

# **HADES turns 25 history, physics highlights, and future perspectives**

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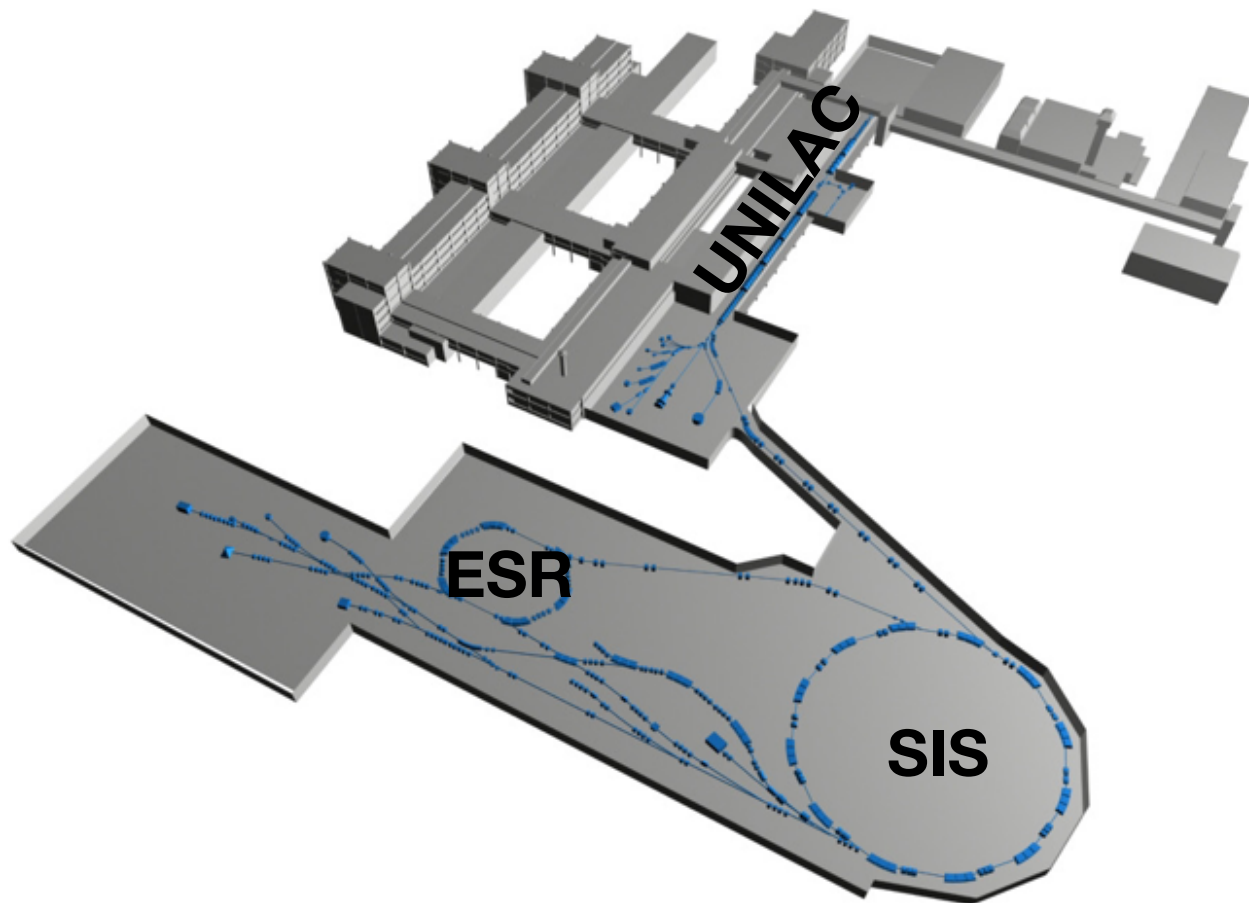
# GSI in the 1980's

**1985**, April 17 approval of SIS/ESR project by Federal Ministry (Dr. Riesenhuber)

**1986**, Nov 3 start of construction

**1987**, April 2 discussion of detector systems and experimental proposals

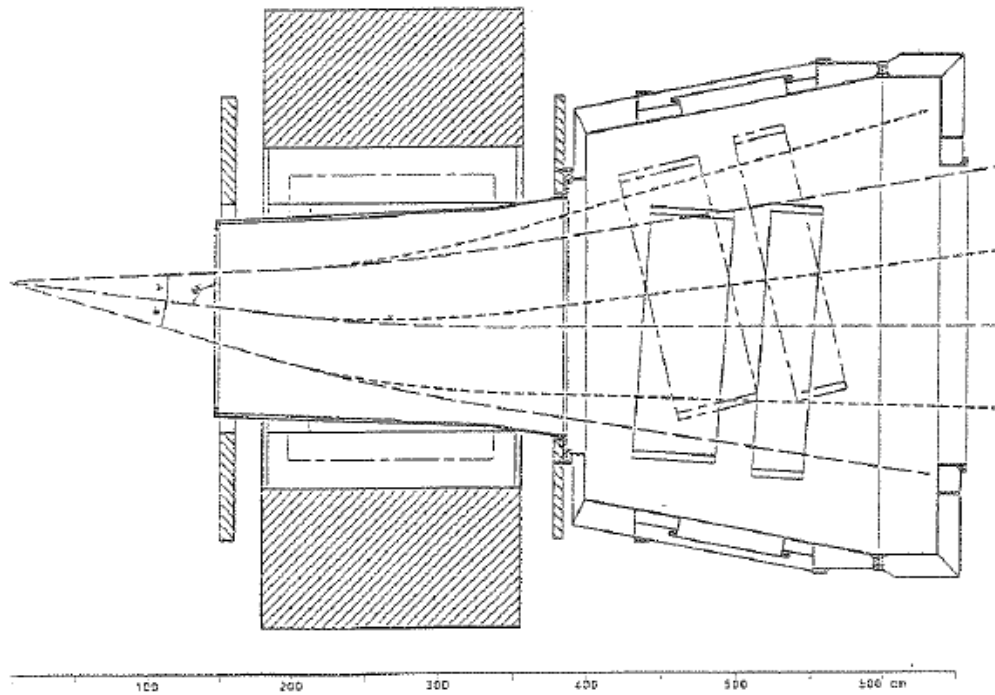
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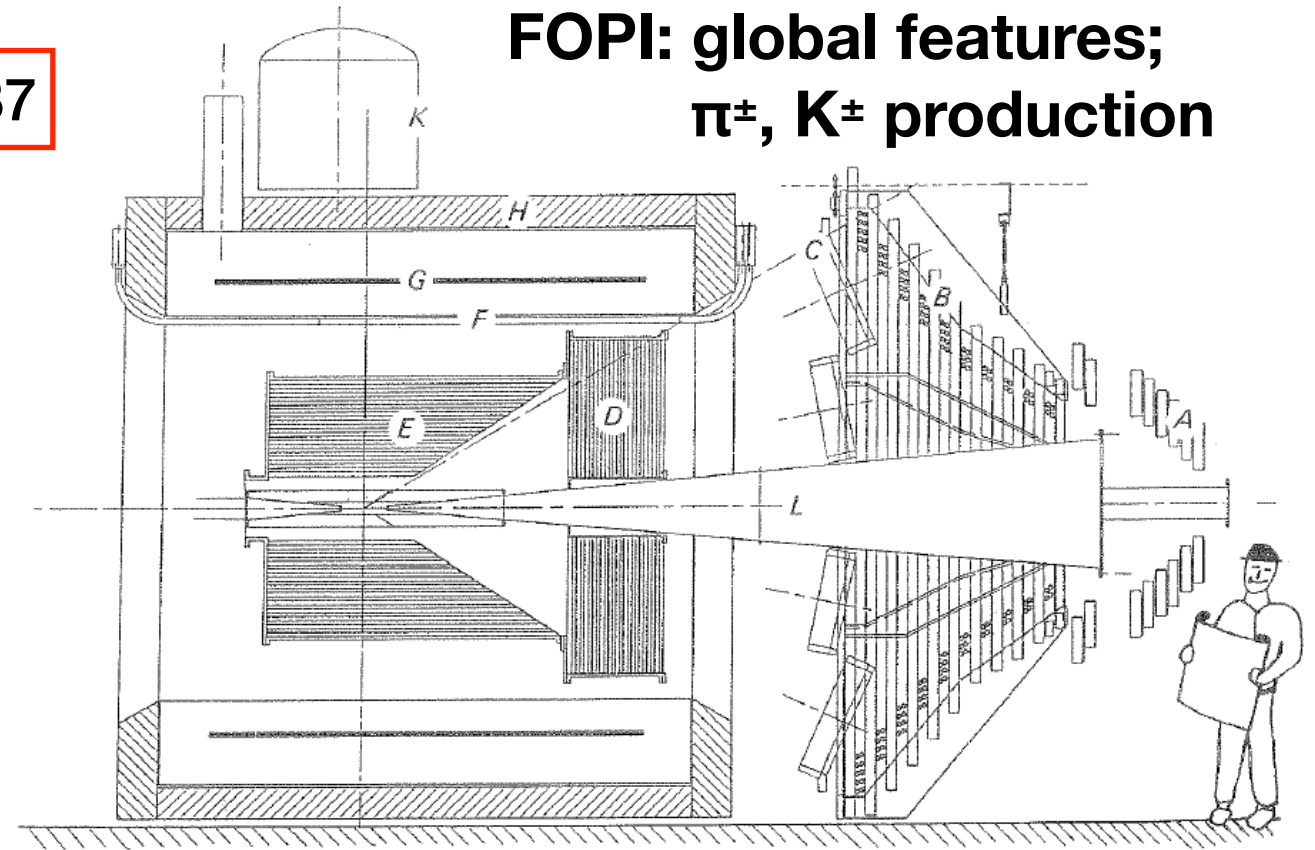
# detector systems nuclear reactions at SIS

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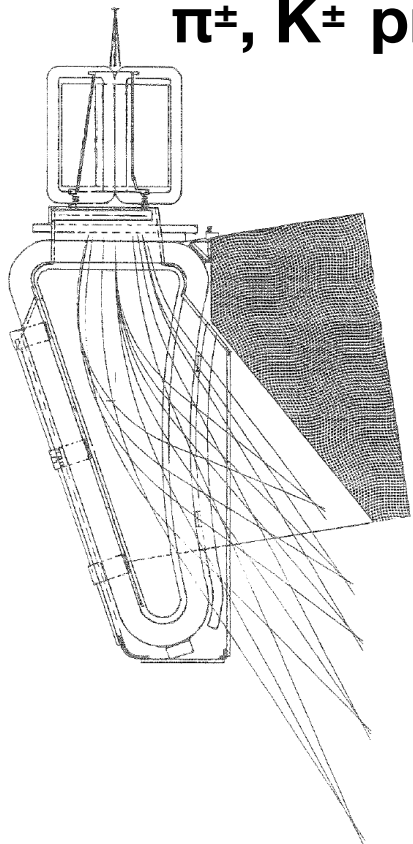


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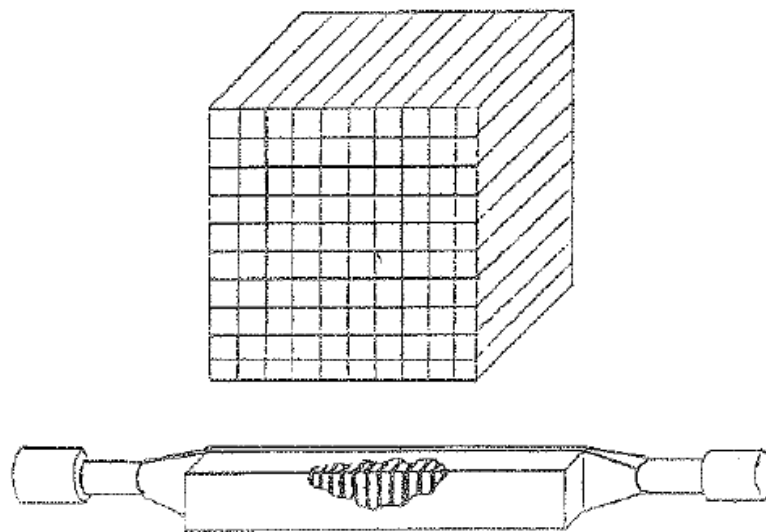
**FOPI: global features;  
 $\pi^\pm$ ,  $K^\pm$  production**



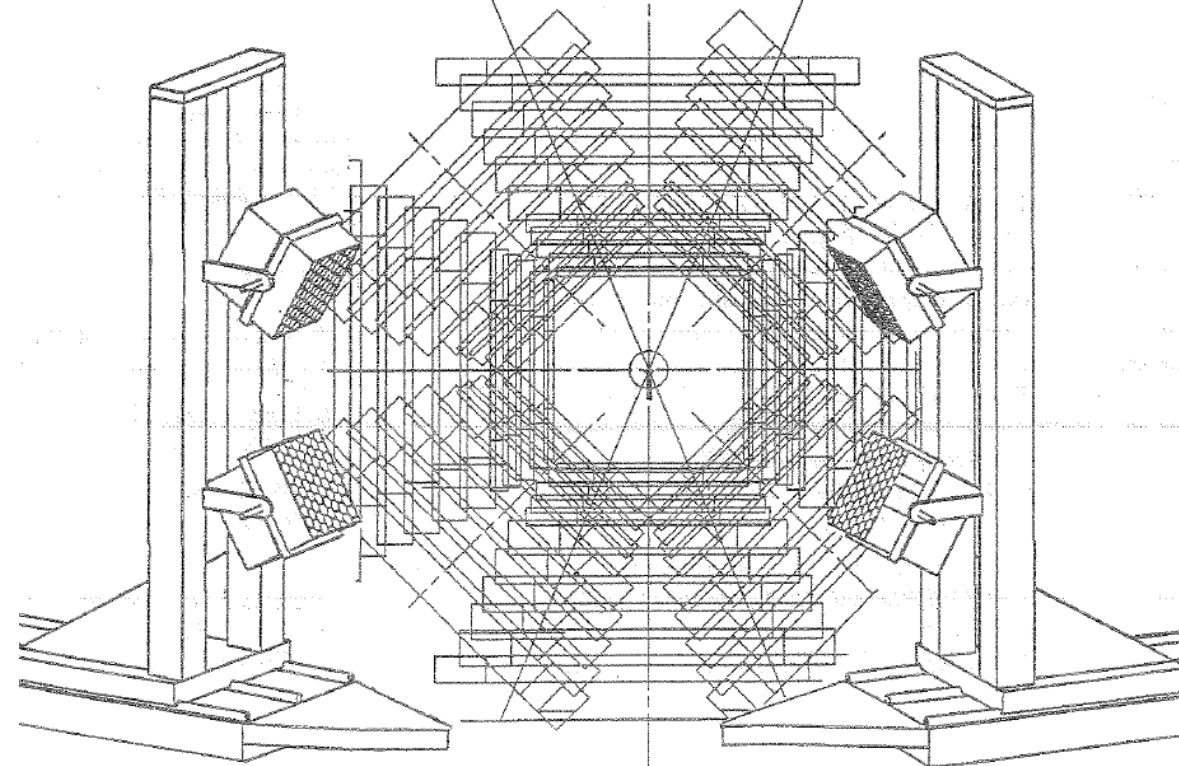
**KaoS - spectrometer:  
 $\pi^\pm$ ,  $K^\pm$  production**



**LAND: neutrons**



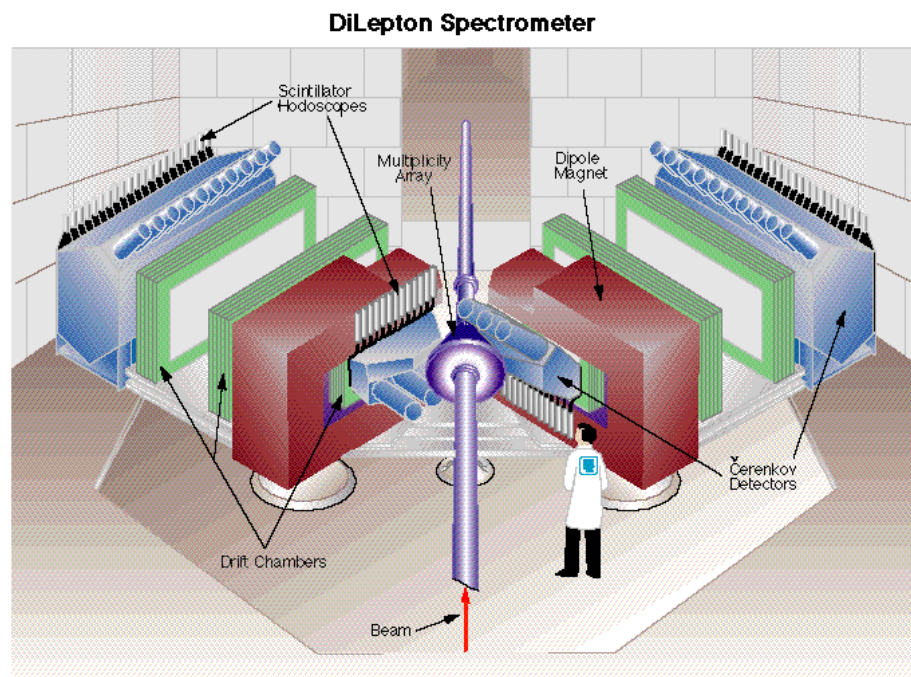
**TAPS:  $\pi^0$ ,  $\eta \rightarrow 2\gamma$**





# Dilepton detector systems

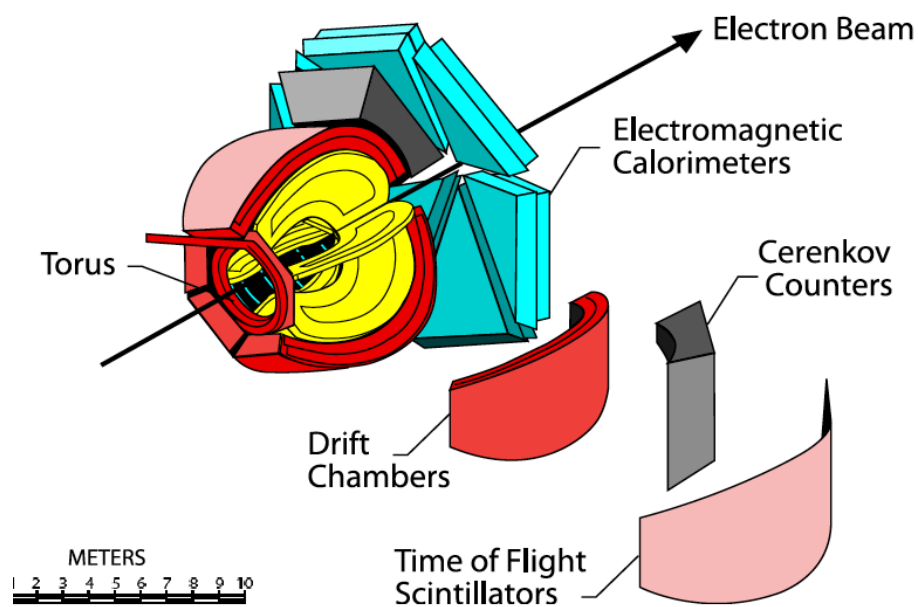
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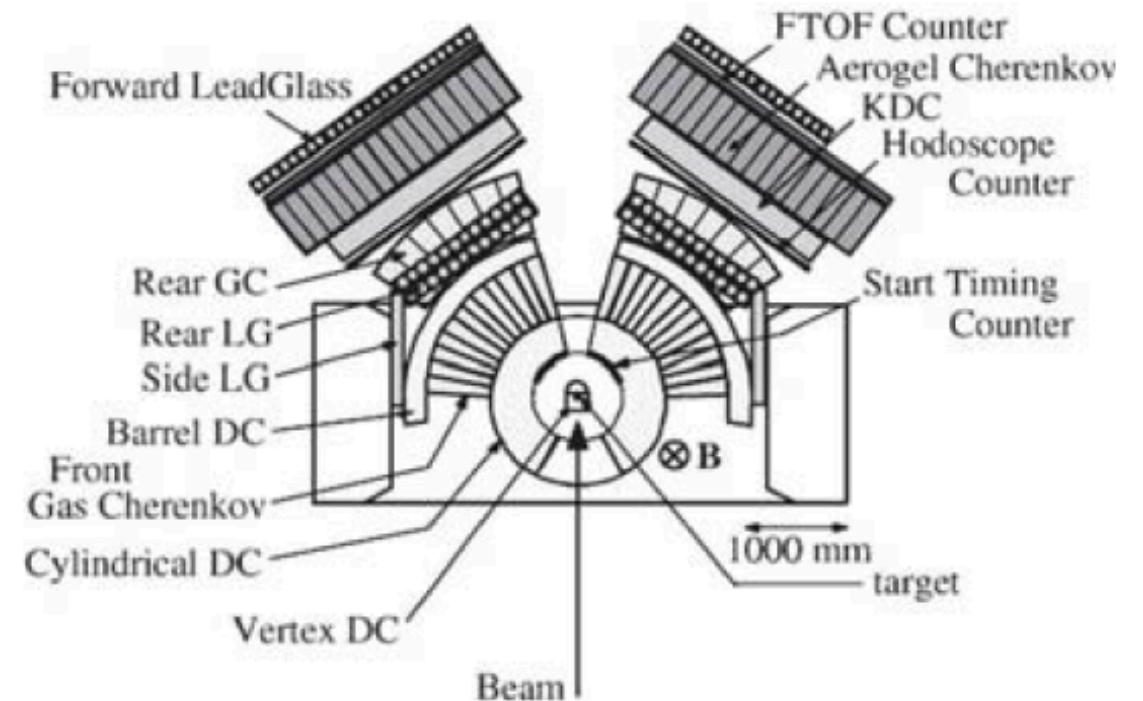
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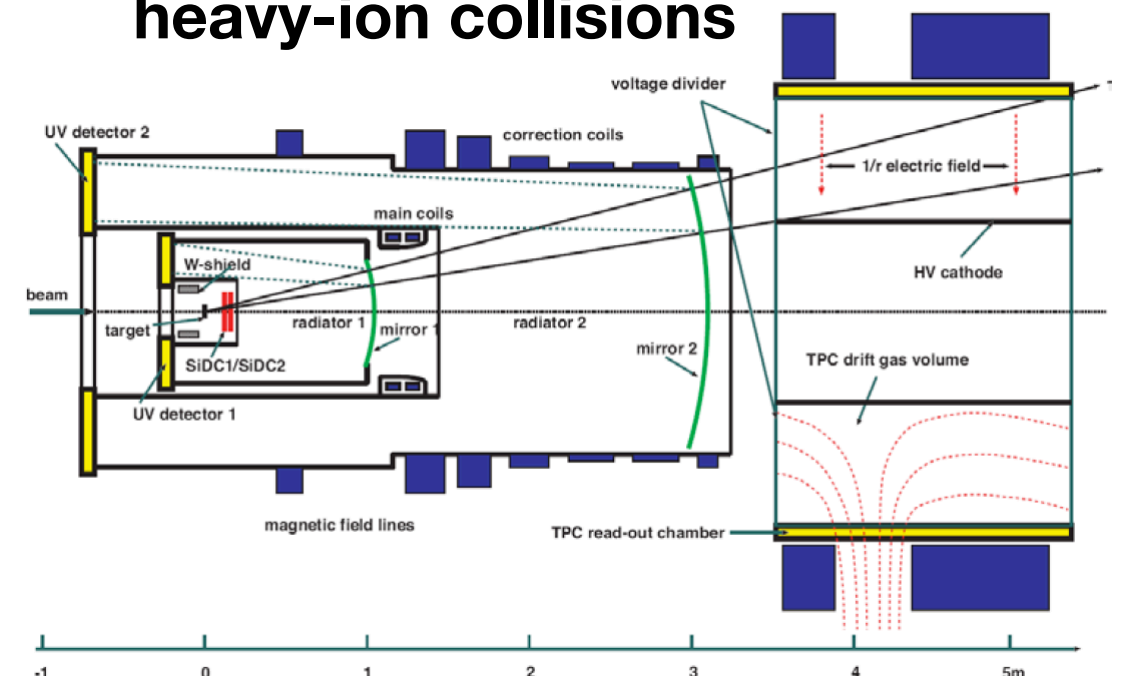
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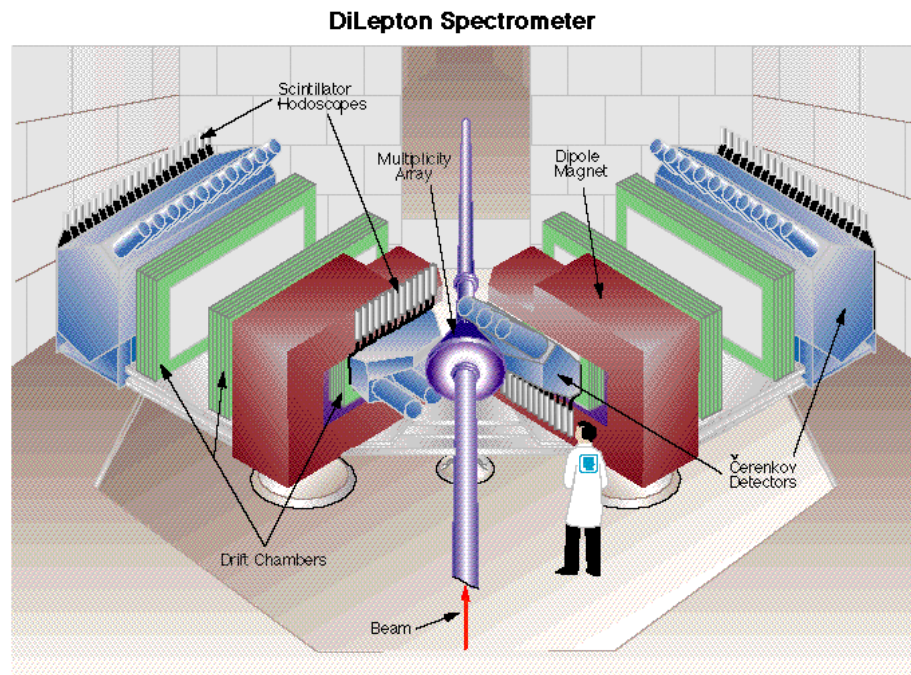


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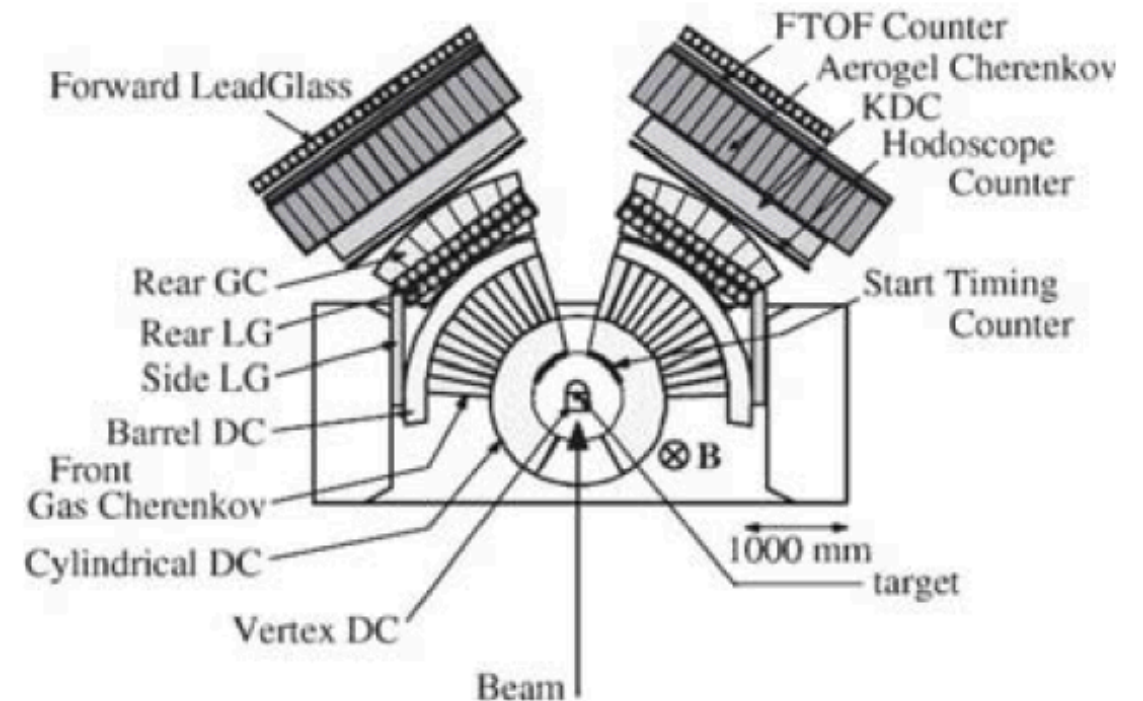
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probes !!**

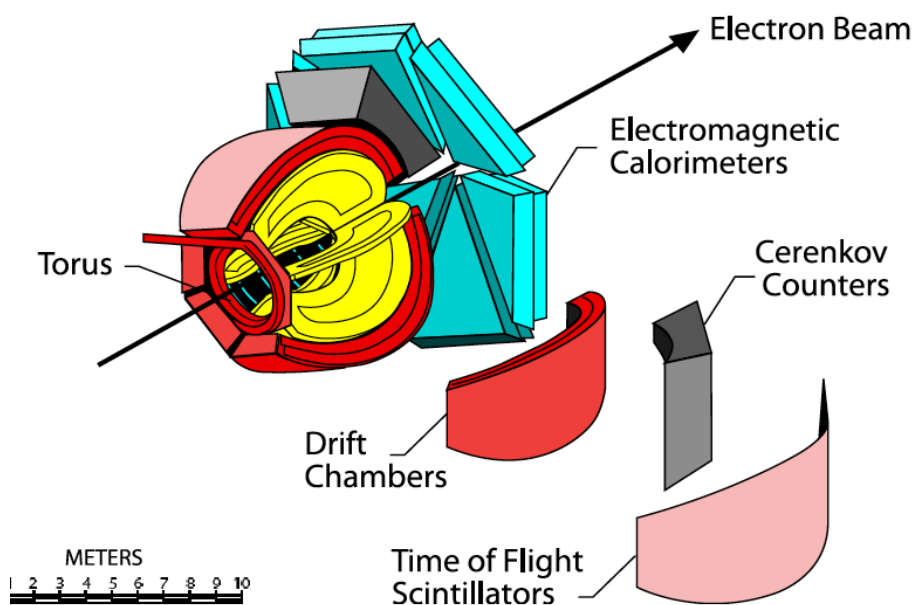
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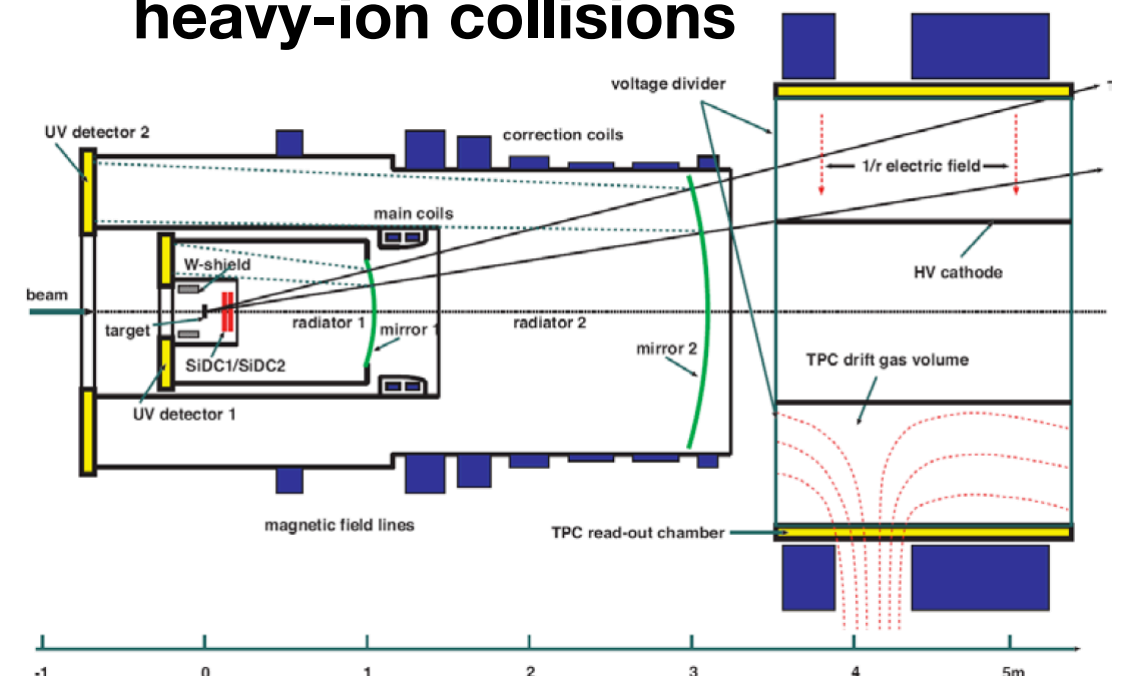
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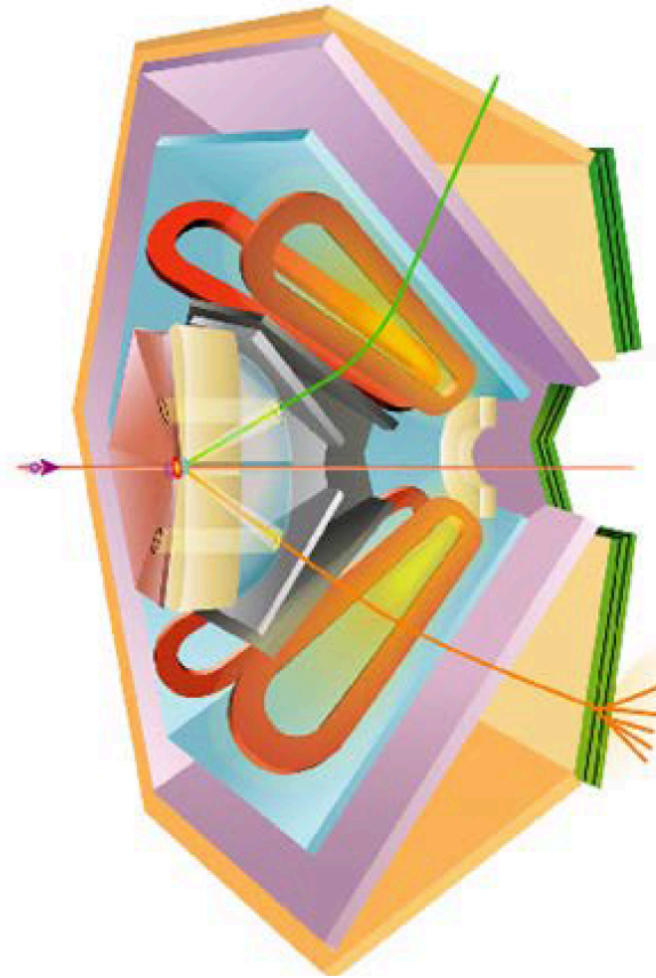
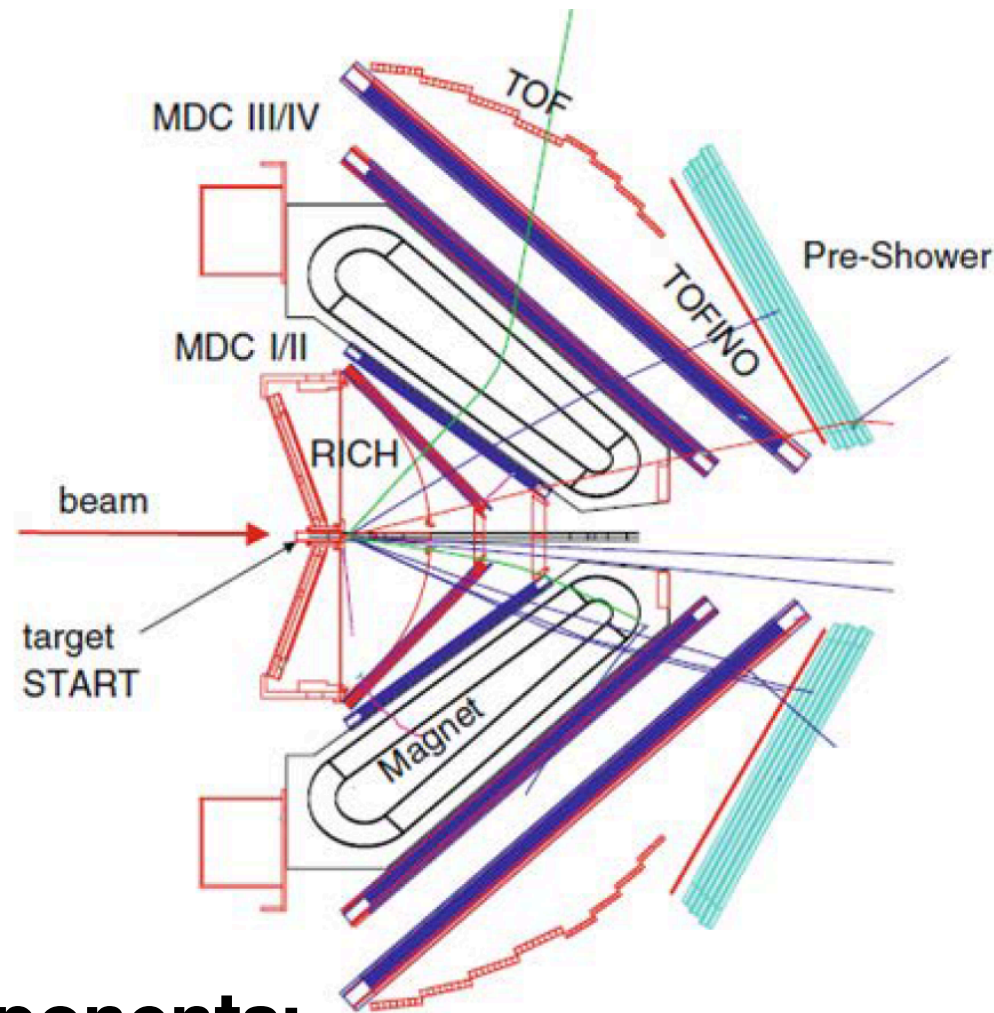
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# the proposed and approved HADES detector setup



detector system for  
lepton and charged  
particle detection with  
momentum  $\Delta m/m = 2\%$

## components:

- gas ring imaging Cherenkov detector (RICH) for  $e^+ e^-$  identification
- a toroidal magnetic field produced by superconducting coils; field free target area
- tracking chambers before (MDC I, II) and behind (MDC III, IV) the magnetic field
- time-of-flight (TOF) and multiplicity array for impact parameter selection

➔ broad physics program:  $\pi^- + p$ ,  $p + p$ ,  $d + p$ ,  $\pi^- + A$ ,  $p + A$ ,  $A + A$



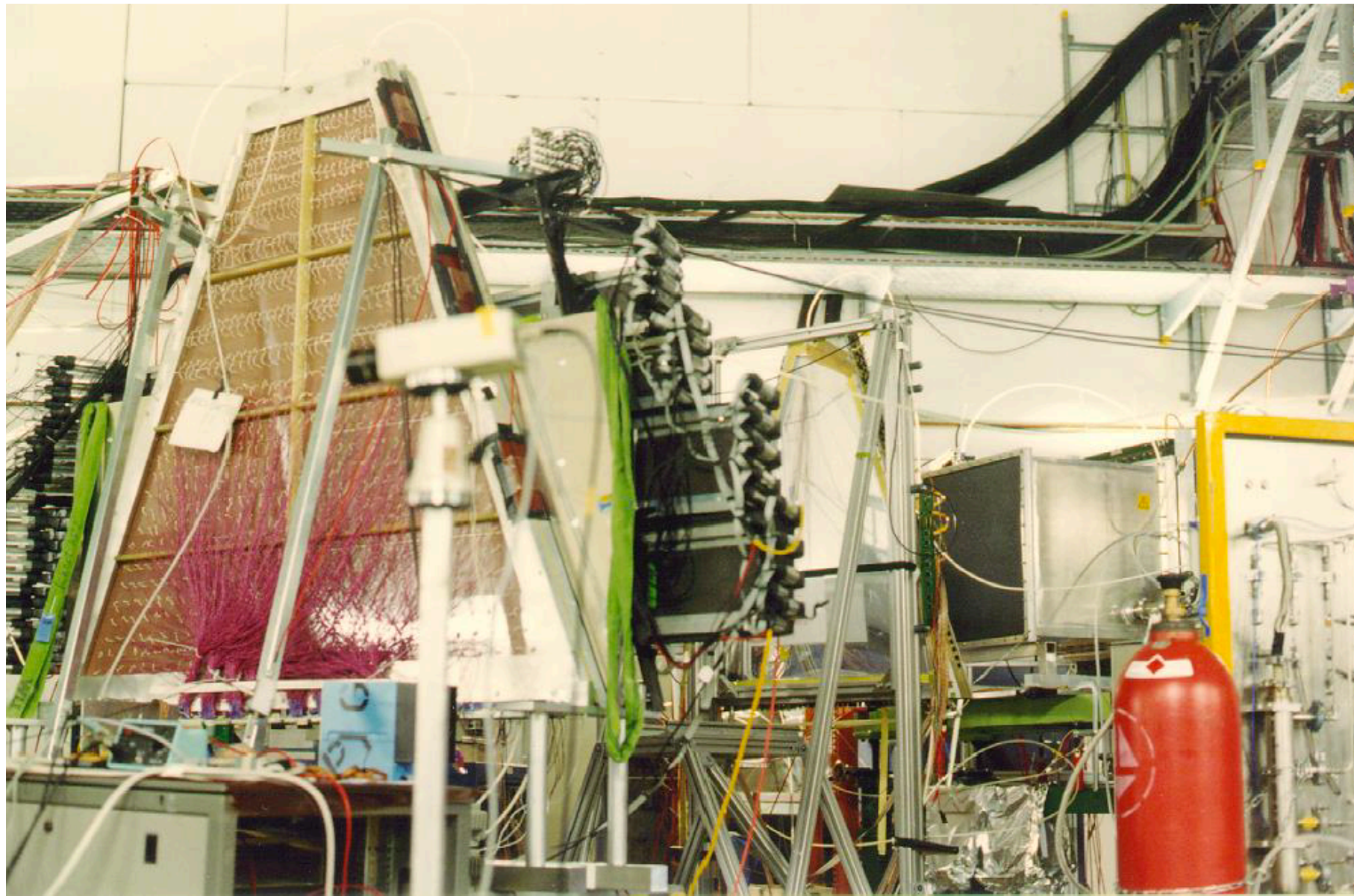
# On the way to the HADES project III

**1994-1998**

construction of HADES cave, beam line and installation of detector

**1997: July**

successful test with CsI-RICH, MDC, and TOF prototypes in U+Pb @1 AGeV



**1998:**

installation of a pion beam

# Detector installation 1988/1989

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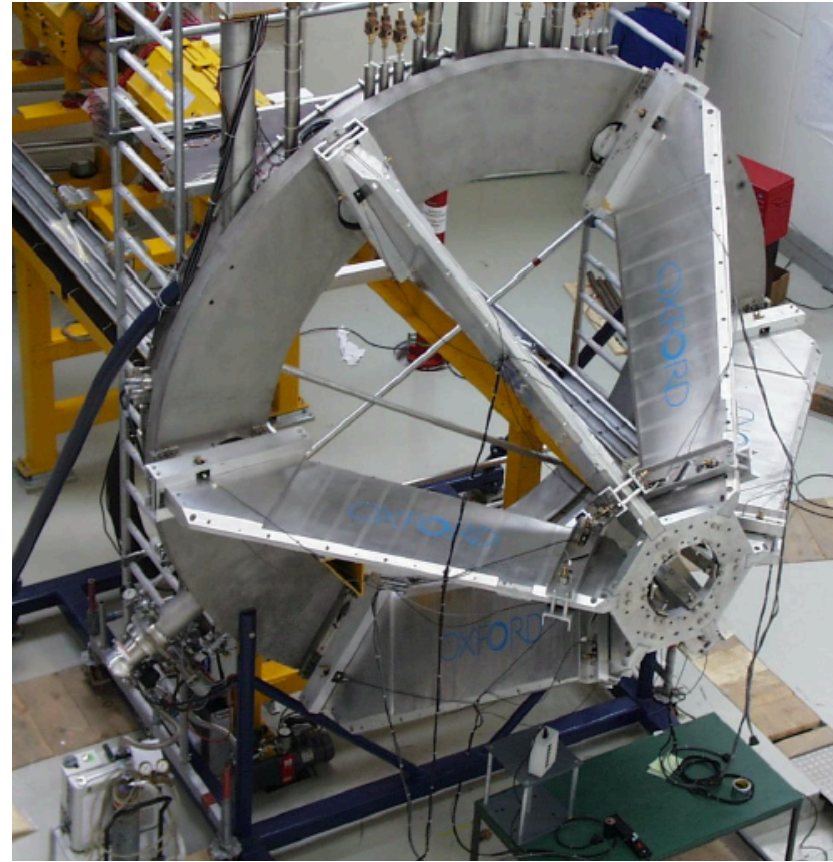


