

Results on virtual-photon production at SIS: resume and prospects

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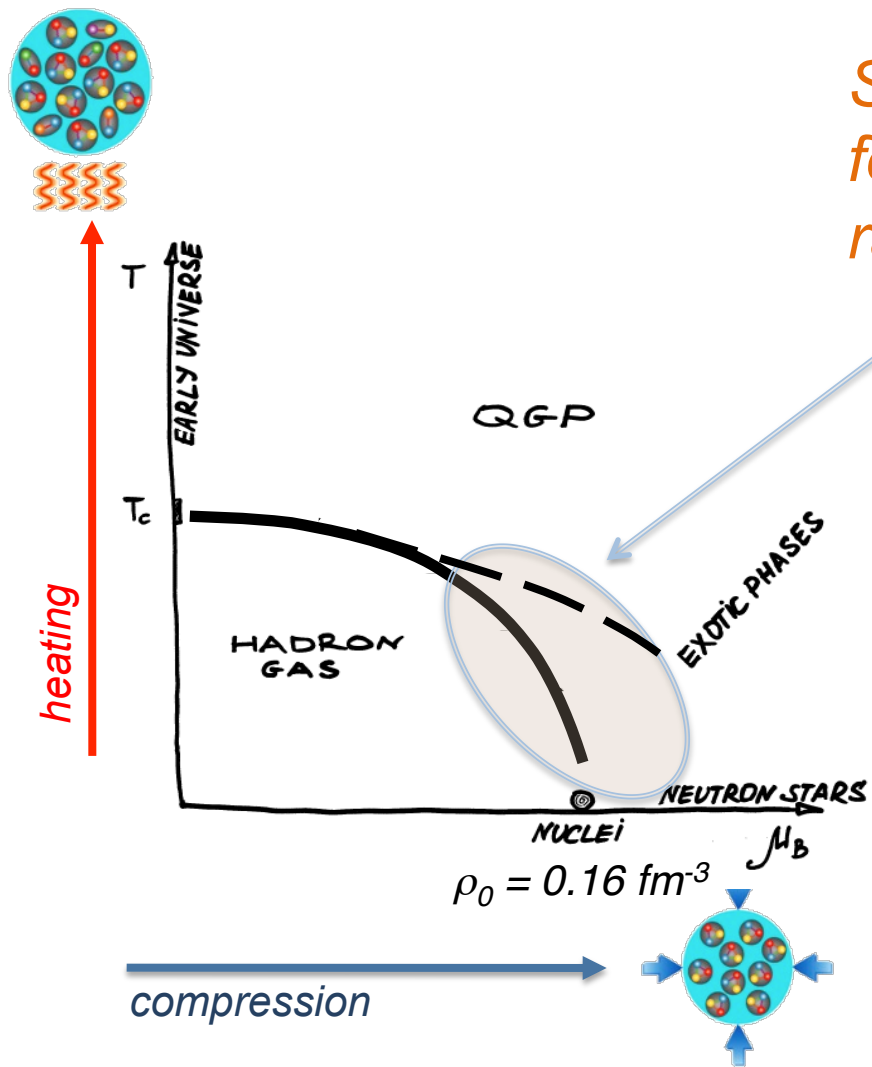


High Acceptance DiElectron Spectrometer



The HADES mission

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Search (in this region)
for new states of matter with
rare and penetrating probes

- Stage I (2002 - 2008)
 - Limited granularity of time-of-flight system \rightarrow light collision systems
- Stage II (2012 - 2015)
 - Heavy collision-systems
 - π -induced reactions
- Stage III (2018 - ...)
 - Lepton pair excitation function up to 8 GeV/u (medium-heavy systems) and (multi-)strange particle

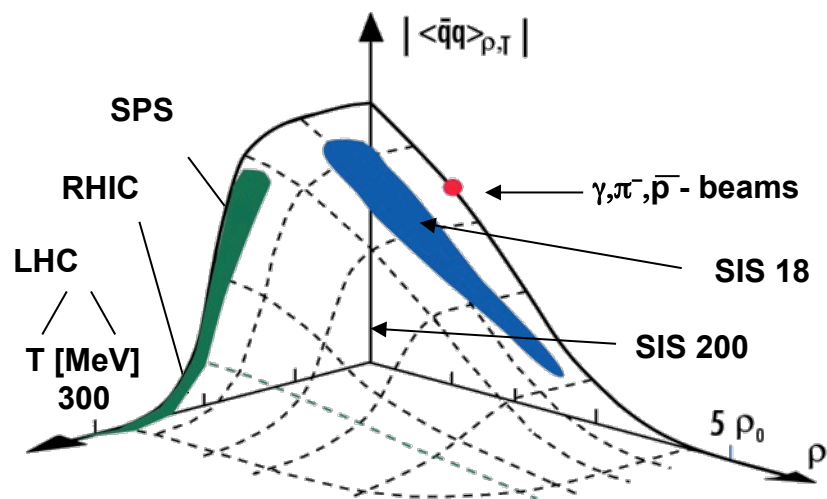
+ Various aspects of
baryon-resonances physics

Dileptons and the phase diagram of matter

„I wonder if it finally will turn into a bluff...“

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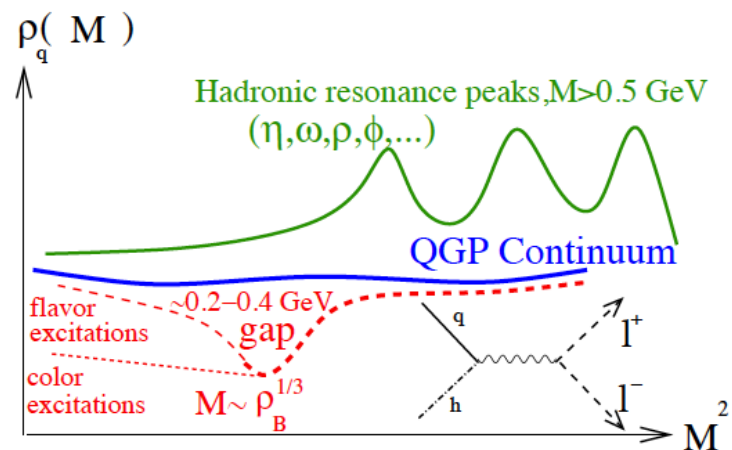
Use ρ as a probe for the restoration of χ symmetry



Robert D. Pisarski, *PLB* 110 (1982),

...

Dileptons from exotic phases...



S. Lottini and G. Torrieri, *PRL* 107, 152301 (2011)

S. Lottini and G. Torrieri, arXiv:1204.3272v1 [nucl-th]

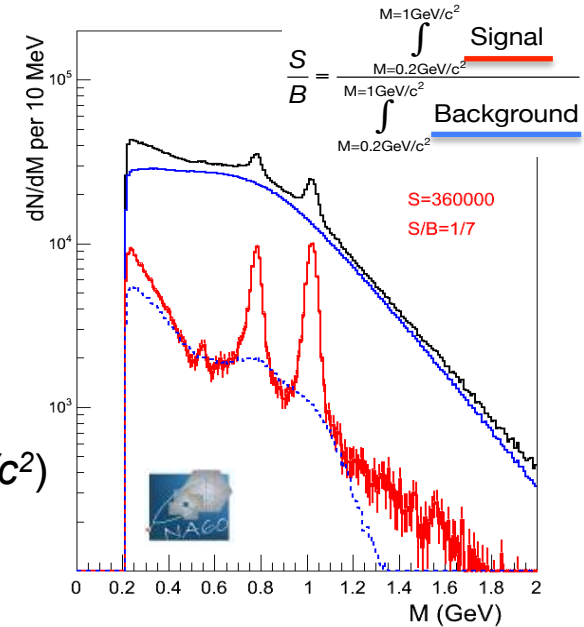
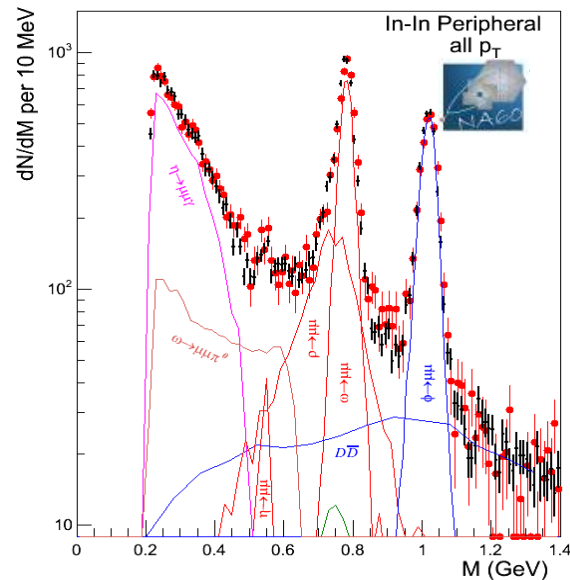
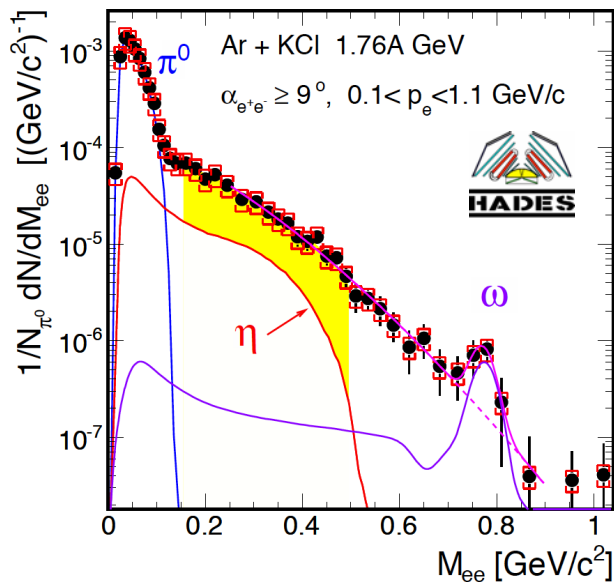
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→ Experimental test

The experimental challenge...

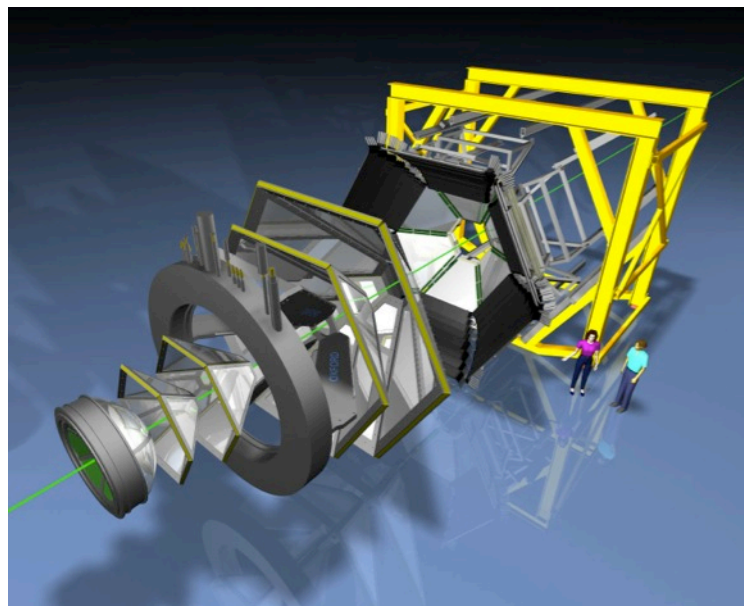
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- Lepton pairs are rare probes (branching ratio $O(10^{-4})$)
- at SIS18 energies vector mesons are produced sub-threshold (NN)
- Large combinatorial background from:
 - e^+e^- : Dalitz decays (π^0) and conversion pairs
 - $\mu^+\mu^-$: weak π , K decays
- Isolate the contribution to the spectrum from the dense stage (**X Factor** = excess yield above hadronic cocktail in $0.2 < M_{ll} < 0.6 \text{ GeV}/c^2$)



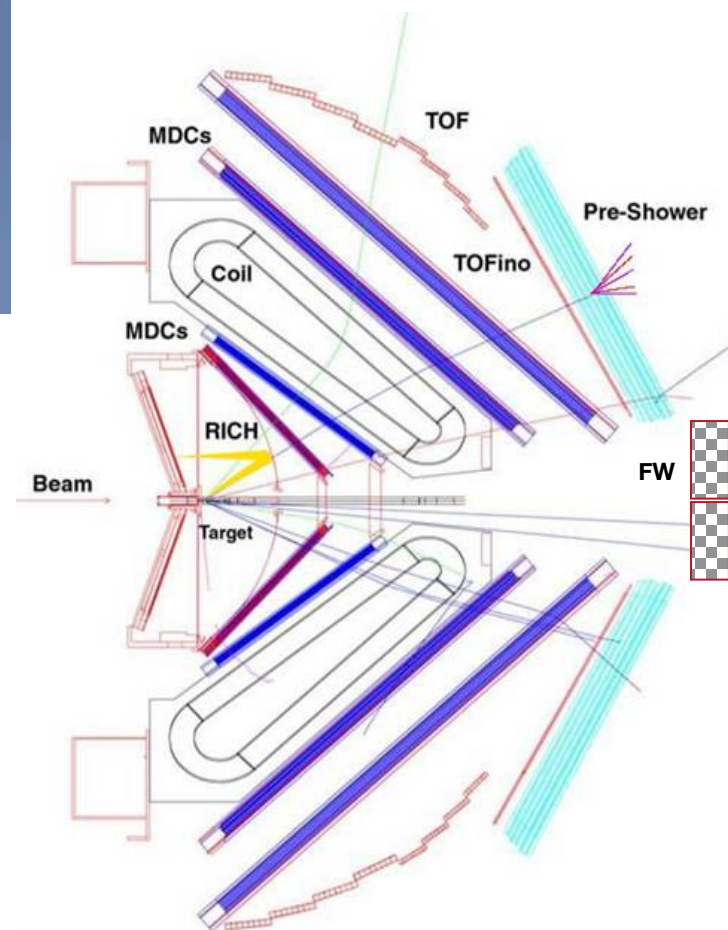
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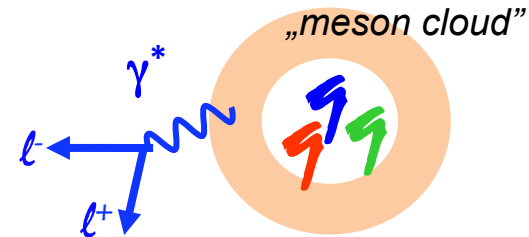


HADES strategy:

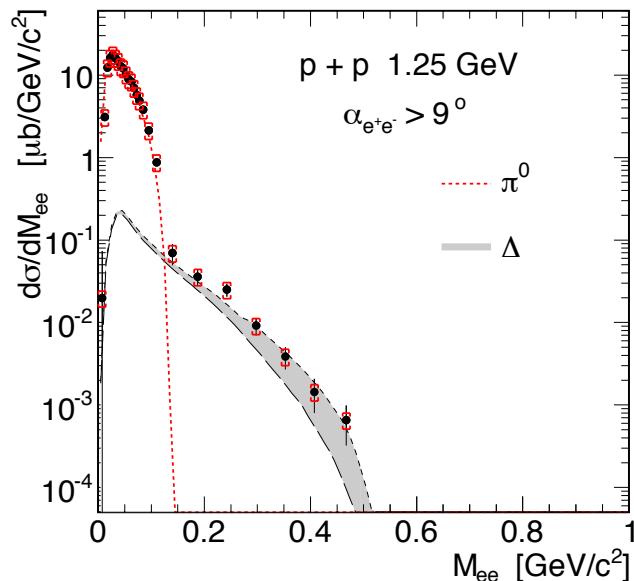
Systematic di-electron and strangeness measurements in NN, AA, ρ A, π N and π A collisions



- Beams provided by SIS18: π , p , ions
- Full azimuthal coverage
- Hadron and lepton identification
- e^+e^- pair acceptance 0.35
- **Mass resolution 2 % (ρ/ω region)**
- ~ 80.000 channels
- now: **up to 50 kHz event rate (400 Mbyte/s peak data rate)**



HADES : PLB 690 (2010) 118

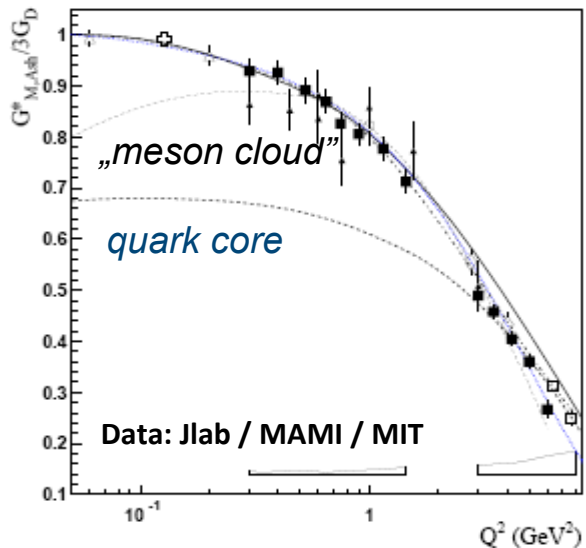


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time-like region $q^2 > 0$

Goal

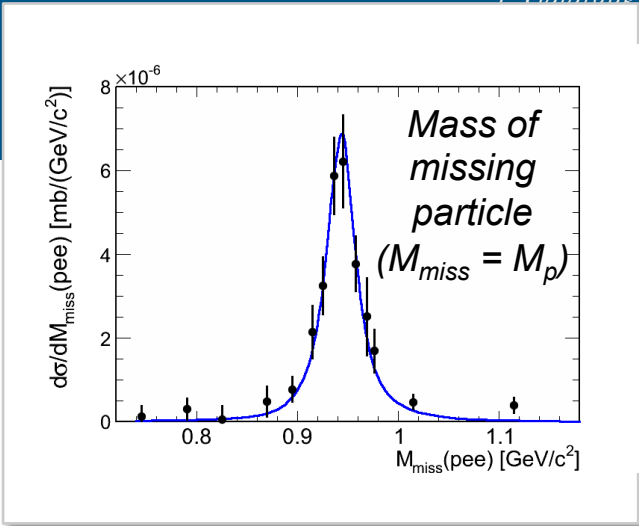
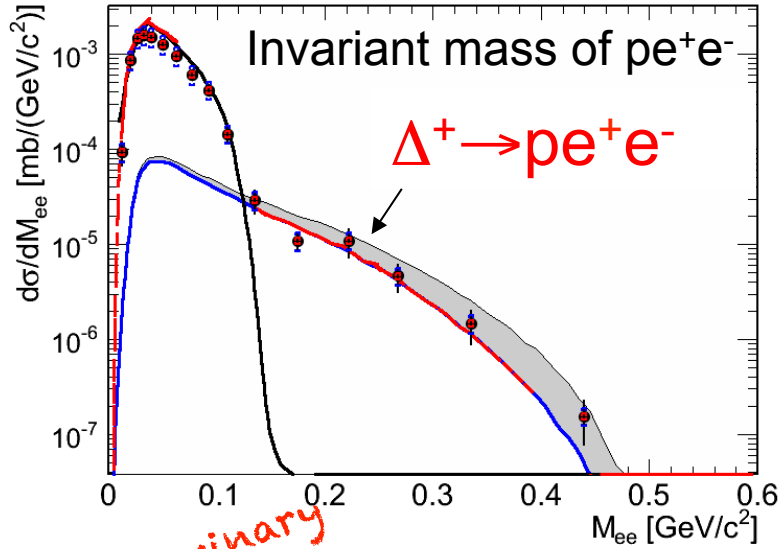
- Understand $\Delta \rightarrow N \gamma^*$ transition
 - **Known from $\gamma N \rightarrow \Delta \rightarrow \pi N$**
(exact QED calculation, Krivoruchenko et al. PRD 65 (2001) 017502)
 - **Unknown at $q^2 > 0$!**
- use models fitted to the space-like data
G. Ramalho and T. Pena arxiv: 1205.2575v1 (2012)
Wan and Iachello, int. J. Mod. Phys. A20 (2005) 1846



