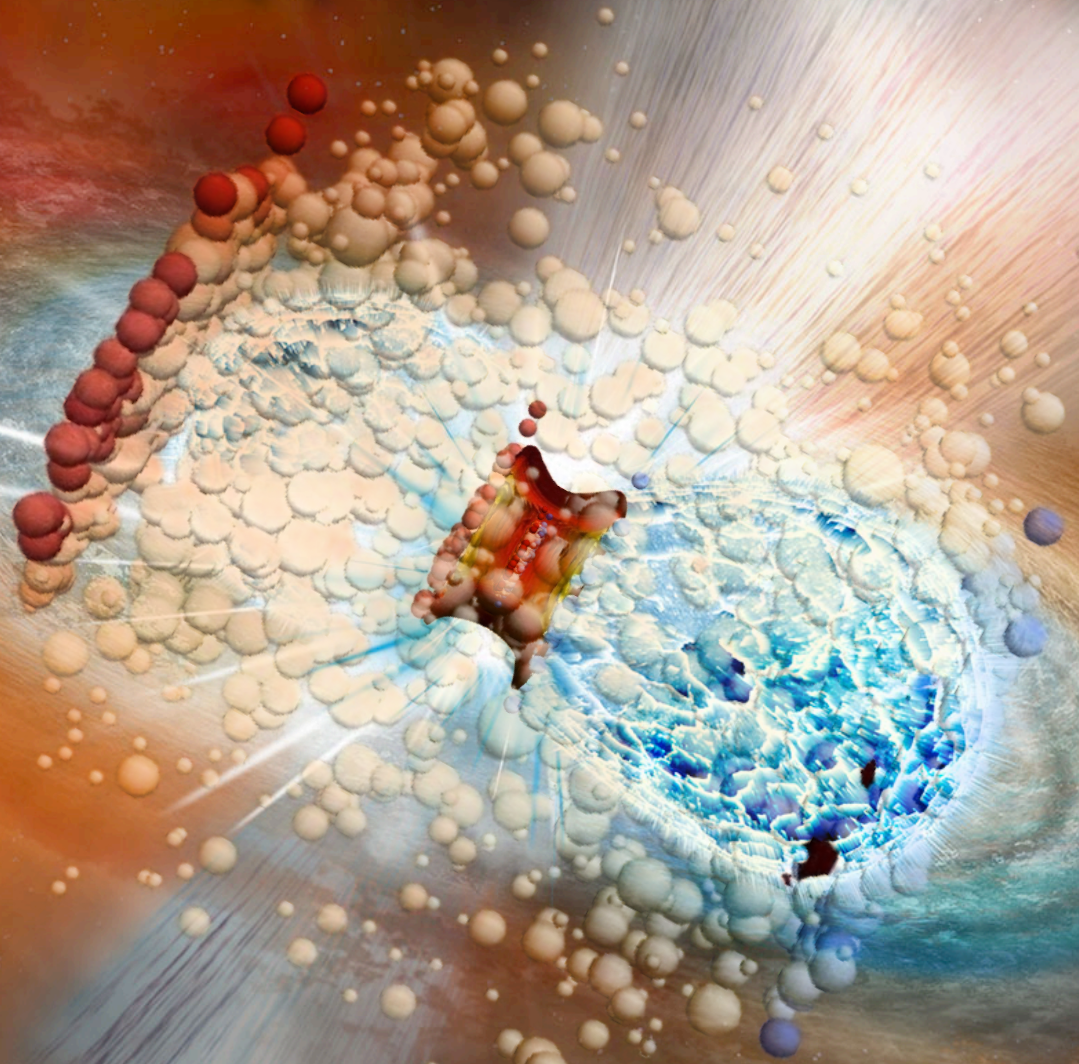


Baryon-Rich Matter: Review of the Experimental Opportunities



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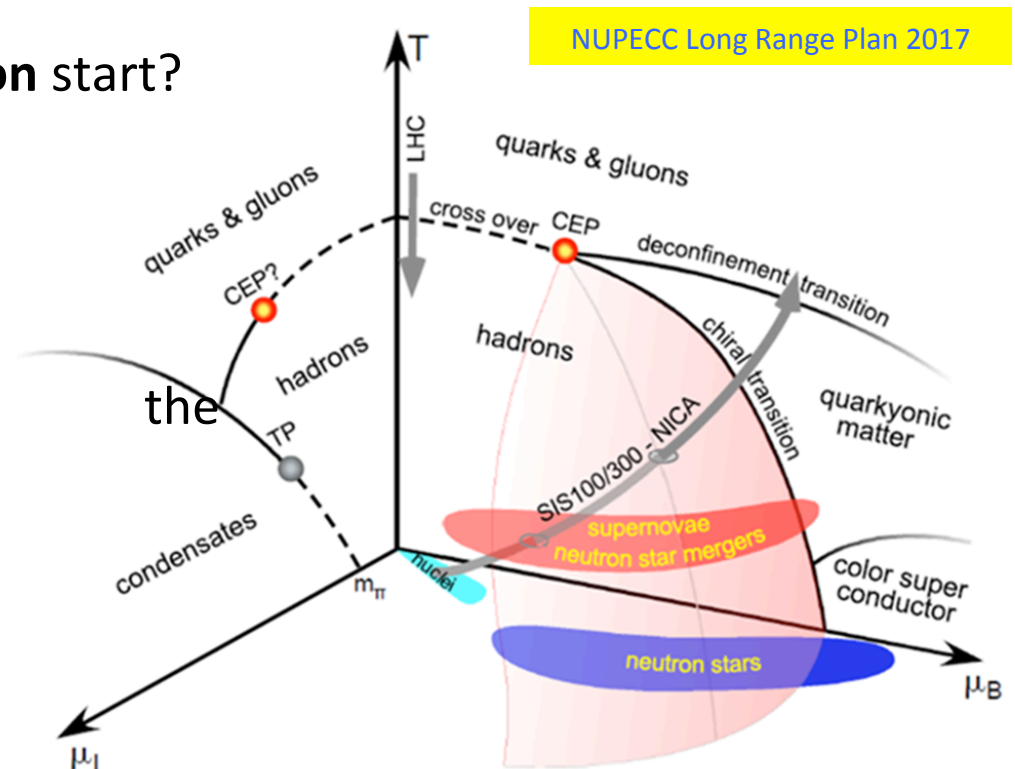
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- ❖ **Open questions and the experimental context**
- ❖ **Main observables**
- ❖ **HADES at SIS18 (FAIR-Phase0) and HADES/CBM at SIS100 (FAIR-Phase1)**
- ❖ **The NA60+ project at the CERN-SPS**
- ❖ **The J-PARC-HI project**

As the baryon density increases, the phase transition is expected to turn from an analytic crossover to a **first-order phase transition, passing through a critical point: crucial inputs to constrain the QCD equation of state**

- **Onset of deconfinement:** where do partonic degrees of freedom start to dominate?
- Where does the **first-order phase transition** start? Is there a **critical end-point**?
- **Chiral symmetry and deconfinement transition:** do they always coincide?
- What are the degrees of freedom in core of **compact stars**?

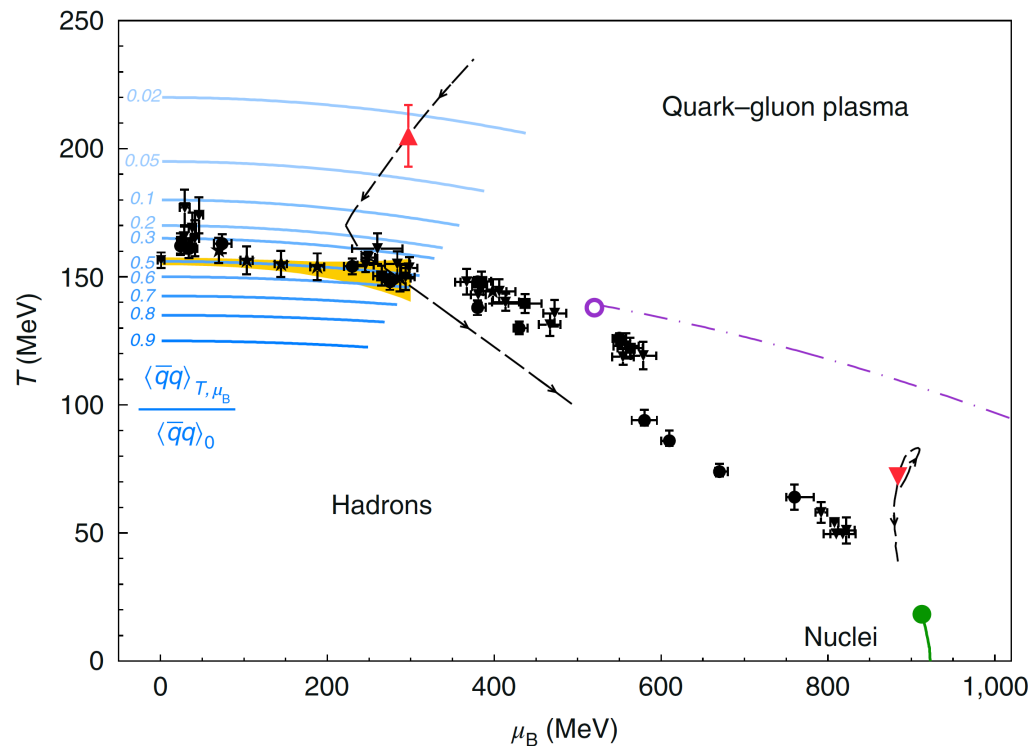
Strong complementarity with the studies of the vanishing- μ_B region, both on the theoretical and experimental sides



❖ **Experimental exploration of the QCD phase diagram:** systematic and precision measurements combining high-intensity and flexible-energy beams, and multi-purpose, high efficiency, dead-time-free detectors

❖ **Overlaps between the various experimental programs** will be needed for an independent confirmation of results

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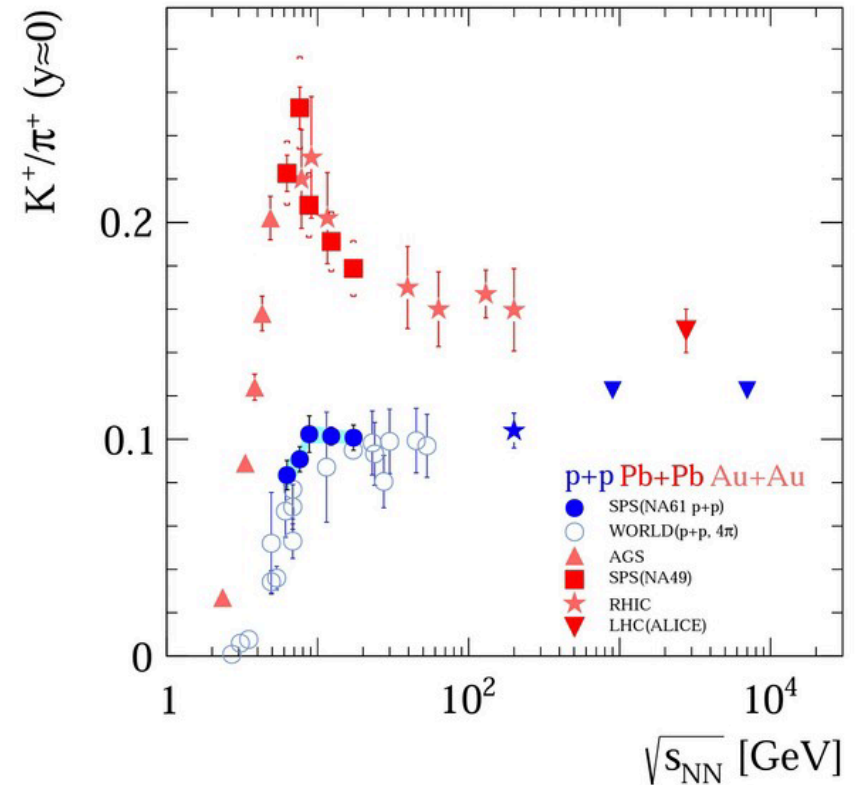
- Charm and strange production
- Dilepton production
- Fluctuation observables
- Collective effects

❖ **Solid and quantitative theoretical guidance** needed for the thorough interpretation of the expected wealth of high-precision experimental data

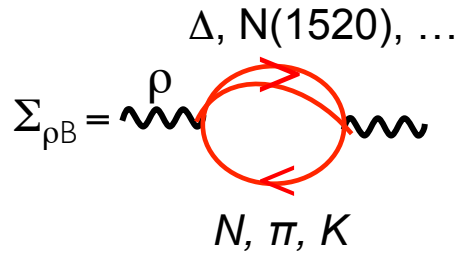
- ❖ The properties of the nuclear medium and the hadronic and partonic influences strangeness production to a significant extent



Excitation function of production ratio between strangeness and light flavors provide precious hints to identify and characterize the phase transition

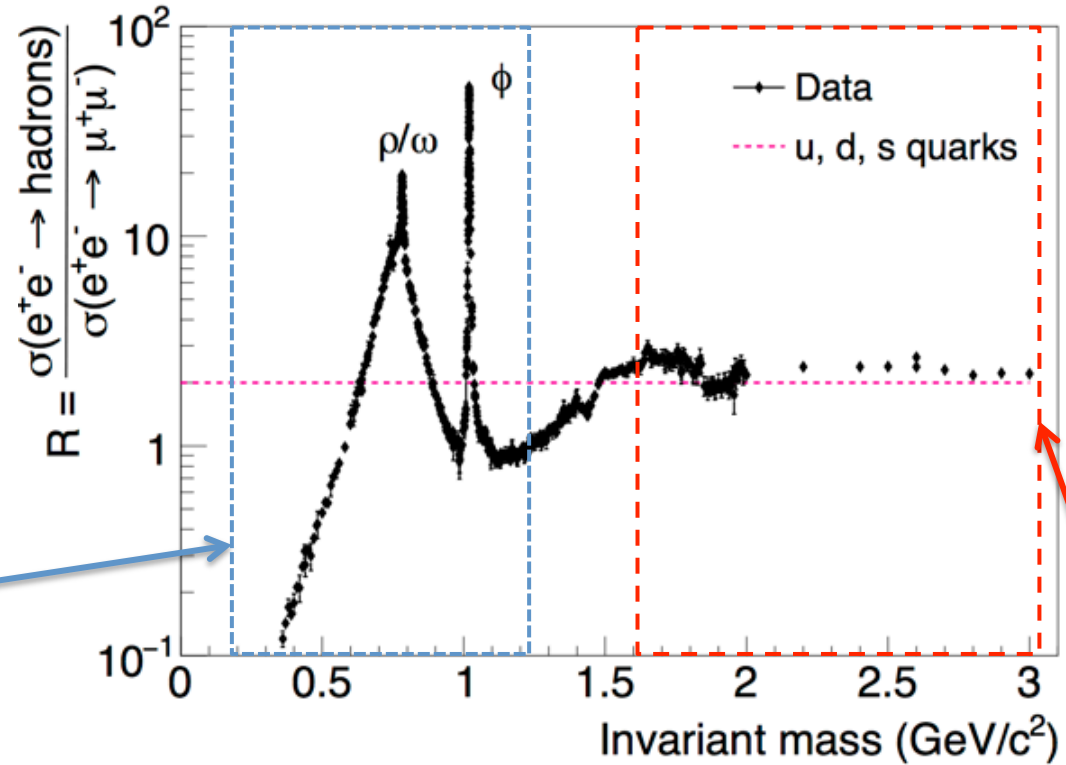


- ❖ Charm production also depends on the collision dynamics and environment: the **ratio of charmonium to open charm** could show a sudden drop at deconfinement + chiral transitions (charmonium dissociation + lowering of open charm threshold due to the effect of chiral symmetry restoration on light quarks)



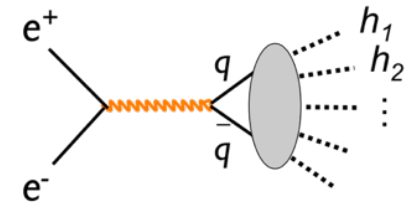
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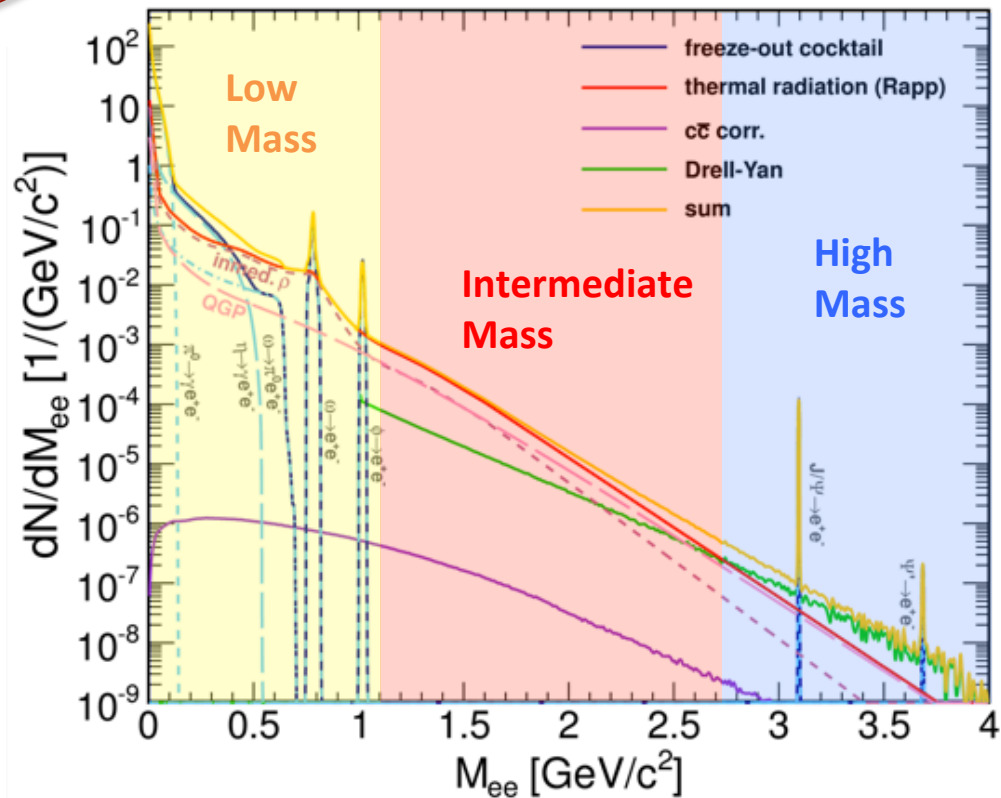
Non-perturbative:
Vector Meson Dominance,
in-medium spectral functions



