

CBM

Relativistic heavy-ion physics at FAIR

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The QCD phase diagram : From theory to experiment
International Symposium, Skopelos, May 2004

The future at GSI : FAIR

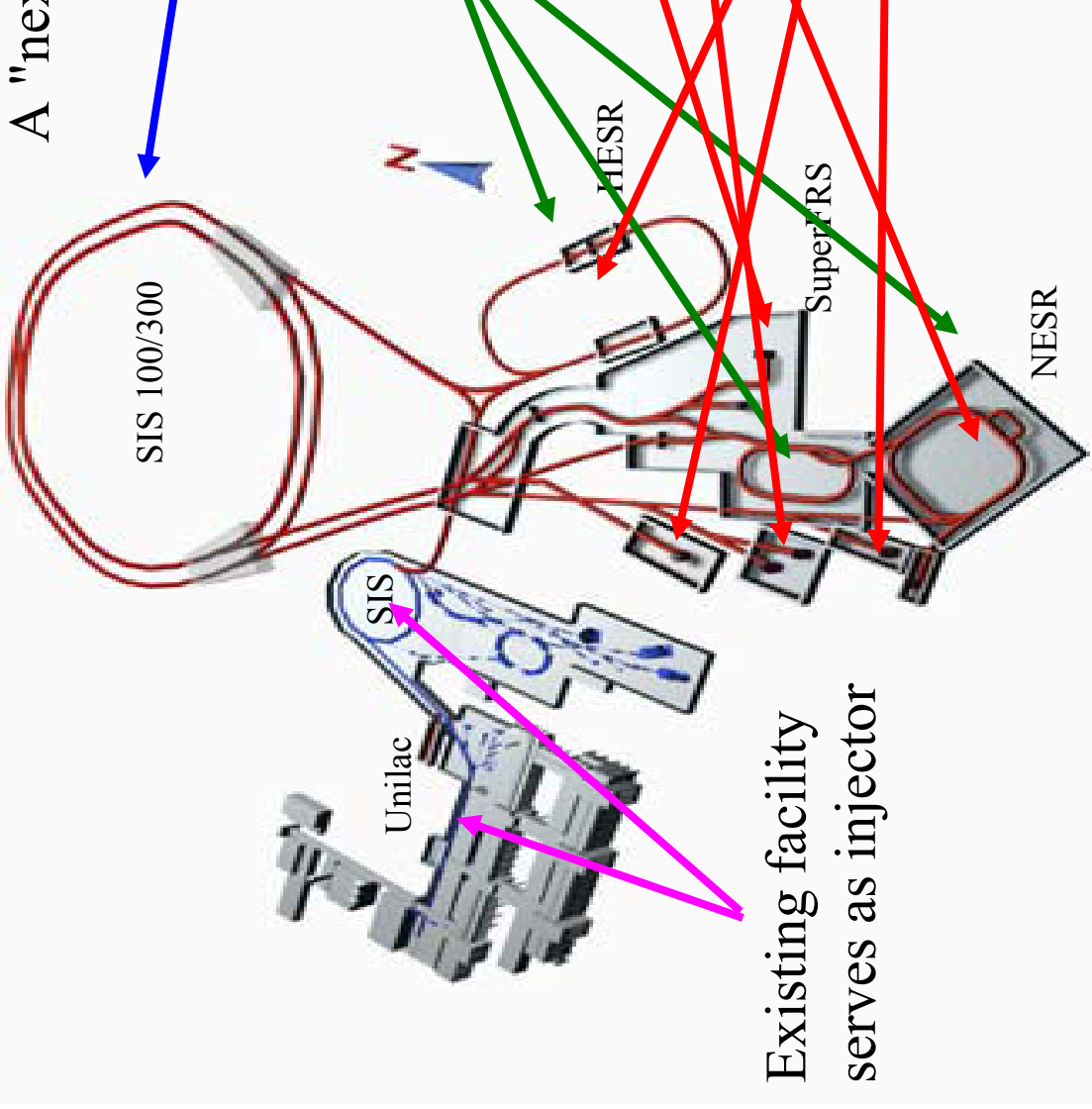
A "next generation" accelerator facility:

Double-ring synchrotron
1100 m circumference
100 / 300 Tm

Cooler/Storage rings
(CR, NESR, HESR)

Experimental areas for:

- nuclear structure
- plasma physics
- antiproton physics
- **nuclear collisions**
- atomic physics

