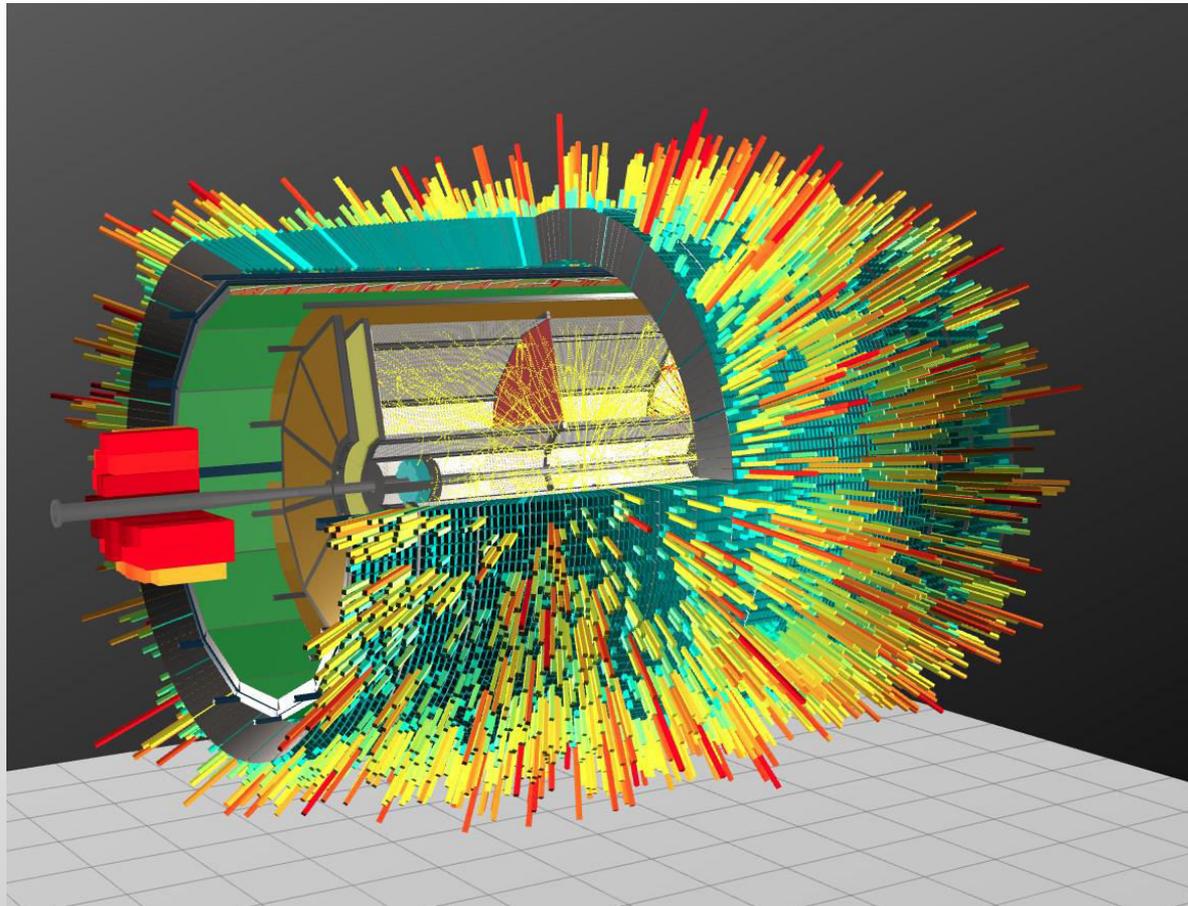
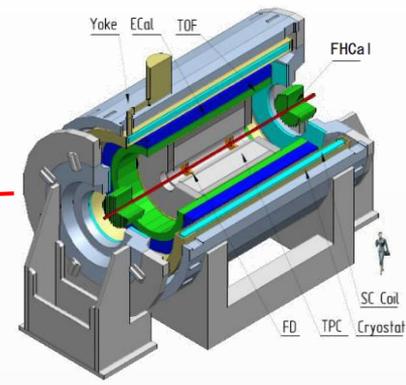


# Implementation of the MPD project

V. Riabov for the MPD Collaboration

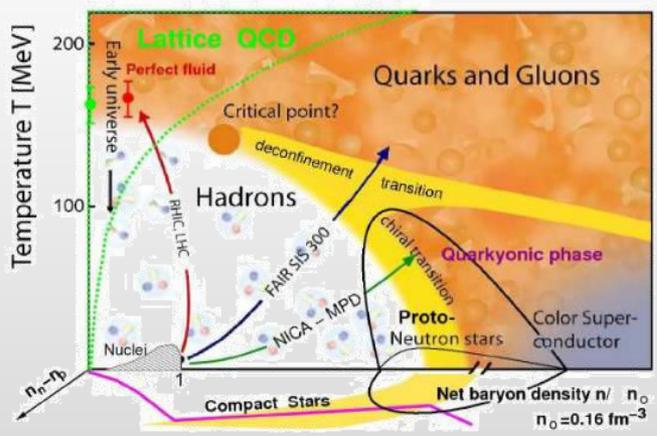


❖ One of two experiments at NICA collider to study heavy-ion collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 4-11$  GeV

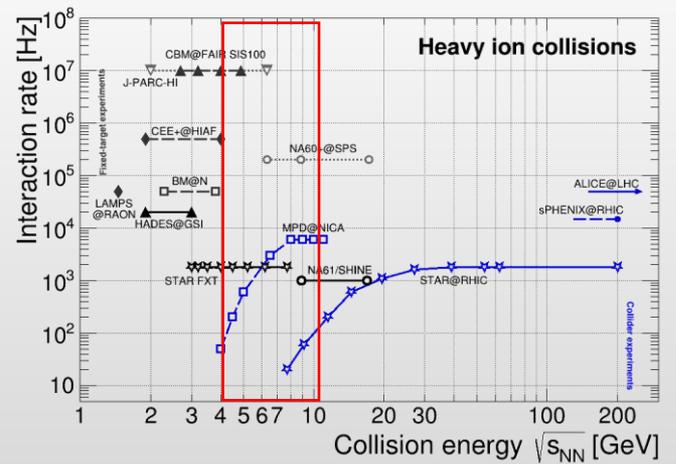
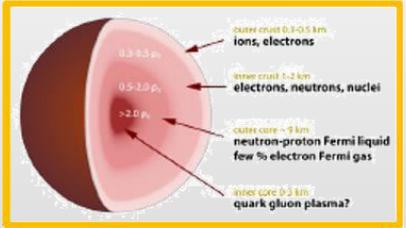


## Stage- I

- TPC:  $|\Delta\phi| < 2\pi, |\eta| \leq 1.6$
- TOF, EMC:  $|\Delta\phi| < 2\pi, |\eta| \leq 1.4$
- FFD:  $|\Delta\phi| < 2\pi, 2.9 < |\eta| < 3.3$
- FHCAL:  $|\Delta\phi| < 2\pi, 2 < |\eta| < 5$

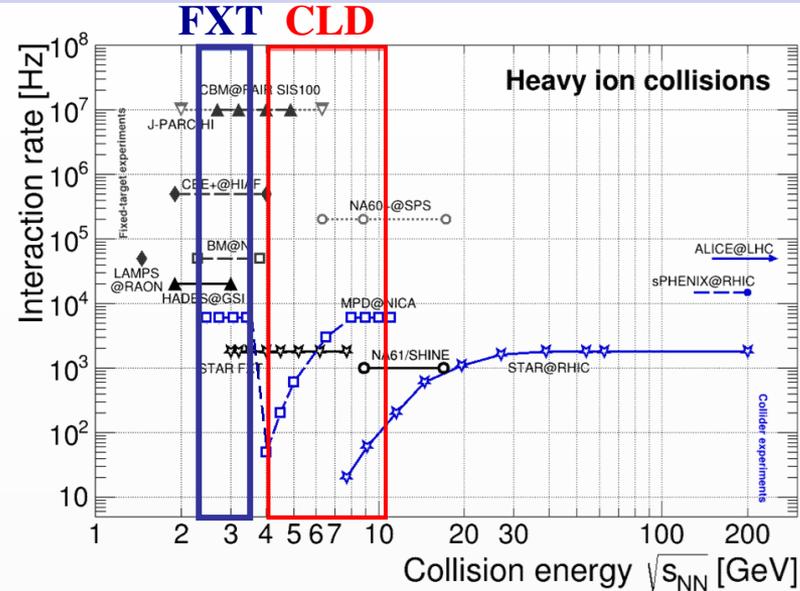
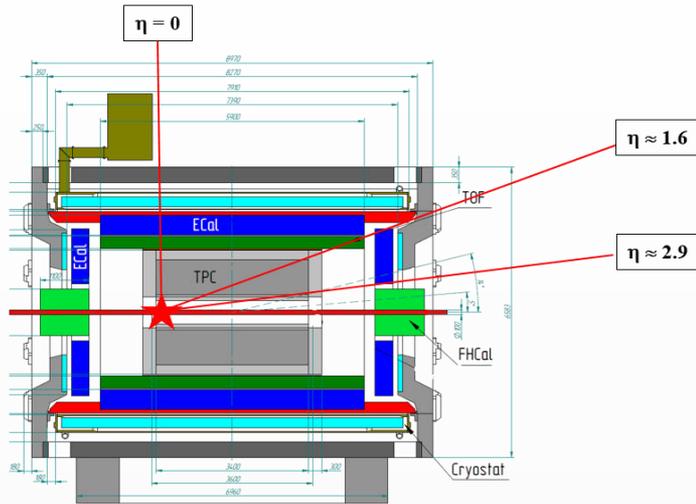


