

ASTROPHYSICS IN LABORATORY: THE COMPRESSED BARYONIC MATTER (CBM) EXPERIMENT

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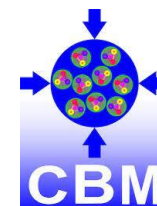
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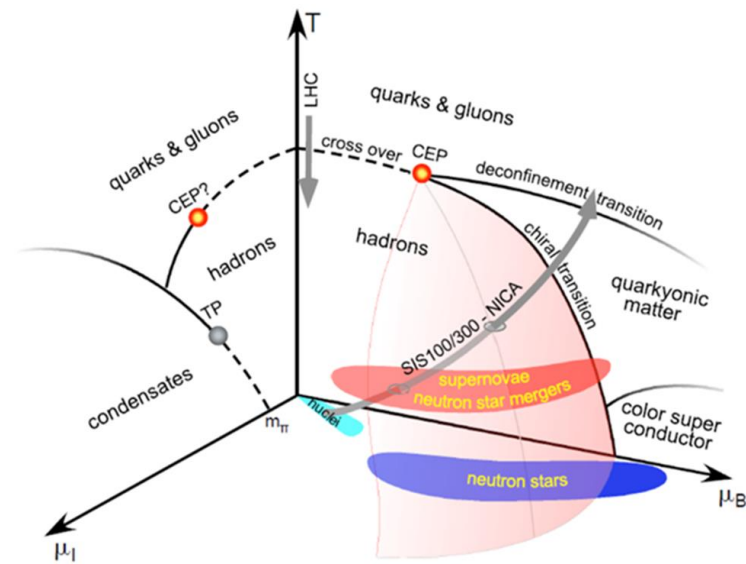
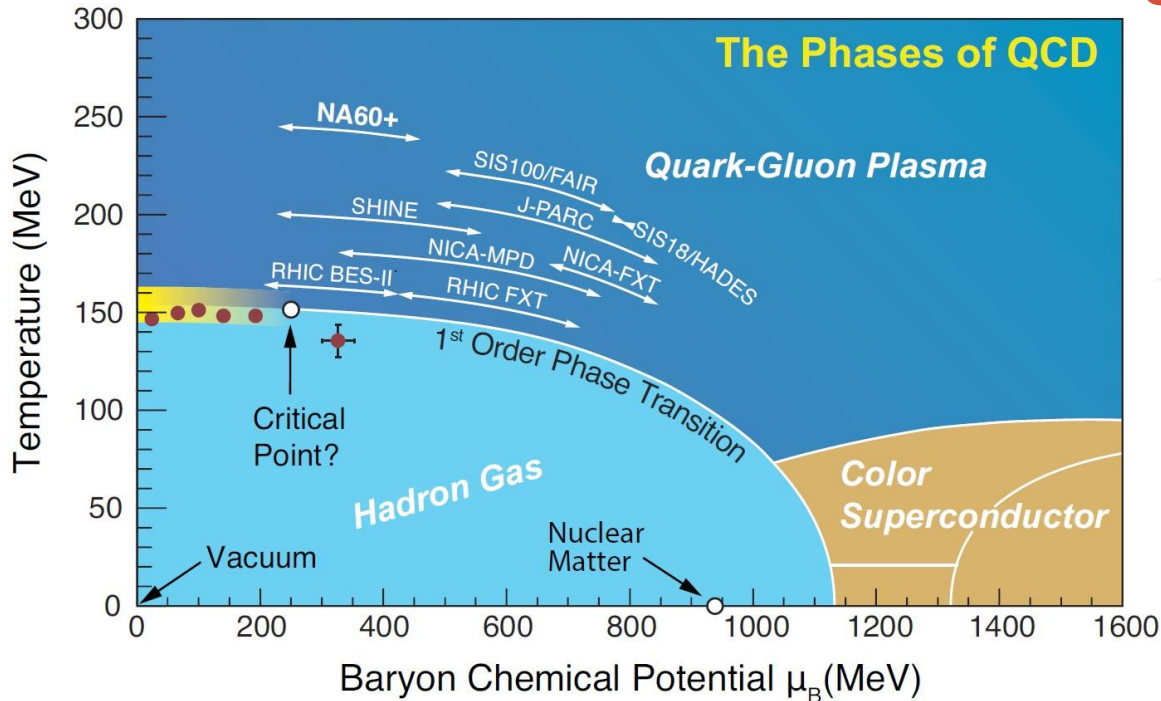
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Quark-Hadron Phase Diagram



Low μ_B , High T:

- Cross-over transition
- No critical point for $\mu_B/T < 3$

High μ_B , Low T:

- Unknown phase structure
- Equation of state
- Neutron star core

STAR BES I: 2010-2017

7.7 GeV – 200 GeV

STAR BES II: 2019 – 2021

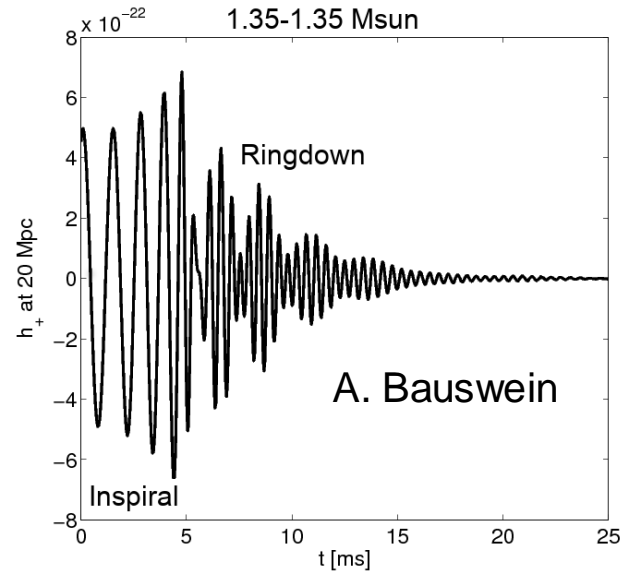
Collider: 7.7 GeV – 27 GeV

Fixed Target: 3 GeV – 13.7 GeV

CBM: 2028 –

2.7 GeV – 4.9 GeV (μ_B : 800 – 500 MeV)

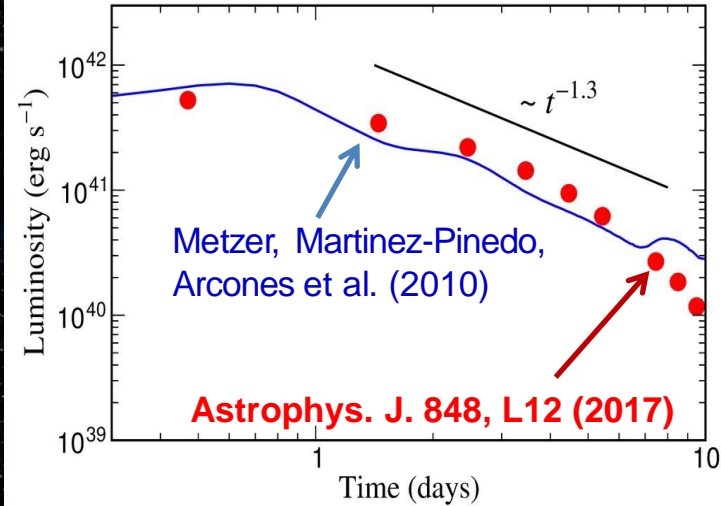
A renewed interest!



Gravitational
Wave Signal



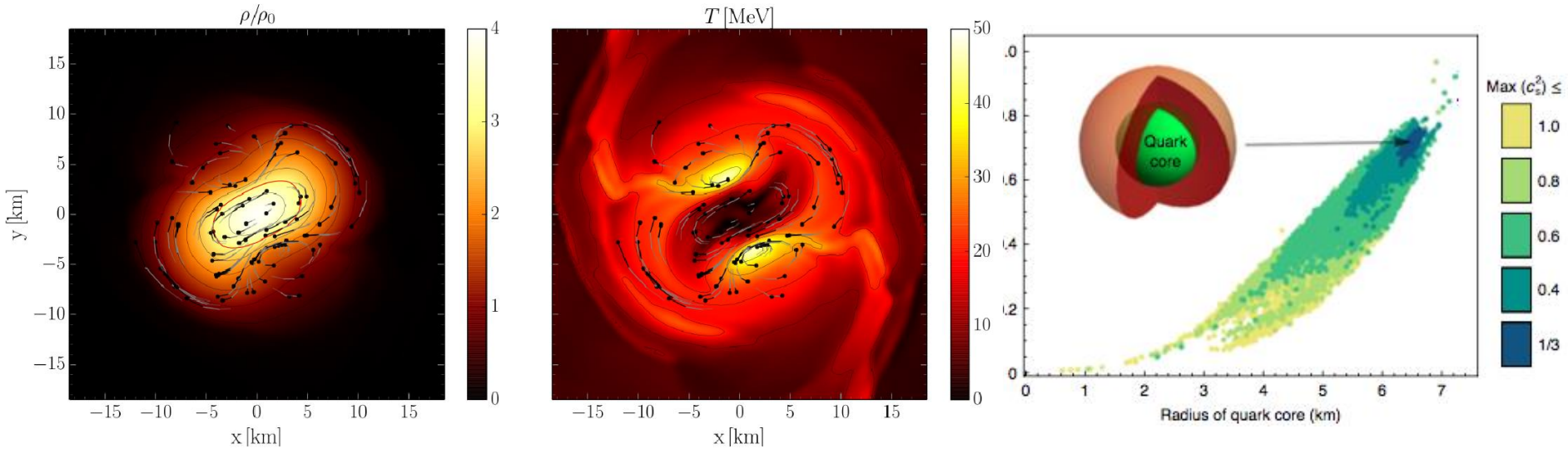
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Electromagnetic
"Kilonova" Signal

- Electromagnetic "Kilonova" signal due to "r process" in neutron star merger theoretically predicted in 2010.
- Confirmation by recent astronomical observations after gravitational wave detection from GW170817 (August 2017).
- Source of heavy elements including gold, platinum and uranium.