Perturbative: parton-hadron duality. Flat spectral function above 1.5 GeV \rightarrow mass spectrum after integration over momenta and emission 4-volume:

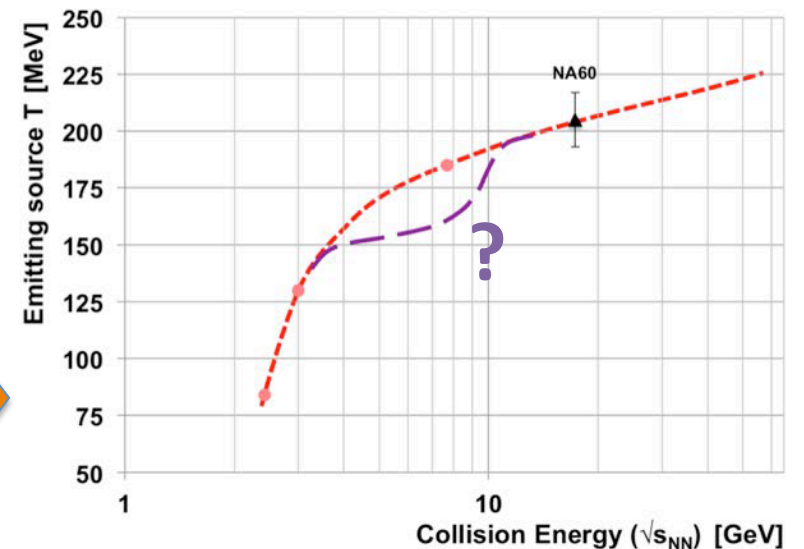
$$\frac{dN_{ee}}{dM} \propto M^{3/2} \times \langle \exp(-M/T) \rangle$$





- ❖ Intermediate mass region: **measurement of the emitting source temperature** (invariant mass \rightarrow no blue shift). Measurements vs energy: **caloric curve of QCD matter**

- ❖ **Drell-Yan: power-law $\approx M^n$**
- ❖ **Heavy-flavor: $cc (bb) \rightarrow \ell\ell$**
- ❖ **Thermal rad. $\approx \exp(-M/T)$**
 - QGP – highest T, lowest flow
 - $\pi a_1 \rightarrow \ell\ell$
- ❖ **In-medium ρ, ω, ϕ – moderate T + flow**



- ❖ **The higher moments of thermo-dynamical susceptibilities are sensitive to the vicinity of the critical point**
- ❖ These susceptibilities can be related to the **multiplicity distributions of conserved quantities** such as baryon number, strangeness and electrical charge, measured in heavy-ion collisions event-by-event

Cumulants

$$C_1 = \langle N_q \rangle, \quad C_2 = \langle (\delta N_q)^2 \rangle, \quad C_3 = \langle (\delta N_q)^3 \rangle,$$

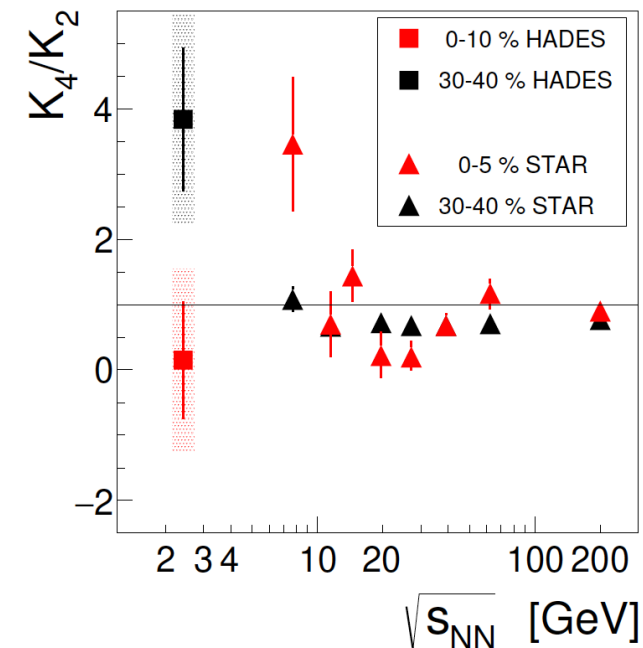
$$C_4 = \langle (\delta N_q)^4 \rangle - 3 \langle (\delta N_q)^2 \rangle^2$$

$N_q = N_{q+} - N_{q-}$ and $\delta N_q = N_q - \langle N_q \rangle$
 q can be any conserved quantum number

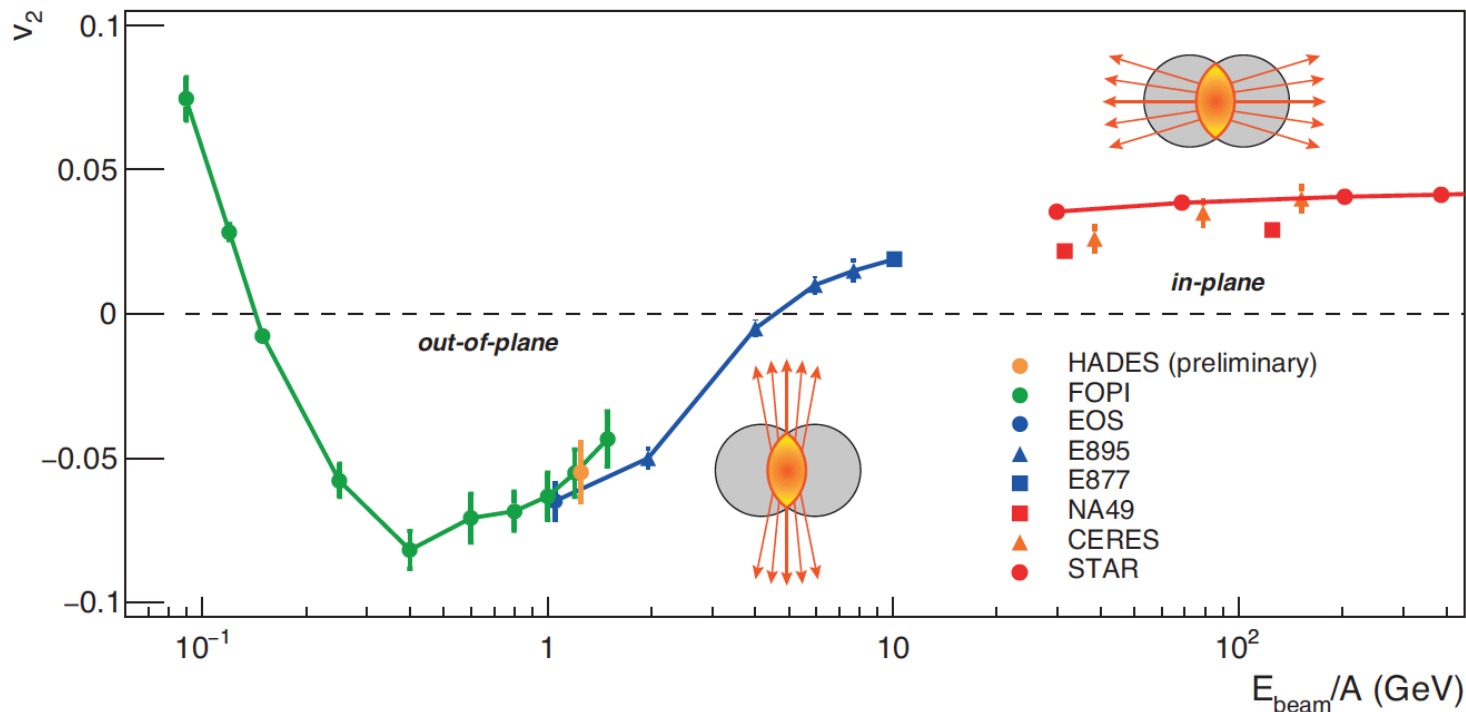
(net-baryon, net-charge, net-strangeness etc.)

Mean, variance, skewness, kurtosis

$$M = C_1, \quad \sigma^2 = C_2, \quad S = \frac{C_3}{\sigma^3}, \quad \kappa = \frac{C_4}{\sigma^4}$$



- ❖ **Anisotropic flow:** complex interplay between the initial state geometry, nonequilibrium effects and viscosity, pressure gradients inside the reaction volume → **sensitivity to the equation of state**
- ❖ At large μ_B , models must describe the strong **energy dependence of the sign and magnitude of directed (v_1) and elliptic (v_2) flow**



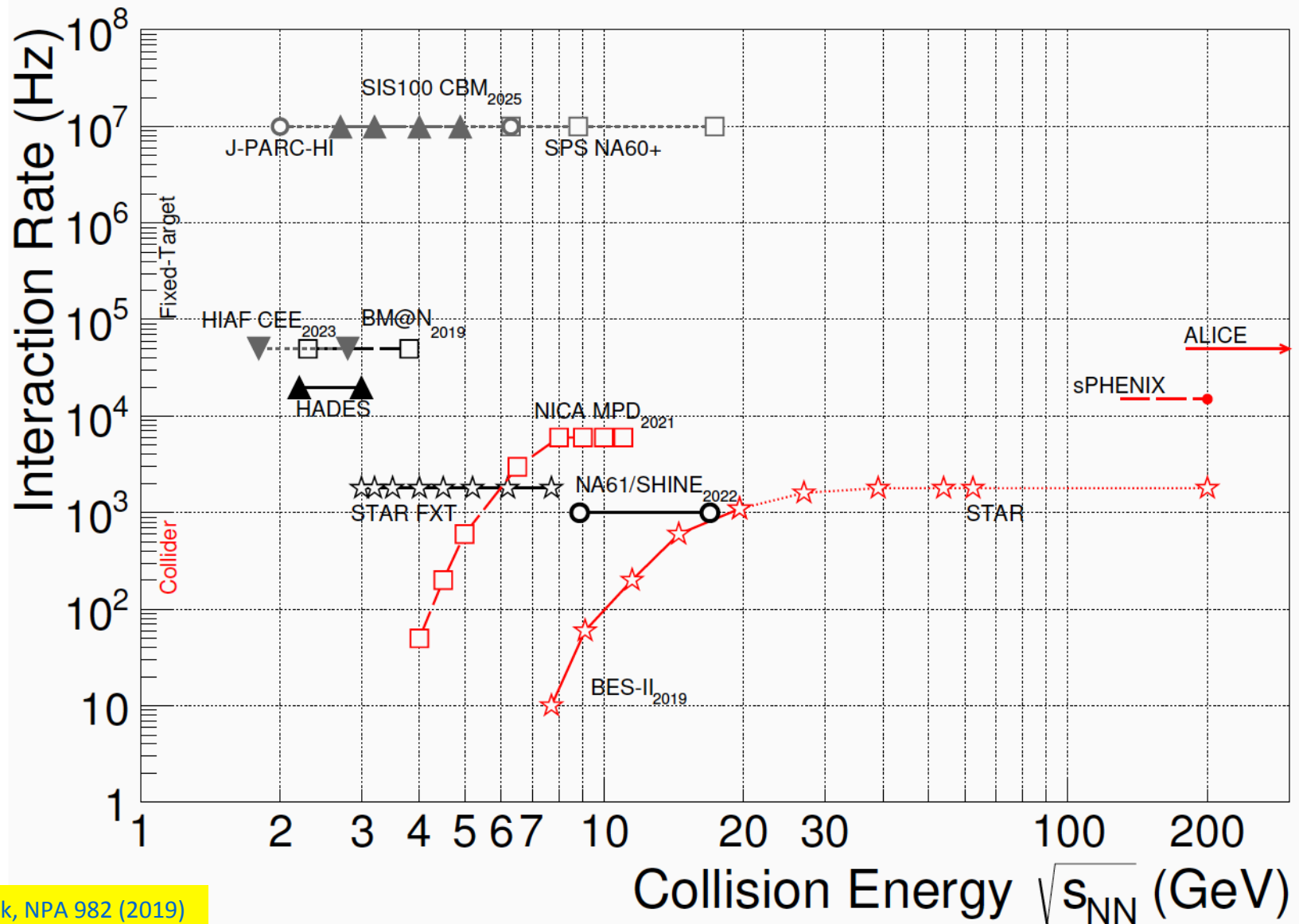
❖ An important prerequisite: combination of **high-intensity beams, multi-purpose detectors** with large acceptance, **high efficiency, dead time free readout schemes**

❖ **Substantial progress in detector technologies and software architectures** has been made (mainly driven by the ALICE upgrade, CBM and sPHENIX)

❖ **Measurement strategies based on three main pillars:**

- Identified light-flavor hadrons (collectivity, fluctuations, strangeness)
- Dileptons (EM radiation, vector meson spectral shapes, ρ/a_1 chiral mixing)
- Charm (open charm sensitivity on chiral restoration, charmonium suppression)

Facility Experiment	SIS18 HADES / mCBM	HIAF CEE	Nuclotron BM@N	J-PARC-HI DHS, D2S	SIS100 CBM / HADES	NICA MPD	RHIC STAR	SPS NA61	SPS NA60+
Start	2012/2018	2023	2019 (Au)	> 2025	2025	2021	2010, 2019	2009, 2022	> 2025
$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$, GeV	2.4 – 2.6	1.8 – 2.7	2 – 3.5	2 – 6.2	2.7 – 5	2.7 – 11	3 – 19.6	4.9 – 17.3	4.9 – 17.3
μ_B , GeV	880 – 670	880 – 750	850 – 670	850 – 490	780 – 400	750 – 330	720 – 210	560 – 230	560 – 230
Hadrons	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	(+)
Dileptons	+		(+)	+	+	+	+		+
Charm				(+)	(+)	+	+	+	+



T. Galatyuk, NPA 982 (2019)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Experimental programme

- Vigorous efforts should be devoted to the continuation of the heavy-ion programme at the LHC with Runs 3 and 4, including manpower support and completing the planned detector upgrades.
- At intermediate energies, we recommend the continuation of the on-going programmes: HADES at SIS-18, NA61 at the SPS.
- In order to investigate nuclear matter at high baryonic density, the timely construction of SIS-100 at FAIR and the realization of the CBM experiment are of utmost importance.
- In parallel, efforts should continue in order to support developments for a future SIS-300 upgrade.
- We recommend the completion of the BM@N experiment at JINR, and the construction of the NICA facility and the realization of the associated MPD experiment.
- Exploratory studies on prospective future heavy ion projects, namely AFTER@LHC, NA60+ at the SPS, and a heavy-ion programme at the Future Circular Collider, should be continued.

4.4.3 Future opportunities for fixed-target experiments

The RHIC fixed-target programme, planned to start in 2020, will cover $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3.0 - 7.7$ GeV, corresponding to $\mu_B \simeq 400-700$ MeV. The approved FAIR accelerator will deliver high-intensity beams ($\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ up to 5 GeV) starting in 2025; the CBM detector aims at a collision rate of 10 MHz with continuous readout and online tracking and event selection. The NA61/SHINE experiment at SPS, currently being upgraded with vertex capability (using pixel sensors developed for ALICE), will extend in the coming years its suite of observables into the charm sector. An experiment at the SPS (NA60+) dedicated to thermal dimuon, open and hidden charm measurements is currently under design and aims at collision rates of 10 MHz [140]. The possibility of a heavy-ion programme with similar characteristics as that at FAIR is currently being considered for the J-PARC facility. The physics motivation [141] is common for all these fixed-target experimental programs and it is shared as well by the BES programme at RHIC and by the NICA programme [142, 143]. It is the investigation of hot and compressed baryon-rich matter, with special focus on the discovery of the critical point and (consequently) of a first order phase transition in the QCD phase diagram. Also prominent is the determination of the Equation of State of compressed baryonic matter, which is of relevance for neutron stars and for neutron star collisions. This will be achieved with correlations and fluctuations observables and with rare probes like dileptons, multi-strange hyperons or hypernuclei, probes that will become for the first time available (with abundant statistics) for this energy regime.

