

COSMIC MATTER IN THE LABORATORY - THE CBM EXPERIMENT AT FAIR

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OUTLINE

- The Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research
- Exploring cosmic matter in the laboratory
 - the high-density nuclear matter equation-of-state
 - the QCD phase diagram
- The Compressed Baryonic Matter (CBM) experiment



Győrfi András: Az úton (On the road)

Zimanyi School 2019
Winter Workshop on heavy ion physics
2-6 December 2019
Budapest, Hungary



*"I just won't sleep," I decided.
There were so many other
interesting things to do."*

— Jack Kerouac, On the Road

Cosmic Matter

Supernova explosion



Young stars are made of hydrogen, and the nuclear reaction converts $H \rightarrow He \rightarrow C \rightarrow O \rightarrow Si \rightarrow Fe$ (+ radiation)
 Radiation balances gravity. Nuclear fusion stops at iron.
 Eventually, the massive core collapses to form a NS. The outer layers of the star fall in and bounce off the neutron core which creates a shock wave that blows the outer layer outward. This is the supernova explosion.
 + emission of light and neutrinos

Neutron Star



densest and tiniest stars in the universe:
 $\sim 1.4 M$, $R = 10-16$ km
 Protons and electrons melt into each other to form neutrons and more...

Neutron Star Merger



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Stellar collision: two NS orbit each other closely \rightarrow merger leads to creation of more massive NS or black hole; also produces a magnetic field + short γ -ray bursts

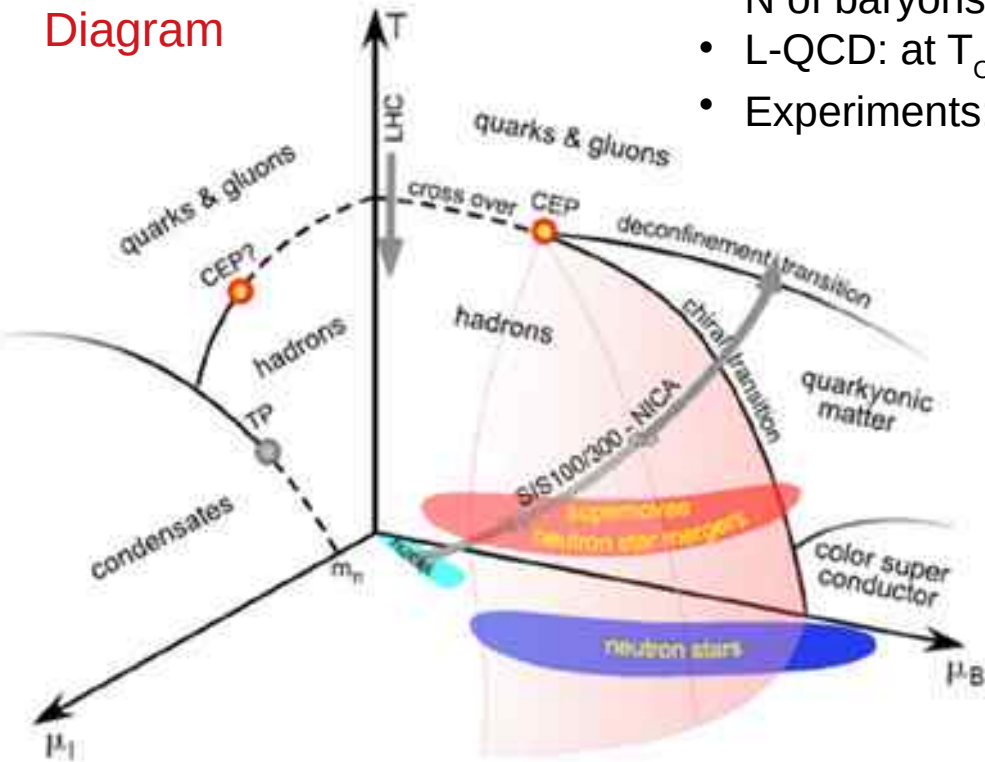
+ kilonovae (transient sources of isotropic longer wave em radiation due to radioactive decay of heavy nuclei produced and ejected during the merger)

Kilonovae



Phase diagram of QCD Matter

Phase Diagram



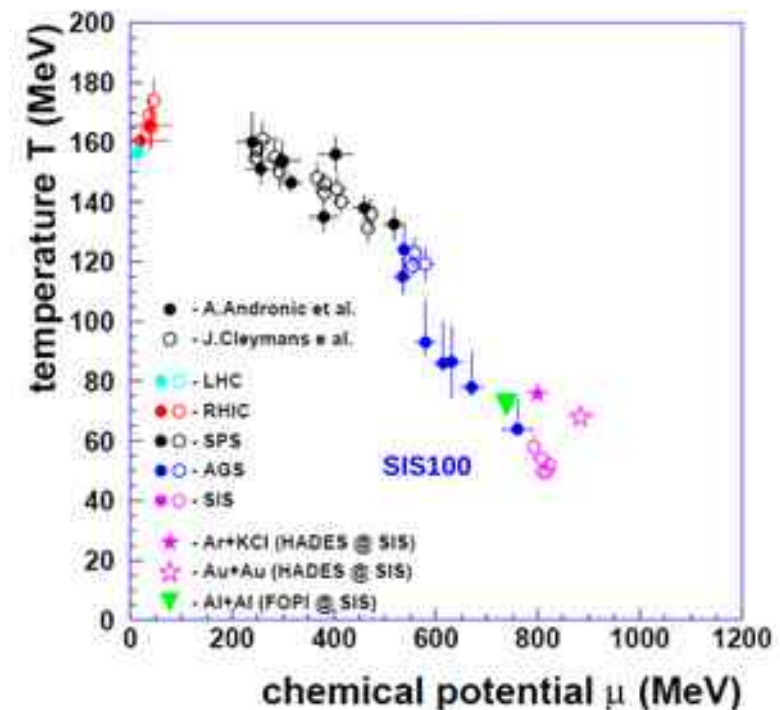
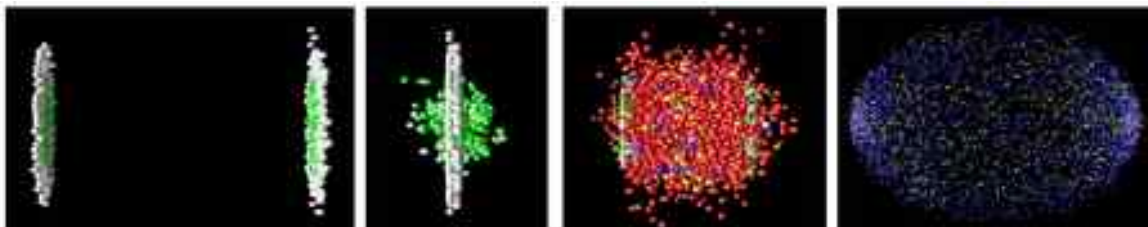
At very high temperature:

- N of baryons = N of antibaryons, situation similar to early universe
- L-QCD: at $T_c \sim 155$ MeV crossover transition hadronic matter \rightarrow QGP
- Experiments: [ALICE, ATLAS, CMS \(LHC\)](#). [STAR, PHENIX \(RHIC\)](#)

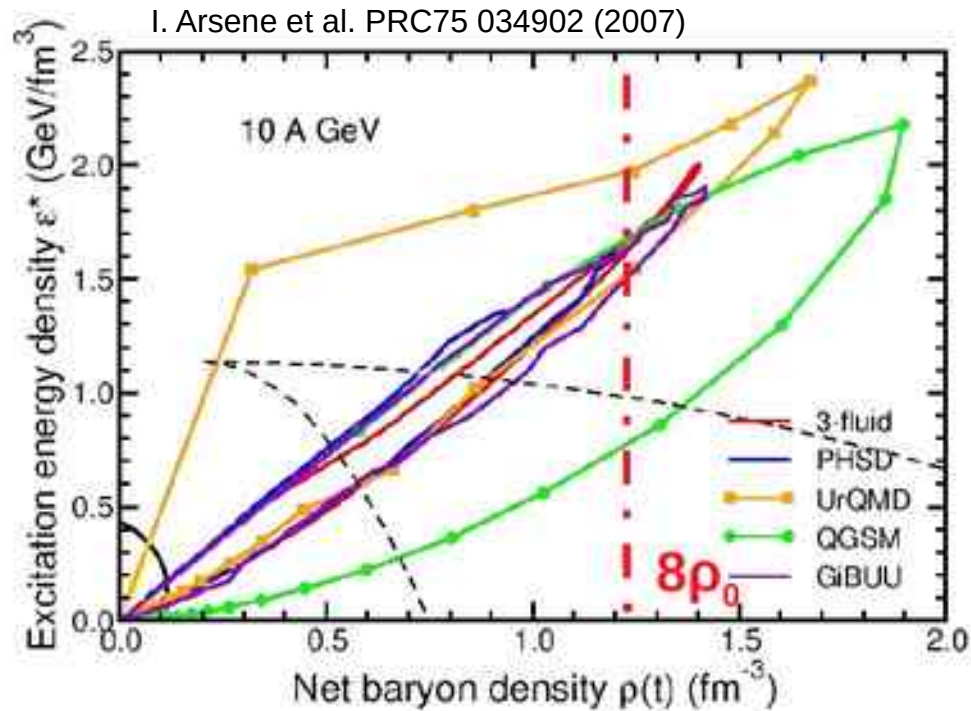
At high baryon density:

- N of baryons \gg N of antibaryons, densities like in neutron star cores
- L-QCD not (yet) applicable, models predict phase transitions and exotic phases
- Experiments: [BES \(RHIC\)](#), [NA61 \(CERN SPS\)](#), [CBM \(FAIR\)](#), [MPD/BM@N \(NICA\)](#)

