

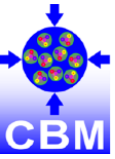
# Compressed Baryonic Matter experiment at FAIR

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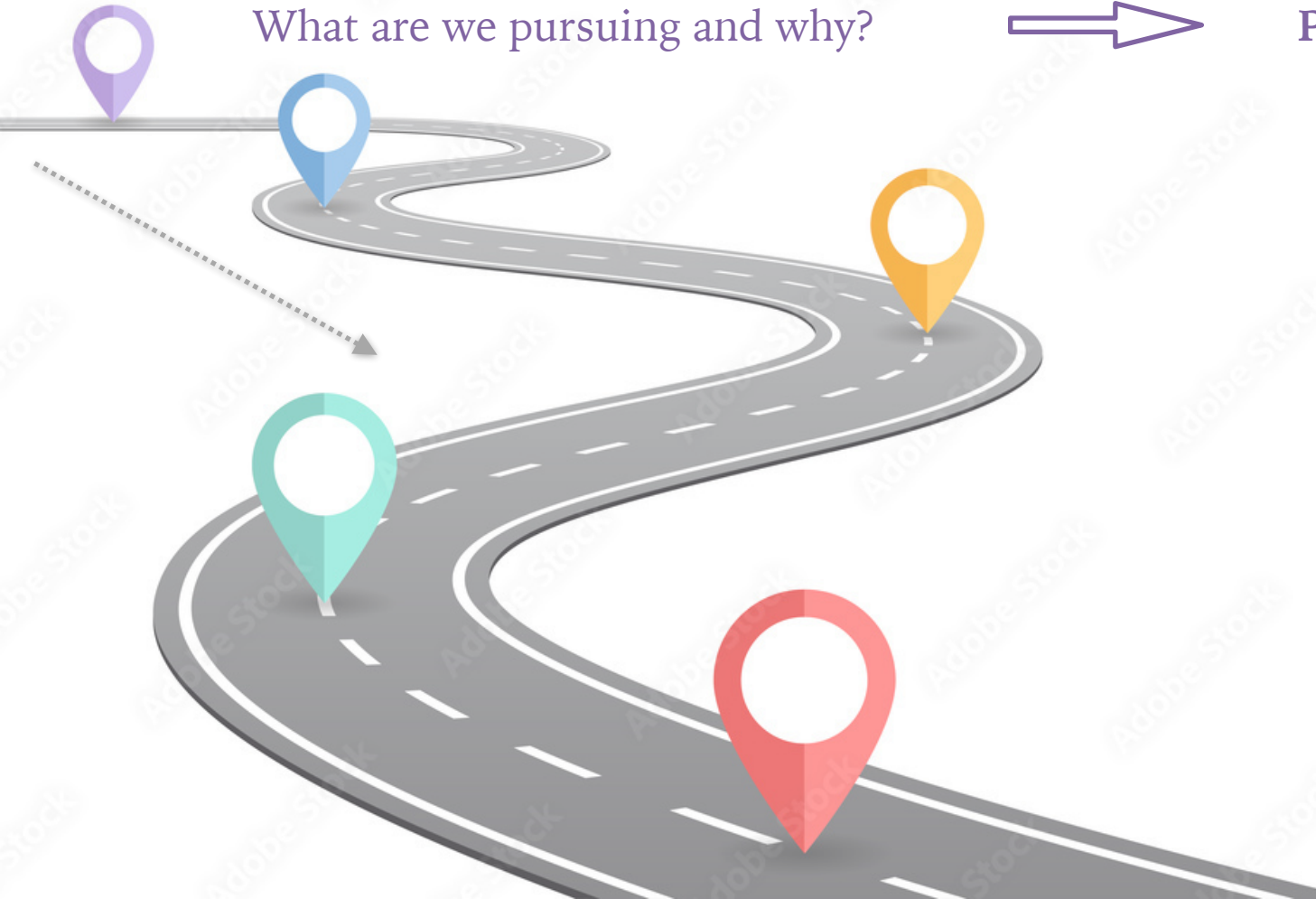
# Road map



What are we pursuing and why?



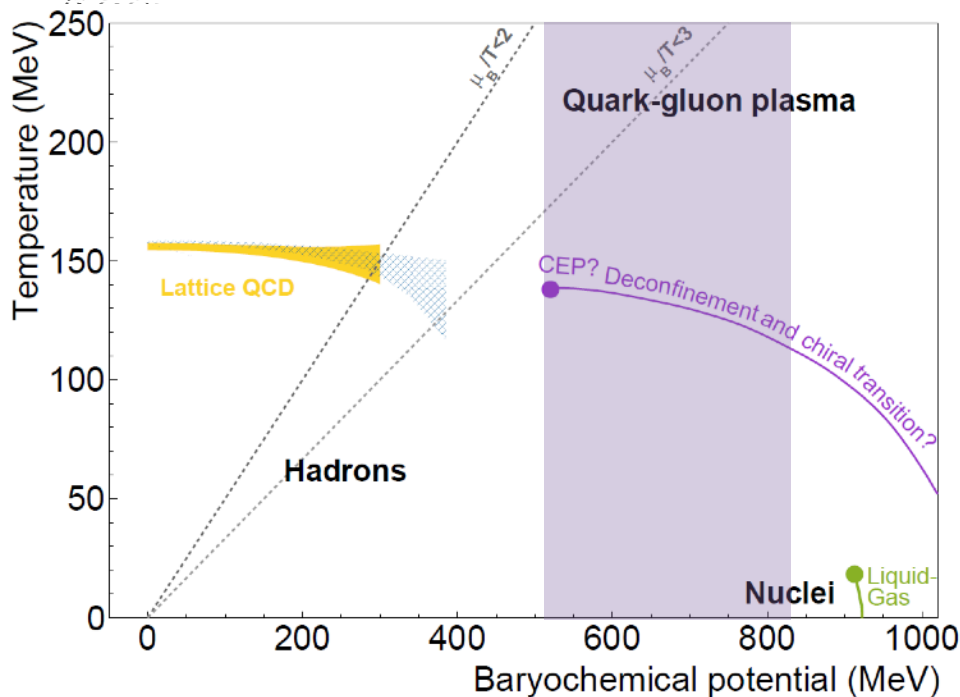
Physics motivation



# QCD phase diagram

## Low $\mu_B$ , high $T$ :

- **Cross-over** transition from hadronic to quark matter - comprehensive studies of **QGP** properties
- No **critical point** anticipated for  $\mu_B/T < 3$

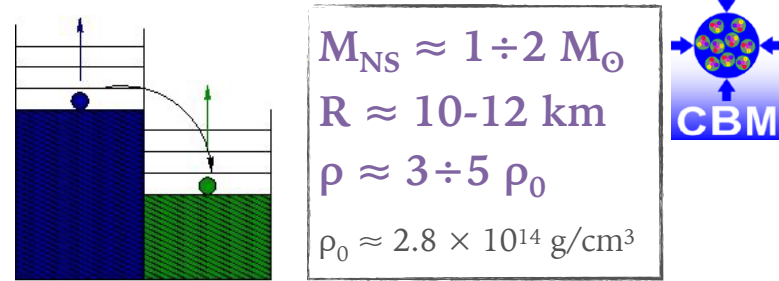


## High $\mu_B$ , low $T$ :

- Unknown **phase structure** (first-order phase transition, critical point possible, mixed phases, new phases, ...)
- Properties of matter to determine
- Characteristics of hadrons
- Equation of State (**EoS**) to establish
- Neutron Star (**NS**)

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# NS puzzle



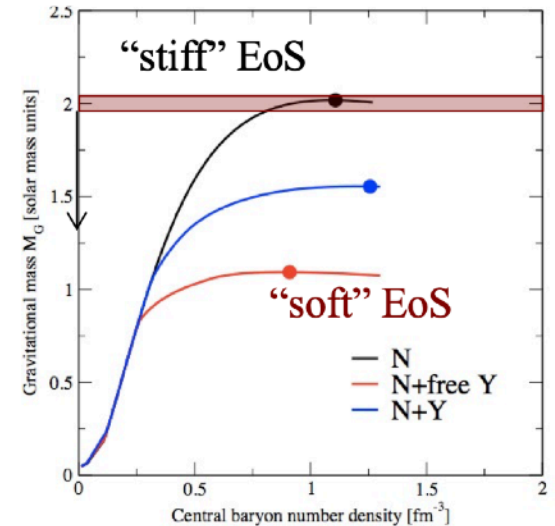
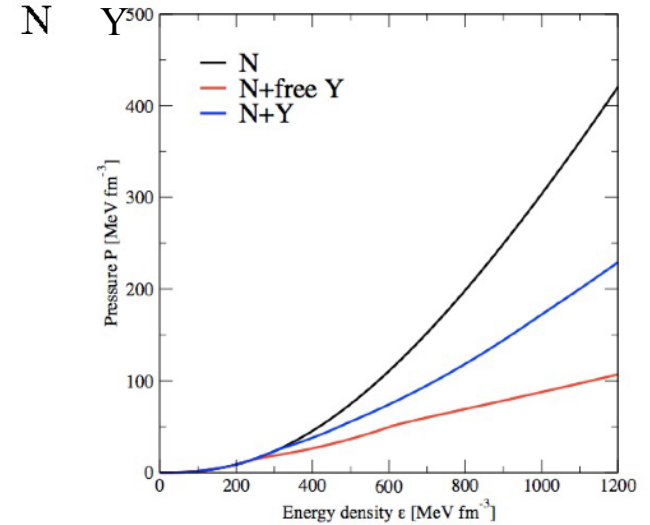
- Observation of **NS** indicates their **mass**  $\sim 2M_{\odot}$   
(Shapiro-delay: Post-Keplerian parameters of orbits)
- **Hyperons:** Expected in core of NS, the conversion of N into Y is energetically favorable
- **Appearance of Hyperons:** The presence of Y alleviates Fermi pressure, resulting in a EoS and a reduction in NS mass (inconsistent with observations)

*Can they still be considered as components of NS?*

- **Proposed Solution:** A mechanism that provides additional pressure to ensure a stiffer EoS

One emergent mechanism involves many-body interactions, such as YN, YY, NNY, NYY

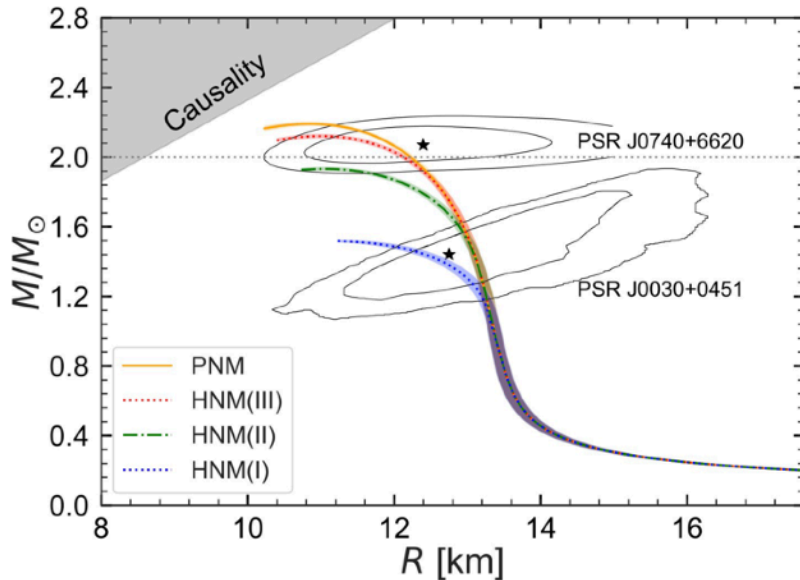
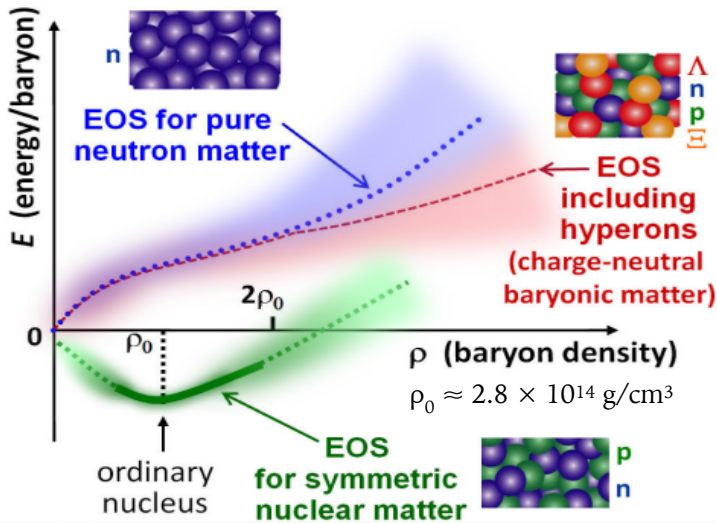
(Other: hypersonic three-body forces, Quark Matter Core - a transition to deconfined phase below hyperon threshold in density)



# Neutron star (NS) puzzle

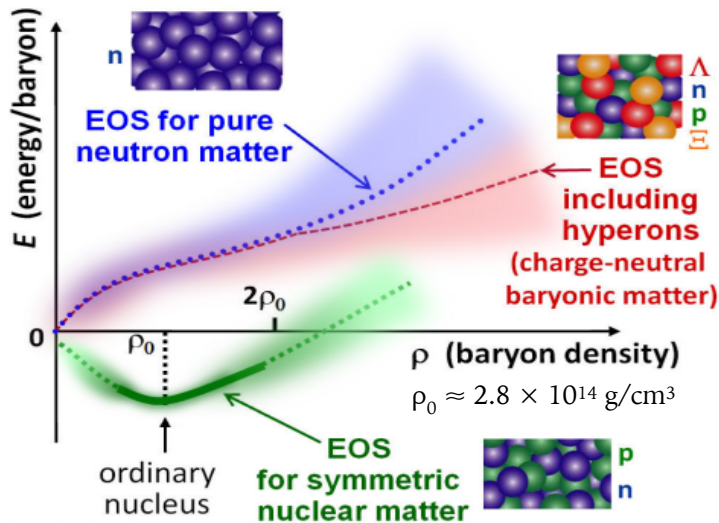
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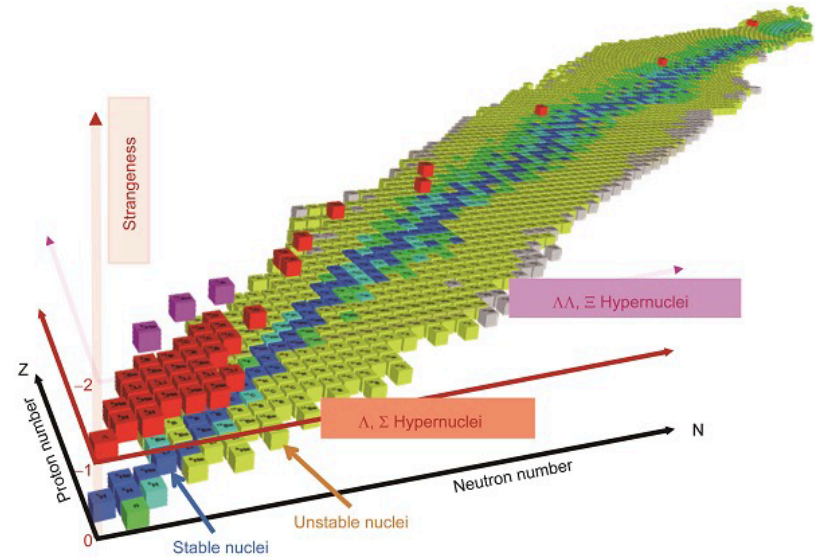