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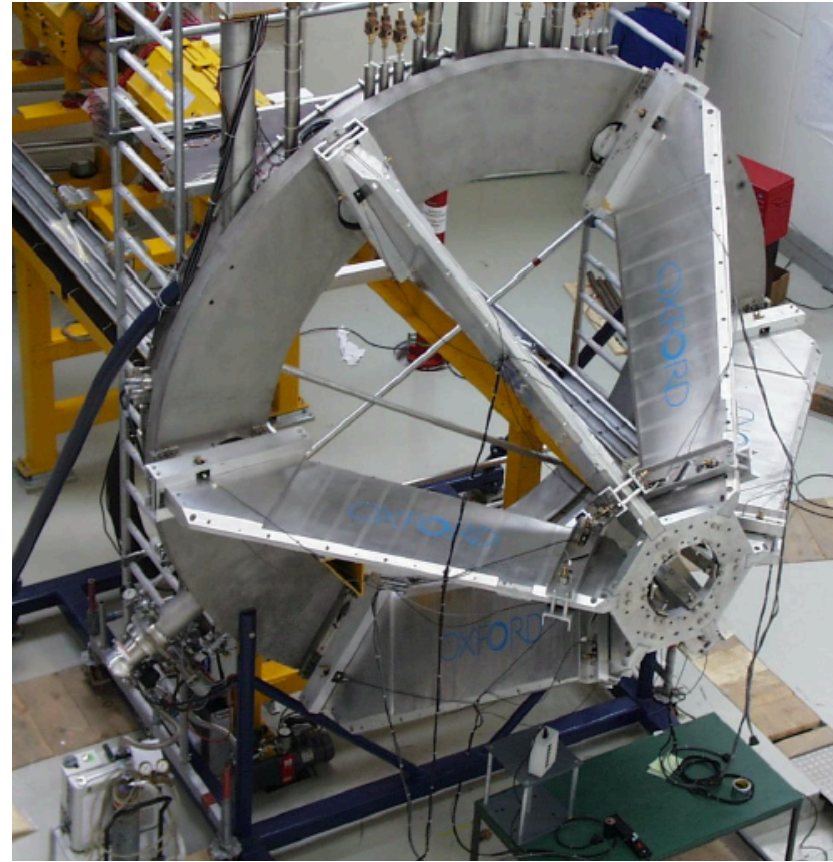


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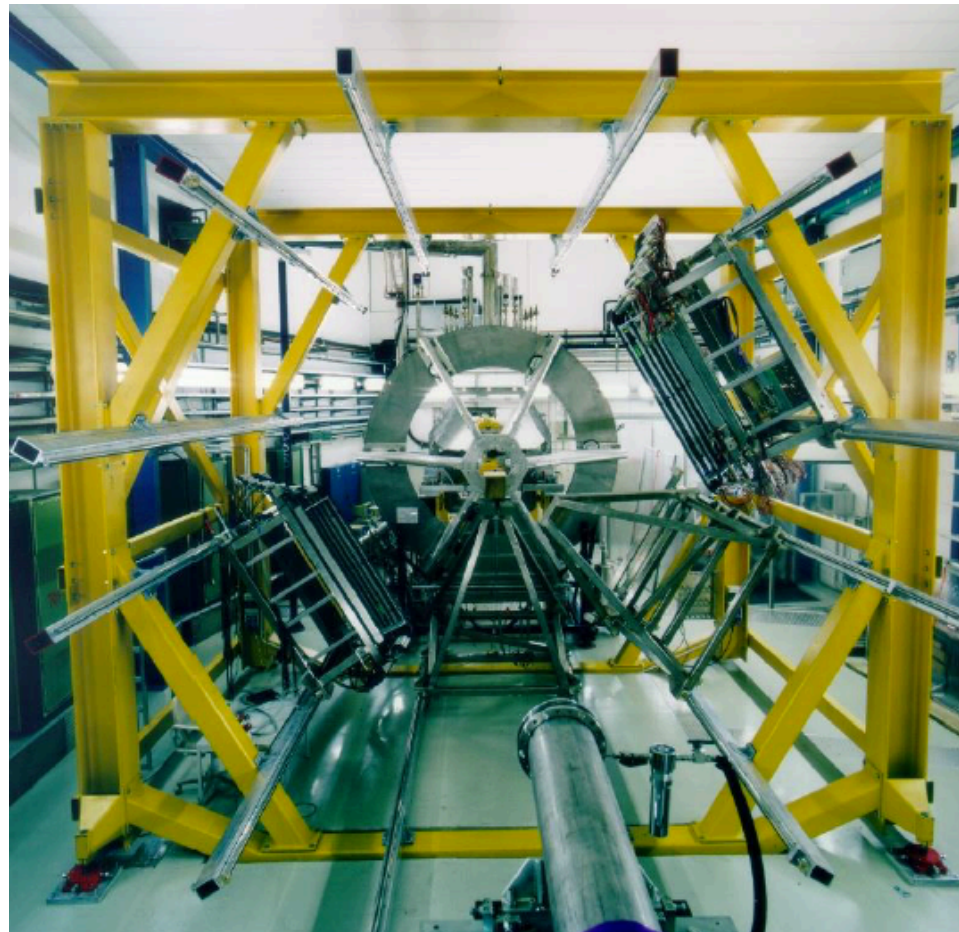
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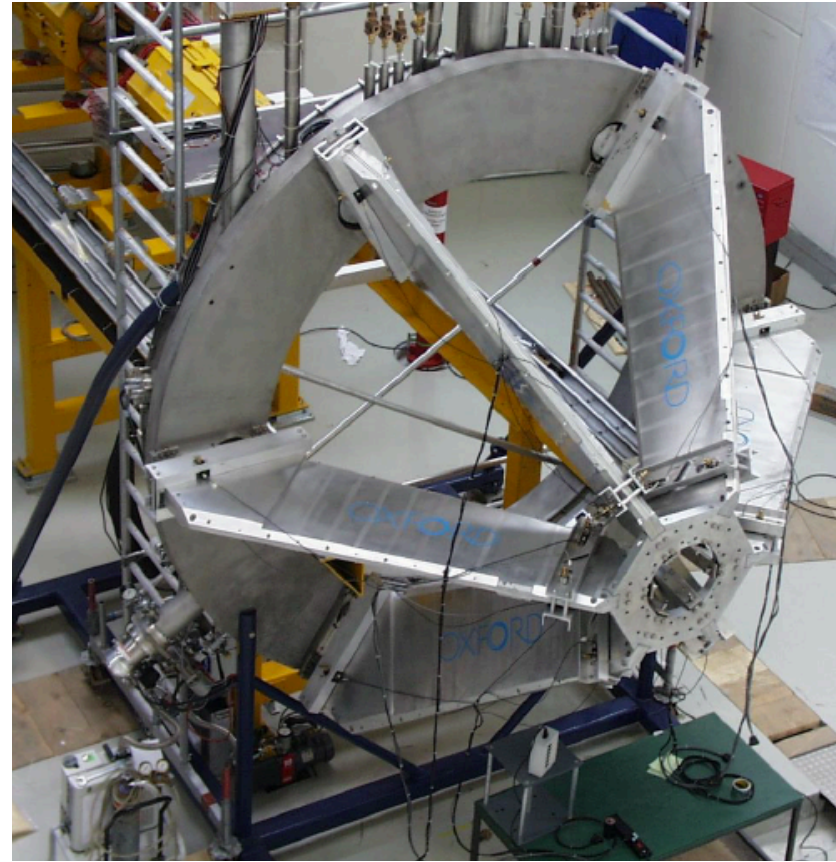


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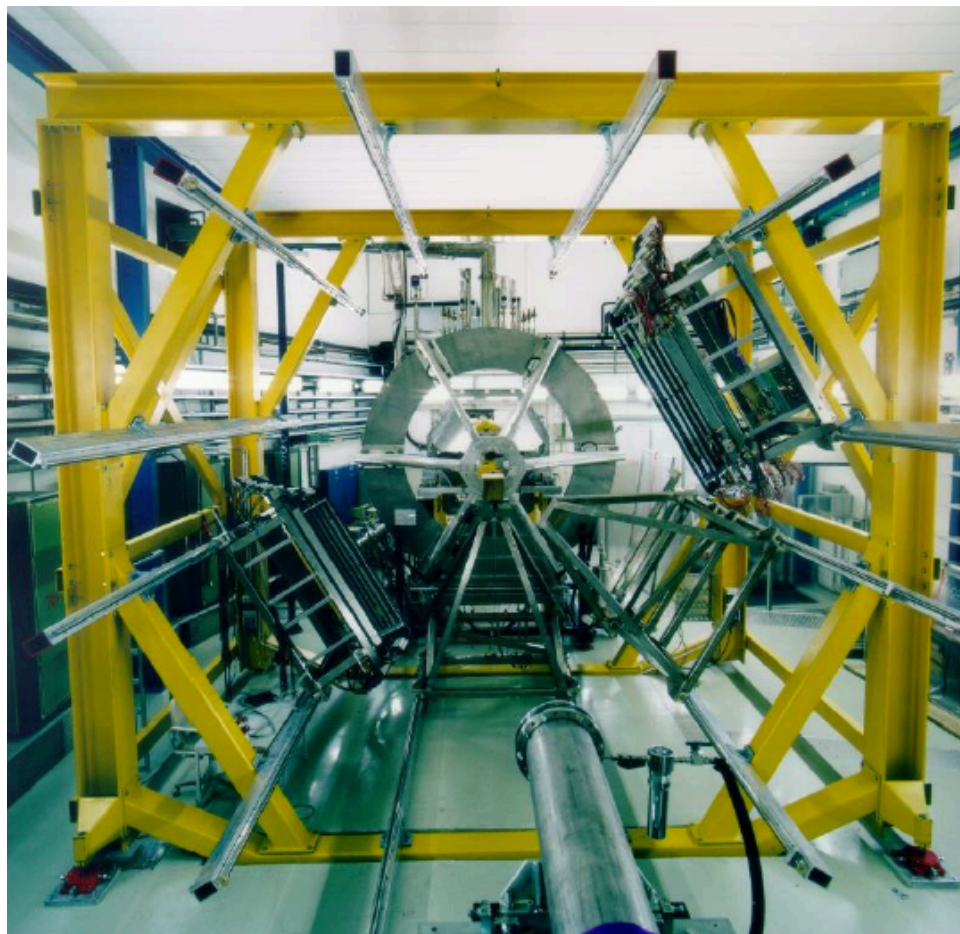
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**Aug. 1999**  
**RICH detector**  
**installed**





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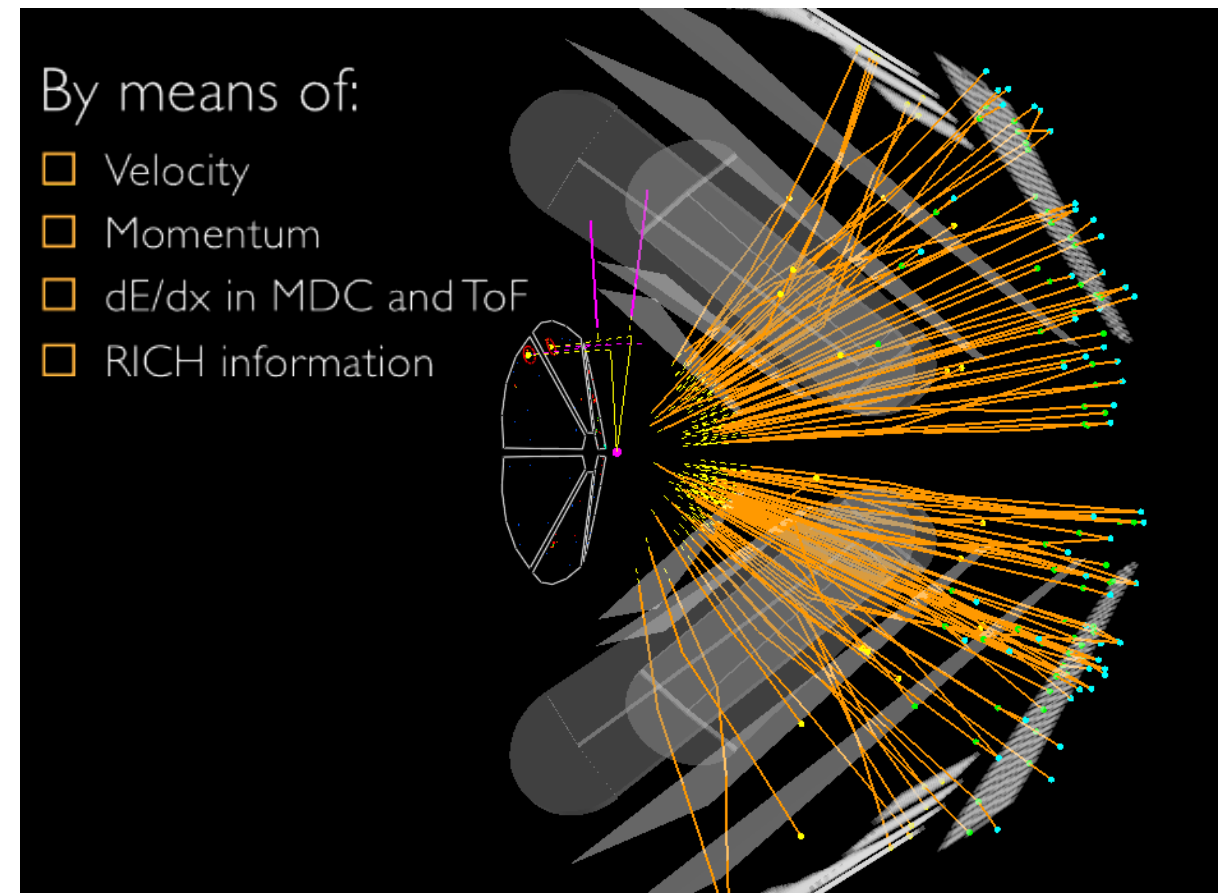
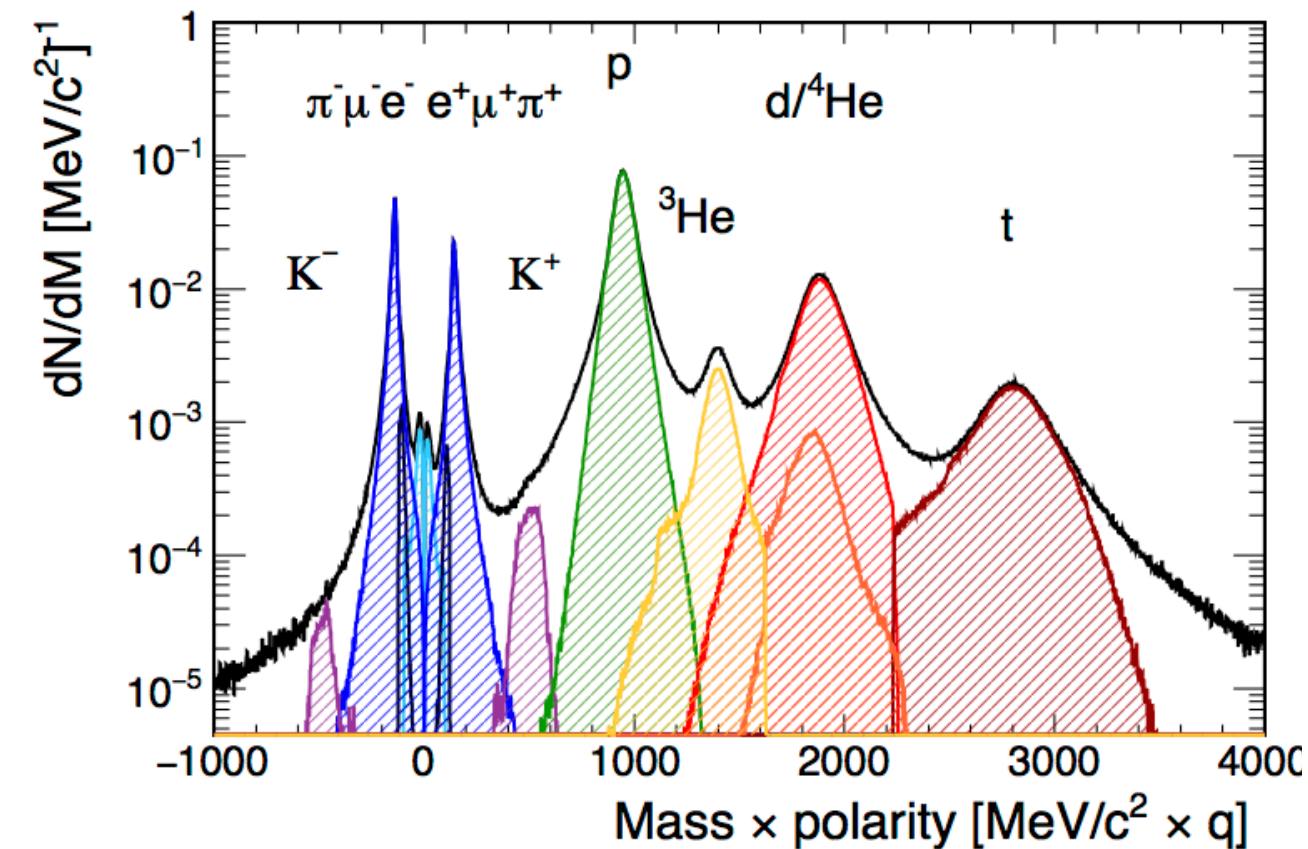
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<b>2002 - now</b>	active physics program: $\pi^- + p$ , $p + p$ , $d + p$ , $\pi^- + A$ , $p + A$ , $A + A$ $\approx 60$ PhDs, $> 40$ papers in refereed journals
<b>2012: April</b>	$\text{Au} + \text{Au}$ @ 1.23 AGeV $\rightarrow$ Nature Physics 15 (2019) 1040

only few highlights of the broad physics program will be discussed

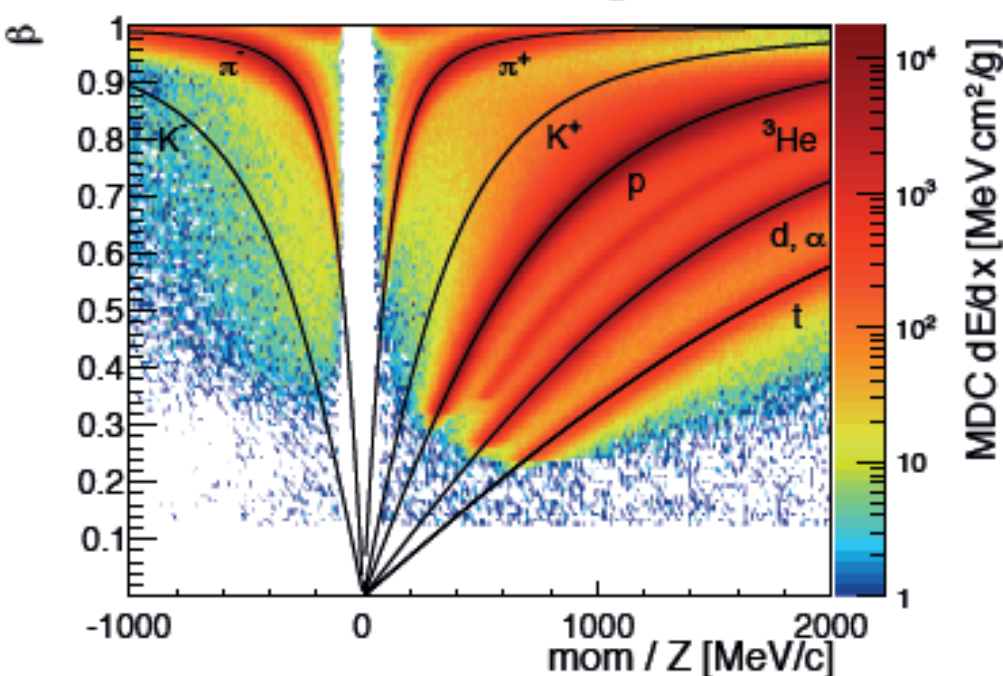
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particle identification by energy loss and time-of-flight

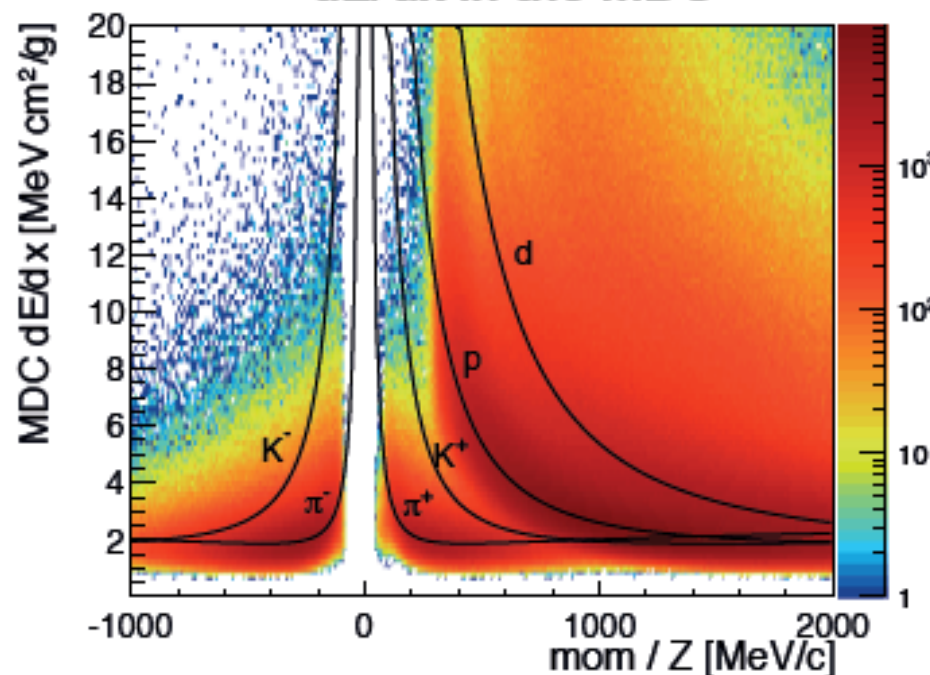
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Velocity vs. Rigidity

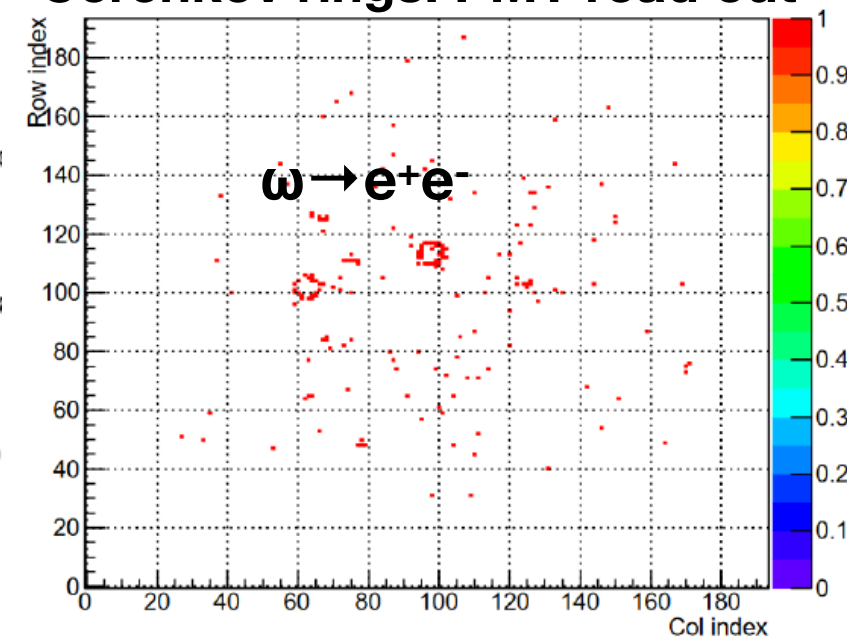


$dE/dx$  in the MDC



(Ag + Ag @ 1.23 AGeV)

Cerenkov rings: PMT read out



# Physics highlights

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## **I: virtual photon emission**

nucleon-nucleon bremsstrahlung and  
electromagnetic properties of baryon resonances

dileptons from  $p + A$  reactions

in-medium modification of vector mesons

dileptons from relativistic heavy-ion reactions

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## **II: strangeness production**

strange baryon production and structure

in-medium properties of strange hadrons

## **III: bulk properties of compressed nuclear matter**

collective phenomena: particle flow patterns

## **IV: future perspectives**

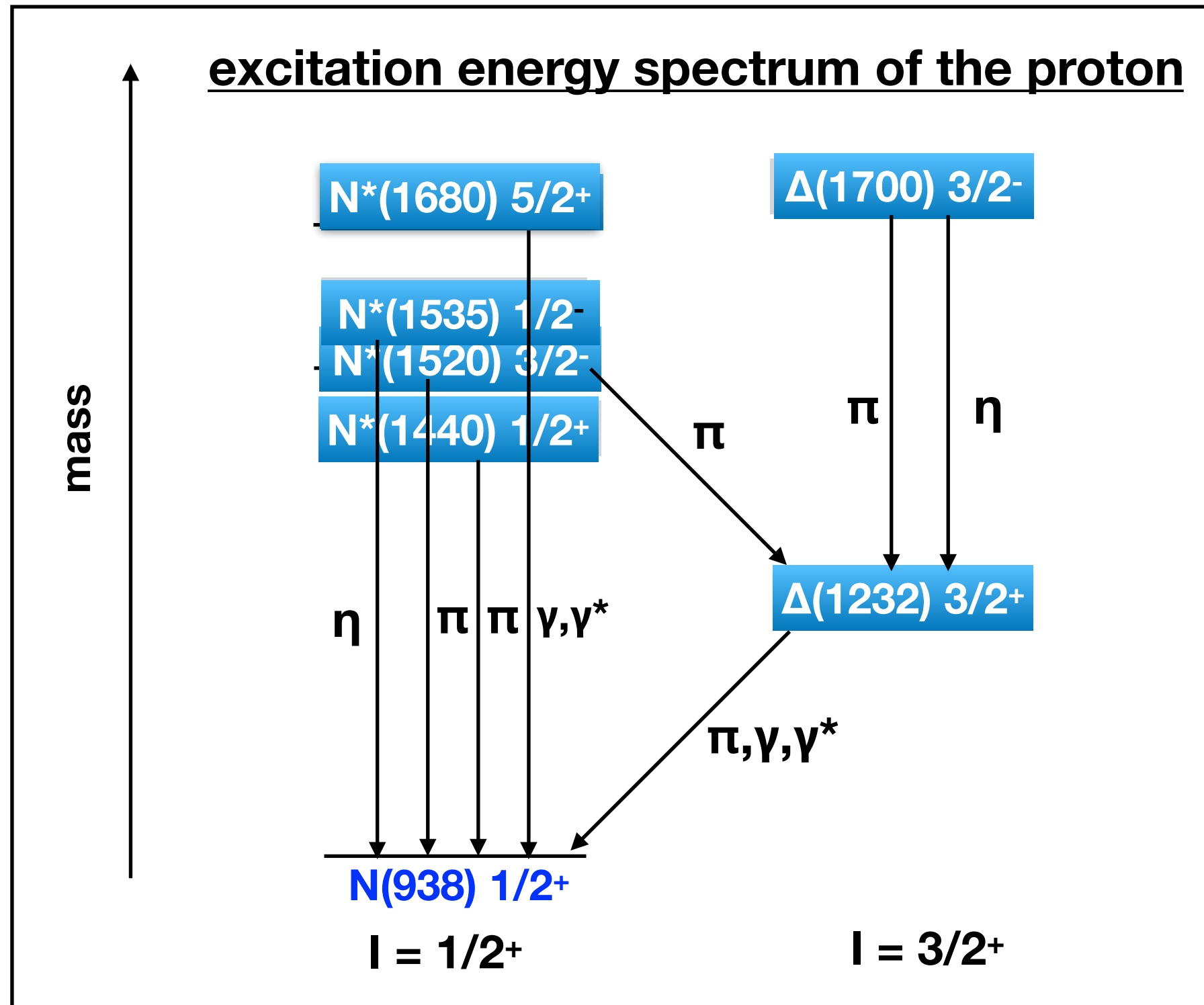
hyperon spectroscopy

$\chi$ -symmetry restoration



# Baryon resonances

baryons = composite particles with an internal structure of quarks and gluons  
the excitation energy spectrum reflects the interactions among the constituents



decay of baryon resonances via meson and  $\gamma, \gamma^*$  emission

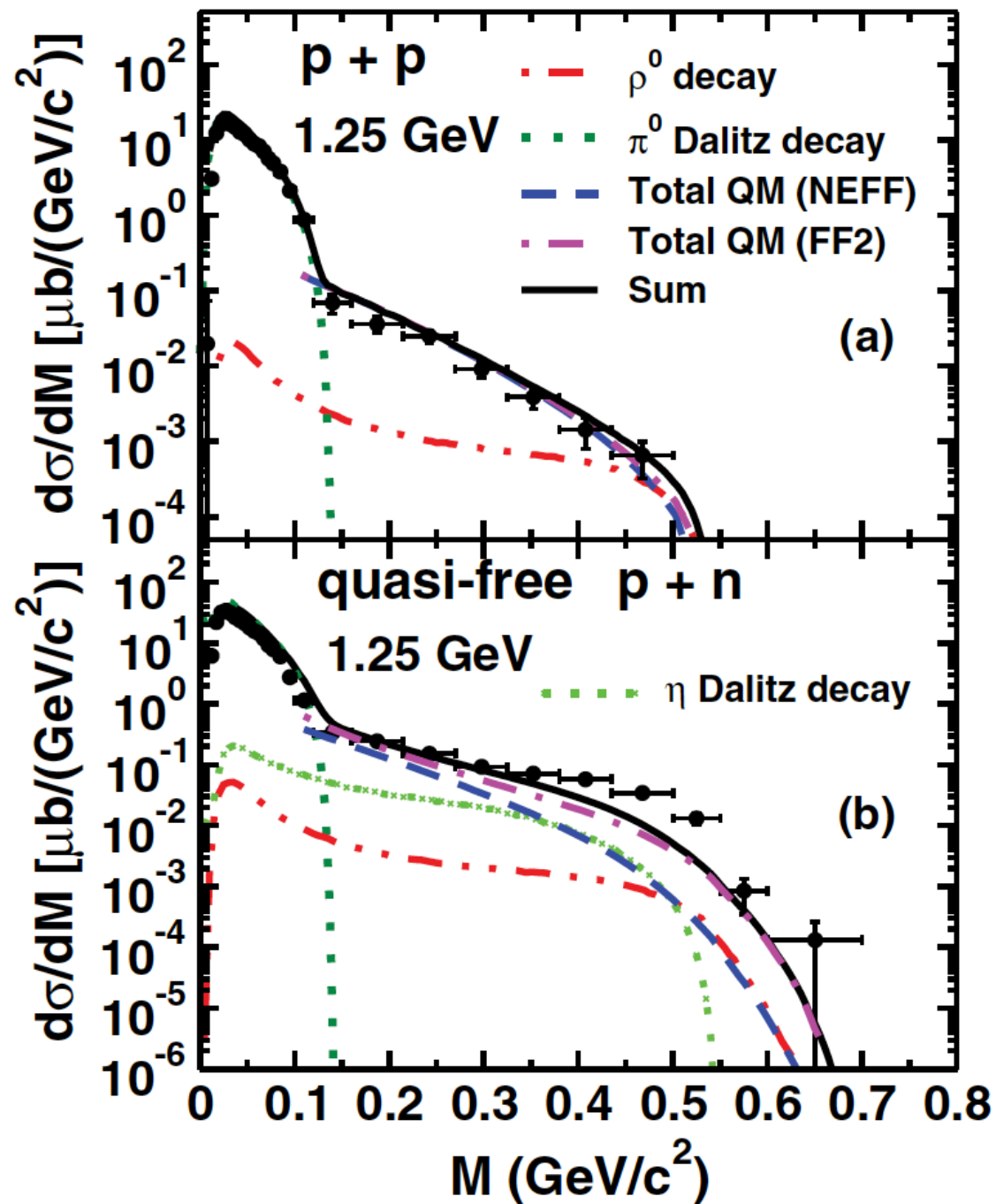
# nucleon - nucleon bremsstrahlung

comparison of  $p + p$  and  $p + n$  bremsstrahlung @  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.4$  GeV

**HADES data:** PLB 690 (2010) 118  
EPJA 7 (2017) 149

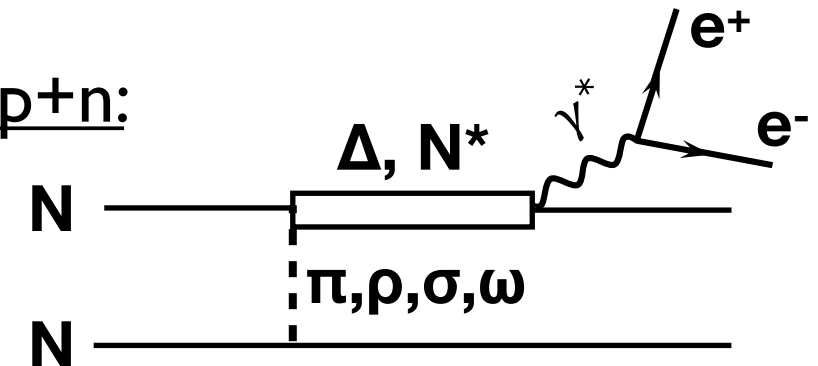
quasi-elastic  $p$ - $n$  bremsstrahlung  
difficult theoretical problem  
discussed since 1980's

L.P. Kaplan, B. Kämpfer NPA 764 (2006) 338  
R. Shyam, U. Mosel PRC 82 (2010) 062201

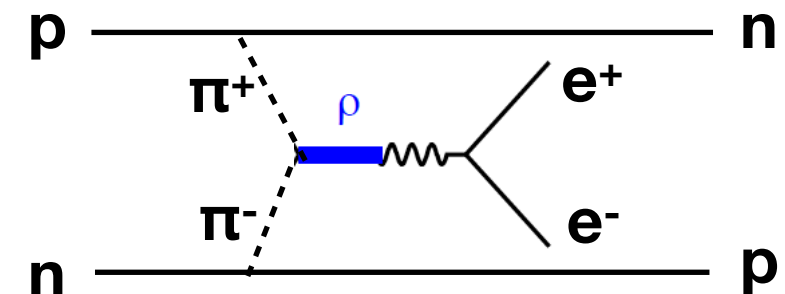


dilepton yield in  $p+n$  about an order of magnitude larger than in  $p+p$

- for  $p+p$  and  $p+n$ :



- additional diagram for  $p+n$ :  
(involving pion em. formfactor)



M. Bashkanov, H. Clement EPJA 50 (2014) 107



# electromagnetic structure of baryon resonances

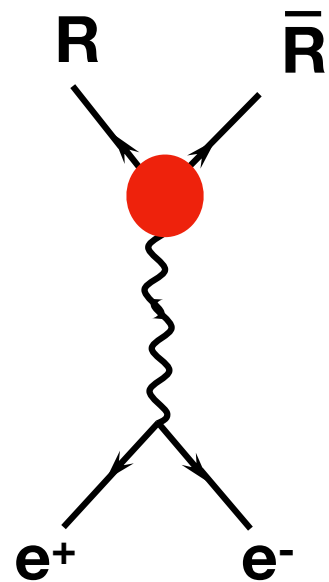
access to internal structure by measurement of form factors  $F(q^2)$   
deviation from QED expectations for point-like particles

e.g. BABAR, Belle, BESS, CLEO

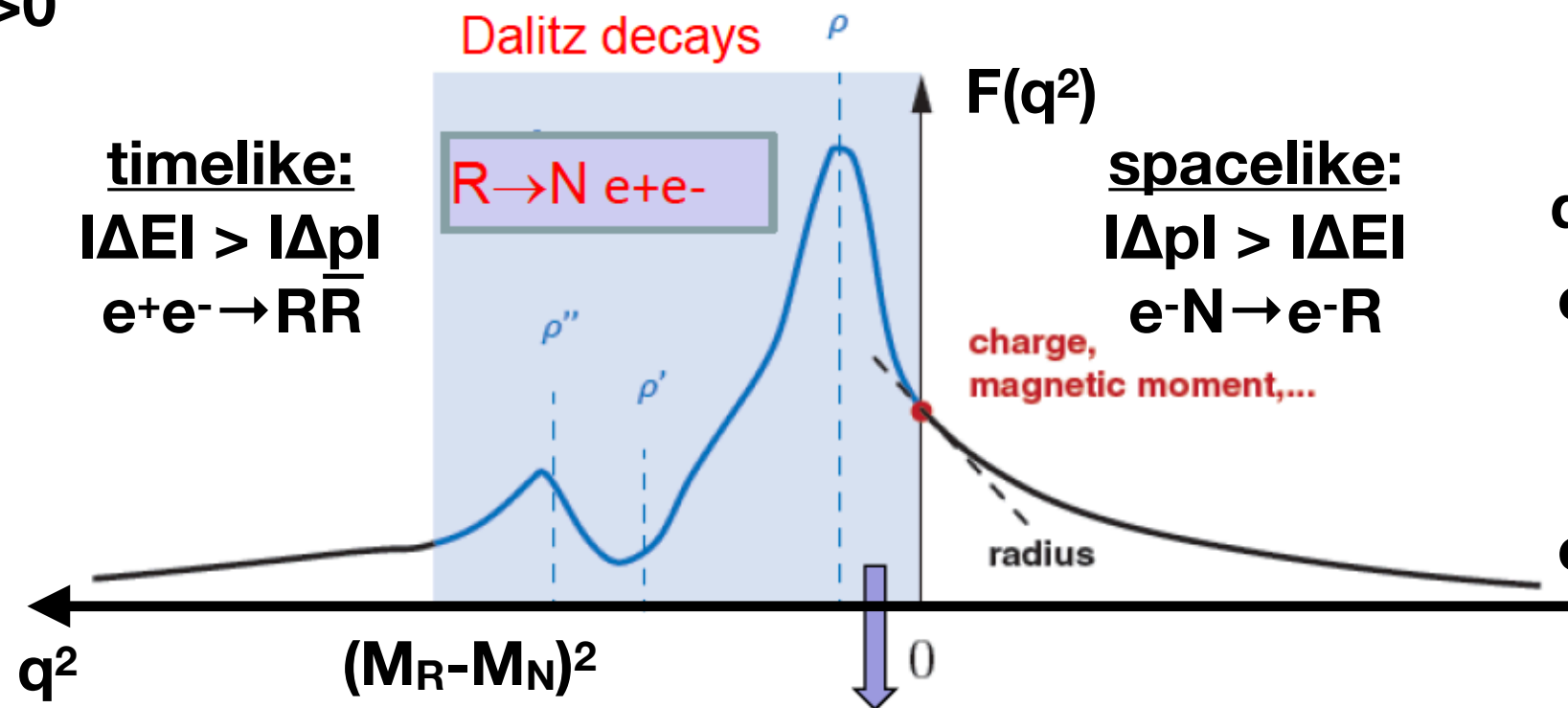
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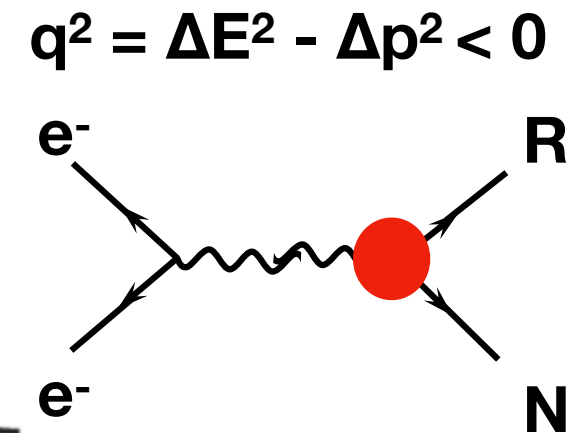
e.g. CLAS



timelike:  
 $|\Delta E| > |\Delta p|$   
 $e^+e^- \rightarrow R\bar{R}$

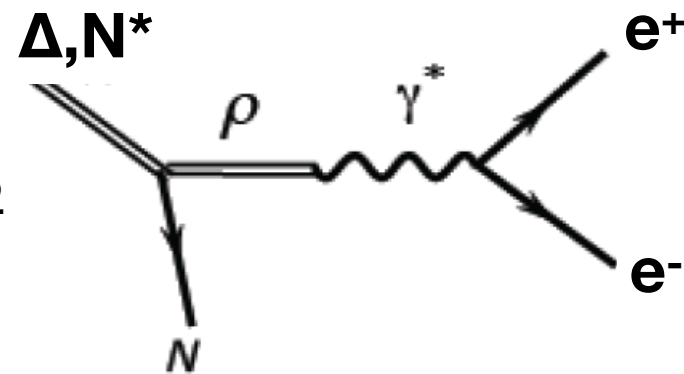


spacelike:  
 $|\Delta p| > |\Delta E|$   
 $e-N \rightarrow e-R$



$$q^2 = \Delta E^2 - \Delta p^2 < 0$$

transition formfactor  
only access for  $0 < q^2 < 4M_{ee}^2$



vector meson dominance model:  
hadrons couple to  $e^+e^-$  via  $\rho$   
 $R \rightarrow N \rho \rightarrow N e^+e^-$