Heavy ion collision



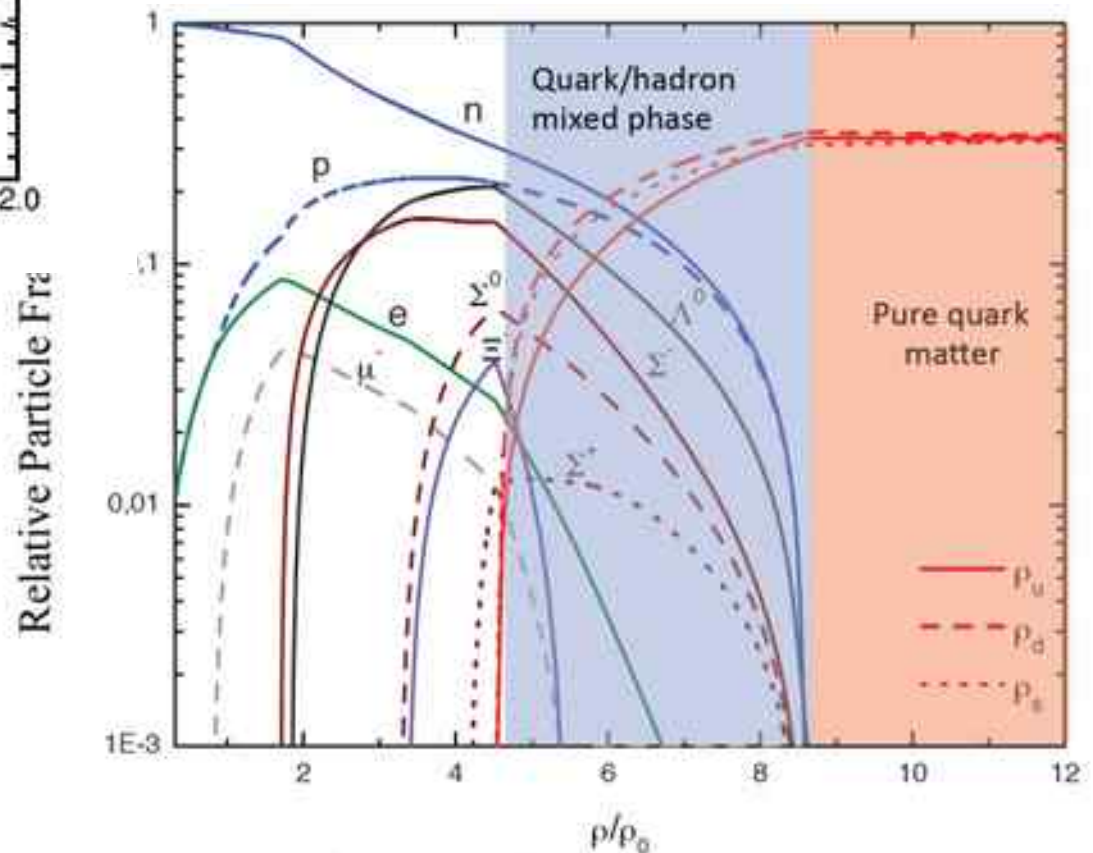
Baryon densities at SIS100



Quark matter equation-of-state at high baryon densities, coexistence (quarkyonic) & partonic phases:

- Hadron yields, collective flow, correlations, fluctuations
- (Multi-)strange hyperons (K , Σ , Λ , Ξ , Ω) production at (sub)threshold energies

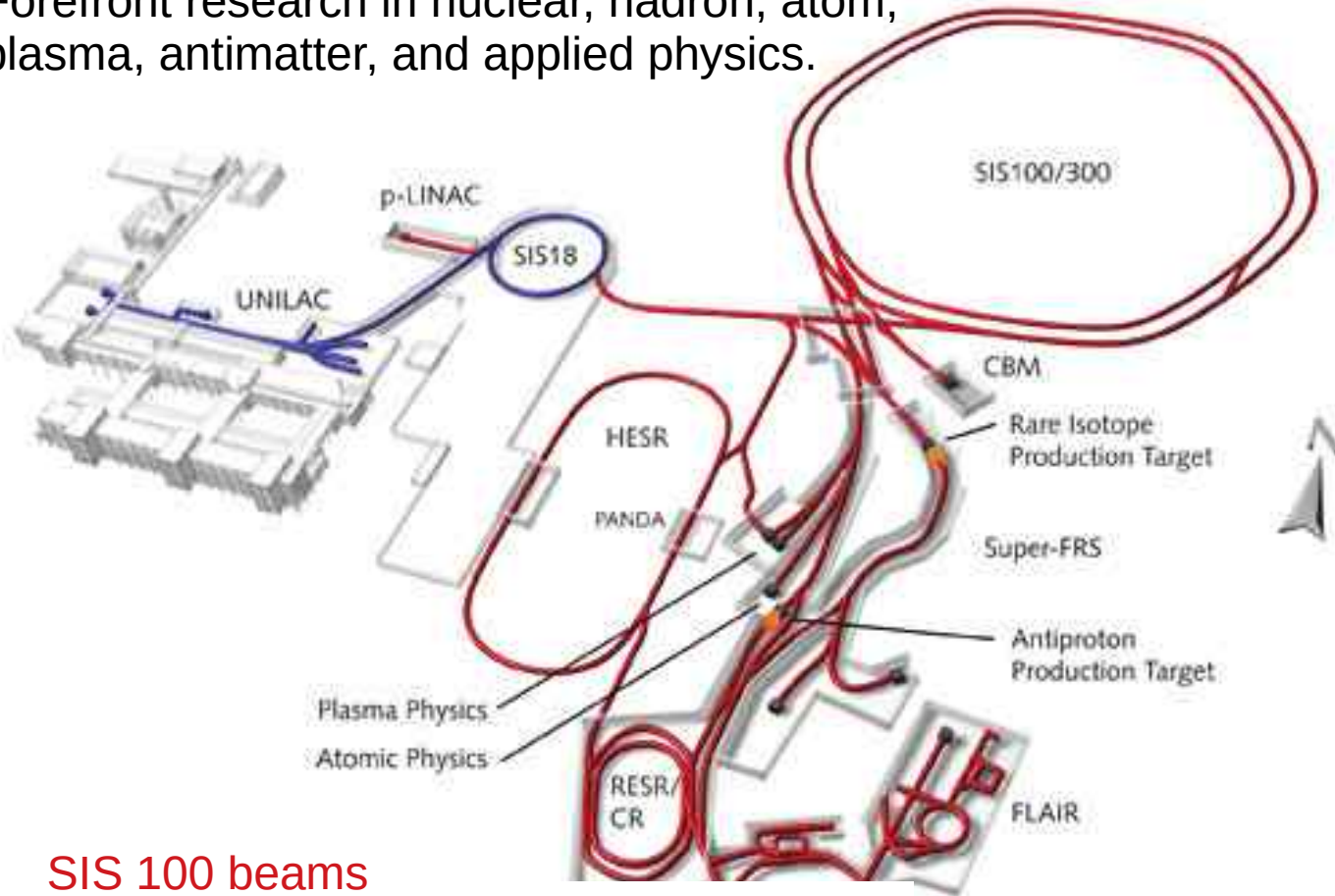
Net-baryon density reaches a value 5-15 times of the normal matter ($\rho_0 = 0.17\text{fm}^{-3}$): experimentally access the region of mixed / quarkyonic phase



Facility for Anti-proton and Ion Research (FAIR) 5

the largest worldwide project in fundamental science.

Forefront research in nuclear, hadron, atom, plasma, antimatter, and applied physics.



SIS 100 beams

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

July 2017:

Start of excavation and trench sheeting

January 2018:

Civil construction north area awarded (SIS tunnel, CBM building)

July 2018:

Start of shell construction

2022:

Buildings completed (including CBM cave)

2025:

Completion of full facility and start of operations

Financing: Germany 60%, Hessen 10%, partner countries 30%

~ 3000 users per year.

Member states: Germany, Russia, India, Poland, Romania, France, Finland, Sweden, Slovenia, Great Britain.

FAIR Project Status

Comprehensive civil construction plan: completion of all buildings by 2022

Full integrated planning for construction and commissioning of the entire project: Completion of the full FAIR facility by 2025.



2014: 1350 pillars 60 m deep



Ground breaking - 4 July 2017

million cubic meters of earth to be excavated (5000 houses)
00,000 cubic meters of concrete to be used (8 soccer stadiums)
5,000 tons of steel to be utilized (9 Eiffel Tower)

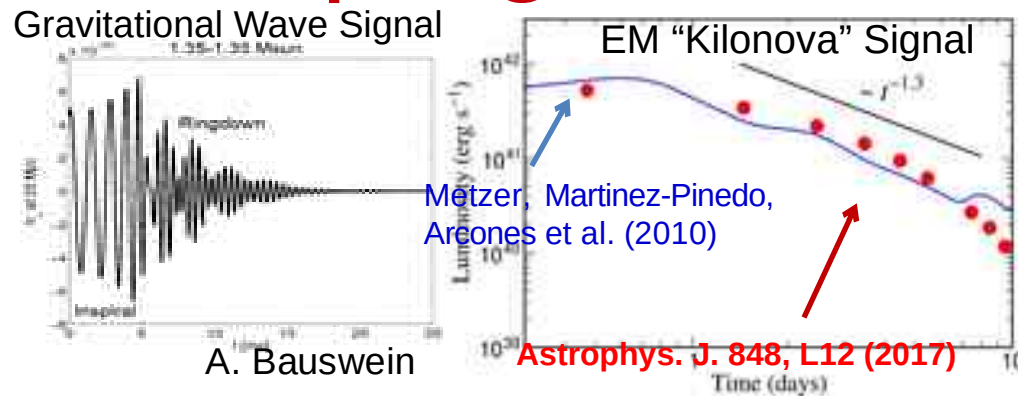






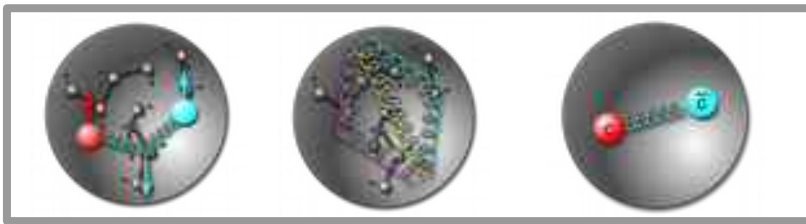
A broad experimental program

- Electromagnetic “Kilonova” theoretically predicted by GSI scientists in 2010.
- Confirmation by recent astronomical observations after gravitational wave detection from GW170817 (August 2017).
- Source of heavy elements including gold, platinum and uranium.

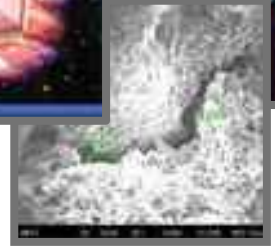
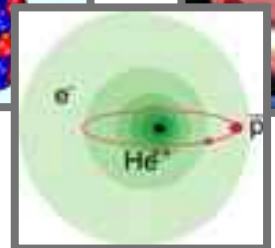
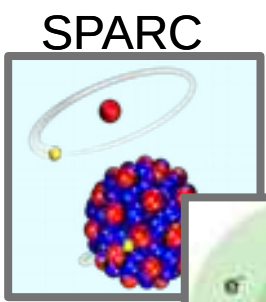


- **PANDA**
Hadron physics with Anti-protons
- Gluonic excitations
- Charmonium states
- Time-like form factors, nucleon structure
- In-medium mass modifications (charm)
- Nuclear chart: double hypernuclei

NUSTAR: Rare Isotope beams
 -Nuclear structure
 -Nuclear astrophysics: Origin of elements in universe?
 → Measurements in the laboratory: Mass, lifetime, decay channels, structure of very rare instable nuclei



- **APPA (Atomic Physics, Plasma & Applied Sciences)**
- Strong field research (fundamental laws)
- Anti-matter
- State of matter in planetary interiors
- Material Science: radiation hardness, modifications
- Aerospace engineering: shielding of cosmic radiation
- Biophysics: tumor therapy



Compressed Baryonic Matter (CBM)¹¹

Physics Case and Observable

The collision of atomic nuclei at high speeds can simulate the conditions inside supermassive objects.