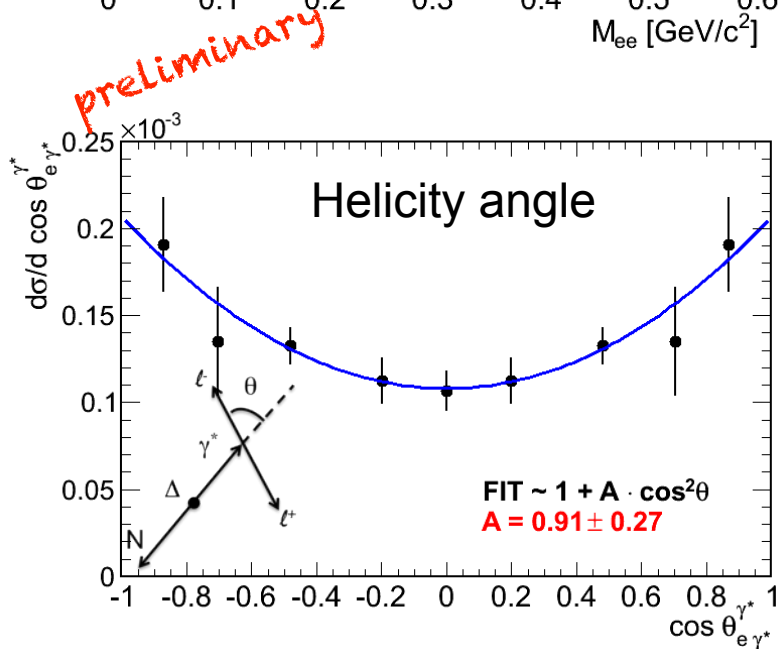
space-like region $q^2 < 0$

- Excitation of a baryon can be carried by the meson cloud
 - Precise data from Jlab / MAMI / MIT
 - **Strong hint for dominant contribution to the $G_M(Q^2)$ from the meson cloud (30% at $G_M(0)$)**
I.G. Aznauryan, V.D. Burkert Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 67, 1 (2012)

NN Reference: exclusive analysis $pp \rightarrow ppe^+e^-$

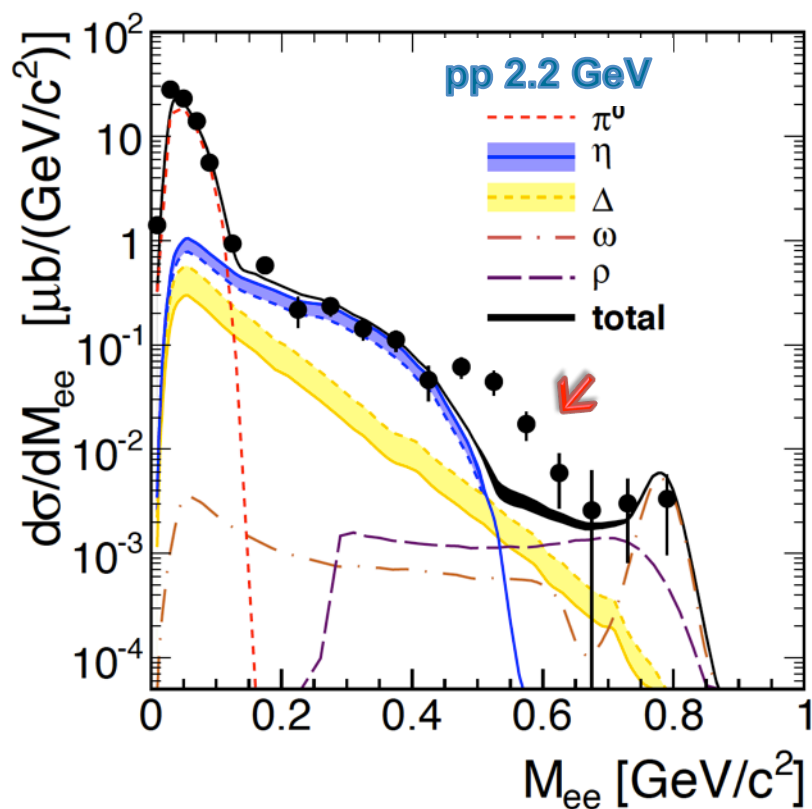


- **First direct access to the Δ transition form factor in the time-like region**
 - Data agree with QED calculation!
 - Branching ratio ($\Delta^+ \rightarrow pe^+e^-$) = 4.2×10^{-5}

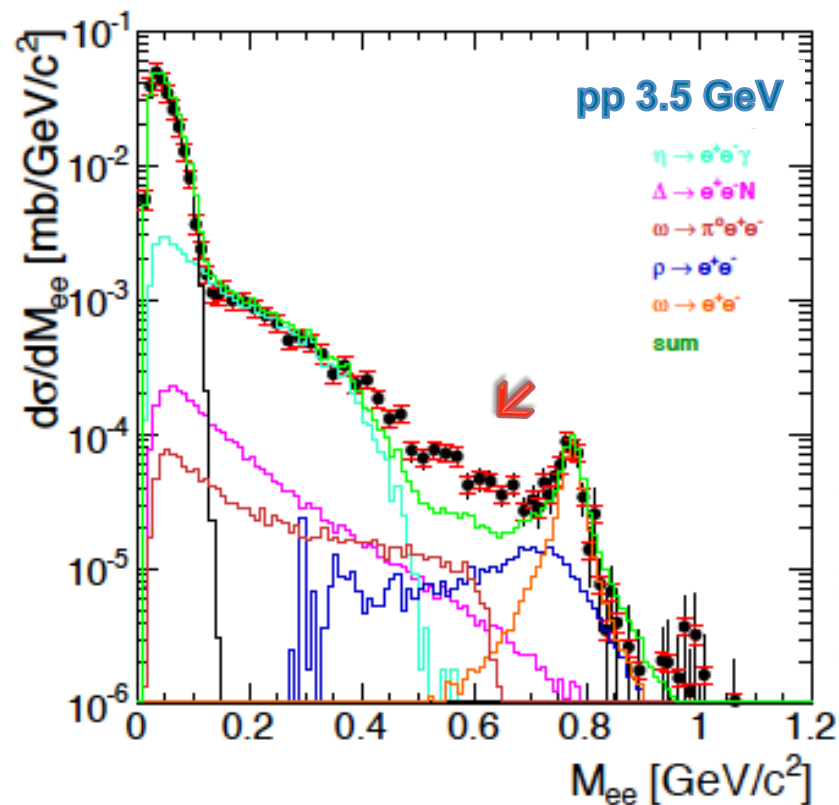


NN Reference: e^+e^- in $p+p$ collisions at 2.2 GeV and 3.5 GeV

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Phys.Rev. C85 (2012) 054005



Eur.Phys.J. A48 (2012) 64

PDG Entry 2012

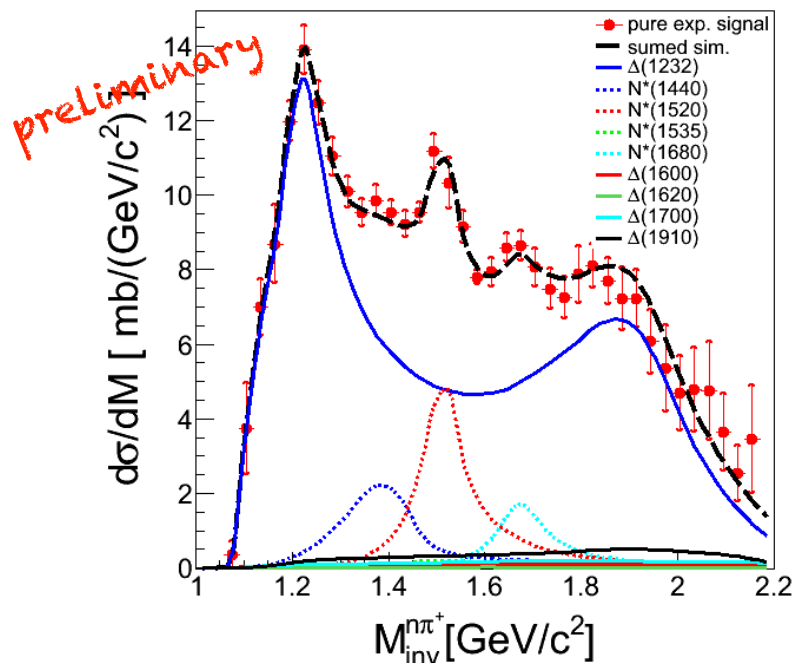
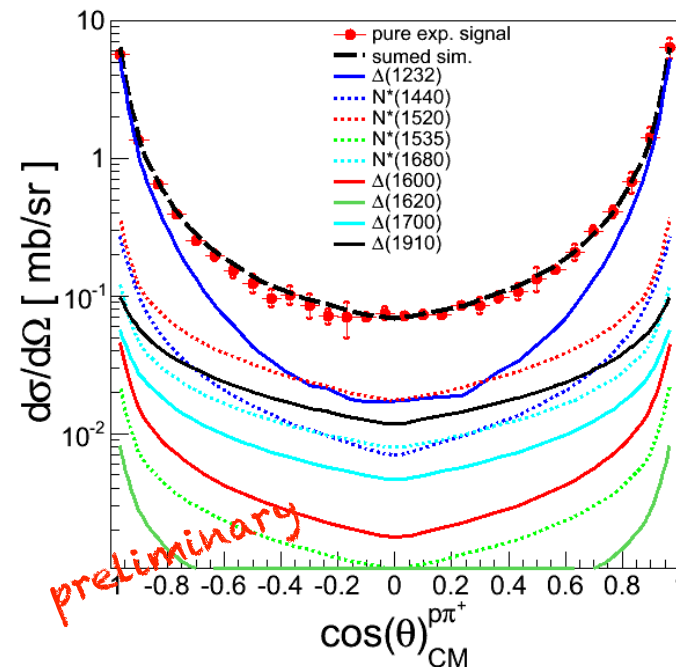
BR($\eta \rightarrow e^+e^-$) $< 5.6 \times 10^{-6}$ (90% CL)

- Effect of electromagnetic form factor?
 - Dalitz decays of broad resonances is not well understood theoretically

- Coupling of ρ to baryonic resonances
 - Cross check with hadronic final states needed!

Reconstruction of contributing baryonic resonances: exclusive analysis of $pp \rightarrow pn\pi^+$ and $pp \rightarrow pp\pi^0$

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 $n\pi^+$ invariant mass $p\pi^+$ angular distribution

Data: in preparation, A. Dybczak

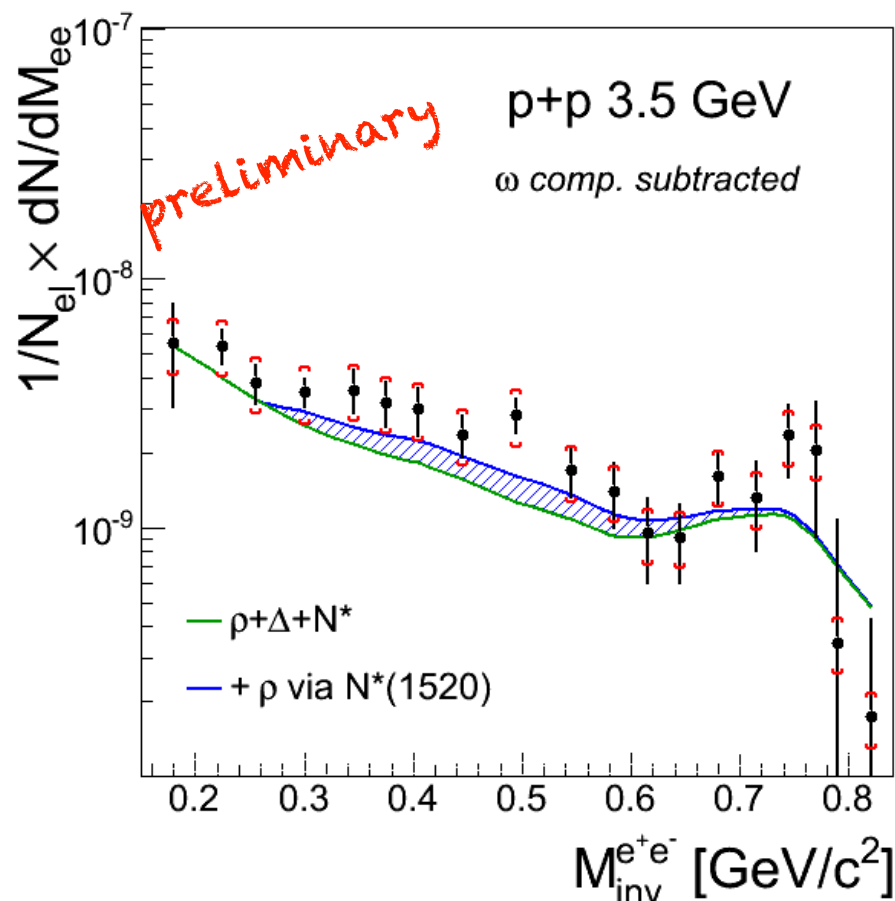
- 14 baryonic resonances are included in the analysis (N^*1535 constrained by $pp \rightarrow pp\eta$ channel)
K. Teilab Int.J.Mod.Phys.A26:694-696,2011
- Cross section for resonance production via exclusive analysis of $pp \rightarrow pn\pi^+$ and $pp \rightarrow pp\pi^0$

 $pp \rightarrow ppe^+e^-$

Exclusive dilepton production

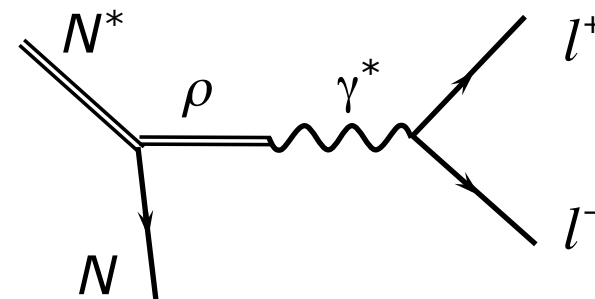
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Exclusive analysis: $pp \rightarrow ppe^+e^-$



- Relative contribution is fixed through exclusive pion production
- ω contribution subtracted, η contribution suppressed by kinematics

Dalitz decays of baryonic resonances – are the dominant source at low beam energies.



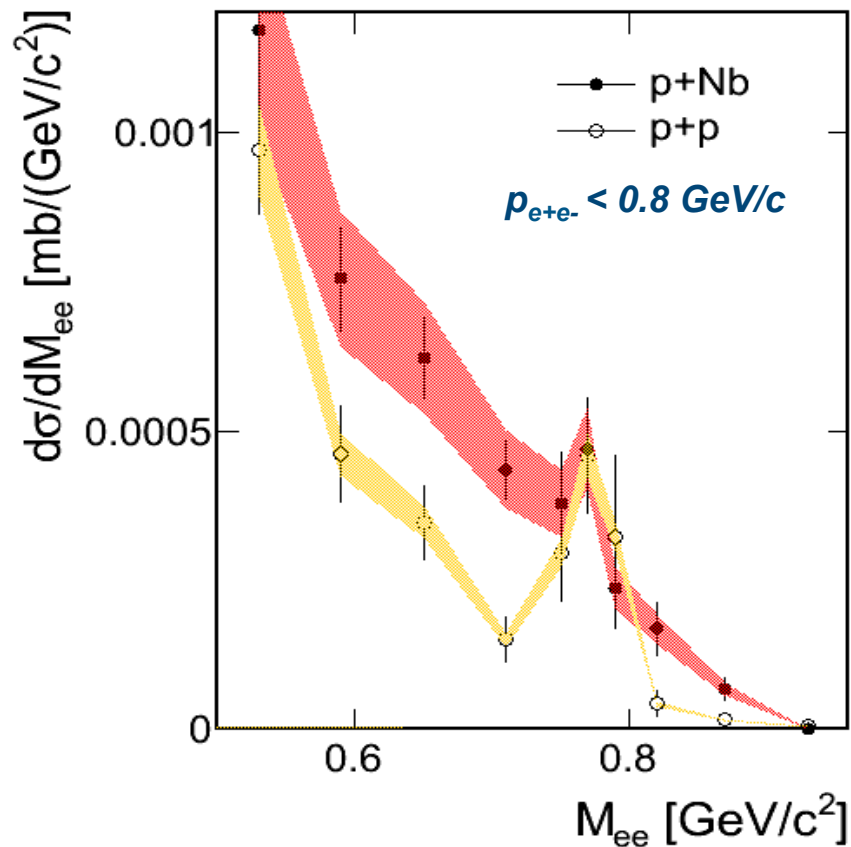
HADES data preliminary
 Model: M. Zetenyi and Gy. Wolf
 Phys. Rev. C 67, 044002 (2003).

