

# FROM VMD TO THERMAL RADIATION TO FAIR

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Symposium on Collective Flow in Nuclear Matter

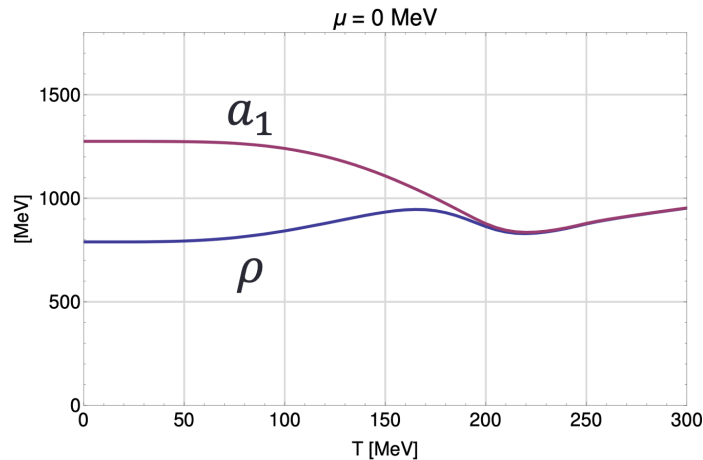
*A celebration of Art Poskanzer's Life and Career*

December 9–10, 2022

# Vector mesons as probe for the QCD condensates

The role of QCD condensates in the generation of mass

- **Gluon condensate:** Dynamical mass generation (trace anomaly)
- **Chiral condensate:** Parity doublet splitting



C. Jung et al.: 1610.08754 [hep-ph]  
P. Hohler and R. Rapp: 1311.2921 [hep-ph]

Experimental approach:

- “Modify” condensates by embedding states of interest in a hadronic medium
- Rely on **Vector Meson Dominance (VMD)** and use  $\rho$  meson as probe (penetrating probe)

Original idea, following the work of:

Brown & Rho (*PRL* 1989, 1991) /

Hatsuda & Lee (*PRC* 46(1992)R34):

- Search for **mass modifications** of vector mesons in medium  $\rightarrow$  “dropping mass”

**But  $\rho \rightarrow e^+e^-$  in HIC at 1 A GeV is an extremely rare probe ☹**

*“Not everything which drops is  
chiral symmetry restoration”*

V.K. Trento, 2005



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100 % left handed amino acids.  
Guaranteed

# The DLS at LBNL

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Submitted to Physical Review Letters

First Observation of Dielectron Production at the Bevalac

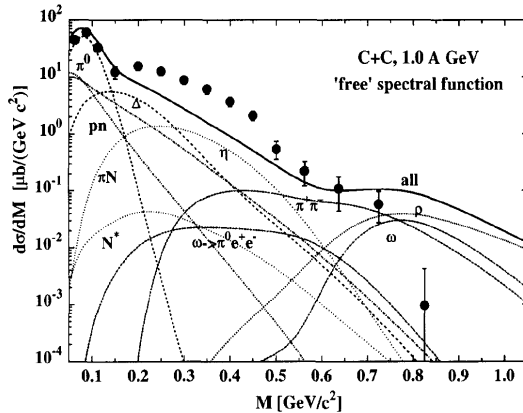
DLS Collaboration

May 1988



**Calculation: E.L.Bratkovskaya et al.**

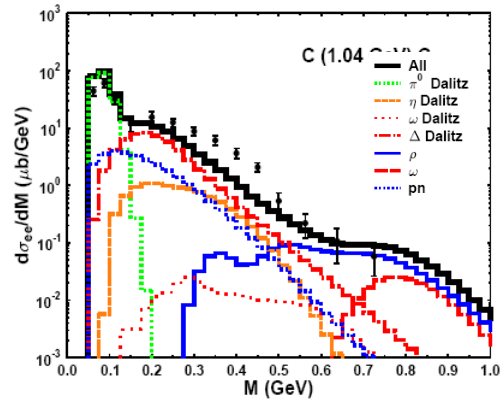
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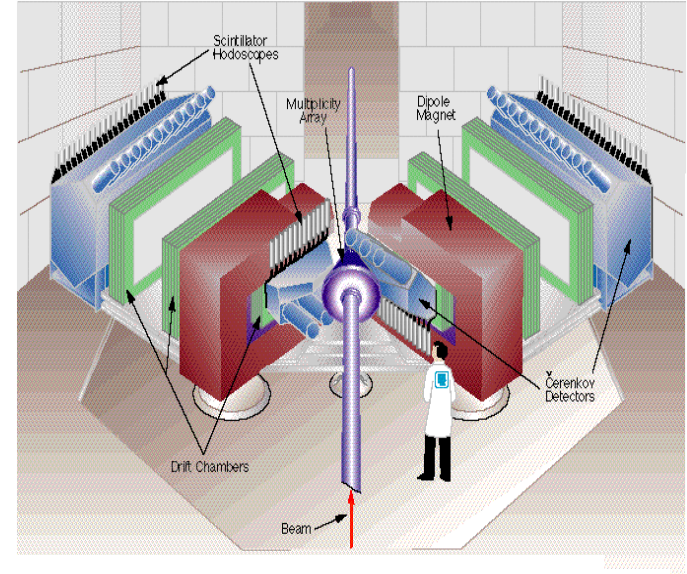
The **DLS** puzzle!

**Calculation: Ernst et al.**

Phys. Rev. C58 (1998) 447

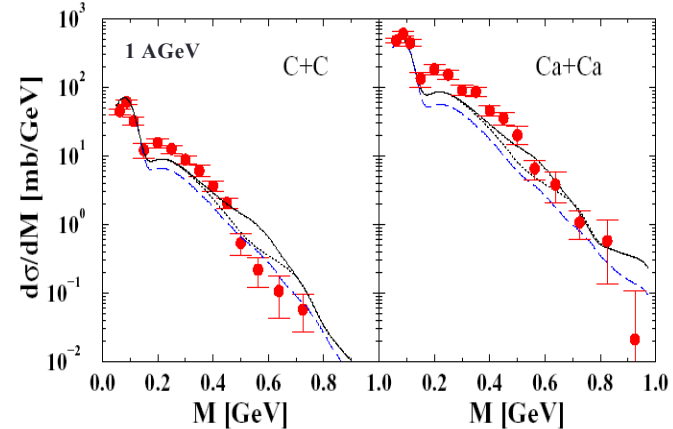


## DiLepton Spectrometer



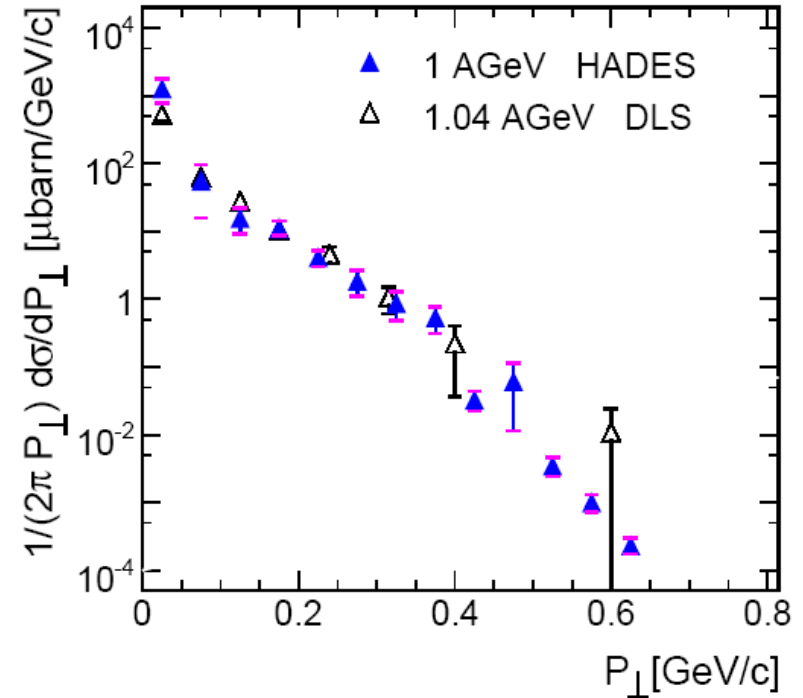
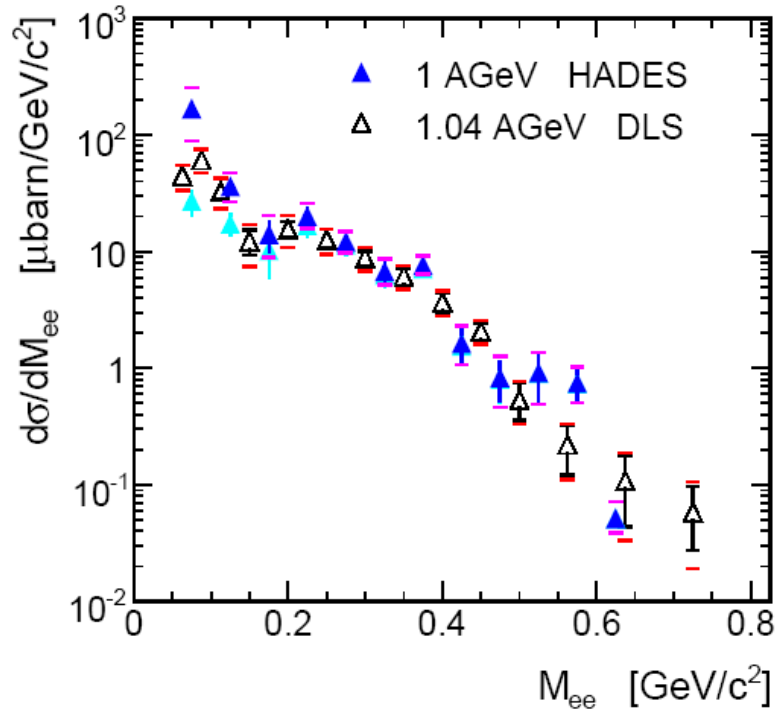
**Calculation: C. Fuchs et al.**

