

PHOTONS, DILEPTONS,  
AND  
HADRONS  
FROM  
RELATIVISTIC HEAVY ION  
COLLISIONS  
AND  
QUARK-HADRON  
PHASE TRANSITION

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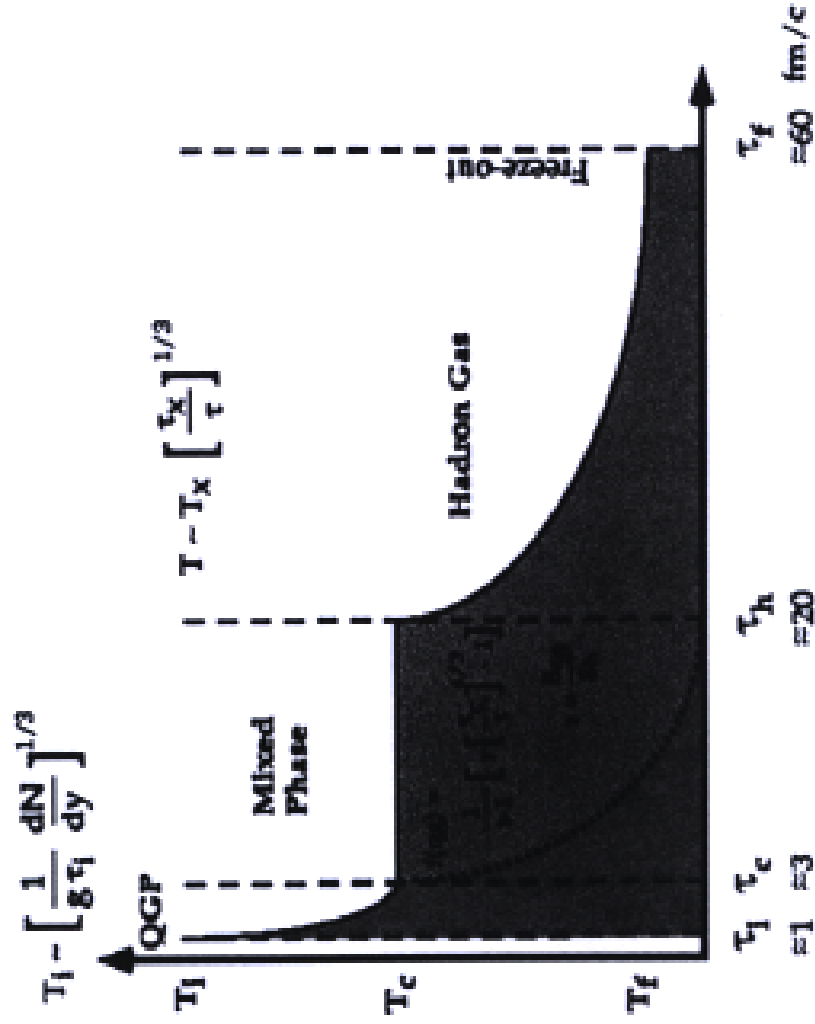
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- Photons, either radiated or scattered, have remained one of the most effective probes of every kind of terrestrial or celestial matter over the ages.
- Once produced, photons leave the system without any further interaction and thus they provide information about the circumstances of their birth.

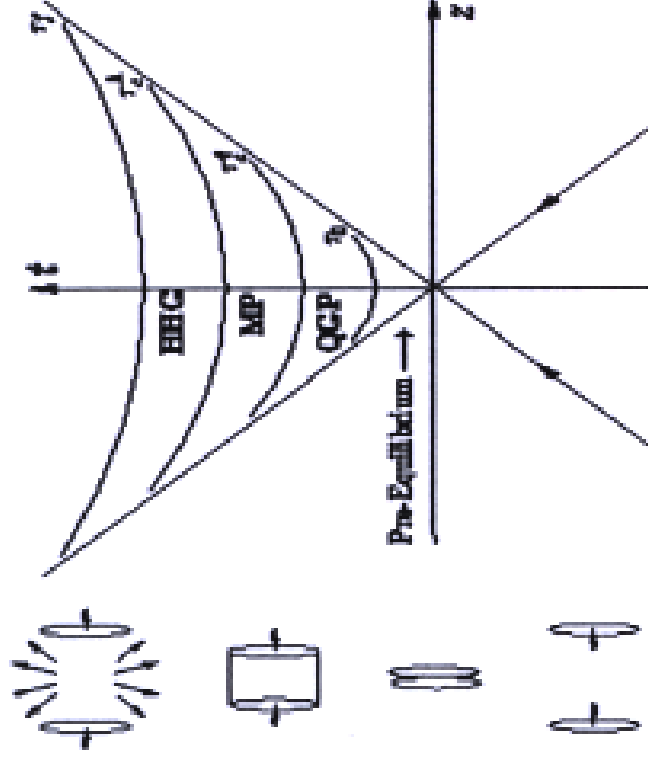
# Evolution of Relativistic Heavy-ion Collision

## Temperature Evolution

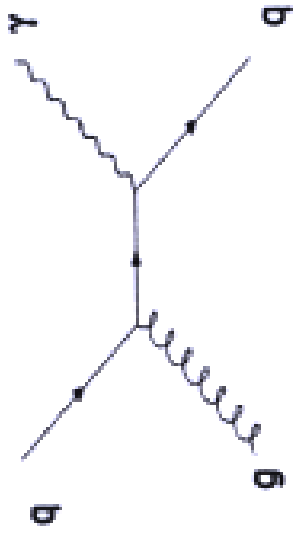
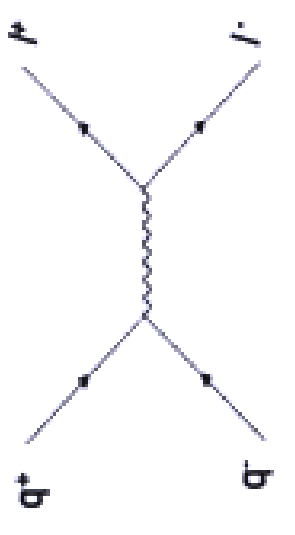
- Bjorken Hydrodynamics -



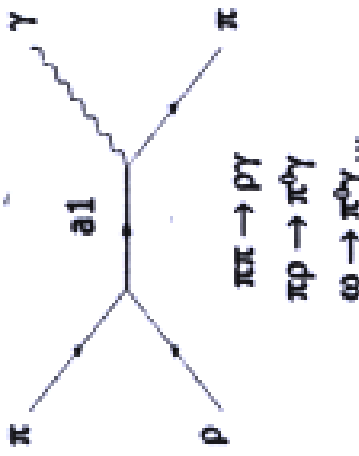

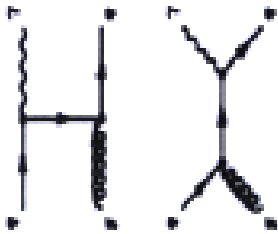
Total single photon production  
 QGP + Mixed + Hadronic Gas



# Real versus Virtual Photons

	Photons	Lepton Pairs
Elementary Process:		
Coupling:	$\alpha_s \alpha_e$	$\alpha_e \alpha_e$
Variable:	Transverse momentum: $p_T$	Transverse mass: $m_{T^2} = p_T^2 + m^2$
Backgrounds:	$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (~85%) $\eta^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (~15%) $\chi \rightarrow \chi' \gamma$ (<2%)	$\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ \gamma$ (~1%) $\pi^\pm, \kappa^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm \nu$ $\eta, \eta' \rightarrow l^\pm \gamma$
Difficulty for A-A Collisions	Combinatorial Background in $\gamma\gamma$ to extract $\pi^0$ and $\eta^0$	Combinatorial Background in $l^+l^-$ to extract true $l^+l^-$

# Single Photons from A-A Collisions

	Hadron Gas	QGP	N-N (prompt)
Elementary Process:	 <p> <math>\pi</math>  <math>\rho</math>  <math>\gamma</math>  <math>\pi</math>  <math>a_1</math>  <math>\pi\pi \rightarrow p\gamma</math>  <math>\pi\rho \rightarrow \pi^0\gamma</math>  <math>\omega \rightarrow \pi^0\gamma \dots</math> </p>	 <p>Annihilation</p> <p>QCD Compton</p>	 <p>QCD Compton</p>
Distribution:	Thermal ( $\epsilon, T, S_{had} \dots$ ) + Radiative Decays	Thermal ( $\epsilon, T, S_{QGP}, \dots$ )	Structure Functions
Total Yield:	Integration over Space-Time History		Superposition of N-N Collisions
Relevant $p_T$ Range:	Resonance Decays $p_T \leq 1 \text{ GeV}/c$	"Thermal" Photons $p_T \sim 1 - 3 \text{ GeV}/c$	"Prompt" Photons $p_T \geq 3 \text{ GeV}/c$

