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Strongly interacting parton-hadron matter in- and out-of equilibrium

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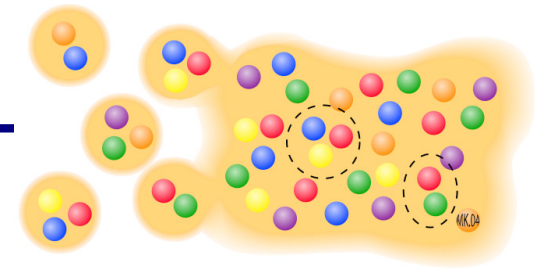
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From hadrons to partons



In order to study the **phase transition** from hadronic to partonic matter – **Quark-Gluon-Plasma** – we **need a consistent non-equilibrium (transport) model with**

- **explicit parton-parton interactions** (i.e. between quarks and gluons) beyond strings!

- **explicit phase transition** from hadronic to partonic degrees of freedom
- **IQCD EoS** for partonic phase

Transport theory: off-shell Kadanoff-Baym equations for the Green-functions $S_h^<(x,p)$ in phase-space representation for the **partonic and hadronic phase**



Parton-Hadron-String-Dynamics (PHSD)

QGP phase described by

Dynamical QuasiParticle Model (DQPM)

W. Cassing, E. Bratkovskaya, PRC 78 (2008) 034919;
NPA831 (2009) 215;
W. Cassing, EPJ ST 168 (2009) 3

A. Peshier, W. Cassing, PRL 94 (2005) 172301;
Cassing, NPA 791 (2007) 365; NPA 793 (2007)

Dynamical QuasiParticle Model (DQPM) - Basic ideas:

DQPM describes QCD properties in terms of ,resummed‘ single-particle Green’s functions – in the sense of a two-particle irreducible (2PI) approach:

Gluon propagator: $\Delta^{-1} = P^2 - \Pi$

gluon self-energy: $\Pi = M_g^2 - i2\Gamma_g \omega$

Quark propagator: $S_q^{-1} = P^2 - \Sigma_q$

quark self-energy: $\Sigma_q = M_q^2 - i2\Gamma_q \omega$

- the resummed properties are specified by complex self-energies which depend on temperature:
 - the real part of self-energies (Σ_q, Π) describes a **dynamically generated mass** (M_q, M_g);
 - the imaginary part describes the **interaction width** of partons (Γ_q, Γ_g)
- space-like part of energy-momentum tensor $T_{\mu\nu}$ defines the potential energy density and the **mean-field potential** (1PI) for quarks and gluons
- 2PI framework guaranties a consistent description of the system **in- and out-of equilibrium** on the basis of Kadanoff-Baym equations

The Dynamical QuasiParticle Model (DQPM)

Properties of interacting quasi-particles: massive quarks and gluons (g, q, q_{bar}) with Lorentzian spectral functions :

$$\rho_i(\omega, T) = \frac{4\omega\Gamma_i(T)}{\left(\omega^2 - \bar{p}^2 - M_i^2(T)\right)^2 + 4\omega^2\Gamma_i^2(T)}$$

$(i = q, \bar{q}, g)$

■ Modeling of the quark/gluon masses and widths → HTL limit at high T

■ quarks:

$$\text{mass: } M_{q(\bar{q})}^2(T) = \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{8N_c} g^2 \left(T^2 + \frac{\mu_q^2}{\pi^2} \right)$$

$$\text{width: } \Gamma_{q(\bar{q})}(T) = \frac{1}{3} \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c} \frac{g^2 T}{8\pi} \ln\left(\frac{2c}{g^2} + 1\right)$$

■ gluons:

$$M_g^2(T) = \frac{g^2}{6} \left(\left(N_c + \frac{N_f}{2} \right) T^2 + \frac{N_c}{2} \sum_q \frac{\mu_q^2}{\pi^2} \right)$$

$$\Gamma_g(T) = \frac{1}{3} N_c \frac{g^2 T}{8\pi} \ln\left(\frac{2c}{g^2} + 1\right)$$

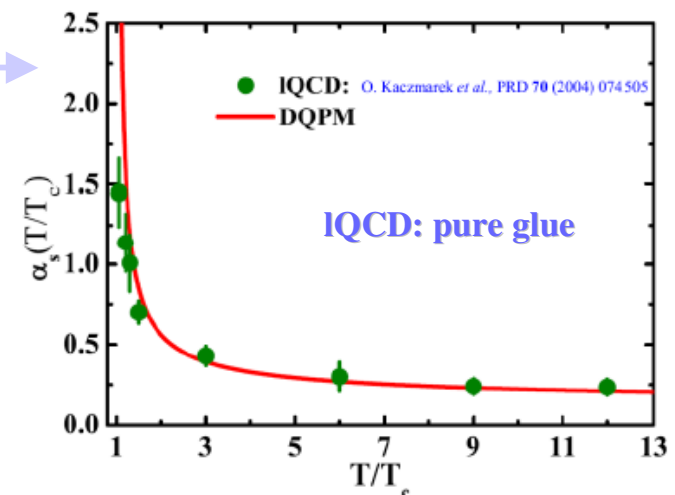
$N_c = 3, N_f = 3$

■ running coupling (pure glue):

$$\alpha_s(T) = \frac{g^2(T)}{4\pi} = \frac{12\pi}{(11N_c - 2N_f) \ln[\lambda^2(T/T_c - T_s/T_c)^2]}$$

□ fit to lattice (IQCD) results (e.g. entropy density)

with 3 parameters: $T_s/T_c = 0.46$; $c = 28.8$; $\lambda = 2.42$
(for pure glue $N_f = 0$)



DQPM: Peshier, Cassing, PRL 94 (2005) 172301;
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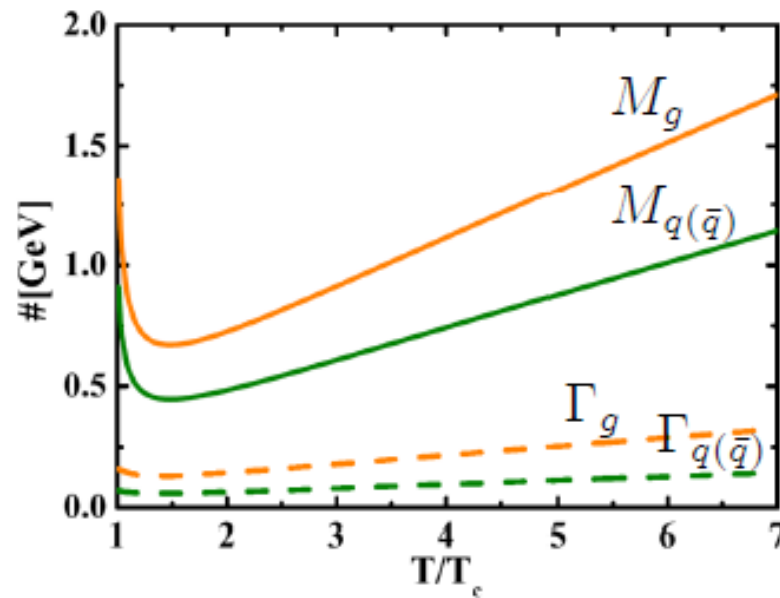
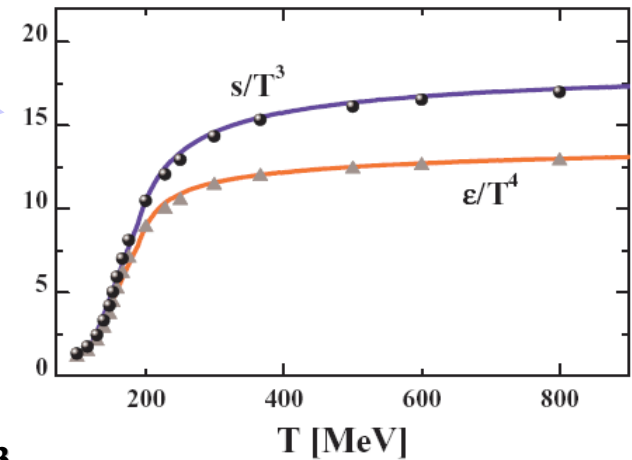
The Dynamical QuasiParticle Model (DQPM)

➤ **fit to lattice (IQCD) results** (e.g. entropy density)

* BMW IQCD data S. Borsanyi et al., JHEP 1009 (2010) 073

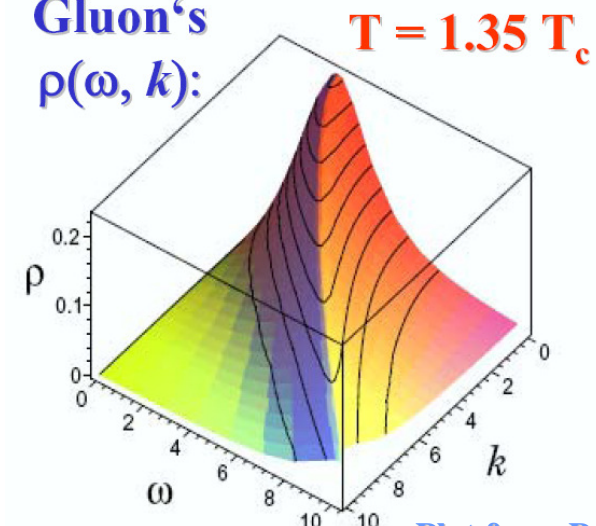
➔ **Quasiparticle properties:**

■ **large width and mass for gluons and quarks**



$T_C = 158 \text{ MeV}$
 $\epsilon_C = 0.5 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$

