



# Di-electron spectra in p+p and Au+Au at 200 GeV from STAR

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## Outline



#### Motivation

#### Analysis

#### ◆ Di-electron production in p+p and Au+Au at 200 GeV

#### Summary

# Motivation







#### Low mass range (LMR):

In-medium modifications of vector mesons. Possible link to chiral symmetry restoration. Intermediate mass range (IMR):

QGP thermal radiation. Heavy flavor modification.

### **Electron identification**



# STAR

#### Tracking: TPC

- **Time Projection Chamber**
- 1. Tracking
- 2. Ionization energy loss (dE/dx PID)
- 3. Coverage -1<η<1



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#### Particle ID: TOF

Time Of Flight ----1. Timing resolution (<100ps)</li>2. Coverage: -0.9<η<0.9</li>

3. Completed in 2010 (72% in 2009)

# Background subtraction



# Signal/background





# Efficiency of single electron





# Simulation

#### Inputs:

- **•** Kinetics: flat rapidity (-1,1), flat  $\Phi$  (0, 2 $\pi$ ),  $p_T$  Tsallis function fit for all measured particles.
- > Hadrons decay: using Kroll-Wada formula, form factors are from measurements.
- Heavy flavor sources: line shapes from PYTHIA, scaled by STAR measured cross-section.





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### Meson decay



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# Pair efficiency



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# Di-electron results in p+p 200 GeV





- Cocktail simulation is consistent with di-electron spectrum within quoted uncertainties.
- Intermediate mass region is dominated by charm correlation contribution.

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# Di-electron results in Au+Au 200 GeV



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# Centrality dependence in Au+Au 200 GeV

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LMR yields in Au+Au





LMR enhancement scaled by Npart vs. centrality.

# Comparison to theoretical calculation



dN/dMdy (c<sup>2</sup>/GeV) **Theoretical calculation:** 10 Au+Au 200 GeV Central **STAR Preliminary** Blue: Hadron gas contribution in p\_+20.2 GeV/c, |ηe|<1 *medium(HG)* with a broadened  $\rho$ Total spectral function. ······ Cocktail Sum HG Medium Pink: QGP. 10<sup>-1</sup> **OGP** Radiation *R. Rapp*(private communication). R. Rapp, Phys.Rev. C 63 (2001) 054907 *R. Rapp & J. Wambach, EPJ A 6 (1999)* 415  $10^{-3}$ Solid lines: *cocktail* + HG+QGP Black : cocktail Data/Cocktail 1.5 A sum of cocktail+HG+QGP agree with 0.5

A sum of cocktail+HG+QGP agree with data within uncertainty. It satisfies with a broadened rho spectral function. Indicates the rho emission rate is dominated by hadron gas phase.

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0

0.2

0.4

0.6

Mass(e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>) (GeV/c<sup>2</sup>)

0.8

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1.2

# Comparison to theoretical calculation



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#### Transverse mass spectra



# Summary



- Di-electron productions have been measured in p+p and Au+Au at 200 GeV.
  - Di-electron measurement in p+p is consistent with the expected yields within uncertainties.
  - Observed an enhancement at low mass region in Au+Au at 200 GeV.
  - Slope parameter in Au+Au is higher than that in p+p.
- A broadened ρ spectral function scenario can describe the low mass enhancement observed in Au+Au central collisions at 200 GeV.



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### Backup



#### **Check with acceptance difference**



Acceptance difference:

Cocktail in PHENIX acceptance

Cocktail in STAR acceptance

Scaled by same meson and charm yields.

Difference at low mass is not from the simulation but from the measurements.

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Scaled by the acceptance difference

### STAR with PHENIX Φ acceptance



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# Simulation in PHENIX acceptance









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# **Ratio to PHENIX**



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# Simulation in PHENIX acceptance











