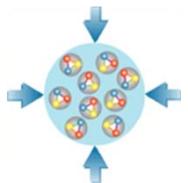


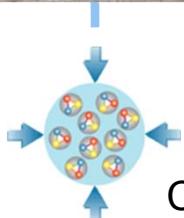
# CBM @ FAIR

Claudia Höhne for the CBM collaboration



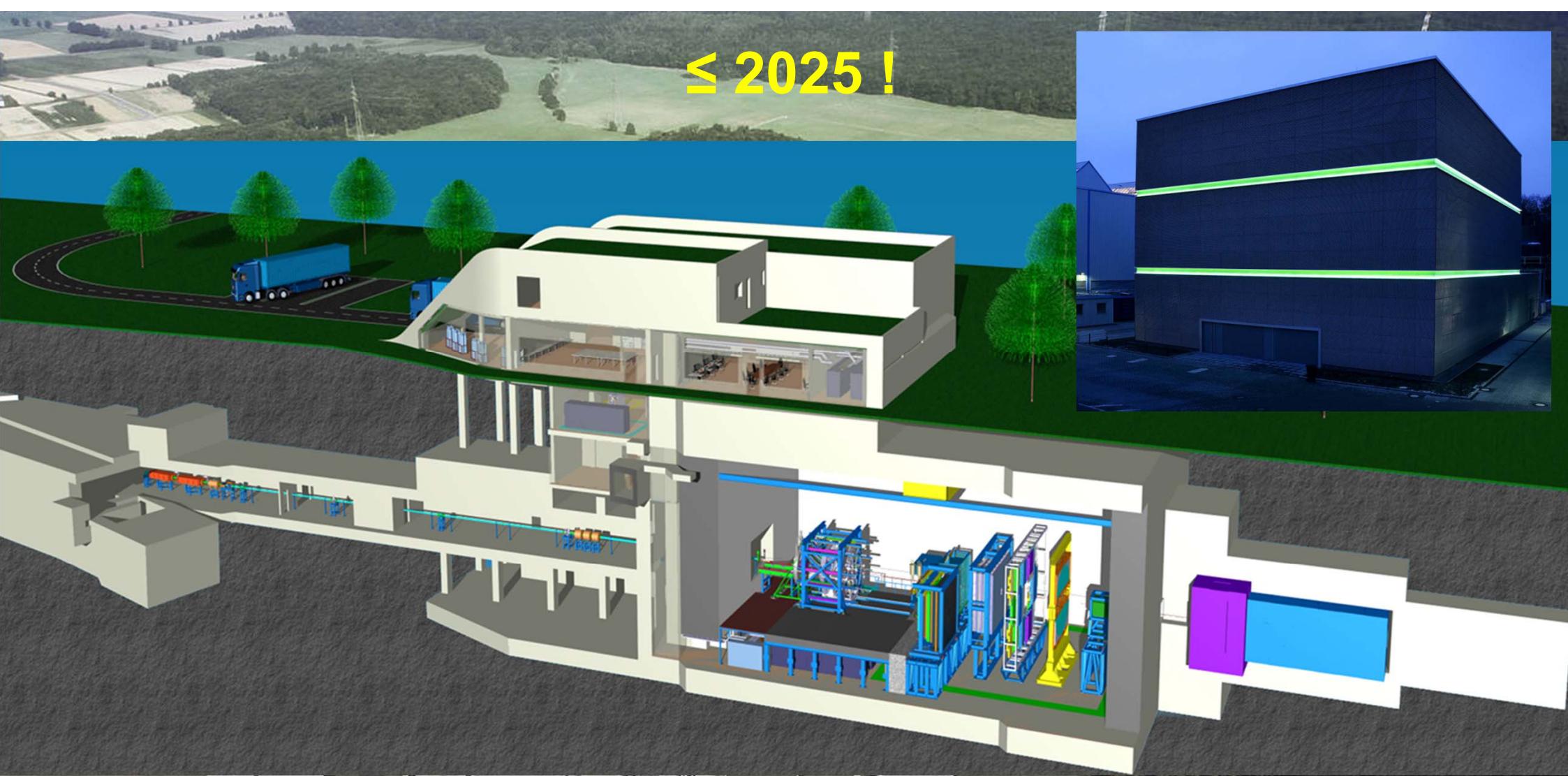
# FAIR Groundbreaking ceremony July 4th, 2017

- Civil construction of SIS 100 tunnel and CBM cave started
- CBM will get first SIS100 beams
- Detector installation/ commissioning 2021 – 2024
- FAIR MSV fully operational 2025 (FAIR phase 0 from 2018 on)



2017





**$\leq 2025 !$**

## **CBM & HADES at SIS 100:**

**Systematic exploration of baryon dominated, high density matter in A+A collisions  
from 2-11 AGeV (Au+Au) beam energy with next generation experiments**

**HADES:** mainly p+p, p+A, low material budget, 20°-85° polar angle, 20 kHz

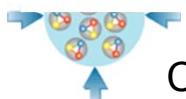
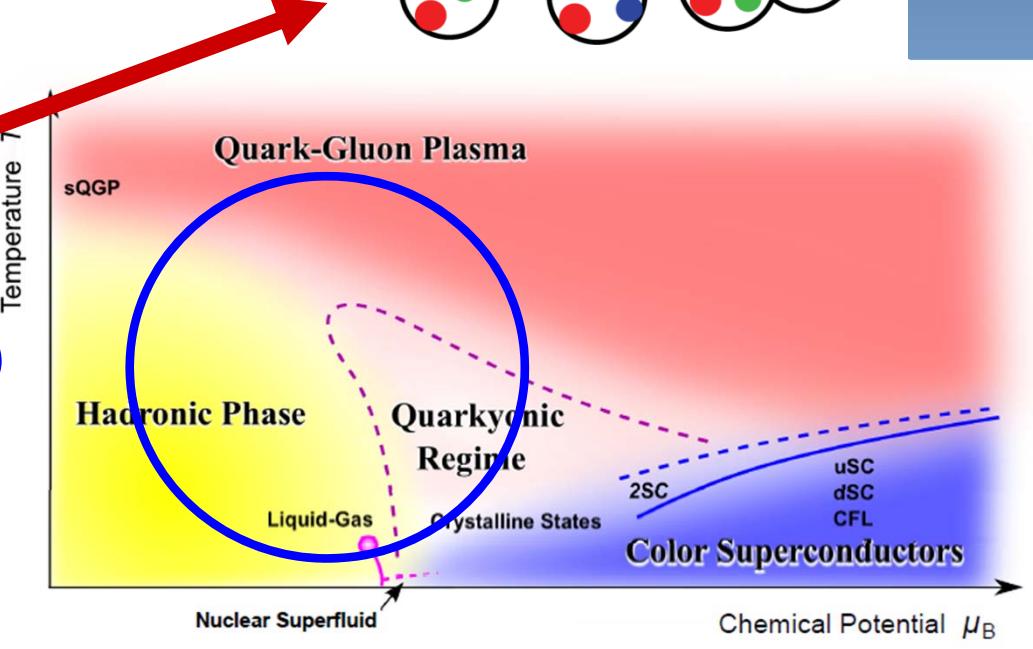
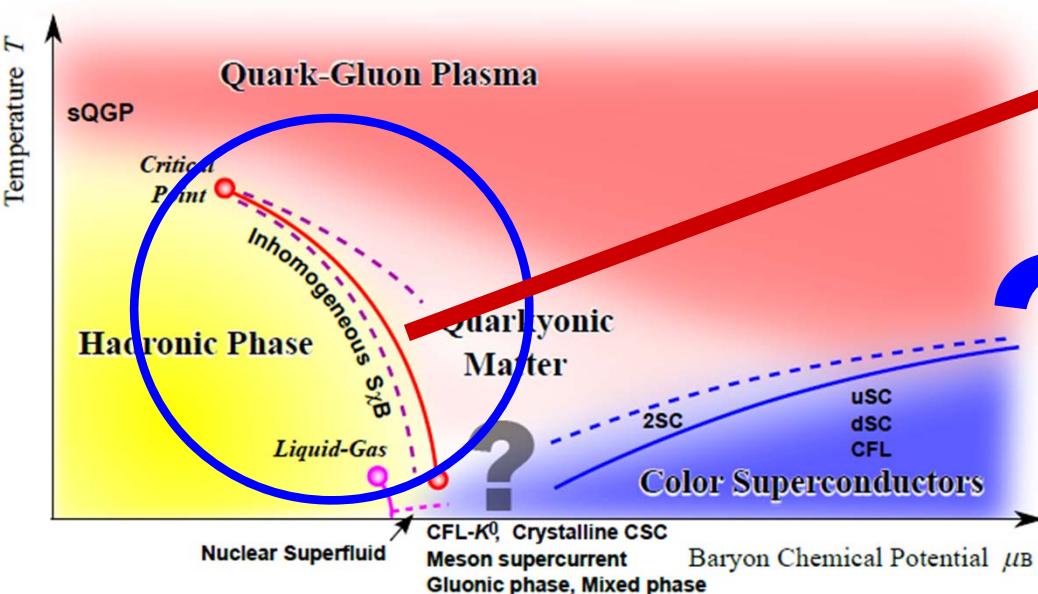
**CBM:** p+A, A+A, larger material budget, 2.5°-25° polar angle, max. 10 MHz

# High density range of QCD phase diagram

At large  $\mu_b$  phase structure is uncharted territory

- first order phase transition at large  $\mu_b$  ?  
→ e.g. latent heat phase coexistence region ?
- critical point ?
- Deconfinement, chiral symmetry restoration
- different forms of matter? Quarkyonic phase?

Field driven by experimental data!  
Need:  $\sim 2\text{-}40 \text{ AGeV}$  beam energies



# Outline

## Introduction/ Motivation

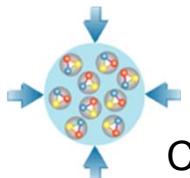
- Energy and baryon density reach of CBM
- Physics questions & observables in CBM energy range

## The CBM detector

- Novel readout and data taking concept
- Simulation results

## FAIR phase 0 activities

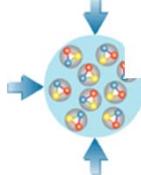
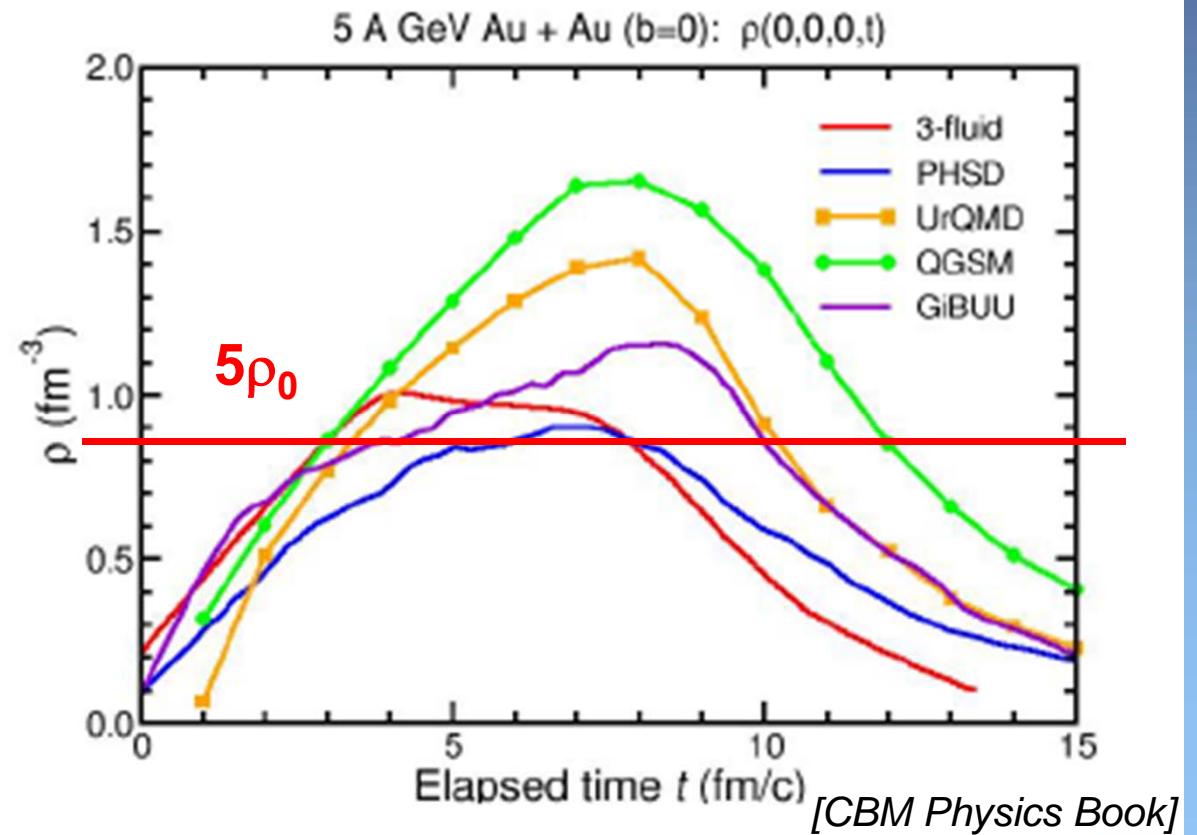
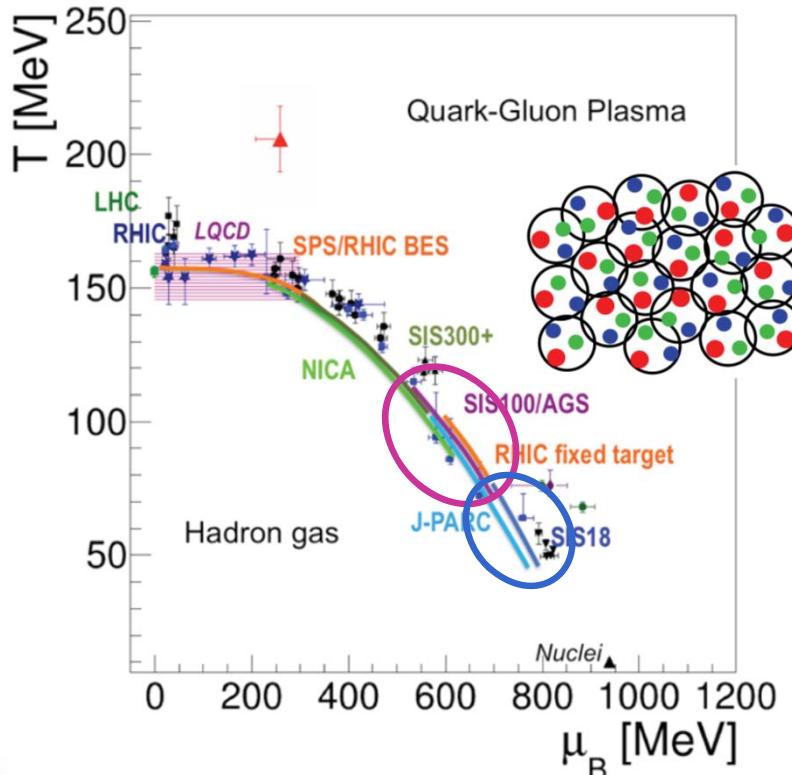
- Experimental preparations



# Baryon density

- SIS 100 beam energy range
- High net-baryon densities to be probed
- Expected to persist for a few fm/c
- Characteristics of matter created?

| Beam                       | $p_{\text{lab}, \text{max}}$ | $\sqrt{s}_{\text{NN}, \text{max}}$ |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| heavy ions (Au)            | 11A GeV                      | 4.7 GeV                            |
| light ions ( $Z/A = 0.5$ ) | 14A GeV                      | 5.3 GeV                            |
| protons                    | 29 GeV                       | 7.5 GeV                            |



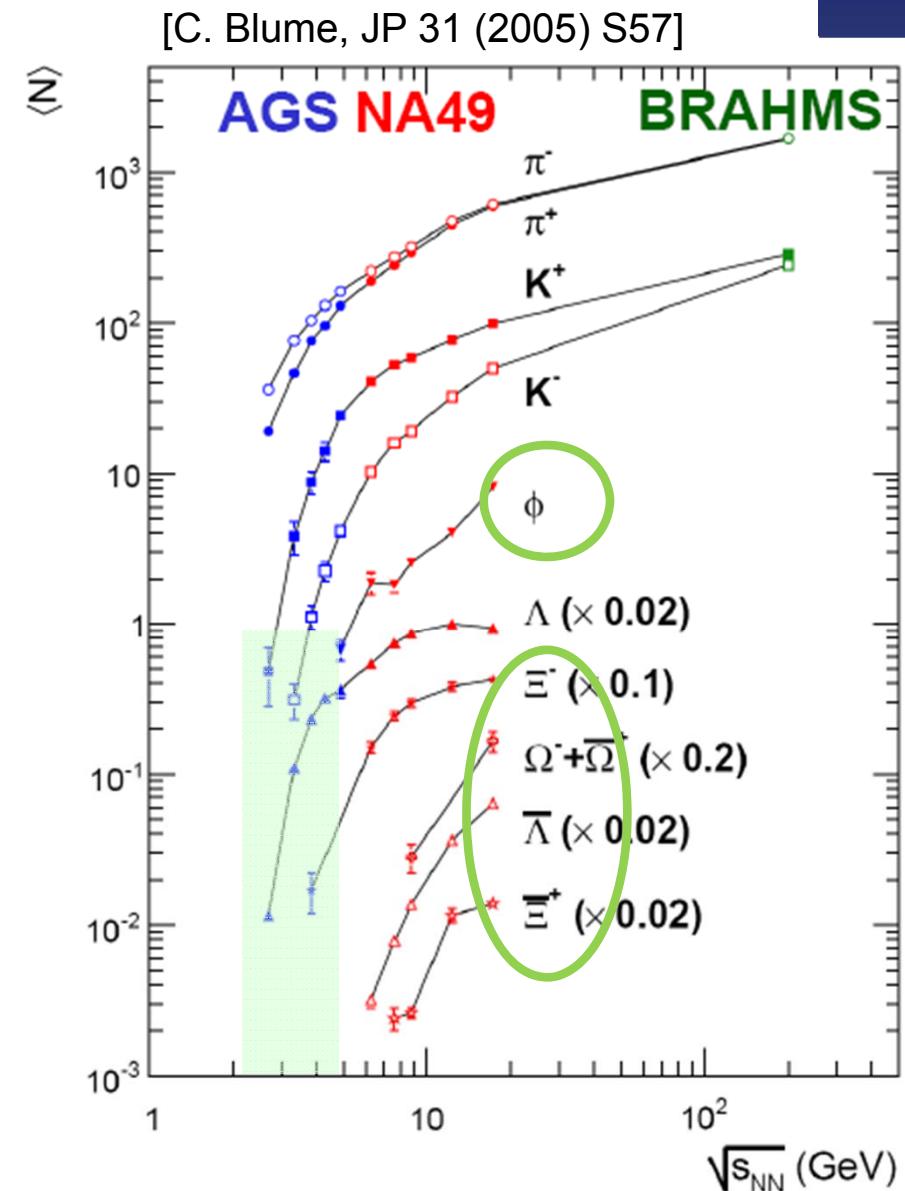
# Energy dependence of strangeness production

## Physics Questions

- thermal equilibrium also for multi-s hadrons?
- equilibrium as signature for phase transition?
- EOS?
- production mechanism, in particular for multi-s hadrons??