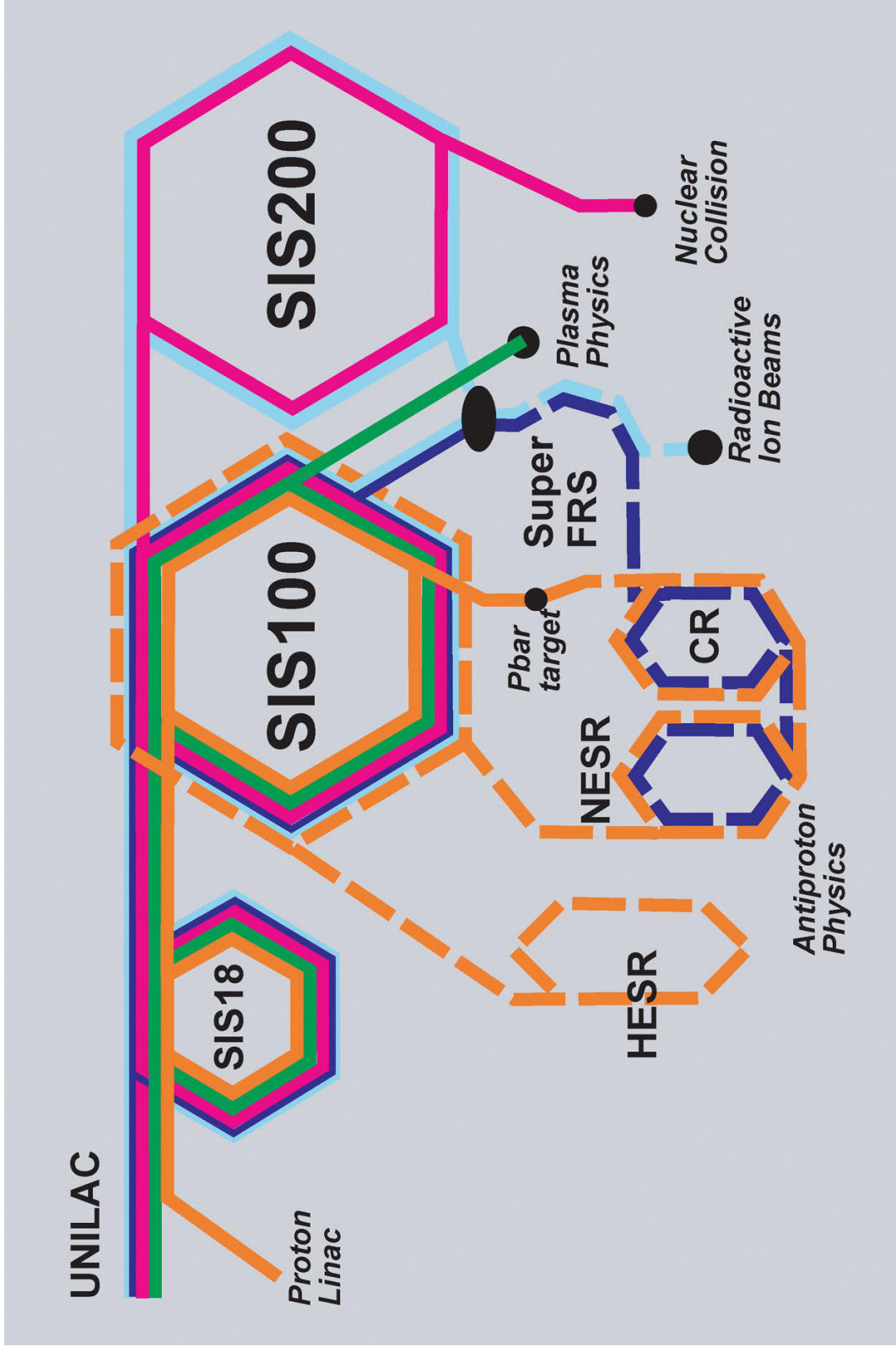


Existing facility
serves as injector

Design Goals

- Higher beam energies: 35 AGeV for heavy ions, 45 AGeV for light ions
- Highest beam intensities : 10^9 U / s continuous, 10^{12} U pulsed
- Excellent beam quality
- Parallel operation for different physics programmes :
 - Particle physics
 - charm spectroscopy, glueballs
 - Nucleus-nucleus collisions
 - QCD phase diagram, compressed baryonic matter
 - Nuclear structure
 - nuclei far from stability, nucleosynthesis
 - Plasma physics
 - bulk high-density matter, inertial fusion
 - Atomic physics
 - high precision studies of QED in extremely strong fields

Parallel operation



Project Status

November 2001

Conceptual Design Report

Cost estimate 675 M €

July 2002

German Wissenschaftsrat recommends
realisation

February 2003

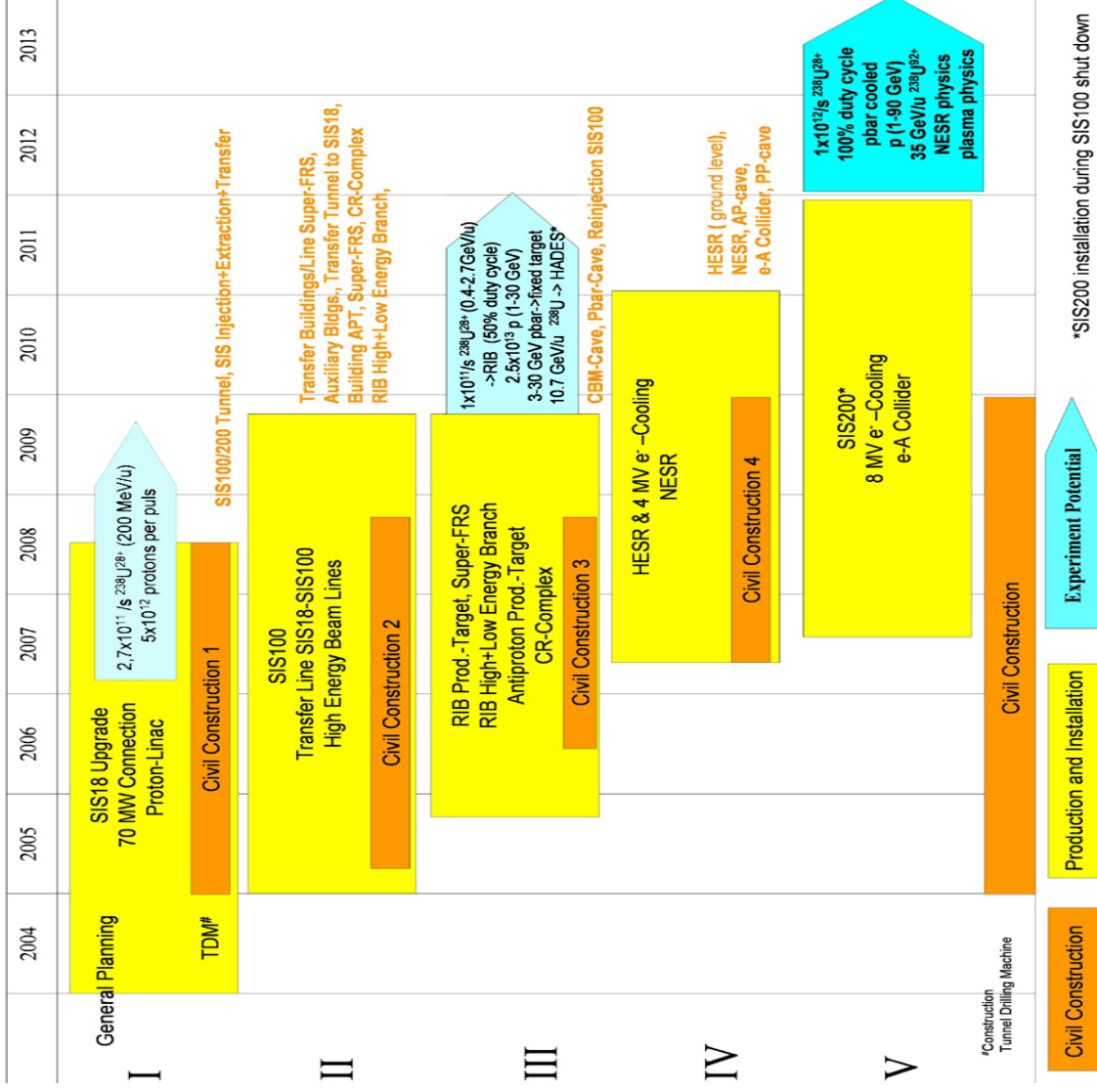
German Federal Government
decides to build the facility.