Physics Briefing Book (European Strategy)

NUPECC Long Range Plan 2017

SIS18 (FAIR-Phase0) and SIS100 (FAIR-Phase1)

$$\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 2.4 - 5 \text{ GeV}$$

SIS18: existing (previously GSI, now FAIR Phase-0)

SIS100: in construction (first beams \approx 2025)

HADES@SIS18

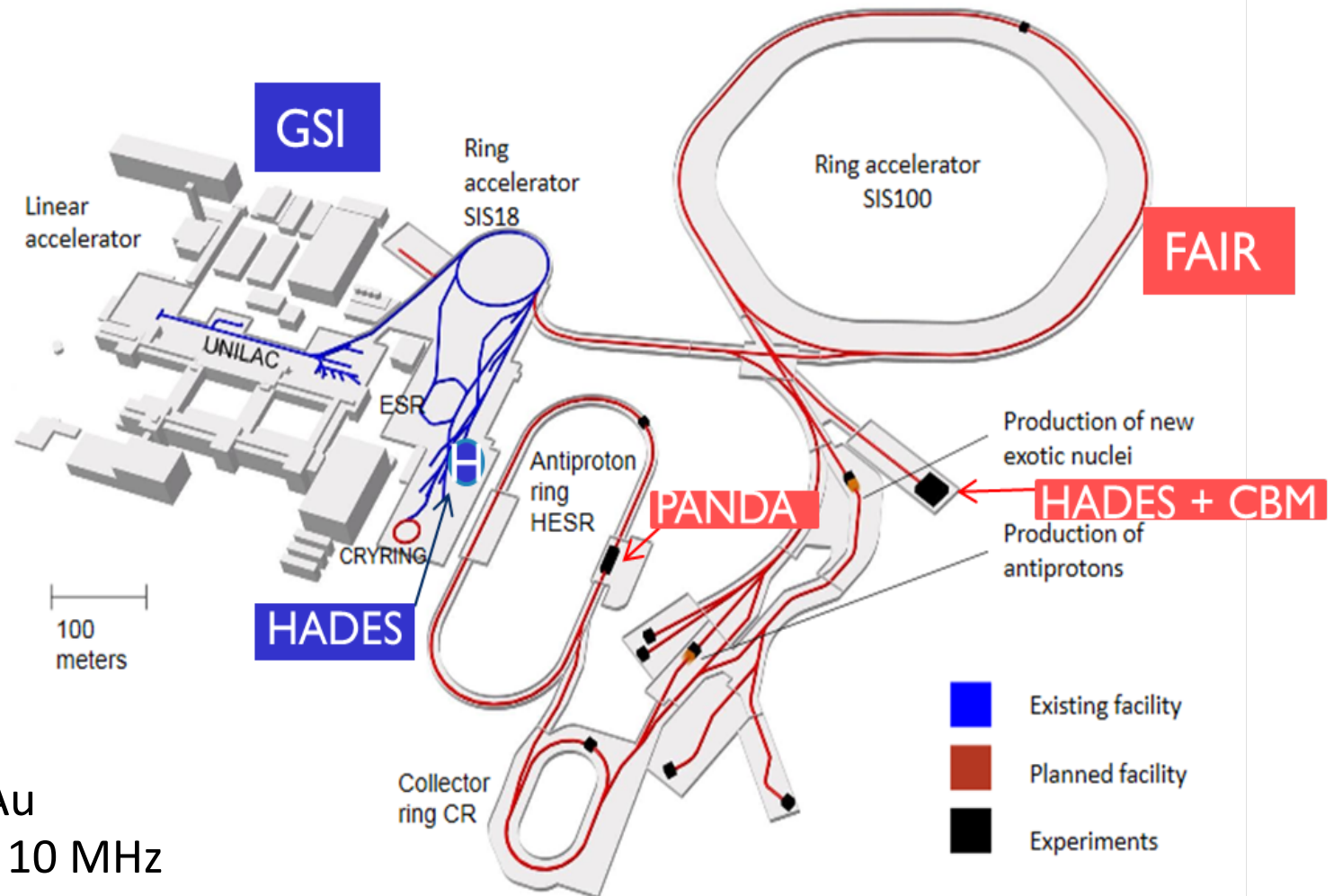
p, d, π , A beams up to Au

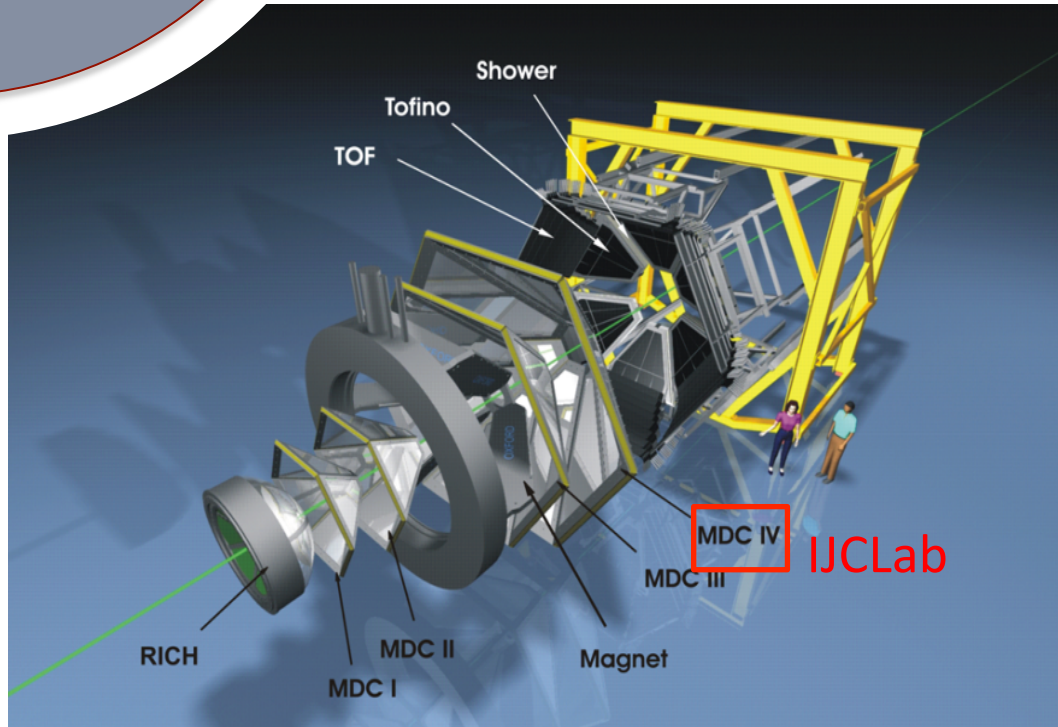
HADES@SIS100

p, d, A beams up to Au
Mainly reference measurements (pp, p-A)

CBM@SIS100

Various ion beams up to Au
Full interaction rate up to 10 MHz





Expériences réalisées (2004-2019)

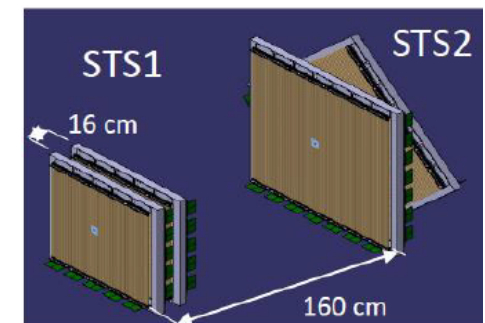
- ❖ **Études de matière hadronique**
 C+C 1 et 2 AGeV, Ar+ KCl 1.75 AGeV
 Au+Au 1.25 AGeV, Ag+Ag 1.65 AGeV
- ❖ **Matière froide:**
 p+Nb 3.5 GeV, π^- +C/W 1.7 GeV/c
- ❖ **Réactions élémentaires:**
 p+ p 1.25, 2.2, 3.5 GeV, d+p 1.25 AGeV
 π^- +CH₂/C 0.7 GeV/c

HADES collaboration

about 100 physicists,
 20 institutes, Czech
 Rep., France, Germany,
 Poland, Portugal,
 Russia, Sweden,...

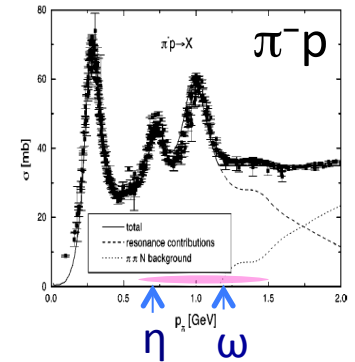
Upgrade 2018-2019:

- New RICH γ detector (HADES-CBM coll.)
- Pb glass ECal
- New forward detector 0.5-6.5° (IJCLab contribution): straw-tube forward tracker + RPC



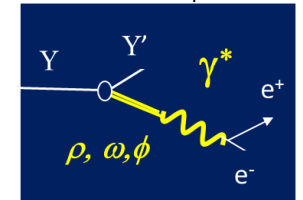
Faisceaux de π^- : 2020-2021

- $\pi^- + p$ *résonances baryoniques* $\Delta(1620)$, $N(1720)$,... + canaux e^+e^- (Dalitz) et hadroniques $\pi\pi N$, ωn , ηn , $K^0\Lambda$, $K\Sigma$,...+ γ
- $\pi^- + C$ *matière nucléaire froide*
- Après 2023 (suivant disponibilité de SIS18) $\sqrt{s} > 2$ GeV et $\Lambda(1405)$



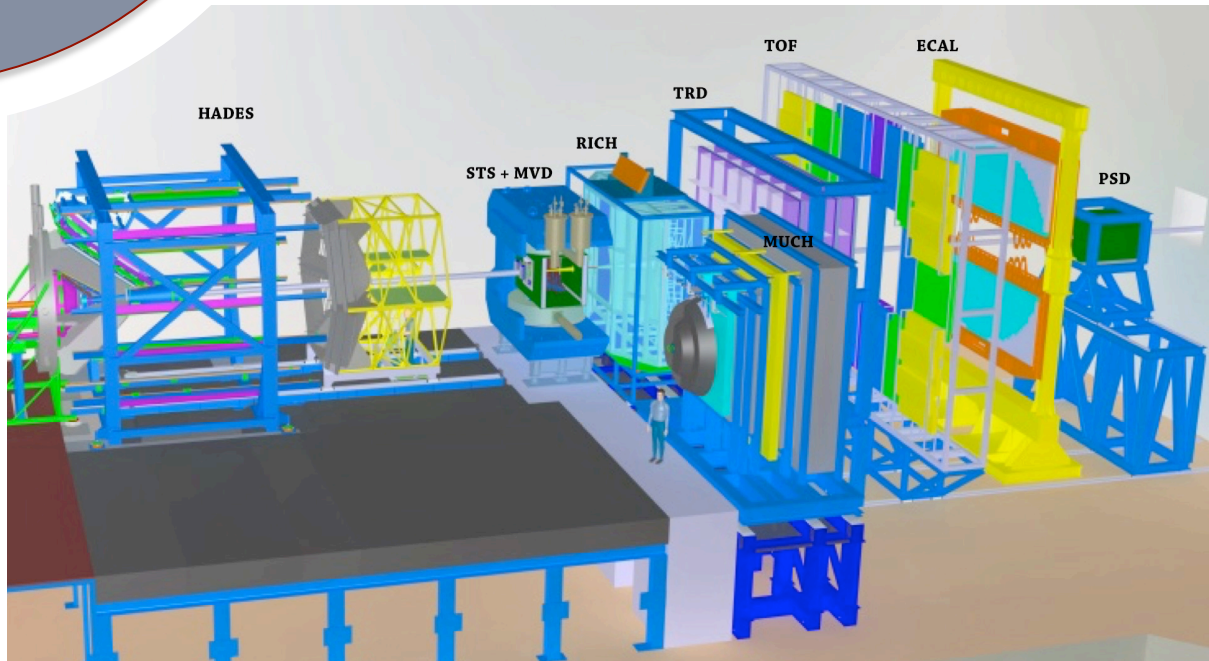
p+p E = 4.5 GeV (2022-....)

- Décroissances radiatives $Y \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma$ et Dalitz $Y \rightarrow \Lambda e^+e^-$ (BR $\approx 10^{-3} - 10^{-5}$)
hypéron = $\Lambda(1520)$, Σ^0 , $\Sigma(1385)$: validity of Vector Dominance Model ?
- Production de baryons doublement étranges $\Xi^-(1321)$ ($S = -2$)
- Production de paires e^+e^- $M_{ee} > 1$ GeV/ c^2 (références pour études de ρ - a_1 mixing)



p+Nb E = 4.5 GeV (2022-...)

- Études de matière nucléaire froide:
 - ✧ e^+e^- : ρ, ω, ϕ spectral functions, ρ - a_1 mixing , ω absorption
 - ✧ étrangeté : production mechanisms, hyperon-nucleon interaction
- Short Range correlations avec détecteur de neutrons)
- Dark photon search



CBM technological solutions:

- ❖ **Free-streaming FEE** → nearly dead-time free data taking
- ❖ **Tracking based entirely on Si** → fast and precise track reconstruction
- ❖ **On-line event selection** → high-selective data reduction

➔ **IJCLab** participates to the current HADES program; **IPHC** significantly contributes to the development of the CBM micro-vertex detector

- ❖ **After 2025 HADES will be moved to CBM cavern:** alternate data taking at SIS100
- ❖ Complementary acceptance: HADES at target rapidities, CBM at forward rapidities
- ❖ Interaction rates: CBM up to 10 MHz, HADES limited to 200 kHz

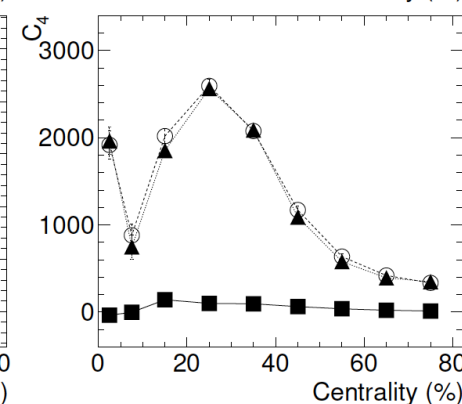
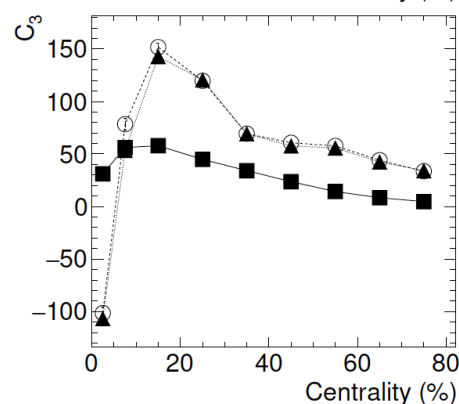
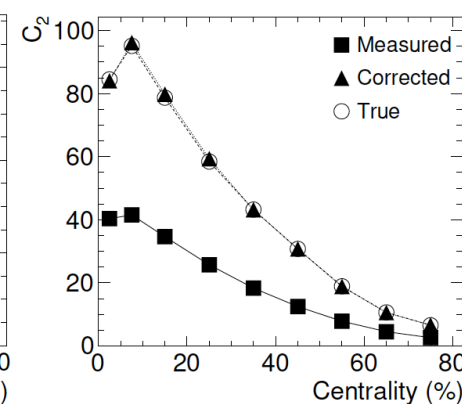
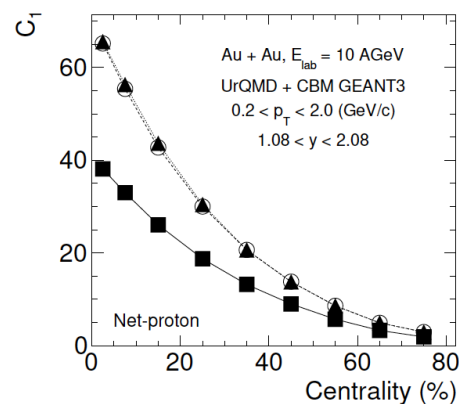
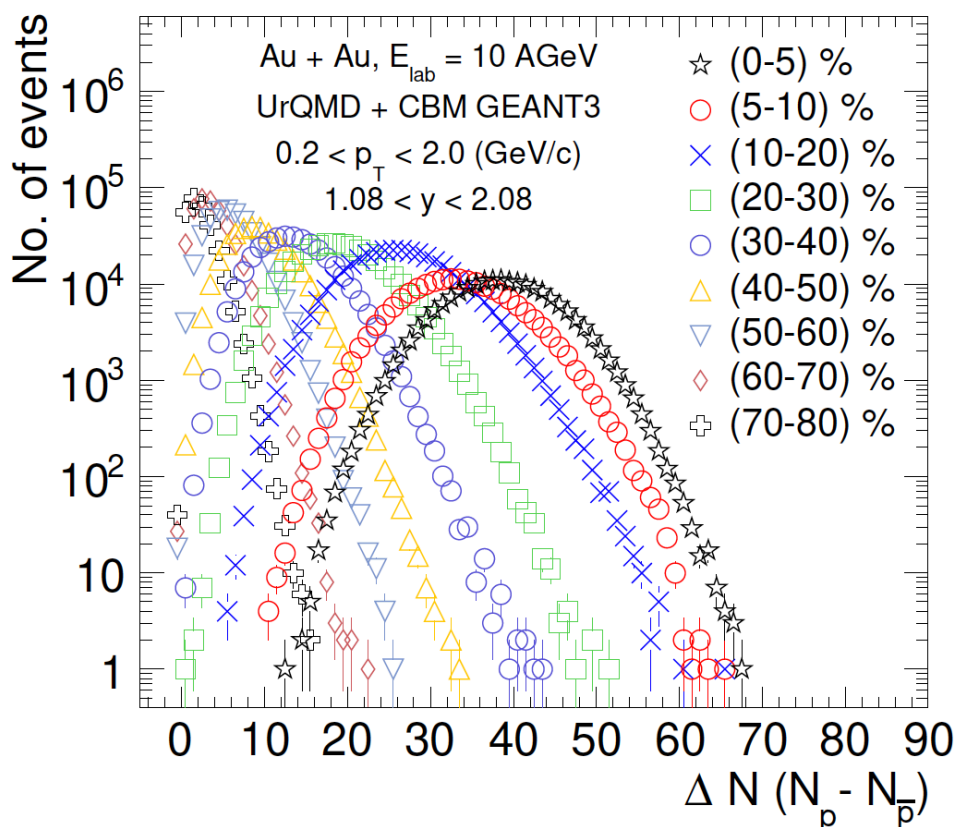
- ❖ **QCD matter equation-of-state at large baryon densities, coexistence (quarkyonic) & partonic phases:**
 - Hadron yields, collective flow, correlations, fluctuations
 - (Multi-) strange hyperons (Λ , Σ , Ξ , Ω)
 - Production at (sub)threshold energies

- ❖ **Chiral symmetry restoration at large baryon densities**
 - In-medium modifications of light vector mesons
 - ρ , ω , $\phi \rightarrow ee$ ($\mu\mu$) via dilepton measurements

