Thermal dilepton emission as a fireball probe

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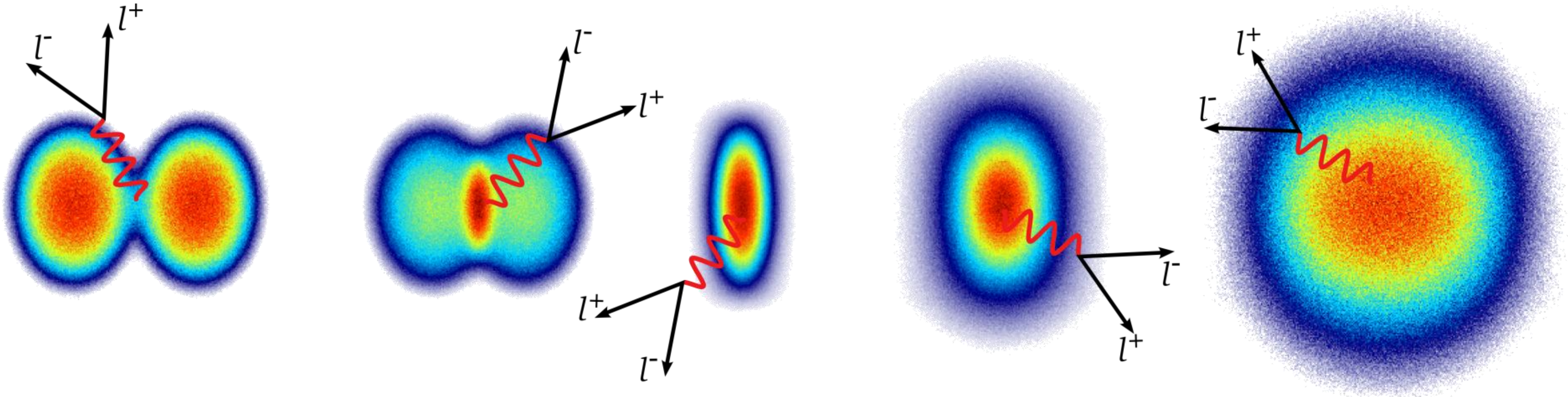

Electromagnetic probes in heavy-ion collisions

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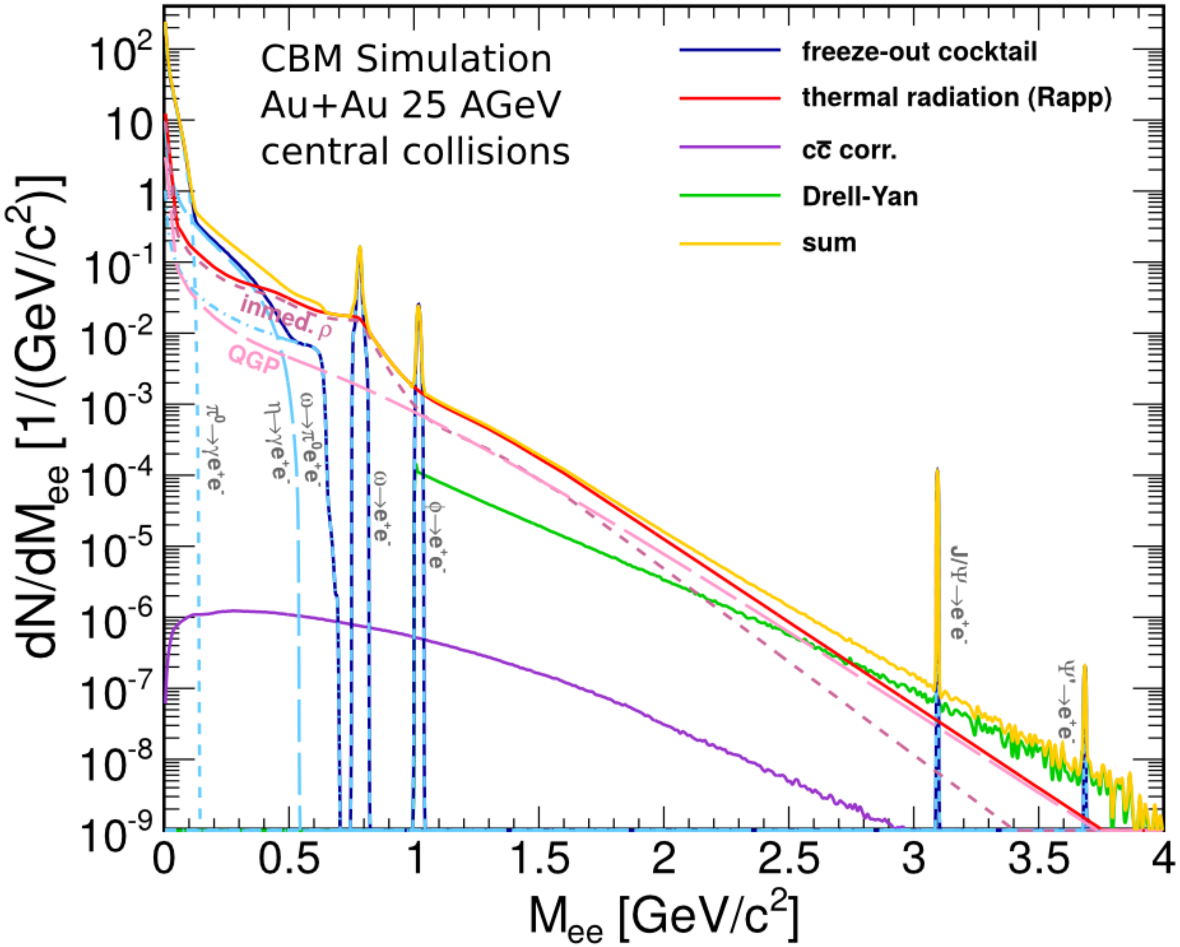
CBM cocktail – invariant mass of dielectrons



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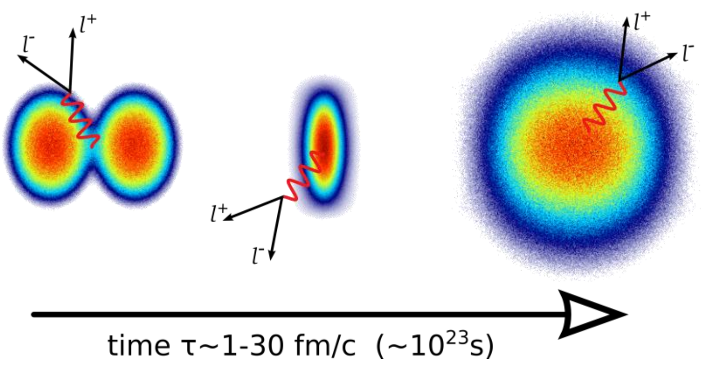
dilepton spectra reflect the whole history of a collision



➡ necessary ingredients:

- realistic emission rates
- accurate description of fireball evolution

Electromagnetic probes in heavy-ion collisions

Insights from theory

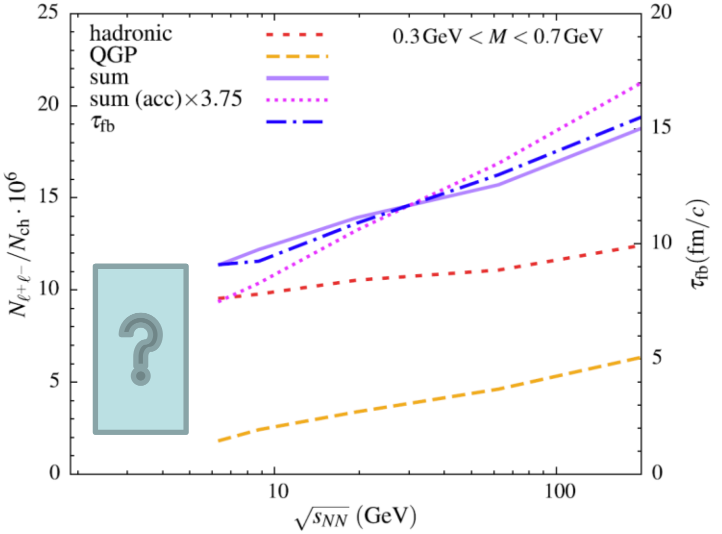
- integrated yield of thermal radiation in the mass range 0.3-0.7 GeV/c^2 is sensitive to the lifetime of the fireball

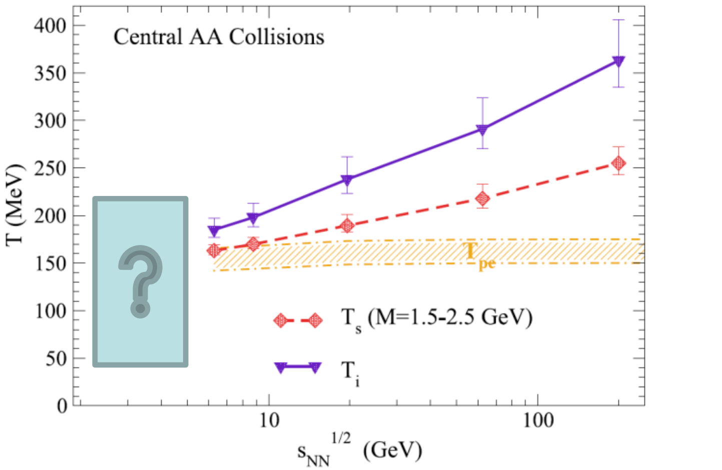
  R. Rapp, H. van Hees: Phys. Lett. B **753** (2016) 586

- dilepton yield determined by interplay between temperature and fireball volume

- slope of dileptons in the intermediate-mass range constitutes a blue-shift free fireball thermometer

- **What happens at low energies?**



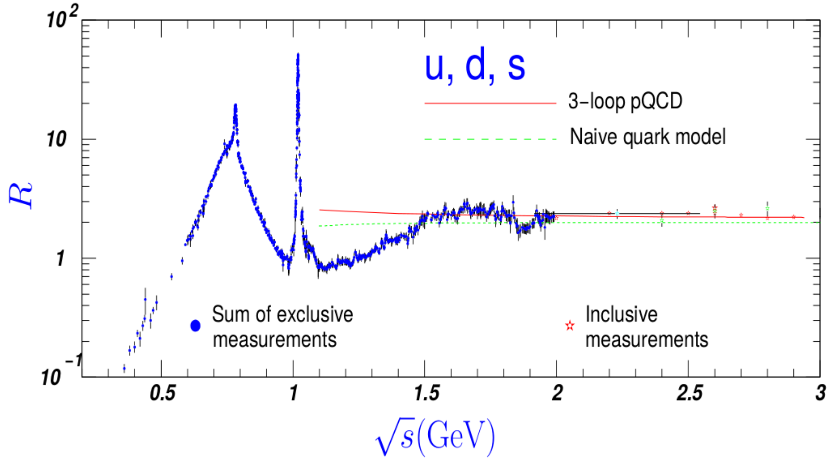


Realistic dilepton emission rates

8-differential thermal production rate

$$\frac{dN_{ll}}{d^4x d^4q} = -\frac{\alpha_{\mathrm{EM}}^2}{\pi^3 M^2} f^B(q \cdot u; T) \, \mathrm{Im}\Pi_{\mathrm{EM}}(M, q; \mu_B, T)$$

$$R = \frac{\sigma(e^+e^- \to \mathrm{hadrons})}{\sigma(e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^-)} \propto \frac{\mathrm{Im}\Pi_{\mathrm{EM}}^{\mathrm{vac}}}{M^2}$$

