

## DI-LEPTON PRODUCTION AT HIGH BARYON DENSITY REGION

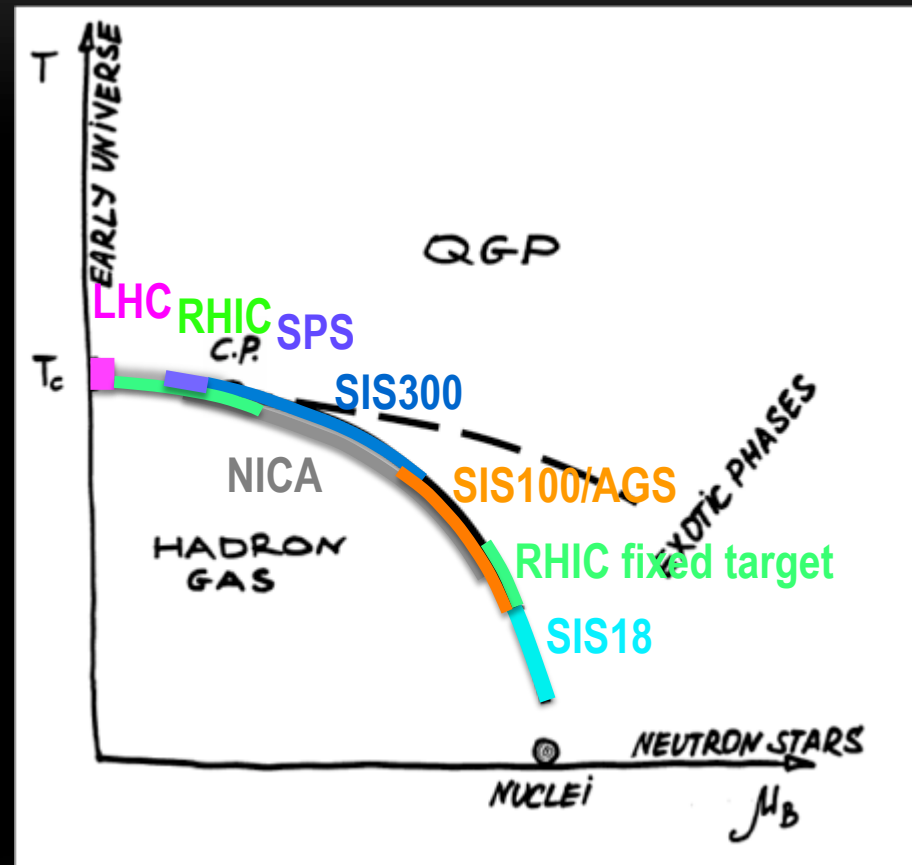
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# PHASE DIAGRAM OF MATTER

From the "Big Bang" to Neutron stars



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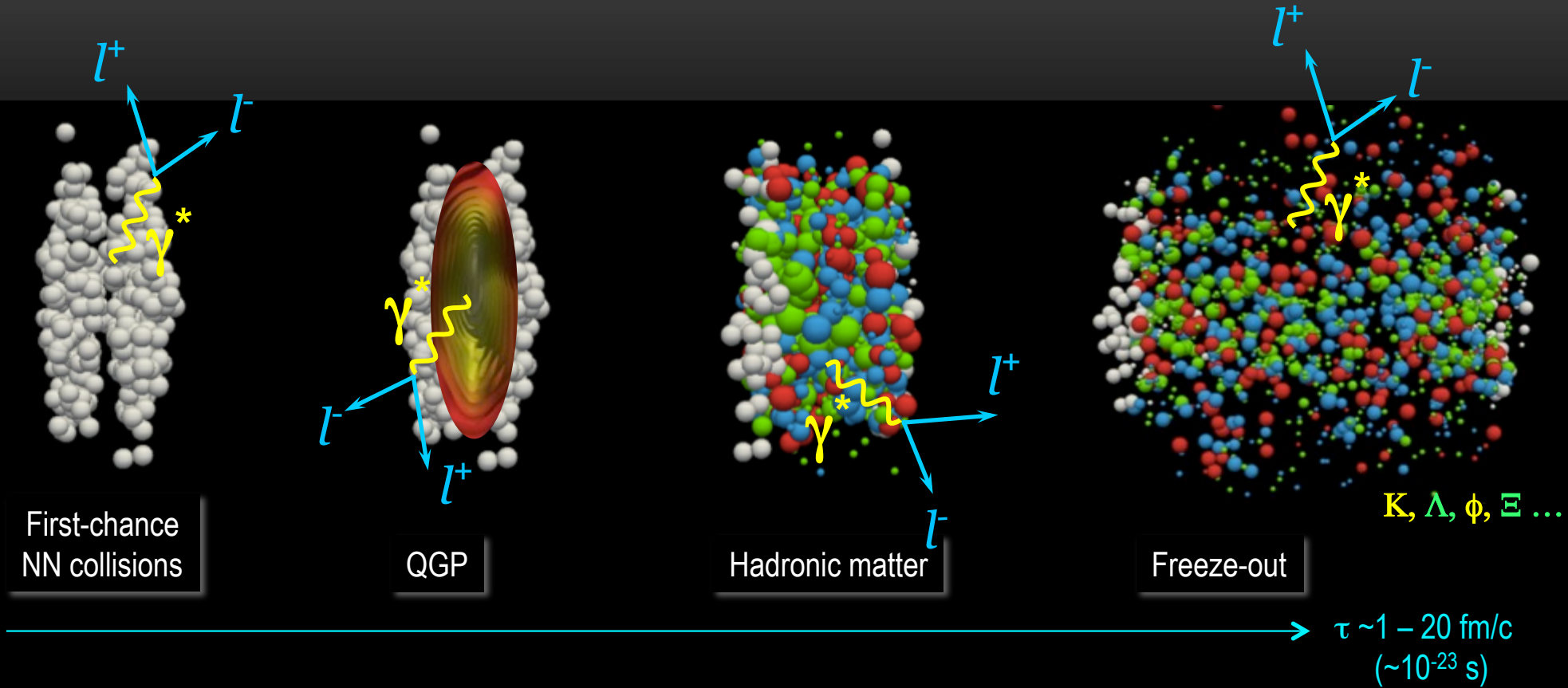


Accessible through heavy-ion collisions



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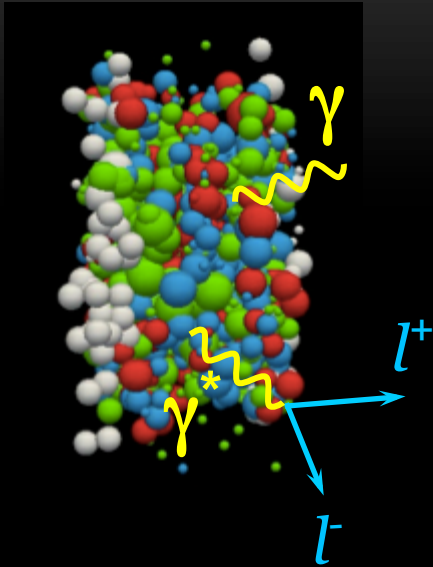
# COURSES OF THE HEAVY-ION COLLISION



- Bulk properties: Equation of State, Transport Coefficients, Hadron-chemistry
- Microscopic properties: Degrees of Freedom, Spectral Functions
- Phase transitions: Condensate Structure

# ELECTROMAGNETIC PROBES: DILEPTONS vs. REAL PHOTONS

*Electromagnetic radiation (photons and lepton pairs) probes the interior of fireballs*



- The dilepton signal contains **contributions from throughout the collision**
- No strong final state interactions  
→ **leave reaction volume undisturbed**

Photons ( $\gamma$ ) : 1 variable:  $p_T$   
Lepton pairs ( $\gamma^*$ ) : 2 variables:  $M, p_T$



Dileptons more rich and more rigorous than photons

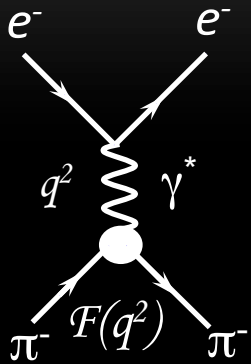
- $p_T$  sensitive to temperature and expansion velocity
- $M$  is the only Lorenz-invariant thermometer the field<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H. J. Specht



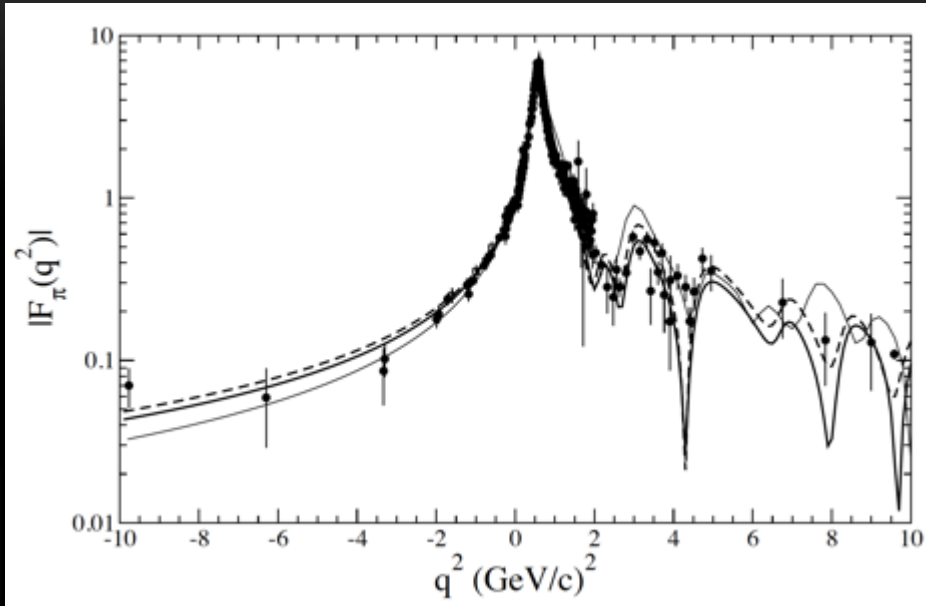
# HOW DO PHOTONS COUPLE TO HADRONS?

space-like photons



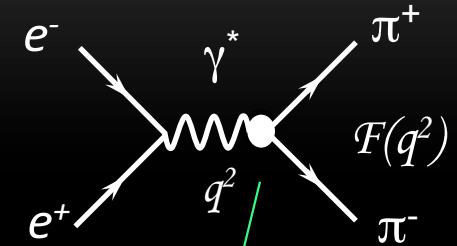
$$q^2 < 0$$

$$\Delta p \Delta x \geq \hbar/2$$



De Melo et al., Phys. Rev. D73 (2006) 070413

time-like photons



$$q^2 > 0$$

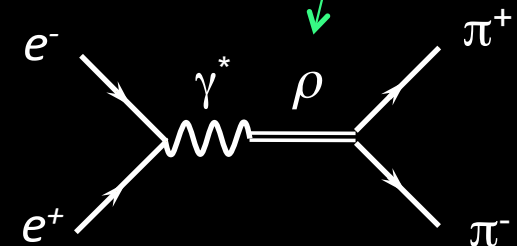
$$\Delta E \Delta t \geq \hbar/2$$

$$F(q^2) = \frac{d\sigma/dq^2}{\left(d\sigma/dq^2\right)_{\text{point like}}}$$

$$q^2 = (\Delta E)^2 - (\Delta p)^2$$

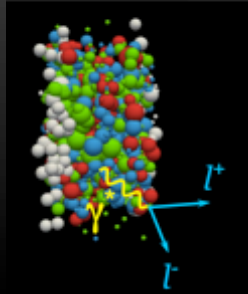
→ Form factor

→ Squared 4-momentum



- $J^P = 1^-$  for both  $\gamma^*$  and Vector Meson
- Strong coupling of  $\gamma^*$  to Vector Meson  
→ Vector Meson Dominance model
- Observable: vector mesons ( $\rho$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $\phi$ )

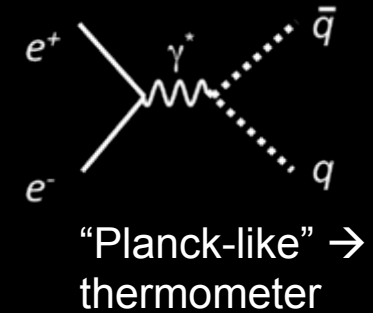
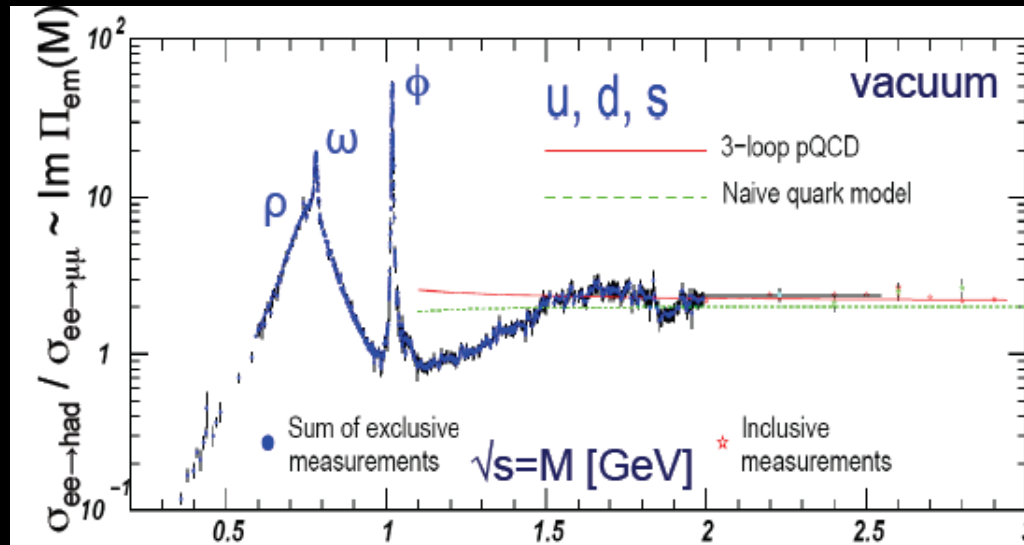
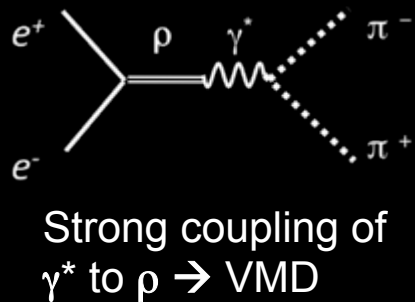
# DILEPTON RATE IN A STRONGLY INTERACTING MEDIUM



Unique direct access to in-medium spectral function

$$\frac{dN_{ll}}{d^4x d^4q} = -\frac{\alpha_{EM}^2}{\pi^3} \frac{L(M)}{M^2} f^B(q_0; T) \text{Im } \Pi_{EM}^{\mu\nu}(M, q; \mu_B, T)$$

Photon self-energy



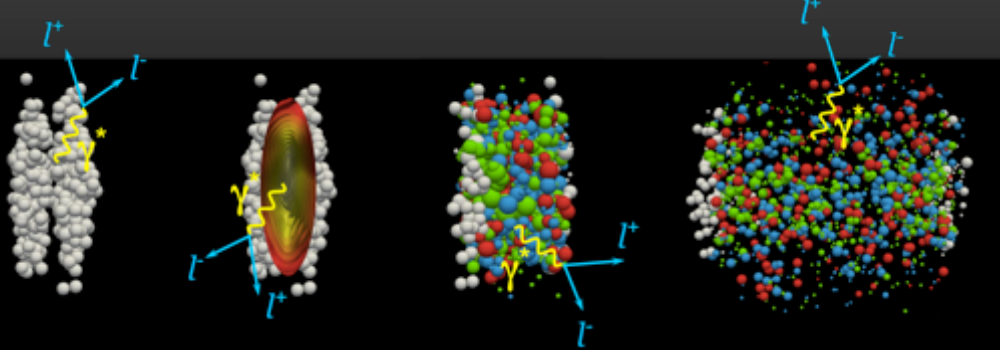
Hadrons:  $\text{Im } D_{\rho, \omega, \phi}$

- Change in degrees of freedom?
- Restoration of chiral symmetry?

