

# 第一届HIAF高能终端谱仪合作组会议

## Dilepton production at high baryon density

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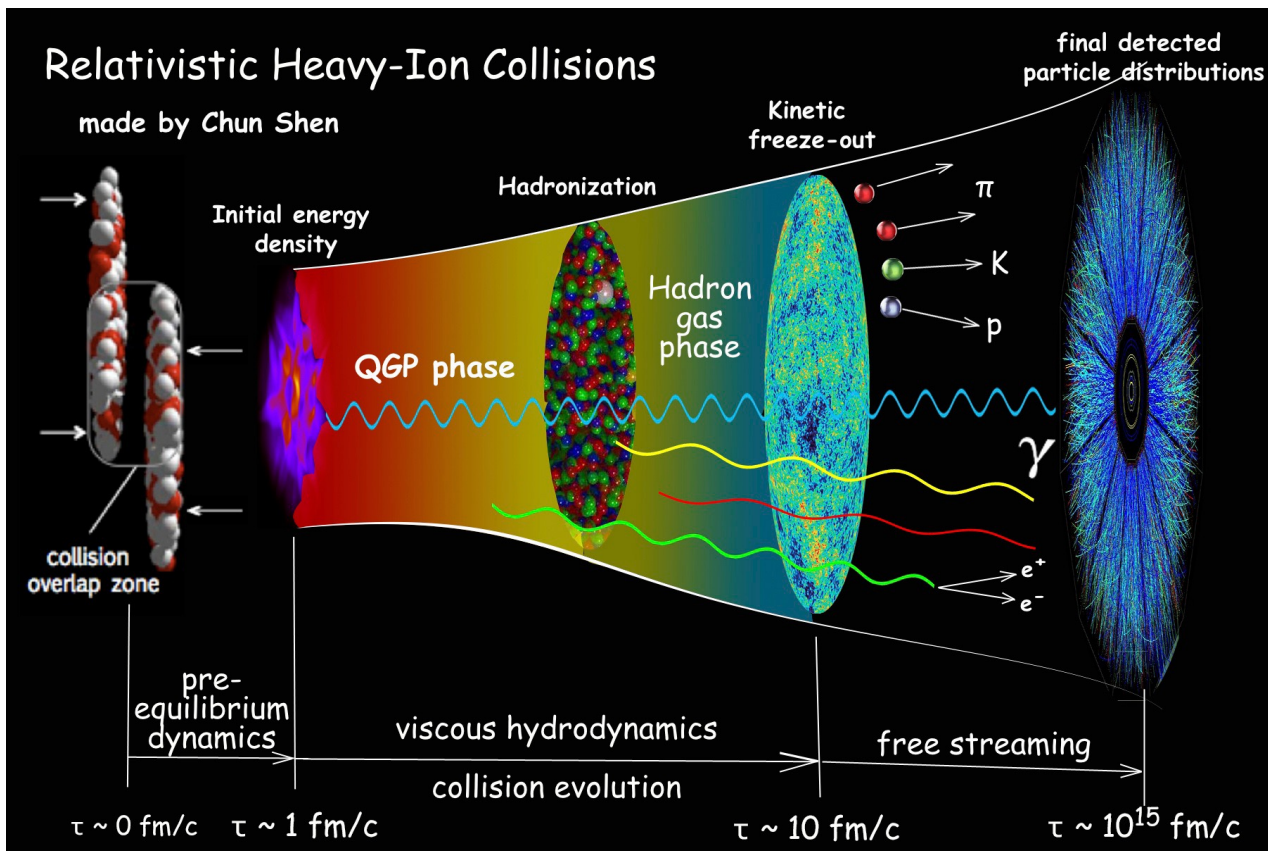
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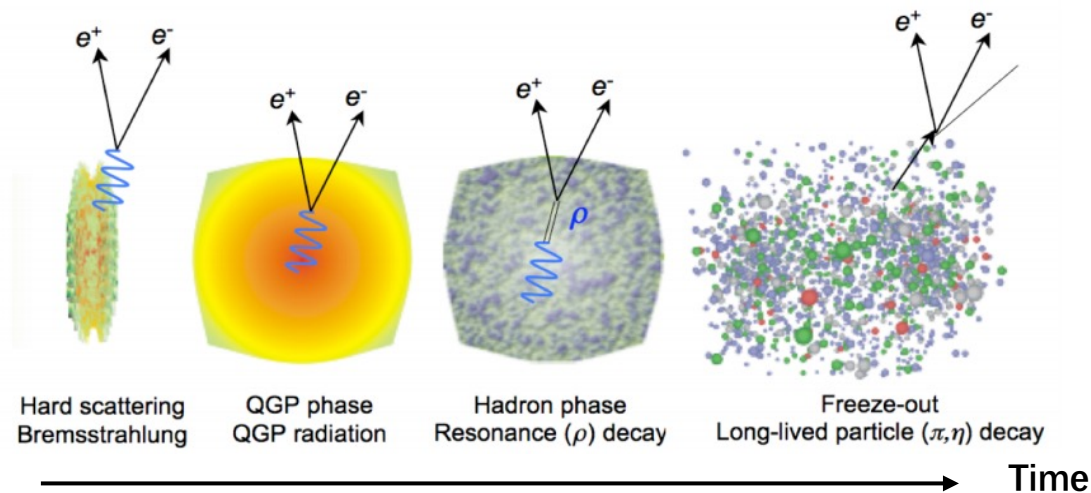
# Outline

- ✦ **Introduction**
- ✦ **Dilepton measurements at high baryon density**
- ✦ **Summary**
- ✦ **Discussion at HIAF energy**

# Introduction: penetrating probe in HIC



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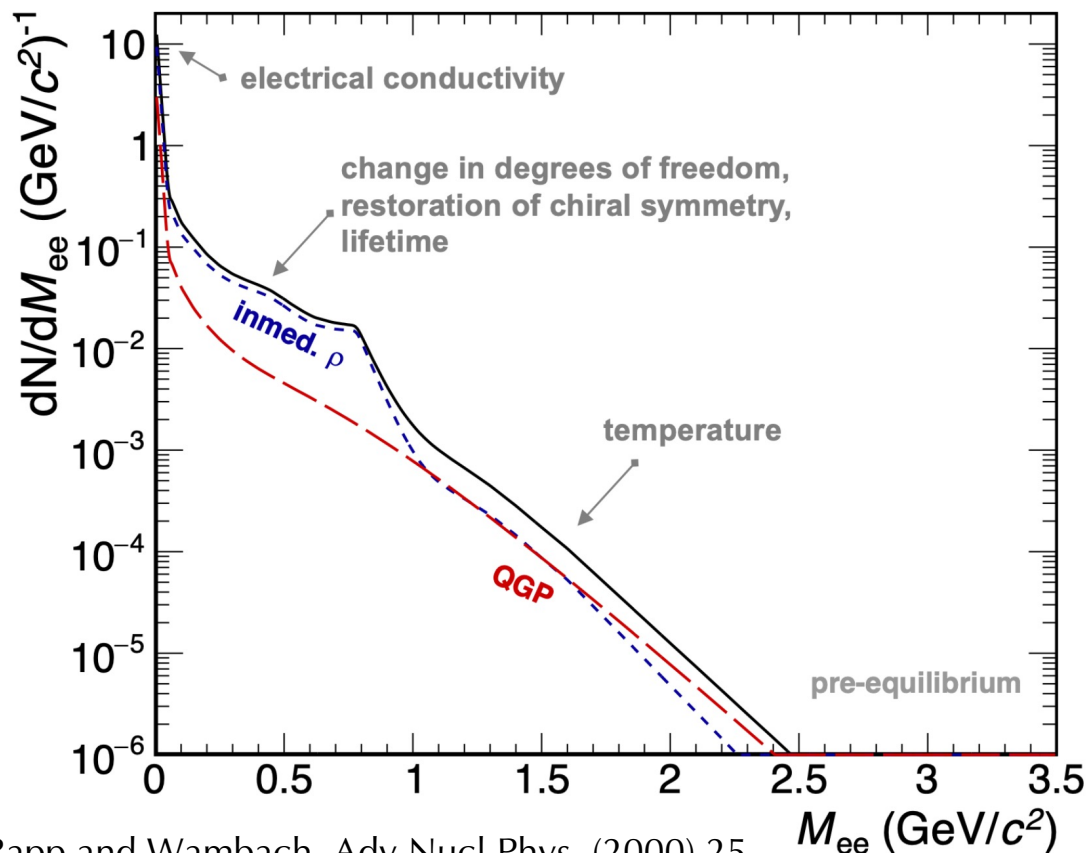


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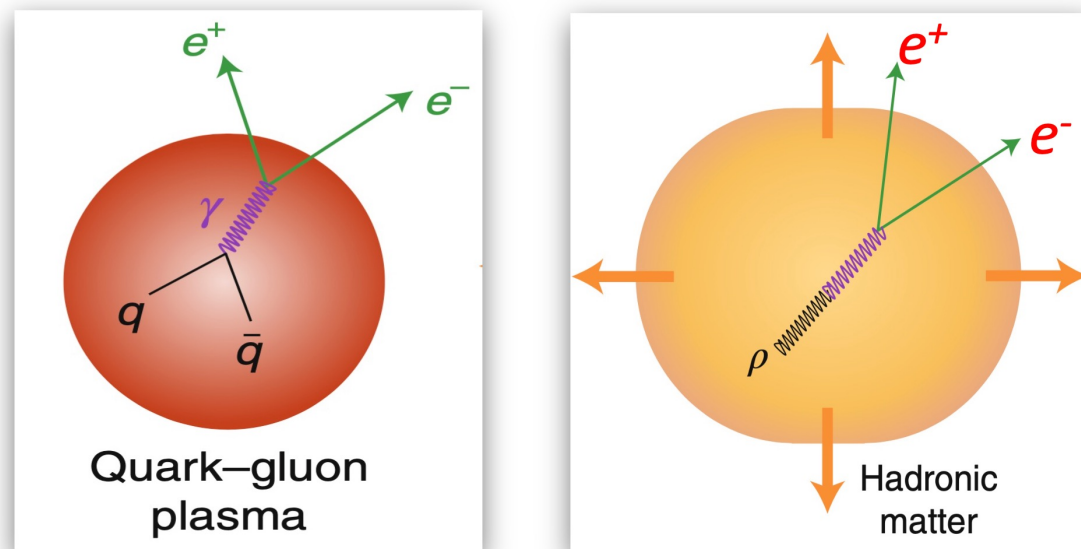
Do not participate in strong interactions.  
Bring undistorted information as where produced.  
Penetrate medium properties.