Will pay 75 %

January / April 2004

Letters of Intent submitted

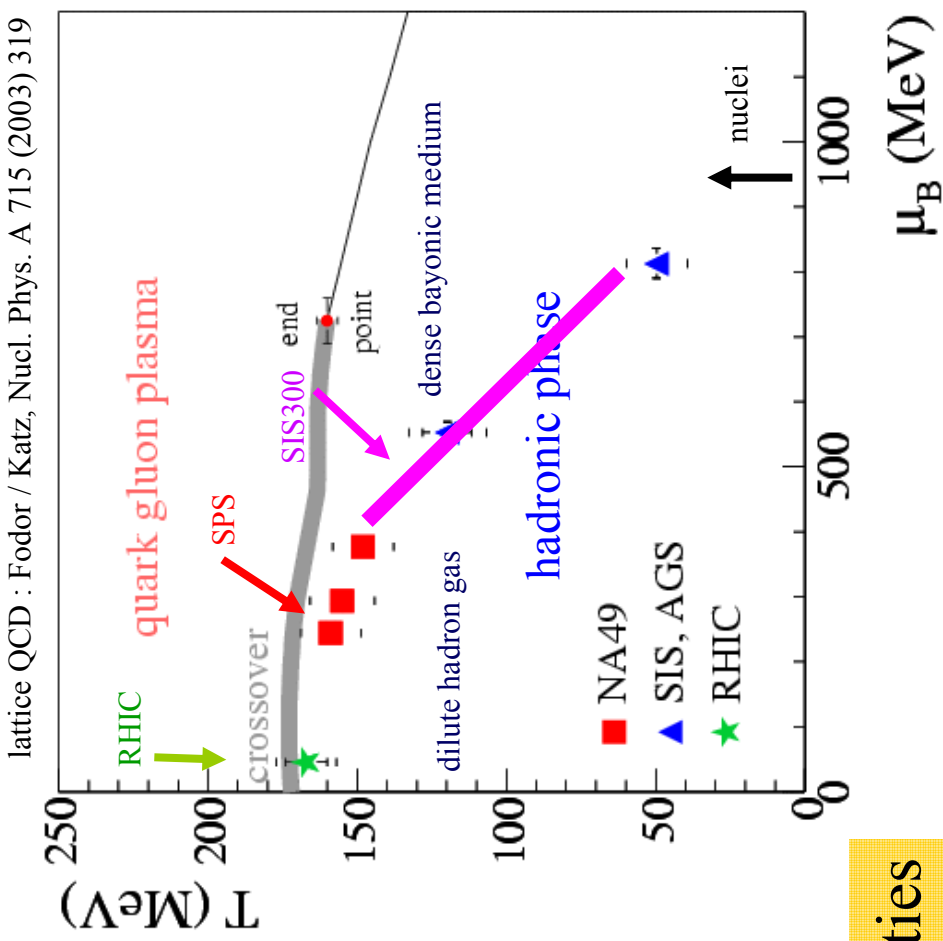
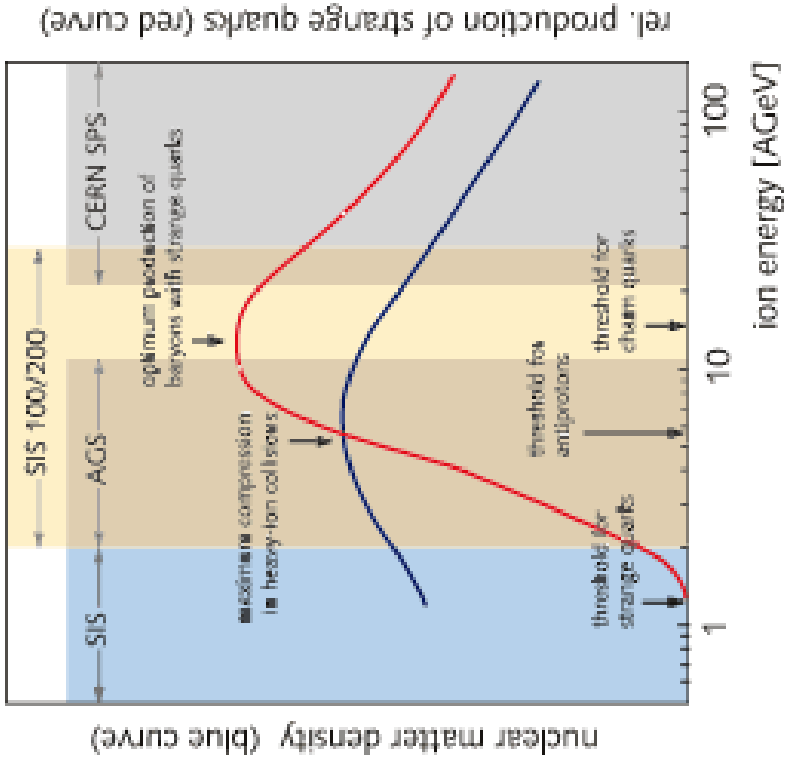
Timescale



