

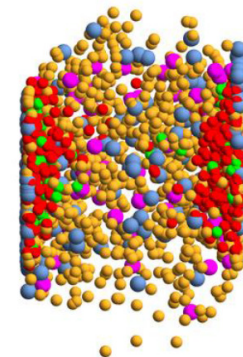
# High-density QCD

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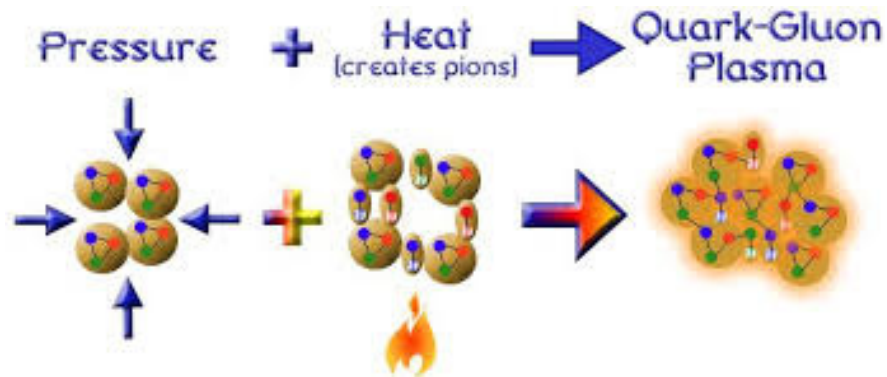
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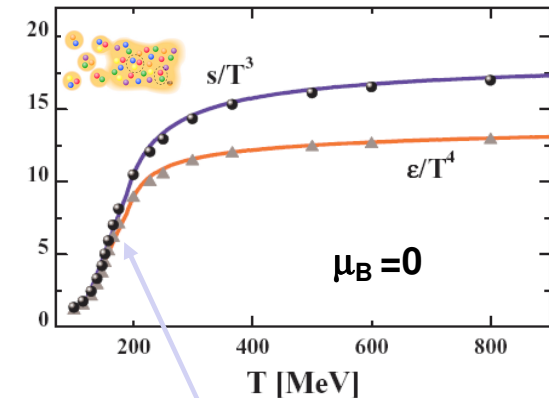
# Heavy-ion collisions

## Heavy-ion collision experiment

→ ,re-creation‘ of the Big Bang conditions in laboratory:  
matter at high **pressure** and **temperature**



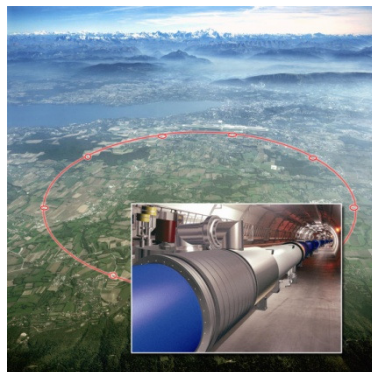
## IQCD



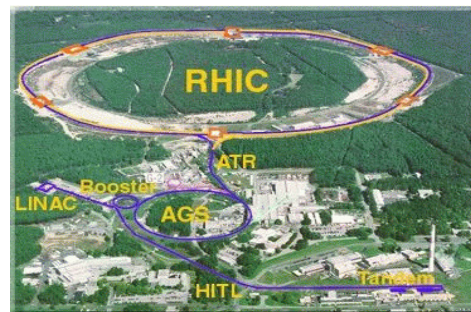
→ **phase transition** from hadronic to partonic matter (quarks, gluons) at critical energy density  $\epsilon_c \sim 0.5 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$

## Heavy-ion accelerators:

Large Hadron Collider -  
LHC (CERN):  
Pb+Pb up to 574 A TeV



Relativistic-Heavy-Ion-Collider -  
RHIC (Brookhaven):  
Au+Au up to 21.3 A TeV



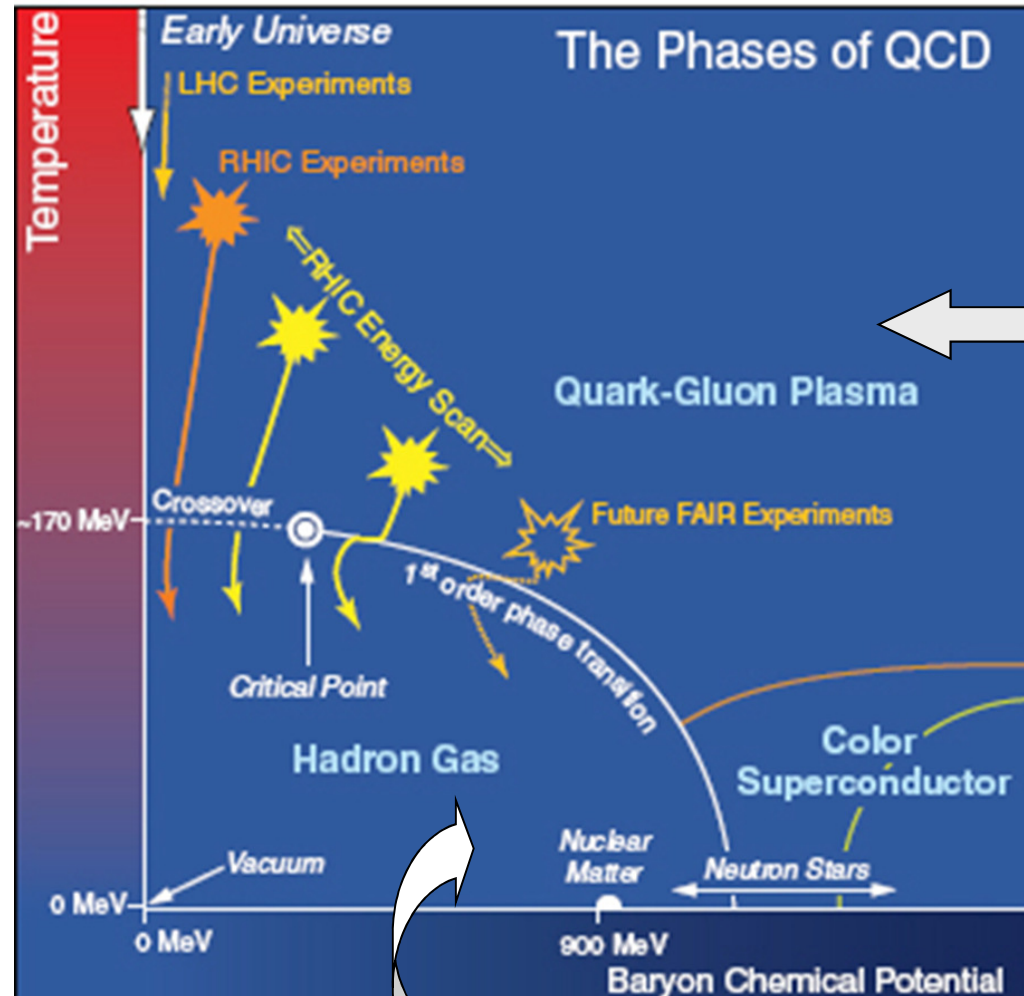
Facility for Antiproton and Ion  
Research – FAIR (Darmstadt)  
(Under construction)  
Au+Au up to 10 (30) A GeV



Nuclotron-based Ion Collider  
fAcility – NICA (Dubna)  
(Under construction)  
Au+Au up to 60 A GeV

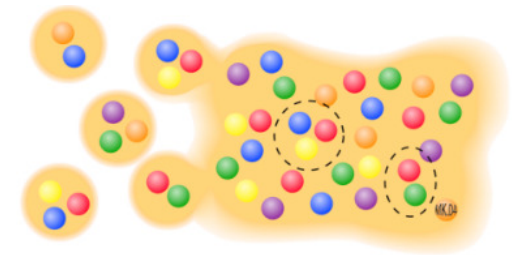


# The 'holy grail' of heavy-ion physics:



## The phase diagram of QCD

- Study of the **phase transition** from hadronic to partonic matter – **Quark-Gluon-Plasma**



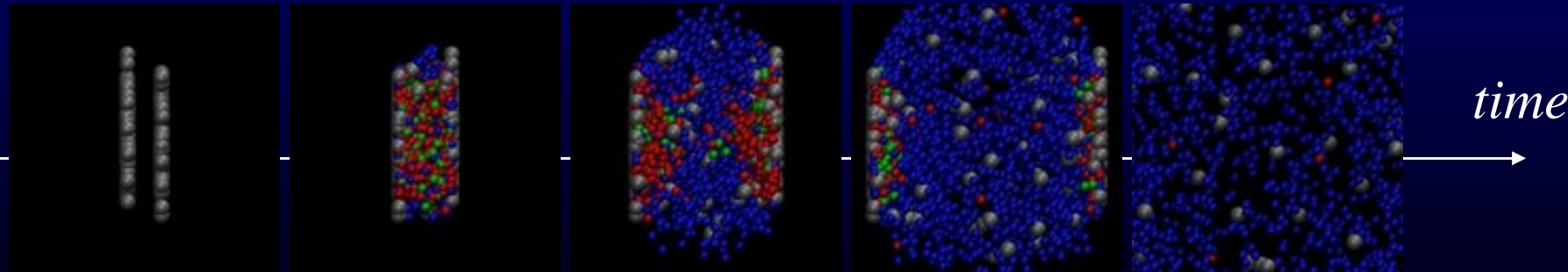
- Search for the **critical point**

- Study of the **in-medium** properties of hadrons at high baryon density and temperature

# „Little Bangs‘ in the Laboratory

Initial State

Hadronization



Au+Au

Quark-Gluon-Plasma ?

hadron  
degrees  
of freedom



quarks and gluons



hadron  
degrees  
of freedom

How can we prove that an equilibrium QGP has been created in central heavy-ion collisions ?!

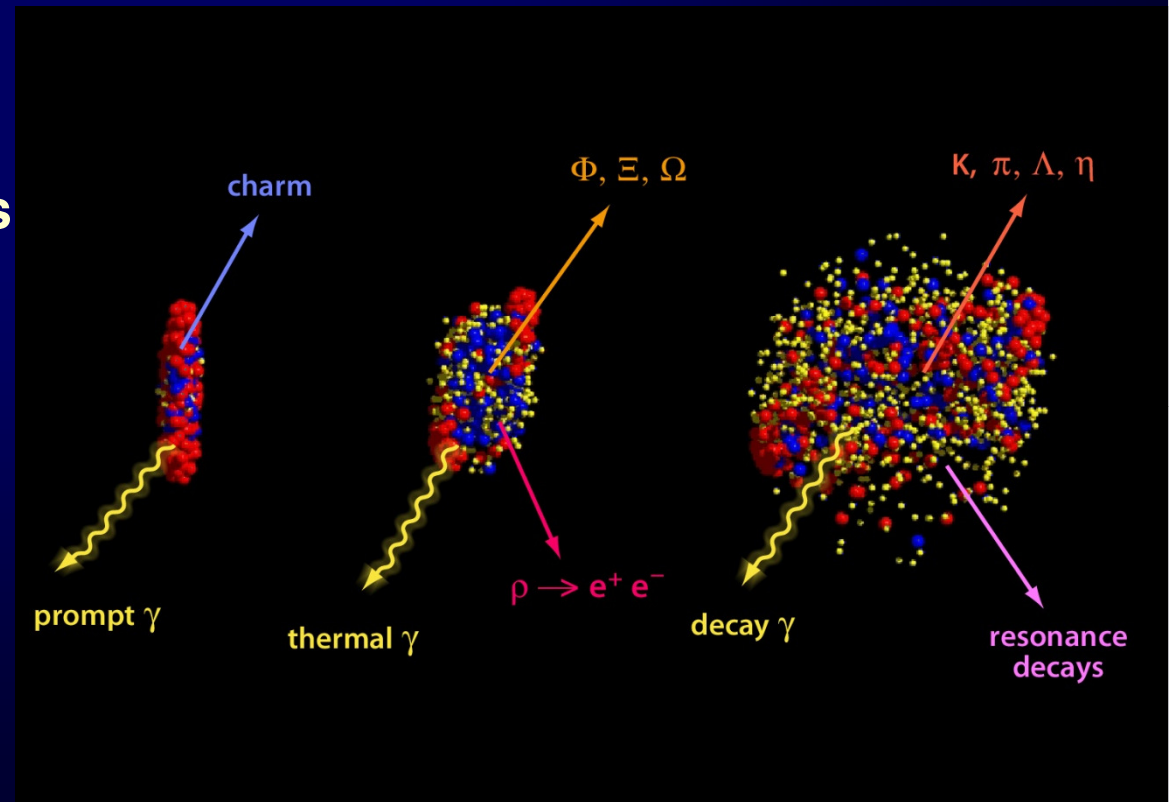
## Signals of the phase transition:

- Multi-strange particle enhancement in A+A
- Charm suppression
- Collective flow ( $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ )
- Thermal dileptons
- Jet quenching and angular correlations
- High  $p_T$  suppression of hadrons
- Nonstatistical event by event fluctuations and correlations
- ...

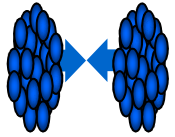
**Experiment:** measures  
final hadrons and leptons

How to learn about  
physics from data?

