Reconstruction of eta meson at CBM-RICH detector using conversion method \*

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#### **CBM conditions:**

- High net-baryon densities
- Moderate temperatures

# Possible features of the QCD phase diagram:

- The predicted first order phase transition between hadronic and partonic matter;
- A rich structure such as a critical point;
- New phases like quarkyonic matter.

# The CBM detector



#### **Detector setup:**

- Micro Vertex Detector (MVD)
- Silicon Tracking System (STS)
- Ring Imaging Cherenkov detector (RICH)
- Muon Chambers (MUCH)
- Transition Radiation Detector (TRD)
- Time Of Flight detector (TOF)
- Electromagnetic Calorimeter (ECAL)
- Projectile Spectator Detector (PSD)

#### The CBM experiment

- gold-ion beam, 2 12 AGeV (SIS100)
- Fixed target (gold)
- Interaction rate: up to 10 MHz



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### Motivation

CBM is designed for precise measurements of many observables including particles with very small branching ratio and low production cross section, like:

$ ho  ightarrow e^+ + e^-$	$(4.72*10^{-5}\%)$
$\omega \rightarrow e^+ + e^-$	$(7.28*10^{-5}\%)$
$\phi \rightarrow e^+ + e^-$	$(2.95*10^{-4}\%)$

As leptons are not affected by final-state interactions, the di-leptonic decay offers the possibility to look into the fireball.

The main background contribution comes from  $\pi^0$  and  $\eta$  decays:

 $\begin{aligned} \pi^0 &/\eta \to \gamma \gamma \to (e^+ + e^-) + (e^+ + e^-) \\ \pi^0 &/\eta \to \gamma + e^+ + e^- \end{aligned}$ 



#### How accurate one can reconstruct η-meson-using conversion method?

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# Conversion method for $\eta$



Conversion probability for single  $\gamma$  before RICH detector ~ 5%

#### **Place of γ conversions:**

- 28 % in the target
- 72 % in the detector material (MVD & STS)

# Lepton identification approaches



# Cuts values for y reconstruction

#### Analysis steps:

- 1) Check the track quality:
  - cut on  $\chi^2$  from track fit
- 2) Check identification of leptons inside the RICH:
  - cut on ring B and A parameters
- 3) Search for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma$  candidates:
  - cut on opening angle and invariant mass, opposite charge
- 4) If  $\geq 2 \gamma$  candidates found:
  - form all possible  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \eta$  combinations



 $\sim 10$  photons per event after cuts





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# Cut for $\eta$ reconstruction

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- 4) If  $\geq 2 \gamma$  candidates found:
  - form all possible  $\gamma\gamma \to \eta$  combinations
  - cut on γγ opening angle for η



**Optimal cut:** 
$$10^{\circ} < \theta (\gamma \gamma) < 40^{\circ}$$

$$m_{inv}(\eta) = 547.85 \text{ MeV}$$

### η candidates

The estimation and analysis is based on a simulated sample of  $100 \times 10^6$  UrQMD events of central Au+Au collisions with a beam energy of 8 AGeV.

**Combinatorial background** is fit using  $7^{th}$  degree polynomial in the region between  $0.3 - 1.0 \text{ GeV/c}^2$  excluding signal regions

Expected signal to background ratio:

• S/B < 1 %



# η background-subtracted spectrum



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# Summary for $\eta$ analysis



List of cuts Set 1:  $m_{inv}(e^+e^-) < 10 \text{ MeV}$  $\theta (e^+e^-) < 1^{\circ}$  $10^{\circ} < \theta (\gamma \gamma) < 40^{\circ}$ <u>Set 2:</u>  $m_{inv}(e^+e^-) < 20 \text{ MeV}$  $\theta (e^+e^-) < 2^\circ$  $10^{\circ} < \theta (\gamma \gamma) < 40^{\circ}$ **Set 3:**  $m_{inv}(e^+e^-) < 30 \text{ MeV}$  $\theta$  (e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>) < 3°  $10^\circ < \theta (\gamma \gamma) < 40^\circ$ **Set 4:**  $m_{inv}(e^+e^-) < 40 \text{ MeV}$  $\theta (e^+e^-) < 4^\circ$  $10^{\circ} < \theta (\gamma \gamma) < 40^{\circ}$ **Set 5:** ANN > 0.9 $10^{\circ} < \theta (\gamma \gamma) < 40^{\circ}$ 

- 100 million events in CBM: ~ <u>28 hours</u> of data taking at interaction rate of 100 kHz
- Such sample allows to count number of reconstructed  $\eta$  with an accuracy of ~ <u>30 %</u>

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# Thank you for your attention !

### Backup

### Conversion points



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### Determination of primary and secondary tracks (<5)



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### B and A distributions



#### ANN cut



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### $\eta$ acceptance and reconstruction efficiency



#### Estimation for $\eta$ reconstruction



 $S/B \sim 10^{-2}$ 

 $S/B \sim 10^{\text{-6}}$ 

#### Momentum transfer

## Momentum transfer + reconstruction uncertainties



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