## CBM

- yields and phase space distributions of strange particles including  $\Omega$ ,  $\Xi$ ,  $\phi$  and antiparticles
- flow, fluctuations
- systematic scan of energies and system size
- (sub)threshold production of multi-s hadrons:  
sensitivity to EOS,  $\mu_B$ ?

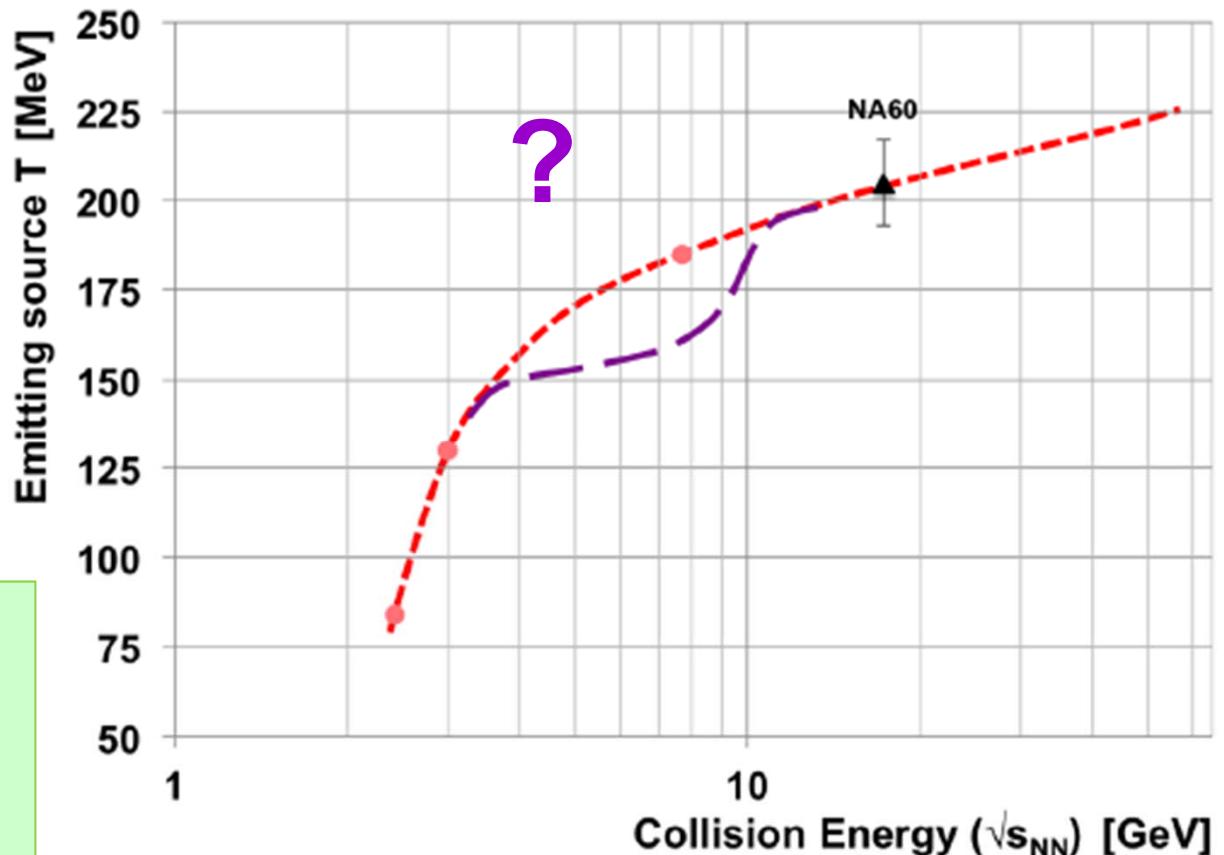


# Dileptons at CBM

## Physics Questions

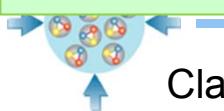
- phase transition
- quarkyonic matter?
- lifetime of dense hadronic fireball
- in-medium properties of vector mesons

[T. Galatyuk et al., EPJA 52 (2016) 131]



## CBM

- yields and phase space distributions of dileptons
- mass range  $> 1$  GeV to extract thermal fireball radiation



# (Net-) proton number fluctuations

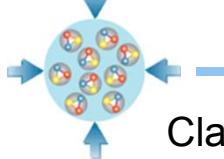
## Physics Questions

- phase transition?
- order of phase transition?
- mixed phase?

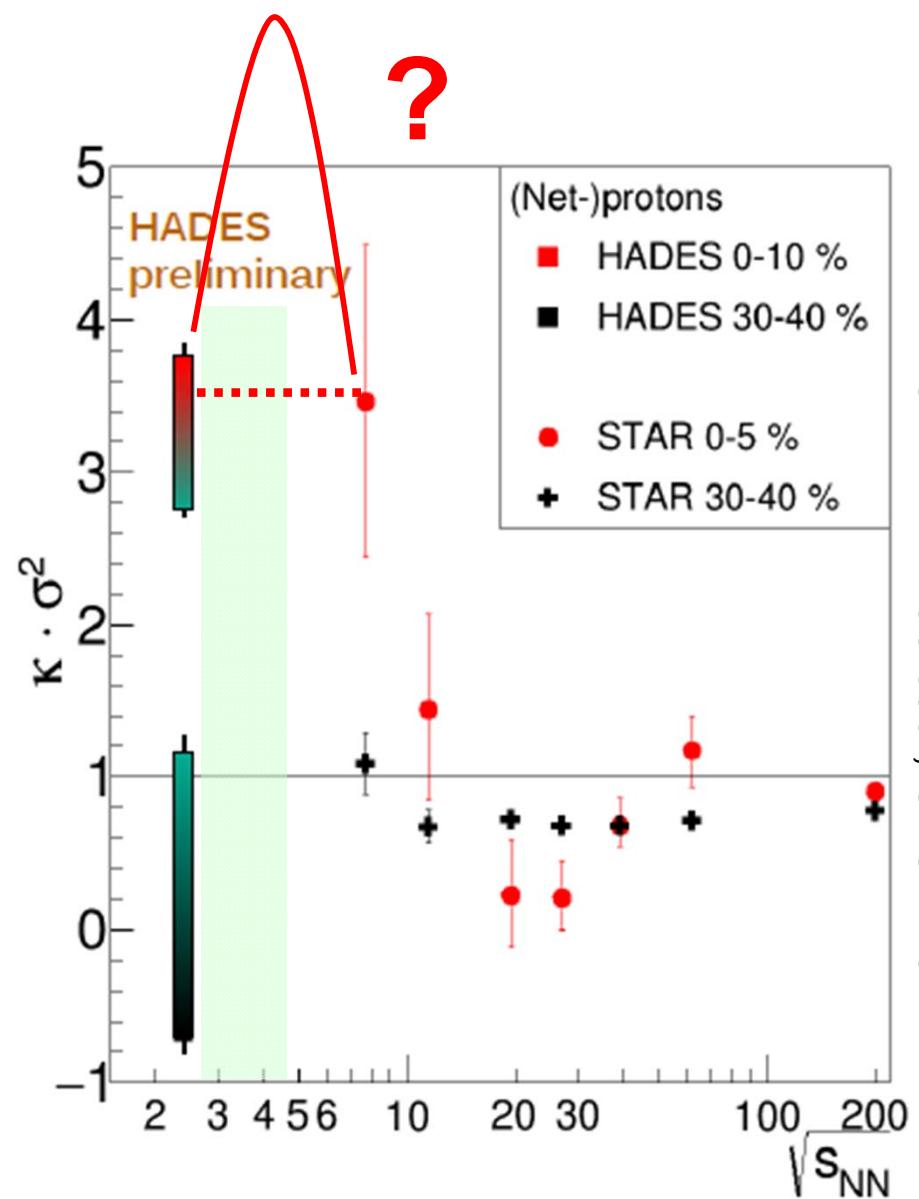
## CBM

- net-proton number fluctuations
- fluctuations of conserved quantities including strangeness

$$S\sigma \approx \frac{\chi_B^3}{\chi_B^2}, \quad \kappa\sigma^2 \approx \frac{\chi_B^4}{\chi_B^2}$$



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HADES: M. Lorenz, QM 2017  
STAR: X. Luo et al, CPOD 2014

# Directed and elliptic flow

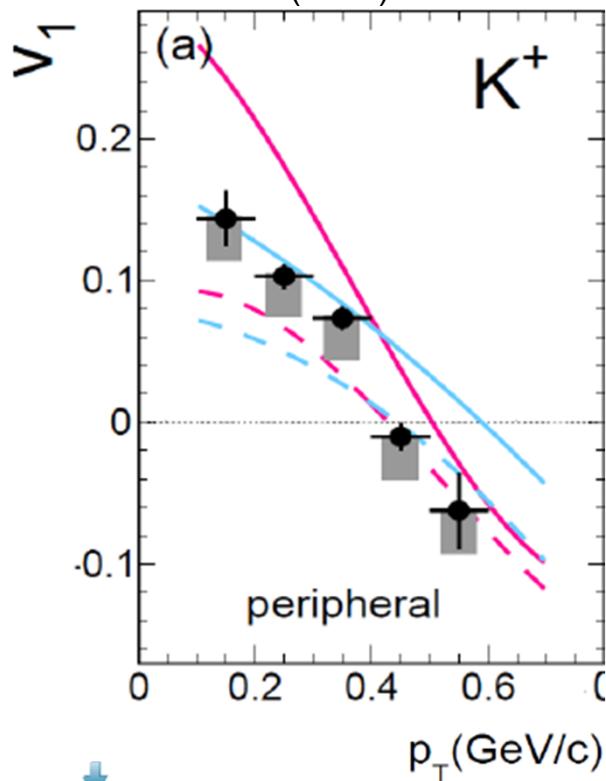
## Physics Questions

- equation of state of dense matter?
- production mechanism?
- in-medium properties?

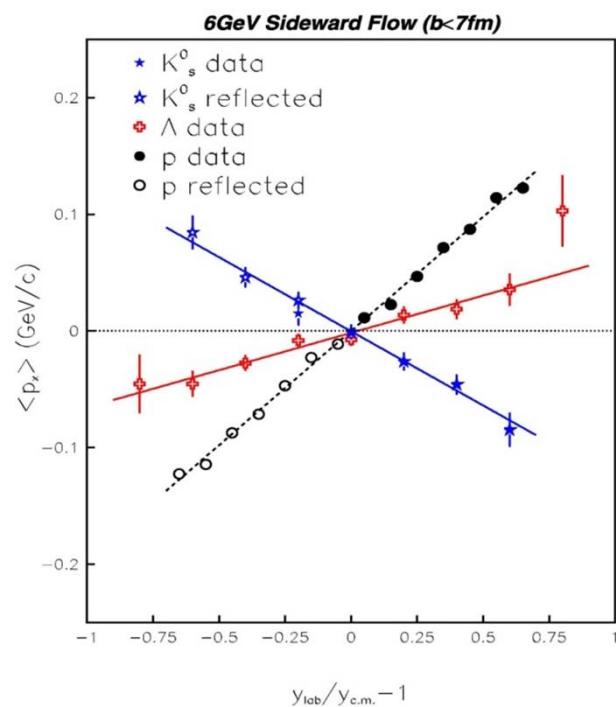
## CBM

- directed and elliptic flow of all particles
- (kaon) flow as barometer?

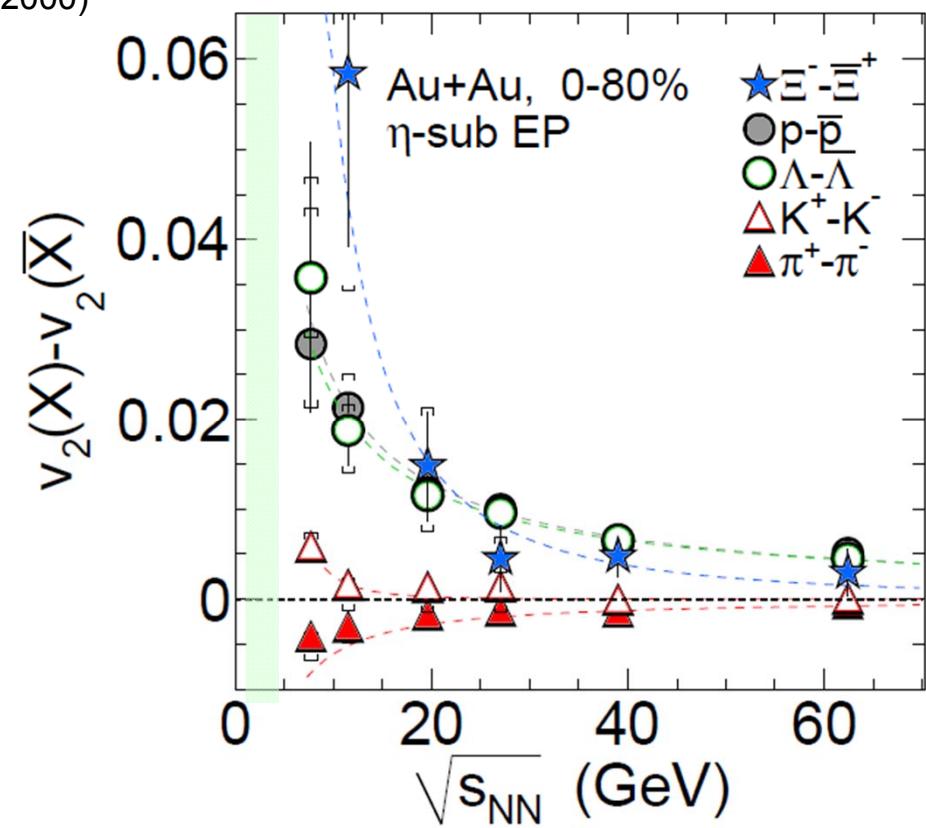
V.Zinyuk et al. (FOPI)  
PRC 90 (2014) 025210



P. Chung et al. (E895), PRL85, 940 (2000)



[STAR, PRL 110 (2013) 142301]

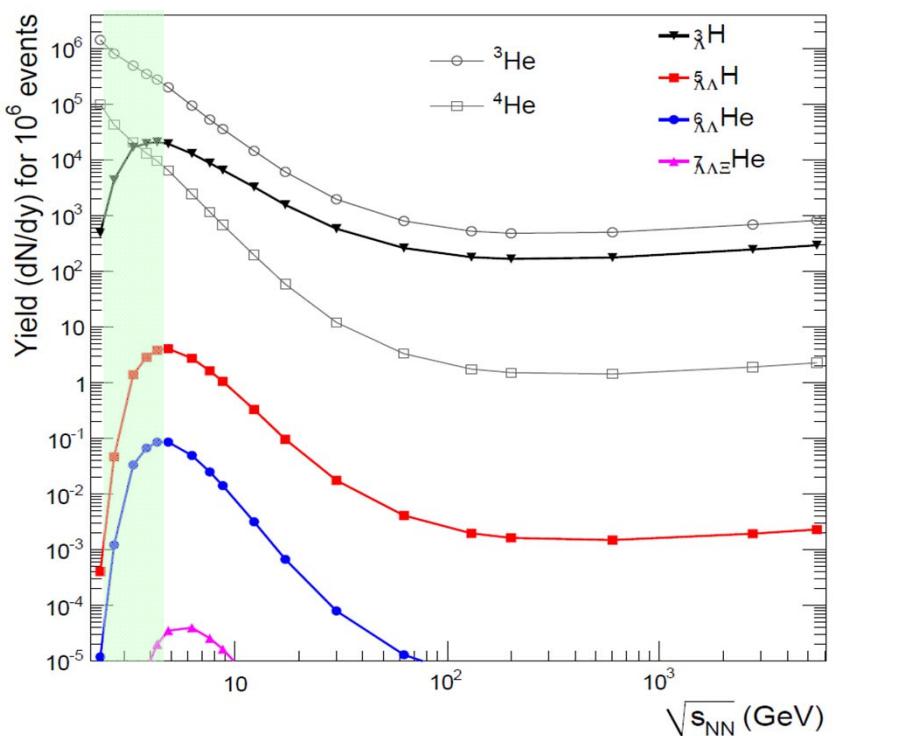


# Strange baryonic bound states

## Physics Questions

- existence and yield of (exotic) strange objects?
- $\Lambda\Lambda$ ,  $N\Lambda$  interactions?
- remnants of dense (chirally restored? strange?) matter?