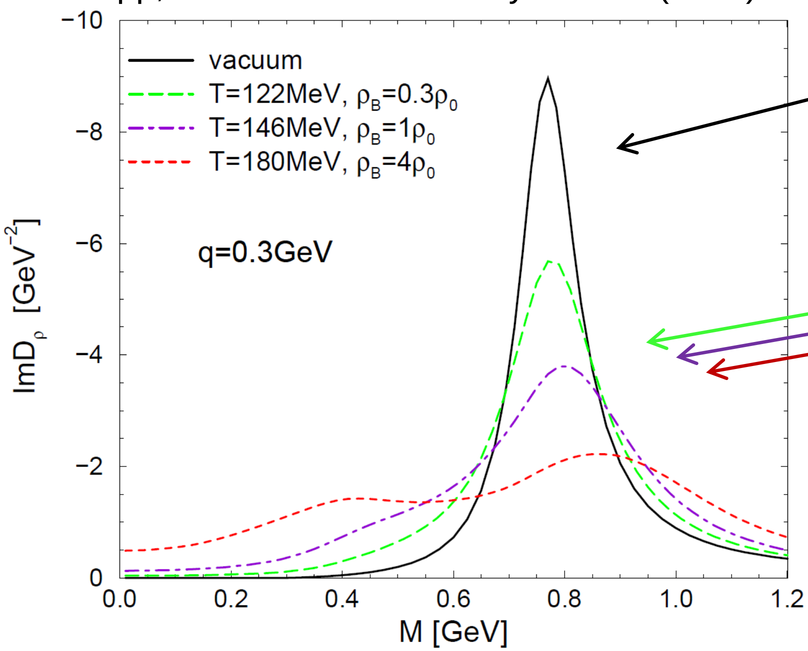


$$\mathrm{Im}\Pi_{\mathrm{EM}}^{\mathrm{vac}}(M) = \begin{cases} \sum_{v=\rho,\omega,\phi} \left(\frac{m_v^2}{g_v}\right)^2 \mathrm{Im}D_v^{\mathrm{vac}}(M) \, , & M < M_{\mathrm{dual}}^{\mathrm{vac}} \simeq 1.5\,\mathrm{GeV/c}^2 \\ -\frac{M^2}{12\pi}\left(1 + \frac{\alpha_s(M)}{\pi} + \ldots\right) N_c \sum_{q=u,d,s} (e_q)^2 \, , & M > M_{\mathrm{dual}}^{\mathrm{vac}} \end{cases}$$

Realistic dilepton emission rates

The ρ meson in nuclear matter

R. Rapp, J. Wambach: Eur. Phys. J. A **6** (1999) 415



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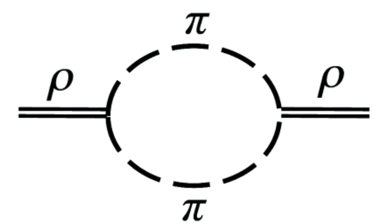
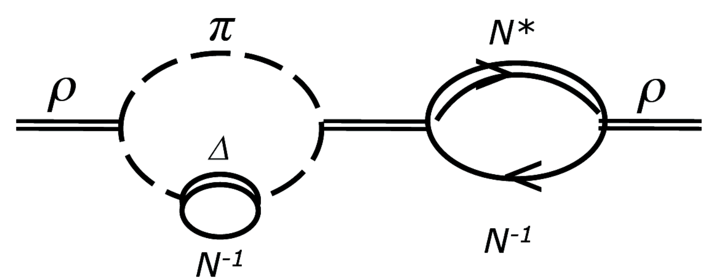


medium

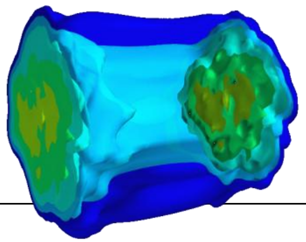
$$D_\rho(M,q;\mu_B,T) = [M^2 - m_\rho^2 - \Sigma_{\rho\pi\pi} - \Sigma_{\rho B} - \Sigma_{\rho M}]^{-1}$$

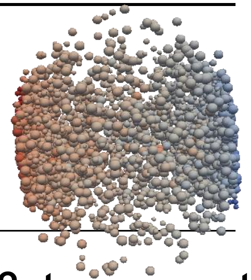


The ρ spectral function strongly broadens in the medium as the ρ meson couples to baryons !

additional contributions to the ρ meson self-energy in the medium

Description of the fireball evolution





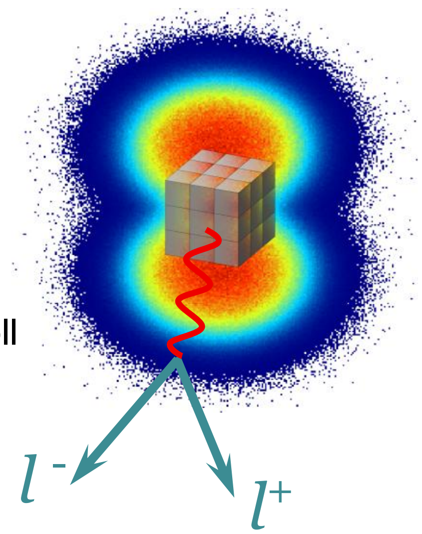
Coarse-graining of hadronic transport

- “combine” the advantages of both descriptions: hydrodynamics & transport
- simulate events with a transport model

  → ensemble average to obtain smooth space-time distributions

- divide space-time evolution into 4-dimesional cells

  21 x 21 x 21 space cells (1fm^3), 30 time steps → ~ 280 k cells



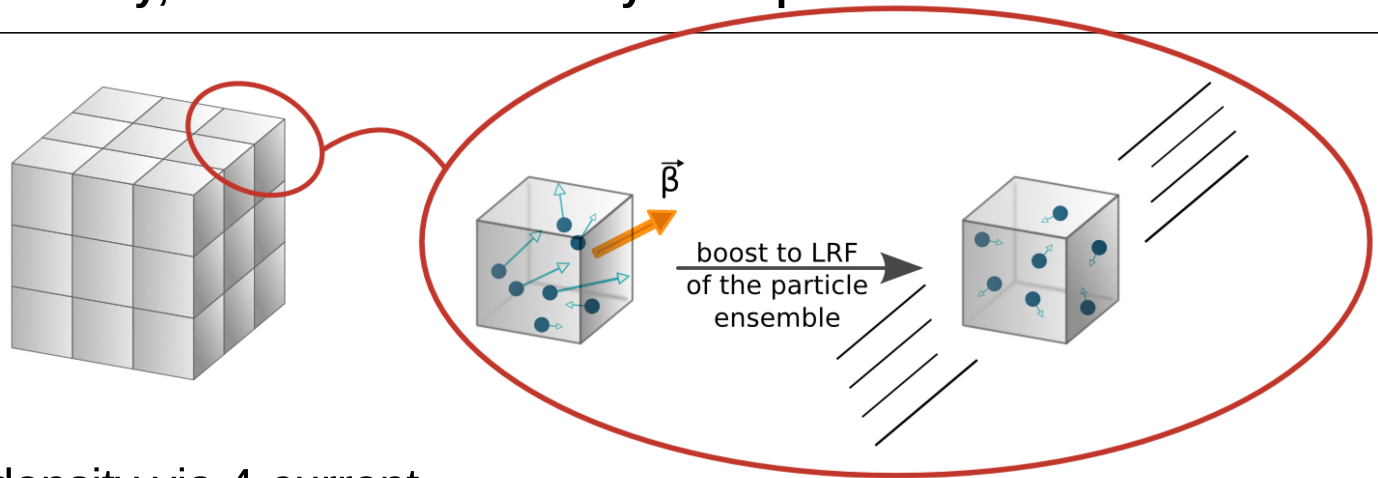
- determine for each cell the bulk properties like T, ρ_B & v_{coll}
- calculate dilepton rates based on these inputs

  → parameterization of RW in-medium spectral function

- sum up the contributions of all cells
- similar approaches by
  - Huovinen *et al.*: PRC **66** (2002) 014903
  - Endres *et al.*: PRC **91** (2015) 054911, PRC **92** (2015) 014911, PRC **93** (2016) 054901, PRC **94** (2016) 024912

Determination of bulk properties

(Baryon) density, collective flow velocity & temperature



- baryon density via 4-current
- Lorentz-boost into the local rest frame (LRF) where the baryon current vanishes

- in Boltzmann approximation

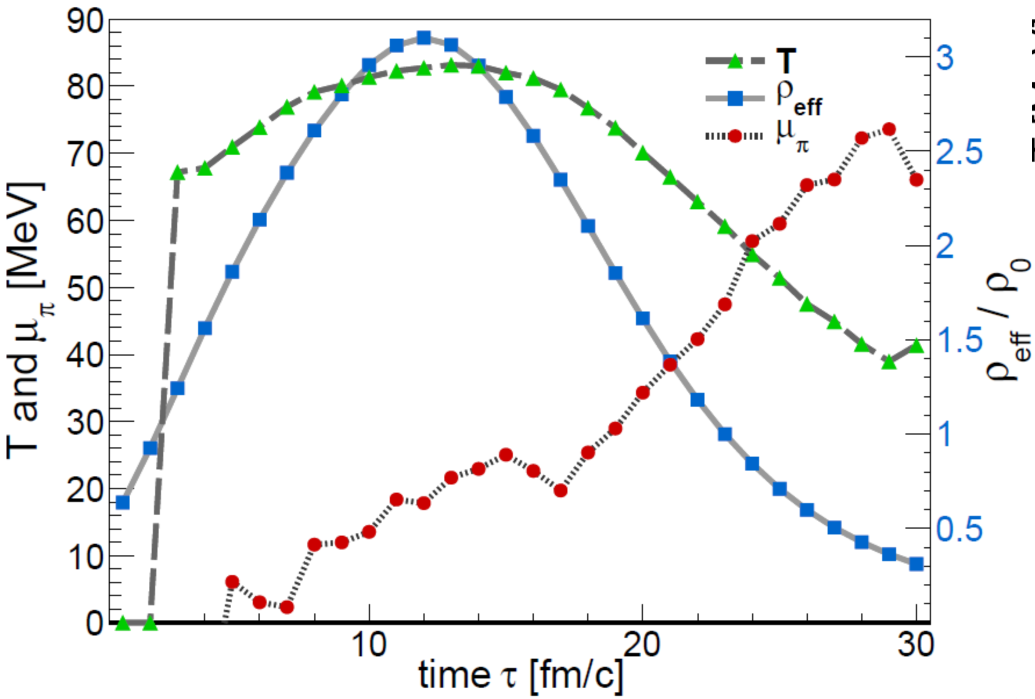
$$\frac{d^3N}{d\vec{p}} = \frac{d^3N}{dp_z\, p_t\, dp_t\, d\theta} \propto \exp(-E/T) \;\Rightarrow\; \frac{1}{m_t^{3/2}} \frac{dN}{dm_t} \propto \exp(-m_t/T)$$

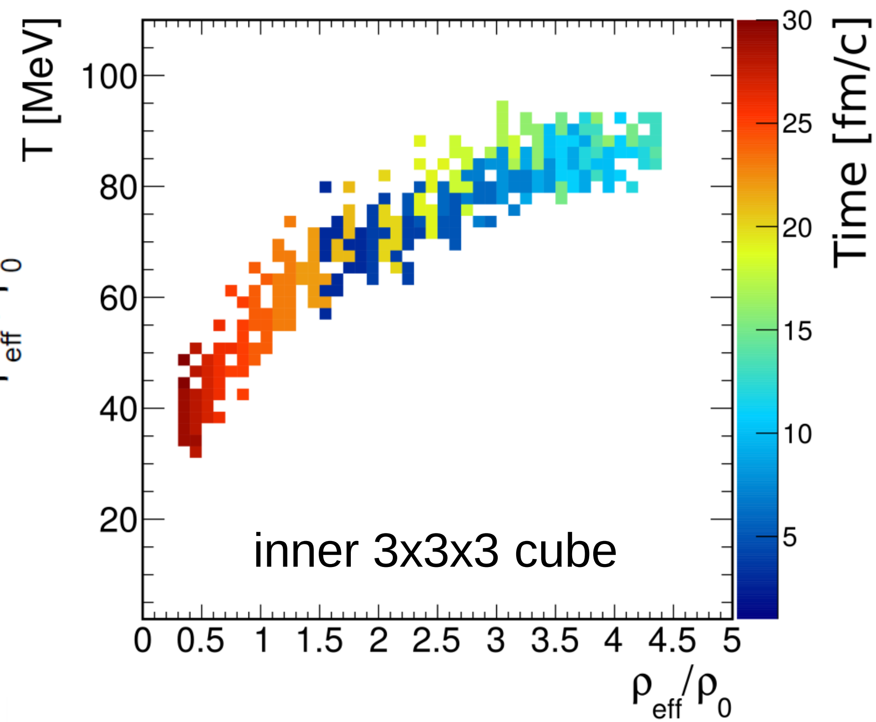
- fill m_t spectra with particle momenta in LRF (mean flow v_{coll} vanishes)
- fit exponential function to extract T (species of choice: pions)

