

# Chiral symmetry and deconfinement signatures within PHSD and PHQMD models

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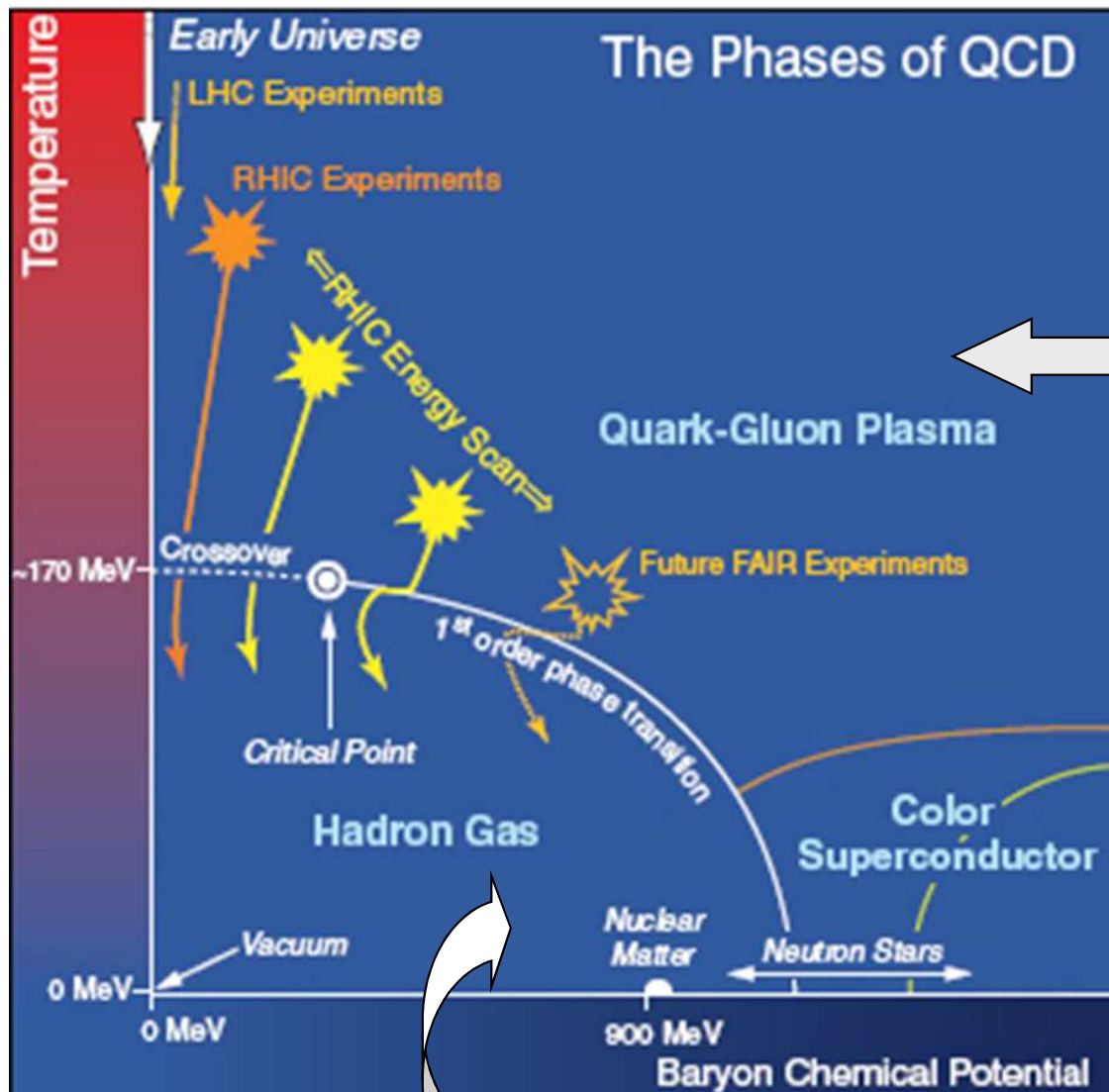


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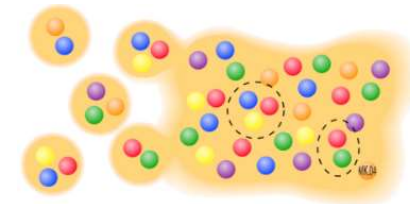


# The ,holy grail' of heavy-ion physics:

## The phase diagram of QCD



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



- Search for the **critical point**
- Search for signatures of **chiral symmetry restoration**

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



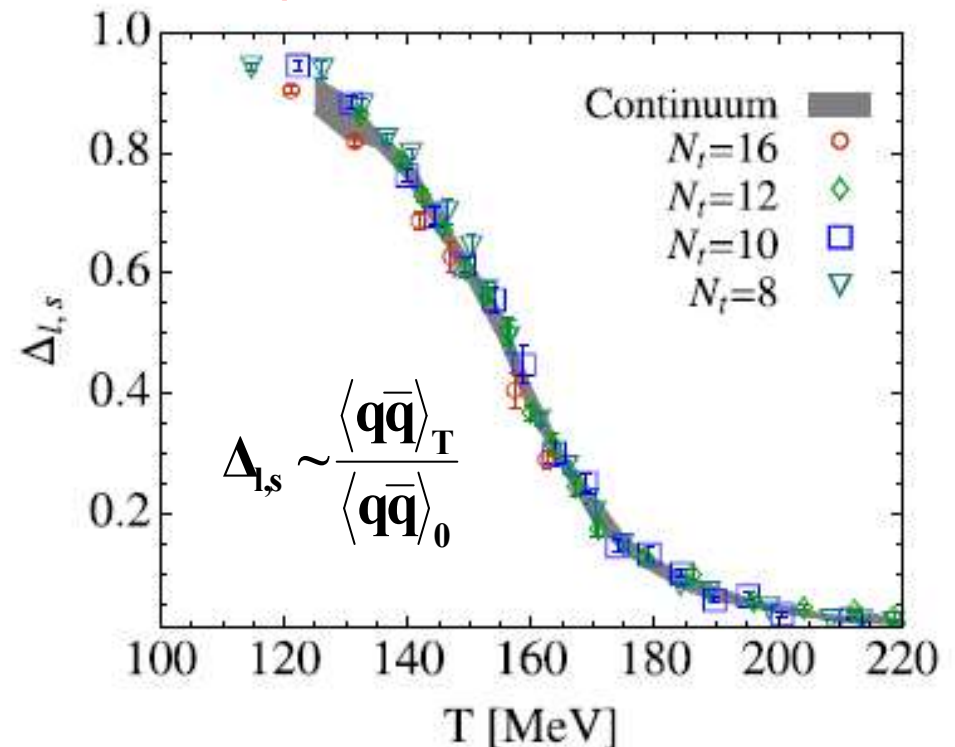
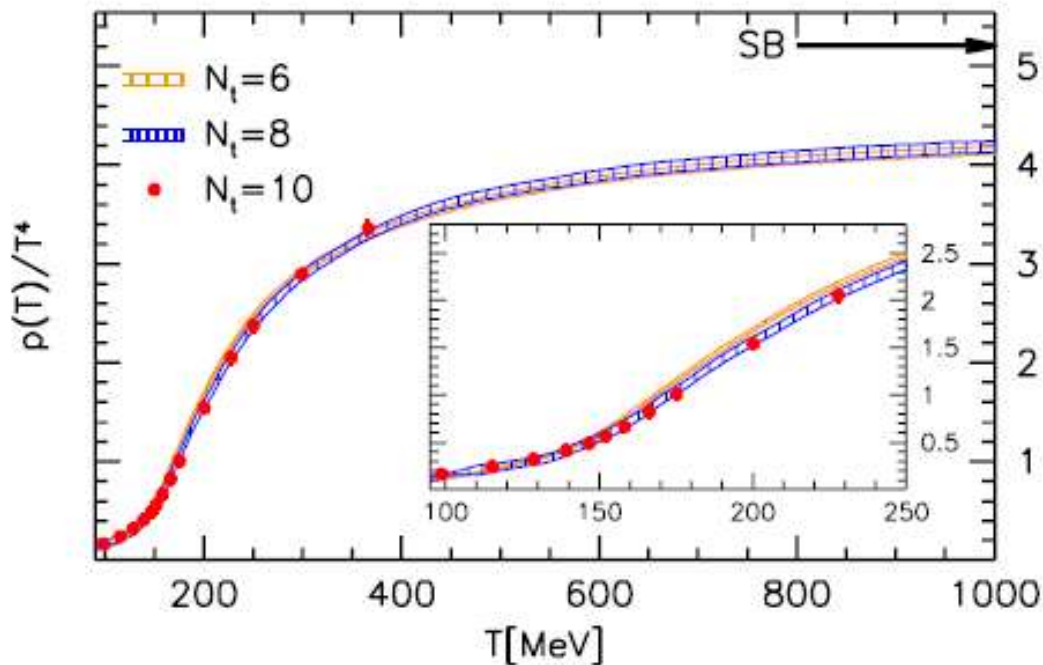
# Theory: Information from lattice QCD

I. deconfinement phase transition  
with increasing temperature



II. chiral symmetry restoration  
with increasing temperature

IQCD BMW collaboration:  $\mu_q=0$



□ **Crossover:** hadron gas → QGP

□ **Scalar quark condensate  $\langle q\bar{q} \rangle$**  is viewed as an **order parameter** for the restoration of chiral symmetry:

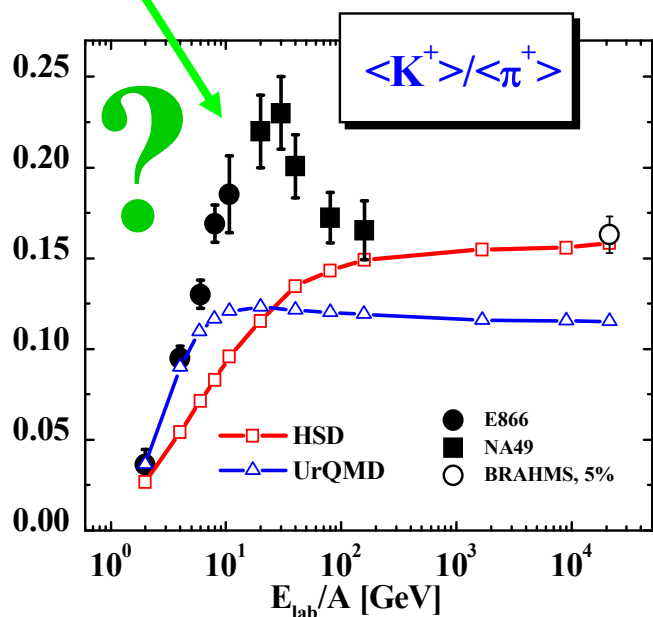
$$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle = \begin{cases} \neq 0 & \text{chiral non-symmetric phase;} \\ = 0 & \text{chiral symmetric phase.} \end{cases}$$

➔ both transitions occur at about the same temperature  $T_c$  for low chemical potentials

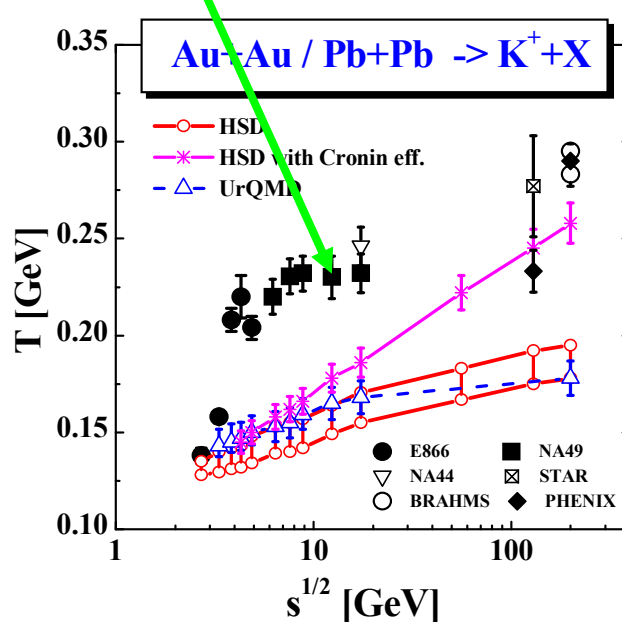
# Signals for the phase transition

Hadron-string transport models (HSD, UrQMD) versus observables at  $\sim 2000$

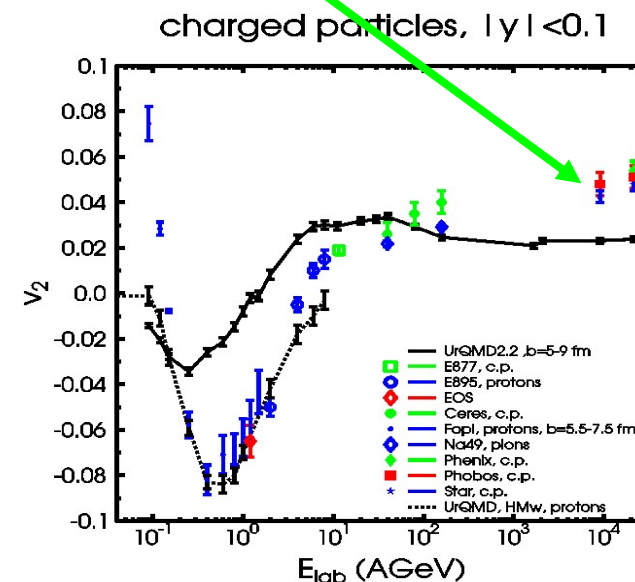
□ ,horn' in  $K^+/\pi^+$



□ ,step' in slope T



□ elliptic flow  $v_2$



Exp. data are not reproduced in terms of the hadron-string picture  
 → evidence for partonic degrees of freedom + .... ?!

# Dynamical description of heavy-ion collisions

## The goal:

to study the properties of **strongly interacting matter** under extreme conditions from **a microscopic point of view**

## Realization:

to develop a **dynamical many-body transport approach**

1) applicable for **strongly interacting systems**, which includes:

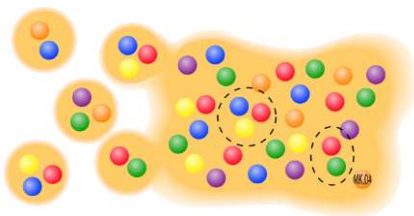
2) **phase transition** from hadronic matter to QGP

3) **chiral symmetry restoration**

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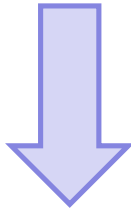
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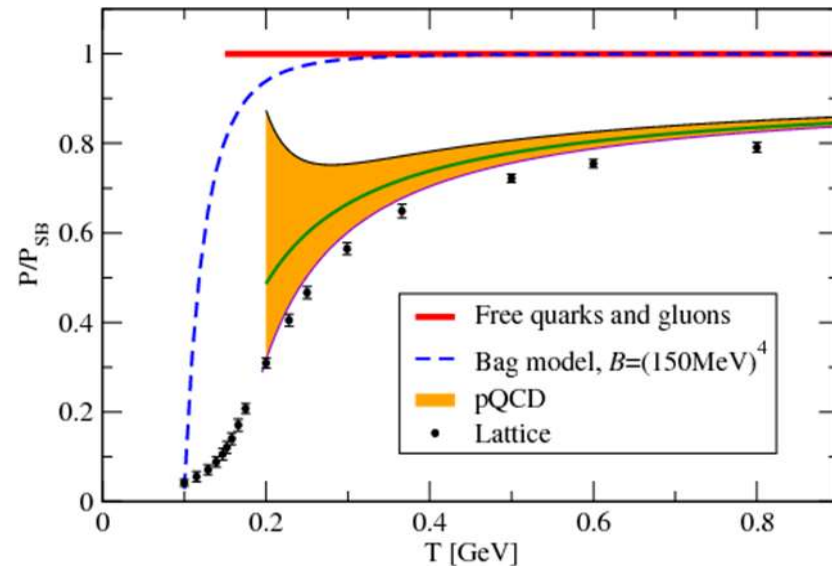


# Degrees-of-freedom of QGP

❖ IQCD gives QGP EoS at finite  $\mu_B$



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



Non-perturbative QCD ← pQCD



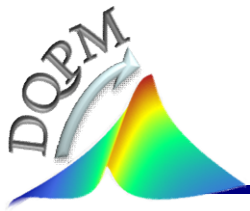
**Thermal QCD**

= QCD at high parton densities:

- ❑ weakly interacting system
- ❑ massless quarks and gluons

- ❑ **strongly** interacting system
- ❑ massive quarks and gluons
- ➔ **quasiparticles**
- = **effective degrees-of-freedom**

❖ How to learn about degrees-of-freedom of QGP ? ➔ HIC experiments



# Dynamical QuasiParticle Model (DQPM) - Basic ideas:

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

$$\text{gluon propagator: } \Delta^{-1} = P^2 - \Pi \quad \& \quad \text{quark propagator } S_q^{-1} = P^2 - \Sigma_q$$

$$\text{gluon self-energy: } \Pi = M_g^2 - i2\gamma_g\omega \quad \& \quad \text{quark self-energy: } \Sigma_q = M_q^2 - i2\gamma_q\omega$$

(scalar approximation)

- the resummed properties are specified by complex (retarded) self-energies:
  - 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 ( $\gamma_q, \gamma_g$ )

- **Spectral functions** :  $A_q \sim \text{Im} S_q^{ret}, \quad A_g \sim \text{Im} \Delta^{ret}$

## □ Entropy density of interacting bosons and fermions in the quasiparticle limit (2PI)

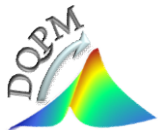
(G. Baym 1998):

QGP

$$s^{dqp} = -d_g \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\partial n_B}{\partial T} (\text{Im} \ln(-\Delta^{-1}) + \text{Im} \Pi \text{Re} \Delta) \quad \text{gluons}$$

$$- d_q \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\partial n_F((\omega - \mu_q)/T)}{\partial T} (\text{Im} \ln(-S_q^{-1}) + \text{Im} \Sigma_q \text{Re} S_q) \quad \text{quarks}$$

$$- d_{\bar{q}} \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\partial n_F((\omega + \mu_q)/T)}{\partial T} (\text{Im} \ln(-S_{\bar{q}}^{-1}) + \text{Im} \Sigma_{\bar{q}} \text{Re} S_{\bar{q}}) \quad \text{antiquarks}$$



# DQPM(T): properties of quasiparticles

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

$$A(\omega, p) = \frac{\gamma}{E} \left( \frac{1}{(\omega - E)^2 + \gamma^2} - \frac{1}{(\omega + E)^2 + \gamma^2} \right)$$

$$E^2 = p^2 + M^2 - \gamma^2$$

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

$m \sim gT$

masses:  $m_g^2 = \frac{g^2}{6} \left( N_c + \frac{1}{2} N_f \right) T^2, \quad m_q^2 = g^2 \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{8N_c} T^2$

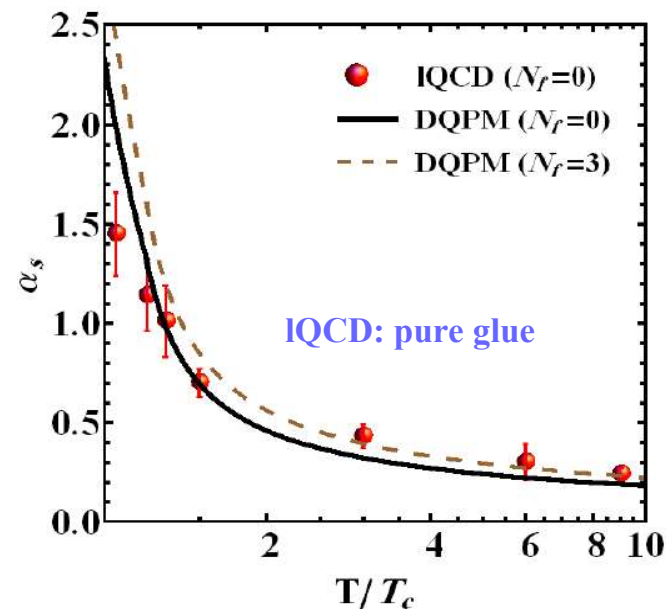
widths:  $\gamma_g = \frac{1}{3} N_c \frac{g^2 T}{8\pi} \ln \left( \frac{2c}{g^2} + 1 \right), \quad \gamma_q = \frac{1}{3} \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c} \frac{g^2 T}{8\pi} \ln \left( \frac{2c}{g^2} + 1 \right)$

- running coupling (pure glue):

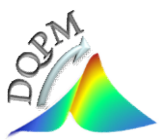
$$\alpha_s(T) = \frac{g^2(T)}{4\pi} = \frac{12\pi}{(11N_c - 2N_f) \ln[\lambda^2(T/T_c - T_s/T_c)^2]}$$

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

with 3 parameters:  $T_s/T_c=0.46$ ;  $c=28.8$ ;  $\lambda=2.42$  (for pure glue  $N_f=0$ )







# DQPM at finite T and $\mu_q=0$

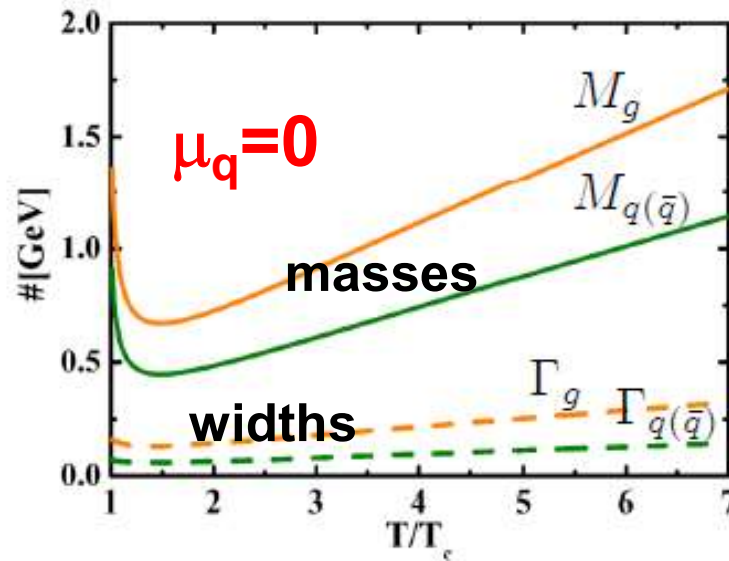
## ➤ fit to lattice (IQCD) results

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



## ➔ Quasiparticle properties:

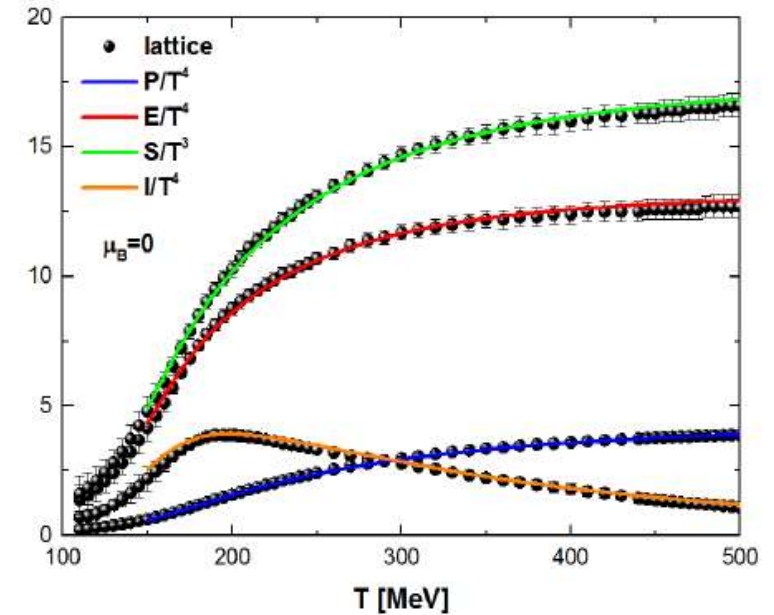
- large width and mass for gluons and quarks



$$M \sim gT$$

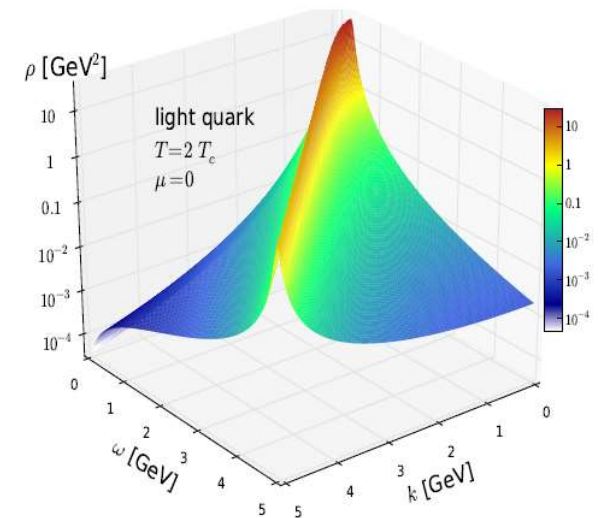
$$T_C = 158 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\epsilon_C = 0.5 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$$



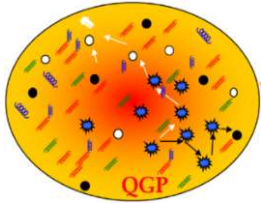
## DQPM

- matches well lattice QCD
- provides mean-fields (1PI) for gluons and quarks – from space-like part of  $T_{\mu\nu}$  as well as effective 2-body interactions (2PI)
- gives transition rates for the formation of hadrons



➔ microscopic dynamical transport approach **PHSD**

# Basic idea: off-shell PHSD approach



## QGP in equilibrium

**Dynamical QuasiParticle Model (DQPM):**

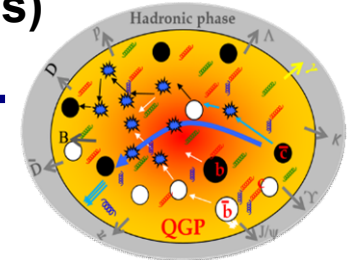
Quasiparticle properties:  
 ‚resummed‘ self-energies, propagators  
 → Calculation of cross sections



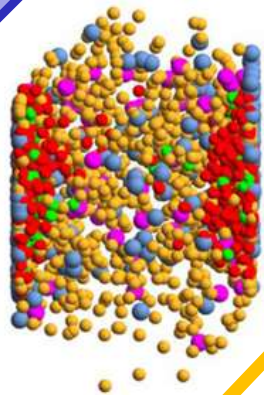
**IQCD**

Controlled by IQCD!  
 Calculation of transport coefficients  
 in equilibrium  $\eta, \zeta, \sigma_0, \dots$

DQPM: consider the **effects of the nonperturbative nature** of the strongly interacting quark-gluon plasma (**sQGP**) constituents (vs. pQCD models)



## QGP out-of equilibrium ↔ HIC



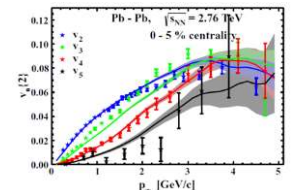
**Parton-Hadron-String-Dynamics (PHSD)**