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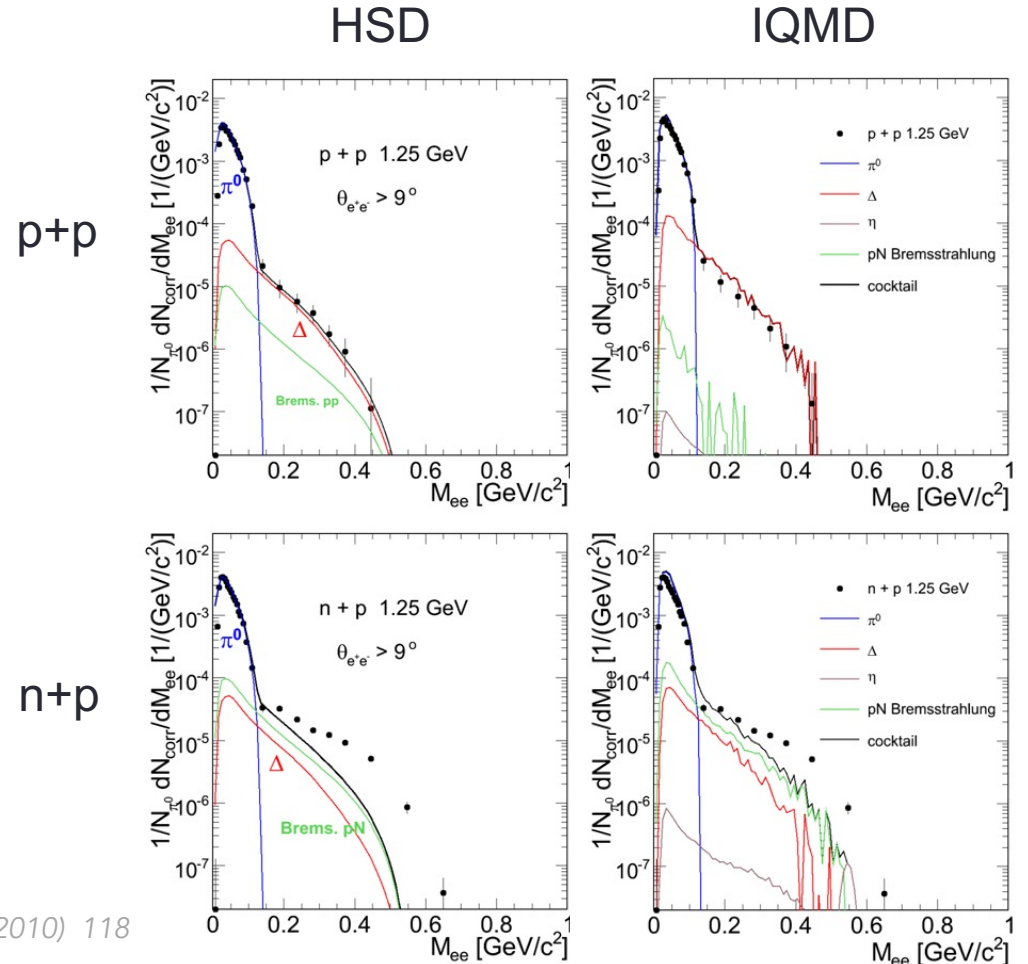
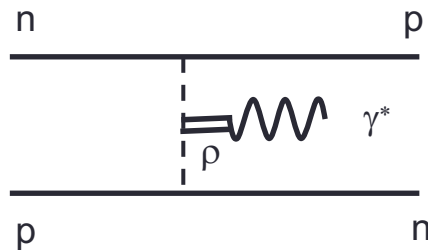
## DLS and HADES (in DLS Acceptance)

- Large acceptance of HADES enabled direct comparison with DLS w/o acceptance correction
- Measurements are in good agreement – no “DLS Puzzle”



# Elementary reference from $p + p$ and $n + p$ with HADES

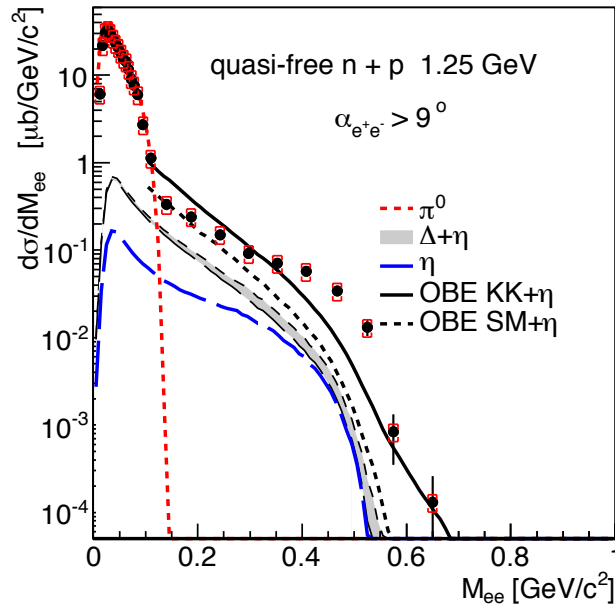
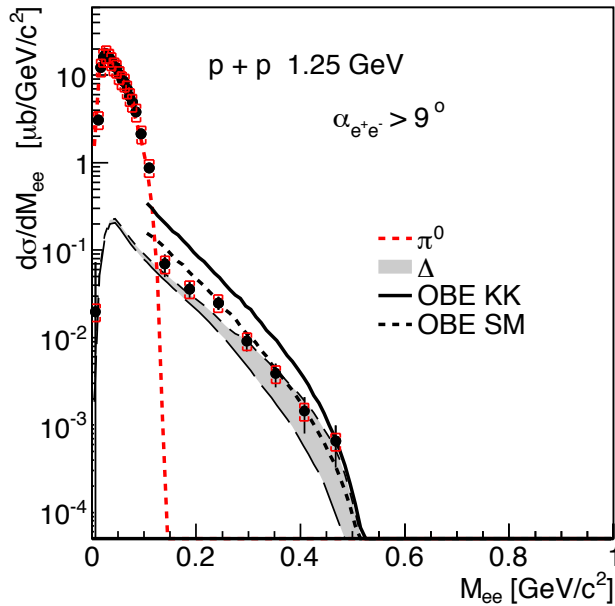
- $n + p$  shows enhanced radiation beyond additional dipole contribution
- Virtual photon can couple to the internal pion line only if charged pion is exchanged
  - Final state interaction of  $\rho$  with  $N$ ?
- Was not taken into account in microscopic transport calculations





# One Boson Exchange calculations

- Data from HADES pp and dp (tagged n) at 1.25 GeV/u
- One-boson exchange (OBE) calculations catch the the strong isospin effect - almost





# The upgraded HADES spectrometer (> 2018)

## Geometry

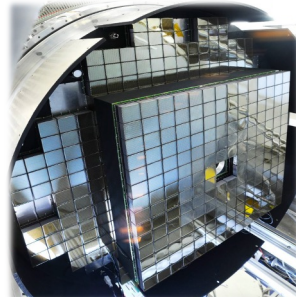
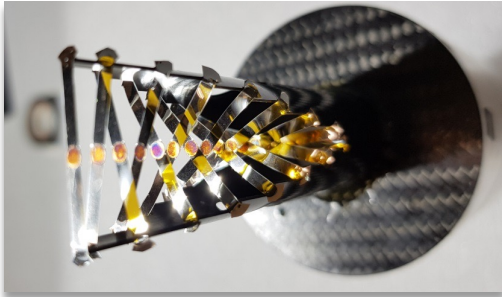
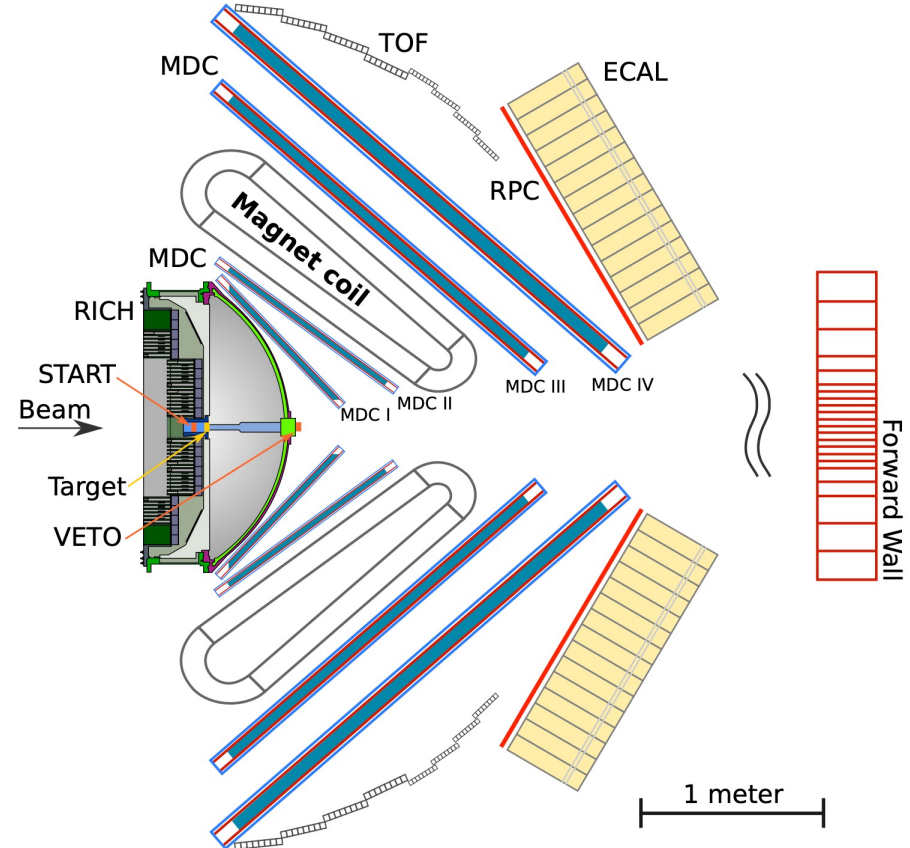
- Full azimuth identical sectors, polar angles  $18^\circ - 85^\circ$
- Pair acceptance  $\approx 0.35$