Results

Au+Au at 1.23A GeV

- evolution of T, ρ_{eff} and μ_π in the central cube of 7x7x7 cells
- trajectories of the cells in the temperature-density plane

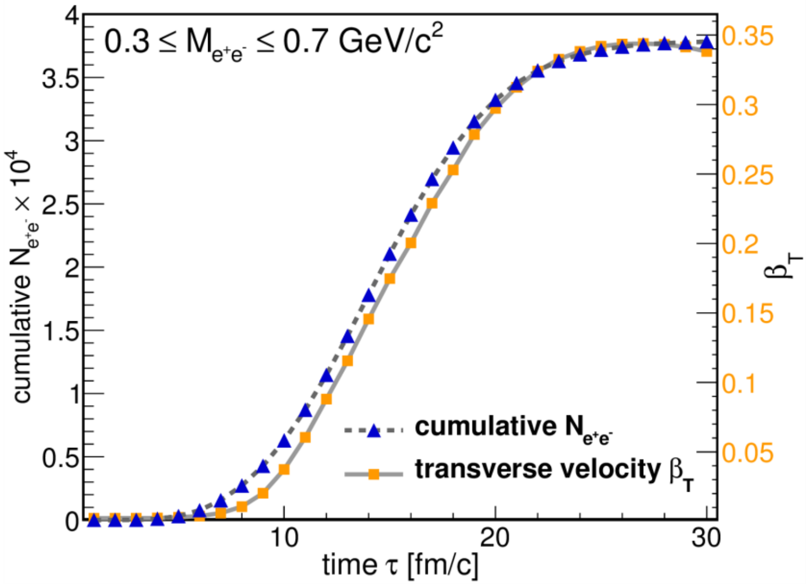


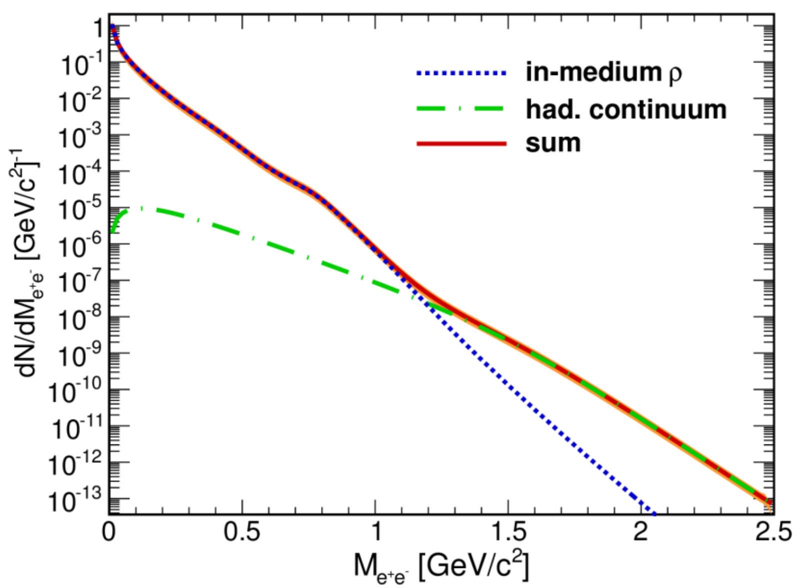


Dileptons as fireball probes

Au+Au at 1.23A GeV

- time evolution of cumulative dilepton yield in mass window M = 0.3-0.7 GeV/c^2
- active radiation window ~13 fm/c follows build-up of collective medium flow ⇨ fireball lifetime
- strong medium effects on ρ-meson ⇨ remarkably structure-less low-mass spectrum
- $\mathrm{d}R_{ll}/\mathrm{d}M \propto (MT)^{3/2} \exp(-M/T)$
- inverse slope parameter: T_S = 88 ± 5 MeV in IMR, T_S = 64 ± 5 MeV in LMR



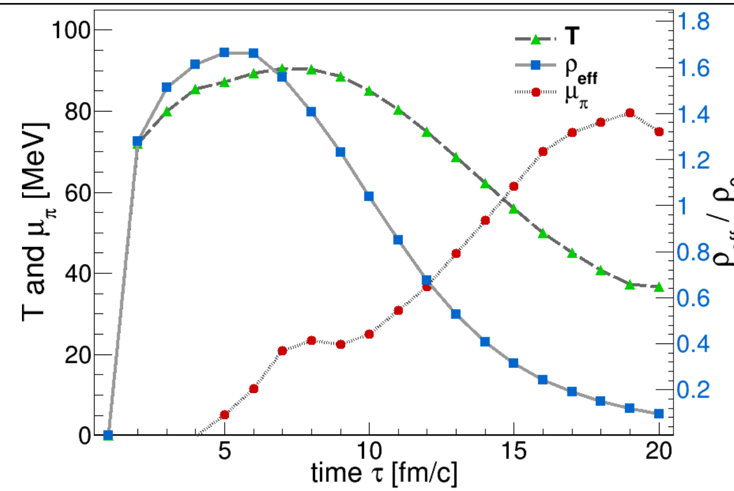


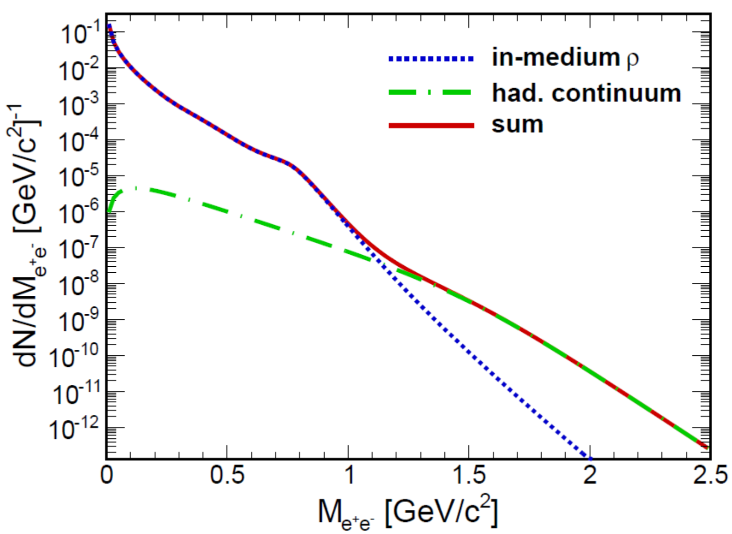
T. Galatyuk *et al.*: Eur. Phys. J. A **52** (2016) 131

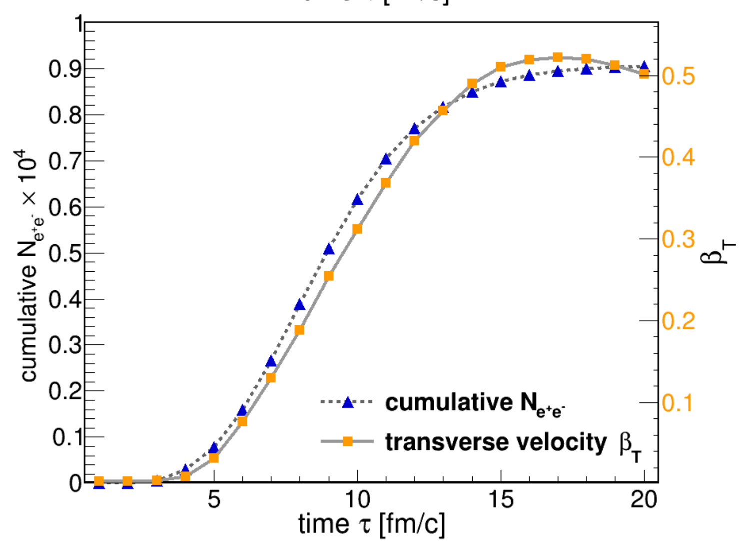
Dileptons as fireball probes

Ar+KCl at 1.76A GeV ($\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 2.6 GeV)

- evolution of T, ρ_{eff} and μ_π in the inner cube of 5x5x5 cells
- invariant mass spectrum for the thermal radiation
- window for dilepton radiation & build-up of collectivity ~ 8fm/c







FS *et al.*, CPOD2016 proceedings

Excitation function of dilepton production

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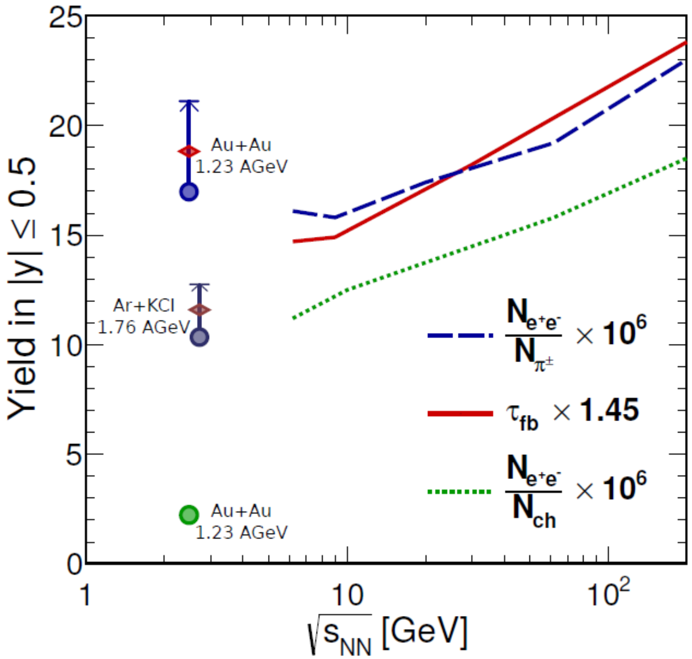
Yield in low-mass window tracks fireball lifetime



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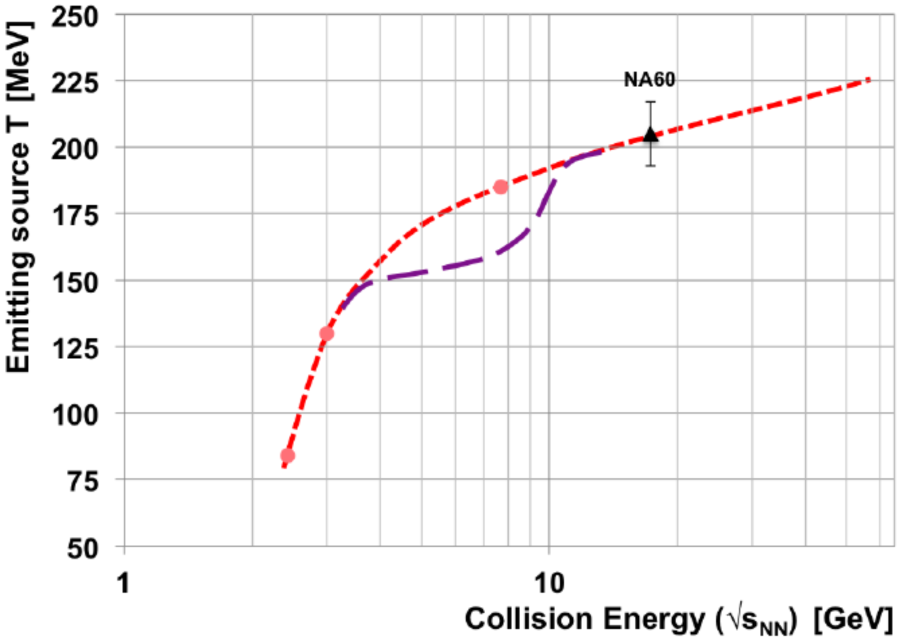