Gluon's
 $\rho(\omega, k):$



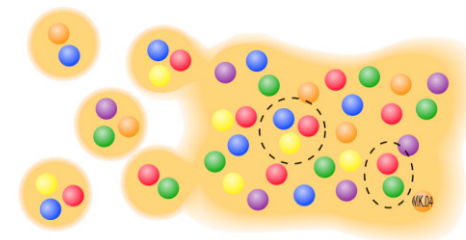
Plot from Peshier,
 PRD 70 (2004)
 034016

- **DQPM matches well lattice QCD**
- **DQPM provides mean-fields (1PI) for gluons and quarks as well as effective 2-body interactions (2PI)**
- **DQPM gives transition rates for the formation of hadrons → PHSD**



I. PHSD - basic concept

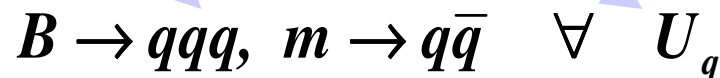
I. From hadrons to QGP:



- **Initial A+A collisions** – as in HSD:
 - **string** formation in primary NN collisions
 - string decay to **pre-hadrons** (B - baryons, m - mesons)

- **Formation of QGP stage** by dissolution of pre-hadrons (all new produced secondary hadrons) into **massive colored quarks + mean-field energy**

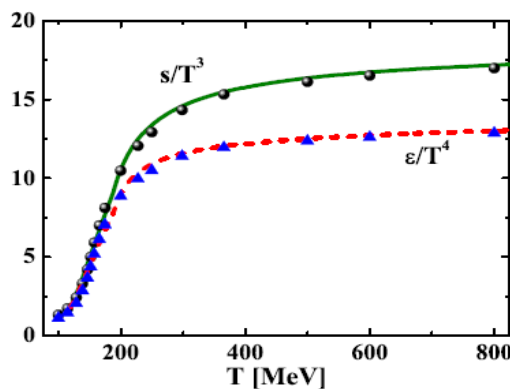
QGP phase:
 $\epsilon > \epsilon_{\text{critical}}$



based on the **Dynamical Quasi-Particle Model (DQPM)** which defines **quark spectral functions**, i.e. masses $M_q(\epsilon)$ and widths $\Gamma_q(\epsilon)$

+ **mean-field potential U_q** at given ϵ – local energy density

(ϵ related by IQCD EoS to T - temperature in the local cell)



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II. PHSD - basic concept

II. Partonic phase - QGP:

quarks and gluons (= ‚dynamical quasiparticles‘)

with off-shell spectral functions (width, mass) defined by the DQPM

- in **self-generated mean-field potential** for quarks and gluons U_q, U_g from the DQPM
- **EoS of partonic phase: ‚crossover‘** from lattice QCD (fitted by DQPM)
- **(quasi-) elastic and inelastic** parton-parton interactions: using the effective cross sections from the DQPM

- **(quasi-) elastic collisions:**

$$q + q \rightarrow q + q \quad g + q \rightarrow g + q$$

$$q + \bar{q} \rightarrow q + \bar{q} \quad g + \bar{q} \rightarrow g + \bar{q}$$

$$\bar{q} + \bar{q} \rightarrow \bar{q} + \bar{q} \quad g + g \rightarrow g + g$$

- **inelastic collisions:**

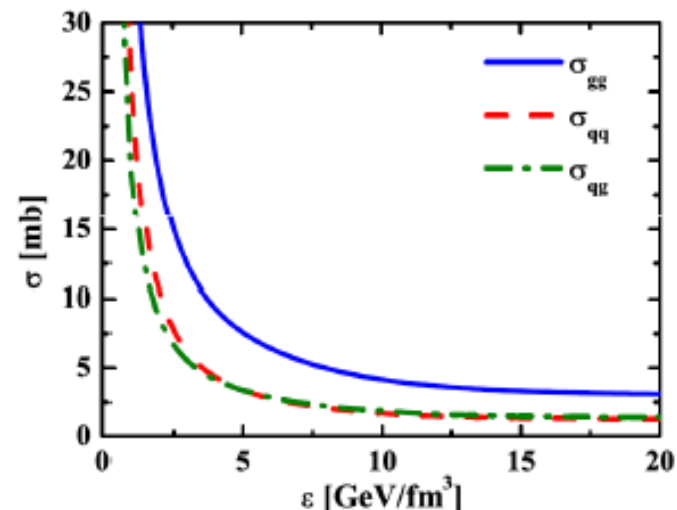
(Breit-Wigner cross sections)



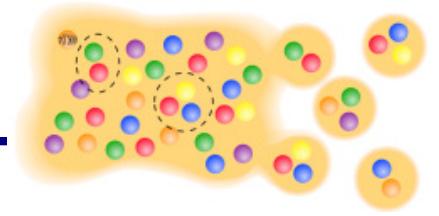
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} q + \bar{q} \rightarrow g \\ g \rightarrow q + \bar{q} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} q + \bar{q} \rightarrow g + g \\ g \rightarrow g + g \end{array} \right.$$

suppressed (<1%)
due to the large
mass of gluons



III. PHSD - basic concept



III. Hadronization:

□ **Hadronization:** based on DQPM

- **massive, off-shell (anti-)quarks** with broad spectral functions hadronize to **off-shell mesons and baryons or color neutral excited states - ,strings‘** (strings act as ,doorway states‘ for hadrons)

$$g \rightarrow q + \bar{q}, \quad q + \bar{q} \leftrightarrow \text{meson (' string ')}$$

$$q + q + q \leftrightarrow \text{baryon (' string ')}$$

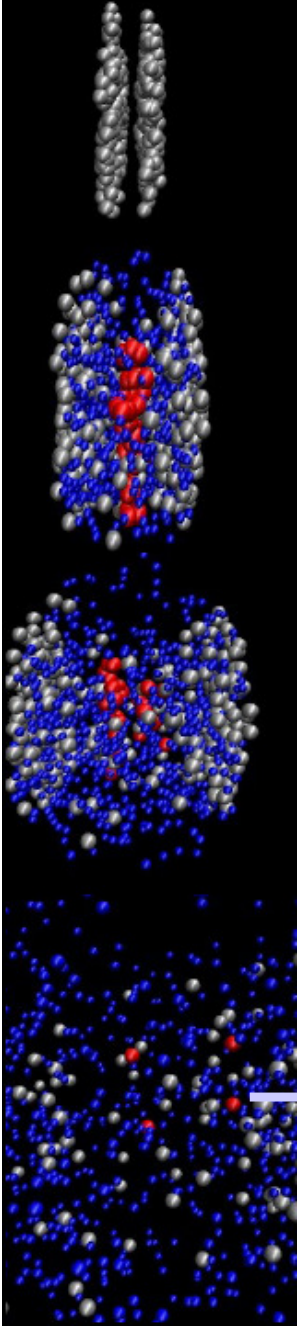
- Local covariant off-shell **transition rate** for q+qbar fusion
 → **meson formation:**

$$\frac{dN^{q+\bar{q} \rightarrow m}}{d^4x d^4p} = \text{Tr}_q \text{Tr}_{\bar{q}} \delta^4(p - p_q - p_{\bar{q}}) \delta^4\left(\frac{x_q + x_{\bar{q}}}{2} - x\right) \delta(\text{flavor, color})$$

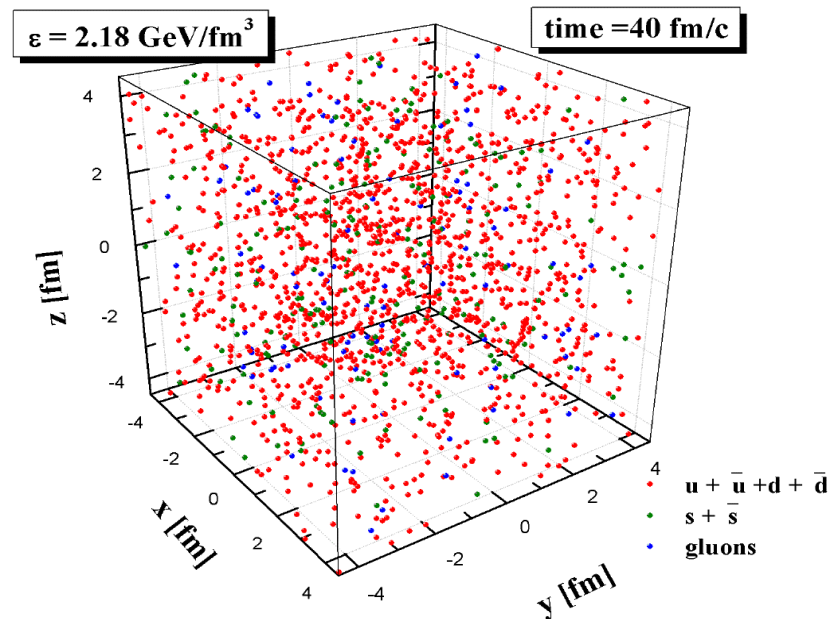
$$\cdot N_q(x_q, p_q) N_{\bar{q}}(x_{\bar{q}}, p_{\bar{q}}) \cdot \omega_q \rho_q(p_q) \cdot \omega_{\bar{q}} \rho_{\bar{q}}(p_{\bar{q}}) \cdot |M_{q\bar{q}}|^2 \underline{W_m(x_q - x_{\bar{q}}, p_q - p_{\bar{q}})}$$