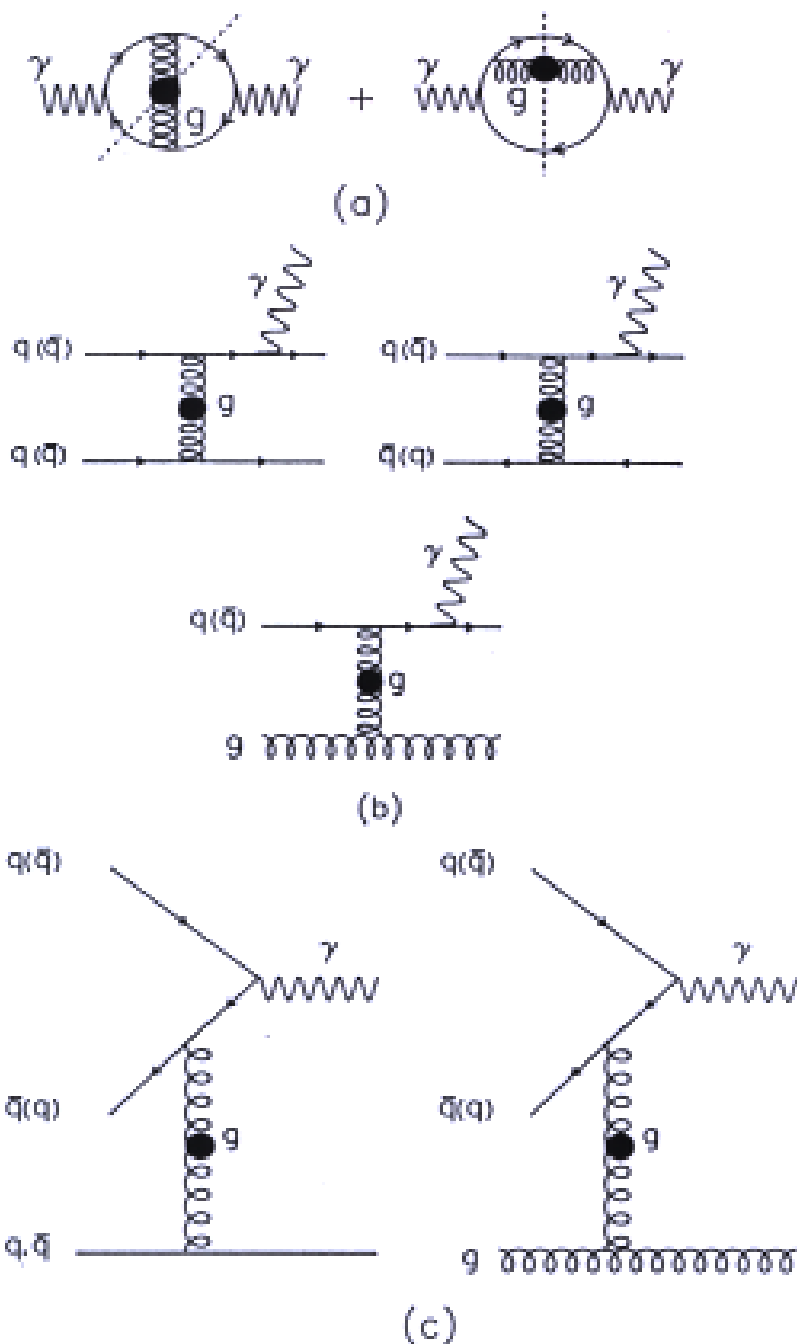
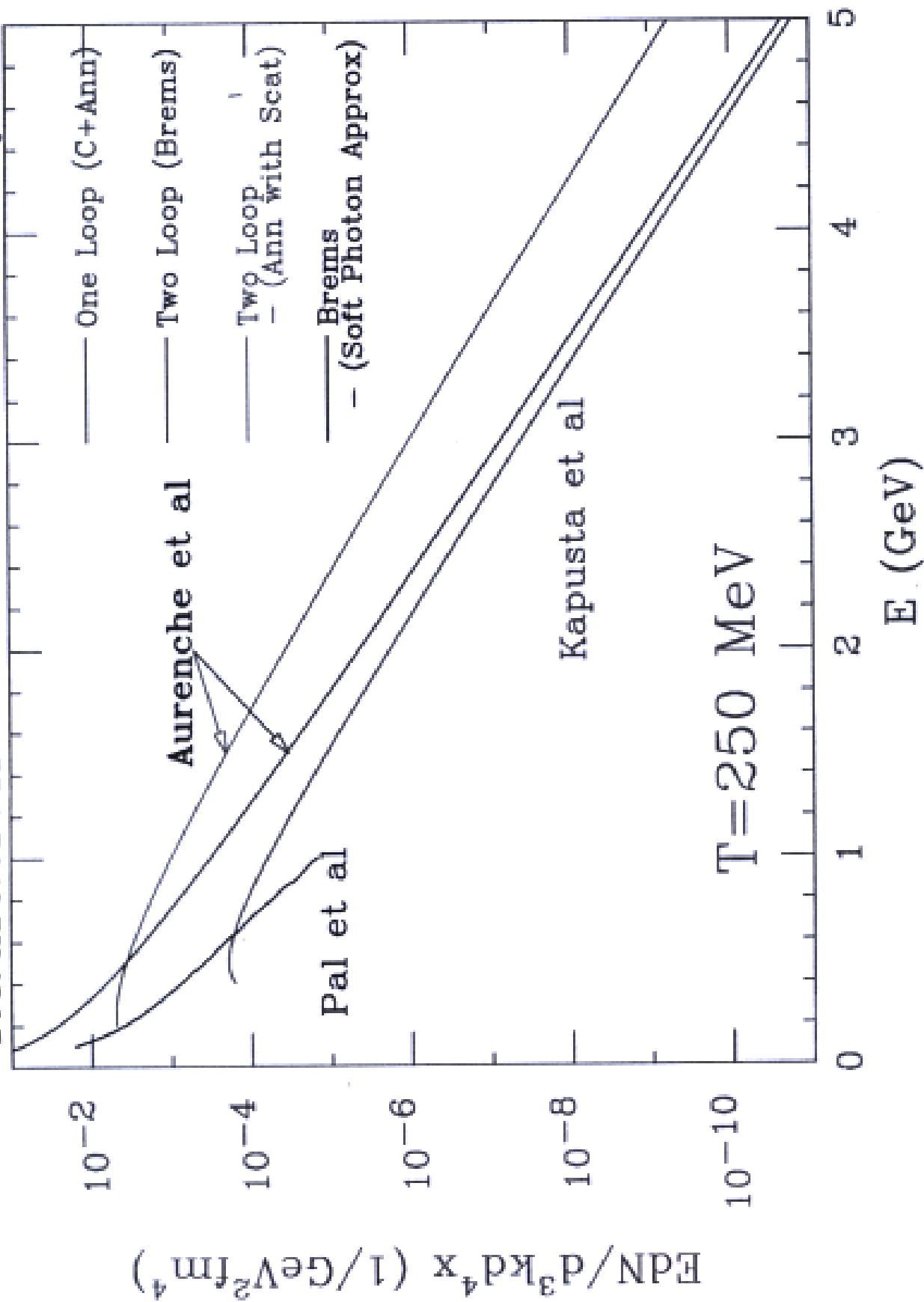


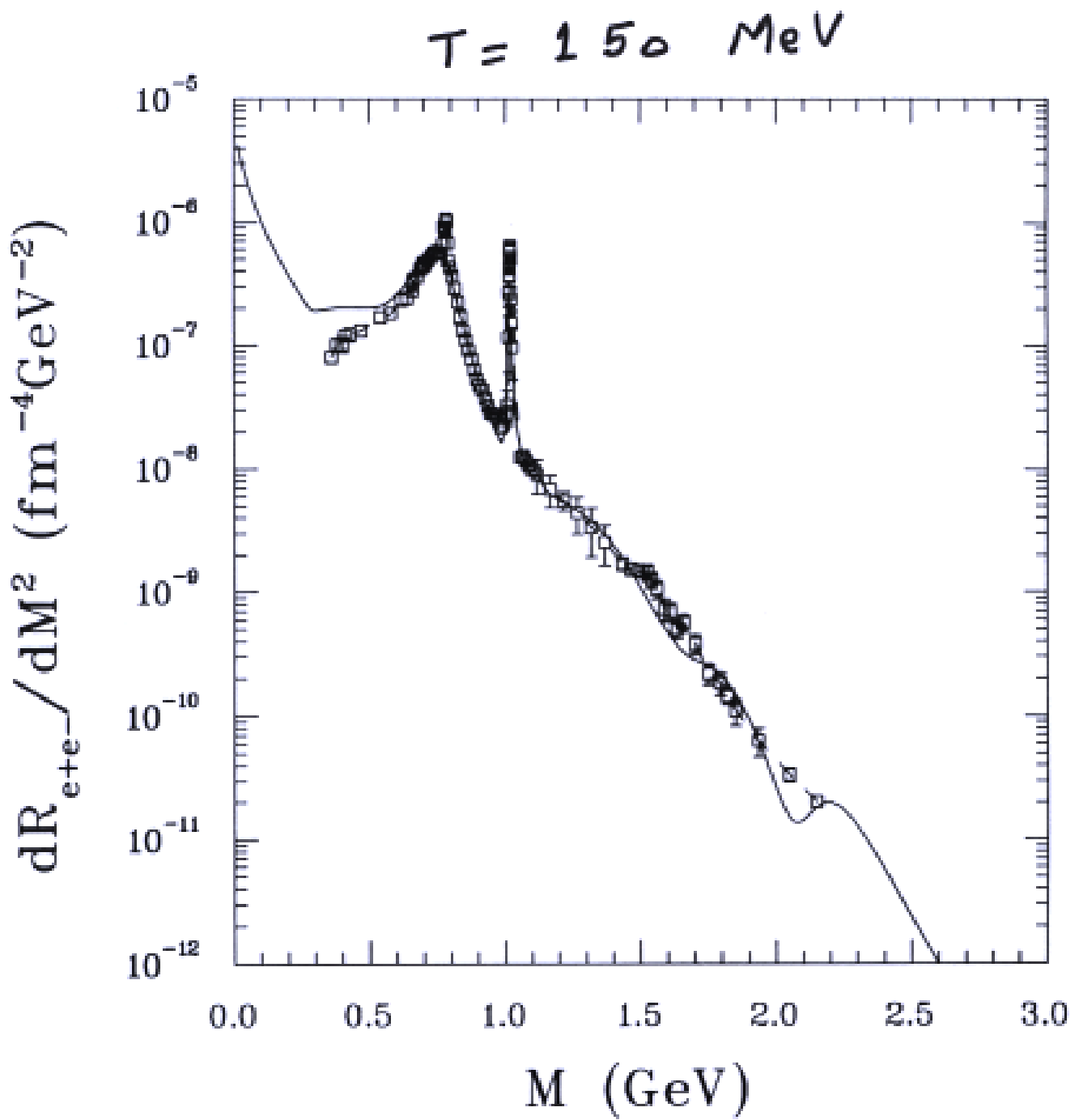
FIG. 2. (a) Simplified two-loop photon self-energy diagrams with bare vertices and propagators everywhere except for the gluon propagator since the gluon can be soft. Cutting these two-loop diagrams along the dashed lines leads to (b) bremsstrahlung and (c) annihilation with scattering of a quark, antiquark or gluon.

