



Effects of partial restoration of chiral symmetry on particle production in heavy-ion collisions

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Plan:

- Motivation: chiral symmetry in massless QCD.
- Parity-doublet model (PDM).
- Giessen Boltzmann-Uehling-Uhlenbeck (GiBUU) model: relativistic mean field, collision term.
- Dynamics of particle production in central Au+Au collision at 1A GeV: $N^*(1535)$, η , ρ . Non-linear Walecka model vs PDM.
- Comparison with TAPS data on η and π^0 transverse mass spectra and HADES data on e^+e^- production.
- Summary and outlook.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \sum_{\substack{f=u,d,s, \\ c,b,t}} \bar{q}_f (i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m_f) q_f - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu,a} G_a^{\mu\nu}, \quad a = 1, \dots, 8$$

Gell-Mann matrices acting on color indices of quark fields

$$D_\mu \equiv \partial_\mu - ig \frac{\lambda_a^c}{2} \mathcal{A}_{\mu,a}, \quad G_{\mu\nu,a} \equiv \partial_\mu \mathcal{A}_{\nu,a} - \partial_\nu \mathcal{A}_{\mu,a} + gf_{abc} \mathcal{A}_{\mu,b} \mathcal{A}_{\nu,c}.$$

SU(3) structure constants

- leave only light quarks (u,d) and neglect their masses

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}}^0 = \sum_{f=u,d} \bar{q}_f i\gamma^\mu D_\mu q_f - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu,a} G_a^{\mu\nu},$$

- introduce projecting operators:

$$P_R = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \gamma_5) = P_R^\dagger, \quad P_L = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \gamma_5) = P_L^\dagger, \quad P_R^2 = P_R, \quad P_L^2 = P_L, \quad P_L P_R = P_R P_L = 0,$$

$$q_R = P_R q, \quad q_L = P_L q \quad \text{- right and left-handed components of the quark field}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}}^0 = \sum_{f=u,d} (\bar{q}_{R,f} i\gamma^\mu D_\mu q_{R,f} + \bar{q}_{L,f} i\gamma^\mu D_\mu q_{L,f}) - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu,a} G_a^{\mu\nu}.$$

- invariant under global $SU(2)_R \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_V$ flavor transformations

isospin Pauli matrices

$$U_R(\Theta_R) = e^{-i\Theta_R \frac{\tau}{2}} P_R + P_L,$$

$$U_L(\Theta_L) = P_R + e^{-i\Theta_L \frac{\tau}{2}} P_L,$$

$$U(\Theta) = e^{-i\Theta}$$

Vector and axial-vector transformations:

$$U_V(\Theta) = U_R(\Theta)U_L(\Theta) = e^{-i\Theta\frac{\tau}{2}} = e^{-i\Theta\frac{\tau}{2}}P_R + e^{-i\Theta\frac{\tau}{2}}P_L ,$$

$$U_A(\Theta) = U_R(\Theta)U_L(-\Theta) = e^{-i\Theta\gamma_5\frac{\tau}{2}} = e^{-i\Theta\frac{\tau}{2}}P_R + e^{i\Theta\frac{\tau}{2}}P_L .$$

Noether's theorem → conserved currents for classical fields:

$$\partial_\mu \mathbf{V}^\mu = 0 , \quad \mathbf{V}^\mu = \bar{q}_R \gamma^\mu \frac{\tau}{2} q_R + \bar{q}_L \gamma^\mu \frac{\tau}{2} q_L = \bar{q} \gamma^\mu \frac{\tau}{2} q ,$$

$$\partial_\mu \mathbf{A}^\mu = 0 , \quad \mathbf{A}^\mu = \bar{q}_R \gamma^\mu \frac{\tau}{2} q_R - \bar{q}_L \gamma^\mu \frac{\tau}{2} q_L = \bar{q} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \frac{\tau}{2} q .$$

Axial charge is constant
of motion:

$$\frac{d \langle \psi | \mathbf{Q}^A | \psi \rangle}{dt} = 0 , \quad \mathbf{Q}^A(t) = \int d^3r \mathbf{A}^0(t, \vec{r}) = \int d^3r q^\dagger(t, \vec{r}) \gamma_5 \frac{\tau}{2} q(t, \vec{r})$$

$$[H_{\text{QCD}}^0, \mathbf{Q}^A] = 0$$

$$|\psi' \rangle = \mathbf{Q}^A |\psi \rangle$$

$$\hat{P}q(t, \vec{r}) = i\gamma^0 q(t, -\mathbf{r}) , \quad \hat{P}\mathbf{Q}^A = -\mathbf{Q}^A$$

$$H_{\text{QCD}}^0 |\psi \rangle = E |\psi \rangle$$

$$H_{\text{QCD}}^0 |\psi' \rangle = E |\psi' \rangle$$

$$\hat{P} |\psi \rangle = \eta |\psi \rangle$$

$$\hat{P} |\psi' \rangle = -\eta |\psi' \rangle$$

**Parity-doublets, i.e. states with the same mass and spin,
but opposite parity (Wigner-Weyl realization of chiral symmetry)**

Lattice QCD calculations predict parity doubling if chiral symmetry is (artificially) restored

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L. Y. Glozman, C. B. Lang, and M. Schrock, PRD 86, 014507 (2012) [arXiv:1205.4887];
G. Aarts, C. Allton, D. De Boni, S. Hands, B. Jäger, C. Praki, and J.-I. Skullerud,
JHEP 06, 034 (2017) [arXiv:1703.09246]

However, parity-doublets are not observed in the experiment.

Let us suggest that the ground state (vacuum) is invariant w/r to axial transformation, $Q^A|0\rangle = 0$.

Then it follows from Coleman's theorem [S. Coleman, J. Math. Phys. 7, 787 \(1966\)](#) that the axial charge is conserved, $[H_{\text{QCD}}^0, Q^A] = 0$.

This would lead to the existence of parity-doublets. The conclusion is that the ground state is not invariant w/r to axial transformations, $Q^A|0\rangle \neq 0$.

Nambu-Goldstone realization of chiral symmetry (of QCD Hamiltonian): spontaneous breaking of chiral symmetry (of vacuum).

- ***massless pions generated by Q^A***
- ***instead of parity-partner hadron one gets hadron+massless pion state***

Equal-time commutation relation [W. Weise, arXiv:nucl-th/0504087](#):

$$[Q_a^A, \bar{q}(x)\gamma_5\tau_b q(x)] = -\delta_{ab}\bar{q}(x)q(x), \quad \bar{q}(x)q(x) = \bar{u}u + \bar{d}d.$$

If $\langle 0|\bar{q}(x)q(x)|0 \rangle \neq 0$ then $Q_a^A|0 \rangle \neq 0$.

The scalar quark-antiquark condensate breaks chiral symmetry.

PCAC:
$$\partial_\mu A_1^\mu = im_q \bar{q}\gamma_5\tau_1 q, \quad m_q \equiv \frac{1}{2}(m_u + m_d)$$

$$\partial_\mu A_a^\mu = m_\pi^2 f_\pi \pi_a, \quad f_\pi \simeq 93 \text{ MeV} \quad \text{- pion decay constant}$$


Gell-Mann, Oakes, Renner (GOR) relation:
$$-m_q \langle 0|\bar{q}q|0 \rangle = f_\pi^2 m_\pi^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \langle 0|\bar{q}q|0 \rangle \simeq \langle 0|\bar{u}u|0 \rangle \simeq \langle 0|\bar{d}d|0 \rangle = -(1.5 - 3) \text{ fm}^{-3}$$

Hellmann-Feynman theorem [T.D. Cohen et al., PRC 45, 1881 \(1992\)](#):

$$\frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_{\rho_N}}{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_0} = 1 - \frac{\sigma_N}{f_\pi^2 m_\pi^2} \rho_N$$

$$\sigma_N = m_q \frac{dm_N}{dm_q} = m_q \int d^3x (\langle N|\bar{q}q|N \rangle - \langle 0|\bar{q}q|0 \rangle) = 40 - 60 \text{ MeV} \quad \text{- nucleon } \sigma \text{ term}$$

 LQCD π N scatt. phen.

[R. Gupta et al., arXiv:2105.12095](#)

The tendency towards chiral symmetry restoration with increasing nucleon density.

Parity-doublet model (PDM)

C.E. DeTar, T. Kunihiro, PRD 39, 2805 (1989); D. Jido et al., NPA 671, 471 (2000); Prog. Theor. Phys. 106, 873 (2001)

- includes the nucleon and its negative parity partner state, $N^*(1535)$
- keeps $SU(2)_R \times SU(2)_L$ symmetry on the hadronic level
- mirror assignment for the chiral symmetry basis states N_1 (P=+), N_2 (P=-):

$$\begin{aligned} N_{1R} &\rightarrow U_R N_{1R}, & N_{1L} &\rightarrow U_L N_{1L}, \\ N_{2R} &\rightarrow U_L N_{2R}, & N_{2L} &\rightarrow U_R N_{2L}. \end{aligned}$$

Lagrangian:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & \bar{N}_1 [i\partial + g_1(\sigma + i\gamma_5 \boldsymbol{\tau} \boldsymbol{\pi})] N_1 + \bar{N}_2 [i\partial + g_2(\sigma - i\gamma_5 \boldsymbol{\tau} \boldsymbol{\pi})] N_2 \\ & - m_0 (\bar{N}_1 \gamma_5 N_2 - \bar{N}_2 \gamma_5 N_1) + \underbrace{\mathcal{L}_{\text{mes}} + \mathcal{L}_0 + \mathcal{L}_1}_{\text{Contact fermionic interactions}}. \end{aligned}$$

Contact fermionic interactions
(short-range repulsion, needed for nuclear EOS)

Note: cross-product terms are chirally-invariant::

$$\bar{N}_1 \gamma_5 N_2 = \bar{N}_{1R} \gamma_5 N_{2L} + \bar{N}_{1L} \gamma_5 N_{2R} \rightarrow \bar{N}_{1R} U_R^\dagger \gamma_5 U_R N_{2L} + \bar{N}_{1L} U_L^\dagger \gamma_5 U_L N_{2R} = \bar{N}_1 \gamma_5 N_2.$$

- mass eigenstates, i.e. nucleon and N^* , are obtained by proper unitary transformation diagonalising the mass matrix

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mes}} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \sigma \partial^\mu \sigma + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \boldsymbol{\pi} \partial^\mu \boldsymbol{\pi} \\
 + \frac{\bar{\mu}^2}{2} (\sigma^2 + \boldsymbol{\pi}^2) - \frac{\lambda}{4} (\sigma^2 + \boldsymbol{\pi}^2)^2 + \frac{\lambda_6}{6} (\sigma^2 + \boldsymbol{\pi}^2)^3 + \varepsilon \sigma .$$

6-point interaction
 (needed for realistic values of
 incompressibility)

Explicit chiral symmetry breaking term
 (to account for finite quark masses)

Isoscalar and isovector four-fermion NJL-type interaction terms:

$$\mathcal{L}_0 = -G_0 (\bar{N}_1 \gamma^\mu N_1 + \bar{N}_2 \gamma^\mu N_2)^2 , \\
 \mathcal{L}_1 = -G_1 [(\bar{N}_1 \gamma^\mu \boldsymbol{\tau} N_1 + \bar{N}_2 \gamma^\mu \boldsymbol{\tau} N_2)^2 + (\bar{N}_1 \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \boldsymbol{\tau} N_1 - \bar{N}_2 \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \boldsymbol{\tau} N_2)^2] .$$

Bosonisation provides statistically equivalent description (Hubbard-Stratonovich transformation):

$$\mathcal{L}_0 = \frac{m_\omega^2}{2} \omega^\mu \omega_\mu - g_\omega \omega_\mu (\bar{N}_1 \gamma^\mu N_1 + \bar{N}_2 \gamma^\mu N_2) , \\
 \mathcal{L}_1 = \frac{m_\rho^2}{2} (\boldsymbol{\rho}^\mu \boldsymbol{\rho}_\mu + \mathbf{a}_1^\mu \mathbf{a}_{1\mu}) - g_\rho \bar{N}_1 (\boldsymbol{\rho}^\mu - \gamma_5 \mathbf{a}_1^\mu) \gamma_\mu \boldsymbol{\tau} N_1 - g_\rho \bar{N}_2 (\boldsymbol{\rho}^\mu + \gamma_5 \mathbf{a}_1^\mu) \gamma_\mu \boldsymbol{\tau} N_2 ,$$

with $m_\omega^2/g_\omega^2 = 1/(2G_0)$ and $m_\rho^2/g_\rho^2 = 1/(2G_1)$.

