



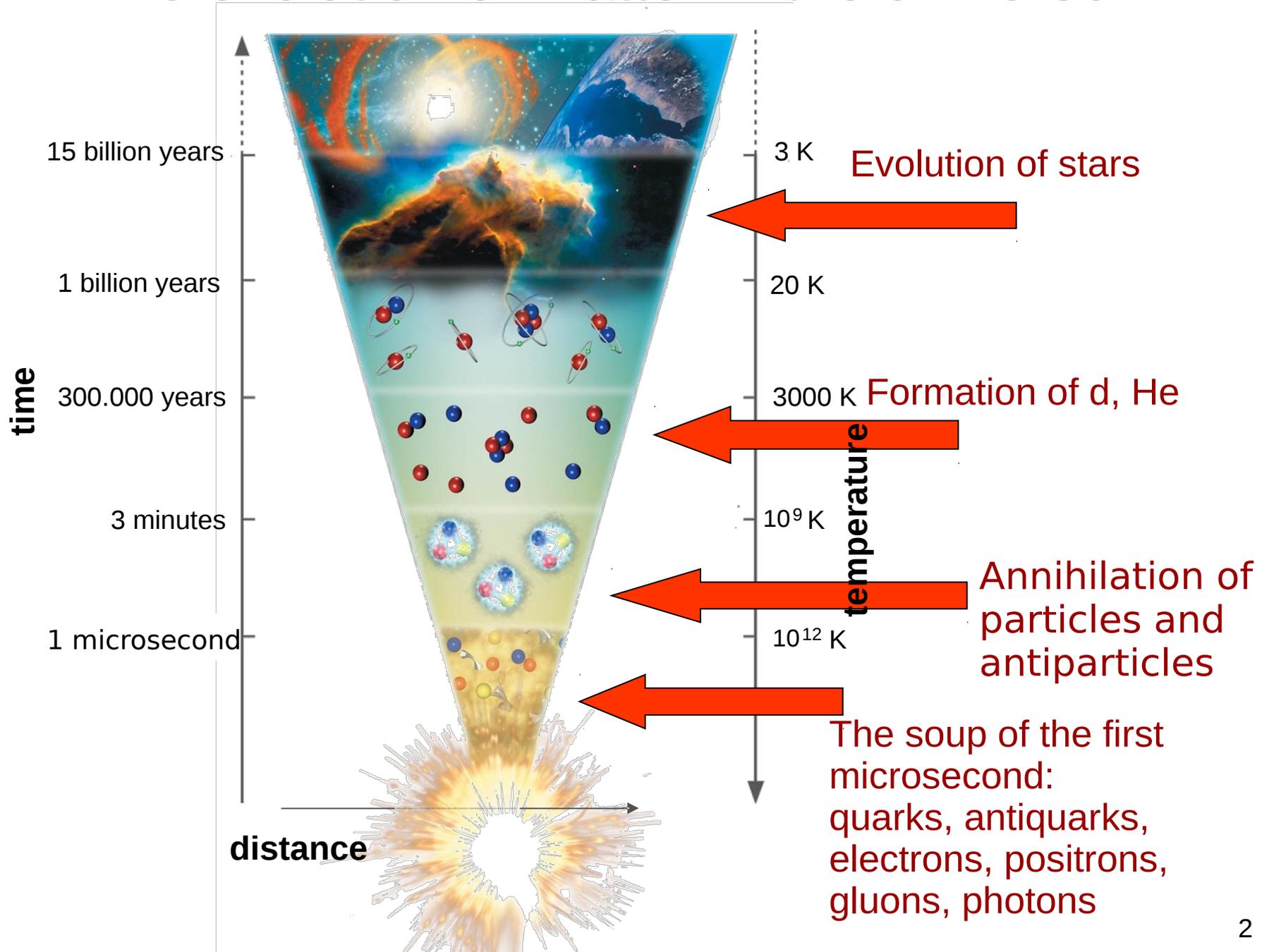
# PROJECT

# NICA

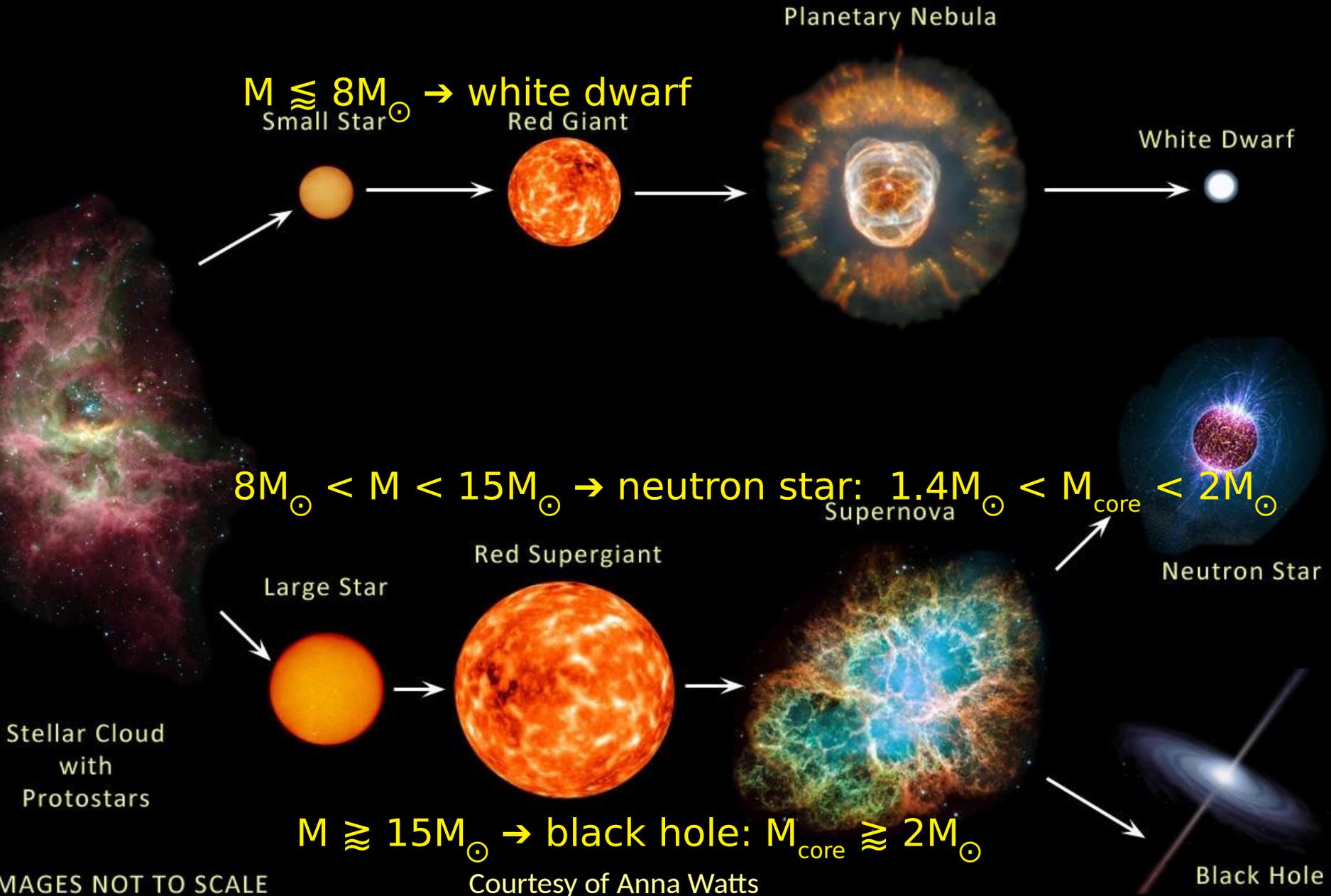
NUCLOTRON BASED ION COLLIDER FACILITY

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# The evolution of matter in the universe



# The evolution of stars



$M \approx 8M_{\odot} \rightarrow$  white dwarf  
Small Star  $\rightarrow$  Red Giant

Planetary Nebula

White Dwarf

$8M_{\odot} < M < 15M_{\odot} \rightarrow$  neutron star:  $1.4M_{\odot} < M_{\text{core}} < 2M_{\odot}$   
Large Star  $\rightarrow$  Red Supergiant  $\rightarrow$  Supernova  $\rightarrow$  Neutron Star

$M \approx 15M_{\odot} \rightarrow$  black hole:  $M_{\text{core}} \approx 2M_{\odot}$   
Large Star  $\rightarrow$  Red Supergiant  $\rightarrow$  Supernova  $\rightarrow$  Black Hole

Stellar Cloud with Protostars

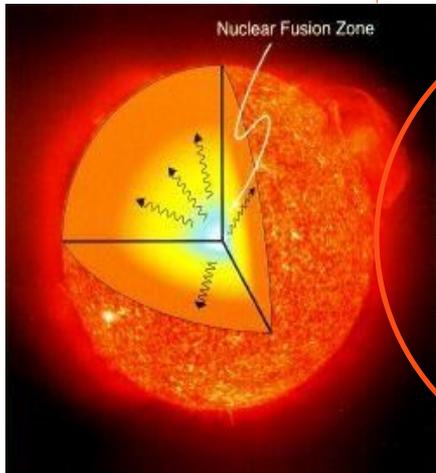
Courtesy of Anna Watts

Black Hole

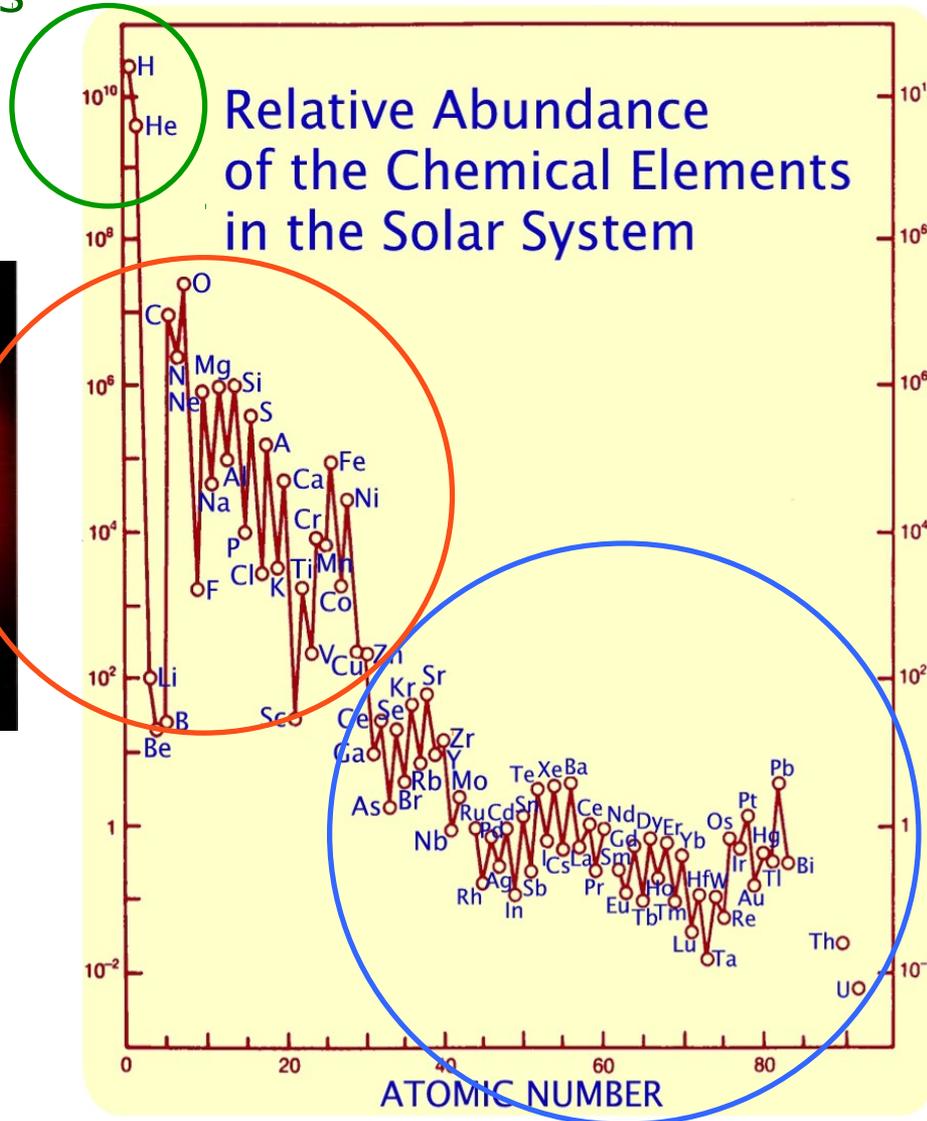
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# The Origin of Elements

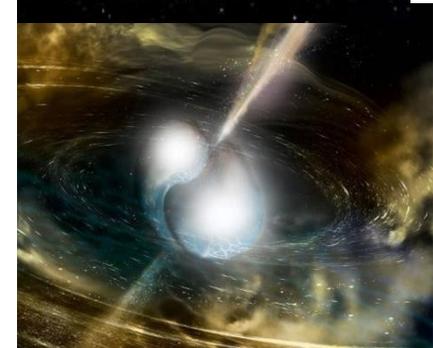
Nucleosynthesis after the Big Bang



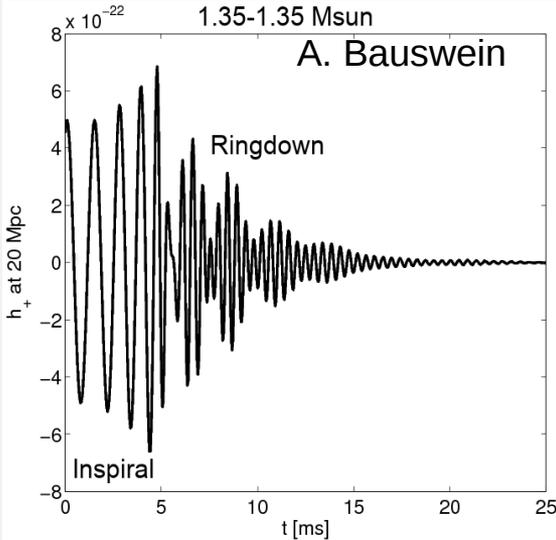
Nuclear fusion in stars



Neutron capture in Red Giants (s-process) or in supernovae or neutron star mergers (r-process)



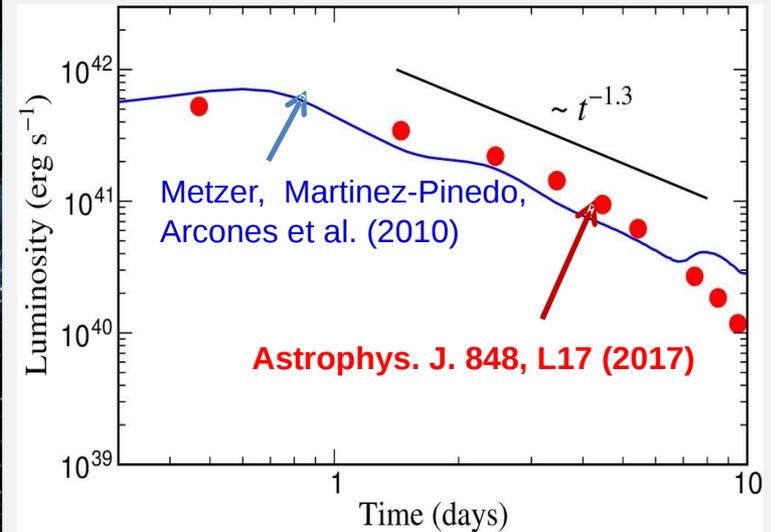
# Astrophysical site of heavy element production (r process) in the universe: Neutron star merger !



Gravitational  
Wave Signal



Neutron star merger

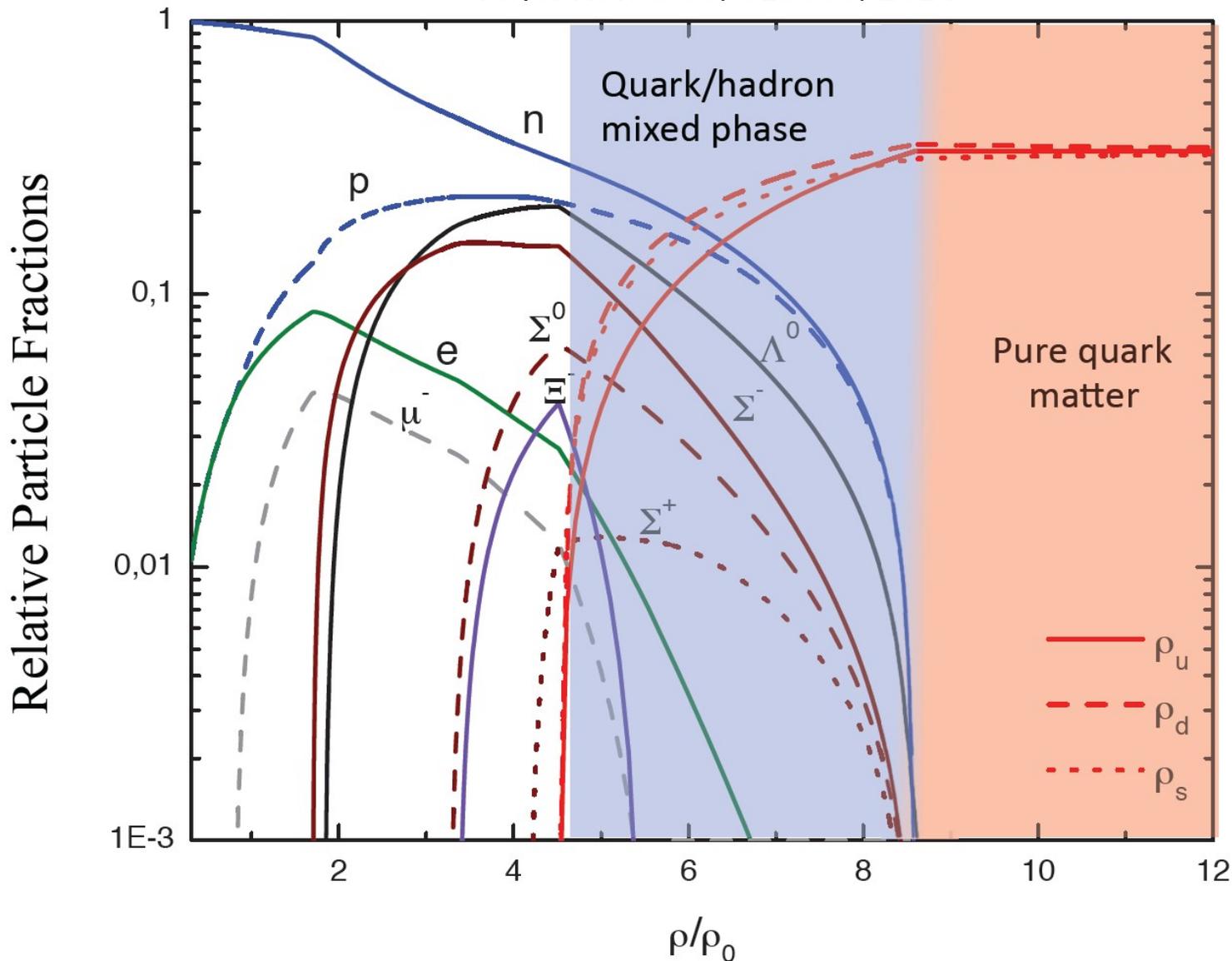


Electromagnetic  
“Kilonova” Signal

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

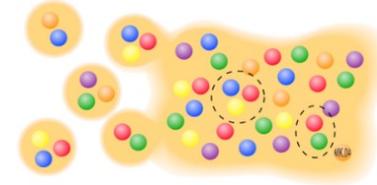
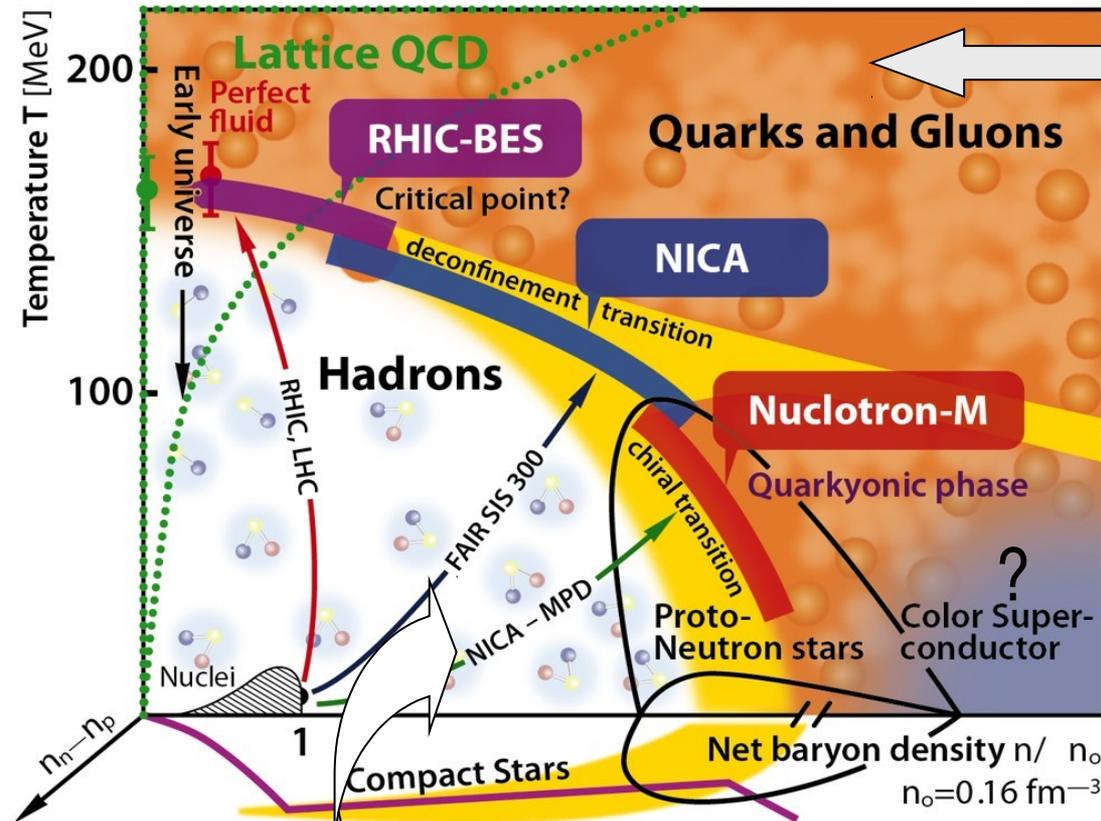
# Quark matter in massive neutron stars?