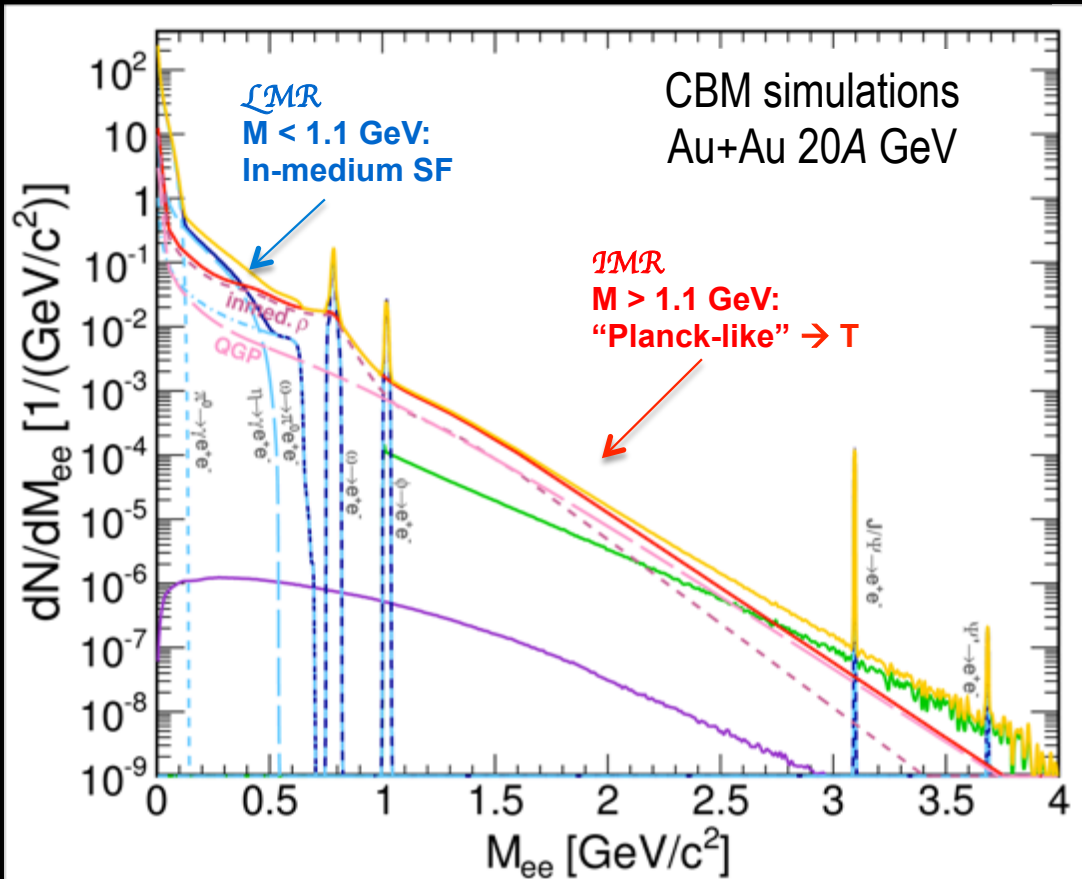
$\bar{q}q$  Continuum

- Emitting source temperature?

# CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES OF DILEPTON INVARIANT MASS SPECTRA



- Dilepton spectra represent the space-time integral of EM radiation
- Mass dependence allows separation of collision stages



- Drell- $\Upsilon$ an ( $NN \rightarrow l+l-X$ )
- Heavy-flavor:  $cc \rightarrow l+l$
- Medium radiation (R. Rapp):
  - QGP:  $qq \rightarrow l+l$
  - In-medium  $\rho, \omega \rightarrow l+l$
  - "4 $\pi$  annihilation":  $\pi a_1 \rightarrow l+l$
- Final state decays (hadron cocktail):  $\pi^0, \eta \rightarrow \gamma e^+ e^-$

„IF YOU WANT TO DETECT SOMETHING NEW,  
BUILD A DILEPTON SPECTROMETER“

S. TING

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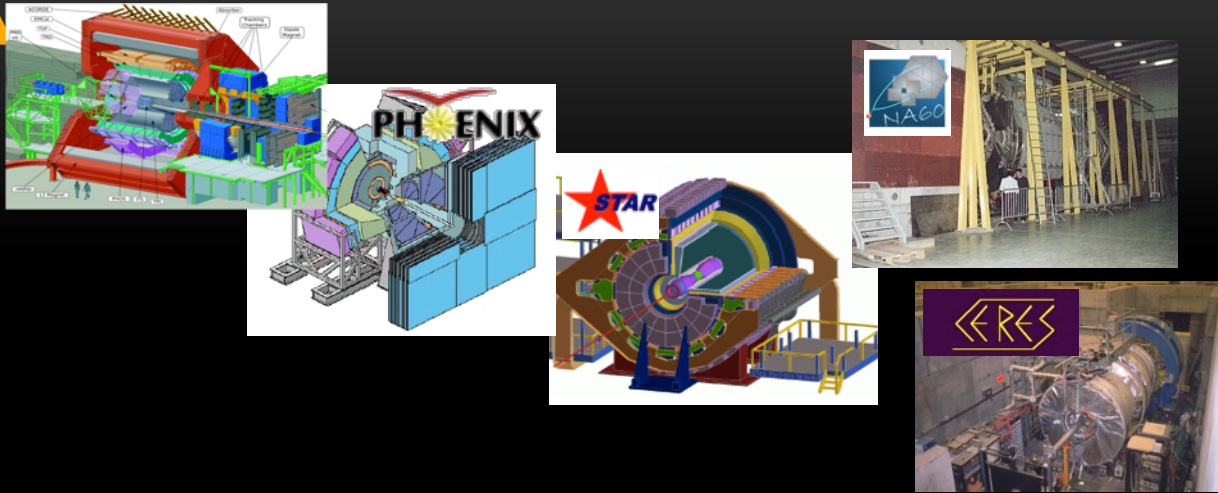
# THE EXPERIMENTAL CHALLENGE ...

- Lepton pairs are rare probes ( $\text{BR} < 10^{-4}$ )
- at SIS energies sub-threshold vector meson production  
→  $M_\rho \times \Gamma_{ee}/\Gamma_{\text{tot}}$  decay per 10 mio events
- Large combinatorial background
  - in  $e^+e^-$  from Dalitz decays ( $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$ ) and conversion pairs ( $e^+e^-$ )
  - in  $\mu^+\mu^-$ : weak  $\pi, K$  decays
- Isolate the contribution to the spectrum from the dense stage
- Low-momentum coverage!

## DATA QUALITY

- The decisive parameters: Number of Interactions and Signal/Background
  - Range of  $\mathcal{B}/S$ : 20 - 100 →  $\mathcal{B}/S \gg 1$ ;
    - Effective sample size:  $S_{\text{eff}} \sim 1 \times S/\mathcal{B}$  reduction by factors of 20-100
    - Systematics:  $\delta S_{\text{eff}}/S_{\text{eff}} = \delta \mathcal{B}/\mathcal{B} \times \mathcal{B}/S$   $\delta \mathcal{B}/\mathcal{B} = 2 \dots 5 \times 10^{-2}$

# VIRTUAL PHOTON RADIATION FROM HOT AND DENSE QCD MATTER



Highly interesting results from RHIC, SPS, SIS18  
→ lepton pairs as true messengers  
of the dense phase



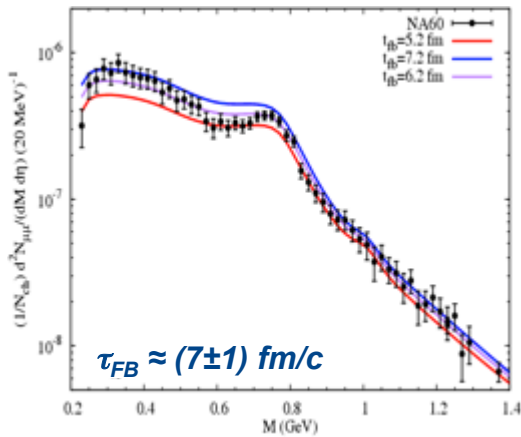
$\mu_B$

IT'S JUST ONE SPECTRUM... BUT

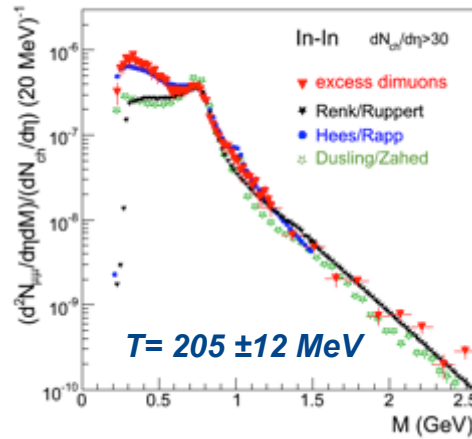
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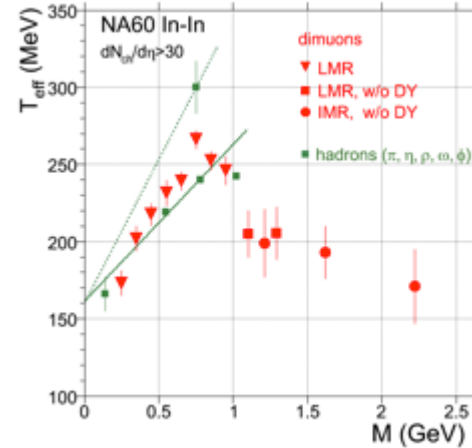
# WHAT DID WE LEARNT FROM SPS DILEPTONS?



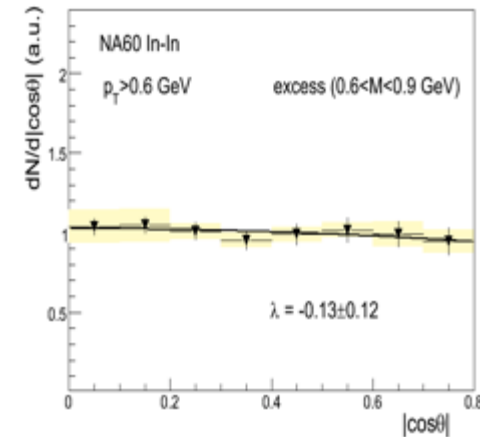
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R.Rapp and H. van Hees, 2008







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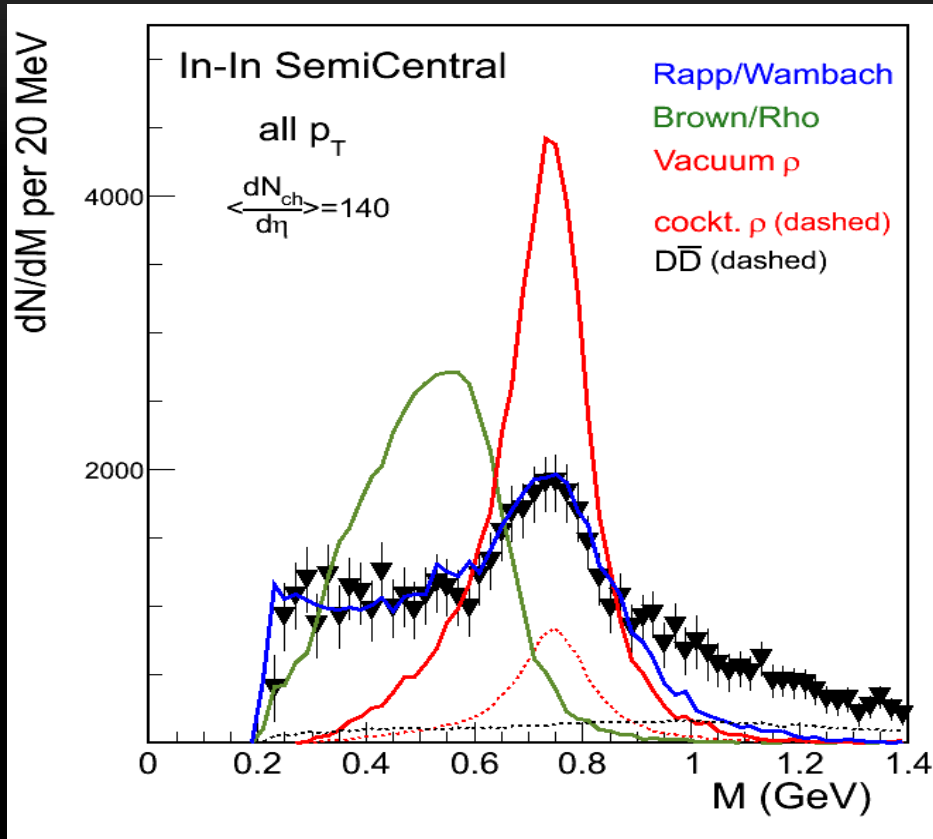
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PRL 100 (2008) 022302



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PRL 102 (2009) 222301

- ❑ LMR: First “explicit” measurement of interacting-fireball lifetime 
- ❑ IMR: First measurement of emitting source temperature (true T, no blue shift) 
- ❑ LMR+IMR inverse-slope analysis  $\rightarrow$  fireball acceleration 
- ❑ LMR: Lack of any polarization in excess supports emission from thermalized source
- ❑ LMR+IMR shape and yield 

# ARE NARROW IN-MEDIUM VECTOR MESON STATES WITH SUBSTANTIALLY SHIFTED POLE MASS OBSERVED?



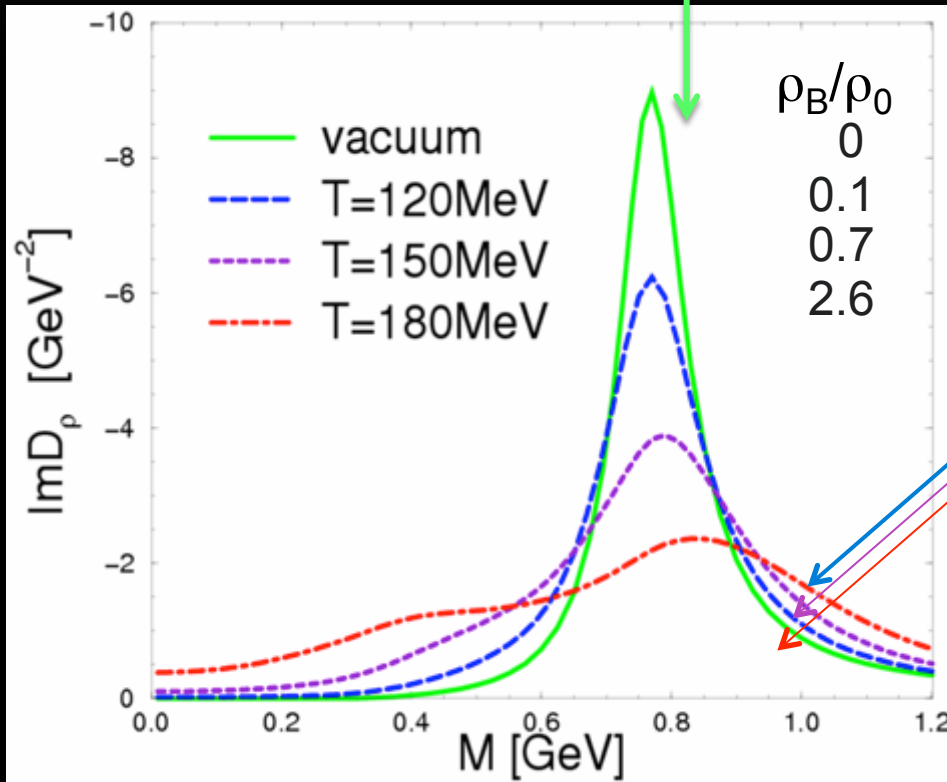
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- ❑ Disfavors “dropping mass” scenario
- ❑ Strongly supports in-medium broadening

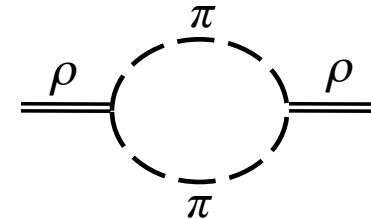
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Calculations: R.Rapp and H. van Hees, 2008

# THE $\rho$ MESON IN-MEDIUM SPECTRAL FUNCTION

R. Rapp and J. Wambach, *Eur.Phys.J. A6* (1999)

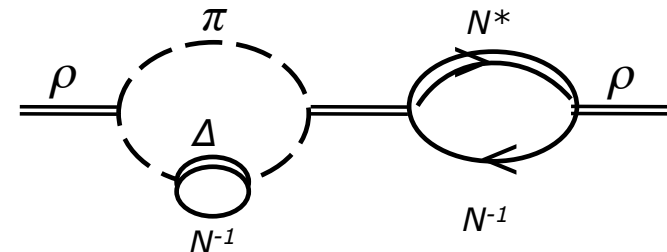


Vacuum



Medium

$$D_\rho(M, q; \mu_B, T) = \frac{1}{\left[ M^2 - m_\rho^2 - \underbrace{\Sigma_{\rho\pi\pi} - \Sigma_{\rho B} - \Sigma_{\rho M}} \right]}$$

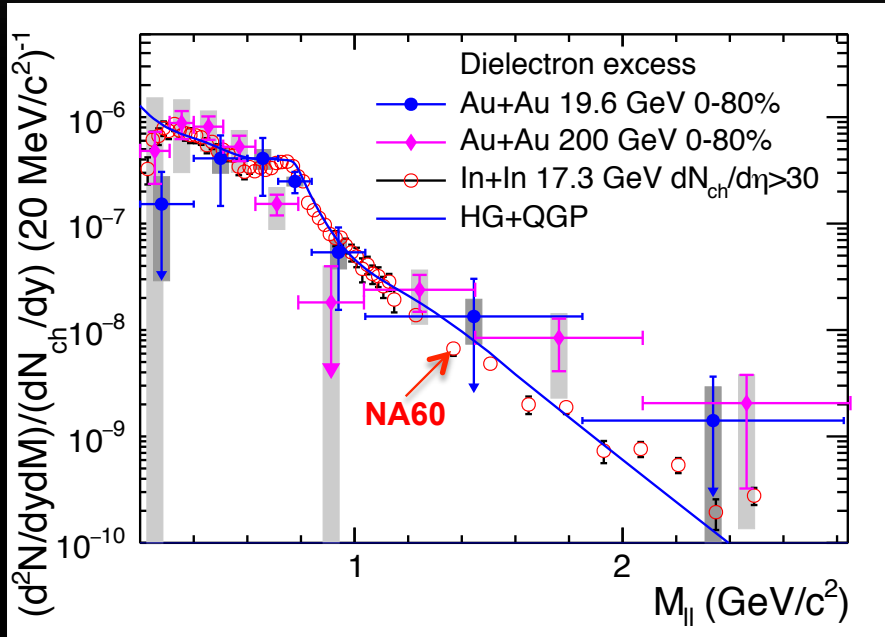


**Additional contributions to the  $\rho$ -meson self-energy in the medium**

The  $\rho$  spectral function **strongly broadens** in the medium because the  $\rho$  couples to baryons!

