

# Di-lepton Production in HI Collisions and the QCD Phase Diagram

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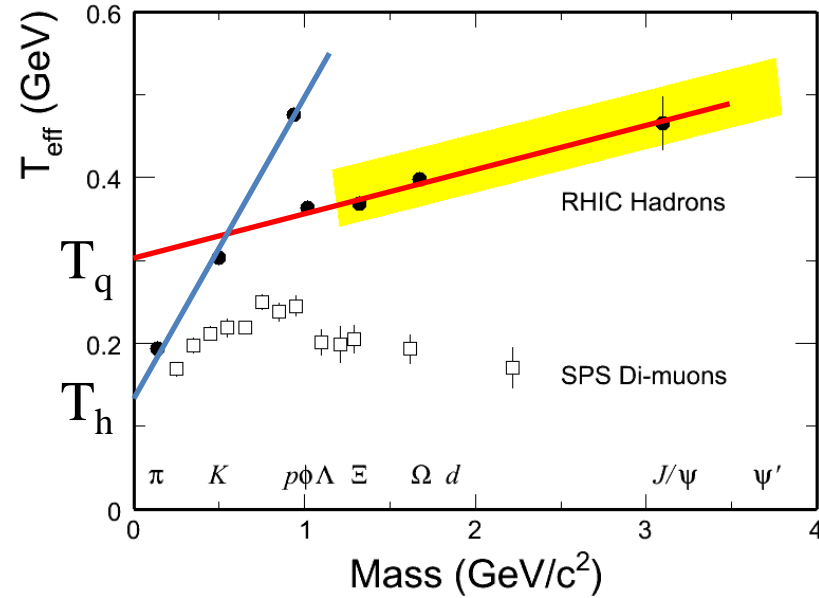
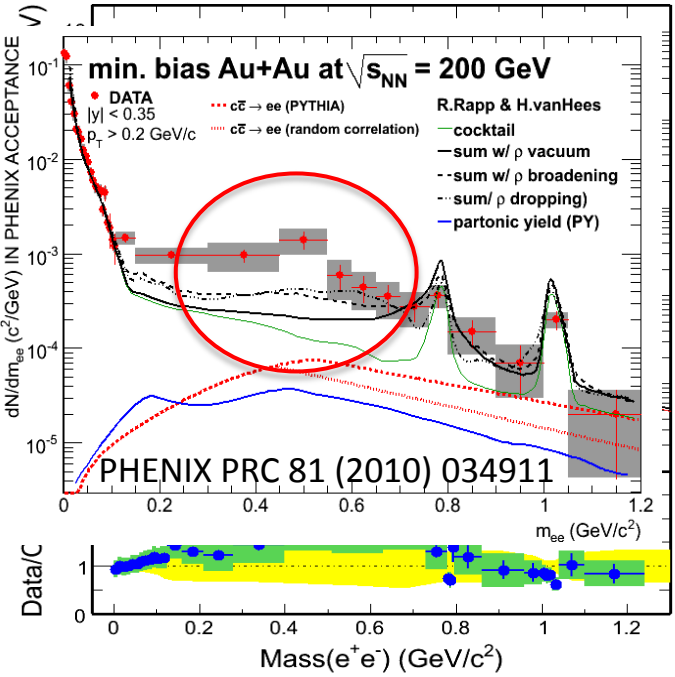
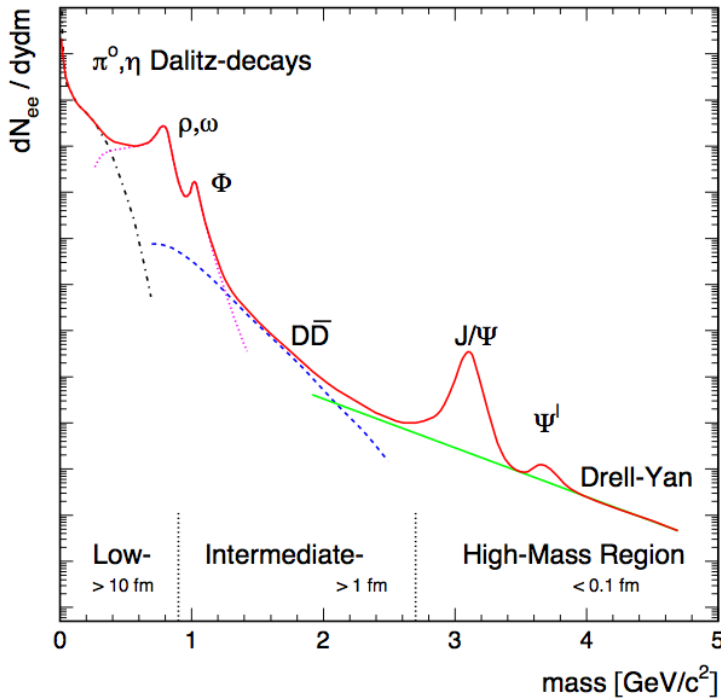
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# Introduction - I



SPS 17 GeV, PRL 100, 022302 (2008)

RHIC 200 GeV, NPA 757,102 (2005)

$$T_{eff} = T_0 + Mv_T^2$$

LMR

Chiral symmetry restoration  
Vector meson production: in-medium effect

IMR

Heavy quark correlation  
QGP thermal radiation

HMR

Heavy quarkonium production  
Drell-Yan

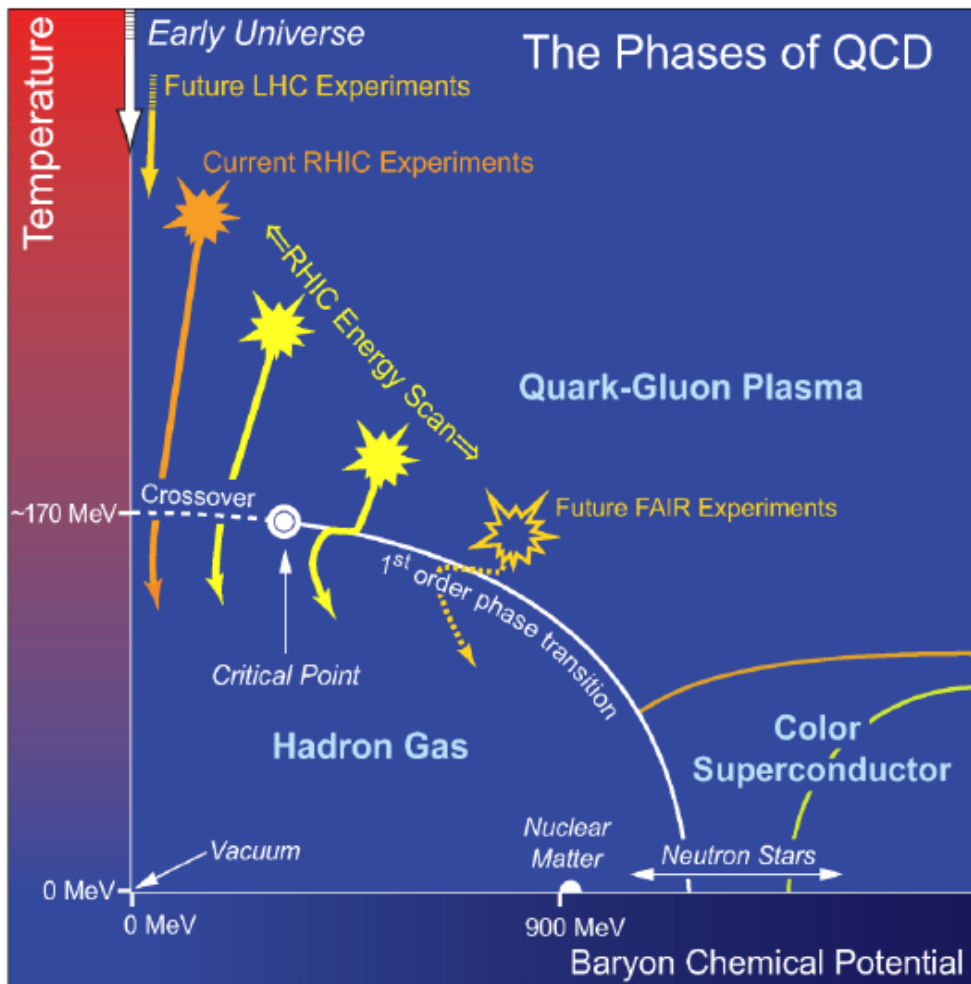
Electromagnetic probes =>

Do not participate in strong interactions.

Bring undistorted information of early production.

Penetrate medium properties.

# Introduction - II



## RHIC Energy Scan Program:

- Mapping QCD phase boundary.
- Search for QCD critical point.

**Observables:** fluctuations, flow, correlations ...

## What about “di-lepton”?

- Mass spectra
- $m_T$  slope
- $v_2$

## How are the behaviors in HG/QGP phase:

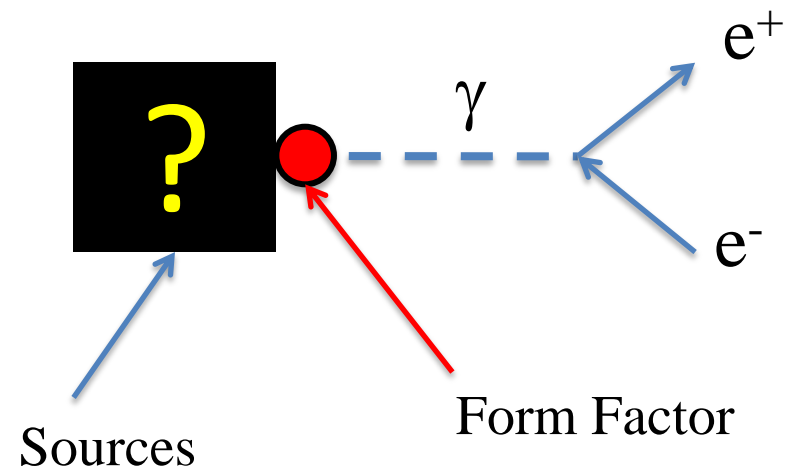
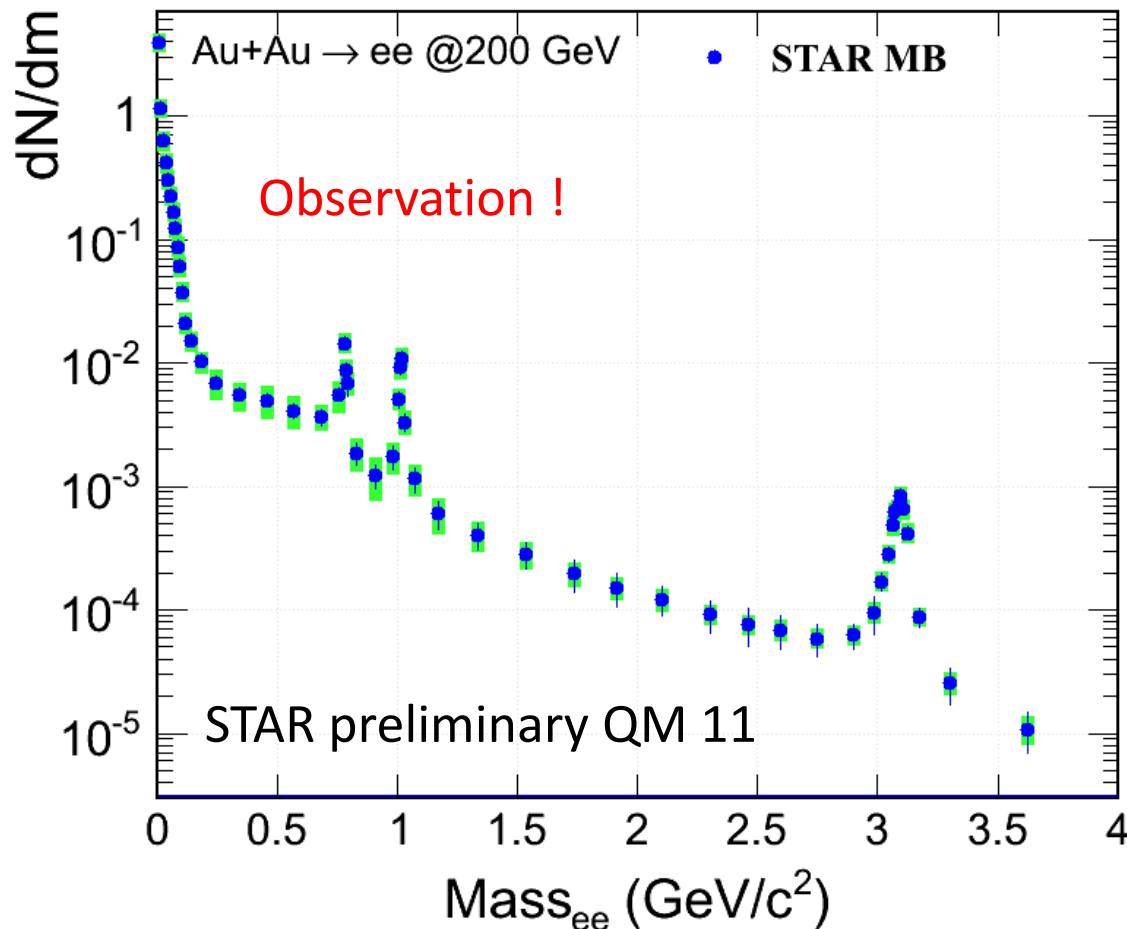
- light meson freeze-out
- $\rho$  meson
- charm correlation
- thermal di-leptons