M. Orsaria, H. Rodrigues, F. Weber, G.A. Contrera, arXiv:1308.1657  
Phys. Rev. C 89, 015806, 2014



# Heavy ion collisions

## The phase diagram of QCD



- Search for the **critical point**

- Study of the **phase transition** from hadronic to partonic matter – **Quark-Gluon-Plasma**

- Search for the signatures of **chiral symmetry restoration**

- Study of the **in-medium** properties of hadrons at high baryon density and temperature

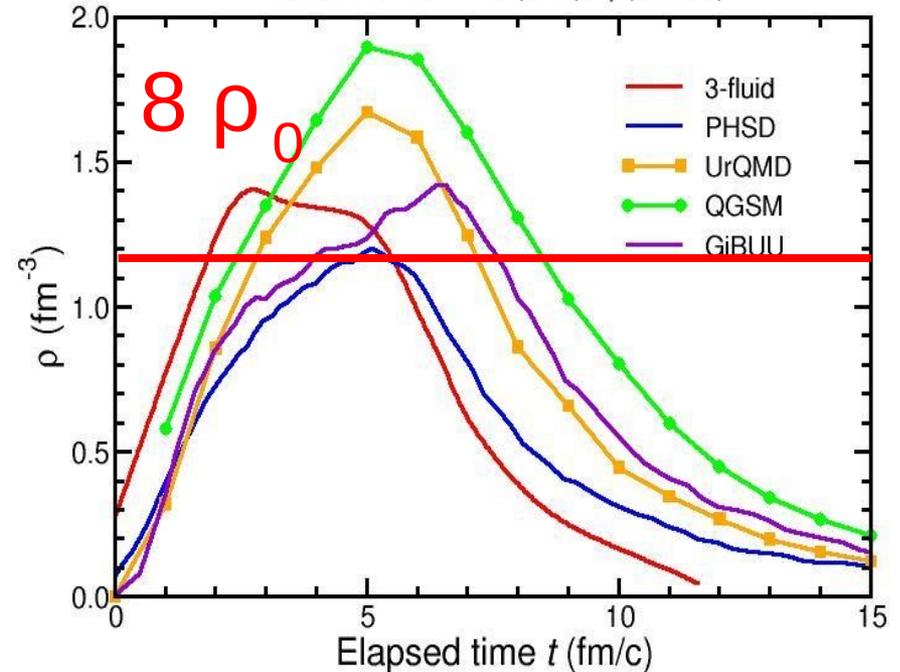
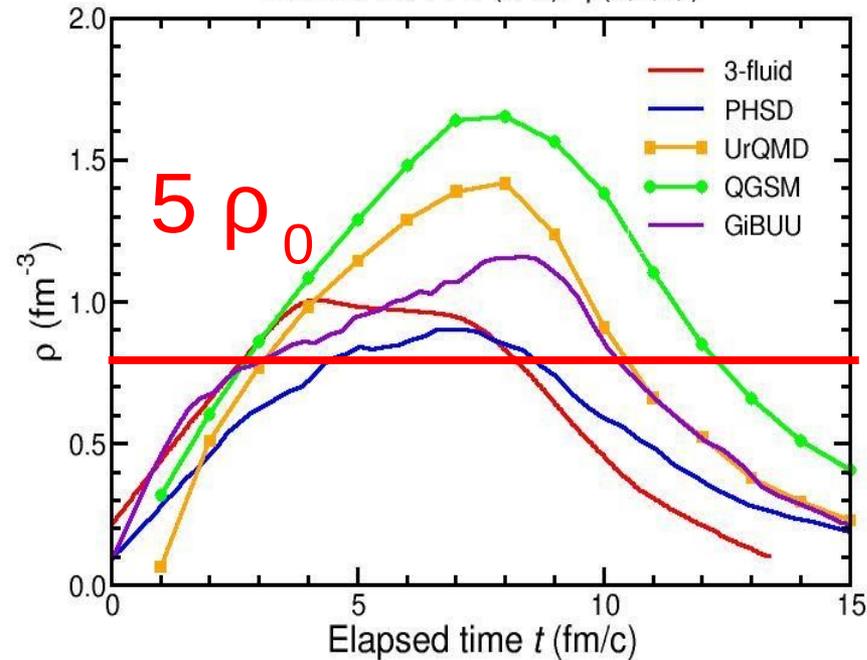
# Baryon densities in central Au+Au collisions

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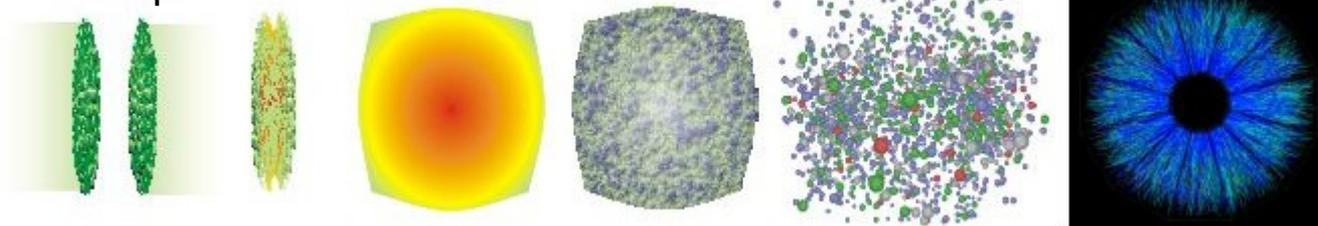
10 A GeV

5 A GeV Au + Au ( $b=0$ ):  $\rho(0,0,0,t)$

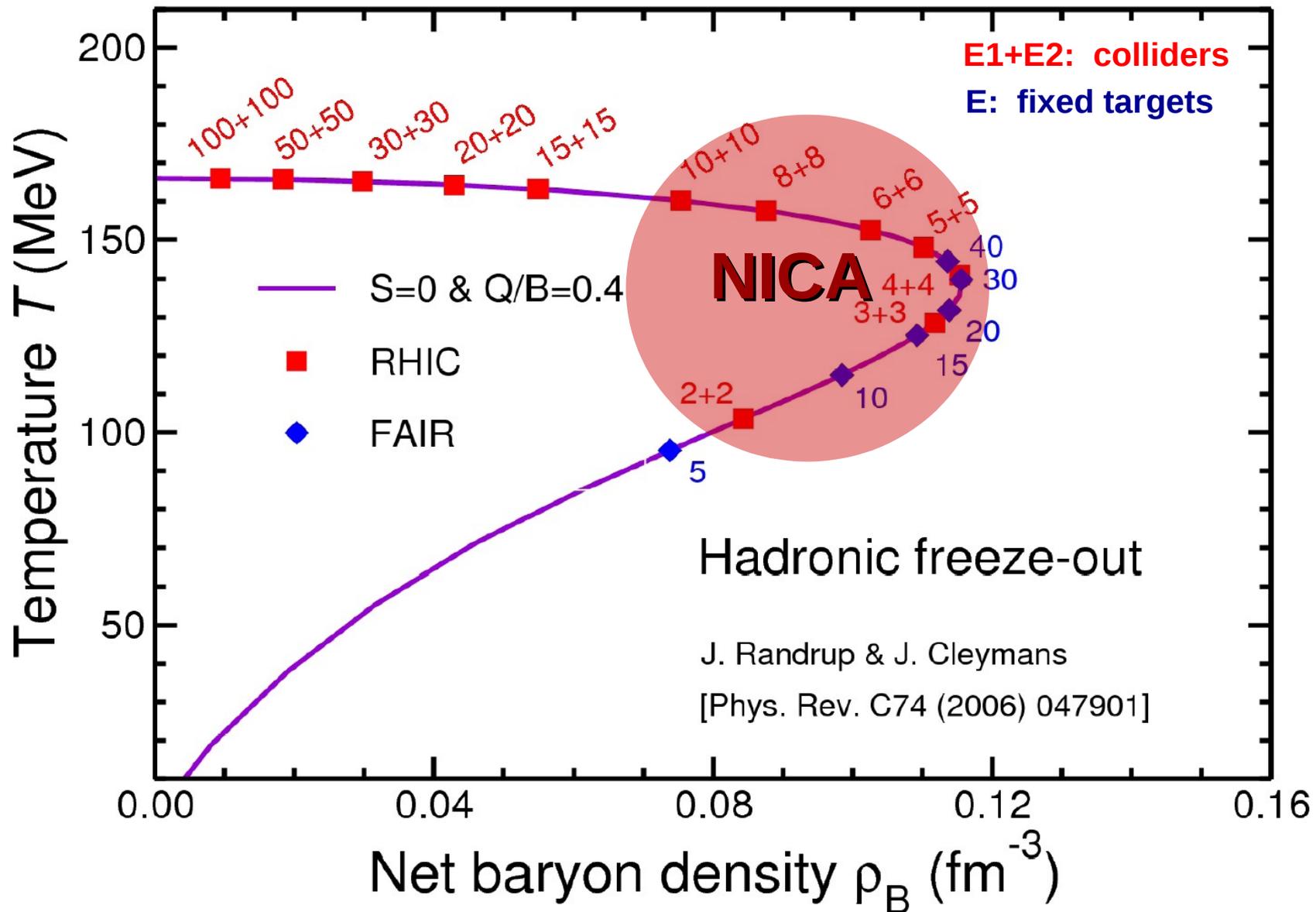
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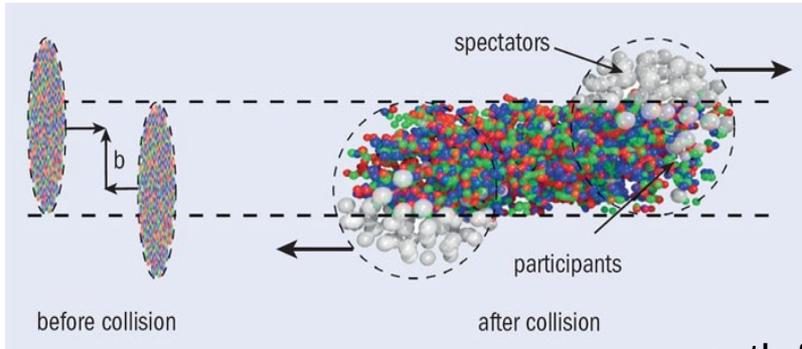
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# The «freeze-out» condition



# NICA observables: Flow

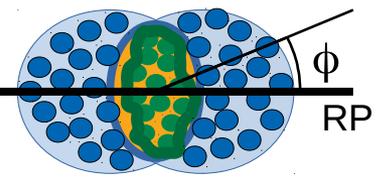


$$E \frac{d^3N}{d^3p} = \frac{1}{2\pi p_T dp_T dy} \left( 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2v_n \cos[n(\phi - \Psi_n)] \right)$$

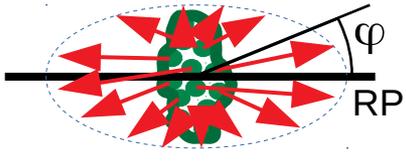
$$v_n = \langle \cos[n(\phi - \Psi_n)] \rangle \quad \phi = \text{atan} \frac{p_y}{p_x}$$

n-th flow harmonic with respect to n-th order symmetry plane.

Spatial anisotropy

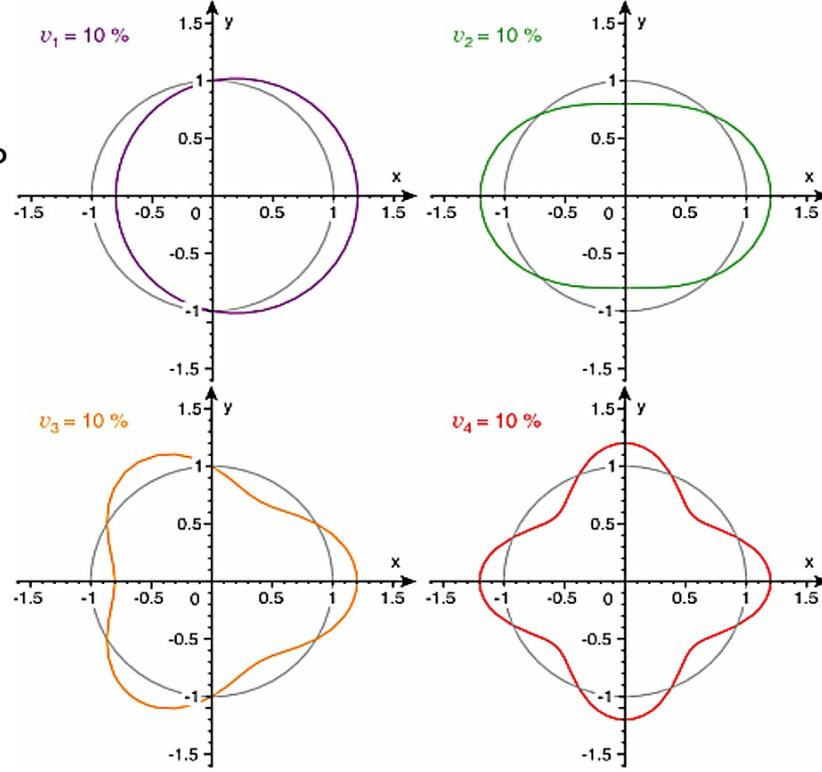


Momentum anisotropy



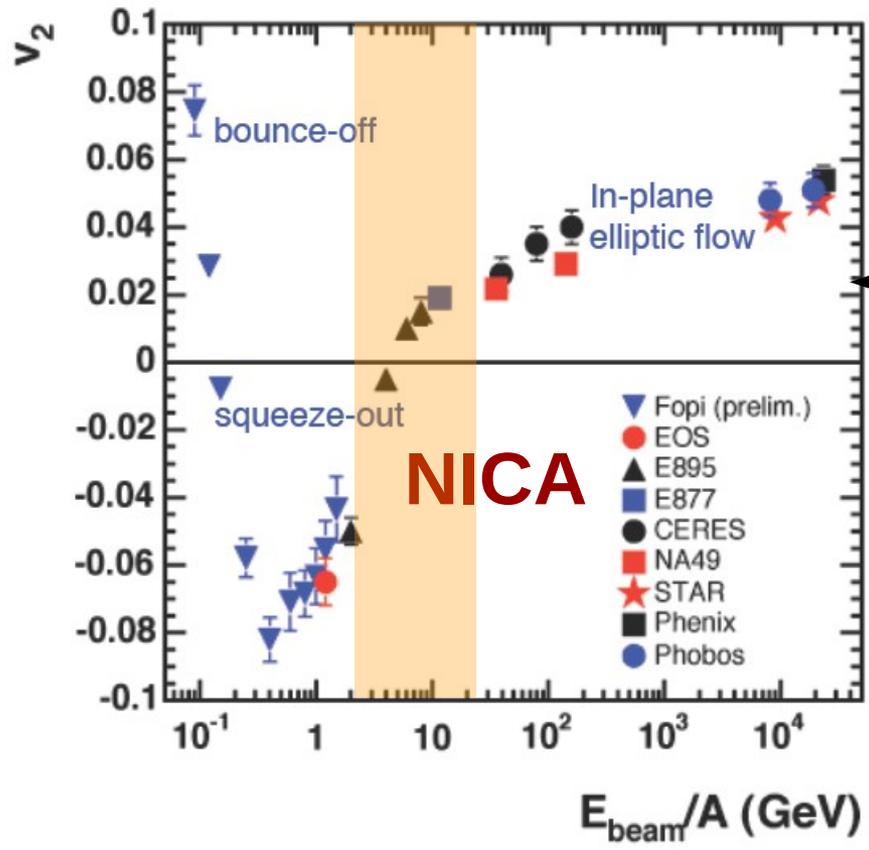
Initial eccentricity  $\epsilon_n$  leads to momentum anisotropy  $v_n$

- $v_1$  – directed flow,
- $v_2$  – elliptic flow,
- $v_n$  – higher-order harmonics



# NICA observables: Flow

## Elliptic Flow



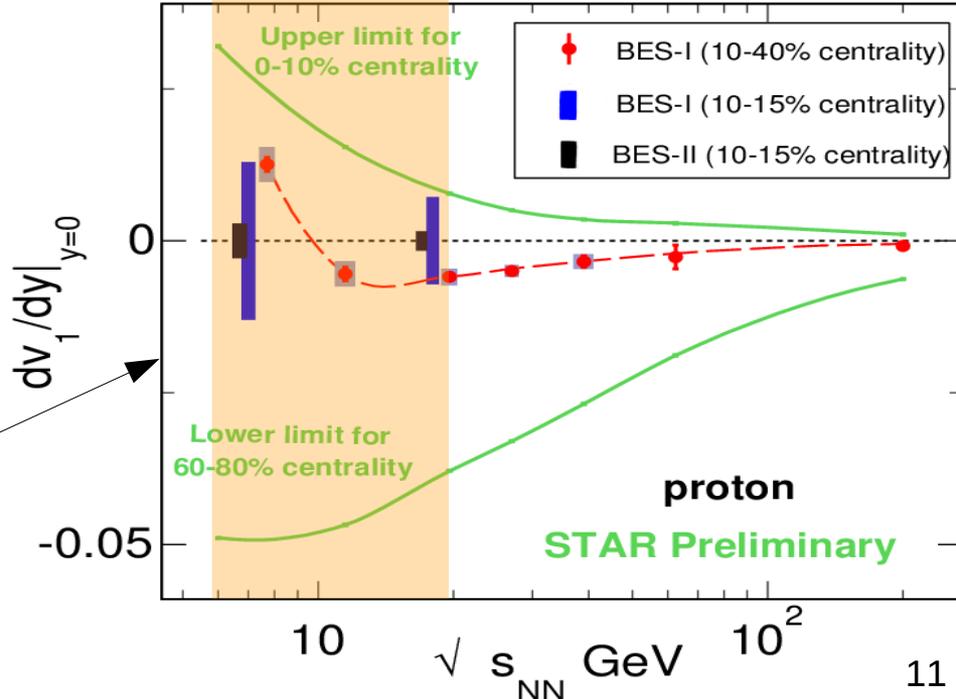
NICA energy region contains:

- $v_2 < 0$  ( $E_A = 2A$  GeV)
- $v_2 \approx 0$  ( $E_A = 4A$  GeV)
- $v_2 > 0$  ( $E_A = 6A$  GeV)