- ❖ **Hypernuclei**

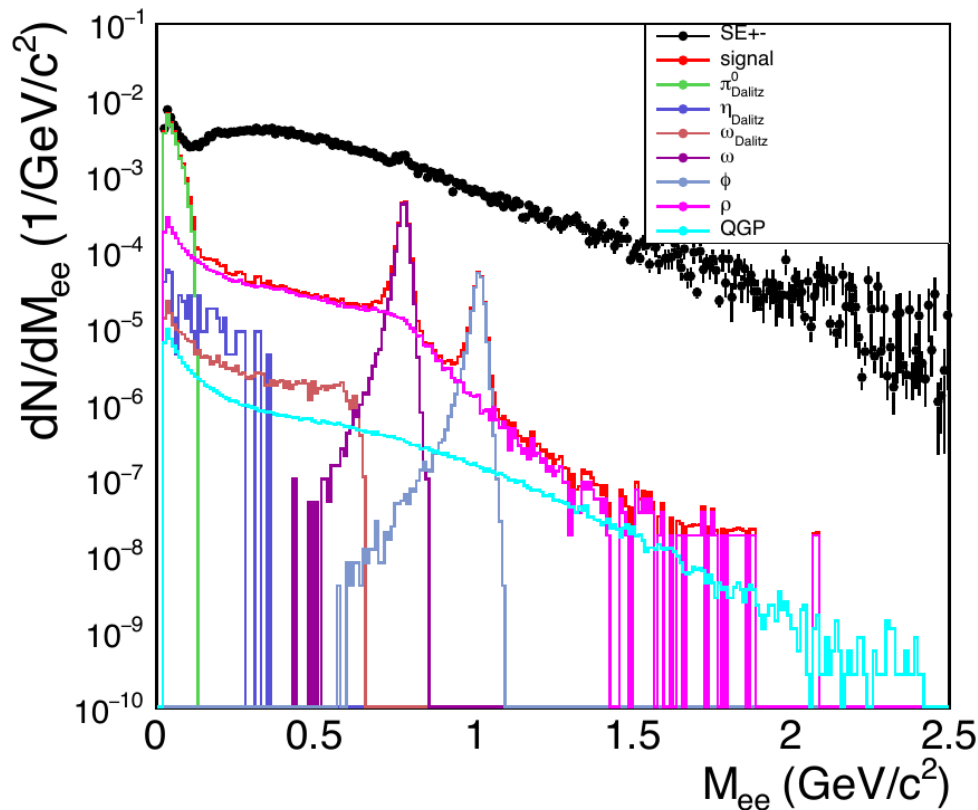
- ❖ **Charm production and propagation at threshold energies**
 - Excitation function in p+A collisions (J/ψ , D^0 , D^+)
 - Charmonium suppression in cold nuclear matter

- ❖ **Fluctuations of conserved charges** are sensitive to phase transition and critical point
- ❖ **Analysis procedure validated by performance studies:** simulated MC net-proton cumulants are properly recovered

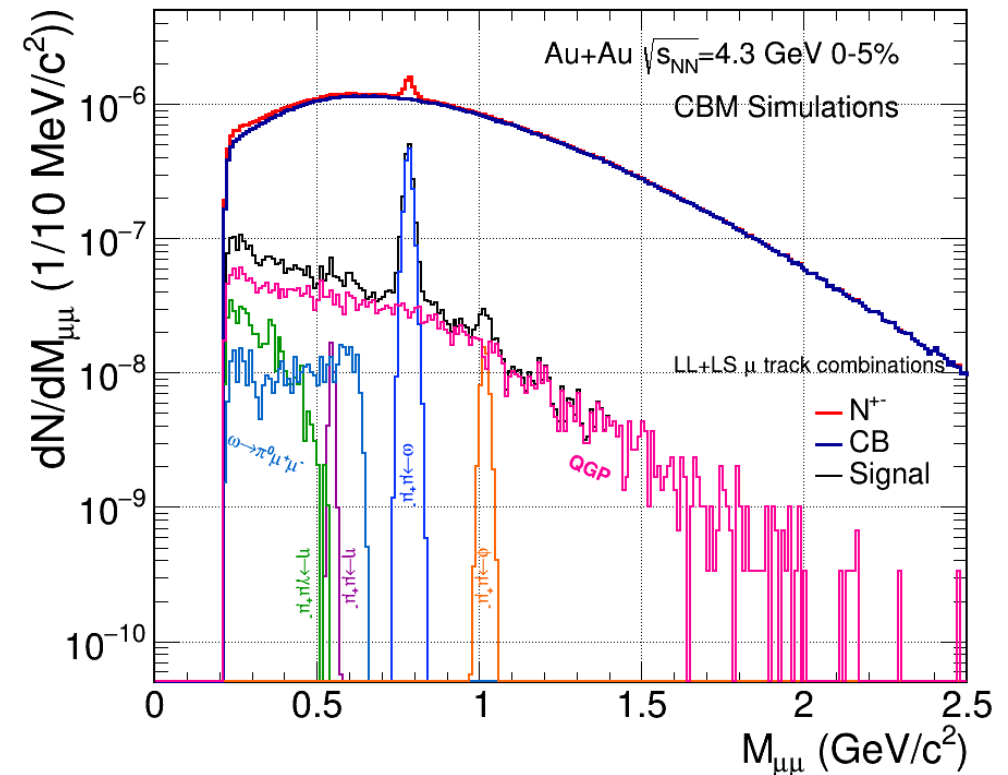


- ❖ Peaks of 2-body decays of low-mass vector mesons visible both in the dielectron and dimuon data
- ❖ Access to thermal radiation + modified ρ line shape

Di-electrons

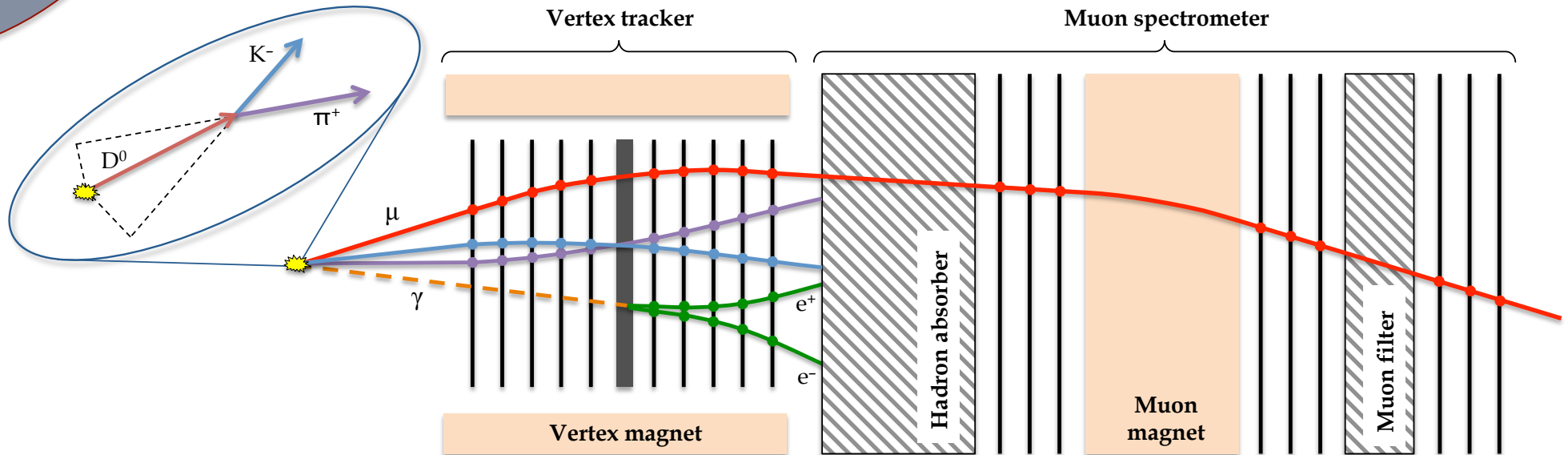


Di-muons



NA60+ at the CERN-SPS

$$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 4.9 - 17.3 \text{ GeV}$$



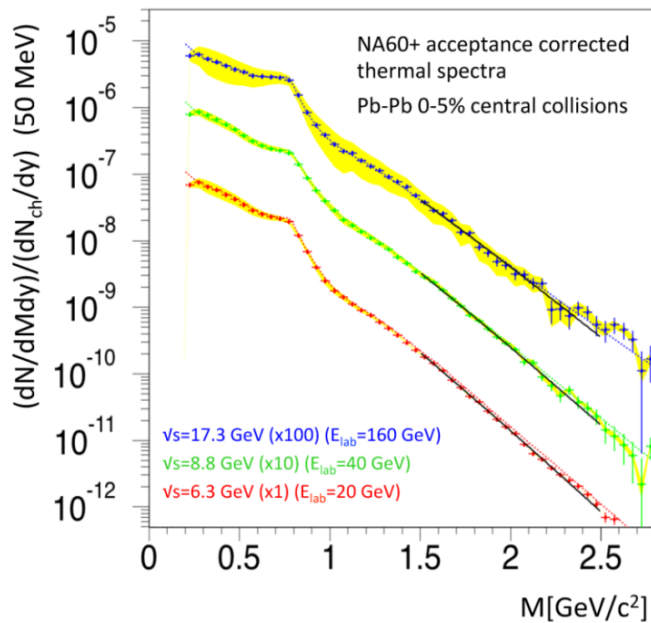
- ❖ Experimental setup primarily optimized to perform **high-precision measurements of muon pairs** + measurements of **unidentified hadrons** and **real photons** emerging from the interaction region. **Max event rate: 10 MHz**

- ❖ **Status:** Expression of Interest submitted to SPSC, active R&D on the various sub-systems

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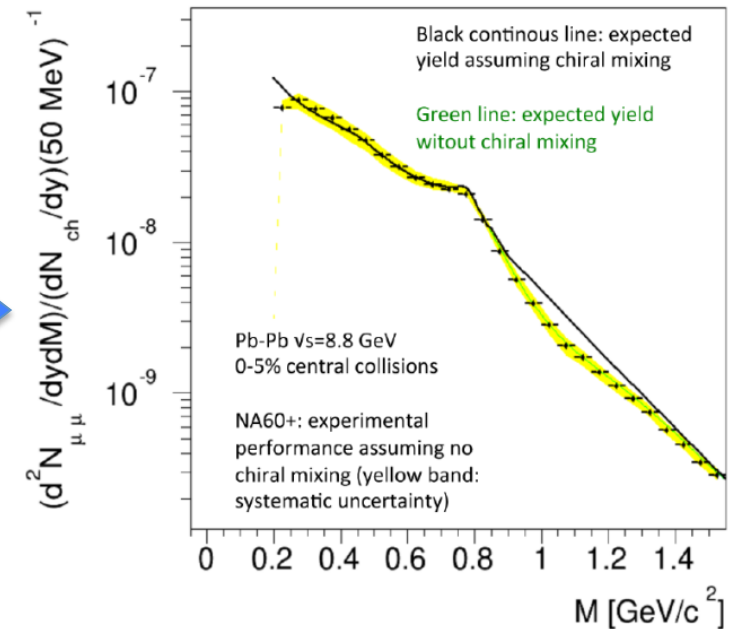
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- ❖ Hadronic decays of charmed mesons/baryons: **QGP transport coefficients**

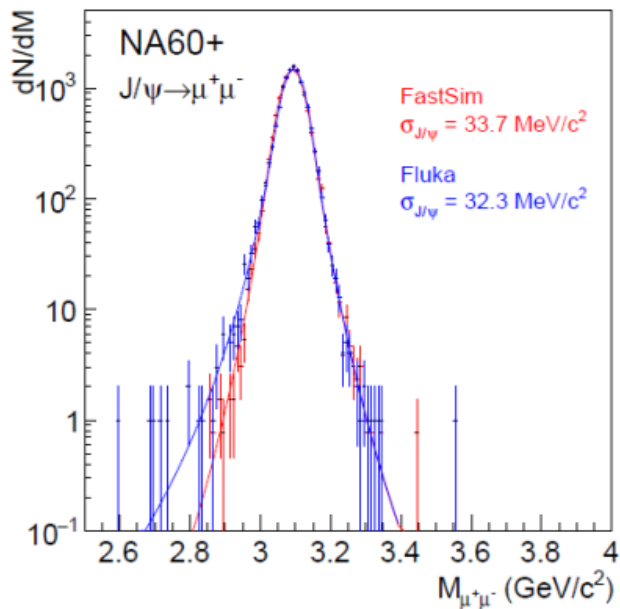


← Extract temperature via fit
 $dN/dM \propto M^{3/2} \exp(-M/T_S)$
 Look for a plateau when building T_S vs \sqrt{s}

→ Full chiral ρ - a_1 mixing is expected to provide a 20-30% enhancement in the region $1 < M < 1.4 \text{ GeV}/c^2$

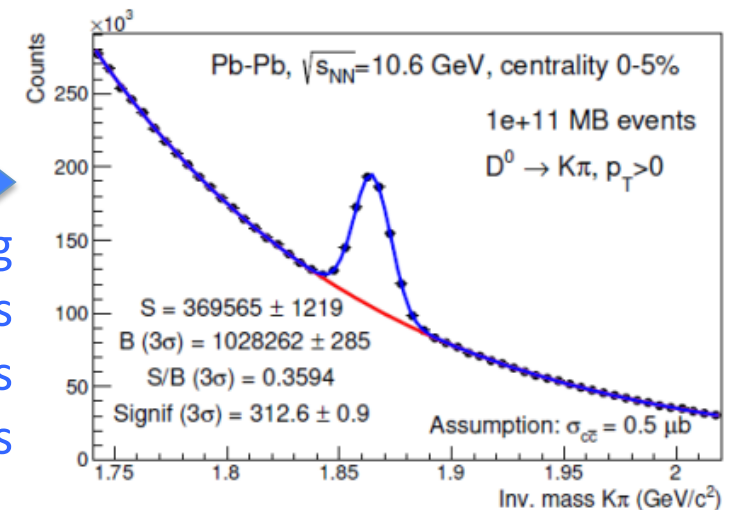


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← Explore the centrality dependence of J/ψ suppression vs \sqrt{s}
 → Detect deconfinement threshold

→ Measure 2 and 3 prong decays of charmed hadrons
 R_{AA}, v_2 : transport coefficients
 Λ_C/D : hadronization mechanisms



Vertex tracker (see backup)

Item	R&D (kCHF)	Construction kCHF)	Total Cost kCHF)
Pixel CMOS sensors	700	700	1400
Sensor test	100	150	250
Thinning/dicing	200	300	500
Total	1000	1150	2050

Mechanics, cooling, readout electronics:
≈1.5 MCHF

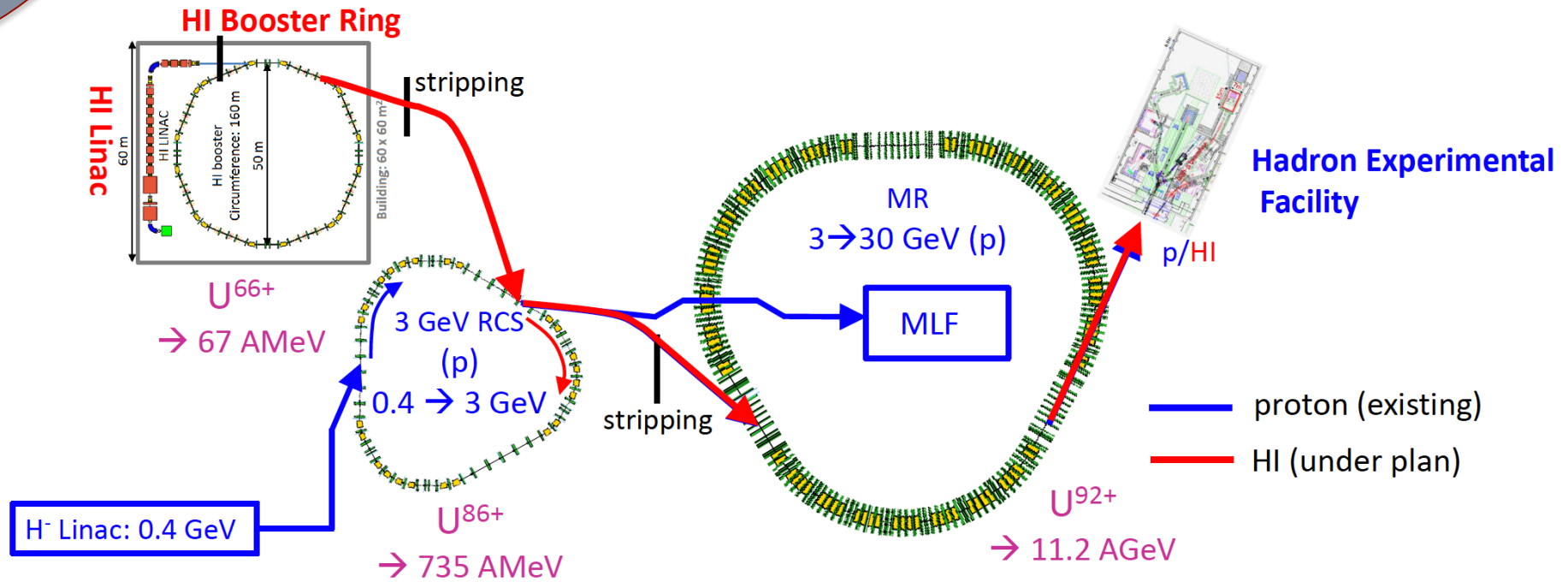
Muon tracker (see backup)

	Baseline 4 stations (kCHF)	Expanded 6 stations (kCHF)
GEM foils	1000	1500
NS2 frames	400	600
Drift + Readout	250	375
FEE	2800	4200
HV system	100	150
Mechanical support	500	750
Gas system	200	300
TOTAL	5250	7875

- ❖ **Total envelope with Muon Trigger and magnets: o(20) MCHF**
- ❖ **Next steps: consolidation** of a strong international collaboration, **finalization of the Lol, availability** of the SPS high-intensity ion beam and the ECN3 experimental hall
- ❖ **Tentative timeline**
 - 2020-2022 → project finalization, submission and approval of the proposal
 - 2023-2025 → construction
 - 2026 and beyond → data taking in parallel with the LHC run 4

