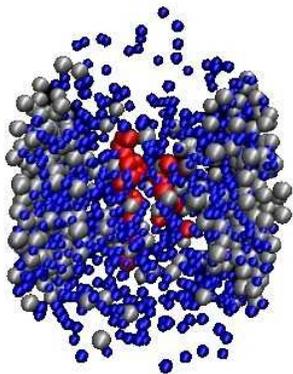


# Transport properties of QCD within an effective approach

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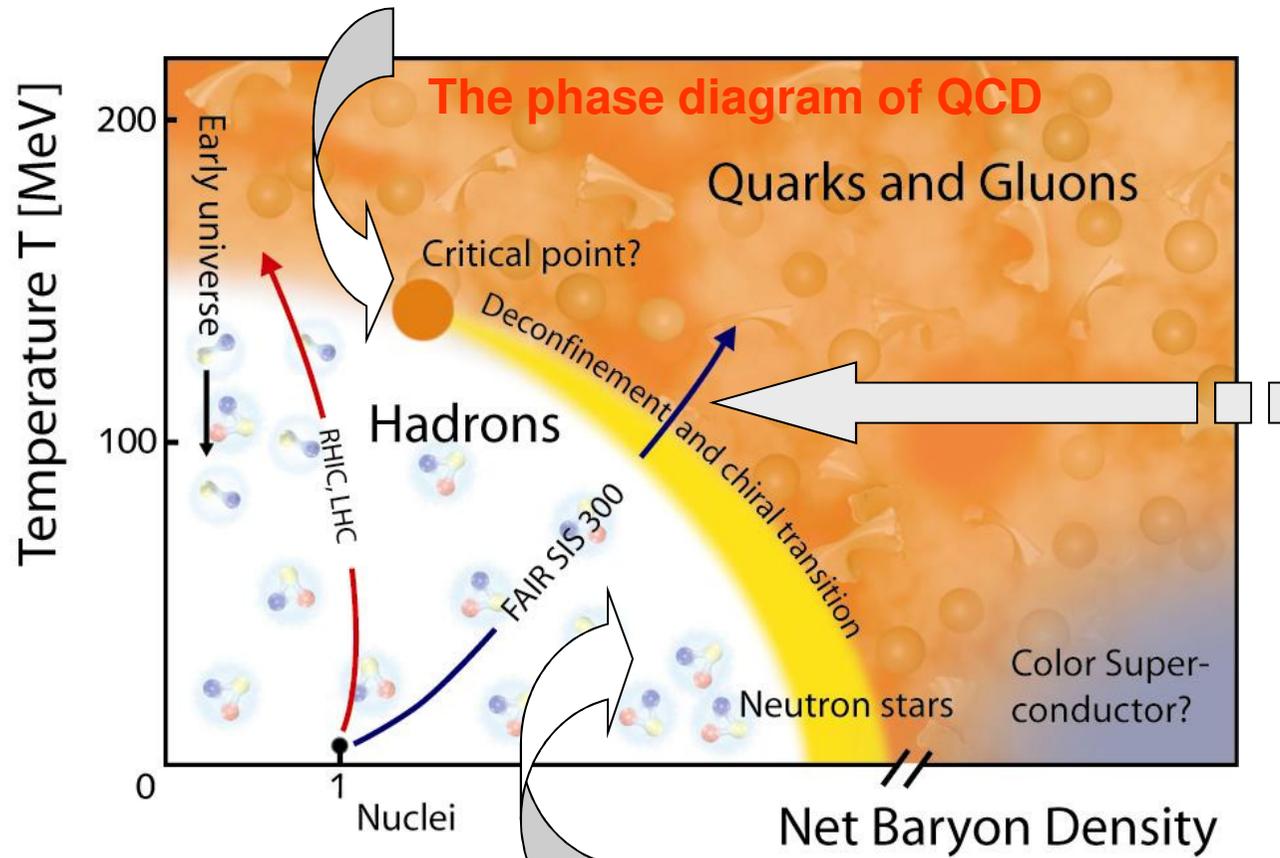


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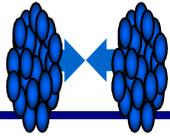
# The holy grail of heavy-ion physics:

- Search for the **critical point**



- Study of the **phase transition** from hadronic to partonic matter – **Quark-Gluon-Plasma**

- Study of the **in-medium** properties of hadrons at high baryon density and temperature → **restoration of chiral symmetry**



# Semi-classical BUU equation



Ludwig Boltzmann

**Boltzmann-Uehling-Uhlenbeck equation** (non-relativistic formulation)  
 - propagation of particles in the **selfgenerated Hartree-Fock mean-field potential**  $U(r,t)$  with an on-shell **collision term**:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(\vec{r}, \vec{p}, t) + \frac{\vec{p}}{m} \vec{\nabla}_{\vec{r}} f(\vec{r}, \vec{p}, t) - \vec{\nabla}_{\vec{r}} U(\vec{r}, t) \vec{\nabla}_{\vec{p}} f(\vec{r}, \vec{p}, t) = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right)_{coll}$$

**collision term:**  
 elastic and  
 inelastic reactions

$f(\vec{r}, \vec{p}, t)$  is the **single particle phase-space distribution function**

- probability to find the particle at position  $r$  with momentum  $p$  at time  $t$

□ **selfgenerated Hartree-Fock mean-field potential:**

$$U(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \sum_{\beta_{occ}} \int d^3 r' d^3 p V(\vec{r} - \vec{r}', t) f(\vec{r}', \vec{p}, t) + (Fock \text{ term})$$

□ **Collision term for 1+2→3+4 (let's consider fermions) :**

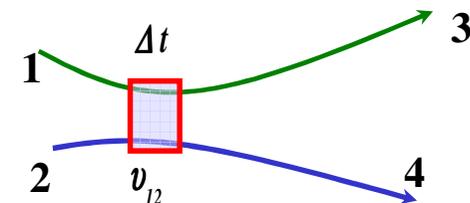
$$I_{coll} = \frac{4}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3 p_2 d^3 p_3 \int d\Omega |v_{12}| \delta^3(\vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2 - \vec{p}_3 - \vec{p}_4) \cdot \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} (1+2 \rightarrow 3+4) \cdot P$$

Probability including **Pauli blocking of fermions:**

$$P = \underbrace{f_3 f_4 (1 - f_1) (1 - f_2)}_{\text{Gain term}} - \underbrace{f_1 f_2 (1 - f_3) (1 - f_4)}_{\text{Loss term}}$$

**Gain term: 3+4→1+2**

**Loss term: 1+2→3+4**



# Dynamical description of strongly interacting systems

□ **Semi-classical on-shell BUU:** applies for small collisional width, i.e. for a weakly interacting systems of particles

How to describe **strongly interacting systems?!**

□ **Quantum field theory** →

**Kadanoff-Baym dynamics** for resummed single-particle Green functions  $S^<$

$$\hat{S}_{0x}^{-1} S_{xy}^< = \sum_{xz}^{ret} \odot S_{zy}^< + \sum_{xz}^< \odot S_{zy}^{adv}$$

(1962)

Green functions  $S^</math> / self-energies  $\Sigma$ :$

Integration over the intermediate spacetime

$$iS_{xy}^< = \eta \langle \{ \Phi^+(y) \Phi(x) \} \rangle$$

$$S_{xy}^{ret} = S_{xy}^c - S_{xy}^< = S_{xy}^> - S_{xy}^a \text{ -retarded}$$

$$\hat{S}_{0x}^{-1} \equiv -(\partial_x^\mu \partial_\mu^x + M_0^2)$$

$$iS_{xy}^> = \langle \{ \Phi(y) \Phi^+(x) \} \rangle$$

$$S_{xy}^{adv} = S_{xy}^c - S_{xy}^> = S_{xy}^< - S_{xy}^a \text{ -advanced}$$

$$iS_{xy}^c = \langle T^c \{ \Phi(x) \Phi^+(y) \} \rangle \text{ -causal}$$

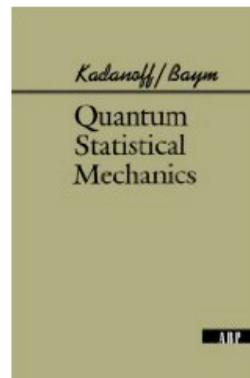
$$\eta = \pm 1 (\text{bosons / fermions})$$

$$iS_{xy}^a = \langle T^a \{ \Phi(x) \Phi^+(y) \} \rangle \text{ -anticausal}$$

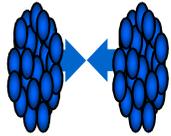
$$T^a (T^c) \text{ - (anti-)time - ordering operator}$$



Leo Kadanoff



Gordon Baym



# From Kadanoff-Baym equations to generalized transport equations

After the **first order gradient expansion** of the Wigner transformed Kadanoff-Baym equations and separation into the real and imaginary parts one gets:

## Generalized transport equations (GTE):

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{drift term} \quad \text{Vlasov term} \quad \text{backflow term} \quad \text{collision term = 'gain' - 'loss' term} \\ \diamond \{ P^2 - M_0^2 - \text{Re}\Sigma_{XP}^{\text{ret}} \} \{ S_{XP}^< \} - \diamond \{ \Sigma_{XP}^< \} \{ \text{Re}S_{XP}^{\text{ret}} \} = \frac{i}{2} [ \Sigma_{XP}^> S_{XP}^< - \Sigma_{XP}^< S_{XP}^> ] \end{array}$$

