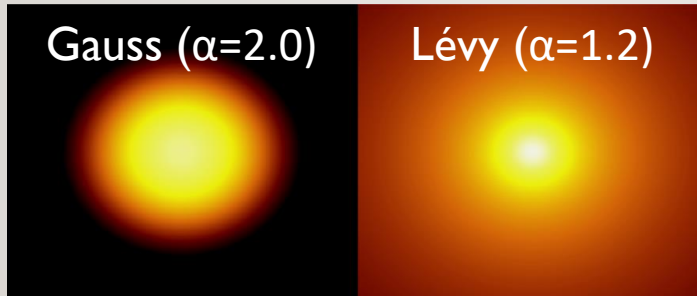
- Only way to map out source space-time geometry on femtometer scale!



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# 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 Levy 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, many others



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# WHY DOES LÉVY APPEAR, WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

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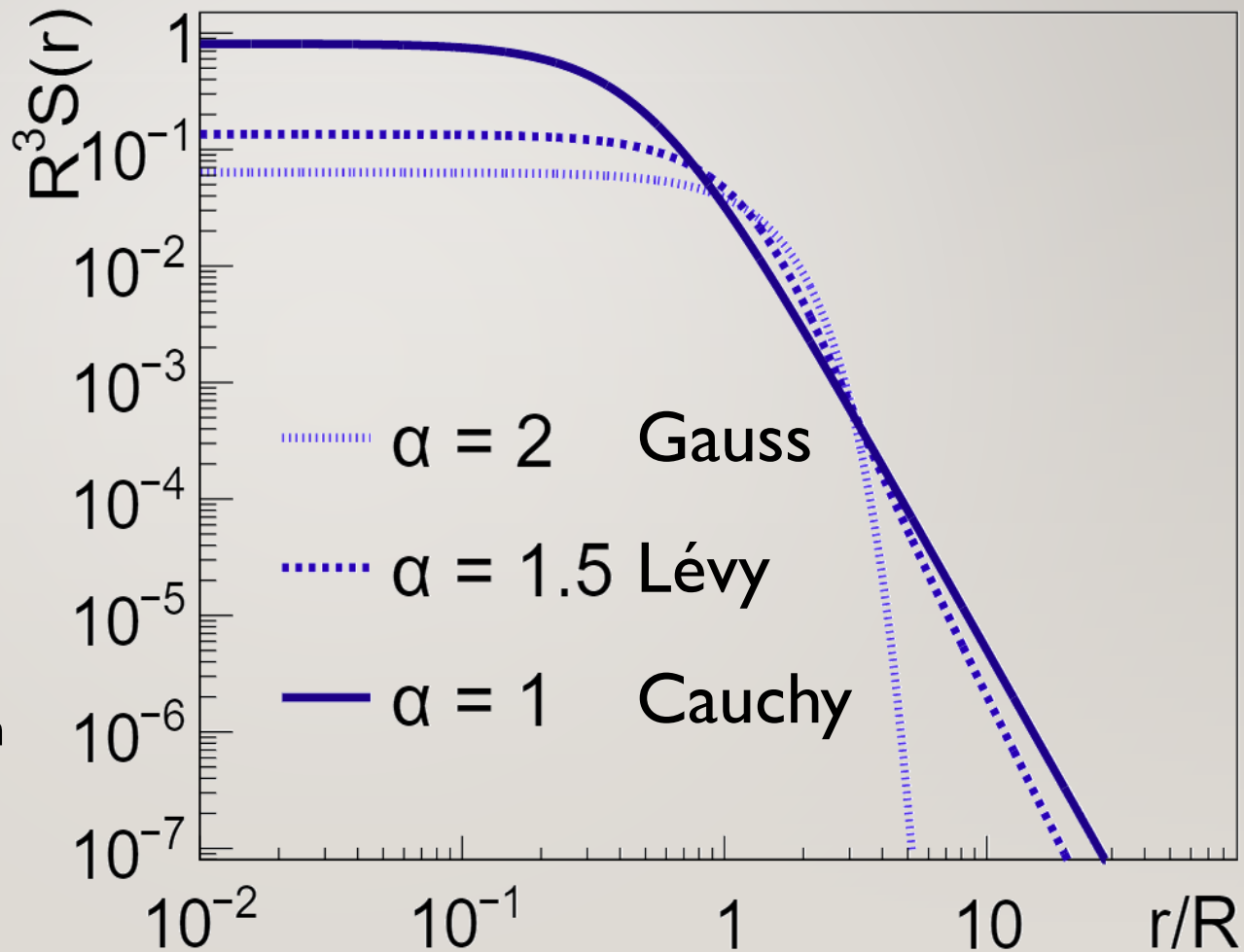
- A more comprehensive list of possible reasons:
  - Jet fragmentation (Csörgő, Hegyi, Novák, Zajc, Acta Phys.Polon. B36 (2005) 329-337)
  - Critical phenomena (Csörgő, Hegyi, Novák, Zajc, AIP Conf.Proc. 828 (2006) no.1, 525-532)
  - Direction averaging and non-sphericality (Cimerman et al., Phys.Part.Nucl. 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
    - General understanding of source dynamics
  - Measuring  $\lambda$  also requires correct shape assumption
    - In-medium mass modification, coherent pion production



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# LÉVY VERSUS GAUSS VERSUS EXPONENTIAL

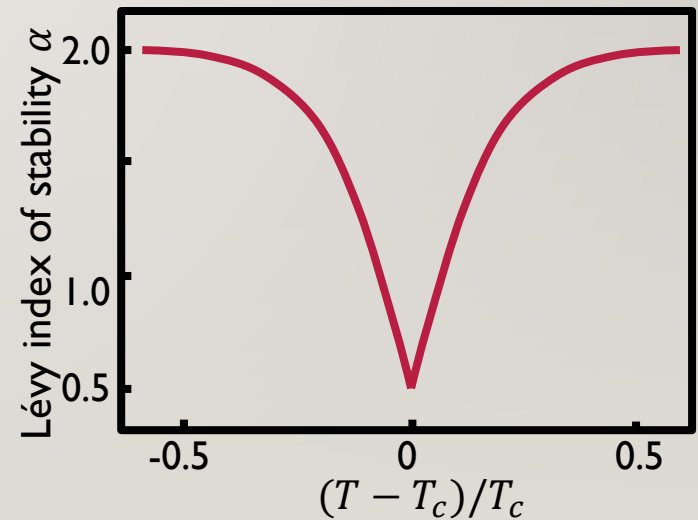
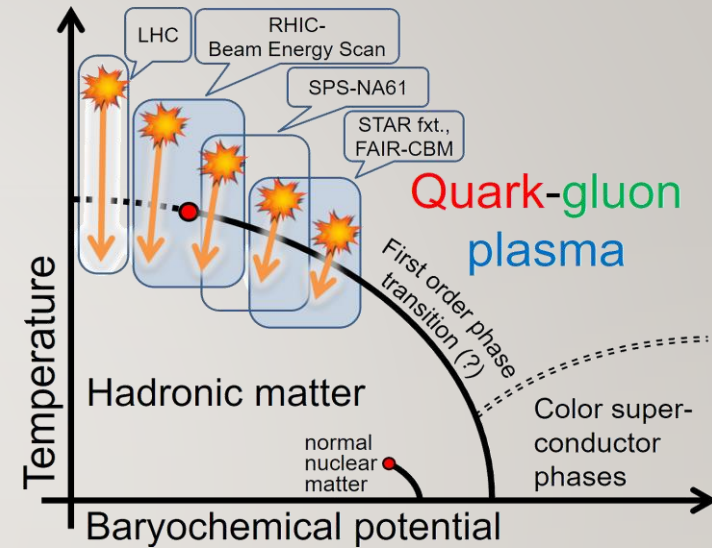
- No tail if  $\alpha = 2$ , power law if  $\alpha < 2$ ; tail strength depends on  $\alpha$
- If  $S(r)$  Lévy,  $D(r)$  also Lévy with same  $\alpha$  and  $R \rightarrow 2^{1/\alpha} R$
- In principle,  $RMS = \infty$  if  $\alpha < 2$
- In practice, RMS depends on cutoff
- What do Gaussian HBT radii mean?





# 8/28 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  
→ what does power law mean?







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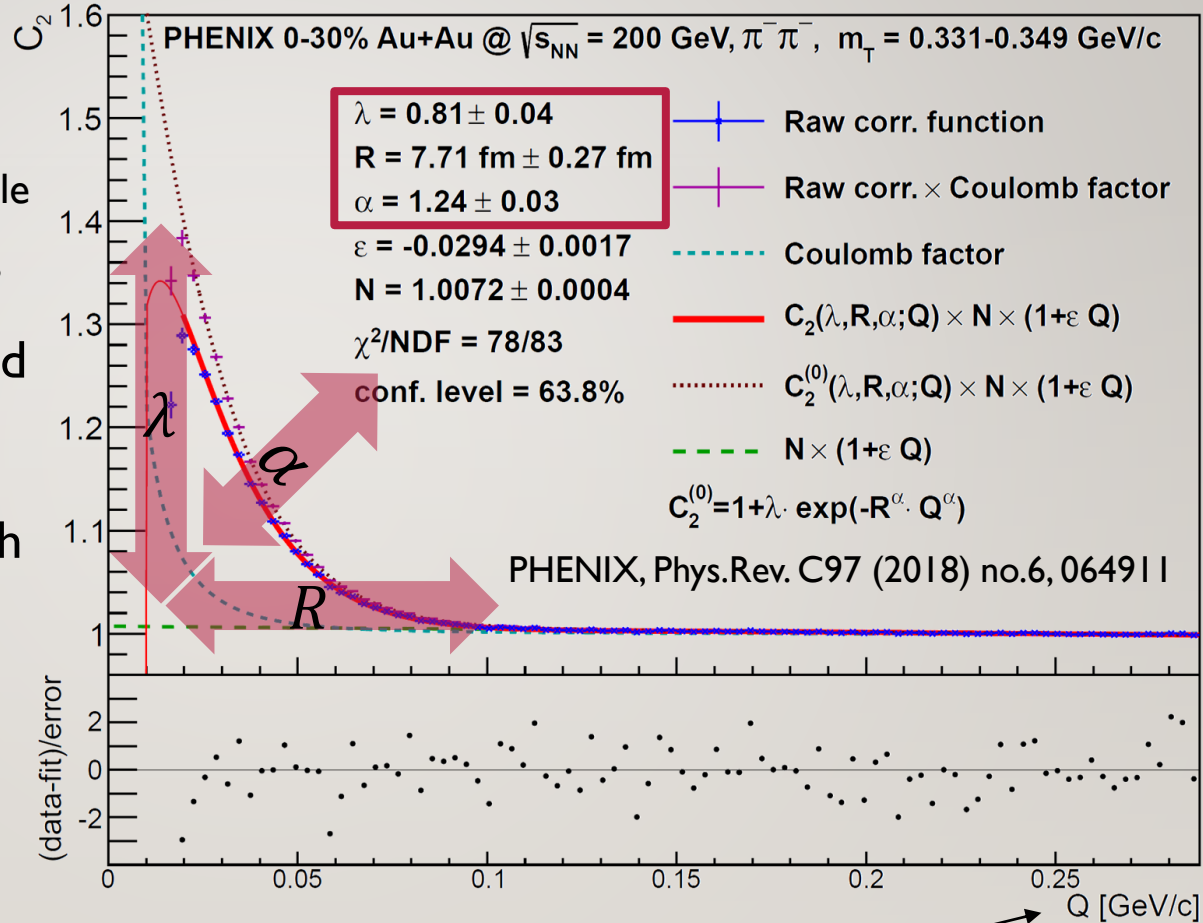
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# 10<sub>/28</sub> EXAMPLE $C_2(Q_{LCMS})$ CORRELATION FUNCTION

- Correlation function: spherical in **LCMS**
  - ID measurement possible
  - Done in several  $m_T$  bins
- Fit with calculation based on Lévy distribution
- Only converging fits with good confidence level accepted
- Physical parameters:  $R, \lambda, \alpha$  measured versus pair  $m_T$

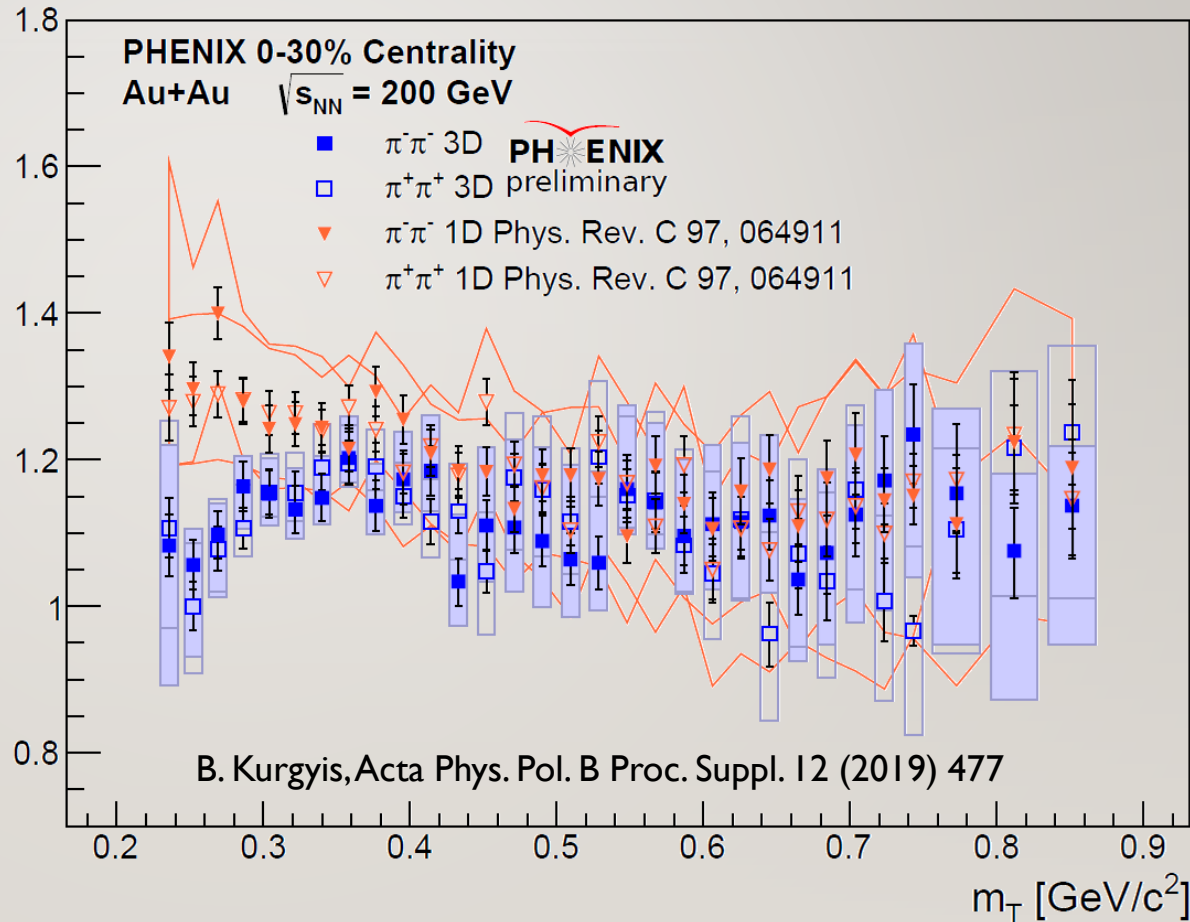


Q: ID momentum difference in Longitudinally CoMoving System (LCMS)



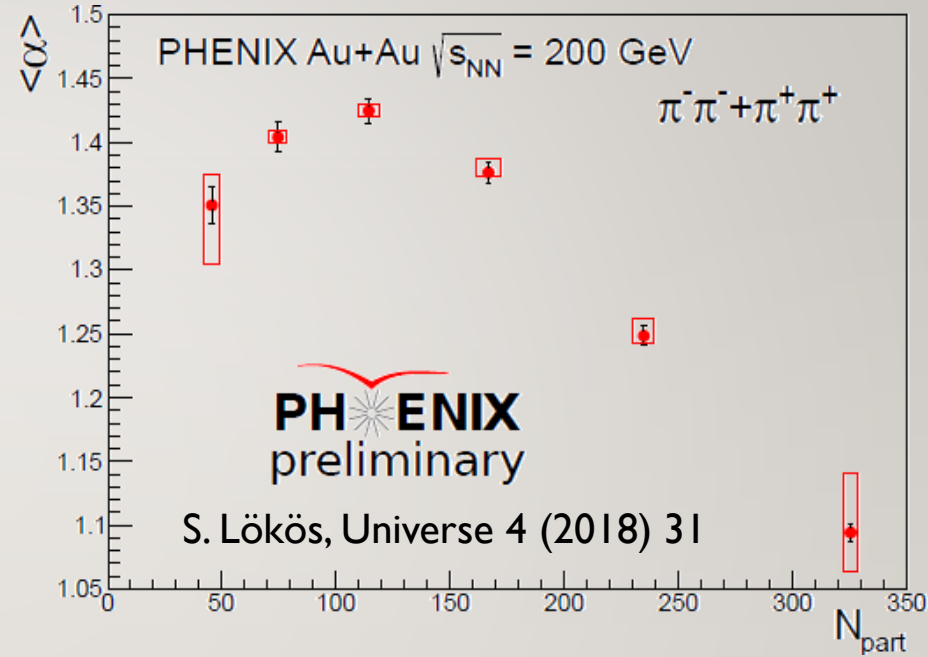
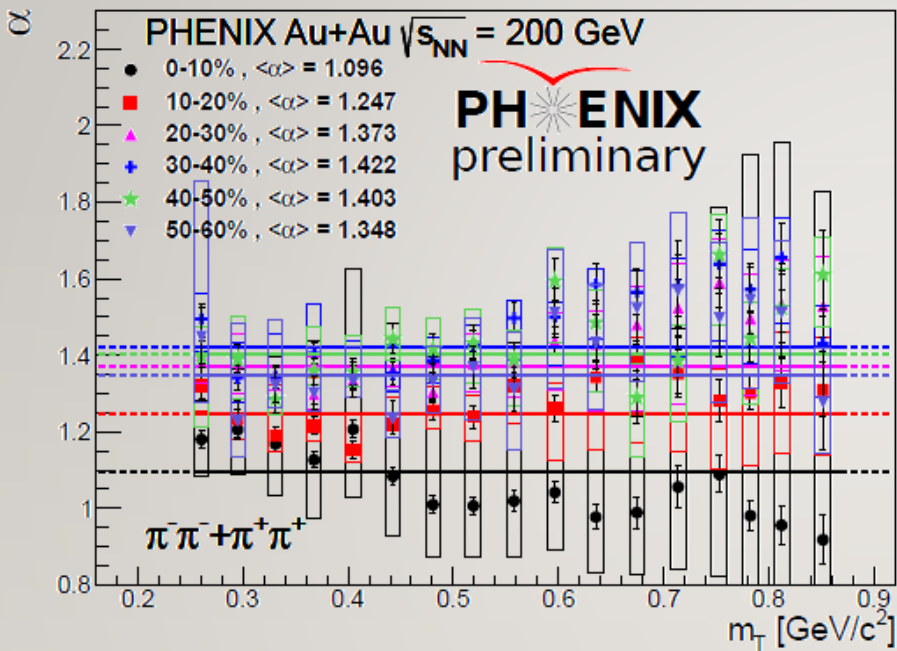
# 1/28 LÉVY EXPONENT IN 1D VS 3D

- Lévy exponent  $\alpha$  in 3D analysis similar to 1D result
- On average still far from  $2 \propto$
- Observable differences at low  $m_T$
- Maybe due to lack of spherical symmetry?
- Coulomb effect for non-spherical sources?
  - Approximation possible  
B. Kurgys, arXiv:2007.10173





