

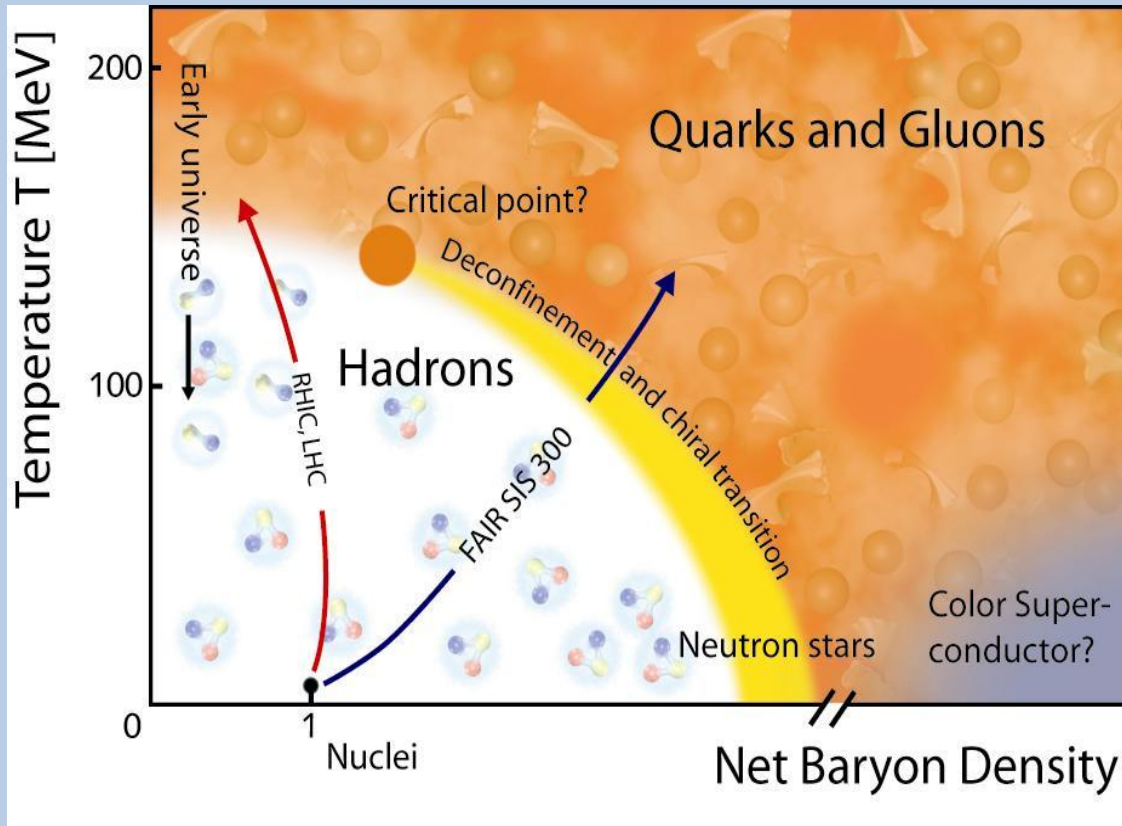


Heavy Flavour Perspectives With the CBM Experiment

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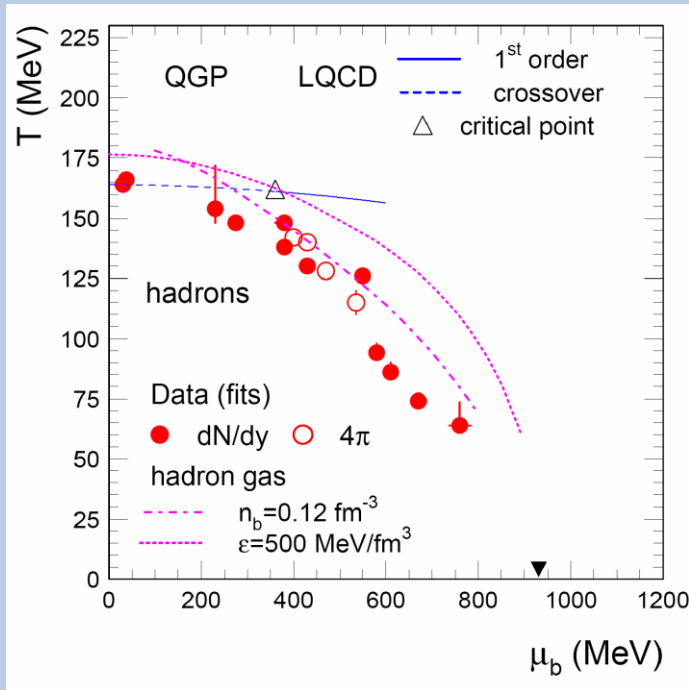
QCD Phase Diagram: Canonical View



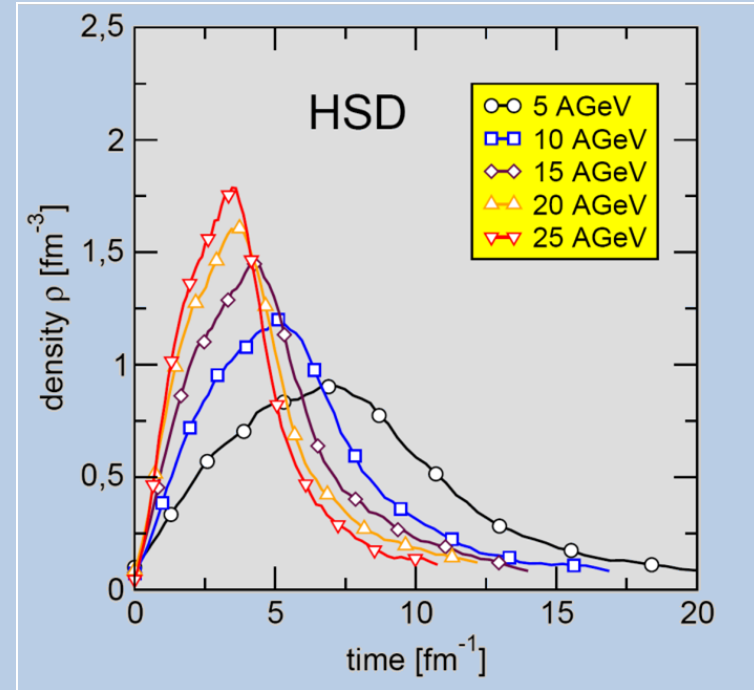
- $\mu_b = 0$: crossover from hadronic to partonic medium
- RHIC + LHC domain: study the properties of the deconfined medium at highest available energy densities
- Transition to partonic medium also expected for lower temperature but high baryon densities

Accessing Dense QCD Matter

A. Andronic et al., Phys. Lett. B 673 (2009)



E. Bratkovskaya, W. Cassing

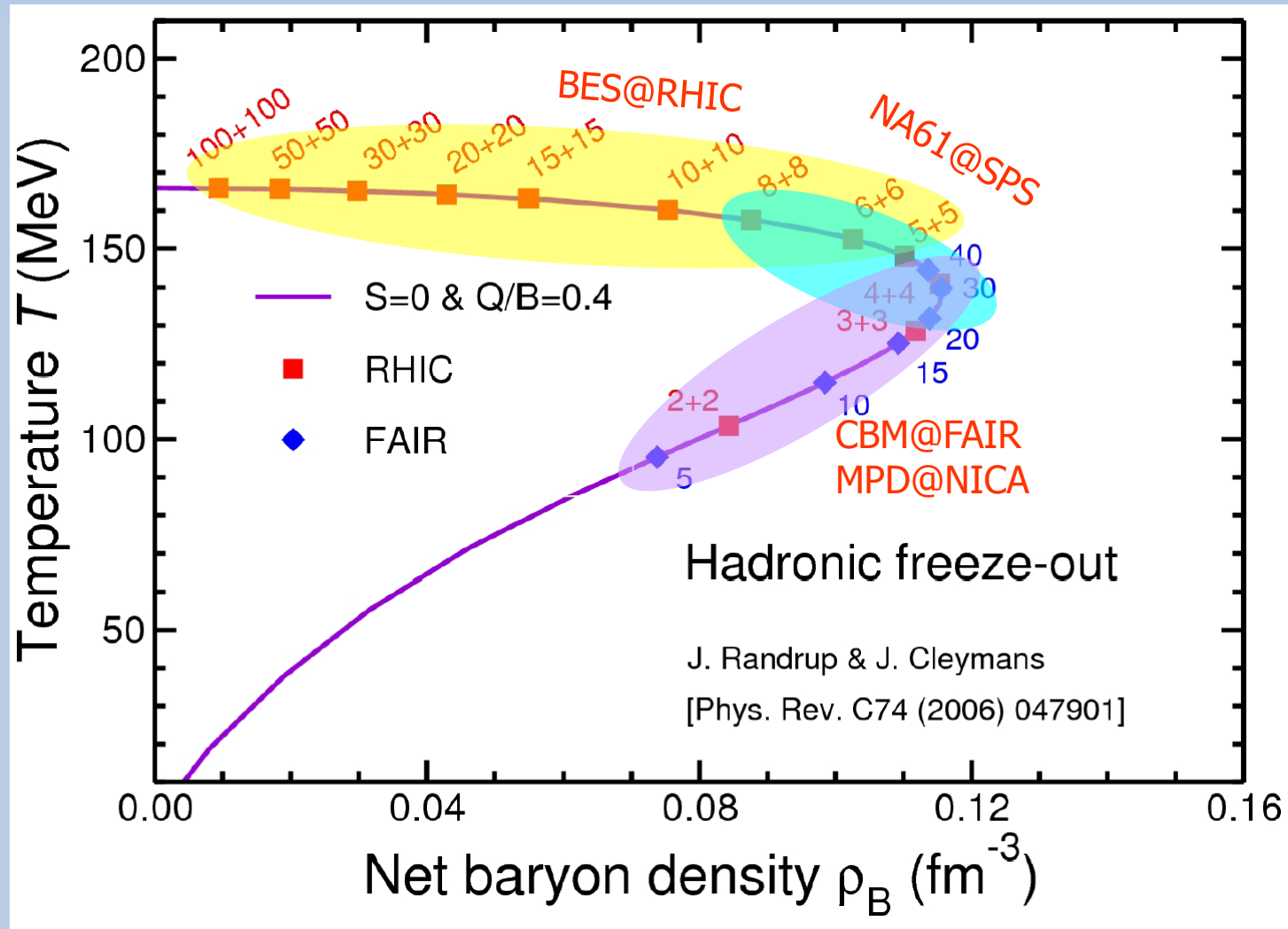


Freeze-out points from hadron gas models

Hadronic transport

The high density regime of QCD is accessible with heavy-ion collisions at moderate collisions energies.

