

# Electromagnetic probes: Messengers from the hot and dense fireball

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# Em. current correlator in-medium approaches

## $\ell^+ \ell^-$ and $\gamma$ rates

# Em. current correlation function and electromagnetic Probes

- photon and dilepton thermal emission rates given by same electromagnetic-current-correlation function ( $J_\mu = \sum_f Q_f \bar{\psi}_f \gamma_\mu \psi_f$ )

[MT85, Wel90, GK91]

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu}^{<}(q) = \int d^4x \exp(iq \cdot x) \langle J_\mu(0) J_\nu(x) \rangle_T = -2 f_B(q \cdot u) \text{Im} \Pi_{\mu\nu}^{(\text{ret})}(q)$$
$$q_0 \frac{dN_\gamma}{d^4x d^3\vec{q}} = -\frac{\alpha}{2\pi^2} g^{\mu\nu} \text{Im} \Pi_{\mu\nu}^{(\text{ret})}(q) \Big|_{q_0=|\vec{q}|} f_B(q \cdot u)$$
$$\frac{dN_{e^+e^-}}{d^4x d^4q} = -g^{\mu\nu} \frac{\alpha^2}{3q^2\pi^3} \text{Im} \Pi_{\mu\nu}^{(\text{ret})}(q) \Big|_{q^2=M_{e^+e^-}^2} f_B(q \cdot u)$$

- $u$ : four-velocity of the fluid cell;  $p \cdot u = p_0^{\text{hb}}$  energy in “heat-bath frame”
- to lowest order in  $\alpha$ :  $e^2 \Pi_{\mu\nu} \simeq \Sigma_{\mu\nu}^{(\gamma)}$
- vector-meson dominance model:

$$\Sigma_{\mu\nu}^{\gamma} = G_\rho$$

The diagram shows a vertical wavy line representing a photon (labeled  $\gamma$ ) entering from the left and interacting with a nucleon (blue oval). A horizontal wavy line representing a rho meson ( $\rho$ ) exits to the right. The interaction point is labeled  $G_\rho$ .

# Sources of dilepton emission in heavy-ion collisions

- ➊ initial hard processes: Drell Yan
- ➋ “core”  $\Leftrightarrow$  emission from thermal source

$$\frac{1}{q_T} \frac{dN^{(\text{thermal})}}{dM dq_T} = \int d^4x \int dy \int M d\varphi \frac{dN^{(\text{thermal})}}{d^4x d^4q}$$

- ➌ “corona”  $\Leftrightarrow$  emission from “primordial” mesons (jet-quenching)
- ➍ after thermal freeze-out  $\Leftrightarrow$  emission from “freeze-out” mesons

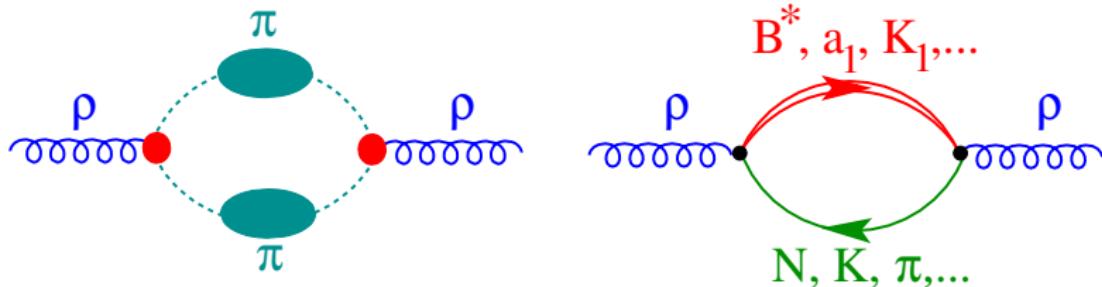
[CF74]

$$N^{(\text{fo})} = \int \frac{d^3q}{q_0} \int q_\mu d\sigma^\mu f_B(u_\mu q^\mu / T) \frac{\Gamma_{\text{meson} \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-}}{\Gamma_{\text{meson}}}$$

[HR08, HR06]

# Hadronic many-body theory

- HMBT for vector mesons [Ko et al, Chanfray et al, Herrmann et al, Rapp et al, ...]
- $\pi\pi$  interactions and baryonic excitations



- +corresponding vertex corrections  $\Leftrightarrow$  gauge invariance
- **Baryon (resonances)** important, even at RHIC with low **net** baryon density  
 $n_B - n_{\bar{B}}$
- reason:  $n_B + n_{\bar{B}}$  relevant (CP inv. of strong interactions)

# Rapp-Wambach model

- pion cloud: dressing with baryon resonance excitations [RW00]
- direct  $\rho$ - $N/\Delta$  interactions  $\Rightarrow$  [RW00]

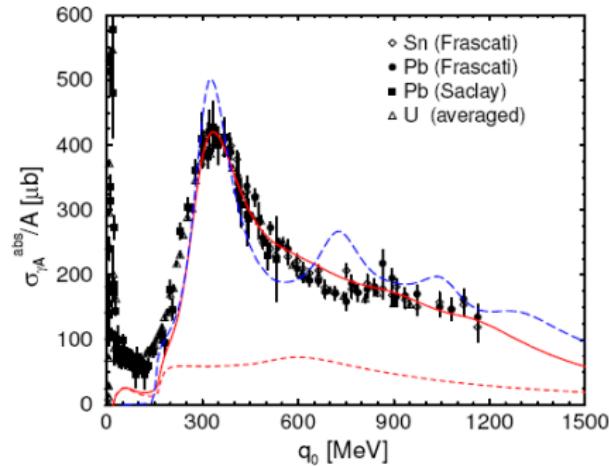
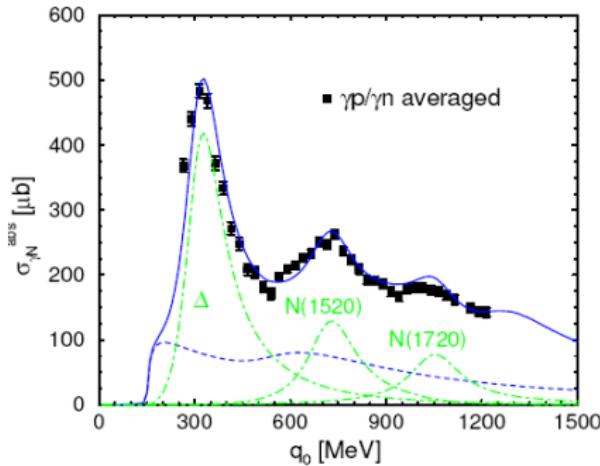
B	$l_{\rho N}$	$SI(\rho BN^{-1})$	$\Gamma_{\rho N}^0$ [MeV]	$\Gamma_{\rho N}^{0,fit}$ [MeV]	$\left(\frac{f_{\rho BN}^2}{4\pi}\right)$	$\Lambda_{\rho BN}$	$\Gamma^{med}$ [MeV]
N(939)	$P$	4	—	—	6.0	1500	0
$\Delta(1232)$	$P$	$16/9$	—	—	16.2	700	25
$N(1440)$	$P$	4	<28	0.5	1.1	600	200
$N(1520)$	$S$	$8/3$	24	23.5	6.8	600	300
$\Delta(1620)$	$S$	$8/3$	24	36	1.5	700	200
$\Delta(1700)$	$S$	$16/9$	128	111	2.5	1000	200
$N(1720)$	$P$	$8/3$	115	100	8.5	600	100
$\Delta(1905)$	$P$	$4/5$	>210	315	14.5	1200	50
$N(2000)$	$P$	$6/5$	$\sim 300$	75	1.0	1500	50

- direct  $\rho$ -heavy-meson interactions [GR99]

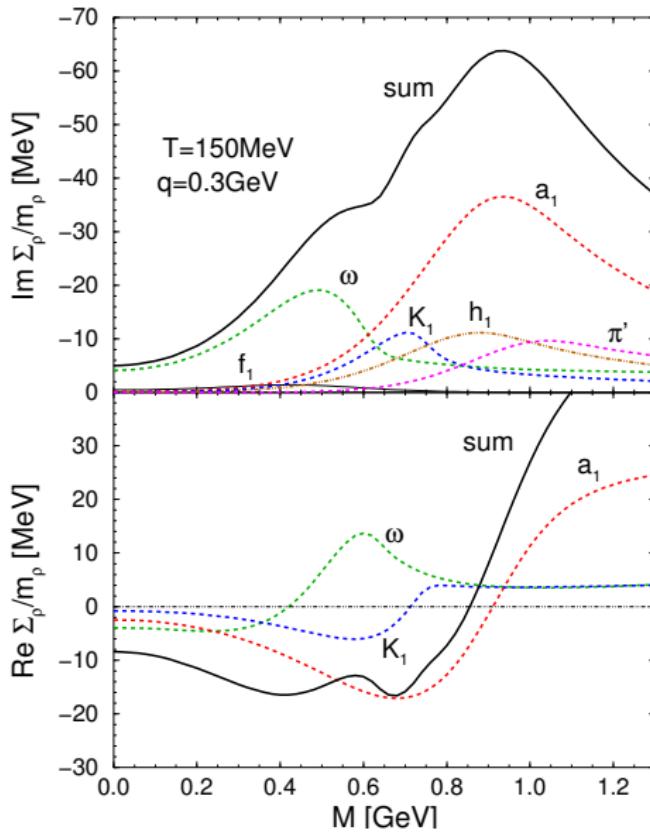
$R$	$I^G J^P$	$\Gamma_{tot}$ [MeV]	$\rho h$ decay	$\Gamma_{\rho h}^0$ [MeV]	$\Gamma_{\gamma h}^0$ [MeV]
$\omega(782)$	$0^- 1^-$	8.43	$\rho \pi$	~5	0.72
$h_1(1170)$	$0^- 1^+$	$\sim 360$	$\rho \pi$	seen	?
$a_1(1260)$	$1^- 1^+$	$\sim 400$	$\rho \pi$	dominant	0.64
$K_1(1270)$	$\frac{1}{2} 1^+$	$\sim 90$	$\rho K$	~60	?
$f_1(1285)$	$0^+ 1^+$	25	$\rho \rho$	$\leq 8$	1.65
$\pi'(1300)$	$1^- 0^-$	$\sim 400$	$\rho \pi$	seen	?

# Photoabsorption on nucleons and nuclei

- important: fit of model parameters to data
- particle-data book: decay widths, branching ratios,...
- photo-absorption on nucleons and nuclei [RW00]

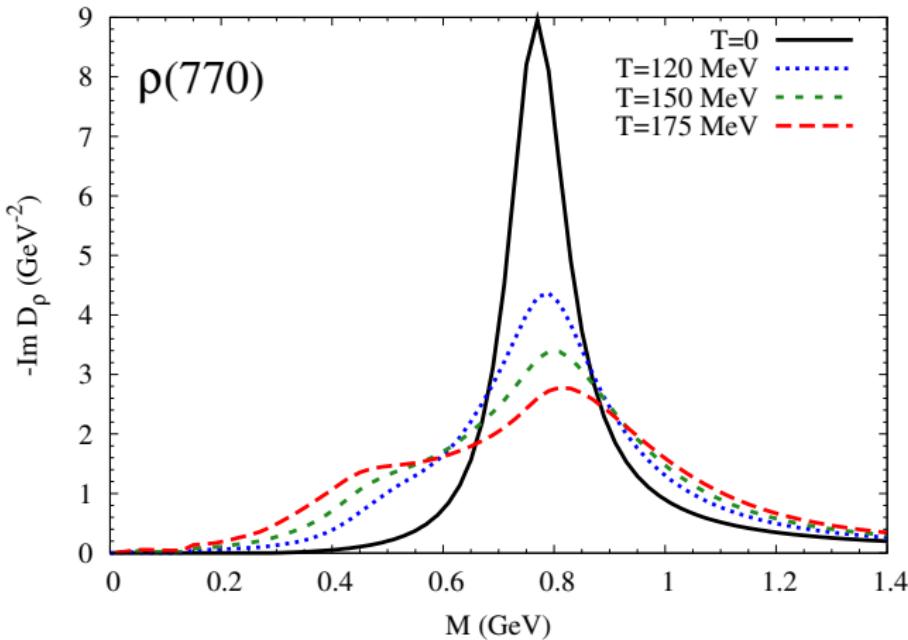


# Meson contributions to $\rho$ -selfenergy



[GR99, RW00]