## Particle identification

- RICH – MAPMT based photo detector
- TOF – scintillator rods ( $\sigma_t \approx 150 ps$ )
- RPC – 2 layers of shielded cells ( $\sigma_t \approx 70 ps$ )
- ECAL – lead-glass ( $\sigma_E \approx 150 ps$ )
- START – segmented CVD or LGAD

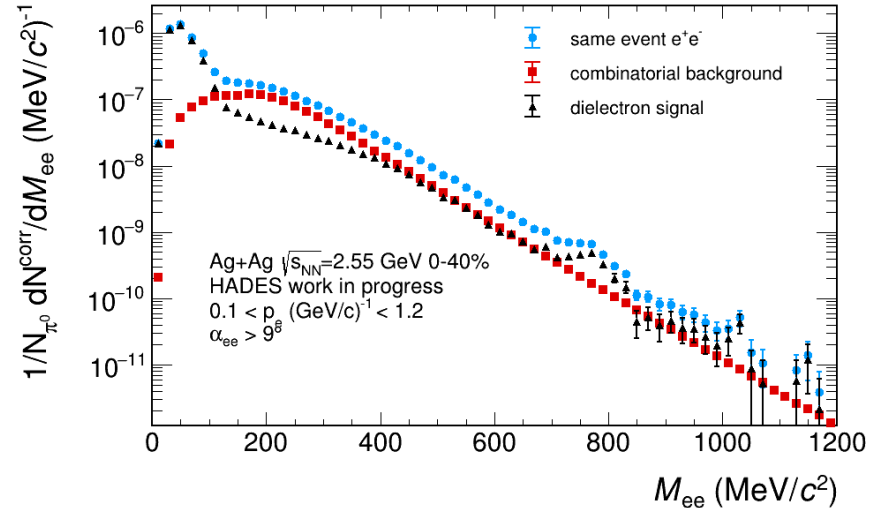
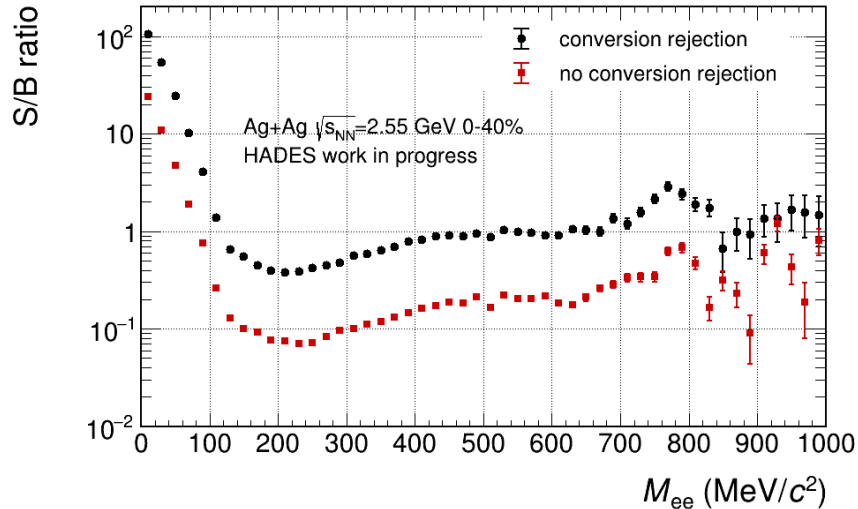
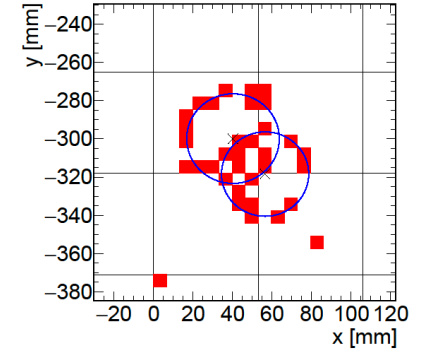
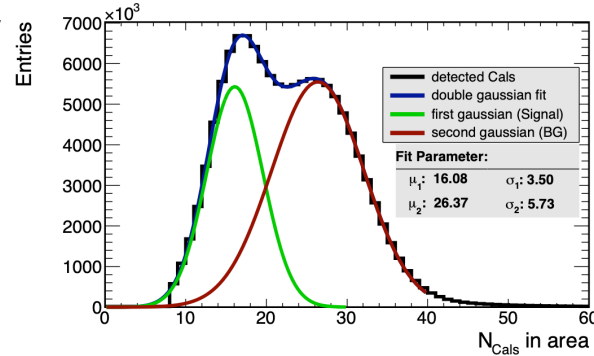
## Low-mass tracking

- 6-coils super conducting toroid  $B\rho = > 0.36 Tm$
- MDC – 4 planes of mini-drift chamber ( $\sim 30.000$  cells)



# Improved dilepton performance with MAPMT (CBM)

- Nearly **background-free images** after narrow time coincidence
- Large number of fired pads per ring provides **excellent conversion rejection**



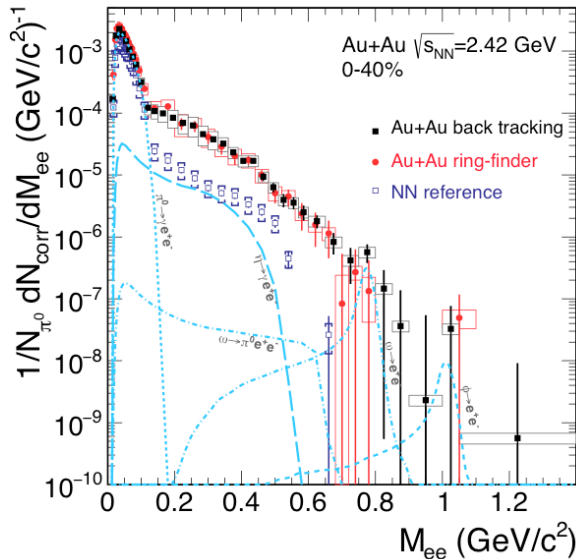
# Dileptons from central HI collisions

Extraction of the **excess radiation**:

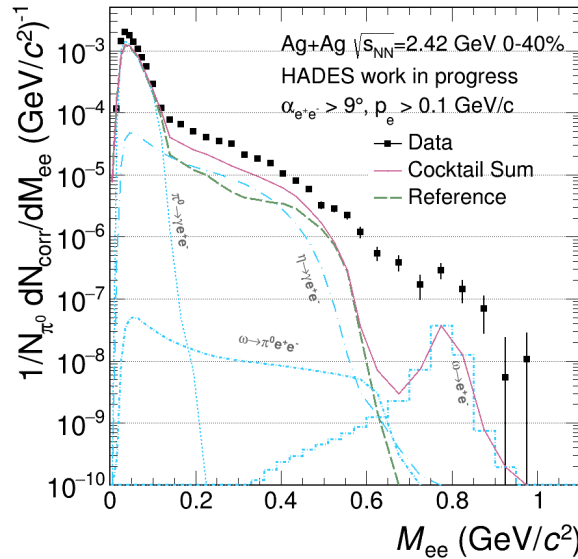
- Pre-equilibrium from reference measurements
- Hadronic cocktail from  $\pi^-/\pi^+$  or  $\gamma\gamma$  measurement
- Implicit scaling to  $\pi^0$  yield
- Reference for Ag + Ag (2.55 A GeV) in progress

[HADES] *Nature Phys.* 15(2019) 1040

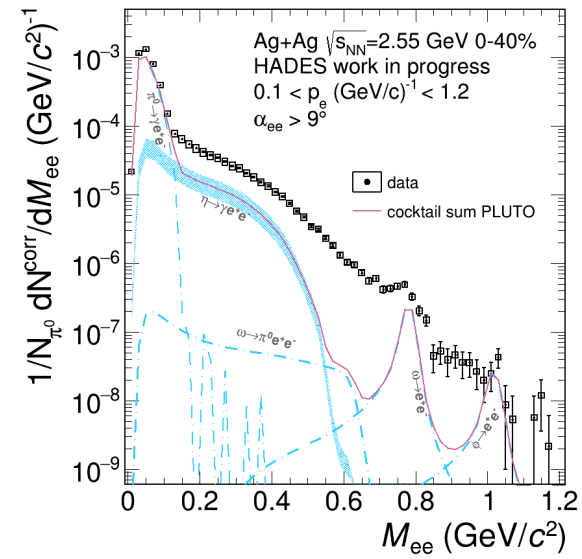
**Au+Au at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.42$  GeV**



**Ag+Ag at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.42$  GeV**



**Ag+Ag at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.55$  GeV**



## Vector Meson Dominance in Hot & Dense Matter

Generalized „Bremsstrahlung“ – EM spectral function from Fourier transform of current-current correlation function  $\langle j(x), j(0) \rangle$  (thermal average):

$$\Pi_{EM}^{\mu\nu}(q) = \int d^4x e^{iqx} \Theta(x_0) \langle [j_{EM}^\mu(x), j_{EM}^\nu(0)] \rangle_T$$

*L. McLerran, K. Toimela, Phys. Rev. D31 (1985)*

*See also: Ralf Rapp arXiv-1110-4345*

Extension of the Gounaris-Sakurai formula to a thermal pion gas:

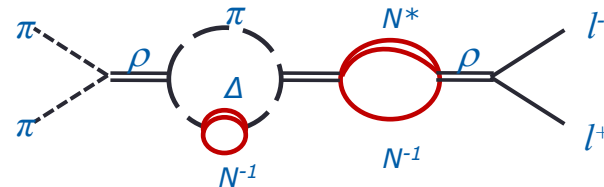
*C. Gale, J. Kapusta: Nucl. Phys. B357 (1991)*

$$j_{EM}^\mu = \frac{1}{2}(\bar{u}\gamma^\mu u - \bar{d}\gamma^\mu d) + \frac{1}{6}(\bar{u}\gamma^\mu u + \bar{d}\gamma^\mu d) - \frac{1}{3}\bar{s}\gamma^\mu s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}j_\rho^\mu + \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}}j_\omega^\mu - \frac{1}{3}j_\phi^\mu$$

Hadronic current can be approximated by the imaginary part of the in-medium  $\rho$  propagator.  
Inclusion of meson-baryon coupling,  $\rho$  only:

$$\text{Im } \Pi_{EM}^{med.}(M) = \left(\frac{m_\rho^2}{g_\rho}\right)^2 \text{Im } D(M)$$

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



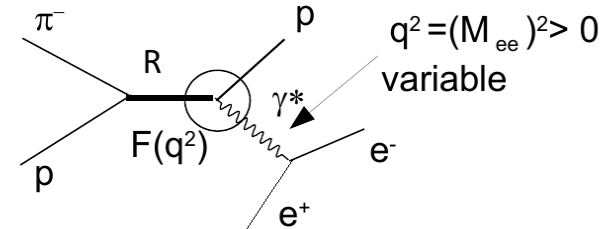
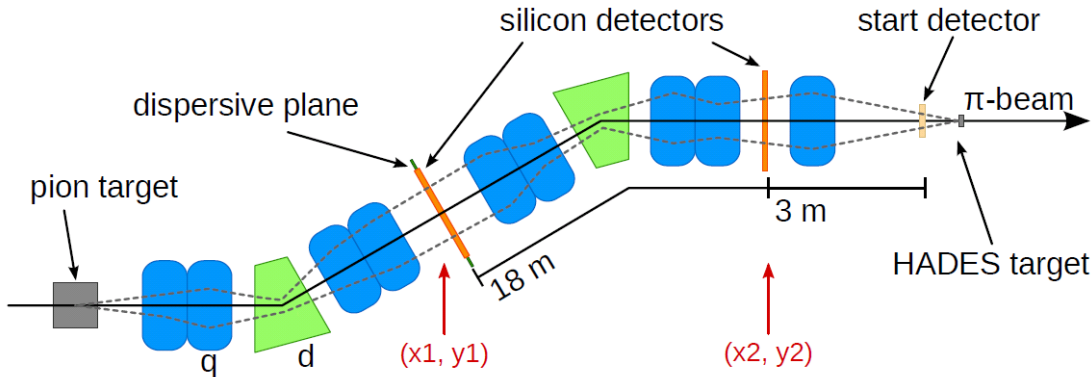
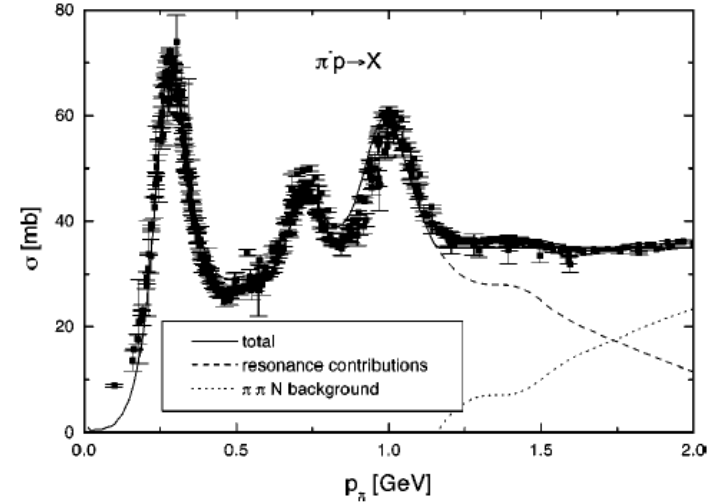
*R. Rapp, J. Wambach: Adv. Nucl. Phys. 25 (2000) 1*

*B. Friman, Nucl. Phys. A610 (1996) 358c;*

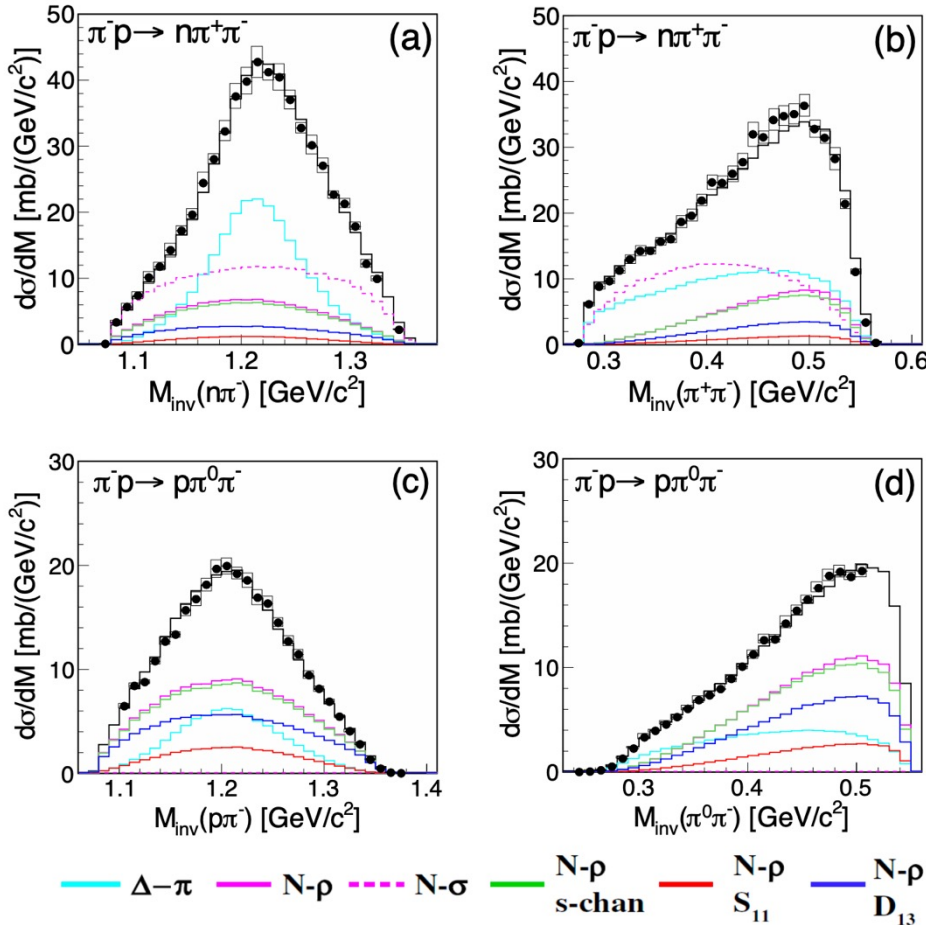
*B. Friman and H.J. Pirner, Nucl. Phys. A617 (1997) 496*

# The HADES Pion Beam Facility

- Pion production target 40 m upstream the experiment target position
- Direct excitation of baryon resonance and exclusive reconstruction of final states
- Combination with dilepton spectrometer world-wide unique



# Extraction of partial waves from two-pion channel



$$p_\pi = [0.66, 0.69, 0.75, 0.8] \text{ GeV}/c$$



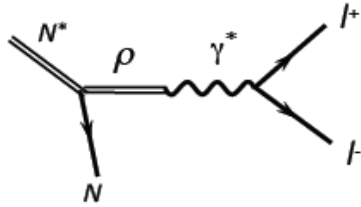
- Hadronic final states used in PWA (Bonn/Gatchina code)
- Use invariant masses, and angular distribution (not shown here)



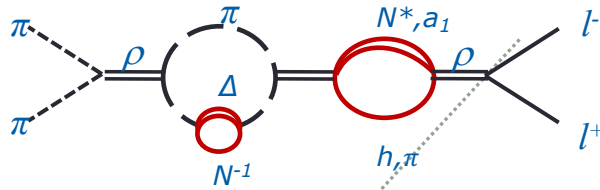
- Prediction for dilepton invariant mass assuming strict VMD
- Comparison to two-component model by Pena & Ramalho



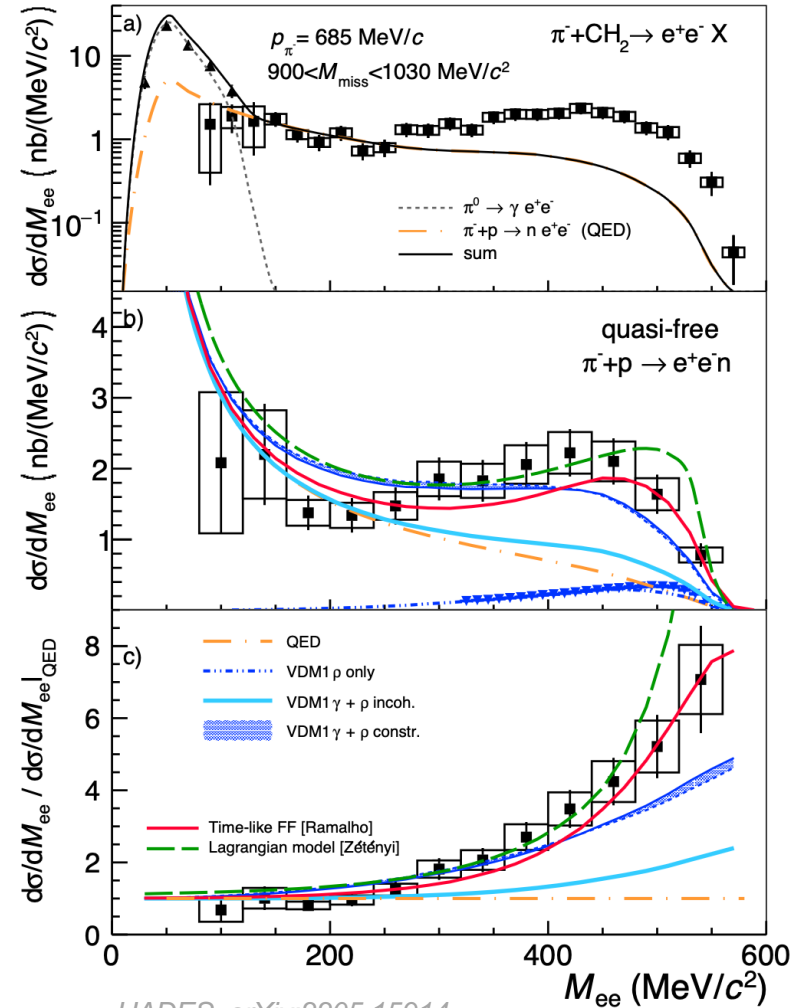
- Resonance-Dalitz decay (a la VMD) ...



