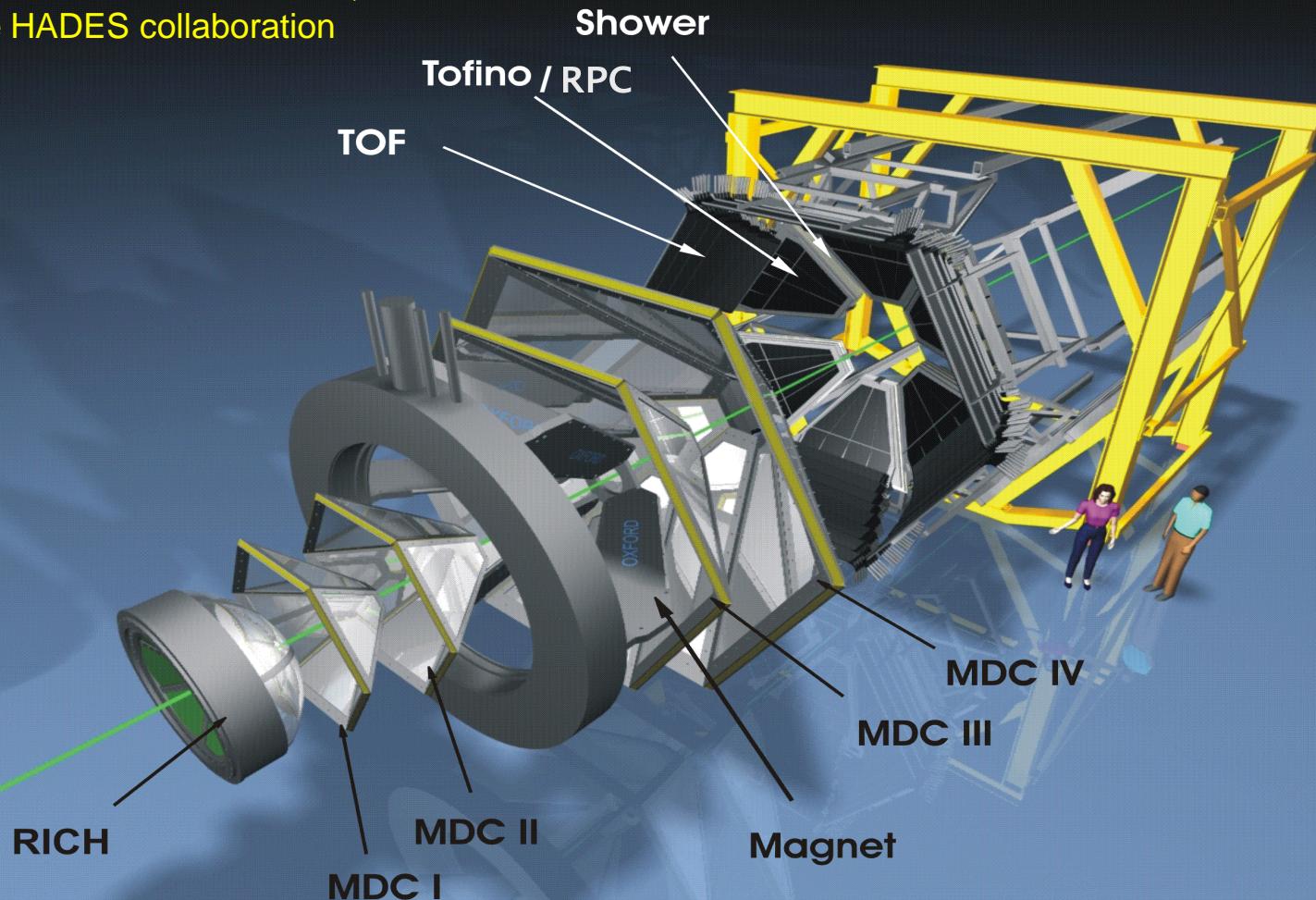


# The HADES Experiment at GSI: an Update

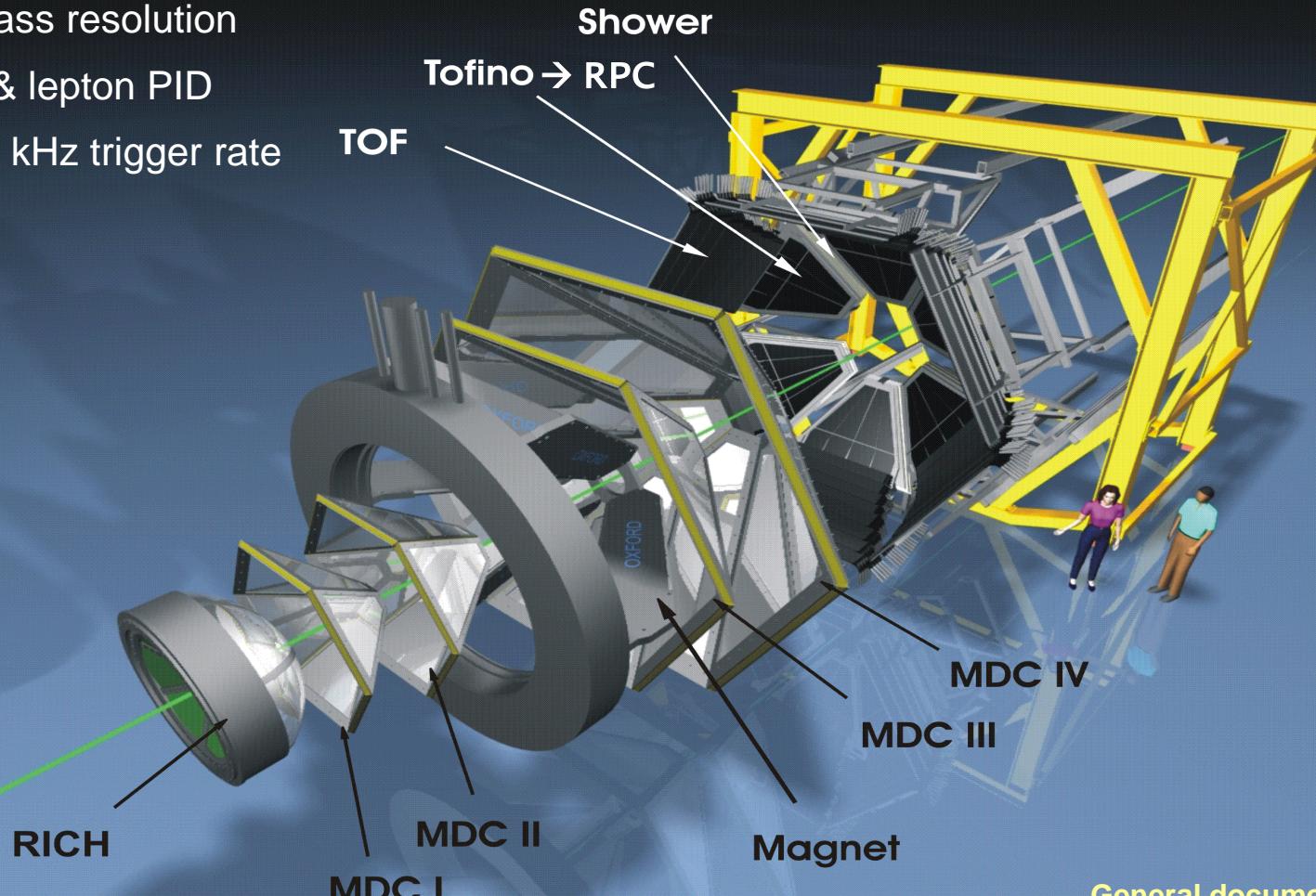
Romain Holzmann,  
GSI Helmholtzzentrum,  
for the HADES collaboration



# The HADES detector

High Acceptance DiElectron Spectrometer

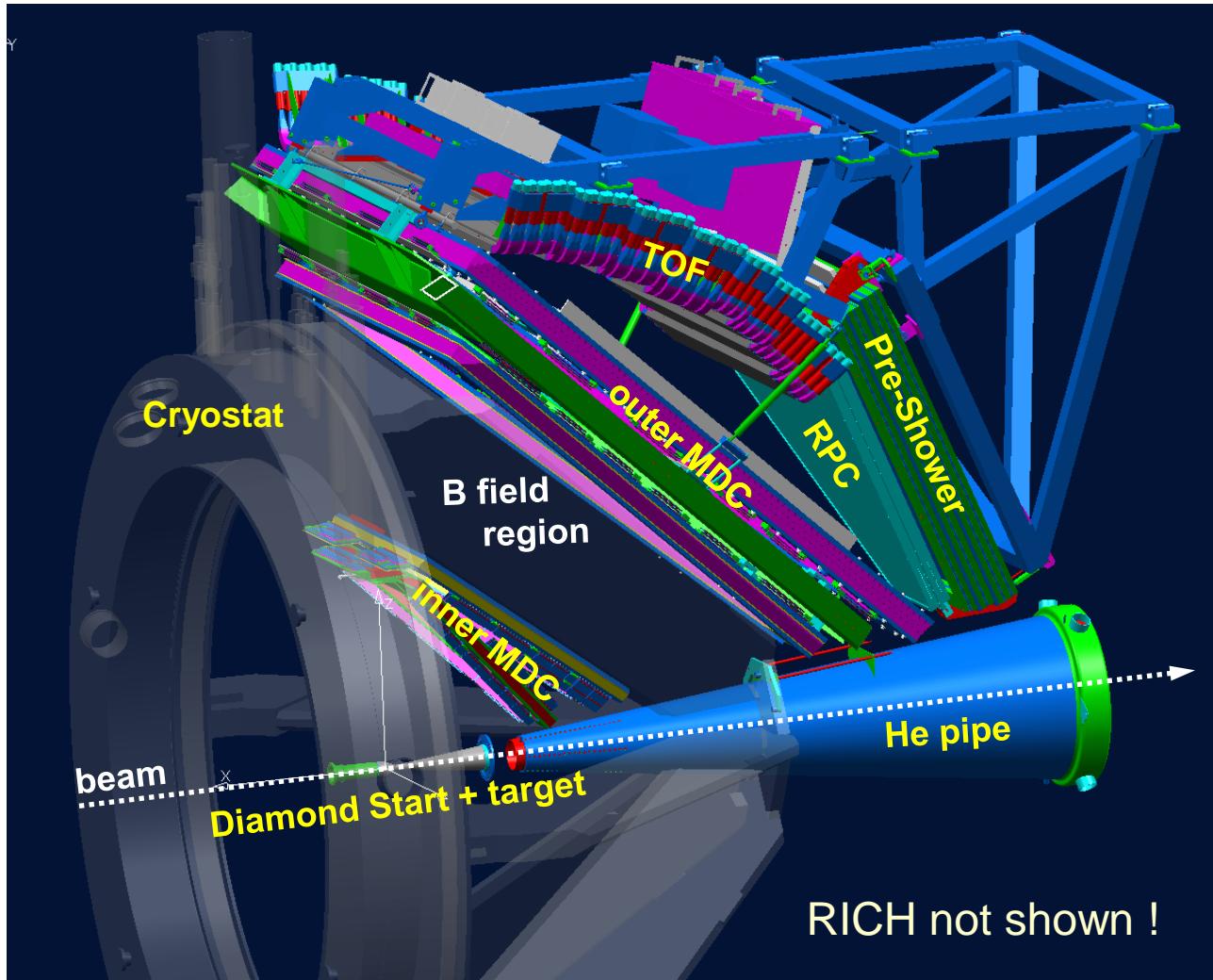
- large acceptance
- 2-3% mass resolution
- hadron & lepton PID
- up to 20 kHz trigger rate



General documentation at:  
<http://www-hades.gsi.de>

# Technical layout of HADES

1 out of 6 HADES sectors



hadron-blind RICH



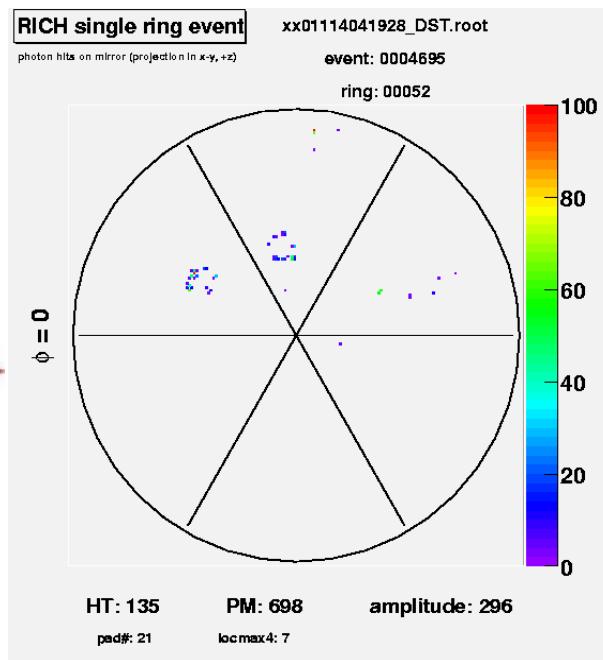
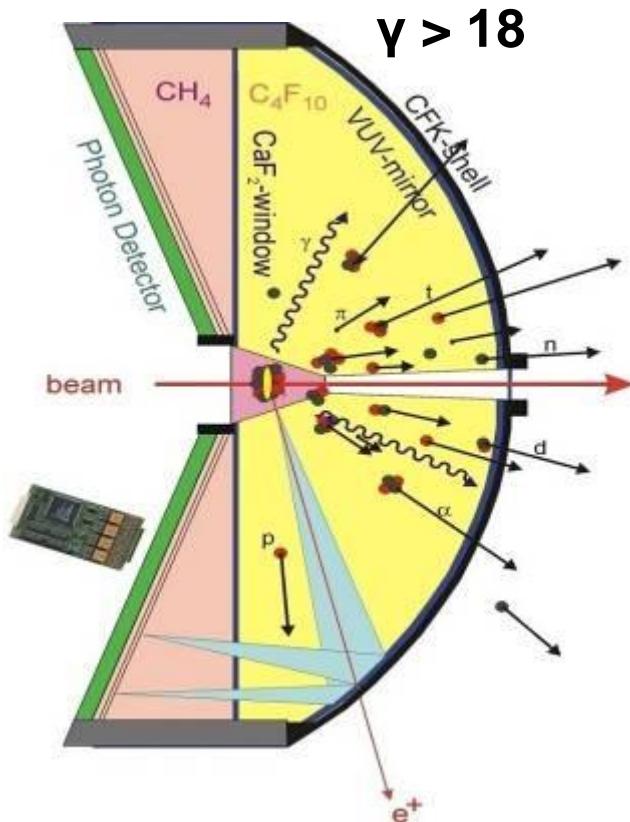
4 planes of MDC



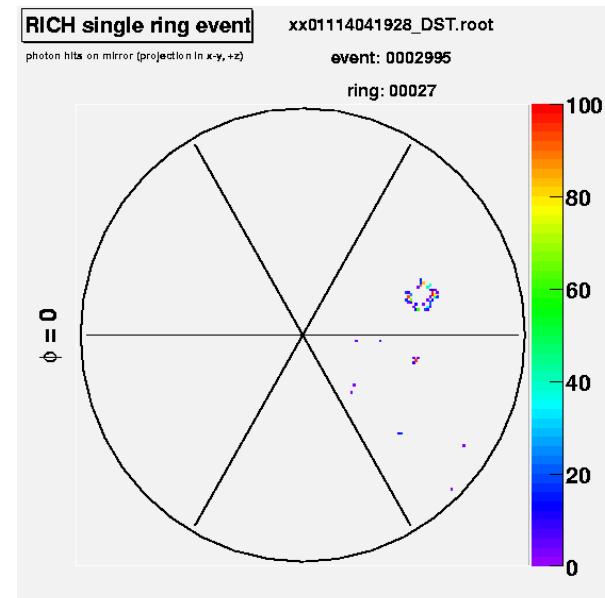
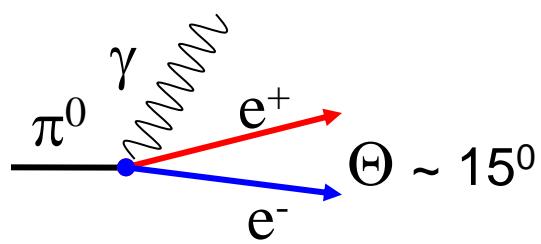
Forward Wall



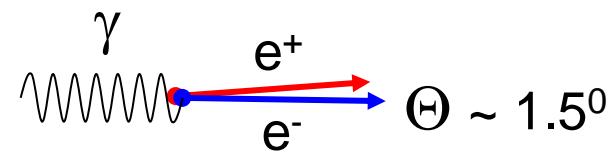
# The RICH: excellent lepton ID



$\pi^0$  Dalitz pair



$\gamma$  conversion pair

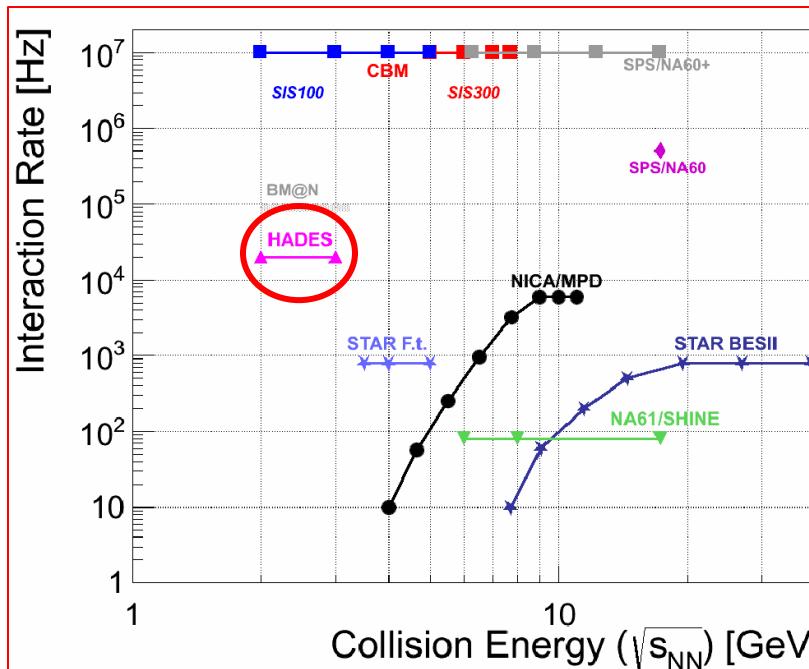


# HADES operation at SIS18

**2002 – 2009:** light A+A, p+p, n+p, p+A

**2011 – 2014:** Au+Au,  $\pi$ -induced reactions

**2018 – FAIR start:** hight-statistics  $\pi$ +p &  $\pi$ +A,  
p+A and A+A



Rate capabilities of HI expts  
at low & moderate c.m. energy

→ HADES is very competitive!

(compiled by T. Galatyuk)

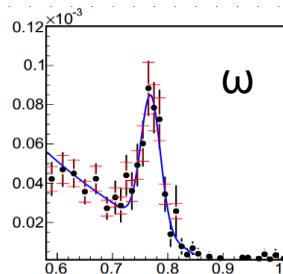
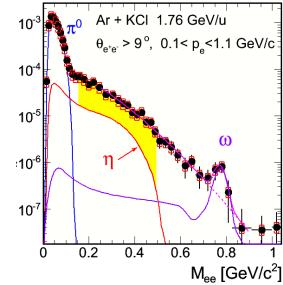
# Physics we are after with HADES

- Particle production in heavy-ion collisions (also p+A)
  - Properties of compressed nuclear matter; explore its phase diagram
    - dilepton emission
    - (multi)strangeness production
    - femtoscopy → see Thu afternoon talk by Oliver Arnold
    - global events characteristics (flow, flucs.)
  - systematic investigation dilepton & strangeness production in A+A, p+A and  $\pi+A$  (at  $n/n_0 \approx 1-3$ ) + event characterization
- Hadron spectroscopy

- Elementary production mechanisms
  - coupling of  $\rho$  and  $\omega$  to  $N^*$
  - isospin effects:  $\sigma_{pn}$  vs.  $\sigma_{pp}$
  - strangeness production ( $\phi$ ,  $K$ ,  $\Sigma$ ,  $\Lambda$ ,  $\Xi$ )

} → needed to model p+A & A+A

- systematic dilepton & hadron spectroscopy in pp, pn and  $\pi p$  (i.e. in vacuum)



# The HADES Collaboration

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Bratislava Univ.

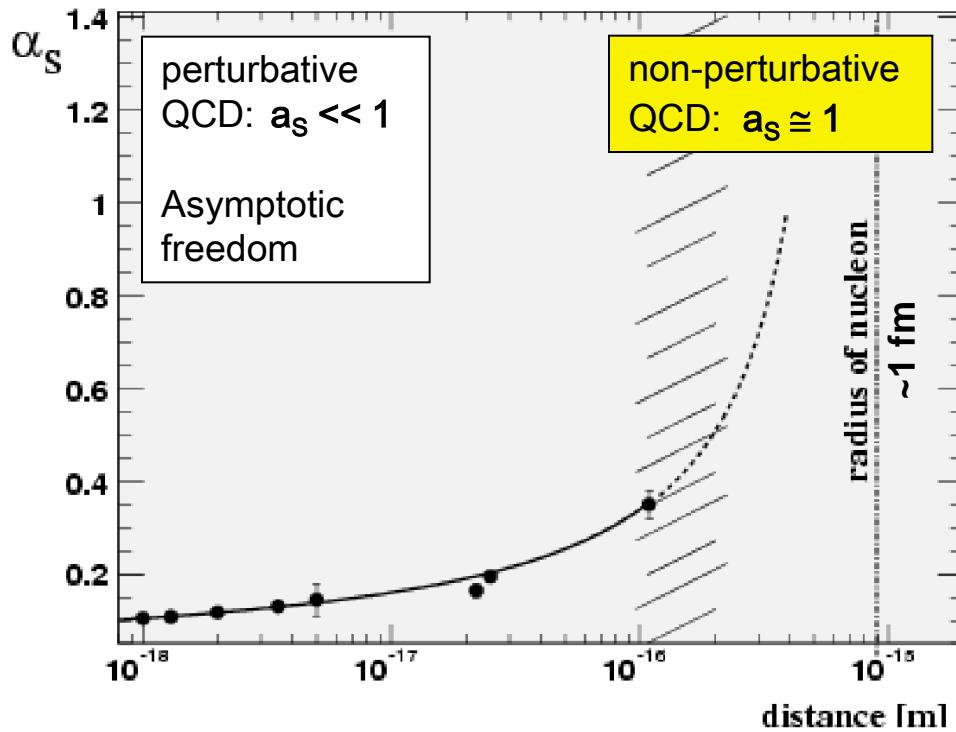
18 institutions  
120+ members



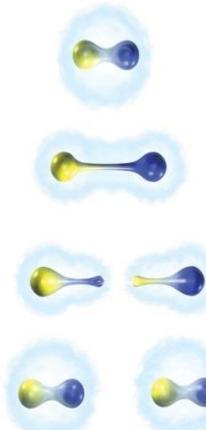
# Hadron masses in the medium

# QCD: running coupling constant $\alpha_s$

Strong interaction coupling strength



Quarks are confined!



$$V(r) = -\frac{4\alpha_s \hbar c}{3r} + Kr$$

At low energy, the QCD lagrangian cannot be handled perturbatively, we have to

- fall back on models (e.g. xPTH)
- solve on the lattice (LQCD)
- explore symmetries of  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}}$   
e.g. broken chiral symmetry

# Setting the stage: non-perturbative QCD

Arguments for in-medium modifications of hadrons are based on ...