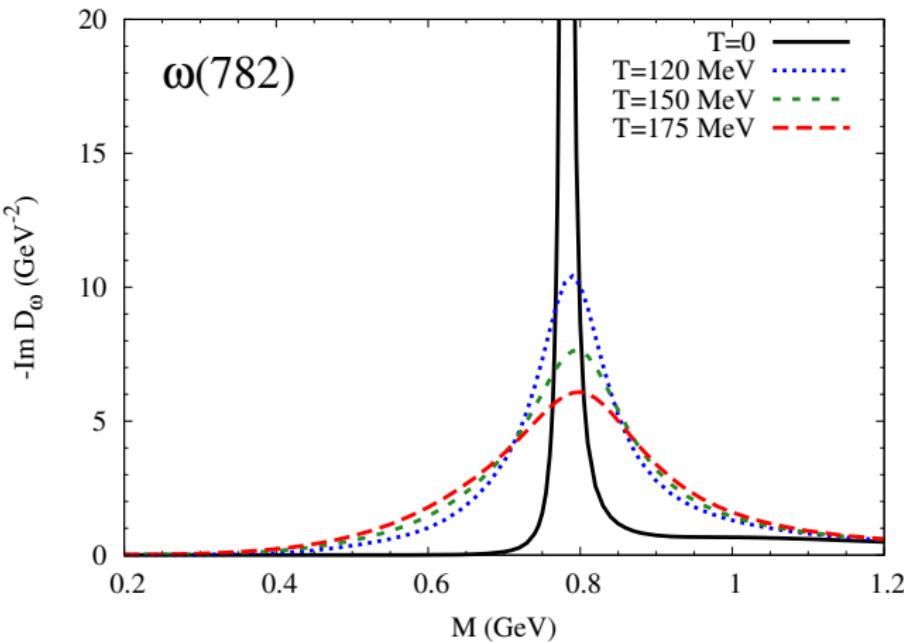
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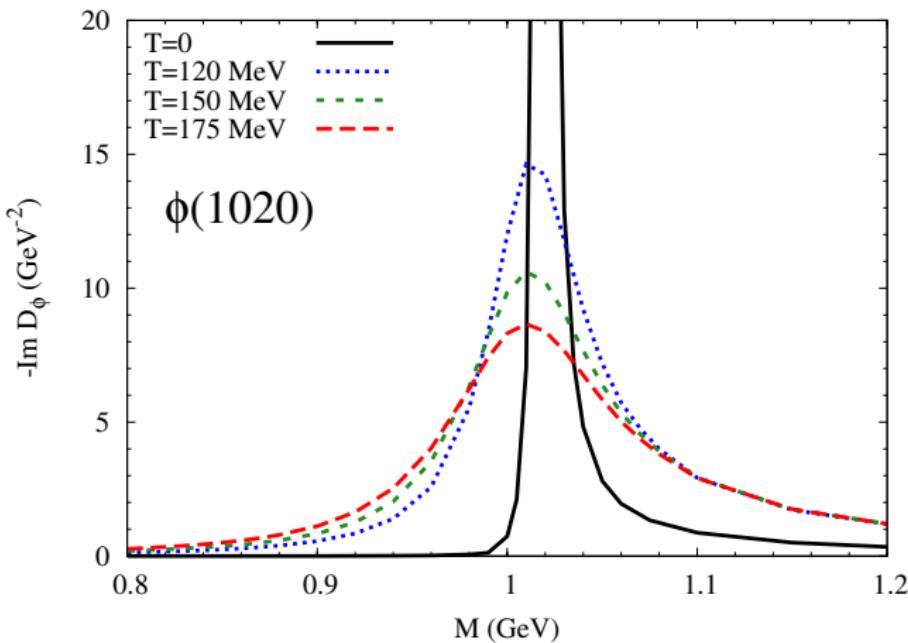
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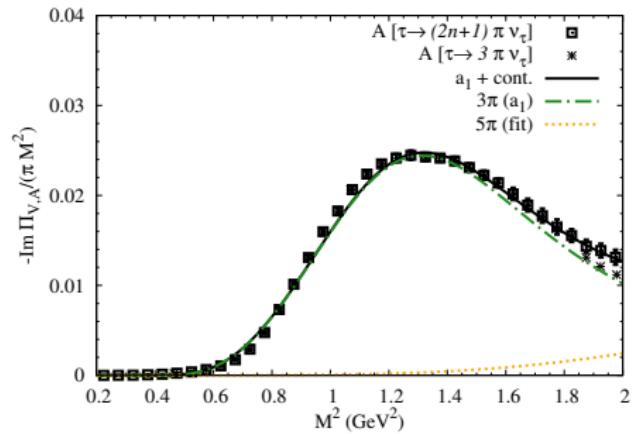
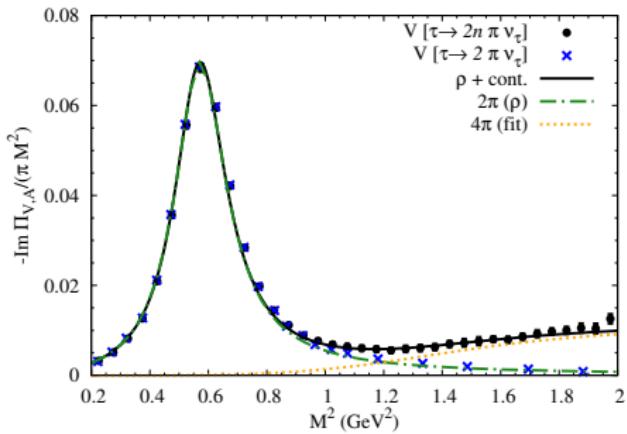


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# Intermediate masses: hadronic “ $4\pi$ contributions”

- e.m. current-current correlator  $\Leftrightarrow \tau \rightarrow 2n\pi$



- “ $4\pi$  contributions”:  $\pi + \omega, a_1 \rightarrow \mu^+ + \mu^-$
- leading-order virial expansion for “four-pion piece”
- additional strength through “chiral mixing”

[HR08, HR06]

# Dileptons from thermal QGP

- in **QGP** phase:  $q\bar{q}$  annihilation
- HTL improved electromagnetic current correlator

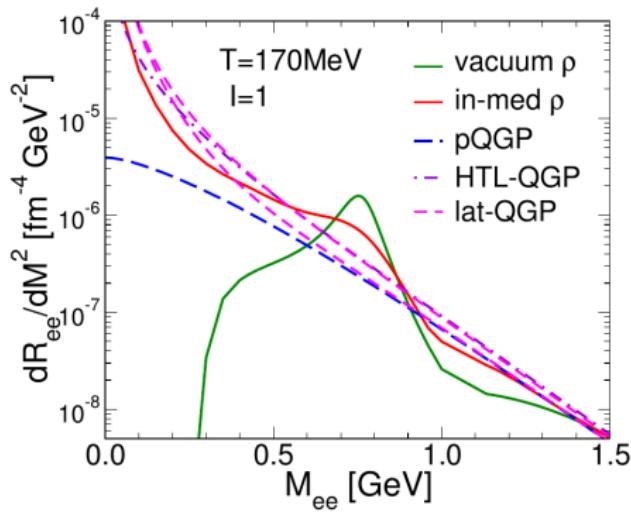
$$-i\Pi_{\text{em}, \text{QGP}} = \gamma^* \rightarrow \bar{q} q \rightarrow \gamma^*$$

- or em. current correlator from the **lattice** [DFK+11] (extrapolated to finite  $q$ )
- “quark-hadron duality” around  $T_c$

[Rap13]

# Dilepton rates: Hadron gas $\leftrightarrow$ QGP

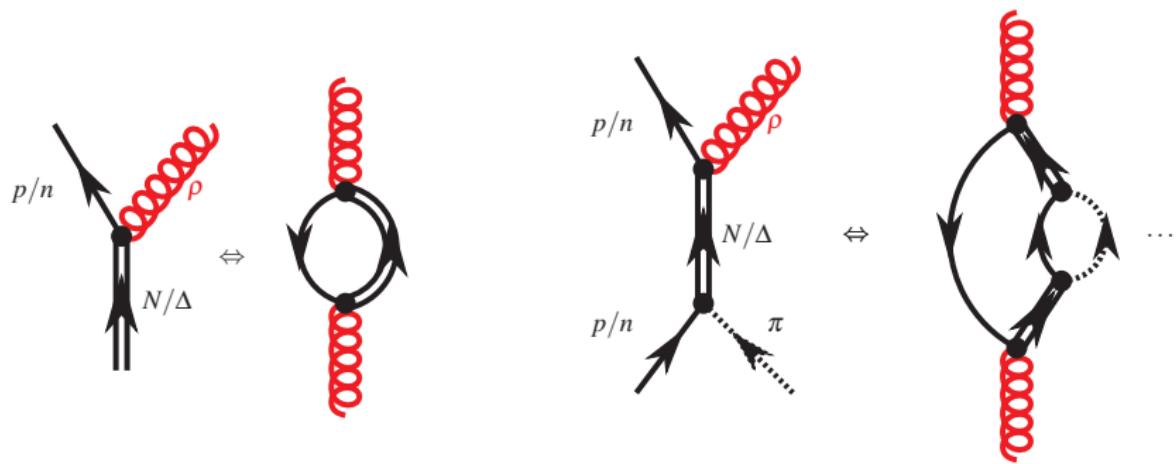
- in-medium hadron gas matches with QGP
- similar results also for  $\gamma$  rates
- “quark-hadron duality”?



[Rap13]

# Kinetic theory (transport) approach

- cross sections in collision terms: **same physics** as in QFT approaches
- Fermi's golden rule:  $S$ -matrix amplitudes  $\Leftrightarrow |\mathcal{M}_{ji}^2| \Leftrightarrow$  self-energy diagrams
- other way around: cut self-energy diagrams  $\Leftrightarrow S$ -matrix amplitudes

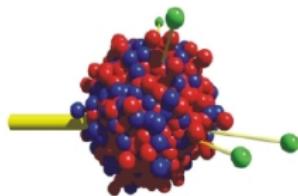


[FHK<sup>+</sup>11]

# Dileptons in pp, pn, pA, AA

pure transport: GiBUU (with Janus Weil)

# The GiBUU Model



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**GiBUU**

The Giessen Boltzmann-Uehling-Uhlenbeck Project

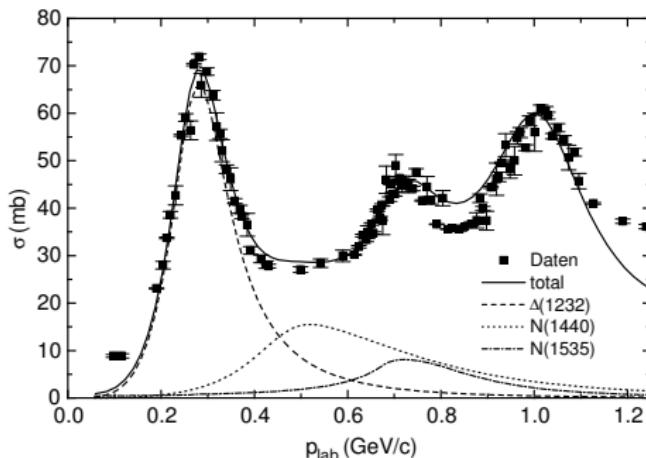
- Boltzmann-Uehling-Uhlenbeck (BUU) framework for hadronic transport
- reaction types:  $pA$ ,  $\pi A$ ,  $\gamma A$ ,  $eA$ ,  $\nu A$ ,  $AA$
- open-source modular Fortran 95/2003 code
- version control via Subversion
- publicly available releases: <https://gibuu.hepforge.org>
- Review on hadronic transport (GiBUU): [BGG<sup>+</sup>12]
- all calculations for dileptons: J. Weil

# Resonance Model

- reactions dominated by resonance scattering:  $ab \rightarrow R \rightarrow cd$
- Breit-Wigner cross-section formula

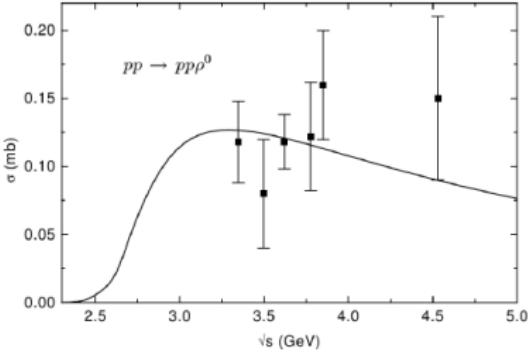
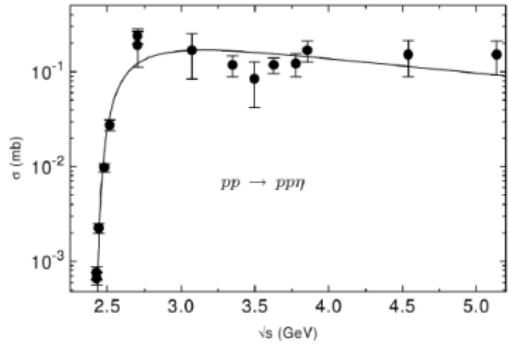
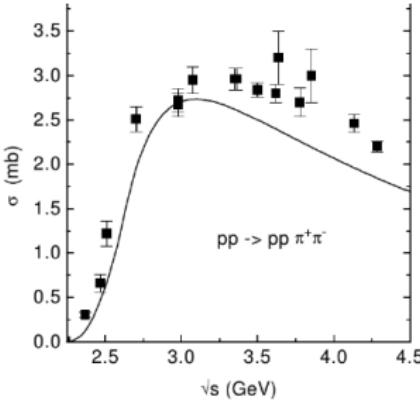
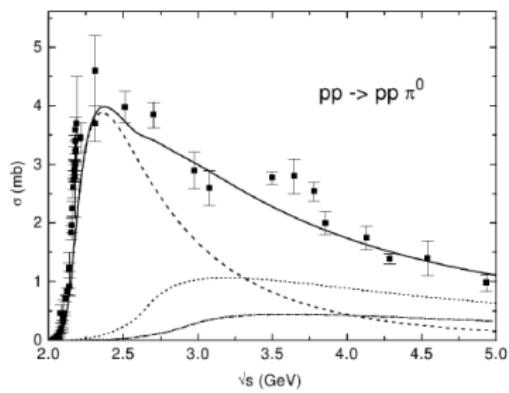
$$\sigma_{ab \rightarrow R \rightarrow cd} = \frac{2s_R + 1}{(2s_a + 1)(2s_b + 1)} \frac{4\pi}{p_{\text{lab}}^2} \frac{s\Gamma_{ab \rightarrow R}\Gamma_{R \rightarrow cd}}{(s - m_R^2)^2 + s\Gamma_{\text{tot}}^2}$$

- applicable for low-energy nuclear reactions  $E_{\text{kin}} \lesssim 1.1 \text{ GeV}$
- example:  $\sigma_{\pi^- p \rightarrow \pi^- p}$  [Teis (PhD thesis 1996), data: Baldini et al, Landolt-Börnstein **12** (1987)]