Bad prospects for the trees...



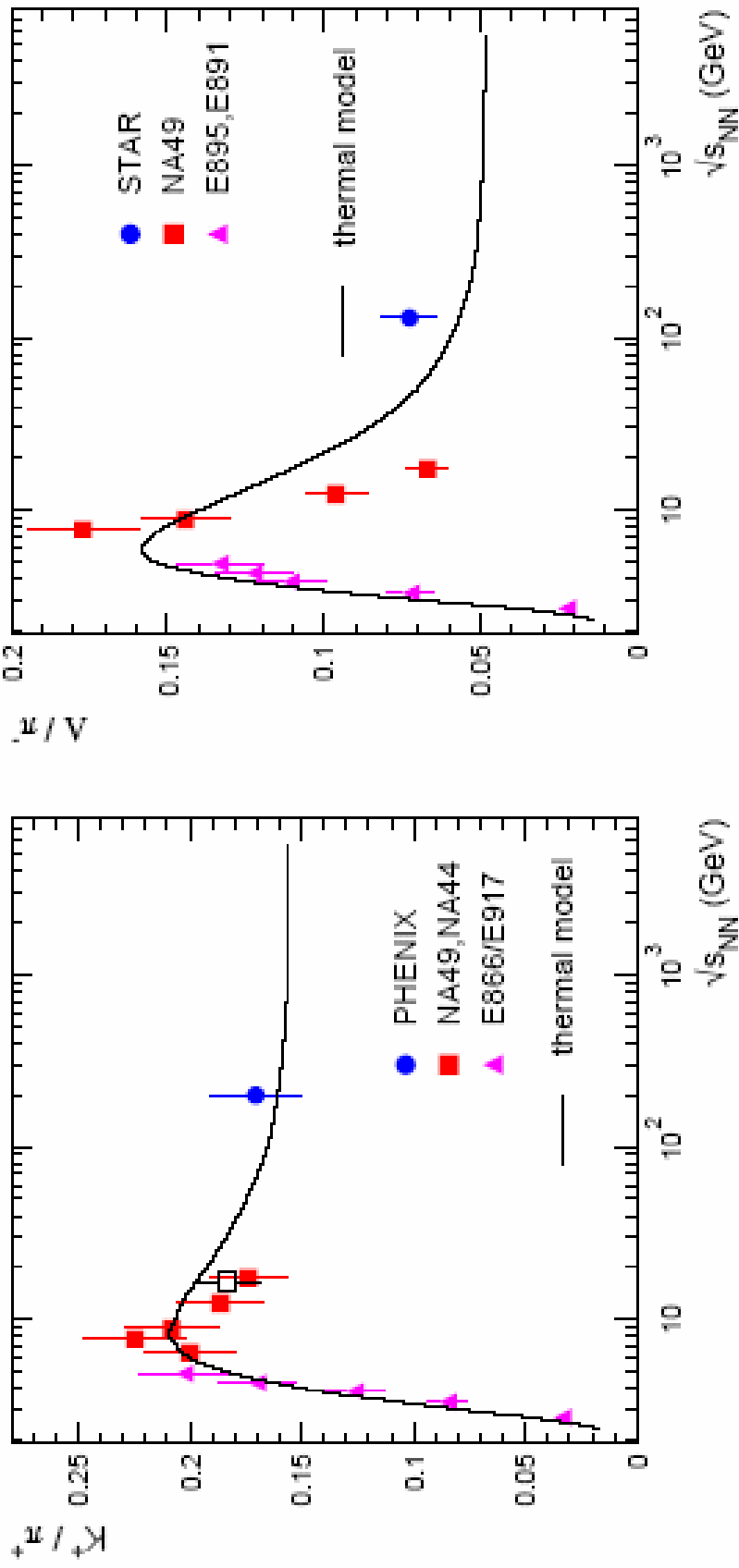
The Future GSI and the QCD Phase Diagram



... operating at highest baryon densities
 ... reaching deconfinement ?
 ... close to the critical point ?