J-PARC-HI

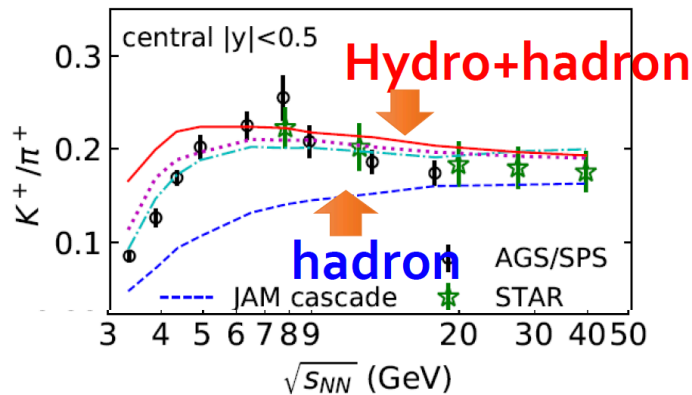
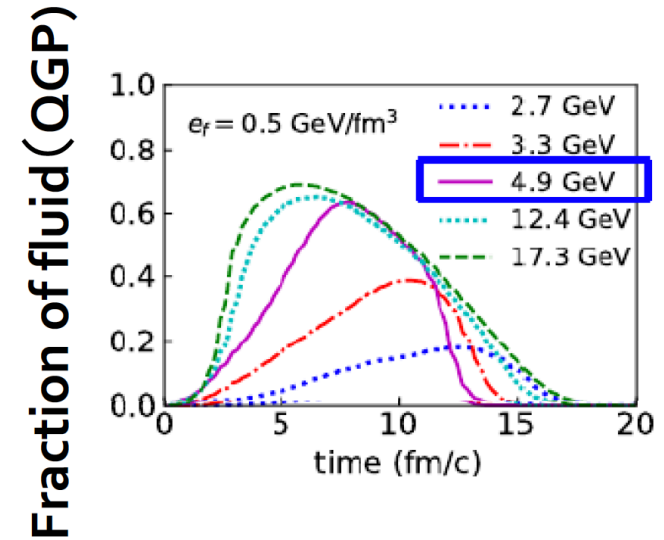
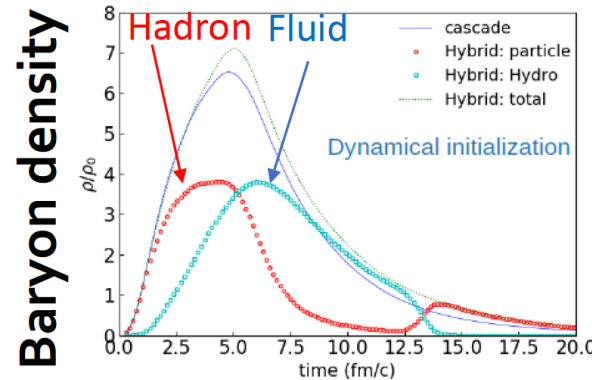
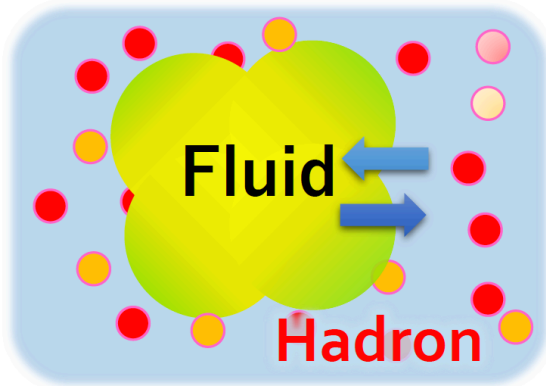
$$\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 2 - 6.2 \text{ GeV}$$



- ❖ **Proposal for a Heavy-Ion accelerating facility at J-PARC + dedicated experiment**
- ❖ Selected as one of the major research projects in the 2020 Japanese Master Plan for large infrastructure research projects, but not retained as a priority major research project: it can be supported, but the funding still has to be negotiated
- ❖ **Contact in France: Rachid Guernane (LPSC Grenoble)**

Hydro(QGP) + Hadron Cascade (JAM) Dynamically integrated transport model

Akamatsu, Ohnishi, Kitazawa, Nara, et al, PRC98 024909 (2018)

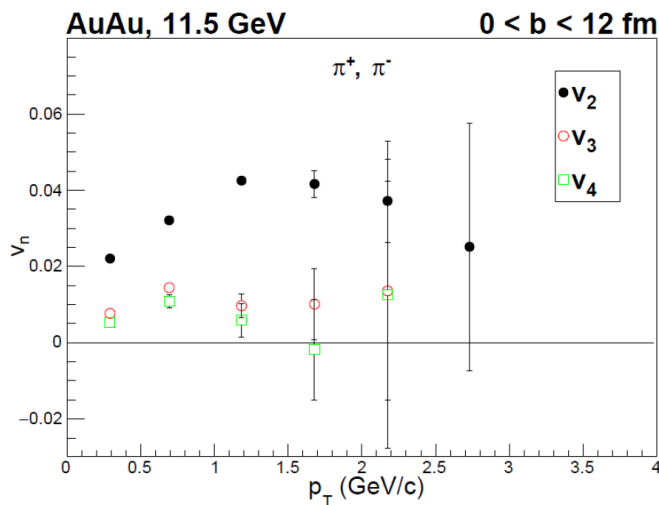


K^+/π^+ was reproduced with the introduction of fluid

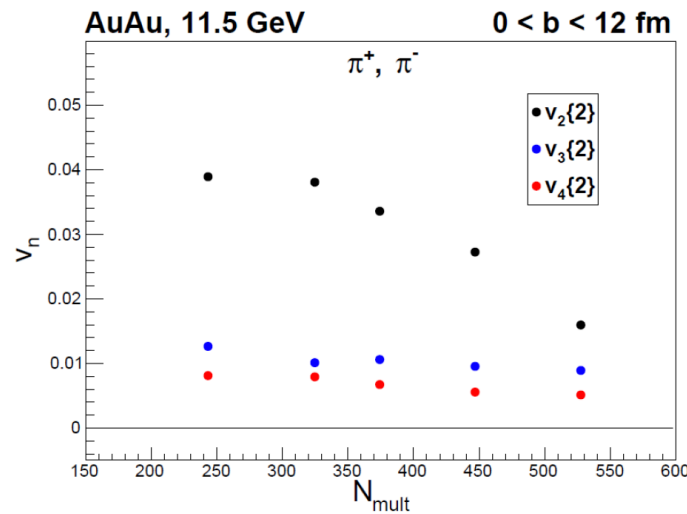
→ Suggesting existence of QGP at J-PARC energy

- 54M Au+Au events of hydro + JAM cascade model (JAM-1.9043)
- Higher-order flow: study of “fluid” properties created in the collision
 - Due to low multiplicity, higher statistics is required than RHIC and LHC

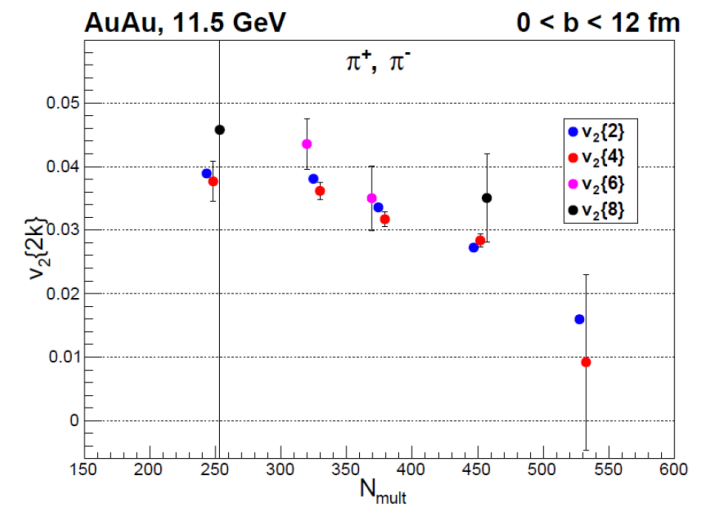
Higher-order harmonics
with two-particle correlation
(4.5 M events)



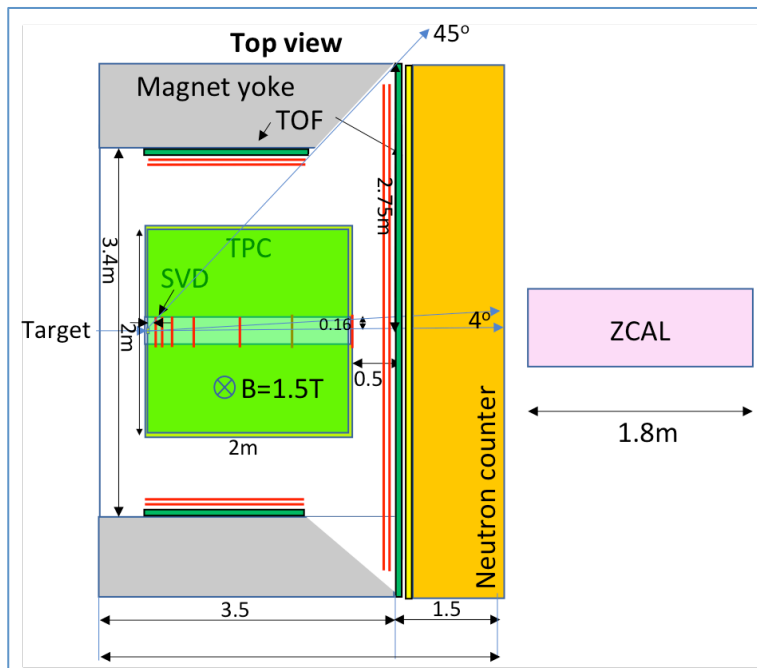
Higher-order harmonics
with Cumulants (54M events)



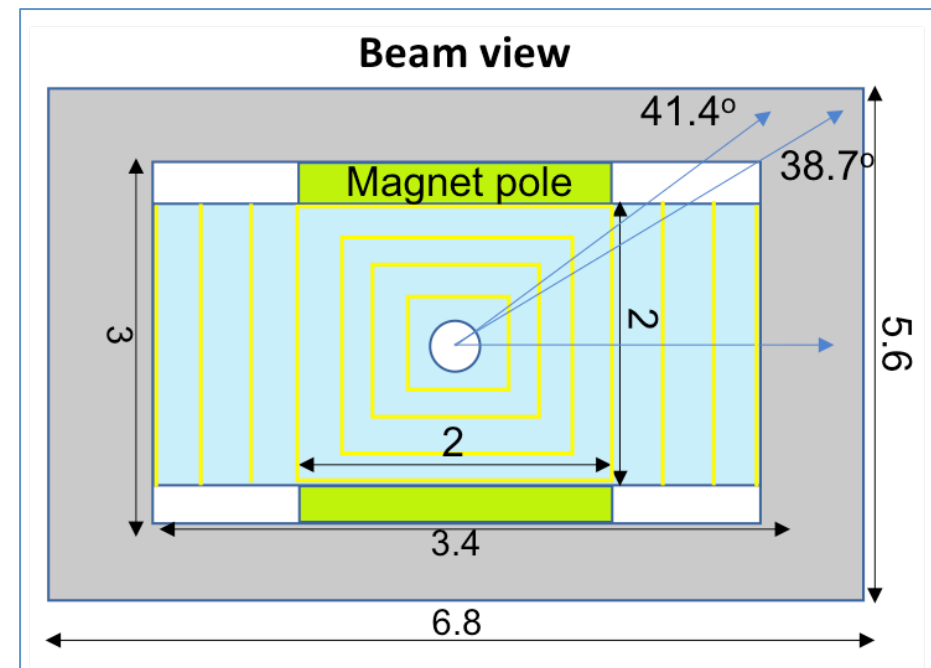
V_2 from n-particle correlations
with Cumulants (54M events)



- ❖ **Experimental setup currently being designed: Dipole Spectrometer with triggerless continuous read-out scheme**



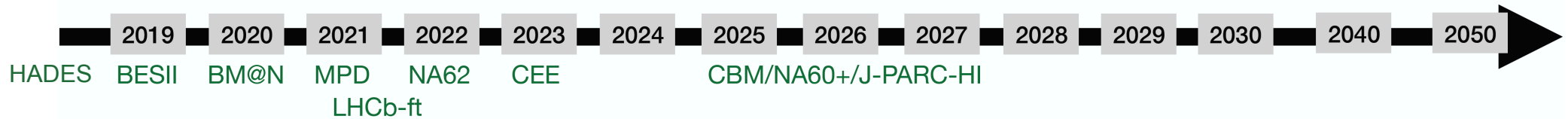
Hadron spectrometer setup
+ neutron counter:
max. event rate ≤ 100 kHz



Dimuon spectrometer setup:
max. event rate ≤ 10 MHz

The high-density frontier: Future

C. Loizides, QM2019



- ❖ A comprehensive approach to the study of QCD phases must **combine observations from vanishing to finite baryon densities** (and the precise characterization of the initial states)
- ❖ **Several finite-density experimental projects under development or discussion around the world:** opportunities for the French community:
 - Synergies with the vanishing-density experimental programs (analysis tools, software development, hardware R&D...)
 - Exchanges with the French theory community involved in this domain

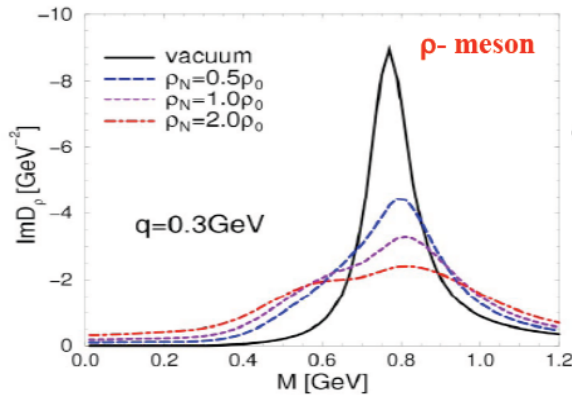
- ❖ **@FAIR:** existing IJCLab activities on HADES could smoothly converge to CBM at SIS100, complementing on the physics side the activity of IPHC on the detector. Possible extension at higher energies (SIS300) in further future
- ❖ **@CERN:** large room for contributions to the NA60+ project at the SPS → ongoing R&D of the silicon pixel sensor (currently shared with ALICE ITS3 and ANGHIE) and the R&D + construction of the muon tracking chambers
- ❖ **@J-PARC:** full R&D of the hadron and dimuon spectrometer to be installed at the future J-PARC-HI facility (when funded)



Some of the projects need to further evolve and strengthen, before any relevant contribution of the French community could be precisely identified and discussed. In the meantime, a minimum support should be granted to the exploration activities

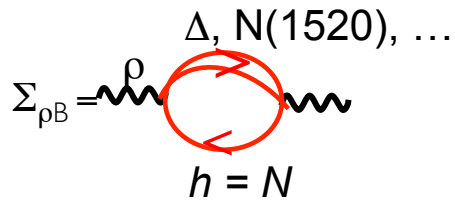
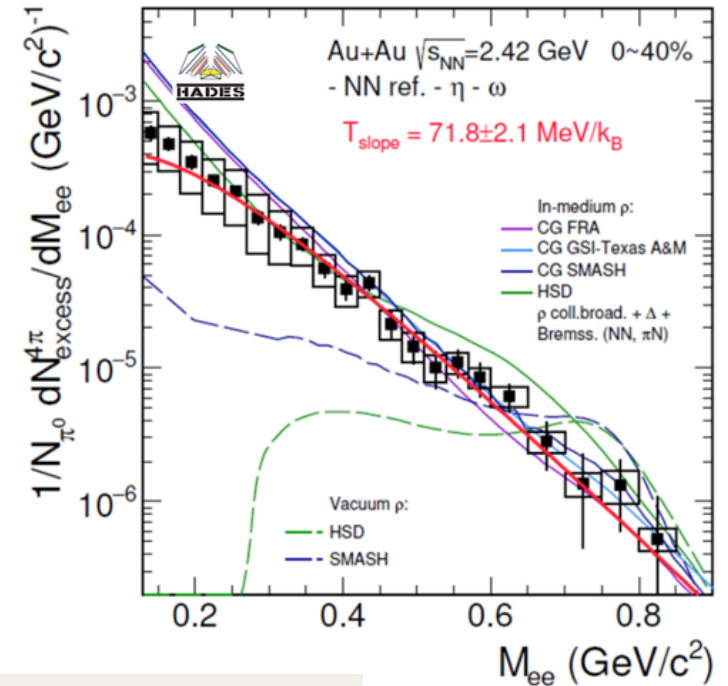
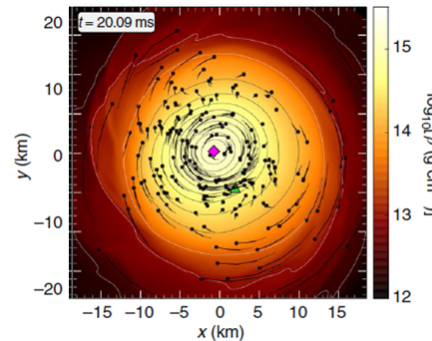
Backup Slides

“Probing dense baryon-rich matter with virtual photons”, HADES collaboration, *Nature Physics*, July 2019