- $N_j(x,p)$ is the phase-space density of parton j at space-time position x and 4-momentum p
- W_m is the phase-space distribution of the formed ,pre-hadrons‘ (Gaussian in phase space)
- $|M_{q\bar{q}}|^2$ is the effective quark-antiquark interaction from the DQPM

IV. Hadronic phase: hadron-string interactions – off-shell HSD



Properties of the QGP in-equilibrium using PHSD



Also talk by **Rudy Marty:**
,Phase Transition' - Room 127
23 July, 17:20



Properties of parton-hadron matter in equilibrium

V. Ozvenchuk et al., PRC 87 (2013) 024901, arXiv:1203.4734

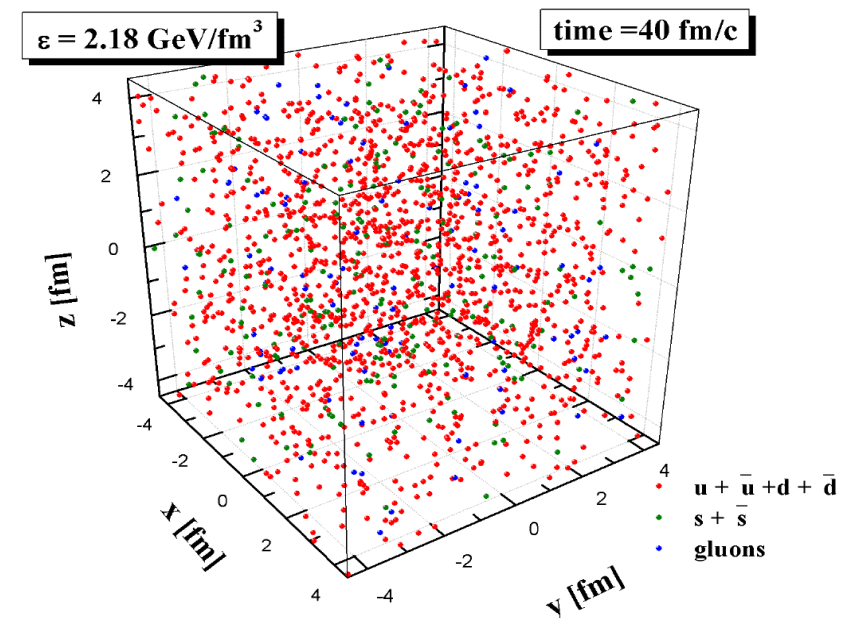
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The goal:

- ❑ study of the **dynamical equilibration** of QGP within the non-equilibrium off-shell PHSD transport approach
- ❑ **transport coefficients** (shear and bulk viscosities) of **strongly interacting** partonic matter
- ❑ particle number **fluctuations** (scaled variance, skewness, kurtosis)

Realization:

- ❑ Initialize the system in a **finite box with periodic boundary conditions** with some energy density ε and chemical potential μ_q
- ❑ Evolve the system in time until equilibrium is achieved





Properties of parton-hadron matter – shear viscosity

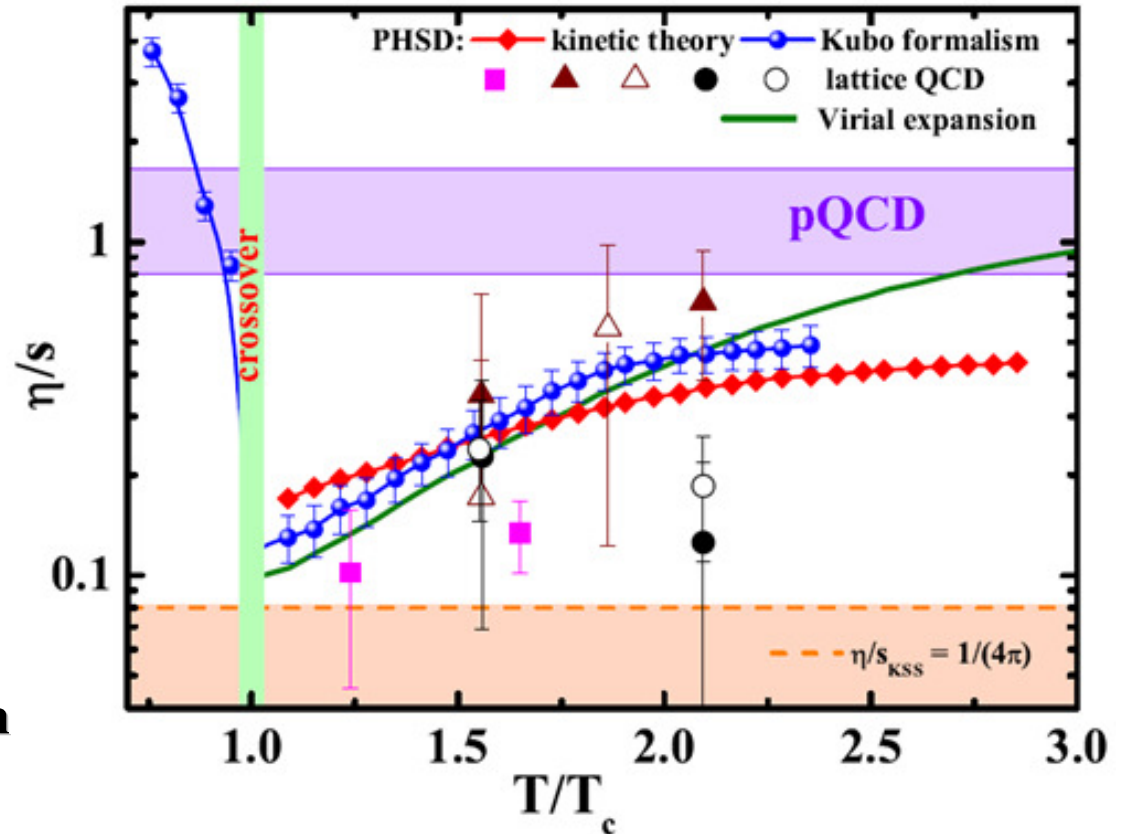
η/s using Kubo formalism and the relaxation time approximation (,kinetic theory‘)

□ $T=T_c$: η/s shows a minimum (~ 0.1) close to the critical temperature

□ $T>T_c$: QGP - pQCD limit at higher temperatures

□ $T<T_c$: fast increase of the ratio η/s for hadronic matter →

- lower interaction rate of hadronic system
- smaller number of degrees of freedom (or entropy density) for hadronic matter compared to the QGP

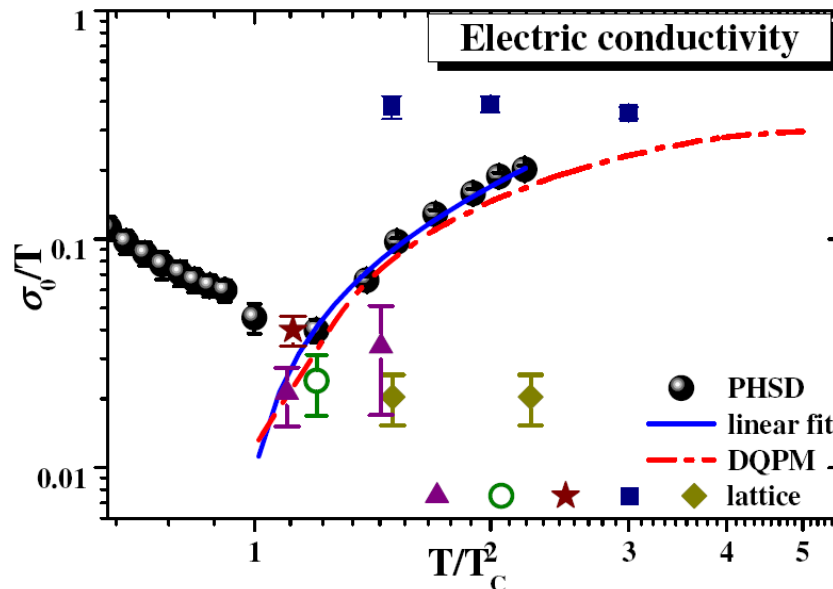


Virial expansion: S. Mattiello, W. Cassing, Eur. Phys. J. C 70, 243 (2010).