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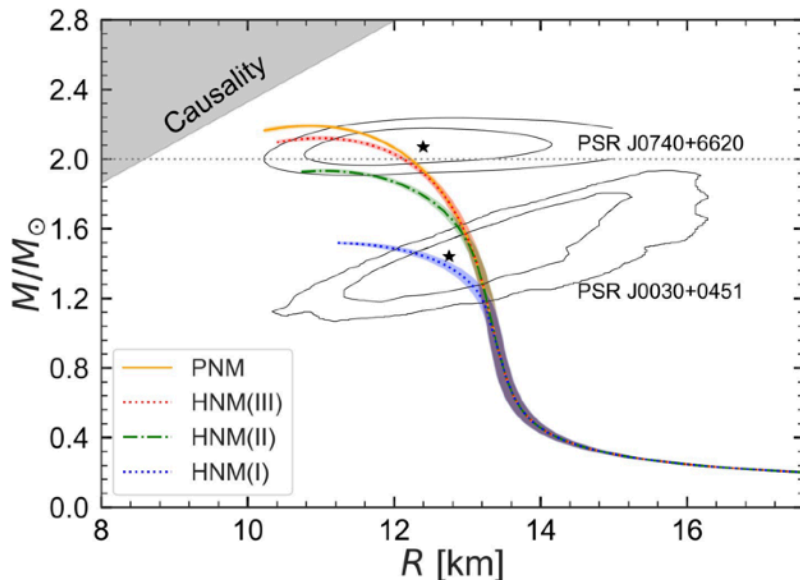
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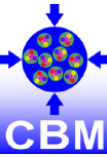
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## Hypernuclei are pivotal for the EoS of the NS

- How do nuclei and hyper-nuclei form?
- What are their characteristics?
- How do nuclei (N) and hyperons (Y) interact?



# NSM and HIC



**Top row: simulation of NS mergers (NSM)**

2 NSs of  $1.35 M_{\odot}$  each,

merging into a single object ( $2R \sim 10 \text{ km}$ ,  $n \sim 5n_0$ ,  $T \leq 20 \text{ MeV}$ ).

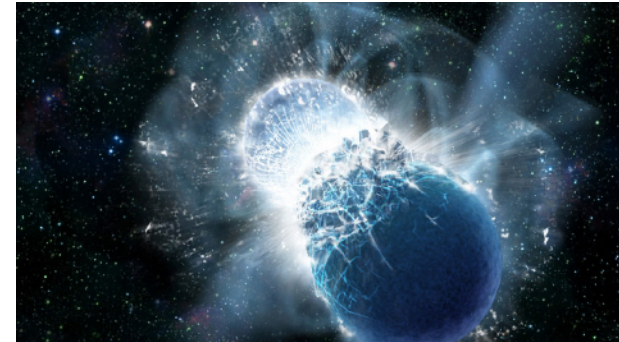
Overlap region:  $t \sim 20 \text{ ms}$ ,  $n \sim 2n_0$ ,  $T \sim 75 \text{ MeV}$

- max. temperature
- max. density

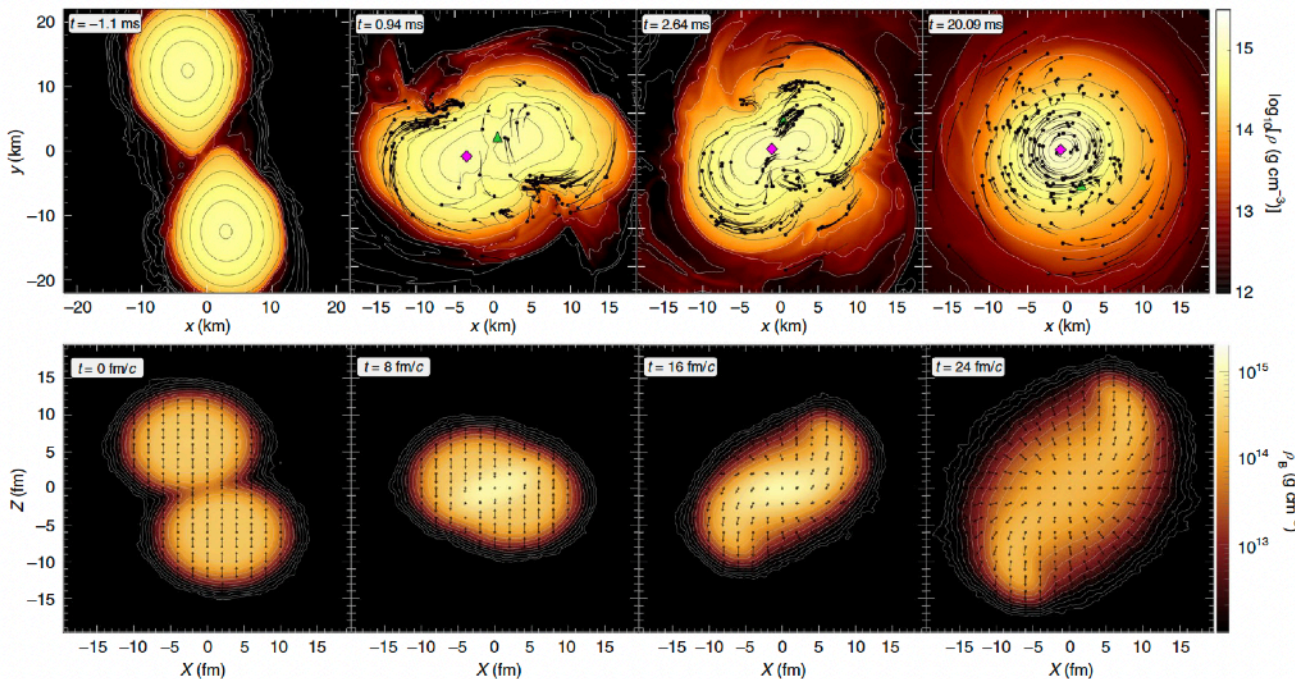
**Bottom row: non-central Au+Au collision at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.42 \text{ GeV}$**

$n \simeq 3n_0$ ,  $T \simeq 80 \text{ MeV}$

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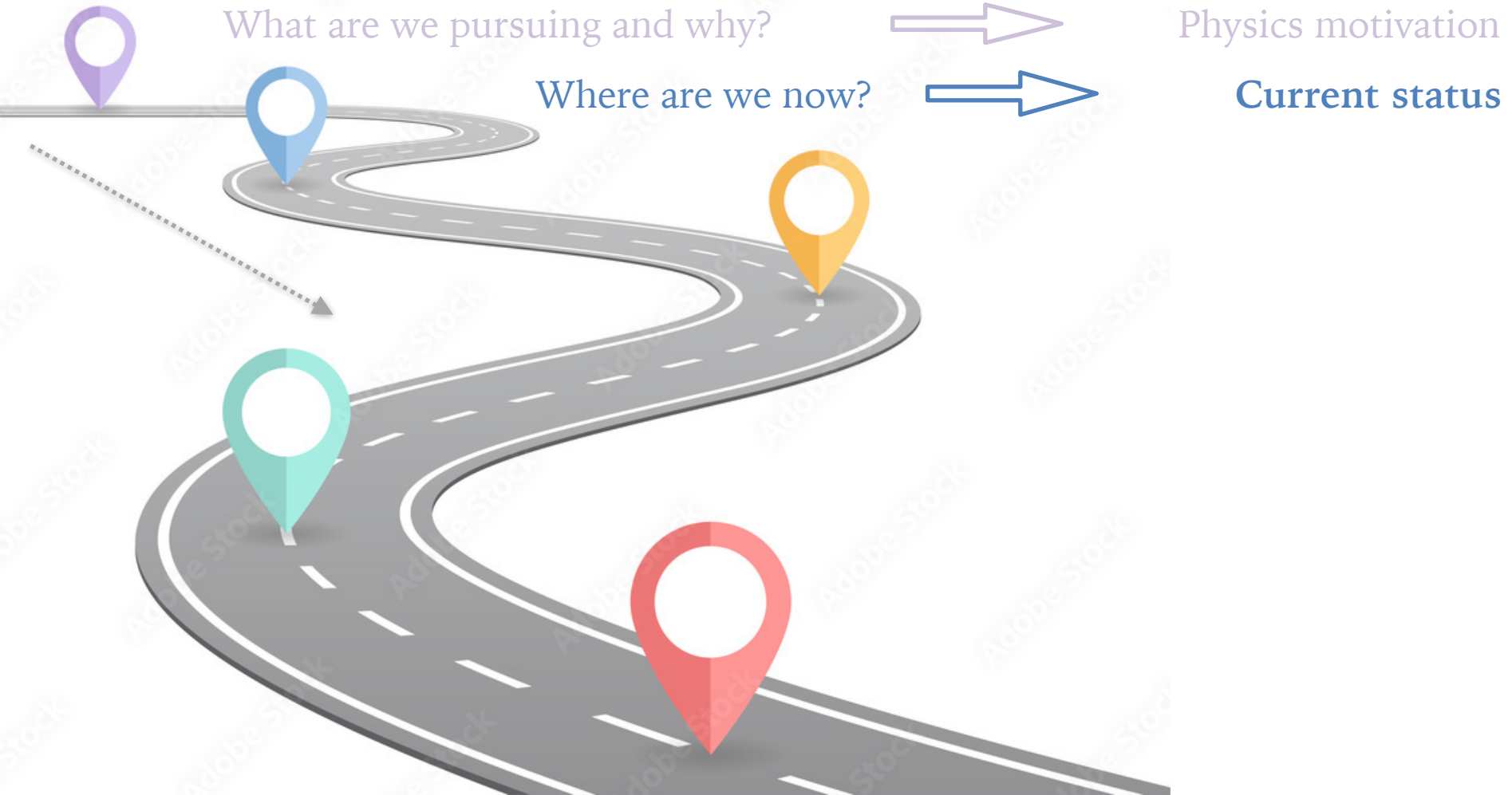
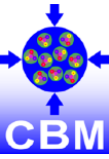
Artist's depiction of a neutron star collision after inspiral, NASA/Swift/Dana Berry



**Space and time scales vastly contrasting (km-NS / fm-HIC - 18 orders of magnitude; duration - 20 orders of magnitude)**

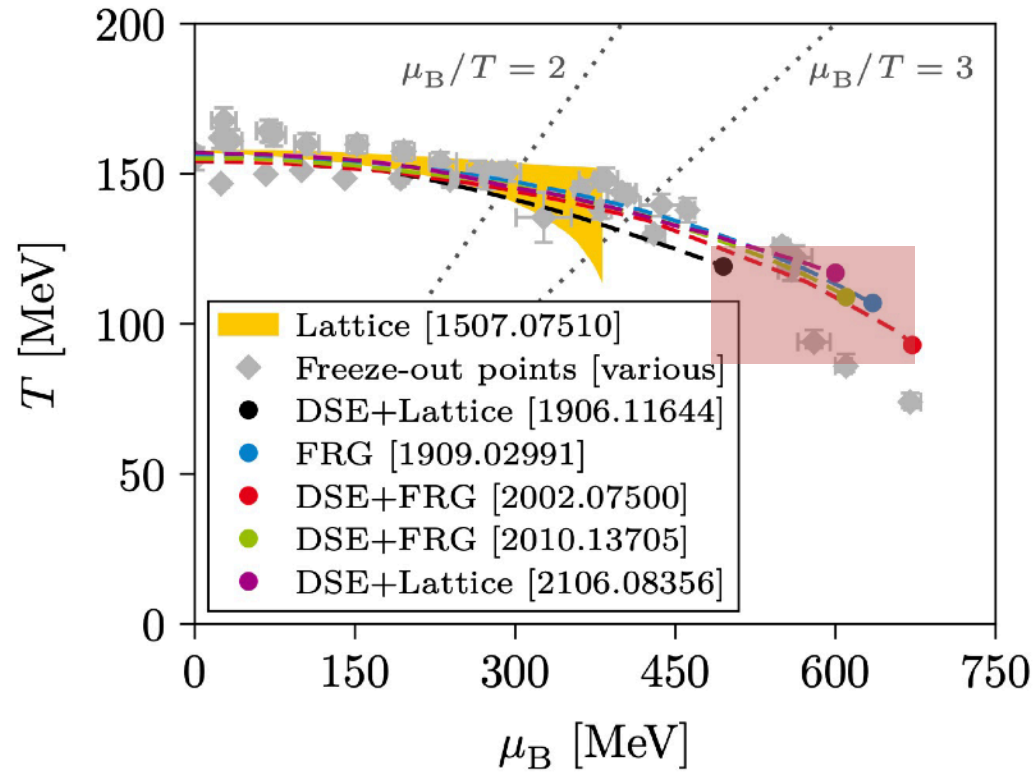
**Similar densities and temperatures achieved**

# Road map





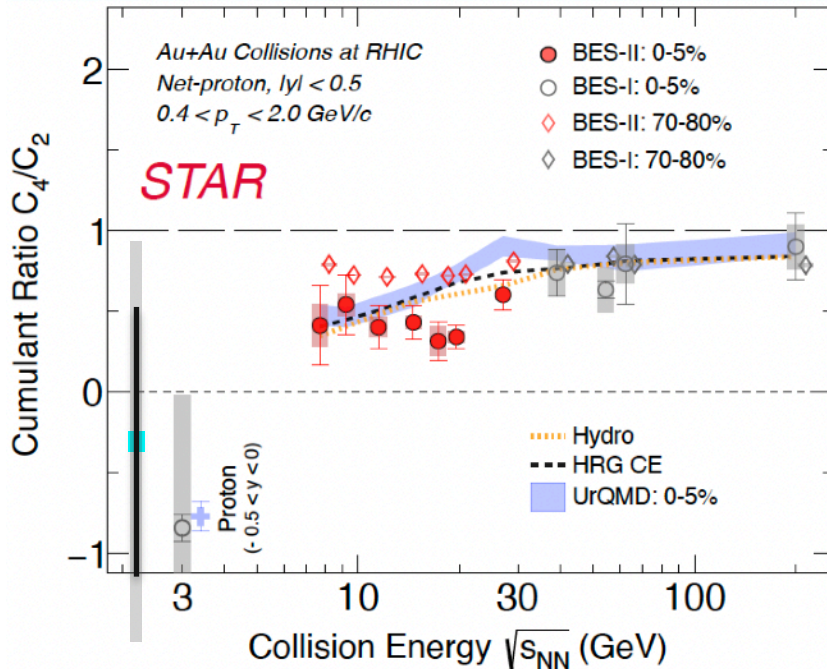
# Critical point predictions



- LQCD frowns upon the location of the critical point at  $\mu_B/T < 3$
- Effective QCD and lattice-based theories estimate its location at  $T \sim 90 - 120$  MeV and  $\mu_B \sim 500 - 650$  MeV
- This corresponds to heavy-ion collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 3 - 5$  GeV
- The circumstance in which the critical point does not exist is also conceivable