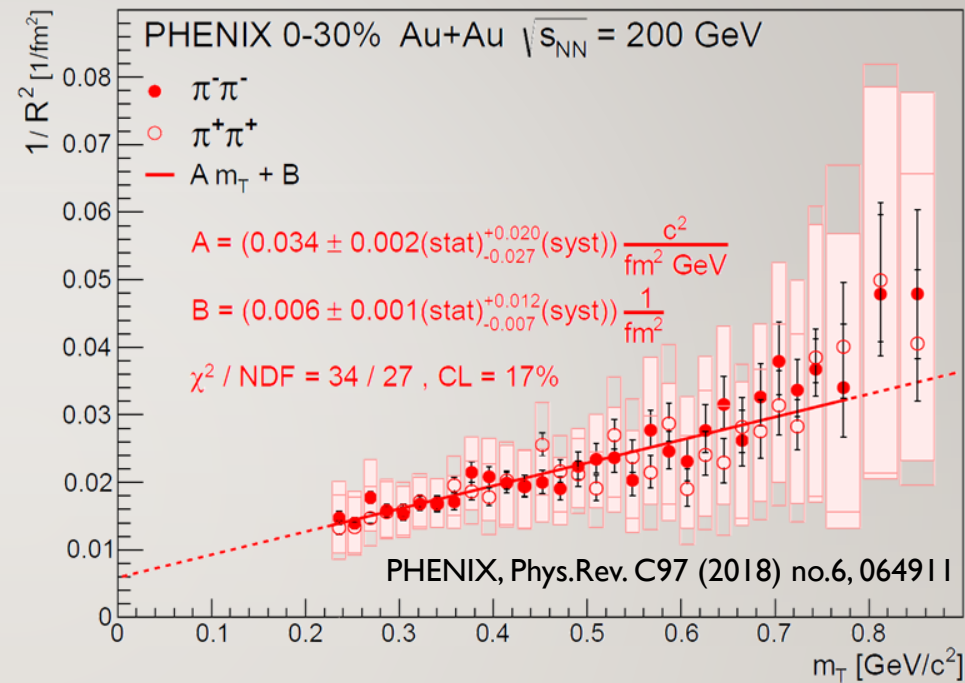
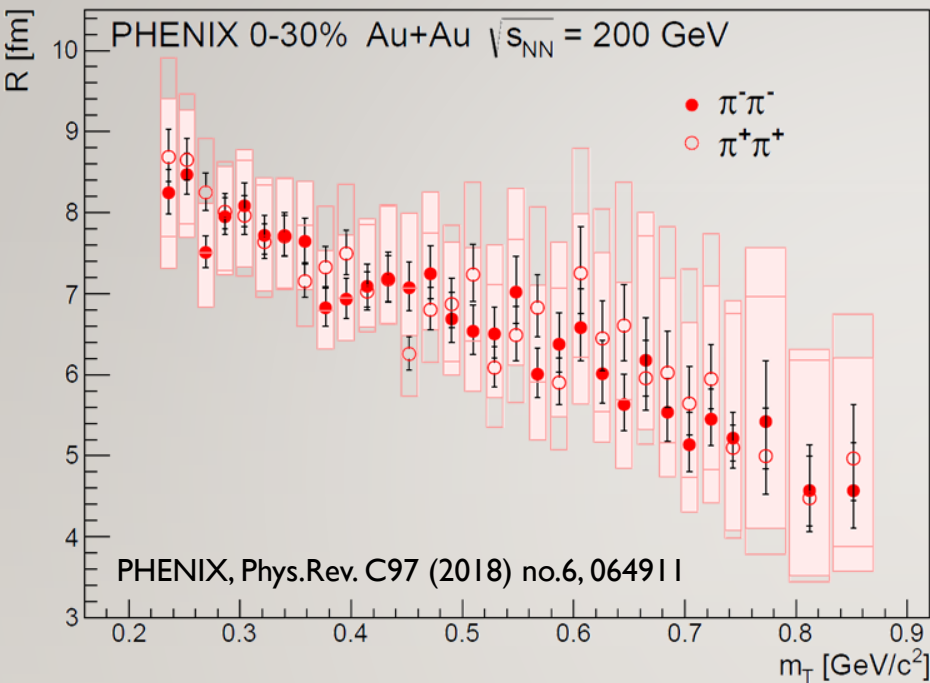
# 12/28 ANALYZING THE CENTRALITY DEPENDENCE



- Slightly non-monotonic behavior as a function of  $m_T$ , averaging still possible
- $\langle\alpha\rangle$  vs  $N_{part}$ : slightly non-monotonic behavior versus, decreasing for large  $N_{part}$
- No clear interpretation or understanding of this trend, need theory comparison
- Final data and publication in the works at PHENIX



# 13<sub>/28</sub> 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 ( $1/R^2 \sim m_T$ , predicted for Gaussian case) not invalid



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

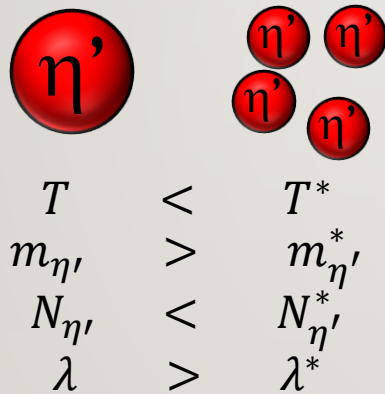
## • Connection to chiral restoration

- 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?

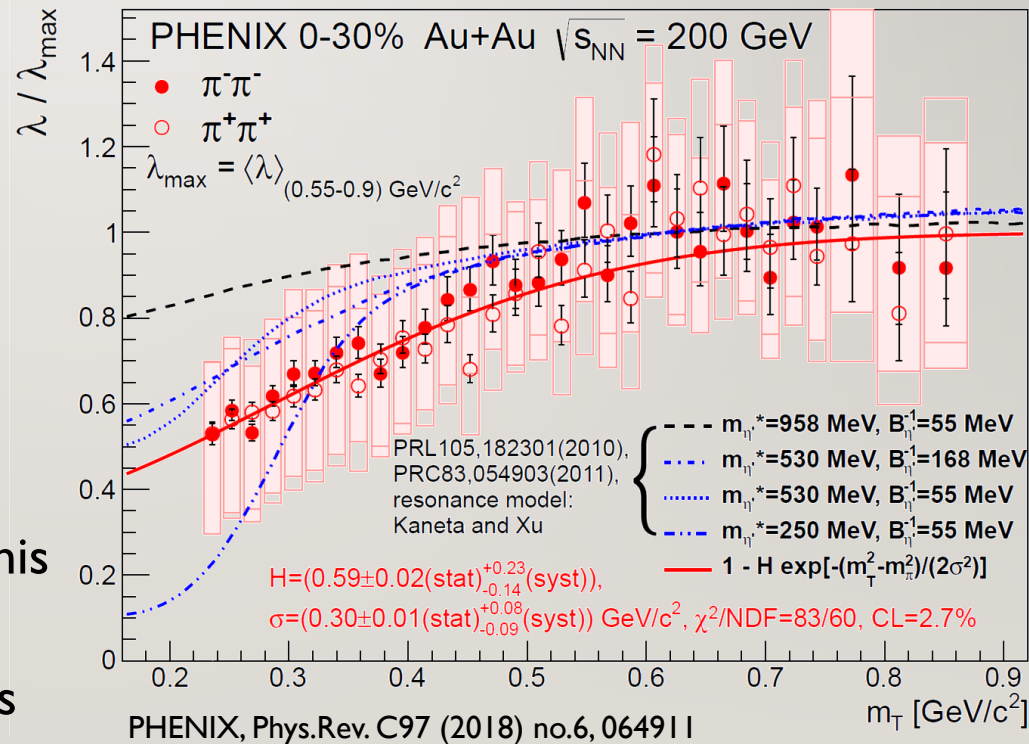
Kapusta, Kharzeev, McLerran, PRD53 (1996) 5028

Vance, Csörgő, Kharzeev, PRL 81 (1998) 2205

Csörgő, Vértesi, Sziklai, PRL105 (2010) 182301



- Results not incompatible with this
- 3D results similar to 1D
- Need direct check with photons





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# EVENT BY EVENT SHAPE ANALYSIS WITH EPOS

- EPOS model: parton-based Gribov-Regge theory (PBGRT)
  - K.Werner et al., PRC82 (2010) 044904, PRC89 (2014) 064903, ...
  - Core-Corona division, viscous hydro evolution (vHLLE), hadronic cascades (UrQMD)

- $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV Au+Au collisions generated by EPOS359

- Pair distribution calculated:  $D(\mathbf{r}_{LCMS}) = \int d\Omega dt D(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{r}_x, \mathbf{r}_y, \mathbf{r}_z)$   
angle-averaged radial source distribution of like-sign pion pairs

$$r_{LCMS} = \sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2 + (\Delta z_{LCMS})^2}; \Delta z_{LCMS} = \Delta z - \frac{\beta(\Delta t)}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}; \beta = \frac{p_{z,1} + p_{z,2}}{E_1 + E_2}$$

- Investigated cases:
  - CORE, primordial pions only
  - CORE, decay products included
  - CORE+CORONA+UrQMD, primordial pions only
  - CORE+CORONA+UrQMD, decay products included

Kincses, Stefaniak, Csanád, Entropy 24 (2022) 308 [arXiv:2201.07962]

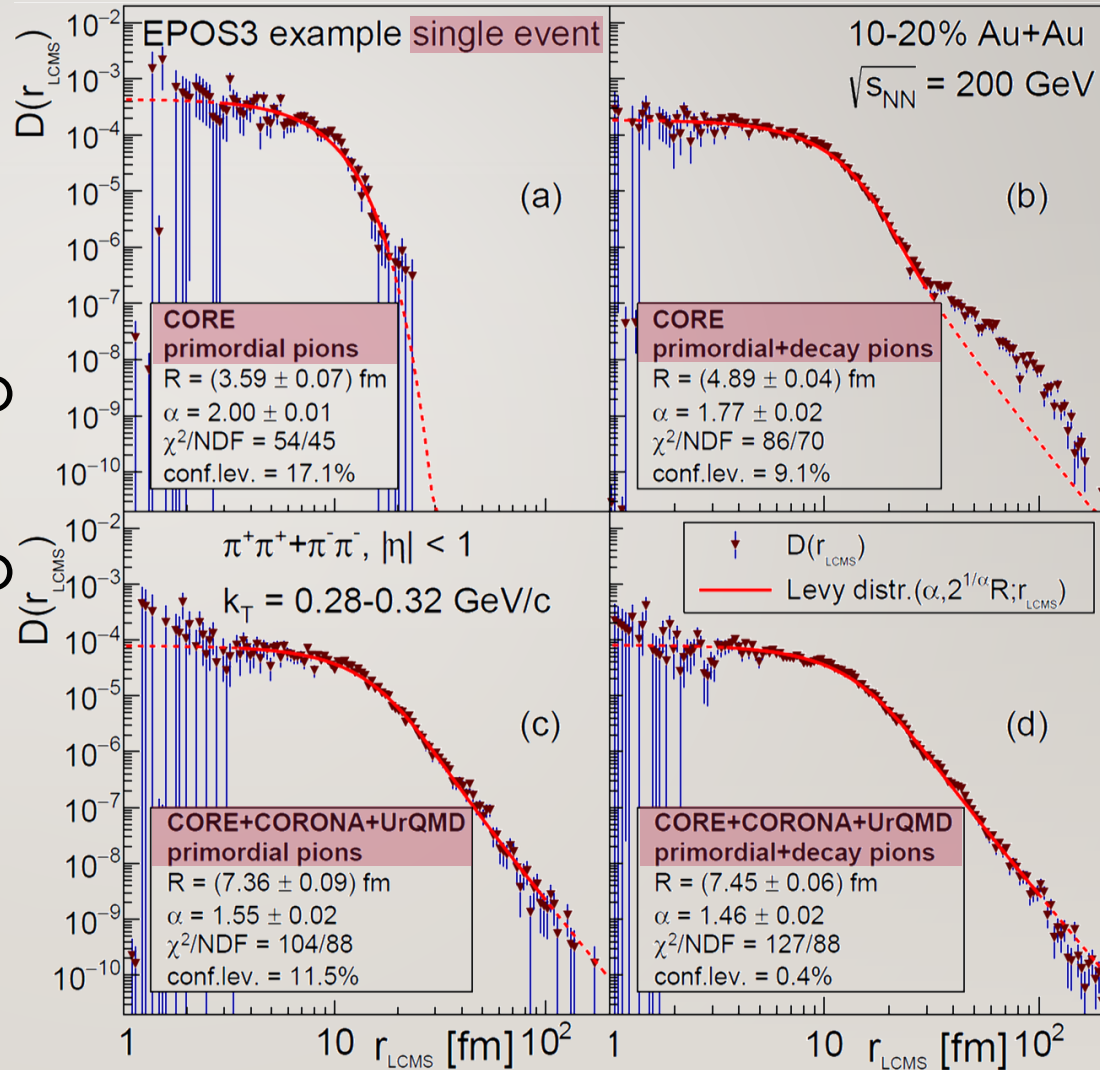




# 17/28 VARIOUS PARTICLE SETS COMPARED

- CORE, primordial pions
  - Gaussian source
- CORE + decays
  - power-law structures
- CORE+CORONA+UrQMD
  - Lévy-shape
- CORE+CORONA+UrQMD +decays
  - Lévy-shape
- Important: Lévy appears in all single events!

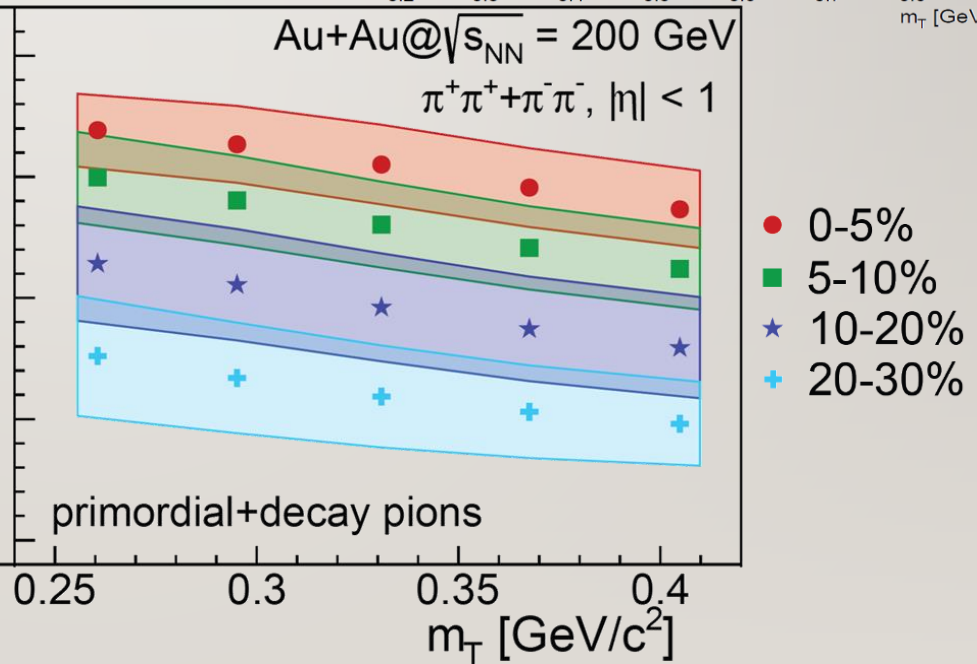
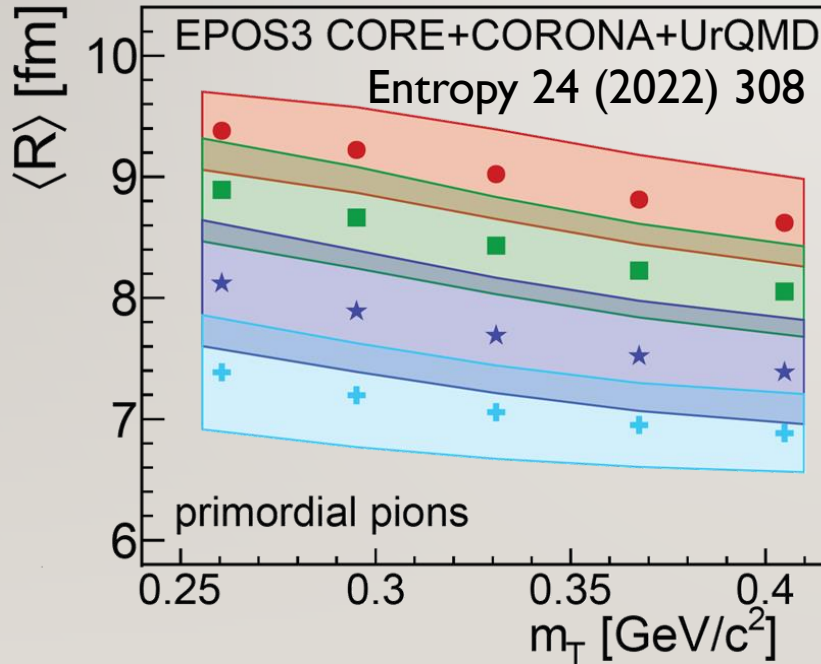
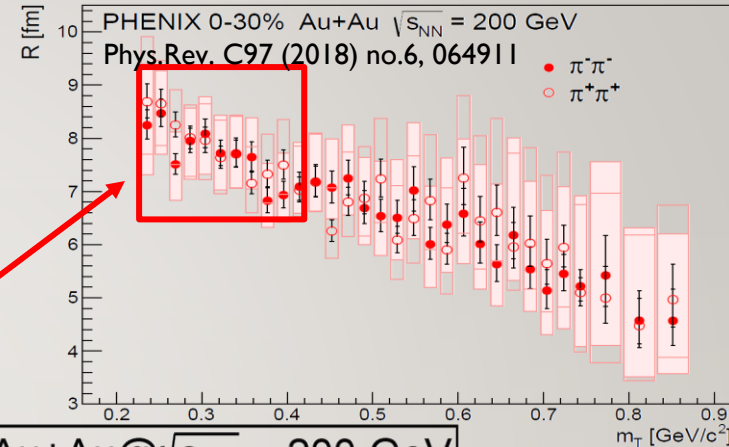
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# 18/28 AVERAGE LÉVY SCALE $R$ VS TRANSVERSE MASS