Note: mathematically equivalent to the non-linear Walecka model w/o space-time derivatives.
 However, we assume that these auxiliary Hubbard fields do not coincide with physical massive vector meson fields.
 They rather parameterize short-range QCD interactions.

Full model Lagrangian in the basis of mass eigenstates (physical basis) :

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L} = & \bar{N}_+ [i\partial - m_+ - ig_{\pi N_+ N_+} \gamma_5 \boldsymbol{\tau} \boldsymbol{\pi} - (g_\omega \omega^\mu + g_\rho \boldsymbol{\tau} \boldsymbol{\rho}^\mu - g_{a_1} \gamma_5 \boldsymbol{\tau} \mathbf{a}_1^\mu) \gamma_\mu] N_+ \\
& + \bar{N}_- [i\partial - m_- - ig_{\pi N_- N_-} \gamma_5 \boldsymbol{\tau} \boldsymbol{\pi} - (g_\omega \omega^\mu + g_\rho \boldsymbol{\tau} \boldsymbol{\rho}^\mu + g_{a_1} \gamma_5 \boldsymbol{\tau} \mathbf{a}_1^\mu) \gamma_\mu] N_- \\
& + \frac{m_\omega^2}{2} \omega^\mu \omega_\mu + \frac{m_\rho^2}{2} (\boldsymbol{\rho}^\mu \boldsymbol{\rho}_\mu + \mathbf{a}_1^\mu \mathbf{a}_{1\mu}) \\
& - ig_{\pi N_+ N_-} \bar{N}_+ \boldsymbol{\tau} \boldsymbol{\pi} N_- + ig_{\pi N_+ N_-} \bar{N}_- \boldsymbol{\tau} \boldsymbol{\pi} N_+ \\
& + g_{a_1 N_+ N_-} \bar{N}_+ \gamma_\mu \boldsymbol{\tau} \mathbf{a}_1^\mu N_- + g_{a_1 N_+ N_-} \bar{N}_- \gamma_\mu \boldsymbol{\tau} \mathbf{a}_1^\mu N_+ + \mathcal{L}_{\text{mes}} ,
\end{aligned}$$

$$m_\pm = \frac{1}{2} \left[\sqrt{\sigma^2 (g_1 + g_2)^2 + 4m_0^2} \pm \sigma (g_2 - g_1) \right] .$$

Decreasing scalar field σ leads to the mass degeneracy of the parity partners, $m_\pm \rightarrow m_0$

Vacuum conditions: $\sigma(\rho_B = 0) \equiv \sigma_0 = f_\pi = 93 \text{ MeV}$ (consistent with Goldberger-Treiman relation),

$$m_+(\sigma_0) = m_N, \quad m_-(\sigma_0) = m_{N^*(1535)}. \quad g_{\pi NN} \simeq m_N / f_\pi$$

In PDM σ has a meaning of a condensate field, i.e. $\frac{\sigma(\rho_B)}{\sigma_0} \simeq \frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_{\rho_B}}{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_0} = 1 - \frac{\sigma_N}{f_\pi^2 m_\pi^2} \rho_B$

Mean field approximation:

- pion mean field (P=-) disappears in nuclear matter ground state;
- isovector-axial vector \mathbf{a}_1^μ mean field vanishes in spin-saturated nuclear matter.

Lagrange's EoMs:
$$-\bar{\mu}^2 \sigma + \lambda \sigma^3 - \lambda_6 \sigma^5 - \varepsilon = - \sum_{i=\pm} \frac{\partial m_i}{\partial \sigma} \langle \bar{N}_i(x) N_i(x) \rangle ,$$

$$\omega^\nu(x) = \frac{g_\omega}{m_\omega^2} \sum_{i=\pm} \langle \bar{N}_i(x) \gamma^\nu N_i(x) \rangle ,$$

$$\rho^\nu(x) = \frac{g_\rho}{m_\rho^2} \sum_{i=\pm} \langle \bar{N}_i(x) \gamma^\nu \boldsymbol{\tau} N_i(x) \rangle ,$$

In-medium

Dirac equation:

$$[\gamma^\mu (i\partial_\mu - V_\mu) - m_\pm] N_\pm(x) = 0 , \quad V_\mu = g_\omega \omega_\mu + g_\rho \boldsymbol{\tau} \rho_\mu .$$

Plane-wave solutions: $N_\pm \propto \exp(-ipx)$,

$$[\gamma^\mu p_\mu^* - m_\pm] N_\pm = 0 , \quad p_\mu^* \equiv p_\mu - (V_\mu)_{I_z I_z}, \quad I_z = \pm 1/2.$$

kinetic four-momentum

Dispersion relation (in-medium mass-shell condition): $(p^*)^2 - m_\pm^2 = 0 .$

Table 1: The sets of parameters of the PDM.

	Set P3 [a]	Set 2 [b]
m_0 (MeV)	790	700
m_σ (MeV)	370.63	384.428
m_ω (MeV)	783	783
m_ρ (MeV)	—	776
g_ω	6.79	7.05508
g_ρ	0	4.07986
g_1	13.00	14.1708
g_2	6.97	7.76222
$\lambda_6 f_\pi^2$	0	15.7393
m_+ (MeV)	939	939
m_- (MeV)	1500	1535
K (MeV)	510.57	215

[a] [D. Zschesche et al., PRC 75, 055202 \(2007\);](#)

[b] [I.J. Shin et al., arXiv:1805.03402.](#)

Harmonic oscillator decomposition near vacuum value $\sigma=f_\pi$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{H}_{\text{mes}} &= -\frac{\bar{\mu}^2}{2}(\sigma^2 + \pi^2) + \frac{\lambda}{4}(\sigma^2 + \pi^2)^2 - \frac{\lambda_6}{6}(\sigma^2 + \pi^2)^3 - \varepsilon\sigma \\
 &= \text{const} + \frac{m_\pi^2}{2}\pi^2 + \frac{m_\sigma^2}{2}\Delta\sigma^2 + O(\pi^2\Delta\sigma) + O(\Delta\sigma^3),
 \end{aligned}
 \quad \longrightarrow \quad
 \begin{cases}
 \bar{\mu}^2 &= \frac{m_\sigma^2 - 3m_\pi^2}{2} + \lambda_6 f_\pi^4, \\
 \lambda &= \frac{m_\sigma^2 - m_\pi^2}{2f_\pi^2} + 2\lambda_6 f_\pi^2, \\
 \varepsilon &= m_\pi^2 f_\pi.
 \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta\sigma = \sigma - f_\pi, \quad \left. \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}_{\text{mes}}}{\partial \sigma} \right|_{\sigma=f_\pi} = 0.$$

Infinite nuclear matter

Saturation conditions:

$$\left. \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}(\rho_B)/\rho_B}{\partial \rho_B} \right|_{\rho_B=\rho_0} = 0,$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{E}(\rho_0)}{\rho_0} \simeq -16 \text{ MeV}, \quad \rho_0 = 0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3},$$

$$\mathcal{E}(\rho_B) \equiv T^{00}(\rho_B) - T^{00}(0) - m_N \rho_B$$

- non-relativistic energy density;

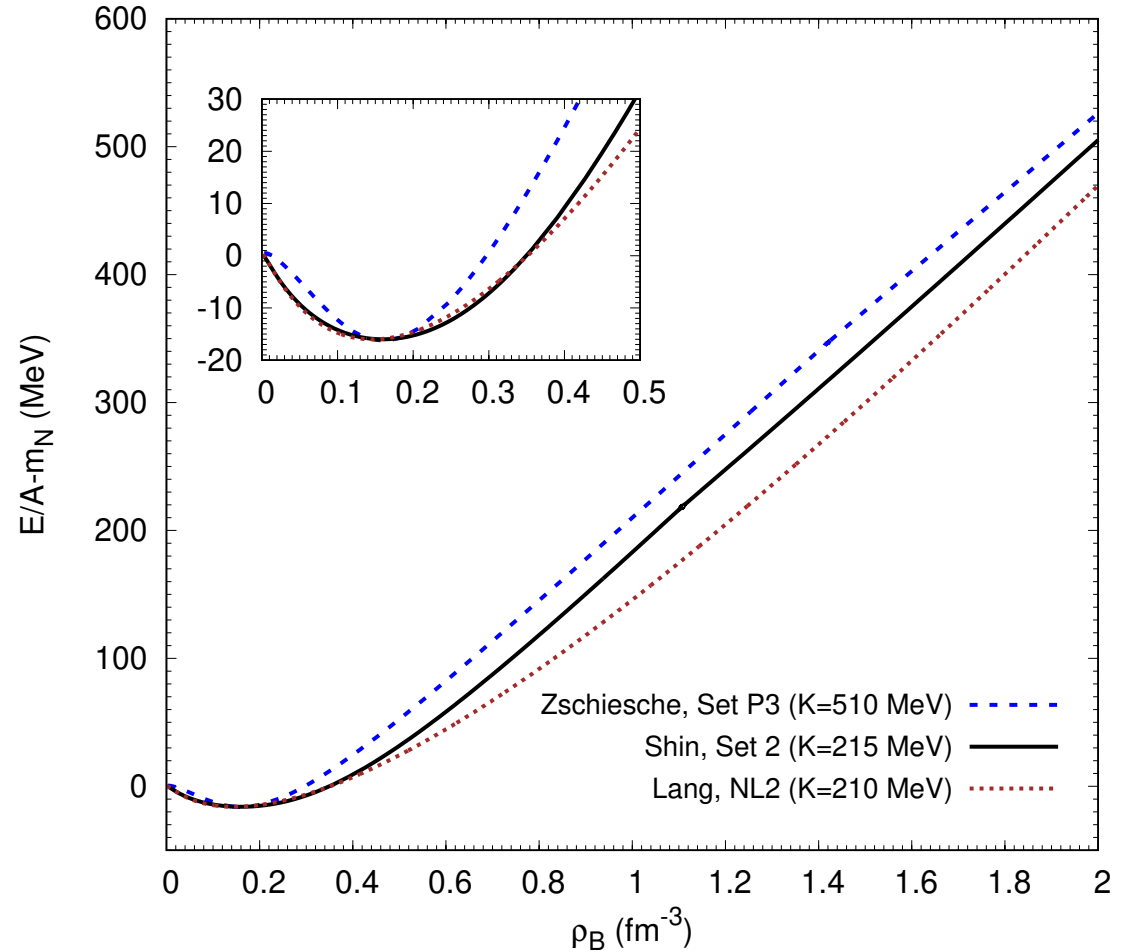
$$K = 9\rho_0^2 \left. \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{E}(\rho_B)/\rho_B}{\partial \rho_B^2} \right|_{\rho_B=\rho_0} \simeq 200 - 380 \text{ MeV}$$

- incompressibility.

from GMR
frequencies

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upper limit

Set 2 and NL2 produce similar EoS at $\rho_B \leq 3\rho_0$ accessible in HIC at $E_{lab} = 1-2A \text{ GeV}$.



