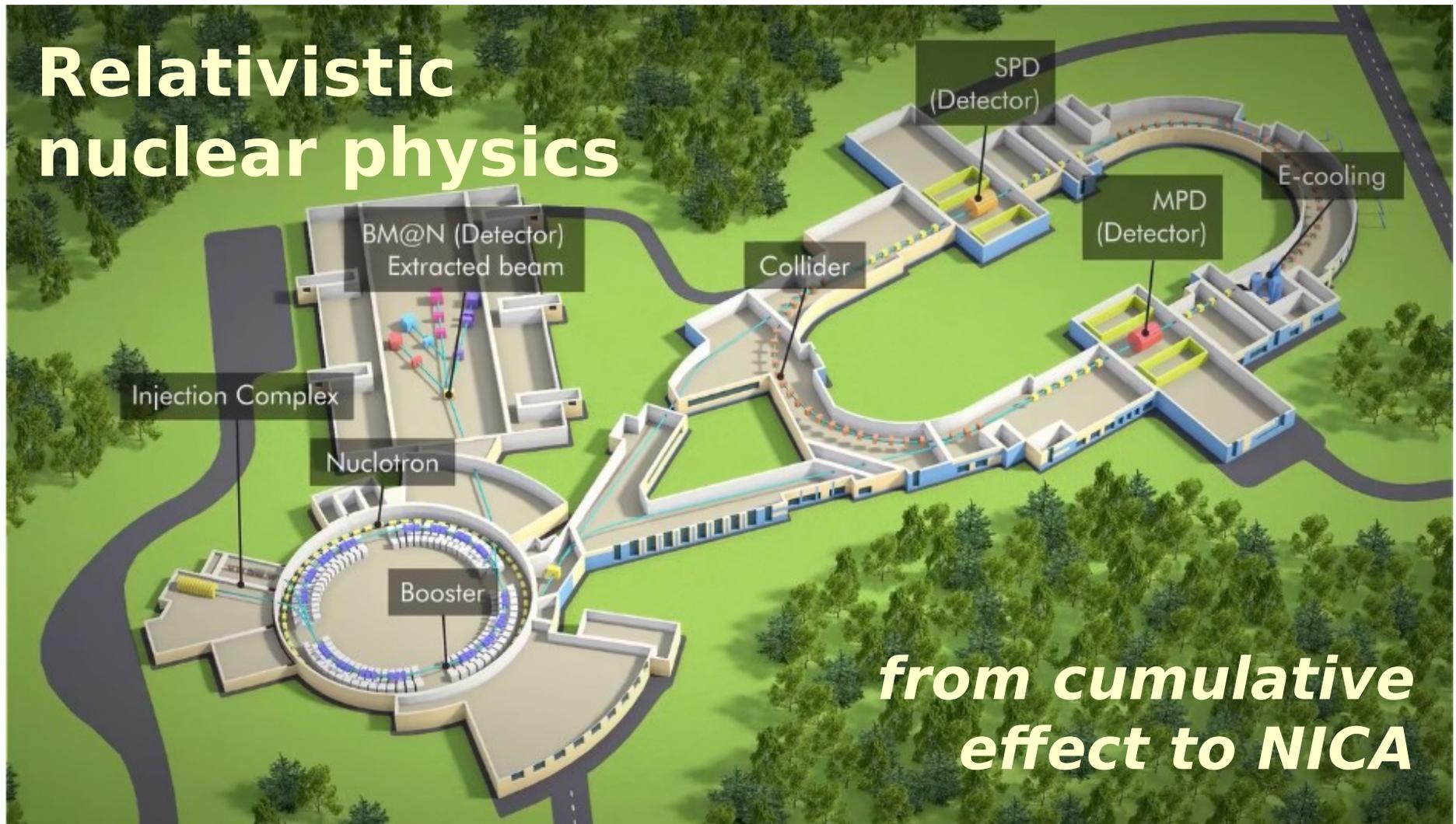




Relativistic nuclear physics



*from cumulative
effect to NICA*

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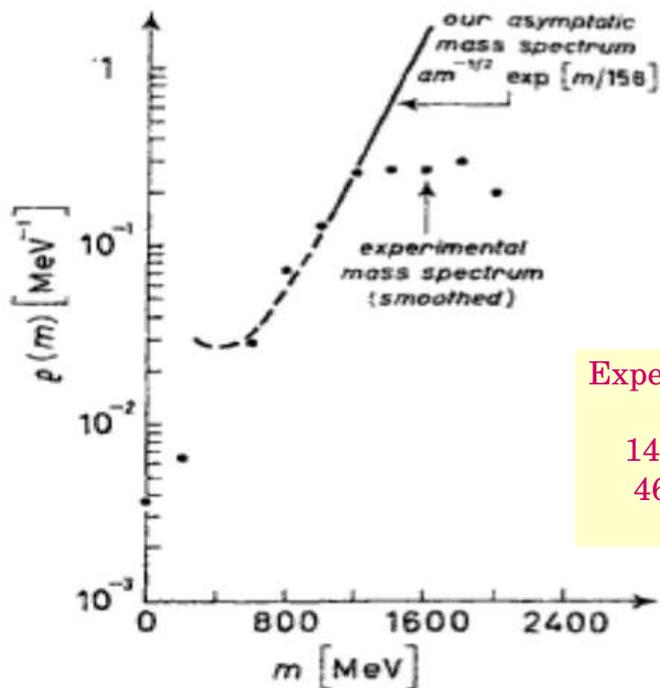
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Hagedorn temperature

Statistical Thermodynamics
of Strong Interactions at High Energies.

R. HAGEDORN
CERN - Geneva

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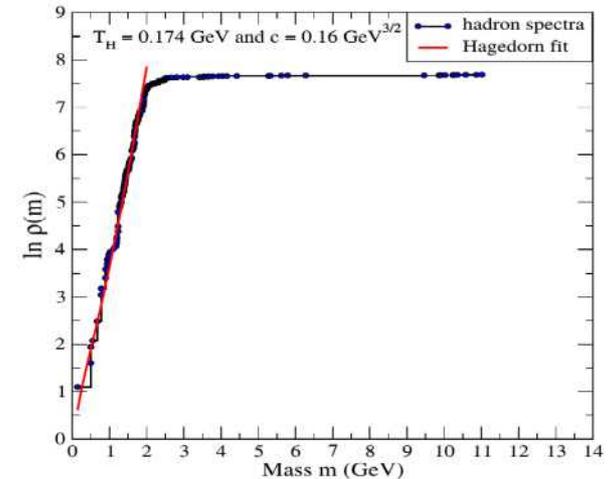
Experimental data:

1432 states known in 1967;
4627 states of mid '90s.

$$\bar{\rho}_{\text{exp}}(m) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\tau^2}} \sum_{i=1}^N \nu_i \exp\left[-\frac{(m - m_i)^2}{2\tau^2}\right], \quad \tau = 200 \text{ MeV},$$

where the sum goes from the pion mass to the highest known resonances.

J. Cleymans and D. Worku
Modern Physics Letters A
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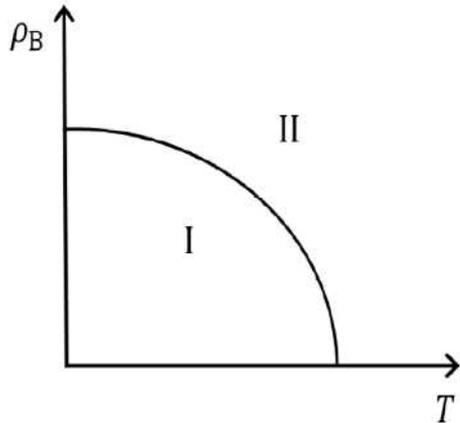
$$\rho_h(m) = \frac{c}{(m^2 + m_0^2)^{5/4}} \exp\left(\frac{m}{T_H}\right)$$

Parameter

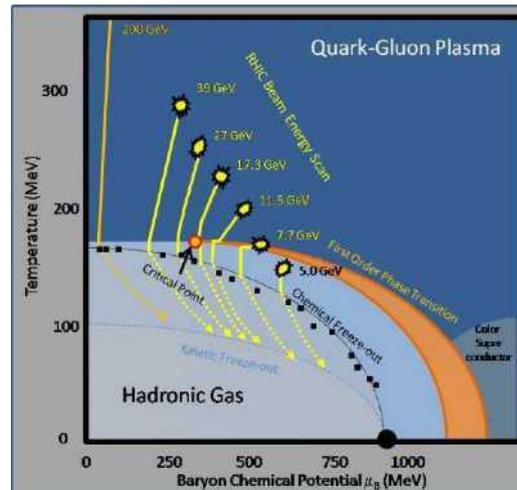
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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| $c \text{ (GeV)}^{3/2}$ | 0.16 ± 0.02 |
| $m_0 \text{ (GeV)}$ | 0.5 |
| $T_H \text{ (GeV)}$ | 0.174 ± 0.011 |

QCD Phase diagram

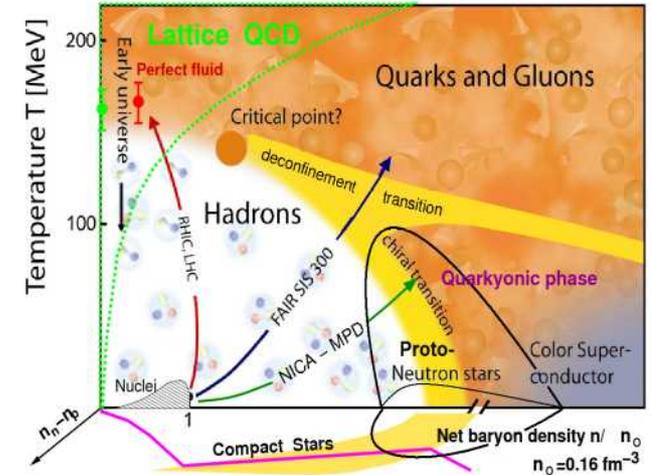
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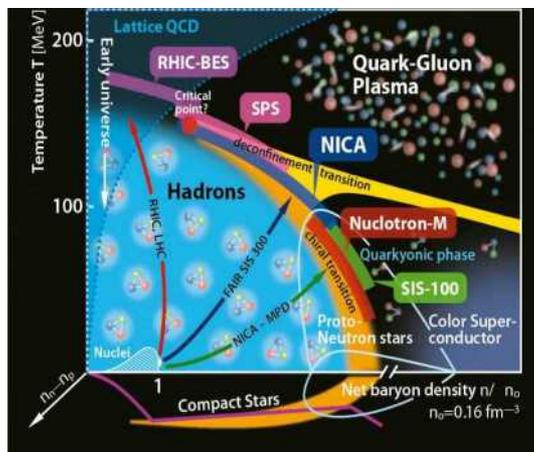
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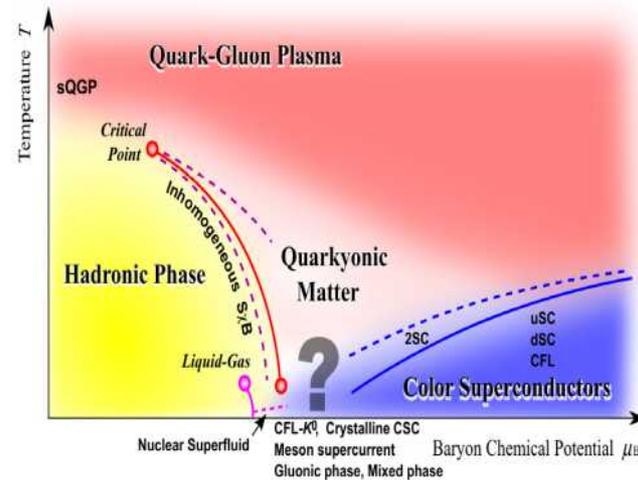
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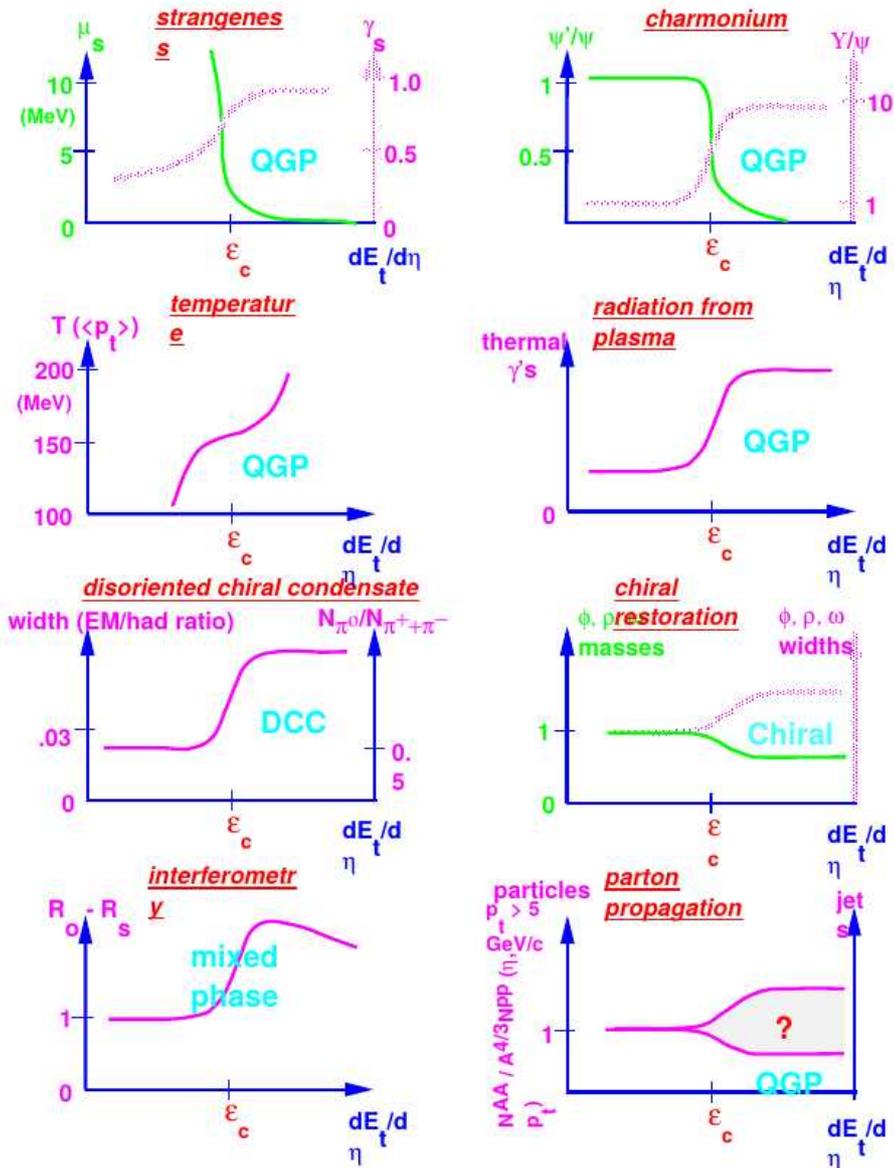