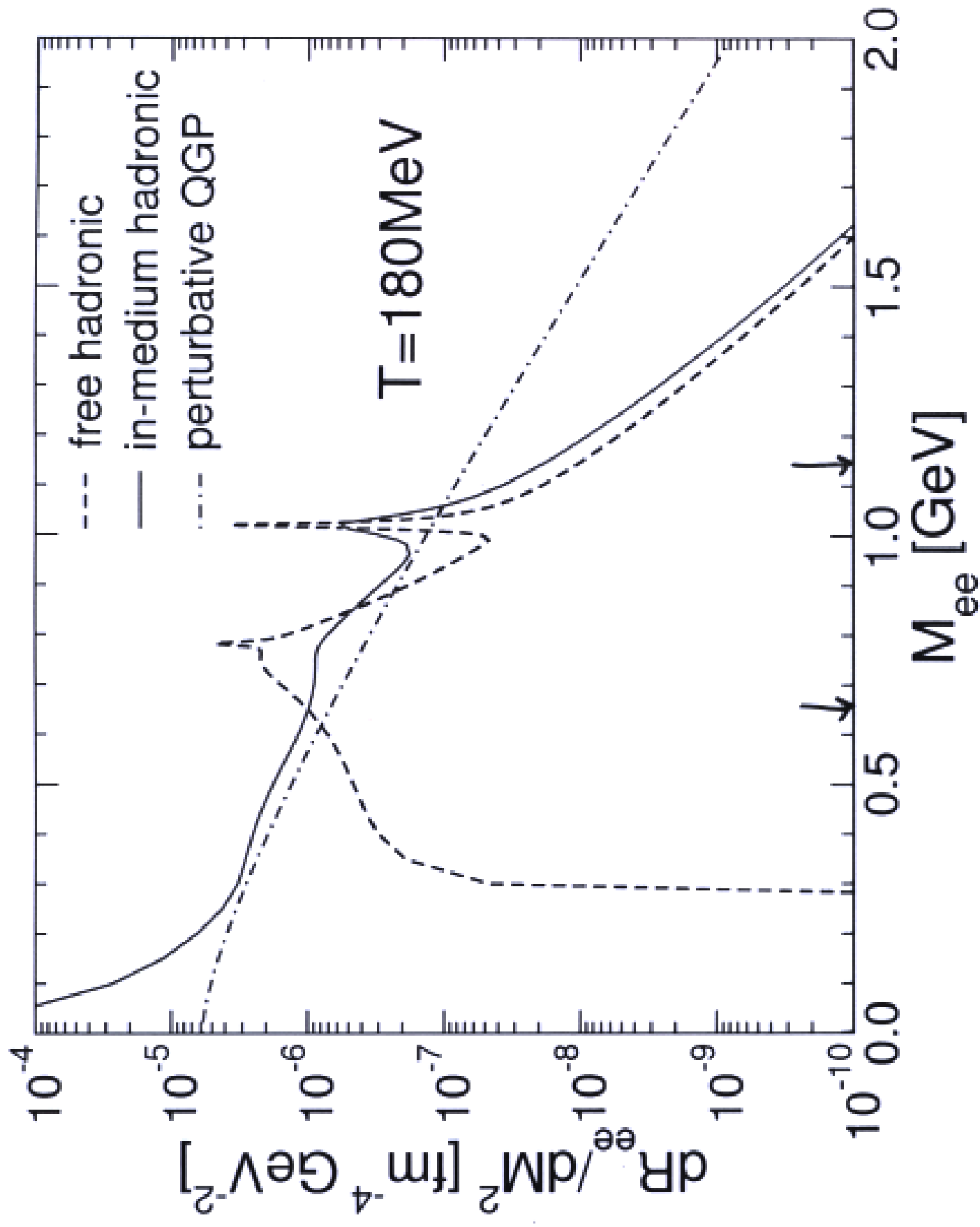
# Radiation of Photons From QGP





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## Formulation

We assume that

- a thermally and chemically equilibrated QGP is formed at time  $\tau_0$  and has temperature  $T_0$ :

$$\frac{2\pi^4}{45\zeta(3)} \frac{1}{A_T} \frac{dN}{dy} = 4aT_0^3\tau_0 \quad (1)$$

where  $A_T$  is the transverse dimension of the colliding system,  $dN/dy$  is particle rapidity-density,  $a = 42.25\pi^2/90$  for a plasma of u, d, and s quarks, and gluons.

- The plasma undergoes a boost-invariant longitudinal expansion and radially symmetric transverse expansion, and cools.
- It gets into a mixed phase at  $T = T_C$  and then into a hot hadronic matter, having all hadrons with  $M \leq 2.5$  GeV, in thermal and chemical equilibrium and undergoes a freeze-out at  $T = T_f$ .
- The initial energy-density profile is taken as

$$\epsilon(\tau_0, r) \propto \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rho(\sqrt{r^2 + z^2}) dz \quad (2)$$

corresponding to 'wounded-nucleon distribution'.

- Then we get, single-photons from:

$$E \frac{dN_\gamma}{d^3p} = \int d^4x \left[ f_Q \left( E \frac{dN}{d^3pd^4x} \right)_{QGP} + f_H \left( E \frac{dN}{d^3pd^4x} \right)_{Had} \right], \quad (3)$$

dileptons from:

$$E \frac{dN_{\mu^+\mu^-}}{dM^2 d^3p} = \int d^4x \left[ f_Q \left( E \frac{dN}{dM^2 d^3pd^4x} \right)_{QGP} + f_H \left( E \frac{dN}{dM^2 d^3pd^4x} \right)_{Had} \right] \quad (4)$$

and hadrons from:

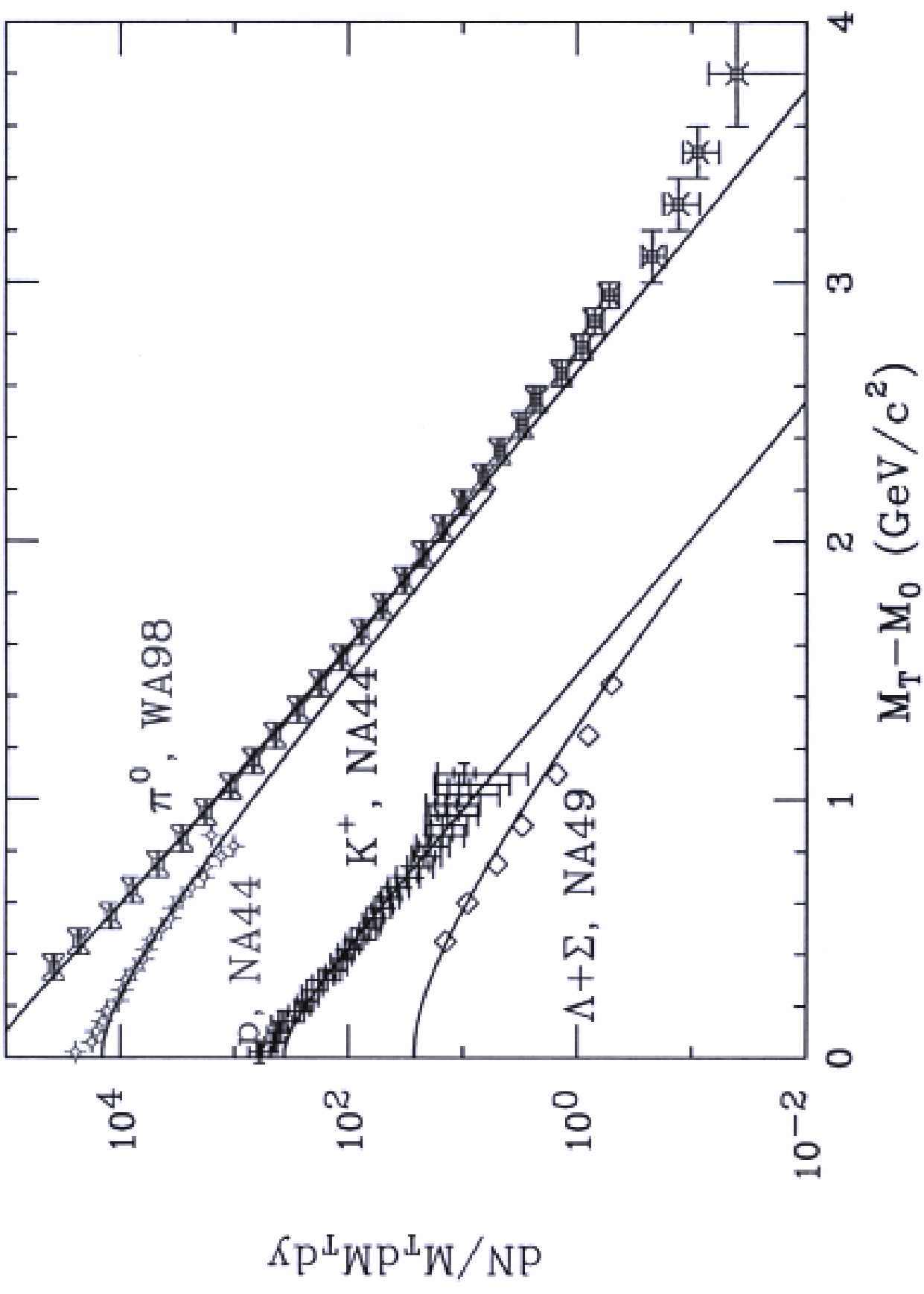
$$E \frac{dN_i}{d^3p} = \int d\sigma \cdot p f(p \cdot u) \quad (5)$$

where  $u^\mu$  is the four-velocity of the local rest-frame, and is obtained from numerical integration of hydrodynamic equations.  $\sigma$  describes the freeze-out surface.