**Backflow term** incorporates the **off-shell** behavior in the particle propagation  
**! vanishes in the quasiparticle limit**  $A_{XP} \rightarrow \delta(p^2 - M^2)$

□ GTE: Propagation of the Green's functions  $iS_{XP=A_{XP}}^{<}$ , which carry information not only on the **number of particles** ( $N_{XP}$ ), but also on their **properties**, interactions and correlations (via  $A_{XP}$ )

□ **Spectral function:**

$$A_{XP} = \frac{\Gamma_{XP}}{(P^2 - M_0^2 - \text{Re}\Sigma_{XP}^{\text{ret}})^2 + \Gamma_{XP}^2/4}$$

$\Gamma_{XP} = -\text{Im} \Sigma_{XP}^{\text{ret}} = 2p_0\Gamma$  - **'width' of spectral function**

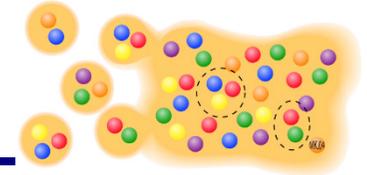
= **reaction rate** of particle (at space-time position X)

4-dimensional generalization of the Poisson-bracket:

$$\diamond \{ F_1 \} \{ F_2 \} := \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial X_\mu} \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial P^\mu} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial P_\mu} \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial X^\mu} \right)$$

□ **Life time**  $\tau = \frac{\hbar c}{\Gamma}$

# From SIS to LHC: from hadrons to partons



**The goal:** to study of the phase transition from hadronic to partonic matter and properties of the Quark-Gluon-Plasma from **microscopic origin**

→ need a **consistent non-equilibrium transport model**

- ❑ with explicit **parton-parton interactions** (i.e. between quarks and gluons)
- ❑ explicit **phase transition** from hadronic to partonic degrees of freedom
- ❑ **IQCD EoS** for partonic phase (‘crossover’ at  $\mu_q=0$ )

❑ **Transport theory:** off-shell Kadanoff-Baym equations for the Green-functions  $S_h^<(x,p)$  in phase-space representation for the **partonic and hadronic phase**



**Parton-Hadron-String-Dynamics (PHSD)**

**QGP phase described by**

**Dynamical QuasiParticle Model  
(DQPM)**

W. Cassing, E. Bratkovskaya, PRC 78 (2008) 034919;  
NPA831 (2009) 215;  
W. Cassing, EPJ ST 168 (2009) 3

A. Peshier, W. Cassing, PRL 94 (2005) 172301;  
Cassing, NPA 791 (2007) 365; NPA 793 (2007)

# Dynamical QuasiParticle Model (DQPM) - Basic ideas:

DQPM describes QCD properties in terms of ,resummed' single-particle Green's functions – in the sense of a two-particle irreducible (2PI) approach:

Gluon propagator:  $\Delta^{-1} = P^2 - \Pi$       gluon self-energy:  $\Pi = M_g^2 - i2\Gamma_g \omega$

Quark propagator:  $S_q^{-1} = P^2 - \Sigma_q$       quark self-energy:  $\Sigma_q = M_q^2 - i2\Gamma_q \omega$

- the resummed properties are specified by complex self-energies which depend on temperature:
  - the real part of self-energies ( $\Sigma_q, \Pi$ ) describes a dynamically generated mass ( $M_q, M_g$ );
  - the imaginary part describes the interaction width of partons ( $\Gamma_q, \Gamma_g$ )
- space-like part of energy-momentum tensor  $T_{\mu\nu}$  defines the potential energy density and the mean-field potential (1PI) for quarks and gluons ( $U_q, U_g$ )
- 2PI framework guaranties a consistent description of the system in- and out-of equilibrium on the basis of Kadanoff-Baym equations with proper states in equilibrium

A. Peshier, W. Cassing, PRL 94 (2005) 172301;  
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# The Dynamical QuasiParticle Model (DQPM)

**Properties** of interacting quasi-particles:  
 massive quarks and gluons ( $g, q, q_{\text{bar}}$ )  
 with Lorentzian spectral functions :

$$A_i(\omega, T) = \frac{4\omega\Gamma_i(T)}{(\omega^2 - \vec{p}^2 - M_i^2(T))^2 + 4\omega^2\Gamma_i^2(T)}$$

$(i = q, \bar{q}, g)$

■ Modeling of the quark/gluon masses and widths → HTL limit at high T

■ quarks:

mass:  $M_{q(\bar{q})}^2(T) = \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{8N_c} g^2 \left( T^2 + \frac{\mu_q^2}{\pi^2} \right)$

width:  $\Gamma_{q(\bar{q})}(T) = \frac{1}{3} \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c} \frac{g^2 T}{8\pi} \ln\left(\frac{2c}{g^2} + 1\right)$

■ gluons:

$$M_g^2(T) = \frac{g^2}{6} \left( \left( N_c + \frac{N_f}{2} \right) T^2 + \frac{N_c}{2} \sum_q \frac{\mu_q^2}{\pi^2} \right)$$

$$\Gamma_g(T) = \frac{1}{3} N_c \frac{g^2 T}{8\pi} \ln\left(\frac{2c}{g^2} + 1\right)$$

$N_c = 3, N_f = 3$

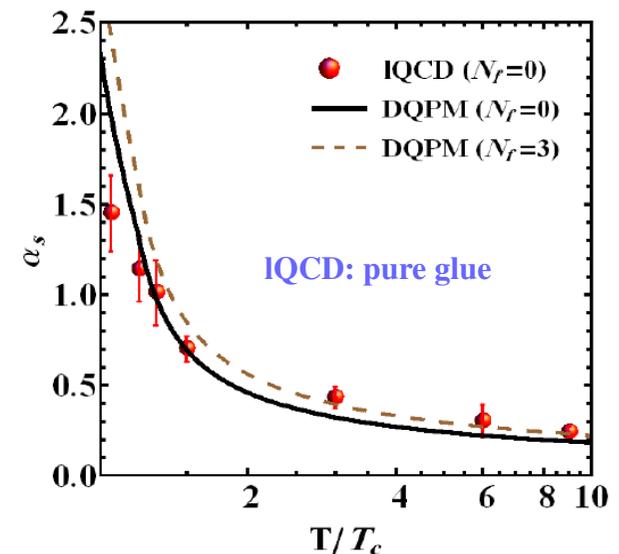
■ running coupling (pure glue):

$$\alpha_s(T) = \frac{g^2(T)}{4\pi} = \frac{12\pi}{(11N_c - 2N_f) \ln[\lambda^2(T/T_c - T_s/T_c)^2]}$$

□ fit to lattice (IQCD) results (e.g. entropy density)

with 3 parameters:  $T_s/T_c = 0.46$ ;  $c = 28.8$ ;  $\lambda = 2.42$   
 (for pure glue  $N_f = 0$ )

DQPM: Peshier, Cassing, PRL 94 (2005) 172301;  
 Cassing, NPA 791 (2007) 365; NPA 793 (2007)



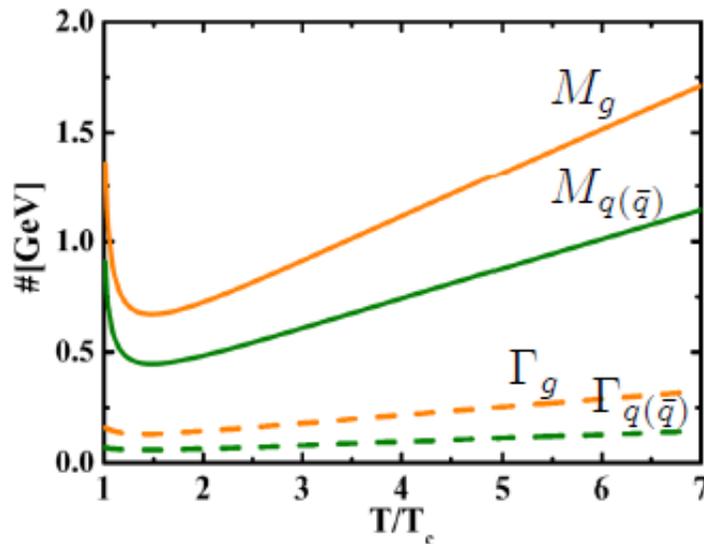
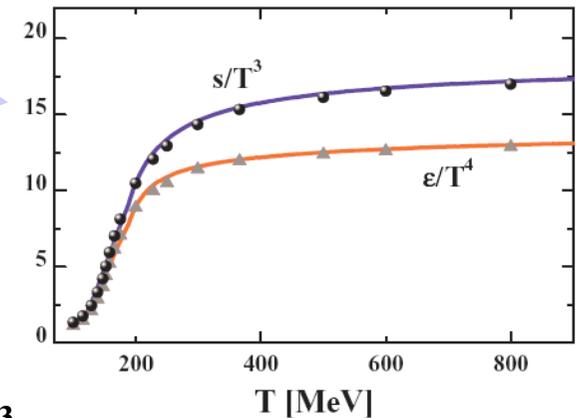
# The Dynamical QuasiParticle Model (DQPM)