... chiral symmetry restoration

... hadronic many-body theories

Chiral condensates

$$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_{\text{vac}} \neq 0$$

Spectral functions

$$SF_{\text{med}} \neq SF_{\text{vac}}$$

hadronic  
medium

QCD sum rules

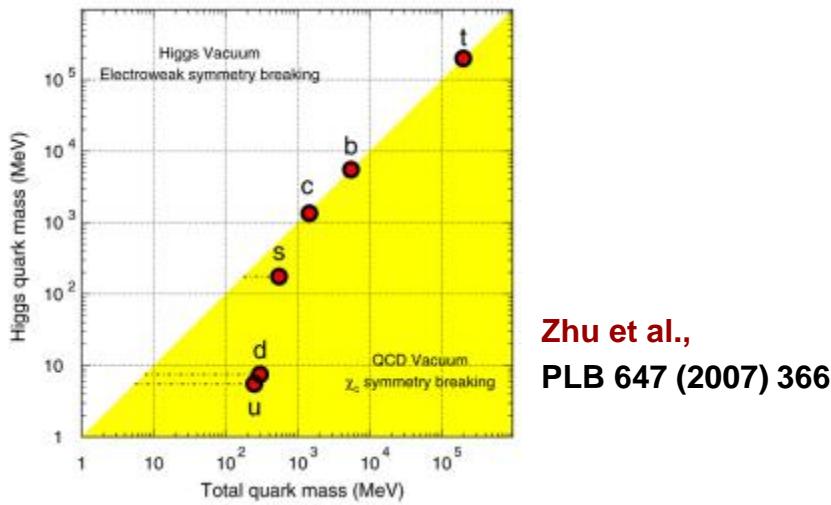
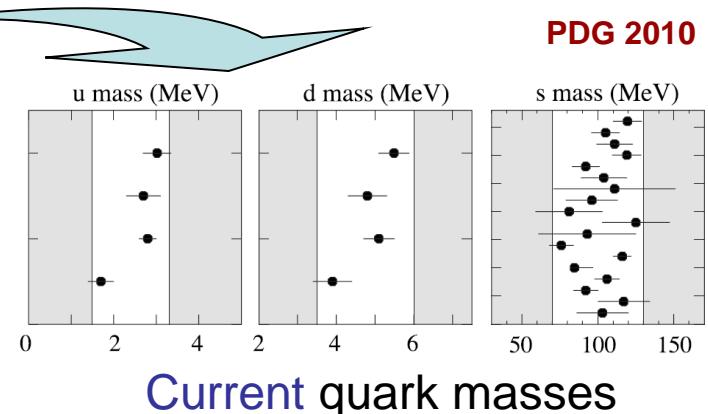
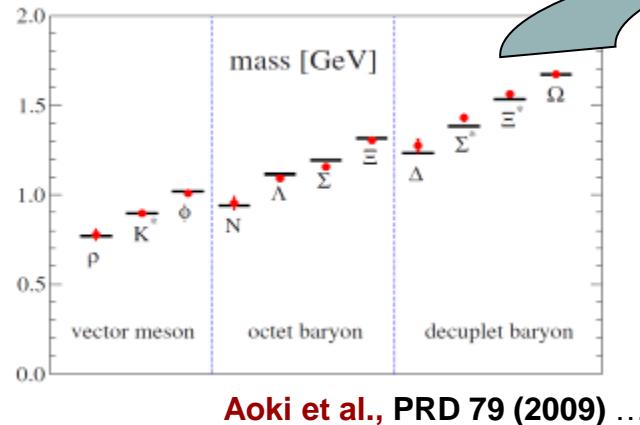
... relate condensates and spectral functions.

Recent reviews of the field:

**Leupold, Metag & Mosel, Int. J. Mod. Phys. E19 (2010)**  
**Hayano & Hatsuda, Rev. Mod. Phys. 82 (2010)**

# Mass generated by breaking QCD chiral symmetry

Model calculations, e.g. Lattice QCD,  
adjusted to exp. hadron spectrum

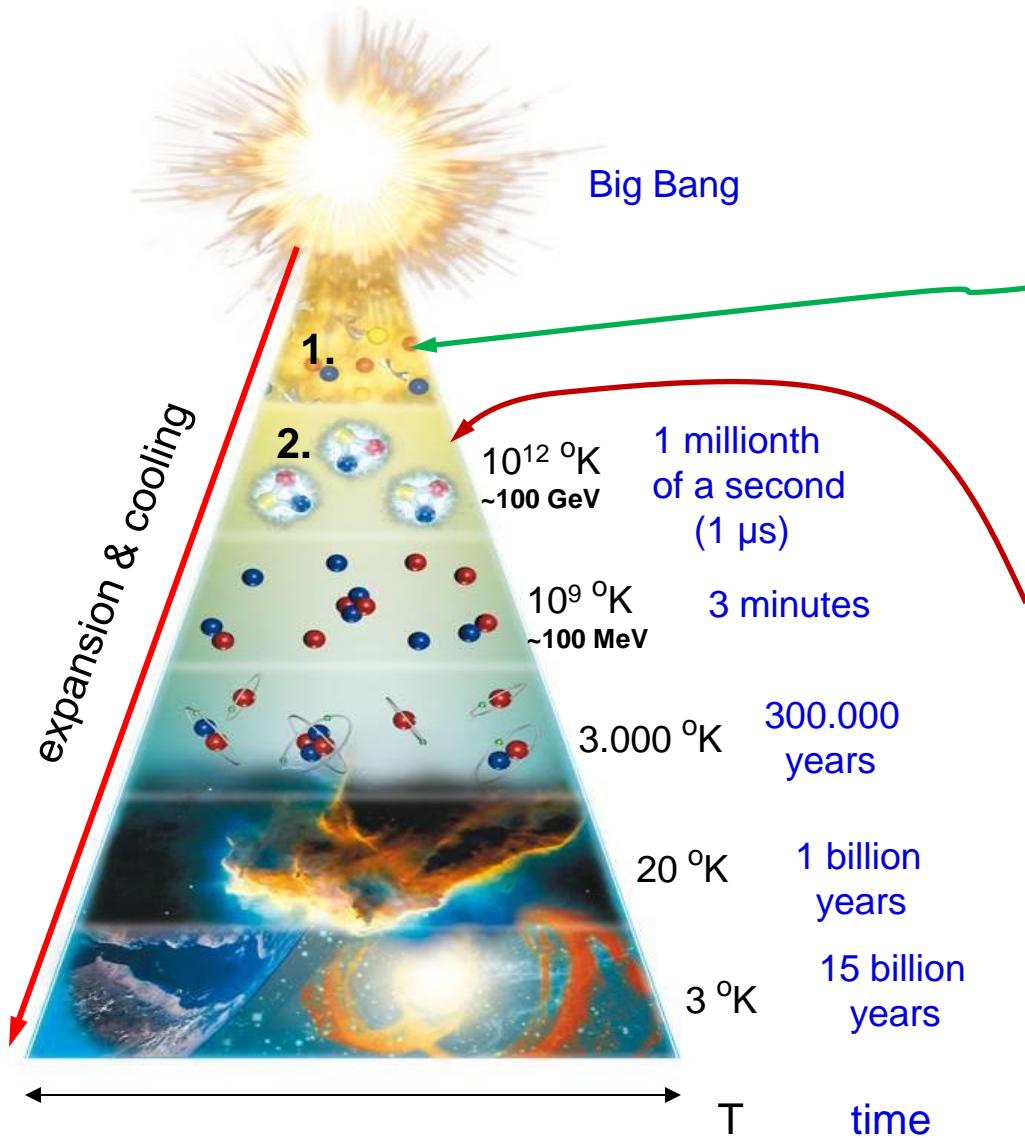


Constituent quark mass:

$$M_{\text{quark}} = \underbrace{M_{\text{weak}}}_{\text{Higgs mechanism}} + \underbrace{M_{\text{strong}}}_{\text{spontaneous } \chi \text{ sym. breaking} \rightarrow \langle \bar{q}q \rangle \neq 0}$$

→ 99% of the observed large hadron masses are dynamically generated!

# Evolution of the universe & mass generation



Two steps  
in mass generation:

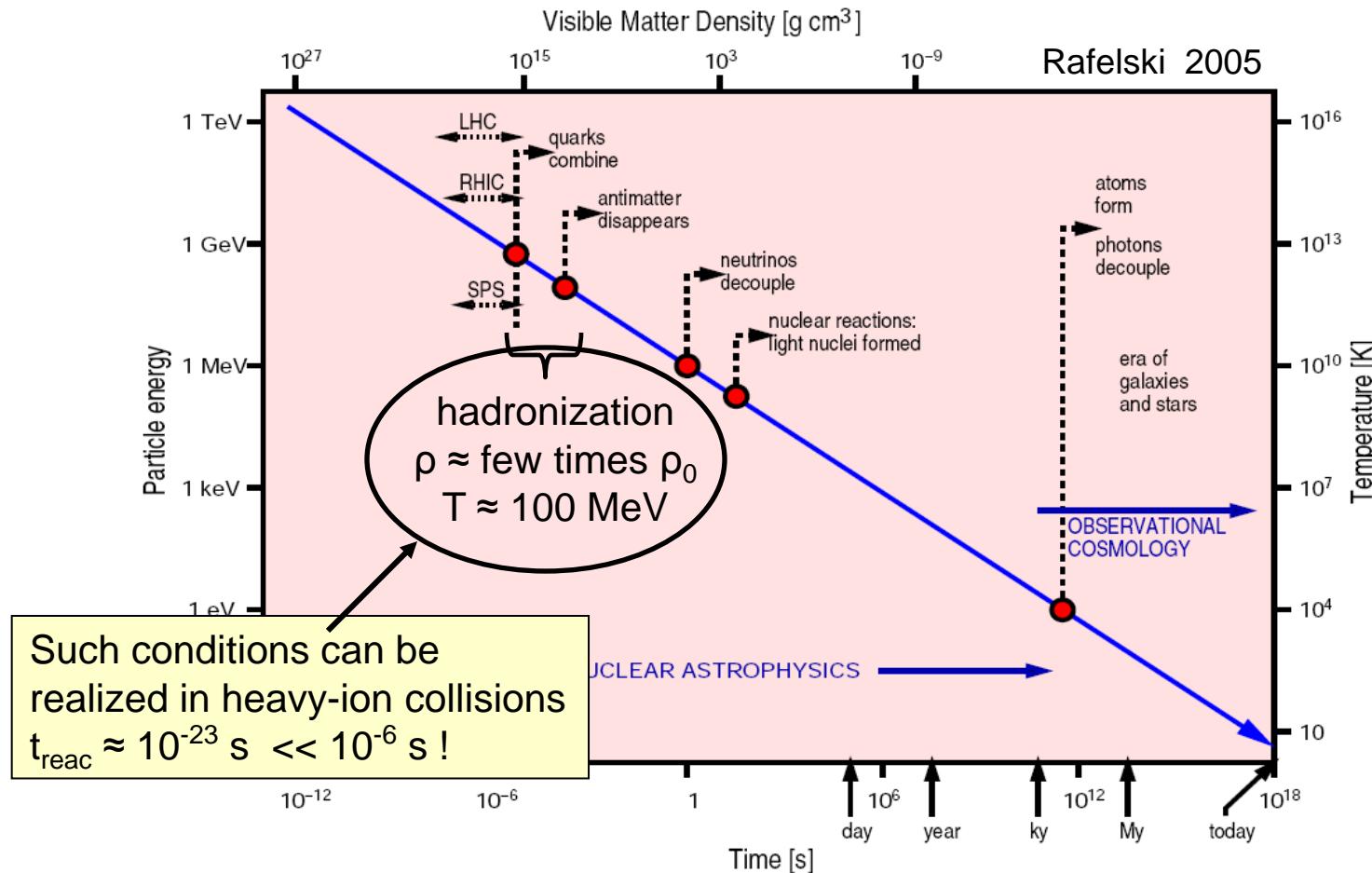
1. Electro-weak transition  
(Higgs mechanism)
  - weak mass  
= current mass
2. Chiral transition  
(hadronization)
  - strong mass

We observe the  
constituent mass:

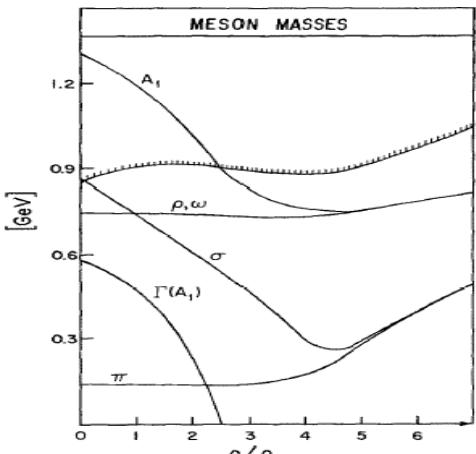
$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}_w + \mathbf{M}_s$$

# Evolution of the universe

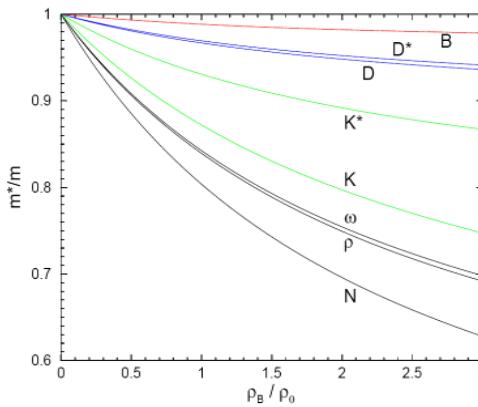
## Stages in the evolution of the Universe



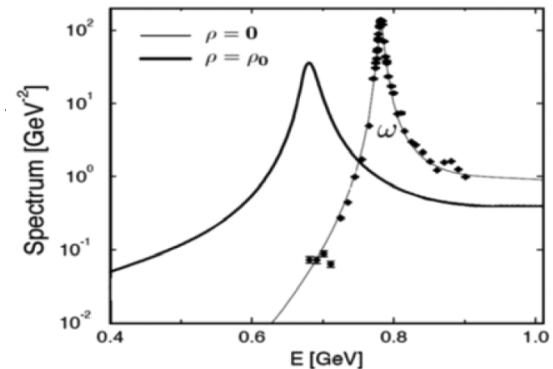
# In-medium masses: a cornucopia of models



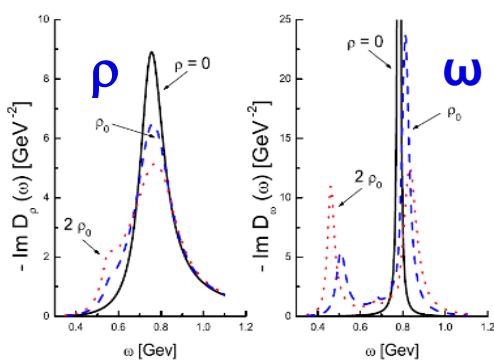
**Nambu Jona-Lasinio model**  
Bernard & Meißner NPA 489 (1988) 647



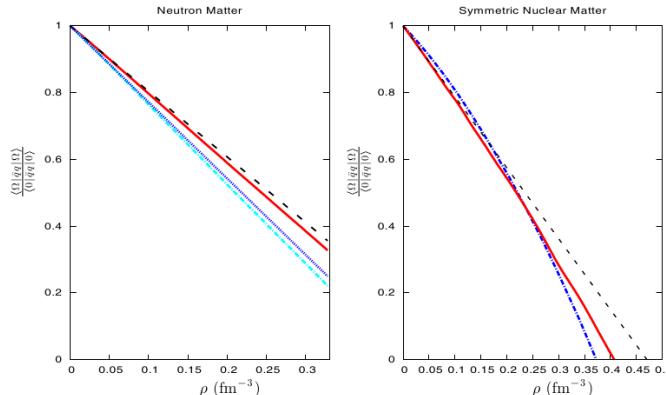
**Quark-Meson Coupling model**  
Saito et al. PRC55 (1997) 2637



**Effective Lagrangian model**  
Klingl et al. NPA 650 (1999) 299  
and for  $\phi$  in PLB 431 (1998) 254



**Coupled-channels approach**  
M. Lutz et al. NPA 706 (2002) 431



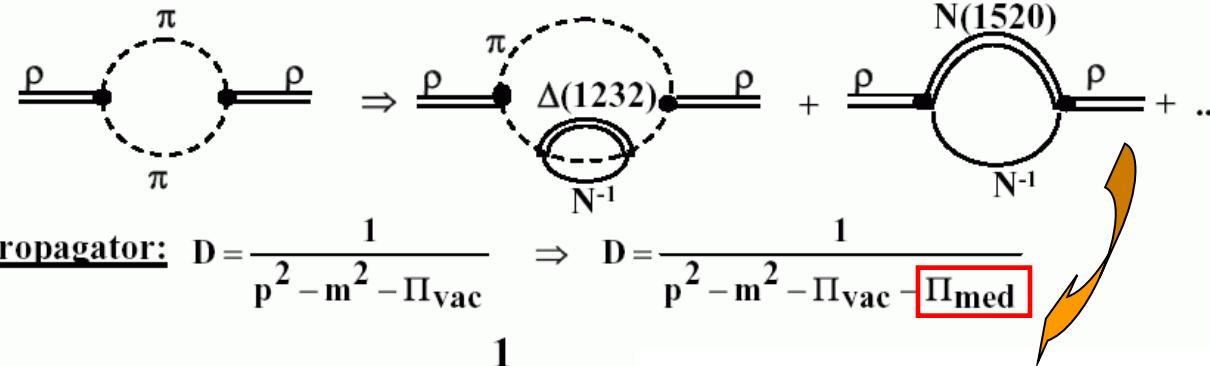
**Chiral power counting model**  
Lacour, Oller & Meißner J Phys G37 (2010) 125002

... and quite a few more !

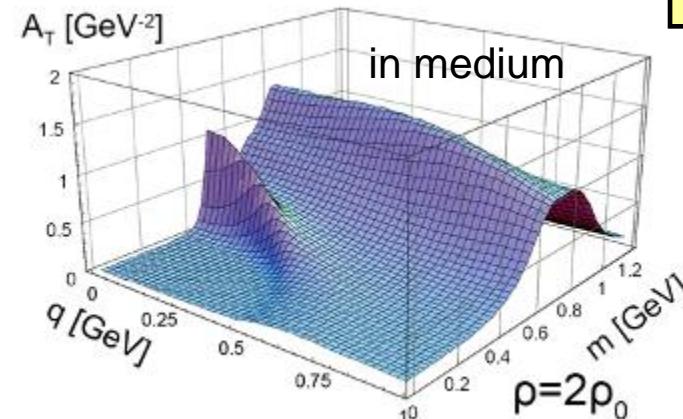
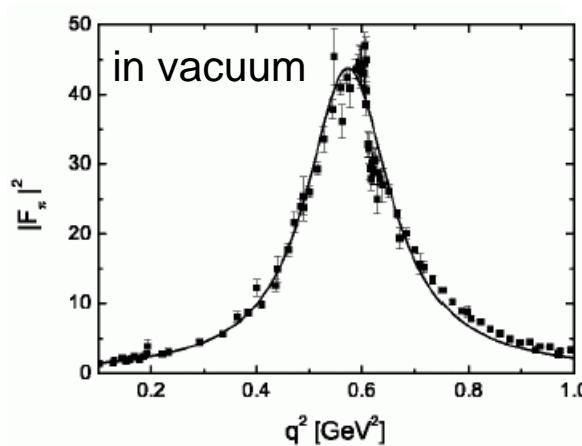
# Vector meson spectral function in HMBT

$\rho$  in vacuum

$\rho$  in baryonic medium modified by coupling to resonance-hole states



**Hadronic Many-Body Theory:**  
**Rapp & Wambach**  
Adv Nucl Phys 25 (2000) 1



for  $p > 0$

**Leupold, Mosel, Post et al.**  
NPA 741 (2004) 81; NPA 780 (2006) 187

# QCD sum rules connect both worlds

However,  $\langle q\bar{q} \rangle$  is not an observable !!

- QCD sum rules provide a link between hadronic observables and condensates:

Hatsuda & Lee, PRC 46 (1992) R34; Leupold & Mosel, PRC 58 (1998) 2939

$$\frac{Q^2}{24\pi^2} \int ds \frac{R(s)}{(s+Q^2)^2} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right) + \frac{1}{Q^4} \left[ m_q \langle \bar{q}q \rangle + \frac{1}{24} \left\langle \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} G^2 \right\rangle \right] + \text{higher order terms}$$

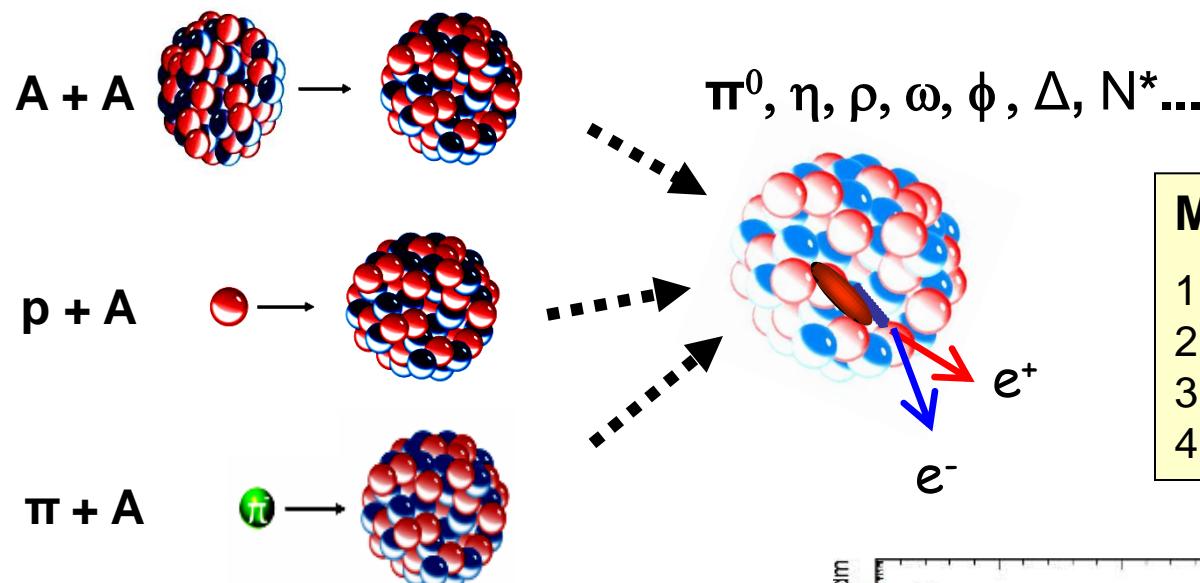
hadronic spectral function:  $R(s) \sim F^2 \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\sqrt{s} \Gamma(s)}{(s - M_\rho^2)^2 + s(\Gamma(s))^2}$

- Chiral condensate is related to integral over hadronic spectral functions only  
→ spectral function are constrained, but not fully determined

⇒ Models are still needed for specific predictions of hadron properties !!