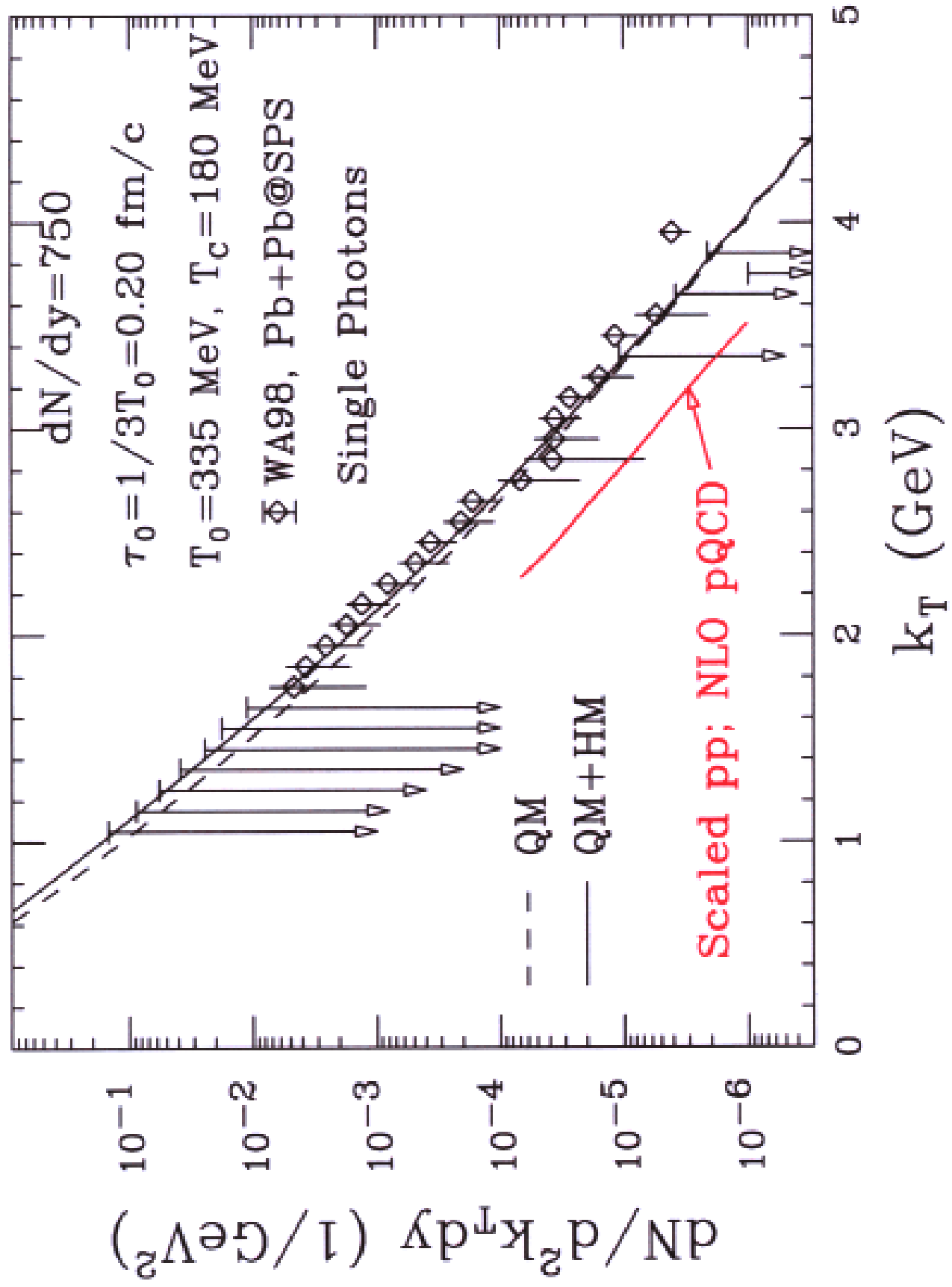
- And finally, Drell-Yan, for example, is estimated as:

$$\frac{dN_{AA}}{dM^2 dy} = T_{AA}(b) \frac{dN_{pp}}{dM^2 dy} \quad (6)$$

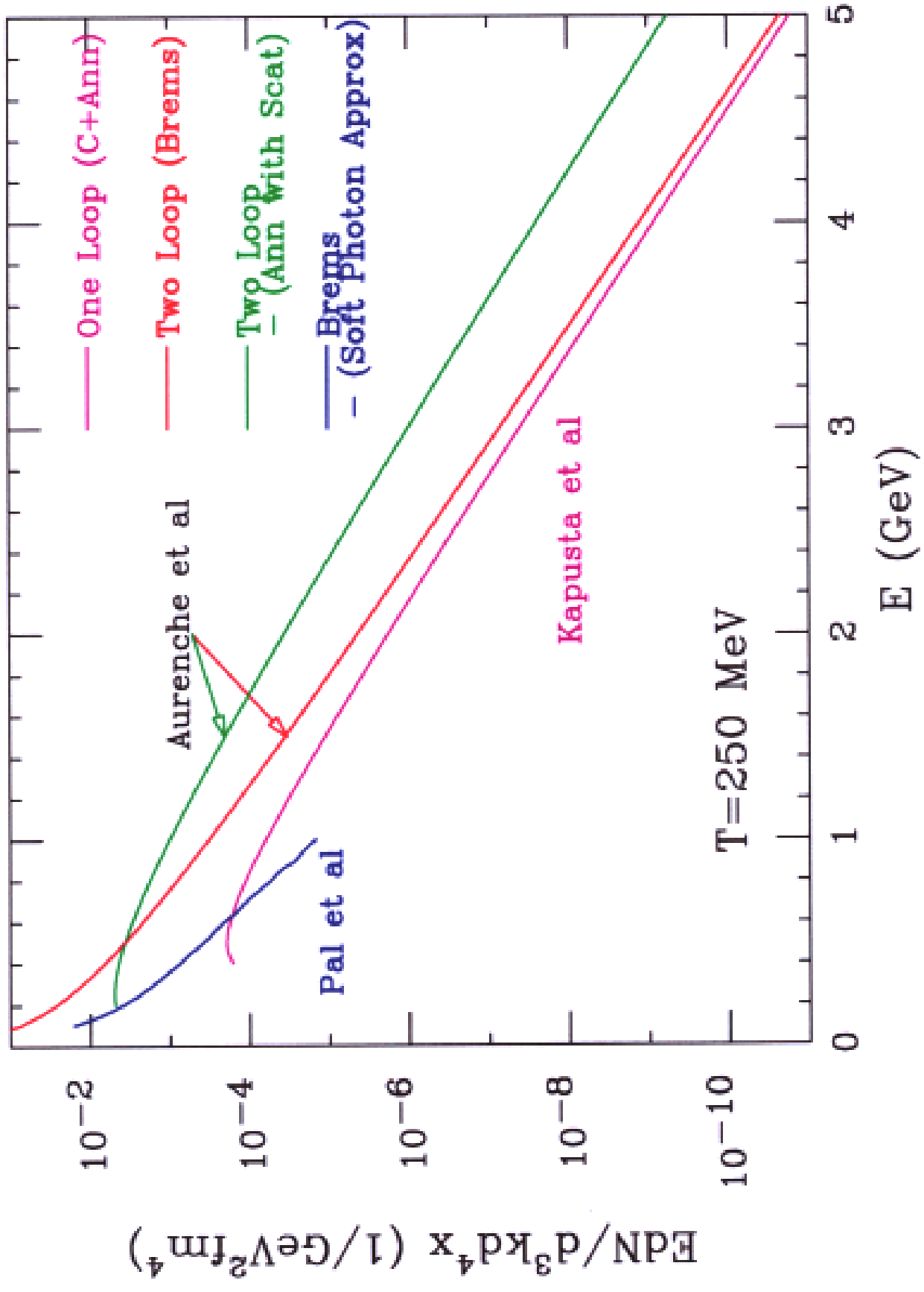
where  $T_{AA}$  is the nuclear thickness.

