



# Present and future perspectives in hadron physics

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## FAIR GmbH – Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research

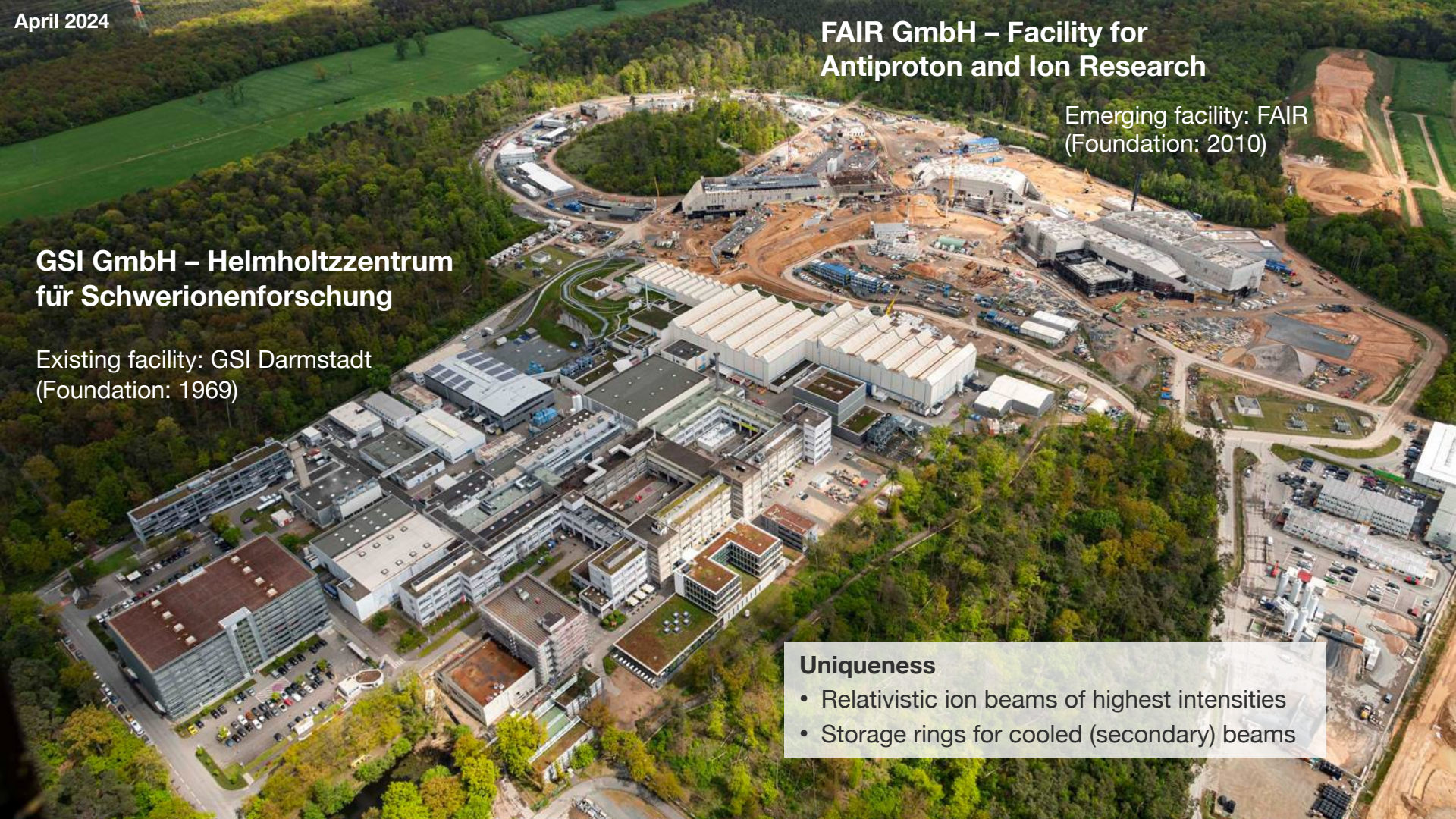
Emerging facility: FAIR  
(Foundation: 2010)

## GSI GmbH – Helmholtzzentrum für Schwerionenforschung

Existing facility: GSI Darmstadt  
(Foundation: 1969)

### Uniqueness

- Relativistic ion beams of highest intensities
- Storage rings for cooled (secondary) beams



# FAIR project status

installation of SIS100 dipoles Apr'24



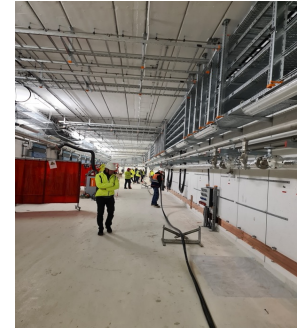
cryogenic bypass lines SIS100 placed in SIS100 tunnel, Apr'24



transport of the first quadrupole magnet in tunnel, Mar'24



start of cable pulling work, Q3/23



6 He tanks of the cryo facility were installed, Apr'24



installation S-FRS lateral shielding blocks, May'24



construction area south

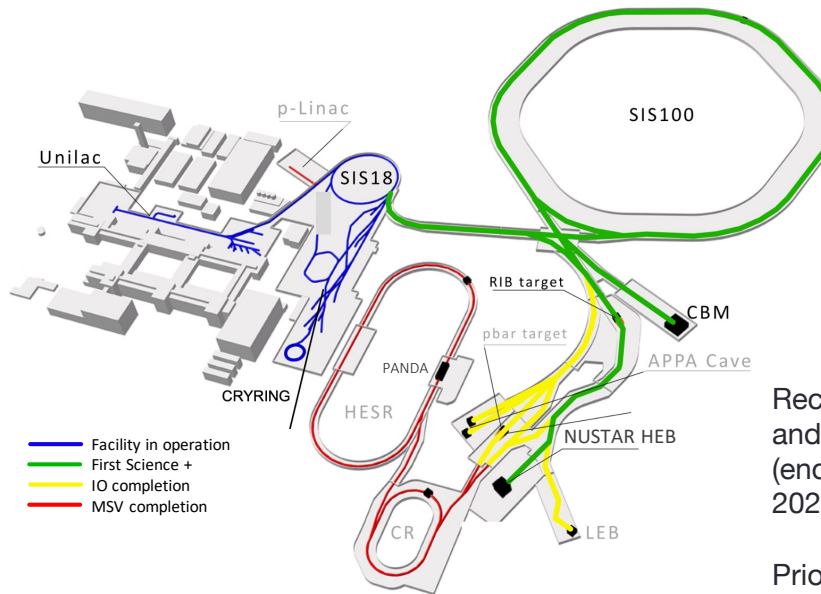


CBM cave, Jun'24

# Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research: timeline

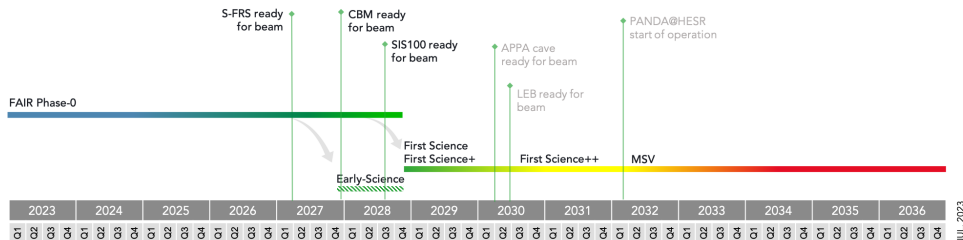
2018 start of **FAIR Phase-0**  
~3 month beamtime/year

Intermediate forefront research program at GSI with improved beams and FAIR detectors



Recommendation of the "First Science and Staging Review of the FAIR Project" (endorsed by the FAIR Council in Oct. 2022):

Prioritize implementation of Scenario #3: **SIS100, Super-FRS-HEB, CBM (First Science+)** – the most appropriate start scenario to achieve world-leading science



# GSI/FAIR multi-purpose (strong interaction) facilities



**Nuclear structure and reactions**  
**Physics of explosive nucleosynthesis (*r*-process)**

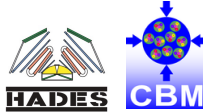
*(rare-isotope beams: high energy, high Z, high intensity for fully stripped exotic nuclear beams)*



**Fundamental symmetries; ultra-high em fields**  
*(anti-protons & highly stripped ions)*

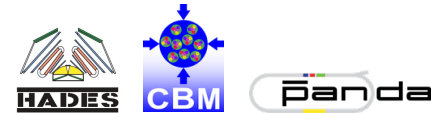
**Dense bulk plasmas**  
*(ion-beam bunch compression, petawatt-laser)*

**Materials research and radiation biology**  
*(ion and anti-proton beams)*



**QCD phase structure, properties of QCD matter, hadrons in-medium**

*(heavy-ion beams 2 – 10 GeV/u: highest interaction rate capability)*



**Hadron structure and dynamics**

*(stored and cooled anti-protons, SIS18 secondary  $\pi$  beam,  $p$  beam 1.25 - 29 GeV)*

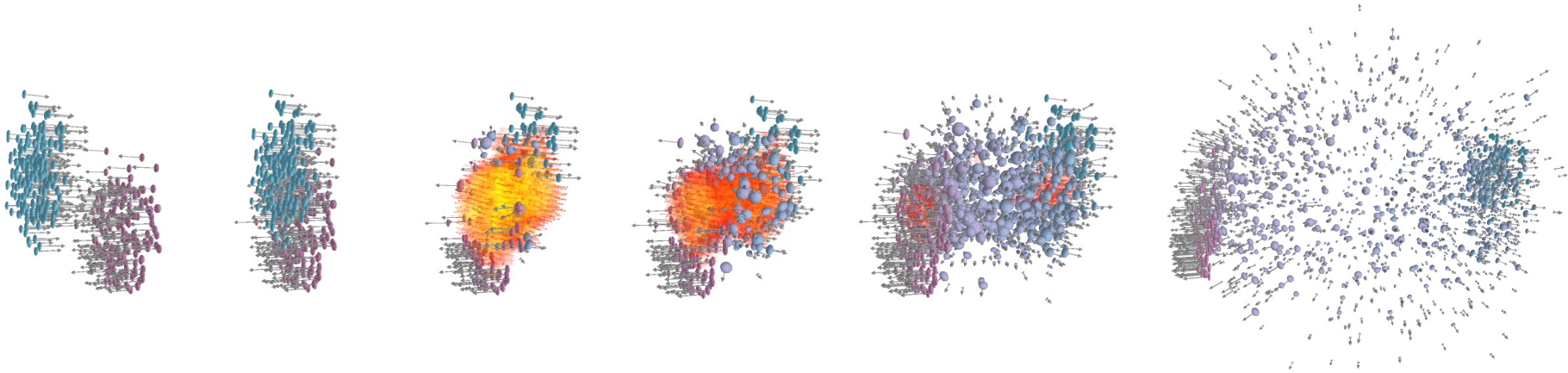
Decode the phases of nuclear matter  
in the non-perturbative regime of **QCD**

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# OBJECTIVE

# Method

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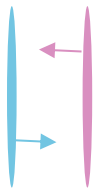
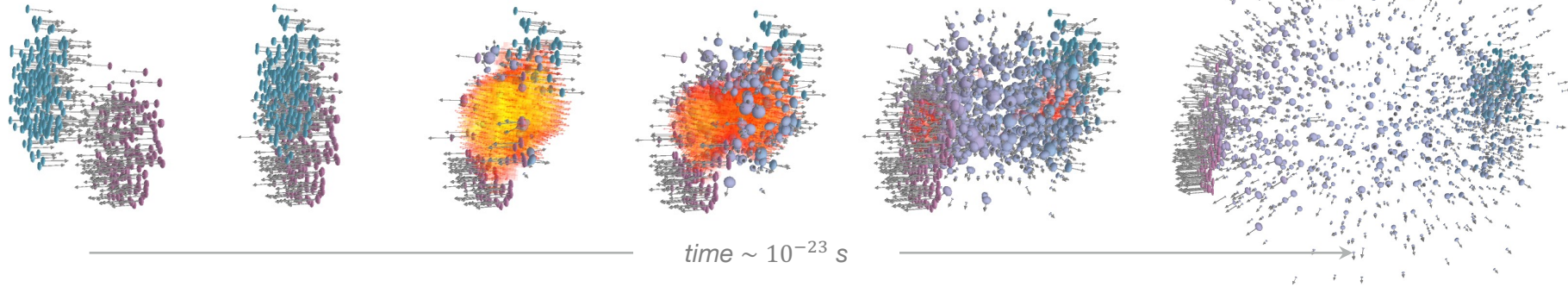
*First chance*