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# Critical point searches



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$$\frac{\kappa_n(N_B - N_{\bar{B}})}{VT^3} = \frac{1}{VT^3} \frac{\partial^3 \ln Z(V, T, \mu_B)}{\partial (\mu_B/T)^n}$$

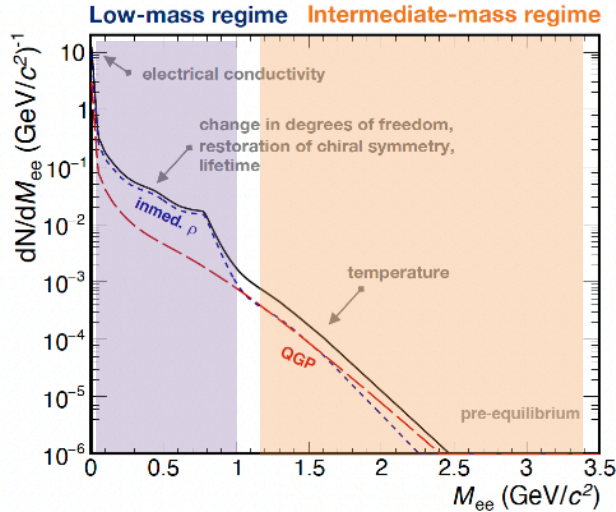
$\kappa_n$  experimentally measured

$$\kappa_n(N_B - N_{\bar{B}}) = \langle N_B \rangle + (-1)^n \langle N_{\bar{B}} \rangle = k_n(\text{Skellam})$$

- Non-monotonic trend in  $\kappa_4/\kappa_2$  of net-proton multiplicity distributions suggested as a **signature of the critical point**
- STAR collider program conducted comprehensive studies at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} > 7.7$  GeV
- STAR fixed-target data investigation ongoing
- Sensitivity to the features of the QCD phase diagram increases with the order of the moment
- Higher-order moments requires prominent **statistics**

**Detailed systematics studies indispensable**

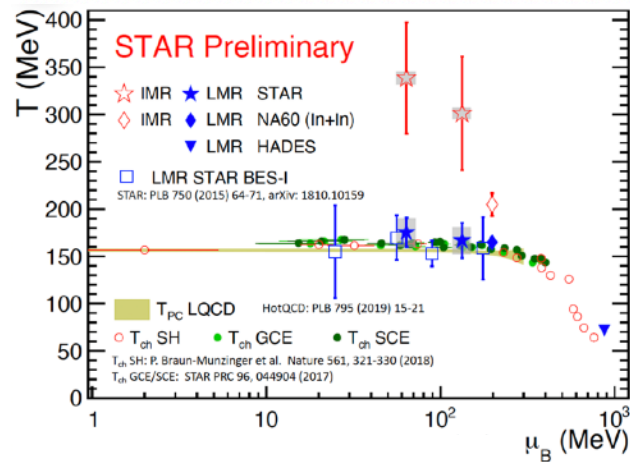
# E-M probes access the whole collision



Inscribes matter properties enabling estimation:

- degrees of freedom of the medium
- fireball's lifetime, temperature, acceleration, polarization
- transport properties
- restoration of chiral symmetry

late emission ← → early emission



Thermal dileptons in **LMR**:

- T close to  $T_{ch}$  and  $T_{pc}$
- dominantly emitted around phase transition

Thermal dileptons in **IMR**:

- T is higher than  $T_{pc}$
- Emitted fom QGP phase

$$\text{Effective size-signal: } S_{eff} \sim R \frac{S}{B}$$

R - interaction rate

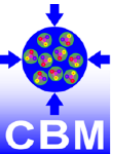
S - signal

B- combinatorial background

**Prominent interaction rate mandatory**

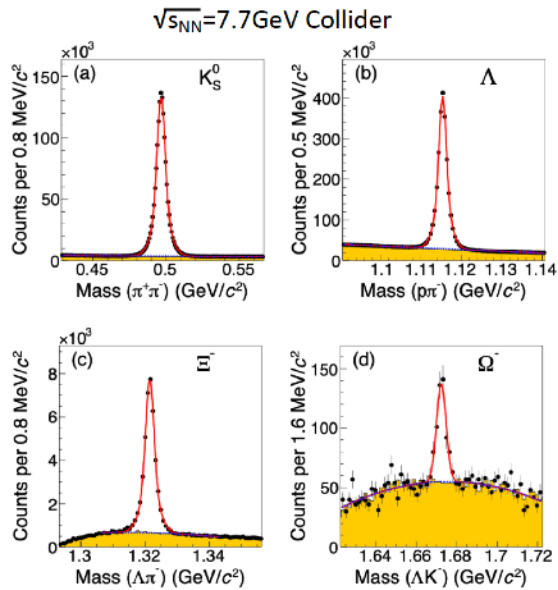
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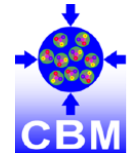
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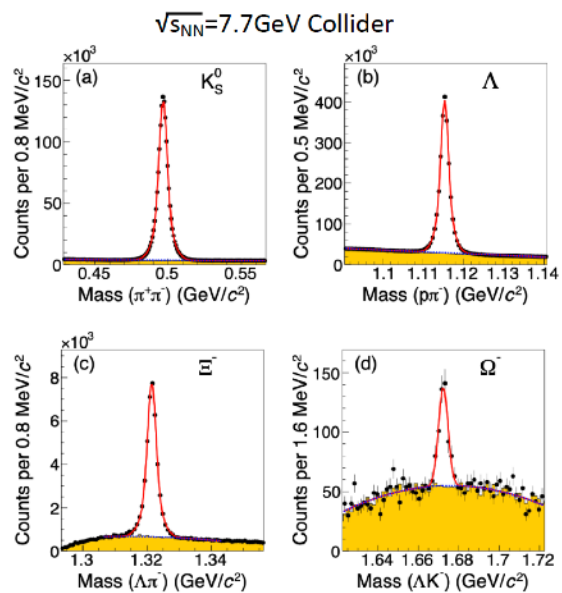
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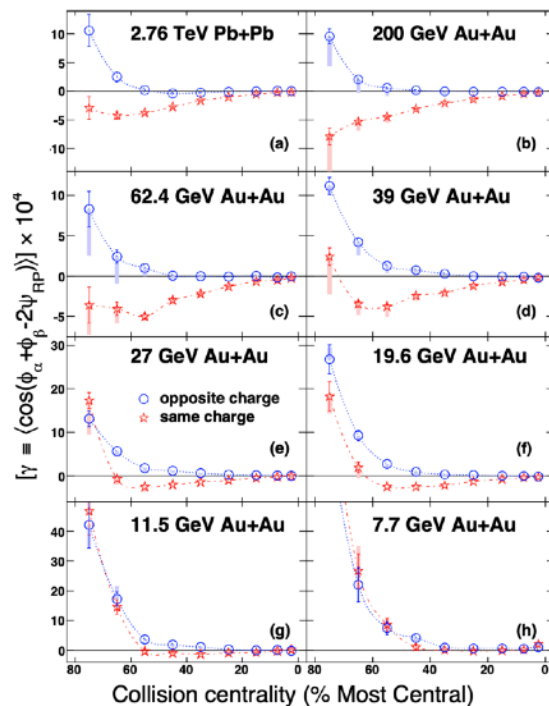


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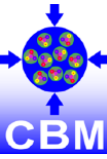


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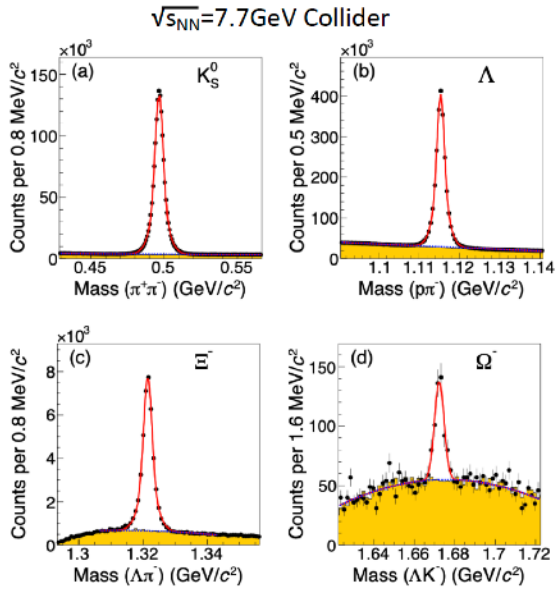
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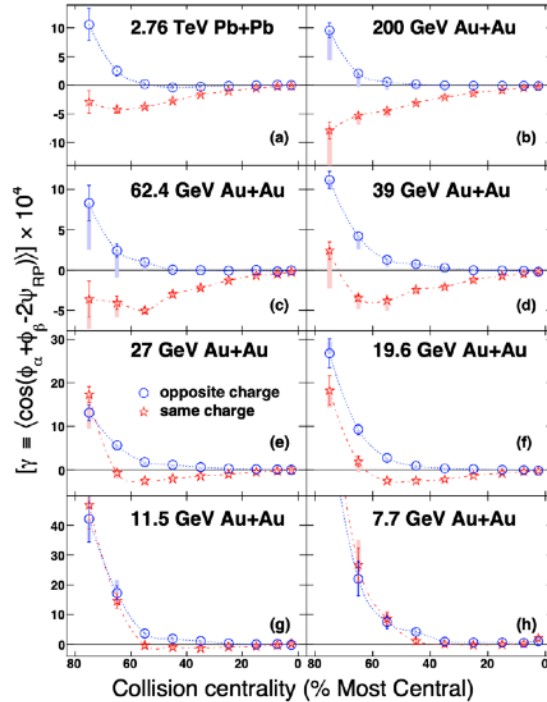


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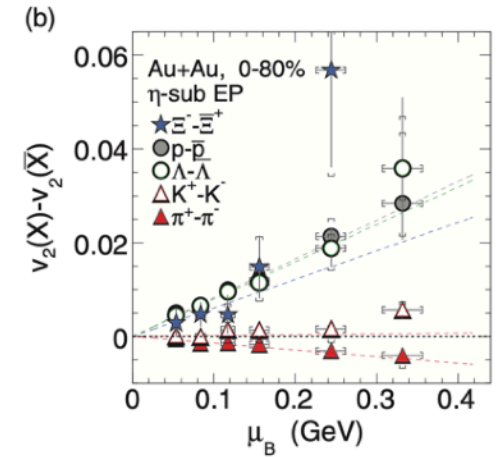
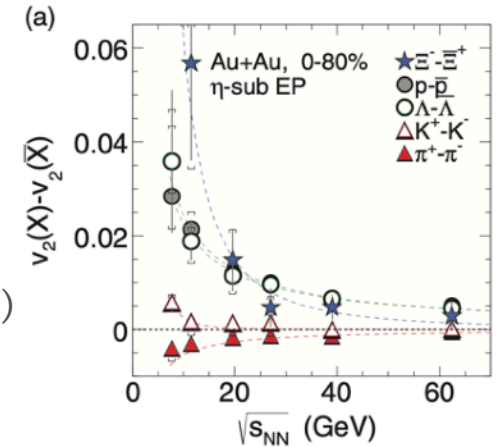
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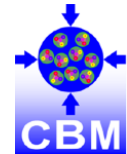


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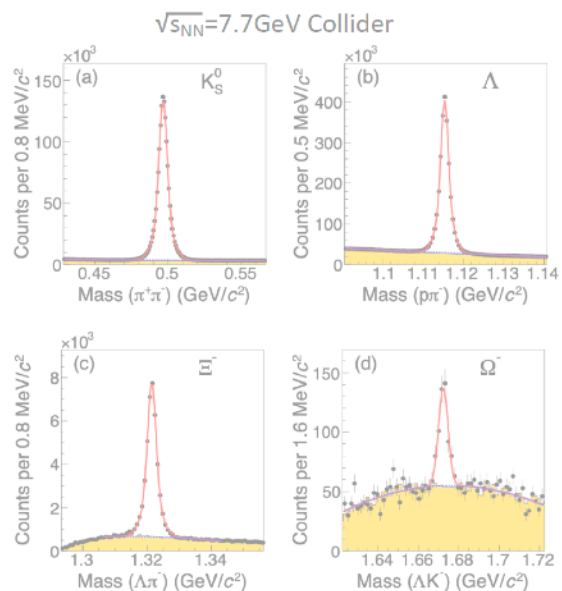
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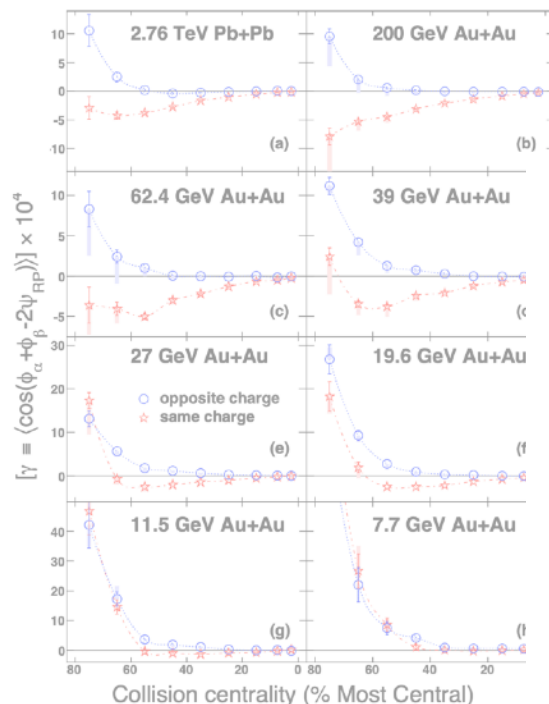