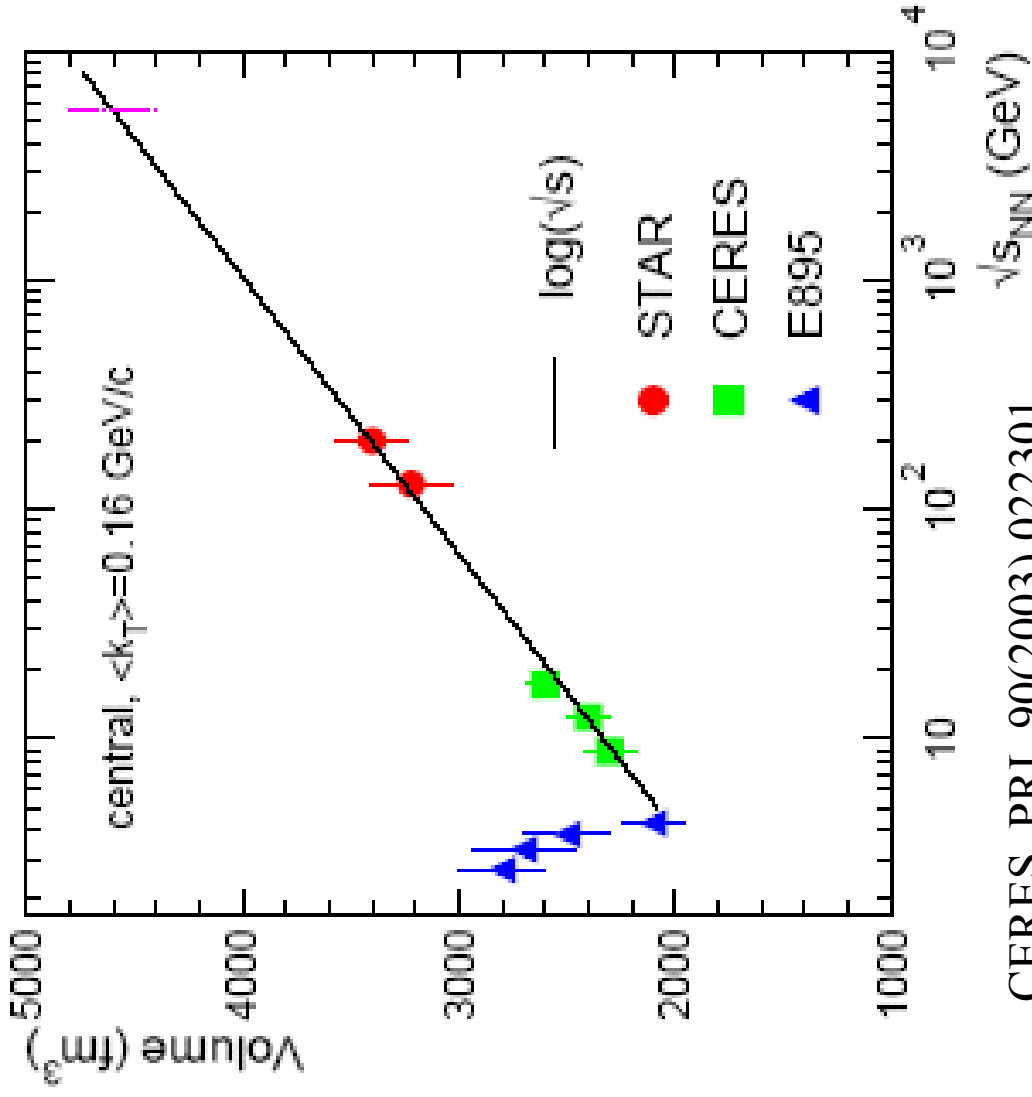
What do we know : Strangeness production

A. Andronic, p. Braun-Munzinger, hep-ph/0402291



Sharp structure in strangeness to pion ratio at low SPS energies
 Failure of thermal models ?