**Challenge:** Time-space integrated from all stages.  
Continuum at IMR.

# Introduction: in-medium dileptons



Rapp and Wambach, Adv.Nucl.Phys. (2000) 25



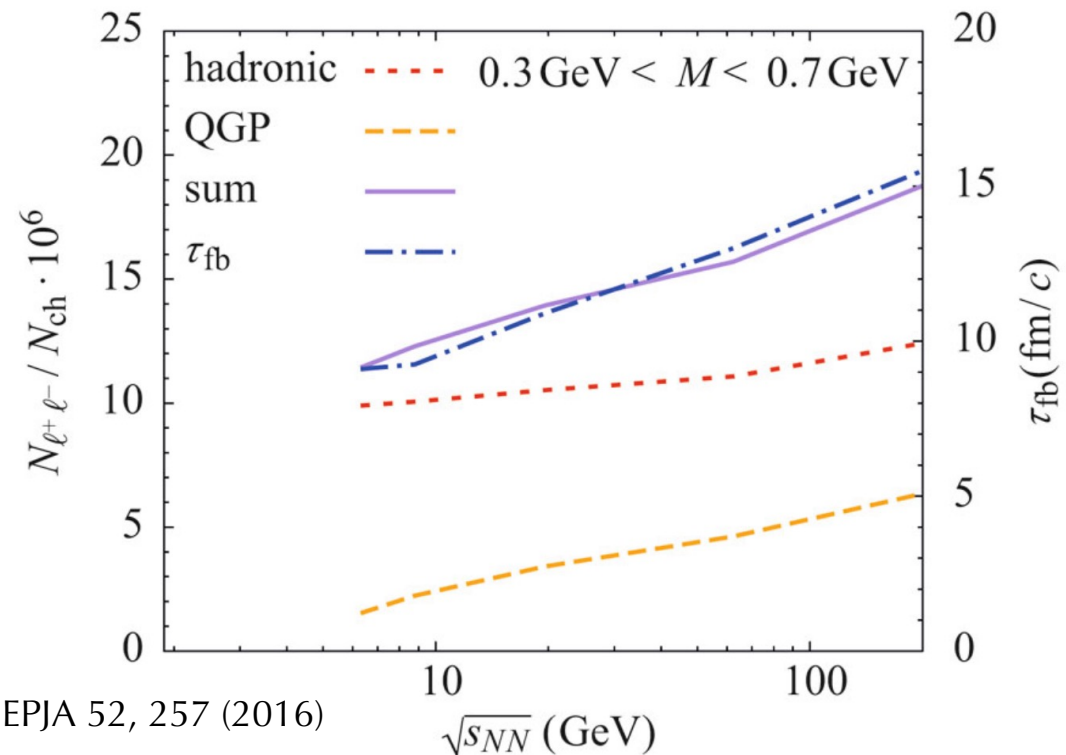
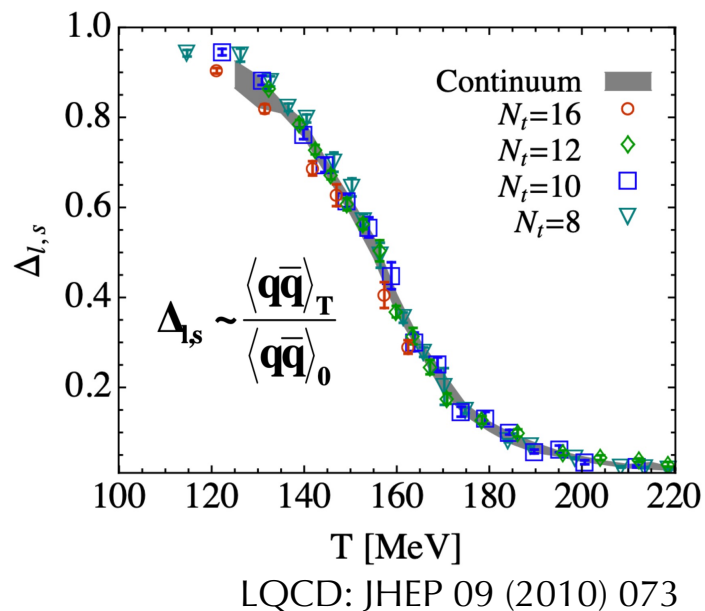
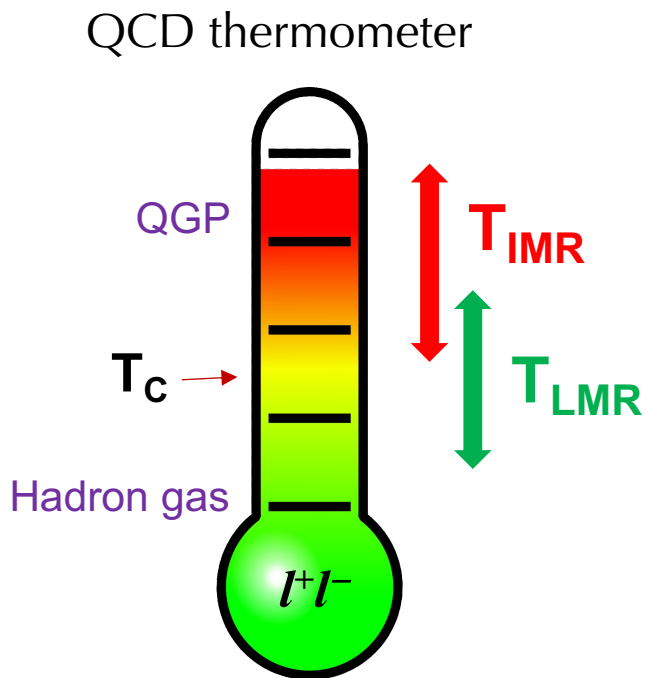
Courtesy of Ralf Rapp

Rapp and v. Hess, PLB 753 (2016) 586;

Shuryak and Brown, NPA 717, 322 (2003); STAR, PRL 92, 092301 (2004)

- ✦ **IMR:** Fireball properties like temperature, lifetime, pressure anisotropy.
- ✦ **LMR:**  $\rho$  modification, chiral symmetry restoration, baryon catalyst, deconfinement or chiral transition
- ✦ **VLMR:** Electrical conductivity, transport property as fundamental as  $\eta/s$

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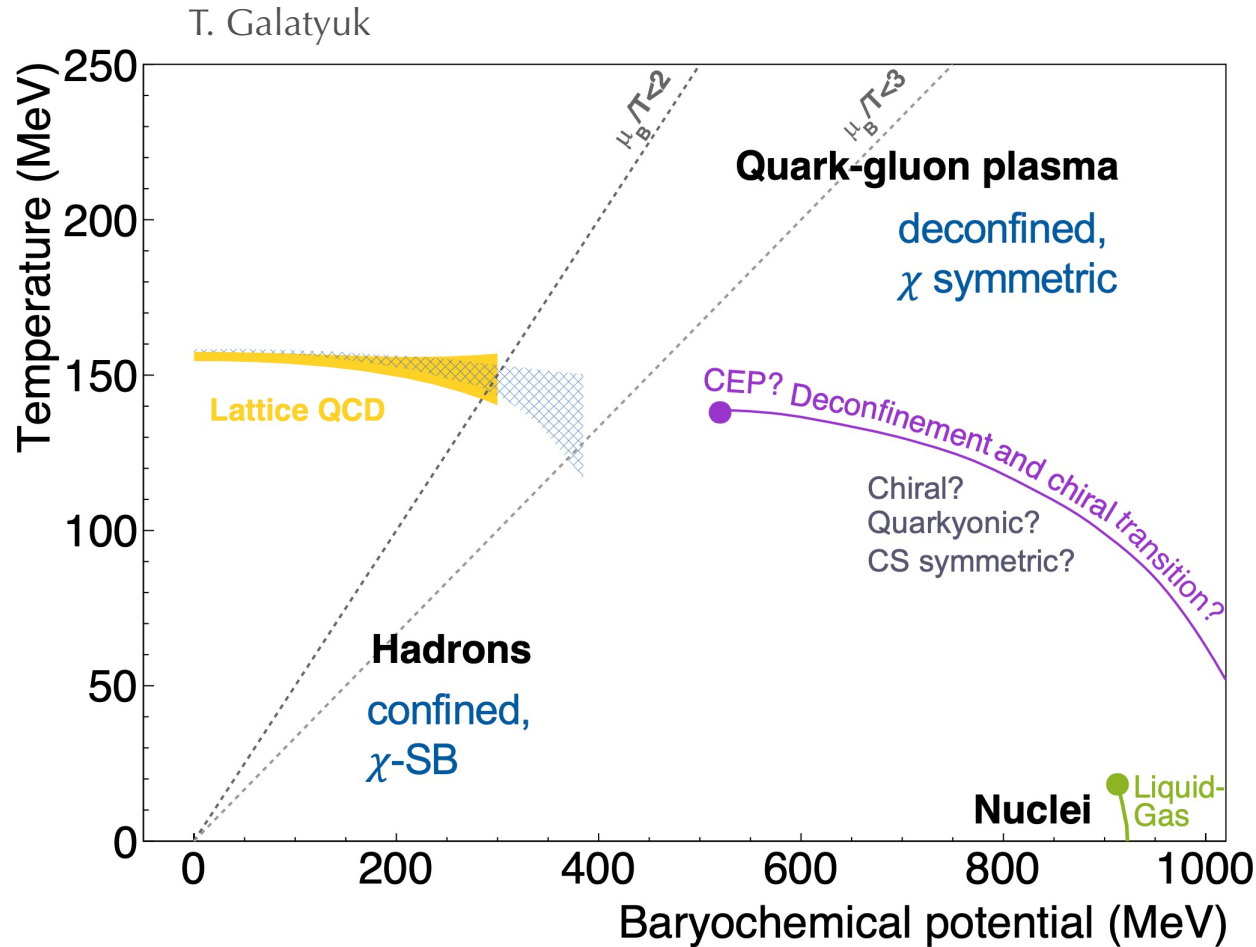


R. Rapp, EPJA 52, 257 (2016)

- ◆ **Thermometer: Medium diagnostics**, extract temperature from mass spectra
- ◆ **Chronometer: Emission archaeology**, predict lifetime from integrated yield