# GiBUU: Resonance Model

- further cross sections



# GiBUU: Extension to HADES energies

- [WHM12, WM13]

- keep same resonances (parameters from Manley analysis)

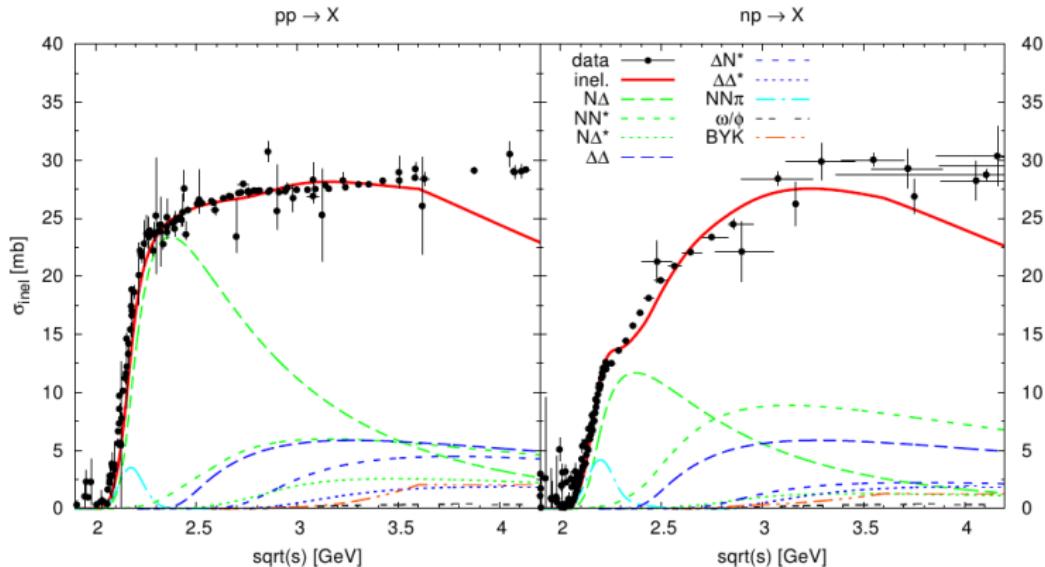
	rating	$M_0$	$\Gamma_0$	$ \mathcal{M}^2 /16\pi$ [mb GeV $^2$ ]		$\pi N$	$\eta N$	$\pi \Delta$	branching ratio in %			
		[MeV]	[MeV]	$NR$	$\Delta R$				$\rho N$	$\sigma N$	$\pi N^*(1440)$	$\sigma \Delta$
P <sub>11</sub> (1440)	****	1462	391	70	—	69	—	22 <sub>P</sub>	—	9	—	—
S <sub>11</sub> (1535)	***	1534	151	8	60	51	43	—	2 <sub>S</sub> + 1 <sub>D</sub>	1	2	—
S <sub>11</sub> (1650)	****	1659	173	4	12	89	3	2 <sub>D</sub>	3 <sub>D</sub>	2	1	—
D <sub>13</sub> (1520)	****	1524	124	4	12	59	—	5 <sub>S</sub> + 15 <sub>D</sub>	21 <sub>S</sub>	—	—	—
D <sub>15</sub> (1675)	****	1676	159	17	—	47	—	53 <sub>D</sub>	—	—	—	—
P <sub>13</sub> (1720)	*	1717	383	4	12	13	—	—	87 <sub>P</sub>	—	—	—
F <sub>15</sub> (1680)	****	1684	139	4	12	70	—	10 <sub>P</sub> + 1 <sub>F</sub>	5 <sub>P</sub> + 2 <sub>F</sub>	12	—	—
P <sub>33</sub> (1232)	****	1232	118	OBE	210	100	—	—	—	—	—	—
S <sub>31</sub> (1620)	**	1672	154	7	21	9	—	62 <sub>D</sub>	25 <sub>S</sub> + 4 <sub>D</sub>	—	—	—
D <sub>33</sub> (1700)	*	1762	599	7	21	14	—	74 <sub>S</sub> + 4 <sub>D</sub>	8 <sub>S</sub>	—	—	—
P <sub>31</sub> (1910)	****	1882	239	14	—	23	—	—	—	—	67	10 <sub>P</sub>
P <sub>33</sub> (1600)	***	1706	430	14	—	12	—	68 <sub>P</sub>	—	—	20	—
F <sub>35</sub> (1905)	***	1881	327	7	21	12	—	1 <sub>P</sub>	87 <sub>P</sub>	—	—	—
F <sub>37</sub> (1950)	****	1945	300	14	—	38	—	18 <sub>F</sub>	—	—	—	44 <sub>F</sub>

- production channels in Teis:  $NN \rightarrow N\Delta$ ,  $NN \rightarrow NN^*, N\Delta^*$ ,  $NN \rightarrow \Delta\Delta$
- extension to  $NN \rightarrow \Delta N^*$ ,  $\Delta\Delta^*$ ,  $NN \rightarrow NN\pi$ ,  $NN \rightarrow NN\rho$ ,  $NN\omega$ ,  $NN\pi\omega$ ,  $NN\phi$ ,  $NN \rightarrow BYK$  ( $B = N, \Delta$ ,  $Y = \Lambda, \Sigma$ )

[WHM12, WM13]

# GiBUU Extension to HADES energies

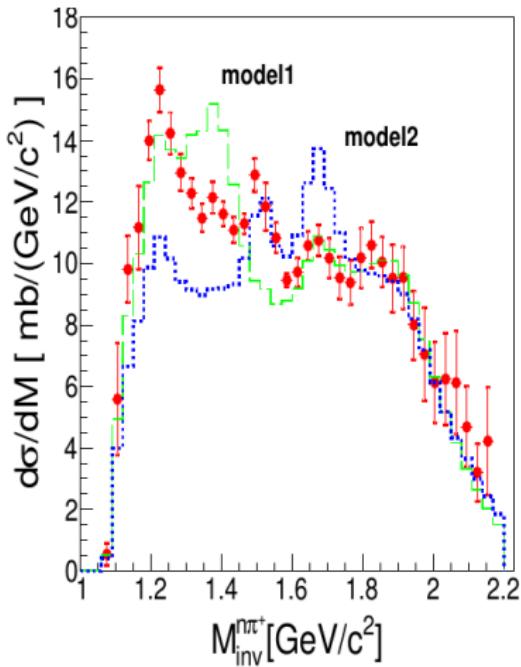
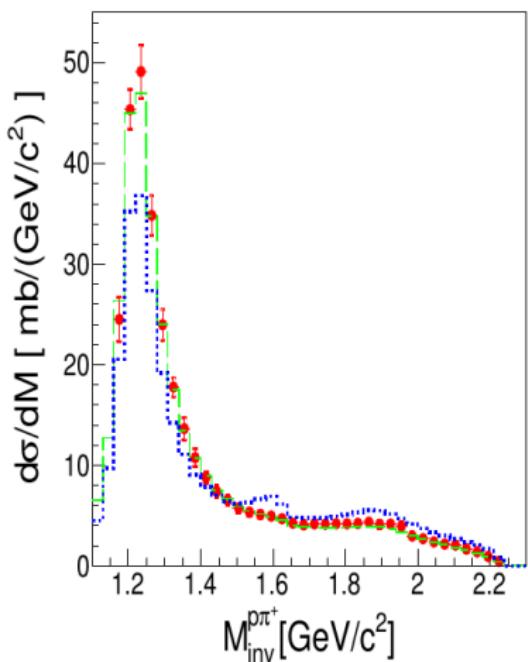
- good description of total pp, pn (inelastic) cross section



- dilepton sources

- Dalitz decays:  $\pi^0, \eta \rightarrow \gamma \ell^+ \ell^-$ ;  $\omega \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$ ,  $\Delta \rightarrow N \ell^+ \ell^-$
- $\rho, \omega, \phi \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$ : invariant mass  $\ell^+ \ell^-$  spectra  $\Rightarrow$  spectral properties of vector mesons
- for details, see [WHD12]

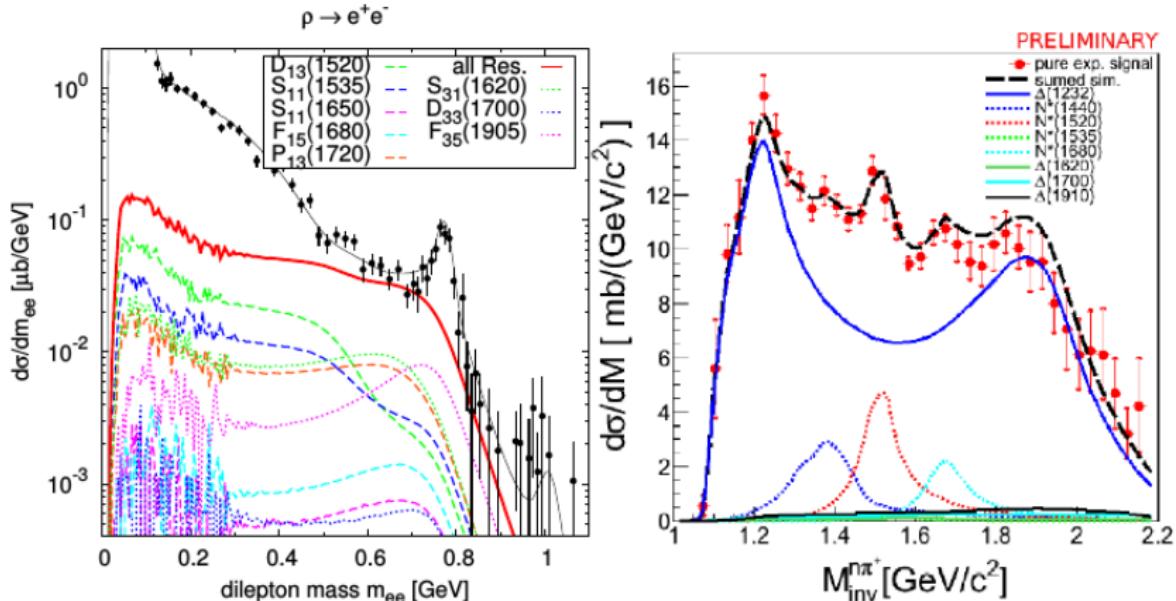
# Exclusive pion production: p+p (3.5 GeV) (SIS/HADES)



- exclusive  $p + p \rightarrow p + n + \pi^+$
- left:  $M_{p\pi^+}$  spectrum; right:  $M_{n\pi^+}$  spectrum
- model 1: GiBUU; model 2: UrQMD
- chance to refine resonance models further!

# GiBUU: “ $\rho$ meson” in pp

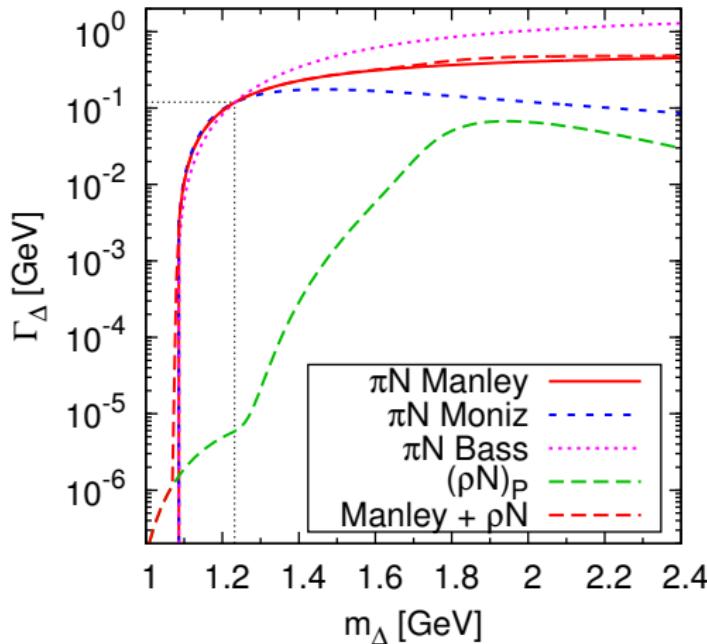
- production through hadron resonances  
 $NN \rightarrow NR \rightarrow NN\rho$ ,  $NN \rightarrow N\Delta \rightarrow NN\pi\rho$



- “ $\rho$ ”-line shape “modified” already in elementary hadronic reactions
- due to production mechanism via resonances

# GiBUU: $\Delta$ meson in VMD model

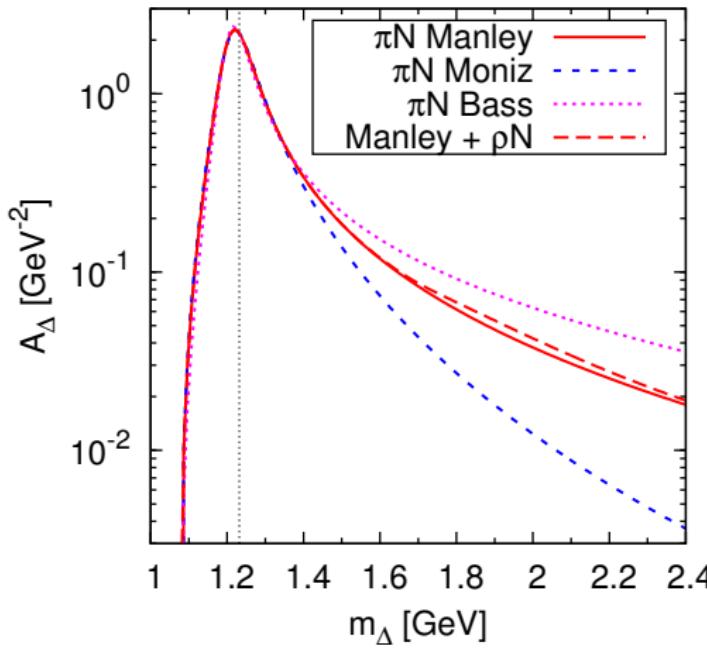
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[WEH<sup>+</sup>14]