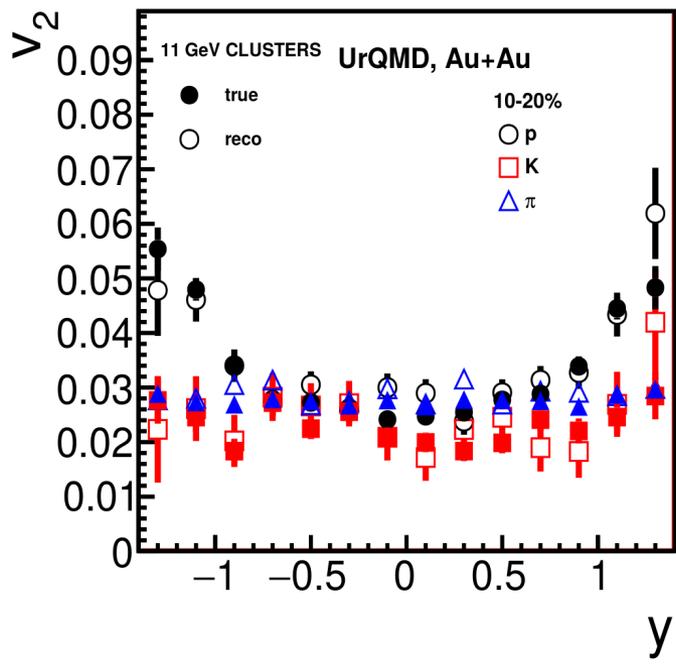
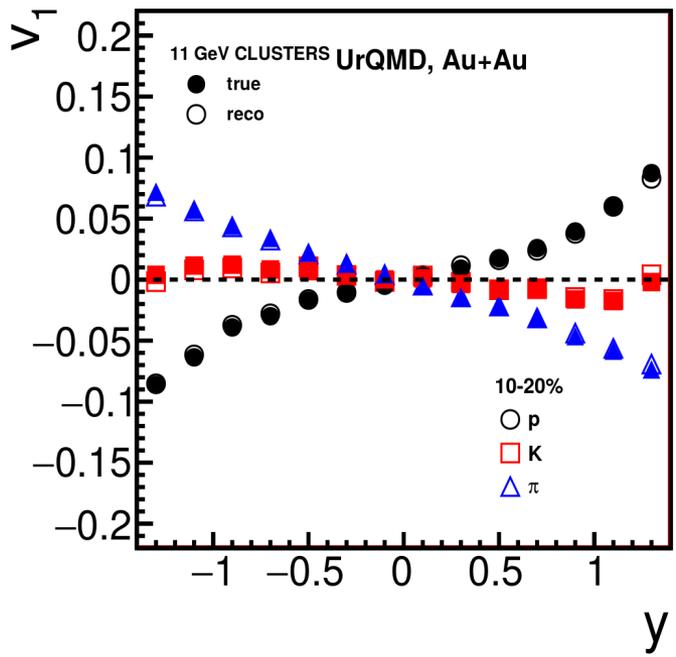
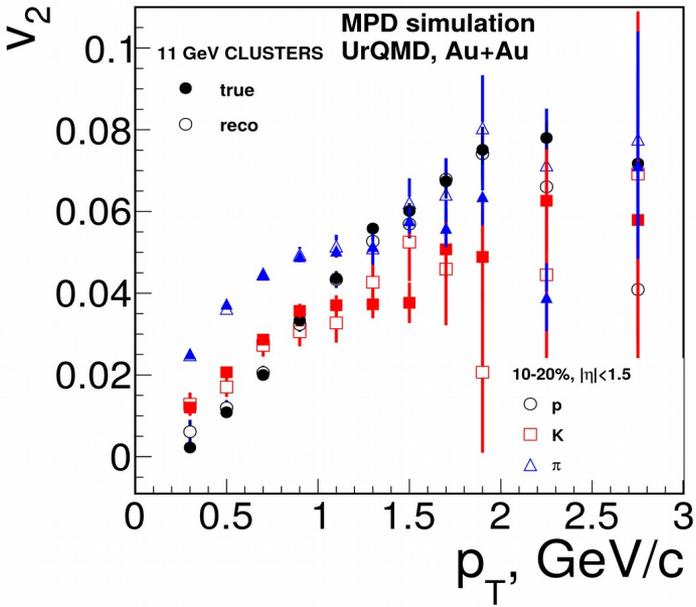
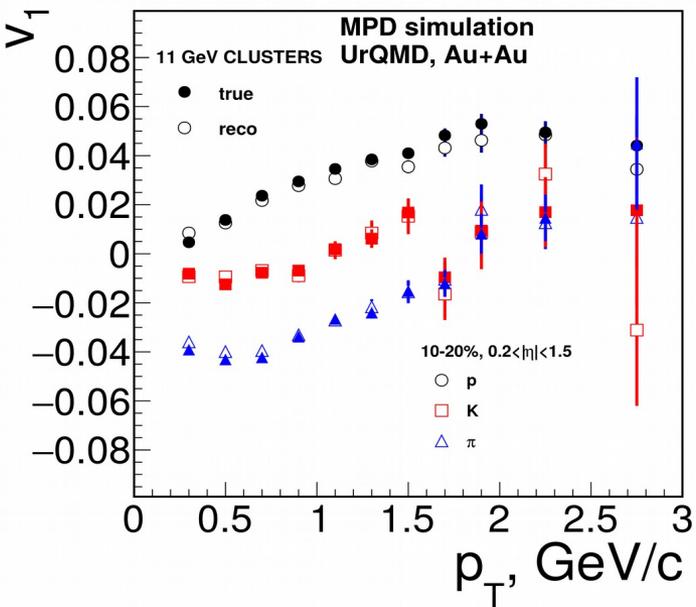
$v_2$  is very sensitive to the equation of state

- Large uncertainty in the existing experimental data at NICA energy range
- Non-monotonic  $v_1$  slope behavior can be a signature of a phase transition
- More differential (centrality classes) measurements required

## NICA



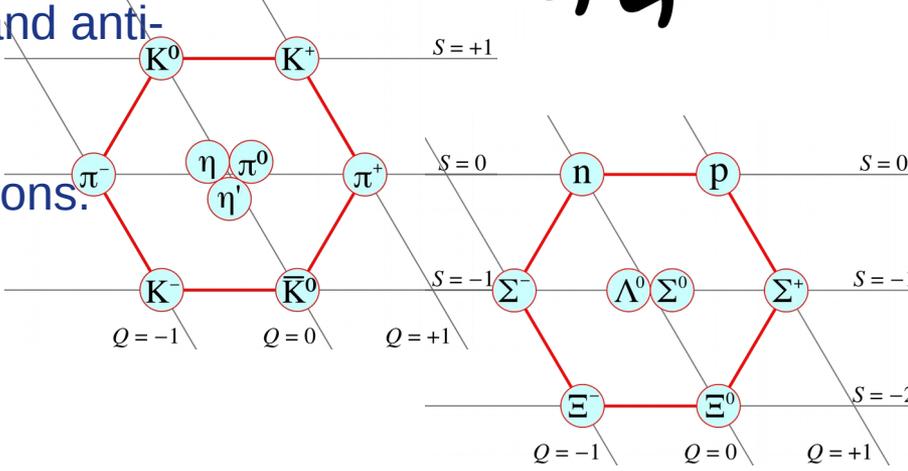
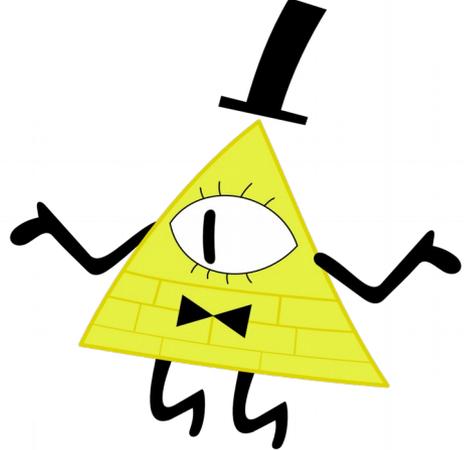
# NICA observables: Flow



# NICA observables: **Strangeness**

## In particle physics:

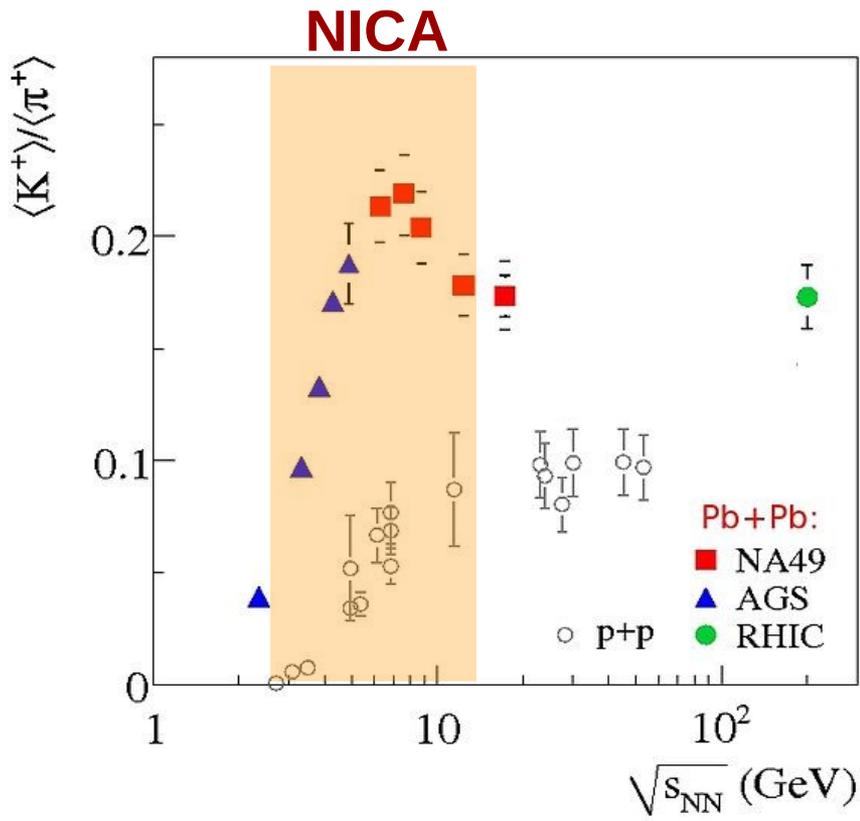
- Strangeness ("**S**") is a property of particles, expressed as a quantum number
- Strangeness of a particle is defined as  $S = (n_s - n_{\bar{s}})$ , where  $n_s$  and  $n_{\bar{s}}$  are the numbers of strange and anti-strange quarks, respectively.
- Strangeness is conserved in strong interactions:



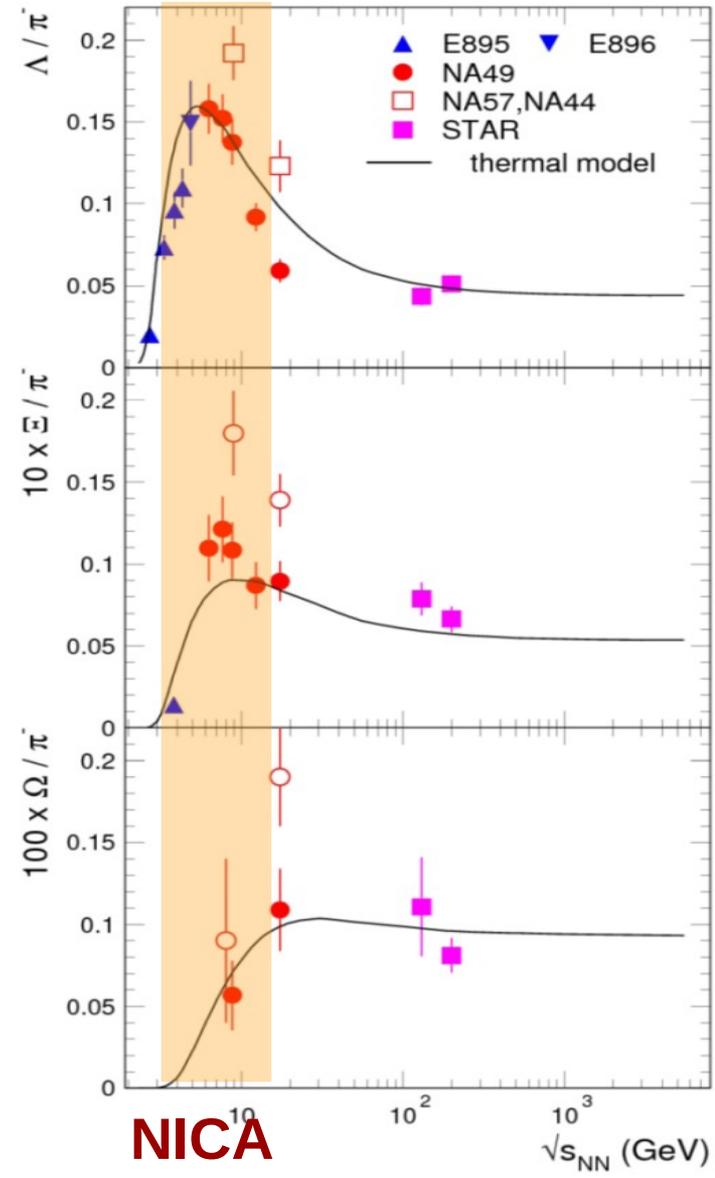
## In heavy ion physics:

- Produced strangeness means a number of pairs of strange and anti-strange particles,  $Ns\bar{s}$
- The most popular hadrons which carry strangeness are:
  - \* the lightest (anti-)strange mesons ( $M \approx 0.5$  GeV):  $K^+(u\bar{s}), K^-(\bar{u}s), K^0(d\bar{s}), \bar{K}^0(\bar{d}s)$
  - \* the lightest strange baryon ( $M \approx 1.1$  GeV):  $\Lambda(uds), \bar{\Lambda}(\bar{u}\bar{d}\bar{s})$
- Strange and anti-strange quarks can also be hidden in strangeness neutral  $\phi(s\bar{s})$  meson.

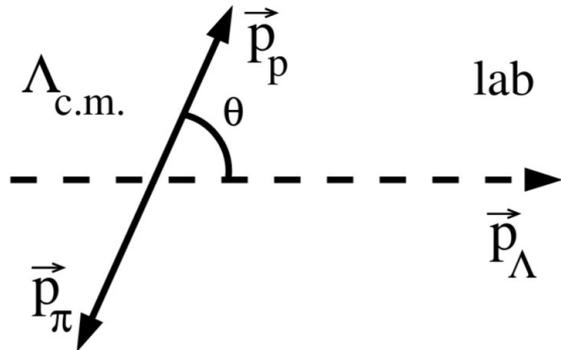
# NICA observables: Strangeness



NA49 : Phys. Rev. C 77, (2008)



# NICA observables: $\Lambda$ polarization

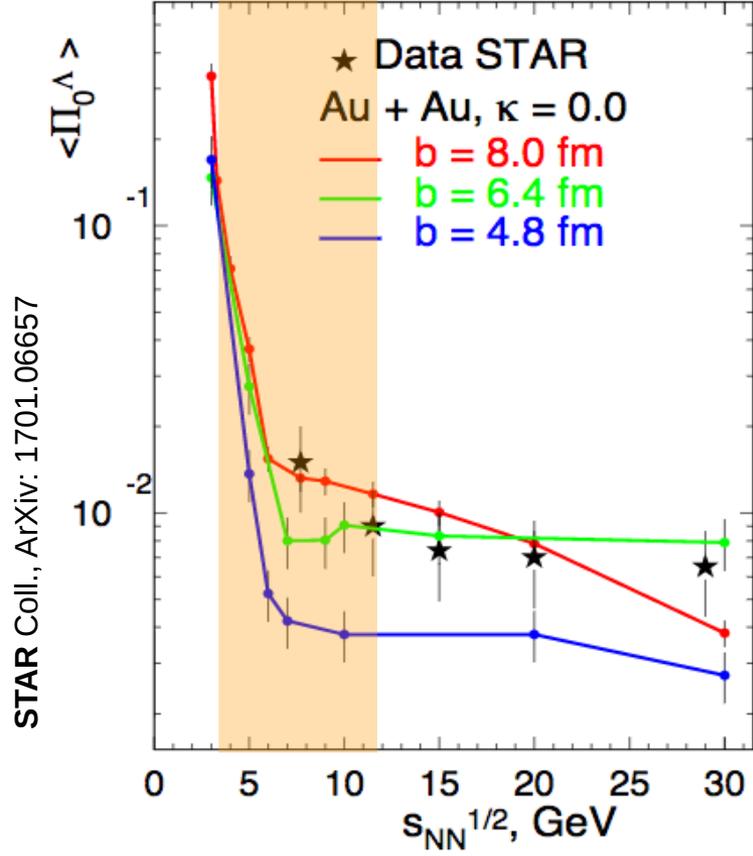


$$\Lambda^0 \rightarrow + \pi^- \quad P_\Lambda = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\langle \cos(\theta_{cm}) \rangle}{\langle \cos^2(\theta_{cm}) \rangle}$$

$\theta$  = angle between proton momentum and  $\Lambda$  polarization plane in  $\Lambda$  rest frame

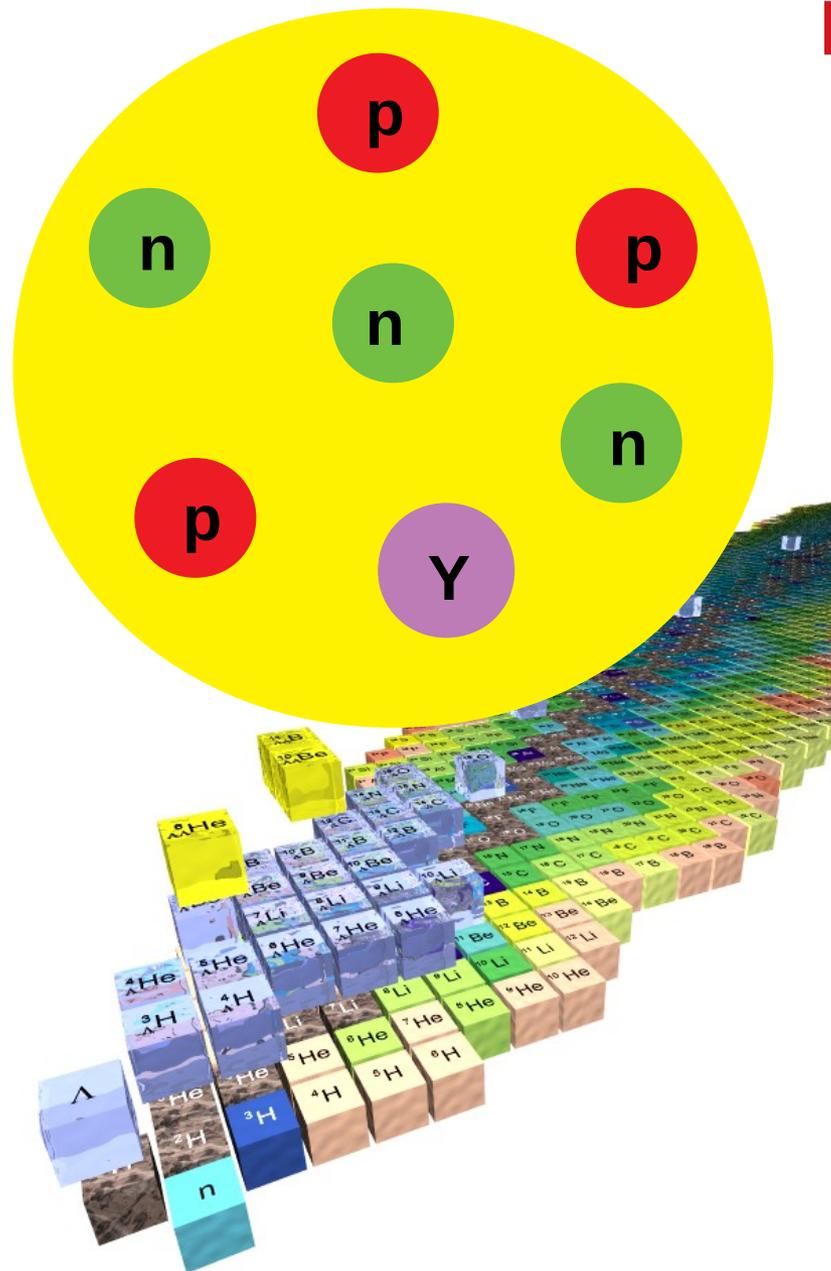
$\alpha = 0.642$  -  $\Lambda^0$  decay asymmetry parameter

