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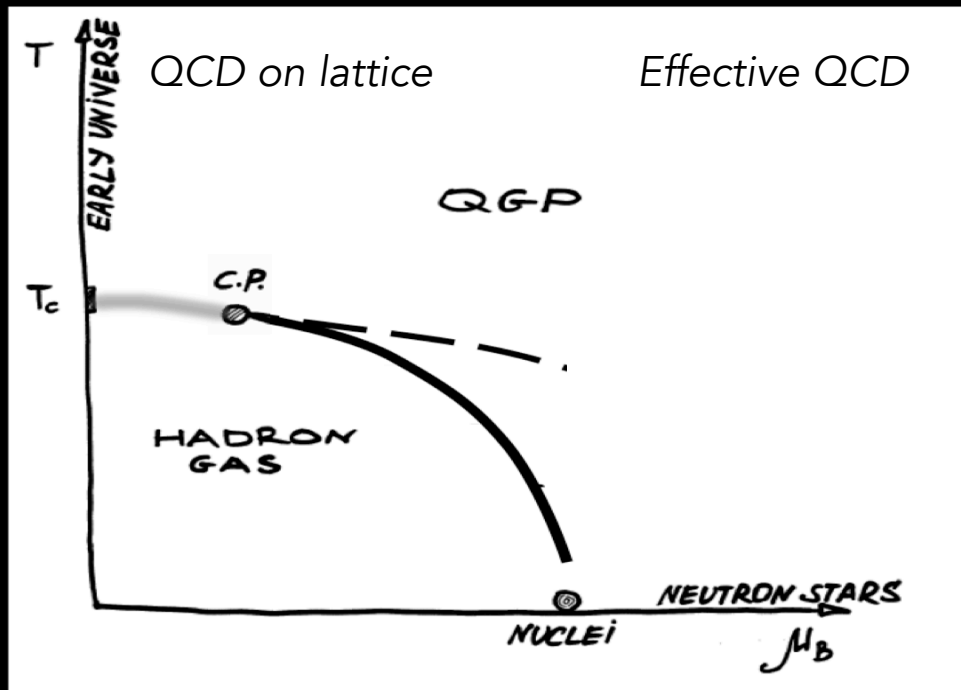
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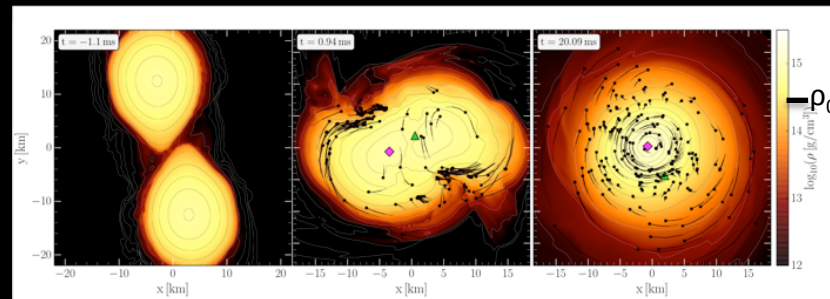
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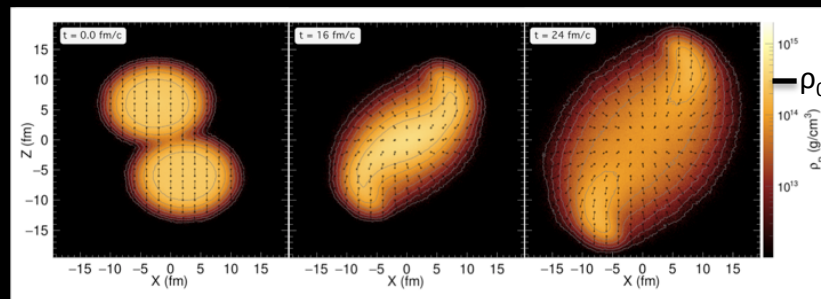
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## Merging Neutron Stars



## Central Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=2.4$ GeV



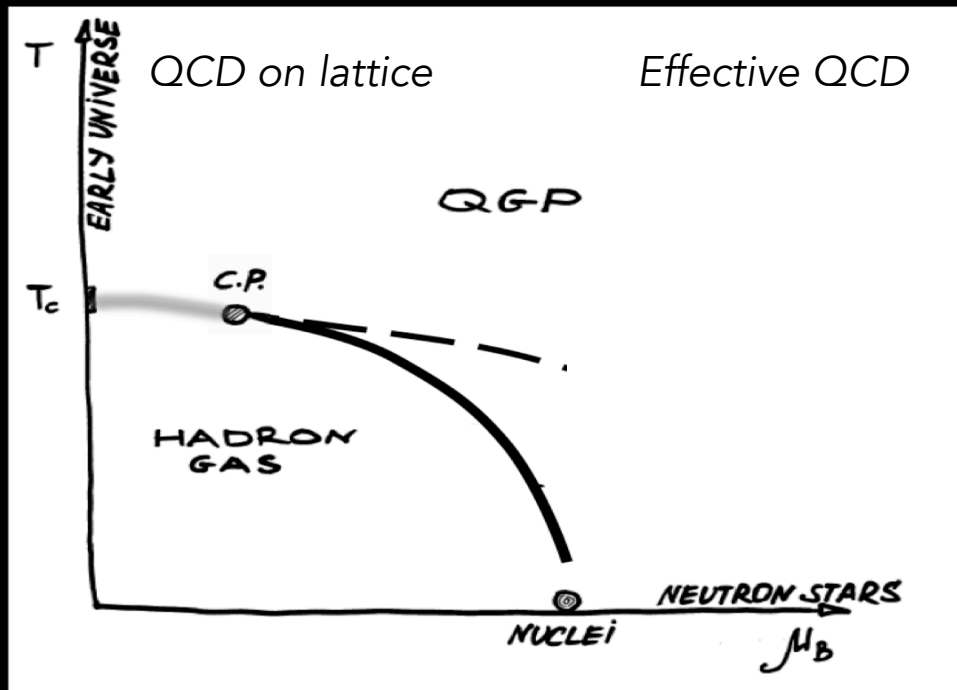
$T < 70$  MeV,  $\rho \approx 3\rho_0$  in both cases

M. Hanauske, J.Phys.: Conf. Series 878 012031 (2017)

L. Rezzolla et. al. PRL 122, n0.6, 061101 (2019)

Au+Au simulation UrQMD: S. A. Bass et al., Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 41, 255 (1998).

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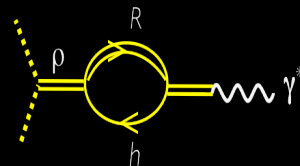


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## 1. Virtual Photons:

Vector meson spectral functions modified by coupling to baryons



## 2. Strangeness:

Kinematical suppression of direct  $K^-$

$$NN \rightarrow NYK^+ \quad \sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.55 \text{ GeV}$$

$$NN \rightarrow NNK^+K^- \quad \sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.86 \text{ GeV}$$

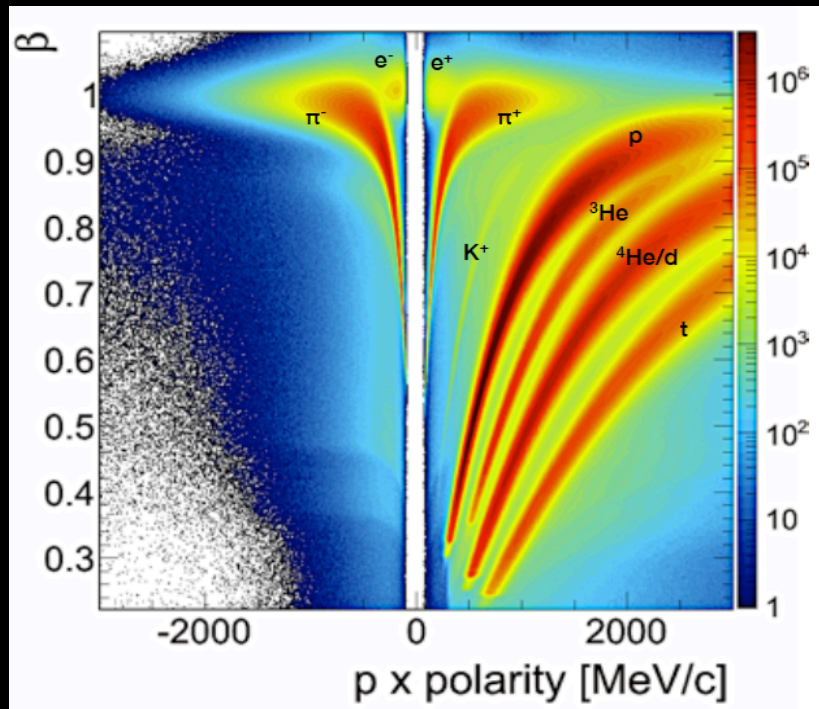
Coupling of  $K^-$  to baryons strangeness exchange reactions e.g.  $\pi Y \rightarrow NK^-$

## 3. Bulk:

$\rho$ , light nuclei and  $\pi$ , HBT-radii, flow anisotropies

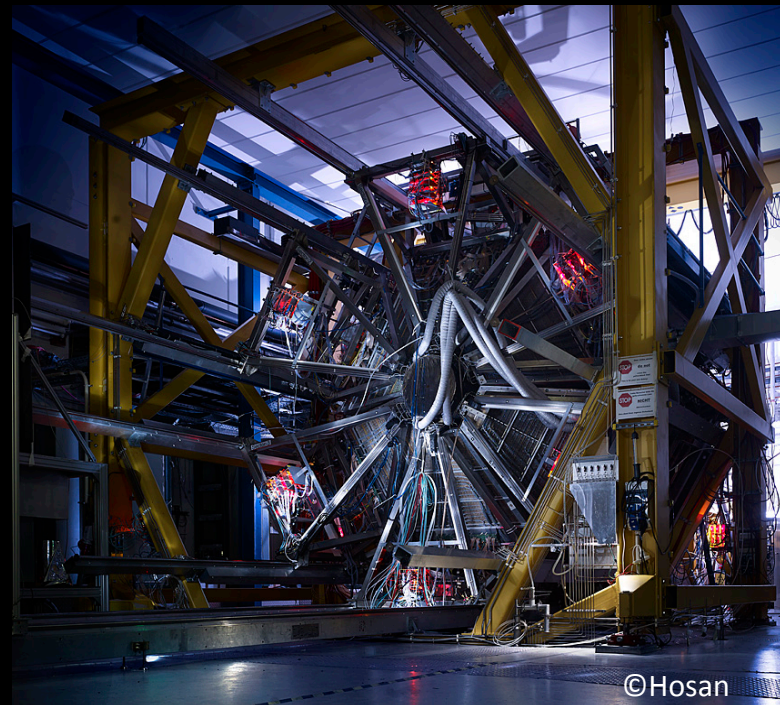
## 4. FAIR-Phase 0: new Ag+Ag data

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Clear hierarchy in hadron yields:  
 $p \approx 100$ , lt. nuclei  $\approx 50$   $\pi \approx 10$ ,  $K^+ \approx 10^{-2}$ ,  $K^- \approx 10^{-4}$



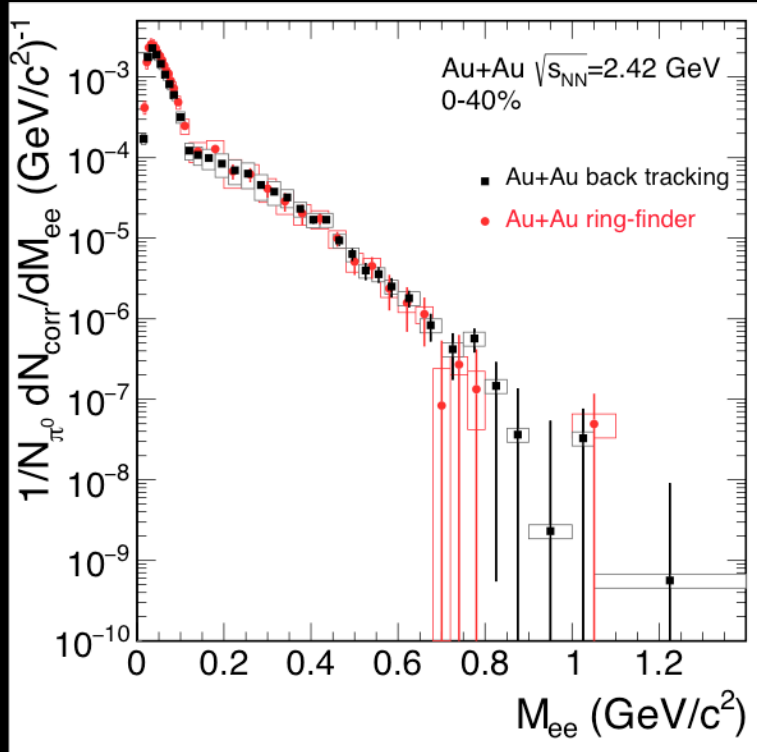
Fast detector: 8 kHz trigger rate (16 kHz Ag+Ag)  
Large acceptance: Full azimuthal and polar angle coverage of  $\Theta = 18^\circ - 85^\circ$   
 $2.2 \times 10^9$  events analyzed