high baryon densities  
→ inner structure of compact stars



- ❖ NICA will study QCD medium at extreme net baryon densities → 1<sup>st</sup> order phase transition + QCD CEP
- ❖ Many ongoing (NA61/Shine, STAR-BES) and future experiments (CBM) in ~ same energy range

# Fixed-target operation



- ❖ MPD-CLD and MPD-FXT options approved by accelerator department (now a default option)
- ❖ Collider mode: two beams,  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 4-11$  GeV
- ❖ Fixed-target mode: one beam + thin wire ( $\sim 50-100$   $\mu\text{m}$ ) close to the edge of the MPD central barrel:
  - ✓ extends energy range of MPD to  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.4-3.5$  GeV (overlap with HADES, BM@N and CBM)
  - ✓ solves problem of low event rate at lower collision energies (only  $\sim 50$  Hz at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 4$  GeV at design luminosity)
- ❖ Expected beam condition for the first year(s):
  - ✓ MPD-CLD: Xe+Xe at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 7$  GeV, reduced luminosity  $\rightarrow$  collision rate  $\sim 50$  Hz
  - ✓ MPD-FXT: Xe+W at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 3$  GeV

**Capability of target and collision energy overlap between MPD and BM@N experiments**

❖ Latest estimates provided by Project manager (V. Golovatyuk)

<b>Year 2024</b>	
January 25 <sup>th</sup> – March 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Cooling Solenoid to the temperature below of liquid Nitrogen 72K</b>
April – June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Laying water cooling pipes and cable routing for Solenoid powering power supplies
July	Ready to turn on the magnet power supplies → <b>water cooling system of bld. 17 (MPD) must be ready to avoid further delays</b>
July – August	Tests of power supplies and quench protection system
September – October	Cooling of the magnet to LHe temperature
October – December	Magnetic field measurements
November – December	Installation of FHCAL in the poles
November	Commissioning of the TPC/Ecal cooling system
November	End of production of 40 ECal half sectors out of 50 (light shifters problem)
December	TPC mechanical body is assembled, leak test and HV test are finished
<b>Year 2025</b>	
January	Installation of the central frame and FHCAL
January – March	Installation of ECal sectors
March	Installation TOF modules (access from both sides )
April – June	TPC installation
January – June	Cabling
June	Mounting of the beam pipe
<b>July</b>	<b>Moving to the beam position</b>

# NICA Electromagnetic calorimeter (ECAL)

- ❖ Sampling calorimeter with projective geometry (70 tons): 38,400 towers packed in 50 half-sectors
- ❖ First 1600 modules out of 2400 have been produced → packed into 32 half-sectors
- ❖ Production of additional 400 modules have been finished in Russia
- ❖ Production of the remaining 400 modules in JINR → delays with production of WLS fibers in Tver
- ❖ Mass assembly of half-sectors and electronics is in progress, all materials and components for electronics and water cooling system are produced and delivered → 41-42 half-sectors (~83%) by December
- ❖ The development of first-level ECAL calibration (equalization of signals) with cosmics is in progress

Gluing a half-sector



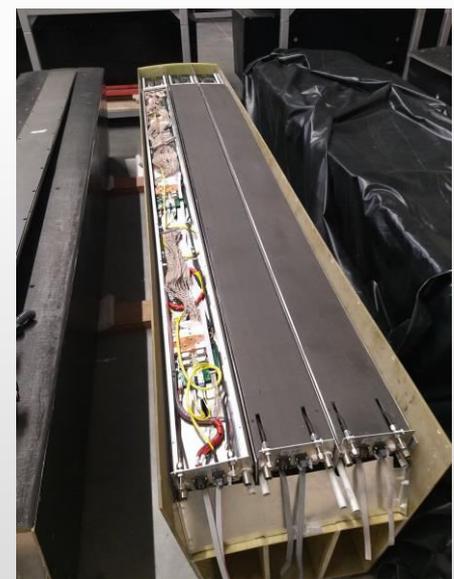
HV boards



ADCs & cooling system



Mostly finished



ECAL installation in the MPD: January, 2025

# Time-of-Flight (TOF)

- ❖ Production of MRPC detectors was completed in September 2022, (107%) chambers
- ❖ All 28 TOF modules are assembled → long-term cosmic ray tests → ready for installation
- ❖ Electronics & cables, HV distribution modules → in stock
- ❖ Assembled the TOF gas system in the MPD hall → commissioning in November

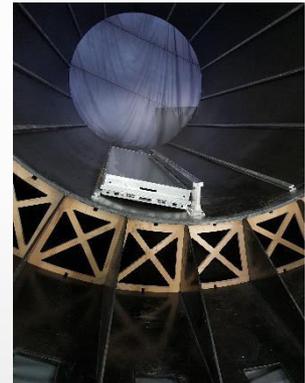
Storage of tested TOF modules



TOF installation bench in LHEP

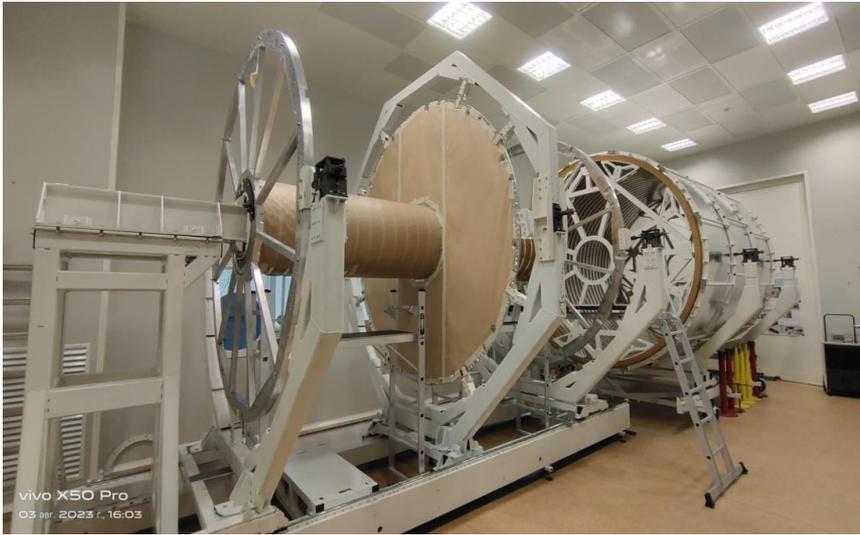


TOF module in the carbon fiber mainframe



- ❖ Equipment for installing the modules in the MPD is ready for use and stored in the laboratory
- ❖ Rails for TOF modules have been installed in to the carbon fiber mainframe in May 2023

TOF installation in the MPD: March, 2025



- ❖ TPC cylinders, central membrane, service wheels, read-out MWPC chambers (24 + 6 spare) → ready
- ❖ TPC vessel with field cage → in progress → assembled and tested for leaks and HV by December
- ❖ Electronics: 81% of FEC manufactured (meet target characteristics), RCU-64 controller v1.1 – in production, DCU (6 pcs.), LDC (6 pcs.) based on commercial solutions are available
- ❖ Gating grid system → ready
- ❖ HV + LV CAEN based power supplies and cables → ready
- ❖ Gas system → ready
- ❖ Colling system for thermostabilization panels and FEE → in progress → commissioning in December
- ❖ Tooling for TPC installation to MPD → in manufacturing → delivery in August
- ❖ Laser system (224 laser tracks for calibration), DCS → in developments

