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# Electromagnetic emissivity of hot and dense matter

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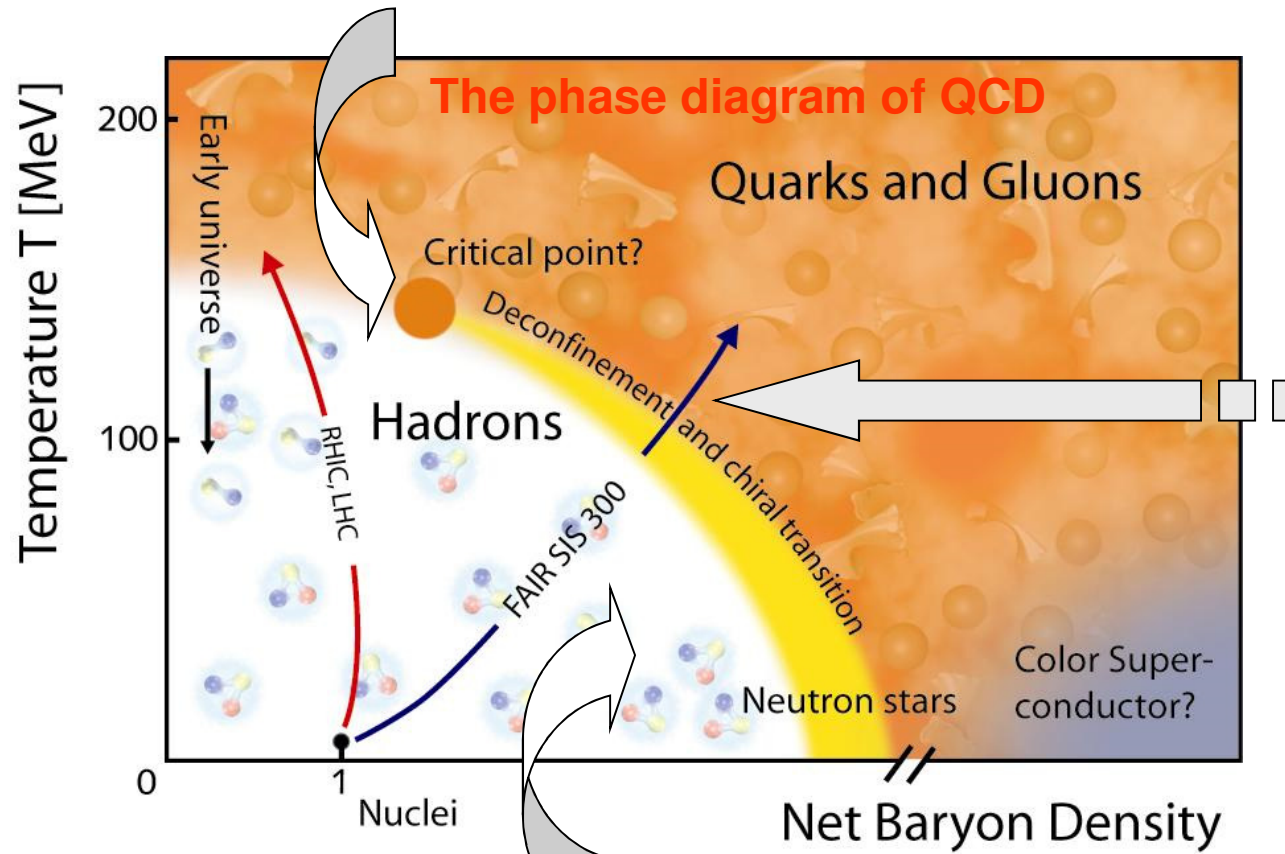
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# The holy grail of heavy-ion physics:

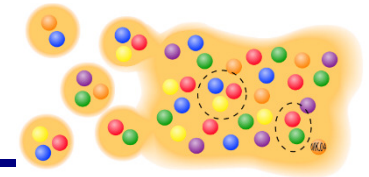
- Search for the **critical point**



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

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

# 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 a **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 (‘cross over’ at  $\mu_q=0$ )

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



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

**QGP phase described by**

**Dynamical QuasiParticle Model  
(DQPM)**

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

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

# Dynamical QuasiParticle Model (DQPM) - Basic ideas:

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

$$\text{Gluon propagator: } \Delta^{-1} = P^2 - \Pi \quad \text{gluon self-energy: } \Pi = M_g^2 - i2\Gamma_g \omega$$

$$\text{Quark propagator: } S_q^{-1} = P^2 - \Sigma_q \quad \text{quark self-energy: } \Sigma_q = M_q^2 - i2\Gamma_q \omega$$

- the resummed properties are specified by **complex self-energies** which depend on temperature:
  - the **real part of self-energies** ( $\Sigma_q, \Pi$ ) 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** guarantees a consistent description of the system **in- and out-of equilibrium** on the basis of **Kadanoff-Baym equations** with proper states in equilibrium

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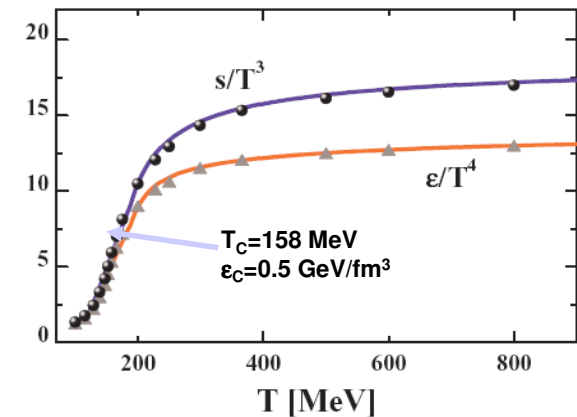
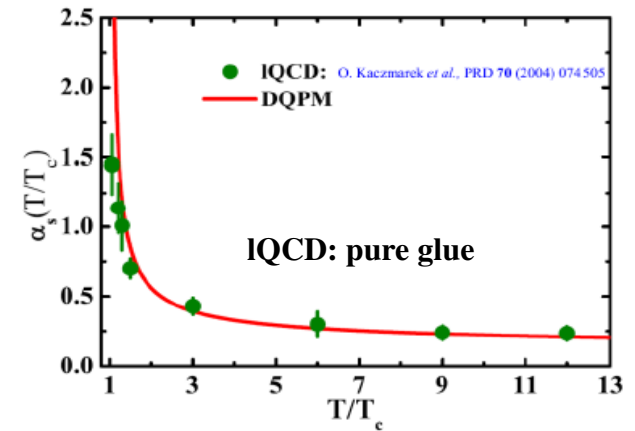
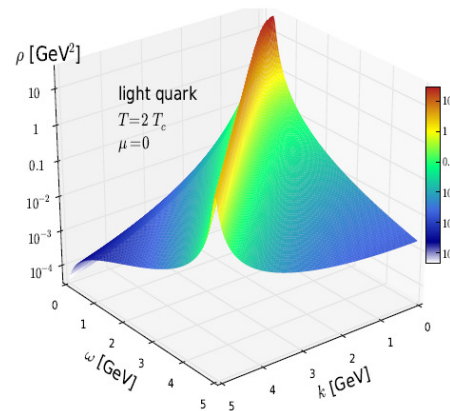
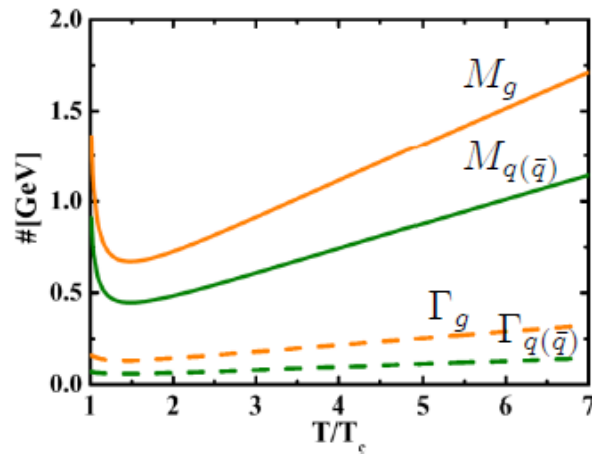
# The Dynamical QuasiParticle Model (DQPM)

- Basic idea: **interacting quasi-particles: massive quarks and gluons (g, q, q<sub>bar</sub>)** with **Lorentzian spectral functions** :

$$\rho_i(\omega, T) = \frac{4\omega\Gamma_i(T)}{(\omega^2 - \vec{p}^2 - M_i^2(T))^2 + 4\omega^2\Gamma_i^2(T)} \quad (i = q, \bar{q}, g)$$

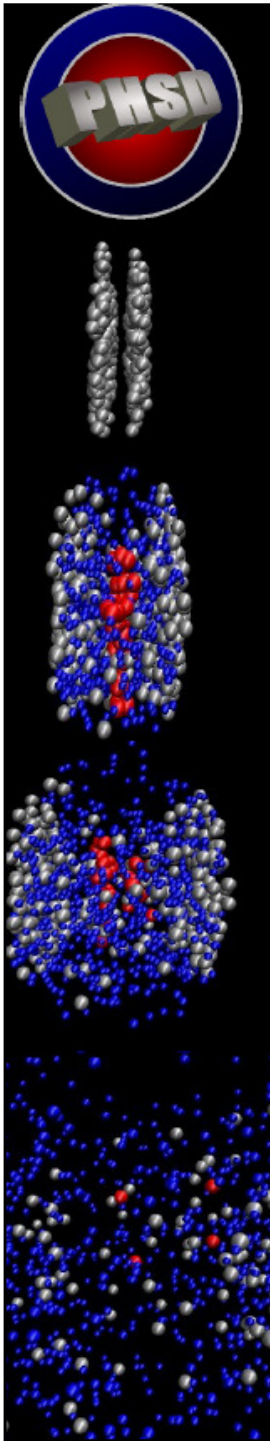
- fit to lattice (IQCD) results (e.g. entropy density) with 3 parameters

→ **Quasi-particle properties:**  
large width and mass for gluons and quarks



- 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

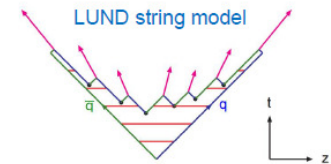
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# Parton-Hadron-String-Dynamics (PHSD)

## Initial A+A collisions – HSD:

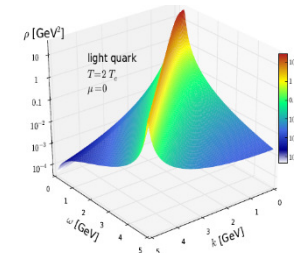
$N+N \rightarrow$  string formation  $\rightarrow$  decay to pre-hadrons



## 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:

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

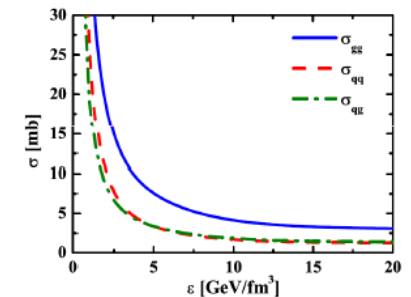
$$q + \bar{q} \rightarrow q + \bar{q} \quad g + \bar{q} \rightarrow g + \bar{q}$$

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

### inelastic collisions:

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

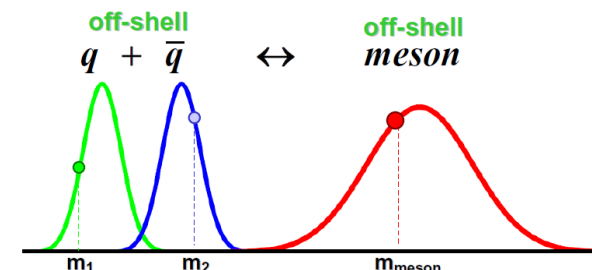
$$g \rightarrow q + \bar{q} \quad g \rightarrow g + g$$