Recent results from neutron stars and others



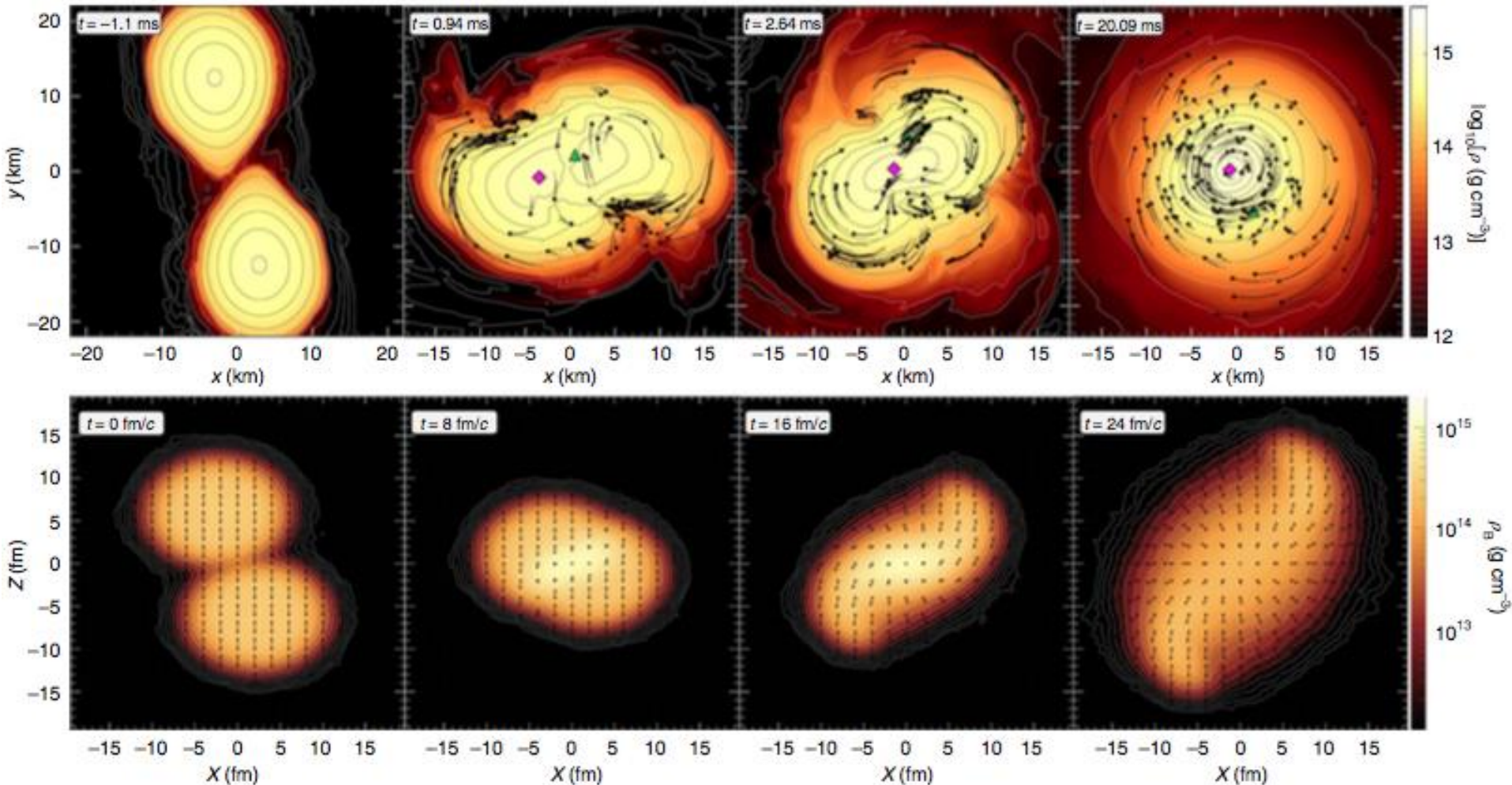
M. Hanauske et al. J Phys. Conf. Ser. 878 (2016) 012031

Nature Physics Letters 16 (2020) 907

In this conference

- Recent theoretical advancements on studying dense QCD phase transition
Srimoyee Sen
- Overview of Neutron stars and their connection to QCD Phase Transitions
Rana Nandi
- Observational constraints on the properties of the Neutron STAR Matter
Tuhin Malik
- Neutron Star Physics in the Multi-messenger Era
Ritam Mallick

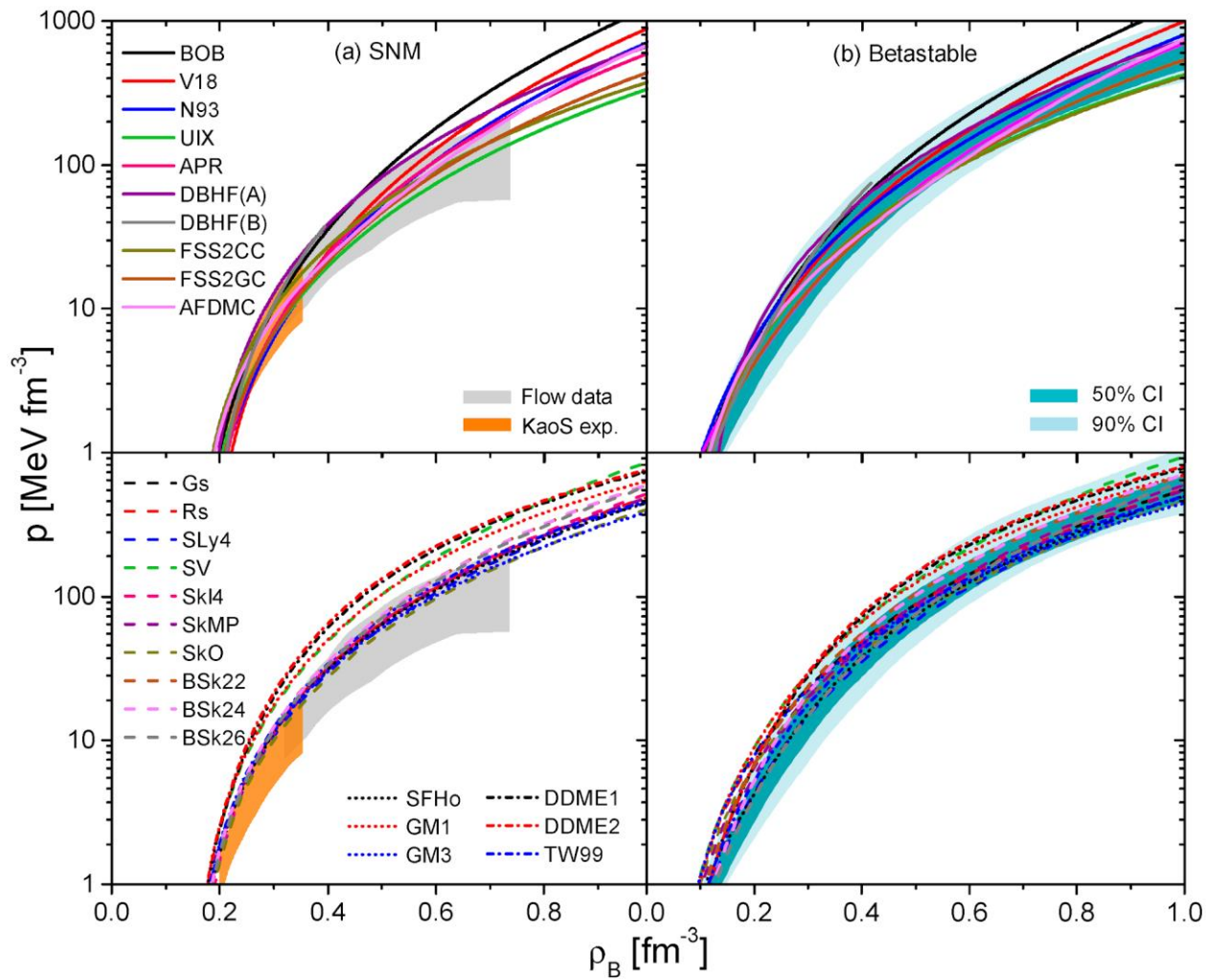
In the meantime from Heavy-ion physicists



Top panel: Binary neutron star encounter of two neutron stars of similar masses (1.35 solar mass)
 Bottom panel: Time evolution of energy density achieved in non-central Au+Au @ 2.42 GeV

UrQMD simulation ; **Nature Physics 15 (2019) 10, 1040**

Constraints on EoS

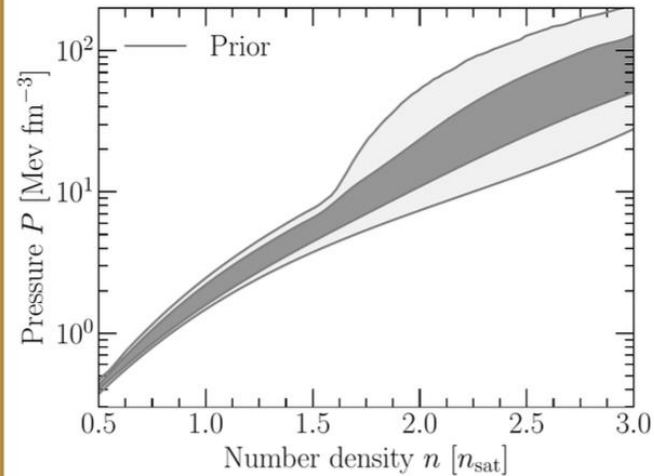


Measurements of anisotropic flow constrain the transport coefficients and equation of state (EoS) of the matter created in heavy ion collisions

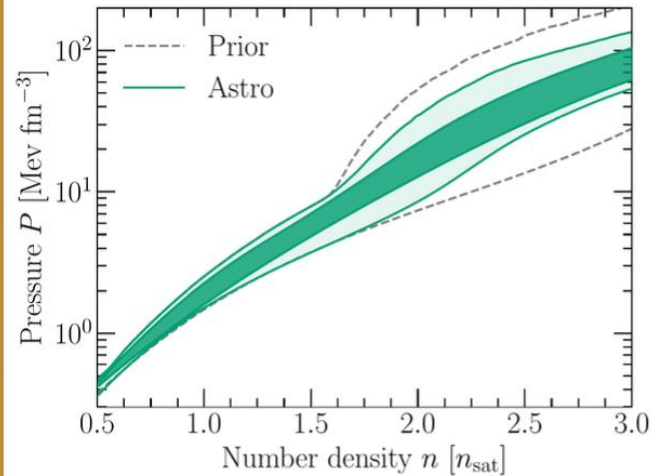
orange KaoS experiment
 grey Flow data (FOPI-LAND)
 blue GW170817 limits

