CBM: Motivation, Vision & Realization

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Outline

Motivation

- Zeitgeist around 2006/7
- Developments in the field and beyond since than

Vision

FAIR/CBM is coming: Baselines and cultural reset

Realization

- The host lab group
 - Responsibilities
 - Let's get it done: Essentials
 - Let's do physics and look for the unexpected (but out of the box)

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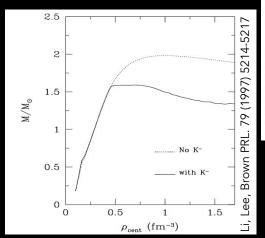
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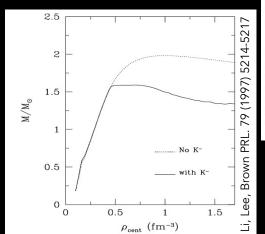
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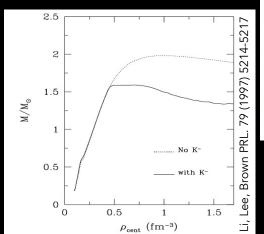
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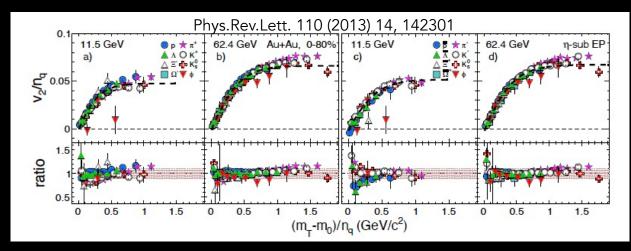
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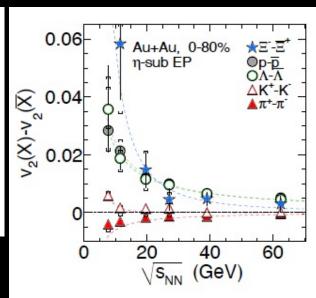
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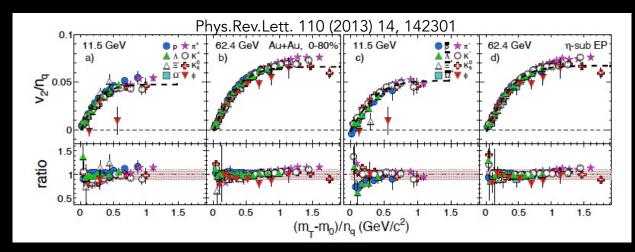


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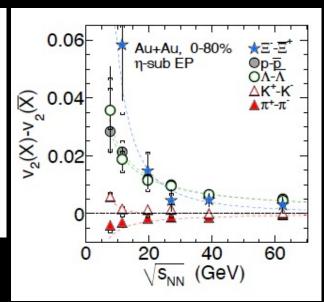


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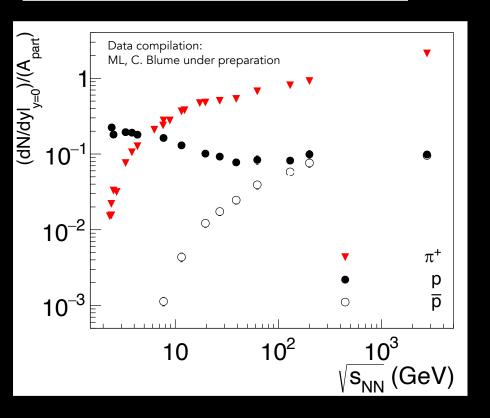
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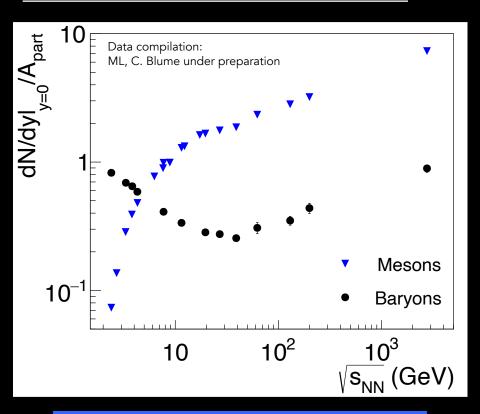


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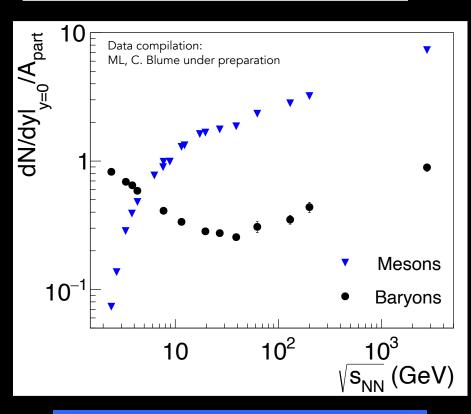


→ QGP signature disappearance: more challenging than anticipated.

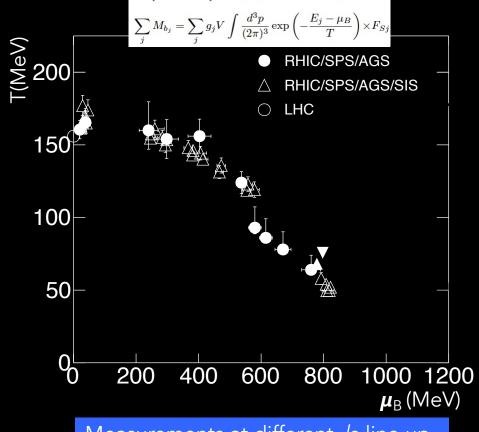




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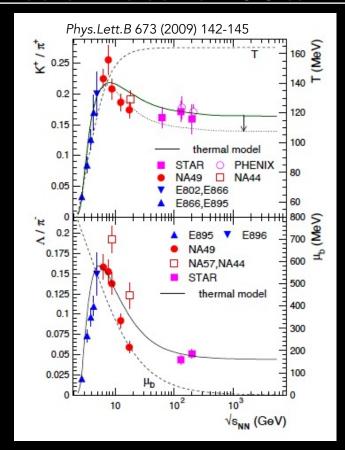


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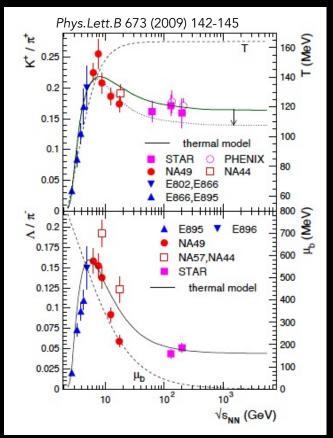


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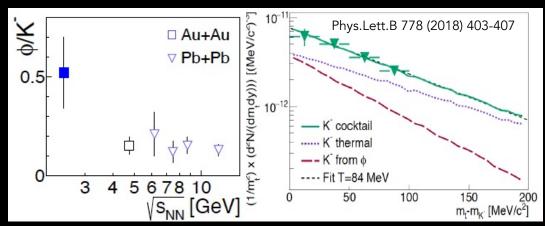
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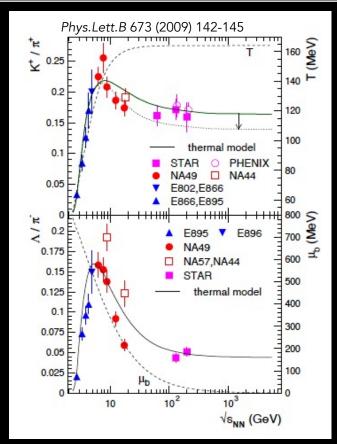
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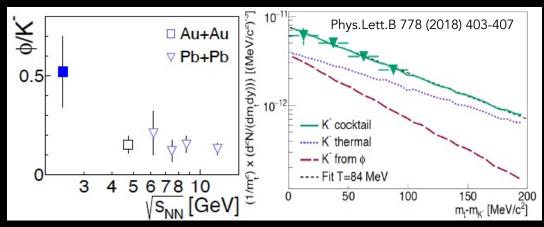
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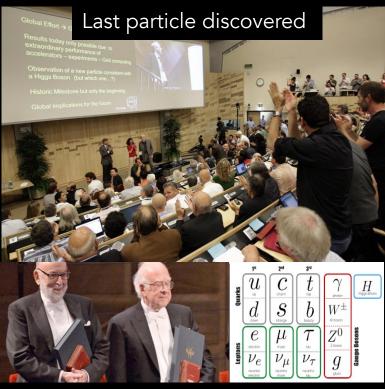


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Most observables evolve smoothly from SIS to LHC.