# LOW-MASS $e^+e^-$ EXCITATION FUNCTION: 19.6-200 GeV

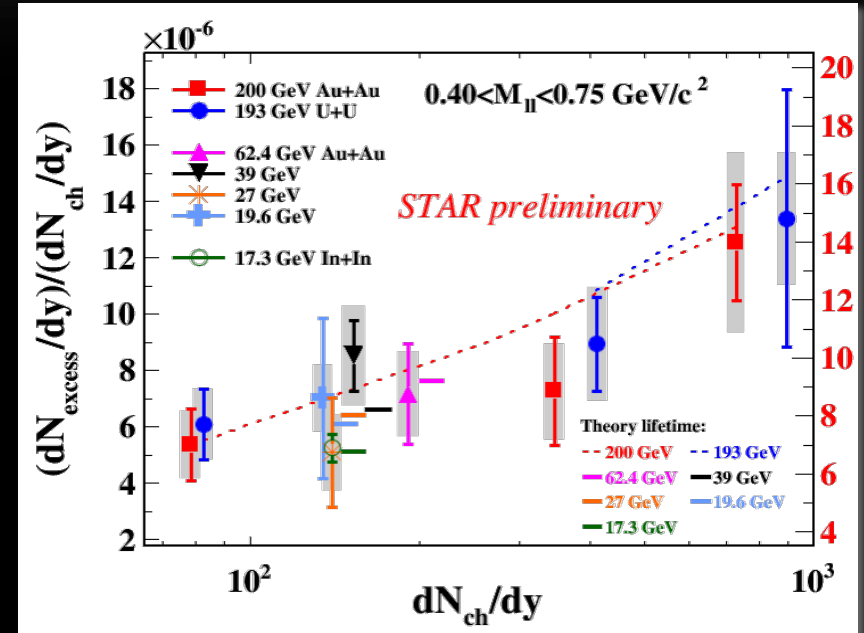
Acceptance corrected invariant-mass excess spectrum STAR and NA60, independent absolute scales



STAR: PLB 750 (2015) 64

NA60: AIP Conf. Proc. 1322 (2010) 1

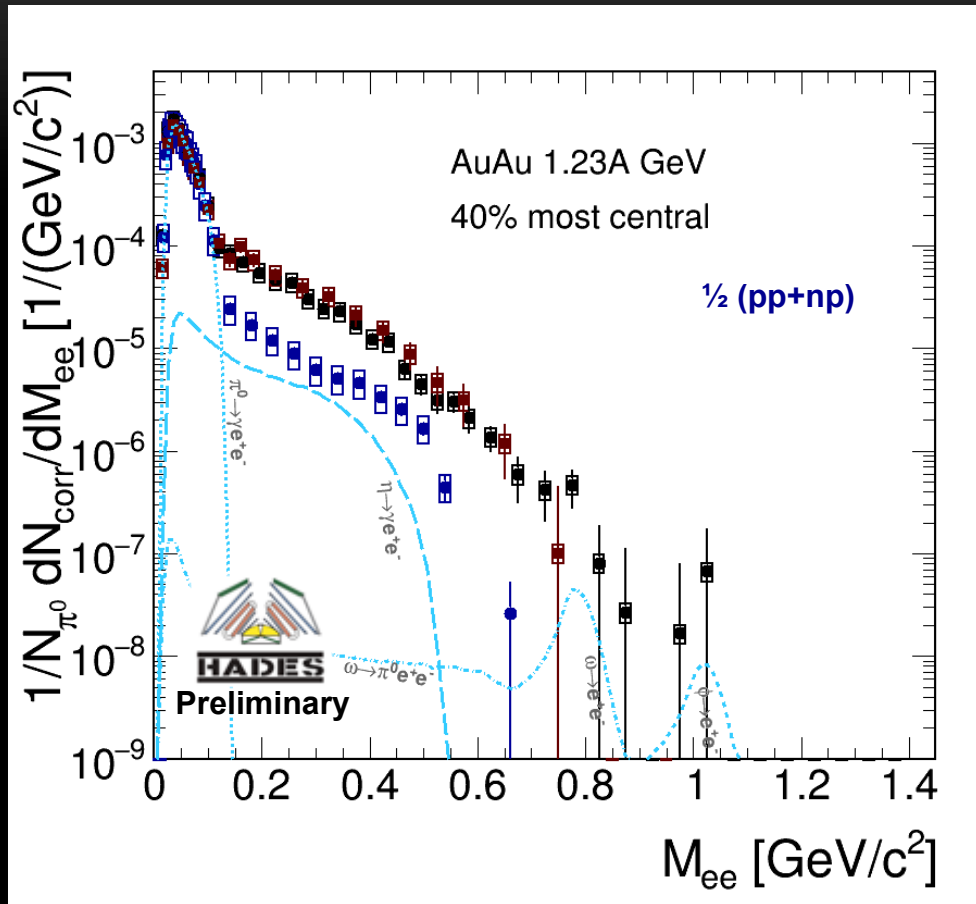
Normalized excess yields for the mass region  $0.4 < M < 0.75$  GeV vs.  $dN_{ch}/dy$   
Correlation with the fireball life-times



Model: R. Rapp, H. van Hees, Phys. Lett. B 753 (2016) 586

- ❑ Nearly constant total baryon density
- ❑ Indications of longer medium lifetime in central collisions
- ❑ Compatible with predictions from melting  $\rho$  meson
- ❑ “Universal” source around  $T_{pc}$

# VIRTUAL PHOTON EMISSION IN Au+Au COLLISIONS AT 1.25 AGeV



HADES, in preparation

- Corrected for efficiency, not (yet) for acceptance
- Normalized to the number of produced  $\pi^0$
- Strong enhancement above  $\pi^0$
- Almost exponential spectrum up to vector meson region!

Experimentally defined hadronic cocktail:

$\pi^0$  → charged pions or conversion method

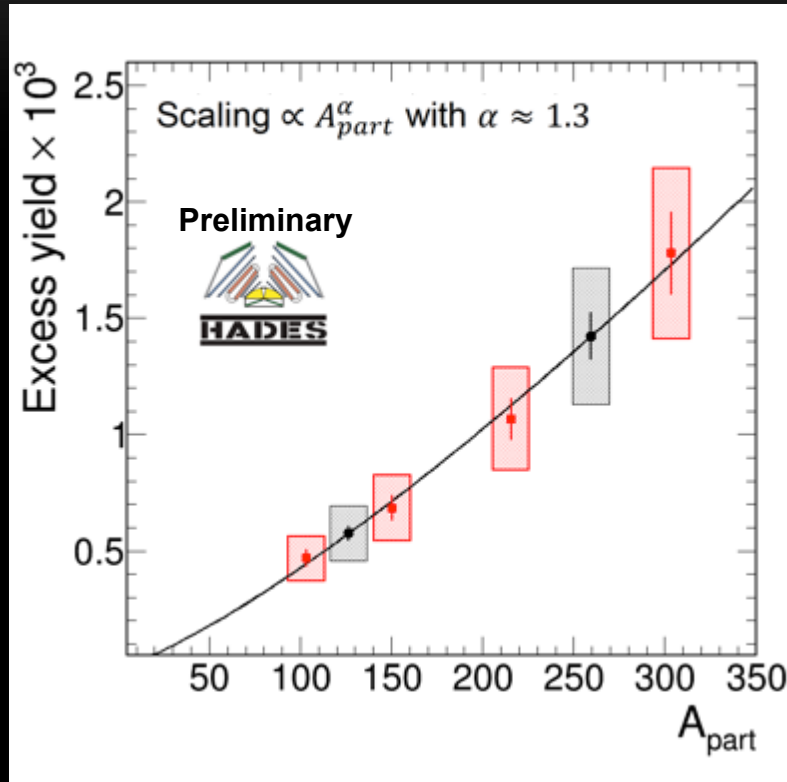
$\eta$  → conversion method

$\phi$  → K+K- channel

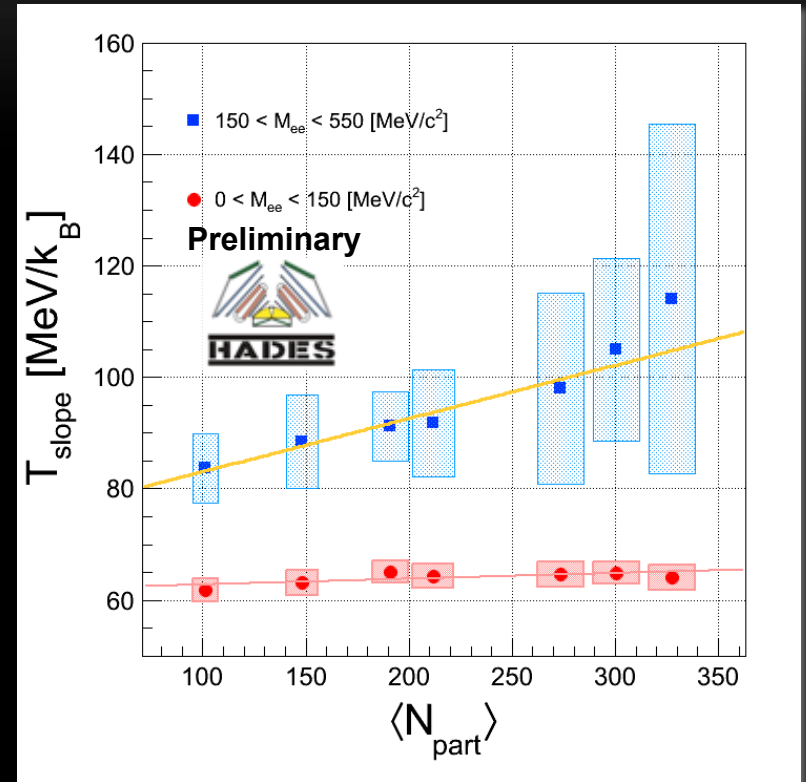
$\omega$  → Statistical hadronization model

# CENTRALITY DEPENDENCE

Excess radiation  $0.3 < M < 0.7 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

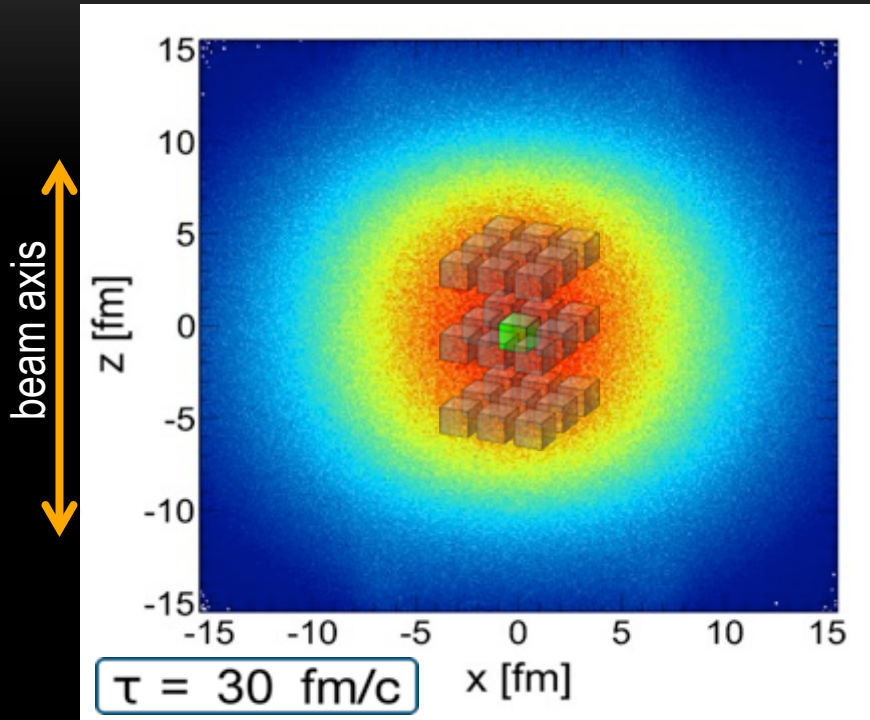


Effective Temperature

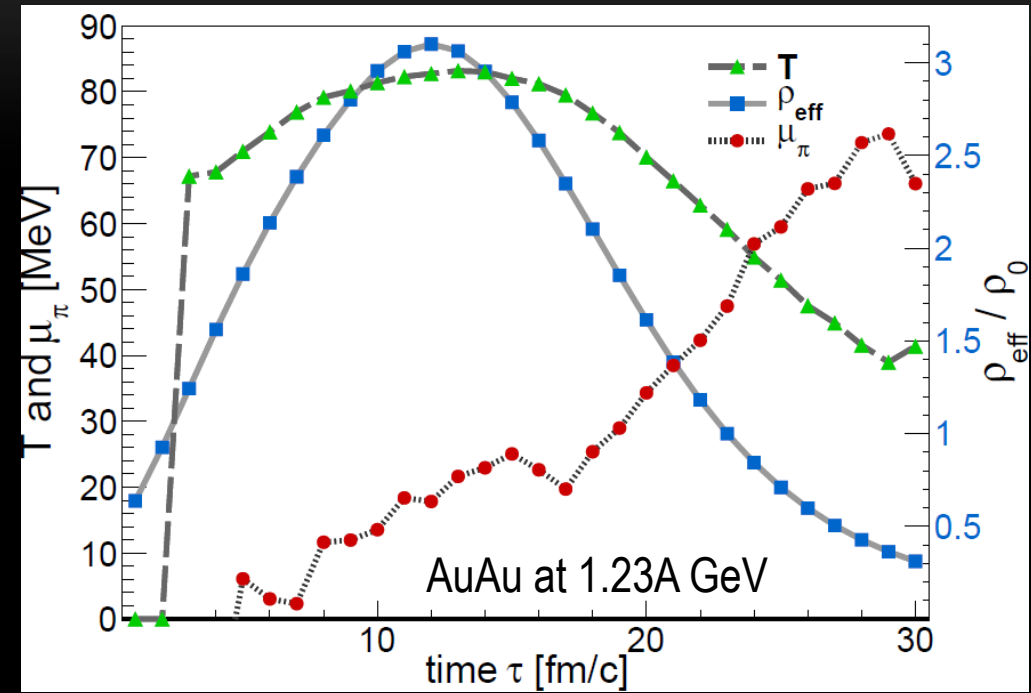


- Both observables indicate formation of longer-lived and hotter medium in the most central collisions

# COARSE-GRAINED TRANSPORT APPROACH



## "CENTRAL-CELL TRAJECTORY" FROM UrQMD



TG, Hohler, Rapp, Seck, Stroth, *Eur. Phys. J. A* 52 (2016) 131

- Bulk evolution from microscopic transport
  - Coarse graining in space-time cells → extract  $T$ ,  $\mu_B$ ,  $\mu_\pi$ , collective velocity...
- Apply equilibrium rates locally

