





# THE ROLE OF BARYON RESONANCES IN THERMAL DILEPTON RADIATION

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# QCD PHASE DIAGRAM AND DILEPTONS





## The exploration of the QCD Phase Diagram

Fireballs of QCD matter formed in (ultra-) relativistic heavy-ion collisions seem to freeze out along a universal curve.

At vanishing  $\mu_B$  the location of this curve coincides with the pseudo-critical temperature extracted from lattice-QCD.

The QCD phase diagram is experimentally mapped by measurements of comparing particle abundancies to a Statistical Hadronization Model (SHM) and by direct temperature measurements using dileptons.







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## Stages of a heavy-ion collision







#### Dilepton invariant mass spectrum from STAR



STAR collaboraion, 1504.01317





#### Inclusive dielectron yields: Au + Au ( $\sqrt{s} = 2.4 AGeV$ )



## THERMAL DILEPTON RADIATION





## Theoretical approaches to medium radiation







### $\rho \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$ production in a hadronic cascade (UrQMD)

Shining approach to dilepton production from **intermediary**  $\rho$  **decay** for a C + C collision at 2A GeV calculated with UrQMD.

The dileptons are calculated in a "perturbative" approach scanning the history file after each collision and deriving respective dilepton yields by application of the proper partial decay width.

$$\Gamma_{V \to e^+e^-}(M) = \frac{\Gamma_{V \to e^+e^-}(m_V)}{m_V} \frac{m_V^4}{M^3} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_e^2}{M^2}} \left(1 + 2\frac{m_e^2}{M^2}\right)$$

Off-shell decays (N(1520)) populate the region way below the vector mesons pole mass. Strong effect at low beam energies.







#### Thermal production using coarse graining

boost to LRF of the particle ensemble T [MeV] 90F 25 80 70 20 10-60 10 <sub>e</sub>/(dM dτ) 10 50 10-10 40 10-Ч 10-8 30 10-20 15 10 5 20 10 20 10-1 10-1 10-1 0 0.5 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 3.5 4 4.5 5 0.5 1.5 2 2.5 M (GeV/c<sup>2</sup>)  $\rho_{\rm off}/\rho_{\rm c}$ Florain Seck, priv. comm.

Simulate many cascades under same initial conditions and overlay the particle propagation. Treat particles in cells at *statistical systems*.



T. Galatyuk, F. Seck, R. Rapp, J. Stroth, 1512-08688





#### Thermal radiation from fireballs



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Spectrometer



#### Dileptons as ...



Thermometer



0.2 0.3

0.1

0.4 0.5 0.6

0.7 0.8

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# $\rho$ SPECTRAL FUNCTION AND $\chi$ SYMMETRY RESTORATION





### Vector Meson Dominance in Hot & Dense Matter

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

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

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

$$j_{EM}^{\mu} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \bar{u} \gamma^{\mu} u - \bar{d} \gamma^{\mu} d \right) + \frac{1}{6} \left( \bar{u} \gamma^{\mu} u + \bar{d} \gamma^{\mu} d \right) - \frac{1}{3} \bar{s} \gamma^{\mu} s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} j_{\rho}^{\mu} + \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} j_{\omega}^{\mu} - \frac{1}{3} j_{\phi}^{\mu}$$

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

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

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## The in-medium $\rho$ spectral function

Strong broadening of the in-medium due to its coupling to baryon-hole states.

The in-medium electromagnetic current-current correlator can be derived based on the basis of VDM using a many-body-like diagrammatic approach

$$\mathrm{Im}\Pi_{em} = \sum \frac{m_V^4}{g_V^2} \mathrm{Im}D_V$$

with the meson propagator (spectral function)

$$D_{\rho}^{T,L} = \left[M^2 - m_{\rho}^2 - \Sigma_{\rho\pi\pi}^{T,L} - \Sigma_{\rho M}^{T,L} - \Sigma_{\rho B}^{T,L}\right]^{-1}$$

where T, V stand for the transverse and longitudinal projection, respectively.

Needs detailed understanding of  $B_2 \rightarrow N\rho$  and  $B_3 \rightarrow B_1\rho$ with  $(B_1 \rightarrow N\pi)$ 



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## NA60 $\rho$ spectral function

without baryon effects



with baryon effects



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### $\rho - a_1$ mixing

Rigorous consequence of chiral symmetry restoration – "alignement" of spectral densities for parity doublets: Weinberg sum-rules.