- → Baselines matter (p+p/A, QCD@FAIR Whitepaper)
- > Exp. presession reduce sys. uncertainties.
- → Accurate modeling, quantitative data-model comparison (including baselines).

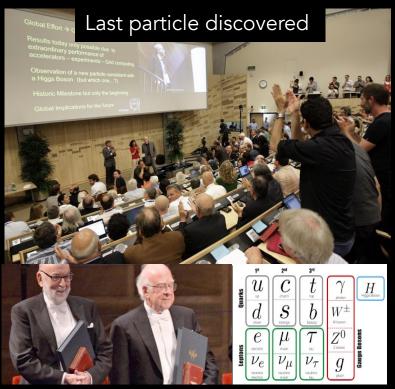
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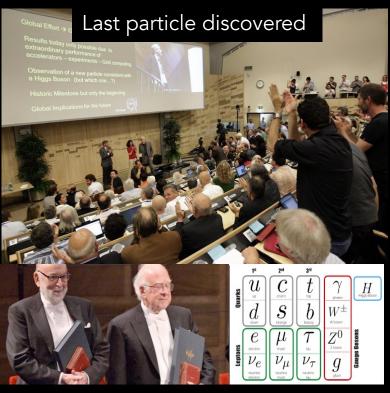
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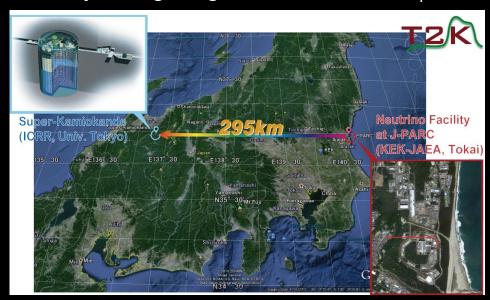


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In addition general shift to AI / Life-science.

→ Need to be open for strategic collaborations with other fields.

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Let's do physics!

long-range perspectives of GSI (1997)

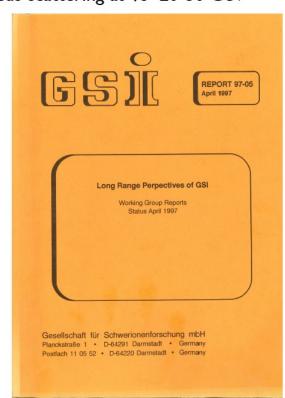
8 working groups with broad participation of the international scientific community:

I.) Deep-inelastic electron-nucleon and electron-nucleus scattering at \sqrt{s} =20-30 GeV

D. von Harrach, V. Metag, A. Schäfer

- 2.) X-ray spectroscopy and radiation physics H. Backe, J. Kluge, G. Soff
- 3.) Nuclear collisions at maximum baryon density J.P. Blaizot, P. Braun-Munzinger, R. Stock
- 4.) Physics with secondary π -, K- and \overline{p} -beams D. Frekers, U. Lynen, J. Wambach
- 5.) Nuclear structure with radioactive beams D. Habs, H. Lenske, G. Münzenberg, P. Ring
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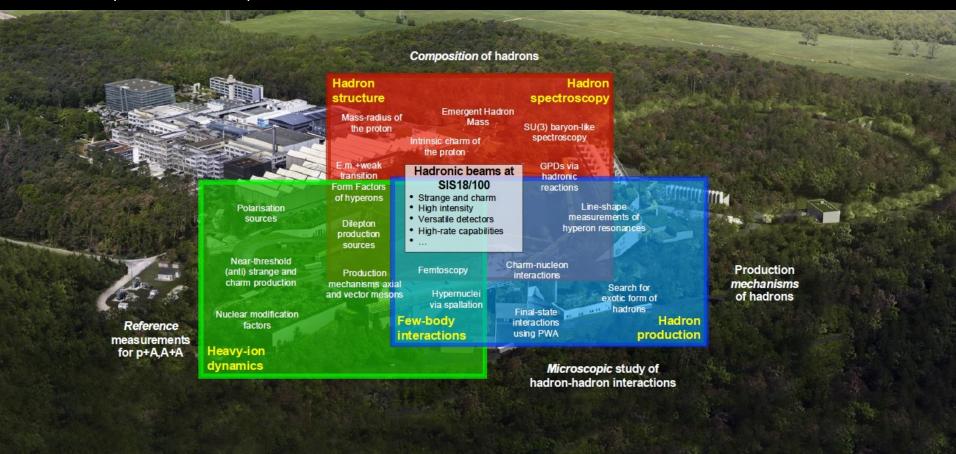
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basis for further discussions → FAIR

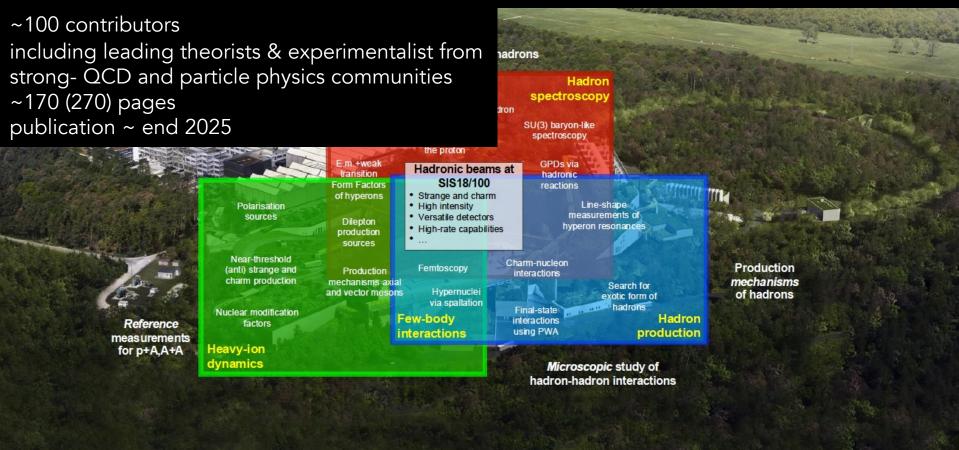
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~100 contributors including leading theorists & experimentalist from strong- QCD and particle physics communities ~170 (270) pages publication ~ end 2025





Community can self-assess constructively.

6. Probing matter: from baselines to medium modifications

6.1 πp , pp and pn reactions		and pn reactions
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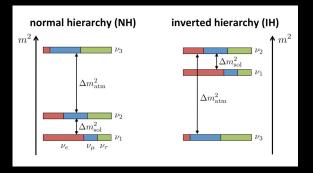
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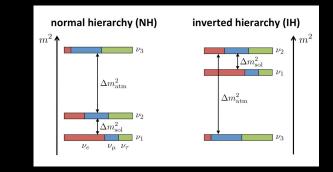


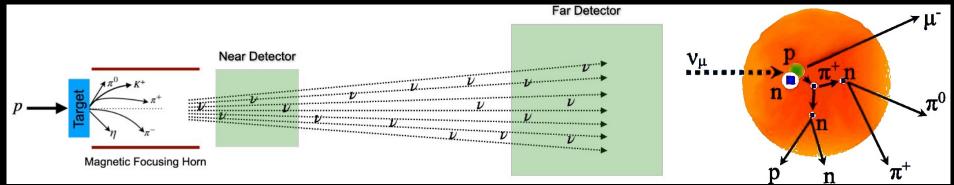
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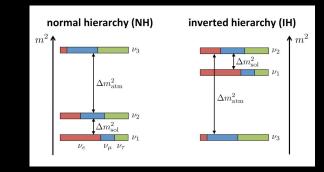


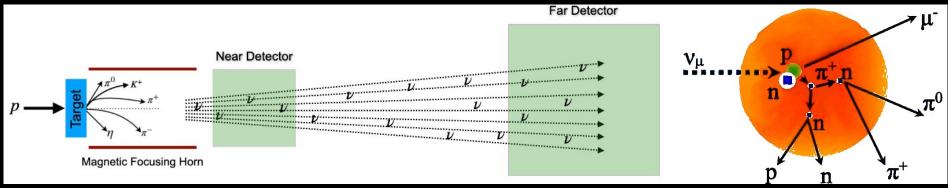
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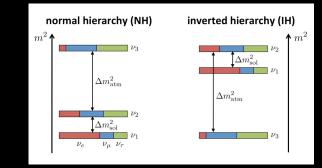
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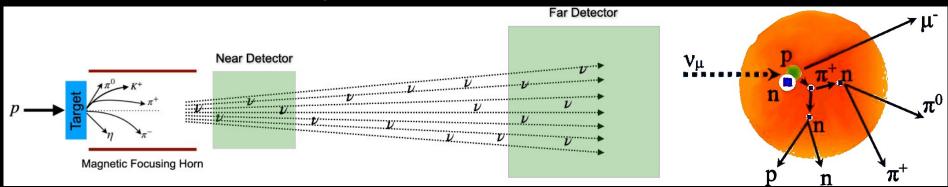
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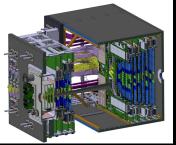
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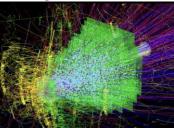
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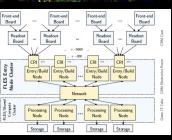
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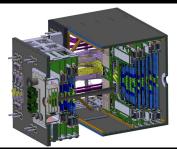
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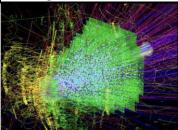
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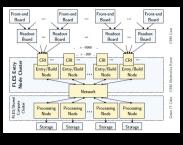












Future: Physics analysis

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Essential: full focus on group, bi-weekly feed-back loops, no overcommitment of responsible persons and postponing of decisions.