# Introduction: searching for QCD phase diagram

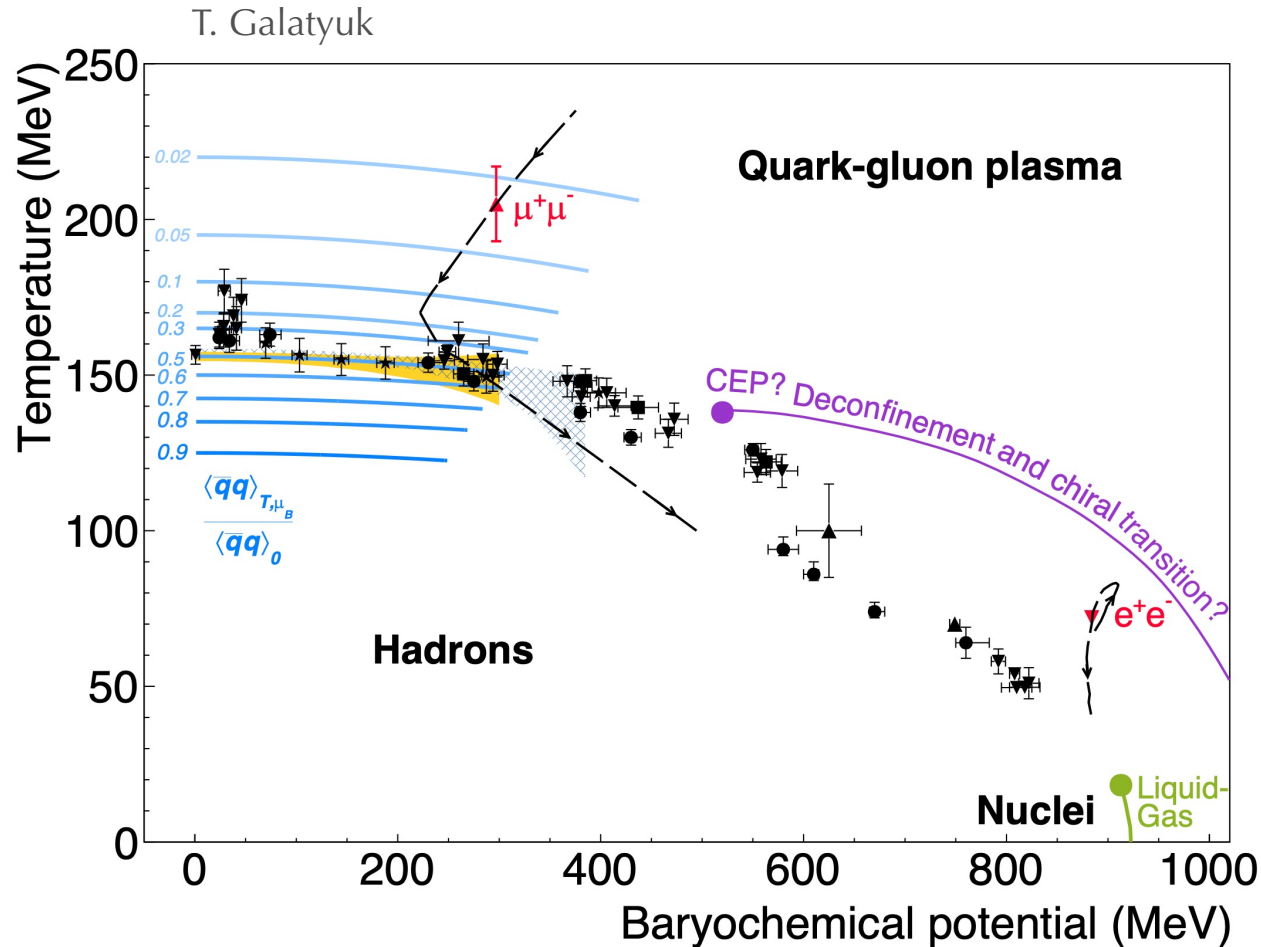


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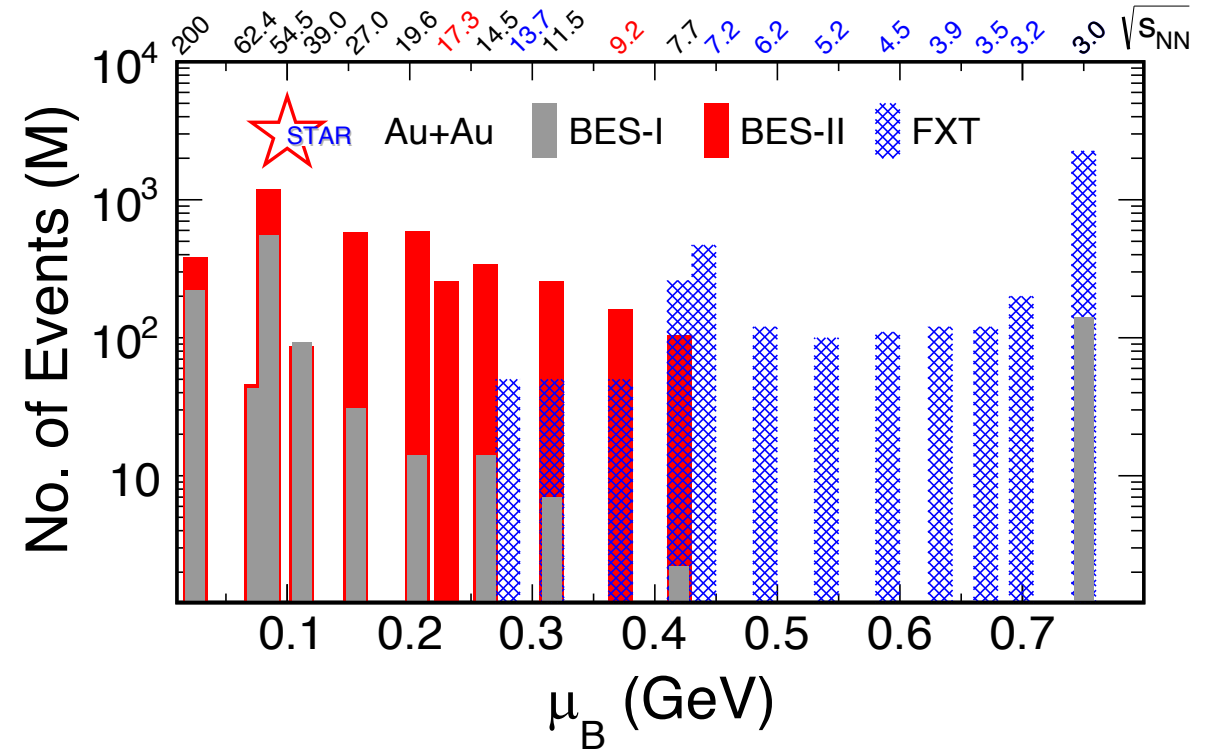
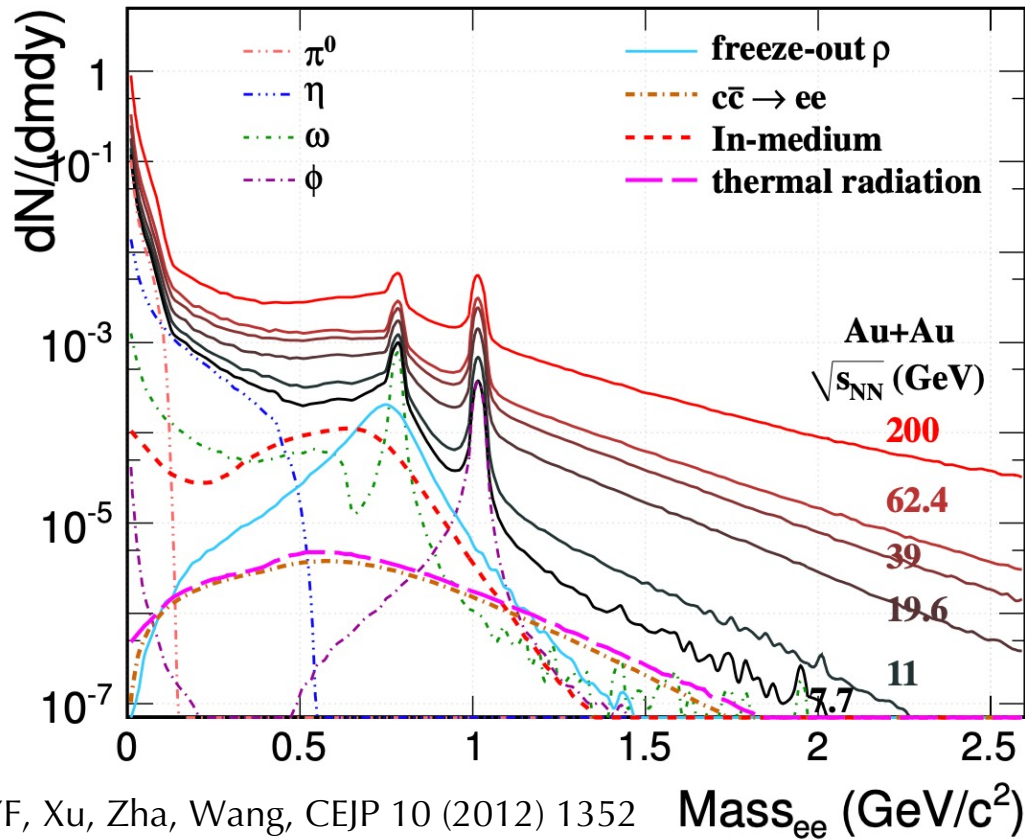
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- ◆ Dilepton sensitive to medium property,  $\mu_B$  dependence, especially high baryon density region.

## Nuclear matter phase tomography

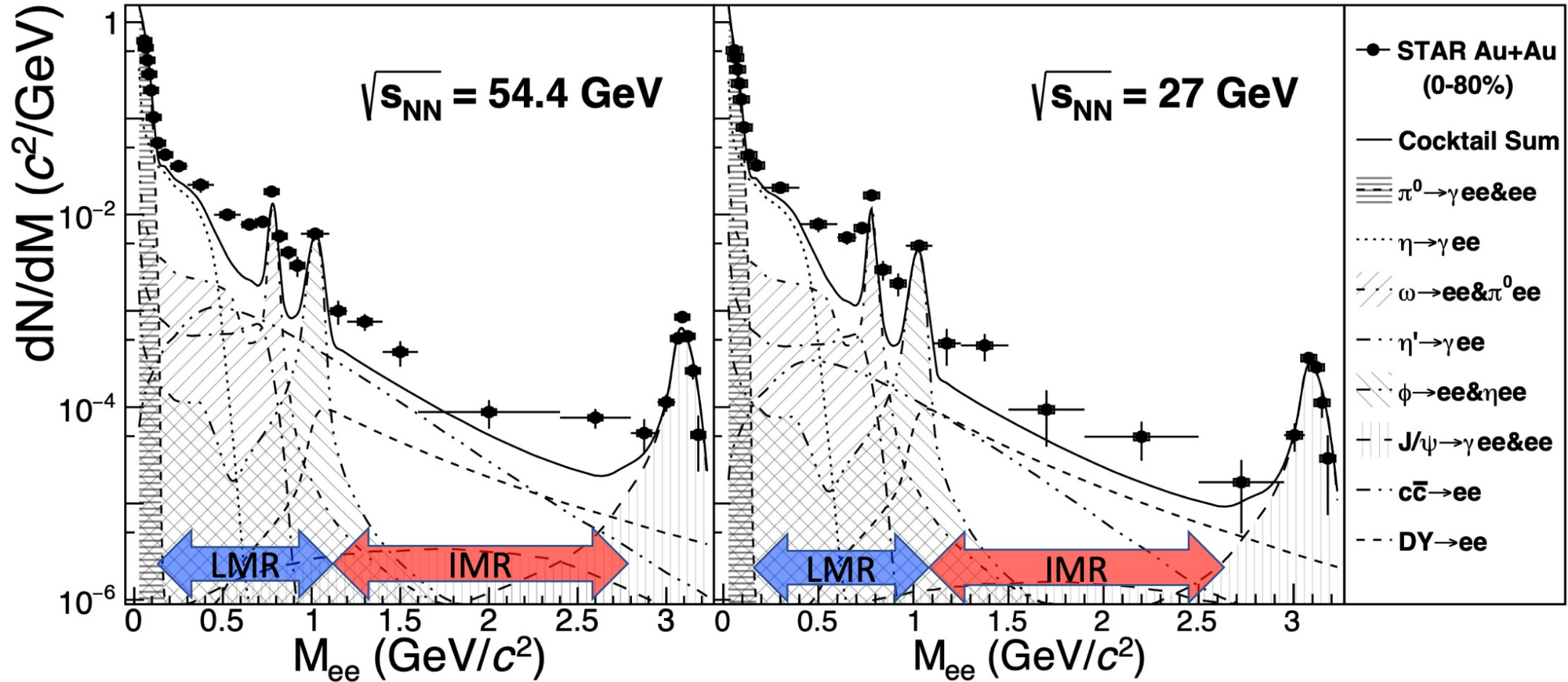
# RHIC BES-II program



- ◆ Medium emissivity (excess yield and temperature) strongly depends on collision energy.
- ◆ Large statistics and iTPC upgrade provide a great opportunity to study dilepton production.