Controlled by

**experimental data + IQCD**



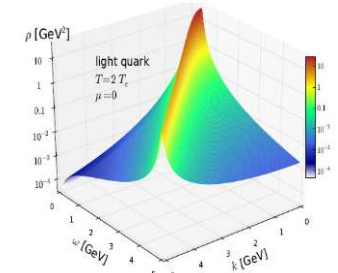
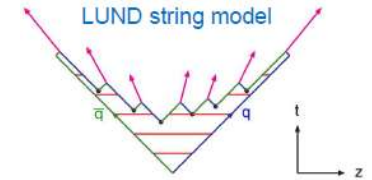
Partonic interactions → DQPM  
 hadronic interactions → hadron physics  
 \* **In-medium** hadronic interactions → many-body physics: G-matrix



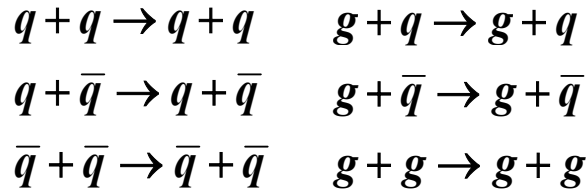


# Parton-Hadron-String-Dynamics (PHSD)

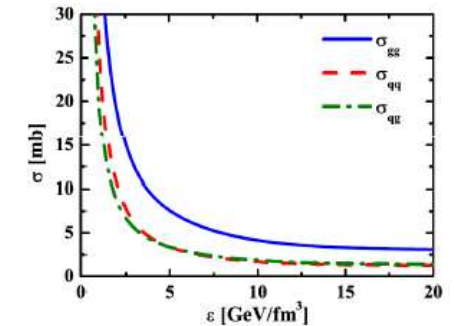
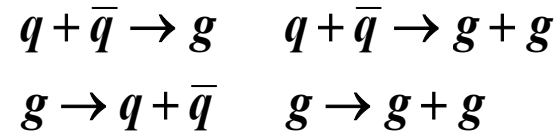
- **Initial A+A collisions :**  
N+N → string formation → decay to pre-hadrons
- **Formation of QGP stage** if  $\epsilon > \epsilon_{\text{critical}}$  :  
dissolution of pre-hadrons → (DQPM) →  
→ massive **quarks/gluons** + mean-field potential  $U_q$
- **Partonic stage – QGP :**  
based on the **D**ynamical **Q**uasi-**P**article **M**odel (DQPM)



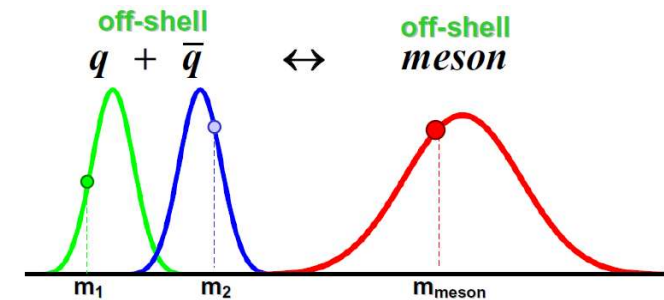
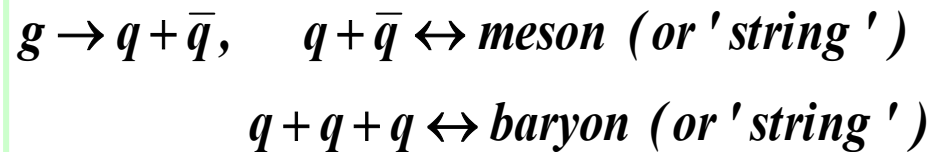
- **(quasi-) elastic collisions:**



- **inelastic collisions:**



- **Hadronization** (based on DQPM):



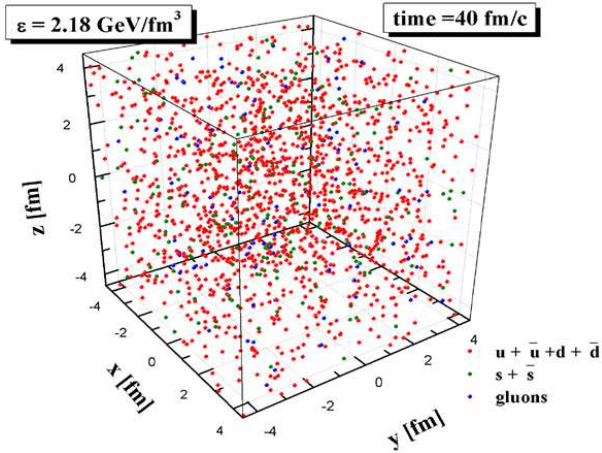
- **Hadronic phase: hadron-hadron interactions – off-shell HSD**



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

Infinite hot/dense matter =

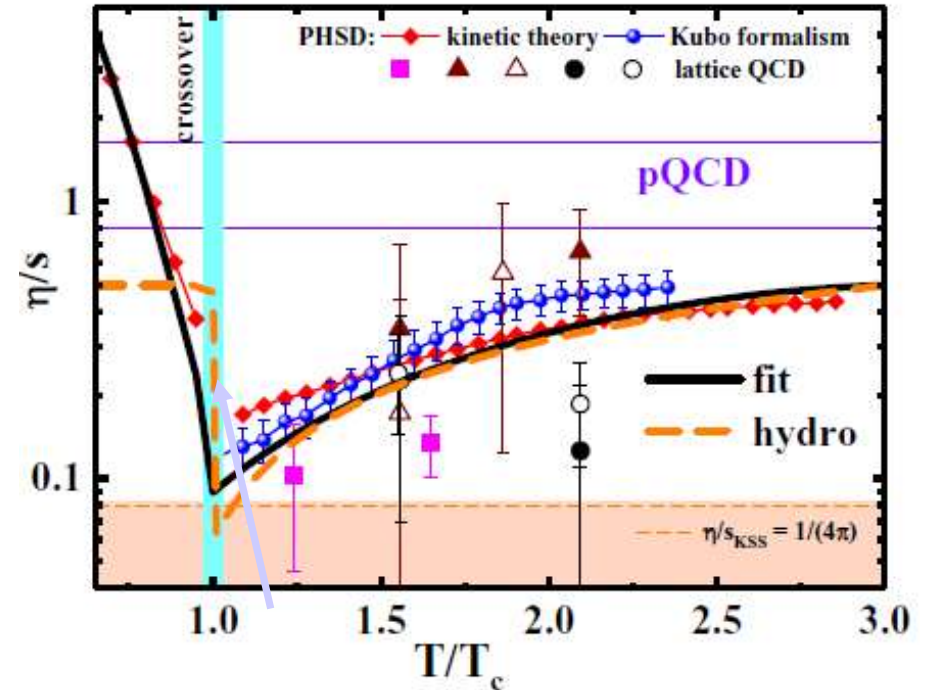
PHSD in a box:



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

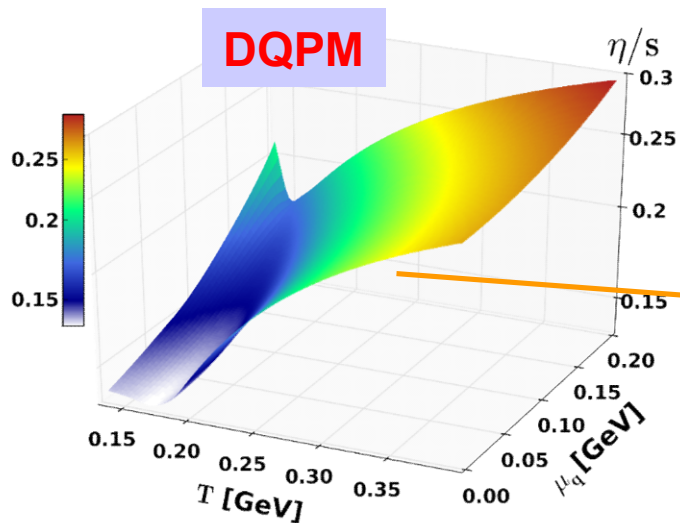
PHSD: V. Ozvenchuk et al., PRC 87 (2013) 064903

Hydro: Bayesian analysis, S. Bass et al., 1704.07671



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

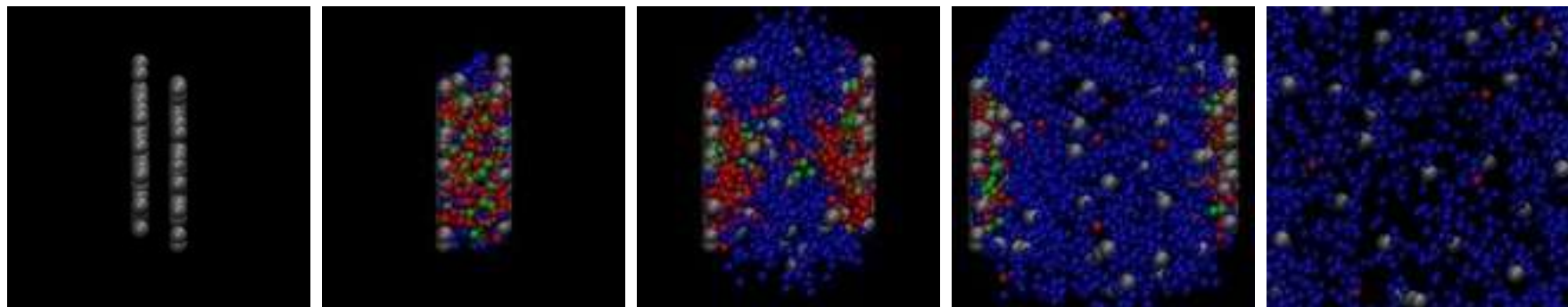
IQCD: 
$$\frac{T_c(\mu_q)}{T_c(\mu_q = 0)} = \sqrt{1 - \alpha \mu_q^2} \approx 1 - \alpha/2 \mu_q^2 + \dots$$



QGP in PHSD = strongly-interacting liquid-like system

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

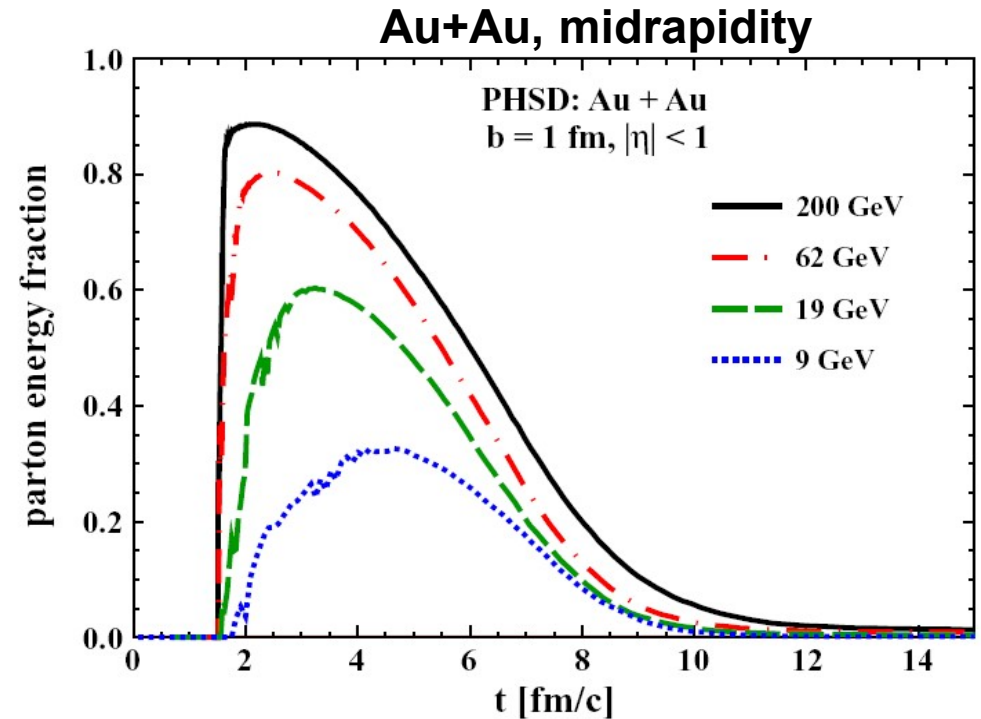
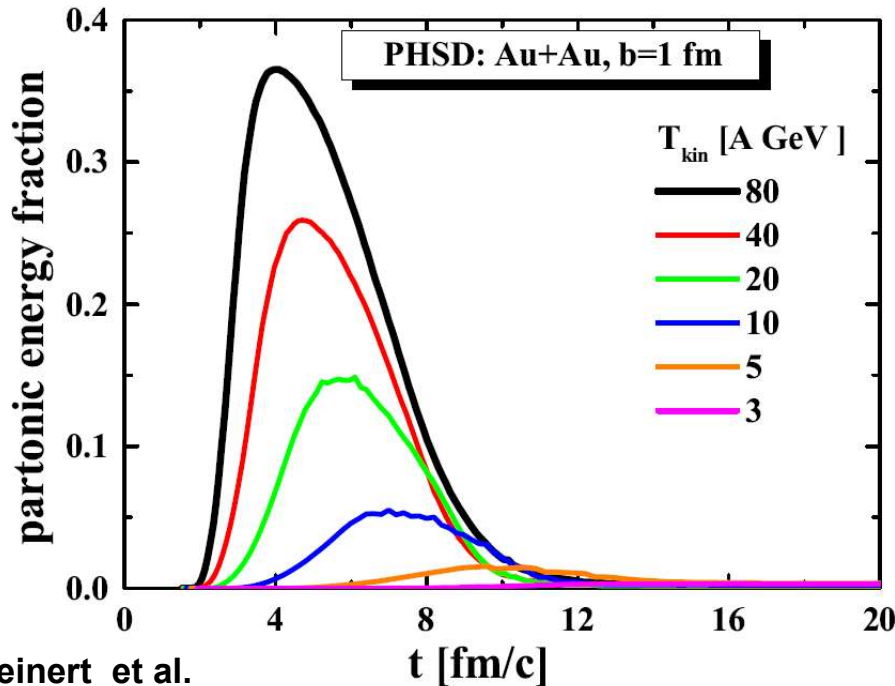
# Traces of the QGP in observables in high energy heavy-ion collisions





# Partonic energy fraction in central A+A

## Time evolution of the partonic energy fraction vs energy



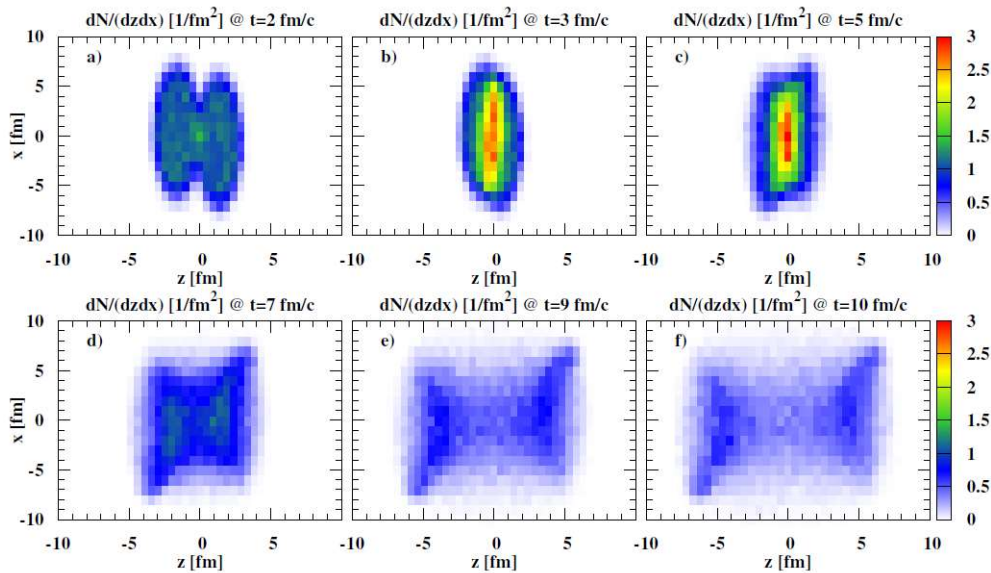
- Strong increase of partonic phase with energy from AGS to RHIC
- SPS: Pb+Pb, 160 A GeV: only about 40% of the converted energy goes to partons; the rest is contained in the large hadronic corona and leading partons
- RHIC: Au+Au, 21.3 A TeV: up to 90% - QGP



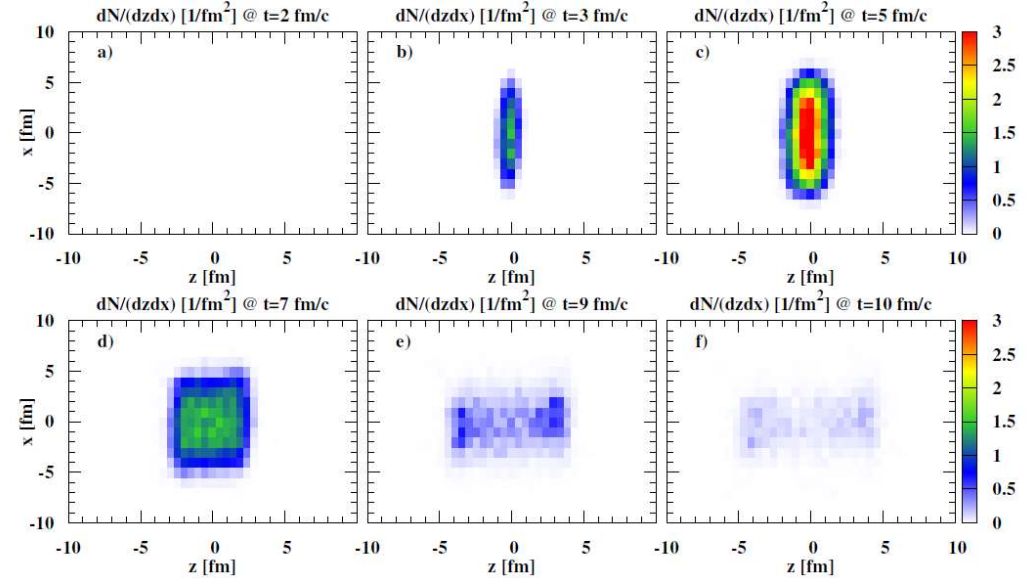
# Time evolution of particle density distribution

Example:  $dN/dxdz$  for Pb+Pb, 30 A GeV,  $b=1$  fm,  $y=0$

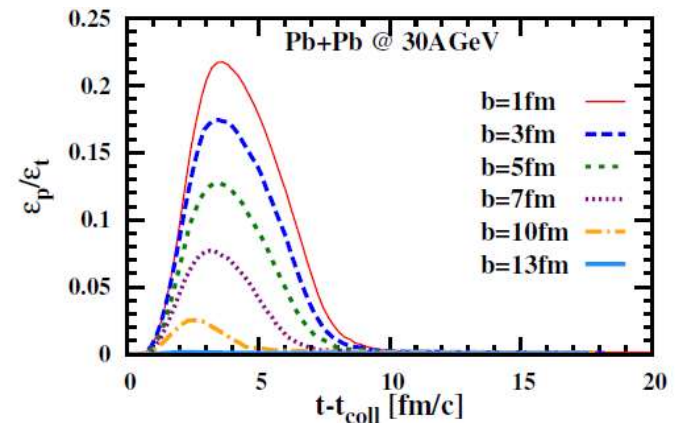
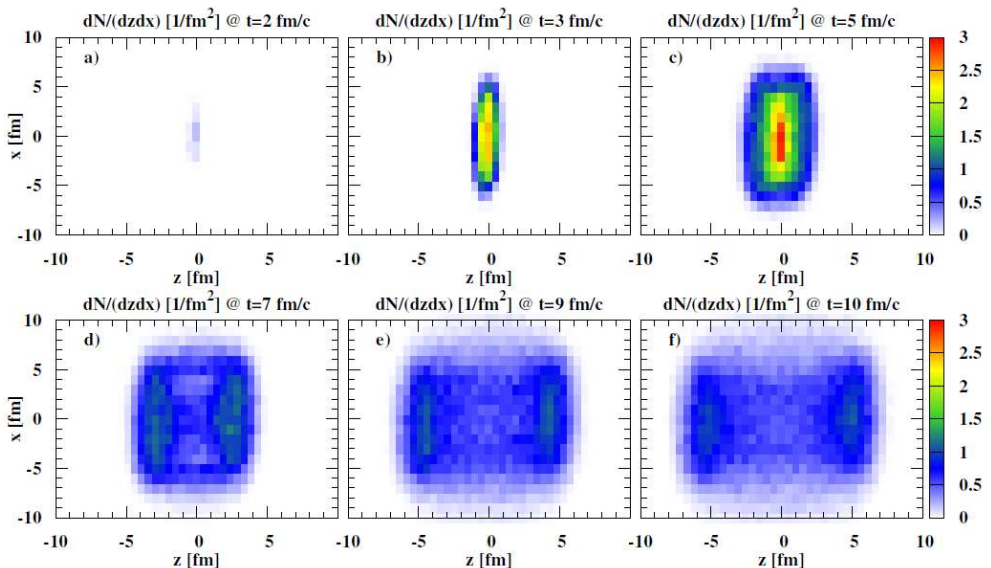
## Baryons:



## Partons:



## Mesons:

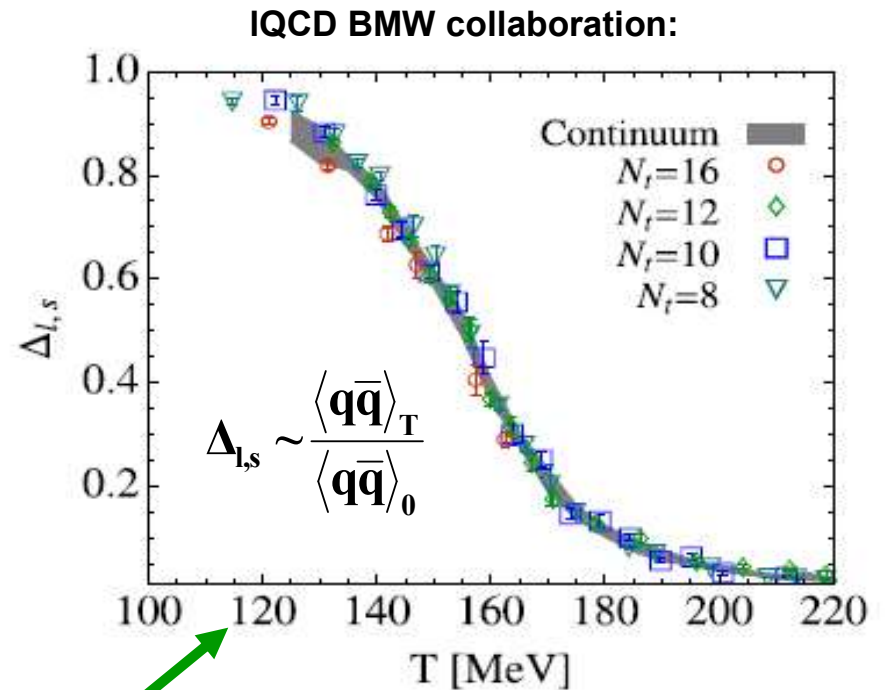
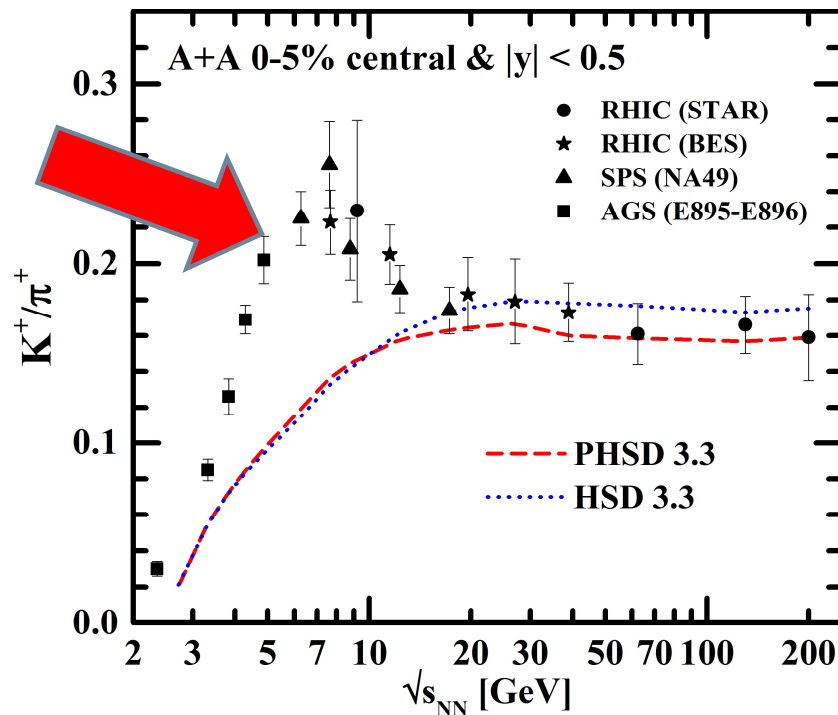


At central Pb+Pb at 30 AGeV the fraction of QGP < 20%

# Problem: $K^+/\pi^+$ ,horn' – 2015

**PHSD:** even when considering the creation of a QGP phase, the  $K^+/\pi^+$  ,horn' seen experimentally by NA49 and STAR at a bombarding energy  $\sim 30$  A GeV (FAIR/NICA energies!) remains unexplained !

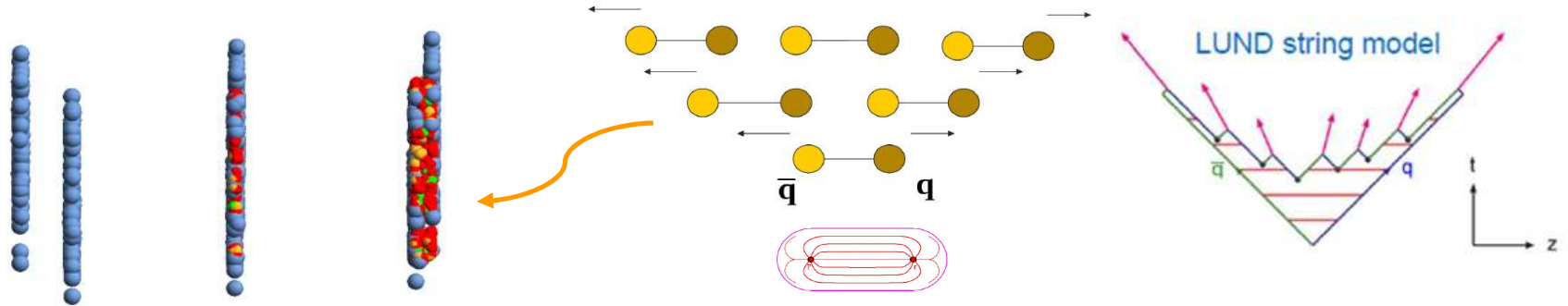
**→ The origin of 'horn' is not traced back to deconfinement ?!**



Can it be related to **chiral symmetry restoration** in the **hadronic phase** ?!