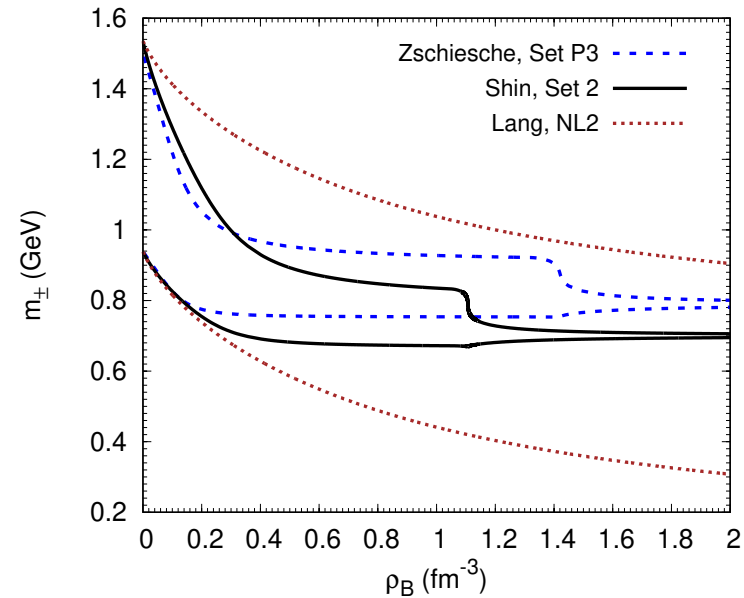
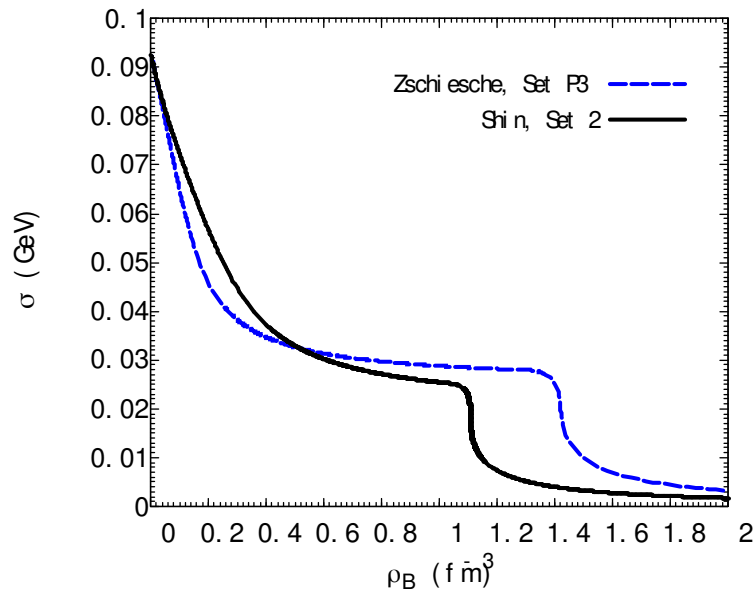
D. Zschesche et al., PRC 75, 055202 (2007);

I.J. Shin et al., arXiv:1805.03402;

A. Lang et al., NPA 541, 507 (1992).

} PDM

} non-linear
Walecka model



- The chiral 1-st order phase transition at baryon densities of $1-1.4 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ unlikely to be reached before the transition to QGP will happen. However, a faster decrease of m_{\perp} at low densities may have observable consequences.
- Since $m_{N^*(1535)} - m_N - m_{\eta} \approx 50 \text{ MeV}$ the decay channel $N^*(1535) \rightarrow N \eta$ closes already at $\rho_B \approx 0.4\rho_0$ [D. Jido, E.E. Kolomeitsev, H. Nagahiro, S. Hirenzaki, NPA 811, 158 \(2008\)](#). Impact on the photoproduction of η -mesic nuclei. Also in qualitative agreement with observed $A^{2/3}$ dependence of η photoproduction [M. Roebig-Landau et al., PLB 373, 45 \(1996\)](#); [H. Kim, D. Jido, M. Oka, NPA 640, 77 \(1998\)](#).
- In HIC, however, the low-mass $N^*(1535)$ -resonances may increase their masses since the system expands.

Main idea: decreasing threshold of $N N \rightarrow N N^*(1535)$ should enhance the production of $N^*(1535)$ in HIC. This should lead to larger η production via $N^*(1535) \rightarrow N \eta$.

GiBUU model

- solves the coupled system of kinetic equations for the baryons ($N, N^*, \Delta, \Lambda, \Sigma, \dots$), corresponding antibaryons ($\bar{N}, \bar{N}^*, \bar{\Delta}, \bar{\Lambda}, \bar{\Sigma}, \dots$), and mesons (π, K, \dots)
- initializations for the lepton-, photon-, hadron-, and heavy-ion-induced reactions on nuclei

Open source code in Fortran 2003 downloadable from:

<https://gibuu.hepforge.org/trac/wiki>

Details of GiBUU: *O. Buss et al., Phys. Rep. 512, 1 (2012).*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Distribution function in phase space } (\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}^*) & \text{Number of sort "j" particles} & = \int \frac{g_s^j d^3 r d^3 p^*}{(2\pi)^3} f_j^*(x, \mathbf{p}^*) \\
 (p_0^*)^{-1} \left[p_\mu^* \partial^\mu + (p_\mu^* \mathcal{F}_j^{\alpha\mu} + m_j^* \partial^\alpha m_j^*) \frac{\partial}{\partial p^{*\alpha}} \right] \overbrace{f_j^*(x, \mathbf{p}^*)} & = \underbrace{I_j[\{f^*\}]}_{\text{Collision term (includes Pauli blocking for outgoing nucleons)}}, & (*) \\
 \mu = 0, 1, 2, 3, \quad \alpha = 1, 2, 3, \quad j = N, \bar{N}, \Delta, \bar{\Delta}, \Lambda, \bar{\Lambda}, \pi, K, \dots & \quad x \equiv (t, \mathbf{r})
 \end{aligned}$$

m_j^* - effective (Dirac) mass,

$p^{*\mu} = p^\mu - V_j^\mu$ - kinetic four-momentum with effective mass shell constraint $p^{*\mu} p_\mu^* = m_j^{*2}$,

$V_j^\mu = g_{\omega j} \omega^\mu + g_{\rho j} \tau_j^3 \rho^{3\mu} + q_j A^\mu$ - vector field, $\tau_j^3 = +(-)1$ for $j = p, \bar{n}$ (\bar{p}, n),

$\mathcal{F}_j^{\mu\nu} = \partial^\mu V_j^\nu - \partial^\nu V_j^\mu$ - field tensor.

- For momentum-independent fields Eq.(*) is equivalent to the BUU equation

$$(\partial_t + \nabla_{\mathbf{p}} \varepsilon_j \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} - \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \varepsilon_j \nabla_{\mathbf{p}}) f_j(x, \mathbf{p}) = I_j[\{f\}]$$

$$\varepsilon_j(x, \mathbf{p}) = V_j^0 + \sqrt{m_j^{*2} + \mathbf{p}_j^{*2}}, \quad f_j(x, \mathbf{p}) = f_j^*(x, \mathbf{p}^*).$$

Direct derivations of relativistic kinetic equation:

*Yu.B. Ivanov, NPA 474, 669 (1987);
B. Blättel, V. Koch, U. Mosel, Rept. Prog. Phys. 56, 1 (1993).*

Baryon-baryon collisions:

For $\sqrt{s} < 4$ GeV: $NN \rightarrow NN$, $NN \leftrightarrow NR$, $NN \leftrightarrow \Delta\Delta$, $NR \rightarrow NR'$,
 $NN \rightarrow NNM$ ($M = \pi, \omega, \phi$), $np \rightarrow d\eta$ (via $np\eta$ final state),
 $BB \rightarrow BYK$, $BB \rightarrow NNK\bar{K}$ ($B = N, R$).
For $\sqrt{s} > 4$ GeV: $BB \rightarrow X$ (PYTHIA 6).

Meson-baryon collisions:

For $\sqrt{s} < 2.2$ GeV: $\pi N \rightarrow R$, MN ($M = \pi, \omega, \phi, \rho, \sigma, \eta$), $M\Delta$ ($M = \pi, \eta, \rho$),
 $\pi N^*(1440)$, $K\Lambda$, $K\Sigma$, $\omega\pi N$, $\phi\pi N$, $K\bar{K}N$, $\Lambda K\pi$, $\Sigma K\pi$, $\pi\pi N$, $\pi\pi\pi N$;
 $\omega N \rightarrow R$, πN , ωN , $\pi\pi N$, ΛK , ΣK ;
 $\rho N \rightarrow R$, πN , ΛK , ΣK ;
 $\sigma N \rightarrow R$, πN , σN ;
 $\eta N \rightarrow R$, πN , ΛK , ΣK ;
 $\phi N \rightarrow \phi N$, πN , $\pi\pi N$;
 $KN \rightarrow KN$, $KN\pi$;
 $\bar{K}N \rightarrow Y^*$, $\bar{K}N$, $Y\pi$, $Y^*\pi$, ΞK , $\Xi K\pi$;
 $J/\psi N \rightarrow J/\psi N$, $\Lambda_c \bar{D}$, $\Lambda_c \bar{D}^*$, $N D \bar{D}$;
 $\pi\Delta \rightarrow R$, $K\Lambda$, $\Sigma\Lambda$;
 $\rho\Delta \rightarrow R$;
 $\eta\Delta \rightarrow \pi N$;
 $\pi N^*(1440) \rightarrow R$;
 $\pi Y(Y^*) \rightarrow Y^*$, $\bar{K}N$;
 $\eta\Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda^*$;
 $K\Lambda \rightarrow R$, πN , $\pi\Delta$;
For $\sqrt{s} > 2.2$ GeV: $MB \rightarrow X$ (PYTHIA 6 and JETSET)

Meson-meson collisions:

$MM \rightarrow R, K\bar{K}, K^*\bar{K}, K\bar{K}^*$ ($M = \pi, \eta, \eta', \sigma, \rho, \omega$).