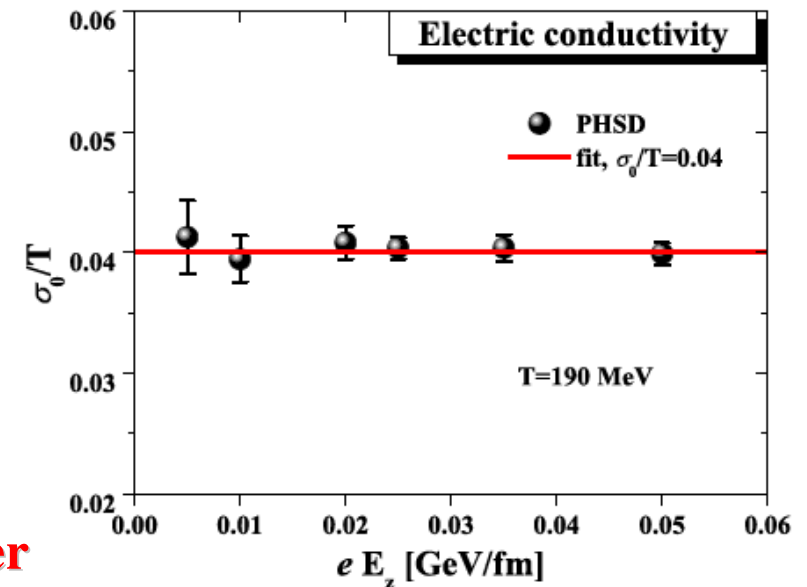
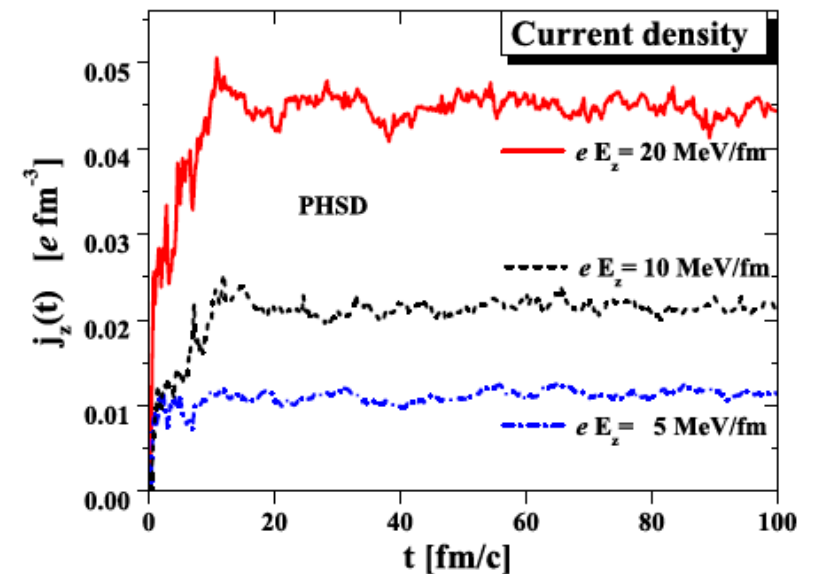
QGP in PHSD = strongly-interacting liquid

- The response of the strongly-interacting system in equilibrium to an **external electric field** eE_z defines the **electric conductivity** σ_0 :

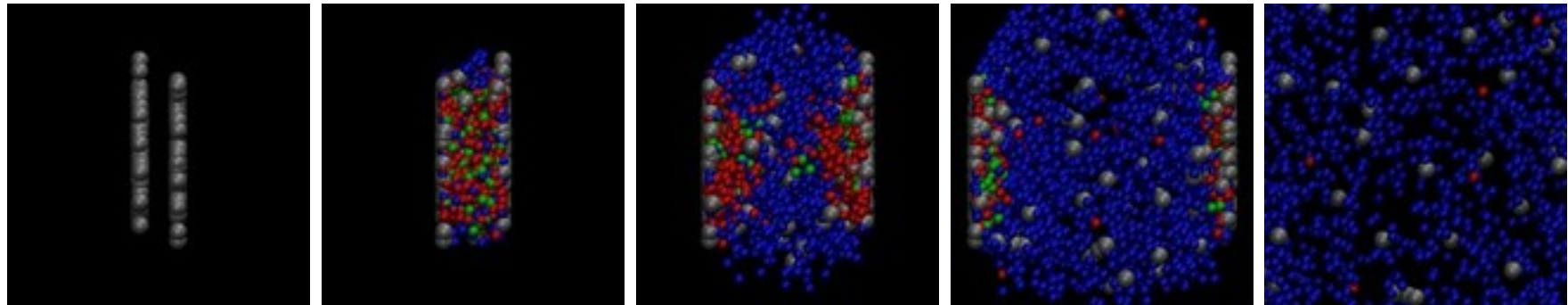
$$\frac{\sigma_0}{T} = \frac{j_{eq}}{E_z T}, \quad j_z(t) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_j e q_j \frac{p_z^j(t)}{M_j(t)}$$



- the **QCD matter** even at $T \sim T_c$ is a **much better electric conductor than Cu or Ag** (at room temperature) by a factor of **500** !

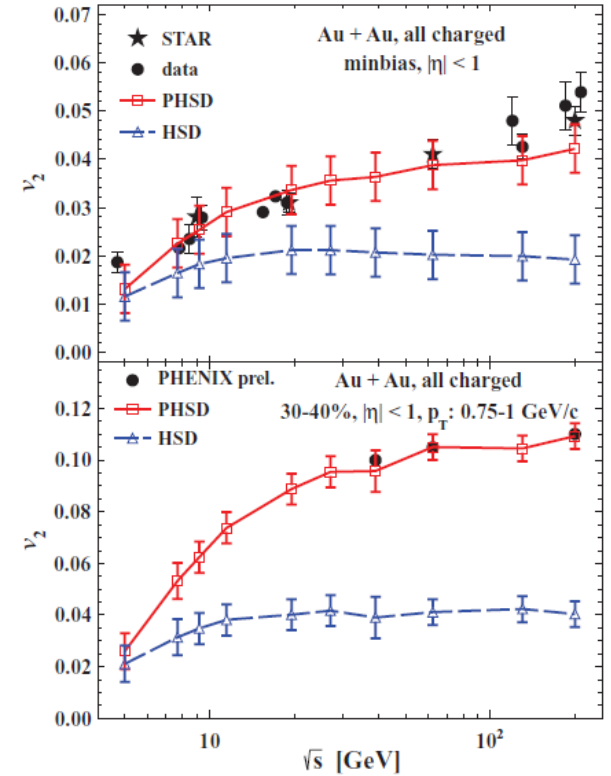
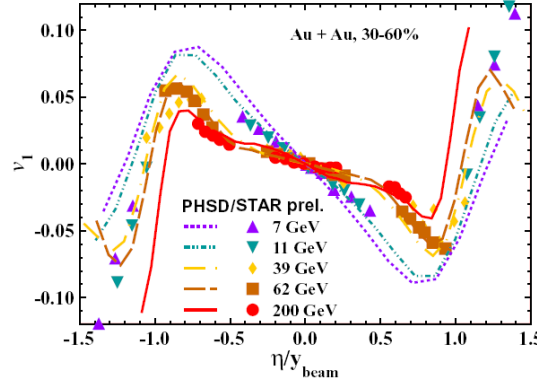
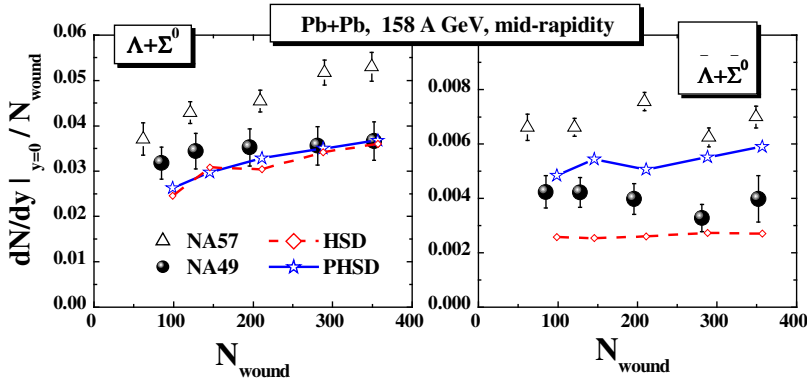