## Initial stage of HIC: string formation



the 'flavor chemistry' of the final hadrons in the PHSD is mainly defined by the LUND string model

'quark flavor chemistry' in the LUND model is determined by the Schwinger-formula

According to the Schwinger-formula, the probability to form a massive  $s\bar{s}$  pair in a string-decay is suppressed in comparison to a light flavor pair ( $u\bar{u}$ ,  $d\bar{d}$ ) :

$$\frac{P(s\bar{s})}{P(u\bar{u})} = \frac{P(s\bar{s})}{P(d\bar{d})} = \gamma_s = \exp\left(-\pi \frac{m_s^2 - m_q^2}{2\kappa}\right)$$

with  $\kappa$ - string tension;  
in vacuum:  $\kappa \sim 0.9 \text{ GeV/fm} = 0.176 \text{ GeV}^2$

$m_s$ ,  $m_q$  ( $q=u,d$ ) – constituent ('dressed') quark masses

# Dressing of the quark masses

- $m_s, m_q$  ( $q=u,d$ ) – **constituent ('dressed') quark masses**: 'dressing' of bare quark masses is due to the coupling to the **scalar quark condensate**  $\langle q\bar{q} \rangle$  :

## I. In vacuum (e.g. p+p collisions) :

$$m_q^V = m_q^0 - g_s \langle q\bar{q} \rangle_V$$

( $V \equiv vacuum$ )

**bare quark masses:**

$$m_u^0 = m_d^0 \approx 7MeV, m_s^0 \approx 100MeV$$

**vacuum scalar quark condensate**  
fixed from Gell-Mann-Oakes-Renner  
relation

$$f_\pi^2 m_\pi^2 = -\frac{1}{2}(m_u^0 + m_d^0) \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_V$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle q\bar{q} \rangle_V \approx -3.2fm^{-3}$$

**→ Constituent quark masses in vacuum :**

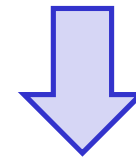
$$(m_q \equiv m_q^V) \quad m_u^V = m_d^V \approx 0.35GeV, m_s^V \approx 0.5GeV$$

## II. In medium (e.g. A+A collisions) :

In the presence of a **hot and dense hadronic medium**, the degrees of freedom modify their properties, e.g. **the in-medium constituent quark masses:**

$$m_q^* = m_q^0 - g_s \langle q\bar{q} \rangle$$

( $q=u,d,s$ )



$$m_q^* = m_q^0 + (m_q^V - m_q^0) \frac{\langle q\bar{q} \rangle}{\langle q\bar{q} \rangle_V}$$

\* mean-field results (1PI)



# Scalar quark condensate in the hadronic medium

- The behavior of the scalar quark condensate  $\langle q\bar{q} \rangle$  in the **hadronic medium** (baryons + mesons) can be obtained e.g. from

B. Friman et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 3, 165, 1998

**non-linear  $\sigma - \omega$  model:**

$$\frac{\langle q\bar{q} \rangle}{\langle q\bar{q} \rangle_V} = 1 - \frac{\Sigma_\pi}{f_\pi^2 m_\pi^2} \rho_S - \sum_h \frac{\sigma_h \rho_S^h}{f_\pi^2 m_\pi^2}$$

**baryonic medium**

**mesonic medium**

where  $\Sigma_\pi \approx 45 \text{ MeV}$

is the pion-nucleon  $\Sigma$ -term,

$\sigma_h = m_\pi/2$  for light mesons;  
 $= m_\pi/4$  - strange mesons

**Scalar field  $\sigma(x)$  mediates the scalar interaction of baryons with the surrounding medium with a  $g_s$  coupling**

- 1)  $\rho_s$  is the **scalar density of baryonic matter** :

from non-linear  $\sigma - \omega$  model:

from PHSD

$$m_\sigma^2 \sigma(x) + B\sigma^2(x) + C\sigma^3(x) = g_s \rho_S = g_s d \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{m_N^*(x)}{\sqrt{p^2 + m_N^{*2}}} f_N(x, \mathbf{p})$$

$$m_N^*(x) = m_N^V - g_s \sigma(x)$$

- $\sigma(x)$  is determined locally by solution of the **nonlinear gap equation** ;
- parameters  $g_s, m_\sigma, B, C$  are **fixed** to reproduce the main nuclear matter quantities, i.e. saturation density, binding energy per nucleon, compression modulus and the effective nucleon mass.

- 2)  $\rho_s^h$  is the **scalar density of mesons** of type  $h \rightarrow$  from PHSD



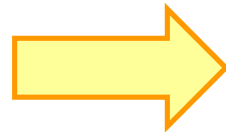
# Scalar quark condensate in HIC

PHSD:

Ratio of the scalar quark condensate

$$\frac{\langle q \bar{q} \rangle}{\langle q \bar{q} \rangle_V}$$

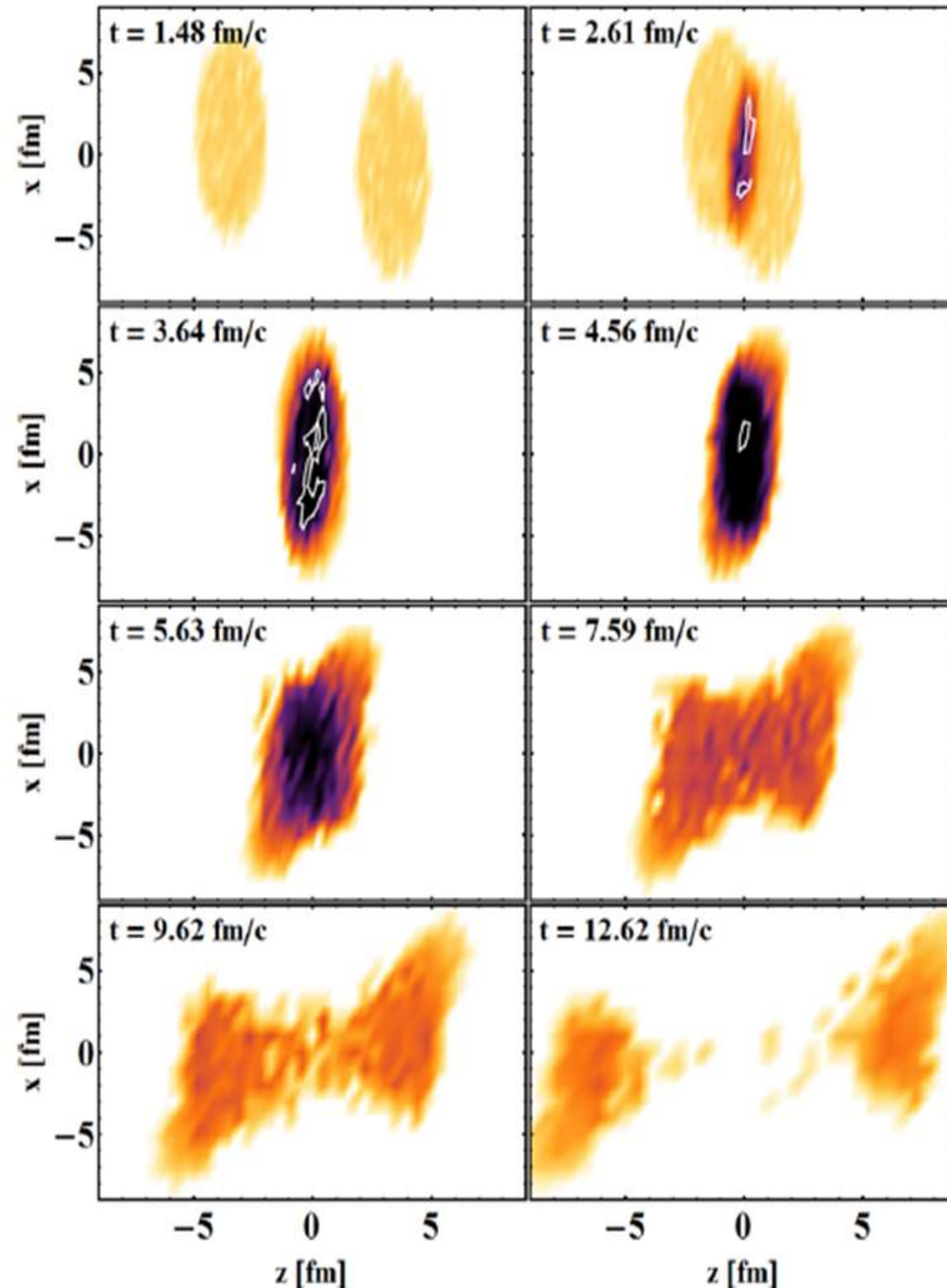
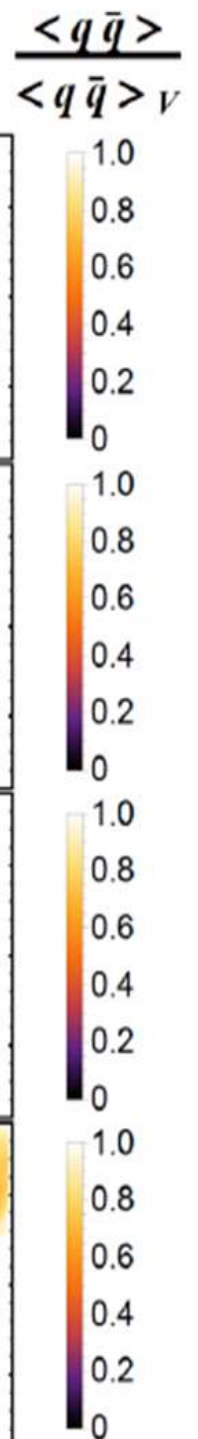
compared to the vacuum as a function of  $x, z$  ( $y=0$ ) at different time  $t$  for central Au+Au collisions at 30 AGeV



□ restoration of chiral symmetry:

$$\langle q \bar{q} \rangle / \langle q \bar{q} \rangle_V \rightarrow 0$$

PHSD: Au+Au @ 30 AGeV,  $b = 2.2$  fm



- HIC: in the Schwinger formula the **in-medium constituent masses**  $m_{q;s}^*$  (instead of vacuum  $m_{q;s}$ ) have to be considered:

$$\frac{P(s\bar{s})}{P(u\bar{u})} = \frac{P(s\bar{s})}{P(d\bar{d})} = \gamma_s = \exp\left(-\pi \frac{m_s^{*2} - m_q^{*2}}{2\kappa}\right)$$

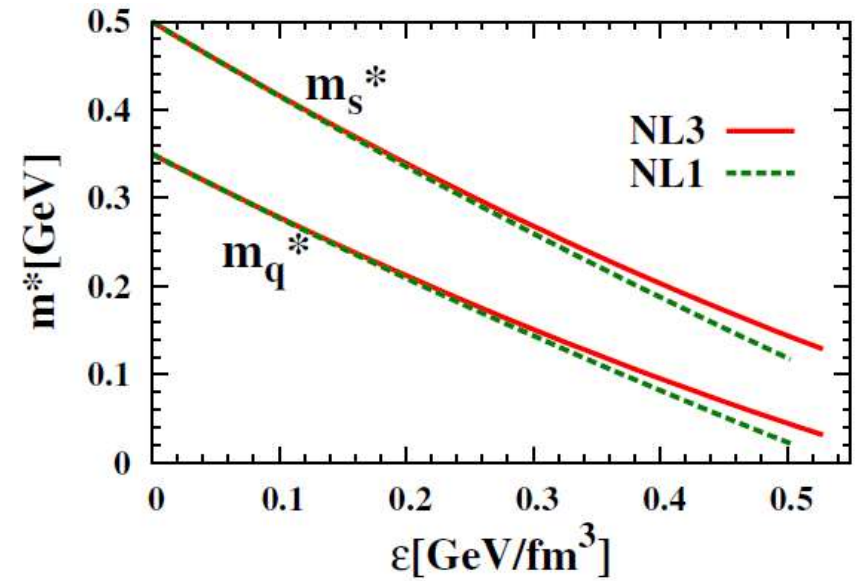
→ Strangeness ratio  $s/u$

I. hadronic phase :  $\varepsilon < \varepsilon_c$

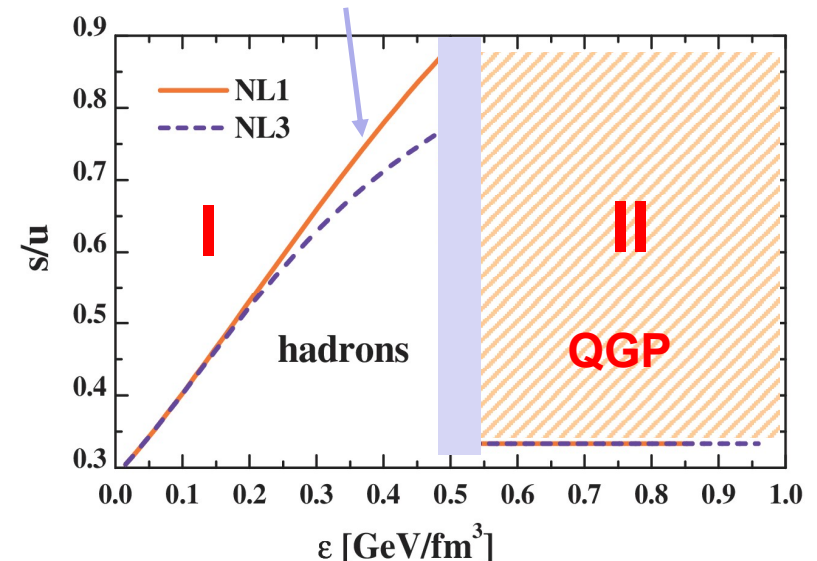
As a consequence of the **chiral symmetry restoration (CSR)**, the **strangeness production probability increases** with the local energy density  $\varepsilon$ .

II. QGP:  $\varepsilon > \varepsilon_c$

- In the QGP phase, for the  $s, u$  production by partonic interactions in QGP: ratio  $s/u \rightarrow 0.3$



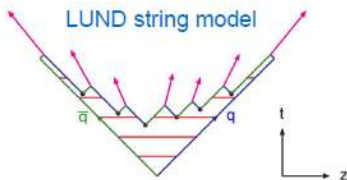
I. The ratio  $s/u$  in the string decay



# Sketch: Chiral symmetry restoration vs. deconfinement



**I. Initial stage of HIC collisions:**  
Hadronic matter  $\rightarrow$  string formation

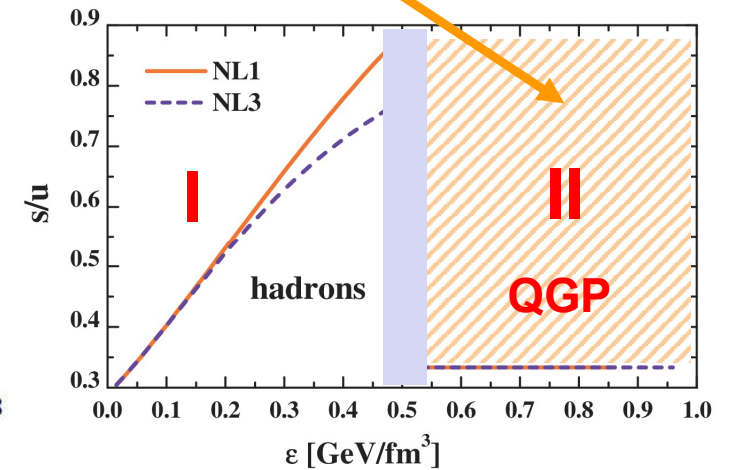
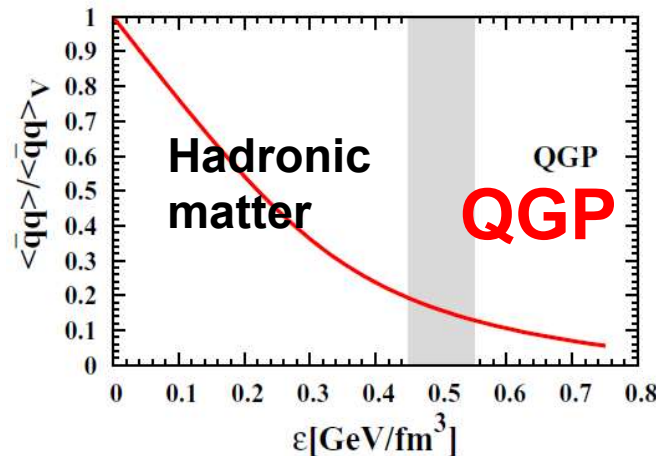


$$\frac{P(s\bar{s})}{P(u\bar{u})} = \frac{P(s\bar{s})}{P(d\bar{d})} = \gamma_s = \exp\left(-\pi \frac{m_s^{*2} - m_q^{*2}}{2\kappa}\right)$$

$$m_q^* = m_q^0 + (m_q^V - m_q^0) \frac{\langle q\bar{q} \rangle}{\langle q\bar{q} \rangle_V}$$

**II. QGP**  
(time-like partons,  
explicit partonic interactions)

**III. Hadronic phase**



□ Chiral symmetry restoration via Schwinger mechanism (and non-linear  $\sigma - \omega$  model) changes the „flavour chemistry“ in string fragmentation (1PI):

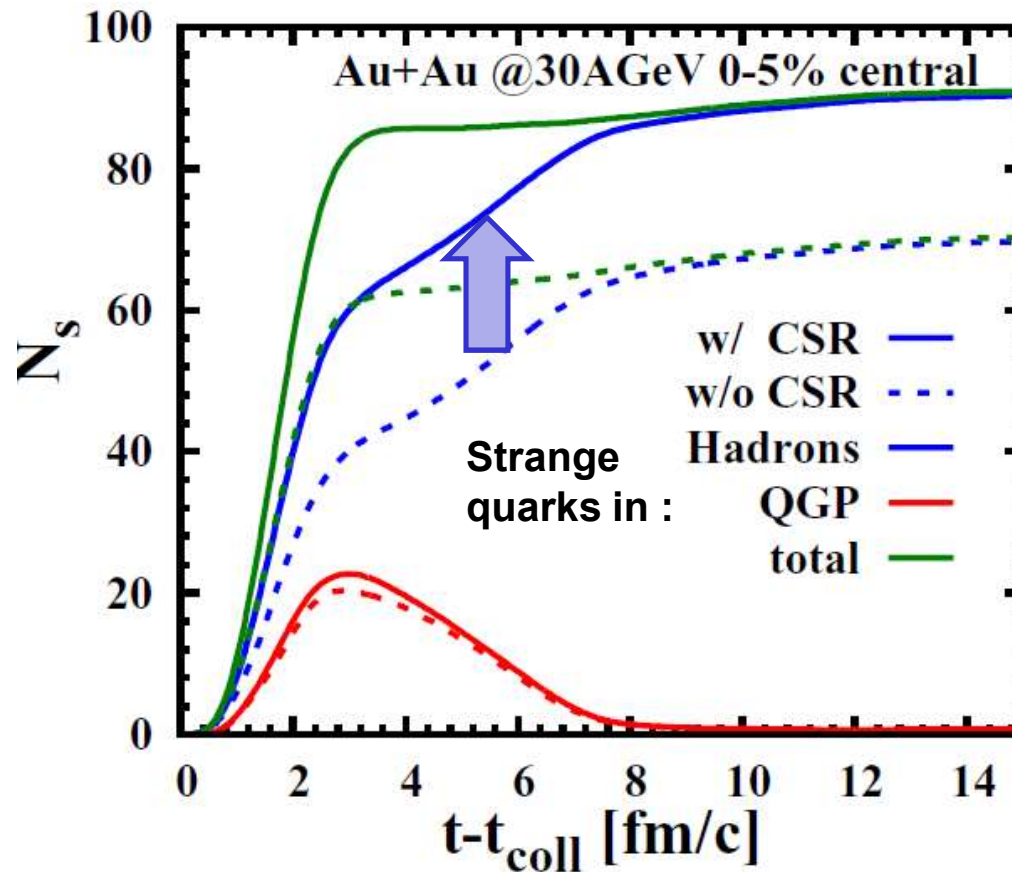
$$\langle q\bar{q} \rangle / \langle q\bar{q} \rangle_V \rightarrow 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad m_s^* \rightarrow m_s^0 \quad \rightarrow \quad s/u \text{ grows}$$

$\rightarrow$  the strangeness production probability **increases** with the local energy density  $\epsilon$  (up to  $\epsilon_c$ ) due to the partial chiral symmetry restoration!



# Time evolution of strangeness

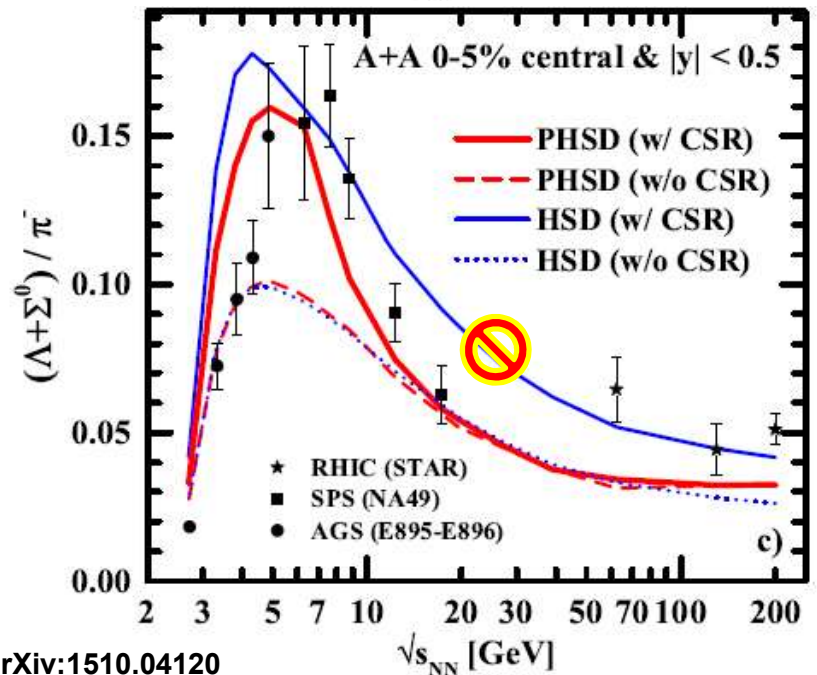
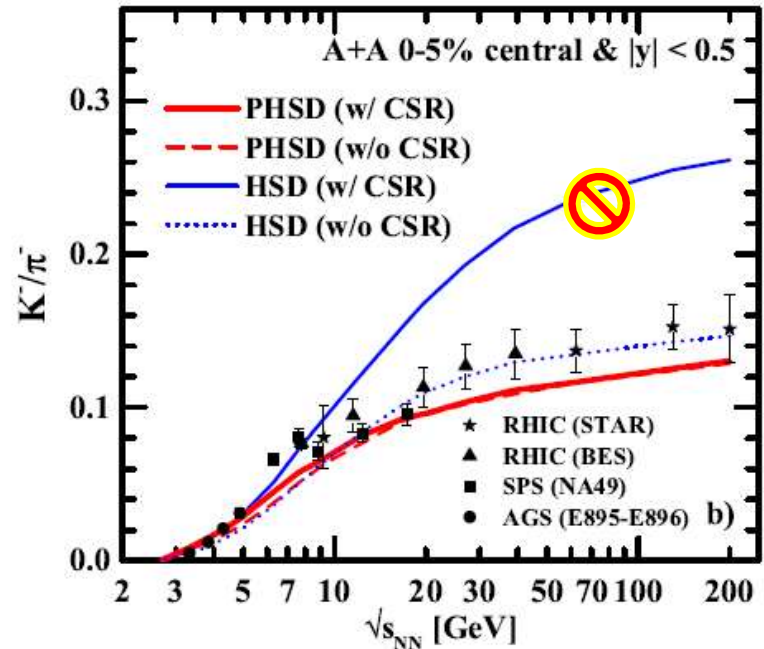
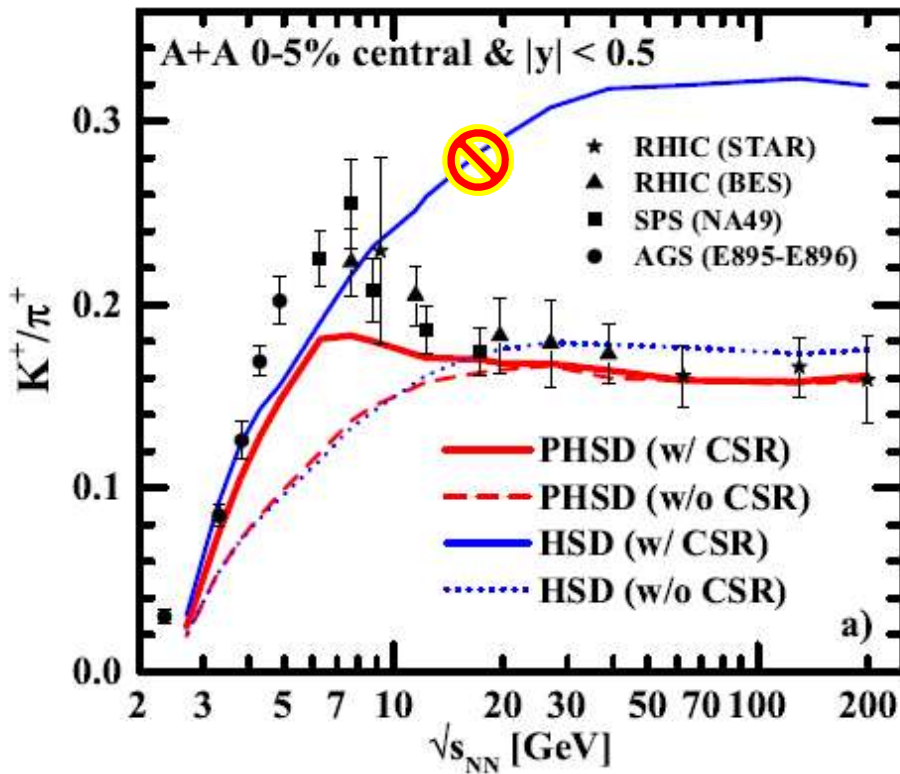
The strange quark number  $N_s$  (the same for  $N_{sbar}$ ) as a function of time in 5% central Au+Au collision at 30 AGeV



Chiral symmetry restoration leads to the **enhancement of strangeness production** during the string fragmentation **in the beginning of HIC** in the hadronic phase