# Experimental access to in-medium effects

# $e^+e^-$ spectroscopy of hadronic matter

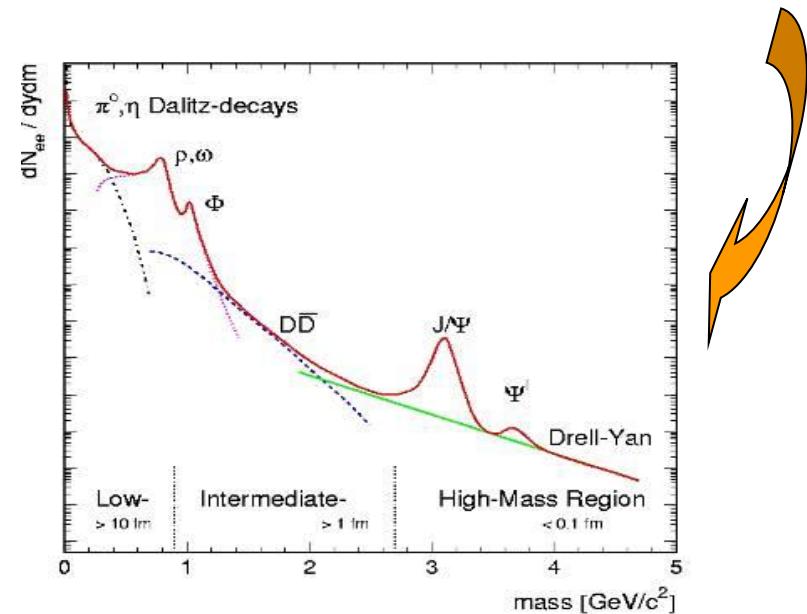


## Modus operandi:

1. produce hadron
2. let decay into leptons
3. detect products
4. reconstruct inv mass

Pair invariant mass:

$$M_{ee} = \sqrt{(p_1 + p_2)^2}$$

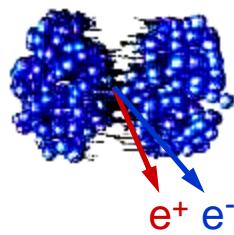


# Dileptons from nucleus-nucleus collisions

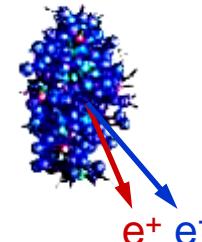
(in few GeV/u regime)

Au+Au collision:

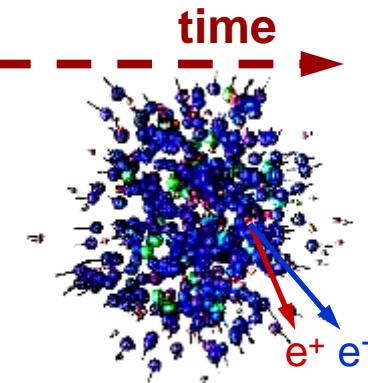
collision lasts in total <100 fm/c  
dense phase  $\approx$  15 fm/c



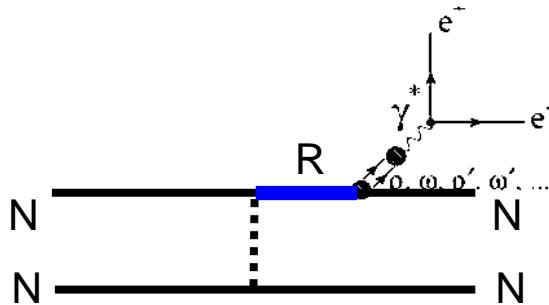
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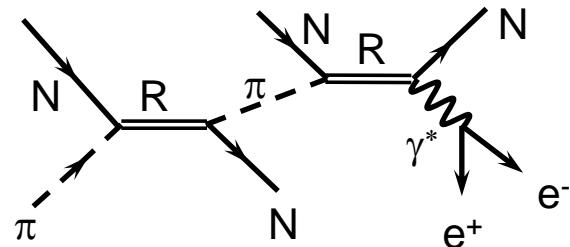
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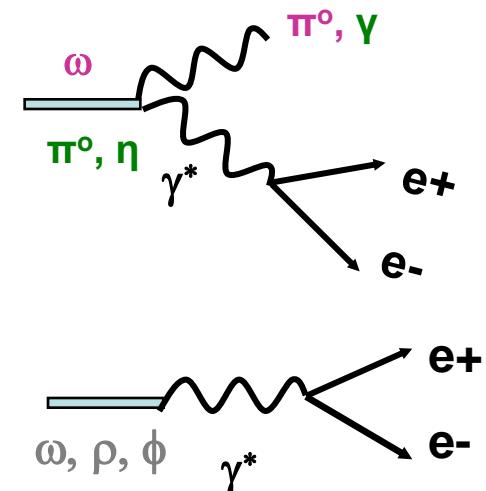
First-chance NN collisions



Hot and dense phase  
multistep production  
of resonances and mesons

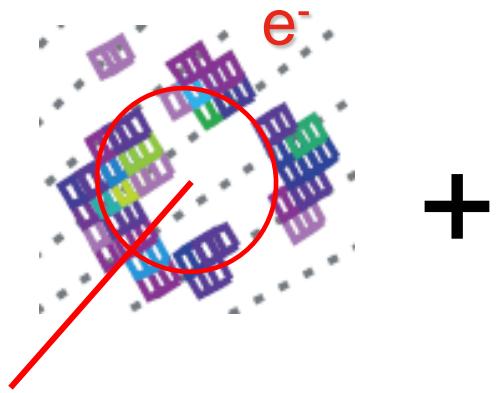


Observed dilepton yields are integrated over full duration !

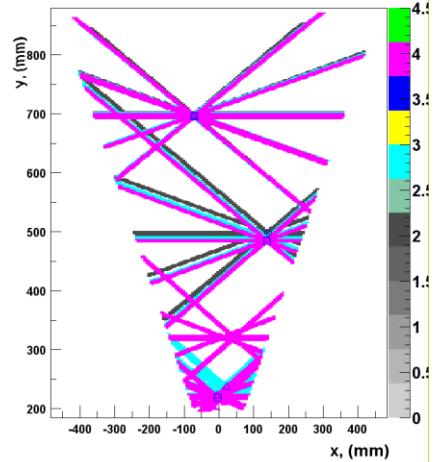


# Electron/positron identification in HADES

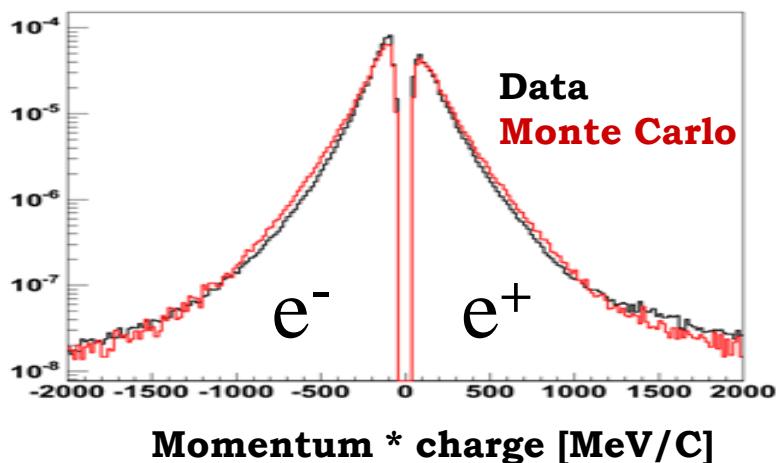
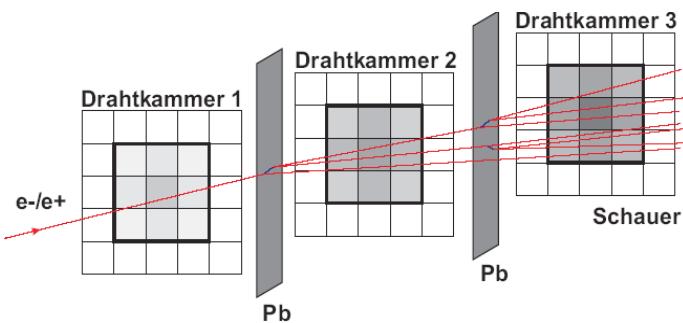
**RICH pattern**



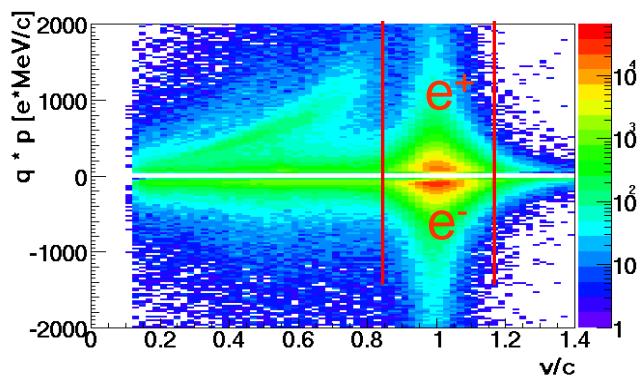
**MDC hit finder & hit/track matching**



**Pre-Shower condition**

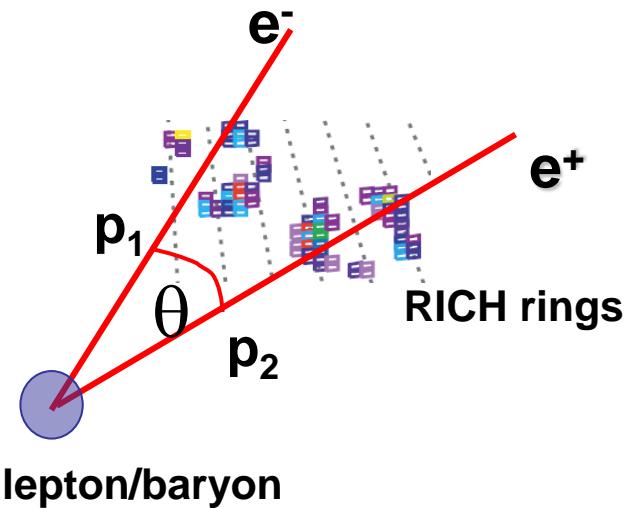


**velocity vs. momentum**



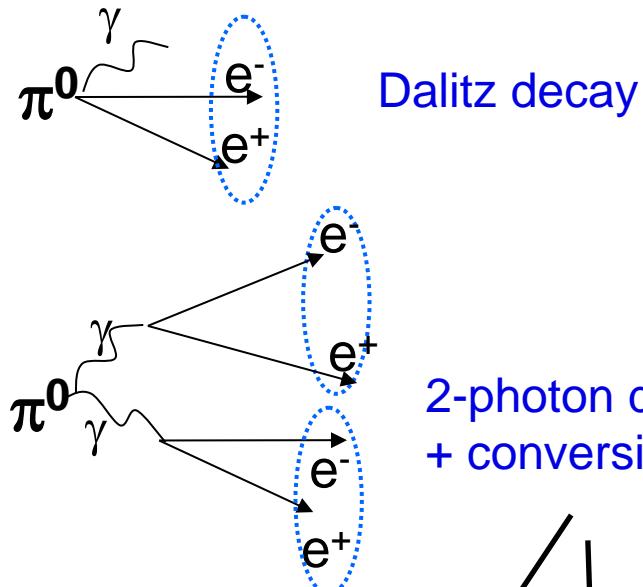
# Lepton pair reconstruction

## Pair reconstruction

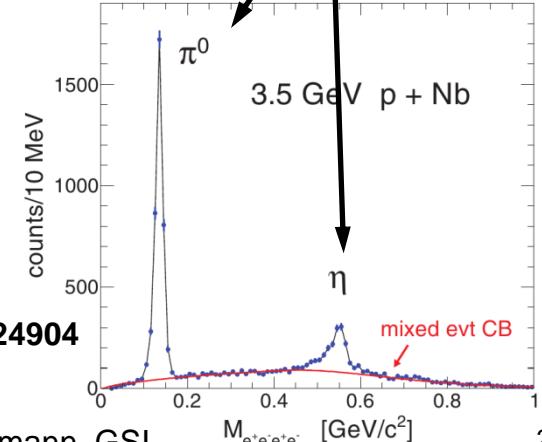


$$M_{inv} = 2 \cdot \sin(\Theta / 2) \sqrt{p_1 p_2}$$

## Correlated pairs:

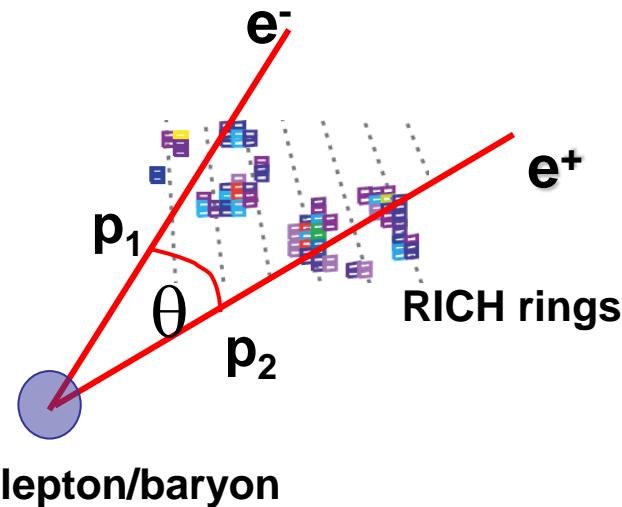


2-photon  
calorimetry  
in HADES  
PRC 88 (2013) 024904

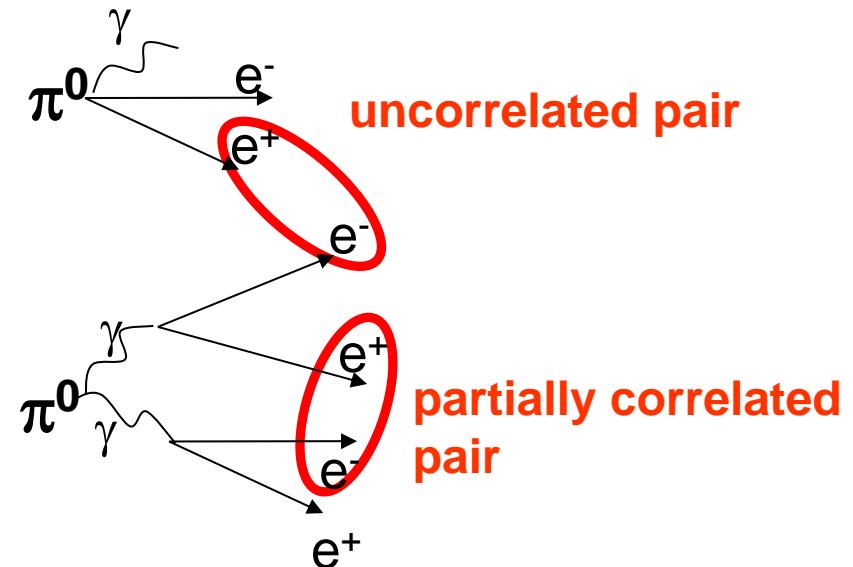


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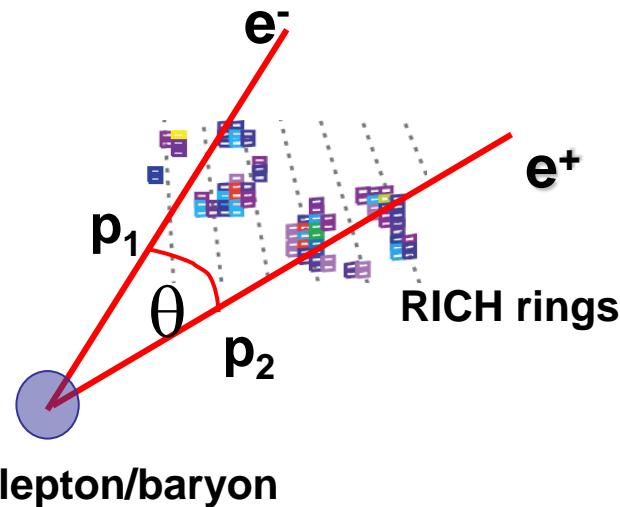


→ Need sophisticated methods, combining event-mixing and like-sign averages, to subtract this combinatorial background!

$$N_{CB} \propto N_{\pi^0}^2$$

# Lepton pair reconstruction

## Pair reconstruction



$$M_{inv} = 2 \cdot \sin(\Theta / 2) \sqrt{p_1 p_2}$$

## Combinatorial background subtraction

From:

- like-sign pairs
- event mixing

$$CB = 2\sqrt{N_{e+e+} N_{e-e-}}$$

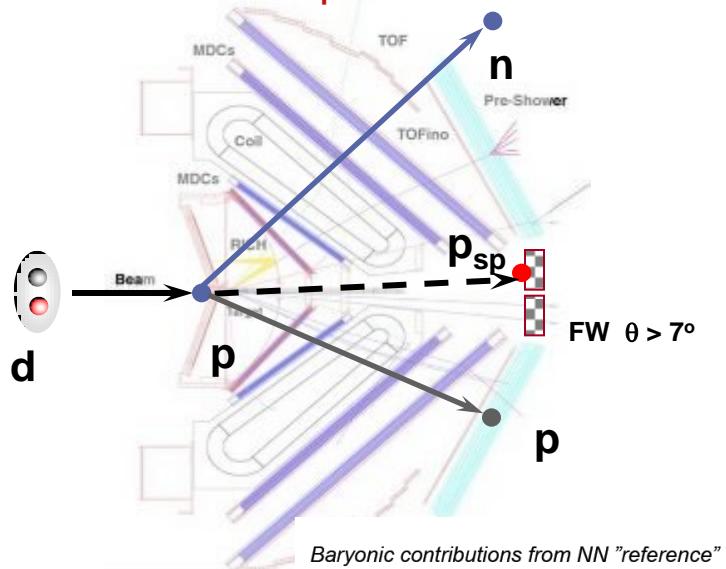
Signal:

$$S_{+-} = N_{e+e-} - k CB_{+-}$$

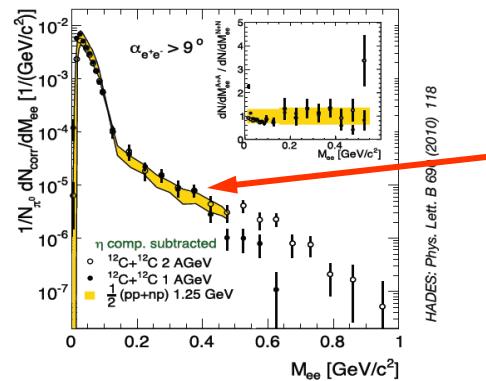
$k$  corrects for charge-asymmetries

# p+p vs. n+p: Strong isospin effects

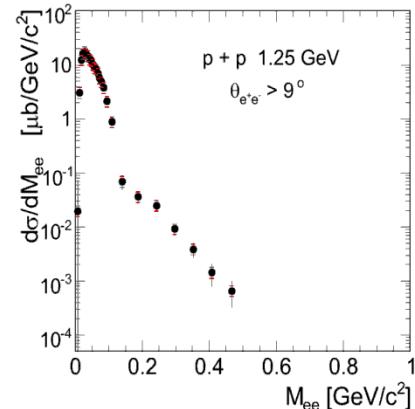
Tagging quasi-free np collisions  
in 2.5 GeV dp reactions:



Baryonic contributions from NN "reference"

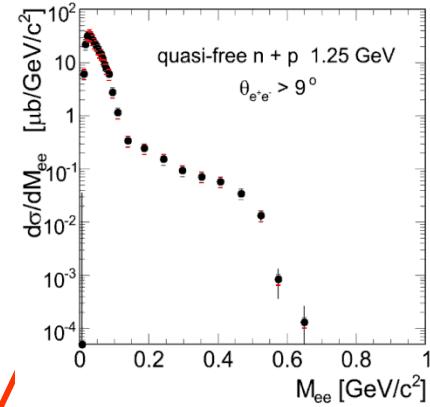


1.25 GeV p+p:



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d+p: quasi-free np

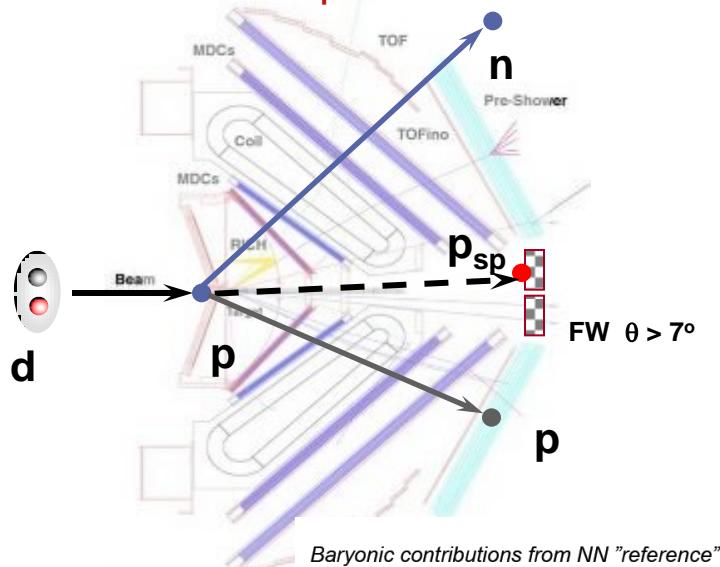


Reference for A+A:

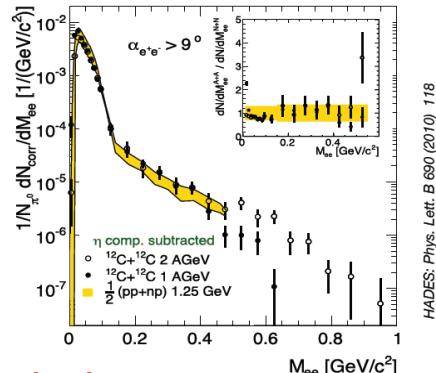
$$\frac{1}{2} (\text{pp}+\text{np}) \approx \text{C+C}$$

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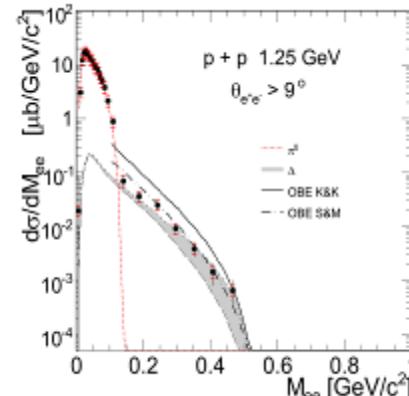


$$C+C = (pp+np)/2$$

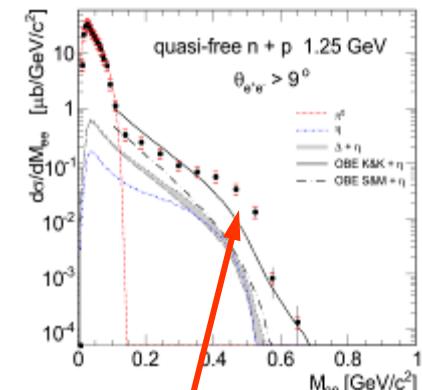


→ reference for A+A

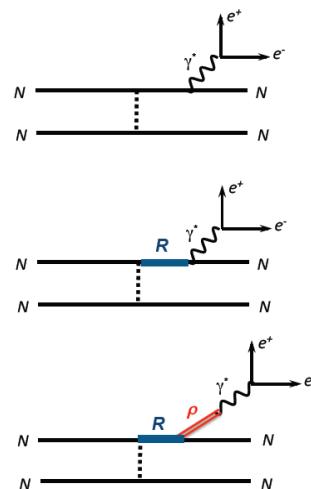
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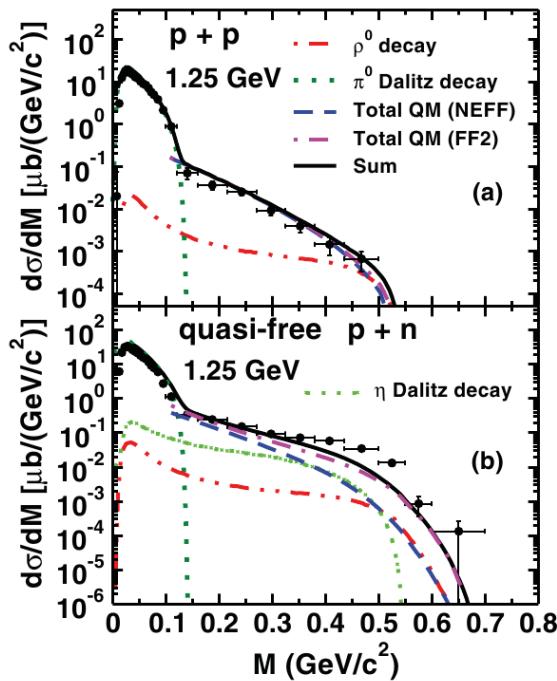
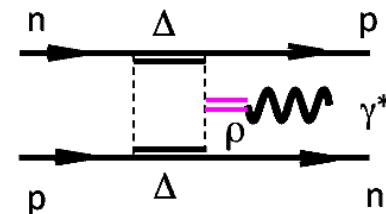
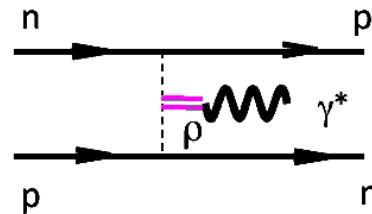
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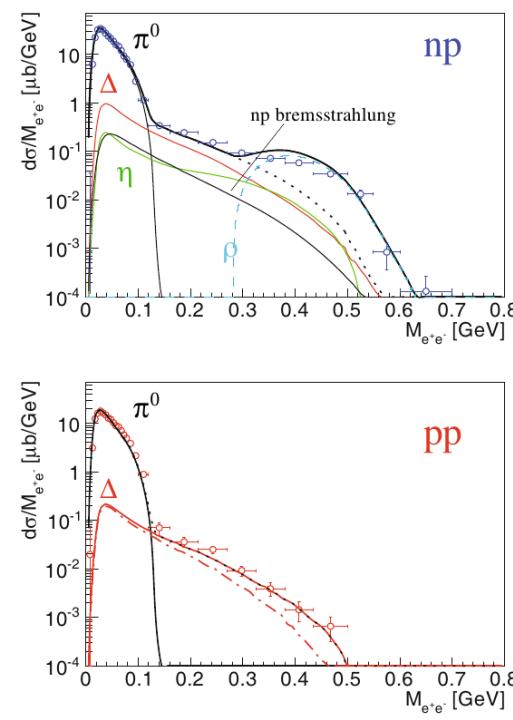
**OBE calculations  
describe pp,  
but np needs more!**

$$R = \Delta, N'$$

# Adding higher-order diagrams helps



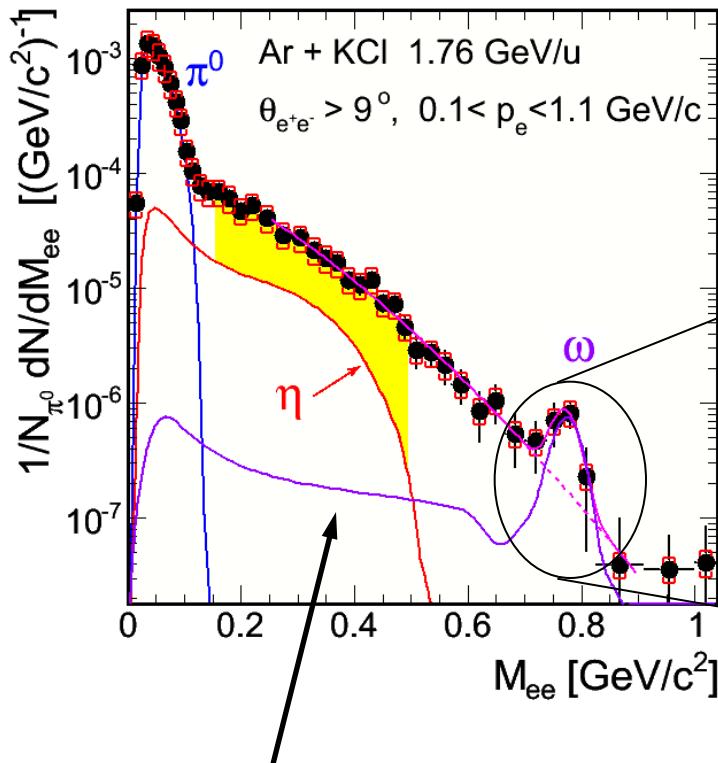
Shyam & Mosel., PRC 82 (2010) 062201



Bashkanov & Clemens, EPJA 50 (2014) 107

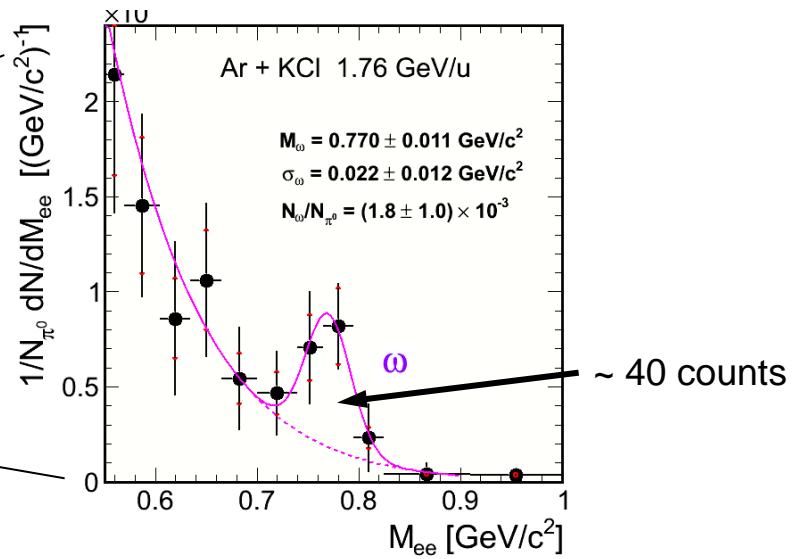
# $e^+e^-$ excess in 1.76 GeV/u Ar+KCl

Agakishiev et al., PRC 84 (2011) 014902



Cocktail of  
long-lived sources:  
 $\pi^0$ ,  $\eta$ , and  $\omega$

- Strong overshoot above the cocktail of long-lived sources!
- First  $\omega$  peak seen at SIS energies!

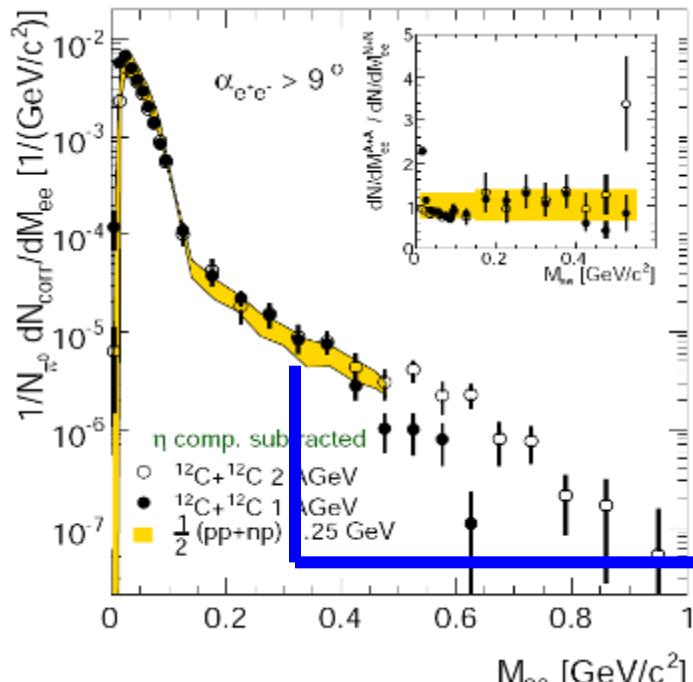


$$\blacktriangleright M_{\text{LVL1}}(\omega) = (6.5 \pm 2.8) \cdot 10^{-3}$$

±20 % sys.

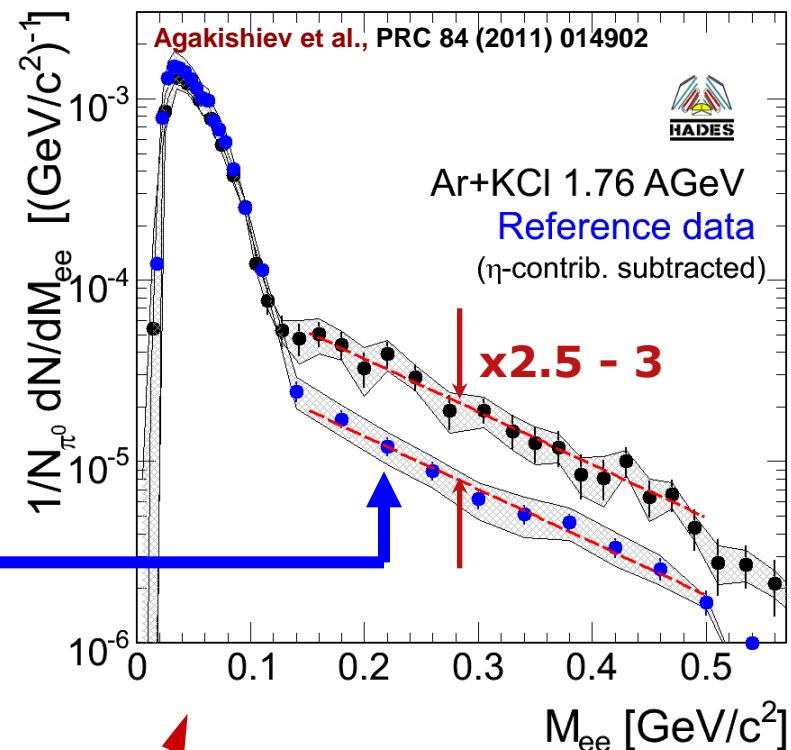
# Comparing “N+N reference” with A+A

Definition of a “**reference**”  
based on pp and np data:



- $\eta$  contributions subtracted !
- yield normalized to  $M(\pi^0)$

Compare excess over  $\eta$  in Ar+KCl  
with excess over  $\eta$  in reference



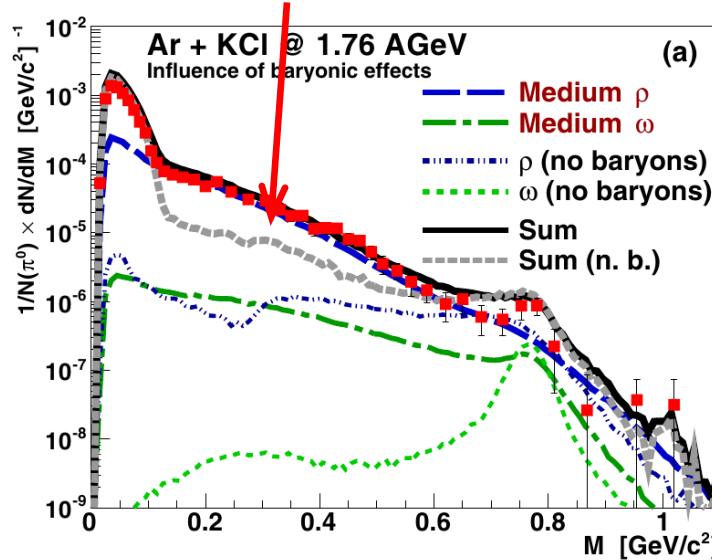
►► **Strong excess over free N+N  
already in Ar+KCl !**

# HADES vs. “coarse-grained” UrQMD transport

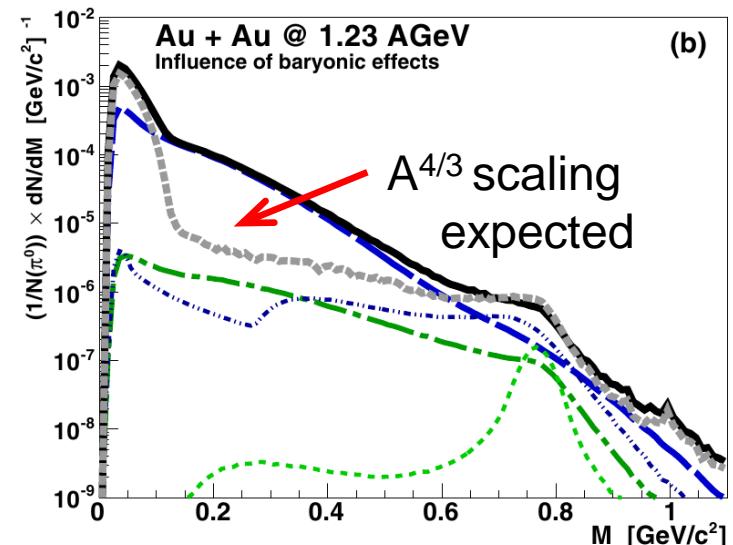
Endres, van Hees, Weil & Bleicher, PRC 92 (2015) 014911

- 1) Average over many UrQMD transport events
- 2) Determine local temperature & density in a grid of space-time cells
- 3) Use HMBT  $\rho$  &  $\omega$  spectral functions to compute EM emission rates
- 4) Sum up all cells → **thermal dilepton radiation**
- 5) Add freeze-out contributions → non-thermal part

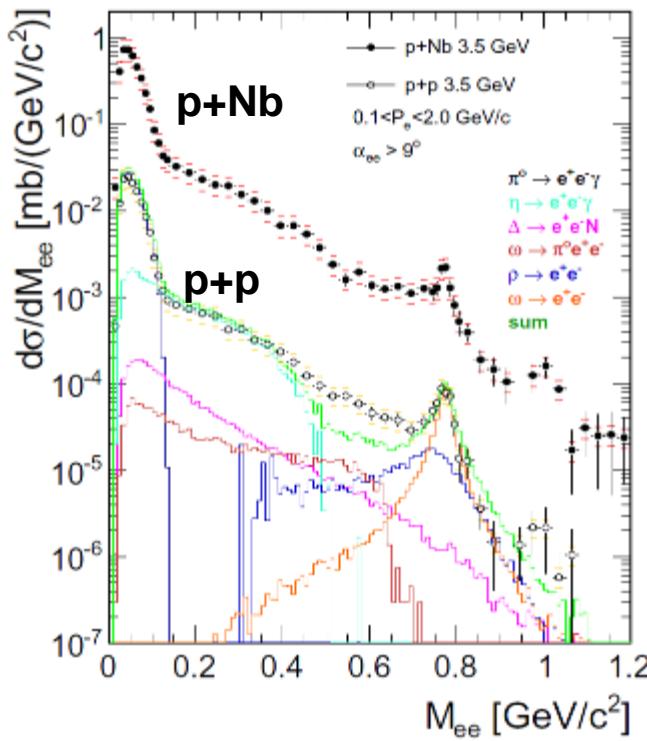
## in medium thermal $e^+e^-$ radiation



Prediction for Au+Au:



# $\rho/\omega$ from p+Nb vs. p+p at 3.5 GeV



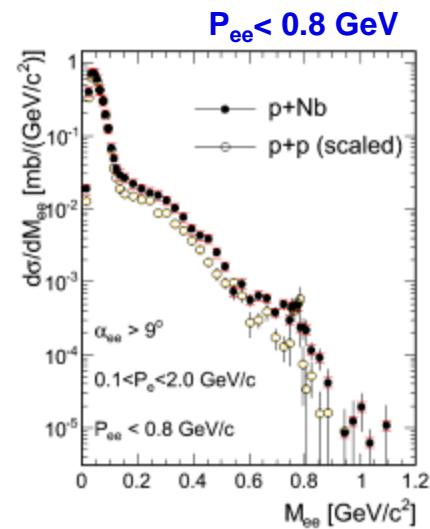
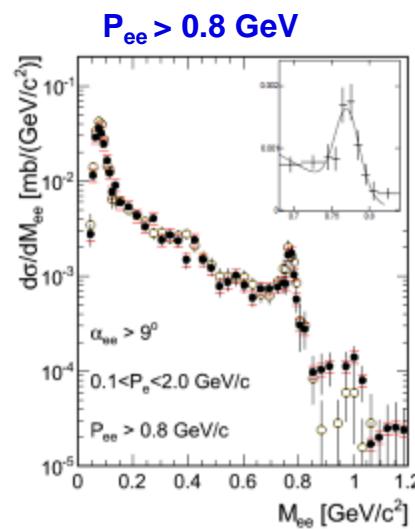
Agakishiev et al. (HADES),  
PLB 715 (2012) 304

## HADES: 3.5 GeV p + Nb vs. p + p

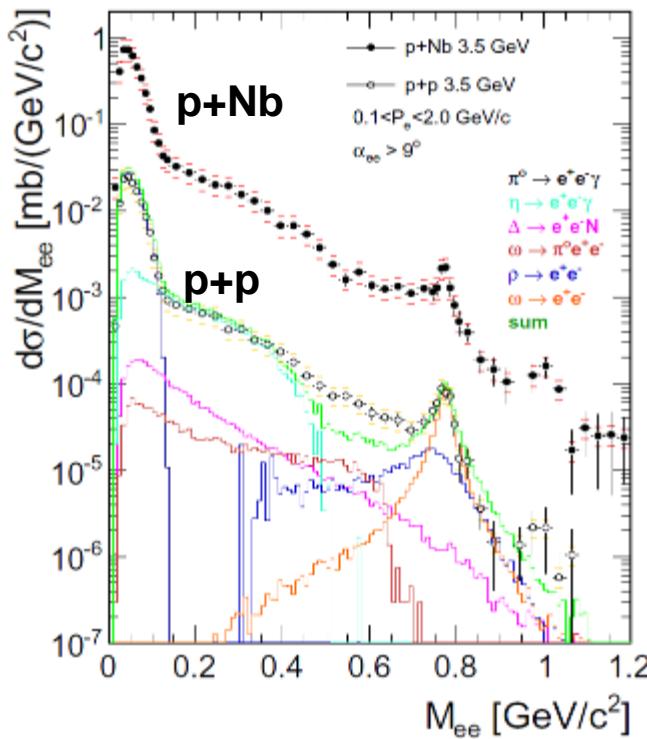
(good acceptance for low-momentum pairs !)

for  $p_{e+e^-} < 0.8 \text{ GeV}/c$  strong excess over pp:

► Slow pairs show strong in-medium effects



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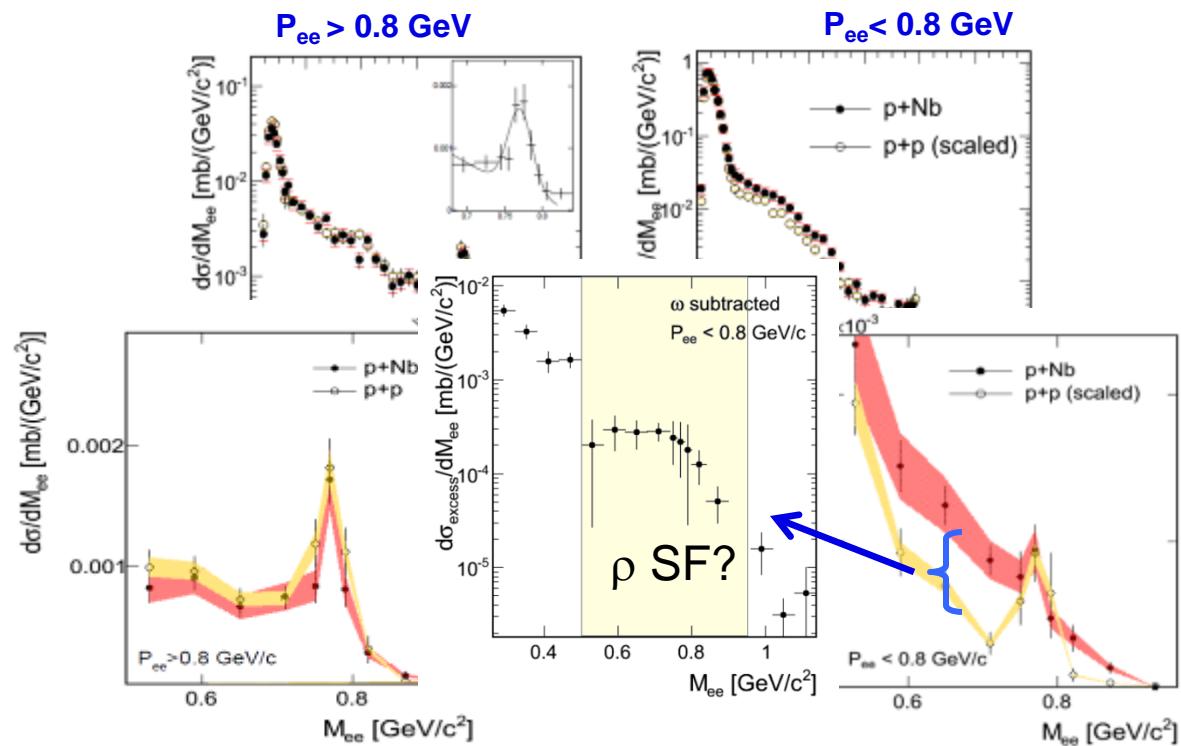
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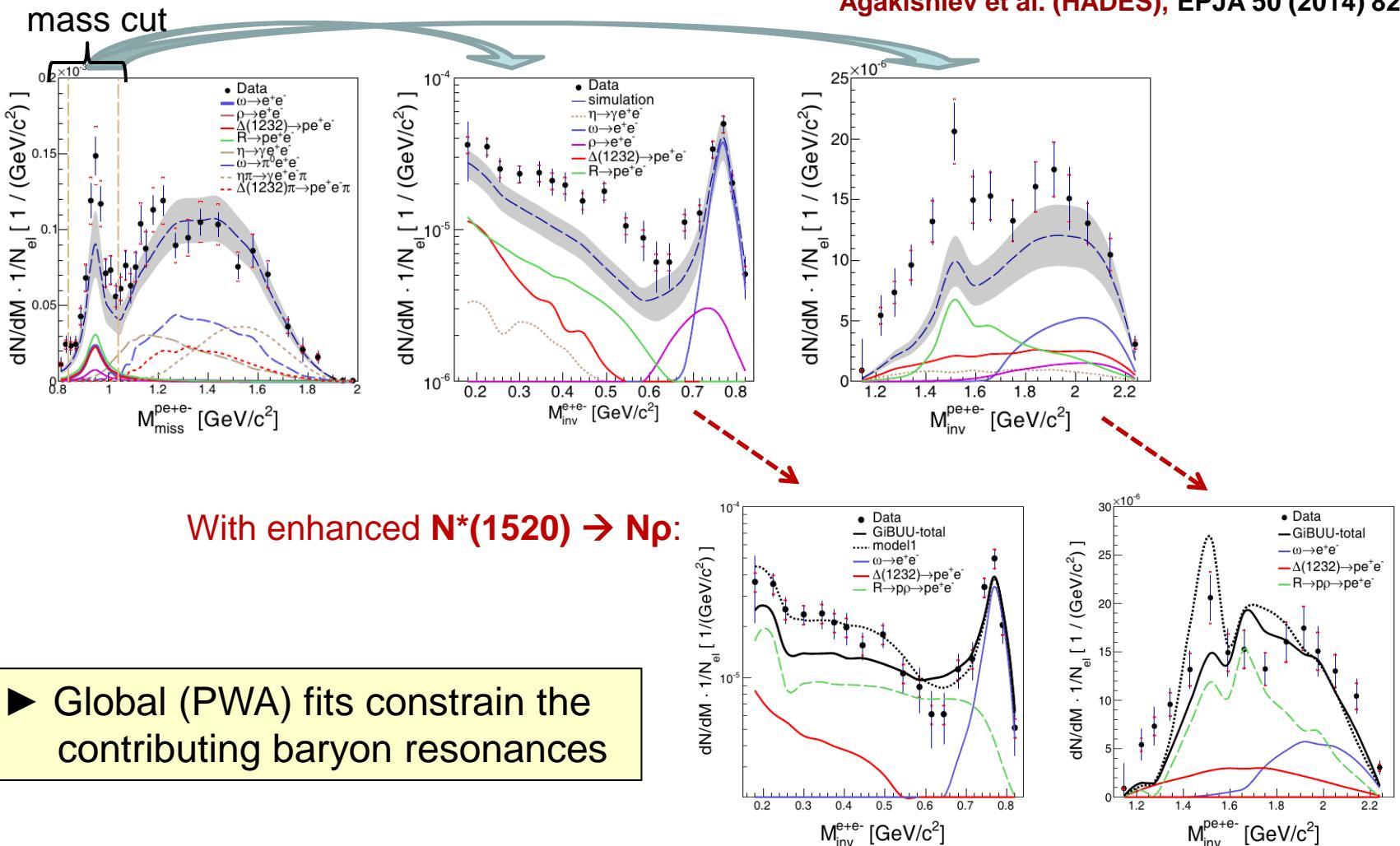
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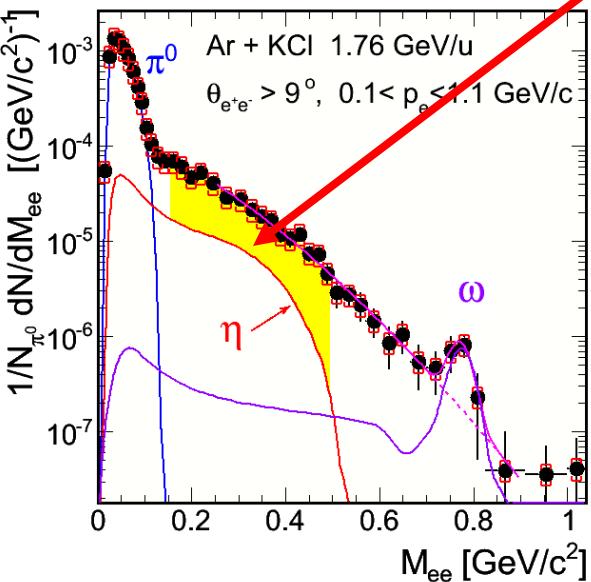
# Exclusive reactions: Disentangling resonances

Exclusive measurement of  $3.5 \text{ GeV } pp \rightarrow pN^* \rightarrow pp e^+e^-$



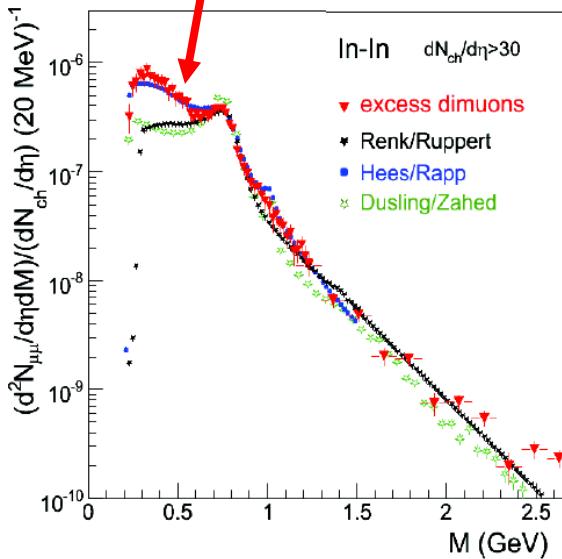
# The ubiquitous dilepton excess yield in HIC

**SIS (HADES)**

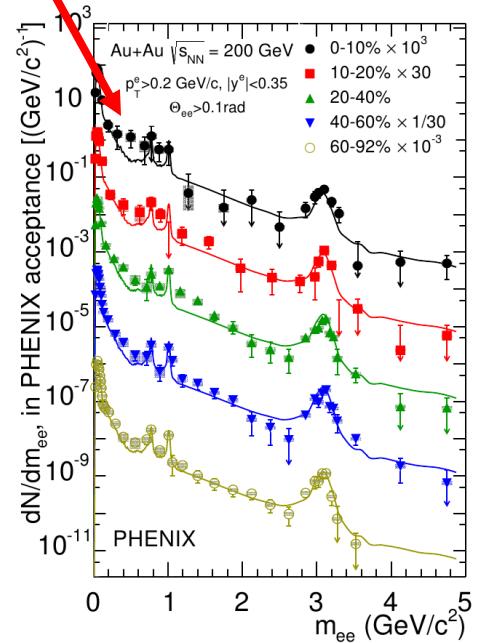


Low-mass dilepton excess present at **all** energies

**SPS (NA60)**



**RHIC (PHENIX)**  
arXiv:1509.04667

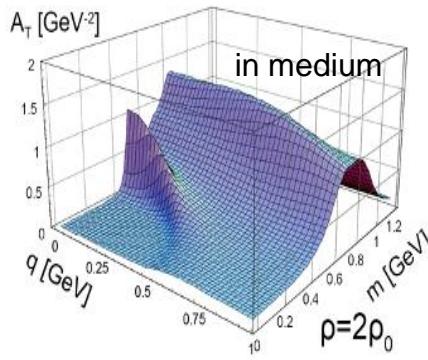


- Coarse-grained transport + in-medium spectral functions provides a **quantitative description** of the excess!

STAR: PRC 92 (2015) 024912

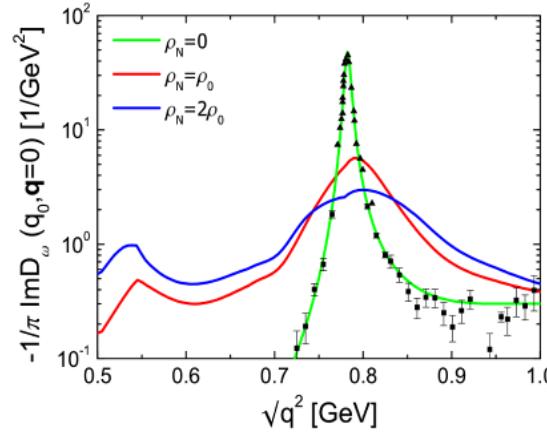
# HMBT vs. chiral symmetry restoration

$\rho$  spectral function



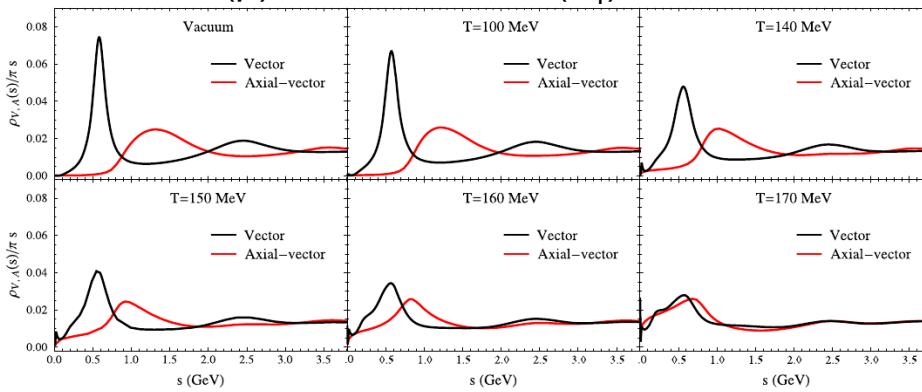
Leupold, Mosel, Post et al.  
NPA 741 (2004) 81

$\omega$  spectral function



Mühlich, Leupold & Mosel,  
NPA 780 (2006) 187

vector ( $\rho$ ) & axial vector ( $a_1$ ) vs. T



Hohler & Rapp,  
PLB 731 (2014) 103

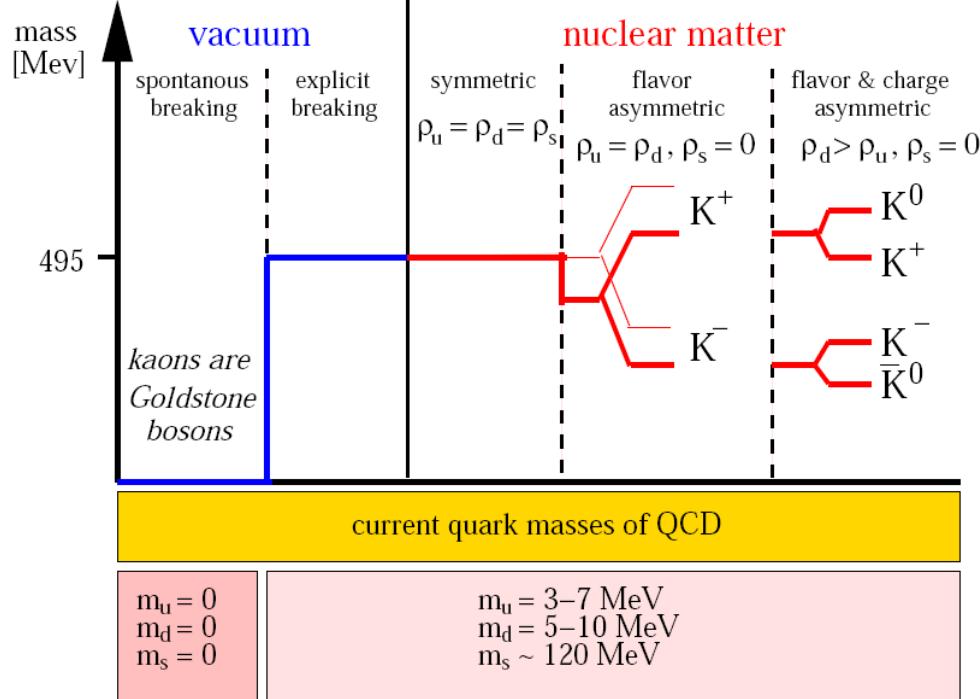
At high T, hadronic many-body theory  
is consistent with chiral symmetry  
Restoration by fulfilling the Weinberg  
sum rules.

Argument needs to be extended to finite  
densities ...

# Strangeness production in few-GeV HIC

# Kaons in the medium

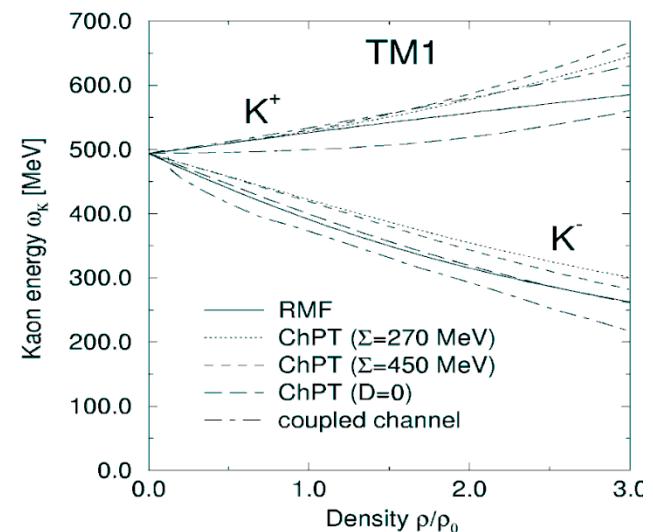
Kaons and chiral symmetry:



Dispersion relation:

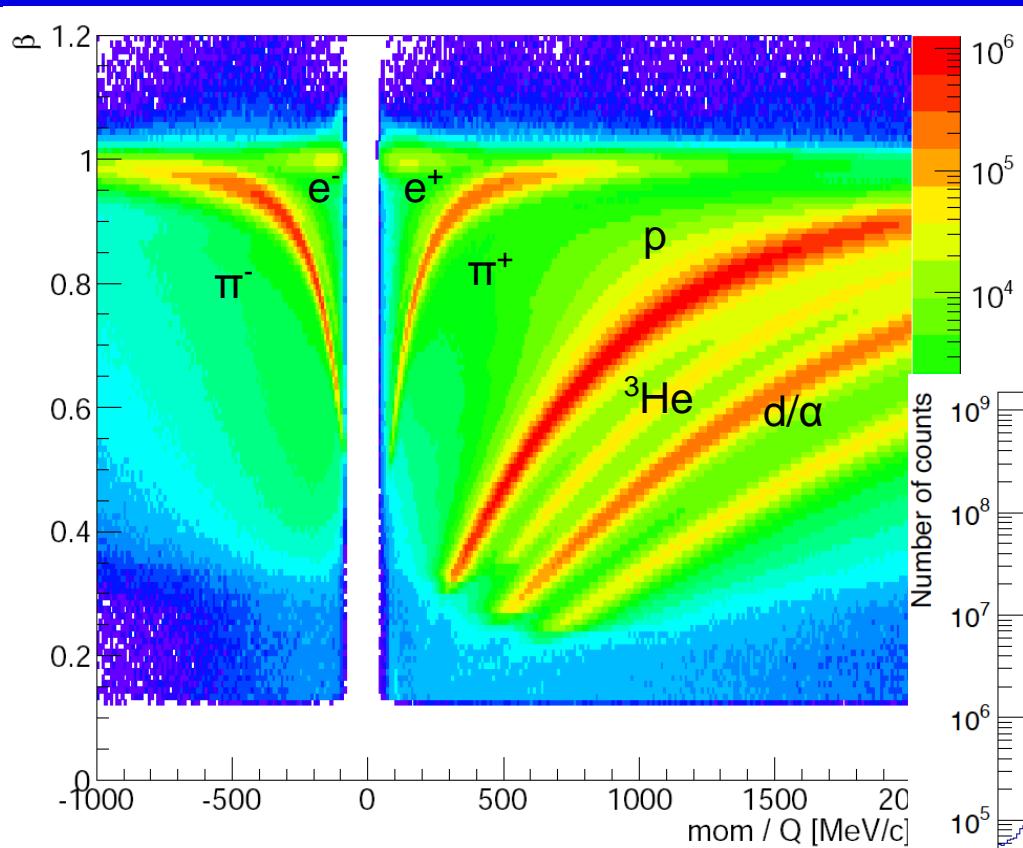
$$\omega_{K^\pm}(\vec{k}, \rho_N) = \left[ m_K^2 + \vec{k}^2 - \frac{\Sigma_{KN}}{f^2} \rho_S + \left( \frac{3\rho_N}{8f^2} \right)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \pm \frac{3\rho_N}{8f^2}$$

$$\omega_{K^\pm}(\vec{k}, \rho_N) = \left( m_K^{*2} + \vec{k}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = U_S \pm U_V + \left( m_K^2 + \vec{k}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$



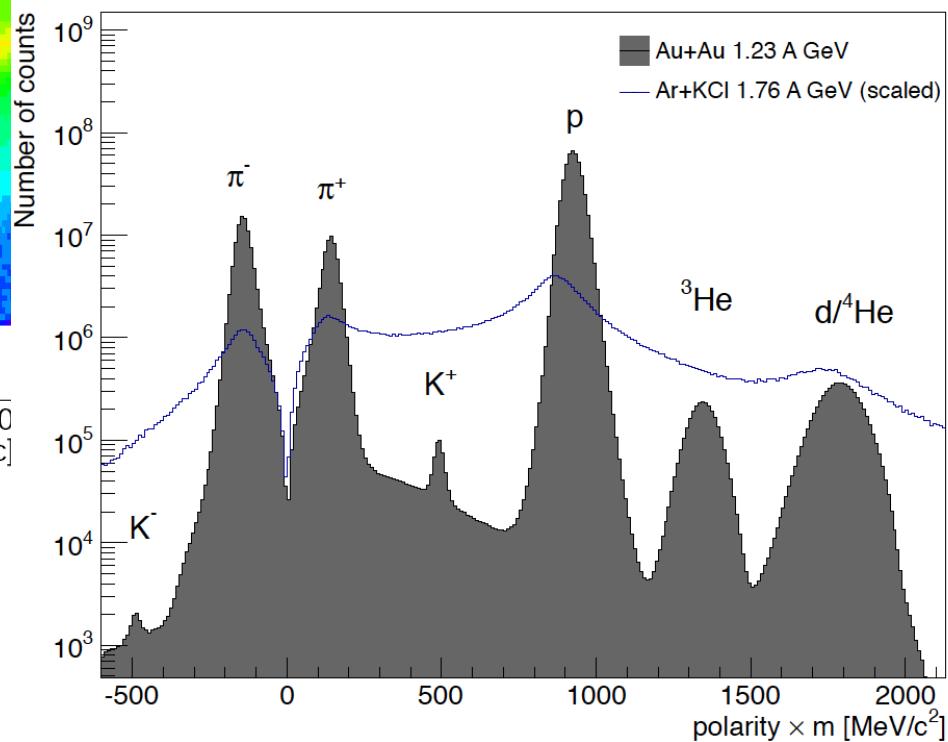
- D.B. Kaplan et al., PLB 175 (1986) 57  
 G.E Brown et al., NPA 567 (1994) 937  
 T. Waas et al., PLB 379 (1996) 34  
 J. Schaffner-Bielich et al., NPA 625 (1997) 325  
 G. Mao et al., PRC 59 (1999) 3381