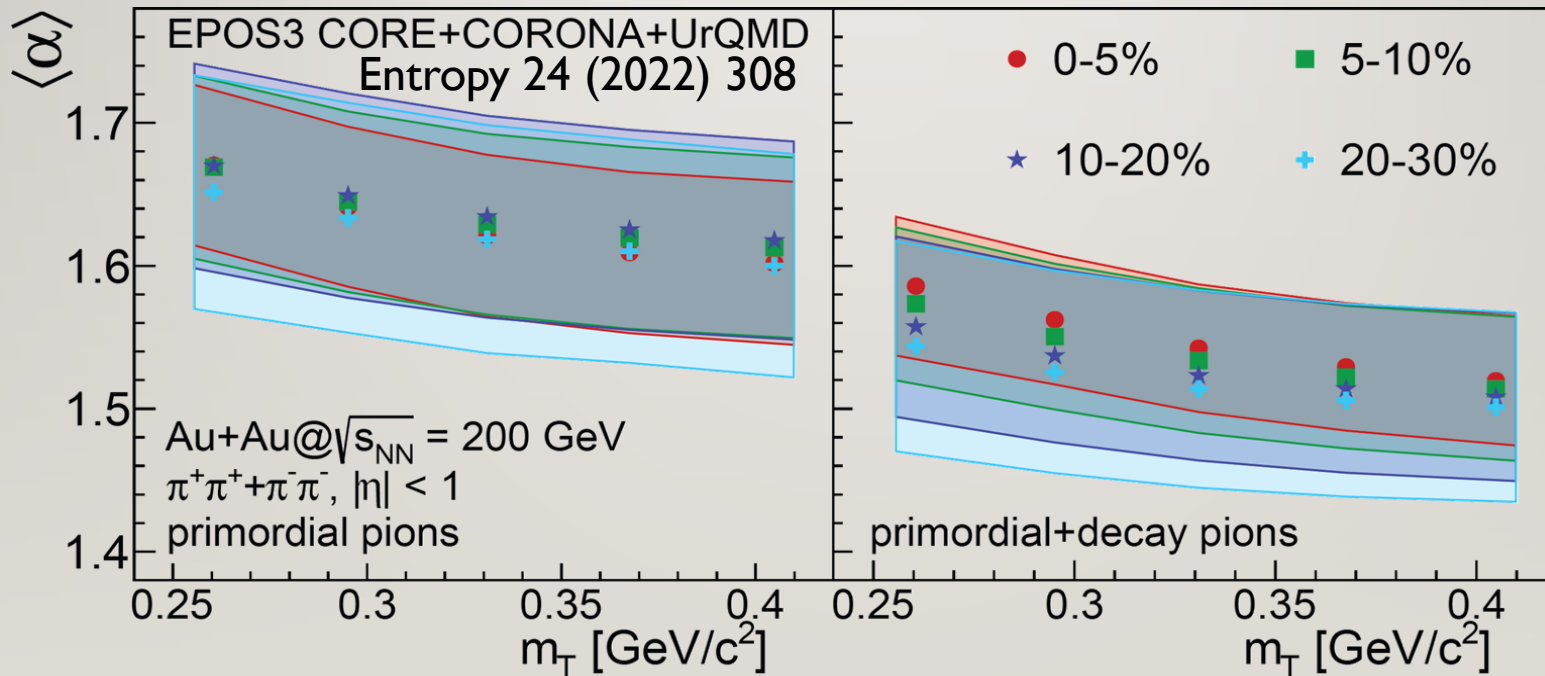
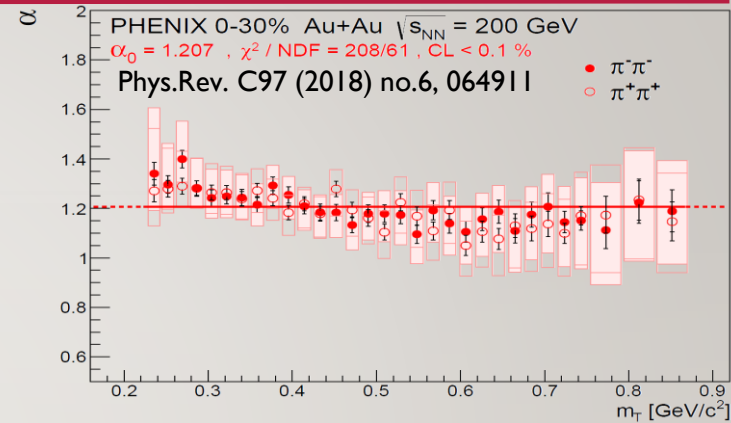
- $\langle R \rangle$  as a function of  $m_T$  and centrality
  - Clear dependence on both
  - Distribution width displayed as uncertainty band
- Trends, magnitudes like data
- With decays: slightly higher  $\langle R \rangle$  values





# 19<sub>/28</sub> AVERAGE LÉVY EXPONENT VS TRANSVERSE MASS

- $\langle \alpha \rangle$  as a function of  $m_T$  and centrality
  - Small  $m_T$  and centrality dependence
- Both with and without decays: larger than data
- See poster by Dániel Kincses  
+ new manuscript at LHC energy





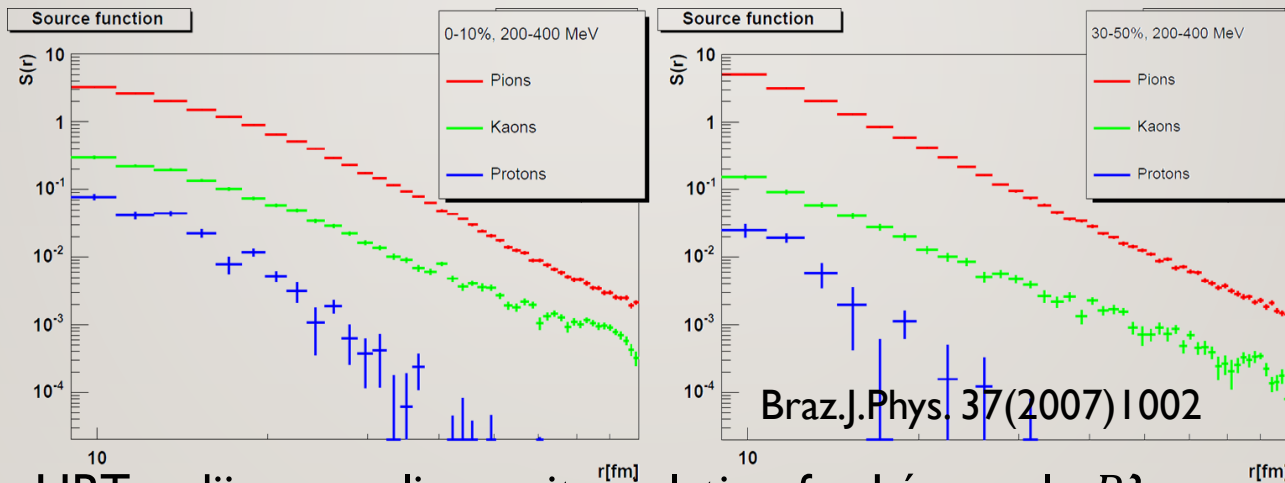
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# THE IMPORTANCE OF A KAON ANALYSIS

- Kaons: smaller cross-section, larger mean free path
- 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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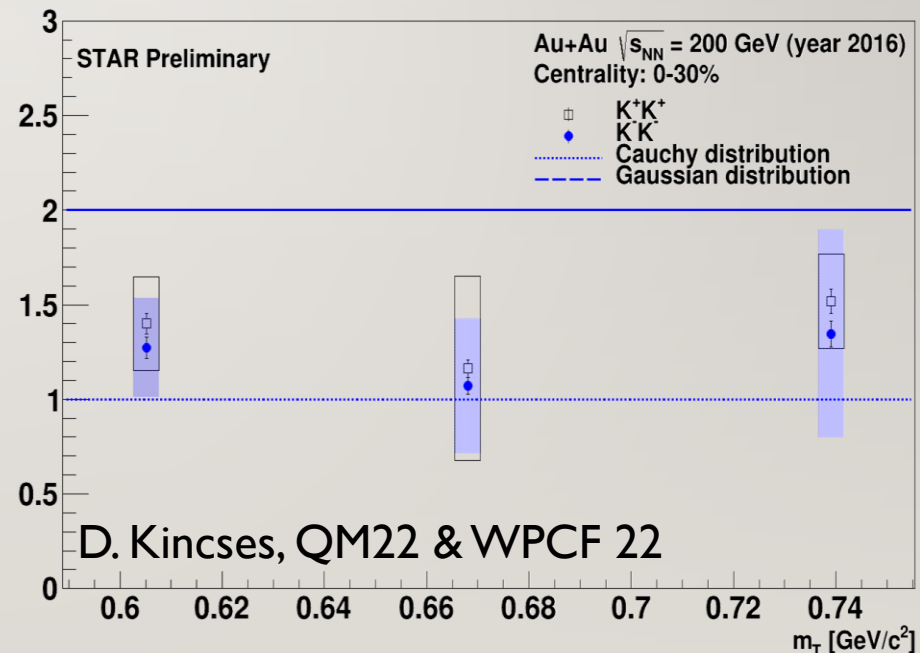
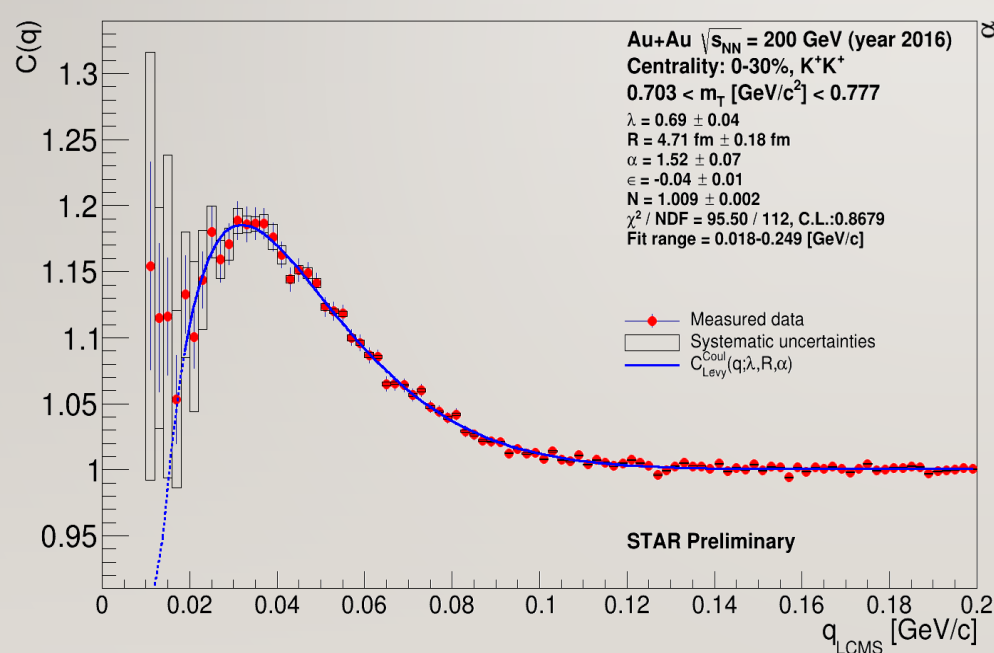
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# KAON ANALYSIS AT STAR

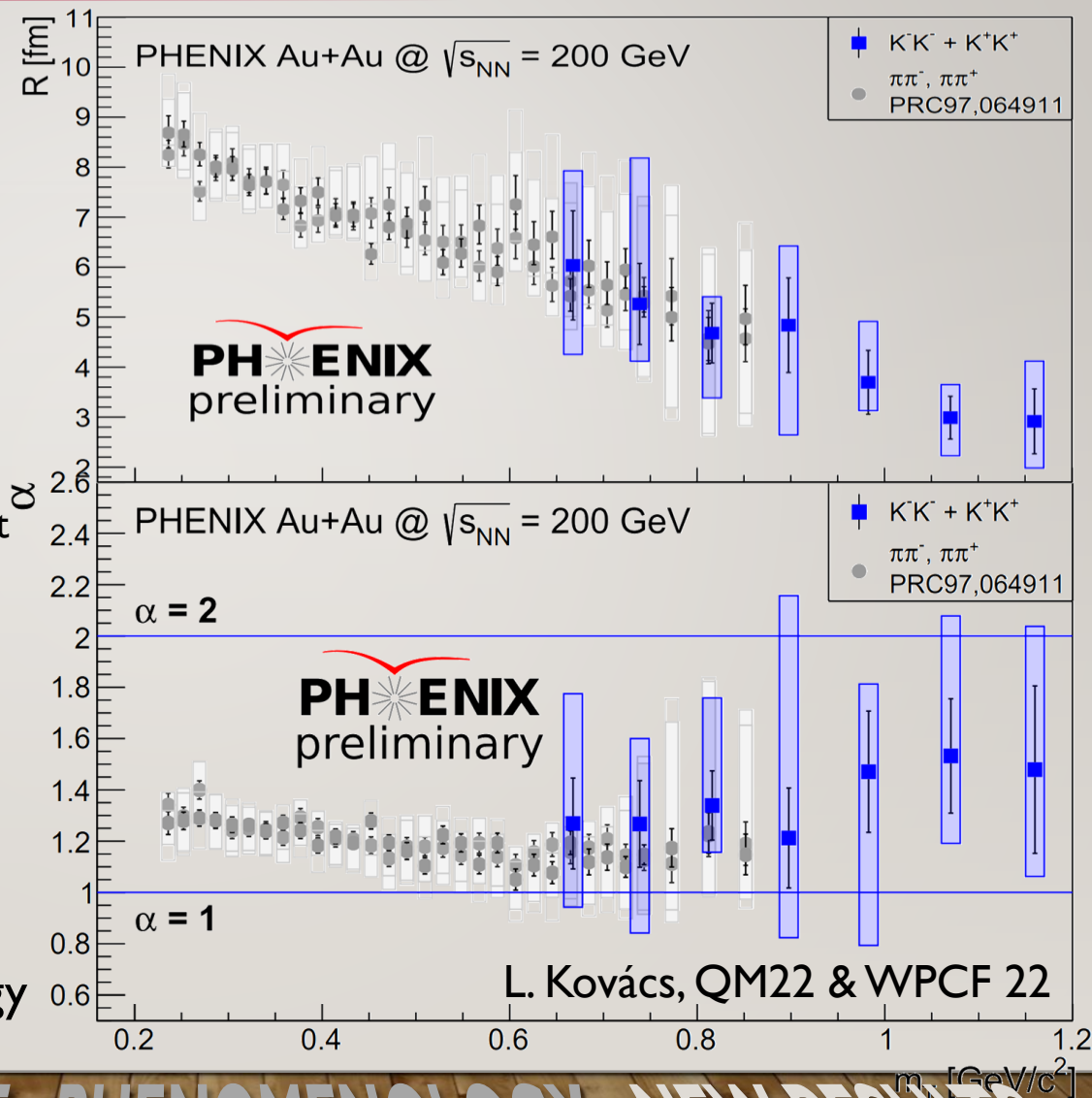
- Data successfully described by Lévy fits
- Lévy-stability parameter  $\alpha$  between 1 and 2
- Kaon and pion source of same shape at the same  $m_T$ ?
- Unlike anomalous diffusion expectation of  $\alpha(K) < \alpha(\pi)$



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## KAON ANALYSIS AT PHENIX

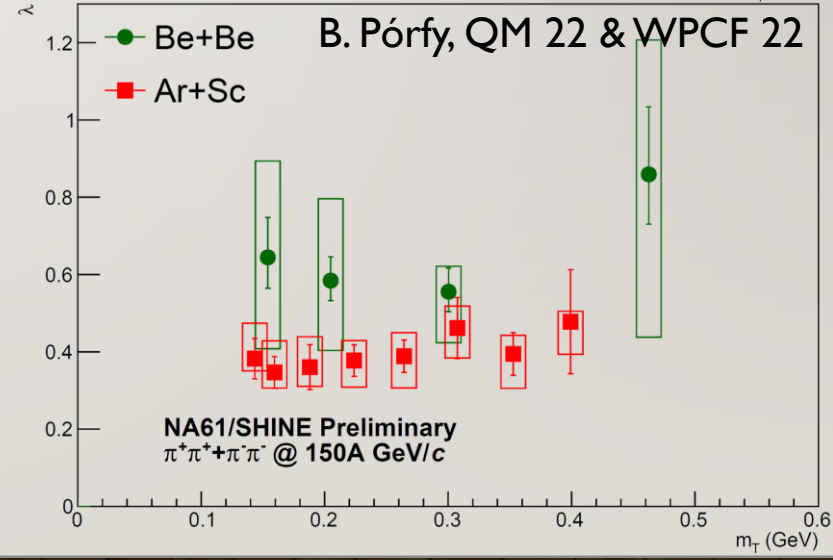
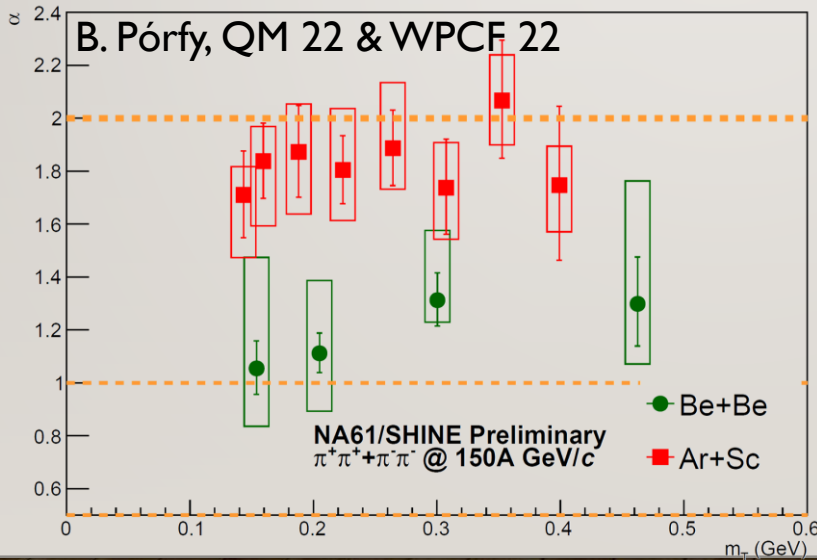
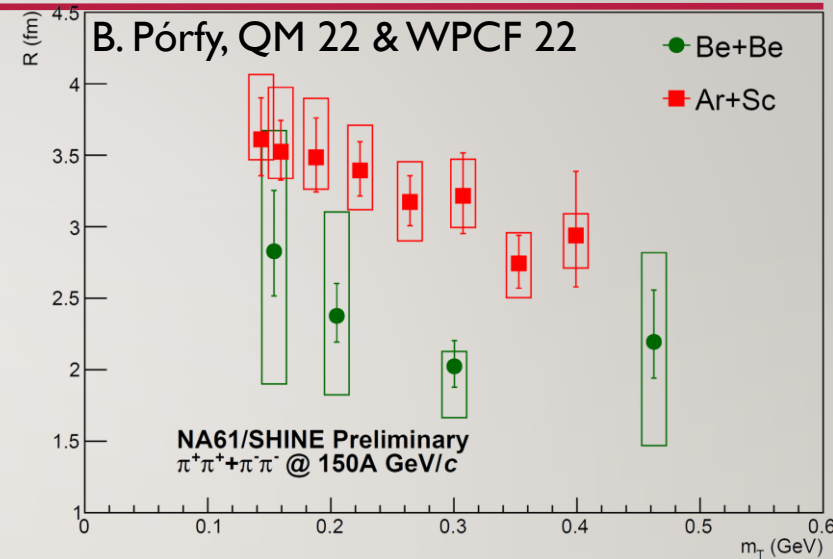
- More detailed analysis performed at PHENIX
- Kaon and pion data seem comtable at the same  $m_T$
- Lévy scale  $R$  shows hydro type of scaling with  $m_T$ 
  - $R$  depending on  $m_T$  but not on particle type separately
- $\alpha(K) \geq \alpha(\pi)$ , but anomalous diffusion suggests opposite
- Dominant mechanism?
- See poster by Márton Nagy





# PION ANALYSIS AT SPS NA61/SHINE

- Lévy scale  $R$  of Ar+Sc and Be+Be:
  - Compatible with initial geometry factor 1.6
  - 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
- See next talk by Barnabás Pórfy