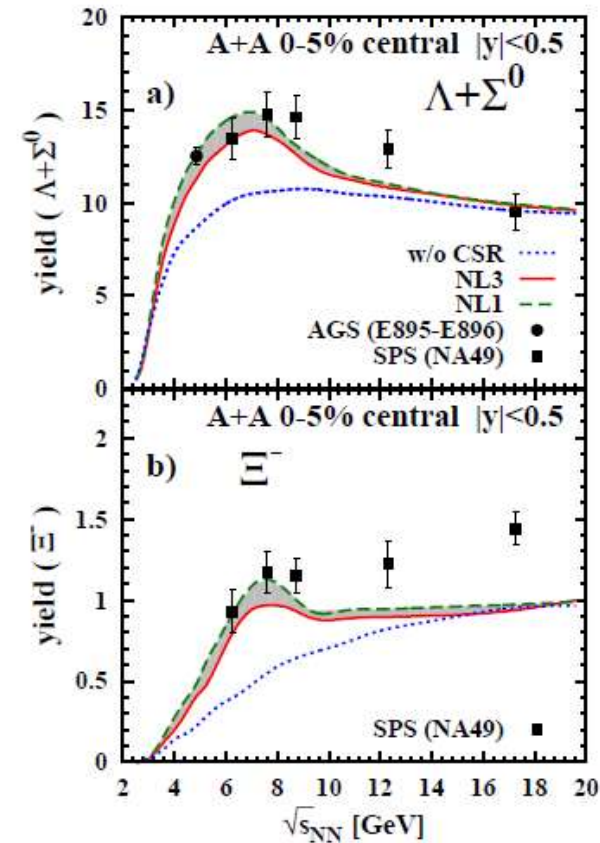
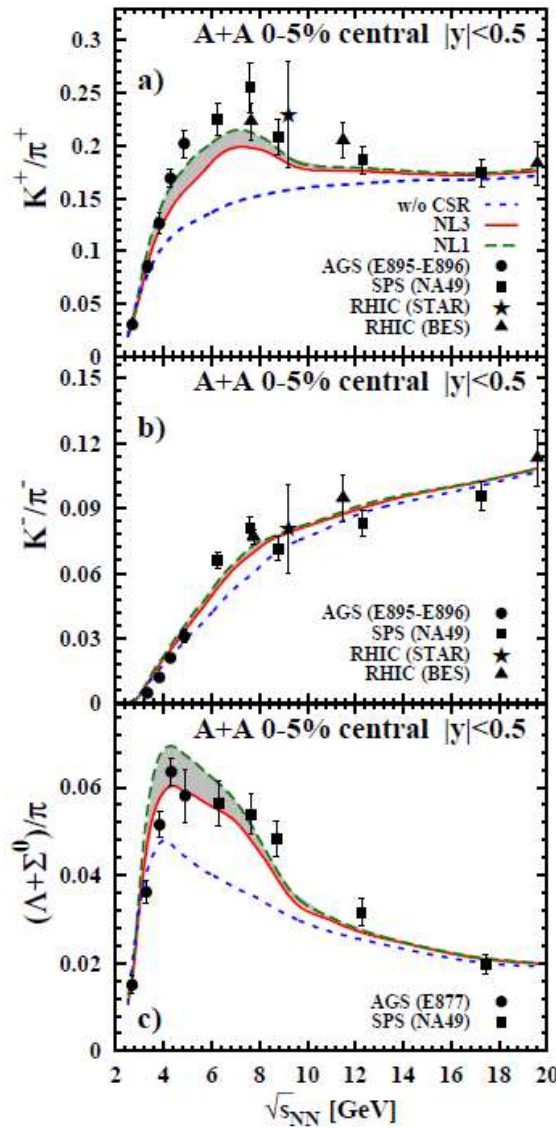
# PHSD results with chiral symmetry restoration (CSR)



**⊘ HSD with CSR: ratio  $K^+/\pi^+$  grows with energy – excluded by data!**

**➔ PHSD with CSR: Maximum of  $K^+/\pi^+$  ratio occurs due to the interplay between restoration of chiral symmetry in the hadronic phase and deconfinement to QGP!**





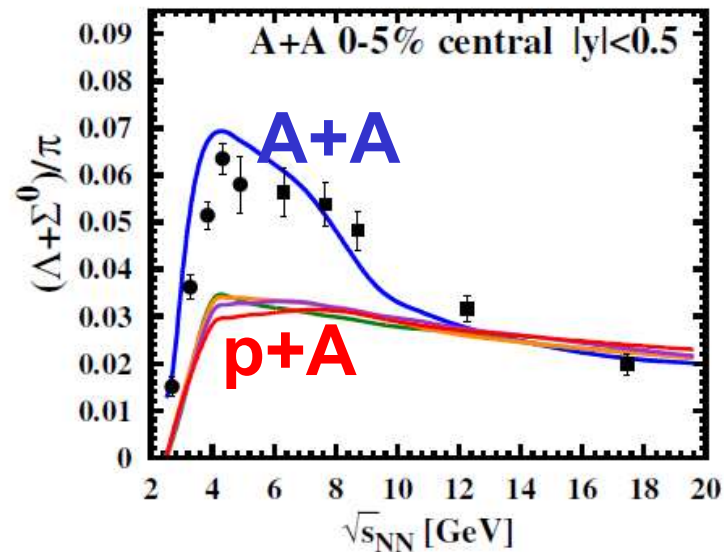
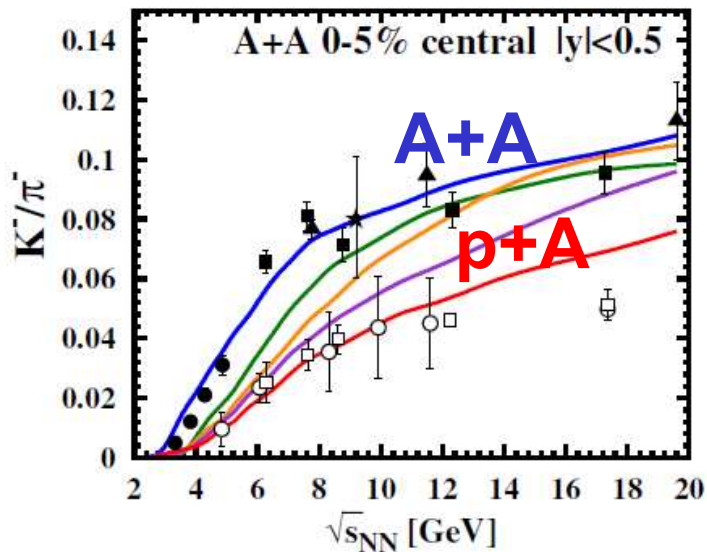
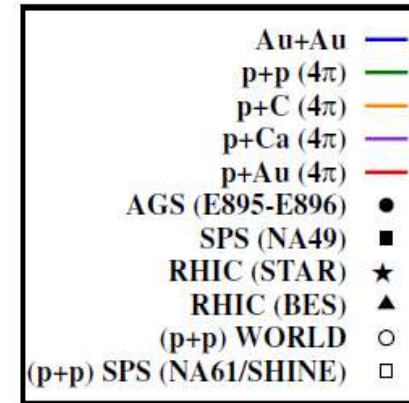
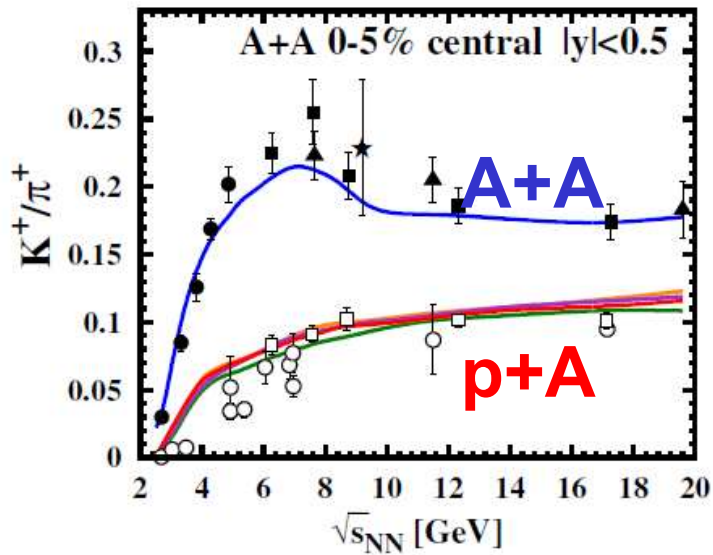
- Influence of EoS: NL1 vs NL3 → **low sensitivity to the nuclear EoS**
- Excitation function of the **hyperons**  $\Lambda+\Sigma^0$  and  $\Xi^-$  show analogous peaks as  $K^+/\pi^+$ ,  $(\Lambda+\Sigma^0)/\pi$  ratios due to CSR

**Chiral symmetry restoration** leads to the **enhancement of strangeness production** in string fragmentation in the beginning of HIC in the hadronic phase



# Sensitivity to the system size: p+A collisions

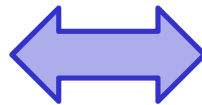
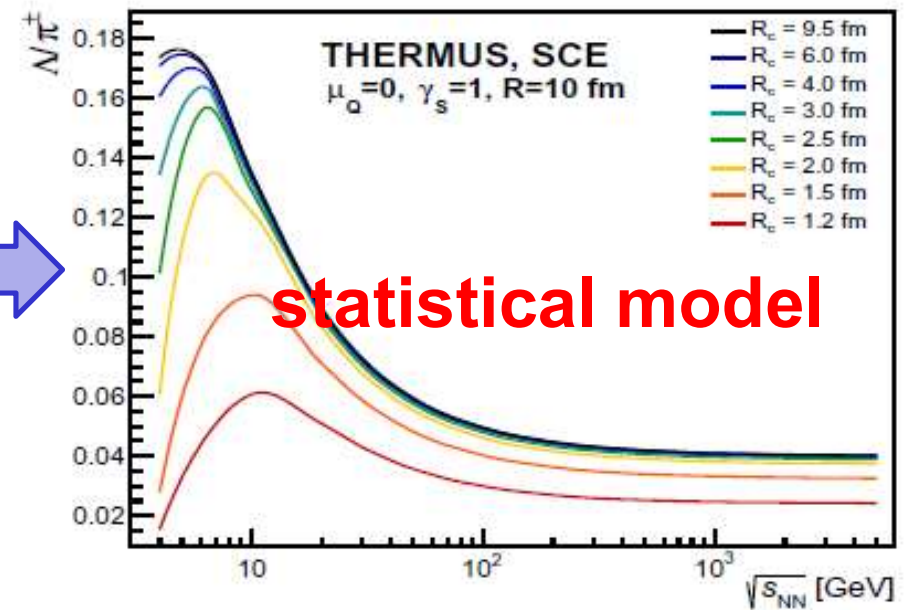
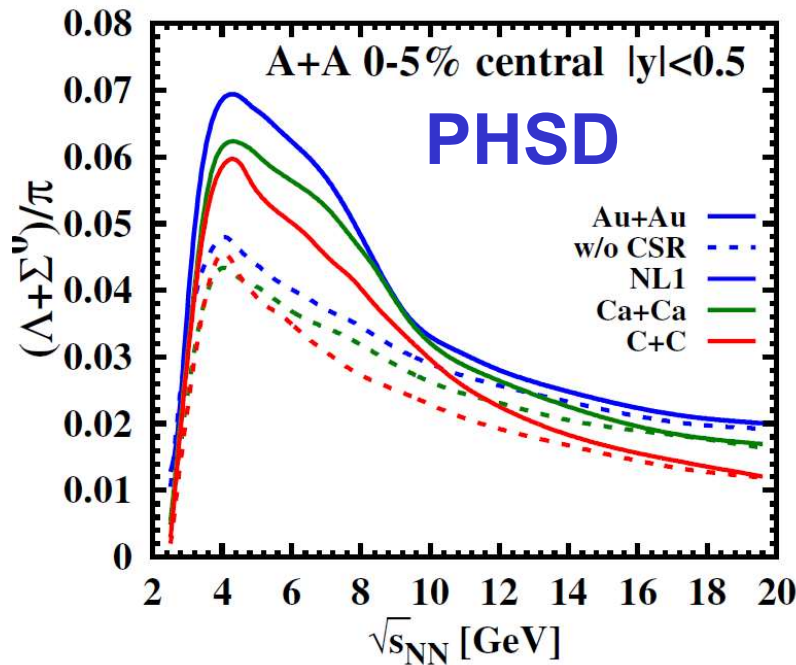
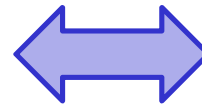
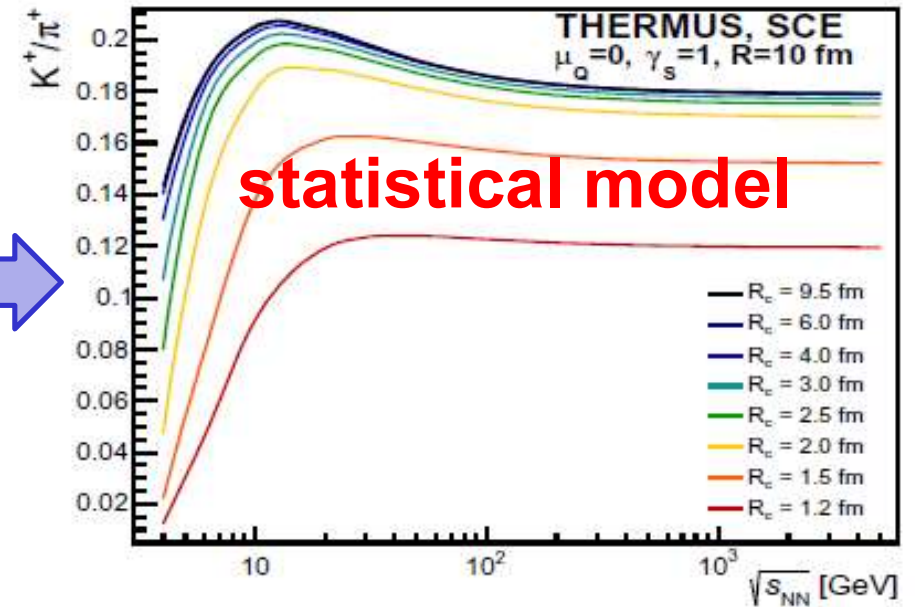
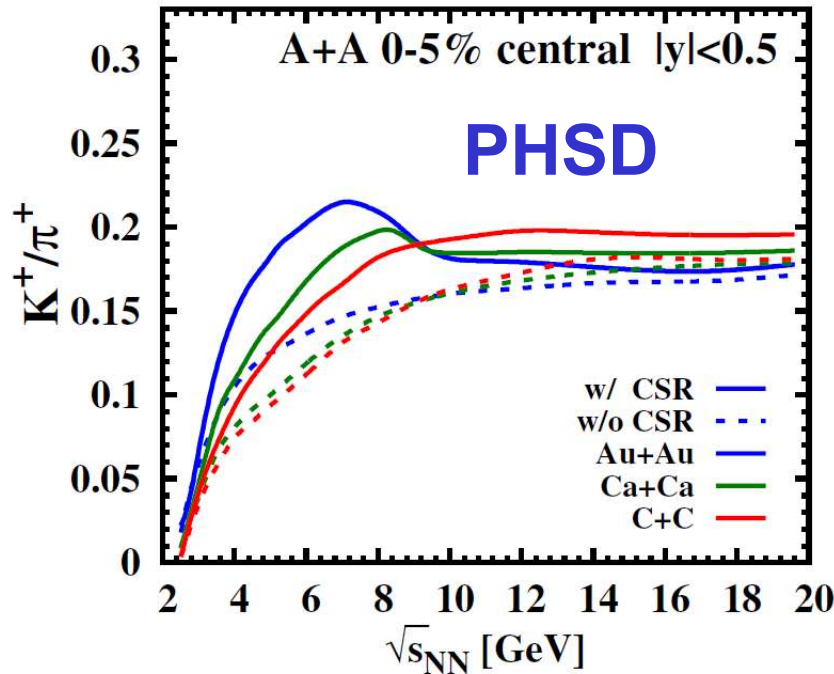
- In p+A collisions strange to non-strange particle ratios show **no peaks**





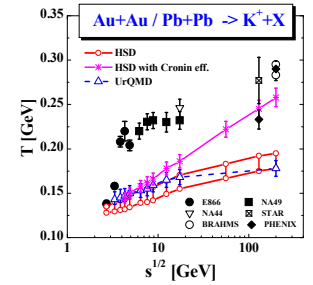
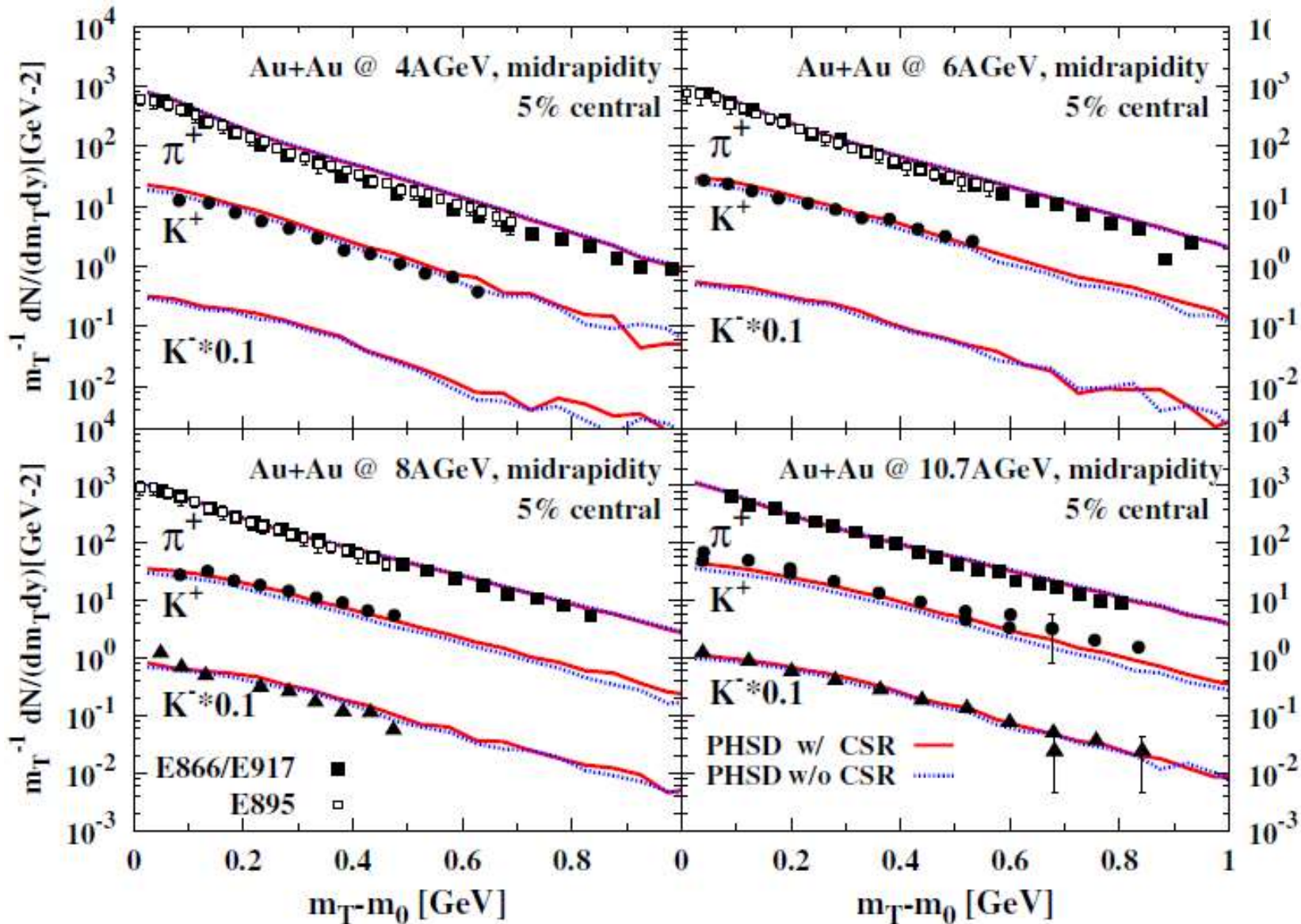
# PHSD vs. statistical model

THERMUS: J. Cleymans et al., arXiv:1603.09553



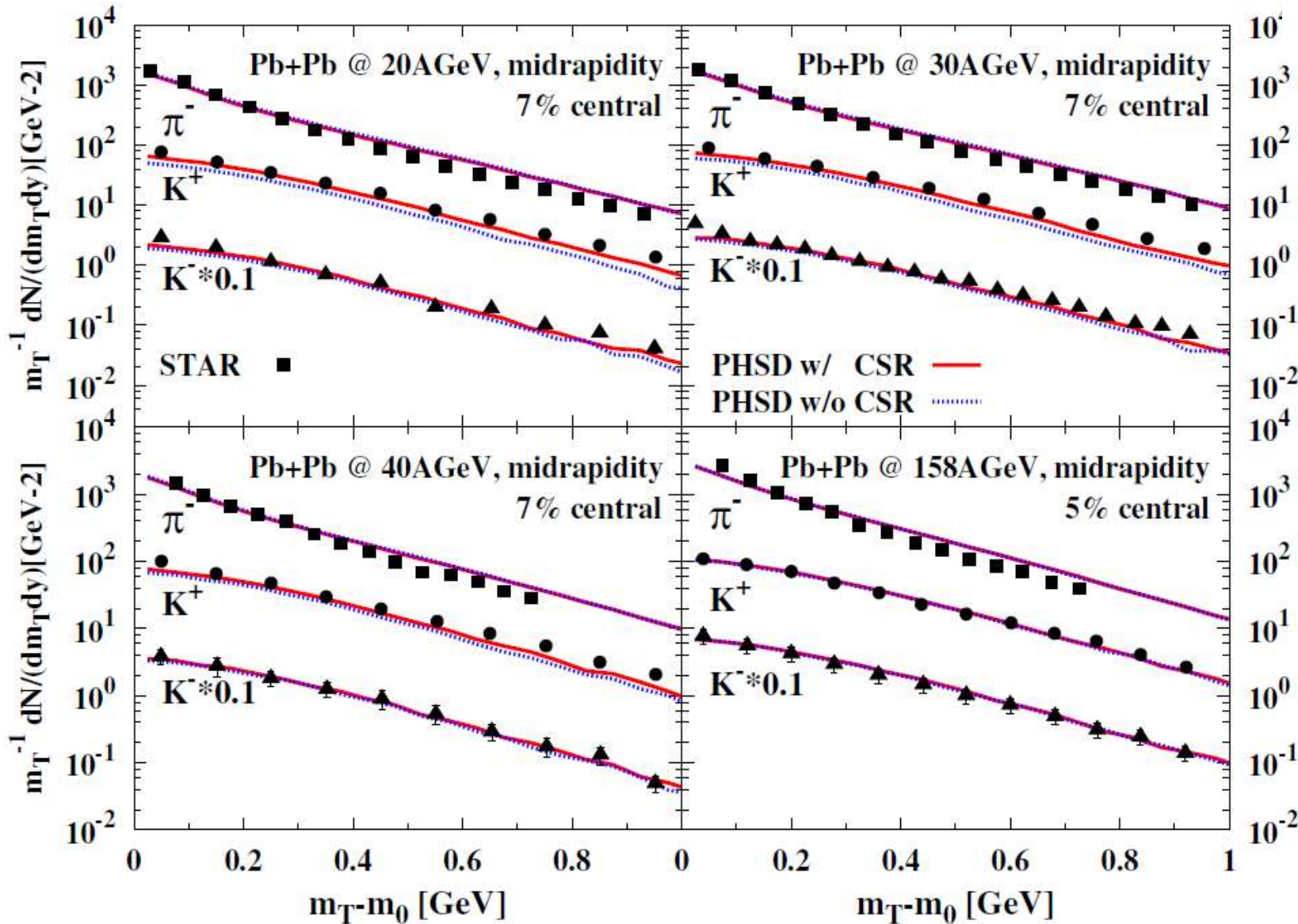
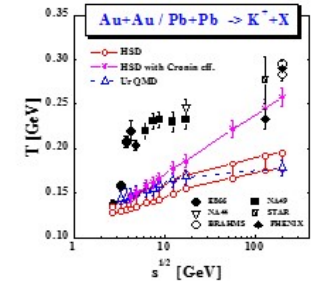


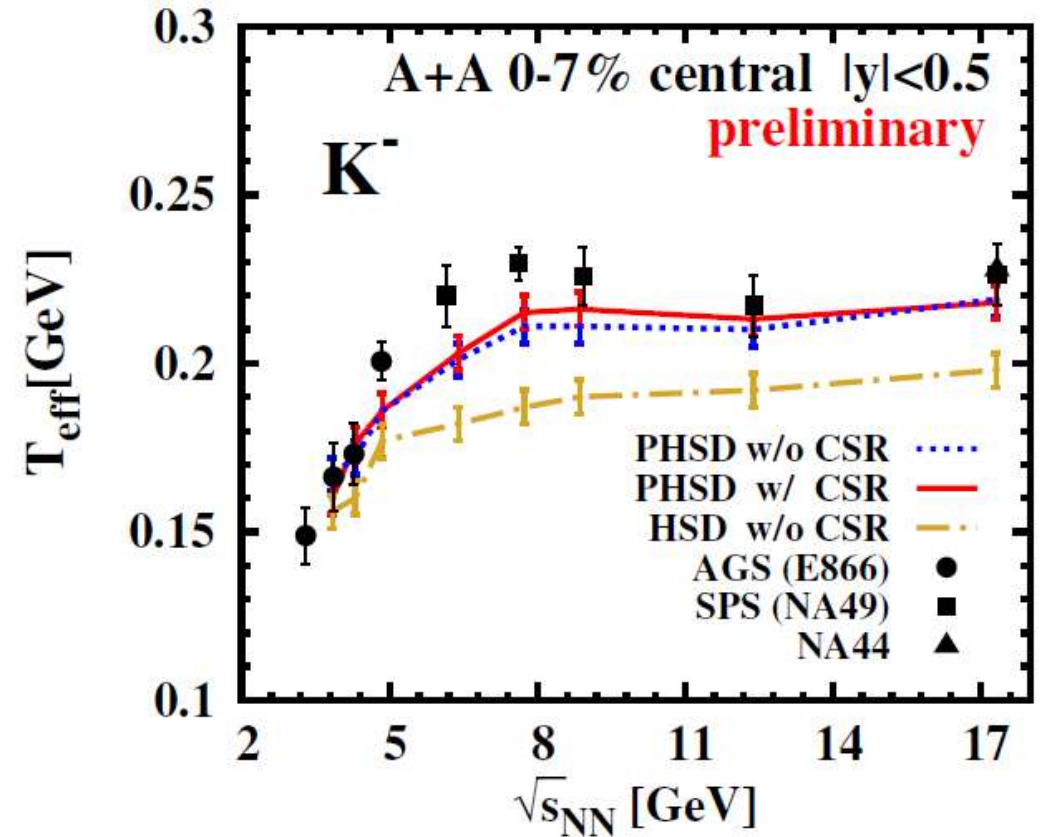
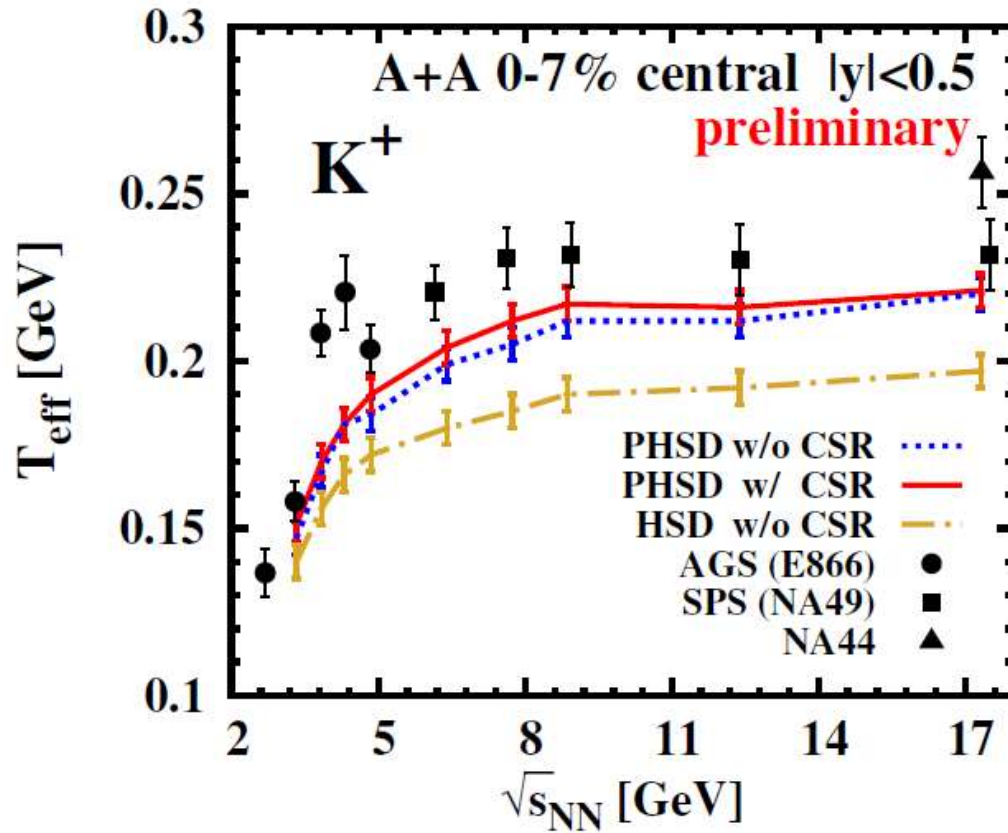
# $m_T$ spectra of pions and $K^{+/-}$ at AGS energies