... is analogous to baryonic contribution to in-medium  $\rho$  selfenergy (**emissivity**)



- Effective **transition form factor** (time-like) extracted by subtracting QED expectation from exclusive invariant mass distribution.



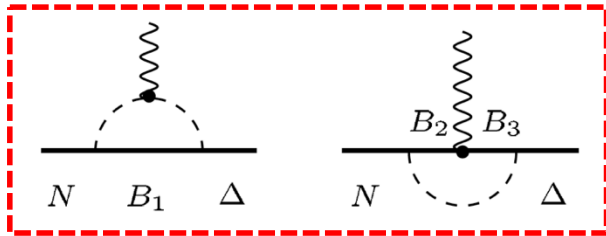


$$p + p \rightarrow e^+ e^- + p + p \quad (\sqrt{s} = 2.4 \text{ GeV})$$

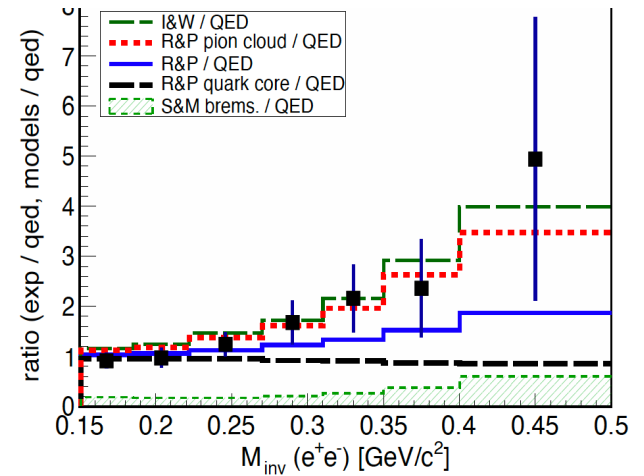
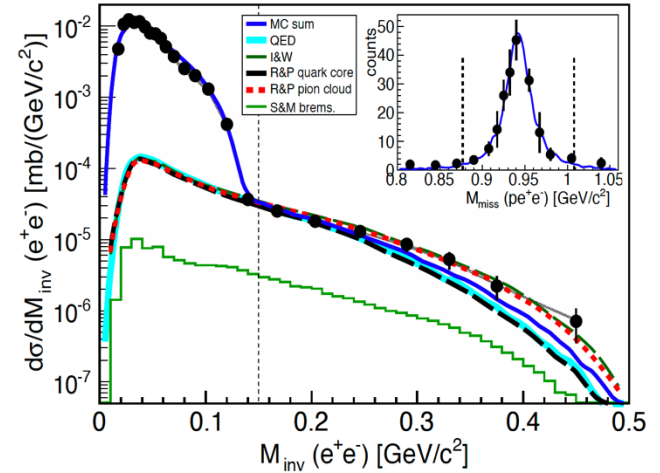
- Effect of the pion cloud observed in the time-like electromagnetic transition using two-component model

Peña, Ramalho; arXiv:1205.2575 ( $\Delta(1232)$ )  
 Peña, Ramalho + GiBUU.; arXiv:1512.03764  
 Peña, Ramalho; arXiv: 1610.08788 ( $N(1520)$ )  
 Peña, Ramalho; arXiv: 2003.04850 ( $N(1535)$ )

- Two component model: **green line** (sum of **core** and **cloud** contributions)

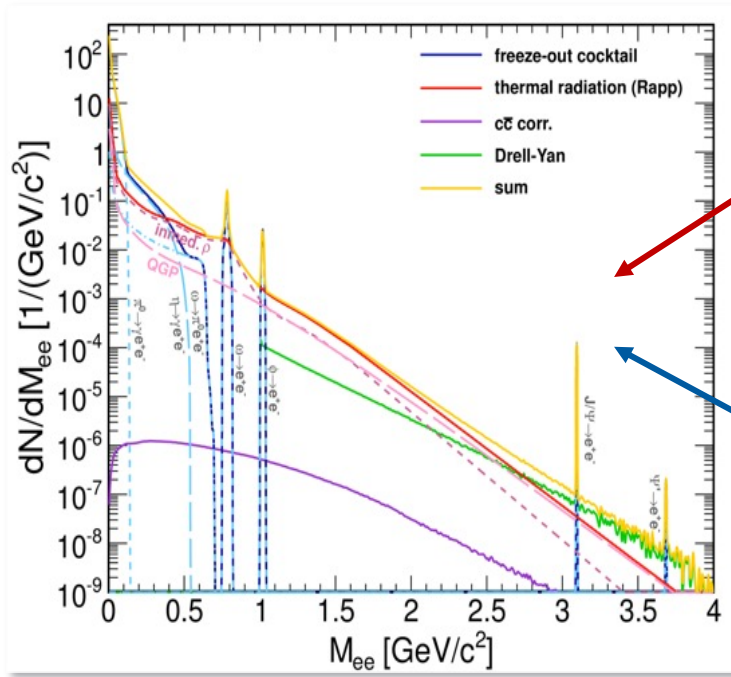


- Modified Bremsstrahlung (S&M brems.)



# Theoretical approaches to medium radiation

Medium (excess) radiation from **Thermal Emission Rates** ( $\epsilon$ ) ("standard candle"):



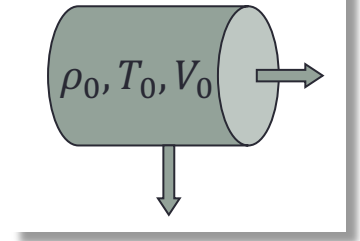
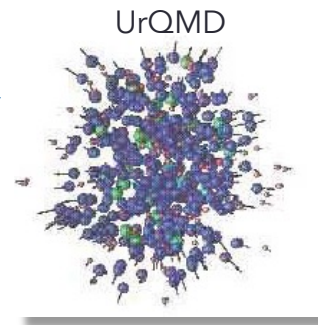
$$\frac{d^4 N}{dM dy dp_t d\alpha} = \int \frac{\alpha^2}{\pi^3 M^2} \frac{L(M^2)}{M^2} f_B(q \cdot u; T) \text{Im}\Pi_{\text{EM}}[M, q; T, \mu_B] dx$$

$$\equiv \int \frac{d^4 \epsilon}{dq} [T(x), \mu_B(x), \vec{v}(x)] dx$$

coarse graining

or

isentropic expansion

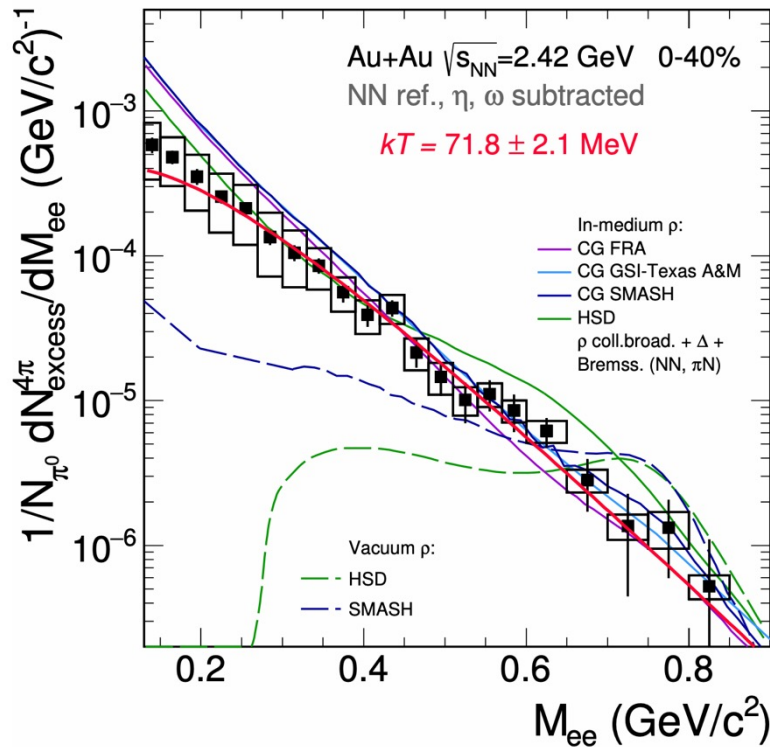


Fluid expansion  
(local thermal equilibrium)

shining

Microscopic transport

# Thermal dileptons Au+Au ( $\sqrt{s} = 2.4 A \text{ GeV}$ )



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- Microscopic transport<sup>(2)</sup>:
  - Vacuum  $\rho$  spectral function and  $\Delta$  regeneration
  - Explicit broadening and density dependent mass shift
- Coarse-grained UrQMD<sup>(3)</sup>
  - Thermal emissivity with in-medium propagator<sup>(4)</sup>
  - $\rho - a_1$  chiral mixing<sup>(5)</sup> (not measured so far)

(4) Rapp, van Hees; arXiv:1411.4612v

(2) E. Bratkovskaya;