Fukushima, Hatsuda
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Theoretical predictions

SIGNATURES



The Search for the Quark-Gluon Plasma

arXiv:hep-ph/9602235

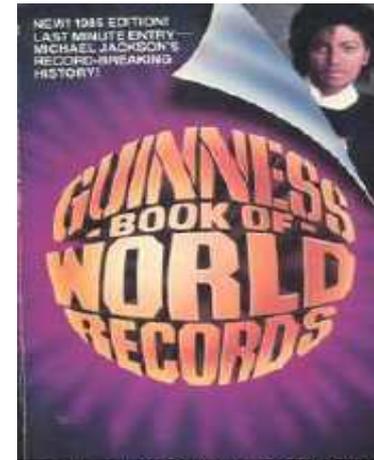
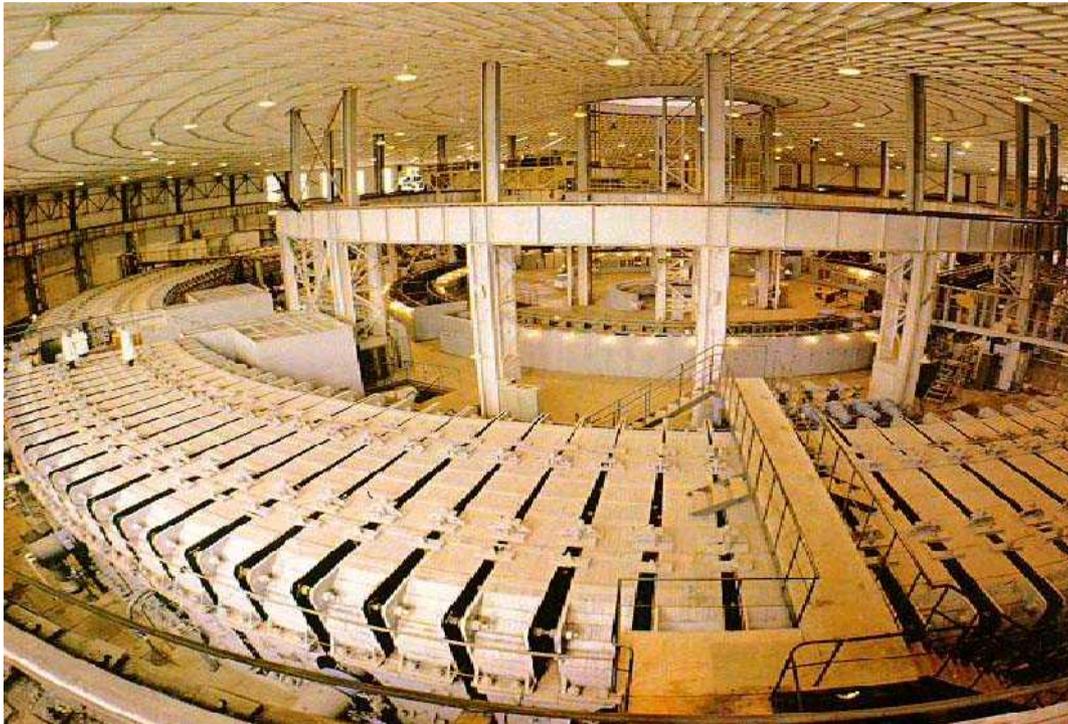
John W. Harris, Berndt Müller

Signatures of quark-gluon plasma formation and the chiral phase transition. The expected behavior of the various signatures is plotted as a function of the measured transverse energy, which is a measure of the energy density, in the region around the critical energy density ϵ_c of the transition. When two curves are drawn, the hatched curve corresponds to the variable described by the hatched ordinate on the right. See text of review for details

Accelerators for Relativistic Nuclear Physics

| Accelerator | Place | Ion periods | Energy | Projectiles |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Synchro-Phasatron | JINR Dubna | 1971 - 1985 | 3.6 AGeV | d, He, C |
| Bevalac | LBNL Berkeley | 1972 - 1984 | < 2AGeV | C,Ca,Nb, Ni,Au,... |
| AGS | BNL, Brookhaven | 1986 - 1994 | 14,5/11,5 AGeV | Si, Au |
| SPS | CERN, Geneva | 1986 - 2002 | 200/158 AGeV | O,S,In,Pb |
| SIS 18 | GSI,Darmstadt | 1992 - today | 2 AGeV | Kr,Au |
| Nuclotron | JINR Dubna | 1993 - today | < 4.5 AGeV | p, d, He,C,Li, Mg, Kr |
| RHIC | BNL, Brookhaven | 2000 - today | $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200 \text{ GeV}$ | Cu, Au |
| LHC | CERN, Geneva | 2010 | $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.5 \text{ TeV}$ | Pb |
| NICA | JINR Dubna | 2020 | $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 4 - 11 \text{ GeV}$ | p - Au |
| SIS 100 | GSI,Darmstadt | 2025 | 2 – 11 AGeV | Au |

Synchrotron & Nuclotron



GUINNESS 1985 BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS

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(ROSS McWHIRTER 1955-1975)

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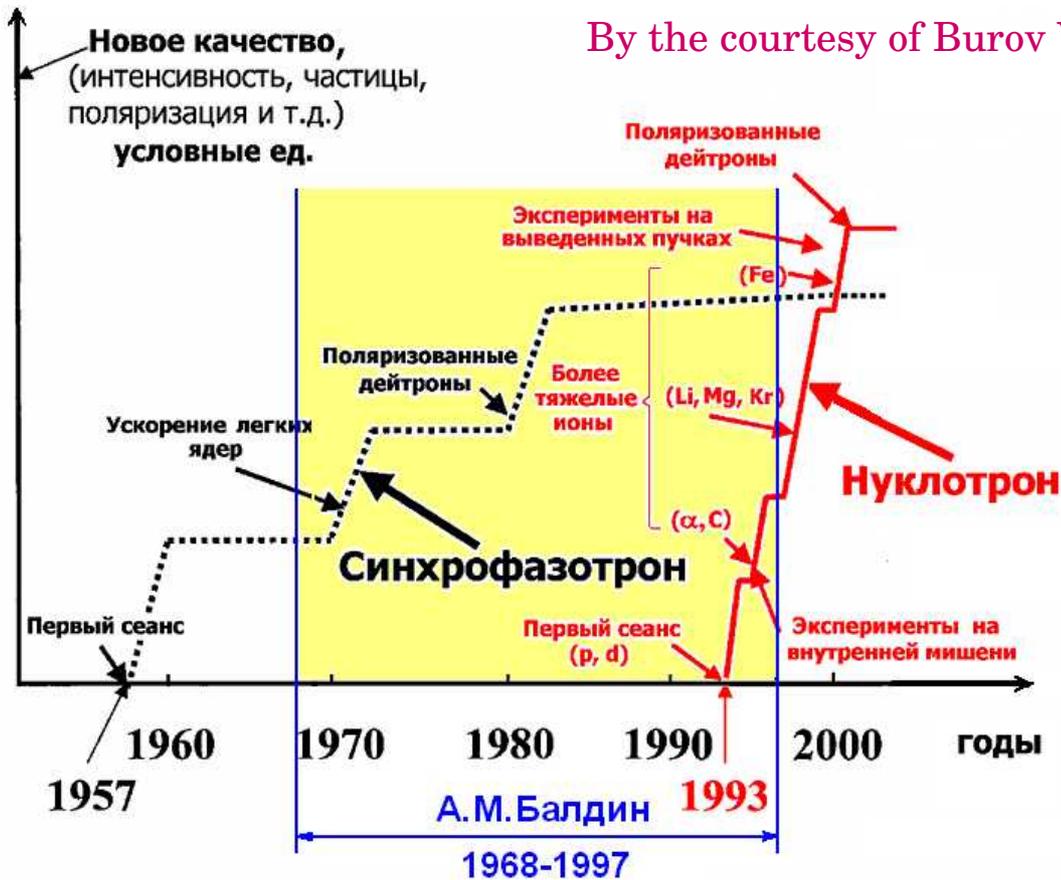
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Heaviest Magnet

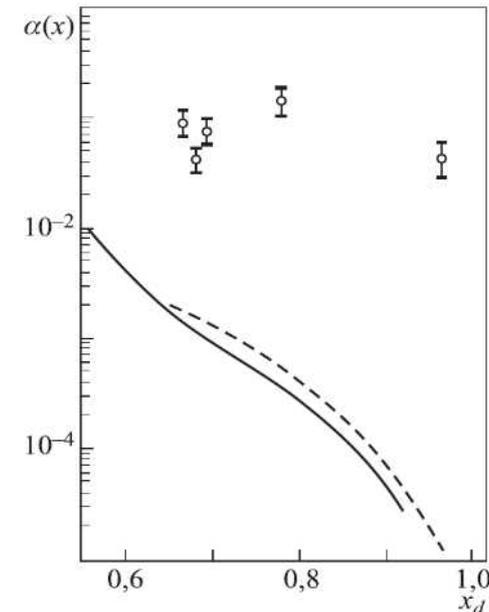
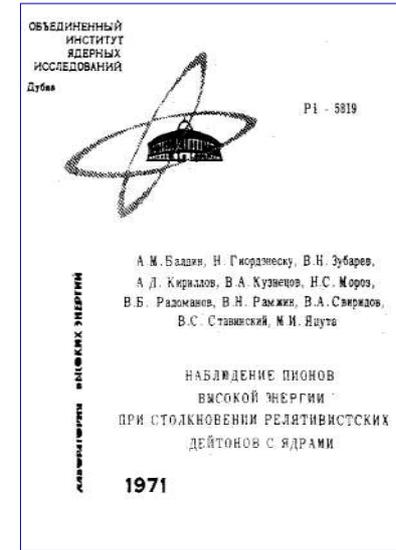
The heaviest magnet is one measuring 196 ft in diameter, with a weight of 40,000 tons, for the 10 GeV synchrotron in the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research at Dubna, near Moscow.



Relativistic nuclear physics: cumulative effect



By the courtesy of Burov V.V.



$$\alpha(x_d) = \frac{d^2\sigma(d + \text{Cu} \rightarrow \pi^- + \dots)}{d^2\sigma(p + \text{Cu} \rightarrow \pi^- + \dots)}$$

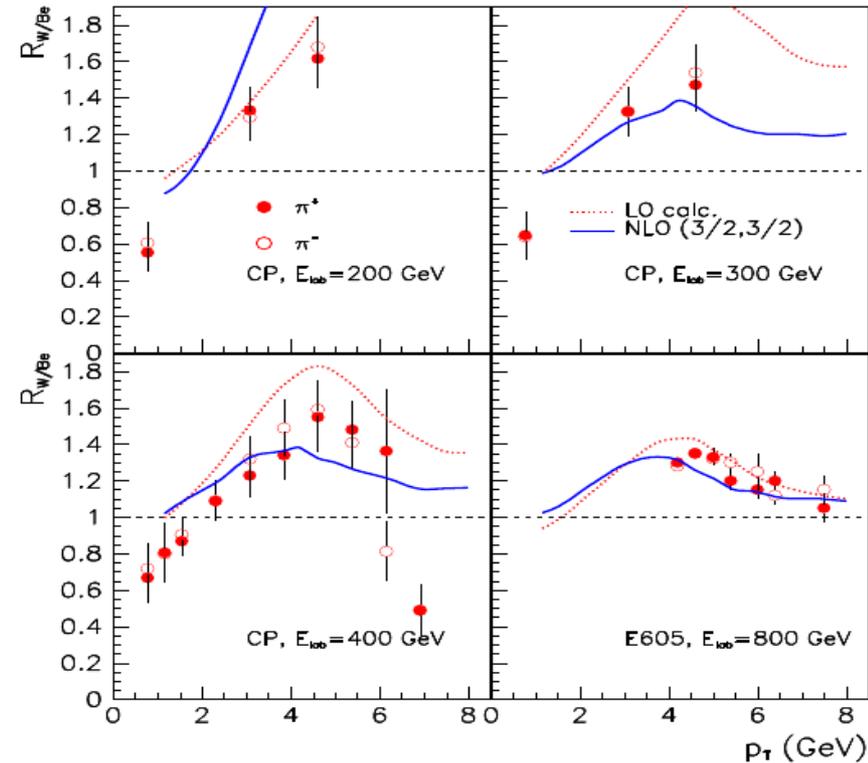
Relativistic nuclear physics: Cronin effect

Increased particle production in
3 GeV < p_T < 6 GeV range (1975)

More particles are produced in
pA than expected from N_{bin}
scaled pp collisions

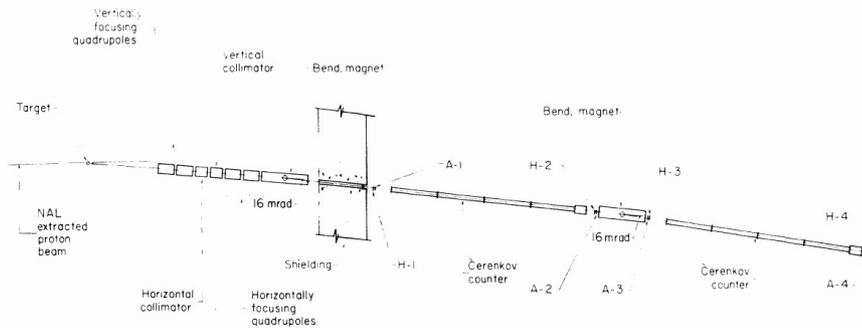
J.W.Cronin et al. Phys. Rev. D11, 3105 (1975)
D. Antreasyan et al. Phys. Rev. D19, 764 (1979)