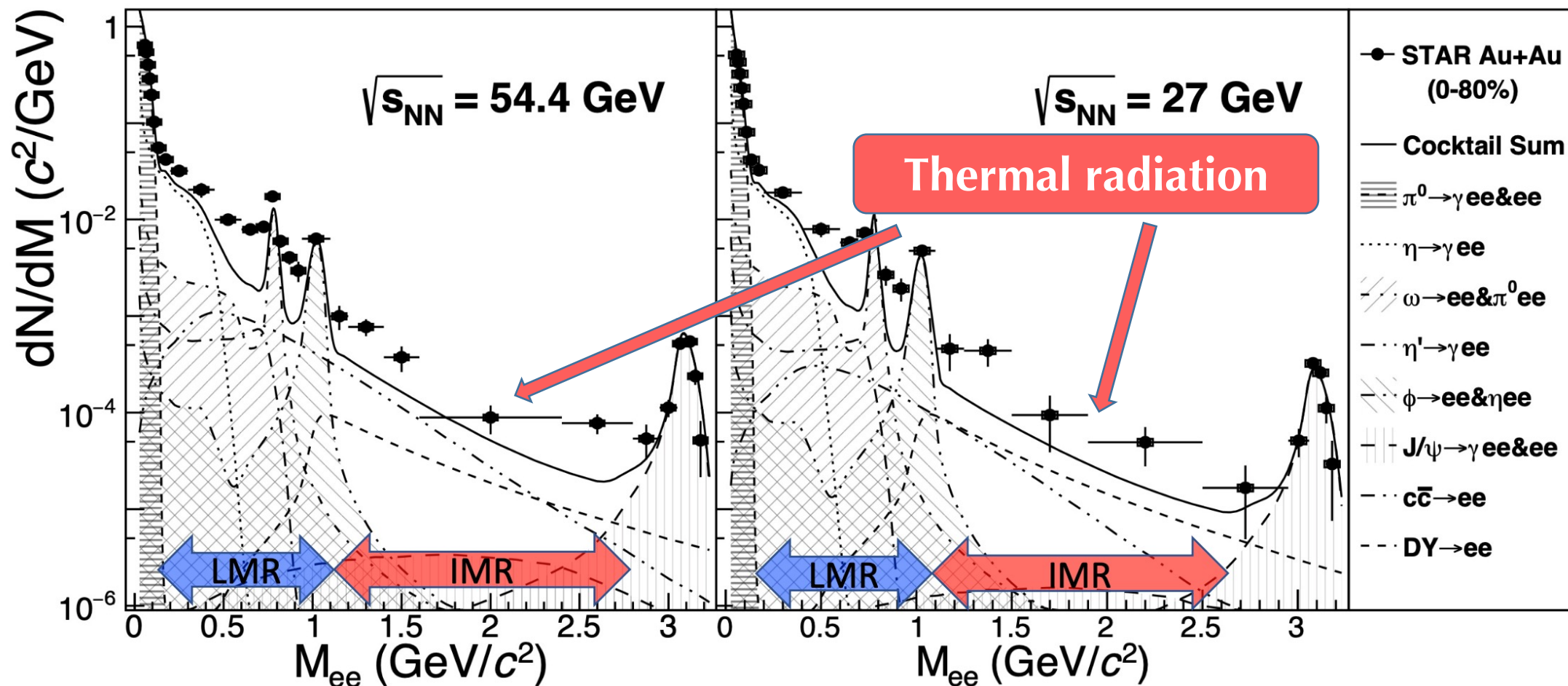


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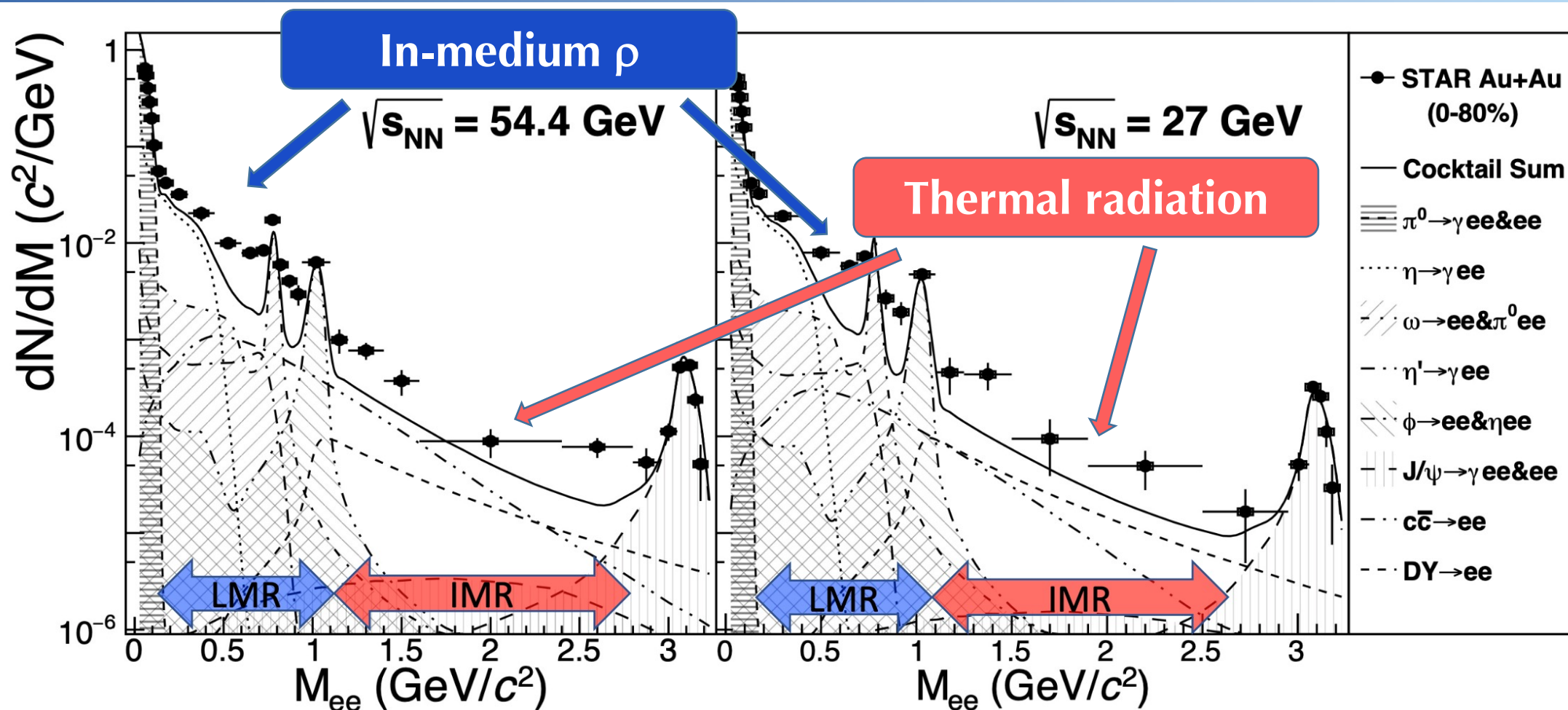
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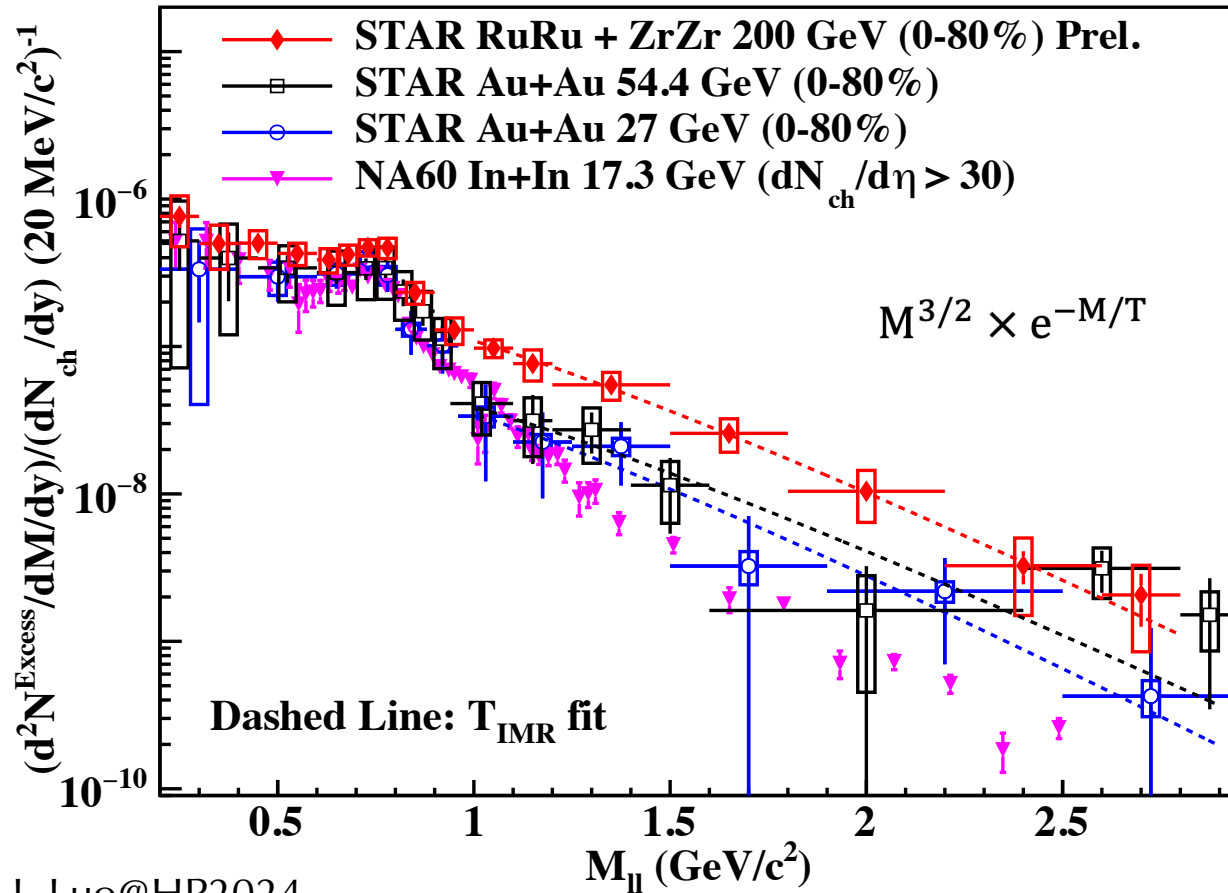
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# Dilepton IMR from high to low energy



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NA60: EPJC 59 (2009) 607

STAR 27 & 54.4 GeV: arXiv: 2402.01998

## Intermediate Mass Region:

- $\color{purple}\blacklozenge$  Excess yield at 200 GeV **higher** than lower energy
- $\color{purple}\blacklozenge$  **T is similar** within uncertainties **despite** significant **differences** in collision **energy** and **system size**
- $\color{purple}\blacklozenge$   $T_{\text{IMR}}$  is higher than  $T_{\text{LMR}}$ ,  $\sim 2.9 \sigma$  at 200 GeV

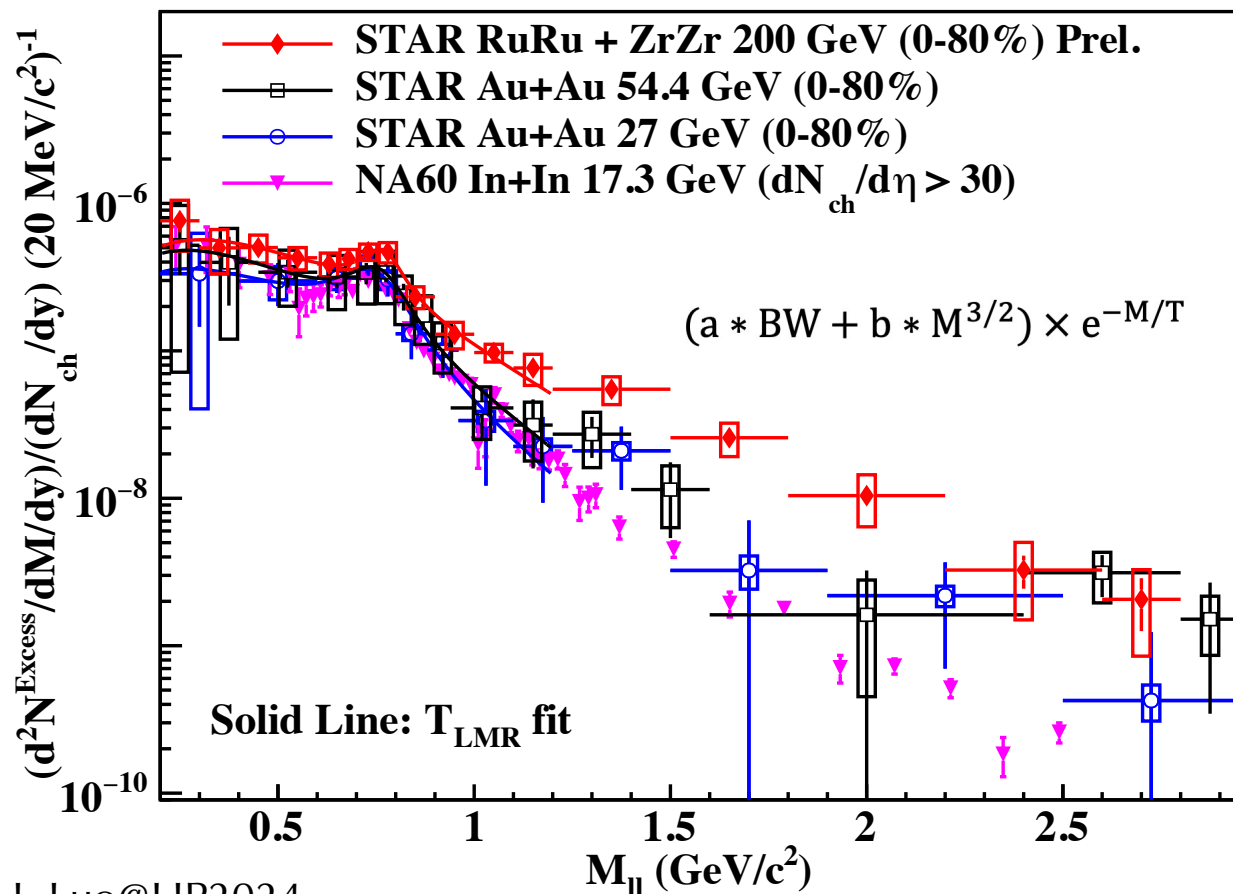
$$T_{\text{IMR}}^{200\text{GeV}} = 293 \pm 11 (\text{stat.}) \pm 27 (\text{sys.}) \text{ MeV}$$

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$$T_{\text{IMR}}^{27\text{GeV}} = 280 \pm 64 (\text{stat.}) \pm 10 (\text{sys.}) \text{ MeV}$$

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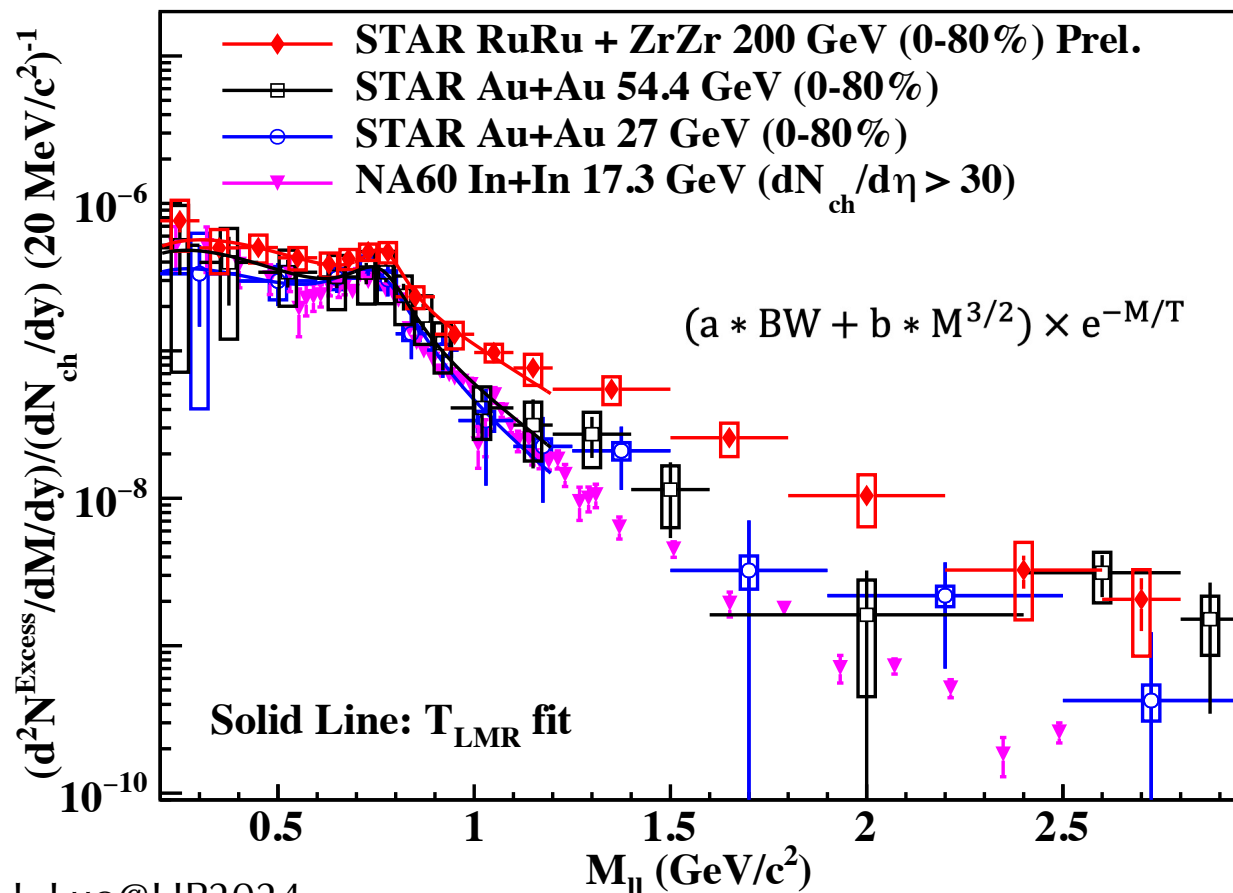
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## Low Mass Region:

- ◆ Excess yield (normalized by the charged particle multiplicity) increases with collision energy
- ◆ 27 & 54.4 GeV: in-medium  $\rho$  dominant
- ◆ 200 GeV: hint of higher QGP contribution

