# LIMITS OF HADRONIC EXISTENCE

THE ROLE OF REFERENCE MEASUREMENT IN HEAVY-ION RESEARCH

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## William (Bill) Zajc: QM 2009 in Stony Brook

# 2009

### The DLS Puzzle

- Long-standing "DLS Puzzle" of pair excess in 0.2 < M < 0.5 GeV</li>
- QM08: Confirmed by HADES
- PANIC08: Explained by
  - □ p+p, <u>p+d</u> HADES measurements
  - Insights from theoretical modeling of N-N bremsstrahlung, ∆ Dalitz, etc.





#### <u>Data</u>

DLS: Phys.Rev.C 49 (1994) 314-319 DLS: Phys.Rev.Lett. 79 (1997) 1229-1232 HADES: Phys.Lett.B 690 (2010) 118-122

#### <u>Theory (bremsstrahlung)</u>

Kaptari(Kämpfer:Phys.Rev.C 80 (2009) 064003 Mosel/Shyam: Phys.Rev.C 79 (2009) 035203



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### QCD matter under extreme conditions



#### Enrico Fermi [Prog. Theor. Physics 5, 570 (1950)]

... a collision in which the nucleons with their surrounding retinue of pions hit against each other so that all the portion of space filled by the nucleons and their **surrounding pion field will suddenly be loaded with a very great amount of energy**. Since the interactions of the pion field are strong, we may expect this energy is rapidly **distributed among the various degrees of freedom** ...





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### Freeze-out conditions from SIS18 to LHC



ALICE ( $\sqrt{s} = 2.76 \text{ ATeV}$ ):  $T_{ch} = 156.5 (1.5) \text{ MeV}; \ \mu_B = 0.7 (3.8) \text{ MeV}$ HADES ( $\sqrt{s} = 2.4 \text{ A GeV}$ ):  $T_{ch} = 63 (0.8) \text{ MeV}; \mu_B = 784 (1.9) \text{ MeV}$ 

• Factor ~1000 in beam energy / factor ~2 in temperature • Much different multiplicities for nuclear clusters



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### The QCD Phase Diagram

# From medium-effects to novel phases of QCD matter



### Soft deconfinement in overlapping pion clouds

K. Fukushima et al.: Phys.Rev.D 102 (2020) 9, 096017



"Quarks can be deconfined and still bound" G. Baym, QNP2018



INITIAL STATE RADIATION MESON-BARYON COUPLING CHARM PRODUCTION AND PROPAGATION

### **INITIAL STATE RADIATION**

Important for precise extraction of excess radiation



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### Dileptons as probe of the QCD matter

- Extraordinary probe for the microscopic structure of the matter making up the fireball
- Needs careful subtraction of pre-equilibrium and final state contribution

LMR/IMR yield:	Fireball four-volume integral
(LMR/)IMR slope:	Fireball mean temperature
dP/dM:	VM melting, chiral mixing
dP/d $lpha_{ m HX}$ (polar.):	Production process, partonic vs. hadronic
dP/d $\phi$ (flow):	Emission time, pressure
vLMR and low $p_t$ :	Electrical conductivity of matter

 Precise reconstruction of medium (excess) radiation needed







### Dilepton spectra measured by HADES

- **Significant excess radiation** above contributions from initial state (from NN reference) and freezeout (meson cocktail) visible
- Excess radiation drops by four orders of magnitude for inv. mass of 0.2 down to 1 GeV

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



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



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

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HADES, Nature Phys. 2019





# Thermal Dileptons from HADES Au + Au $@\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.4 \text{ GeV}$



- Coarse-grained UrQMD<sup>(3)</sup>
  - thermal emissivity with<sup>(1)</sup>
  - in-medium propagator (4)
  - $\rho a_1$  chiral mixing(5) (not measured so far)
- Planck radiation (two parameters only)