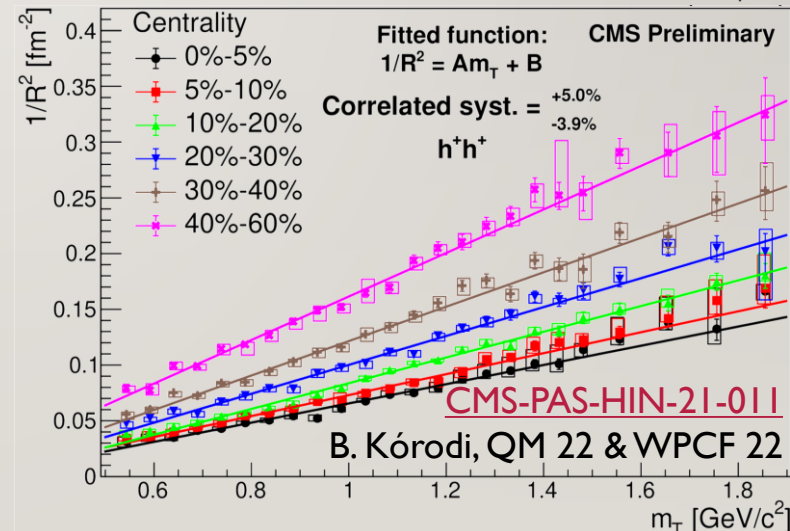
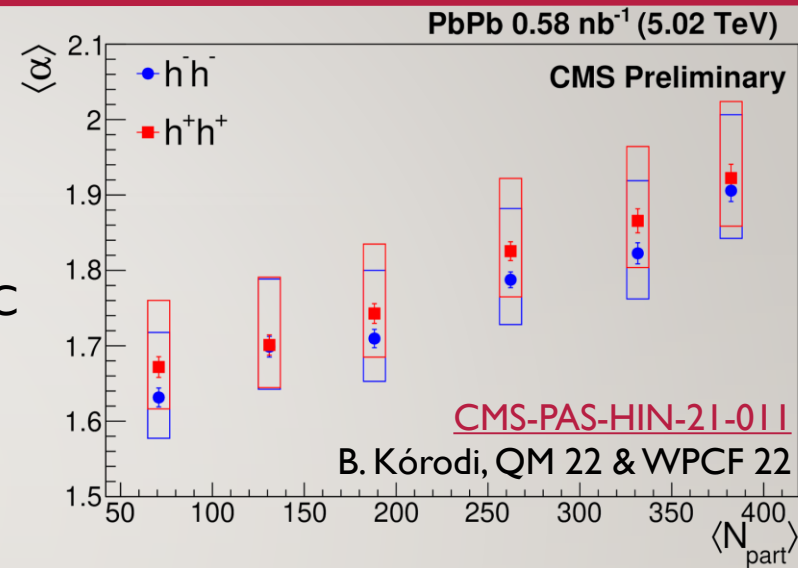






# CHARGED HADRON ANALYSIS IN 5 TEV PB+PB

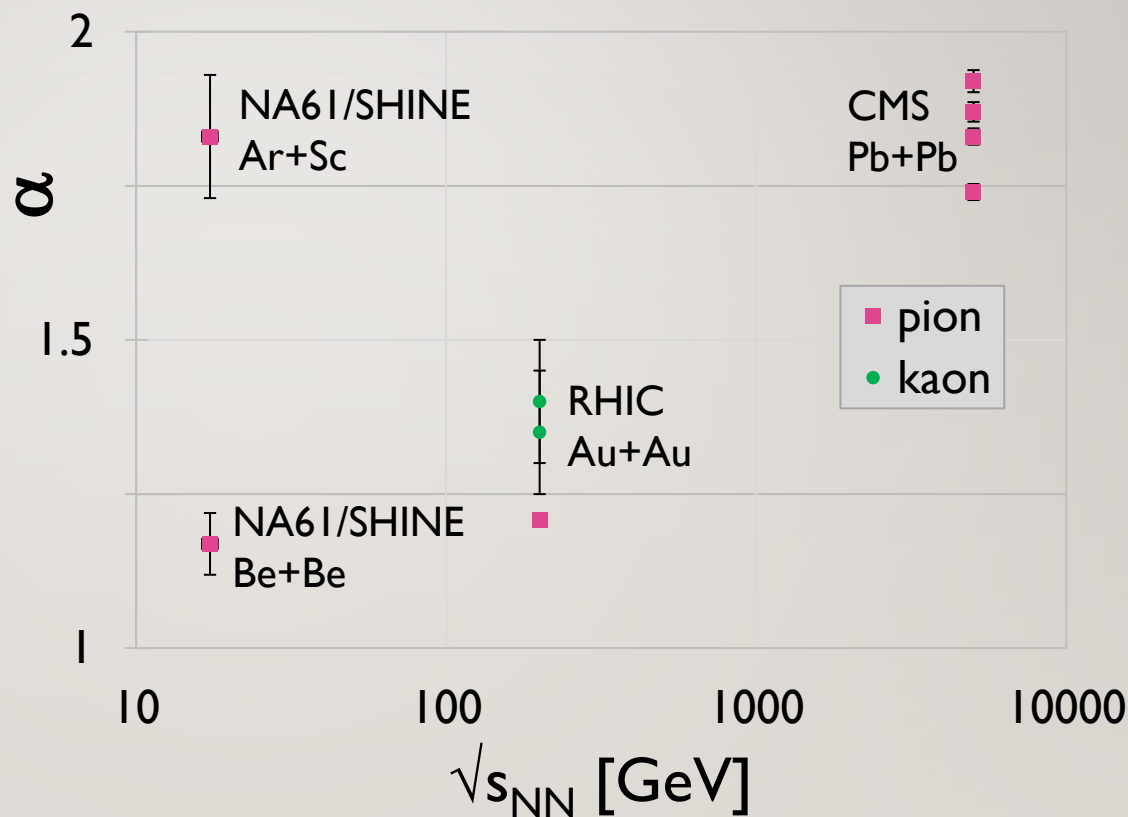
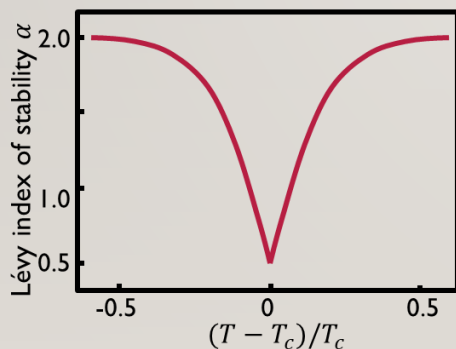
- Lévy index  $\alpha$ 
  - Far from Cauchy
  - Not exactly Gaussian
  - Closer to Gaussian for large  $N_{part}$ , unlike RHIC
- Lévy scale  $R$ : hydro scaling confirmed
  - In every centrality class
  - Despite non-Gaussianity
  - Hubble coefficient can be extracted: 0.12-0.18  $c/fm$
- Correlation strength also analyzed
- Low- $Q$  deviation cross-checked with Monte-Carlo: two-track acceptance
- See poster by Balázs Kórodi





# 26/28 STABILITY PARAMETER $\alpha$ FROM SPS TO LHC

- Different values for small and medium systems at SPS
- Medium and large systems: increasing trend from SPS to RHIC to LHC
- Compare to:





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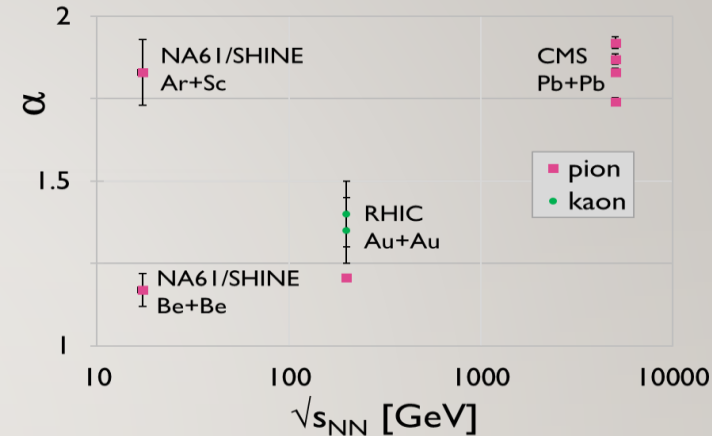
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# CONCLUSIONS AND OUTLOOK

- 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

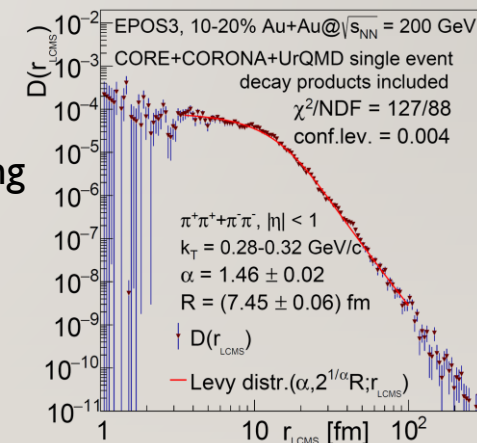


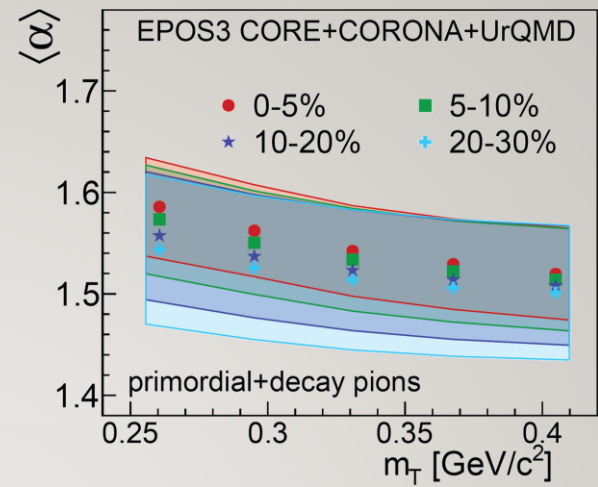
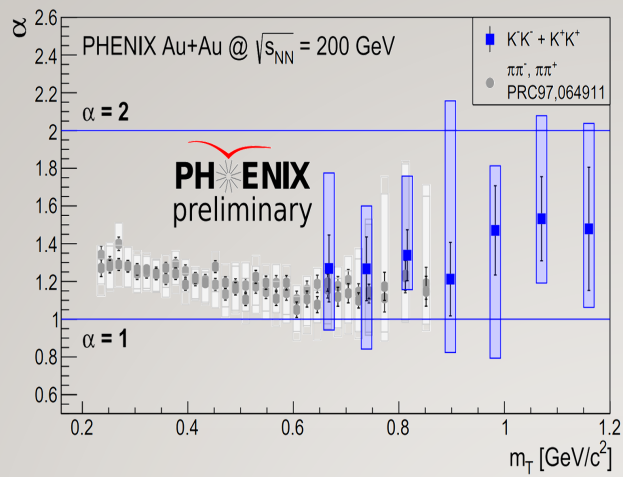
- Possible reasons:

- 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:

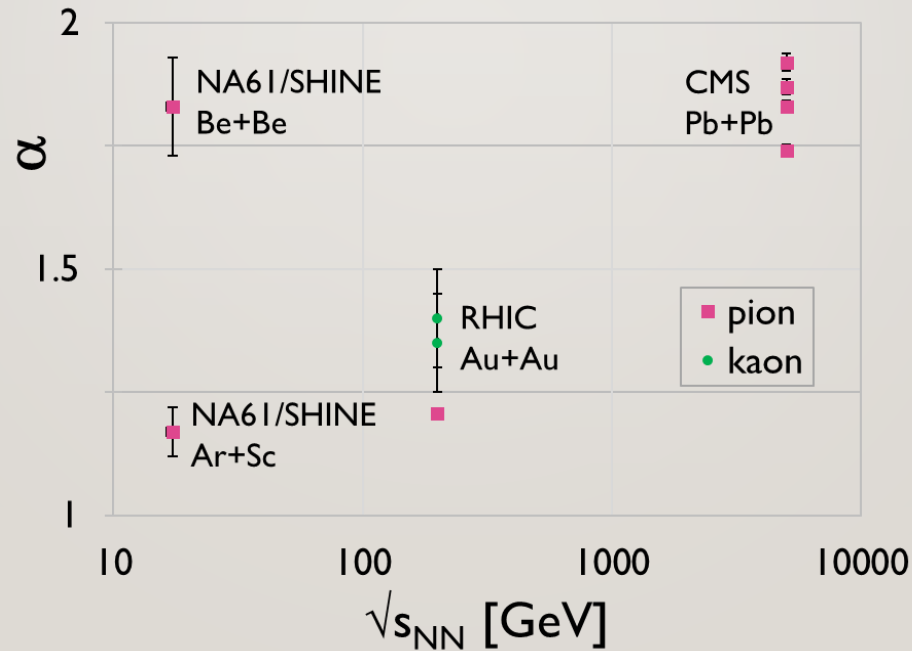
- When measuring  $\alpha$ , what effects need to be considered?
- Can there be anomalous diffusion in the quark stage?
- What is the role of finite size and finite time?





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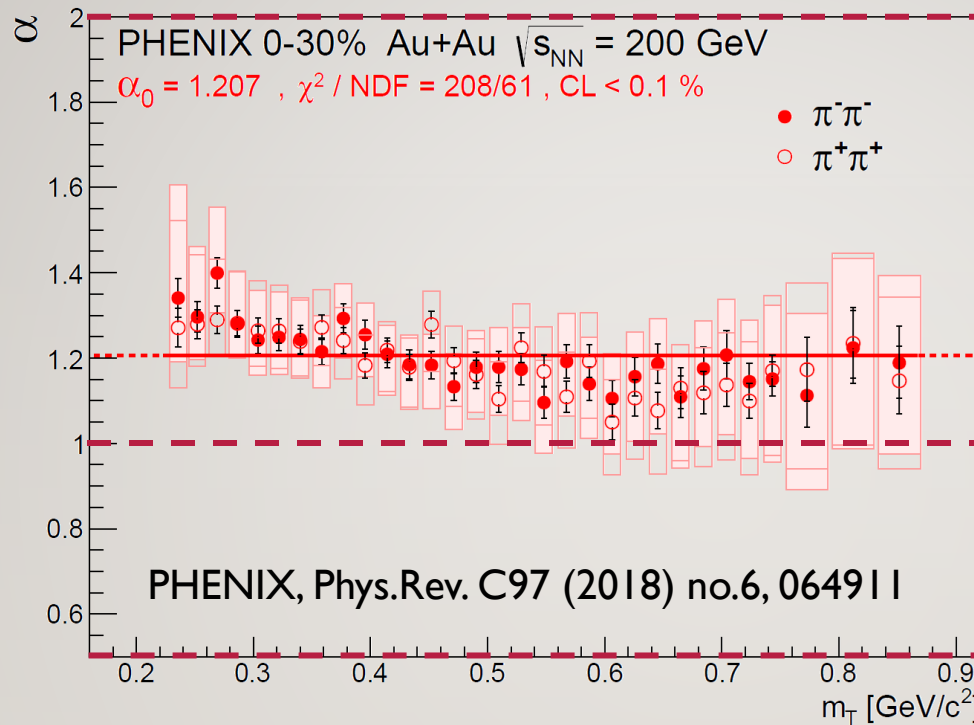
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# LÉVY EXPONENT $\alpha$ IN 200 GEV AU+AU AT RHIC



$\alpha = 2.0$  (Gauss)

$\alpha = 1.0$  (Cauchy)

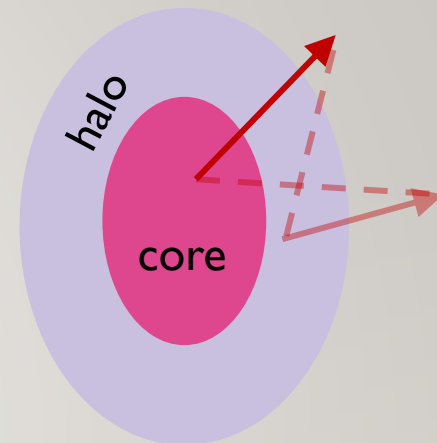
$\alpha = 0.5$  (random field Ising CEP)

- Measured value far from Gaussian ( $\alpha = 2$ ), inconsistent with expo. ( $\alpha = 1$ )
- Far from random field 3D Ising value at CEP ( $\alpha = 0.5$ )
- Approximately constant (at least within systematic uncertainties)
- What do models and calculations say?

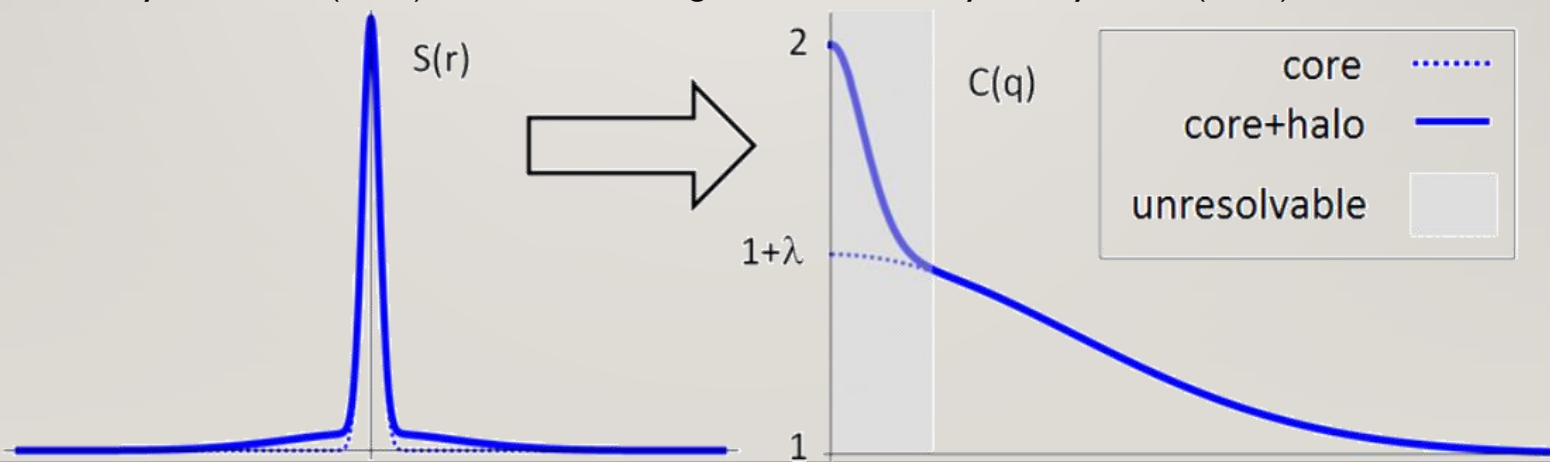


# CORRELATION STRENGTH $\lambda$ : CORE/HALO

- Two-component core+halo source
  - Core: hydrodynamically expanding, thermal medium
  - Halo: long lived resonances ( $\gtrsim 10$  fm/c,  $\omega, \eta, \eta', K_0^S, \dots$ )
  - Unresolvable experimentally
  - Define  $f_C = N_{\text{core}}/N_{\text{total}}$
- True  $q \rightarrow 0$  limit:  $C(0) = 2$
- Apparently  $C(q \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow 1 + \lambda$
- $\lambda(m_T) = f_C^2(m_T)$



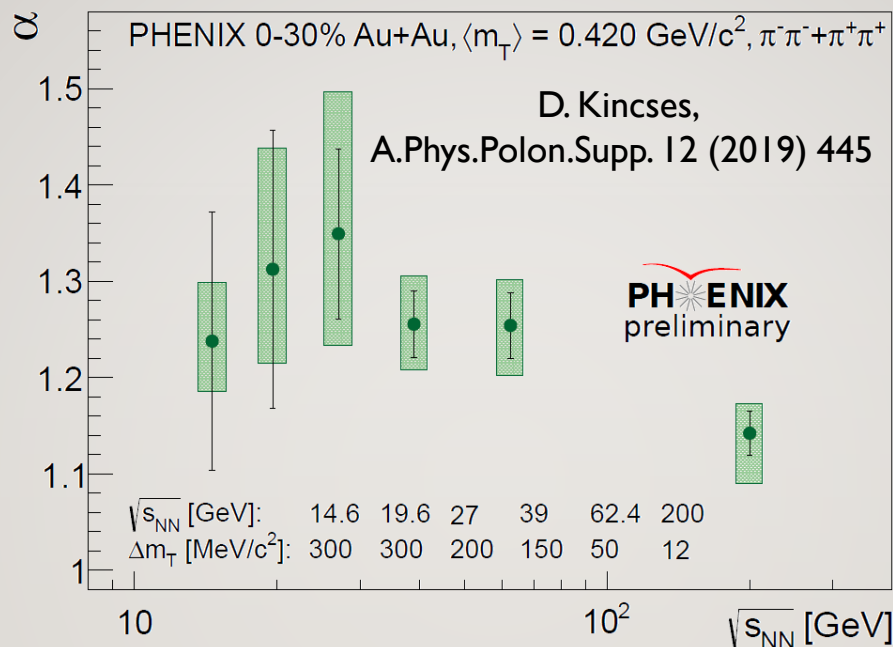
Bolz et al, Phys.Rev. D47 (1993) 3860-3870; Csörgő, Lörstad, Zimányi, Z.Phys. C71 (1996) 491-497







# COLLISION ENERGY DEPENDENCE



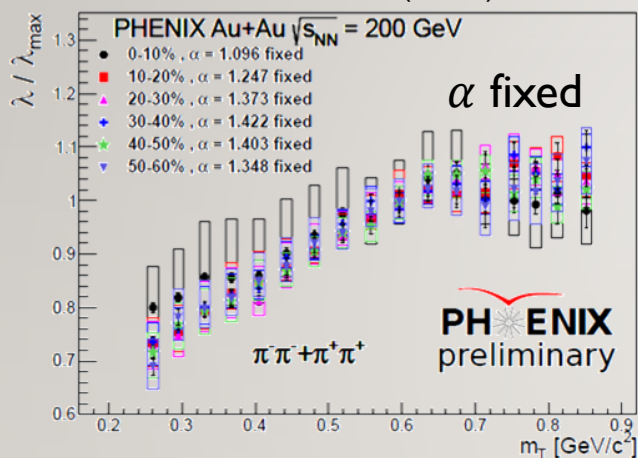
- $\langle \alpha \rangle$  approximately monotonic versus  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ 
  - No clear interpretation or understanding of this trend
  - Important w.r.t. shape averaging interpretation of  $\alpha \neq 2$
- Lévy exponent  $\alpha$  still far from conjectured CEP limit of 0.5
  - Very much dependent on  $m_T$  bin width, working on final results...