➤ **fit to lattice (IQCD) results (e.g. entropy density)**

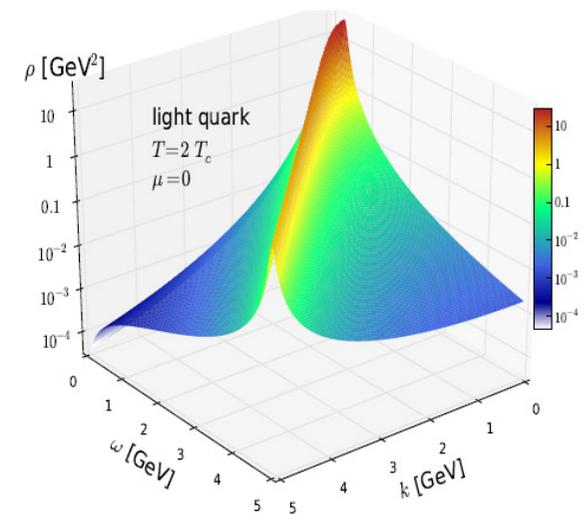
\* BMW IQCD data S. Borsanyi et al., JHEP 1009 (2010) 073

➔ **Quasiparticle properties:**

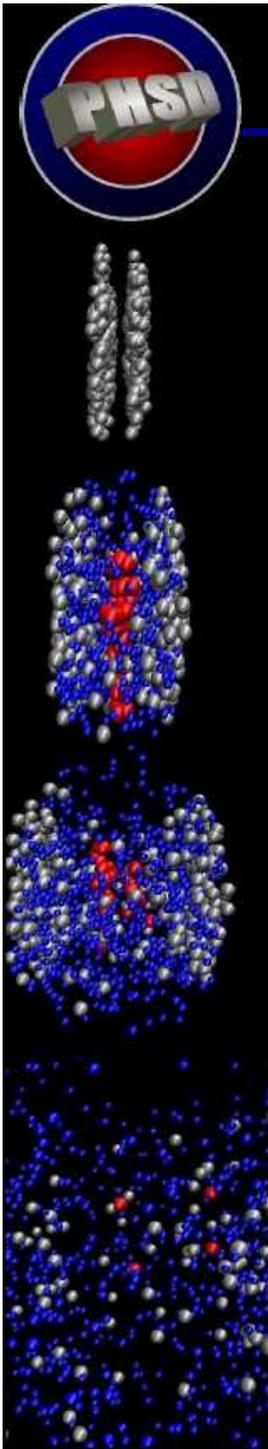
- large width and mass for gluons and quarks



$T_C=158$  MeV  
 $\epsilon_C=0.5$  GeV/fm<sup>3</sup>



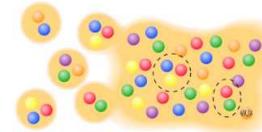
- **DQPM matches well lattice QCD**
- **DQPM provides mean-fields (1PI) for gluons and quarks as well as effective 2-body interactions (2PI)**
- **DQPM gives transition rates for the formation of hadrons → PHSD**



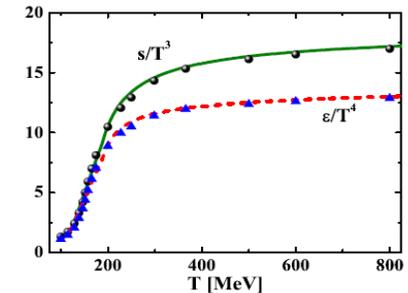
# Parton Hadron String Dynamics

## I. From hadrons to QGP:

- Initial A+A collisions:
  - string formation in primary NN collisions
  - strings decay to pre-hadrons ( $B$  - baryons,  $m$  – mesons)
- Formation of QGP stage by dissolution of pre-hadrons into massive colored quarks + mean-field energy based on the Dynamical Quasi-Particle Model (DQPM) which defines quark spectral functions, masses  $M_q(\epsilon)$  and widths  $\Gamma_q(\epsilon)$  + mean-field potential  $U_q$  at given  $\epsilon$  – local energy density (related by IQCD EoS to  $T$  - temperature in the local cell)

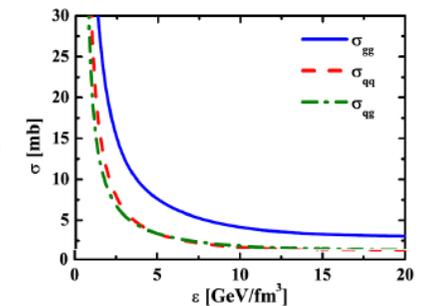


QGP phase:  
 $\epsilon > \epsilon_{\text{critical}}$



## II. Partonic phase - QGP:

- quarks and gluons (= ‚dynamical quasiparticles‘) with off-shell spectral functions (width, mass) defined by the DQPM
- in self-generated mean-field potential for quarks and gluons  $U_q, U_g$
- EoS of partonic phase: ‚crossover‘ from lattice QCD (fitted by DQPM)
- (quasi-) elastic and inelastic parton-parton interactions: using the effective cross sections from the DQPM



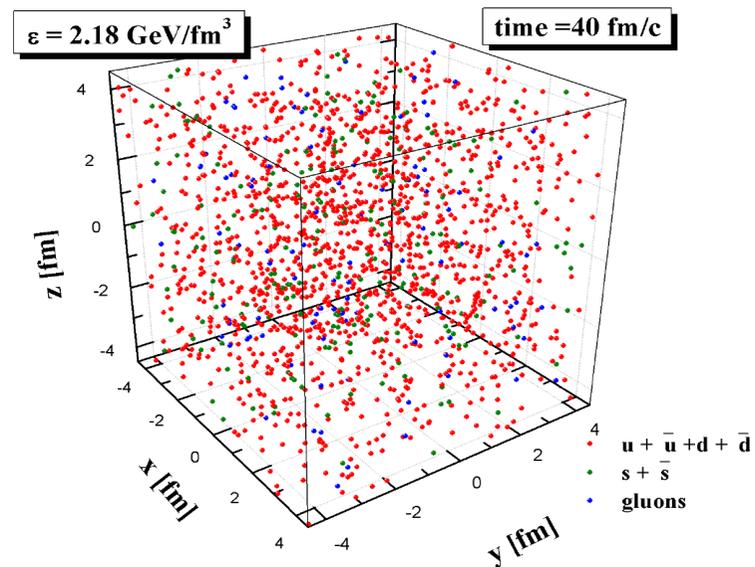
## III. Hadronization: based on DQPM

- massive, off-shell (anti-)quarks with broad spectral functions hadronize to off-shell mesons and baryons or color neutral excited states - ‚strings‘ (strings act as ‚doorway states‘ for hadrons)



## IV. Hadronic phase: hadron-string interactions – off-shell HSD

# Properties of the QGP in equilibrium using PHSD





# Properties of parton-hadron matter: shear viscosity

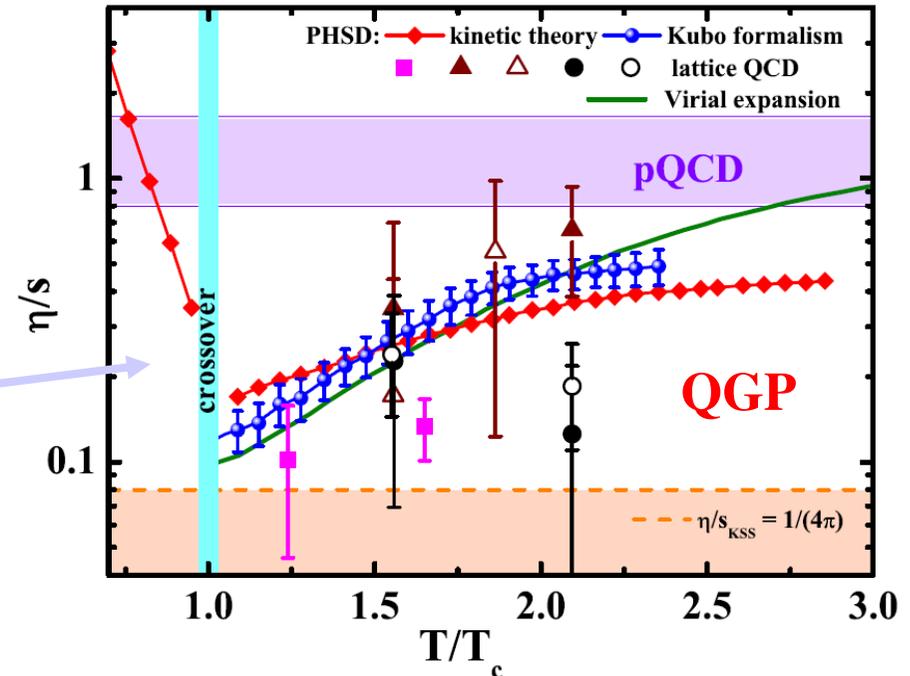
$\eta/s$  using Kubo formalism and the relaxation time approximation (,kinetic theory‘)

□  $T=T_C$ :  $\eta/s$  shows a minimum ( $\sim 0.1$ ) close to the critical temperature

□  $T>T_C$ : QGP - pQCD limit at higher temperatures

□  $T<T_C$ : fast increase of the ratio  $h/s$  for hadronic matter →

- lower interaction rate of hadronic system
- smaller number of degrees of freedom (or entropy density) for hadronic matter compared to the QGP



Virial expansion: S. Mattiello, W. Cassing, Eur. Phys. J. C 70, 243 (2010)