## Hadronization (based on DQPM):

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

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

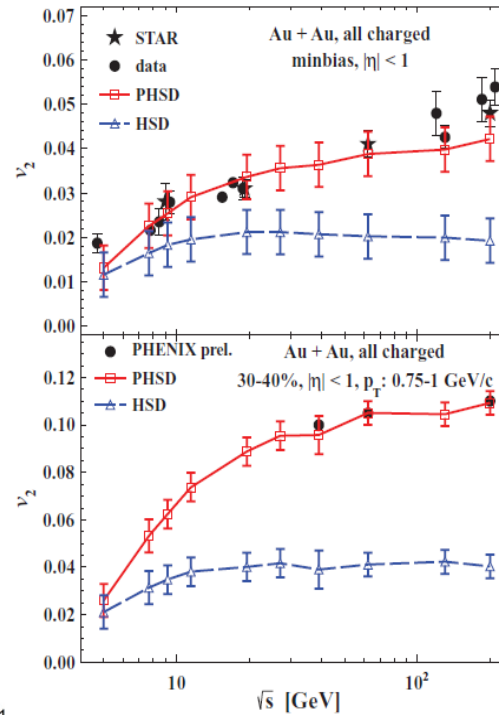
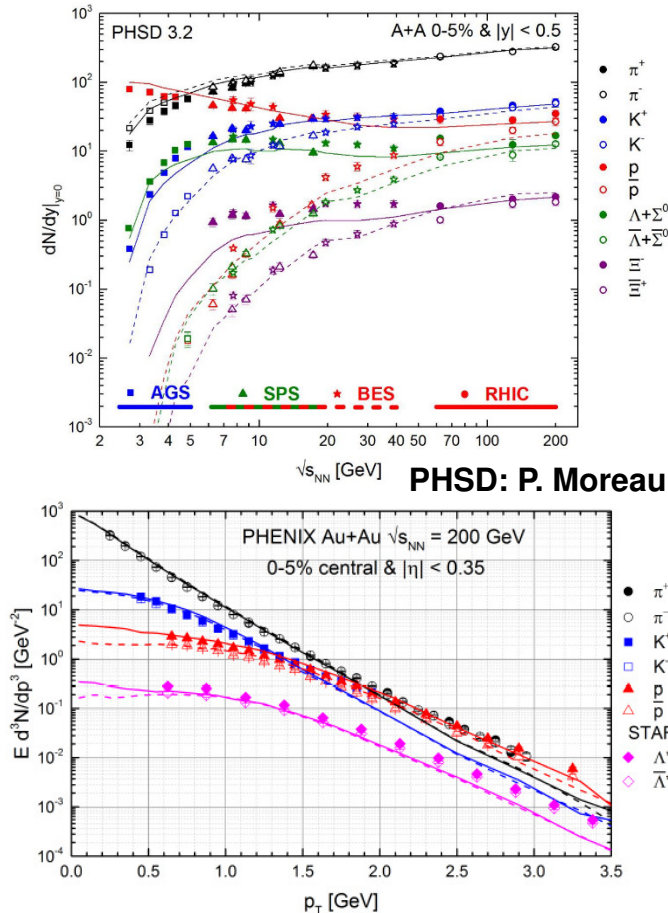


## Hadronic phase: hadron-hadron interactions – off-shell HSD

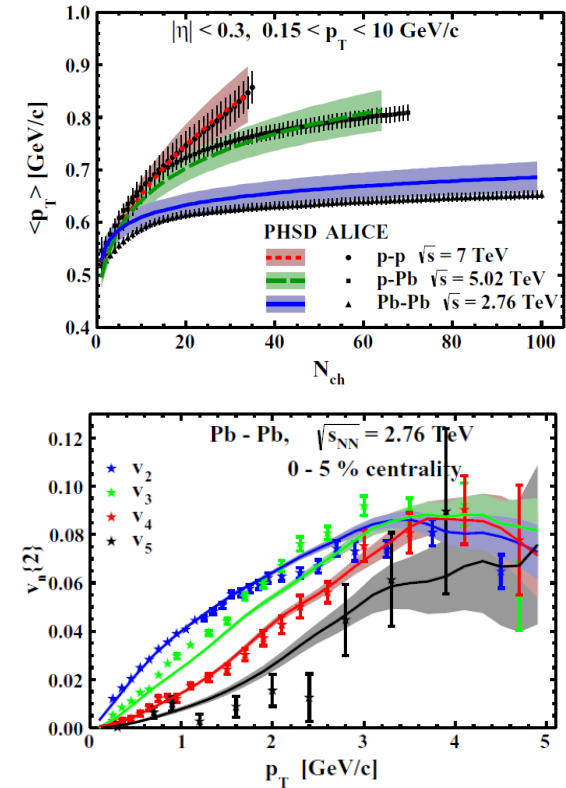


# Description of A+A with PHSD

**Important:** to be conclusive on charm observables, the **light quark dynamics** must be well under control!



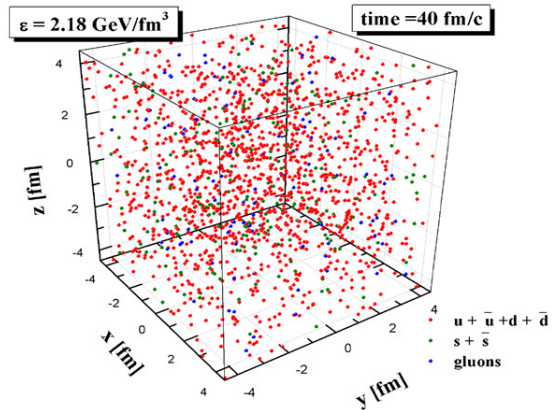
V. Konchakovski et al.,  
PRC 85 (2012) 011902; JPG42 (2015) 055106



**PHSD** provides a **good description of ,bulk‘ observables** ( $y$ -,  $p_T$ -distributions, flow coefficients  $v_n$ , ...) from SPS to LHC

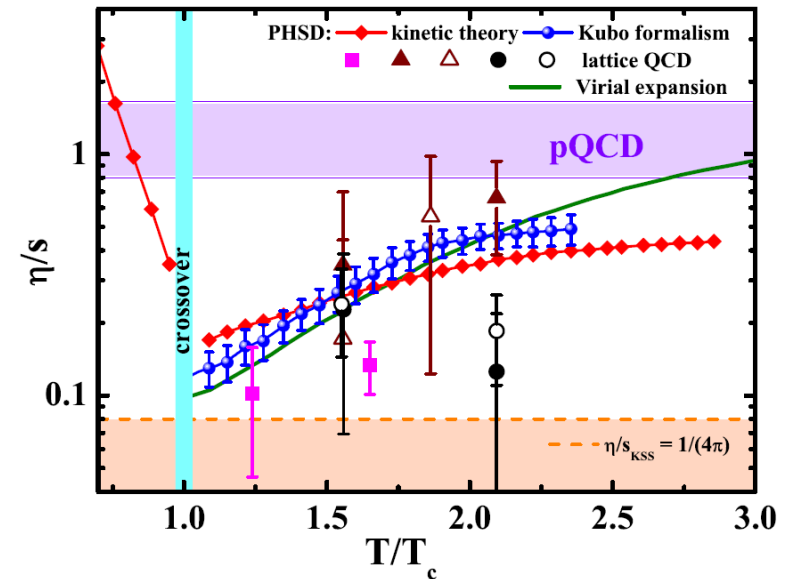
# I. Transport properties at finite $(T, \mu_q)$ : $\eta/s$

PHSD in a box:

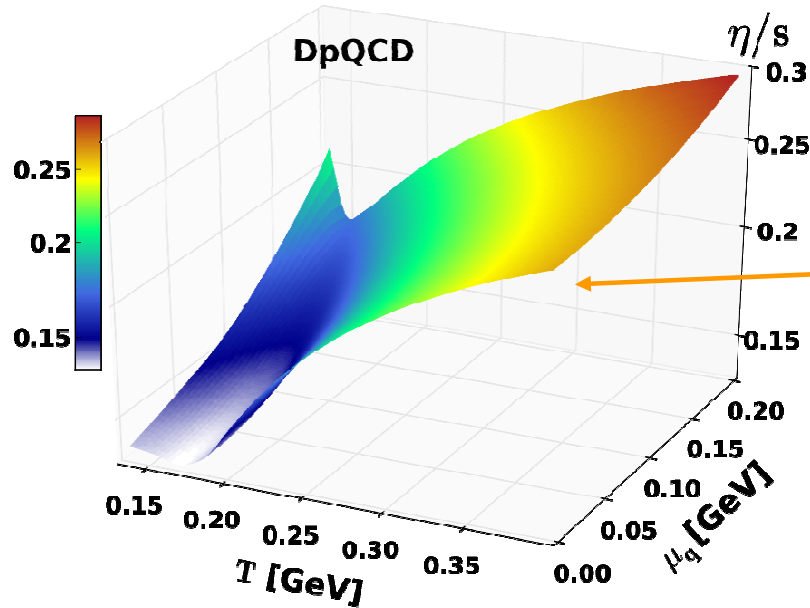


PHSD: shear viscosity  $\eta/s$  at finite T

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



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



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

H. Berrehrah et al. arXiv:1412.1017

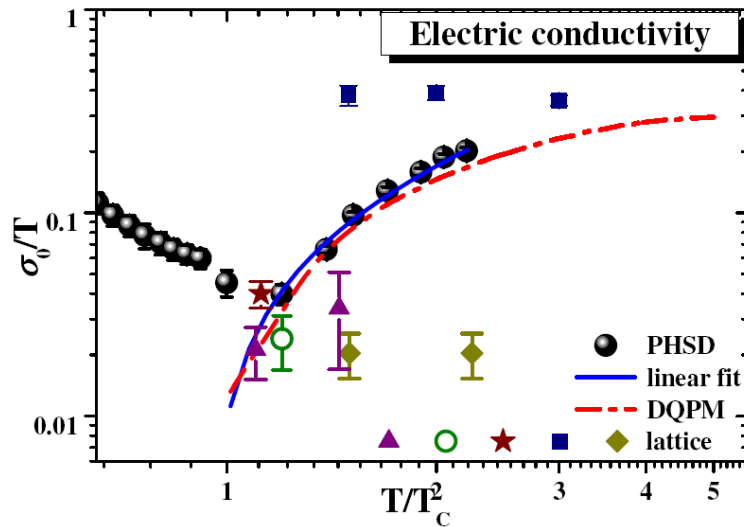


## II. Transport properties at finite $(T, \mu_q)$ : $\sigma_e/T$

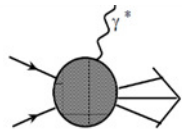
**PHSD in a box:**

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

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



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



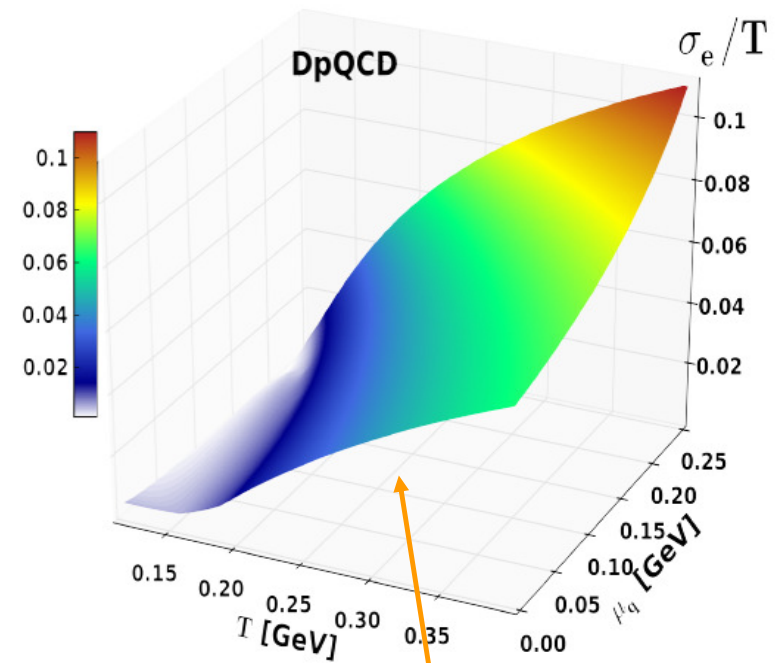
$$q_0 \left. \frac{dR}{d^4x d^3q} \right|_{q_0 \rightarrow 0} = \frac{T}{4\pi^3} \sigma_0$$

**→ Probe of electric properties of the QGP**

**DQPM:**

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

H. Berrehrah et al. arXiv:1412.1017



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

# Direct photon flow puzzle

?