Electron pairs from cold nuclear matter

"if you are out to describe the truth, leave elegance to the tailor" (A. Einstein)

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HADES: Phys.Lett. B715 (2012) 304-309

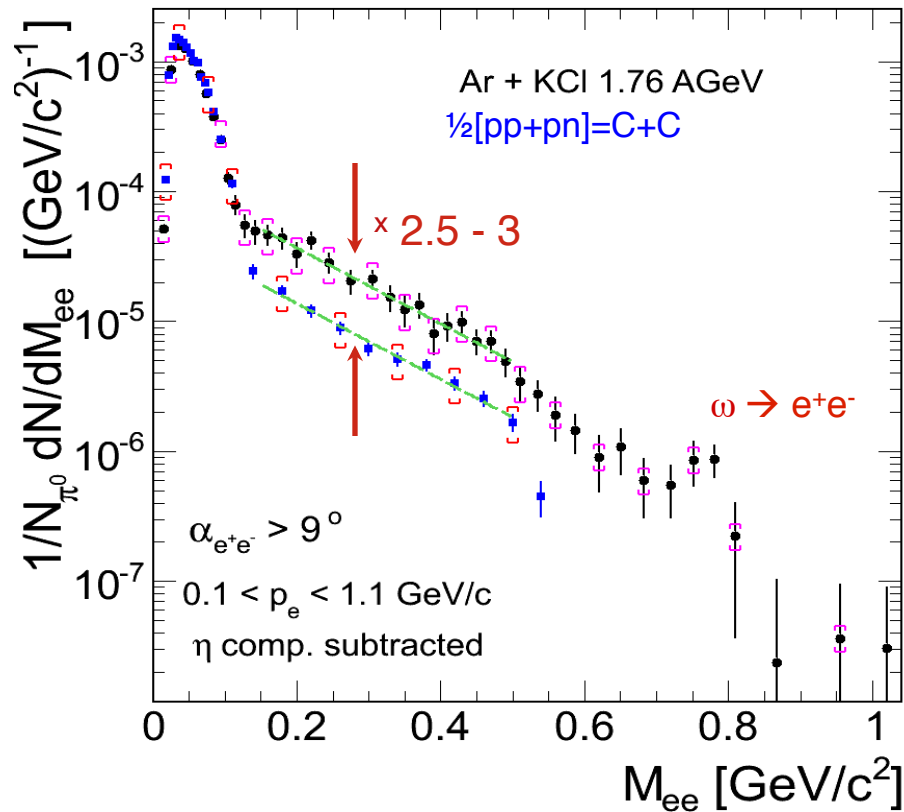


- **First measurement of lepton pairs with $p_{e+e-} < 0.8 \text{ GeV}/c$ radiated from cold matter**
→ not measured in this region by CLAS, KEK-E325
- **Mass resolution: $\sigma_{M\omega} = 16 \text{ MeV}/c^2$**
- **Clear excess over p+p**
→ role of the secondary ρ from N(1520), Δ (1700)...?
- **Reduced ω yield** → strong broadening?

Virtual photon emission in A+A collisions

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Ar+KCl compared to reference
after subtraction of contributions from η

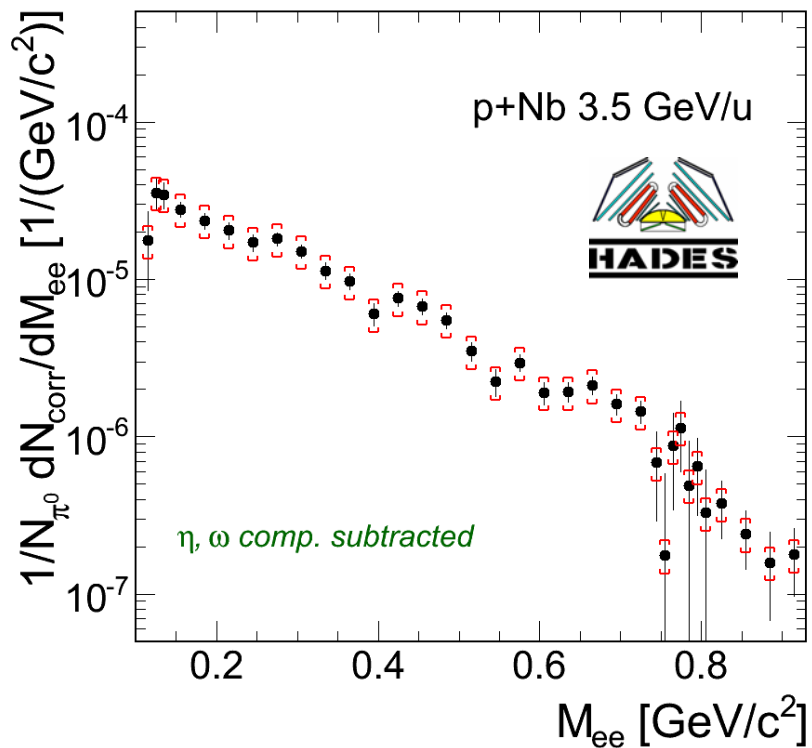


- First evidence for radiation from the “medium”!
- Excess yield scales with system size like $A_{\text{part}}^{1.4}$

Quest for heavier systems!

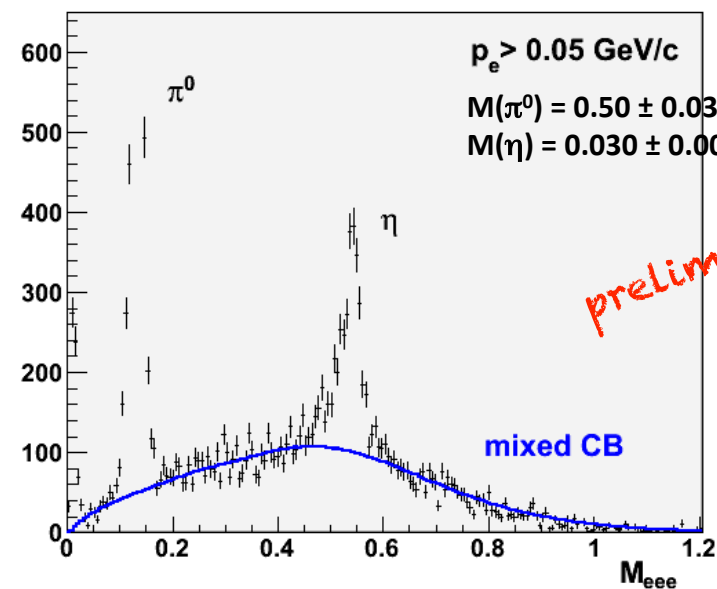
Isolation of excess by a comparison with a **measured** decay cocktail

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Excess e^+e^- yield in p+Nb 3.5 GeVIn medium ρ modification?

→ will be answered only after pp reference is understood!

- Full reconstruction of π^0 and η decays (meson $\rightarrow e^+e^-e^-$)

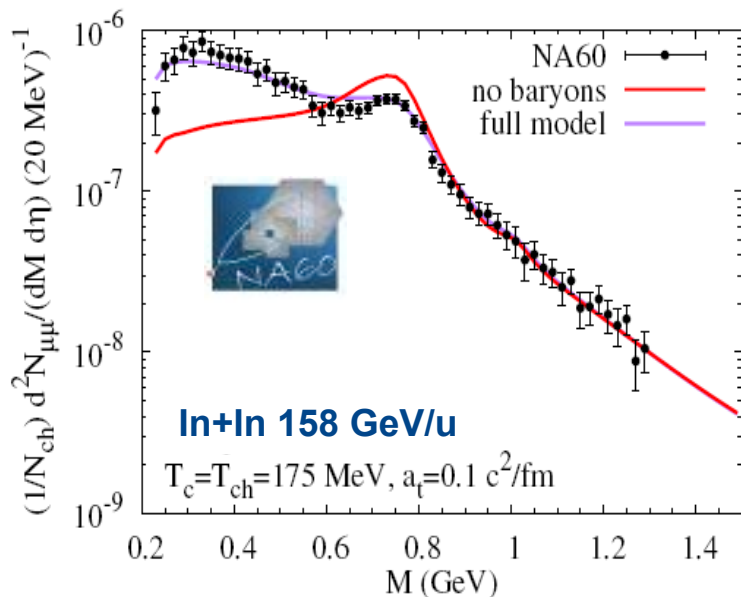


- HADES η cross section provides constraint on Δ and N^* contributions!
- Critical test for theoretical input!

The ρ meson in a hot and/or dense fireballs: from SIS18 to SPS

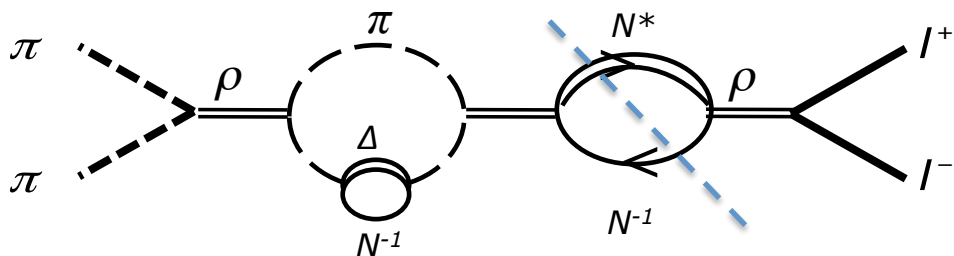
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Acc.-corrected $\mu^+\mu^-$ excess spectrum

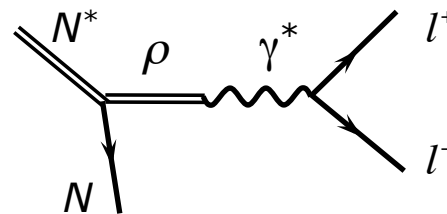
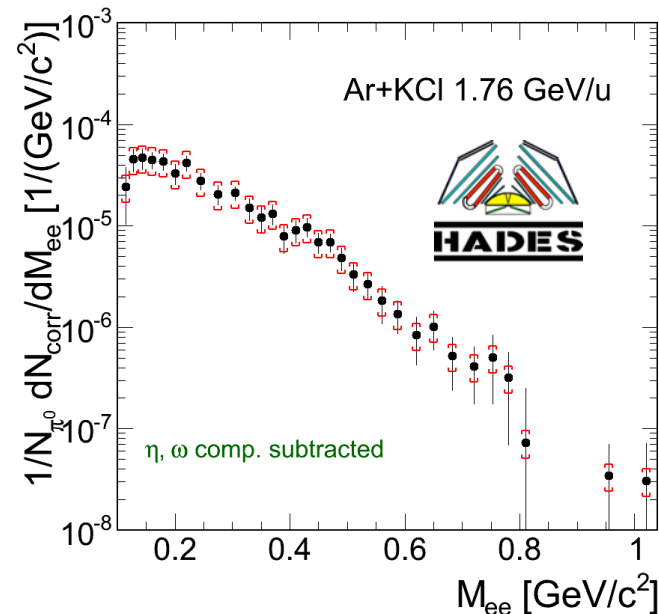


Data: EPJC 59 (2009) 607
R.Rapp: NPA806 (2008) 339

- Main source: $\pi^+\pi^- \rightarrow \rho \rightarrow e^+e^-$
- Low mass enhancement is **due to coupling of the VM to baryons!**



Excess e^+e^- yield, Ar+KCl 1.76 GeV/u



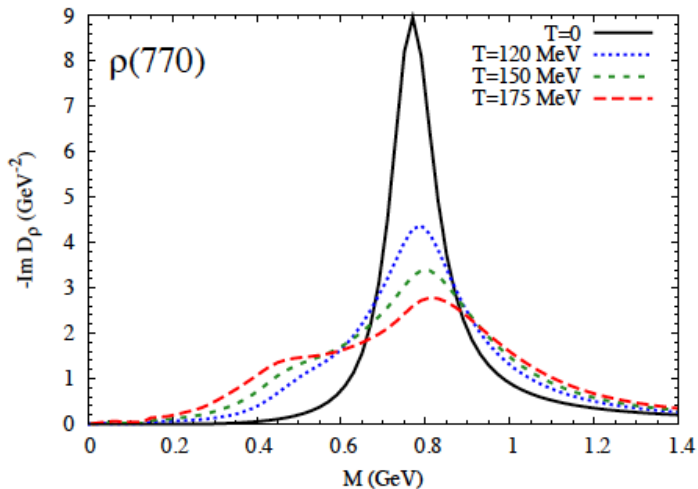
Dalitz decays of baryonic resonances – dominant source at SIS18!

Dileptons, baryonic resonances and the phase diagram of matter

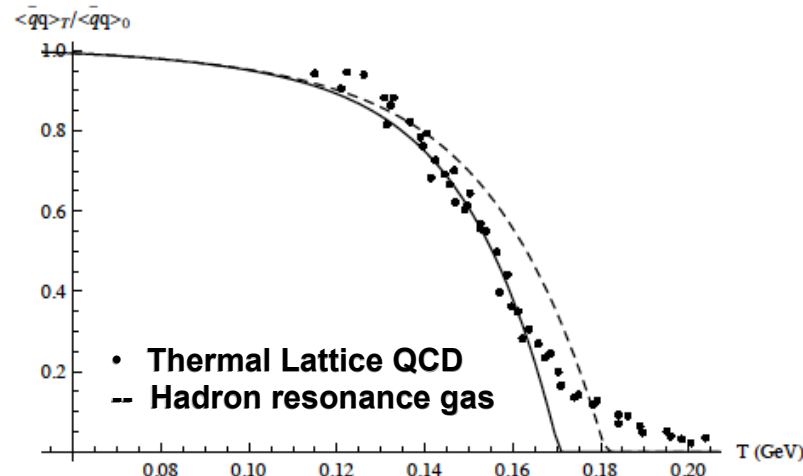
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R. Rapp, Acta Phys. Polon. B 42, 2823, 2011

In-medium ρ spectral function



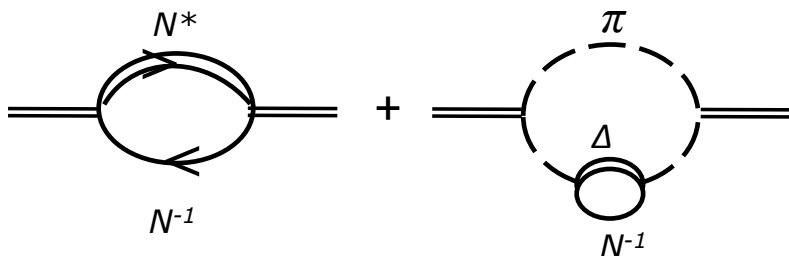
Temperature dependence of the chiral quark condensate



S. Borsanyi et al., JHEP 1009, 073 (2010)

effective hadronic theory

$$1. \Sigma_h = m_q \langle h | q \bar{q} | h \rangle > 0$$



contains

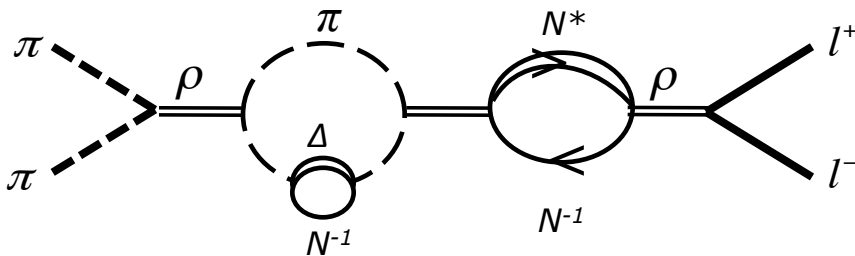
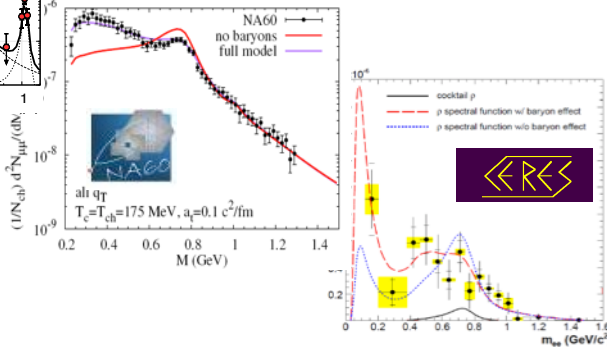
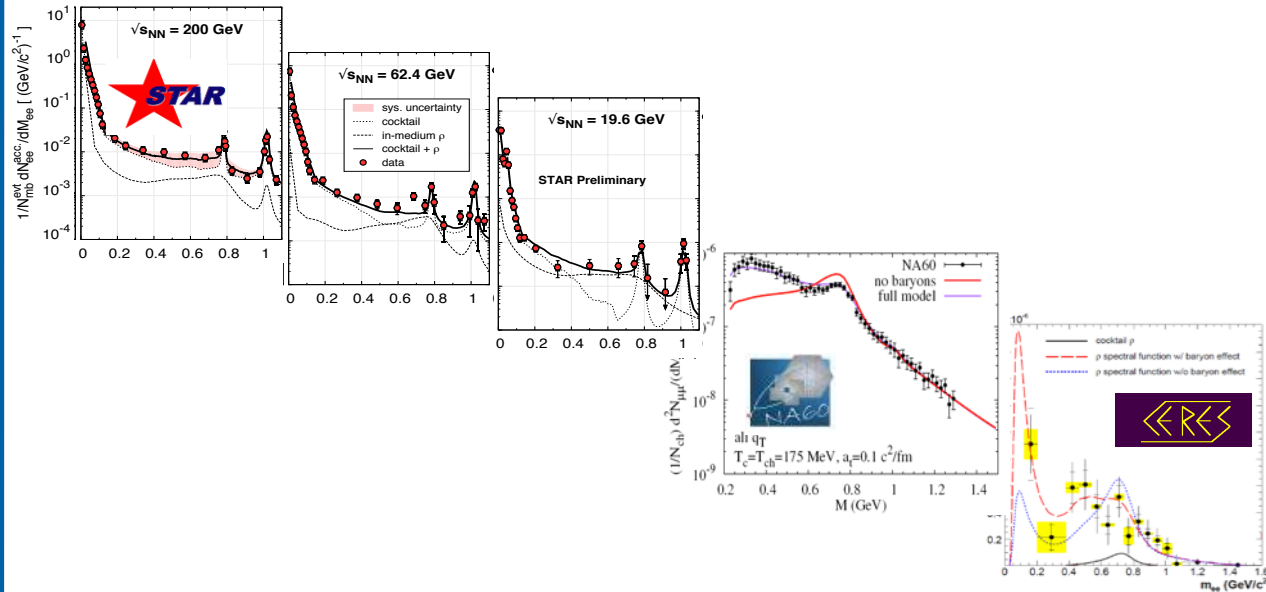
$$\frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle(T, \mu_B)}{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_0} = 1 - \sum_h \frac{\rho_h^s \Sigma_h}{m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2}$$

quark core + "pion cloud"



2. Excitation of the vacuum (i.e. melting of the condensate) influences the modification of the spectral properties

Virtual photon radiation from hot and/or dense QCD matter



Highly interesting results from RHIC, SPS, SIS18 → importance of baryons!