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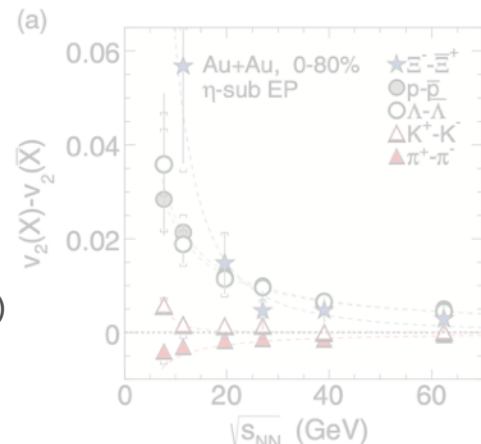
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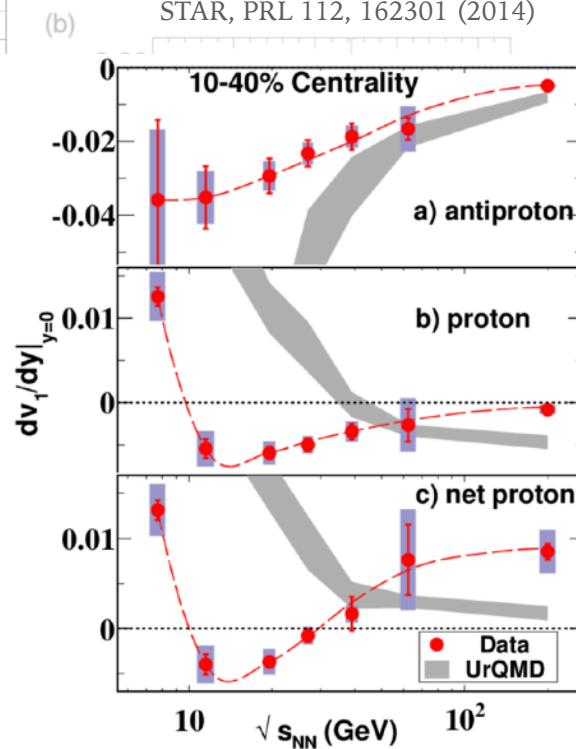
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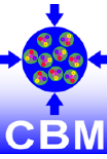
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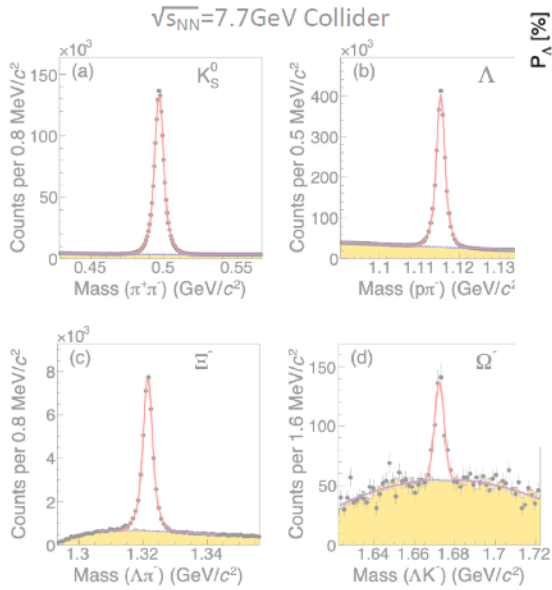


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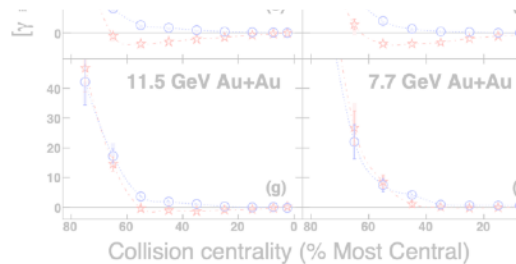
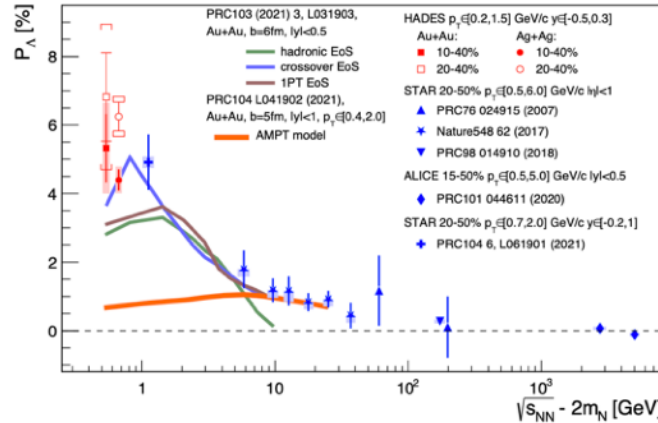


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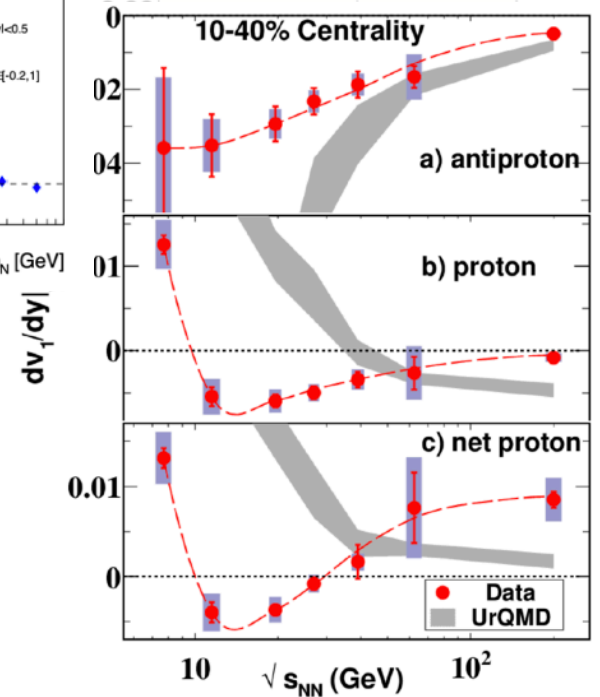
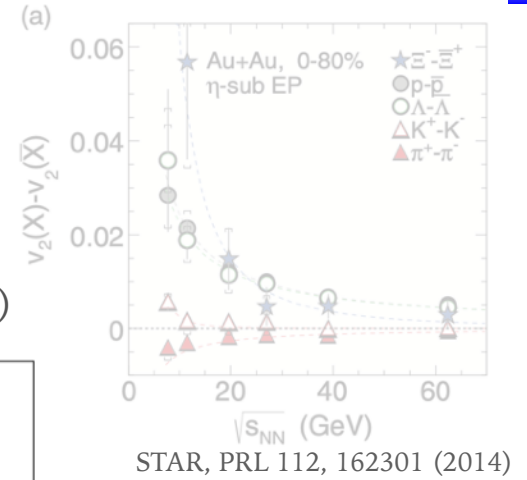
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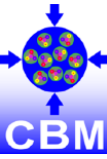


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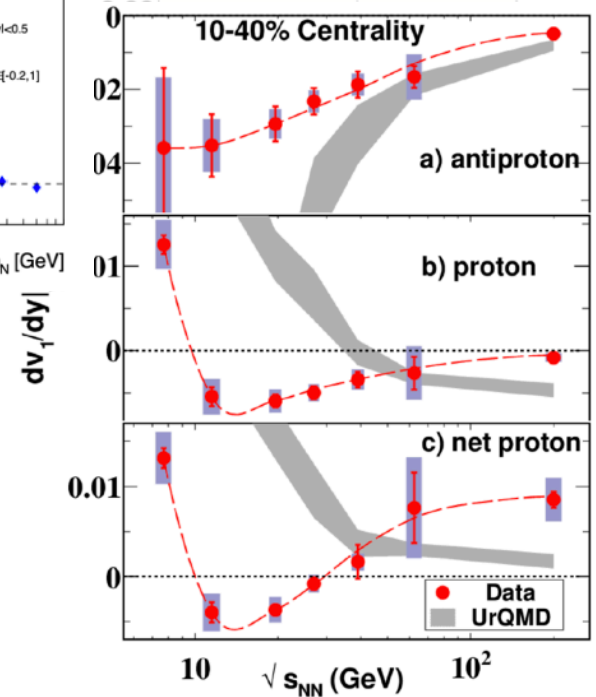
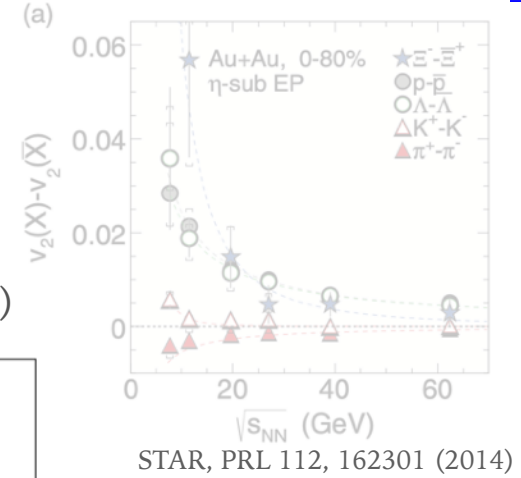
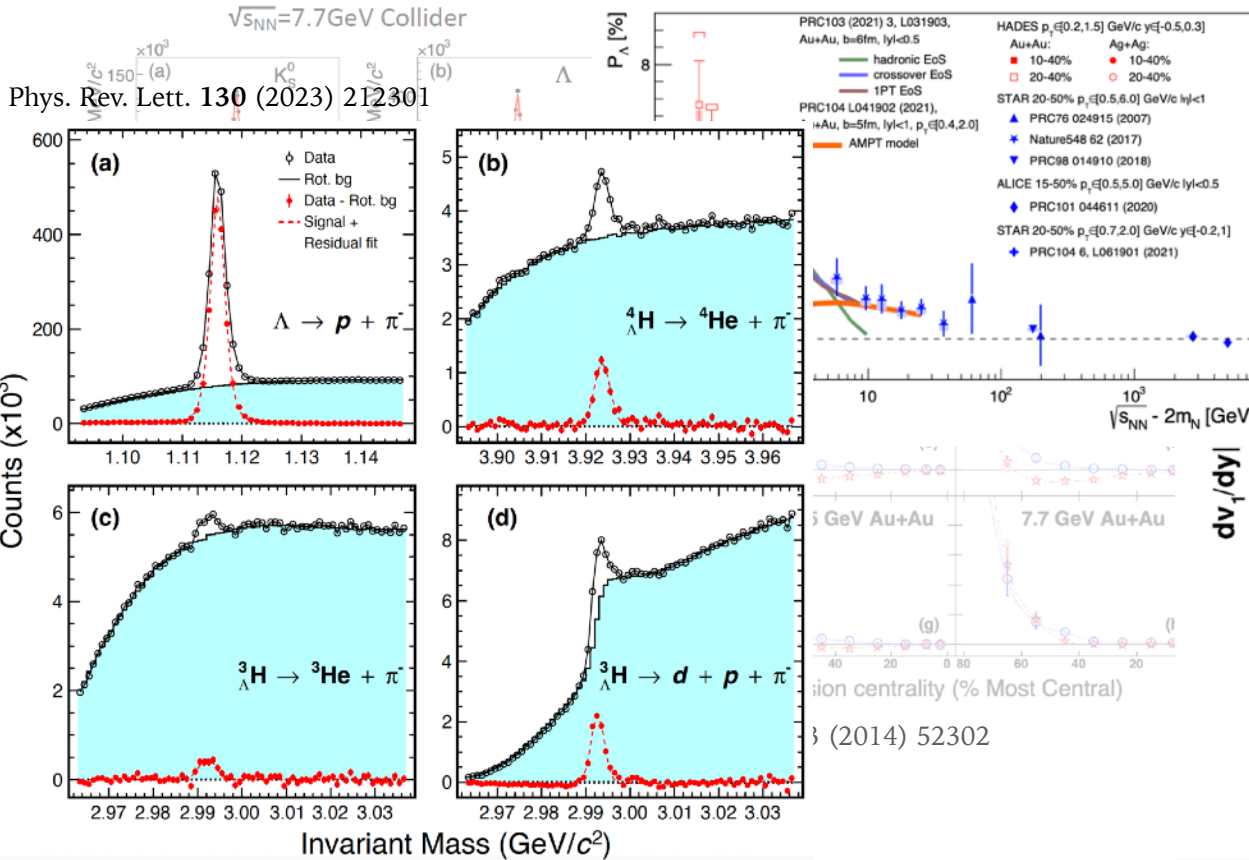


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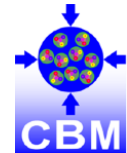