A. Andronic, P. Braun-Munzinger, J. Stachel, H. Stöcker,  
Phys. Lett. B697 (2011) 203

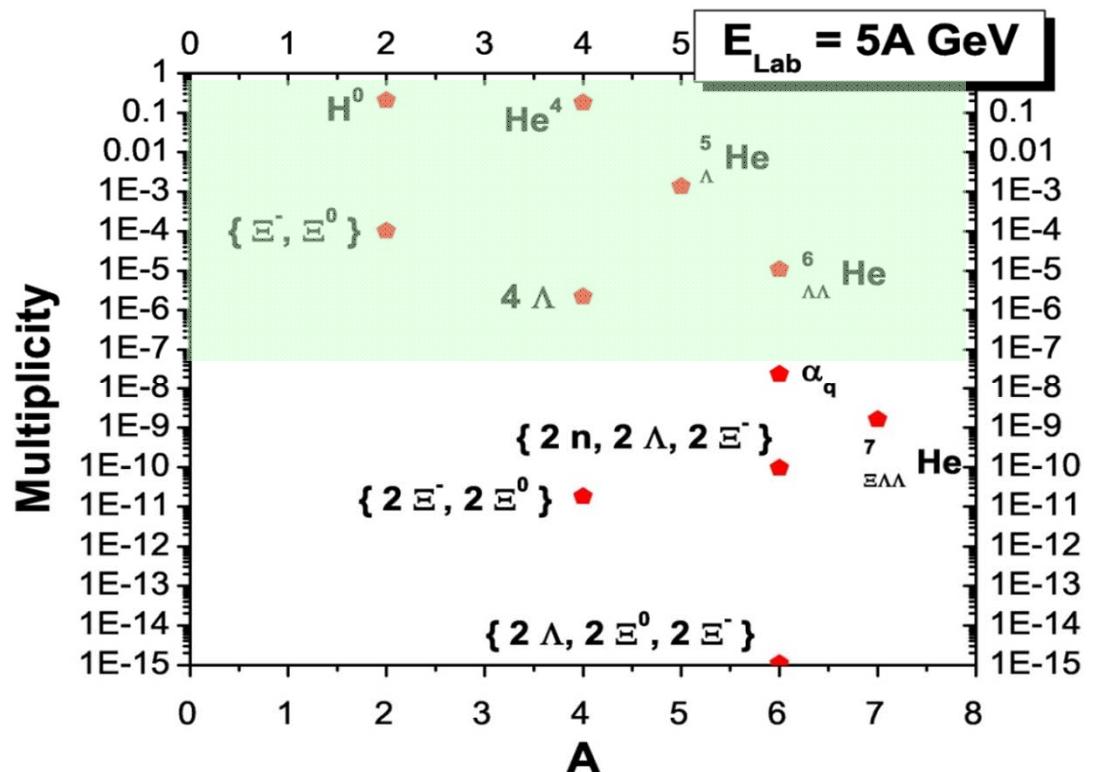


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## CBM

- search for and measure strange hypernuclei and (all) other kinds of exotic strange baryons

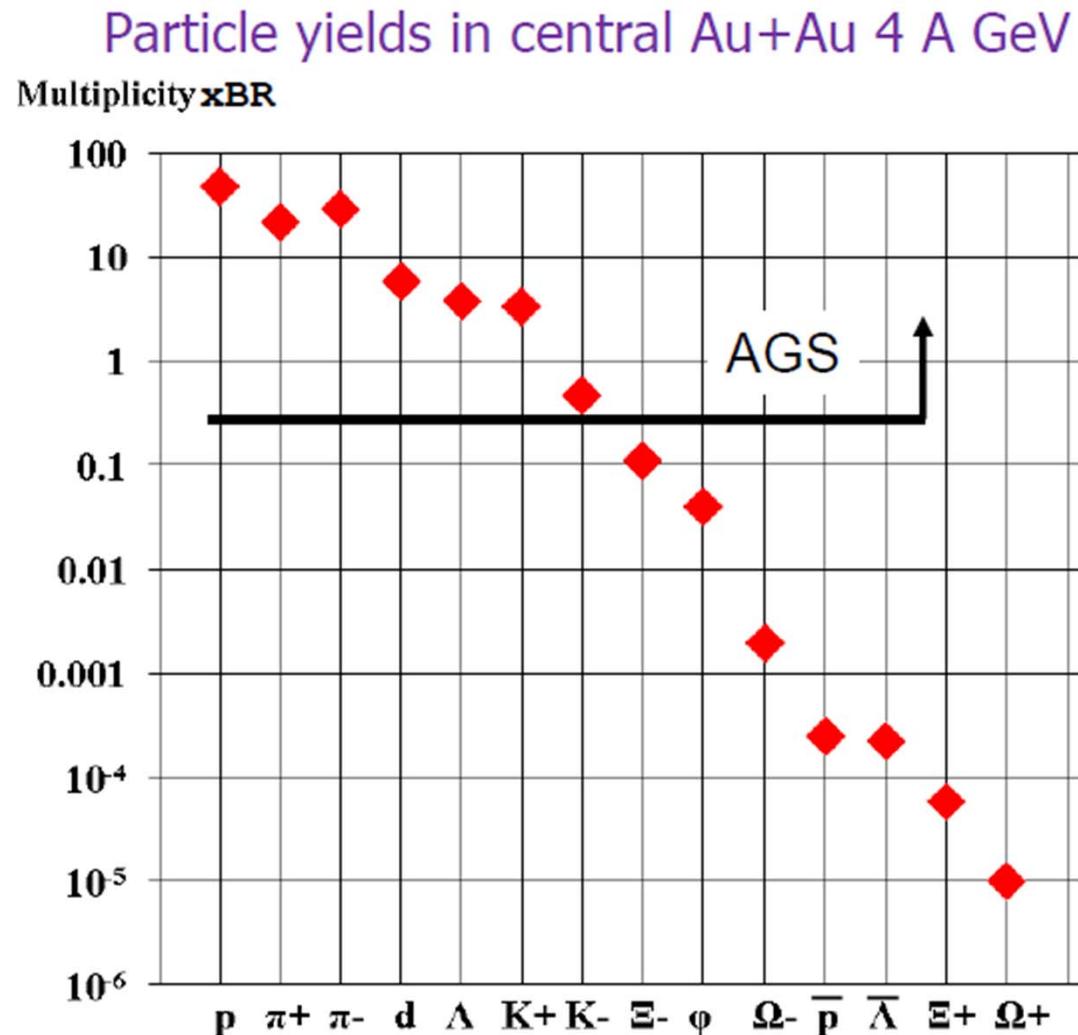
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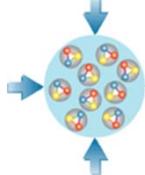
Strange Quark Matter, Utrecht, July 2017

# Experimental challenge

All multistrange particles are rare, not to speak of dileptons or charm ....



Yields: A. Andronic private communication, statistical model



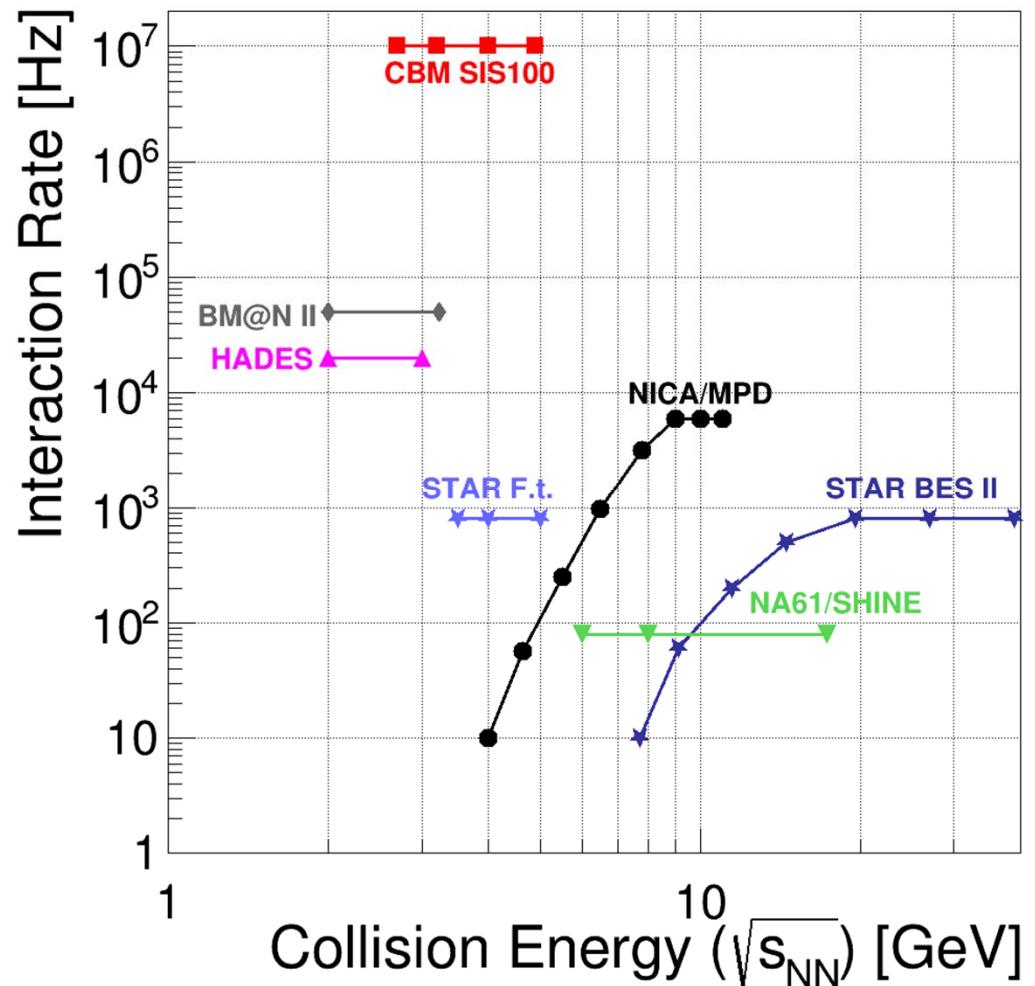
# CBM – interaction rates

**CBM:**  
**high rate experiment!**

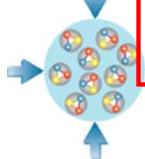
- Opens up new possibilities!
- High statistics and good systematics on hadronic observables shown before: multi-s baryons, flow, fluctuations
- Electromagnetic observables, charm production
- New (exotic) observables: kaonic clusters, hypernuclei

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CBM, Eur. Phys. J. A (2017) 53: 60.



\* Important part of CBM program,  
but not covered in this talk

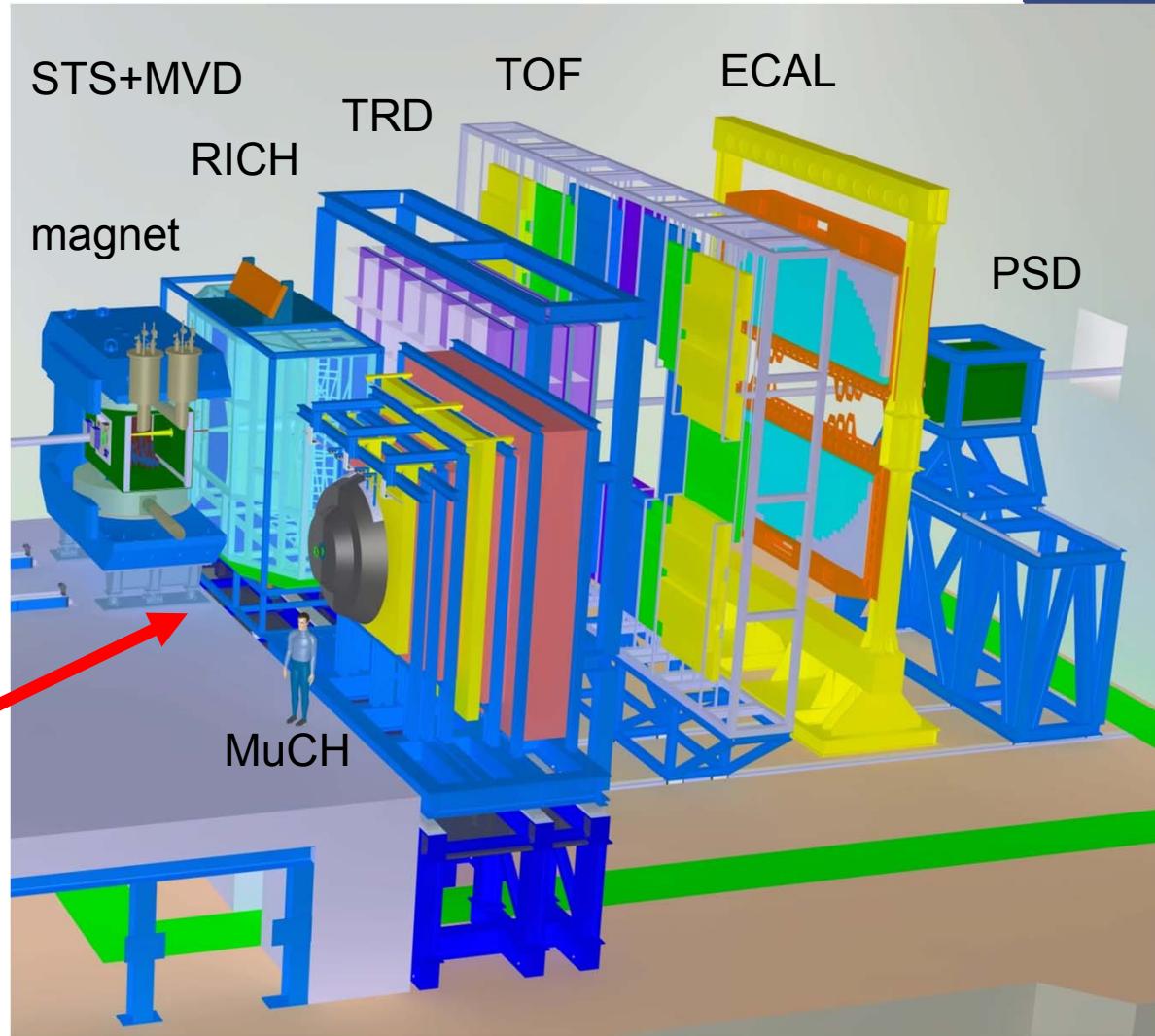


# The CBM experiment at SIS 100

- Tracking, momentum,  $V^0$ : MVD+STS+dipole magnet
- Event characterization: PSD
- Hadron id: TOF (+TRD)
- Lepton id: RICH+TRD or MuCH
- $\gamma, \pi^0$ : EMC (or RICH)
- High speed DAQ
- Online event selection