(3) CG FRA Endres, van Hees, Bleicher; arXiv:1505.06131  
CG GSI-TAMU; Galatyuk, Seck, et al. arXiv:1512.08688

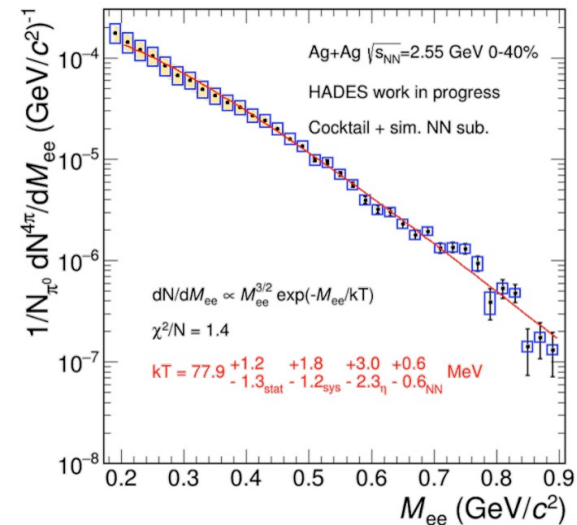
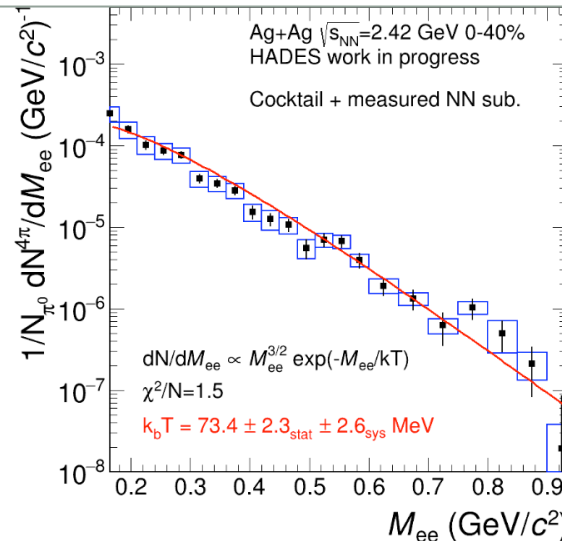
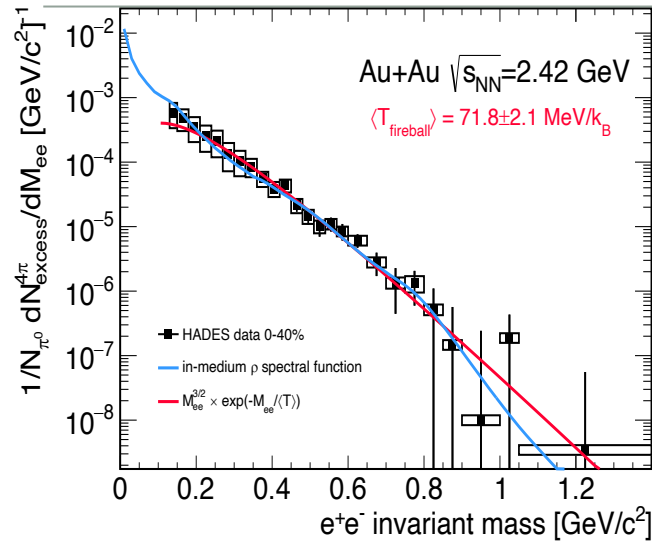
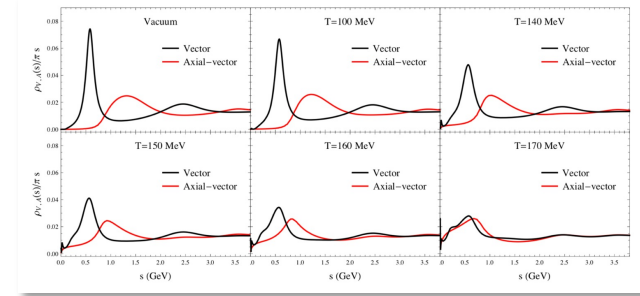
(4) Rapp, Wambach, van Hees; arXiv:0901.3289

(5) Rapp, Hohler; arXiv:1311.2921v

# Excess radiation

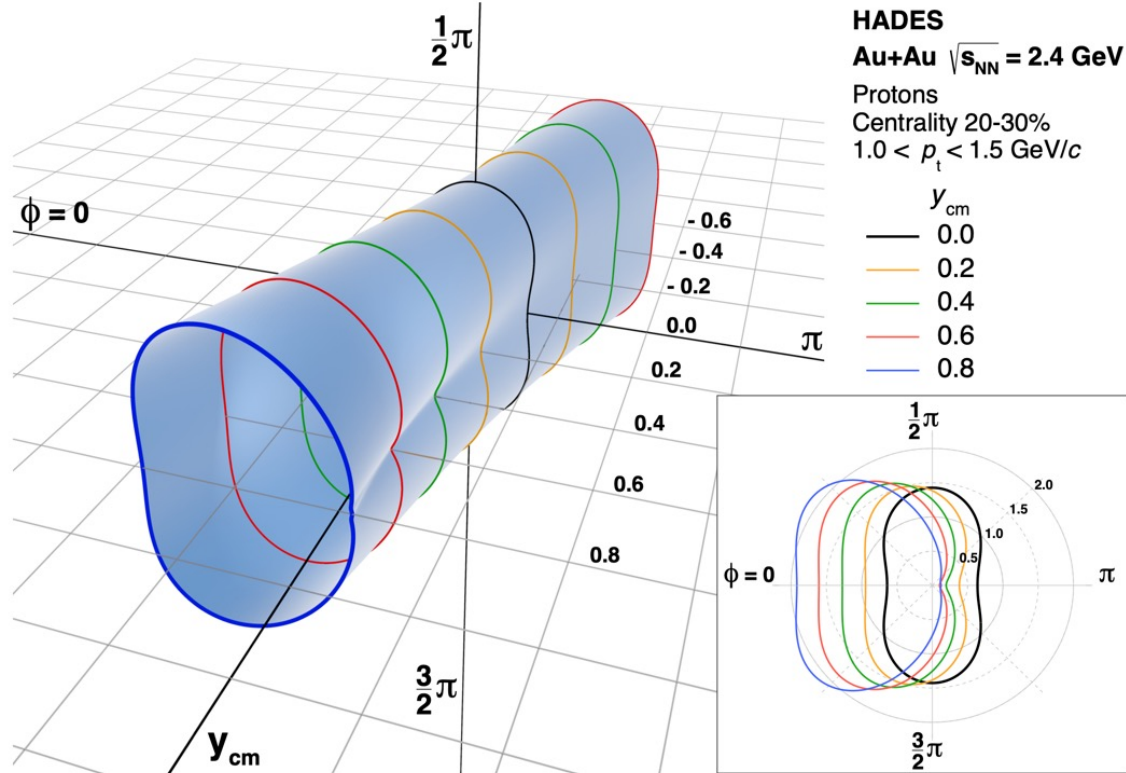
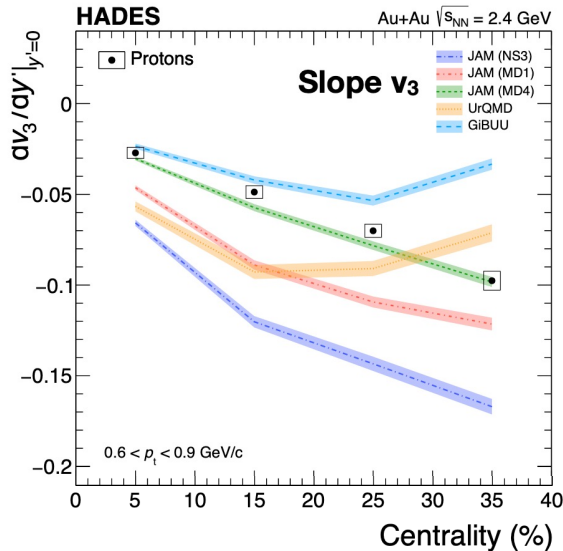
- Spectral distribution reproduced by a fit assuming thermal radiation
- Significantly higher temperature at higher collision energy
- No indication of a bump at the lower energy → strong melting