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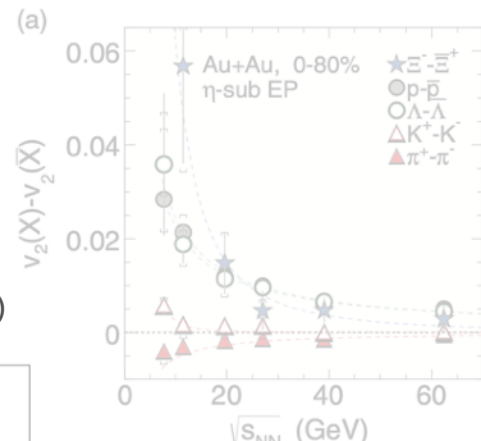
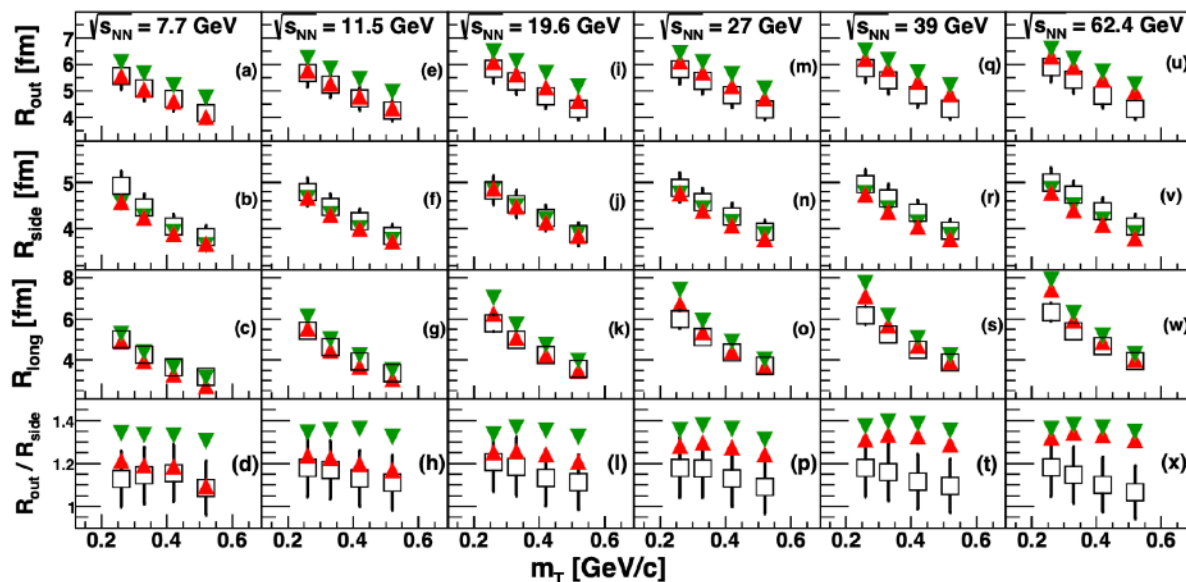
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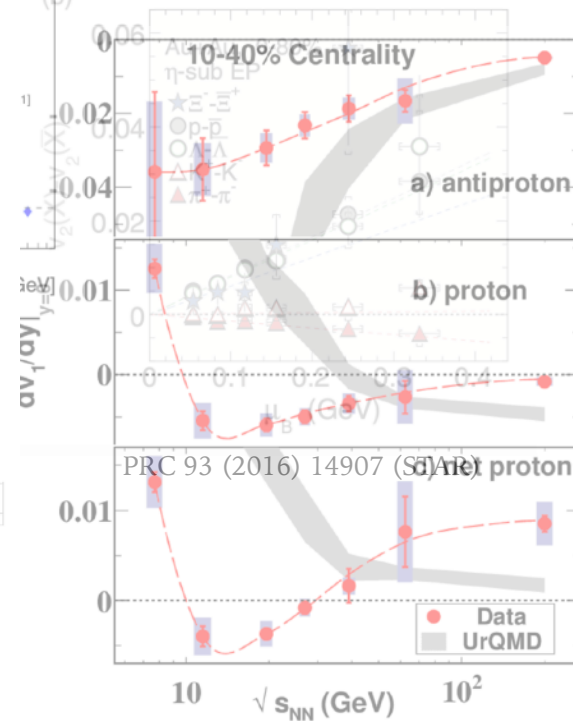
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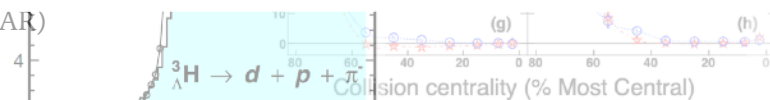
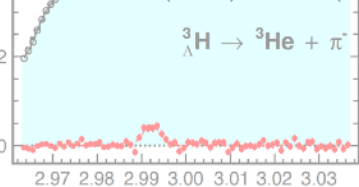
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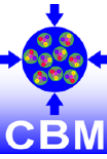
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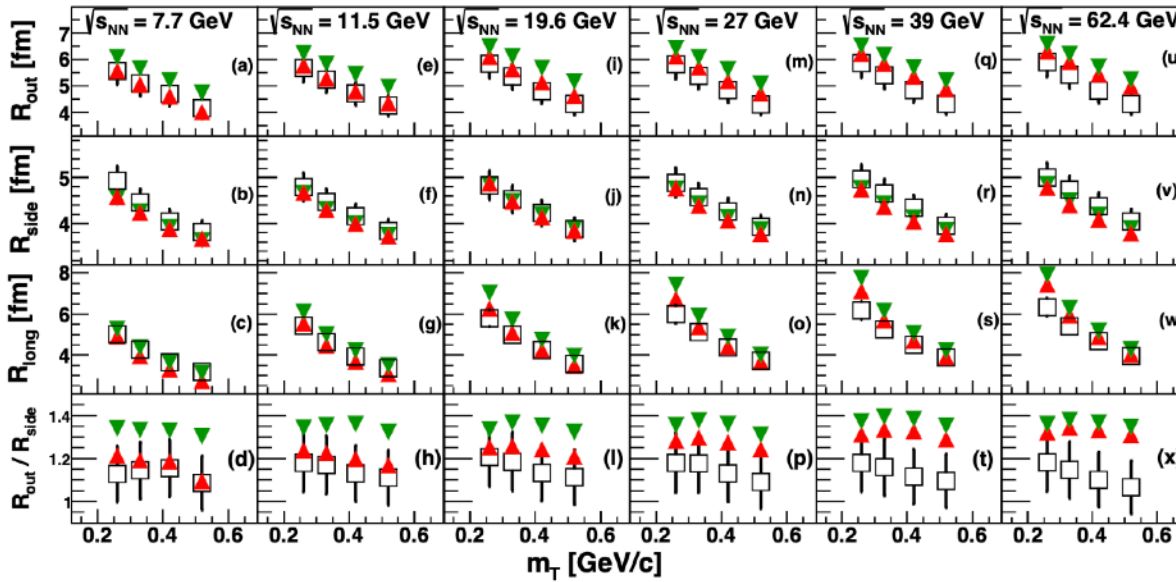
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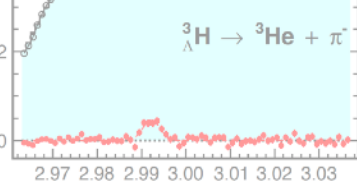
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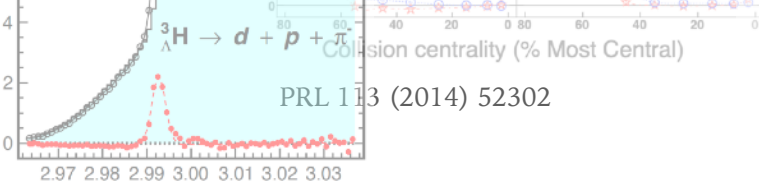
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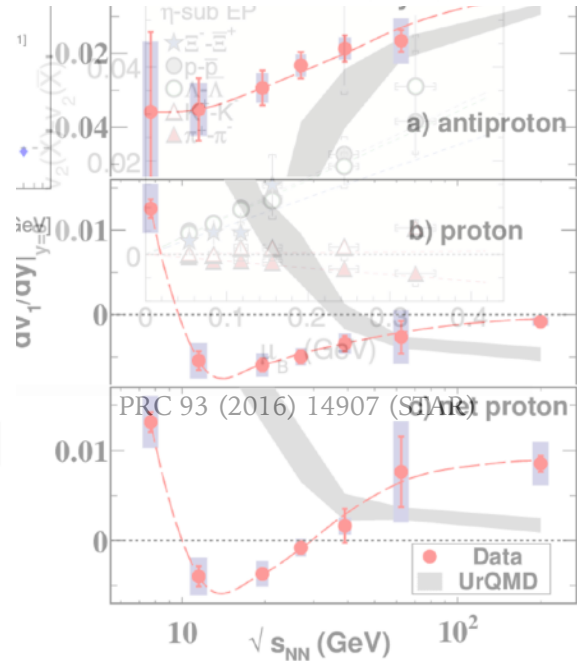
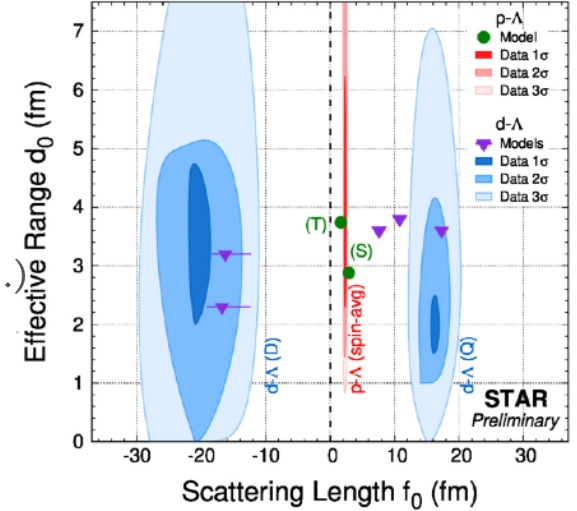
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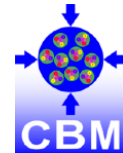




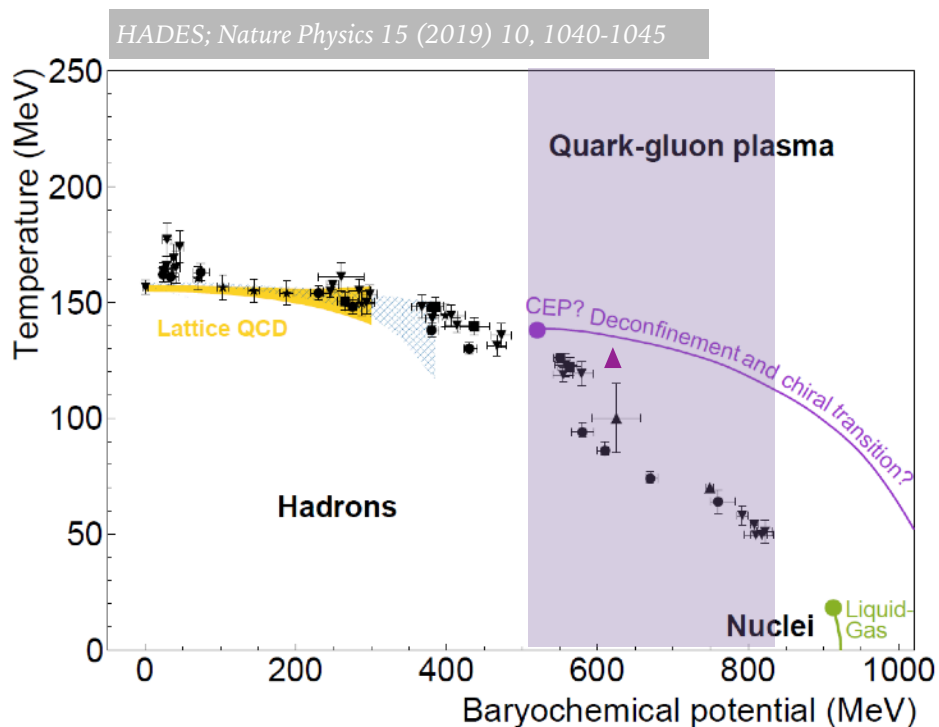
# Road map



# Current coverage of the QCD phase diagram



CBM / HADES experimental exploration of the region  $\mu_B \sim 520 - 830 \text{ MeV}$



	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (GeV)	$\mu_B$ (MeV)
HADES@SIS18	2-2.5	830-760
CBM@SIS100	2.3-5.3	785-520
NA61/SHINE@SPS	5.1-17.3	530-220
STAR-COLL@RHIC	7.7-200	400-22
STAR-FXT@RHIC	3-13.7	700-265

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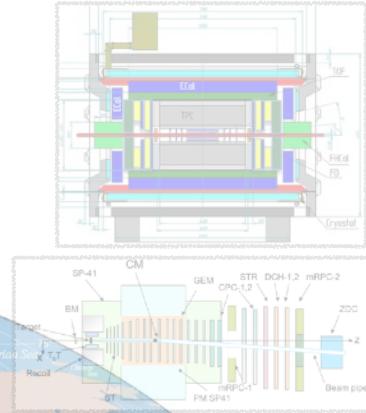
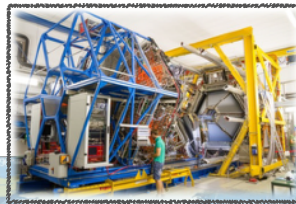
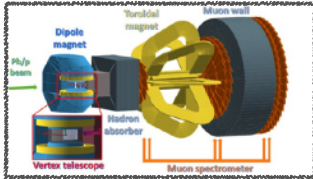
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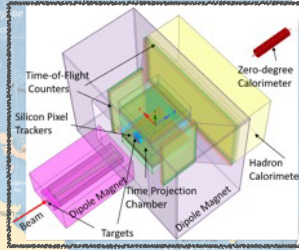
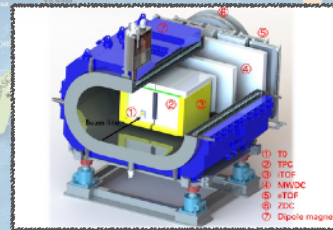
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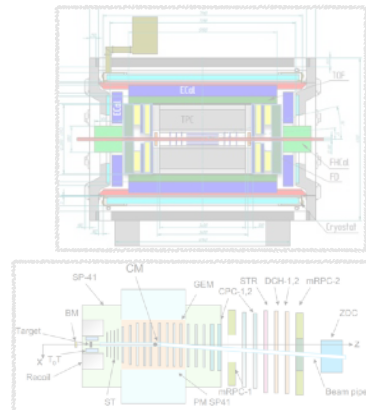
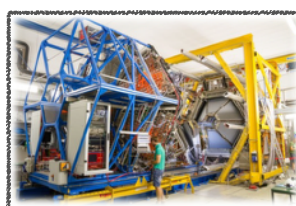
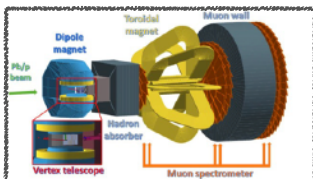
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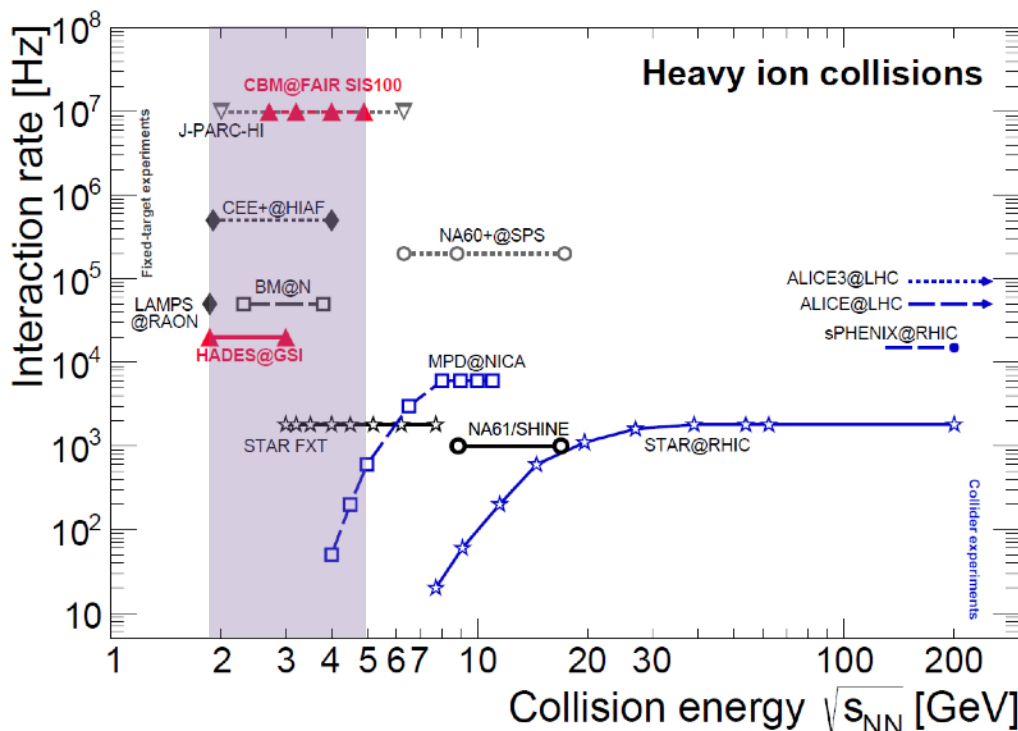
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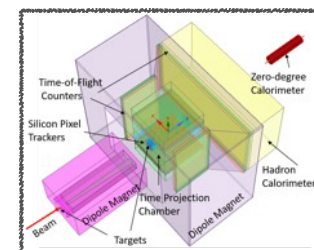
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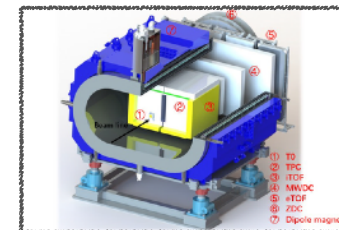
CBM / HADES:  
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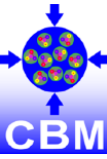