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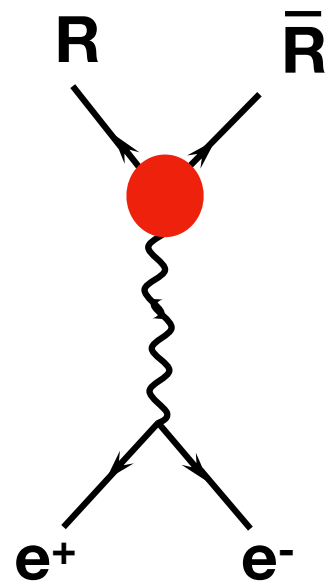
access to internal structure by measurement of form factors  $F(q^2)$   
deviation from QED expectations for point-like particles

e.g. BABAR, Belle, BESS, CLEO

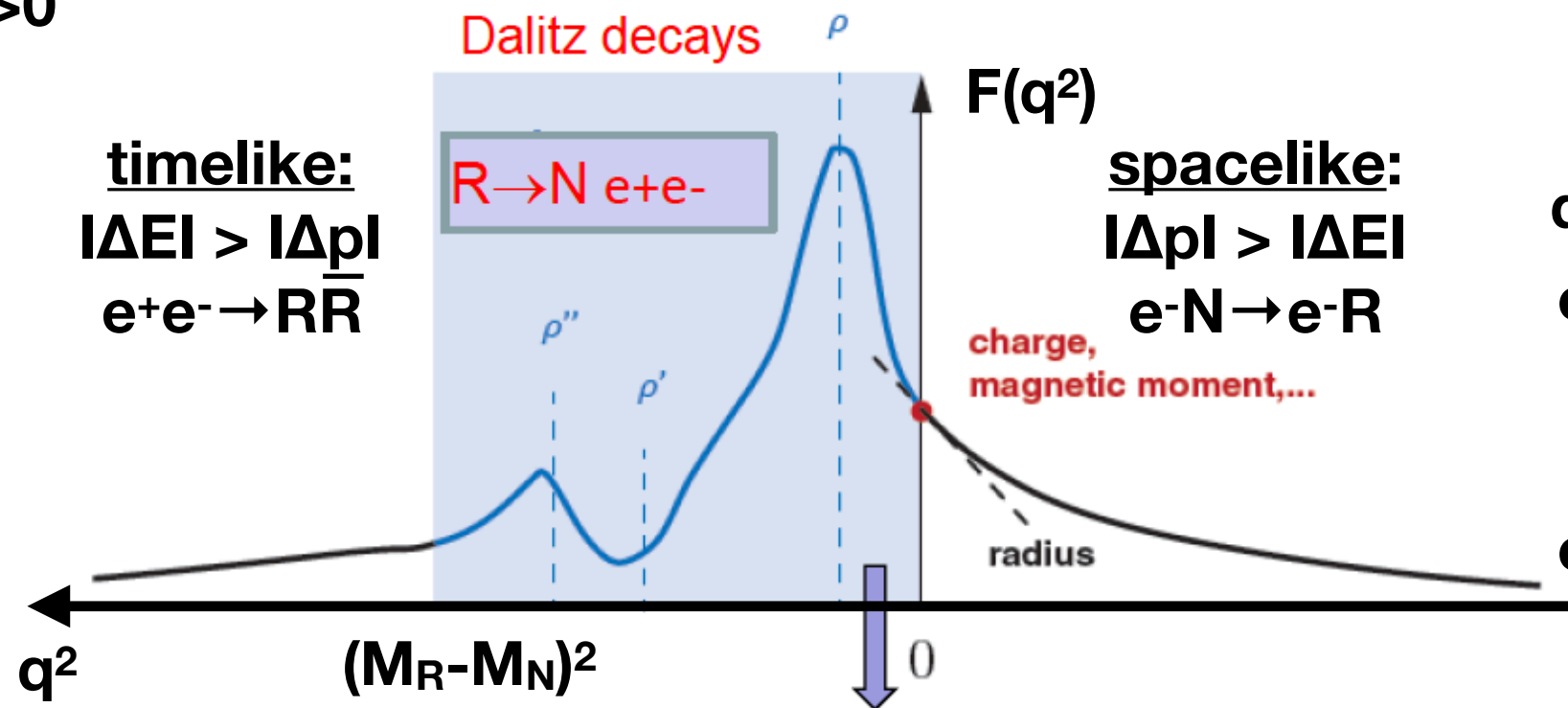
$$q^2 = \Delta E^2 - \Delta p^2 > 0$$

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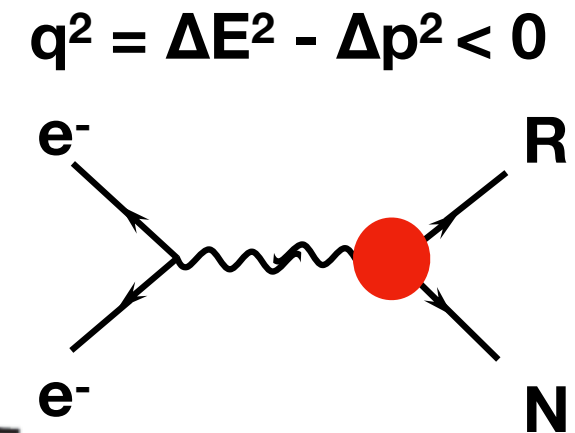
e.g. CLAS



timelike:  
 $|\Delta E| > |\Delta p|$   
 $e^+e^- \rightarrow R\bar{R}$

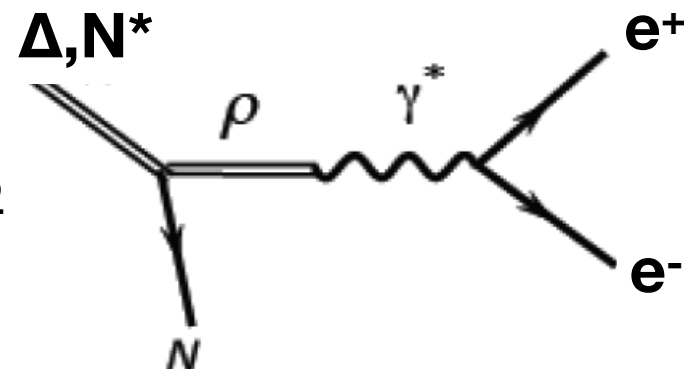


spacelike:  
 $|\Delta p| > |\Delta E|$   
 $e-N \rightarrow e-R$

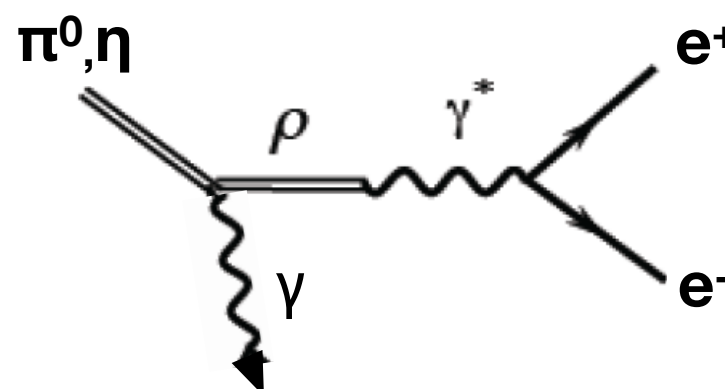


$$q^2 = \Delta E^2 - \Delta p^2 < 0$$

transition formfactor  
only access for  $0 < q^2 < 4M_{ee}^2$



vector meson dominance model:  
hadrons couple to  $e^+e^-$  via  $\rho$   
 $R \rightarrow N \rho \rightarrow N e^+e^-$



for neutral mesons  
 $\pi^0, \eta \rightarrow \gamma \rho \rightarrow \gamma e^+e^-$

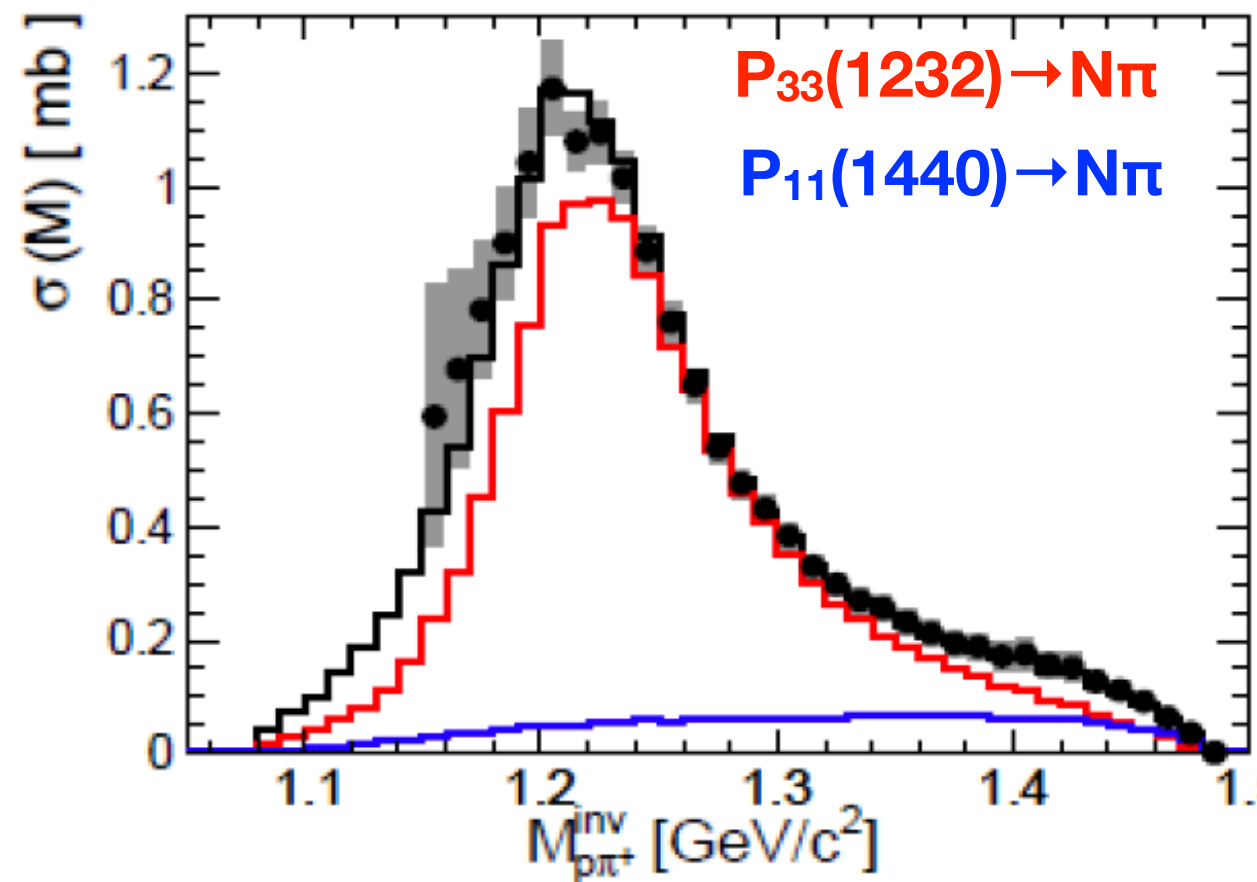


# $\Delta(1232)$ excitation in $p + p$ @ $\sqrt{s} = 2.42$ GeV

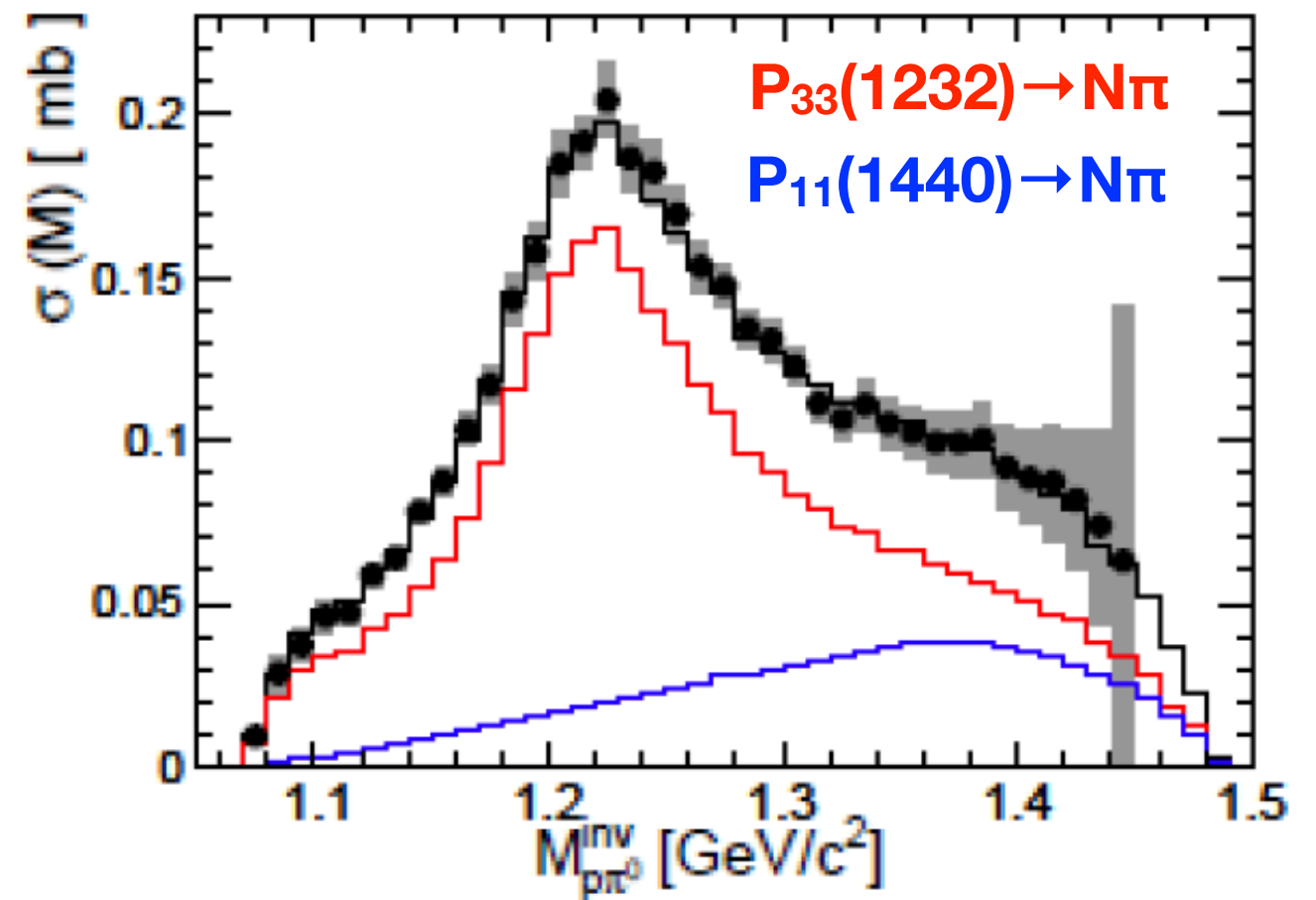
HADES data: EPJA 51 (2015) 137

information from hadronic final states

$p + p \rightarrow \Delta^{++}(1232) n \rightarrow p \pi^+ n$



$p + p \rightarrow \Delta^+(1232) p \rightarrow p \pi^0 p$



comparison to Bonn - Gatchina partial wave analysis:

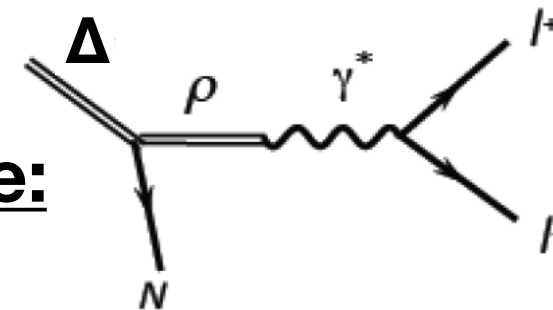
$\Delta(1232)$  dominantly populated in  $p + p$  @  $\sqrt{s} = 2.42$  GeV

# $p + p \rightarrow p p e^+ e^- @ \sqrt{s} = 2.42 \text{ GeV}$

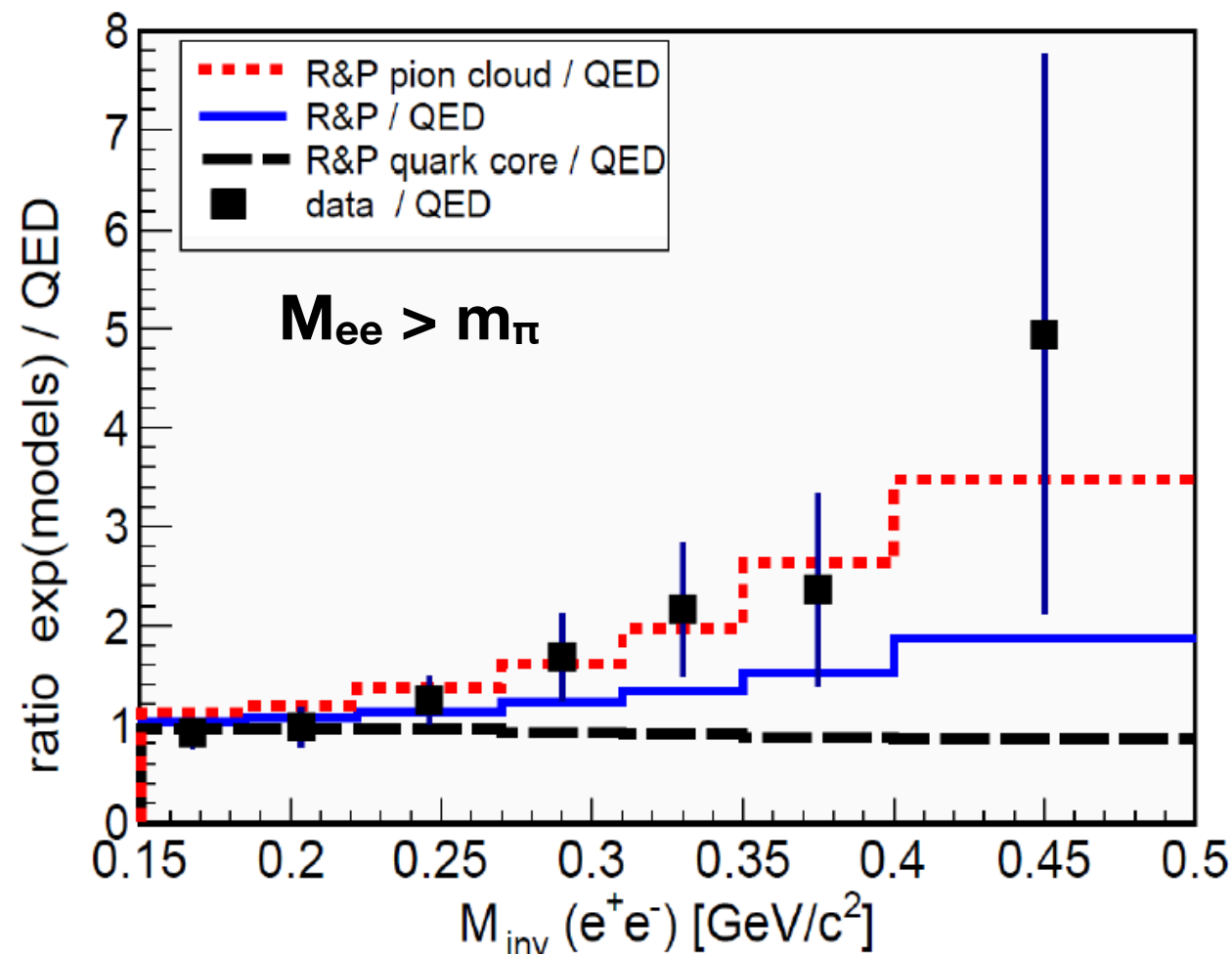
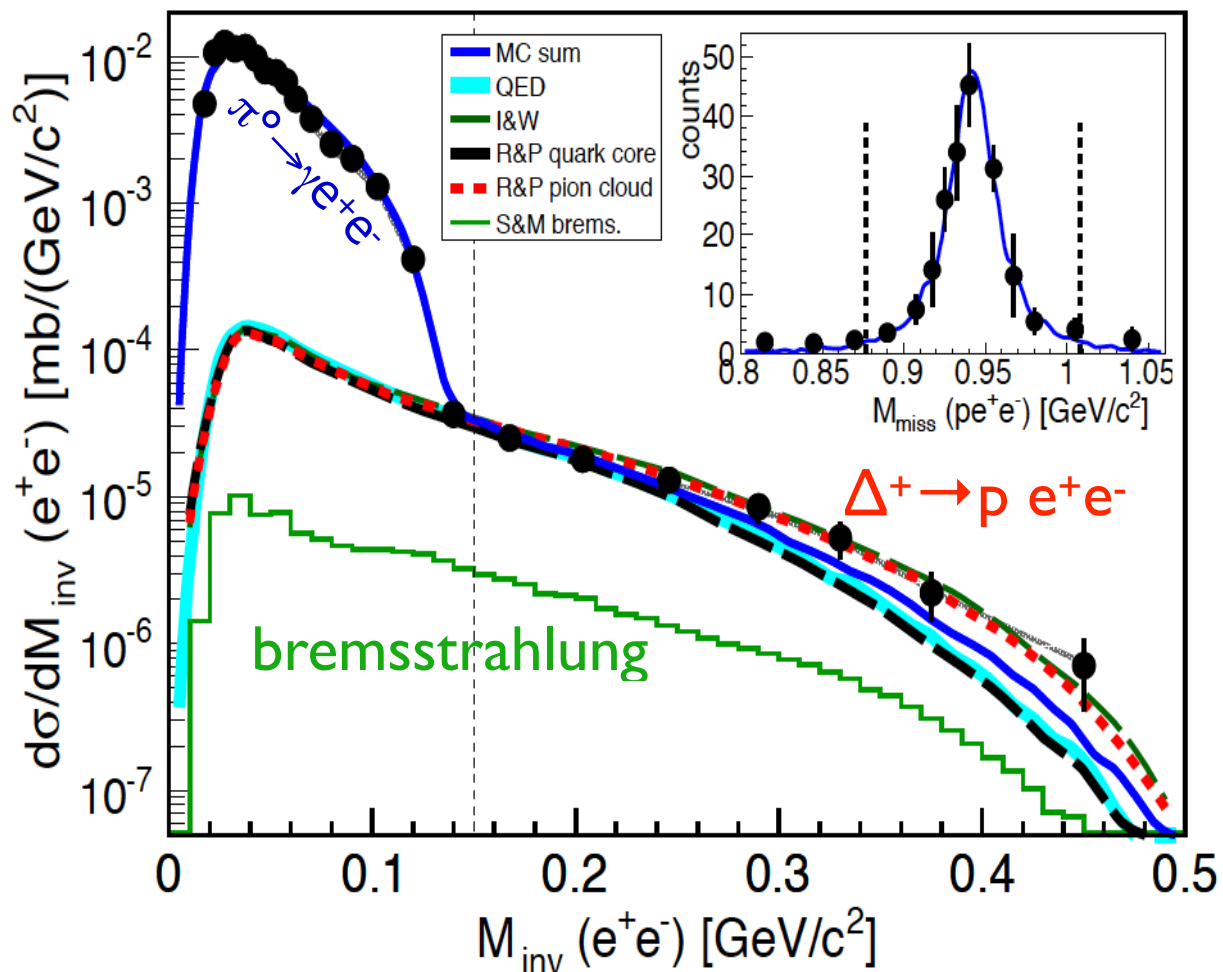
information from dileptons

exclusive channel !!

vector meson dominance:



HADES data: PRC 95 (2017) 065205



first measurement of  $\Delta$  Dalitz decay:

$$\Delta^+ \rightarrow p e^+ e^-$$

$$\text{Br} = (4.19 \pm 0.34(\text{stat}) \pm 0.46(\text{syst})) \cdot 10^{-5}$$

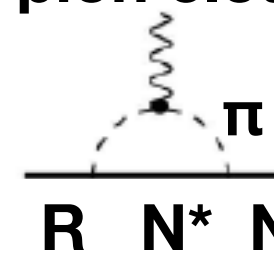
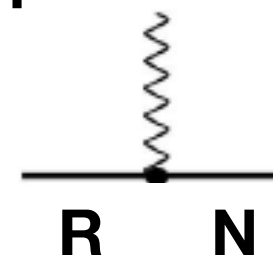
→ PDG entry 2018

importance of pion cloud effect

G. Ramalho and M. T. Pena, PRD95 (2017) 014003

quark core

pion cloud



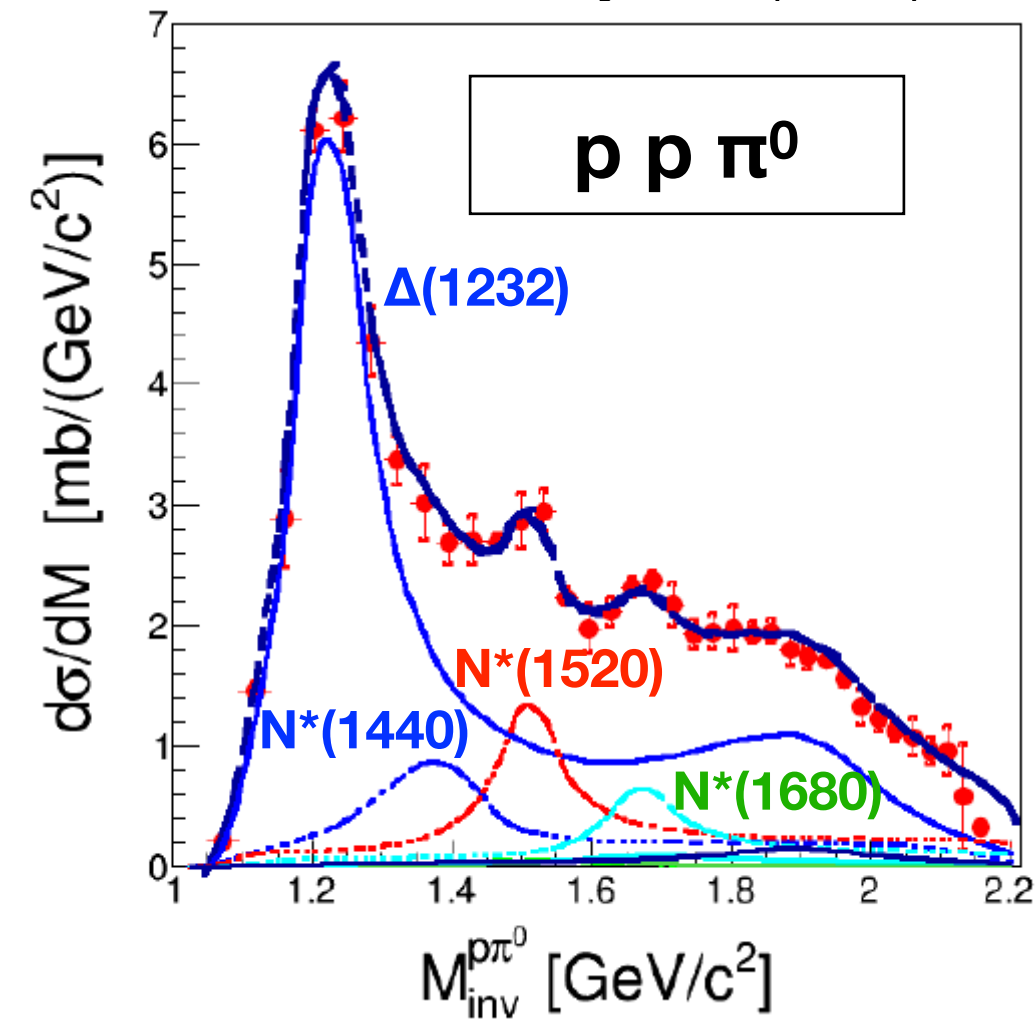
● evidence for VDM in baryonic transitions

# excitation of higher lying nucleon resonances

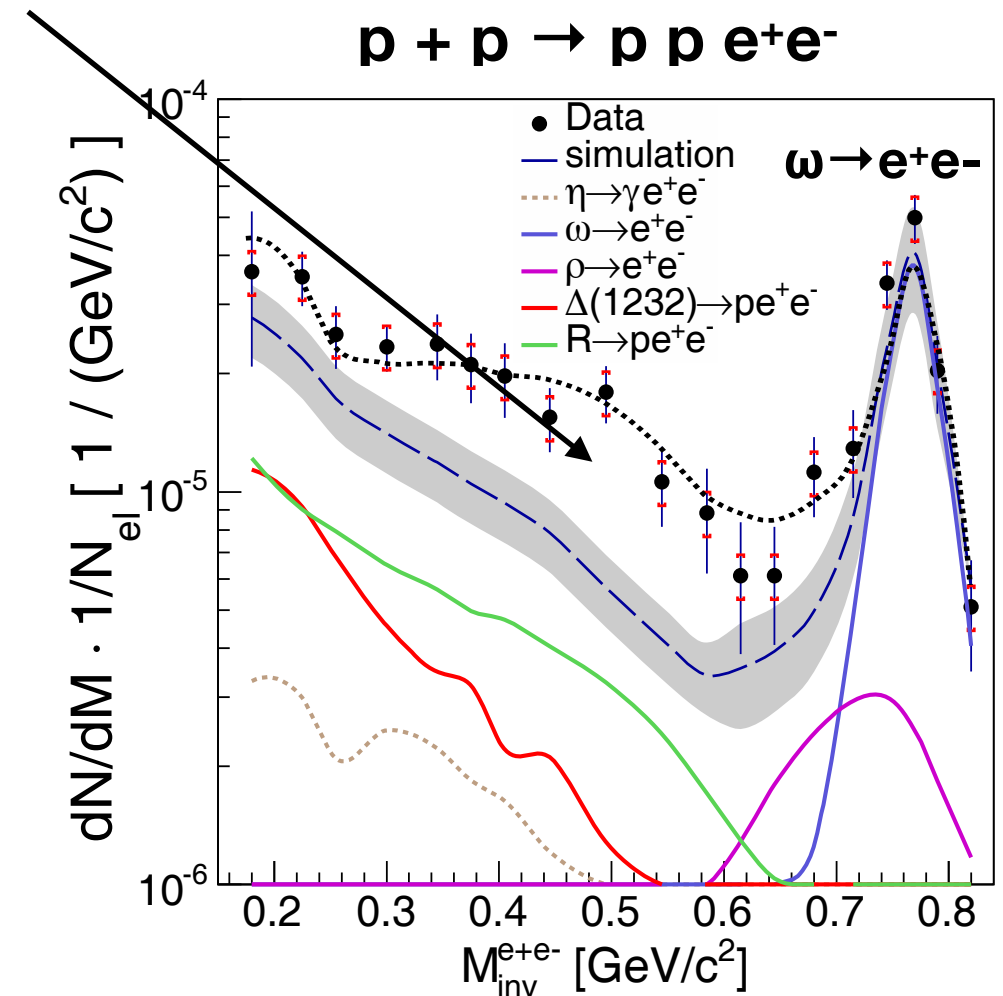
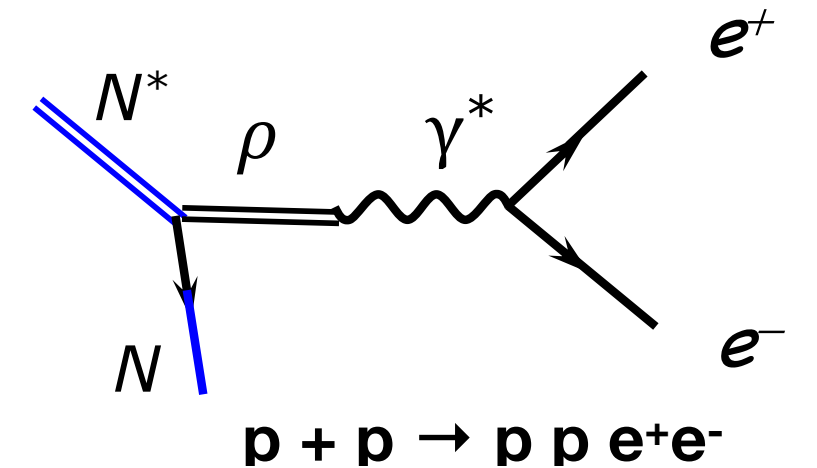
$p + p @ \sqrt{s} = 3.18 \text{ GeV}$

vector meson dominance

HADES data: EPJA 50 (2014) 82



$e^+e^-$  excess above QED cocktail due to sub-threshold coupling of  $R \rightarrow N\rho \rightarrow Ne+e^-$



invariant mass spectrum decomposed into contributions from various baryon resonances by comparison with resonance model:

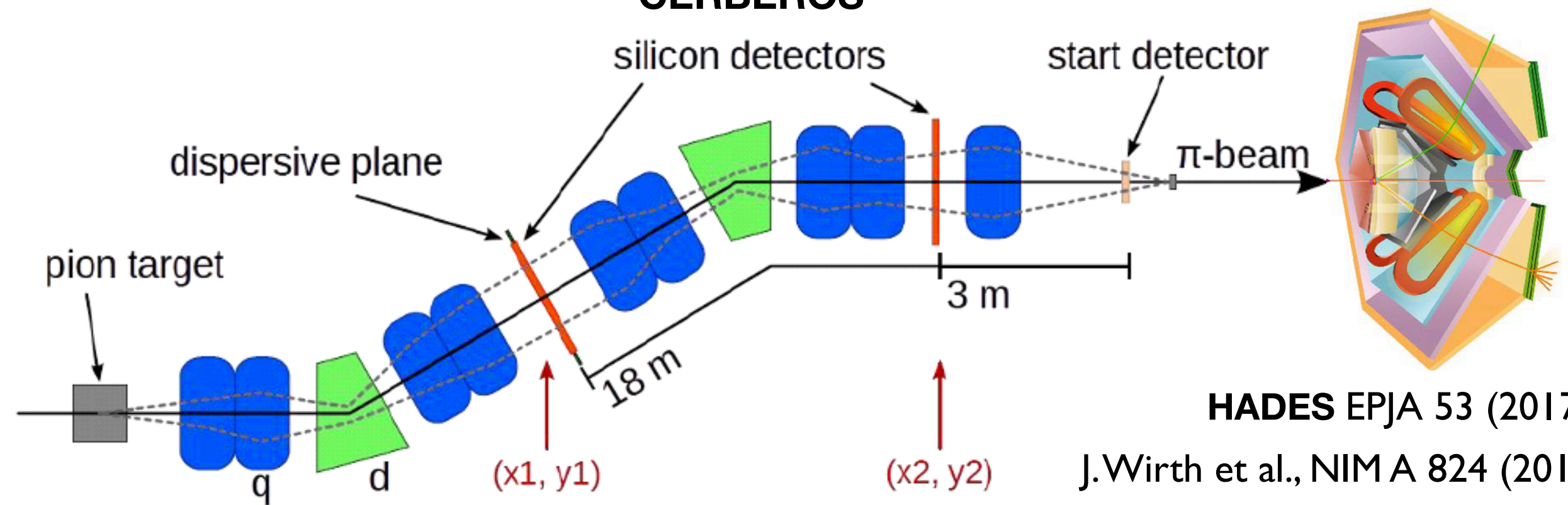
Z.Teis et al., Z. Phys.A 356 (1997) 421  
J.Weil et al., EPJA 48 (2012) 111

- exploiting the **combined analysis of hadronic final states and dilepton** emission provides unprecedented access to electromagnetic structure of baryon resonances



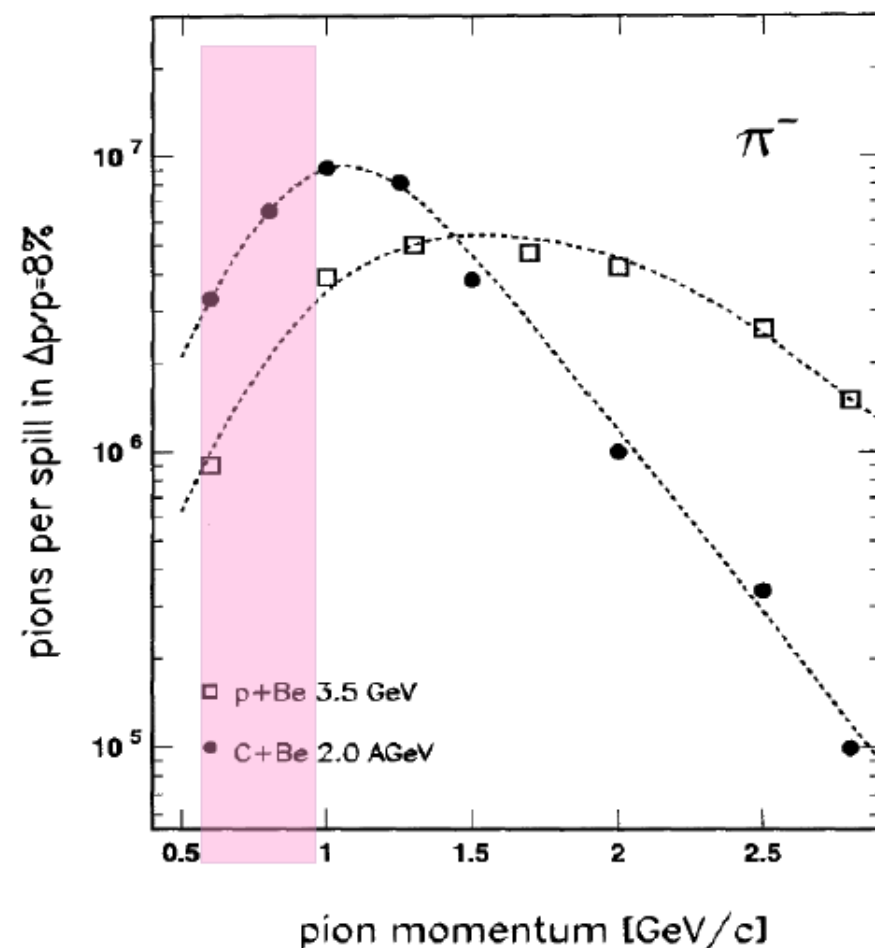
## CERBEROS

33.5 m from  $\pi$ -target



HADES EPJA 53 (2017) 188

J. Wirth et al., NIM A 824 (2016) 243



- $\pi^-$  beam produced in  $N_2 + Be$  with  $8-10 \cdot 10^{10} N_2$  ions/(spill (3s))
- secondary  $\pi^-$  intensity  $2-3 \cdot 10^5 /s$   
momentum range  $0.5 < p_{\pi^-} < 2.0$  GeV/c  
momentum resolution  $\Delta p/p \approx 1\%$
- unique facility world wide in combination with a di-electron spectrometer