Similar approaches by

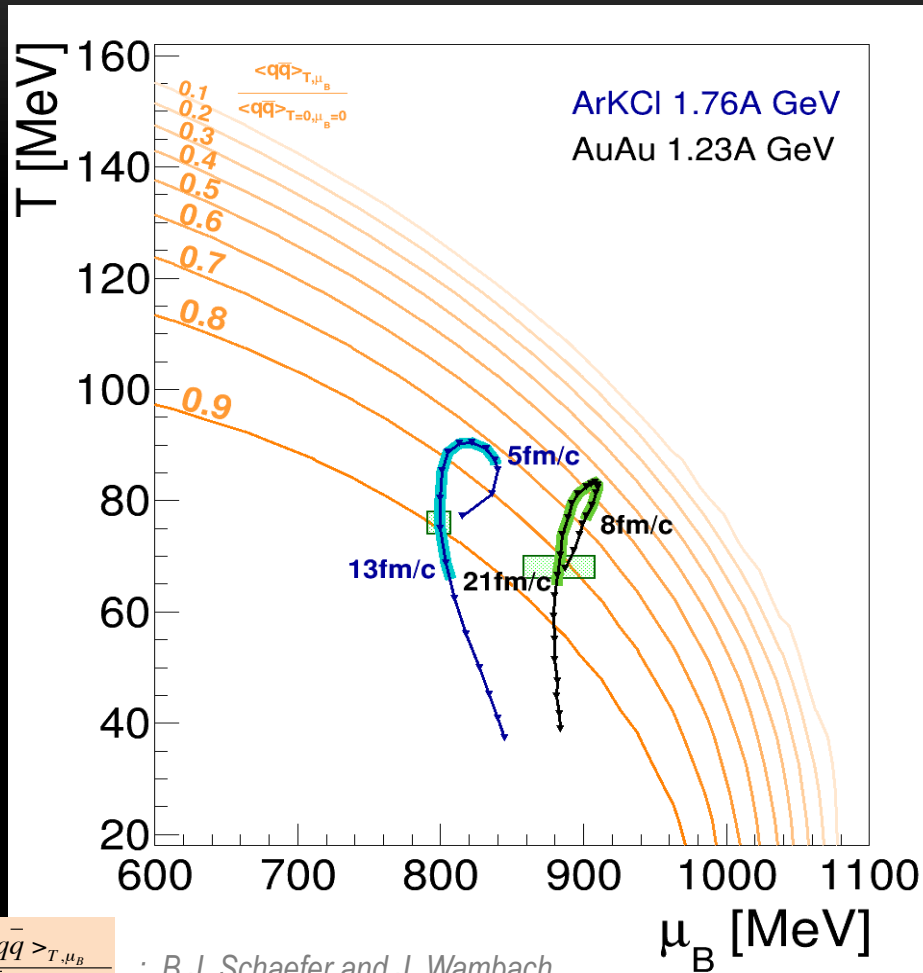
Huovinen et al.: *PRC* 66 (2002) 014903

E. Santini et al., *Phys.Rev. C* 84 (2011) 014901

Endres et al.: *PRC* 91 (2015) 054911, *PRC* 92 (2015) 014911, *PRC* 93 (2016) 054901, arXiv:1604.06414



# DILEPTONS AT HADES AND QCD PHASE DIAGRAM

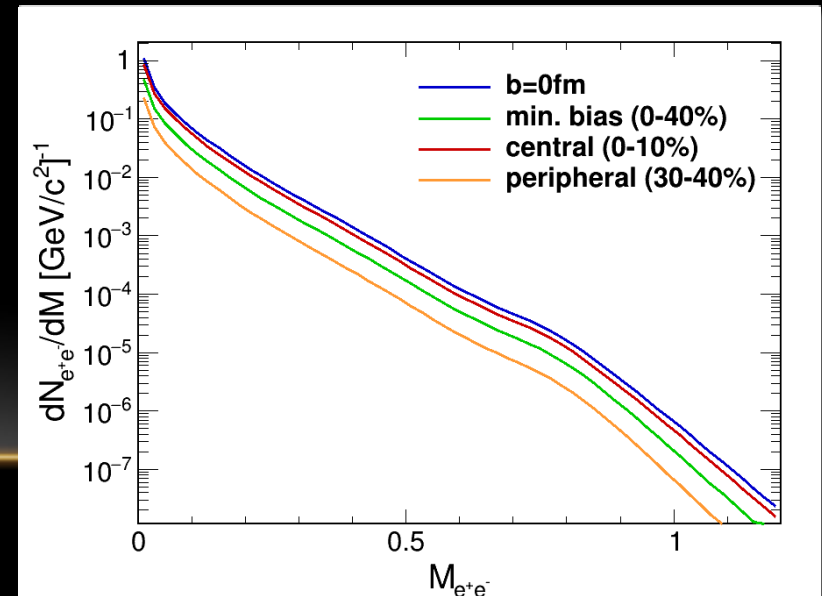
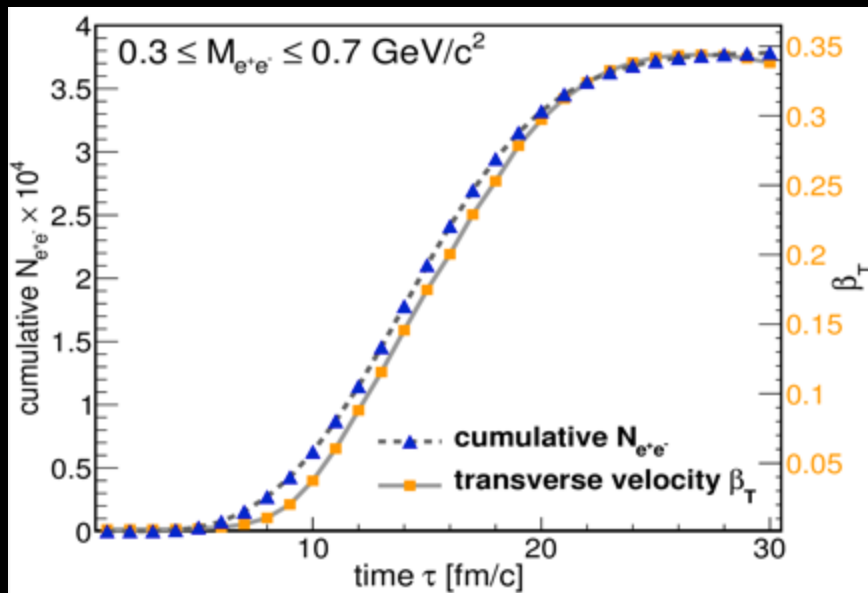


$\frac{\langle qq \rangle_{T, \mu_B}}{\langle qq \rangle_{T=0, \mu_B=0}}$  : B.J. Schaefer and J. Wambach

- Chemical freeze-out from measured particle yields analyzed with SHM  
*HADES data: Nucl. Phys. A931 (2014) c785.*
- Trajectories extracted from inner cube of cells with coarse-grained UrQMD
- Time-window of dilepton emission
  - Radiation stops shortly after chemical freeze-out
  - Access to hot and dense stage of the heavy-ion collision

# DILEPTONS AS FIREBALL PROBES

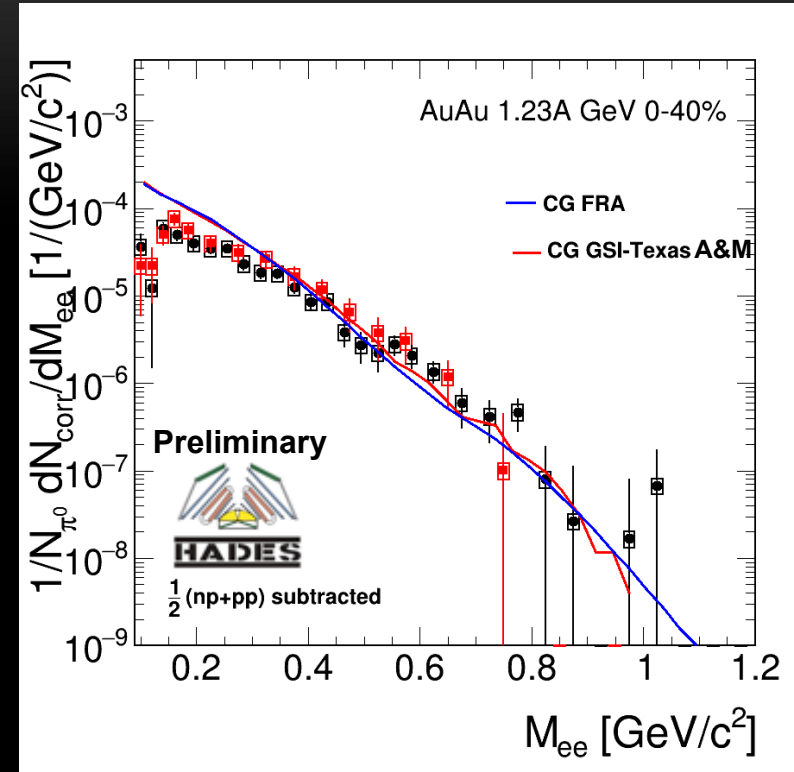
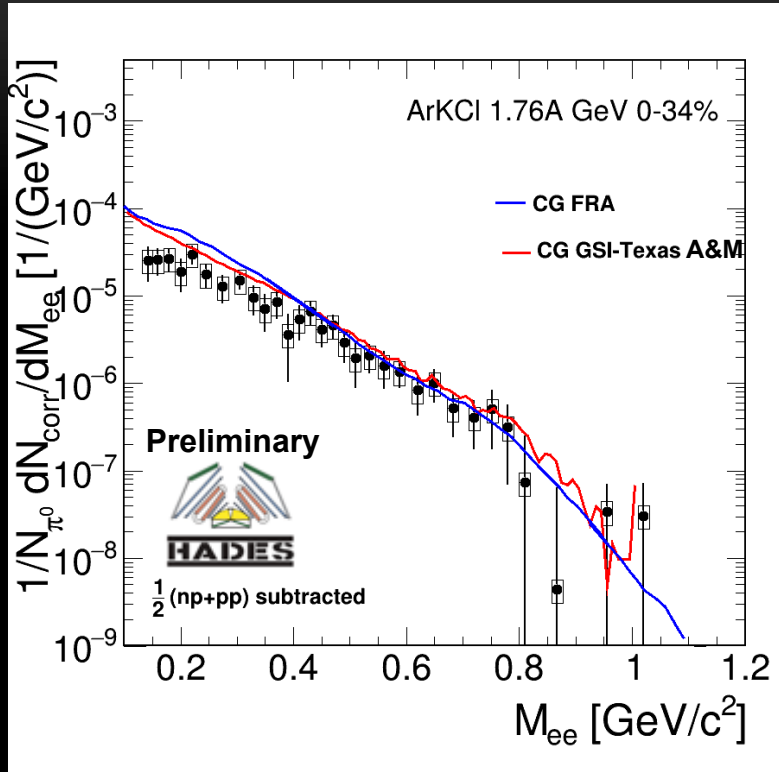
- Time evolution of cumulative dilepton yield in mass window  $M = 0.3-0.7 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
- Active radiation window  $\sim 13 \text{ fm}/c$  follows build-up of collective medium flow  $\rightarrow$  fireball lifetime
- Strong medium effects on  $\rho$ -meson  $\rightarrow$  remarkably structure-less low-mass spectrum
- $dR_{ll}/dM \propto (MT)^{3/2} \exp(-M/T)$
- Inverse slope parameter:  $T_S = 88 \pm 5 \text{ MeV}$  in IMR,  $T_S = 64 \pm 5 \text{ MeV}$  in LMR
- Thermal excess radiation scales with  $(A_{\text{part}})^{1.4}$



# EXCESS RADIATION AT HADES

## URQMD-MEDIUM EVOLUTION + RAPP/WAMBACH RATES

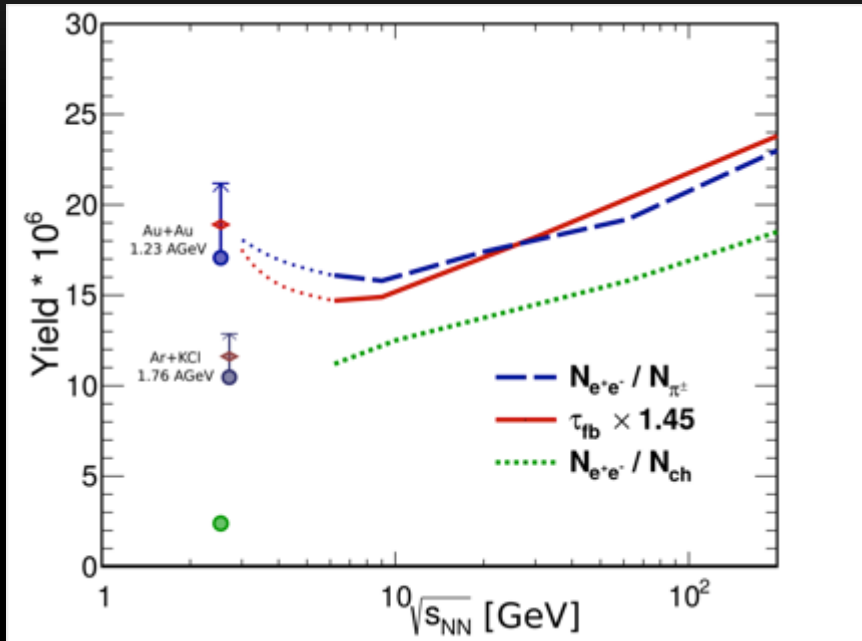
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CG GSI-Texas: Eur.Phys.J. A52 (2016) no.5, 131  
HADES ArKCl data: Phys.Rev.C 84 (2011) 014902



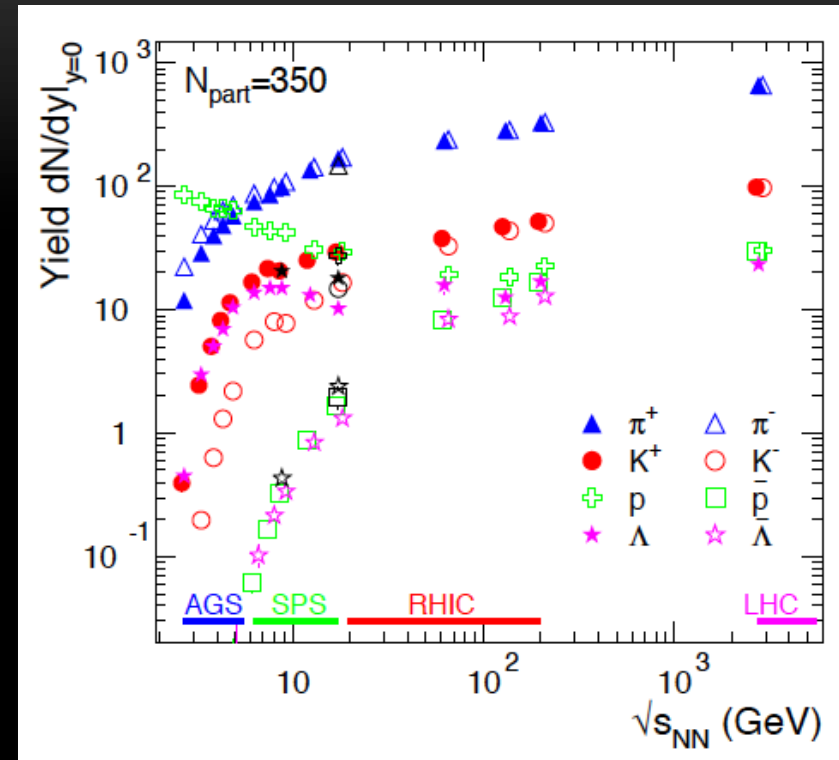
- Isolation of excess by a comparison with a **measured** “reference” spectrum
- **Coarse-graining method works at low energies!**
- Supports baryon-driven medium effects at SPS and RHIC!