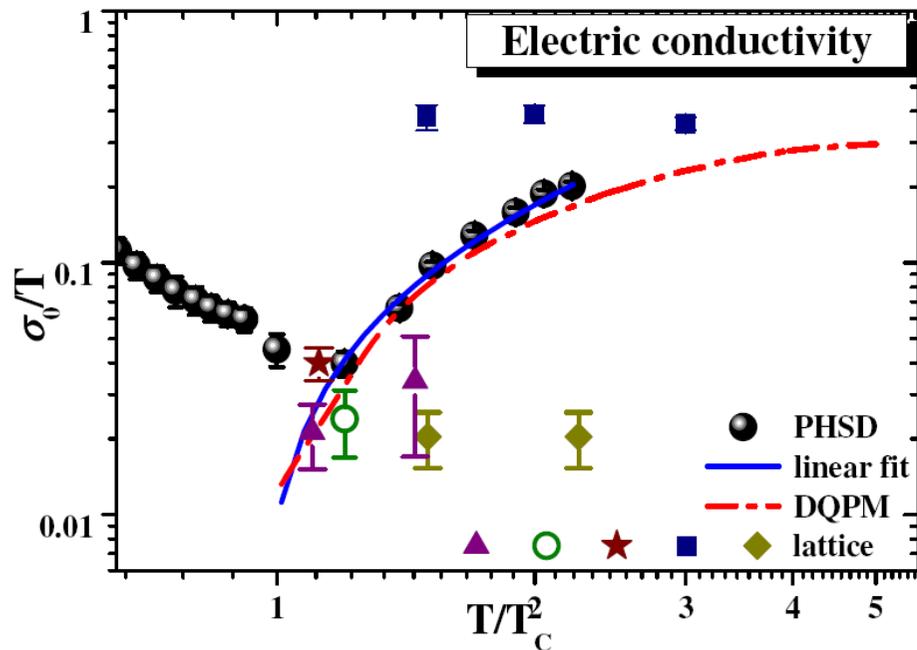
**QGP in PHSD = strongly-interacting system**

V. Ozvenchuk et al., PRC 87 (2013) 064903



# Properties of parton-hadron matter: electric conductivity

- The response of the strongly-interacting system in equilibrium to an external electric field  $eE_z$  defines the **electric conductivity**  $\sigma_0$ :



$$\frac{\sigma_0}{T} = \frac{j_{eq}}{E_z T}$$

$$j_z(t) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_j eq_j \frac{p_z^j(t)}{M_j(t)}$$

→ the **QCD matter** even at  $T \sim T_c$  is a **much better electric conductor than Cu or Ag** (at room temperature) by a factor of 500 !

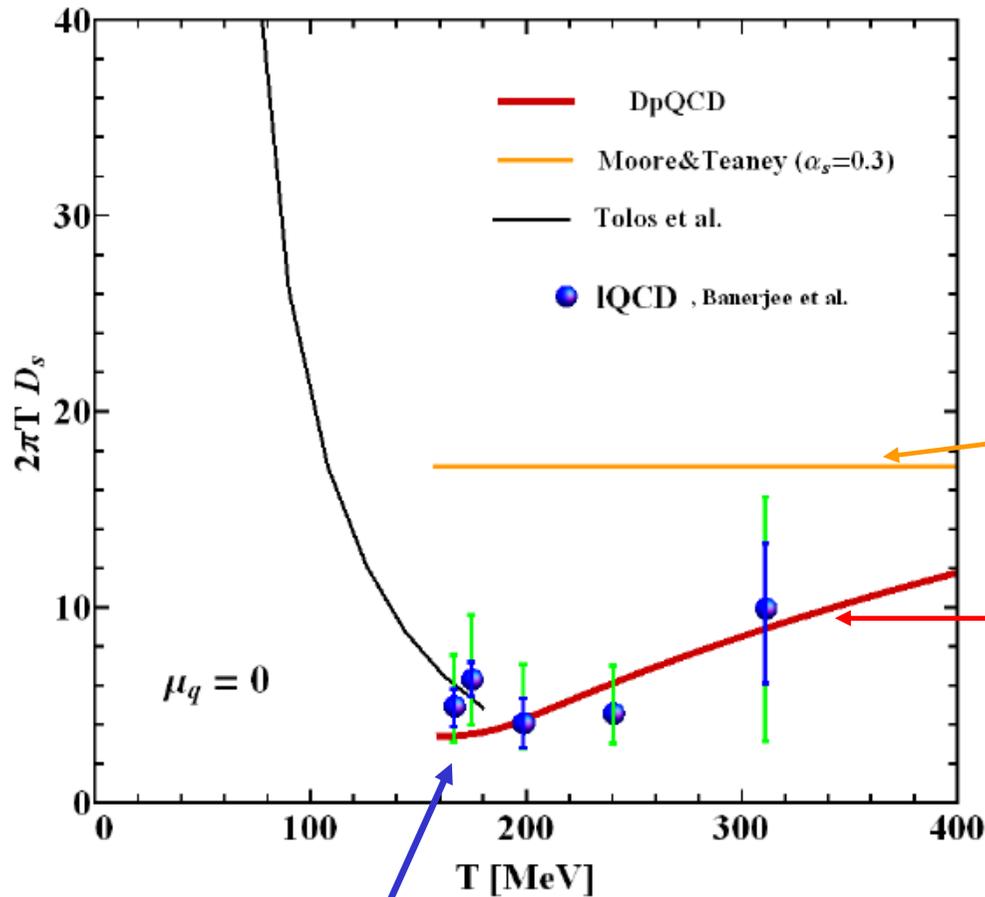
- **Photon (dilepton) rates** at  $q_0 \rightarrow 0$  are related to electric conductivity  $\sigma_0$
- Probe of **electric properties of the QGP**

$$q_0 \left. \frac{dR}{d^4x d^3q} \right|_{q_0 \rightarrow 0} = \frac{T}{4\pi^3} \sigma_0$$



# Charm spatial diffusion coefficient $D_s$ in the hot medium

- $D_s$  for heavy quarks as a function of  $T$  for  $\mu_q=0$



□  $T < T_c$  : hadronic  $D_s$

L. Tolos, J. M. Torres-Rincon,  
Phys. Rev. D 88, 074019 (2013)

□  $T > T_c$  : QGP  $D_s$

● pQCD - G. D. Moore, D. Teaney,  
Phys. Rev. C 71, 064904 (for  $\alpha_s=0.3$ )

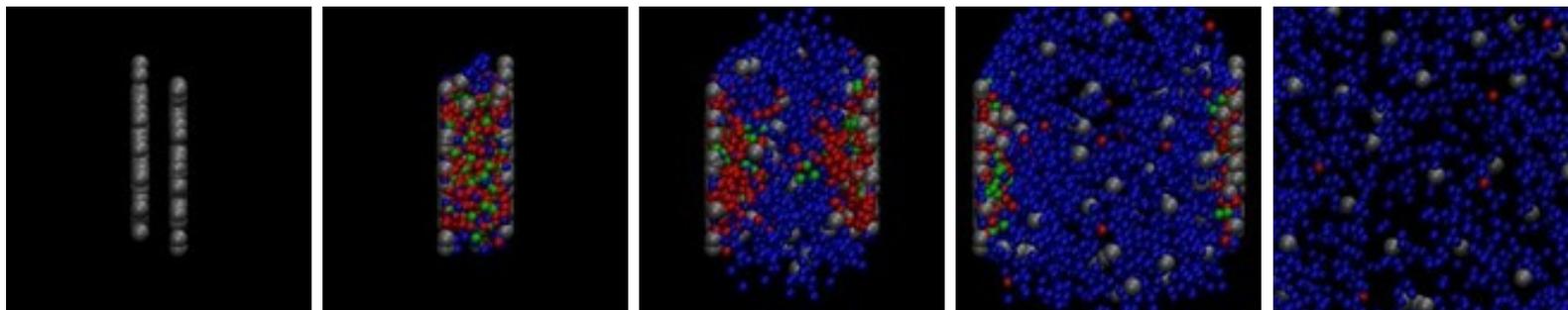
● DQPM - H. Berrehrah et al.,  
Phys. Rev. C90 (2014) 051901

● IQCD - Banerjee et al.,  
Phys. Rev. D 85, 014510 (2012).

→ Continuous transition !