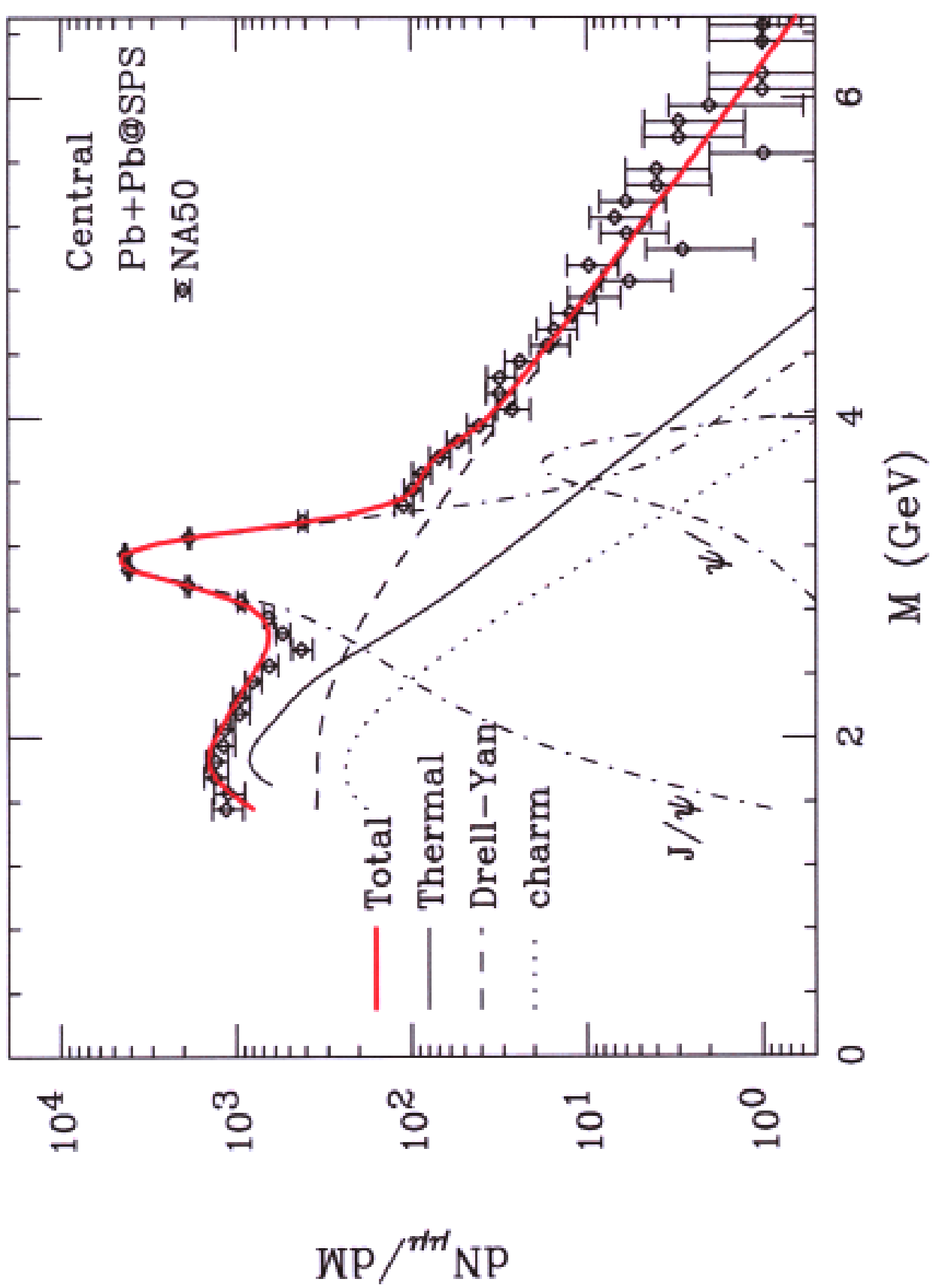


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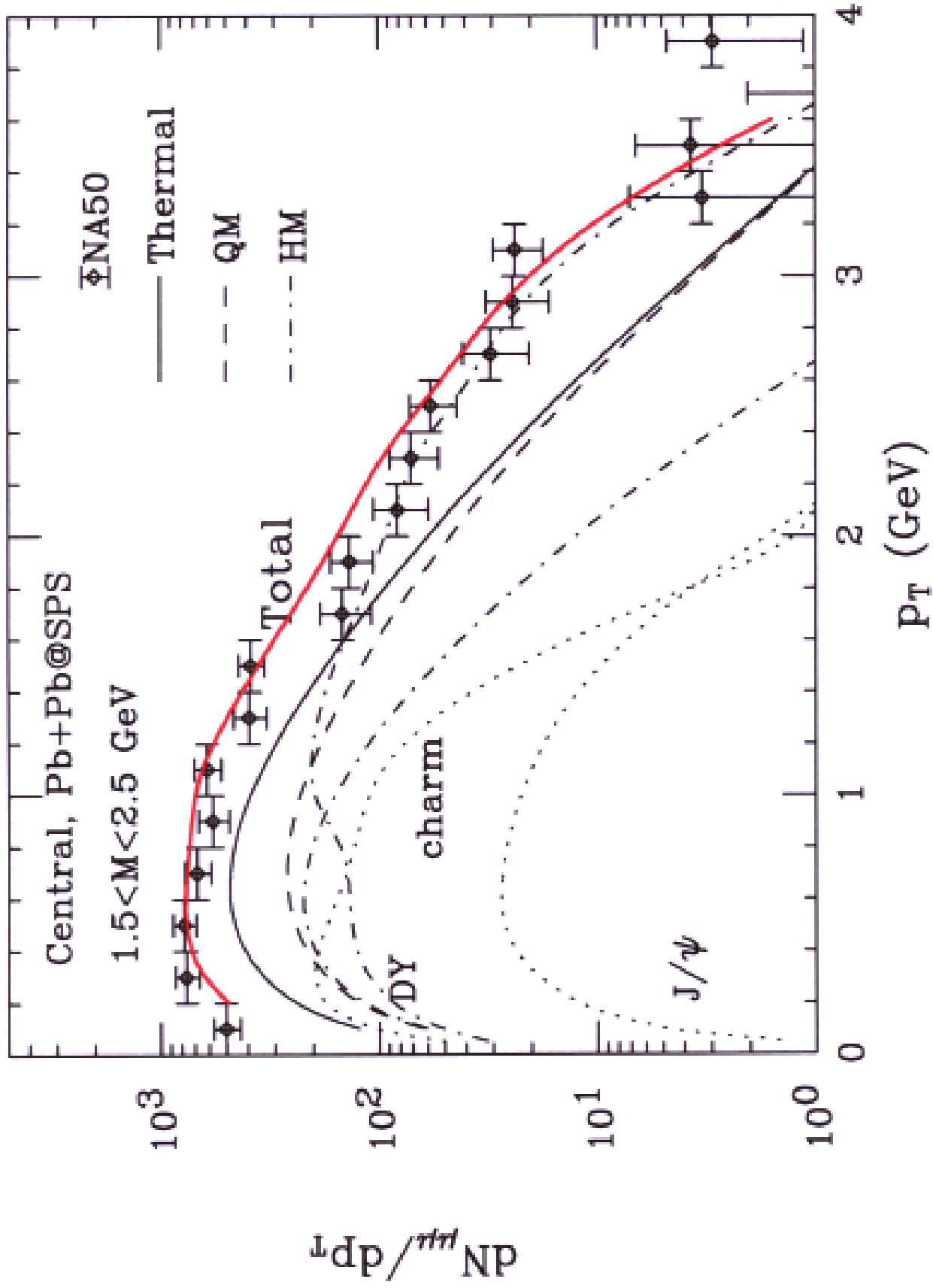