Covering the High Density Regime



Maximal net-baryon density (from hadron gas model): $E_{\text{beam}} \approx 30A \text{ GeV}$ ($v_{s_{NN}} \approx 8 \text{ GeV}$)

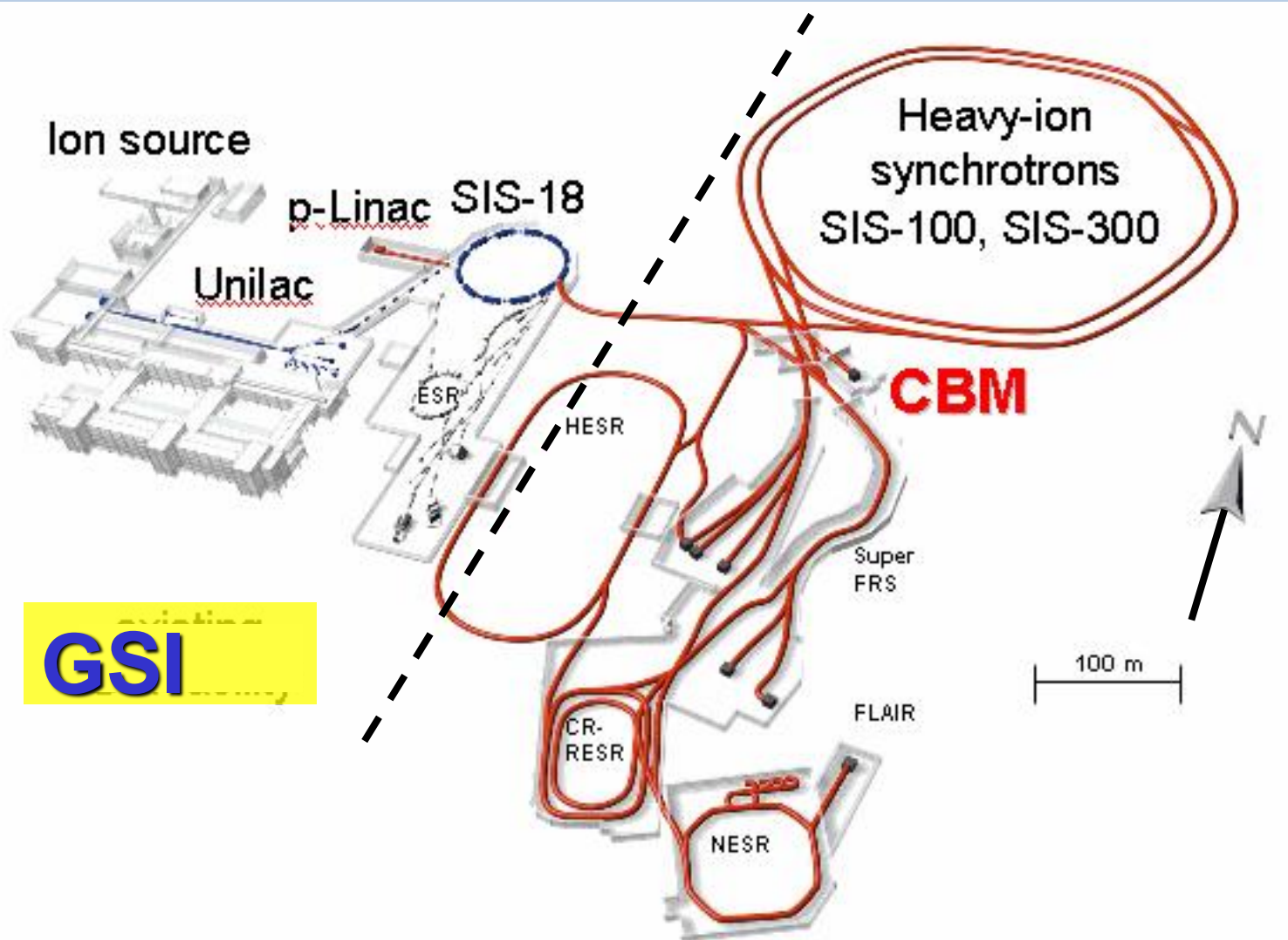
Experimental Programmes

| | Fixed Target | Collider |
|------------------------------------|---|--|
| Existing | NA61 @ CERN-SPS $E_{\text{beam}} = 20 - 160 \text{ AGeV}$ $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 6.4 - 17.4 \text{ GeV}$ | BES @ BNL-RHIC $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 7 - 200 \text{ GeV}$ |
| Planned / Under Constuction | CBM @ GSI-FAIR $E_{\text{beam}} = 2 - 35 \text{ AGeV}$ $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 2.7 - 8.3 \text{ GeV}$ | MPD @ JINR-NICA $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 4 - 11 \text{ GeV}$ |

Pioneering: AGS (2 – 11 AGeV), NA49 (20 – 158 AGeV)

but only first glance with limited phase space and/or statistics

The FAIR Project



SIS-100/300:

protons:

max: 90 GeV

ions:

max. 45 GeV

up to $Z/A=0.5$

(35 AGeV Au)

intensities:

up to 10^9 ions

per second at

CBM

The FAIR Project

Facility for Anti-Proton and Ion Research

At GSI, Darmstadt

Hadron physics
with anti-proton
beams

Nuclear structure
physics with rare
isotope beams

Plasma physics
with short-pulsed
heavy-ion beams

Atomic physics with
highly charged ions
and low-energy
anti-protons

Nuclear collisions:
CBM
Ion beams $10^9/s$
10 – 45 AGeV



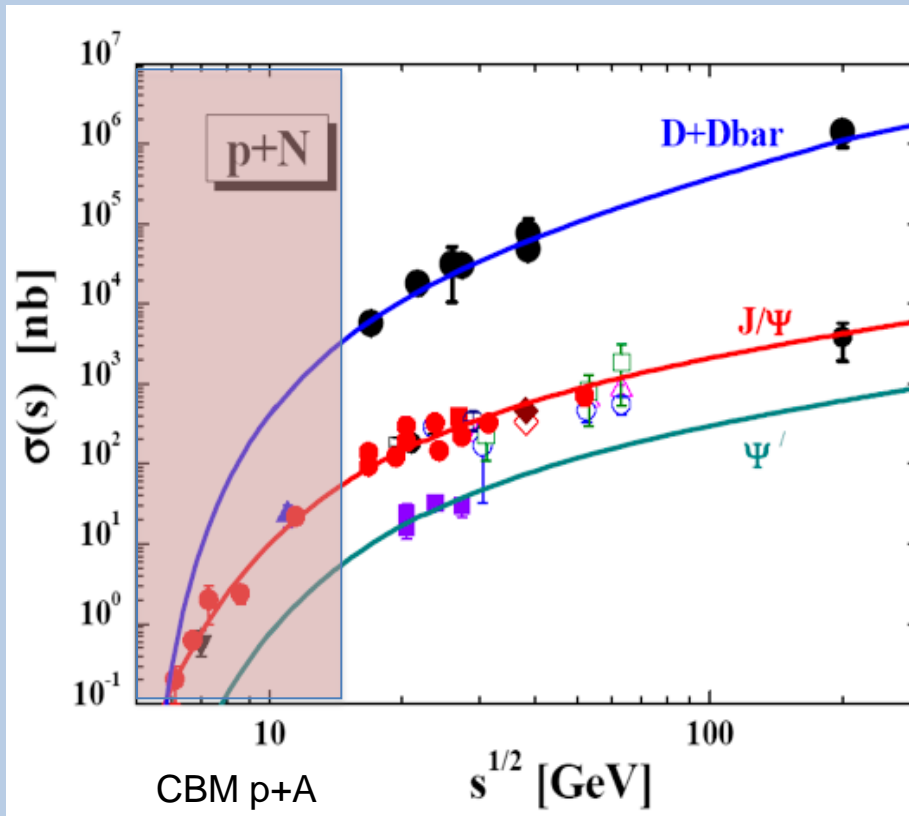
operation from 2018 on

Exploring Dense Matter

- Only vague guidance by theory:
 - present lattice QCD does not extend into this regime
 - rely on effective QCD models
- Characterise the medium systematically in terms of collision energy and system size:
 - strangeness, charm, flow, fluctuations
- Look for discontinuities signalling phase transitions or critical behaviour