Properties of QGP out-of-equilibrium using PHSD

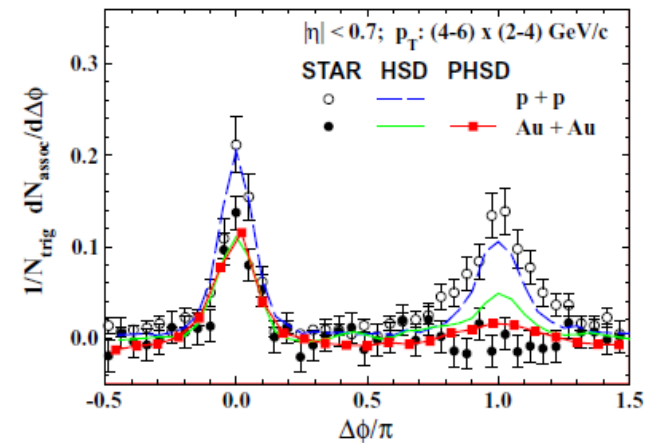
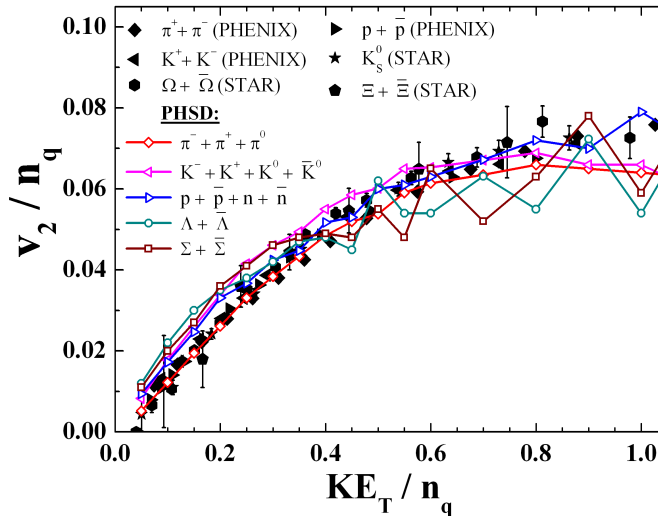
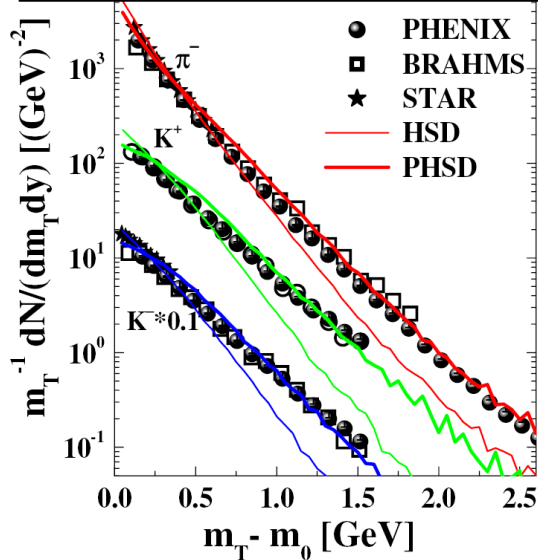




PHSD for HIC (highlights)



Au+Au @ \sqrt{s} = 200 GeV, 5% central, |\eta| < 0.5



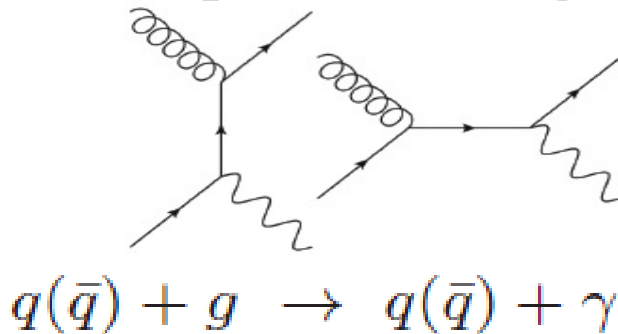
■ **PHSD** provides a consistent description of HIC dynamics from AGS to RHIC energies

Photons from the hot and dense medium

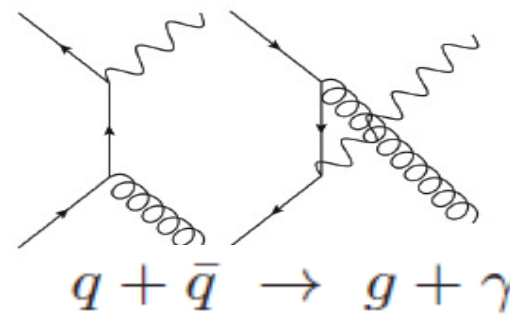
□ from the **QGP** via **partonic interactions**:

Photon sources:

Compton scattering



q-qbar annihilation



□ from **hadronic sources**:

• **decays of mesons:** $\pi \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma, \eta \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma, \omega \rightarrow \pi + \gamma$
 $\eta' \rightarrow \rho + \gamma, \phi \rightarrow \eta + \gamma, a_1 \rightarrow \pi + \gamma$

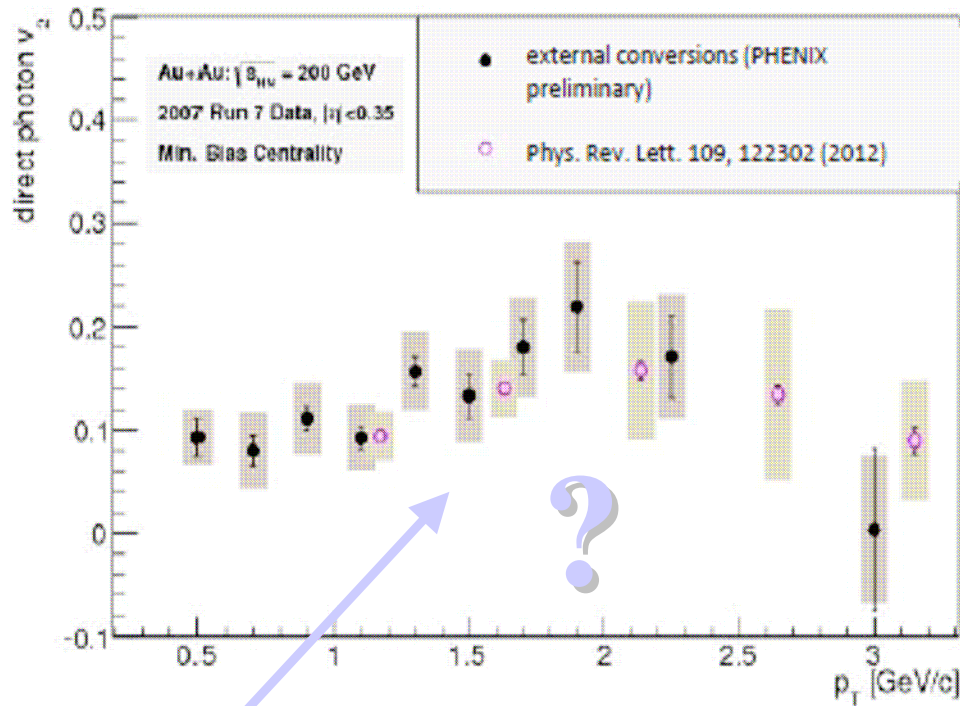
• **secondary meson interactions:** $\pi + \pi \rightarrow \rho + \gamma, \rho + \pi \rightarrow \pi + \gamma$

using the off-shell extension of Kapusta et al. in PRD44 (1991) 2774

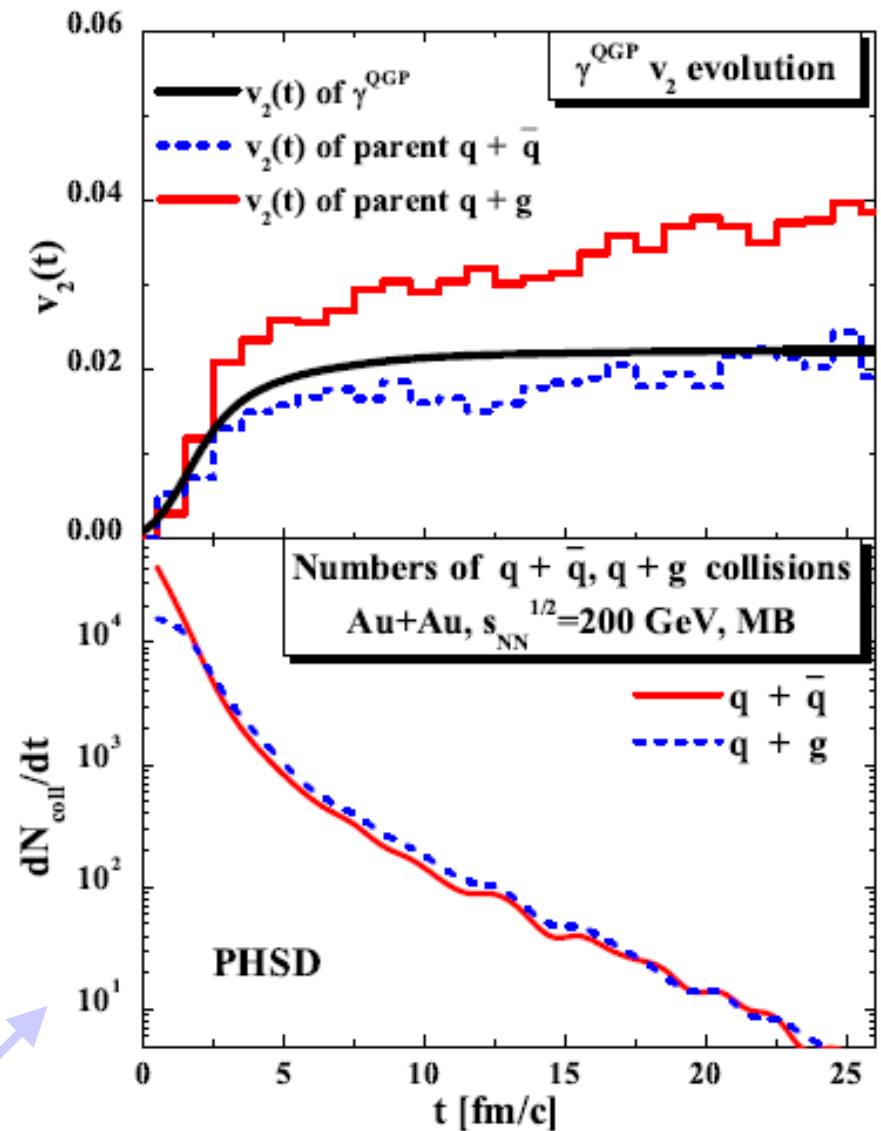
• **meson-meson bremsstrahlung:** $m+m \rightarrow m+m+\gamma, m=\pi,\eta,\rho,\omega,K,K^*,\dots$