# Production sources of photons in p+p and A+A

## Decay photons (in pp and AA):

$$m \rightarrow \gamma + X, \quad m = \pi^0, \eta, \omega, \eta', a_1, \dots$$

## Direct photons: (inclusive(=total) – decay) – measured

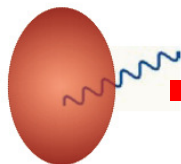
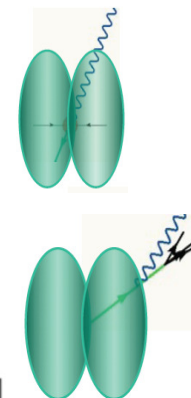
experimentally

### hard photons:

(large  $p_T$ ,  
in pp and AA)

- prompt (pQCD; initial hard N+N scattering)

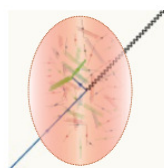
- jet fragmentation (pQCD; qq, gq bremsstrahlung)  
(in AA can be modified by parton energy loss in medium)



### thermal photons:

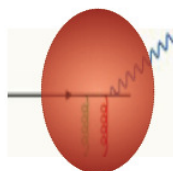
(low  $p_T$ , in AA)

- QGP
- Hadron gas



### jet- $\gamma$ -conversion in plasma

(large  $p_T$ , in AA)

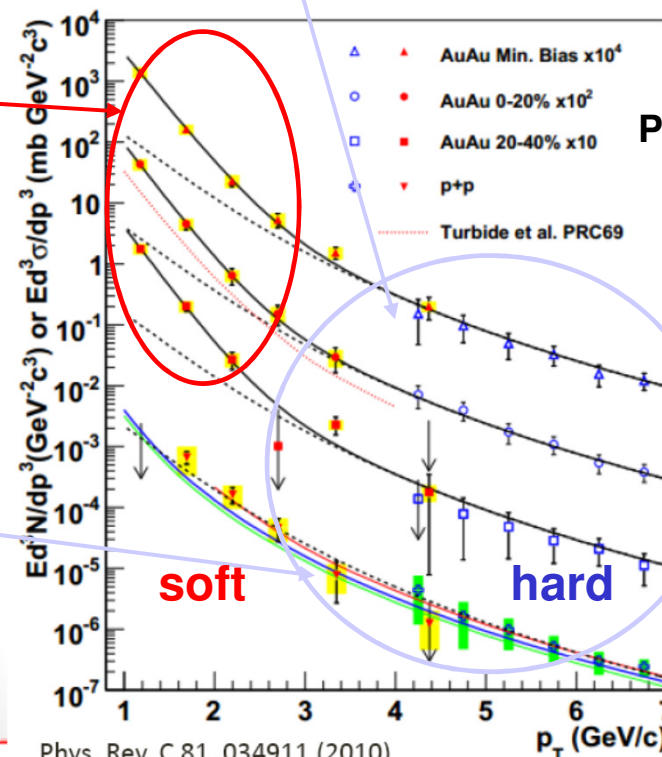


### jet-medium photons

(large  $p_T$ , in AA) - scattering of hard partons with thermalized partons

$$q_{\text{hard}} + g_{\text{QGP}} \rightarrow \gamma + q,$$

$$q_{\text{hard}} + q_{\text{bar QGP}} \rightarrow \gamma + q$$

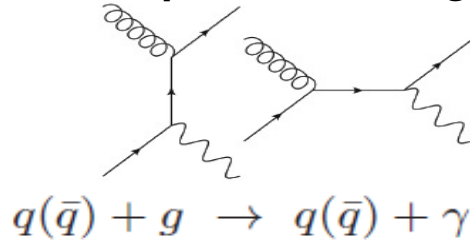


# Production sources of thermal photons

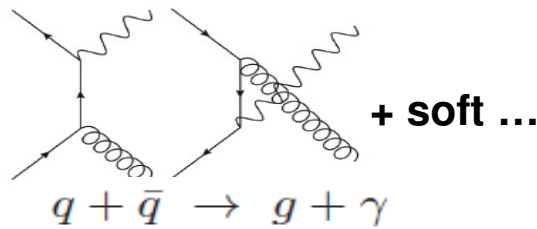
## Thermal QGP:

HTL program (Klimov (1981), Weldon (1982), Braaten & Pisarski (1990); Frenkel & Taylor (1990), ...)

### Compton scattering



### q-qbar annihilation



- Rates beyond pQCD: off-shell massive  $q, g$  (used in PHSD)

O. Linnyk, JPG 38 (2011) 025105; Poster by O. Linnyk & QM'2014

- pQCD LO: 'AMY' Arnold, Moore, Yaffe, JHEP 12, 009 (2001)
- pQCD NLO: Gale, Ghiglieri (2014)

← QGP rates used in hydro !

## Hadronic sources:

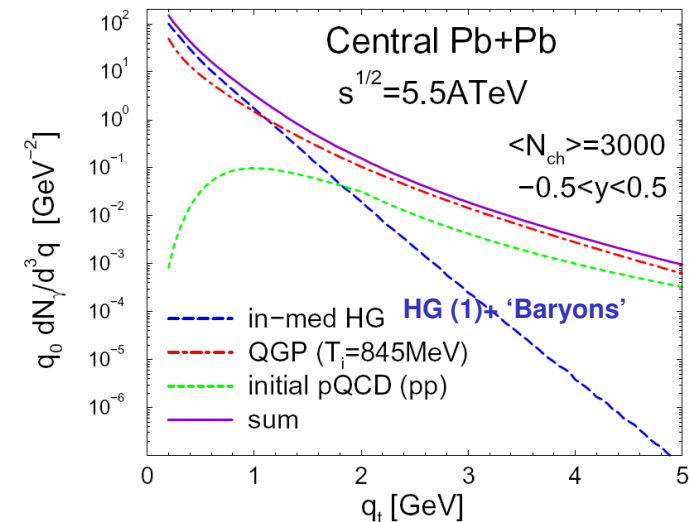
### (1) secondary mesonic interactions:

$$\pi + \pi \rightarrow \rho + \gamma, \quad \rho + \pi \rightarrow \pi + \gamma, \quad \pi + K \rightarrow \rho + \gamma, \dots$$

### (2) meson-meson and meson-baryon bremsstrahlung:

$$m + m \rightarrow m + m + \gamma, \quad m + B \rightarrow m + B + \gamma,$$

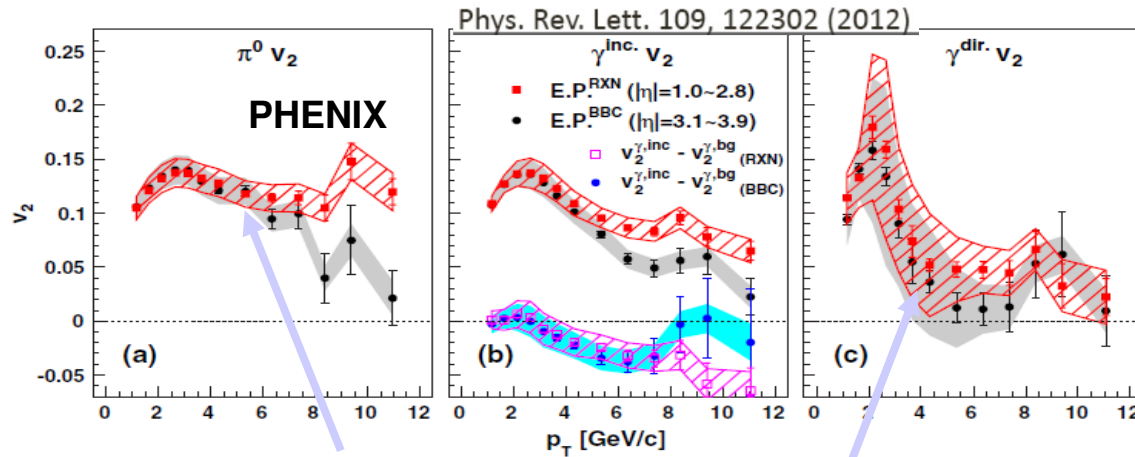
$$m = \pi, \eta, \rho, \omega, K, K^*, \dots, \quad B = p, \Delta, \dots$$



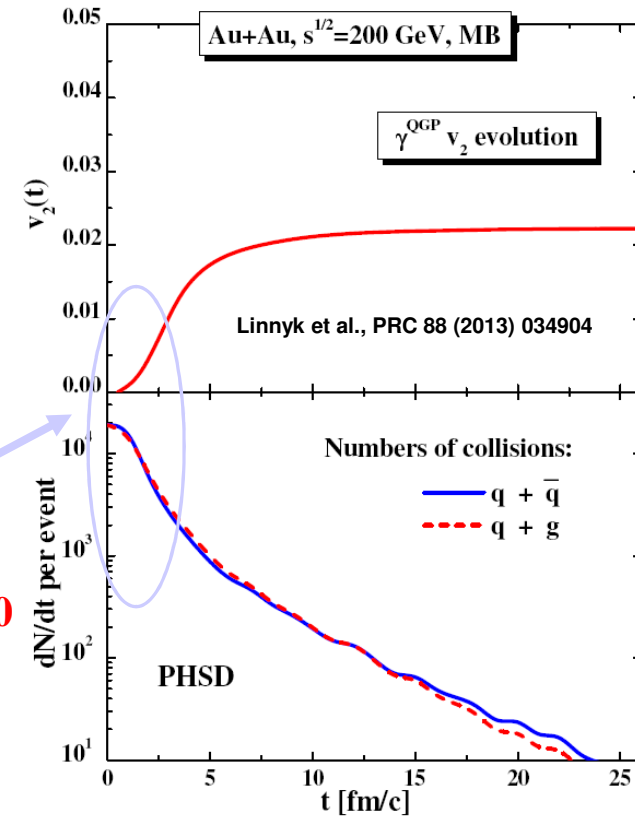
Models: chiral models, OBE, SPA ...  
Kapusta, Gale, Haglin (91), Rapp (07), ...

HG rates (1) used in hydro ('TRG' model) - massive Yang-Mills approach:  
Turbide, Rapp, Gale, PRC 69, 014903 (2004)

# PHENIX: Photon $v_2$ puzzle



$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( 1 + 2 \sum_{n \geq 1} v_n \cos(n(\phi - \Psi_n^{RP})) \right)$$



- ❗  PHENIX (also now ALICE): strong elliptic flow of photons  $v_2(\gamma^{dir}) \sim v_2(\pi)$
- Result from a variety of models:  $v_2(\gamma^{dir}) \ll v_2(\pi)$
- Problem: QGP radiation occurs at early times when elliptic flow is not yet developed  $\rightarrow$  expected  $v_2(\gamma^{QGP}) \rightarrow 0$
- $v_2 =$  weighted average  $v_2 = \frac{\sum N^i \cdot v_2^i}{\sum N^i} \rightarrow$  a large QGP contribution gives small  $v_2(\gamma^{QGP})^i$

PHENIX, ALICE experiments - large photon  $v_3$  !