# EXCITATION FUNCTION OF DILEPTON PRODUCTION

Yield in low-mass window fireball tracks lifetime



R. Rapp, H. van Hees: *Phys. Lett. B* **753** (2016) 586  
 TG, Hohler, Rapp, Seck, Stroth, *Eur. Phys. J. A* 52 (2016) 131



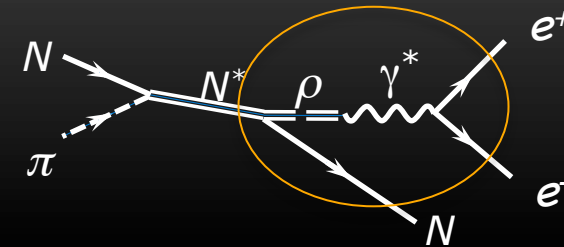
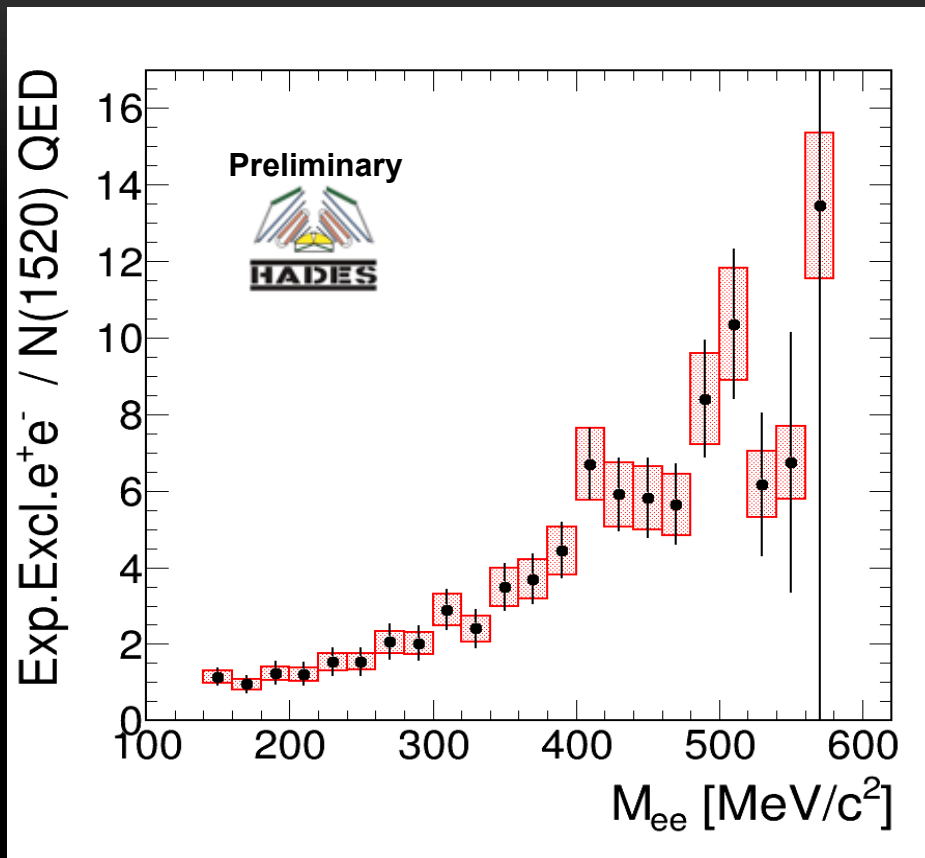
A. Andronic, *arXiv:1407.5003*

- ❑ Fireball dominated by incoming nucleons at lower energies
- ❑ Number of charged particles  $N_{ch}$  not a good proxy for thermal excitation energy
- ❑ Normalization to number of charged pions  $N_\pi$

"IF YOU ARE OUT TO DESCRIBE THE TRUTH, LEAVE ELEGANCE TO THE TAILOR"  
A. EINSTEIN

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# VERIFY THE $\rho$ -BARYON COUPLING MECHANISM

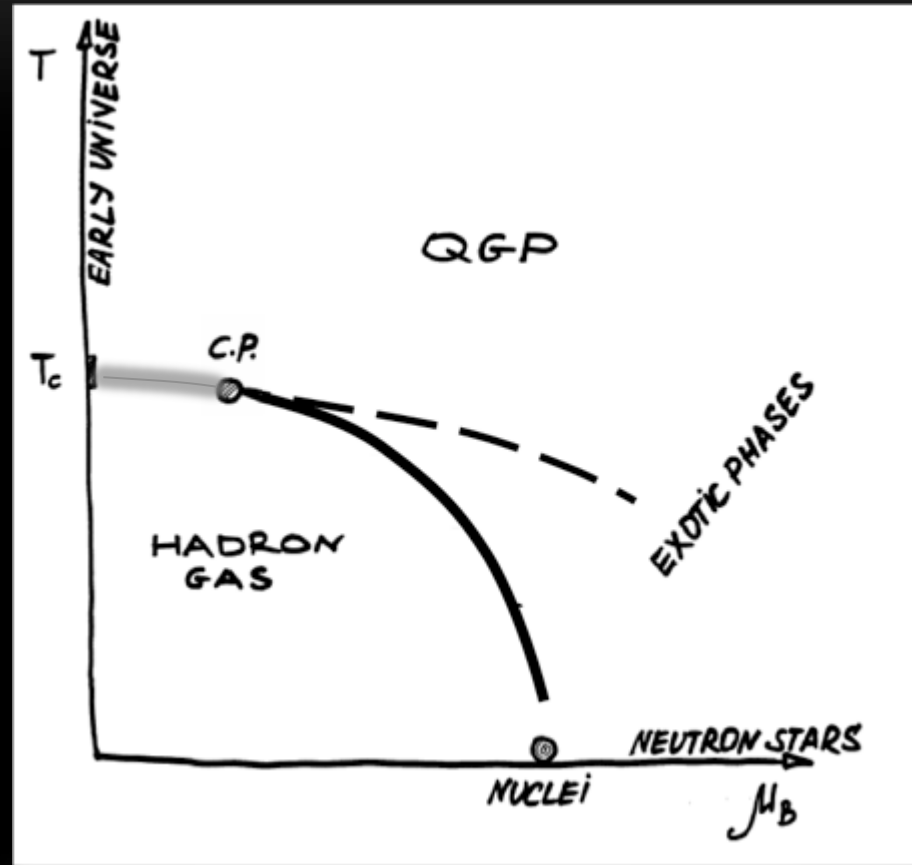


- ❑ **Vector Meson Dominance:** the basis of emissivity calculations for QCD matter.
- ❑ Crucial to support the validity of the model by elementary reactions

HADES  $\pi$  (secondary) beam run in 2014

- ❑ **Exclusive  $\pi^-p$**  reactions at  $\sqrt{s} = 1.49$  GeV
- ❑ Strong deviation from unity show the time-like contribution to the resonance decay and **confirm the validity of the VMD!**

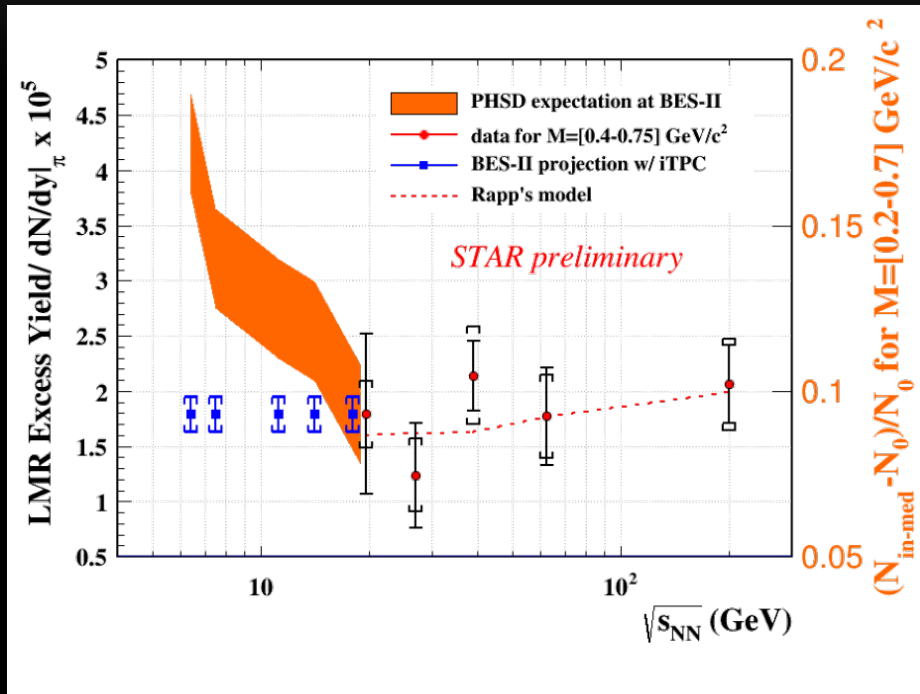
# MAPPING QCD PHASE DIAGRAM WITH DILEPTONS





# DILEPTON EXCITATION FUNCTIONS

LOW-MASS EXCESS ( $0.45 < M < 0.7 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ )



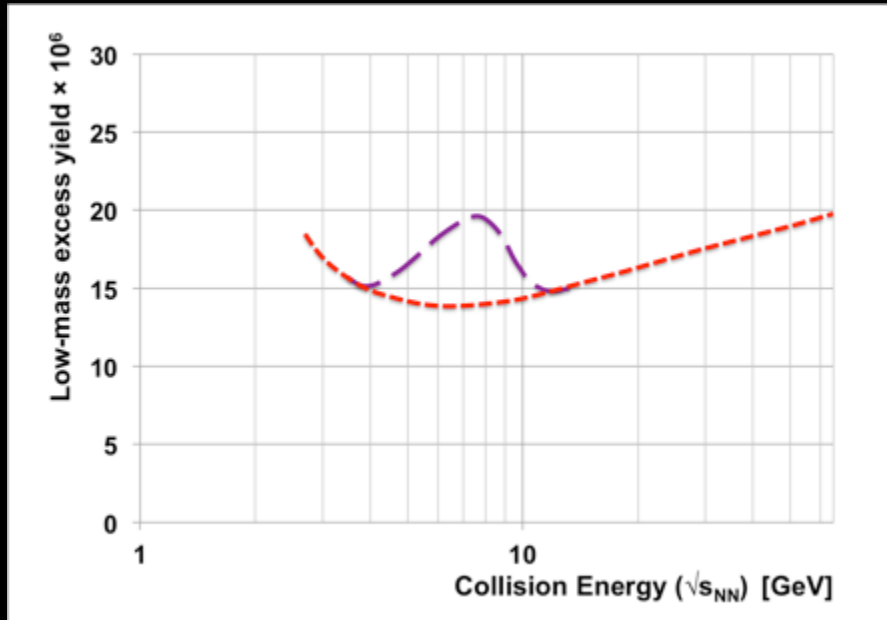
- In-medium modifications to  $\rho$  spectral function is driven by the total baryon density
- Tracks fireball lifetime well
- Should get maximal at low energy?

STAR Note 619

See also STAR: PLB 750 (2015) 64

# DILEPTON EXCITATION FUNCTIONS

LOW-MASS EXCESS ( $0.45 < \mathcal{M} < 0.7 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ )



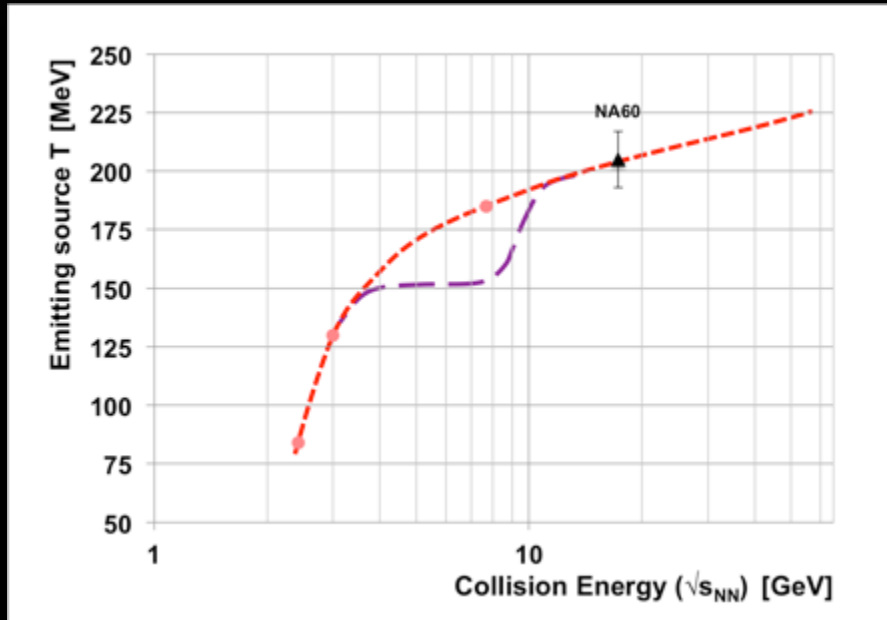
- Measure  $\rho$  spectral function and... expect the unexpected!  
→ Search for **anomalous fireball lifetime** around phase transition & CP

*Red curve; scenario w/o phase transition*

*Dashed violet curve corresponds to a speculated shape with phase transition*

# DILEPTON EXCITATION FUNCTIONS

INTERMEDIATE-MASS SLOPE ( $1.5 < \mathcal{M} < 2.5 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ )



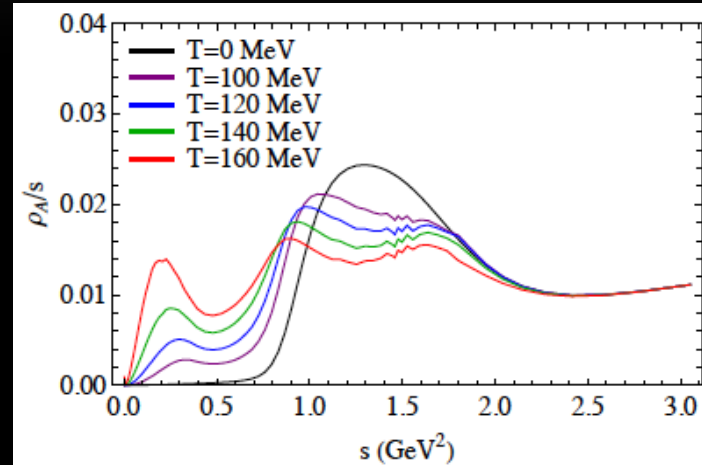
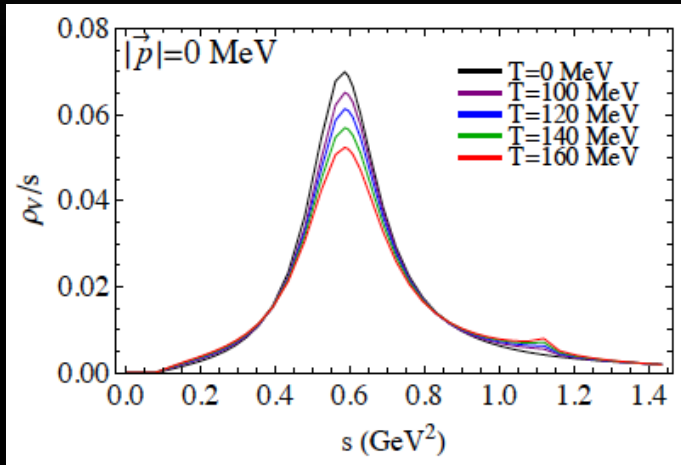
- Measure  $T_{\text{slope}}$  (note,  $T_{\text{slope}} < T_{\text{initial}}$ )  
"caloric curve"  
→ Plateau around onset of deconfinement?  
(see e.g. M. D'Agostino et al. NPA 749 (2005) 5533)

*R. Rapp, H. van Hees: PLB 753 (2016) 586*  
*F. Seck et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 52 (2016) 131*

*Dashed violet curve corresponds to a speculated shape with phase transition*

# DILEPTON EXCITATION FUNCTIONS

INTERMEDIATE-MASS SPECTRAL SHAPE, YIELD ( $1.5 < \mathcal{M} < 2.5 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ )



- Vector and axial-vector spectral functions in a pion gas
- No baryon effects accounted for yet

P. Hohler, R.Rapp, arXiv:1510.00454v1 [hep-ph] 2 Oct 2015

□  $4\pi$  processes:  $\pi + a_1 \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow l+l-$  (chiral mixing) is a dominant hadronic source in IMR

□ No correlated charm contribution!

□ No Drell-Yan!

□ No QGP!

→ Access to chiral symmetry restoration? (thought in model dependent way!)

