

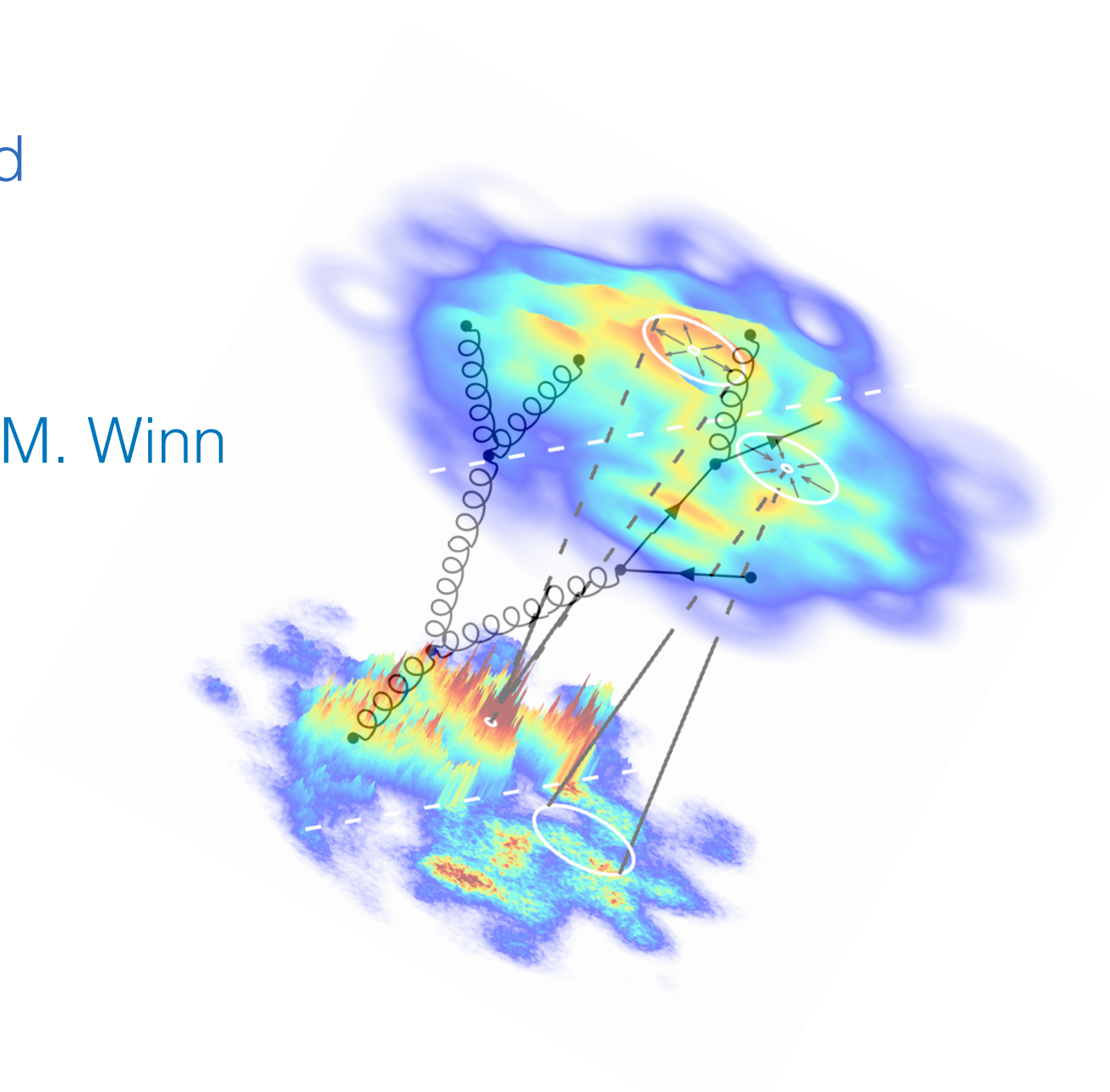
Pre-equilibrium di-lepton production

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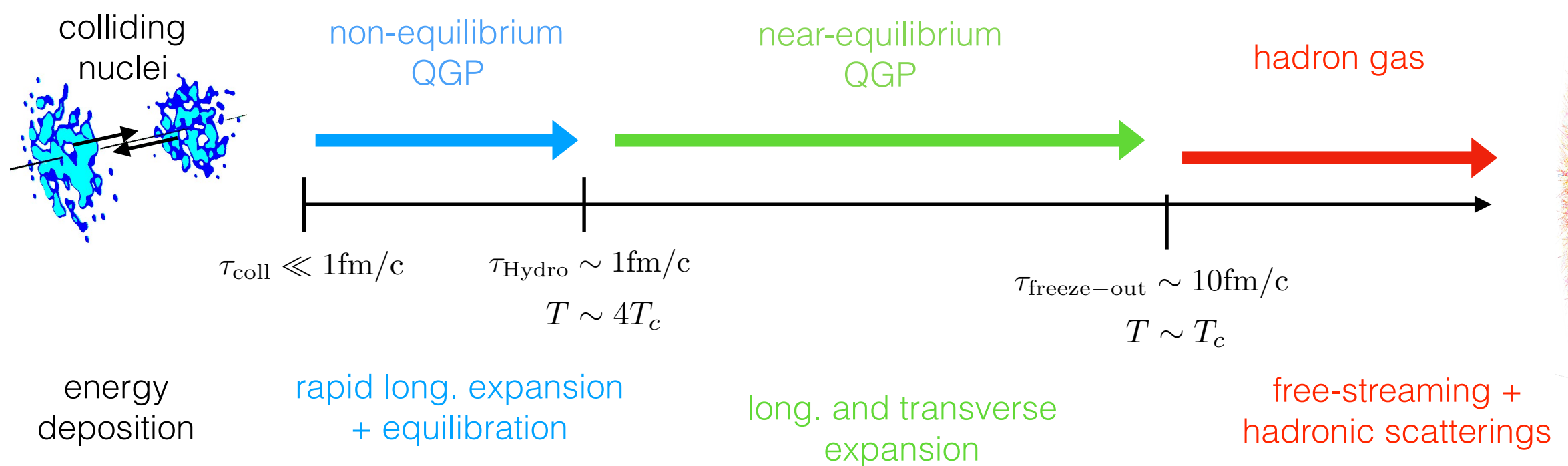
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Dynamics of HICs

Dynamical description of heavy-ion collisions from underlying theory of QCD remains an outstanding challenge

Standard model of nucleus-nucleus (A+A) collisions based on eff. descriptions of QCD exploiting separation of time scales in the reaction dynamics