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Group and meeting culture

- Diversity wins: mixed teams outperform homogeneous ones under good leadership
- Psychological safety: everyone feels safe to speak up
- Practice: ensure all voices are heard, (incl. introverts and juniors), share high-visibility work, timekeeping, clear next steps/owners

Appreciation \rightarrow contribution \rightarrow confidence: Enable everyone's best performance

"A team people love to join"

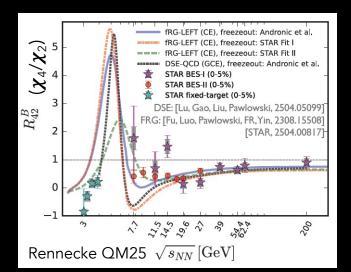
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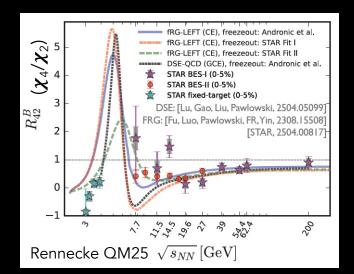


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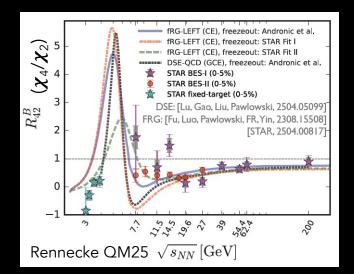
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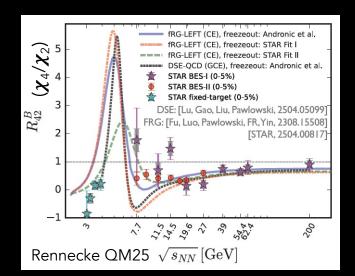
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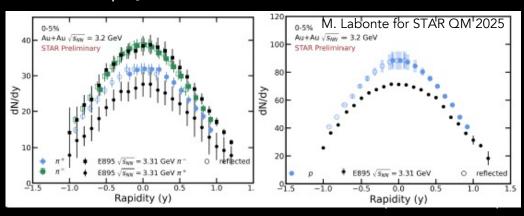
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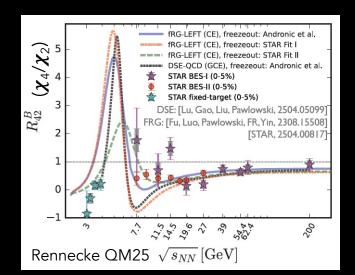
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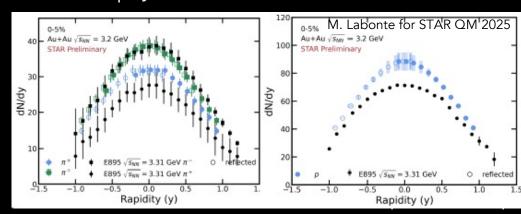


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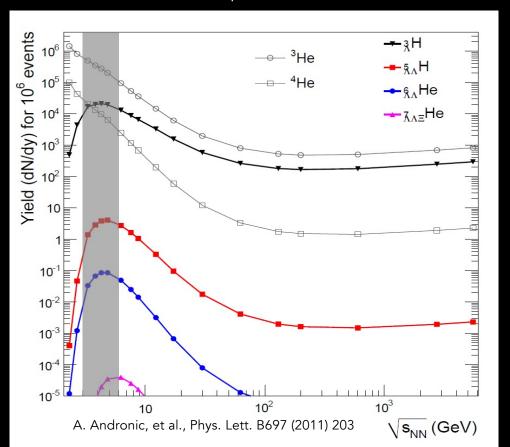
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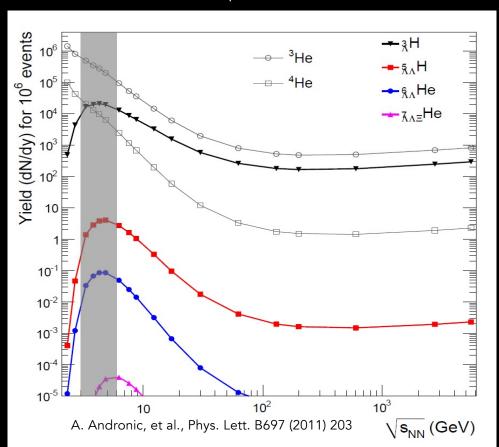
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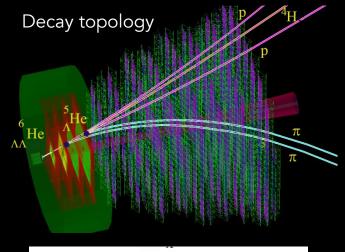
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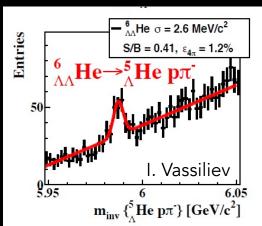


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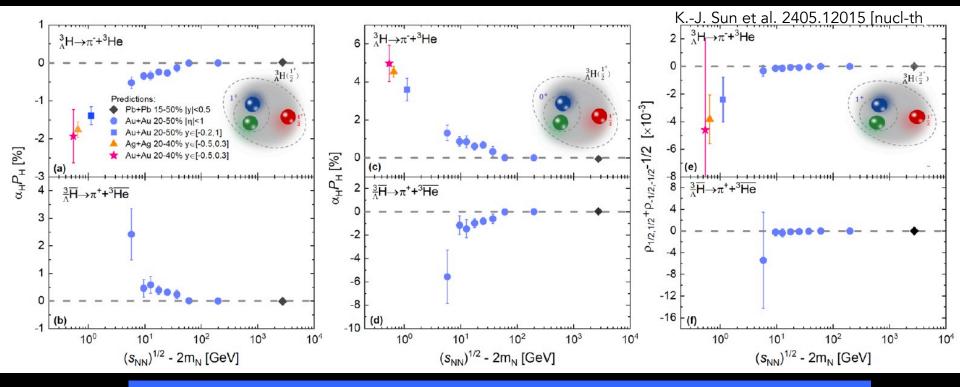
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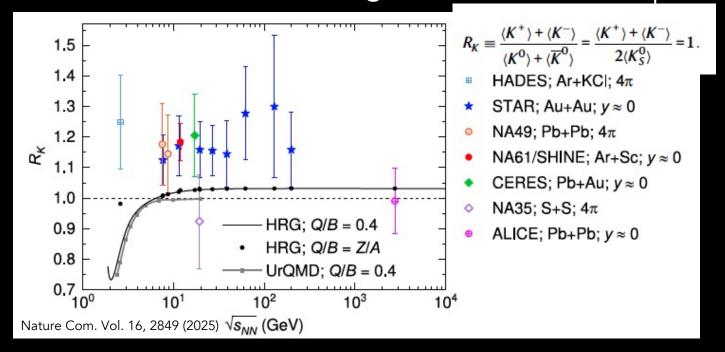
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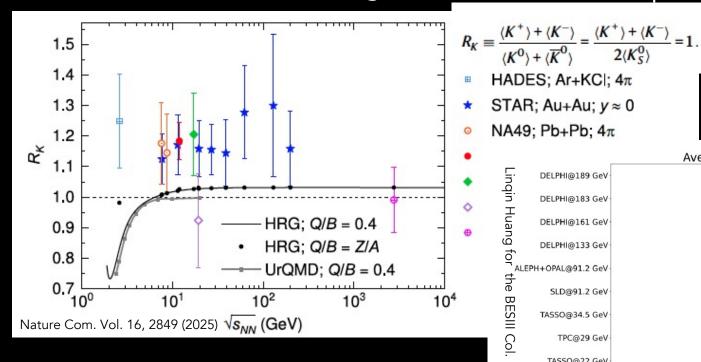
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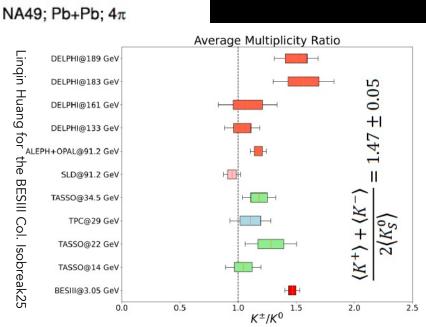
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→ Effect discovered in HIC, already present in e⁺e⁻!