The Role of Charm

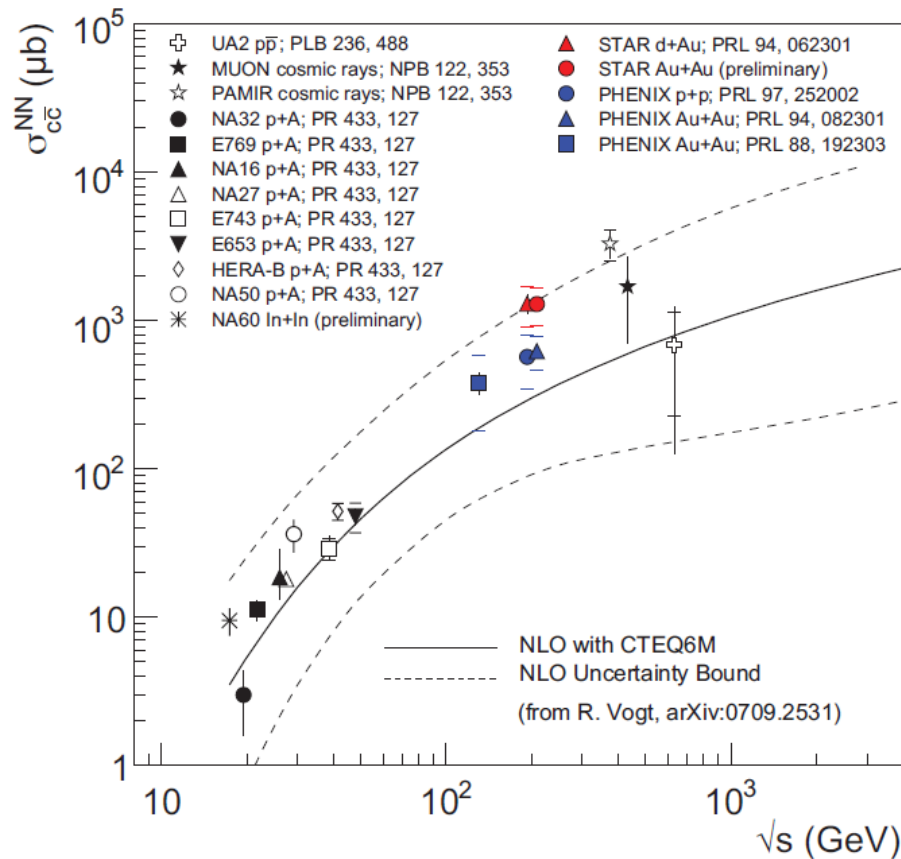
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- Close to kinematic production threshold: total charm cross section experimentally unknown
- Both hidden and open charm are expected to contribute to the total charm production
- Predictions for A+A rely on parametrisation of experimental data: large uncertainties towards threshold

The Unknown Territory

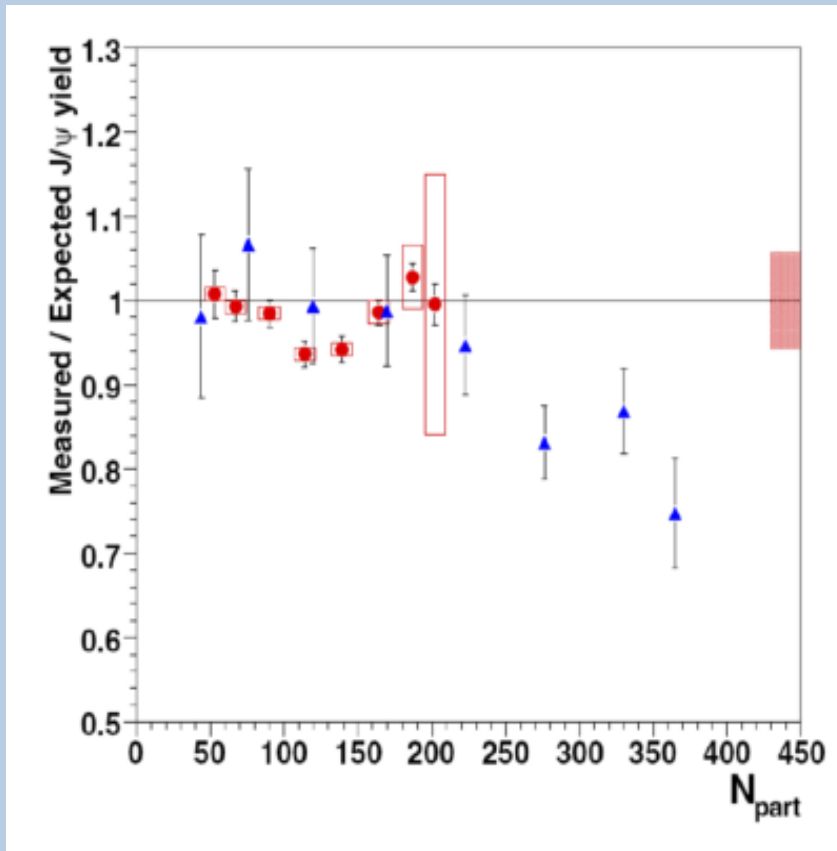
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- Large uncertainties in pQCD
- Experimental data close to threshold highly desirable
- No p+N data below 20 GeV
- No A+A data below top SPS (charmonium) / RHIC (open charm)

Charmonium: The QGP Signal

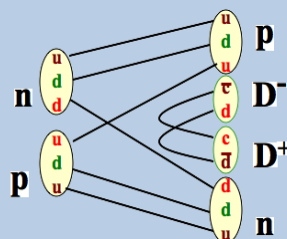
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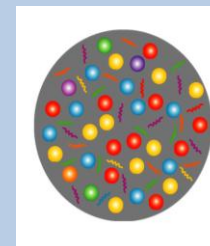
- Dissociation of bound c-cbar pairs due to Debye screening in presence of free colour charges
- Anomalous suppression (on top of nuclear absorption): observed first at SPS for most central Pb+Pb
- Many discussion, many effects (comover absorption, regeneration)
- Precision reference data in p+A indispensable
- Stays a prime messenger of a deconfined phase
- Can we see an onset of J/ψ suppression at lower energies?

Scenarios of Charm Production in A+A

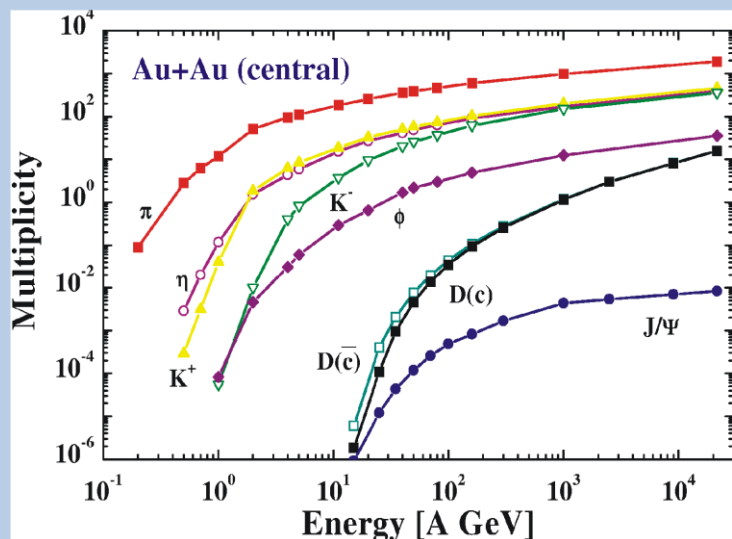
hadronic



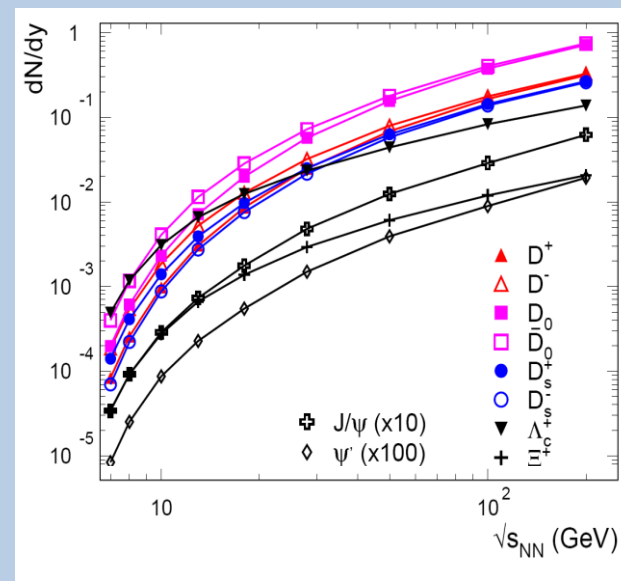
partonic:
pQCD +
statistical
hadronisation



W. Cassing et al., Nucl. Phys. A 691 (2001) 753

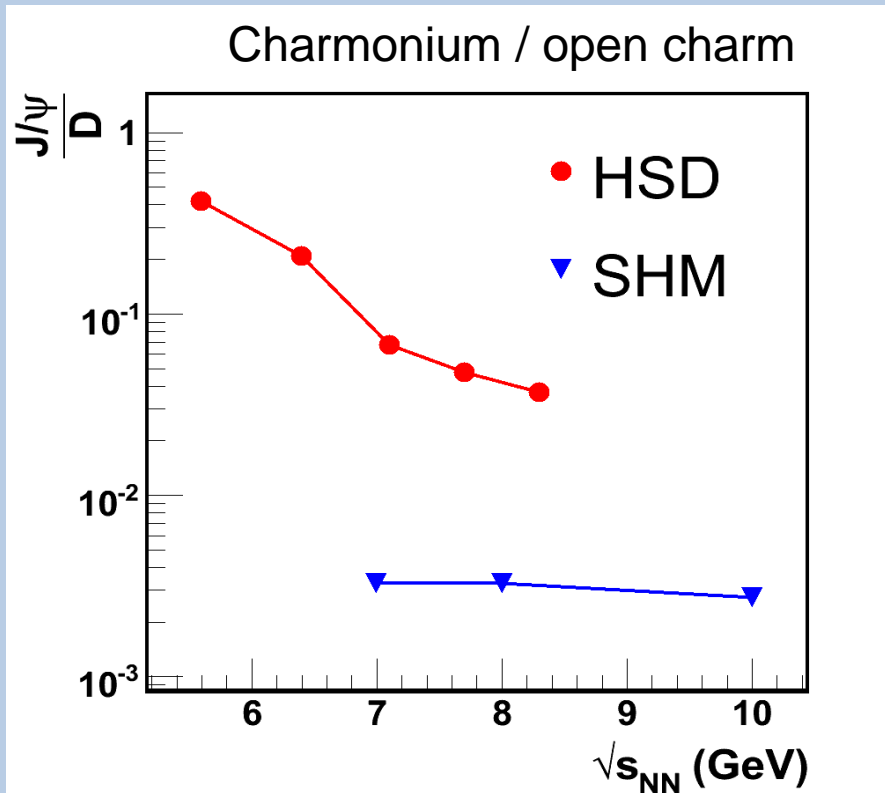


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Quite different predictions from hadronic and partonic models:
charm production is sensitive to the phase of matter