#### • Strong modification of $\rho$ meson

(1) Rapp, van Hees; arXiv:1411.4612v
(4) Rapp, Wambach, van Hees; arXiv:0901.3289
(5) Rapp, Hohler; arXiv:1311.2921v

### **MESON-BARYON COUPLING**

Controls the thermal emissivity in hadronic environment



### Vector-meson dominance in hot & dense matter

Generalized "Bremsstrahlung" – Fourier transform of current-current correlation function (j(x), j(0)):

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

L. McLerran, K. <u>Toimela</u>, Phys. Rev. D31 (1985) See also: Ralf Rapp arXiv-1110-4345

Extension of the Gounaris-Sakurai formula to a thermal pion gas: C. Gale, J. Kapusta: Nucl. Phys. B357 (1991) 65

$$j_{EM}^{\mu} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \bar{u} \gamma^{\mu} u - \bar{d} \gamma^{\mu} d \right) + \frac{1}{6} \left( \bar{u} \gamma^{\mu} u + \bar{d} \gamma^{\mu} d \right) - \frac{1}{3} \bar{s} \gamma^{\mu} s \implies \operatorname{Im} \Pi_{EM} \sim \operatorname{Im} \mathcal{D}_{\rho} + \frac{1}{9} \operatorname{Im} \mathcal{D}_{\omega} + \frac{2}{9} \operatorname{Im} \mathcal{D}_{\phi}$$

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

$$\mathrm{Im}\Pi_{EM}(M) = \left(\frac{m_{\rho}^2}{g_{\rho}}\right)^2 \mathrm{Im}D_{\rho}(M) \qquad \qquad D_{\rho}(M,q;\mu_B,T) = \frac{1}{\left(M^2 - m_{\rho}^2 - \Sigma_{\rho\pi\pi} - \Sigma_{\rho M} - \Sigma_{\rho B}\right)}$$

R. Rapp, J. Wambach: Adv.Nucl.Phys. 25 (2000) 1 B. Friman, Nucl. Phys. A610 (1996) 358c; B. Friman and H.J. Pirner, Nucl. Phys. A617 (1997) 496 M. Asakawa, C-M. Ko et al., PRC 46 (1992) R1159



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## The HADES pion beam facility

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









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### Extraction of partial waves from two-pion channel



- $p_{\pi} = [0.66, 0.69, 0.75, 0.8] \text{ GeV}$
- $\pi^- + p \rightarrow \pi^- + \pi^+ + n$ 
  - o Hadronic final states used in PWA (Bonn/Gatchina code)
  - o Use invariant masses, and angular distribution (not shown here)

### • $\pi^- + p \rightarrow e^- + e^+ + n$

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

HADES arXiv:2309.13357; arXiv:2205.15914; Phys. Rev. C 102 (2020) 2, 024001

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



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



HADES arXiv:2309.13357; arXiv:2205.15914; Phys. Rev. C 102 (2020) 2, 024001



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### The HADES Proposal for 2026 – 2028

"Boosting the understanding of non-perturbative QCD by combining pion beams with HADES and involving three pillars"

 $\pi$  - QCD





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### Vector mesons in cold matter

- $\circ\,$  Ideal probe to monitor medium modifications
- Low relative momentum to medium needed to increase





KEK-PS E325, Phys.Rev.L. 98, 042501

HADES, Phys.Lett.B 715 (2012)

### CHARM PRODUCTION AND PROPAGATION

Preparing grounds for using charm as probe of compressed baryonic matter





### Measurement of $J/\Psi$ via dilepton decay

CBM can provide unique opportunity for pioneering studies of

o charm production

o charmonium formation

0.05 fm

 $\tau_{c\bar{c}} = 1/2m_c$ 

hard

in normal (and compressed) nuclear matter

In all cases, need p-p as reference, and all reactions should be studied at the same collision energy

pre-resonance

### time evolution of $J/\psi$ formation

0.25 fm





### Production cross section of (open) charm near threshold

- Unclear production mechanism in the non-perturbative regime.
   Perturbative treatment factories hard (perturbative) and soft (universal/non-perturbative) parton distributions.
- Problems below  $\sqrt{s} = 20 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \text{use Sudakov resummation}$ [R. Bonciani, et al. Nucl. Phys. B 529, 424 (1998)]
- Sparse data and large variations due to generally low statistics at "low" energies: "Uncertainties in the cross sections remain large even at NNLO-NNLL"