Theoretical description based on multi-stage evolution models

Color Glass
Condensate
IP-Glasma

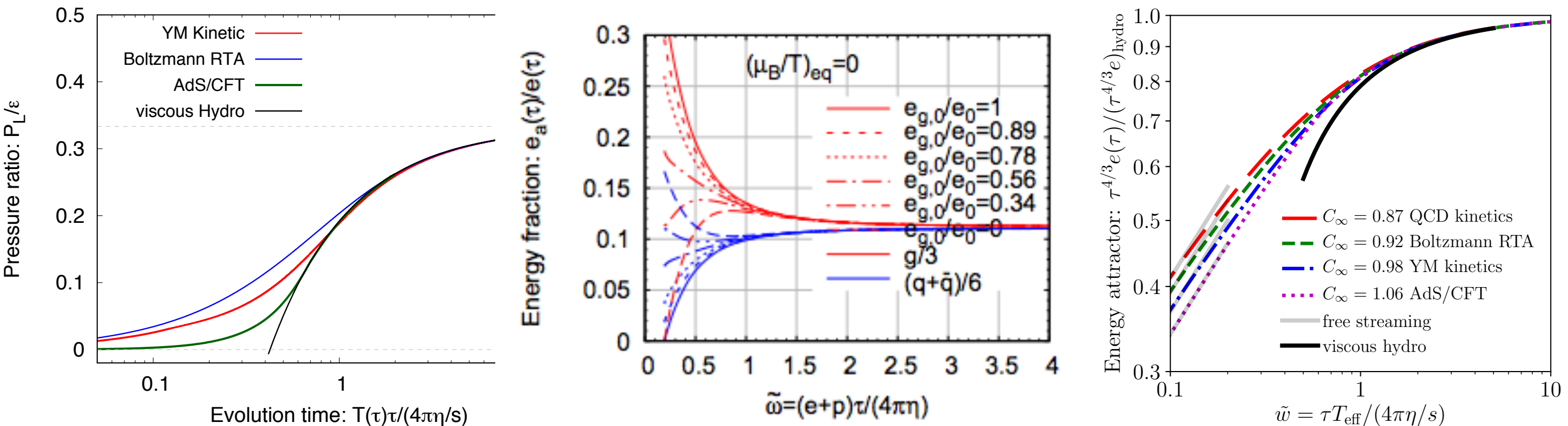
QCD Kinetic Theory
KoMPoST

rel. visc. hydrodynamics
MUSIC

hadronic cascade
SMASH

Pre-equilibrium evolution

Significant progress in weak/strong coupling limits of QCD



Early pre-equilibrium QGP is **highly anisotropic**, **gluon dominated** and **cools less rapidly** than thermal QGP

Hydrodynamization ($\neq$ kinetic thermalization) occurs on time scale of one equilibrium relaxation time

$$\tilde{\omega} = \frac{T_{\text{eff}}(\tau)\tau}{4\pi\eta/s} \simeq 1$$

$$\tau_{\text{hydro}} \approx 1.1 \text{ fm} \left(\frac{4\pi(\eta/s)}{2} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(\frac{\langle \tau s \rangle}{4.1 \text{ GeV}^2} \right)^{-1/2}$$

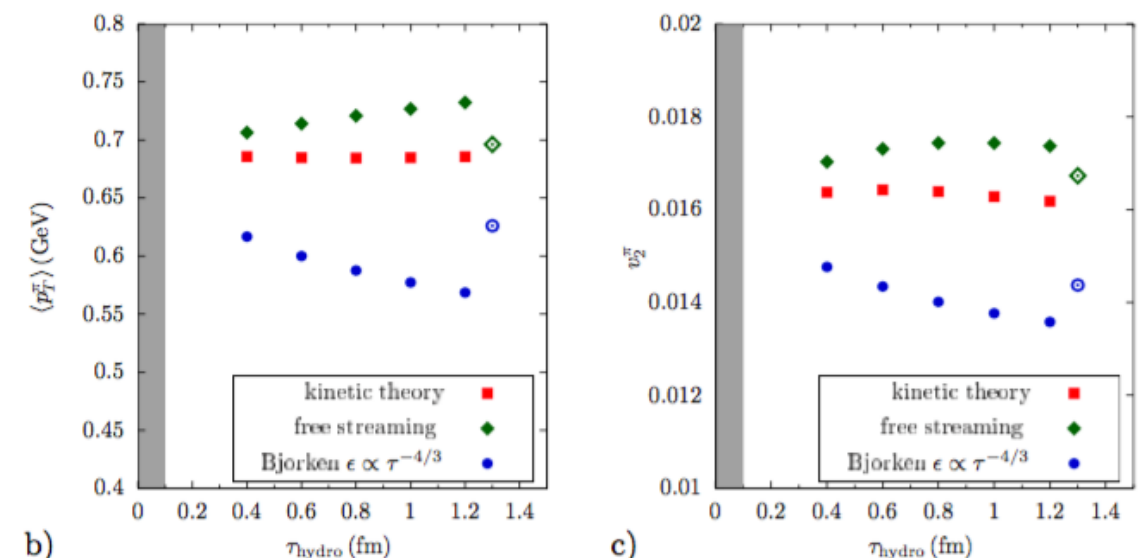
Dynamics of HICs

Now there are practical tools to include pre-equilibrium evolution into dynamical description of HICs

KoMPoST: Event-by-event pre-equilibrium dynamics & initial conditions for Hydro Kurkela, Mazeliauskas, Paquet, SS, Teaney PRL 122 (2019) no.12, 122302; PRC 99 (2019) no.3, 034910

Small effects of pre-equilibrium dynamics on typical observables ($v_n, \langle p_T \rangle, \dots$) dominated by transverse expansion of QGP ($\sim 1-10\text{fm}/c$)

Controlled extraction of near-equilibrium and transport properties of QGP (EoS, $\eta/s, \dots$) based on hydrodynamic simulations

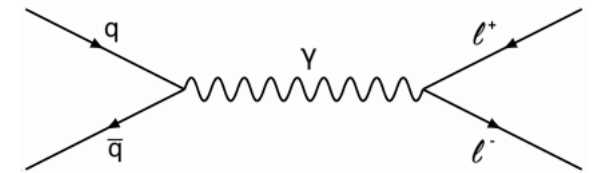


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Difficult to gain access to early time non-equilibrium dynamics in from typical hadronic measurements in A+A collisions

Pre-equilibrium di-lepton production

Electro-magnetic probes are produced throughout the entire lifetime of the QGP and escape the plasma without re-interaction



Equilibrium di-lepton production rate at LO:

$$\frac{dN^{l^+l^-}}{d^4x d^4Q} = -\frac{\alpha_{em}^2}{6\pi^3 Q^2} \theta(Q^2 - 4m^2) \left(1 + \frac{2m^2}{Q^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{4m^2}{Q^2}\right)^{1/2} \sum_f q_f^2 \Pi_{\mu}^{\mu, <}(Q) . \quad \Pi_{\mu}^{\mu, <}(Q) \Big|_{\text{eq}} \simeq -\frac{N_c Q^2}{2\pi} n_{BE}(q_0) \quad Q^2 \gg T^2$$