*Pre-equilibrium*

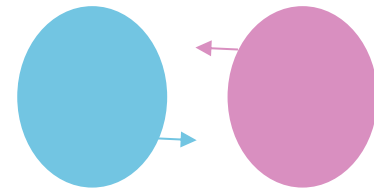
*Fireball*

*Freeze-out*

*Late stage*



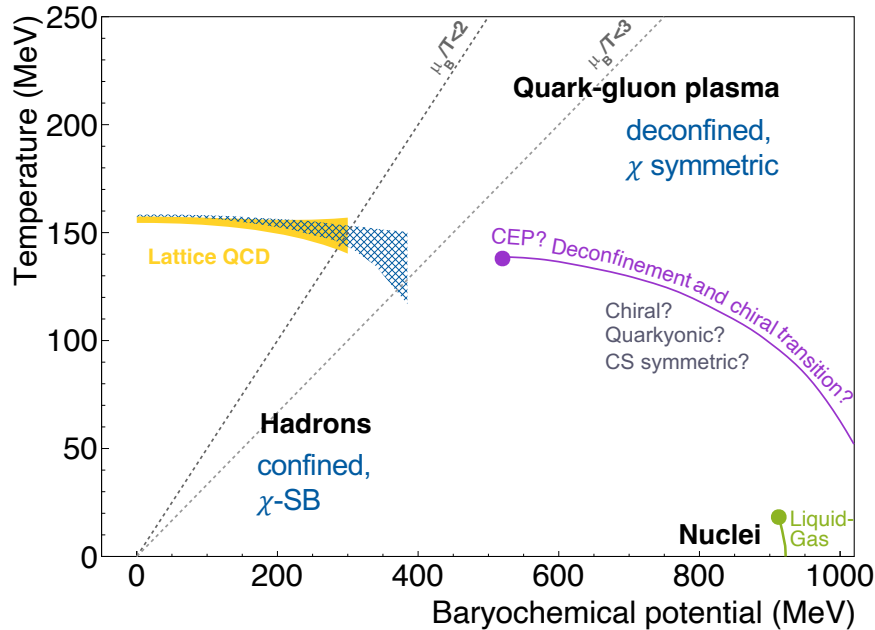
LHC energies  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2 - 5 \text{ TeV}$   
 parton parton collisions  
 $N_{\text{particles}} = N_{\text{anti-particles}}$



SIS energies  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2 - 5 \text{ GeV}$   
 Nuclear stopping  
 $N_{\text{particles}} \gg N_{\text{anti-particles}}$



# Searching for landmarks of the QCD matter phase diagram



## Experimental challenges:

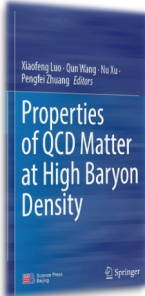
- isolate unambiguous signals of new phases of QCD matter, order of phase transitions, conjectured QCD critical point
- probe microscopic matter properties
- heavy-ion beams

## Study various aspects of meson/baryon physics:

- (*u*, *d*, *s*, *c*) production mechanism, spectra, correlations
- em transition form-factors
- secondary pion, *p*, *d* beams

Worldwide experimental and theoretical efforts

Relevance for astrophysics



[HotQCD], PLB 795 (2019) 15-21  
[Wuppertal-Budapest], PRL 125 (2020)

# Multi-messenger signals from neutron star merger

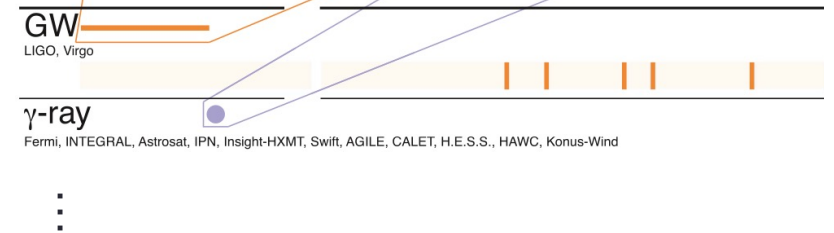
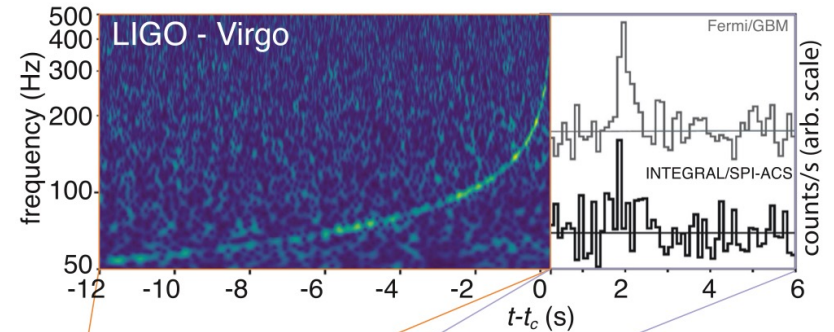


- GW170817 17 Aug 2017 12:41:04 UTC  
First detection of a binary neutron star merger through gravitational waves

LIGO + VIRGO, PRL 119 (2017) 1611001

- GRB 170817A ~1,7 s later:  
Observation of the same event through electromagnetic waves (gamma-ray burst)

Fermi GBM + INTEGRAL + LIGO + Virgo, Astrophys.J.Lett. 848 (2017)

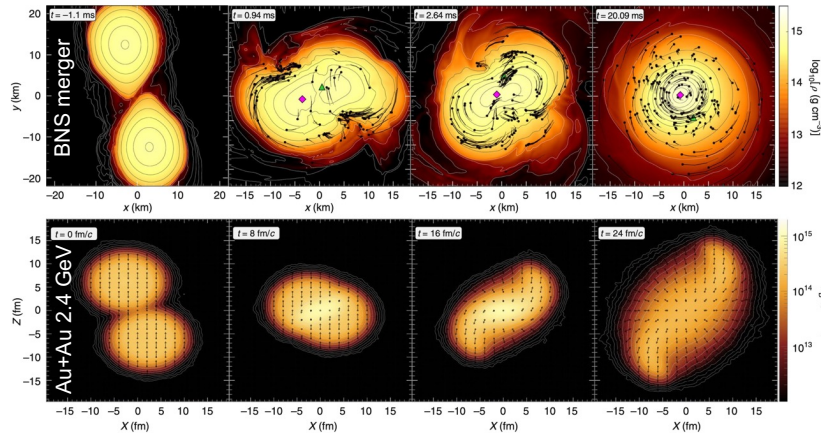


# Laboratory studies of the matter properties in compact stellar objects

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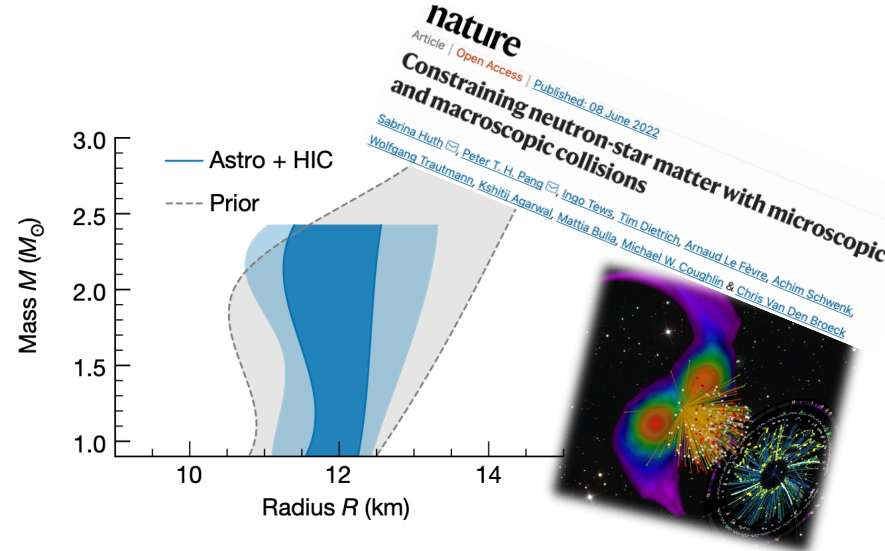
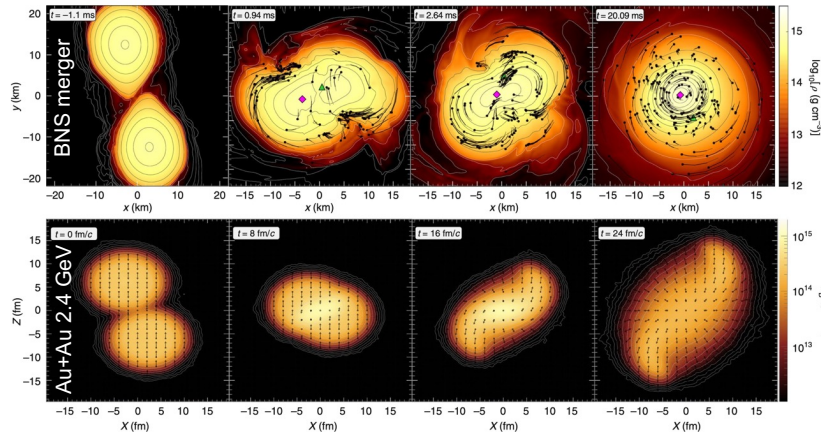


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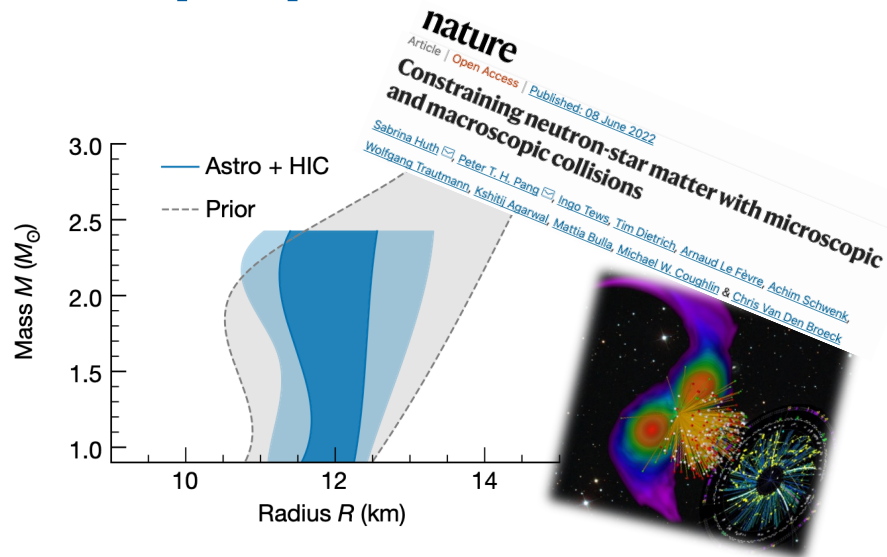
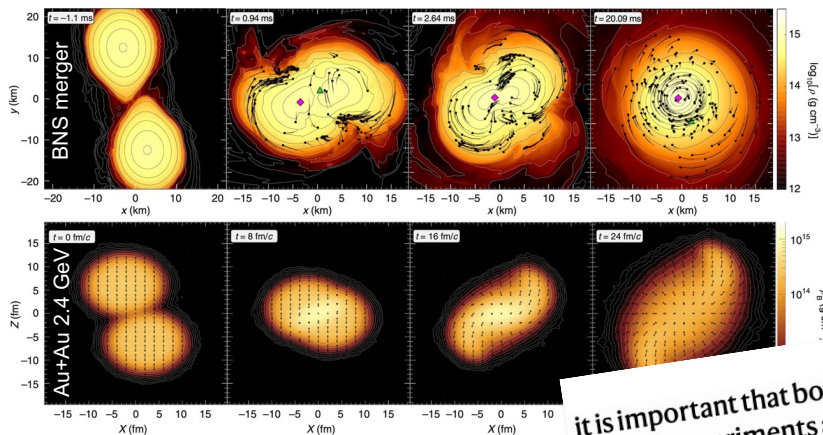
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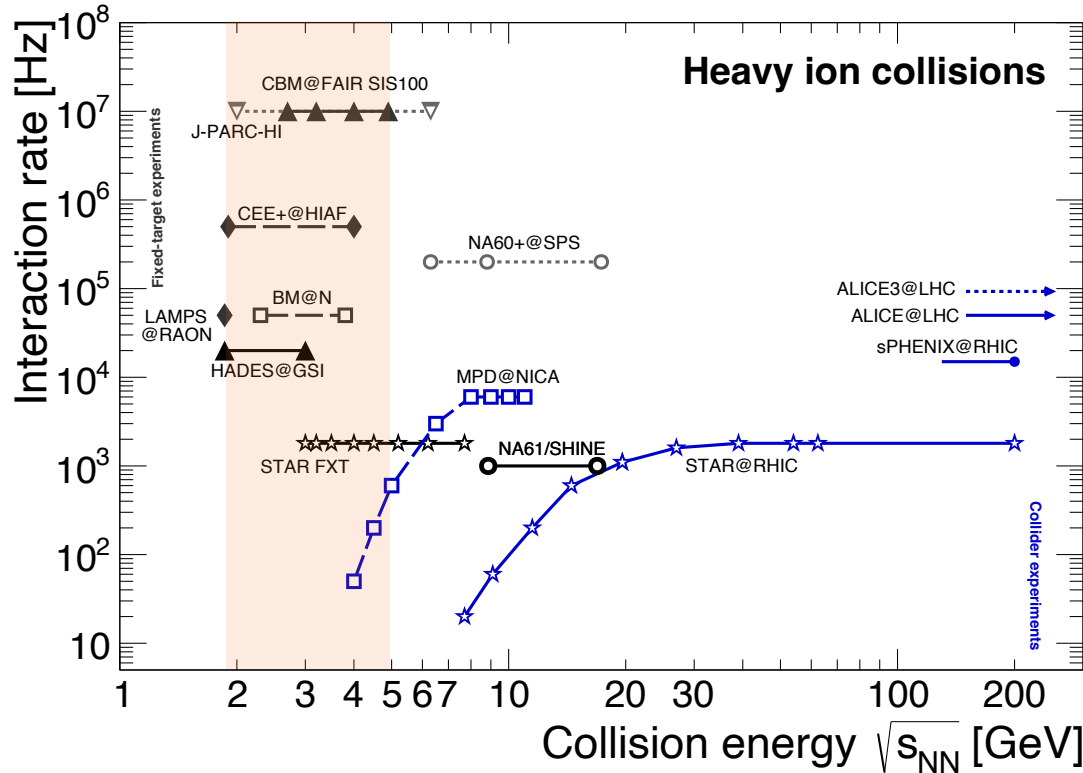