P. Hohler, R. Rapp; arXiv:0311.2921



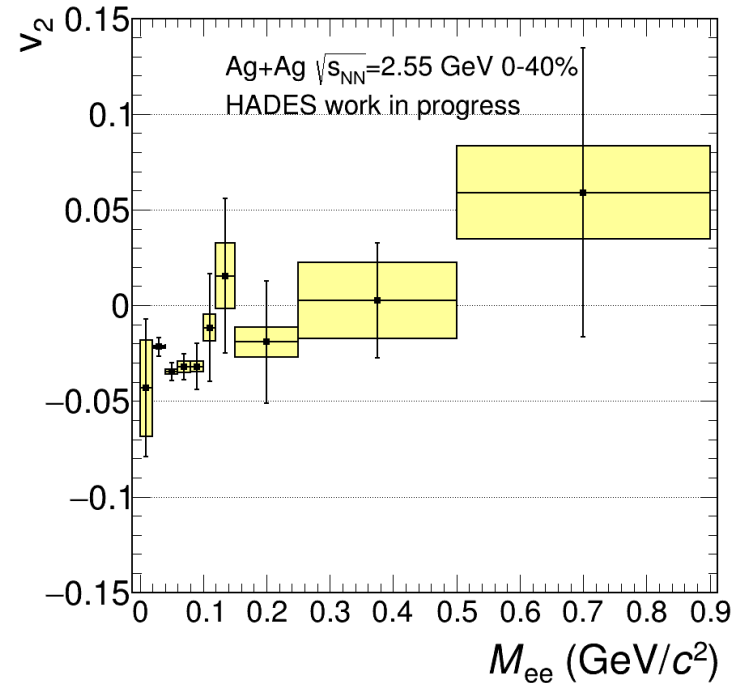
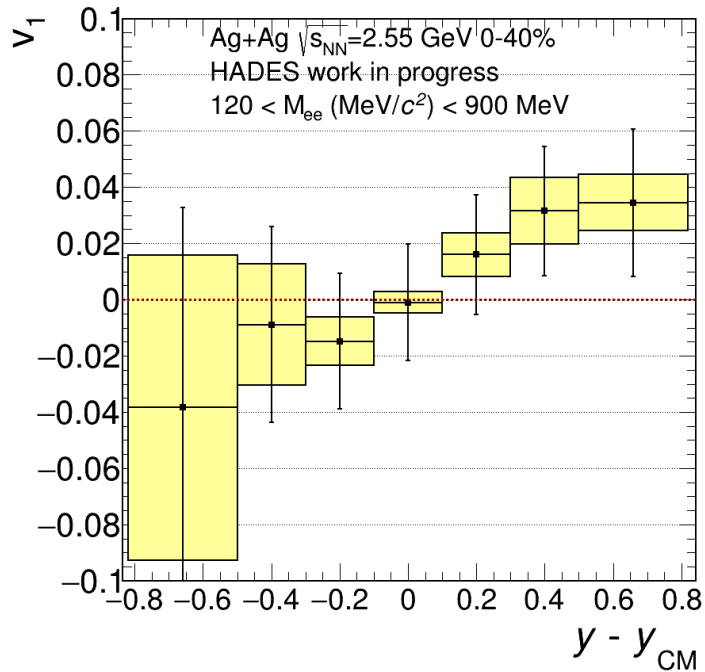
# Proton higher-order flow components ( $Au + Au \sqrt{s} = 2.4 \text{ AGeV}$ )

- Double differential ( $y, p$ ) flow harmonics up 6th order for  $p, d, t$
- Detailed measurement of the flow profile; higher order coefficients aligned with EP
- Expect high sensitivity to the EOS used in transport calculations



# Dilepton flow from Ag+Ag collisions

- First attempt of HADES to extract flow harmonics from excess radiation
- Needs more statistics and will come to bloom at CBM





# The Future at FAIR



Shell construction accelerator tunnel finished



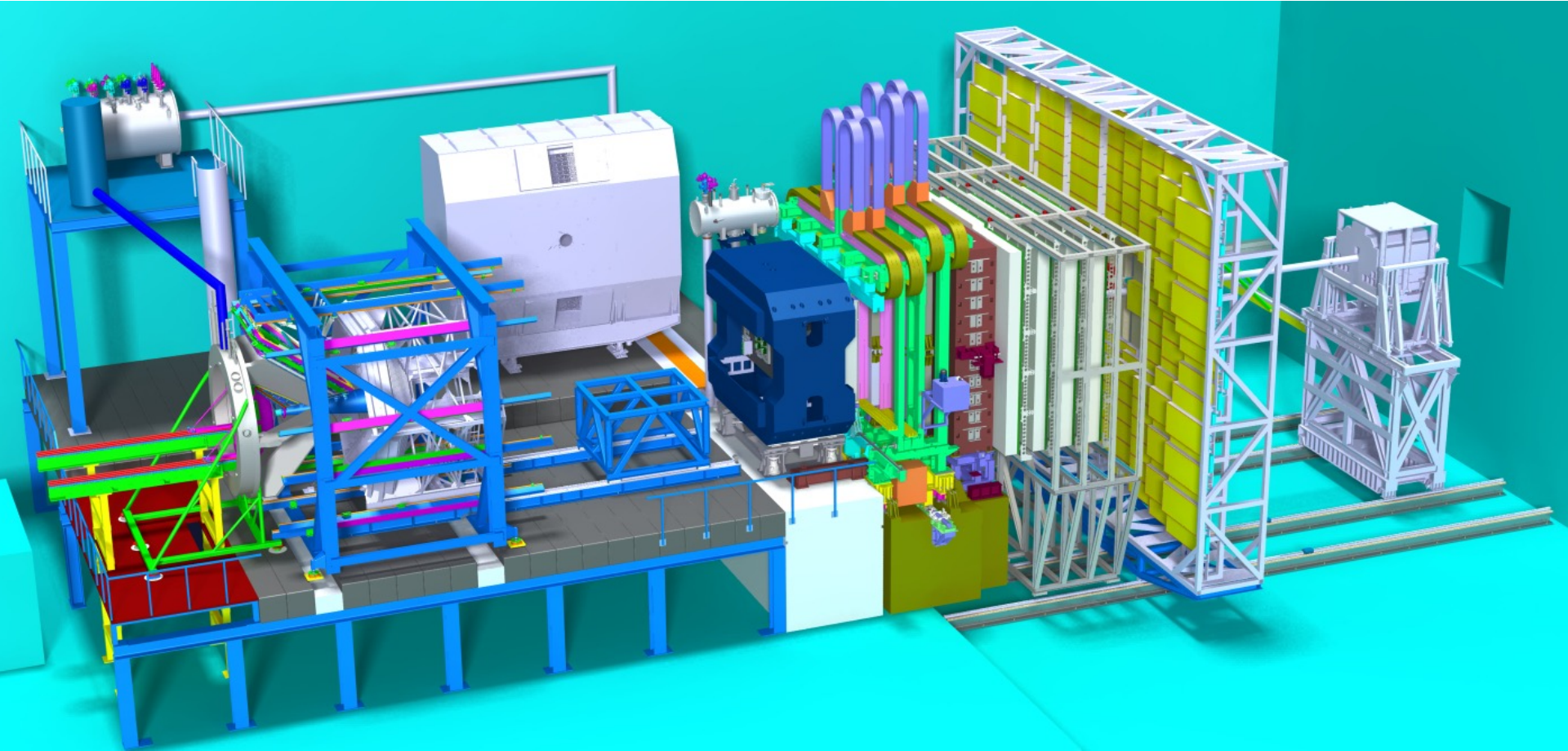
# Installation of technical building equipment has begun





# The C.B.M. experiments

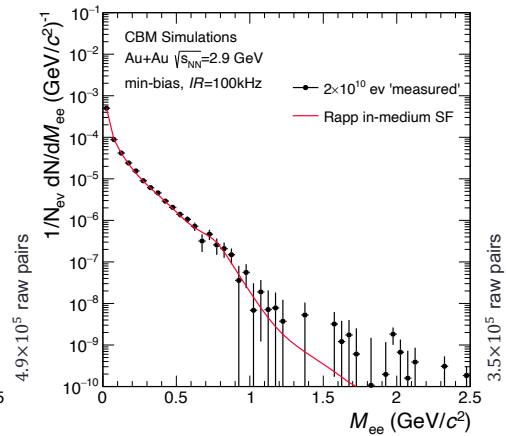
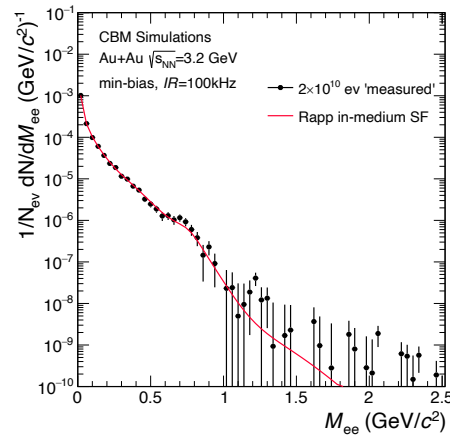
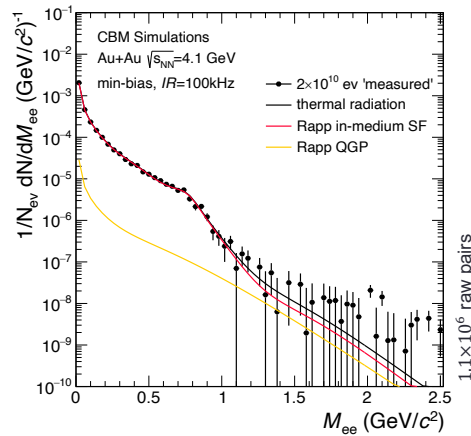
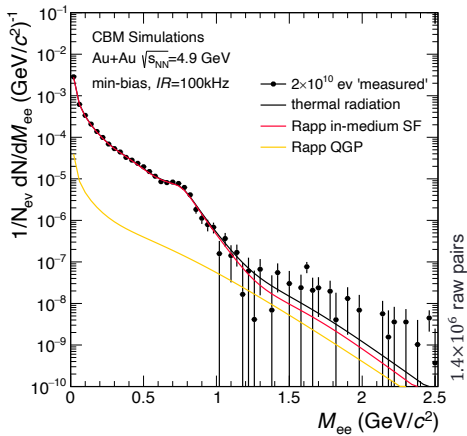
Systematic exploration of baryon dominated matter in A+A collisions from 2 – 11 A GeV beam energy



# CBM dielectron performance (first 3 years, 5 days / energy)

○ Dielectron thermal radiation yield, corrected for acceptance x efficiency:

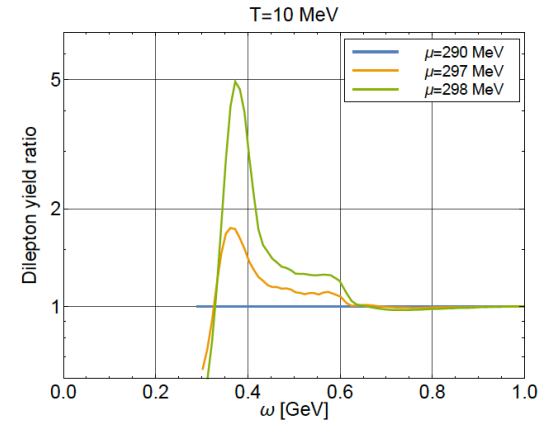
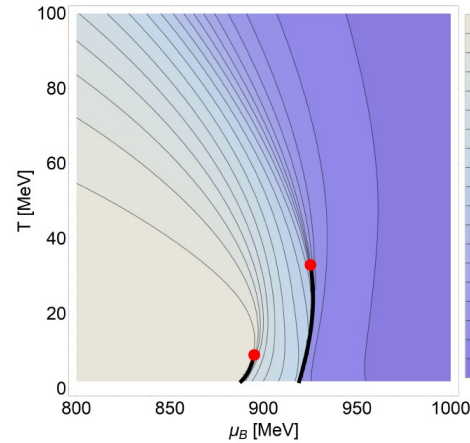
- Dominated by  $\rho$  contribution at low mass ( $M_{\ell\ell} < 1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ ); can be reconstructed with precision of 1.5 – 4.5%
- Intermediate mass range ( $M_{\ell\ell} > 1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ ) accessible, statistics will not (yet) be sufficient to extract physics