Early stages are different from thermal QGP emission

non-equilibrium QGP is hotter, highly anisotropic, not in chemical equilibrium

$$\frac{dN^{l^+l^-}}{d^4x d^4K} = \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}_1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}_2}{(2\pi)^3} 4N_c \sum_f \underline{f_q(x, \mathbf{p}_1) f_{\bar{q}}(x, \mathbf{p}_2)} v_{q\bar{q}} \sigma_{q\bar{q}}^{l^+l^-} \delta^{(4)}(K - P_1 - P_2),$$

=> Explore high invariant mass di-leptons as probe of early QGP

Di-lepton production

We employ LO di-lepton rate with parametrized phase-space distribution of the aHydro form

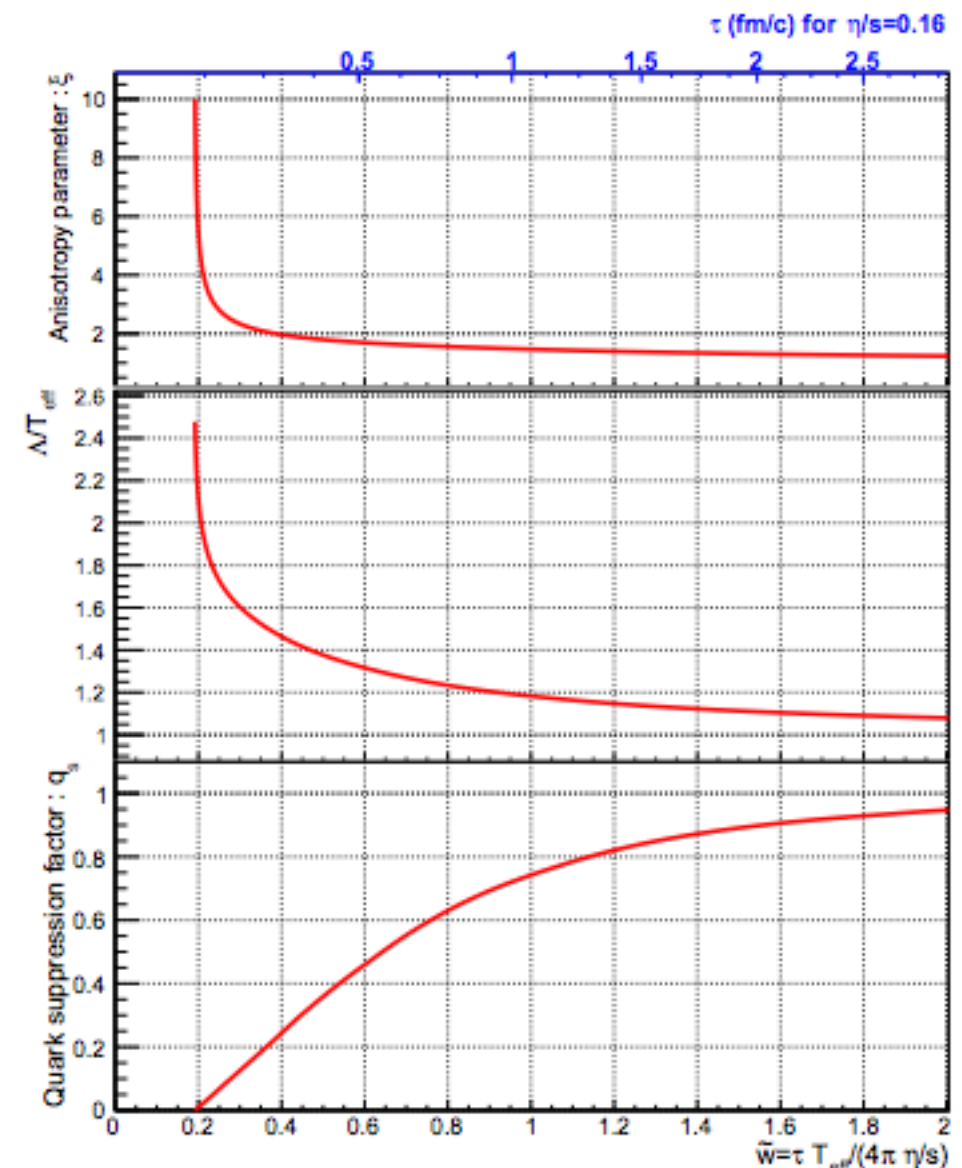
$$f_g(\tau, p_t, p_z) = f_{BE} \left(\frac{\sqrt{p_t^2 + \xi^2(\tau) p_z^2}}{\Lambda(\tau)} \right) \quad f_{q/\bar{q}}(\tau, p_t, p_z) = q(\tau) f_{FD} \left(\frac{\sqrt{p_t^2 + \xi^2(\tau) p_z^2}}{\Lambda(\tau)} \right)$$

with anisotropy parameter, eff. temperature and quark suppression factor matched to evolution of P_L/e , e_q/e_g and e for non-equilibrium attractors from QCD kinetic theory

We neglect transverse expansion at early times and assume transversely homogenous Bjorken expansion with energy density