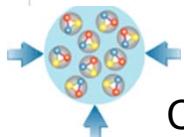
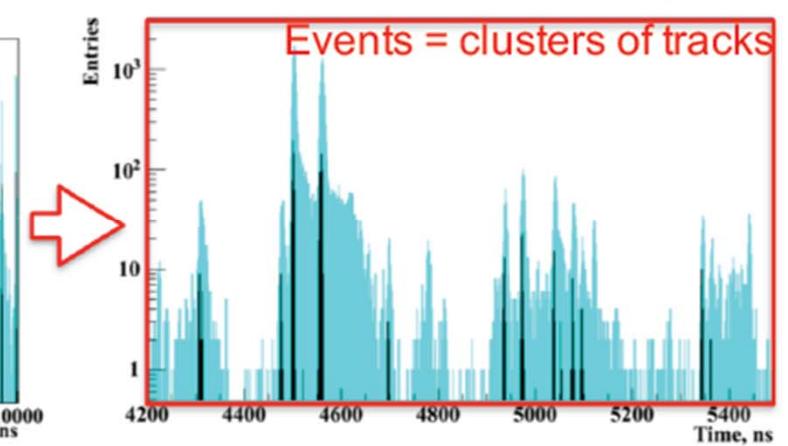
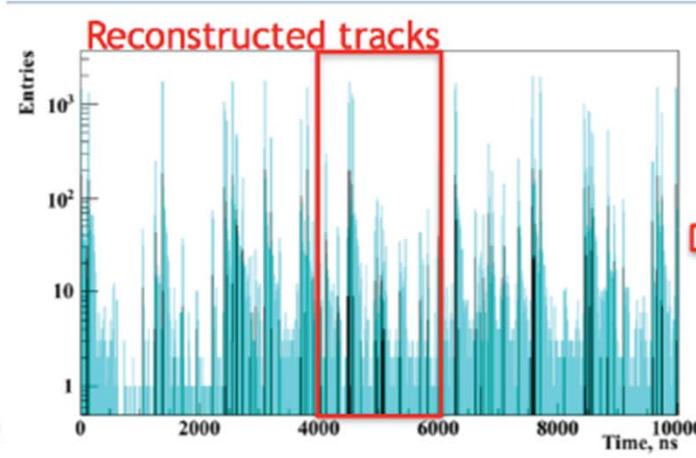
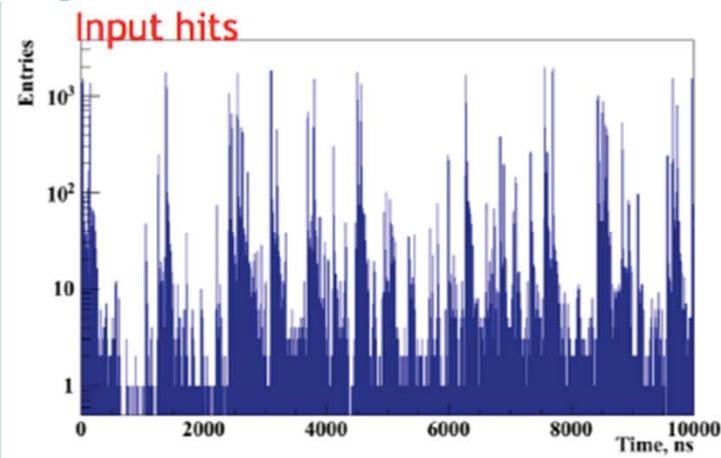
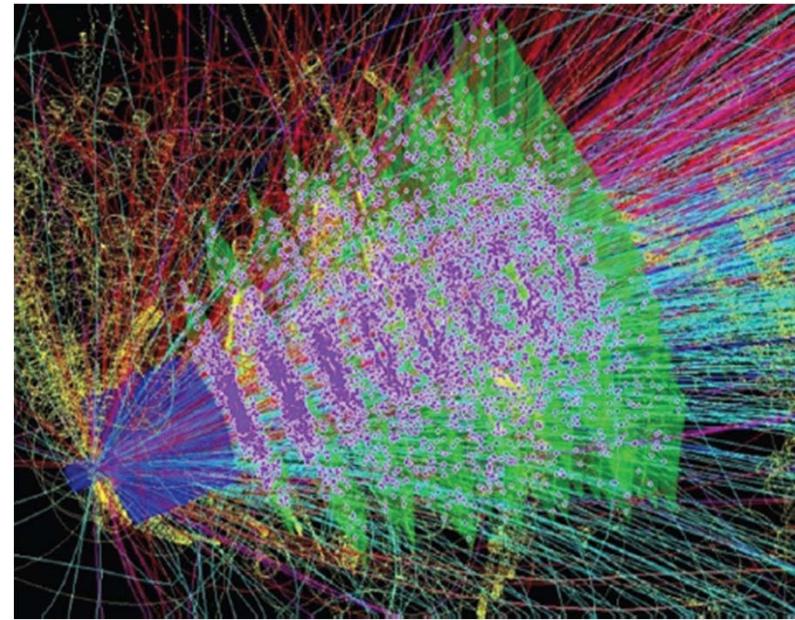
350 m  
Linear  
distance



# CBM readout and online systems

## Novel readout system

- no hardware trigger on events, free streaming triggerless data
- detector hits with time stamps,
- full online 4-D track and event reconstruction
- Full analysis of 10 MHz event rate implemented, only very moderate losses in efficiency

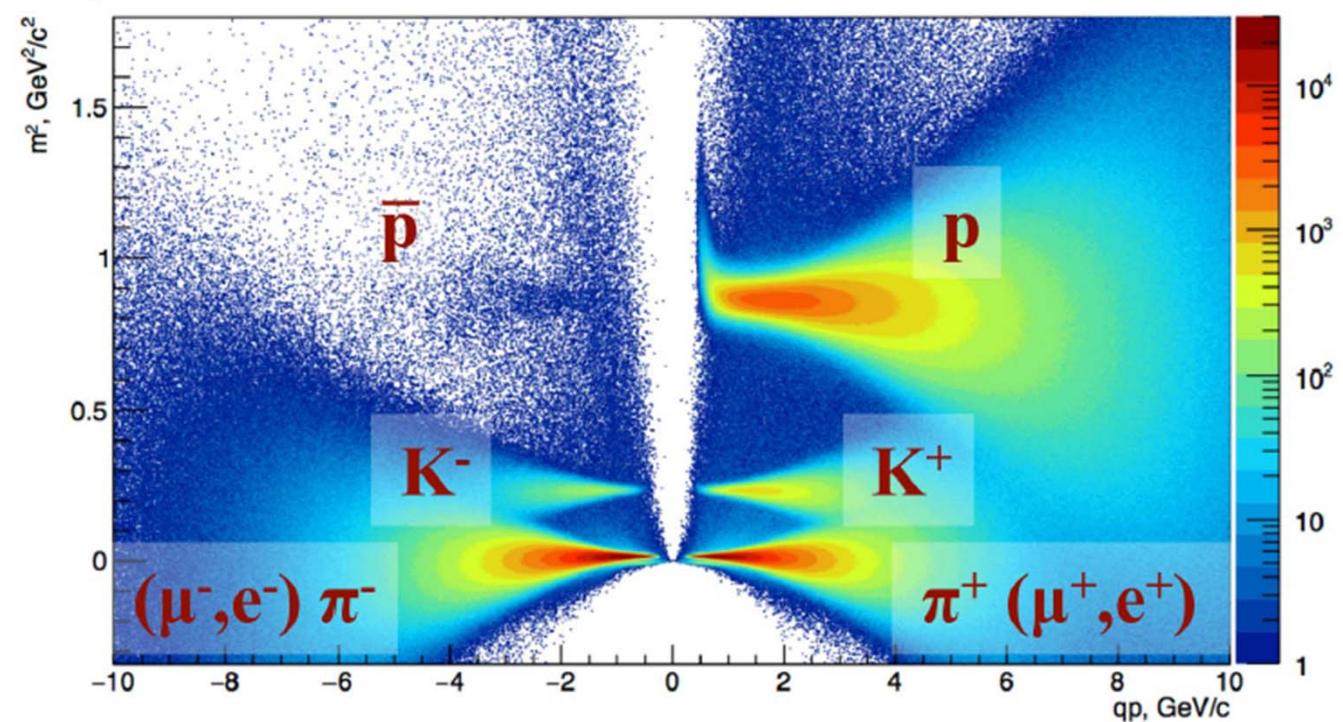


# Hadron identification

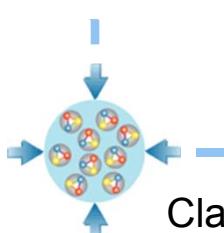
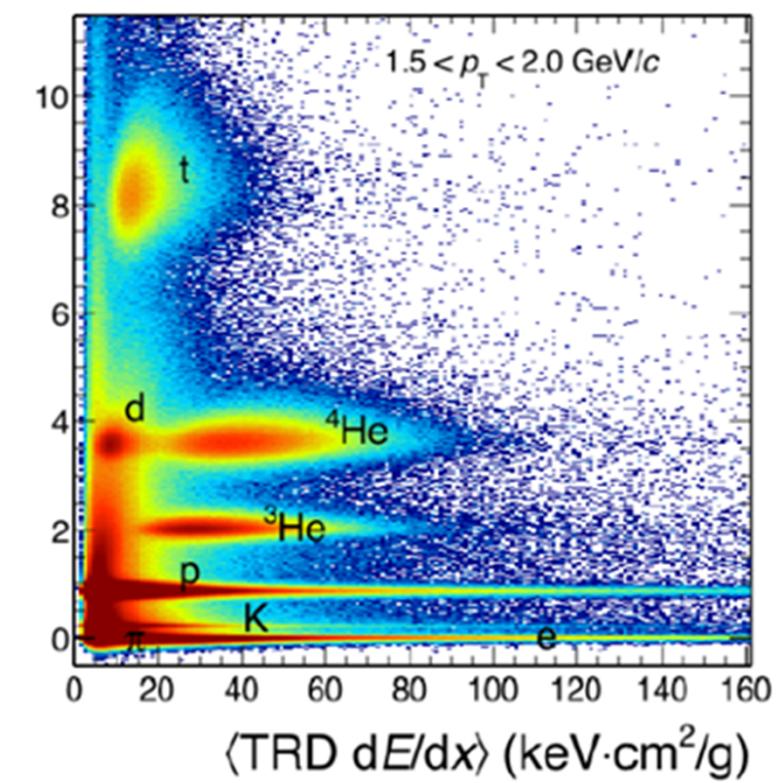
## Hadron identification in TOF & TRD

- Add energy loss information from TRD to identify heavier fragments!

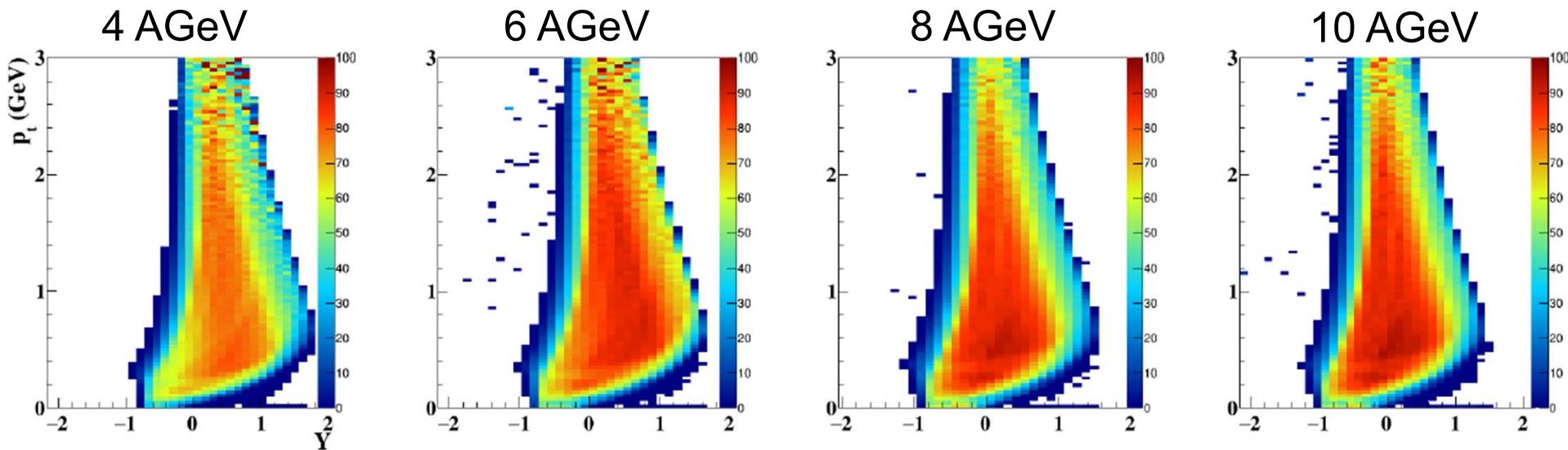
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TOF + TRD



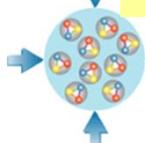
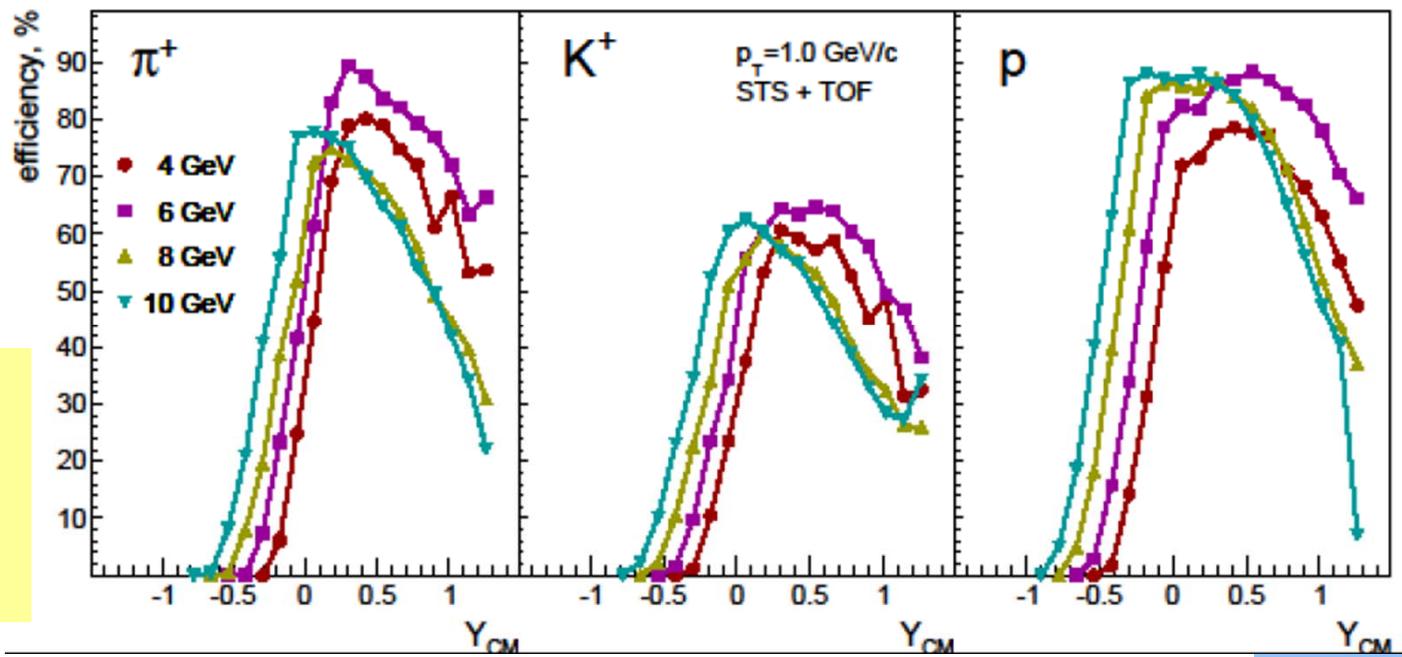
# Hadron acceptance (STS + TOF)