W/Be ν=4, C=0.5 GeV², Q=Q_R=κp_q, Q_F=κp_T

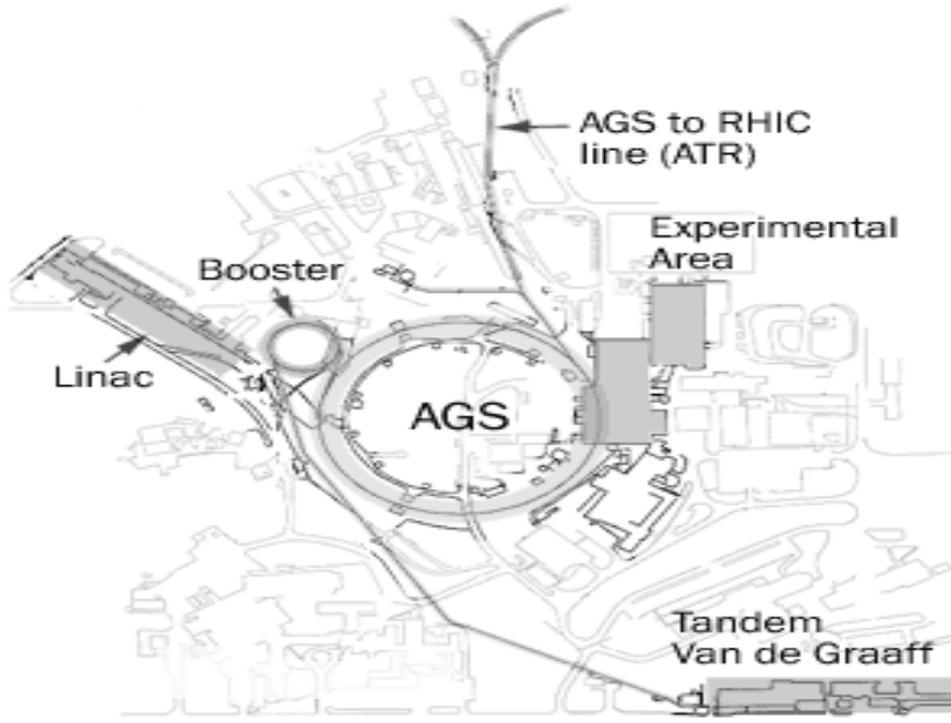


Nuclear modification factor

$$R_{AA} = \frac{1}{N_{bin}} \frac{dN_{AA}/dy d^2p_T}{dN_{pp}/dy d^2p_T}$$



Alternating Gradient Synchrotron



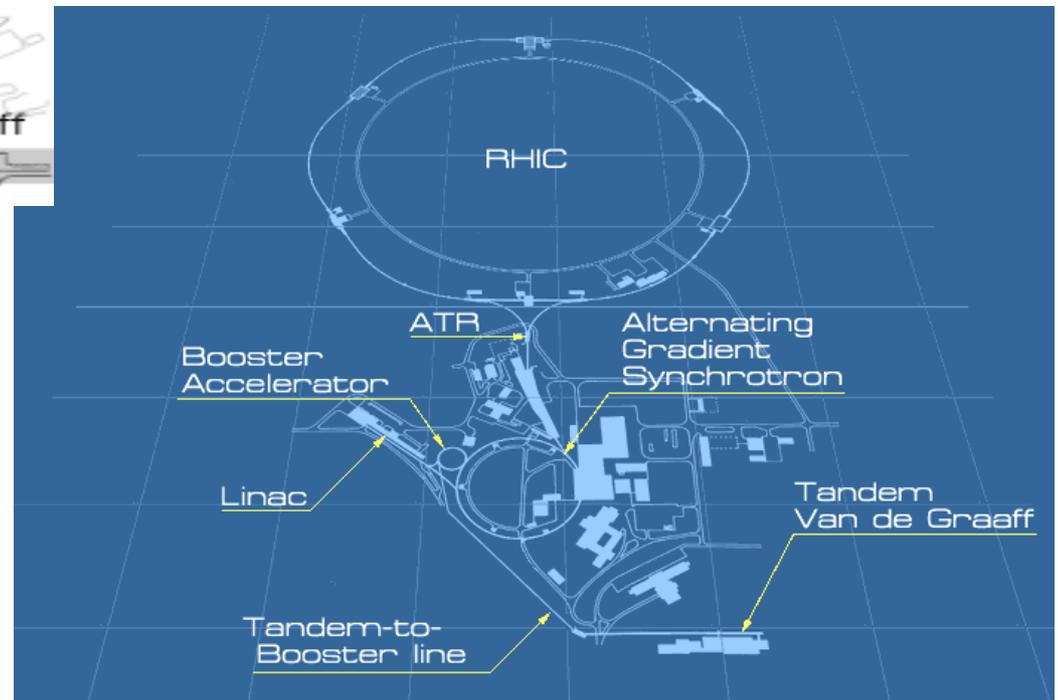
BNL-AGS (1986 – 2002)

(1986 – 1991):

^{16}O & ^{28}Si , $E_{\text{lab}}^{\text{max}} = 14.5 \text{ A GeV}$

1991: AGS Booster, to have more intense proton beams and heavy ions at the AGS
(1992 – 1994): "heavy" Au ions

^{197}Au , $E_{\text{lab}}^{\text{max}} = 11.5 \text{ A GeV}$



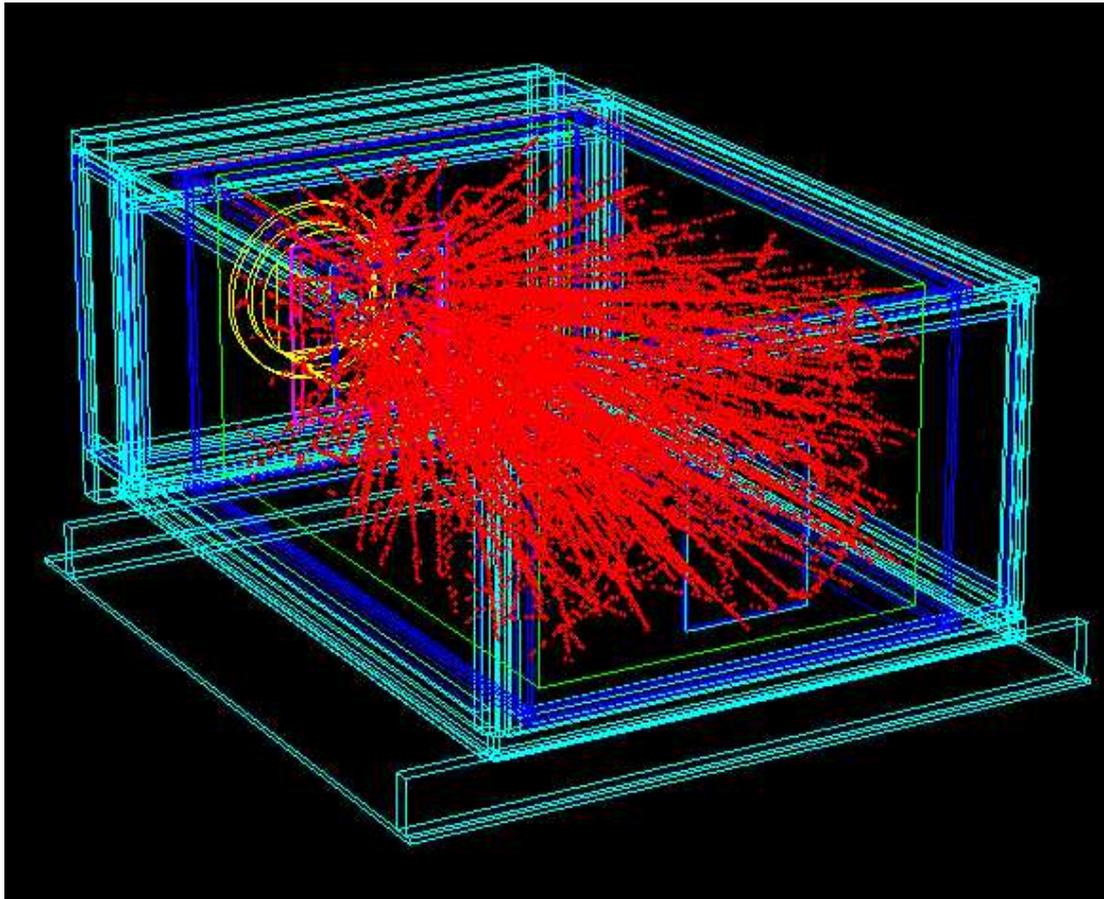
Heavy Ion Experiments at the AGS

5 large experiments: E802/866/917, E810, E814/877, E864, E895.

| Experiment | Beam | Technology | Observables |
|------------|------|--|--|
| E802 | Si | Single arm magnetic spectrometer | Spectra (π , p , K^\pm), HBT |
| E810 | | TPCs in magnetic field | Strangeness (K_s^0 , Λ) |
| E814 | | Magnetic spectrometer + calorimeters | Spectra (p) + E_t |
| E859 | | E802 + 2 nd level PID trigger | Strangeness (Λ) |
| E866 | Au | 2 magnetic spectrometers (TPC, TOF) | Strangeness (Kaons) |
| E877 | | Upgrade of E814 | |
| E891 | | Upgrade of E810 | |
| E895 | | EOS TPC | Spectra (π , p , K^\pm), HBT |
| E896 | | Drift chamber + neutron detector | H^0 Di-baryon, Λ |
| E910 | | EOS TPC + TOF | p+A Collisions |
| E917 | | Upgrade of E866 | |

E895/910 experiment

- EOS TPC; developed for Bevalac experiment
- Spectra (π^\pm , p , K^\pm), particle correlation, HBT



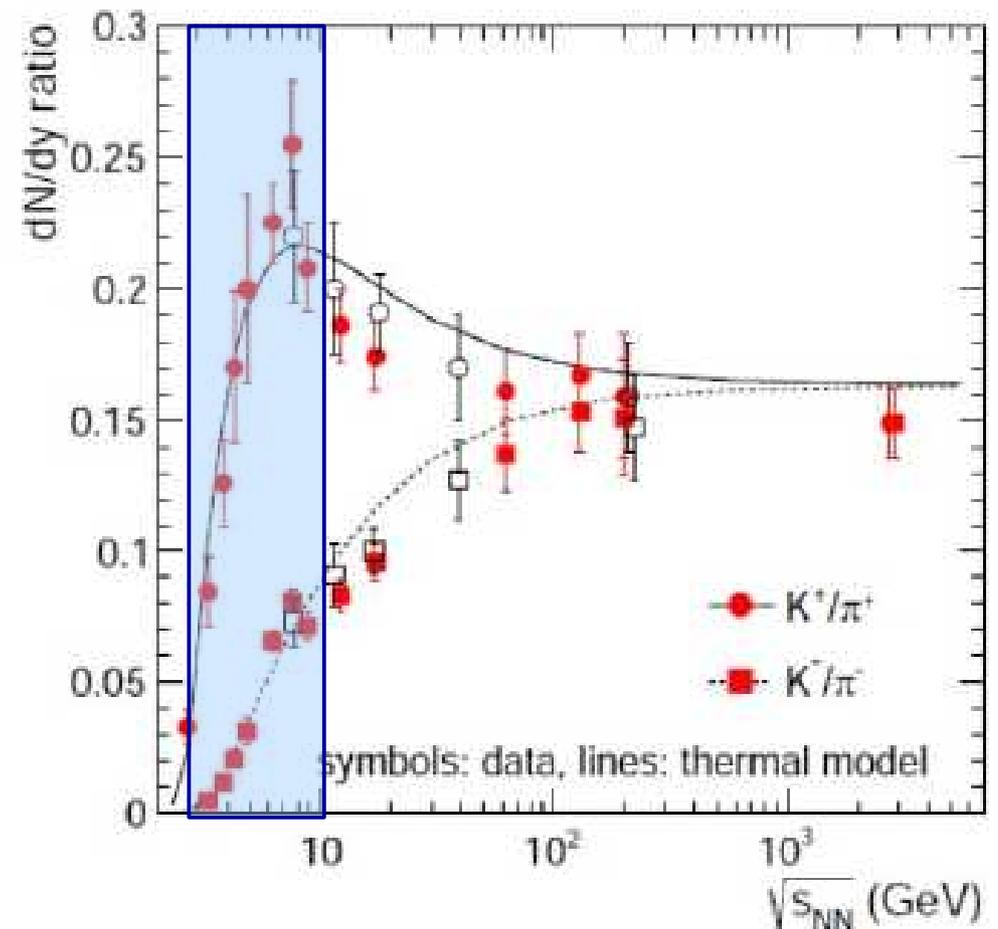
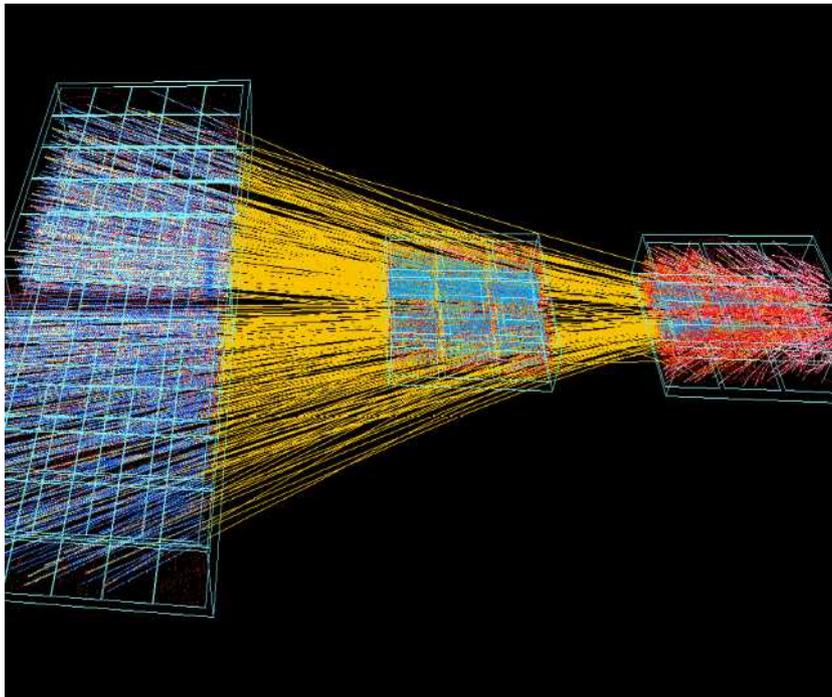
Heavy Ion Experiments at the SPS

| Experiment | Beam | Technology | Observables |
|------------|---|--|---|
| NA34 | $^{16}\text{O}, ^{32}\text{S}$ | Muon spectrometer + calorimeter | Di-leptons, ρ , π , K , γ |
| NA35 | | Streamer chamber | π , K_s^0 , Λ , HBT |
| NA36 | | TPC | K_s^0 , Λ |
| NA38 | | Di-muon spectrometer (NA10) | Di-leptons, J/ψ |
| WA80/WA93 | | Calorimeter + Plastic Ball | γ , π^0 , η |
| WA85 | | Mag. spectrometer with MWPCs | K_s^0 , Λ , Ξ |
| WA94 | | WA85 + Si strip detectors | K_s^0 , Λ , Ξ |
| NA44 | $^{16}\text{O}, ^{32}\text{S}, ^{208}\text{Pb}$ | Single arm magnetic spectrometer | π , K^\pm , ρ |
| NA45 | | Cherenkov + TPC | Di-leptons (low mass) |
| NA49 | ^{208}Pb | Large volume TPCs | π , K^\pm , ρ , K_s^0 , Λ , Ξ , Ω , ... |
| NA50 | | NA38 upgrade | Di-leptons, J/ψ |
| NA52 | | Beamline spectrometer | Strangelets |
| WA97 | | Mag. spectrometer with Si tracker | h^- , K_s^0 , Λ , Ξ , Ω |
| WA98 | | Pb-glass calorimeter + mag. spectrom. | γ , π^0 , η |
| NA57 | WA97 upgrade | h^- , K_s^0 , Λ , Ξ , Ω | |
| NA60 | ^{114}In | NA50 + Si vertex tracker | Di-leptons, J/ψ |