TPC installation in the MPD: April, 2025

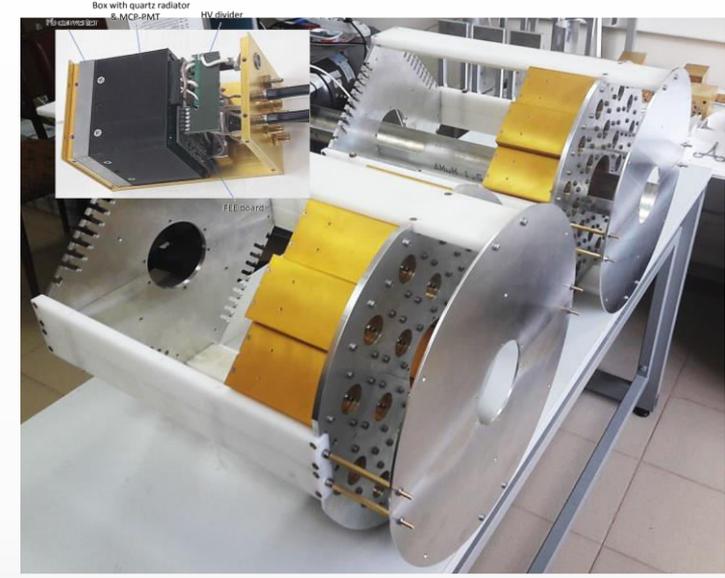
## FHCAL



FHCAL assembled on the platform, ready to be installed in the Pole (modules are equipped with FEE)

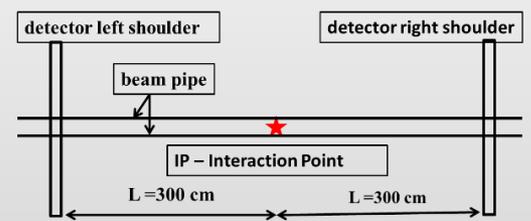
FHCAL modules have been produced and tested → installation in autumn 2024

## FFD



Cherenkov modules of FFDE and FFDW, mechanics for installation in container with beam pipe are available, Long term tests with cosmic rays & laser ongoing

## Beam and luminosity monitoring



Measurement of transverse sizes of the bunches  
 Transvers and longitudinal convergence of bunches  
 Vertices distribution along the beam

- ❖ Two sets by 32 scintillator counters readout by SIMPs from both sides
- ❖ Observables & methods:
  - ✓ counting rate and z-vertex distribution ( $\sigma_{z\text{-vertex}} \sim 5 \text{ cm}$  with  $\delta\tau \sim 300 \text{ ps}$ )
  - ✓ Van der Meer and  $\Delta Z$  scans for optimization of beam optics
- ❖ Beam tests of prototypes
- ❖ Mass production of scintillator detectors

# Multi-Purpose Detector (MPD) Collaboration



MPD International Collaboration was established in 2018 to construct, commission and operate the detector

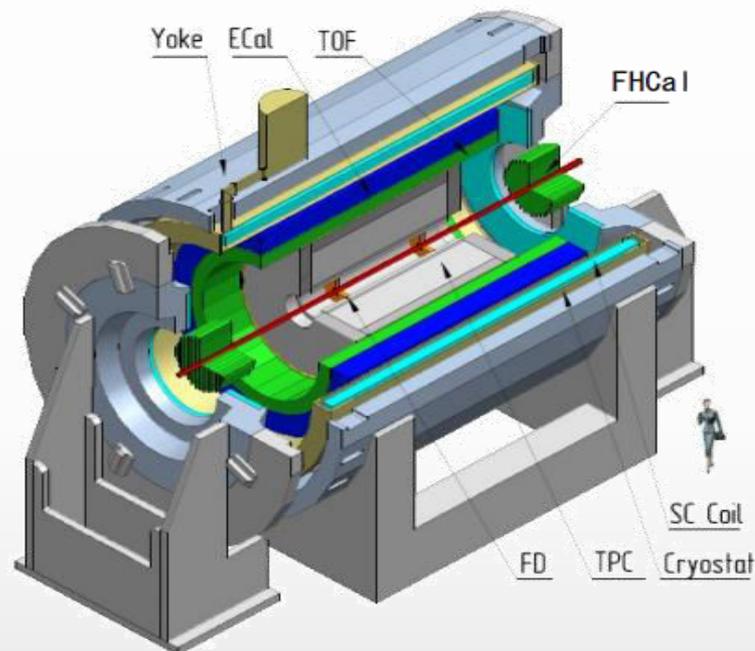
12 Countries, >500 participants, 38 Institutes and JINR

## Organization

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Deputy Spokespersons: **Zebo Tang, Arkadiy Taranenko**  
Institutional Board Chair: **Alejandro Ayala**  
Project Manager: **Slava Golovatyuk**

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Petersburg Nuclear Physics Institute, Gatchina, **Russia**;  
Vinča Institute of Nuclear Sciences, **Serbia**;  
Pavol Jozef Šafárik University, Košice, **Slovakia**



❖ MPD presentations at conferences, last 6 months:

- ✓ NICA-2023, MEPHI, Russia, 25-27 December, 2023
- ✓ Научная сессия Отделения физических наук РАН, г. Дубна, 1-5 апреля, 2024
- ✓ CPOD-2024, Berkley, USA, 20-24 May, 2024
- ✓ Nucleus-2024, Dubna, Russia, 1-5 July 2024
- ✓ Hard Probes - 2024, Nagasaki, Japan, 22-27 September, 2024
- ✓ ICPPA-2024, Moscow, Russia, 22-25 October, 2024

## G. Feofilov, P. Parfenov

### Global observables

- Total event multiplicity
- Total event energy
- Centrality determination
- Total cross-section measurement
- Event plane measurement at all rapidities
- Spectator measurement

## V. Kolesnikov, Xianglei Zhu

### Spectra of light flavor and hypernuclei

- Light flavor spectra
- Hyperons and hypernuclei
- Total particle yields and yield ratios
- Kinematic and chemical properties of the event
- Mapping QCD Phase Diag.

## K. Mikhailov, A. Taranenko

### Correlations and Fluctuations

- Collective flow for hadrons
- Vorticity,  $\Lambda$  polarization
- E-by-E fluctuation of multiplicity, momentum and conserved quantities
- Femtoscopy
- Forward-Backward corr.
- Jet-like correlations

## D. Peresunko, Chi Yang

### Electromagnetic probes

- Electromagnetic calorimeter meas.
- Photons in ECAL and central barrel
- Low mass dilepton spectra in-medium modification of resonances and intermediate mass region

## Wangmei Zha, A. Zinchenko

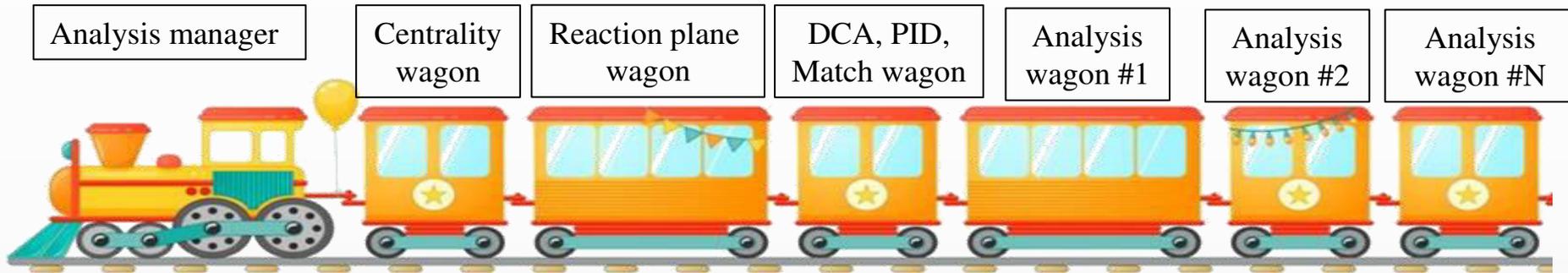
### Heavy flavor

- Study of open charm production
- Charmonium with ECAL and central barrel
- Charmed meson through secondary vertices in ITS and HF electrons
- Explore production at charm threshold

❖ Cross-PWG format of meetings for discussion of results and analysis techniques

# Physics feasibility studies

- ❖ Physics feasibility studies using centralized large-scale MC productions
- ❖ Centralized Analysis Framework for access and analysis of data → Analysis Train:
  - ✓ consistent approaches and results across collaboration, easy storage and sharing of codes
  - ✓ reduced number of input/output operations for disks and databases, easier data storage on tapes



- ❖ First Analysis Train runs started in September, 2023 → regular runs on request ever since
- ❖ Many new services and improvements (improved PID parameterizations, new wagons):
  - ✓ <https://indico.jinr.ru/event/4401/>: constrained tracks, track ID refits
  - ✓ <https://indico.jinr.ru/event/4314/>: track quality selections
- ❖ Train become a new standard for physics (feasibility) studies

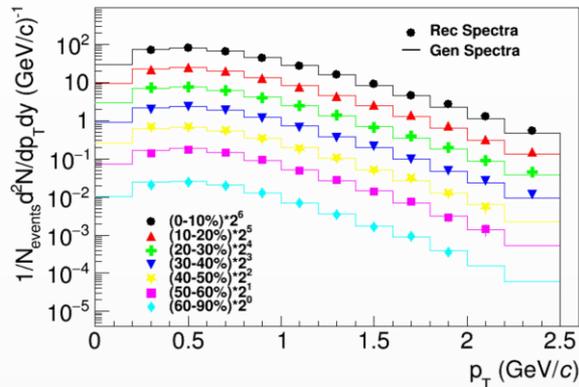
Thanks to A. Moshkin (production manager), LIT specialists, computing/software team !!!