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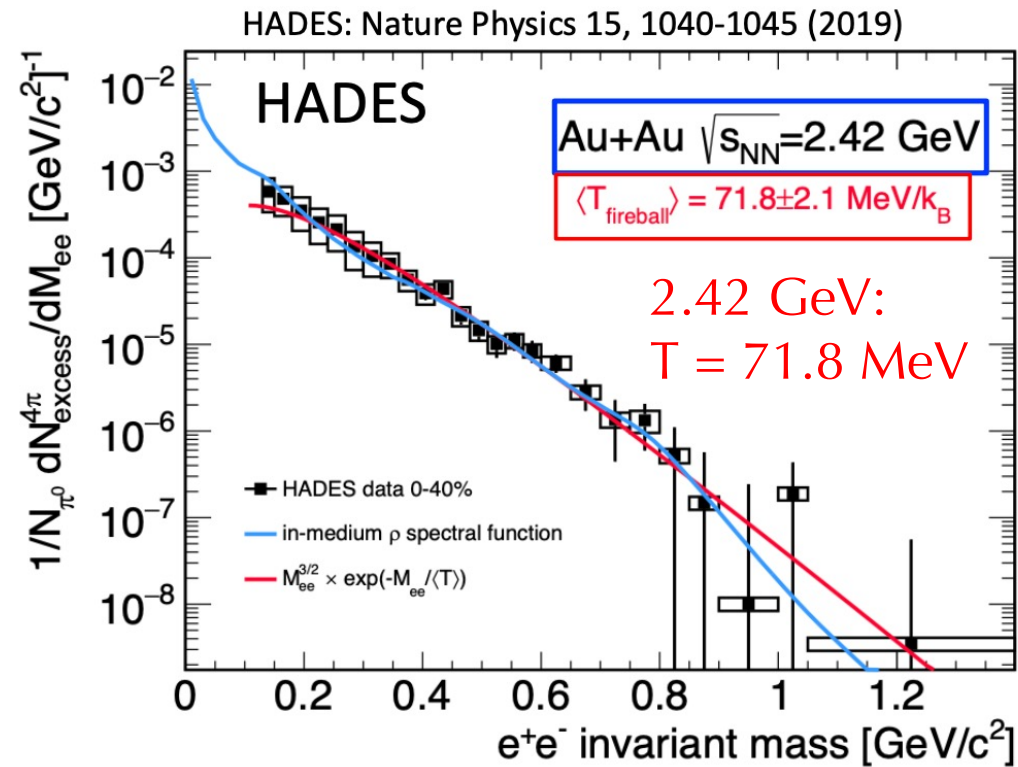
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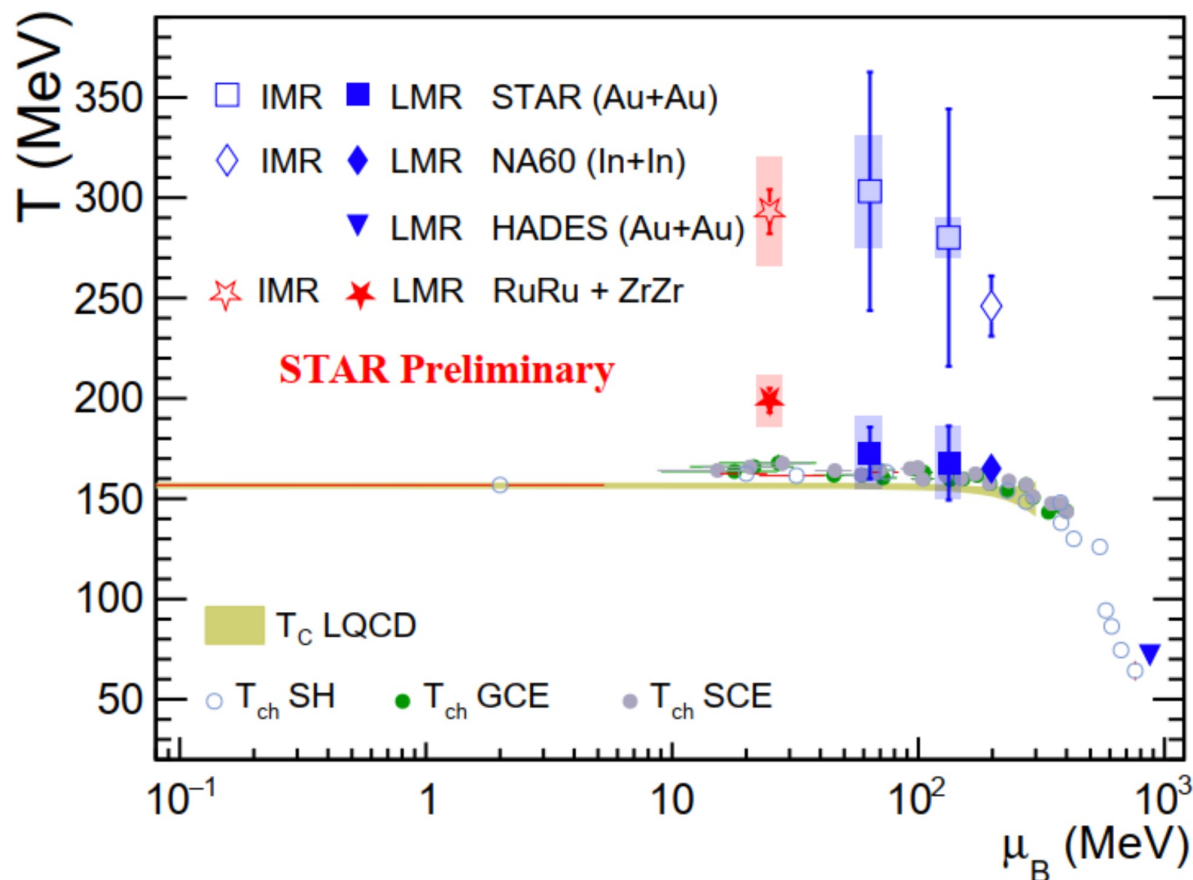
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# Thermometer: temperature vs. $\mu_B$



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 HotQCD: Phys. Lett. B 795, 15-21 (2019)  
 $T_{ch}$  SH: P. Braun-Munzinger et al. Nat. 561, 321-330 (2018)  
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## Thermal dielectrons in LMR:

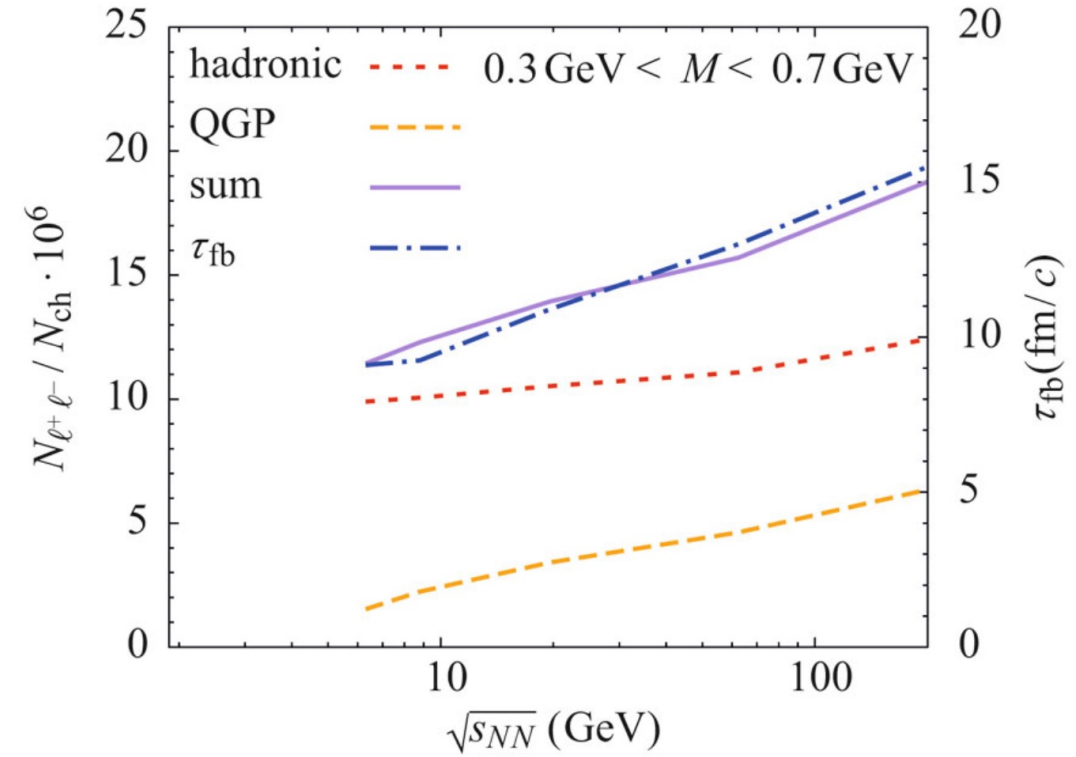
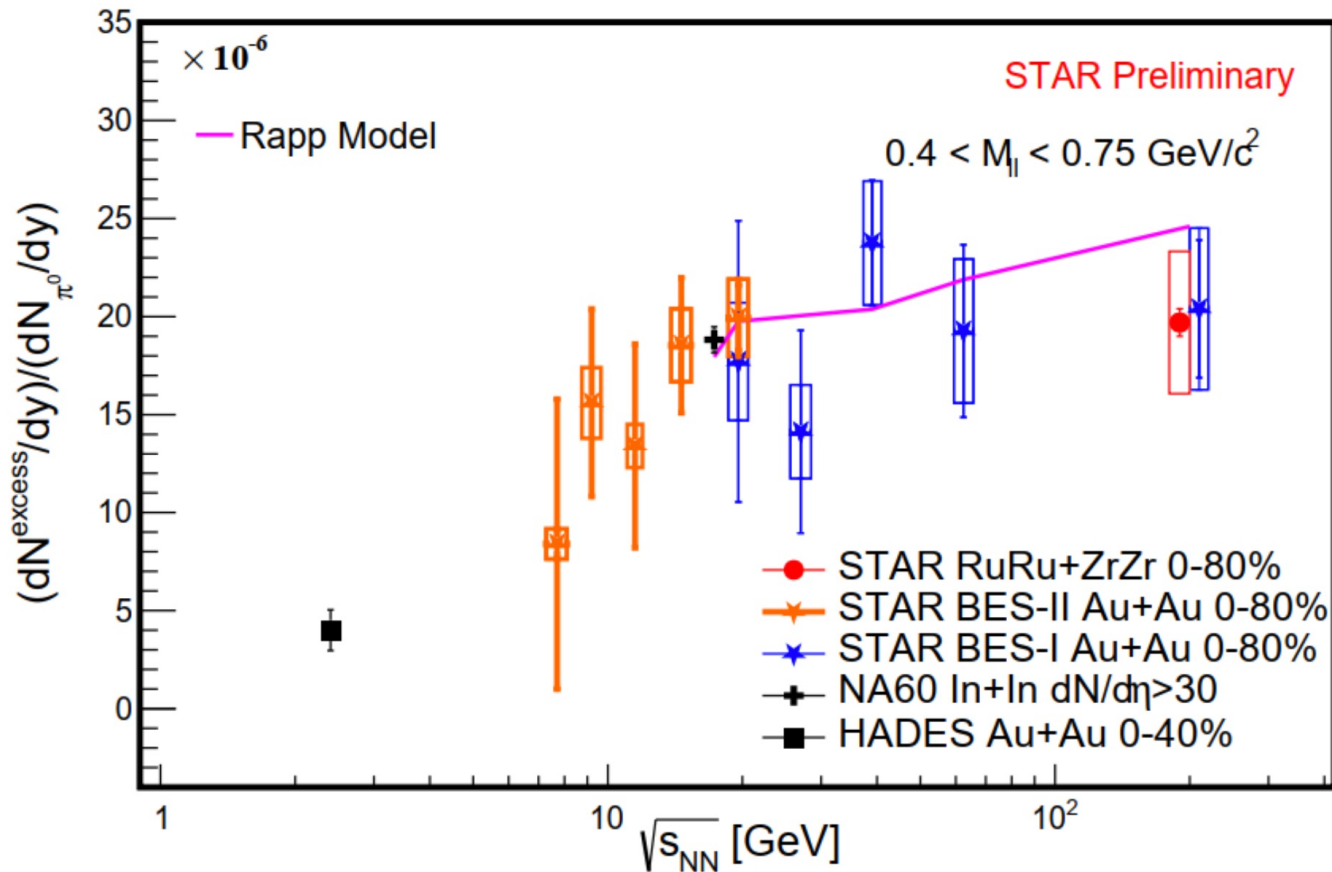
- ✦  $T_{LMR}$  at 27 & 54.4 GeV is **close** to the  $T_{pc}$  and  $T_{ch}$ 
  - ✓ Emitted from the hadronic phase
  - ✓ Dominantly around the **phase transition**
- ✦  $T_{LMR}$  at 200 GeV is **higher** than the  $T_{pc}$  and  $T_{ch}$ 
  - ✓ Hint of **higher QGP contribution**

## Thermal dielectrons in IMR:

- ✦  $T_{IMR}$  is **higher** than  $T_{LMR}$ ,  $T_{pc}$  and  $T_{ch}$
- Emitted from the partonic phase

$T_{ch}$ : Chemical freeze-out temperature  
 $T_{pc}$ : Pseudo critical temperature

# Chronometer: excess yield vs. collision energy



R. Rapp, EPJA 52, 257 (2016)

NA60: EPJC 59 (2009) 607

STAR 27 & 54.4 GeV: arXiv: 2402.01998

- ◆ Higher energy longer lifetime more excess yield
- ◆ Consistent with model calculation including QGP radiation and in-medium  $\rho$  modification