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- fireball dominated by incoming nucleons at lower energies
- number of charged particles N_{ch} not a good proxy for thermal excitation energy
- normalization to number of charged pions N_π
- lifetime from dilepton yield in mass window 0.3-0.7 GeV/c²: $\frac{N_{l^+l^-}}{N_{\pi^\pm}} \cdot 10^6 \simeq 1.45 \cdot \tau_{\text{fb}}$

Comparison to experimental excess spectra

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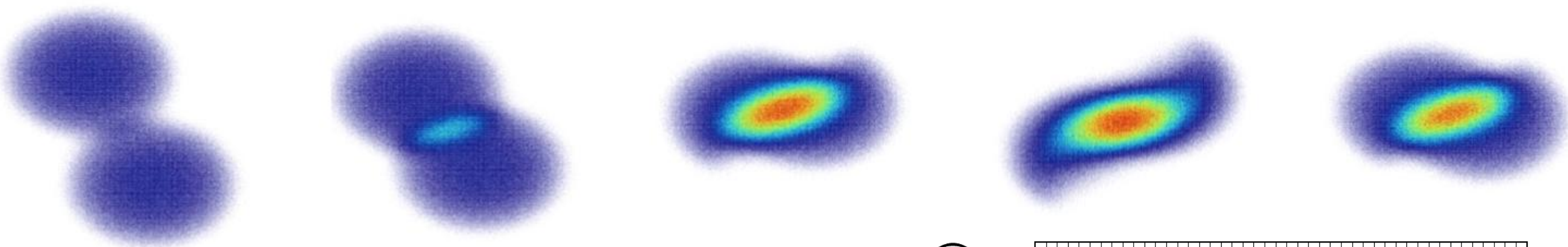
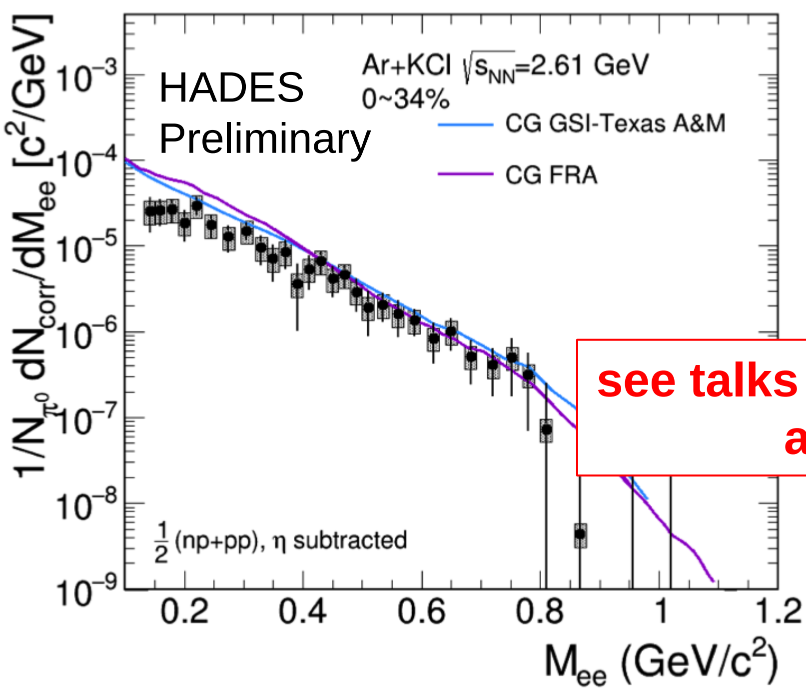
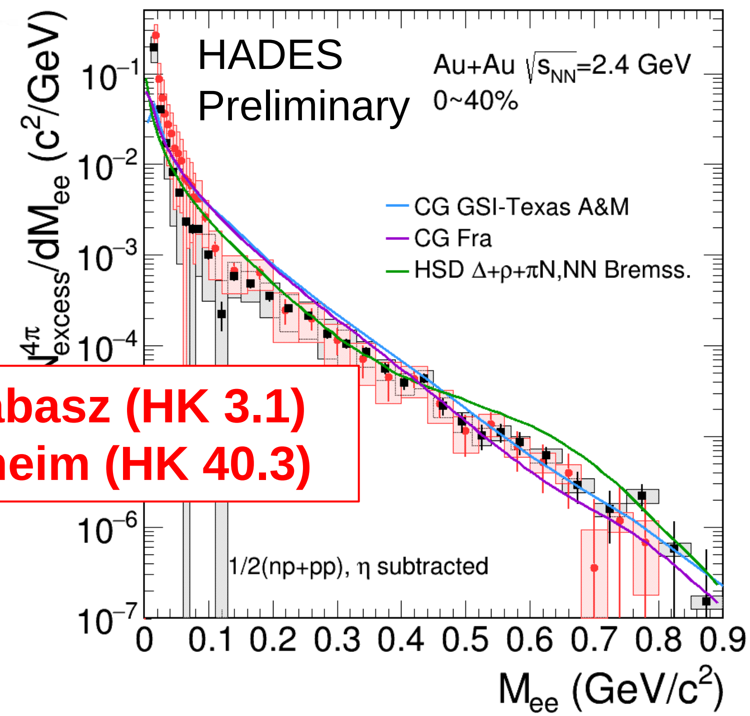
Ar+KCl at 1.76A GeV & Au+Au at 1.23A GeV (min. bias)







see talks by S. Harabasz (HK 3.1) and P. Sellheim (HK 40.3)

Exploring the QCD phase diagram –

– with dileptons

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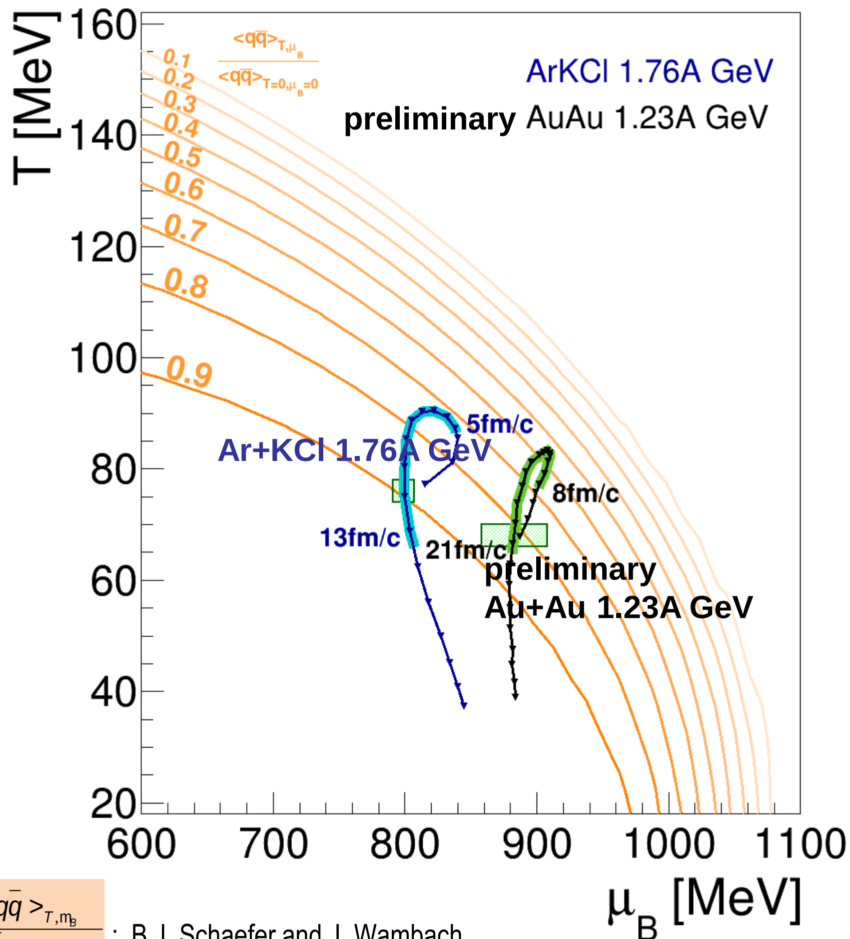


$\frac{\langle q\bar{q}\rangle_{T,m_B}}{\langle q\bar{q}\rangle_{T=0,m_B=0}}$: B.J. Schaefer and J. Wambach

- chemical freeze-out from measured particle yields analyzed with SHM THERMUS 2.3
- trajectories extracted from inner cube of cells with coarse-grained UrQMD
- time-window of dilepton emission
  - radiation stops shortly after chemical freeze-out
  - access to hot and dense stage of the heavy-ion collision

Summary & Outlook

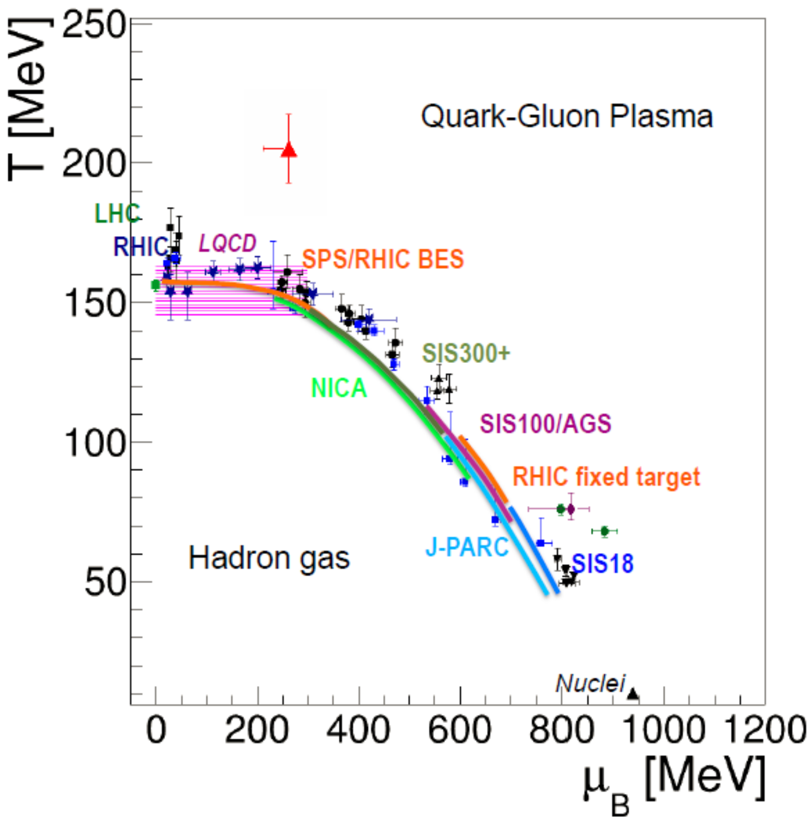
- dileptons are excellent fireball probes
  - thermometer & chronometer
  - new insights into the matter created under extreme conditions
- thermal dilepton spectra from highest to lowest energies
  - realistic thermal dilepton emission rates
  - accurate description of fireball evolution in terms of T, ρ_{eff}, v_{coll} and μ_π
  - coarse-graining of hadronic transport at SIS energies
- baseline for future explorations by HADES & CBM
  - any significant deviation can indicate interesting physics!

Thank you for your attention !