# $m_T$ spectra of pions and $K^{+/-}$ at SPS energies



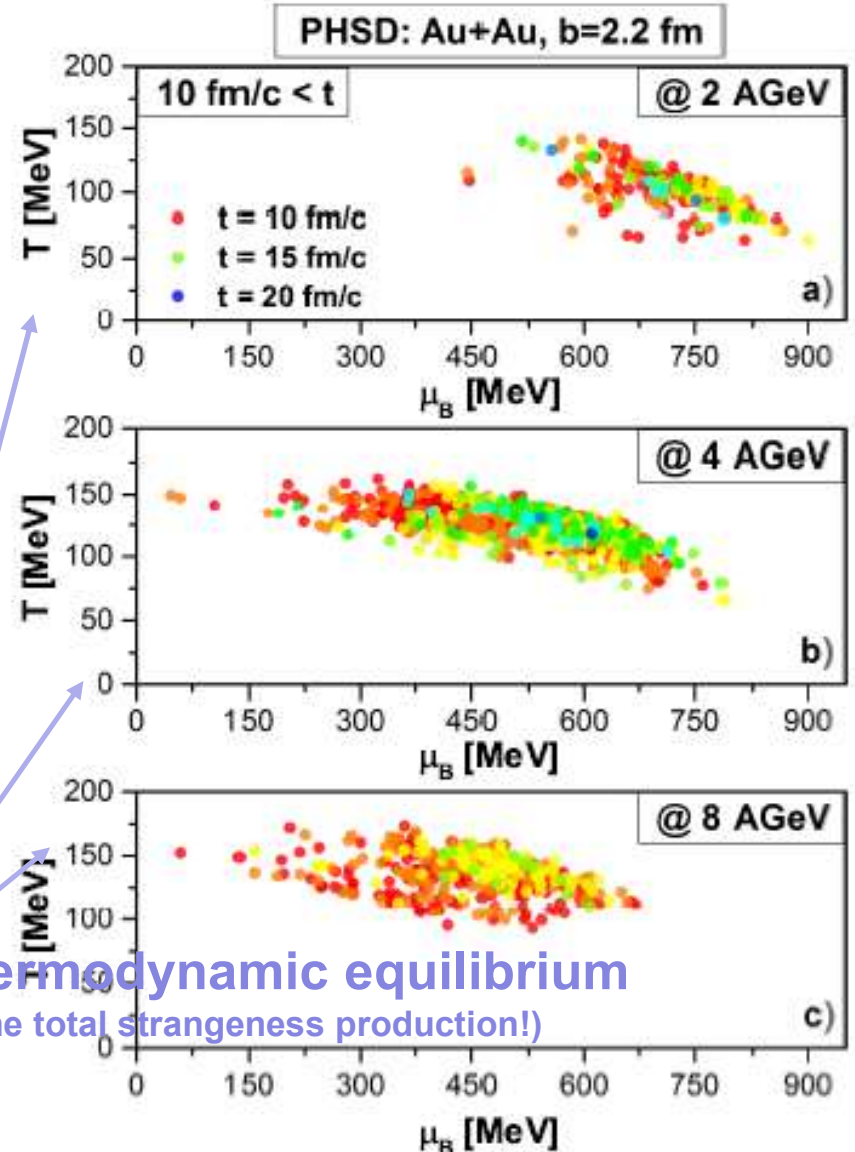
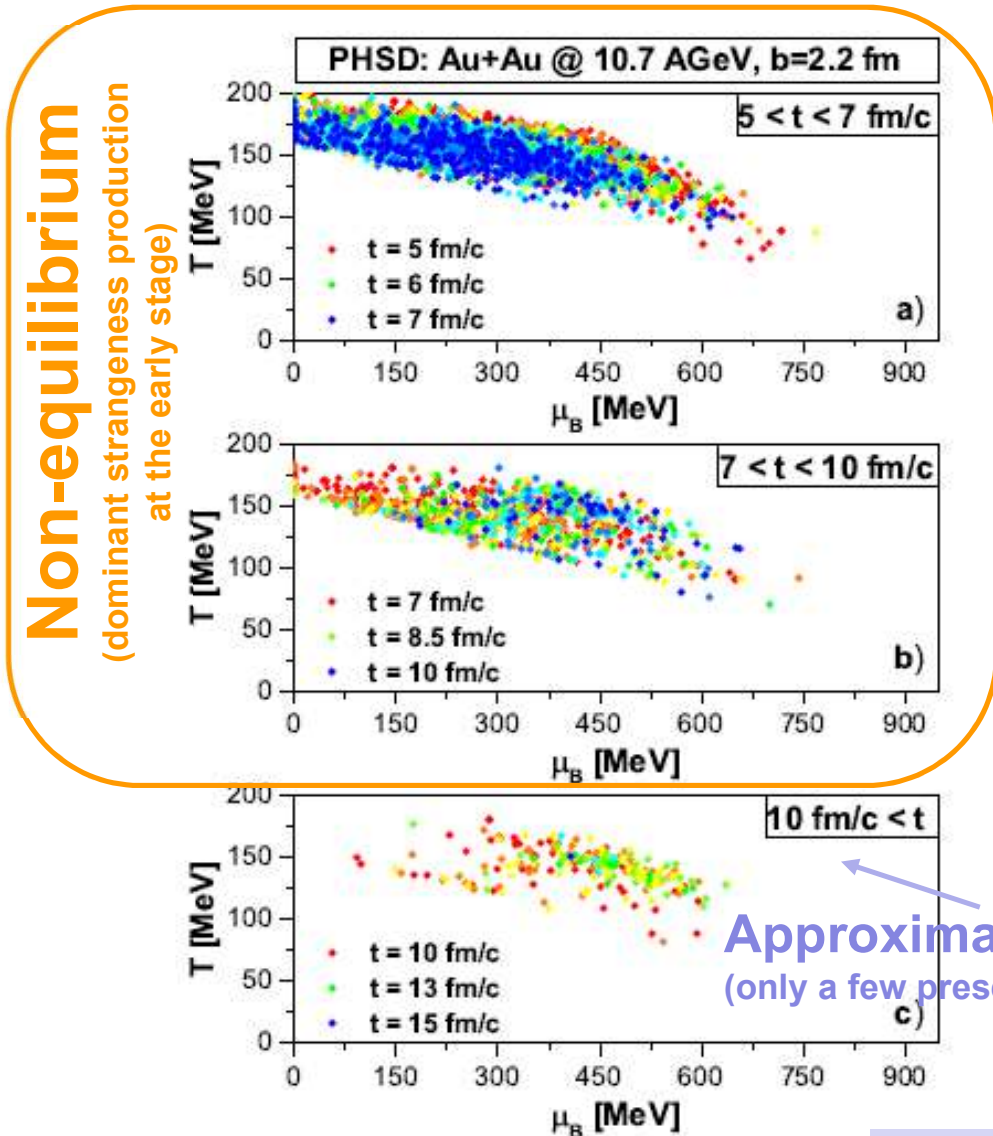


→ Increase of slope  $T_{\text{eff}}$  due to the QGP

→ Small effect of chiral symmetry restoration on slope  $T_{\text{eff}}$

# Thermodynamics of strangeness in HIC

- Which parts of the phase diagram in the  $(T, \mu_B)$ -plane are probed by heavy-ion collisions via the strangeness production?

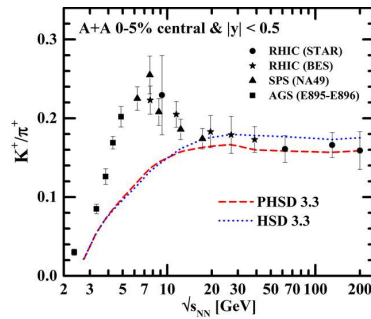


Approximate thermodynamic equilibrium  
(only a few percent of the total strangeness production!)

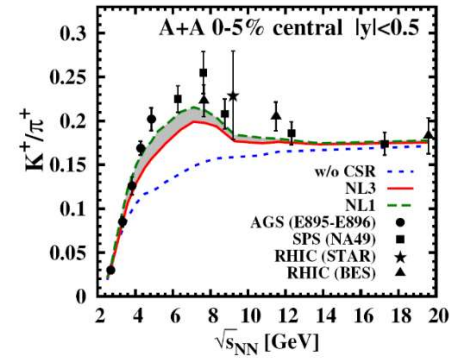
→ the spread in  $T$  and  $\mu_B$  is very large !

\*  $T$  here corresponds to the pion, nucleon gas, i.e. a real  $T$  is smaller!

# Summary: CSR / QGP



**CSR / QGP**

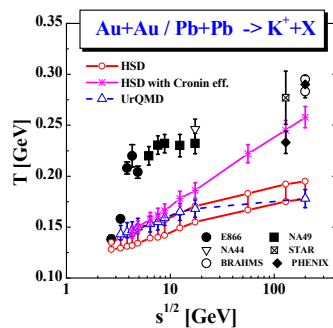


□ The **strangeness ‘enhancement’** (‘horn’) seen experimentally by NA49 and STAR at a bombarding energies  $\sim 20\text{-}30$  A GeV (FAIR/NICA energies!) cannot be attributed only to deconfinement

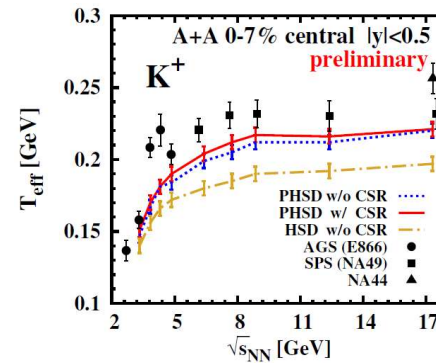
□ Including essential aspects of **chiral symmetry restoration** in the hadronic phase, we observe a **rise in the  $K^+/\pi^+$  ratio** at low  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$  and then a **drop** due to the appearance of a **deconfined partonic medium**  $\rightarrow$  a ‘horn’ emerges

$\rightarrow$  The ‘horn’ in the  $K^+/\pi^+$  ratio is due to an **interplay** between CRS and deconfinement

□ **Hardening of  $m_T$  spectra** due to the **QGP**

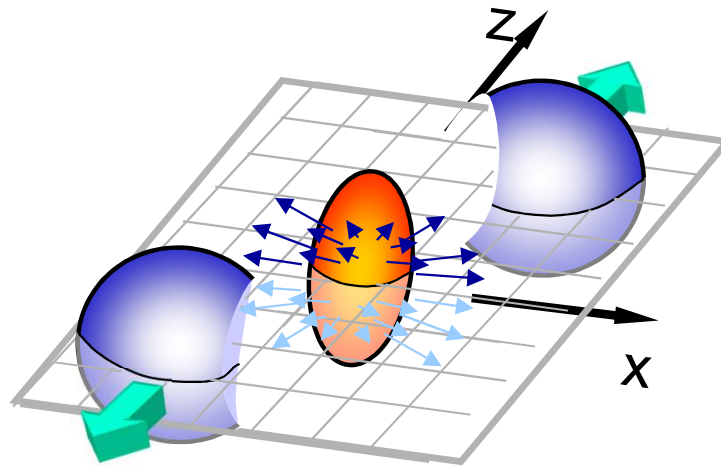


**QGP**





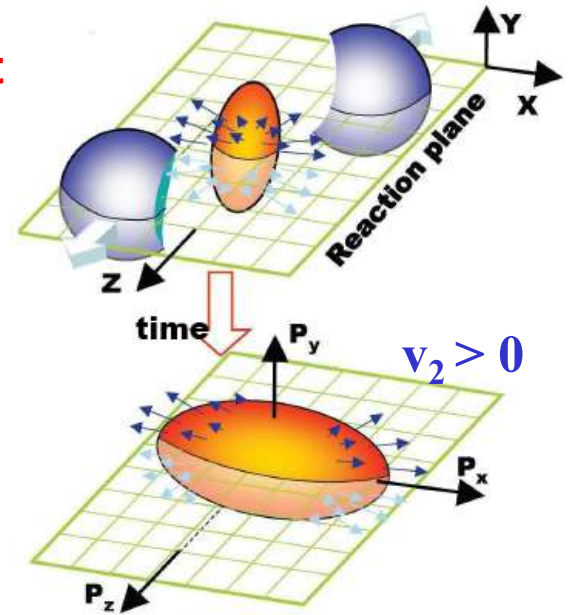
# Collective flow, anisotropy coefficients ( $v_1, v_2, \dots$ ) in $A+A$



# Anisotropy coefficients $v_n$

Non central Au+Au collisions :

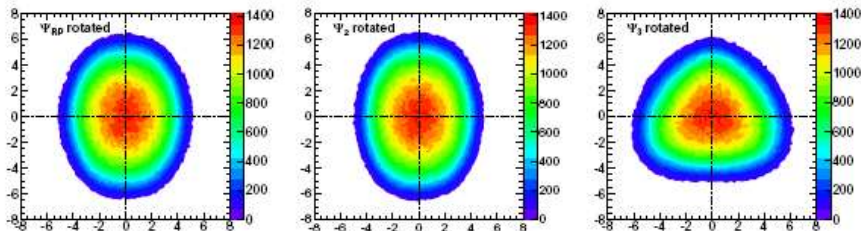
□ interaction between constituents leads to a **pressure gradient**  
 → spatial asymmetry is converted to an asymmetry in momentum space → **collective flow**



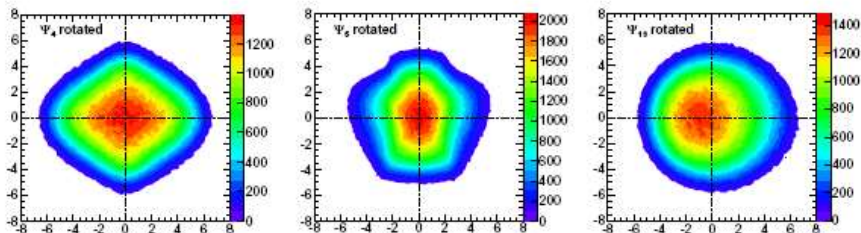
$$\frac{dN}{d\varphi} \propto \left( 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} v_n \cos[n(\varphi - \psi_n)] \right)$$

$$v_1 = \left\langle \frac{p_x}{p_T} \right\rangle, \quad v_2 = \left\langle \frac{p_x^2 - p_y^2}{p_x^2 + p_y^2} \right\rangle$$

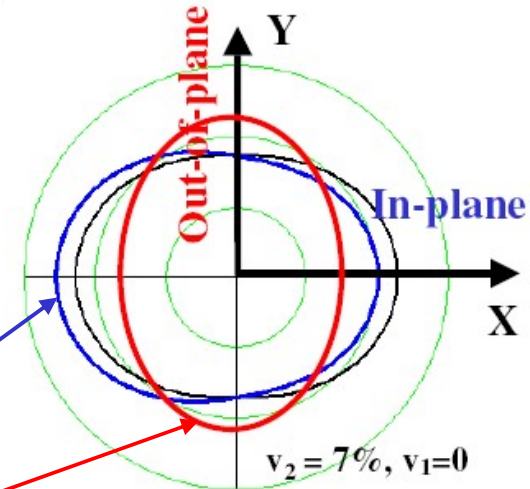
$$v_n = \left\langle \cos n(\varphi - \psi_n) \right\rangle, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$



from S. A. Voloshin, arXiv:1111.7241



$v_1$ : directed flow  
 $v_2$ : elliptic flow  
 $v_3$ : triangular flow



$v_2 = 7\%, v_1 = 0$   
 $v_2 = 7\%, v_1 = -7\%$   
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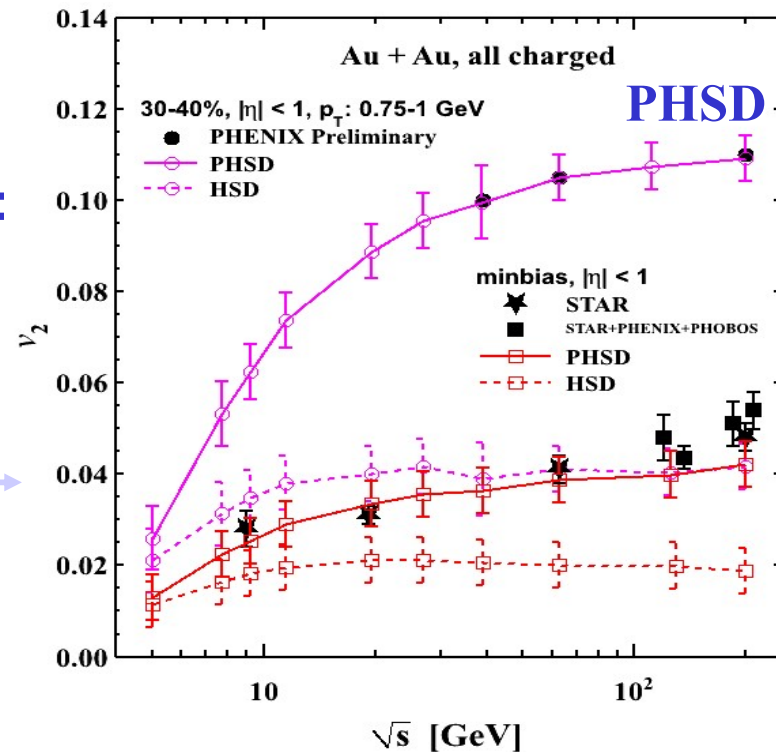
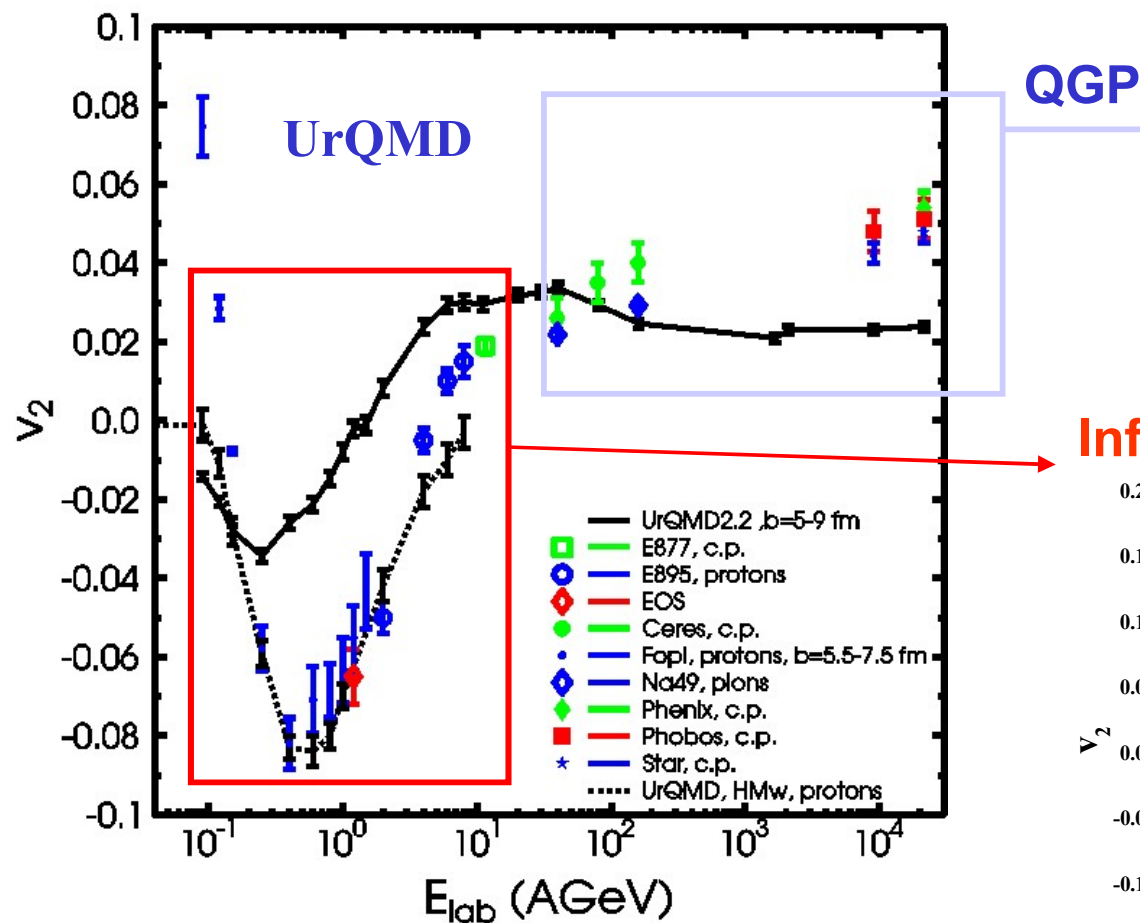
$v_2 > 0$  indicates **in-plane** emission of particles

$v_2 < 0$  corresponds to a **squeeze-out** perpendicular to the reaction plane (**out-of-plane** emission)

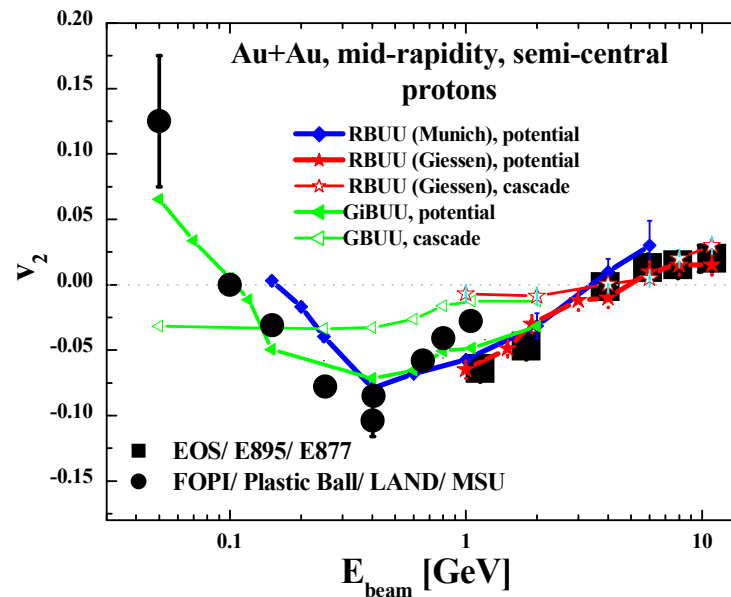
# Collective flow: $v_2$ excitation functions

The excitation function for  $v_2$  of charged particles from string-hadron transport models :

charged particles,  $|\eta| < 0.1$

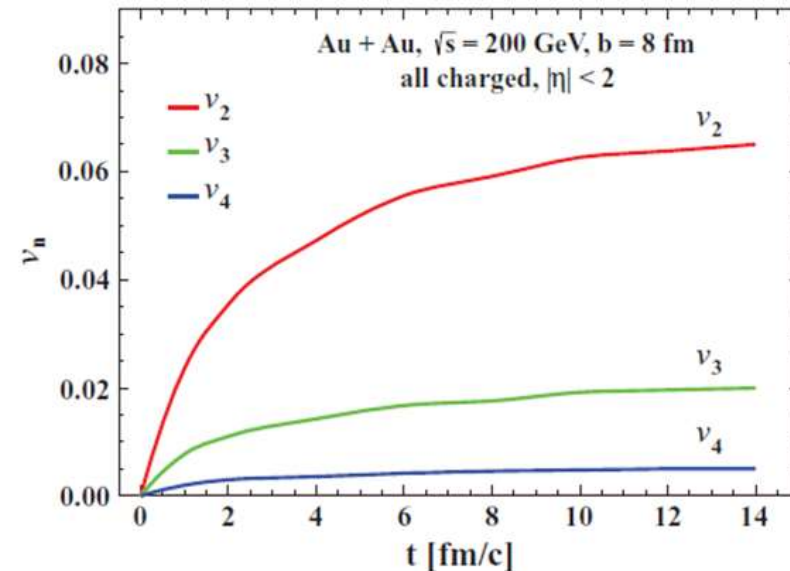
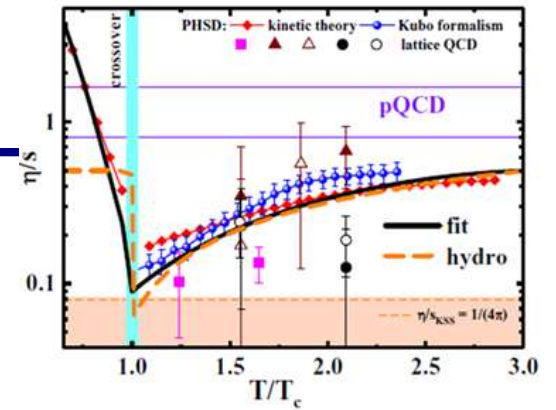
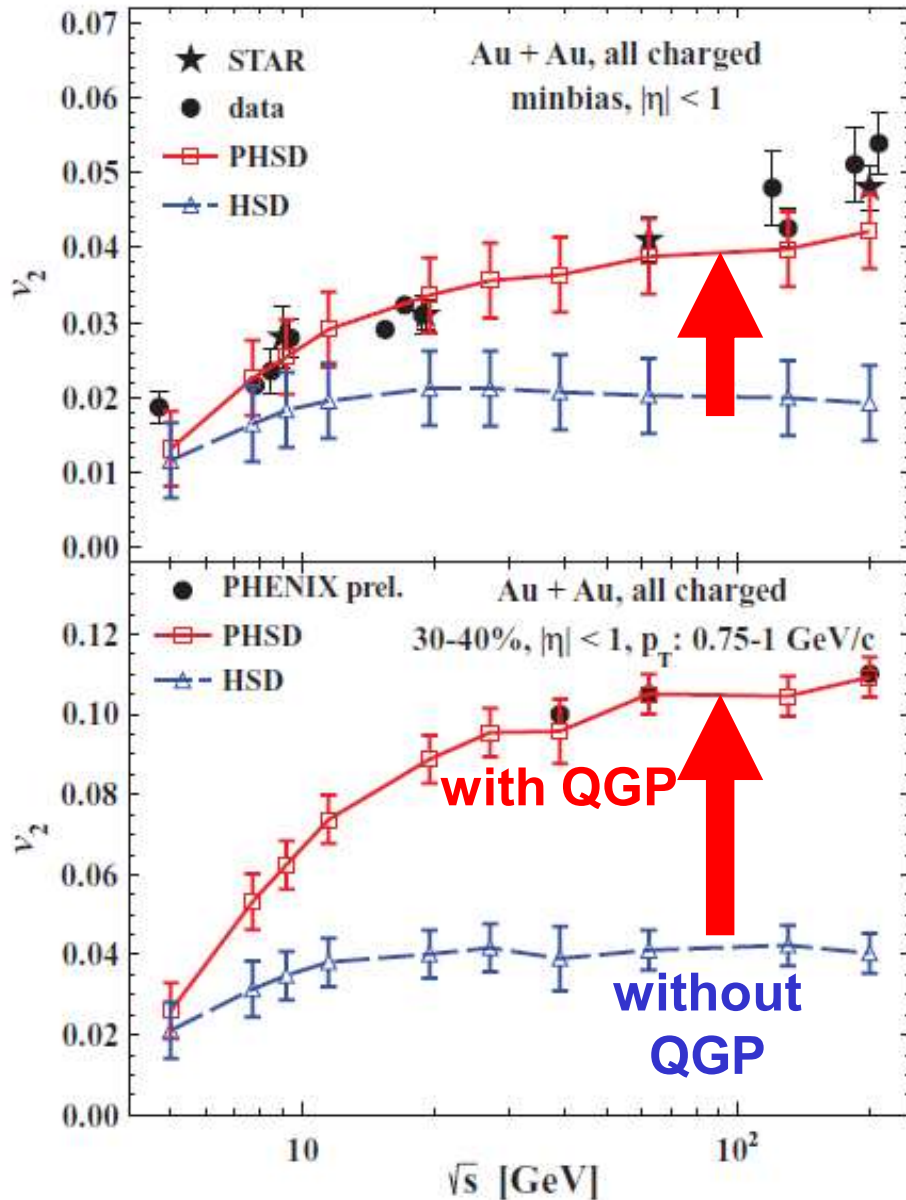