# Summary

- ✦ Dilepton is ideal **penetrating probe** for QCD medium evolution and sensitive to its properties.
- ✦ In-medium  $\rho$  is significantly broaden. Excess yields play **chronometer** role for medium lifetime.
- ✦ Medium diagnostics with dilepton as **thermometer**:
  - $T_{\text{LMR}} \sim 70\text{-}80 \text{ MeV}$  at SIS18
  - $T_{\text{LMR}} \sim T_{\text{ch}} \sim T_{\text{pc}}$  at RHIC and SPS, hadronic phase dominant
  - $T_{\text{IMR}} \sim 250\text{-}300 \text{ MeV} > T_{\text{pc}}$  at RHIC and SPS: QGP phase dominant
- ✦ Current experiment with large uncertainties, data are still missing at lower energy region  
**=> The matter is far from over!**

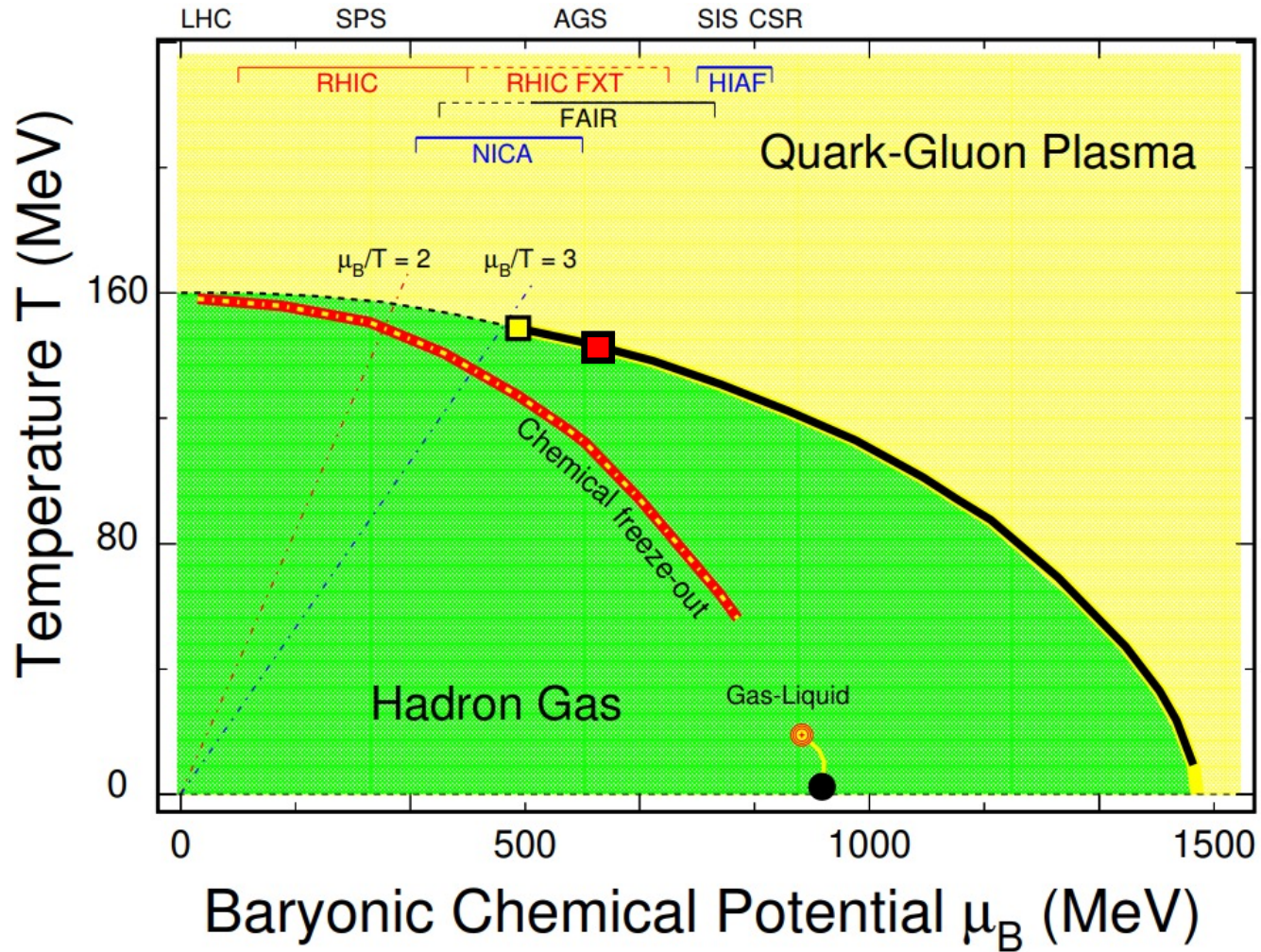


## Discussion

**What can we do at HIAF energy?**



# Experiments at high baryon density



## RHIC BES-II program:

C.M.S energy: 3.0 – 27 GeV

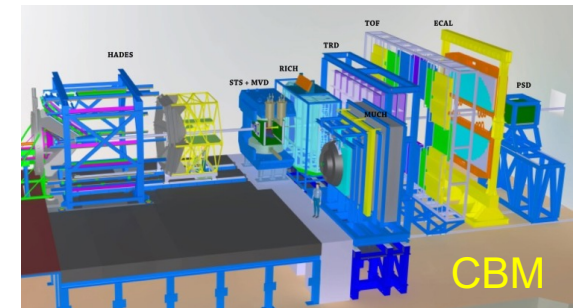
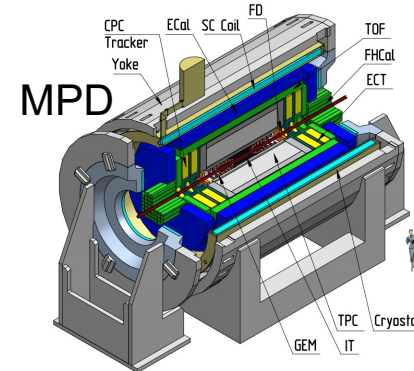
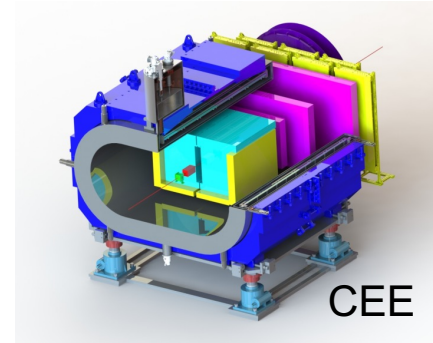
$\mu_B$  coverage up to 750 MeV

SPS/NA60+ 6-17 GeV

NICA/MPD 4-11 GeV

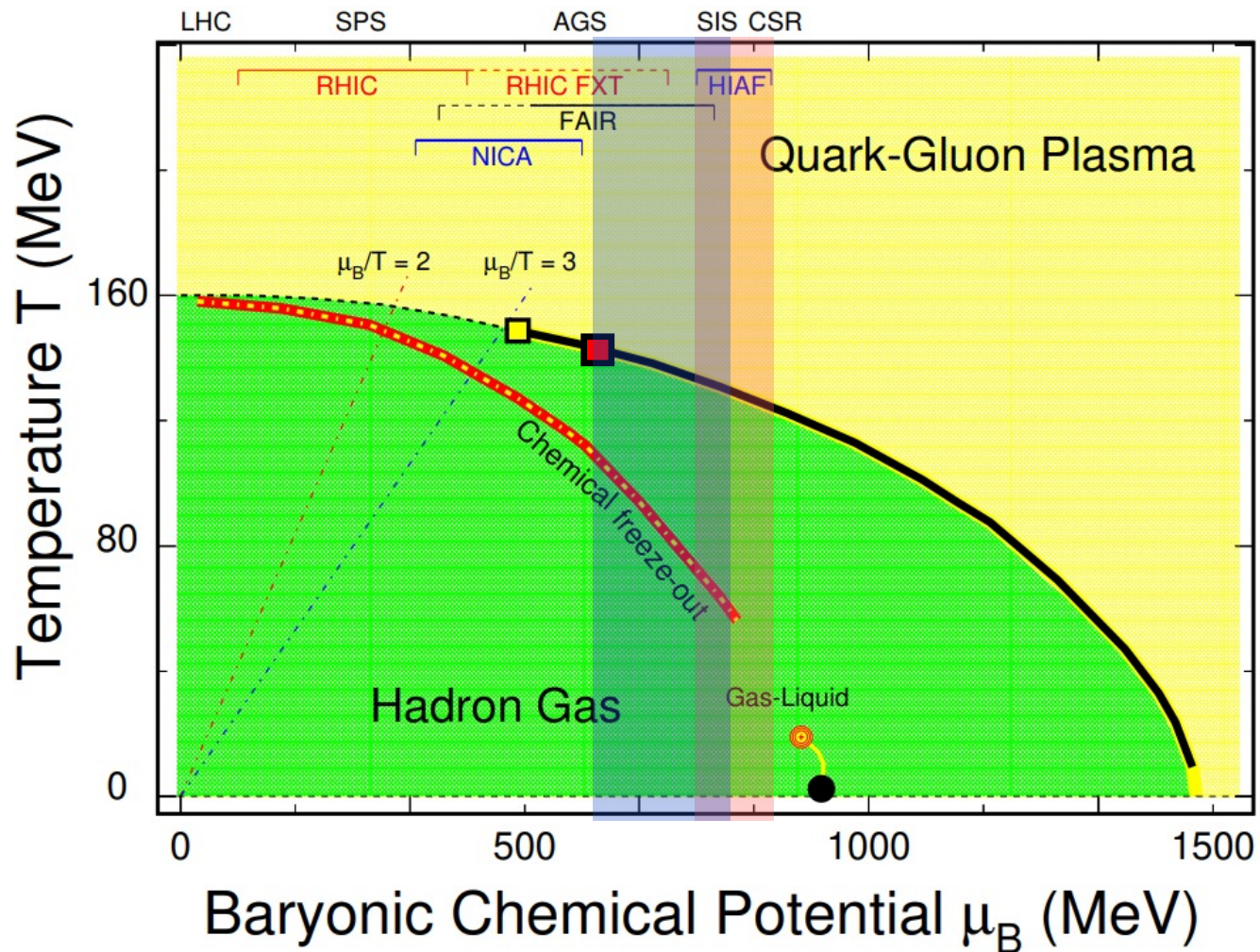
FAIR/CBM 2-5 GeV

HIAF/CEE/CEE+ 2-4 GeV



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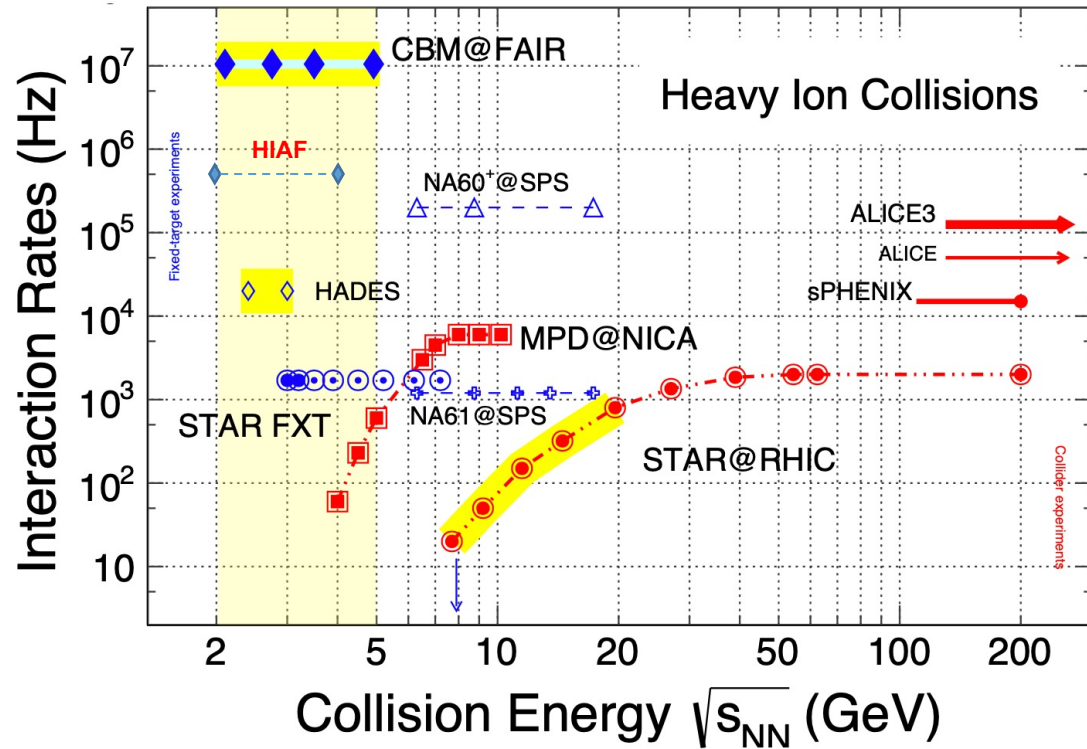