Backup slides

Electromagnetic probes in heavy-ion collisions

Experiments across the QCD phase diagram

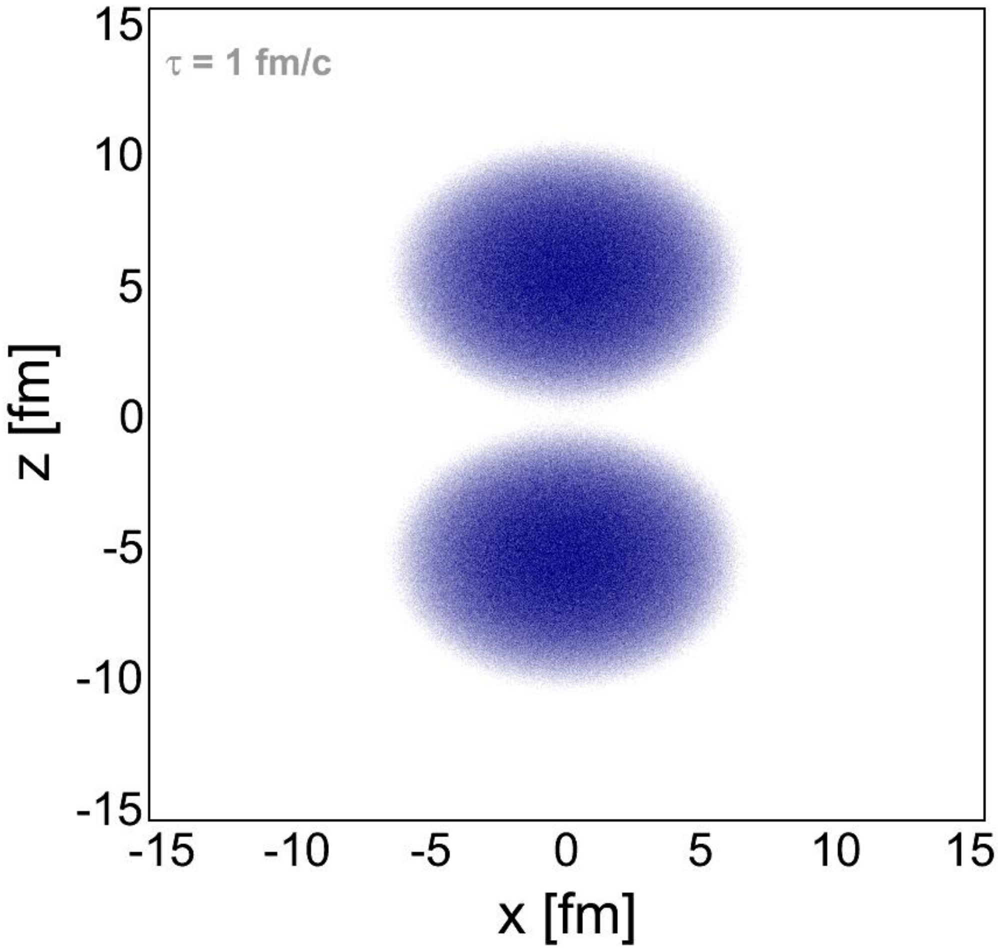


▲ NA60 (μ+μ-) : H.J.Specht: AIP Conf. Proc. 1322 (2010)

- Search for
  - phase boundary(ies)
    - → fluctuations of conserved quantum numbers
    - → flavor production (multi-strange, charm)
  - change in microscopic degrees of freedom
  - restoration of chiral symmetry
  - emitting source temperature
    - → electromagnetic probes leave collision zone undistorted
    - → real γ characterized by transverse momentum
    - → dileptons carry extra information: invariant mass

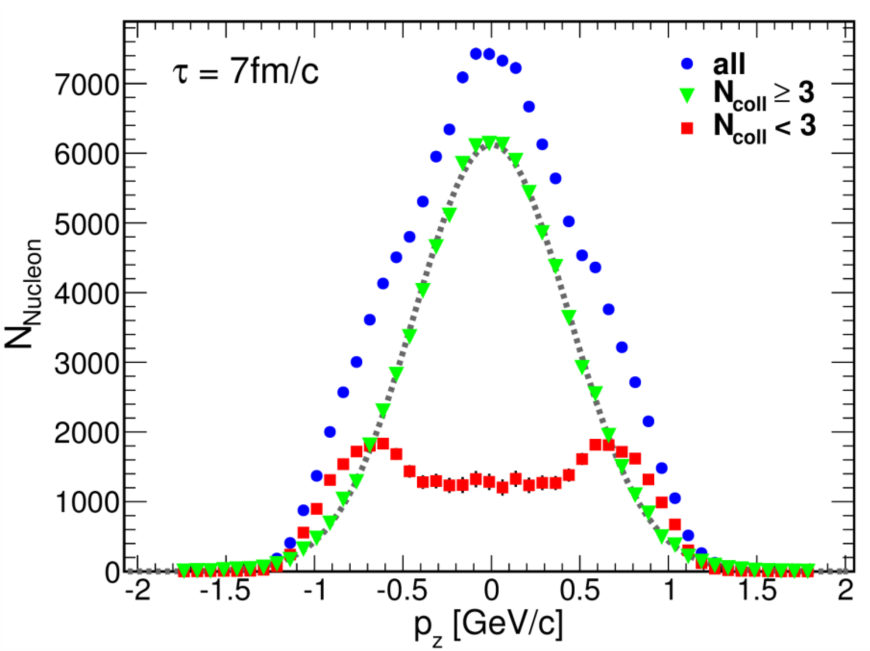
Space-time evolution of a heavy-ion collision

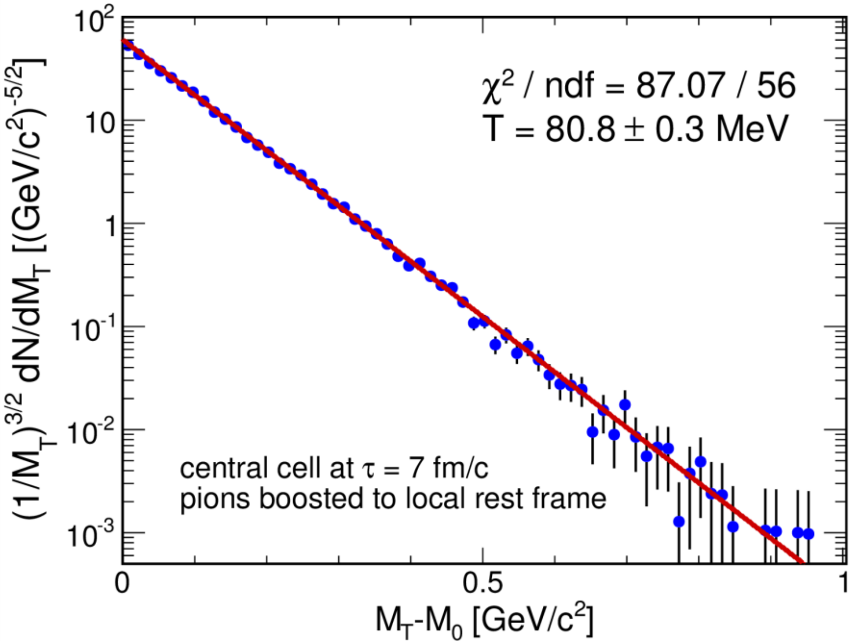
Au+Au at 1.23 AGeV ($\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 2.4 GeV) ⇨ HADES energy regime



Local thermalization?

Momentum distributions of nucleons ($N_{coll} \geq 3$) & pion m_t spectra



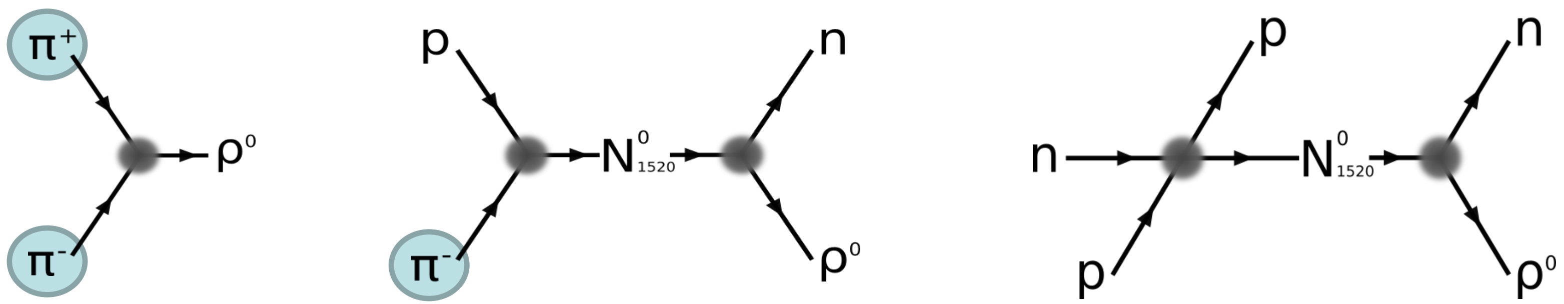


- Gaussian shaped p_z distribution builds up for nucleons with $N_{coll} \geq 3$
- m_t spectra show exponential shape
- check for every cell ⟶ deviations are kept in space-time evolution

Out of chemical equilibrium?

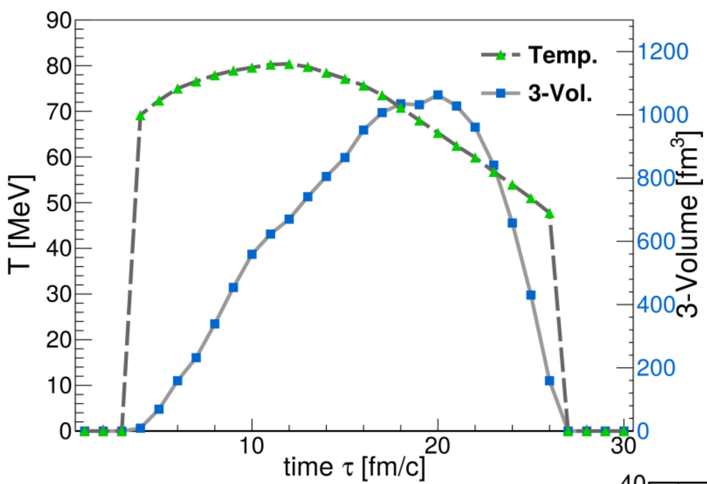
Build-up of effective chemical potentials

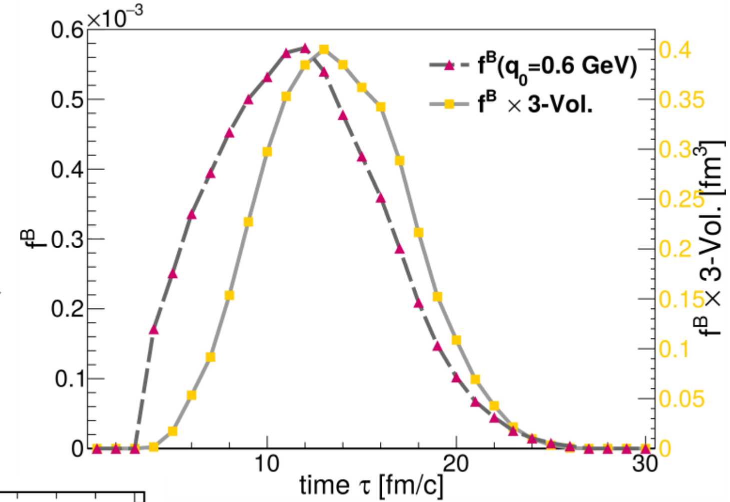
- thermal emission rates assume chemical equilibrium
- chemical non-equilibrium possible, e.g. after chemical freeze-out
  - no more inelastic interactions → pion number conserved
  - system in thermal equilibrium cools down further → over-population of pions
  - build-up of an effective chemical potential μ_π
- induces a factor $(z_\pi)^\kappa$ in the dilepton rates with the fugacity $z = \exp\left(\frac{\mu_\pi}{T}\right)$
  - exponent κ reflects the main production mechanism of ρ mesons
  - at HADES energies UrQMD suggests $\kappa = 1.12$

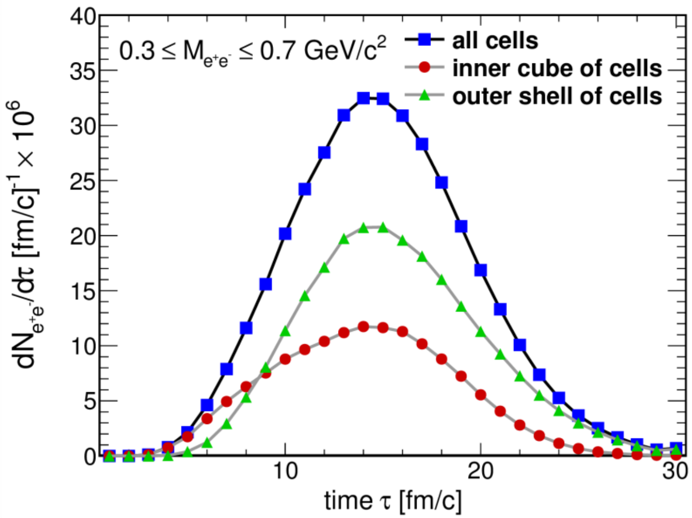


Dileptons as fireball probes

Interplay temperature – fireball volume







Pluto

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A Monte Carlo simulation tool for hadronic physics