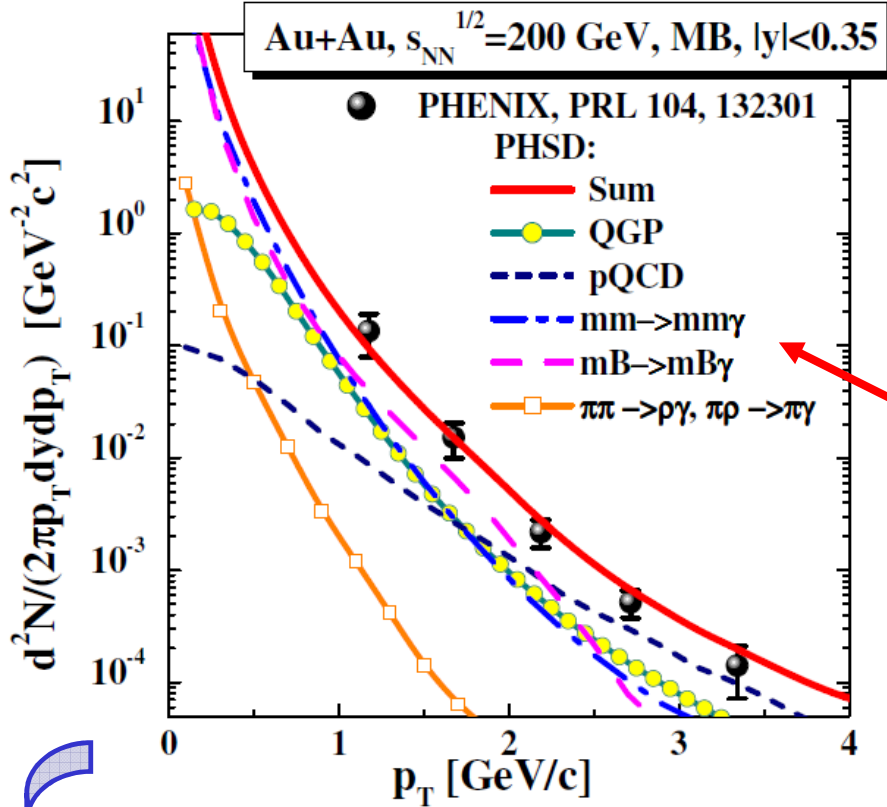
Challenge for theory – to describe spectra,  $v_2$ ,  $v_3$  simultaneously !

# PHSD: photon spectra at RHIC: QGP vs. HG ?



- Direct photon spectrum (min. bias)

Linnyk et al., PRC88 (2013) 034904;  
PRC 89 (2014) 034908



## PHSD:

- QGP gives up to ~50% of direct photon yield below 2 GeV/c

! sizeable contribution from hadronic sources

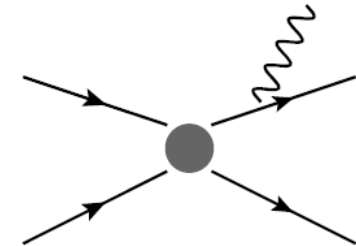
– meson-meson (mm) and meson-Baryon (mB) bremsstrahlung

$$m+m \rightarrow m+m+\gamma,$$

$$m+B \rightarrow m+B+\gamma,$$

$$m = \pi, \eta, \rho, \omega, K, K^*, \dots$$

$$B = p$$



!!! mm and mB bremsstrahlung channels can not be subtracted experimentally !

The slope parameter  $T_{eff}$  (in MeV)

PHSD			PHENIX
QGP	hadrons	Total	[38]
$260 \pm 20$	$200 \pm 20$	$220 \pm 20$	$233 \pm 14 \pm 19$

Measured  $T_{eff} >$  ,true'  $T \rightarrow$  ,blue shift' due to the radial flow!

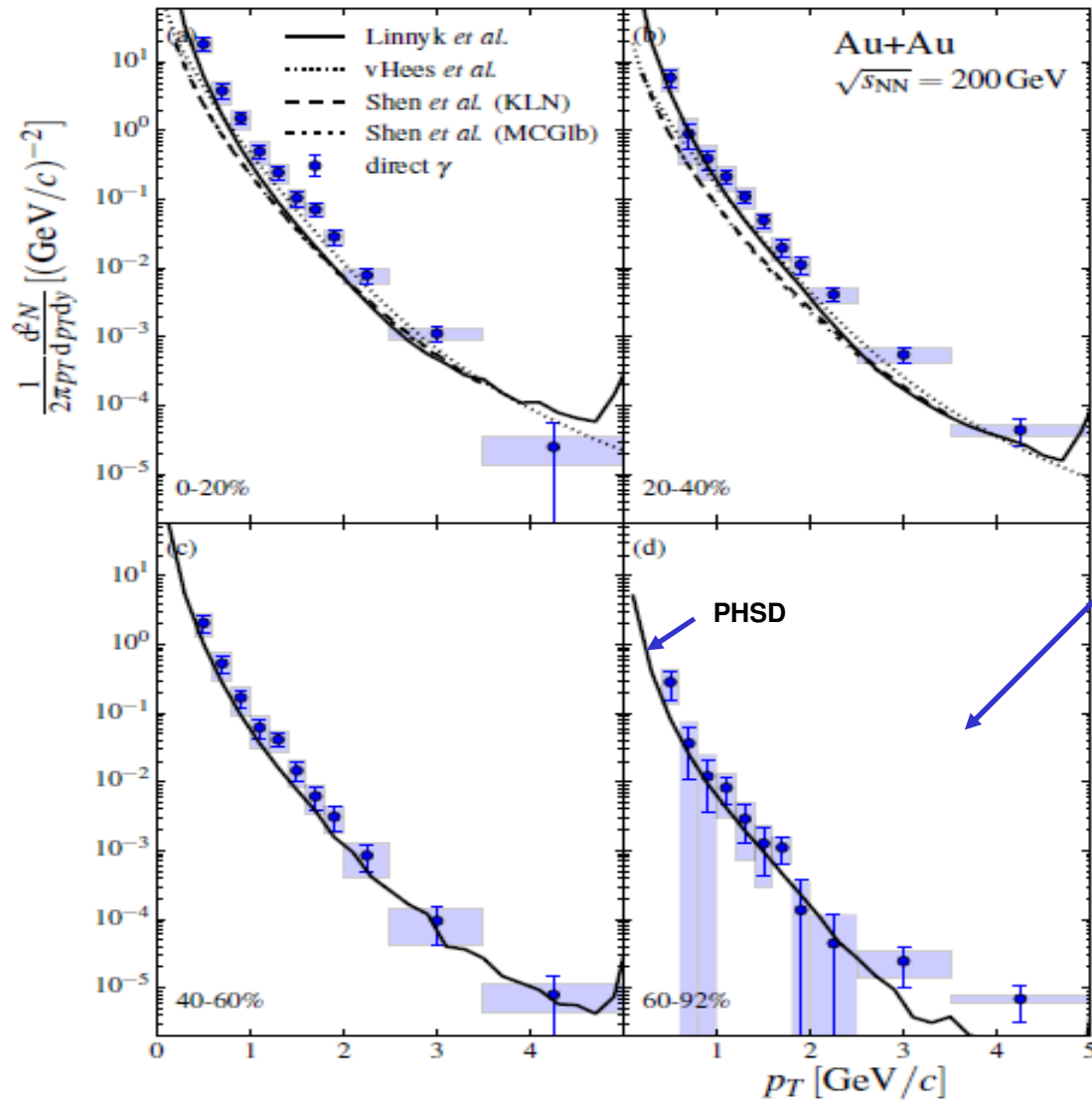
# Photon $p_T$ spectra at RHIC for different centralities

from talk by S. Mizuno at QM'2014

PHENIX data - arXiv:1405.3940

PHSD predictions:

O. Linnyk et al, Phys. Rev. C 89 (2014) 034908



□ PHSD approximately reproduces the centrality dependence

□ mm and mB bremsstrahlung is **dominant** at peripheral collisions

**!!! Warning:**  
large uncertainties in the Bremsstrahlung channels in the present PHSD results !

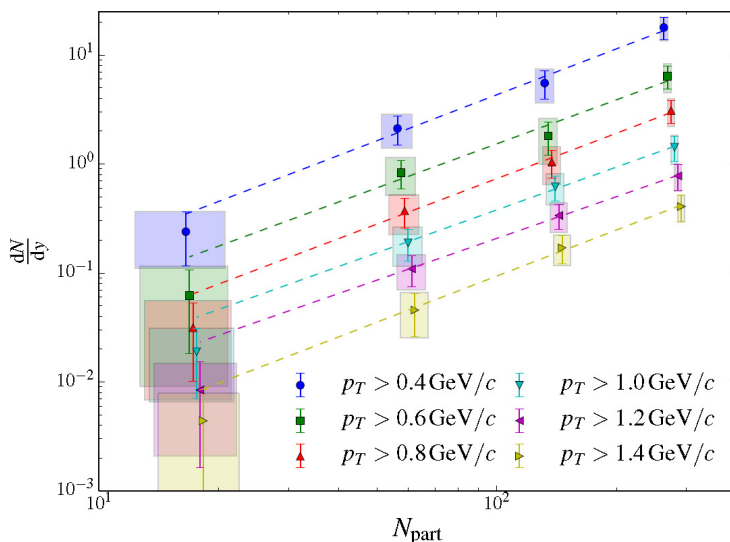
# Centrality dependence of the 'thermal' photon yield

O. Linnyk et al, Phys. Rev. C 89 (2014) 034908

PHENIX (arXiv:1405.3940):

scaling of **thermal** photon yield vs centrality:  
 $dN/dy \sim N_{part}^\alpha$  with  $\alpha \sim 1.48 \pm 0.08$

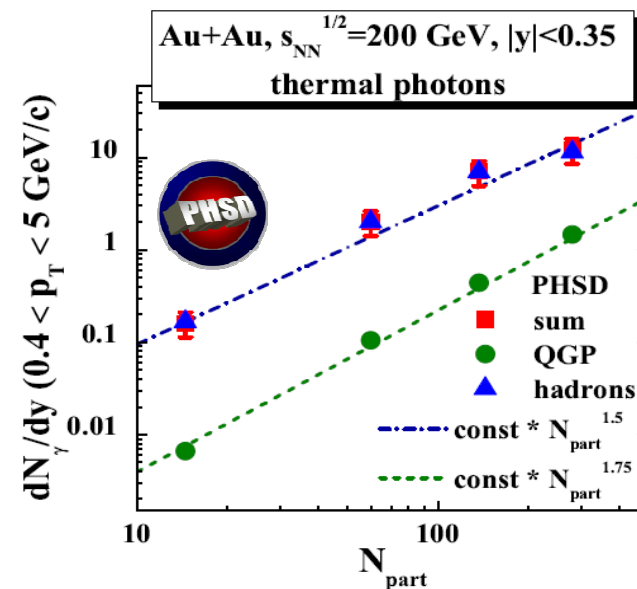
('Thermal' photon yield = direct photons - pQCD)



PHSD predictions:

Hadronic channels scale as  $\sim N_{part}^{1.5}$

Partonic channels scale as  $\sim N_{part}^{1.75}$



PHSD: scaling of the thermal photon yield with  $N_{part}^\alpha$  with  $\alpha \sim 1.5$

similar results from **viscous hydro**:

(2+1)d VISH2+1:  $\alpha(\text{HG}) \sim 1.46$ ,  $\alpha(\text{QGP}) \sim 2$ ,  $\alpha(\text{total}) \sim 1.7$

→ What do we learn?

Indications for a dominant **hadronic origin of thermal photon production?!**

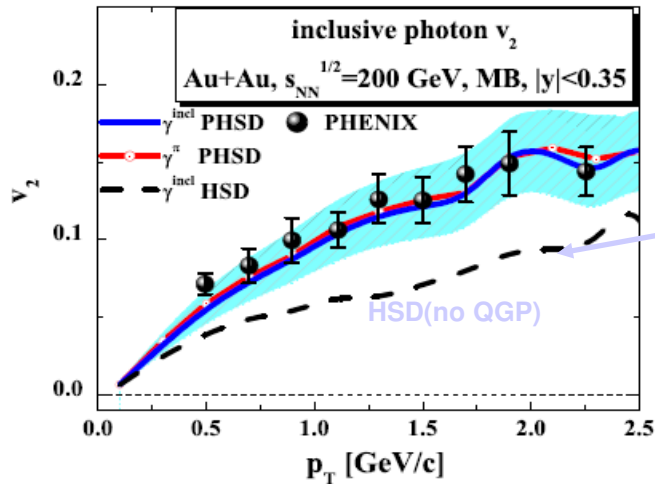


# Are the direct photons a barometer of the QGP?



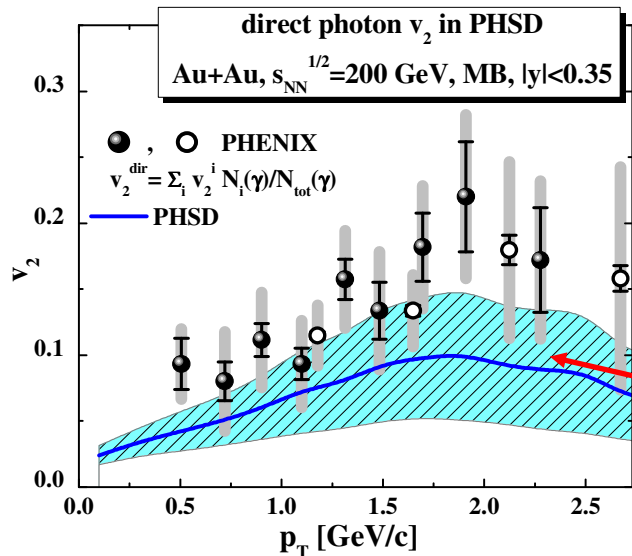
Do we see the **QGP pressure** in  $v_2(\gamma)$  if the photon productions is **dominated by hadronic sources**?