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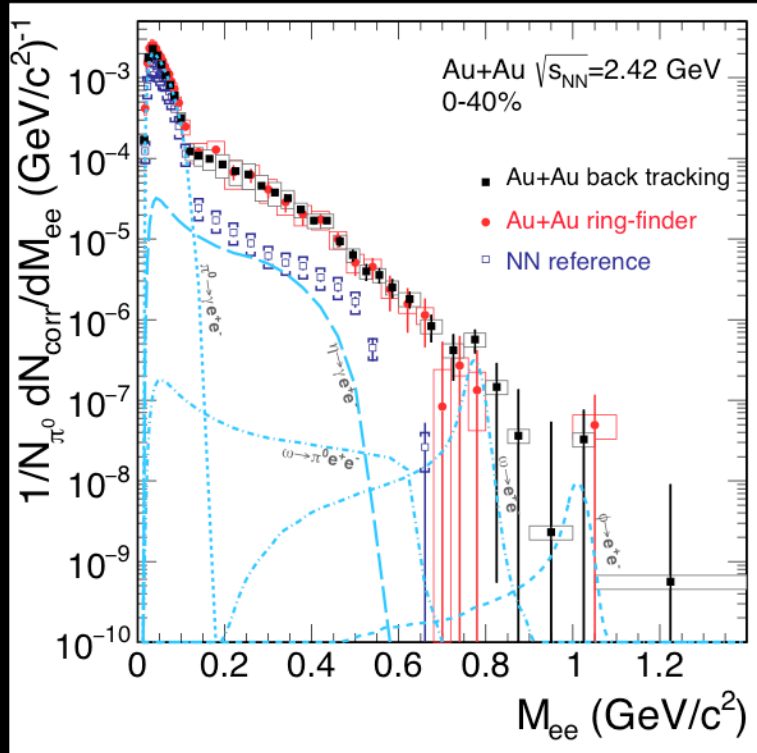
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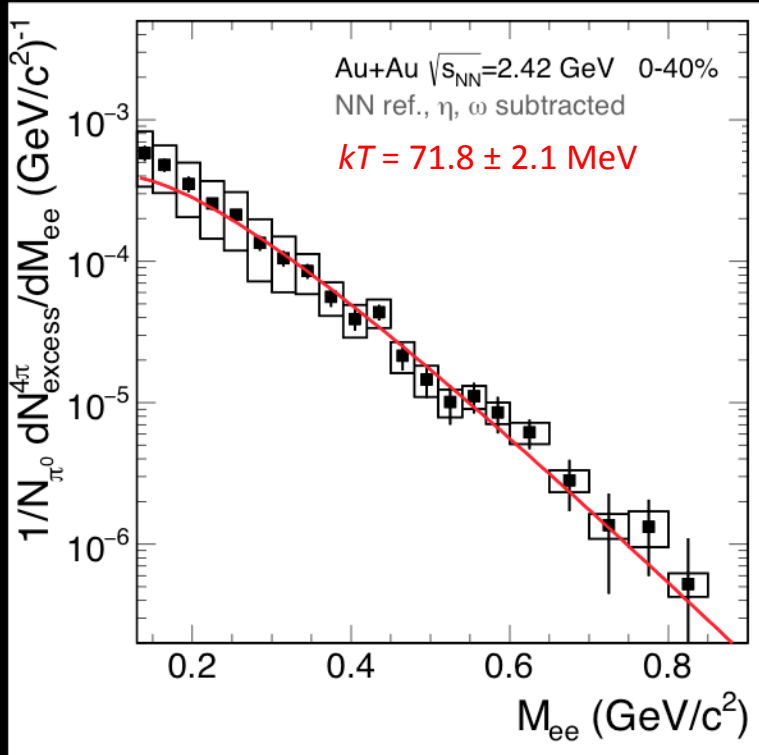


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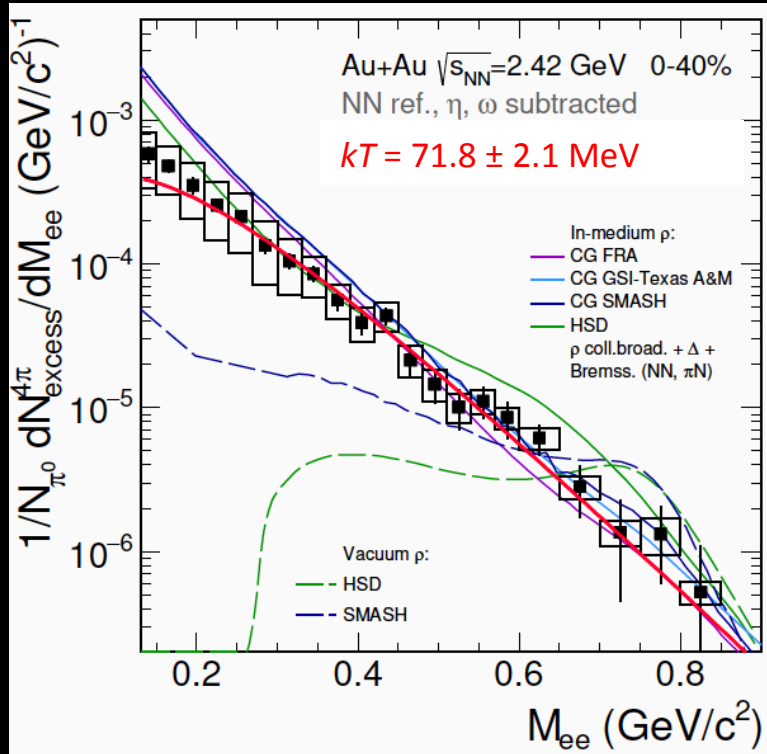
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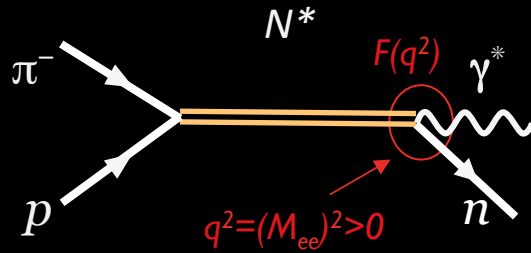
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- Thermal rates folded over coarse-grained transport medium evolution works at low energies
- Supports baryon-driven medium effects at SPS, RHIC (LHC)!

# $\rho$ -Baryon Coupling Mechanism

$\pi^-$  beam  $\sqrt{s_{\pi N}} = 1.49$  GeV

$\pi^- + p \rightarrow \pi^- + \pi^- + n$  (PWA)

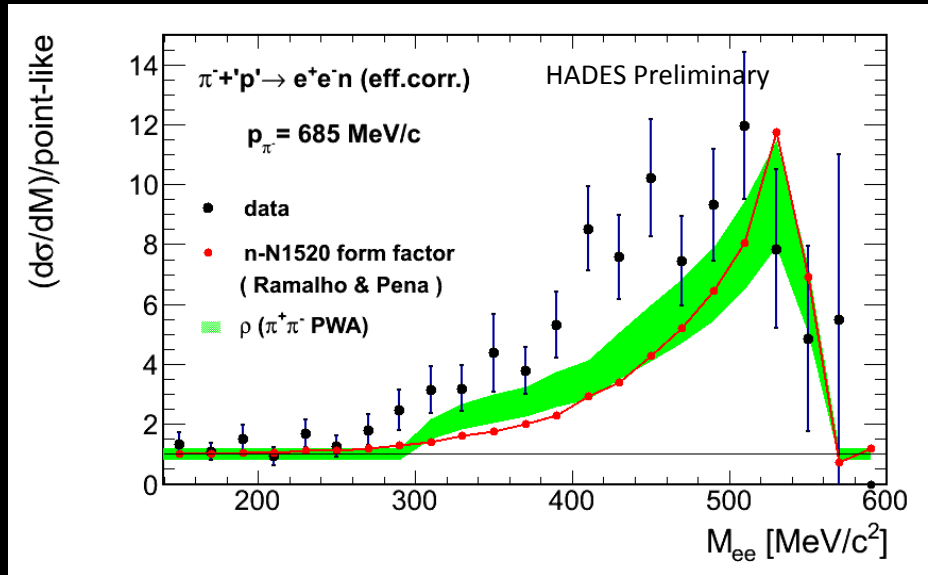
$\pi^- + p \rightarrow e^+ + e^- + n$



Two consistent approaches:

- Vector-Meson dominance  
E. Speranza *et al.*, Phys.Lett. B764 (2017) 282
- Time-like form factor models with dominant meson cloud contribution  
G. Ramalho, T. Pena Phys. Rev. D95 (2017), 014003

$e^+e^-$  invariant mass distribution ratio to point-like contributions

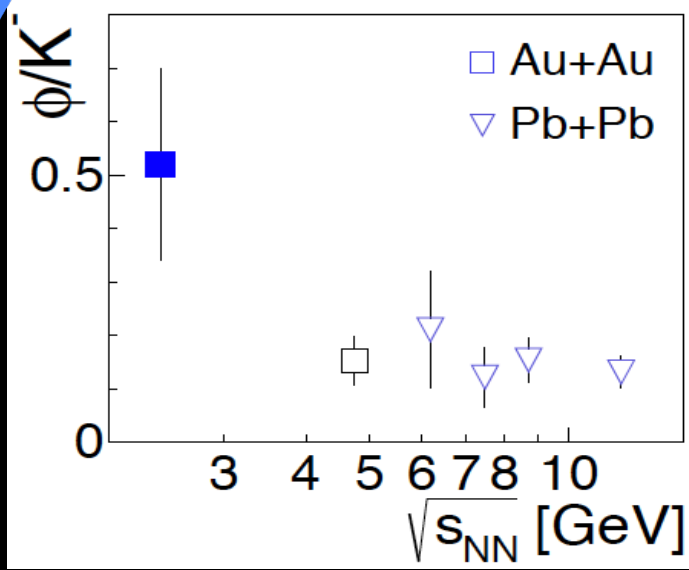


Invariant mass and angular distributions are consistent with  $\rho$  decay and VDM form factor models

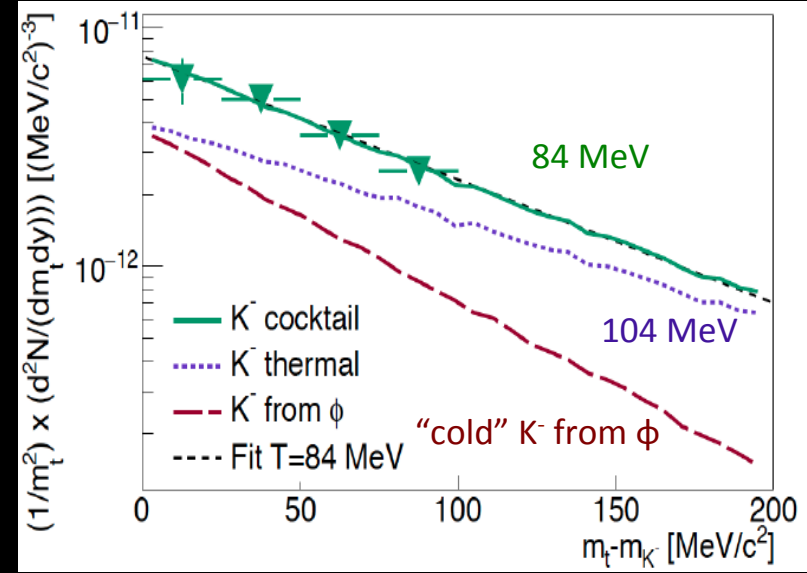
# Strangeness

# $\Phi$ -AntiKaon Interplay in HIC

Reminder



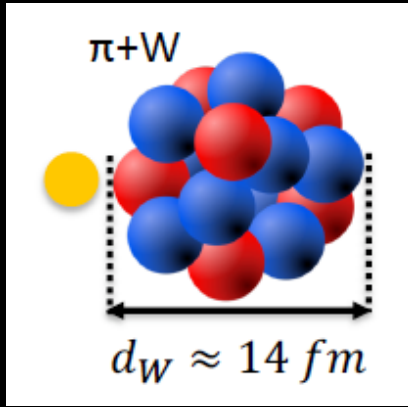
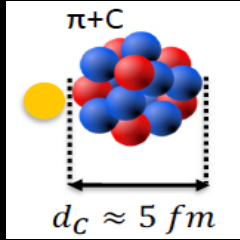
Increased in HIC at low  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ :  
 $\rightarrow$  25% of  $K^-$  result from  $\Phi$  decays!