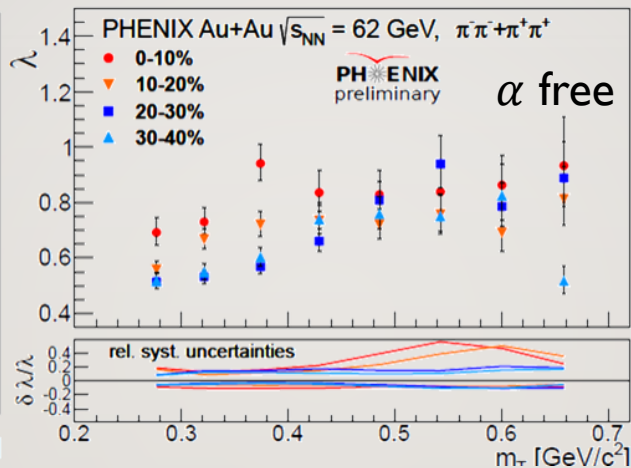
# 34<sub>/28</sub> HOLE IN $\lambda(m_T)$ : ALL MEASUREMENTS AT RHIC

- Hole apparent for  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \geq 39$  GeV,  $\sim$ independently of centrality

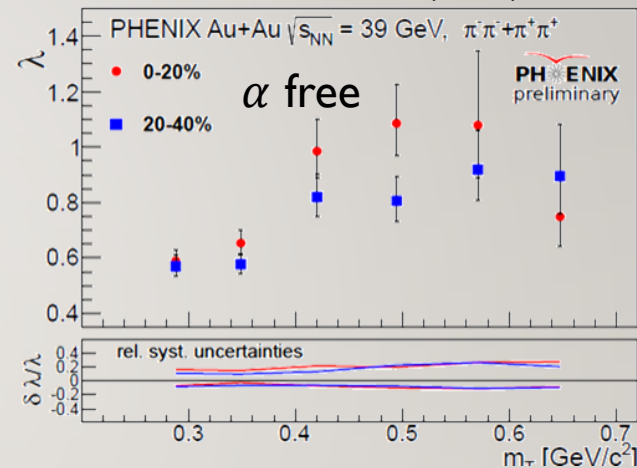
S. Lökös, Universe 4 (2018) 31



D. Kincses, Universe 4 (2018) 11



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- Due to reduced  $\eta'$  mass?
- Sign for chiral restoration?
- To be cross-checked with photons, dileptons, etc.
- Working on finalized PHENIX results

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# COHERENCE WITH THREE-PION LÉVY HBT

- Recall: two particle correlation strength  $\lambda = f_C^2$  where  $f_C = N_{\text{core}}/N_{\text{total}}$
- Generalization for higher order correlations:  $\lambda_2 = f_C^2, \lambda_3 = 2f_C^3 + 3f_C^2$
- If there is partial coherence ( $p_C$ ):

$$\lambda_2 = f_C^2 [(1 - p_C)^2 + 2p_C(1 - p_C)]$$

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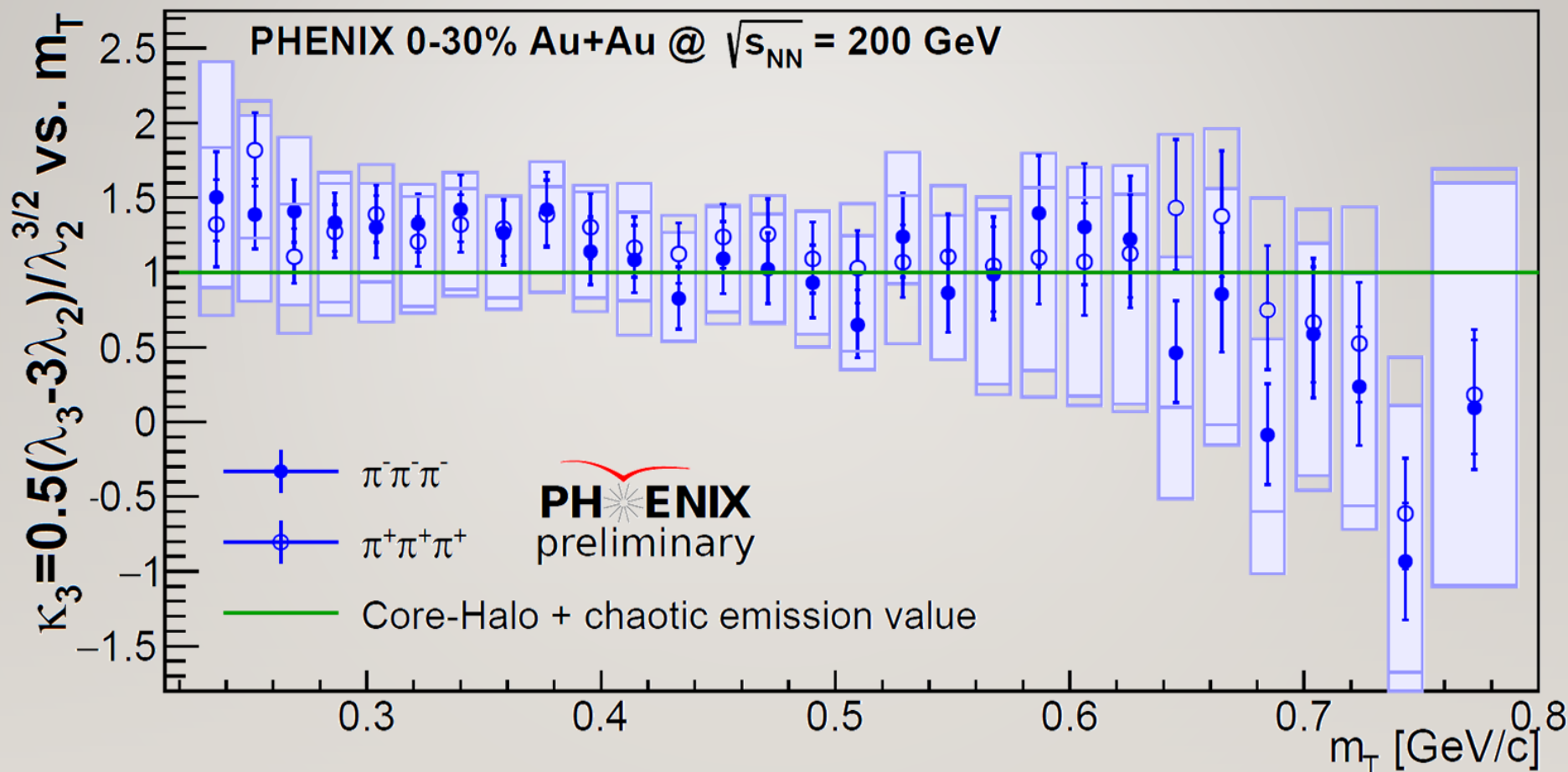
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# TEST OF CORE-HALO MODEL / COHERENCE

- Recall:  $\kappa_3 = 1$  in pure core-halo model,  $\kappa_3 \neq 1$  if coherence

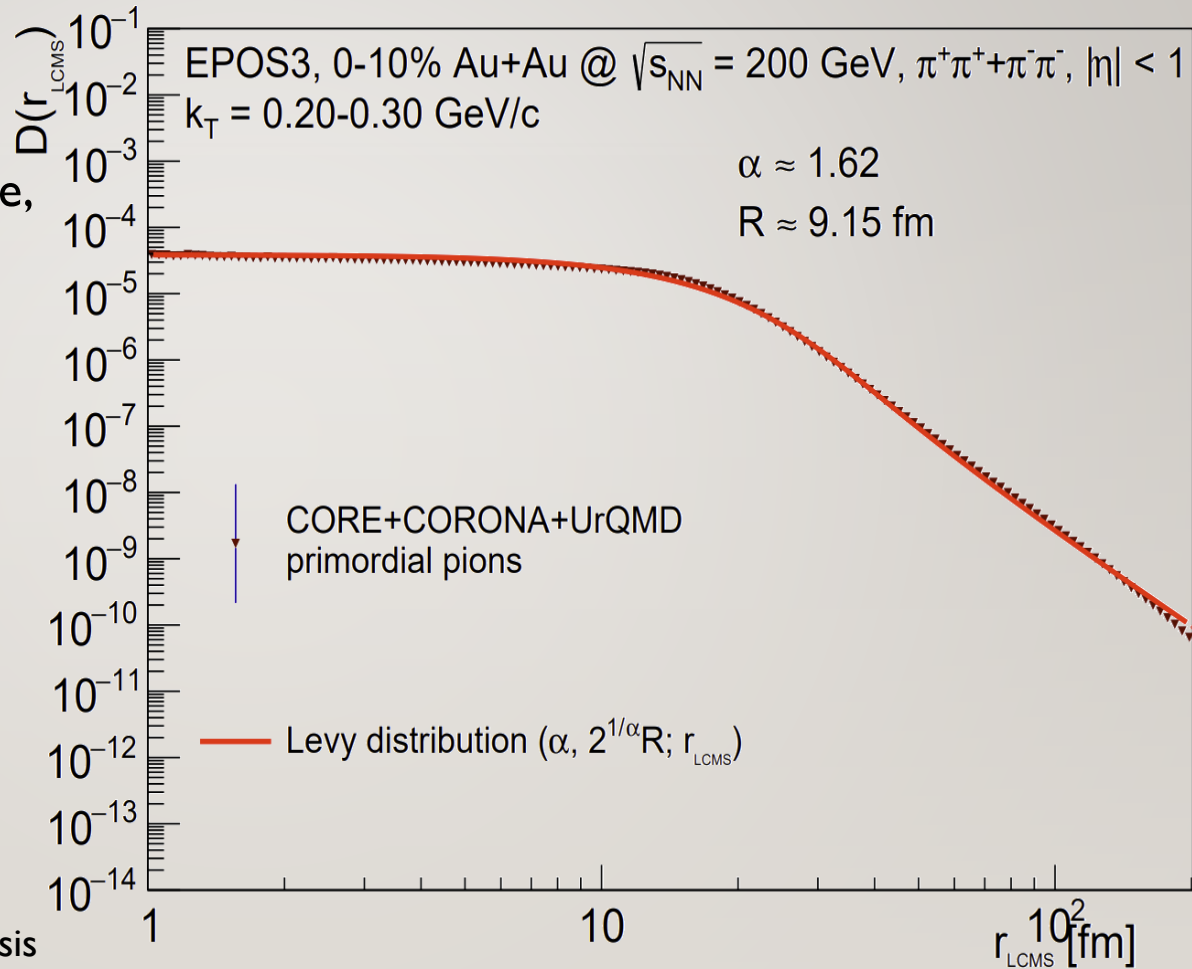


WPCF 19, B. Kurgyis, Phys. Part. Nuclei 51 (2020) 263-266



# 37 / 28 ROLE OF EVENT AVERAGING?

- Event-averaged source also analyzed
- Not perfectly Lévy shape, very large  $\chi^2$
- Nevertheless: similar parameters achieved
  - Event averaged:  $\alpha \approx 1.62, R \approx 9.15$  fm
  - Event-by-event:  $\alpha \approx 1.66, R \approx 8.96$  fm
- More reasonable approach for kaons
  - No event-by-event analysis possible for kaons



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# SOURCE OR PAIR DISTRIBUTION?

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- Under some circumstances (thermal emission, no interactions, ...):

$$C_2(q, K) = \int S\left(r_1, K + \frac{q}{2}\right) S\left(r_2, K - \frac{q}{2}\right) |\Psi_2(r_1, r_2)|^2 dr_1 dr_2$$
$$\cong 1 + \left| \int S(r, K) e^{iqr} dr \right|^2$$

- Let us introduce the spatial pair distribution:

$$D(r, K) = \int S\left(\rho + \frac{r}{2}, K\right) S\left(\rho - \frac{r}{2}, K\right) d\rho$$

- Then the Bose-Einstein correlation function becomes:

$$C_2(q, K) \cong \int D(r, K) |\Psi_2(r)|^2 dr = 1 + \int D(r, K) e^{iqr} dr$$

- **Bose-Einstein correlations measure spatial pair distributions!**
- Coulomb and strong Final State Interactions? Under control for Lévy sources

Csanad, Lökös, Nagy, Phys. Part. Nuclei 51 (2020) 238 [arXiv:1910.02231]

Kincses, Nagy, Csanad Phys. Rev. C102, 064912 (2020) [arXiv:1912.01381]

# 39<sub>128</sub> INTERACTIONS: THE COULOMB-EFFECT

- Plane-wave result, based on  $|\Psi_2^{(0)}(r)|^2 = 1 + e^{iqr}$  :

$$C_2(q, K) \cong \int D(r, K) |\Psi_2^{(0)}(r)|^2 dr = 1 + \int D(r, K) e^{iqr} dr$$

- If there is interaction:

$$\Psi_2^{(0)}(r) \rightarrow \Psi_2^{(\text{int})}(r_1, r_2)$$

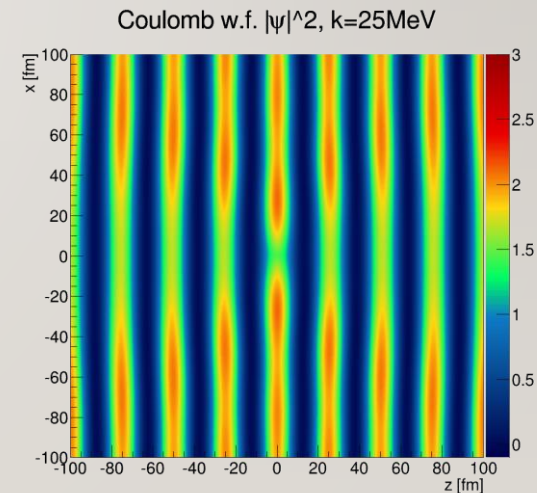
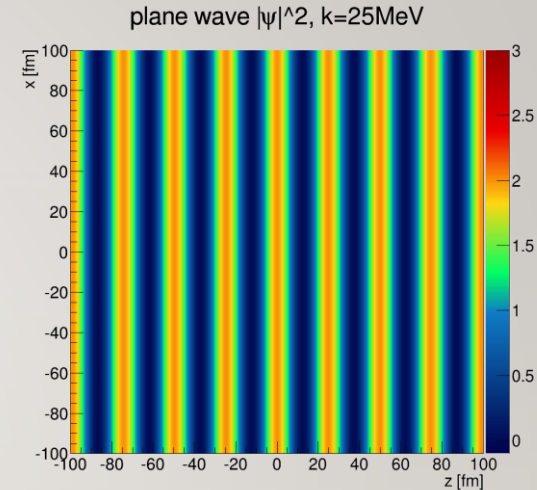
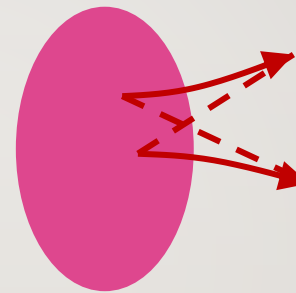
- For Coulomb:

$$|\Psi_2^{(C)}(r)|^2 = \frac{\pi\eta}{e^{2\pi\eta-1}} \cdot (\text{complicated hypergeometric expression})$$

- Direct fit with this, or the usual iterative Coulomb-correction:

$$C_{\text{Bose-Einstein}}(q)K(q), \text{ where } K(q) = \frac{\int D(r, K) |\Psi_2^{(C)}(r)|^2 dr}{\int D(r, K) |\Psi_2^{(0)}(r)|^2 dr}$$

- Complication: need for integrating power-law tails
- In this analysis: assuming spherical source
- Parametrization possible Csanád, Lökös, Nagy, Phys.Part.Nucl. 51 (2020) 238



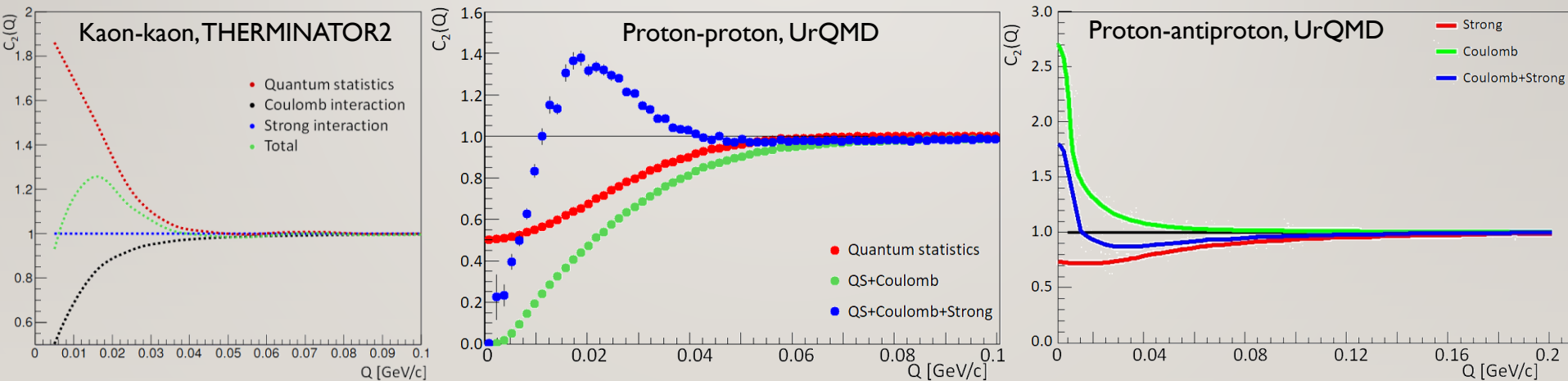


# 40<sub>/28</sub> ROLE OF THE STRONG INTERACTION

- In case of other interactions or not identical bosons, the formula still works:

$$C_2(q, K) \cong \int D(r, K) |\Psi_2(r)|^2 dr$$

- Pair wave function determines  $D \leftrightarrow C_2$  connection
- Mesons, baryons: strong interaction; fermions: anticorrelation
- Non-identical pairs: interaction modifies wave function