HIAF  $\mu_B \sim 800$  MeV, HIAF-U  $\mu_B \sim 590$  MeV



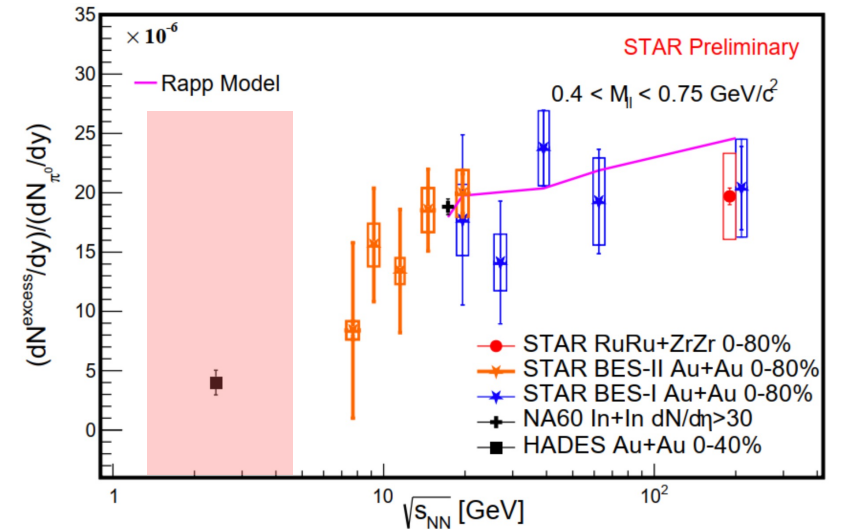
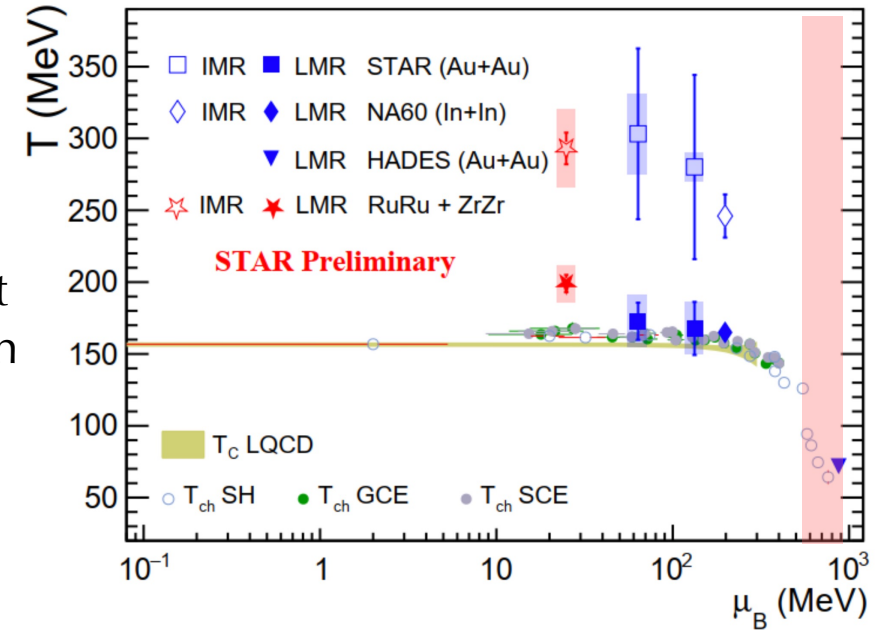
	$E_k$ (GeV/u)	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (GeV)
HIAF p束	<9.3	<4.58
HIAF U束	<2.45	<2.85
HIAF-U U束	<9.1	<4.54

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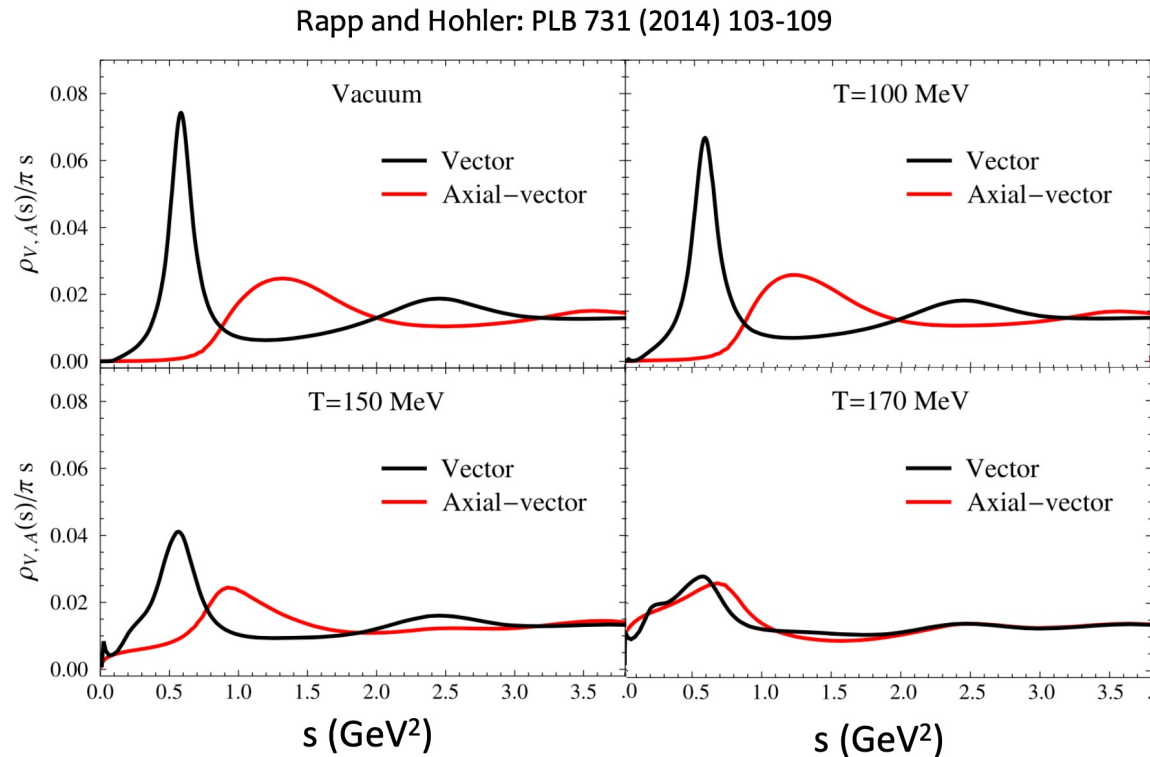
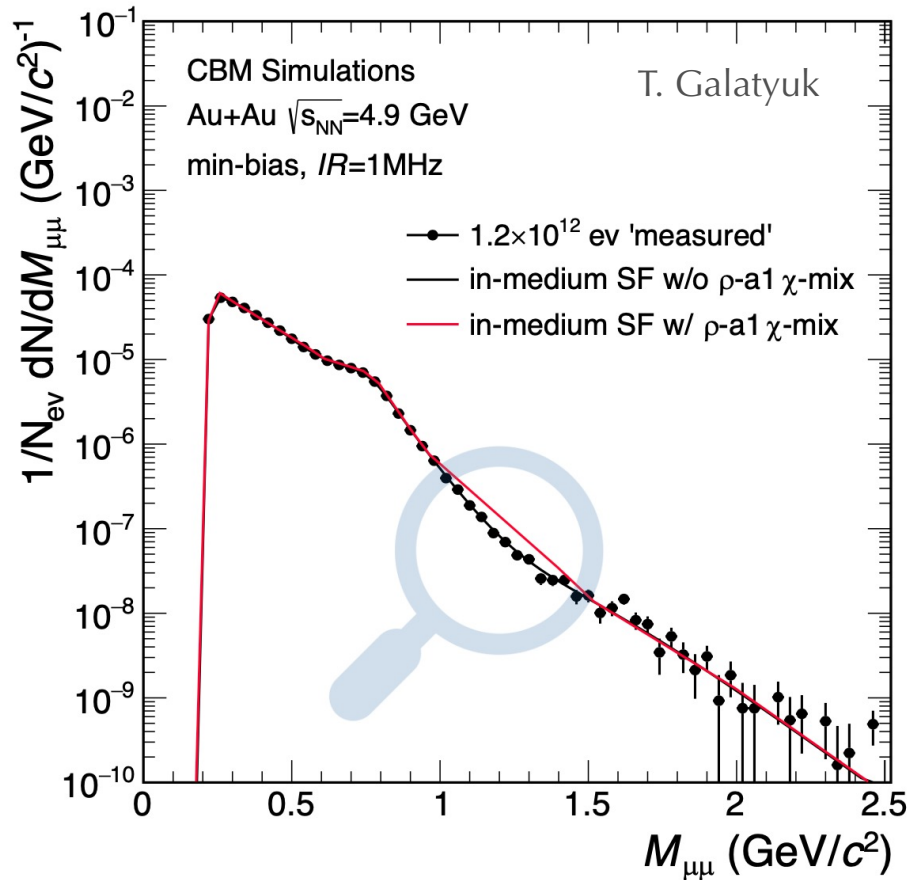


**Thermometer:**  
Baryon catalyst  
Phase transition  
Critical point  
Freeze-out

**Chronometer:**  
How long  
dense matter  
live?  
Mechanisms?



# Possible evidence of chiral symmetry restoration



✦  $a_1$  is theoretically merged with  $\rho$  in hot medium

$\Rightarrow$  **chiral symmetry is restored**

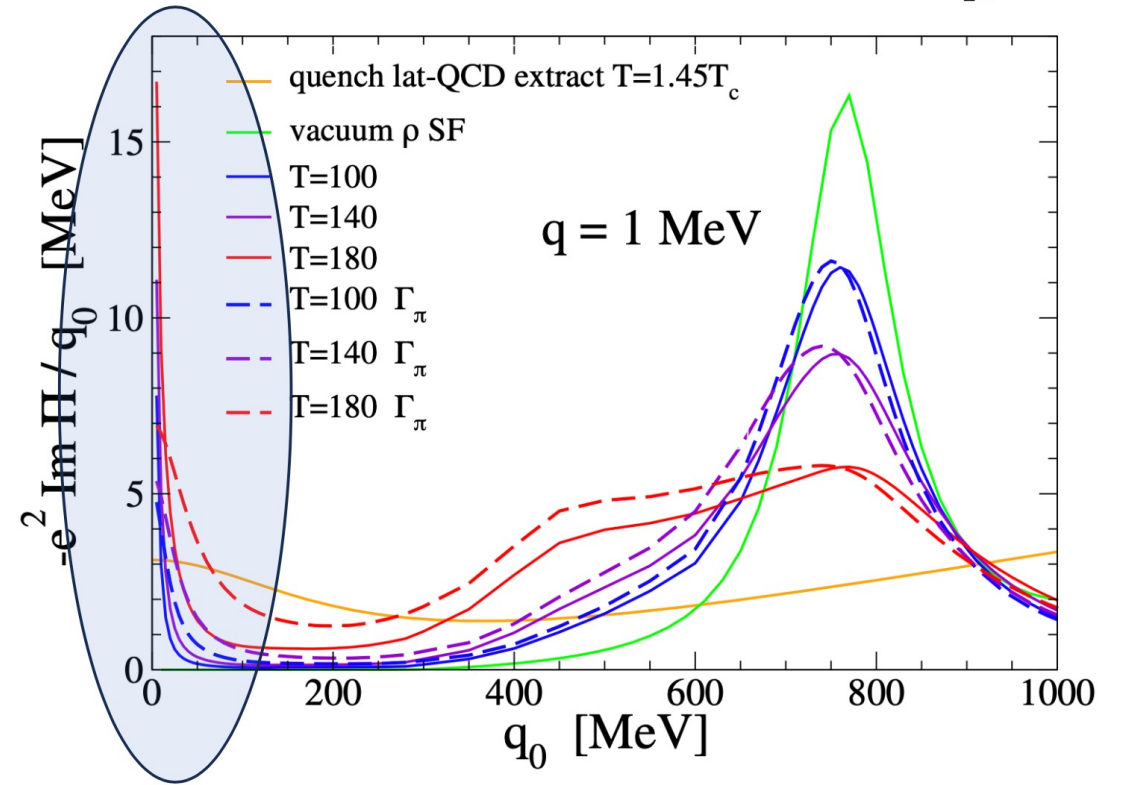
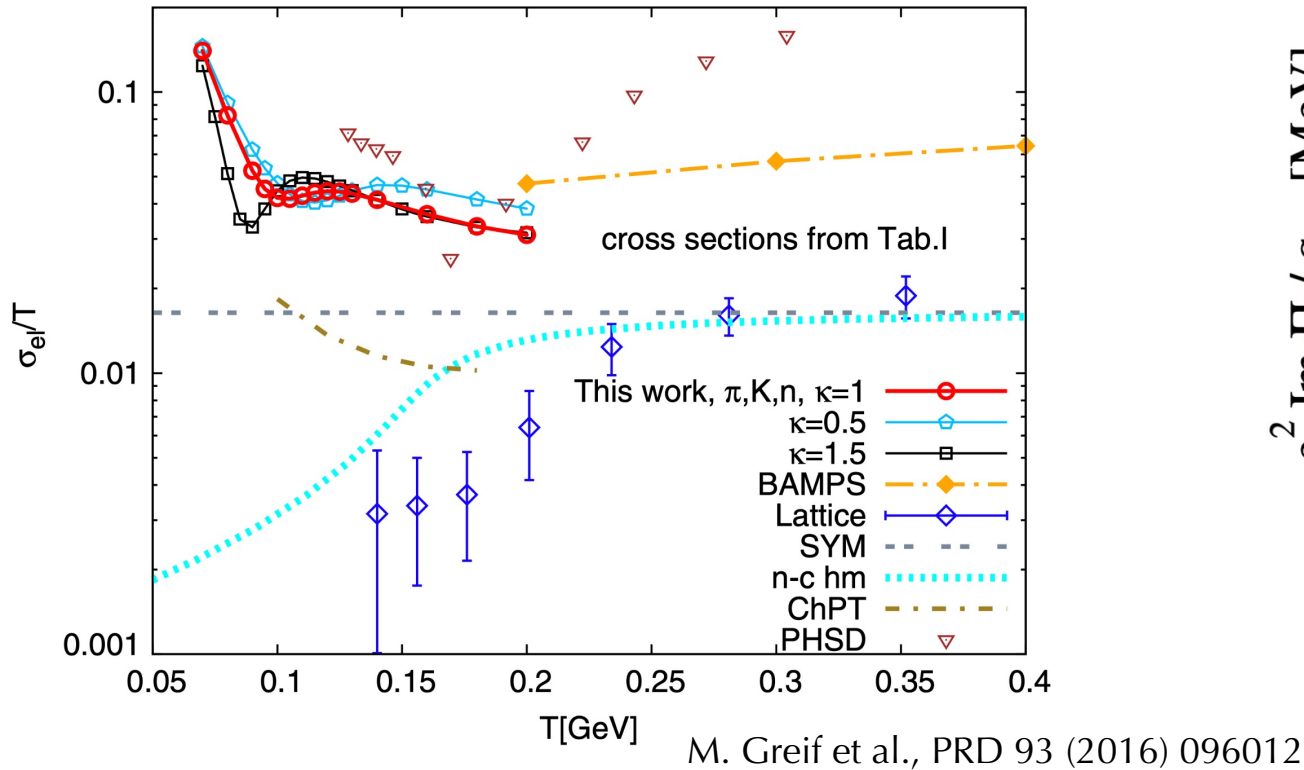
✦ **20-30% enhancement** w.r.t. no  $\chi$ -mixing is predicted