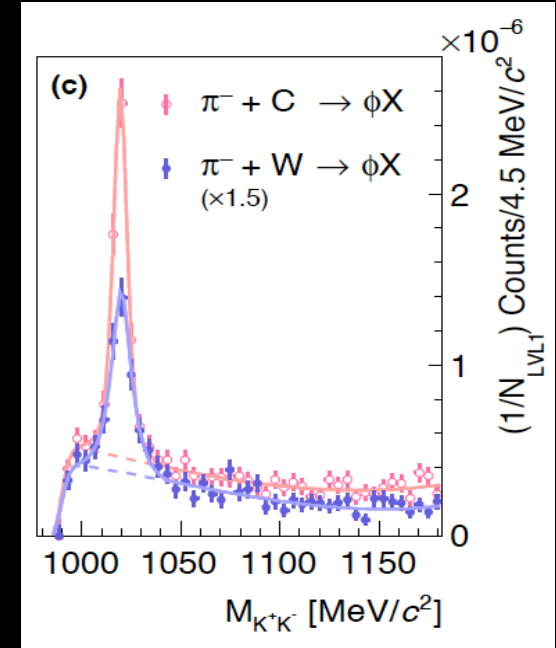
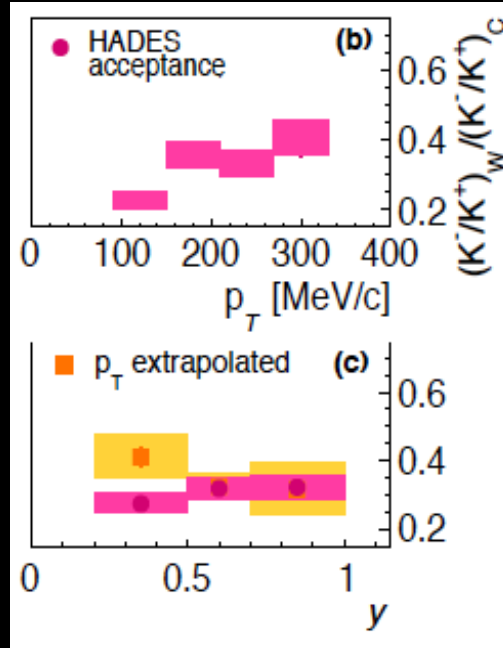
$\rightarrow$  No indication from  $K^-$  spectrum for sequential  $K^+K^-$  freeze-out if corrected for feed-down.



# $\Phi$ -AntiKaon Interplay in Cold Matter



→ Mean free path  $\lambda_\pi = 1.5 \text{ fm}$   
( $p_\pi = 1.7 \text{ GeV}/c, \rho_B \approx \rho_0$ )



→ Suppression of  $K^-$  relative to  $K^+$

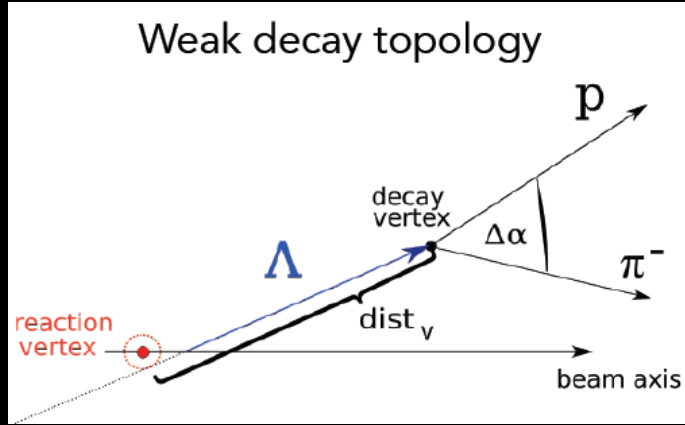
→ Similar suppression for  $\phi$  like for  $K^-$

**In HADES acceptance:**

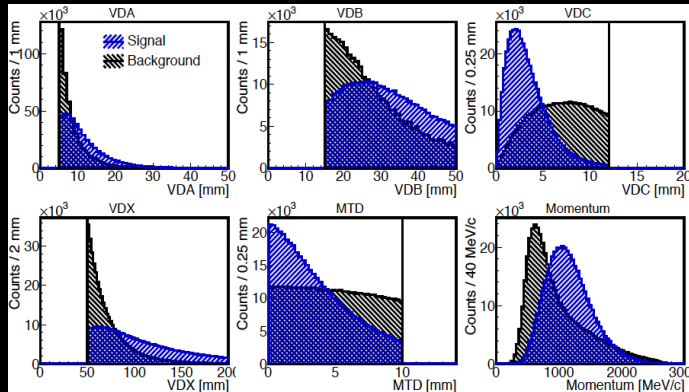
$$(\phi/K^-)_C = 0.55 \pm 0.04(\text{stat})^{+0.06}_{-0.07}(\text{sys})$$

$$(\phi/K^-)_W = 0.63 \pm 0.06(\text{stat}) \pm 0.11(\text{sys})$$

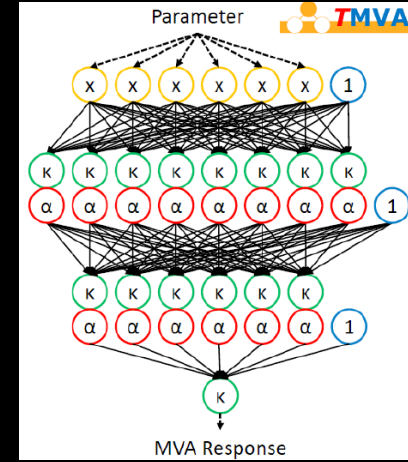
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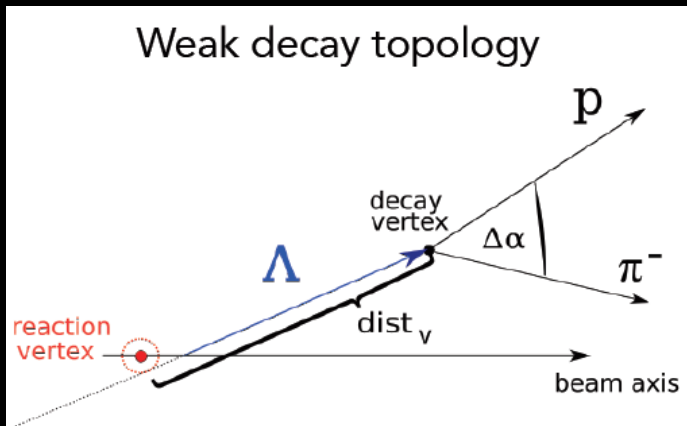
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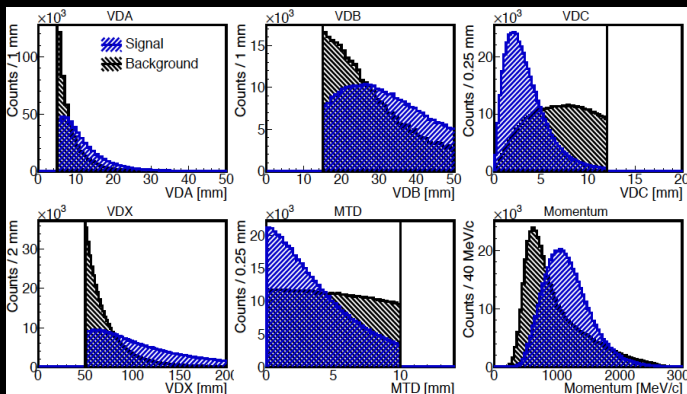
Which can be feed into an ANN



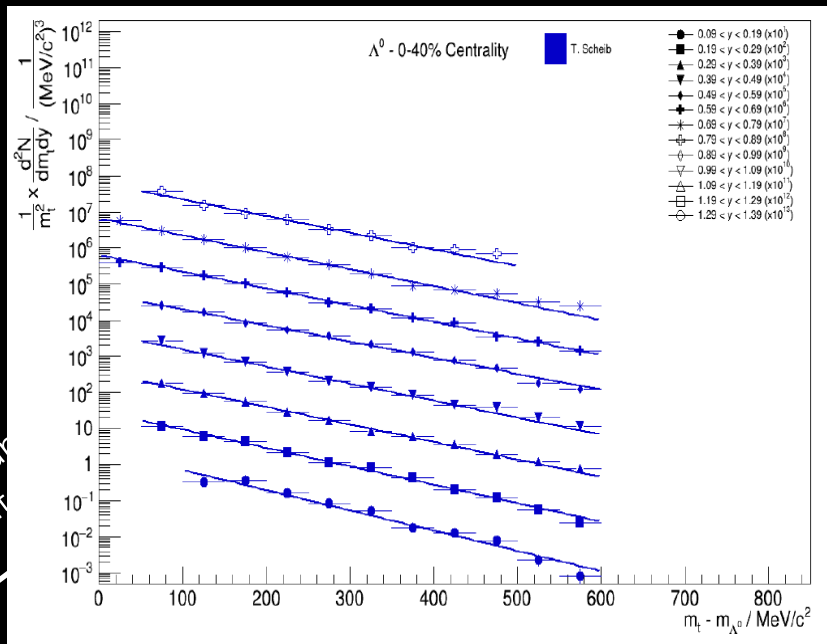
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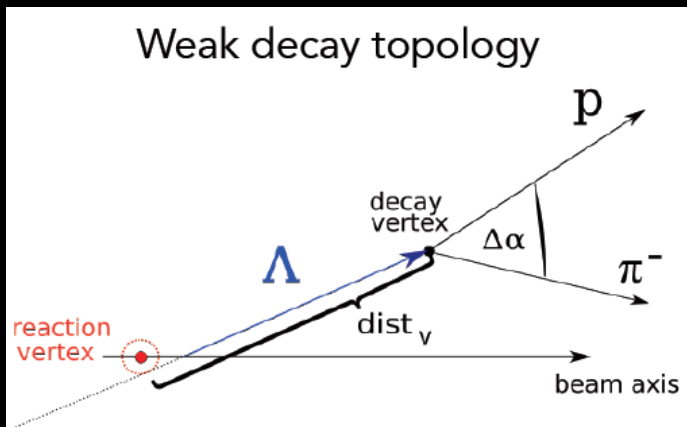
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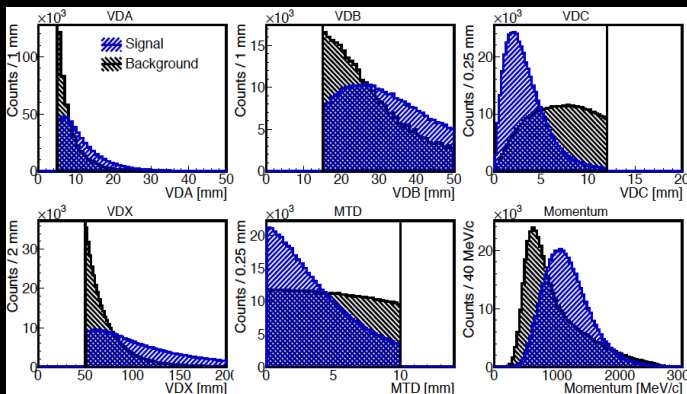
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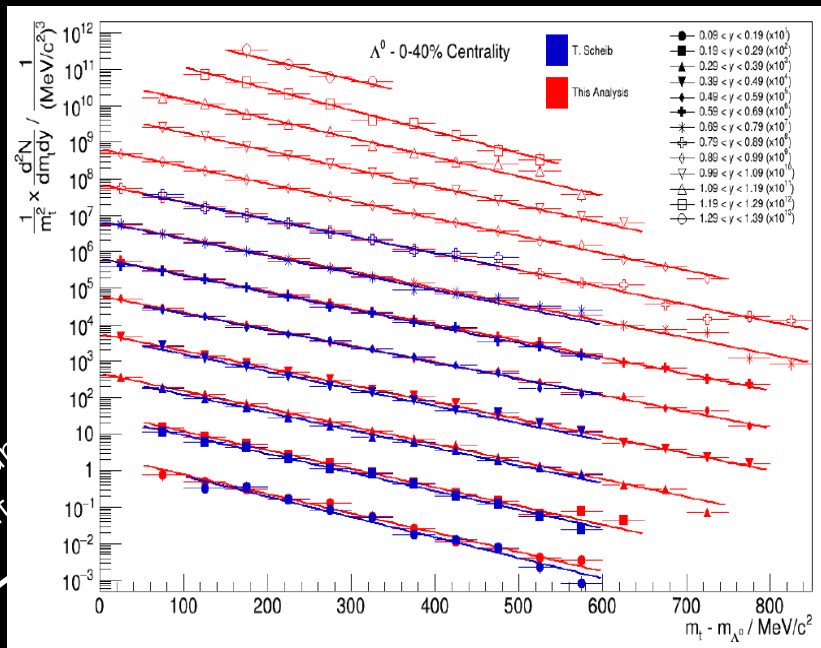
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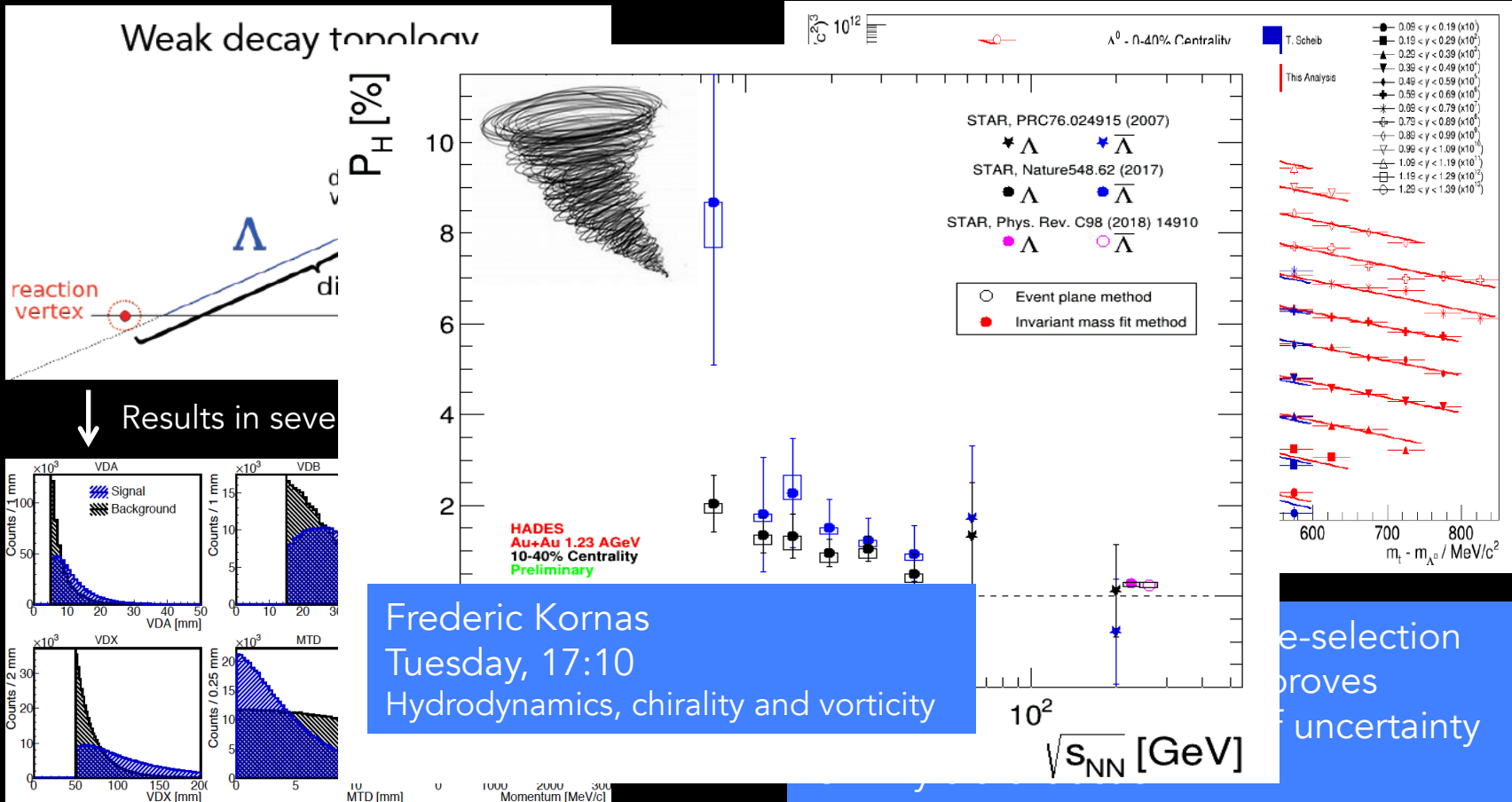
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ANN in combination with pre-selection on topology parameters improves performance → reduction of uncertainty for  $4\pi$  yield extraction.