Acceptance (STS + TOF)  
for

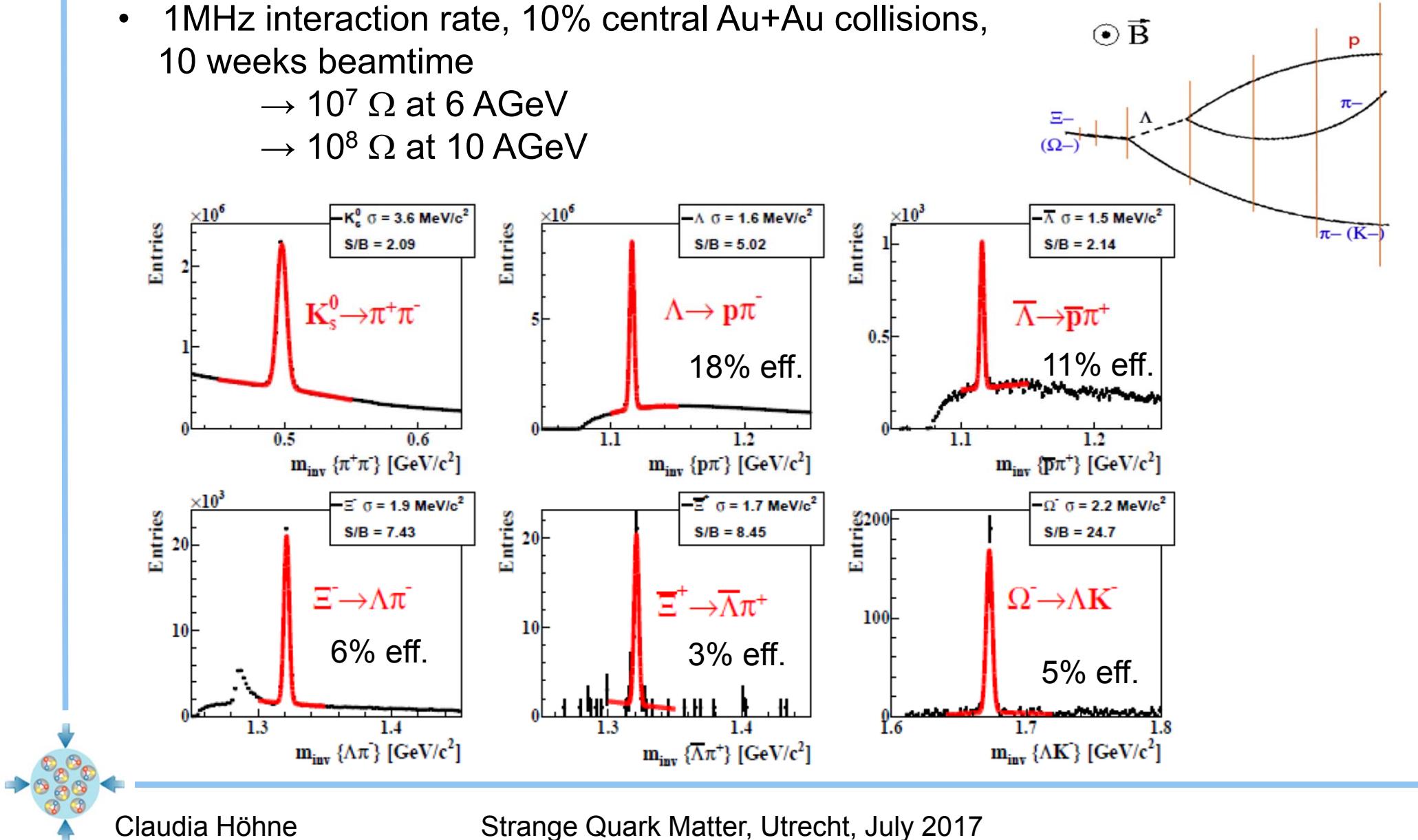
- protons in  $(y, p_t)$
- $\pi$ ,  $K$ ,  $p$  projected onto  $y$

→ yields; also of resonances  
( $\phi$ -meson!)  
→ flow  
→ fluctuations



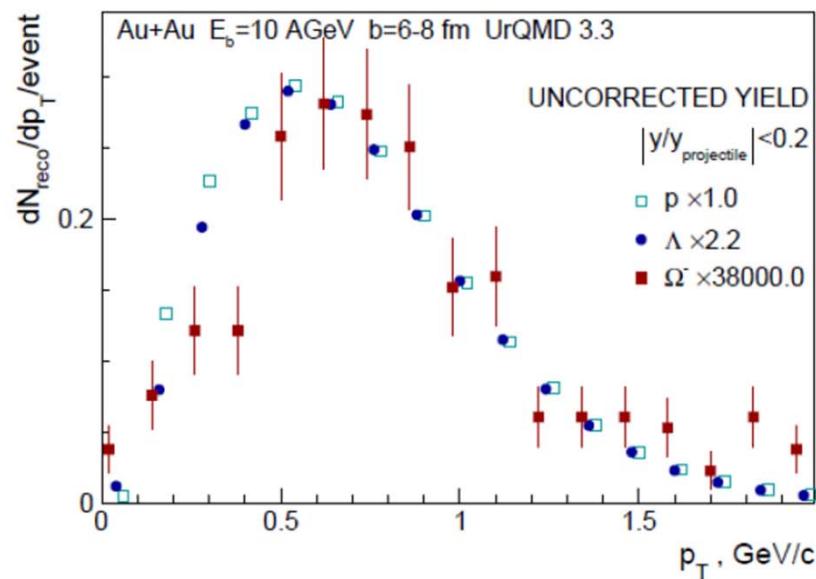
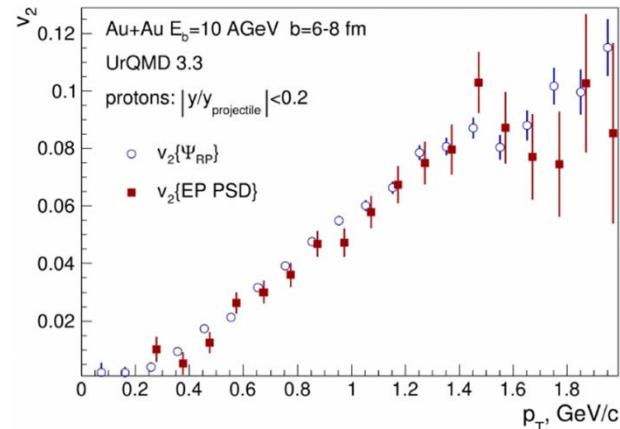
# Strange baryons

- Simulation: central ( $b=0\text{fm}$ ) Au+Au collisions at 10 AGeV, 3.5M events
- Massively parallel data reconstruction and selection in real-time
- 1MHz interaction rate, 10% central Au+Au collisions,  
10 weeks beamtime
  - $10^7 \Omega$  at 6 AGeV
  - $10^8 \Omega$  at 10 AGeV

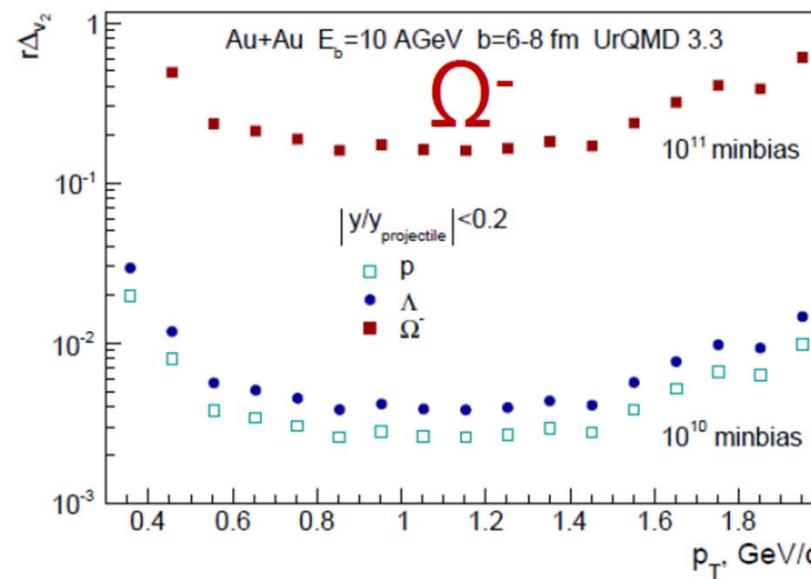


# Elliptic flow $v_2$

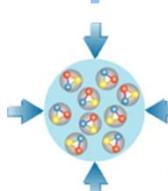
- Reaction plane resolution (PSD) ~30-40 degrees for mid-central Au+Au coll.
- UrQMD simulation: 1M mid-central ( $b=6-8$  fm) Au+Au collisions: successfully reconstruct input proton flow
- Use this and yields/ event for estimate of relative statistical errors for  $p$ ,  $\Lambda$ ,  $\Omega$  flow in  $10^{10}$  ( $10^{11}$ ) minbias Au+Au events
- 250 kHz minbias Au+Au  $\rightarrow 2 \cdot 10^{10}$  ev/day



Yield of  $p$ ,  $\Lambda$ , and  $\Omega^-$  vs.  $p_T$

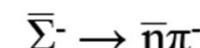
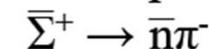
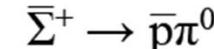
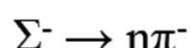
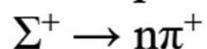
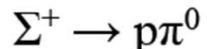


Relative statistical error of  $v_2$  for  $p$ ,  $\Lambda$ , and  $\Omega^-$



# Strange particle production: $\Sigma^+$ & $\Sigma^-$

- NEW: Identification of  $\Sigma^+$  and  $\Sigma^-$  via their decay topology



BR = 51.6%

BR = 48.3%

BR = 99.8%

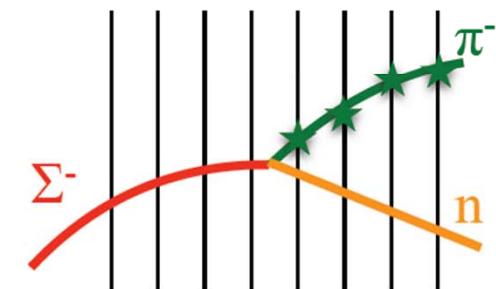
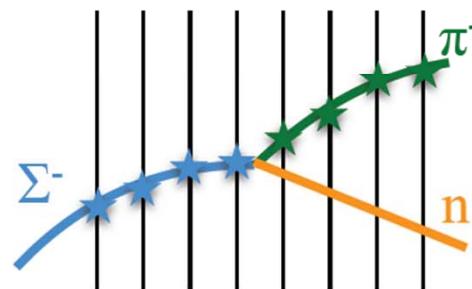
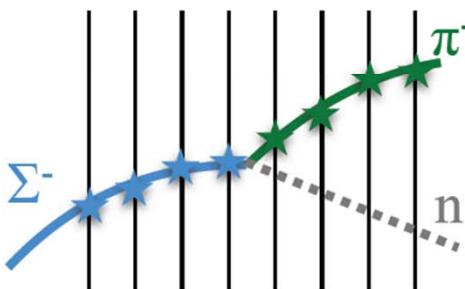
- Method:

- Find all primary and secondary tracks, use TOF PID for secondary track
- Search whether two would fit together with a kink
- From momentum conservation get momentum of neutral particle
- Assume e.g.  $\Sigma^-$  decay, calculate (missing) mass of neutral particle
- Select neutron candidates, recalculate  $\Sigma$  mass

Find tracks of  $\Sigma$  and its charged daughter in STS and MVD

Reconstruct a neutral daughter from the mother and the charged daughter

Reconstruct  $\Sigma$  mass spectrum from the charged and obtained neutral daughters

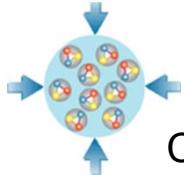
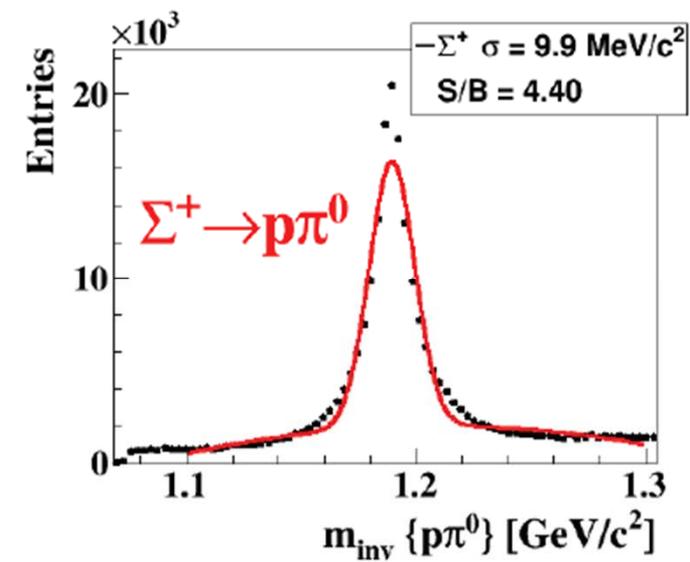
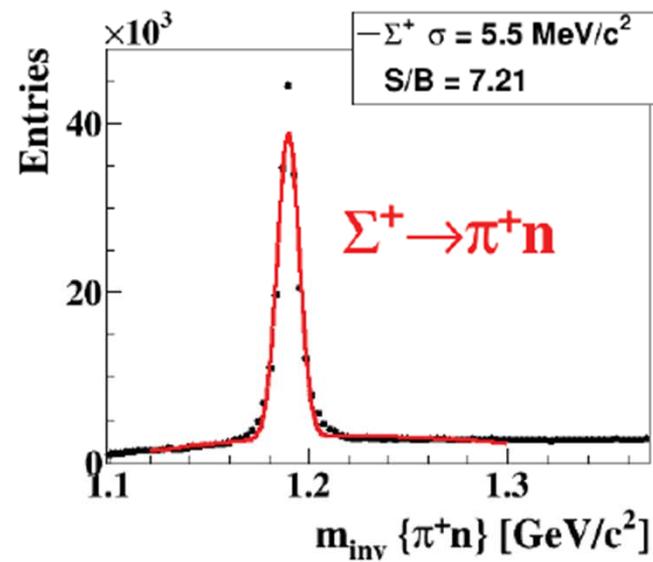
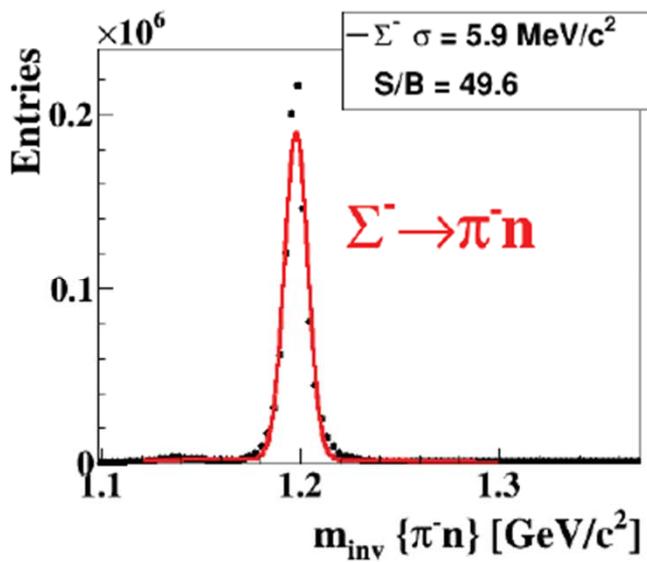


# Strange particle production: $\Sigma^+$ & $\Sigma^-$

- Simulations: UrQMD, 5M central collisions Au+Au, 10 AGeV beam energy
- Method also applicable for
  - Anti- $\Sigma$
  - $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^0 + \pi^\pm$
- Total ( $4\pi$ ) efficiency  $\sim(1-3)\%$

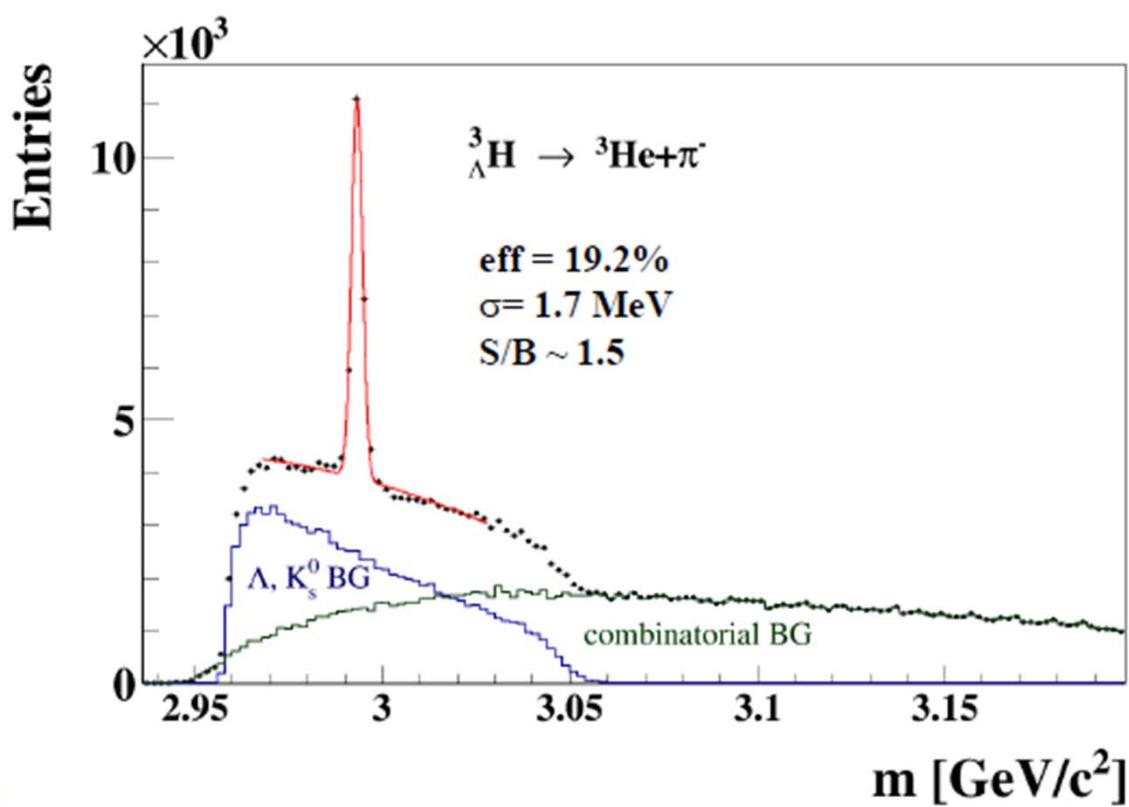
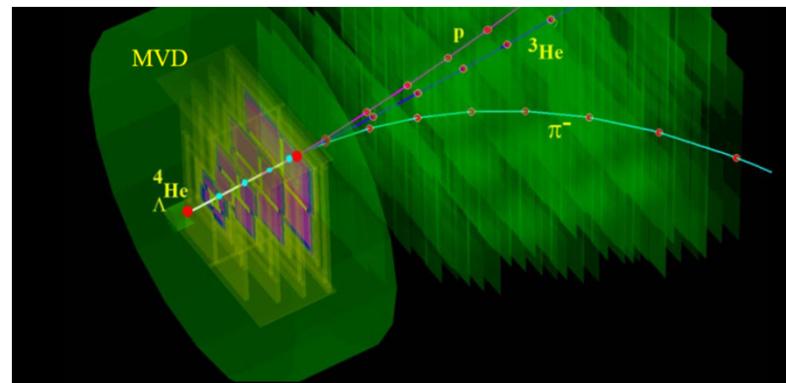
## Remark:

Che-Ming Ko (Tuesday):  
Symmetry energy effect on  $\Sigma^-/\Sigma^+$  ratio

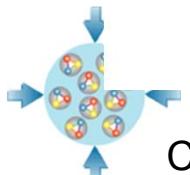
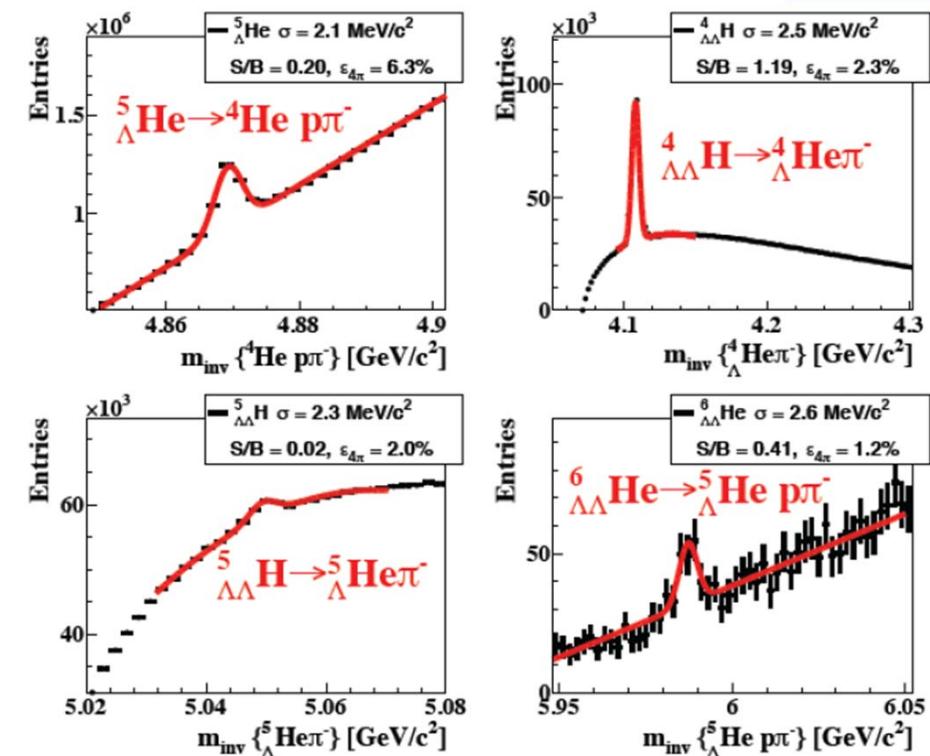


# Hypernuclei

Simulations:  
UrQMD, 5M central  
collisions Au+Au,  
10 AGeV beam  
energy



Simulations: UrQMD,  $10^{12}$  events,  
central collisions Au+Au, 10 AGeV  
beam energy



# CBM Technical Developments

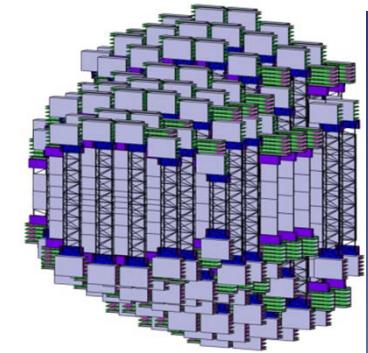
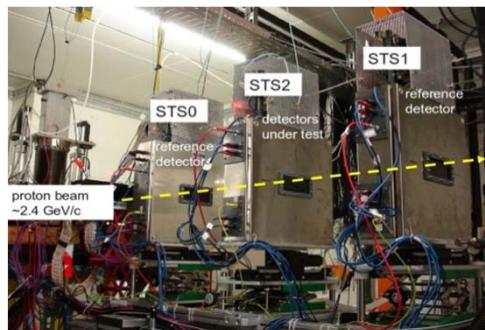
**SC Magnet:** JINR Dubna



**Micro-Vertex Detector:**  
Frankfurt, Strasbourg



**Silicon Tracking System:** Darmstadt, Dubna, Krakow,  
Kiev, Kharkov, Moscow, St. Petersburg, Tübingen



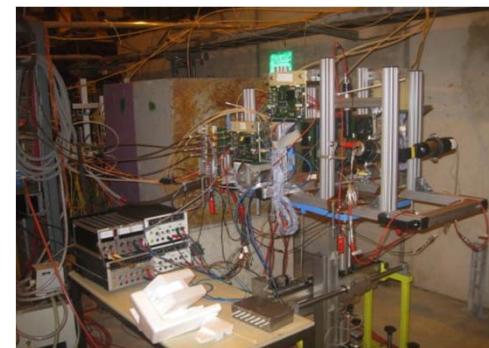
**MRPC ToF Wall:** Beijing, Bucharest,  
Darmstadt, Frankfurt, Hefei, Heidelberg,  
Moscow, Rossendorf, Wuhan, Zagreb



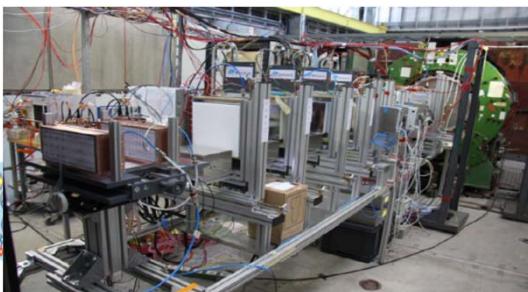
**RICH Detector:**  
Darmstadt, Giessen,  
St. Petersburg, Wuppertal



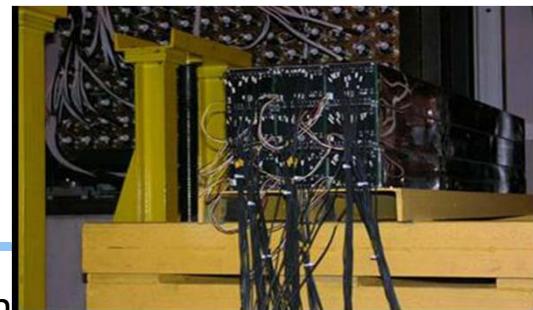
**Muon detector:**  
Kolkata + 13 Indian Inst., Gatchina, Dubna



**Transition Radiation Detector:**  
Bucharest, Frankfurt, Heidelberg,  
Münster



**Forward calorimeter:**  
Moscow, Prague, Rez



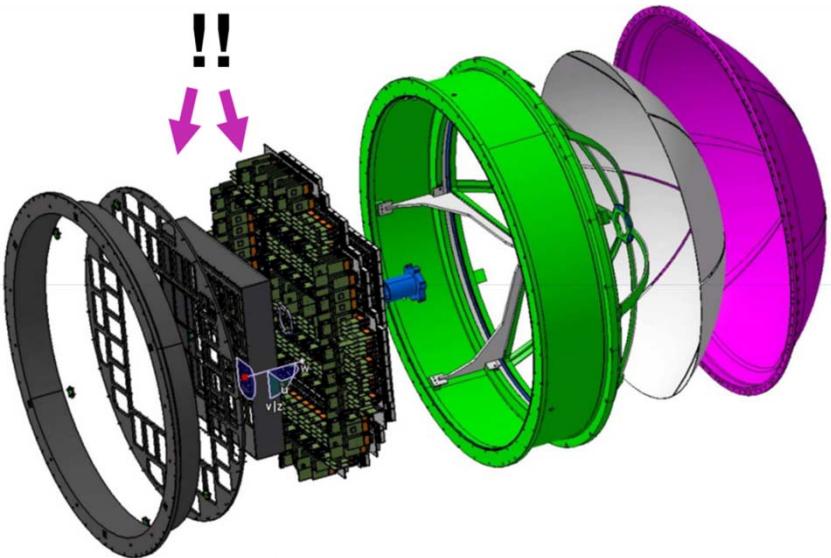
**DAQ and online event selection:**  
Darmstadt, Frankfurt, Kharagpur,  
Warsaw



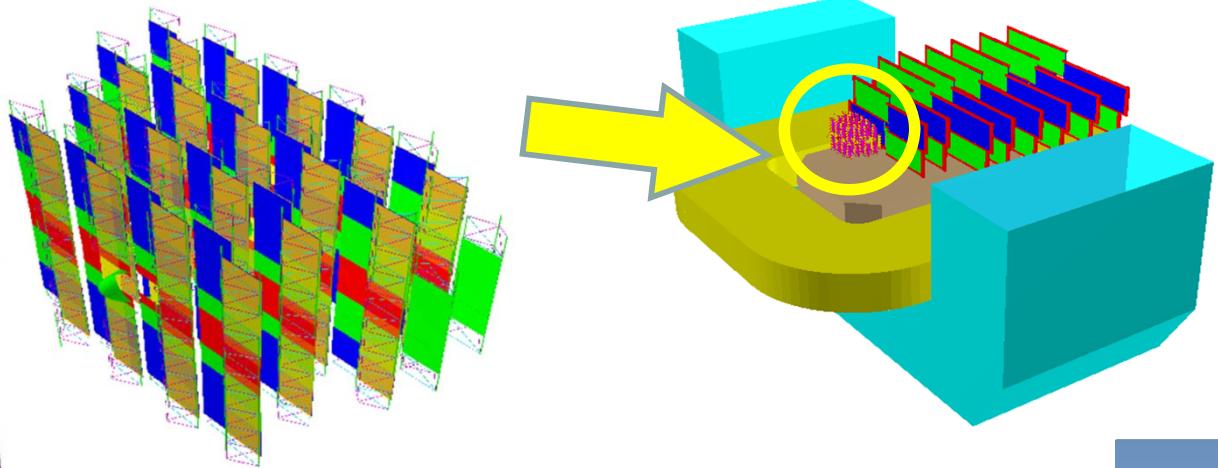
# FAIR phase 0 experiments

Install, commission and use CBM detector components in ongoing (starting) physics campaigns

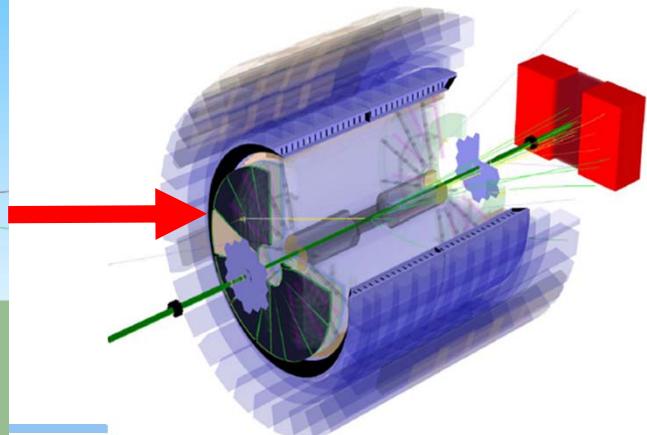
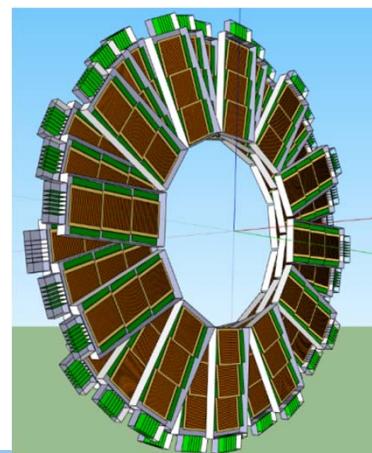
- 4 STS stations in BM@N experiment at Dubna



- 10% of the TOF detector modules including readout in STAR at RHIC for BESII



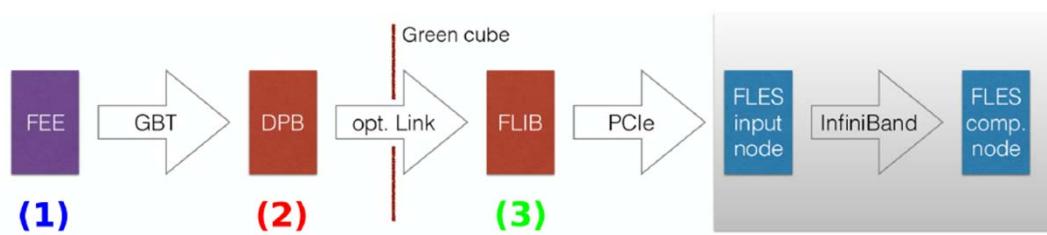
- 40% of the RICH MAPMTs and electronics in HADES RICH for SIS 18



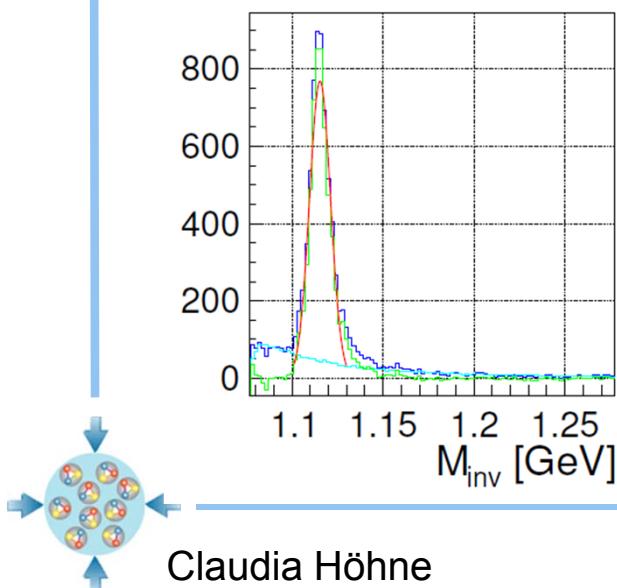
# mCBM

Beamtime proposal for „miniCBM“ at GSI handed in:

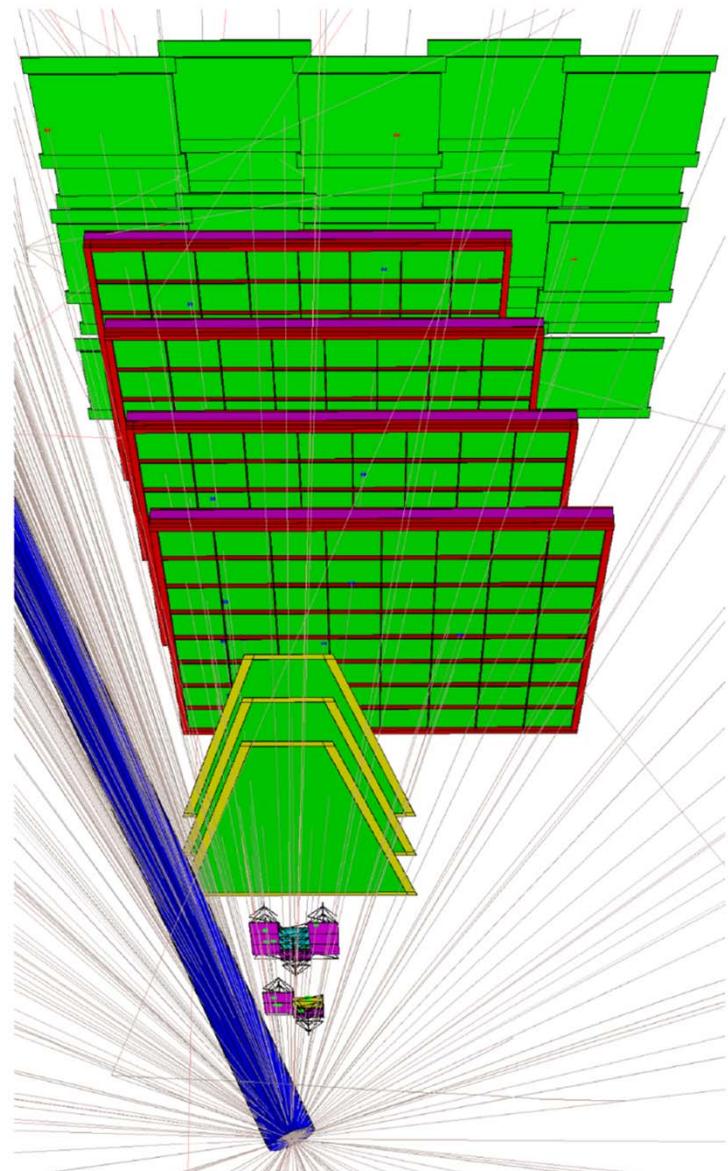
- using prototype detectors of CBM in order to test/ establish self-triggered read-out, data transfer to FLES, event building, online analysis