Exploration of QCD phase diagram at high baryon densities is an international effort:

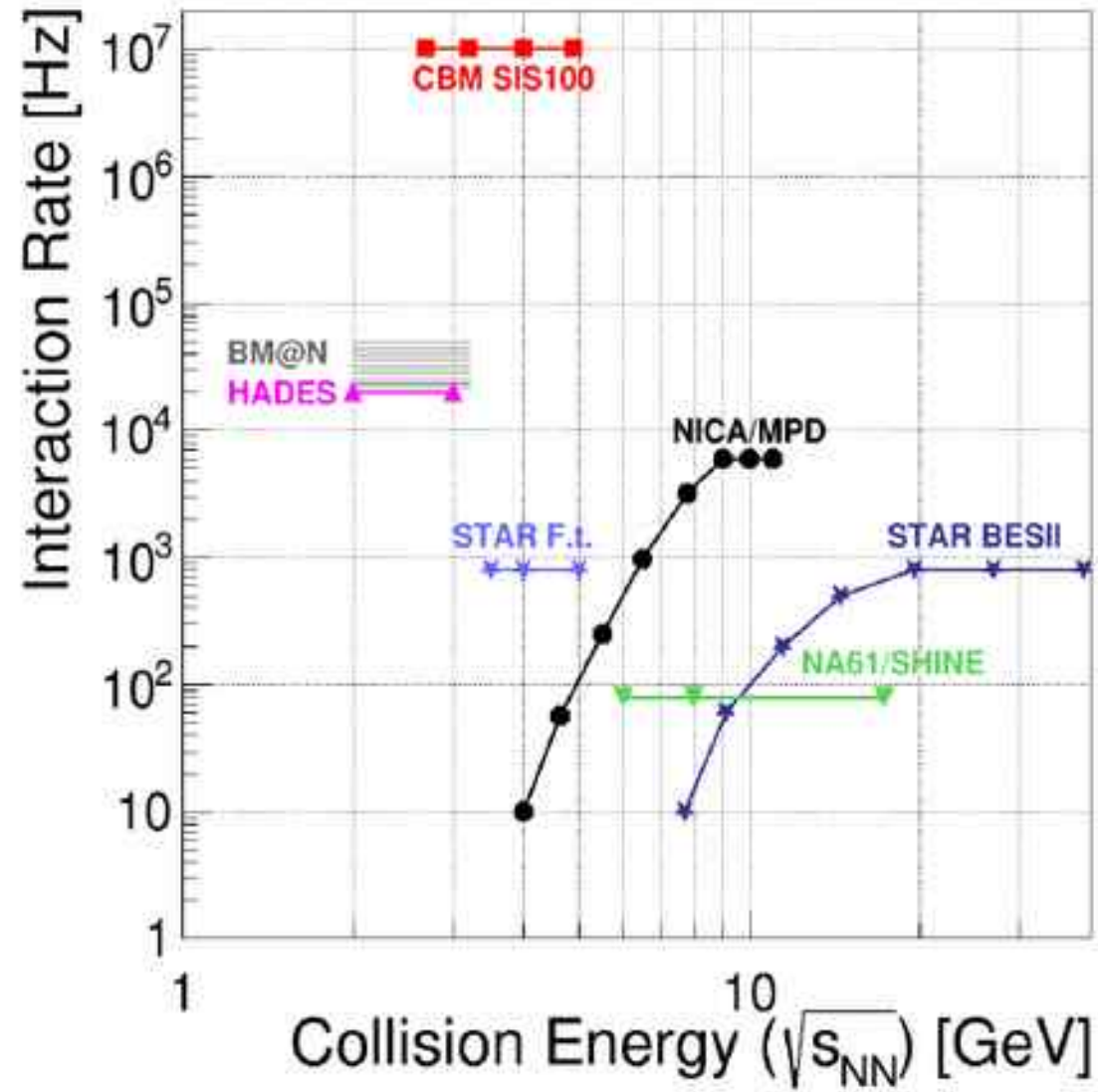
- NA61 @ SPS / CERN
- BM@N @ Nuclotron/JINR
- STAR (BES I - II, F.t.) @ RHIC/BNL
- MPD @ NICA / JINR

CBM's unique feature:

interaction rates up to 10 MHz!

→ High statistics measurement of rare probes becomes possible

- (multi)strange hyperons
- Hypernuclei
- Charm
- Dileptons



CBM Coll., arXiv:1607.01487

Experimental requirements

Au+Au collisions

$10^5 - 10^7$ Au+Au reactions/sec

require fast and radiation hard detectors and FEE
but cannot be taped (~ 1 TB/s)

Needs online event selection

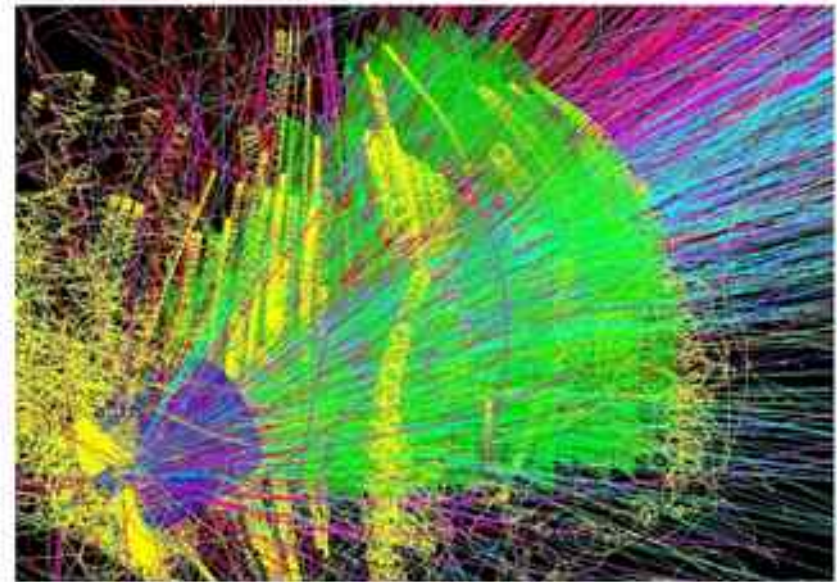
based on the desired physics observables

This requires

determination of displaced vertices ($\sigma \approx 50 \mu\text{m}$)

identification of leptons and hadrons

central Au+Au collision @ 10A GeV/c



Green Cube (GSI)