**Compare with theory!**







# Basic models for heavy-ion collisions

- **Statistical models:**

basic assumption: system is described by a (grand) canonical ensemble of non-interacting fermions and bosons in **thermal and chemical equilibrium**  
[ - : no dynamics]

- **(Ideal) hydrodynamical models:**

basic assumption: conservation laws + equation of state; assumption of local thermal and chemical equilibrium  
[ - : simplified dynamics]

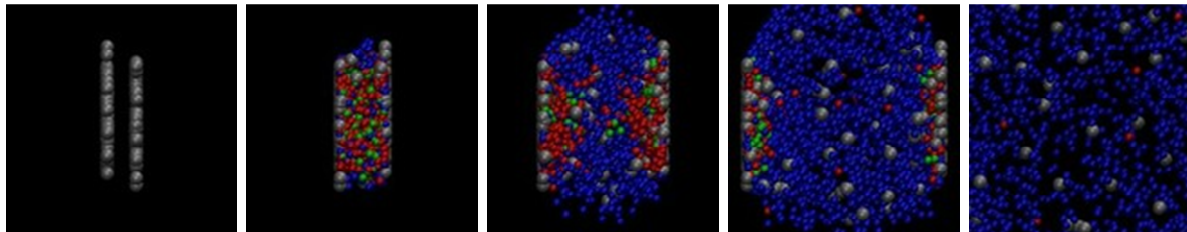
- **Transport models:**

**based on transport theory of relativistic quantum many-body systems -**

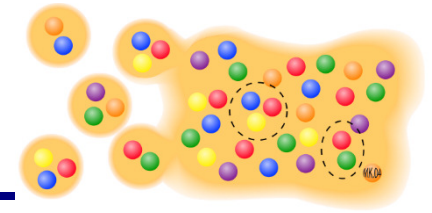
Actual solutions: **Monte Carlo simulations**

[+ : full dynamics | - : very complicated]

→ **Microscopic transport models** provide a unique **dynamical** description of **nonequilibrium** effects in heavy-ion collisions



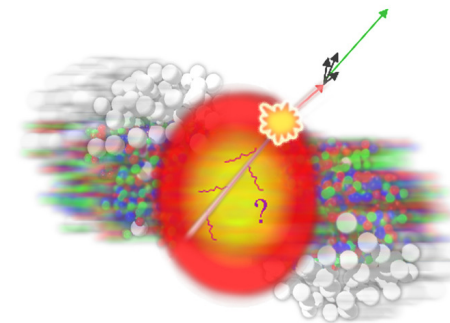
# Models of HIC



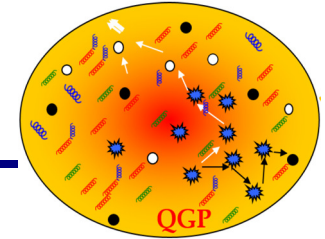
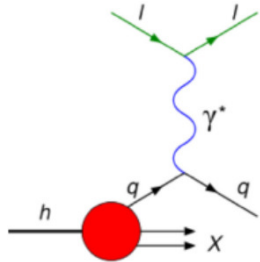
**Goal:** microscopic transport description of the **partonic** and **hadronic phase**

**Problems:**

- ❑ What are the **properties** of the QGP degrees of freedom?
- ❑ How to model a **QGP phase** in line with IQCD data?
- ❑ How to solve the **hadronization problem**?