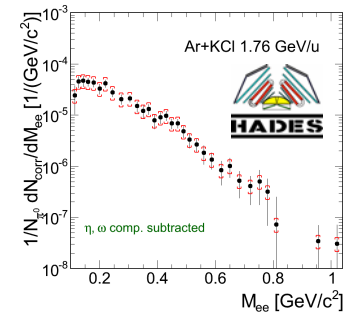
Model: Ralf Rapp

STAR: QM2012,

NA60: EPJC 59 (2009) 607,

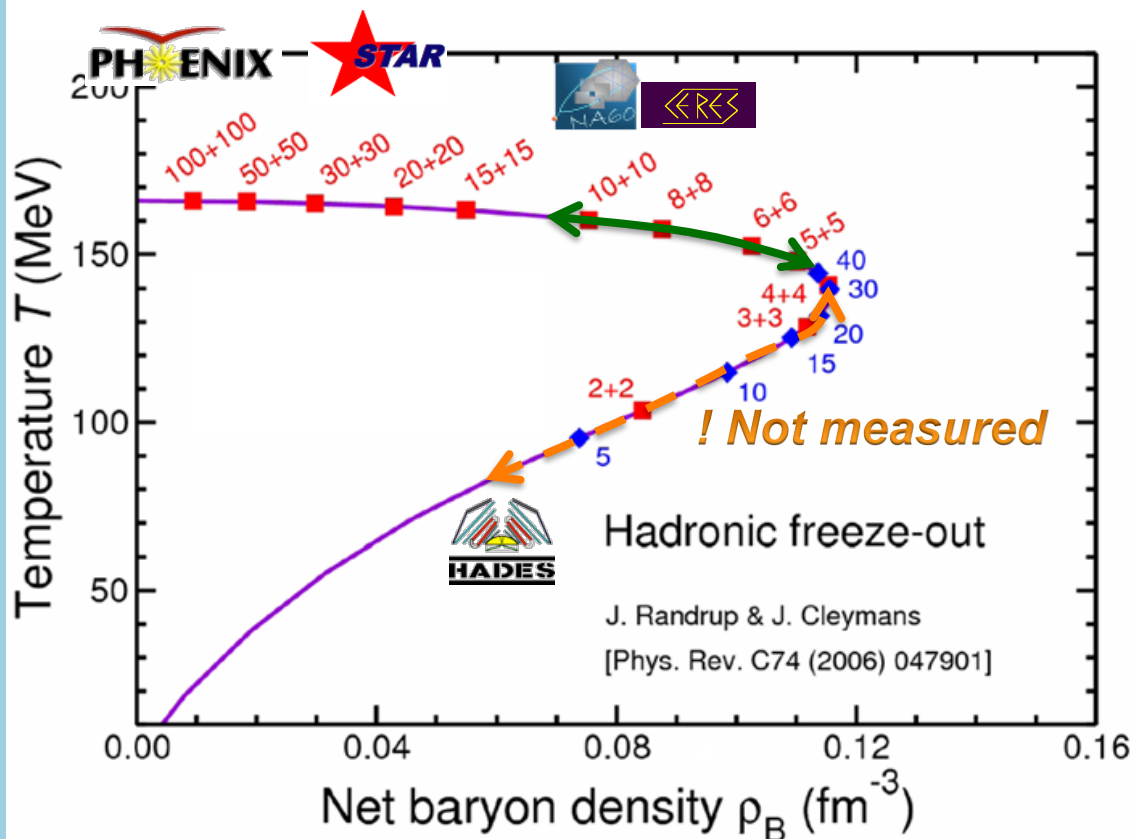
CERES: Phys. Lett. B 666 (2006) 425,

HADES: Phys.Rev.C84 (2011) 014902



Quest: explore the regime of baryon dominated matter

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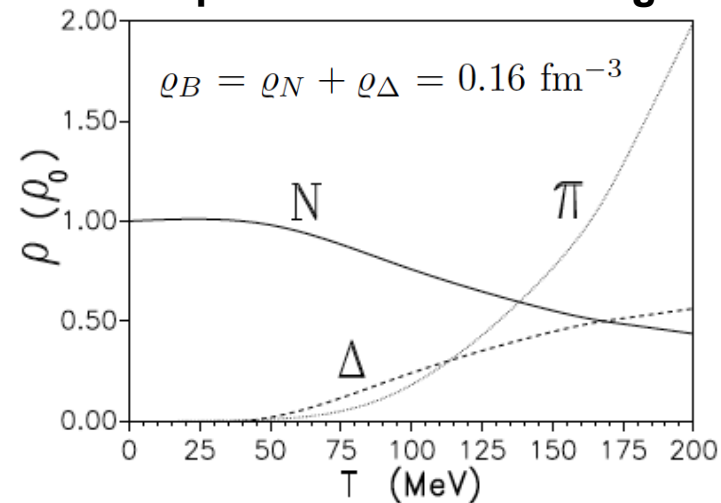


No measurement for beam energies of 2-40 GeV/u

→ HADES/CBM at SIS100

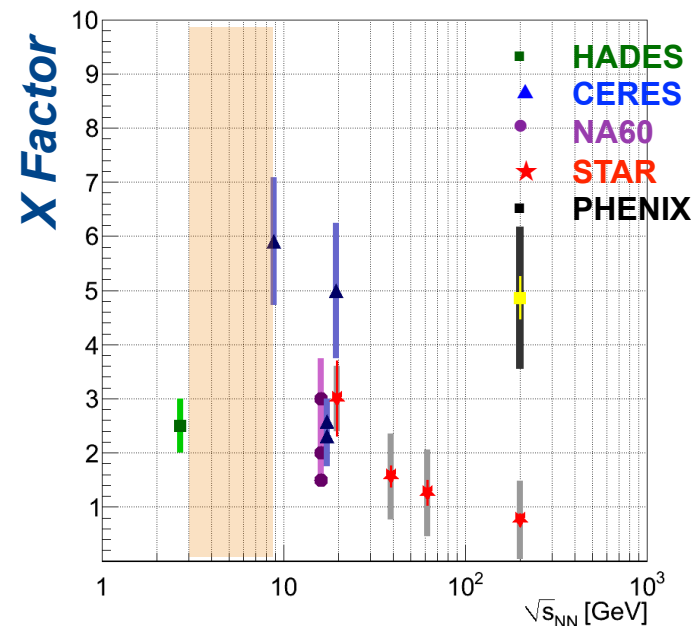
→ CBM at SIS300

Composition of a hot $\pi\Delta N$ gas (T)



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

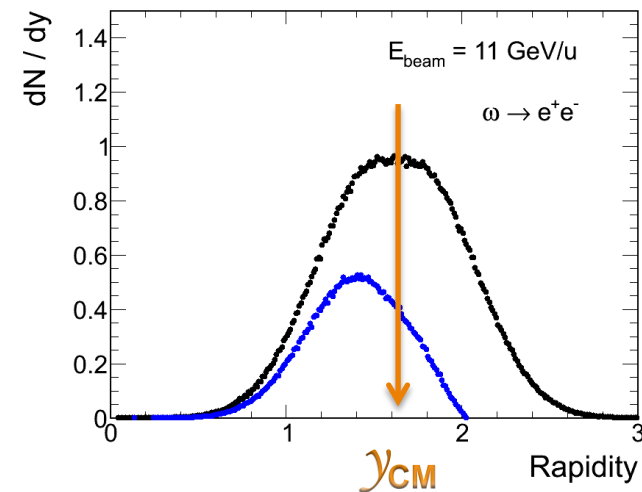
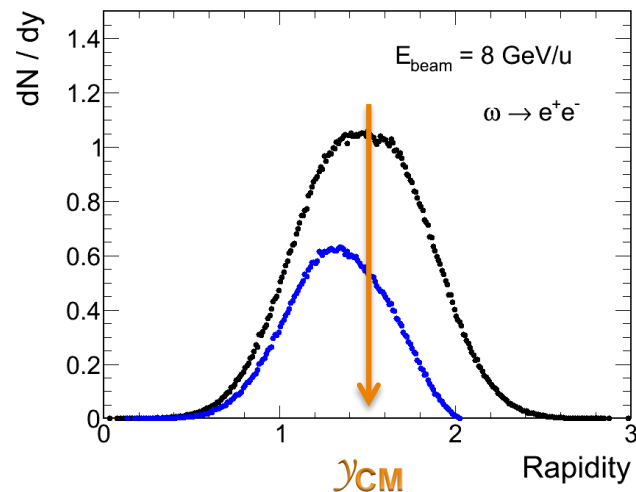
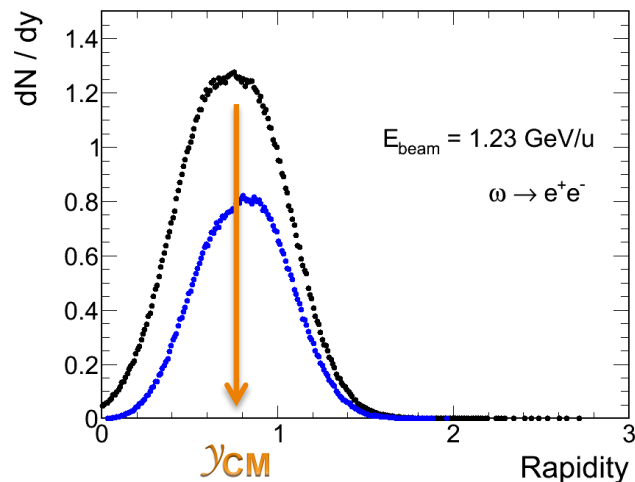
Published low-mass enhancement factors



HADES at SIS100: phase space coverage for e^+e^-

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The “sweet spot” is at mid-rapidity and low p_t !



$E_{\text{beam}} = 1 \text{ GeV/u}$

- overall acceptance for di-electron pairs $\text{Acc} \approx 35\%$
- with nice mid-rapidity coverage

$E_{\text{beam}} = 8 \text{ GeV/u}$

- $\text{Acc} \approx 20\%$
- (natural) shift towards backward rapidity

$E_{\text{beam}} = 11 \text{ GeV/u}$

- ... still HADES \rightarrow $\text{Acc} \approx 20\%$
- **but...**

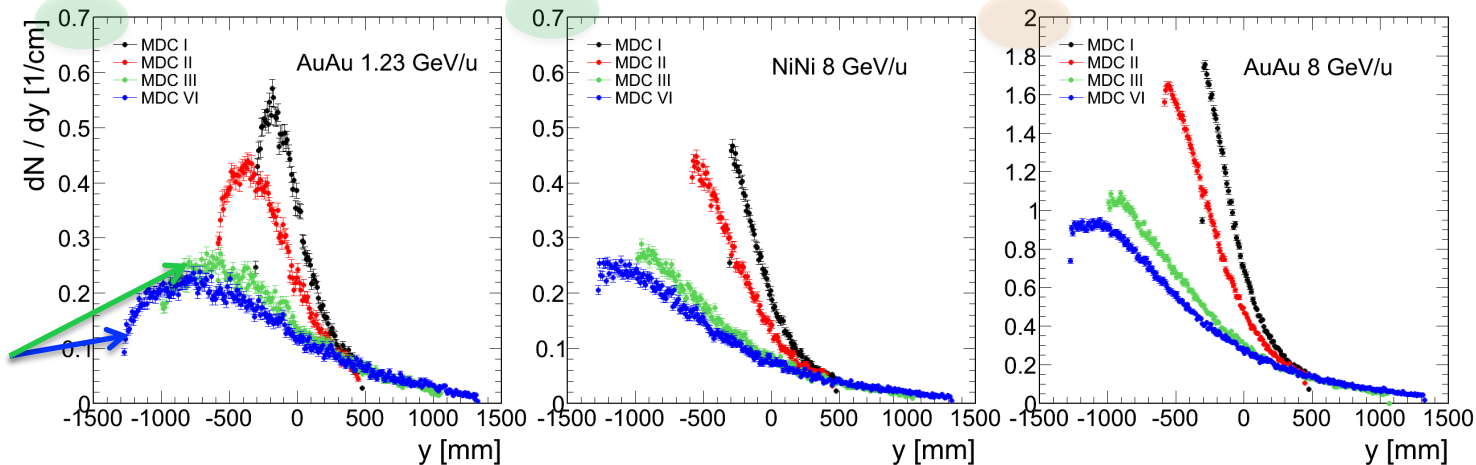
HADES at SIS100: problems, challenges, opportunities

- **Challenge:** limited granularity →
 - sophisticated tracking algorithm
- Au+Au 1.23 GeV/u successfully measured in May 2012
- Ni+Ni 8 GeV/u \approx Au+Au at 1.23 GeV/u
- Au+Au 8 GeV/u occupancy increases by factor of 4-5!

→ **CBM kicks in**

Event display Au+Au 8 GeV/u

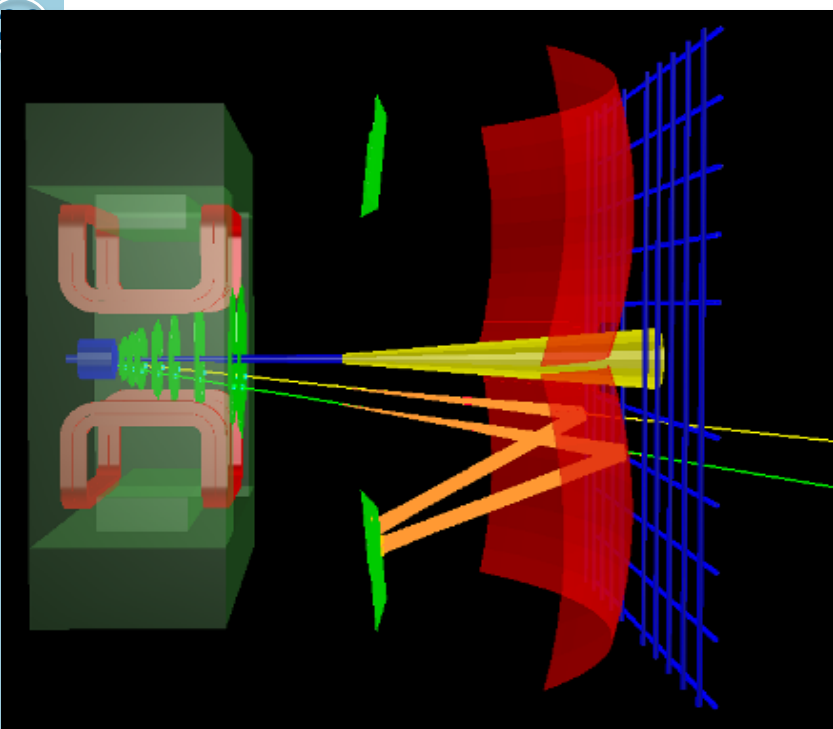
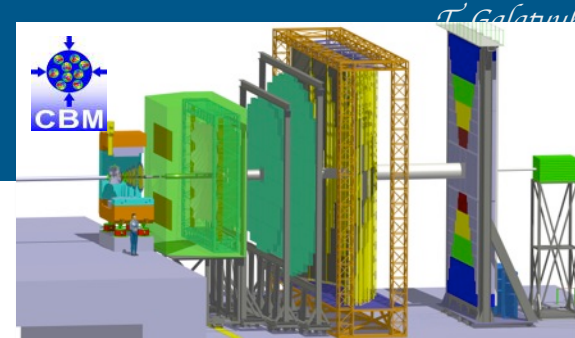
Occupancy in tracking chambers ($b_{\max} = 1$ fm)



Cell size
is factor
of 2 larger

y – radial coordinate in drift chamber

Di-electron reconstruction in CBM

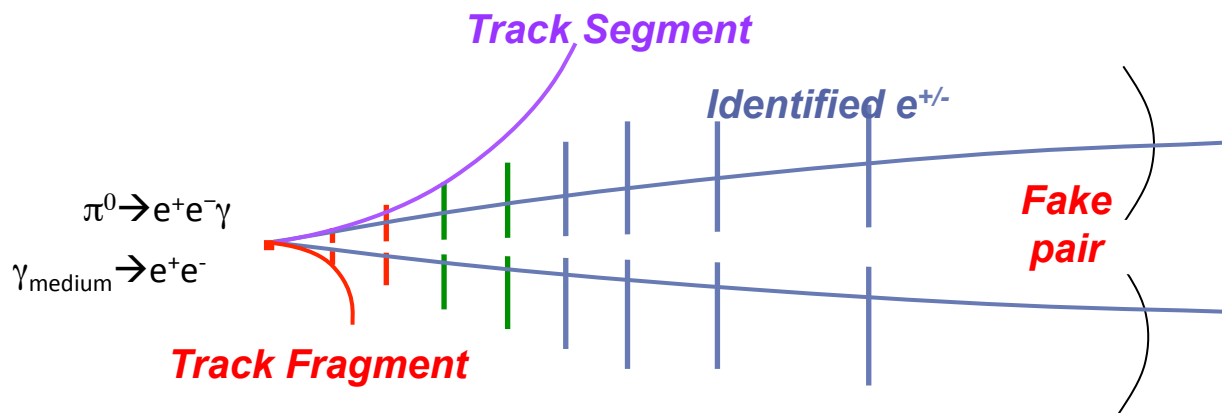


Challenge:

- No electron identification before tracking
- Background due to material budget of the STS
- Sufficient π discrimination (600 $\pi^{+/-}$ /event, misidentification 10^{-4})

Strategy:

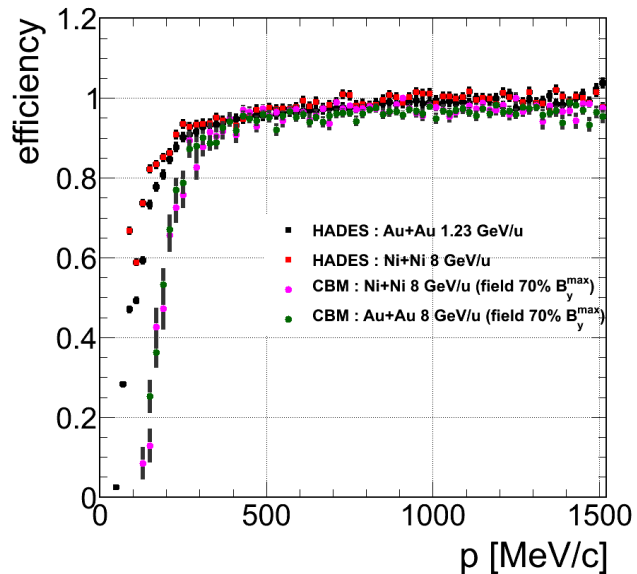
- Reduction of background by reconstructing pairs from γ -conversion ($\sim 3 \gamma$) and π^0 Dalitz decay (8 π^0 /event)
- Excellent double-hit resolution in MAPS ($< 100 \mu\text{m}$) provides substantial close pair rejection capability



Electron identification

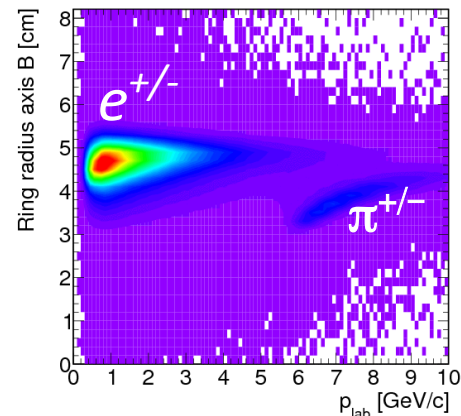
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Track reconstruction efficiency

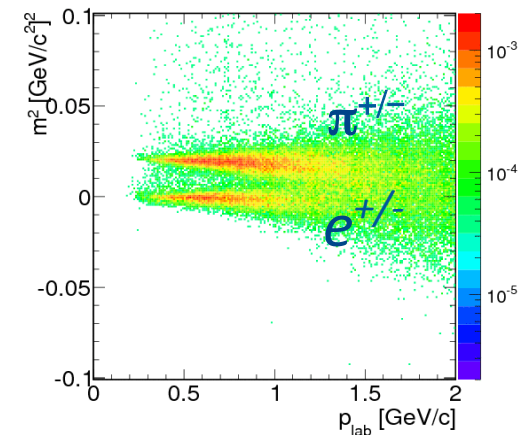


- Momentum distribution of conversion pairs are very soft
- High reconstruction efficiency is required for rejection of conversion pairs

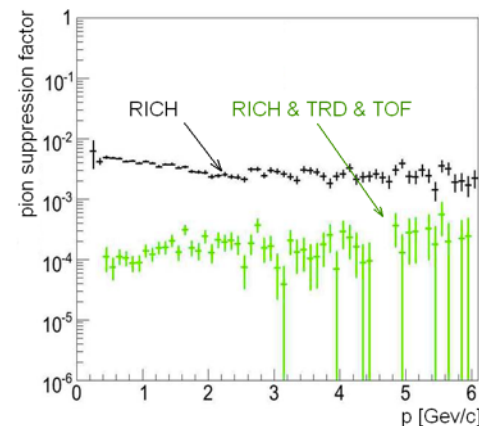
Ring radius vs. momentum



RICH identified e^{+/-} in TOF



π suppression factor of 10^4 (for $p < 1$ GeV/c)
is in reach with RICH and ToF

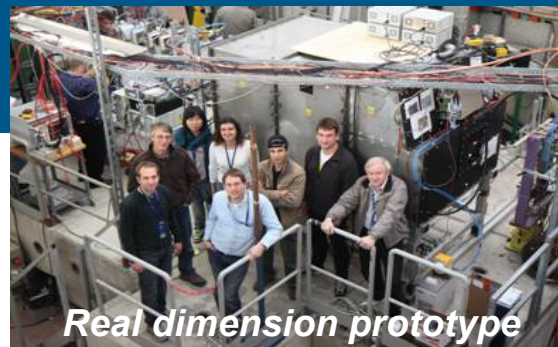


Detector R&D

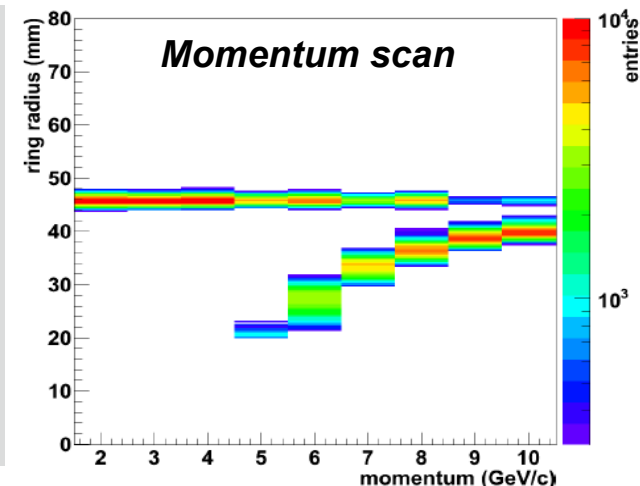
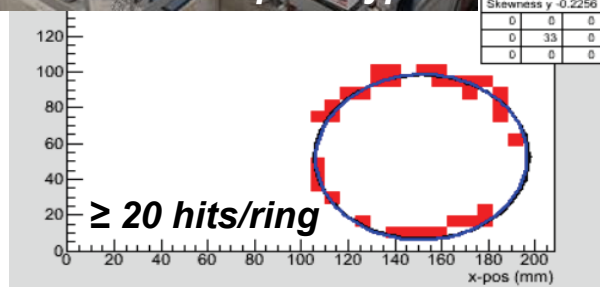
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RICH

- Conventional design based on commercial products (Germany, Russia, Korea)
 - Float glass mirror (carbon as backup)
 - Multi-anode PMT photo detector



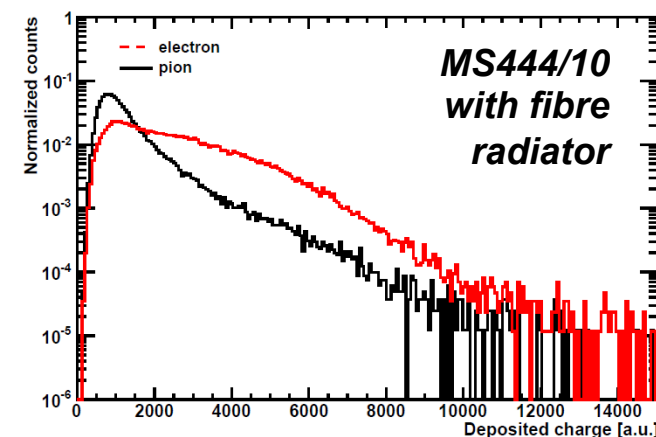
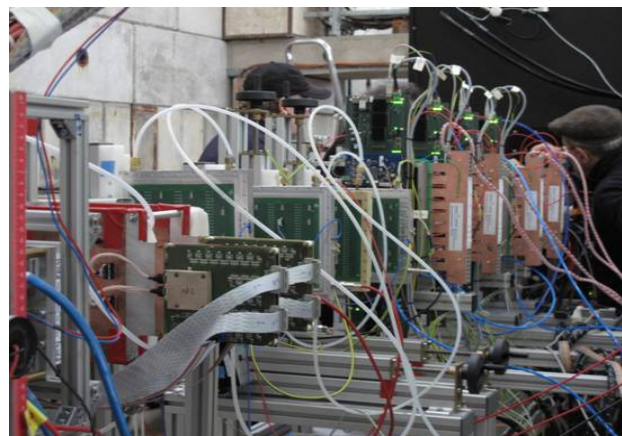
Real dimension prototype



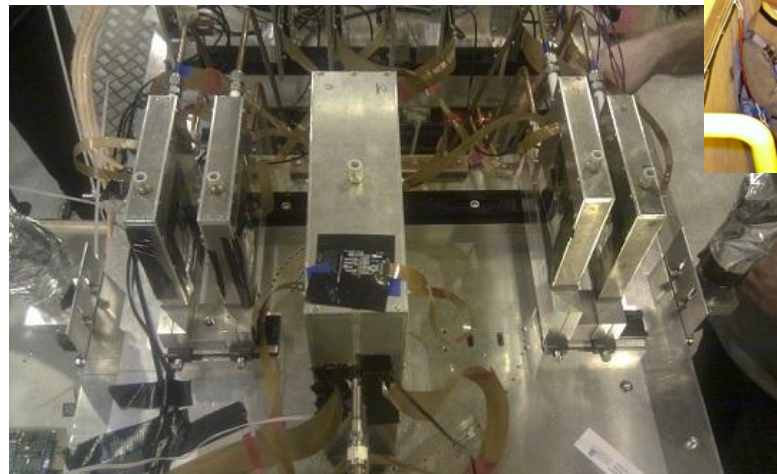
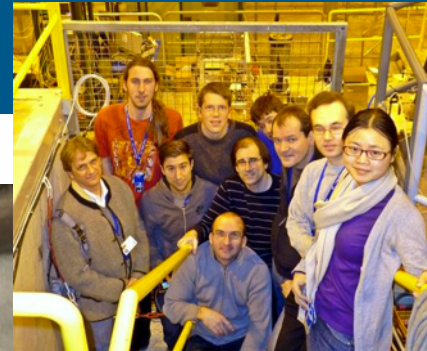
- Test Beam at CERN T9, October 2011
- Mixed electron / pion beam of 2 – 10 GeV/c

TRD

- Thin gap design based on ALICE TRD (Germany, Russia, Romania)



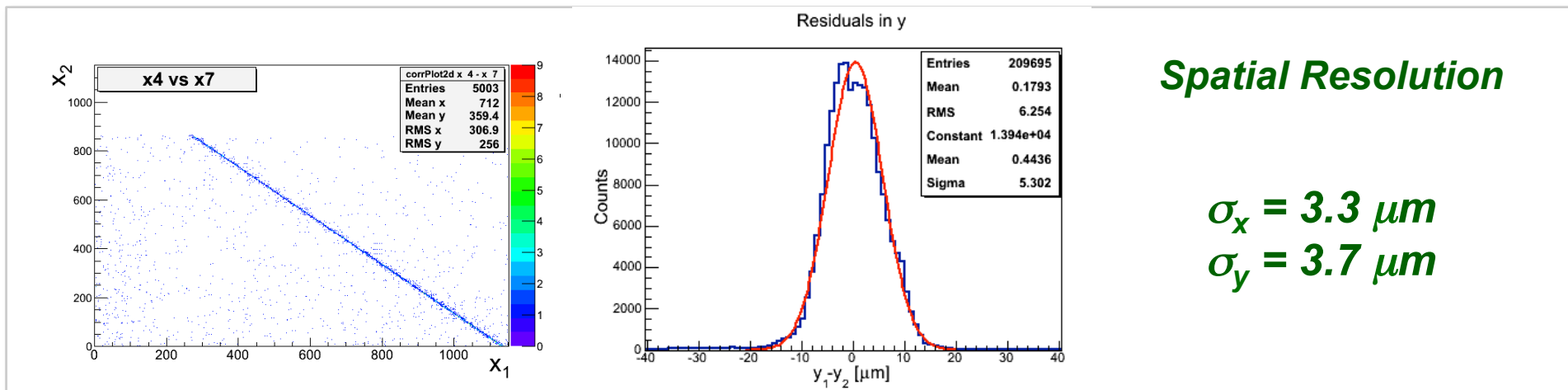
Detector R&D : Micro-Vertex Detector



Detector module:

- Two thinned (50 μm) sensors mounted to either side of a 200 μm CVD diamond carrier.
- Total thickness = 0.3% x/X_0**

- Test Beam at CERN T9, 26-30 November 2012
- Pion beam of 20, 60, 120 GeV/c



Spatial Resolution

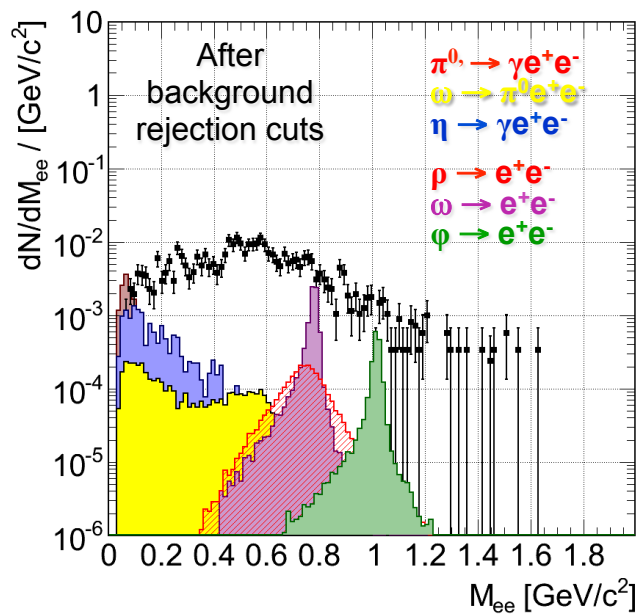
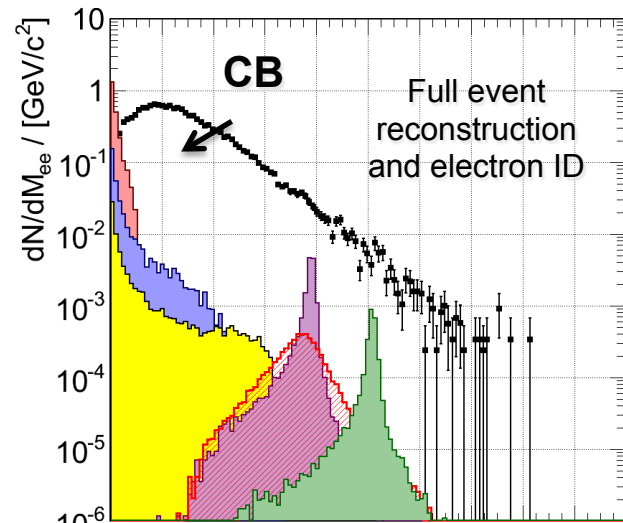
$$\sigma_x = 3.3 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\sigma_y = 3.7 \mu\text{m}$$

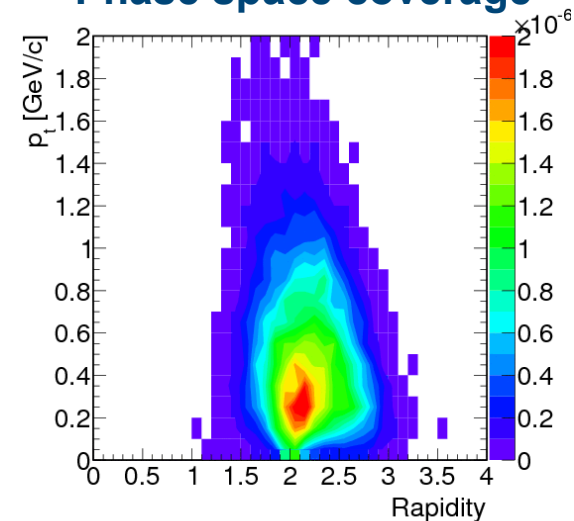
Low mass electron pairs reconstruction

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AutAu 25 GeV/u, $b = 0$ fm!