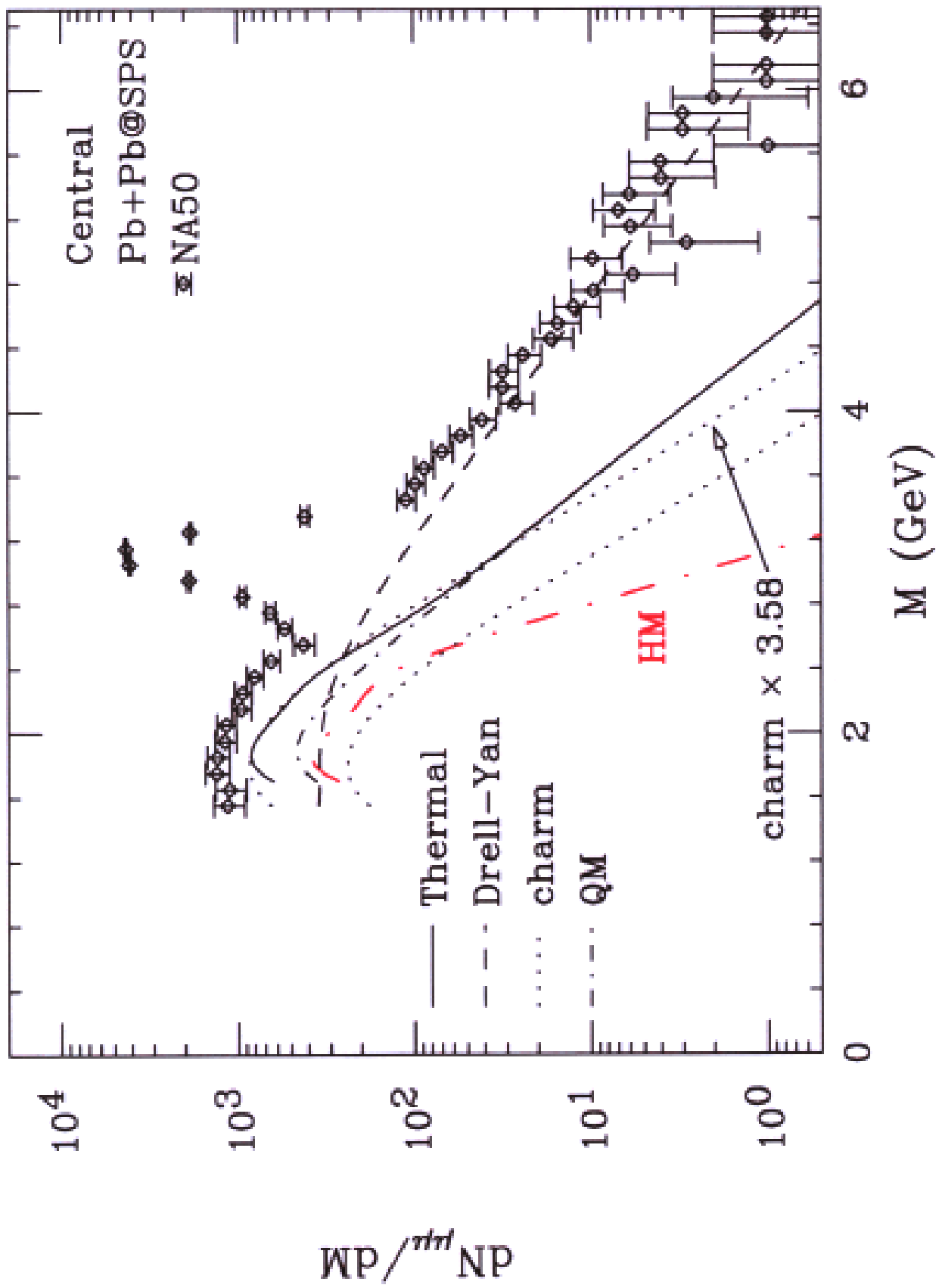
# Radiation of Photons From QGP

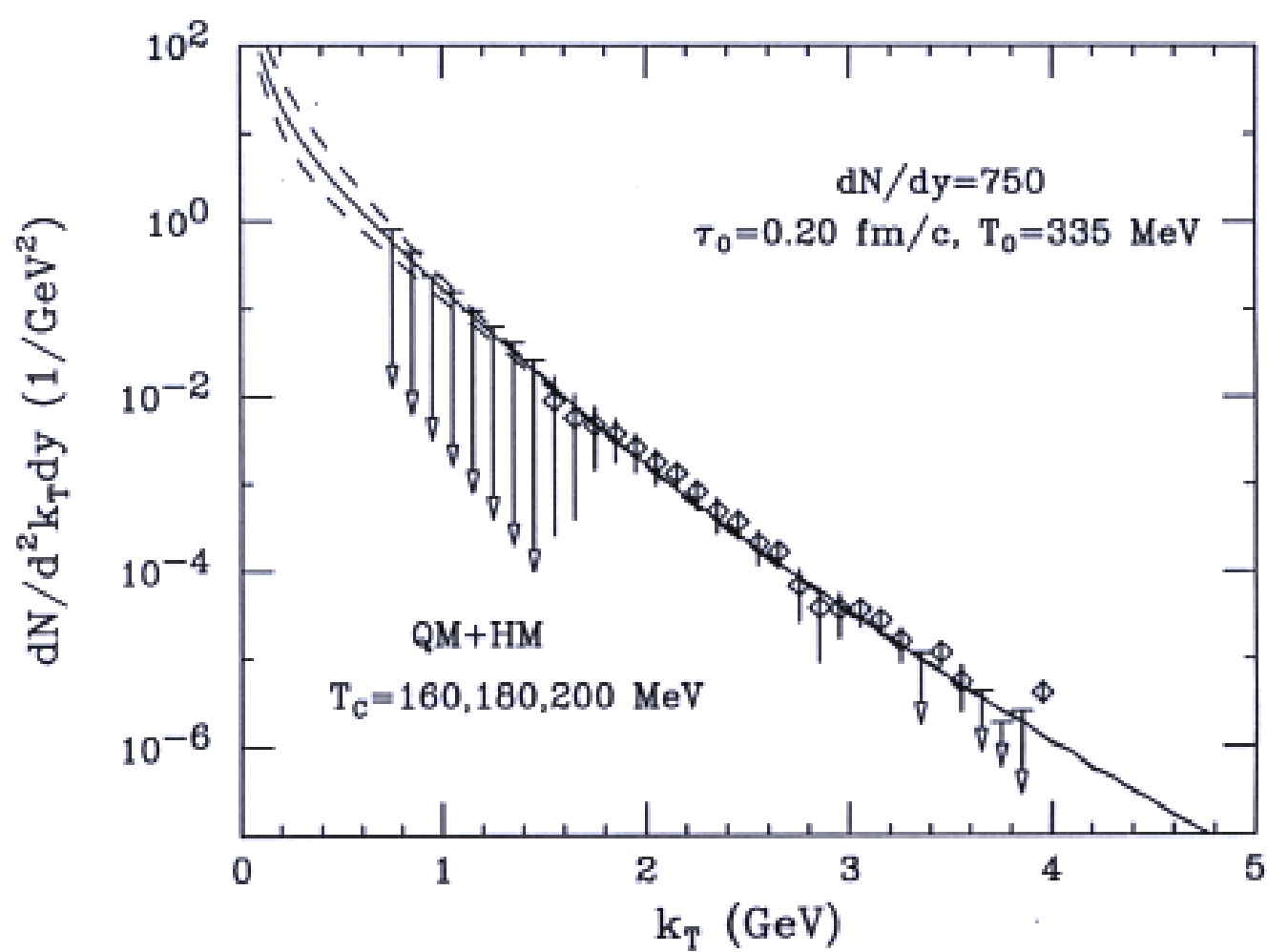


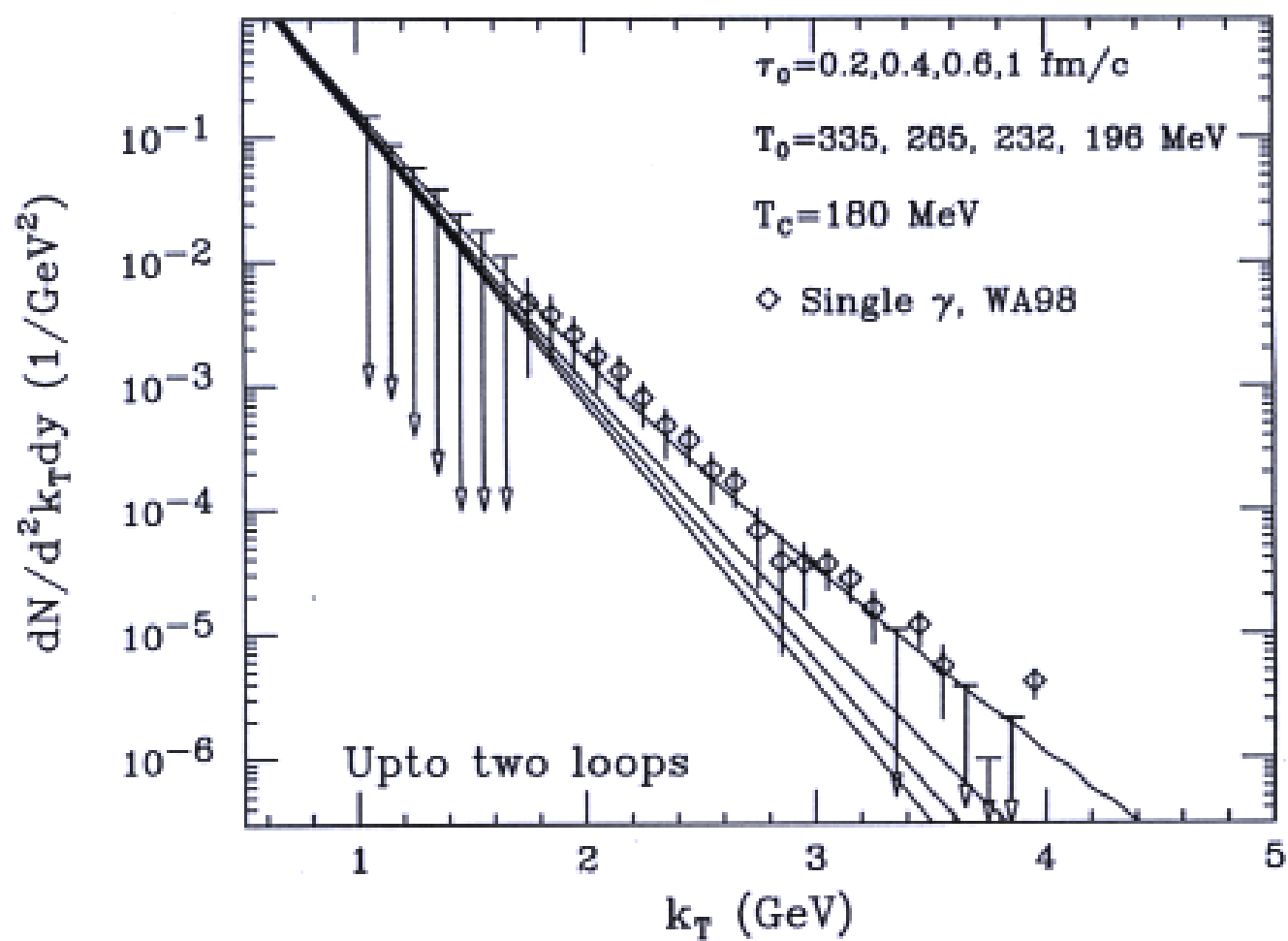


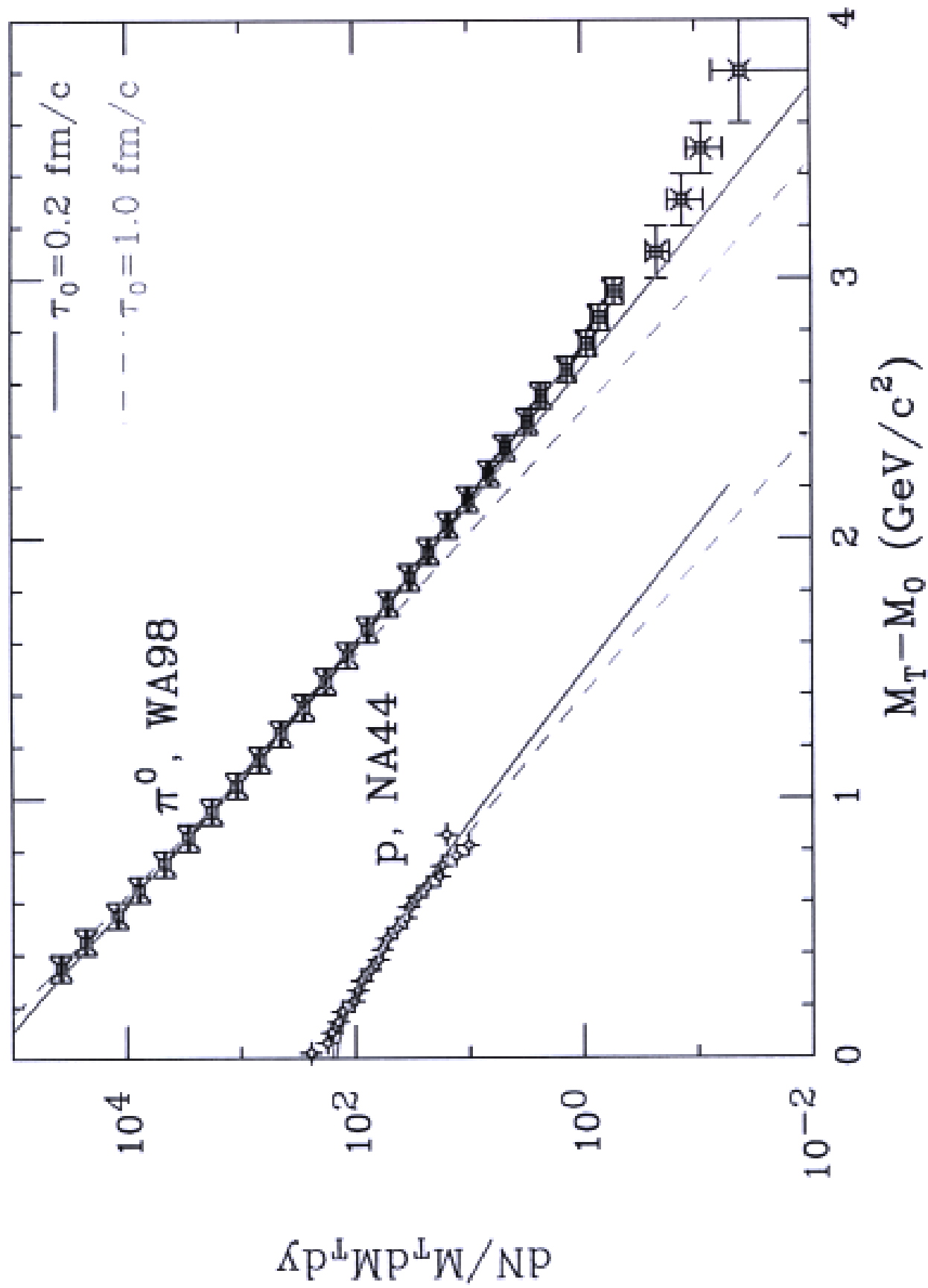


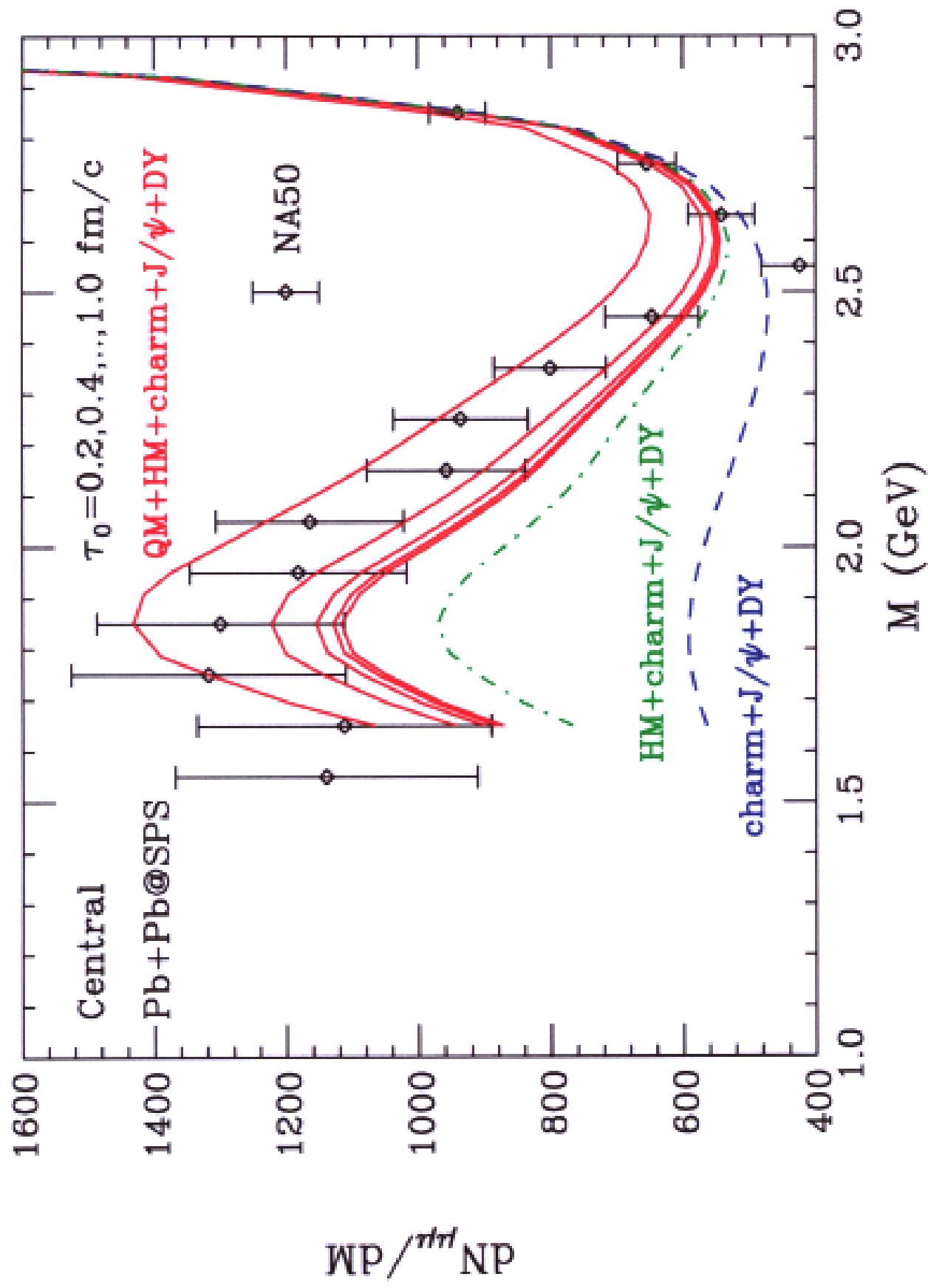


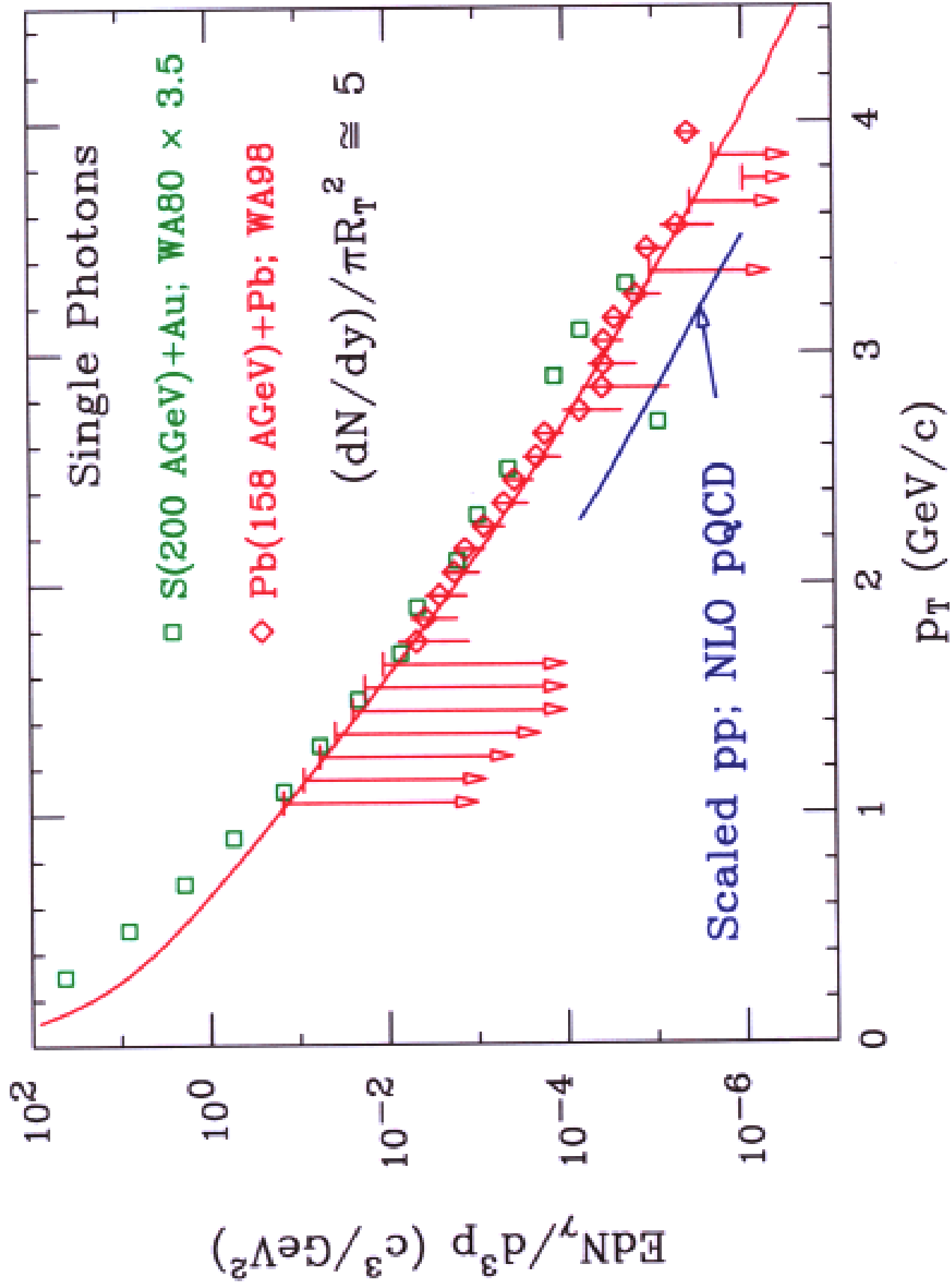


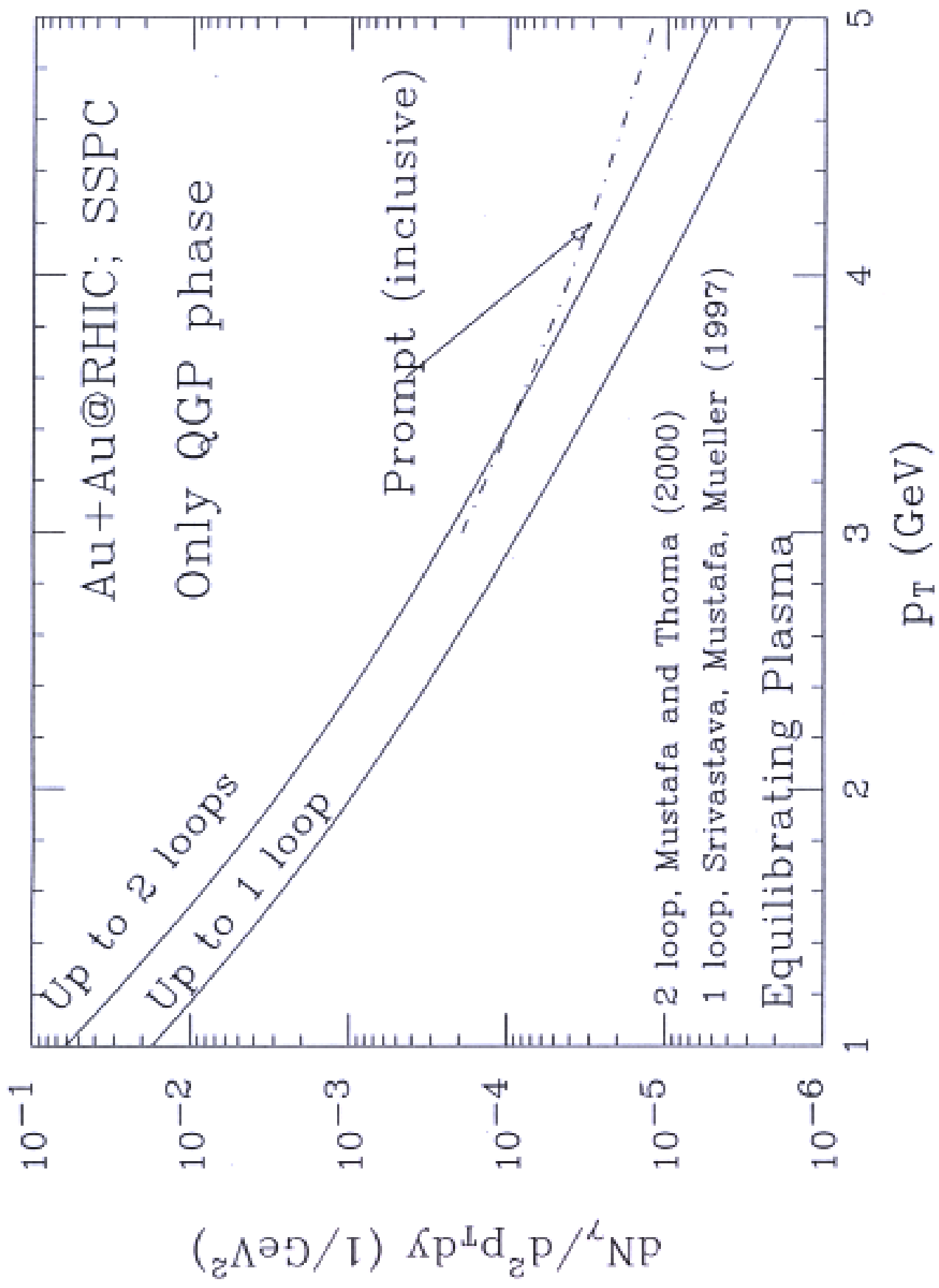














## Discussions

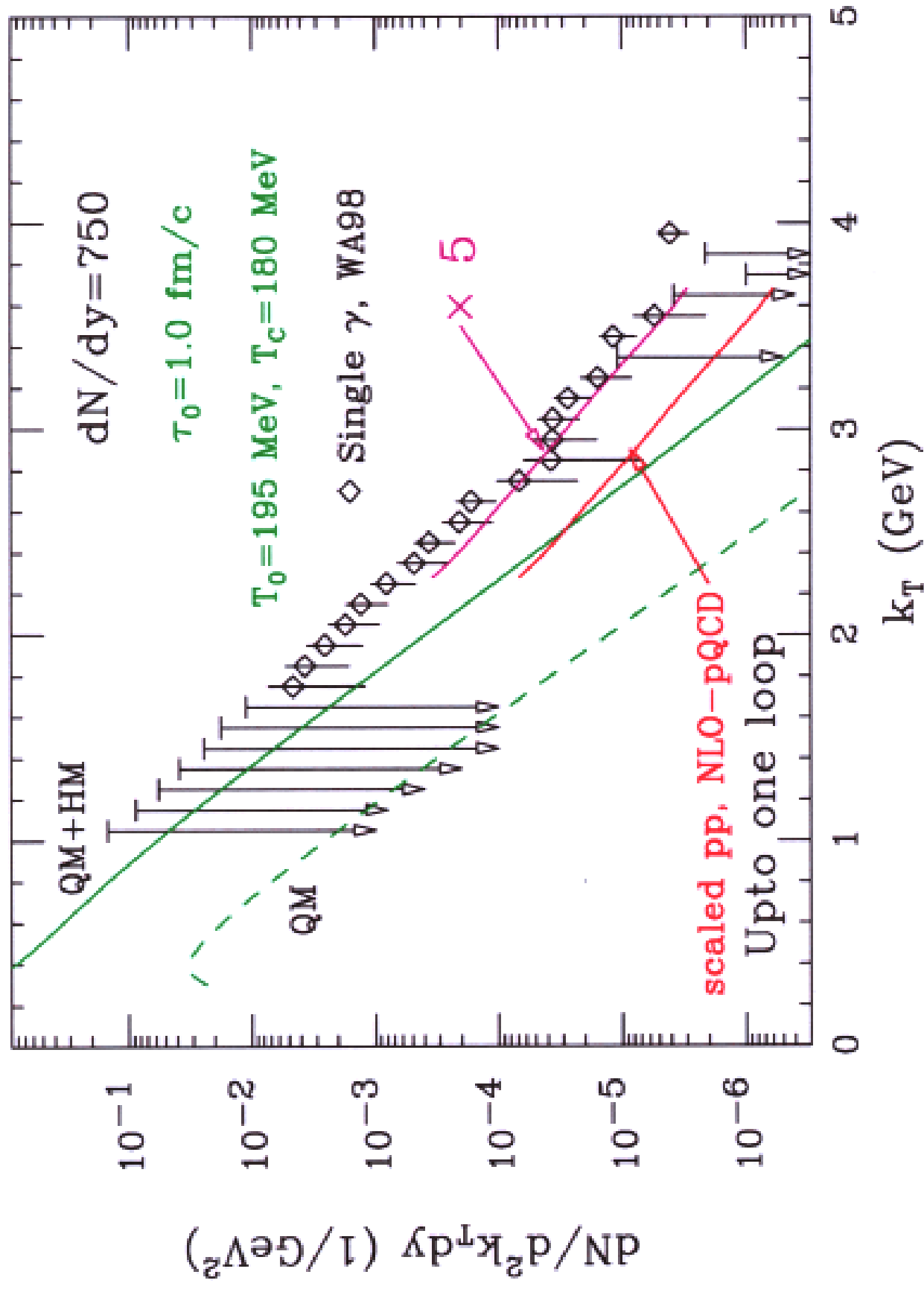
- Very small  $\tau_0 \sim 0.2$  fm/c:
  - Parton saturation at SPS for  $Pb + Pb$  collisions for  $p_T^{\text{cut-off}} \sim 1$  GeV/c or  $\tau_0 \sim 1/p_T \sim 0.2$  fm/c.
- Thermal and Chemical Equilibration of Hadrons:
  - All particle ratios measured are described by a thermal model with a (chemical) freeze-out temperature of  $\sim 180$  MeV and  $\mu_b \sim 250$  MeV. Hadronic reactions *can-not* achieve this.
- Pre-equilibrium contribution:
  - Parton cascade model will be used to re-estimate this. Our earlier estimates are (perhaps) incorrect.