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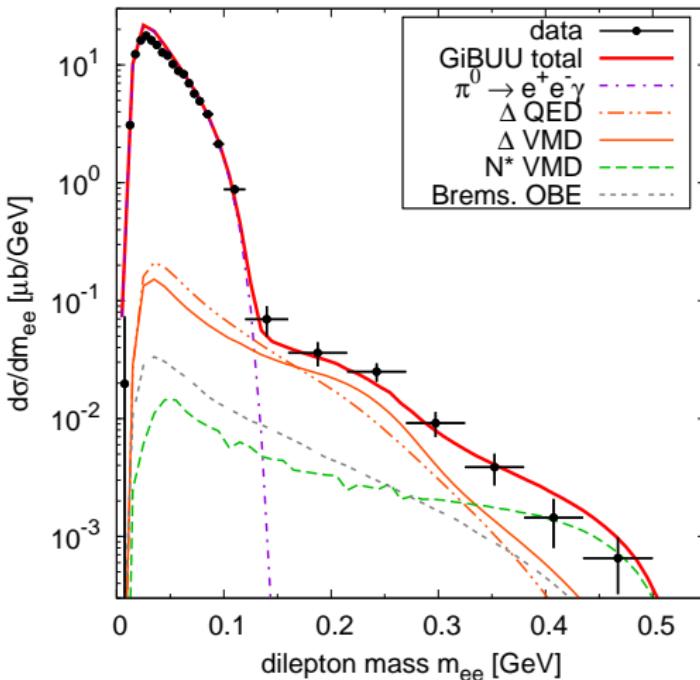


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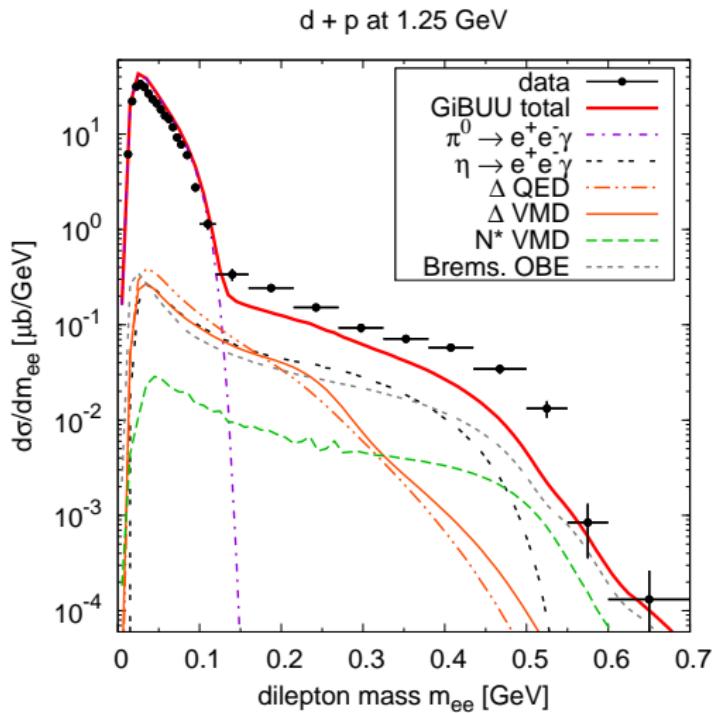
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p + p at 1.25 GeV



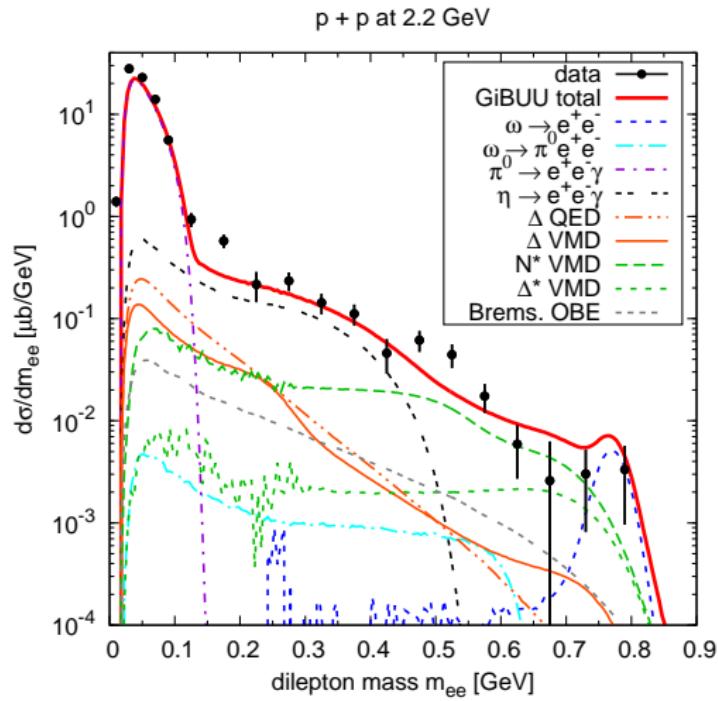
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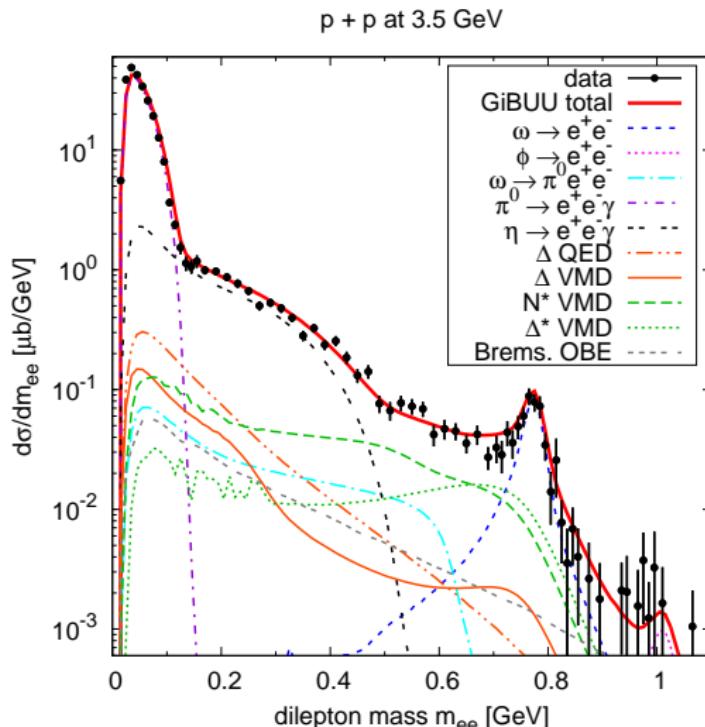
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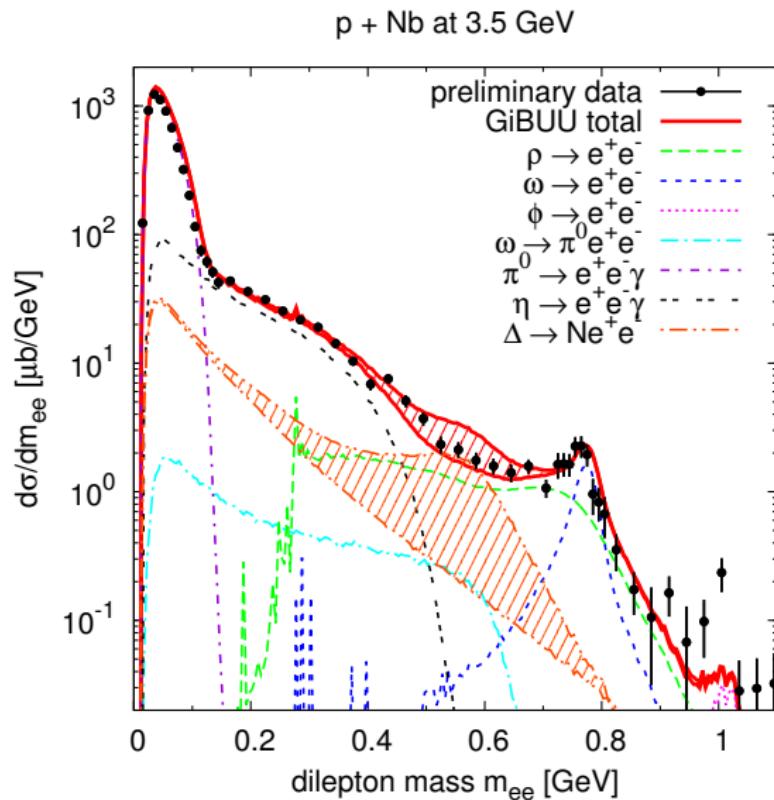
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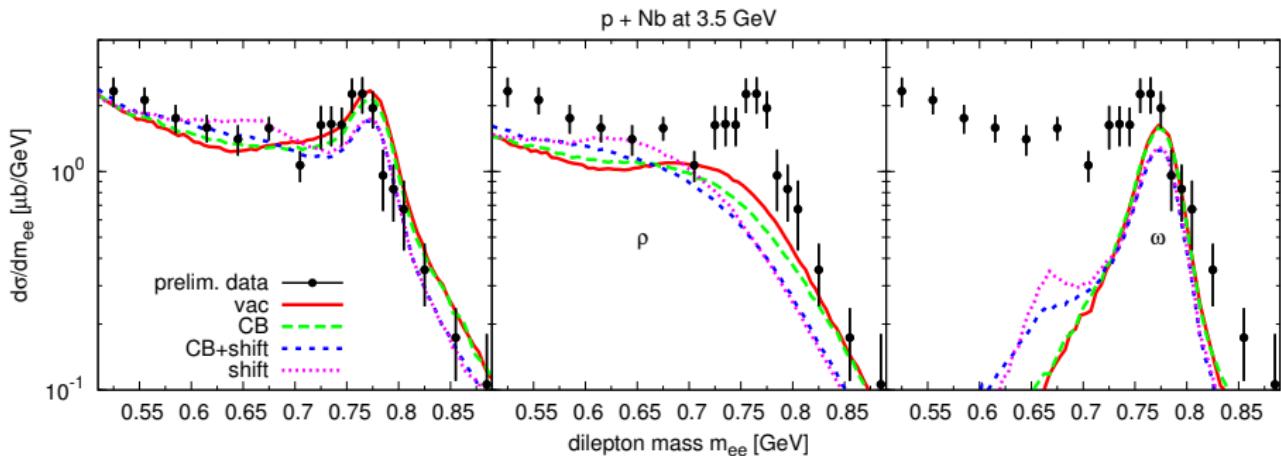
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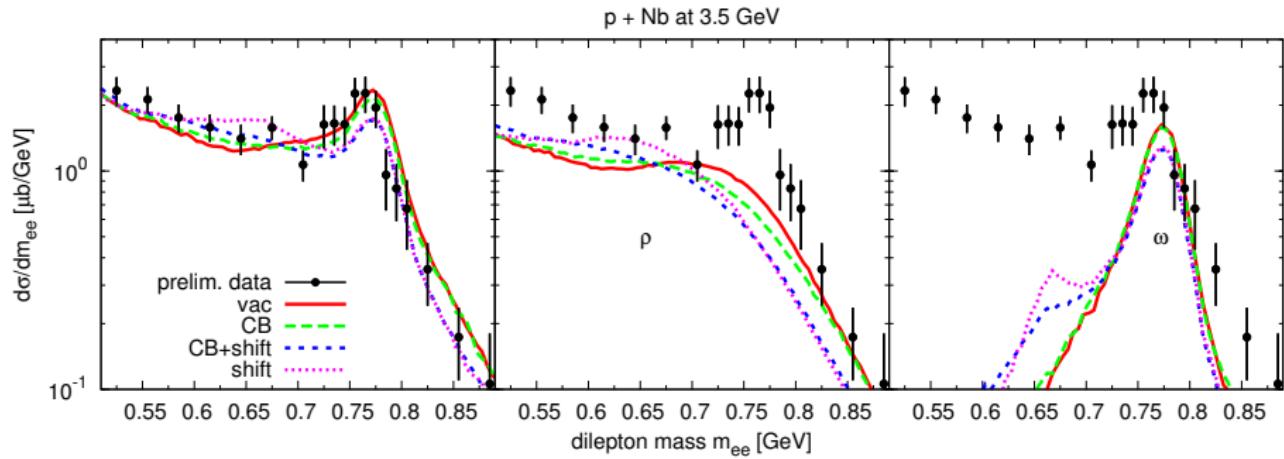
- with medium modified spectral functions:



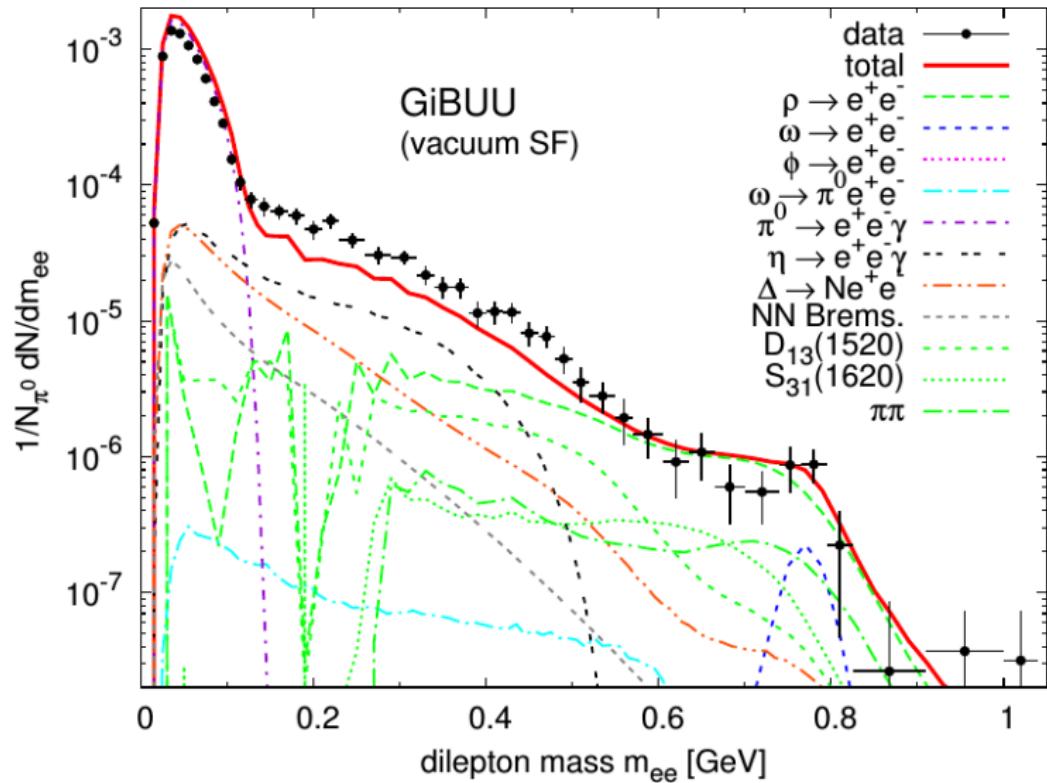
- no definite hint for medium modifications in p Nb

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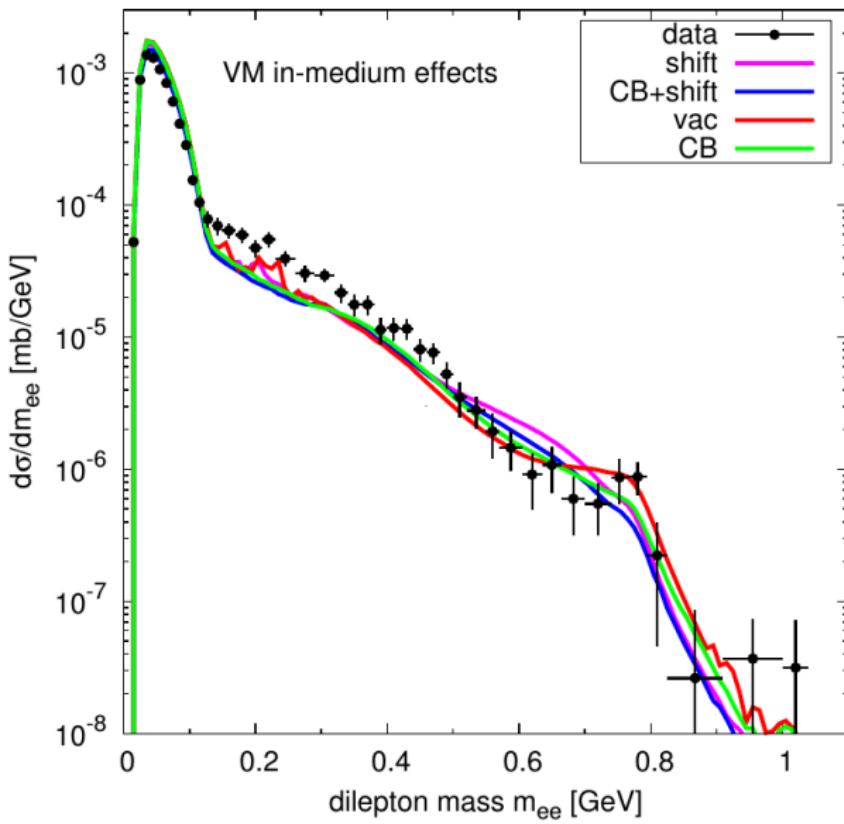
- medium effects built in transport model
  - binding effects, Fermi smearing, Pauli blocking
  - final-state interactions
  - production from secondary collisions
- sensitivity on medium effects of vector-meson spectral functions?



# GiBUU: Ar+KCl (1.76AGeV) (SIS/HADES)

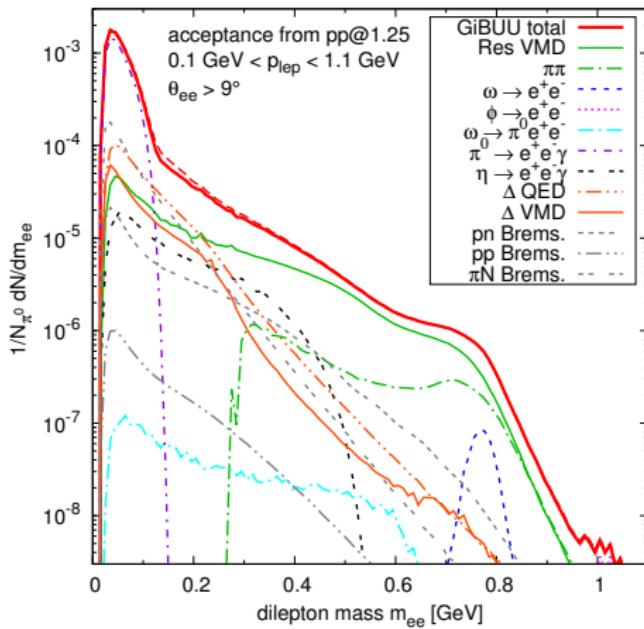


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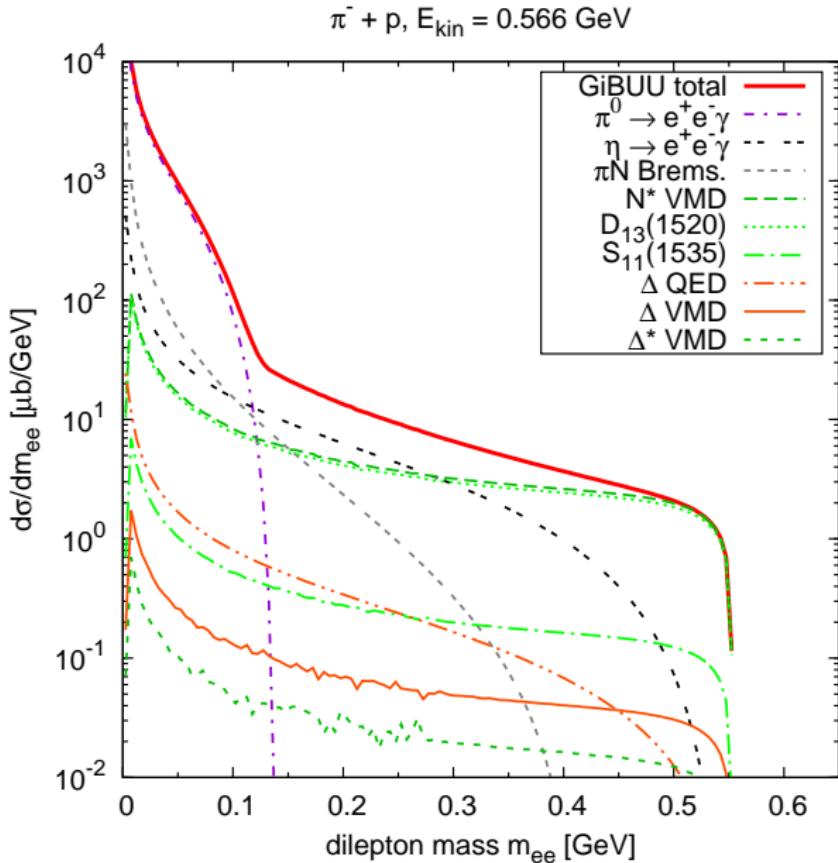
# GiBUU (NEW!): Au+Au (1.23 AGeV) (SIS/HADES)

Au + Au @ 1.23 GeV

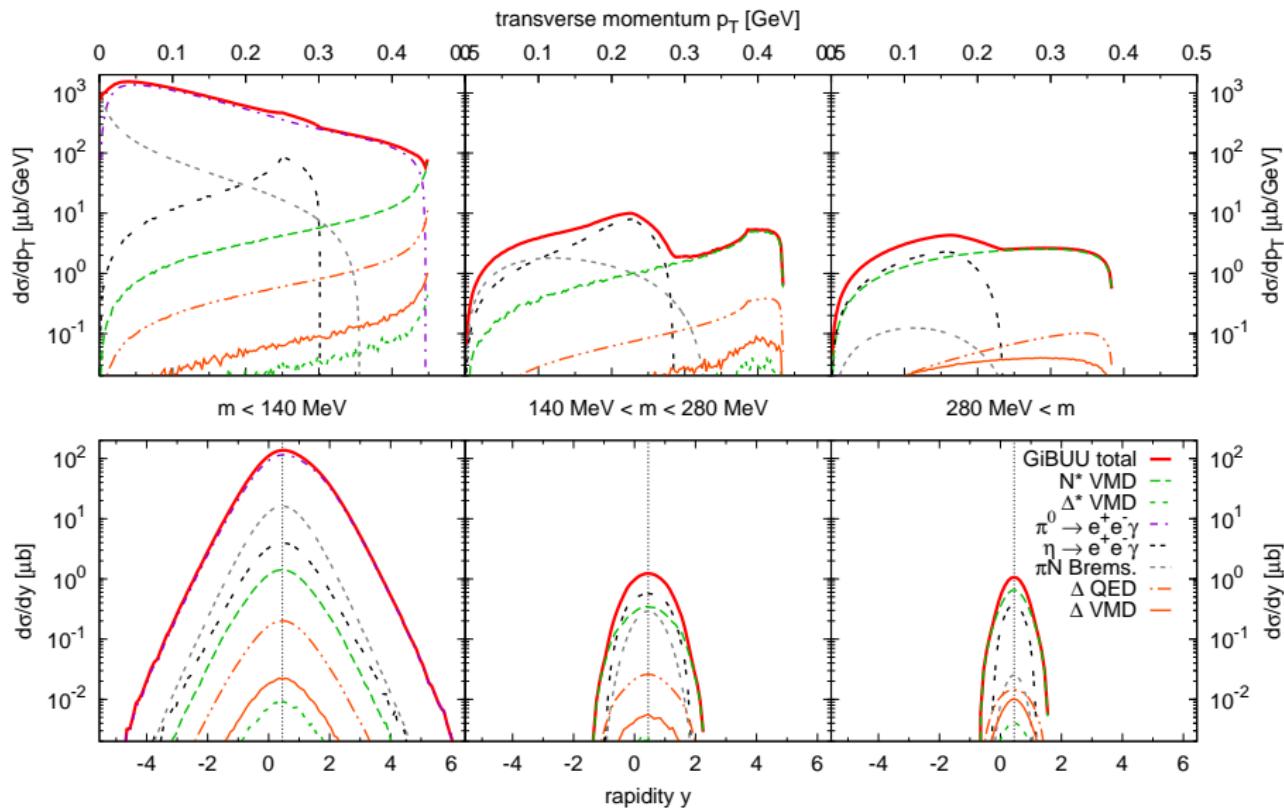


- caveat: pp/np acceptance filter with single-e cut,  $p_t < 100$  MeV
- correct filter urgently needed!
- comparison to preliminary HADES data [Gal14]  $\Rightarrow$  room for medium modifications (data points not shown here on request of the HADES collaboration)