# Di-lepton sources

What 's a "di-lepton"? – see Volker Koch 's lecture and Qun Wang 's talk.

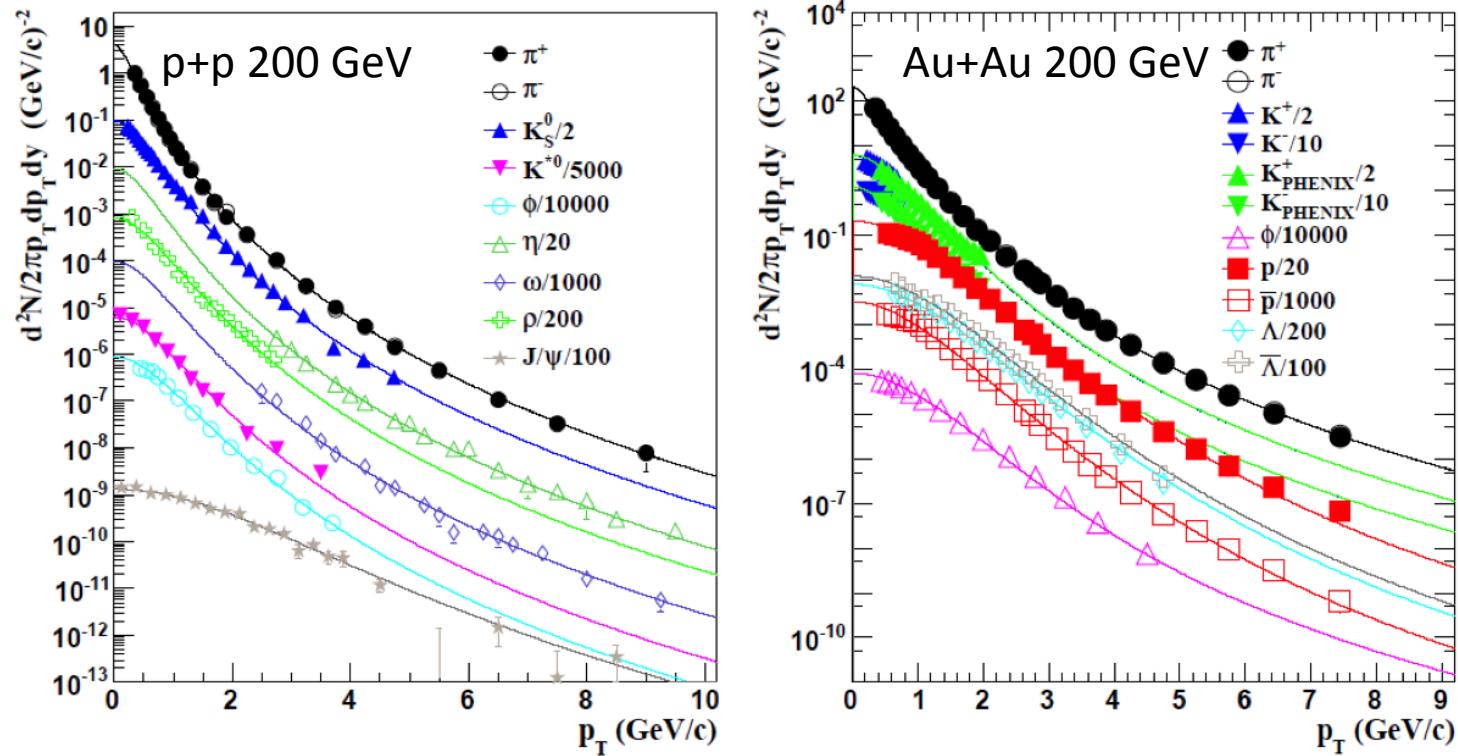
Where does di-lepton come from? – A complicated mess, containing many uncertainties.

We study the di-lepton sources – A simulation based on constraints from measurements.



# Mesons $p_T$ distributions

Input meson  $p_T$  spectra --- Tsallis Blast-Wave(TBW) fit to measurements.



$$\frac{dN}{m_T dm_T} \propto m_T \int_{-Y}^{+Y} \cosh(y) dy \int_{-\pi}^{+\pi} d\phi \int_0^R r dr$$

$$\times \left( 1 + \frac{q-1}{T} (m_T \cosh(y) \cosh(\rho) - p_T \sinh(\rho) \cos(\phi)) \right)^{-1/(q-1)}$$

$\rho$  is related to average flow velocity.  
 $q-1$  is the degree of non-equilibrium.  
 $T$  is the freeze-out temperature.

Z. Tang, et.al., PRC79 051901 (R).

# Decays

## Kroll-Wada Formula:

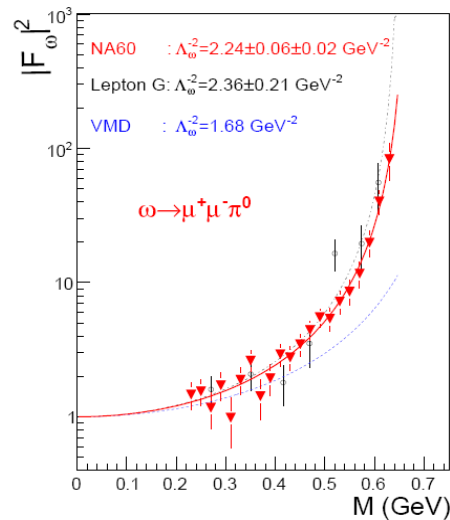
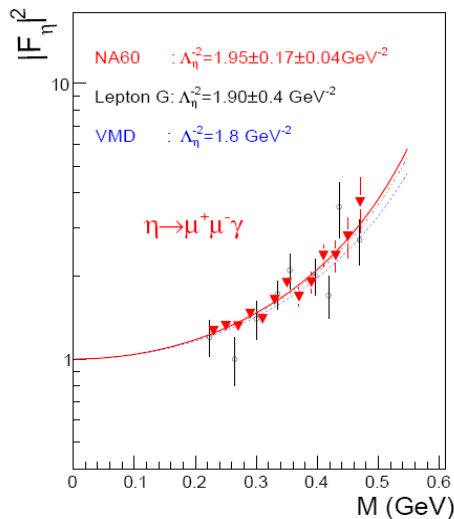
$$\frac{dN}{dm_{ee}} \propto \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_e^2}{m_{ee}^2}} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{2m_e^2}{m_{ee}^2}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{m_{ee}} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{m_{ee}^2}{M_h^2}\right)^3 |F(m_{ee}^2)|^2$$

QED

Phase  
Space

Form  
Factor

*N.M. Kroll, et al., Phys Rev, 98 (1955) 5.*



NA60: PLB677 (2009) 260.

$$|F(m_{ee}^2)|^2 = \frac{1}{(1 - m_{ee}^2 \cdot \Lambda^{-2})^2 + \Gamma_0^2 \cdot \Lambda^{-2}}$$

Towbody: Breit-Wigner

Dalitz: Kroll-Wada

FF: parameterized from measurement.

Phase Space term for  $\omega, \phi$ :

$$\left(1 - \frac{m_{ee}^2}{m_h^2}\right)^3 \rightarrow \left(\left(1 + \frac{m_{ee}^2}{m_\omega^2 - m_{\pi^0}^2}\right)^2 - \frac{4m_\omega^2 m_{ee}^2}{(m_\omega^2 - m_{\pi^0}^2)^2}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$\frac{dN}{dm_{ee} dp_T} \propto \frac{m_{ee} M_\rho \Gamma_{ee}}{(M_\rho^2 - m_{ee}^2)^2 + M_\rho^2 (\Gamma_{\pi\pi} + \Gamma_{ee} \Gamma_2)^2} \times PS,$$

$\rho$  line shape:

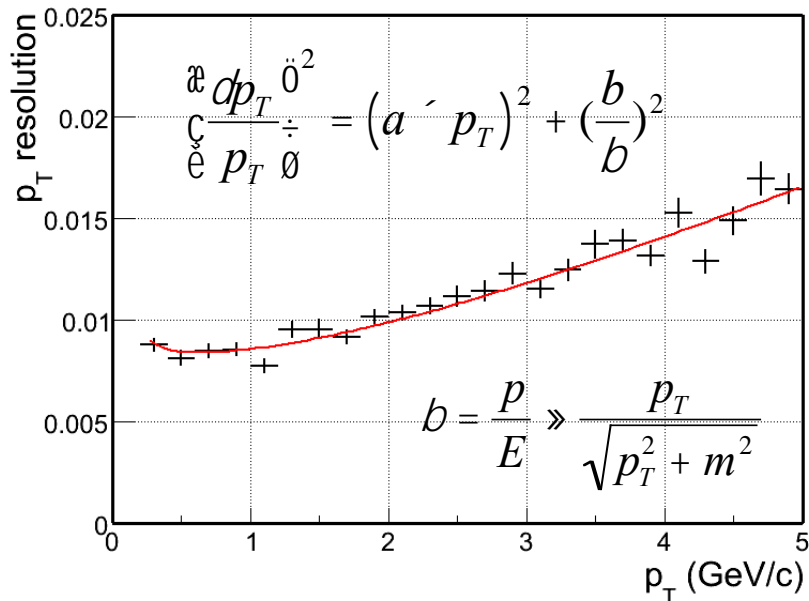
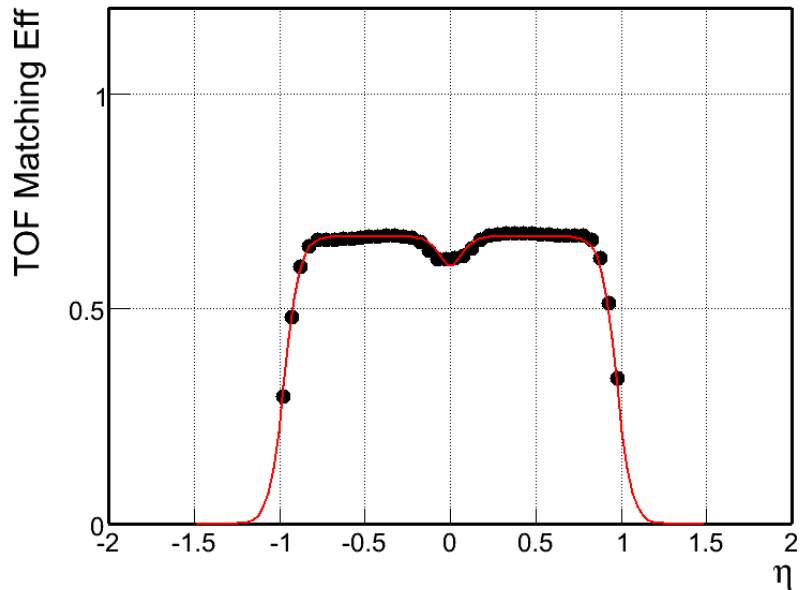
P-wave of  $\pi\pi$  channel: 
$$\Gamma_{\pi\pi} = \Gamma_0 \frac{M_\rho}{m_{ee}} \left(\frac{m_{ee}^2 - 4M_\pi^2}{M_\rho^2 - 4M_\pi^2}\right)^{3/2},$$

S-wave of  $ee$  channel: 
$$\Gamma_{ee} = \Gamma_0 \frac{M_\rho}{m_{ee}} \left(\frac{m_{ee}^2 - 4m_e^2}{M_\rho^2 - 4m_e^2}\right)^{1/2},$$

$$PS = \frac{m_{ee}}{\sqrt{m_{ee}^2 + p_T^2}} e^{-\frac{\sqrt{m_{ee}^2 + p_T^2}}{\Gamma}}.$$

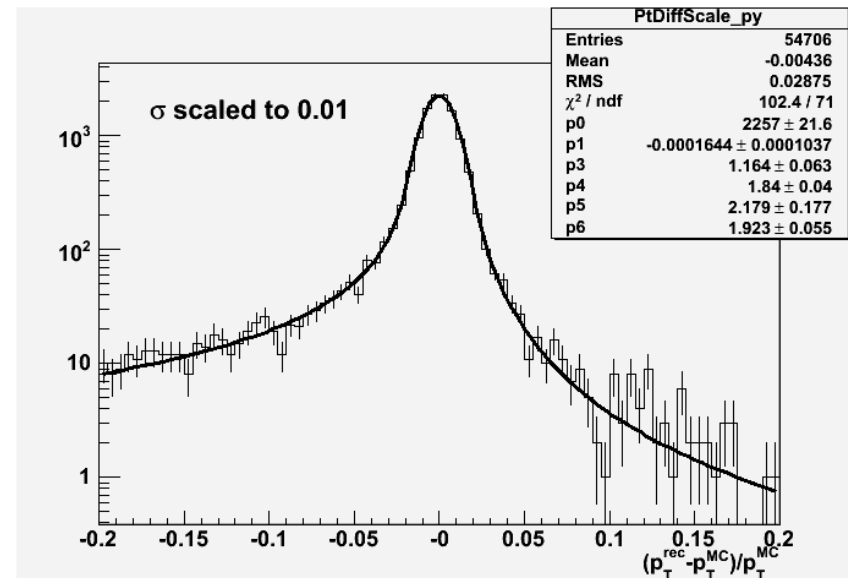
PRC 78, 044906 (2008)

# Detector acceptance and response



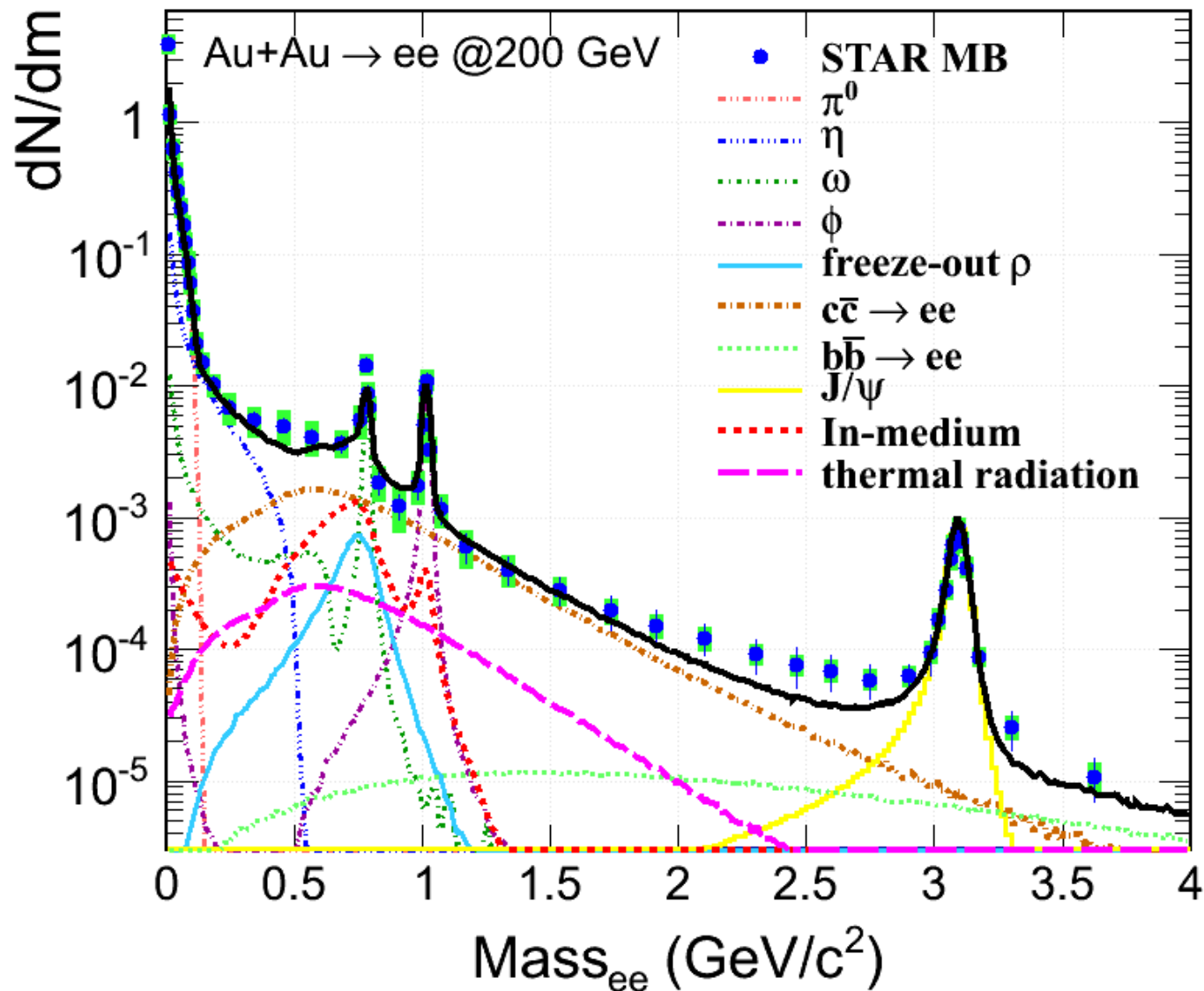
To compare the calculation with measurement, we have to also consider:

- Detector acceptance
- Mass/momentum resolution
- Electron bremsstrahlung.



Double-crystal-ball function for energy loss

# Di-electron production at RHIC top energy 200 GeV



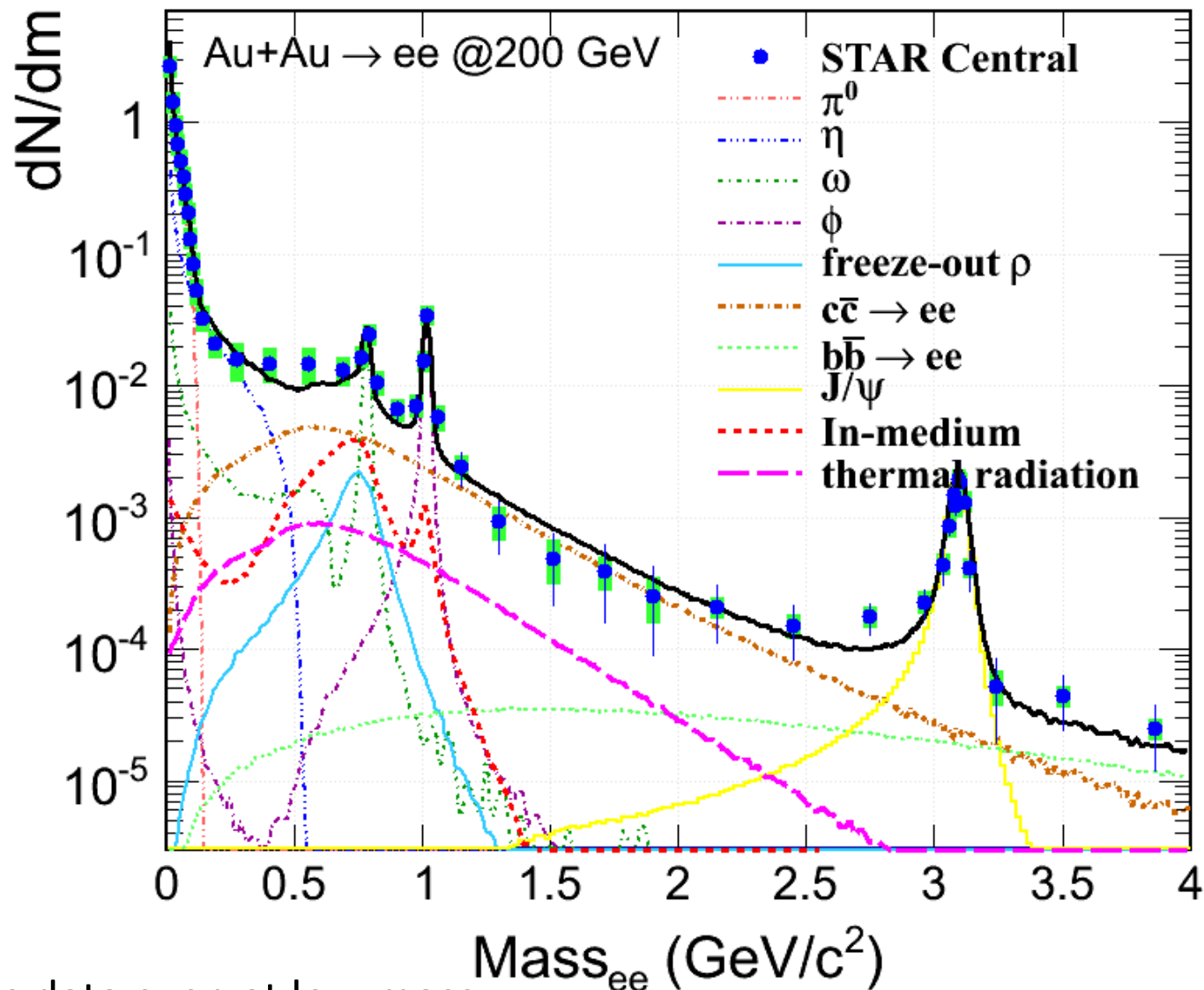
Data from  
STAR prel. QM 11

Reproduces data even at low mass, except mass 2-3 GeV.  
Charm X-sec: 0.71 mb

In-medium & thermal rad:  
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# Au+Au 200 GeV central collisions