## NICA



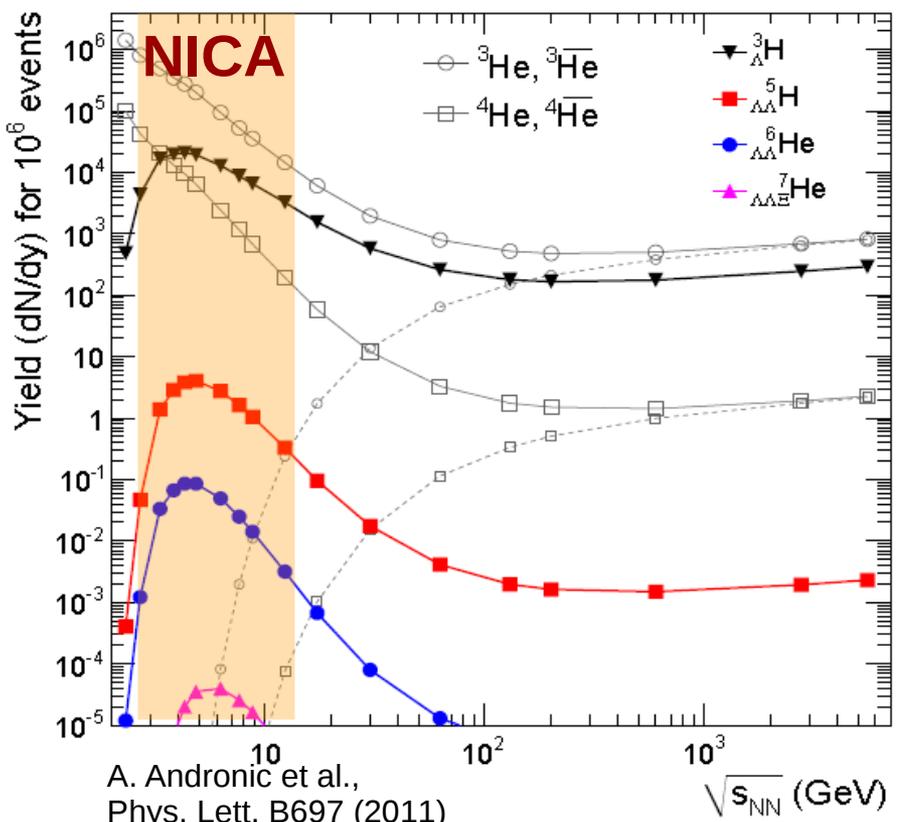
# NICA observables: Hypernuclei –

## hyperons bound in nucleons

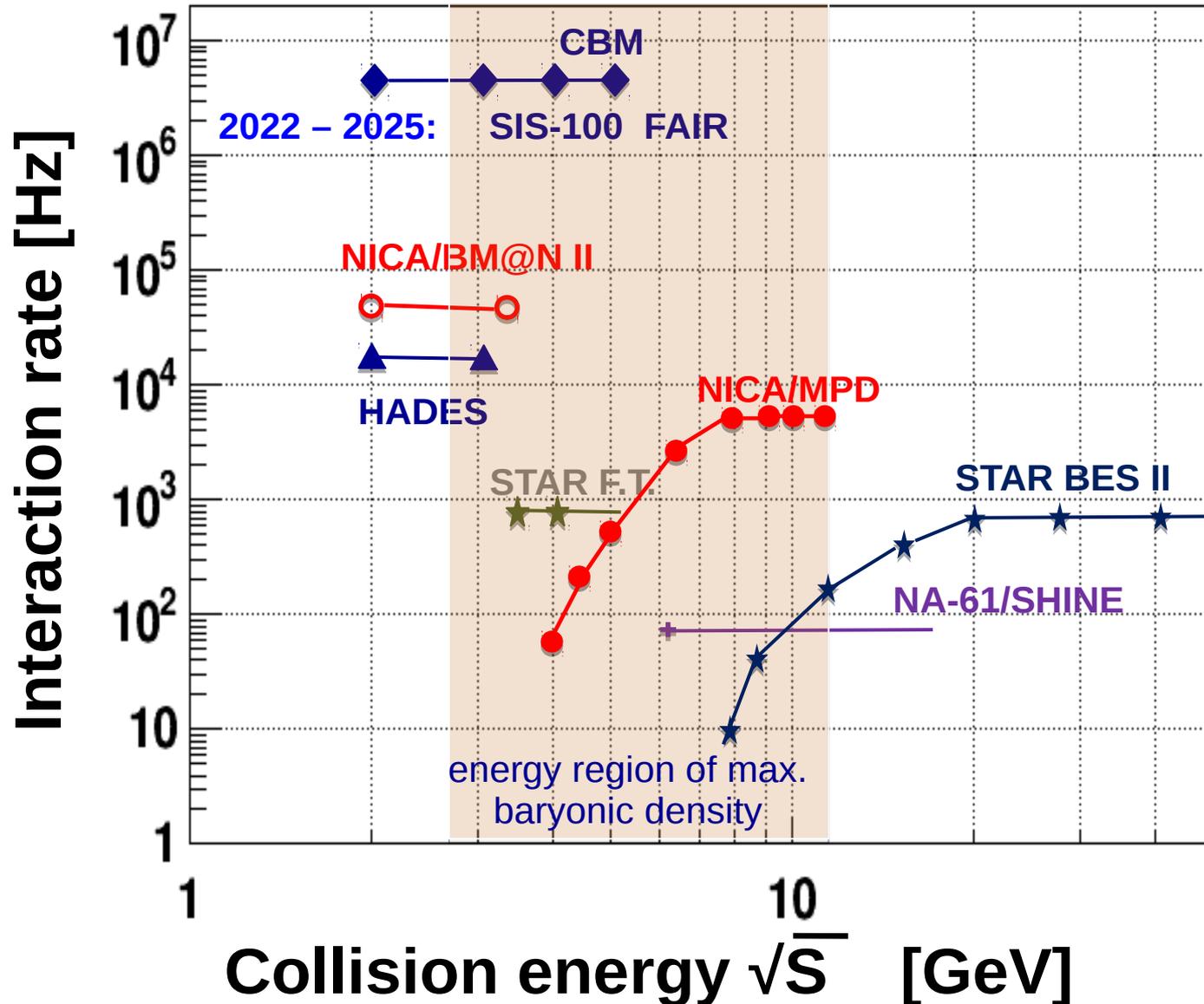


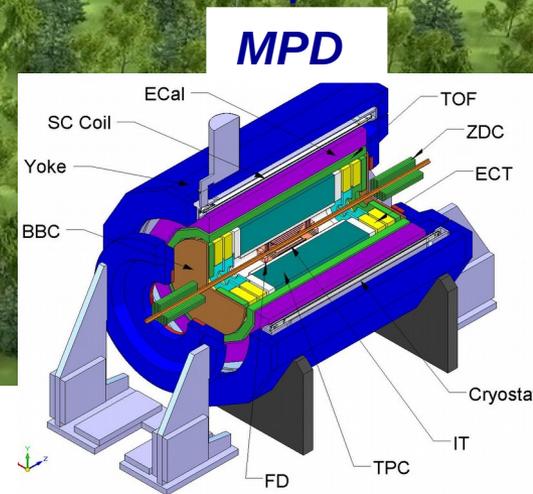
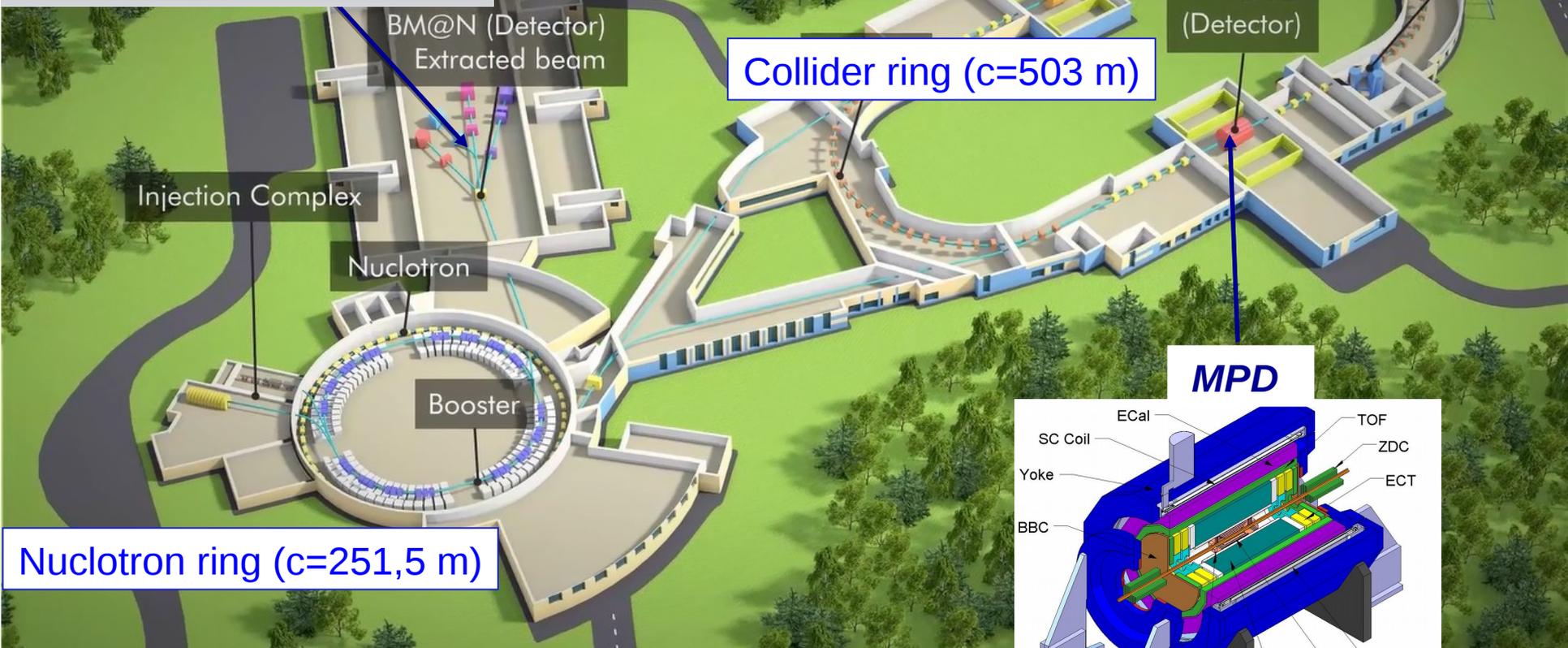
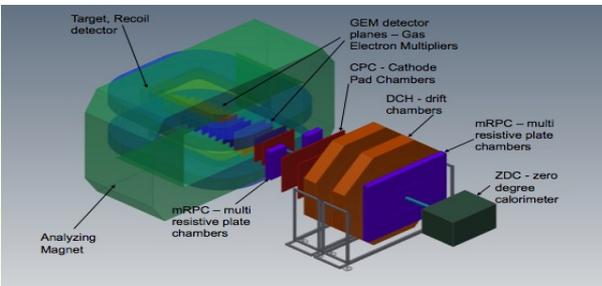
$$\begin{matrix}
 A \\
 Y \\
 Z
 \end{matrix}$$

$Y = \text{Hyperon}$   
 $Z = Z_p + (N_y * q_y)$   
 $A = N_n + N_p + N_y$



# Present and future HI experiments





# Baryonic Matter at Nuclotron (BM@N)



experiment at Nuclotron extracted beams

## BM@N Collaboration:

Russia: INR, MEPhi, SINP, MSU, IHEP, S-Ptr Radium Inst.

Bulgaria: Plovdiv University;

China: Tsinghua University, Beijing;

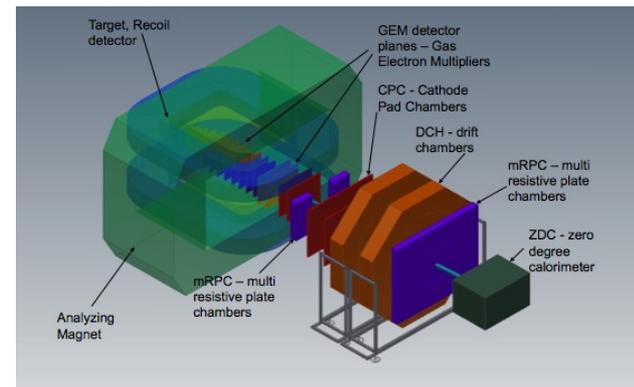
Poland: Warsaw University of Technology;

Israel: Tel Aviv Uni., Weizman Inst.