Summary







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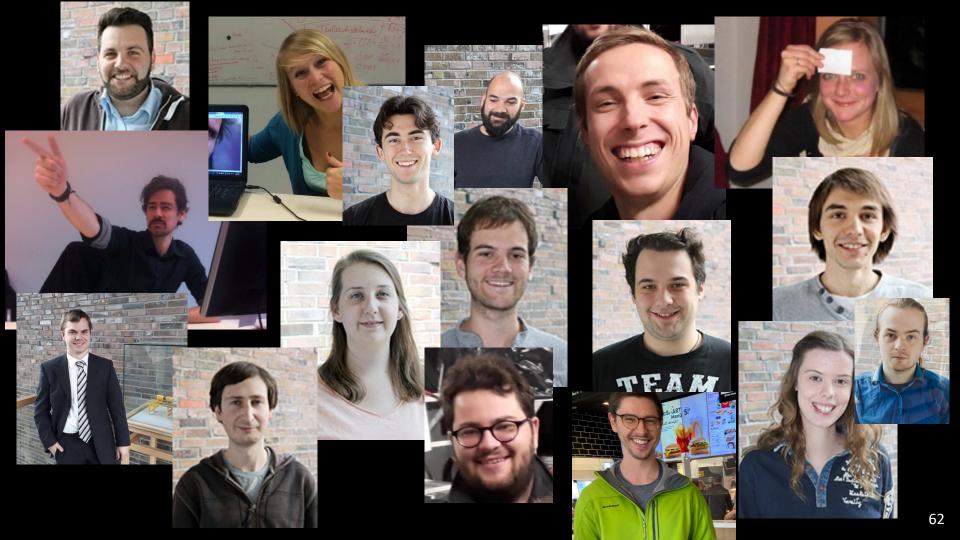
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 cultural reset by generation change in leadership

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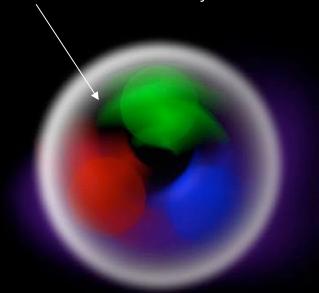




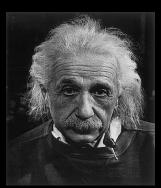
Back Up

The generation of mass

Distortion of color neutrality







Localization "costs" energy!

Δx∆p≥ħ

 $E^2=(pc)^2+(mc^2)^2$



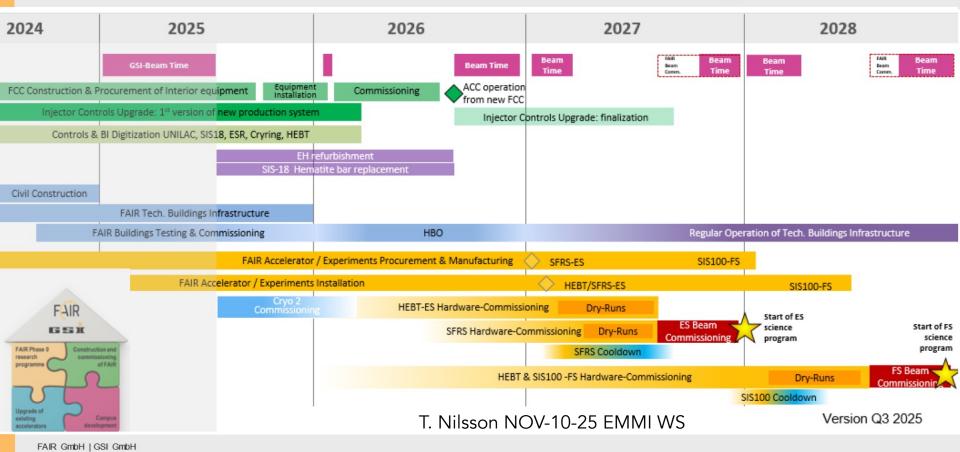
"Observed hadron masses are nature's compromise between distortion of the vacuum and localization!" F. Wilczek

Only few % of the nucleon mass result from the interaction with the Higgs-field.

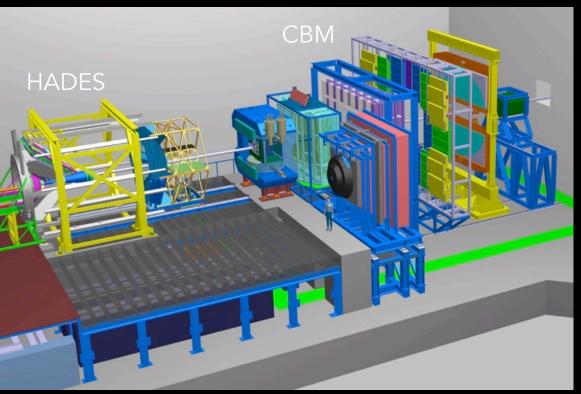
→ Dynamical generation of hadron mass.

FAIR & GSI Integrated Schedule





CBM Setup



- Interaction rates of up to 10 MHz
 - → high statistic measurements of rare probes
- Free-streaming
 - → nearly dead-time free data taking
- Tracking based entirely on silicon
 - → fast and precise track reconstruction
 - → 4D Tracking
- On-line event selection
 - → high-selective data reduction

Systematic Uncertainties

The FAIR energy range

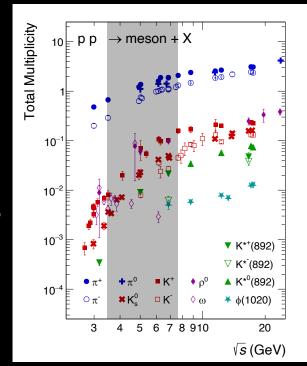
Theory situation:

complicated region for phenomenological models:

- transition from resonance production mechanisms (2 → 2,
 2→ 3) to multiparticle production (2 → n)
- transition from nuclear resonance models (3d phase space) to string formation and decay (longitudinal phase space) is not well known

Experimental situation:

- poor data on (light and strange) hadron multiplicities in p+p reactions
- practically NO data on hadron production in p+n reactions
- little information on differential spectra, correlations etc.
- no elastic scattering data for $p_{Lab} > 1 GeV$ (urgently needed for transport approaches)
- little information about multi-step processes



Reference measurements are basis for solid interpretation of heavy-ion data!

- 2004: David J. Gross; H. David Politzer; Frank Wilczek asymptotic freedom in QCD. Strong Interaction
- **2006:** John C. Mather; George F. Smoot CMB blackbody spectrum & anisotropies (COBE). Cosmology
- 2008: Yoichiro Nambu spontaneous symmetry breaking; Makoto Kobayashi; Toshihide Maskawa -origin of CP violation (CKM).

Particle Physics

- **2011:** Saul Perlmutter; Brian P. Schmidt; Adam G. Riess accelerating expansion of the Universe. Cosmology
- 2013: François Englert; Peter W. Higgs Higgs mechanism for mass generation. Particle Physics
- 2015: Takaaki Kajita; Arthur B. McDonald neutrino oscillations (neutrino mass). Particle Physics
- **2017:** Rainer Weiss; Barry C. Barish; Kip S. Thorne gravitational waves (LIGO). Cosmology
- 2019: James Peebles physical cosmology; Michel Mayor; Didier Queloz first exoplanet around a Sun-like star. Cosmology
- 2020: Roger Penrose black-hole formation; Reinhard Genzel; Andrea Ghez supermassive black hole at the Galactic Centre.

Cosmolgy

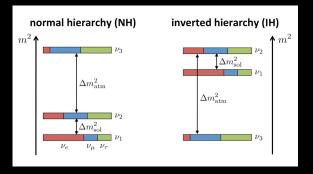
2024: John J. Hopfield; Geoffrey Hinton — foundational discoveries/inventions enabling machine learning with artificial neural Al

Neutrino oscillations (2015 Nobel Prize)

→ neutrinos have mass → beyond SM

Mass hierarchy?