J. Diaz et al.,  
NIM A 478 (2002) 511

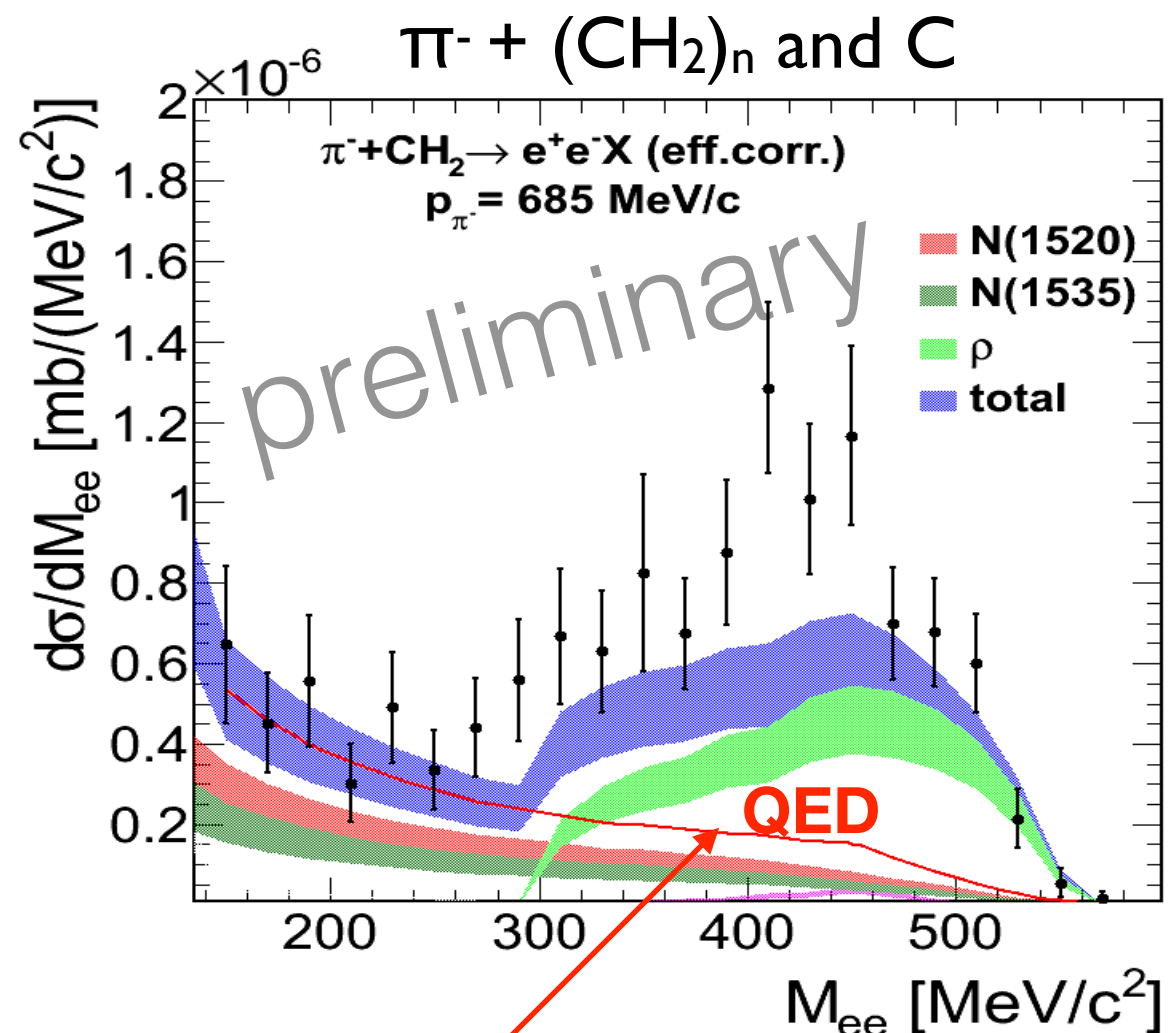
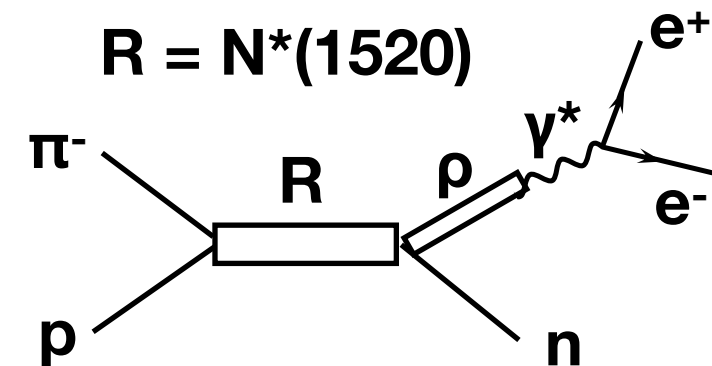
# $\pi^- + 'p' \rightarrow n e^+ e^-$

exploiting the information from the hadronic final state

$\pi^- + p \rightarrow R \rightarrow n \pi^+ \pi^-$  @  $\sqrt{s} = 1.49$  GeV

the dilepton spectrum can be calculated

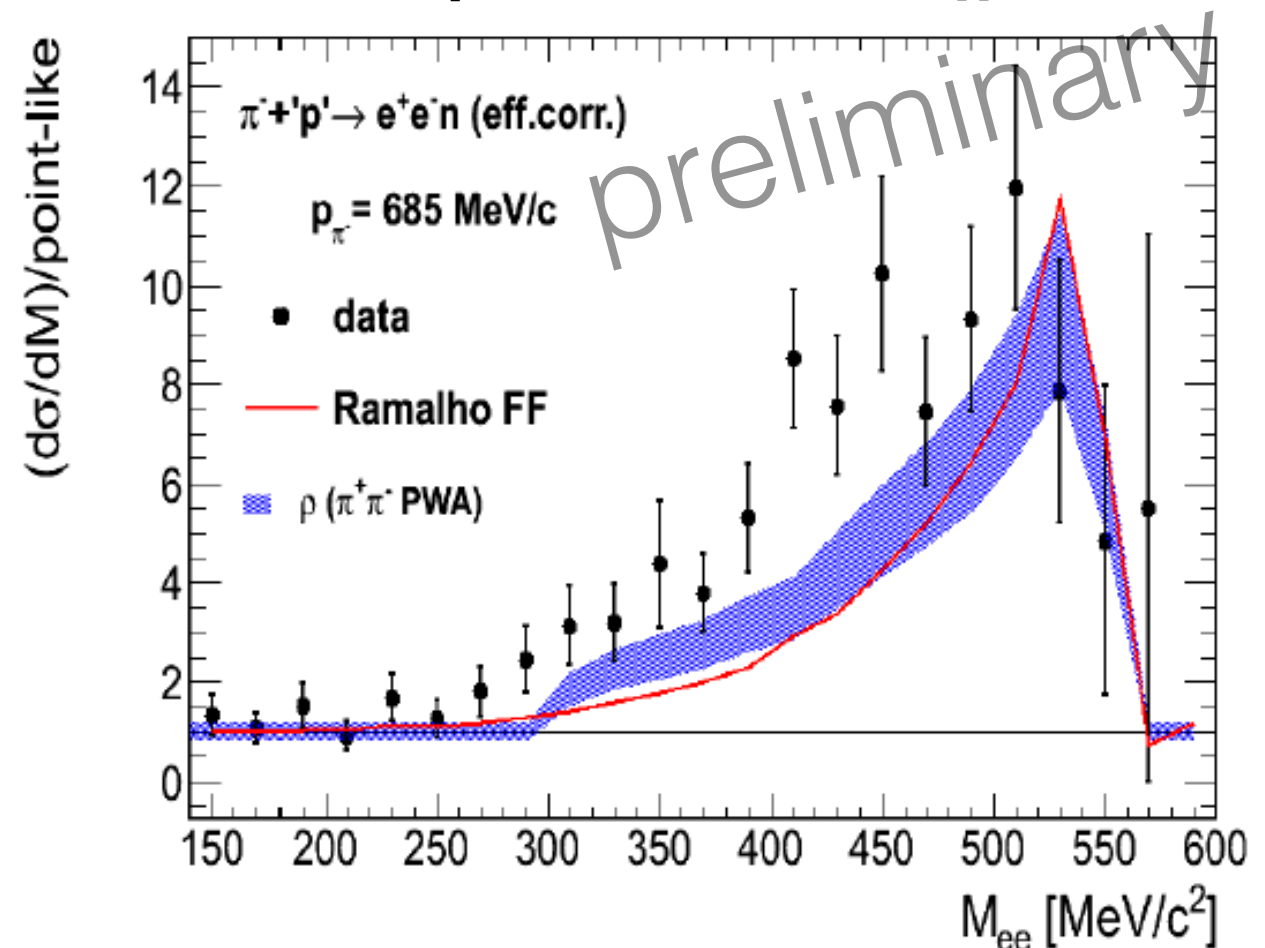
$$d\sigma/dM_{ee} = d\sigma/dM_{\pi\pi} * M_\rho / M_{ee}^3 * BR(\rho \rightarrow e^+ e^-)$$



QED (pointlike) contribution

$D_{13}(1520)$  ( $\approx 60\%$ )

$S_{11}(1535)$  ( $\approx 20\%$ )



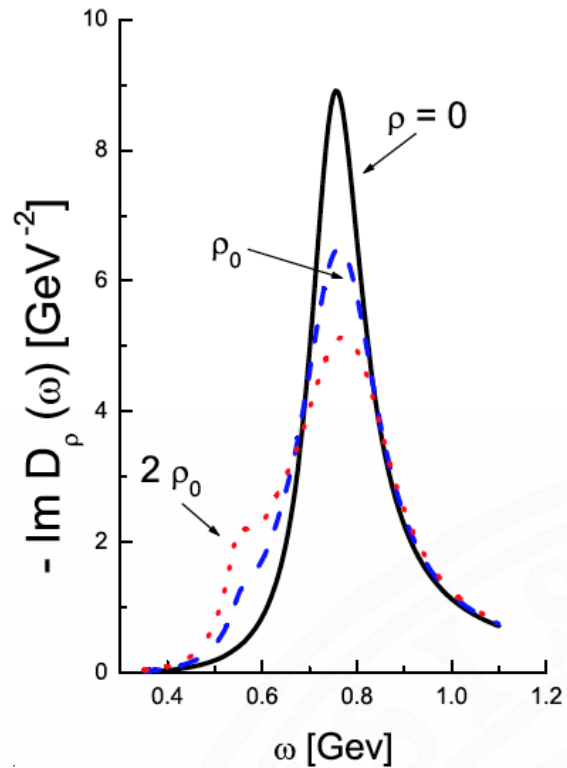
- increase with mass  $\rightarrow$  signature of VDM
- $e^+ e^-$  yield consistent with  $\rho$  contribution from  $\pi^+ \pi^-$  channel (BnGA PWA)
- consistent with 2 component model of  $D_{13}(1520) \rightarrow n e^+ e^-$  (Ramalho & Pena)

**dileptons from  $p + A$  reactions**  
**in-medium modification of vector mesons**

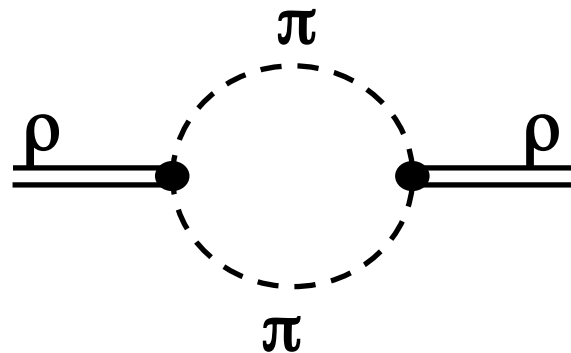


# model predictions for in-medium mass of $\rho$ meson

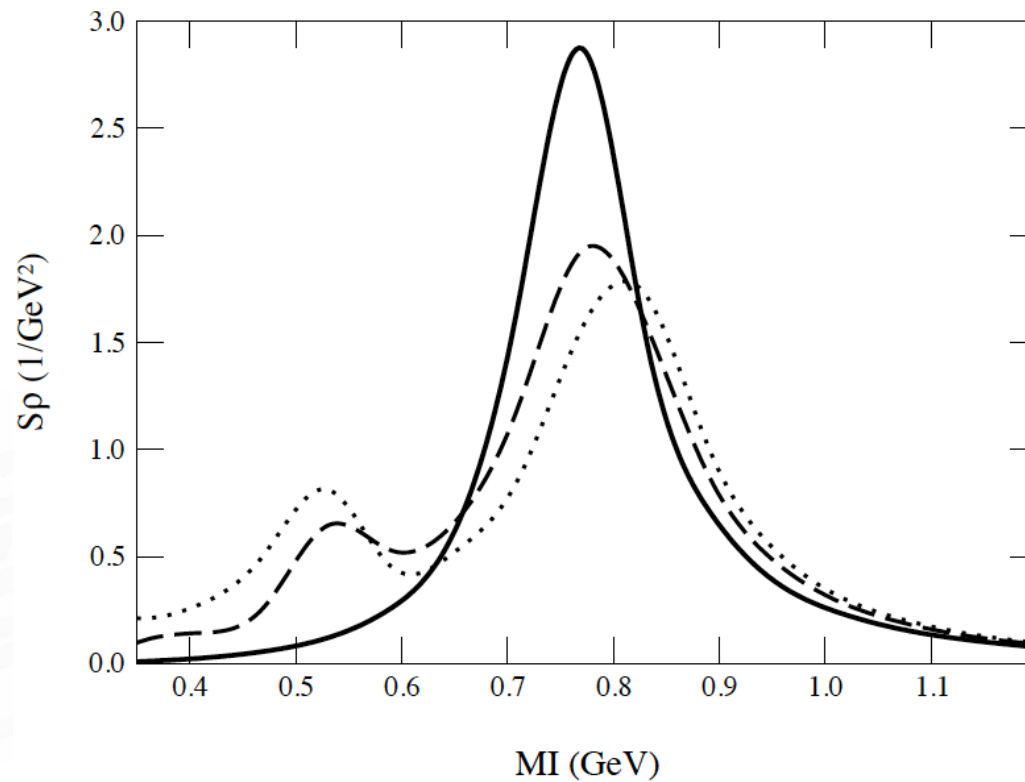
M. Lutz, G. Wolf, B. Friman  
NPA 706 (2002) 431



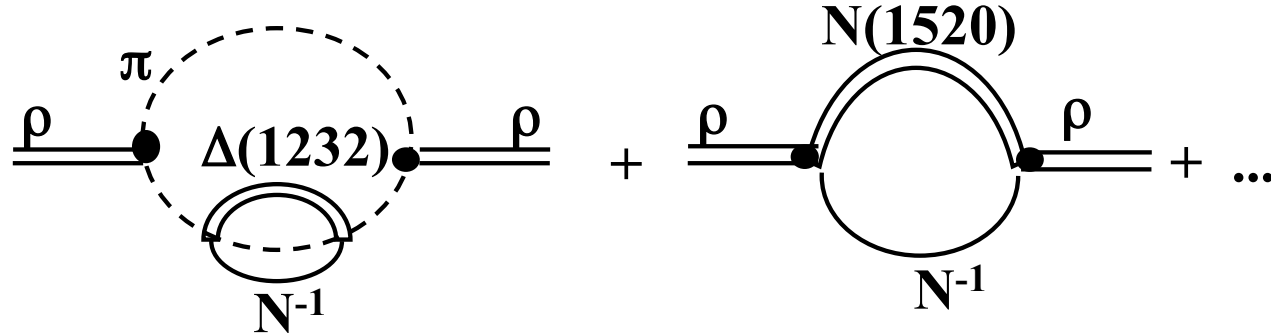
in vacuum:



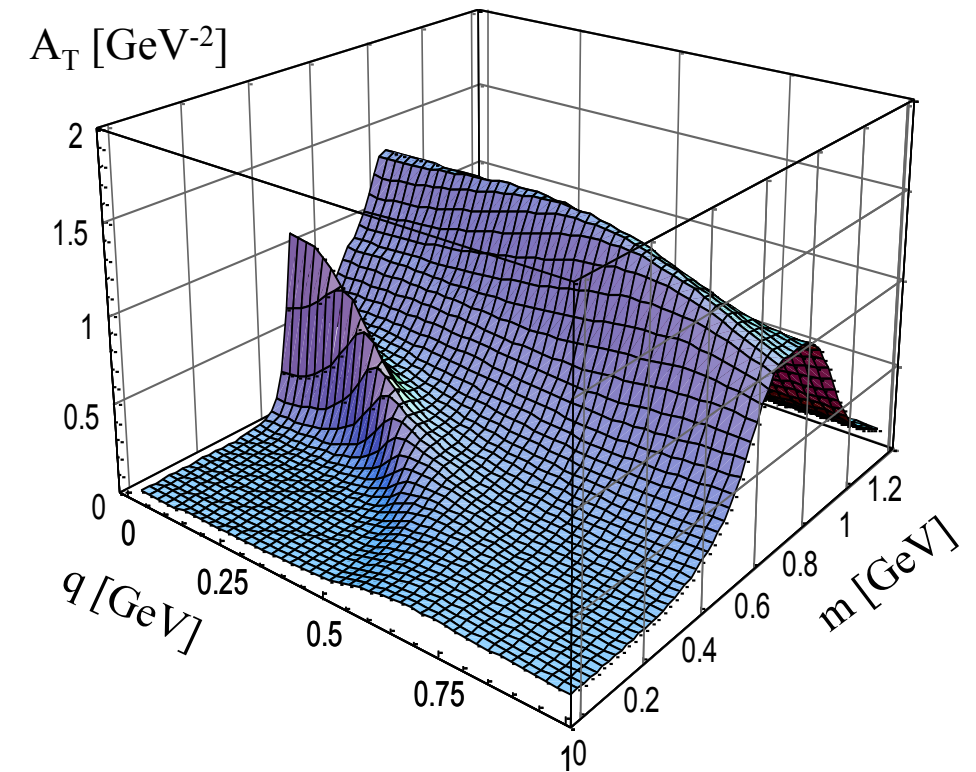
Cabrera, E. Oset, Vicente Vacas  
NPA 705 (2002) 90



in medium



M. Post, S. Leupold, U. Mosel  
NPA 741 (2004) 84



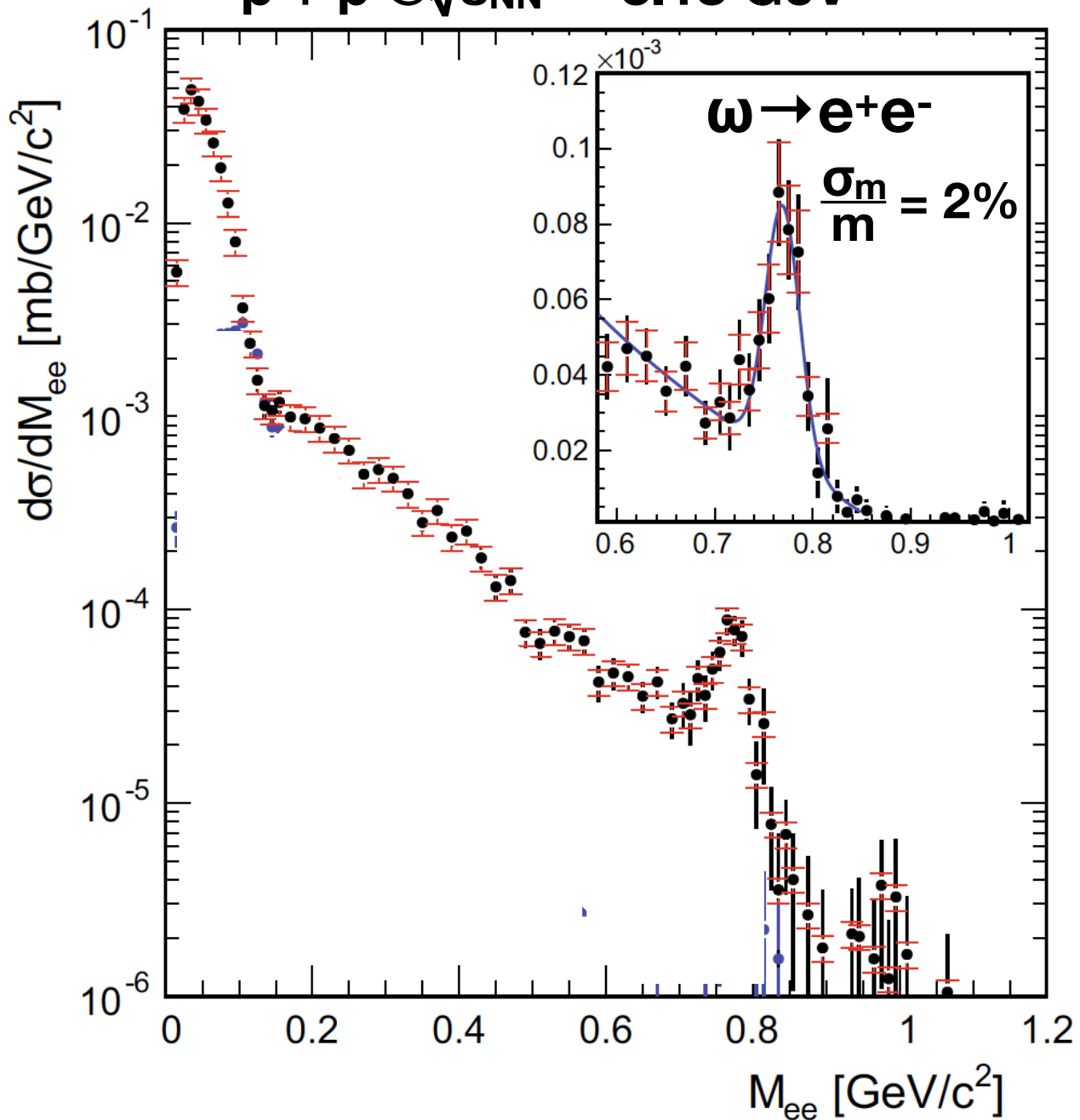
in-medium vector meson spectral function modified due to coupling to resonance - holes states (modifications confined to small momenta)

→ **collisional broadening** (known from atomic physics)

# $e^+e^-$ from $p + p$ and $p + \text{Nb}$ @ $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 3.18 \text{ GeV}$

HADES data: EPJA 48 (2012) 64

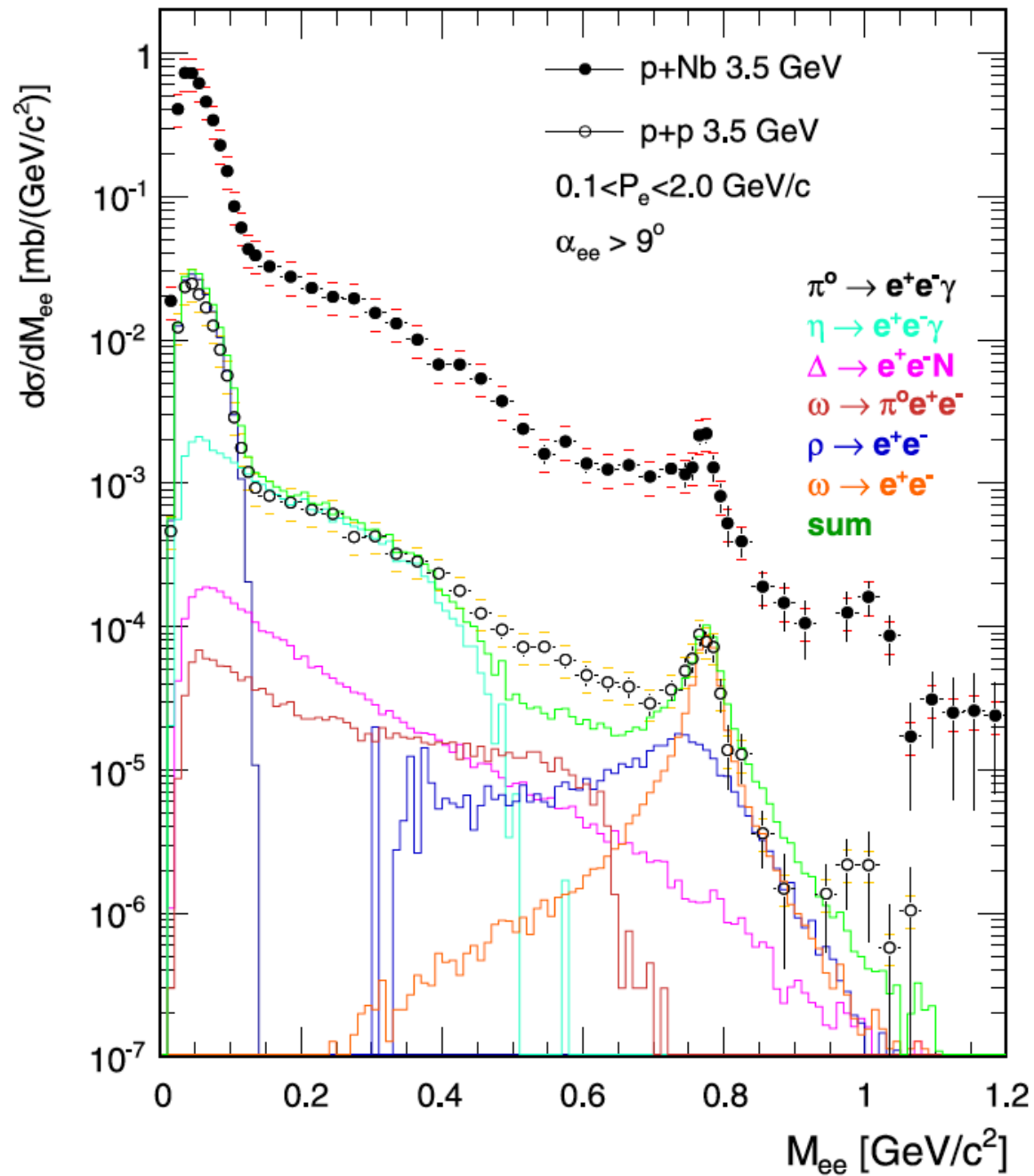
$p + p$  @  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 3.18 \text{ GeV}$



**$e^+e^-$  from  $p + p$  and  $p + \text{Nb}$  @  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 3.18 \text{ GeV}$**

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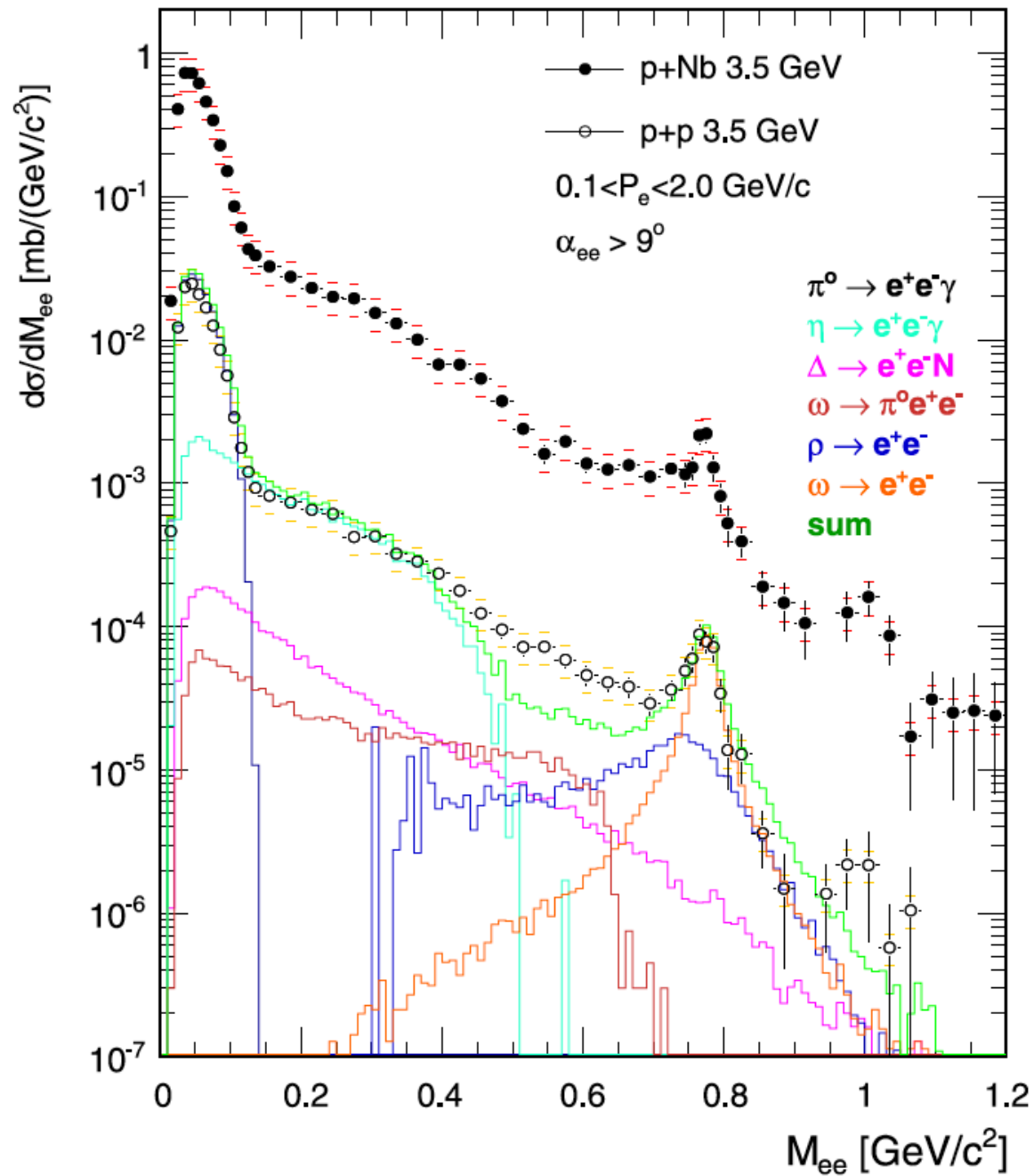


$p+p$  cocktail: based on known sources:  
 $\pi, \eta, \omega, \Phi, \Delta, p+p$  bremsstrahlung

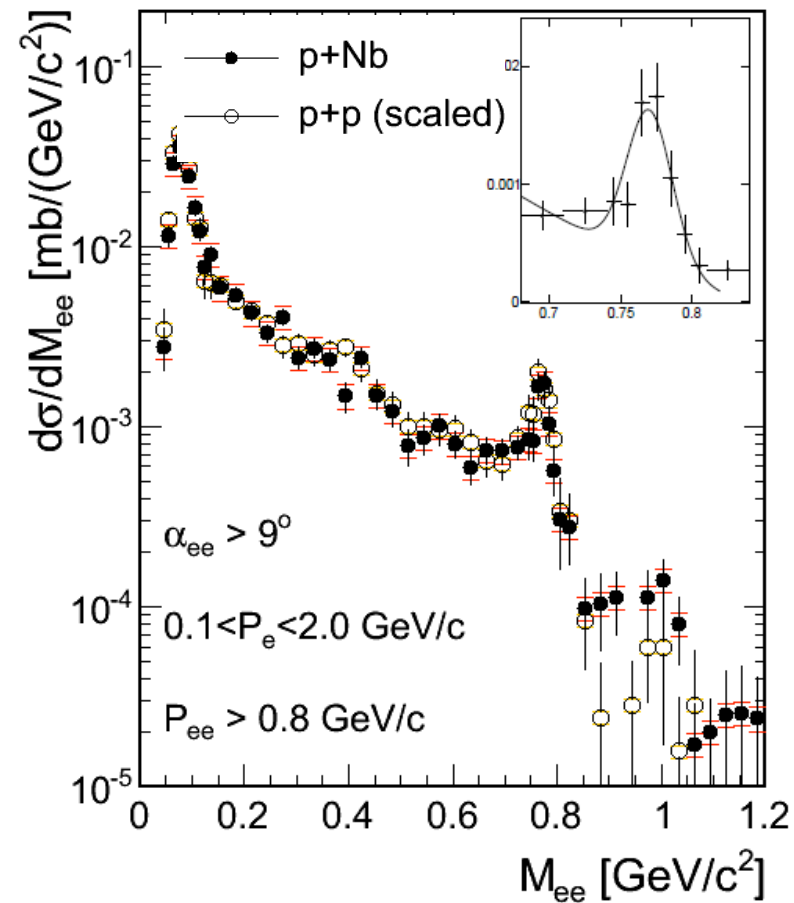


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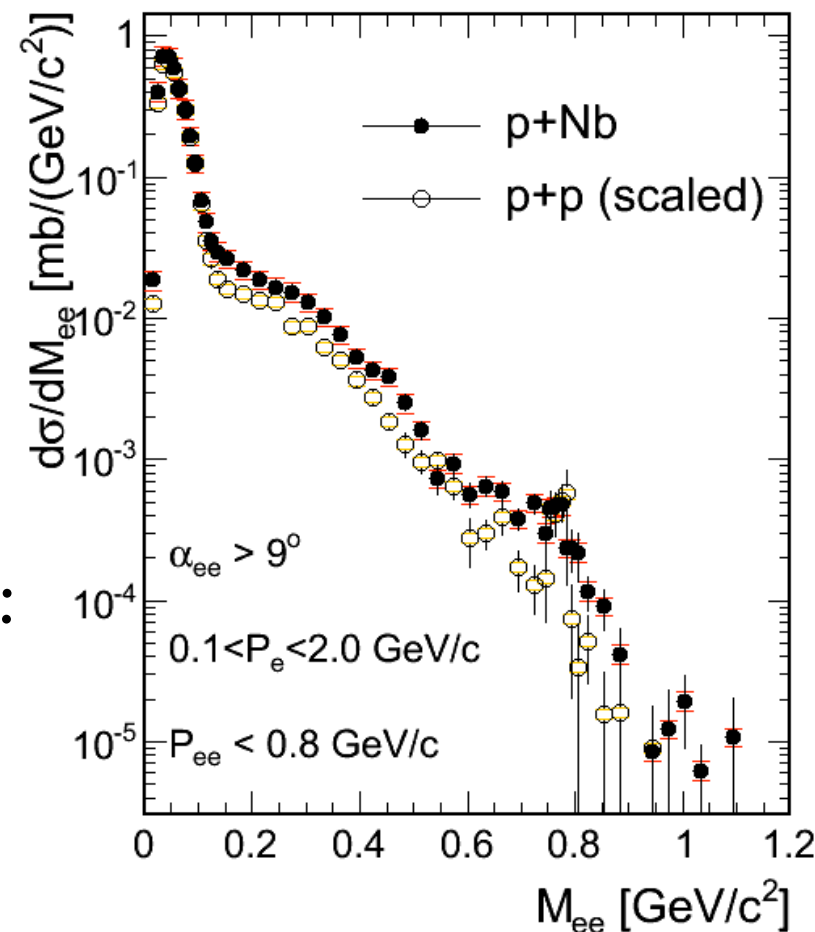


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$p_{ee} > 800 \text{ MeV/c}$ :

shape of  $m_{ee}$  spectrum  
in  $p+\text{Nb}$  identical to  
reference spectrum  
in  $p+p$

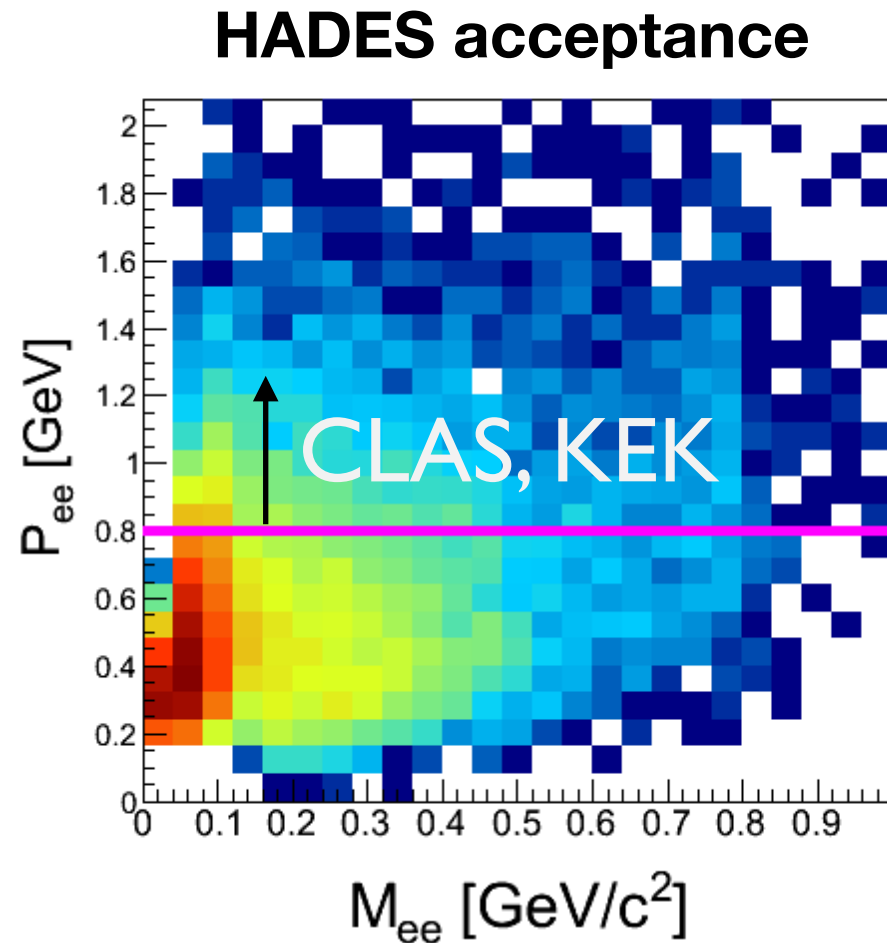
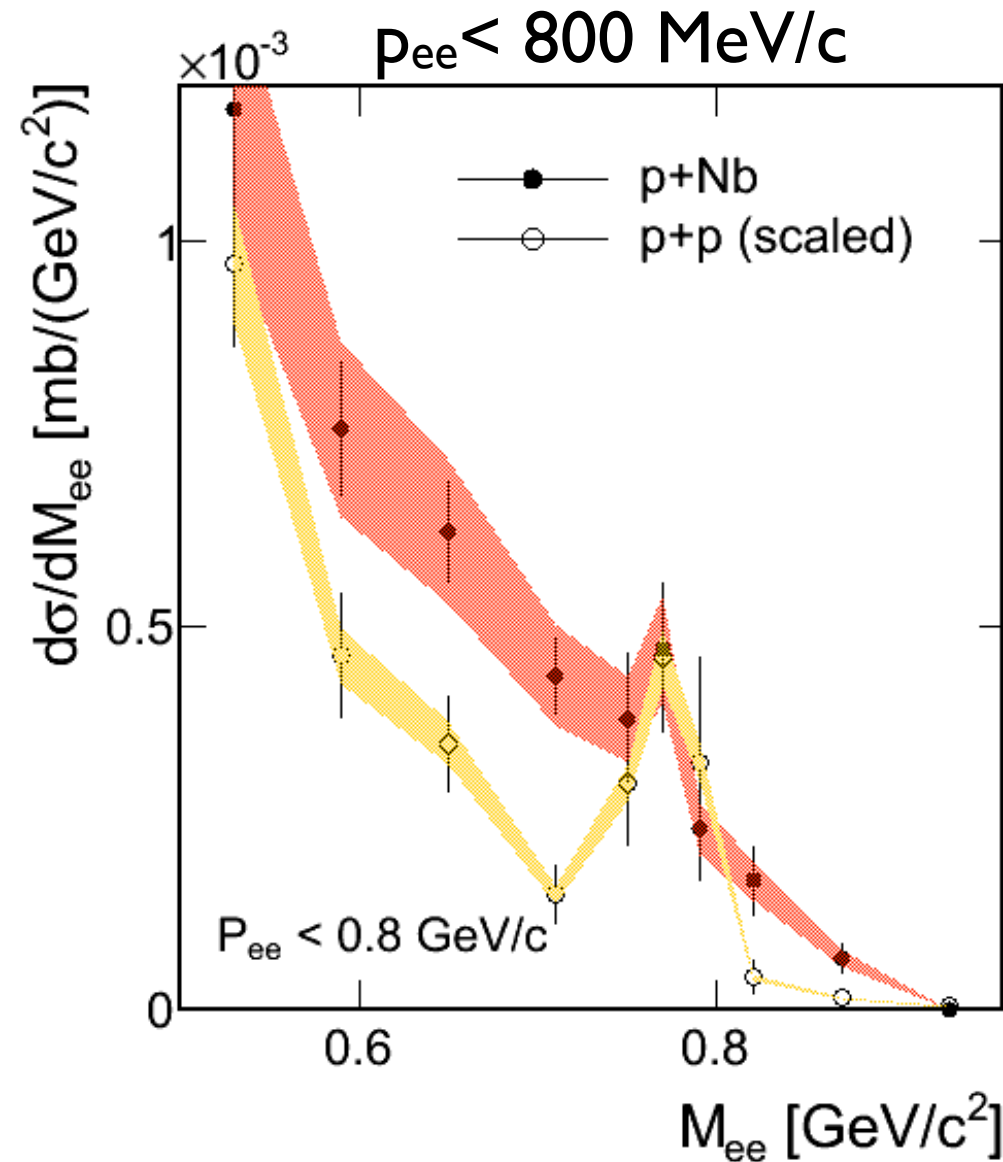


$p_{ee} < 800 \text{ MeV/c}$ :

strong  $e^+e^-$  excess  
yield below  $\omega$  peak

# dilepton signals from cold nuclear matter

$p + \text{Nb}$  @  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 2.42 \text{ GeV}$



first measurement  
of vector meson decays  
in relevant momentum  
range

CLAS, KEK E325 acc.  
only for  $p_{ee} > 0.8 \text{ GeV}/c$

- remarkable difference between  
 $p + p$  and  $p + \text{Nb}$ :
- ♦ reduction of  $\omega$  yield (absorption)
  - ♦ broadening of  $\rho$

→ manifestation of in-medium  
modifications of vector mesons  
at low momenta

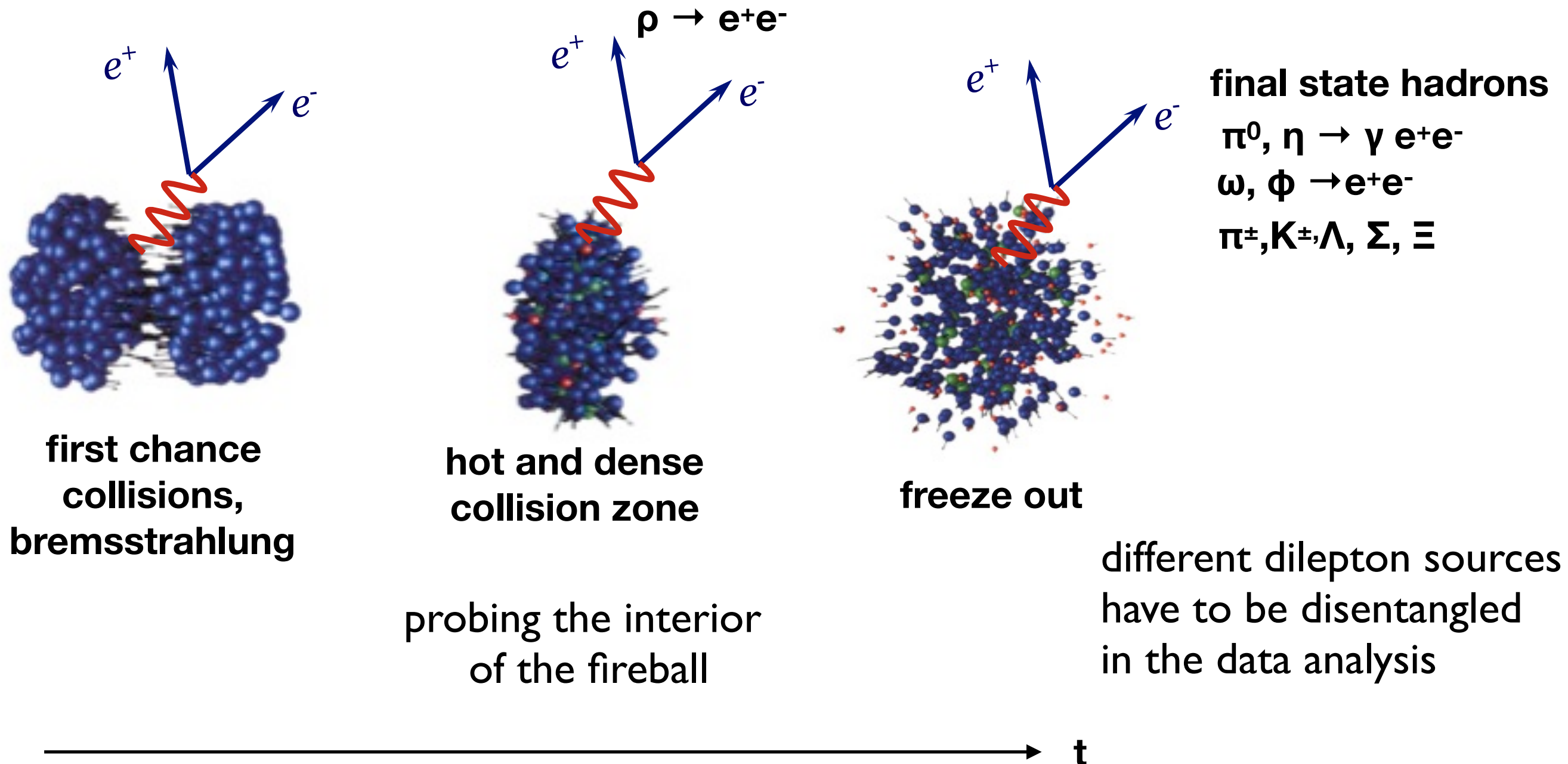
**dileptons from relativistic heavy-ion reactions**  
**in-medium modification of vector mesons**