# HADES performance: particle ID



Hadron pid based on  
▪ ToF  
▪ Momentum  
▪  $dE/dx$

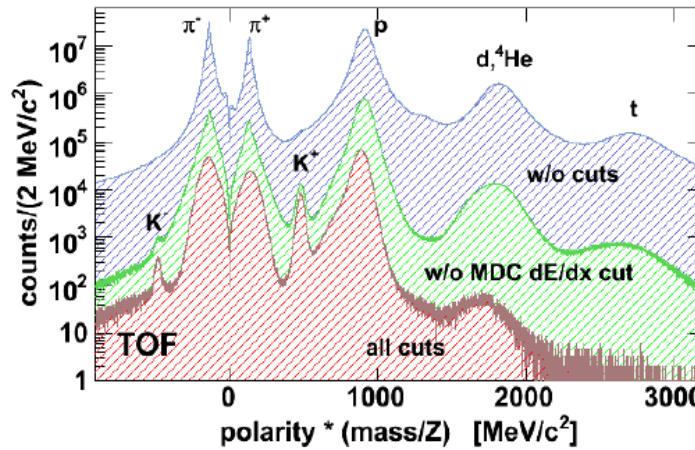
Hadron mass spectrum



# Strangeness production in Ar+KCl

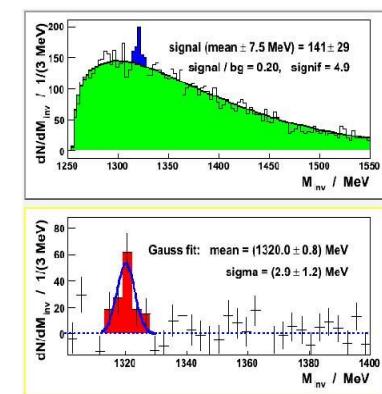
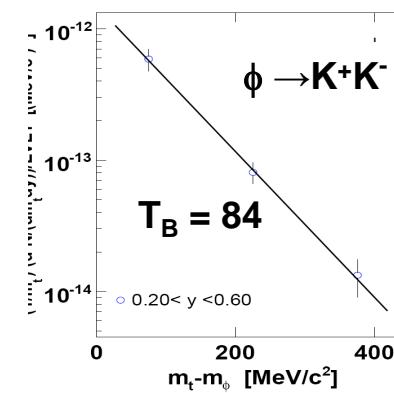
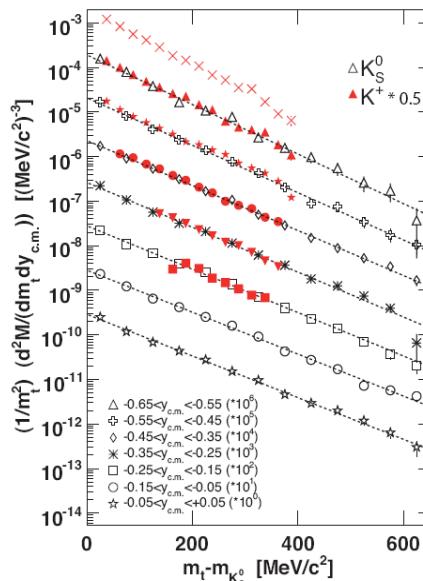
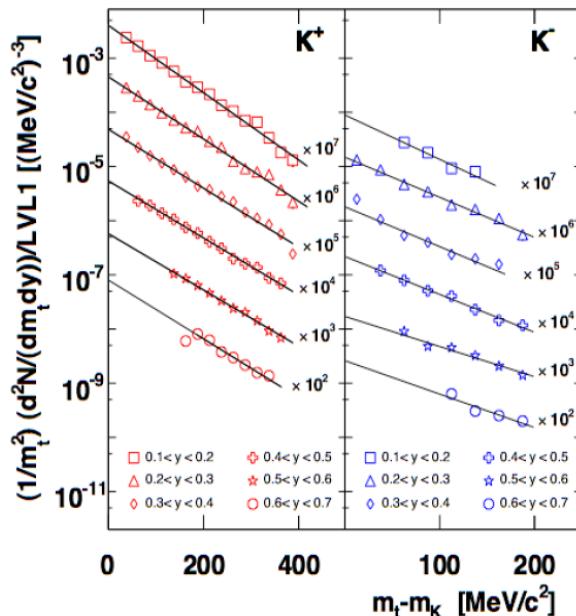
**HADES has**

- high mom resolution
- high acceptance
- good particle ID
- vertexing



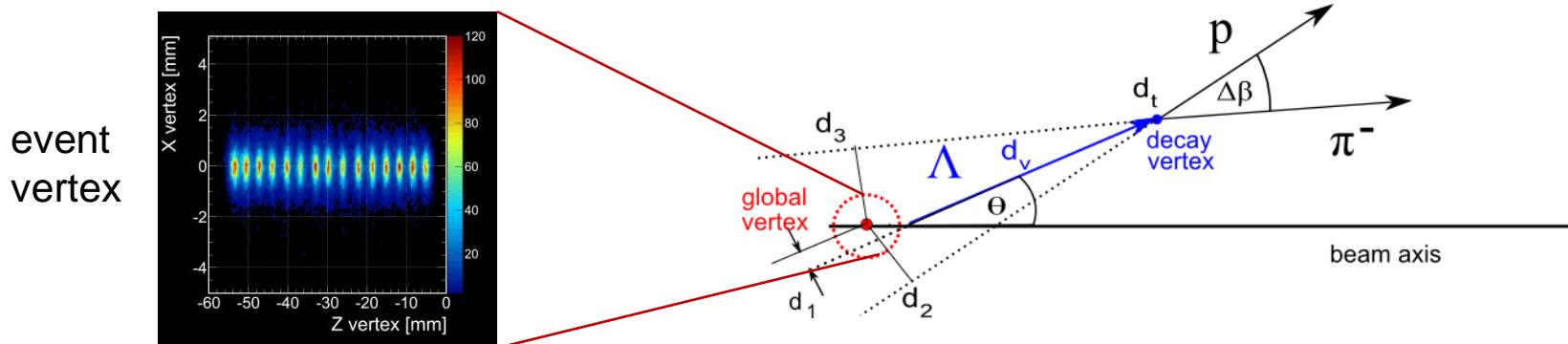
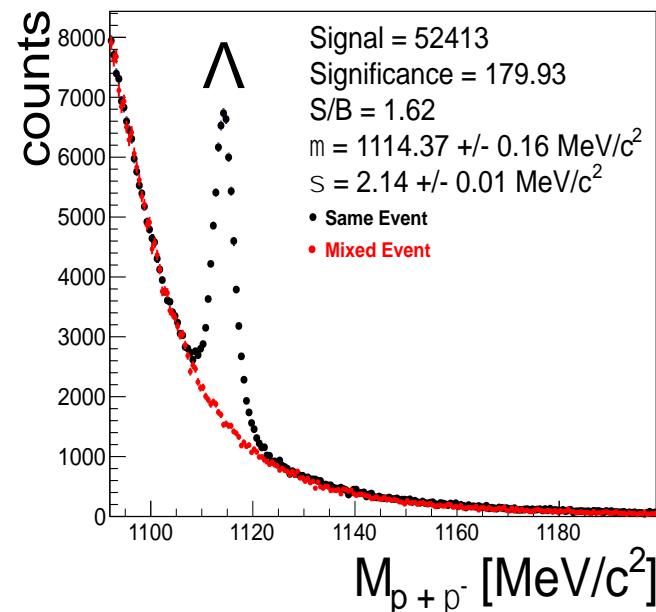
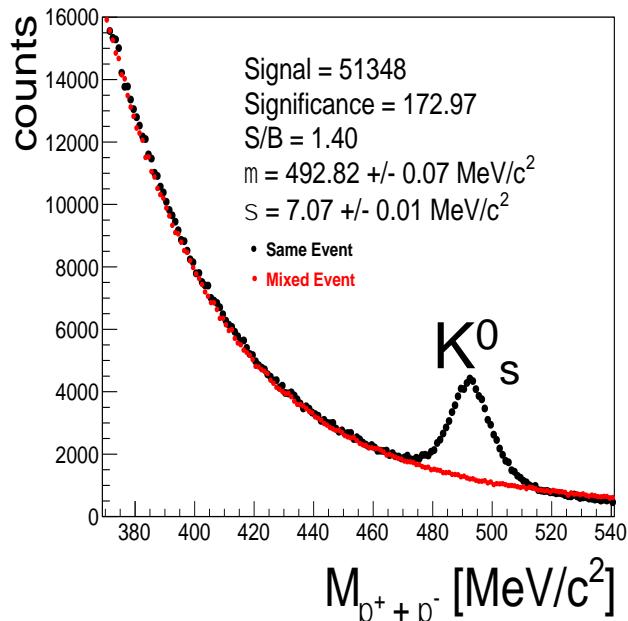
**1.76 GeV/u Ar+KCl**

PID based on  
dE/dx and TOF



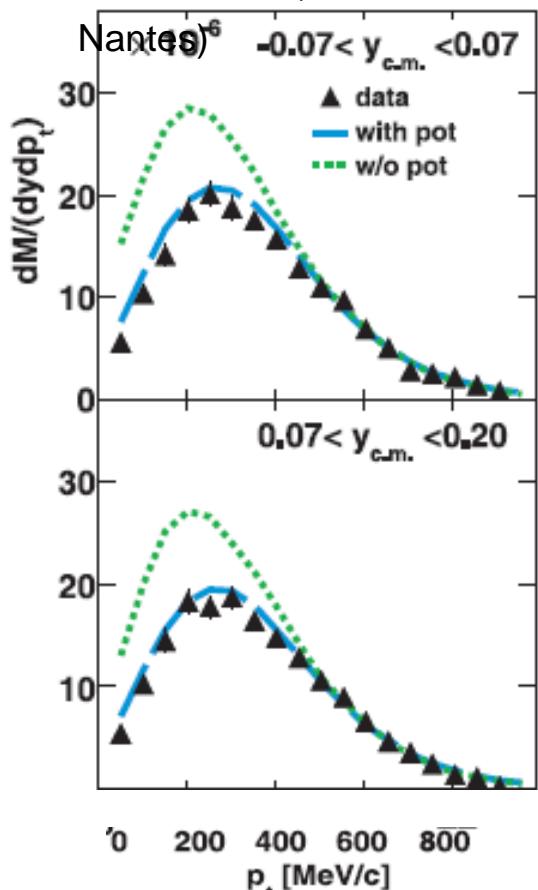
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PRL 103 (2009) 132310  
PRC 82 (2010) 021901  
EPJA 44 (2010) etc.**

# HADES performance: weak decays



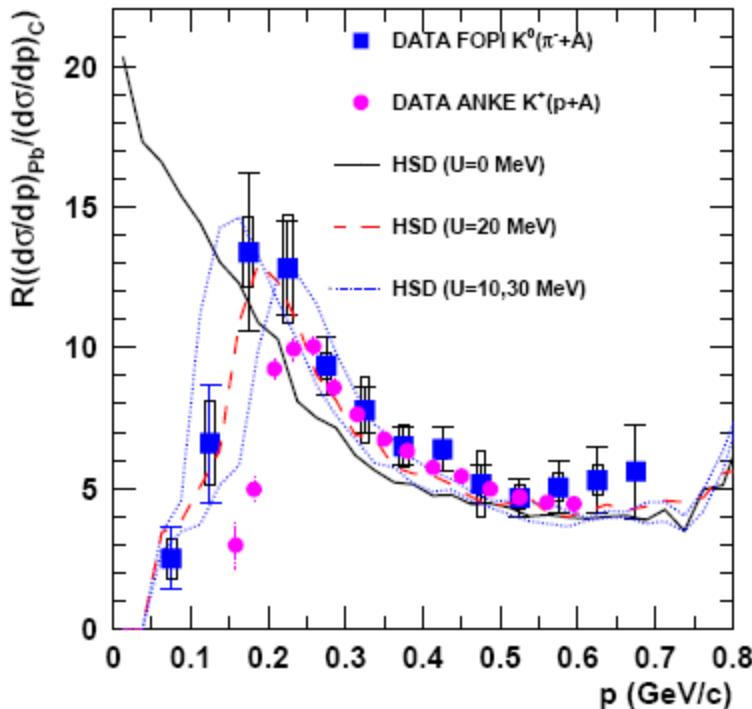
# Kaon ( $K^0, +$ ) in-medium potential in Ar+KCl

HADES Ar+KCl data  
vs. IQMD (SUBATECH)



consistent with  $V_0 = 39$  MeV at  $\rho = \rho_0$   
extrapolation from high density to  $\rho_0$  (IQMD)

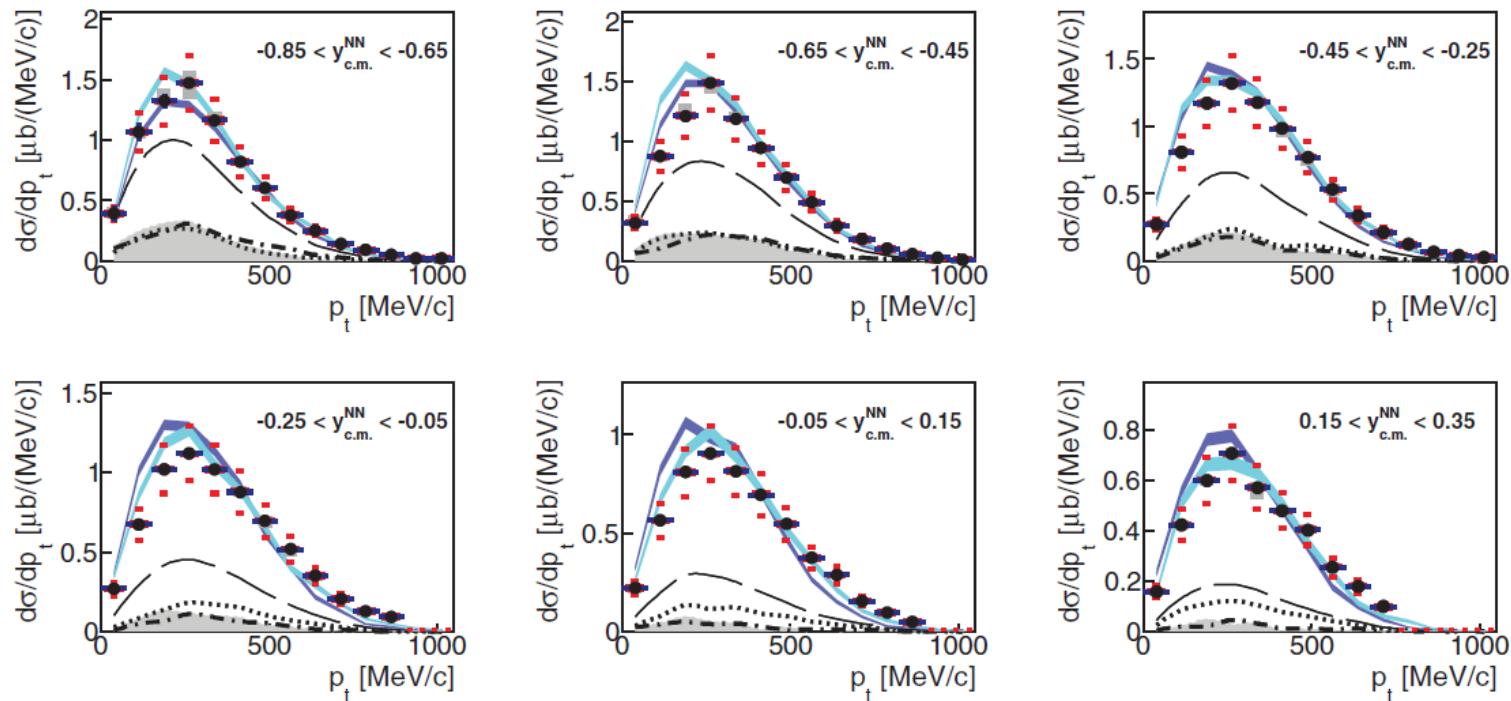
$\pi+A$  &  $p+A$  data (FOPI & ANKE)



consistent with  $V_0 = 20 \pm 5$  MeV at  $\rho = \rho_0$   
extrapolation from low density to  $\rho_0$  (HSD)

# $K^0$ in-medium potential in $p+Nb$

HADES  $p+Nb$  data vs. GiBUU (Gießen, Frankfurt)  
PRC 90 (2014) 054906



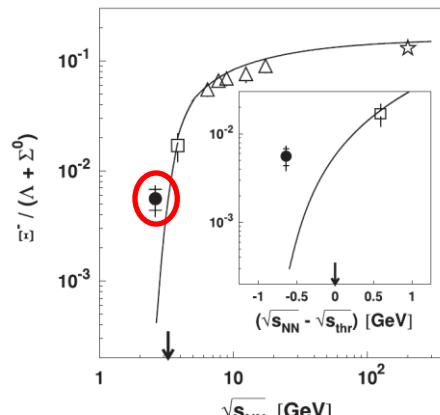
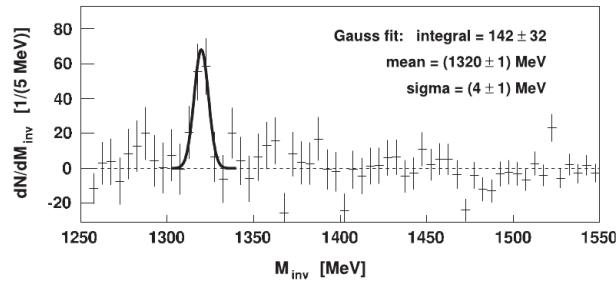
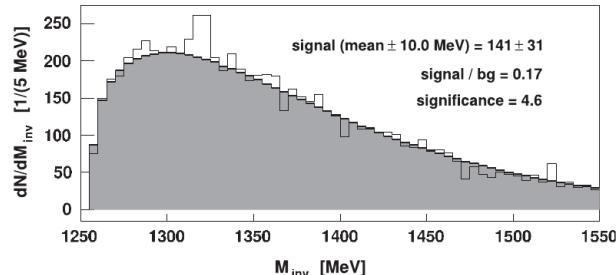
consistent with  $V_0 = 35$  MeV at  $\rho=\rho_0$   
kaon repulsive potential from chiral  
perturbation theory

# HADES: Far subthreshold $\Xi^-$ production

Reconstruct  $\Xi^-$  in off-vertex  $\Xi^- \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^- \rightarrow p\pi^-\pi^-$  decays:

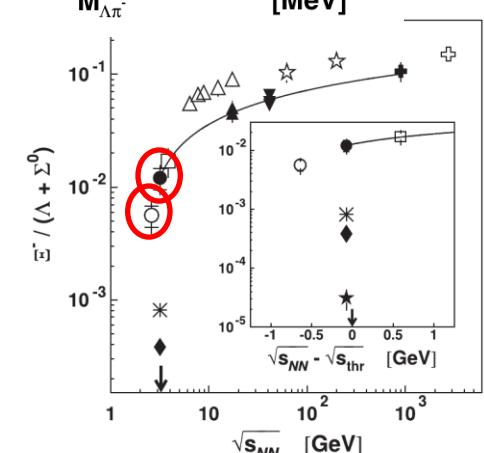
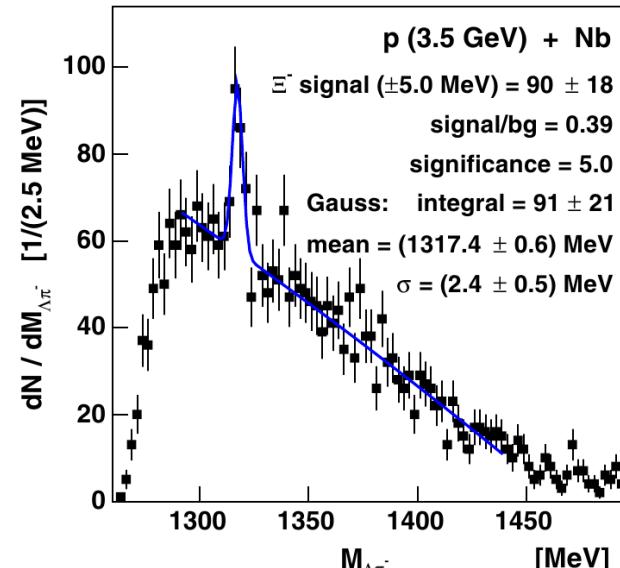
**1.756 GeV/u Ar + KCl**

PRL 103 (2009) 132301



**3.5 GeV p + Nb**

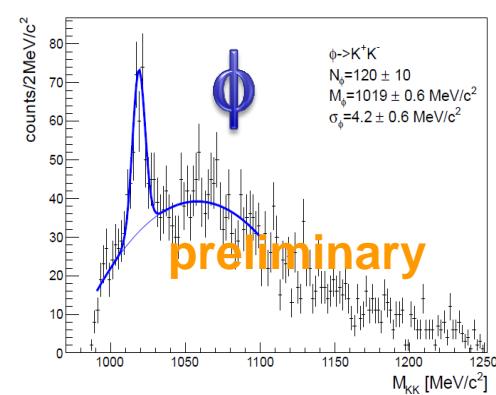
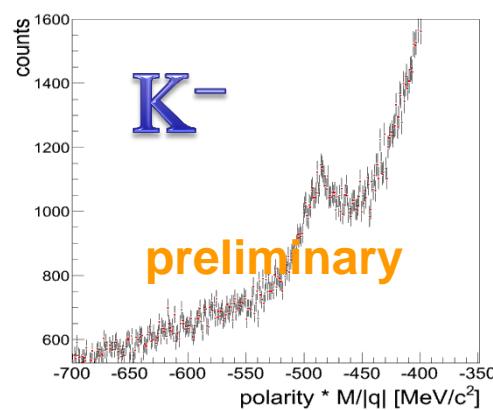
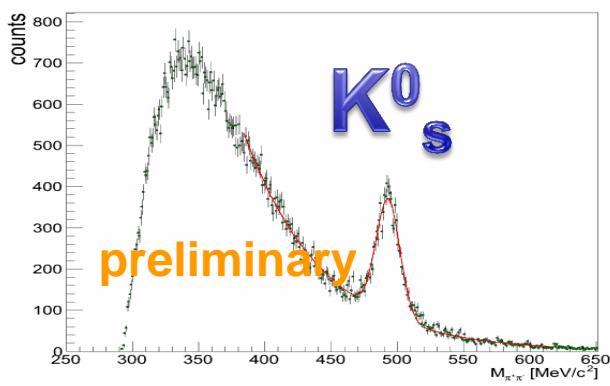
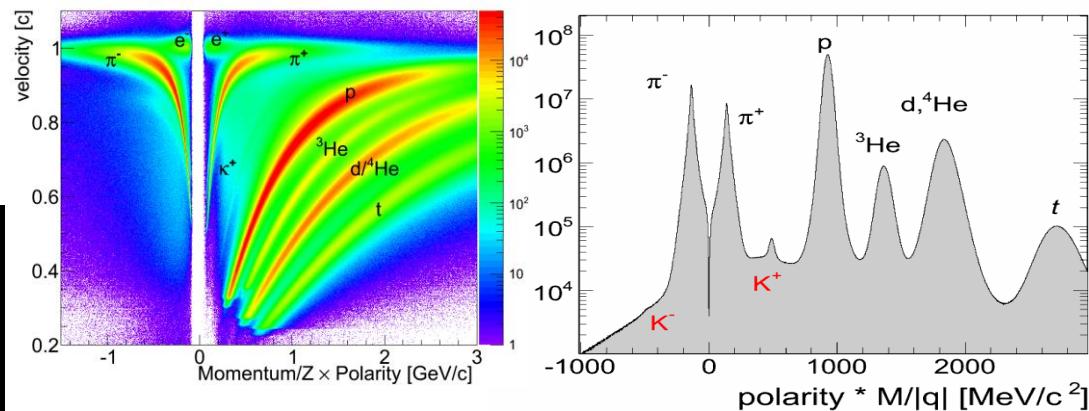
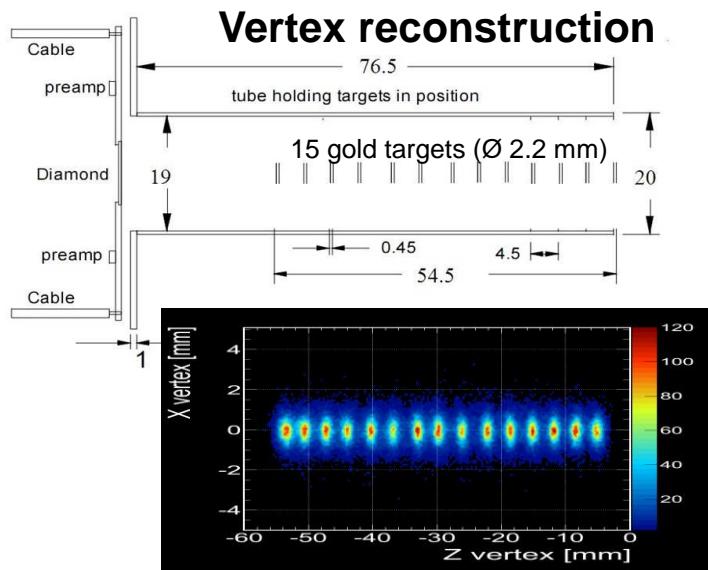
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>10-fold enhanced over various model calculation!