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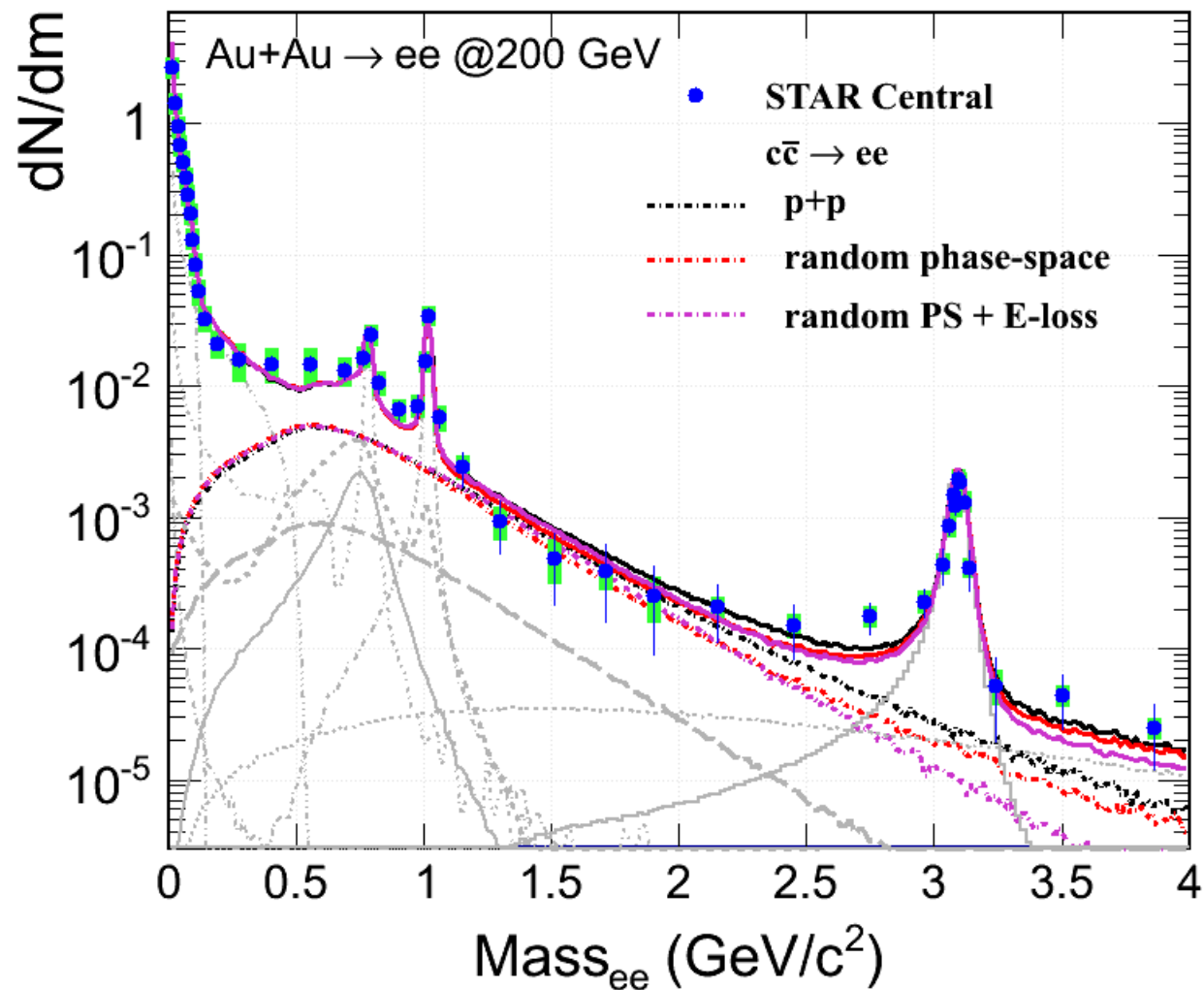
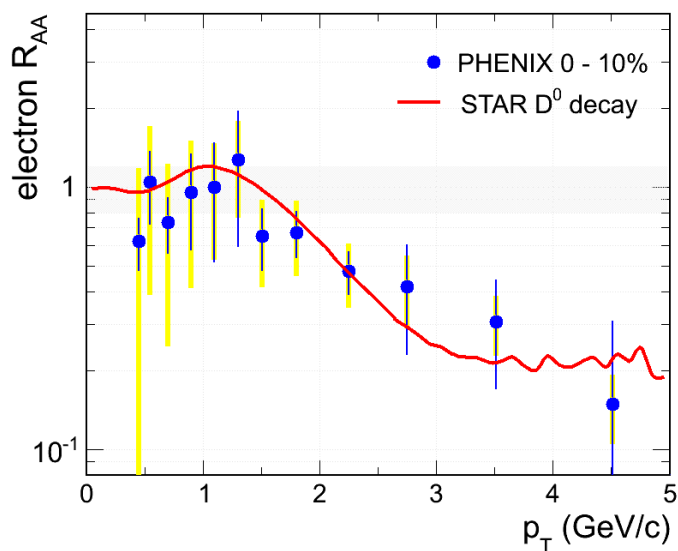
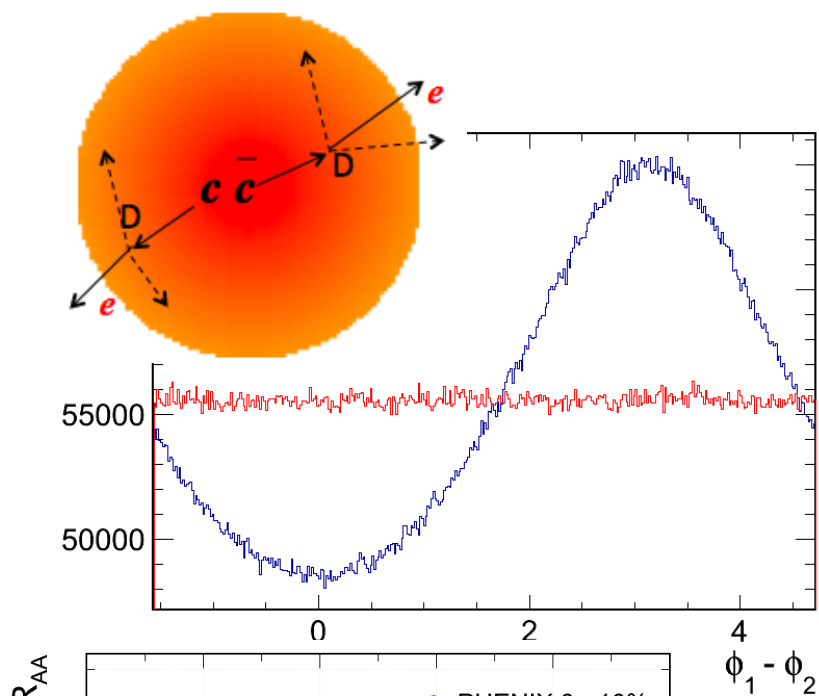
Reproduces data even at low mass.  
Enhancement due to In-medium  $\rho$ .  
Possible charm medium-modification?

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# Charm medium-modification

Two naïve approach:

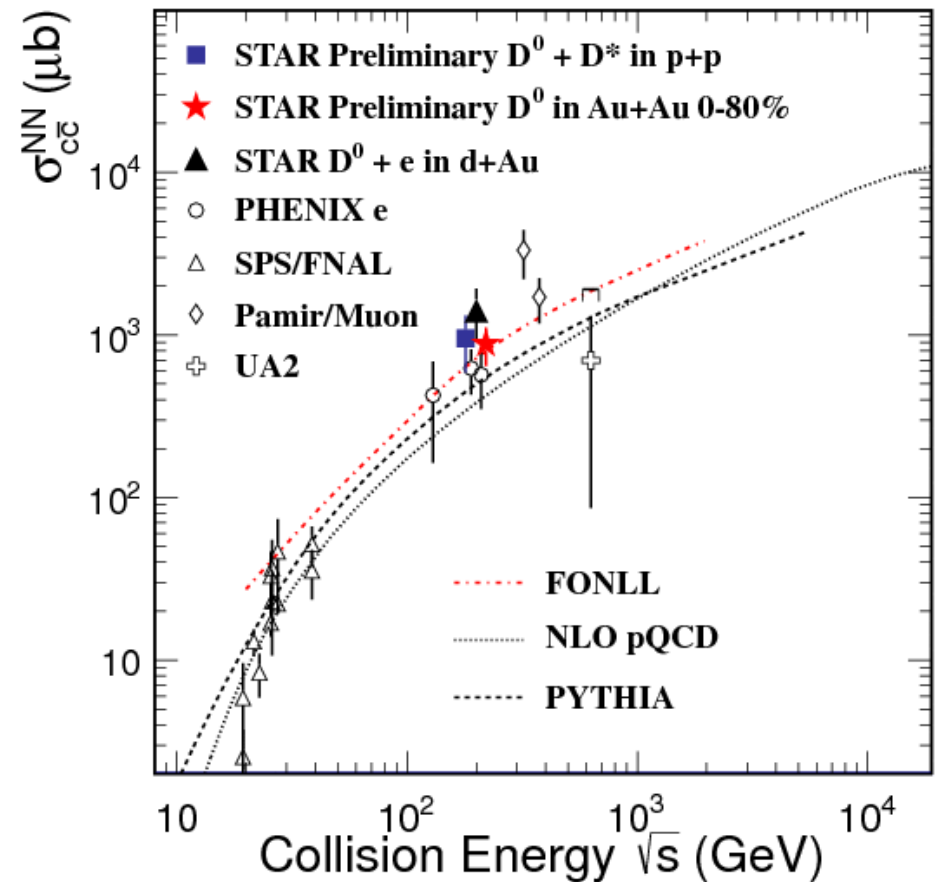
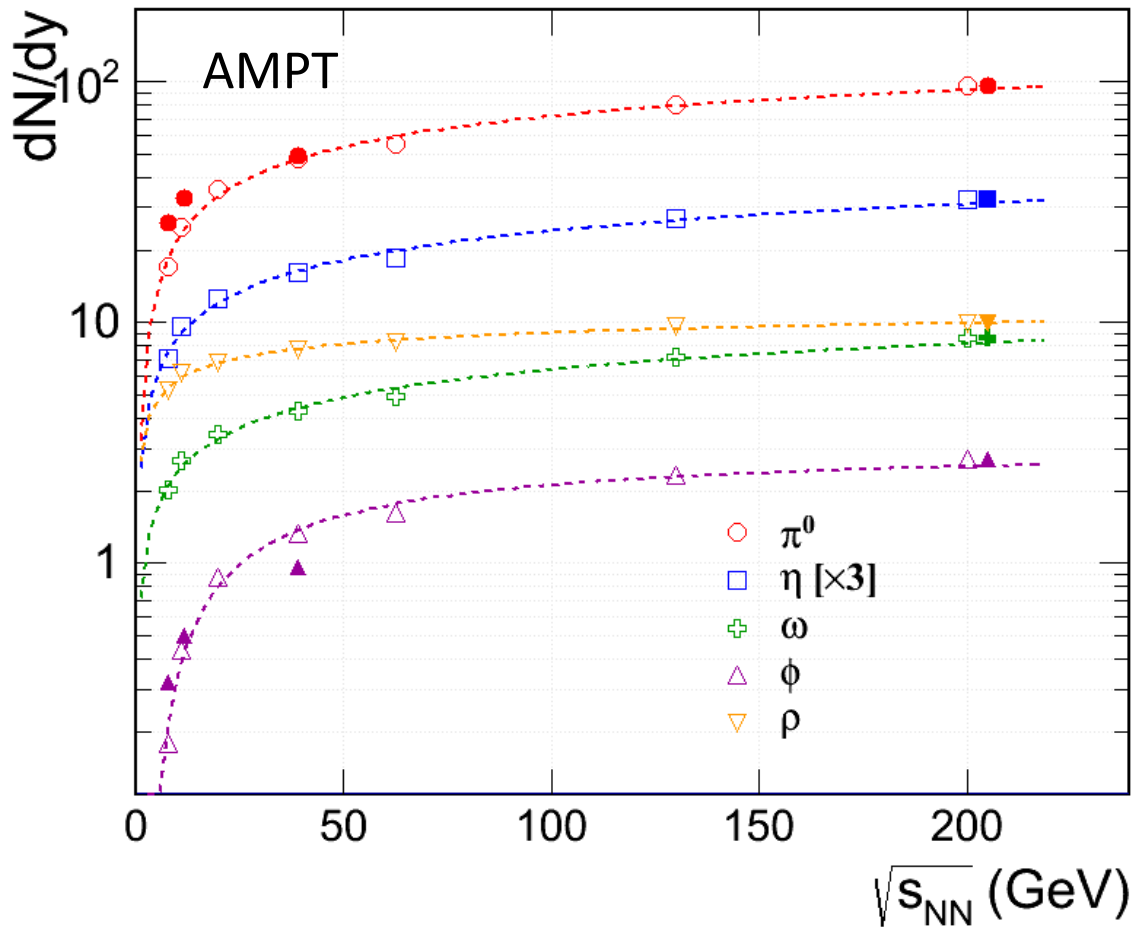
- 1) Random angular correlation.
- 2) Energy loss (still on going).



No significant changes for mass spectrum.  
But how is the effect on  $m_T$  slope?

# Extrapolation to lower energies

$dN/dy$  and  $p_T$  distributions from AMPT calculations.  
Charm cross section: NLO calculation for low energies.

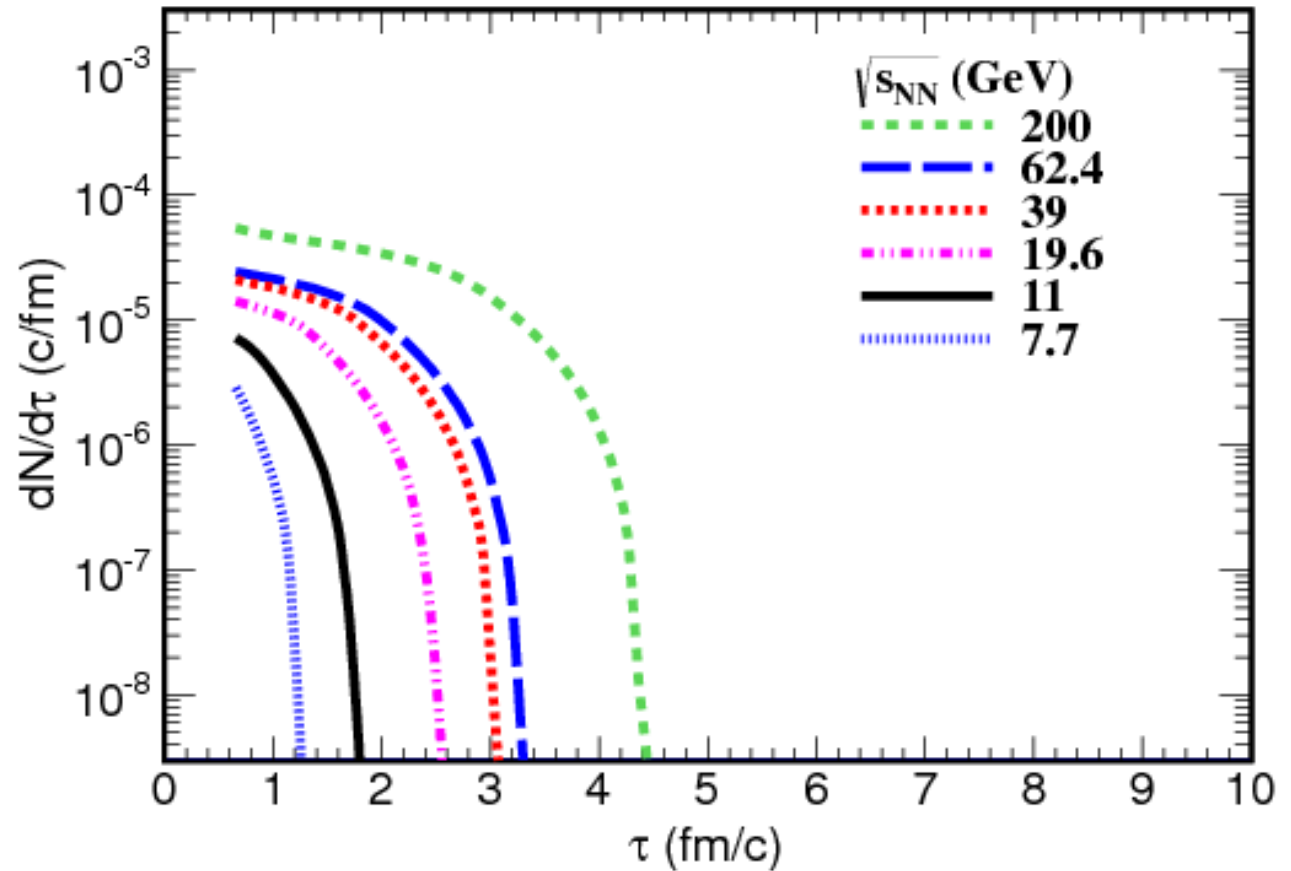
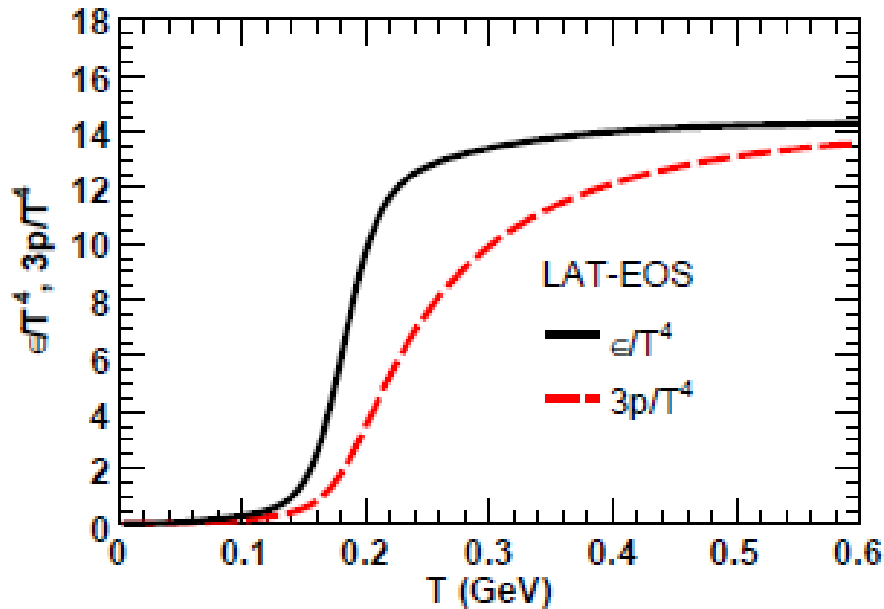


Scale to measurements at 200 GeV (solid symbols), some difference at lower energy.

# Space-time evolution

B. Schenke, et. al., PRC82, 014903 (2010)

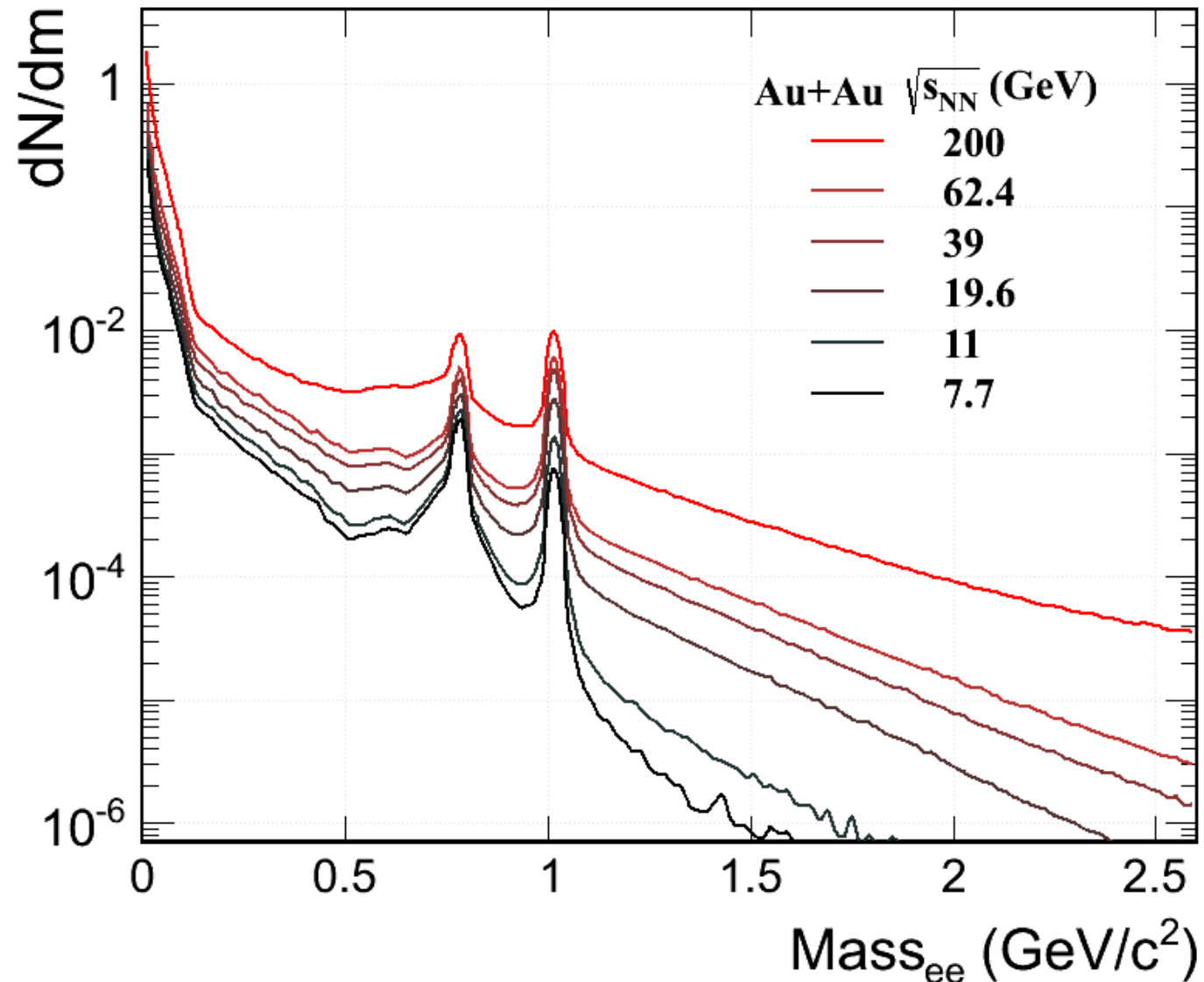
Thermal dileptons:  
(2+1)D ideal hydrodynamics  
Lattice EOS  
Parameters: S95-PCE