- ❖ Consolidation and publication of physics feasibility studies for BiBi@9.2 GeV
  - ❖ PWG1:
    - ✓ Trigger efficiency and biases
    - ✓  $T_0$  resolution and multiplicity-dependent corrections
    - ✓ Centrality, EP event categorization
  - ❖ PWG2:
    - ✓ Resonances ( $\rho(770)$ ,  $\phi(1020)$ ,  $K_0(892)$ ,  $\Sigma(1385)$ +/-,  $\Lambda(1520)$ ), pT-differential yields
    - ✓ Charged hadrons ( $\pi$ , K, p,  $\bar{p}$ )
    - ✓ Hyperons ( $\Lambda$ ,  $\Sigma$ ,  $\Omega$ )
    - ✓ (anti) $\Lambda$  polarization
    - ✓ Light (hyper) nuclei
  - ❖ PWG3:
    - ✓ 1D pion femtoscopy (2 kT bins and 2-3 centrality bins); factorial moments; charged balance function
    - ✓ Factorial moments for different type of EoS (crossover phase transition XPT, first order phase transition XPT)
    - ✓ Chaoticity parameter in two-pion correlation functions
    - ✓ Anisotropic flow ( $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ ,  $v_3$ ) vs. pT, rapidity, centrality for charged pions, kaons, protons + using two-particle (EP,SP) and 4-particle cumulants
  - ❖ PWG4:
    - ✓ Neutral meson ( $\pi^0$ ,  $\eta$ ) pT/centrality-differential yields and flow
    - ✓ Dileptons

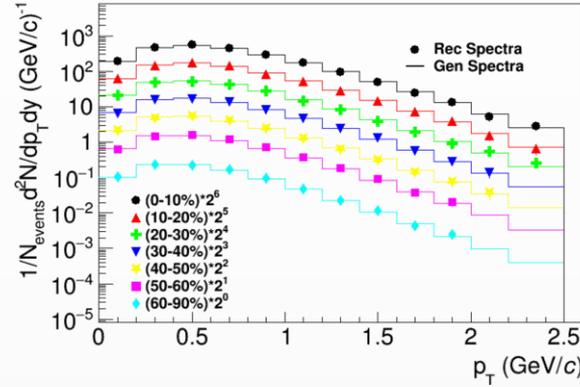
**Plan is to prepare a paper draft by the next collaboration meeting**

- ❖ Request 25 mass production (UrQMD, 50 M events), BiBi @ 9.2 GeV
- ❖ New: most realistic approach to data analysis, centrality dependence

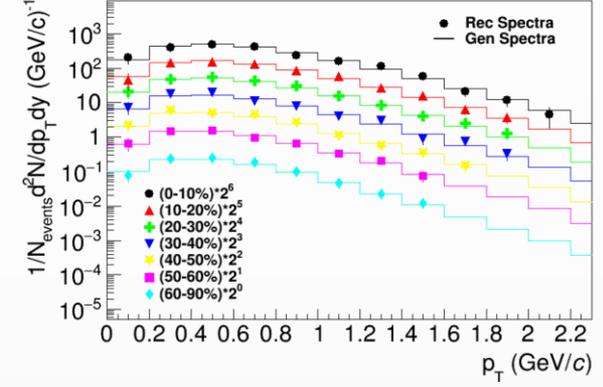
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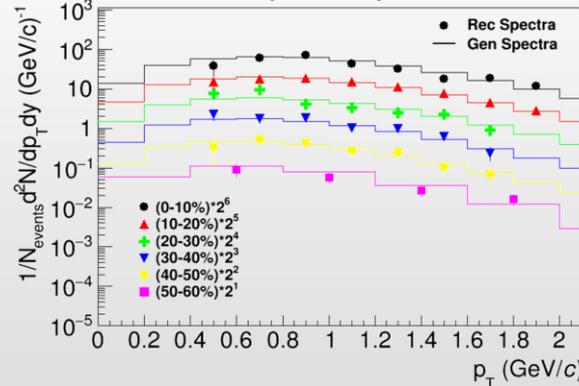
$K^*(892)_0$



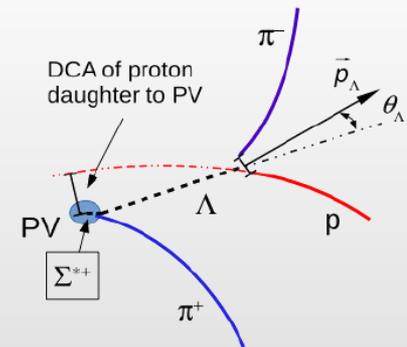
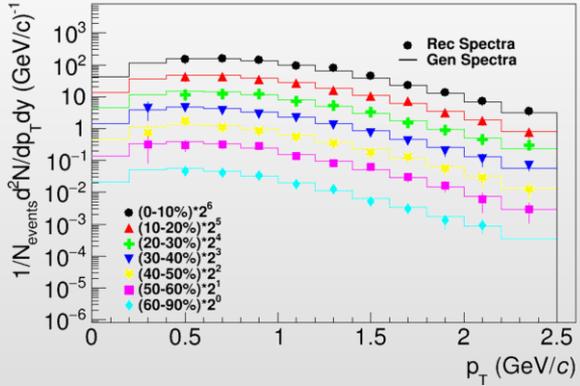
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$\Lambda(1520)$



$\Sigma(1385)_\pm$

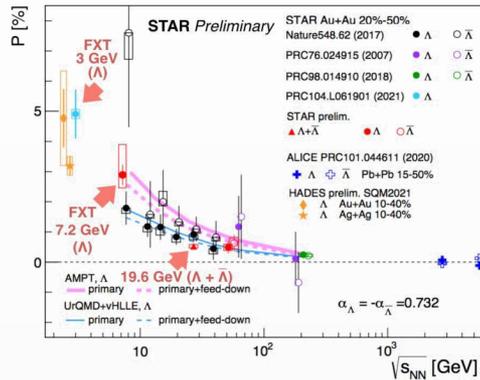


**Reconstructed spectra match truly generated ones within uncertainties**

**Centrality dependent analysis would require  $\geq 50$  M A+A events**

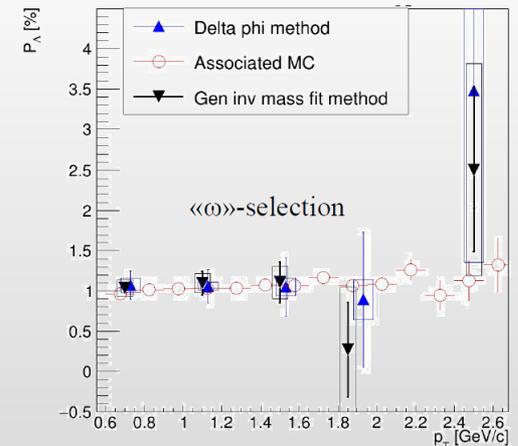
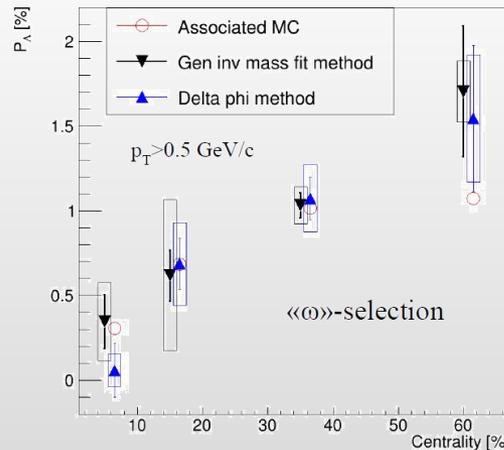
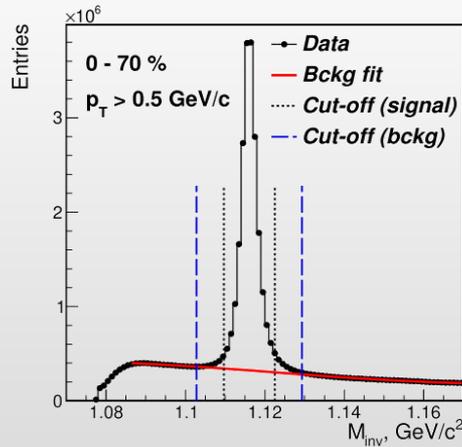
**Measurements are possible starting from  $\sim$  zero momentum  $\rightarrow$  sample most of the yields**