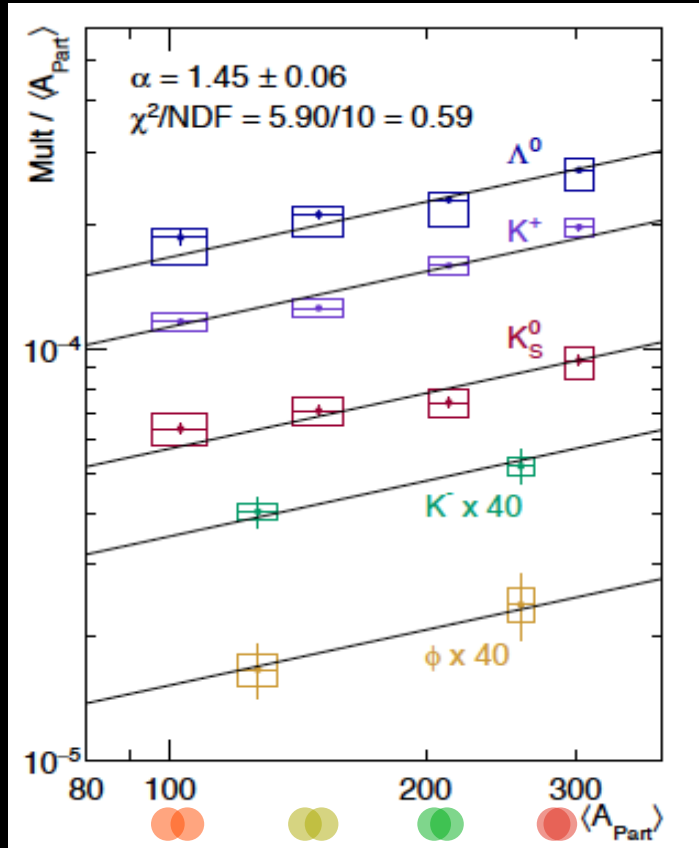


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# Strangeness in Au+Au @ $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.4$ GeV

Complete set of strange hadrons produced below NN-threshold:  $NN \rightarrow NYK^+$ :  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.55$  GeV  
 $NN \rightarrow NNK^+K^-$ :  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.86$  GeV



→ unique observable:

Energy must be provided from the system.

Strange particle yields rise stronger than linear with

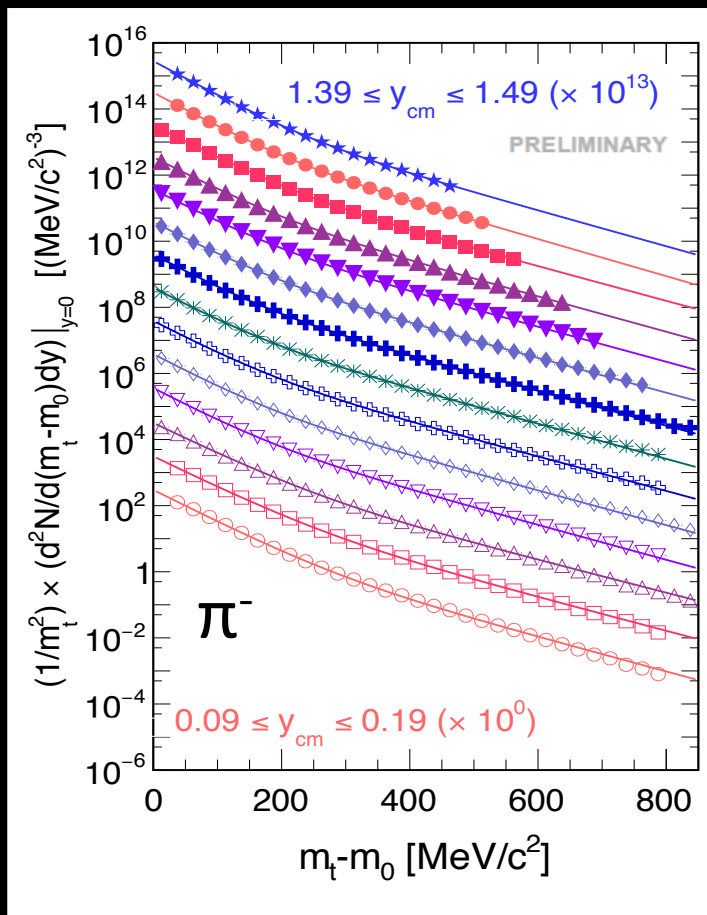
$$\langle A_{part} \rangle (M \sim \langle A_{part} \rangle^\alpha)$$

Universal  $\langle A_{part} \rangle$  dependence of strangeness production

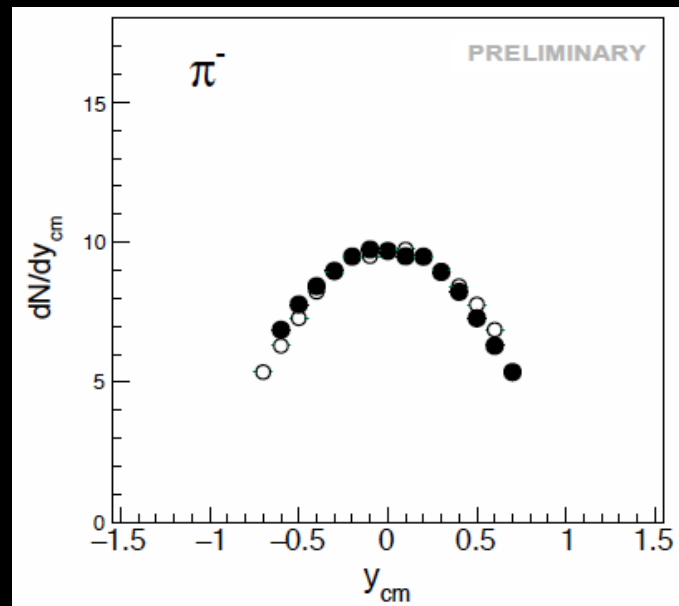
→ Hierarchy in production threshold not reflected

# The Bulk

# $\pi$ Production:

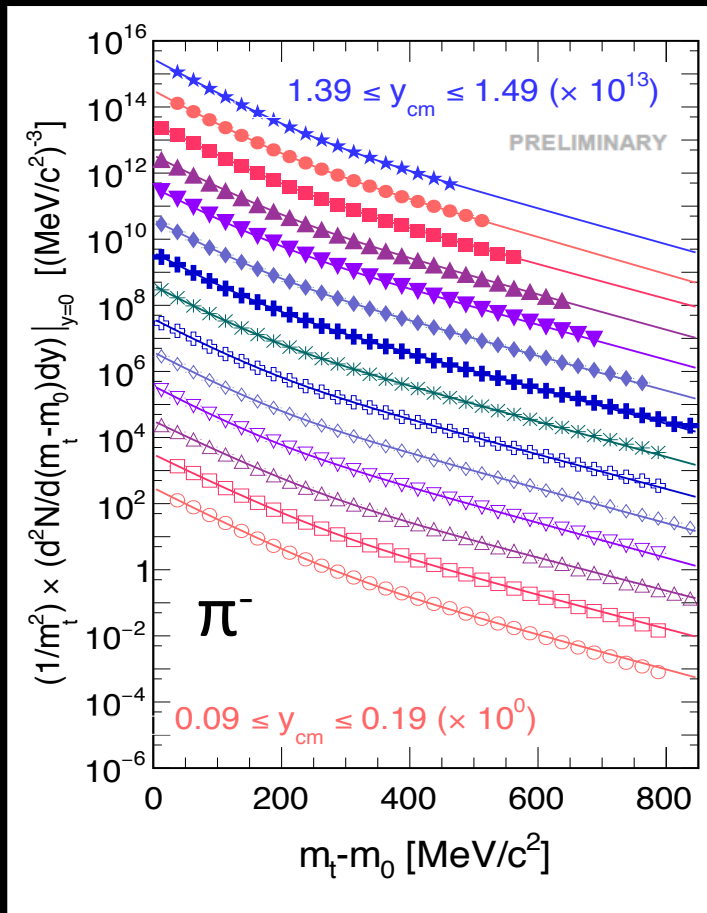


- Most abundant meson: yield  $\approx 10$
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- Large  $m_t - m_0$  and  $y$  coverage