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Going forward,  
 it is important that both statistic and systematic sources of uncertainty  
 for HIC experiments are further improved.

advancing HIC experiments to probe higher densities,  
 above  $2-3n_{\text{sat}}$ , will be key

# Some basic facts on high $\mu_B$ facilities



- **CBM** will play a unique role in the exploration of the QCD phase diagram in the region of high  $\mu_B$  with rare and electromagnetic probes: high rate capability, energy range  $3 < \sqrt{s_{NN}} < 5$  GeV
- **HADES**: established thermal radiation at high  $\mu_B$ , limited to 20 kHz and  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=2.4$  GeV
- **STAR FXT@RHIC**: BES program completed; limited capabilities for rare probes
- **CEE+@HIAF construction**: multipurpose detector based on TPC, anticipated rate capability 500 kHz, anticipated start 2027
- **J-PARC-HI proposal**: addition of heavy-ion booster, state of the art detectors ( $e$ ,  $\mu$ , hadrons)

**LHC → RHIC → SPS → SIS**  
**program needs ever more precise data and sensitivity for rare signals**

# Compressed Baryonic Matter experiment

Fixed target experiment

→ obtain highest luminosities

Versatile detector systems

→ optimal setup for given observable

Tracking based entirely on silicon

→ fast and precise track reconstruction

Free-streaming FEE

→ nearly dead-time free data taking

On-line event selection

→ highly selective data reduction

## Measure with utmost precision:

- light flavour (chemistry, vorticity, flow)
- event-by-event fluctuations (criticality)
- dileptons (emissivity)
- charm (transport properties)
- hypernuclei (interaction)



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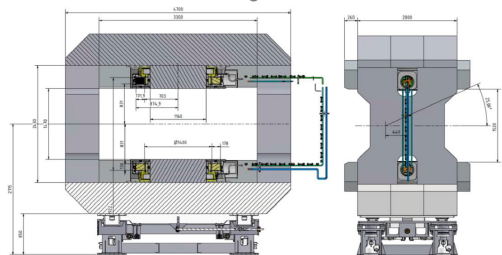
**Q4 2027 – installation and commissioning w/o beam**  
**Q4 2028 – commissioning with SIS100 beam**

# CBM subsystems are on the verge of series production

→ pre-production is ongoing in all systems

## Superconducting dipole magnet

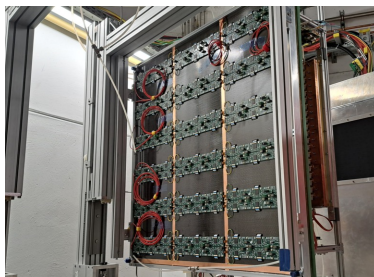
award of contract to Bilfinger Noell GmbH 20.12.2023



## Beam monitoring system



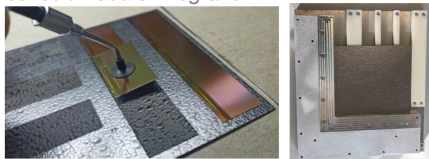
## Transition Radiation Detector



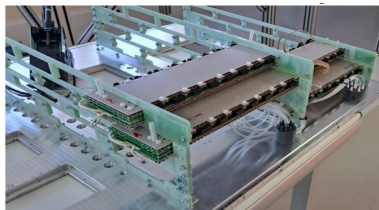
pre-production modules of 1D and 2D options ready

## Micro Vertex Detector

sensor/module integration

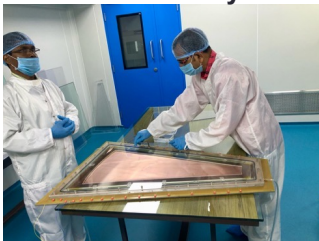


## Time of flight detector



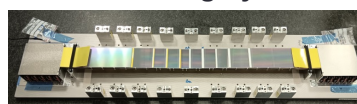
module pre-production concluded

## MUon Chamber system



test of full-size GEM and RPC prototypes

## Silicon Tracking System

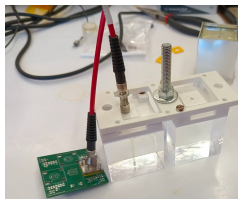


first STS series ladder



> 100 modules assembled

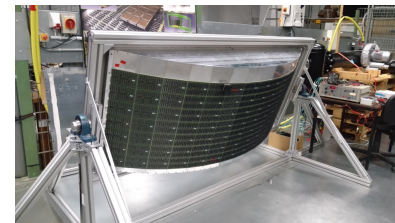
## Forward Spectator Detector



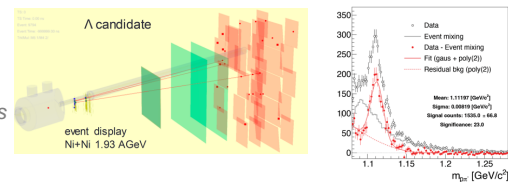
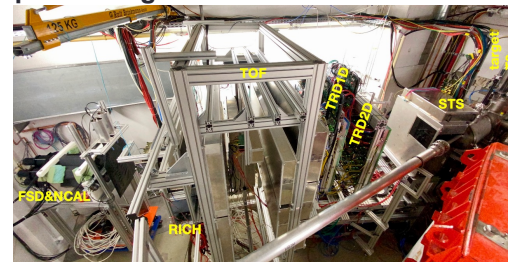
ZnS scintillators and LYSO crystals read-out via SiPM or/and PMT

## Ring Imaging Cherenkov detector

1 of 2 photo cameras ready  
50% FEE produced



## Prototype of CBM online data processing tests with mCBM



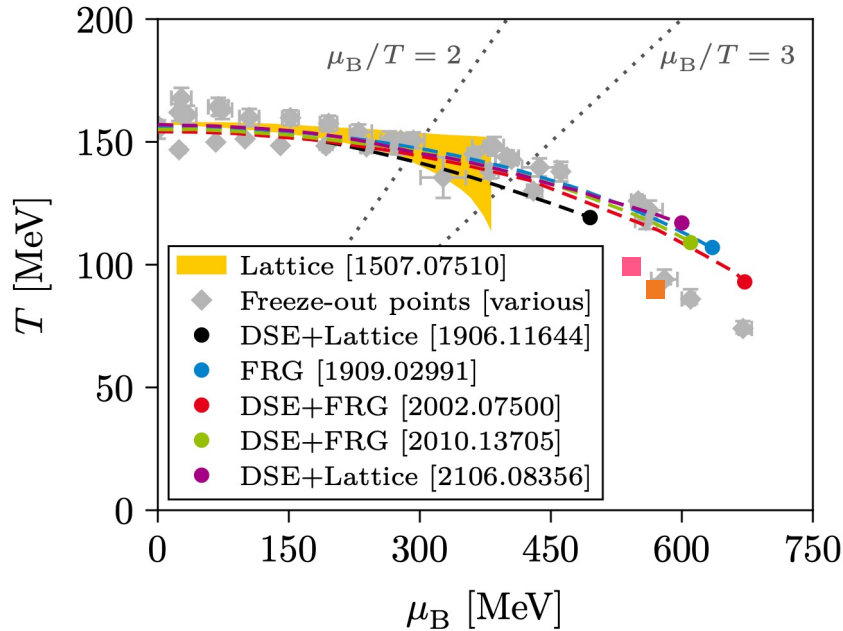


Quest for critical phenomenon connected to the 1<sup>st</sup> order phase transition

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# CRITICALITY

# Critical point predictions from theory



Bazavov *et al.* [HotQCD], PLB 795 (2019) 15-21  
 Borsanyi *et al.* [Wuppertal-Budapest], PRL 125 (2020)

- Lattice QCD disfavors QCD critical point at  $\mu_B/T < 3$
- Effective QCD theories<sup>[1-3]</sup> and lattice-Pade<sup>[5,6]</sup> predict QCD critical point in a similar ballpark  $T \sim 90 - 120$  MeV,  $\mu_B \sim 500 - 650$  MeV
- If true, reachable in heavy-ion collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 3 - 5$  GeV
- Including possibility that the QCD critical point does not exist

Cuteri, Philipsen, Sciarra, JHEP 11 (2021) 141  
 Vovchenko *et al.*, PRD 97, 114030 (2018)

DSE: Bernhardt, Fischer and Isserstedt, PLB 841 (2023)  
 FRG: Fu, Pawłowski, Rennecke, PRD 101, 053032 (2020)  
 BHE: Hippert *et al.*, arXiv:2309.00579

IQCD-Pade: Basar, arXiv:2312.06952

IQCD-Pade: Clarke *et al.*, PoS LATTICE2023 (2024), 168

# Event-by-event fluctuations and statistical mechanics

- In strong interactions, baryons, electrical charges and strangeness are conserved ( $q \in \{B, Q, S\}$ )
- Event-by-event fluctuations of  $q$  predicted within grand canonical ensemble

cf. Friman *et al.*, EPJC 71 (2011) 1694  
Stephanov, RPL 107 (2011) 052301

$$\frac{\kappa_n(N_q)}{VT^3} = \frac{1}{VT^3} \frac{\partial^n \ln Z(V, T, \vec{\mu})}{\partial (\mu_q/T)^n} = \frac{\partial^n \hat{P}}{\partial \hat{\mu}_q^n} \equiv \hat{\chi}_n^q$$

← encodes the EoS

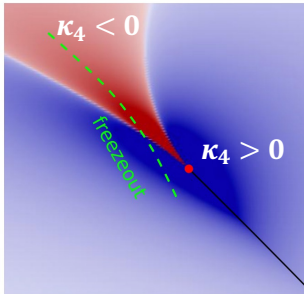
$\kappa_n$  - cumulants (measurable in experiment)  
 $\hat{\chi}_n^q$  - susceptibilities (e.g. from IQCD)

Higher order cumulants describe the shape of measured distributions and quantify fluctuations

Variance  $\kappa_2 = \langle (\delta N)^2 \rangle = \sigma^2$

Skewness  $\kappa_3 = \langle (\delta N)^3 \rangle$

Kurtosis  $\kappa_4 = \langle (\delta N)^4 \rangle - 3\langle (\delta N^2) \rangle^2$