- ❖ Request 30 mass production (PHSD, 15 M events), BiBi@9.2 GeV
- ❖ Global hyperon polarization (thermodynamical Becattini approach) by PHSD event generator



- ❖ Two analysis methods:
  - ✓  $\Delta\phi$ -method
  - ✓ generalized invariant mass fit method - default
- ❖ Full data reanalysis
- ❖ “Performance study of the hyperon global polarization measurements with MPD at NICA” → recently accepted to EPJA

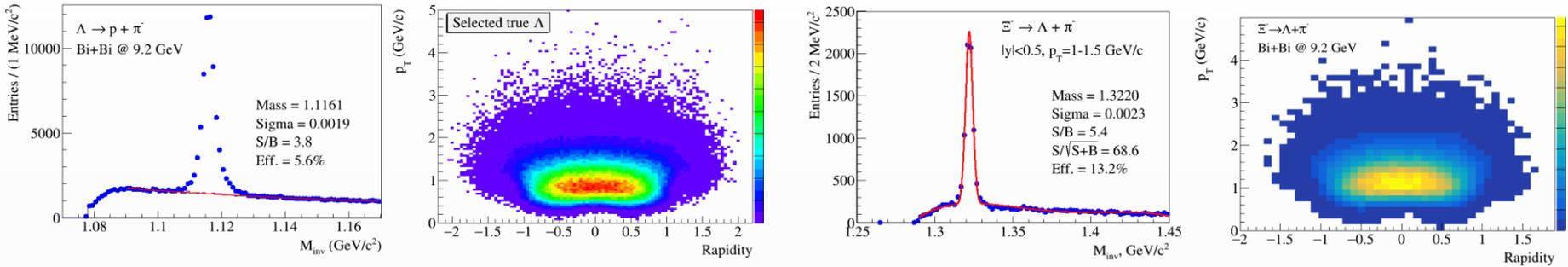
- ❖ Reconstruction of  $\Lambda$  global polarization, BiBi@9.2 GeV:



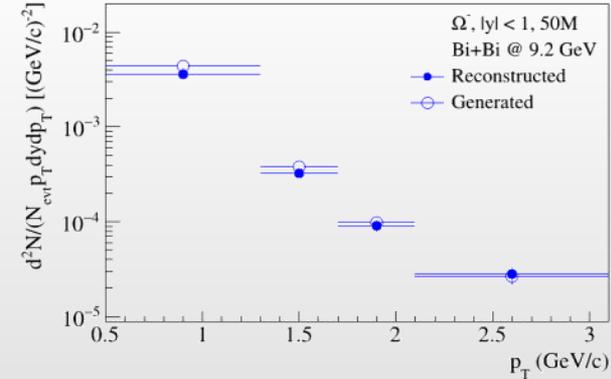
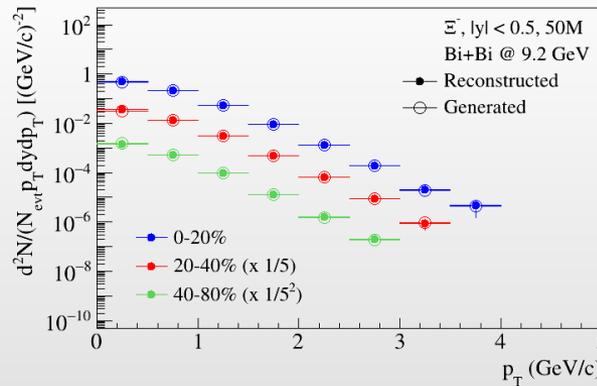
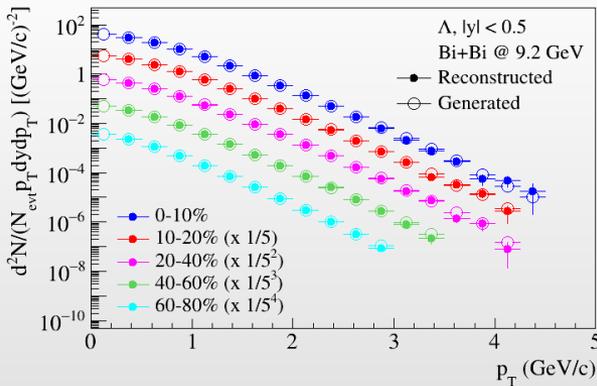
**Both methods have an agreement with associated MC**

**The statistics size of 15M events is not enough for  $p_T$ - $\eta$  measurements**

❖ Request 25 mass production (UrQMD, 50M events), BiBi@9.2 GeV



- different background estimates (fit function vs mixed-event)
- different PID selections for high- $p_T$  daughter particles
- testing alternative Machine Learning techniques



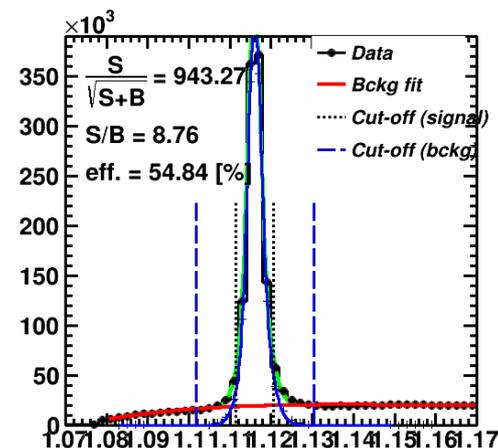
**MPD has capabilities to measure production of strange kaons, (multi)strange baryons and resonances in pp, p-A and A-A collisions using h-ID in the TPC&TOF and different decay topology selections**

- ❖ Request 30 mass production (PHSD, 15M events), BiBi@9.2 GeV

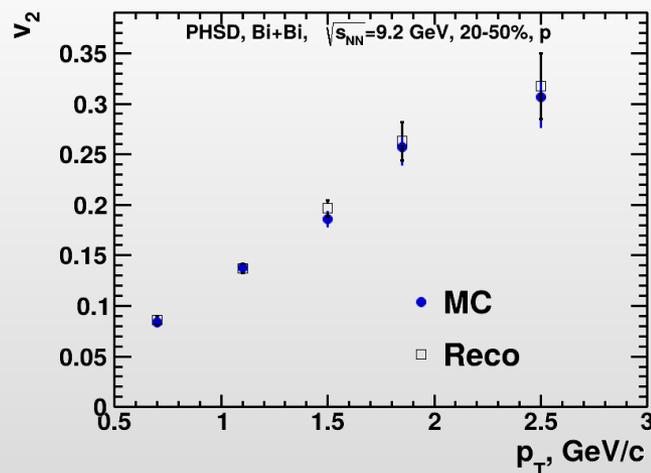
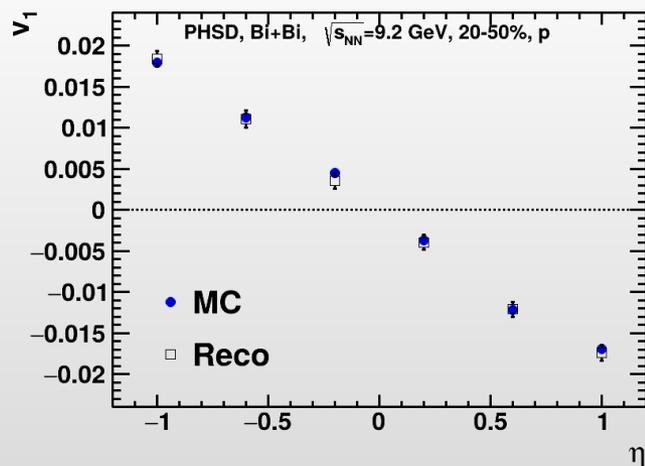
Differential flow can be defined using the following fit:

$$v_n^{SB}(m_{inv}) = v_n^S \frac{N^S(m_{inv})}{NSB(m_{inv})} + v_n^B(m_{inv}) \frac{N^B(m_{inv})}{NSB(m_{inv})}$$