Predictions of Charm Production



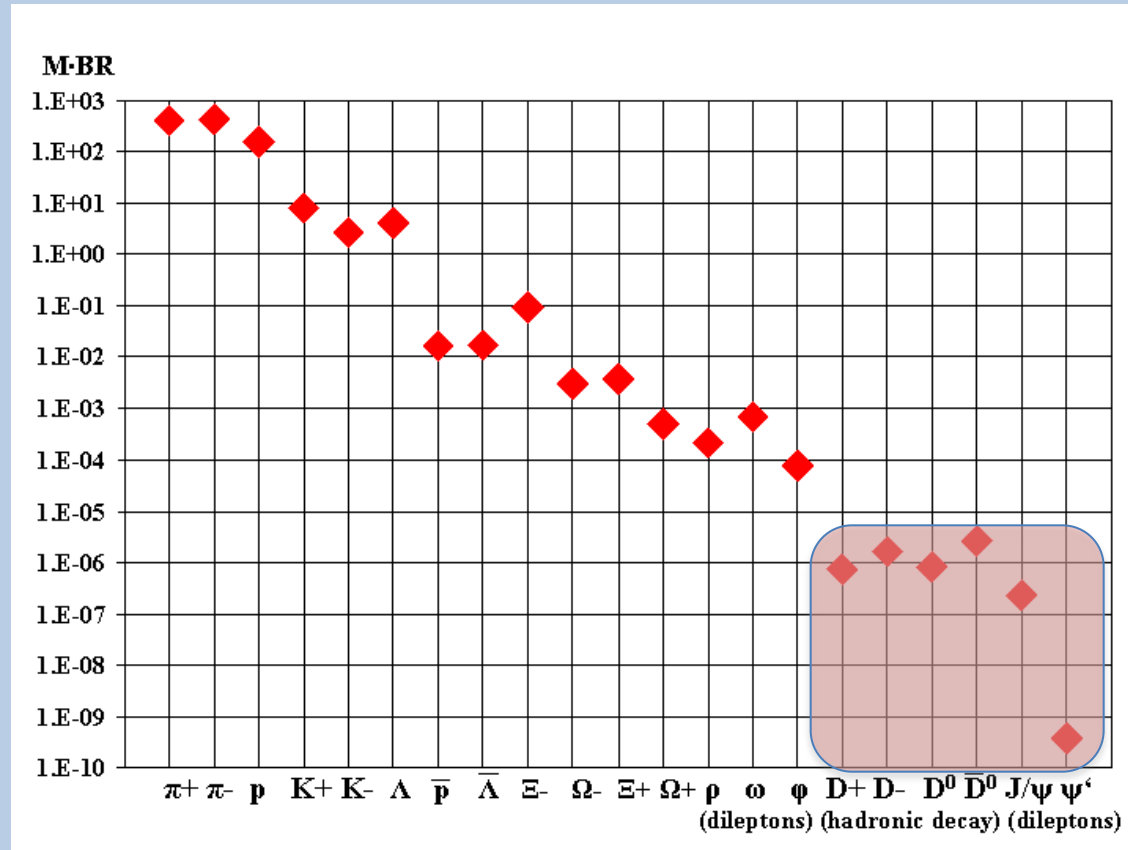
The ratio of hidden to open charm seems a very promising probe of the production process!

HSD: O. Linnyk et al., Nucl. Phys. A786 (2007) 183

SHM: A. Andronic et al., Phys. Lett. B 659 (2008) 149

Charm as a Challenge

Yield predictions for central Au+Au @ 25A GeV (HSD / thermal model)



At the energies under debate, charmed hadrons are extremely rare – $O(10^{-6})$

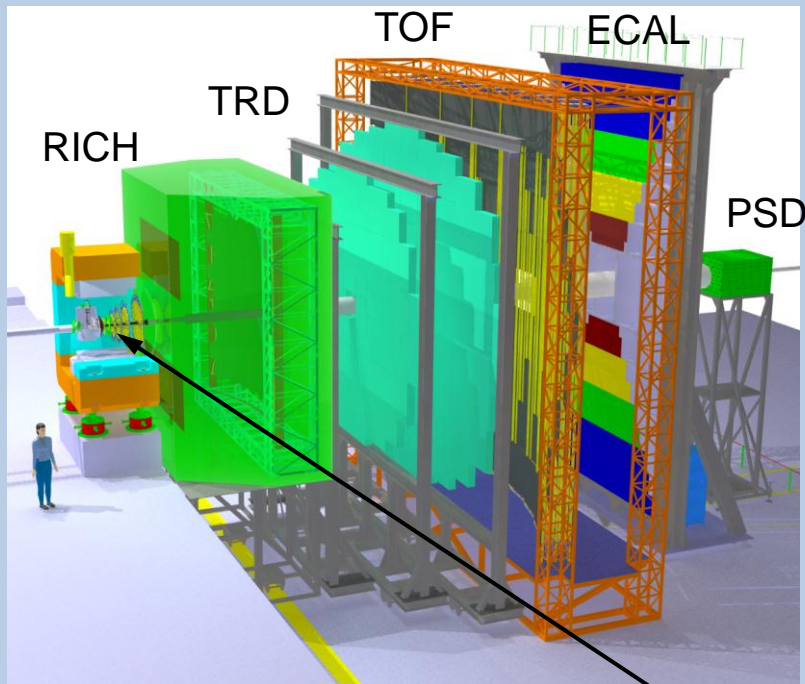
Are they experimentally accessible?

Rare Probes, High Rates

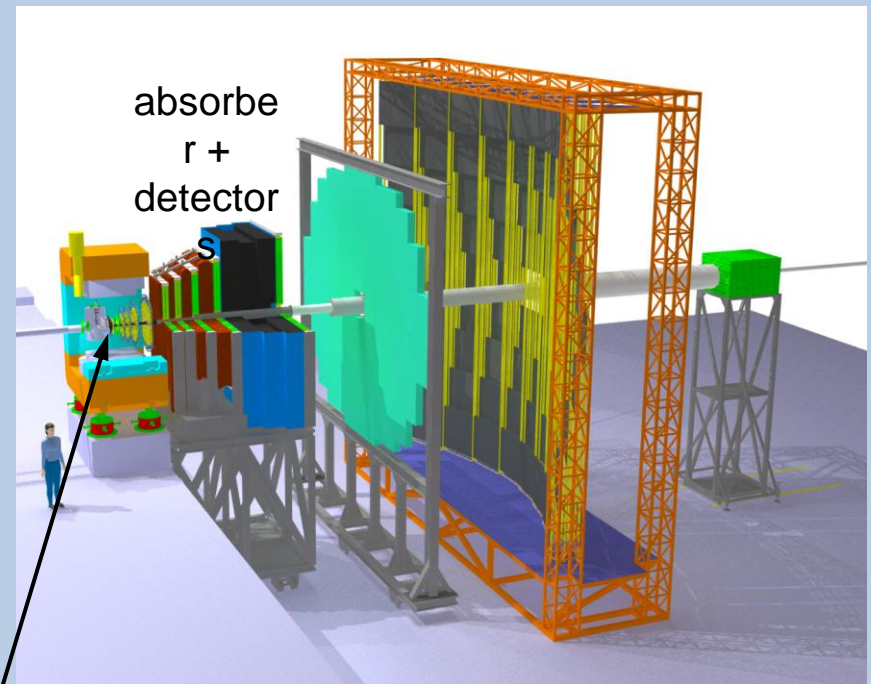
- The key to charm at FAIR energies is a high-rate experiment
 - typical rates of existing experiments: several 100 Hz
 - MHz rates nothing special in particle physics experiments
 - what prevents us from doing a MHz heavy-ion experiment?
- What we need:
 - fast and rate-capable detectors
 - fast read-out electronics
 - radiation-hard detectors and electronics
 - high-throughput data acquisition and efficient online data selection