# dileptons from A + A reactions

collective kinetic energy is dissipated into intrinsic degrees of freedom

penetrating probes:  $e^+e^-$  pairs, emitted over the full space-time evolution of the collision

different dilepton sources have to be disentangled in the data analysis

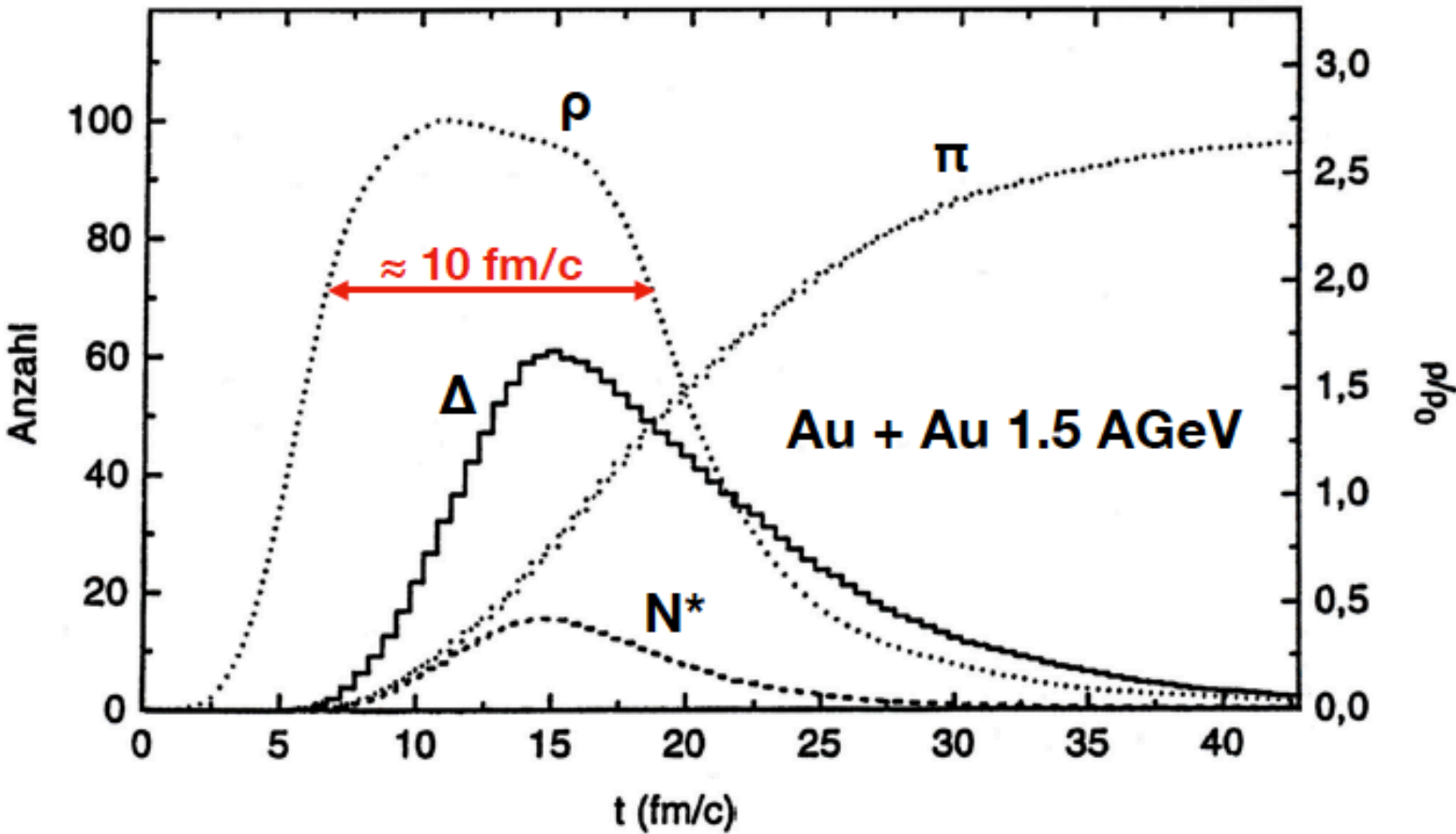




# resonance matter

transport calculations: GiBUU, UrQMD, IQMD, HSD

S. Teis et al., Z. Phys. A 359 (1997) 297

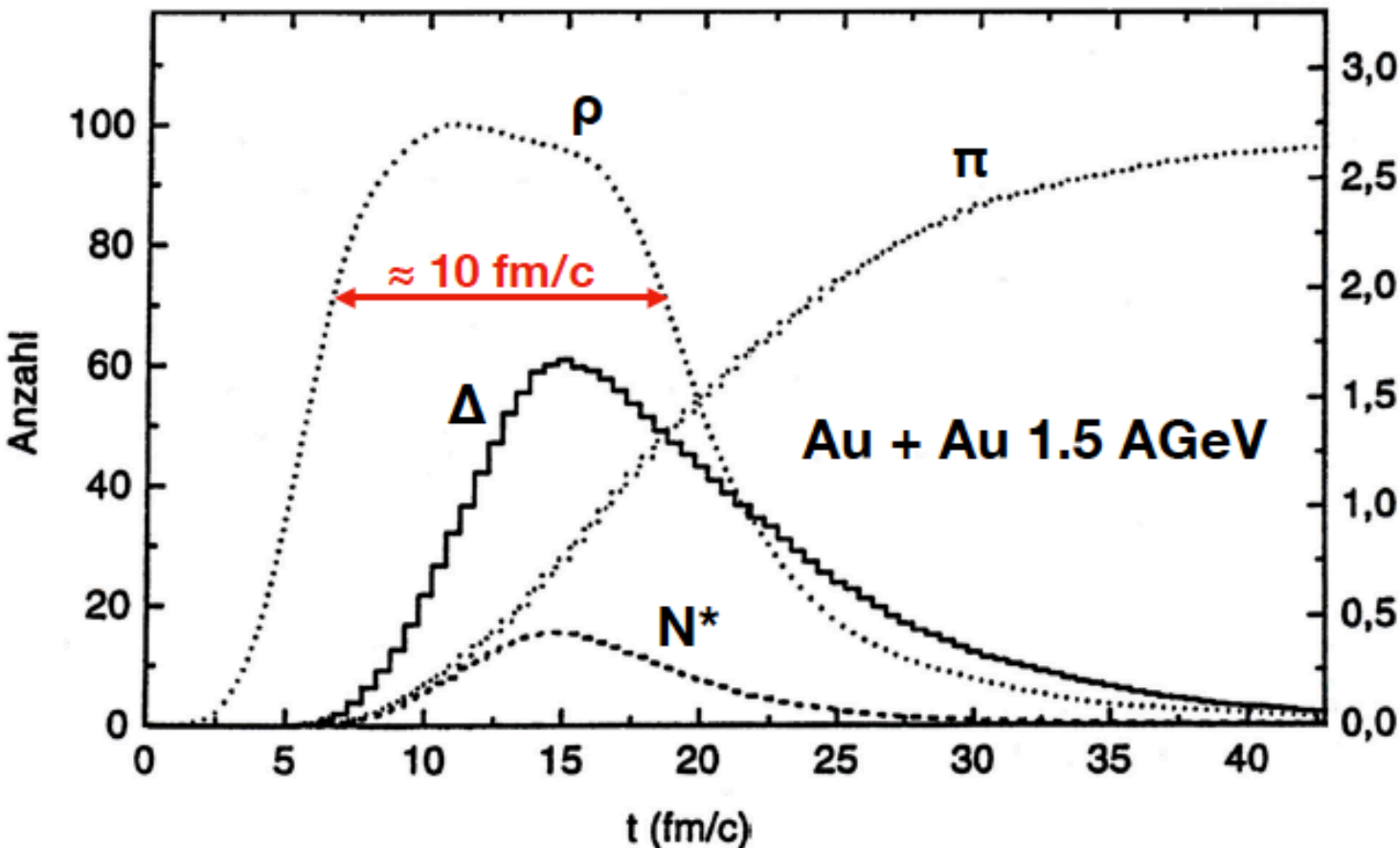


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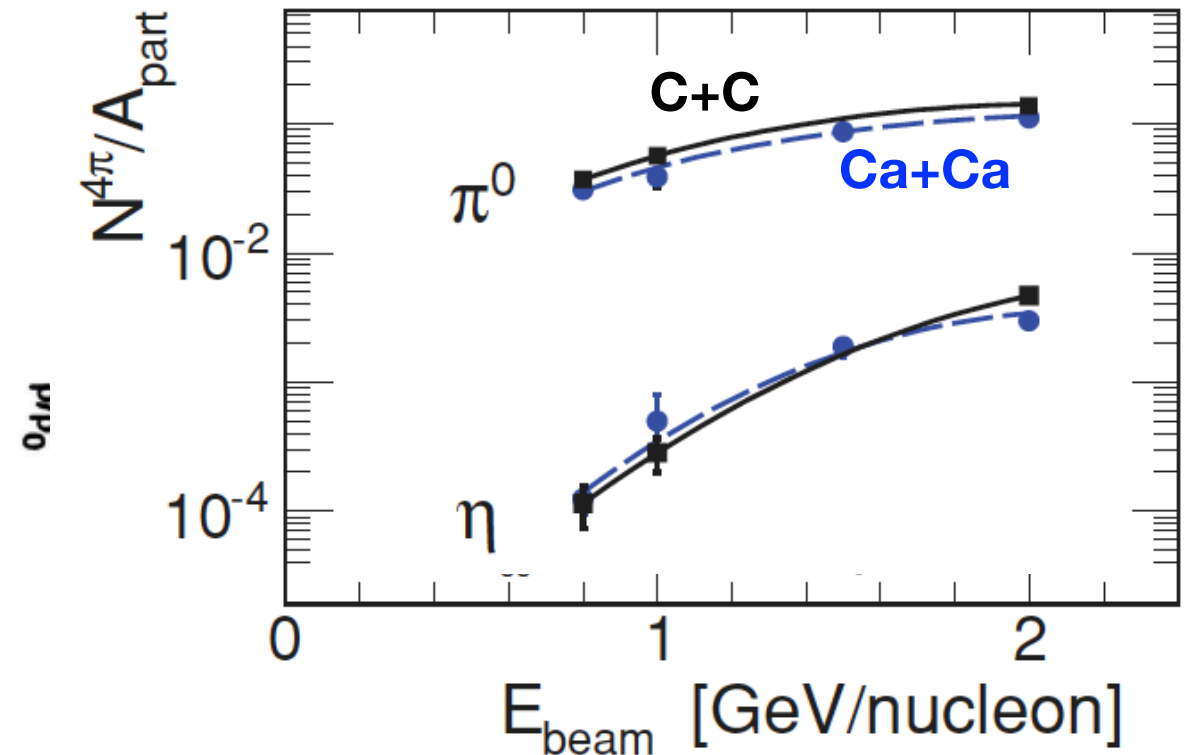


$$\rho_N \approx 2.5 \rho_0$$

$$\rho_{\Delta, N^*} = 0.45 \rho_N = 0.45 \cdot 2.5 \rho_0 \approx 1.1 \rho_0$$

**TAPS data:**

R. Holzmann et al. PRC56 (1997) R2920



$$N_{\pi 0} = 1/2 \cdot (N_{\pi^+} + N_{\pi^-}) = 0.147 \pm 0.01$$

**HADES data:** EPJA 40 (2009) 45

$$\Sigma N_{\pi^\pm, \pi 0} = 3 \cdot N_{\pi 0}$$

$$\rho_{\Delta, N^*} = 0.45 \rho_N$$

density of baryon resonances reaches nucleon density  $\rho_0$  in normal nuclear matter

baryon resonances start interacting among each other: **resonance matter**

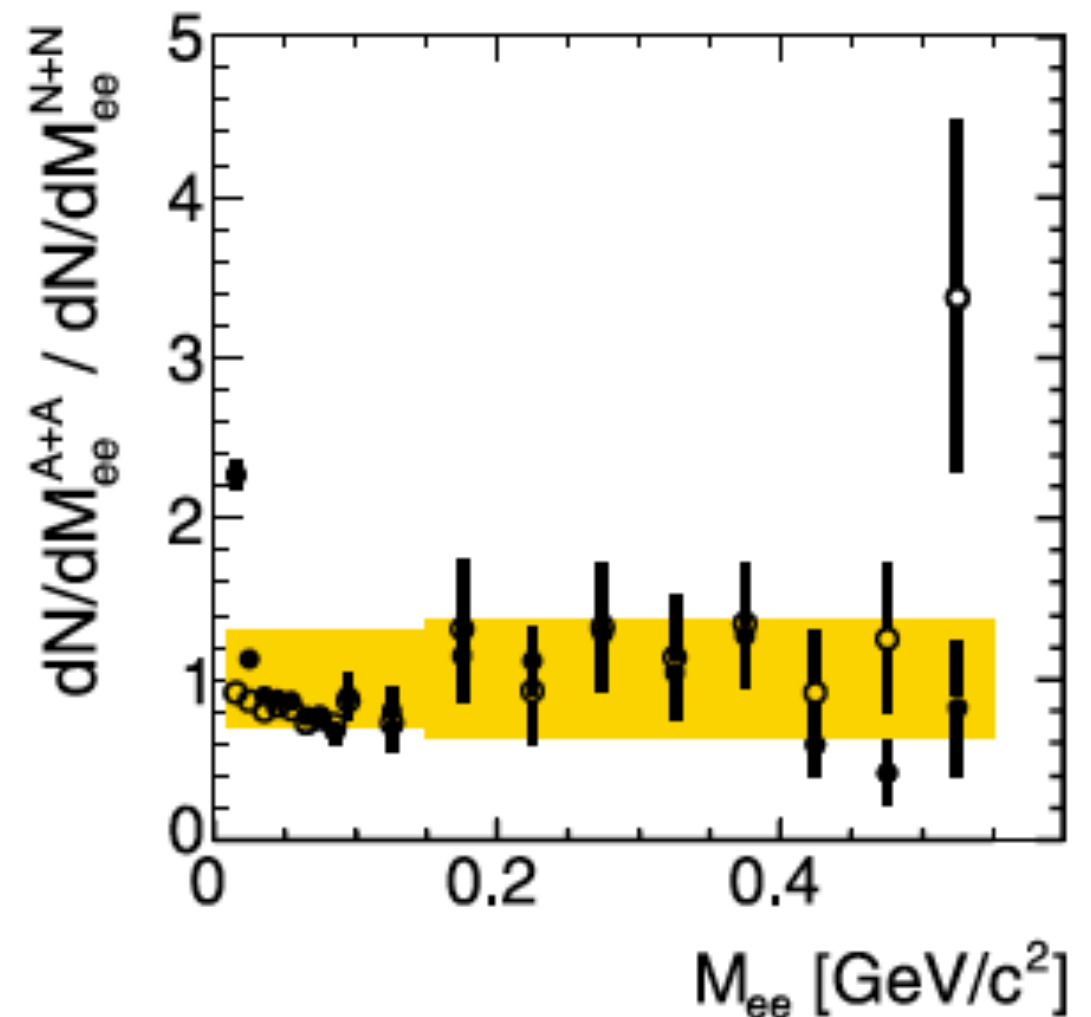
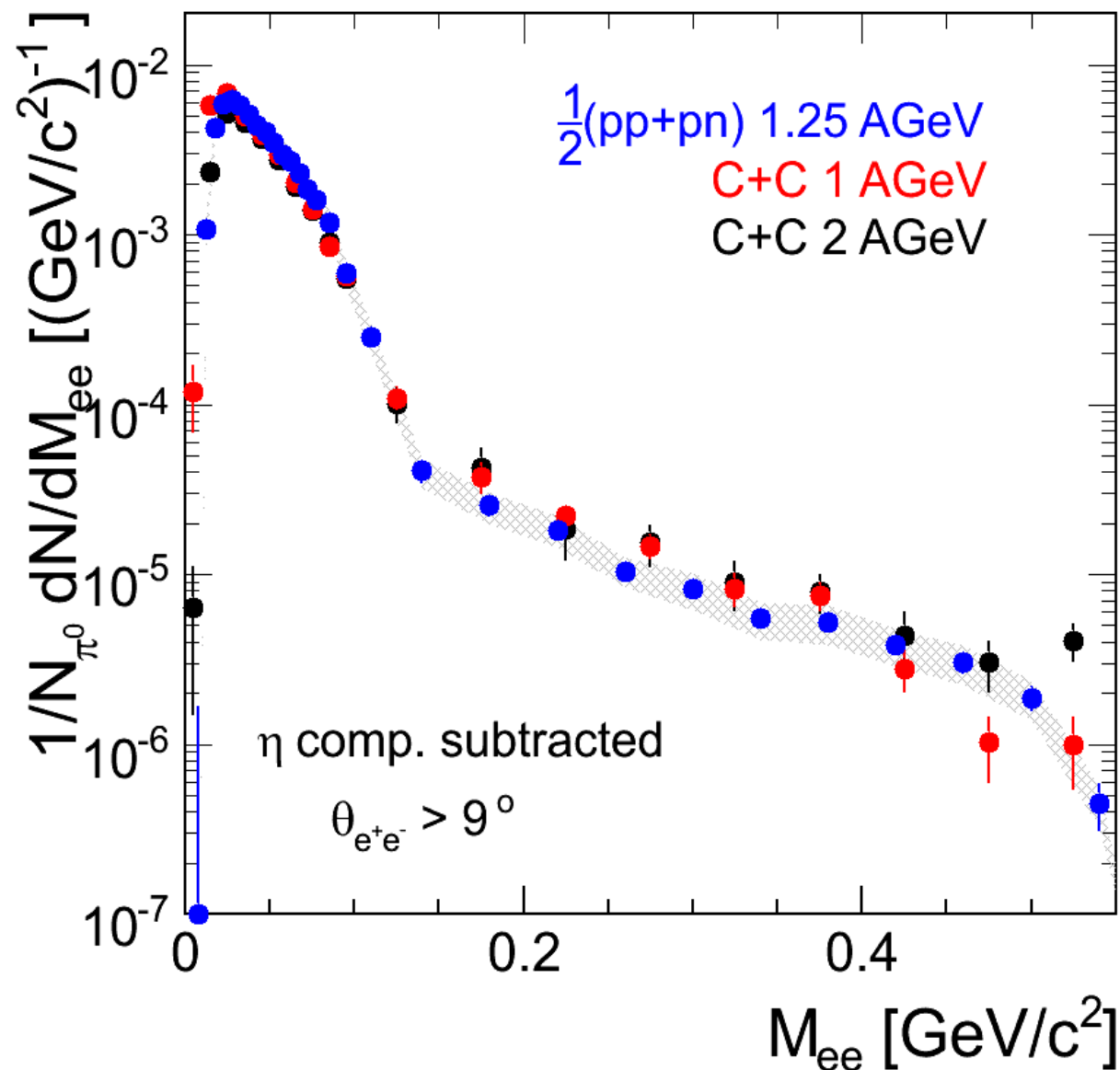
U. Mosel, V. Metag, Nucl. Phys. News 3 (1993) 25; Phys. Bl. 49 (1993) 426

impact on particle production in relativistic heavy-ion collisions

# dileptons from A + A collisions I

$^{12}\text{C} + ^{12}\text{C}$  @ 1.0 and 2.0 AGeV

HADES data: PLB 690 (2010) 118



dilepton spectrum in  $\text{C} + \text{C}$  compatible with superposition of elementary  $n + p$  and  $p + p$  collisions;

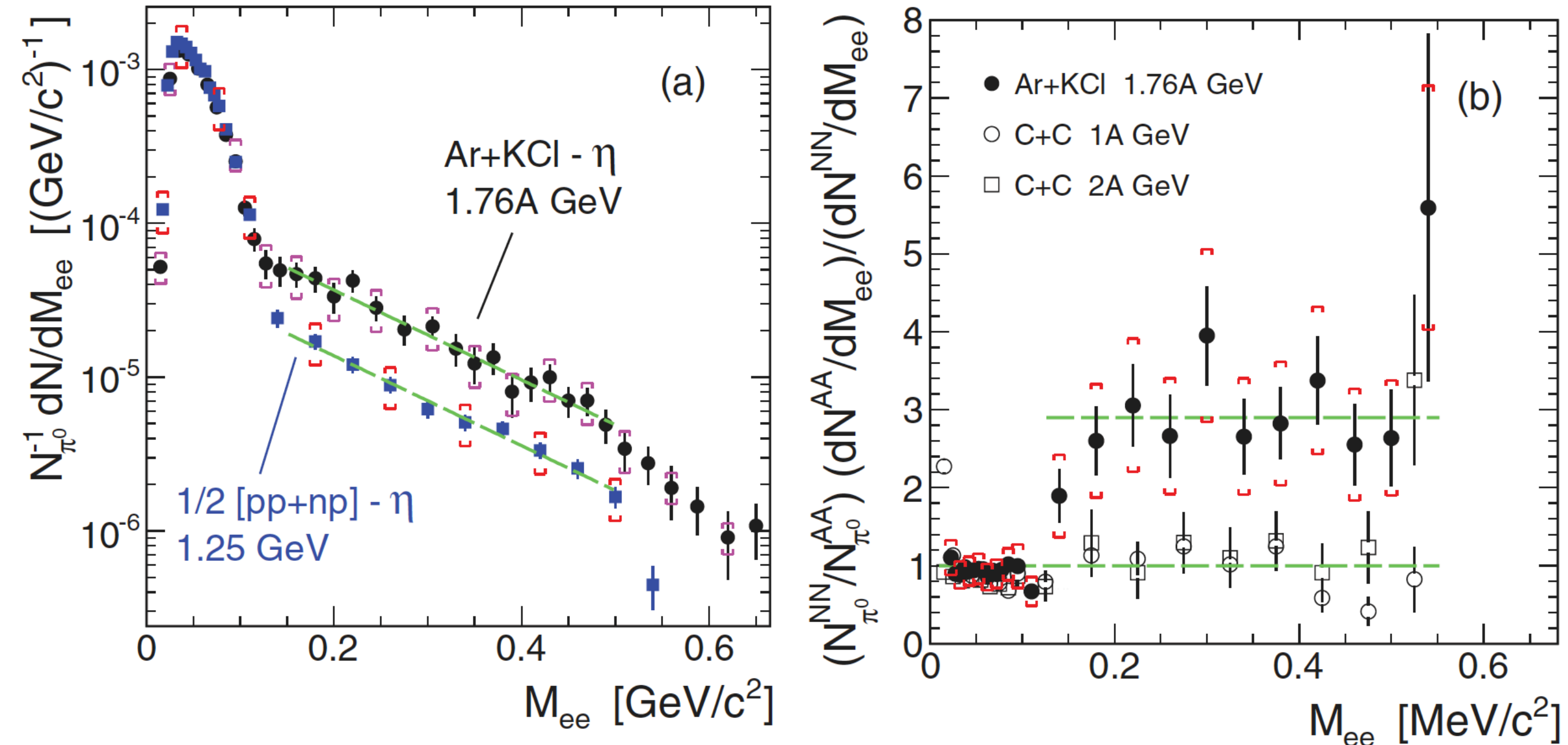
$\text{N} + \text{N}$  reference spectrum:  $\sigma_{NN}(M_{e^+e^-}) = 1/2 (\sigma_{pp}(M_{e^+e^-}) + \sigma_{pn}(M_{e^+e^-}))$

no radiation beyond binary nucleon-nucleon collisions in this light system !!

# dileptons from A + A collisions II

$^{40}\text{Ar} + \text{KCl} @ 1.76 \text{ AGeV}$

HADES data: PRC 84 (2011) 014902



dilepton excess yield compared to N+N reference spectrum and  $^{12}\text{C} + ^{12}\text{C}$   
regeneration of baryonic resonances in the fireball

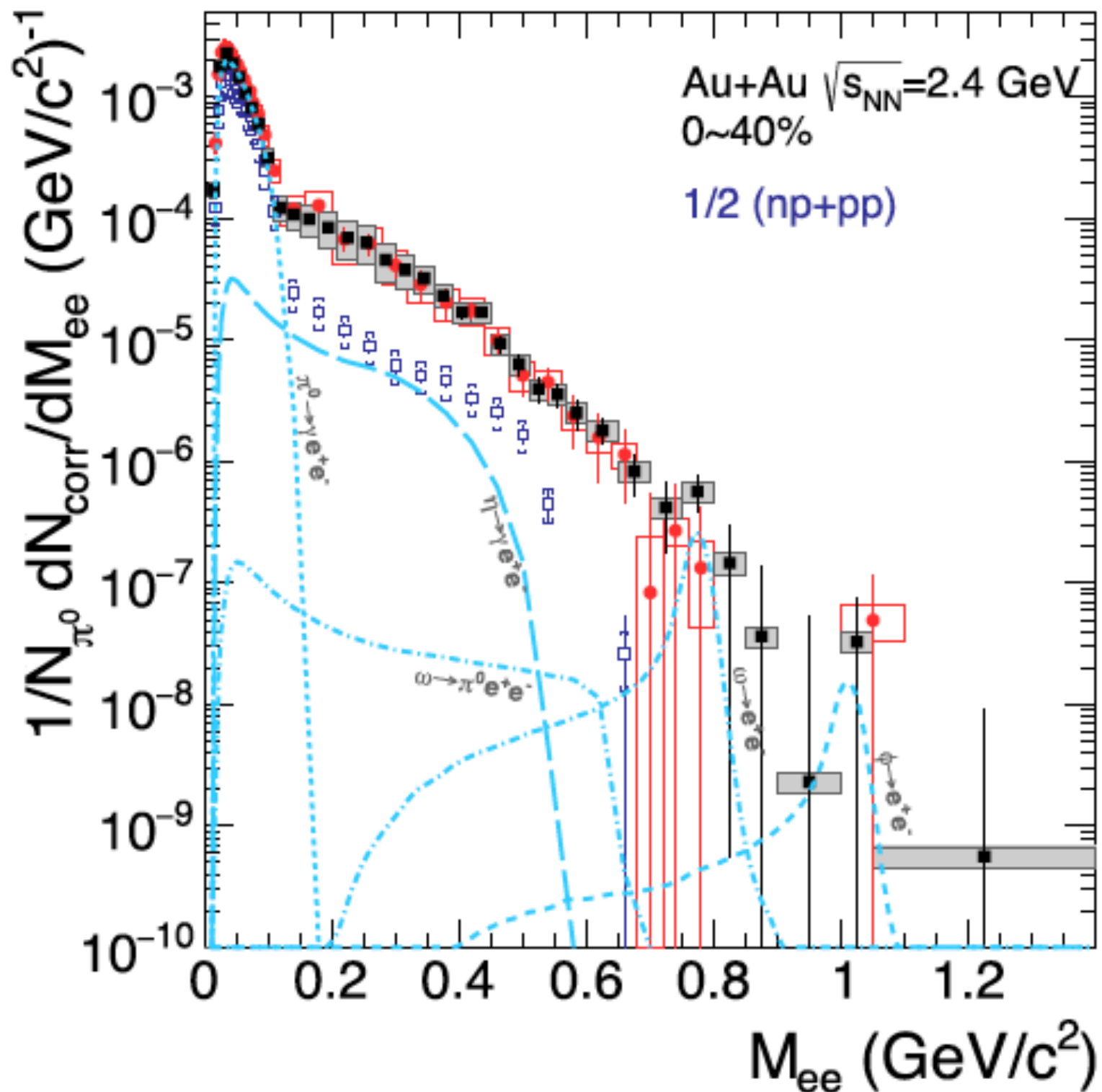
● onset of fireball radiation



# dileptons from A + A collisions III

Au + Au @ 1.23 AGeV ( $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.42$  GeV)

HADES data: Nature Physics 15 (2019) 1040



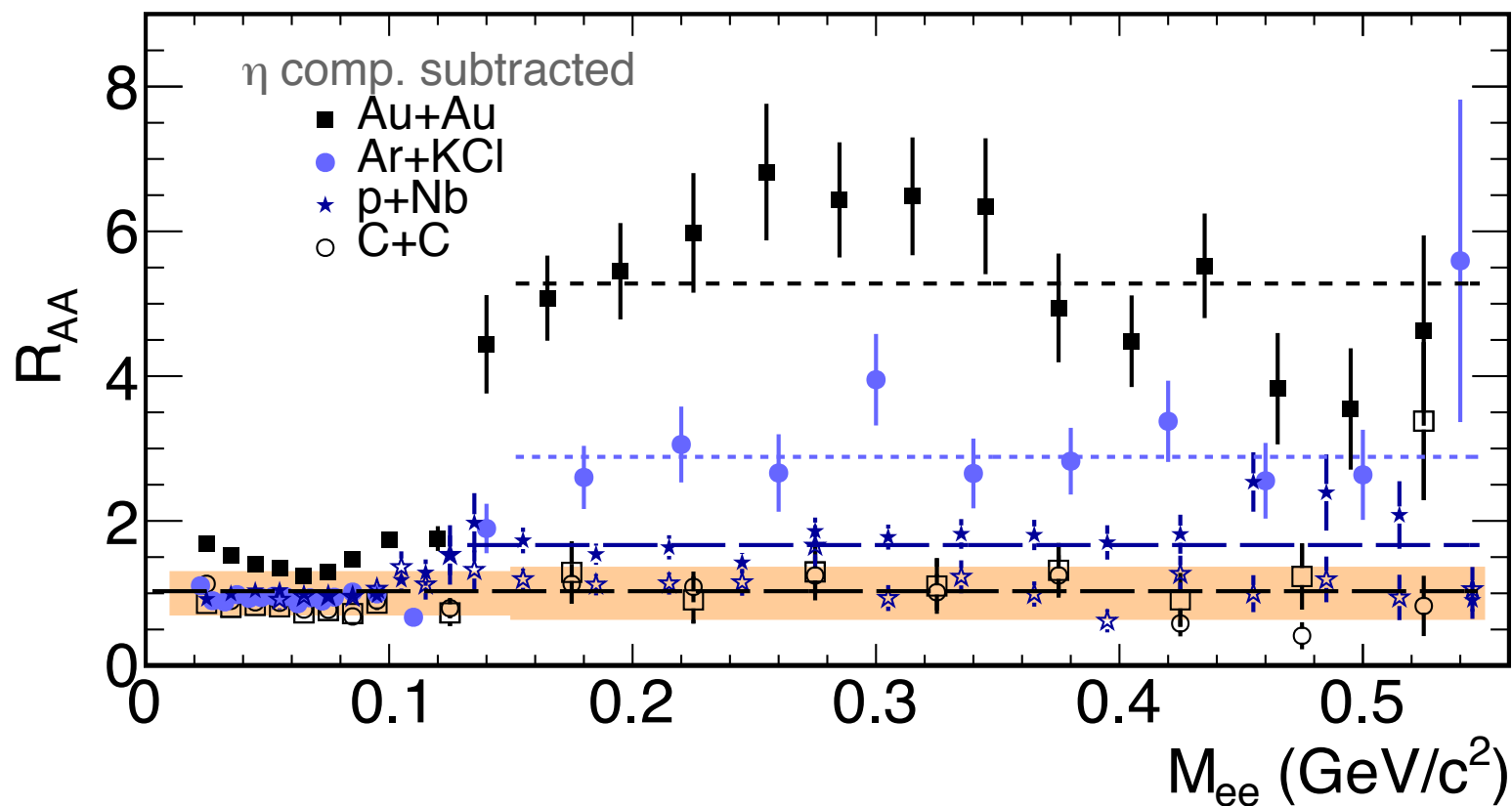
for  $M_{e^+e^-} > 0.15$  GeV clear  
dilepton excess yield above  
**mesonic** ( $\eta, \omega, \phi$ ) and  
**baryonic** sources  
(NN bremsstrahlung +  $\Delta \rightarrow N e^+e^-$ )

NN reactions scaled by  $A_{\text{part}}$   
(number of pions)

# The onset of the excess radiation

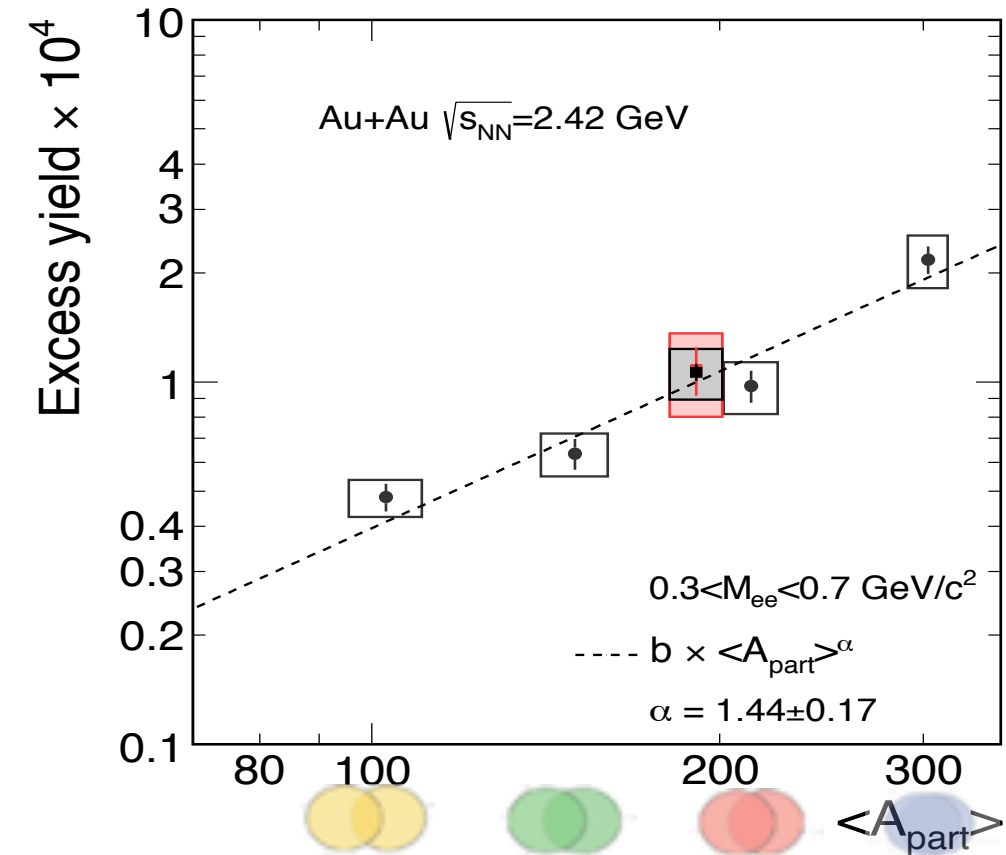
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system size dependence



$$R_{AA} = \frac{1}{\langle A_{part}^{AA} \rangle} \frac{dN^{AA}}{dM_{ee}} \left( \frac{dN^{NN}}{dM_{ee}} \right)^{-1}$$

centrality dependence



excess yield  $\sim \langle A_{part} \rangle^\alpha$   
 $\alpha = 1.44 \pm 0.17$

- for Au + Au the number of  $e^+e^-$  pairs per participant nucleon is  $\approx 6$  times higher than in a free N+N collision;  
 6 generations of baryon resonances with  $\tau \approx 1.5$  fm/c  $\rightarrow$  fireball lifetime of  $\approx 10$  fm/c
- dilepton radiation from the hot and dense collision zone increases with system size and centrality of the collision

# fireball = thermal source??

statistical hadronization models: THERMUS

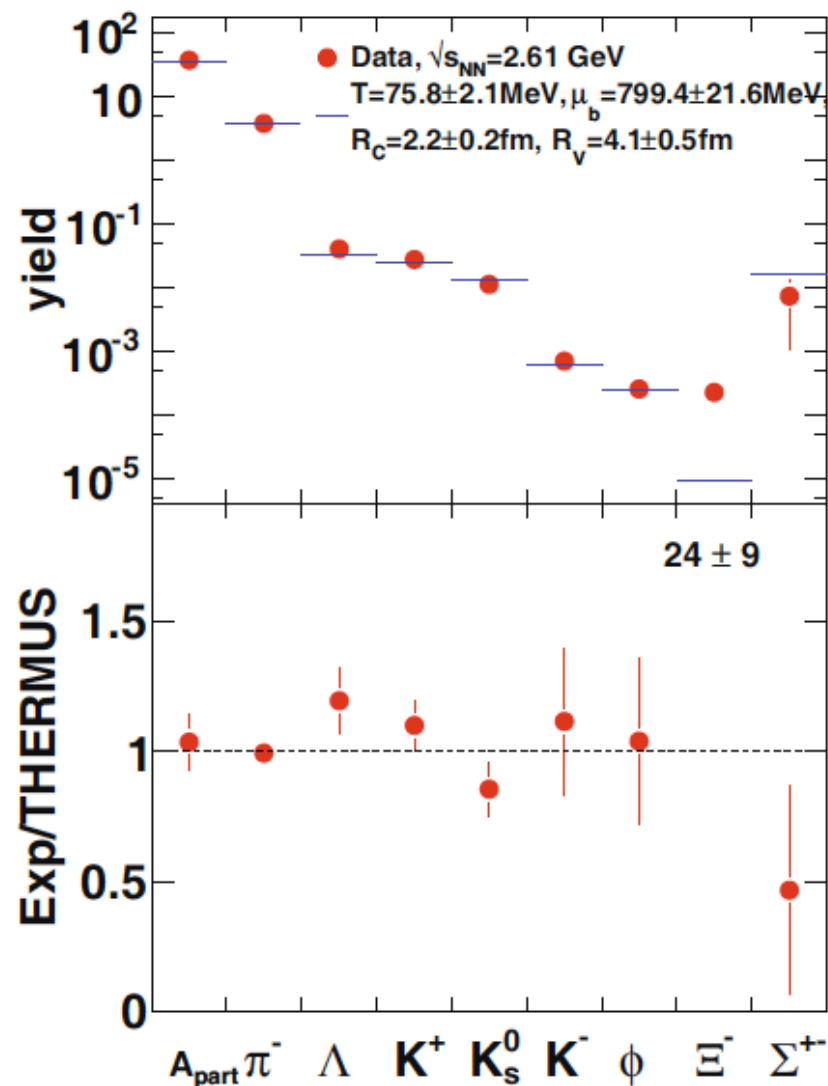
S. Wheaton, J. Cleymans, Comp. Phys. Comm. 180 (2009) 84S

particle yields at freeze out determined by  $T, \mu_B$

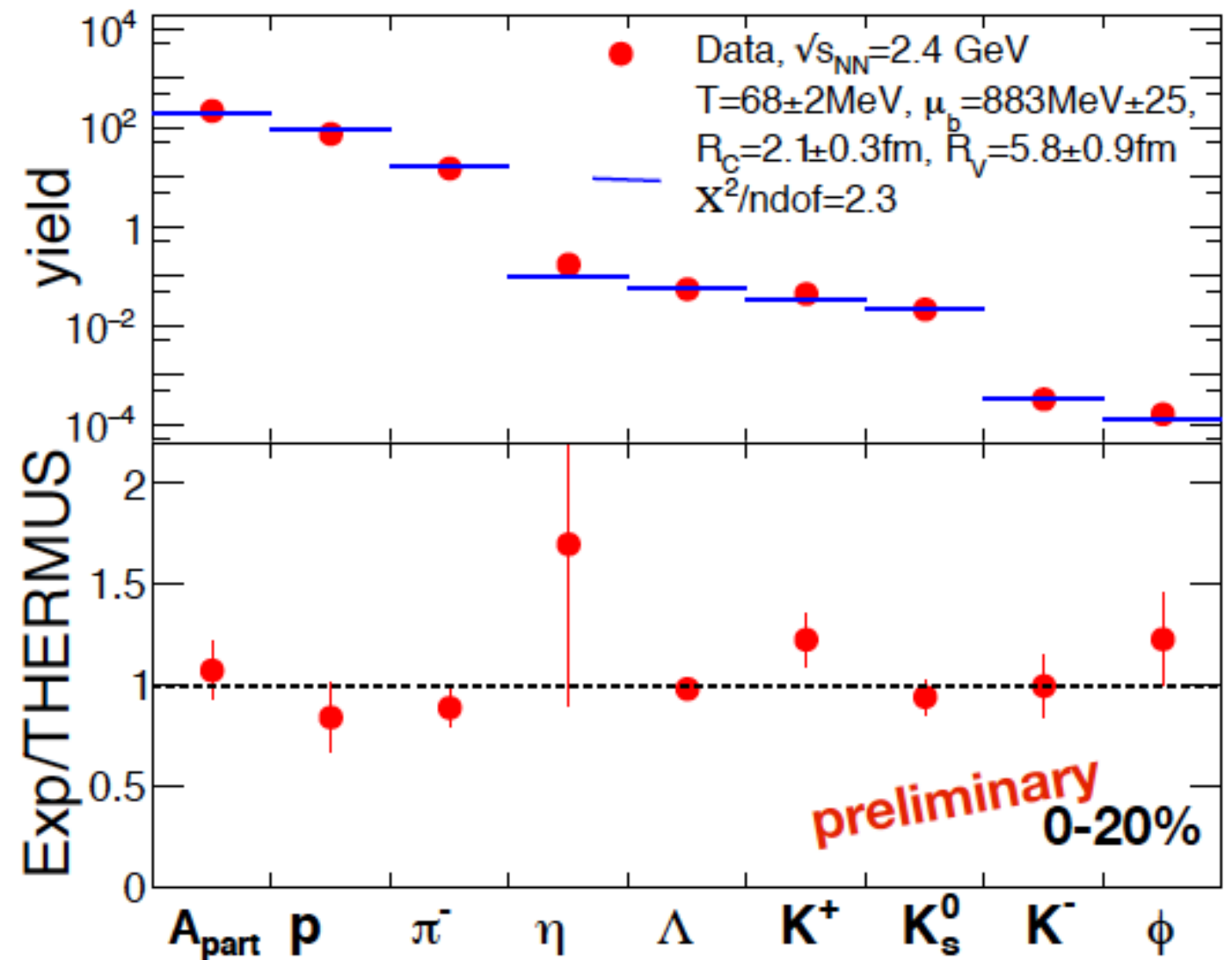
$$\rho(\mu_B, T) = \frac{g}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \int 4\pi p^2 f(pR) dp \int \frac{A(m) dm}{\exp[(E - \mu_B B)/T] \pm 1}$$

HADES data: EPJA 47 (2011) 21

Ar + KCl @ 1.76 AGeV



Au+Au @ 1.23 AGeV



excellent description of particle yields also in SIS energy regime (except for  $\Xi^-$ )

# virtual photon radiation from the fireball

contributions from early NN collisions and  
final state particle decays subtracted