EoS: HIC and multi-messenger astronomy

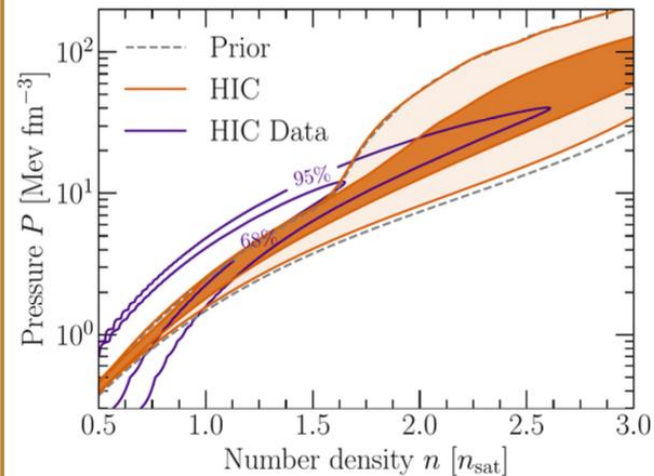
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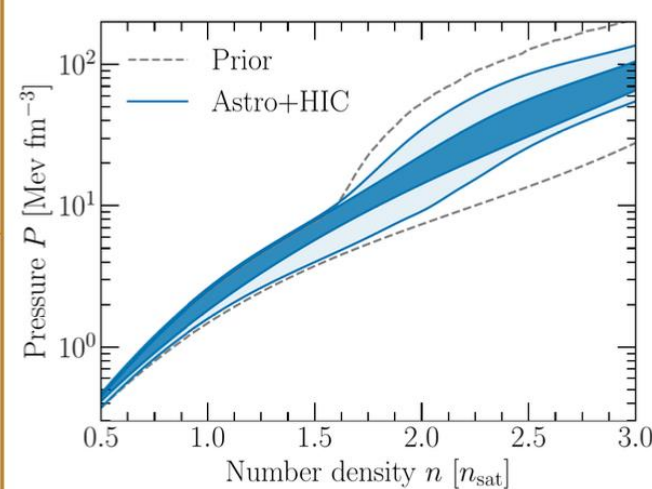
(B) Multi-messenger astrophysics:



(C) HIC experiments:



(D) HIC and Astro combined:



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What do we expect to see?

Neutron stars

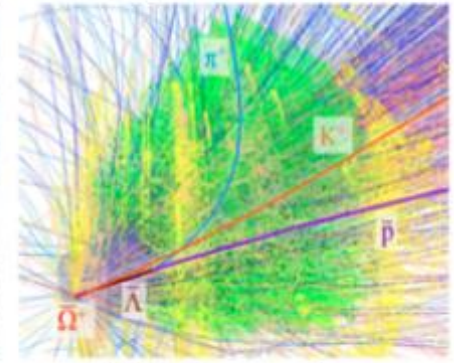


Neutron star merger



GW170817

Heavy-ion collisions



SIS100 energies

Temperature (T)	< 10 MeV	~10-100 MeV	< 120 MeV
Density (ρ)	< $10 \rho_0$	< 2-6 ρ_0	< 5-15 ρ_0
Lifetime / Reaction time (t)	∞	~10 ms	~ 10^{-23} s

Coming up : Compressed Baryonic Matter (CBM) experiment at FAIR, Darmstadt (2028 -)

QGP is there, it is strongly interacting system, but

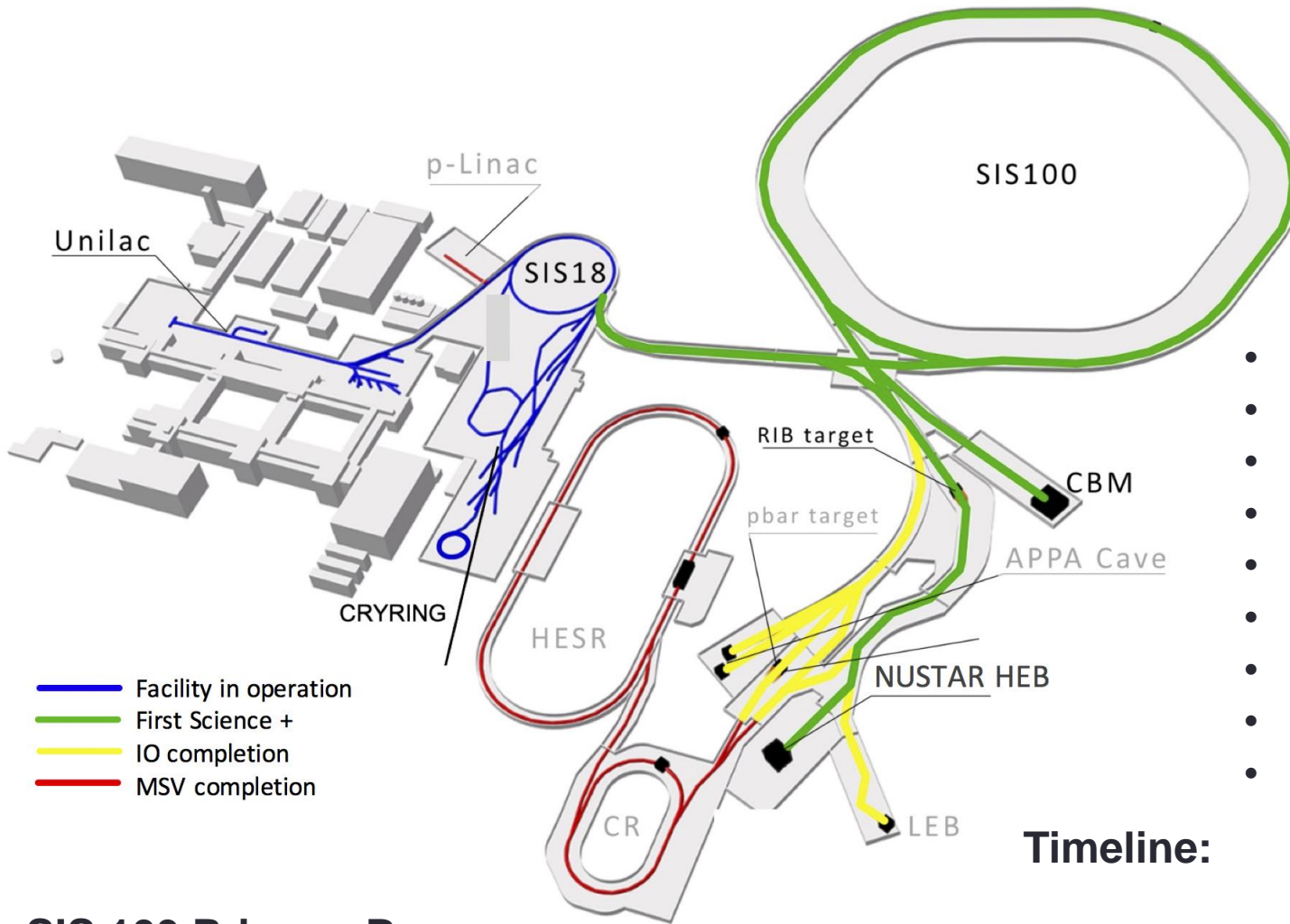
- What is the equation of state at high baryon densities ?
- Order of phase transition at high baryon densities ?
- Where is the critical end point ?

- Multipurpose facility
- Nuclear, Atomic, Particle physics experiments
- Very high intensity beams

India is a shareholder

April 2024





- 1.1 km circumference
- 17 m underground
- 600k m³ concrete
- 65 kt steel
- 3.3 billion Euro
- 3000 researchers
- 300k processors
- 100 PB storage
- 1TB/s transmission

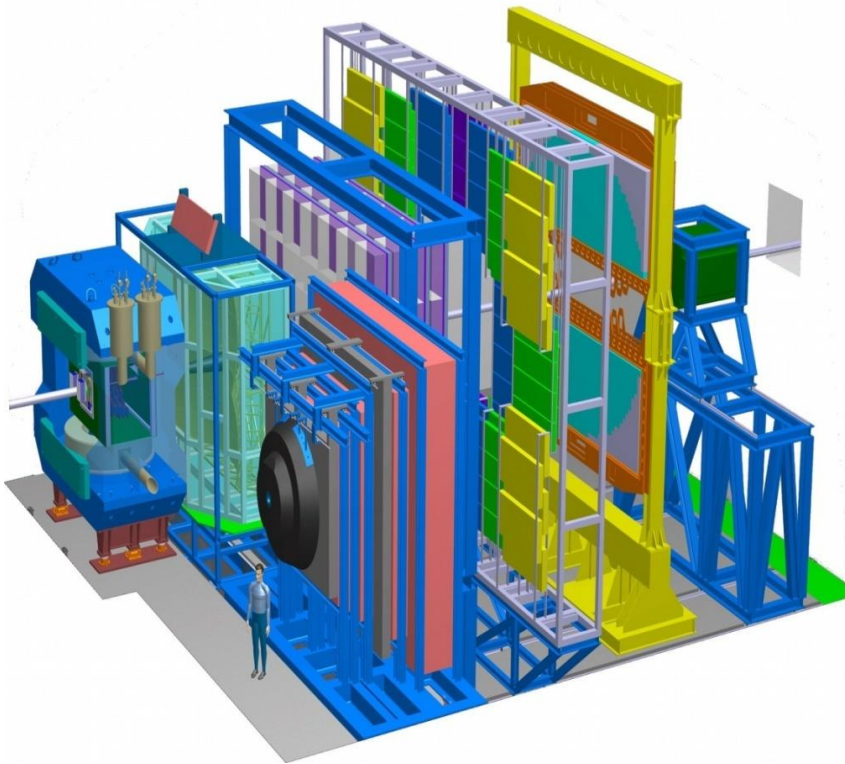
Timeline:

- July 2017 : Start of excavation
- July 2018 : Start of civil construction
- 2023 : Buildings completed; Installation of infrastructural equipment started
- 2028 : Beams expected

SIS 100 Primary Beams:

- 10⁹/s Au up to 11 GeV/u ($\sqrt{s} = 4.9$ GeV)
- 10⁹/s C, Ca up to 14 GeV/u
- 10¹¹/s p up to 29 GeV ($\sqrt{s} = 7.5$ GeV)

The CBM experimental set up



- Tracking acceptance: $2.5^\circ < \theta_{\text{Lab}} < 25^\circ$
- Peak R_{int} is 10 MHz for Au+Au (300 kHz for MVD)
- Fast & radiation hard detectors
- Free-streaming DAQ
- 4D tracking (space, time)
- Online event reconstruction and selection
- Data rate: 1 TB/sec

MVD: Micro Vertex Detector

STS: Silicon Tracking System

MuCH or RICH: Muon Chamber System /Ring Imaging Cherenkov Detector

TRD: Transition Radiation Detector

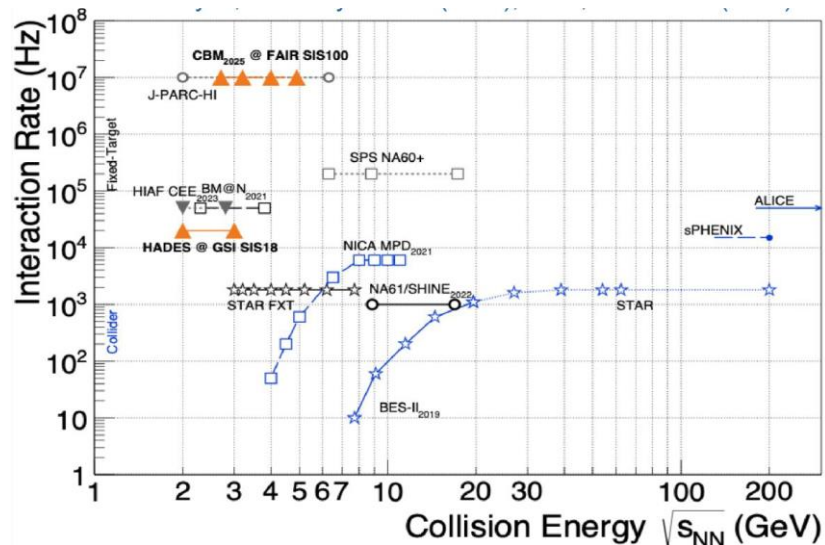
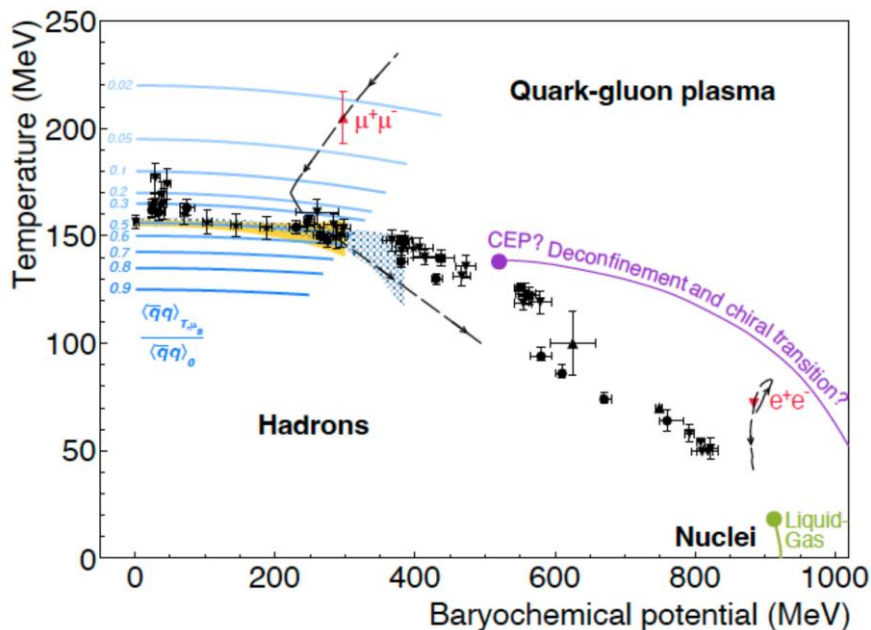
TOF: Time-of-Flight Detector

PSD: Projectile Spectator Detector



GSI GreenITCube
High performance
computing farm
for data processing

CBM Mission



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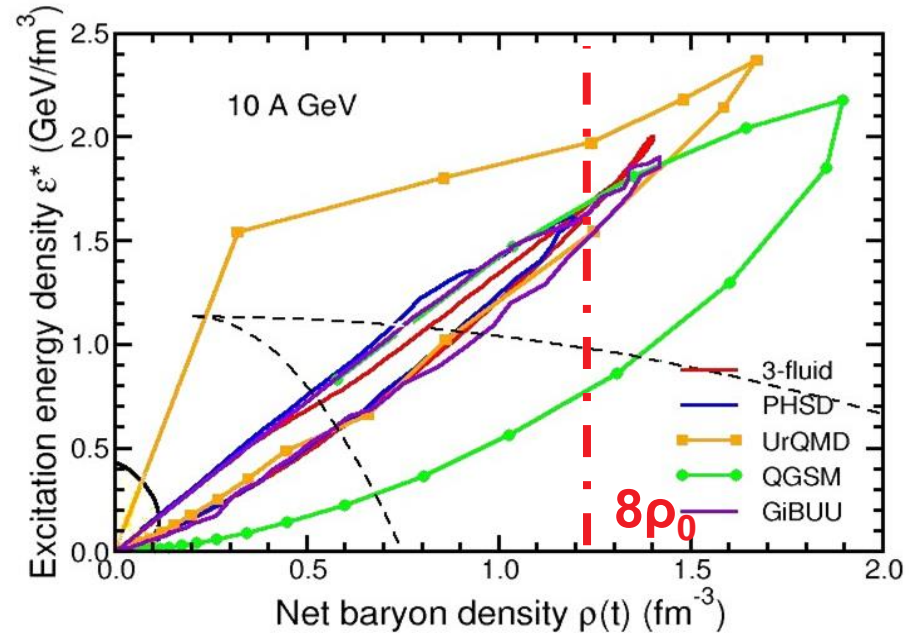
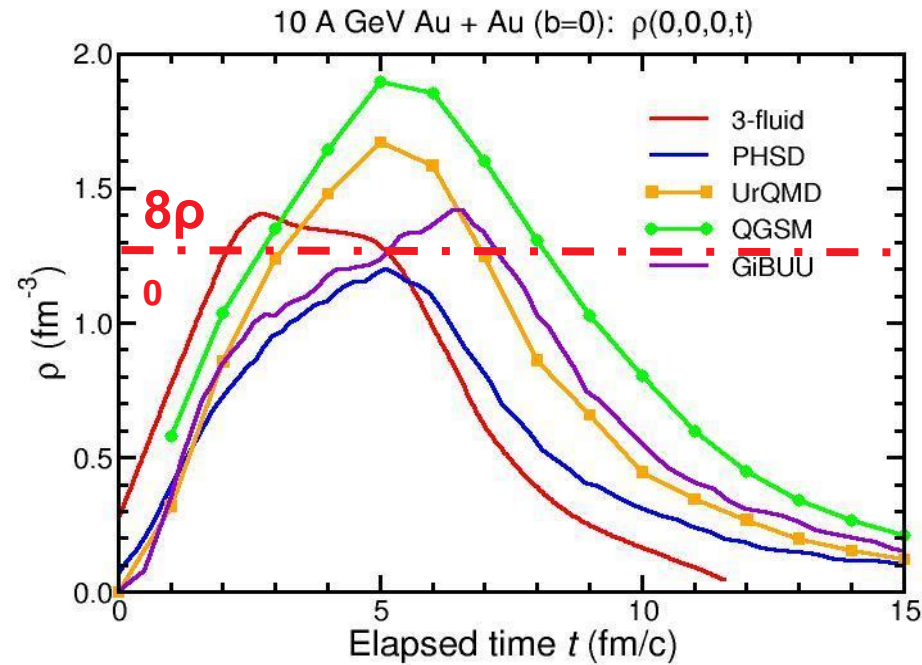
- ✓ Characterize hot and dense QCD matter at high μ_B (500 – 800 MeV)
- ✓ Find QCD critical point, order of phase transition

Observables

- Light flavor hadrons (including multi-strange hadrons): chemical freezeout T , μ_B , flow, vorticity, EoS
- Event by Event fluctuations (criticality)
- Dileptons (emissivity)
- Charmoniums (transport properties)
- Hypernuclei (interactions / production mechanism)

High statistics needs high reaction rates: $10^5 - 10^7$ Au+Au collisions/sec!

Net baryon densities at SIS100 energies

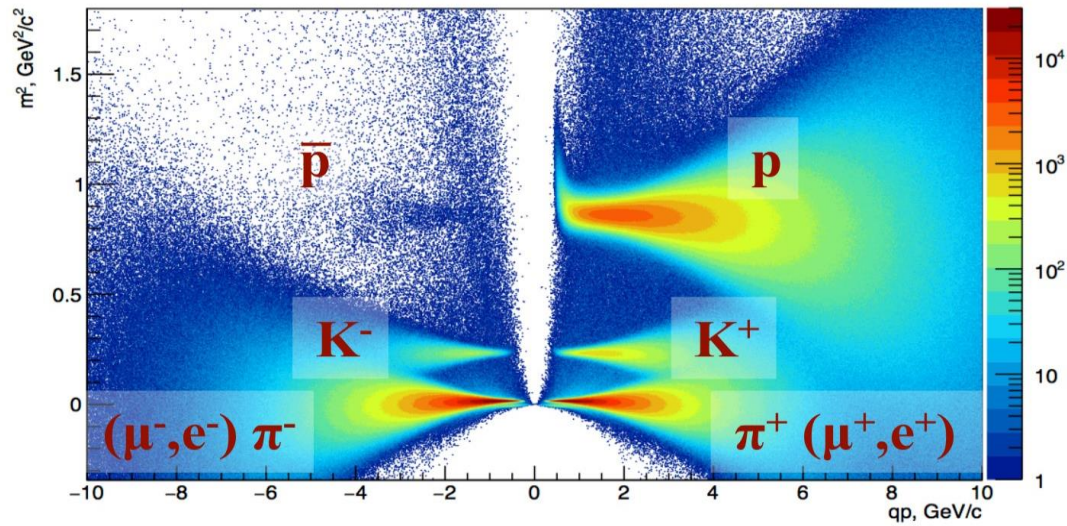


I. Arsene et al. PRC75 034902 (2007)

High baryon densities during system evolution!