using the soft-photon approximation

Photon elliptic flow



- **Strong elliptic flow of photons seen by PHENIX is surprising, if the origin should be the QGP!**

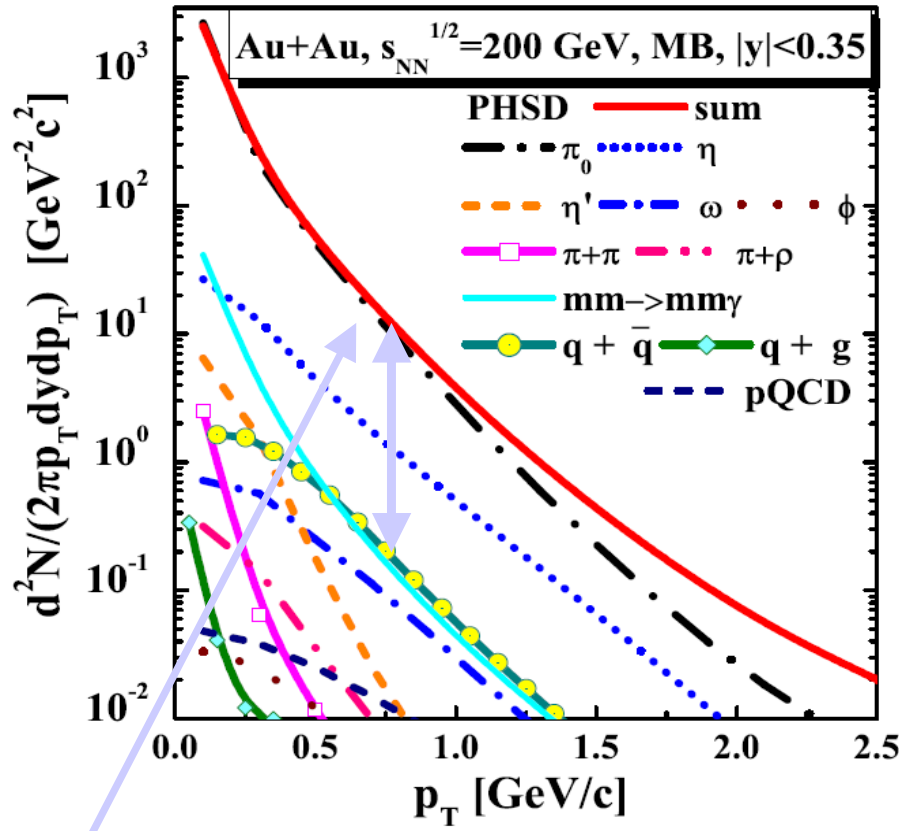


- **QGP radiation occurs at early times when the flow is not yet developed!**



Photon spectra at RHIC

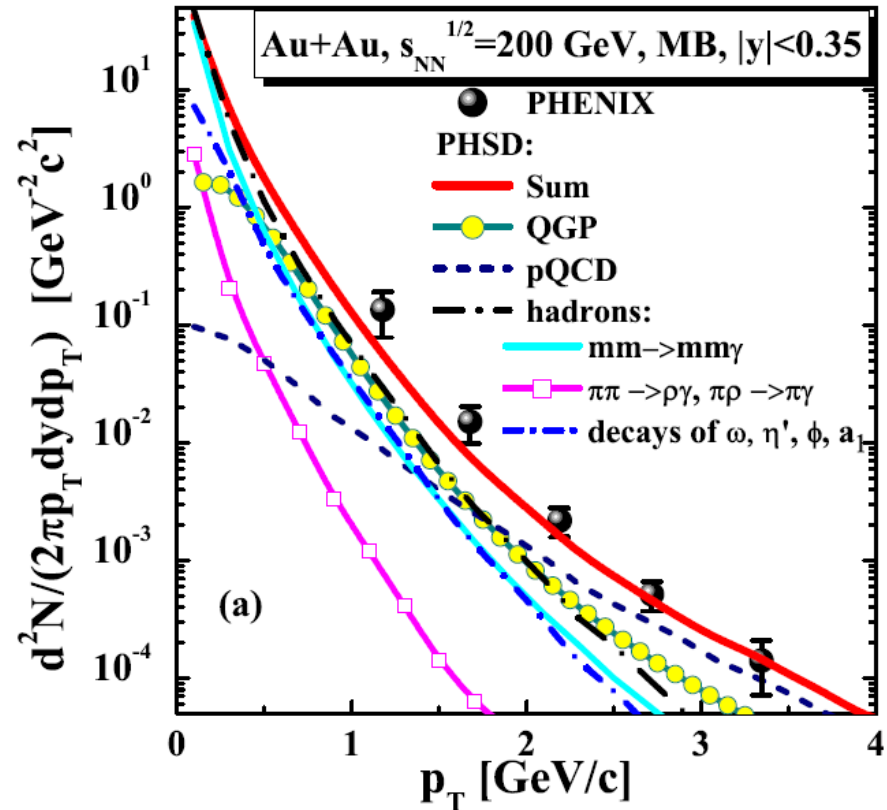
Inclusive photon spectrum



■ π^0 and η decays dominate the low p_T spectra

■ **QGP sources** mandatory to explain the spectrum (~50%), but **hadronic sources** are considerable, too

π^0 and η subtracted photon spectrum

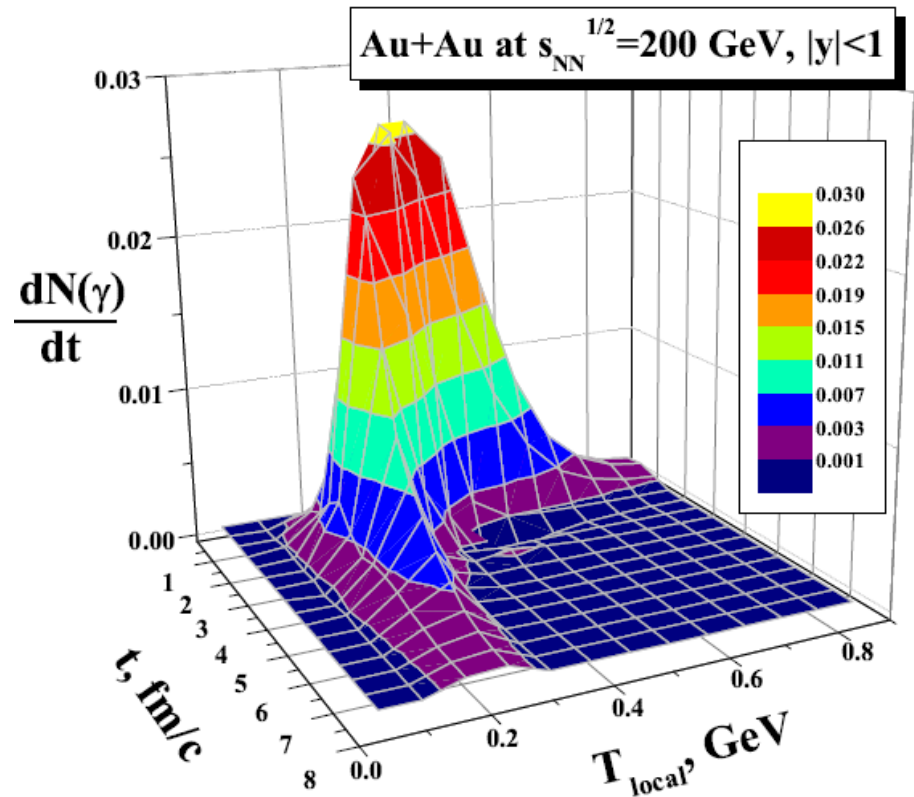
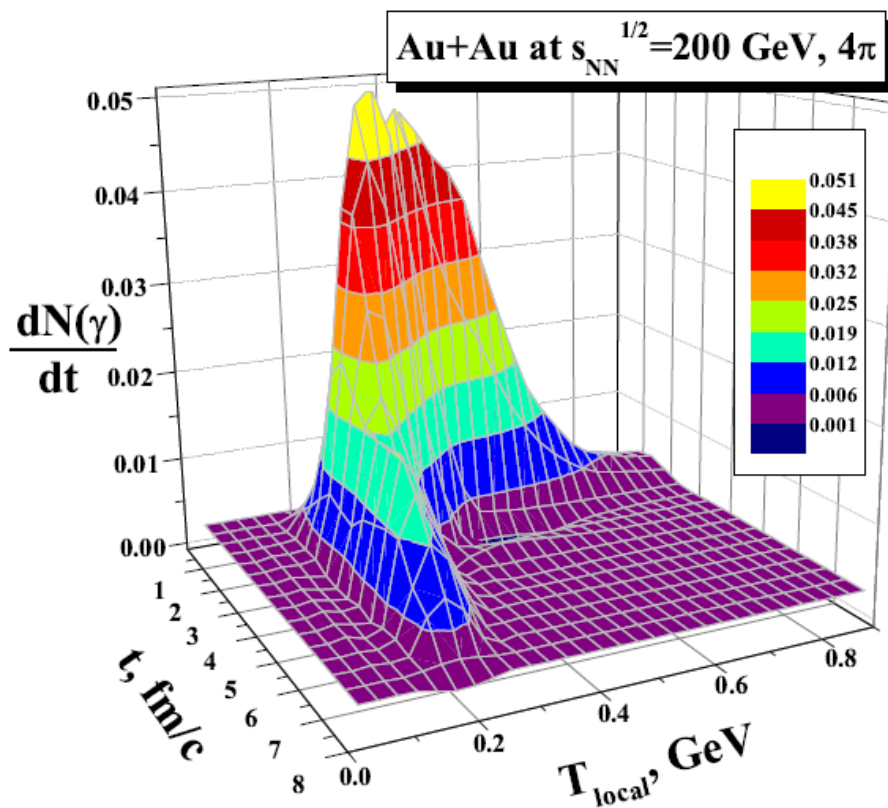