# Dilepton Signature of a First-order Phase Transition

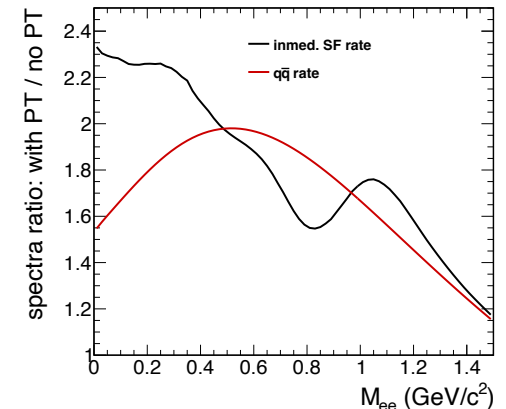
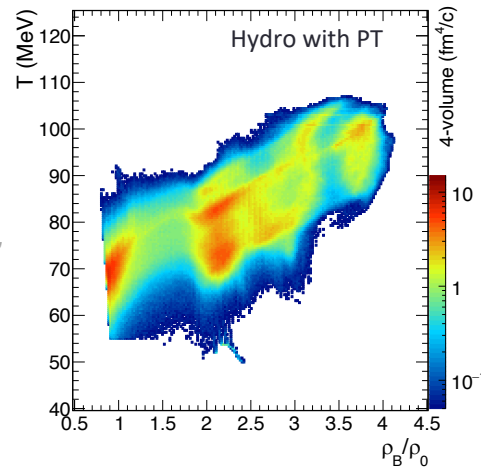
- EM spectral function from FRG flow equations
- Dilepton rates at CEP

*Tripolt, Jung, Tanji, v. Smekal, Wambach, Nucl. Phys. A982 (2019) 775*  
*Jung, Rennecke, Tripolt, v. Smekal, Wambach, Phys. Rev. D 95 (2017) 036020*



- dilepton radiation in hydrodynamical simulations
- factor of ~2 extra radiation in case of hydro with PT

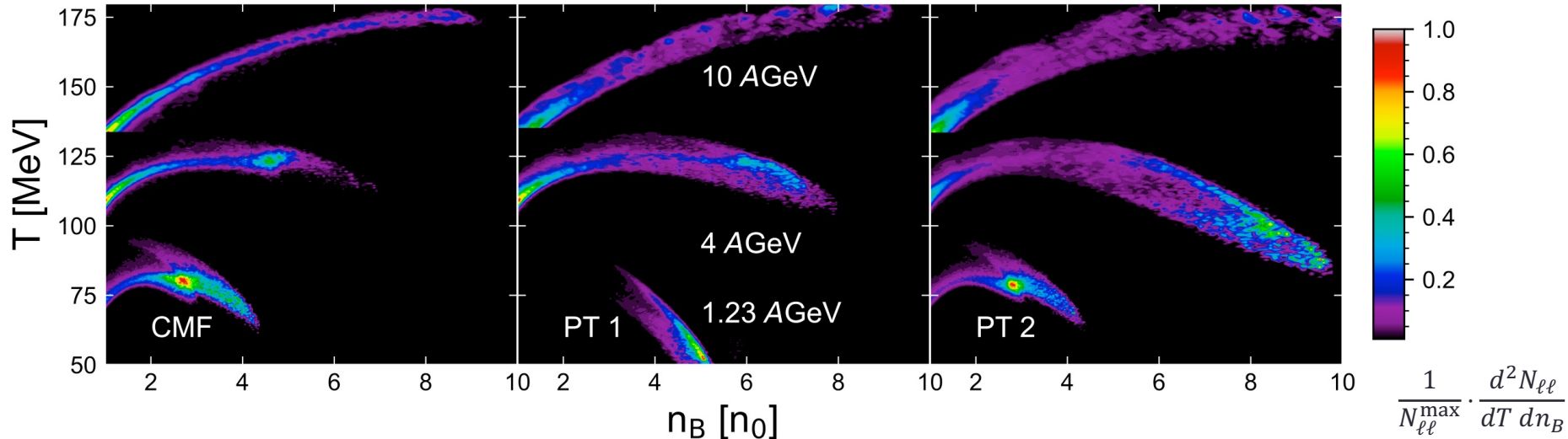
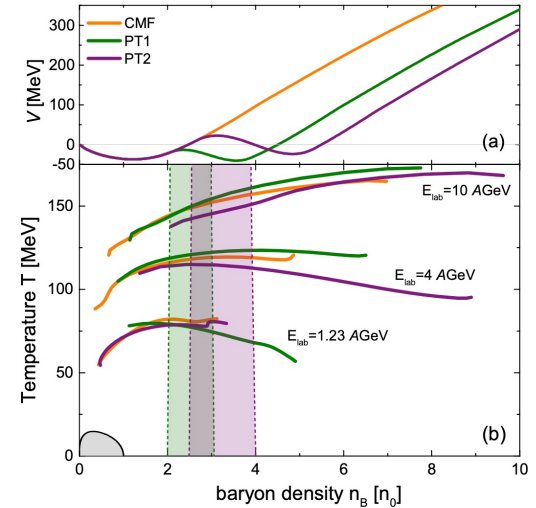
*Seck, Galatyuk, Mukherjee, Rapp, Steinheimer, Stroth, Phys.Rev.C 106 (2022) 014904*  
*Feng Li and Che Ming Ko, Phys. Rev. C 95 (2017) no.5, 055203*



# Respective emissivity maps

- "Phase space trajectories" from coarse grained UrQMD involving various equation of states
- Space-time integrated double differential dilepton yield for HADES and lower/upper CBM beam energies ( $Au + Au$ )

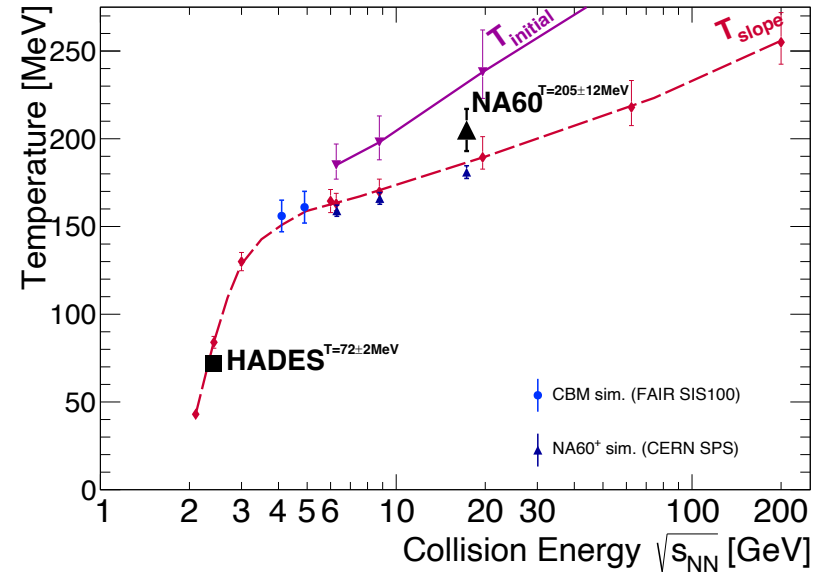
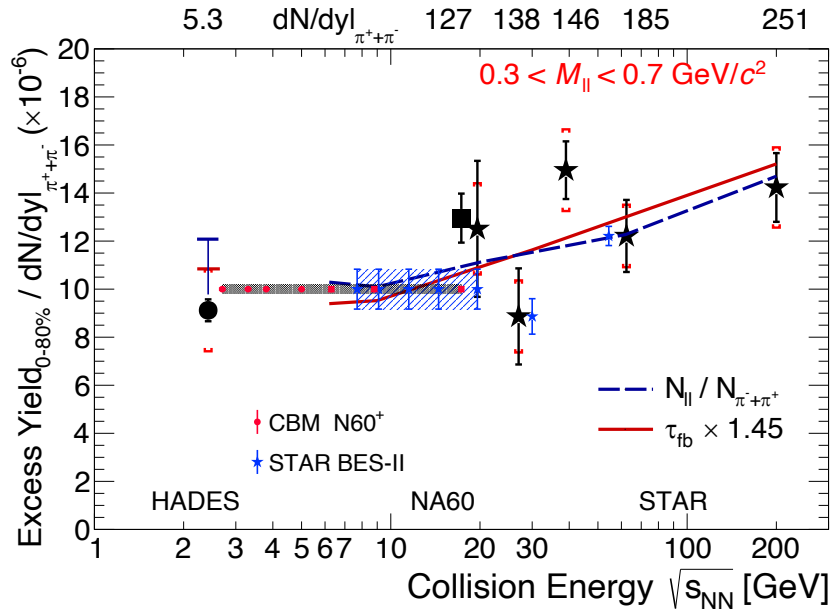
Oleh Savchuk et al. (AM, VV, MG, TG); arXiv:2209.05267 "powered by UKRAINE"



# Dielectron excitation functions

Search for emerging signatures indicative of a first-order phase transition:

- prolonged lifetime of the system → “excess excess-radiation”?
- limiting temperature → “hadronic caloric curve”?



THANK YOU

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