Higher energy =>  
larger initial temperature  
longer evolution time.

P. Huovinen and P. Petreczky, NPA837 (2010) 26.

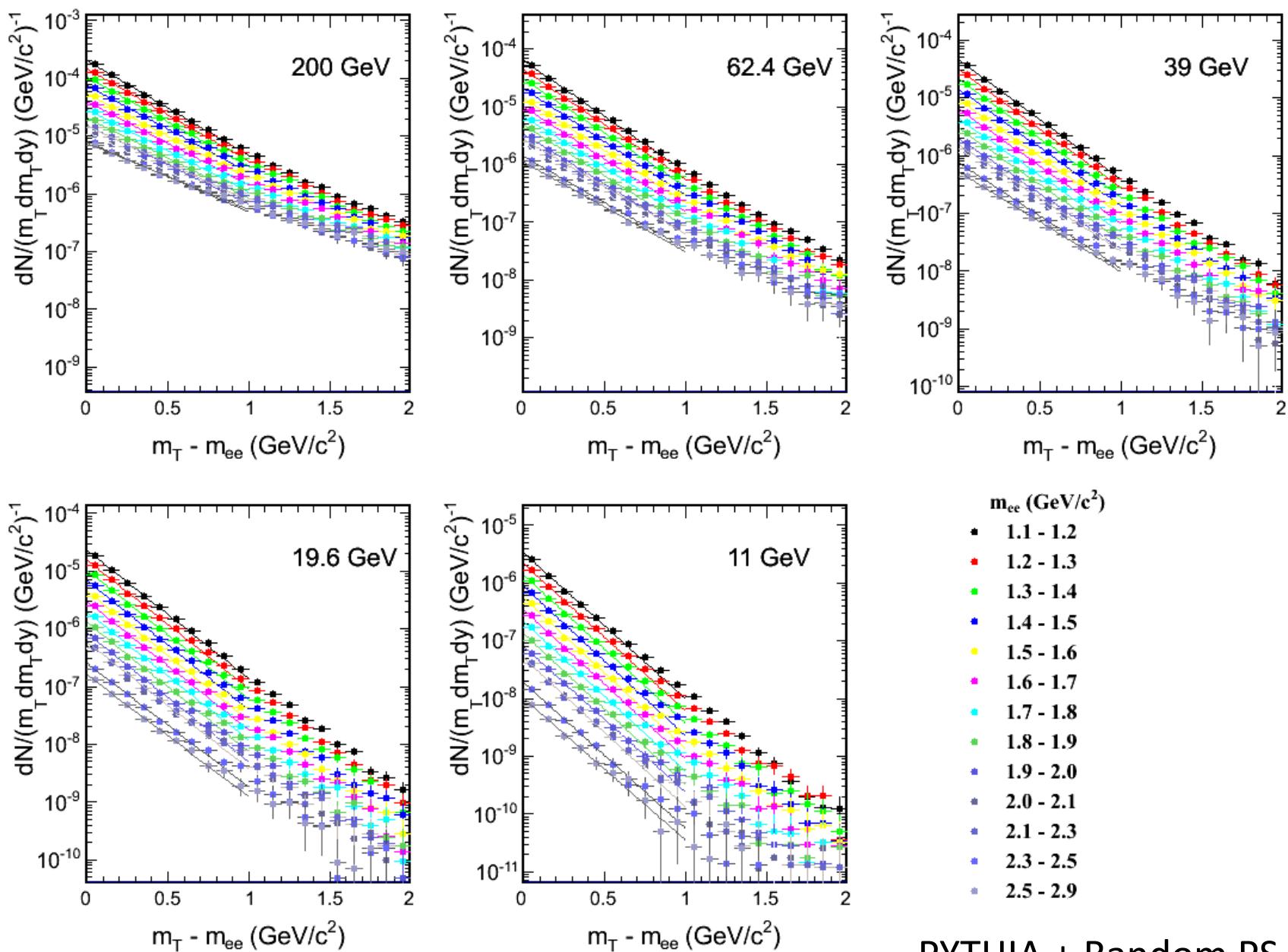
# Extrapolation to lower energies



Strong energy dependence, softer in lower energy.

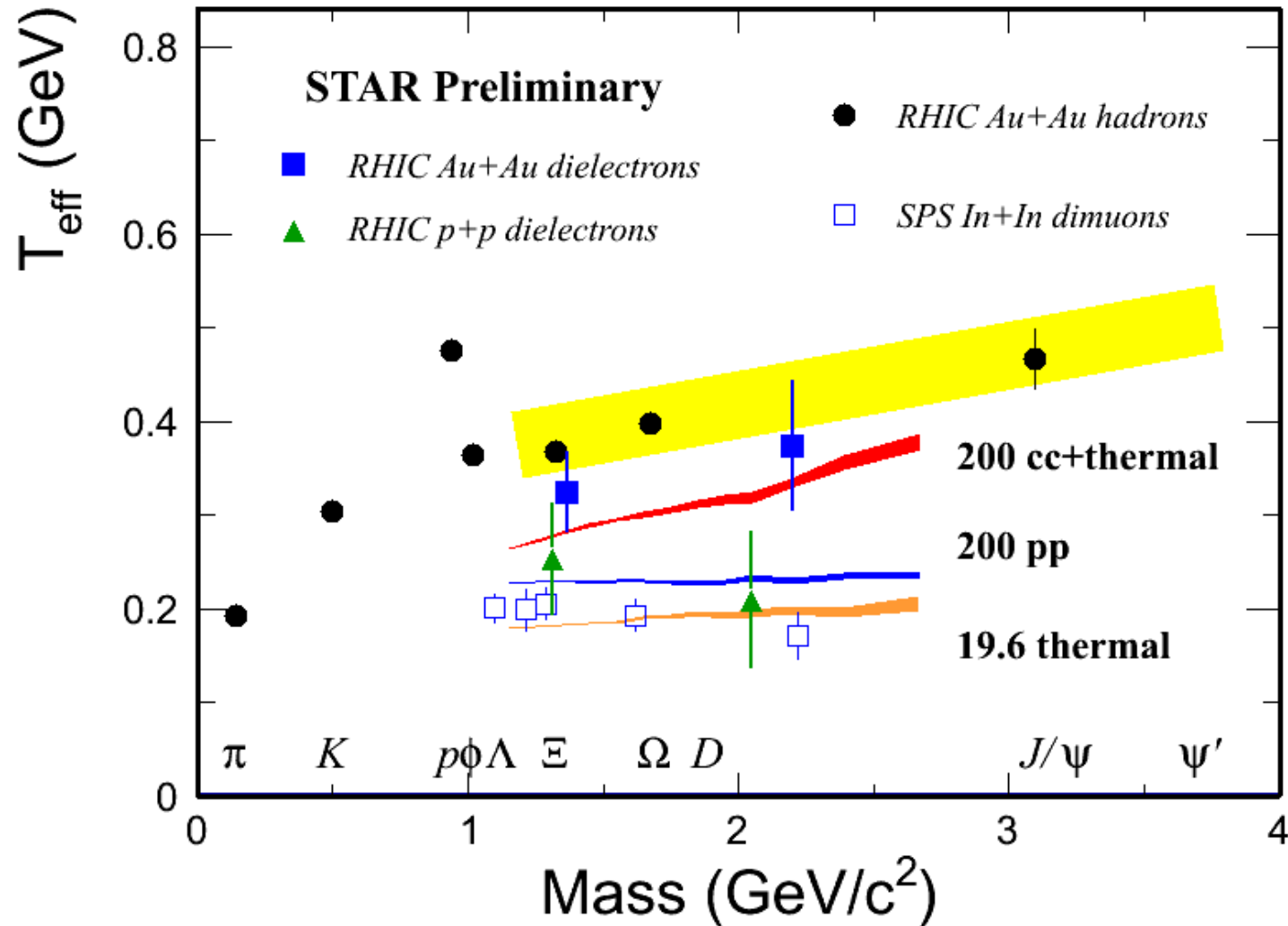
Charm and partonic contributions become smaller when energy decreasing.