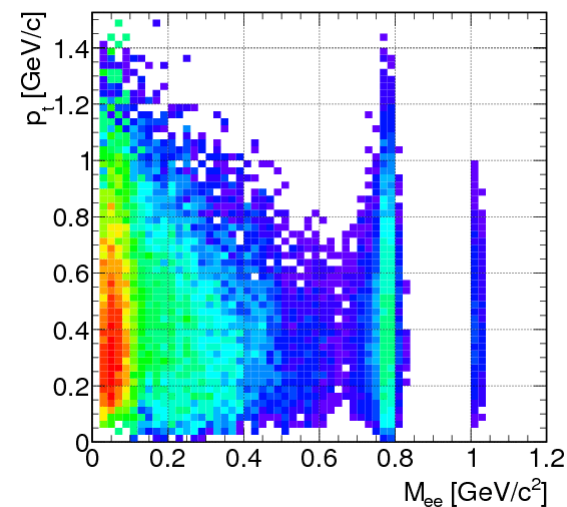


Phase space coverage



after all cuts

Coverage in pair p_t - m_{inv} plane

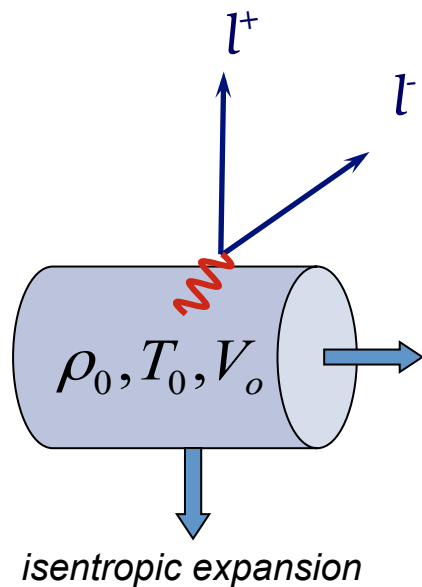


after all cuts
excluding single leg p_t cut

Dilepton emission rates in theory

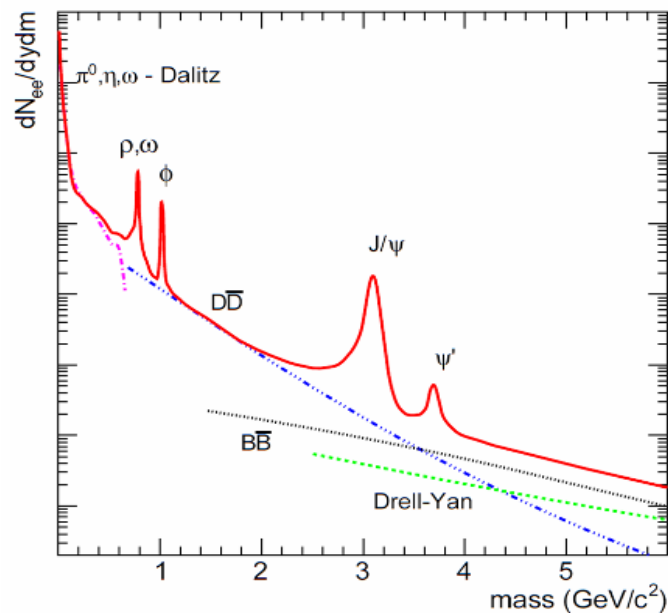
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Thermal emission...

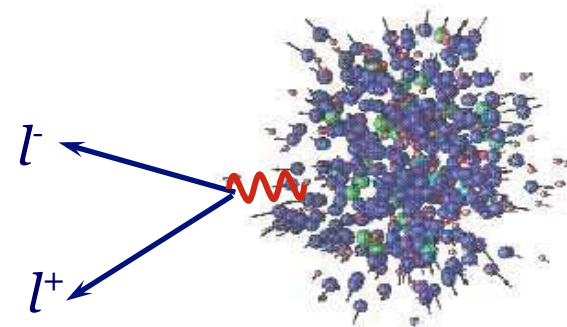


$$\frac{d^3 N}{dM dy dp_t} \equiv \int_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{d^4 \varepsilon}{dp} [T(\mathbf{x}), \mu_B(\mathbf{x}), \bar{v}_{coll}(\mathbf{x}), \dots] d\mathbf{x}$$

R. Rapp, J. Wambach and H. Hees : arXiv:0901.3289



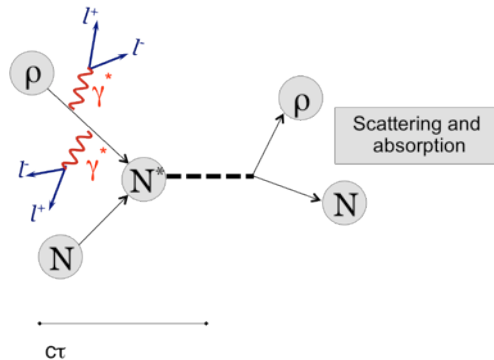
...or from transport



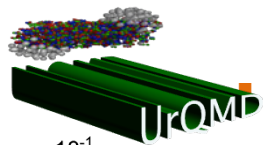
Radiation from dense matter

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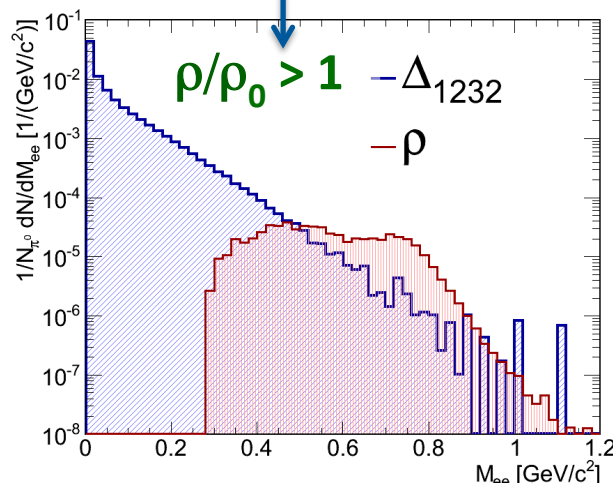
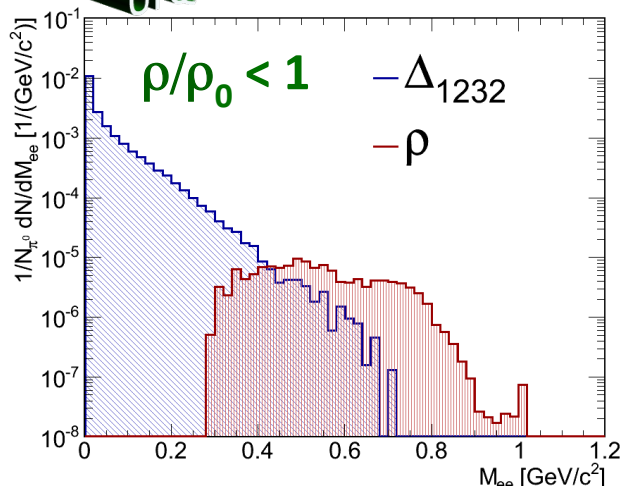
- Schematic illustration of ρ meson propagation within "shining" approach.
- Resonance can continuously emit dileptons over its whole lifetime.



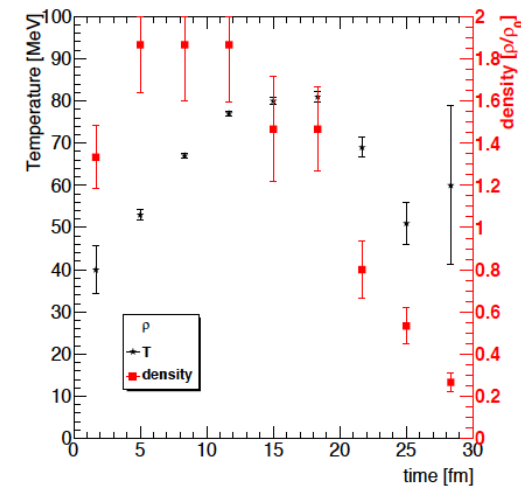
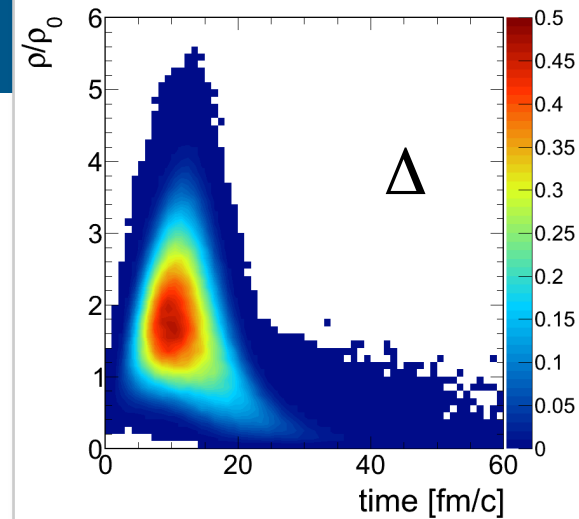
- Isolate the contribution to the spectrum from the dense stage



- Couple transport and a **thermal model**



Emission density evolution



- First (points) and second (errors) moment of the density profile at a given τ .
- T – Boltzmann fit to the particle m_T spectra

π beam experiments with HADES

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■ Physics with πN experiments:

- New precision data are of enormous importance for understanding of baryon resonance physics
- Special interest to sub-threshold production

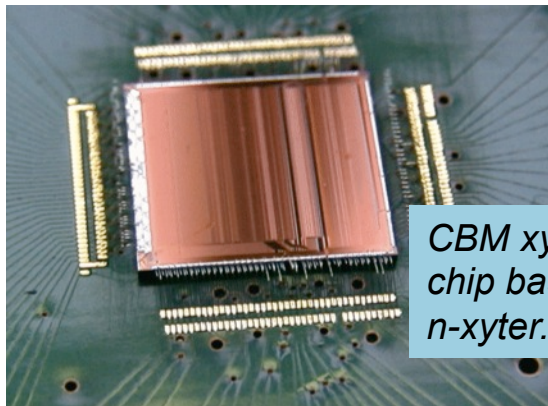
■ Challenges:

- Determine π momentum with $\Delta p/p \sim 1-5\%$
- Beam spot of $6 \times 6 \text{ cm}^2$ at dispersive plane
→ detector with sufficient active area
- Beam intensity $\sim 10^8 \text{ part./s}$
→ radiation hard detector
→ fast readout electronics

■ Strategy:

- Use $10 \times 10 \text{ cm}^2$ silicon strip detector
- 2×128 channels - double sided
- Radiation hard

- Profit from n-xyter developments for CBM
 - ✓ Self-triggered architecture
 - ✓ 128 channels
 - ✓ Average hit per channel rate 160 kHz



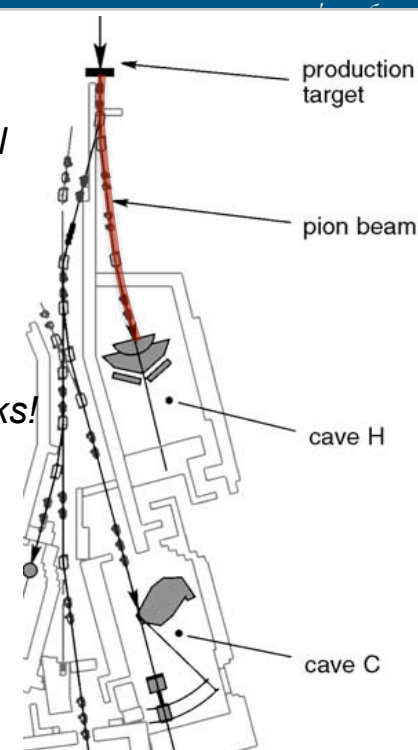
CBM xyter FE chip based on n-xyter.

Primary beam:
 $10^{11} \text{ N (2 AGeV) /spill}$

SIS fast ramping

Spill: 4s cycle

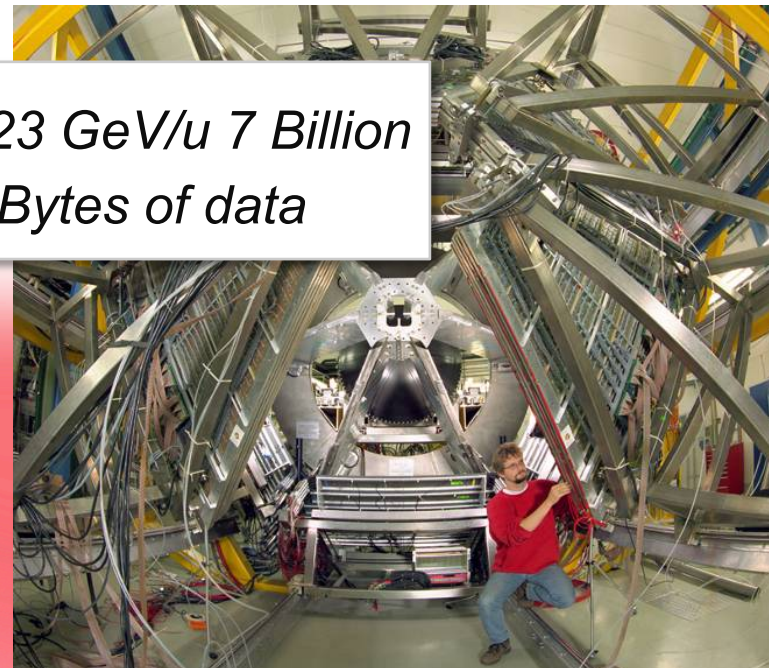
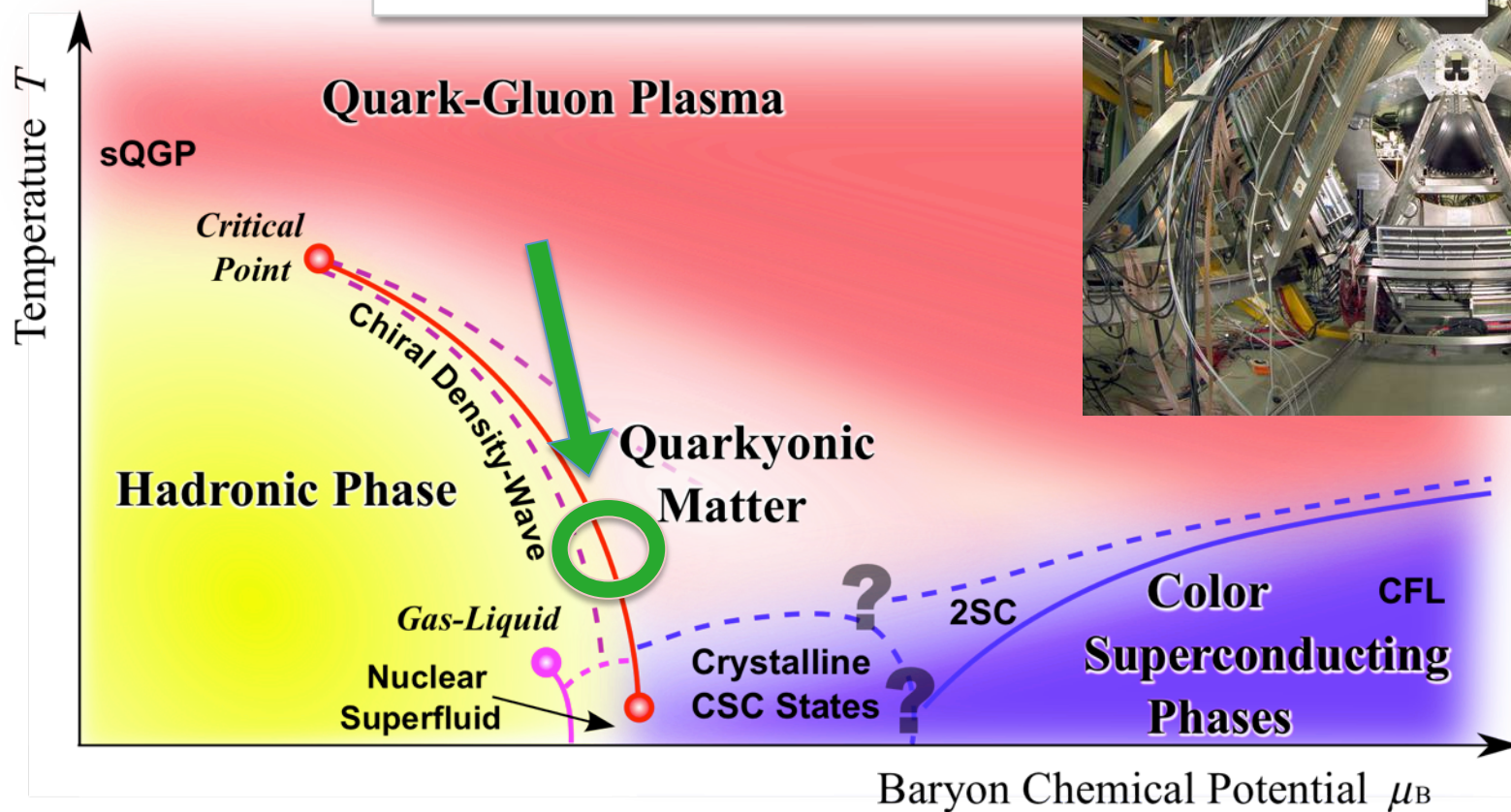
Stable run for 3 weeks!