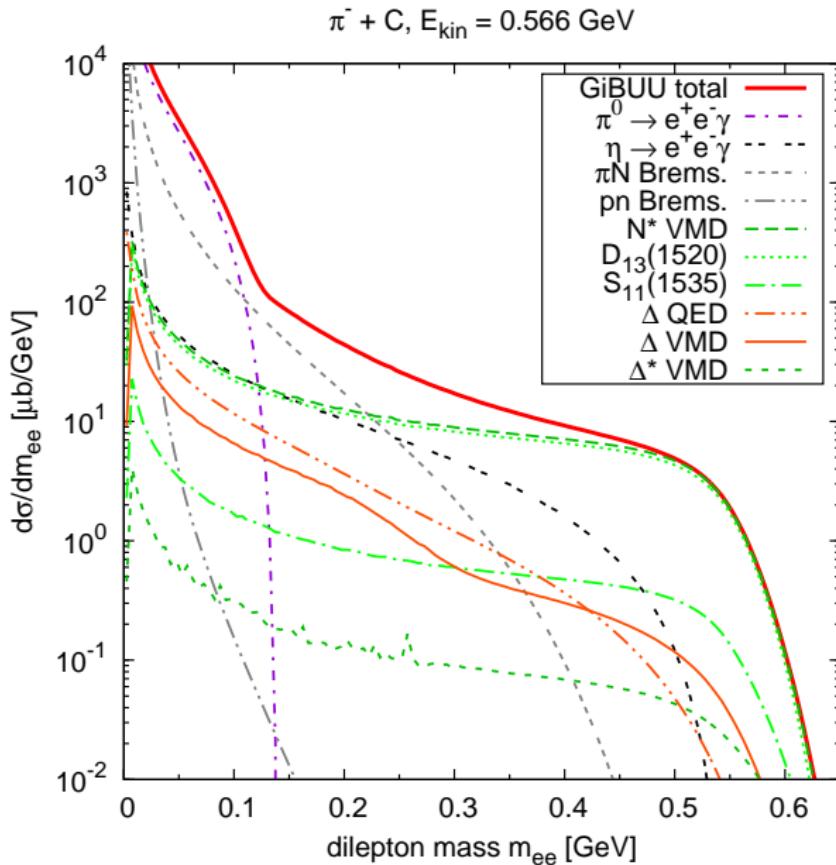
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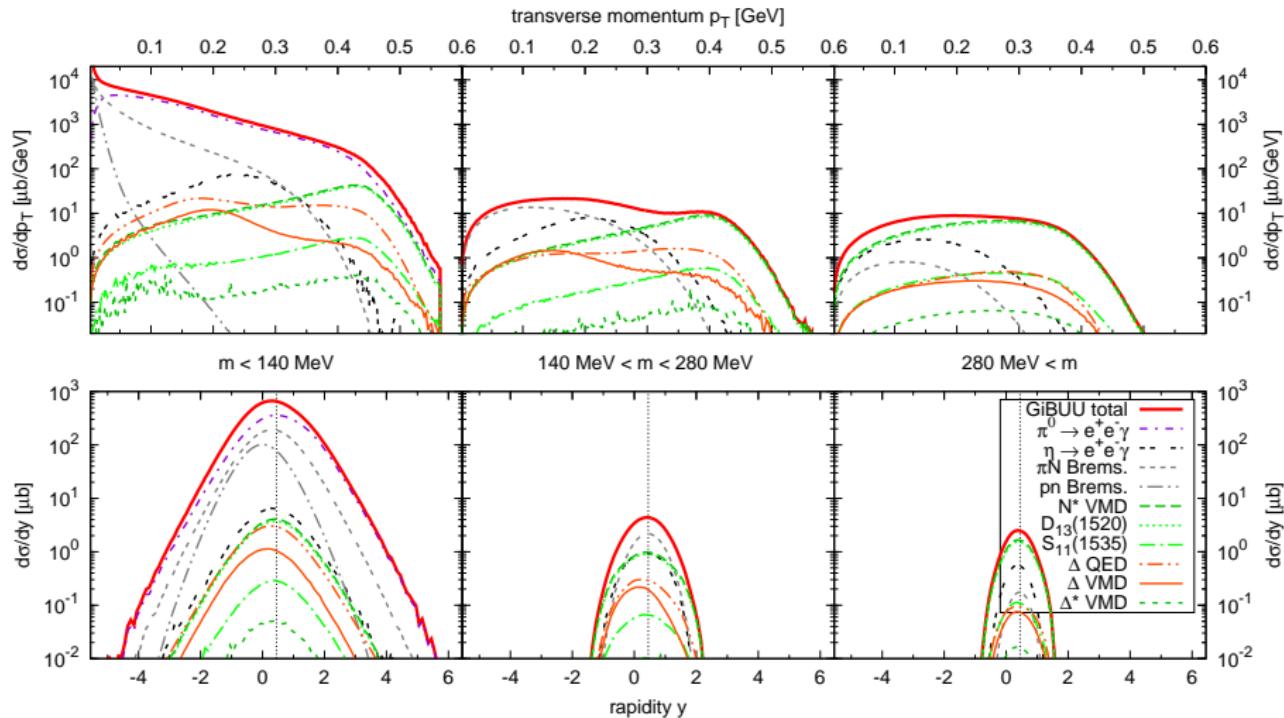
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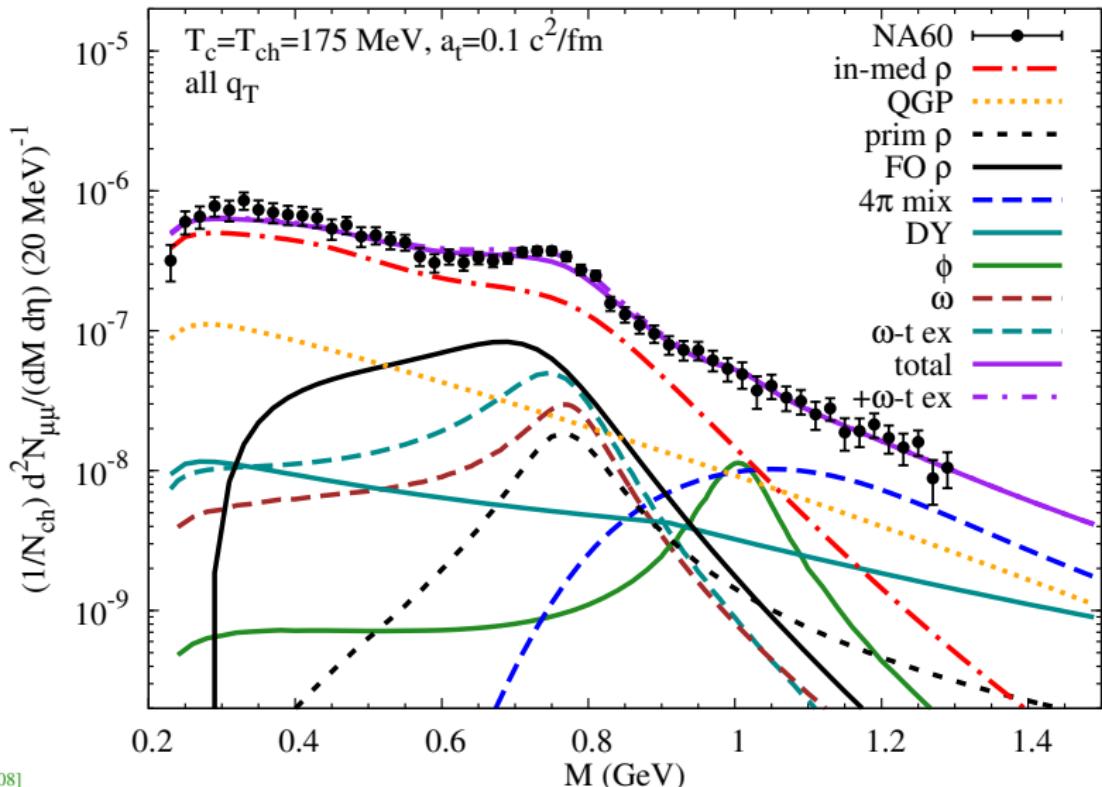


# Dileptons at SPS and RHIC

thermal fireball model (with Ralf Rapp)