# $m_T$ slope in the IMR



PYTHIA + Random PS + thermal

# $m_T$ slope in the IMR



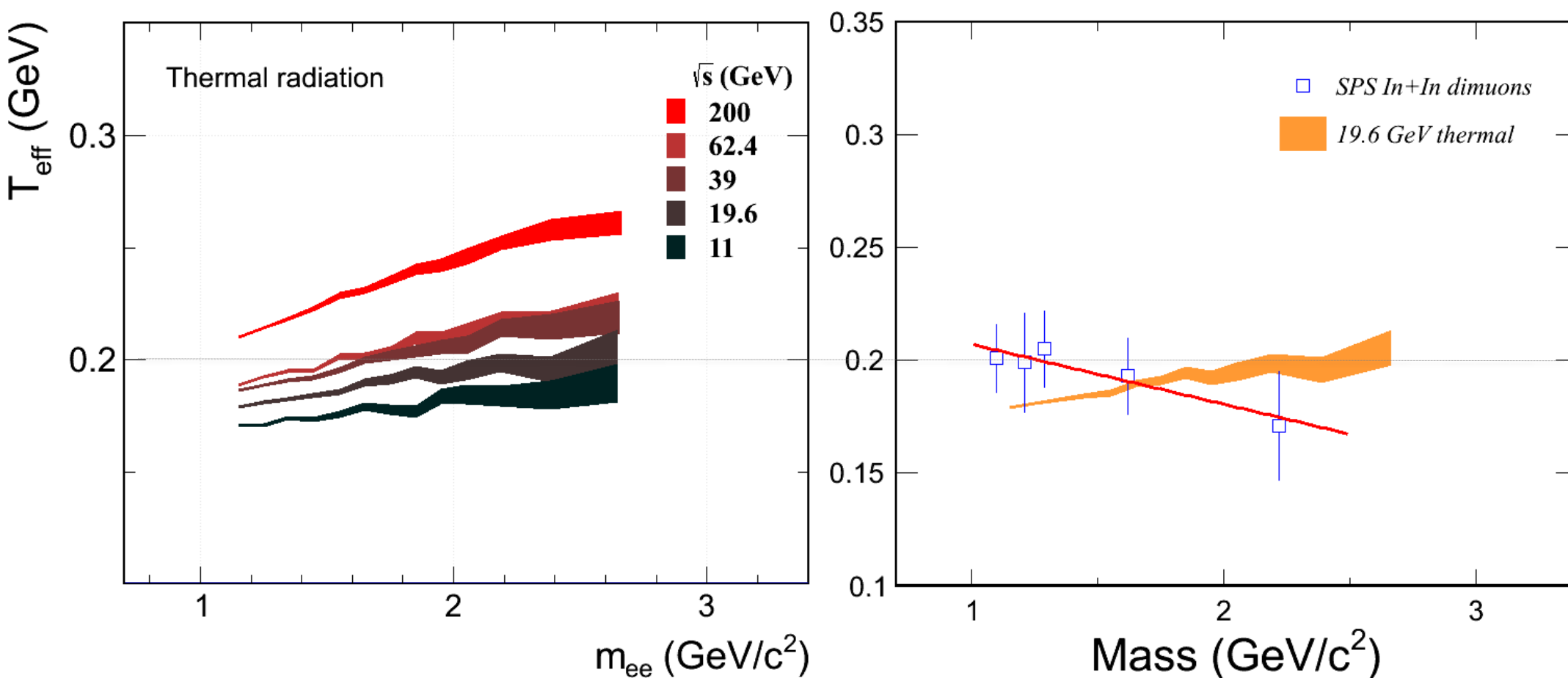
Thermal radiation shows slightly increasing trend, which seems different from NA60. Thermal only is lower than STAR data that with charm contribution.

Within errors 19.6 GeV agrees with NA60 ( $\sim 17$  GeV).

Charm correlation in p+p is consistent with STAR p+p data (QM11).

Charm correlation modified by medium. Thermal + charm reproduce STAR Au+Au data well.

# Compare with NA60

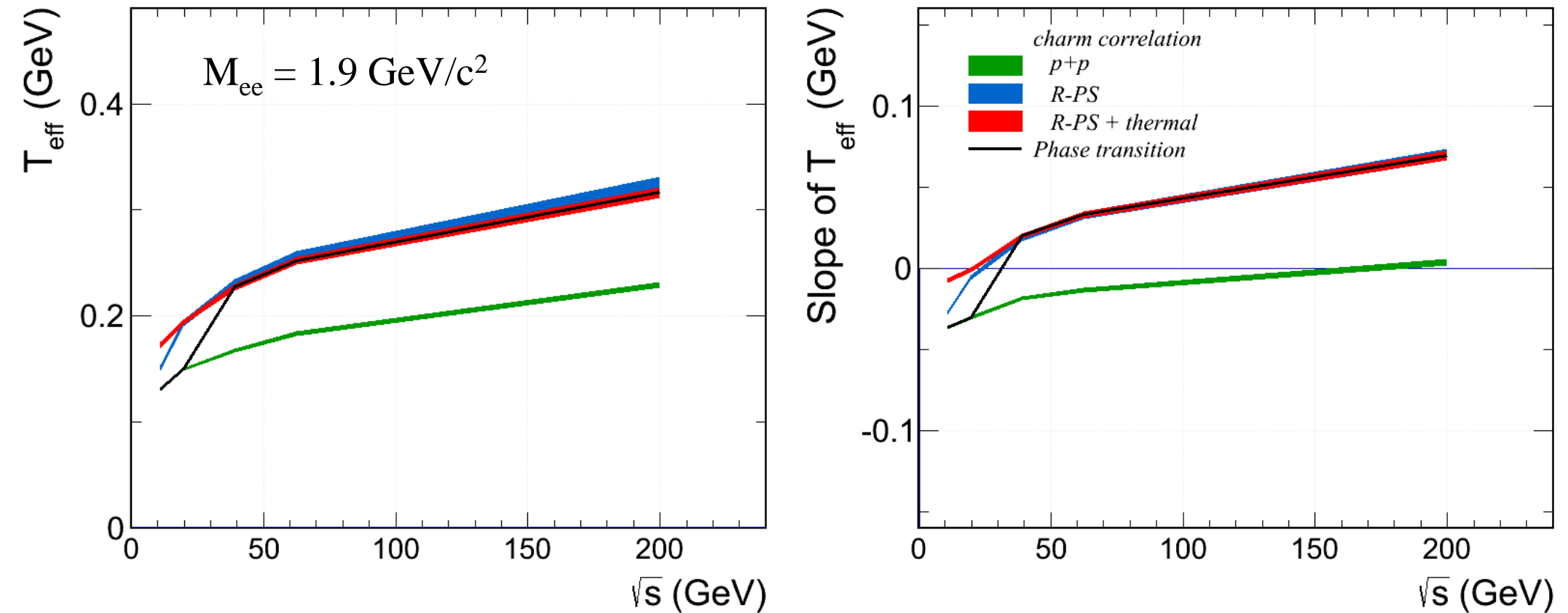


Small energy dependence for the  $T_{\text{eff}}$  of thermal di-leptons.

Thermal radiation shows slightly increasing trend, which seems different from NA60. Average temperature is similar.



# Possible observation at phase transition?



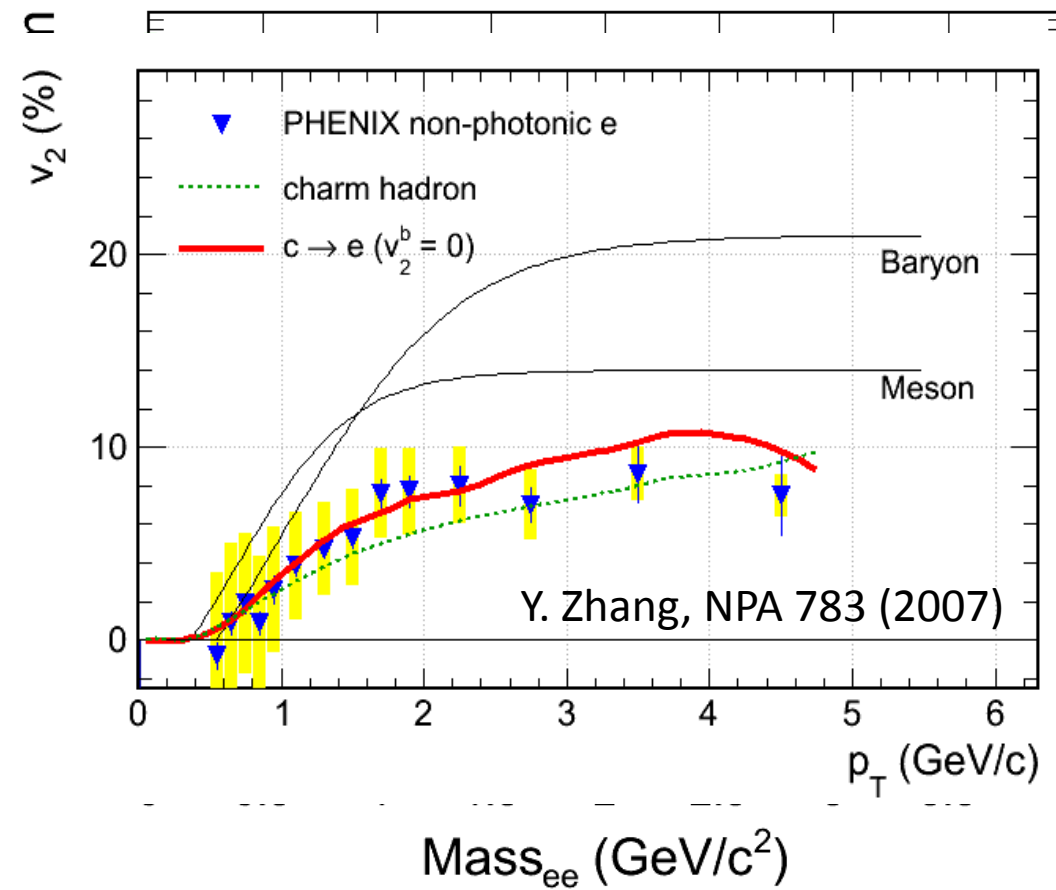
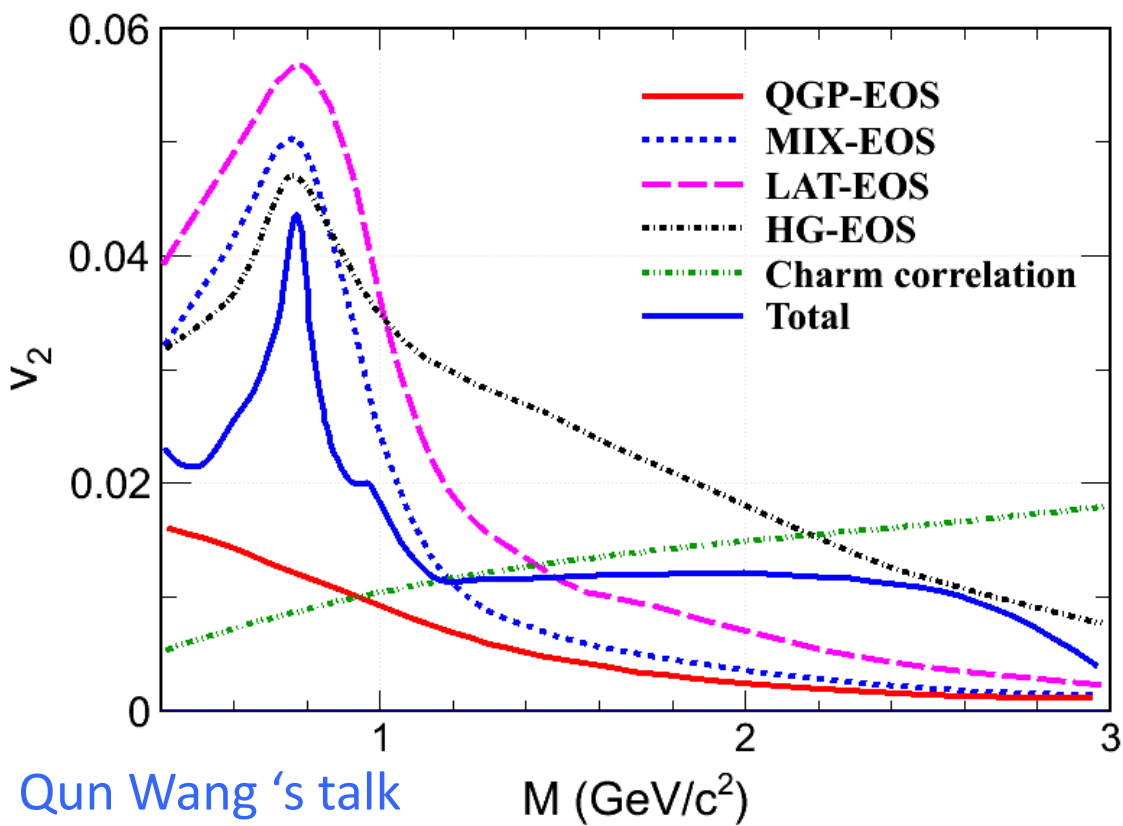
High energy dominant by charm correlation, lower energy charm and thermal contributions are comparable.