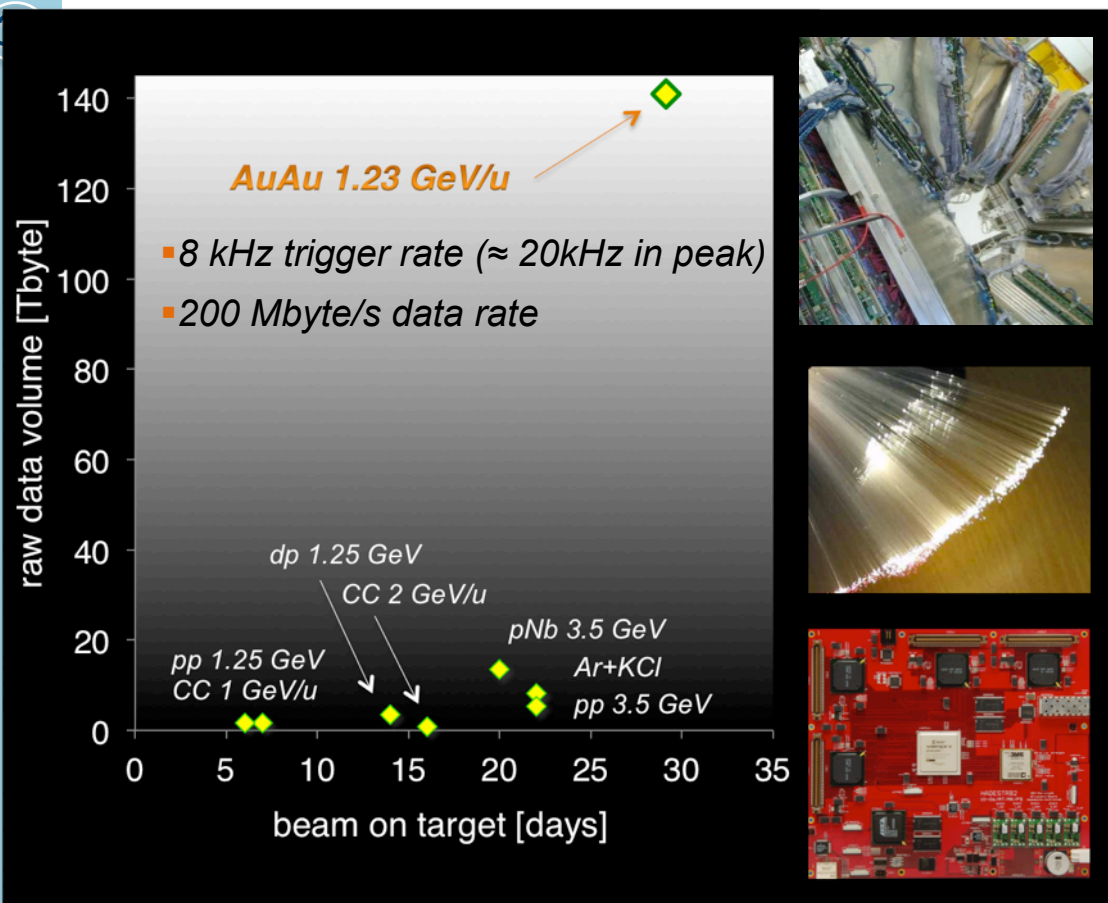
HADES explores Quarkyonic matter

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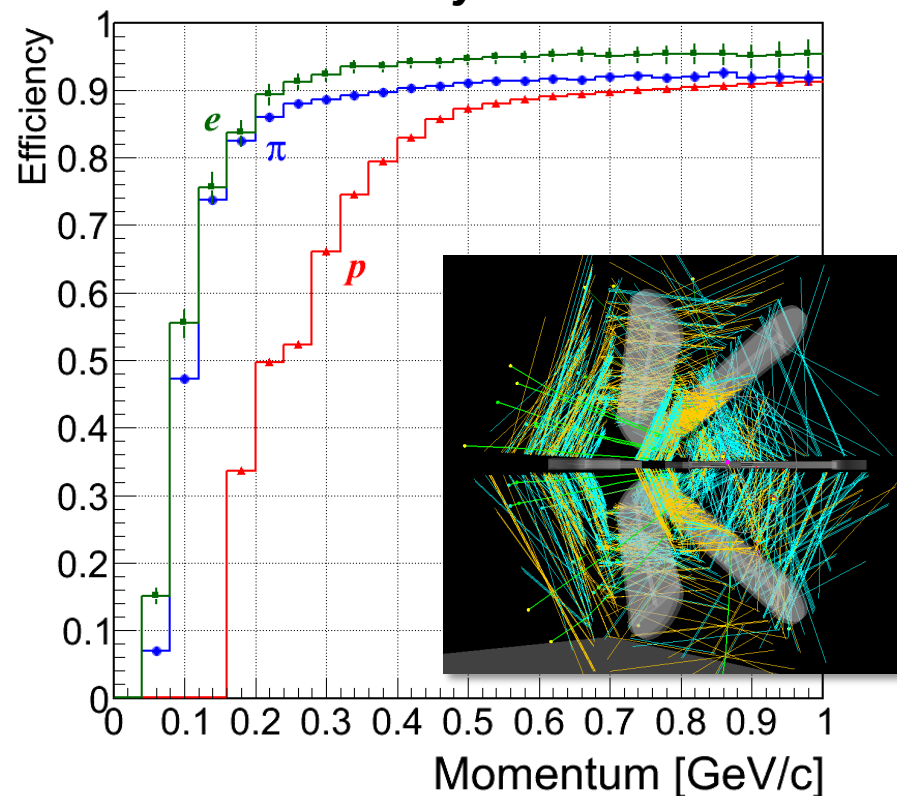
April-May 2012 Au+Au run, 1.23 GeV/u 7 Billion events in 4 weeks, 140 T Bytes of data



Au+Au at 1.23 GeV/u (beam time April – May '2012)



Track reconstruction efficiency in high track density environment



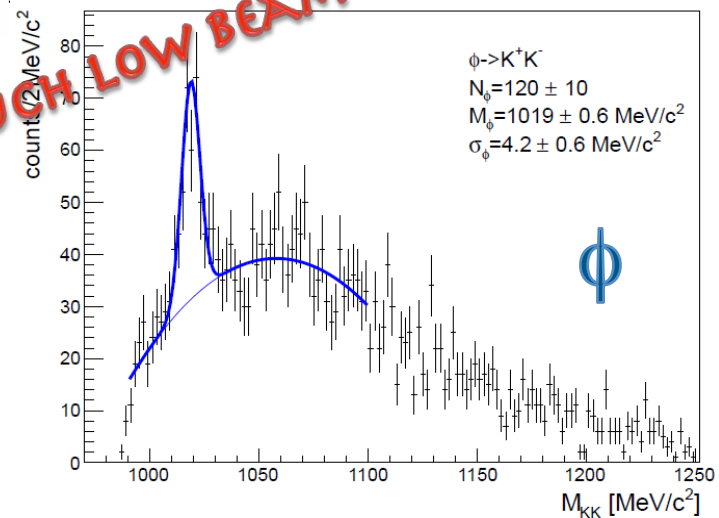
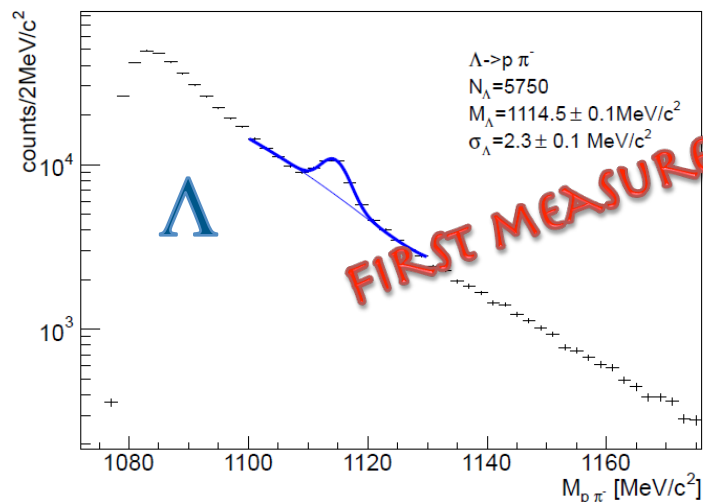
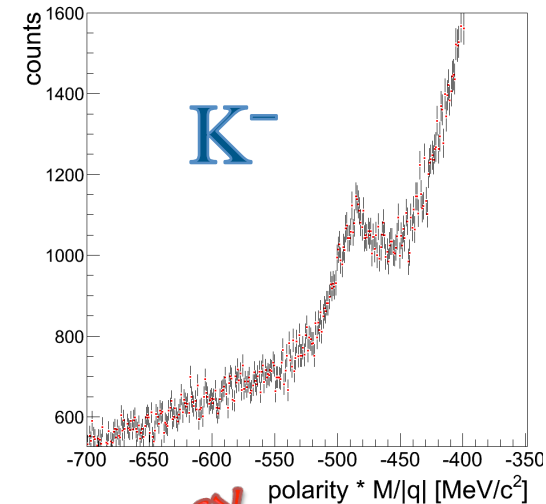
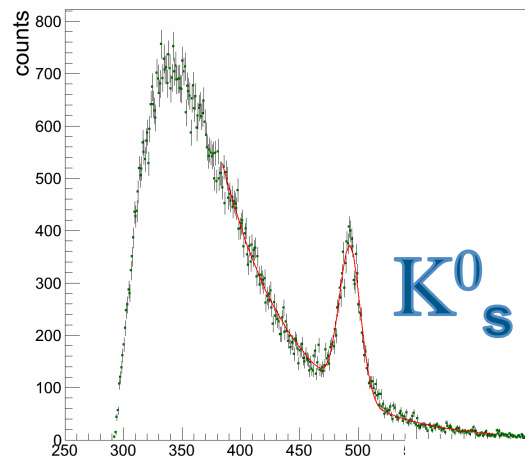
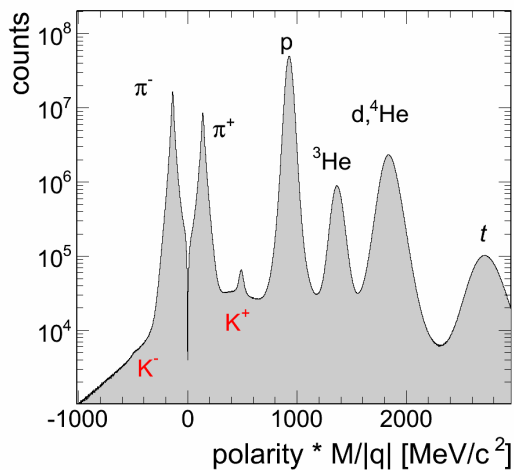
HADES DAQ:

Versatile, FPGA board based system using dedicated add-on boards and data/trigger/slow-control transport via serial optical links (TRBnet)

Strangeness

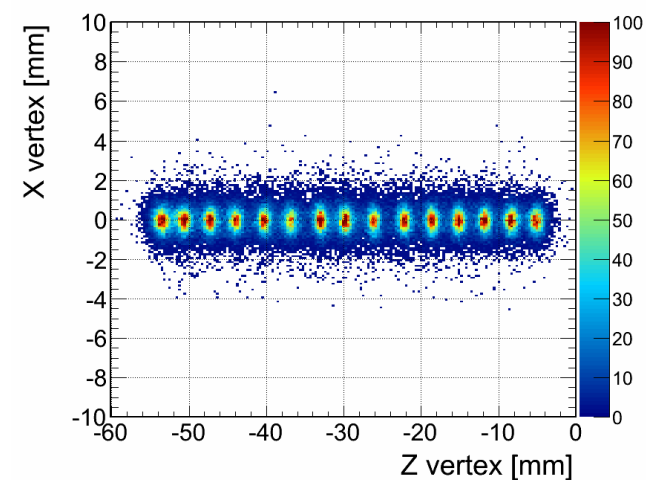
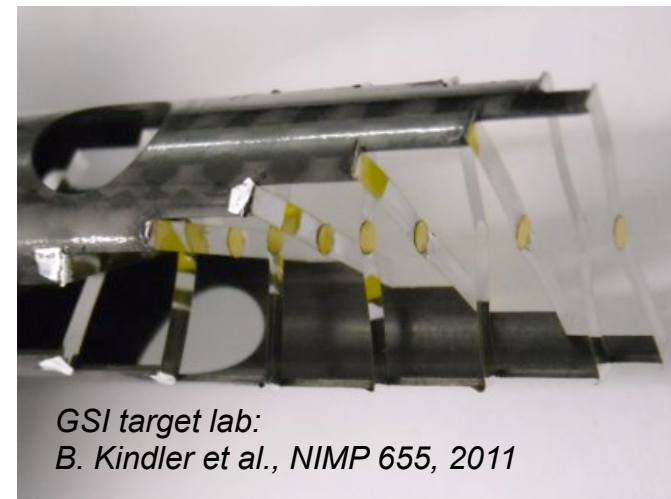
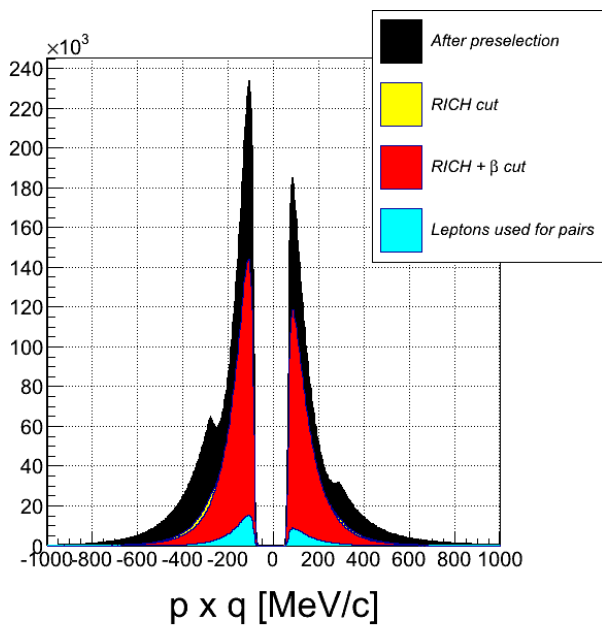
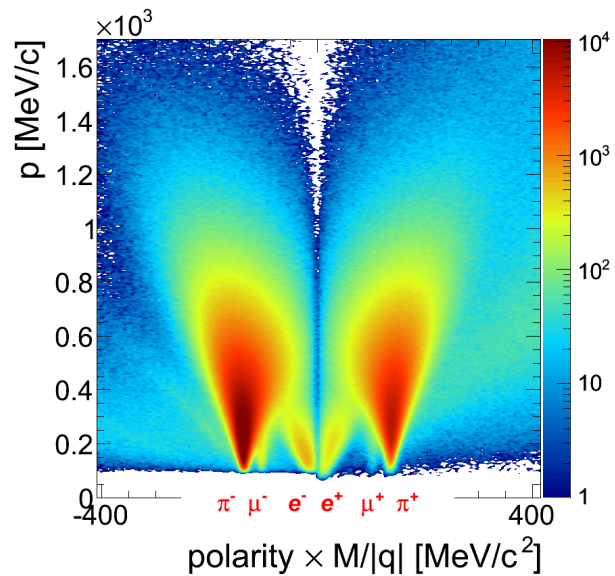
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NN excess energy 0.44 GeV only!
Strong constraints on production mechanism



Leptons

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Encouraging prospects for studying QCD matter in the region of compressed baryonic matter (finite μ_B)

- Explore “unknown” territory of the nuclear matter phase diagram with HADES and CBM :
 - **Unique possibility of characterizing properties of baryon dominated matter with rare probes:**
 - long-lived states of compressed nuclear matter are produced in heavy-ion collisions at few GeV energy regime
 - this state of matter might be much more exotic than a hadron gas (Quarkyonic matter?)
 - **Establish a complete excitation function of dilepton production up to energies of 40 GeV/u:**
 - baryon dominated to meson dominated fireballs!
 - from "transport" to "thermal expansion" models!
 - from "no QGP" to "QGP"?

The results presented is the work of many ...

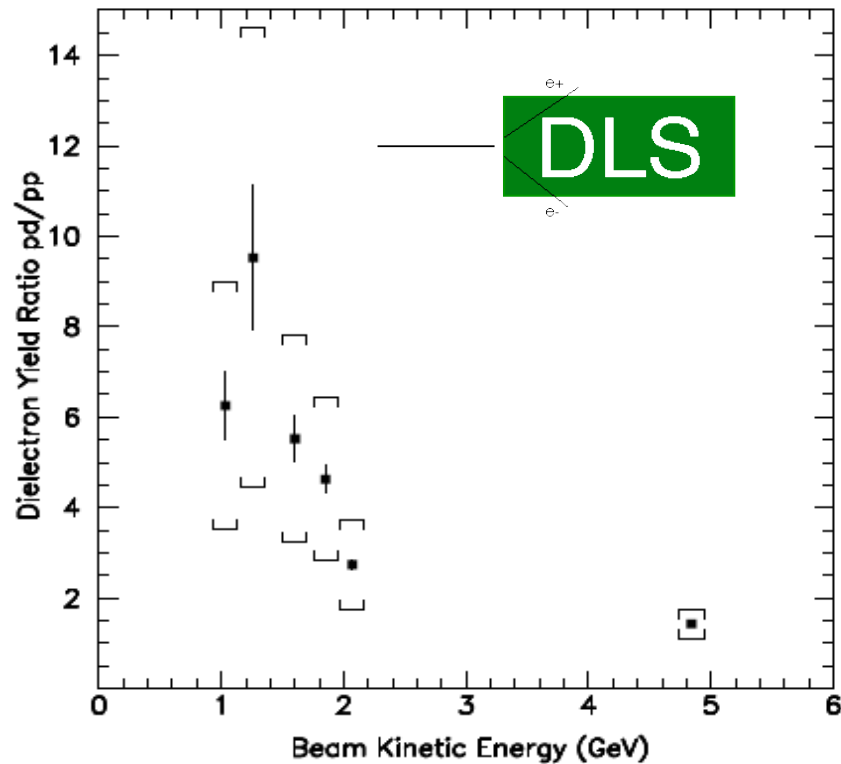


... THE HADES AND CBM COLLABORATIONS

BONUS SLIDES

NN Reference : e^+e^- in QF $n+p$ collisions

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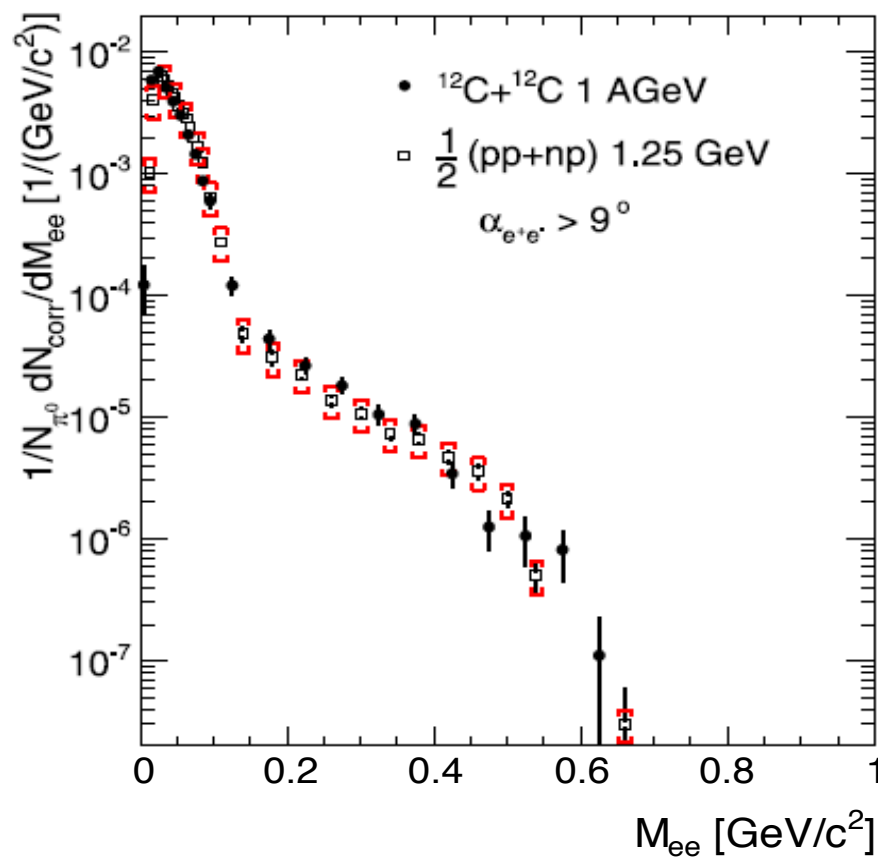
W. Wilson et al., *Phys. Rev. C* 57 (1998)

- Large isospin effects in dilepton production!
 - Role of the momentum distribution of the neutron inside the deuteron?
 - NN bremsstrahlung?