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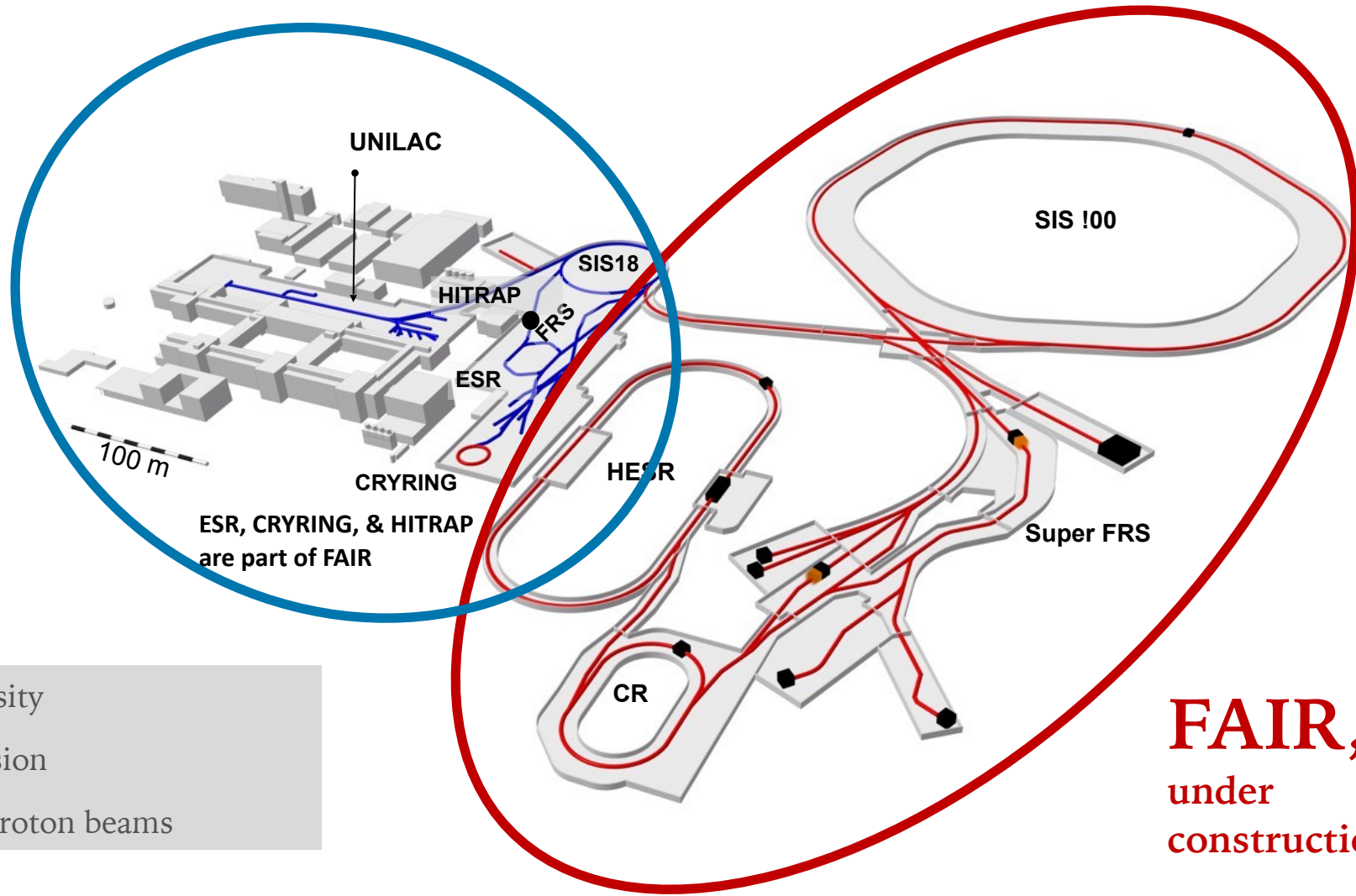




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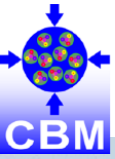
# GSI, existing (upgraded to integrate with FAIR)



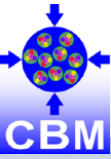
- Intensity
- Precision
- Antiproton beams

**FAIR,**  
under  
construction

# Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research



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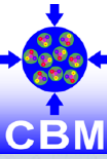


SIS100 magnets,  
April, 2024



CBM cave,  
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# Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research



## NuPECC LRP2024 Executive Summary

### Introduction

#### What does nuclear physics stand for?

Nuclear physics is the study of the atomic nucleus, its constituents, structure, reactions and the properties of strongly interacting matter in its various forms. It is a key basic scientific field that investigates the properties of matter at the subatomic level. This domain of research affects not only our fundamental understanding of nature but also has many peaceful applications in all areas of modern life. Nuclear physics research originally started in Europe in the late 19th century. Now, in the 21st century, Europe is still at the forefront of nuclear physics research and applications. This leading European role is due to a rich and diverse landscape of research institutions and infrastructures in all European countries.

The present Long Range Plan for European nuclear physics summarises progress in the field in the last decade, provides an outlook on expected developments in the next decades, and presents recommendations for scientific institutions, policymakers, and research funding organisations.

[https://nupecc.org/lrp2024/Draft\\_Executive\\_Summary\\_LRP2024.pdf](https://nupecc.org/lrp2024/Draft_Executive_Summary_LRP2024.pdf)



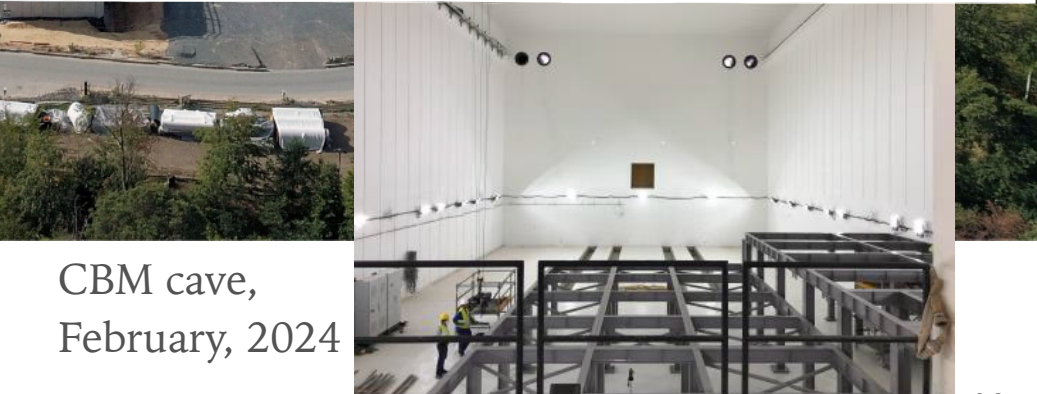
## Recommendations for Nuclear Physics Infrastructures

The NuPECC Long Range Plan 2024 resulted in the following main recommendations for infrastructures of importance for nuclear physics:

- The first phase of the international **FAIR** facility is expected to be operational by 2028, facilitating experiments with SIS100 using the High-Energy Branch of the Super-FRS, the CBM cave and the current GSI facilities. Completing the full facility including the **APPA**, **CBM**, **NUSTAR** and **PANDA** programs will provide European science with world-class opportunities for decades and is highly recommended.

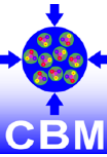


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# Compressed Baryonic Matter experiment



Fixed-target experiment → highest rates achievable

Versatile subsystems → tailored for the physics program

Silicon-based tracking → fast and precise

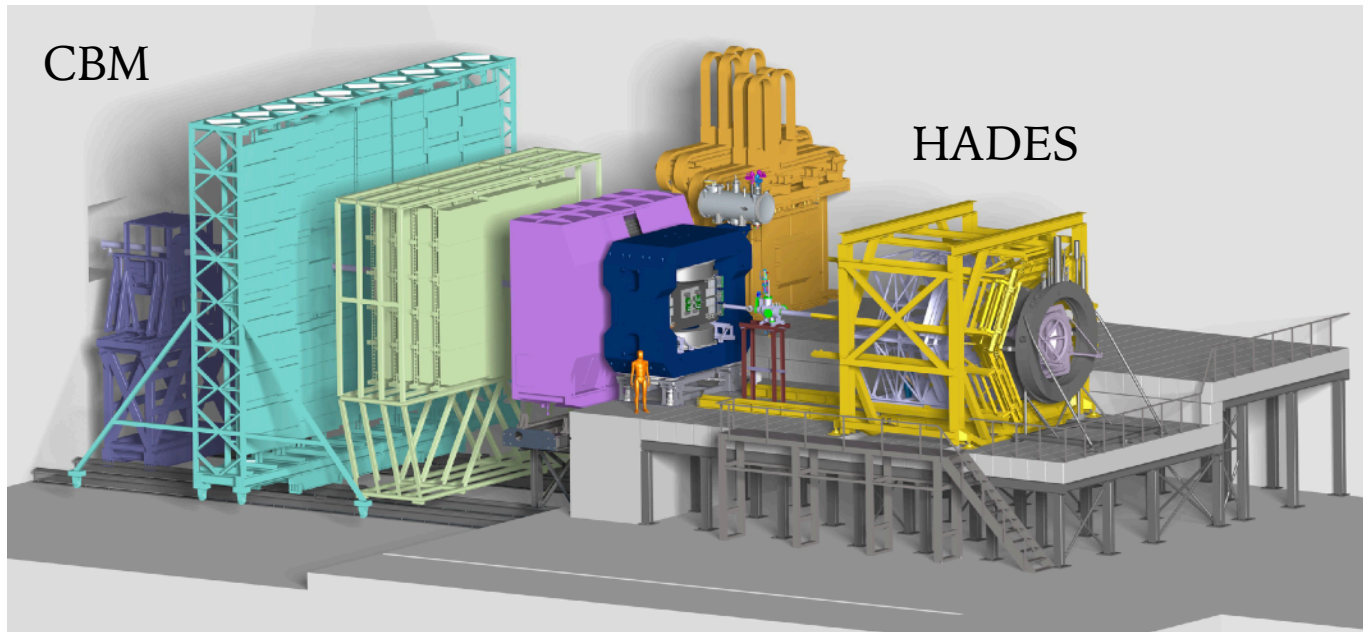
Free-streaming front-end-electronics (FEE) → minimal dead-time while data acquisition

Online event selection → advanced data taking focused on customized needs

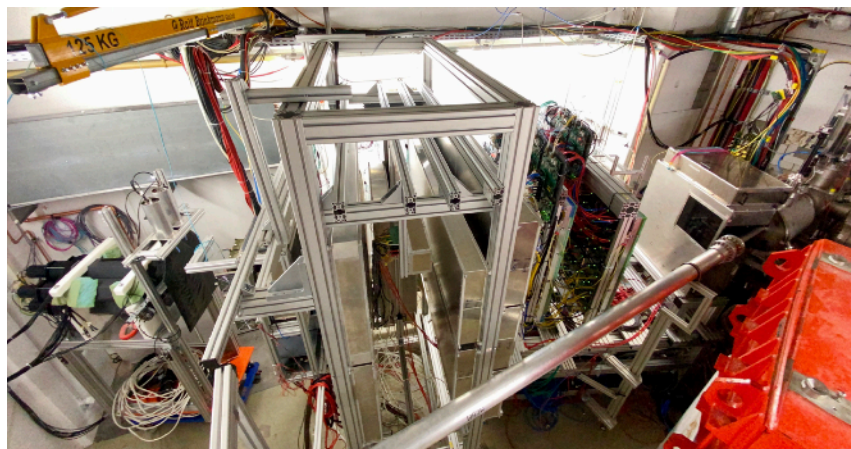
First beams in 2028/2029

**Years 1-3:** first energy scan, improved statistical uncertainties of factor 10 with respect to STAR

**Years 4-8:** high-statistics measurements: di-lepton IMR, ultra-rare probes



315 full members from  
10 countries  
47 full member  
institutions  
10 associated member  
institutions



## Campaign 2024:

high-rate studies

online reconstruction  
and selection

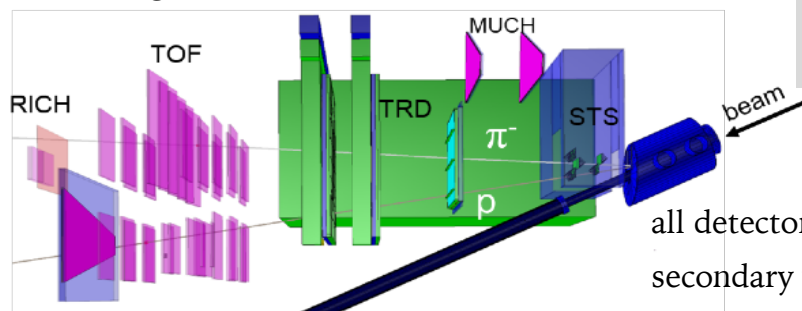
$\Lambda$  baryons in Ni+Ni at  
1.0 - 1.93 AGeV

Free-streaming CBM data transport

Pre-series productions of all CBM detector systems

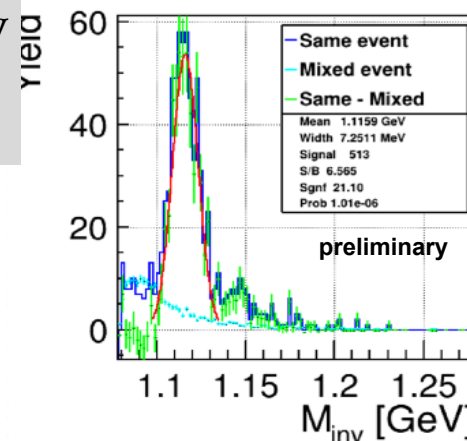
High-rate studies up to 10 MHz coll. rate in A+A collisions

## Rare signal reconstructed: $\Lambda \rightarrow p \pi^-$

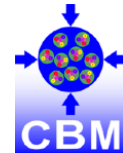


Ni+Ni 1.93 AGeV  
run 2391 (May '22):  
 $10^9$  collisions, 1:57h  
400 kHz av. coll. rate

all detector systems involved  
secondary vertex  
velocity windows for p and  $\pi^-$   
candidate

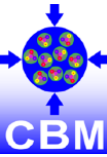


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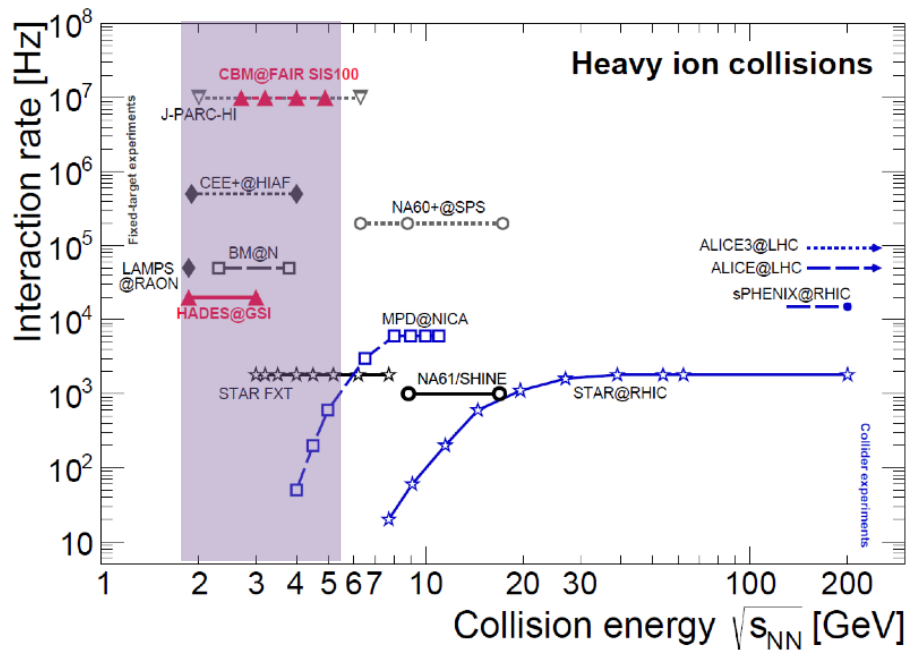