$$e(\tau) = \frac{\pi^2}{30} \nu_{\text{eff}} T_{\text{eff}}^4(\tau)$$

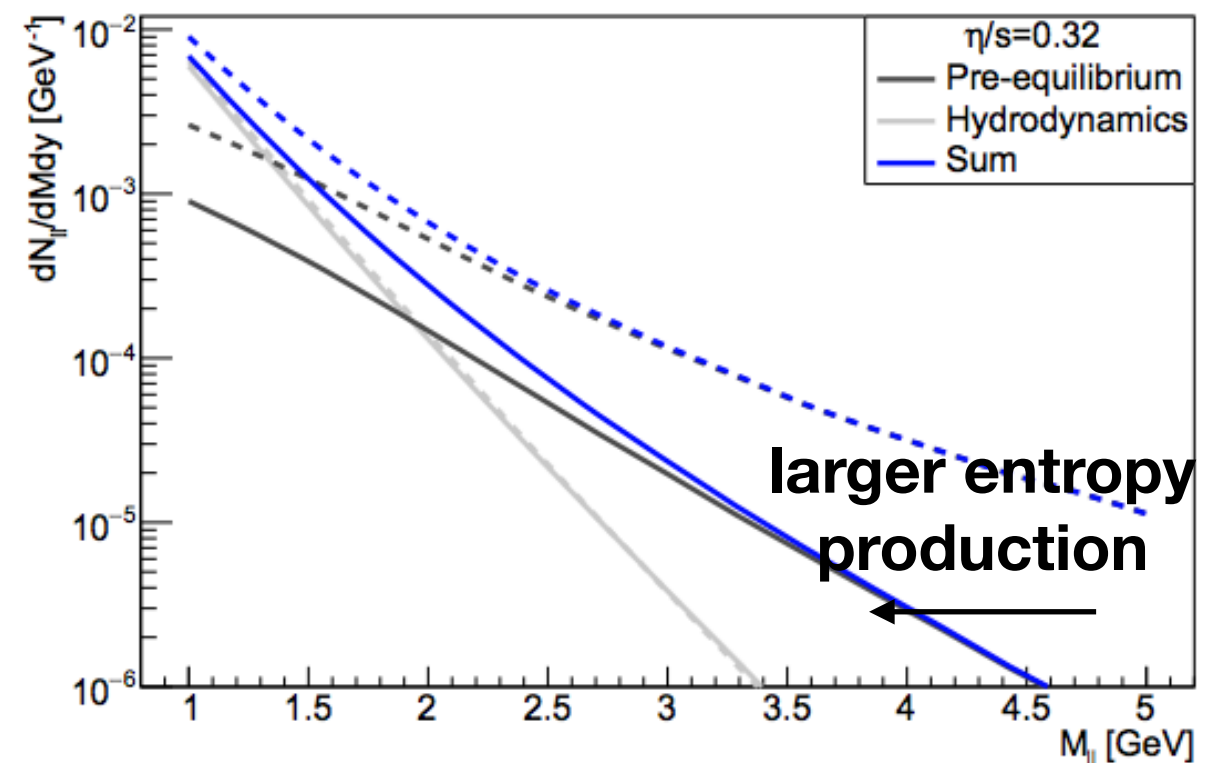
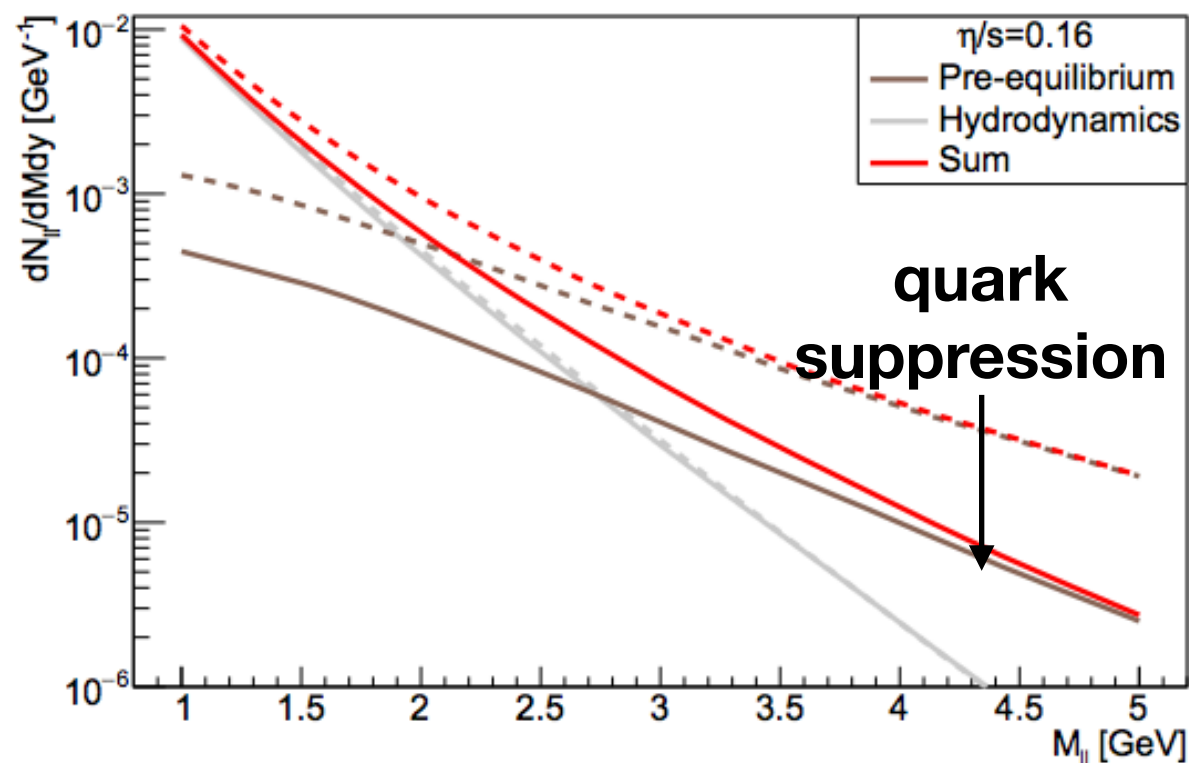
matched to dN_{ch}/dy