Baryon-antibaryon collisions:

$\bar{B}B \rightarrow$ mesons by statistical annihilation model

E.S. Golubeva et al., NPA 537, 393 (1992);

I.A. Pshenichnov, PhD thesis, INR Moscow (1998)

or by string model (if $|Z_{\text{tot}}| > 1$ or total charm $\neq 0$ or total strangeness $\neq 0$),

$\bar{B}B \rightarrow \bar{B}B$ (EL and CEX), $\bar{N}N \leftrightarrow \bar{\Delta}N(\bar{N}\Delta)$ (for $\sqrt{s} < 2.38$ GeV)

or $\bar{B}B \rightarrow \bar{B}B +$ mesons by FRITIOF (for $\sqrt{s} > 2.38$ GeV),

$\bar{N}N \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}\Lambda, \bar{N}(\bar{\Delta})N(\Delta) \rightarrow \bar{\Lambda}\Sigma(\bar{\Sigma}\Lambda), \bar{N}(\bar{\Delta})N(\Delta) \rightarrow \bar{\Xi}\Xi, \bar{N}N \rightarrow \bar{\Omega}\Omega,$

$\bar{N}N \rightarrow J/\psi$.

3 \rightarrow 2 collisions: $NN\pi \rightarrow NN$.

3 \rightarrow 3 collisions: $NN\Delta \rightarrow NNN$.

3 \rightarrow N collisions: optional.

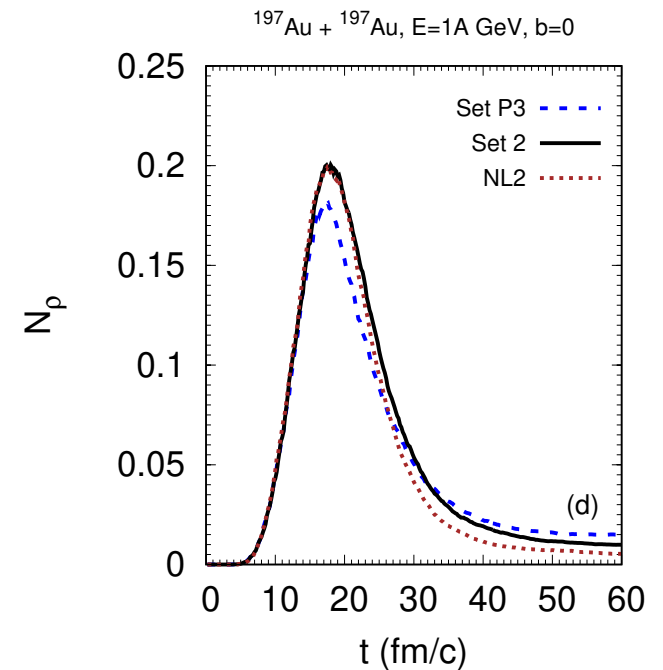
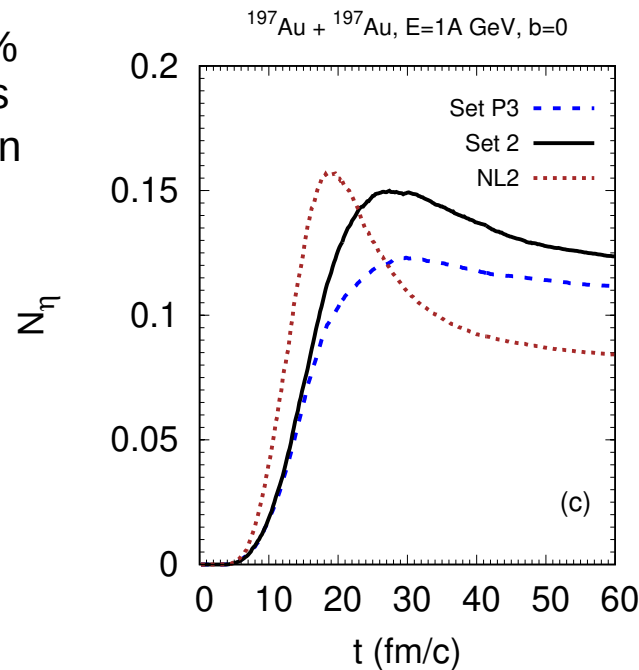
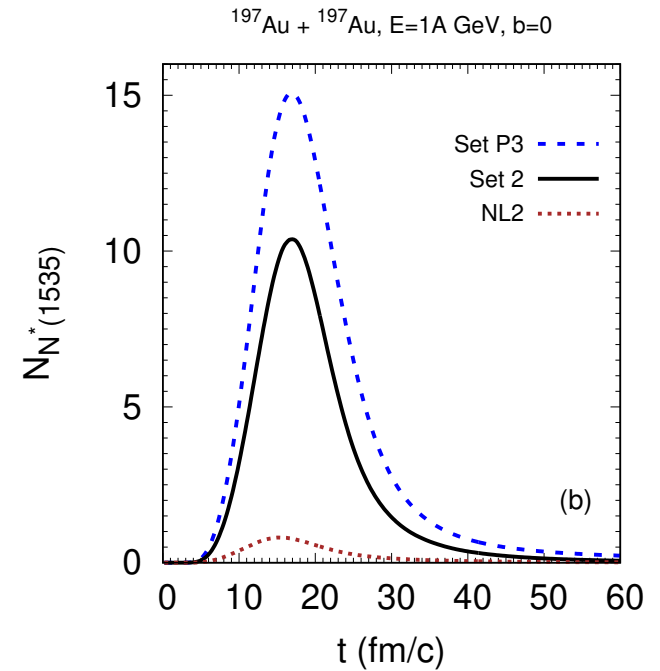
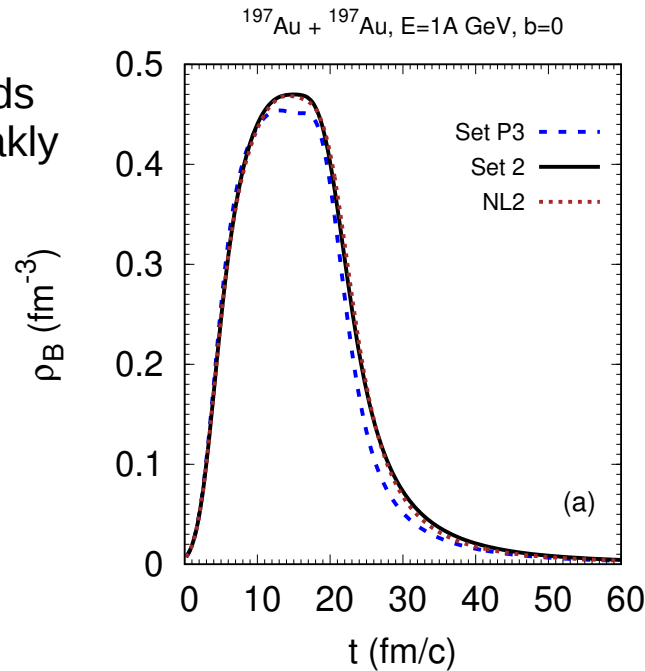
- Central baryon density depends on the used RMF set only weakly

- $N^*(1535)$ multiplicity with PDM is an order of magnitude larger than in NL2

- η multiplicity with PDM is $\approx 50\%$ larger than with NL2. Decreases at large times due to absorption

$$\eta N \rightarrow N^*(1535) \rightarrow \pi N.$$

- ρ multiplicity at large times is enhanced in PDM



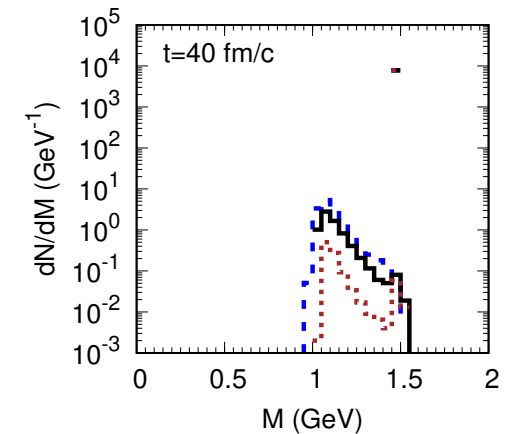
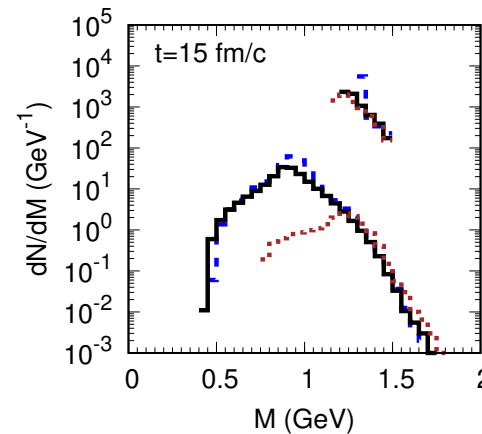
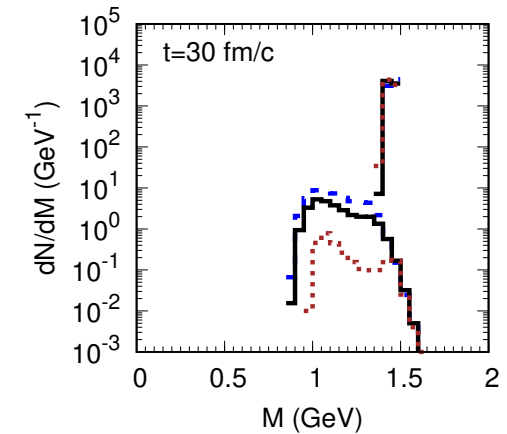
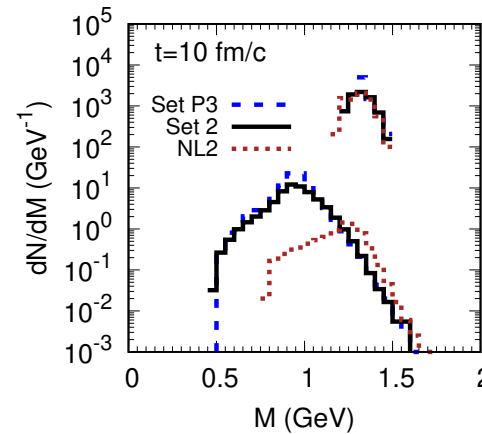
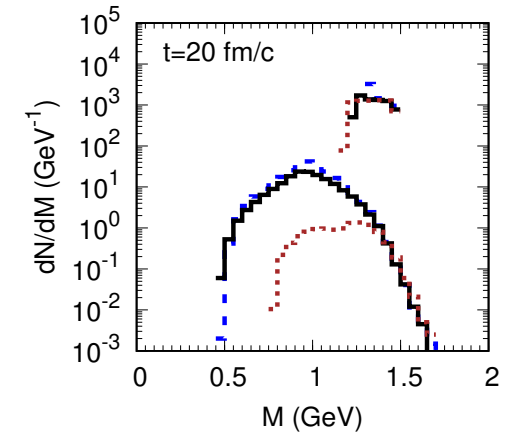
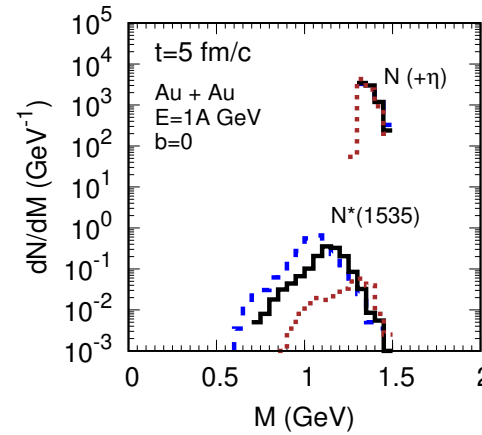
Invariant mass distributions of $N^*(1535)$ and N

(N distribution is right-shifted by the η mass)

- Excess of $N^*(1535)$ production at low inv. masses at $t \leq 20$ fm/c with PDM

- At later times the system expands, $N^*(1535)$'s migrate towards larger inv. masses and disappear via absorption $N^* N \rightarrow NN$ and decays: $N^* \rightarrow \pi N$ (51%), ηN (43%), ρN (3%), σN (1%), $\pi N^*(1440)$ (2%).