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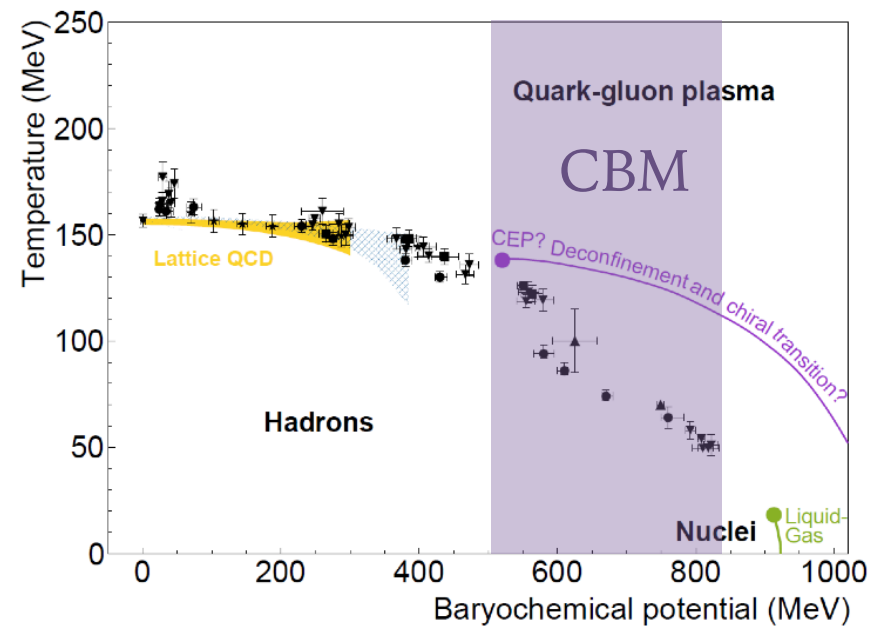


## Systematic measurements:

- **Fluctuations:** System alteration through first-order phase transition, critical point
- **Dileptons :** Emissivity: system's lifetime, temperature, density, in-medium characteristics
- **Hadrons (Strangeness, Charm, Hyper-nuclei, Bound states):** EOS: vorticity, collectivity, correlations: NN, YN, YY, multi-body interactions

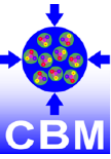


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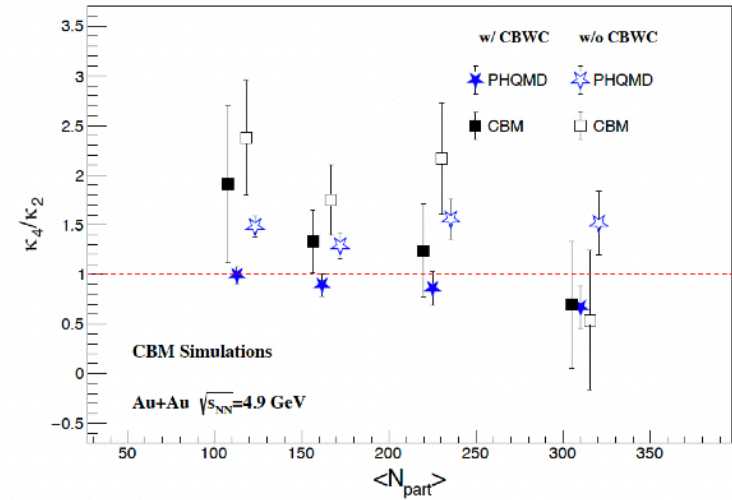
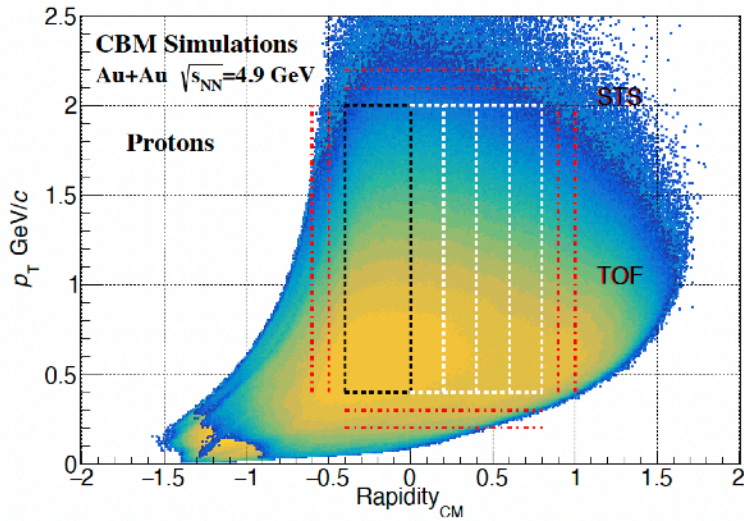
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# Fluctuations



Corrections for volume fluctuations and conservation laws

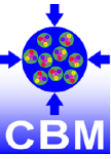
- Event-by-event changes of efficiency
- Proper selection of  $y - p_T$  interval
- (Net-)baryons vs. protons, neutrons, nuclei



Expectations after  $\sim 3$  years of running

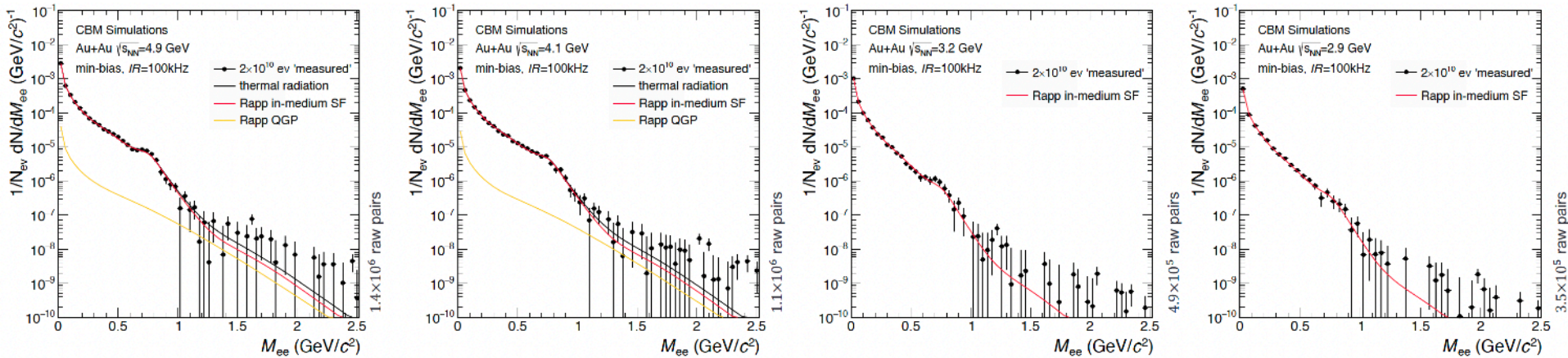
- Full coverage of  $\kappa_4(E)$  for protons
- First results of  $\kappa_6$
- Possible addition of strangeness:  $\kappa_4(\Lambda)$

# Dileptons

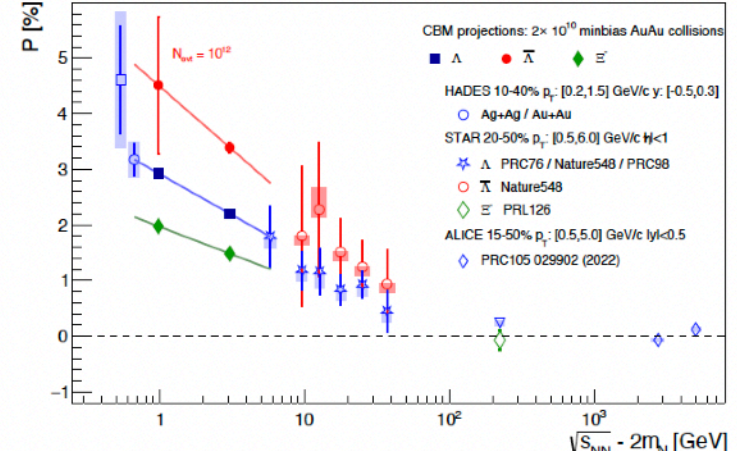
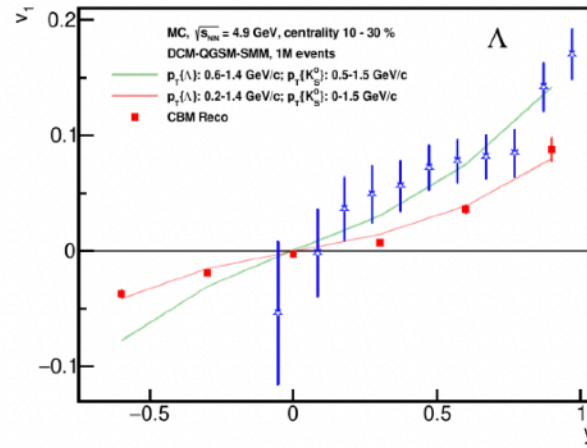
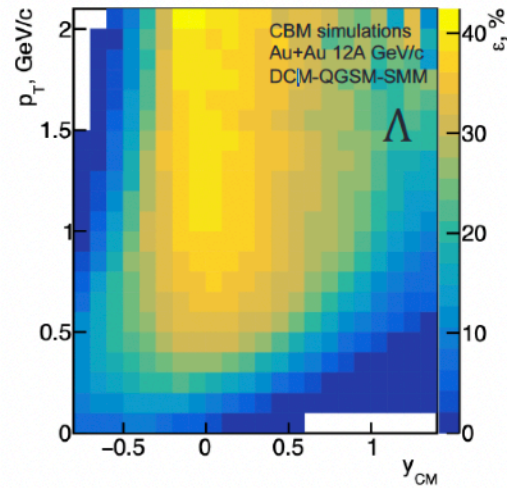


- Electron thermal radiation, corrected for acceptance and efficiency,
- Dominated by  $\rho$  contribution at LMR,
- Can be reconstructed with 1.5-4.5% of precision,
- Gives access to the fireball lifetime and electrical conductivity (transport properties)

## $T$ vs. baryon density effects from partonic to hadronic fireballs

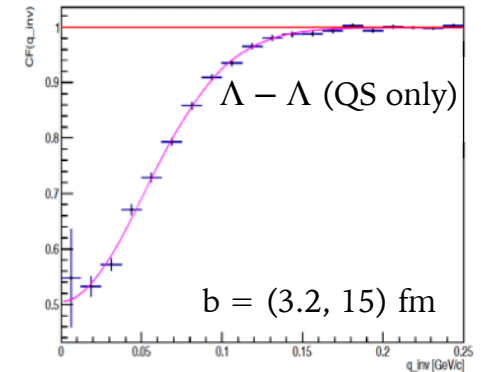
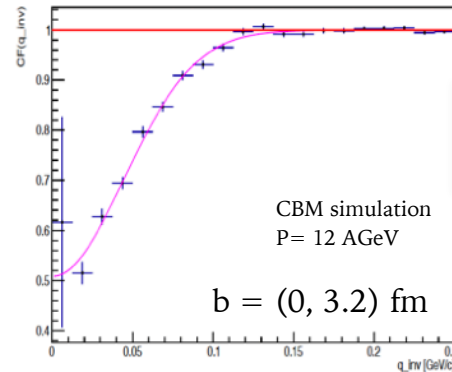
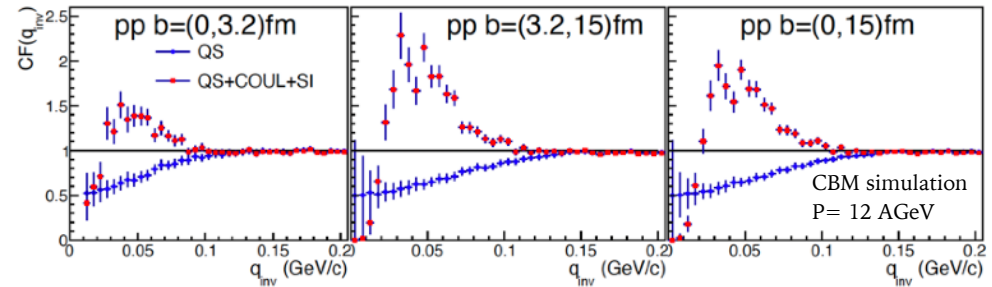


# Flow, polarization, correlations

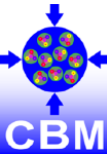


Excellent acceptance coverage  
Reconstruction efficiency  $\sim 30\%$

- Precise measurements of flow for  $S=1, 2, 3$
- Polarization measurement with precision of  $\sim 5\%$
- Thorough multi body  $N$  and  $Y$  correlations of  $S=1, 2, 3$  achievable