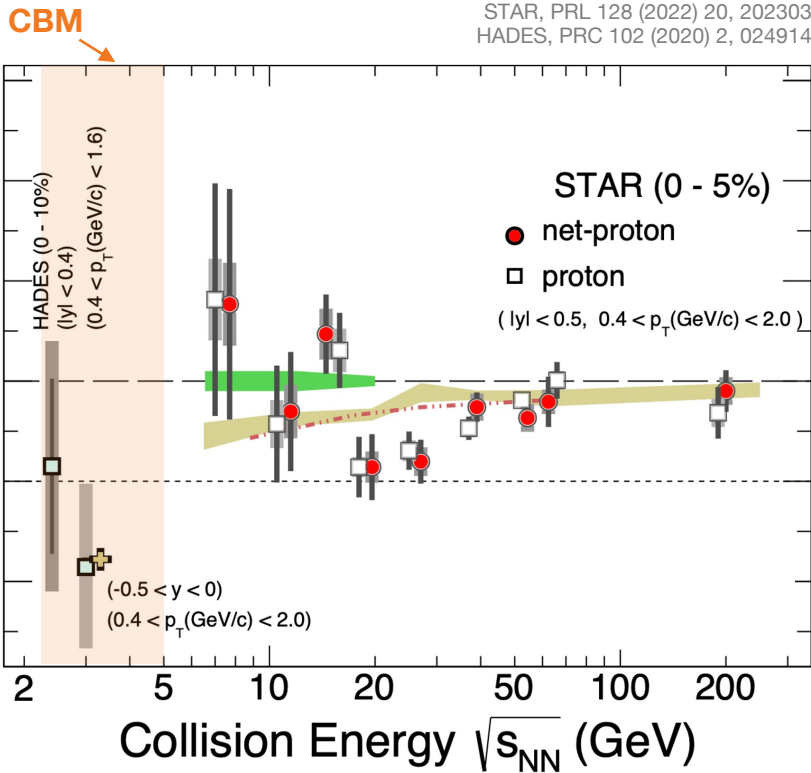
**QCD critical point:** large correlation length and fluctuations

$$\kappa_2 \sim \xi^2, \quad \kappa_3 \sim \xi^{4.5}, \quad \kappa_4 \sim \xi^7$$

$\xi \rightarrow \infty$  **diverges at critical point**

➔ Look for **enhanced fluctuations** and **non-monotonicity**

# Critical point search



Braun-Munzinger, Friman, Redlich, Rustamov, Stachel, NPA 1008 (2021) 122141

- Current data consistent with non-critical physics?  
→ **reduced errors from STAR BES-II indicate non-trivial physics!**
- Sensitivity to features of the QCD phase diagram grows with the order of the moment
- **Higher order moments probe the tails – statistics/artefacts!**
- Detailed **systematic** studies of experimental effects **is curtail**

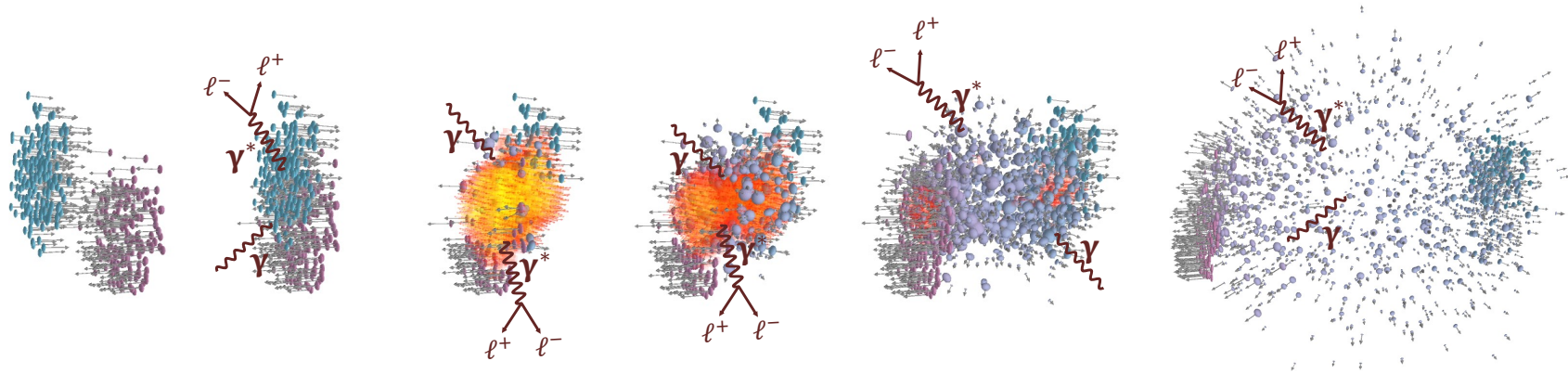
Holzmann, Koch, Rustamov, Stroth, arXiv:2403.03598 [nucl-th]  
Kitazawa'2012, Skokov'2013, Bzdak '2016, Kitazawa'2016, Braun-Munzinger'2017

## Electromagnetic radiation

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# **EMISSIVITY**

# Electromagnetic radiation as multi-messenger of fireball



Electromagnetic radiation ( $\gamma, \gamma^*$ )

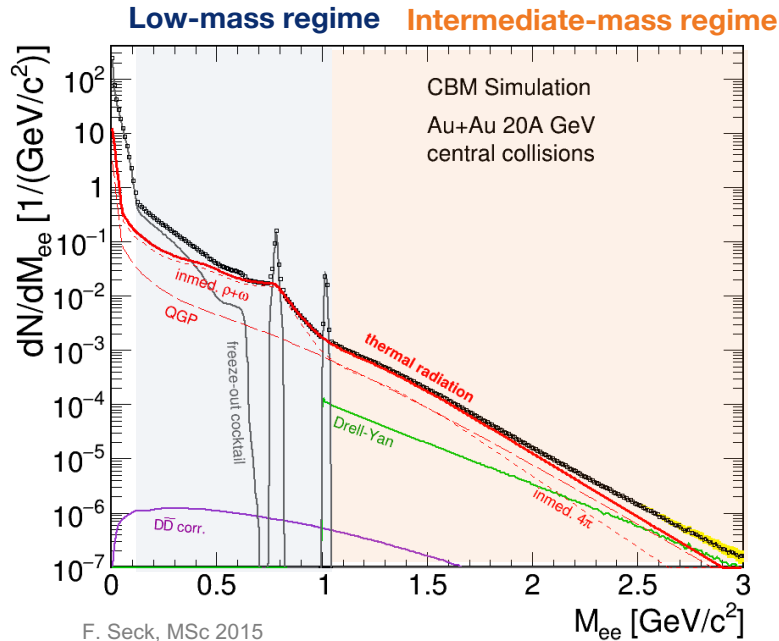
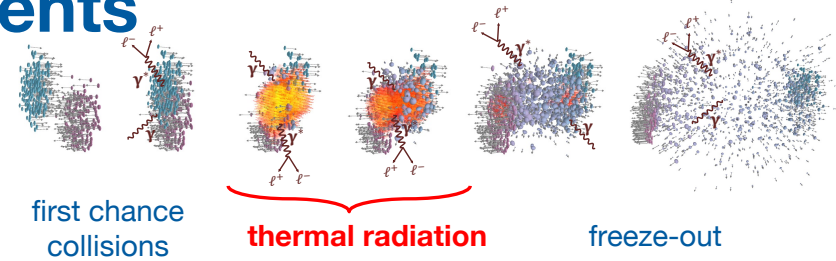
Reflect the whole history of a collision

No strong final state interaction  
 $\leadsto$  leave reaction volume undisturbed

Encodes information on matter properties  
 enabling unique measurements

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

# Thermal dilepton measurements



- Dileptons are rare probes!
- Decisive parameters for data quality:  
interaction rates ( $IR$ ) and signal-to-combinatorial background ratio ( $S/CB$ ): effective signal size:  
 $S_{eff} \sim IR \times S/CB$
- Needs coverage of mid-rapidity, low- $M_{\ell\ell}$ , and low- $p$
- Isolation of thermal radiation by subtraction of measured decay cocktail ( $\pi^0, \eta, \omega, \phi$ ), Drell-Yan,  $c\bar{c}$  ( $b\bar{b}$ )

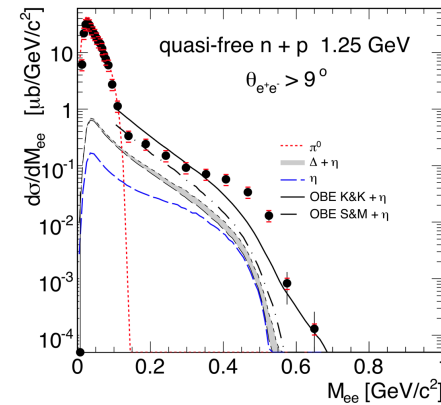
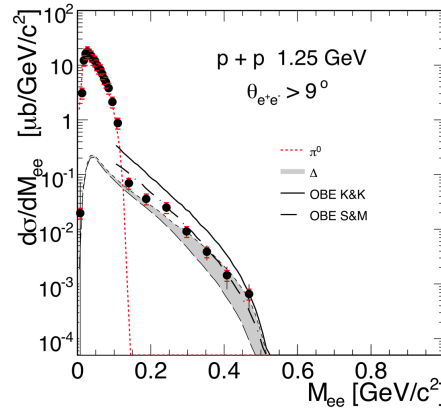
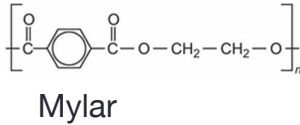
# Measurement of NN reference in HADES

- p+p and d+p collisions at  $E_{kin} = 1.25$  GeV
  - n+p reaction tagged by triggering on proton spectator

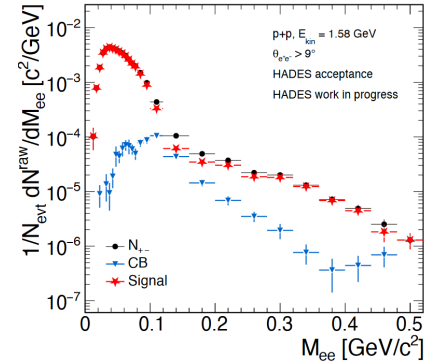
HADES, PLB 690 (2010) 118  
 Larionov et al., PRC 102 (2021), 064913

NN ref. for  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.42$  GeV

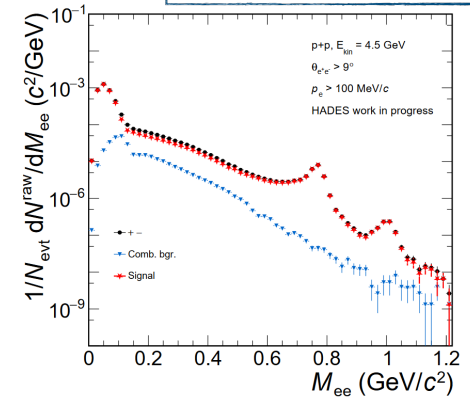
- ongoing analysis of p+p at  $E_{kin} = 1.58$  GeV and 4.5 GeV
  - empty target run p+C/p/O as proxy for p+p/p+n



NN ref. for  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.55$  GeV



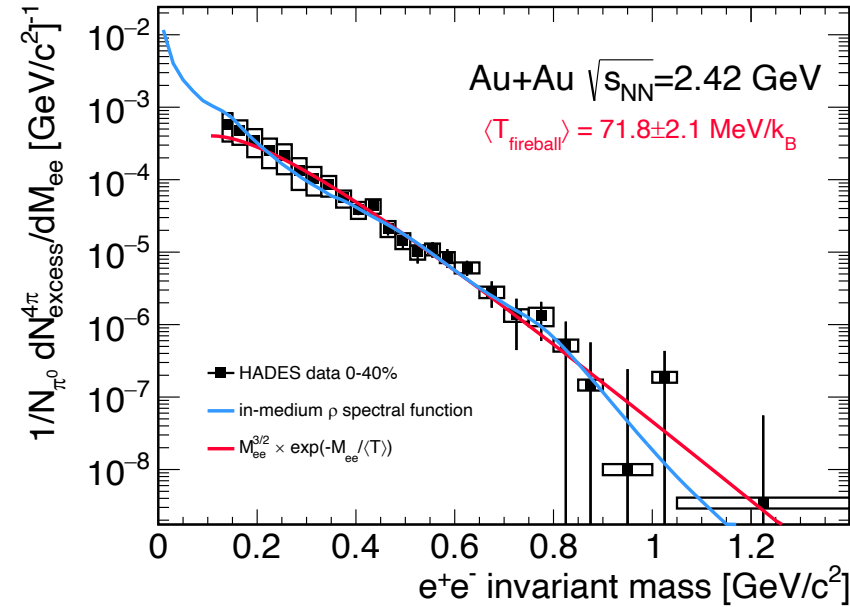
NN ref. for future FAIR





# Thermal dileptons from baryon rich matter

HADES, Nature Phys. 15 (2019) 1040



'Planck-like'



In-medium spectral function

$$\frac{dN_{ll}}{d^4q d^4x} = -\frac{\alpha_{em}^2 L(M^2)}{\pi^3 M^2} f^B(q_0, T) \text{Im}\Pi_{em}(M, q, T, \mu_B)$$

McLerran - Toimela formula, Phys. Rev. D 31 (1985) 545

- Thermal excess radiation established at HADES (Au+Au, Ag+Ag)
  - $\rho$ -meson peak undergoes a strong broadening in medium
  - in-medium spectral function from many-body theory consistently describes SIS18, SPS, RHIC, LHC energies