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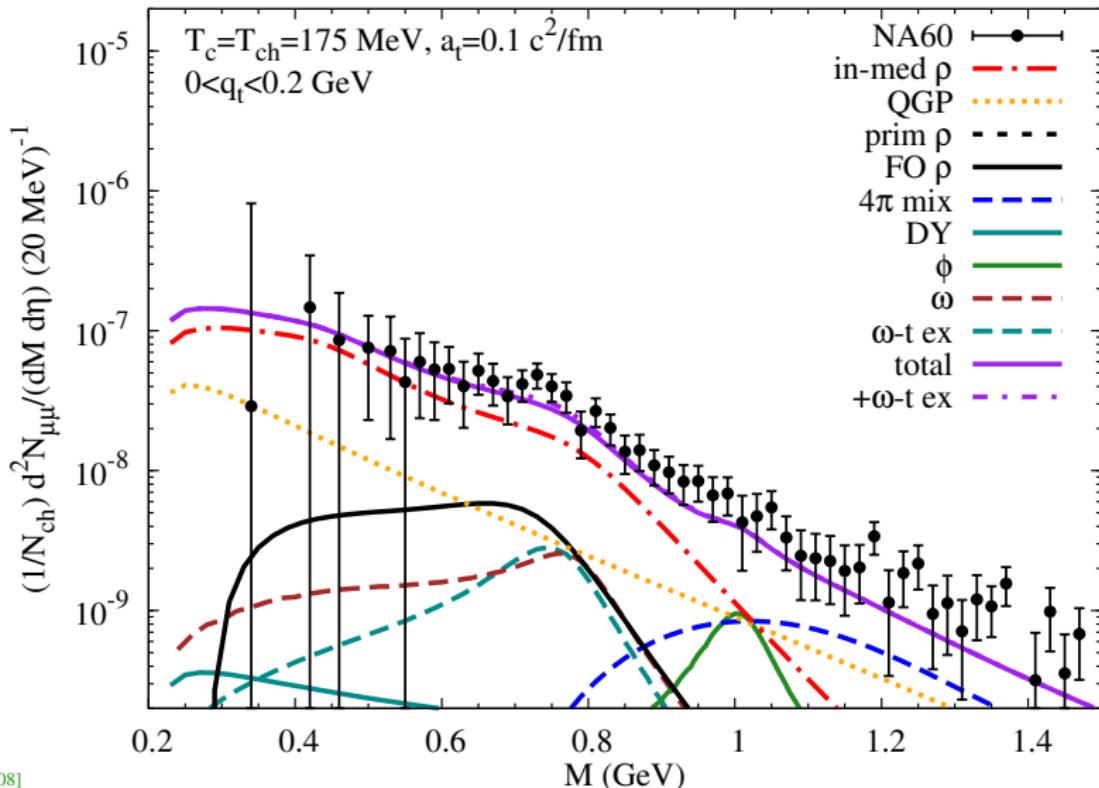
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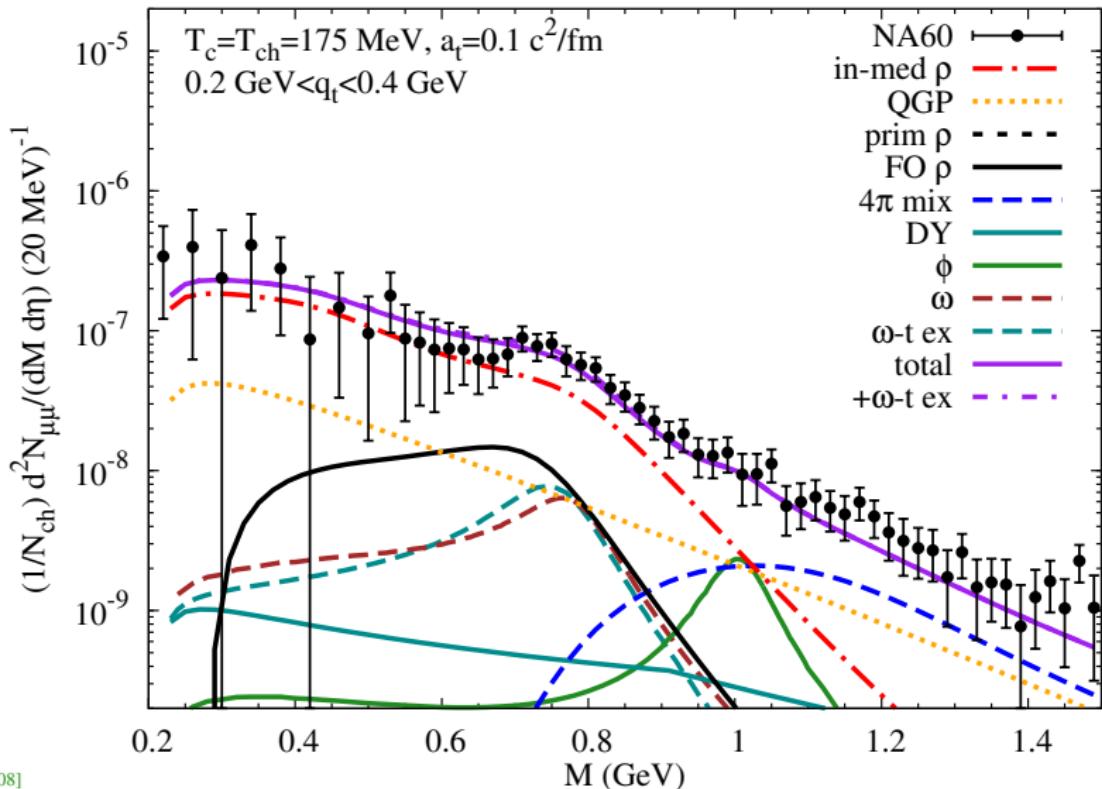
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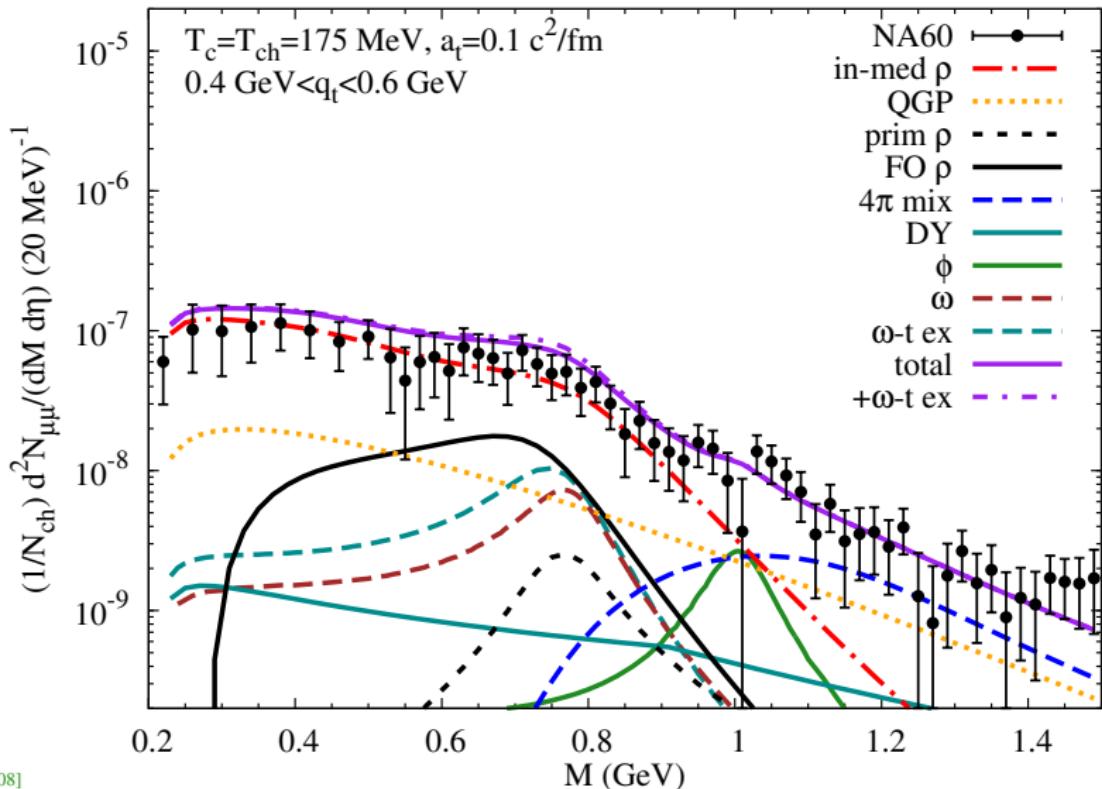
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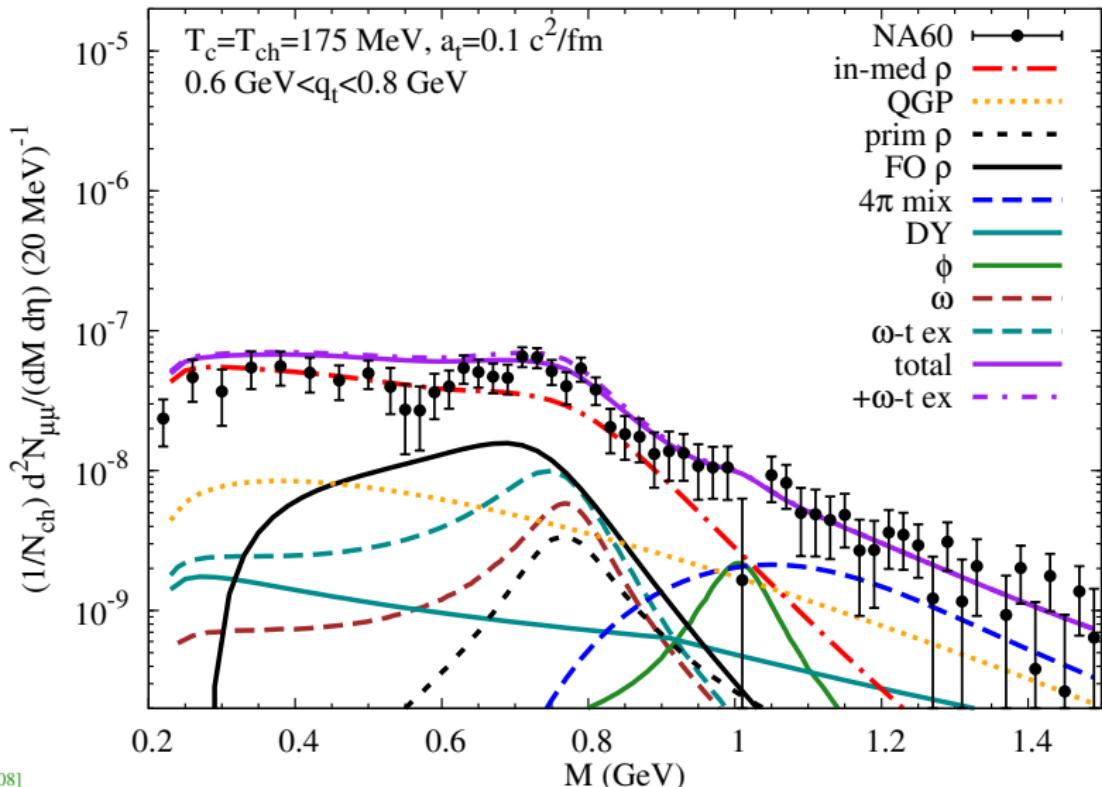
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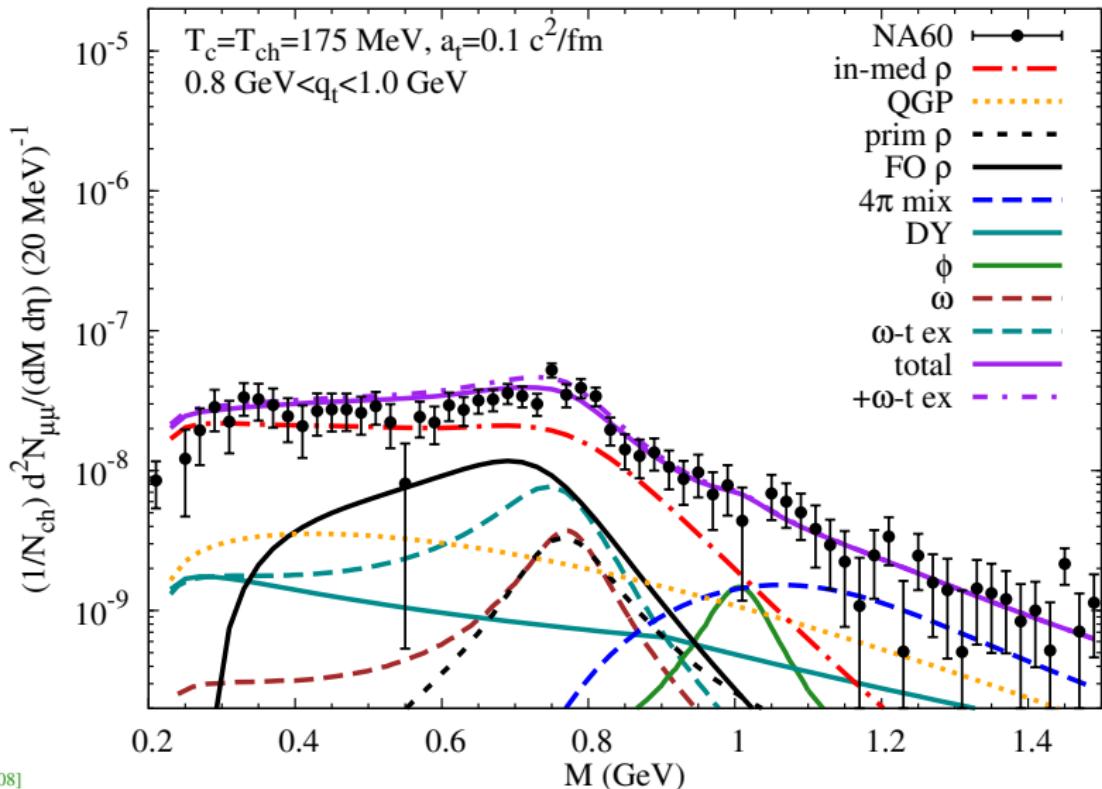
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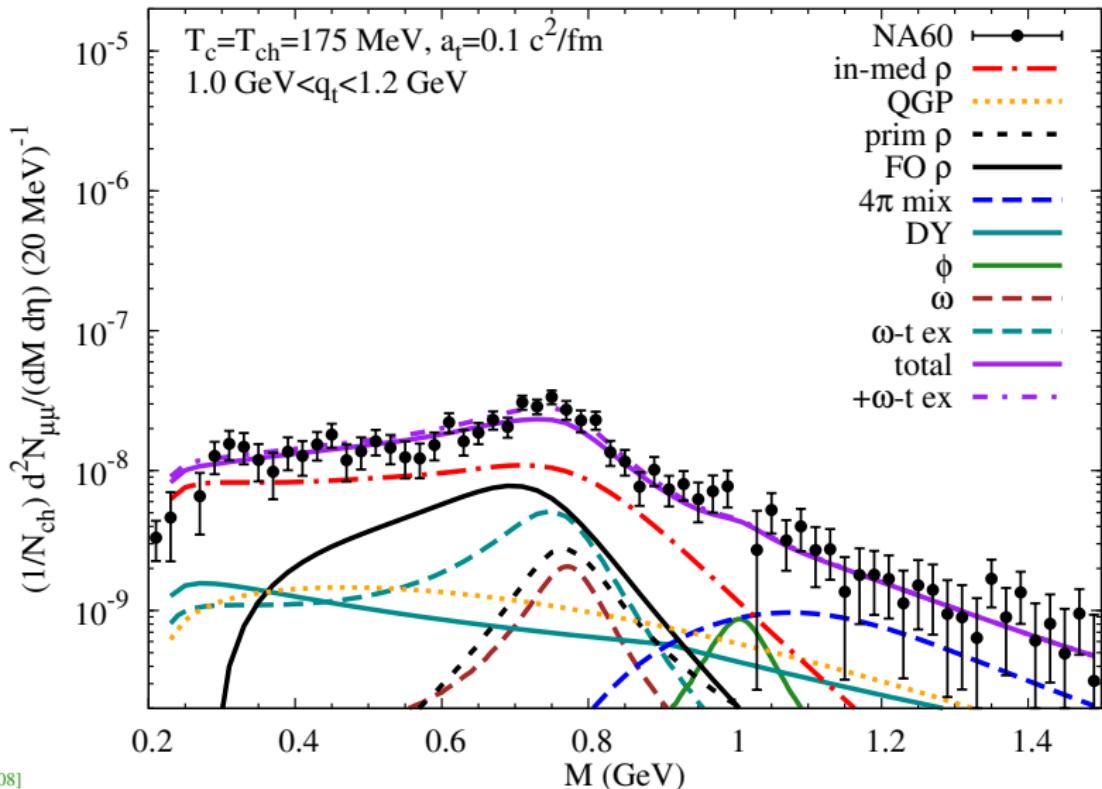
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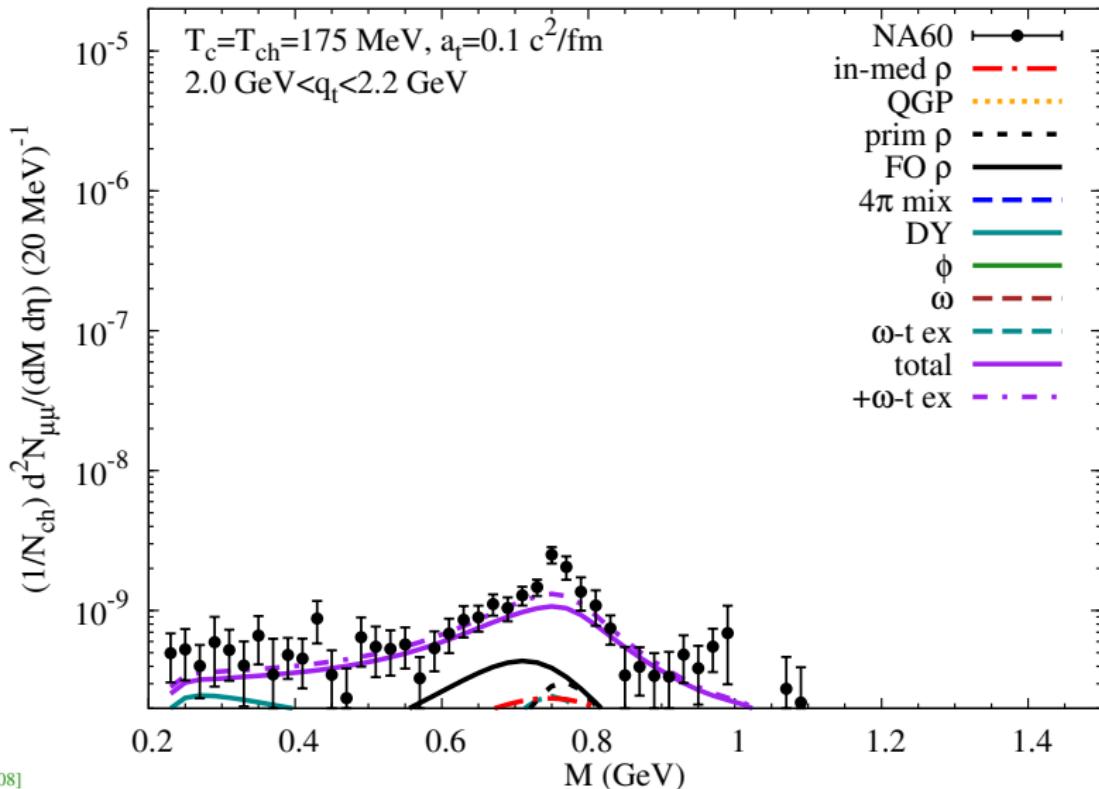
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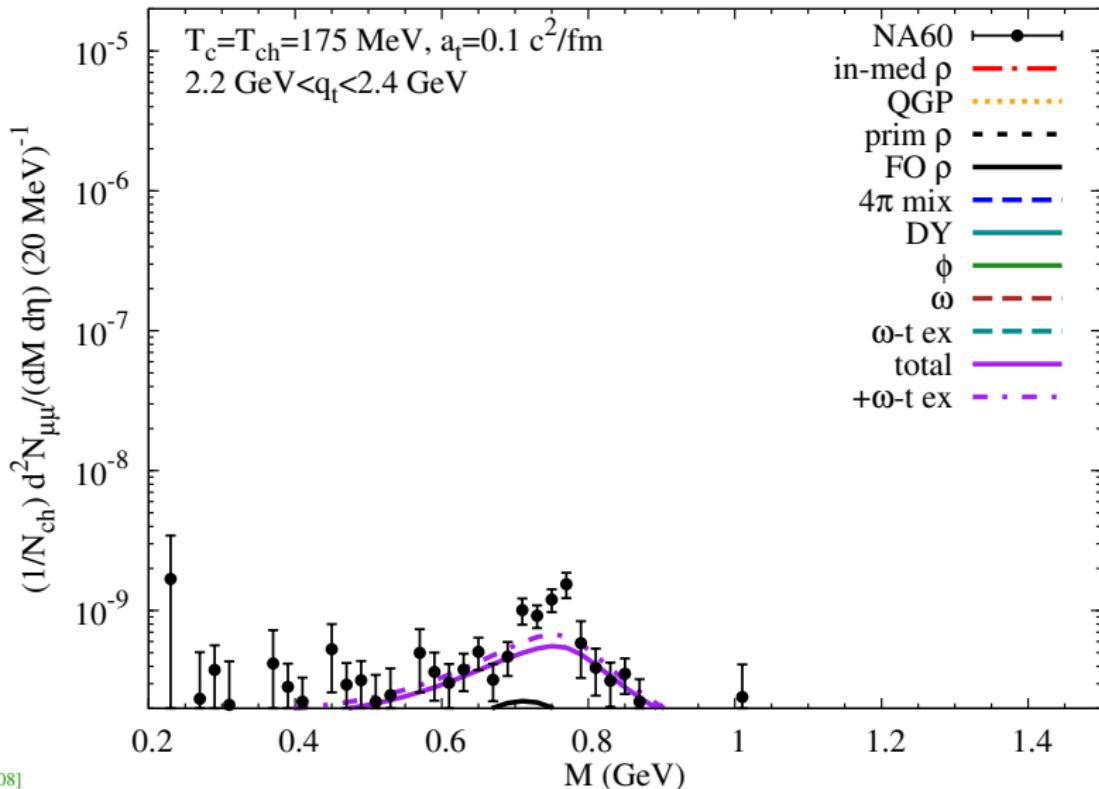
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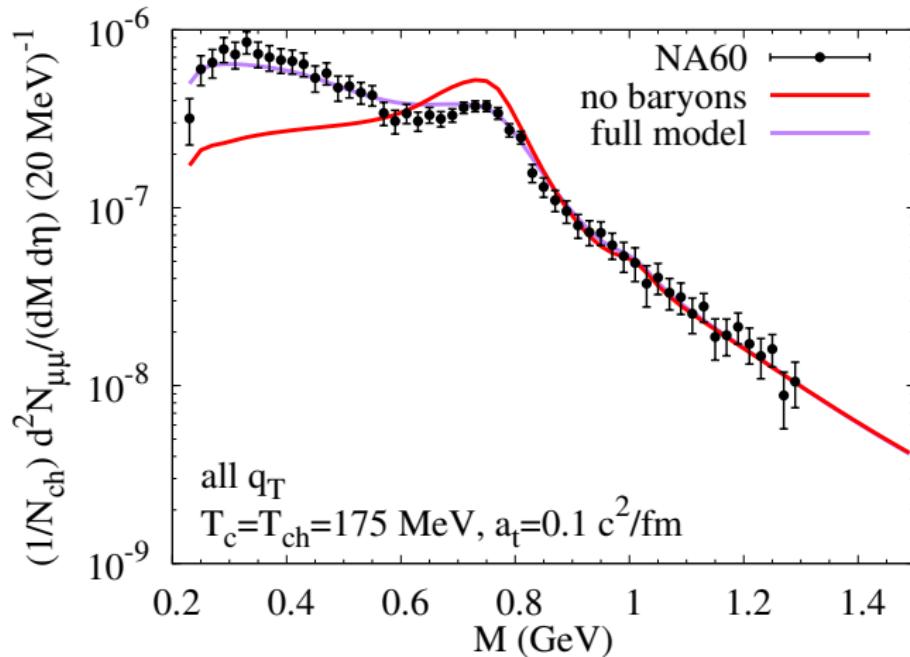
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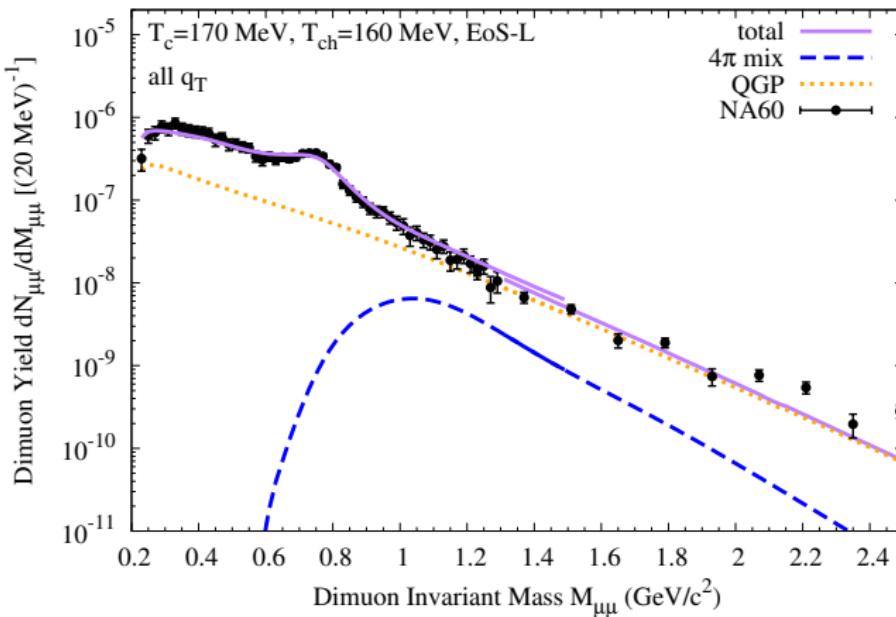
# Importance of baryon effects