Both  $T_{\text{eff}}$  and its slope in medium are significant higher than the system w/o medium.

Phase transition could happen if the  $T_{\text{eff}}$  increases dramatically or the sign of its slope changes from negative to positive.

# Di-lepton $v_2$

J.Deng, QW, N.Xu, P.-f. Zhuang, PLB701,581(2010)



Qun Wang 's talk

It 's very difficult to measure thermal di-lepton  $v_2$  (red).

Charm correlation  $v_2$  (green) is estimated by implementing electron  $v_2$  in the decay kinematics.

But di-lepton  $v_2$  with a combination of thermal and charm correlation (blue solid) is measurable, which is still significantly smaller than the  $v_2$  from hadronic process.

Freeze-out meson  $v_2$  is not include, which is even larger.

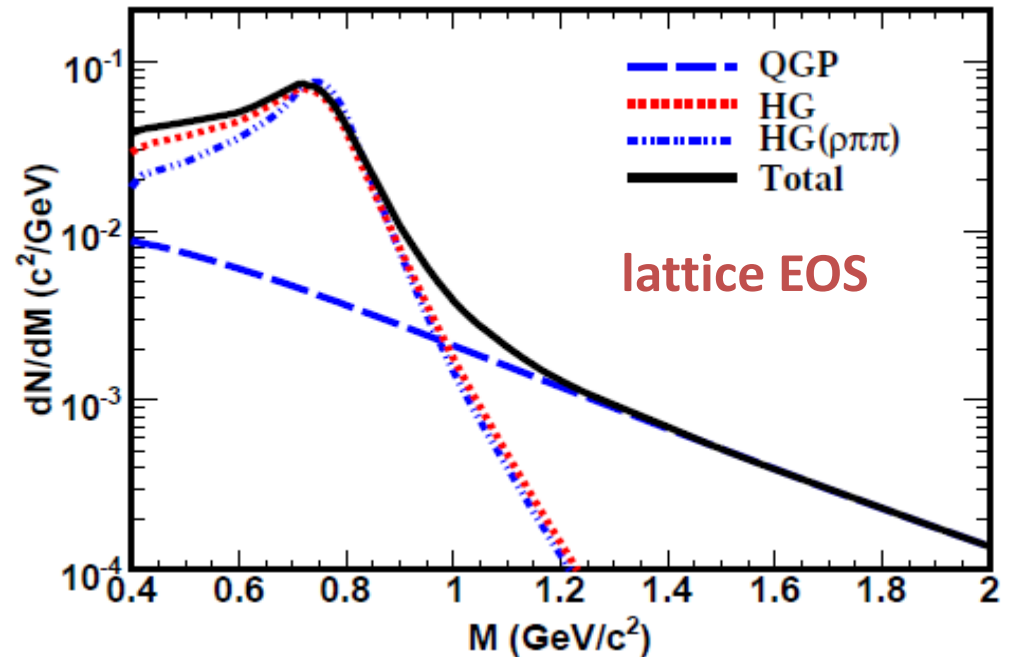
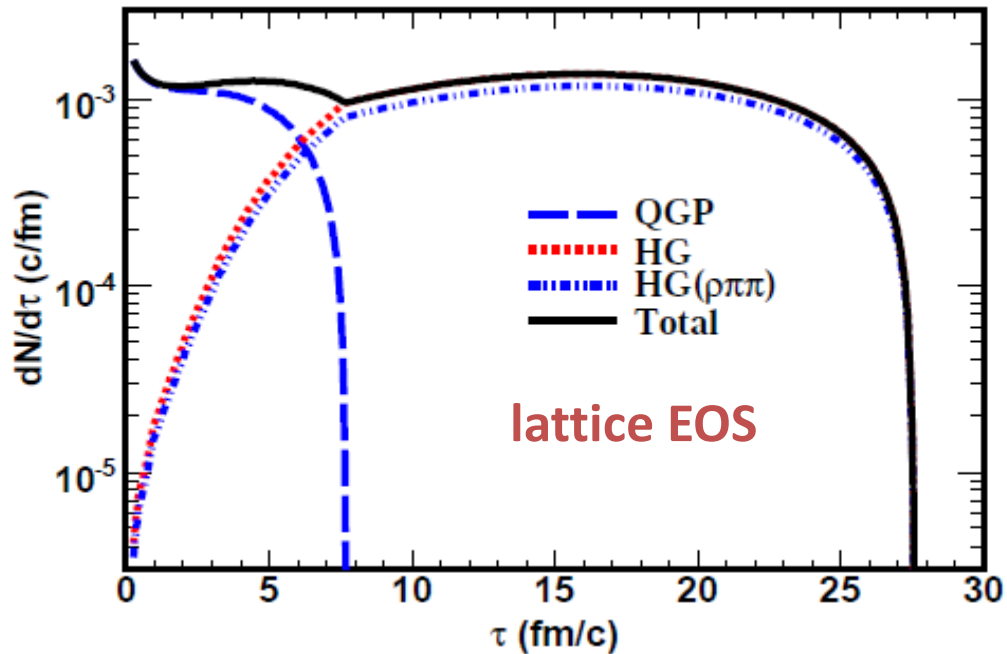
# Summary

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- ◆ Cocktail simulations reproduce STAR data well. Including In-medium  $\rho$  and thermal di-lepton, we can explain the “enhancement” of data at low mass region.
- ◆ Extrapolation to lower energies based on AMPT model (vector mesons), (2+1)D hydro (thermal) and charm correlation (PYTHIA).
  - 1) Predict the cocktails for STAR BES, expect data coming soon for comparison.
  - 2)  $m_T$  slope of charm correlation from PYTHIA (pp) agrees with STAR p+p result.
  - 3)  $m_T$  slope of charm correlation with medium modification + thermal di-lepton reproduces STAR Au+Au result.
  - 4)  $m_T$  slope of thermal di-lepton never drops, which seems different from NA60. But within errors they are consistent.
  - 5) Phase transition could happen if the  $T_{\text{eff}}$  increases dramatically or the sign of its slope changes from negative to positive.
- ◆ Inclusive  $v_2$  in the IMR still much lower than that from hadronic phase/freeze-out, which is crucial for understanding partonic/hadronic phase in the HI collisions.

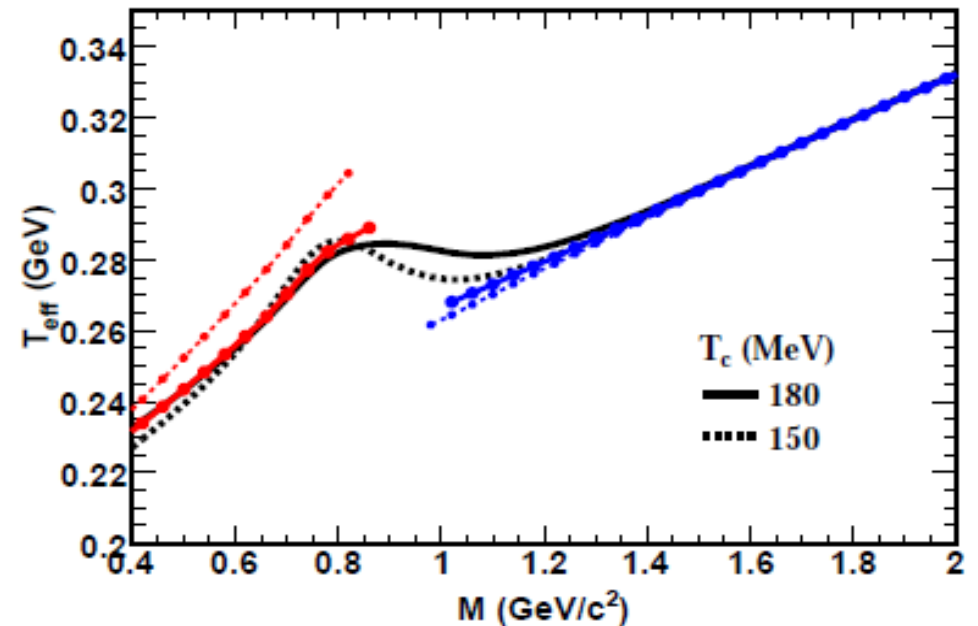
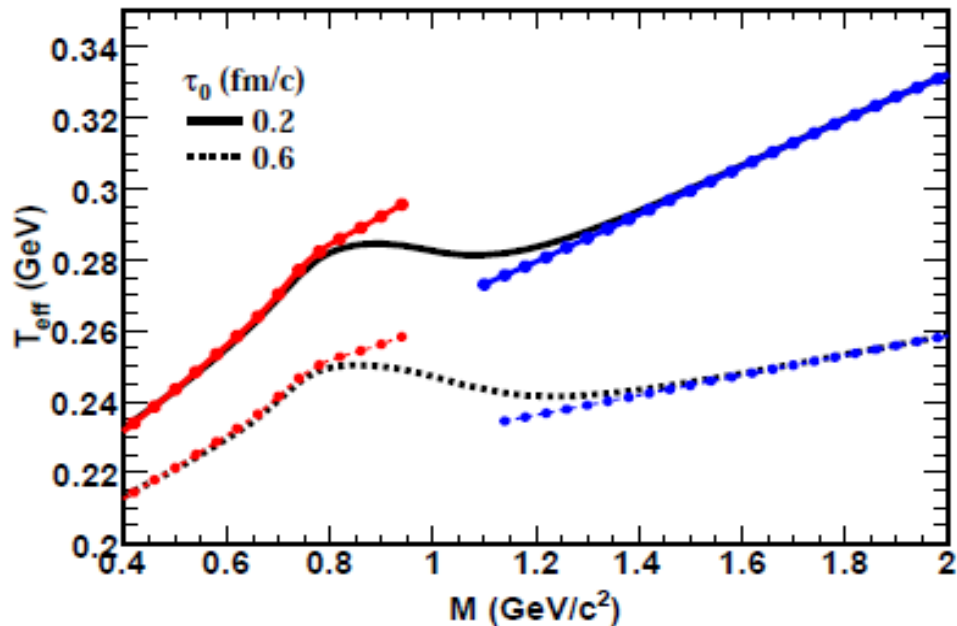
# Backups

# Qun Wang 's talk



Differential multiplicity as functions of the dilepton invariant mass and proper time. The lattice EOS is used. The unit is arbitrary. The contributions from QGP and HG are shown in dashed and dotted lines.

# Qun Wang 's talk



Parameter dependences of the slope parameter with the lattice EOS.  
Left panel: the initial time for the hydrodynamic evolution  $\tau_0 = 0.2; 0.6$  fm/c. Right panel: the phase transition temperature  $T_c = 180, 150$  MeV.