H. Berrehrah et al, Phys. Rev. C90 (2014) 051901

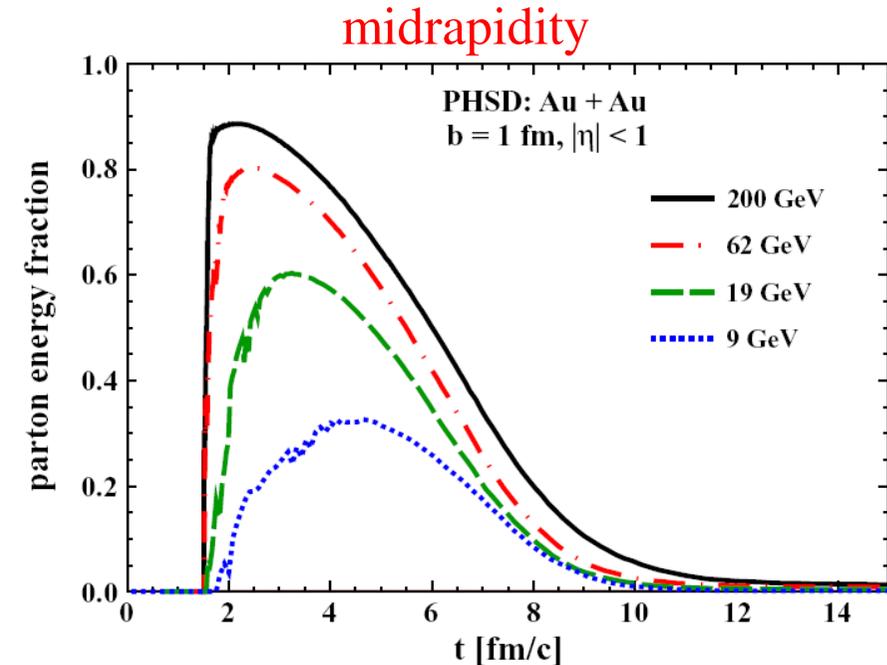
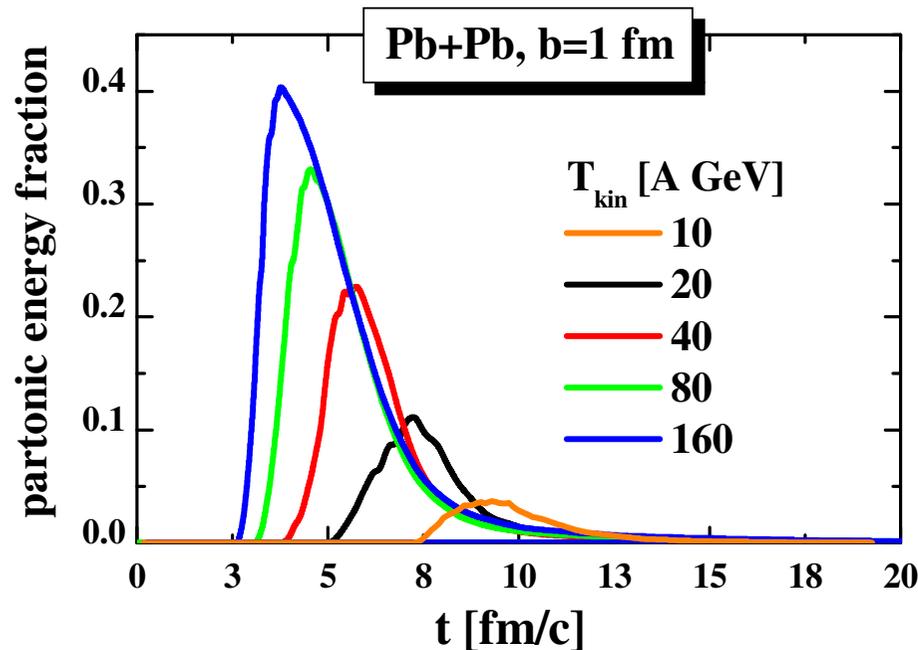
# „Bulk“ properties in Au+Au





# Partonic energy fraction in central A+A

Time evolution of the partonic energy fraction vs energy

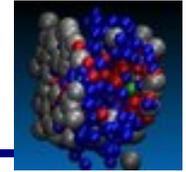


- Strong increase of partonic phase with energy from AGS to RHIC
- SPS: Pb+Pb, 160 A GeV: only about 40% of the converted energy goes to partons; the rest is contained in the large hadronic corona and leading partons
- RHIC: Au+Au, 21.3 A TeV: up to 90% - QGP

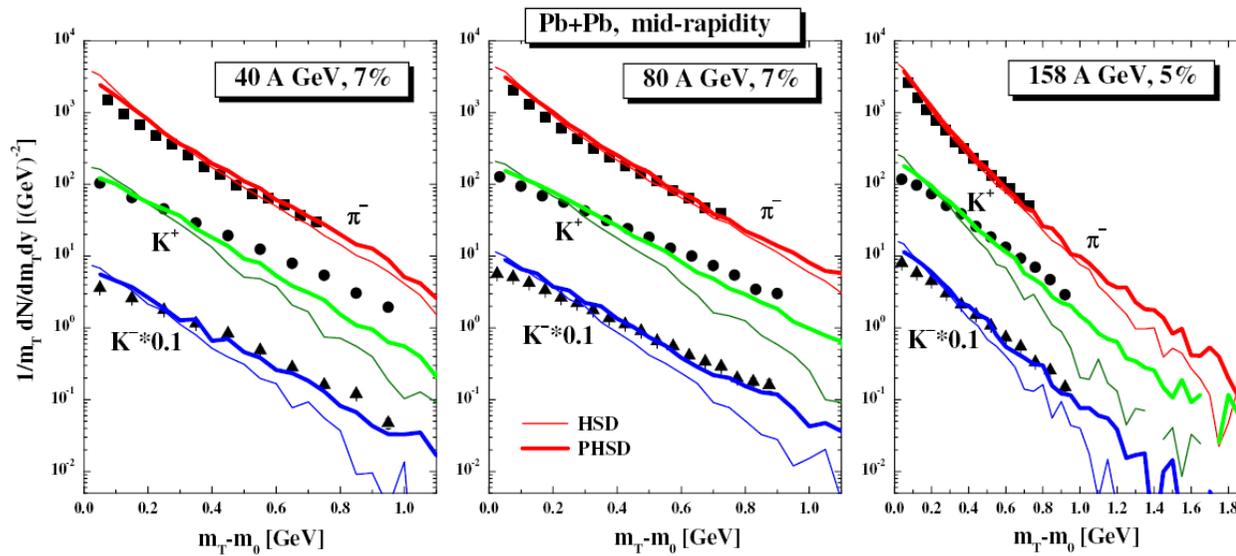
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V. Konchakovski et al., Phys. Rev. C 85 (2012) 011902



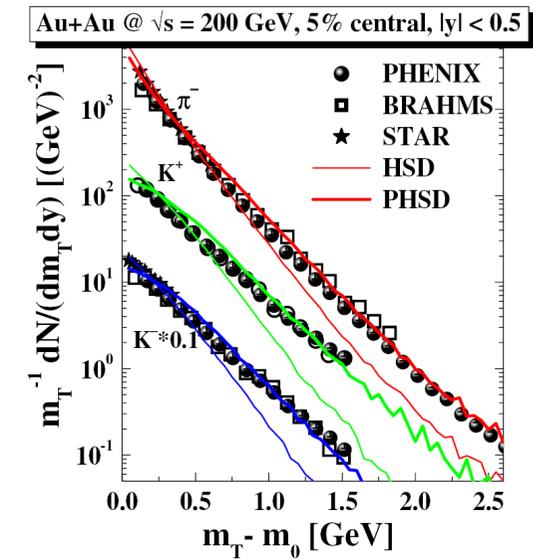
# Transverse mass spectra from SPS to RHIC



## Central Pb + Pb at SPS energies



## Central Au+Au at RHIC



- ❑ PHSD gives **harder  $m_T$  spectra** and works better than HSD (wo QGP) at high energies – RHIC, SPS (and top FAIR, NICA)
- ❑ however, at **low SPS** (and low FAIR, NICA) energies the **effect of the partonic phase decreases** due to the decrease of the partonic fraction

W. Cassing & E. Bratkovskaya, NPA 831 (2009) 215  
E. Bratkovskaya, W. Cassing, V. Konchakovski,  
O. Linnyk, NPA856 (2011) 162

# Direct photon flow puzzle



# Production sources of photons in p+p and A+A

## □ Decay photons (in pp and AA):

$$m \rightarrow \gamma + X, \quad m = \pi^0, \eta, \omega, \eta', a_1, \dots$$

## □ Direct photons: (inclusive(=total) – decay) – measured

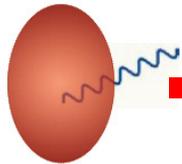
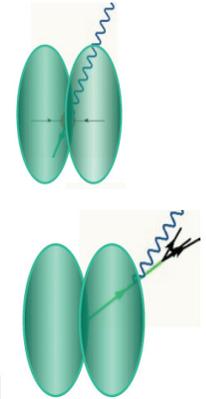
experimentally

### ■ hard photons:

(large  $p_T$ ,  
in pp and AA)

- prompt (pQCD; initial hard N+N scattering)

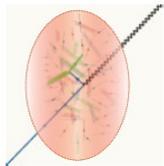
- jet fragmentation (pQCD; qq, gq bremsstrahlung)  
(in AA can be modified by parton energy loss in medium)



### ■ thermal photons:

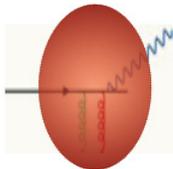
(low  $p_T$ , in AA)

- QGP
- Hadron gas



### ■ jet- $\gamma$ -conversion in plasma

(large  $p_T$ , in AA)