**Experimental challenge: physics background ( $M_{\ell\ell} > 1$  GeV $^2$ )**

- correlated charm: excellent vertex resolution  $\rightarrow$  topological separation of prompt and non-prompt source employing DCA cut
- QGP: decrease towards lower energy
- Drell-Yan: pp, pA measurements

# Electric conductivity of QCD matter

No measurement, poorly known in theory



- Enhancement at **very low  $pt$**  and **very low mass** region
- Challenges:** detector acceptance, resolution, Dalitz decays, photoproduction ...

Extract by the EM spectral function at low-energy limit:

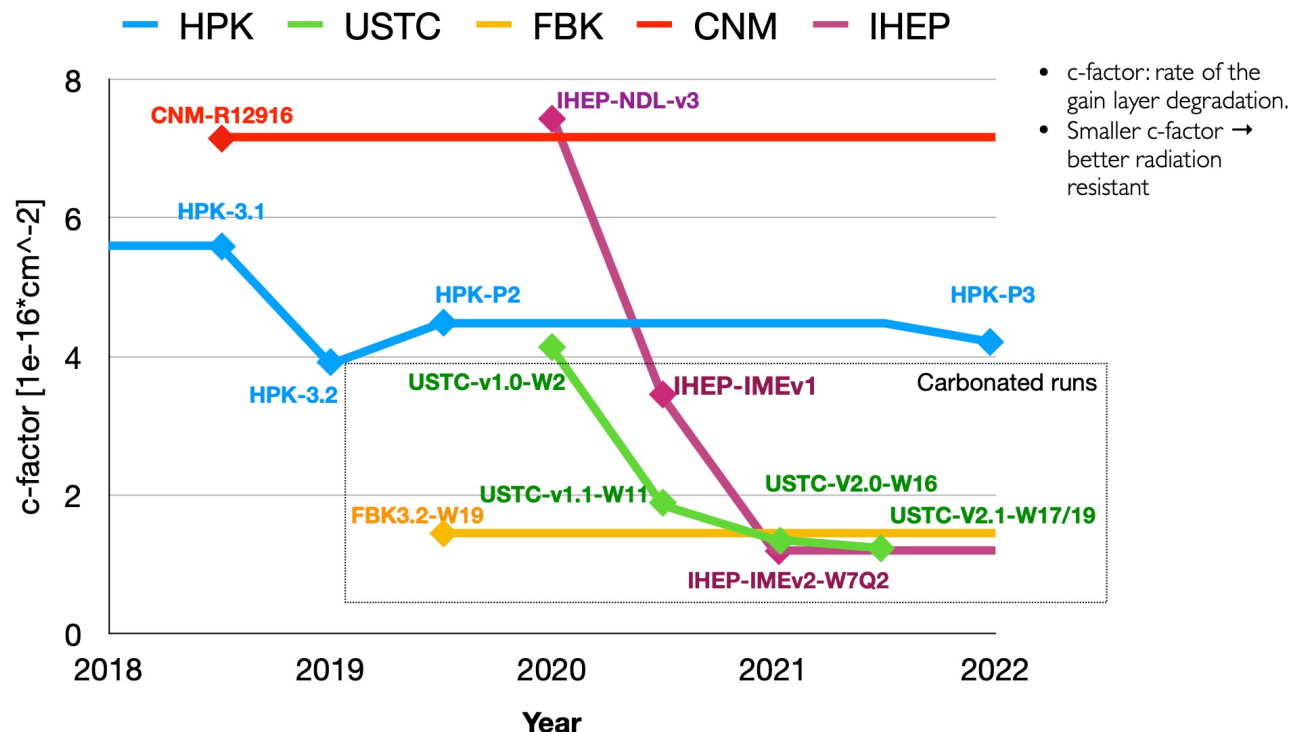
$$\sigma_{el}(T) = -e^2 \lim_{q_0 \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta}{\delta q_0} \text{Im} \Pi_{em}(q_0, q = 0; T)$$

# LGAD R&D at USTC for ATLAS HGTD

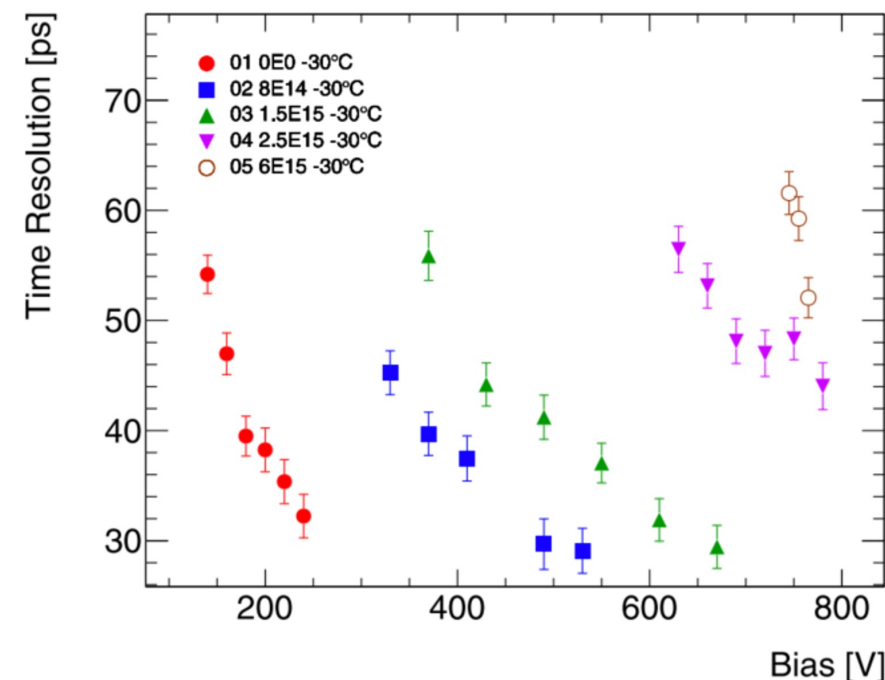
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- 2019: Finished design of V1
- 2020: Fabrication of V1 at IME and tests at USTC/JSI
- 2021: V2 and V2.1 design and fabrication
- 2022: Test at USTC/JSI/DESY/CERN
- 2023: Pass ATLAS design Review finish pre-production
- 2024: Test of pre-production sensors pass production readiness review

USTC provide 10% of the LGAD sensors for ATLAS HGTD (~2000 sensors)



Evolution of radiation tolerance of LGAD

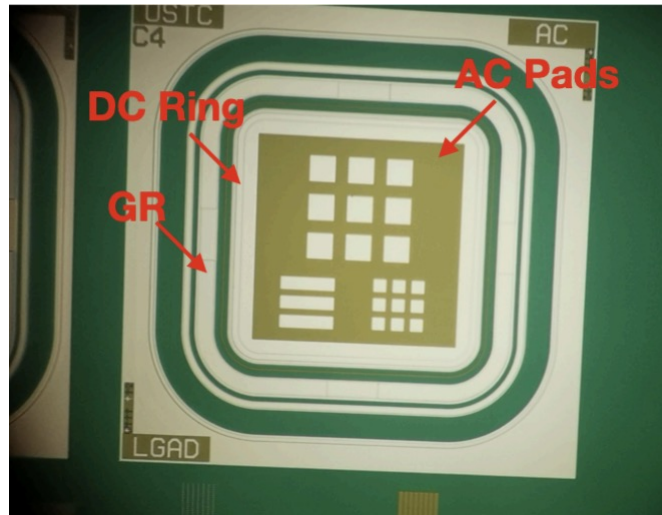




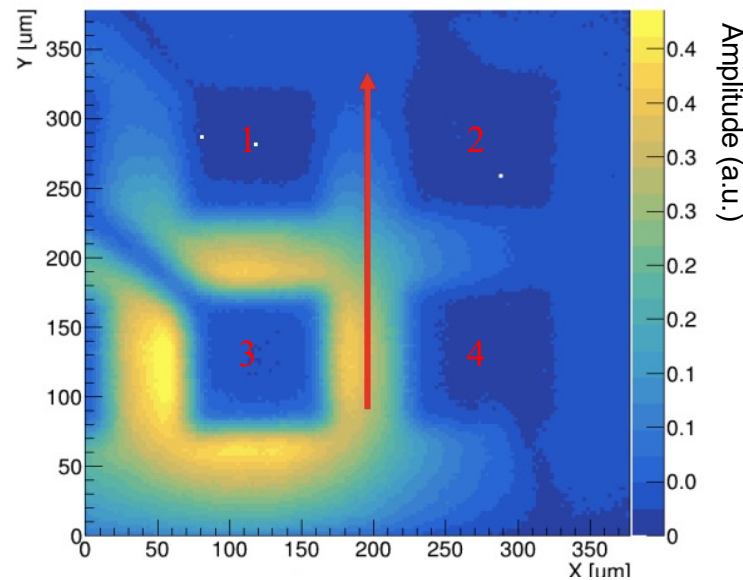
# AC-LGAD status at USTC

- ✦ Design and characterization tools fully developed during the R&D for HGTD
- ✦ Fabricated AC-LGAD prototypes at USTC
- ✦ Optimizing the AC-LGAD design to achieve:
  - time resolution of 20 ps
  - spatial resolution of order of 10  $\mu\text{m}$
- ✦ Will launch fabrication soon

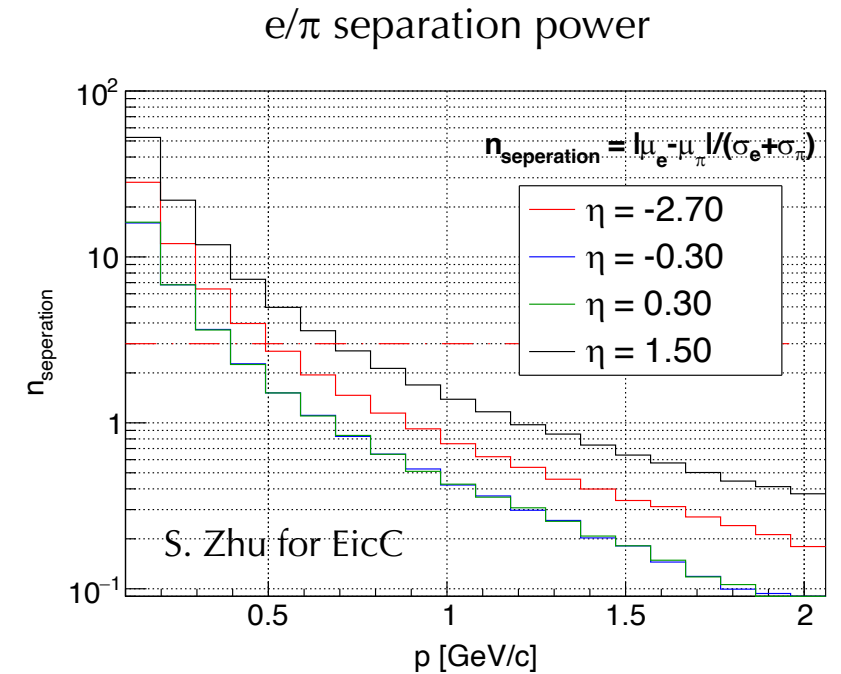
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V0 AC-LGAD prototype



Response to infrared laser



AC-LGAD TOF with  $\sigma = 30$  ps



**Thanks for your attention !**