Influence of hadron potentials  $\rightarrow$  EoS





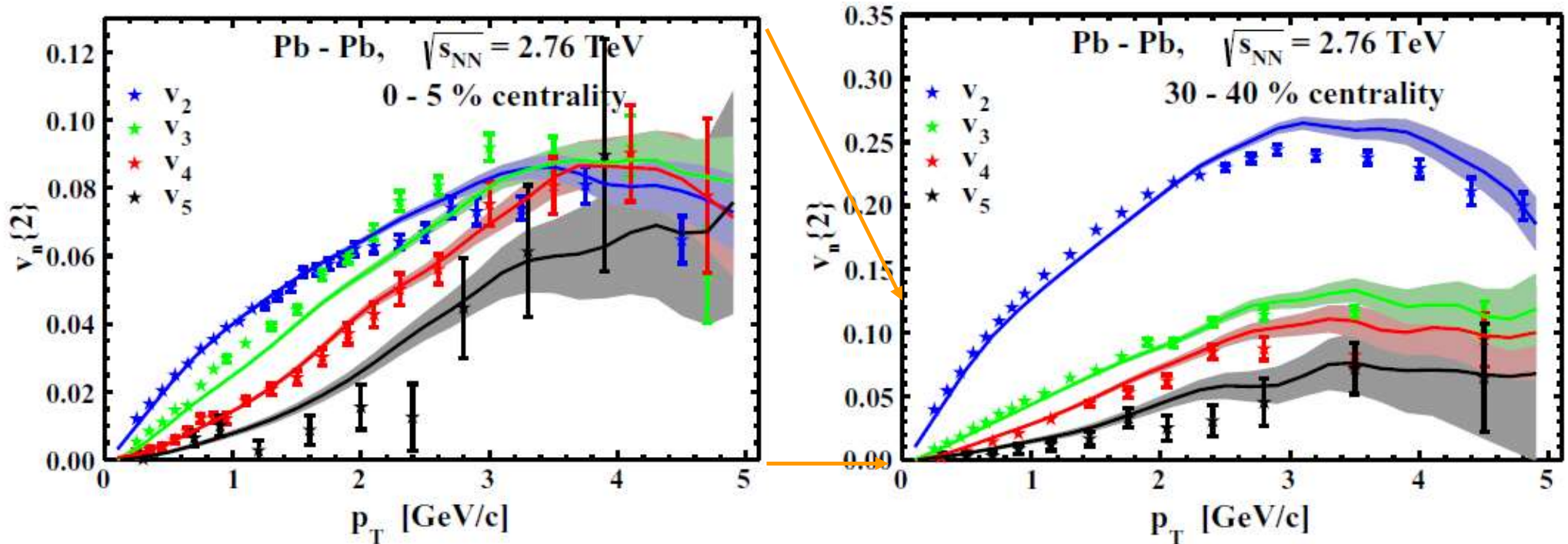
# Transport model PHSD: elliptic flow $v_2$



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



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



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

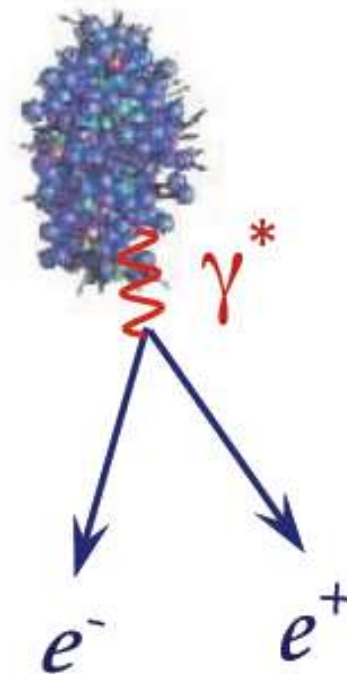
symbols – ALICE

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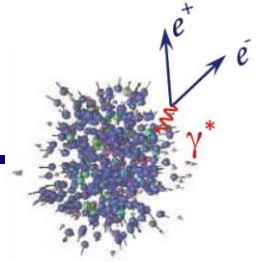
lines – PHSD (e-by-e)

$v_n$  ( $n=3,4,5$ ) develops by interaction in the QGP and in the final hadronic phase

# Dileptons as a probe of the QGP and in-medium effects



# Dilepton sources



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



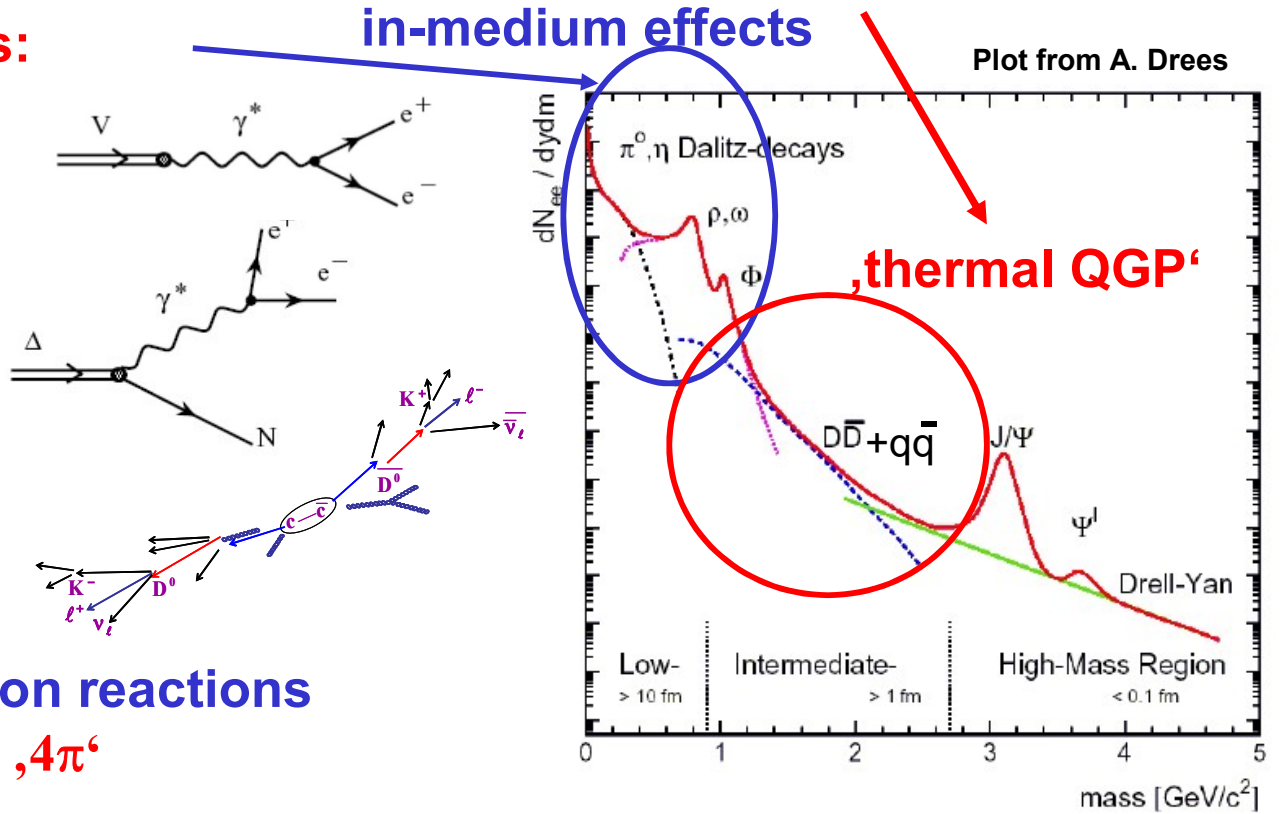
from hadronic sources:

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

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

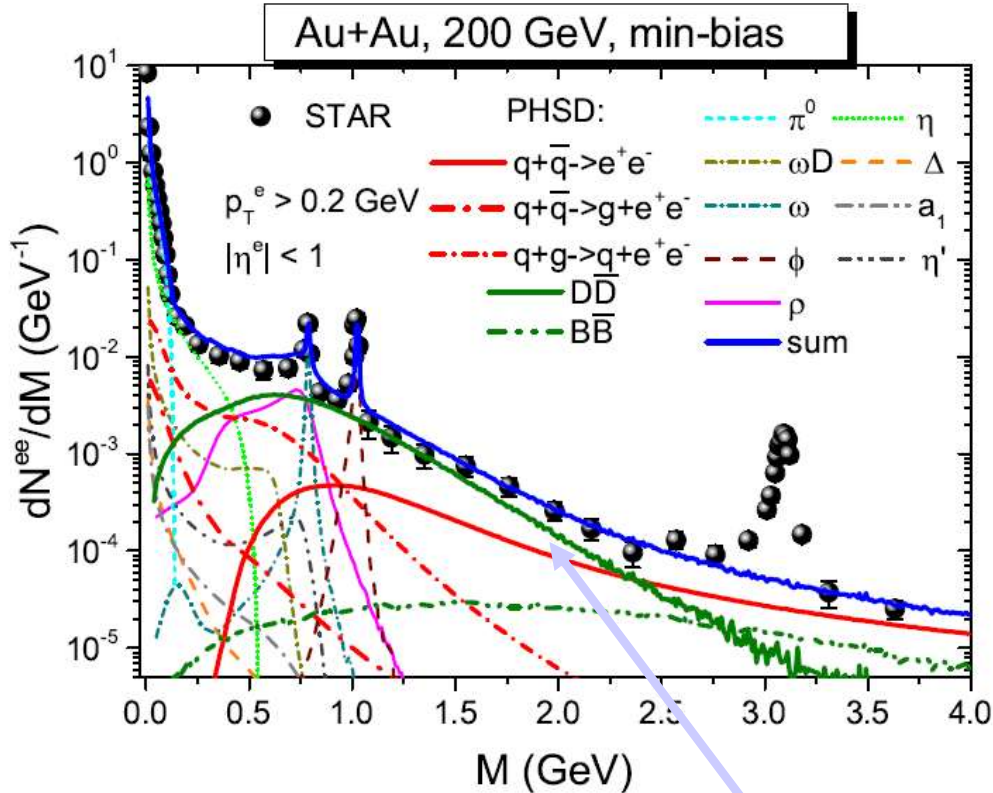
- correlated D+Dbar pairs

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

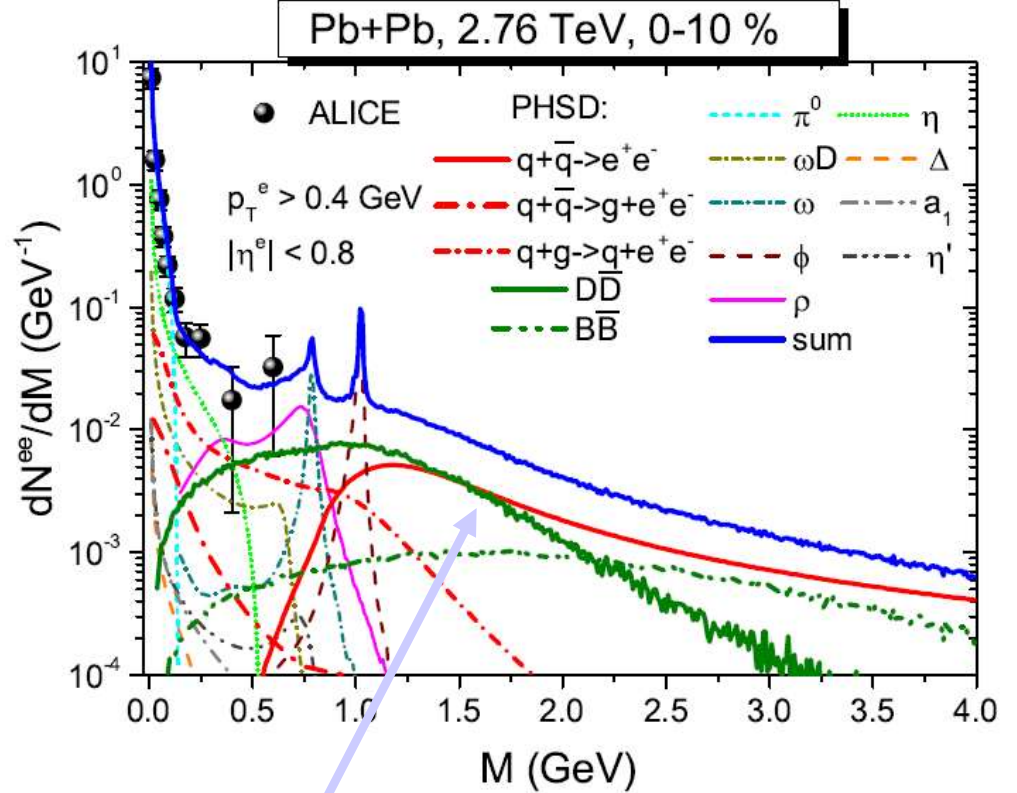


**! Advantage of dileptons:**  
 additional „degree of freedom“ ( $M$ ) allows to disentangle various sources

## RHIC



## LHC



### Message:

STAR data at 200 GeV and the ALICE data at 2.76 TeV are described by PHSD within

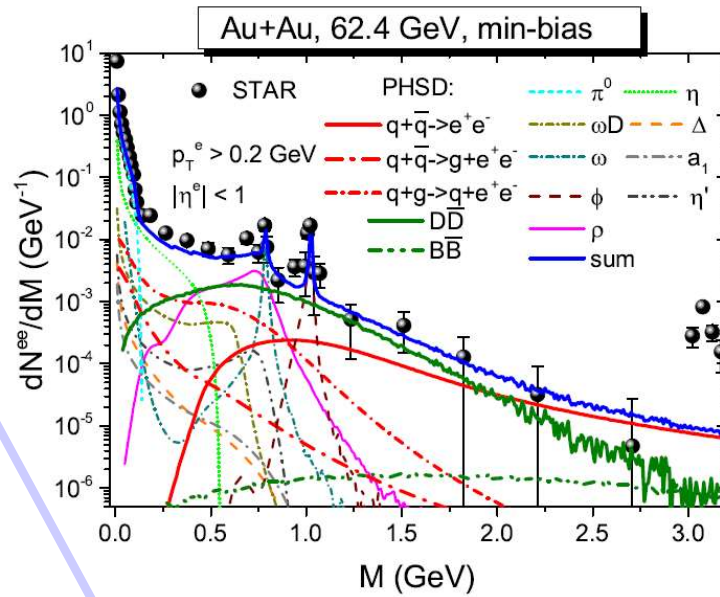
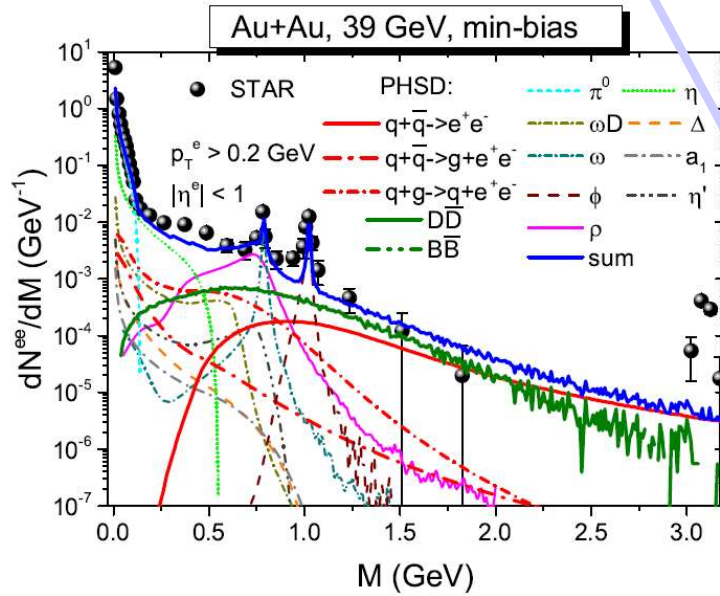
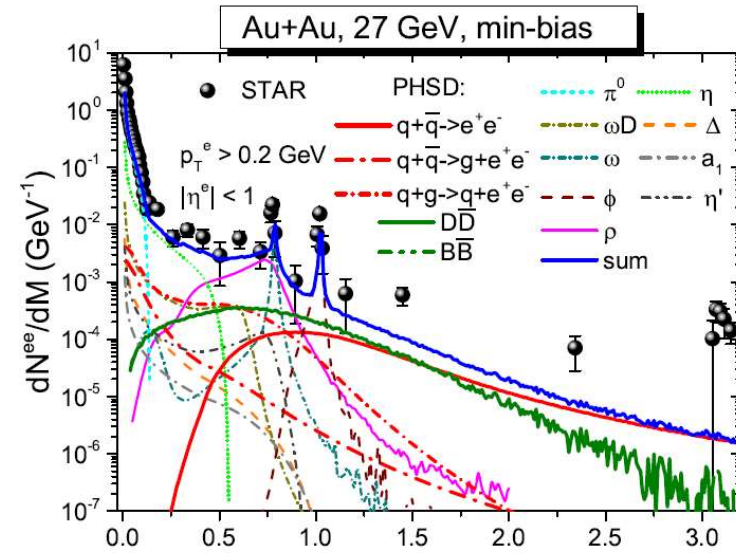
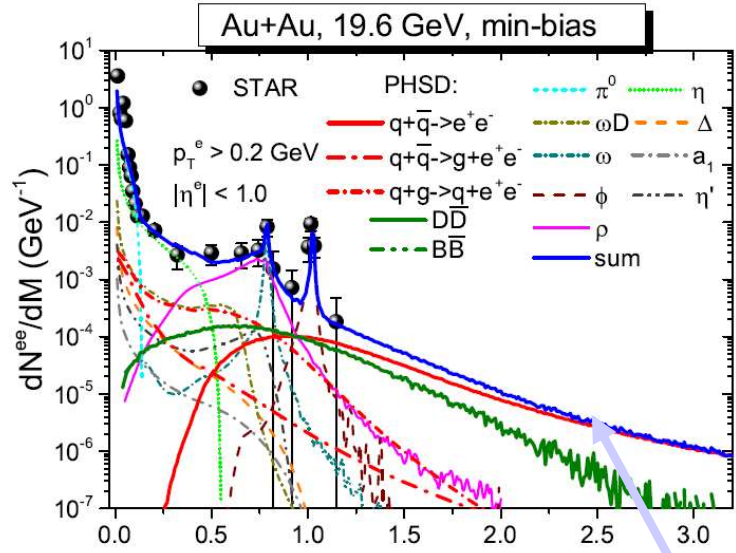
- 1) a **collisional broadening** scenario for the **vector meson** spectral functions  
+ **QGP** + **correlated charm**
- 2) **Charm contribution** is dominant for  $1.2 < M < 2.5$  GeV





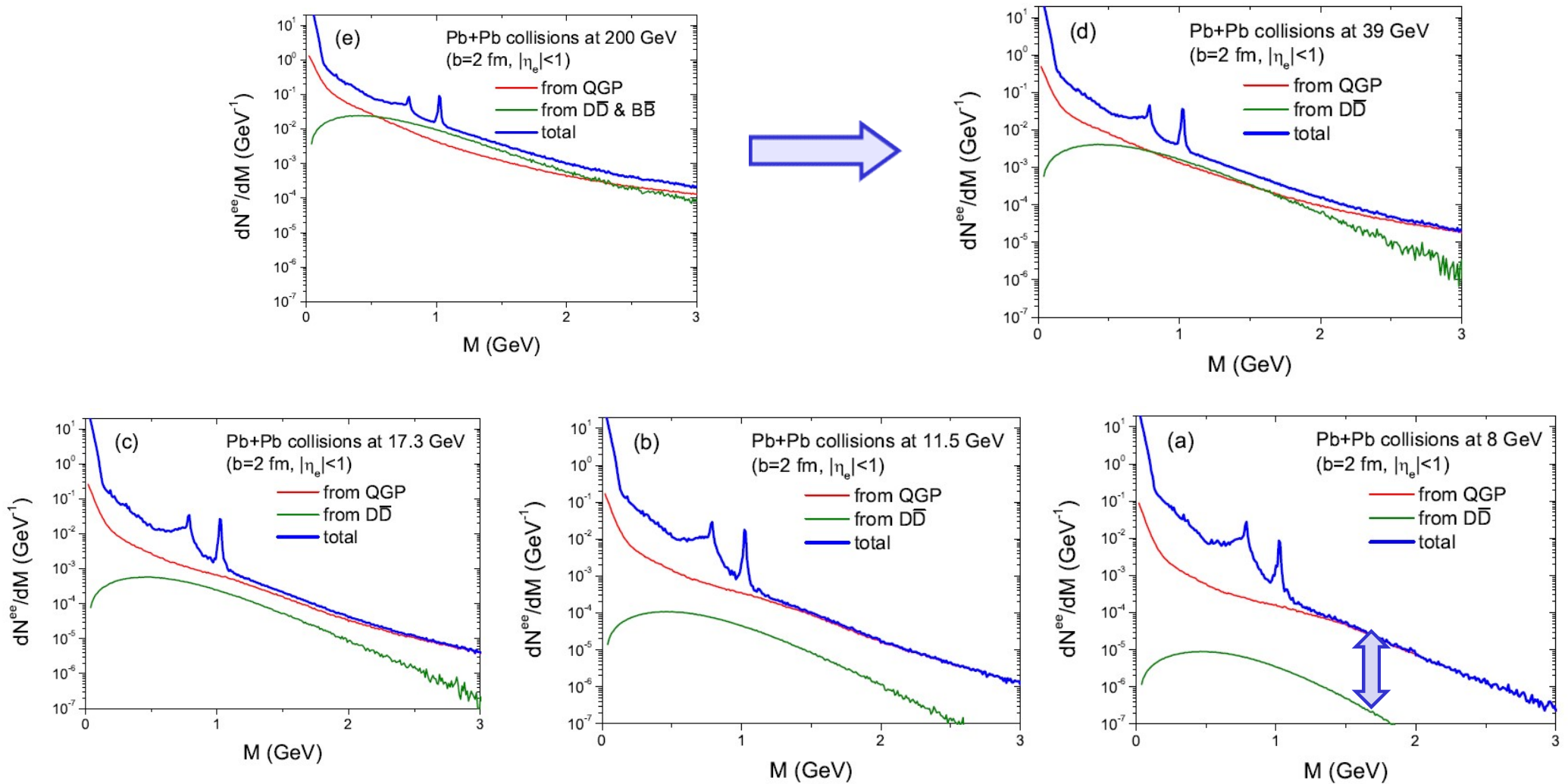
# Dileptons from RHIC BES: STAR

T. Song, W.Cassing, P.Moreau and E.Bratkovskaya, Phys. Rev. C 97 (2018) 064907



**QGP and charm are dominant contributions for intermediate masses at BES RHIC**  
**→ measurements of charm at BES RHIC are needed to control charm production !**

# Dileptons at FAIR/NICA energies: predictions



Relative contribution of **QGP** versus **charm** increases with **decreasing energy!**