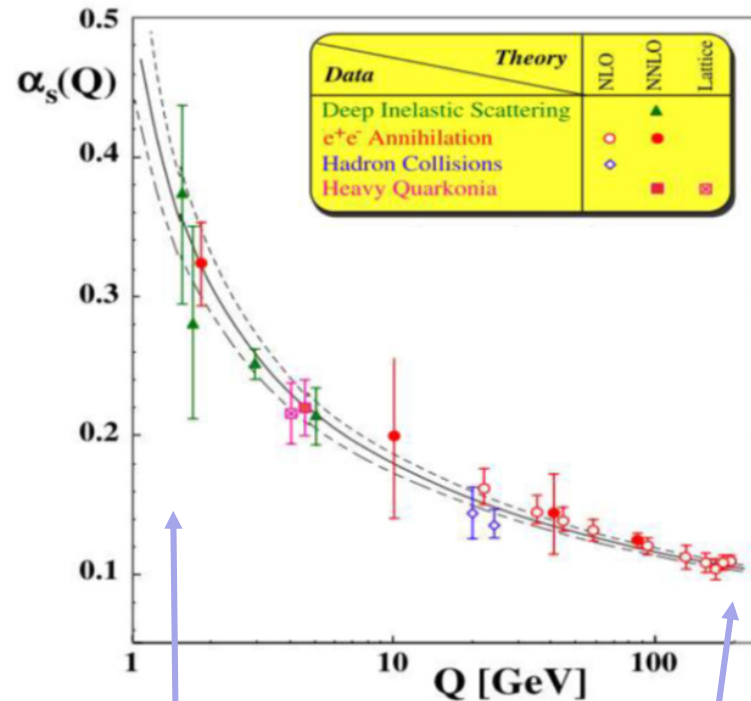


# Thermal properties of QGP: $\alpha_s$



## Running coupling

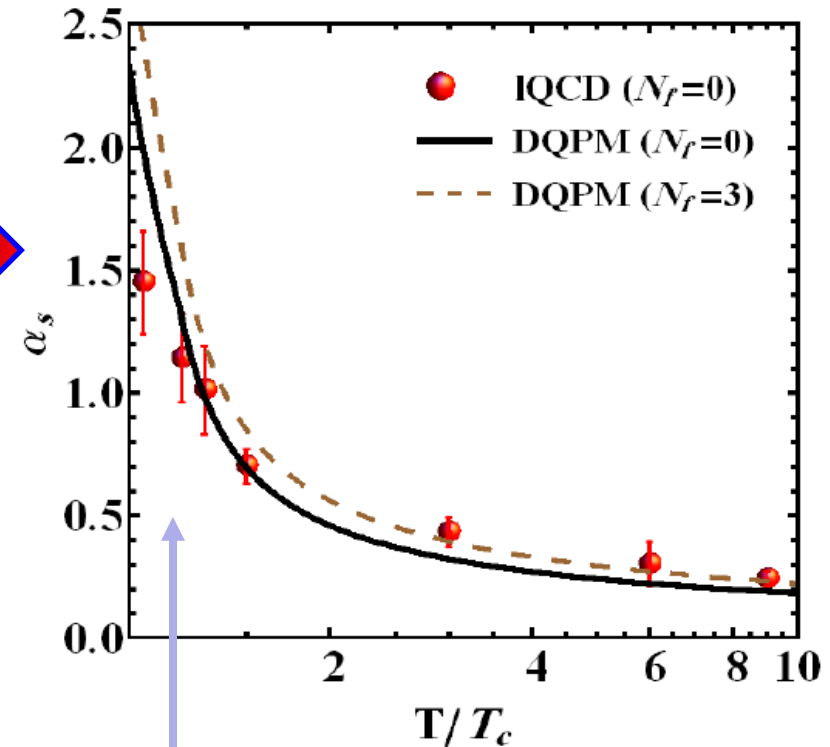
$\alpha_s(Q)$



low energy  
long distance

high energy  
short distance

$\alpha_s(T)$



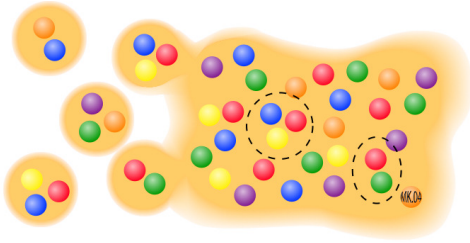
Non-perturbative QCD

pQCD

➤ **Confinement** ➤ Asymptotic freedom

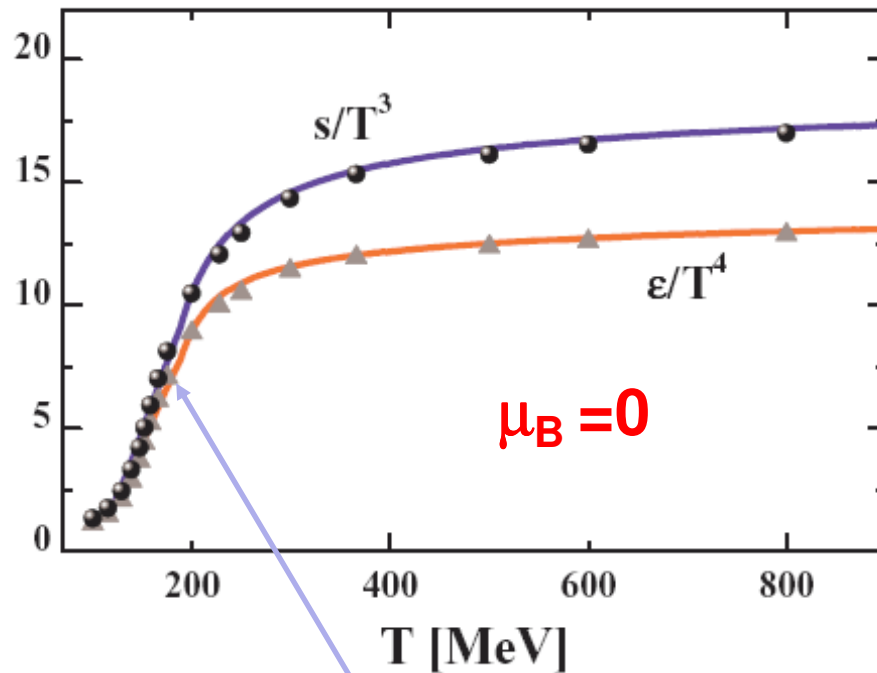
➤ **deconfined QGP**



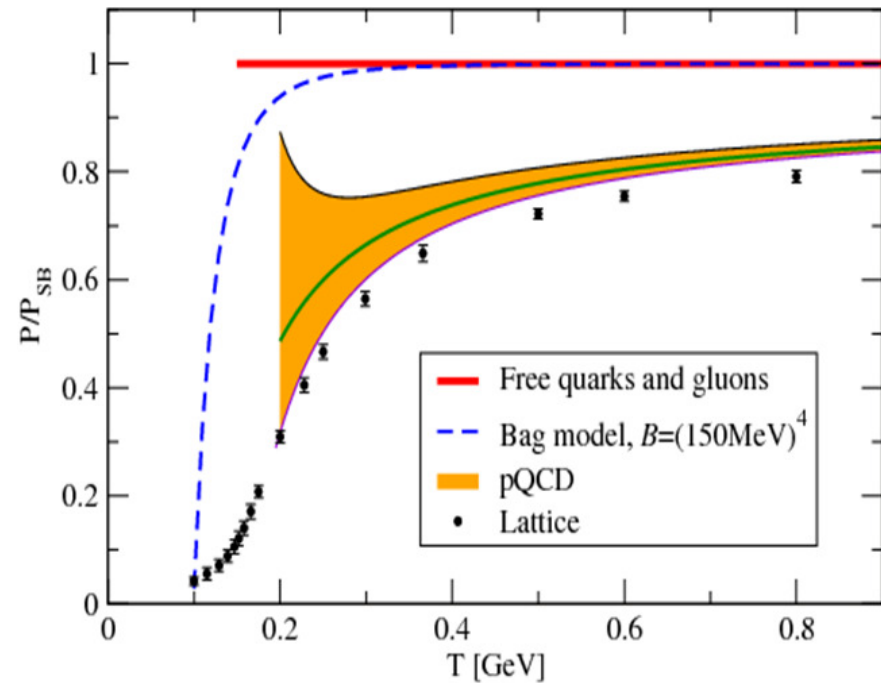


# Thermal properties of QGP

## Equation-of-state (EoS) from IQCD



**IQCD:** Wuppertal-Budapest group  
Y. Aoki et al., JHEP 0906 (2009) 088.



Non-perturbative QCD ← pQCD

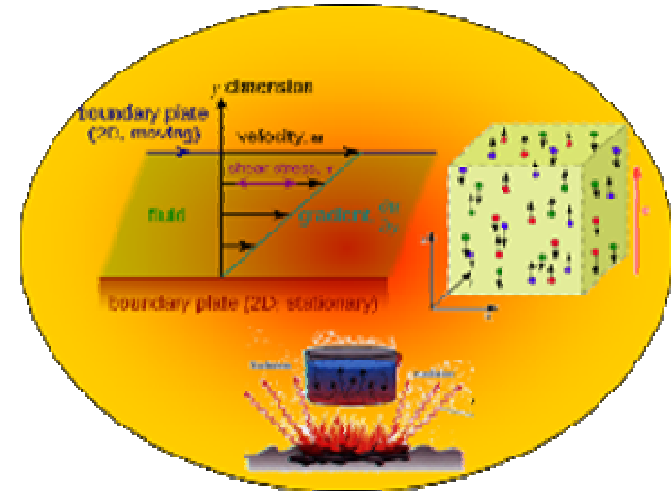
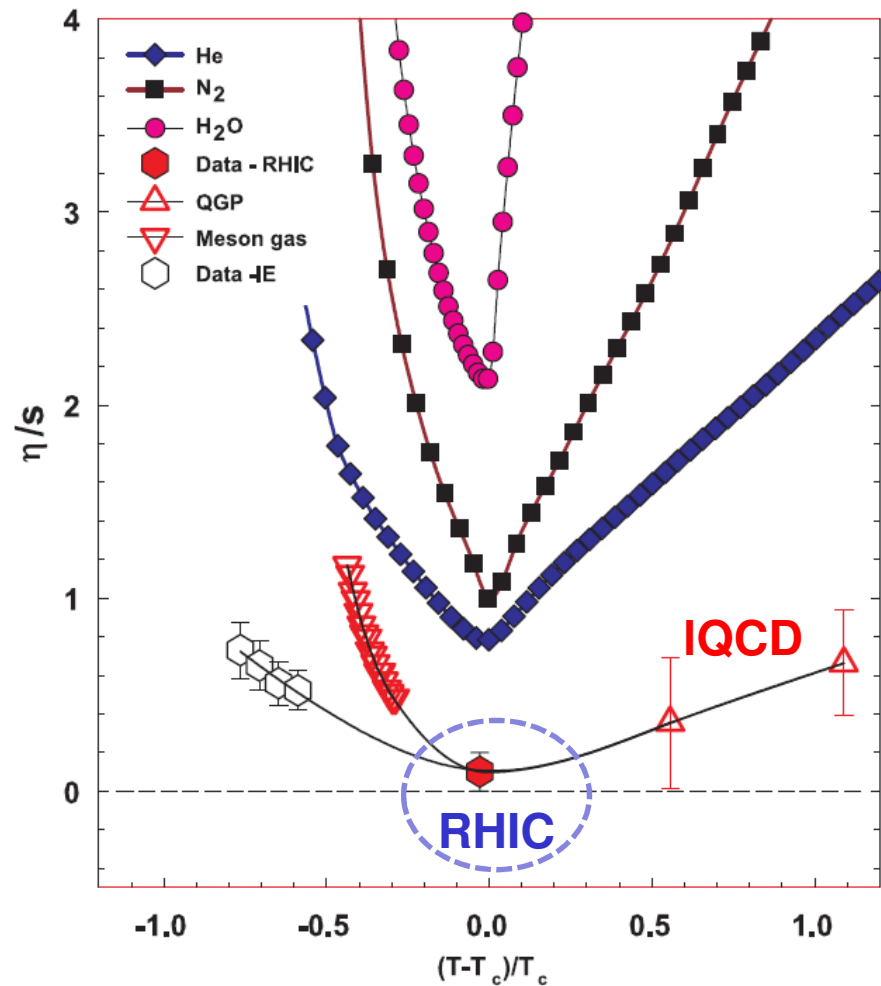
→ **Crossover transition** from hadronic matter to QGP

**Critical conditions:**  $\epsilon_c \sim 0.5 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$ ,  $T_c \sim 160 \text{ MeV}$

- can be reached in heavy-ion experiments at bombarding energies  $> 5 \text{ GeV/A}$

# The properties of QGP from HIC

Compilation of the ratio of shear viscosity to entropy density for various substances



Exp. data + IQCD:

$\eta/s$  near  $T_c$  is very small !

→ **QGP** : close to an **ideal liquid**,  
not a gas of weakly interacting  
quarks and gluons

→ **QGP**: **strongly-interacting matter**

# Degrees-of-freedom of QGP

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❖ IQCD gives QGP EoS →

need to be interpreted in terms of **degrees-of-freedom**

**pQCD:**

- ❑ weakly interacting system
- ❑ massless quarks and gluons

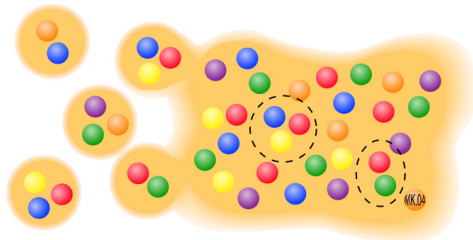
**Thermal QCD**

**= QCD at high parton densities:**

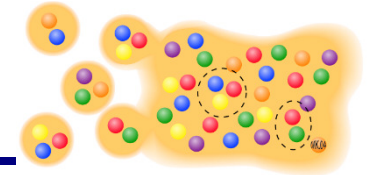
- ❑ strongly interacting system
- ❑ massive quarks and gluons



❖ **Effective degrees-of-freedom**



# From SIS to LHC: from hadrons to partons



**The goal:** to study of the phase transition from hadronic to partonic matter and properties of the Quark-Gluon-Plasma from microscopic origin

→ need a consistent non-equilibrium transport model

- ❑ with explicit parton-parton interactions (i.e. between quarks and gluons)
- ❑ explicit phase transition from hadronic to partonic degrees of freedom
- ❑ IQCD EoS for partonic phase (‘crossover’ at  $\mu_q=0$ )
- ❑ 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 (applicable for strongly interacting system!)



**Parton-Hadron-String-Dynamics (PHSD)**

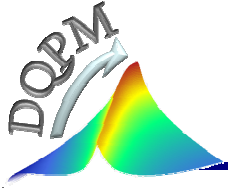


**QGP phase described by**

**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:

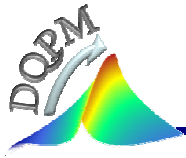
**DQPM** describes **QCD** properties in terms of **,resummed' single-particle Green's functions** (propagators) – in the sense of a two-particle irreducible (2PI) approach:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{gluon propagator: } \Delta^{-1} &= P^2 - \Pi & \& \quad \text{quark propagator } S_q^{-1} &= P^2 - \Sigma_q \\ \text{gluon self-energy: } \Pi &= M_g^2 - i2\Gamma_g\omega & \& \quad \text{quark self-energy: } \Sigma_q &= M_q^2 - i2\Gamma_q\omega \end{aligned}$$

(scalar approximation)

- the resummed properties are specified by **complex (retarded) self-energies** which **depend on temperature (or the scalar parton density out-of equilibrium)**:
  - the **real part of self-energies** ( $\Sigma_q, \Pi$ ) describes a **dynamically generated mass** ( $M_q, M_g$ );
  - the **imaginary part** describes the **interaction width** of partons ( $\Gamma_q, \Gamma_g$ )
- **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 ( $U_q, U_g$ )
- **2PI framework** guaranties a consistent description of the system **in- and out-of equilibrium** on the basis of **Kadanoff-Baym equations** with proper states in equilibrium

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



# The Dynamical QuasiParticle Model (DQPM)

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

$$A_i(\omega, T) = \frac{4\omega\Gamma_i(T)}{(\omega^2 - \vec{p}^2 - M_i^2(T))^2 + 4\omega^2\Gamma_i^2(T)}$$

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

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

■ **quarks:**

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

**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:**

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

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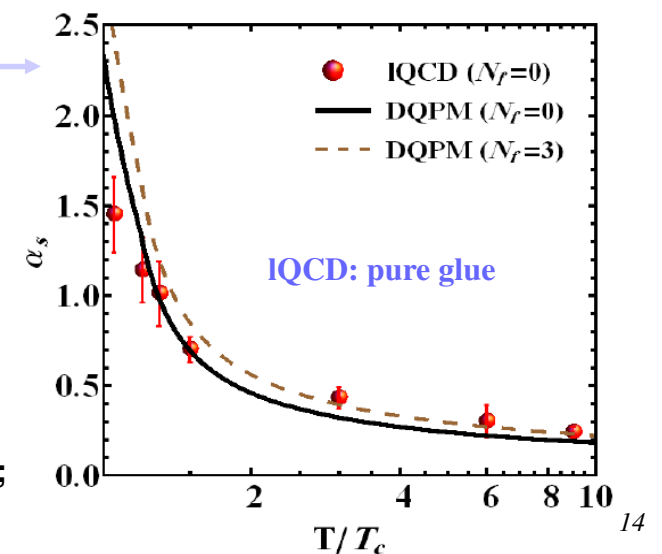
$$N_c = 3, N_f = 3$$

■ **running coupling: T-dependent  $\alpha_s(T)$**

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

□ **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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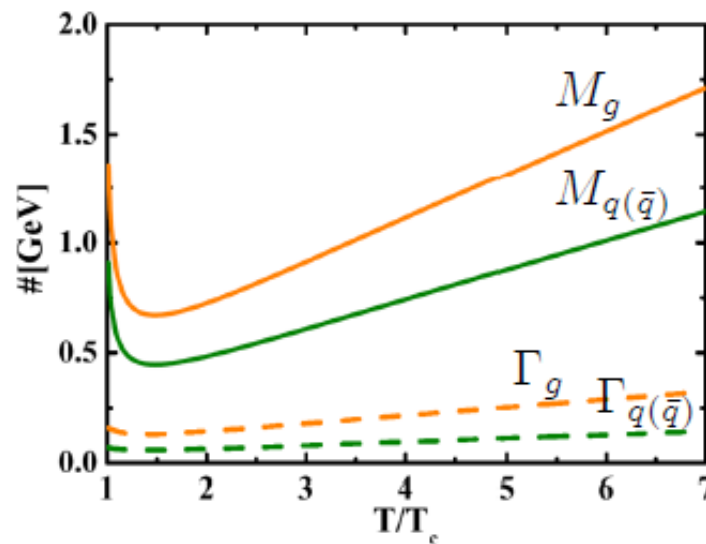
# The Dynamical QuasiParticle Model (DQPM)

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

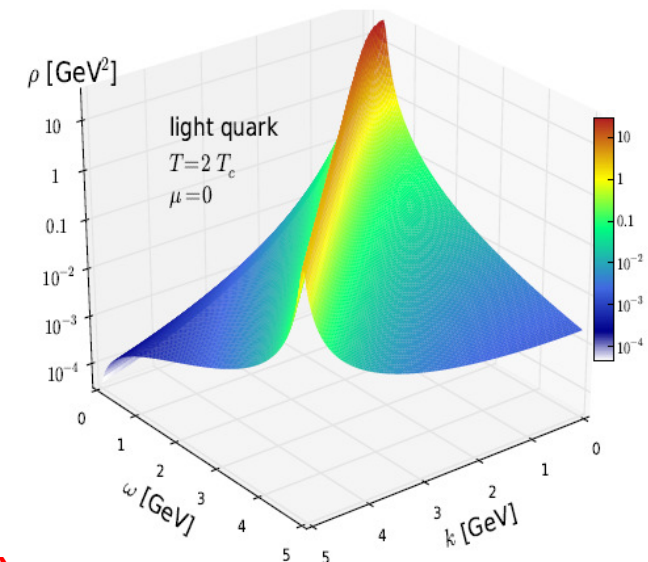
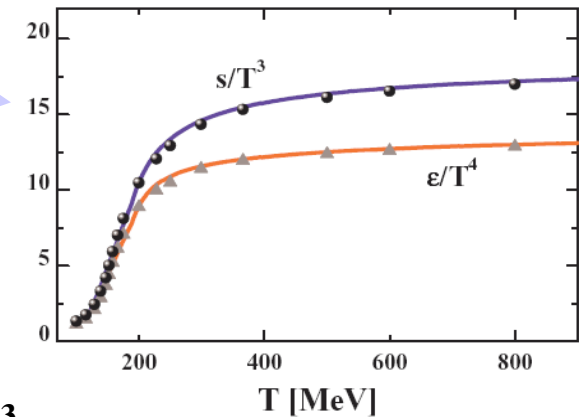
\* BMW IQCD data S. Borsanyi et al., JHEP 1009 (2010) 073

## ➔ Quasiparticle properties:

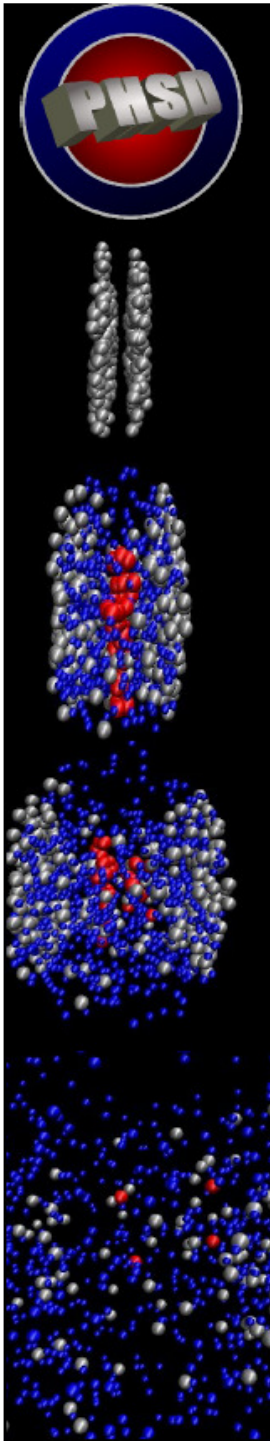
- large width and mass for gluons and quarks



$T_c = 158 \text{ MeV}$   
 $\epsilon_c = 0.5 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$



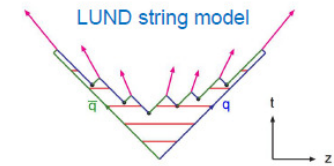
- DQPM matches well lattice QCD
- DQPM provides mean-fields (1PI) for gluons and quarks as well as effective 2-body interactions (2PI)
- DQPM gives transition rates for the formation of hadrons ➔ PHSD