Di-lepton production

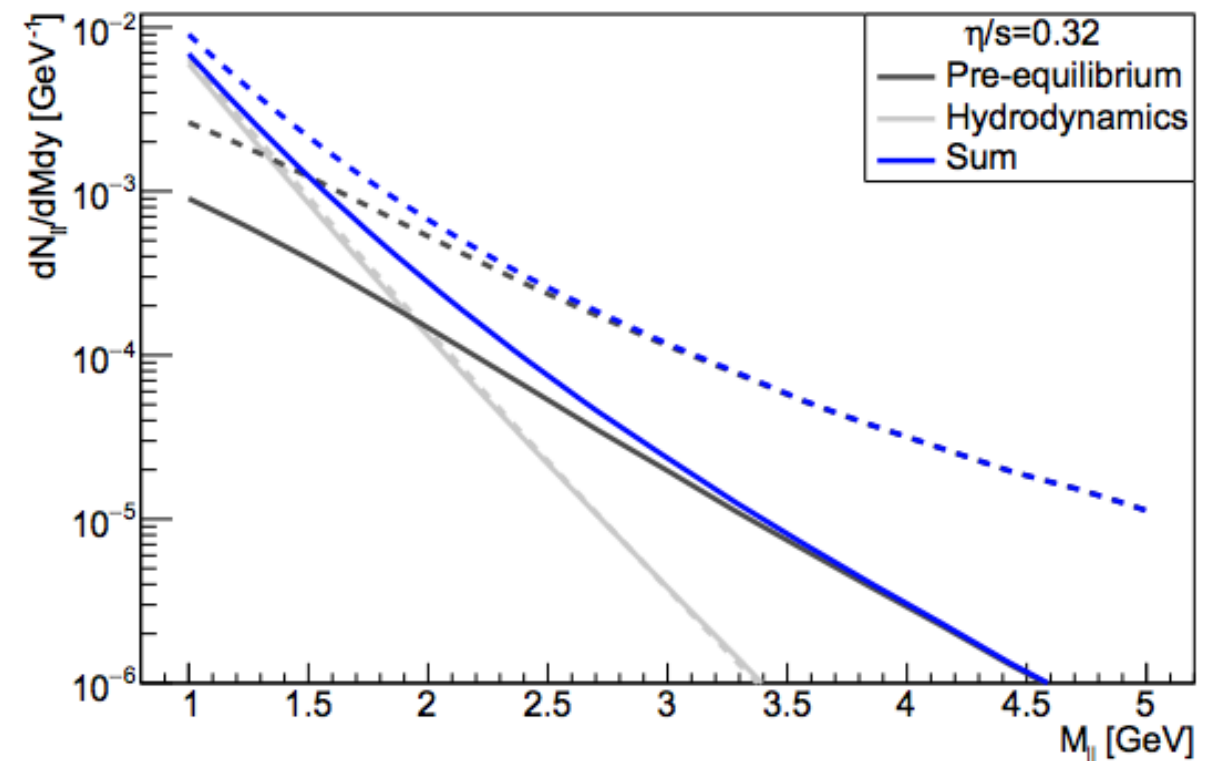
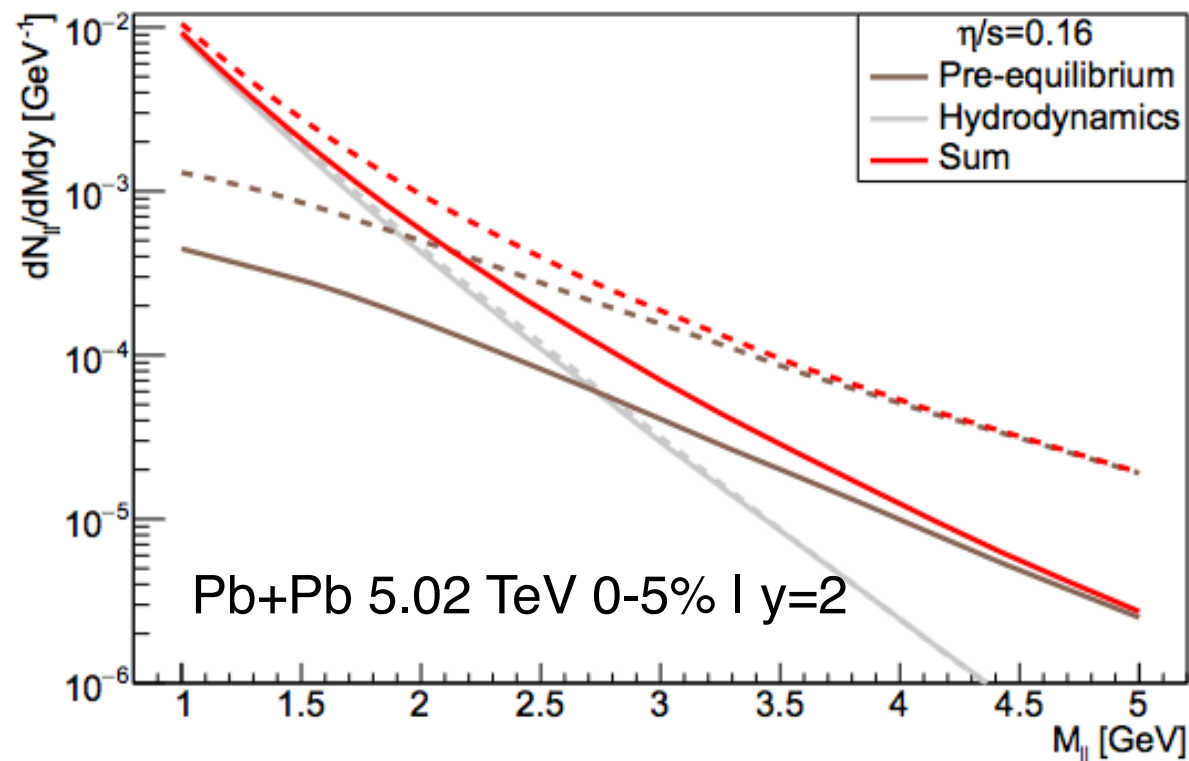
Di-lepton production vs. invariant mass M_{ll} of di-lepton pair

Pb+Pb 5.02 TeV 0-5% | $y=2$ (LHCb kinematics)



Since η/s controls time scale for applicability of hydrodynamics; depending on value of η/s considerable contributions from pre-equilibrium regime ($w < 1$) for $M_{ll} > 2-3 \text{ GeV}$

Di-lepton production



Empirically, yields are well described by pocket formula

$$\frac{dN^{l+l-}}{dMdy} = C \left(1 + \frac{M}{nT_0} \right)^{-n} \quad n \simeq 5.3 \left(1 + 4 \frac{\eta}{s} \right), \quad C \simeq 0.5 \text{ GeV}^{-1}, T_0 \simeq 0.2 \text{ GeV}$$

intuitively the inverse log. slope $T_{\text{Inv}}(M) = T_0 + M/n$ gives the effective temperature where dileptons are produced