- in simple terms: Pluto is a ROOT based „laptop“ framework for implementing customized event generators:
  - object oriented (C++), modular, flexible
  - fast simulations (kinematics, decay)
  - filters (e.g. acceptance, efficiency)
  - no transport through media, no geometry, no field

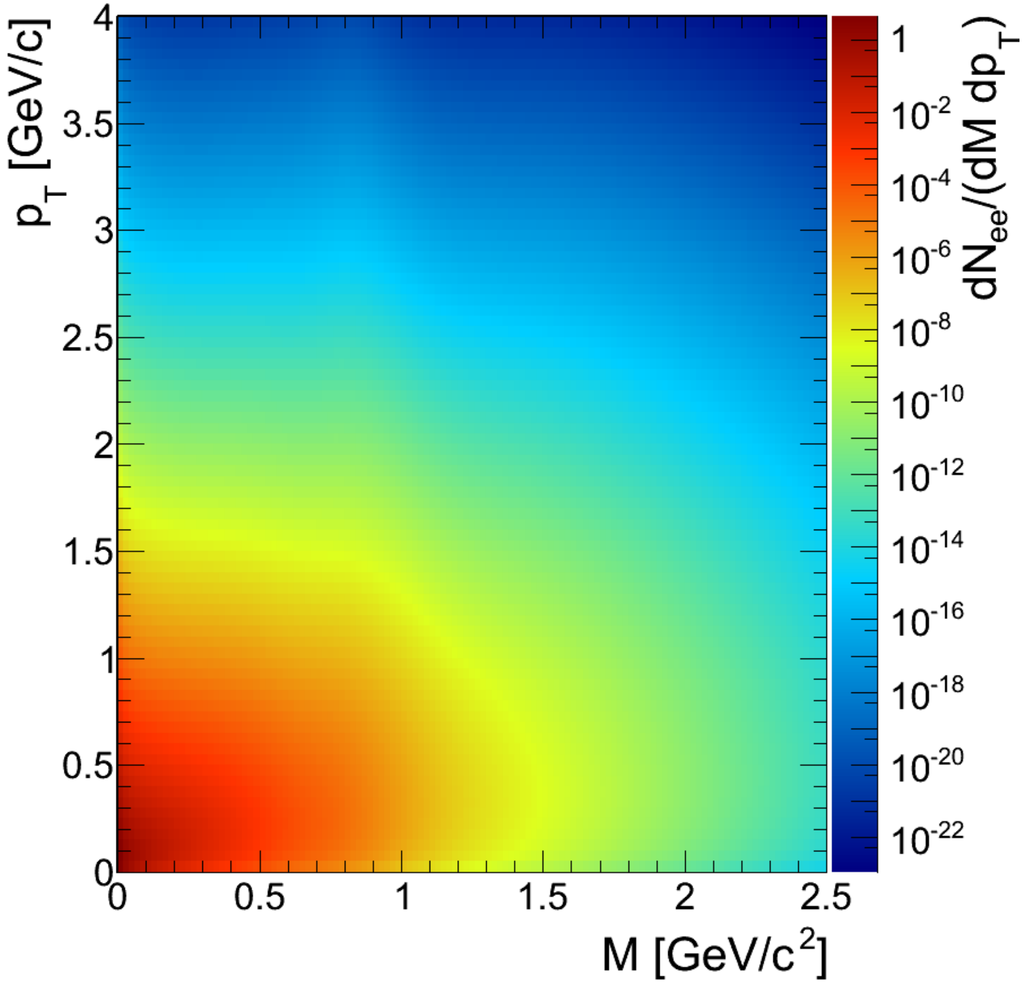
- original intention of developing Pluto:
  - feasibility studies → fast event generation
- later:
  - model comparison, acceptance corrections

for more information: PoS ACAT2007 076

Results

Input for thermal radiation generated with PLUTO

- differential spectra $\frac{d^3N}{dM\,dp_T\,dy}$ can directly be used to sample dileptons in Pluto
- input histogram for Au+Au at 1.23 AGeV
- apply HADES acceptance filter



Local Thermalization

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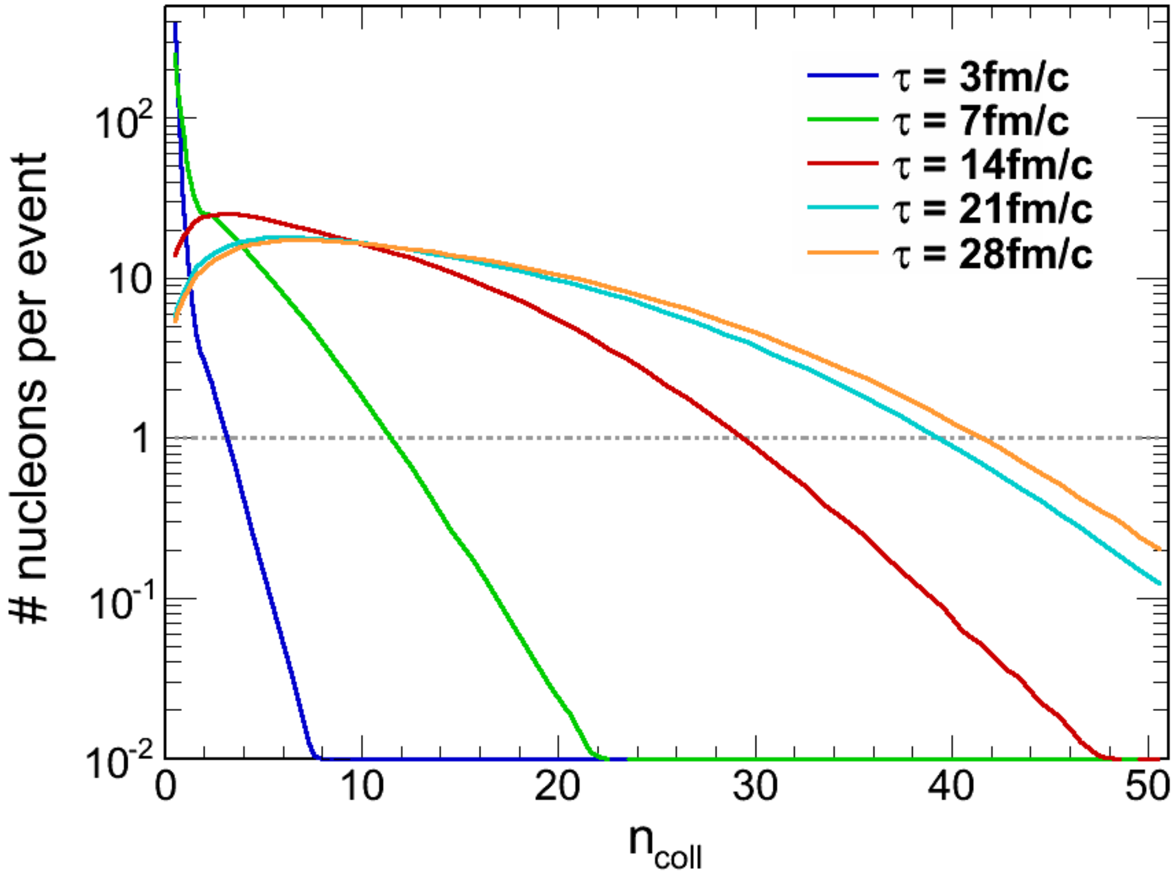
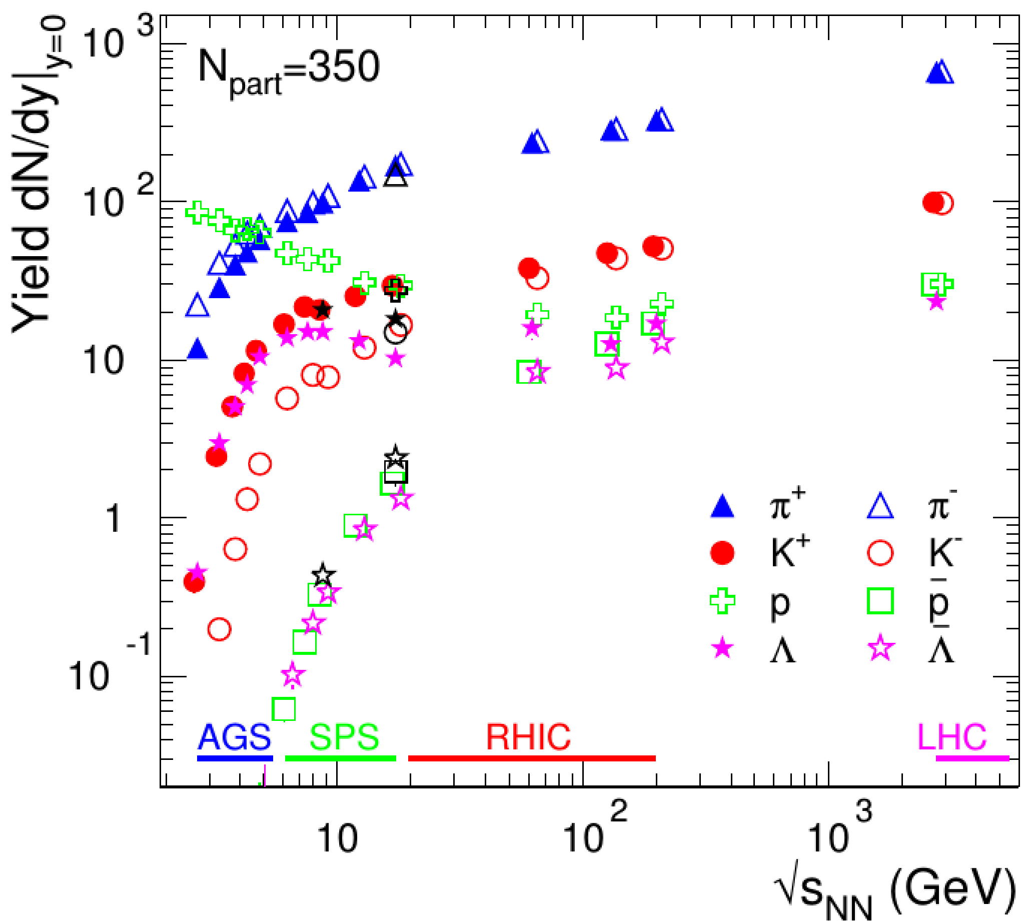
Evolution of N_{coll} distributions of nucleons



Excitation function of hadron yields



Realistic dilepton emission rates

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Hadronic matter

- parameterization of Rapp-Wambach in-medium ρ spectral function

  R. Rapp, J. Wambach: Eur. Phys. J. A **6** (1999) 415

  depends on

  - temperature T
  - effective baryon density ρ_{eff}
  - pion chemical potential μ_π

$$\varrho_{\mathrm{eff}} = \varrho_{\mathrm{N}} + \varrho_{\bar{\mathrm{N}}} + \frac{1}{2}\left(\varrho_{\mathrm{R}} + \varrho_{\bar{\mathrm{R}}}\right)$$