R. Rapp and J. Wambach EPJA 6 (1999) 415

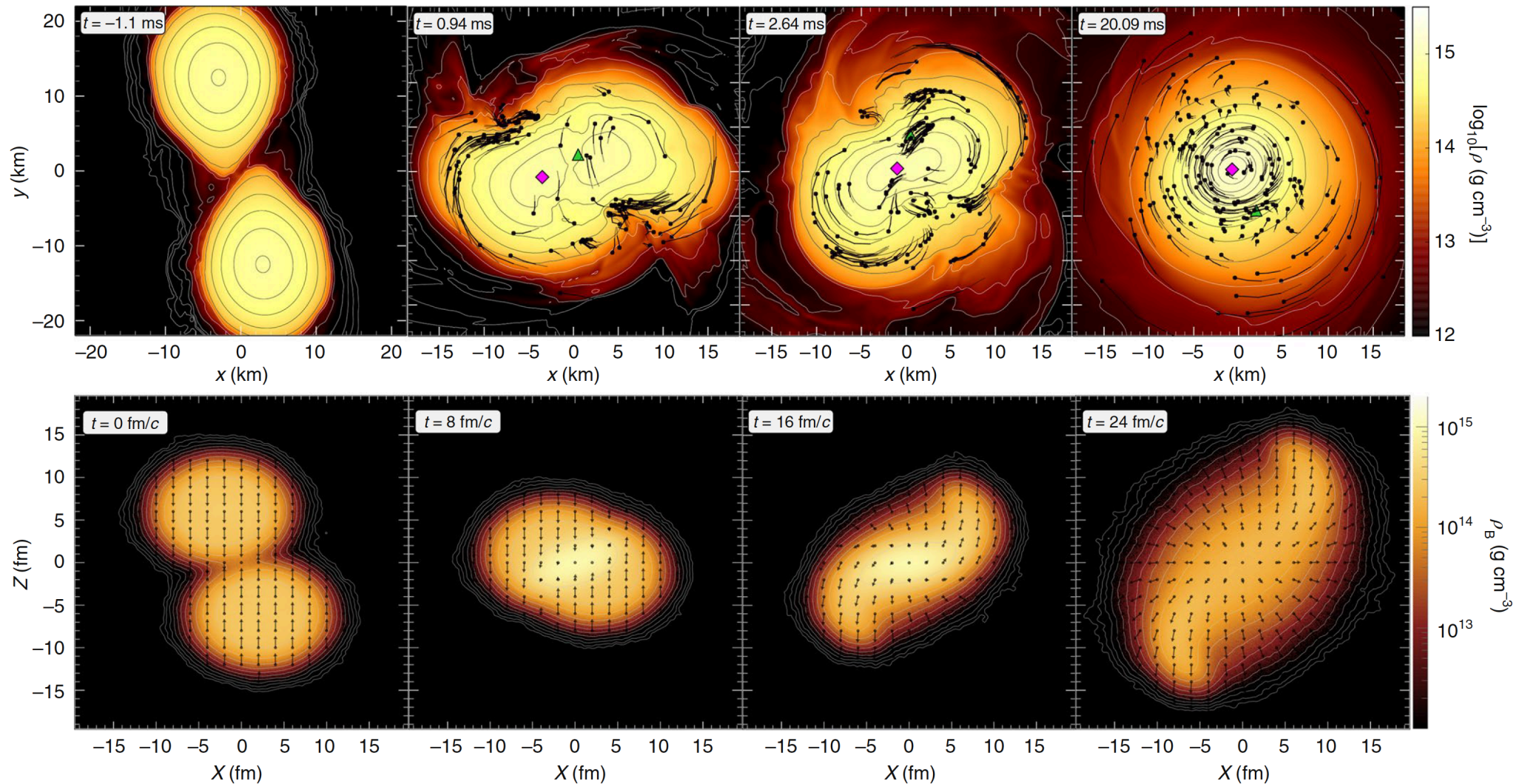
(T, μ_B) similar to
neutron star merger
(gravitational waves)



Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=2.42$ GeV ($E_{lab}=1.25A$ GeV)
inclusive e^+e^- spectra consistent with

- **thermal emission**
- **strong in-medium ρ meson broadening**
 - mostly due to **coupling to baryons**
 - Related to **chiral symmetry restoration**

HADES at GSI: Recent Highlight



SIS18 (FAIR-Phase0) and SIS100 (FAIR-Phase1)

FAIR (Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research)

Located at GSI (Darmstadt). Currently SIS100 accelerator under construction: $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.7 - 5 \text{ GeV}$

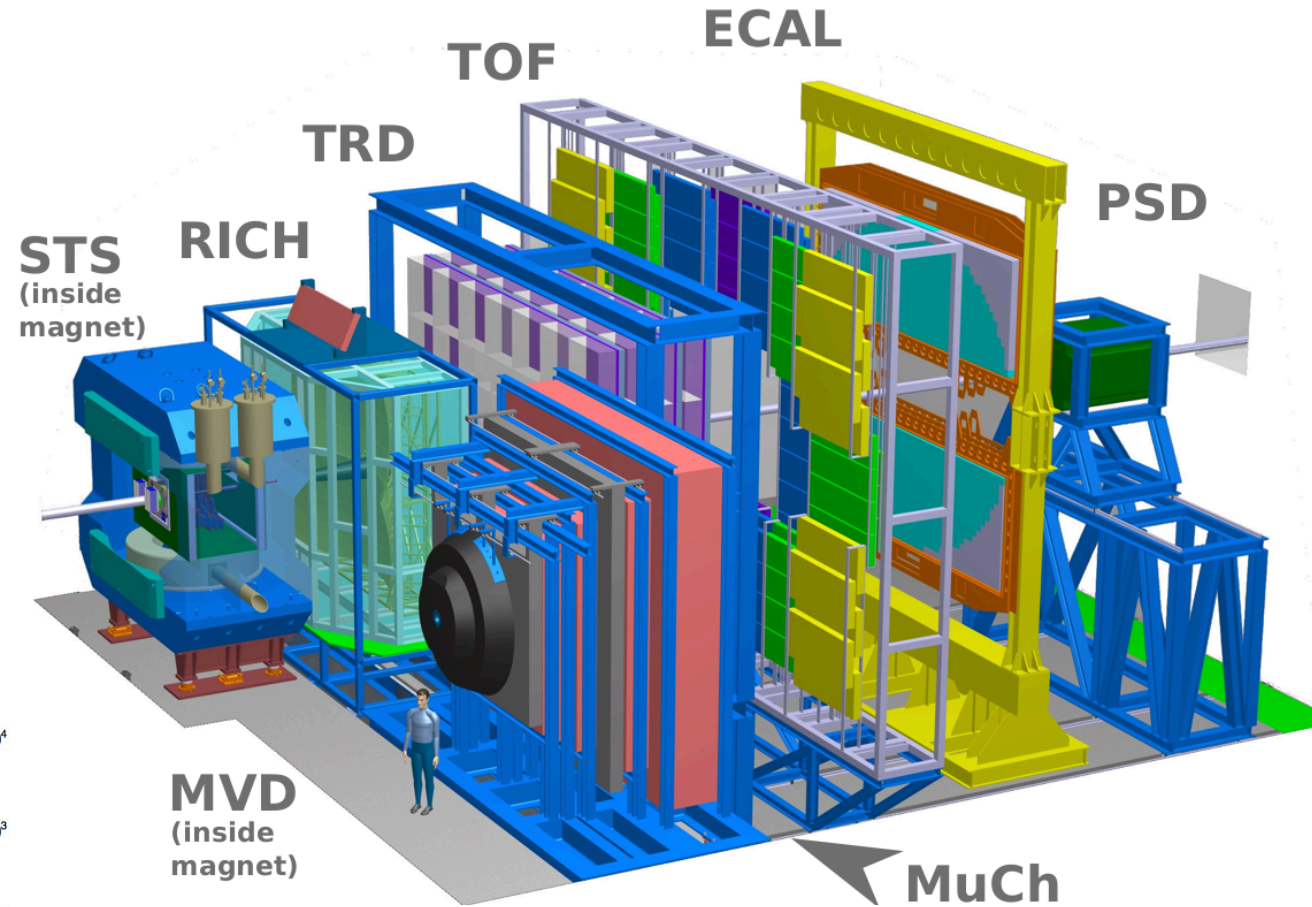


- ❖ **July 2017:** Start of excavation and trench sheeting
- ❖ **July 2018:** Start of shell Construction
- ❖ **2022:** Buildings completed (including CBM cave)
- ❖ **2025:** Completion of full facility and start of operations

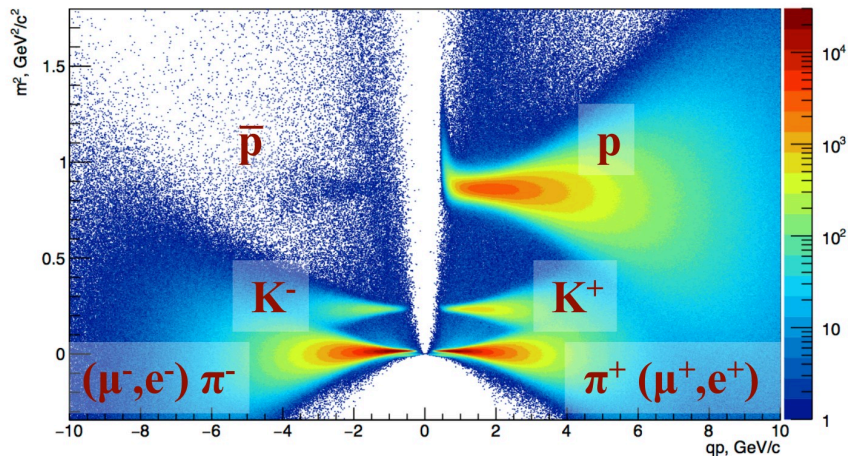
CBM Collaboration:

56 institutions

> 460 members

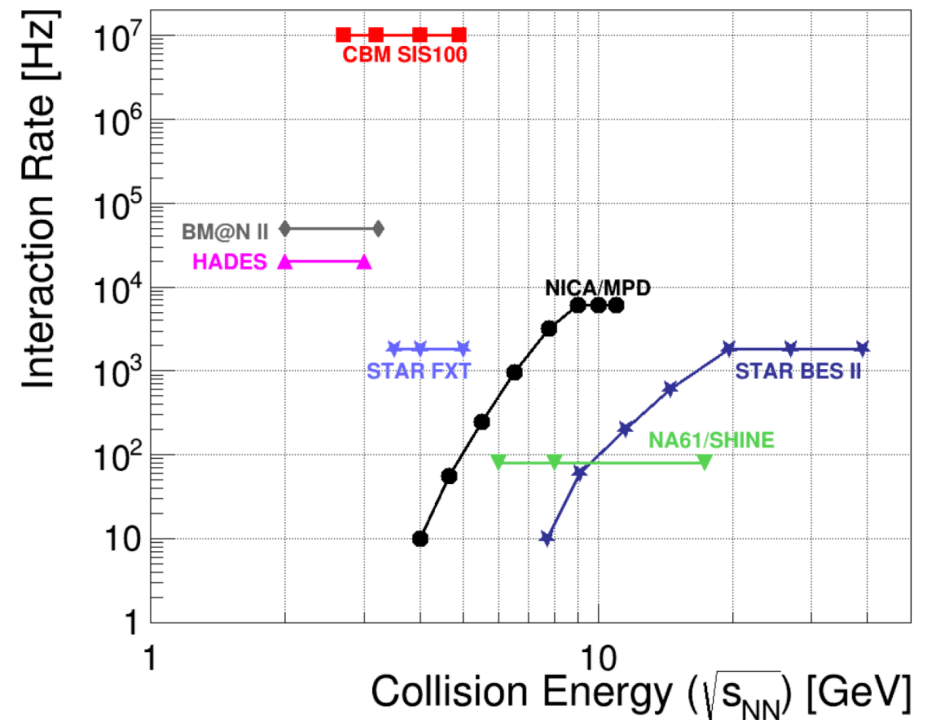


TOF Particle Identification



- QCD matter equation-of-state at large baryon densities, coexistence (quarkyonic) & partonic phases:
 - ✓ Hadron yields, collective flow, correlations, fluctuations
 - ✓ (Multi-)strange hyperons (K , Λ , Σ , Ξ , Ω)
 - ✓ production at (sub)threshold energies
- Chiral symmetry at large baryon densities
 - ✓ In-medium modifications of light vector mesons
 - ✓ ρ , ω , $\phi \rightarrow e^+e^-$ ($\mu^+\mu^-$) via dilepton measurements
- Hypernuclei
- Charm production and propagation at threshold energies
 - ✓ Excitation function in p+A collisions (J/ψ , D^0 , D^+)
 - ✓ Charmonium suppression in cold nuclear matter

Existing and experiments under construction

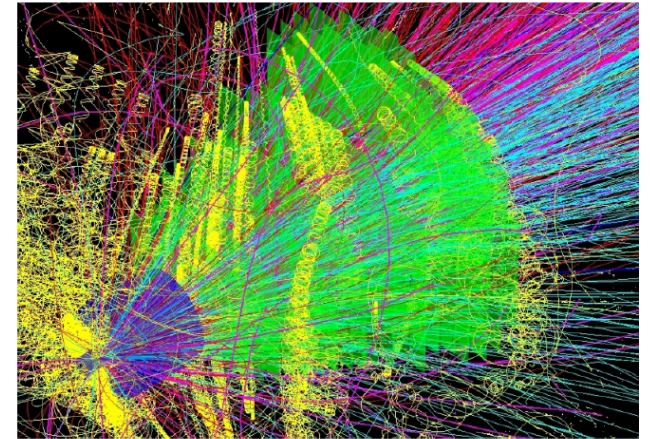


[CBM Collaboration] "Challenges in QCD matter physics"

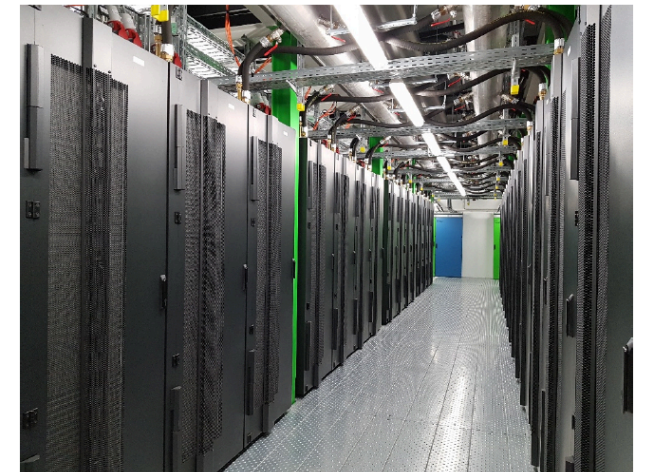
High statistics needs high reaction rates: $10^5 - 10^7$ Au+Au collisions/sec!

- High event rates: $10^5 - 10^7$ Au+Au collisions/sec
- Fast, radiation hard detectors & front-end electronics
- Free-streaming readout & 4 dimensional (space+time) event reconstruction
- Particle identification: hadrons and leptons, displaced ($\sim 50 \mu\text{m}$) vertex reconstruction for charm measurements
- High speed data acquisition & performance computing farm for online event selection

central Au+Au collision @ 10A GeV/c



GSI IT Center



Cumulants

$$C_1 = \langle N_q \rangle, \quad C_2 = \langle (\delta N_q)^2 \rangle, \quad C_3 = \langle (\delta N_q)^3 \rangle,$$

$$C_4 = \langle (\delta N_q)^4 \rangle - 3 \langle (\delta N_q)^2 \rangle^2$$

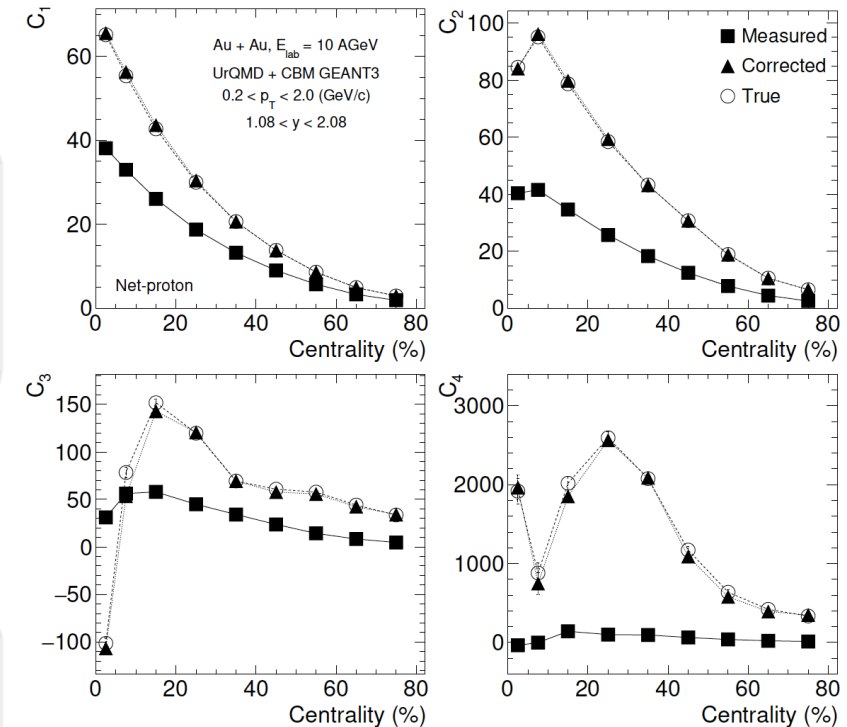
$N_q = N_{q+} - N_{q-}$ and $\delta N_q = N_q - \langle N_q \rangle$
 q can be any conserved quantum number

(net-baryon, net-charge, net-strangeness etc.)