larger $M \Rightarrow$ higher eff. temperature

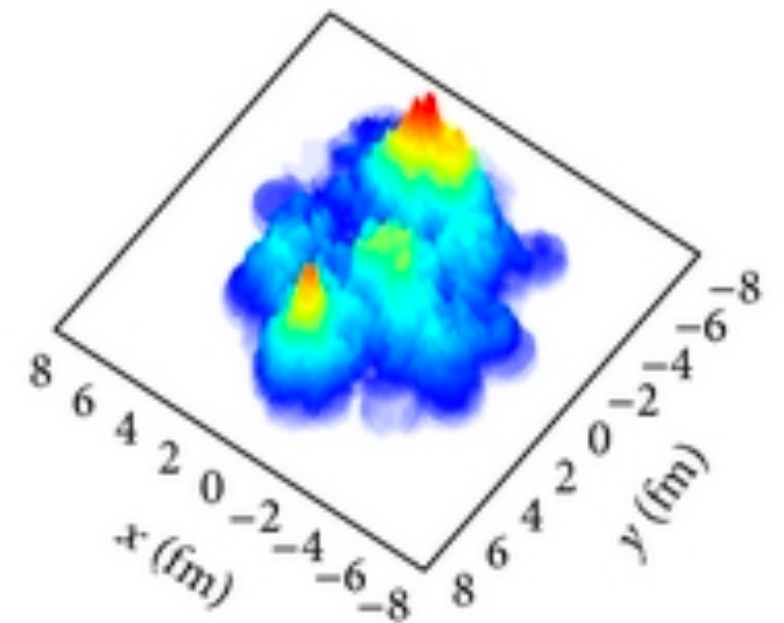
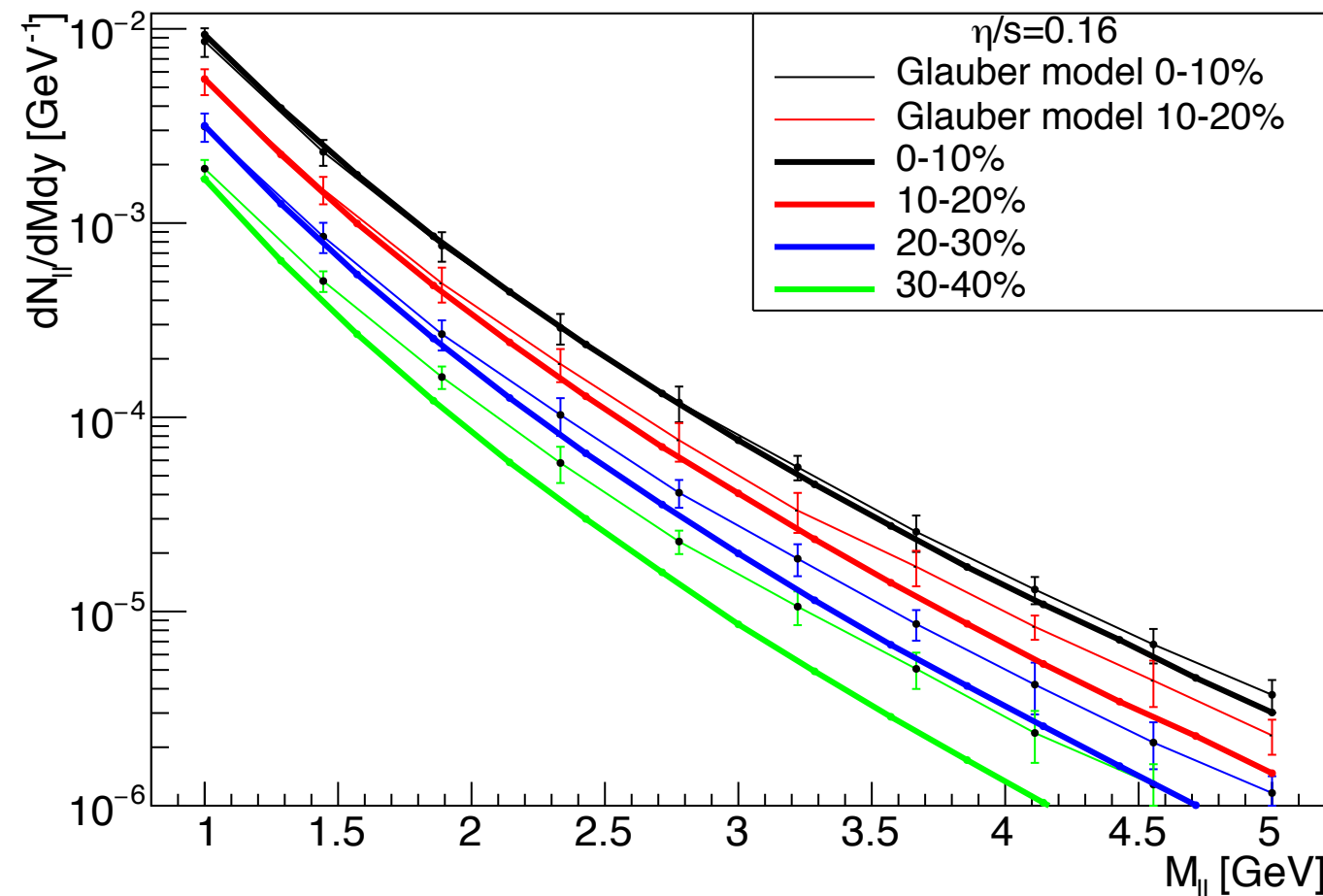
larger viscosity $\Rightarrow$ later thermalization $\Rightarrow$ lower eff. temperatures

Di-lepton production

Significant centrality dependence as $dE_0/d\eta \sim (dN_{ch}/dy)^{3/2}$

Pb+Pb 5.02 TeV | $y=2$ (LHCb kinematics)

Giacalone, Mazeliauskas, SS PRL 123 (2019) 26, 262301



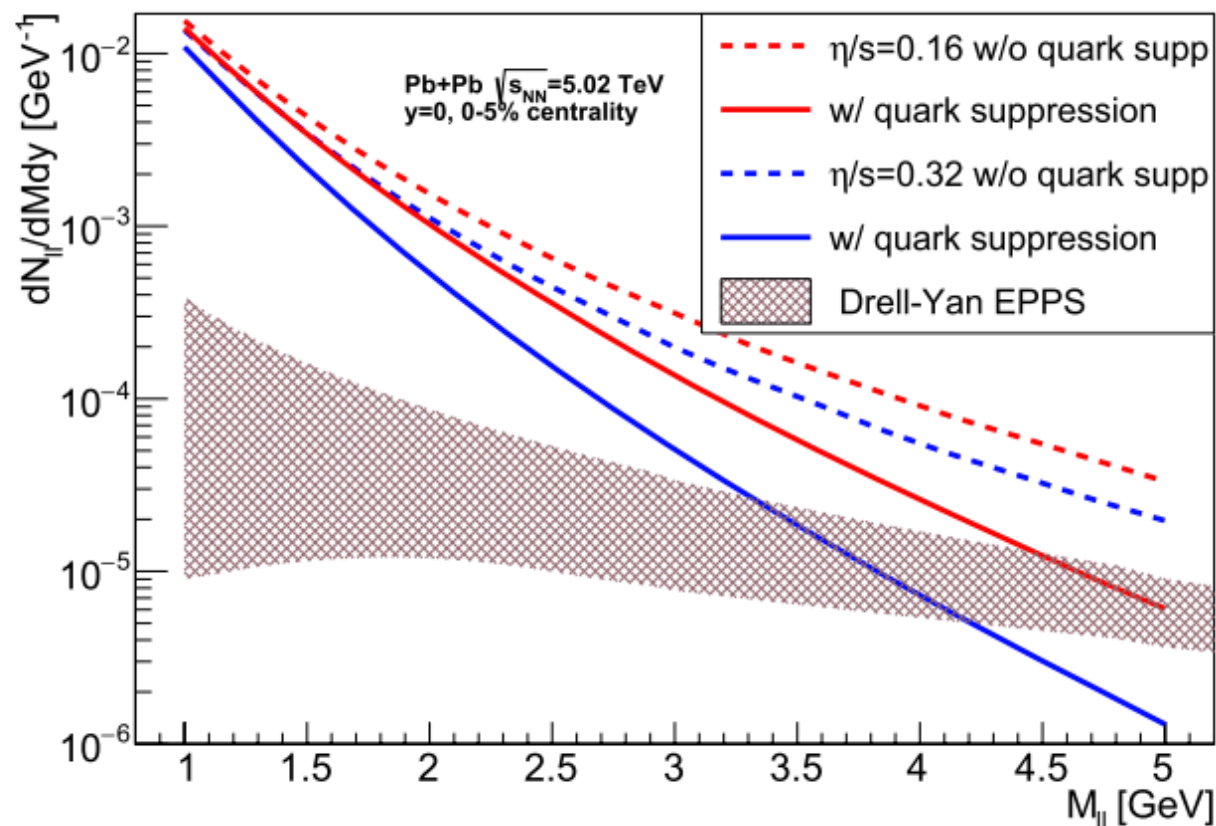
Non-trivial dependence on dilepton invariant mass M