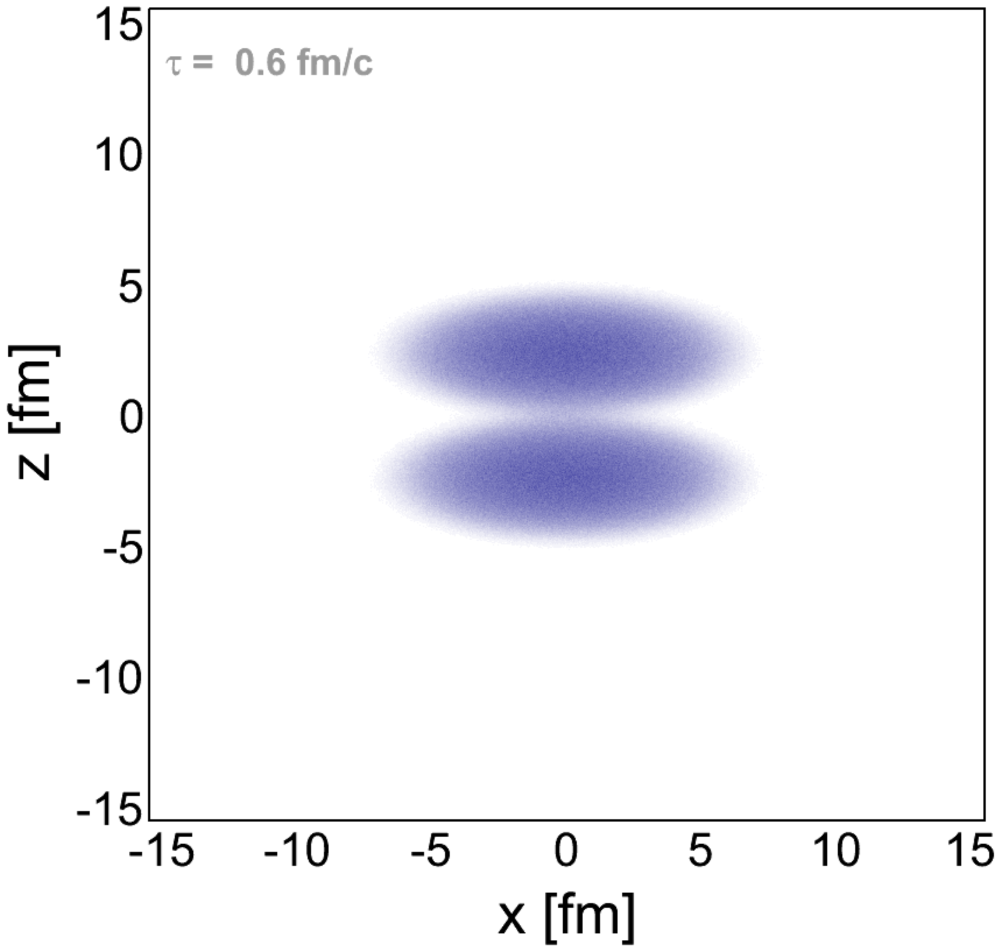
- reproduces excess in experimental data
  - CERES
  - NA60
  - STAR (including BES)
  - PHENIX with HBD

- at higher masses: include hadronic continuum radiation

  E. V. Shuryak: Rev. Mod. Phys. **69** (1993) 1

Space-time evolution of a heavy-ion collision

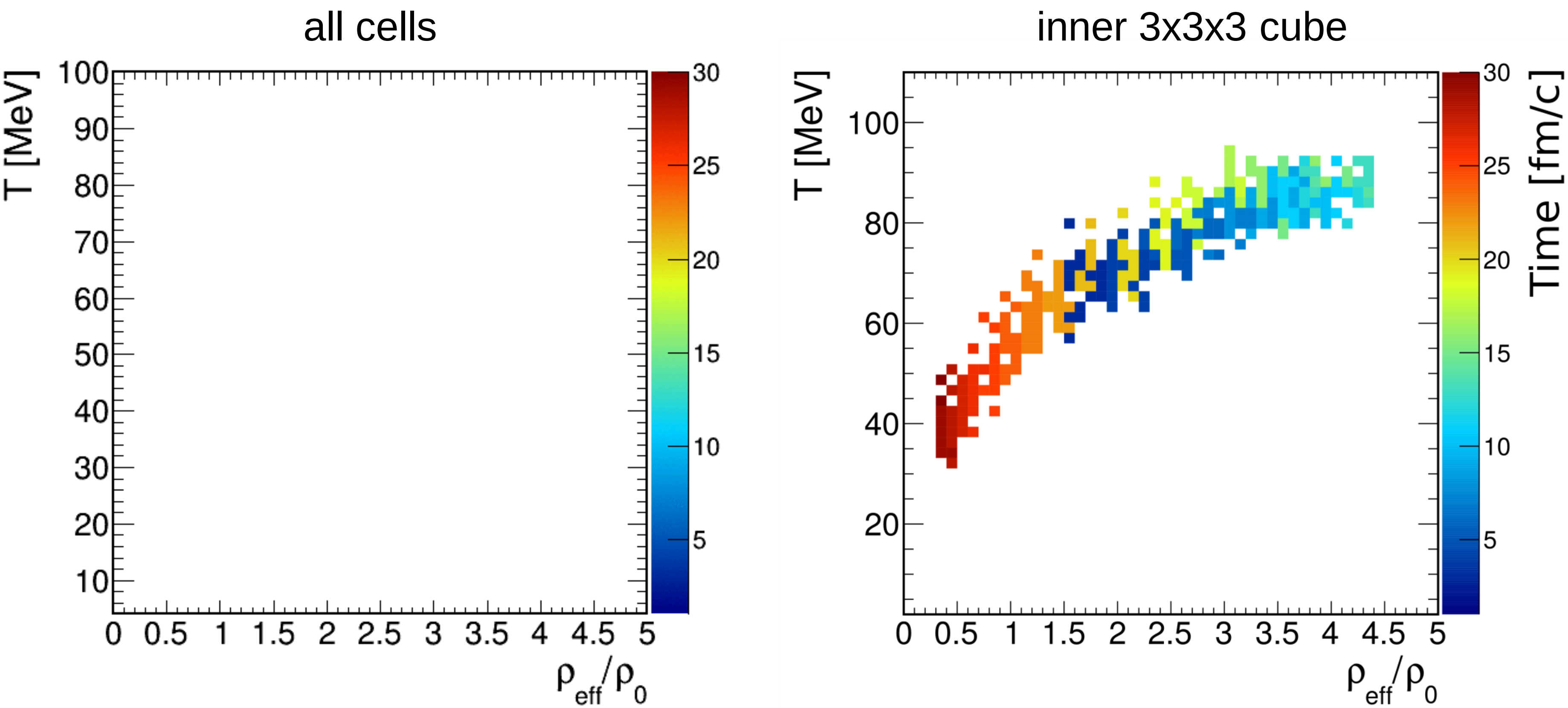
Au+Au at 11 AGeV ($\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 4.9 GeV) ⇨ CBM energy regime



Results

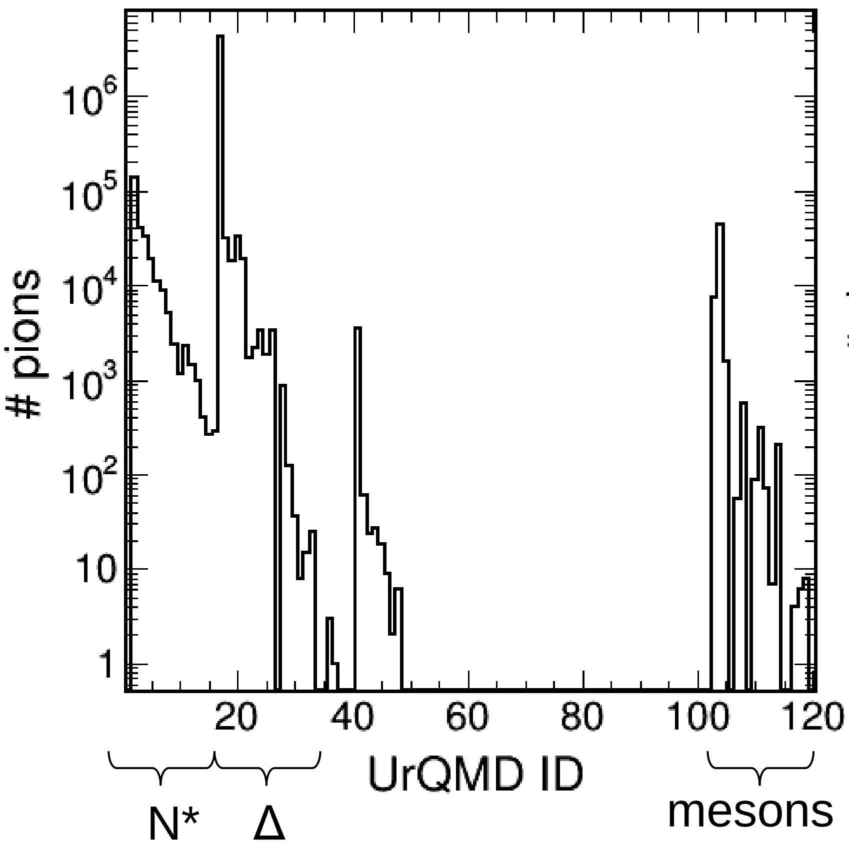
Au+Au at 1.23 AGeV

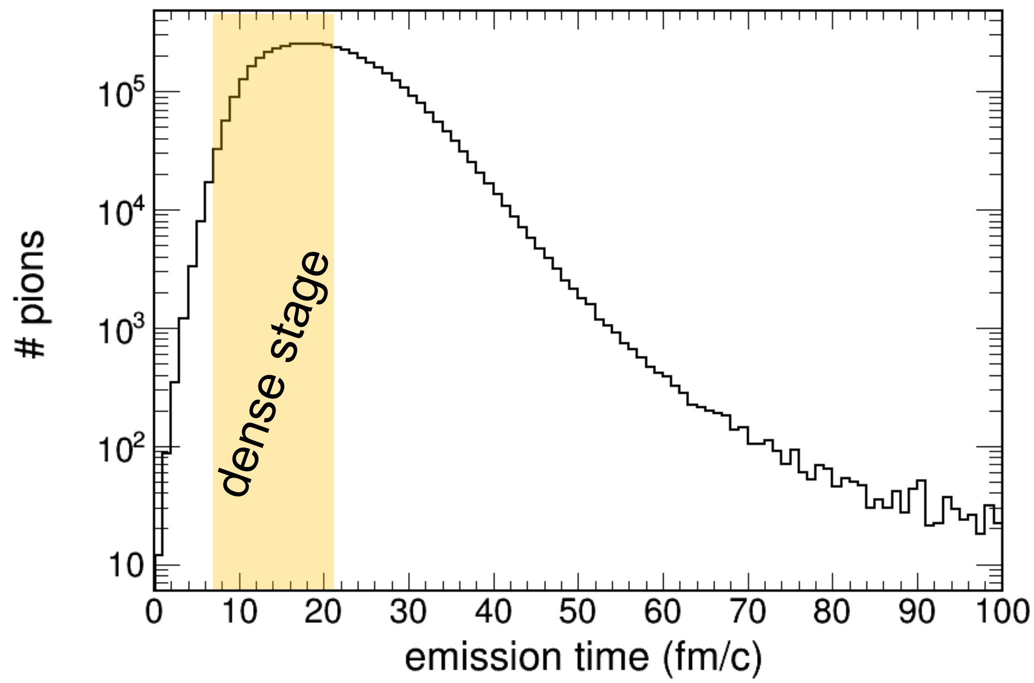
- trajectories of the cells in the temperature-density plane