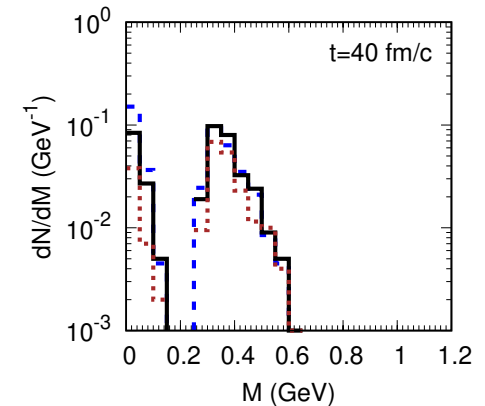
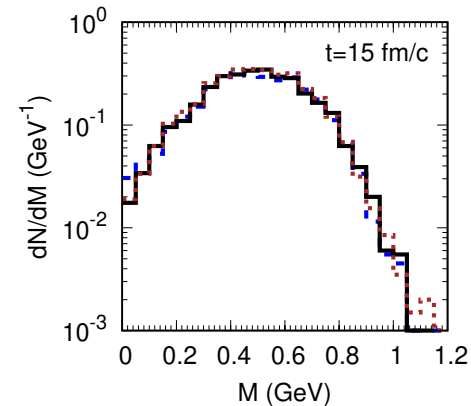
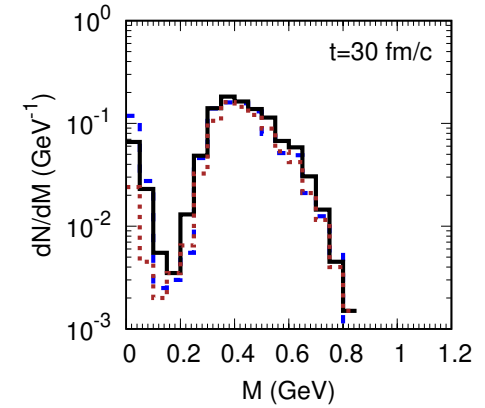
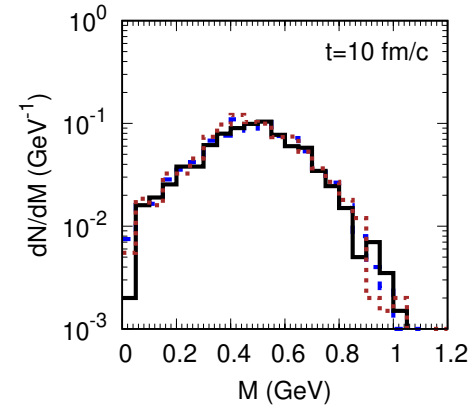
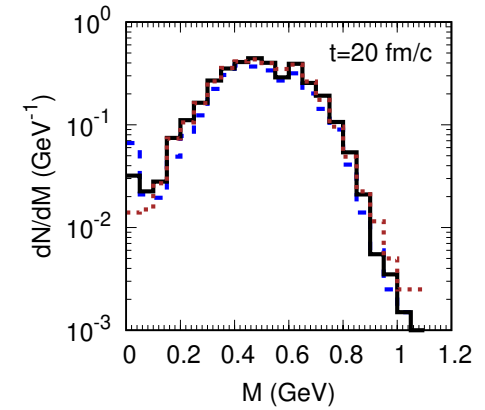
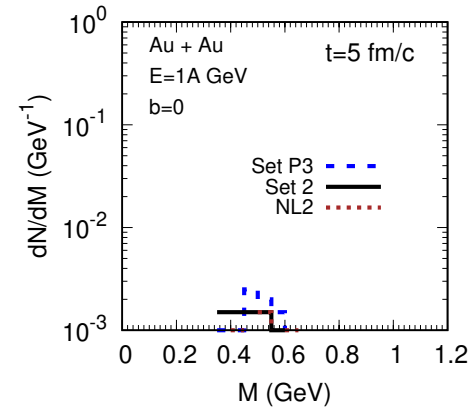
- Thus, most of the low-mass excess of $N^*(1535)$'s goes into other channels than ηN .



Invariant mass distribution of ρ meson

- $N^*(1520) \rightarrow \rho N$ contributes mostly.
- No difference between RMF sets for early times $t \leq 15$ fm/c.
- At later times the excess of long-lived ρ 's below $\pi\pi$ threshold is visible in PDM due to the contribution from $N^*(1535) \rightarrow \rho N$.

Calculation is done with in-medium spectral function of ρ -meson, see [AL, U. Mosel, L. von Smekal, PRC 102, 064913 \(2020\) \[arXiv:2009.11702\]](#)



Comparison with experiment

Transverse mass spectra at midrapidity

In thermal equilibrium:

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dy m_t^2 dm_t} \propto e^{-m_t/T}$$

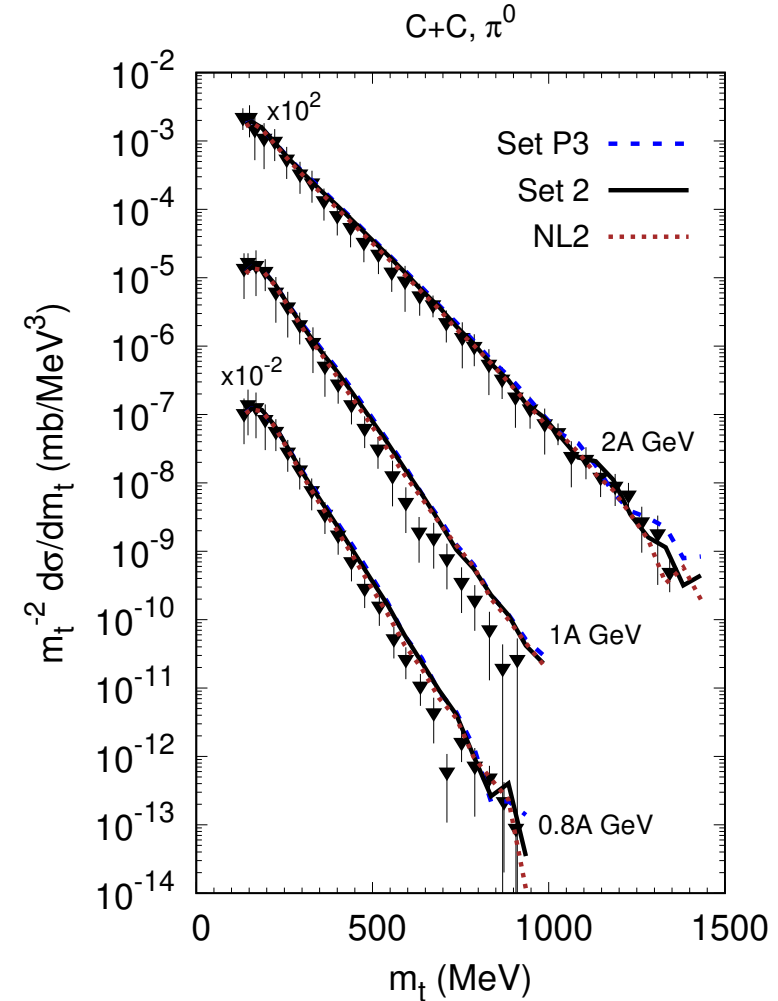
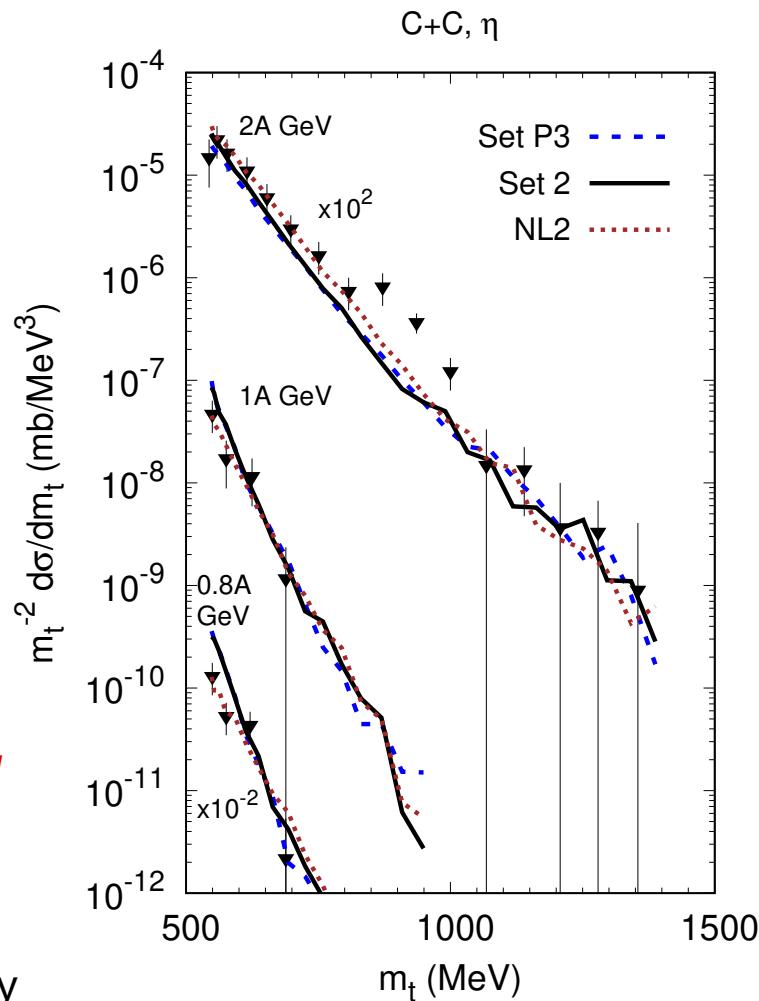
- m_t -scaling.