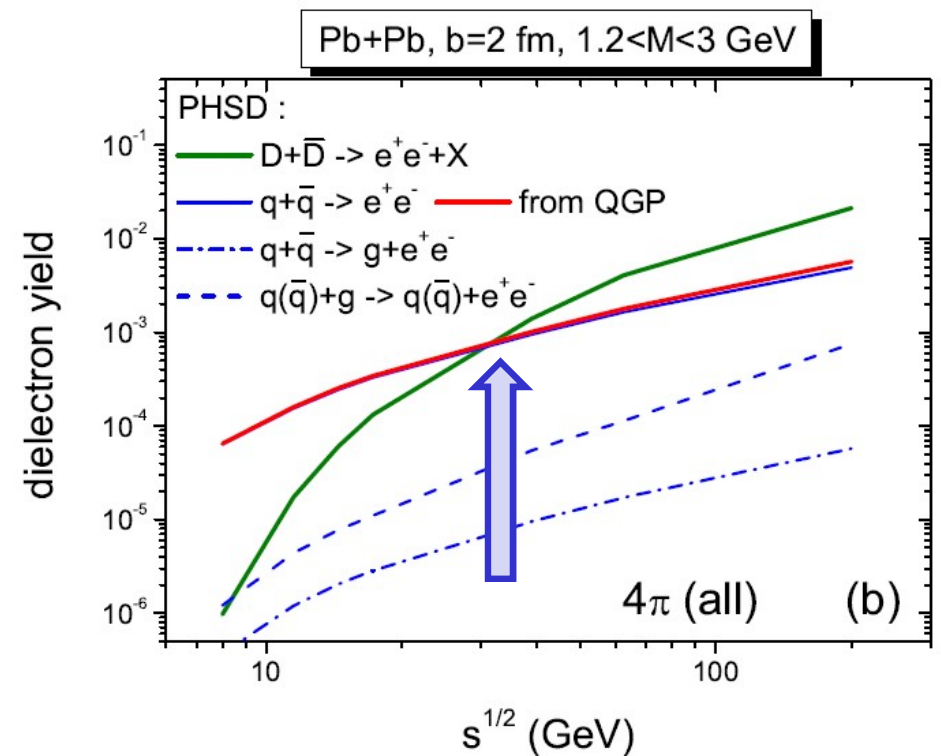
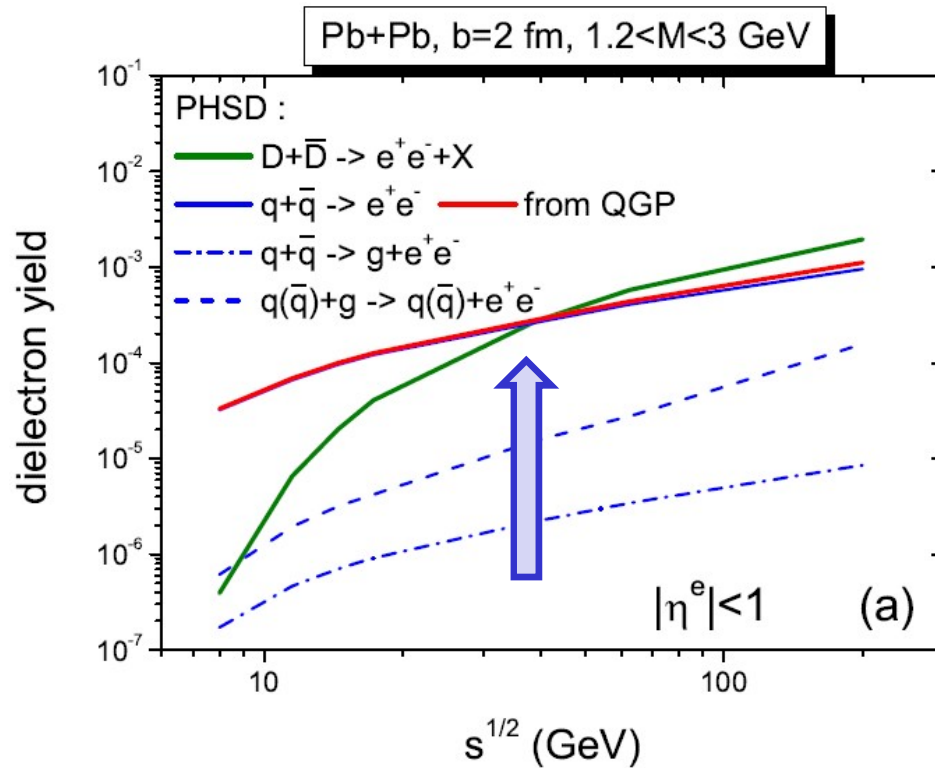


# Dileptons: QGP vs charm

Excitation function of dilepton multiplicity integrated for  $1.2 < M < 3 \text{ GeV}$

mid-rapidity

all rapidities ( $4\pi$ )

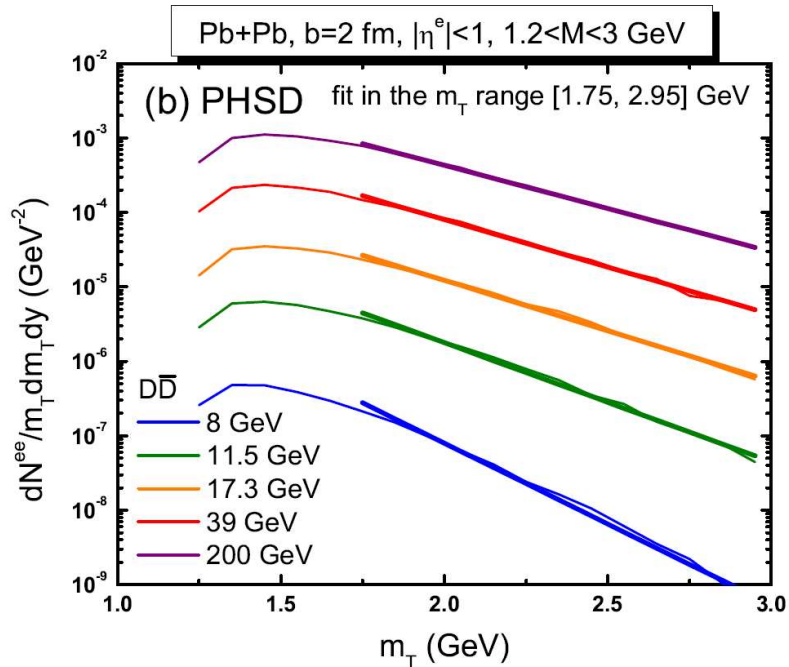
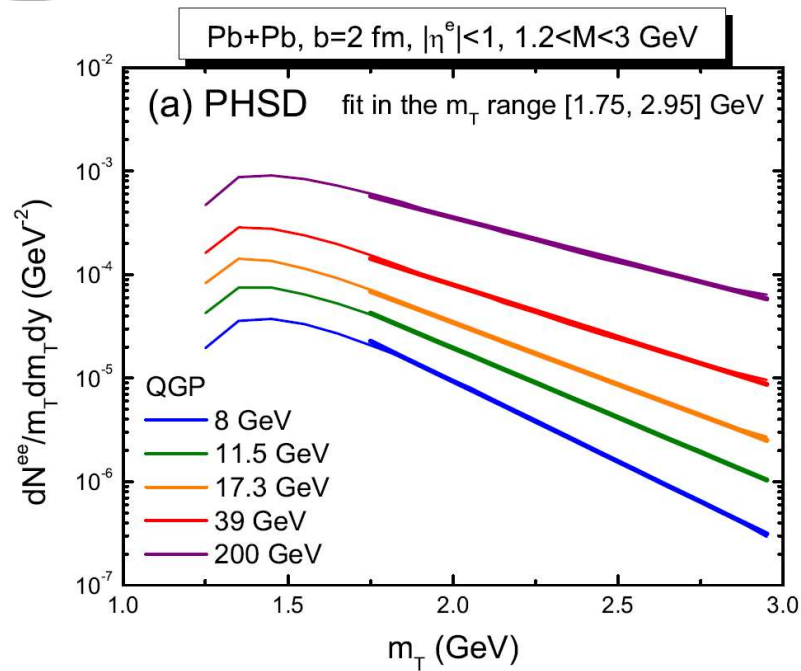


**QGP contribution overshines charm with decreasing energy!**

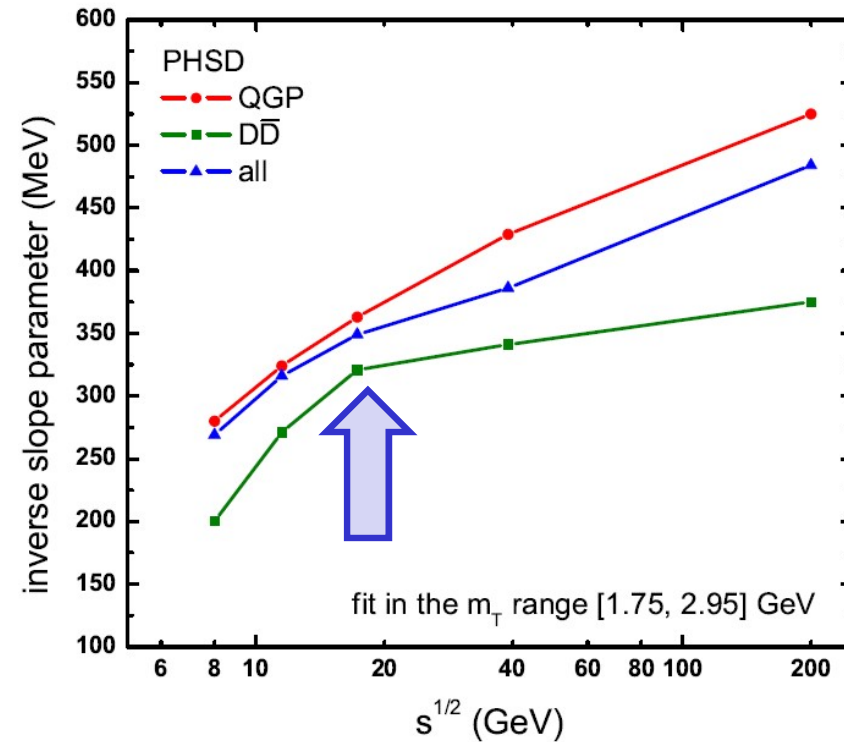
**→ Good perspectives for FAIR/NICA and BES RHIC!**



# Dilepton transverse mass spectra



The **inverse slope parameter** in the mass range [1.75, 2.95]



- Inverse slope parameter: QGP contribution is **harder** than that from D-Dbar
- The **excitation function** of the total inverse slope parameter shows **characteristic changes at  $s^{1/2} > 20$  GeV**

# Messages from the dilepton study



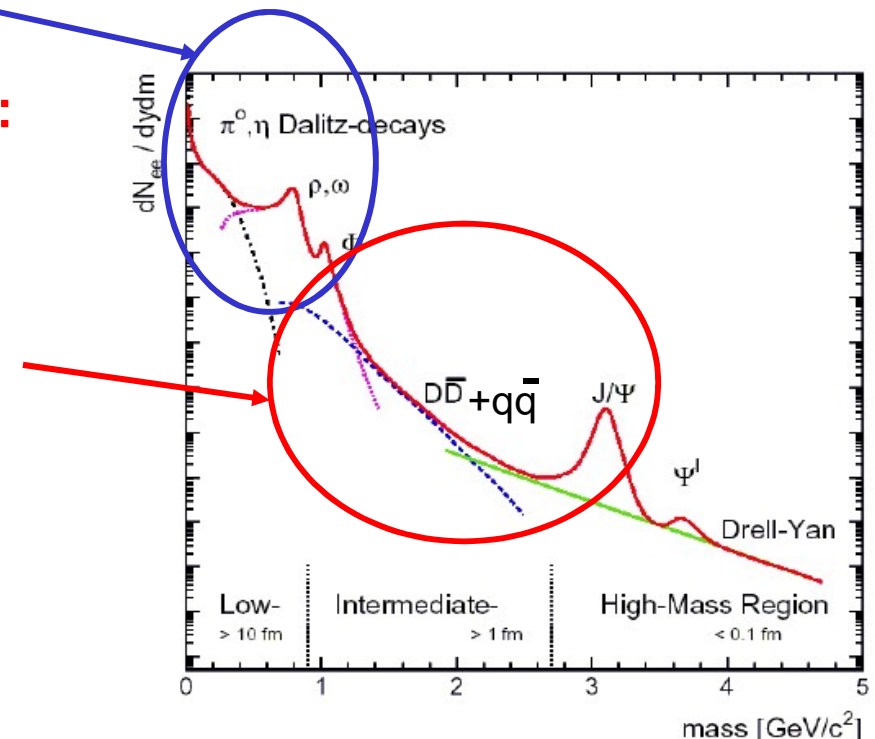
## Low dilepton masses:

- Dilepton spectra show sizeable changes due to the in-medium effects – modification of the properties of vector mesons (as collisional broadening) – which are observed experimentally
- In-medium effects can be observed at all energies from SIS to LHC; excess increasing with decreasing energy due to a longer  $\rho$ -propagation in the high baryon-density phase

## Intermediate dilepton masses $M > 1.2$ GeV :

- Dominant sources : QGP ( $q\bar{q}$ ), correlated charm  $D/D\bar{c}$
- Fraction of QGP grows with increasing energy; however, the relative contribution of QGP to dileptons from charm pairs increases with decreasing energy

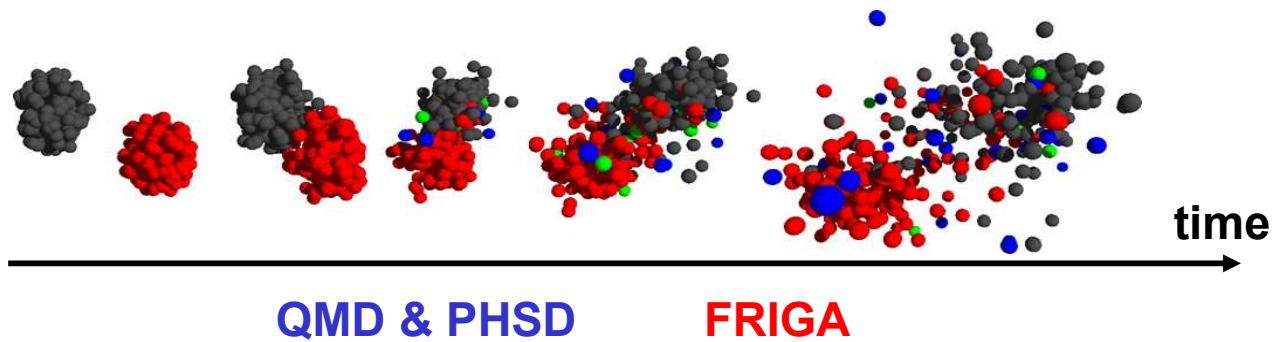
→ Good perspectives for FAIR/NICA



Review: O. Linnyk et al., Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 89 (2016) 50

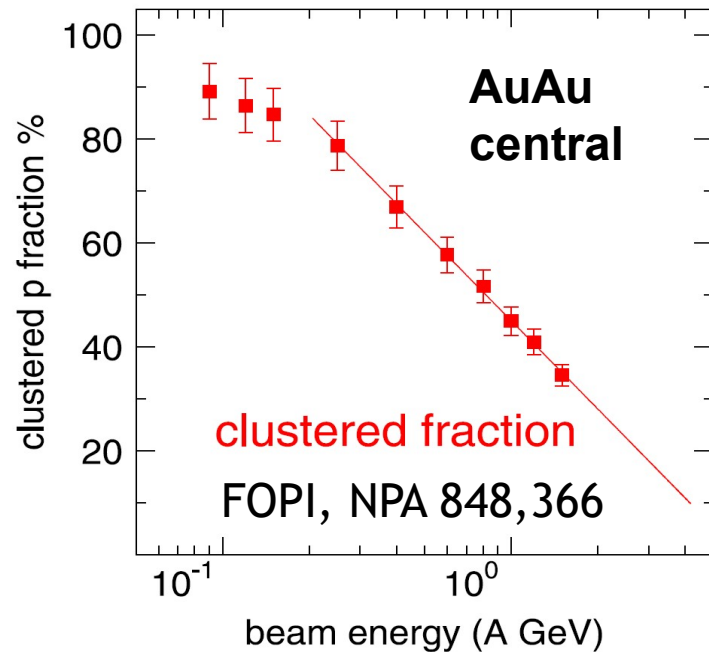


# Cluster and hypernuclei formation within PHQMD+FRIGA

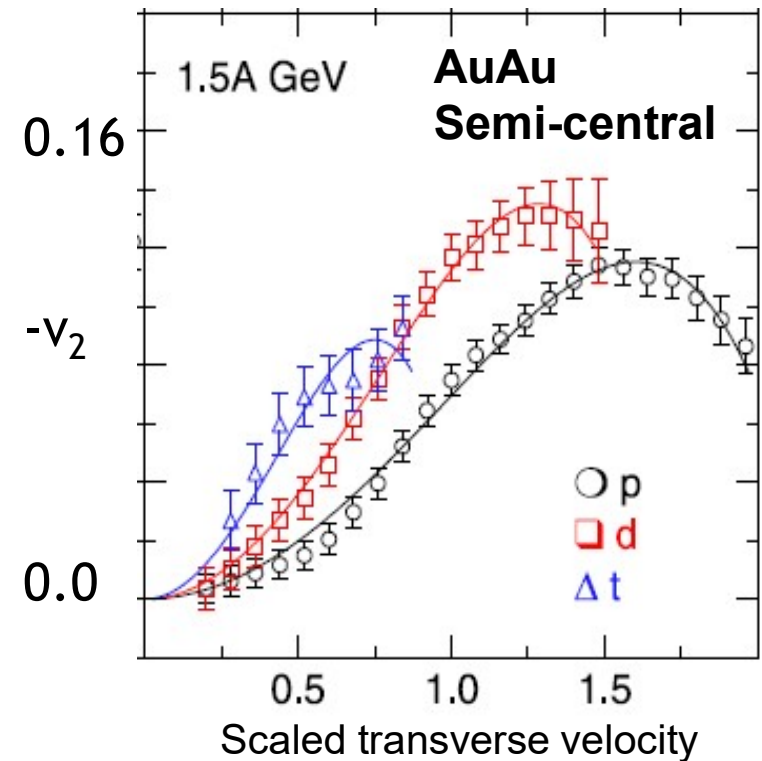


# Clusters in HIC

At **3 AGeV**, even in **central collisions**  
**20% of the baryons are in clusters,**



baryons in clusters have quite different properties (e.g.  $v_2$ ):



Without **dynamical formation** of fragments

- we cannot describe the nucleon observables ( $v_1, v_2, dN/dp_T$ )

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- we cannot explore the new physics opportunities like

**hyper-nucleus formation**

**1<sup>st</sup> order phase transition**

**fragment formation at midrapidity**

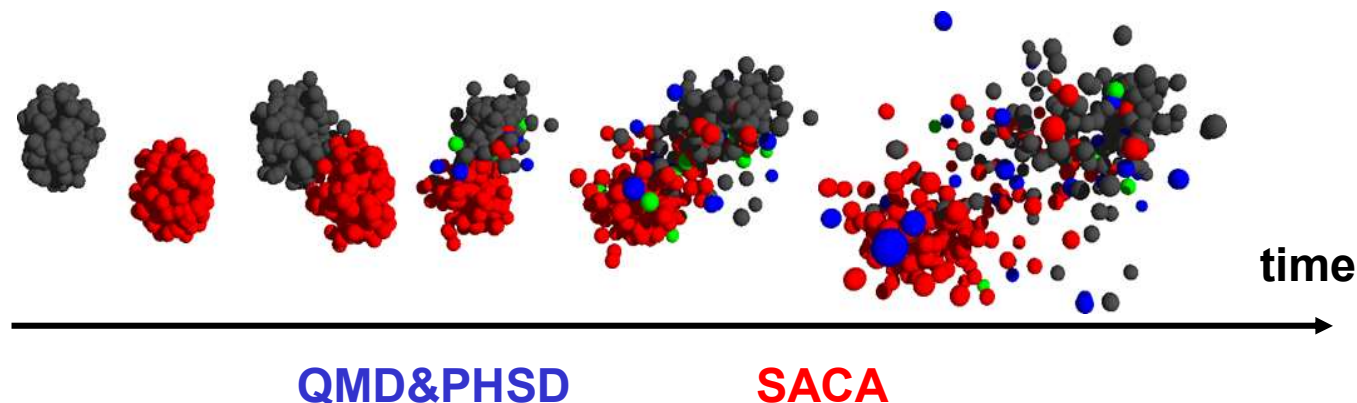
# Modelling of fragment and hypernucleus formation

**The goal:** Dynamical modelling of cluster formation by a combined model  
**PHQMD = (QMD & PHSD) & SACA (FRIGA)** *(presently under construction!)*

*(GU & GSI & NANTES & JINR collaboration: E. Bratkovskaya, J. Aichelin, A. Le Fèvre, Y. Leifels, V. Kireev)*

□ **Parton-Hadron-Quantum-Molecular-Dynamics** - a nonequilibrium microscopic transport model which describes **n-body dynamics** based on **QMD propagation** with **collision integrals from PHSD** (Parton-Hadron-String Dynamics) and **cluster formation by the SACA model** in comparison to the Minimum Spanning Tree model (MST). MST can determine clusters at the end of the reaction.

□ **Simulated Annealing Clusterization Algorithm** – cluster selection according to the largest binding energy (**extension of the SACA model** -> **FRIGA** which includes hypernuclei). FRIGA allows to identify fragments very early during the reaction.



SACA: R. K. Puri, J. Aichelin, J.Comput.Phys. 162 (2000) 245-266

PHSD: W. Cassing, E. Bratkovskaya, PRC 78 (2008) 034919; NPA831 (2009) 215 48



# Minimum Spanning Tree

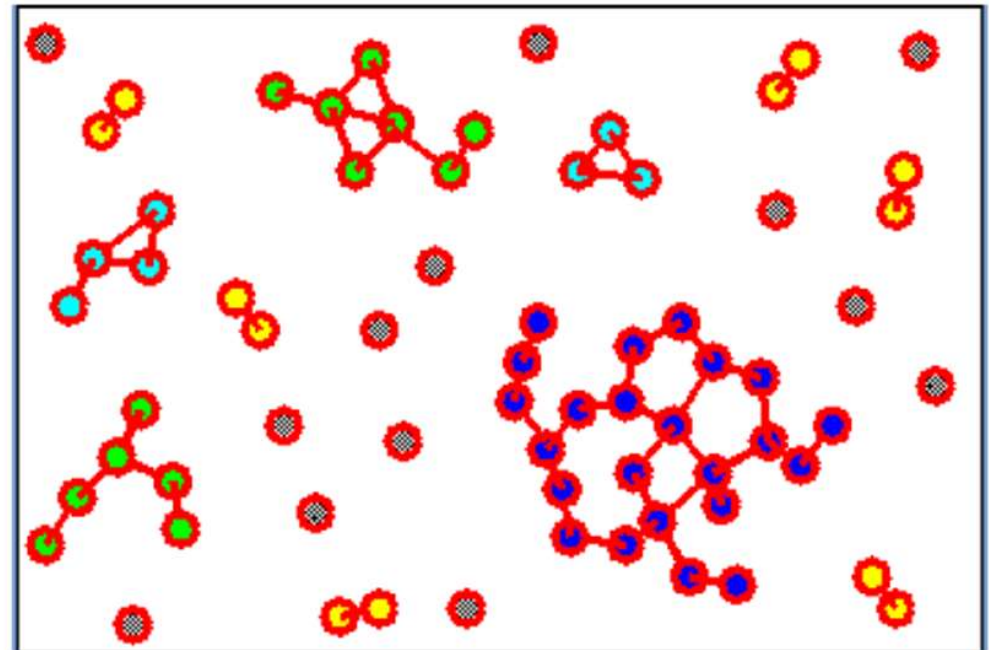
The **Minimum Spanning Tree** (MST) is a **cluster recognition** method applicable for the (asymptotic) **final states** where coordinate space correlations may only survive for bound states.

The MST algorithm searches for accumulations of particles in coordinate space:

1. Two particles are **bound** if their distance in coordinate space fulfills

$$|\bar{r}_i - \bar{r}_j| \leq 2.5 fm$$

2. A particle is **bound to a cluster** if it is **bound with at least one particle** of the cluster.



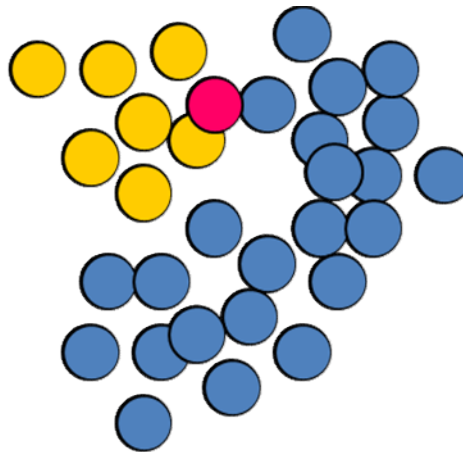
# Simulated Annealing Clusterization Algorithm (SACA)

Take **randomly 1 nucleon**  
out of a fragment



$$E = E_{kin}^1 + E_{kin}^2 + V^1 + V^2$$

Add it randomly to another  
fragment



$$E' = E_{kin}^{1'} + E_{kin}^{2'} + V^{1'} + V^{2'}$$

If  $E' < E$  take a new configuration

If  $E' > E$  take the old configuration with a probability depending on  $E' - E$

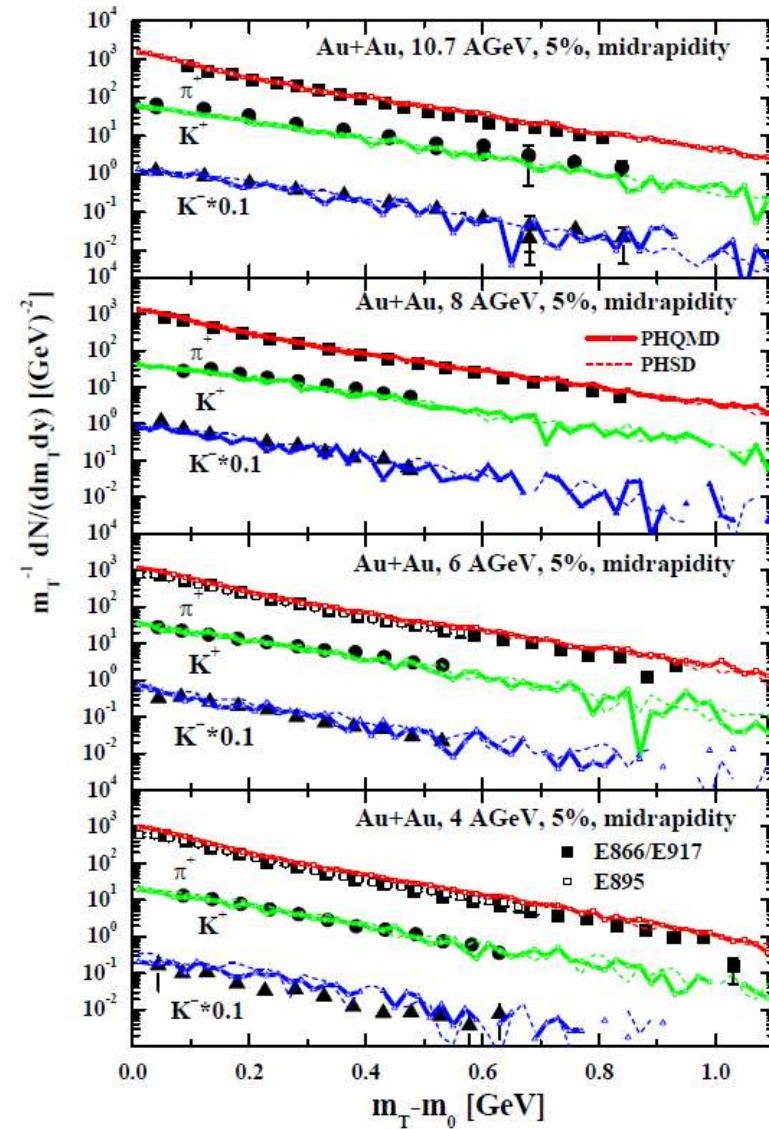
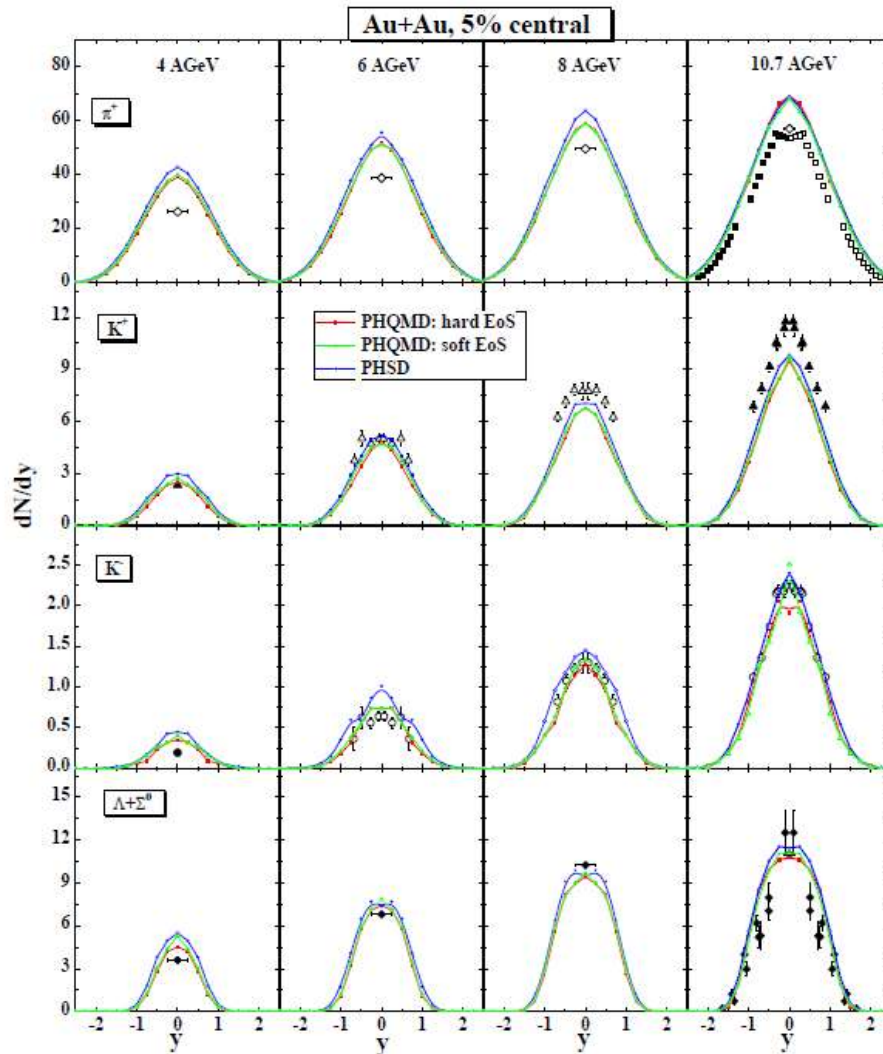
Repeat this procedure many times