Realistic modelling of event-by-event fluctuations (hot spots)
important for large invariant mass region in more peripheral events

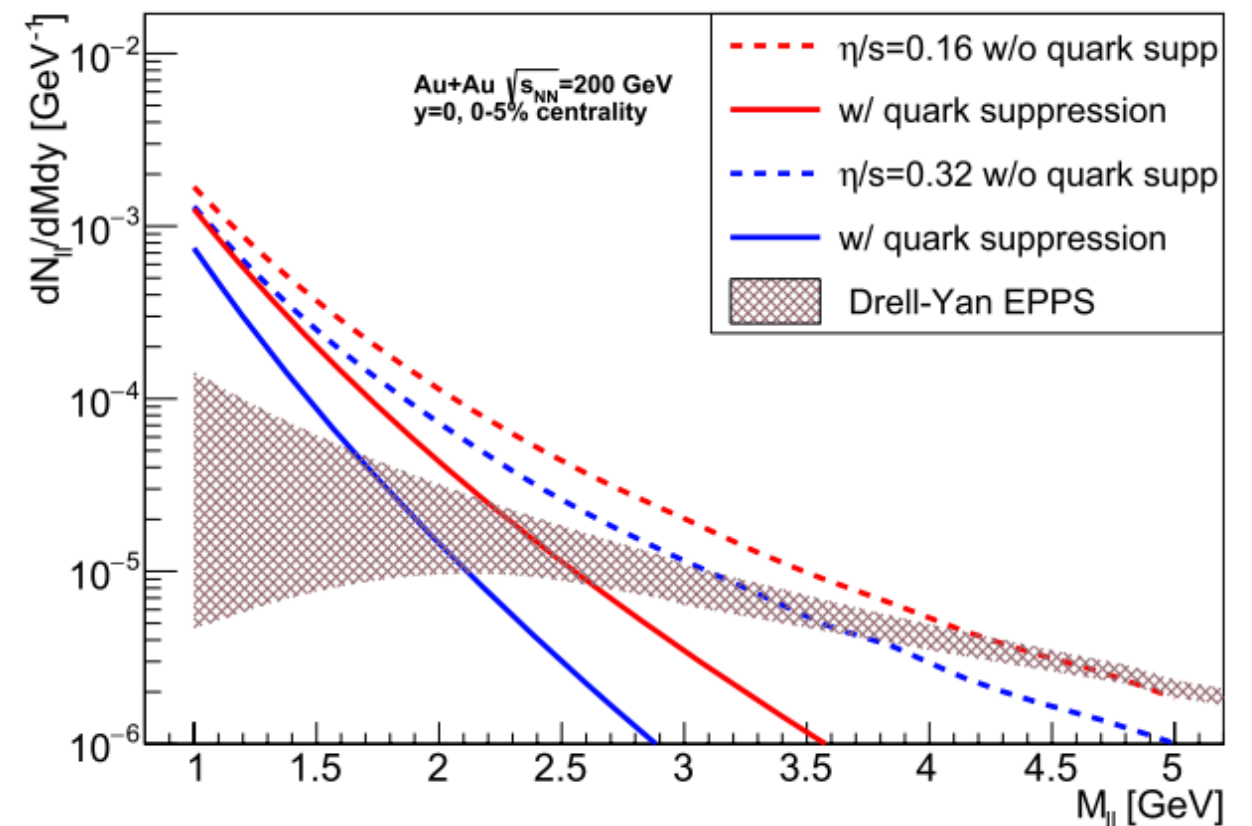
Backgrounds

Dominant background from heavy-flavor decays ($S/B \sim 1/100$) can in principle be suppressed with secondary vertexing

Pb+Pb 5.02 TeV | $y=0$ (ALICE kinematics)



Au+Au 200 GeV | $y=0$ (STAR/sPHENIX kinematics)