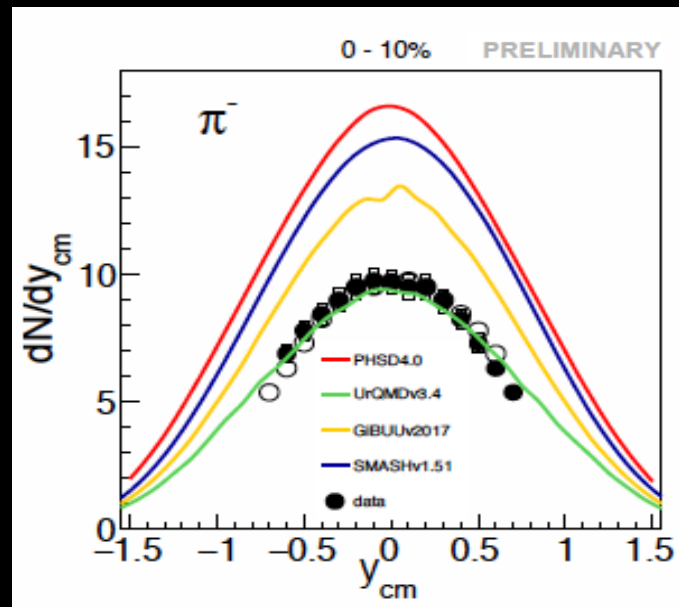




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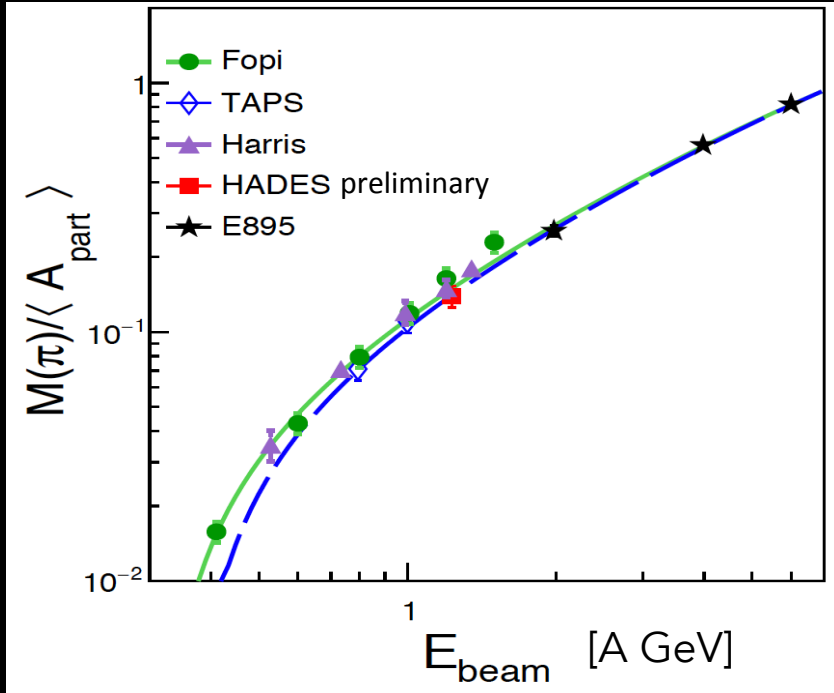


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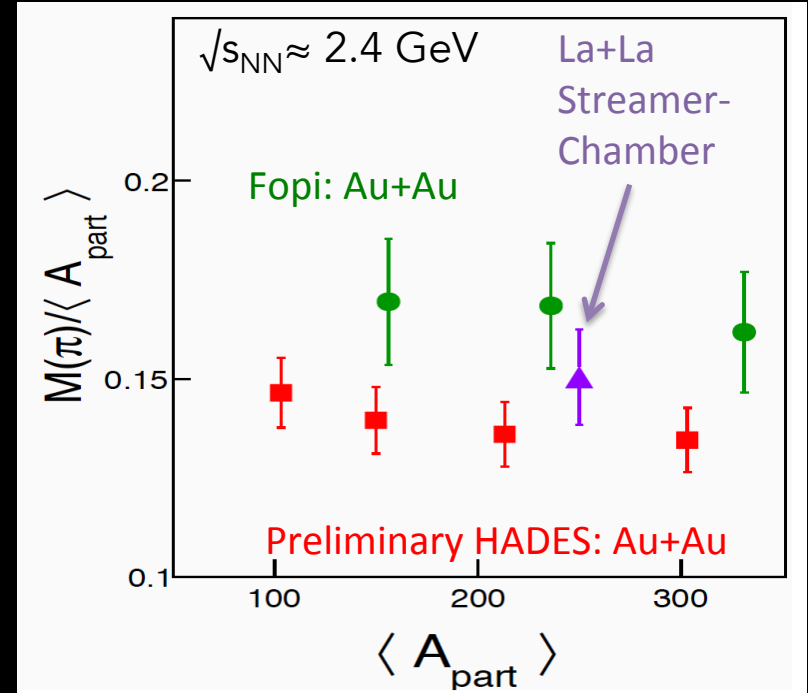
Microscopic models:  
only UrQMD describes absolute yield

# $\pi$ Production: World data



Tension at low end of excitation function

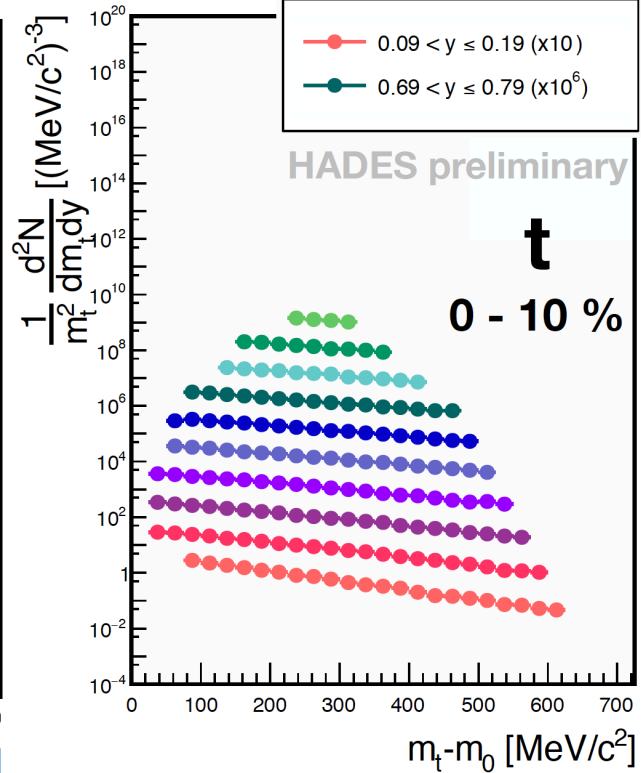
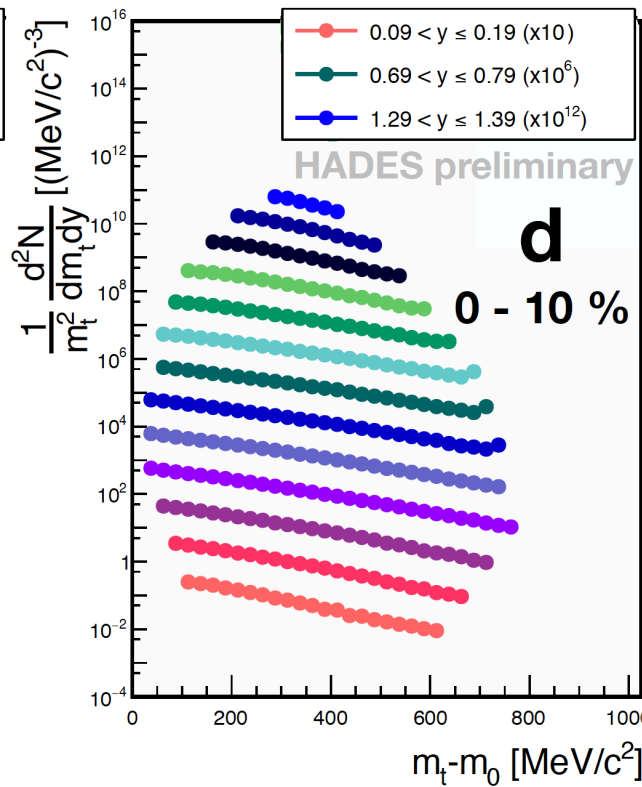
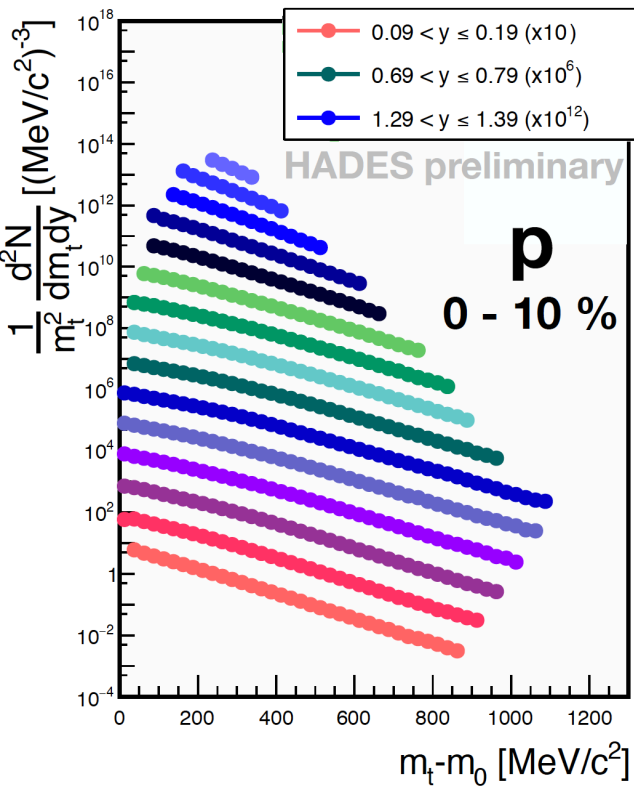
Green: all data; Blue: E895, HADES, TAPS



Comparison of data at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \approx 2.4$  GeV

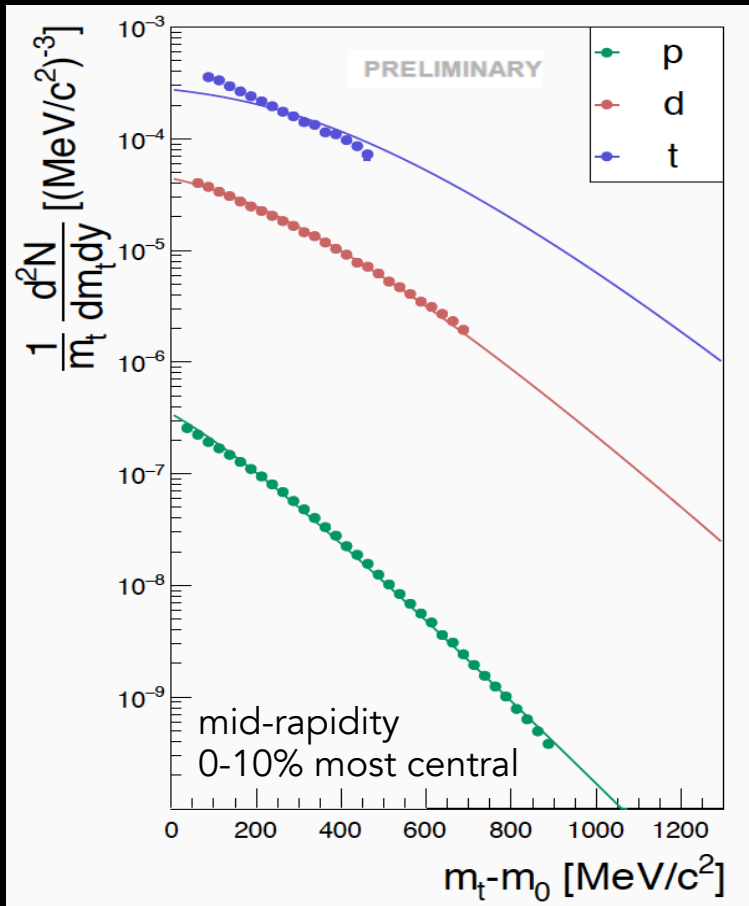
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# Protons and light nuclei



High statistic multi-differential data

# Protons and light nuclei: kinetic freeze-out



Blast wave fit with linear velocity profile:

Phys.Rev.C48:2462-2475,1993

$$T_{\text{kin}} = 66 \pm 8 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\langle \beta_r \rangle = 0.34 \pm 0.02$$