CBM readout chain, start-up phase

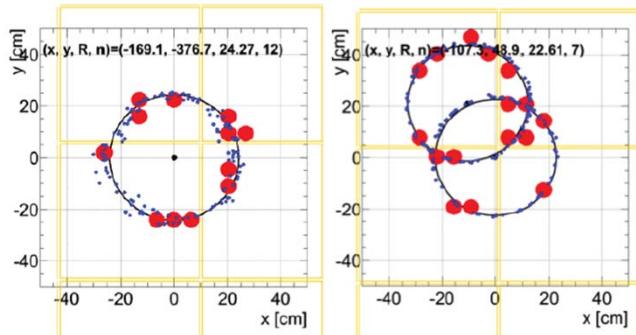


$10^8$  minbias UrQMD collisions, 1.93 AGeV Ni+Ni  
Technical goal: 10 s data taking



# HADES RICH upgrade

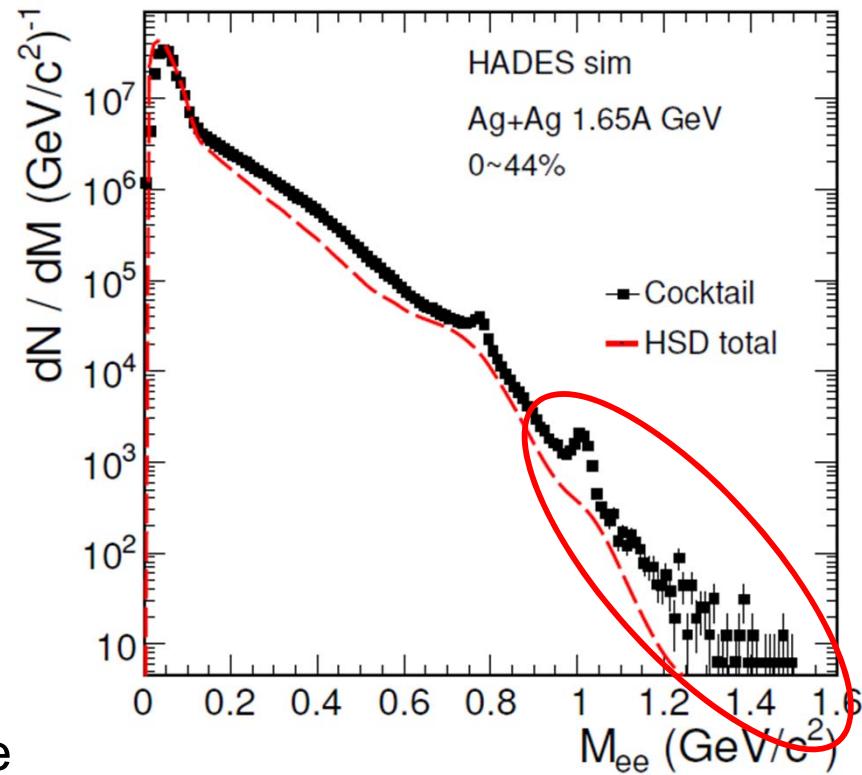
- HADES RICH detector in operation since more than 10 years
- Reduced performance over years
- replace by CBM-RICH MAPMTs and gain a huge factor in e-PID



Simulation and reconstruction of single/ double rings

Preparation of new photodetector plane

HADES beamtime proposal:  
CB subtracted  $e^+e^-$  mass spectrum  
for  $5 \cdot 10^9$  events (4 weeks beamtime)

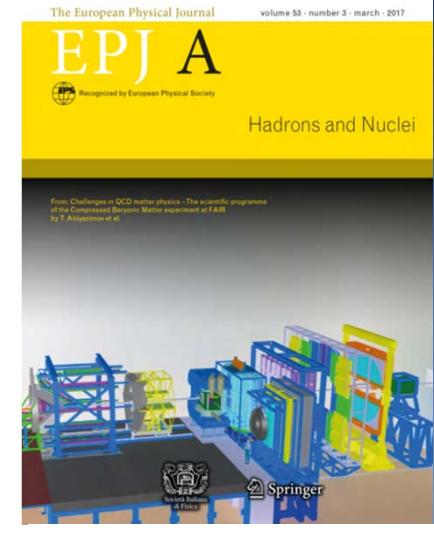


# Conclusion/ Summary

Daniel Cebra, Tuesday morning:

The ***Open Questions*** fall in four broad categories:

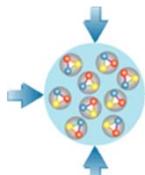
1. The energy dependence of strangeness production
2. The system size dependence of strangeness production
3. Strange hadron cross-sections and potentials
4. Hyperon interactions and Hyper-nuclei



CBM, Eur. Phys. J. A (2017) 53: 60.

## CBM

- phase structure will not be revealed by a single measurement – need systematic studies!
- systematic studies with sufficient statistics: strangeness, em probes, charm
- CBM well advanced with respect to FAIR timeline, 7 out of 11 TDRs accepted, start version 90% financed
- exciting FAIR phase-0 activities!



# The CBM collaboration

## Croatia:

Split Univ.

## China:

CCNU Wuhan

Tsinghua Univ.

USTC Hefei

CTGU Yichang

## Czech Republic:

CAS, Rez

Techn. Univ. Prague

## France:

IPHC Strasbourg

## Hungary:

KFKI Budapest

Budapest Univ.

## Germany:

Darmstadt TU

FAIR

Frankfurt Univ. IKF

Frankfurt Univ. FIAS

Frankfurt Univ. ICS

GSI Darmstadt

Giessen Univ.

Heidelberg Univ. P.I.

Heidelberg Univ. ZITI

HZ Dresden-Rossendorf

KIT Karlsruhe

Münster Univ.

Tübingen Univ.

Wuppertal Univ.

ZIB Berlin

## India:

Aligarh Muslim Univ.

Bose Inst. Kolkata

Panjab Univ.

Rajasthan Univ.

Univ. of Jammu

Univ. of Kashmir

Univ. of Calcutta

B.H. Univ. Varanasi

VECC Kolkata

IOP Bhubaneswar

IIT Kharagpur

IIT Indore

Gauhati Univ.

## Korea:

Pusan Nat. Univ.

## Poland:

AGH Krakow

Jag. Univ. Krakow

Silesia Univ.

Katowice

Warsaw Univ.

Warsaw TU

## Romania:

NIPNE Bucharest

Univ. Bucharest

## Russia:

IHEP Protvino

INR Troitzk

ITEP Moscow

Kurchatov Inst., Moscow

LHEP, JINR Dubna

LIT, JINR Dubna

MEPHI Moscow

PNPI Gatchina

SINP MSU, Moscow

St. Petersburg P. Univ.

Ioffe Phys.-Tech. Inst. St. Pb.

## Ukraine:

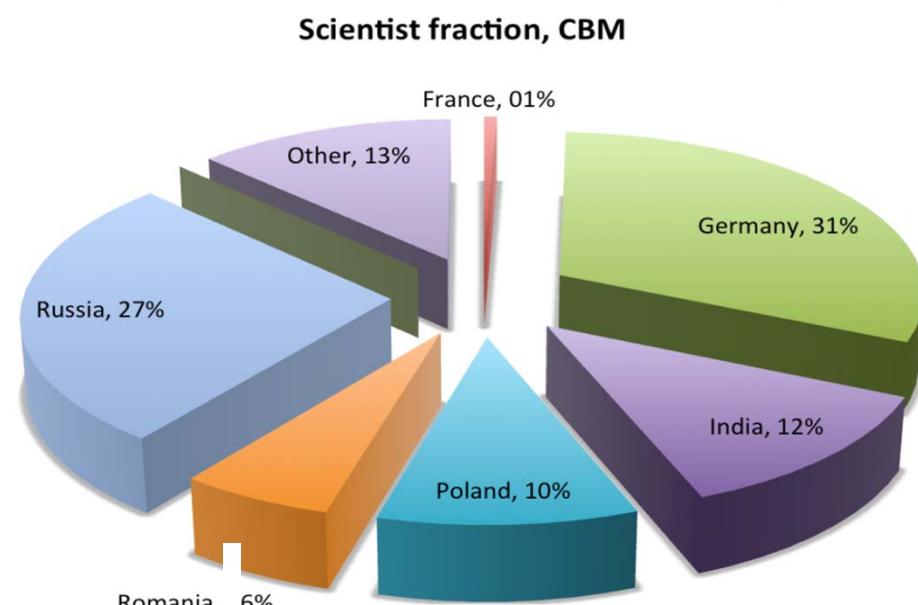
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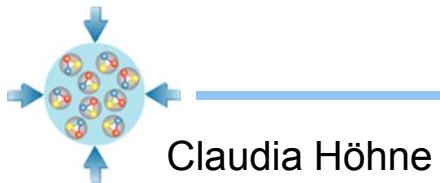
Kiev Inst. Nucl. Research

26<sup>th</sup> CBM Collaboration meeting in Prague, CZ  
14 -18 Sept. 2015



60 institutions, > 500 members





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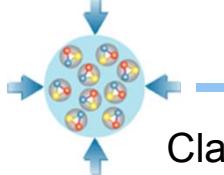
# Particle yields based on HSD calculations

## 10% most central Au+Au collisions at 6 and 10 A GeV

| Particle<br>(mass<br>MeV/c <sup>2</sup> ) | Multi-<br>plicity<br>6 A GeV | Multi-<br>plicity<br>10 A GeV | decay<br>mode  | BR                  | $\varepsilon$ (%) | yield<br>(s <sup>-1</sup> )<br>6 A GeV | yield<br>(s <sup>-1</sup> )<br>10 A GeV | yield in<br>10 weeks<br>6 A GeV | yield in<br>10 weeks<br>10 A GeV | IR<br>MHz |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| K <sup>+</sup> (494)                      | 12.5                         | 20                            | -              | -                   | 31                | $3.9 \cdot 10^5$                       | $6.2 \cdot 10^5$                        | $2.4 \cdot 10^{12}$             | $3.7 \cdot 10^{12}$              | 1         |
| K <sup>-</sup> (494)                      | 1.4                          | 3                             | -              | -                   | 27                | $3.8 \cdot 10^4$                       | $8.1 \cdot 10^4$                        | $2.3 \cdot 10^{11}$             | $4.8 \cdot 10^{11}$              | 1         |
| $\rho$ (770)                              | 5                            | 9                             | $L^+L^-$       | $4.7 \cdot 10^{-5}$ | 4.6               | 1.1                                    | 2.0                                     | $6.5 \cdot 10^6$                | $1.2 \cdot 10^7$                 | 1         |
| $\omega$ (782)                            | 3.3                          | 6                             | $L^+L^-$       | $7.1 \cdot 10^{-5}$ | 5.2               | 1.2                                    | 2.2                                     | $7.4 \cdot 10^6$                | $1.3 \cdot 10^7$                 | 1         |
| $\phi$ (1020)                             | 0.07                         | 0.12                          | $L^+L^-$       | $3 \cdot 10^{-4}$   | 6.0               | $1.3 \cdot 10^{-1}$                    | $2.2 \cdot 10^{-1}$                     | $7.6 \cdot 10^5$                | $1.3 \cdot 10^6$                 | 1         |
| $\Lambda$ (1115)                          | 10.4                         | 17.4                          | $p\pi^-$       | 0.64                | 18                | $1.2 \cdot 10^5$                       | $2.0 \cdot 10^5$                        | $7.2 \cdot 10^{11}$             | $1.2 \cdot 10^{12}$              | 1         |
| $\bar{\Lambda}$ (1115)                    | $4.6 \cdot 10^{-4}$          | 0.034                         | $\bar{p}\pi^+$ | 0.64                | 11                | 1.1                                    | 81.3                                    | $6.6 \cdot 10^6$                | $2.2 \cdot 10^8$                 | 10        |
| $\Xi^-$ (1321)                            | 0.054                        | 0.222                         | $\Lambda\pi^-$ | 1                   | 6                 | $3.2 \cdot 10^3$                       | $1.3 \cdot 10^4$                        | $1.9 \cdot 10^{10}$             | $7.8 \cdot 10^{10}$              | 10        |
| $\Xi^+$ (1321)                            | $3.0 \cdot 10^{-5}$          | $5.4 \cdot 10^{-4}$           | $\Lambda\pi^+$ | 1                   | 3.3               | $9.9 \cdot 10^{-1}$                    | 17.8                                    | $5.9 \cdot 10^6$                | $1.1 \cdot 10^8$                 | 10        |
| $\Omega^-$ (1672)                         | $5.8 \cdot 10^{-4}$          | $5.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$           | $\Lambda K^-$  | 0.68                | 5                 | 17                                     | 164                                     | $1.0 \cdot 10^8$                | $9.6 \cdot 10^8$                 | 10        |
| $\Omega^+$ (1672)                         | -                            | $7 \cdot 10^{-5}$             | $\Lambda K^+$  | 0.68                | 3                 | -                                      | 0.86                                    | -                               | $5.2 \cdot 10^6$                 | 10        |
| J/ $\psi$ (3097)                          | -                            | $1.74 \cdot 10^{-7}$          | $L^+L^-$       | 0.06                | 5                 | -                                      | $5.2 \cdot 10^{-4}$                     | -                               | 3100                             | 10        |
| ${}^3_{\Lambda}H$ (2993)                  | $4.2 \cdot 10^{-2}$          | $3.8 \cdot 10^{-2}$           | ${}^3He\pi^-$  | 0.25                | 19.2              | $2 \cdot 10^3$                         | $1.8 \cdot 10^3$                        | $1.2 \cdot 10^{10}$             | $1.1 \cdot 10^{10}$              | 10        |
| ${}^4_{\Lambda}He$ (3930)                 | $2.4 \cdot 10^{-3}$          | $1.9 \cdot 10^{-3}$           | ${}^3He\pi^+$  | 0.32                | 14.7              | 110                                    | 87                                      | $6.6 \cdot 10^8$                | $5.2 \cdot 10^8$                 | 10        |

## p + A collisions at 20 and 30 GeV

| Particle<br>(mass<br>MeV/c <sup>2</sup> ) | Multi-<br>plicity<br>20 GeV | Multi-<br>plicity<br>30 GeV | decay<br>mode        | BR   | $\varepsilon$ (%) | yield<br>(s <sup>-1</sup> )<br>20 GeV | yield<br>(s <sup>-1</sup> )<br>30 GeV | yield in<br>10 weeks<br>20 GeV | yield in<br>10 weeks<br>30 GeV | IR<br>MHz |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| D <sup>±</sup> (1869)                     | $3.4 \cdot 10^{-7}$         | $1.3 \cdot 10^{-6}$         | $K^+\pi^-\pi^-$      | 0.09 | 13                | $4.0 \cdot 10^{-2}$                   | $1.5 \cdot 10^{-1}$                   | $2.4 \cdot 10^5$               | $9.2 \cdot 10^5$               | 10        |
| D <sup>0</sup> (1865)                     | $5.1 \cdot 10^{-7}$         | $2.0 \cdot 10^{-6}$         | $K^+\pi^-\pi^-\pi^+$ | 0.08 | 2                 | $8.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$                   | $3.2 \cdot 10^{-2}$                   | $4.9 \cdot 10^4$               | $1.9 \cdot 10^5$               | 10        |
| J/ $\psi$ (3097)                          | $7.5 \cdot 10^{-8}$         | $2.9 \cdot 10^{-6}$         | $L^+L^-$             | 0.06 | 5                 | $2.3 \cdot 10^{-3}$                   | $8.7 \cdot 10^{-2}$                   | $1.4 \cdot 10^4$               | $5.2 \cdot 10^5$               | 10        |