Rapp and Wambach, Adv.Nucl.Phys. (2000) 25

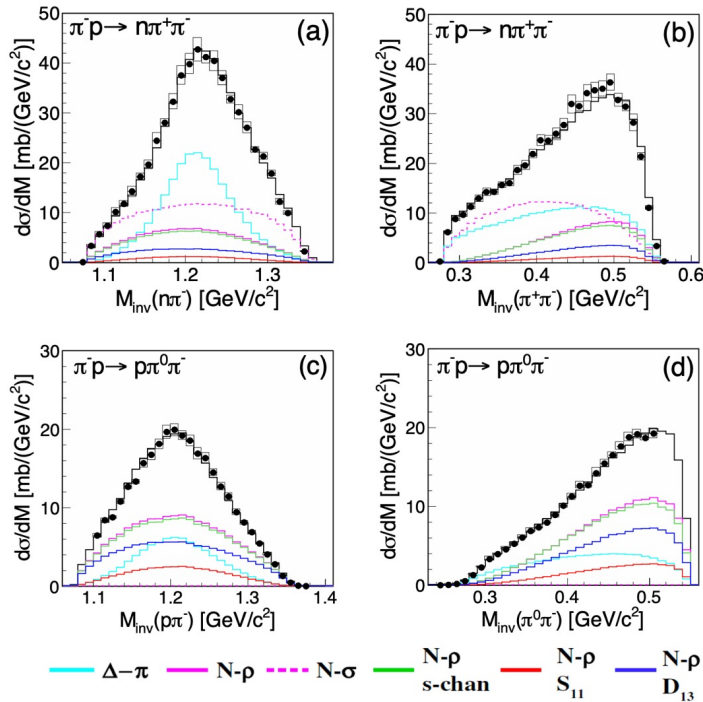
- Baryonic effects are crucial

$$\Sigma_{\rho B, M} = \rho \text{ (loop) } h$$

$R = \Delta, N(1520), a_1, \dots$   
 $h = N, \pi, K, \dots$

# The HADES pion beam facility

- Direct excitation of baryon resonance and exclusive reconstruction of final states
- Combination with dilepton spectrometer world-wide unique



- $p_\pi = [0.66, 0.69, 0.75, 0.8] \text{ GeV}/c$
- $\pi^- + p \rightarrow \pi^- + \pi^+ + n$ 
  - hadronic final states used in PWA (Bonn/Gatchina code)
  - use invariant masses, and angular distribution
- $\pi^- + p \rightarrow e^- + e^+ + n$ 
  - prediction for dilepton invariant mass assuming strict VMD
  - comparison to two-component model by Pena & Ramalho

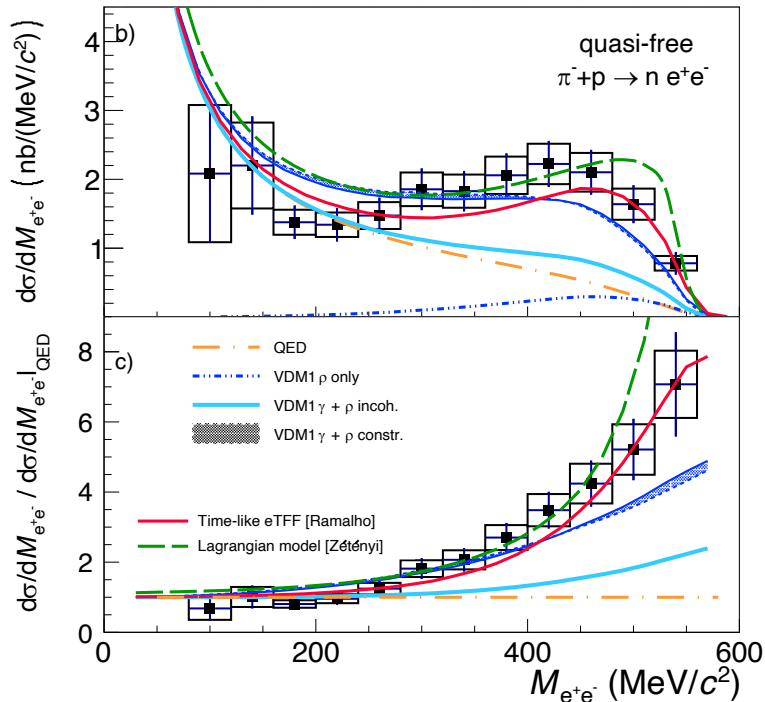
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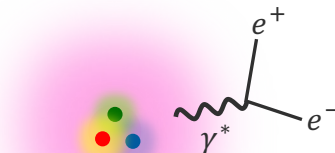
**4 first entries ( $N\rho$ )**  
**4 additional entries**  
**first entry BR  $\Delta \rightarrow pe^+e^-$**

# First measurement of massive $\gamma^*$ emission from $N^*$ baryon resonances (exclusive analysis $\pi^- p \rightarrow e^+ e^- n$ )

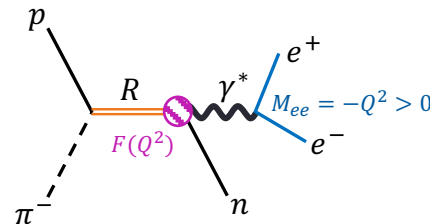
HADES, arXiv:2205.15914 [nucl-ex], with PRL  
 HADES, arXiv:2309.13357 [nucl-ex], accepted PRC



- Study the structure of the nucleon as an extended object (quark core and meson cloud)



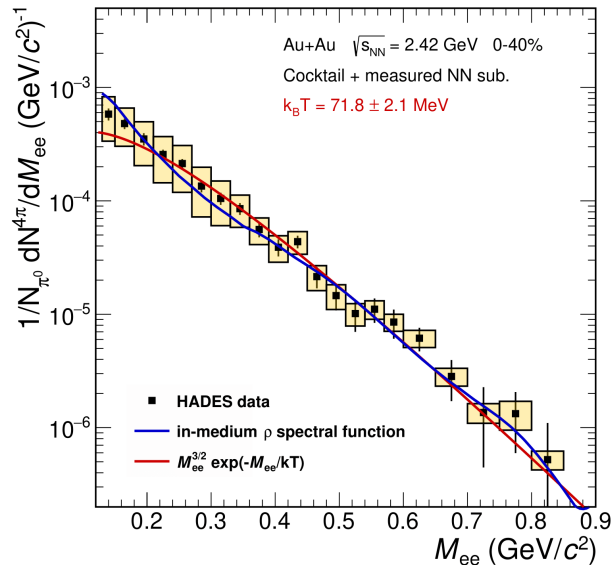
- Dominance of the  $N^*(1520)$  resonance at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 1.49$  GeV
  - $\rho$  meson as "excitation" of the meson cloud
  - **Vector Meson Dominance - basis of emissivity calculations for QCD matter**



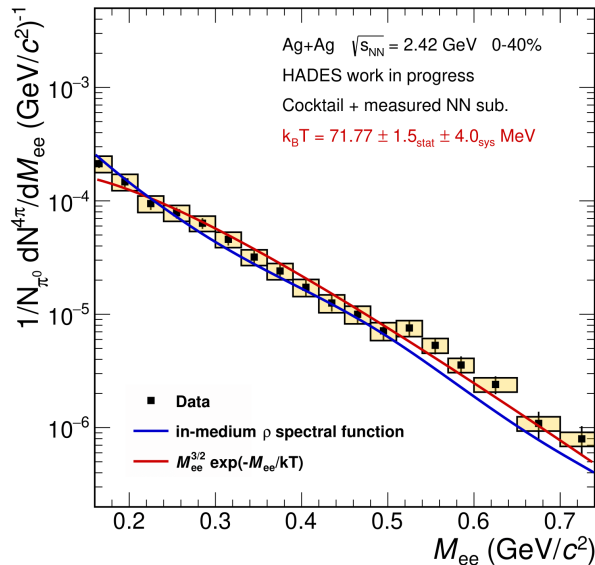
# Thermal dileptons HADES systematics

Excellent agreement between experiment and theory for excess radiation

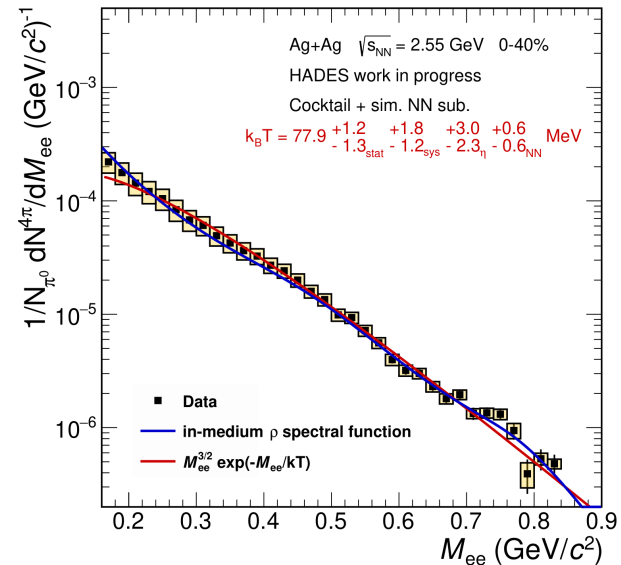
Au+Au at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.42$  GeV



Ag+Ag at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.42$  GeV



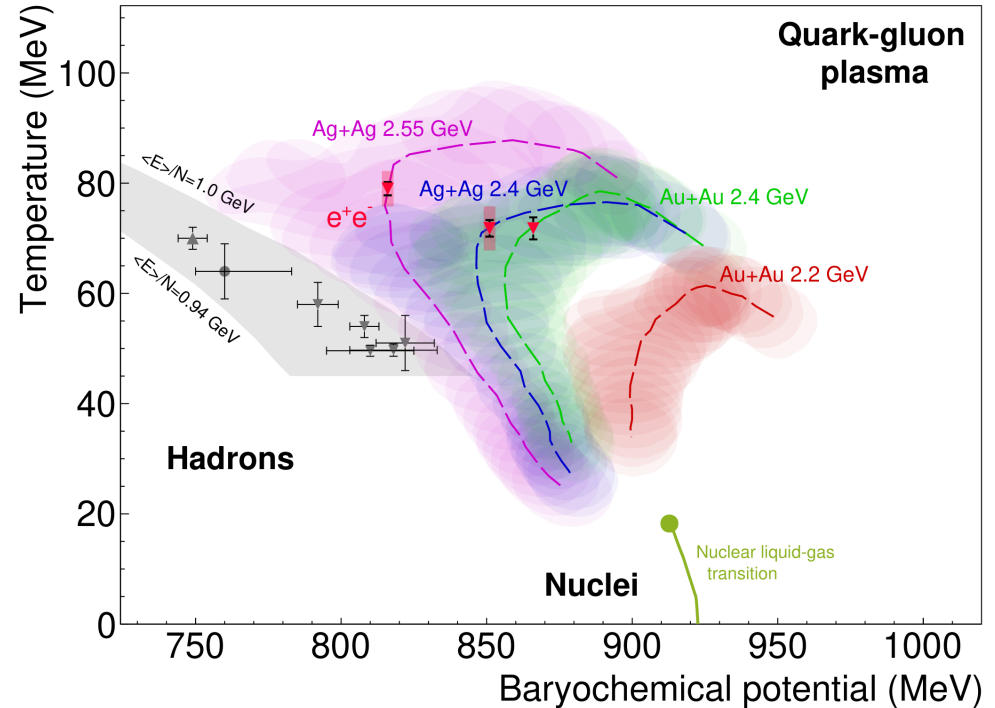
Ag+Ag at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.55$  GeV



# Mapping QCD phase diagram with dileptons

- Trajectories from coarse-grained UrQMD
- Measured average temperatures from HADES well above universal freeze-out region

FO curve: J. Cleymans, K. Redlich, Nucl. Phys. A 661 (1999) 379  
 Au+Au 2.4 GeV data: HADES, Nature Phys. 15(2019) 1040  
 Ag+Ag data: HADES preliminary  
 figure: Seck, TG

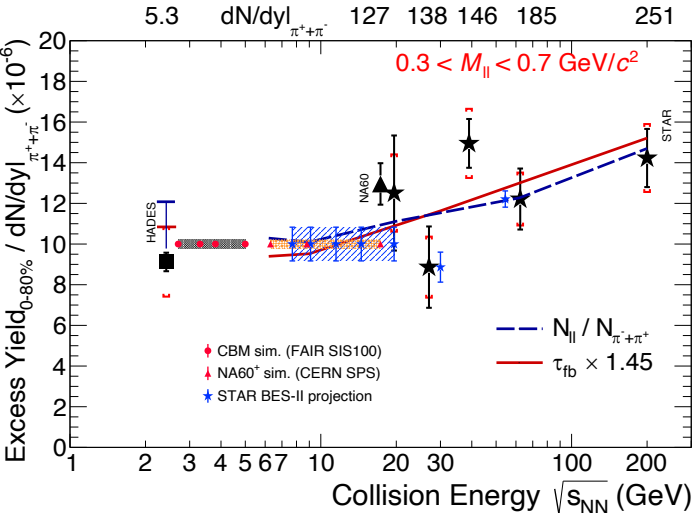


# Thermal dileptons excitation functions

Excess yield in LMR tracks fireball lifetime

- Search for "extra radiation" due to latent heat around phase transition (& critical point?)