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First measurement of  $\omega$  decay in cold matter in the relevant momentum range. Indication for strong broadening of the  $\omega$ .

p+p:

extraction of inclusive cross sections by fitting conventional sources to the experimental spectrum:

π°:	17 ± 2.7 ± 1 mb
Δ:	7.5 ± 1.7 mb
η:	1.14 ± 0.2 mb
ώ:	0.273 ± 0.07 mb
ρ:	0.223 ± 0.06 mb

p+Nb:

Strong reduction of the  $\omega$  peak.



# STRANGENESS PRODUCTION AND THERMALIZATION





## The Hadron Resonance Gas Equation-of-State

Additional *strange baryons* beyond PDG (as predicted by quark models and observed in IQCD calculations) change the EOS of the HRG and brings it closer to lattice results (1404.6511).

The pressure for an non-interacting HRG is given by

$$\frac{P_{HRG}}{T^4} = \frac{1}{VT^3} \left[ \sum_{i \in mesons} \ln Z_{m_i}^M(T, V, \mu_x) + \sum_{i \in baryons} \ln Z_{m_i}^B(T, V, \mu_x) \right]$$

where

$$\ln Z_{m_i}^{M/B} = \mp \frac{V d_i}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dk \; k^2 \ln\left(1 \mp z_i e^{-\epsilon_i/T}\right)$$

is the logarithm of the partition function with the particle's energy/momentum  $\epsilon_i/k_i$ , degeneracy  $d_i$  and fugacities  $z_i$  (for all conserved charges B, Q, S, etc.)









### **Reconstructed Open Strangeness**







## Yields



- All strange hadrons are produced below the free NN threshold: K<sup>+</sup>Λ (-160 MeV); K<sup>+</sup>K<sup>-</sup> (-470 MeV)
- $_{\odot}$  Canonical suppression applied in THERMUS (R\_c),  $\varphi$  not affected.







#### Phase space trajectories from Coarse Grained Transport



UrQMD, coarse grained in  $1 \text{fm}^3 \times 1 \text{fm}/c$  cells



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## Dependence of the Emissivity (Standard Candle)



Chiral condensate a.f.o. temperature T and chemical potential  $\mu_B$ . Shown is the ecpected trajectory of the central region of the heavy-ion collision.

# TESTS OF VDM IN EM BARYON TRANSITIONS





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## Dielectron from $p(1.25 \text{ GeV})p \rightarrow ppe^+e^-$ reactions





HADES Collab. Phys.Rev. C95 (2017) 065205

Krivoruchenkoet al. Phys. Rev. D65(2002) 017502 lachello, Wan Int. J Mod. Phys. A20 (2005) 1846 Ramalho, Peña, Phys. Rev. D85(2012) 113014 Shyam, Mosel, PRC82 (2010)062201 First measurement of the  $\Delta(1232) \rightarrow Ne^+e^$ branching ratio.

 $BR= 4.19 \pm 0.42^{model} \pm 0.46^{syst.} \pm 0.34^{stat.} \times 10^{-5}$ 

Access to the electromagnetic transition form factor:

- Significant deviation from point-like (QED)
- Indication for off-shell formation in the meson cloud
- o (Ramalho, Pena)

G. Ramalho T. Pena, 1512-03764







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

#### VMD scrutinized ( $\pi^- p$ reactions)

 $\pi^- + p \rightarrow \pi^- + \pi^+ + n$ ;  $p_{\pi^-} = [656, 690, 748, 800]$  MeV



Evidence for intermediate  $\rho$  propagation (VMD) in both s and t-channel.





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## The role of virtual pions in dilepton production

- HADES results for different collision energies.
- Dilepton production involves virtual pions (cloud of baryons)







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## Summary

Dileptons are a formidable tool to *explore the microscopic structure* of QCD matter under extreme conditions of temperature and density.

To extract the *thermal radiation* with good precision, a detailed knowledge of dilepton radiation from "conventional" sources is needed (hard processes and meson decays).

The emissivity of hot and dense QCD matter encodes properties of the *in-medium*  $\rho$  meson and can serve as a "standard candle" of such matter.

Thermal radiation is mediated by intermediary  $\rho$  meson which are substantially modified inmedium through their **coupling to baryon resonances** (besides the dressing of its pion cloud).

Exclusive measurements of dilepton production off protons in proton and pion beam induced reactions can *constrain the model calculation* of the emissivity.