Onset of deconfinement (NA49/61)

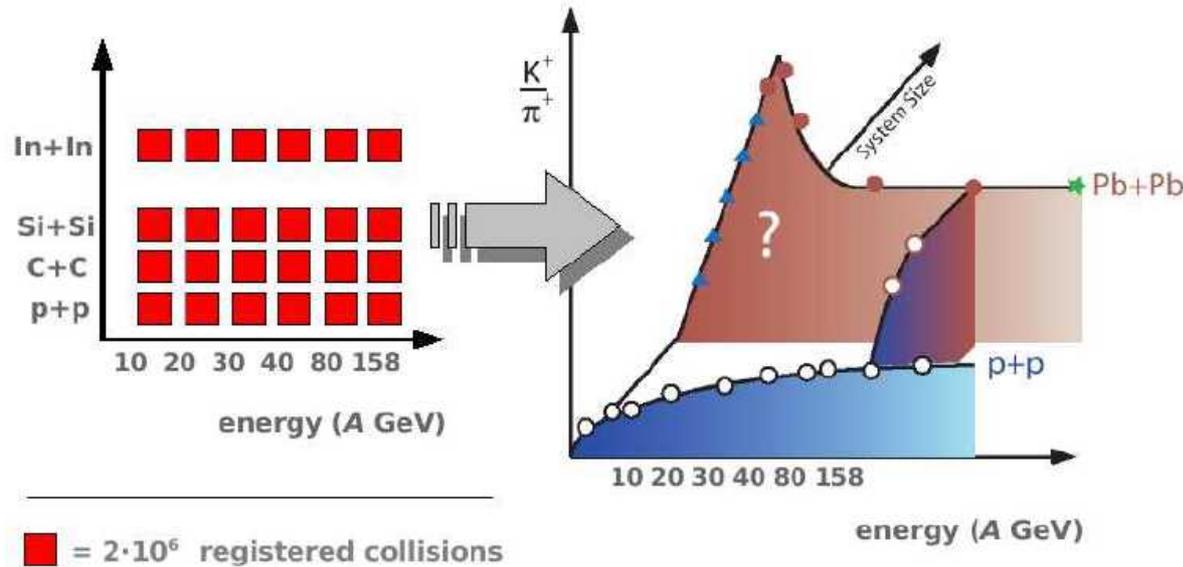
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Statistical Model of the Early Stage

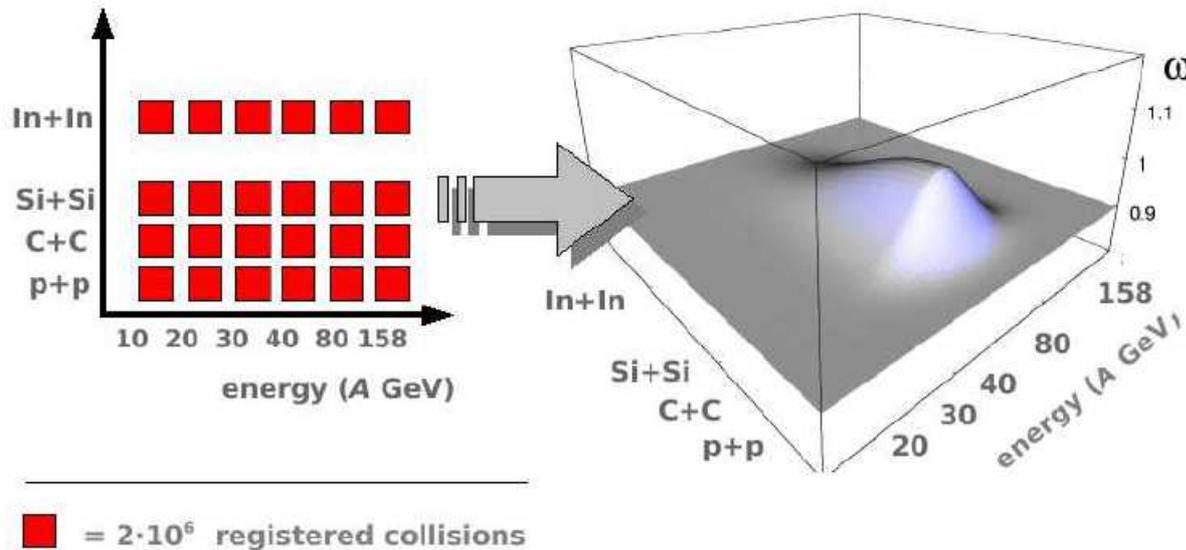


NA49 scan

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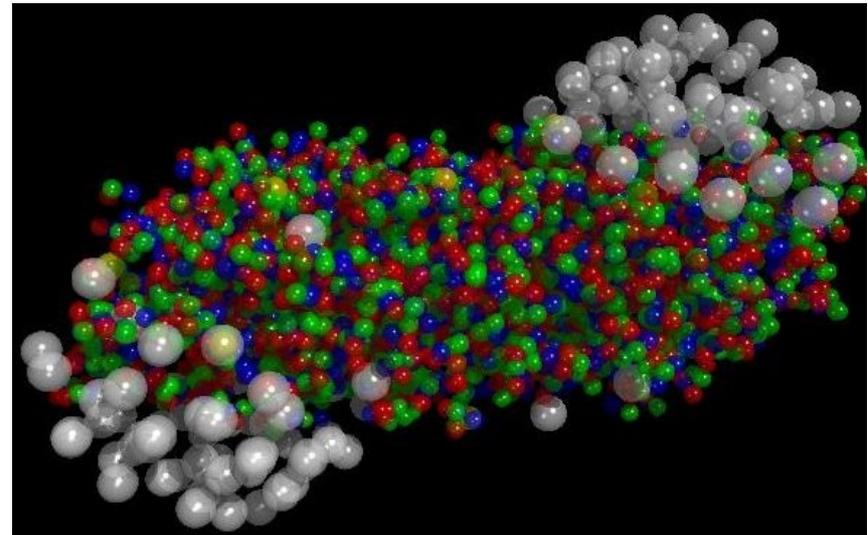
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vanishing



The scaled variance of the multiplicity distribution of negatively charged hadrons in the projectile hemi-sphere

New State of Matter created at CERN

Geneva, 10 February 2000. At a special seminar on 10 February, spokespersons from the experiments on CERN's Heavy Ion programme presented compelling evidence for the existence of a new state of matter in which quarks, instead of being bound up into more complex particles such as protons and neutrons, are liberated to roam freely.



Professor Luciano Maiani, CERN Director General, said "The combined data coming from the seven experiments on CERN's Heavy Ion programme have given a clear picture of a new state of matter. This result verifies an important prediction of the present theory of fundamental forces between quarks. It is also an important step forward in the understanding of the early evolution of the universe. We now have evidence of a new state of matter where quarks and gluons are not confined. There is still an entirely new territory to be explored concerning the physical properties of quark-gluon matter. The challenge now passes to the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider at the Brookhaven National Laboratory and later to CERN's Large Hadron Collider."

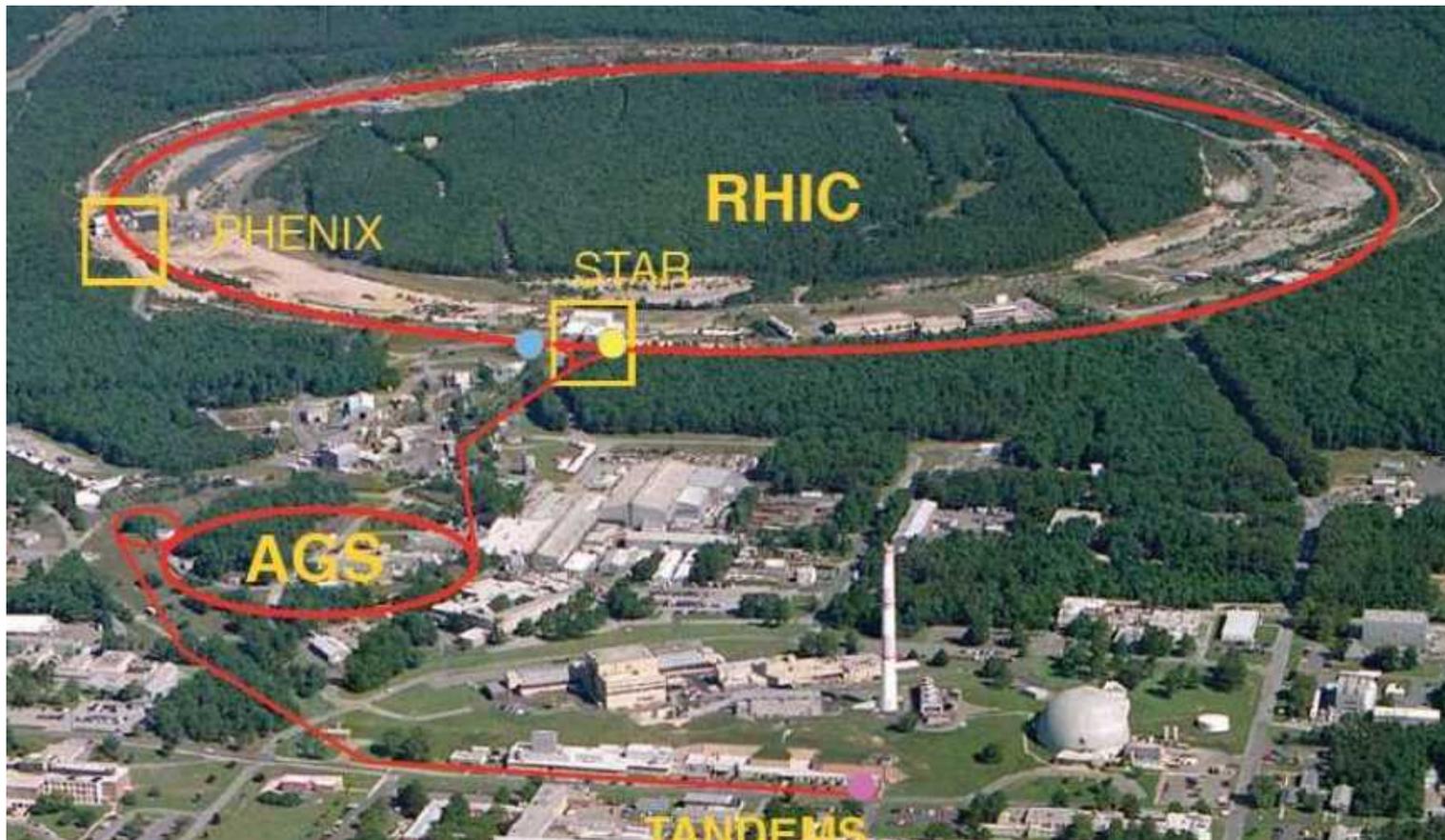
The lead beam programme started in 1994, after the CERN accelerators has been upgraded by a collaboration between CERN and institutes in the Czech Republic, France, India, Italy, Germany, Sweden and Switzerland. A new lead ion source was linked to pre-existing, interconnected accelerators, at CERN, the Proton Synchrotron (PS) and the SPS. The seven large experiments involved measured different aspects of lead-lead and lead-gold collisions. They were named [NA44\(link is external\)](#),[NA45\(link is external\)](#), [NA49](#), [NA50](#), [NA52\(link is external\)](#), [WA97 / NA57](#)and [WA98](#). Some of these experiments use multipurpose detectors to measure and correlate several of the more abundant observable phenomena. Others are dedicated experiments to detect rare signatures with high statistics. This co-ordinated effort using several complementing experiments has proven very successful.

RHIC

BNL-RHIC (from 2000):

$\sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV}$, Au + Au collisions

4 large experiments: BRAHMS, PHENIX, PHOBOS, STAR.