Seck, TG, *et al.*, PRC 106 (2022) 1, 014904  
 Savchuk, TG, *et al.*, J.Phys.G 50 (2023) 12, 125104  
 Tripolt *et al.*, NPA 982 (2019) 775  
 Li and Ko, PRC 95 (2017) no.5, 055203

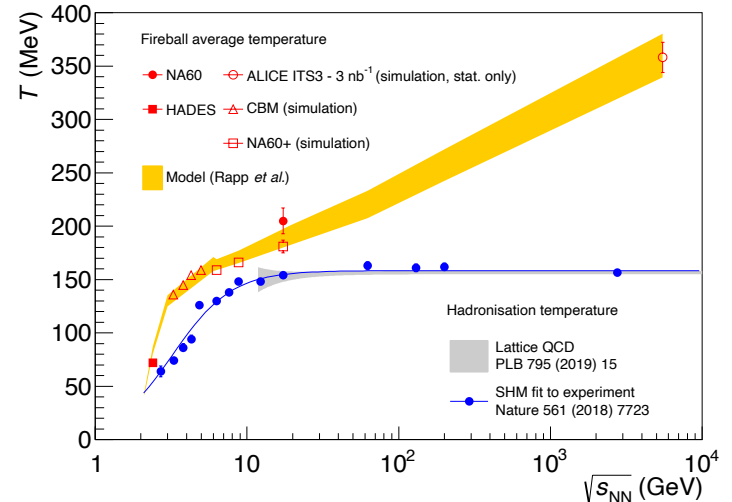


TG, JPS Conf.Proc. 32 (2020) 010079

Invariant mass slope measures radiating source  $T$

- **Flattening** of caloric curve ( $T$  vs  $\epsilon$ )  $\rightarrow$  evidence for a **phase transition**
- Probe time dependence of fireball temperature:  $M_{\ell\ell}$  versus  $v_2$ , *photon polarization*

Seck, Friman, TG, van Hees, Speranza, Rapp, Wambach, [arXiv:2309.03189 [nucl-th]]



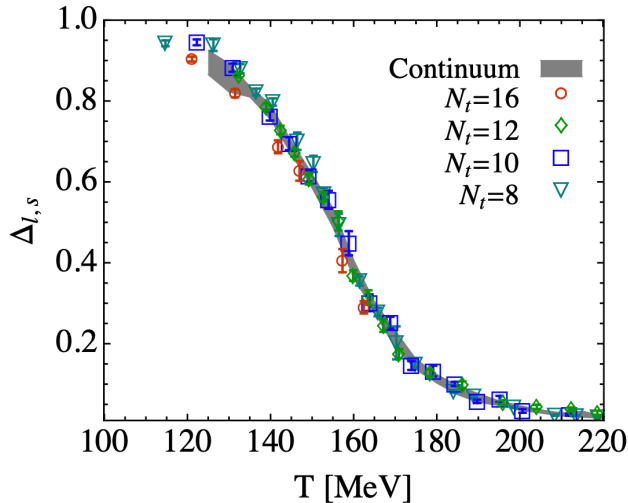
[https://github.com/tgalatyuk/QCD\\_caloric\\_curve](https://github.com/tgalatyuk/QCD_caloric_curve)

# Dileptons and chiral symmetry of QCD

**Spontaneously broken** in the vacuum

$$\langle 0 | \bar{q}q | 0 \rangle = \langle 0 | \bar{q}_L q_R + \bar{q}_R q_L | 0 \rangle \neq 0$$

Condensates  $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle$  calculated by lattice QCD

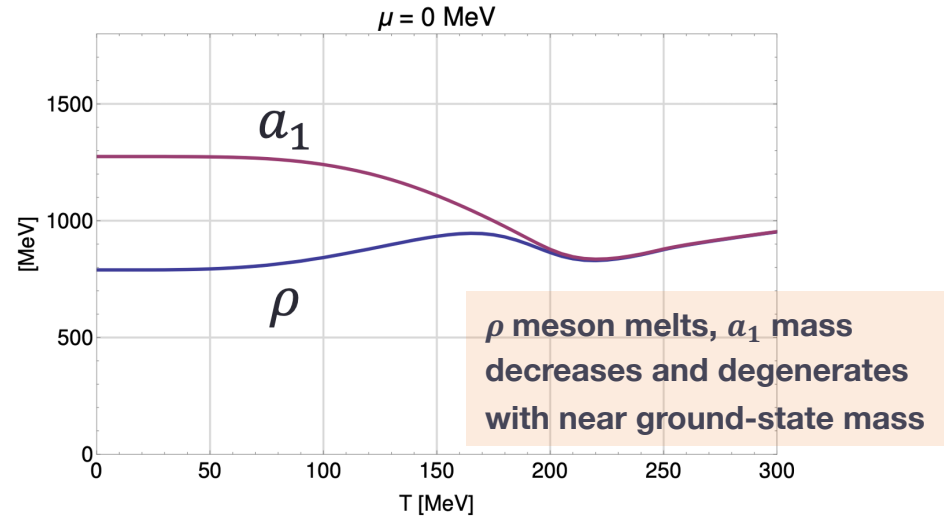


Bazavov *et al.* [Hot QCD Coll.], PRD90 (2014) 094503

S. Weinberg, PRL 18 (1967) 507

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{\pi} [\Pi_V(s) - \Pi_{AV}(s)] = m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2 = -2m_q \langle \bar{q}q \rangle$$

**Restoration** at finite  $T$  and  $\mu_B$  manifests itself through mixing of vector and axial-vector correlators



Hadronic many-body theory Hohler and Rapp, PLB 731 (2014)

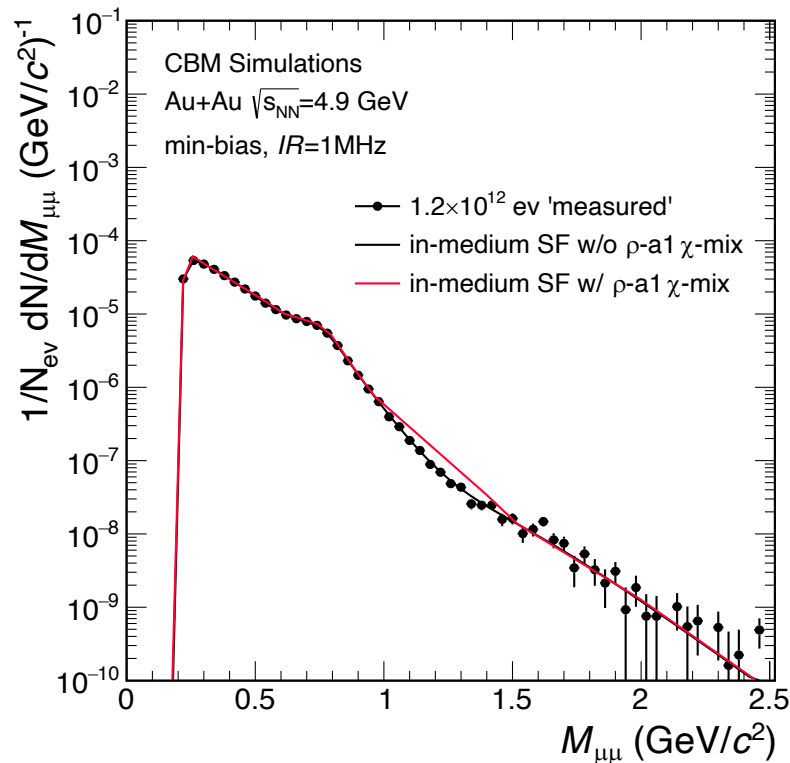
FRG Jung, Rennecke, Tripolt, v. Smekal, Wambach, PRD95 (2017) 036020

Light mesons and baryons from lattice QCD, Aartz, QM2022, April 2022

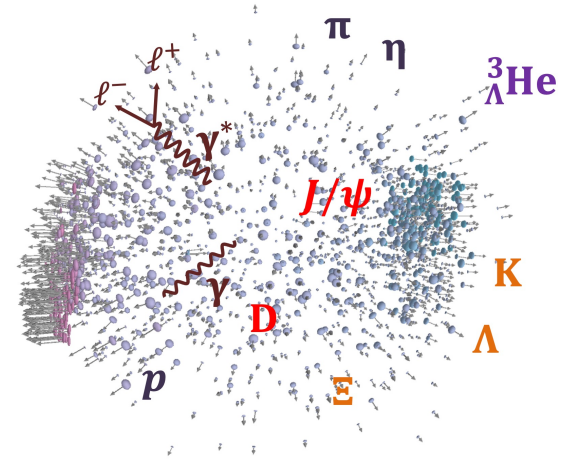
# Additional signature for chiral symmetry restoration: chiral $\rho - a_1$ mixing

## Experimental challenge: physics background ( $M_{\ell\ell} > 1$ GeV)

- correlated charm: excellent vertex resolution  $\rightarrow$  topological separation of prompt and non-prompt source employing DCA cut
  - QGP: decrease towards lower energy
  - Drell-Yan: pp, pA measurements
- **20-30% enhancement** w.r.t. no chiral mixing is **predicted** in the region  $0.8 < M < 1.5$  MeV/c<sup>2</sup>
    - Dey, Eletsky, Ioffe, PLB252 (1990)
    - Rapp, Wambach, ANP 25 (2000)
    - Sakai *et al.*, arXiv:2308.03305 [nucl-th]
  - **CBM, NA60+, ALICE3 sensitivity** (statistical and systematic) to detect a signal is **demonstrated**







Final state “hadron-chemistry”

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# HADRON PRODUCTION

# MATTER EFFECTS ON STRANGENESS PRODUCTION

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PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS

9 DECEMBER 1985

## Subthreshold Kaon Production as a Probe of the Nuclear Equation of State

 J. Aichelin and Che Ming Ko<sup>(a)</sup>

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 (Received 11 June 1985; revised manuscript received 23 September 1985)

The production of kaons at subthreshold energies from heavy-ion collisions is sensitive to the nuclear equation of state. In the Boltzmann-Uehling-Uhlenbeck model, the number of produced kaons from central collisions between heavy nuclei at incident energies around 700 MeV/nucleon can vary by a factor of  $\sim 3$ , depending on the equation of state.

In a nutshell:

- softer EoS leads to higher compression  
leads to more secondary interaction
- thus the larger probability to produce particles  
below free nucleon-nucleon production threshold

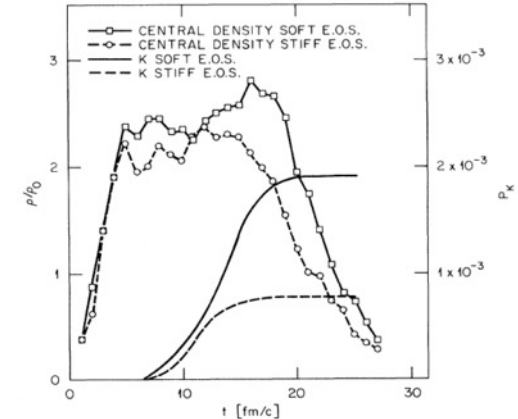
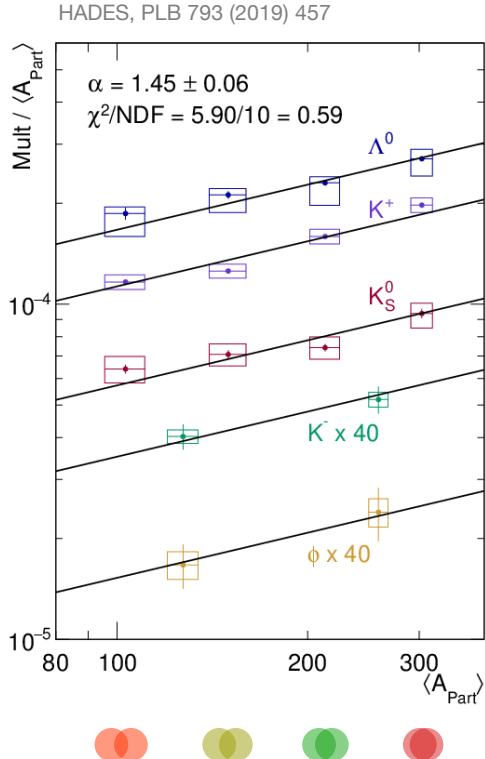


FIG. 1. Central density  $\rho/\rho_0$  and total kaon-production probability  $P_K$  as functions of the collision time for reactions between Nb nuclei at an incident energy  $700A$  MeV and at an impact parameter  $b = 0.5$  fm.