Long-baseline (LBL) neutrino experiments (T2K/Dune):

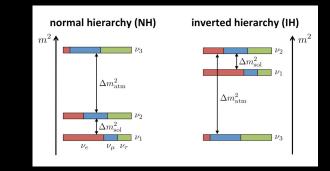


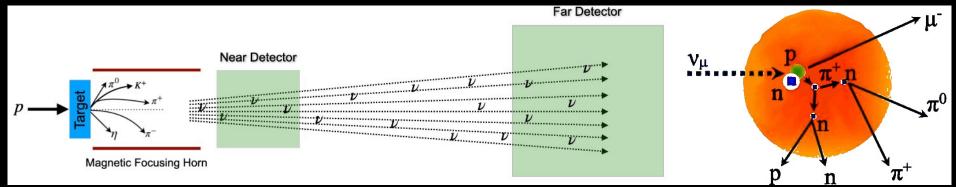
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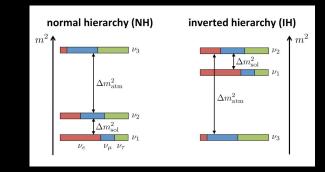


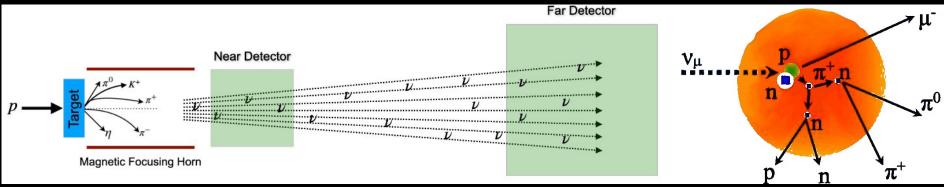
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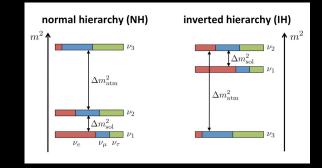
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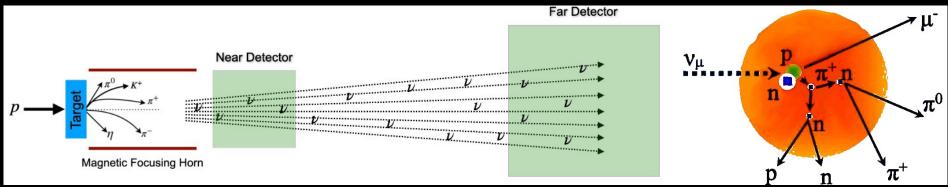
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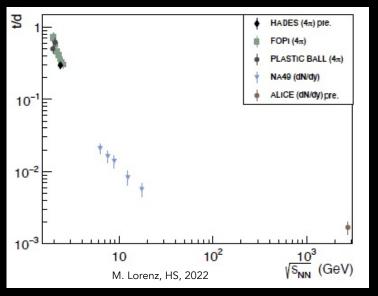
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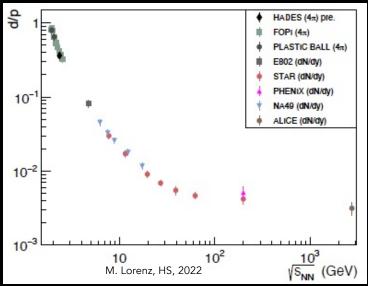
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→ CBM baselines reduce **v**–A model systematics for LBL

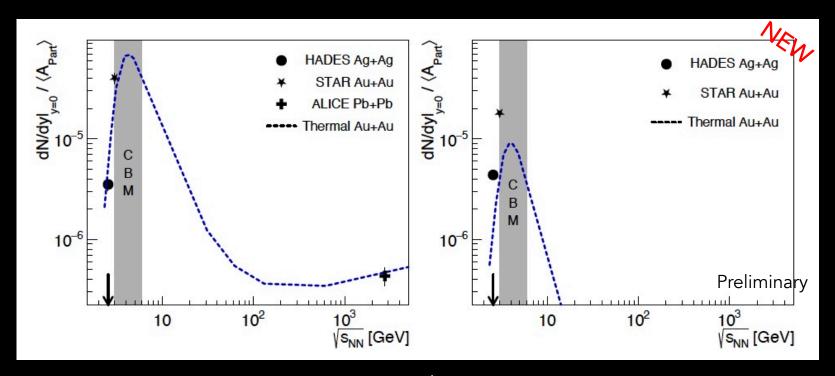
Energy Dependence: Light Nuclei





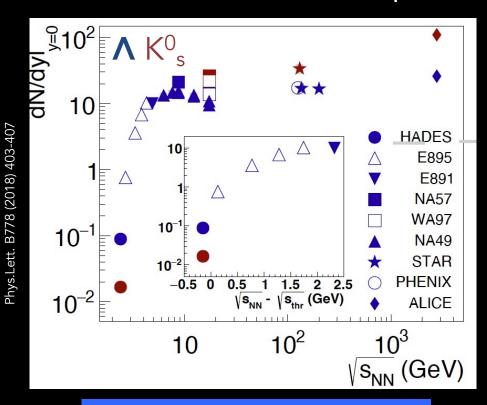
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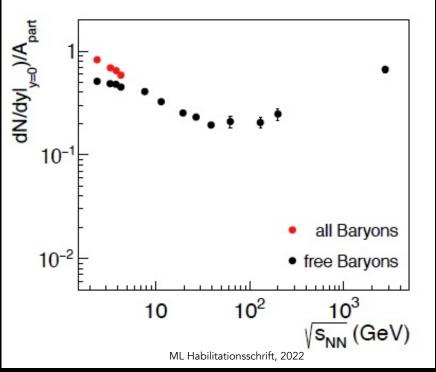
Excitation functions: Energy



Shift of Hyperhydrogen maximum due to excited ${}^4_{\Lambda}H$ states, which are not yet included in the HRG.

At the sweet spot: Hypernuclei at CBM

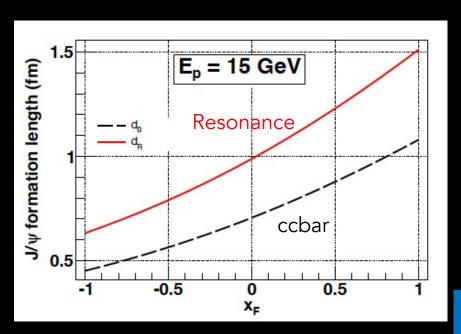




Steep excitation function, strangeness rare at low energies.

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Charm at CBM



- Perturbative probe at low energies.
- Cross section and production mechanism unknown at SIS100 energies $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ < 8 GeV.
- Gluon fusion vs. gluon exchange. ω to $^{J}/_{\psi}$ should be suppressed by the OZI rule if gluon exchange is the dominant process.
- $^{J}/_{\psi}$ multiplicities key observable for QGP A. Andronic et. Al. Eur.Phys.J.C 76 (2016) 3, 107
- Important reference measurement of $^{\rm J/}_{\psi}$ absorption in cold nuclear matter possible at CBM

π-Aworld data base

 π^++C

 p_{π} <250 MeV/c:

 p_{π} >500 MeV/c :

 Δ (1232) resonance region rather well-known.

 $300 < p_{\pi} < 500 \text{ MeV/c}$: few measurements (π , πx) or (π , $\pi \pi x$) (LAMPF, TRIUMF, KEK).

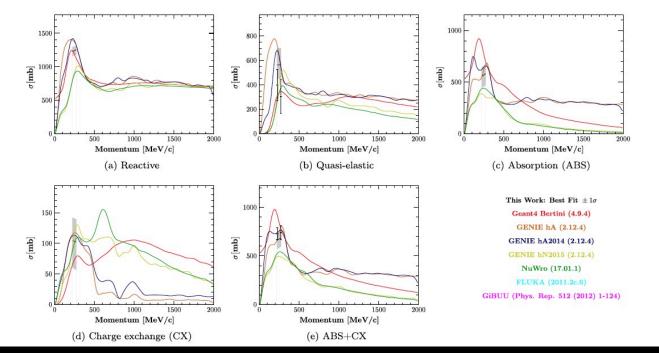
only $\sigma_{\rm tot}$ (Saturne-1, NIMROD, BNL) and differential elastic cross sections (KEK).

→ Multi-differential measurements for p_x > 500 MeV/c are highly needed

 π -+C: less measurements

π-+Fe: data very scarce

Relevant for T2K: BabyMIND and INGRID detectors contain Fe.