■ The 'effective temperature' T_{eff} :

The slope parameter T_{eff} (in MeV)			
PHSD			PHENIX
QGP	hadrons	Total	[38]
260 ± 20	200 ± 20	220 ± 20	$233 \pm 14 \pm 19$

Time evolution of the photon production rate vs. T

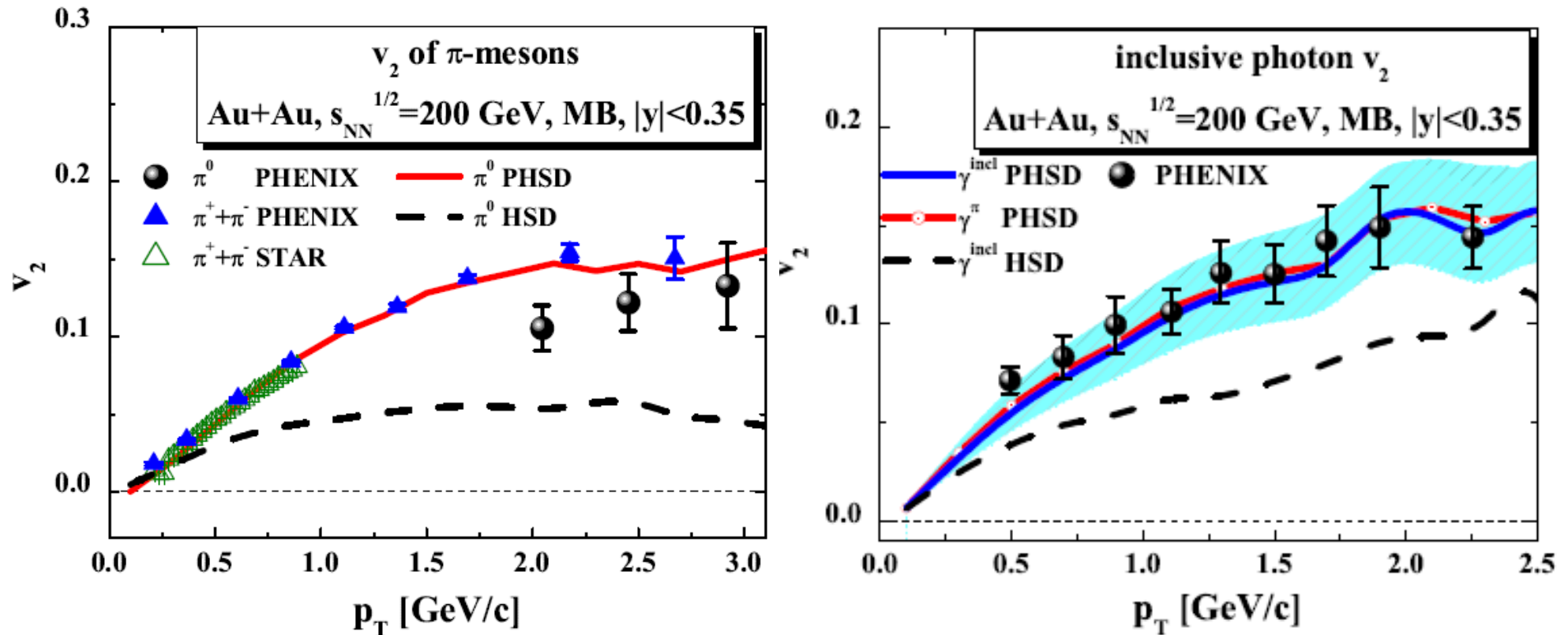
- The photon production rate versus time and the local 'temperature' at the production point in 4π and **mid-rapidity** Au+Au collisions:



- Broad distribution of 'temperatures' \rightarrow **no universal 'temperature'** can be assigned to the whole volume of the QGP or even in the mid-rapidity region



Inclusive photon elliptic flow



- **Pion elliptic flow** is reproduced in PHSD and underestimated in HSD (i.e. without partonic interactions)
- **→ large inclusive photon v_2** - comparable to that of hadrons - is reproduced in PHSD, too, because the inclusive photons are dominated by the photons from pion decay

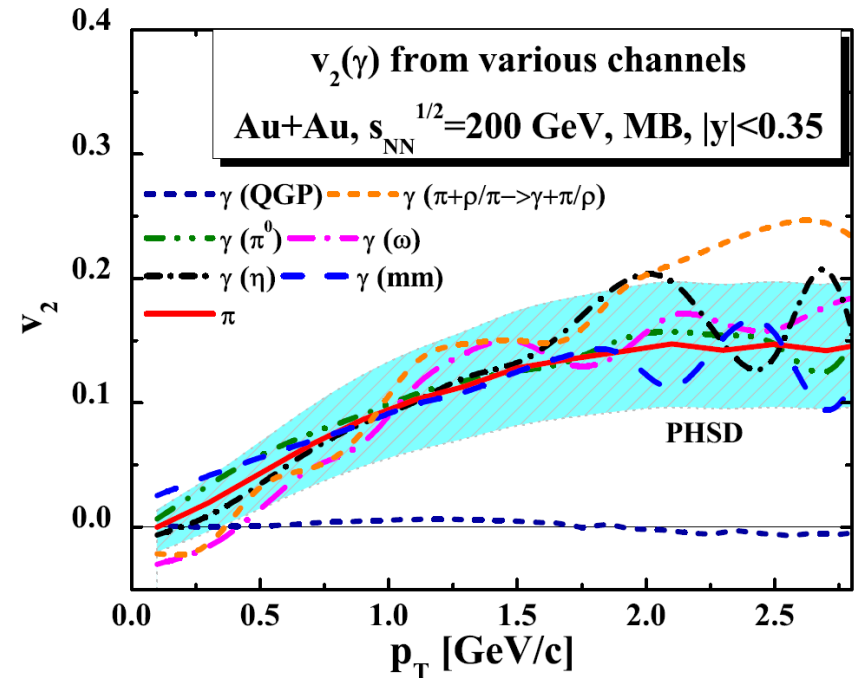
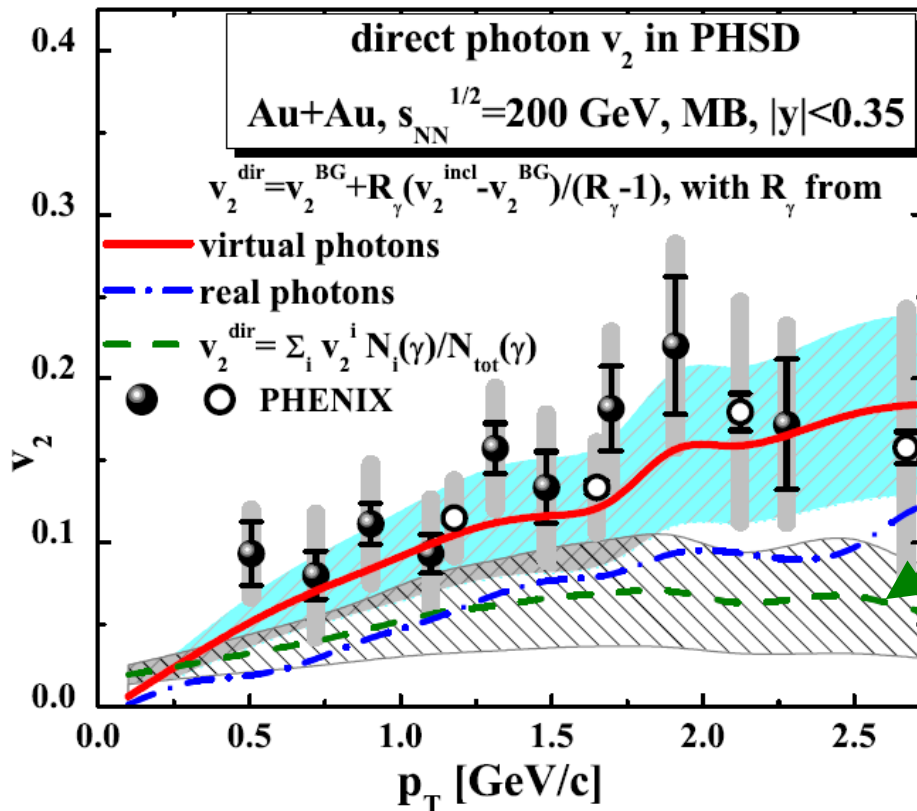
Elliptic flow from direct photons: method I