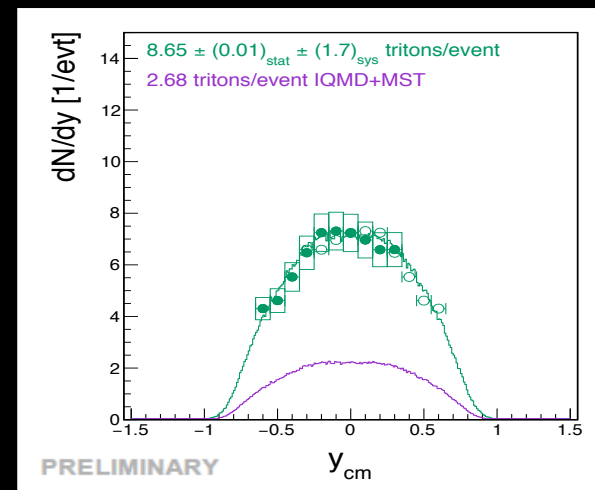
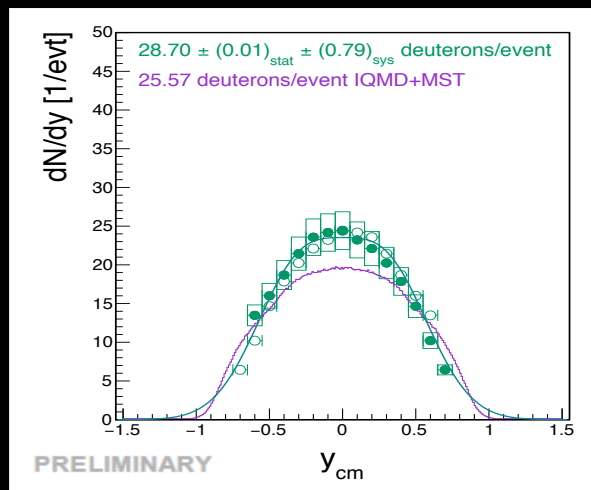
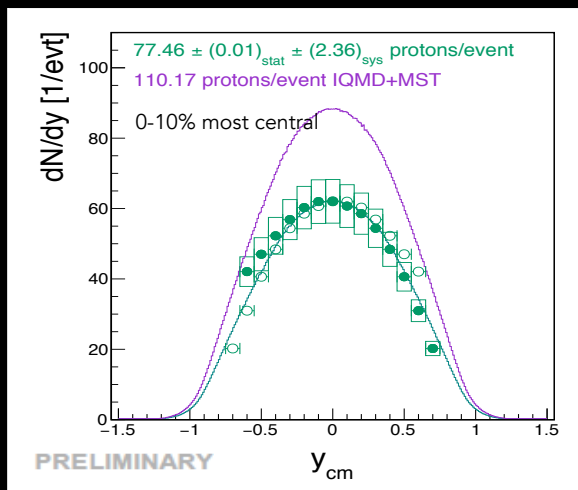
p and d described with simple BW model  
shape of t more complicated

# Protons and light nuclei: microscopic description

In a simple coalescence approach nuclei are “clustered” with the help of dedicated “afterburner”.  
Example: IQMD plus minimal spanning tree (MST) \*

$r = 5$  fm in position space and  $t < 140$  fm/c

\* Thanks to Y. Leifels



→ Challenge to reproduce light nuclei yields at mid-rapidity with simple coalescence.

More involved calculations:

P. Danielewicz and Q. Pan, Phys. Rev. C 46, 2002 (1992).

C. Kuhrts, M. Beyer, P. Danielewicz, and G. Ropke, Phys.Rev. C 63, 034605 (2001).

Akira Ono, EPJ Web of Conferences 122, 11001 (2016).

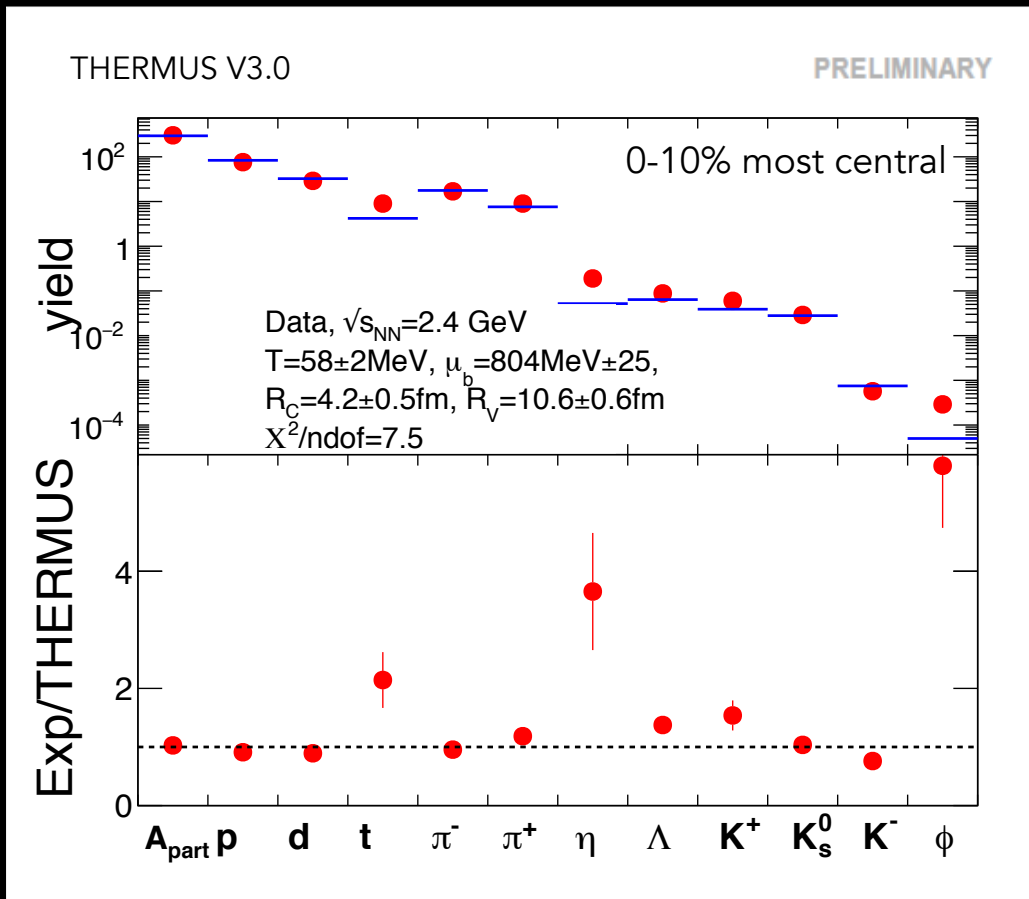
Le Fèvre, Y. Leifels, J. Aichelin, Ch. Hartnack, V. Kireyev, E. Bratkovskaya. J.Phys.Conf.Ser. 668

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Hadronization and Coalescence

# Macroscopic description of yields



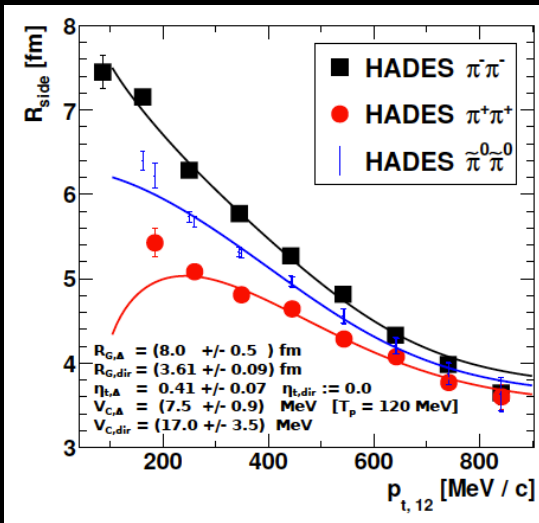
Fit to HADES data consistent with previous works when same selection of hadron species are used (p, d,  $\pi$ ,  $K^+$ )

J. Cleymans, H. Oeschler, K. Redlich, Phys.Rev. C59 (1999)

R. Averbeck, R. Holzmann, V. Metag, R.S. Simon. Phys.Rev. C67 (2003)

Fit to full hadron spectrum results in large  $\chi^2$ !

# $\pi$ -HBT radii



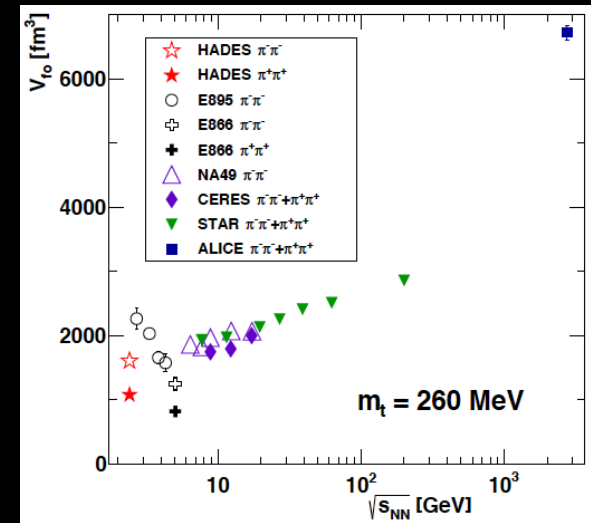
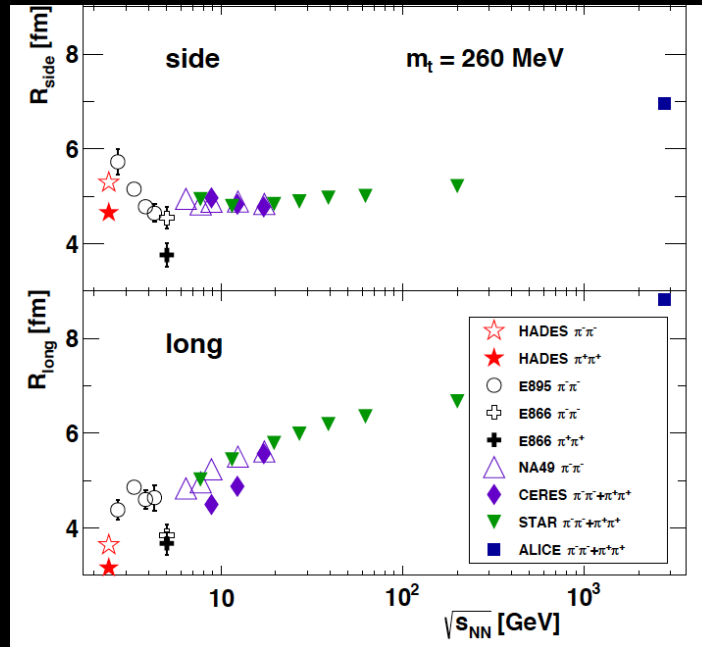
Indications for charge-sign differences reported previously:

E866 R. A. Soltz, M. Baker, J. H. Lee, Nucl. Phys. A 661, 439c (1999)

E877 D. Miskowiec et al., Nucl. Phys. A590, 473c (1995)

NA44 I.G. Bearden et al., Nucl. Phys. A638, 103c (1998)

First time observation of substantial differences!



HADES follows trend from STAR/NA49  
more than trend from E895

→ room for structures?

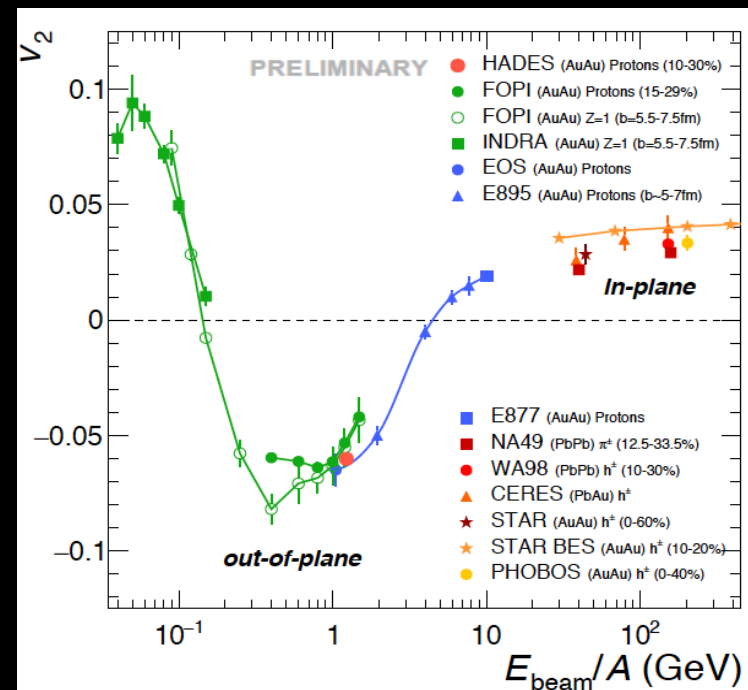
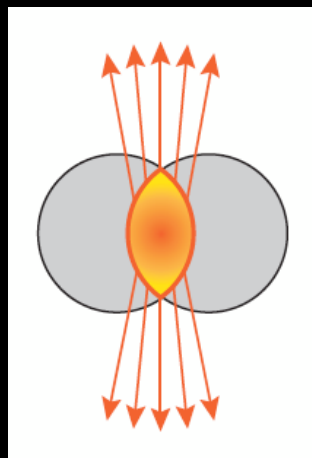
# Flow Anisotropies