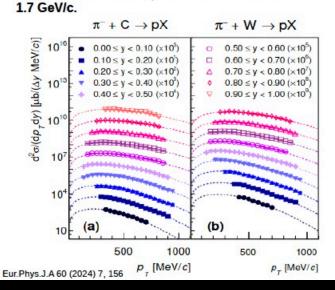
Sara Bolognesi – IRFU (CEA)

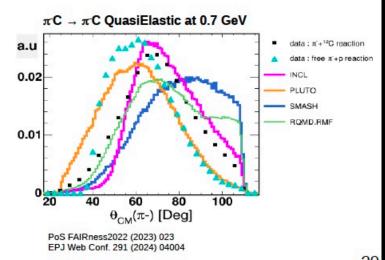
 \sim All \sim available data only measure the xsec as a function of the incoming pion momentum \rightarrow we also need differential measurement as a function of the kinematics of the outgoing particles

→ HADES data!

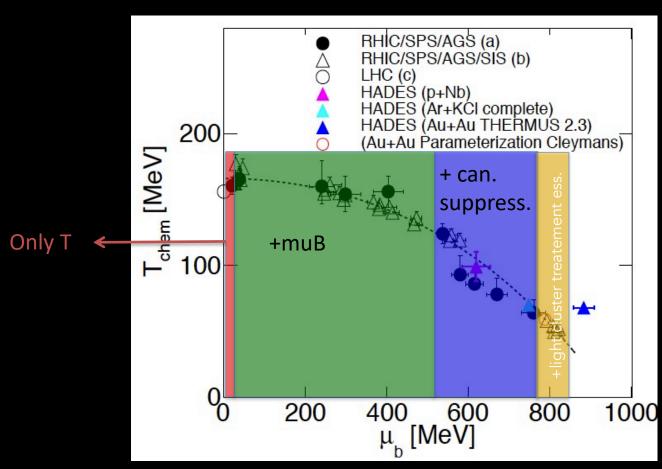
HADES@GSI exclusive measurements

Hadron production (π , proton, Λ , K) in π^-+C and π^-+W collisions at an incident pion beam momentum of

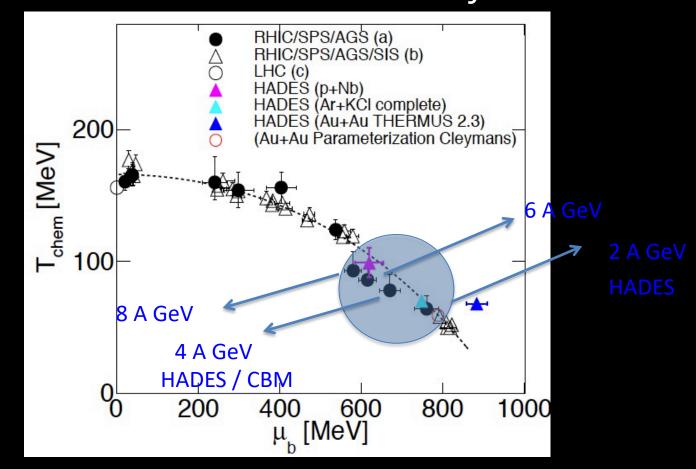




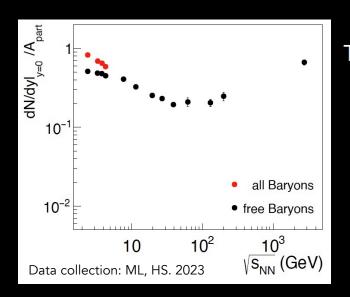
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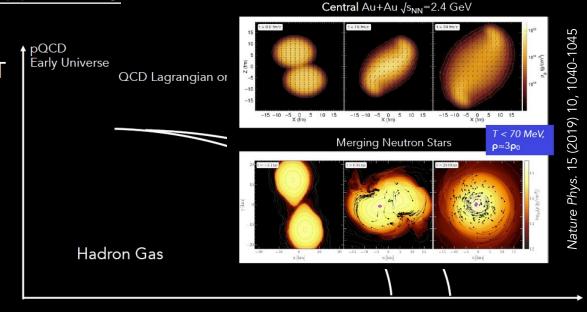


Chemical Freeze-out: Anomaly at SIS100



Baryon dominated matter at HADES





Baryon dominated system, large amount of bound nucleons.

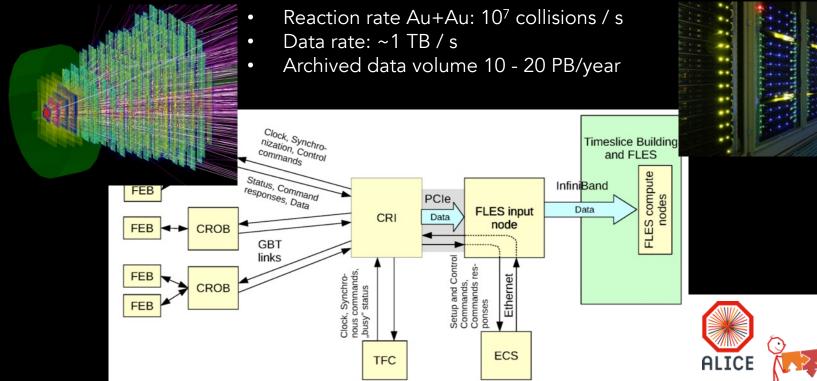
Clear hierarchy in hadron yields: $p \approx 100$, $p_{bound} \approx 50$, $\pi \approx 10$, $K^+ \approx 10^{-2}$, $K^- \approx 10^{-4}$ cent. Au+Au

Created matter has similar properties in merging neutron stars.

This talk, focuses on:

- 1. p, light nuclei and π to characterize bulk properties
- 2. strangeness as rare probe

CBM data processing system

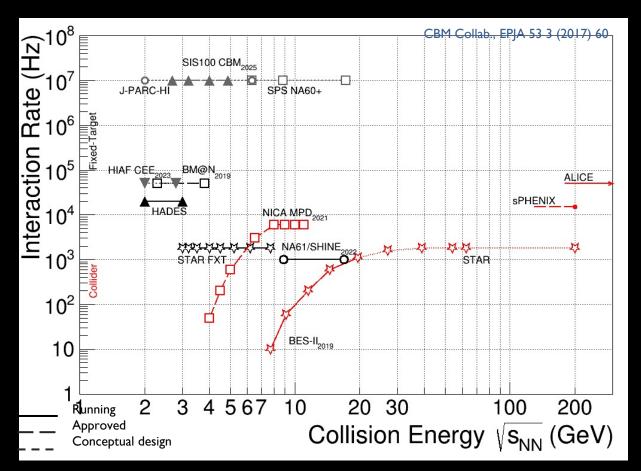


- Radiation tolerant detectors and front-end electronics
- Software based event selection, 4D tracking



ALFA - a common framework for ALICE and FAIR experiments

Interaction Rate

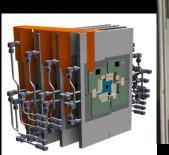


CBM's unique feature – high statistics measurement of rare probes

mCBM at SIS18 FAIR Phase0



Demonstrator for full CBMdata taking and analysis chain under full load (Au-Au, 10⁷ interactions/s)



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mRICH Giessen, Wuppertal

mCBM will focus on:

Free streaming data transport to a computer farm

mFLES racks @ Green IT

- Online reconstruction and event selection
- Offline data analysis

Connecting HICs with the Phase Diagram

Simplest assumption (Ockham's favorite):

Statistical particle production from a homogeneous source according to two parameters: temperature T and baryo-chemical

potential μ_B .

$$\sum_{i} M_{m_i} = \sum_{i} g_i V \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \exp\left(-\frac{E_i}{T}\right) \times F_{Si},$$

$$\sum_{i} M_{b_i} = \sum_{i} g_j V \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \exp\left(-\frac{E_j - \mu_B}{T}\right) \times F_{Sj}$$

Constraining T and μ_B for a given collision system:

 \rightarrow X^2 minimization on measured hadron yields. The devil in the detail:

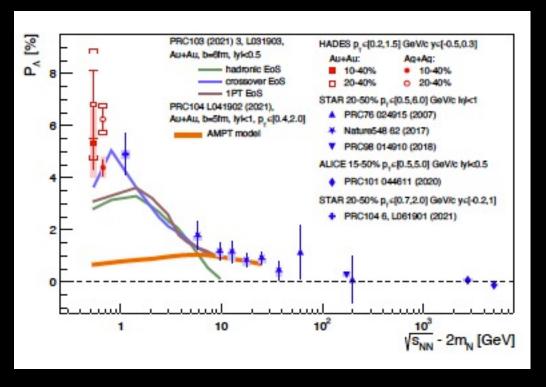
Additional input: hadron states and branching ratio to final states, finite size of baryons and nuclei ...