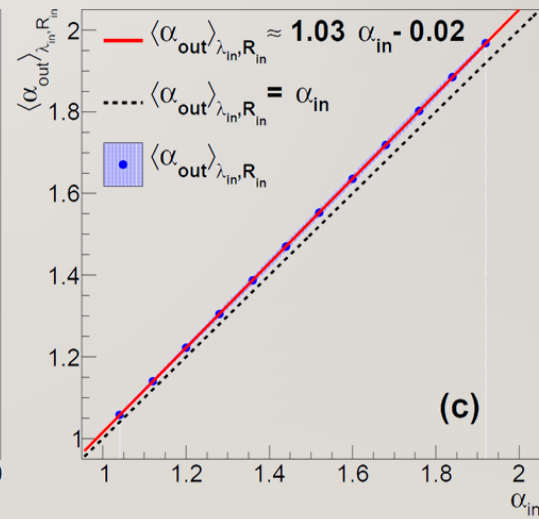
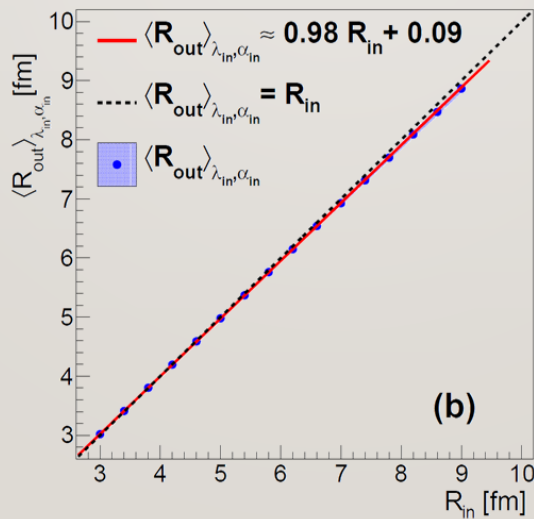
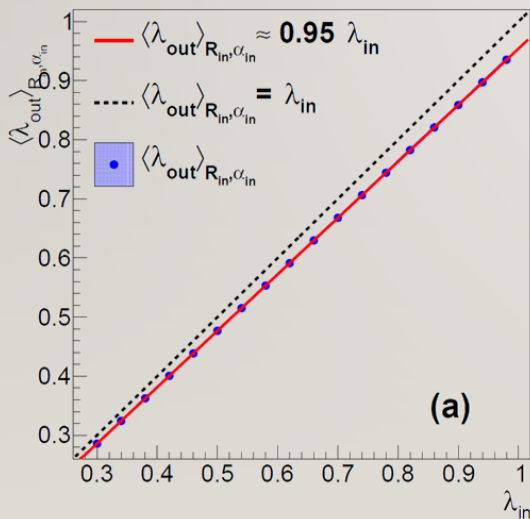
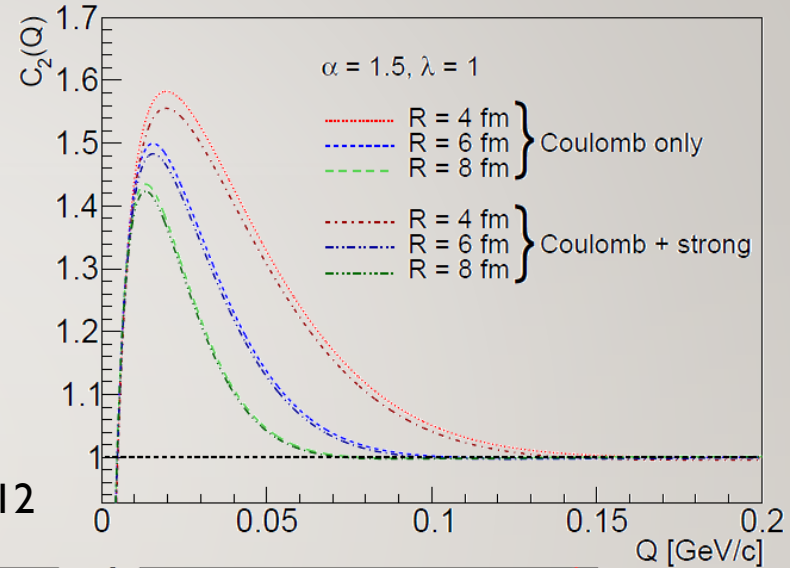
From e.g. H. Zbroszczyk's talk at Zimányi School 2019





# 41 /28 STRONG INTERACTION FOR PION PAIRS

- Additional potential appearing
- Possible handling: strong phase shift, Modify s-wave component in wave func.  
R. Lednicky, Phys. Part. Nucl.40, 307 (2009)
- Small difference in case of pions
- Few percent modification in  $\lambda, \alpha$   
Kincses, Nagy, Csanád, Phys.Rev.C 102 (2020) 064912

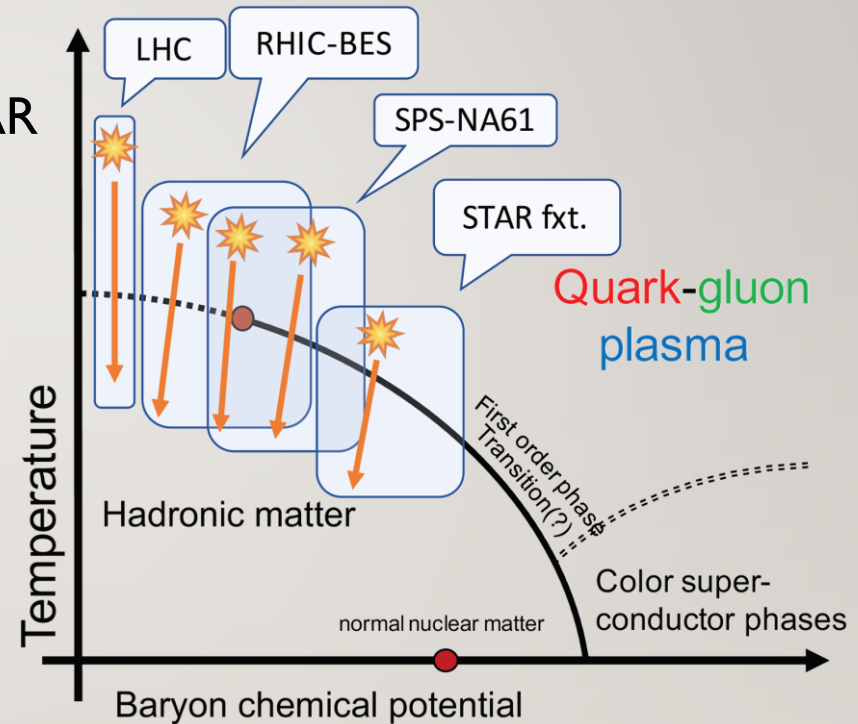




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# HBT MEASUREMENTS AND THE PHASE DIAGRAM

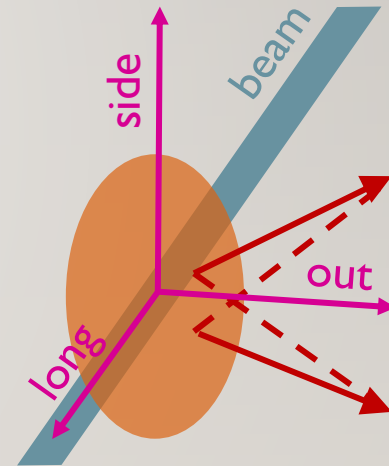
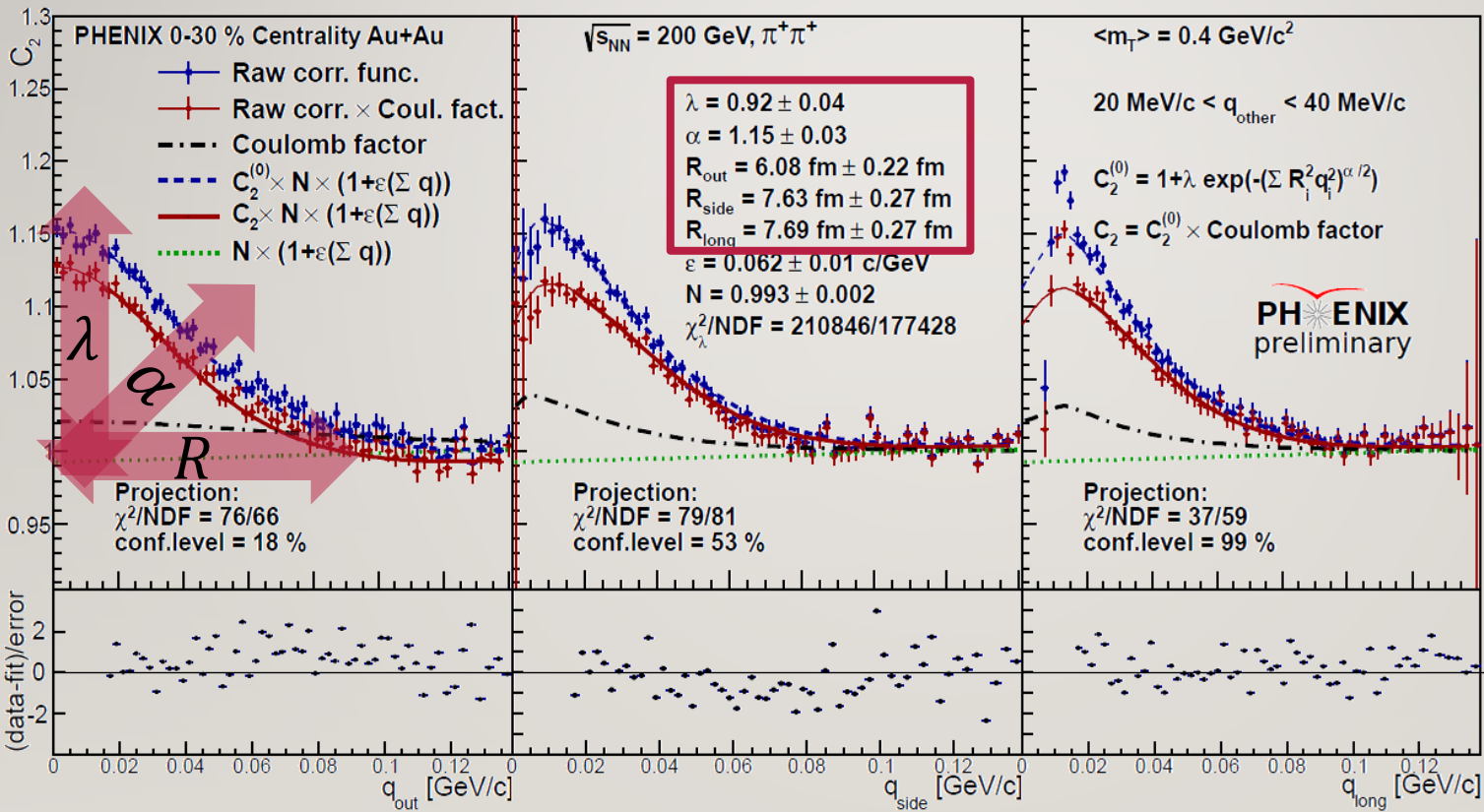
- LHC: measurement at CMS
  - 2-5 ATeV energy, p+p & Pb+Pb
- RHIC: measurement at PHENIX+STAR
  - 10-200 AGeV energy, Au+Au
- SPS: measurement at NA61
  - 17 AGeV energy, Be+Be
- Phase diagram can be investigated





# 43<sub>/28</sub> A CROSS-CHECK: 3D LÉVY FEMTOSCOPY

- Femtoscopy done in 3D: Bertsch-Pratt pair frame (out/side/long coordinates)
- Physical parameters:  $R_{\text{out/side/long}}$ ,  $\lambda$ ,  $\alpha$  measured versus pair  $m_T$
- Fit in this case: modified log-likelihood (small statistics in peak range)

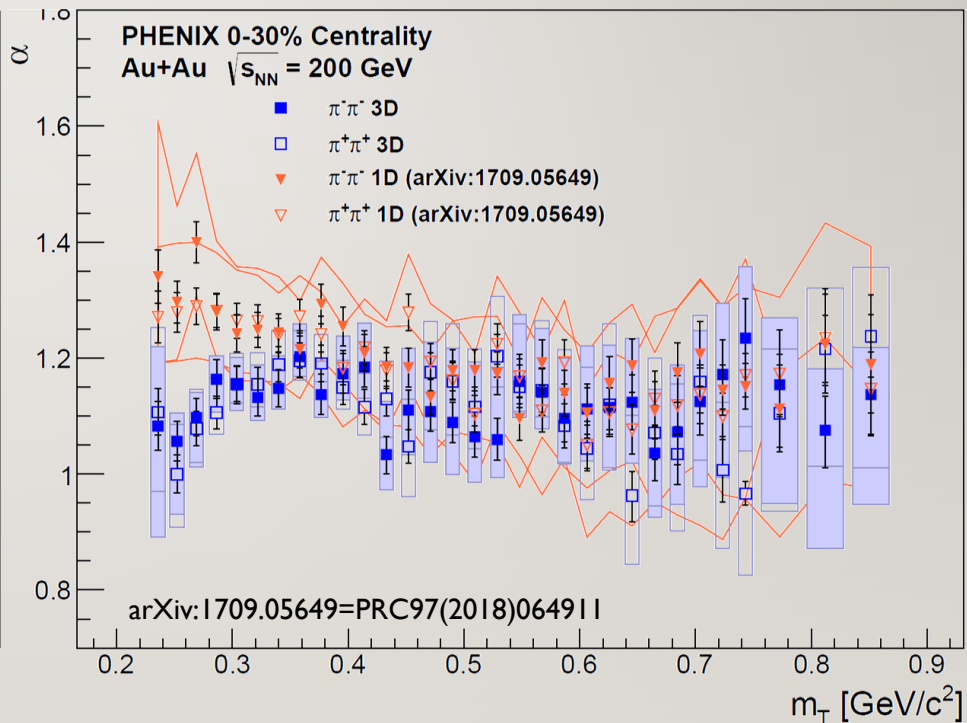
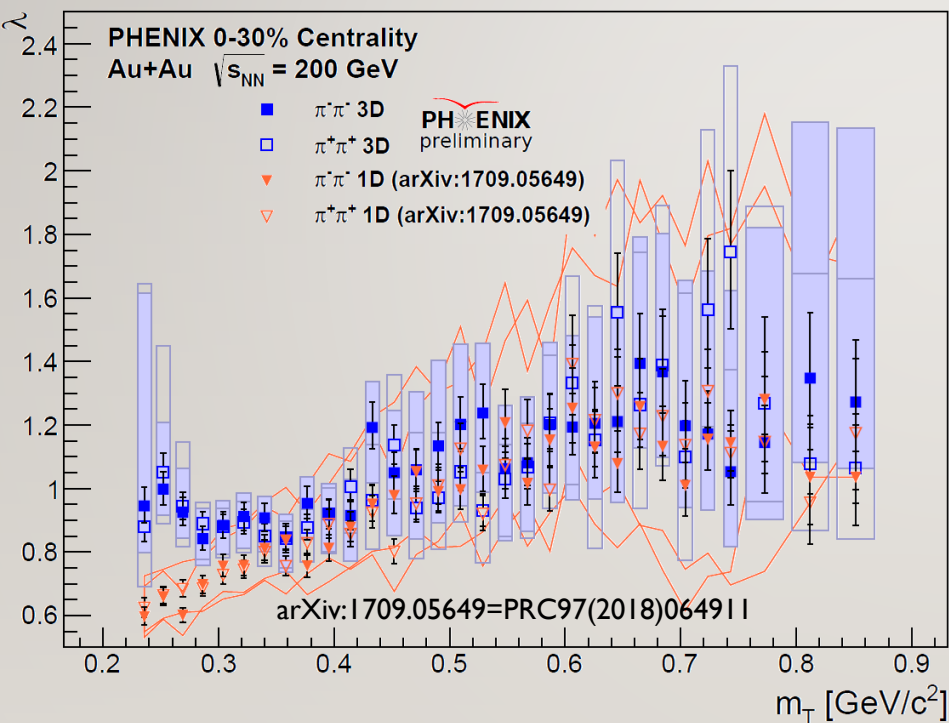




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# 3D VERSUS 1D: STRENGTH $\lambda$ AND SHAPE $\alpha$

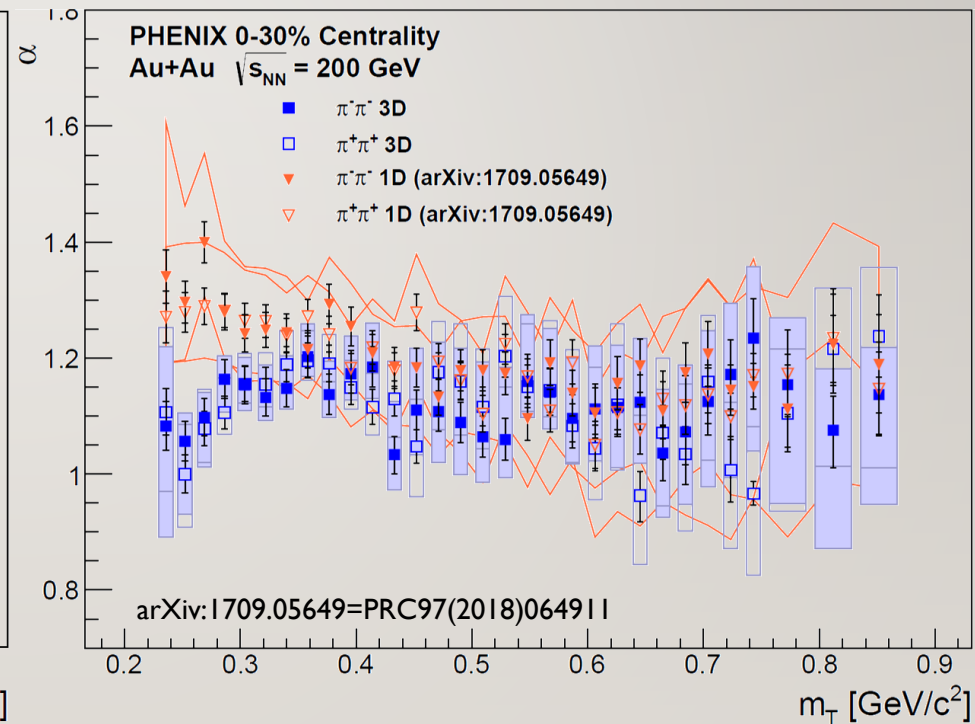
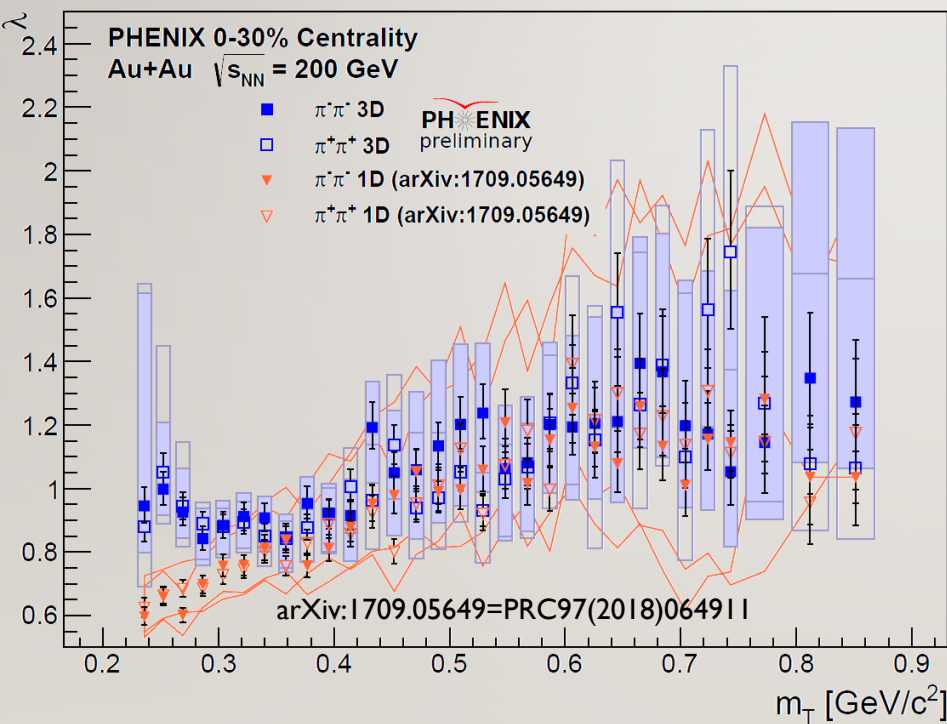
- Compatible with 1D ( $Q_{LCMS}$ ) measurement of PRC97(2018)0649 I I
- Small discrepancy at small  $m_T$ : due to large  $R_{long}$  at small  $m_T$ ?