# Parton-Hadron-String-Dynamics (PHSD)

## Initial A+A collisions – HSD:

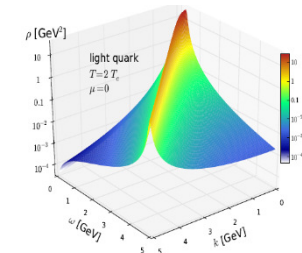
$N+N \rightarrow$  string formation  $\rightarrow$  decay to pre-hadrons



## Formation of QGP stage if $\epsilon > \epsilon_{\text{critical}}$ :

dissolution of pre-hadrons  $\rightarrow$  (DQPM)  $\rightarrow$

$\rightarrow$  massive quarks/gluons + mean-field potential  $U_q$



## Partonic stage – QGP :

based on the Dynamical Quasi-Particle Model (DQPM)

### (quasi-) elastic collisions:

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

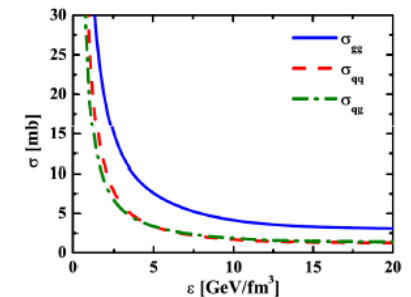
$$q + \bar{q} \rightarrow q + \bar{q} \quad g + \bar{q} \rightarrow g + \bar{q}$$

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

### inelastic collisions:

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

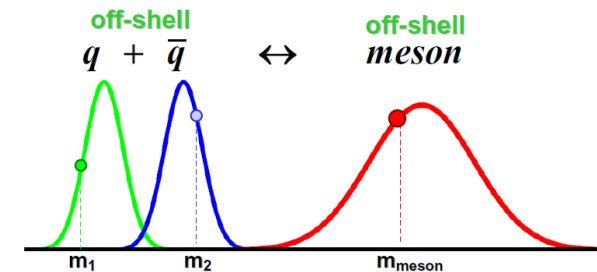
$$g \rightarrow q + \bar{q} \quad g \rightarrow g + g$$



## Hadronization (based on DQPM):

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

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



## Hadronic phase: hadron-hadron interactions – off-shell HSD

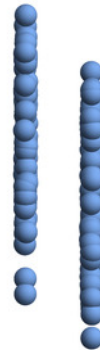
# Au+Au at 200 A GeV, $b=2.2$ fm






$t = 0.1$  fm/c



**Au + Au  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV**

**$b = 2.2$  fm – Section view**



-  Baryons (394)
-  Antibaryons ( 0)
-  Mesons ( 0)
-  Quarks ( 0)
-  Gluons ( 0)

# Au+Au at 200 A GeV, $b=2.2$ fm






$t = 1.63549$  fm/c



**Au + Au  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV**

**$b = 2.2$  fm – Section view**



-  Baryons (394)
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-  Mesons (1598)
-  Quarks (4383)
-  Gluons (344)

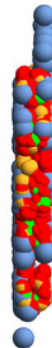
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$t = 2.06543$  fm/c



**Au + Au  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV**

**$b = 2.2$  fm – Section view**



-  Baryons (396)
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-  Quarks (5066)
-  Gluons (516)

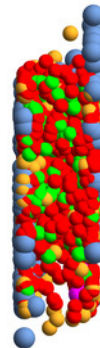
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$t = 3.20258$  fm/c



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**$b = 2.2$  fm – Section view**



-  Baryons (413)
-  Antibaryons ( 13)
-  Mesons (1080)
-  Quarks (4708)
-  Gluons (761)



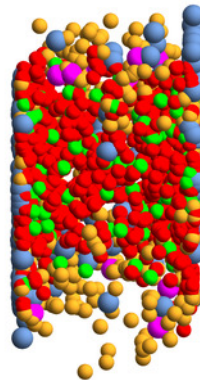
# Au+Au at 200 A GeV, $b=2.2$ fm






$t = 5.56921$  fm/c



**Au + Au  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV**

**$b = 2.2$  fm – Section view**



-  Baryons (472)
-  Antibaryons ( 70)
-  Mesons (1724)
-  Quarks (3843)
-  Gluons (652)

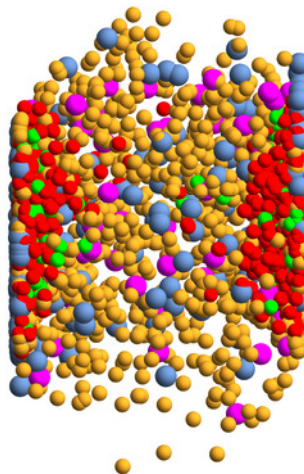
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$t = 8.06922$  fm/c



**Au + Au  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV**

**$b = 2.2$  fm – Section view**



- Baryons (559)
- Antibaryons (139)
- Mesons (2686)
- Quarks (2628)
- Gluons (442)

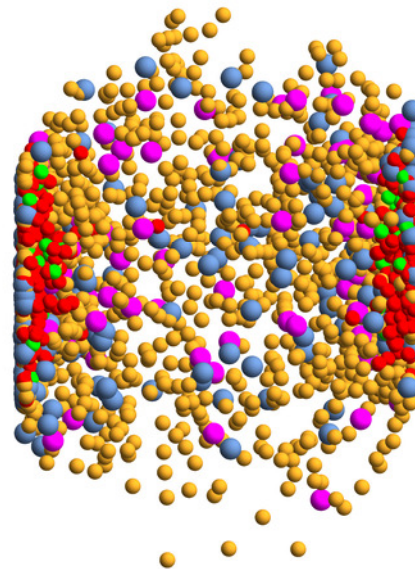
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**Au + Au  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV**

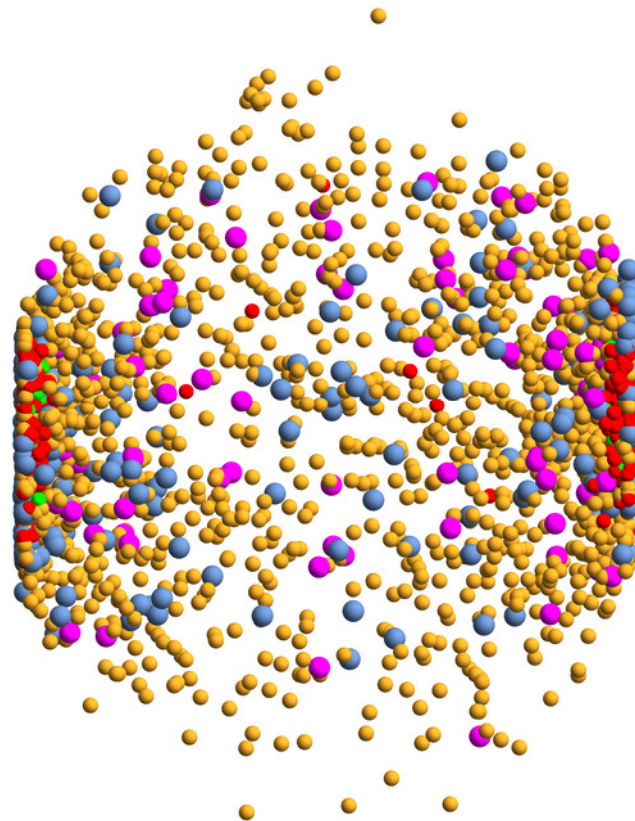
**$b = 2.2$  fm – Section view**



- Baryons (604)
- Antibaryons (187)
- Mesons (3169)
- Quarks (2076)
- Gluons (319)






# Au+Au at 200 A GeV, $b=2.2$ fm

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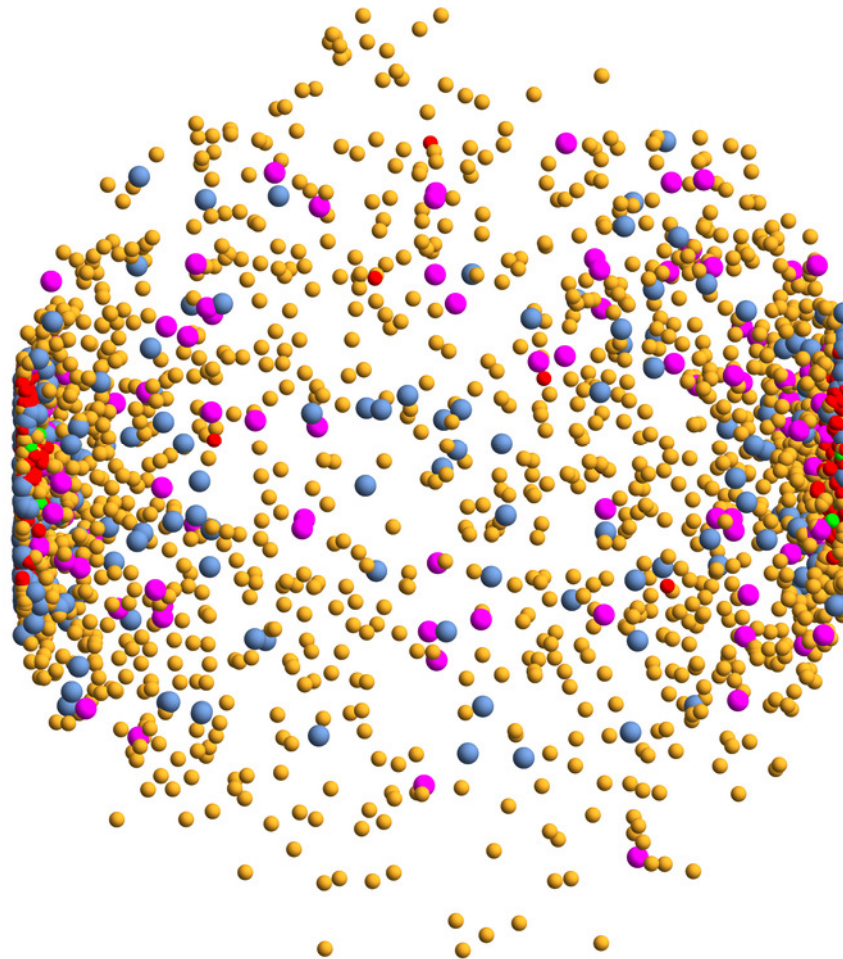
**Au + Au  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV**

**$b = 2.2$  fm – Section view**

-  Baryons (662)
-  Antibaryons (229)
-  Mesons (3661)
-  Quarks (1499)
-  Gluons (175)






# Au+Au at 200 A GeV, $b=2.2$ fm

$t = 20.5692$  fm/c



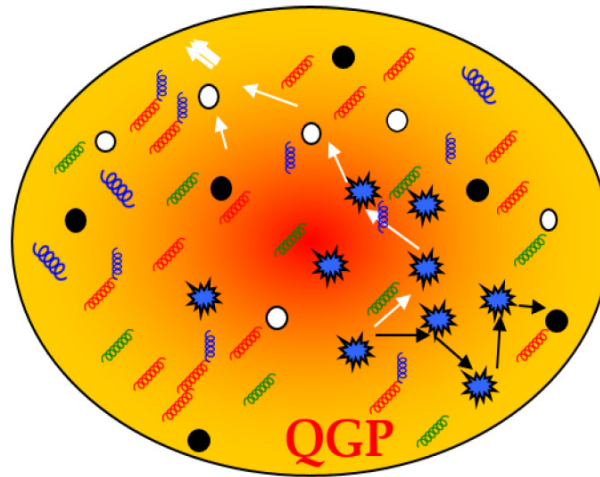
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**$b = 2.2$  fm – Section view**

-  Baryons (692)
-  Antibaryons (266)
-  Mesons (4022)
-  Quarks (1184)
-  Gluons ( 90)

P. Moreau

# Thermodynamic and transport properties of sQGP in equilibrium at finite temperature and chemical potential

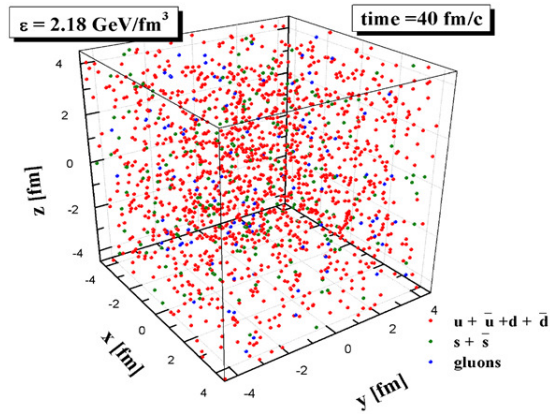






# QGP in equilibrium: Transport properties at finite $(T, \mu_q)$ : $\eta/s$

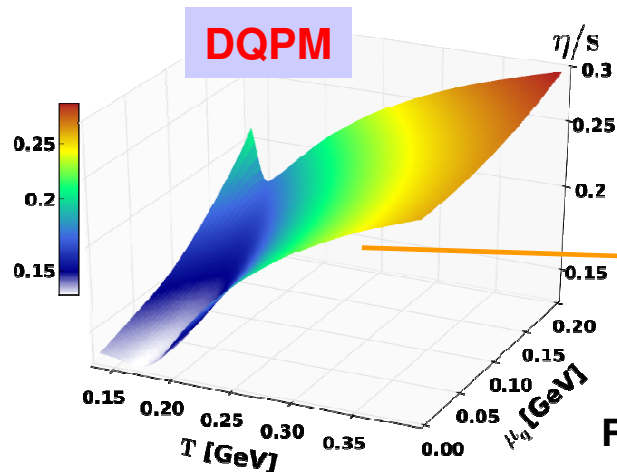
Infinite hot/dense matter =  
PHSD in a box:



Shear viscosity  $\eta/s$  at finite  $(T, \mu_q)$

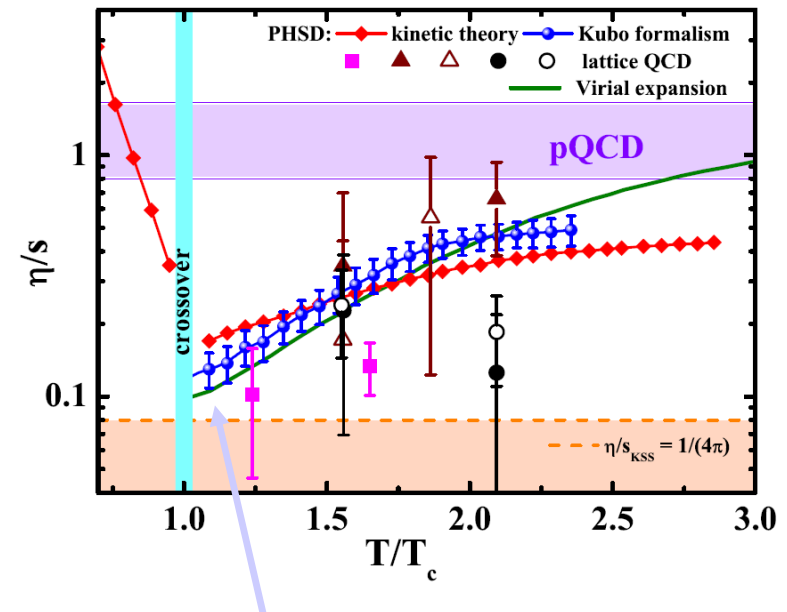
IQCD:

$$\frac{T_c(\mu_q)}{T_c(\mu_q=0)} = \sqrt{1 - \alpha \mu_q^2} \approx 1 - \alpha/2 \mu_q^2 + \dots$$



Shear viscosity  $\eta/s$  at finite  $T$

V. Ozvenchuk et al., PRC 87 (2013) 064903



QGP in PHSD = strongly-interacting liquid

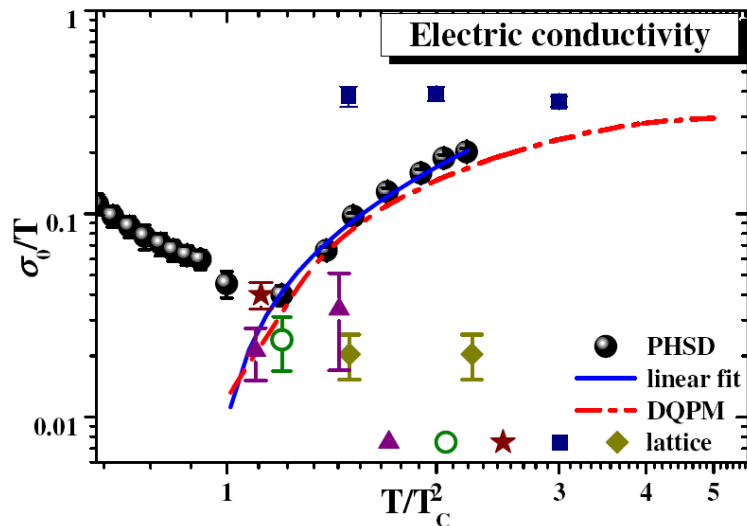
$\eta/s$ :  $\mu_q=0 \rightarrow$  finite  $\mu_q$ : smooth increase as a function of  $(T, \mu_q)$

# Transport properties at finite $(T, \mu_q)$ : $\sigma_e/T$

PHSD in a box:

Electric conductivity  $\sigma_e/T$  at finite  $T$

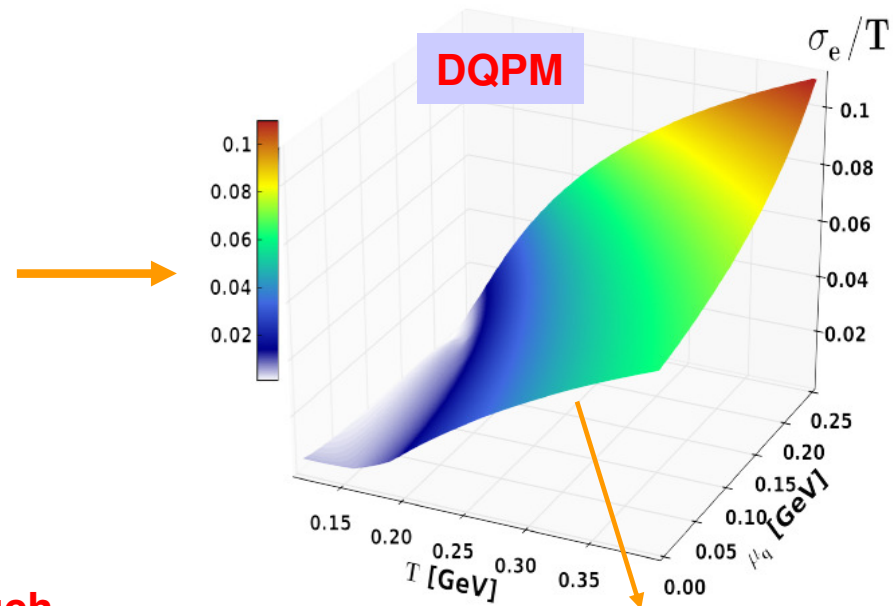
W. Cassing et al., PRL 110(2013)182301



■ 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 !

Electric conductivity  $\sigma_e/T$  at finite  $(T, \mu_q)$

Review: H. Berrehrah et al. Int.J.Mod.Phys. E25 (2016) 1642003

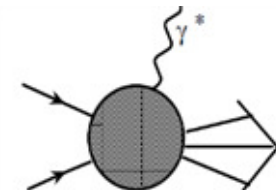


$\sigma_e/T$  :  $\mu_q=0 \rightarrow$  finite  $\mu_q$ : smooth increase as a function of  $(T, \mu_q)$

□ **Photon emission**: rates at  $q_0 \rightarrow 0$  are related to **electric conductivity  $\sigma_0$**

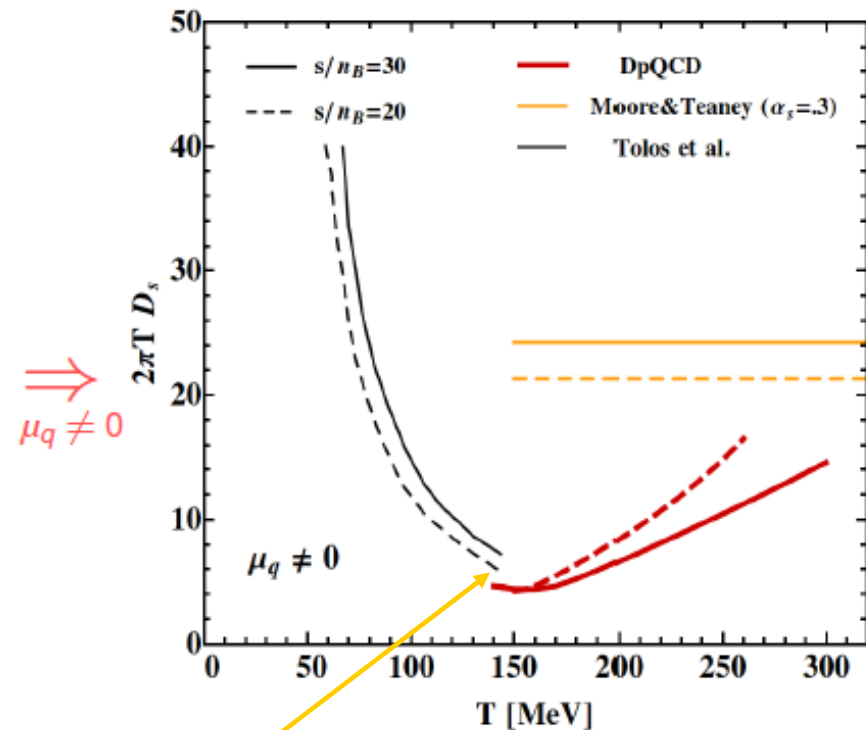
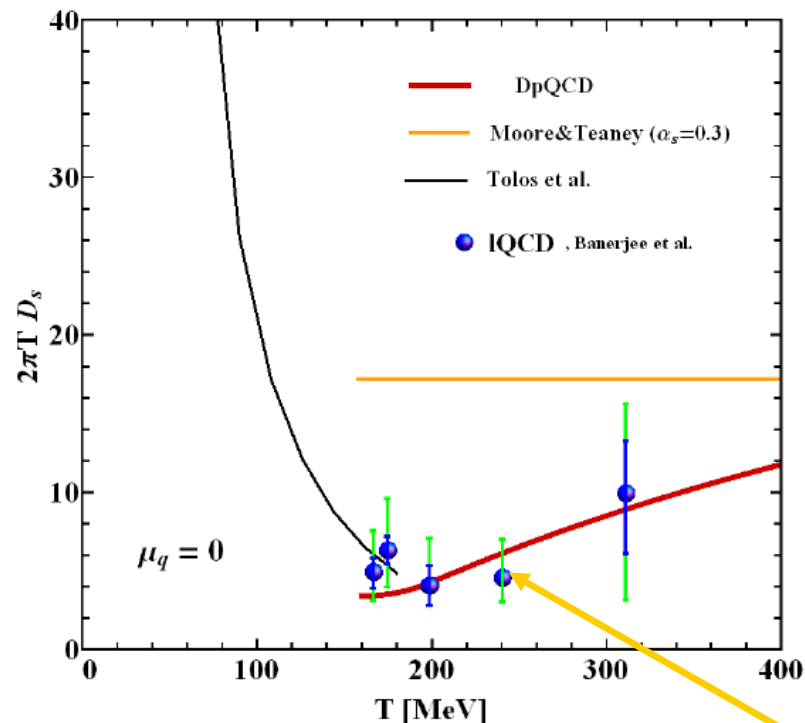
$$q_0 \left. \frac{dR}{d^4x d^3q} \right|_{q_0 \rightarrow 0} = \frac{T}{4\pi^3} \sigma_0$$

$\sigma_0 \rightarrow$  Probe of **electric properties of the QGP**



# Charm spatial diffusion coefficient $D_s$ in the hot medium

- $D_s$  for heavy quarks as a function of  $T$  for  $\mu_q=0$  and finite  $\mu_q$



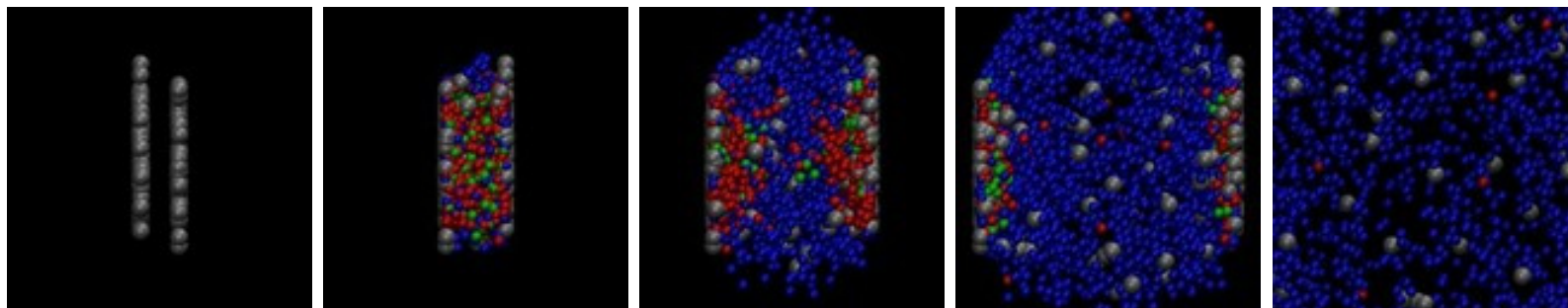
□  $T < T_c$  : hadronic  $D_s$

→ Continuous transition at  $T_c$ !