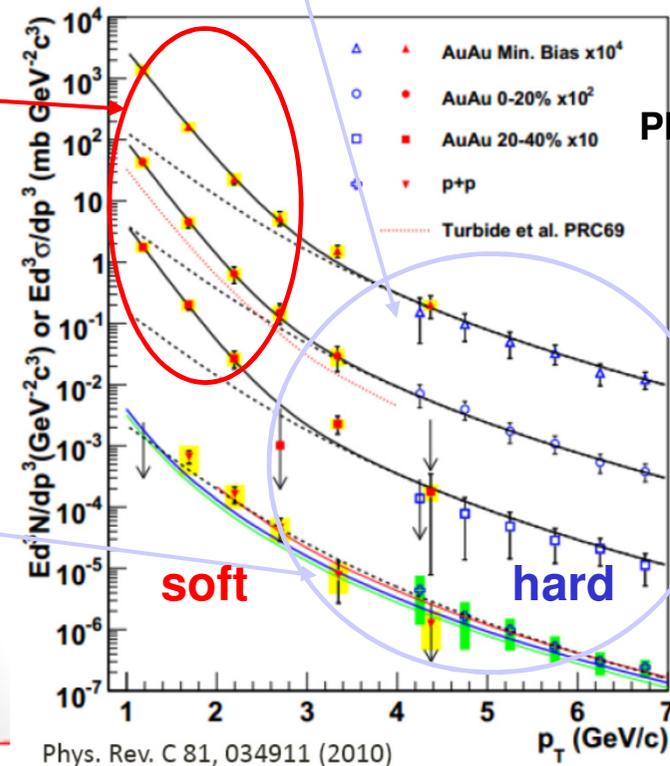


### ■ jet-medium photons

(large  $p_T$ , in AA) - scattering of hard partons with thermalized partons

$$q_{\text{hard}} + g_{\text{QGP}} \rightarrow \gamma + q,$$

$$q_{\text{hard}} + q_{\text{bar QGP}} \rightarrow \gamma + q$$

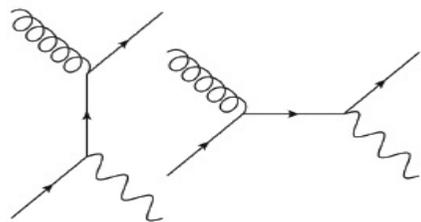


# Production sources of thermal photons

HTL program (Klimov (1981), Weldon (1982), Braaten & Pisarski (1990); Frenkel & Taylor (1990), ...)

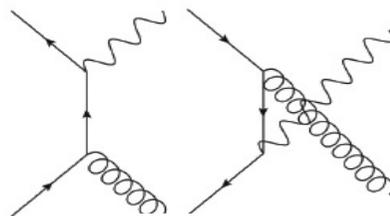
## Thermal QGP:

### Compton scattering



$$q(\bar{q}) + g \rightarrow q(\bar{q}) + \gamma$$

### q-qbar annihilation



$$q + \bar{q} \rightarrow g + \gamma$$

+ soft ...

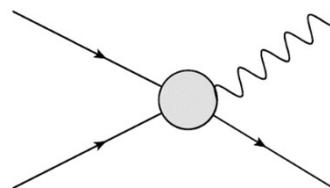
- in PHSD - rates **beyond pQCD**: **off-shell massive q, g**

O. Linnyk, JPG 38 (2011) 025105

## Hadronic sources:

### (1) secondary mesonic interactions:

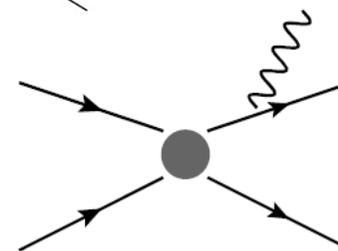
$$\pi + \pi \rightarrow \rho + \gamma, \quad \rho + \pi \rightarrow \pi + \gamma, \quad \pi + K \rightarrow \rho + \gamma, \dots$$



### (2) meson-meson and meson-baryon bremsstrahlung:

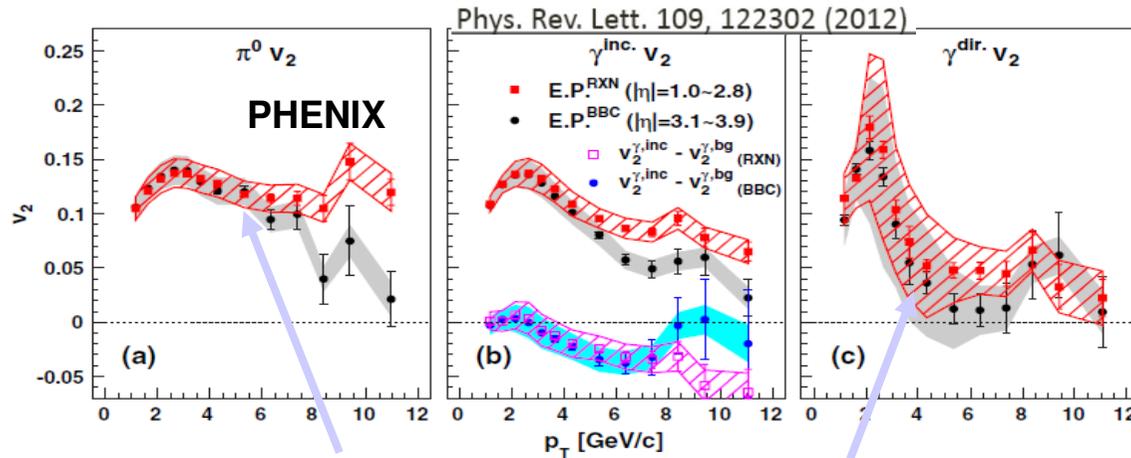
$$m + m \rightarrow m + m + \gamma, \quad m + B \rightarrow m + B + \gamma,$$

$$m = \pi, \eta, \rho, \omega, K, K^*, \dots, \quad B = p, \Delta, \dots$$

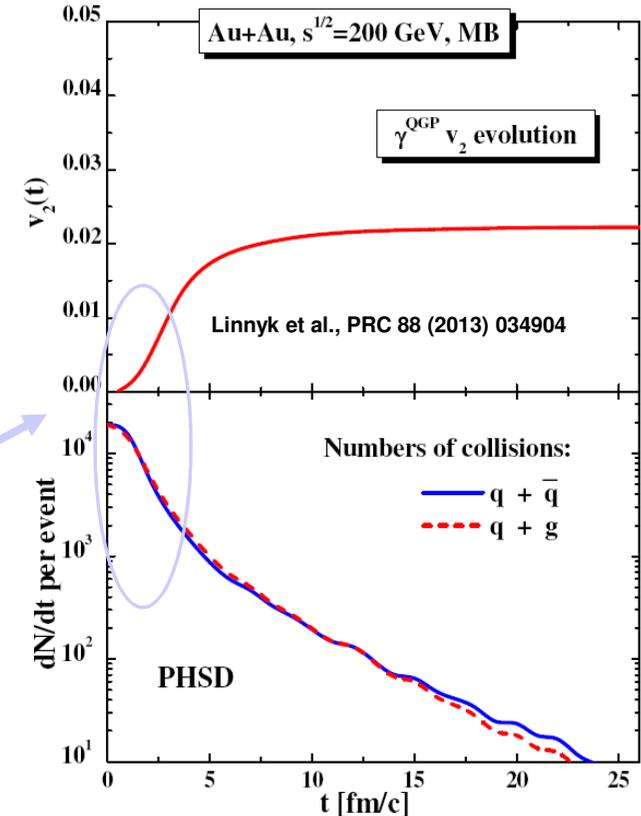


**Models:** chiral models, OBE, SPA ...

# PHENIX: Photon $v_2$ puzzle

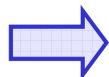


$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( 1 + 2 \sum_{n \geq 1} v_n \cos(n(\phi - \Psi_n^{RP})) \right)$$



- ❑ PHENIX (also now ALICE):
- ❗ **strong elliptic flow of photons**  $v_2(\gamma^{\text{dir}}) \sim v_2(\pi)$
- ❑ Result from a variety of models:  $v_2(\gamma^{\text{dir}}) \ll v_2(\pi)$
- ❑ Problem: QGP radiation occurs at **early times** when elliptic flow is not yet developed  $\rightarrow$  expected  $v_2(\gamma^{\text{QGP}}) \rightarrow 0$
- ❑  $v_2 =$  weighted average  $v_2 = \frac{\sum N^i \cdot v_2^i}{\sum N^i} \rightarrow$  **a large QGP contribution gives small  $v_2(\gamma^{\text{QGP}})$**

❑ NEW (QM'2014): PHENIX, ALICE experiments - large photon  $v_3$  !

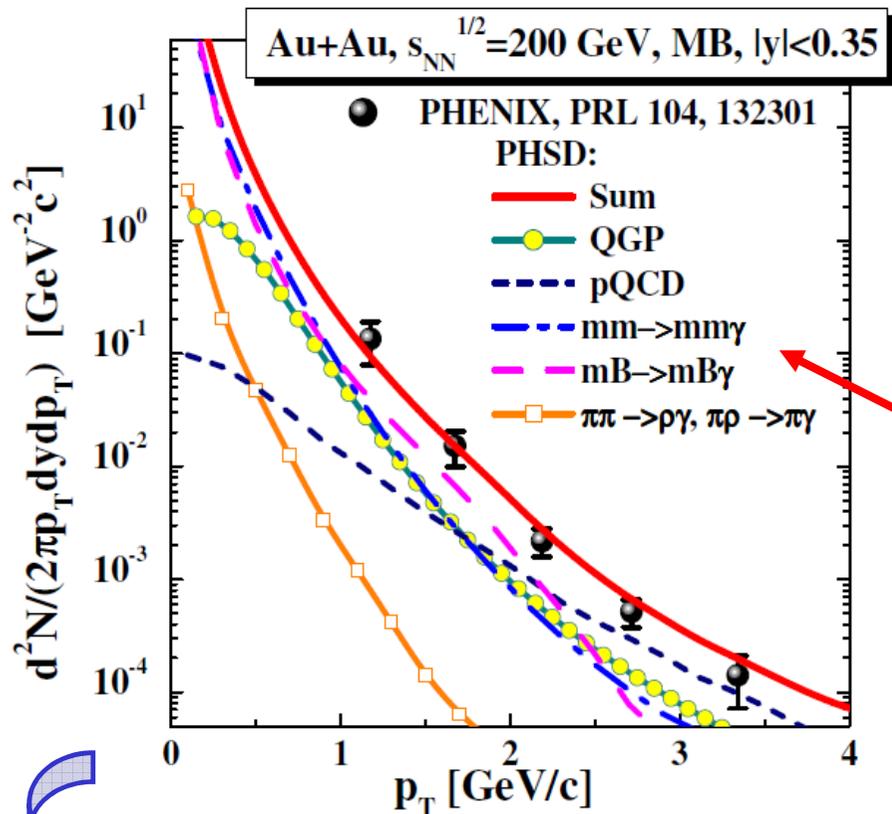


**Challenge for theory – to describe spectra,  $v_2$ ,  $v_3$  simultaneously !**

# PHSD: photon spectra at RHIC: QGP vs. HG ?

- Direct photon spectrum (min. bias)