FUTURE



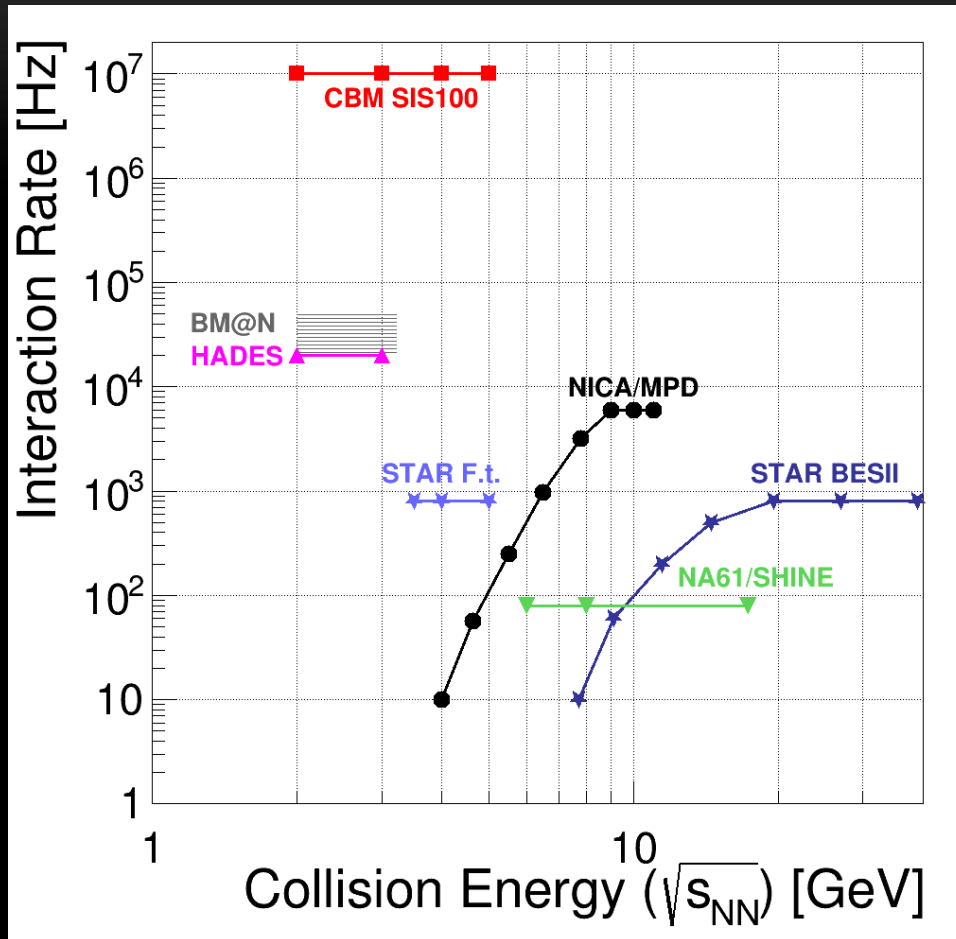
# EXPERIMENTS AIMING FOR DILEPTONS, ECT\* DEC. 2015

		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
HADES	SIS18			2.5 GeV + pA, $\pi$ A							
STAR BES	RHIC				8 – 20 GeV			200GeV			
MPD	NICA				4 – 11 GeV						
CBM	SIS100							2 – 5 GeV			
ALICE*	LHC	5.5 TeV					5.5 TeV				
	J-PARC**			pA 8 GeV							2 – 5 GeV
NA60+	SPS		LOI						6 – 17 GeV		
PHENIX	RHIC	200 GeV									
STAR	RHIC	200 GeV	pp(500)								
sPHENIX								200 GeV			
BM@N	Nuclotron		2 – 3 GeV								

\* - ITS, 50kHz, lower field

\*\* - Proposal to J-PARC in 2016, If approved, construction of HI injector and detectors in 10 years ?

# THE PRESENT AND FUTURE ION EXPERIMENTS



Program needs high quality data!

Systematic measurements from SIS18 – SIS100 energies of  $T$ ,  $T_{\text{eff}}$  vs  $M_{\parallel}$ , yield, shape with high precision (few MeV) needed!

Colliders not competitive to fixed-target experiments in terms of interaction rate  
→ Rare probes difficult to access

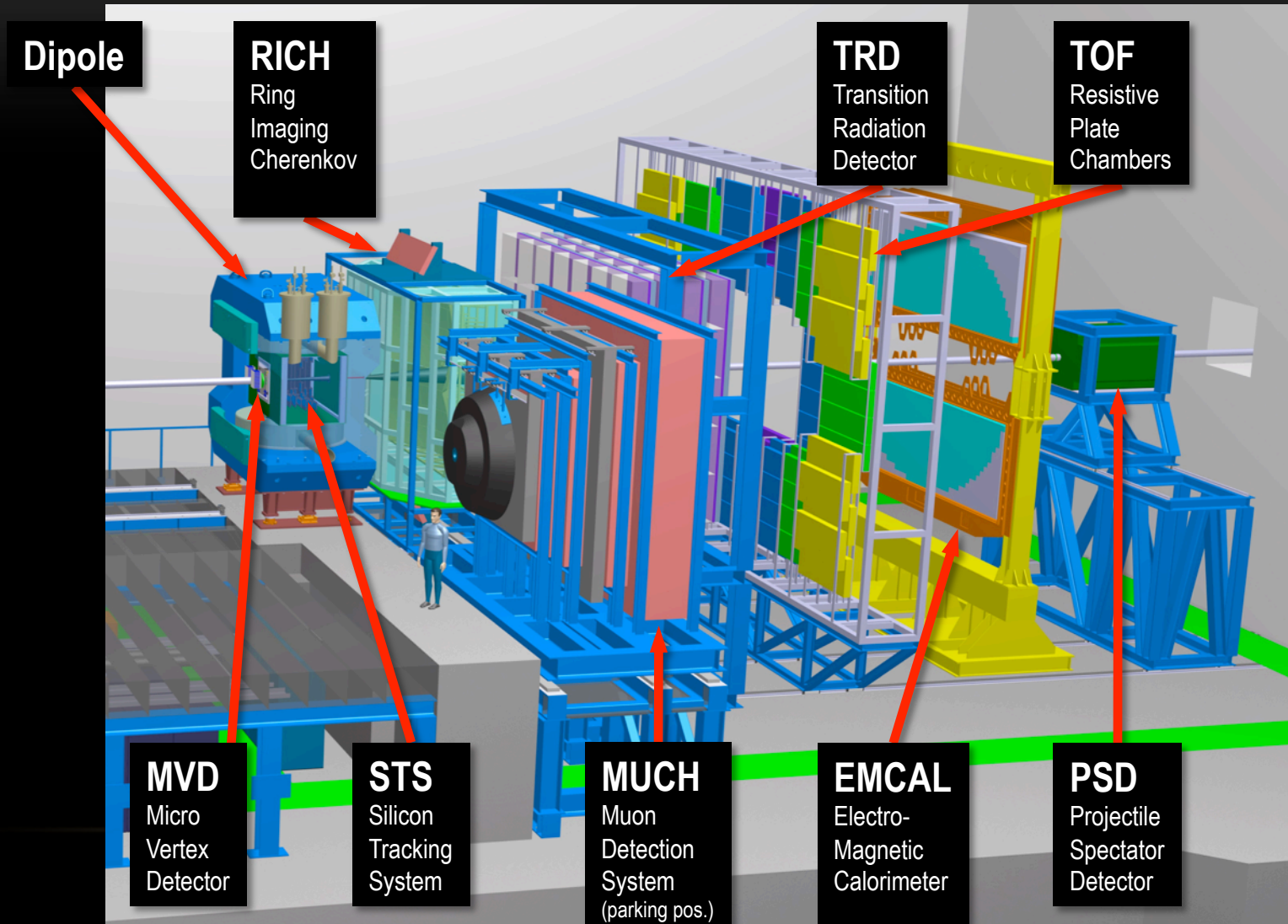
Numbers are from:

- NICA: A. Sorin, CPOD 2014
- RHIC: C. Montag, D. Cebra, CPOD 2014
- STAR Fixed Target: G. Odyniec, CPOD 2013
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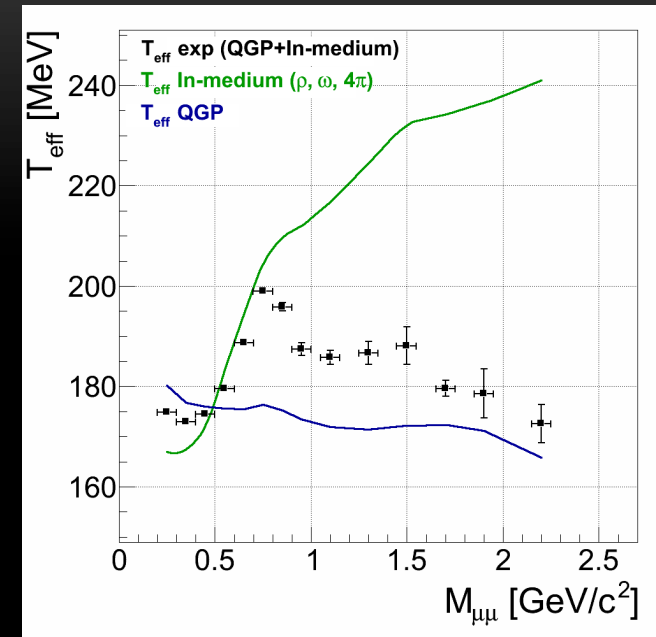
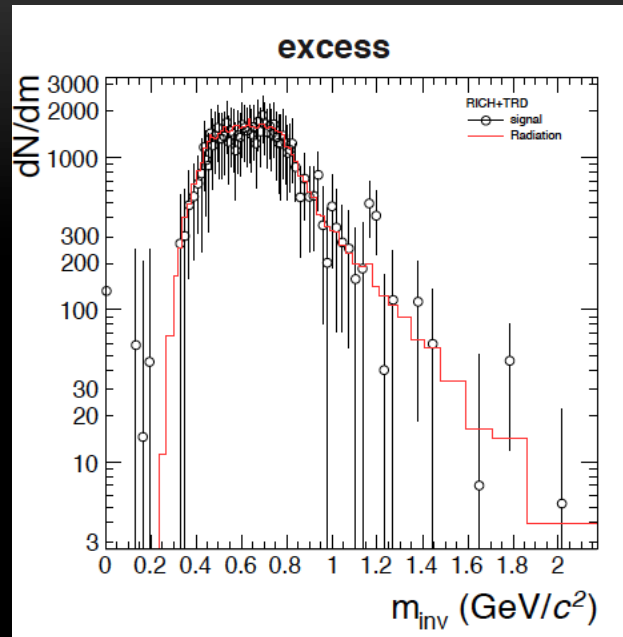
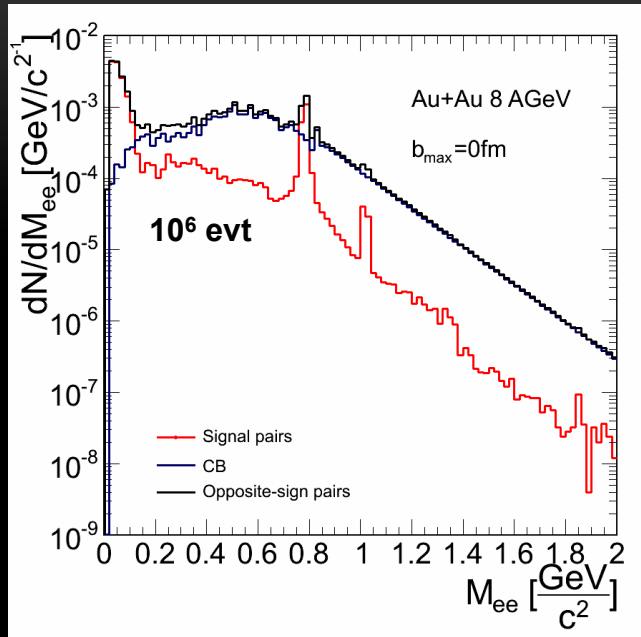
# EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

## CBM DETECTOR COMPONENTS



# CBM AT SIS100/300 SIMULATION RESULTS

Dilepton signal: detected



## Aim:

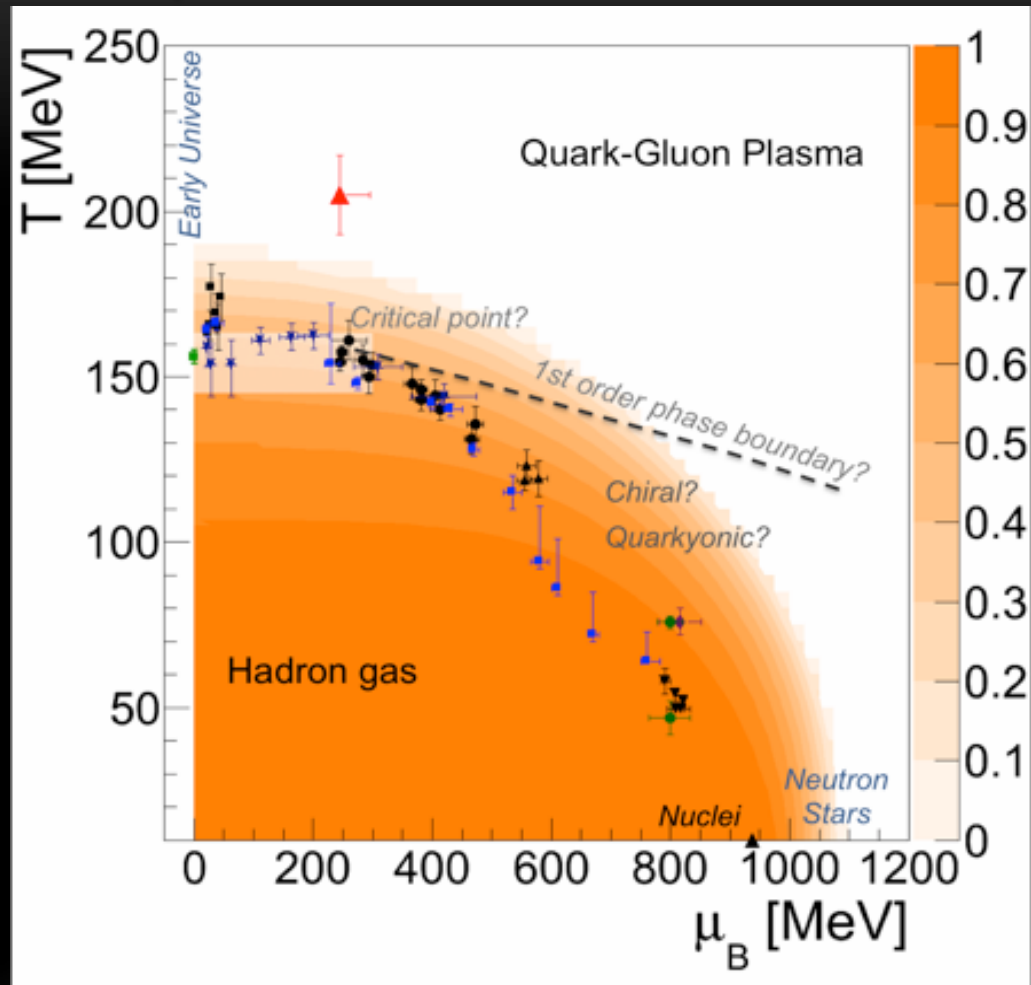
- Systematic measurement of EM radiation over the full energy range from SIS18 to SIS100
- Energy scan, Au and p beams

## Performance:

- Simulations with realistic detector geometries, material budget, and response
- Mass resolution:  $\sigma_M(\omega) = 14 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- Pair detection probability  $\approx 8\%$

# EXPLORING QCD PHASE STRUCTURE USING RARE PROBES

Direct  $\gamma$   
 ALICE: JPCS 446 (2013) 012028  
 PHENIX: PRL 104 (2010) 132301



$$\frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_{T, \mu_B}}{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_{T=0, \mu_B=0}}$$

: B.J. Schaefer and J. Wambach

▲ NA60 ( $\mu^+\mu^-$ ): H.J. Specht: AIP Conf. Proc. 1322 (2010)