CBM: experimental setup

Electron + Hadron setup



Muon setup



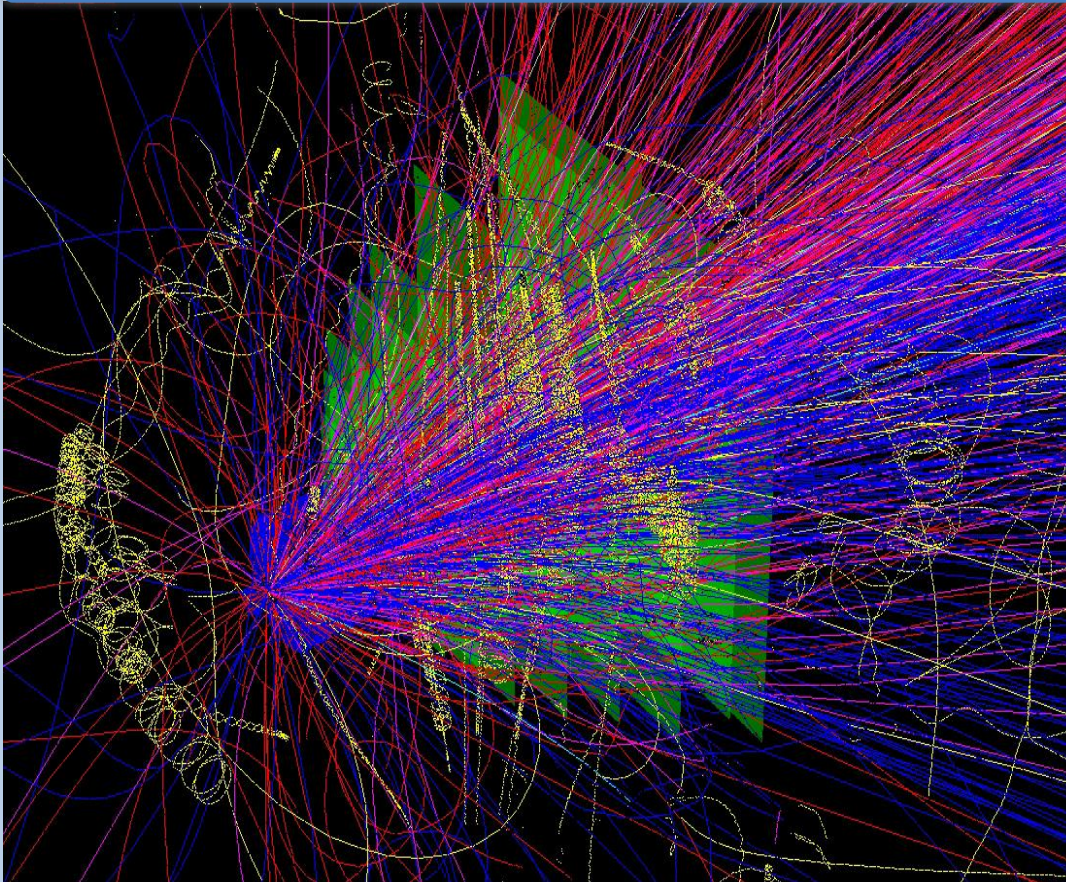
STS+MVD

Detector systems

- Main tracking device: STS
 - low-mass silicon strip detectors in magnetic dipole field
 - tracking efficiency > 90 %
 - momentum resolution $\approx 1\%$
- Micro-vertex detector for open charm: MVD
 - low-mass silicon pixel detector close to the target
 - high precision (resolution $\approx 3 \mu\text{m}$)
- Electron identification: RICH and TRD
 - RICH with CO_2 radiator, two focal planes and MAPMT photo detection
 - several layers of thin TRDs with MWPC readout
- Hadron identification: TOF
 - RPC wall at 10 m flight distance, resolution $< \approx 80 \text{ ps}$
- Muon identification: active absorber system
 - several absorber / GEM detector layers
- ECAL for photon and electron identification
 - lead/scintillator sandwich
- Event characterisation: PSD
 - compensated forward calorimeter

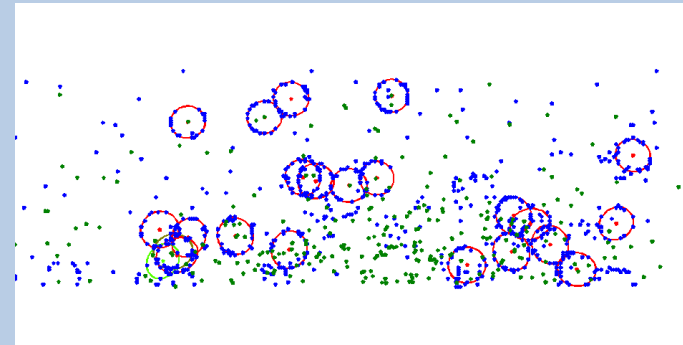
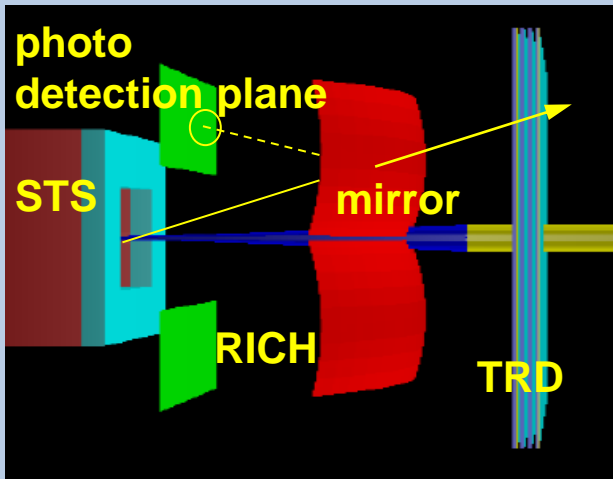
The challenge

Central Au+Au collision at 25A GeV., simulated in the CBM detector

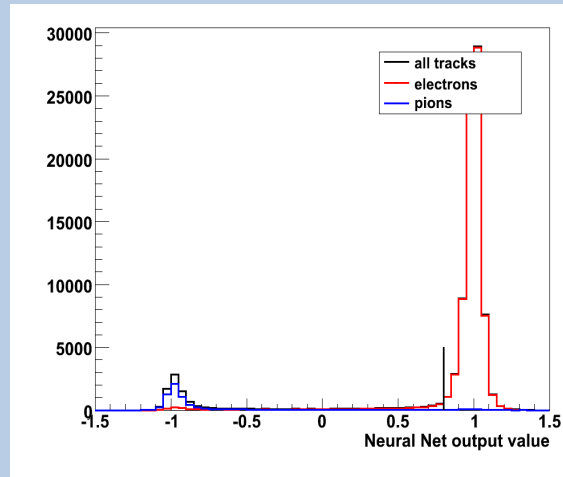
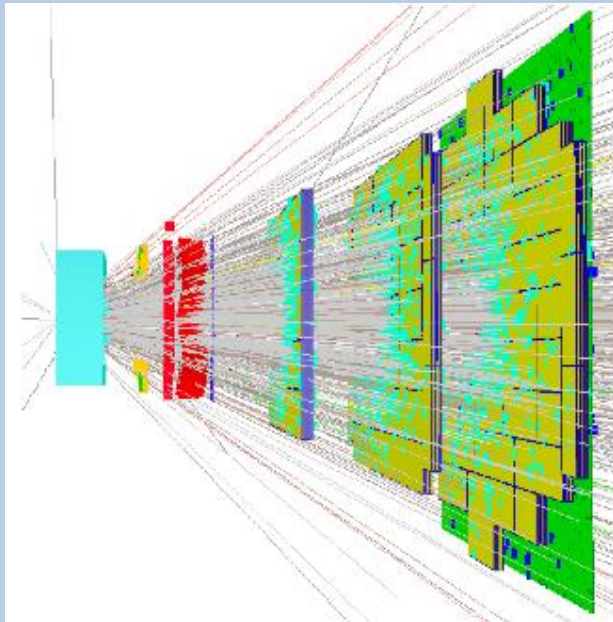


- typical CBM event: about 700 charged tracks in the acceptance
- strong kinematical focusing in the fixed-target setup: high track densities
- up to 10^7 of such events per second
- to be reconstructed precisely, fast and with high efficiency

$$J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$$



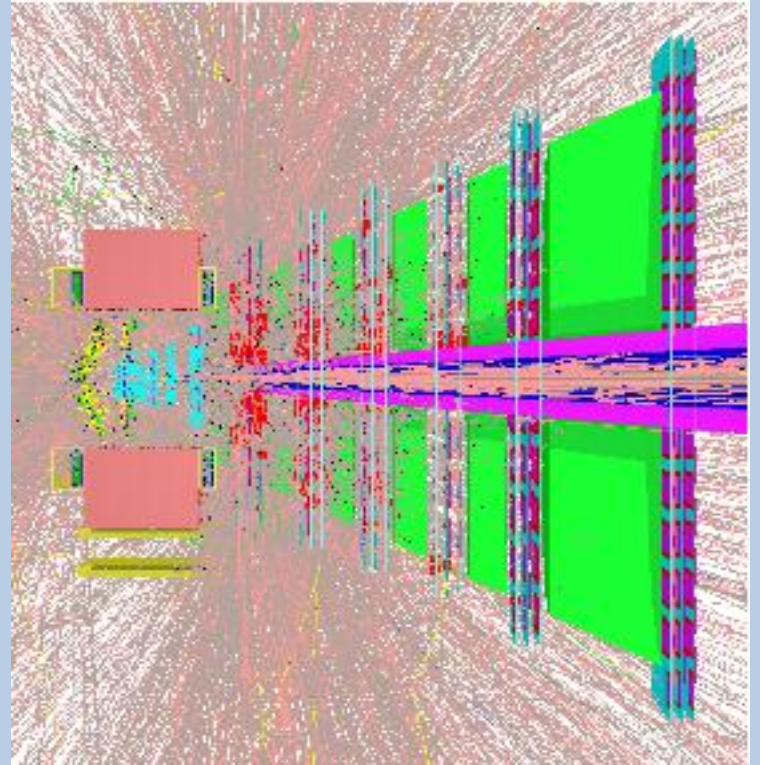
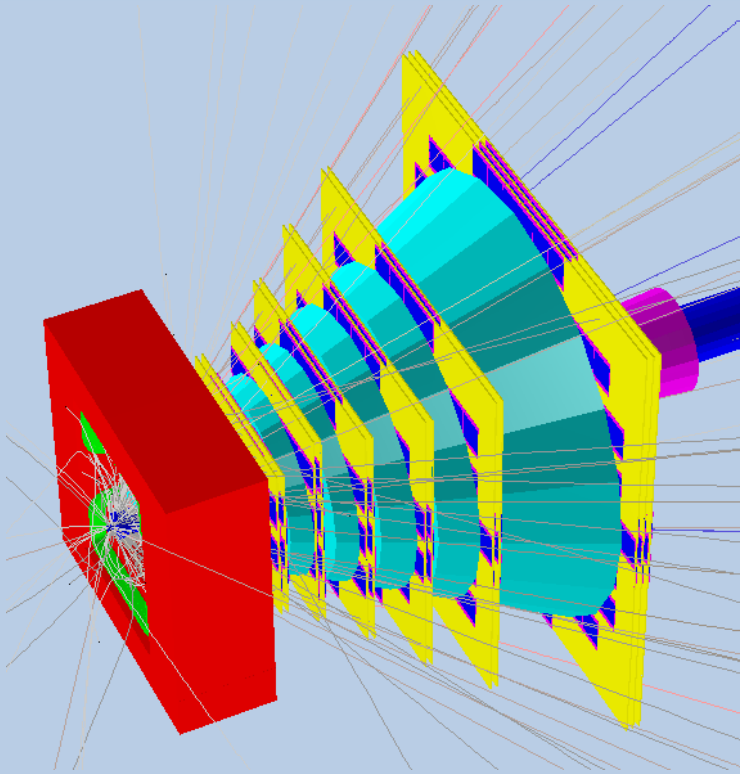
Proximity-focusing RICH with granular MAPMT readout