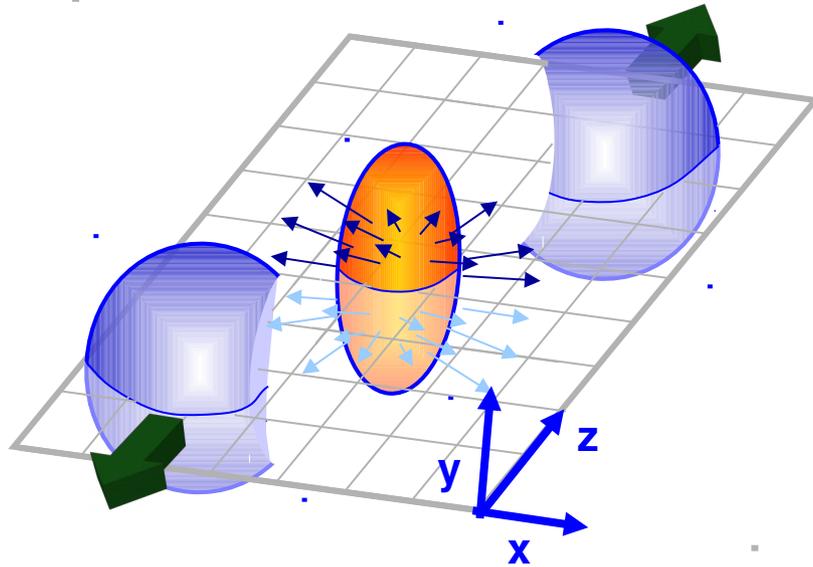


Heavy Ion Experiments at RHIC

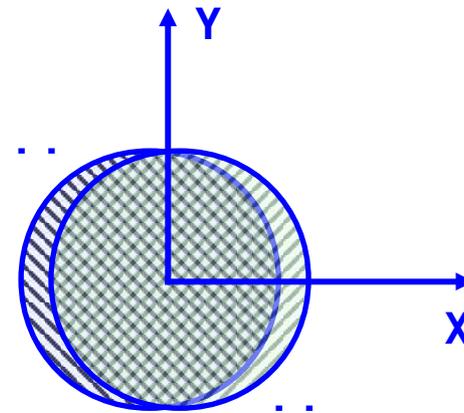
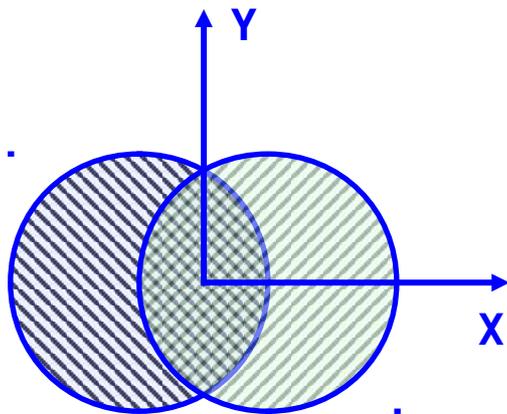
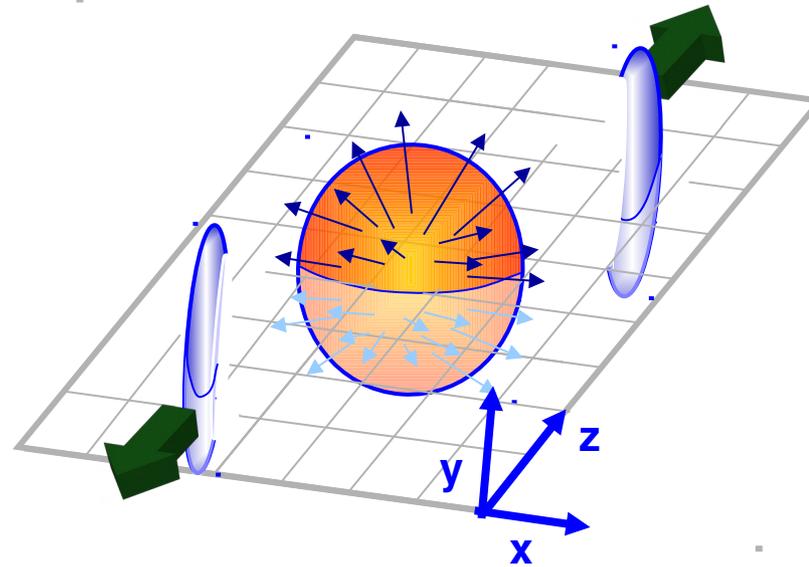
| Experiment | Technology | Observables |
|------------|--|--|
| STAR | TPC and Si vertex tracker (+ EMCAL, TOF) | π , K^\pm , p , K_s^0 , Λ , Ξ , Ω , ... |
| PHENIX | Drift chambers, calorimeter, RICH, TOF, muon spectrometer | γ , π^0 , η , J/ψ , K^\pm , p , ... |
| BRAHMS | 2 arm magnetic spectrometer | π , K^\pm , p (large acceptance) |
| PHOBOS | Magnetic spectrometer with Si tracker | charged particles (large acceptance) |

Nucleus collisions

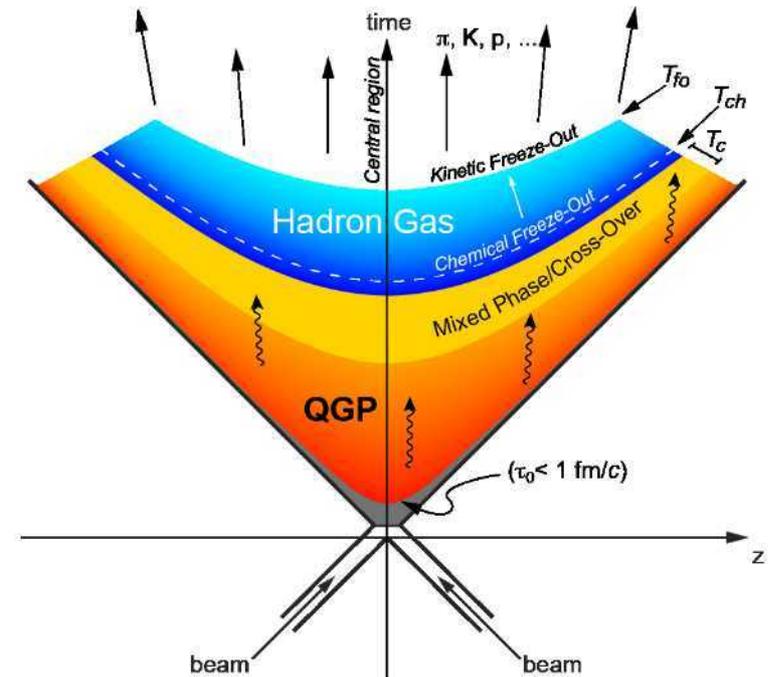
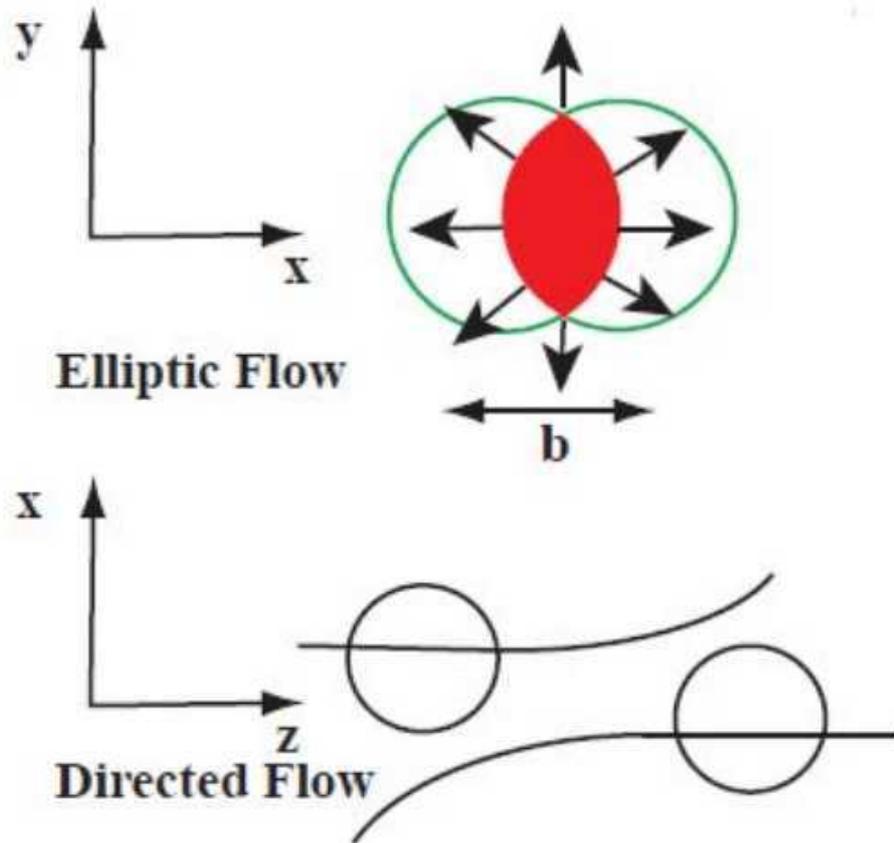
Peripheral Collision



(near) Central Collision



Nucleus collisions



The Quark-Gluon-Plasma is Found at RHIC

BNL-73847-2005
Formal Report

Hunting the Quark Gluon Plasma

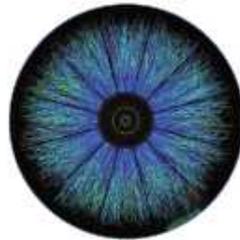
RESULTS FROM THE FIRST 3 YEARS AT RHIC

ASSESSMENTS BY THE EXPERIMENTAL COLLABORATIONS

April 18, 2005



PHOBOS



STAR



PHENIX



BRAHMS

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The early measurements have revealed compelling evidence for the existence of a new form of nuclear matter at extremely high density and temperature – a medium in which the predictions of QCD can be tested, and new phenomena explored, under conditions where the relevant degrees of freedom, over nuclear volumes, are expected to be those of quarks and gluons, rather than of hadrons. This is the realm of the quark gluon plasma, the predicted state of matter whose existence and properties are now being explored by the RHIC experiments.

STAR BES QGP signatures

The particular observables that STAR has identified as the essential drivers of our run plan are:

- (A-1) Constituent-quark-number scaling of v_2 , indicating partonic degrees of freedom;
- (A-2) Hadron suppression in central collisions as characterized by the ratio R_{CP} ;
- (A-3) Untriggered pair correlations in the space of pair separation in azimuth and pseudorapidity, which elucidate the ridge phenomenon;
- (A-4) Local parity violation in strong interactions, an emerging and important RHIC discovery in its own right, is generally believed to require deconfinement, and thus also is expected to turn-off at lower energies.

A search for signatures of a phase transition and a critical point. The particular observables that we have identified as the essential drivers of our run plan are:

- (B-1) Elliptic & directed flow for charged particles and for identified protons and pions, which have been identified by many theorists as highly promising indicators of a “softest point” in the nuclear equation of state;
- (B-2) Azimuthally-sensitive femtoscopy, which adds to the standard HBT observables by allowing the tilt angle of the ellipsoid-like particle source in coordinate space to be measured; these measurements hold promise for identifying a softest point, and complements the momentum-space information revealed by flow measurements, and
- (B-3) Fluctuation measures, indicated by large jumps in the baryon, charge and strangeness susceptibilities, as a function of system temperature – the most obvious expected manifestation of critical phenomena.

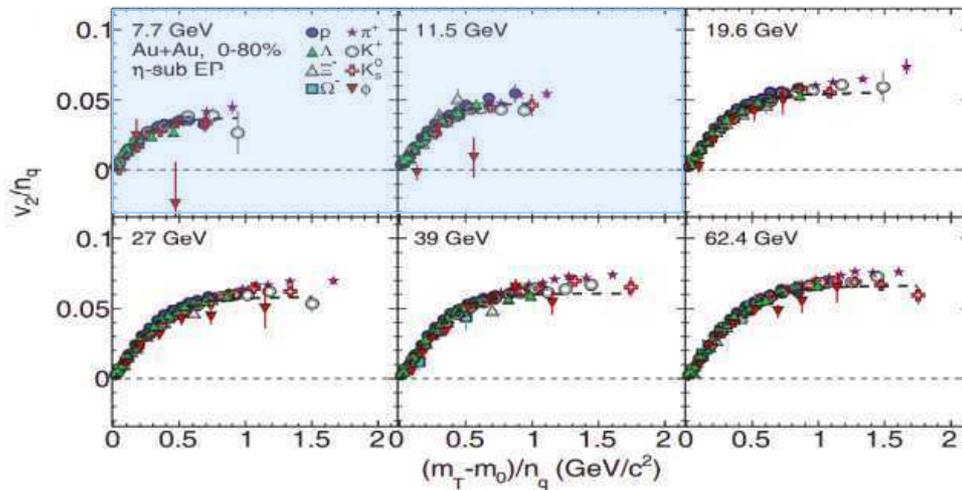
STAR BES I results

High P_T suppression

Stephen Horvat Quark Matter 2015

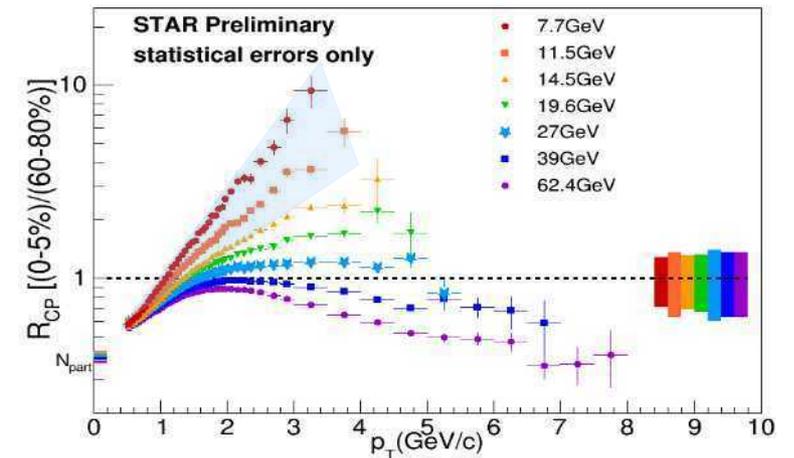
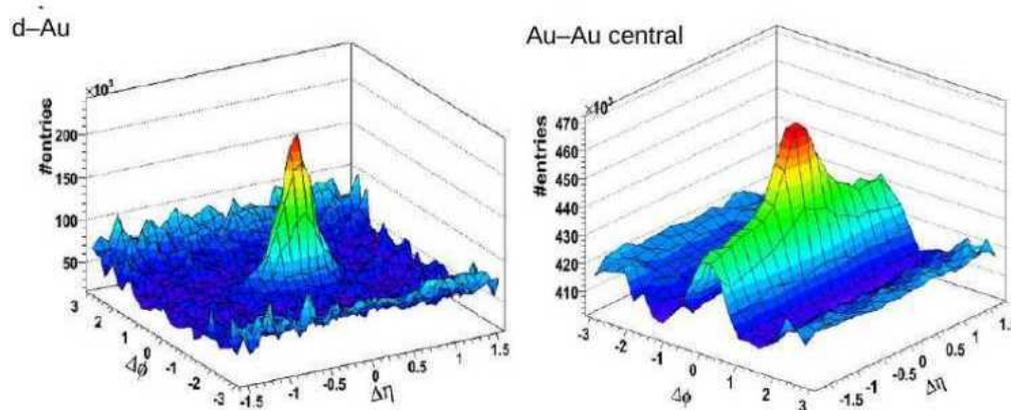
Number of constituent quarks scaling