Therefore CBM operates

free streaming readout electronics

high speed data acquisition

high performance computer farm

for online event selection

→ 4-D (x,y,z,t) event reconstruction

The CBM detectors

Dipole Magnet

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

ECal

Electromagnetic Calorimeter

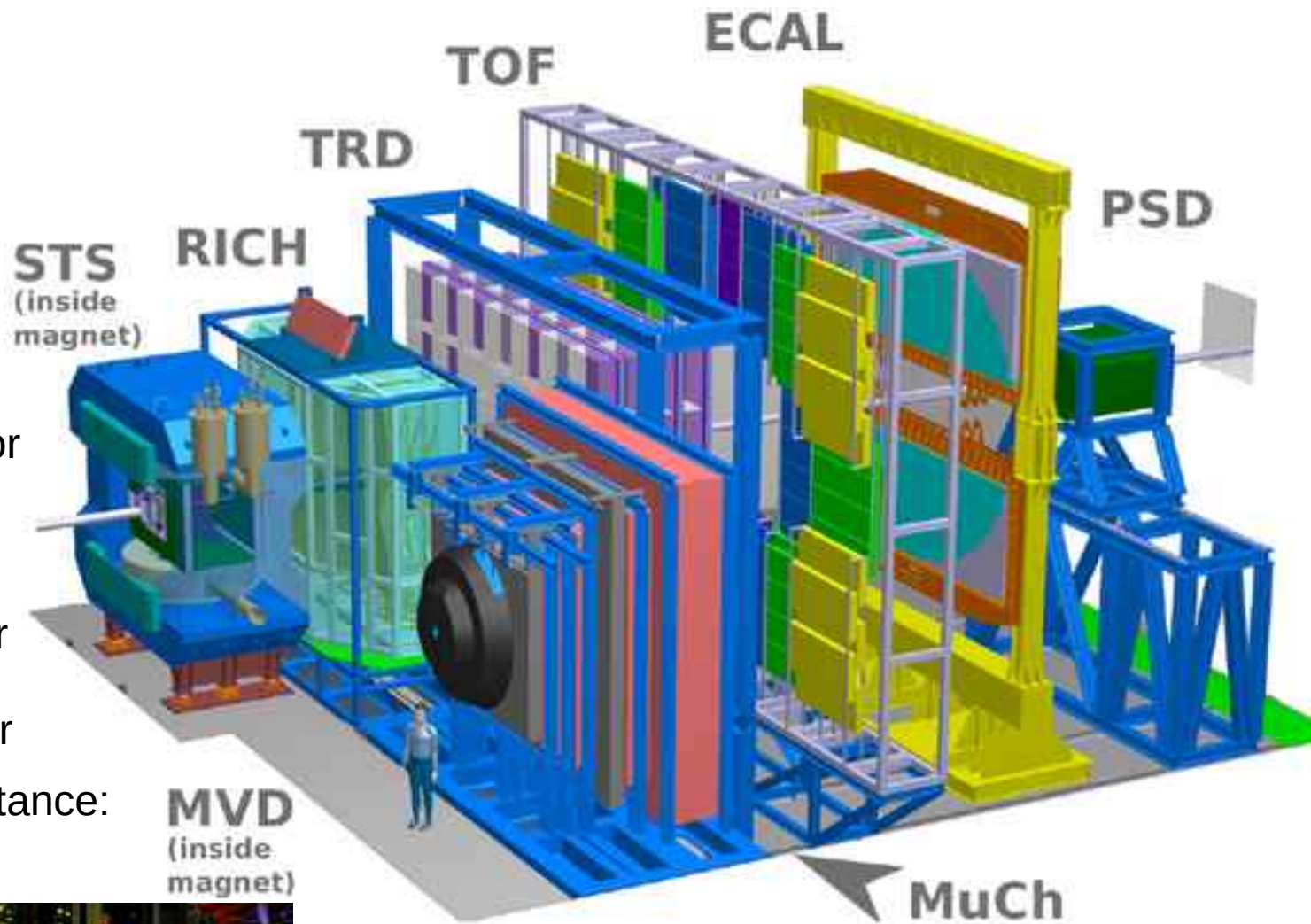
PSD

Projectile Spectator Detector

Tracking acceptance:
 $2^\circ < \theta_{\text{lab}} < 25^\circ$

FLES

First Level Event Selector

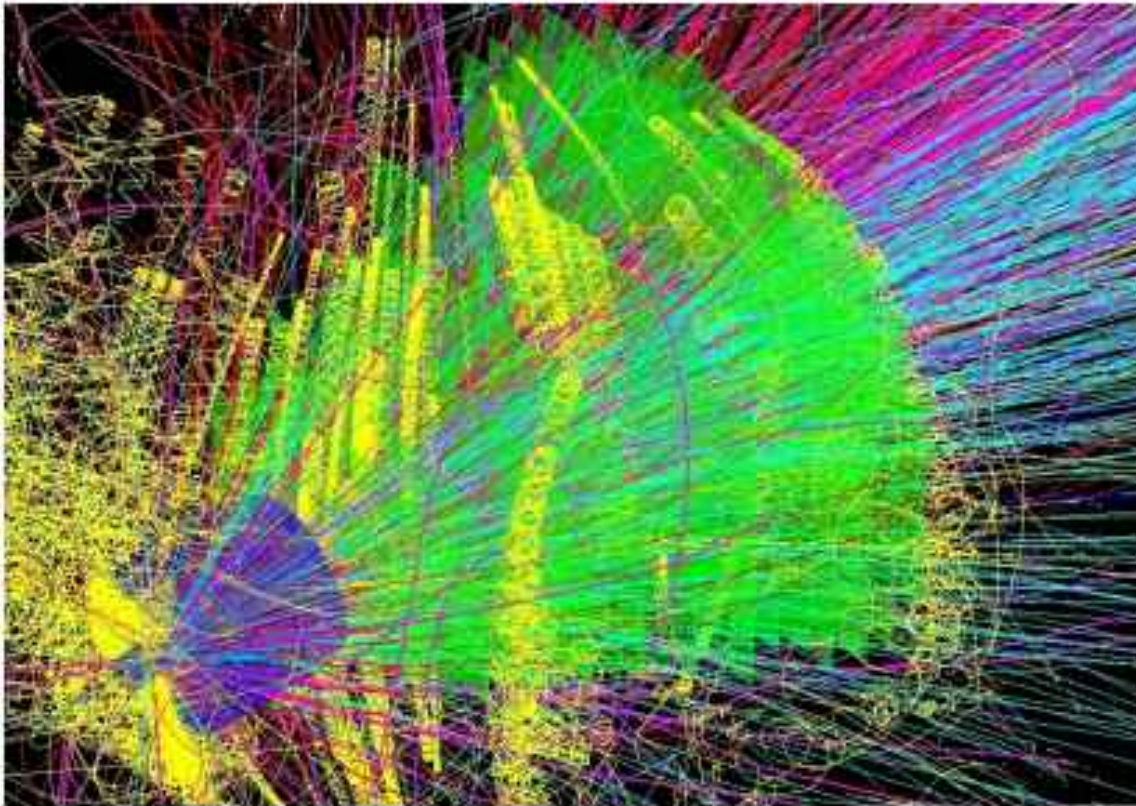


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Equation-of-state
Phase transitions
Hypernuclei

Tracking and event reconstruction

central Au+Au collision @ 10A GeV/c



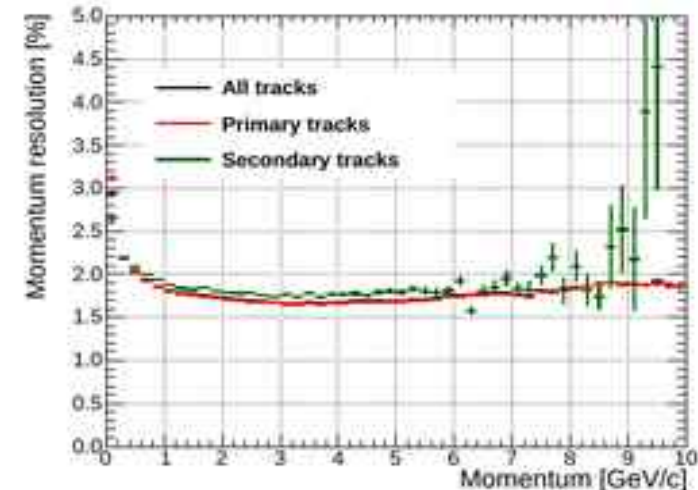
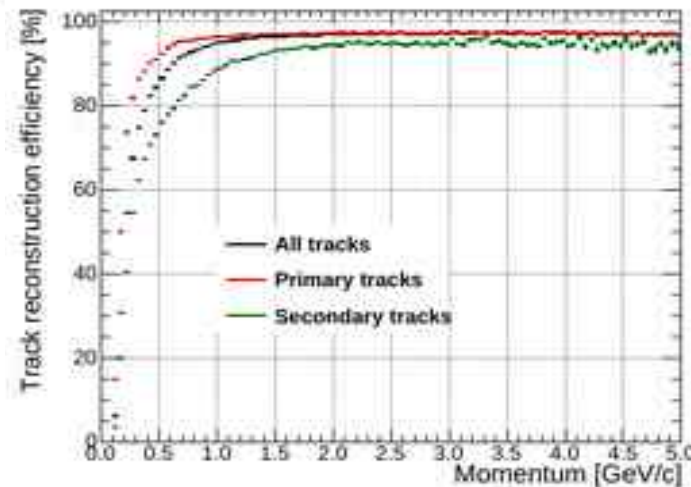
High multiplicity collisions

→ almost 1000 particles

- High efficiency $\sim 97\%$ for $p_T > 1$ GeV/c
- Excellent momentum resolution $< 2\%$

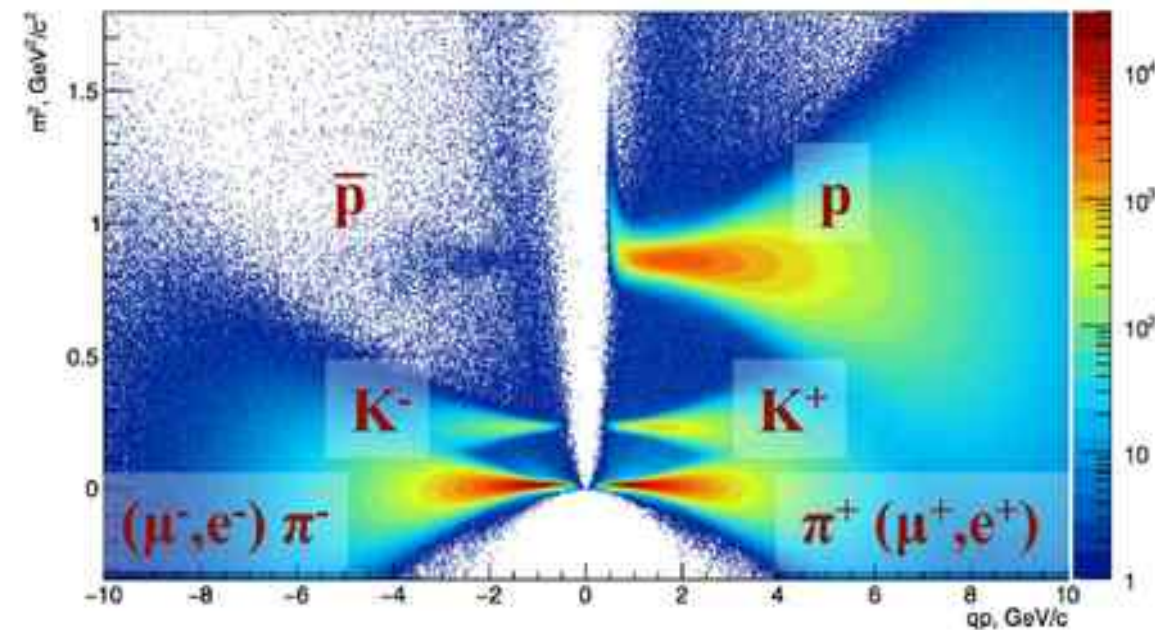
High interaction rate implies:

- Events in the selected time window (time slice) will overlap in time
- reconstruction in 4D (space, time)
- Decay topology reconstruction

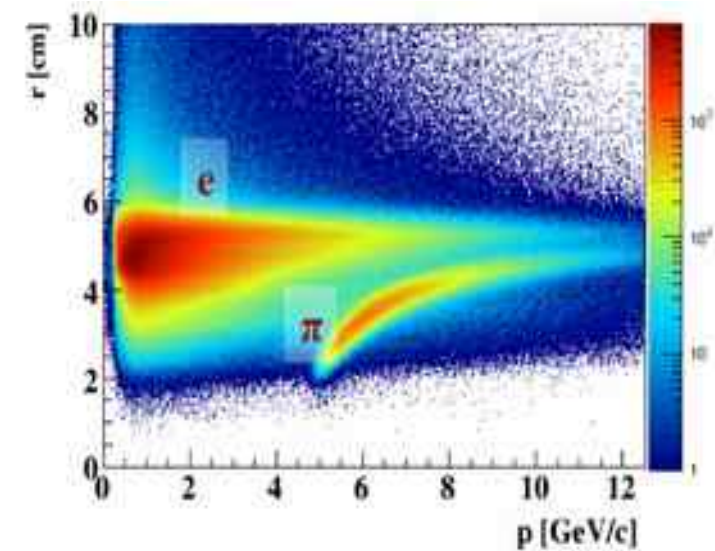


Particle Identification

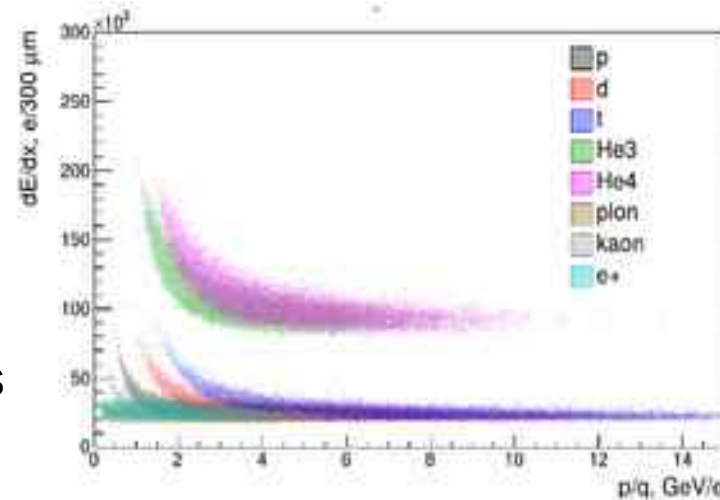
central Au+Au collision @ 10A GeV/c



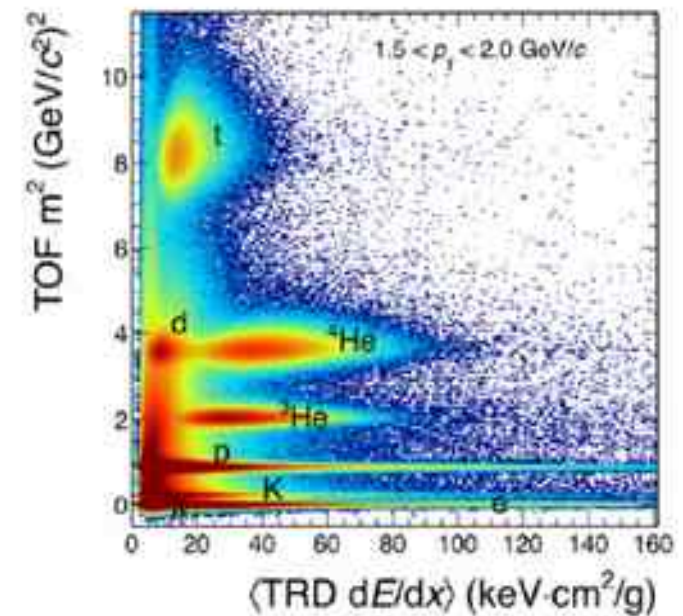
+ RICH / TRD
pions, electrons, and light nuclei