PHSD: Linnyk et al.,  
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- $v_2(\gamma^{incl}) = v_2(\pi^0)$  - inclusive photons mainly come from  $\pi^0$  decays
  - HSD (without QGP) underestimates  $v_2$  of hadrons and inclusive photons by a factor of 2, whereas the PHSD model with QGP is consistent with exp. data

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

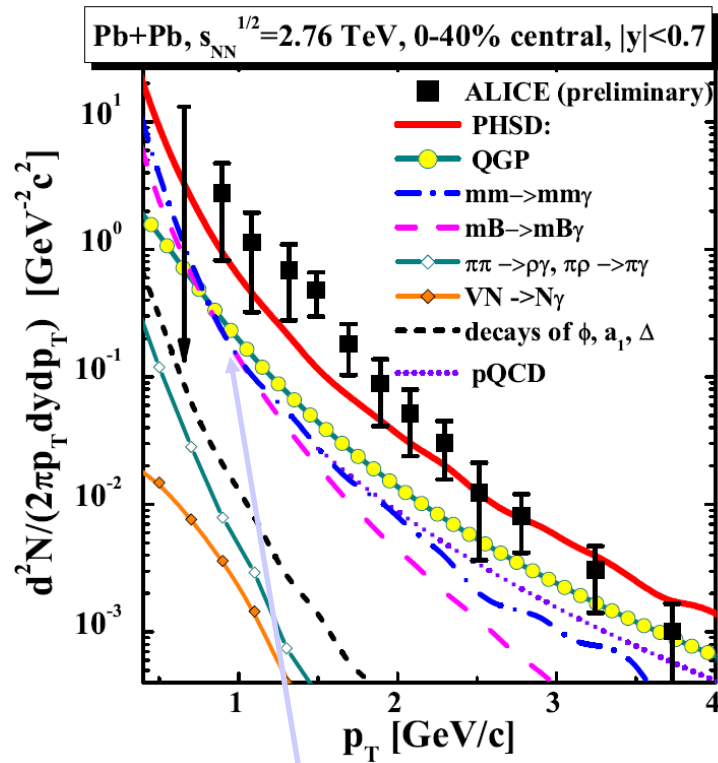


**Direct photons** (inclusive(=total) – decay):

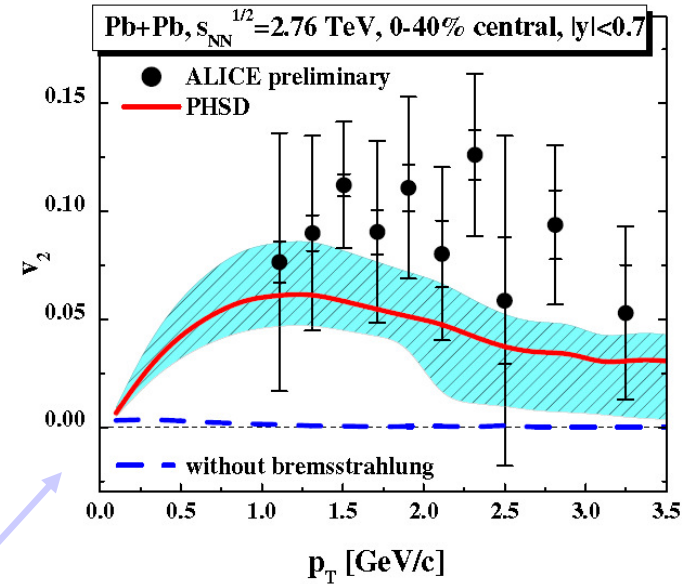
- $v_2(\gamma^{dir})$  of **direct photons** in PHSD underestimates the PHENIX data :  
 $v_2(\gamma^{QGP})$  is **very small**, but QGP contribution is up to 50% of total yield → lowering flow

→ PHSD:  $v_2(\gamma^{dir})$  comes from **mm and mB bremsstrahlung !**

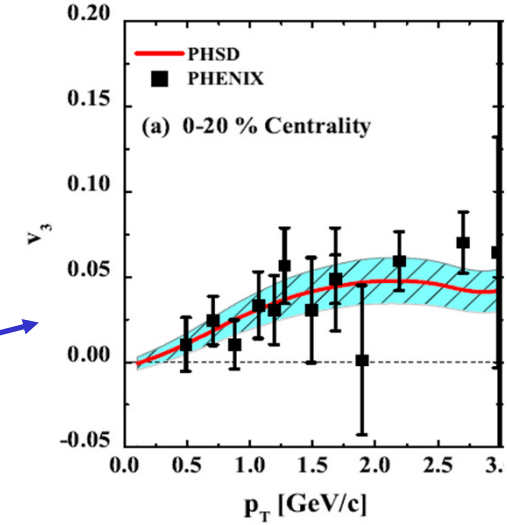
# Photons from PHSD at LHC



## Direct photon elliptic flow $v_2$



## Direct photon triangular flow $v_3$

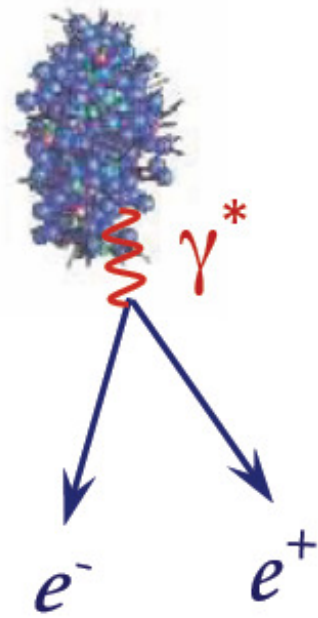


□ Is the considerable elliptic flow of direct photons at the LHC also of hadronic origin as for RHIC?!

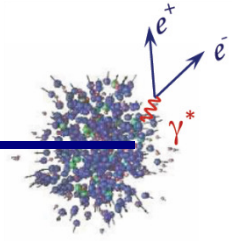
□ The photon elliptic flow at LHC is lower than at RHIC due to a larger relative QGP contribution / longer QGP phase.

□ Nonzero triangular flow  $v_3$  of direct photon

# Dileptons



# Dilepton sources



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



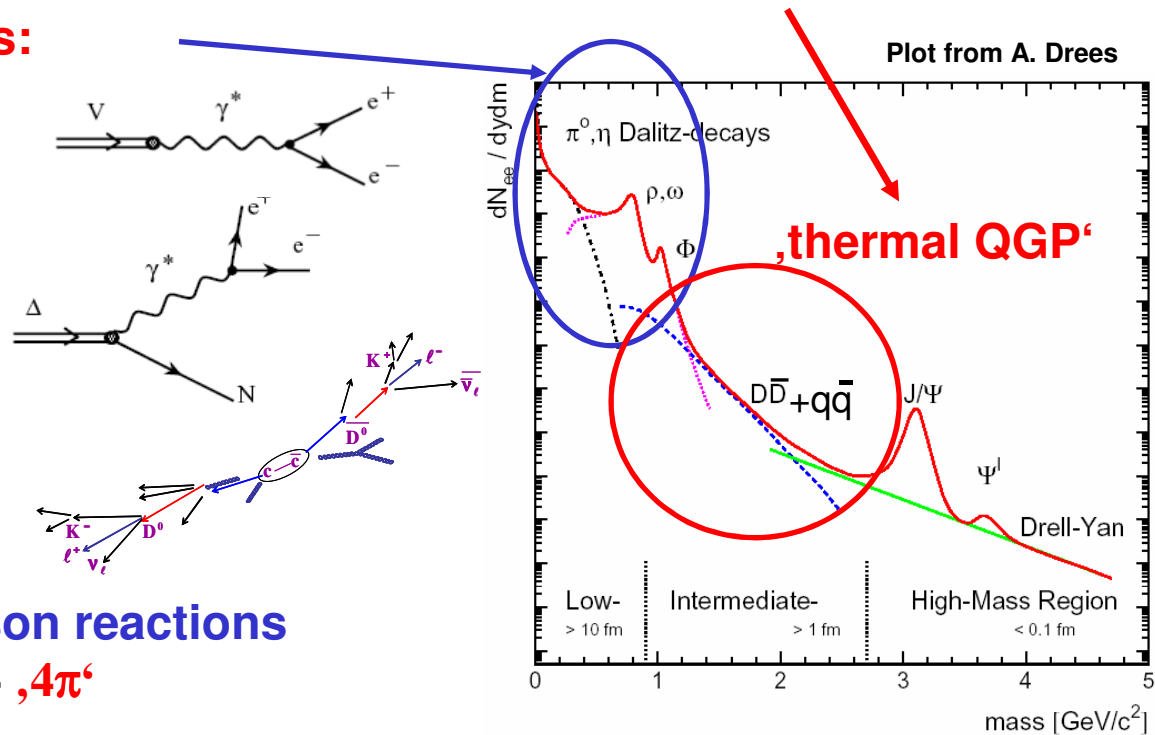
□ from hadronic sources:

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

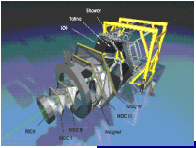
- Dalitz decay of mesons and baryons ( $\pi^0, \eta, \Delta, \dots$ )

- 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



# Dileptons at SIS energies - HADES

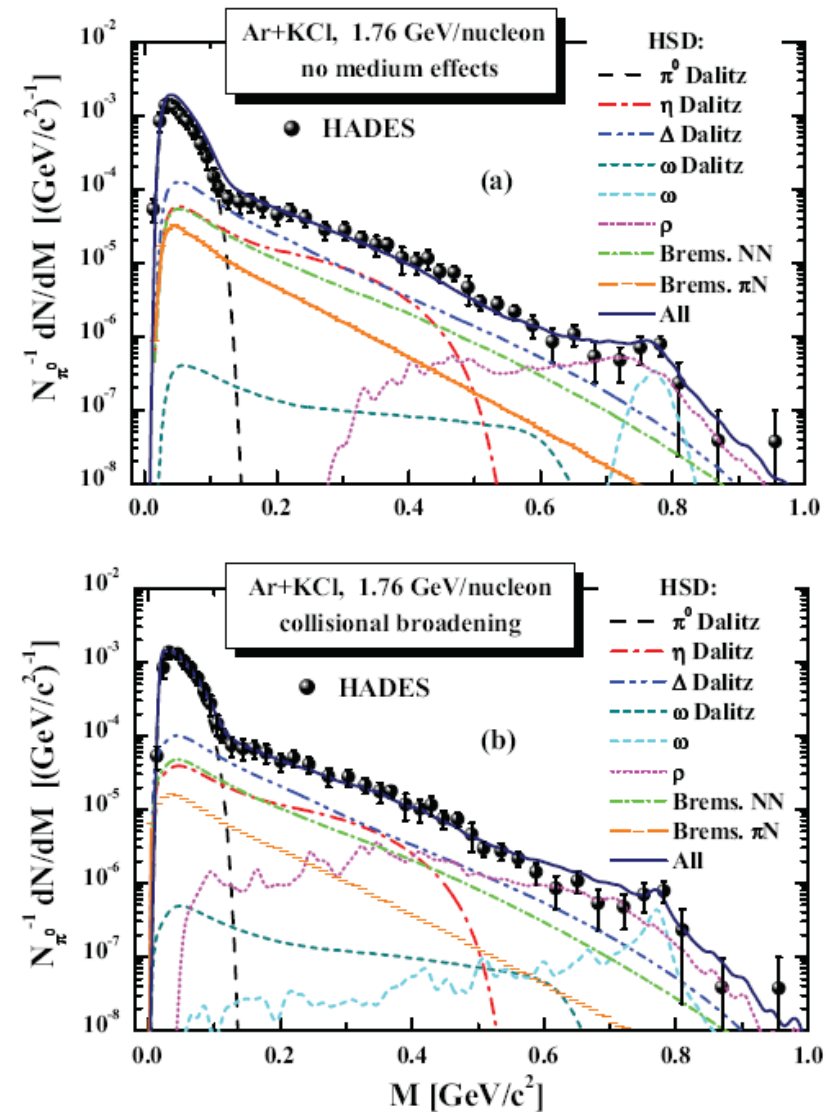
□ **HADES:** dilepton yield  $dN/dM$  scaled with the **number of pions  $N_{\pi^0}$**