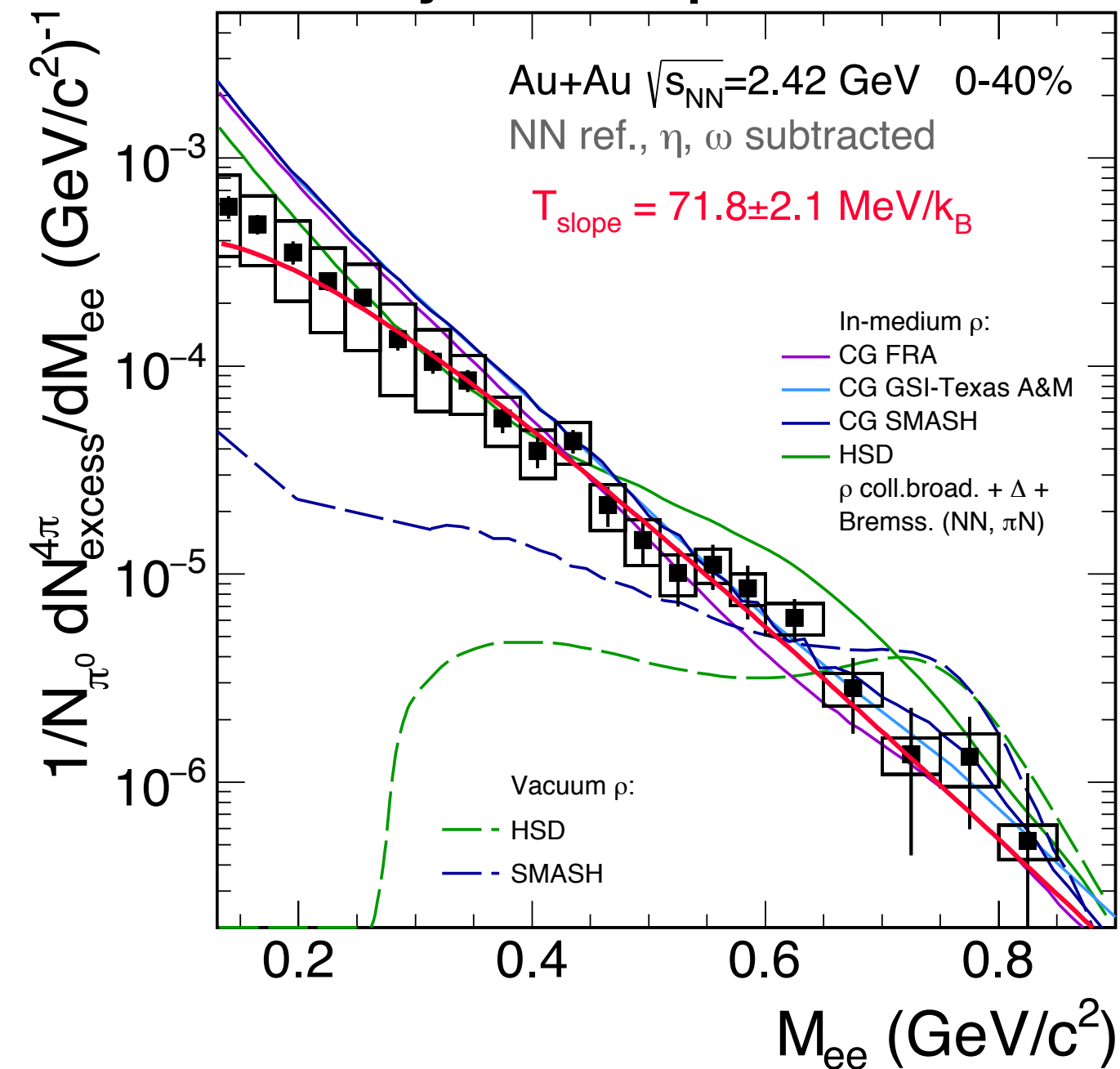
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**strong  $\rho$  broadening in the medium !!**

interpretation:

- a.) hadronic many-body effects
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**efficiency and acceptance corrected**



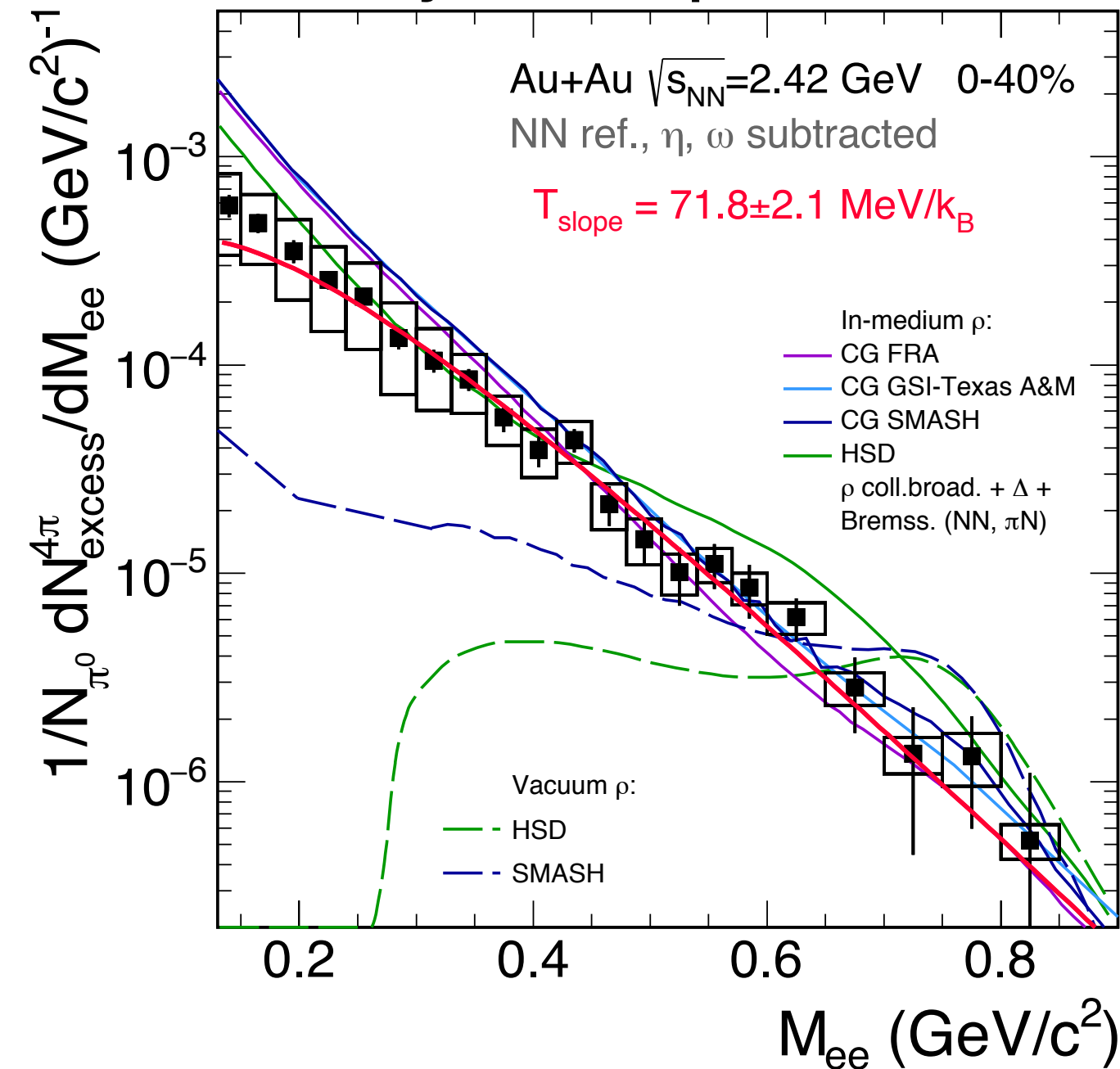
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**thermal radiation  
dileptons as thermometer**

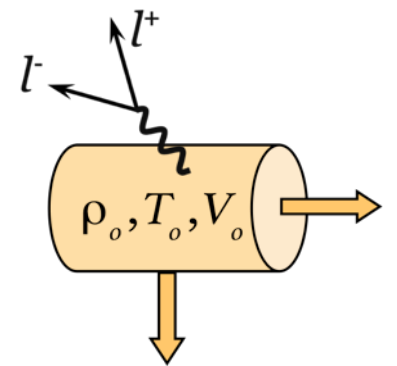
**emissivity:**

$$\frac{dN_{ll}}{d^4q d^4x} = -\frac{\alpha_{em}^2}{\pi^3} \frac{L(M^2)}{M^2} f^{BE}(q_0, T) \text{Im}\Pi_{em}(M, q, T, \mu_B)$$

successful approach with coarse graining  
(T. Galatyuk et al., EPLA 52 (2016) 131);  
assuming thermalisation in cells of the  
collision zone

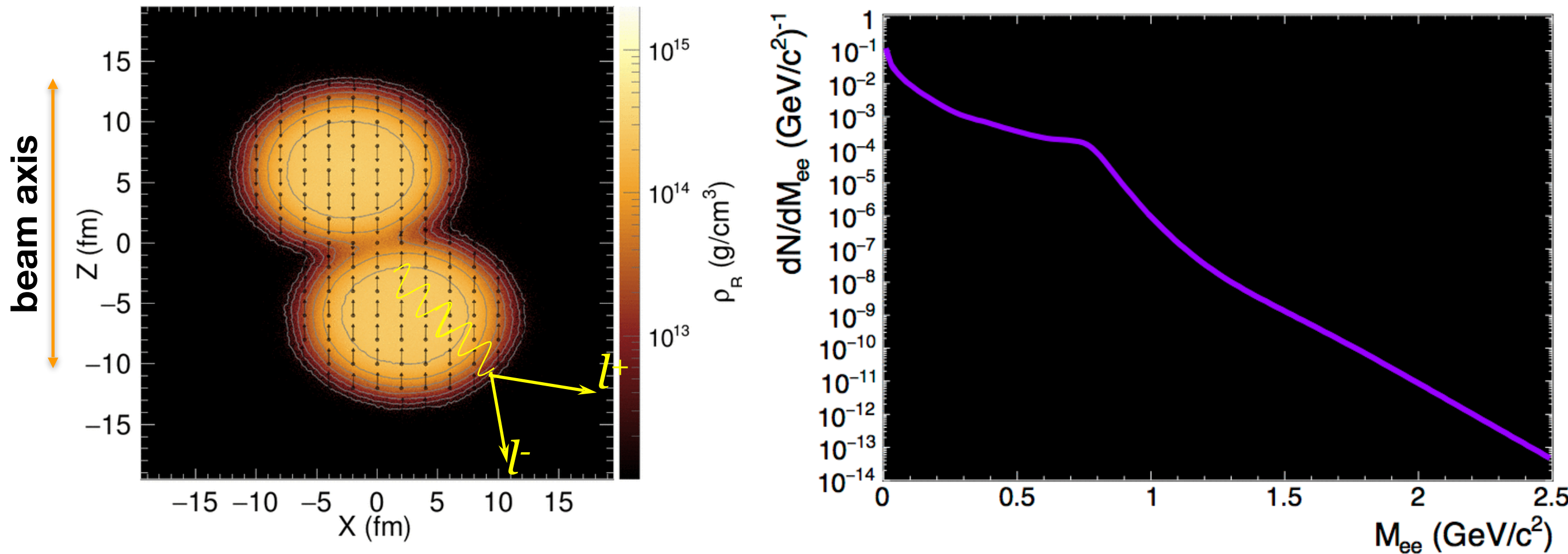
$$\frac{dN}{dM} \sim M^{\frac{3}{2}} \times \exp\left(-\frac{M}{T}\right)$$

$$T = (71.8 \pm 2.1) \text{ MeV}$$



# Space time evolution of dilepton radiation

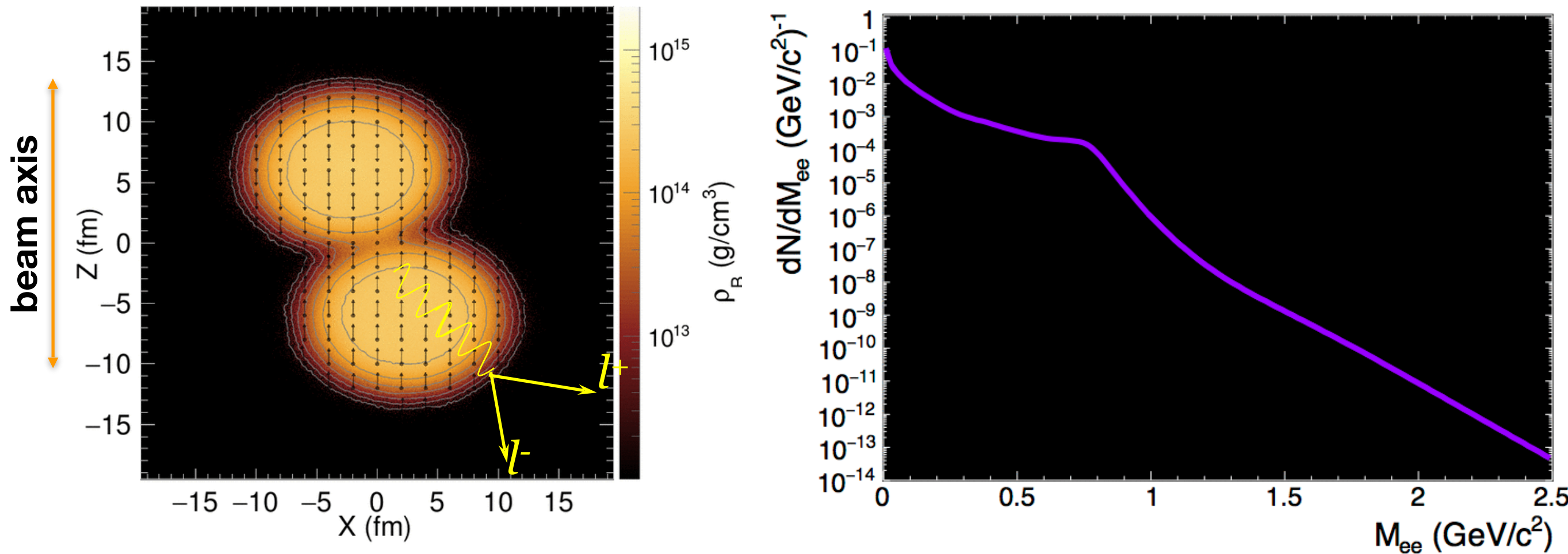
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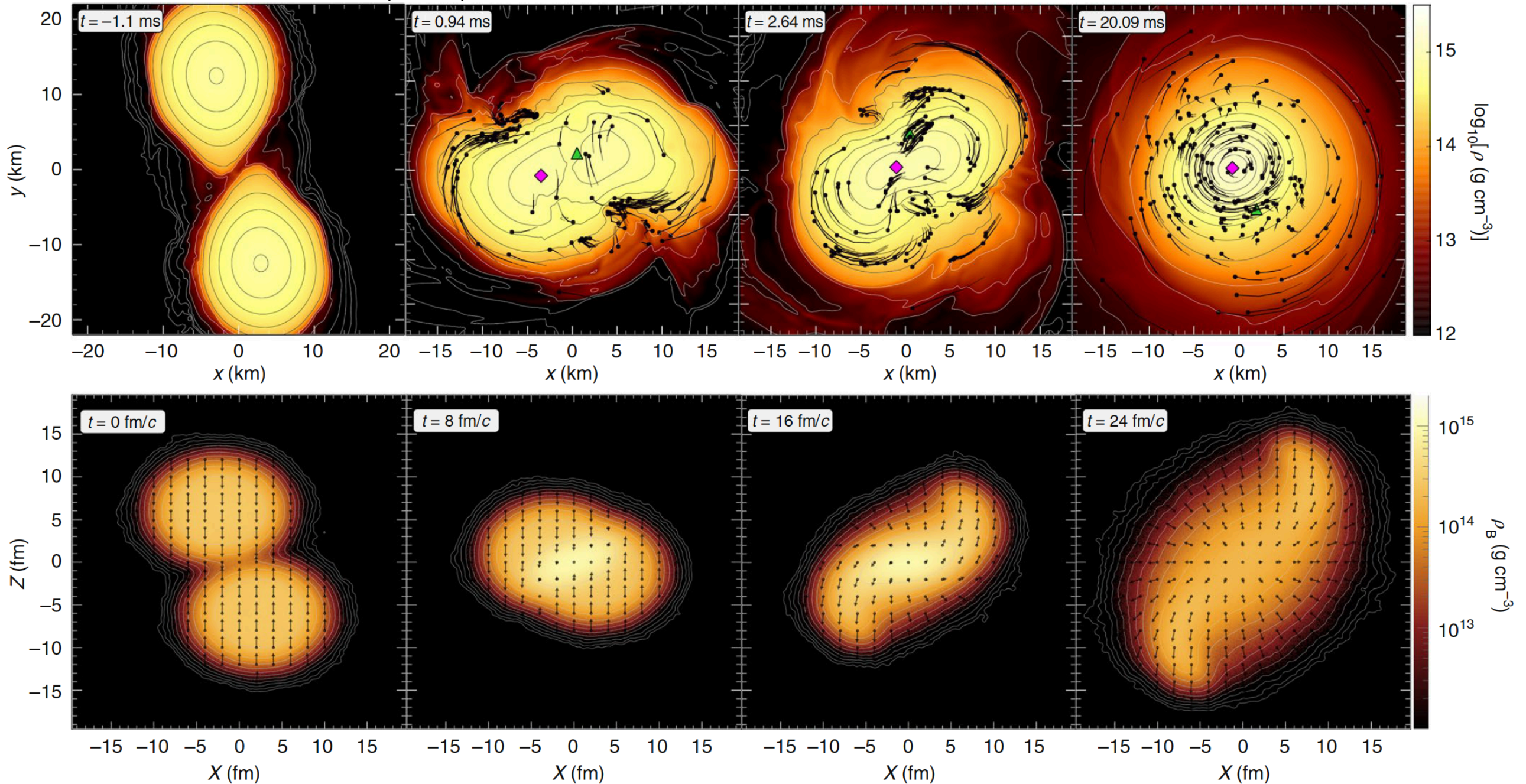
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# link to astrophysics: neutron star mergers

heated shell around dense remnant core in postmerger neutron star configurations  
may reach  $T \approx 50\text{-}80$  MeV and  $\rho \approx 2\rho_0$

E. Most et al., PRL 122 (2019) 061101



S.Bass et al., PPNP 41 (1998) 255

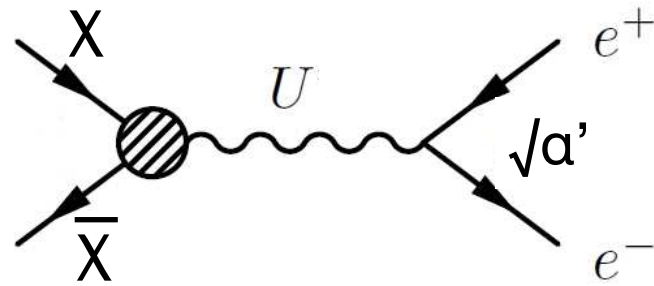
similar matter densities and temperatures reached as in neutron star mergers  
although space and timescales differ by typically 20 orders of magnitude



# link to astrophysics: dark photon search

annihilation of dark matter particles may explain observed positron excess (e.g. AMS)

annihilation mediated by dark photon  $U$ , linking dark matter to the visible world

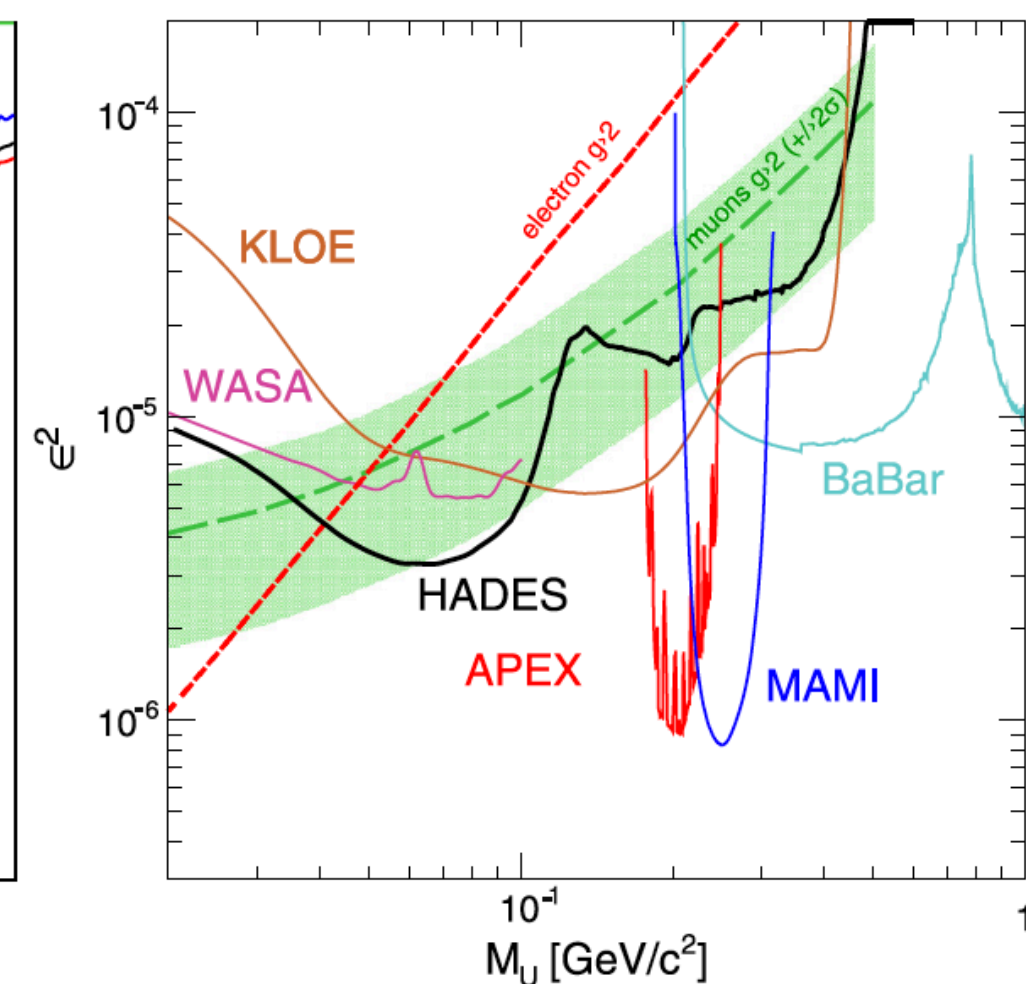
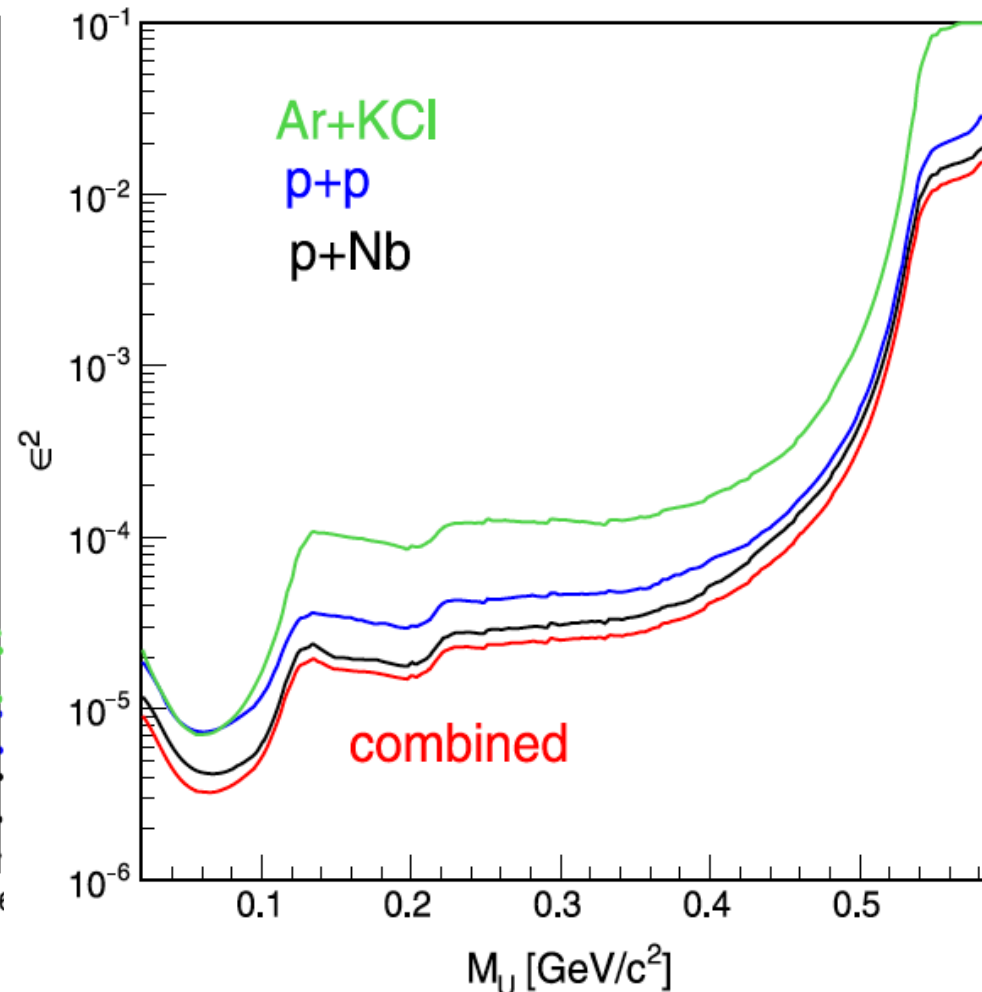
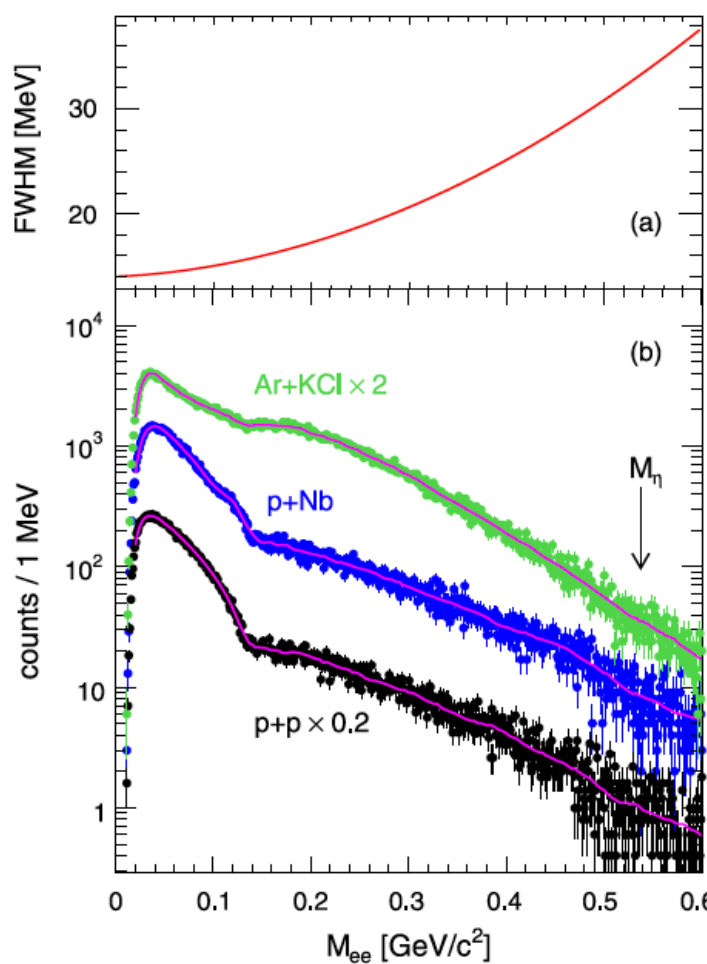


$$\varepsilon^2 = \alpha'/\alpha$$

search for a peak structure on top of a smoothly varying continuum

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \eta \rightarrow \gamma U \\ \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma U \end{array} \right\} U \rightarrow e^+e^-$$

**HADES data:** PLB 731 (2014) 265 (cited > 150 times)



$\text{Br}(\eta \rightarrow e^+e^-) < 2.3 \cdot 10^{-6}$  (90% CL); PDG entry 2016

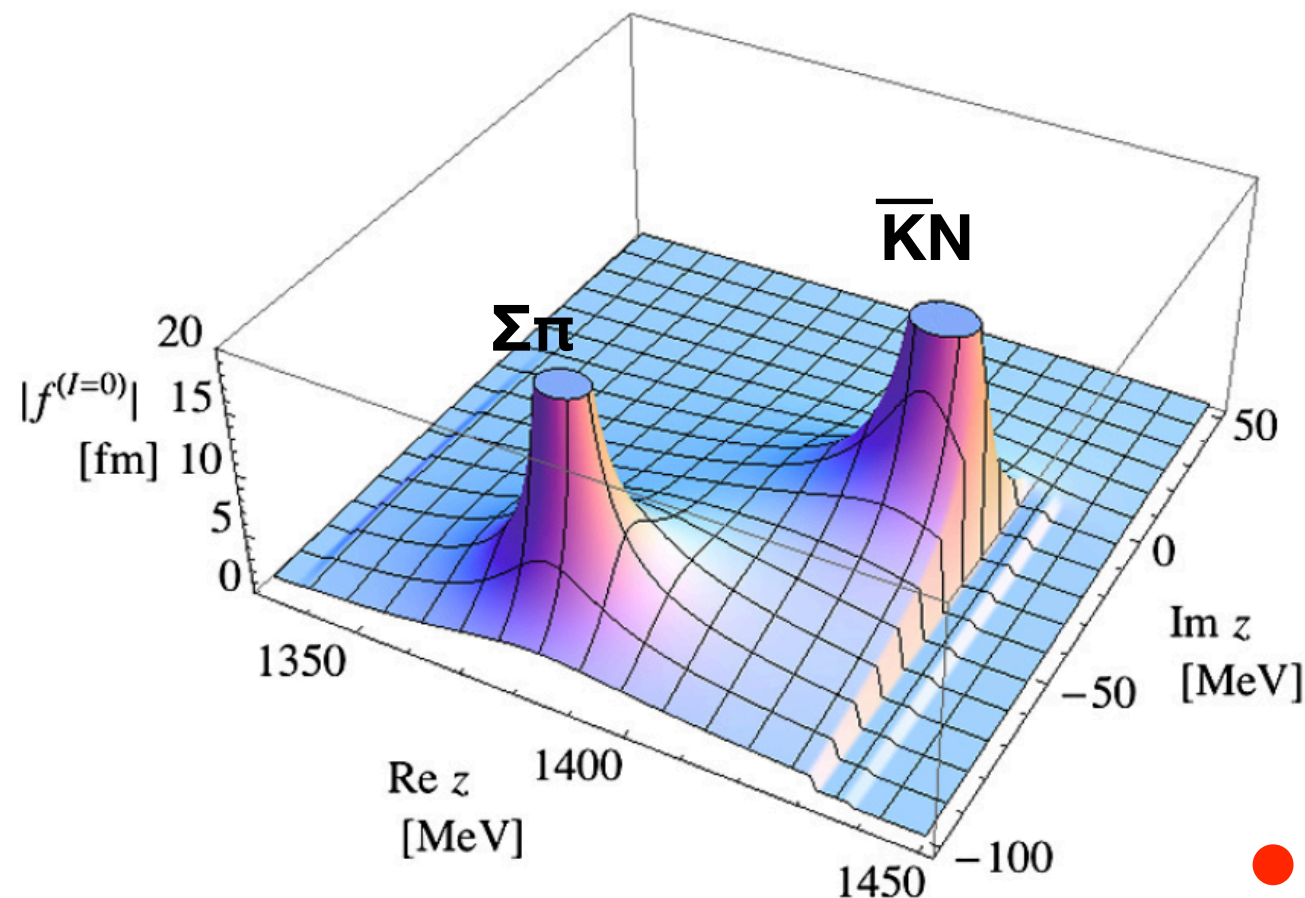
# **Near-threshold strangeness production**

# The two pole structure of $\Lambda(1405)$

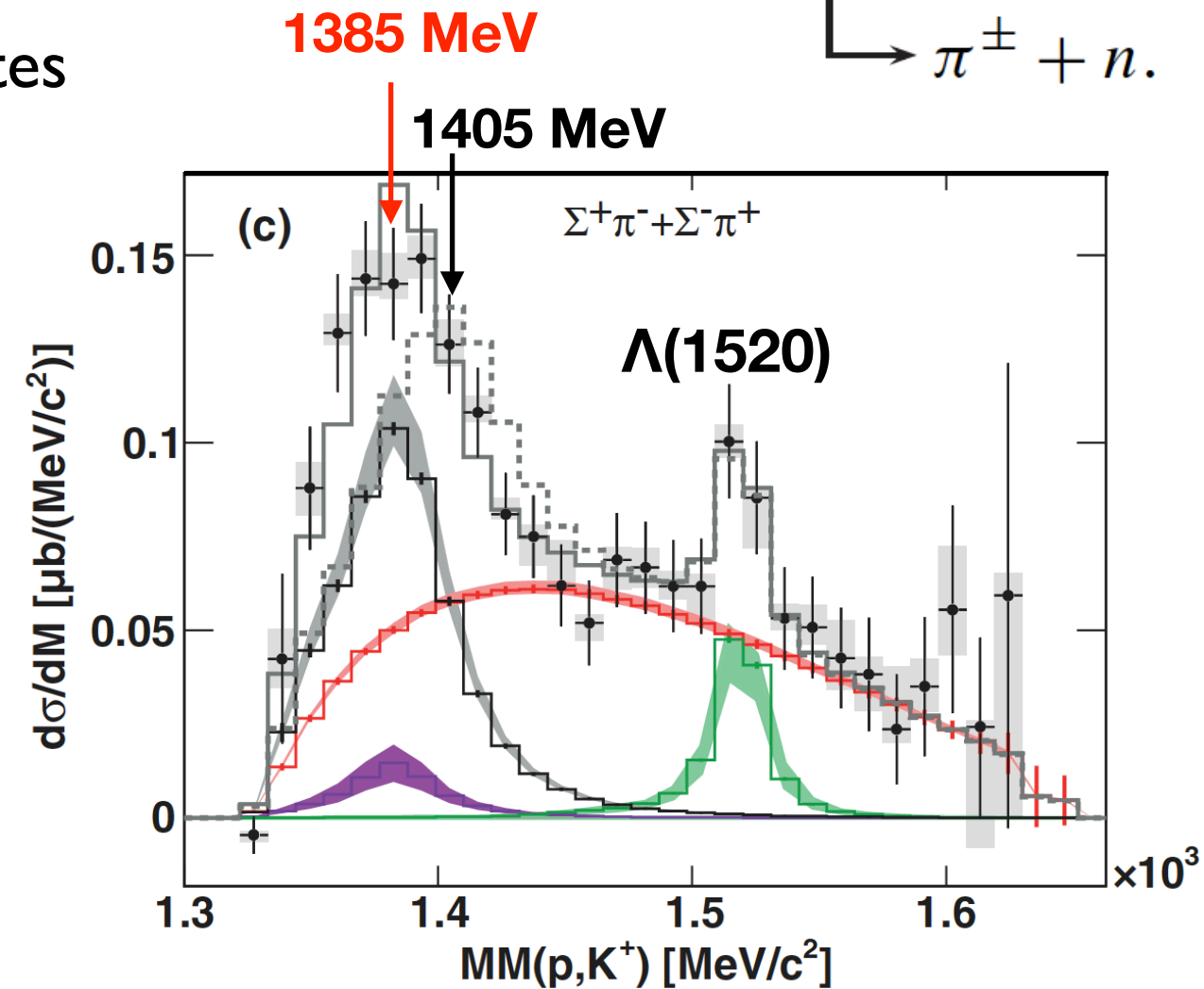
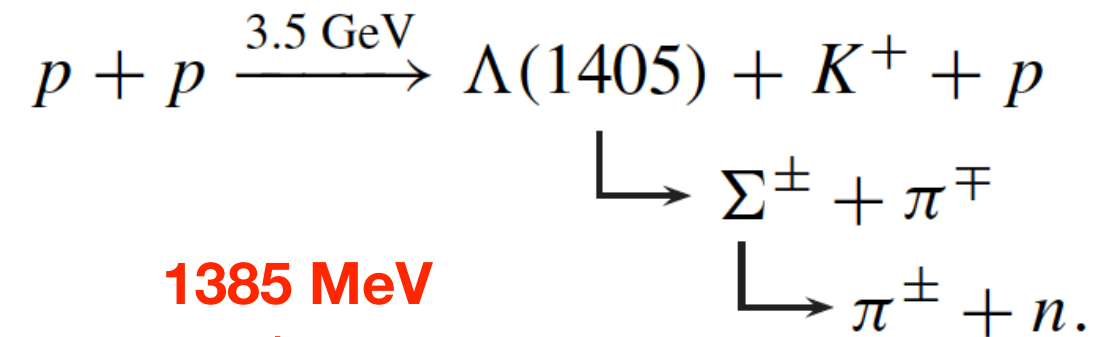
- $\Lambda(1405) 1/2^-$  = nucleon resonance near the  $\bar{K}N$  threshold at 1432 MeV
- important for understanding  $\bar{K}N$  interaction
- dynamically generated resonance: superposition of  $\bar{K}N$  and  $\Sigma\pi$  molecular states

## two pole structure:

Kamiya et al., NPA 954 (2016) 41



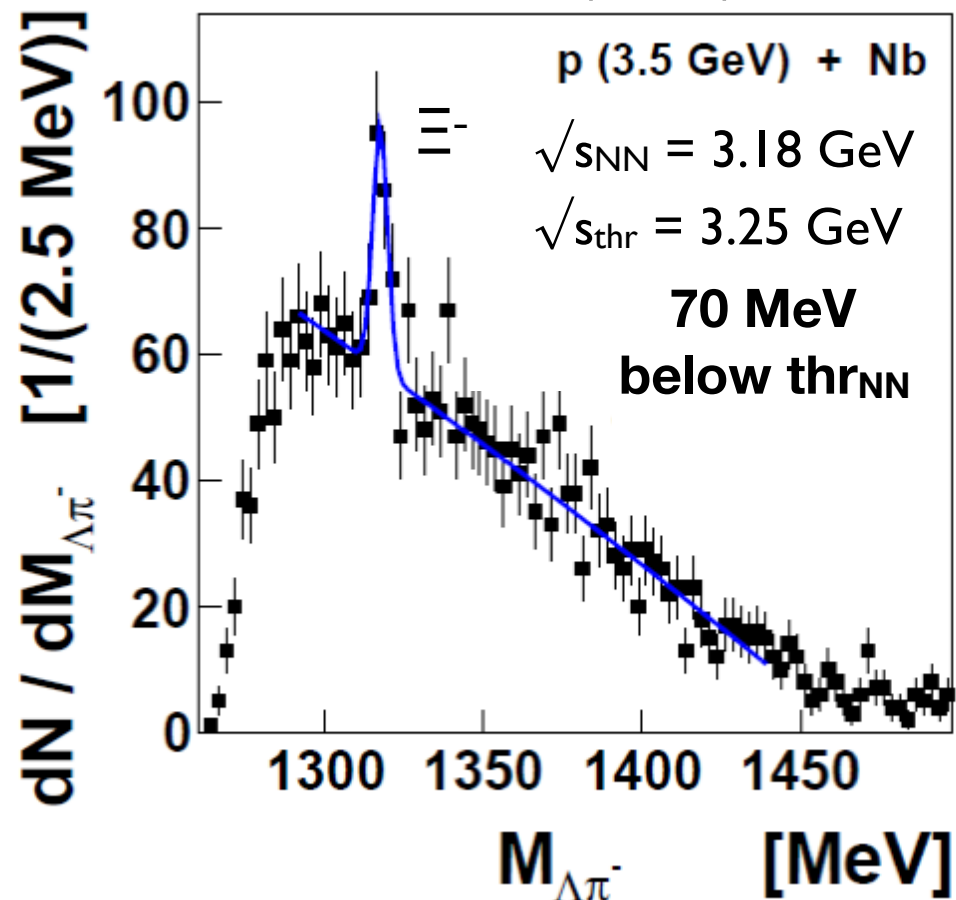
HADES data: PRC87 (2013) 025201



- first confirmation of  $\Sigma\pi$  pole at 1385 MeV in  $p + p$  reaction at 3.5 GeV

# Enhanced $\Xi^-$ (dss) production

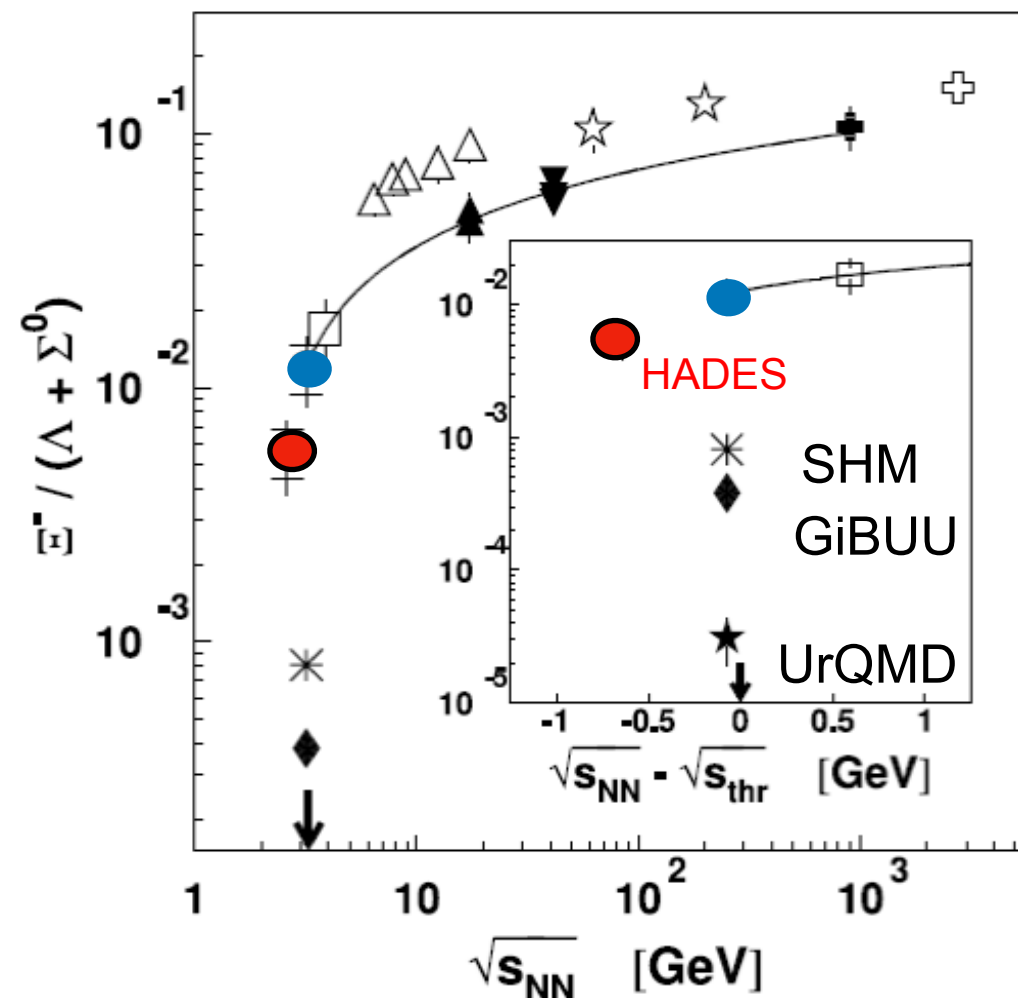
HADES data: PRL 114 (2015) 212301



first observation of  $\Xi^-$  in  $p + A$  reaction

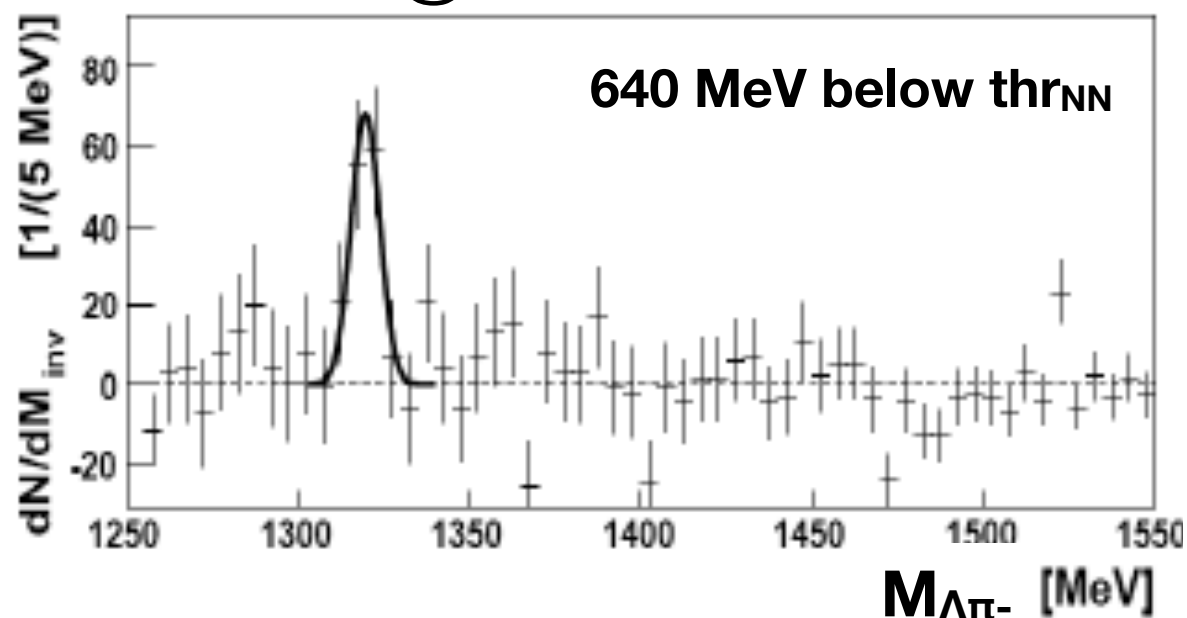
$$\Xi^- (1321) \rightarrow \Lambda + \pi^-$$

$$\hookrightarrow \Lambda \rightarrow p + \pi^-$$



HADES data: PRL 103 (2009) 132301

Ar+KCl @  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 2.61 \text{ GeV}$

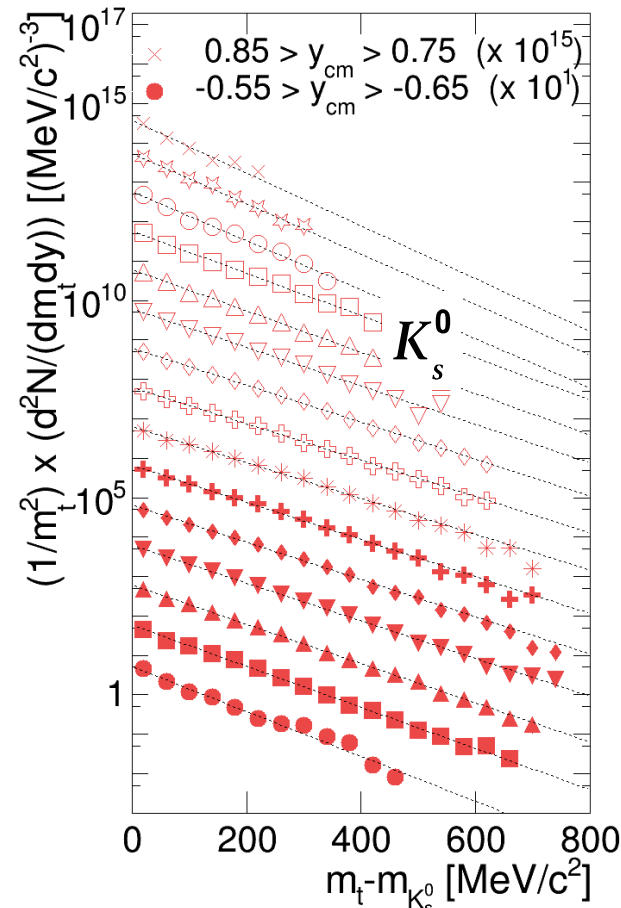


- strong enhancement above SHM, UrQMD, GiBUU
- strangeness production requires deep off-shell production or multi-step or multi-particle processes (production off correlated nucleons?)