Mean, variance, skewness, kurtosis

$$M = C_1, \quad \sigma^2 = C_2, \quad S = \frac{C_3}{\sigma^3}, \quad \kappa = \frac{C_4}{\sigma^4}$$

- ★ Higher moments of conserved quantities are sensitive to correlation length
 $\langle (\delta N_q)^2 \rangle \sim \zeta^2 \quad \langle (\delta N_q)^3 \rangle \sim \zeta^{4.5} \quad \langle (\delta N_q)^4 \rangle \sim \zeta^7$
- ★ Non-monotonic variations of $S\sigma = C_3/C_2$, $\kappa\sigma^2 = C_4/C_2$ with beam energy are believed to be good signatures of CP



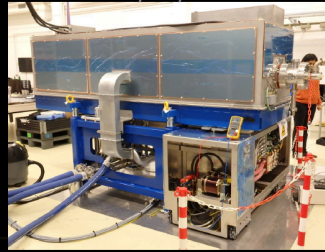


- FAIR starts 2018
 - FAIR Phase-0 experiments
- SIS18 tunnel upgrade – finished
- Excavation of SIS100 tunnel progresses rapidly
- Serial production of major components for SIS100 (i.e. dipoles) started
- SIS100 commissioning with beam 2024

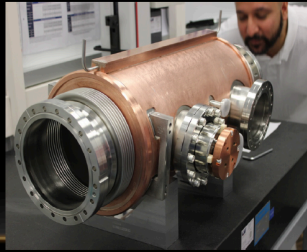
SIS100 Dipole



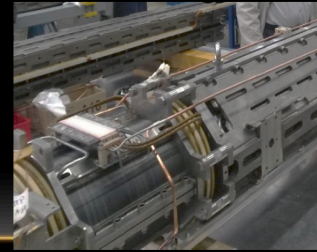
RF Cavity System



Cryo catcher



Dipole, quadrupole units



Cryo bypas line



Bunch compressor



NA60+ at the CERN-SPS

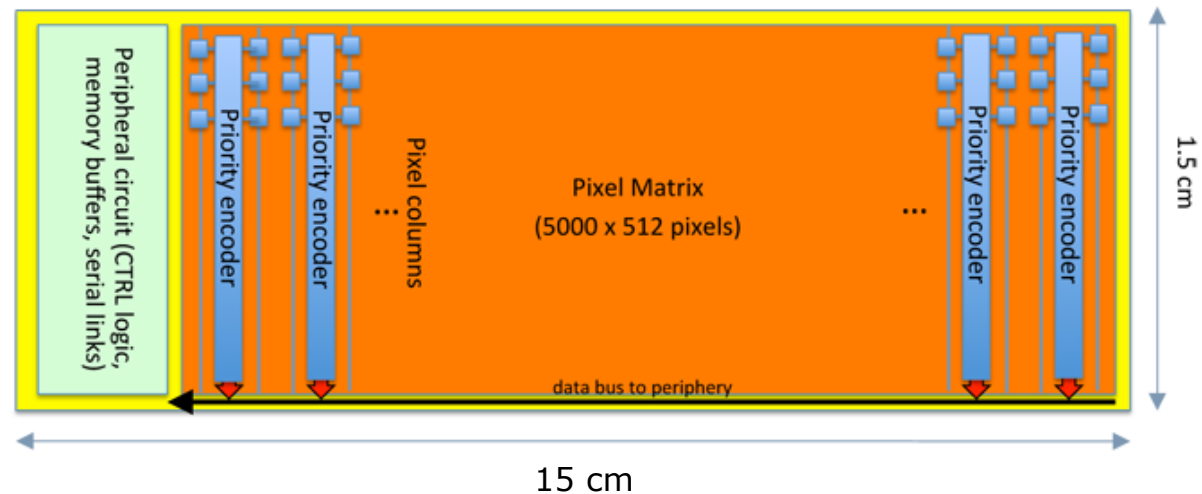
PRIN 2018: *STITCHED MAPS* - a novel large area, fast, radiation-tolerant monolithic active pixel sensor for tracking devices of unprecedented precision

- ❖ Funded project by Italy Research Ministry with **1 MEuro (started September 2019)**
- ❖ **Cagliari University, Bari University and Politecnico, INFN (G. Usai Principal Investigator)**

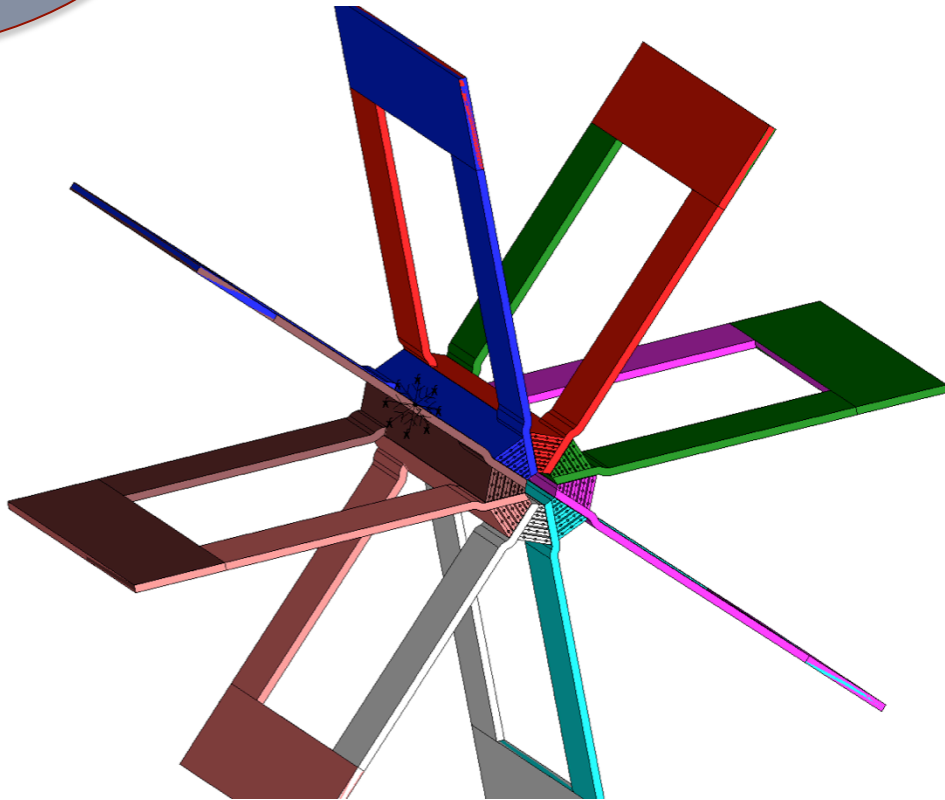
Common R&D effort together with CERN and other labs

Kick-off meeting at CERN to agree specs of a new sensor suitable for different applications:

- ❖ NA60+
- ❖ ALICE LS3 upgrade
- ❖ CLIC vertex detector
- ❖ Proton computed tomography scan for hadron therapy



**Migration of the design to Tower 65 nm
→ 10 μm pixel pitch**



Open toroid for NA60+ : field circling the beam axis

- $L = 3\text{m}$
- $0.3 < R < 1.65\text{ m}$ at entrance
- $0.3 < R < 2.95\text{ m}$ at exit
- $B \cdot R \approx 0.2\text{-}0.25\text{ T} \cdot \text{m}$

Minimal design:

- ❖ Concept put forward by F. Bergsma, P.A. Giudici (CERN-EP-DT-EF)
- ❖ **Easy to build meccano-like structure**
- ❖ **8 sectors (octants)**, tangentially displaced w.r.t. cylinder axis
- ❖ Conductors made of **aluminium**
- ❖ Segments consist of a single winding, straight conductors joined by screws

Two (*three*) $3 \times 3 \text{ m}^2$ and two (*three*) $7 \times 7 \text{ m}^2$ muon tracking stations are installed before and after the muon spectrometer toroid, for a total of 116 (*174*) m^2 of chambers for the foreseen baseline (*expanded*) setup

Technology choice currently under investigation: double 3-GEM modules with 2D strip readout

- ❖ Module size: $50 \times 110 \text{ cm}^2$
- ❖ 300 modules \rightarrow 1000 GEMs (with spares)
- ❖ NS2 system (like CMS) for faster module assembly (no gluing)
- ❖ Gas: Ar-CO₂ or Ar-CO₂-CF₄ (non flammable, no ageing effects observed)
- ❖ 1 M electronic channels. Readout options: VFAT-3, VMM-3 chips

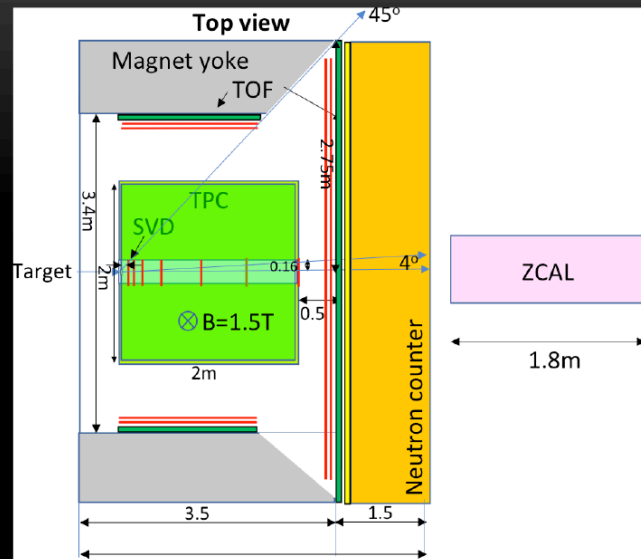
$20 \times 20 \text{ cm}^2$ prototype for the GEM module **designed** in Munich (TUM)



Full production **needs a collaboration of 3-4 Institutes**

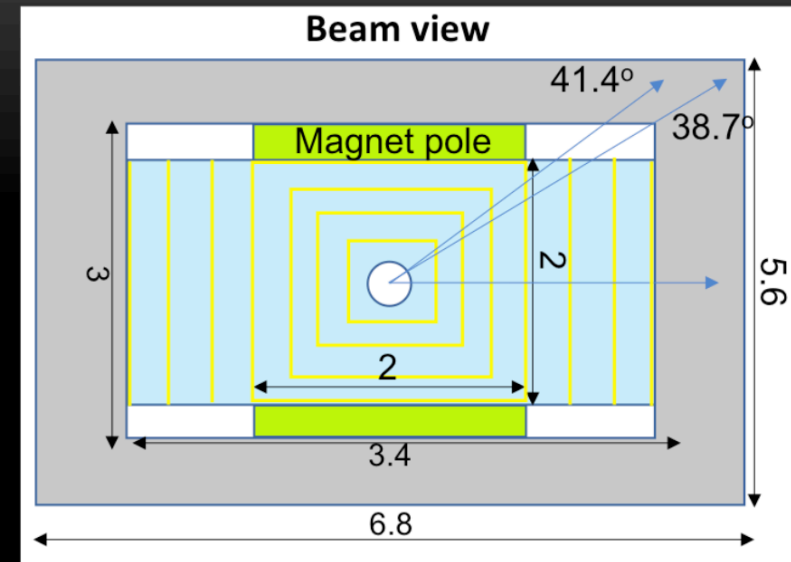
J-PARC-HI

Dipole Hadron Spectrometer



- Fixed-target
- Charged particles and neutron detection
- Dipole field: $B=1.5\text{ T}$
- $\sim 4\pi$ acceptance with TPC, TOF, neutron counter
- Trigger-less continuous read-out
- Interaction rate: $> 100\text{ kHz}$

Dimuon Spectrometer

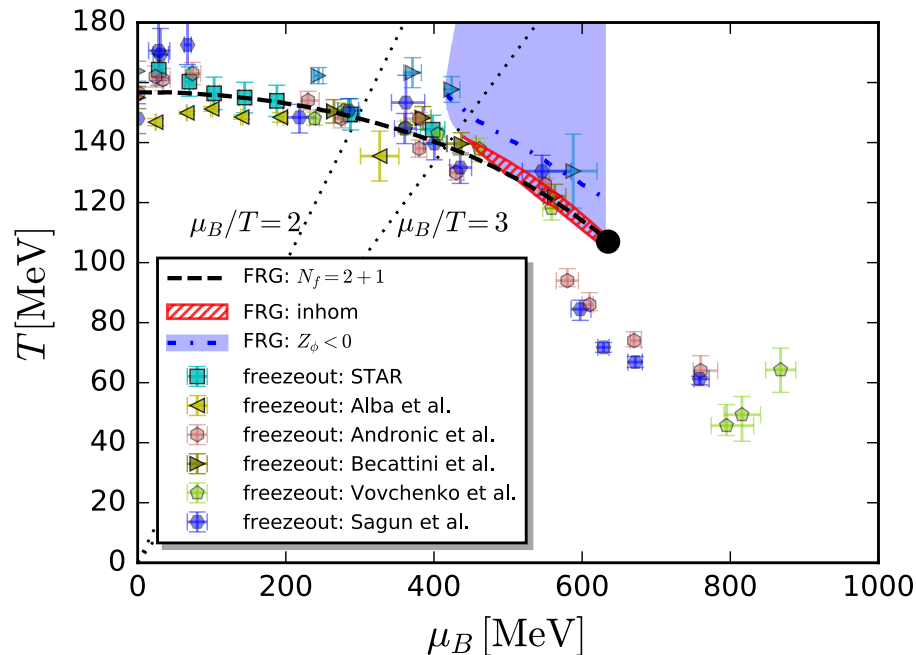


- Replace TPC by Pb absorbers and tracking layers
- 8-layer barrel and forward Silicon pixel detectors ($20\mu\text{m} \times 20\mu\text{m}$)
- Dimuon online trigger
- Interaction rate: $> 10\text{ MHz}$

Physics Motivations

Is There a Critical Point, and Where?

Fu et al., arXiv:1909.02991



- ❖ **At low densities** various theory approaches and phenomenological freeze-out data agree quite well
- ❖ **A critical point and an inhomogeneous regime are observed at finite densities** with the FRG (functional renormalization group) approach. For quantitative statements the current approximations need to be systematically upgraded

At finite baryon density, current lattice QCD methods are not exploitable due to the fermionic sign problem. Possible theoretical avenues:

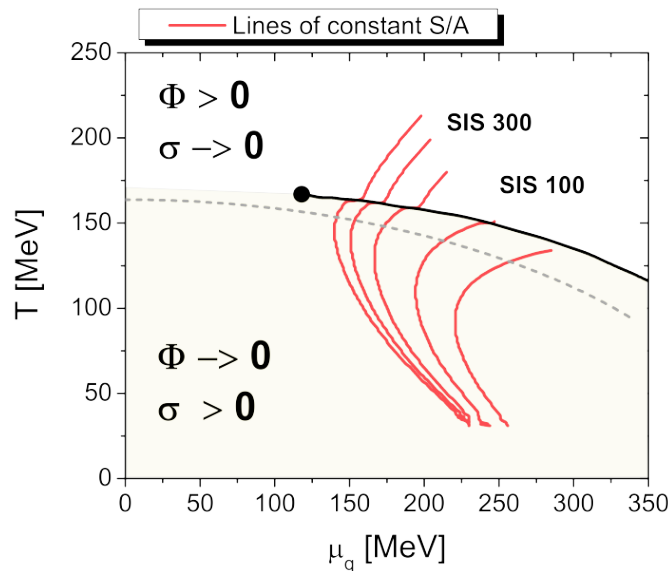
- ❖ Advance approaches aiming to alleviate the sign problem
- ❖ Construct effective models, e.g. Polyakov-loop-extended quark-meson models, to be constrained by lattice at small densities and by data from HIC and astrophysical observations at large densities
- ❖ Extend truncation schemes, e.g. the FRG approach, to perform calculations at finite density
- ❖ Holographic gauge/gravity duality to describe the dense and strongly coupled phase

The equation of state (EoS) contains all the thermodynamic information of QCD

At finite densities it should encode the relevant information about:

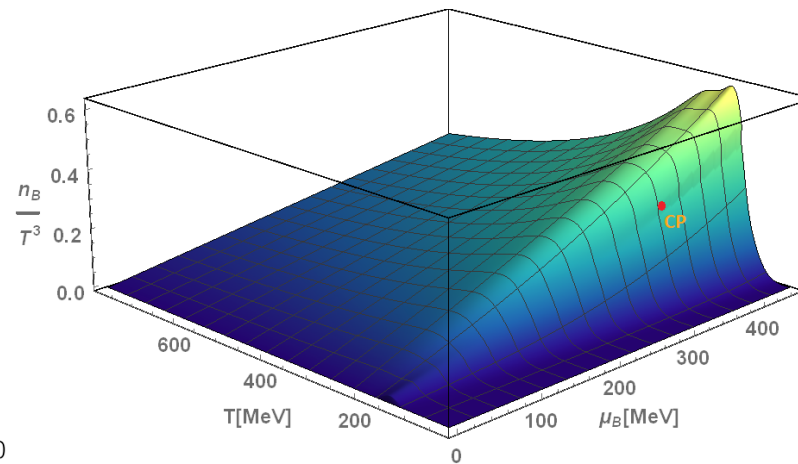
- ❖ The existence and location of the critical point
- ❖ The coexistence of phases along a first-order phase transition line
- ❖ The matter in the interior of compact stars

V. Dexheimer et al., PRC81 (2010)



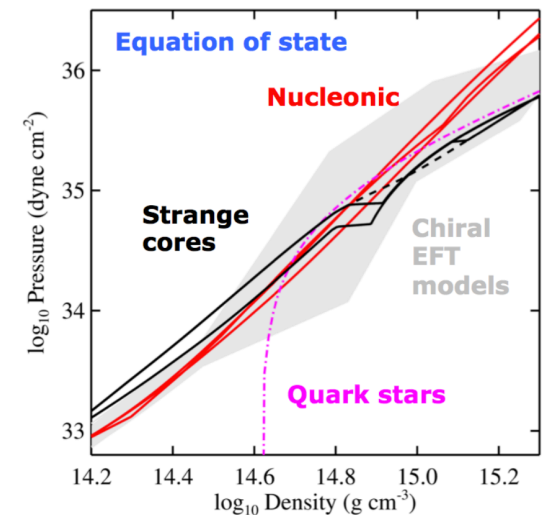
Hadronic SU(3) non-linear sigma model + quarks

P. Parotto, MN et al., arXiv:1805.05249



Lattice QCD + HRG + Ising critical point

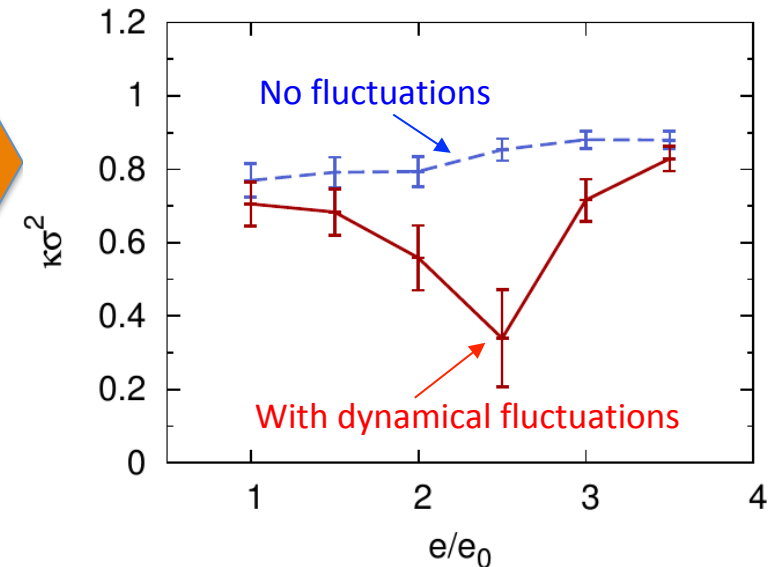
A. Watts et al., PoD (AASKA 14) 043



Pressure-density relation for different EoS models

- ❖ Fluctuation observables, in particular higher-order cumulants of net-baryon number, are sensitive to critical phenomena at the phase transition.