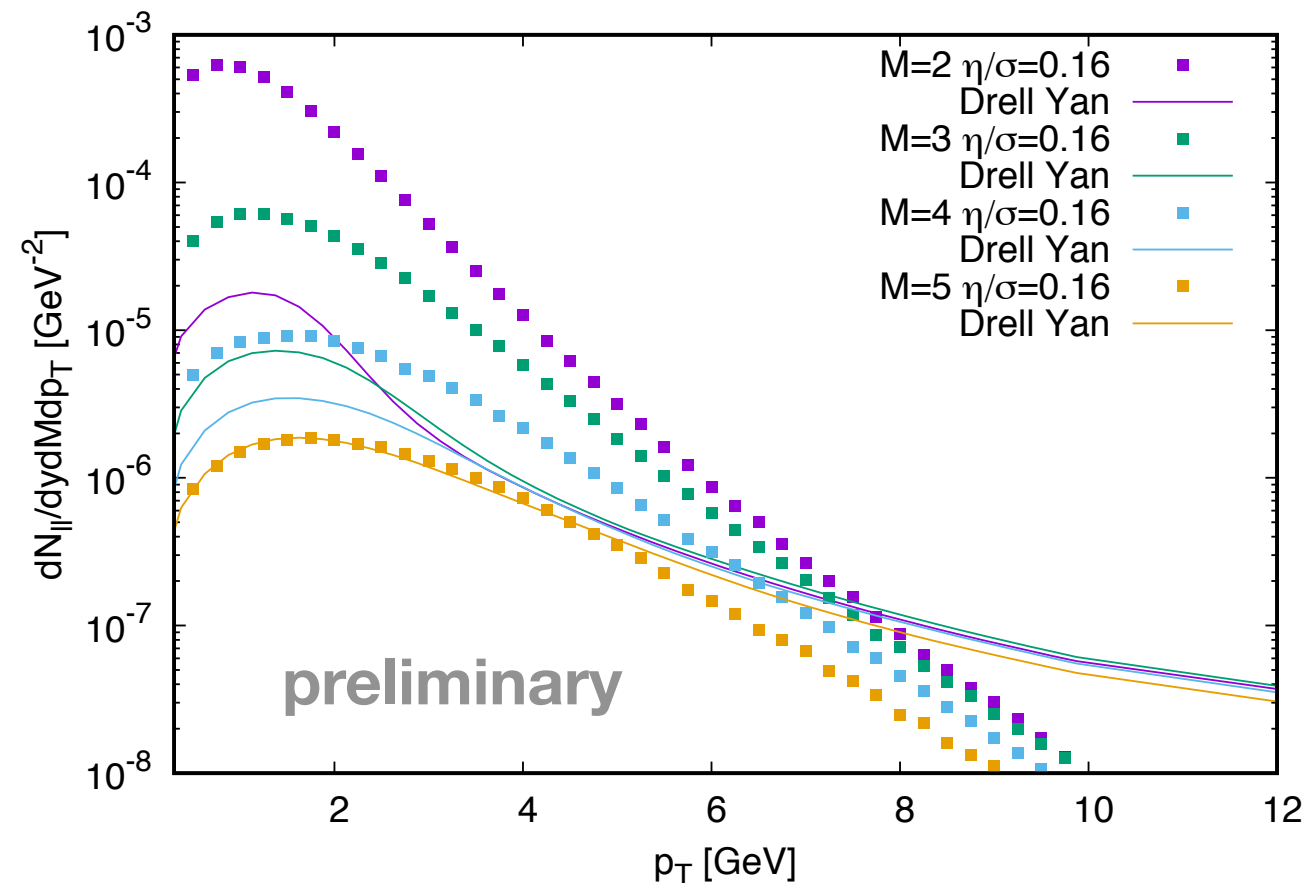
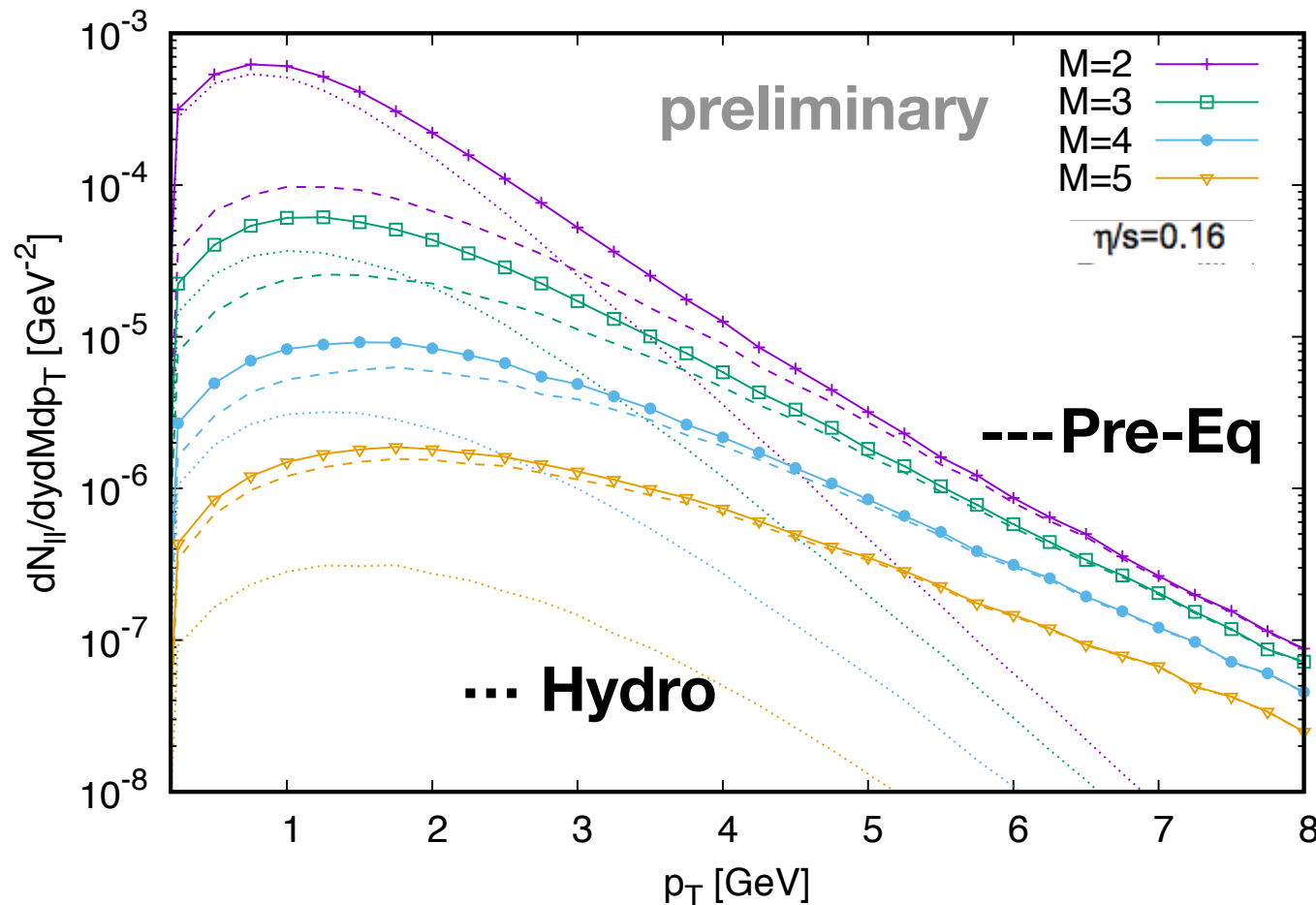


Irreducible Drell-Yan background eventually dominates at very high $M_{||}$ but appear to be sub-dominant for $M_{||} < 3-4$ GeV

Potentially employ other features (p_T) for additional discrimination

pT dependence

Pb+Pb 5.02 TeV 0-5% | y=0



Should expect (at least minor) modifications due to transverse flow not included in the model

Drell-Yan calculations based on NLO pQCD (Drell-Yan turbo), does not include intrinsic kT

Conclusions & Outlook

Pre-equilibrium di-lepton production sensitive to early time non-equilibrium dynamics of QGP

Expected signal between $2 < M_{ll} < 5$ GeV down to very low $p_T \sim 1$ GeV

Discrimination of displaced vertices crucial to isolate signal from heavy-flavor decay background

Extend calculations to include full non-equilibrium phase-space distribution, beyond LO emission rates for photons/di-leptons

photon production: $\sim f_q$ di-lepton production: $\sim f_q f_{\bar{q}}$

Electro-magnetic probes as a possible window into QGP chemistry at early times!

See also related studies by other groups

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