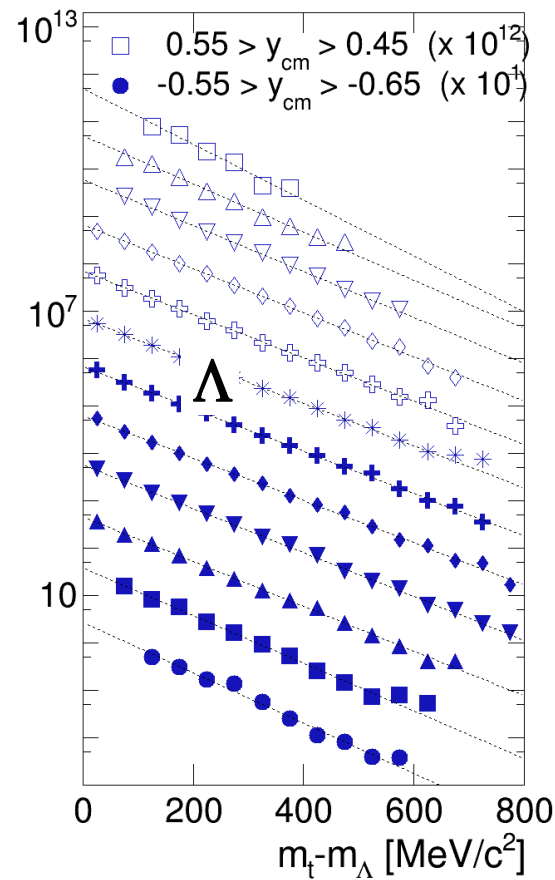


# Strangeness production: Au+Au @ $\sqrt{s}=2.4$ GeV

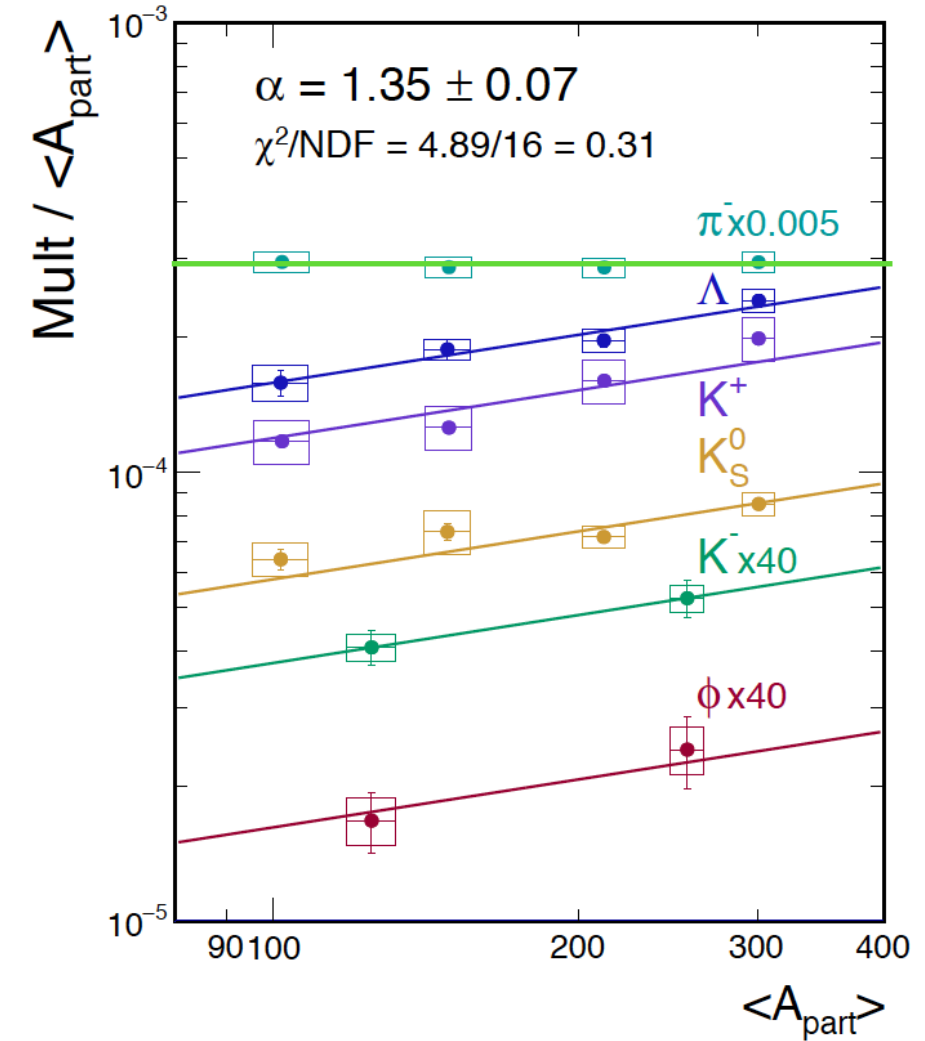
HADES data: PLB 793 (2019) 457



$T_{\text{eff}} = (93 \pm 1 \pm 4) \text{ MeV}$



$T_{\text{eff}} = (98 \pm 1 \pm 4) \text{ MeV}$

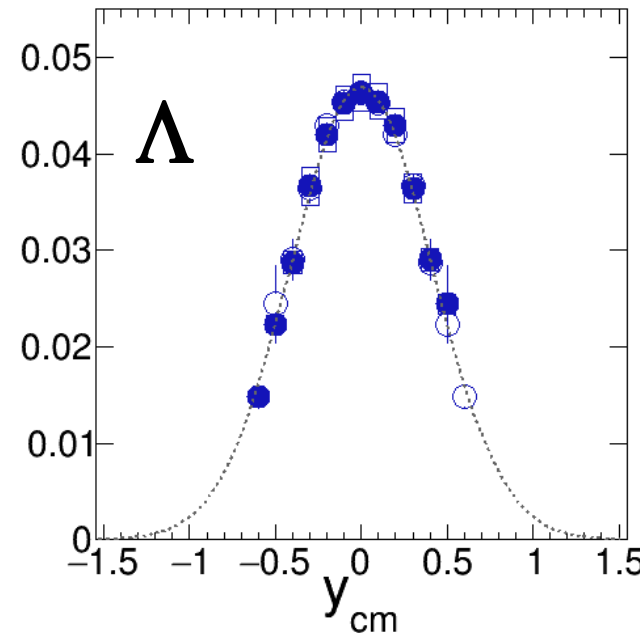
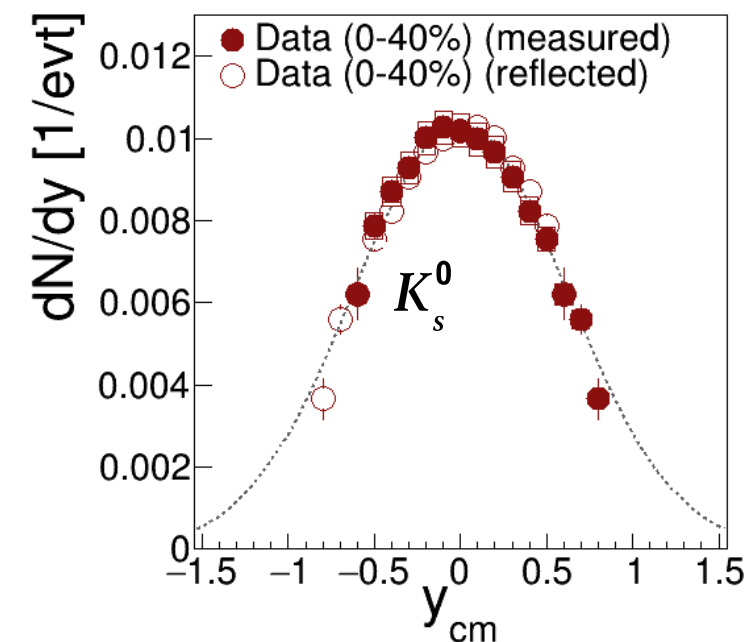


$\text{Mult}/\langle A_{\text{part}} \rangle \sim A_{\text{part}}^\alpha$

$\alpha = 1.35 \pm 0.07$

- universal non-linear scaling with  $A_{\text{part}}$  for all particles with strangeness irrespective of the different production thresholds in NN collisions

- for pions linear increase with  $A_{\text{part}}$  !!

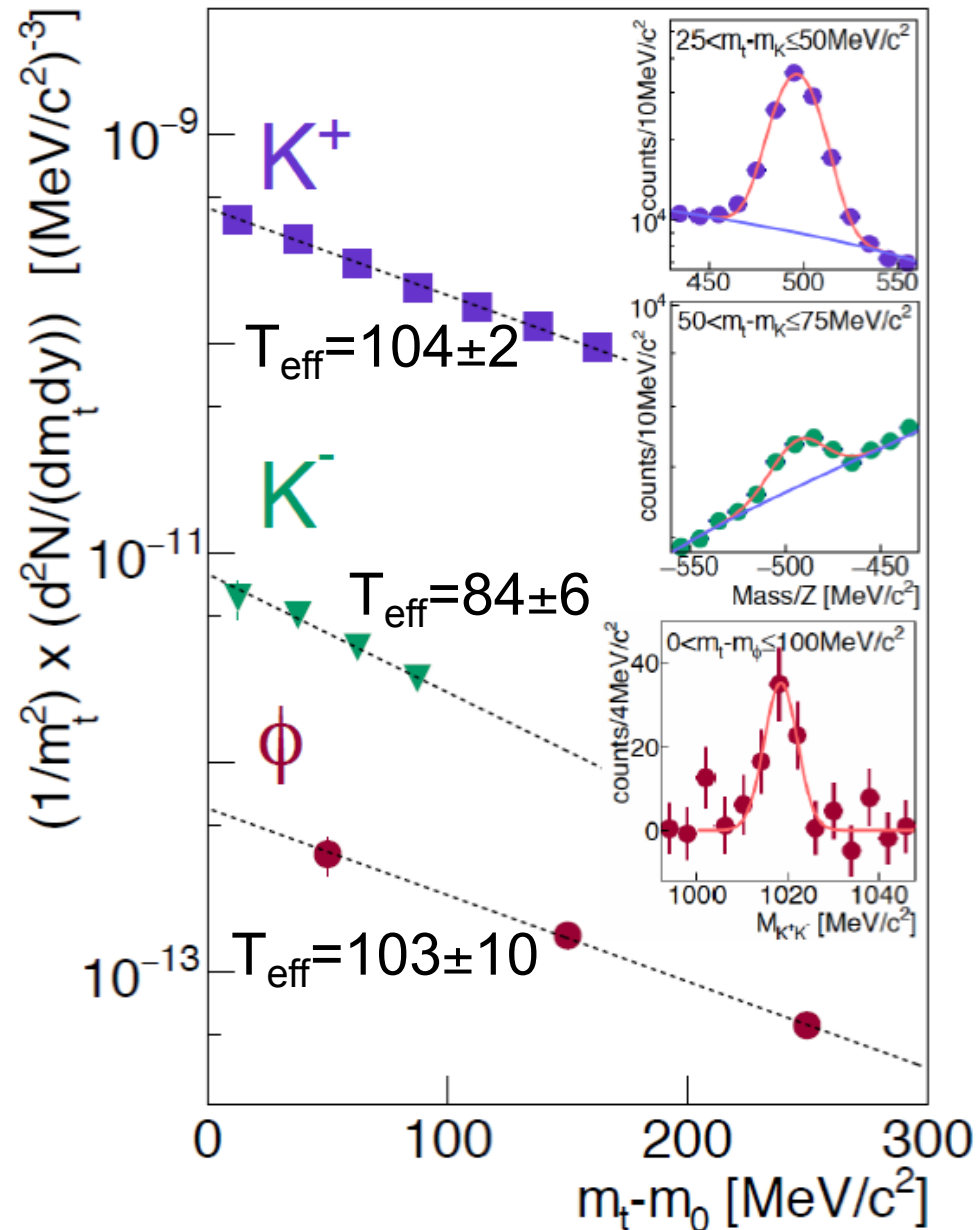


$$\frac{1}{m_t^2} \frac{d^2 N}{dm_t dy} = C(y) \exp \frac{-(m_t - m_0)c^2}{T_B(y)}$$

# $\phi$ production at subthreshold energies: important source of $K^-$

HADES data: PLB778 (2018) 403

Au+Au @  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.4$  GeV



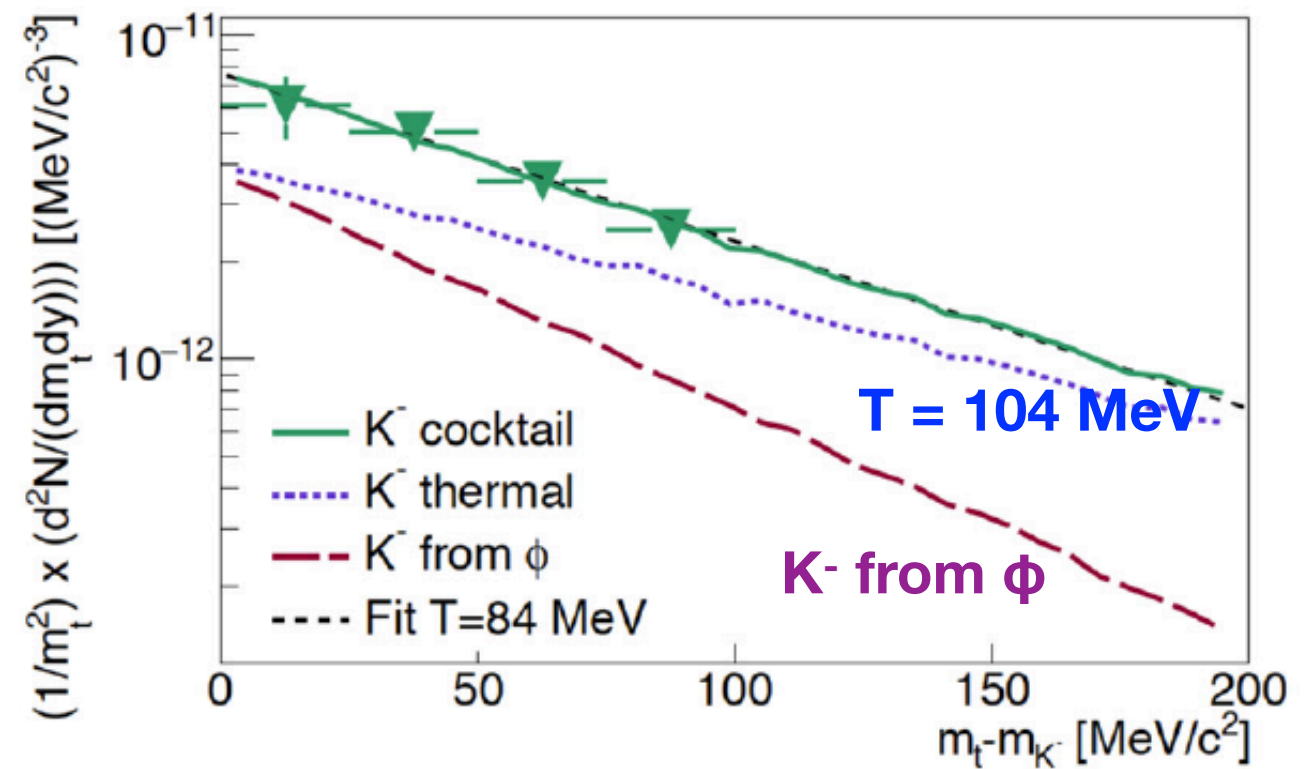
different slopes of  $K^+$  and  $K^-$  spectra  
explained so far by later freeze-out of  $K^-$

A. Förster et al. (**KaoS**) PRL91 (2003) 152301

sizeable contribution to low momentum  $K^-$  from  
 $\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-$  decays to be taken into account !

$\phi/K^- = 0.34 \pm 0.06$  in Al+Al; Ni+Ni (**FOPI**)

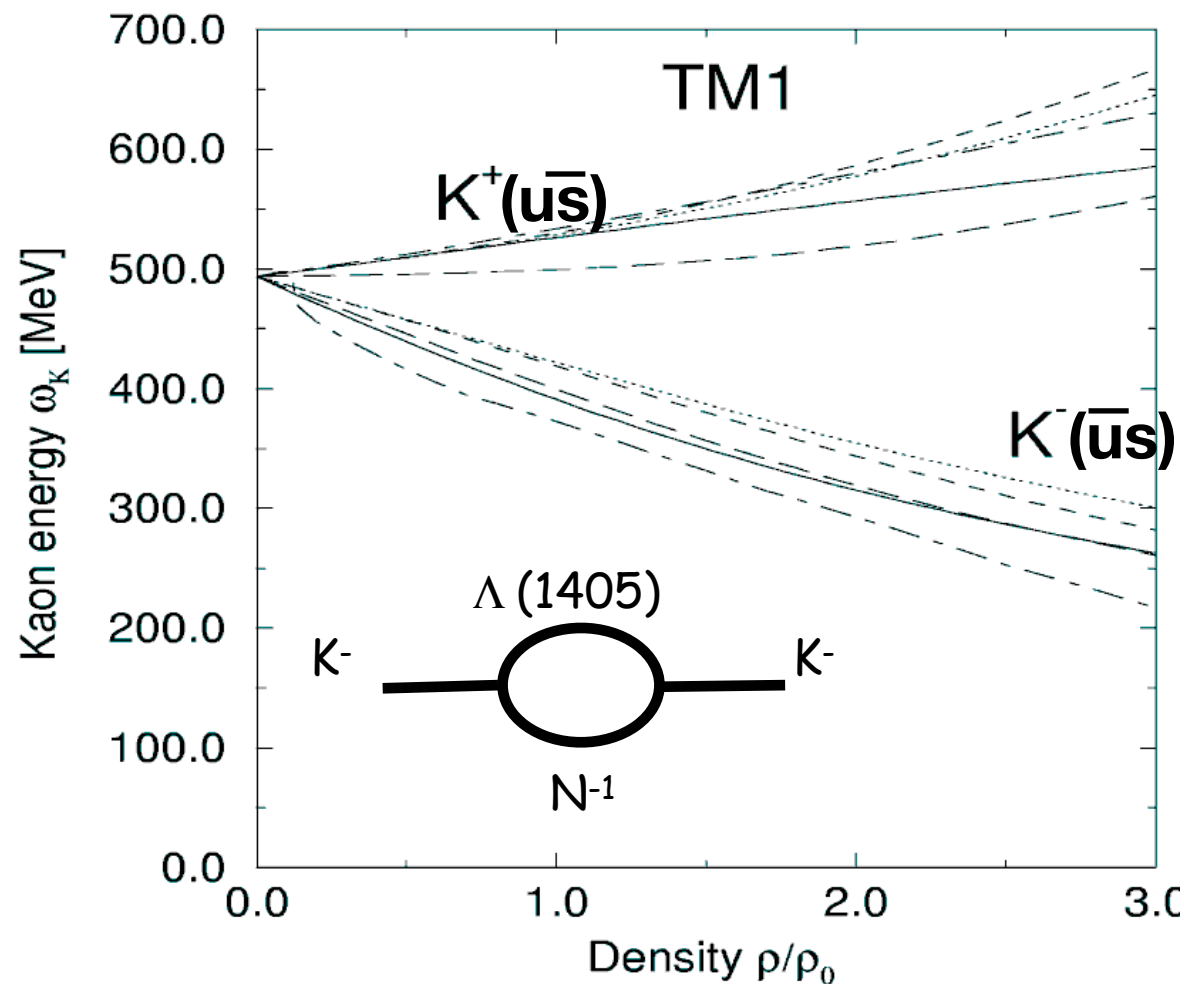
$\phi/K^- = 0.52 \pm 0.16$  in Au+Au (**HADES**)



- assuming  $T_{\text{therm}}(K^-) = T(K^+)$ ,  
26% contribution from  $\phi$ -decay  
reproduces experimental spectrum,  
→ no difference in freeze out times  
for  $K^+$  and  $K^-$

# in-medium effects in the strangeness sector

J. Schaffner-Bielich et al., NPA625 (1997) 325



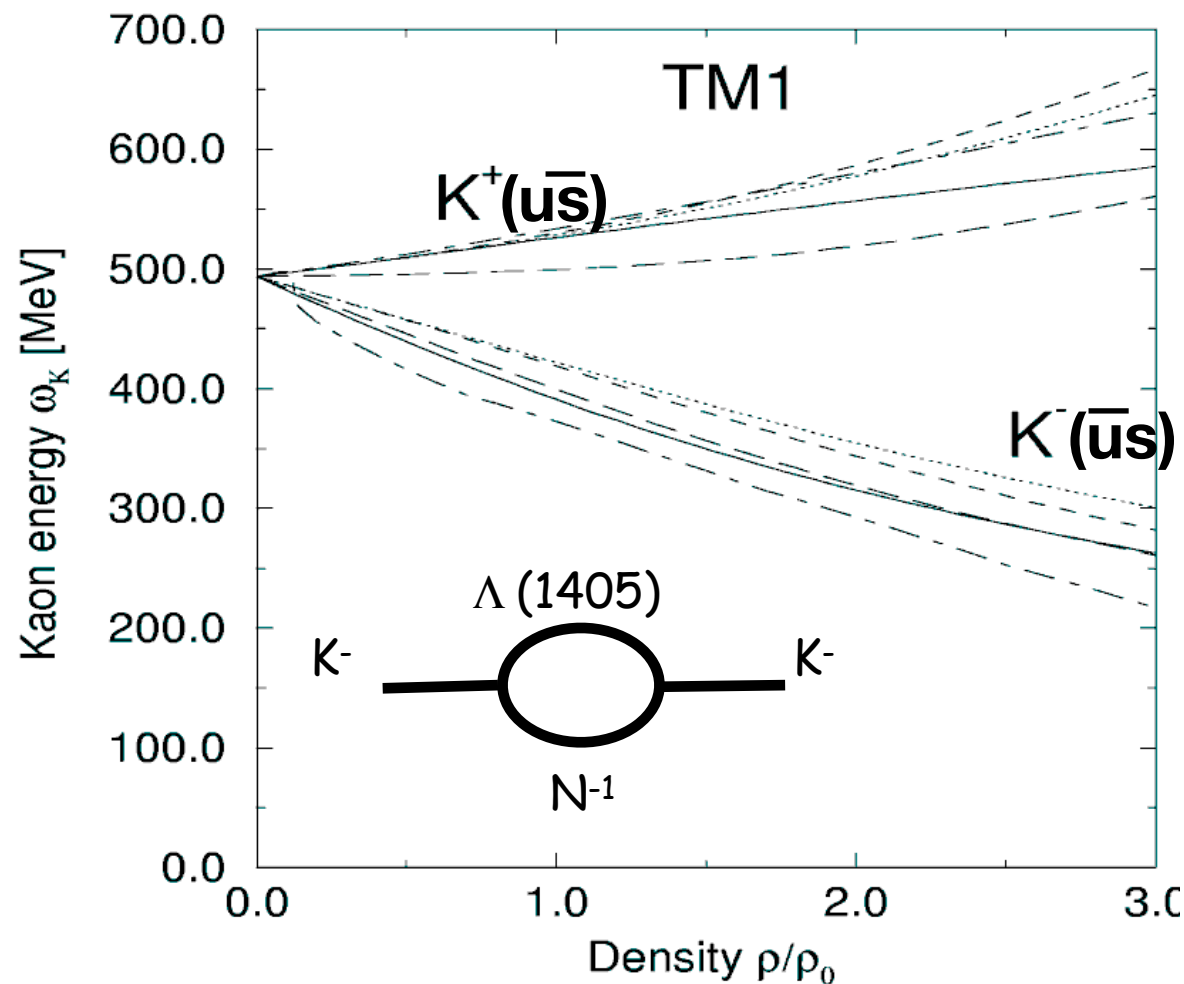
exp. evidence for repulsive  $K^0, K^+$  - nucleus potential and attractive  $K^-$  - nucleus potential by analysing meson momentum spectra

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	<b>repulsive</b>
	<b>attractive</b>

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HADES data: PRC 82 (2010) 044907

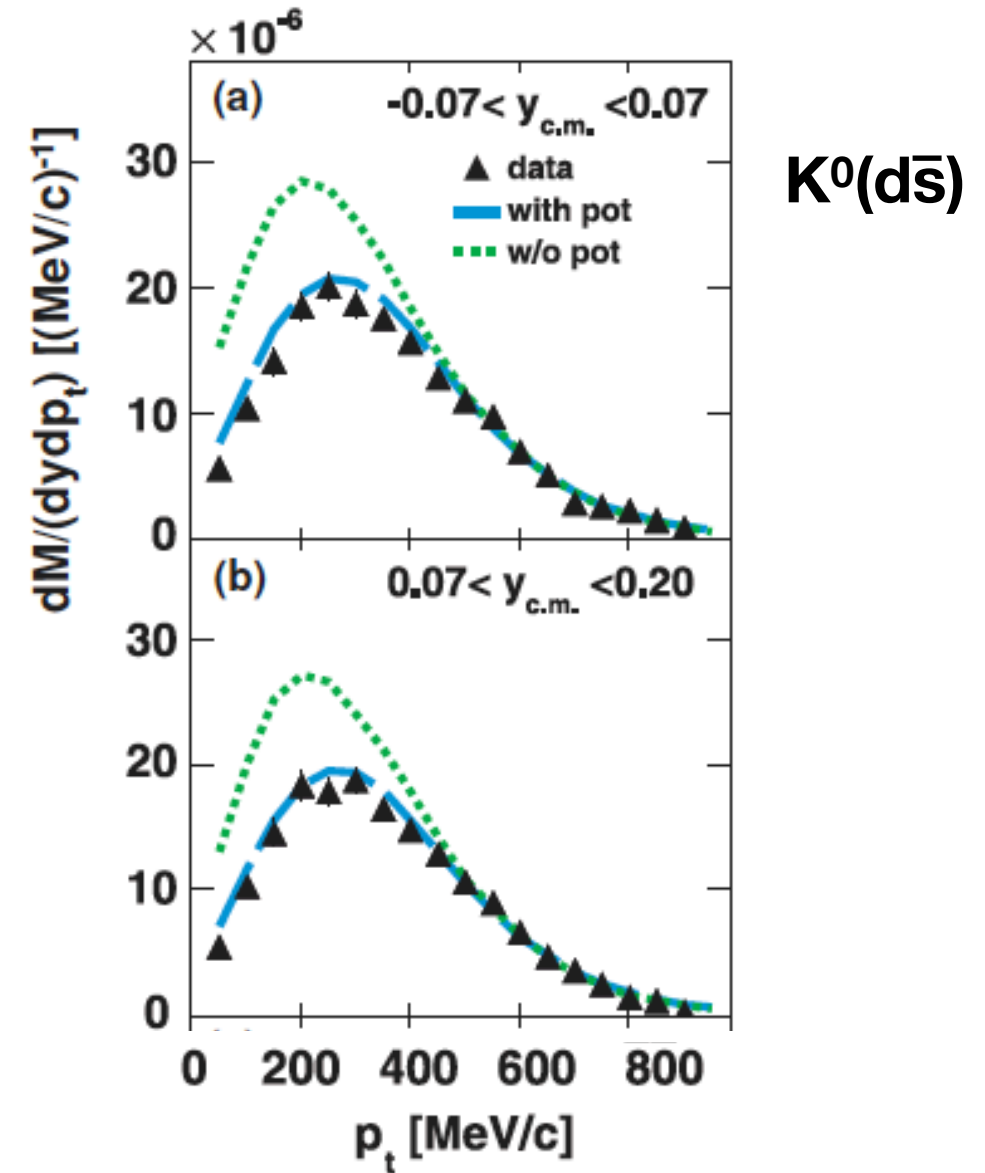


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$V_{K+A} = 15\text{-}25 \text{ MeV}$   
 repulsive  
 $V_{K-A} = -80 \text{ MeV}$   
 attractive

Ar+KCl @ 1.76 AGeV



$$V_{K^0A} \approx 40 \text{ MeV} \cdot \rho/\rho_0$$

confirmed for p+Nb in

**HADES:** PRC 90 (2014) 054906



# K- and $\phi$ absorption

**K<sup>+</sup>**: very low absorption in nuclei

**K<sup>-</sup> atoms:**

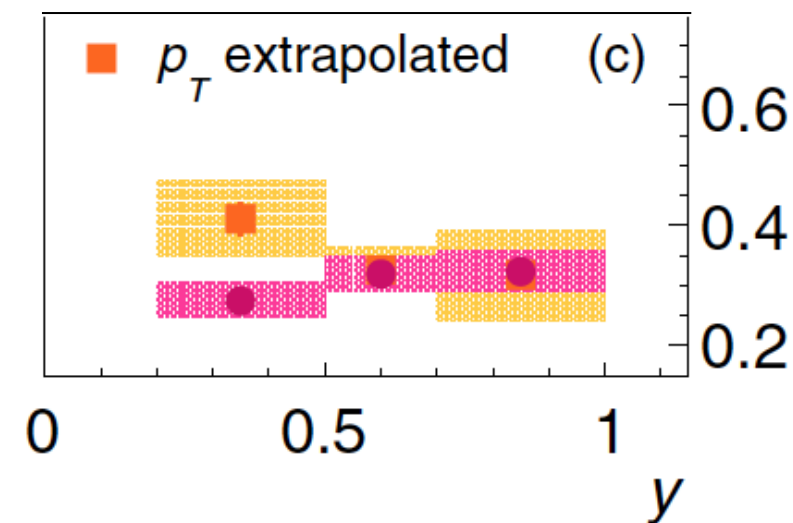
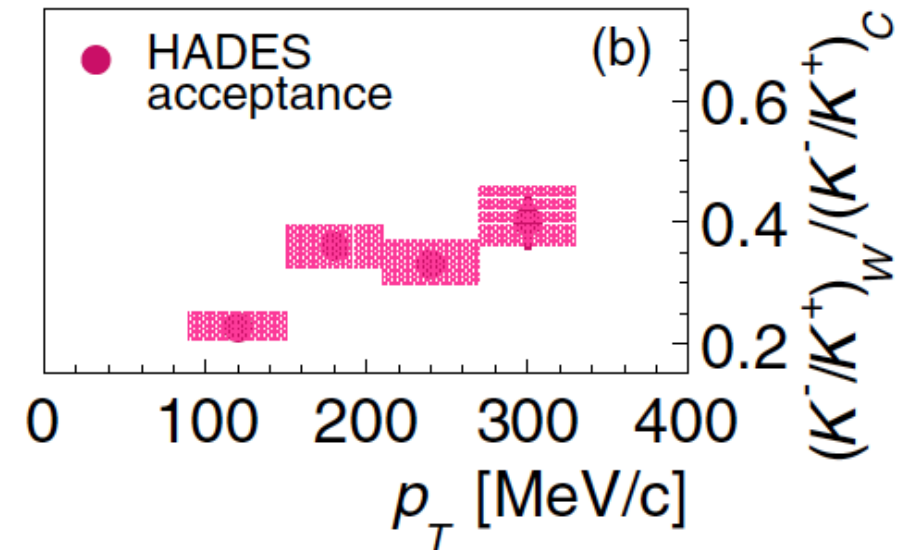
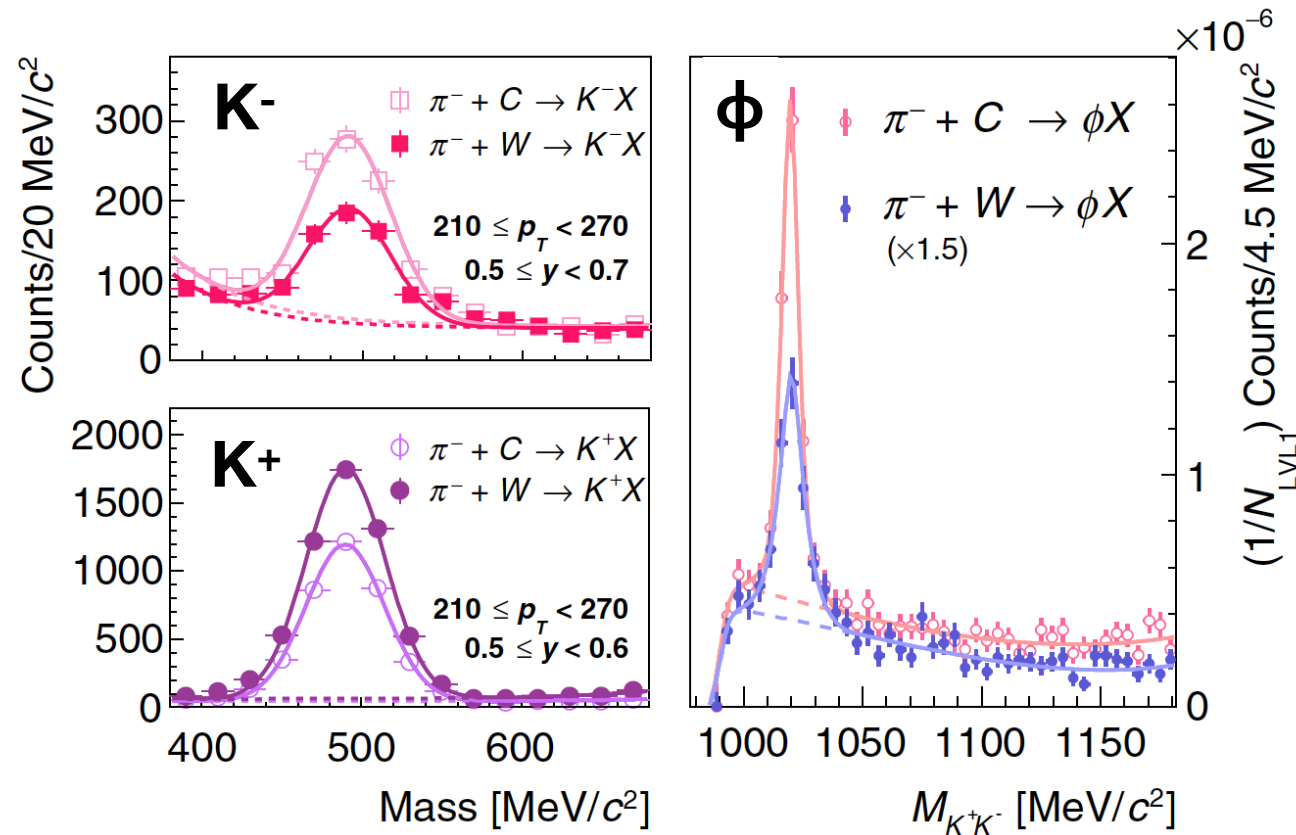
**kaonic hydrogen (SIDDHARTA)**

} K<sup>-</sup> strongly absorbed in nuclear matter

**HADES data:** PRL 123 (2019) 022002

$\pi^- + C, W$  1.7 GeV/c

simultaneous measurement of K<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>-</sup>, and  $\phi$



$(K^-/K^+)_{W/(K^-/K^+)_{C}} = 0.319 \pm 0.009(\text{stat})$  compared to 0.93 without absorption

→ sizeable K<sup>-</sup> absorption in nuclei

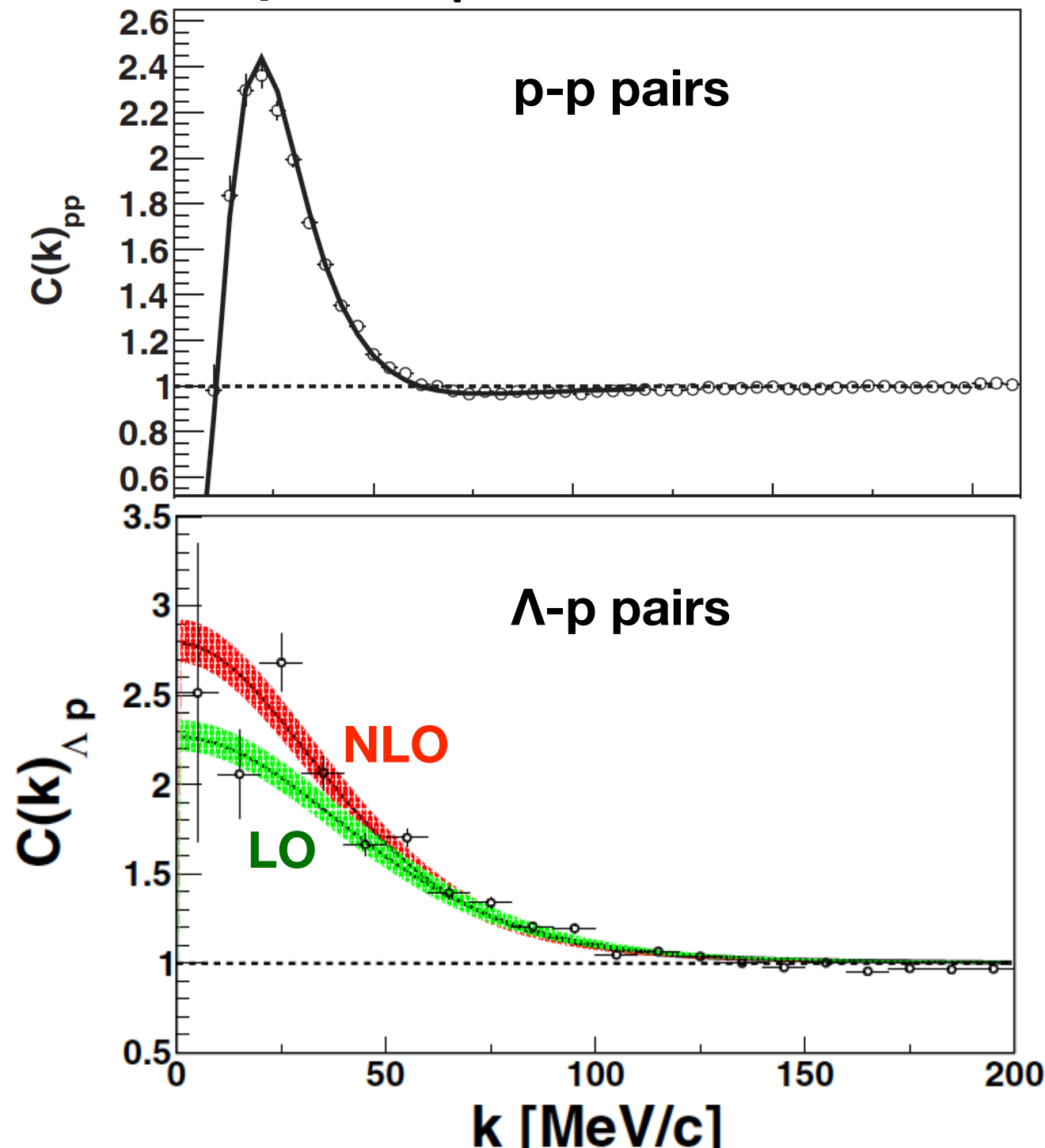
$(\phi/K^-)_{W} = 0.63 \pm 0.11(\text{stat}) \approx (\phi/K^-)_{C} = 0.55 \pm 0.04(\text{stat})$  → sizeable  $\phi$  absorption in nuclei