## Strangeness production

# 1.23 GeV/u Au + Au: strangeness production

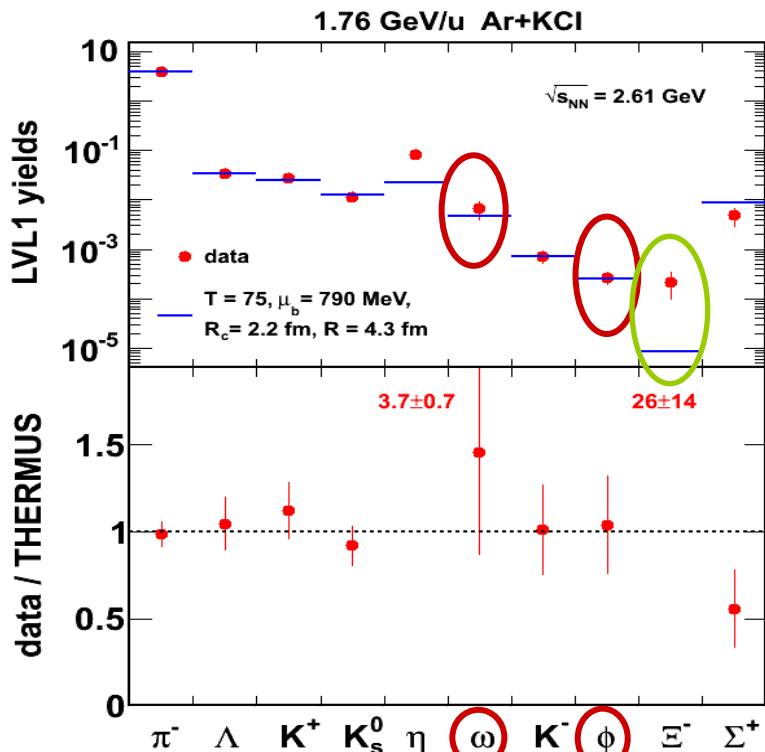
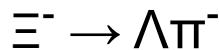
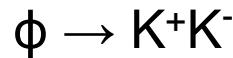
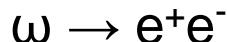


First measurement at such low beam energy !

# Comparison with statistical hadronization models

## THERMUS statistical model

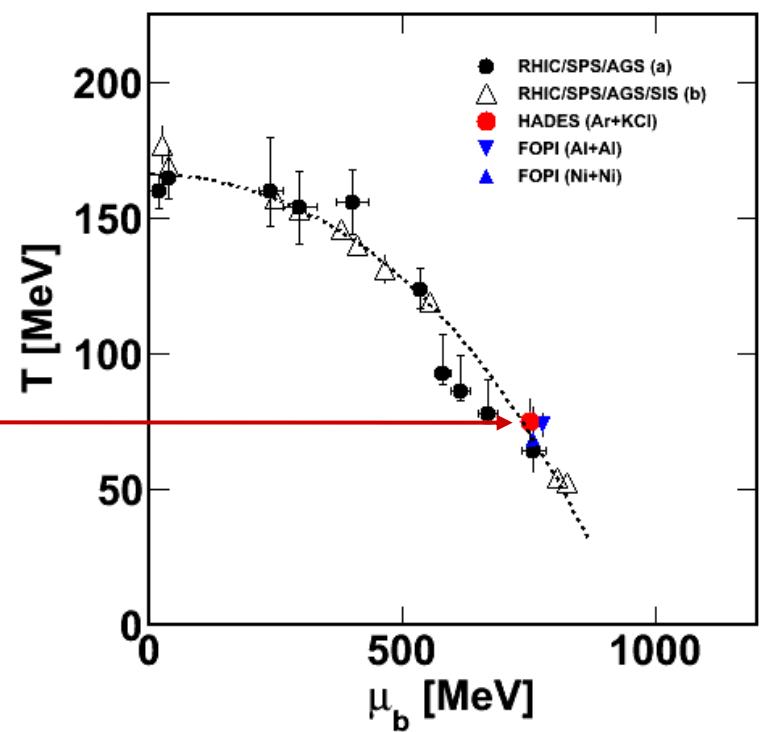
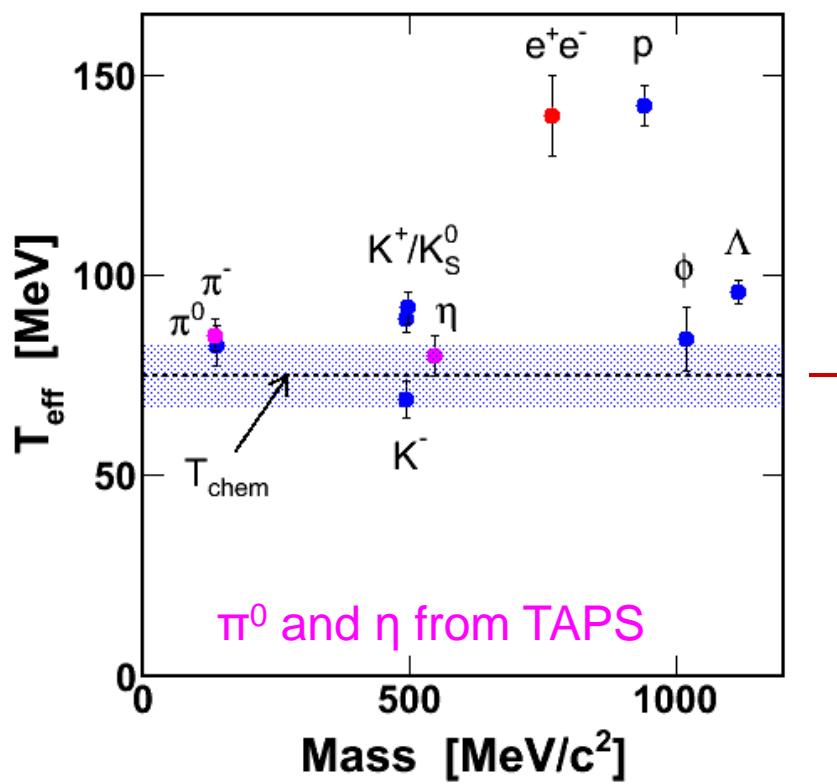
$T$ ,  $\mu_B$  and  $R_c$   
fitted to HADES yields  
in particular from



$\Xi^-$  yield missed by  
> order of magnitude !

Vector meson yields  
( $\omega$  and  $\phi$ ) are described  
well by THERMUS.

# Kinetic vs. thermal freeze-out at 1.756 GeV/u



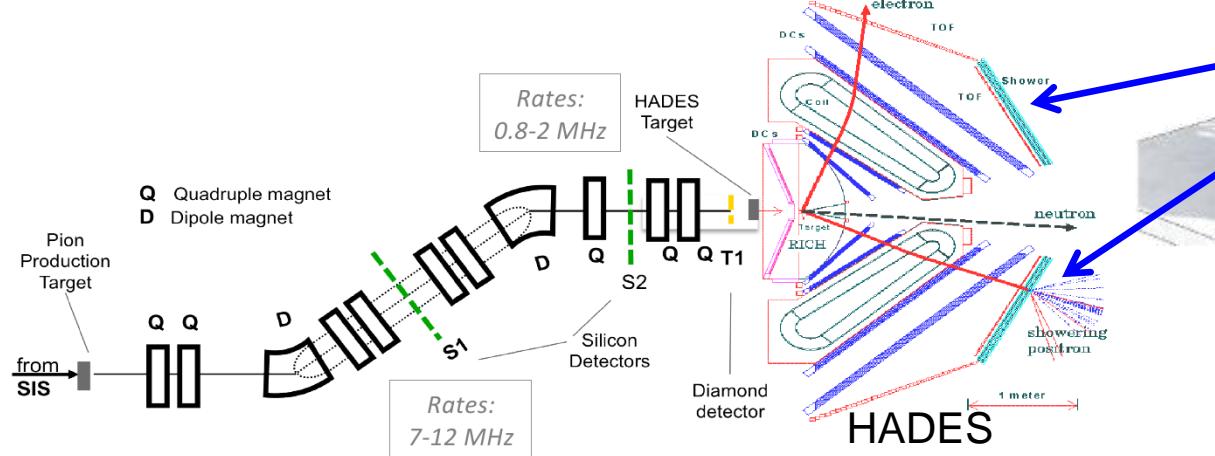
# Pion-induced reactions: $\pi + p$ and $\pi + A$

Secondary  $\pi^+$  and  $\pi^-$  beams of  $\approx 10^6/\text{s}$  now available

► wealth of physics topics accessible:

- coupling of  $\rho$  and  $\omega$  to  $N^*$
- strangeness production ( $\phi$ ,  $K$ ,  $\Sigma$ ,  $\Lambda$ ,  $\Xi^-$ )
- time-like form factors of  $\omega$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $\Delta$ ,  $\Sigma^0$  and  $\Lambda$
- $\pi + A$  vs.  $\pi + p$

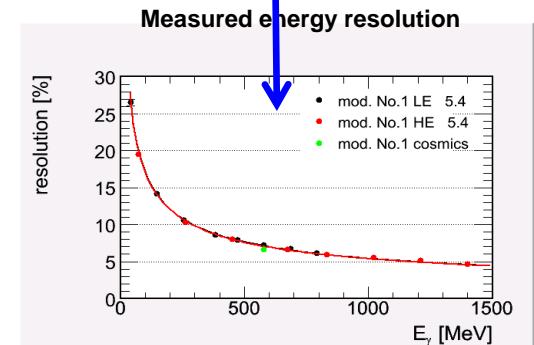
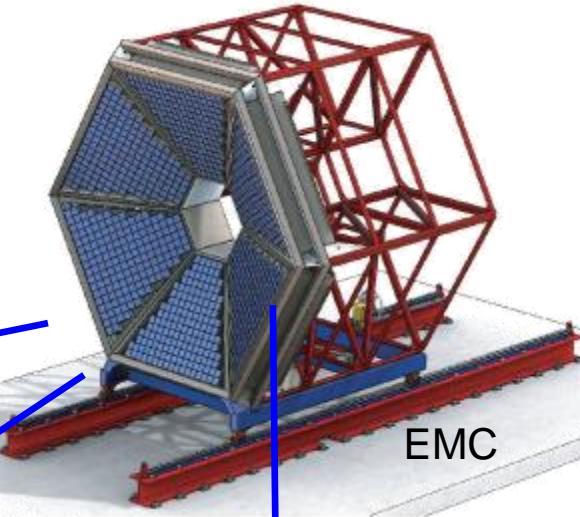
► complement existing sparse data base  
→ appropriate for a PWA



magnetic separation & Si pion tracker CERBEROS

First runs done in 2014.

Leadglass EM calorimeter  
to be added in 2017/18.



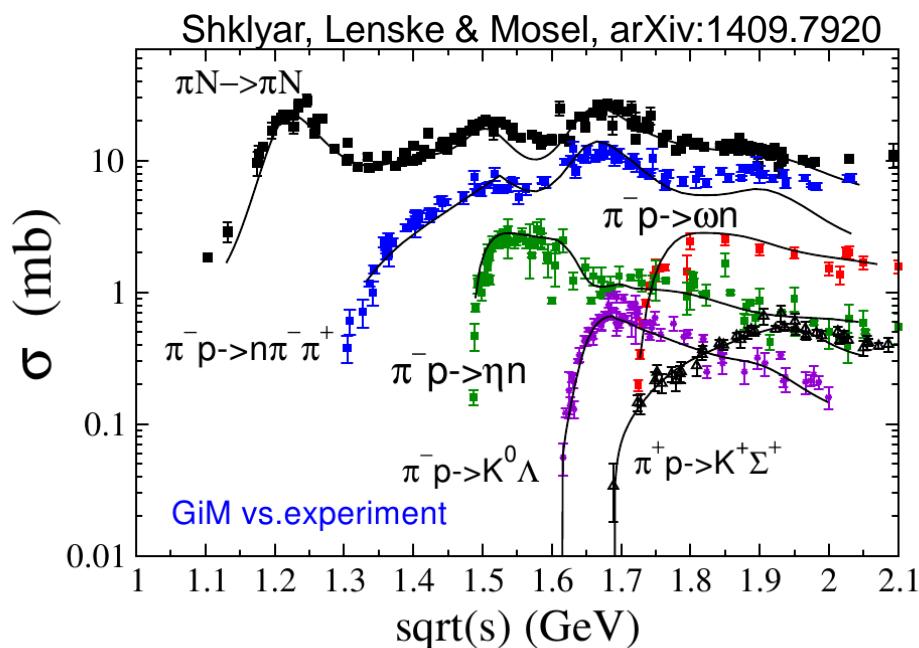
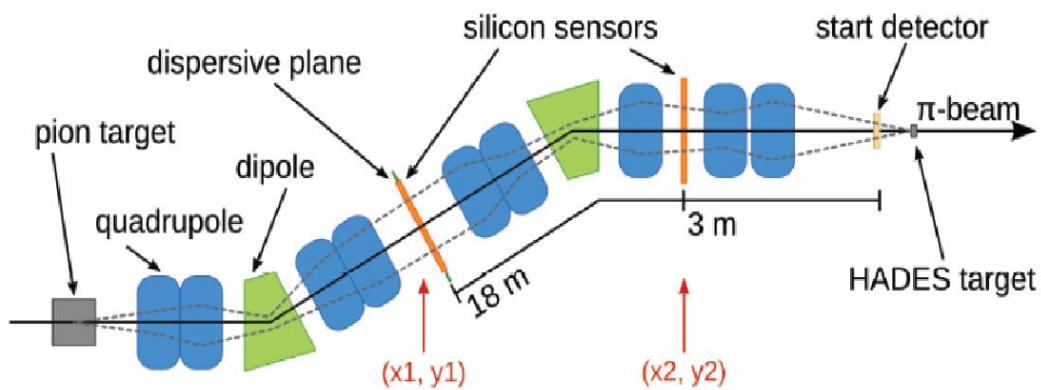
# Outlook: the HADES roadmap: 2016 → 2020+

- **2016**: finalize Au+Au 1.23 GeV/u data analysis
- **2017-18**: finalize pion beam data analysis
- **2016-18**: upgrade HADES: add leadglass EM calorimeter,  
add strawtube tracker, replace RICH photon detector
- **2018-20**: hi-stat pion beam, p+A and A+A runs
- **2020/21**: move HADES to SIS100
- **>2021**: first beams from SIS100

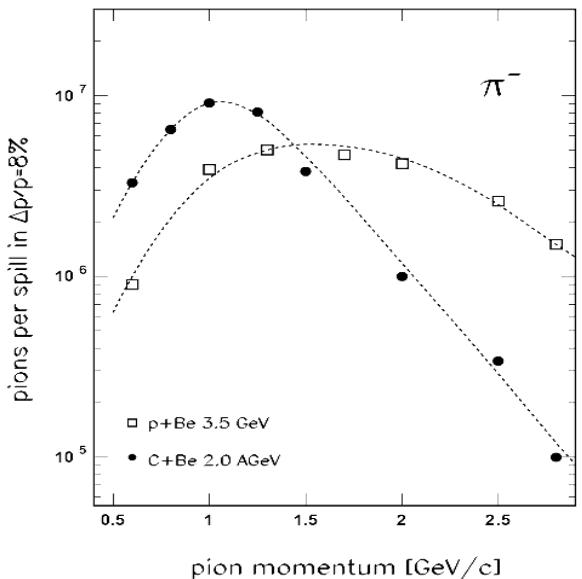
# Leftovers

# $\pi$ -N reactions

pion-beam chicane @ GSI

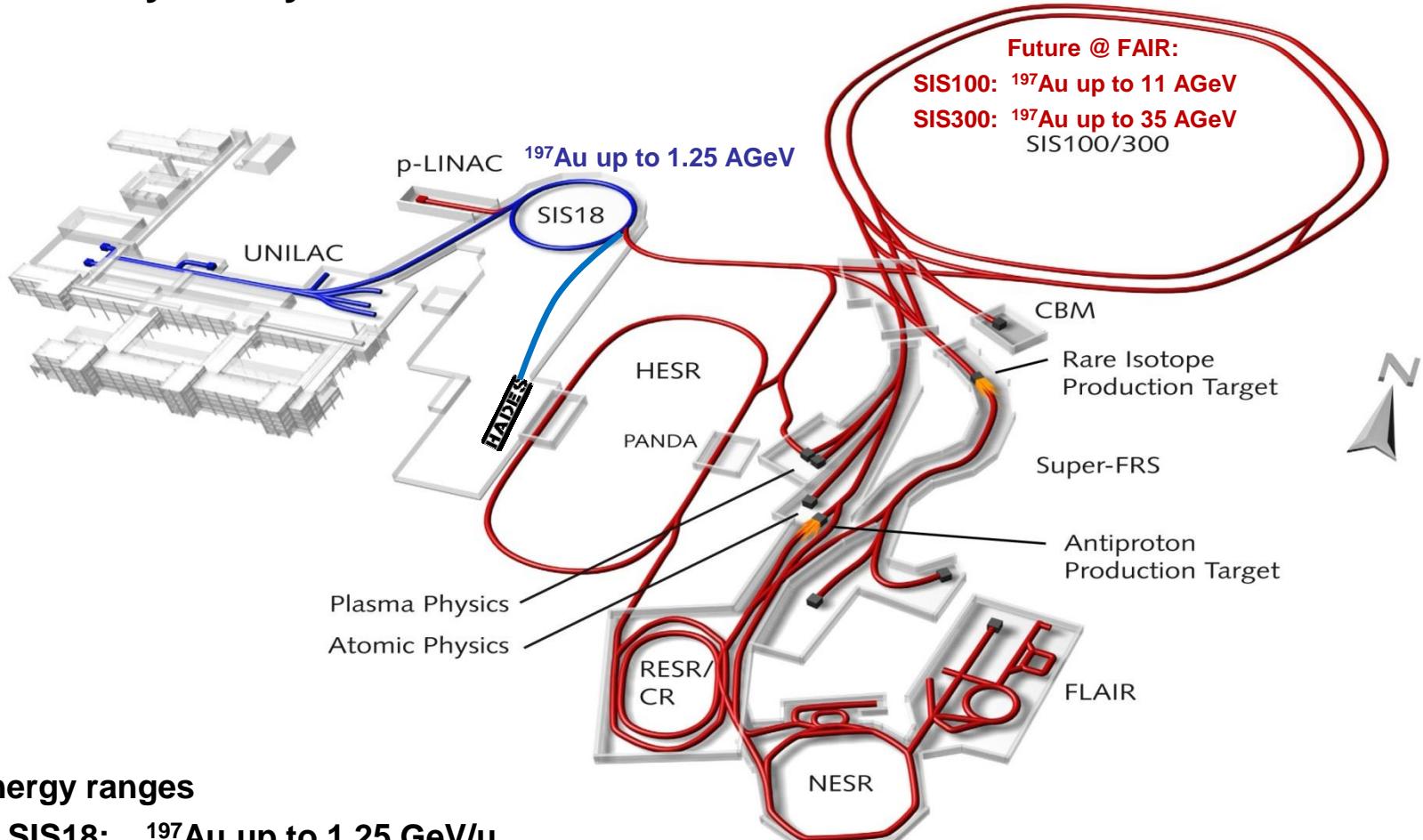


expected pion rates on target



# The FAIR project at GSI

## SIS heavy-ion synchrotrons at GSI Darmstadt



### Energy ranges

- SIS18:  $^{197}\text{Au}$  up to 1.25 GeV/u
- SIS100:  $^{197}\text{Au}$  up to 11 GeV/u - future HADES/CBM
- SIS300:  $^{197}\text{Au}$  up to 35 GeV/u - future CBM

# HADES at the future FAIR facility



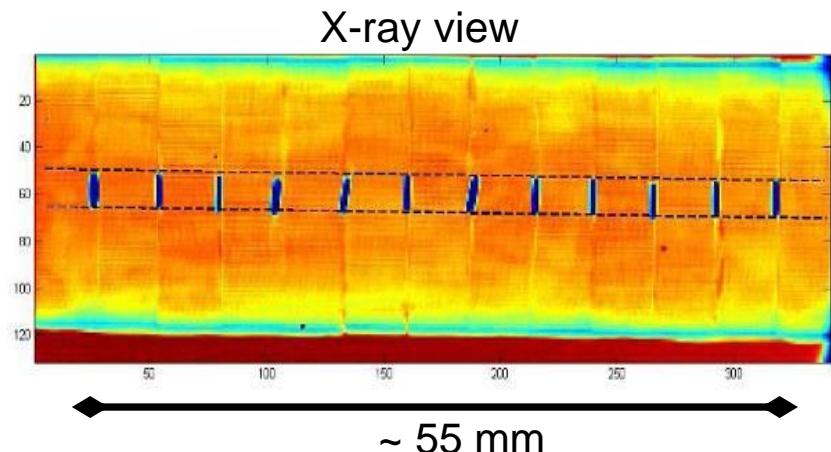
# FAIR construction site 2015



# HADES segmented targets

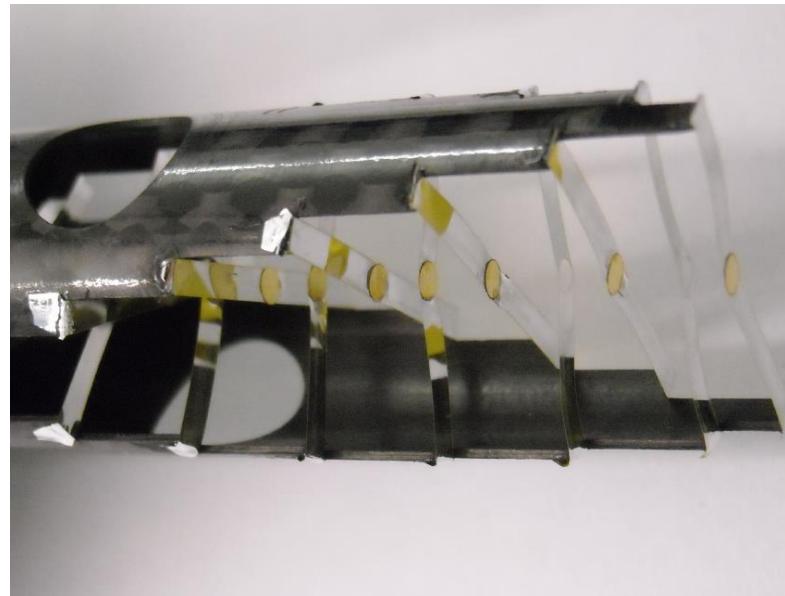
## 3.5 GeV p+Nb:

- $^{93}\text{Nb}$  material
- 12 discs of  $\varnothing = 1.25$  mm
- $\Delta z = 4.5$  mm
- 2.8% interaction prob.