STS+ToF
High purity identification of charged
protons, pions and kaons



+ dE/dx in STS
distinguish heavy fragments

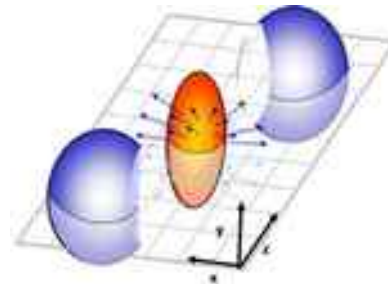


Flow

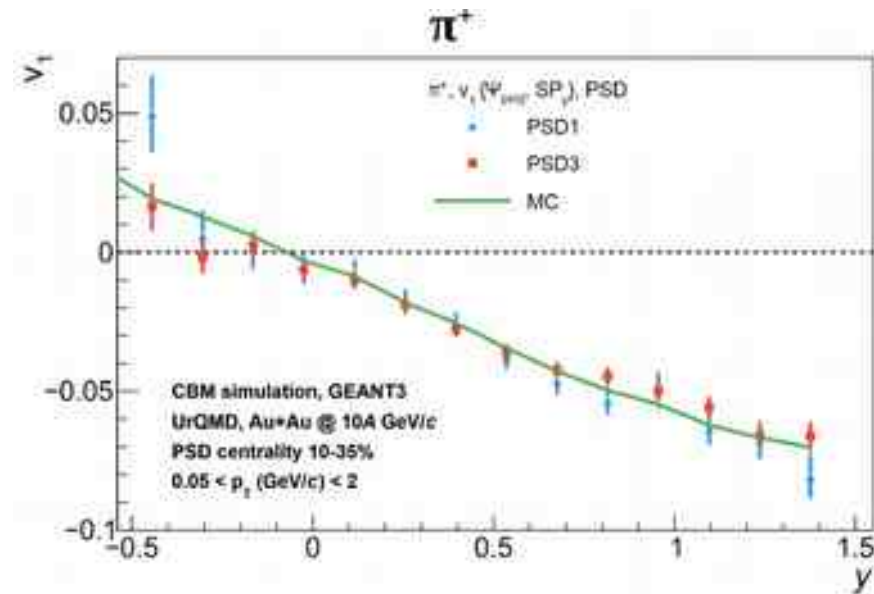
EOS of symmetric matter extracted from collective proton flow
 → driven by the pressure gradient in the early fireball

Au+Au collisions measured at AGS for beam energies from 2 to 11A GeV: → „The heavy-ion constraint“

Anisotropic flow v_n is defined via Fourier decomposition of azimuthal (ϕ) distribution of produced particles relative to the reaction plane Ψ_{RP}

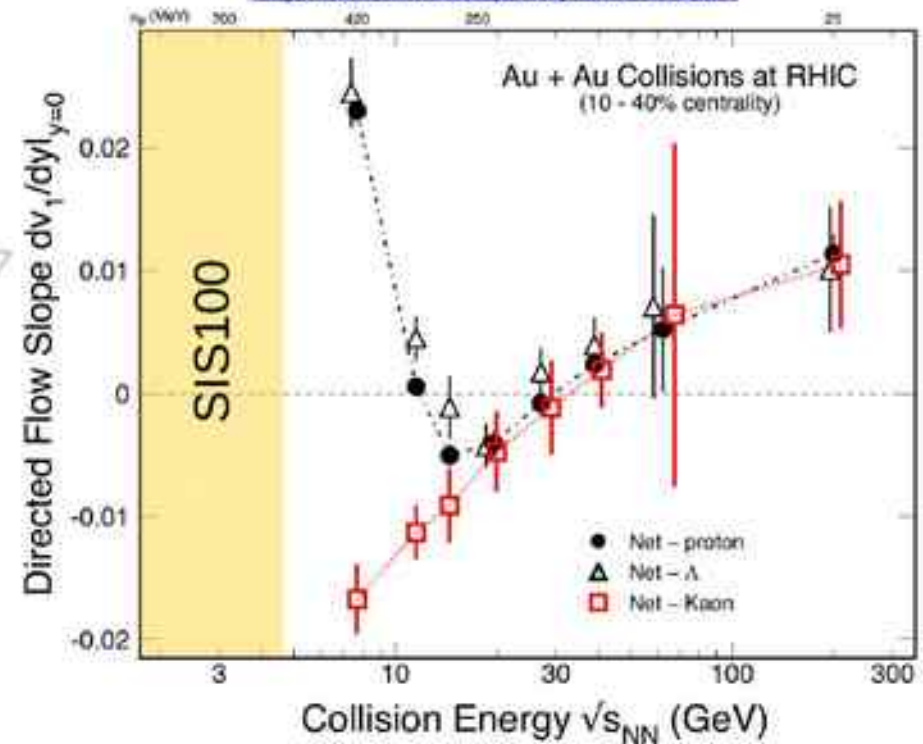


$$dN/d\phi = C (1 + v_1 \cos(\phi - \Psi_{RP}) + v_2 \cos(2\phi - \Psi_{RP}) + \dots)$$



STAR Collaboration:

[Phys.Rev.Lett. 120 \(2018\) no.6, 062301](https://arxiv.org/abs/1801.06230)

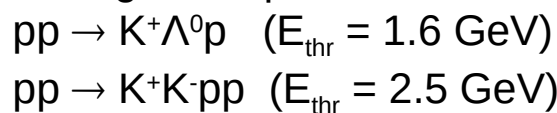


“input” model v_1 is recovered using “data-driven” method

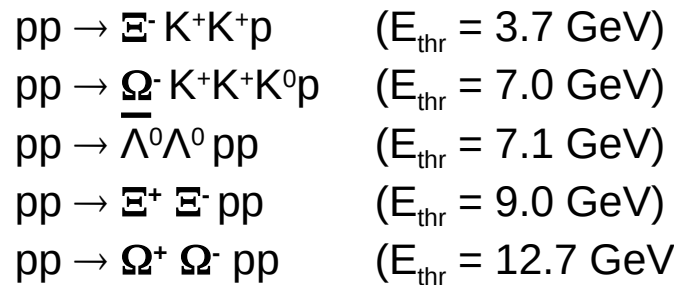
Multi-strange hadrons

Ξ and Ω yield at subthreshold energies \sim multi-step collisions \sim density \rightarrow EOS

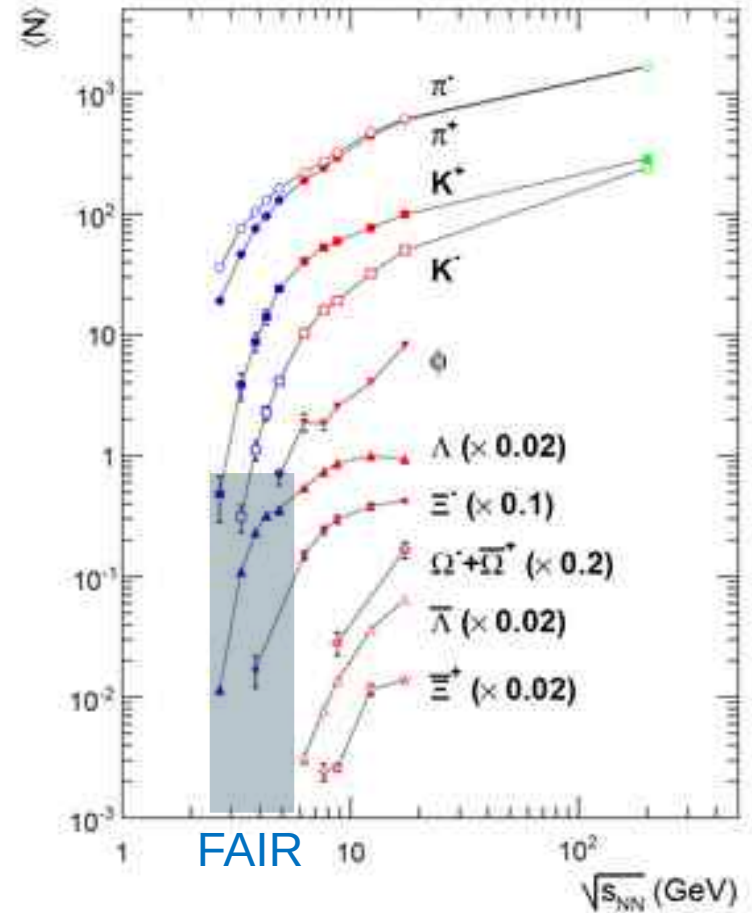
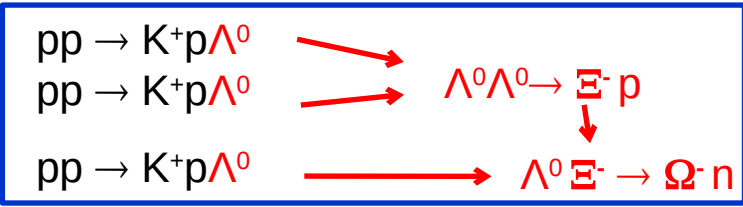
Strangeness production:



multi-strange hyperon production:



Hyperon production via multiple collisions

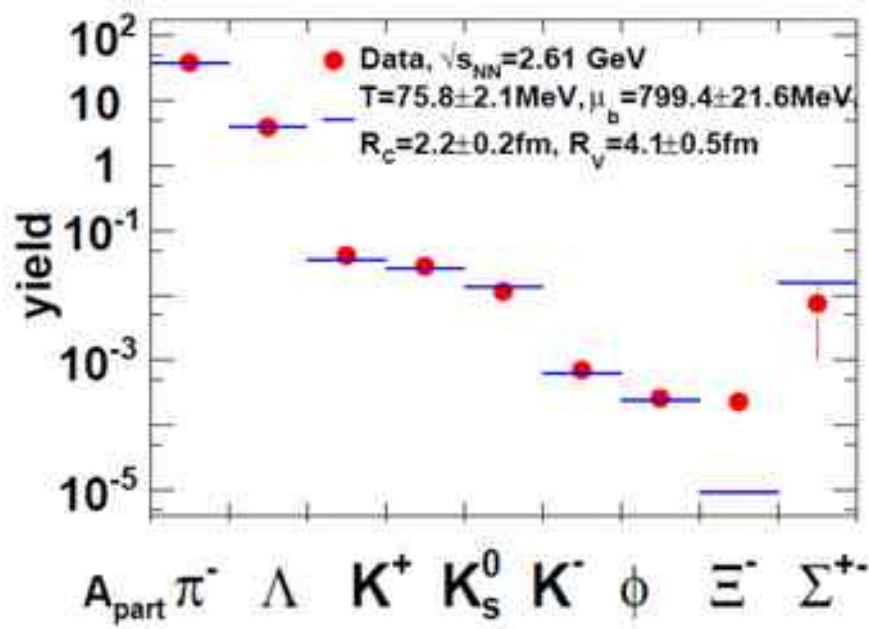


Particle yields and thermal model fits

$$n_i = N_i/V = -\frac{T}{V} \frac{\partial \ln Z_i}{\partial \mu} = \frac{g_i}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{p^2 dp}{\exp[(E_i - \mu_i)/T] \pm 1}$$

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HADES Eur.Phys.J. A47 (2011) 21



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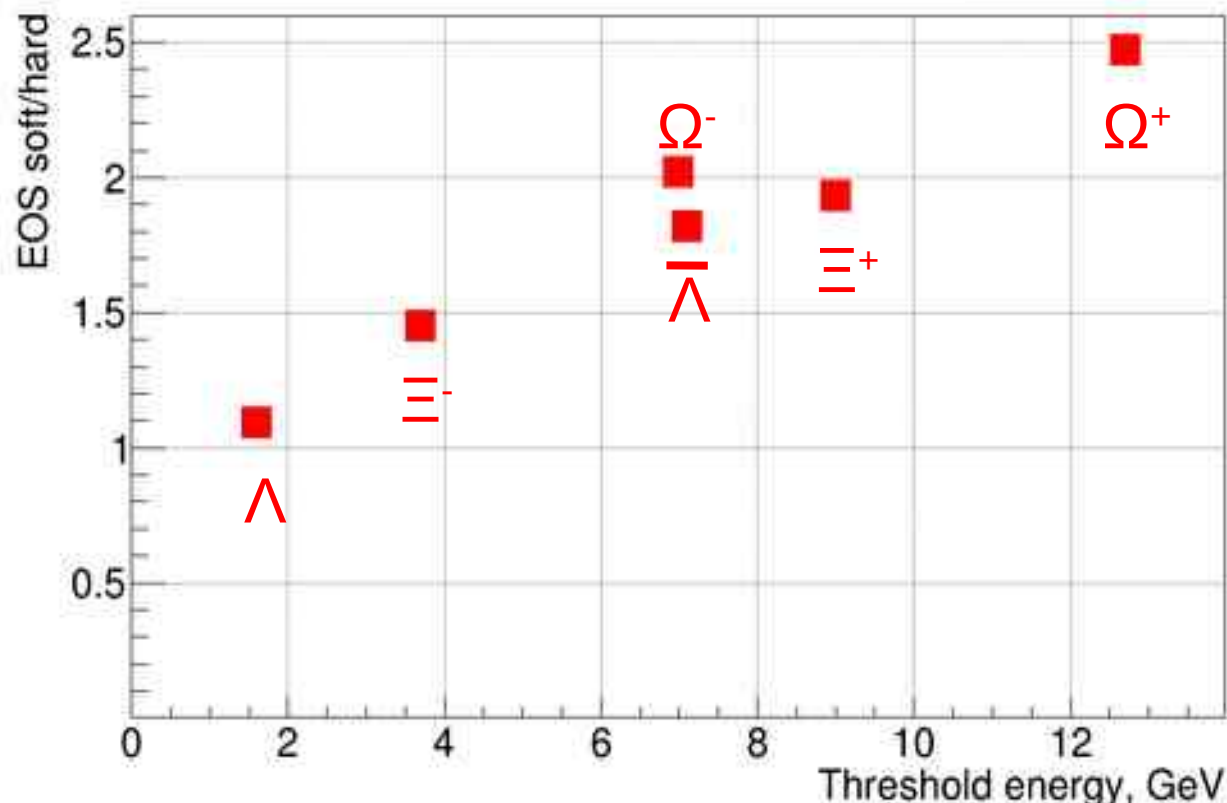
Excitation function of strangeness: $\Xi^-(dss), \Xi^+(dss), \Omega^-(sss), \Omega^+(sss)$

\rightarrow chemical equilibration at the phase boundary ?

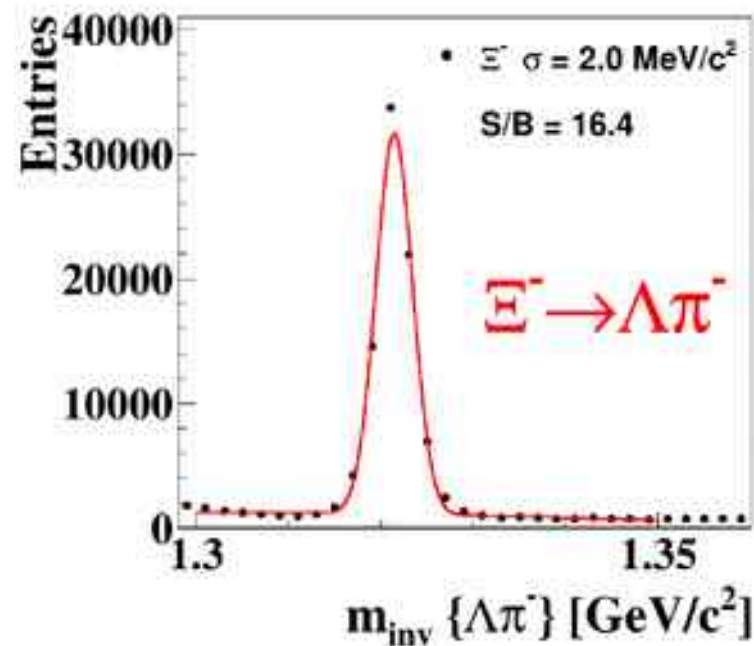
sensitivity to EoS

Hyperon yield in 4A GeV Au+Au:

soft EOS / hard EOS



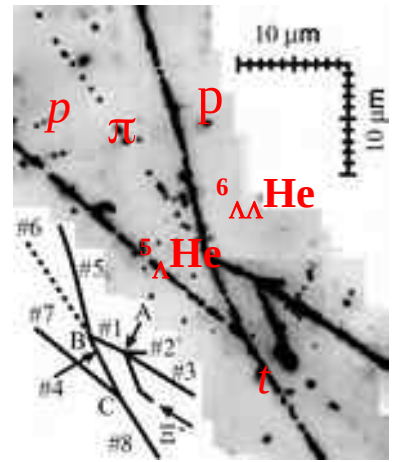
CBM simulation
UrQMD, Au+Au @ 10A GeV/c,
central, 5M events



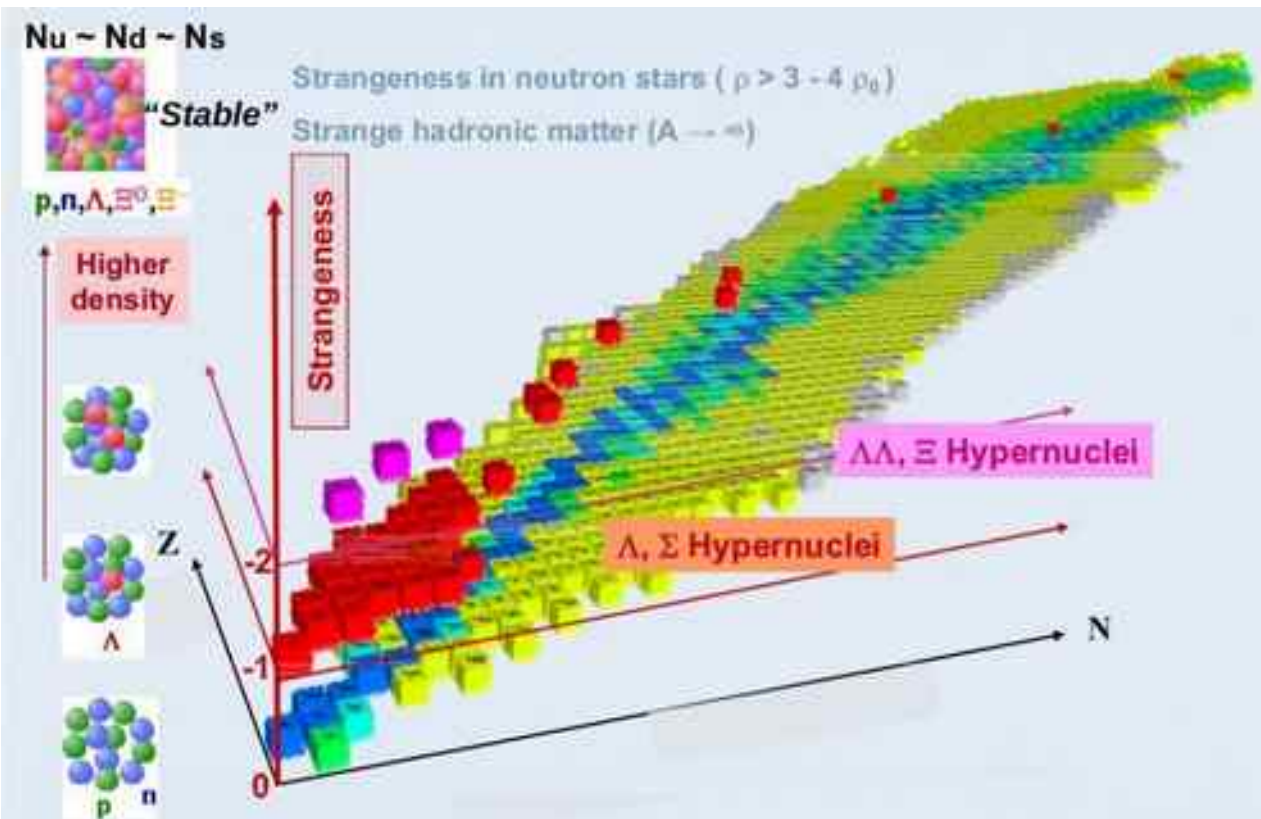
PHQMD calculations, J. Aichelin, E. Bratkovskaya, V. Kireyeu et al., priv. comm.

