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 - Key observables, CBM performance goals
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Achievements:

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- Towards CBM
 - Detector prototypes and pre-seris production
 - Simulations/Performance
- mCBM demonstrator and precursor
 - Recent results
 - Upcoming data taking

Visions/Plans:

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Part I

Physics motivation and performance studies of CBM



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Phase transition from hadronic to deconfined QCD matter:

- > At vanishing $\mu_{\rm B}$ and high T:
 - Smooth crossover (lattice QCD)
 - Close to perfect liquid
 - No indication for critical endpoint for μ_B/T < 3
 <p>Bazavov et al. [HotQCD], PLB 795 (2019) 15-21
 Ding et al., [HotQCD], PRL 123 (2019) 6, 062002
 Dini et al., Phys.Rev.D 105 (2022) 3, 034510
- > At large $\mu_{\rm B}$ and moderate T:
 - First order phase transition?
 - Critical endpoint?
 - Equation-of-state for baryon-rich matter?



[HADES], Nature Phys. 15 (2019) 10, 1040-1045 Andronic et al., Nature 561 (2018) no.7723

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CBM:

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- High baryo-chemical potential: $500 < \mu_{\rm R}$ [MeV] < 850 \succ
- Moderate temperatures T ~ 100 MeV \succ

Evolution of a nucleus-nucleus collisions



Nucleus-nucleus collisions in the laboratory



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- Collective behavior and correlations: \succ
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Experimental challenges for CBM



CBM, EPJA 53 3 (2017) 60

Investigation of rare probes requires high statistics to reach high sensitivity

- High intensity beams
- Capable detectors
 - High primary and secondary vertex resolution
 - Large detector acceptance and high efficiency
 - Free streaming read-out electronics
 - Light material budget (control beam backgrounds, ...)
 - High radiation tolerance
 - High performance computing
 - Online event selection instead of hardware triggers

The Compressed Baryonic Matter experiment

MVD

Micro Vertex Detector* **STS**

Silicon Tracking System*

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Muon Chamber System / Ring Imaging Cherenkov Detector TRD

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Forward Spectator Detector (similar to HADES Forward Wall)



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CBM physics goals: critical fluctuations

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STAR, PRL 128 (2022) 20, 202303 HADES, PRC 102 (2020) 2, 024914

1st order phase transition:

Thermal susceptibilities for baryon number:

$$\chi_n \equiv \frac{\partial^n (p/T^4)}{\partial (\mu_B/T)^n} = \frac{C_n}{T^3} \quad \mbox{n-th order cumulant}$$

- 6th order derivative particularly sensitive to phases in the QCD diagram
- Requires measurement of higher order moments of net-proton number distribution:

mean :
$$\mathbf{M} = \langle N \rangle$$
 = C_1 ,
variance : $\sigma^2 = \langle (\delta N)^2 \rangle$ = C_2 ,
skewness : $\mathbf{S} = \langle (\delta N)^3 \rangle / \sigma^3$ = $C_3 / C_2^{3/2}$,
kurtosis : $\kappa = \langle (\delta N)^4 \rangle / \sigma^4 - 3$ = C_4 / C_2^2 .

Discontinuity of the density \Rightarrow non-monotonous behavior of higher order moments of particle number distributions

CBM performance: critical fluctuations



Experimental challenge for CBM:

- Higher order moments probe the tails of the distributions:
 - Large statistics required for most central collisions (0-5%)
- Important to have precise (independent) centrality determination!
 - Control of volume fluctuations



- > Precise results for $C_6(N_{proton}-N_{anti-proton})$
- ➤ Extension into strangeness sector (e.g. net-Λ number fluc.)



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- Experimentally accessible via parity violating weak decays, e.g.:
 - $\Lambda \rightarrow p + \pi^-$ (proton predominantly emitted in the direction of the lambda spin)
- Strong rise of the ∧ polarization function towards lower energies
- Sensitivity to EoS?

CBM physics goals: collective flow



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CBM performance: spin polarization & directed flow



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Relation between polarization and directed flow v₁:

- Both sensitive to the initial velocity field
- Directed flow measure momentum distribution

Different behavior in peripheral events:

- Polarization mechanism?
- > Simultaneous description of v_1 and P_H ?
- ➤ Differences between p and As?



CBM physics goals: dileptons





(Virtual-)Photons:

- ➤ No strong interaction involved ⇒ sensitive to all stages of the evolution:
 - Lifetime of the fireball, temperature, restoration of chiral symmetry, polarization, emissivity, ...

Elliptic flow:

- > Initial positive v_2 (proton) → positive v_2 (dilepton)?
 - Sign of elliptic flow sensitive to phase transition ?

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Chiral symmetry:

- Spontaneously broken in vacuum
- > Restoration at finite T and high $\mu_{\rm B}$:
 - Mixing of vector and axial-vector mesons

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1500

[MeV]

500

 a_1

ρ

100

50

Jung et al., PRD 95,

036020 (2017)

Degeneracy of

chiral partners

250

300

200

150 T [MeV] Hohler and Rapp, PLB 731 (2014)

CBM performance: dileptons

dielectrons $1/N_{ev} \text{ dN/dM}_{ee} (\text{GeV/}c^2)^{-1}$ **CBM Simulations** Au+Au Vs. =4.9 GeV min-bias, IR=100kHz 2×10¹⁰ ev 'measured thermal radiation Rapp in-medium SF Rapp QGP 10-5 10-7 10-8 10-9 10-10 0.5 1.5 2 M_{ee} (GeV/ c^2)

Dielectrons/-muons:

- Slope of invariant mass spectra
 - Flattening of the caloric curve (T vs. beam energy)
 - Evidence for phase transition

Dielectrons:

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- ρ -meson contribution dominates at low masses < 1 GeV/c²
 - Measurement of fireball lifetime < 10% errors on $T_{fireball}$
 - Transport properties electrical conductivity
- Excess yield in LMR
 - High precision to observe 1st order phase transition?