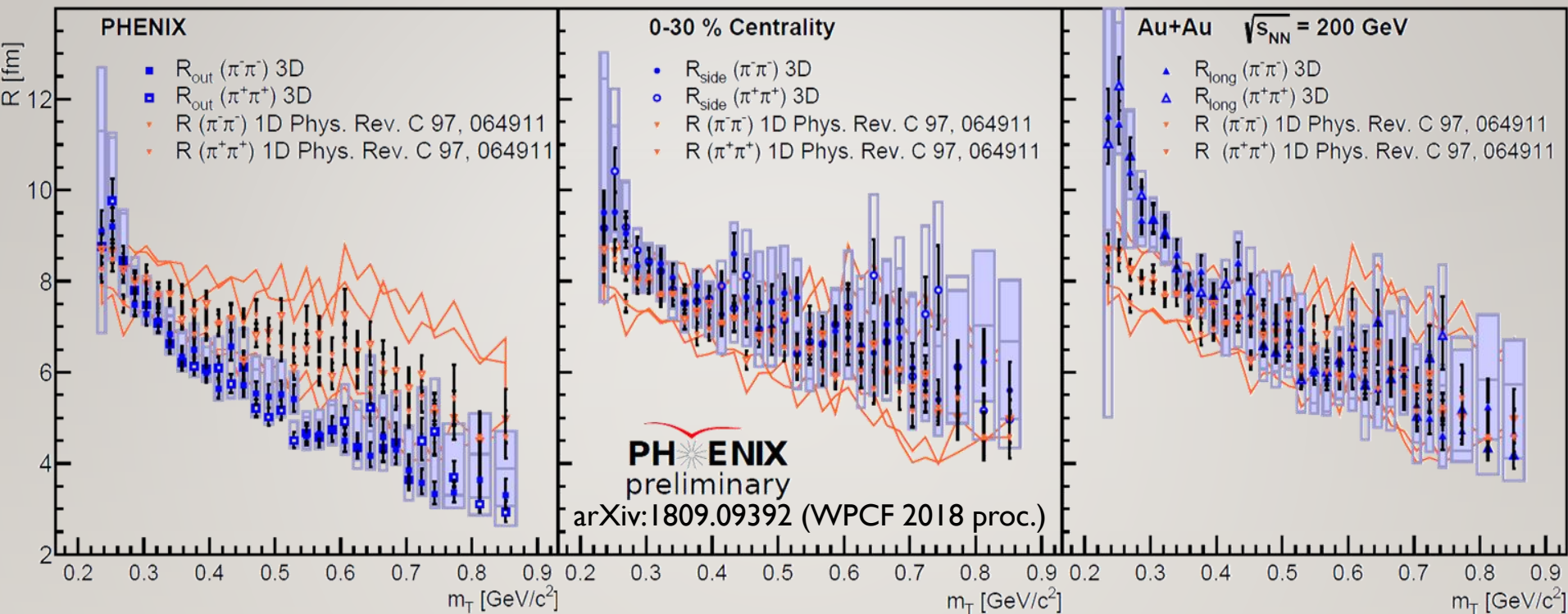
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# 46<sub>/28</sub> LÉVY SCALES IN 3D



- Compatibility with 1D Lévy analysis
- Similar decreasing trend as Gaussian HBT radii, but it is not an RMS radius!
  - There is no 2<sup>nd</sup> moment (variance or root mean square) for Lévy distributions with  $\alpha < 2$ !
- Asymmetric source for small  $m_T$ , validity of Coulomb-approximation?



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## OPEN QUESTIONS

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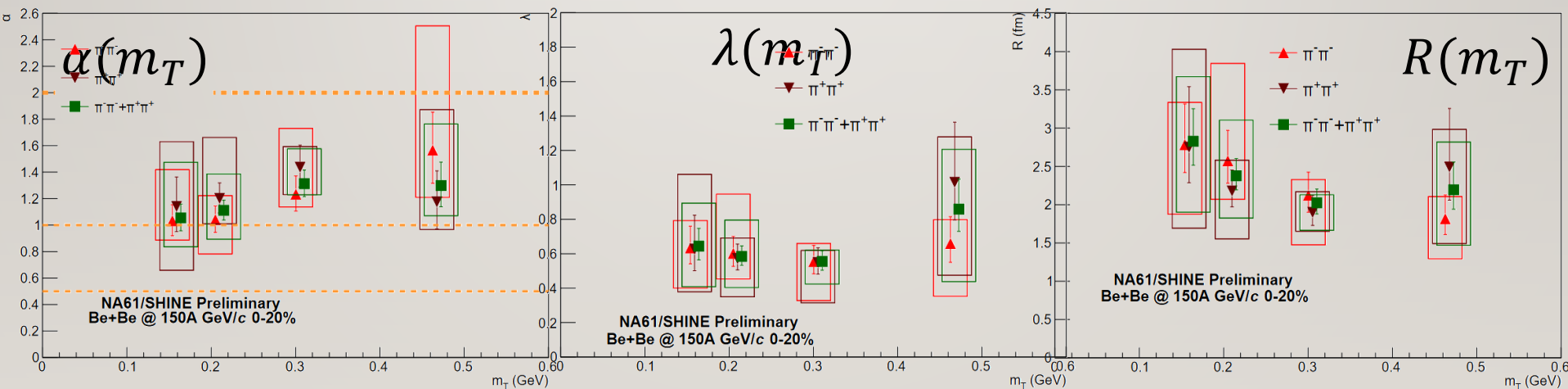
- Collision energy and centrality dependence of Lévy parameters?
  - Non-monotonicity in  $\alpha(\sqrt{s_{NN}})$  or  $\alpha(\text{centrality})$ ?
  - Hole in  $\lambda(m_T)$  at low  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ ? Really due to  $\eta'$ ?
- Reason for the appearance of Lévy distributions for pions?
  - What is the Lévy exponent for kaons?
  - Kaons have smaller total cross-section thus larger mean free path, heavier tail?
  - Does  $m_T$  scaling hold for Lévy scale  $R$ ?
- Correlation strength versus core-halo picture: are there other effects?
  - Three-particle correlations may show if coherence or other effects play a role
  - Other effects may also play a role (finite meson sizes, random field phase shift, etc)



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# RESULTS AT NA61/SHINE

- Be+Be collisions at 150 AGeV beam momentum (17.3 AGeV in c.m.s.)
- Lévy fits describe correlation functions
  - Shape parameter  $\alpha$ : far from Gaussian and CEP conjecture
  - Strength parameter  $\lambda$ : nearly constant as previous SPS results, unlike RHIC
  - Spatial scale  $R$ : weakly decreasing trend  $\rightarrow$  hydro
- Plans: particle identification, Ar+Sc analysis, different energies



B. Porfy [NA61] WPCF19 & PoS CORFU2018 (2019) 184

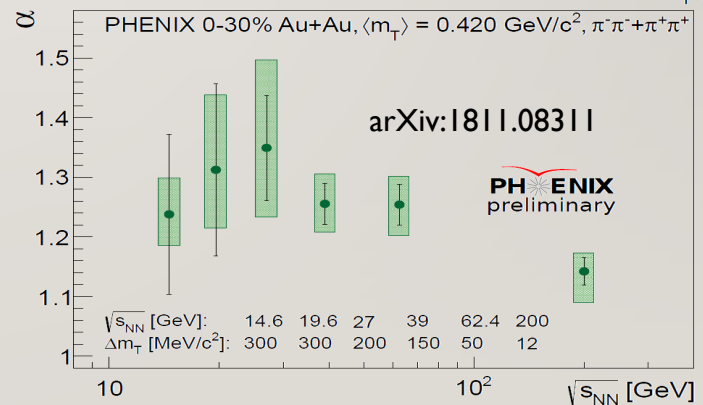
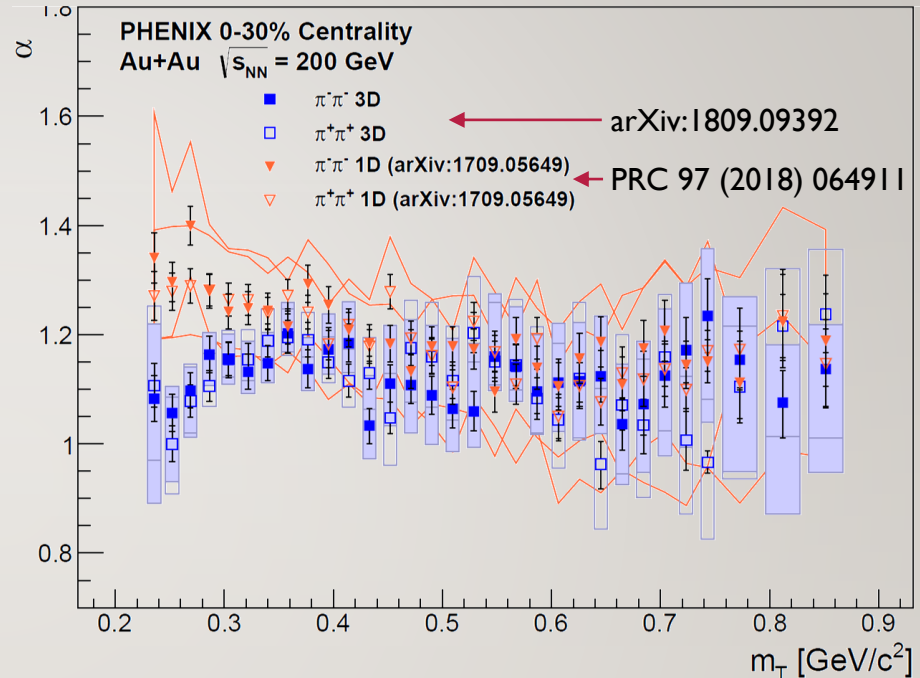
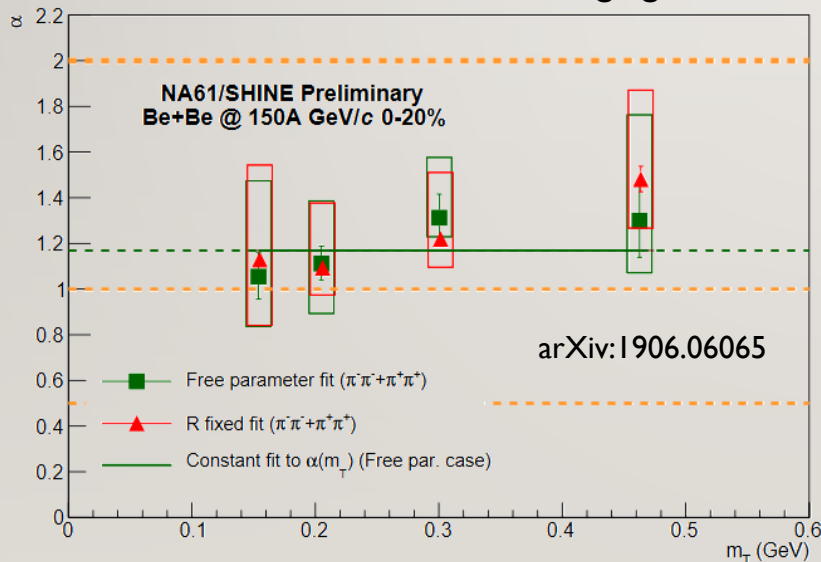






# LÉVY HBT MEASUREMENTS

- Many experimental results
  - PHENIX Au+Au:  $\alpha \approx 1 - 1.5$
  - STAR Au+Au: ongoing
  - NA6I Be+Be:  $\alpha \approx 1 - 1.5$
  - CMS Pb+Pb:  $\alpha = 1$  fixed
- Where does this Lévy shape come from? What does it mean?
  - Role of event class averaging?





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# THE EPOS MODEL

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- **E**nergy conserving quantum-mechanical multiple scattering approach, based on **P**artons ladders, **O**ff-shell remnants, and **S**plitting of parton ladders
  - K. Werner et al., PRC82 (2010) 044904, PRC89 (2014) 064903, ...
- Based on Monte-Carlo simulation
- Theoretical framework: parton-based Gribov-Regge theory (PBGRT)
- Three main parts of the model:
  - Core-Corona division (based on  $dE/dx$  of string segments)
  - Hydrodynamical evolution (vHLLE 3D+1 viscous hydro)
  - Hadronic cascades (UrQMD afterburner)
- Effects/components to be turned on or off (on top of Core):
  - Corona
  - Rescattering
  - Decays



# 51 /28 TWO-PARTICLE SPATIAL CORRELATIONS

- Object to be investigated: two-particle source

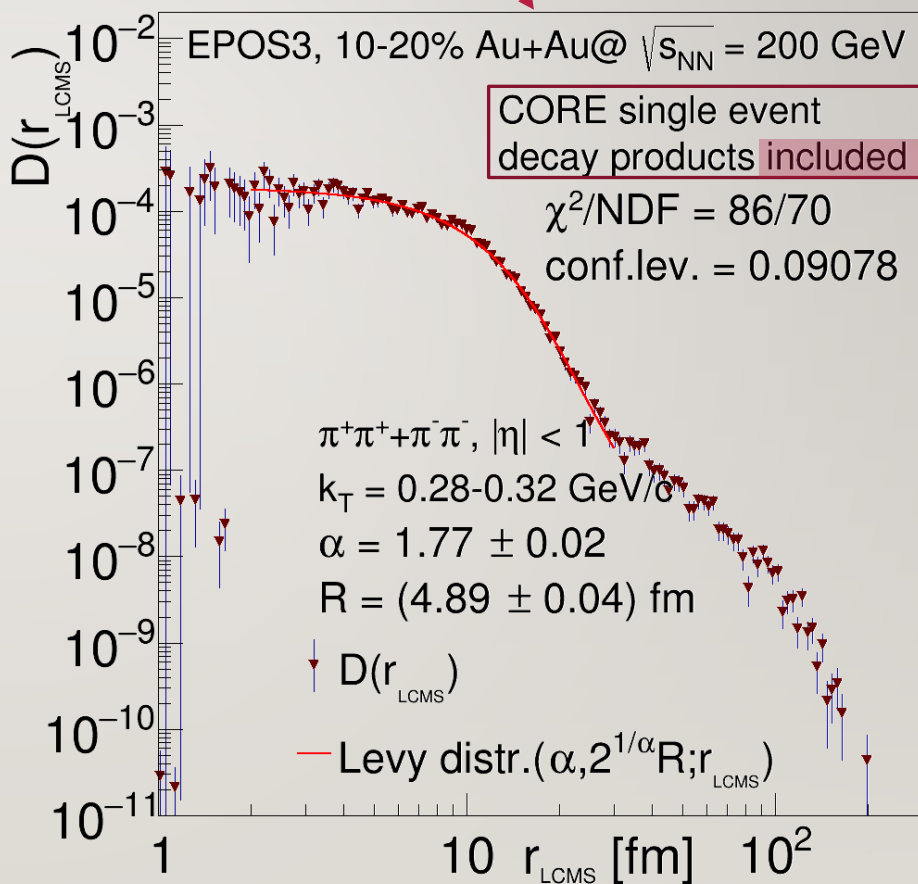
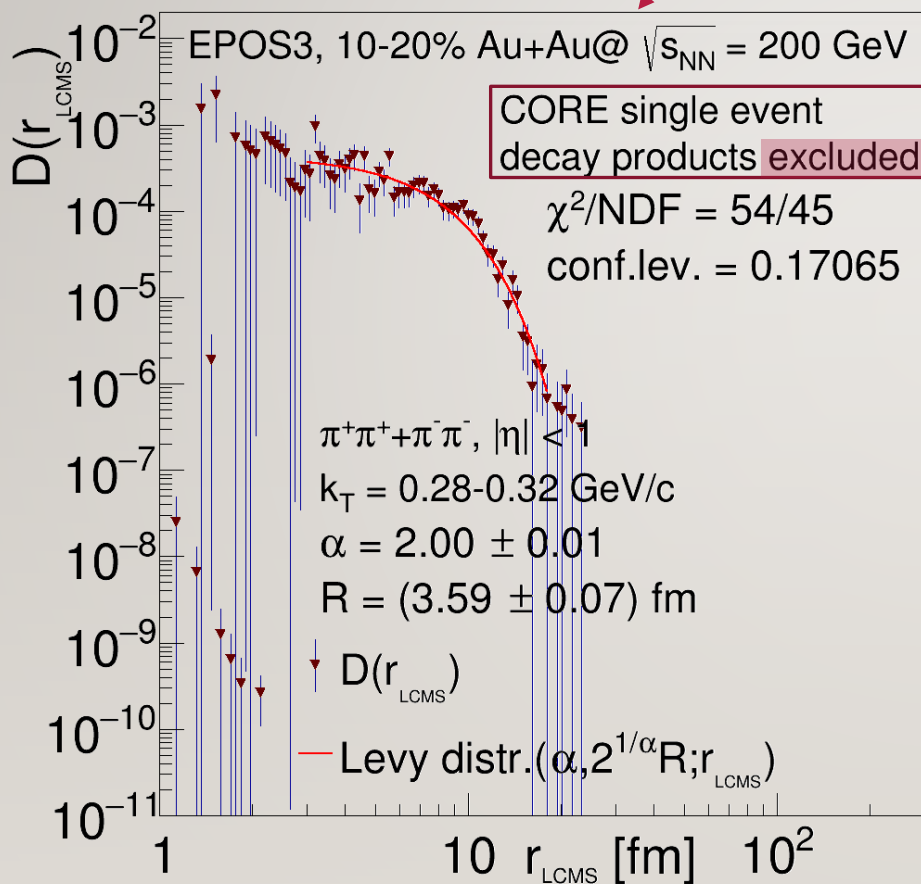
$$D(r, K) = \int d^4\rho S\left(\rho + \frac{r}{2}, K\right) S\left(\rho - \frac{r}{2}, K\right)$$

- Experimental results measure power-law tails, Lévy shapes
  - Measure momentum-space correlations, reconstruct  $D(r)$  or fit its parameters
- Why do these Lévy shapes appear?
  - What physics does contribute to it? Rescattering, decays?
  - What role does event averaging have in it?  
Cimerman, Plumberg, Tomasik, Phys.Part.Nucl. 51 (2020) 282, PoS ICHEP2020 538
  - What do specific  $\alpha$  values mean?
- Event generator models (like EPOS) – direct access to pair-source!
  - Phenomenological investigations of  $D(r)$  possible
  - Effects can be turned off or on, investigated separately