Hypernuclei

- Nuclei with at least one hyperon in addition to the normal protons and neutrons.
- Produced by a nucleus capturing a Λ or K meson and boiling off neutrons or by direct strangeness exchange reaction.
- Λ -Hypernuclei live long enough to have sharp nuclear energy levels
 → study nuclear spectroscopy and reaction mechanism
- Hyperon has non-zero strangeness quantum number
 → not restricted by Pauli exclusion principle → can share space and momentum coordinates with the usual four nucleon states
- The strength of the Λ -N strong interaction may be extracted

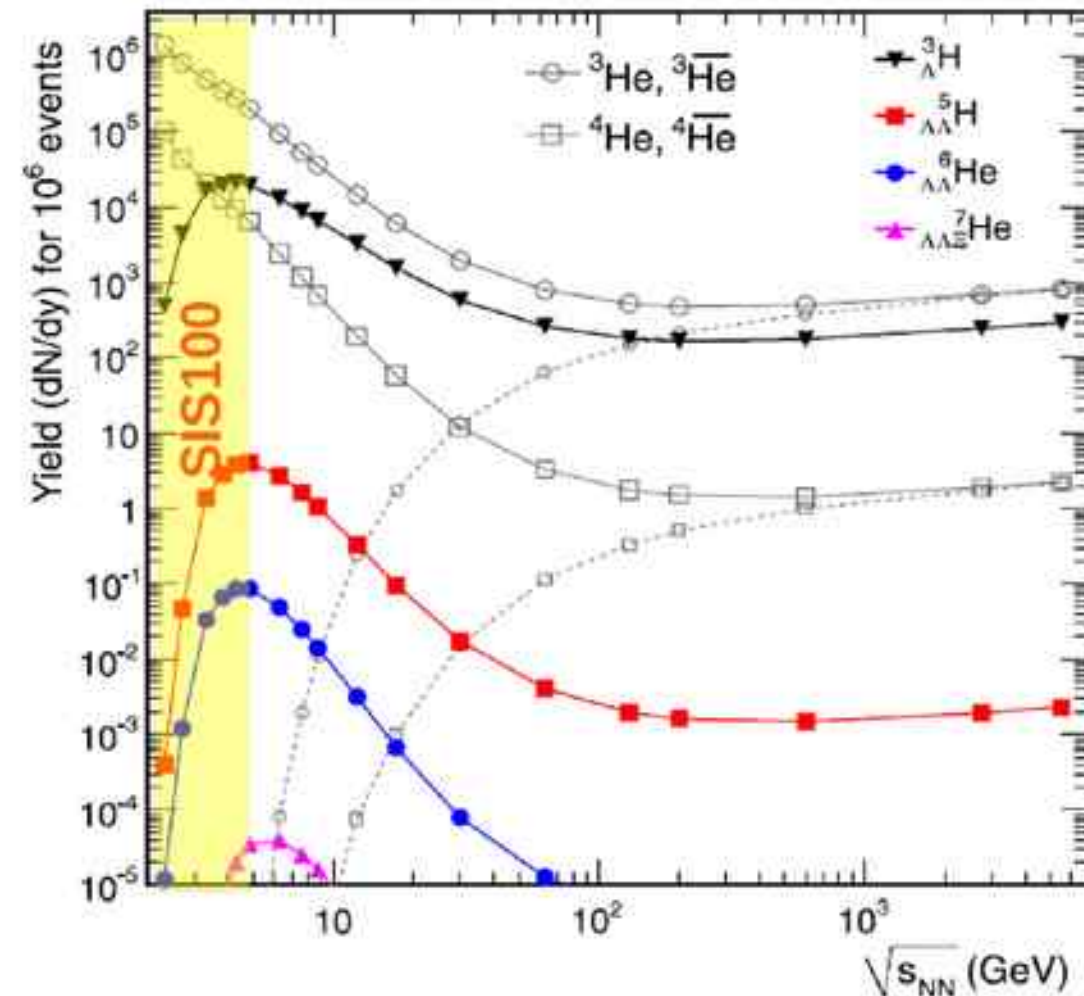


discovery by Danysz and Pniewski (1952) with nuclear emulsion technique.



Hypernuclei in CBM

A. Andronic, PLB697 203 (2011)



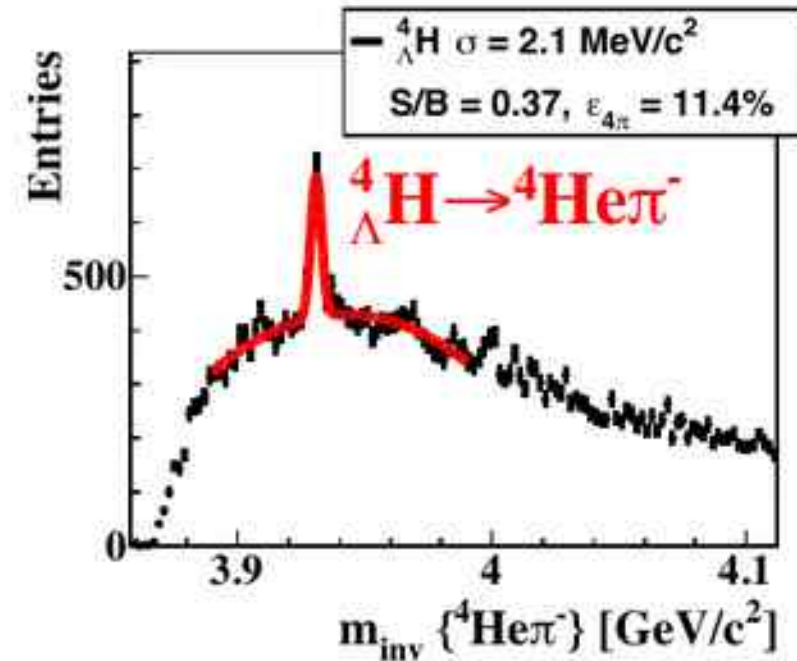
observables:

- yield
- lifetime
- collective flow

- Highest production cross section
- Complex topology of decays can be easily identified
- Reliable identification of produced hypersystems.
- Access to $\Lambda\Lambda$ -hypernuclei: high interaction rates, optimal collision energies and clean identification

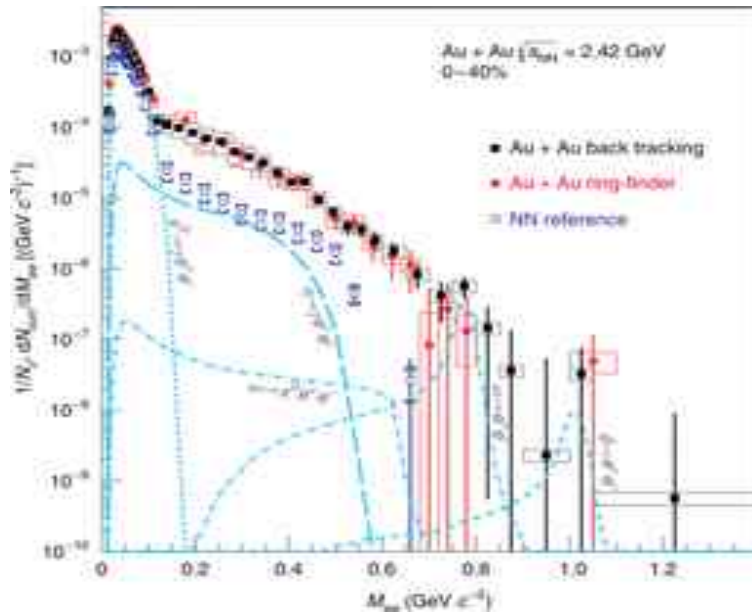
CBM simulation

Au+Au @ 10A GeV/c, central, 10M events
+ thermal isotropic signal

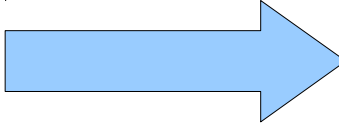


Thermal radiation

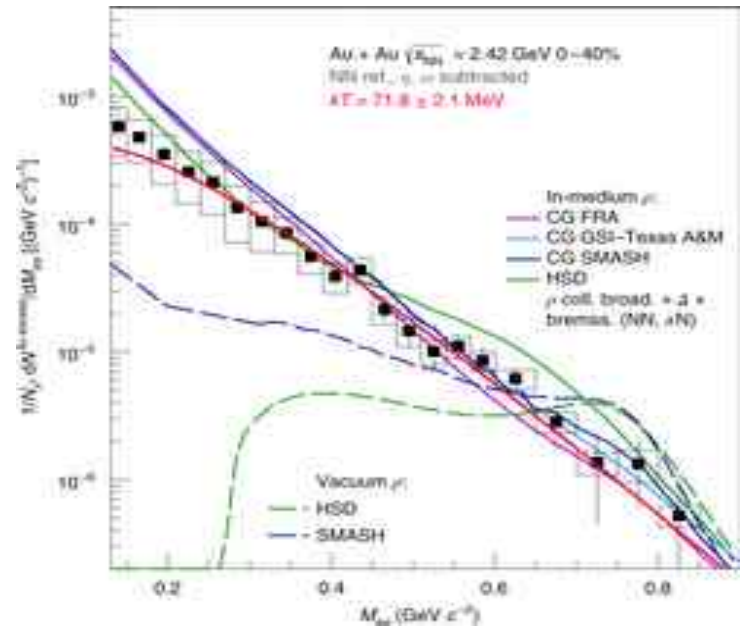
HADES @ SIS 18 has measured Au+Au collisions at 1.25 A GeV ($\rho \leq 2.5 \rho_0$, $T \approx 72$ MeV) excess of di-electron yield above NN reference



after subtraction of vector mesons



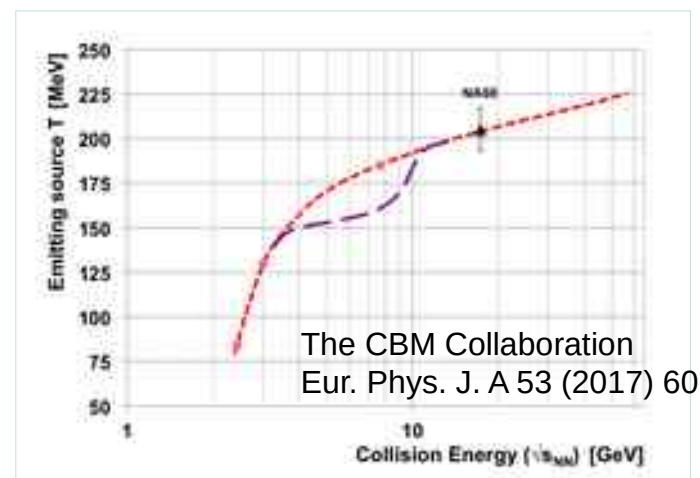
nearly exponential spectrum
→ thermal source
 $T \approx 72$ MeV



Slope of dilepton invariant mass spectrum $1 < M_{inv} < 2.5$ GeV/c²

The HADES Collaboration, Nature Physics 2019, <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41567-019-0583-8>

Invariant mass ($M_{inv} > 1$ GeV/c²) of lepton pairs as function of beam energy
→ thermal radiation from fireball
→ caloric curve → phase coexistence (1st order transition)