Combined RICH+TRD
pion suppression $\approx 10^4$

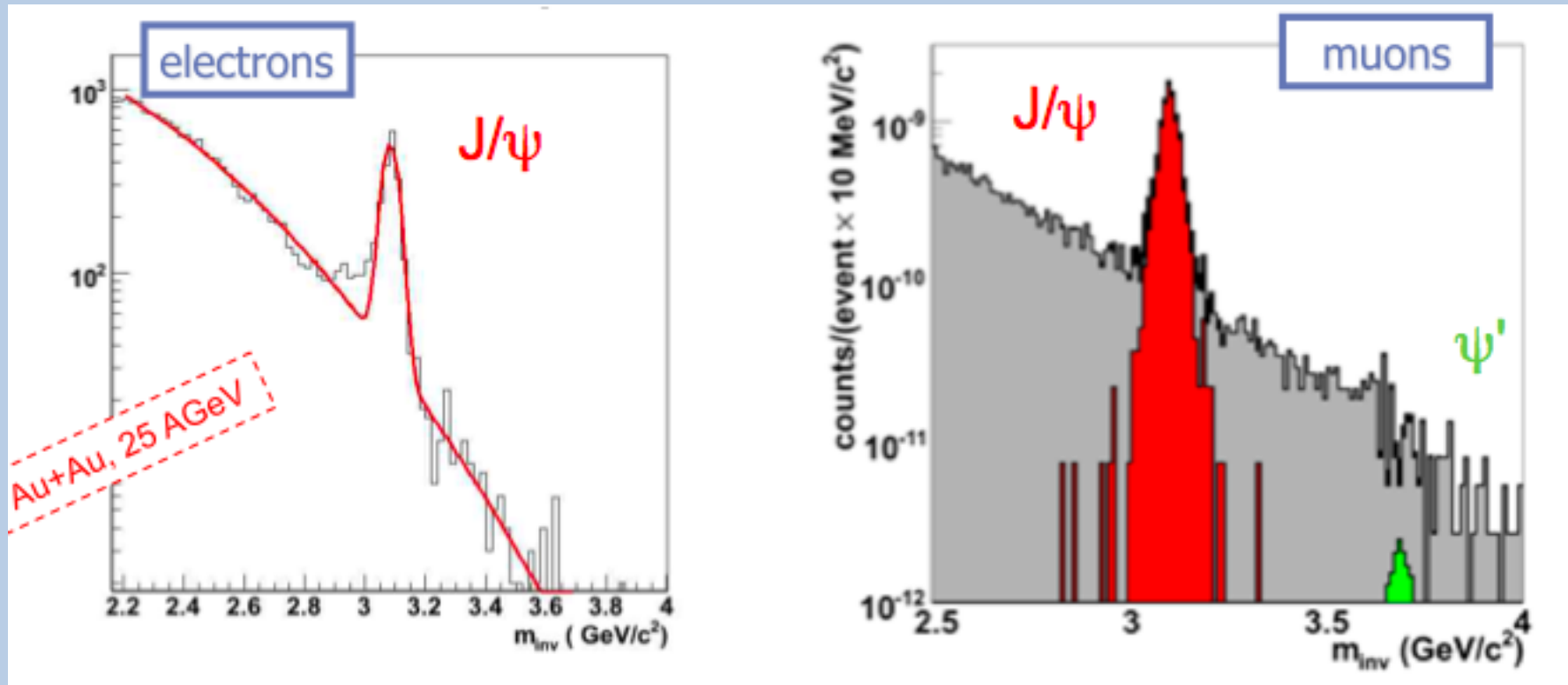
10-layer TRD with MW
pad readout

$$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$$



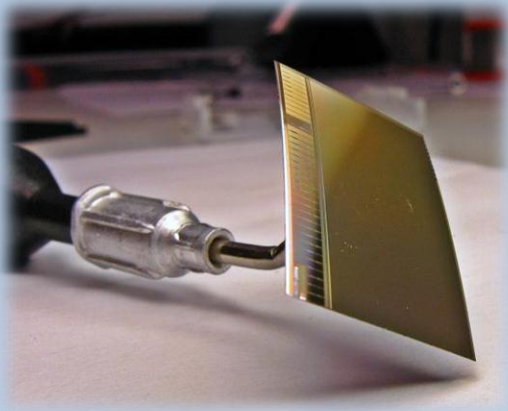
Instrumented absorber (225 cm Fe total, 6 x 3 GEM / straw tube detector layers)
Allows tracking through the system

Performance for Charmonium

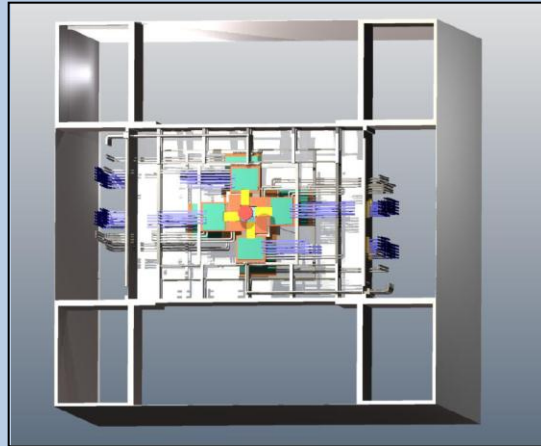


Comparable performance for electron and muon channels
Easier trigger signature for muons

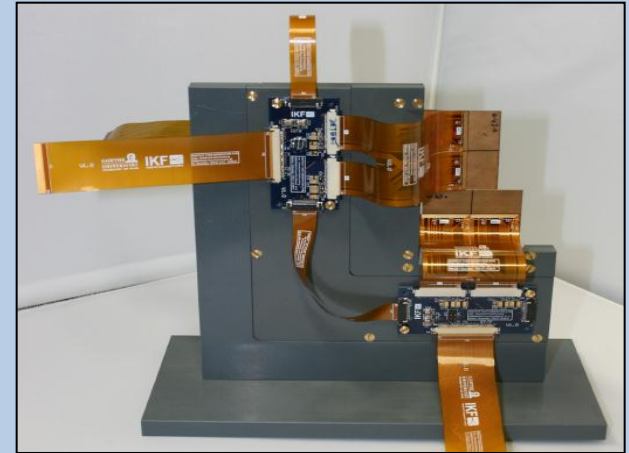
Micro-Vertex Detector



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station design

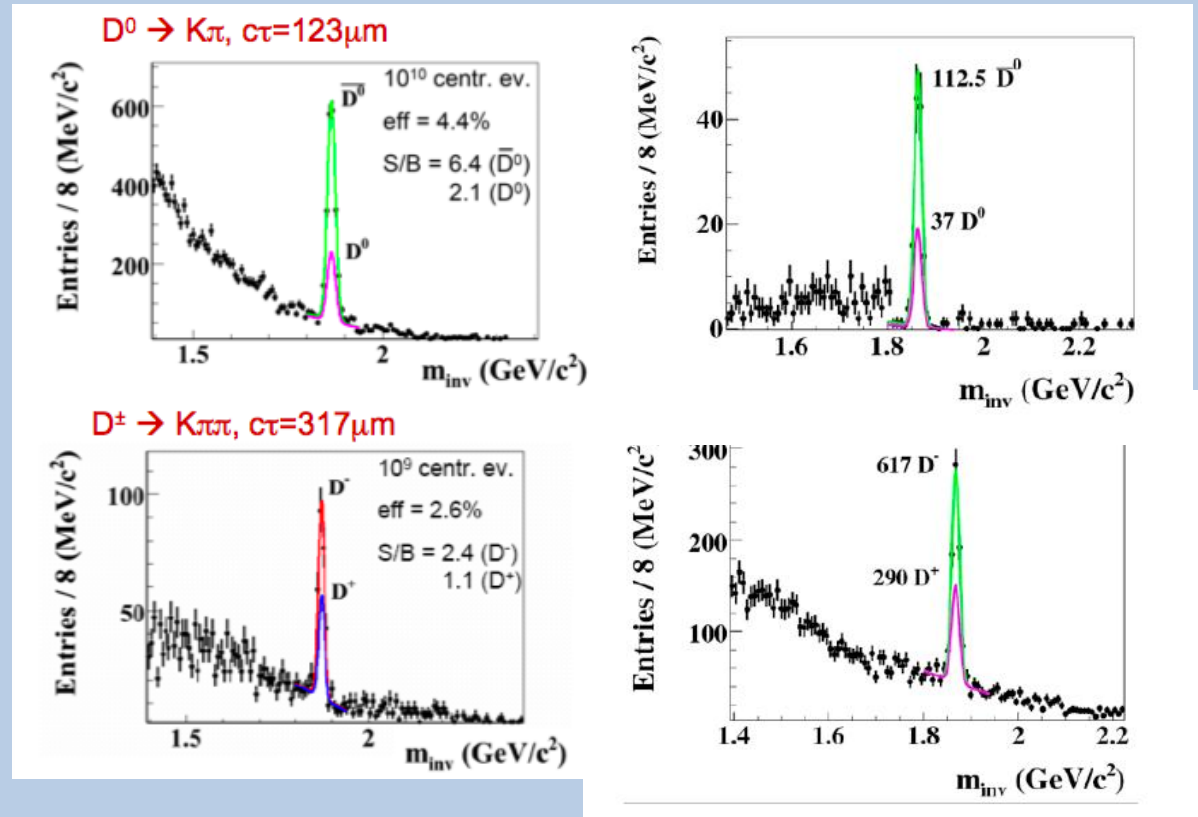
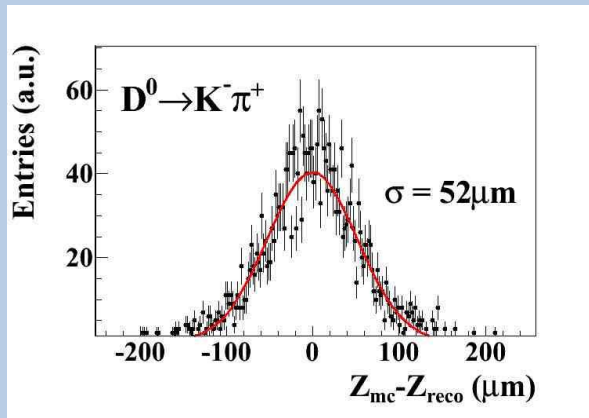