# Femtoscscopy: two body particle correlations

two particle correlation function

**HADES data:** PRC 94 (2016) 025201

**p+Nb @  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3.18$  GeV**



short range correlations:

- insight into short range part of the nucleon-nucleon interaction
- $\Lambda$ -p scattering parameters

$$C(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2) \equiv \frac{P(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2)}{P(\mathbf{p}_1)P(\mathbf{p}_2)}$$

size of particle emitting source:

source size of p-p pairs:

$$r_{pp} = (2.02 \pm 0.01(\text{stat}) \pm 0.12(\text{sys})) \text{ fm}$$

source size of  $\Lambda$ -p pairs:

$$r_{p\Lambda} = 1.62 \pm 0.02(\text{stat}) \pm 0.19(\text{sys}) \text{ fm}$$

information on  $\Lambda$ -p interaction:

comparison of  $\Lambda$ -p correlation function with  $\chi$ EFT calculations for different scattering parameters

**collective phenomena in heavy-ion collisions:**

**Particle flow patterns**

# particle flow patterns

collective expansion of the fireball produces correlated emission of particles;  
**access to nuclear equation-of-state (EOS)**

in perfectly central collisions isotropic expansion: radial flow

less central collisions: azimuthal anisotropy;

Fourier decomposition of transverse momentum / rapidity spectra

$$E \frac{d^3N}{d^3\mathbf{p}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d^2N}{p_t dp_t dy} \left\{ 1 + \sum_n 2v_n \cos[n(\phi - \Psi_{RP})] \right\}$$

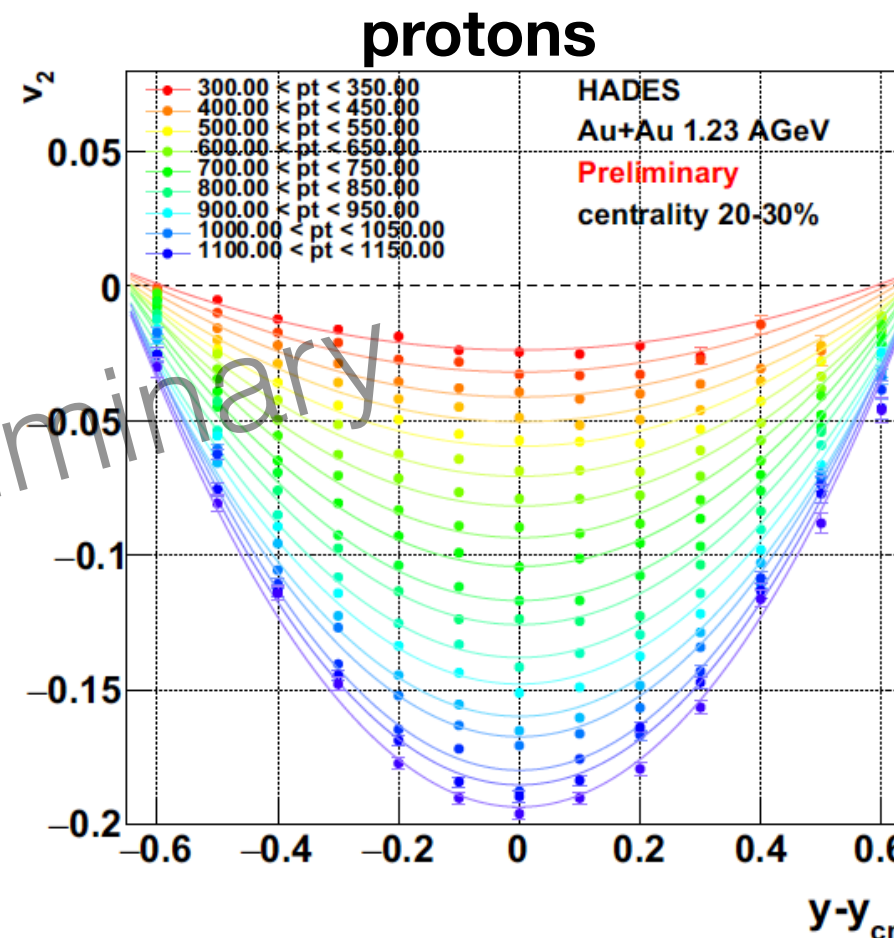
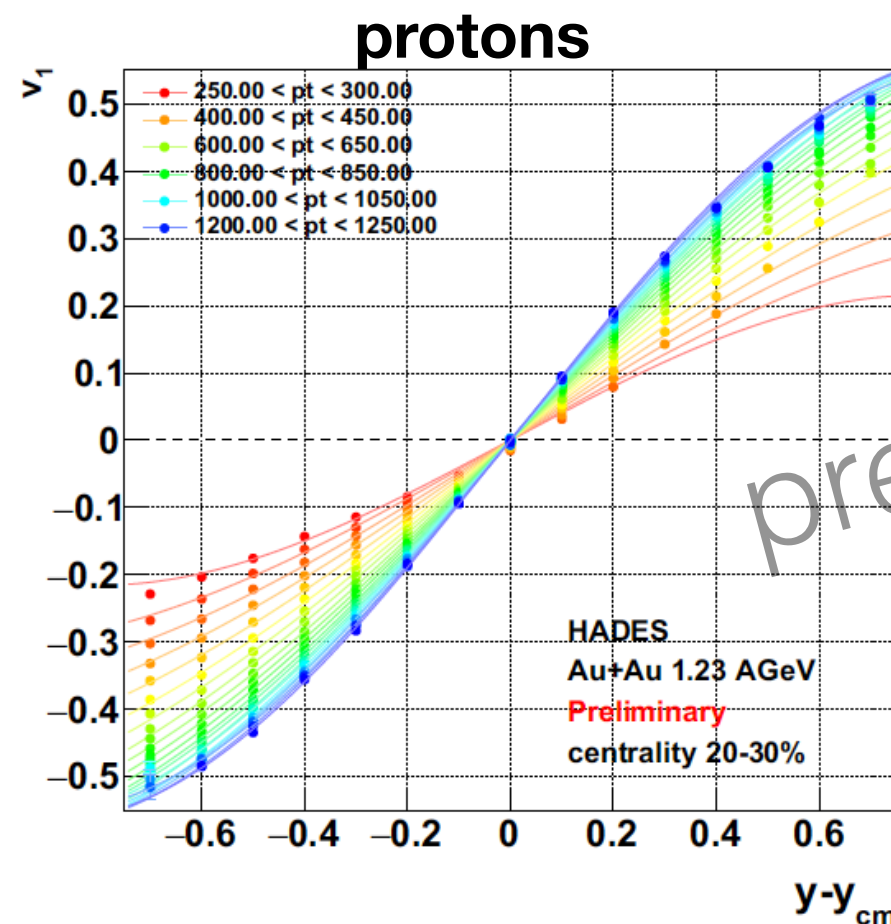
$v_1$  directed flow

$v_2$ : elliptic flow

$v_3$ : triangular flow

**Au+Au 1.23 AGeV; semi central collisions: 20-30%,  $b = 6.6 - 8.8$  fm**

**HADES data: B. Kardan NPA 967 (2017) 812**

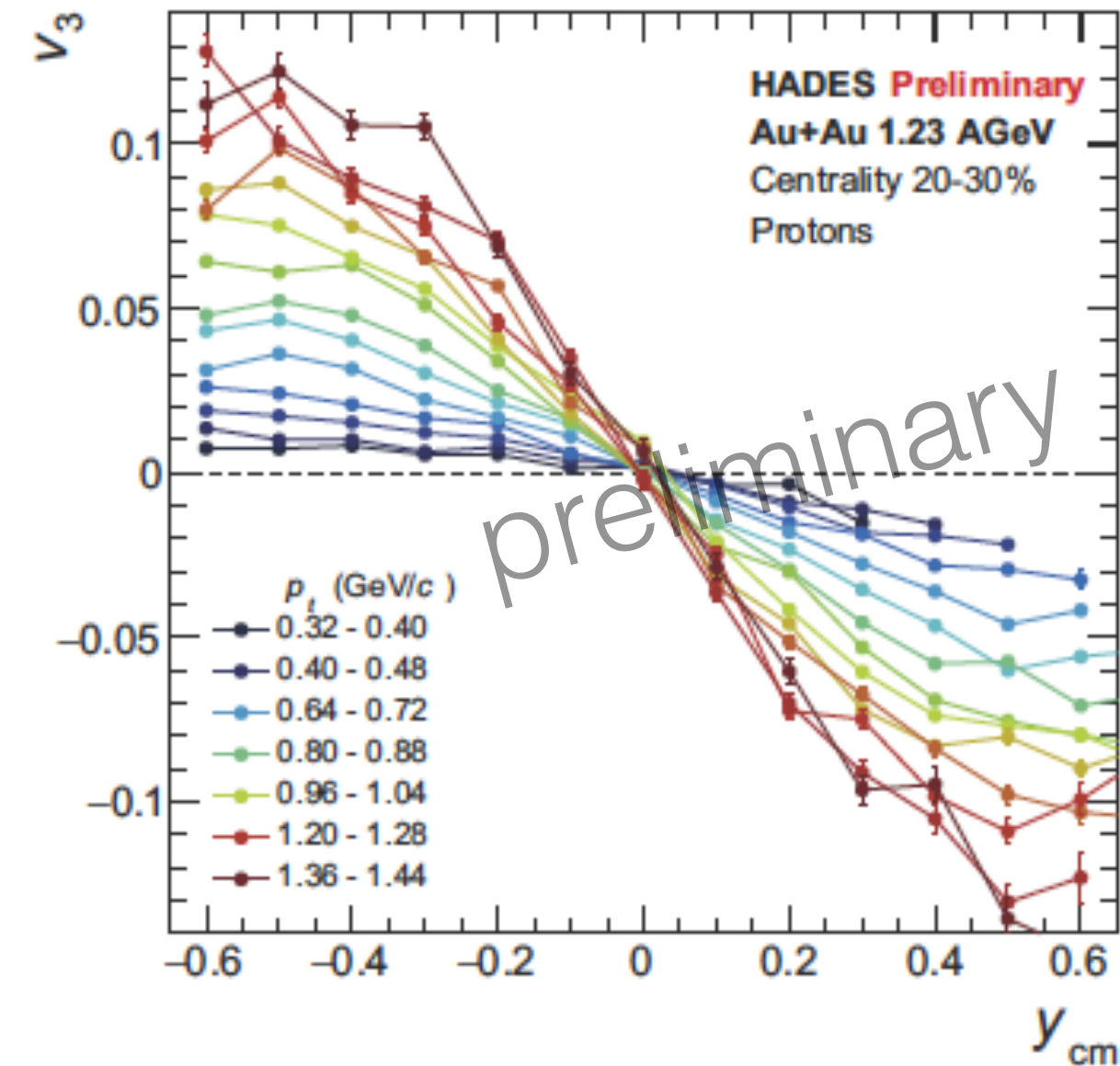




# particle flow patterns

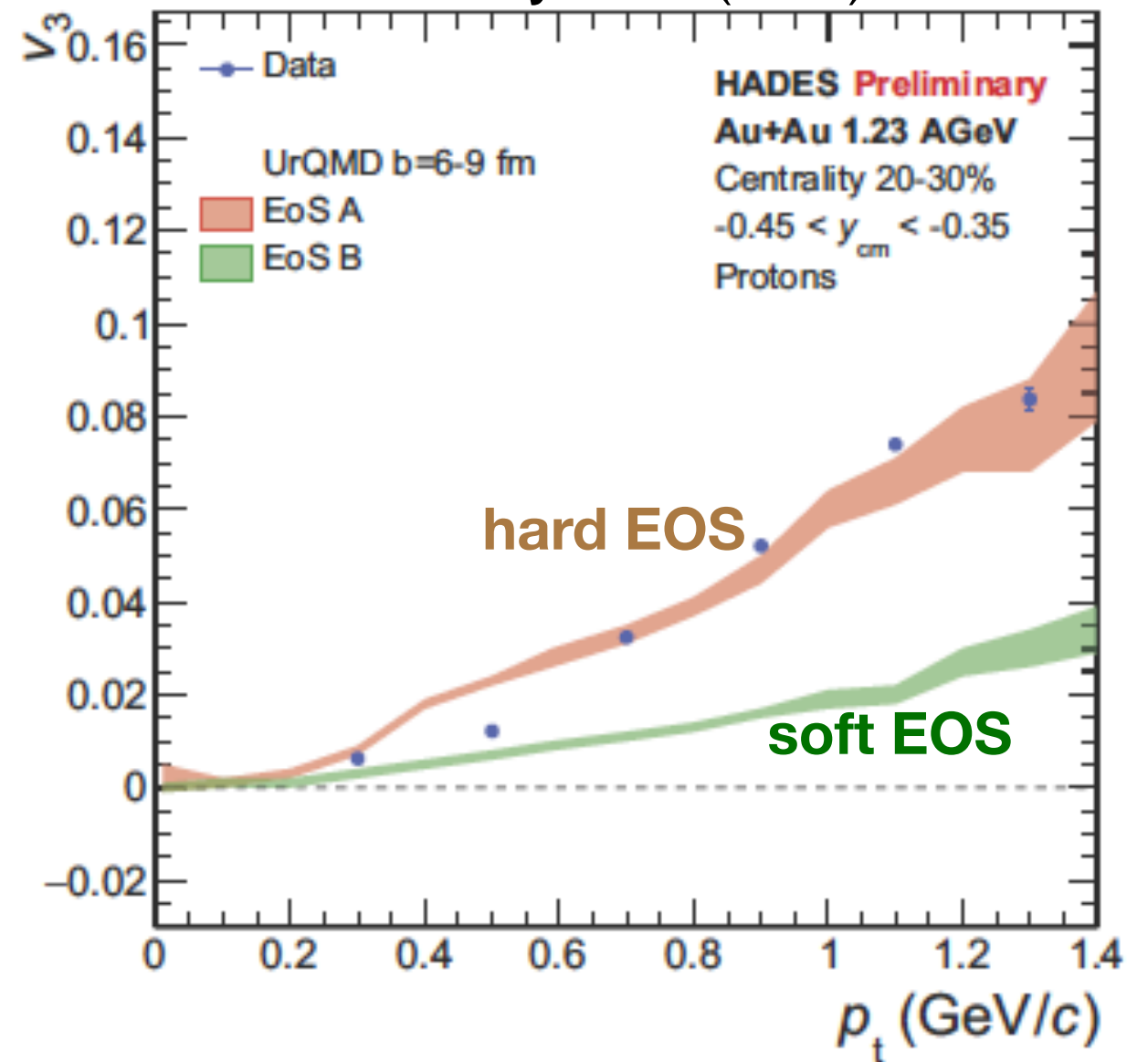
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triangular flow  $v_3(y_{\text{cm}})$  for protons



triangular flow  $v_3(p_t)$  for protons

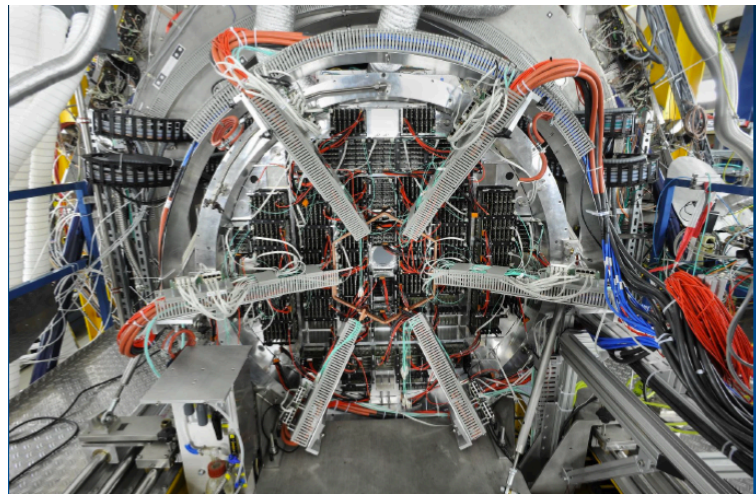
Hillmann et al., JPG 45 (2018) 085101



high precision data on particle flow will further constrain nuclear equation of state

**future perspectives**

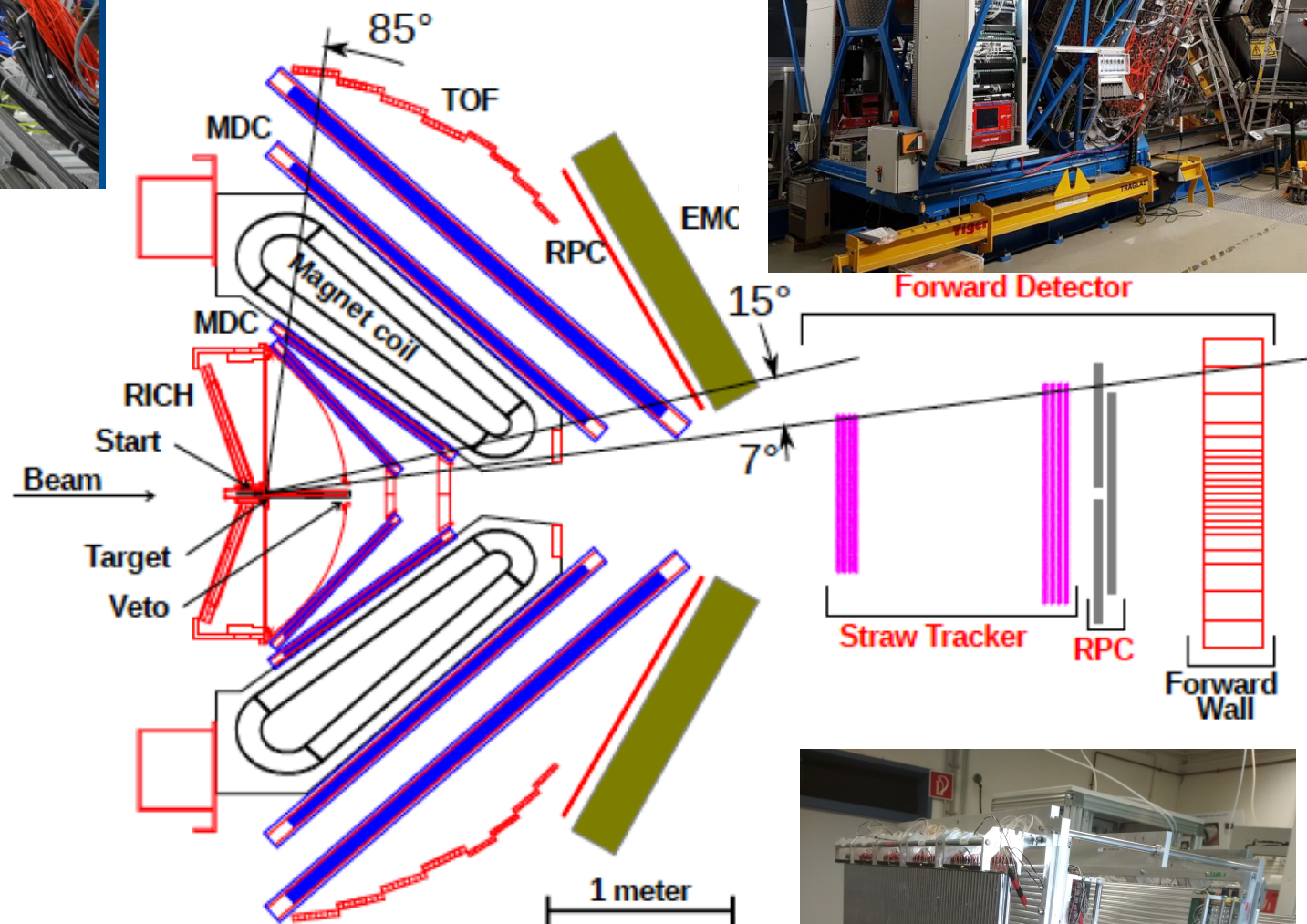
# HADES upgrade



**RICH** PMT readout

gain x5 in  $e^\pm$  eff.

coll. with **CBM@FAIR**  
used in Ag + Ag 2019



**ECAL** (Pb glass)

for  $\gamma$ ,  $e^\pm$

$\Delta E/E \approx 5\%$

used in

Ag + Ag 2019

data acquisition  
upgrade to 200 kHz data rate



**Forward detector**

straws + RPC TOF

$0.5^\circ - 6.5^\circ$

collab. with

**PANDA@FAIR**

$\sigma(x) \approx 150 \mu\text{m}$

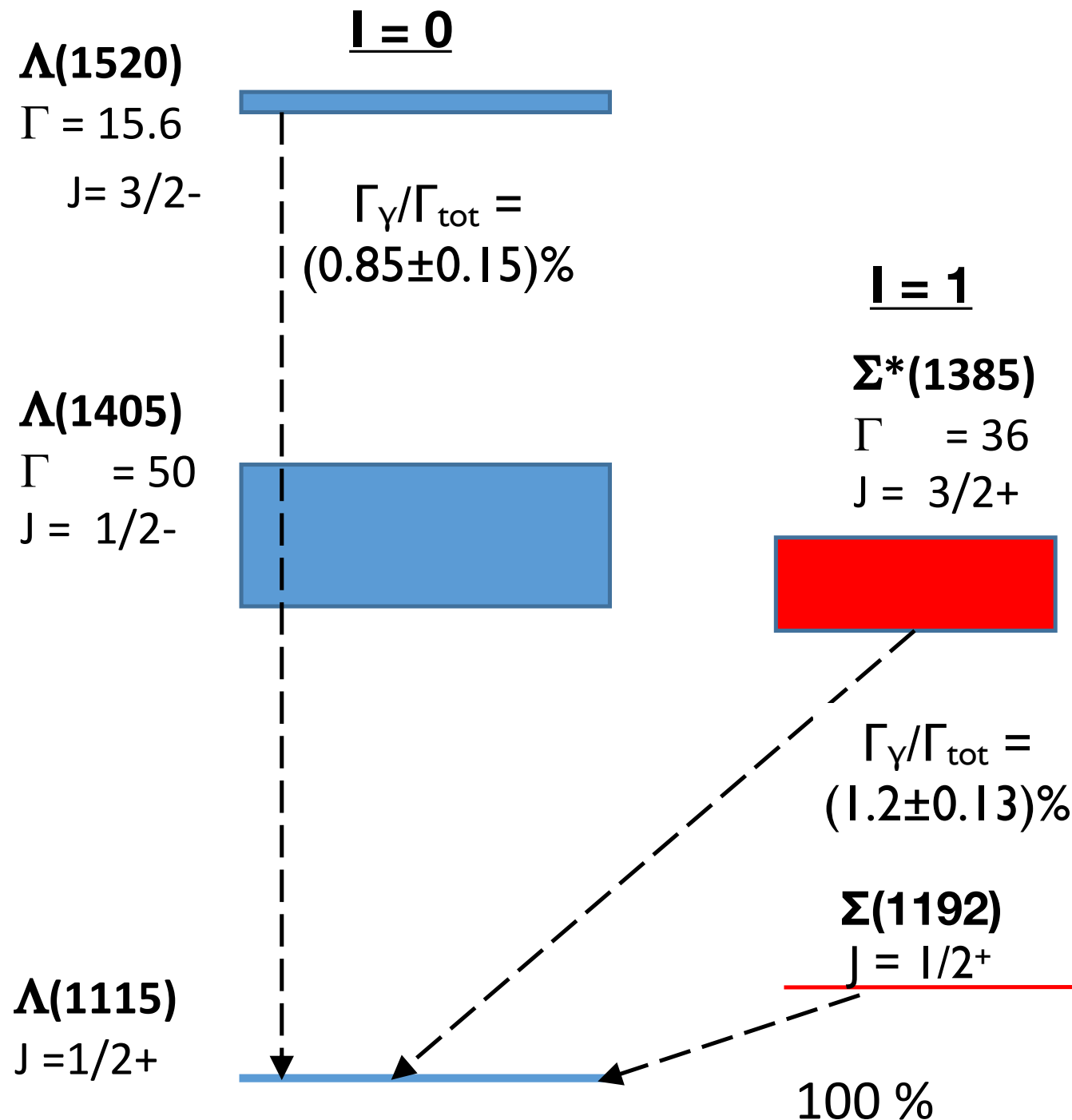
$\sigma(\text{TOF}) \approx 70 \text{ ps}$

to be installed 2020



# Hyperon radiative and Dalitz decays

## FAIR phase-0 program



using additional information from **forward detector** and the **electromagnetic calorimeter** to reconstruct hyperon decays

$$p + p = \Lambda(1520) + p + K^+ @ 4.5 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\Lambda(1115) + \gamma (e+e^-)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$p \pi^-$$

- extend measurements of electromagnetic form factors to strange baryon resonances

- study reaction mechanism for  $\Xi$  production

$$p + p \rightarrow \Xi^- K^+ K^+ p \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^- K^+ K^+ p @ 4.5 \text{ GeV}$$



# Signatures for chiral symmetry restoration

$\chi$ - partners:  $\rho(770)$  (vector  $J^\pi=1^-$ ) and  $a_1(1260)$  (axial-vector  $J^\pi=1^+$ )

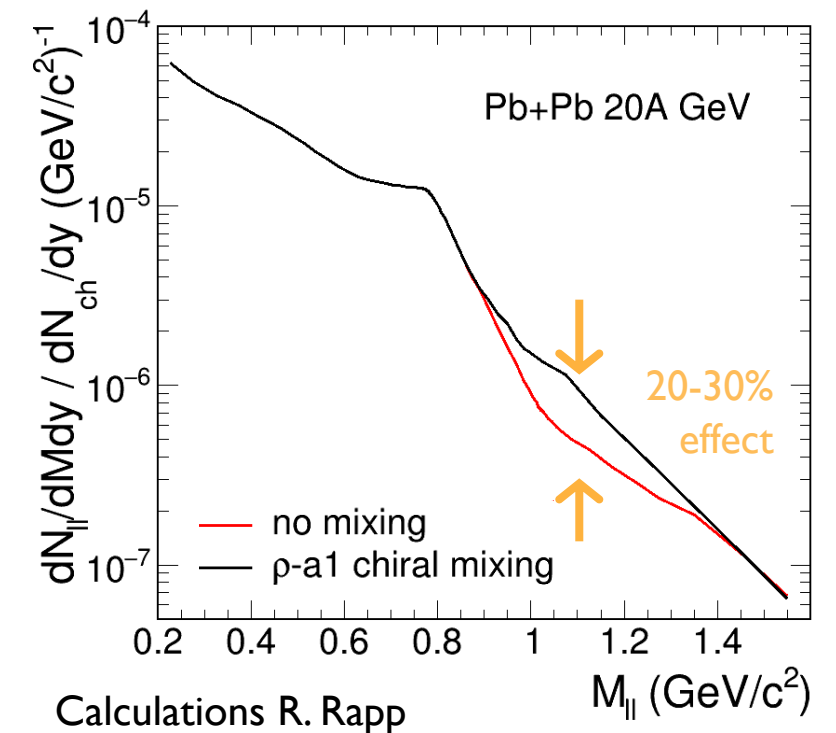
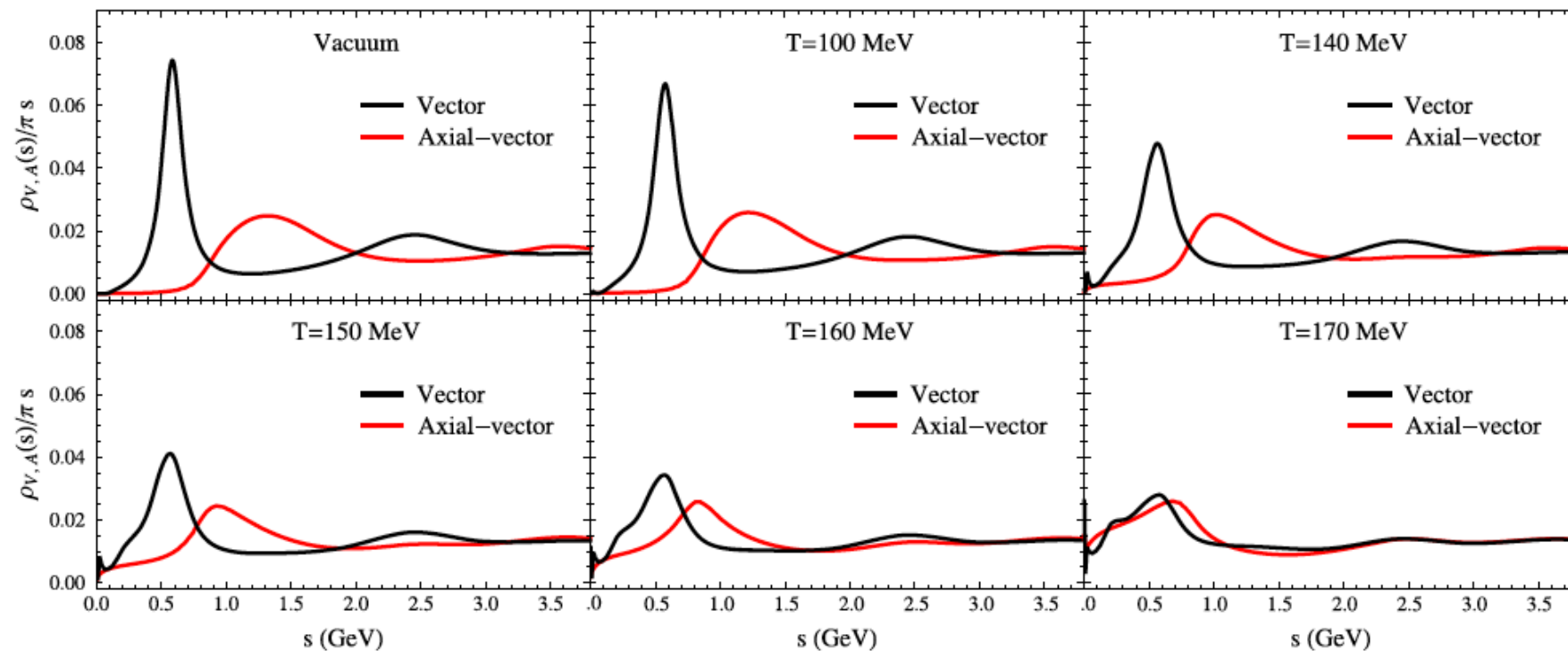
$\chi$ - symmetry restoration: spectral functions of chiral partners become degenerate:

$$\text{Weinberg sum rule: } \int ds(\rho_v - \rho_a) = - m_q \langle \bar{q}q \rangle$$

$\rho$  mass stays almost constant while  $a_1$  shows significant mass shift towards the  $\rho$  accompanied with melting of the resonances when approaching  $\chi$  symmetry restoration

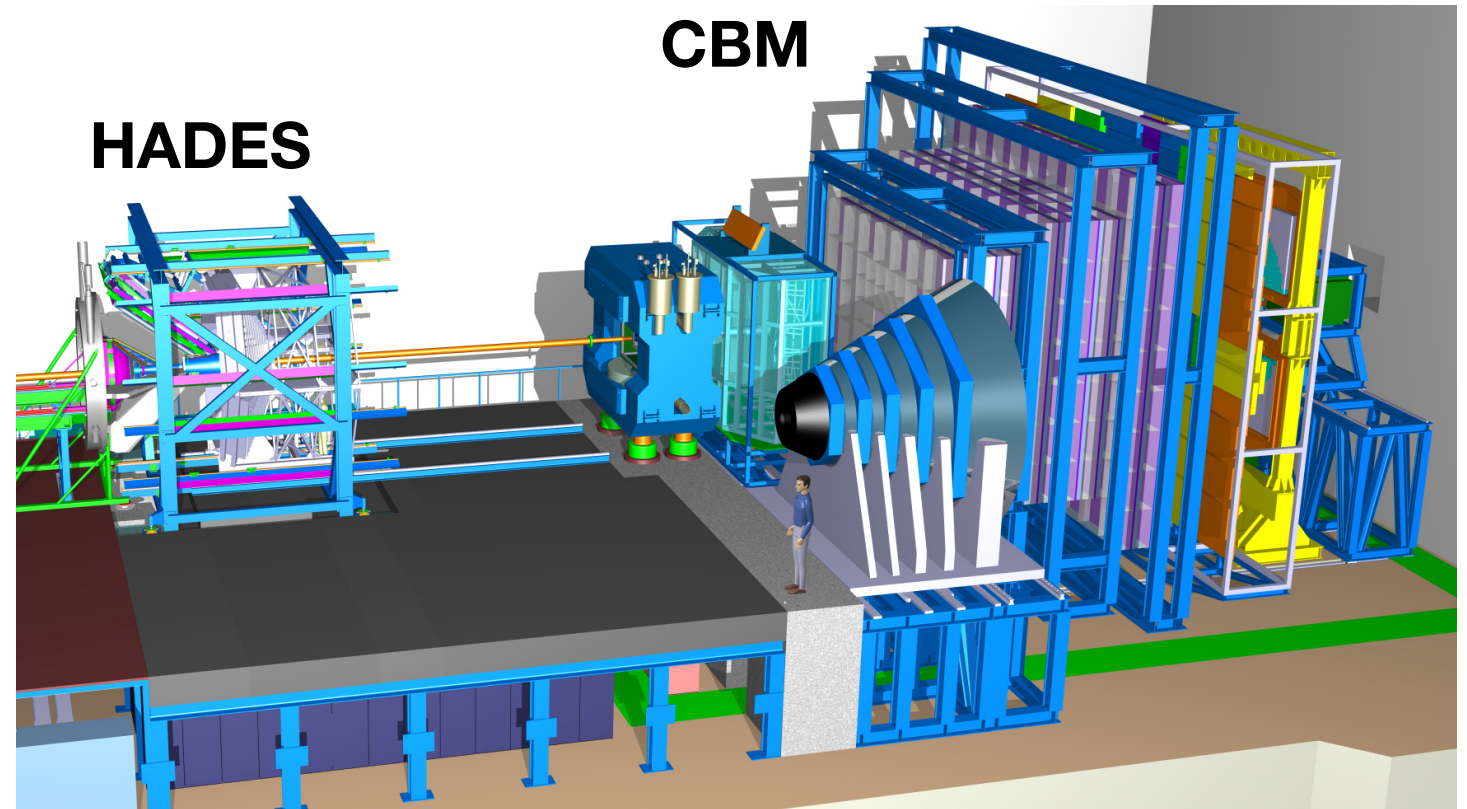
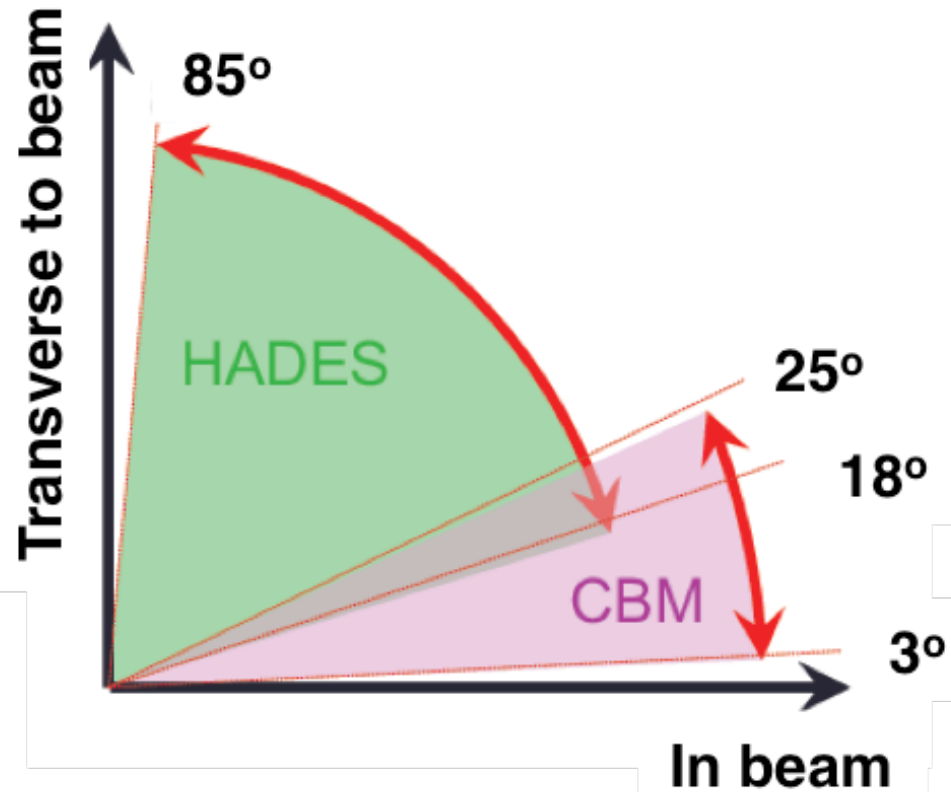
C. Jung et al., PRD 95 (2017) 036020

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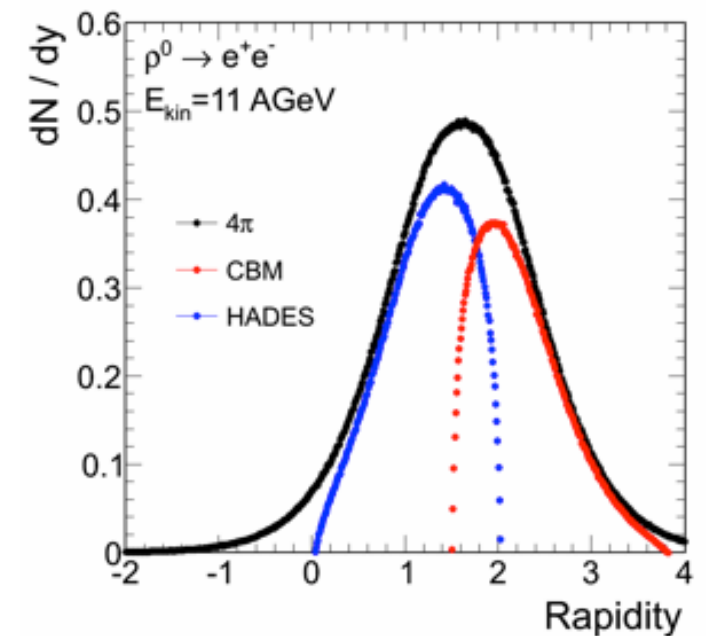
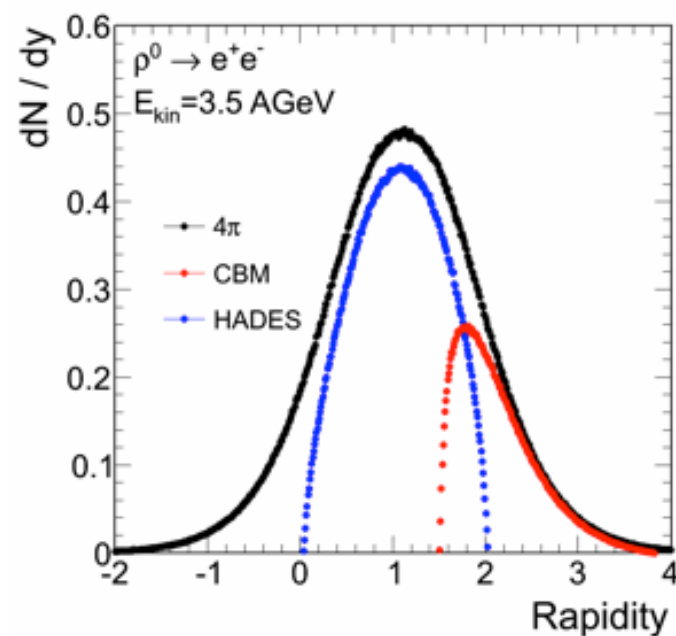
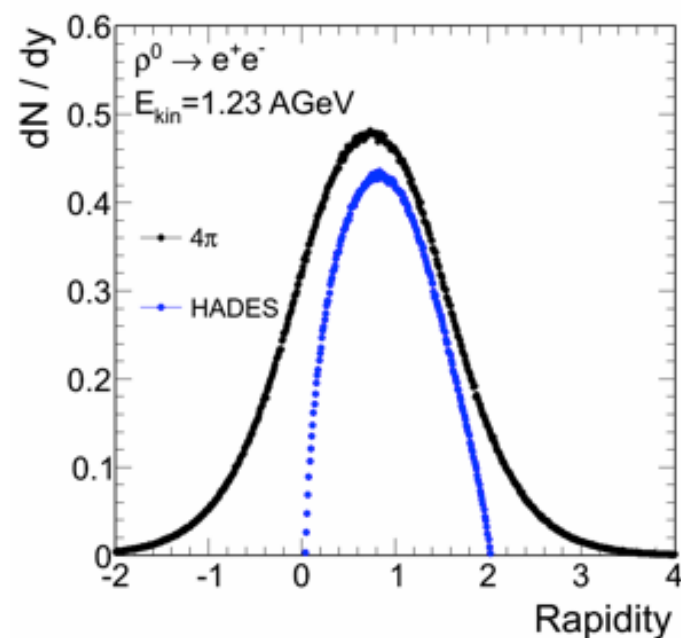


degeneration of  $\rho$  and  $a_1$  spectral functions leads to an observable modification of the  $M_{ee}$  invariant mass spectrum near 1.1 GeV

# HADES in combination with CBM



good rapidity coverage for  $\rho \rightarrow e^+ e^-$  over full incident energy range



# Summary: highlights

**broad physics program with elementary reactions and heavy-ion collisions**

## dileptons:

- electromagnetic form factors of baryon resonances and hyperons; evidence for vector meson dominance in baryonic transitions
- in-medium modifications of vector mesons in cold nuclear matter at low momenta
- melting of  $\rho$  meson in hot and compressed matter in SIS energy regime; evidence for thermal radiation from fireball

## hadronic final states:

- 2-pole structure of  $\Lambda(1405)$
- exceptionally high yield of  $\Xi^-$  in  $p+A$  and  $A+A$
- particle yields consistent with statistical hadron models
- strange hadron nucleus interaction
- particle flow in  $A+A$ :  $v_1, v_2, v_3 \rightarrow$  equation-of-state of nuclear matter



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