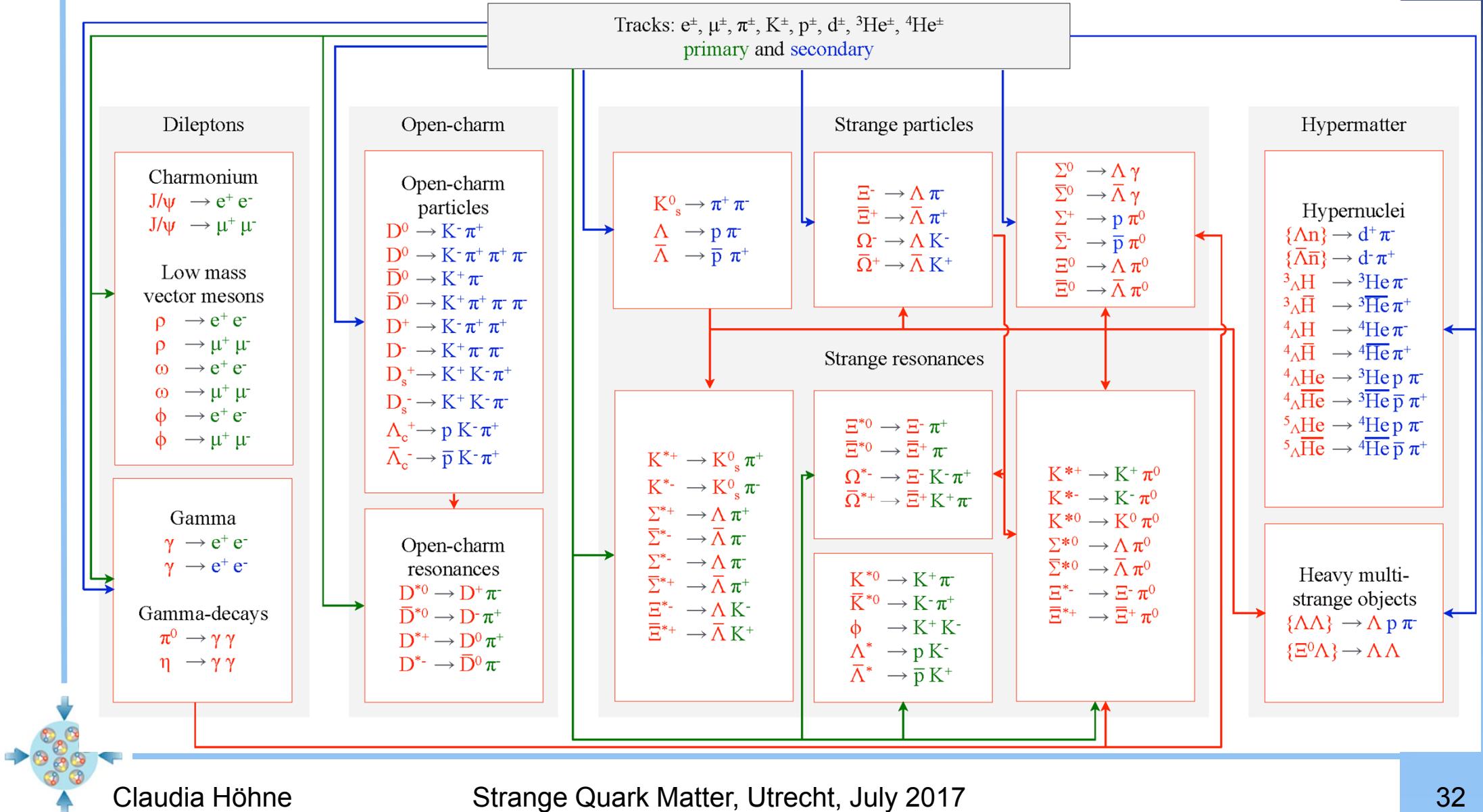
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# Online particle identification

Fast (online) reconstruction of all resonances available

- use excellent tracking of STS + MVD: secondary vertex finding

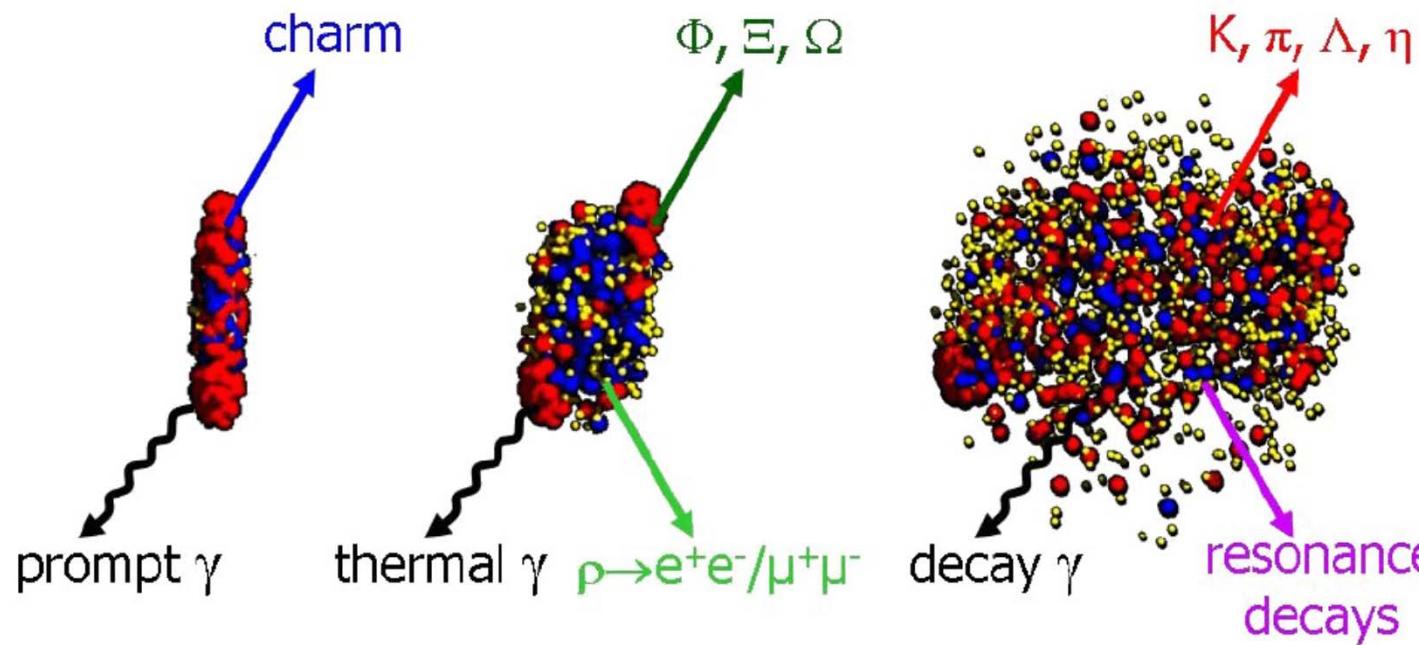


# Heavy – Ion Collisions

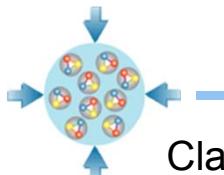
## Hadrons:

- In final state: thermalized?
- From „before“:  
relicts from high density phase still carrying information on this phase?

Penetrating probes: ... *not this talk* ...



**Hard probes**  
(initial state)



**Penetrating probes**  
(integrate over collision history)  
**“Relicts”**  
(produced in dense phase)

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**Freeze-out**  
(final state particles)

**Thermalized (?) hadrons**

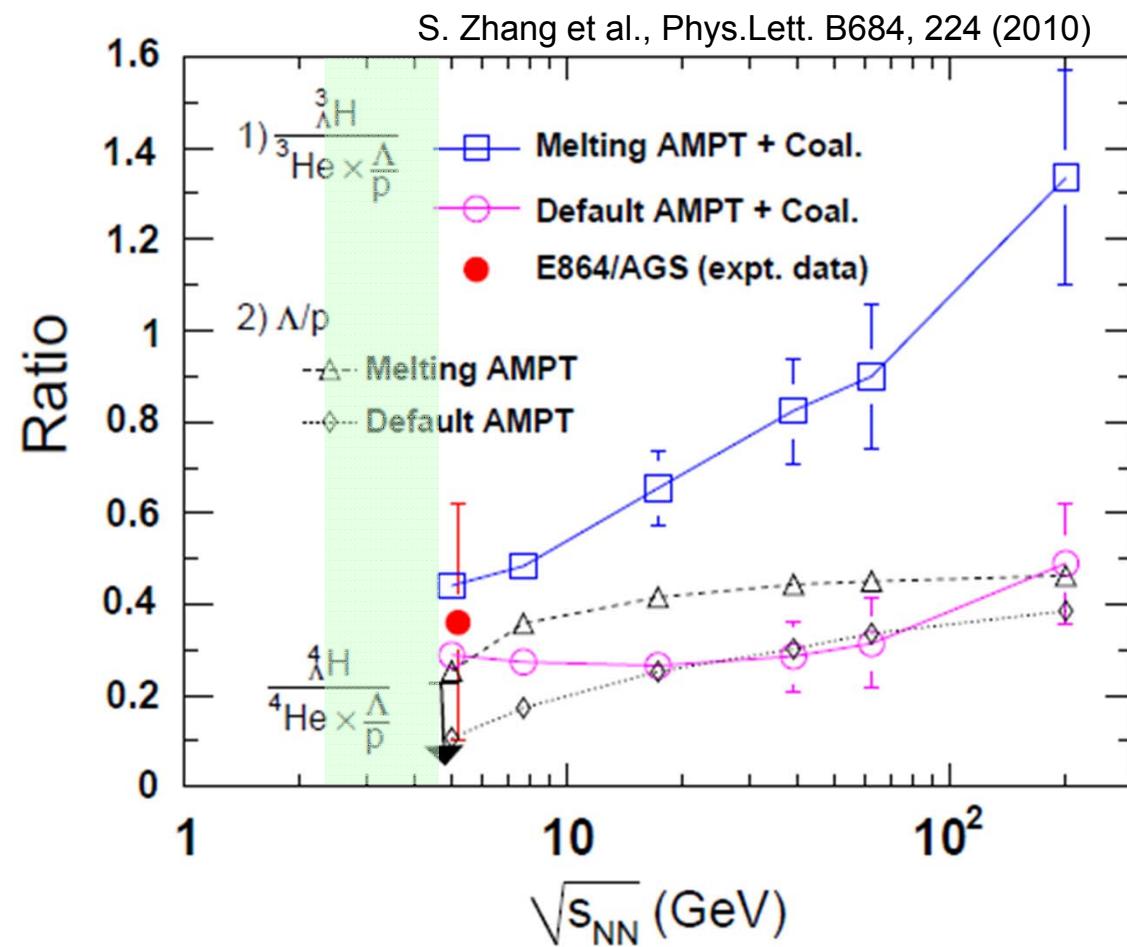
# Baryon – Strangeness – Correlation

## CBM

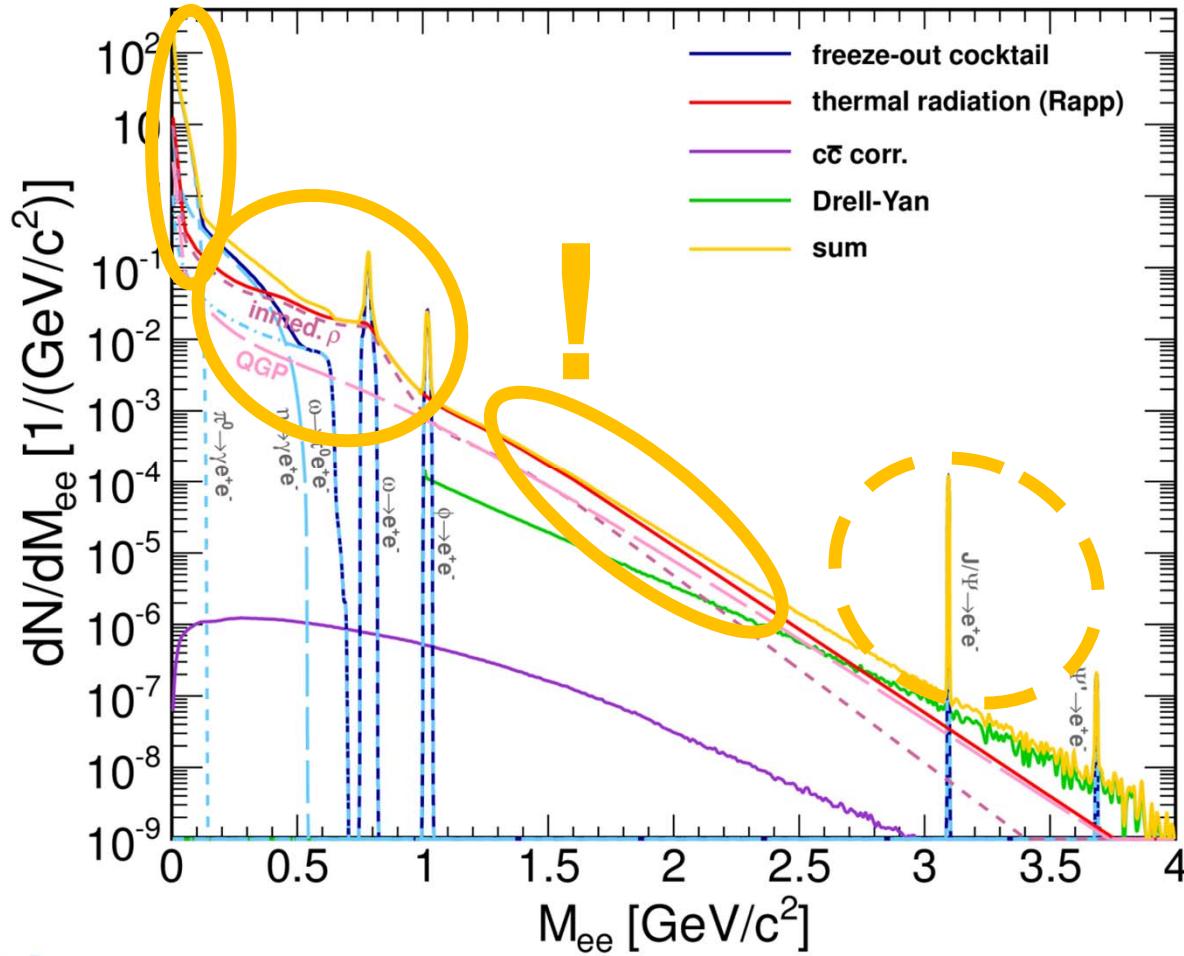
→ Compare  ${}_{\Lambda}t/{}^{3}\text{He}$  production to  $\Lambda/p$ :

Local correlation between baryon number and strangeness

→ sensitivity to deconfinement!



# Dileptons at CBM



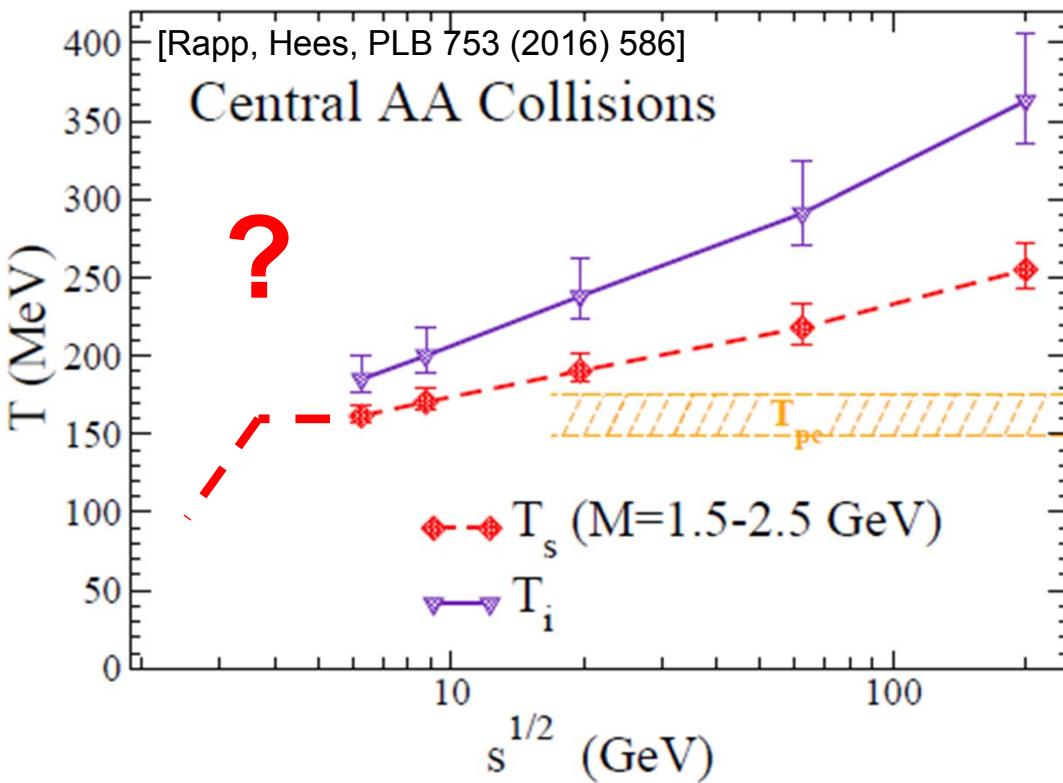
Central Au+Au collisions, 25 AGeV

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- Photons: access to early temperatures  
→ **excitation function?**
- Low-mass vector mesons: in-medium properties of  $\rho$   
→ strength due to coupling to baryons (see HADES)  
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QGP,  $4\pi$ - or  $\rho$ - $a_1$  chiral mixing  
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