Small systems (like C+C) are likely to deviate from thermal equilibrium:

- cross sections become important;

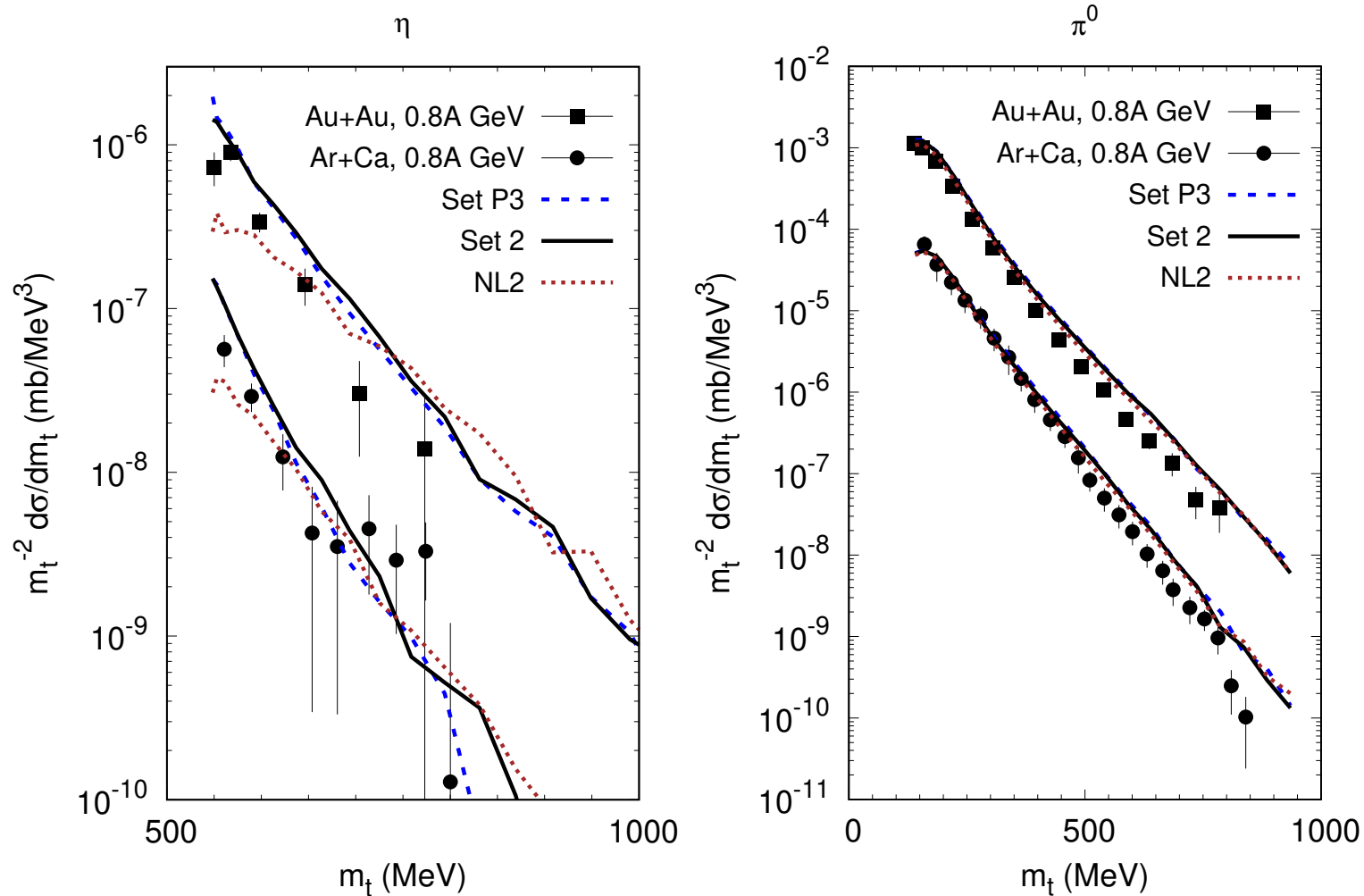
- lowering the threshold of $NN \rightarrow NN^*(1535)$ in PDM enhances the yield of low- m_t η 's at $E_{lab} = 0.8$ and 1A GeV

Note: threshold beam energy for $pp \rightarrow pp\eta$ is 1.255 GeV



- no effect of RMF on π^0

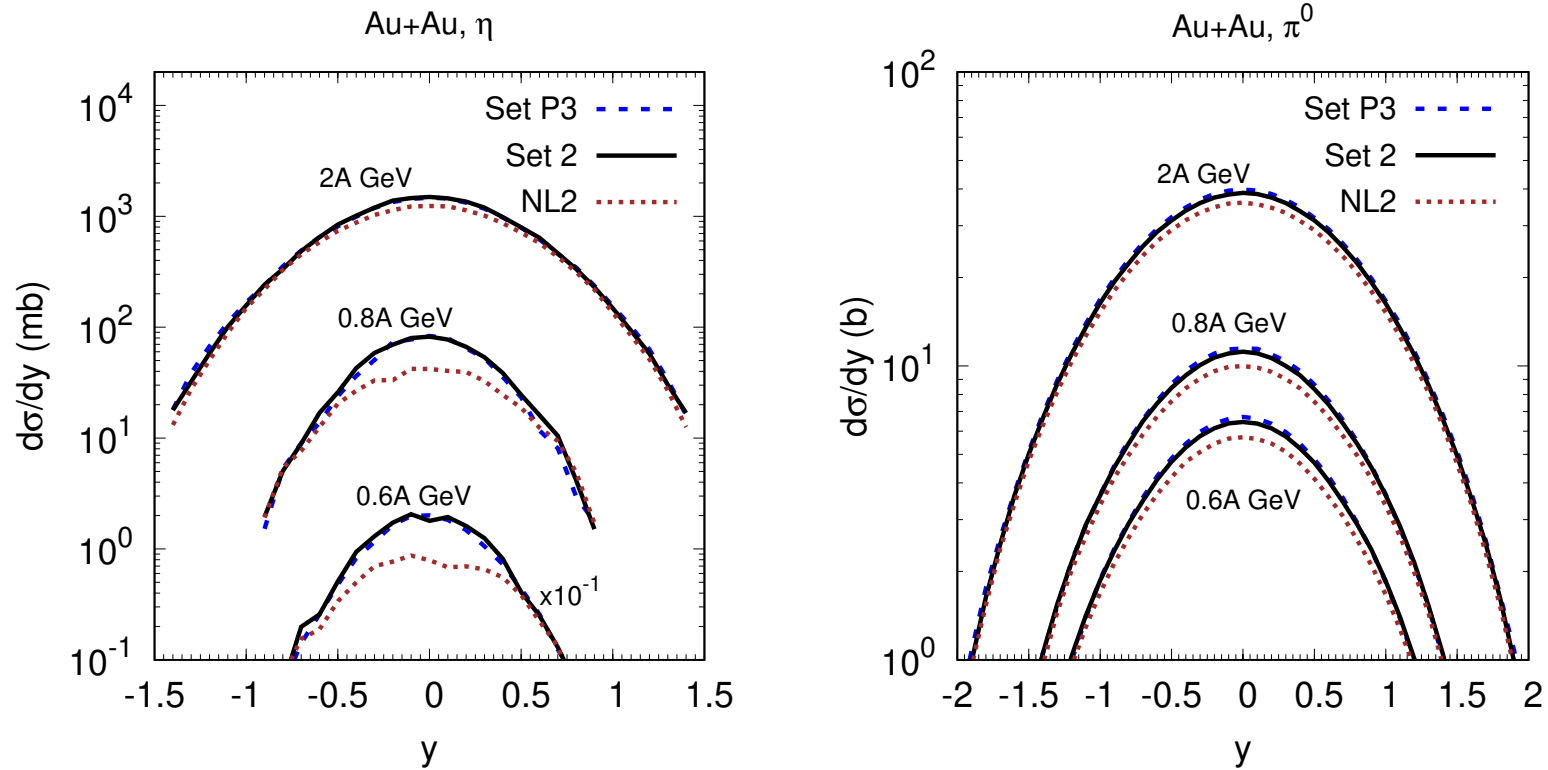
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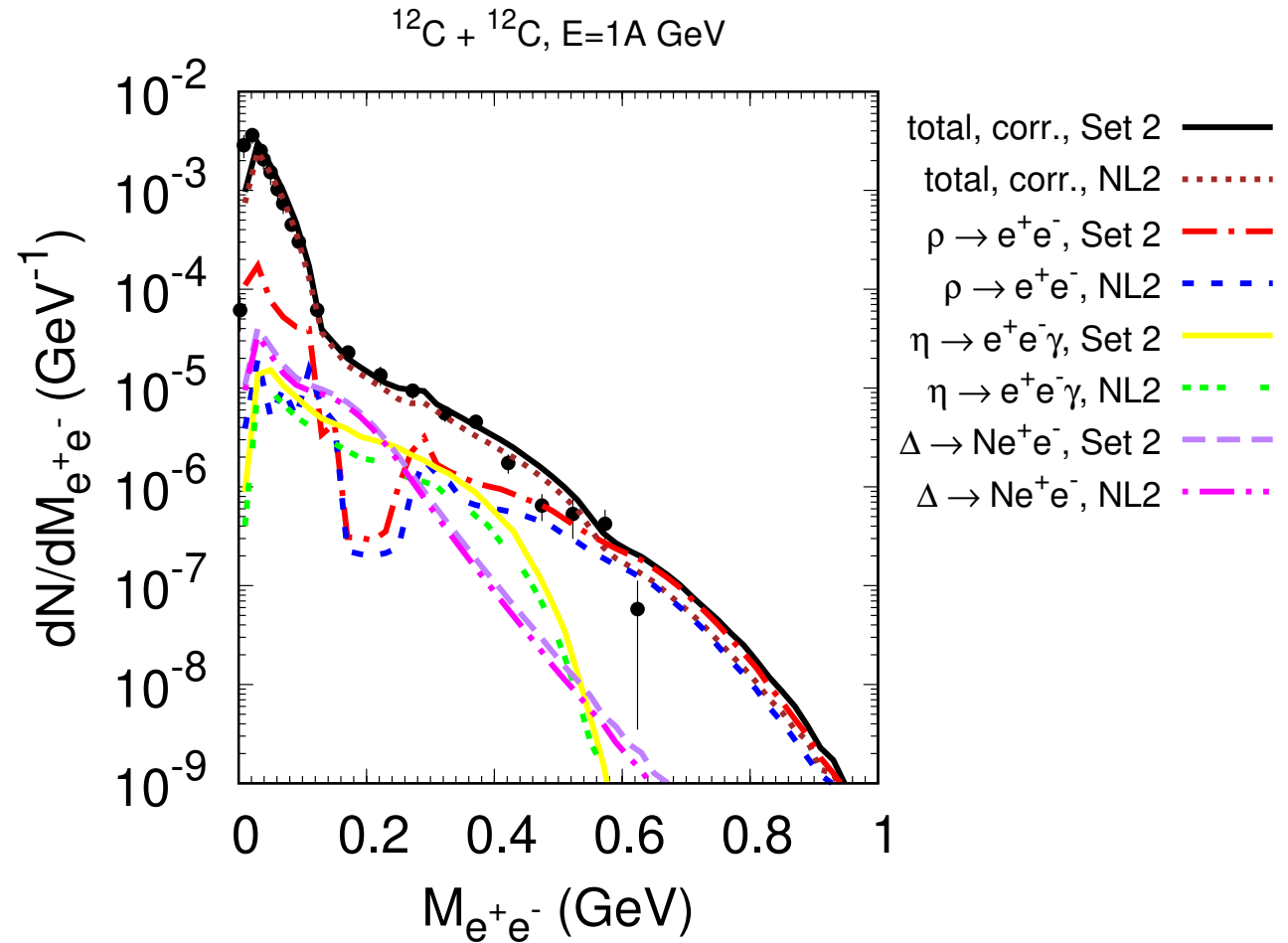
- For heavier systems the enhancement of η production at low m_t in PDM is more pronounced. The effect of incompressibility is invisible: no difference between Set P3 (K=510 MeV) and Set 2 (K=215 MeV). TAPS data seem to favor PDM (slopes better). No effect of RMF on pions.