- $v_n^S$  - signal anisotropic flow (set as a parameter in the fit)
- $v_n^B(m_{inv})$  - background flow (set as polynomial function)

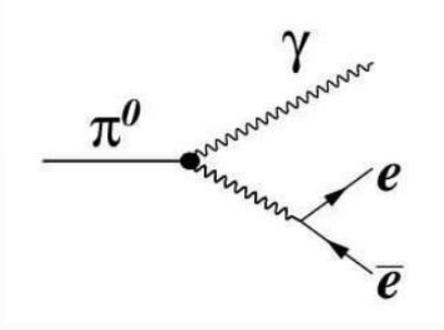


- ❖ Performance of  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  of  $\Lambda$  hyperons:



**Good performance for  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$  using invariant mass fit and event plane methods**

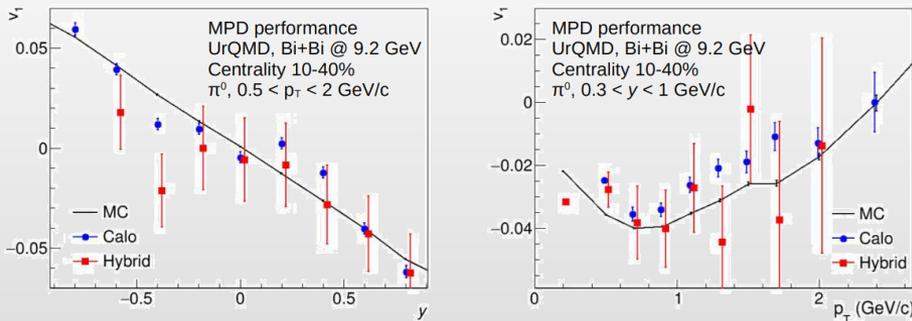
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- ❖ New: most realistic approach to data analysis



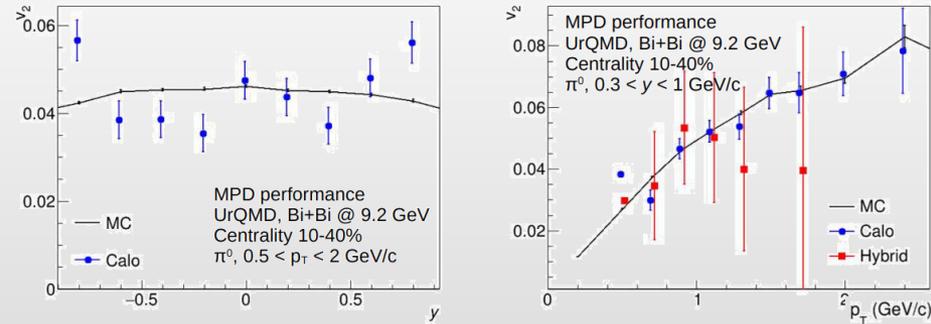
- ❖ Two photon reconstruction techniques:
  - ✓ ECAL
  - ✓ photon conversion
- ❖ Three techniques for meson reconstruction:
  - ✓ ECAL-ECAL
  - ✓ ECAL-conversion
  - ✓ Conversion-conversion

- ❖ Differential  $p_T$  spectra for  $\pi^0$  and  $\eta$  mesons reconstructed up to  $\sim 4$ -5 GeV/c
- ❖ Collective flow measurements  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ :

$v_1$  vs. rapidity and  $p_T$



$v_2$  vs. rapidity and  $p_T$



**Reconstructed  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  qualitatively consistent with generated signals**

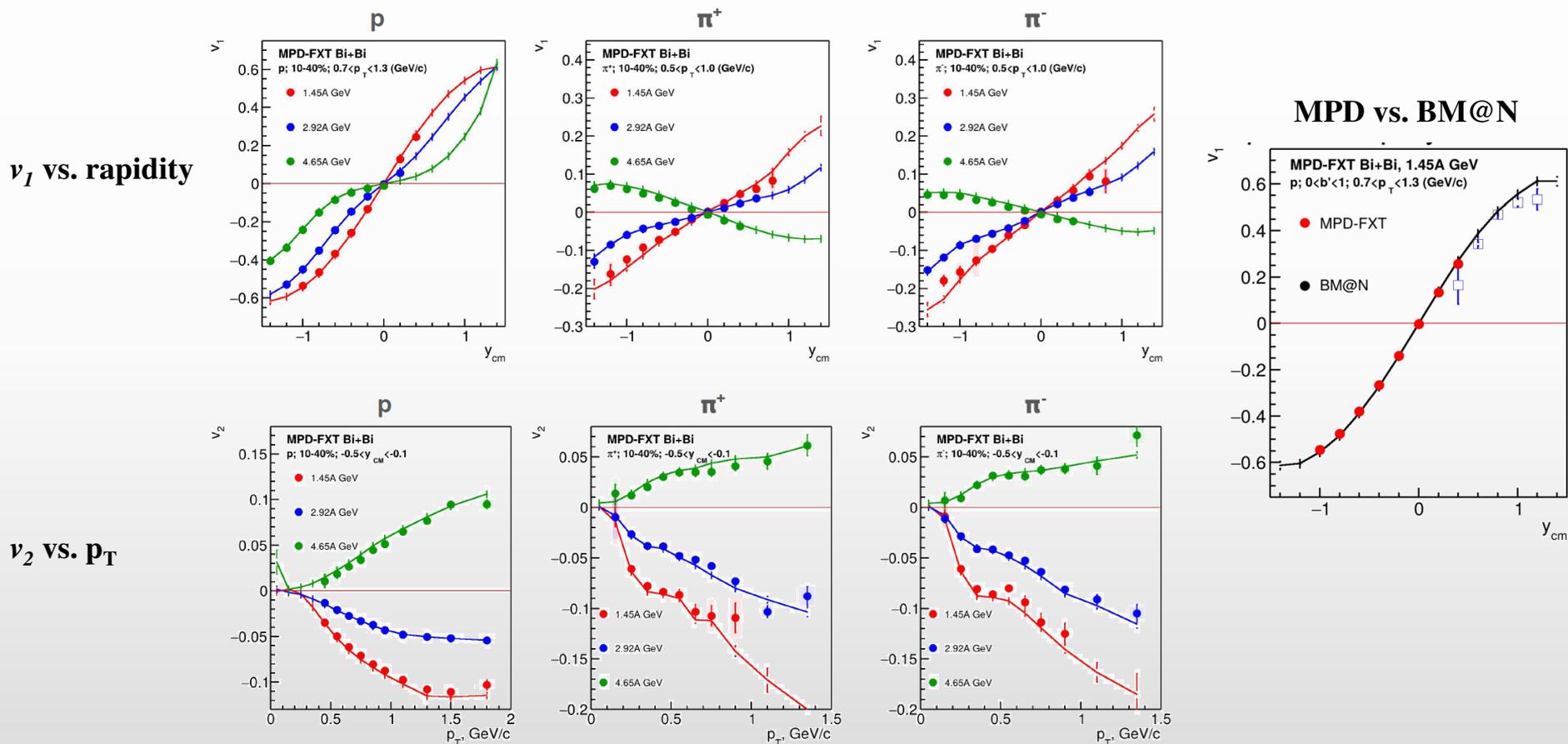
**PCM and Hybrid methods generally require higher statistics but provide better resolution**

- ❖ Xe+Xe @  $\sim 7$  GeV, collider mode:
  - ✓ not much difference for analysis techniques and expectations wrt. to BiBi @ 9.2 GeV
  - ✓ collected statistics might be small due to low luminosity and short beam lifetime
  
- ❖ Xe+W @  $\sim 3$  GeV, fixed-target mode:
  - ✓ “terra incognita” for detector performance and physics capabilities
  - ✓ may provide most of statistics for physics analyses in the first years

**Give priority to study of the detector capabilities in the fixed target mode**

- ❖ Program of support of participation of Russian scientific groups in the NICA project by Russian government → starts right now → great expectations

- ❖ Request 33 mass production (UrQMD mean-field, 10 M events), BiBi @ 2.5, 3.0 and 3.5 GeV
- ❖ New: realistic PID (TPC+TOF); efficiency corrections; centrality by TPC multiplicity



**Reconstructed  $v_1$  &  $v_2$  are quantitatively consistent with truly generated signals**  
**MPD and BM@N complete each other with modest overlap**

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### Multi Purpose Detector

The mega-science project "NICA"

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It is foreseen that the MPD will be installed in two stages. The first stage of the detector configuration is planned to be ready for commissioning in 2025. The overall set-up of the MPD and the spatial arrangement of detector subsystems in the first stage are shown in the figure.