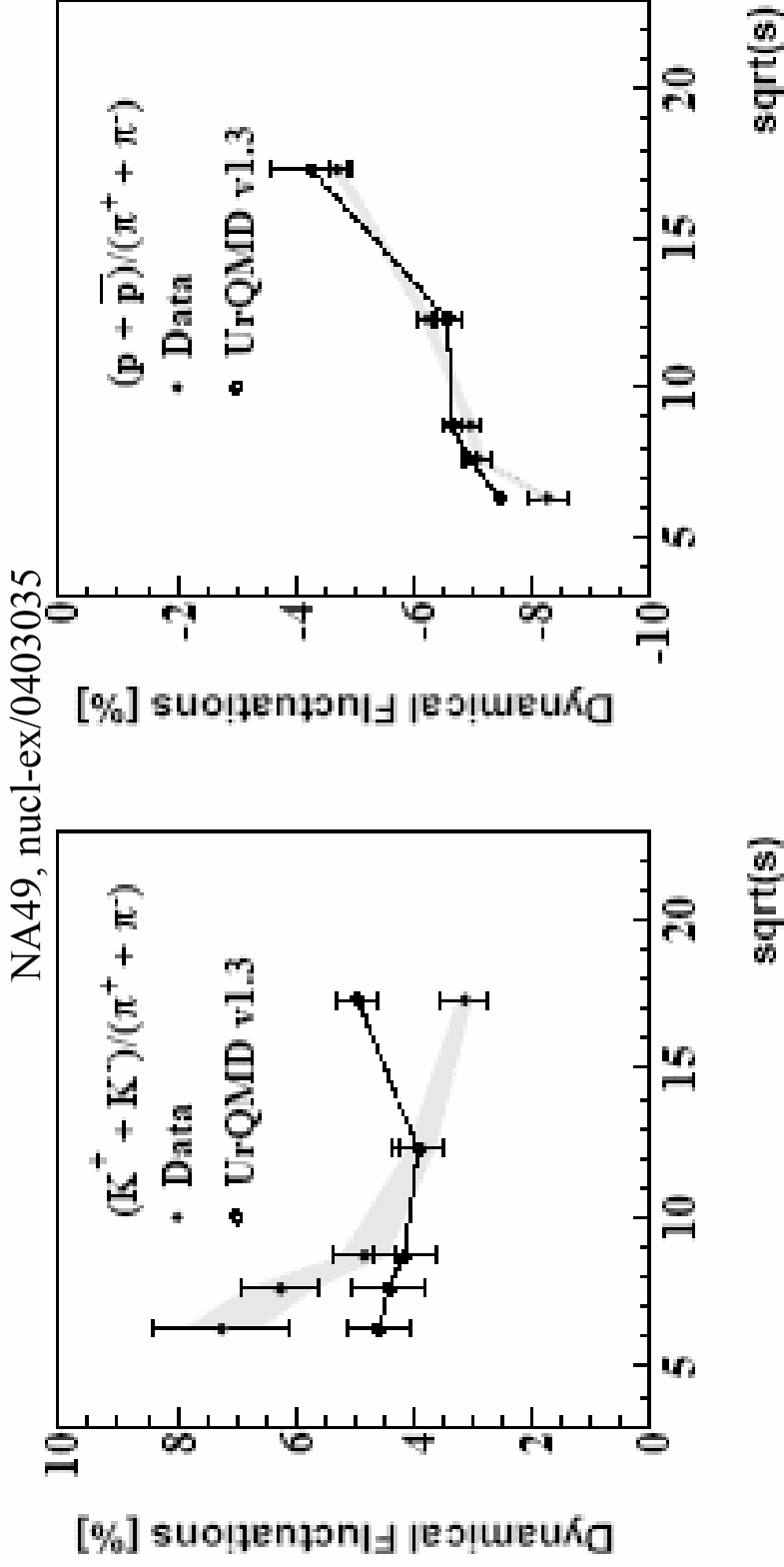
What do we know : Reaction volume



CERES, PRL 90(2003) 022301

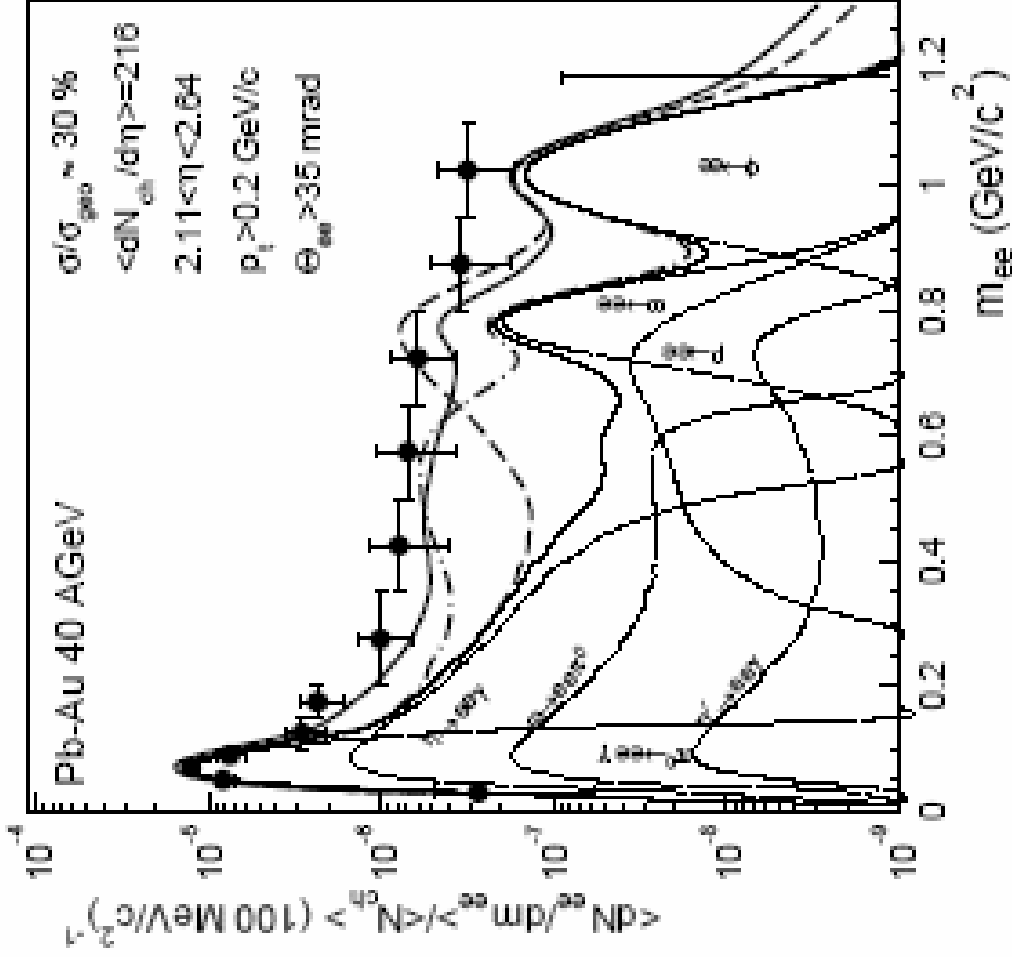
volume extracted from pion HBT
exhibits non-monotonic behaviour