## Out-of-plane $v_2$

- Long spectator passing time

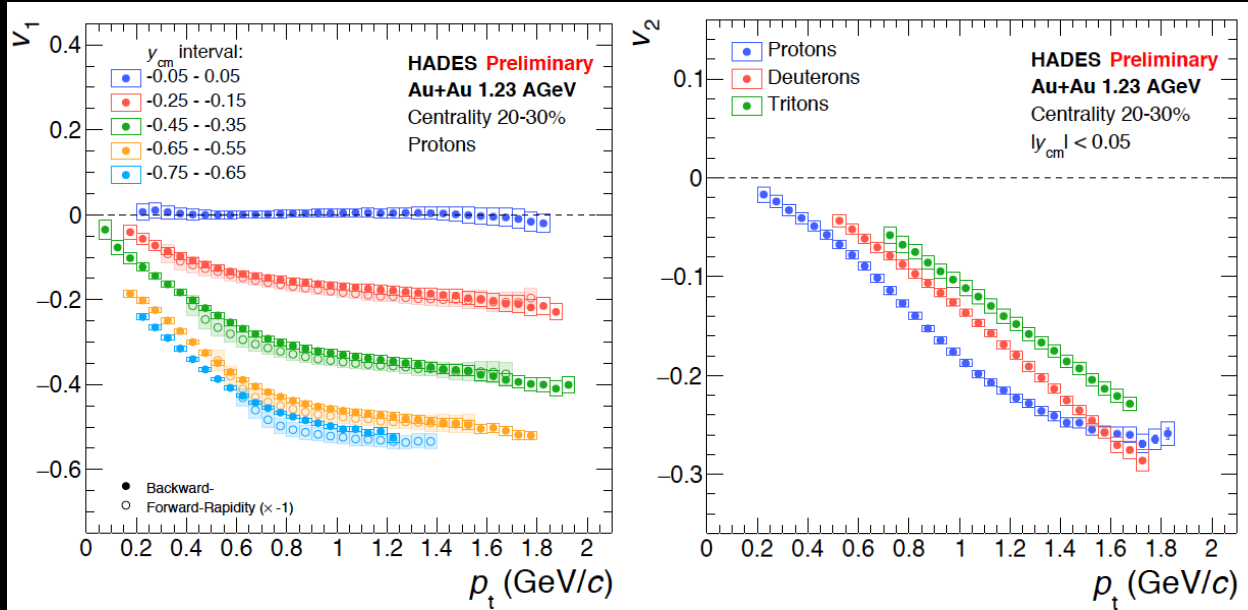
$$\tau_{\text{passing}} \approx \tau_{\text{expansion}}$$

- Squeeze-out





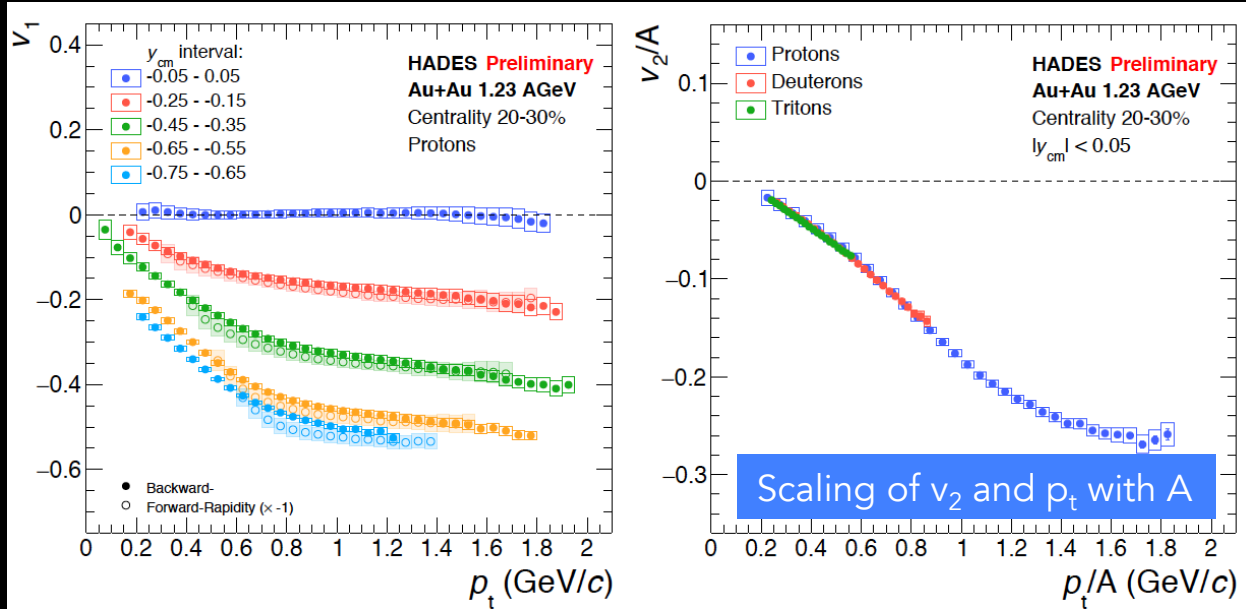
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High statistic multi-differential data

Comparison  $p, d, t$  at mid-rapidity

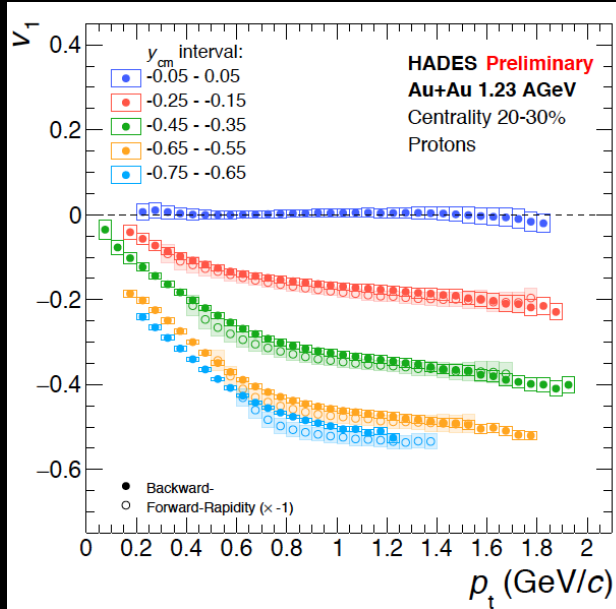
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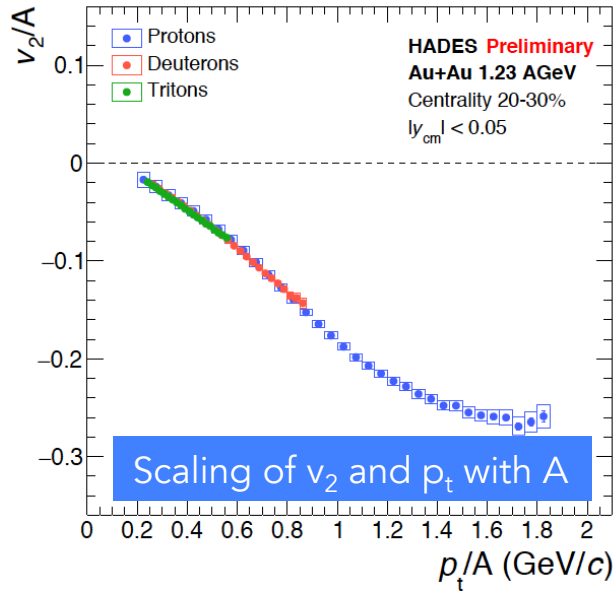
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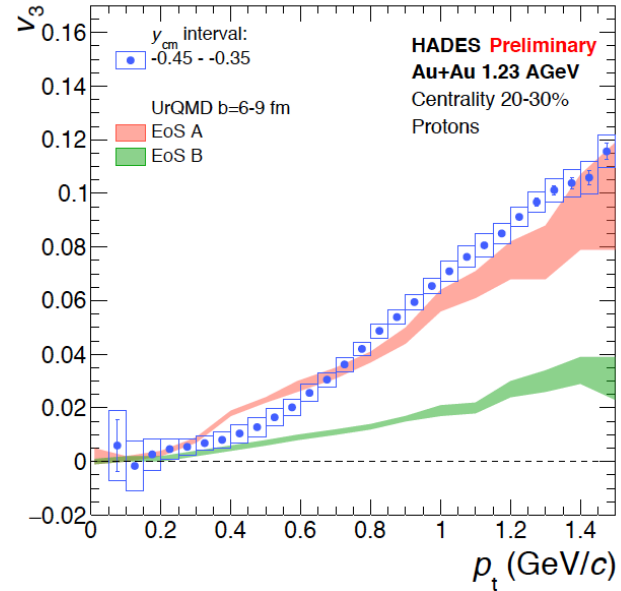
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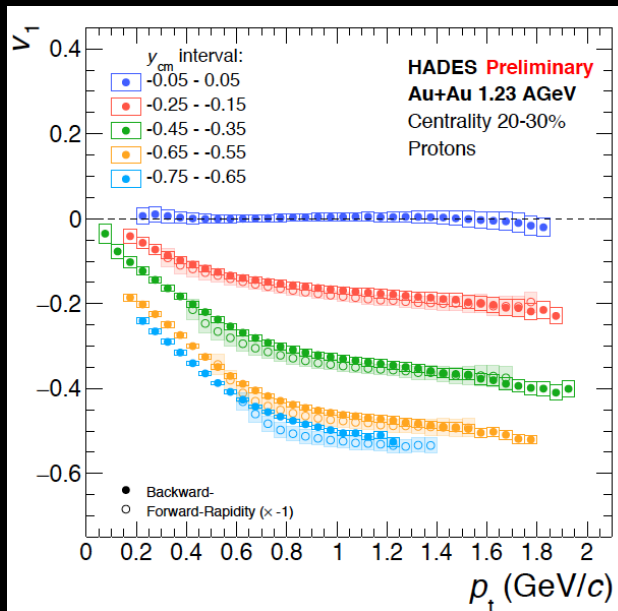


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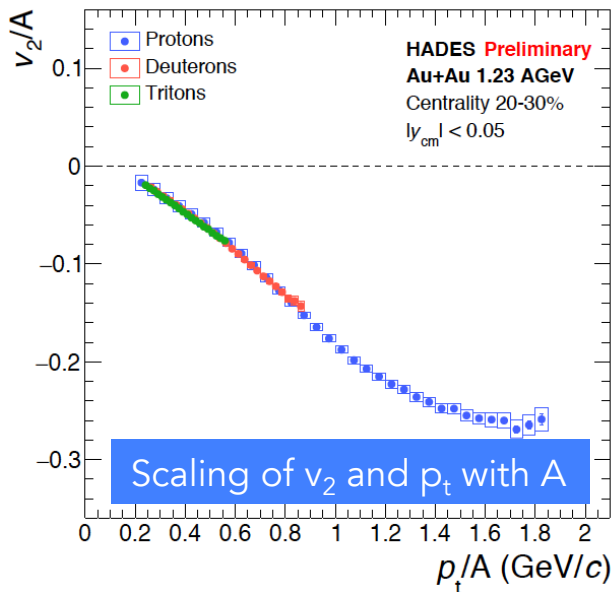