# 52/28 EXAMPLE SINGLE EVENT, CORE ONLY

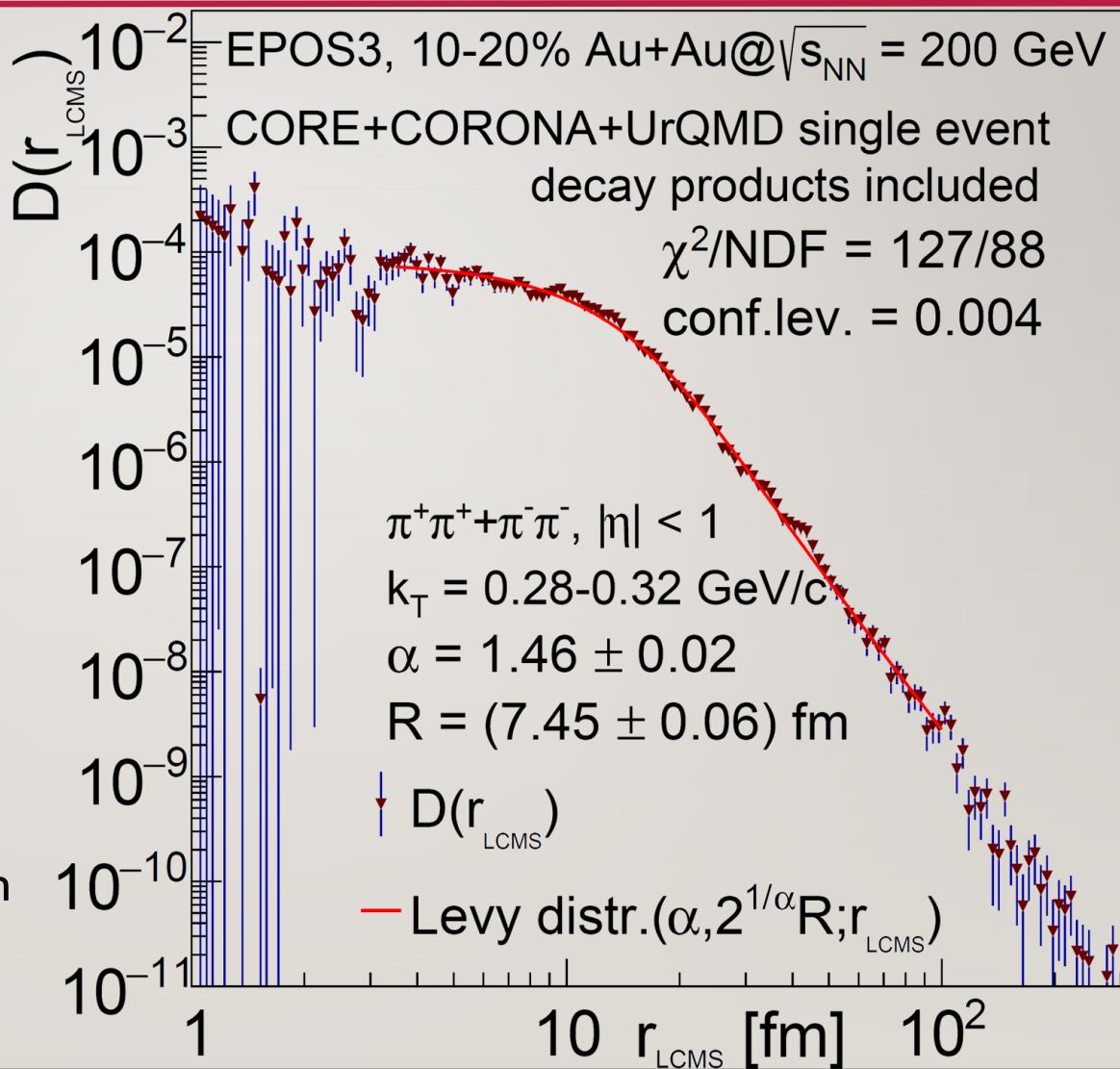
- Gaussian shape without decays, additional structure with decays





# EXAMPLE EVENT, CORE+CORONA+URQMD

- Investigating  $D(r)$  event-by-event
- Lévy-fits provide good description (2-100 fm range)
- Repeat such fits for thousands of events
- Extract  $\alpha, R$  distribution

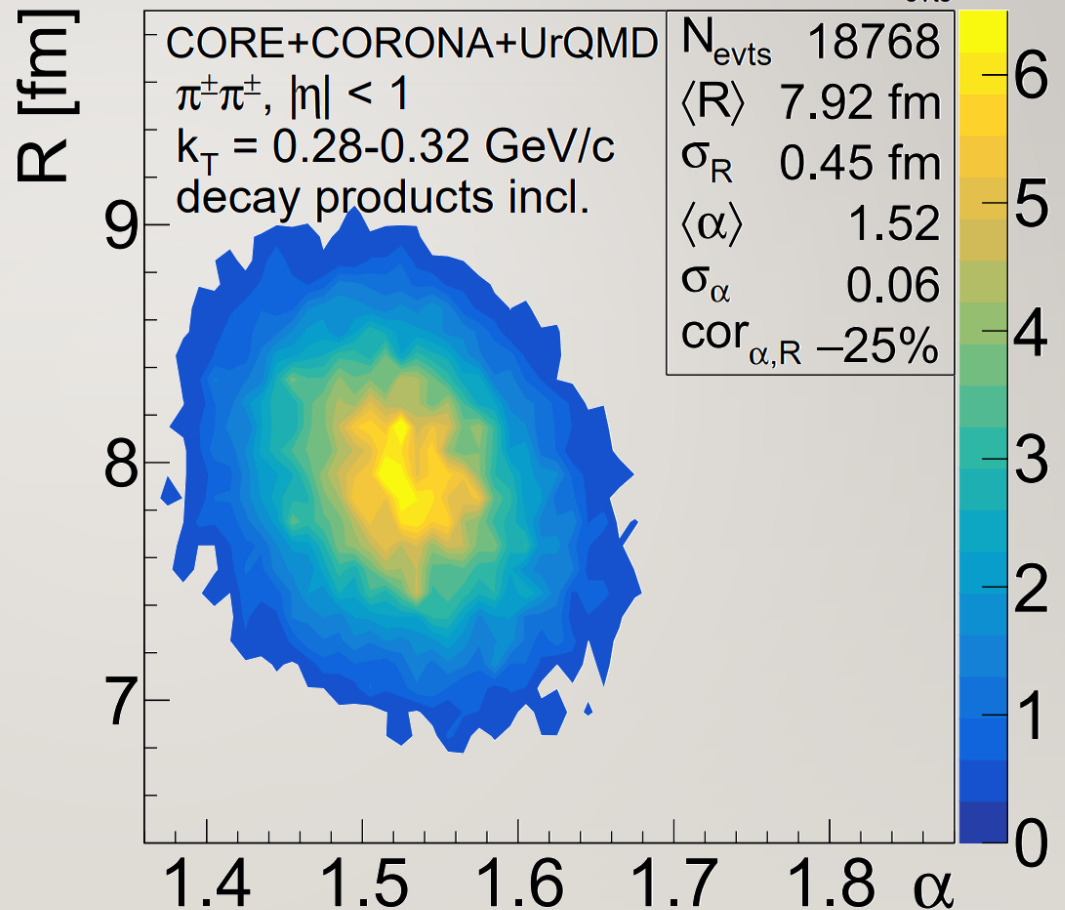




# 54<sub>/28</sub> DISTRIBUTION OF $\alpha$ , $R$ PARAMETERS

- Normal distribution of  $\alpha$ ,  $R$  for given centrality &  $k_T$
- Extract mean and std.dev,
- Investigate centrality &  $k_T$  dependence
- $k_T$  dependence investigated around the peak of the pair- $k_T$  distr. to have adequate stat.

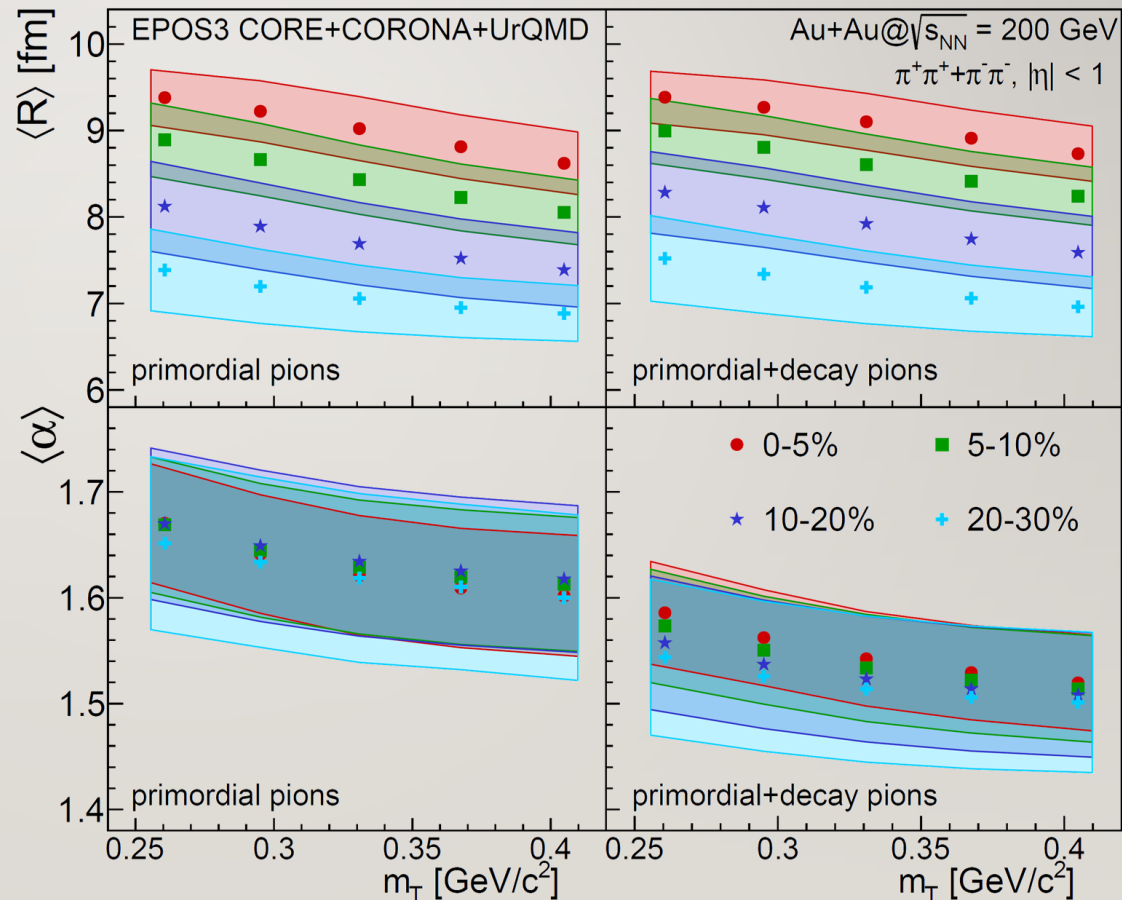
EPOS3 10-20% Au+Au@ $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200$  GeV  $\frac{1}{N_{\text{evts}}} \frac{d^2N}{dRd\alpha}$



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# CONCLUSIONS AND OUTLOOK

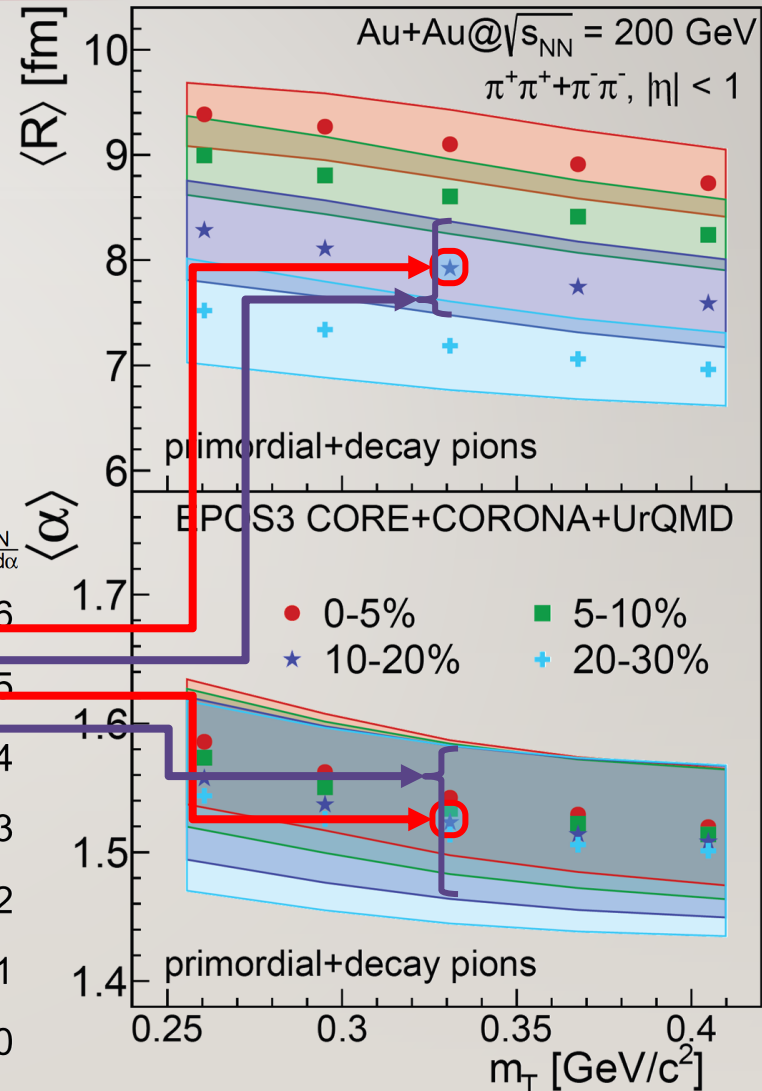
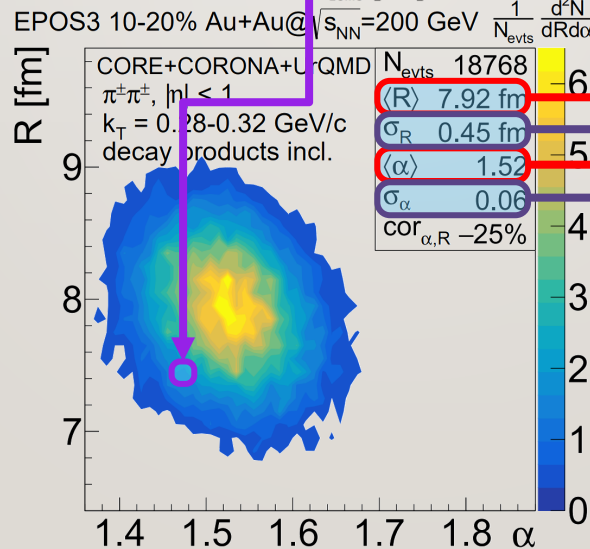
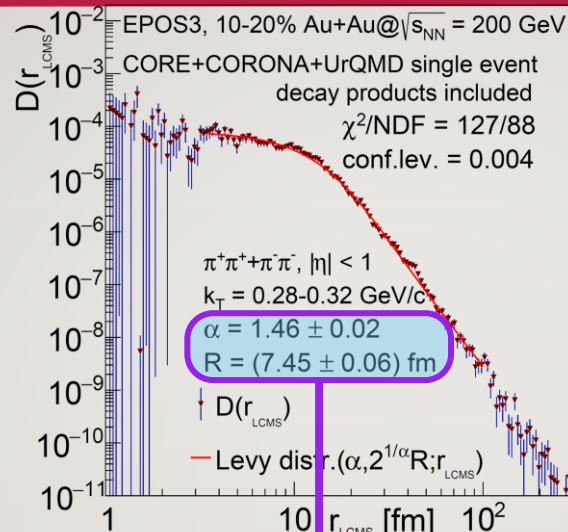
- Lévy fits done to **event-by-event** EPOS spatial distributions, good description
- Power-law tail strongly affected by rescattering and decays
- Lévy  $R$  in EPOS:  
similar to data
- Lévy  $\alpha$  in EPOS:  
larger than data
- Details in:
  - Entropy 24 (2022) 308 [arXiv:2201.07962]
- Next steps:
  - Multiple dimensions
  - Different particle species
  - Correlation function





# 56<sub>/28</sub> SUMMARY

- $D(r)$  calculated in EPOS evt-by-evt
- Lévy fits done evt-by-evt
- Non-Gaussianity in single events
- Extracting mean, & std.dev. of  $R, \alpha$
- $m_T$  & centrality dependence





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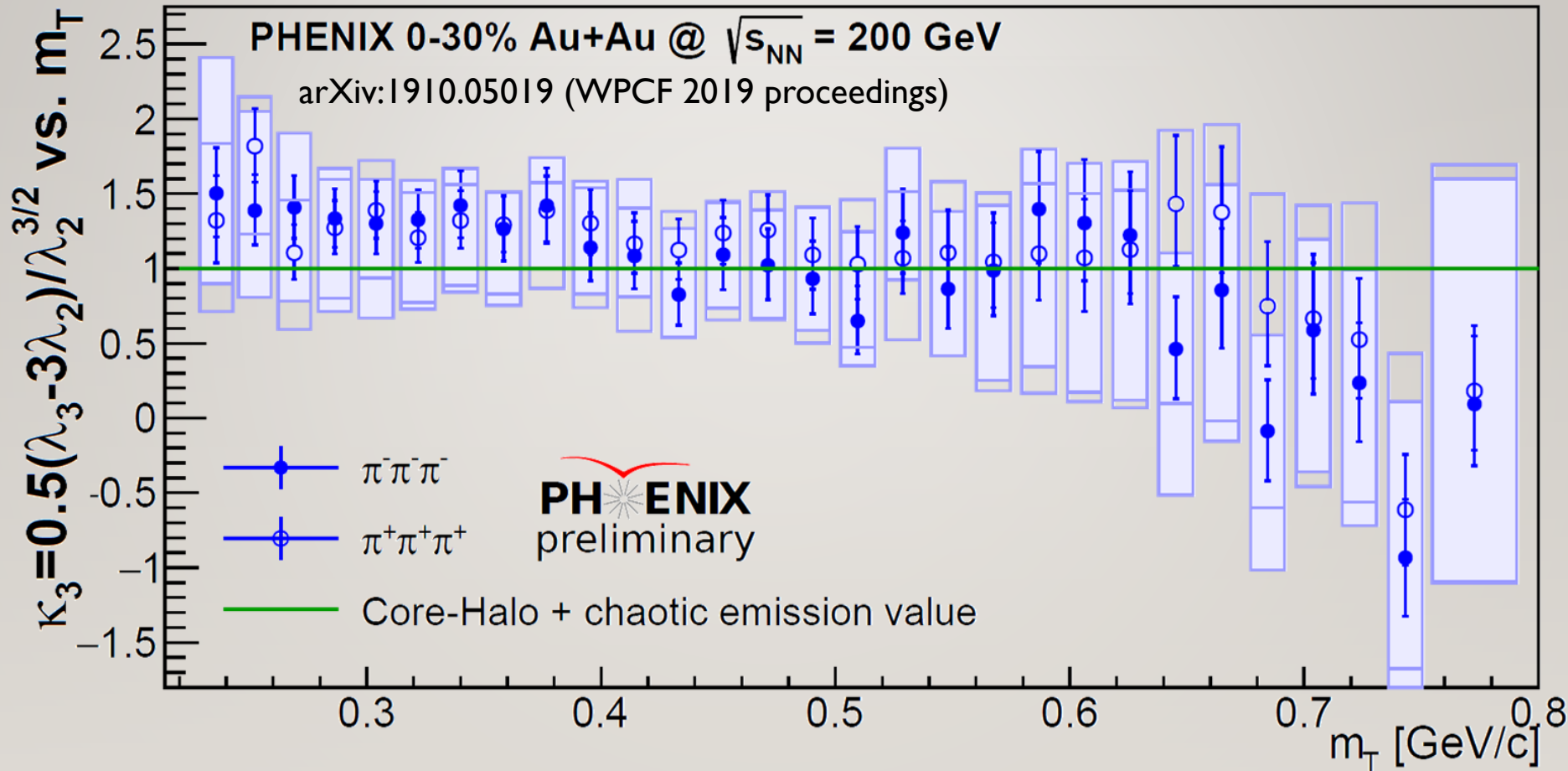
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# TEST OF CORE-HALO MODEL / COHERENCE

- Recall:  $\kappa_3 = 1$  in pure core-halo model,  $\kappa_3 \neq 1$  if coherence





# 59<sub>/28</sub> SHAPE ANALYSIS AT STAR

- Gaussian fit: unacceptable description
- Levy fit somewhat better, but still additional effects present
- Low Q behavior not captured by any of the two