Data Ar+Ca: [A. Marin et al. \(TAPS\), PLB 409, 77 \(1997\)](#);
Data Au+Au: [A.R. Wolf et al. \(TAPS\), PRL 80, 5281 \(1998\)](#)

Rapidity spectra



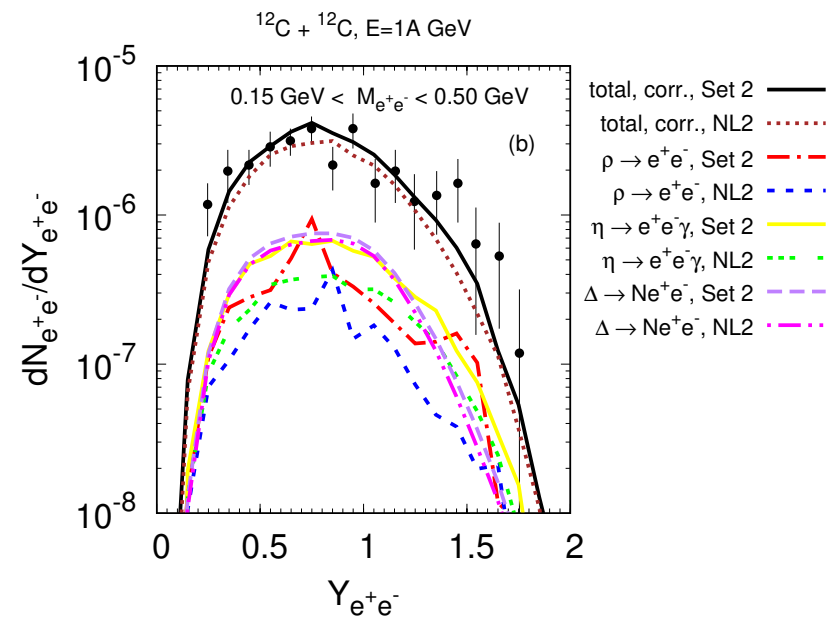
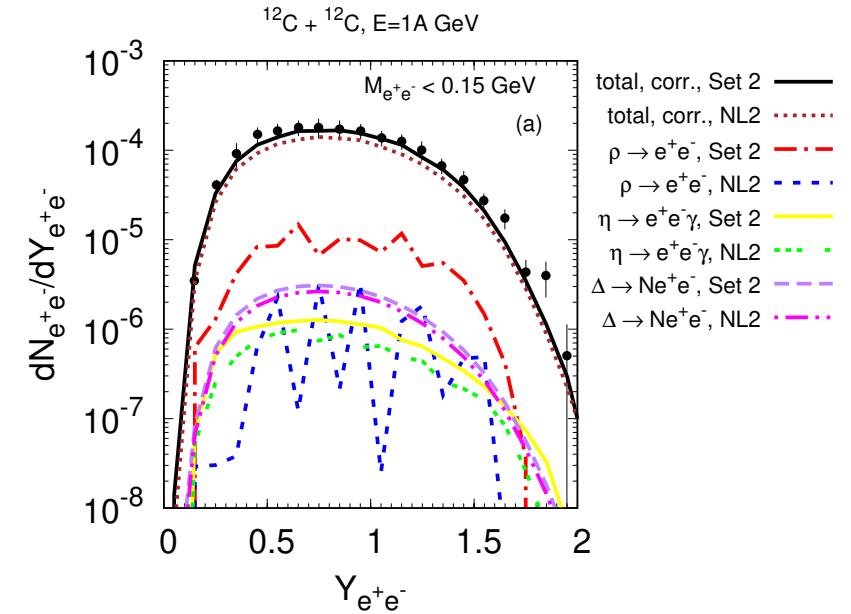
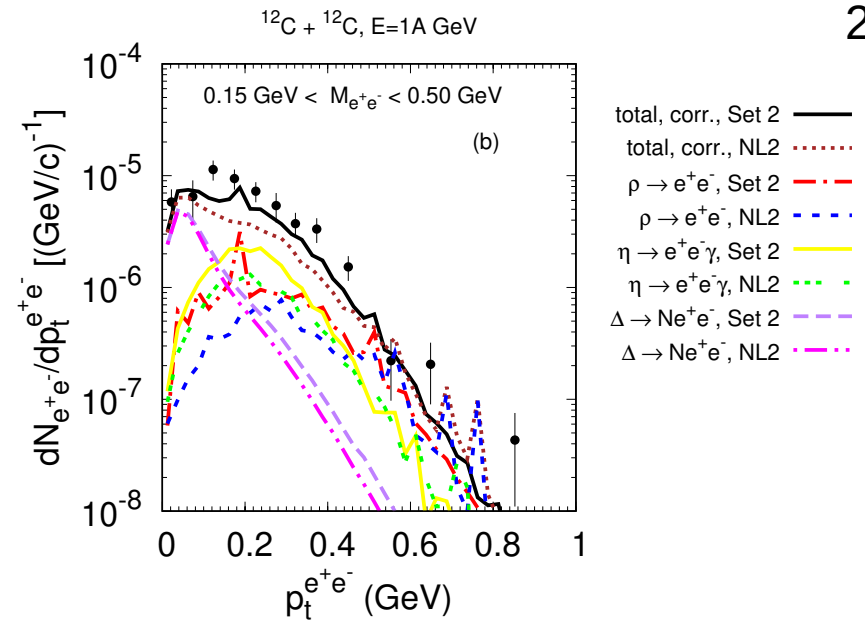
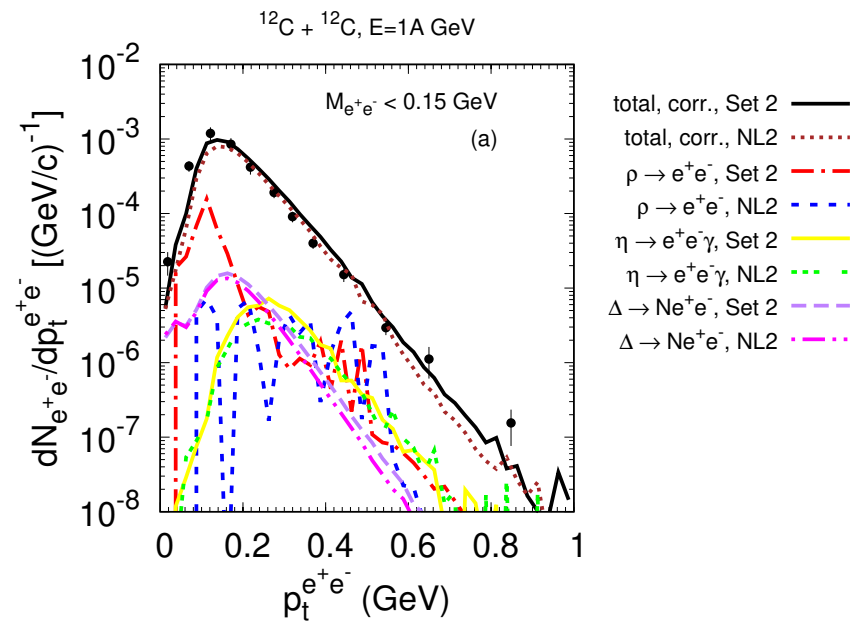
- strongest effect at midrapidity, overall a factor of 2 enhancement of η production cross section at 0.6A GeV: 15.4 ± 0.3 mb (PDM Set 2), 7.8 ± 0.2 mb (Walecka NL2)
- pion production is also somewhat larger with PDM due $N^*(1535) \rightarrow \pi N$

Dilepton (e^+e^-) production

- Enhanced ρ direct,
 η Dalitz, and Δ Dalitz
 components with PDM (Set 2)

- Slightly larger yield at $M_{e^+e^-} = 0.15\text{-}0.5$ GeV
 with PDM (Set 2)

Data: *G. Agakishiev et al. (HADES),
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ρ excess with PDM (Set 2) is stronger at low p_t and at midrapidity. However, hidden by π^0 Dalitz.

η excess in PDM (Set 2) is stronger at $p_t \approx 0.2\text{ GeV}$ (due to photon recoil momentum) and at midrapidity

Data: Y. Pachmayer (HADES), PhD thesis, Frankfurt U. (2008).

- PDM is implemented in the microscopic transport model GiBUU.
- Decreasing Dirac mass gap between $N^*(1535)$ and nucleon with increasing baryon density leads to the strong (10 times) enhancement of $N^*(1535)$ production at low inv. masses in Au+Au at 1A GeV central collisions.
- Enhanced low- m_t yield of η 's with PDM. The effect is stronger at subthreshold beam energies (below 1.25 A GeV). The effects on dilepton inv. mass spectra are weak.

Outlook

- PDM provides relations between πNN^* , πNN , and πN^*N^* coupling constants which can be tested in $\pi(\gamma)N \rightarrow \pi\eta N$ reactions close to threshold
- Chiral quartet model for $J=3/2$ sector to include $\Delta(1232)$, $\Delta(1700)$, $N^*(1520)$, and $N^*(1720)$, [D. Jido et al., PRL 84, 3252 \(2000\)](#)
- Nuclear structure applications of PDM: binding energies, charge radii, [I.J. Shin et al., arXiv:1805.03402](#)
- Astrophysical applications of PDM: neutron star properties, [M. Marczenko et al., PRD 105, 103009 \(2022\)](#)