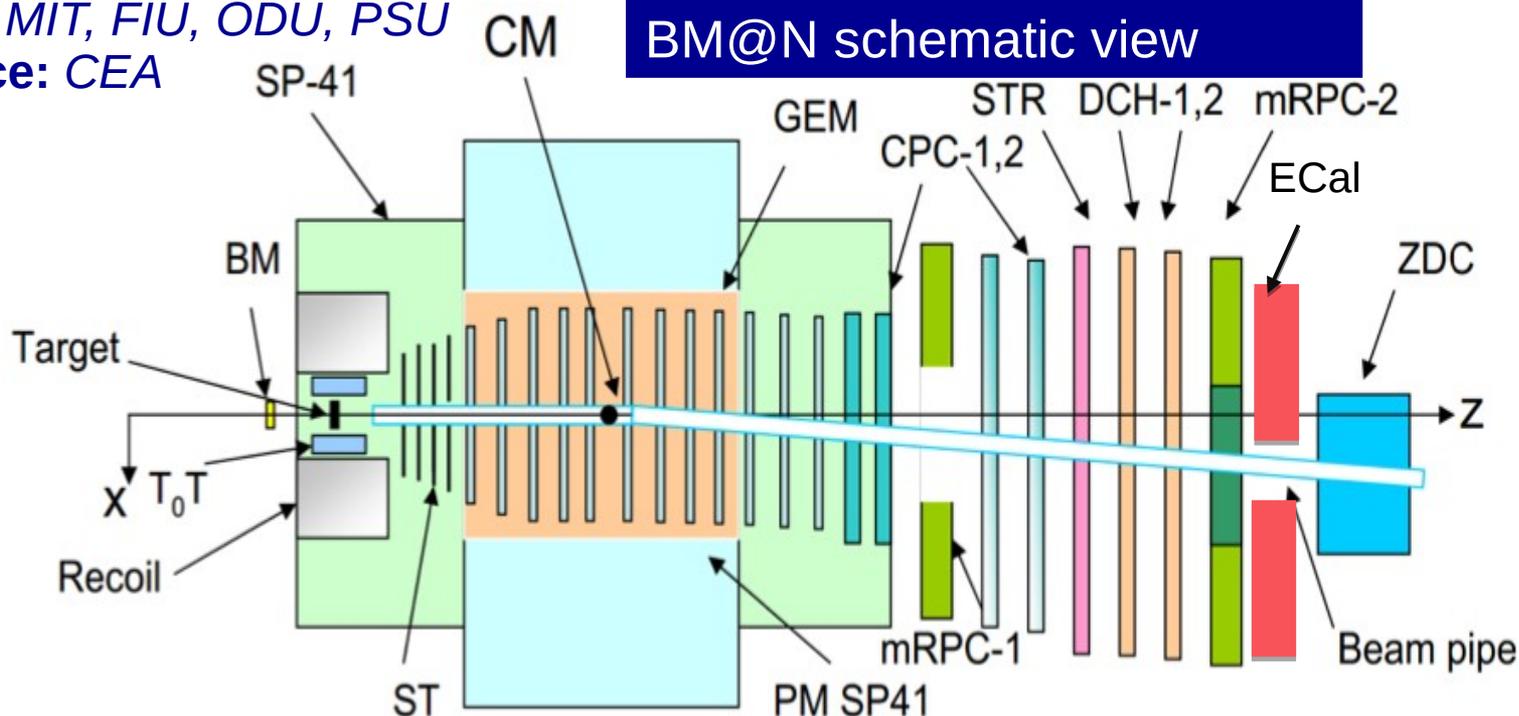
Germany: Frankfurt Uni.; GSI

USA: MIT, FIU, ODU, PSU

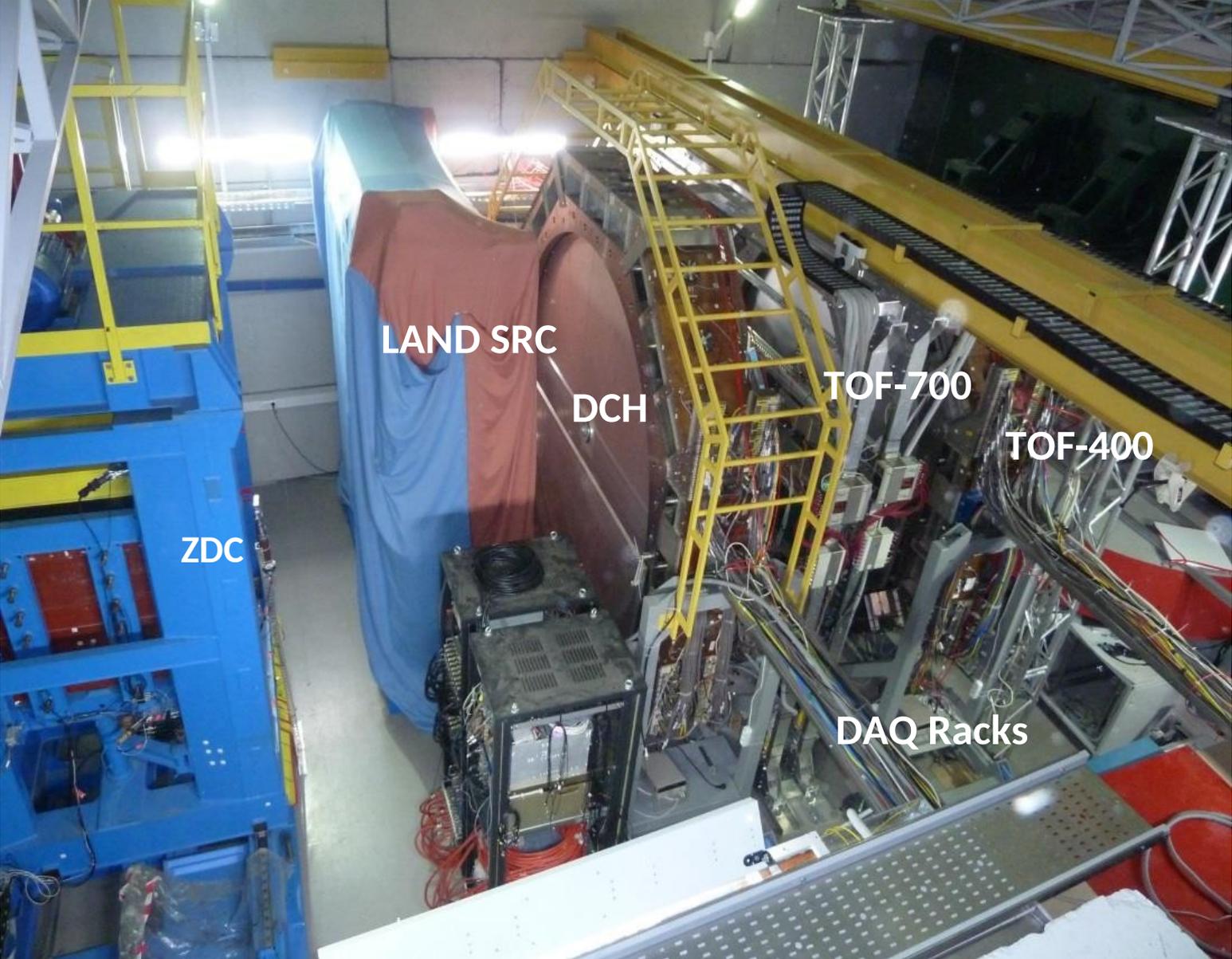
France: CEA



## BM@N schematic view



# BM@N setup



ZDC

LAND SRC

DCH

TOF-700

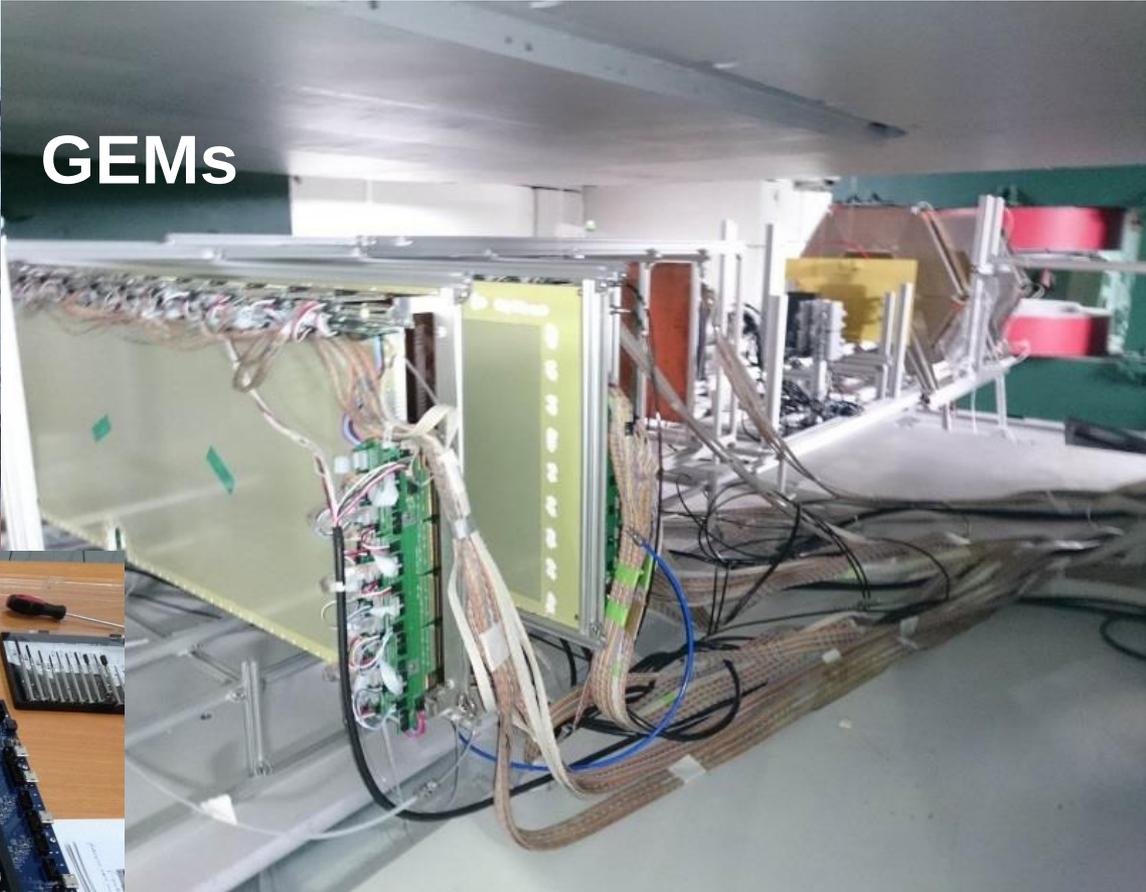
TOF-400

DAQ Racks

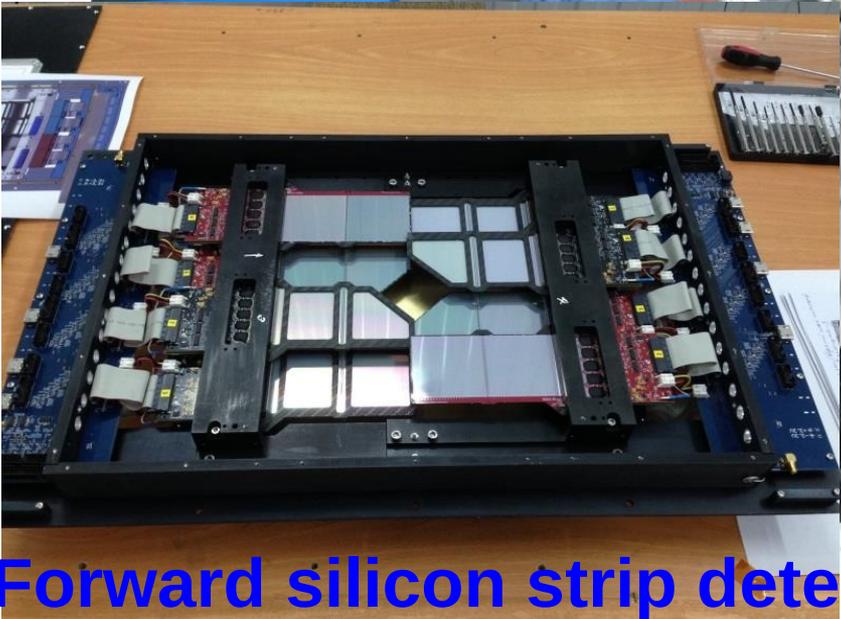
# BM@N setup



tests of Big GEM



GEMs



Forward silicon strip detector

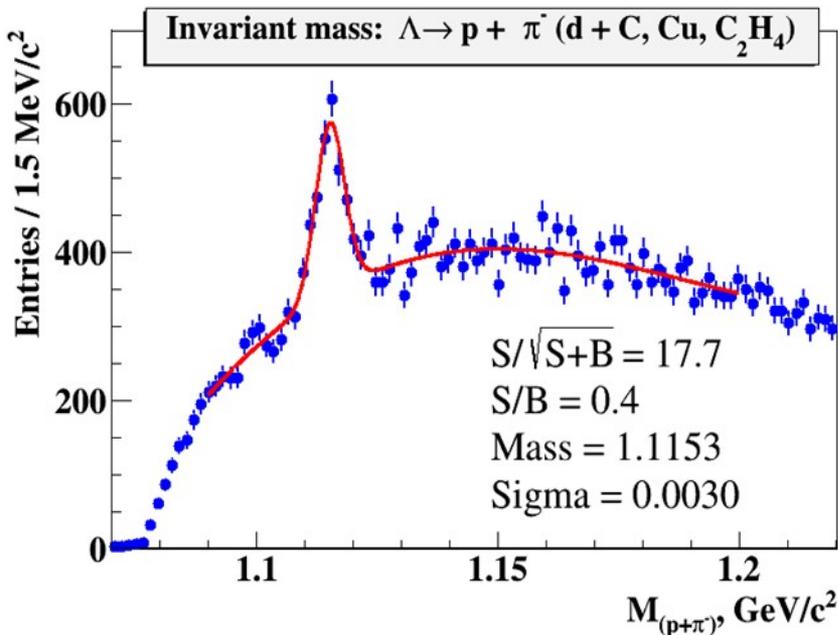


# $\Lambda$ in deuteron and carbon beams



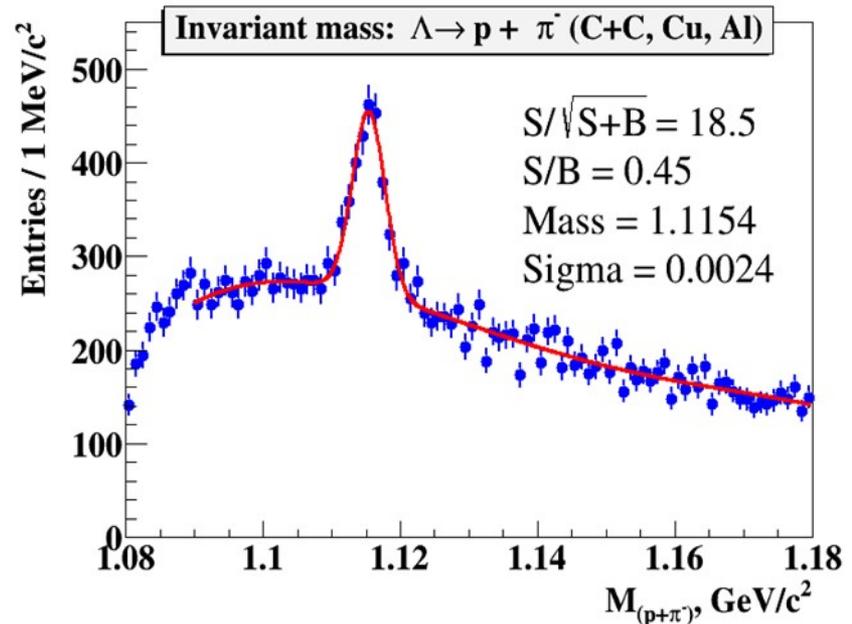
$\Lambda$  signal width of 2.4 - 3 MeV

## Deuteron Data



G.Pokatashkin, I.Rufanov,  
V.Vasendina and A.Zinchenko

## Carbon beam run, 4 AGeV



To improve vertex and momentum resolution and reduce background under  $\Lambda$ :

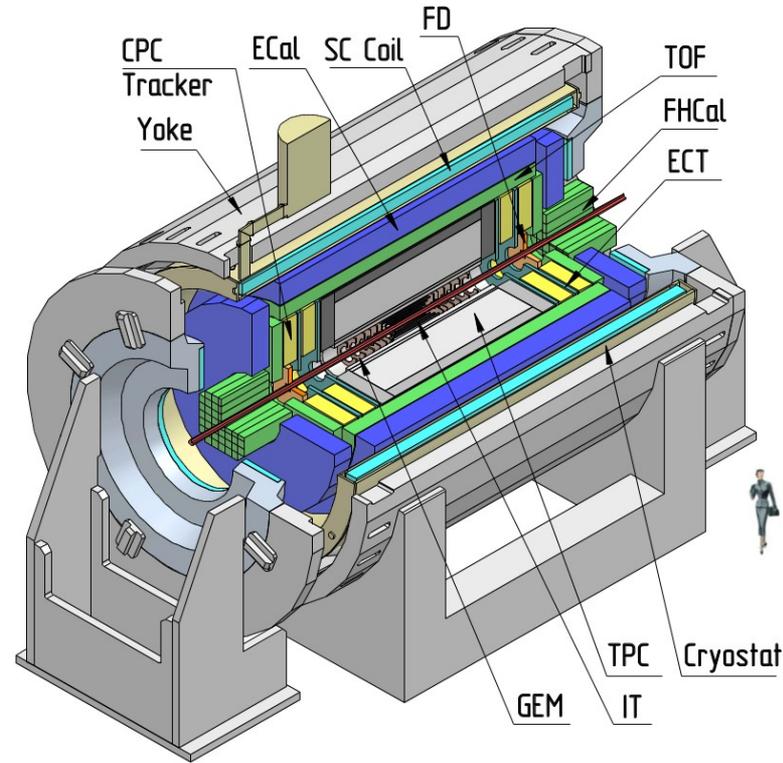
- Need few planes of forward Silicon detectors  $\rightarrow$  3 planes in next run
- Need more GEM planes to improve track momentum reconstruction

<https://doi.org/10.1134/S1547477118020036>

# MultiPurpose Detector (MPD)

## Main target:

- study of hot and dense baryonic matter at the energy range of *max net baryonic density*



*expression of interest by:*

## MPD Collaboration:

- JINR, Dubna;
- Tsinghua University, Beijing, China;
- MEPhI, Moscow, Russia.
- INR, RAS, Russia;
- PPC BSU, Minsk, Belarus;
- WUT, Warsaw, Poland;

**CERN;**  
Mexico Institutions;  
PI Az.AS, Baku, Azerbaijan;  
ITEP, NC KI, Moscow, Russia;  
PNPI NC KI, Saint Petersburg, Russia;  
CPPT USTC, Hefei, China;  
SS, HU, Huzhou, Republic of South Africa.

# MultiPurpose Detector @ NICA

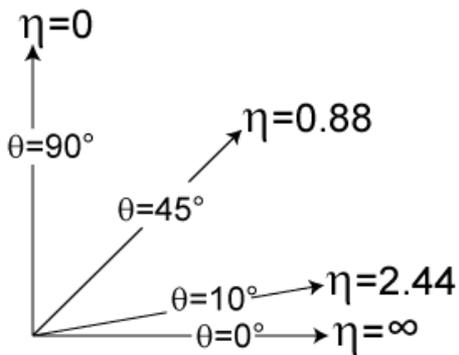
**Tracking:** up to  $|\eta| < 1.8$  (TPC)

**PID:** hadrons, e,  $\gamma$  (TOF, TPC, ECAL)

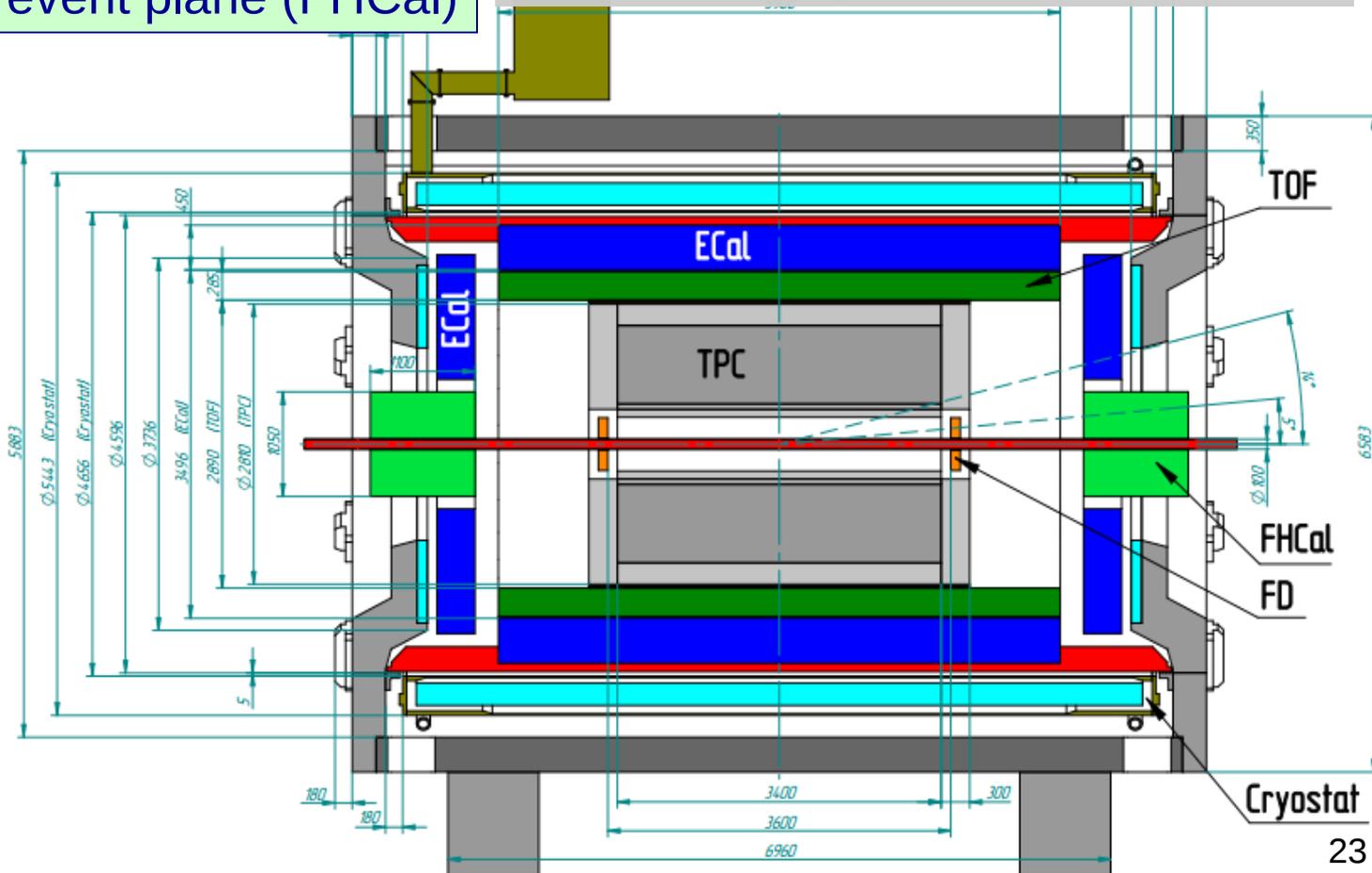
**Event characterization:**  
centrality & event plane (FHCal)

**Stage 1 (2020):** TPC, FHCal, FFD, Barrel (TOF, Ecal)

**Stage 2 (2023):** ITS (JINR+ CERN), EndCaps (tracker, TOF, Ecal)



$$\eta = -\ln \left[ \operatorname{tg} \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right]$$

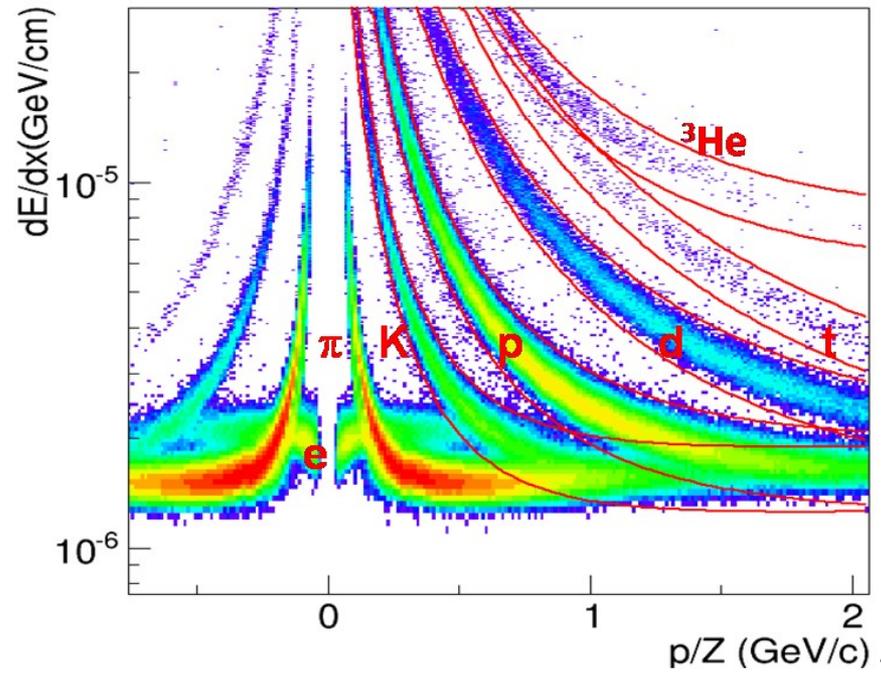
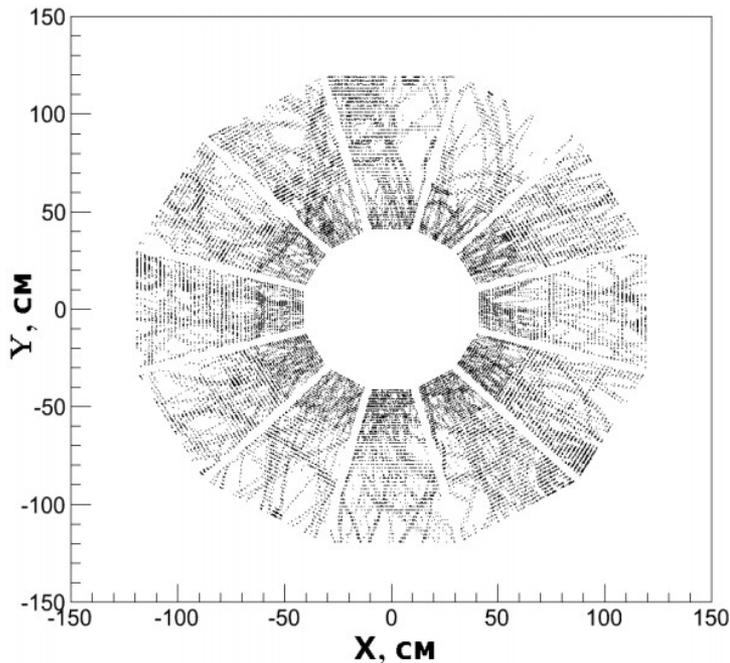
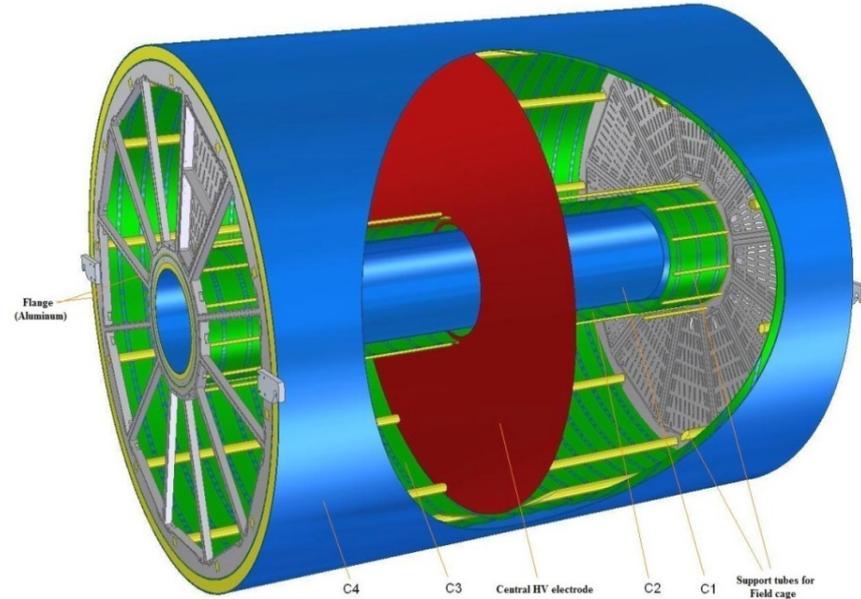


# Time Projection Chamber (TPC)

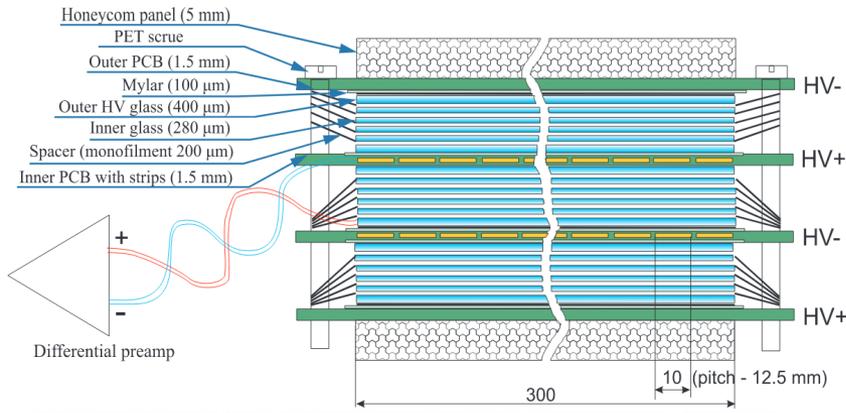
The main tracking detector of the central barrel.

3-d tracking and PID for high multiplicity events.