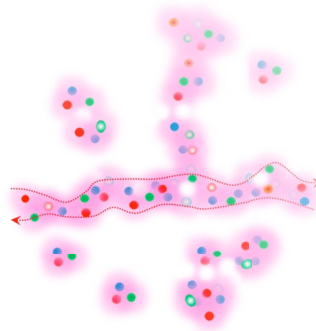
# Rare sub-threshold strangeness production



- Different particles
- Different production mechanisms
- Different production thresholds in NN

but

- Universal scaling with participant number  $M \sim \langle A_{part} \rangle^\alpha$ 
  - not expected if strangeness produced in isolated NN collisions
  - quarks are easily reshuffled between hadron states?



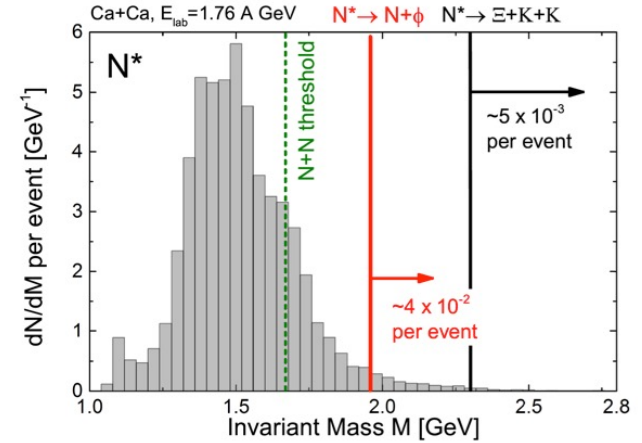
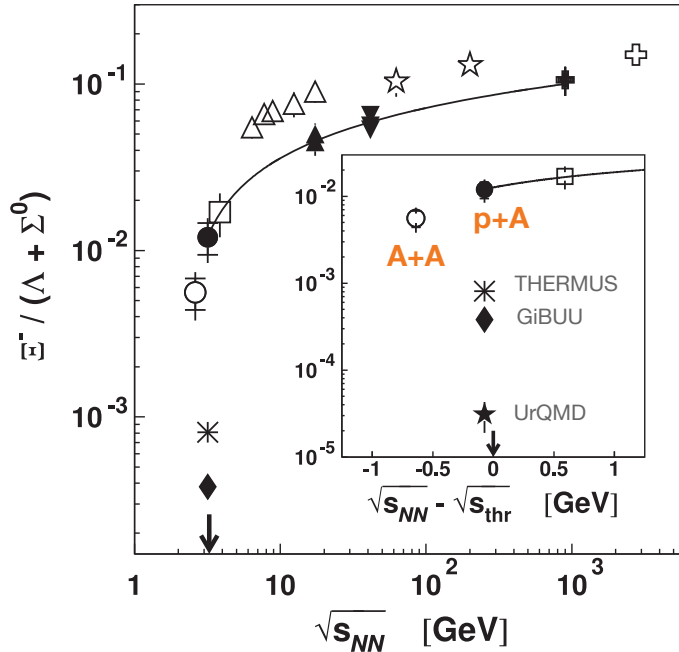
Connection to “soft deconfinement”?

Fukushima, Kojo, Weise, Phys.Rev.D 102 (2020) 9, 096017

Quantum percolation at  $\rho \sim 1.8\rho_0$   
 of the interaction meson clouds

# What is so strange about $\Xi^-$ ?

HADES, PRL 103 (2009) 132310  
 HADES, PRL 114 (2015) 212301

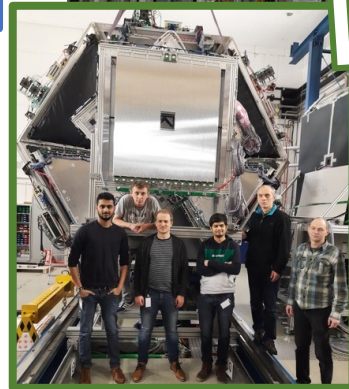


Steinheimer *et al.*, J.Phys. G43 (2016) no.1, 015104

- Multi-strange baryons ( $\Xi, \Omega$ ) are expected to be a sensitive probe for compressed baryonic matter
- HADES observes **unexpectedly large production cross sections** in Ar+KCl and p+Nb collisions
- UrQMD microscopic transport models  $\rightarrow$  **dominant role of high mass baryonic resonances?**
  - $N^* \rightarrow N + \phi$  is fixed by ANKE data  
Maeda *et al.* [ANKE], PRC 77, 015204 (2008)
  - spectroscopy of  $N^* \rightarrow \Xi + K + K$
  - branching ratios

# The upgraded HADES detector 2022

- Improved physics performance through instrumentation of the very forward hemisphere using FAIR technology
- In particular important for the Hyperon Program



## Forward RPC

LIP Coimbra

- Based on R&D for neuLAND
- TRB3 read-out

## STS2

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- PANDA straw technology
- PANDA PASTTREC FEE chip

## STS1

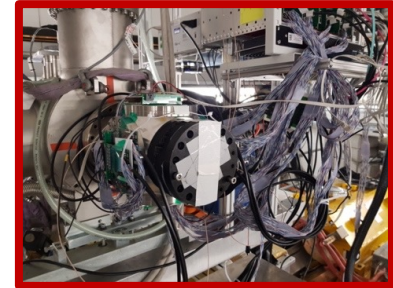
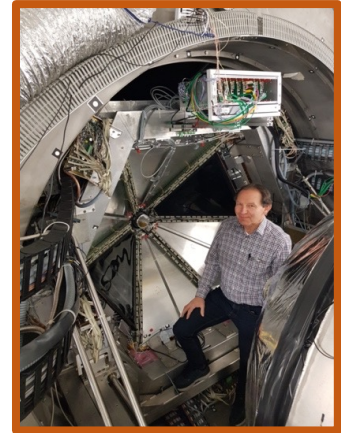
TransFAIR, Jülich

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## iTOF

TransFAIR, Jülich

- APD read-out
- Enhances trigger purity

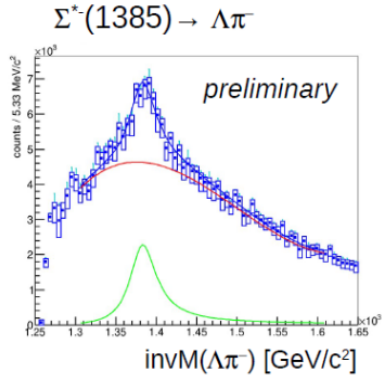


## T0

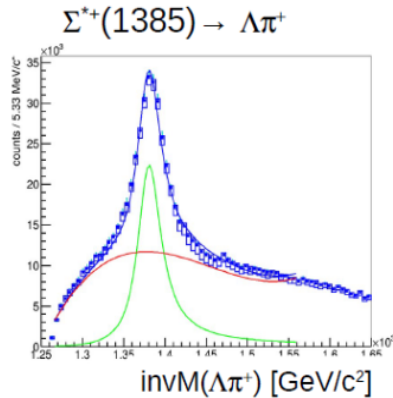
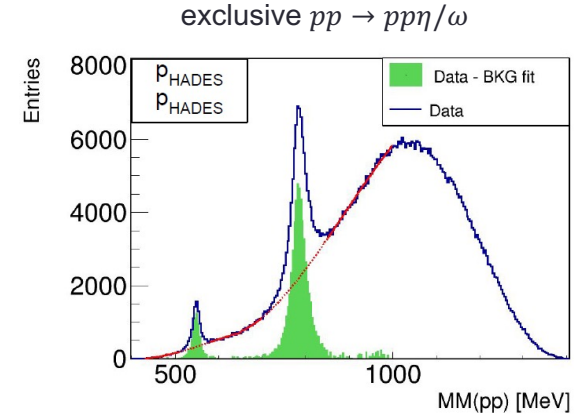
GSI, TU Darmstadt

- LGAD technology
- In-beam detector

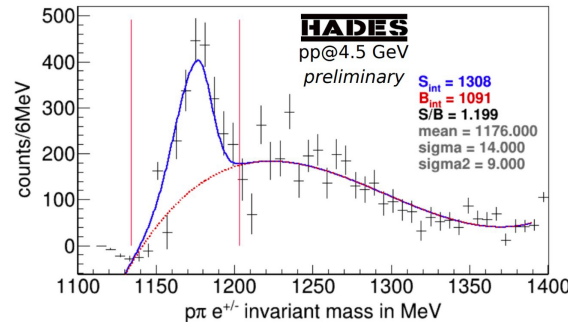
# HADES – PANDA Phase-0



- Hyperon radiative decays
- Hyperon Dalitz-decays
- Doubly strange baryons
- Double  $\Lambda$  correlations (femtoscopy)
- Inclusive hadrons and dileptons



$\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda e^+ e^-$  Dalitz decay in  $pp \rightarrow pK + \Sigma^0$



- production cross section, decay dynamics
- CP violation in  $\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-e^+e^-$ , search for X17 axion like particle
- production mechanism of  $a_1(1260)$ ,  $f_1(1285)$

# HADES towards FAIR

## Conclusion of Phase-0 (now – 2026)

- **Au+Au beam energy scan (0.8 – 0.6 – 0.4 – 0.2 AGeV)**
- **$\pi$ +CH<sub>2</sub>,C beam** energy scan of baryon excitation functions and decay modes; high-intensity **pion beam** running demonstrated (up to **8 x10<sup>10</sup>/s** <sup>14</sup>Nitrogen ions), high duty cycle CH<sub>2</sub> and C target and  $\pi$  beam at  $\sqrt{s}=1.67-1.70-1.73-1.79$  GeV
  - hadronic channels: new data from HADES will dramatically improve the world data base for PWA!
  - electromagnetic channels: explore baryon electromagnetic structure in time like ( $q^2 > 0$ ) region

**Strong interest from high- $\mu_B$  HIC community, relevance for astrophysics**

**Strong interest from hadron structure community, crucial input to PWA**

## Intermediate program during commissioning of ES, FS, FS+ (2027 – ~2030)

- imperative to follow-up and solidify the discussions regarding the operation of and the physics perspectives of HADES during these phases

## Operation with SIS100 beam (beyond ~2030)

- will go inline with preparation of a new MoU (FAIR M&O MoU)

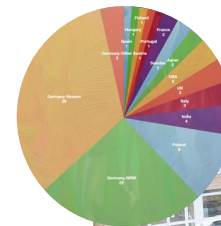
# Physics perspectives with hadron beams at GSI/FAIR

- Initiative (2022) from FAIR-motivated group from within CBM, HADES, PANDA (building up on success of PANDA Phase-0 at HADES)
- Promote the realisation of FS+ at FAIR
- Identify a QCD-inspired physics program with SIS100 proton beams
- Evaluate its complementarity with programs at other facilities
- Strengthen collaborations among hadron-, nuclear- and heavy-ion communities
- Reach out for new collaborators from both experiment and theory!



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- Kick-off satellite event at MESON2023 in June 2023
  - Feasibility studies using Monte Carlo simulations
  - Workshop "physics opportunities with proton beams at SIS100" in Wuppertal, February 2024

<https://indico.gsi.de/event/18475/overview>



87 participants





# From SIS18 to SIS100

## ...what could that add in strong-QCD physics?

### Energy upgrade:

- from max 4.7 GeV (SIS18) to 29 GeV (SIS100) proton energy
- opening new realm:
  - production, spectroscopy and interactions of double and triple strangeness
  - charm production and interactions close to production threshold
- significant increase in production yield of hyperons

### Intensity upgrade:

- from max  $10^{12}$  (SIS18) to  $2 \times 10^{13}$  (SIS100) protons/cycle
- even with  $10^{10}$  p/cycle and 1% LH2 target:  $\sim 10 \text{ pb}^{-1} / \text{day}$

### Detector enrichment:

- towards high-rate capabilities and free-streaming DAQ's
- excellent mass resolution ( $\sim 2\%$ )
- excellent coverage for exclusive channels

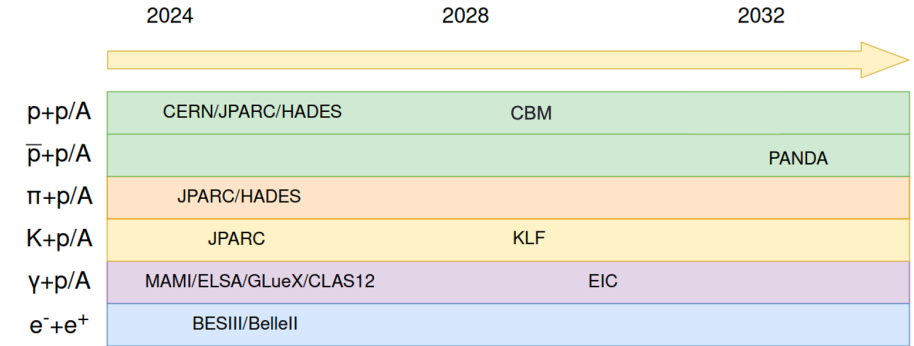
### Theory enrichment:

- terra incognita: theoretically complicated region to describe, transition from resonance to string production
- important new insight into hadron structure (hyperon spectrum, charm content of nucleon)

### Competitive and complementary program to other facilities world-wide

Numerous  $\gamma, \pi, K$  facilities now and upcoming  
 CERN primarily serves higher energy domain,  
 → different production mechanism  
 JPARC uses dedicated experiments,  
 → complementary to CBM  
 CBM can measure p- and A-induced reactions  
 → backgrounds, systematics etc.