The "central barrel" components have an approximate cylindrical symmetry within  $|\eta| < 1.5$ . The beam line is surrounded by the large volume Time Projection Chamber (TPC) which is enclosed by the TOF barrel. The TPC is the main tracker, and in conjunction with the TOF they will provide precise momentum measurements and particle identification. The Electromagnetic Calorimeter (ECal) is placed in between the TOF and the MPD magnet. It will be used for detection of electromagnetic showers, and will play the central role in photon and electron measurements. The MPD superconducting solenoid magnet is designed to provide a highly homogeneous magnetic field of up to 0.57 T (with a default operational setting of 0.5 T), uniform along the beam direction, to ensure appropriate transverse momentum resolution for reconstructed particles within the range of momenta of 0.1-3 GeV/c. As the average transverse momentum of the particles produced in a collision at NICA energies is below 500 MeV/c, the detector was designed to have a very low material budget. In the forward direction, the Fast Forward Detector (FFD) is located still within the TPC barrel. It will play the role of a wake-up trigger. The Forward Hadronic Calorimeter (PHCal) is located near the magnet end-caps. It will serve for determination of the collision centrality and the orientation of the reaction plane for collective flow studies.

Additional detectors are proposed in the later stages. The silicon-based Inner Tracking System (ITS) will be installed

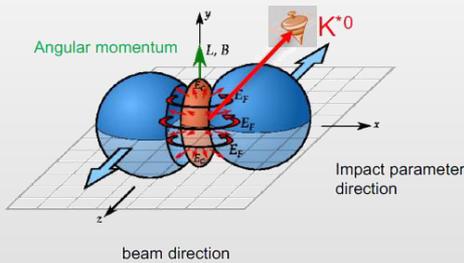
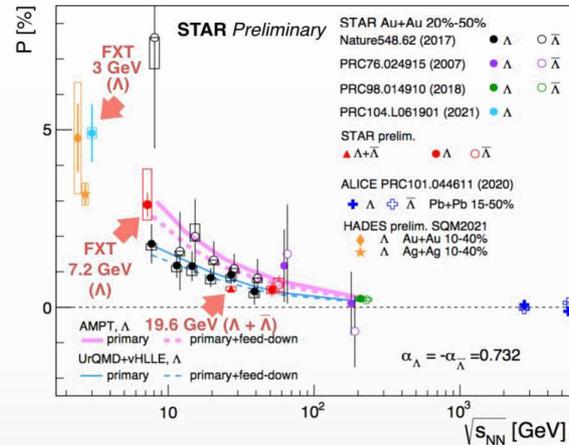
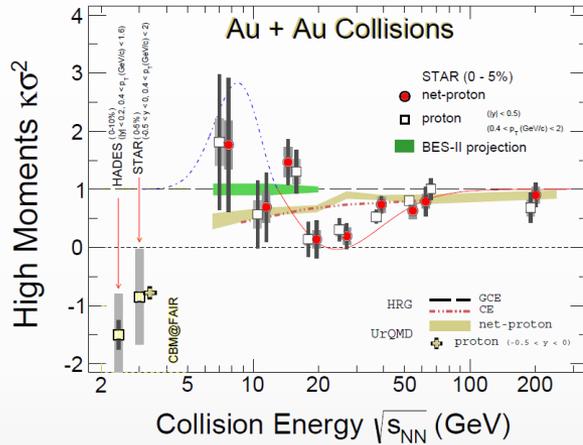
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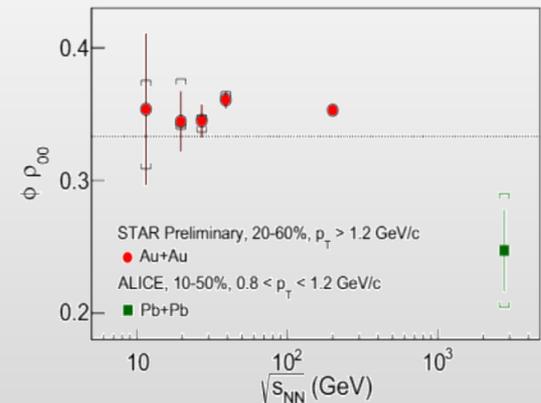
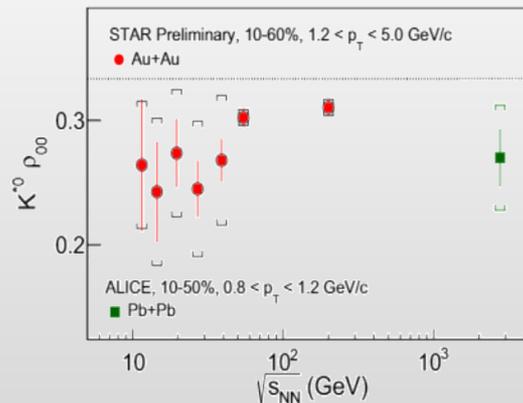
- ❖ All components of the Phase-I detector are advancing → MPD commissioning with beams in 2025
- ❖ Collider and fixed-target operation modes for start-up
- ❖ Develop software and analysis infrastructure for real data analysis

# BACKUP

- ❖ Critical fluctuations for (net)proton/kaon multiplicity distributions
- ❖ Global hyperon polarization in mid-central A+A collisions ( $\Lambda$ ,  $\Xi$ ,  $\Omega$  and antiparticles)
- ❖ Spin alignment of vector mesons ( $K^*(892)$ ,  $\phi(1020)$ )



$$\frac{dN}{d\cos\theta} = N_0 [1 - \rho_{0,0} + \cos^2\theta (3\rho_{0,0} - 1)]$$

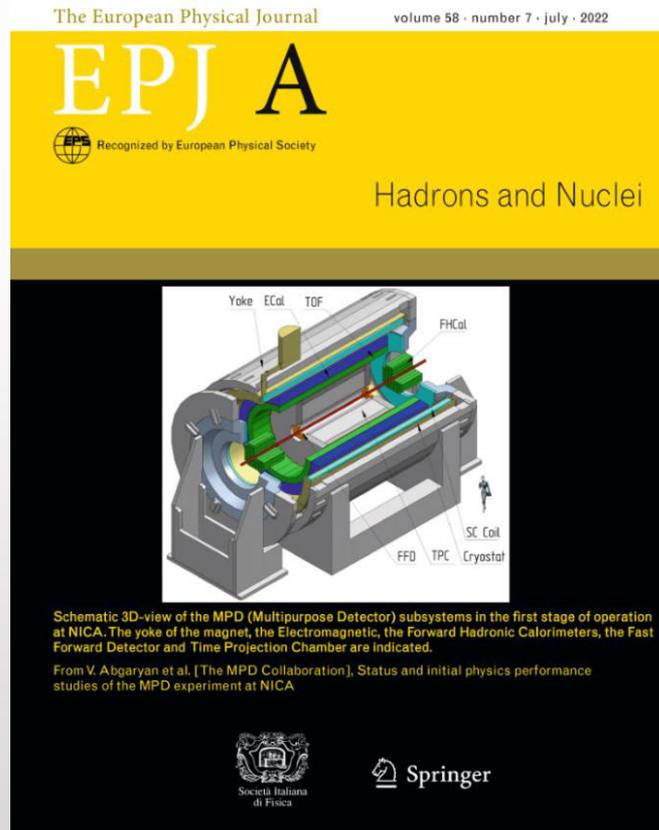


**Task for NICA: extra points in the energy range 4-11 GeV with small uncertainties**

# Status and performance

- ❖ MPD publications: over 200 in total for hardware, software and physics studies (SPIRES)
- ❖ First collaboration paper recently published EPJA (~ 50 pages): Eur.Phys.J.A 58 (2022) 7, 140

## Status and initial physics performance studies of the MPD experiment at NICA



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#### 1 Introduction

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❖ Data taking by STAR at RHIC:  $3 < \sqrt{s_{NN}} < 200$  GeV ( $750 < \mu_B < 25$  MeV)