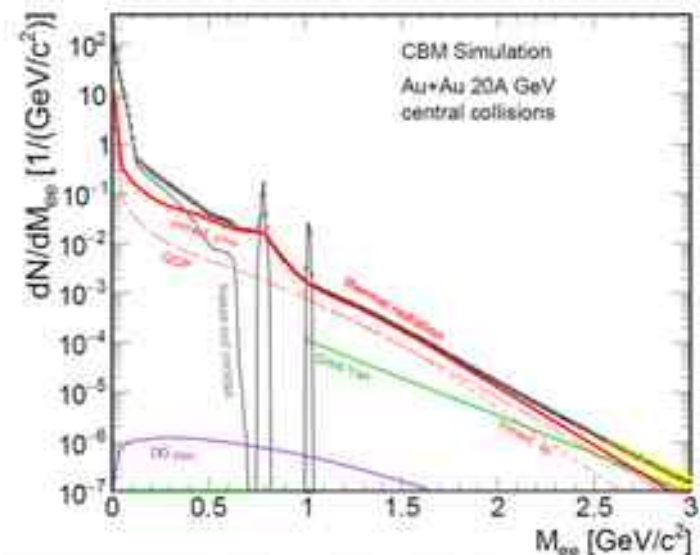
Dileptons in CBM

Low Mass Region:

ρ – chiral symmetry restoration
fireball space – time extension

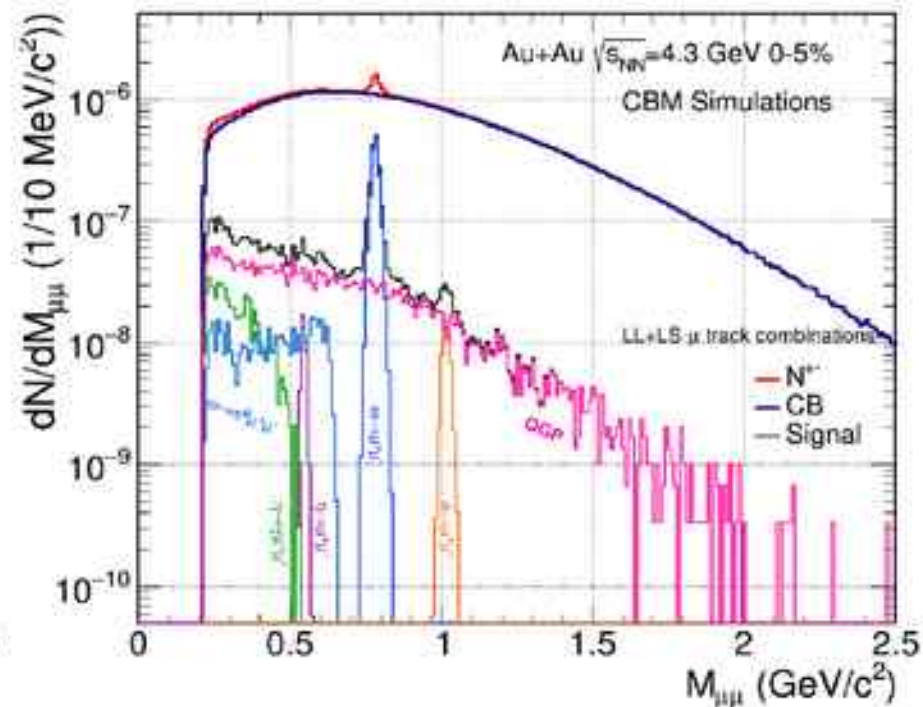
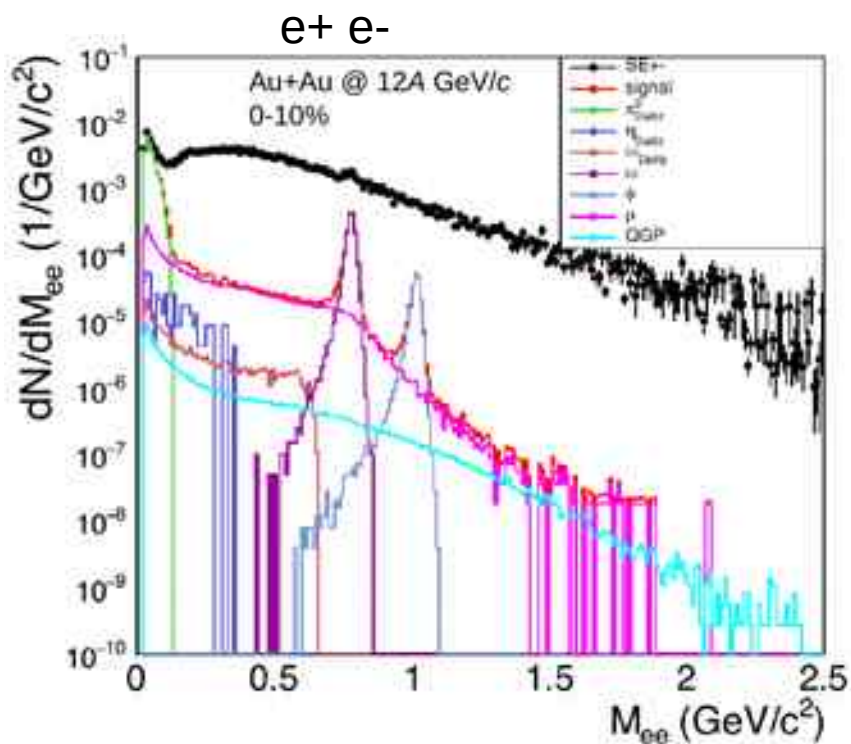
Intermediate Mass Region:

access to fireball temperature
excitation function



central Au+Au collision @ 8-12A GeV/c

$\mu^+ \mu^-$



CBM Phase-0 Program

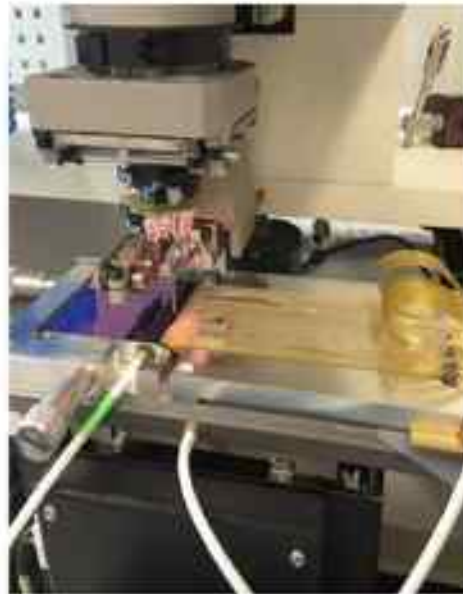
TOF @ STAR



RICH @ HADES

Use 430 out of 1100
CBM RICH multi-
anode photo-
multipliers in HADES

04/12/2019



STS @ BM@N

4 Silicon Tracking
Stations in JINR
(start 2020 with Au-
beams up to 4.5A GeV)



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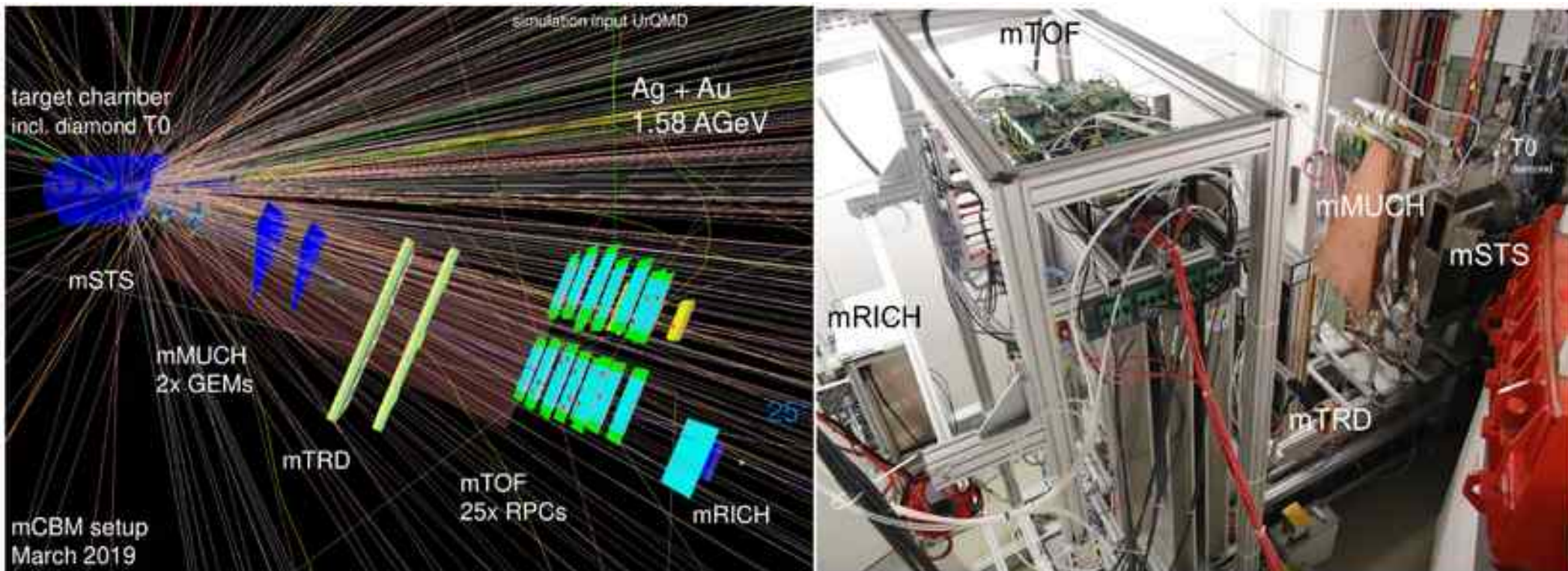
BEFORE
OPERATION
IN 2025

PSD @ BM@N / NA61/SHINE



Use PSD modules @
BM@N & NA61/SHINE
Tests and performance
studies at the NA61/SHINE
experiment @ CERN SPS

mCBM @ SIS18 (GSI)



CBM full-system test for high-rate nucleus-nucleus collisions at the SIS18 facility

1st data taking 12/2018 & 03/2019, data analysis ongoing

- data transport of all subsystems in a common, synchronized data stream
- beam intensities up to 10^8 Ag ions/sec with collision rate up to 10 MHz
- peak data rate > 2.5 GByte/s

2nd data campaign: 11-12/2019 & 05/2020

Summary

CBM physics program at SIS100:

- Precision study of the QCD phase diagram in the region of extreme high net-baryon densities. Discovery potential

Unique measurements of rare diagnostic probes with CBM:

- High-precision multi-differential measurements of hadrons for different beam energies and collision systems.
 - Collective effects
 - event-by-event fluctuations
 - multistrange hyperons
 - Dileptons
 - charm
 - Hypernuclei

Key experimental requirements:

- high-rate capability of detectors and DAQ
- online event reconstruction and selection

Status of CBM experiment preparation:

- Extensive performance studies for many physics observables
- Intermediate FAIR phase-0 program: testing components and analysis methods