prototype

The key to open charm is a high-precision, ultra low-mass vertex detector

- MAPS: integrated electronics, very low material budget, very precise (3 μm)
- Not intrinsically fast and radiation hard, but tremendous progress: 40 μs r/o frame, stands up to 10^{13} $n_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$
- now almost „state of the art“ (STAR, ALICE. NA61 upgrades)

Performance for Open Charm



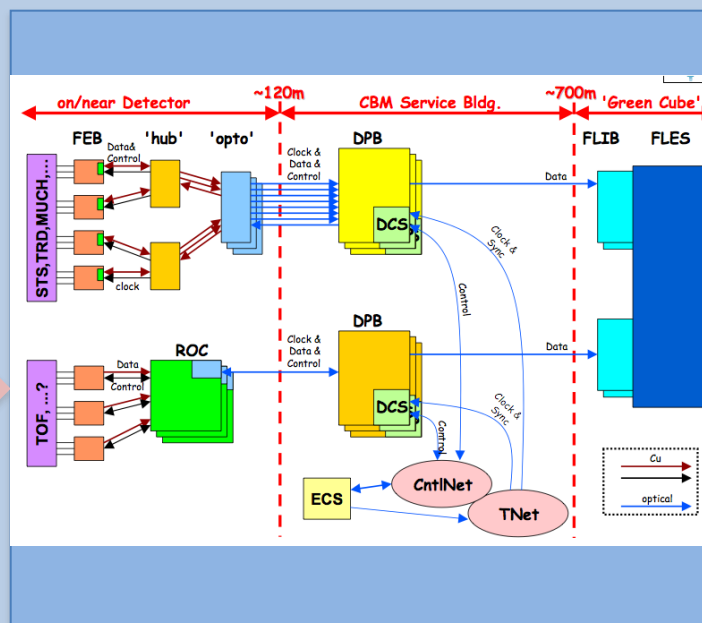
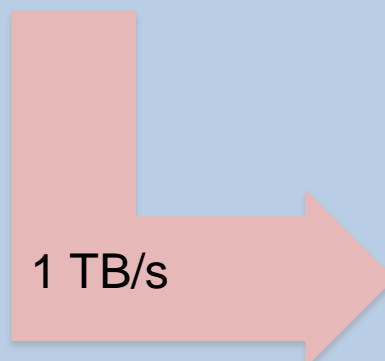
Secondary vertex resolution of $\approx 50 \mu\text{m}$ allows clean separation of open charm signals from combinatorial background

The Big Challenge: Data Reduction



CBM FEE

At 10 MHz, online data reduction by ≈ 1000 is mandatory
Trigger signatures are complex (open charm) and require
partial event reconstruction

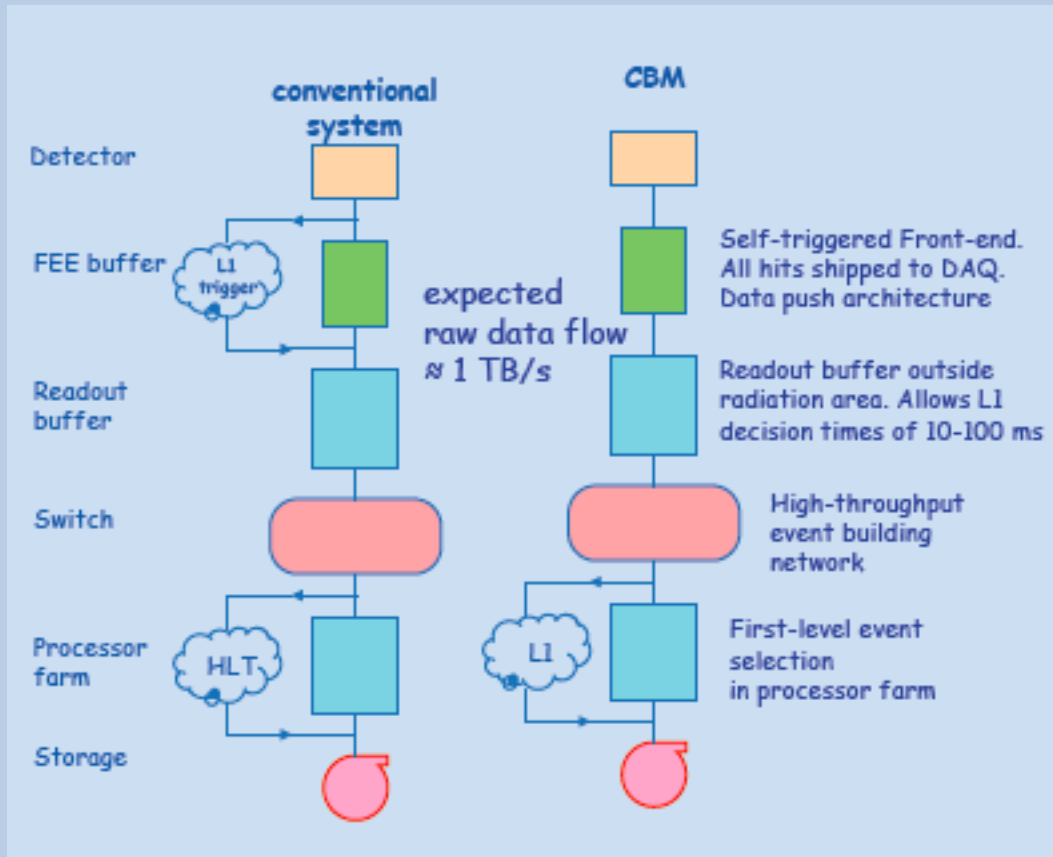


Mass Storage



Need extremely fast reconstruction algorithms!

Free-streaming Data Acquisition



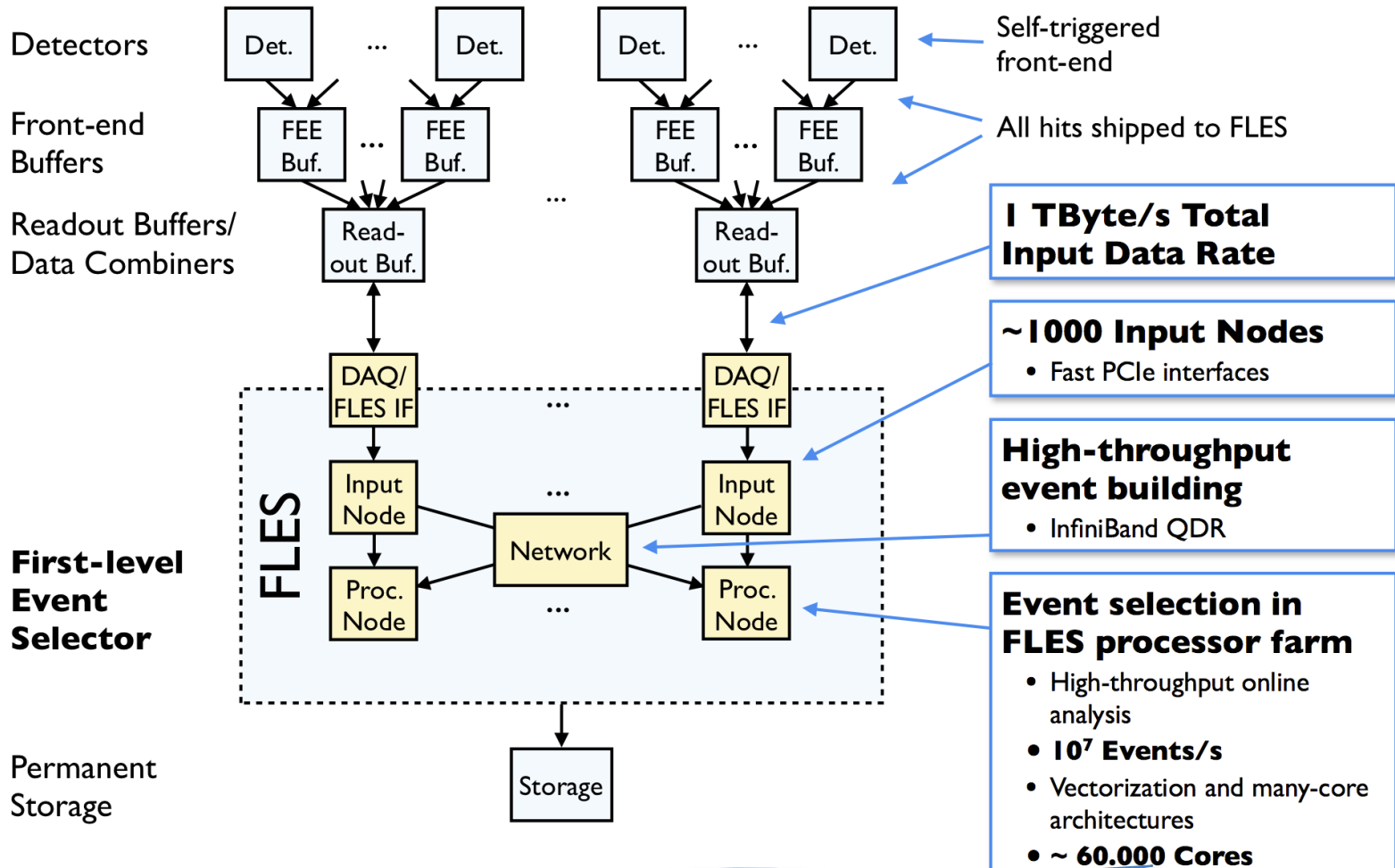
No hardware trigger; self-triggered, autonomous front-end