□ **Dominant hadronic sources at  $M > m_{\pi}$ :**

- $\eta, \Delta$  Dalitz decays
- NN bremsstrahlung
- direct  $\rho$  decay

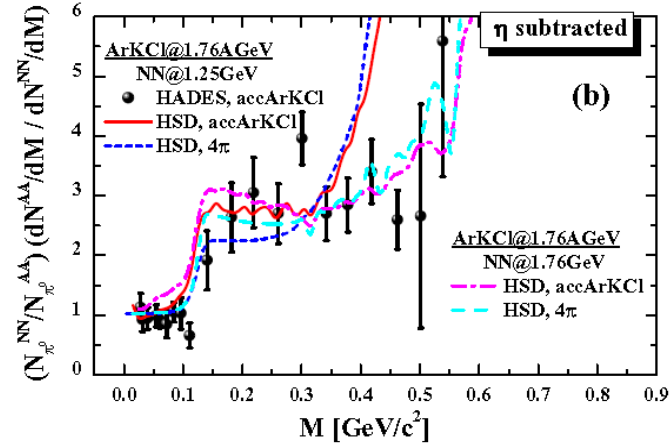
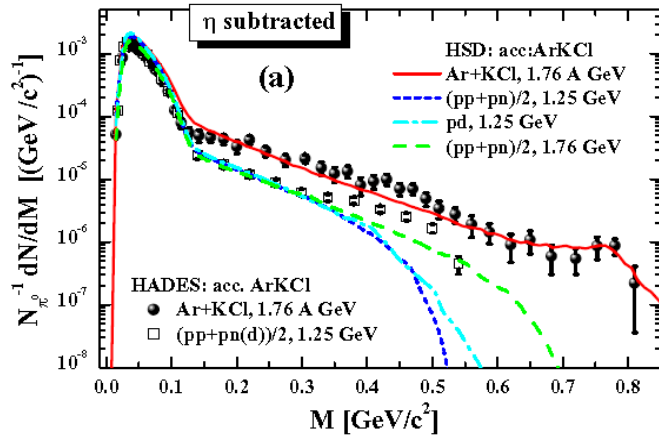
➤  **$\rho$  meson = strongly interacting resonance**  
**strong collisional broadening of the  $\rho$  width**

- In-medium effects are more pronounced for heavy systems such as Ar+KCl than C+C
- The peak at  $M \sim 0.78$  GeV relates to  $\omega/\rho$  mesons decaying in vacuum

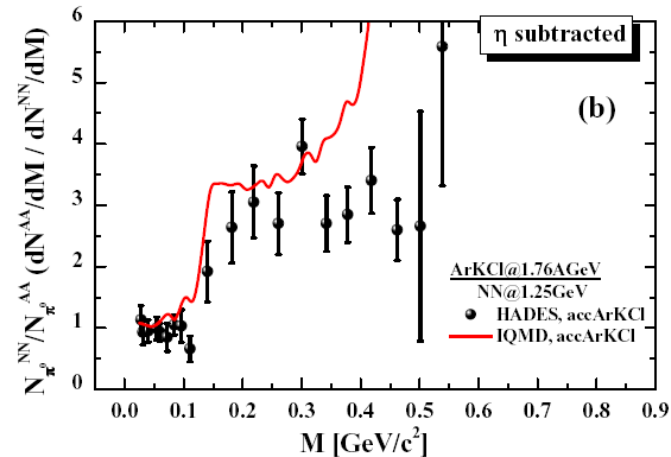
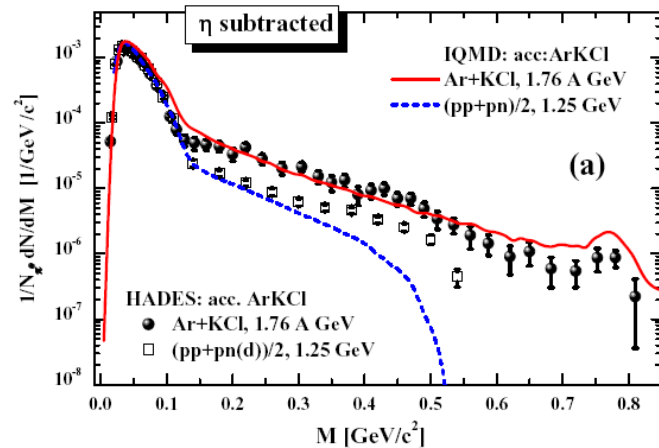


# Dileptons at SIS energies: A+A vs. N+N

- ratio of AA/NN spectra (scaled by  $N_{\pi 0}$ ) after subtracted  $\eta$  contribution



■ HSD



■ IQMD

➔ Strong enhancement of dilepton yield in A+A vs. NN is reproduced by HSD and IQMD for C+C at 1.0, 2.0 A Gev and Ar+KCl at 1.75 A GeV

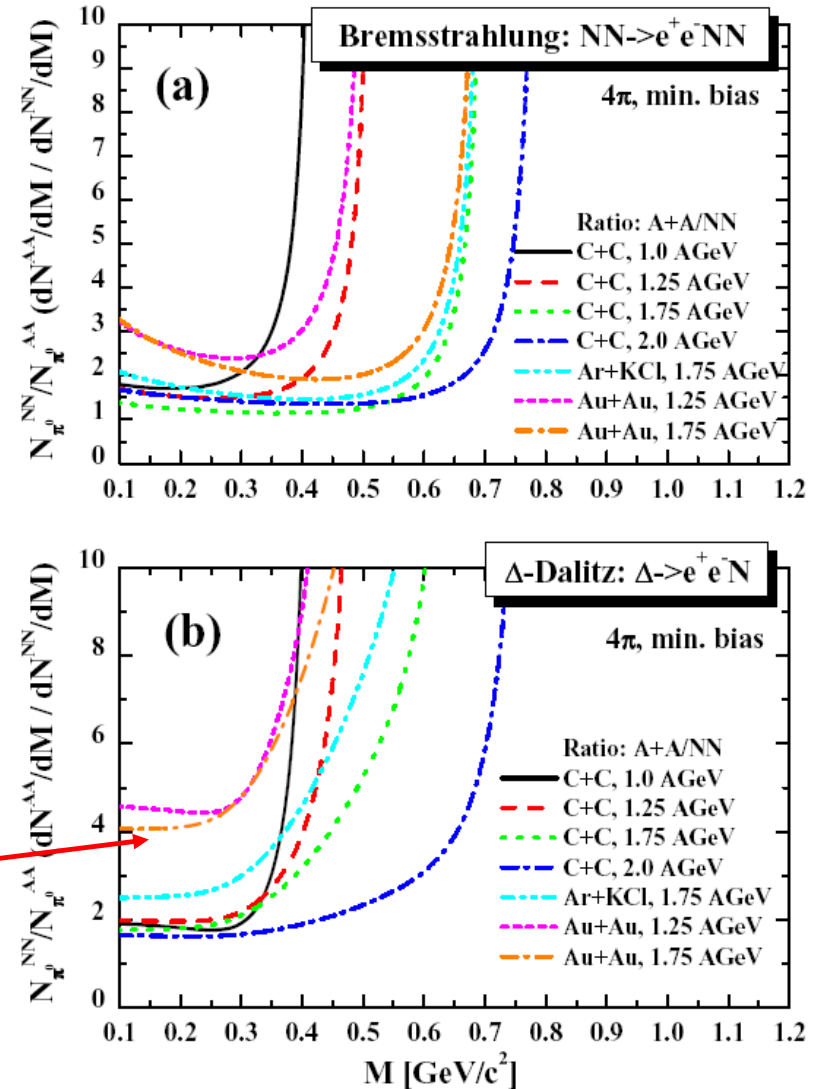
# Dileptons at SIS (HADES): A+A vs NN

Two contributions to the enhancement of dilepton yield in A+A vs. NN

1) the **pN bremsstrahlung** which scales with the number of collisions and not with the number of participants, i.e. pions;

2) the **multiple  $\Delta$  regeneration** – dilepton emission from intermediate  $\Delta$ 's which are part of the reaction cycles  $\Delta \rightarrow \pi N$ ;  $\pi N \rightarrow \Delta$  and  $NN \rightarrow N\Delta$ ;  $N\Delta \rightarrow NN$

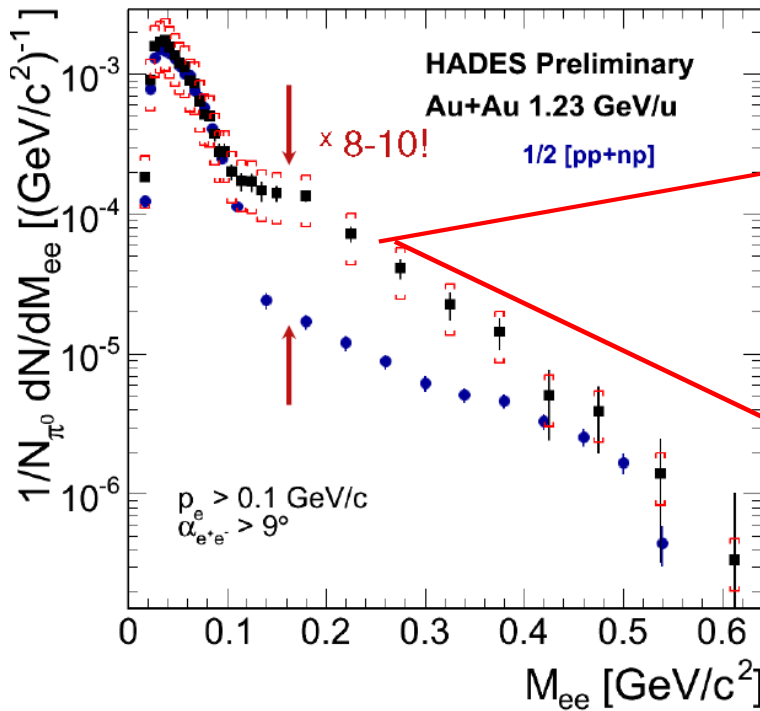
Enhancement of dilepton yield in A+A vs. NN increases with the system size!