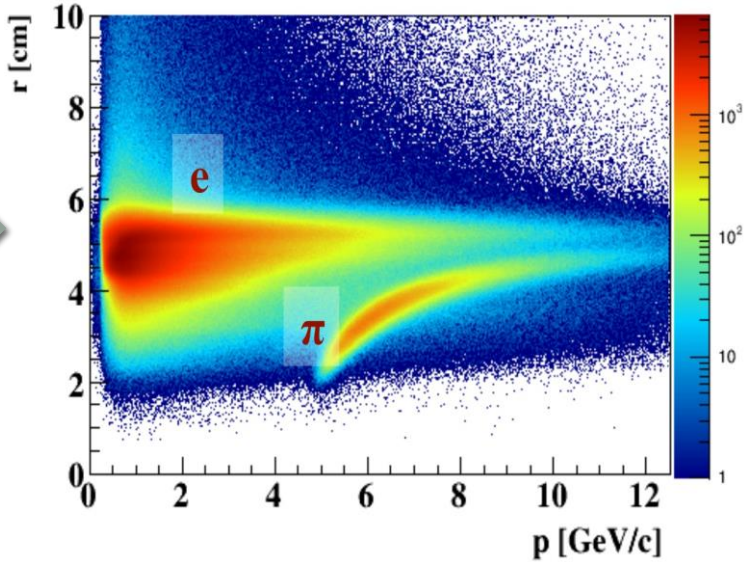
Particle identification at CBM

CBM simulation central Au+Au collisions @ 10A GeV/c

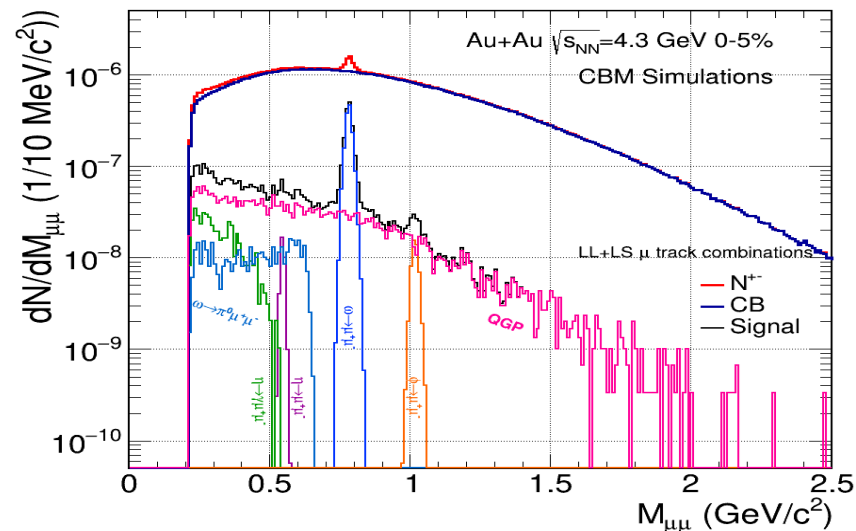
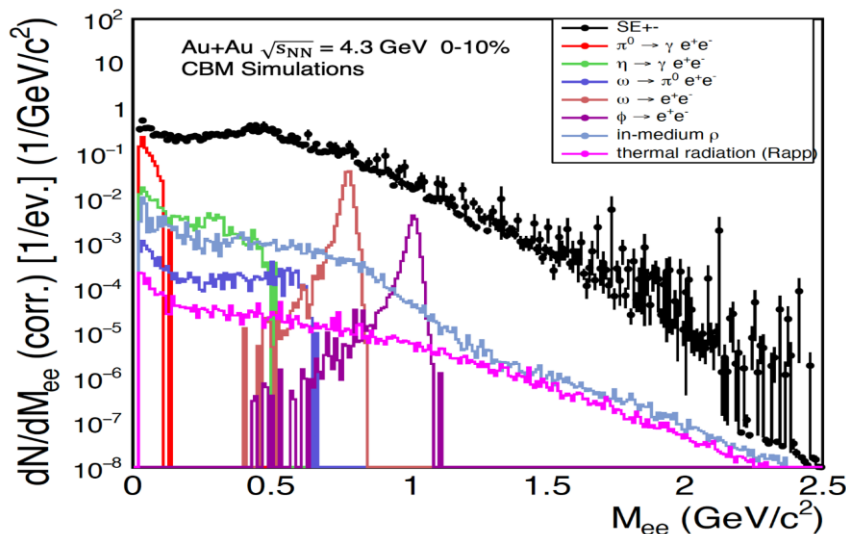


← Performance of TOF

Performance of RICH →

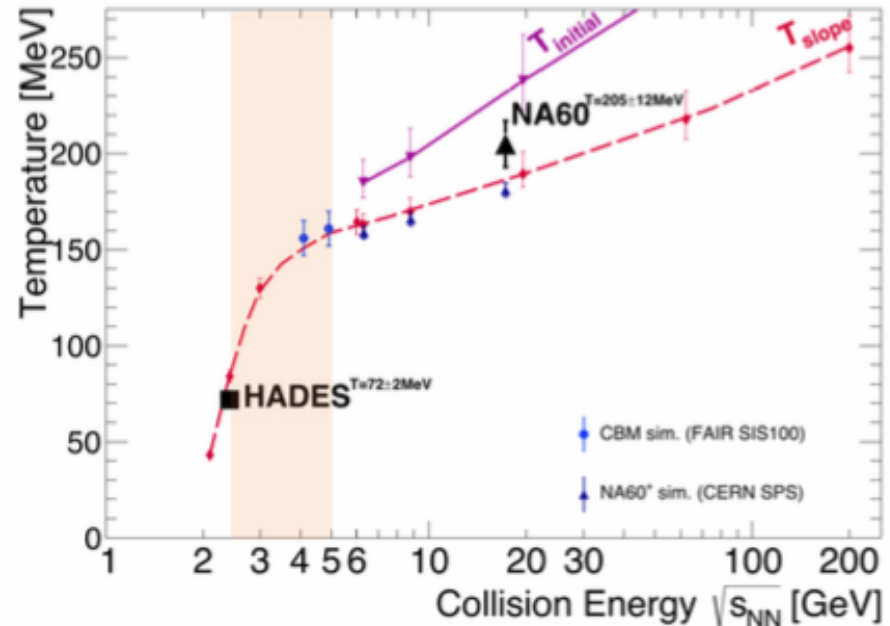
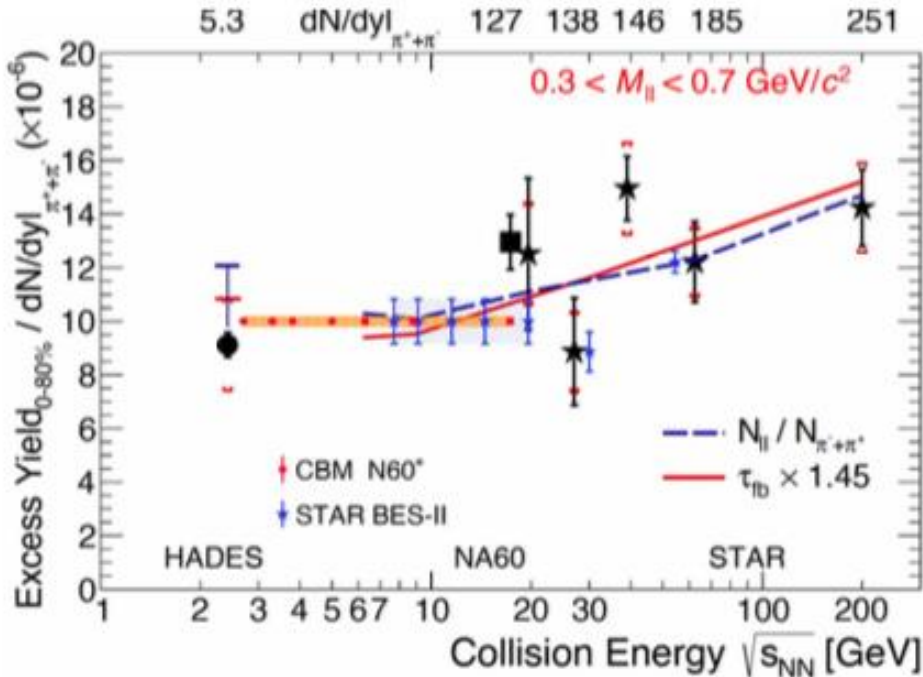


Dileptons: di-electrons and di-muons



- Carry information about the early phases of the fireball
- Dileptons are considered as thermometer, chronometer and barometer of the emitting source
- Clear signal peaks for the low mass vector mesons with 5M Au+Au collisions
- Negligible contribution from Drell-Yan and open charm decay
- Access to thermal signal with good background description
- Excitation function measurable with 10^5 collisions/sec