What do we know: Fluctuations



- dynamical fluctuations reported by NA49
- increase towards low energies
- K/π : not reproduced by UrQMD
- p/π : correlation due to resonance decays

What we do know : Low-mass dileptons



are enhanced more at 40 AGeV than at 158 AGeV

in-medium ρ could explain the enhancement

measurements need to be refined and carried out at lower energies

CERES, PRL91 (2003) 042301

What we do not know: Charm production near threshold

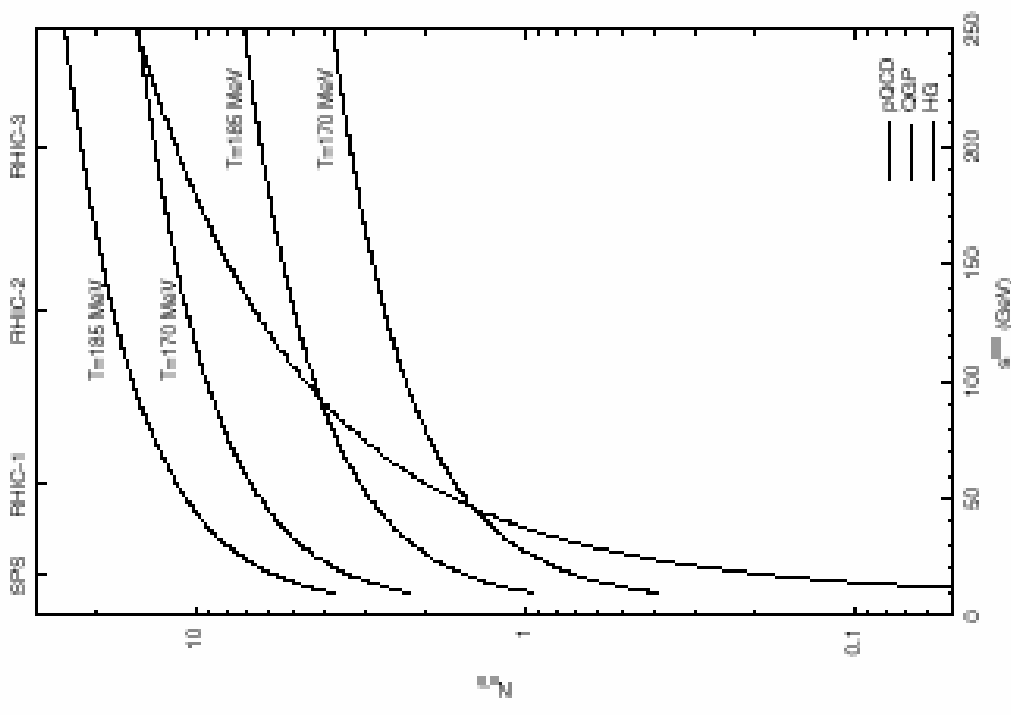
Soft A dependence : $\langle D \rangle \sim \langle h^- \rangle \sim N_p$

pQCD : $\langle D \rangle \sim A^2 \sim N_p^{4/3}$

Hadron gas in chemical equilibrium
Canonical suppression analogous to
strangeness

Equilibrated QGP
+ statistical coalescence

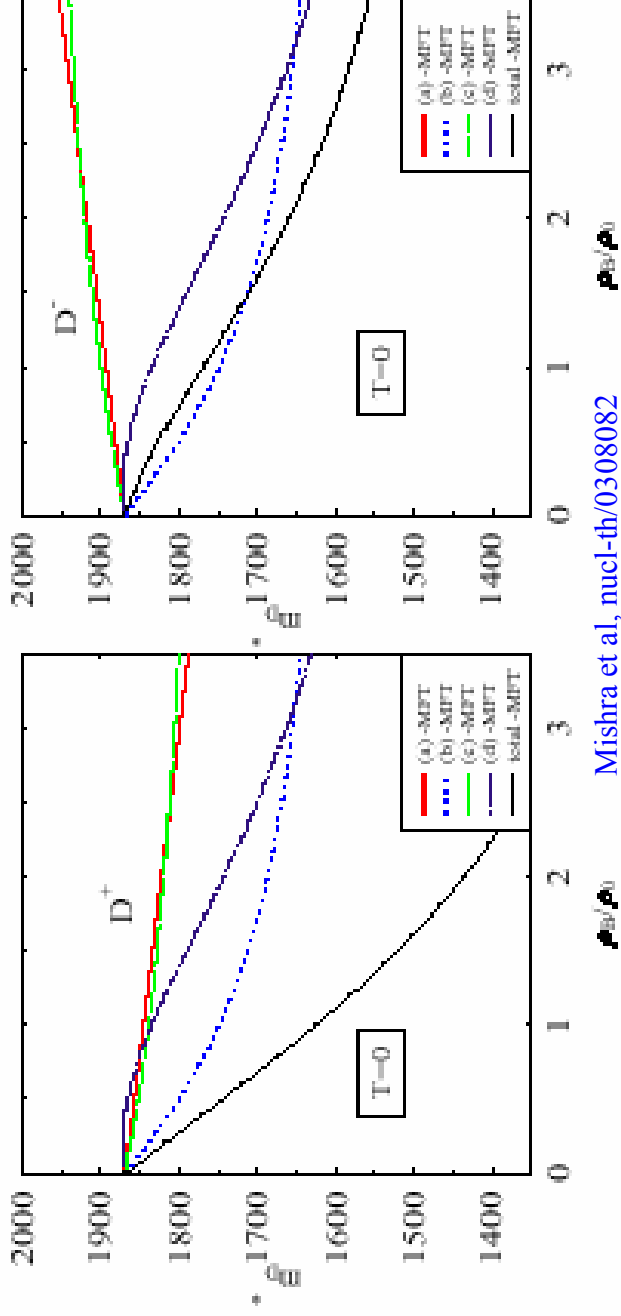
Predictions of open charm yield differ
by orders of magnitude for different
production scenarios, especially at low
energies