- baryonic interactions important!
- in-medium broadening
- low-mass tail!



# Update: Using lattice equation of state

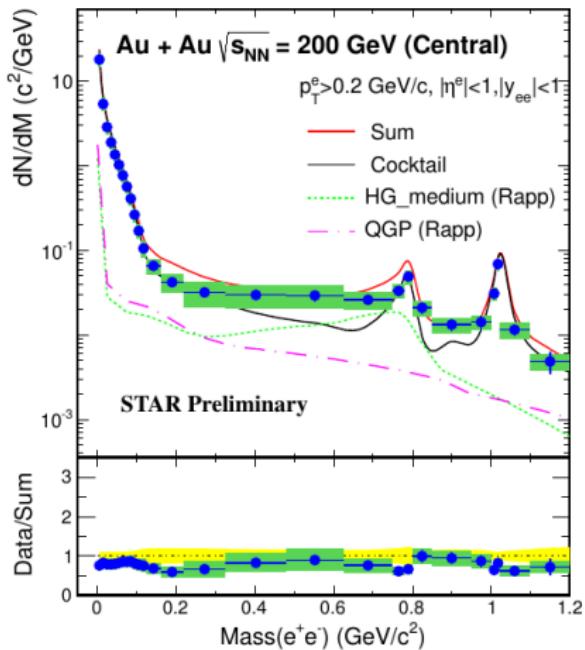
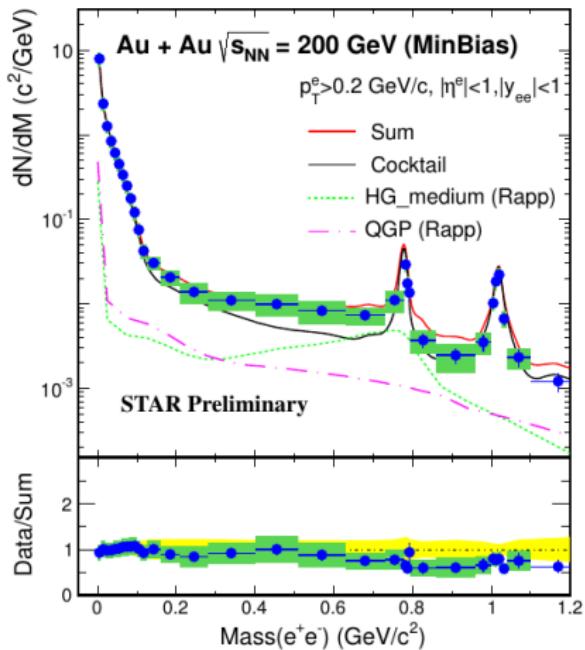
- use **equation of state from lattice calculations** (cross over!)
- use **QGP rates** adapted to recent lattice results
- IMR slope: **true (average) temperature** of source (no blue shift as in  $q_T$  spectra!):  
 $T \simeq 205\text{-}230 \text{ MeV}$  (above  $T_c \simeq 160 \text{ MeV}$ !)



- compatible with **coarse-grained UrQMD calculation** (see Stephan Endres's talk!)

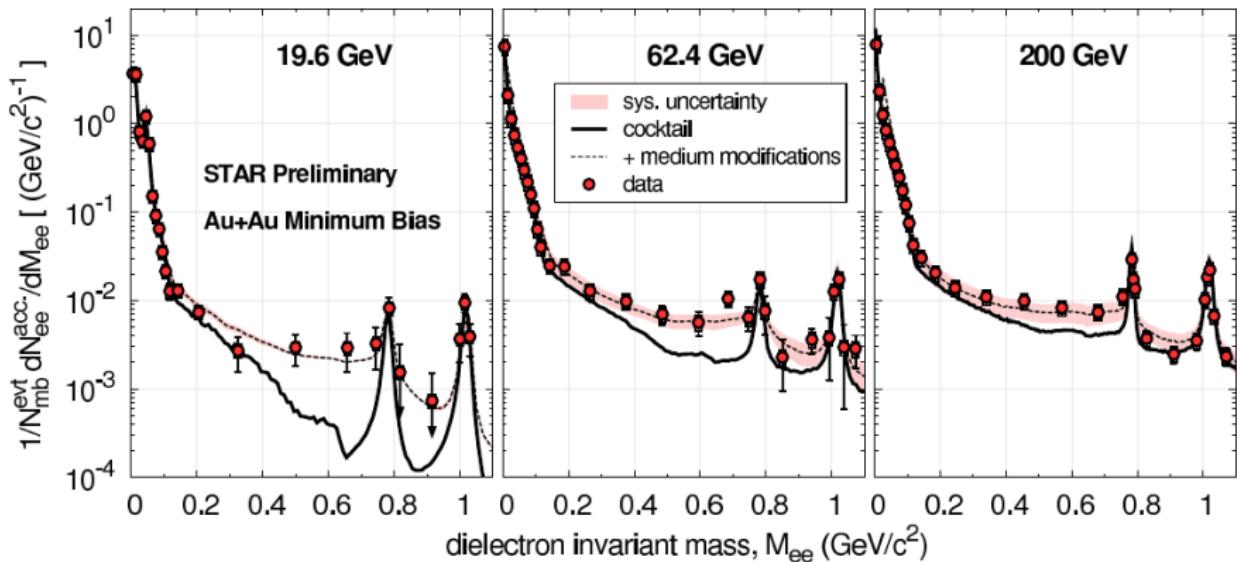
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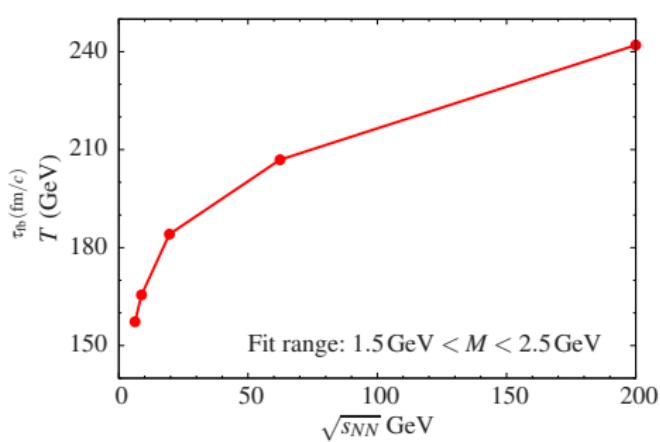
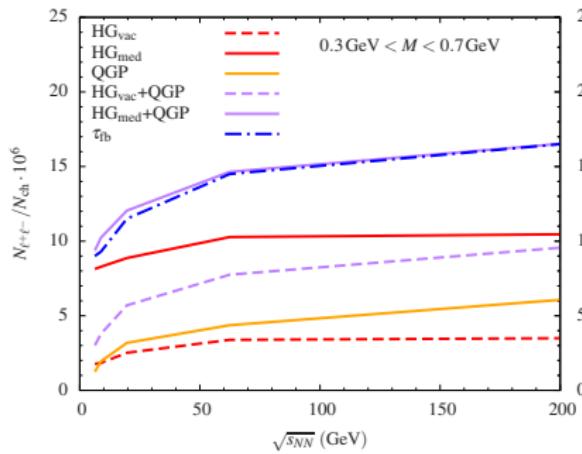
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- fireball model  $\Rightarrow$  lifetime, dilepton excess, temperature as fct. of  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$
- indications of phase transition???



# Conclusions

- General ideas

- em. probes  $\Leftrightarrow$  in-medium em. current-correlation function
- effective QFT models for hadronic interactions and  $\ell^+\ell^-$  (and  $\gamma!$ ) production
- HTL improved or lattice QGP  $\ell^+\ell^-$  (and  $\gamma$ ) rates
- dual rates around  $T_c$  (compatible with  $\chi$  symmetry restoration)
- medium modifications of  $\rho$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $\phi$
- importance of hadron-resonance interactions
- baryon resonances prevalent for medium effects
- reliable input on resonance physics in elementary reactions crucial!
- need to fix masses, couplings, form factors (including em. transition FFs)

- Application to dileptons in HICs

- thermal fireball, (ideal) hydrodynamics, (coarse-grained) transport, hybrid...
- equation of state  $\Leftrightarrow$  compatibility with QFT/transport models!??!
- use of thermal-QFT spectral VM functions
- successful description at HADES, SPS, and RHIC (STAR)
- consistent description of  $M$  and  $m_T$  spectra!
- not too sensitive to details of medium evolution
- beam-energy scan at RHIC and FAIR  $\Rightarrow$  signature of phase transition?
- sensitivity to equation of state?
- signature of cross-over vs. 1st order (or even critical endpoint)?
- effective slope of  $M$  spectra in higher IMR ( $1.5 \text{ GeV} < M < M_{J/\psi}$ ) provides  $\langle T \rangle$

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