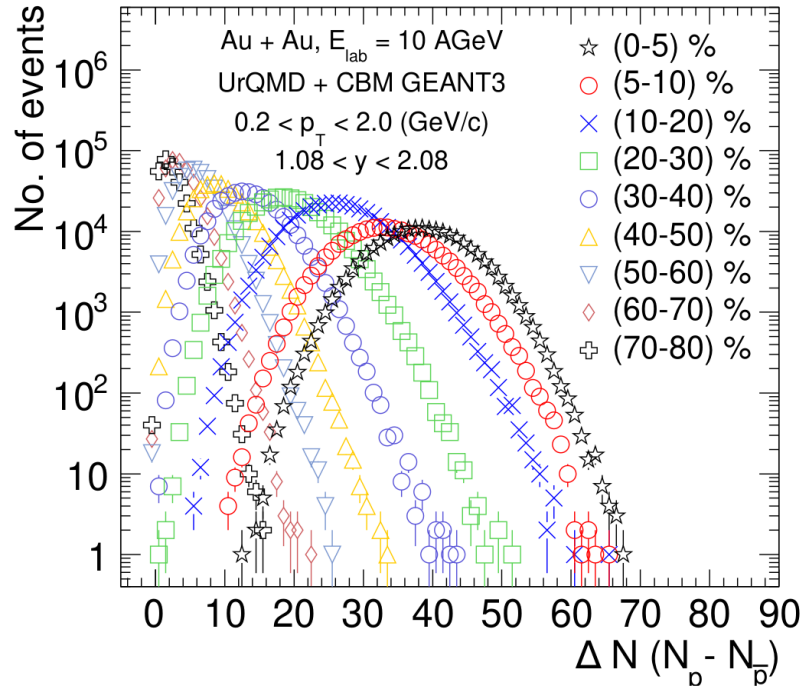
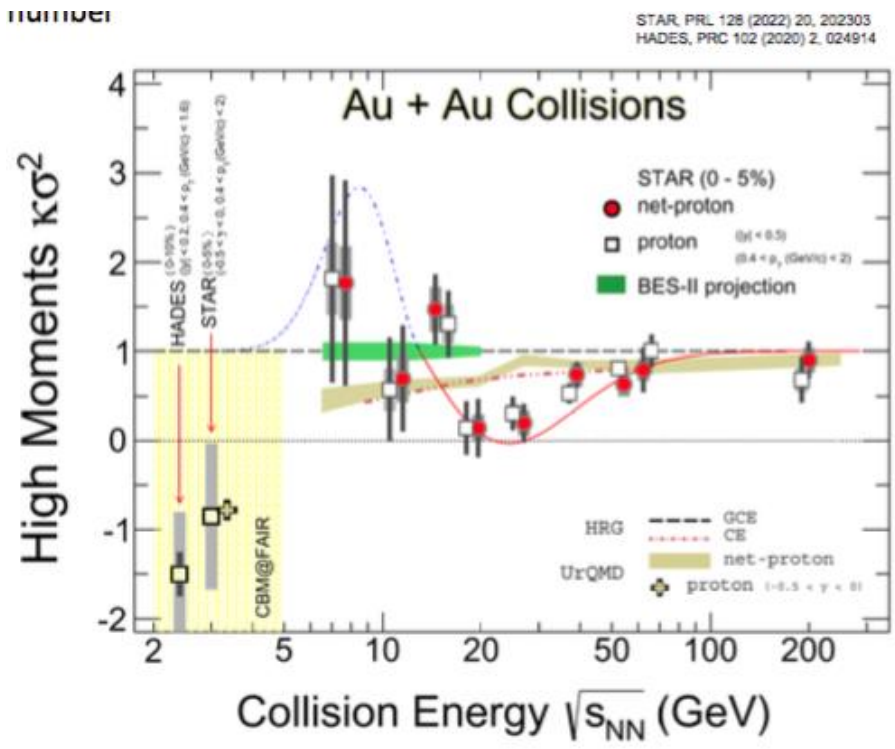
Temperature/lifetime (or emissivity)



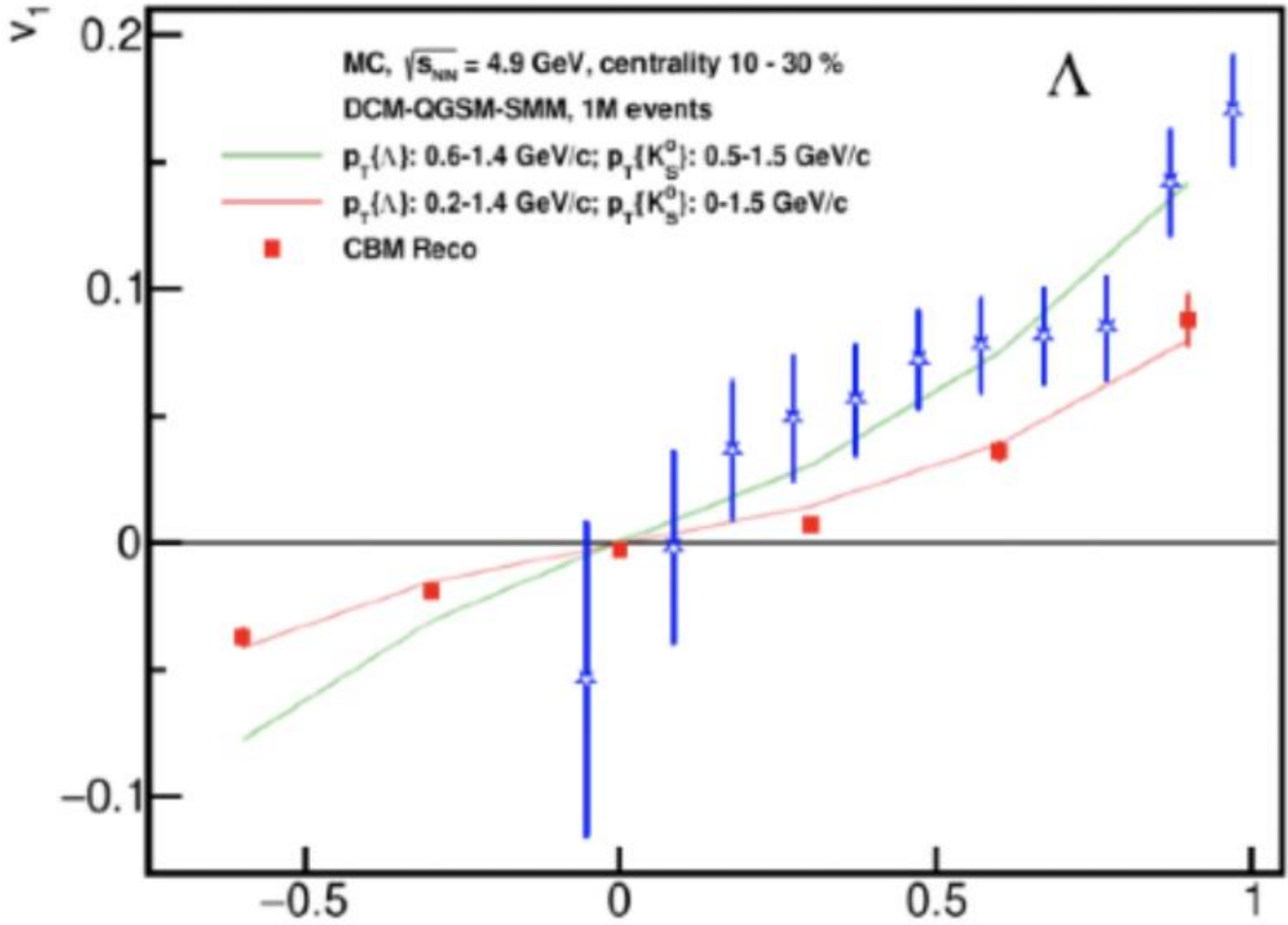
- ✓ Excess yield in Low Mass Region provides lifetime
- ✓ Excess radiation indicates latent heat at phase transition

- ✓ Slope of invariant mass spectra in Intermediate Mass Region provides temperature
- ✓ Flattening of the curve (T vs. E) indicates phase transition

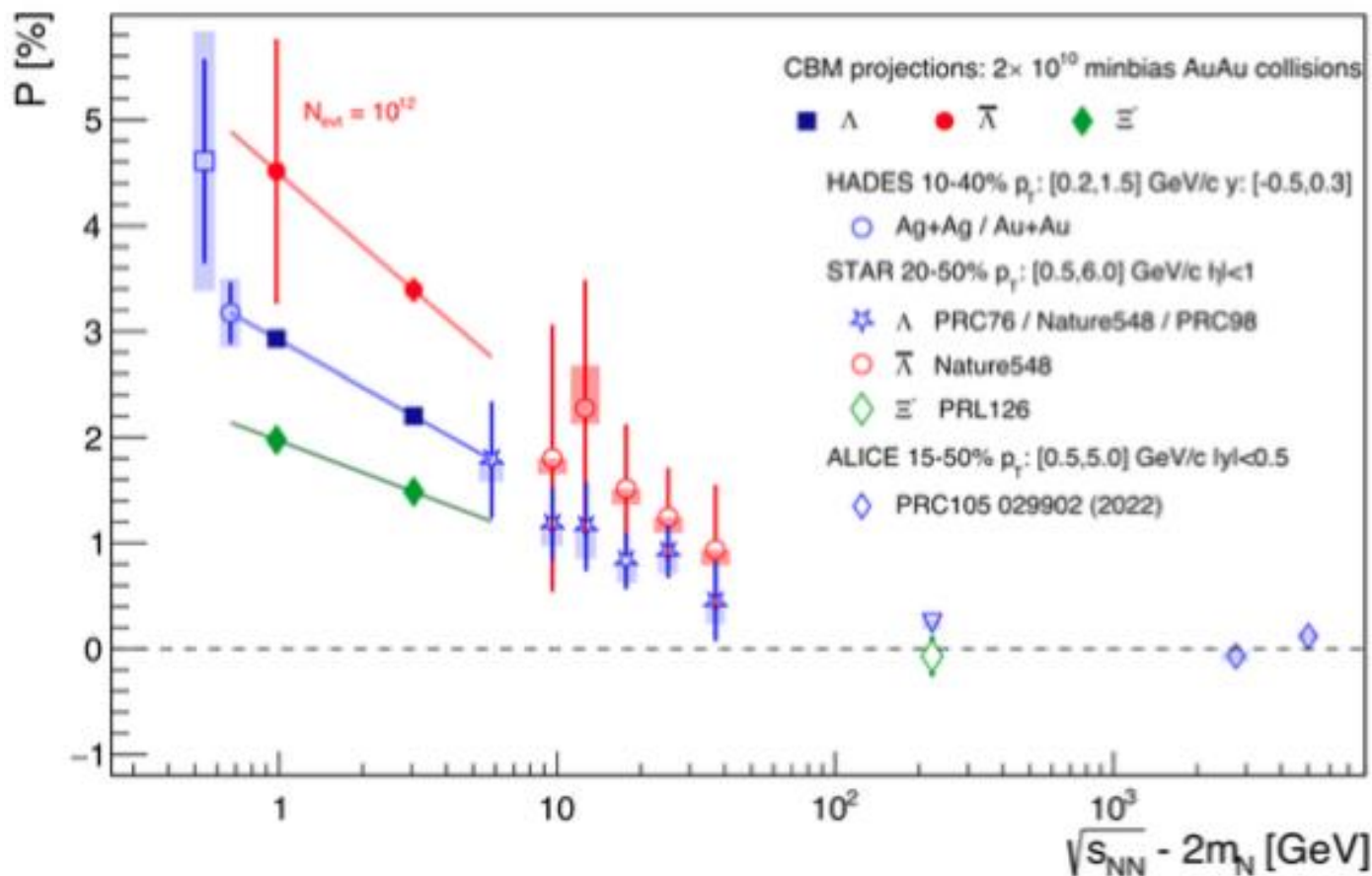
Fluctuations (or criticality)