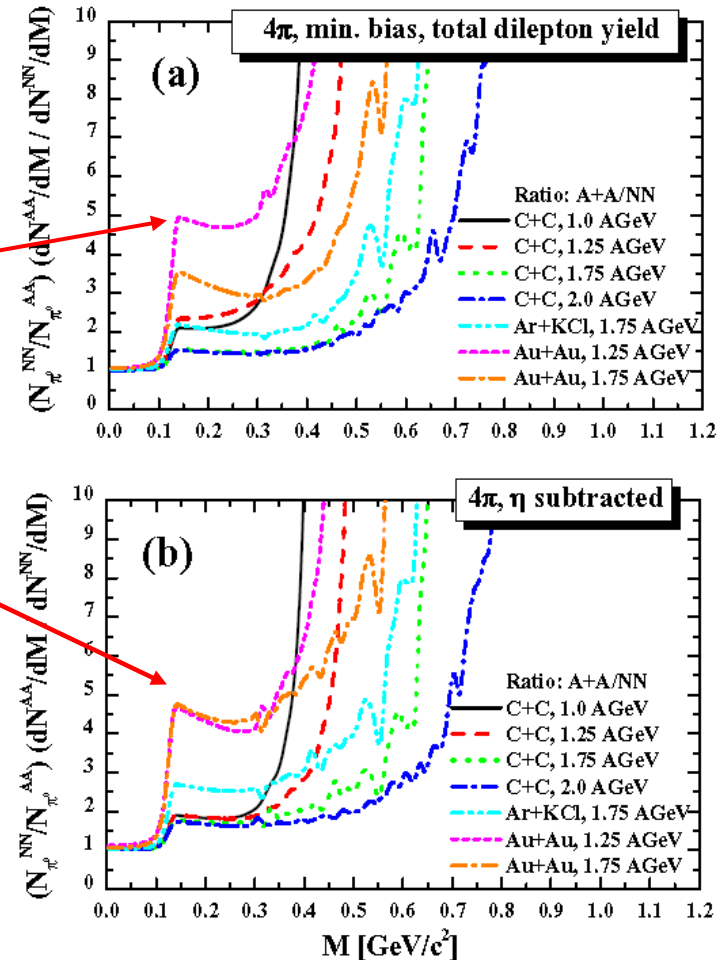
# Dileptons at SIS (HADES): Au+Au

HADES preliminary: Au+Au, 1.23 A GeV

T. Galatyuk, QM'2014



■ HSD predictions (2013)

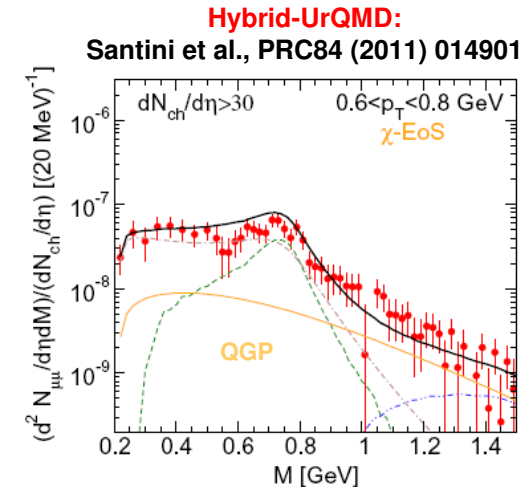
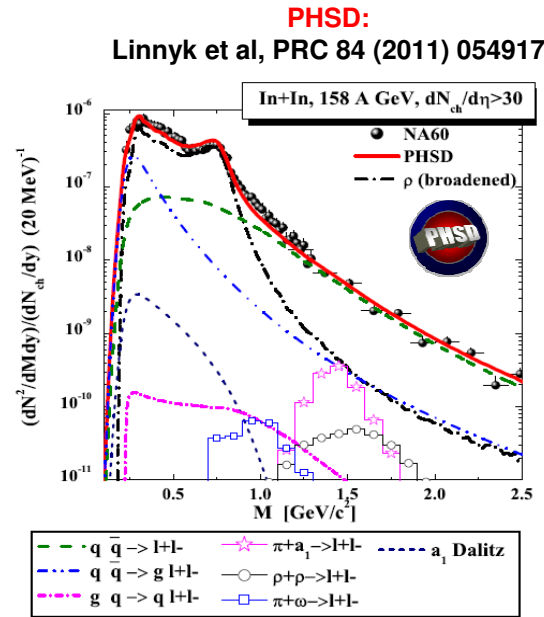
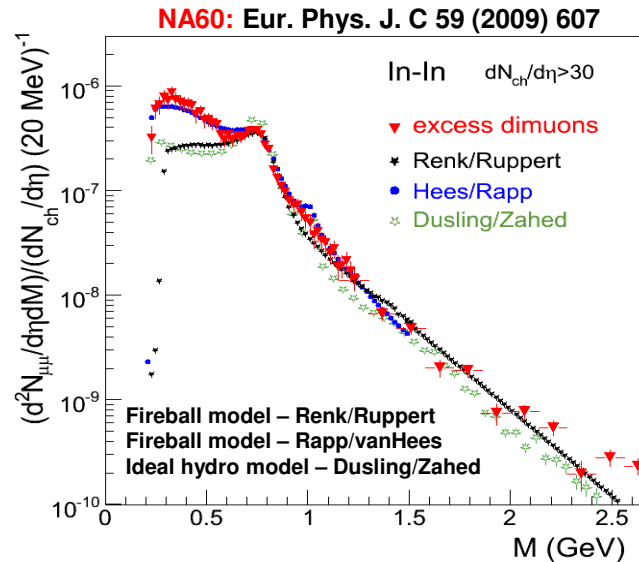


- Strong in-medium enhancement of dilepton yield in Au+Au vs. NN
- ➔ measurement of  $\Delta$  regeneration by HADES!



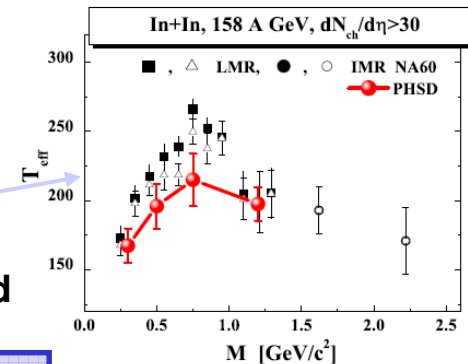
# Lessons from SPS: NA60

## Dilepton invariant mass spectra:



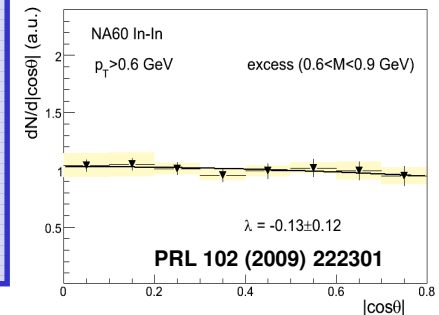
## Inverse slope parameter $T_{eff}$ :

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

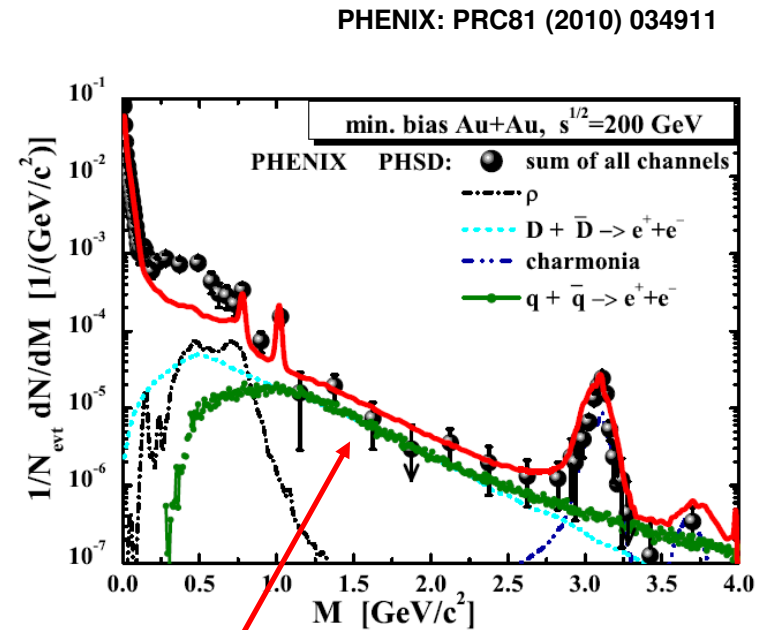
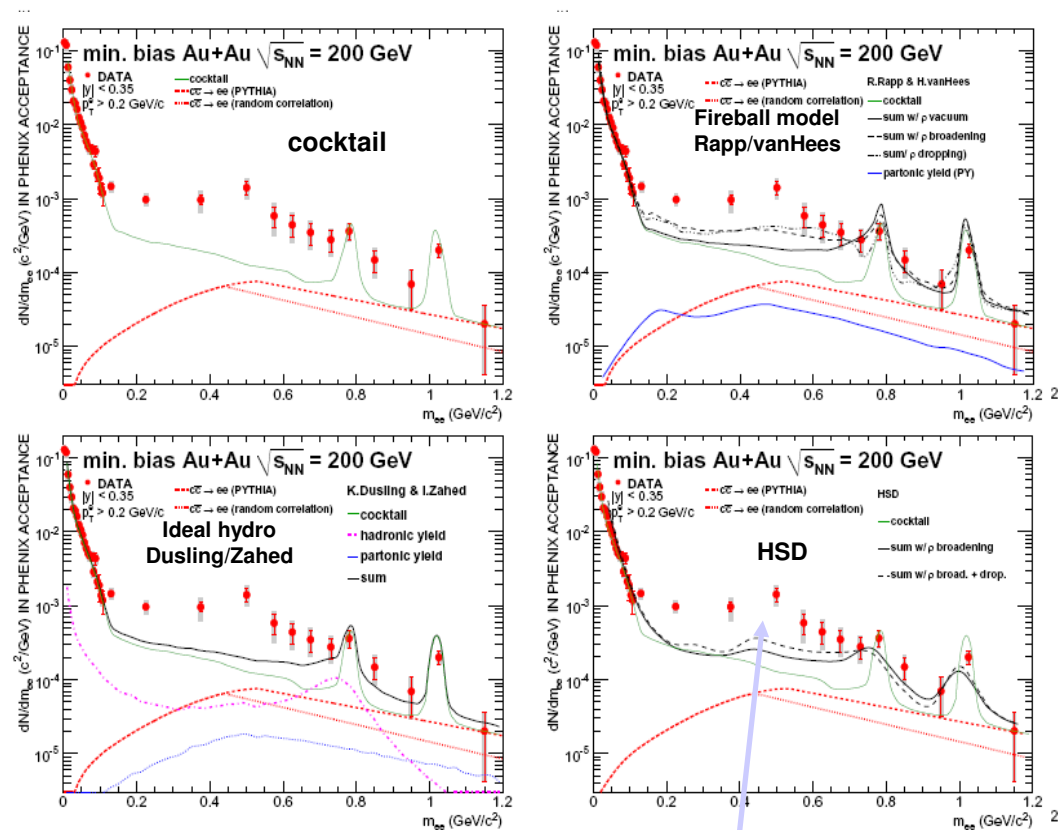


Message from SPS: (based on NA60 and CERES data)

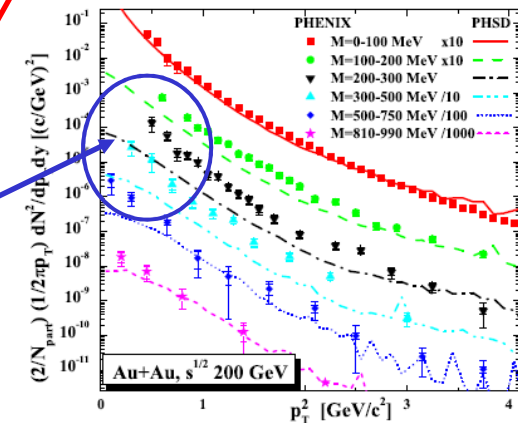
- 1) Low mass spectra - evidence for the **in-medium broadening of  $\rho$ -mesons**
- 2) Intermediate mass spectra above 1 GeV - dominated by **partonic radiation**
- 3) The rise and fall of  $T_{eff}$  – evidence for the thermal **QGP radiation**
- 4) **Isotropic angular distribution** – indication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