L. Tolos, J. M. Torres-Rincon, PRD 88 (2013) 074019  
V. Ozvenchuk et al., PRC90 (2014) 054909

H. Berrehrah et al, PRC 90 (2014) 051901, arXiv:1406.5322

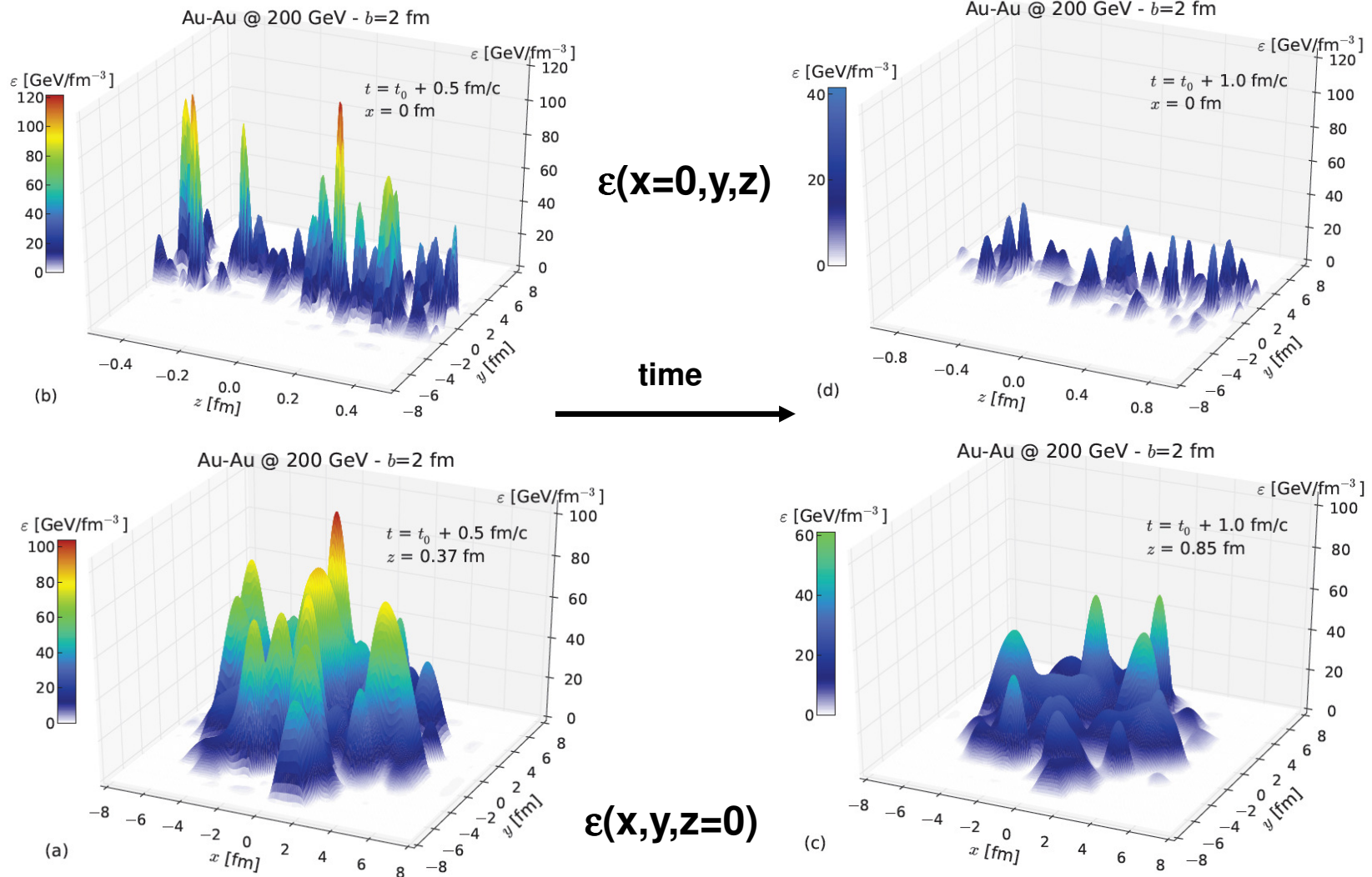
# „Bulk“ properties in A+A





# Time evolution of energy density

PHSD: 1 event Au+Au, 200 GeV,  $b = 2$  fm



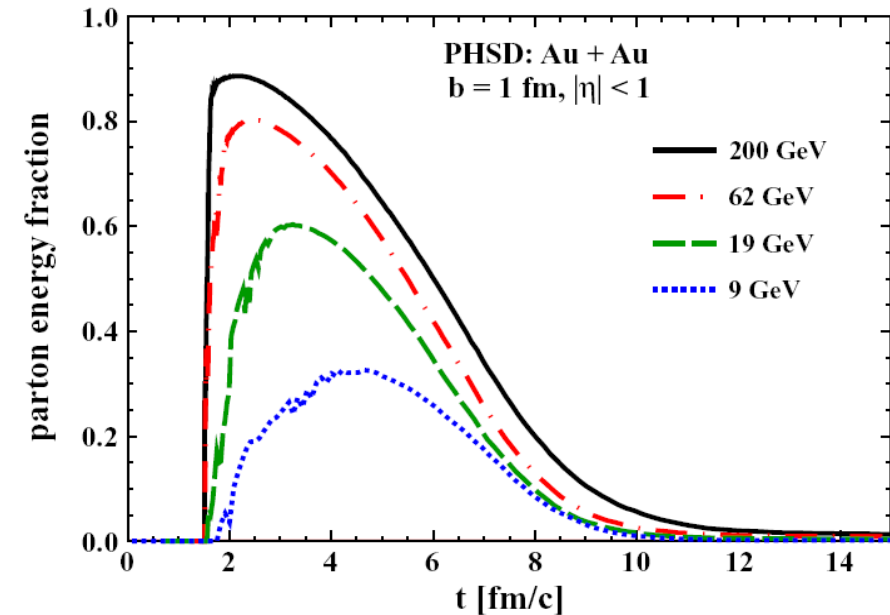
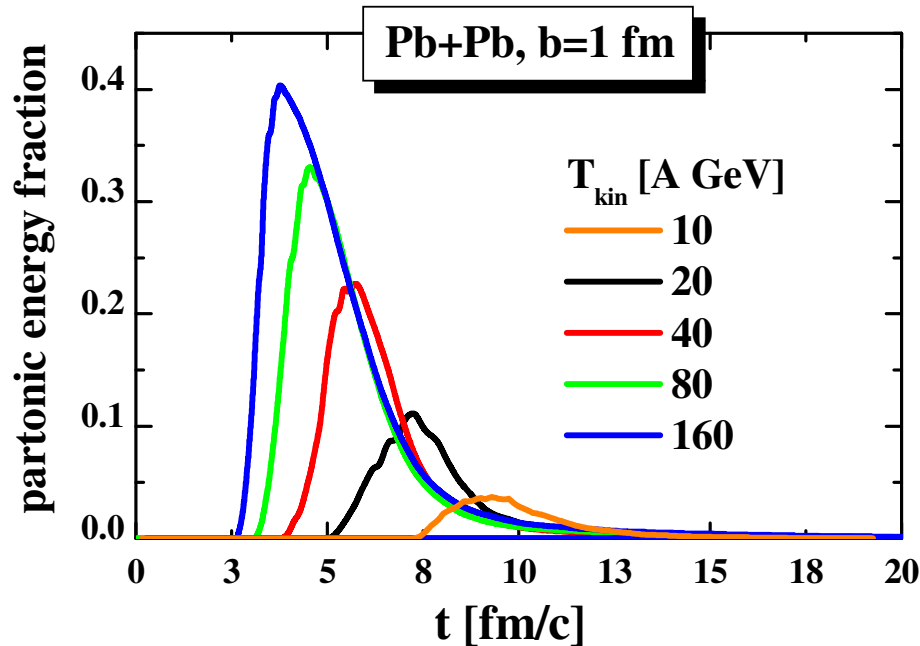
$\Delta V$ :  $\Delta x = \Delta y = 1$  fm,  $\Delta z = 1/\gamma$  fm

R. Marty et al, PRC92 (2015) 015201



# Partonic energy fraction in central A+A

## Time evolution of the partonic energy fraction vs energy

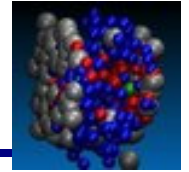


- Strong increase of partonic phase with energy from AGS to RHIC
- SPS: Pb+Pb, 160 A GeV: only about 40% of the converted energy goes to partons; the rest is contained in the large hadronic corona and leading partons
- RHIC: Au+Au, 21.3 A TeV: up to 90% - QGP



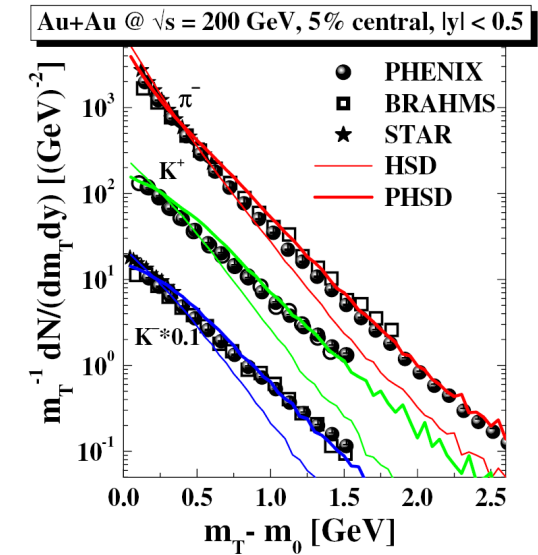
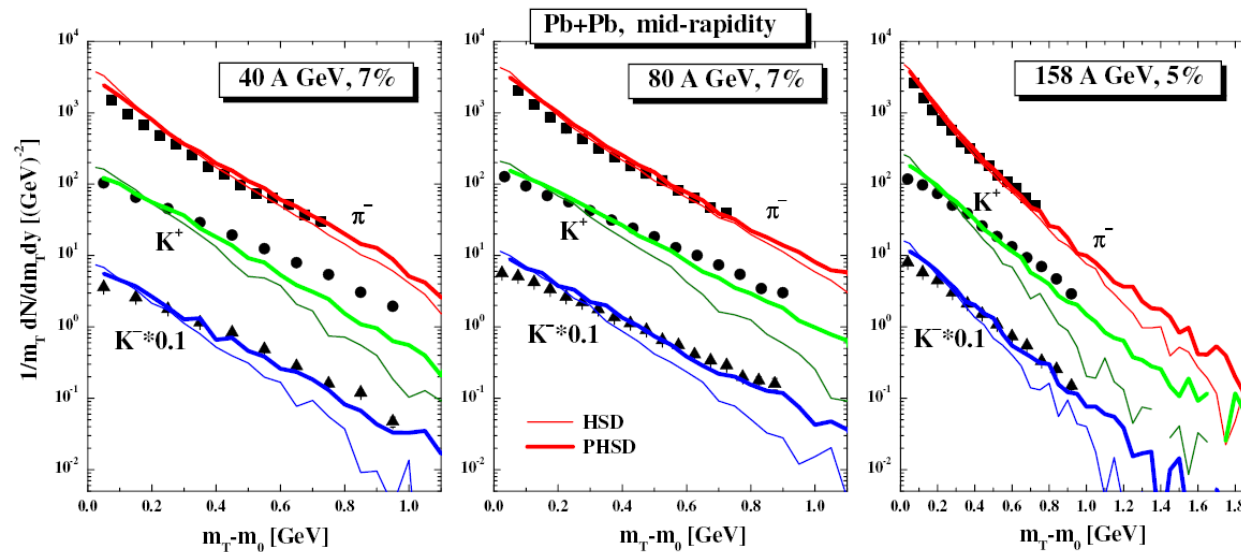


# Transverse mass spectra from SPS to RHIC



## Central Pb + Pb at SPS energies

## Central Au+Au at RHIC



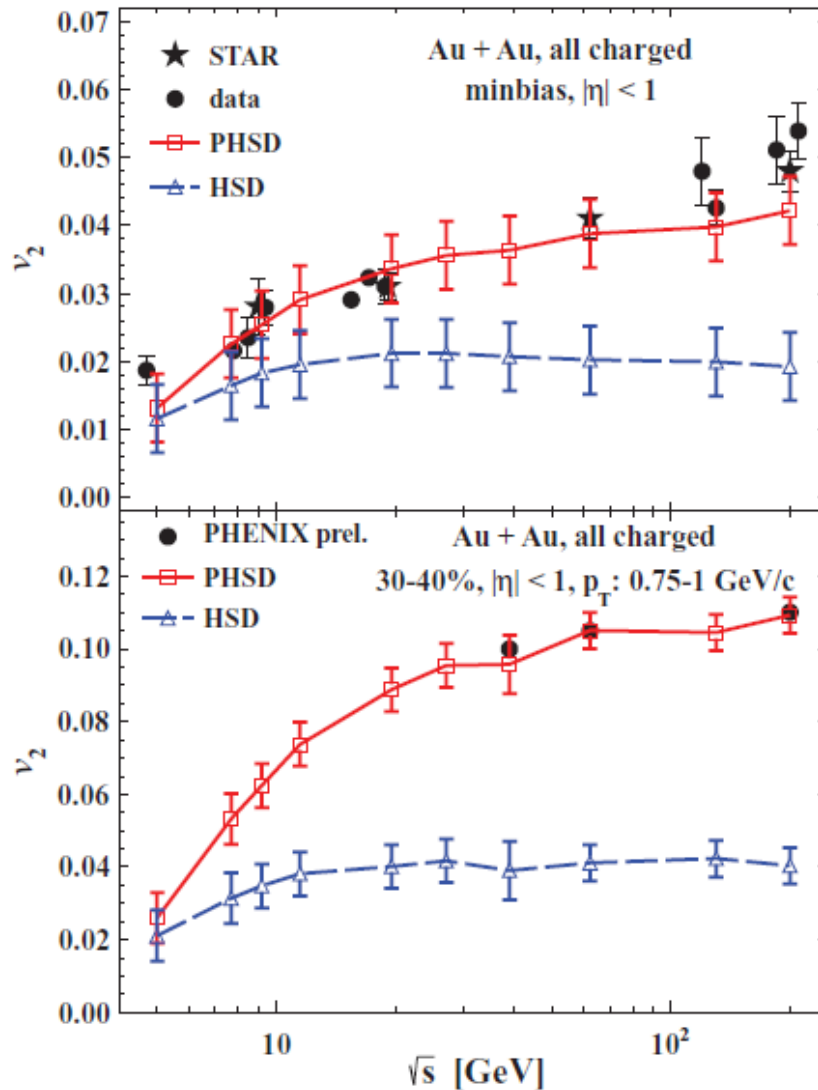
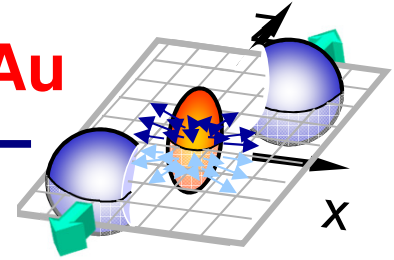
- PHSD gives **harder  $m_T$  spectra** and works better than HSD (wo QGP) at high energies – RHIC, SPS (and top FAIR, NICA)
- however, at **low SPS** (and low FAIR, NICA) energies the **effect of the partonic phase decreases** due to the decrease of the partonic fraction