Flow / EoS



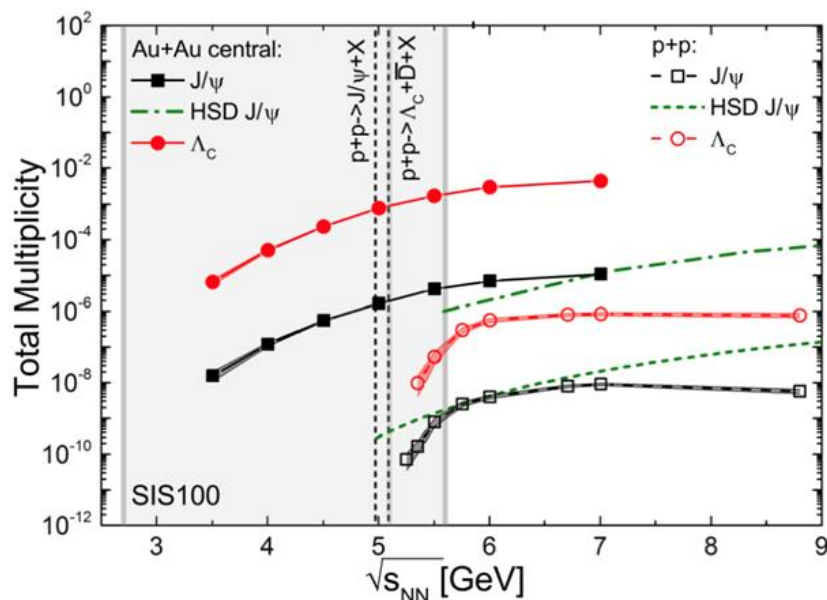
Polarization of hadrons (or vorticity)



- Measurement of Λ and Ξ polarization with 5% precision is possible
- (anti) Λ excitation function requires more than 10^{13} events

Charmonium at SIS100 in Au+Au Collisions

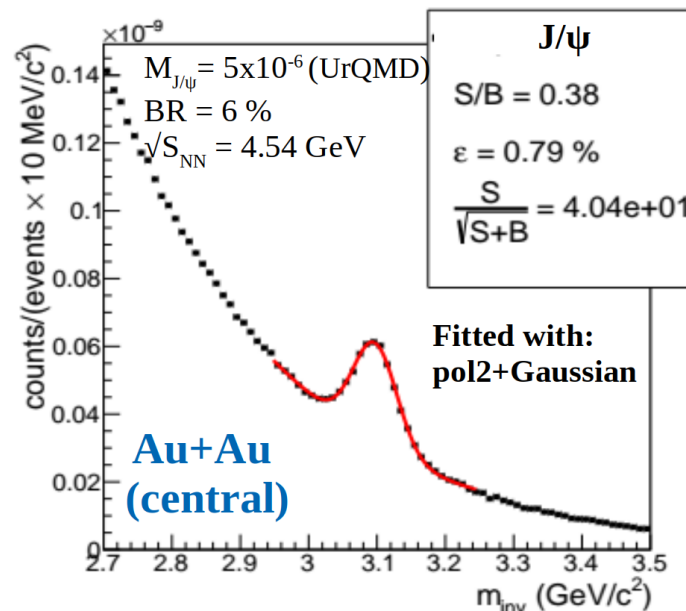
J. Steinheimer et al., PRC 95 (2017) 1, 014911



J/ψ production is rare but measurement is feasible

- Production below kinematic threshold
- Production via multiple collision process
- No data below collision energy 158A GeV

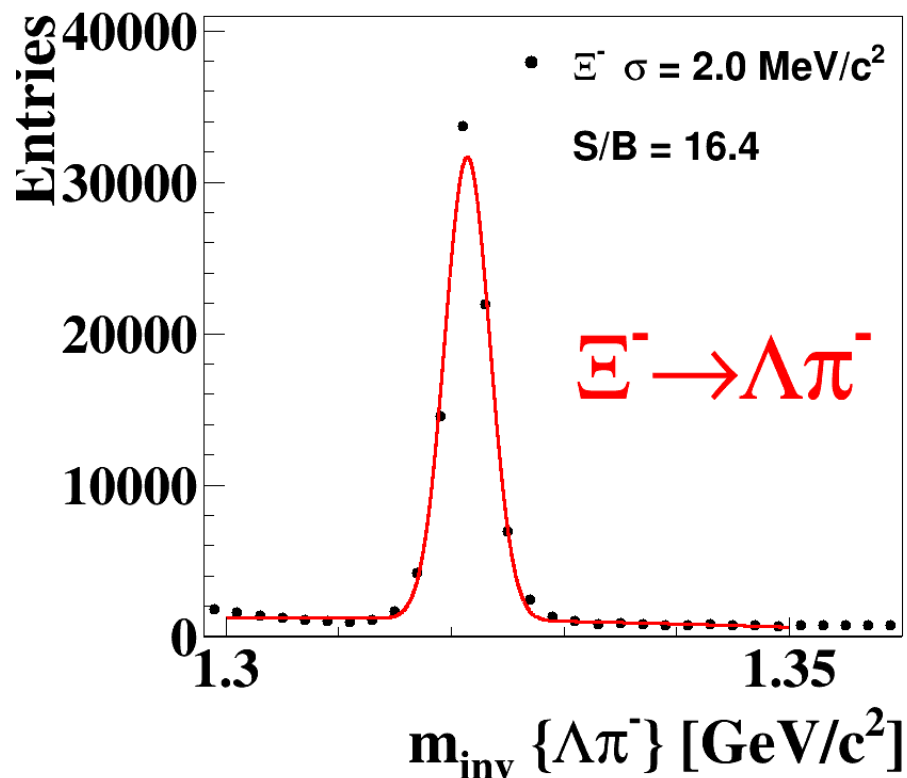
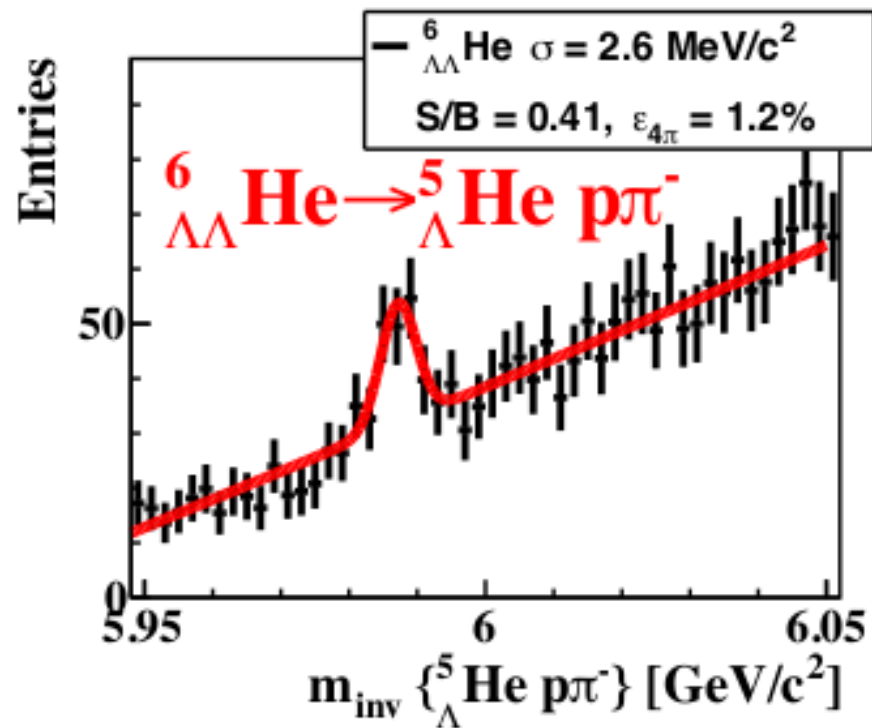
10 A GeV/c central Au+Au collisions



Reconstruction via $\mu^+\mu^-$ decay channel

- Clear signal peak \rightarrow feasible detection
- Detectors: STS+MuCh+TRD
- Expected yield:
~ 30K J/ψ in 4 weeks @ $R_{int} = 10$ MHz

Hypernuclei and multi-strange hadrons



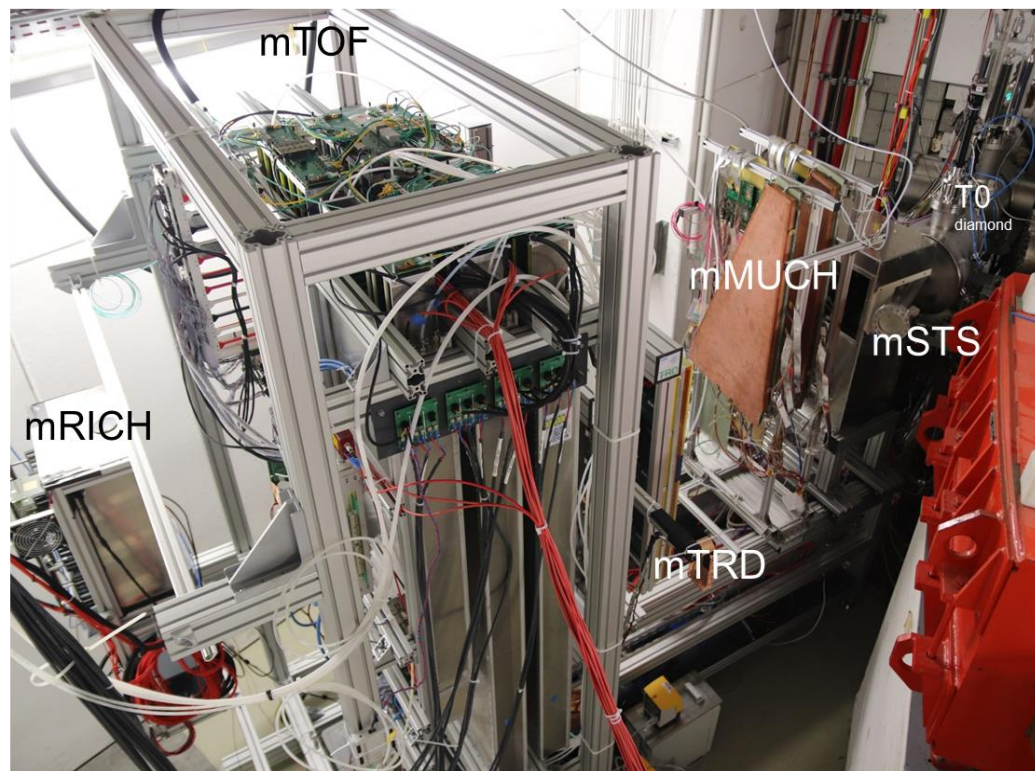
CBM simulation (UrQMD)