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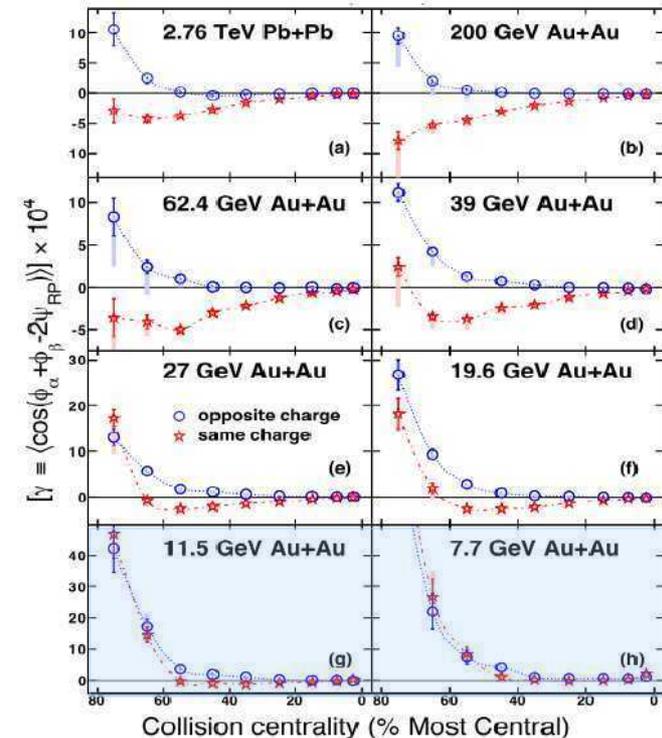


Ridge effect

B. Abelev et al., Phys. Rev. C80, 064912 (2009).

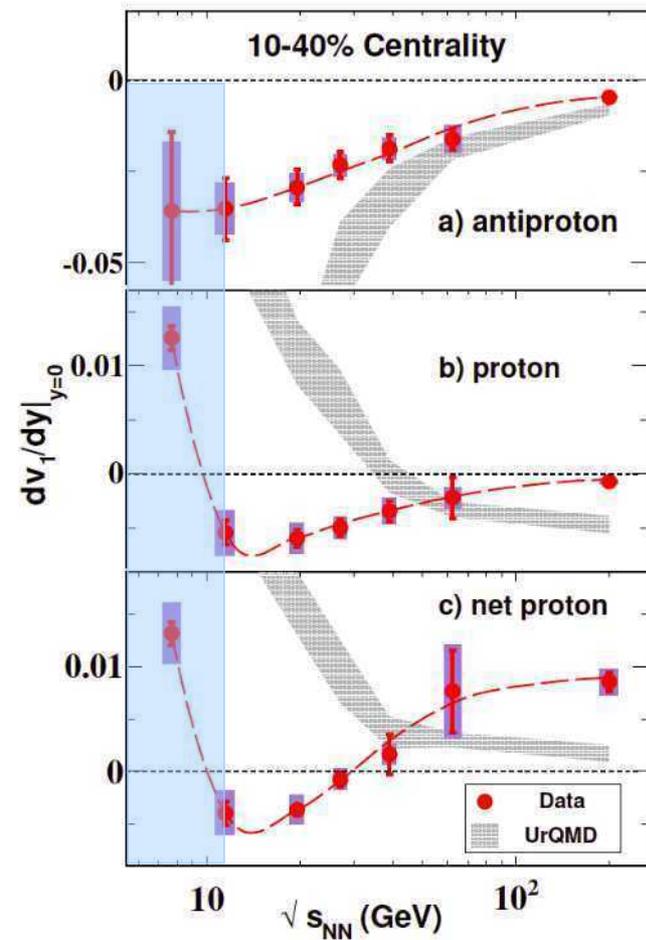


Chiral Magnetic Effect



STAR BES I results

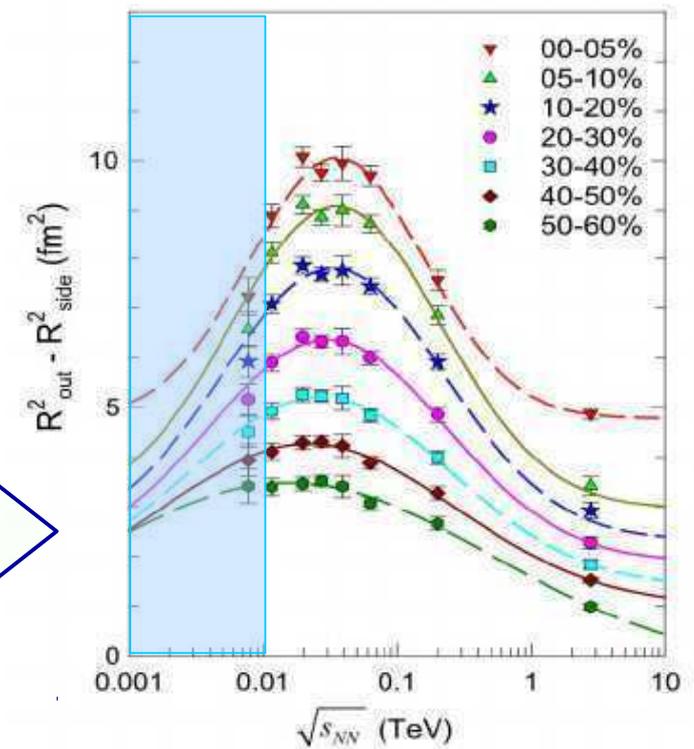
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The rapidity-slope of the net proton directed flow v_1 , dv_1/dy . This quantity is sensitive to early pressure gradients in the medium.

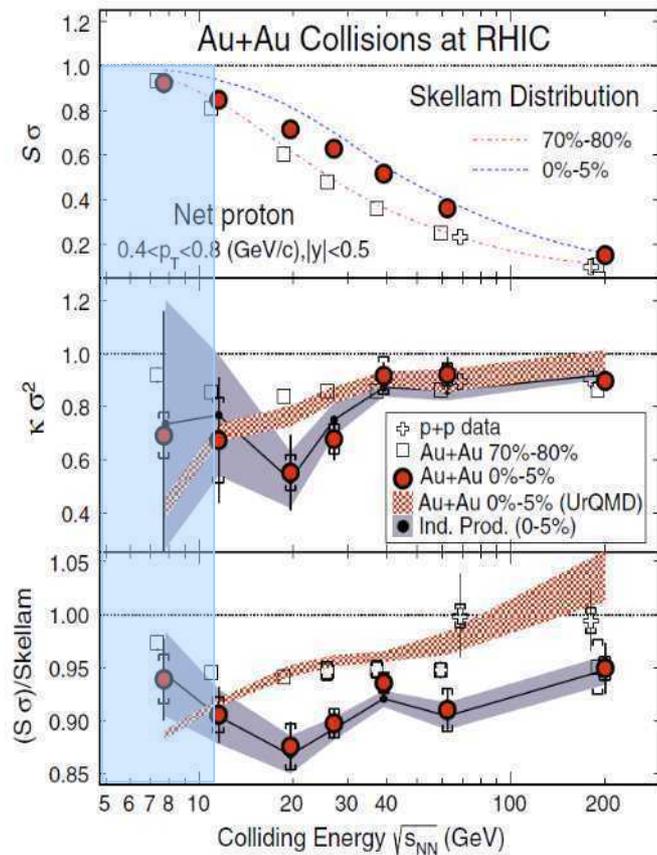
$R_{out}^2 - R_{side}^2$ – reflects the lifetime of the collision fireball and was predicted to reach a maximum for collisions in which a hydrodynamic fluid forms at temperatures where the equation of state is softest.

R. Lacey, PRL 114, 142301 (2015)



STAR BES I results

STAR, PRL 112, 032302 (2014)



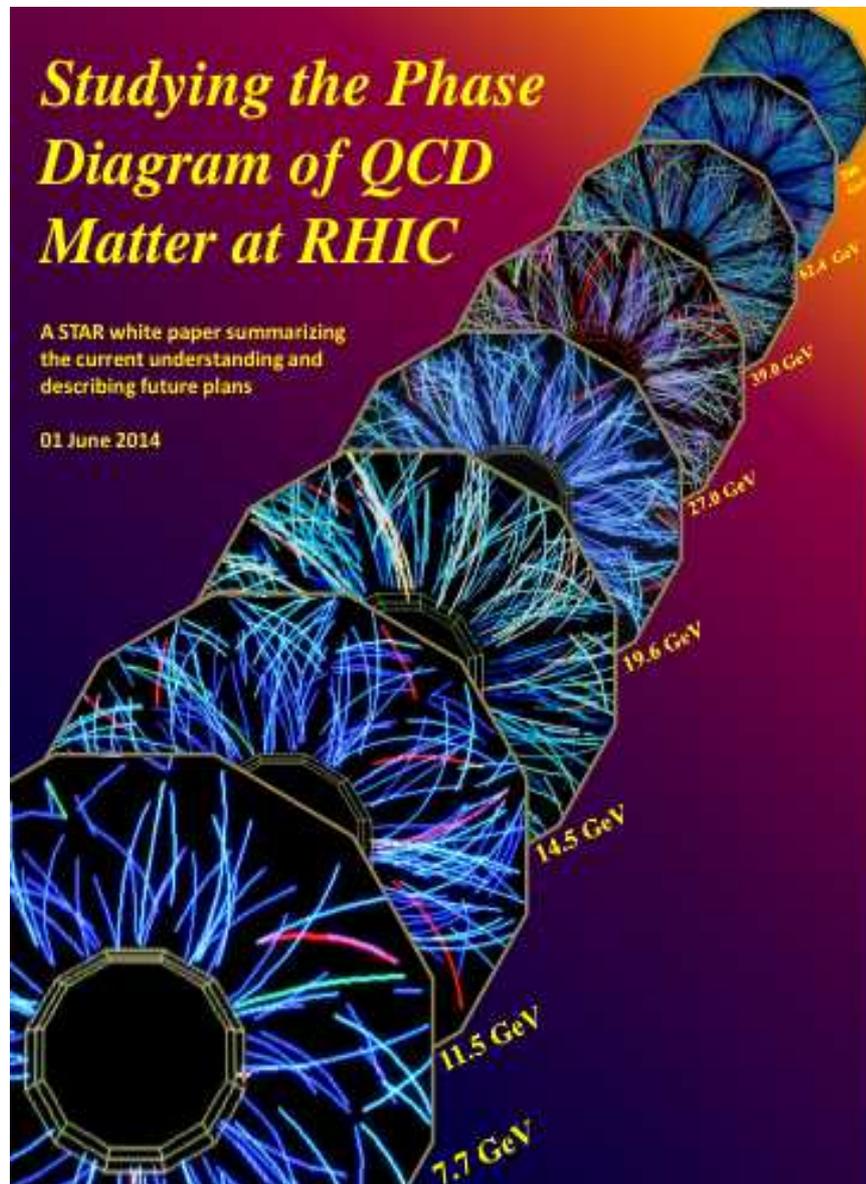
The kurtosis of the event-by-event distribution of the net proton (i.e. proton minus antiproton) number per unit of rapidity, normalized such that Poisson fluctuations give a value of 1.

In central collisions, published results in a limited kinematic range show a drop below the Poisson baseline around $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 27$ and 19.6 GeV.

New preliminary data over a larger p_T range, although at present still with substantial error bars, hint that the normalized kurtosis may, in fact, rise above 1 at lower $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$, as expected from critical fluctuations..

The grey band shows the much reduced uncertainties anticipated from BES-II in 2018-2019, for the 0-5% most central collisions.