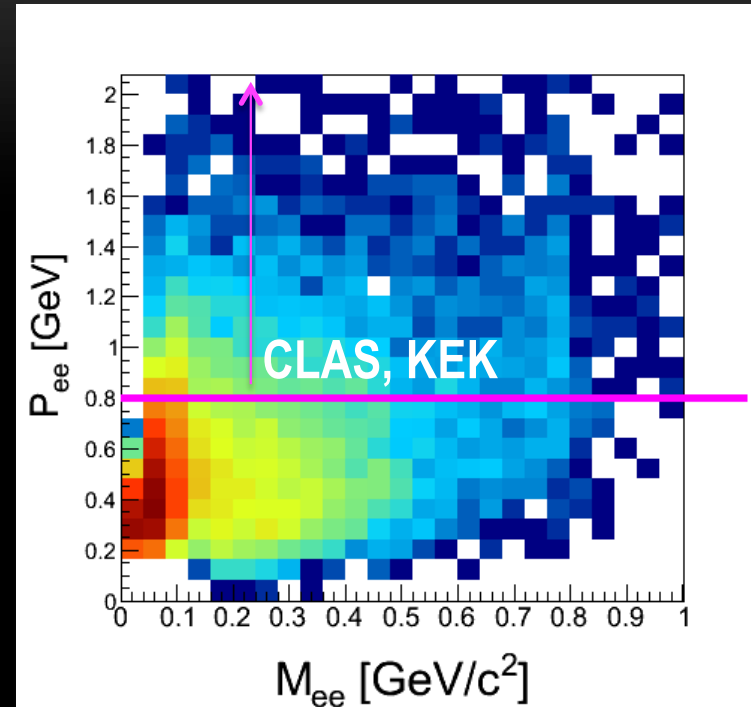
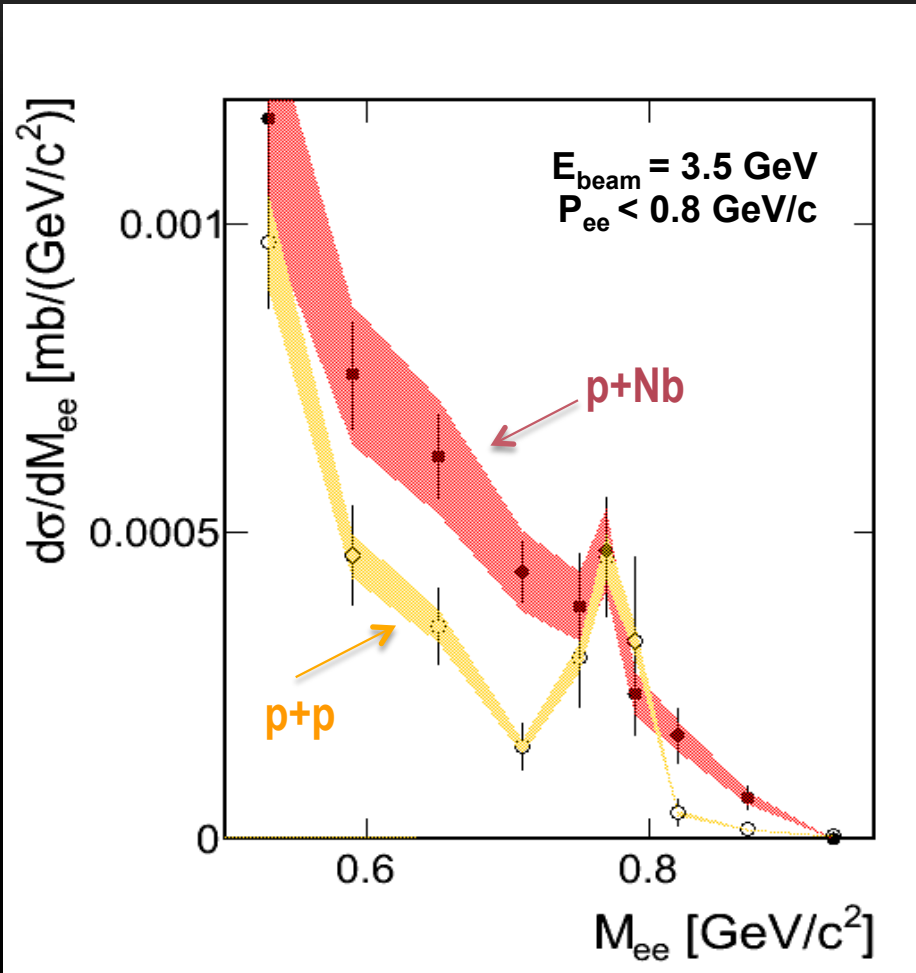
# Encouraging prospects for studying QCD matter in the region of finite $\mu_B$ with dileptons

- Explore unknown territory of the nuclear matter phase diagram
    - Aim: establish a complete excitation function of dilepton production from SIS18 up to LHC
      - Change in degrees of freedom
      - Chiral symmetry restoration
      - Emitting source temperature
  - Much more emphasis are put on running at energies optimal for the study of the QCD phase transitions and high baryon densities
  - Future experiments allows for overlap and independent confirmation of results
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THANK YOU!

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# VECTOR MESON MODIFICATIONS IN p+A REACTIONS



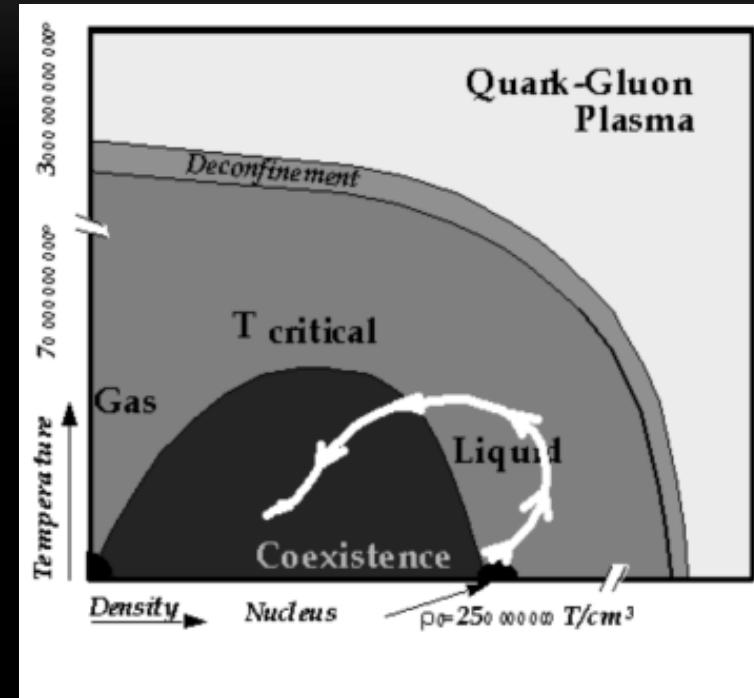
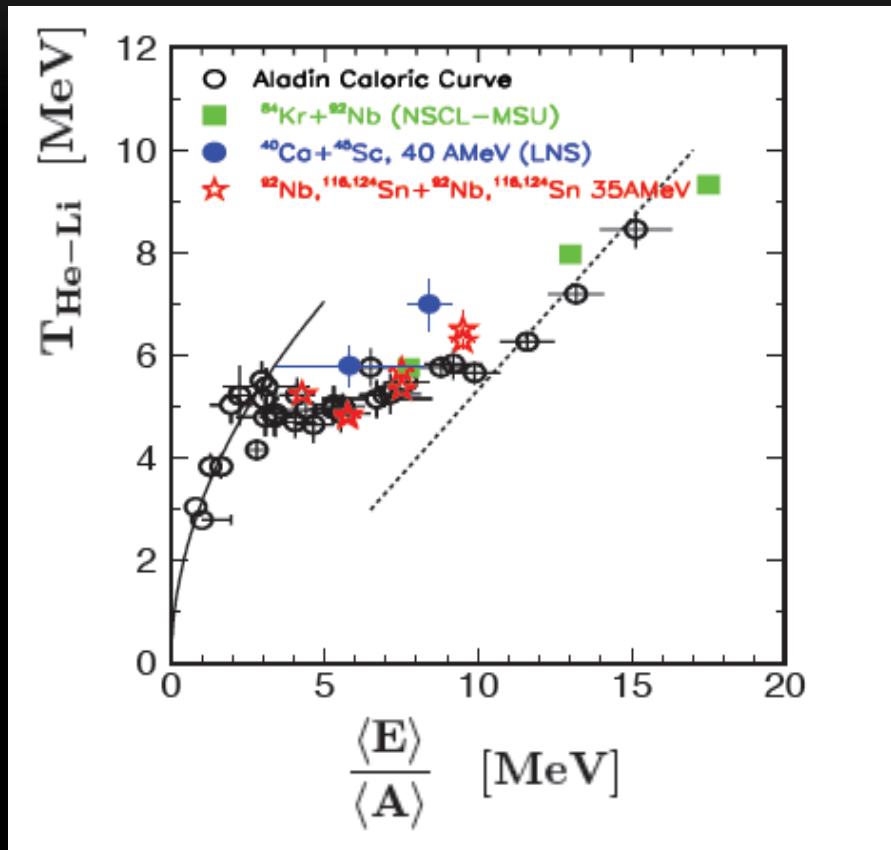
- First measurement of in-medium vector meson decays in the relevant momentum region ( $P_{ee}$  down to 0.2 GeV/c)

HADES: Phys.Lett. B715 (2012)

- HADES sees rather a melting than a shift

# NUCLEAR LIQUID-GAS TRANSITION

FROM MULTI-FRAGMENTATION MEASUREMENTS IN HEAVY-ION COLLISIONS



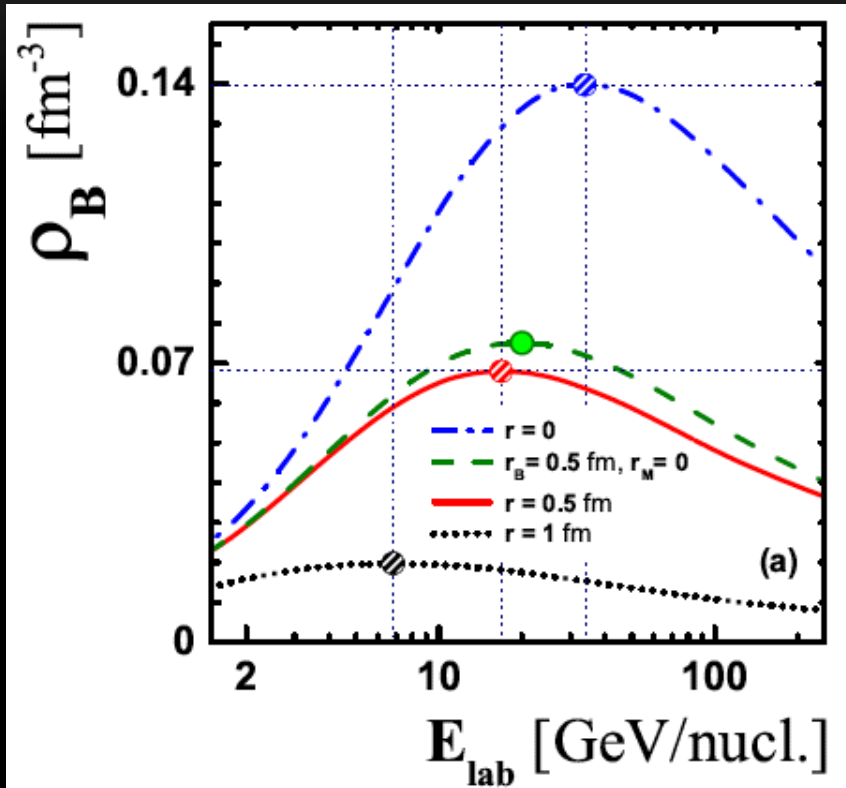
J. Pochodzalla et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 75 (1995) 1040

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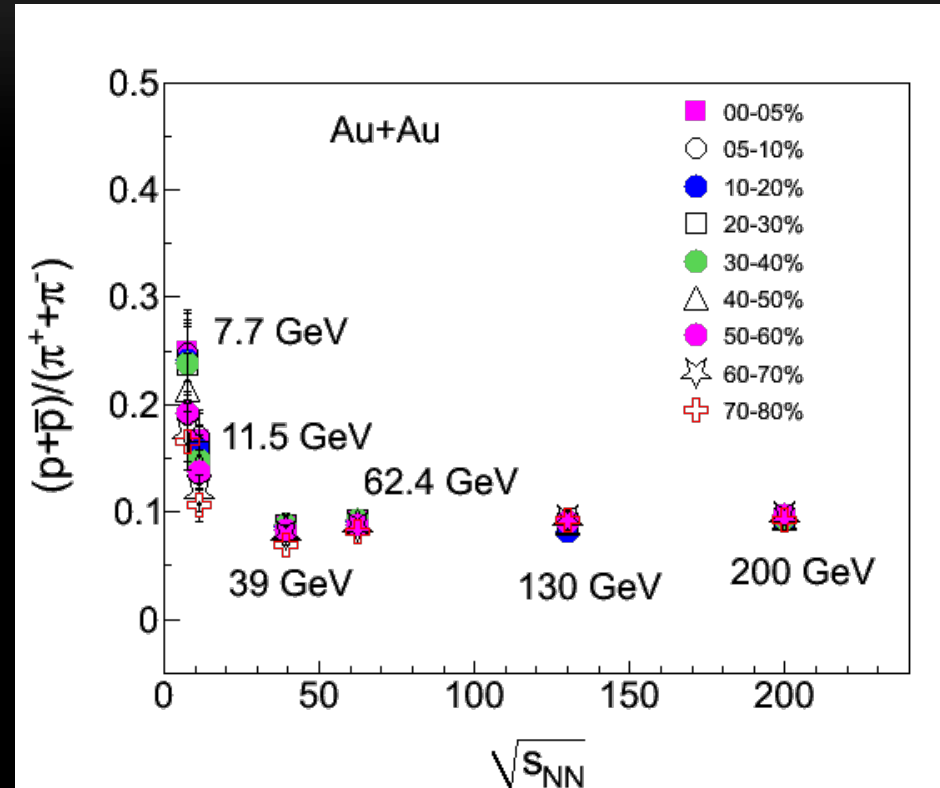
# QUEST: EXPLORE THE REGIME OF BARYON DOMINATED MATTER

Hadron-Resonance Gas at freeze-out



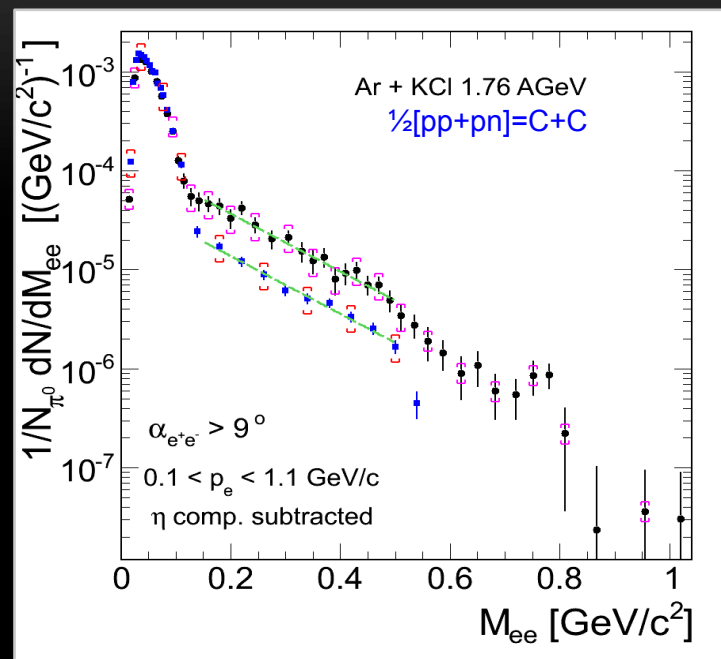
V.V. Begun et al., PRC PhysRevC.88.024902

Baryon – to – pion ratio, STAR data

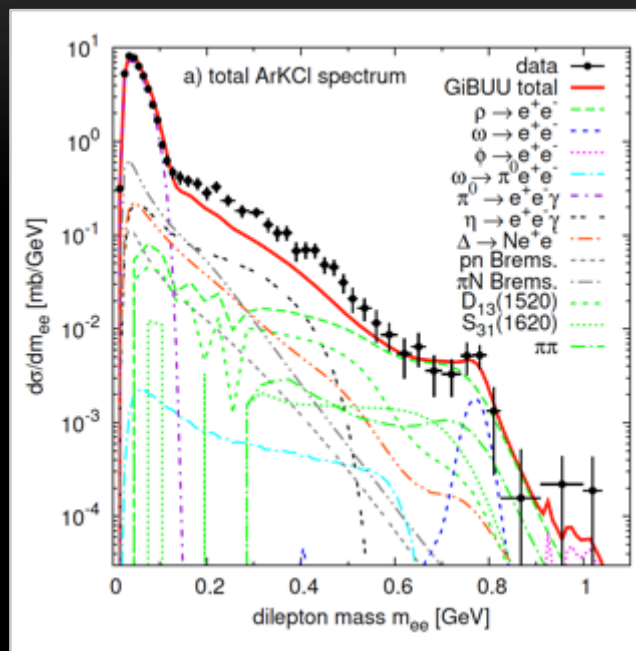


- Baryon density is factor of  $\sim 2$  larger at SPS compared to SIS18
- $\pi$  densities a factor  $\sim 50$  higher at SPS ( $\sim 7.5$  pions / baryon)
- No dilepton measurements for beam energies of 2 - 40 GeV/nucleon.