Hyperon Physics Facilities/Experiments



# A comprehensive QCD program

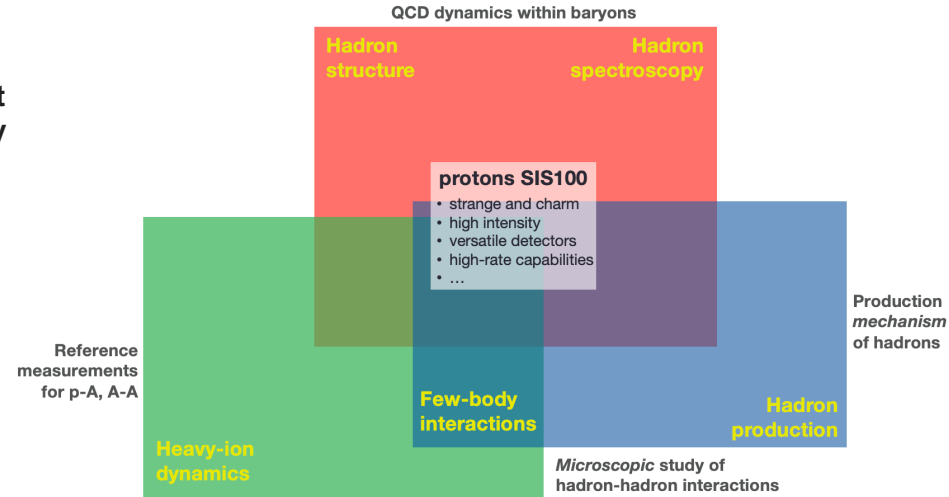
- Tremendous physics potential with proton beam from SIS100
- **Substantial extension of QCD program at FAIR and its impact on increased attractivity/visibility for international community**
- Preparations for a “white-paper” beginning

pic. adopted from J. Messchendorp

Physics perspectives with hadron beams at GSI and FAIR  
 ...  
 April 2024

**Executive summary**

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- 3 Hadron-hadron interactions**  
 Convenors: C. Blume, C. Hankart
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**Strong support by community of physics program employing world-unique combination of GSI secondary pion beam + HADES**

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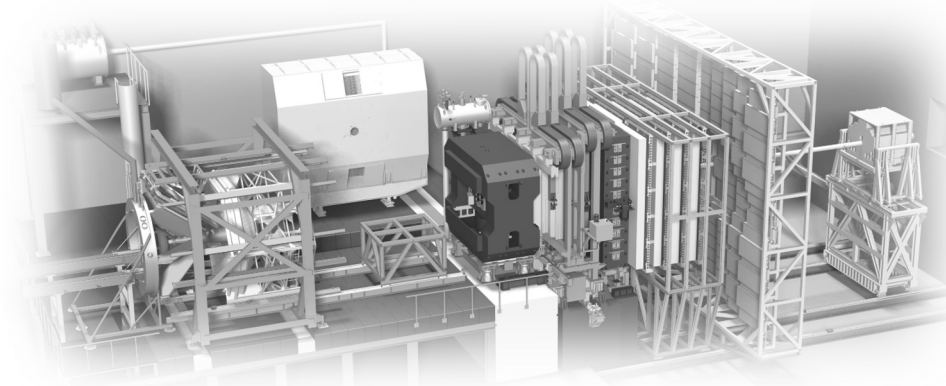
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## Bonus slides

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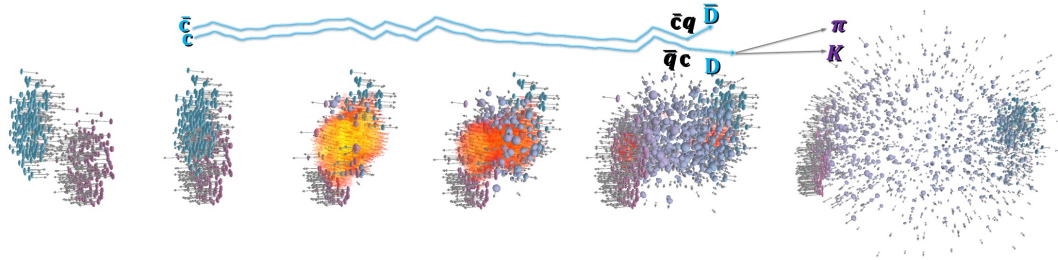


Charm ( $c, \bar{c}$ ) of the baryon-rich matter

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**IN-MEDIUM QCD FORCE**

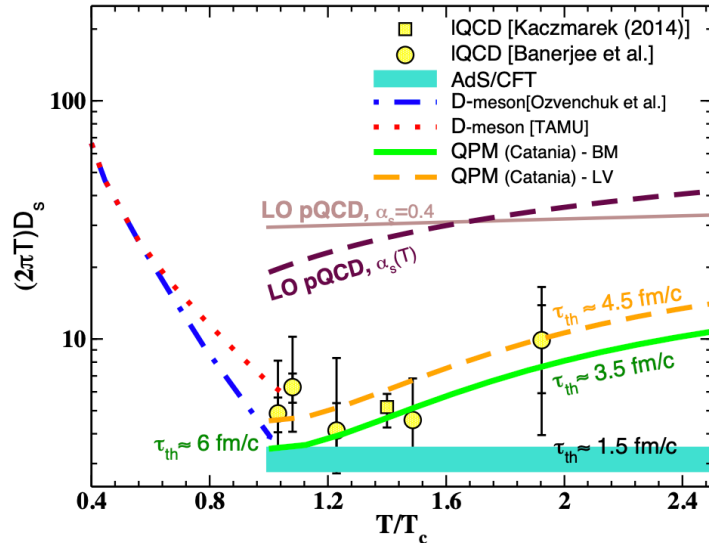
# What is so “charming” about charm?



## Heavy quarks

- produced in initial hard scattering processes
  - experience the full evolution of the QCD medium
- probe in-medium QCD force!

- heavy-quark potential accurately known in the vacuum ( $\Psi$ ,  $\Upsilon$  spectroscopy)
- $\mu_B = 0$ , finite T – heavy-quark potential is modified (screened), guidance from LQCD



Scardina *et al.*, PRC96, 044905 (2017)  
HotQCD, PRL 132 (2024) 5, 051902

How is the fundamental QCD force screened at  $\mu_B > 0$ ?

Consequences for heavy-quark transport

$\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 6$  GeV (and below) increased sensitivity to hadronic medium effects – important input for precision measurements at LHC

# Charm performance studies

Larsen *et al.*, NA61/SHINE, EPJ Web Conf. 191 (2018) 05003

## NA60++ / CBM (cross-sections unknown!)

### Open charm

- accessible down at lowest  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$  with 1% statistical precision  
 $\rightarrow R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$  vs  $p_T$ ,  $y$  and centrality  
 $\rightarrow$  **charm diffusion coefficient and thermalization**
- $D_s$  and  $\Lambda_c$  yield feasible with statistical precision of few percent  
 $\rightarrow$  **insight on hadronization mechanism**

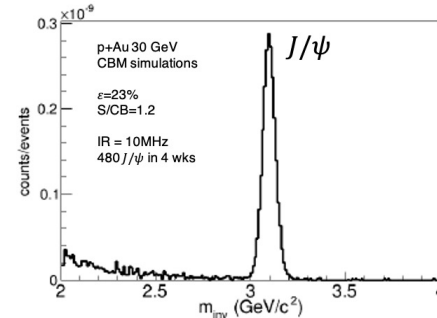
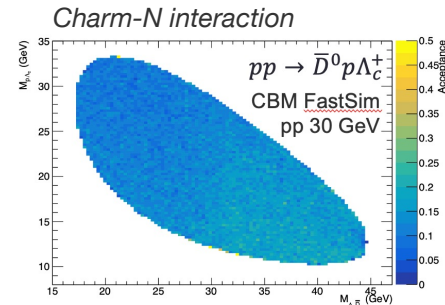
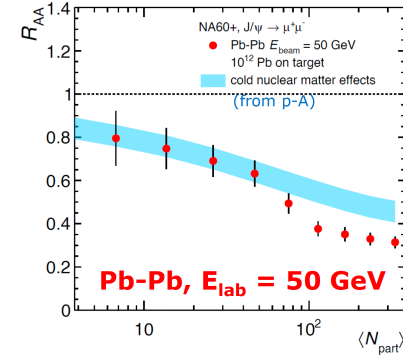
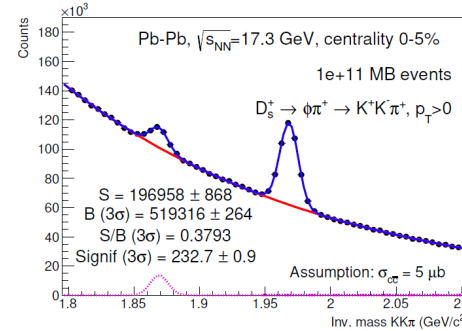
### $J/\psi$

- detection of **onset of anomalous suppression effects**  
down to low SPS energy ( $\psi(2S)$  also within reach for  $E \sim 100$  AGeV)
- pp/pA collisions to establish cold nuclear matter effects
- study intrinsic charm component of the hadron wave function

Vogt, PRC 106 (2022) 2, 025201  
 NNPDF, Nature 608 (2022) 7923, 483-487

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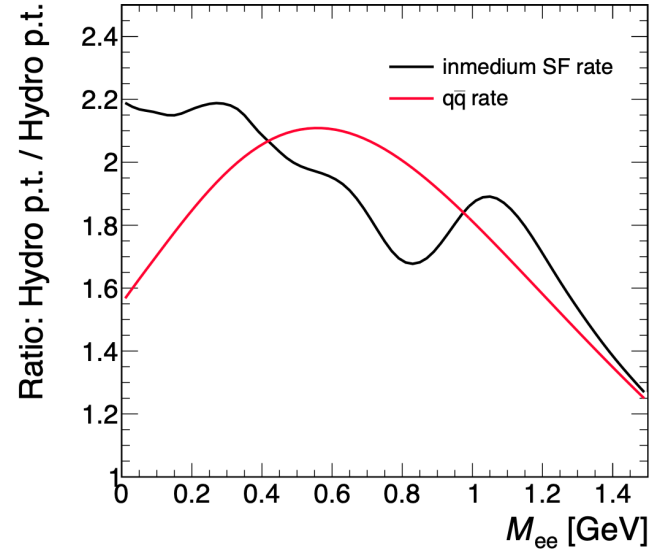
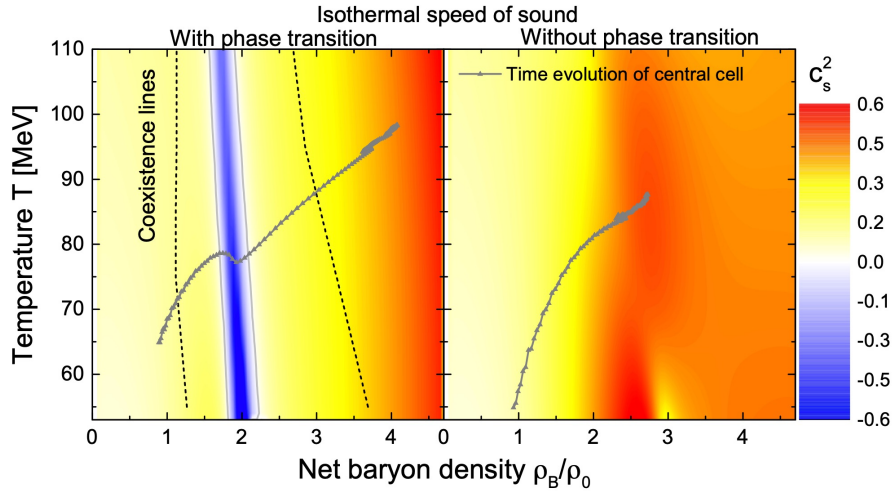




# Dilepton signature of a 1<sup>st</sup> order phase transition

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See also:  
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 Li and Ko, PRC 95 (2017) no.5, 055203



- Ideal hydro simulations with and w/o first order nuclear matter – quark matter phase transition
- Chiral Mean Field model that matches lattice QCD at low  $\mu_B$  and neutron-star constraints at high density

**Dilepton emission shows a significant effect: factor 2 enhancement of dilepton emission due to extended “cooking”**