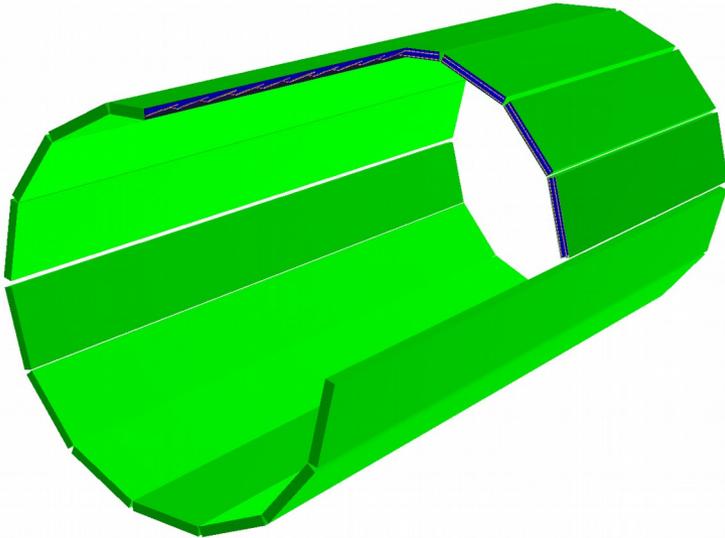
- The overall acceptance of  $|\eta| < 1.2$
- The momentum resolution for charge particles **under 3%** in  $0.1 < p_t < 1$  GeV/c.
- Two-track resolution of about 1 cm.
- Hadron and lepton identification by  $dE/dx$  measurements with a resolution better than 8%



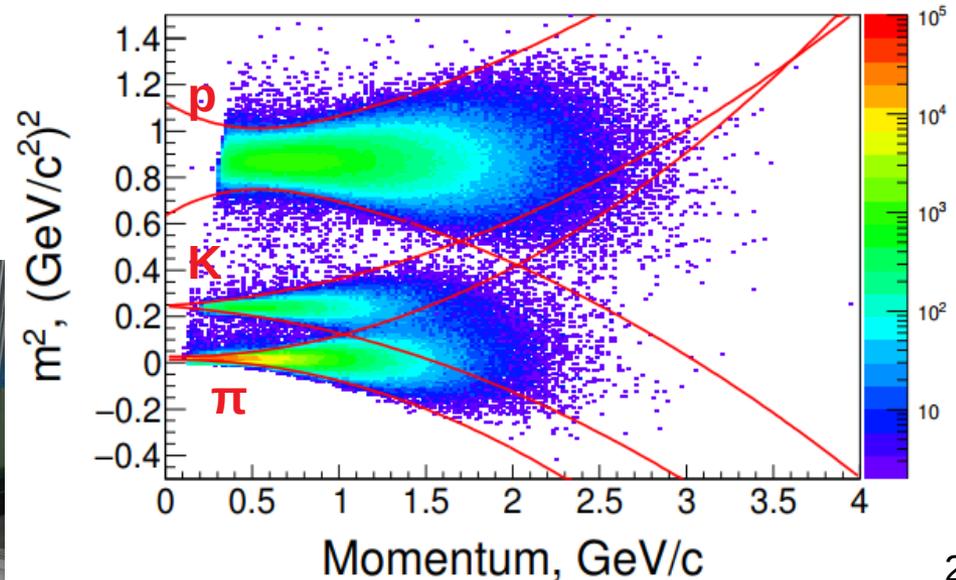
# Time Of Flight system (ToF)



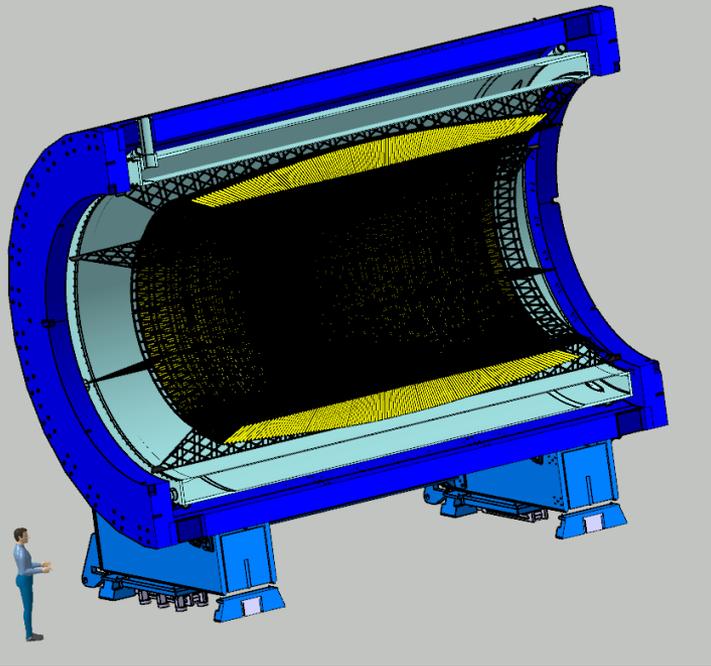
Identification of charged hadrons (PID) at intermediate momenta (0.1 – 2 GeV/c).  
 Based on Multigap Resistive Plate Chambers  
 Maximum occupancy does not exceed 15% per channel.  
 Geometrical efficiency  $\sim 95\%$   
 Time resolution of MRPC prototype  $\sim 60$  ps



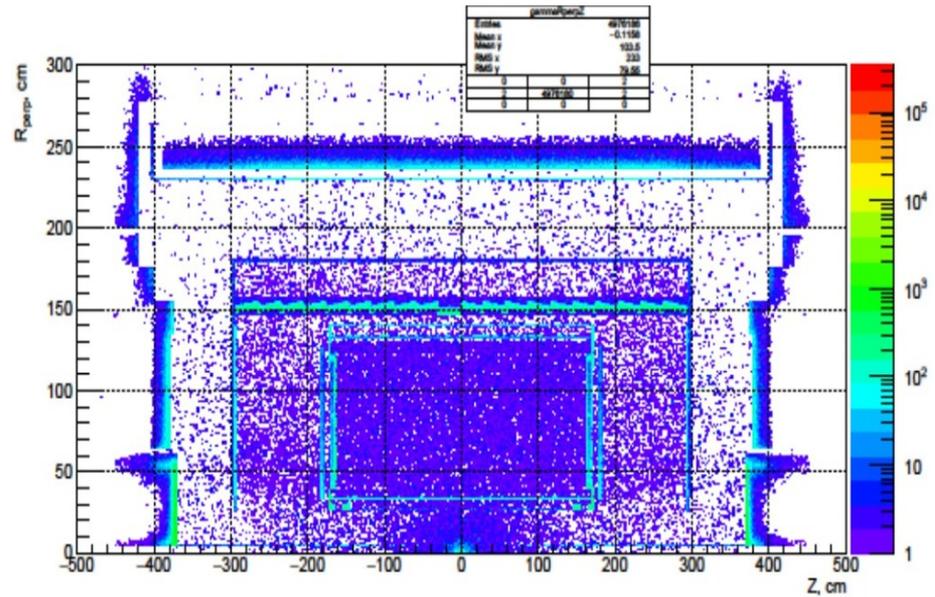
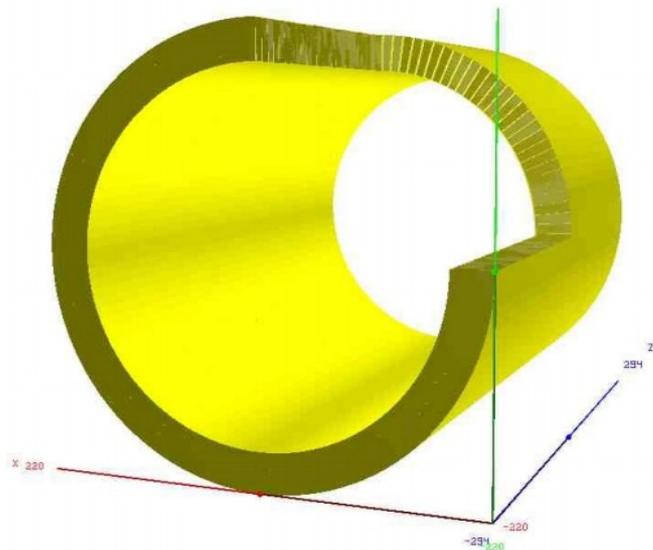
$$M^2 = (p/q)^2 \left( \frac{c^2 t^2}{l^2} - 1 \right)$$



# Electromagnetic Calorimeter (ECal)



- \* ECal will provide measurements for electromagnetic and hadronic showers caused by particle interaction.
- \* Modules are a shashlyk type alternating lead-scintillator, light is carried by Wave Length Shifting Fibers to HAMAMATSU MAPD photon counters
- \* Trapezoidal projective geometry

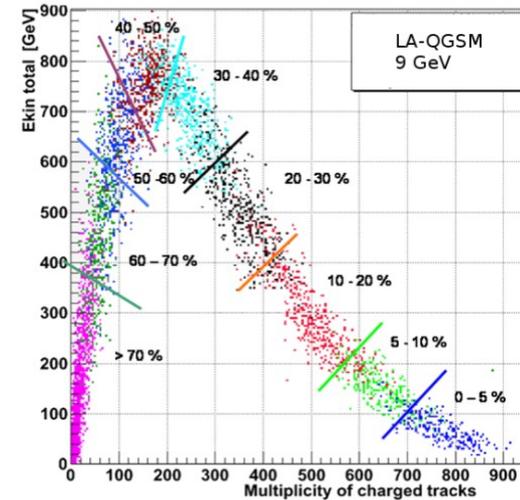
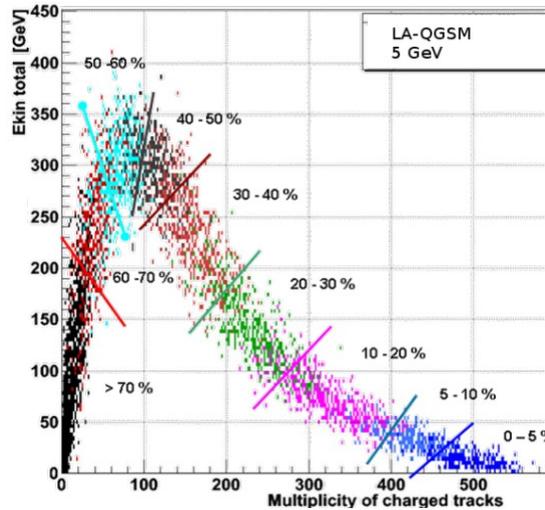
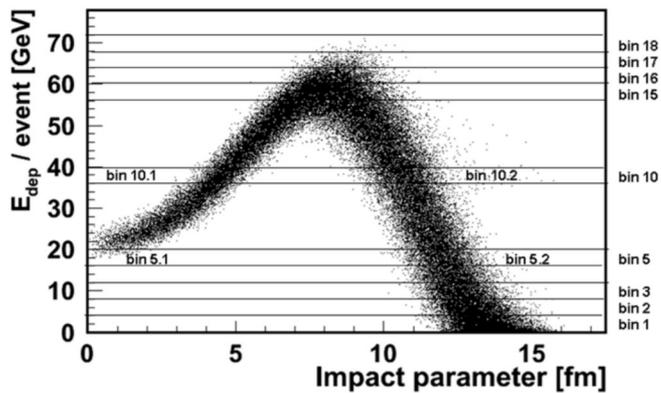
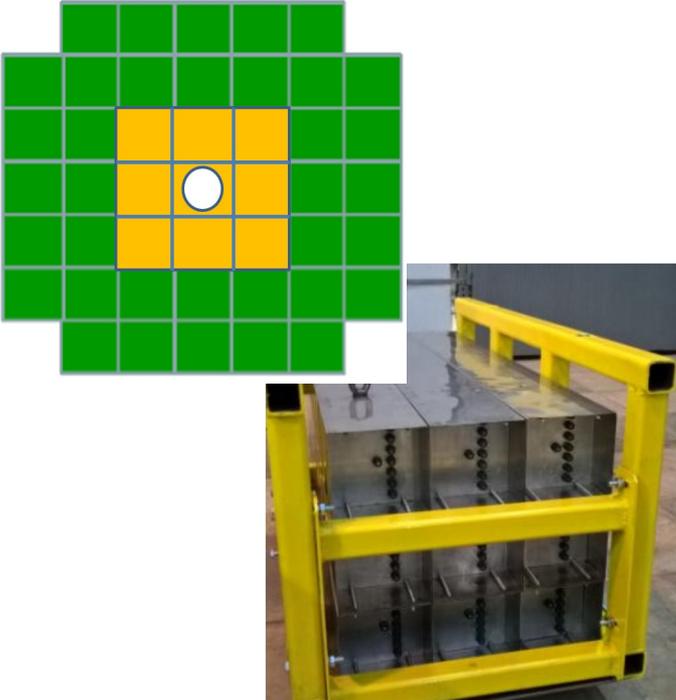


# Forward Hadron Calorimeter (FHCaI)

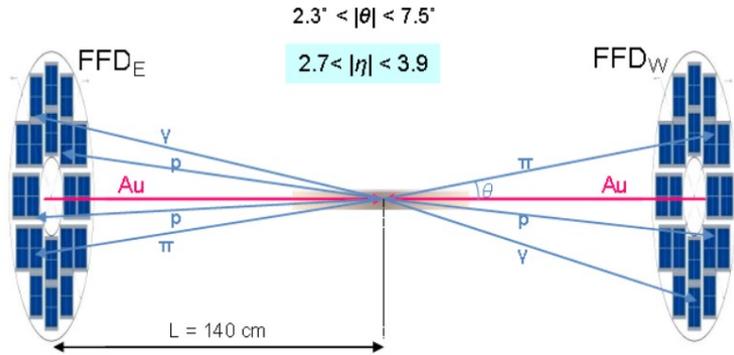


Measures the energy of non-interacting nucleons and fragments (spectators) in AA collisions.  
Determination of reaction plane and centrality  
- the reaction plane with the accuracy  $\sim 20^\circ$ - $30^\circ$   
- the centrality with accuracy below 10%

FHCaI coverage:  $2.2 < |\eta| < 4.8$



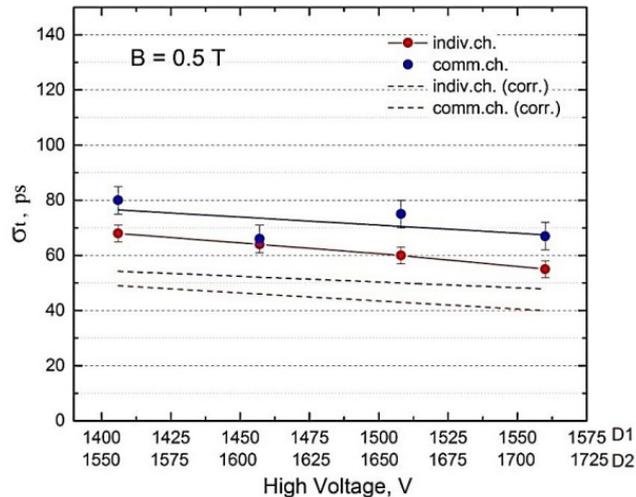
# Fast Forward Detector (FFD)



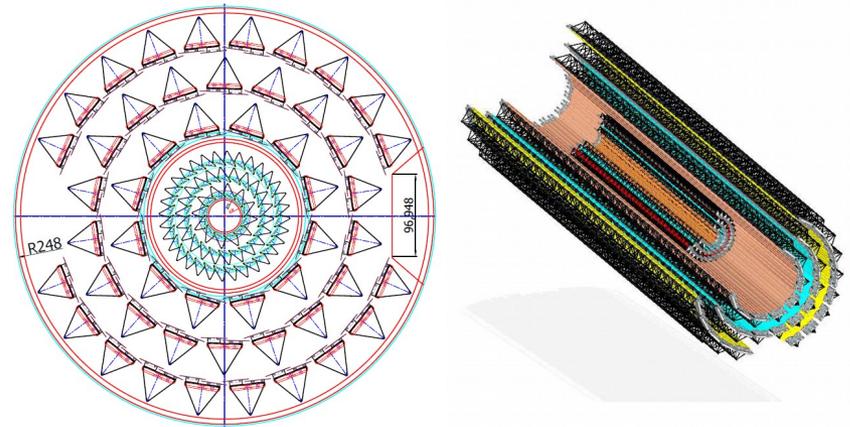
Detects high-energy photons by conversion to electrons in a 10 mm Pb plate. The electrons pass through a quartz radiator generating Cherenkov light, collected by photo cathode.

Main aims of the FFD:

- \* Fast and effective triggering of collisions
- \* Generation of the start pulse for the TOF



# Inner Tracking System (ITS)

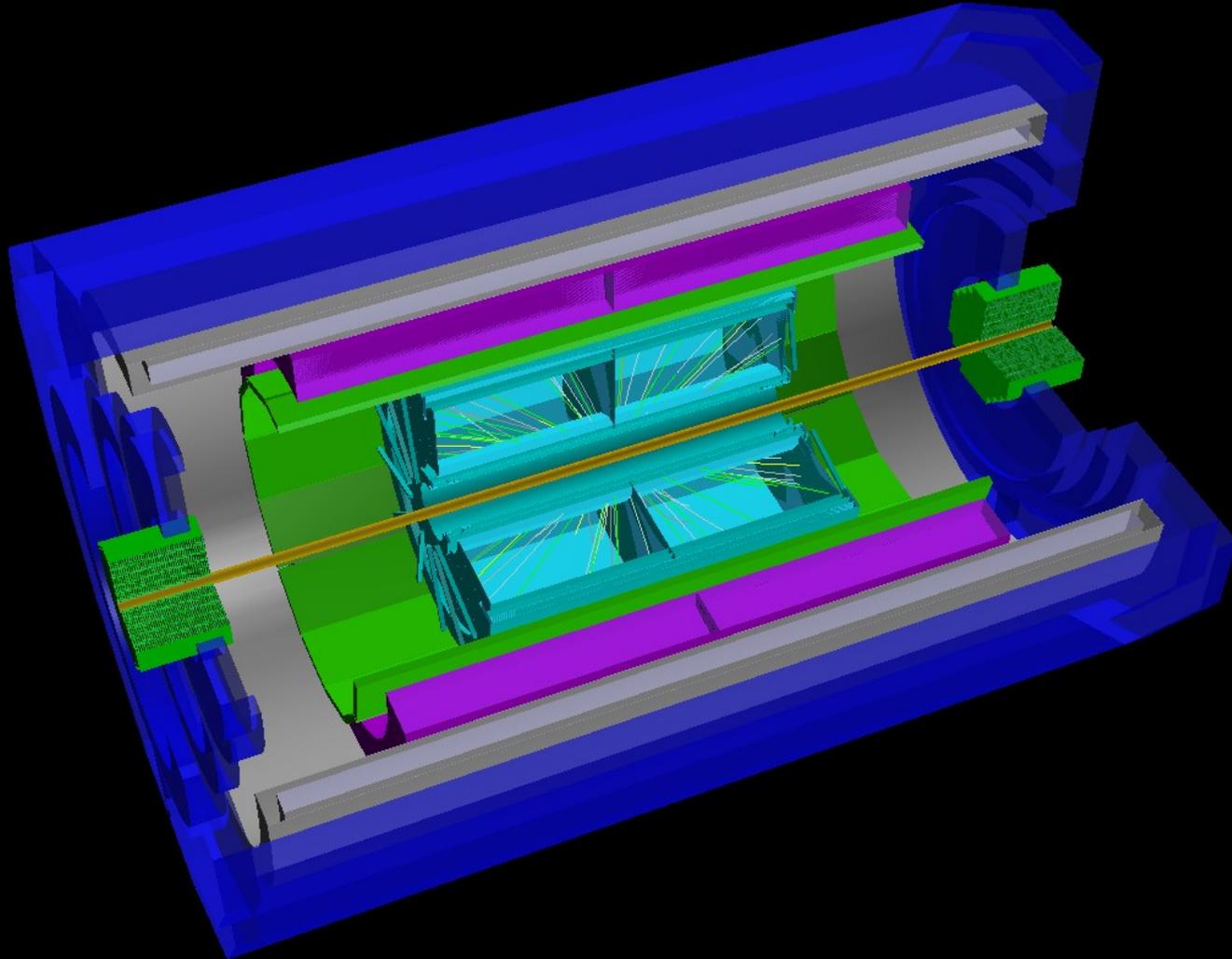


Track reconstruction enhancement and identification of relatively rare events with (multi)strange hyperons.

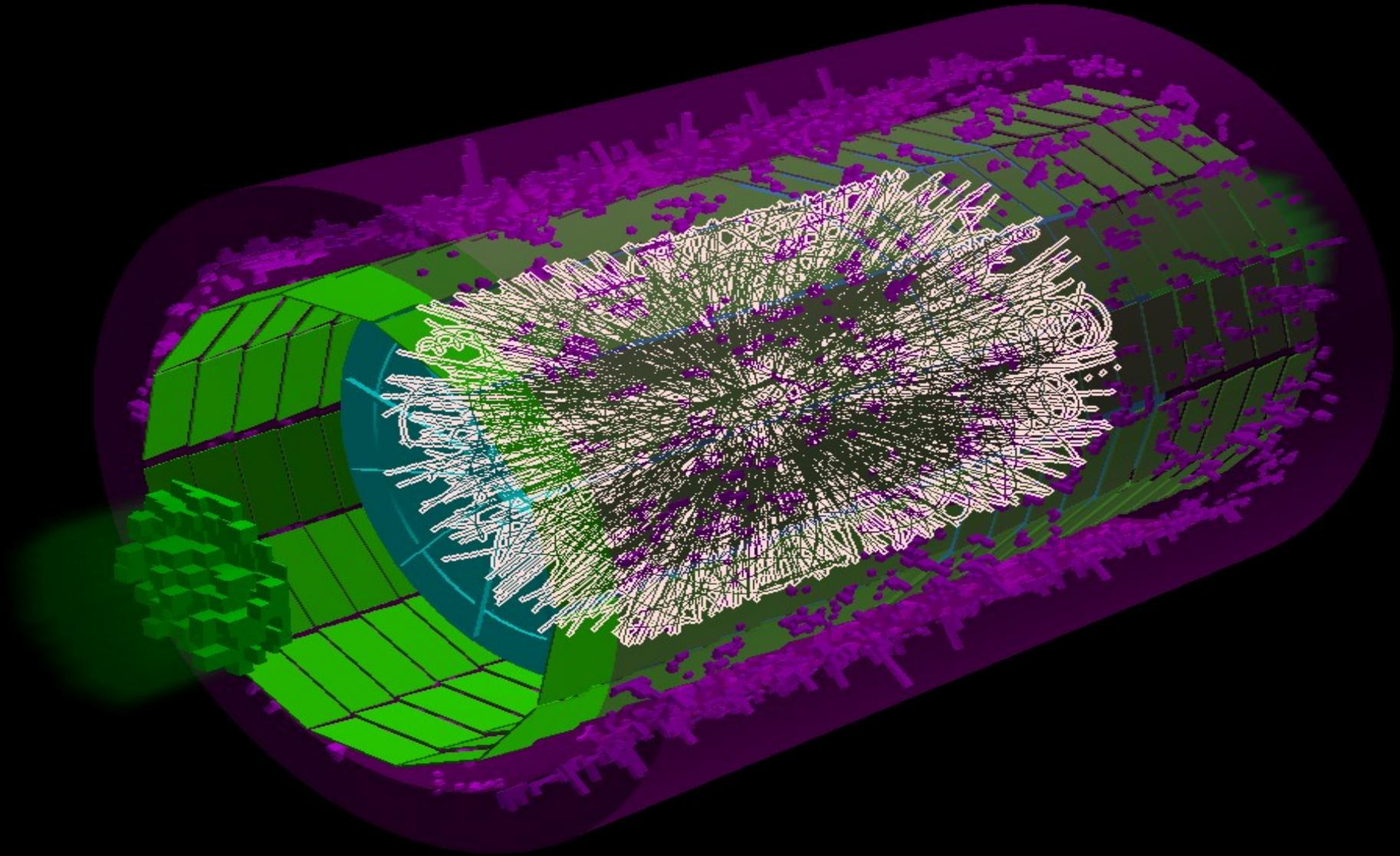
Cooperation with **CBM/FAIR**, **ALICE/CERN**:

- manufacturing the **ITS** carbon fiber space frames for **NICA** (BM@N & MPD) & **FAIR**;
- construction of **ALICE type** (MAPS) **ITS**

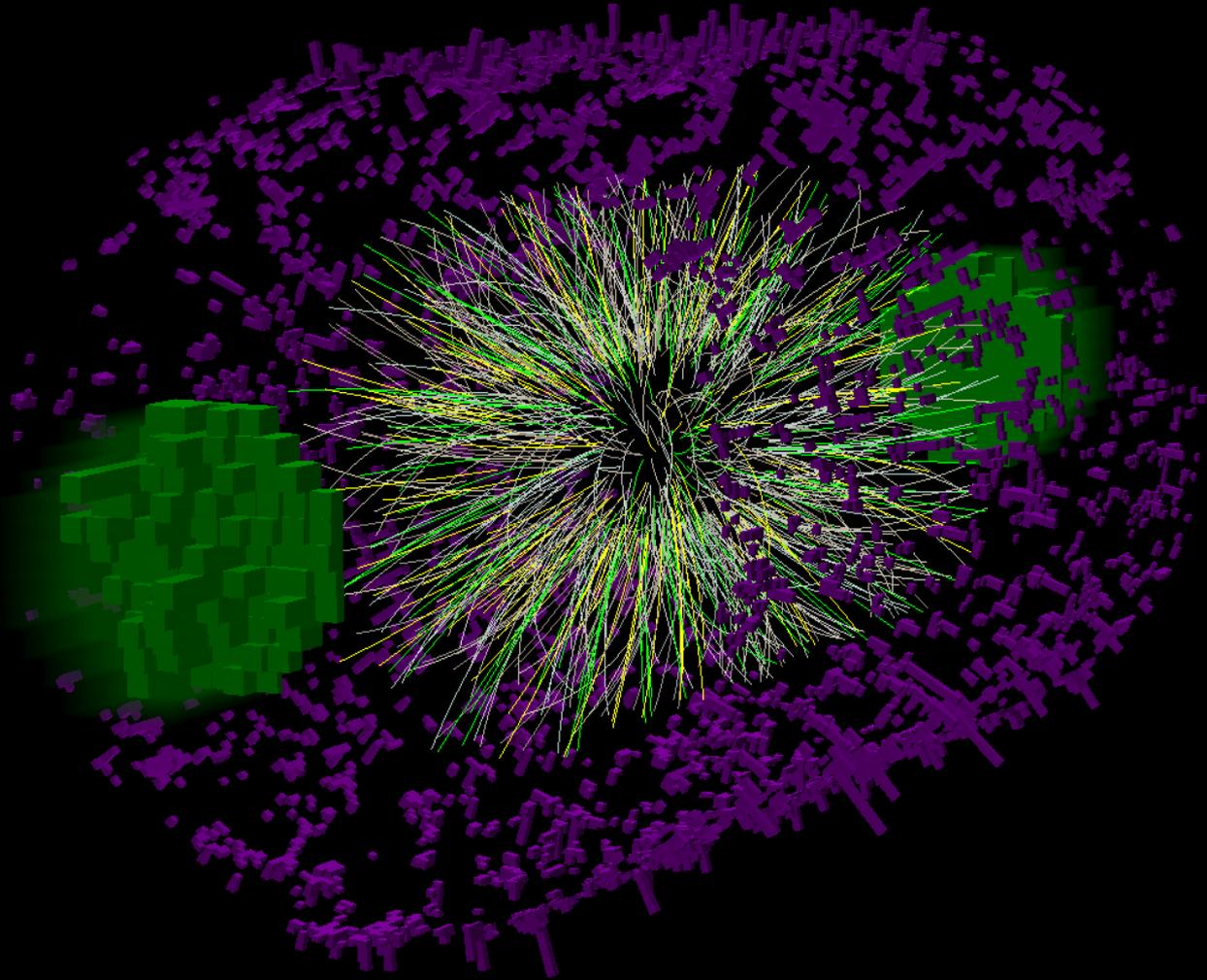
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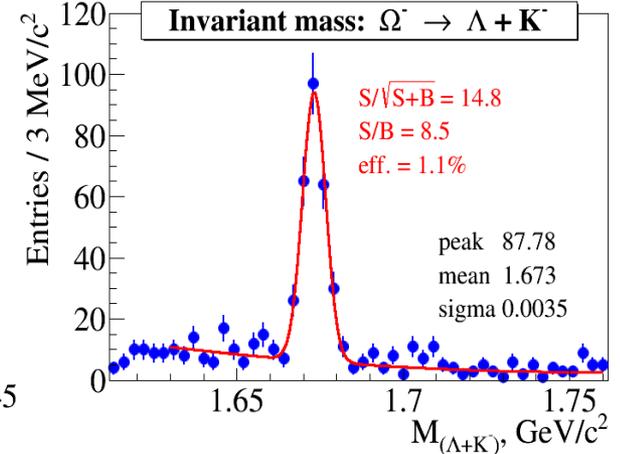
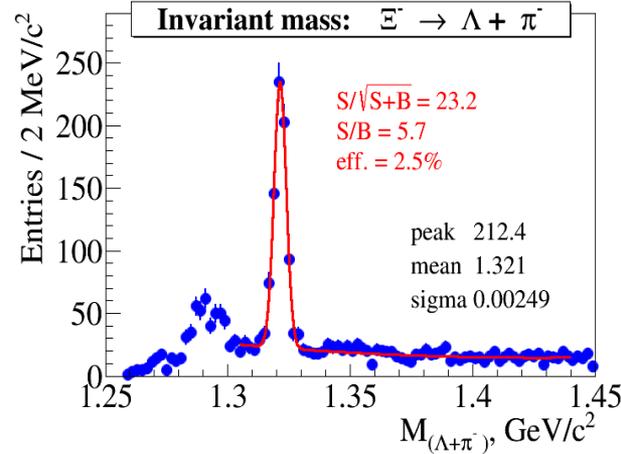
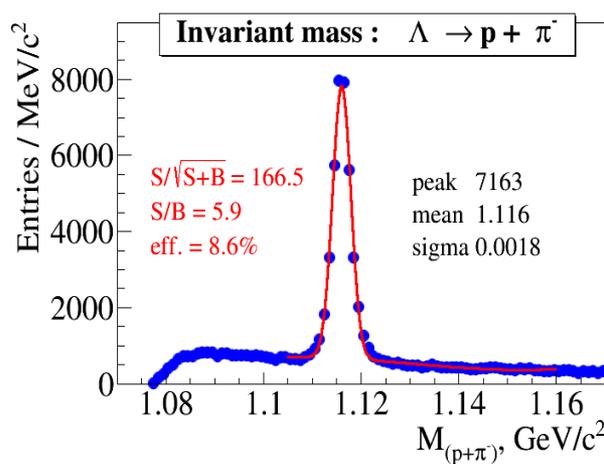
# MPD performance



# MPD performance: hyperons

*production of multi-strange hyperons to study the properties of the strongly interacting system and signal for QGP*

- Central Au+Au @ 9A GeV (UrQMD) , TPC+TOF barrel
- Realistic tracking and PID, secondary vertex reconstruction



## Yields for 10 weeks of running

| hyperon    | $\Lambda$      | $\Lambda^-$      | $\Xi^-$        | $\Xi^+$          | $\Omega^-$       | $\Omega^+$     |
|------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| statistics | $6 \cdot 10^9$ | $7.3 \cdot 10^7$ | $3 \cdot 10^7$ | $1.6 \cdot 10^6$ | $1.4 \cdot 10^6$ | $3 \cdot 10^5$ |

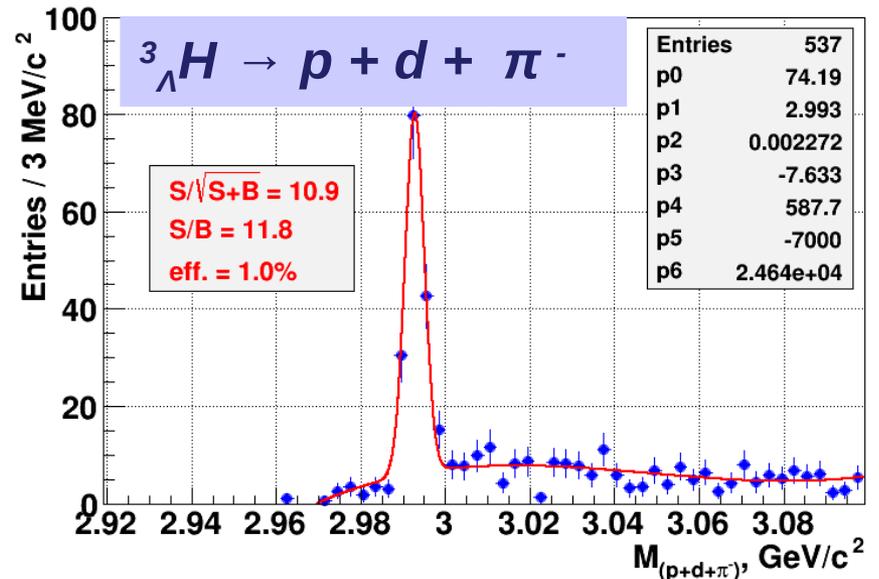
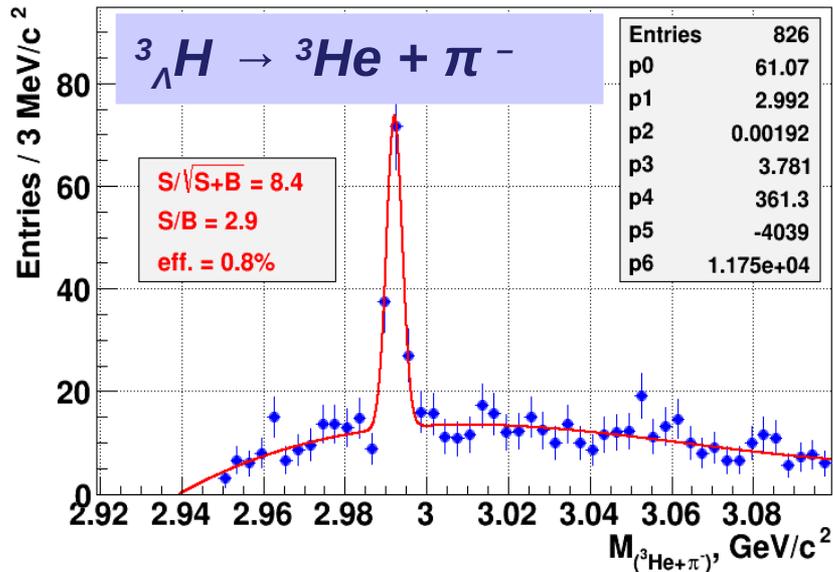
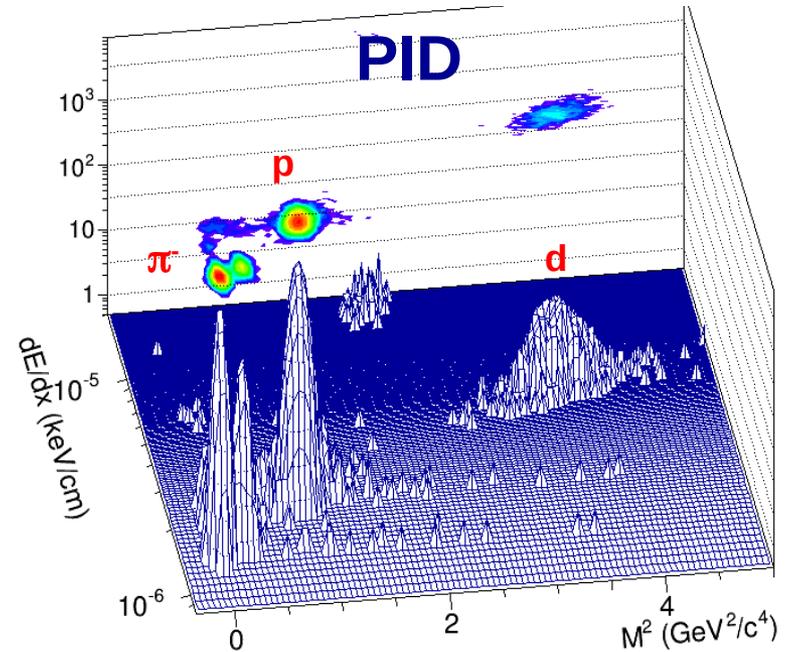
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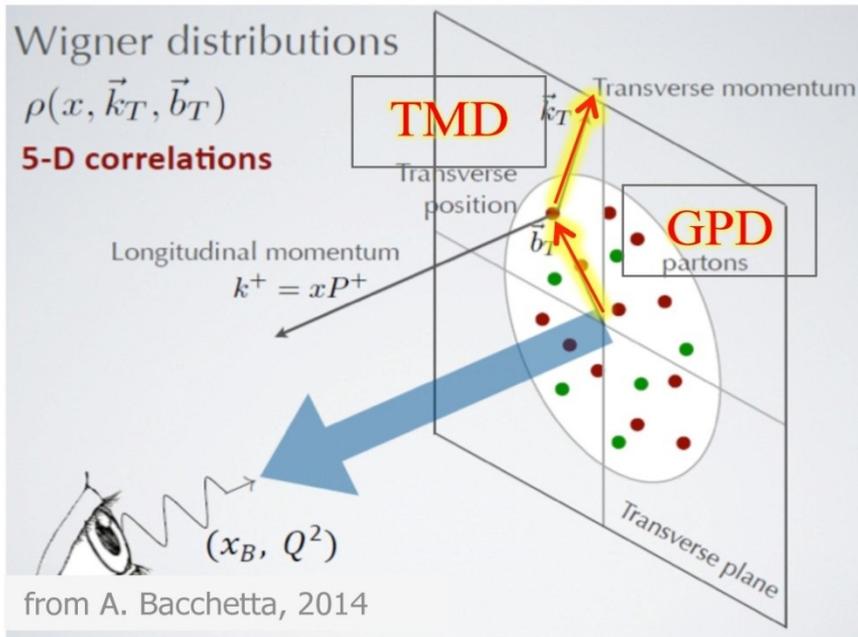
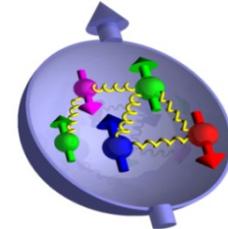
## Hypertritons

central Au+Au @ 5A GeV

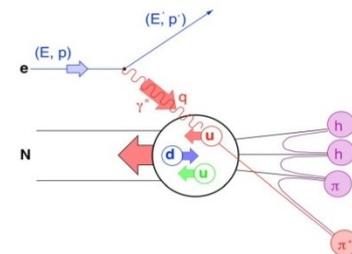
(DCM-QGSM)

$\sim 10^6$   ${}^3_{\Lambda}H$  are expected  
in 10 weeks

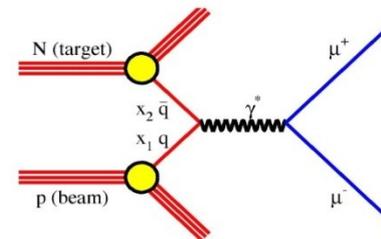




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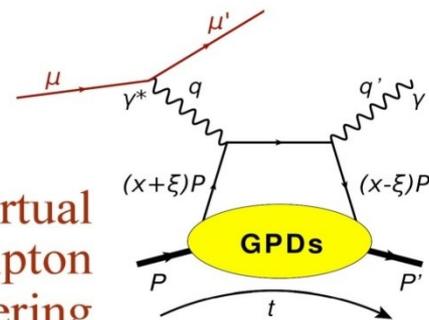
Drell-Yan process



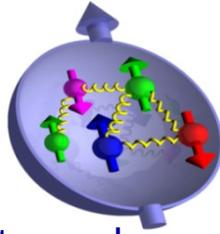
Transversity Momentum Distributions: **TMD** ( $x, k_T$ ):  
 probe the **transverse parton momentum dependence**

Generalized Parton Distributions : **GPD** ( $x, b_T$ ):  
 probe the **transverse parton distance dependence**

Deeply Virtual  
 Compton  
 Scattering



# Experiments studying the Drell-Yan pair production



The SPD experiments will have a number of advantages for DY measurements related to nucleon structure studies. These advantages include:

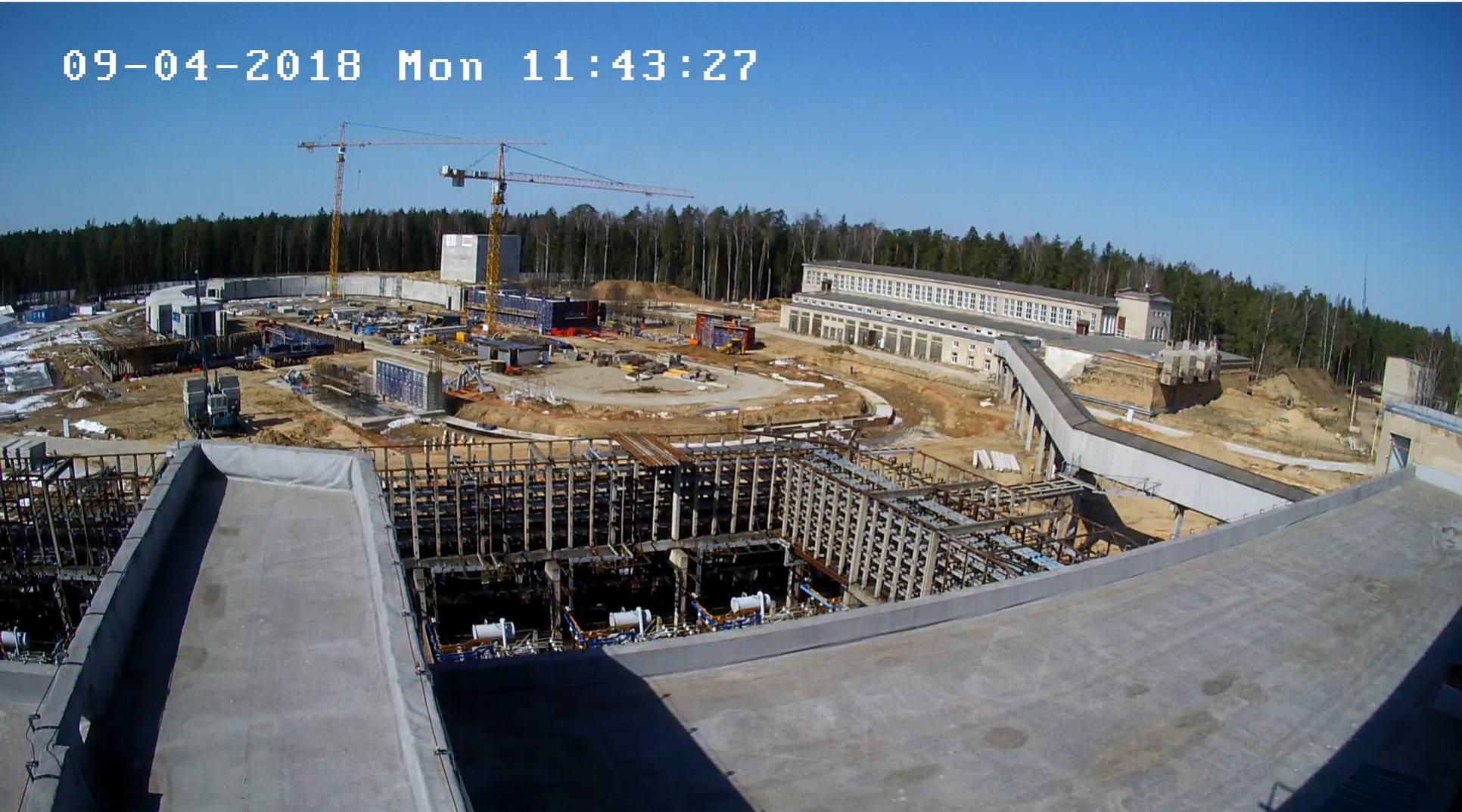
- running with pp, pd and dd beams,
- scan of the effects over a range of beam energies,
- measurement of effects via muon and electron-positron pairs simultaneously,
- running with non-polarized, transverse and longitudinally polarized beams or their combinations.

| Experiment                 | CERN, COMPASS-II    | FAIR, PANDA         | FNAL, E-906         | RHIC, STAR        | RHIC-PHENIX       | NICA, SPD             |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>mode</i>                | <i>fixed target</i> | <i>fixed target</i> | <i>fixed target</i> | <i>collider</i>   | <i>collider</i>   | <i>collider</i>       |
| <i>Beam/target</i>         | $\pi^-$ , $p$       | <i>anti-p, p</i>    | $\pi^-$ , $p$       | $pp$              | $pp$              | $pp$ , $pd$ , $dd$    |
| <i>Polarization:b/t</i>    | 0; 0.8              | 0; 0                | 0; 0                | 0.5               | 0.5               | 0.9                   |
| <i>Luminosity</i>          | $2 \cdot 10^{33}$   | $2 \cdot 10^{32}$   | $3.5 \cdot 10^{35}$ | $5 \cdot 10^{32}$ | $5 \cdot 10^{32}$ | $10^{32}$             |
| $\sqrt{s}$ , GeV           | 14                  | 6                   | 16                  | 200, 500          | 200, 500          | 10-26                 |
| $x_{1(\text{beam})}$ range | 0.1-0.9             | 0.1-0.6             | 0.1-0.5             | 0.03-1.0          | 0.03-1.0          | 0.1-0.8               |
| $q_T$ GeV                  | 0.5 -4.0            | 0.5 -1.5            | 0.5 -3.0            | 1.0 -10.0         | 1.0 -10.0         | 0.5 -6.0              |
| <i>Lepton pairs,</i>       | $\mu-\mu^+$         | $\mu-\mu^+$         | $\mu-\mu^+$         | $\mu-\mu^+$       | $\mu-\mu^+$       | $\mu-\mu^+$ , $e+e^-$ |
| <i>Data taking</i>         | 2014                | >2018               | 2013                | >2016             | >2016             | >2018                 |
| <i>Transversity</i>        | NO                  | NO                  | NO                  | YES               | YES               | YES                   |
| <i>Boer-Mulders</i>        | YES                 | YES                 | YES                 | YES               | YES               | YES                   |
| <i>Sivers</i>              | YES                 | YES                 | YES                 | YES               | YES               | YES                   |
| <i>Pretzelosity</i>        | YES (?)             | NO                  | NO                  | NO                | YES               | YES                   |
| <i>Worm Gear</i>           | YES (?)             | NO                  | NO                  | NO                | NO                | YES                   |
| <i>J/Ψ</i>                 | YES                 | YES                 | NO                  | NO                | NO                | YES                   |
| <i>Flavour separ</i>       | NO                  | NO                  | YES                 | NO                | NO                | YES                   |
| <i>Direct γ</i>            | NO                  | NO                  | NO                  | YES               | YES               | YES                   |

The above advantages permit for the first time to perform comprehensive studies of all leading twist PDFs of nucleons in a single experiment with minimum systematic errors.