Au+Au @ 10A GeV/c mbias, 10^{12} events

CBM simulation (UrQMD)

Au+Au @ 10A GeV/c central, 5M events

mCBM @ GSI/SIS18



Data analysis ongoing:

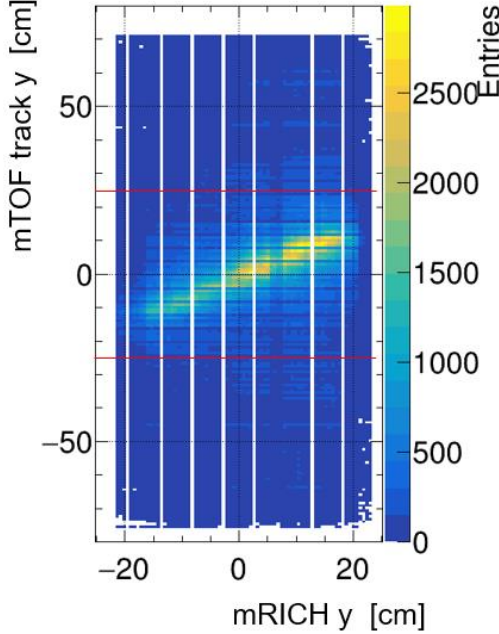
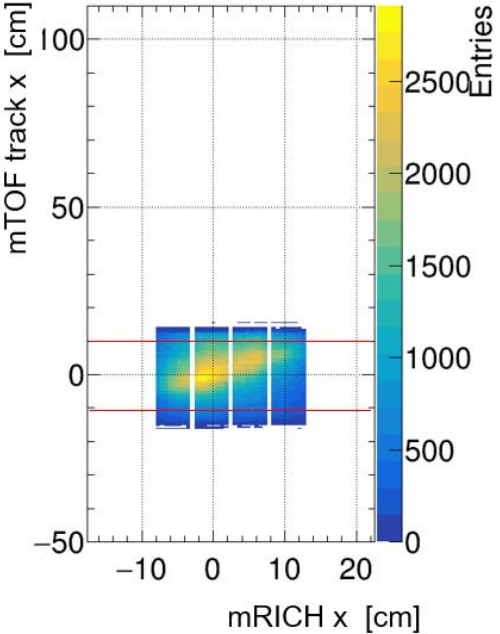
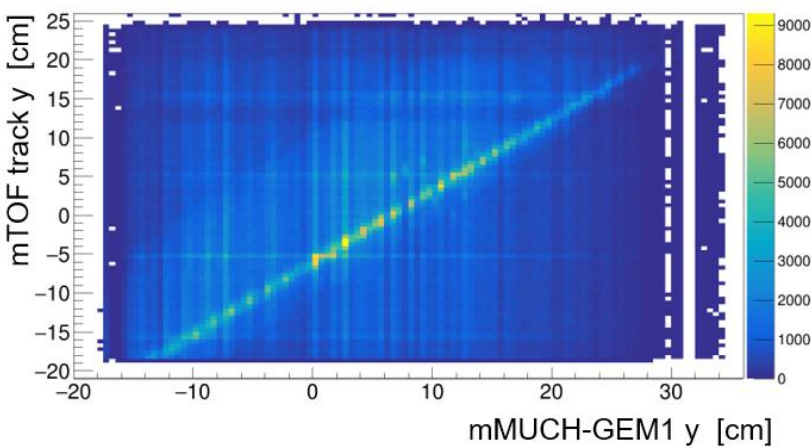
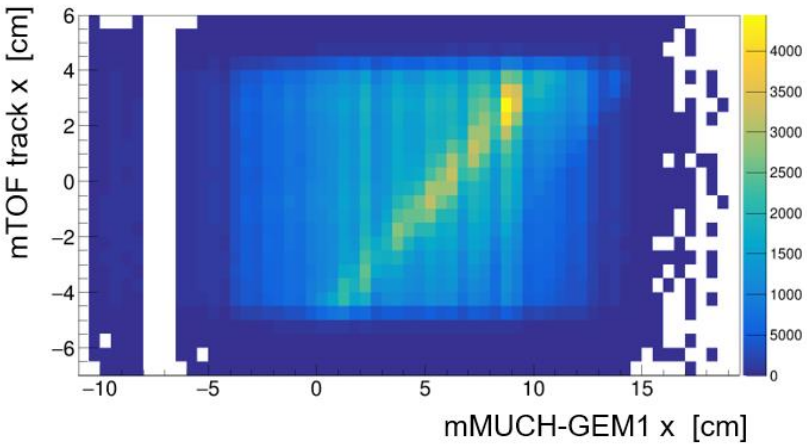
Data transport of all subsystems in a common, synchronized data stream

Collision rate up to 10 MHz for Ag+Ag collisions
(1 MHz for Pb+Pb) -> CBM conditions reached!

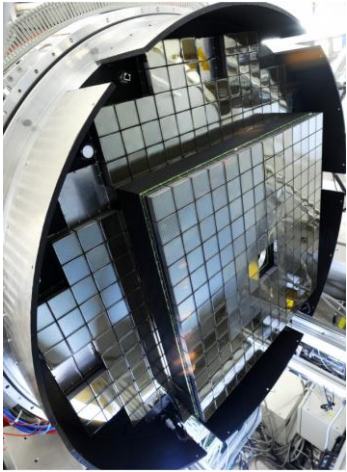
Observed time and spatial correlations between detector subsystems:

First steps towards verification of the triggerless-streaming DAQ system of CBM

mCBM: Preliminary results



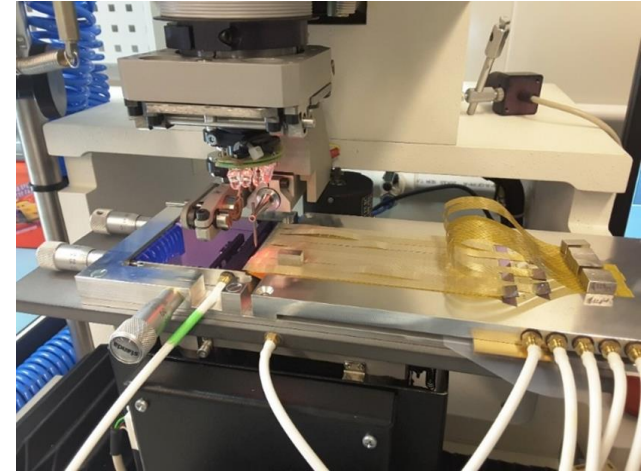
Gearing up for beam on target



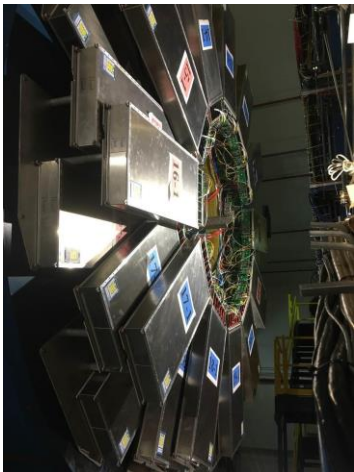
RICH @ HADES



PSD @ NA61/SHINE

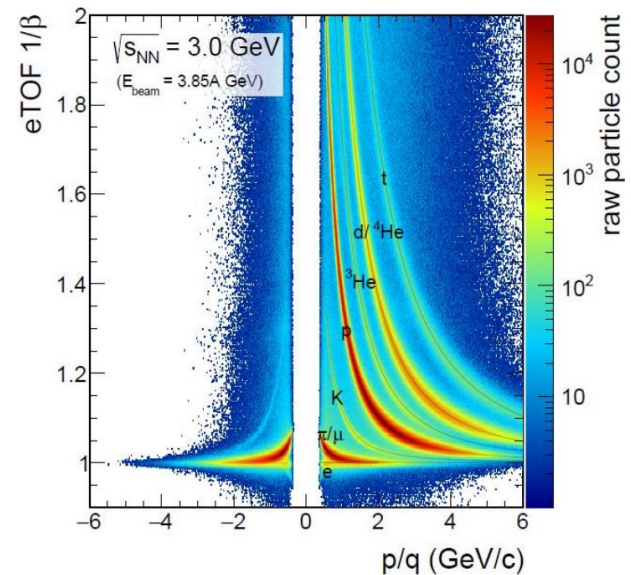
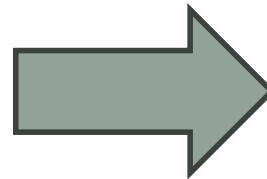


STS @ BM@N



eTOF @ STAR

3 layers
12 sectors
36 modules
108 MRPCs
6912 channels



Summary and outlook

- ✓ Core of the neutron stars have high enough baryon density to create deconfined state of matter.
- ✓ Recorded neutron star merger events and further observed astrophysical events have generated renewed interest in the field.
- ✓ Matter existing in the core of a neutron star could be accessed through ultra-relativistic heavy-ion collisions.
- ✓ With unprecedented interaction rates CBM@FAIR has unique opportunity to study this with high precision.
- ✓ CBM is set to shed more lights onto the QCD phase diagram e.g. location of critical point and order of phase transition.
- ✓ Almost all key probes such as EoS, temperature, in-medium modification of hadron mass, criticality, vorticity, production of charmonium are part of CBM physics program.
- ✓ Promising p+A programs at CBM using SIS100

So, stay tuned!

My talk is a work of many ...



You are welcome to join!