Final-state pion cocktail

PID of mother particle





- 90% (95%) of pions are emitted before 30 (40) fm/c

Final-state pion spectra

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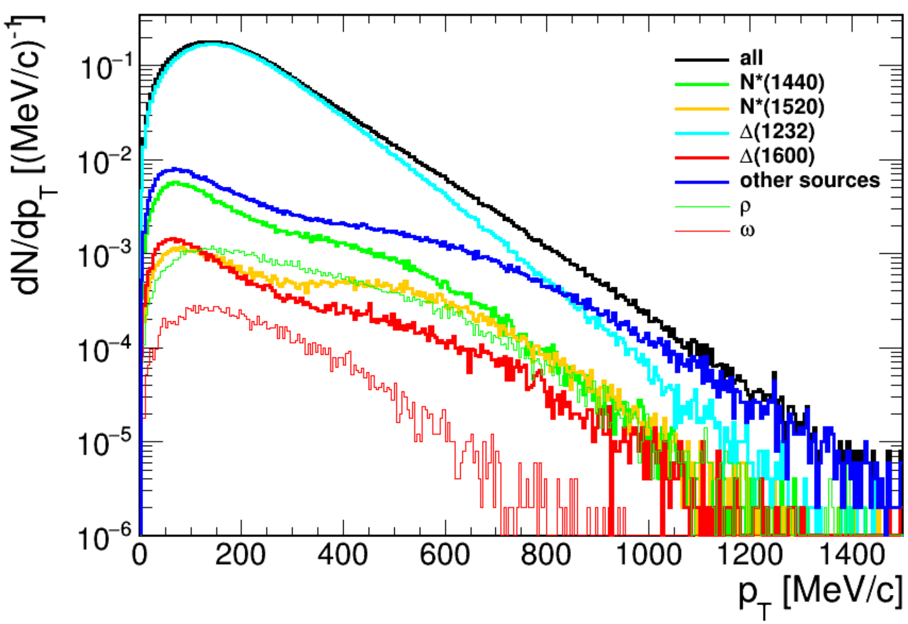
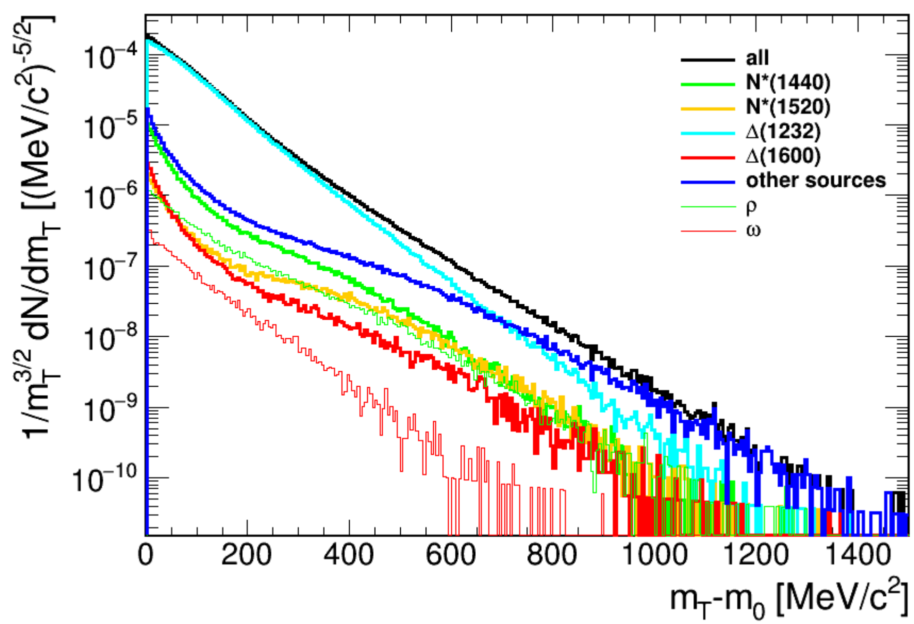
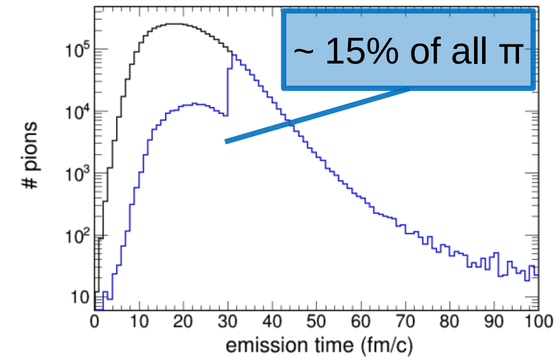
- Dominant contribution: Δ(1232) decays (cyan)
- Many more resonances contribute especially at higher p_T

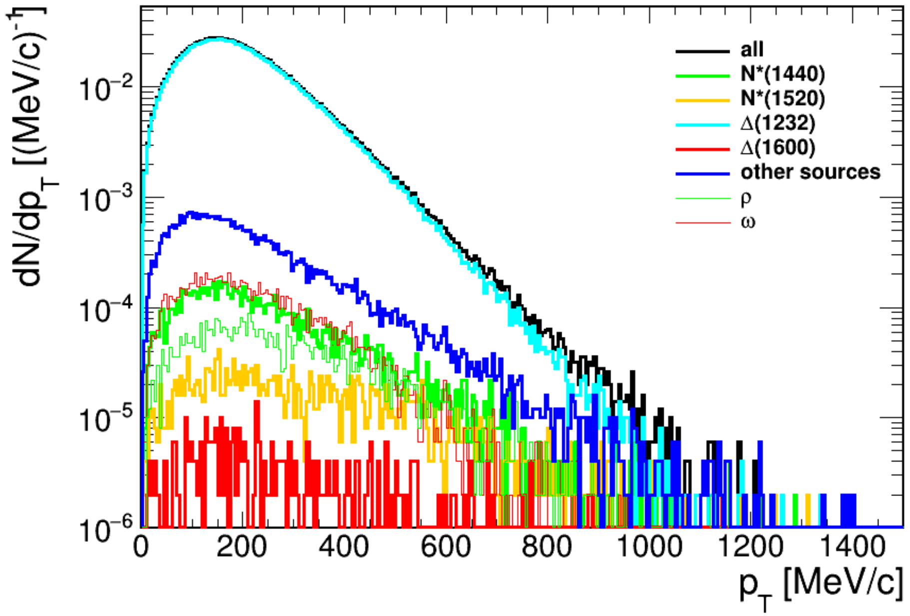


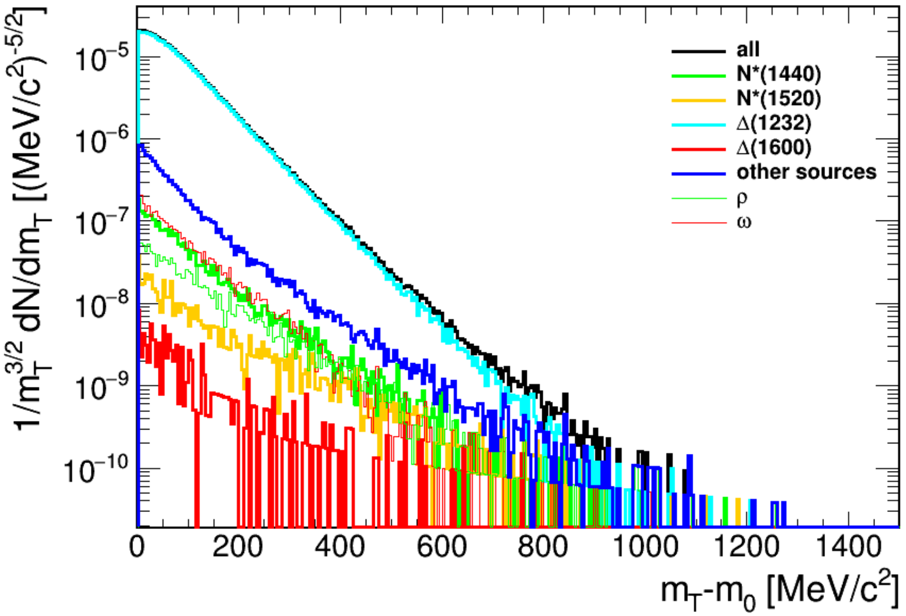


Final-state pion spectra: density dependent

$\rho/\rho_0 < 0.1$ at emission or $t_{emission} > 30fm/c$







Final-state pion spectra: density dependent

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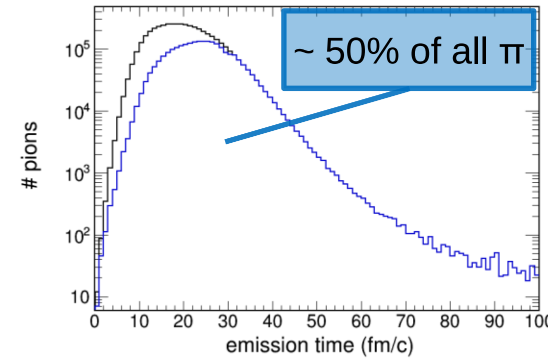
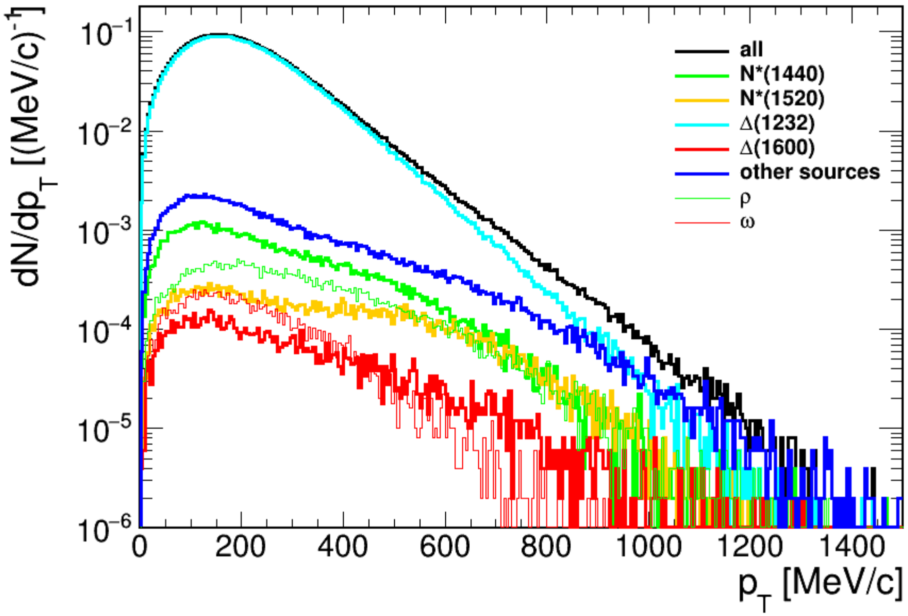
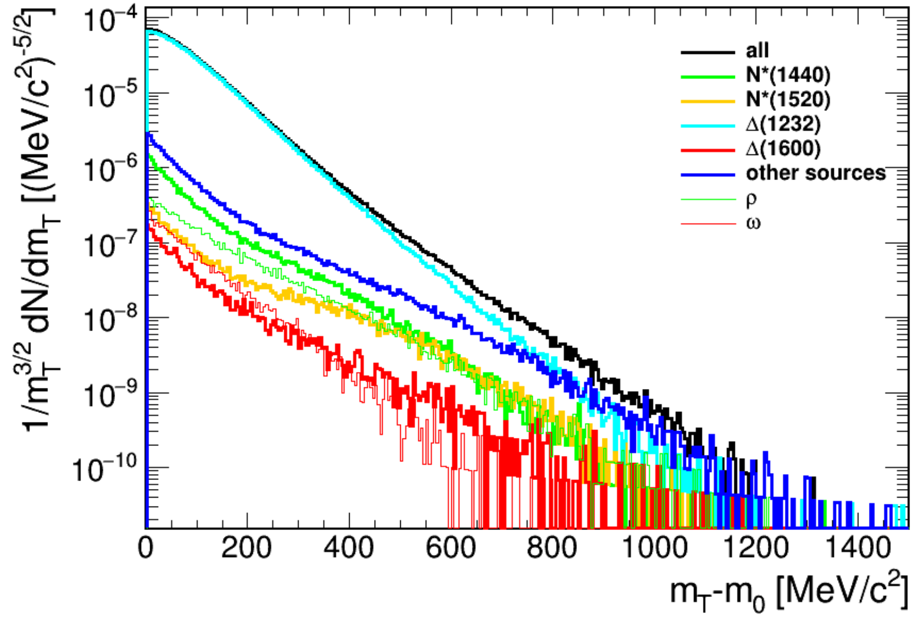
$\rho/\rho_0 < 0.5$ at emission or $t_{emission} > 30$fm/c







Final-state pion spectra: density dependent

$\rho/\rho_0 > 1$ at emission