Wilhelm von Ockham 1288-1347, Christian monk

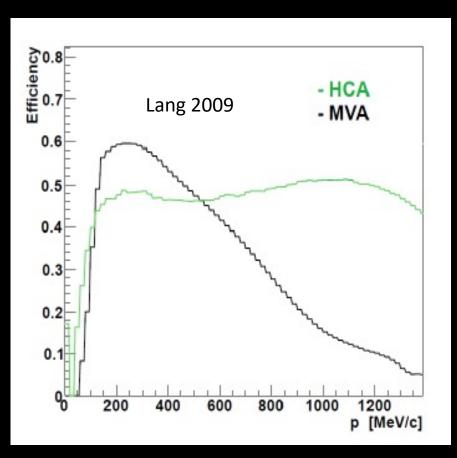
"Among competing hypotheses, the one with the fewest assumptions should be selected."

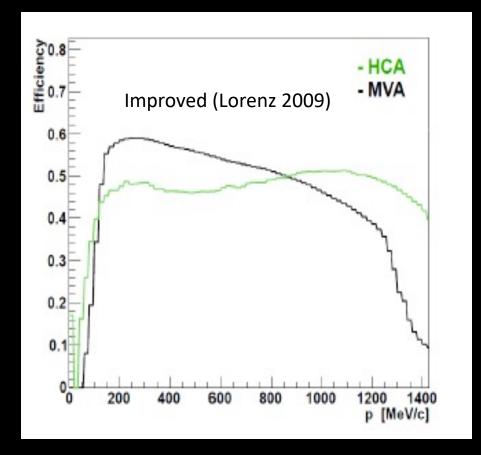
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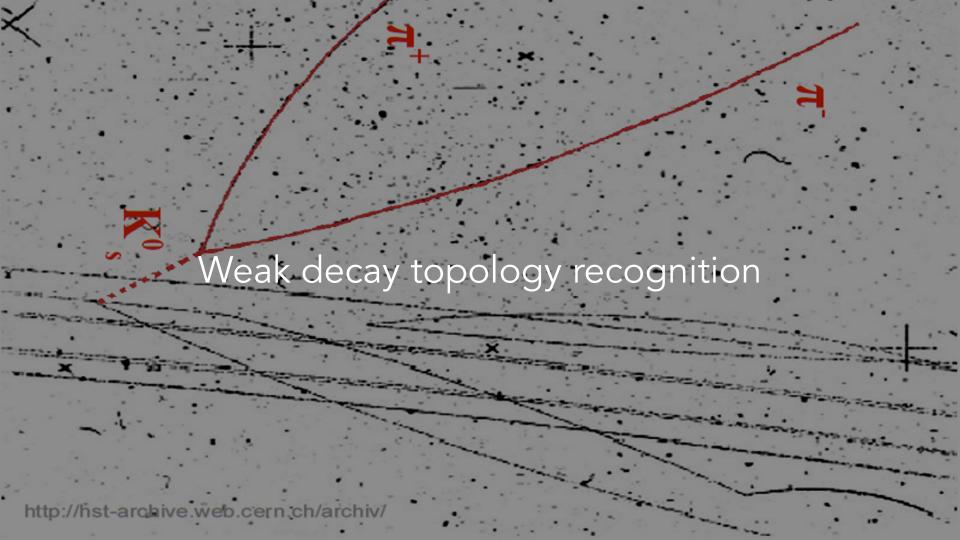


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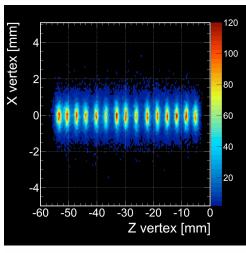
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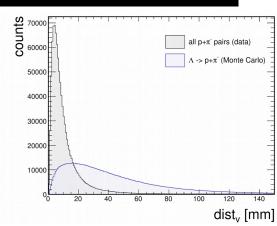


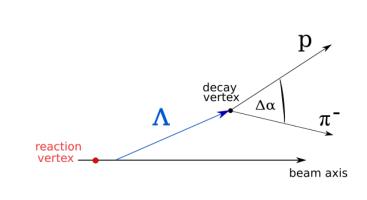


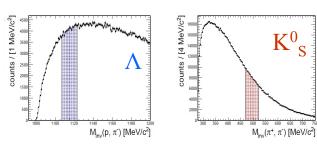


V-Decay topology



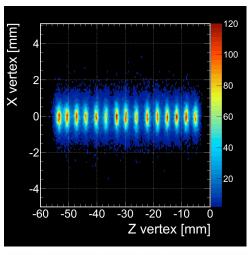


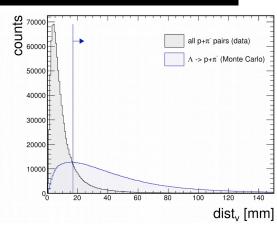


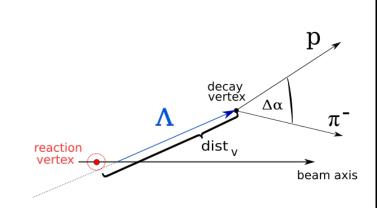


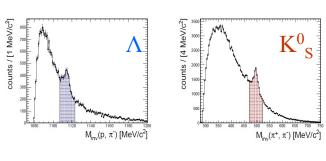
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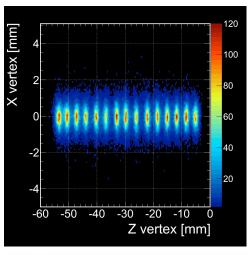


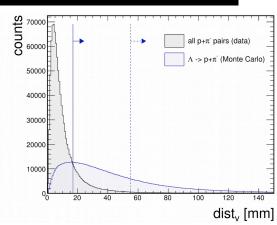


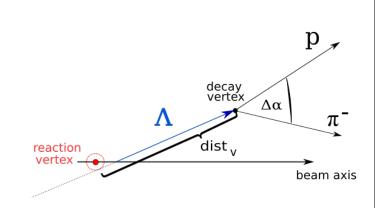


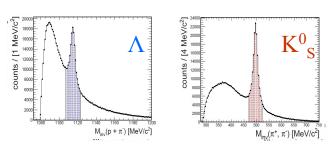
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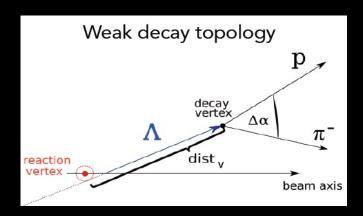


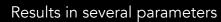


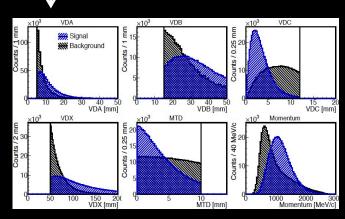


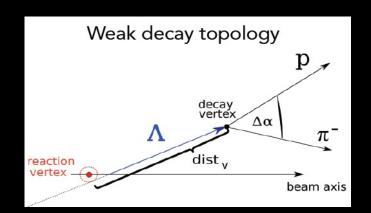


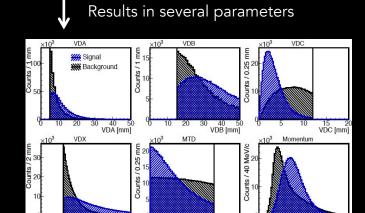
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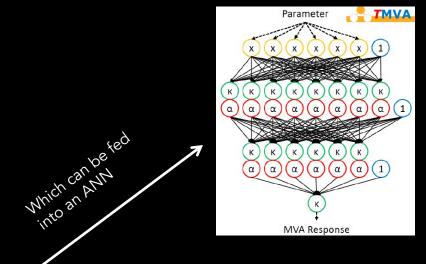