Signals get time stamp from system clock and are shipped to DAQ as they come

Data association, reconstruction and selection in software on FLES

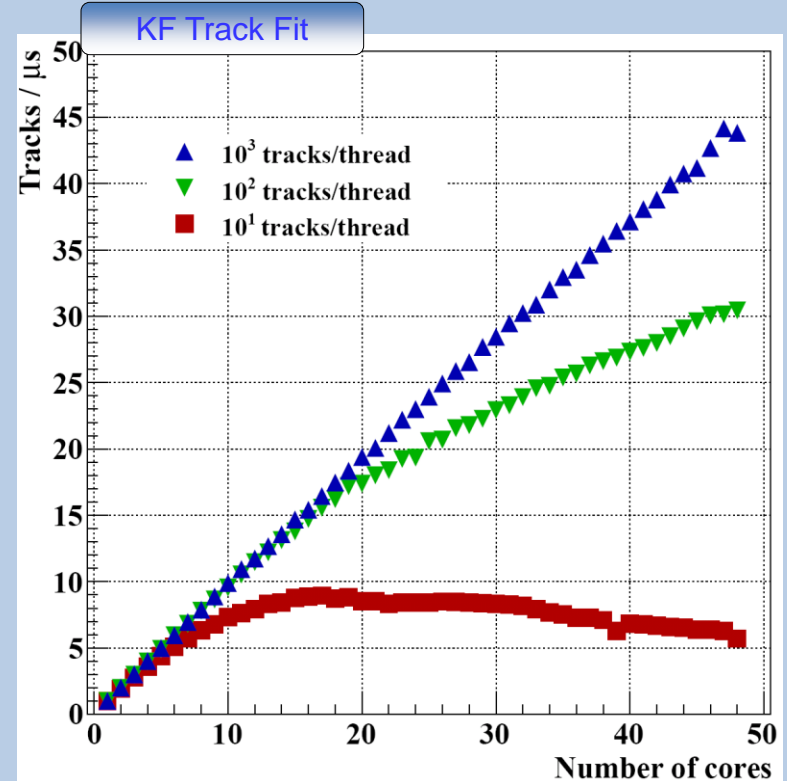
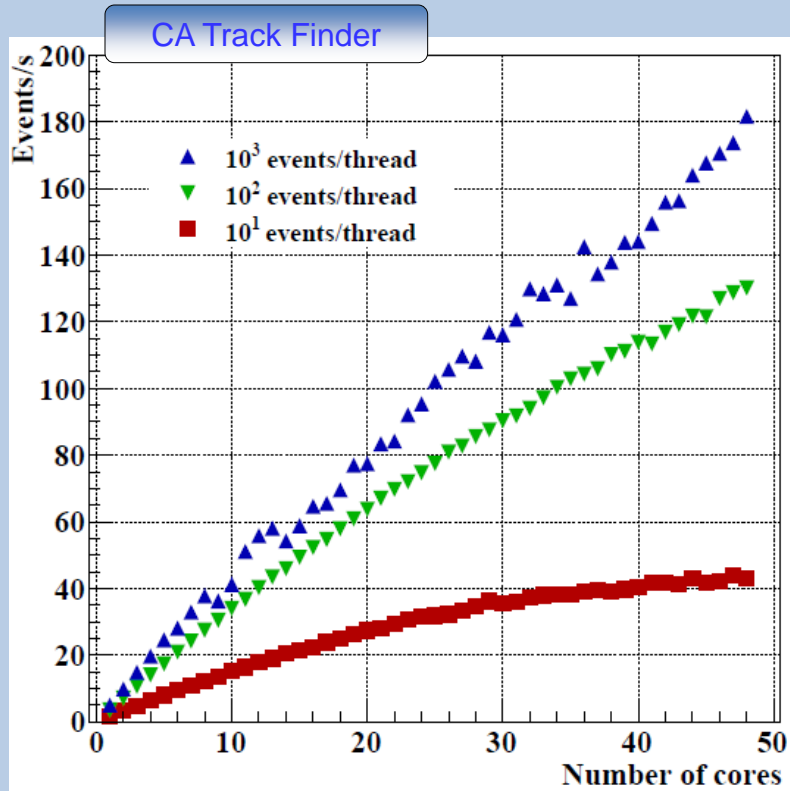
No a-priori association of signals to physical events!
„Event building“ becomes non-trivial at high rates

Online Data Processing



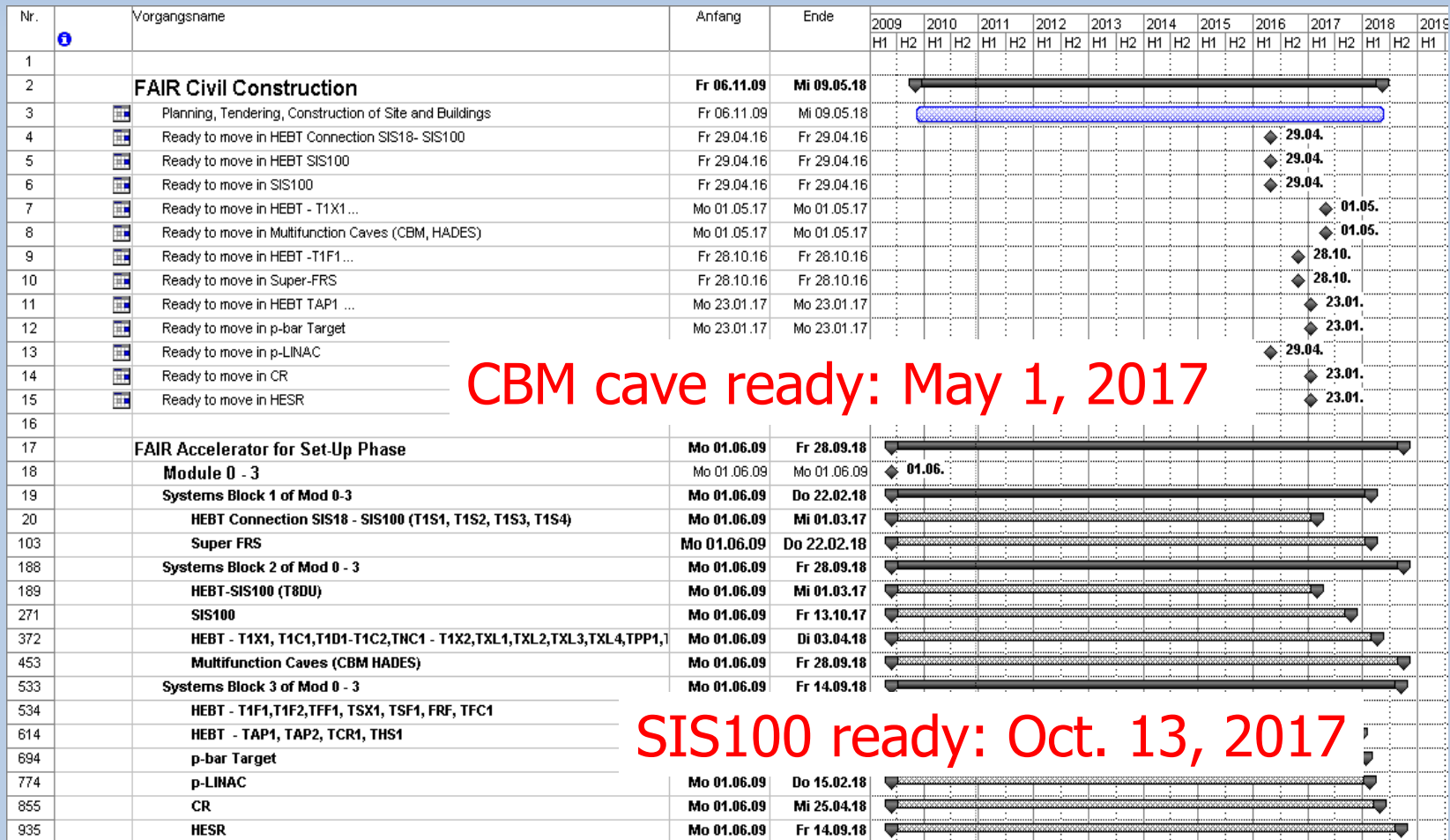
FLES complexity similar to LHCGrid

Fast Reconstruction



Highly parallel reconstruction codes are developed
Many-core scalability was demonstrated
Event reconstruction on ms level is already achieved
Still some way to go though....

CBM Time Line



CBM cave ready: May 1, 2017

SIS100 ready: Oct. 13, 2017

| 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|----------------------------------|------|------|---|------|------|------|-----------------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| R&D detectors & read-out systems | | | construction detectors & read-out systems | | | | installation, commissioning | | first data taking | |

Instead of a Summary....

.... things are moving on!