▪ **‘Weighted’ method (theor. way):**

direct photon v_2 (in PHSD) = sum of v_2 of the individual channels, using their contributions to the spectrum as the relative p_T -dependent **weights $w_i(p_T)$** :

$$v_2(\gamma^{dir}) = \sum_i v_2(\gamma^i) w_i(p_T) = \frac{\sum_i v_2(\gamma^i) N_i(p_T)}{\sum_i N_i(p_T)}$$

$$i = (\underbrace{q\bar{q} \rightarrow g\gamma, qg \rightarrow q\gamma}_{\text{QGP}}, \pi\pi/\rho \rightarrow \rho/\pi\gamma, mm \rightarrow mm\gamma, \text{pQCD})$$



▪ v_2 of direct photons in PHSD - as evaluated by the **weighted average** of direct photon channels – **underestimates the exp. data !**

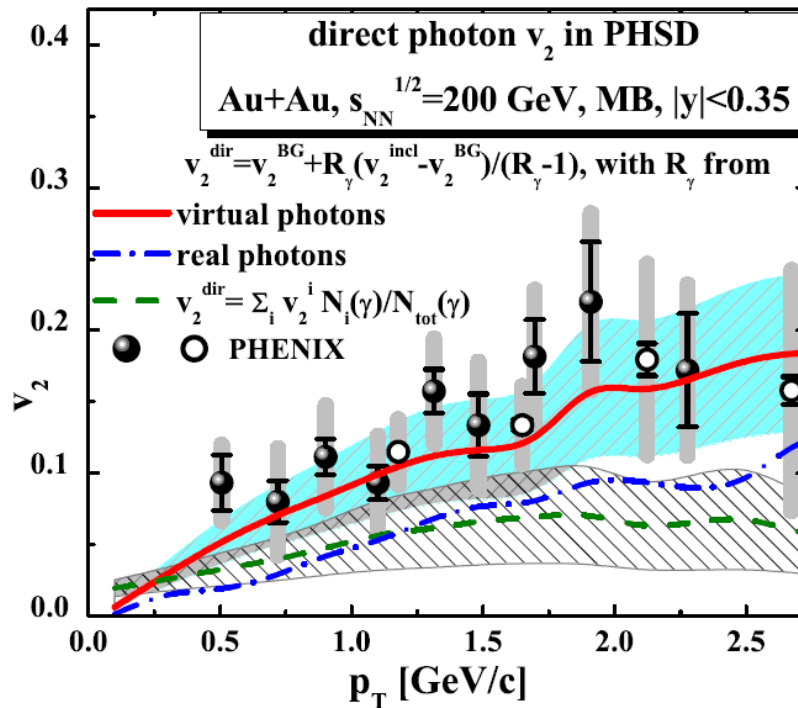
▪ **‘Background’ subtraction method (exp. way):**

$$v_2(\gamma^{dir}) = \frac{R_\gamma v_2(\gamma^{incl}) - v_2(\gamma^{BG})}{R_\gamma - 1}$$

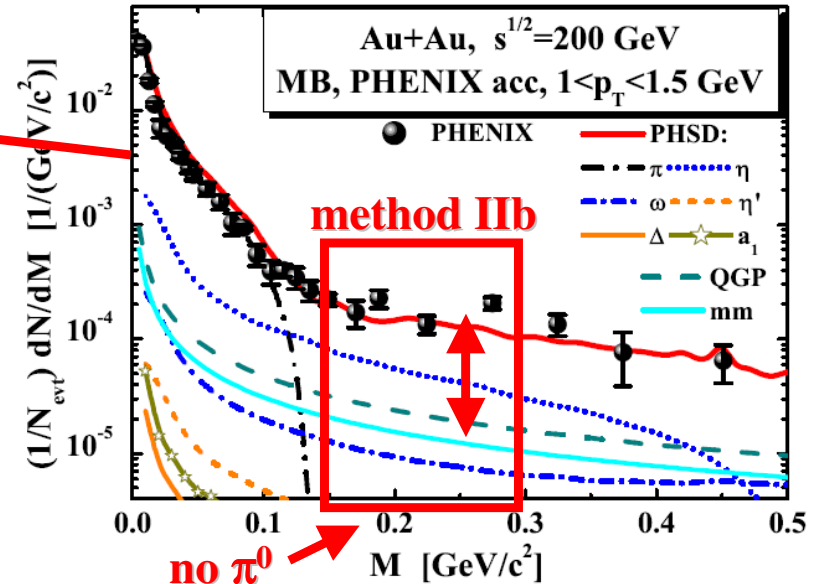
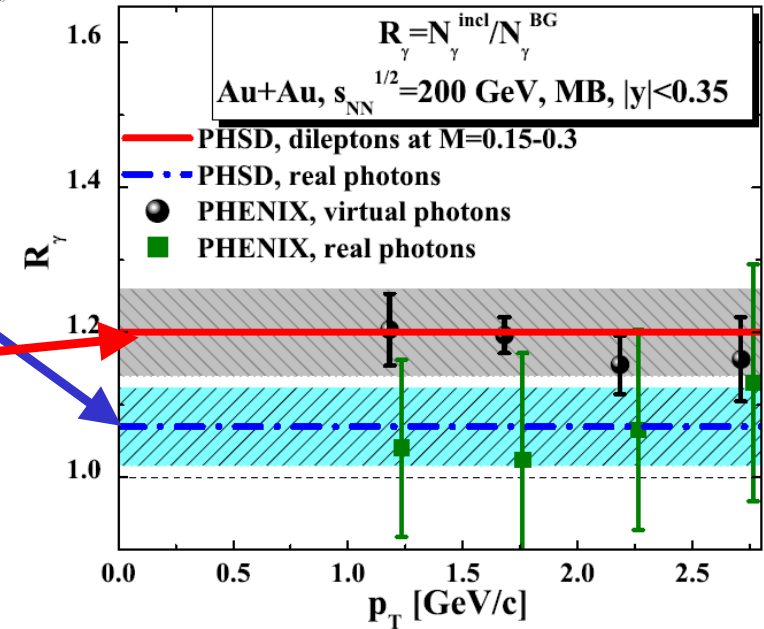
$$R_\gamma = N^{incl} / N^{BG}$$

IIa) from real photons $R_\gamma \sim 1.05$

IIb) from virtual photons $R_\gamma \sim 1.2$



IIa



▪ v_2 of direct photons in PHSD - as evaluated by the **‘background’ subtraction method IIb** - is consistent with exp. data!



Summary

in-equilibrium
out-of-equilibrium

- **PHSD** provides a consistent description of **off-shell parton dynamics** in line with the lattice QCD equation of state

- minimum of η/s close to T_c
→ QGP in PHSD behaves almost as a **strongly-interacting liquid**

- minimum of σ_0/T close to T_C
→ the QCD matter is a **good electric conductor**

- **PHSD** for **HIC**:

- **Direct photons** - the photons produced in the QGP - contribute about **50%** to the observed spectrum, but have **small v_2**

- **Large measured 'direct photon v_2 '** – comparable to that of hadrons – is attributed to the **intermediate hadronic scattering channels and hadronic resonance decays** not subtracted from the data;
the value of v_2 is sensitive to the hadronic 'background' subtraction method

- The **QGP phase** causes the strong elliptic flow of photons **indirectly** by enhancing the v_2 of final hadrons due to the partonic interactions in terms of explicit parton collisions and the mean-field potentials



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