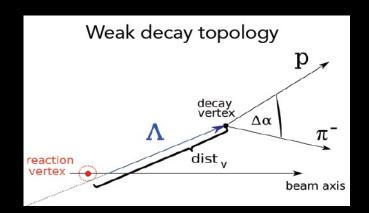


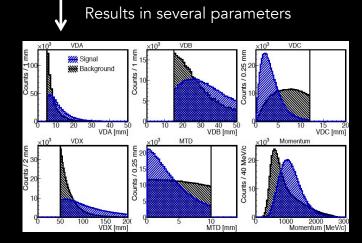


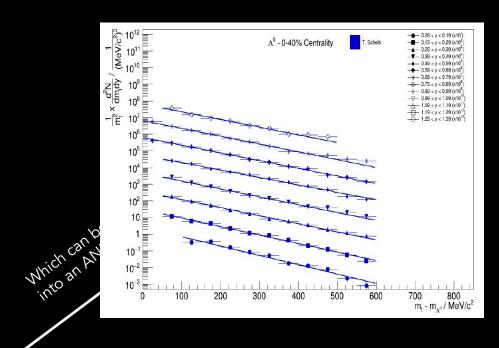


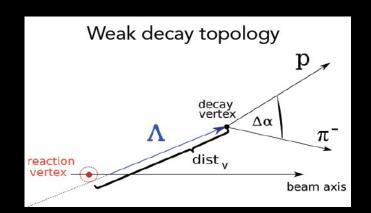


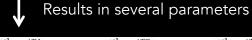


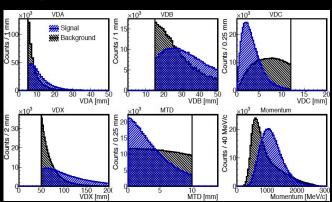


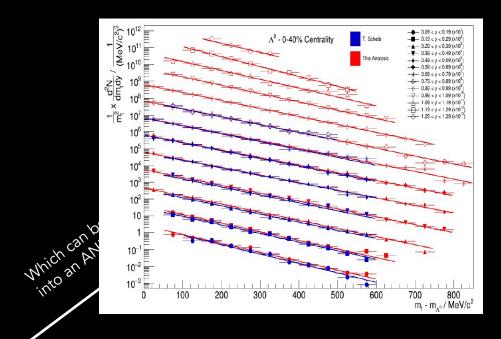










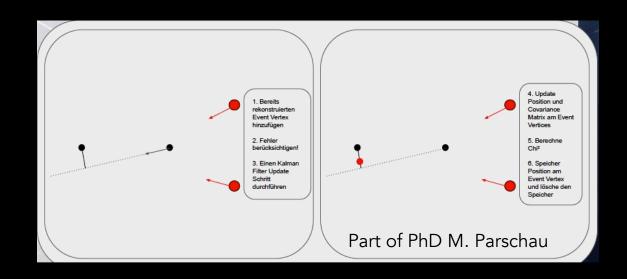


ANN in combination with pre-selection on topology parameters improves performance \rightarrow reduction of uncertainty for 4π yield extraction.

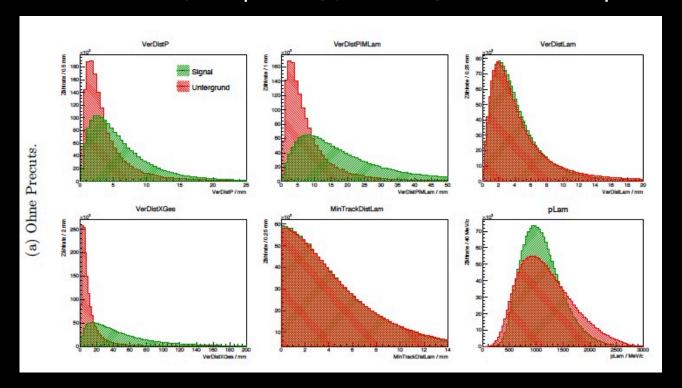
Weak decay topology recognition with neural networks in small system

Strong bias of primary vertex reconstruction by off-vertex tracks

- → Holistic approach by inclusion of PrimaryVertex (PV) in training parameters
- → Make use of KalmanFilter and adjust PV if off-vertex candidates are identified
- → Combination of both



Weak decay topology recognition (S.Spies)

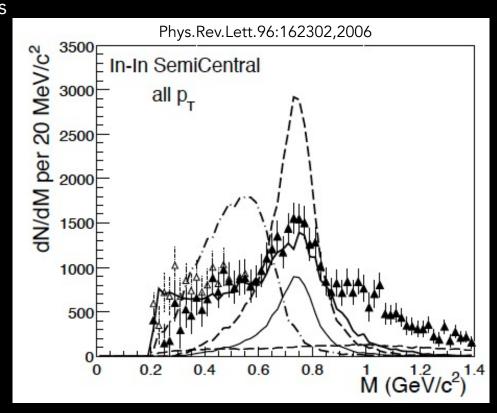


Signal sample: simulations

Background sample: mixed event data

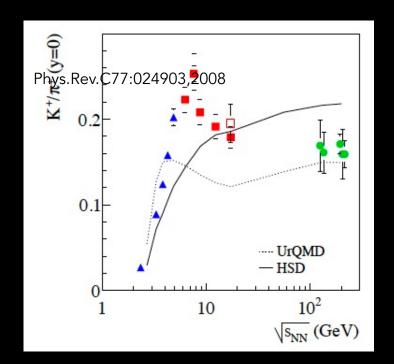
Zeitgeist around 2006/7

• 2006: NA60 ρ in-medium spectral functions

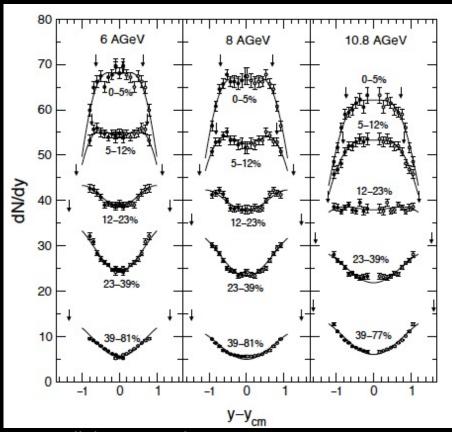


Zeitgeist around 2006/7

- 2005: RHICs "perfect liquid": strong coupling, tiny η/s.
- 2006: NA60 ρ in-medium spectral functions
- 2008: NA49 horn and onset of deconfinement



Rapidity coverage: size matters

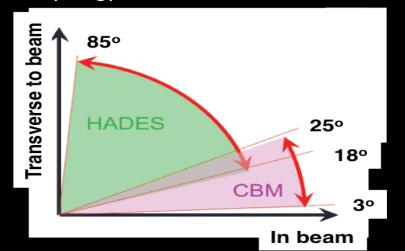


Rapidity distributions of baryons develop complicated form, difficult to extrapolate.

HADES and CBM are very fast, hadron yields dominated by systematic errors.

Y-symmetry: very efficient estimate of systematic errors:

Perfect synergy between HADES and CBM!



E917 Collaboration Phys.Rev.Lett.86:1970-1973,2001

Medium Modification of Hadrons

Direct line shape measurements:

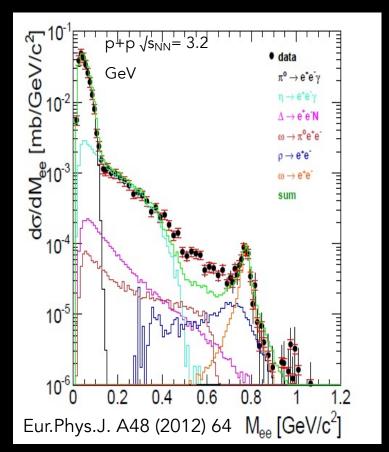
Vector mesons

- Short lived in order to enhance the fraction of decays inside the medium (ρ,ω)
- undistorted information needed→ dilepton decay channel
- ω-meson: subthreshold + electromagnetic decay channel:

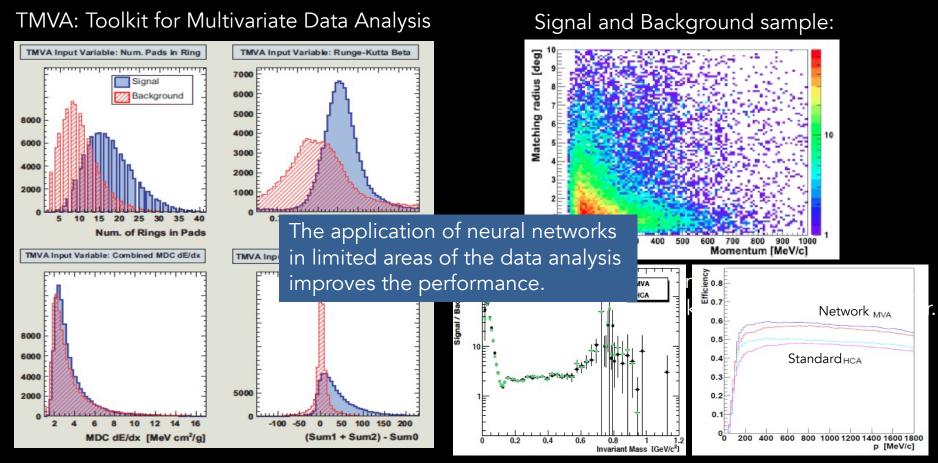
50 million events for one ω !

- various broad overlapping contributions

Cold matter and small collision systems: Ar+KCl @ $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 2.6 GeV and p+Nb @ $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 3.2 GeV



Neural Network for e⁺e⁻ Id



Improvements'