So far predictions are based on grand-canonical thermodynamics, **but a heavy-ion collision is highly dynamical, finite in size and time!** Due to critical slowing down, the system will be out-of-equilibrium near the critical point

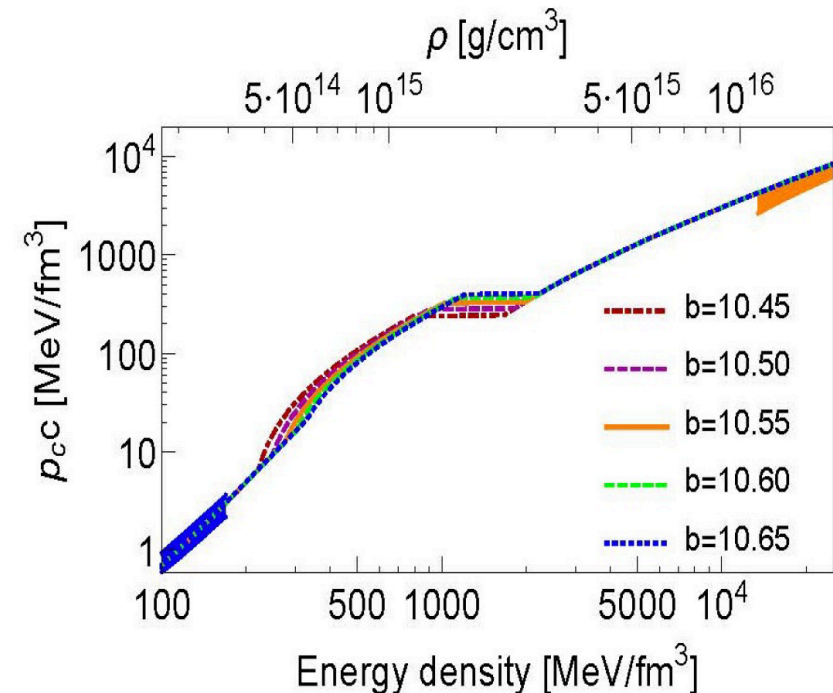
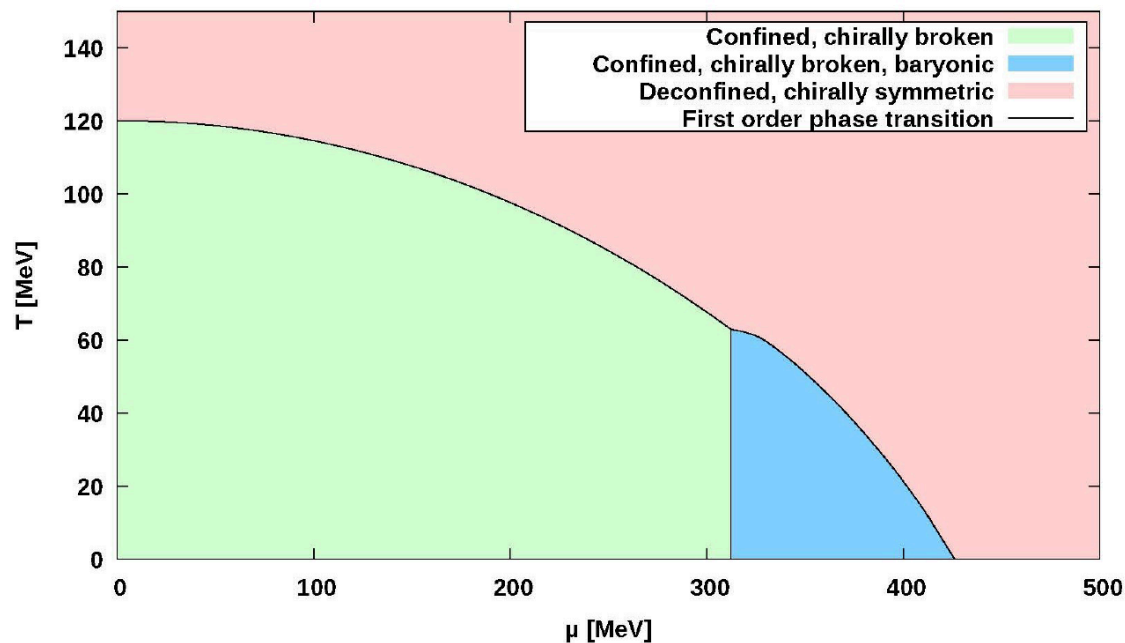


Currently, simulations of heavy-ion collisions do not propagate fluctuations. Theoretical challenges:

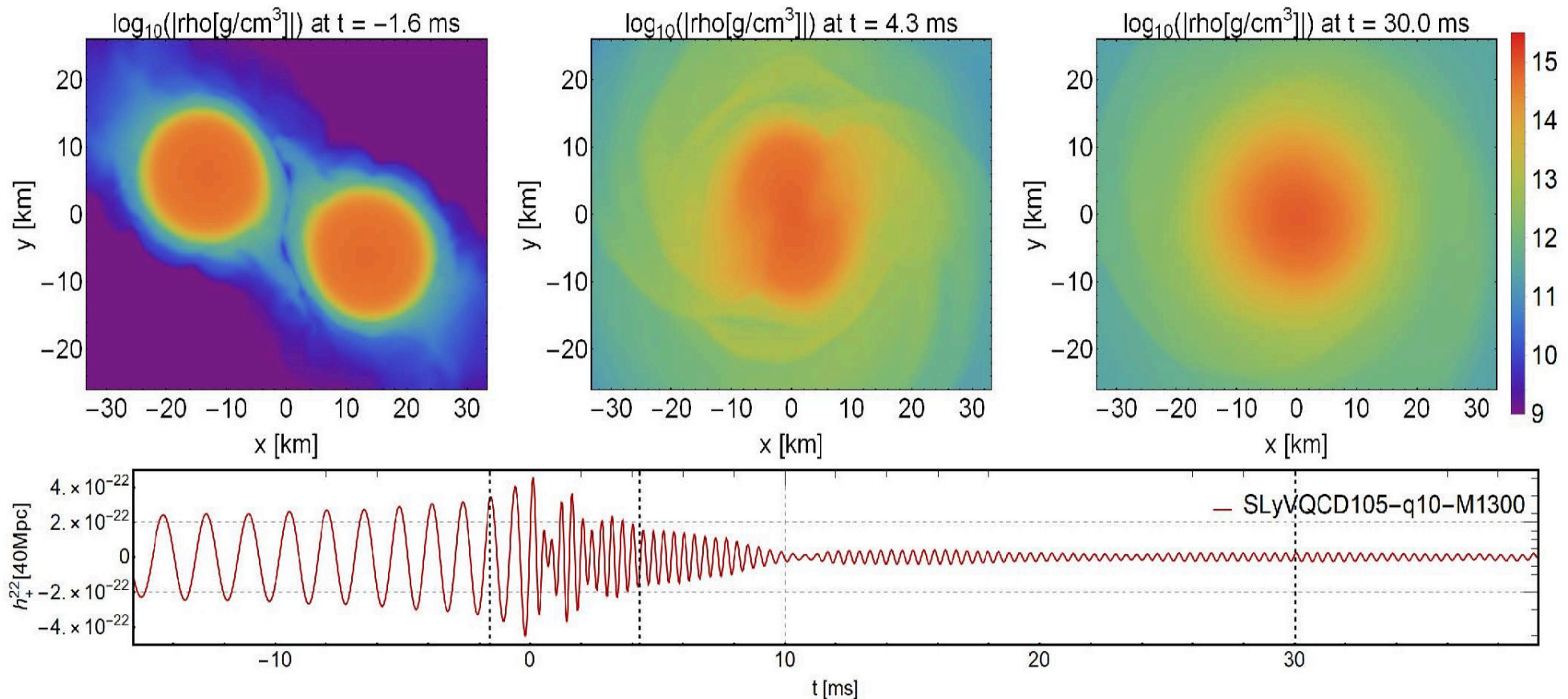
- ❖ Propagate fluctuations of the chiral order parameter explicitly, coupled to the evolution of the noncritical part of a heavy-ion collision
- ❖ Propagate fluid dynamical fluctuations in 3+1d, highly non-trivial (conceptually and numerically costly) due to renormalization effects on the EoS and transport coefficients (also important for precise determination of the shear viscosity at LHC energies!)
- ❖ Couple properly to all noncritical sources of fluctuations, e.g. initial state, final state, ...

❖ **Holography** or the “holographic” correspondence or AdS/CFT is a **duality between strong-coupling gauge theories and string theories**. There is a detailed map between observables in the QFT (correlation functions) and in gravity (S-matrix in asymptotically AdS spaces)

❖ **One can use the full theory to calculate the phase diagram and the equation of state:**



- ❖ By calculating the EoS of QCD matter, the holographic approach can then provide **predictions for extreme astrophysical processes like neutron star mergers** (in the figure, from left to right: late inspiral phase, early post-merge, late post-merger)



Extreme Matter Studies: Global Strategy

Nuclear experiments

CERN (*LHC, SPS*)
GANIL,
GSI (*FAIR*),
DUBNA (*NICA*)...

Theory for dense matter

EoS (*ComPOSE*),
Neutrino diffusion,
Transport coefficients

Global astrophysical modeling

Neutron stars
(*Lorene library, meta-model*),
BH & NS mergers
(*Einstein toolkit, WHISKY-THC*),
Kilonova,
Supernova (*COCONUT*),
Galactic chemical evolution

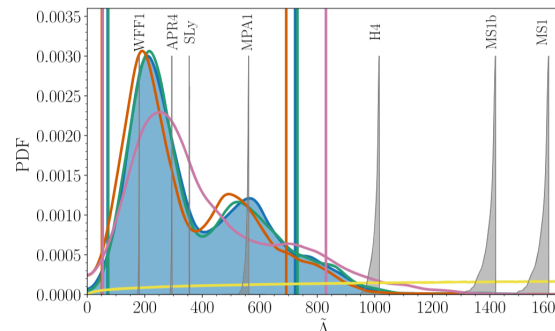
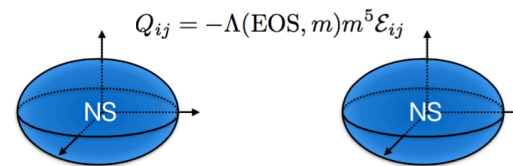
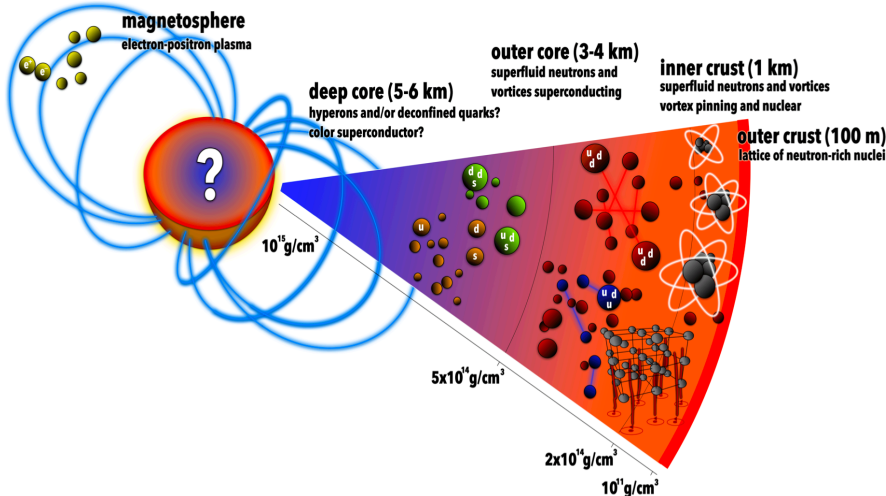
Observational facilities

GW (*LIGO-Virgo*),
GRB (*FERMI-LAT, XMM Newton*),
E-M (*GRANDMA, ZTF, ...*)

Improved understanding of extreme matter physics

Cross-fertilisation

Improved understanding of astrophysical objects



A first example with BNS merger:
LVC, *Phys. Rev. X* 9, 011001 (2019)
Tidal deformability measurement

For GW170817
→ $70 \leq \Lambda \leq 720$ (90% CL)
→ +E-M $300 \leq \Lambda \leq 800$

First constraints from GW
put on EoS

Modeling the equation of state:

- **Agnostic approaches:** no Lagrangian, no matter composition
- Ex.: piece-wise polytropes, sound-speed model, ...
- **Semi-agnostic approaches:** no Lagrangian, matter composition
- Ex.: meta-model
- **Phenomenological approaches:** Phenom. Lagrangian, matter composition
- Ex. (nucleon): Skyrme and extensions, Gogny, RMF, RHF, ...
- Ex. (quark): PNJL, PQM, ...
- **Microscopic approaches:** reproduce NN XS, predict dense matter properties
- Ex. (nucleon): AV16 + 3BF, Nijmegen ...
- **QCD based approaches:**
- Ex.: LQCD, chiral EFT (effective field theory), QCD holographic correspondence.

Addressing fundamental questions at the forefront

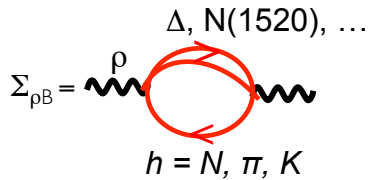
From the The Gravitational Wave International Committee, third generation ground based observatory (GWIC 3G) science-case meeting (oct. 2018, Postdam), Sanjay Reddy, Neutron Star WG

- ➔ 1. Does matter in NS and NS mergers contain **novel QCD phases** not realized inside nuclei and heavy-ion collisions?
- ➔ 2. Can NS observations guide and validate **theories of nuclei and nuclear matter**?

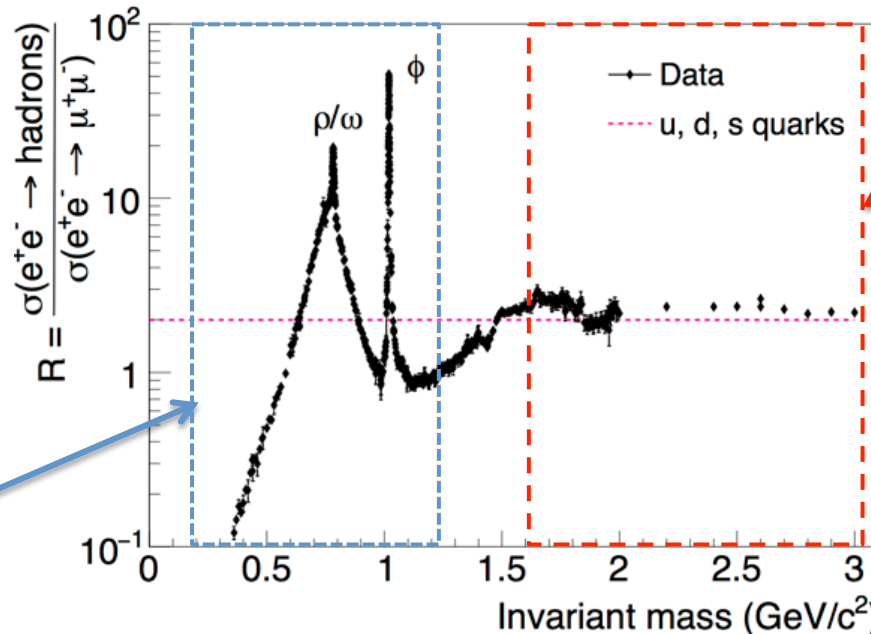
$$\frac{dN_{ll}}{d^4x d^4q} = -\frac{\alpha_{EM}^2}{\pi^3 M^2} f^B(q \cdot u; T) \text{Im}\Pi_{EM}(M, q; \mu_B, T)$$

E.M. radiation emission rate

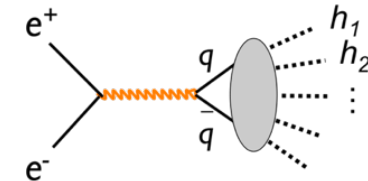
$$R = \frac{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})}{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)} \propto \frac{\text{Im}\Pi_{EM}^{\text{vac}}}{M^2} = \begin{cases} \sum_{v=\rho,\omega,\phi} \left(\frac{m_v^2}{g_v}\right)^2 \text{Im}D_v^{\text{vac}}(M), & M < M_{\text{dual}}^{\text{vac}} \simeq 1.5 \text{ GeV}/c^2 \\ -\frac{M^2}{12\pi} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_s(M)}{\pi} + \dots\right) N_c \sum_{q=u,d,s} (e_q)^2, & M > M_{\text{dual}}^{\text{vac}} \end{cases}$$



Non-perturbative:
VMD, in-medium spectral functions



Perturbative: parton-hadron duality



Flat spectral function above 1.5 GeV \rightarrow mass spectrum after integration over momenta and emission 4-volume:

$$\frac{dN_{ll}}{dM} \propto M^{3/2} \times \langle \exp(-M/T) \rangle$$