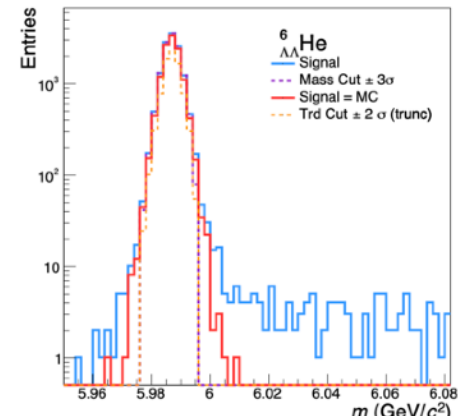
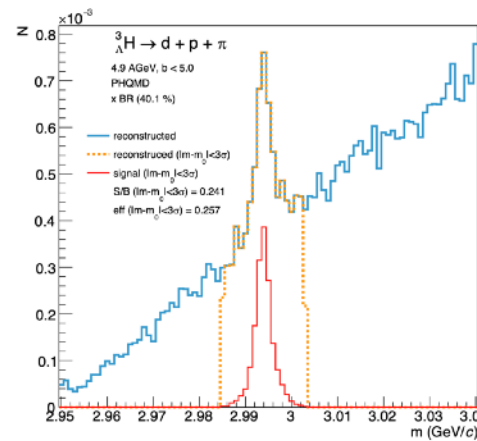
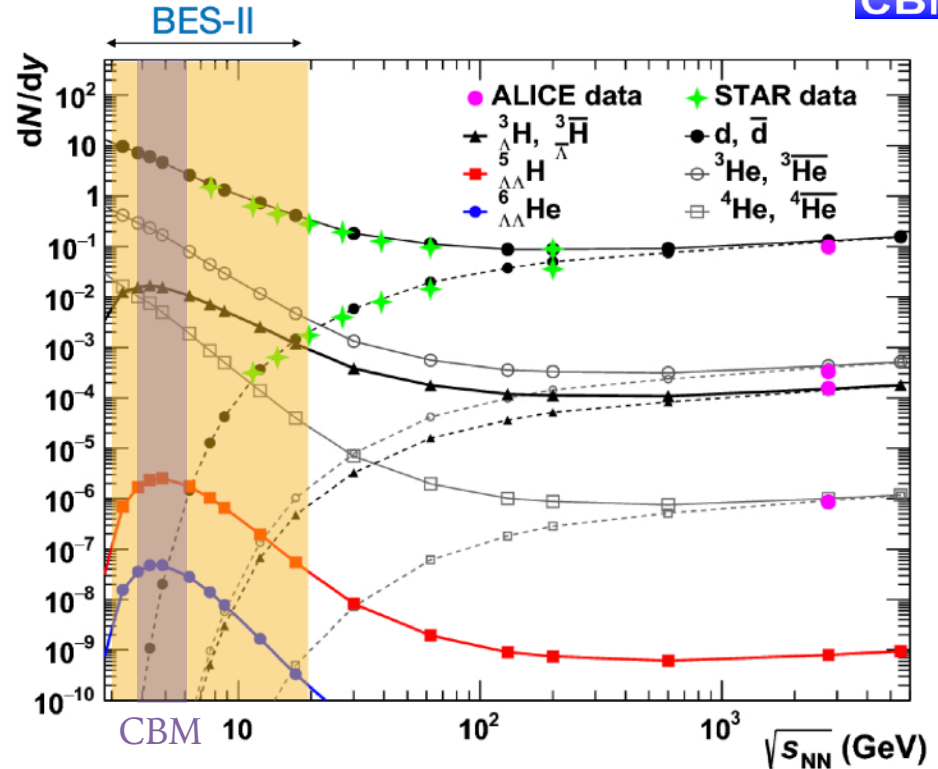
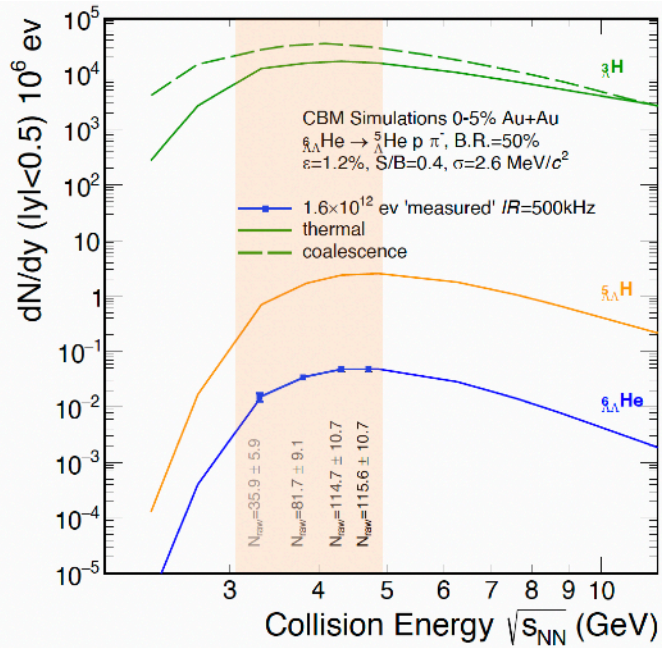


# Interactions: hyper-nuclei, bound-states



The most abundant production of hyper-nuclei anticipated at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 2 - 5$  GeV

Prominent interaction rates and excellent particle identification will facilitate to search for multi-strange hyper-nuclei



Andronic et al., PLB 697 (2011)  
 Steinheimer et al., PLB 714 (2012)



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CBM is open for  
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# Postdoctoral Research Associate positions in Experimental Heavy-Ion Physics

Warsaw U. of Tech. (main) • Europe

hep-ex nucl-ex PostDoc • Experiments: [GSI-FAIR-CBM](#), [BNL-RHIC-STAR](#)

🕒 **Deadline on Dec 31, 2024**

<https://inspirehep.net/jobs/2811921>

## Job description:

The Heavy-Ion Reaction Group (HIRG) at the Faculty of Physics at Warsaw University of Technology participates in the experiments STAR at BNL, CBM at FAIR, HADES at GSI, ALICE, and NA61/SHINE at CERN.

The STAR, HADES, and CBM groups specialize in two-particle femtoscopic correlation analysis measurements. We closely cooperate with the ALICE group at WUT.

The successful candidates will work with Professor Hanna Zbroszczyk on the STAR experiment at RHIC, the HADES experiment at SIS18, or the [CBM experiment at SIS100](#), focusing on studies of two-particle correlations. One position can relate up to 2 experiments. Responsibilities include data analysis and publication of results, collaboration service work, mentoring students, and supporting the Heavy Ion Reaction Group's research activities. Occasional travel to BNL and/or GSI will be required. The successful candidates are expected to lead studies of femtoscopic correlations in the search for STAR, HADES, or CBM experiments. The contract can be extended up to 24 months, provided a satisfactory evaluation outcome after the first 12 months.

## Duties and Responsibilities:

- Taking part in the analysis of heavy-ion collision RHIC data recorded by the STAR detector to study two-particle correlations or
- Taking part in the analysis of heavy-ion collision SIS-18 data recorded by the HADES detector to study two-particle correlations or
- Taking part in the Monte Carlo data analysis for the CBM experiment
- Joining the STAR/HADES or CBM collaborations and the relevant Physics Working Group, participating in weekly deliberations and active participation in its meetings (at least every few weeks);
- Taking part in data-taking (experimental shifts);
- Presentation of results at meetings and conferences, as well as writing scientific articles and publishing papers in peer-reviewed journals;
- Maintaining close cooperation with colleagues in the PWG group will be essential for the progress of all stages of the project





CBM Collaboration Meeting,  
Prague, September 2024

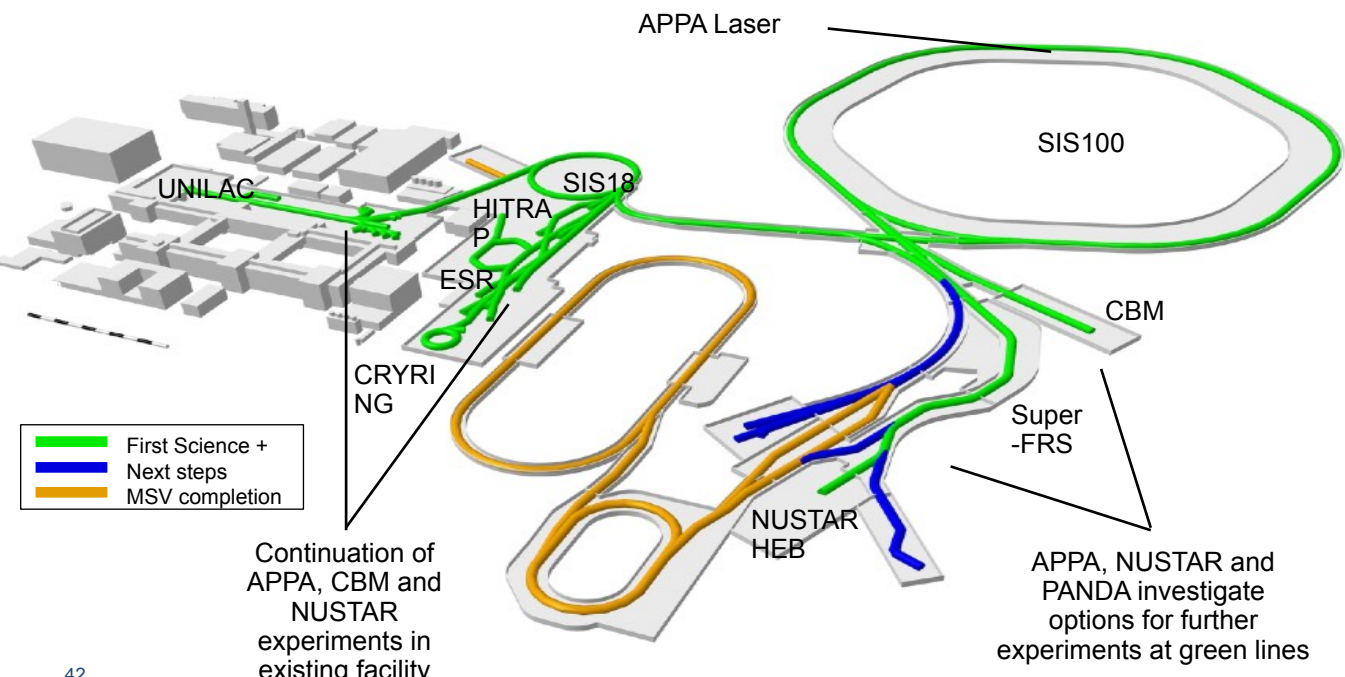
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# Current prospects and timeline

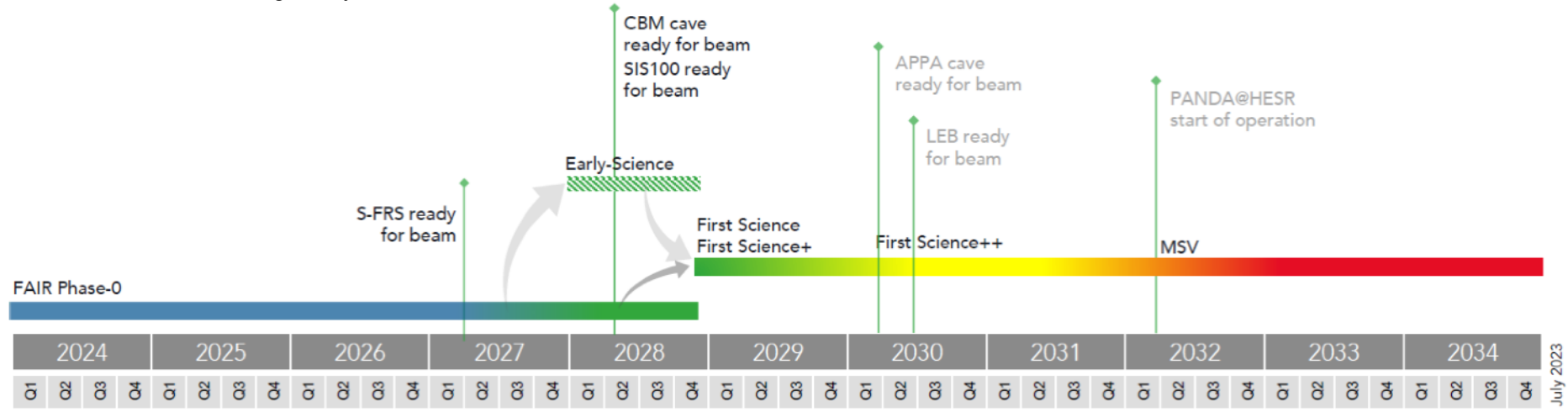


← until 2028  
**FAIR Phase-0**

← after 2028

Staged implementation recommended by the Heuer/Tribble Commission's report (2022) with the First Science stage endorsed by the FAIR Council as "the most appropriate starting scenario to achieve world-leading science."

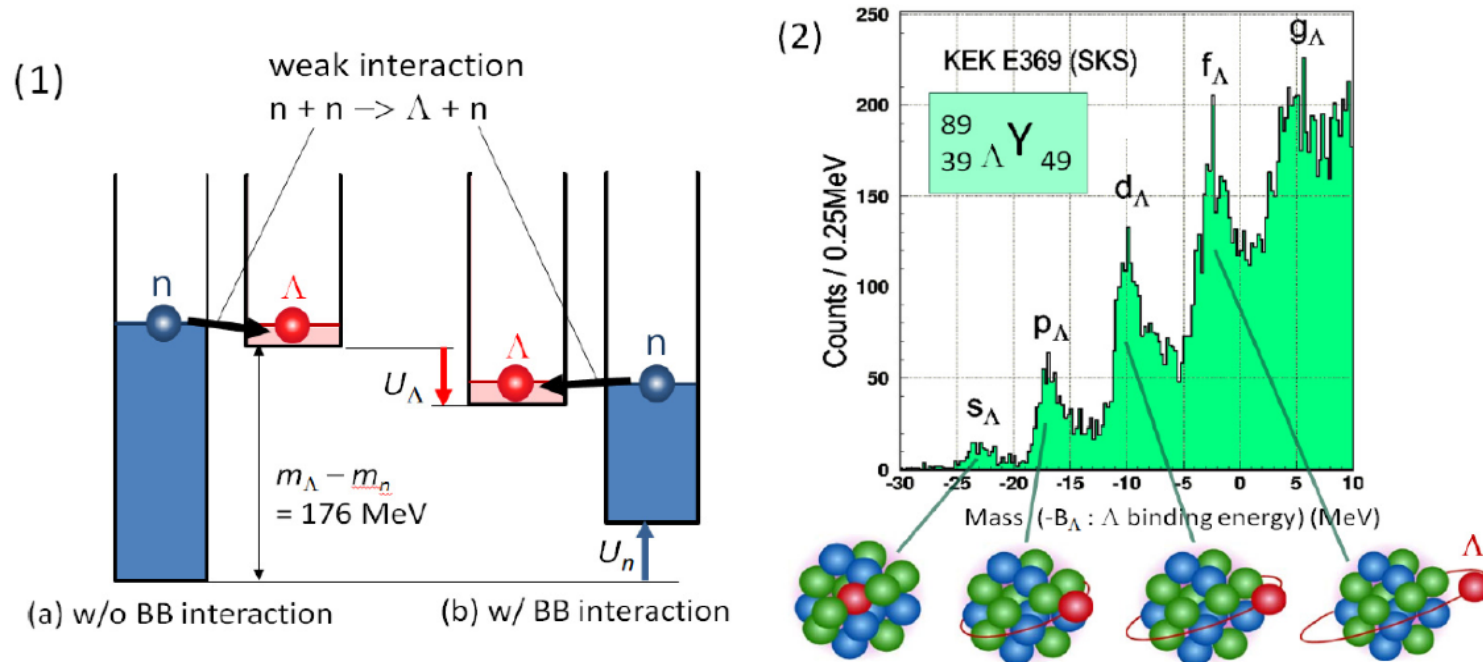
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# Strange hadronic matter in the inner core

The inner core of the neutron star is totally unknown. One of the most probable scenarios is that hyperons (baryons with strange quarks) appear at a density larger than  $(2-3) \rho_0$

$\Lambda$  hyperons, being free from Pauli exclusion principle by neutrons, are allowed to stay at the bottom of the attractive nuclear potential made by neutrons. **When the kinetic energy of a neutron on the Fermi surface of the degenerate neutron matter exceeds the  $\Lambda$ -n mass difference of 176 MeV, it converts into a  $\Lambda$  hyperon via weak interaction.**



**Fig. 3.** (1) Energies of neutrons and  $\Lambda$  hyperons in high density neutron matter confined in the potential made by gravity. See text for details. (2) Excitation spectrum of a  $\Lambda$  hypernucleus  $^{89}_{\Lambda}Y$  via the  $(\pi^+, K^+)$  reaction on  $^{89}Y$  target [6].