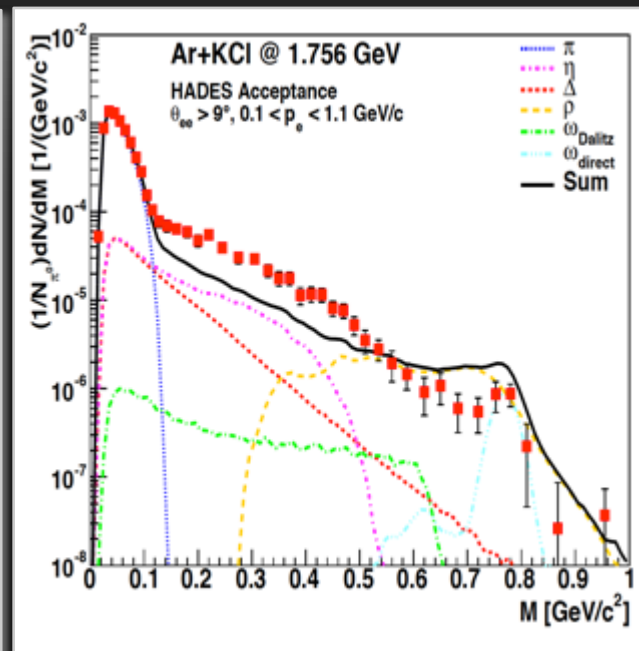




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J. Weil  
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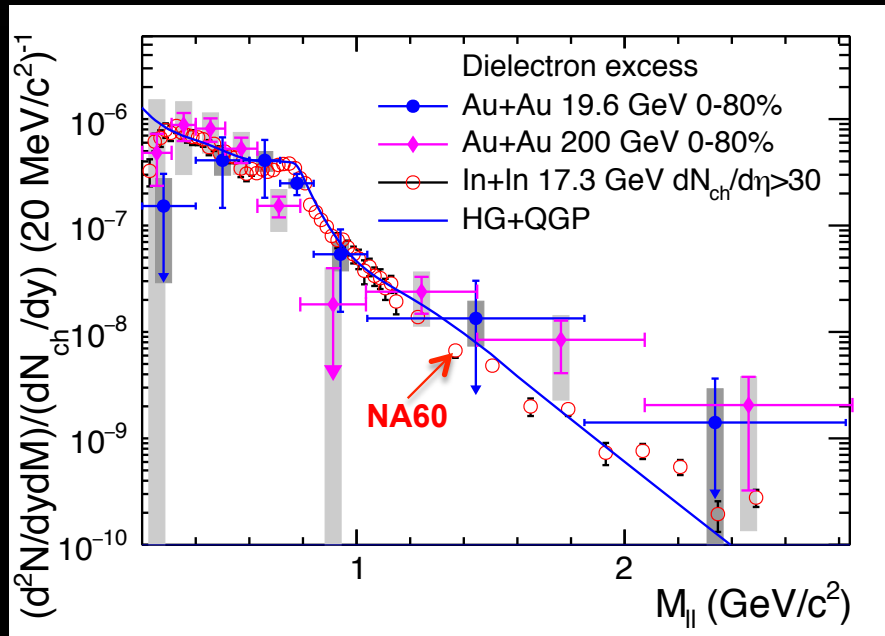
S. Endres  
*J.Phys.Conf.Ser.* 503 (2014) 012039

■ First evidence for radiation from the “medium” in this energy regime!

■ Models with vac. SF misses data → room for medium modifications!  
 See also [Bratkovskaya et al, Kämpfer et al, Weil et al, ...]

# THE HIGH ENERGY FRONTIER: STAR (NOW) & ALICE (RUN 3)

Acceptance corrected invariant-mass excess spectrum



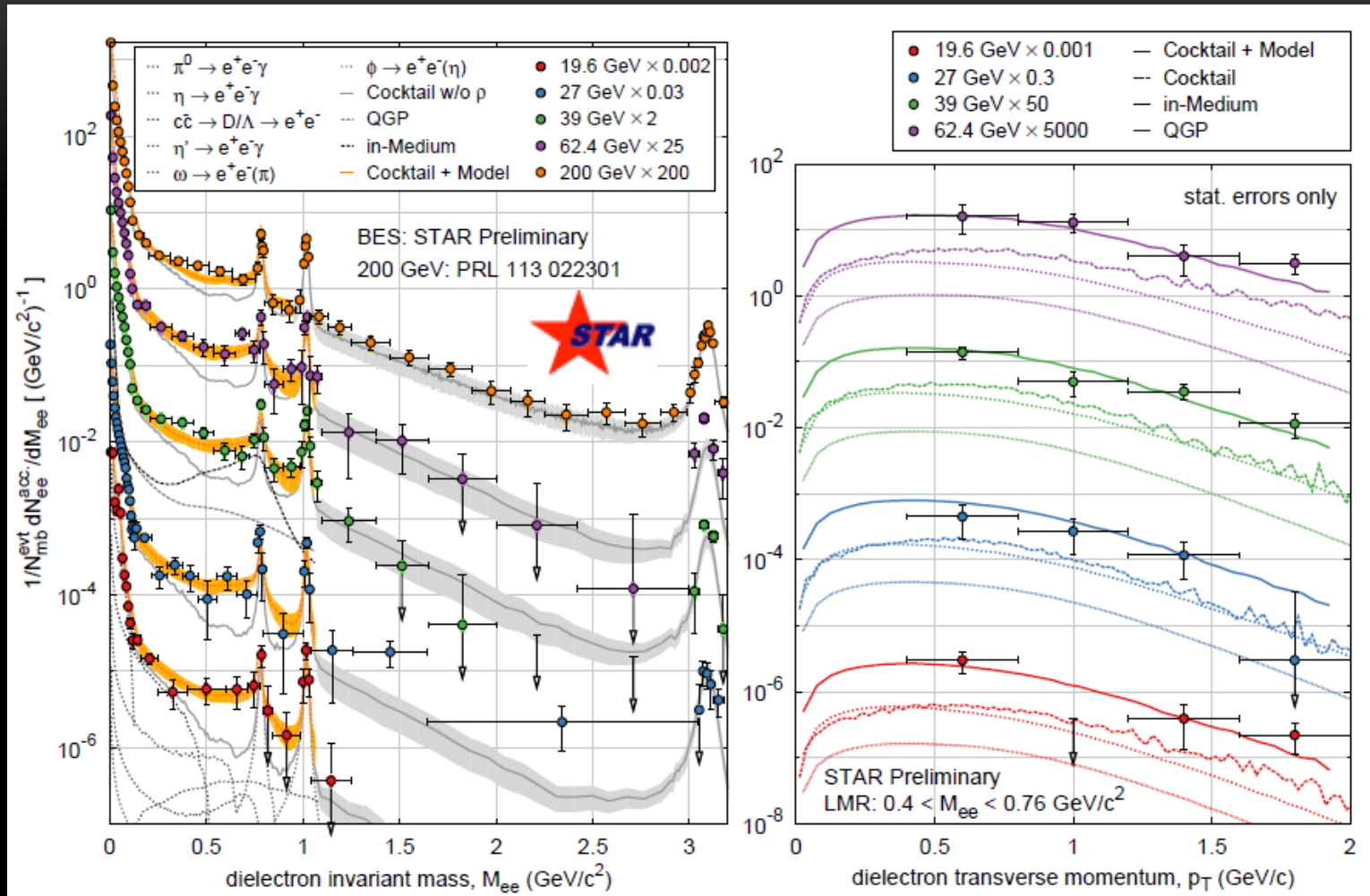
STAR: PLB 750 (2015) 64

NA60: AIP Conf. Proc. 1322 (2010) 1

- RHIC  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV and LHC
  - $\mu_B \ll T$ , i.e. vanishing net-baryon density
  - **Lattice QCD computations are most powerful!**
- Precision measurement from  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV is needed to “calibrate” EM rates
- Wish: excess mass spectrum a-la NA60, i.e. subtracting all know sources, at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV
  - High precision measurements of charm
  - Statistic!

→ Use  $4 \times 10^9$  events with HFT

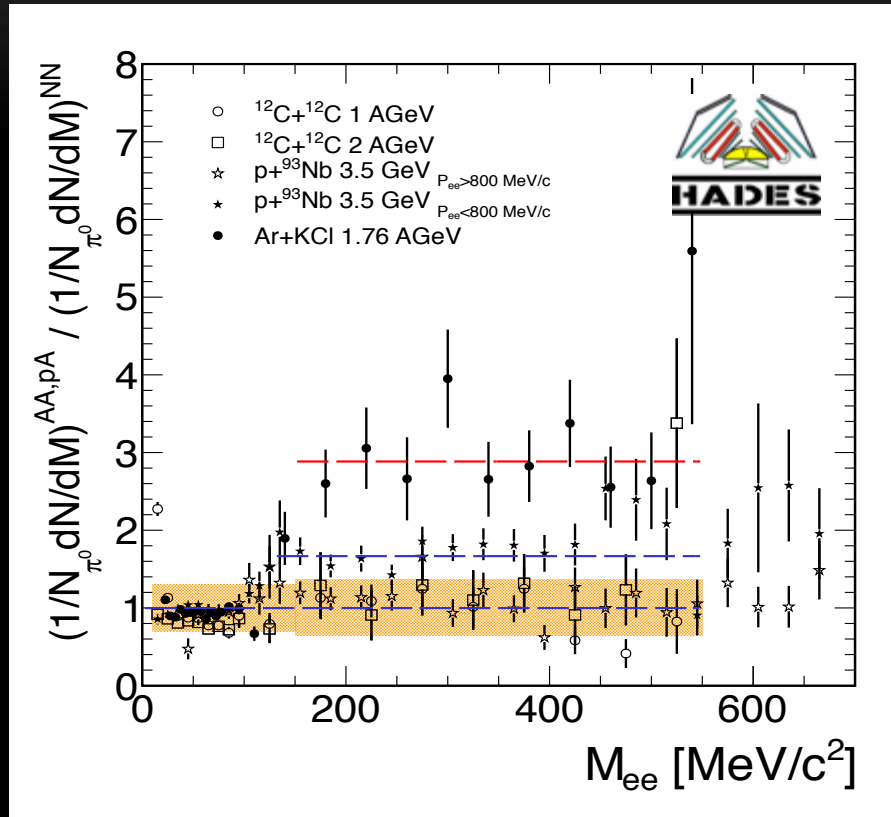
# LOW-MASS $e^+e^-$ EXCITATION FUNCTION: 19.6-200 GeV



STAR data: P. Huck et al., Nucl.Phys. A931 (2014)  
 Model: Rapp/Wambach/Hees

- Compatible with predictions from melting  $\rho$  meson
- “Universal” source around  $T_{pc}$

# LOW-MASS DILEPTONS AT 1 – 2A GeV, LIGHT SYSTEMS



- Freeze-out contributions removed ( $\pi^0$  by normalization,  $\eta$  by subtraction)
- **pNb**: First measurement of in-medium vector meson decays in the relevant momentum region ( $P_{ee}$  down to 0.2 GeV/c)
- **Ar+KCl**: First evidence for radiation from the “medium” in this energy regime
- It scales with the system size stronger than linearly and “counts” number of  $\Delta/N^*$  regenerations!

HADES Coll.:

Phys.Rev. Lett 98 (2007) 052302

Phys.Lett. B 663 (2008) 43

Phys.Lett. B 690 (2010) 118

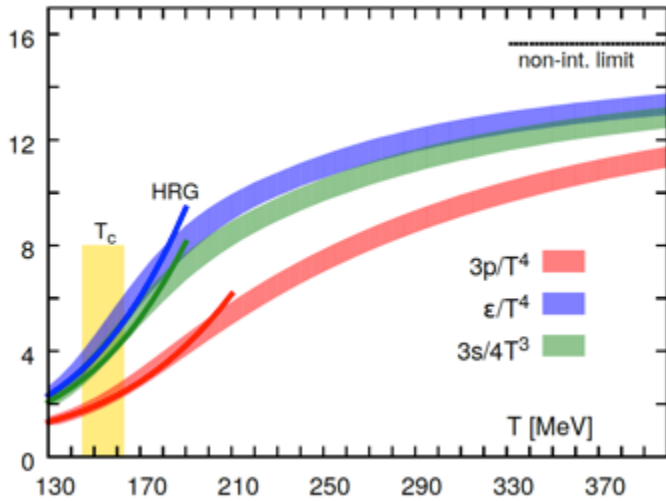
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Phys.Lett. B 715 (2012)

HADES “Resonance clock”



## Deconfinement transition



Hot QCD Coll., arXiv:1407.6387 (2014)

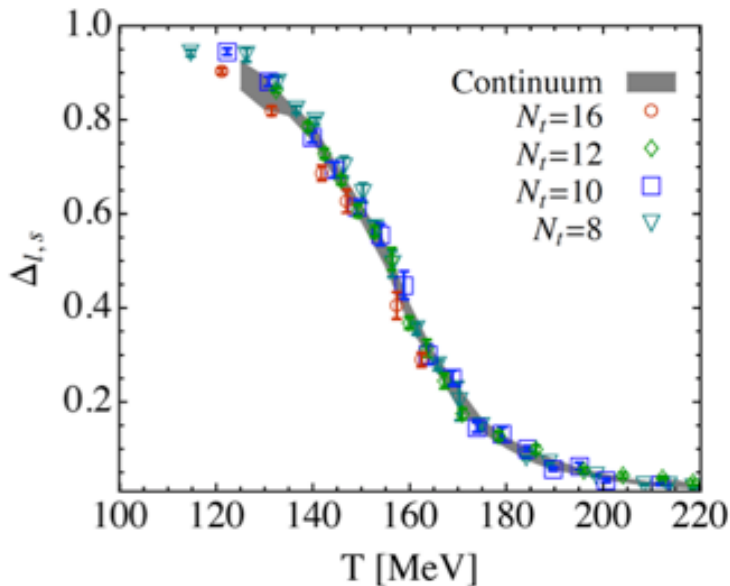
## MOTIVATION

Mass degeneration and deconfinement are closely related to the fate of the QCD condensates in the medium!

Under which temperature and pressure does matter deconfine and/or restore symmetry?

- Establish the nature of QCD phase transitions
- Understand the generation of mass in strong interactions

## Chiral symmetry restoration

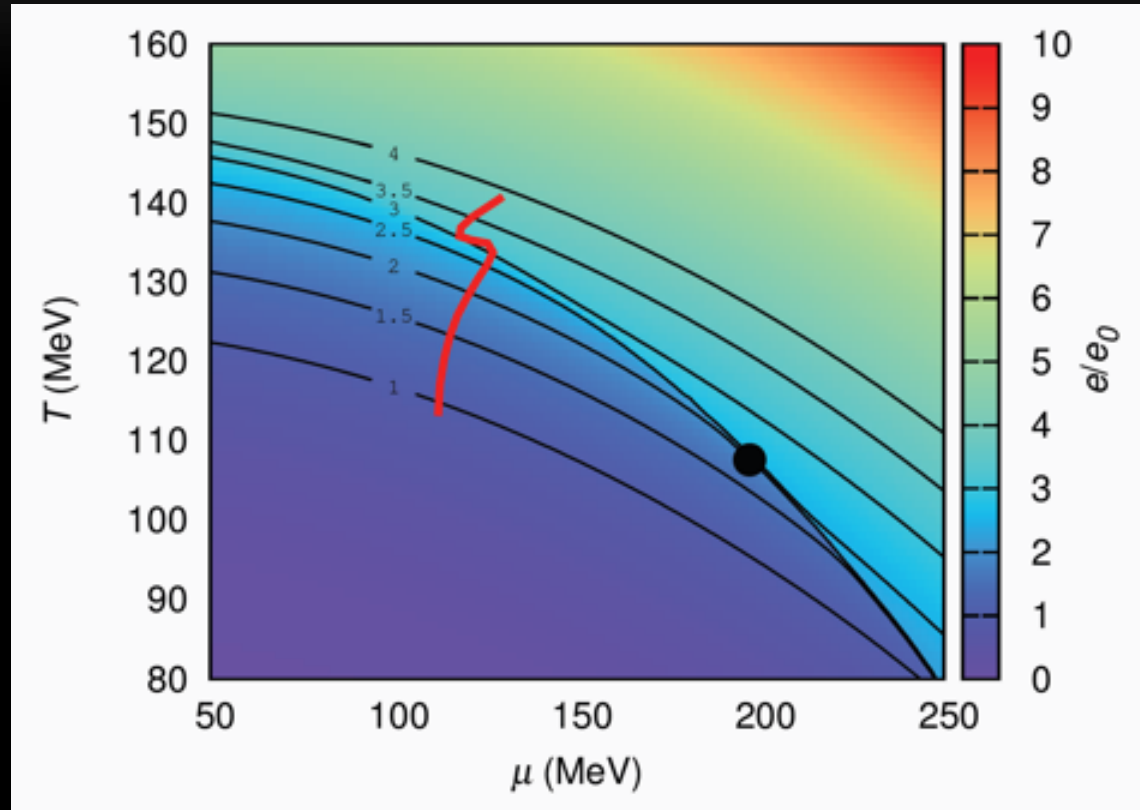


S. Borsanyi et al. [Wuppertal-Budapest Coll.],  
JHEP 1009 (2010) 073

→ *Experimental test!*

# MAPPING QCD PHASE DIAGRAM WITH DILEPTONS

Event-averaged trajectory near the critical point (black dot)



*C. Herold, M. Nahrgang, Y. Yan and C. Kobdaj, PRC93 (2016) no.2*