Studying the Phase Diagram of QCD Matter at RHIC



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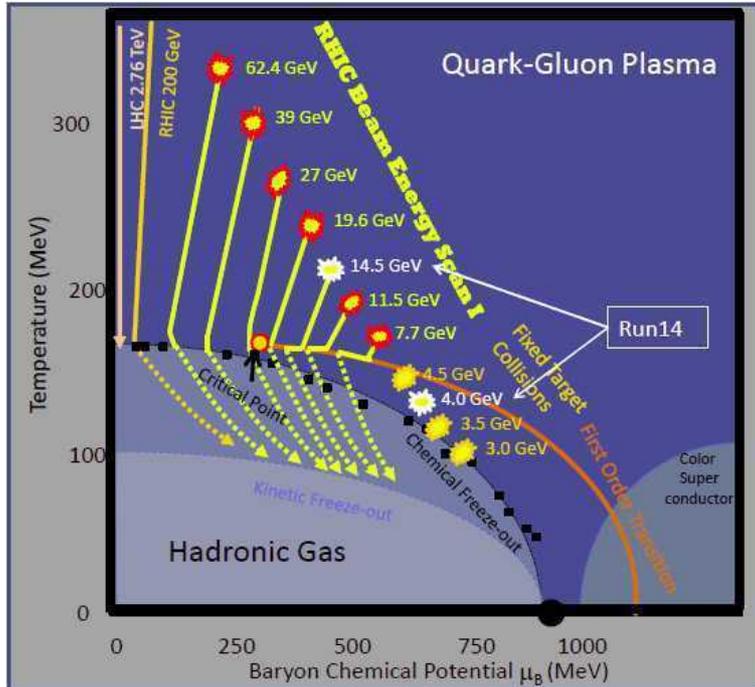
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| 7.7 | 420 | 4.3 | 4 | 2010 |
| 11.5 | 315 | 11.7 | 2 | 2010 |
| 14.5 | 260 | 24.0 | 3 | 2014 |
| 19.6 | 205 | 35.8 | 1.5 | 2011 |
| 27.0 | 155 | 70.4 | 1 | 2011 |
| 39.0 | 115 | 130.4 | 2 | 2010 |
| 62.4 | 70 | 67.3 | 1.5 | 2010 |

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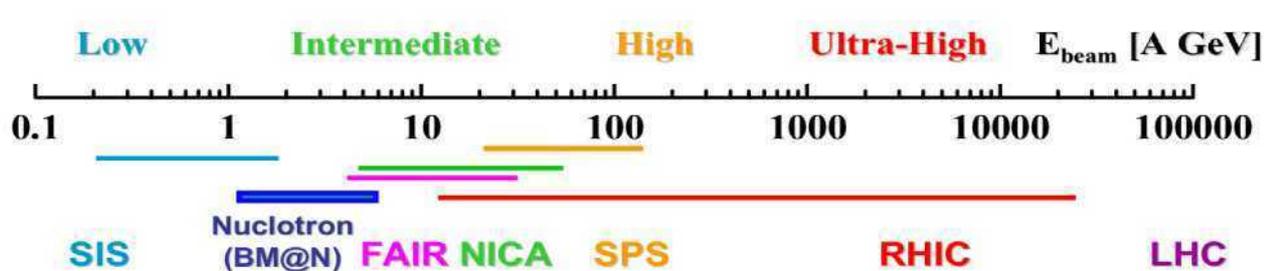
| $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (GeV) | μ_B (MeV) | Needed Events (10^6) |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| 7.7 | 420 | 100 |
| 9.1 | 370 | 160 |
| 11.5 | 315 | 230 |
| 14.5 | 260 | 300 |
| 19.6 | 205 | 400 |



| Year | System and Energy | Physics/Observables | Upgrade |
|-------|--|--|--|
| 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> p+p @ 500 GeV Au+Au @ 62.4 GeV | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spin sign change diffractive Jets | FMS post-shower, EPD (1/8 th), eTOF prototype |
| 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zr+Zr, Ru+Ru @ 200 GeV Au+Au @ 27 GeV | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CME, di-leptons CVE | Full EPD? eTOF prototype |
| 2019 | Au+Au @ 14.5-20 GeV + fixed target | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> QCD critical point Phase transition CME, CVE,... | Full iTPC, eTOF, and EPD |
| 2020 | Au+Au @ 7-11 GeV + fixed target | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> QCD critical point Phase transition CME, CVE,... | |
| 2020+ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Au+Au @ 200 GeV p+A/p+p @ 200 GeV | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unbiased jets, open beauty PID FF, Drell-Yan, longitudinal correlations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HFT+ FCS, FTS |

Resent & future experiments for HIC

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Facility | SPS | RHIC BES II | Nuclotron M | NICA | SIS/100 (300) | J-PARK HI |
| Laboratory | CERN Geneva | BNL Brookhaven | JINR Dubna | JINR Dubna | FAIR GSI Darmstadt | J-PARK |
| Experiment | NA61 SHINE | STAR PHENIX | BM@N | MPD | HADES CBM | JHITS |
| Start of data taking | 2011 | 2017 | 2015 | 2019 | 2020/25 | 2025 |
| $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (GeV) | 4.9 – 17.3 | 7.7 – 200 | < 3.5 | 4 - 11 | 2.7 – 8.2 | 2.0 – 6.2 |
| Physics | CP & OD | CP & OD | HDM | OD & HDM | OD & CP | OD & HDM |



CP — critical point
 OD — onset of deconfinement, mixed phase, 1st order phase transition
 HDM — hadrons in dense matter
 PDM — properties of deconfined matter

NICA advantages

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MPD collaboration
Meeting April, 2018

- Maximum in K^+ / π^+ ratio is in the NICA energy region,
- Maximum in Λ/π ratio is in the NICA energy region,
- Maximum in the net baryon density is in the NICA energy region,
- Transition from a baryon dominated system to a meson dominated one happens in the NICA energy region.

Nuclotron based Ion Collider Facility



Beams – p,d(h)..¹⁹⁷Au⁷⁹⁺

Collision energy \sqrt{s} = **4-11** GeV/u (Au), **12-27** (p)

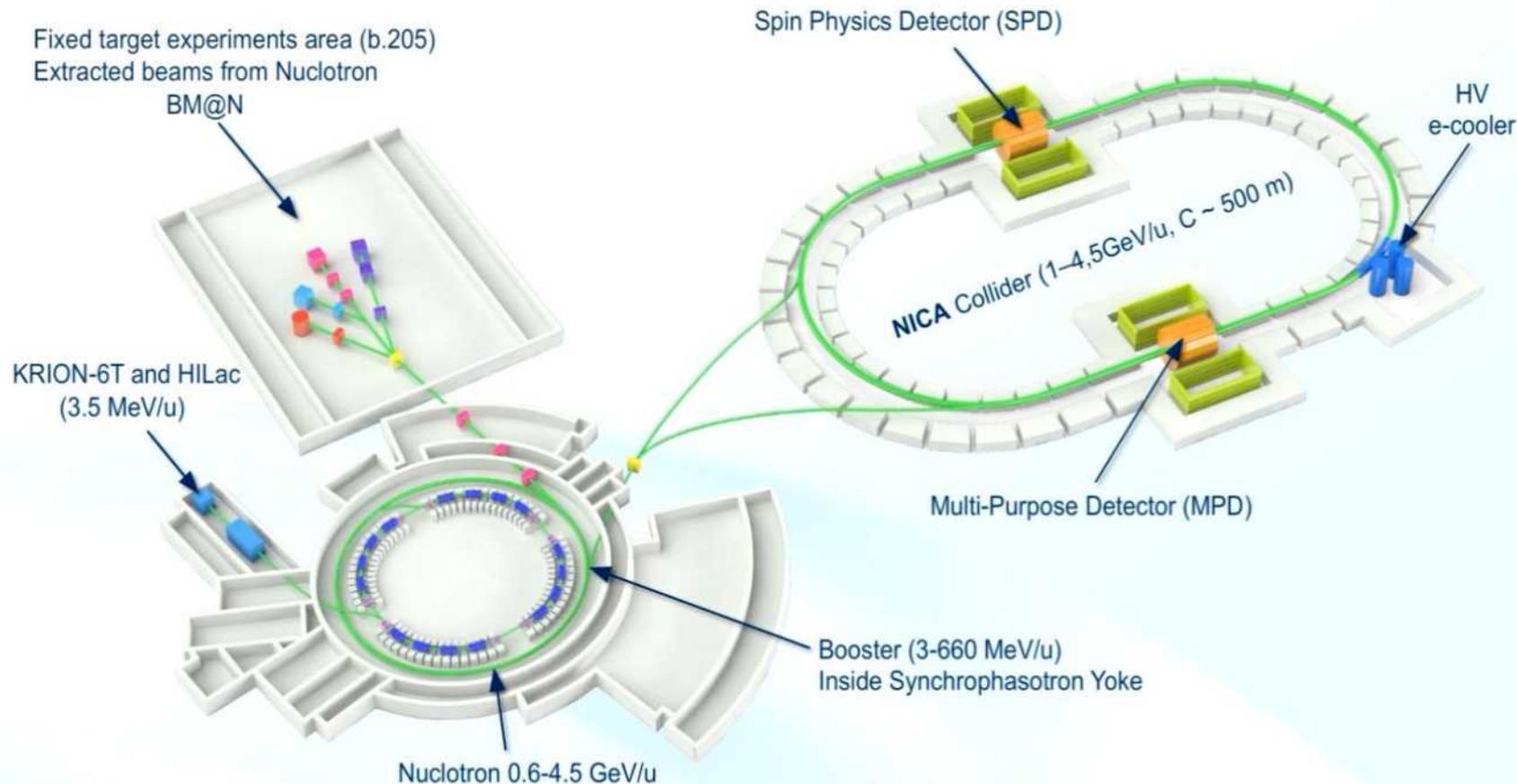
Beam energy (fixed target) - **1-6** GeV/u

Luminosity: **10²⁷** cm⁻²s⁻¹(Au), **10³²** (p)

Experiments:

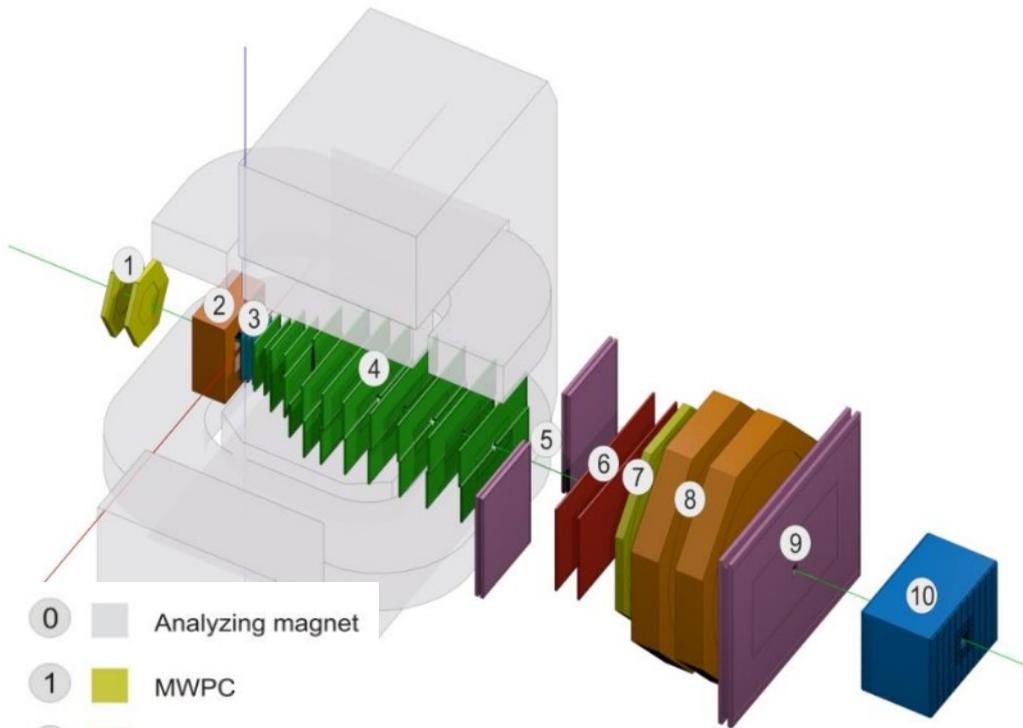
2 Interaction points – **MPD** and SPD

Fixed target experiment **BM@N**

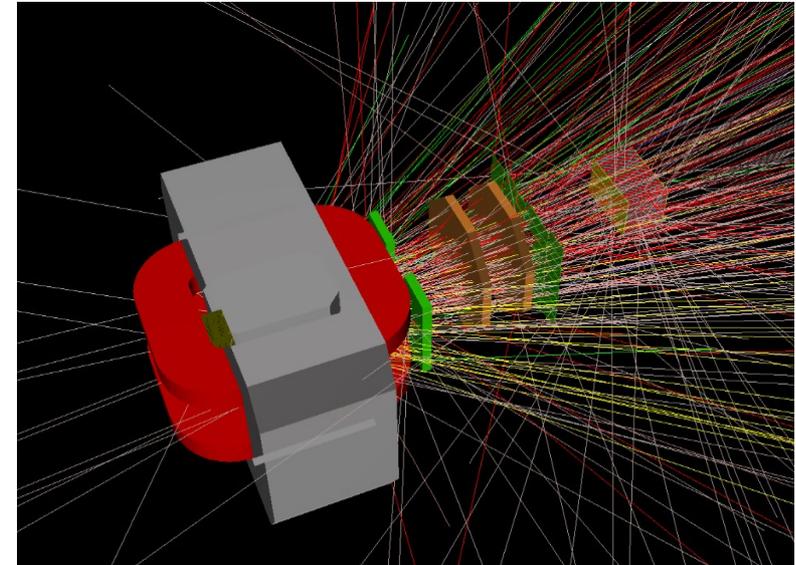


BM@N experiment at NICA

AuAu $E_{\text{beam}} = 4 \text{ GeV}$

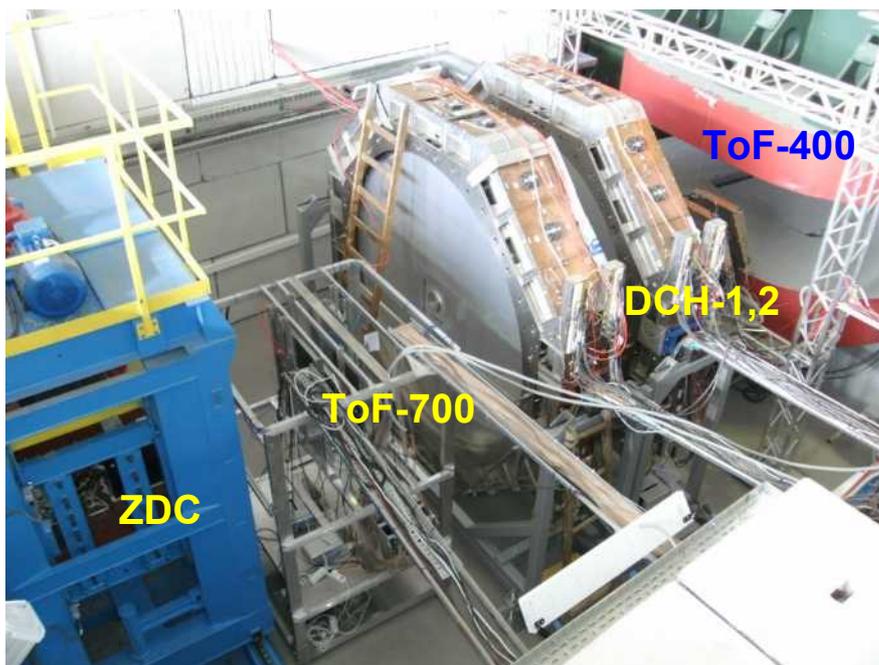


- 0 Analyzing magnet
- 1 MWPC
- 2 Recoil (+ToT)
- 3 ST (Silicon Tracker)
- 4 GEM
- 5 TOF1(mRPC)
- 6 CPC
- 7 Straw
- 8 DCH
- 9 TOF2(mRPC)
- 10 ZDC