Sensitivity to EOS

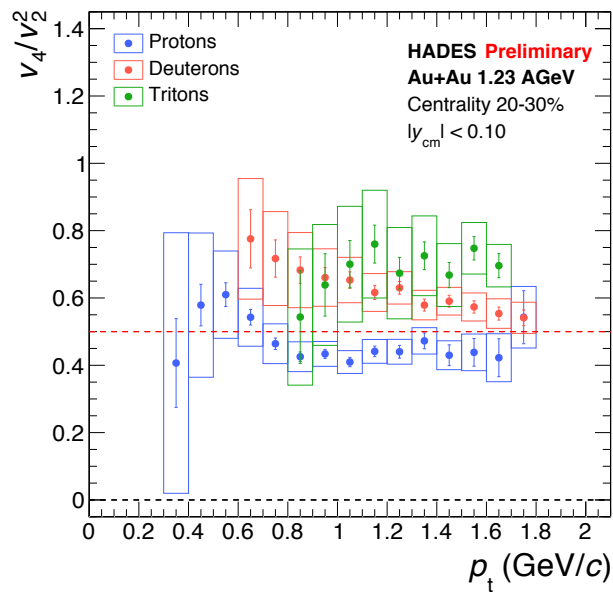
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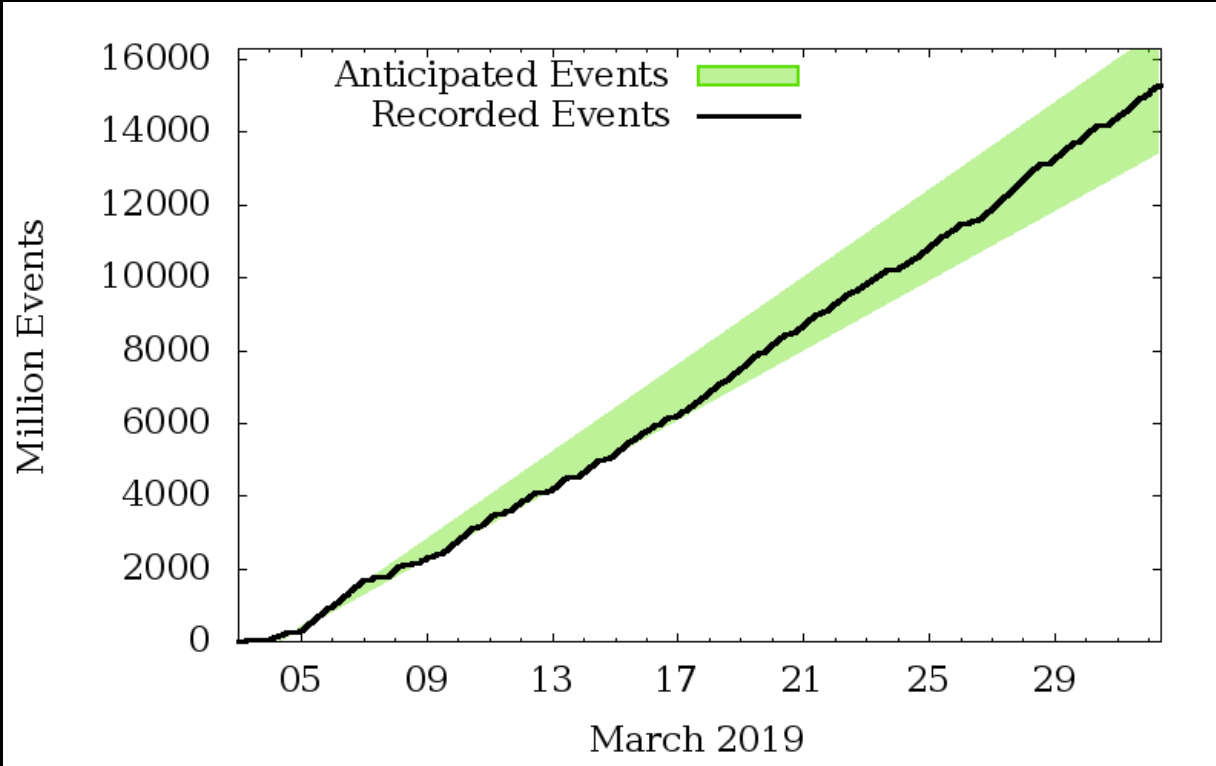
Description by hydrodynamics?

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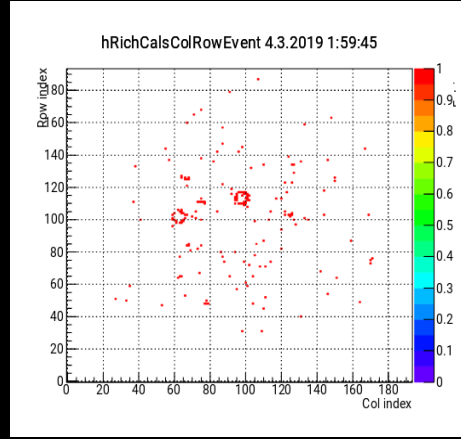
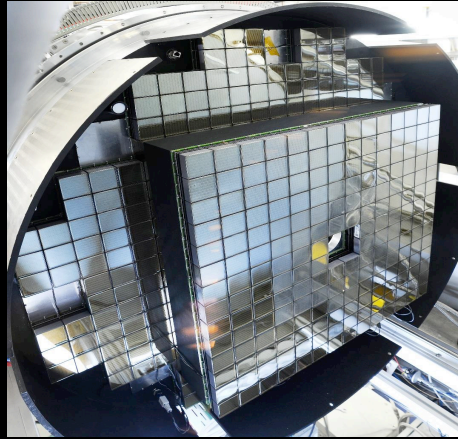
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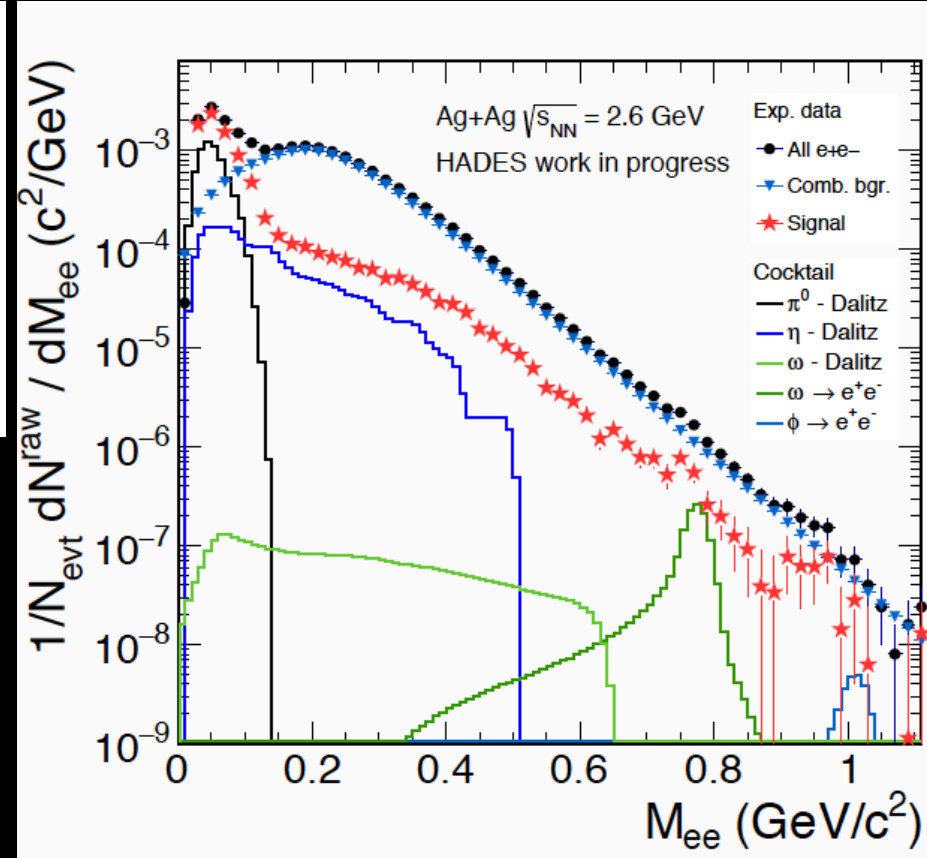
~ 15 billion events collected during March 2019

# Ag+Ag $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.6$ GeV: Virtual Photons



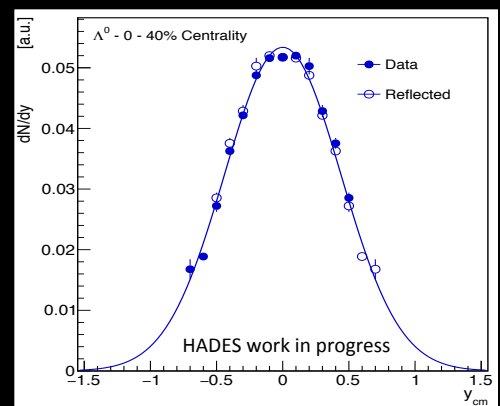
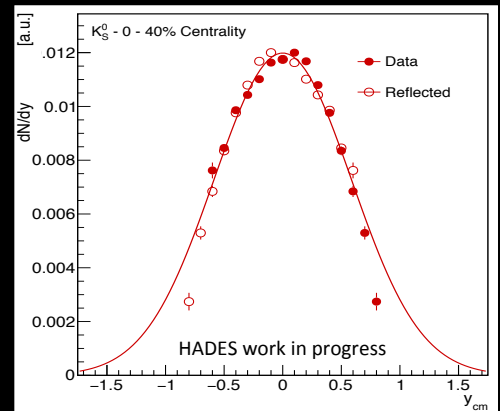
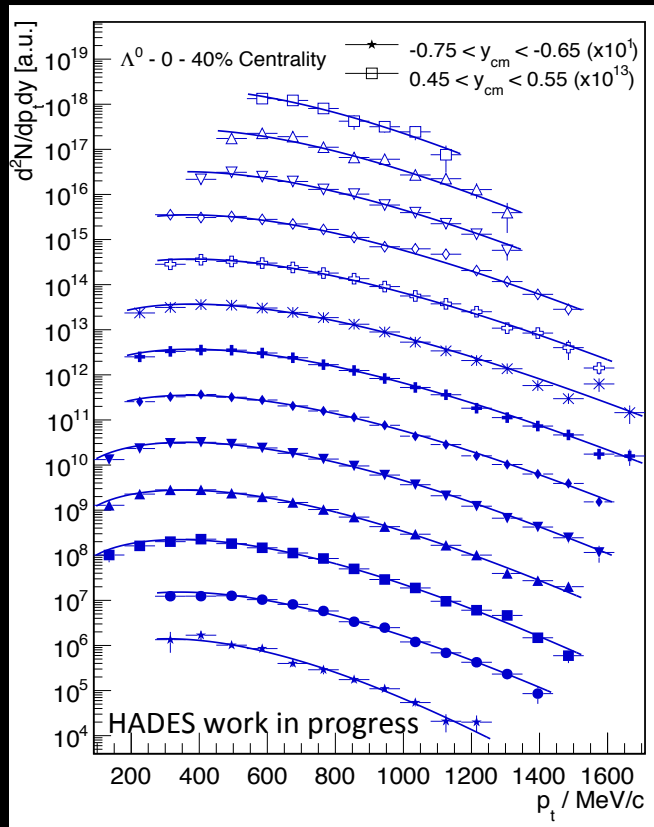
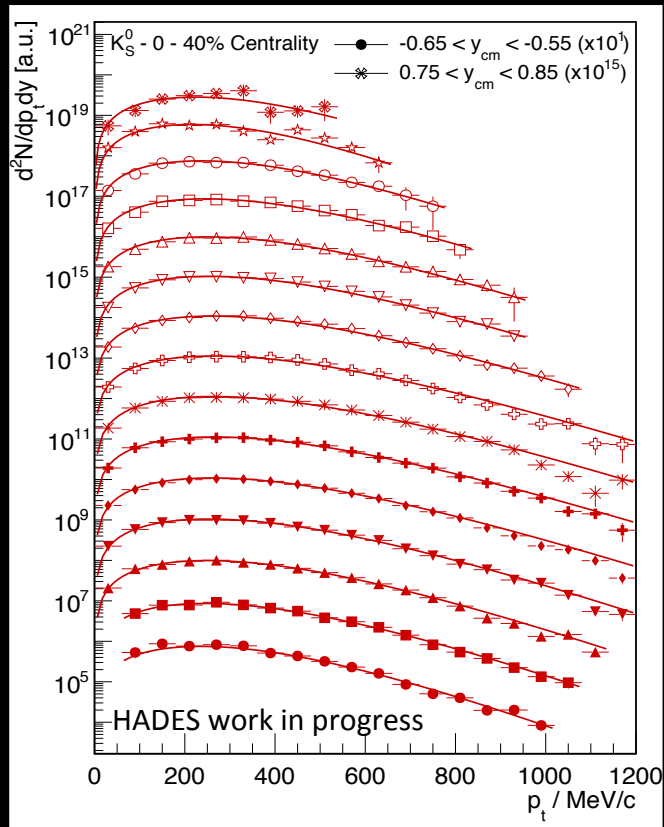
1/2 of the CBM RICH photon detector  
Stable operation during 4 weeks of beamtime

Resulting spectrum →



# Ag+Ag $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.6$ GeV: Strangeness

## $K^0_s$ and $\Lambda$ production at the NN-threshold





# Summary

## Virtual Photons:

Strong broadening of the  $\rho$ , exponentially falling spectrum,  
→ extraction of temperature  $\langle T_{ee} \rangle = 72$  MeV

## Strangeness:

Universal  $\langle A_{part} \rangle$  dependence of strangeness production

## $\pi$ – beam:

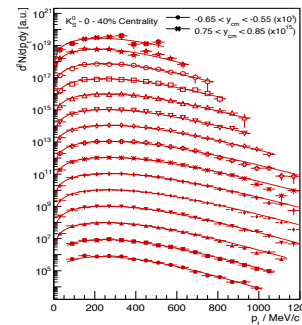
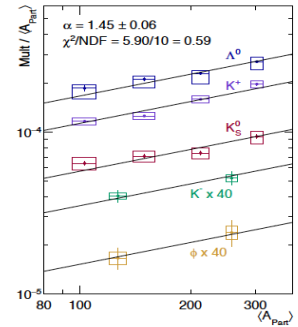
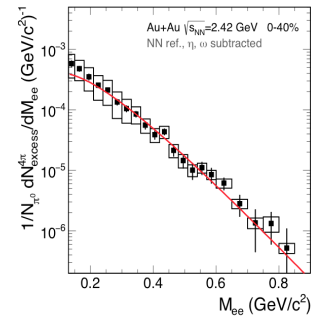
data for detailed investigation of the coupling to baryons

## The Bulk:

Multi-differential data on  $p$ , light nuclei,  $\pi$   
including flow anisotropies and HBT radii

## FAIR-Phase0:

High quality data to come are here



# The HADES collaboration