→ **Leads automatically to the most bound configuration**

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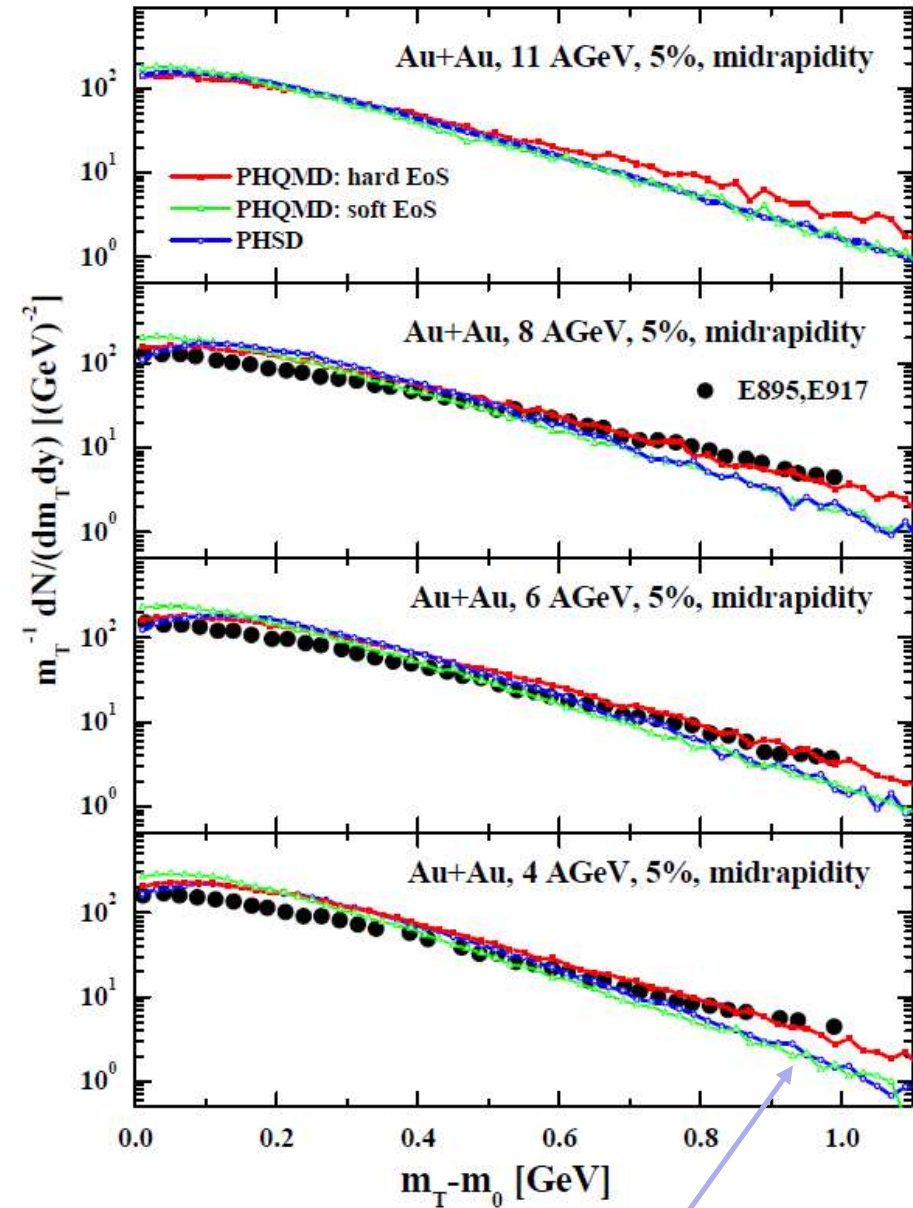
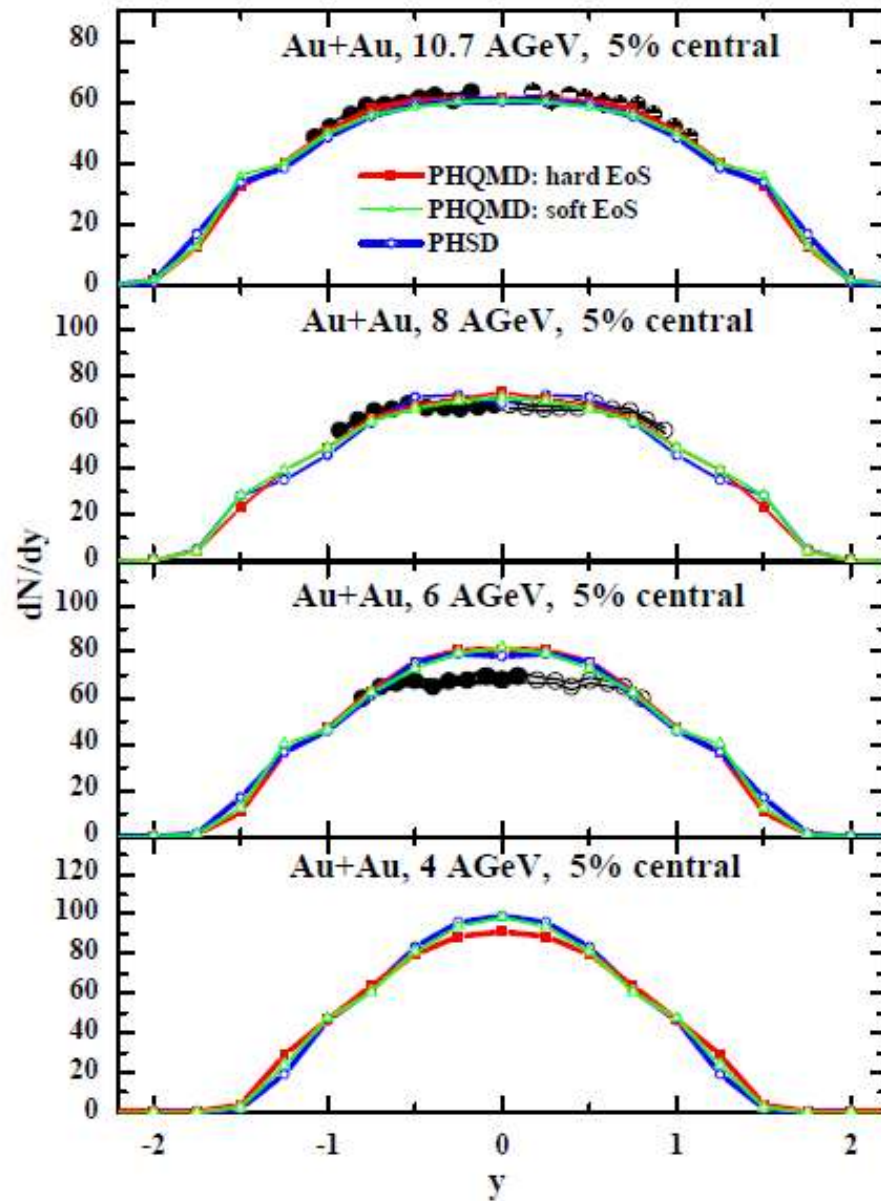
# ,Bulk' dynamics within PHQMD



For **newly produced particles**:

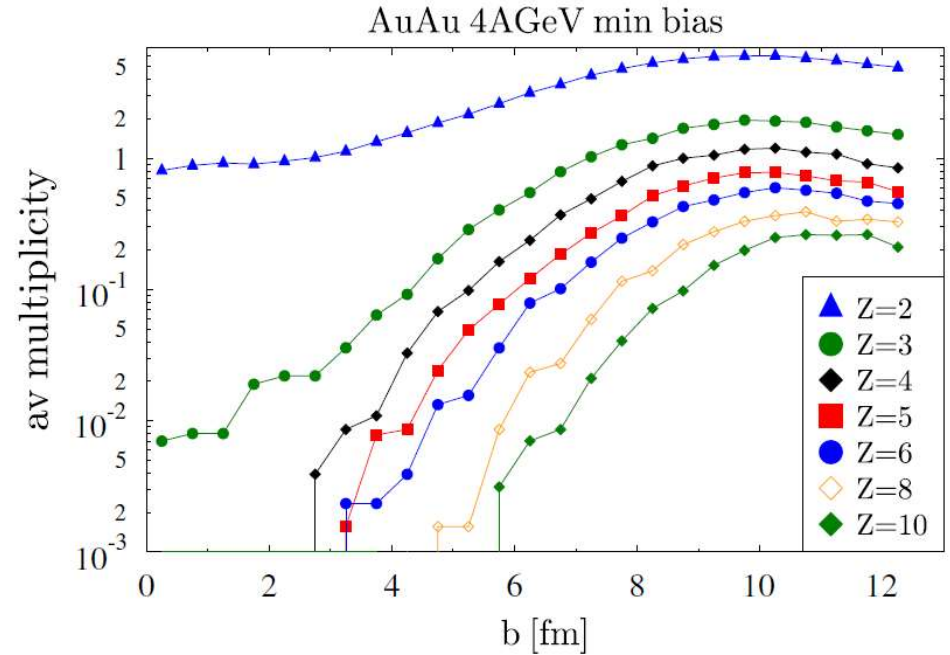
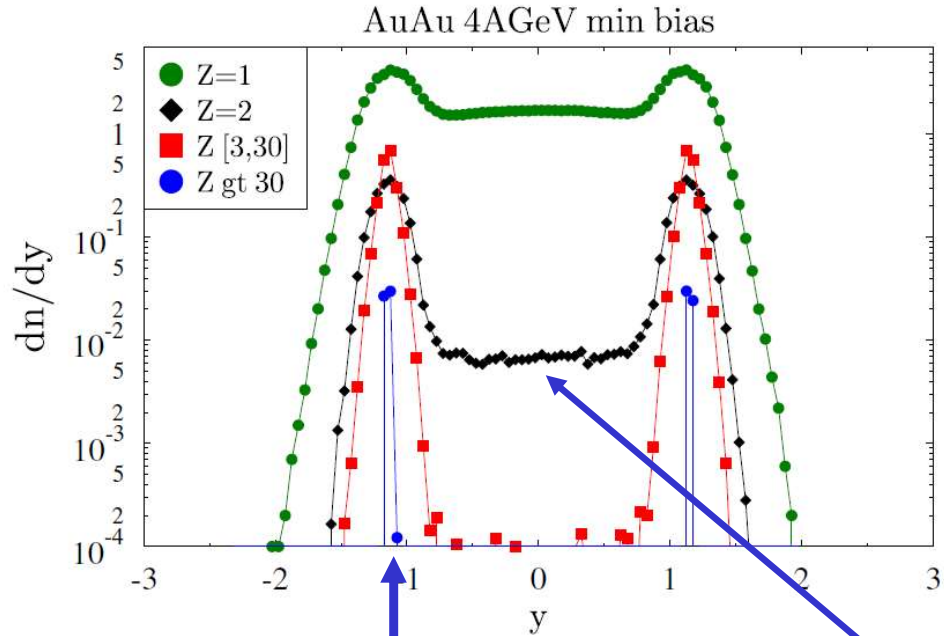
PHQMD and PHSD give similar results – dominated by the **collision integral from PHSD**

# Proton dynamics within PHQMD



Proton spectra are **sensitive to the nuclear potential (EoS)**

# Cluster formation within PHQMD

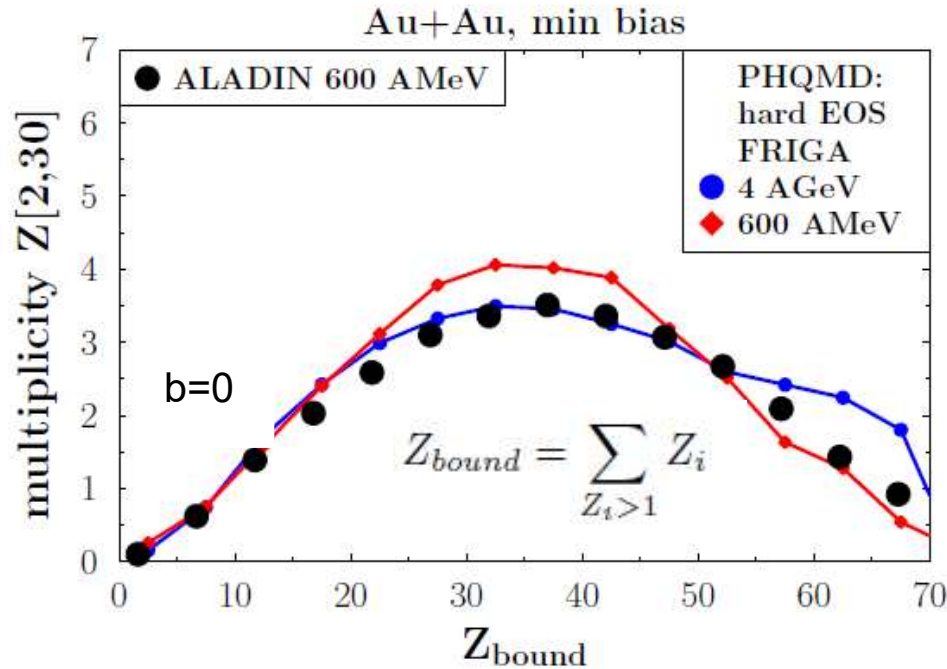


**b dependence is non-trivial**

**There are two kinds of fragments**

- formed from **participant matter**  
close to beam and target rapidity  
initial-final state correlations  
**heavy-ion reaction makes spectator matter unstable**
- formed from **participant matter**  
created during the expansion of fireball :  
“**ice**” ( $E_{\text{bind}} \approx 8 \text{ MeV/N}$ ) in  
“**fire**” ( $T \geq 100 \text{ MeV}$ )  
\* seen from SIS to RHIC

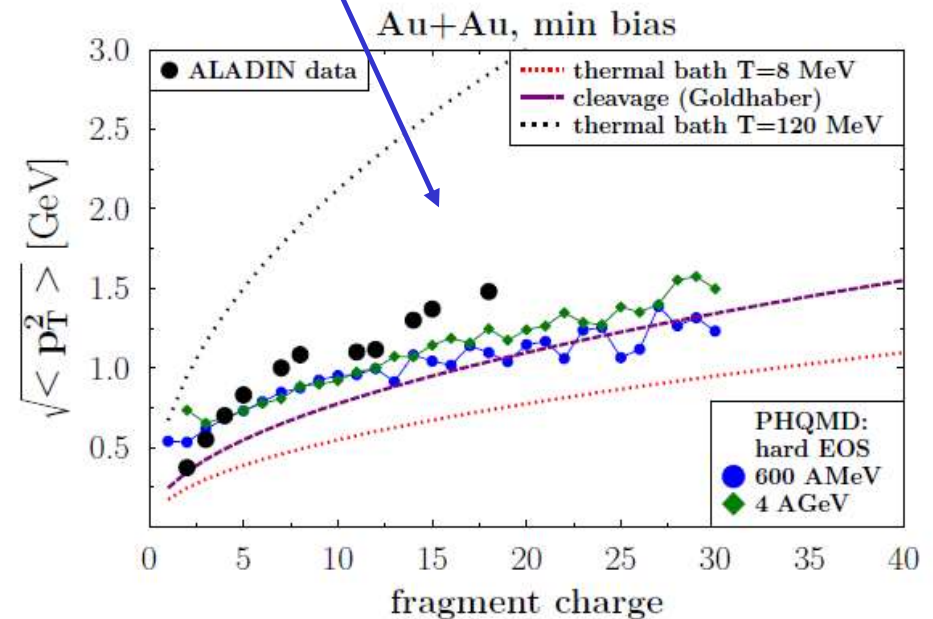
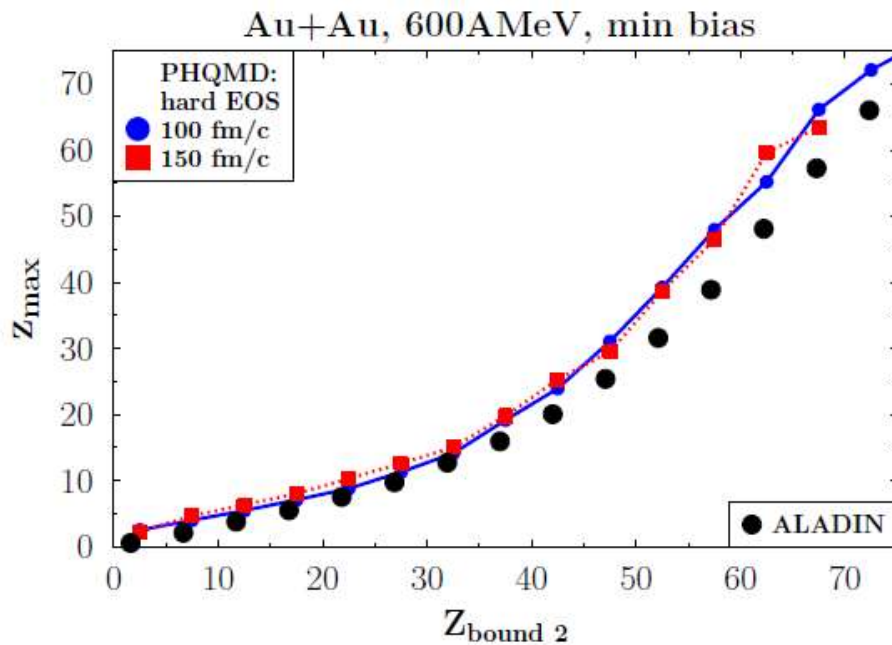
# Cluster formation within PHQMD



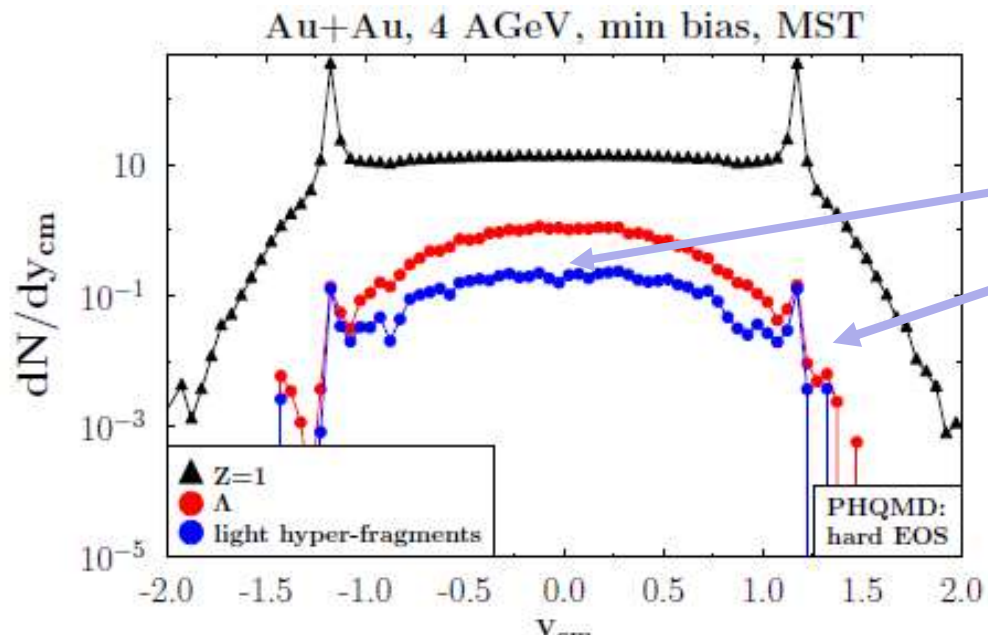
agreement for **very complex fragment observables** like the

- Energy independence of “rise and fall”
- Largest fragment ( $Z_{bound}$ )

rms( $p_t$ ) shows  $\sqrt{Z}$  dependence



# Hypernuclei formation within PHQMD



There are hypernuclei

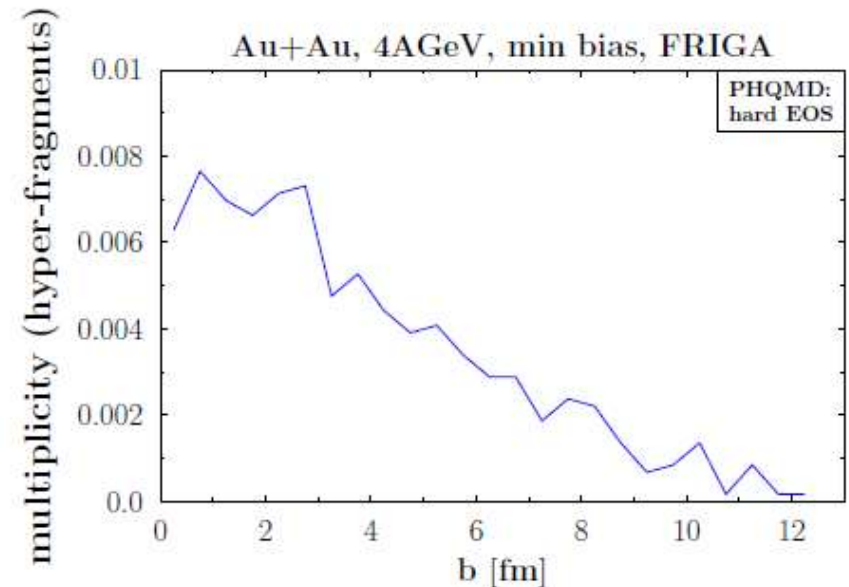
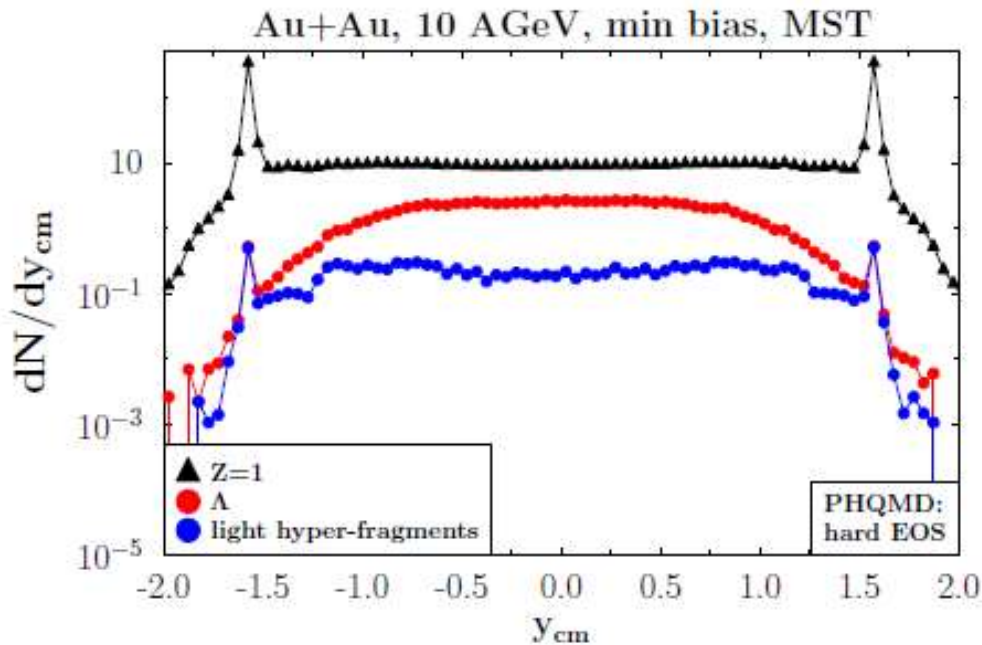
- at **midrapidity** (small mass)
- at **beam rapidity** (large mass)

**Central collisions** →

light hypernuclei

**Peripheral collisions** →

heavy hypernuclei



# Summary: PHQMD

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**PHQMD** provides a very good agreement with the presently available **ALADIN fragment data** as well as with the **AGS/SPS single particle spectra**

PHQMD allows

- ❑ to predict the **dynamical formation of fragments**
- ❑ to understand the **proton spectra** and the **properties of light fragments** ( $dN/dp_T dy$ ,  $v_1, v_2$ , fluctuations)
- ❑ to understand **fragment formation in participant and spectator region**
- ❑ to understand the **formation of hypernuclei**
- ❑ to study fragment formation at RHIC/LHC



# Summary

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Theory versus experimental observables:

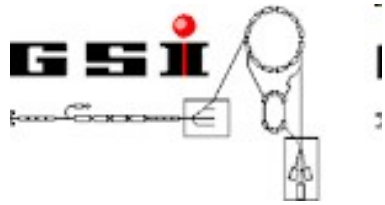
- indication for a partial chiral symmetry restoration
- evidence for strong partonic interactions in the early phase of relativistic heavy-ion reactions

➔ formation of the sQGP in HIC!



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