[N. Kidonakis et al. Phys.Rev.D 67 (2003) 074037]

 Production modelled in transport via extrapolations of parameterization fitted to PYTHIA, see e.g. (P)HSD: [W. Cassing et al. Nucl.Phys.A 691 (2001) 753-77]



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The CBM physics book. Lecture Notes in Physics Vol. 814. Springer





### Charm correlation measurements

Correlated heavy quark ( $\overline{Q}Q$ ) production. Use exclusive NLO codes to avoid problems due to improper interference treatment. *R. Vogt; Phys.Rev.C* 98 (2018) 3, 034907

- $\circ \ ar{Q} Q$  produced strictly back-to-back in LO
- Where are the limits of perturbative calculations?
- $\Rightarrow$  Charm correlations in pp in energy scan  $\rightarrow$  Modifications in cold matter (pA)







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### Micro Vertex Detector

Enables open-charm measurements with CBM

- Four stations of MIMOSIS (CMOS) sensors with 100% fill factor positioned close to the target
- Enhanced track reconstruction efficiency for tracks with low-momentum and factor ten improved vertex resolution over STS alone.
- Operation in vacuum and in a one-Tesla magnetic field.
- Liquid cooled down to -20°C (if needed), 70 W heat extracted laterally
- $\circ$  Material budget of 0.2 0.5 %  $X_o$  /station
- o 288 sensors, 148 M pixel, 200 kfps, 5 μm precision

IPHC Strasbourg, IKF Goethe University Frankfurt, GSI



CAD; F. Matejzek, Goethe University Frankfurt

# SUMMARY







### The heavy-ion program requires reference measurements

The partly stand for their own by contributing to understanding the structure of hadrons

- Beam energy scans for hadron and dilepton production off protons and nuclei
- Dedicated program at SIS18 with pion beams
- Cold matter studies of vector meson propagation (and short range correlations)
- Charm production and propagation near threshold

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Year	Setup	Reaction	Beam Energies T <sub>iab</sub> [AGeV]	Days on Target	Number of events	Remarks
0	ELEHAD	C+C, Ag+Ag, Au+Au	2,4,6,8,10,max	60		Commissioning
1	ELEHAD	Au+Au	2,4,6,8,10,max	30 (5 each)	2.1010 each	EB minBias
1	ELEHAD	C+C	2,4,6,8,10,max	18 (3 each)	4.10 <sup>10</sup> each	minBias
1	ELEHAD	p+Be	3,4,8,29	12 (3 each)	2·10 <sup>11</sup> each	minBias
2	MUON	Au+Au	2,4,6,8,10,max	30 (5 each)	2·10 <sup>11</sup> each	minBias
2	MUON	C+C	2,4,6,8,10,max	18 (3 each)	4·10 <sup>11</sup> each	minBias
2	MUON	p+Be	3,4,8,29	12 (3 each)	2.1012 each	minBias
3	HADR	Au+Au	2,4,6,8,10,max	12 (2 each)	4·10 <sup>11</sup> each	EB + Selector(s)
3	HADR	C+C	2,4,6,8,10,max	6 (1 each)	8·10 <sup>11</sup> each	
3	HADES	Ag+Ag	2,4	28 (14 each)	10 <sup>10</sup> each	
3	ELEHAD	Ag+Ag	2,4	8 (4 each)	2-1010 each	minBias

#### CBM runs first 3 years / Heuer commission)



