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The idea of using dilepton measurements to construct a phenomenology of the early pre-equilibrium phase of heavy-ion collisions has been recently posed [1,2]. Nevertheless, a full computation of pre-equilibrium radiation yields was still missing. In this work, we use QCD kinetic theory to compute dilepton production coming from the pre equilibrium phase of the Quark-Gluon Plasma created in high-energy heavy-ion collisions [3]. Additionally, we demonstrate that the dilepton spectrum exhibits a simple scaling in terms of the specific shear viscosity η/s and entropy density $dS/d\zeta \sim (T\tau^{1/3})^{3/2}_{\infty}$, which can be derived from dimensional analysis in the presence of a pre-equilibrium attractor. Based on this scaling we present a useful scaling formula readily available for phenomenology. We then perform full event-by-event calculations of in-medium dilepton production. By comparison to thermal QGP radiation, as well as the Drell-Yann background [4], we determine the invariant mass range where the pre-equilibrium yield is the leading contribution.

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