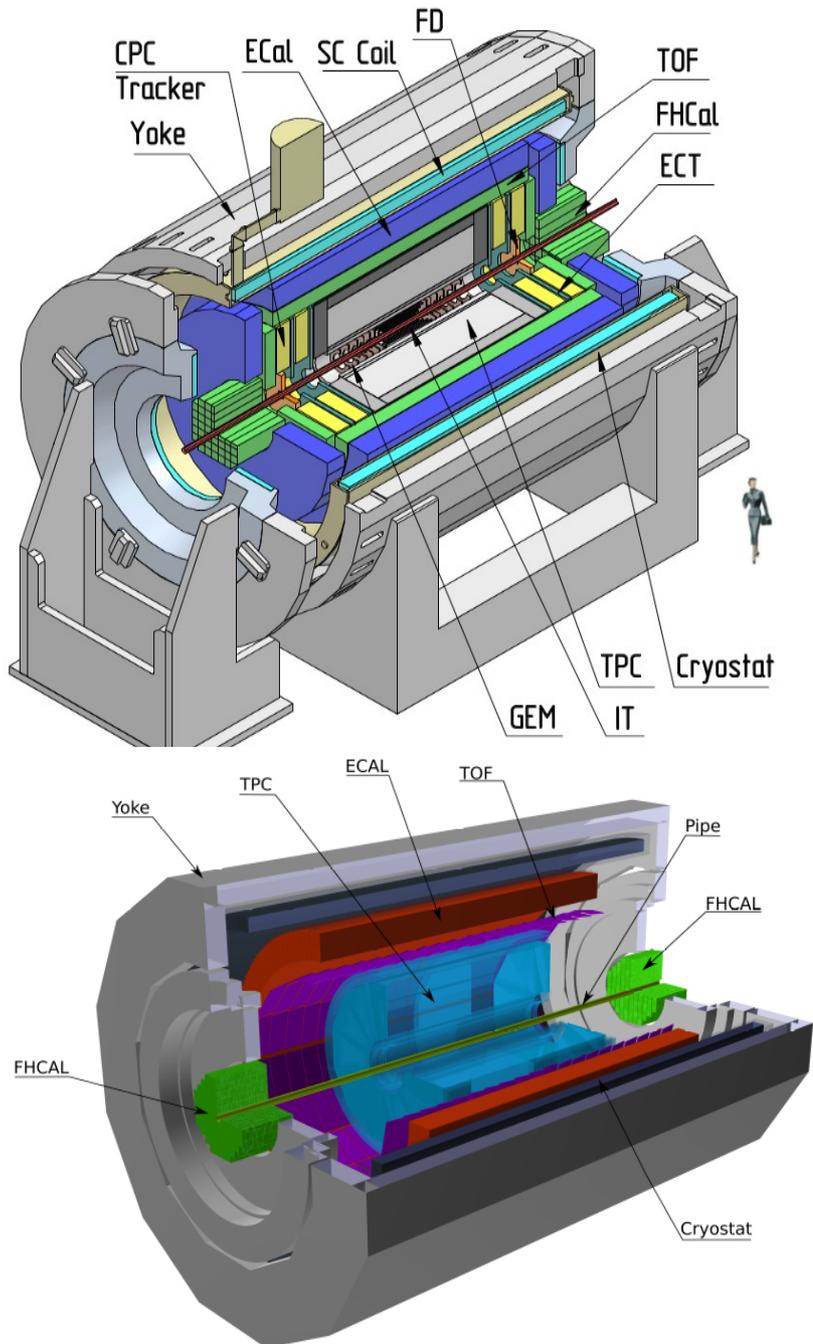


| year | 2016 | 2017 spring | 2017 autumn | 2019 | 2020 and later |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| beam | d(↑) | C, Ar | Kr | Au | Au, p |
| max.intensity, Hz | | 1M | 1M | 1M | 10M |
| trigger rate, Hz | 10k | 10k | 20k | 20k | 50k |
| central tracker status | 6 GEM half pl. | 8 GEM half pl. | 10 GEM half pl. | 8 GEM full pl. | 12 GEMs or 8 GEMs + Si planes |
| experim. status | techn. run | techn. run | physics run | stage 1 physics | stage 2 physics |

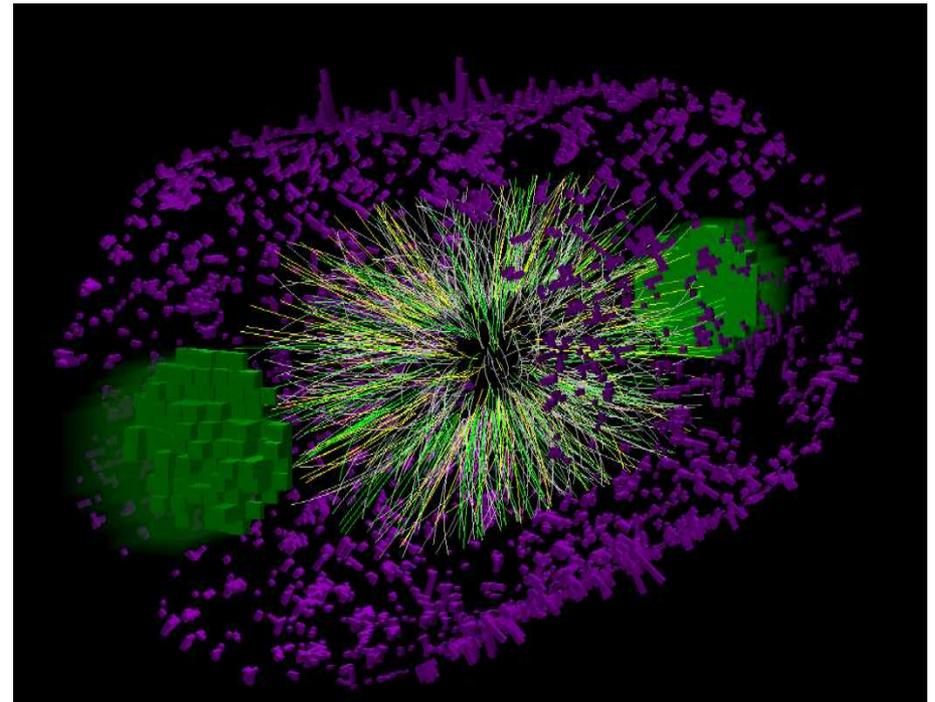
BM@N experiment at NICA



MPD experiment at NICA



MPD event display
 $AuAu \sqrt{s} = 11 \text{ GeV}$



MPD magnet yoke

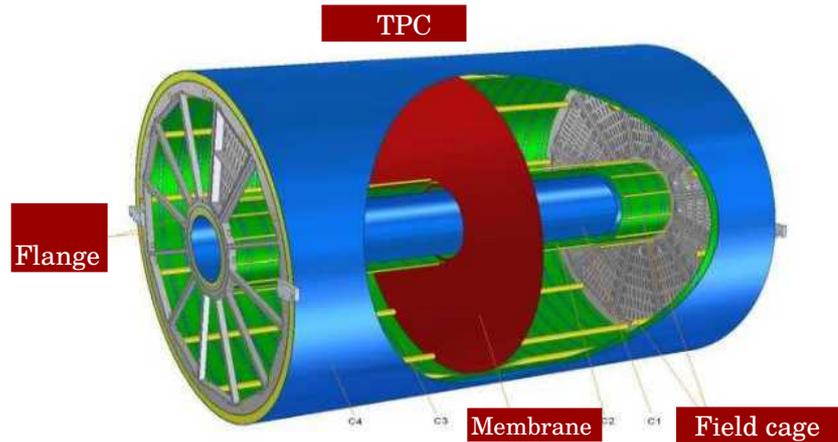
- **Iron Yoke**

Outer diameter 6583 mm
Length 9010 mm
Dist. In between poles 7390 mm
Weight 727 ton

28 plates 16 T each
2 support rings 42.5 T each
2 poles 50 T each



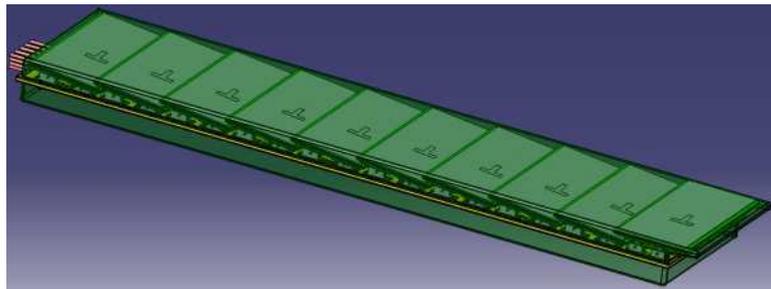
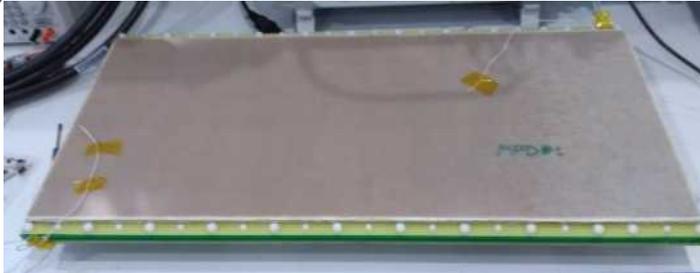
MPD Time Projection Chamber



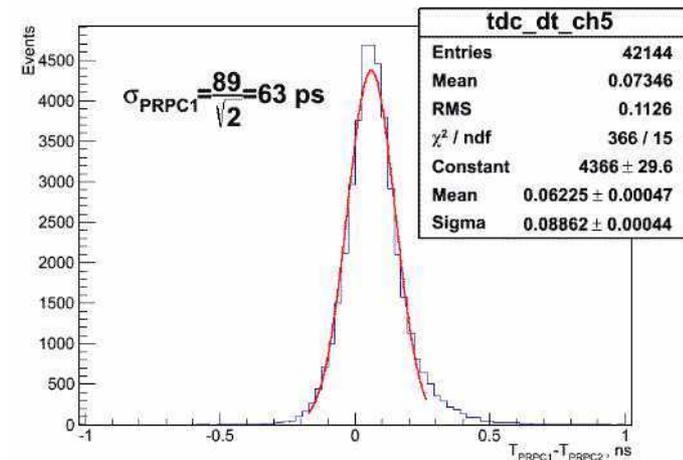
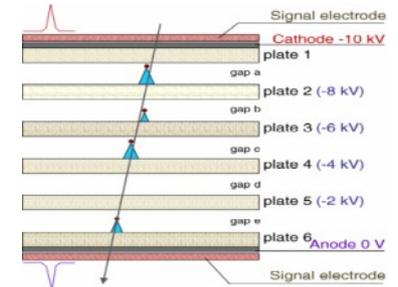
| Item | Dimension |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Length of the TPC | 340cm |
| Outer radius of vessel | 140cm |
| Inner radius of vessel | 27 cm |
| Outer radius of the drift volume | 133cm |
| Inner radius of the drift volume | 34cm |
| Length of the drift volume | 170cm (of each half) |
| HV electrode | Membrane at the center of the TPC |
| Electric field strength | ~140V/cm; |
| Magnetic field strength | 0.5 Tesla |
| Drift gas | 90% Ar+10% Methane, Atmospheric pres. + 2 mbar |
| Gas amplification factor | ~ 10 ⁴ |
| Drift velocity | 5.45 cm/μs; |
| Drift time | < 30μs; |
| Temperature stability | < 0.5°C |
| Number of readout chambers | 24 (12 per each end-plate) |
| Segmentation in φ | 30° |
| Pad size | 5x12mm ² and 5x18mm ² |
| Number of pads | 95232 |
| Pad raw numbers | 53 |
| Pad numbers after zero suppression | < 10% |
| Maximal event rate | < 7 kHz (Lum. 10 ²⁷) |
| Electronics shaping time | ~180 ns (FWHM) |
| Signal-to-noise ratio | 30:1 |
| Signal dynamical range | 10 bits |
| Sampling rate | 10 MHz |
| Sampling depth | 310 time buckets |

Time Of Flight detector

mRPC prototype with a strip



multigap
resistive
plate
chamber



*(T1 - T2) for
two mRPCs*

*Full scale mRPC
prototype with a strip*

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FEASIBILITY STUDY OF HEAVY ION PHYSICS PROGRAM AT NICA

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There is strong experimental and theoretical evidence that in collisions of heavy ions at relativistic energies the nuclear matter undergoes a phase transition to the deconfined state — Quark–Gluon Plasma. The caused energy region of such a transition was not found at high energy at SPS and RHIC, and search for this energy is shifted to lower energies, which will be covered by the future NICA (Dubna), FAIR (Darmstadt) facilities and BES II at RHIC. Fixed target and collider experiments at the NICA facility will work in the energy range from a few A GeV up to $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 11$ GeV and will study the most interesting area on the nuclear matter phase diagram.

The most remarkable results were observed in the study of collective phenomena occurring in the early stage of nuclear collisions. Investigation of the collective flow will provide information on Equation of State (EoS) for nuclear matter. Study of the event-by-event fluctuations and correlations can give us signals of critical behavior of the system. Femtoscopy analysis provides the space-time history of the collisions. Also, it was found that baryon stopping power revealing itself as a "wiggle" in the excitation function of curvature of the (net) proton rapidity spectrum relates to the order of the phase transition.

The available observations of an enhancement of dilepton rates at low invariant masses may serve as a signal of the chiral symmetry restoration in hot and dense matter. Due to this fact, measurements of the dilepton spectra are considered to be an important part of the NICA physics program. The study of strange particles and hypernuclei production gives additional information on the EoS and "strange" axis of the QCD phase diagram.

In this paper a feasibility of the considered investigations is shown by the detailed Monte Carlo simulations applied to the planned experiments (BM@N, MPD) at NICA.

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NICA Computing resources

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Computation component **HybriLIT**

TOTAL RESOURCES
252 CPU cores;
771.84 CUDA cores;
182 MIC cores;
~2,5 Tb RAM;
~57 Tb HDD.

HARDWARE



SuperBlade Chassis including 10 calculation blades for run user tasks.



OS: **Scientific Linux 6**
distributed file system: **EOS**
batch system: **SLURM**



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Thank you for attention