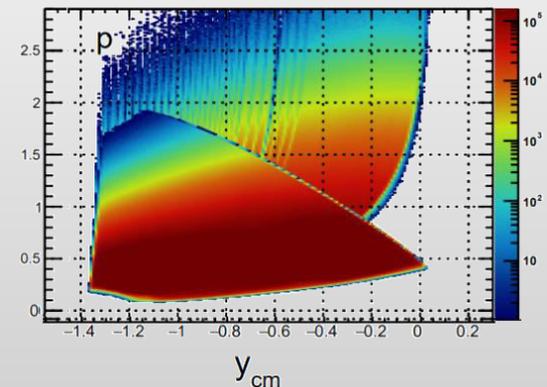
Au+Au Collisions at RHIC											
Collider Runs						Fixed-Target Runs					
	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (GeV)	#Events	$\mu_B$	$y_{beam}$	run		$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (GeV)	#Events	$\mu_B$	$y_{beam}$	run
1	200	380 M	25 MeV	5.3	Run-10, 19	1	13.7 (100)	50 M	280 MeV	-2.69	Run-21
2	62.4	46 M	75 MeV		Run-10	2	11.5 (70)	50 M	320 MeV	-2.51	Run-21
3	54.4	1200 M	85 MeV		Run-17	3	9.2 (44.5)	50 M	370 MeV	-2.28	Run-21
4	39	86 M	112 MeV		Run-10	4	7.7 (31.2)	260 M	420 MeV	-2.1	Run-18, 19, 20
5	27	585 M	156 MeV	3.36	Run-11, 18	5	7.2 (26.5)	470 M	440 MeV	-2.02	Run-18, 20
6	19.6	595 M	206 MeV	3.1	Run-11, 19	6	6.2 (19.5)	120 M	490 MeV	1.87	Run-20
7	17.3	256 M	230 MeV		Run-21	7	5.2 (13.5)	100 M	540 MeV	-1.68	Run-20
8	14.6	340 M	262 MeV		Run-14, 19	8	4.5 (9.8)	110 M	590 MeV	-1.52	Run-20
9	11.5	157 M	316 MeV		Run-10, 20	9	3.9 (7.3)	120 M	633 MeV	-1.37	Run-20
10	9.2	160 M	372 MeV		Run-10, 20	10	3.5 (5.75)	120 M	670 MeV	-1.2	Run-20
11	7.7	104 M	420 MeV		Run-21	11	3.2 (4.59)	200 M	699 MeV	-1.13	Run-19
						12	3.0 (3.85)	2000 M	750 MeV	-1.05	Run-18, 21

❖ A very impressive and successful program with many collected datasets, already available and expected results

❖ Limitations:

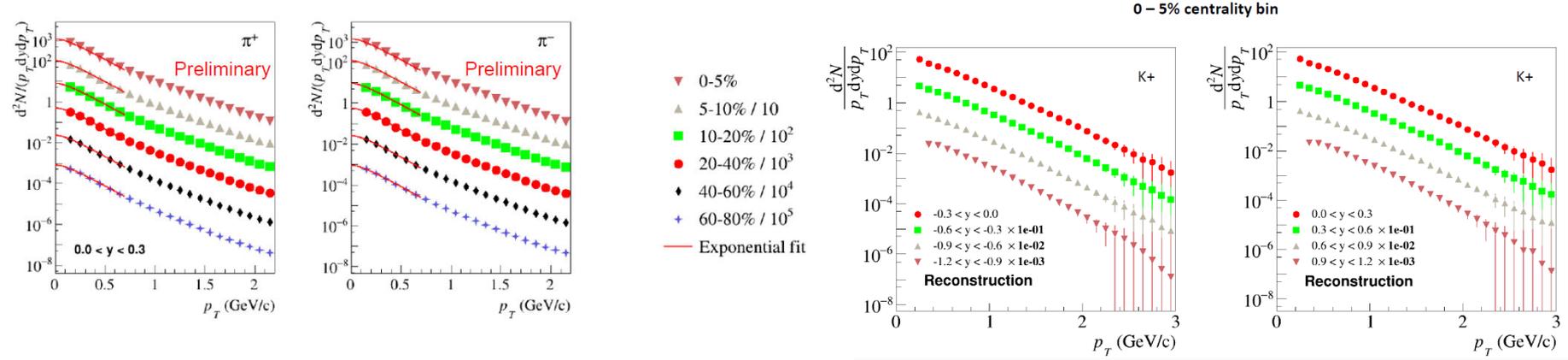
- ✓ Au+Au collisions only
- ✓ Among the fixed-target runs, only the 3 GeV data have full mid-rapidity coverage for protons ( $|y| < 0.5$ ), which is crucial for physics observables

Au+Au @ 3.9 GeV



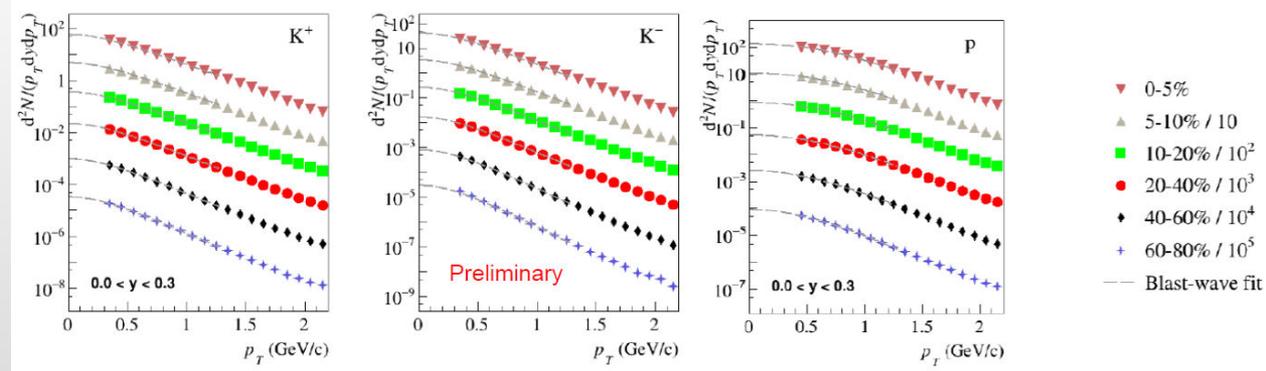
# Identified light hadrons

❖ Probe freeze-out conditions, collective expansion, hadronization mechanisms, strangeness production (“horn” for K/π). parton energy loss. etc. with particles of different masses, quark contents/counts



Functions used to fit spectra are  $m_T$ -exponential :

$$\frac{1}{p_T} \times \frac{d^2 N}{dy dp_T} = \frac{dN/dy}{T(m+T)} \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{m_T - m}{T}\right)$$



Functions used to fit spectra are blast-wave:

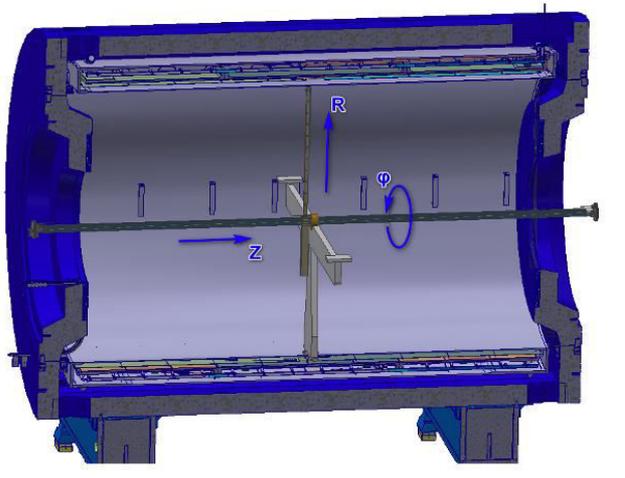
$$\frac{d^2 N}{p_t dp_t dy} = C \int_0^1 p_t f(\xi) K_1\left(\frac{m_t \cosh(\rho)}{T}\right) I_0\left(\frac{p_t \sinh(\rho)}{T}\right) \xi d\xi$$

# B-field Mapper

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Concept of Novosibirsk INP mapper:

1 - 3D Hall probe moves in 3 directions: z , R and  $\phi$



HE Hoeben Electronics

HE444

HE444 series 3D Analog Hall sensors

3 separate, totally independent axes, central crossing point

	Along radius (R)	Along azimuth angle ( $\phi$ )	Along the axes of Solenoid (Z)
Step size, cm	5	21	10
Total length, cm	220	360° (1380 cm on max. R)	700
Number of measurements	44	64	70

The total number of measurements:  $44 \times 64 \times 70 = 197120$   
(200000)

Total time of one cycle of measurements: 1,5 сек

One measurement ( $200000 \times 1,5$ ) : 3600 = 84 h +6 h on preparations = 90 hour  
Fields to measure : 0.57T; 0.53T; 0.5T; 0.45T; 0.4T; 0.3T –

In total - 6 nominals of field.

For each field one need about 5 adjustments of current in correction coils