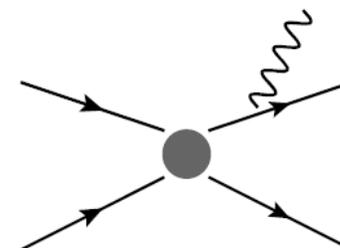
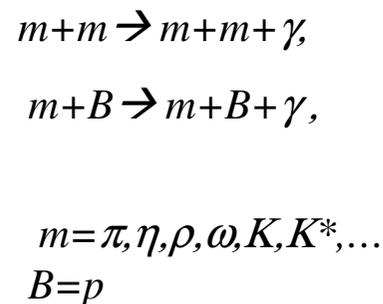
Linnyk et al., PRC88 (2013) 034904;  
PRC 89 (2014) 034908



## PHSD:

- QGP gives up to ~50% of direct photon yield below 2 GeV/c

! sizeable contribution from hadronic sources  
- meson-meson (mm) and meson-Baryon (mB) bremsstrahlung



!!! mm and mB bremsstrahlung channels can not be subtracted experimentally !

The slope parameter $T_{eff}$ (in MeV)			
PHSD			PHENIX
QGP	hadrons	Total	[38]
$260 \pm 20$	$200 \pm 20$	$220 \pm 20$	$233 \pm 14 \pm 19$

Measured  $T_{eff} >$  ,true'  $T \rightarrow$  ,blue shift' due to the radial flow!

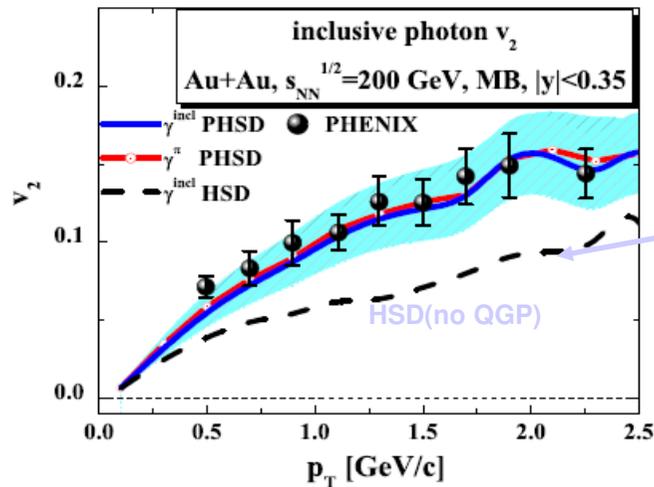
Cf. Hydro: Shen et al., PRC89 (2014) 044910

# Are the direct photons a barometer of the QGP?



Do we see the **QGP pressure** in  $v_2(\gamma)$  if the photon productions is **dominated by hadronic sources**?

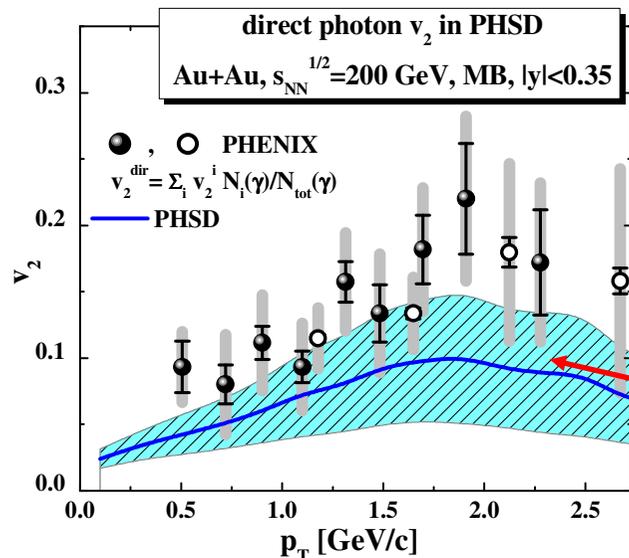
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1)  $v_2(\gamma^{incl}) = v_2(\pi^0)$  - inclusive photons mainly come from  $\pi^0$  decays

HSD (without QGP) underestimates  $v_2$  of hadrons and inclusive photons by a factor of 2, whereas the PHSD model with QGP is consistent with exp. data

→ The QGP causes the strong elliptic flow of photons indirectly, by enhancing the  $v_2$  of final hadrons due to the partonic interactions



Direct photons (inclusive(=total) – decay):

2)  $v_2(\gamma^{dir})$  of direct photons in PHSD underestimates the PHENIX data :

$v_2(\gamma^{QGP})$  is very small, but QGP contribution is up to 50% of total yield → lowering flow

→ PHSD:  $v_2(\gamma^{dir})$  comes from mm and mB bremsstrahlung !

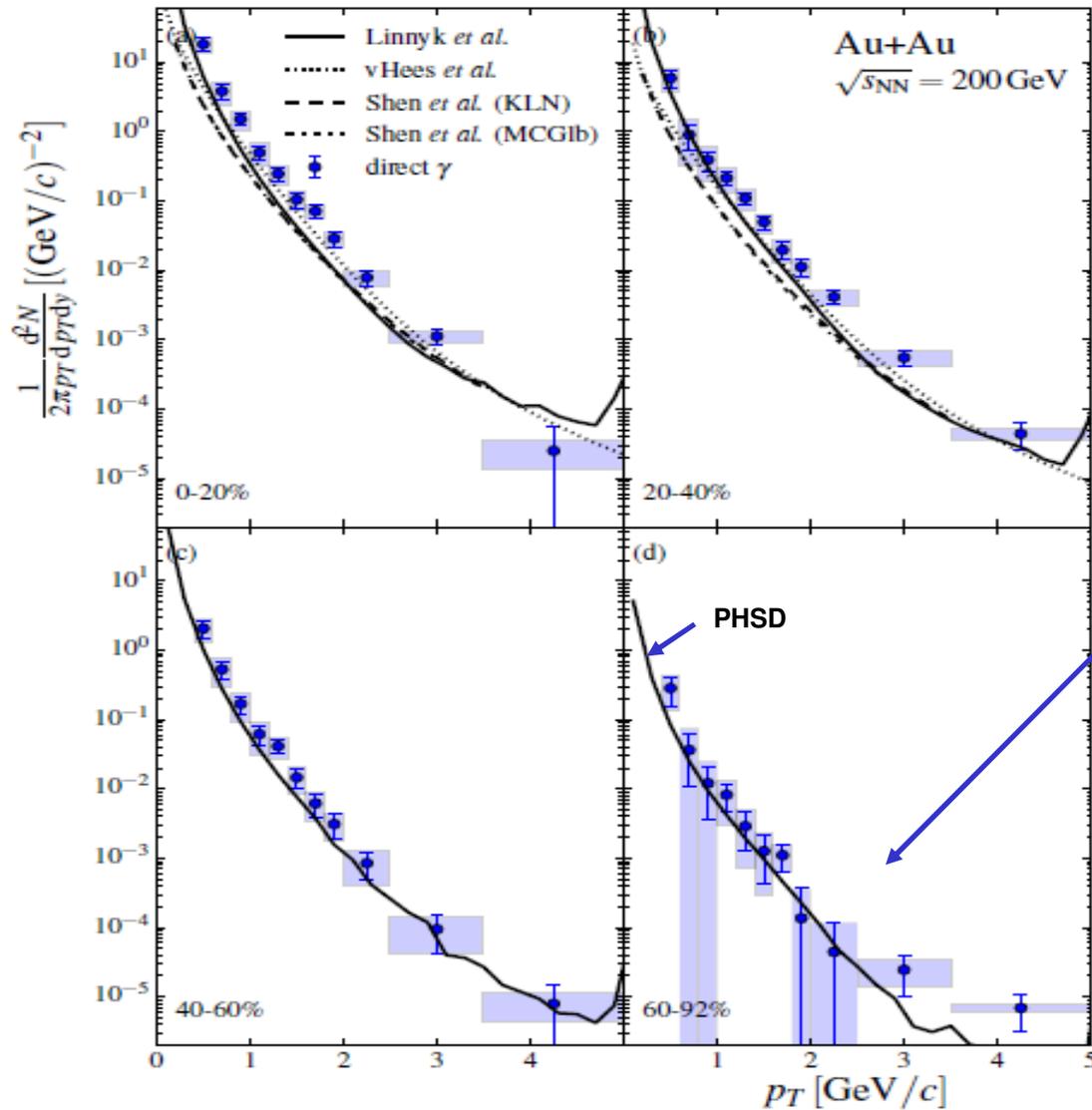
# Photon $p_T$ spectra at RHIC for different centralities

from talk by S. Mizuno at QM'2014

PHENIX data - arXiv:1405.3940

PHSD predictions:

O. Linnyk et al, Phys. Rev. C 89 (2014) 034908



PHSD approximately reproduces the centrality dependence

mm and mB bremsstrahlung is **dominant** for peripheral collisions

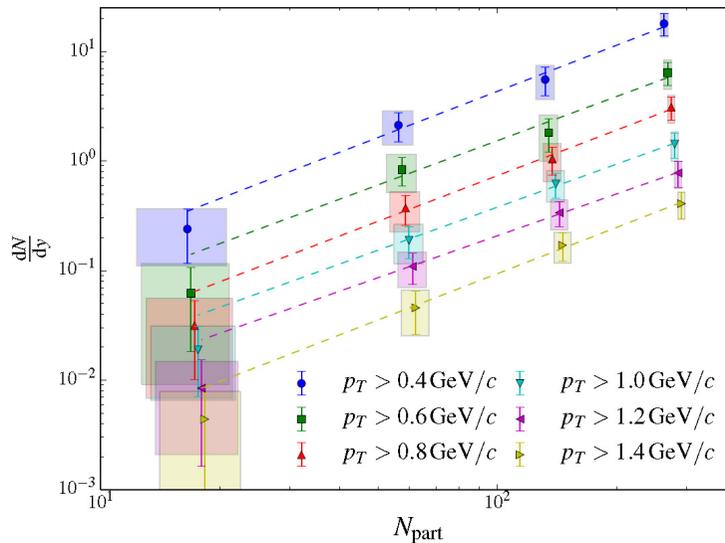
# Centrality dependence of the ,thermal‘ photon yield

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PHENIX (arXiv:1405.3940):

scaling of **thermal** photon yield vs centrality:  
 $dN/dy \sim N_{part}^\alpha$  with  $\alpha \sim 1.48 \pm 0.08$

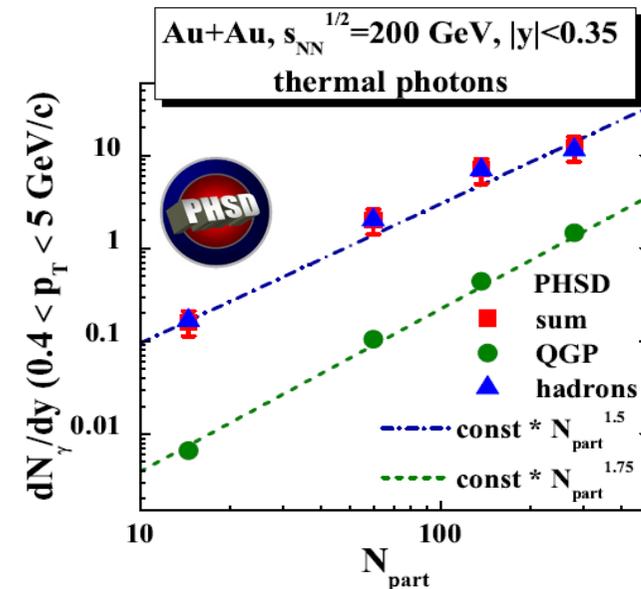
(‘Thermal’ photon yield = direct photons - pQCD)



PHSD predictions:

Hadronic channels scale as  $\sim N_{part}^{1.5}$

Partonic channels scale as  $\sim N_{part}^{1.75}$



PHSD: scaling of the thermal photon yield with  $N_{part}^\alpha$  with  $\alpha \sim 1.5$

similar results from **viscous hydro**:

(2+1)d VISH2+1:  $\alpha(\text{HG}) \sim 1.46$ ,  $\alpha(\text{QGP}) \sim 2$ ,  $\alpha(\text{total}) \sim 1.7$

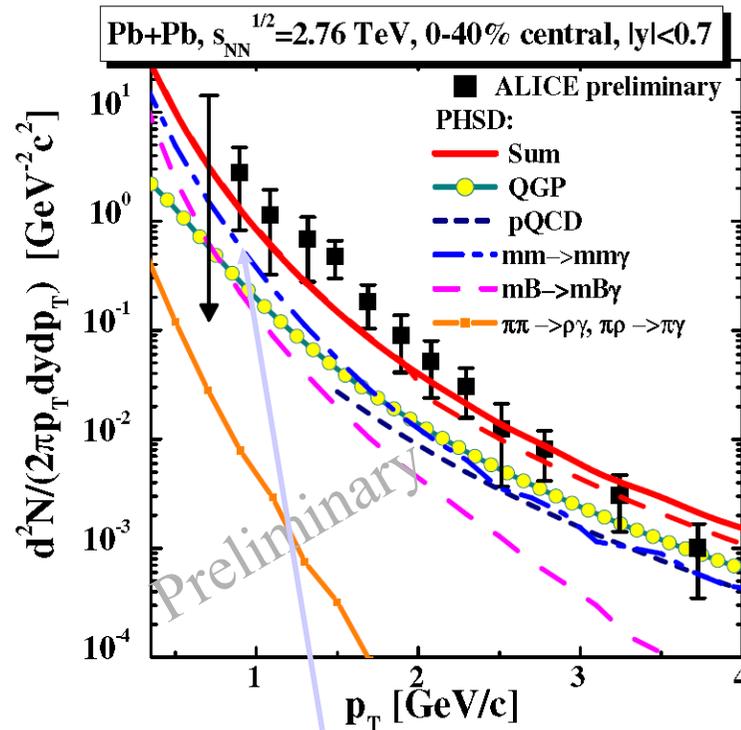
→ What do we learn?

Indications for a dominant **hadronic origin of thermal photon production?!**

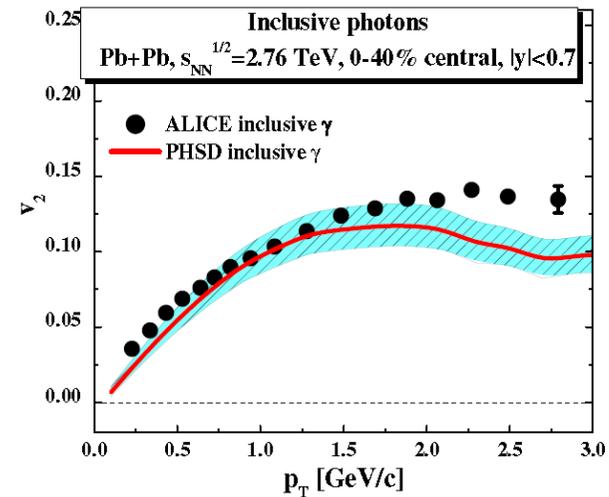
# Photons from PHSD at LHC



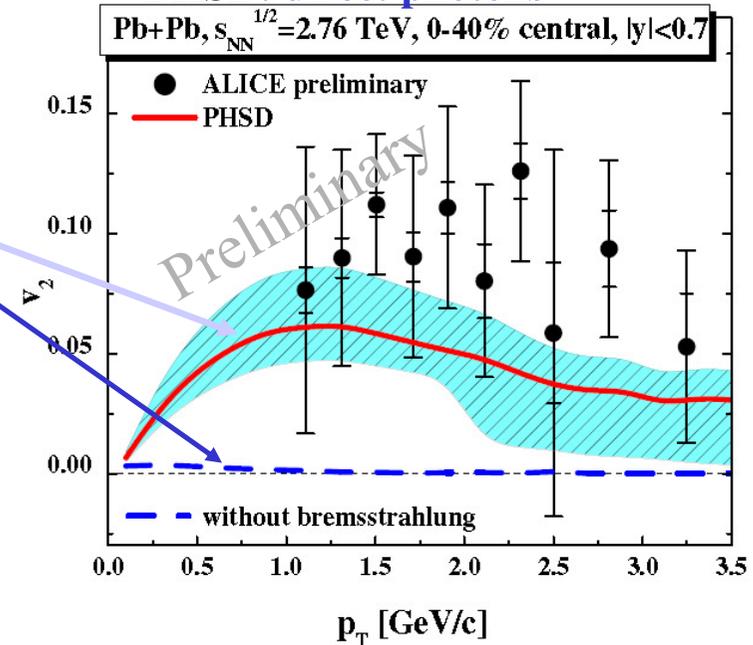
PHSD- preliminary: Olena Linnyk



## PHSD: $v_2$ of inclusive photons



## PHSD: direct photons



□ Is the considerable elliptic flow of direct photons at the LHC also of hadronic origin as for RHIC?!

□ The photon elliptic flow at LHC is lower than at RHIC due to a larger relative QGP contribution / longer QGP phase.

→ LHC (similar to RHIC):  
hadronic photons dominate spectra and  $v_2$



## Messages from the photon study



- ❑ sizeable contribution from hadronic sources - at RHIC and LHC  
hadronic photons dominate spectra and  $v_2$
- ❑ meson-meson (mm) and meson-Baryon (mB) bremsstrahlung are important sources of direct photons
- ❑ mm and mB bremsstrahlung channels can not be subtracted experimentally !
- ❑ The QGP causes the strong elliptic flow of photons indirectly, by enhancing the  $v_2$  of final hadrons due to the partonic interactions

**Photons – one of the most sensitive probes for the early dynamics of HIC!**



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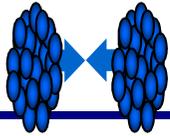
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**Thank you !**





# Dynamical models for HIC