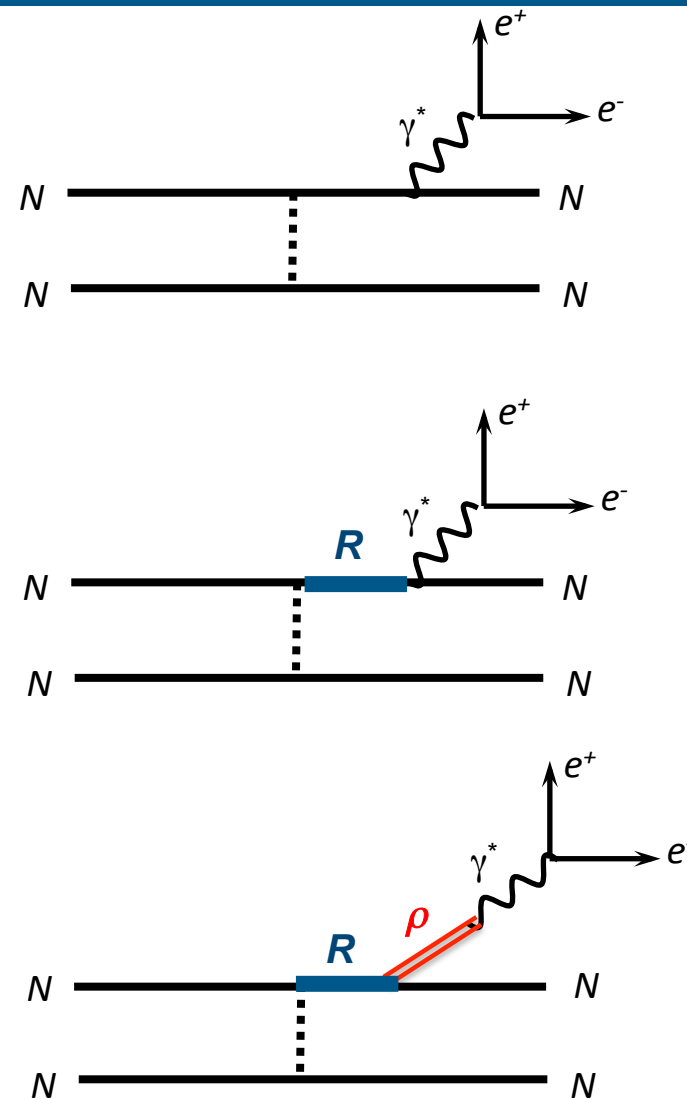
Virtual photon emission in A+A collisions

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Origin of the low-mass pair excess in C+C collisions



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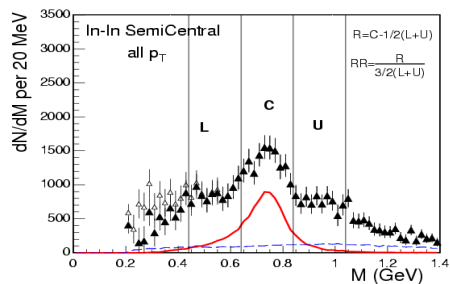


Baryonic contributions from NN "reference"

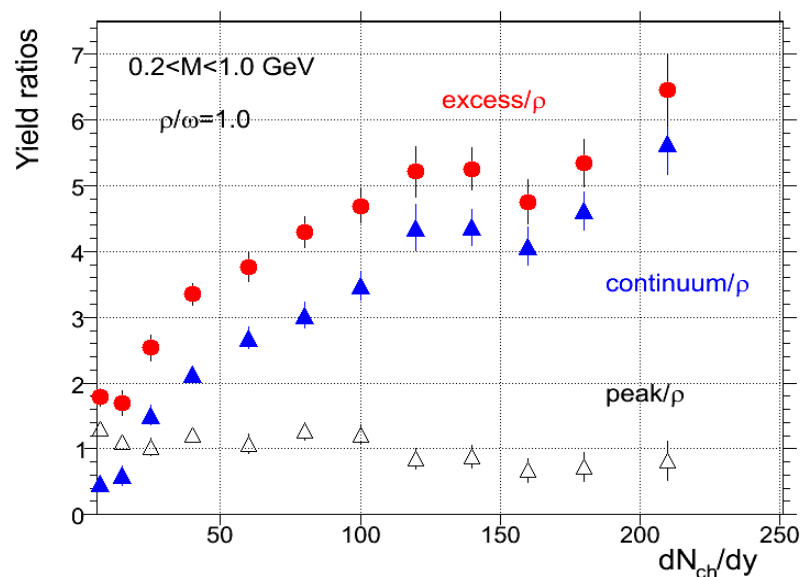
$R = \Delta, N^*$

Centrality dependence of spectral shape

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" ρ clock"

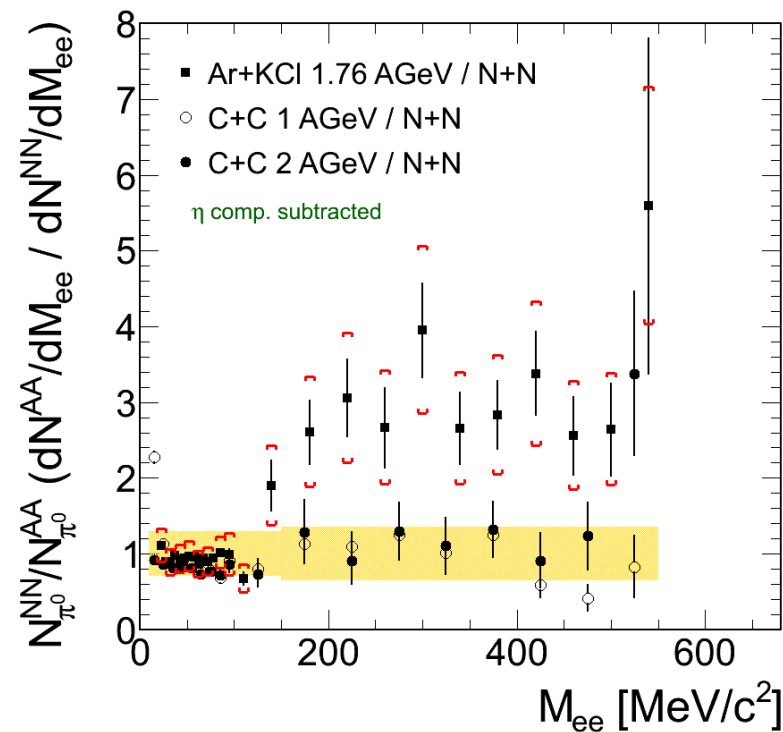


- Rapid increase of relative yield reflects the number of ρ 's regenerated in fireball

Na60 data: EPJC 61 (2009) 711



" Δ clock"

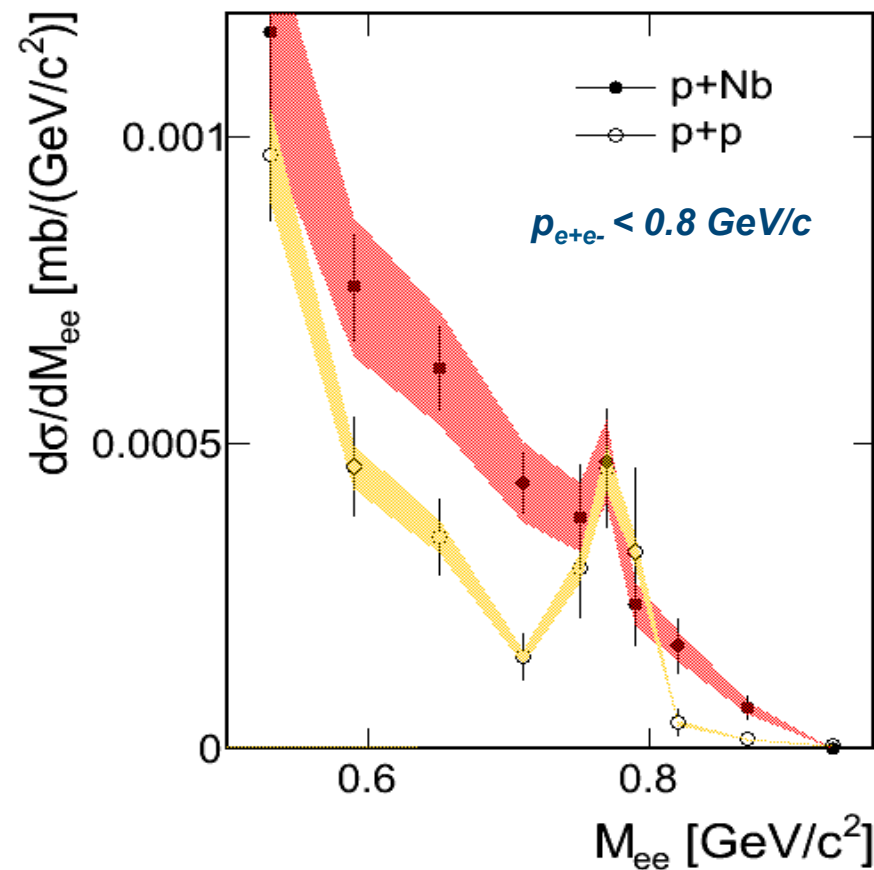
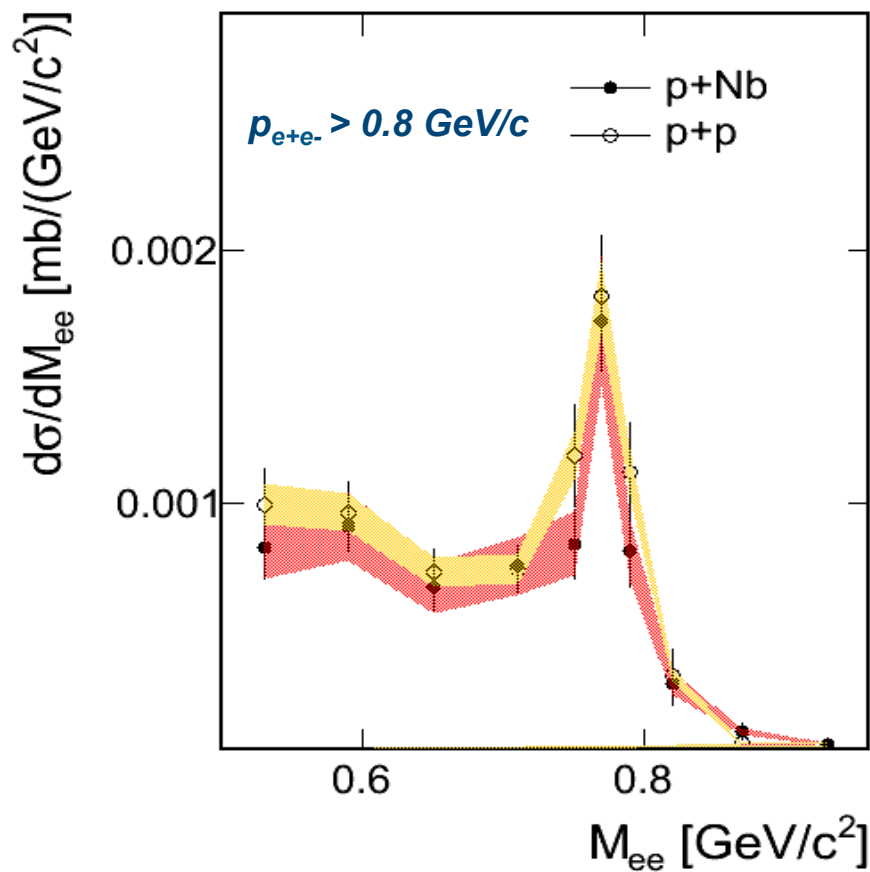


HADES: Phys.Rev.C84:014902,2011

- 34% most central collisions ($A_{part}=38$)
- Δ regeneration

Electron pairs from cold nuclear matter

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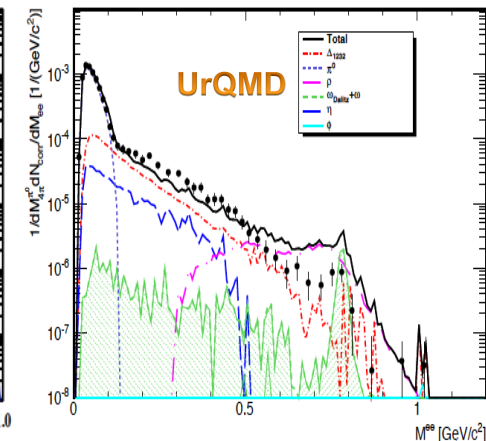
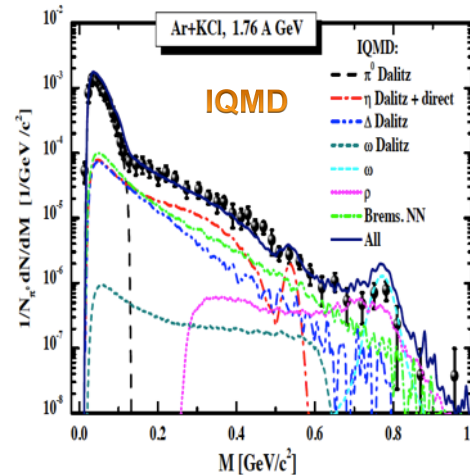
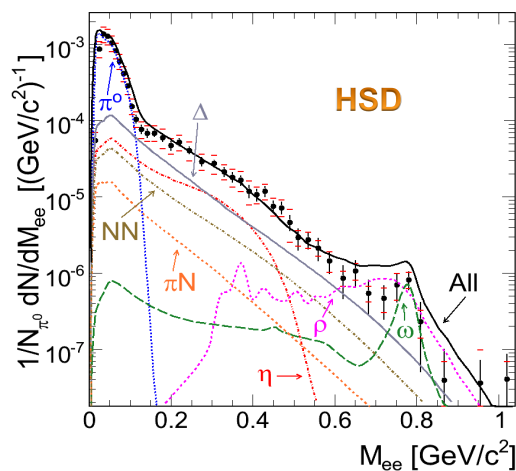
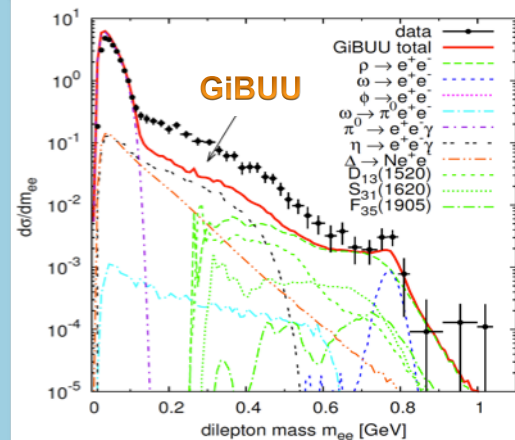


Virtual photon emission in A+A collisions - transport

J. Weil et al., arXiv:1106.1344v1

E.L. Bratkovskaya, NPA 807 (2008) 214

J. Aichelin et al, in preparation



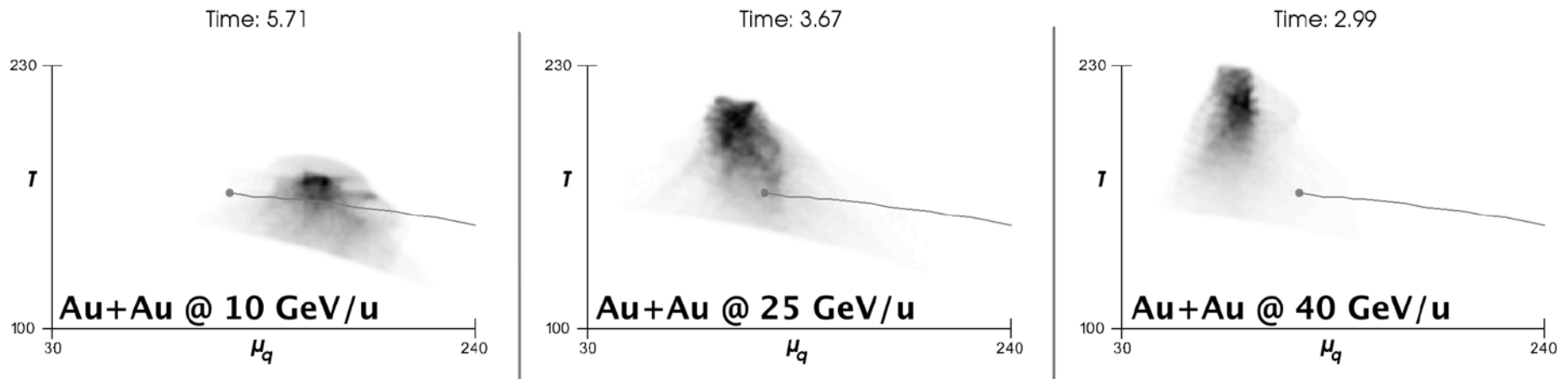
No consistent picture yet:

- don't describe (yet) QF n+p data
- „excess” region dominated by Δ but with different contributions
- Treatment of NN, πN bremsstrahlung?
- $M_{e+e^-} > 0.6$ GeV/c² dominates by ρ with complicated vacuum structure

Hot and dense matter

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Time-evolution of the hot and dense QCD medium in $T - \mu$ space from model calculation



an incident beam energy of 25 GeV/u seems to provide the best opportunity for creating and probing QCD matter in the vicinity of the CEP.

H. Petersen et al. , arXiv:1202.0076v1 [nucl-th]