Thank you for your attention

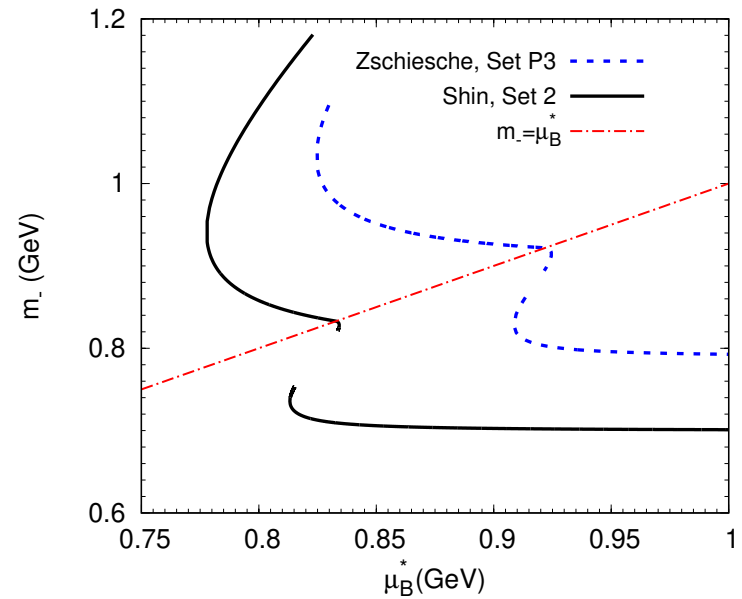
Backup

Chiral phase transition at $T=0$

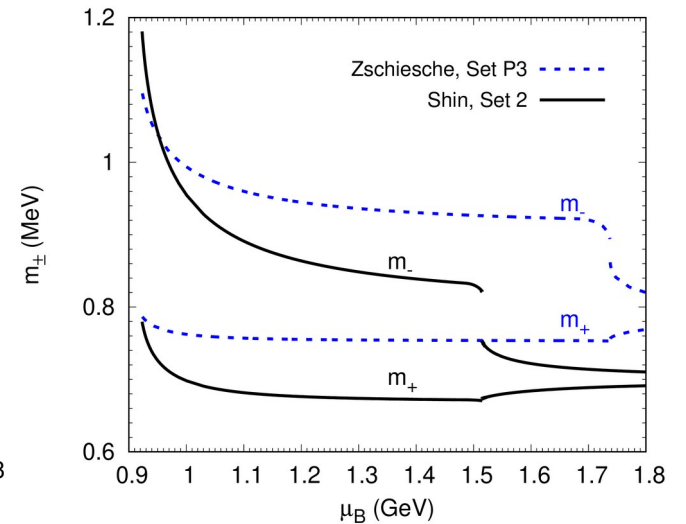
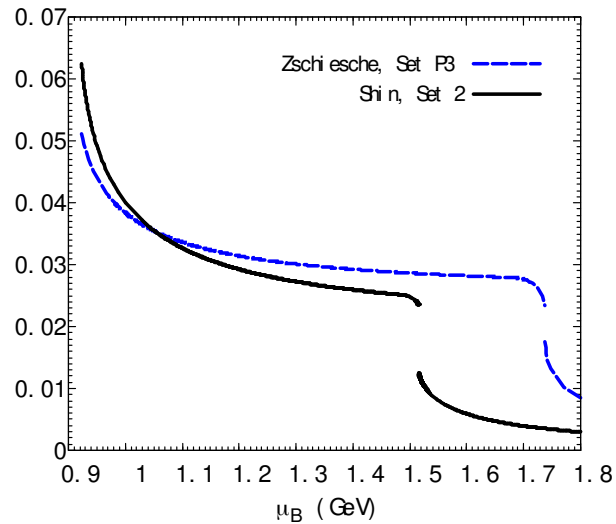
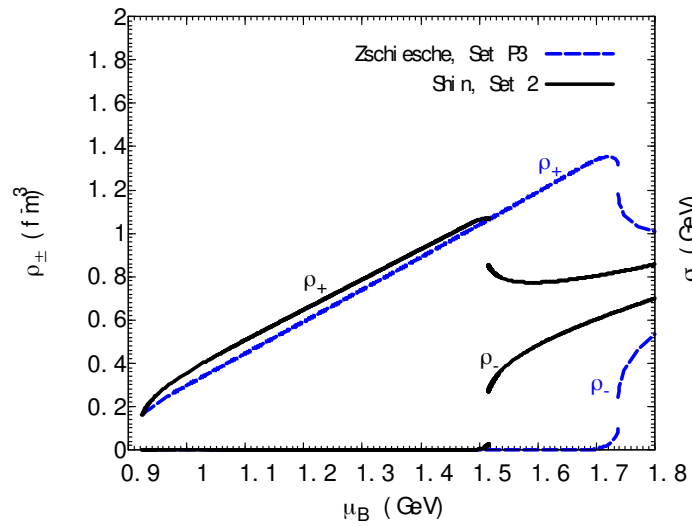
- In PDM at $\rho_B \approx 1 - 1.4 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ the Dirac mass of $N^*(1535)$ becomes less than the effective chemical potential:

$$m_- < \mu_B^* = \mu_B - g_\omega \omega^0 .$$

- Fermi sea of $N^*(1535)$ starts to fill-in, the partial densities and Dirac masses of nucleons and $N^*(1535)$ become close, σ -field quickly drops.

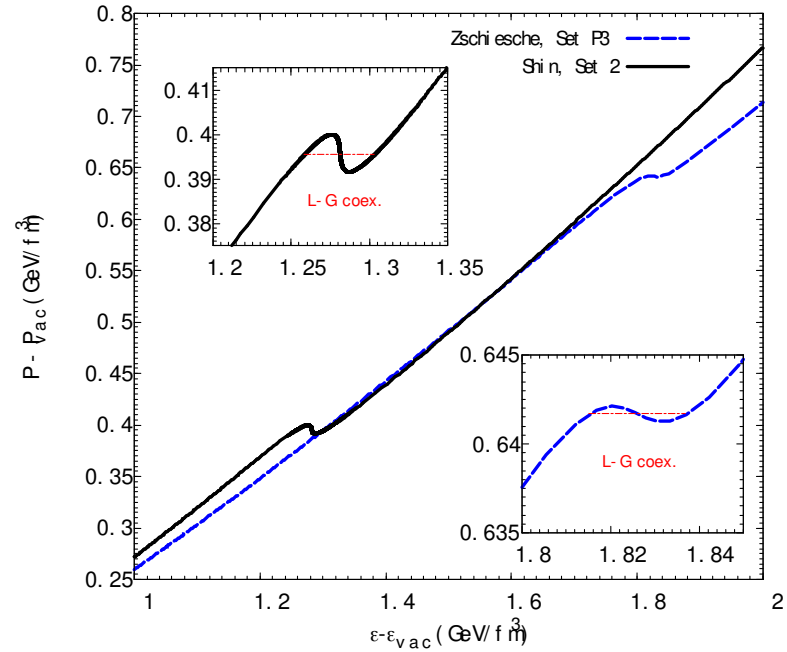
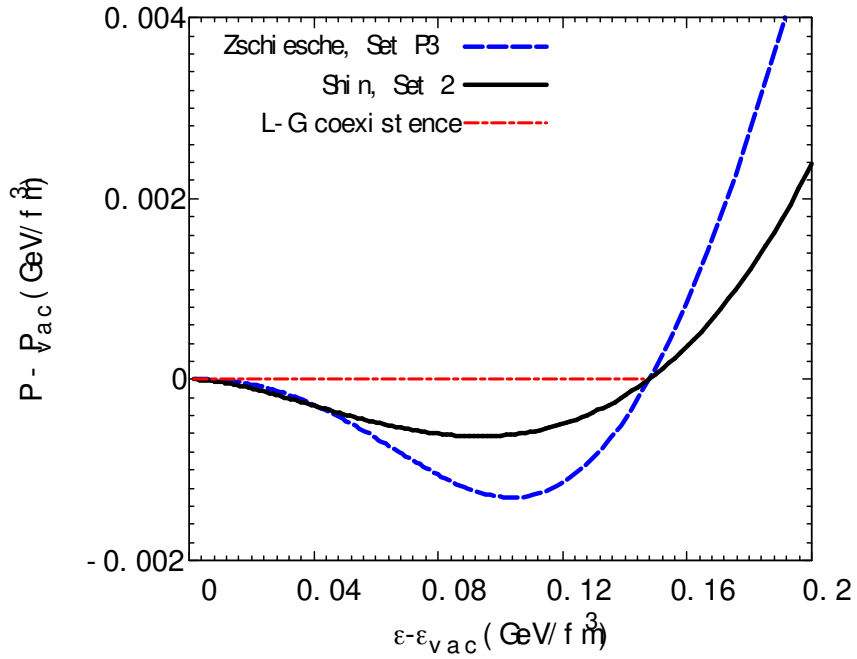


Line breaks: 1st order phase transition regions



Liquid-gas coexistence regions at low and high densities from Gibbs conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_L &= \mu_g \\ P_L &= P_g . \end{aligned}$$



Mass matrix diagonalization [D. Jido et al., Prog. Theor. Phys. 106, 873 \(2001\)](#):

$$(\bar{N}_1, \bar{N}_2) \begin{pmatrix} -g_1\sigma & m_0\gamma_5 \\ -m_0\gamma_5 & -g_2\sigma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} N_1 \\ N_2 \end{pmatrix} = (\bar{N}_+, \bar{N}_-) \begin{pmatrix} m_+ & 0 \\ 0 & m_- \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} N_+ \\ N_- \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} N_+ \\ N_- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \Theta & \gamma_5 \sin \Theta \\ -\gamma_5 \sin \Theta & \cos \Theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} N_1 \\ N_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tan 2\Theta = -\frac{2m_0}{\sigma(g_1 + g_2)},$$

$$m_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\sqrt{\sigma^2(g_1 + g_2)^2 + 4m_0^2} \pm \sigma(g_2 - g_1) \right].$$

Vacuum conditions:

Goldberger-Treiman relation \longrightarrow

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma &\equiv \sigma_0 = f_\pi = 93 \text{ MeV}, \\ m_+(\sigma_0) &= m_N, \\ m_-(\sigma_0) &= m_{N^*(1535)}. \end{aligned}$$

Decreasing scalar field σ leads to the mass degeneracy of the parity partners, $m_{\pm} \rightarrow m_0$

Full model Lagrangian in the basis of mass eigenstates (physical basis) :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L} = & \bar{N}_+ [i\cancel{\partial} - m_+ - ig_{\pi N_+ N_+} \gamma_5 \boldsymbol{\tau} \boldsymbol{\pi} - (g_\omega \omega^\mu + g_\rho \boldsymbol{\tau} \boldsymbol{\rho}^\mu - g_{a_1} \gamma_5 \boldsymbol{\tau} \mathbf{a}_1^\mu) \gamma_\mu] N_+ \\
 & + \bar{N}_- [i\cancel{\partial} - m_- - ig_{\pi N_- N_-} \gamma_5 \boldsymbol{\tau} \boldsymbol{\pi} - (g_\omega \omega^\mu + g_\rho \boldsymbol{\tau} \boldsymbol{\rho}^\mu + g_{a_1} \gamma_5 \boldsymbol{\tau} \mathbf{a}_1^\mu) \gamma_\mu] N_- \\
 & + \frac{m_\omega^2}{2} \omega^\mu \omega_\mu + \frac{m_\rho^2}{2} (\boldsymbol{\rho}^\mu \boldsymbol{\rho}_\mu + \mathbf{a}_1^\mu \mathbf{a}_{1\mu}) \\
 & - ig_{\pi N_+ N_-} \bar{N}_+ \boldsymbol{\tau} \boldsymbol{\pi} N_- + ig_{\pi N_+ N_-} \bar{N}_- \boldsymbol{\tau} \boldsymbol{\pi} N_+ \\
 & + g_{a_1 N_+ N_-} \bar{N}_+ \gamma_\mu \boldsymbol{\tau} \mathbf{a}_1^\mu N_- + g_{a_1 N_+ N_-} \bar{N}_- \gamma_\mu \boldsymbol{\tau} \mathbf{a}_1^\mu N_+ + \mathcal{L}_{\text{mes}} .
 \end{aligned}$$

Coupling constants:

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_{\pi N_+ N_+} &= -g_1 \cos^2 \Theta - g_2 \sin^2 \Theta , \\
 g_{\pi N_- N_-} &= g_2 \cos^2 \Theta + g_1 \sin^2 \Theta , \\
 g_{\pi N_+ N_-} &= \frac{g_1 - g_2}{2} \sin 2\Theta , \\
 g_{a_1} &= g_\rho \cos 2\Theta , \\
 g_{a_1 N_+ N_-} &= g_\rho \sin 2\Theta .
 \end{aligned}$$

Non-diagonal transitions
at finite mixing angle θ

Note: in the so-called “naive model”, i.e. when right (left) - handed components of N_1 and N_2 rotate in the same way, the coupling between N_+ and N_- completely disappears after the diagonalization.