## 1.23 GeV Au+Au:

- $^{197}\text{Au}$  material
- 15 discs of  $\varnothing = 2.2$  mm
- $\Delta z = 3.6$  mm
- 2.0% interaction prob.
- very low material budget

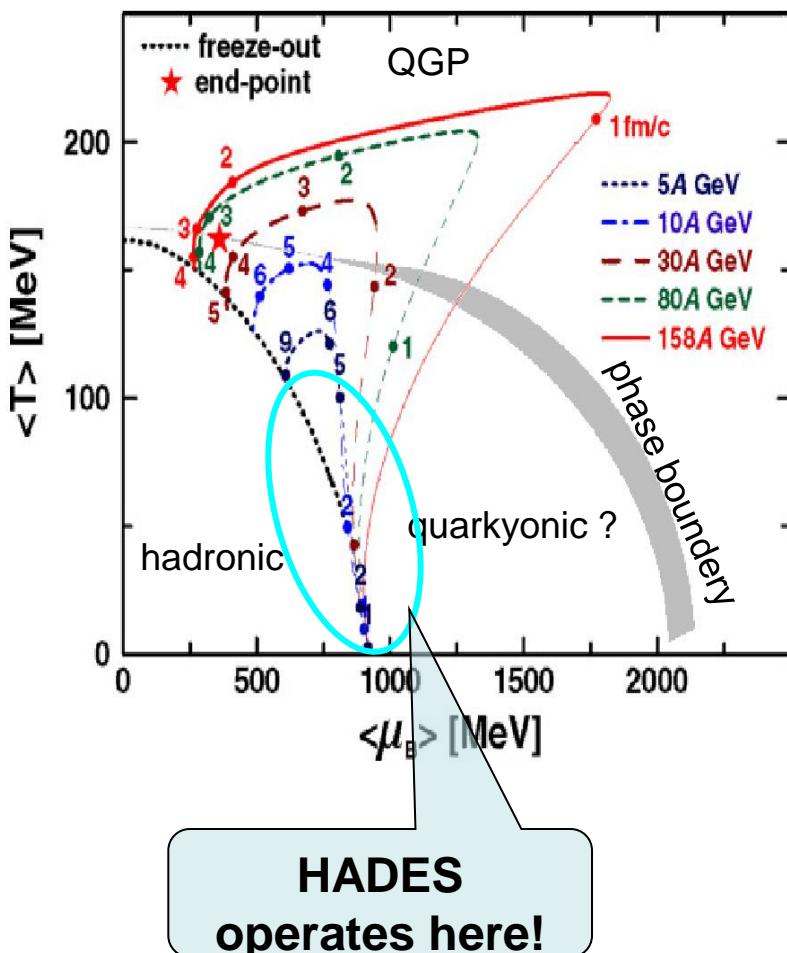


Kindler et al.,  
NIM A 655 (2011) 95

# HIC at GeV energies: moderate T & high $\mu_B$

Quarkyonic matter: Andronic et al., NPA 837 (2010) 65

Trajectories: Ivanov et al., PRC 73 (2006) 044904



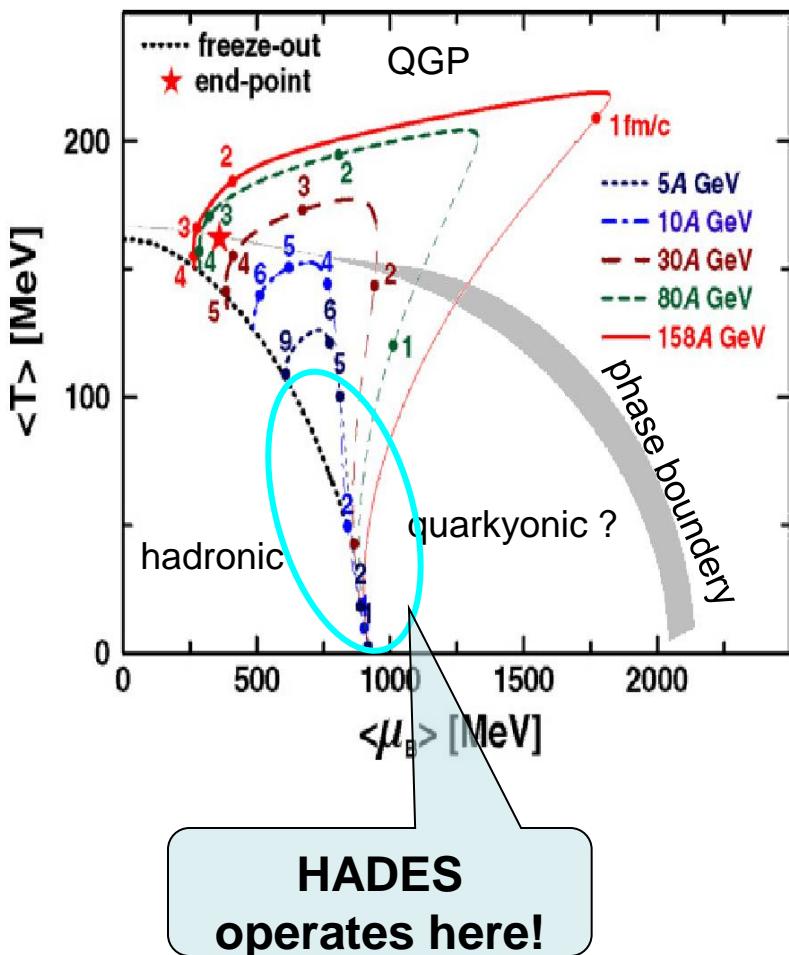
## Probing nuclear matter at SIS:

- density:  $n_{\max}/v_0 \cong 2 - 3$
- temperature:  $T \cong 50 - 100$  MeV
- baryon resonances matter

# The few GeV/u regime: moderate T & high $\mu_B$

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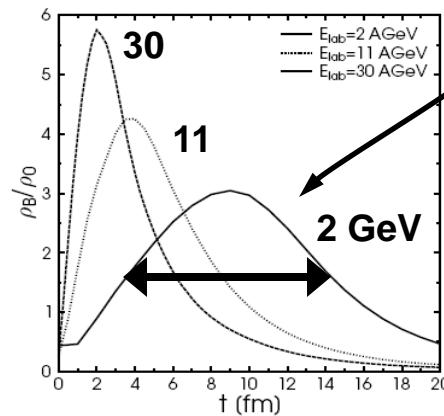
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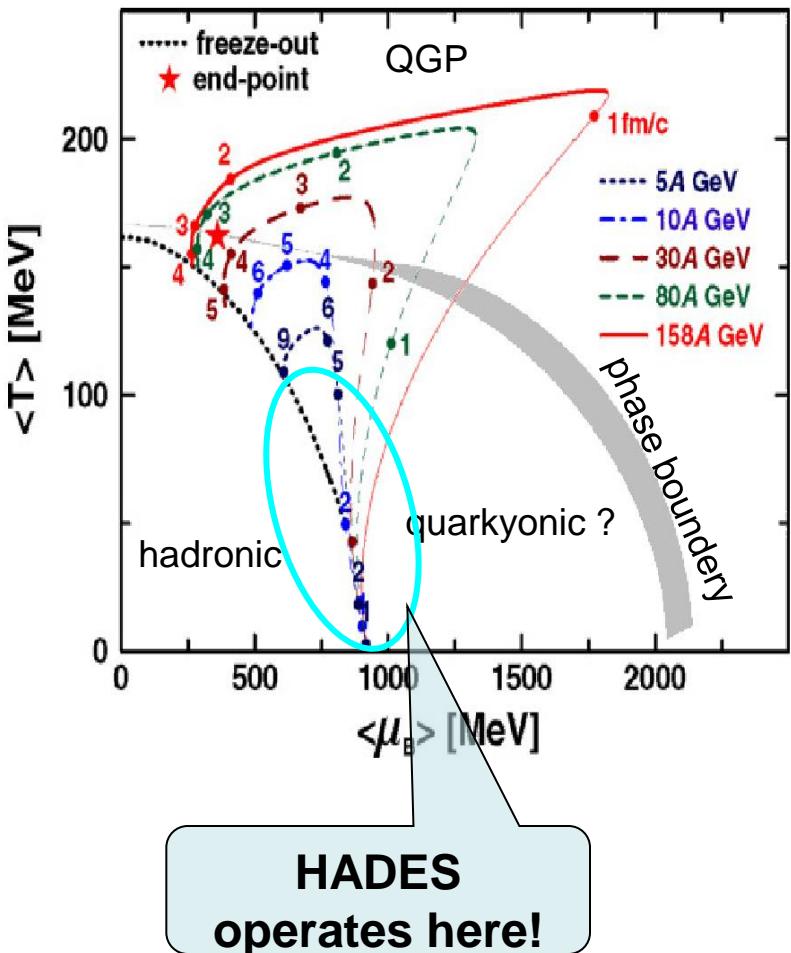
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# The few GeV/u regime: moderate T & high $\mu_B$

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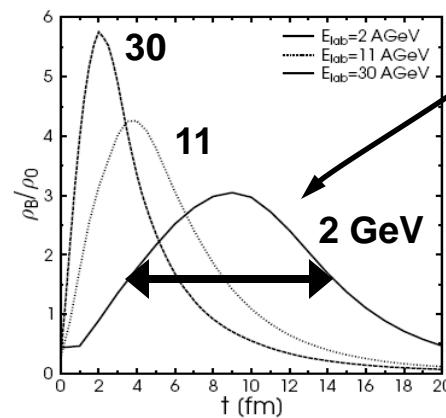
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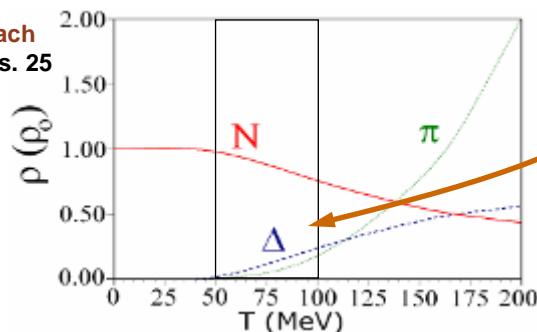
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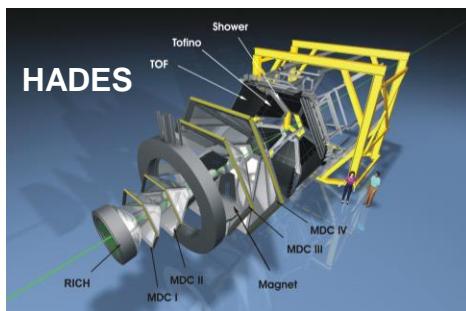


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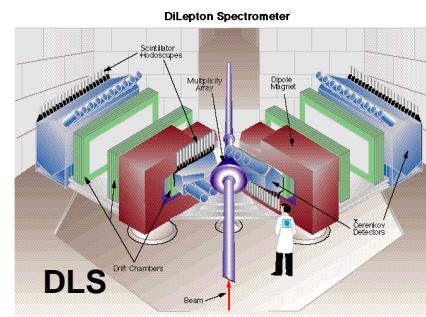
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# HADES confirms DLS

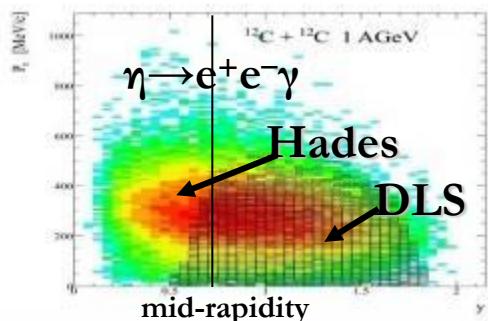
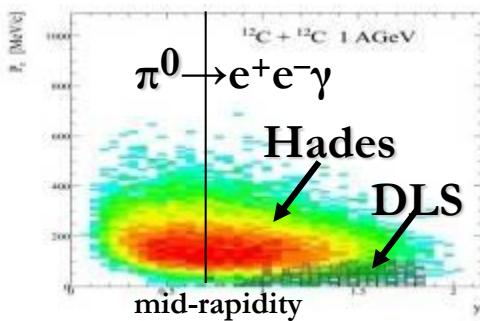


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DLS at the Bevalac  
(1987 – 1993)

**DLZ puzzle:**  
strong excess yield

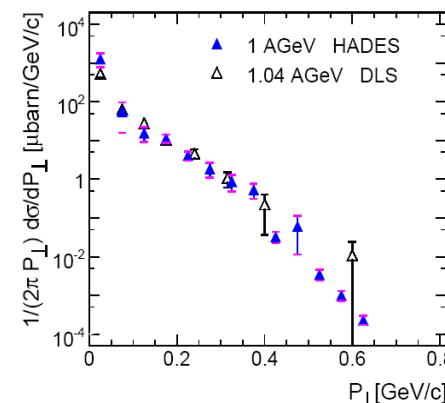
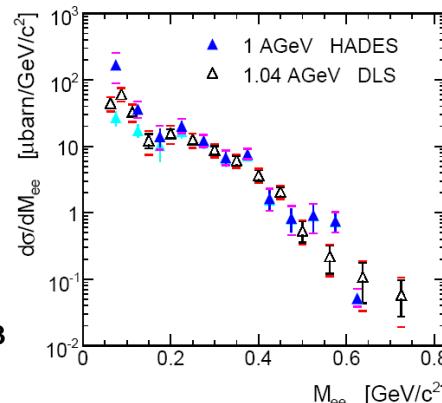


►  $\pi^0, \eta$  acceptance  
HADES >> DLS

► HADES **fully confirmed**  
highly controversial  
DLS findings in C+C !

DLS: Porter et al., PRL 79 (1997) 1229

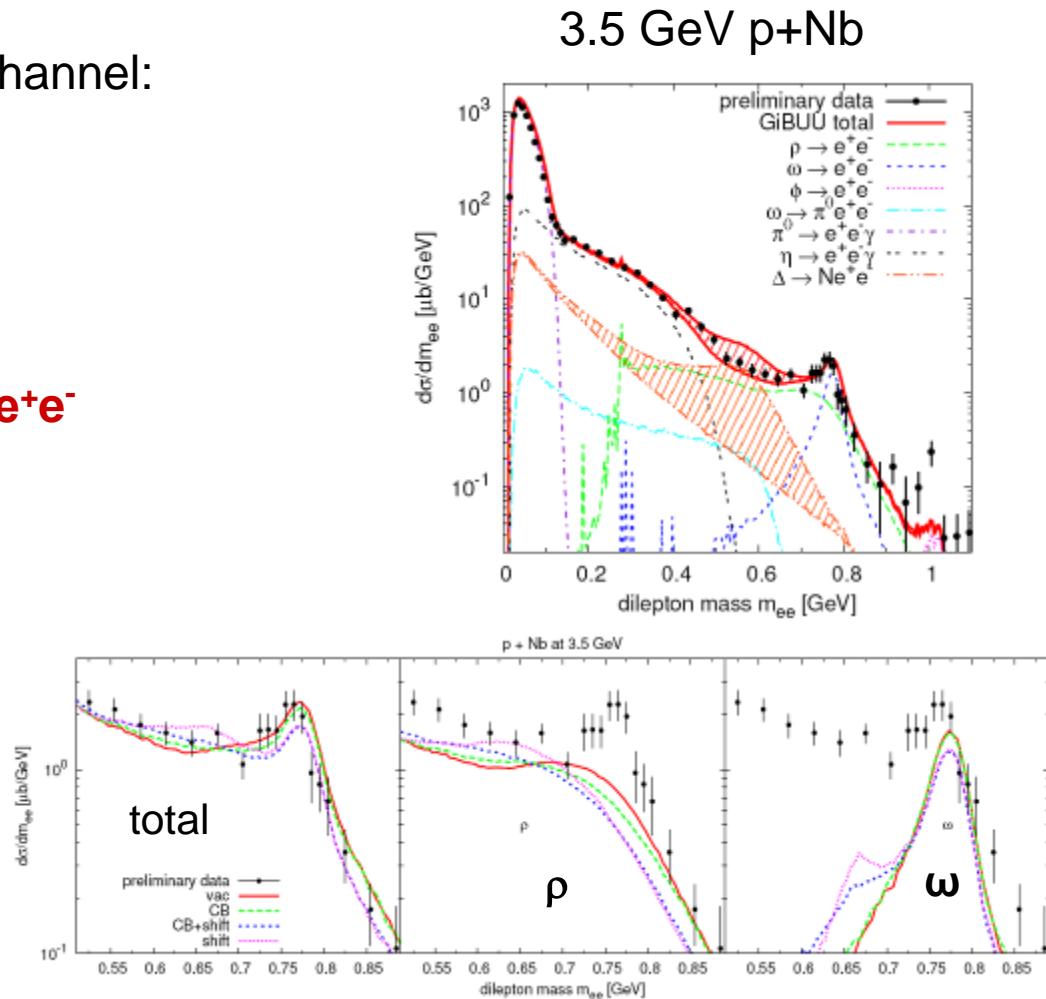
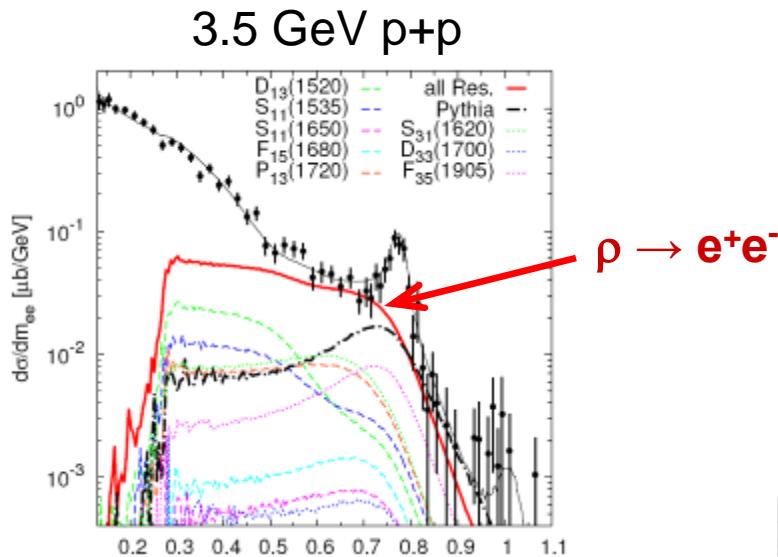
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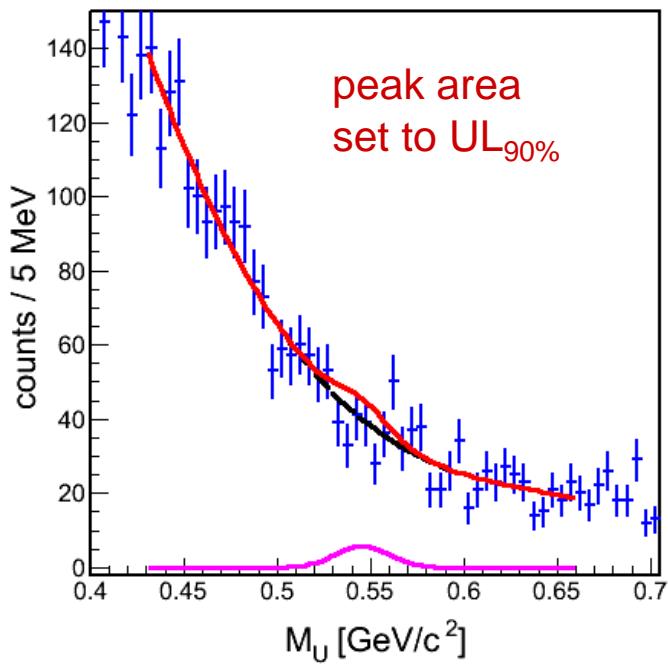
# HADES vs. GiBUU transport calculations

**GiBUU: Weil, van Hees & Mosel, EPJA 48 (2012) 111**

Decays of  $N^*$  resonances  
strongly enhance the  $\rho \rightarrow e^+e^-$  channel:

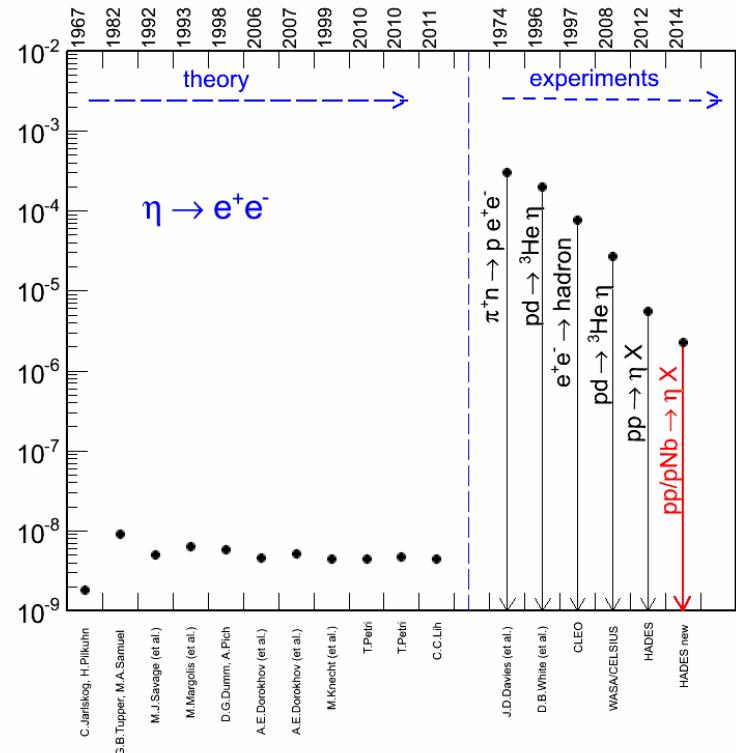


# Bonus track: UL on $\eta \rightarrow e^+e^-$ decay



$\text{BR}_{\eta \rightarrow e^+e^-} < 2.5 \times 10^{-6}$  at 90% CL

HADES: Phys. Lett. B 731 (2014) 265



→ Still far above QCD inspired theoretical expectations:  $\text{BR} \approx 5 \times 10^{-9}$