# Construction live view

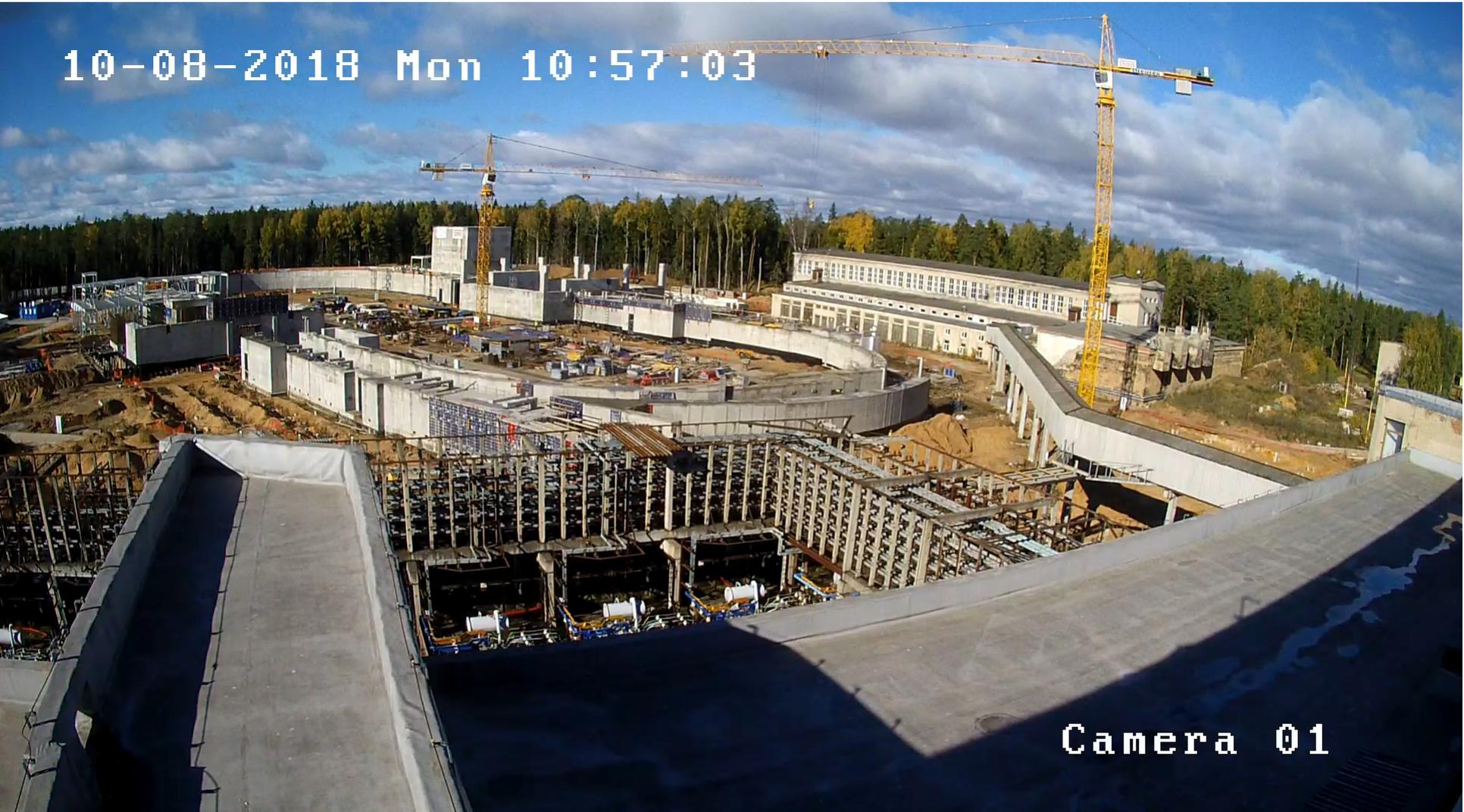
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# Construction live view

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# Summary

- **Density frontier** is less explored area of the QCD phase diagram and its study could lead to interesting discoveries
- In the medium-term prospect the NICA complex will be the only facility in Europe providing high intensity ion beams from **p** to **Au** in the energy range from **2 – 27 GeV** (c.m.s.), which could be used for both fundamental and applied researches.
- NICA complex will provide unique polarized **p $\uparrow$**  and **d $\uparrow$**  beams for the spin physics studies.
- The construction of accelerator complex and both detectors **BM@N & MPD** is going close to the schedule

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**EXTRA**

# Basic models for heavy-ion collisions

## Statistical models:

**basic assumption:** system is described by a (grand-) canonical ensemble of non-interacting fermions and bosons in **thermal and chemical equilibrium**

[ - : no dynamics]

## (Ideal) hydrodynamical models:

**basic assumption:** conservation laws + equation of state; assumption of local thermal and chemical equilibrium

[ - : simplified dynamics]

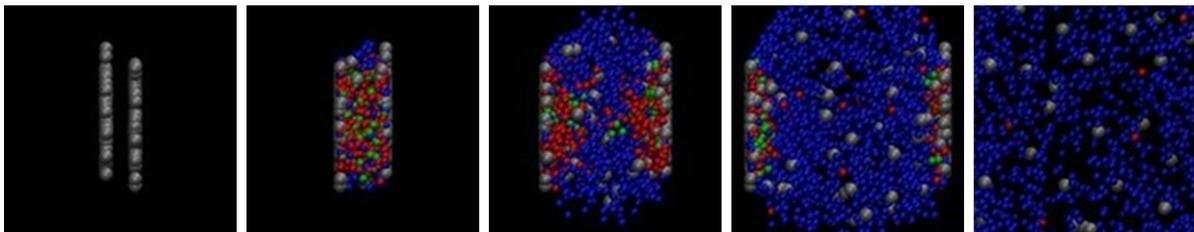
## Transport models:

**based on transport theory of relativistic quantum many-body systems -**

**Actual solutions: Monte Carlo simulations**

[+ : full dynamics | - : very complicated]

**Microscopic transport models** provide a unique **dynamical** description of **nonequilibrium** effects in heavy-ion collisions



# Experimental modes

## Collider (MPD)

### Pros:

- *coverage of max. phase space*
- *free of target parasitic effects*
- *energy and particle independent phase space coverage*

### Cons:

- *limited combinations*  
*“beam”/“target”*
- *Measurements only at mid-rapidity*
- *...*

## Fixed target (BM@N)

### Pros:

- *rate is limited just*  
*by detector capability*
- *easy upgradable*
- *wide rapidity coverage*

### Cons:

- *Energy and particle dependent phase space coverage*
- *momentum dependent corrections*
- *...*

# NICA - Nuclotron based Ion Collider Facility



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от 27 апреля 2016 г. № 783-р

МОСКВА

**О подписании Соглашения между Правительством Российской Федерации и международной межправительственной научно-исследовательской организацией Объединенным институтом ядерных исследований о создании и эксплуатации комплекса сверхпроводящих колец на встречных пучках тяжелых ионов NICA**

1. В соответствии с пунктом 1 статьи 11 Федерального закона "О международных договорах Российской Федерации" одобрить представленный Минобрнауки России согласованный с МИДом России, Минфином России, Минэкономразвития России и международной межправительственной научно-исследовательской организацией Объединенным институтом ядерных исследований проект Соглашения между Правительством Российской Федерации и международной межправительственной научно-исследовательской организацией Объединенным институтом ядерных исследований о создании и эксплуатации комплекса сверхпроводящих колец на встречных пучках тяжелых ионов NICA (прилагается).

2. Поручить Минобрнауки России провести переговоры с международной межправительственной научно-исследовательской организацией Объединенным институтом ядерных исследований и по достижении договоренности подписать от имени Правительства Российской Федерации указанное в пункте 1 настоящего распоряжения Соглашение, разрешив вносить в прилагаемый проект изменения,

During 2013-2016 NICA successfully passed several stages of International expertise, had assembled a wide collaboration (95 participants from 25 countries). An important step – **inclusion of NICA into ESFRI Strategy Report on Research Infrastructures and ESFRI Roadmap 2016 Update as complimentary project to ESFRI landmark project FAIR**

On 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016 the RF Prime-minister issued the Governmental Decree about establishment of the NICA mega-science on Russian territory at JINR.

Agreement between RF Government and JINR (signed on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016) in the frame of Decree formulates basic principles of the setting and development of the International collaboration "Complex NICA".

We assume that in coming years similar Agreements will be prepared, agreed and signed with other countries and International Scientific centers, expressed their interest to participate and contribute to NICA.

# NICA - Nuclotron based Ion Collider facility

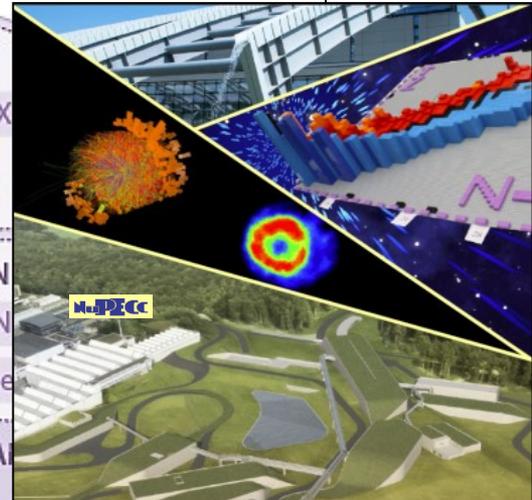
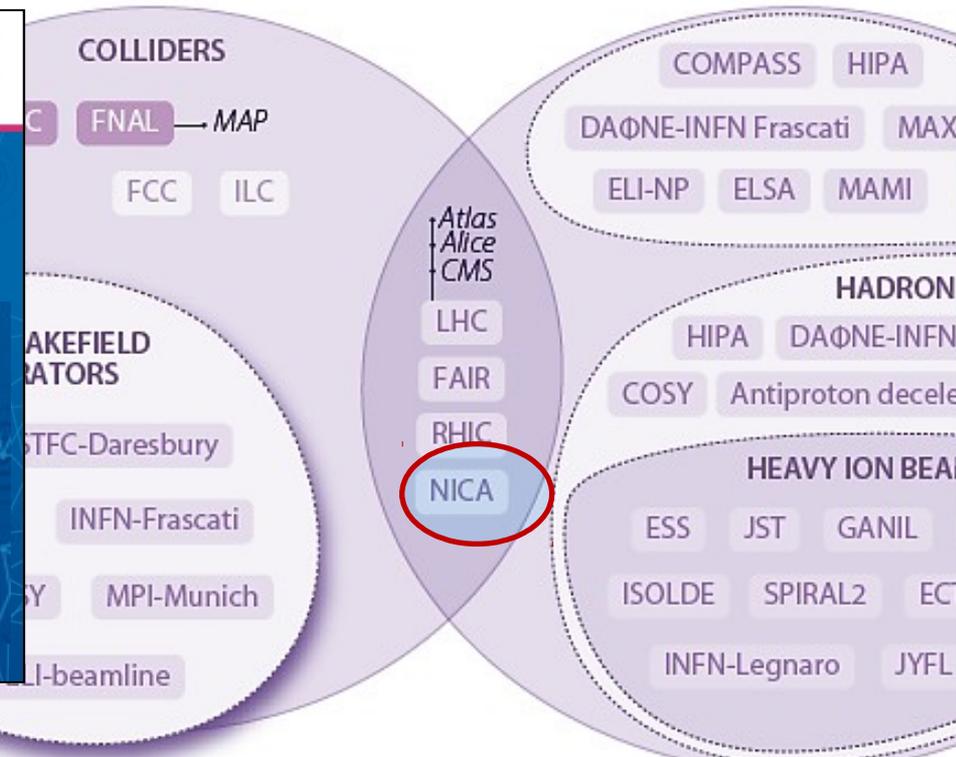
NICA is included in the ESFRI ROADMAP-2016 and in the NuPECC Long Range Plan 2017 - Perspectives in Nuclear Physics



## Main Research Infrastructures in Particle and Nuclear Physics

### PARTICLE PHYSICS

### NUCLEAR PHYSICS



**NuPECC** Long Range Plan 2017 Perspectives in Nuclear Physics

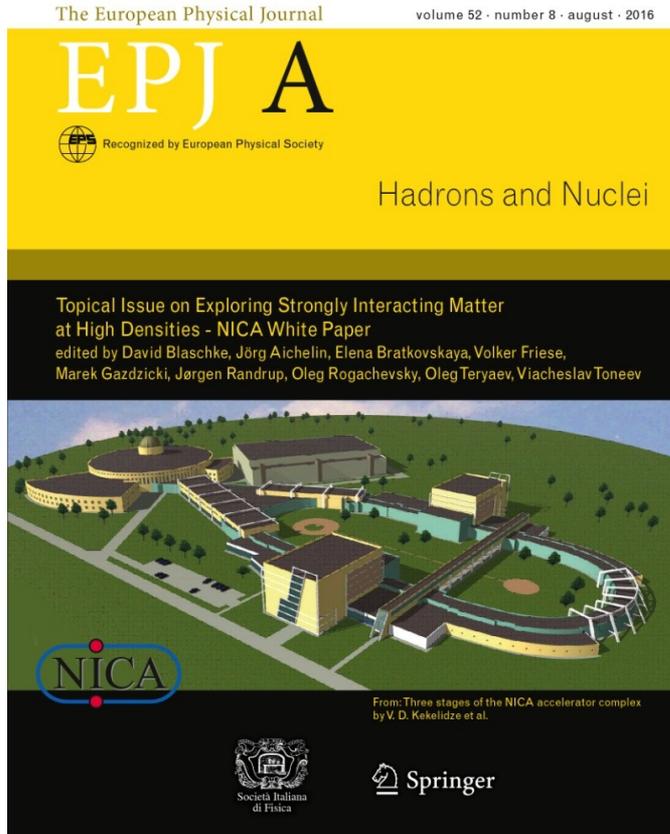
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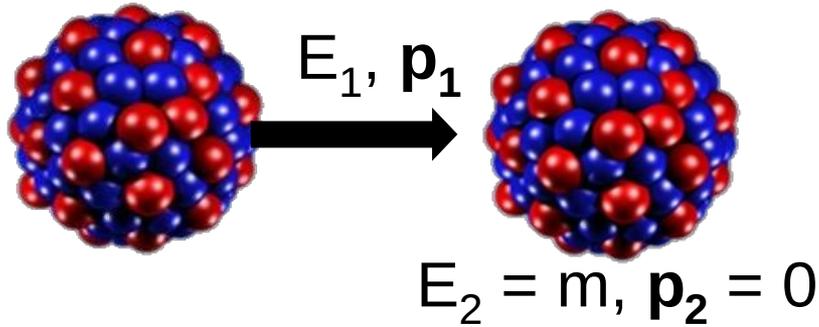
# NICA - Nuclotron based Ion Collider fAcility



- The White paper of the NICA scientific program is continuously updated
- The collected contributions on signatures of the 1st order phase transition and the mixed phase in the NICA energy region culminated in the release of the “NICA White Paper” as a Topical Issue of the **EPJ A** (July 2016).

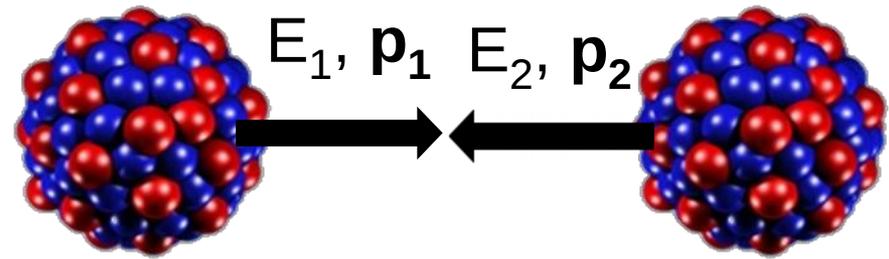
**111** contributions,  
**188** authors  
from **24** countries

# Fixed target



vs

# collider mode



$$(E_1 + E_2)^2 = (\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2)^2 + (m + m)^2 \quad \text{with } E = E_{\text{kin}} + m$$
$$(m + m)^2 = s_{\text{NN}} = (E_1 + E_2)^2 - (\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2)^2$$

$\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}$ : Available energy per nucleon in the center-of mass system

**Fixed target:**  $E_2 = m, \mathbf{p}_2 = 0$

$$s_{\text{NN}} = (E_{\text{kin}} + 2m)^2 - \mathbf{p}_1^2$$

$$s_{\text{NN}} = 2 \cdot m \cdot (E_{\text{kin}} + 2m)$$

For  $E_{\text{kin}} \gg m$ :  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} \approx 1.4 \sqrt{E_{\text{kin}}}$

**Example SIS100:**

$$E_{\text{kin}} = 11 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 4.9 \text{ GeV}$$

**Collider:**  $\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2 = 0$

$$\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = E_1 + E_2$$

**Example NICA:**

$$E_{\text{kin}} = 4.5 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 11 \text{ GeV}$$

# Reaction rates: Collider

Collider Luminosity:  $L = N_1 \cdot N_2 \cdot B / F$  [ $\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ ]

$N_1, N_2$  = beam particles per bunch

$B$  = number of bunch crossing per second

$F$  = beam size in  $\text{cm}^2$

Typical numbers:

$$N_1 = N_2 = 10^9$$

$$B = 10^4$$

$$F = 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\rightarrow L = 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$$

Reaction rate:  $R = L \cdot \sigma$

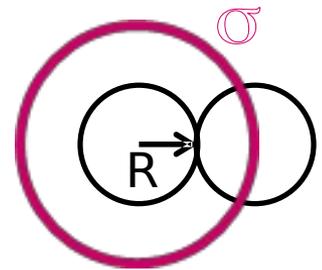
$\sigma$  = reaction cross section

$$\sigma = \pi \cdot (2 \cdot R)^2 = 4\pi \cdot (r_0 \cdot A^{1/3})^2 \text{ with } r_0 = 1.2 \text{ fm}$$

Au+Au collisions:  $A = 197 \rightarrow \sigma = 6 \text{ barn}$ ,  $1 \text{ barn} = 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2$

Collider reaction rates for Au+Au:

$$R = 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1} \cdot 6 \cdot 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2 = 6000 \text{ s}^{-1}$$



# Reaction rates: Fixed target

Fixed target Luminosity:  $L = N_B \cdot N_T / F$  [ $\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ ]

$N_B$  = beam particles / second

$N_T/F$  = target atoms/ $\text{cm}^2$  =  $N_A \cdot \rho \cdot d/A$

with Avogadro's Number  $N_A = 6.02 \cdot 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$

material density  $\rho$  [ $\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$ ]

target thickness  $d$  [cm]

atomic number  $A$  [g/mol]

Typical numbers:

$N_B = 10^9 \text{ s}^{-1}$

Au target  $\rho = 19.3 \text{ g}/\text{cm}^3$ ,  $A = 197$

$d = 0.3 \text{ mm}$  (1% interaction rate)

$L = 1.8 \cdot 10^{30} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

Fixed target reaction rates for Au+Au:

$R = L \cdot \sigma = 1.8 \cdot 10^{30} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1} \cdot 6 \cdot 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2 = 10^7 \text{ s}^{-1}$