# Construction of Multi Wire Proportional Chambers for the CBM Transition Radiation Detector



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#### Outline

- Motivation
- •The CBM experiment
- Physics objectives of the TRD
- Principle of operation
- Front end electronics
- Chamber construction

### The phase diagram of nuclear matter





- D mesons
- $J/\psi$  mesons
- promt y



- vector mesons (ω,ρ,φ)
  - $\rightarrow$  decay to mesons or dilepton pairs
- multi-strange hyperons (Ξ,Ω)
  - $\rightarrow$  small hadronic cross section
- thermal y



- final stage "freeze out"
  - → K, π, Λ, η
  - $\rightarrow$  resonances
- decay y



#### Physics cases and observables at CBM

- The equation-of-state of matter at neutron star densities.
- In-medium properties of hadrons.
- Phase transitions from hadronic matter to quarkyonic or partonic matter at high net-baryon densities.
- Hypernuclei, strange dibaryons and massive strange objects.
- Charm production mechanisms, charm propagation and inmedium properties of charmed particles in (dense) nuclear matter.

#### The Compressed Baryonic Matter experiment



Design parameter (SIS100)											
Max. signal collection time	0.3 μs										
Typical space point resolution	~ 300 µm										
Pion suppression at 90 % electron efficiency and $p \ge 1.5$ GeV/c	10 - 20										
dE/dx resolution above p = 1 GeV	~ 25 %										
Detector radiation length (active area)	< 5% X <sub>0</sub> per layer										
Pseudo-rapidity coverage	0.89 < η < 3.74										
Azimuthal coverage	2π										

### Physics objectives of the TRD

#### Intermediate mass dileptons

Provide access to thermal radiation from the hot and dense fireball.

#### • Fragments:

Essential for the study of hyper- and anti-nuclei.

#### • Quarkonia:

Quarkonia states, are probes for the presence of deconfined matter.

#### Low mass vector mesons:

Provides information on medium induced modification of the hadron spectral functions.

#### • Photons:

Can provide information on the temperatures of the early stages in a heavy-ion collision.

#### Particle identification



#### Likelihood method



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#### Dielectron reconstruction



- Au+Au at 8AGeV (10% most central)
- 4 Layer TRD

### $J/\psi$ reconstruction



#### Fragment reconstruction



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Pad plane:

- PCB material (FR4)
- 35µm copper plated
- segmented into pads
- potential: OV (ground)



Anode wire plane:

- Gold plated tungsten wires
- 20µm diameter
- potential: 1850 V



Cathode wire plane:

- Copper-Beryllium wires
- 79 µm diameter
- potential: 0 V (ground)



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Entrance window:

- 20µm Kapton foil
- aluminized
- potential: -150 V



#### Pad response function



#### Induced signal on pad plane



#### Transition Radiation









#### Test of different radiators





#### Induced signal on pad plane



#### dE/dx spectra for pions and electrons



#### Front end electronics



SPADIC (Self-triggered Pulse Amplification and Digitization asIC)

- 32 channels
- 9-bit ADC
- Self-triggered (two trigger modes)
- Digital shaper





#### Chamber design



#### Station layout



- Three large chamber types (95x95cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Three small chamber types (57x57cm<sup>2</sup>)
- 50 chambers per detector layer



#### Chamber construction



#### First large prototypes



Entrance window

Back panel

Wire ledges with anode- and cathode-wire planes

#### First large prototypes



Beam table

Final chamber

#### Test beam campaign at SPS



### Outlook

Upcoming test beams:

GIF++

High-rate performance of MWPCs 137Cs Source (13.7 TBq)

μ-Beam

#### DESY

Systematic characterization of module performance





Mini-CBM: DAQ test system



# Thank you

## BACKUP

#### Testbeam 2015 at SPS



- moderate hit rates of up to 2 kHz/cm<sup>2</sup>
- clear correlation between both detectors
- to extract precise information on position resolution an external reference detector is needed



#### Electron drift time distribution



#### Fragment separation