## Summing up

- Significant **direct photon** excess has been observed in central  $Pb+Pb$  collisions for  $p_T \geq 1.5 \text{ GeV}/c$ , by the WA98 experiment
- Excess production of **IMR dileptons** has been reported by the NA50 experiment in these collisions.
- Hadron spectra from central collisions demonstrate thermal and chemical equilibrium and **flow**.
- All these data are satisfactorily explained with a **SINGLE** set of initial conditions which suggest that a **quark gluon plasma is formed** in the initial state which undergoes a phase transition to a hot hadronic matter at  $\approx 180 \text{ MeV}$ .
- As far as single photons are concerned; one loop rates fail to describe the data. In view of the fact that 3-loop rates are quite intractable at the moment, the fact that two-loop rates provide a good description is of great interest.

## Caveats

- What about baryons?
  - They should be there, at least at SPS.  
And contribute to single photons. But,  
–  $\frac{dN_{B-\bar{B}}/dy}{dN/dy} \approx 0.10$
- What about intrinsic  $k_T$ ?
  - The present estimates depend on
    - \* quark mass- to avoid singularity
    - \* (should have a)  $p_T$  cut-off to retain applicability of pQCD
    - \* it is not certain that the introduction of intrinsic  $k_T$  via  $f(x, Q^2) \rightarrow f(x, Q^2)g(k_T)$  is consistent with the requirement that
$$[\sum_i E_i]^2 - [\sum_i p_{x_i}]^2 - [\sum_i p_{y_i}]^2 - [\sum_i p_{z_i}]^2 = M_{\text{nucleon}}^2$$
- It is likely that when these effects are (properly) included and a more accurate rate of photons is used we may need a lower initial temperature to explain the data.



## CONSIDERING ALL THE THINGS

- **Minimalist Approach**
- **You can either enhance the NLO pQCD by a factor of 5**
- **OR**
- **Take 2 loop rates**