W. Cassing & E. Bratkovskaya, NPA 831 (2009) 215

E. Bratkovskaya, W. Cassing, V. Konchakovski, O. Linnyk, NPA856 (2011) 162

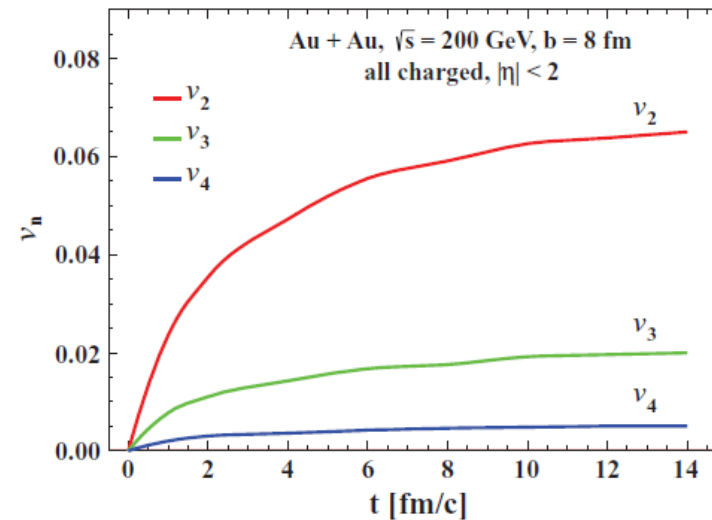


# Elliptic flow $v_2$ vs. collision energy for Au+Au



$$\frac{dN}{d\varphi} \propto \left( 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} v_n \cos[n(\varphi - \psi_n)] \right)$$

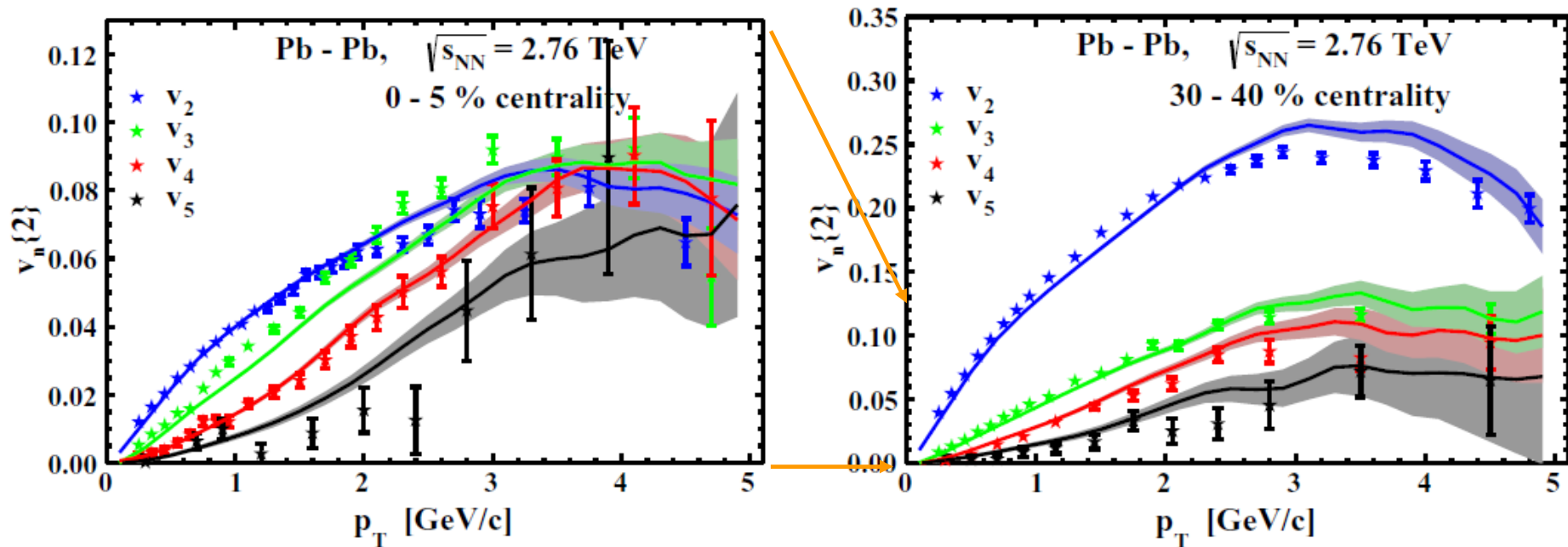
$$v_n = \langle \cos n(\varphi - \psi_n) \rangle, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$



- $v_2$  in PHSD is larger than in HSD due to the repulsive scalar mean-field potential  $U_s(\rho)$  for partons
- $v_2$  grows with bombarding energy due to the increase of the parton fraction



## $V_n$ ( $n=2,3,4,5$ ) of charged particles from PHSD at LHC



- PHSD: increase of  $v_n$  ( $n=2,3,4,5$ ) with  $p_T$
- $v_2$  increases with decreasing centrality
- $v_n$  ( $n=3,4,5$ ) show weak centrality dependence

symbols – ALICE

PRL 107 (2011) 032301

lines – PHSD (e-by-e)

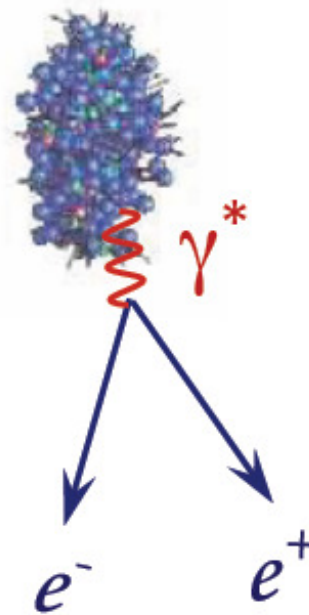


# Messages from the study of spectra and collective flow

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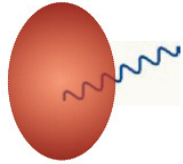
- ❑ PHSD gives **harder  $m_T$  spectra** than HSD (without QGP) at high energies – LHC, RHIC, SPS
- ❑ at **RHIC and LHC** the QGP dominates the early stage dynamics
- ❑ at **low SPS** (and low FAIR, NICA) energies the **effect of the partonic phase decreases** (influence of the finite quark chemical potential  $\mu_q$  ?!)
- ❑ **Anisotropy coefficients  $v_n$  as a signal of the QGP:**
  - **quark number scaling of  $v_2$**  at ultrarelativistic energies – **signal of deconfinement**
  - **growing of  $v_2$  with energy** – partonic interactions generate a larger pressure than the hadronic interactions
  - **$v_n$ ,  $n=3,..$**  – sensitive to QGP

# Electromagnetic probes of the QGP: thermal photons and dileptons





# Thermal photons



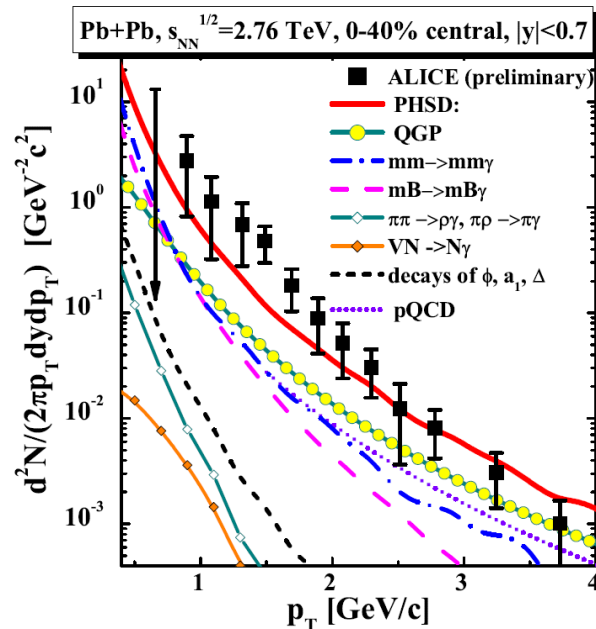
□ Thermal photons:

- QGP
- Hadron gas

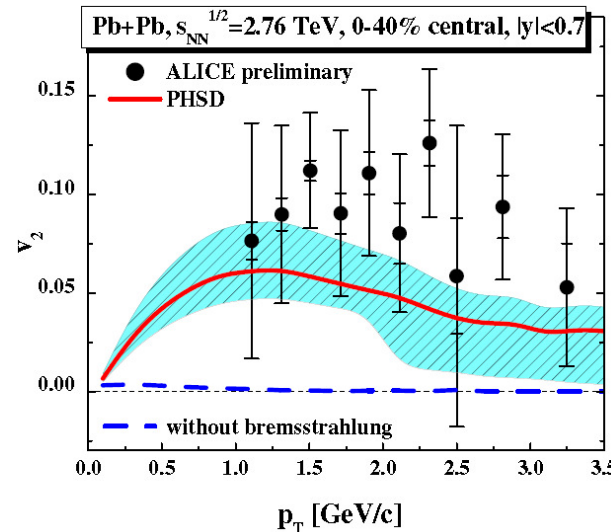
□  $v_2$  'puzzle':

PHENIX and ALICE - exp. observation of **strong elliptic flow of direct photons**  $v_2(\gamma^{\text{dir}}) \sim v_2(\pi)$

**Problem:** QGP radiation occurs at early times when flow is not yet developed  $\rightarrow$  theor. expected  $v_2(\gamma^{\text{QGP}}) \rightarrow 0$



## photon elliptic flow

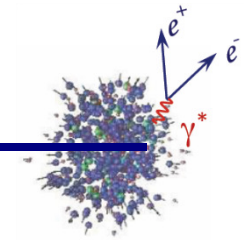


$\rightarrow$  Strong elliptic flow has a **hadronic** origin:  
mm, mB bremsstrahlung and binary reactions  $mm \rightarrow m\gamma$

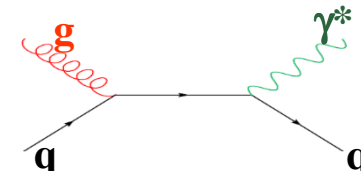
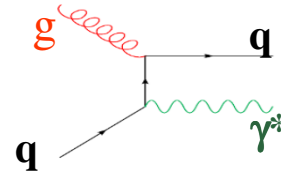
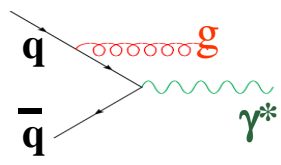
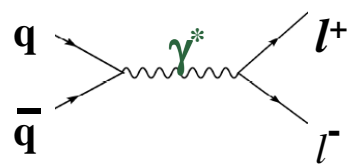
$\rightarrow$  The **QGP** causes the strong elliptic flow of photons **indirectly**, by enhancing the  $v_2$  of final hadrons due to the partonic interactions

$\rightarrow$  **LHC** (similar to RHIC): PHSD: **hadronic photons dominate spectra and  $v_2$**

# Dilepton sources



from the QGP via partonic (q,qbar, g) interactions:



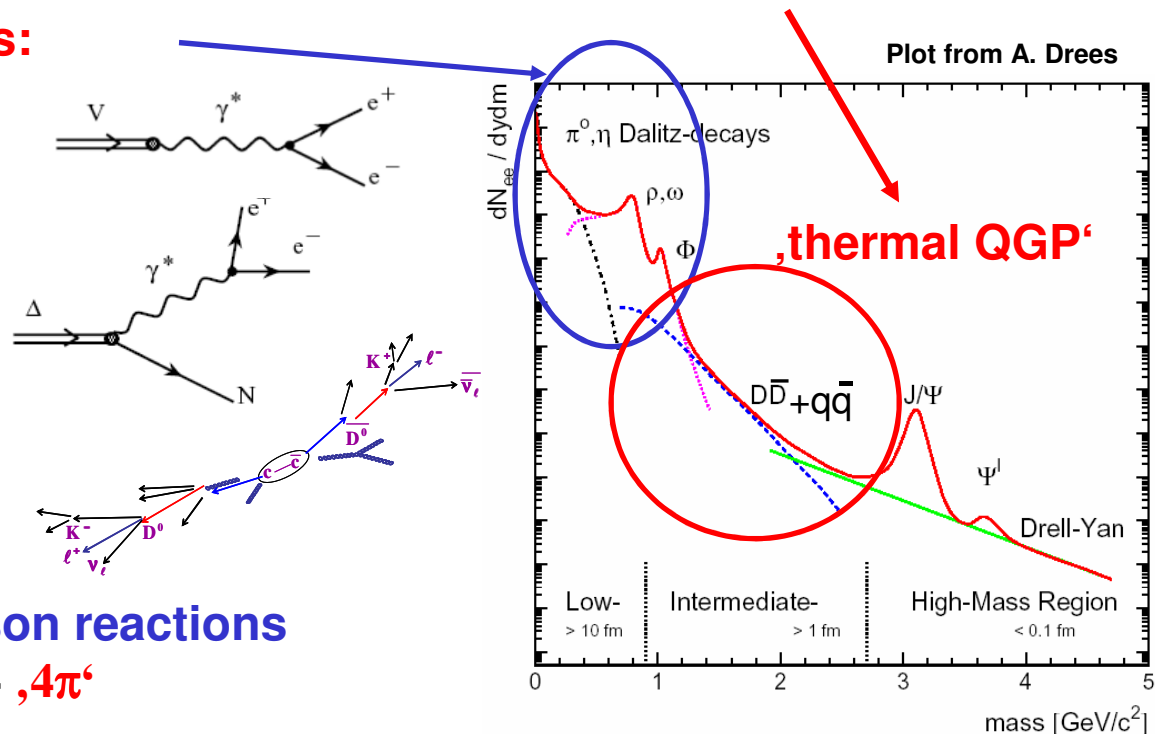
from hadronic sources:

- direct decay of vector mesons ( $\rho, \omega, \phi, J/\Psi, \Psi'$ )

- Dalitz decay of mesons and baryons ( $\pi^0, \eta, \Delta, \dots$ )

- correlated D+Dbar pairs

- radiation from multi-meson reactions ( $\pi+\pi, \pi+\rho, \pi+\omega, \rho+\rho, \pi+a_1$ ) - „ $4\pi$ “



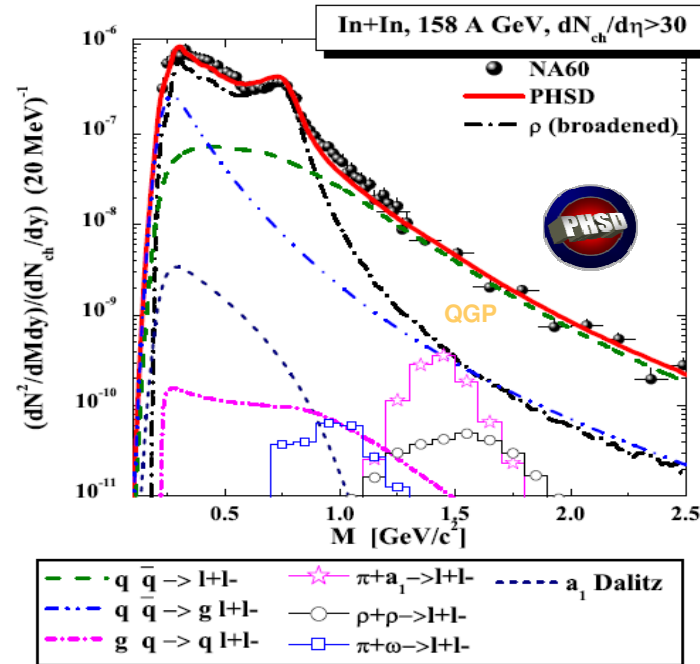
**! Advantage of dileptons:**

additional „degree of freedom“ ( $M$ ) allows to disentangle various sources



# Lessons from SPS: NA60

## □ Dilepton invariant mass spectra:

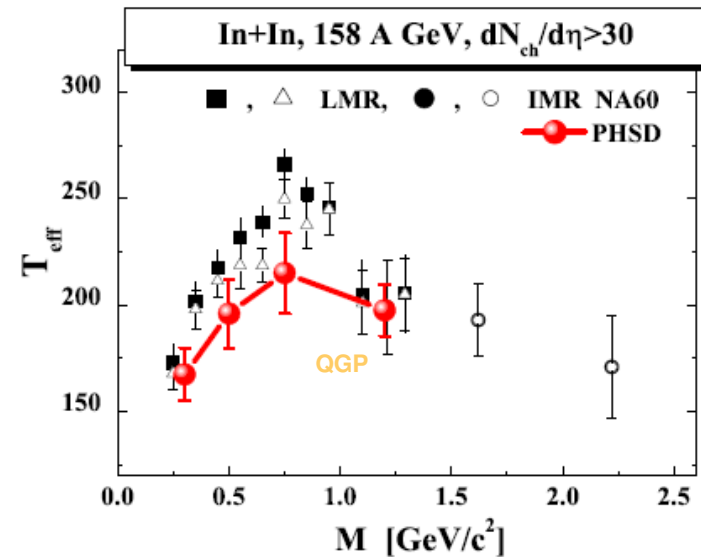


NA60: Eur. Phys. J. C 59 (2009) 607

PHSD: Linnyk et al, PRC 84 (2011) 054917

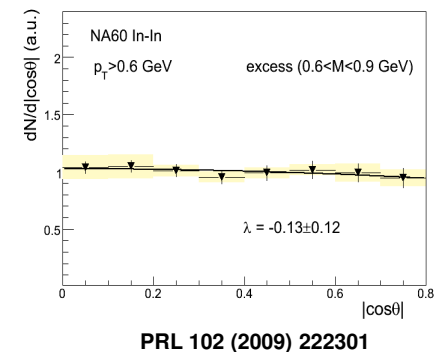
## □ Inverse slope parameter $T_{\text{eff}}$ :

spectrum from QGP is softer than from hadronic phase since the QGP emission occurs dominantly before the collective radial flow has developed

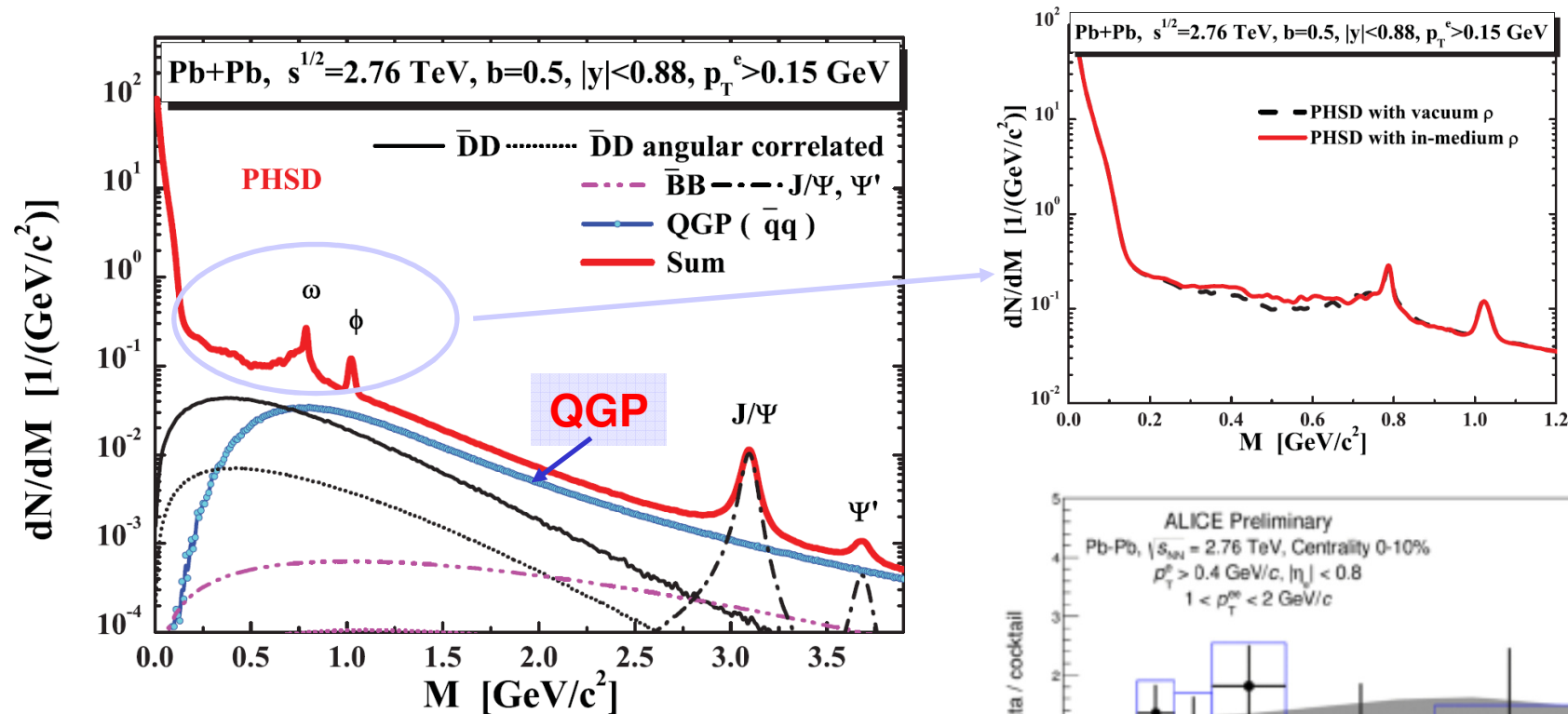


## Message from SPS: (based on NA60 and CERES data)

- 1) Low mass spectra - evidence for the **in-medium broadening of  $\rho$ -mesons**
- 2) Intermediate mass spectra above 1 GeV - dominated by **partonic radiation**
- 3) The rise and fall of  $T_{\text{eff}}$  – evidence for the thermal **QGP radiation**
- 4) **Isotropic angular distribution** – indication for a **thermal origin of dimuons**



# Dileptons at LHC



O. Linnyk, W. Cassing, J. Manninen, E.B., P.B.  
Gossiaux, J. Aichelin, T. Song, C.-M. Ko,  
Phys.Rev. C87 (2013) 014905; arXiv:1208.1279

## Message:

- low masses - hadronic sources: in-medium effects for  $\rho$  mesons are small
- QGP( $q\bar{q}$ ) dominates at  $M > 1.2$  GeV  $\rightarrow$  clean signal of QGP at LHC!



# Messages from electromagnetic probes



**I. Direct photons** - the photons produced in the QGP contribute up to 50% to the observed spectrum, but have small  $v_2$

- Large direct photon  $v_2$  – comparable to that of hadrons – is attributed to the intermediate **hadronic bremsstrahlung and hadronic scattering channels** not subtracted from the data
- The **QGP phase** causes the **strong elliptic flow** of photons **indirectly**, by enhancing the  $v_2$  of final hadrons due to the partonic interaction in terms of explicit parton collisions and the partonic mean-field potentials

**II. Dilepton spectra** - according to the PHSD predictions - show **sizeable changes due to the different in-medium scenarios** (as collisional broadening and dropping mass) which can be observed experimentally

- **In-medium effects** can be observed at all energies from SIS to LHC
- At SPS, RHIC and LHC the **QGP** ( $q\bar{q}$ ) dominates at  $M > 1.2$  GeV

# Summary

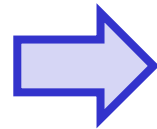
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Theory versus experimental observables:

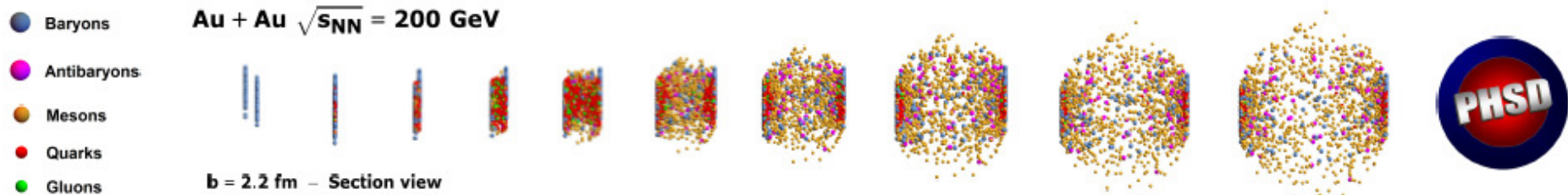
evidence for strong partonic interactions in the early phase of relativistic heavy-ion reactions



high density QCD



formation of the sQGP!



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