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CBM performance: hypernuclei



Relation to neutron star physics:

- Lifetime of hypernuclei sensitive to YN- and YY-interaction
 - EoS of high density matter
- Explain mass vs. radius relation of neutron stars

D. Lonardoni et al. PRL114 (2015) 092301

Extending nuclear chart in strangeness direction:

- Increasing baryon density: hypernuclei production
 - Search for multi-strange hypernuclei
- ➢ Flow pattern
- > Lifetime measurements

Lifetime measurement



Part II

Construction and preparation status of CBM



GSI

Darmstadt, Germany



Start of operation in 2028

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Sensor arrangement

Diagnostic

box

TO

★► 1 cm

Halo station station

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 - New forward wall (FSD) based on HADES concept in preparation (first prototypes, software development)











CBM construction - pre-series production started



















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The mCBM experiment at GSI / SIS18



- Testing of the detector components:
 - High rate tests \leq 10 MHz collision rates
- Testing of the triggerless streaming read-out



- Verification of data acquisition
 - \circ Benchmark with Λ reconstruction
- Use mCBM data to validate online reconstruction and selection algorithms

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Milestones reached with mCBM campaign in 2022:

- Stable operation over long periods
- Verification of the CBM read-out concept
- High rate validation of detector components
- A reconstruction in Ni+Ni@1.93AGeV (400-500kHz average collision rate, offline analysis)
- Demonstration of vertex reconstruction using CA tracker

Ni+Ni 1.93 AGeV





mCBM in 2024-2025:

- > Approved by GSI-PAC
- Preparations for upcoming beam times
- Λ excitation function in Au+Au & Ni+Ni
- Installation of new prototypes (e.g. FSD)
- Online reconstruction/selection

Summary: CBM facts

Rich physics program:

- Strangeness, EbE fluctuations, collective behavior, dileptons, hypernuclei, etc.
- Extending of physics program with proton induced reactions
- > CBM preparations are progressing towards the SIS100 beams
 - Finalization of detector design
 - CBM cave ready, platform installed
 - Pre-series production started
- > Evaluation of ultimate supporting structures for detectors and beam pipe (additional background)
- > Performance studies from upcoming mCBM beamtimes using new prototypes
- > Final review \rightarrow Start of series production (end of 2024/2025)
- ➤ CBM pre-commissioning: 2026-2028
- > Ready for data taking in 2028

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

Extra luggage (back up slides)



Properties of Quantum Chromo Dynamics



Microscopic consideration:

- Interaction of quarks and gluons which both carry color charge!
 - self-interaction among gluons
- leads to a "running" coupling constant a_s: dependence on momentum transfer Q (or distance R)
- two distinct extremes:
 - (1) confinement of quarks and gluons in hadrons (large R, small Q)
 - (2) asymptotic freedom (small R, large Q) = hot and dense matter
- ➢ QCD Lagrangian:

$$\mathscr{L}_{\text{QCD}} = -\frac{1}{4}G^a_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}_a + \sum_{u,d,s}\bar{q}_a(i\gamma^{\mu}(\partial_{\mu} - igA_{\mu}) - m)_{ab}q_b$$

Can only be solved using perturbation theory for (2); in case of (1), effective Lagrangians, hadronic models, discretization via space-time lattice, ...



- Softening of the EoS \rightarrow lower maximum mass predicted Ο
- Hyperon-nucleon interaction play a fundamental role:
 - 2-body and 3-body (YN and YNN) interactions are 0 important to understand the inner structure of neutron stars
- Stronger constraints on the hyperon-nucleon force needed
 - CBM can contribute here!

Densities: $\rho/\rho_0 \approx 3$ 0

Temperature: $T < 70 \text{ MeV} (\sim 10^{12} \text{K})$ 0

Similar densities and temperatures in HIC and NSM

Observation of neutron stars, for instance mass-radius relation



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Collective flow coefficients

HADES, Phys.Rev.Lett. 125 (2020) 262301



Measure harmonics of azimuthal angular distribution w.r.t. \succ reaction plane: $\Delta \phi = \phi - \Psi_{PP}$

$$\frac{1}{N_{\text{all}}}\frac{dN}{d\Delta\phi} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2v_n \cos(n\Delta\phi) \right)$$



v₂: sensitivity to the EoS of the hadronic medium

P. Hillmann, J. Steinheimer, and M. Bleicher, J. Phys. G45, 085101 (2018) P. Hillmann et al., J. Phys. G47, 055101 (2020).

 v_{λ} : constraints to nuclear mean field at high bayron densities

P. Danielewicz, Nucl. Phys. A673, 375 (2000)

collision

Constraints to theoretical descriptions: \succ

 $v_{4}(p_{t})/v_{2}^{2}(p_{t}) = \frac{1}{2}$ (ideal fluid)

N. Borghini and J.-Y. Ollitrault, Phys. Lett. B642, 227 (2006)

Connection between spin polarization & directed flow