# Dileptons at RHIC: PHENIX



Linnyk et al., PRC 85 (2012) 024910



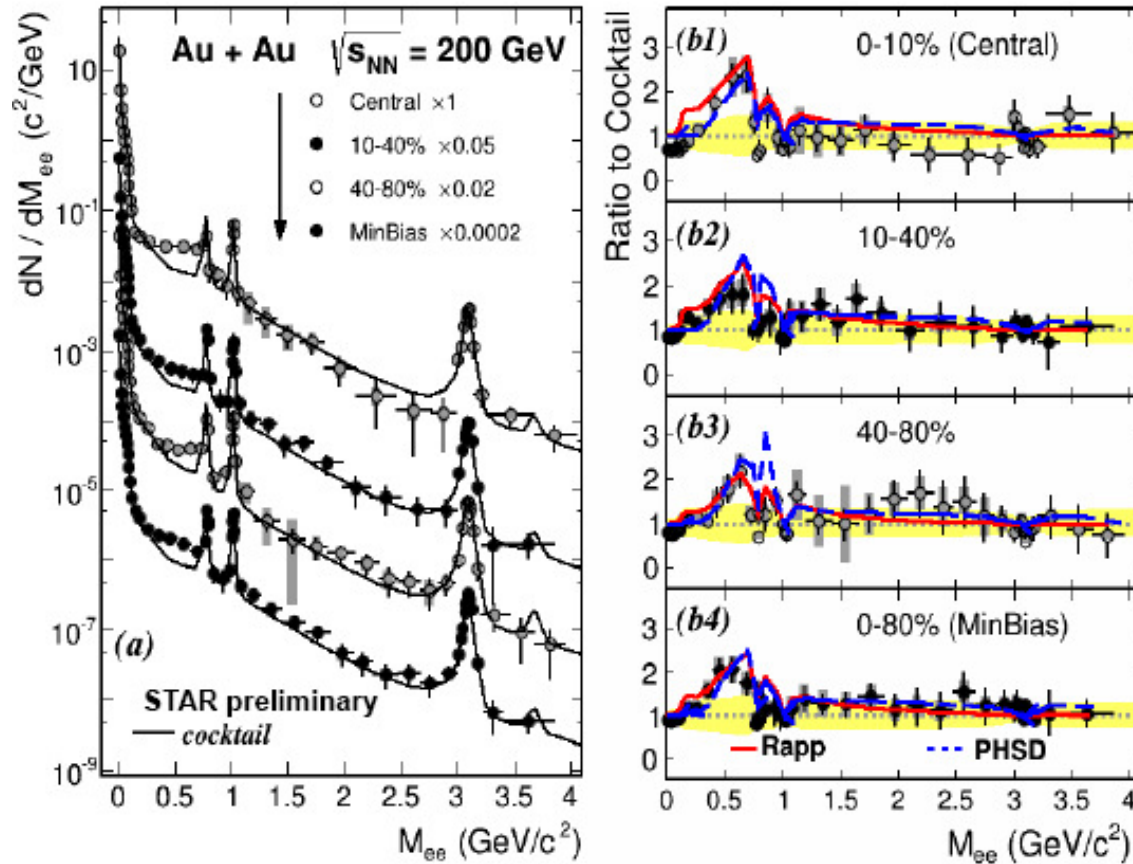
## Message:

- Models provide a good description of pp data and peripheral Au+Au data, however, fail in describing the excess for central collisions even with in-medium scenarios for the vector meson spectral function
- The 'missing source' (?) is located at low  $p_T$
- Intermediate mass spectra – dominant QGP contribution

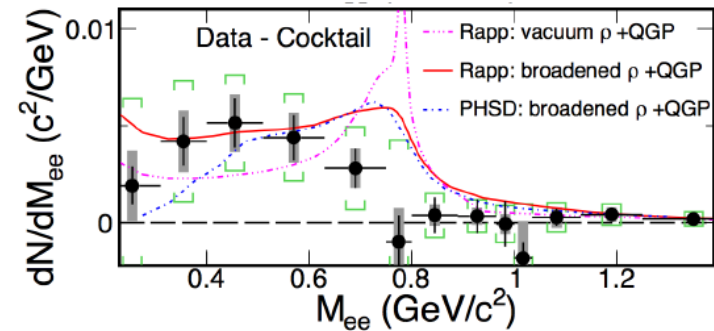
# Dileptons at RHIC: STAR data vs model predictions

(STAR: arXiv:1407.6788)

## Centrality dependence of dilepton yield



## Excess in low mass region, min. bias



Models (predictions):

- Fireball model – R. Rapp
- PHSD

Low masses:

collisional broadening of  $\rho$

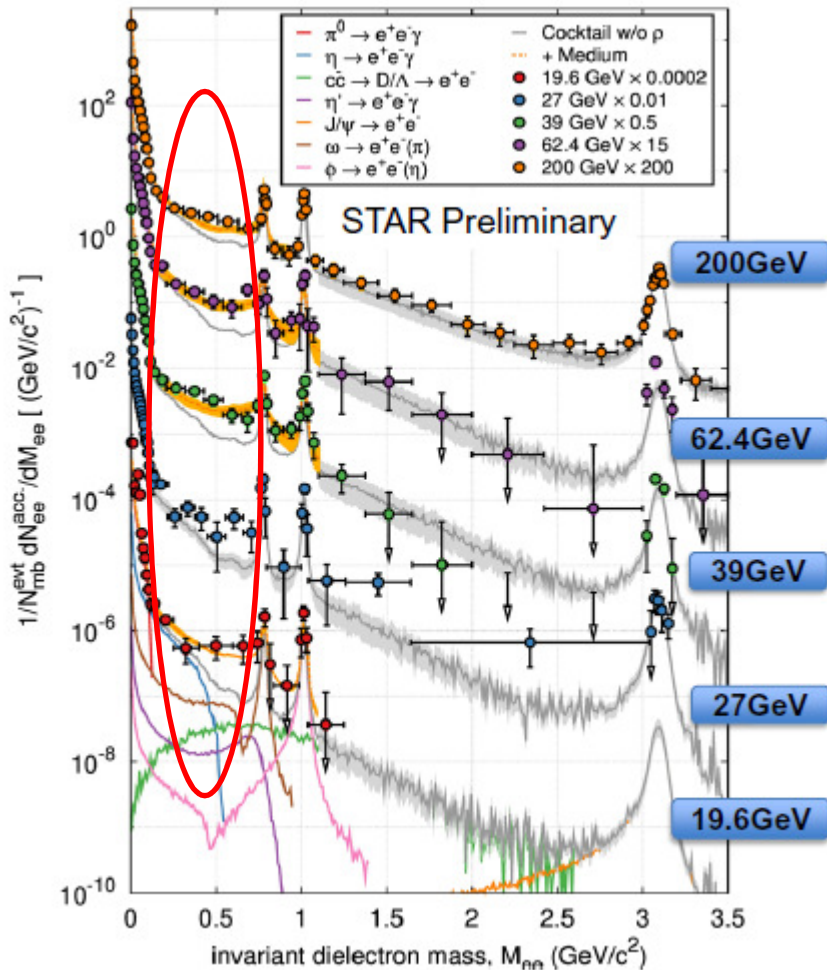
Intermediate masses:

QGP dominant

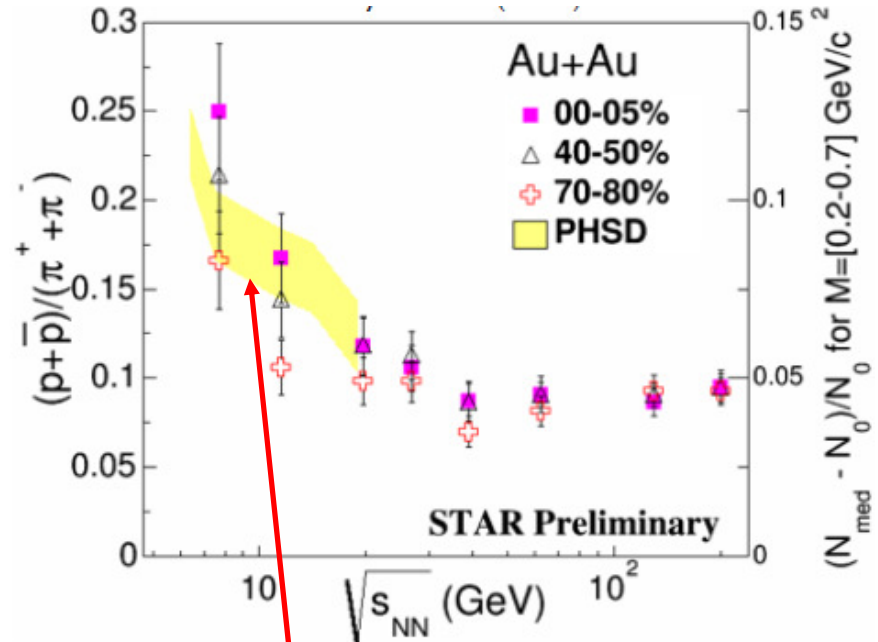
**Message:** STAR data are described by models within a collisional broadening scenario for the vector meson spectral function + QGP

# Dileptons from RHIC BES: STAR

(Talk by Nu Xu at QM'2014)



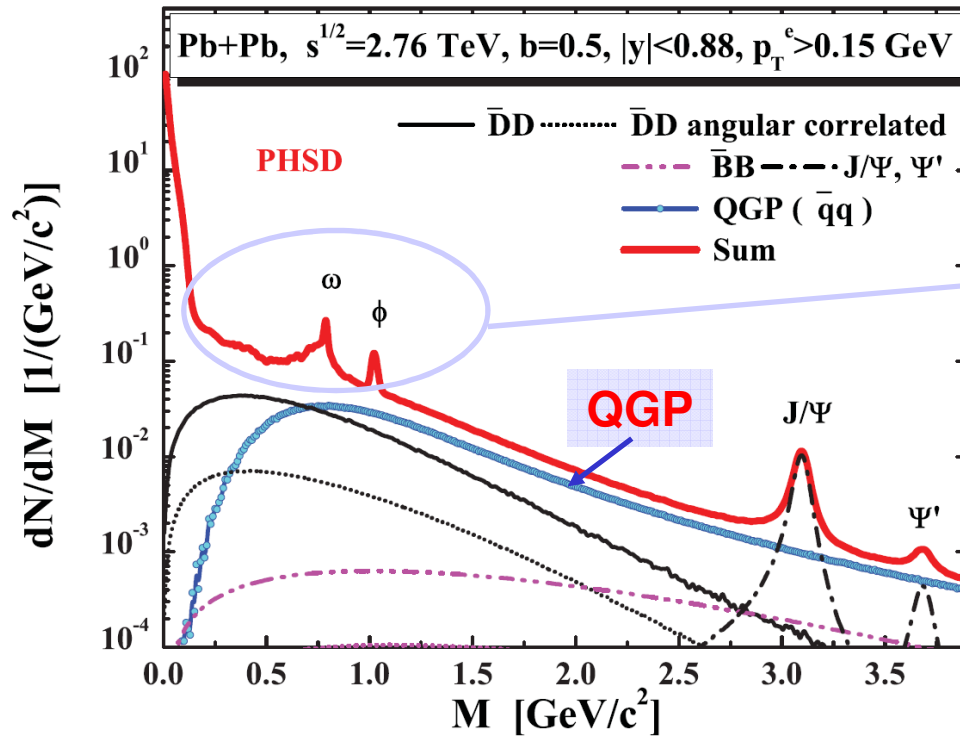
(Talk by Nu Xi at 23d CBM Meeting'14)



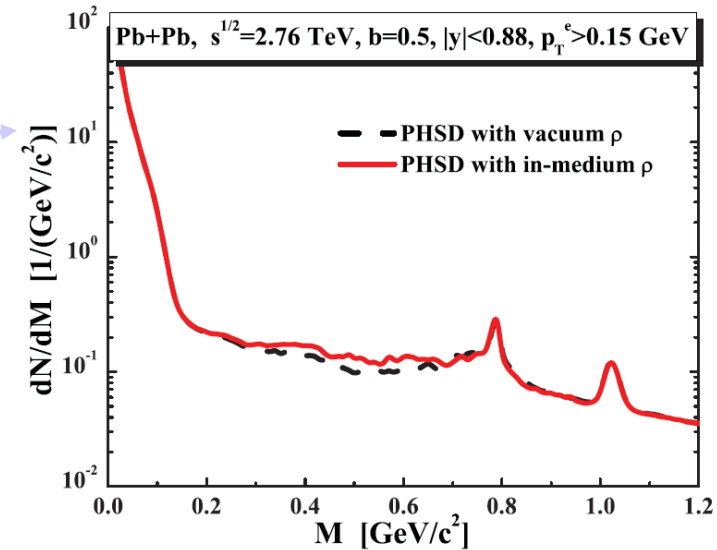
## Message:

- BES-STAR data show a **constant low mass excess** (scaled with  $N(\pi^0)$ ) within the measured energy range
  - PHSD model: **excess increasing with decreasing energy** due to a longer  $\rho$ -propagation in the high baryon density phase
- Good perspectives for future experiments – **CBM(FAIR) / MPD(NICA)**

# 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**
- intermediate masses: **QGP + D/Dbar**
  - charm 'background' is smaller than thermal QGP yield
  - **QGP( $q\bar{q}$ ) dominates at  $M>1.2$  GeV  $\rightarrow$  clean signal of QGP at LHC!**



# Summary



**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



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