Gorenstein et al
J. Phys. G 28 (2002) 2151

What we do not know: Open charm in dense matter

Various QCD inspired models predict a change of D mass in hadronic medium

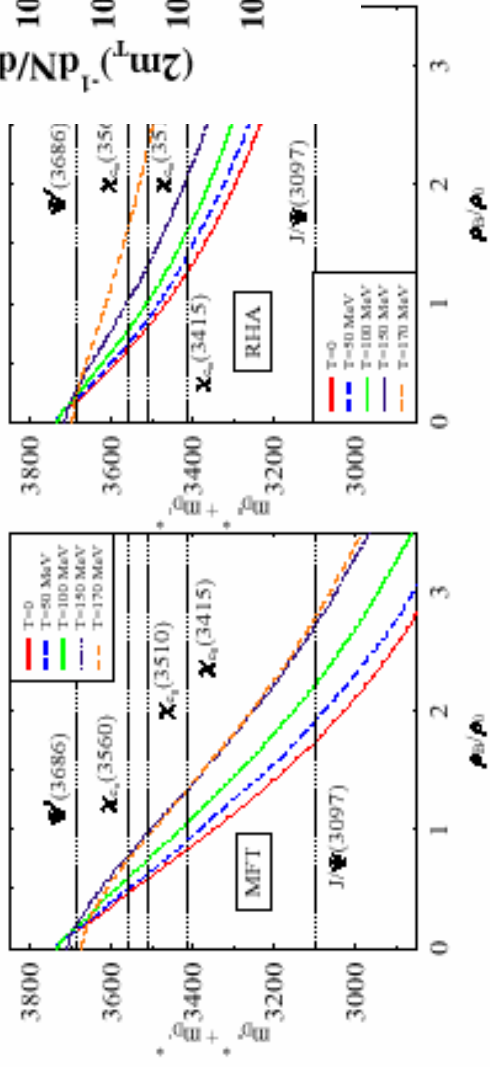


Substantial change (several 100 MeV) already at $\rho=\rho_0$
 In analogy to kaon mass modification, but drop for both D^+ and D^-
 Effect for charmonium is substantially smaller

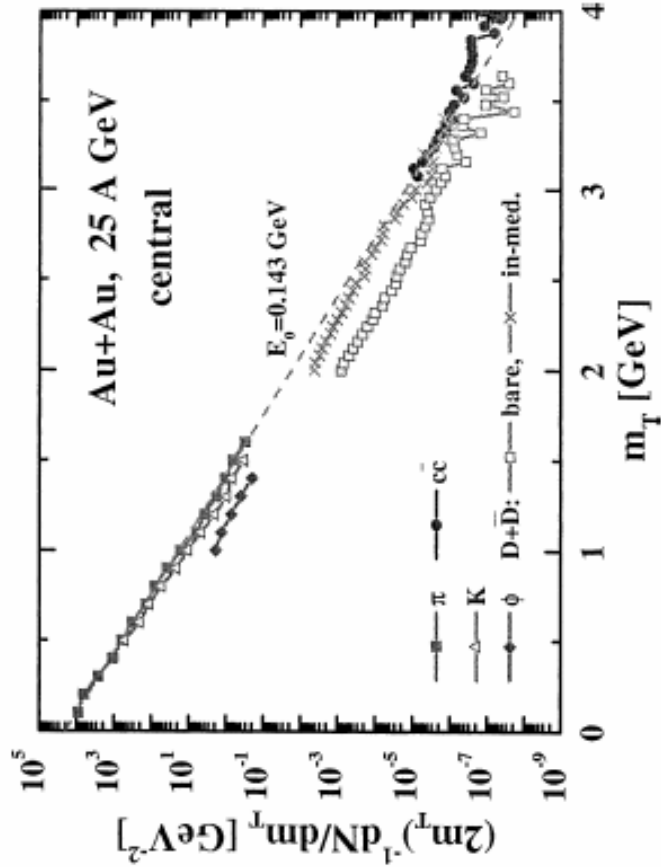
Reduced D meson mass : consequences

If the D mass is reduced in the medium: DD threshold drops below charmonium states

Mishra et al, nucl-th/0308082



- Decay channels into DD open for Ψ' , χ_c , J/Ψ
- broadening of charmonium states
- suppression of J/Ψ
- enhancement of D mesons



Cassing et al, Nucl. Phys. A 691 (2001) 753

HSD : D yield enhanced by a factor of 7 at 25 AGeV!

Physics Topics and Observables

1. Indications for deconfinement at high ρ_B
 - ↳ enhanced strangeness production ?
 $K, \Lambda, \Sigma, \Xi, \Omega$
 - ↳ charm production ?
 $J/\psi, D$
 - ↳ softening of EOS
measure flow excitation function
2. In-medium modifications of hadrons
 - ↳ onset of chiral symmetry restoration at high ρ_B
 $\rho, \omega, \phi \rightarrow e^+e^-$
open charm
3. Critical point
 - ↳ event-by-event fluctuations

The good...

High beam intensity, quality and duty cycle
High availability due to parallel operation of accelerator



Possibility of systematic measurements:
beam energy (10 – 35/45 AGeV)
system size
even of very rare probes!

...the bad...

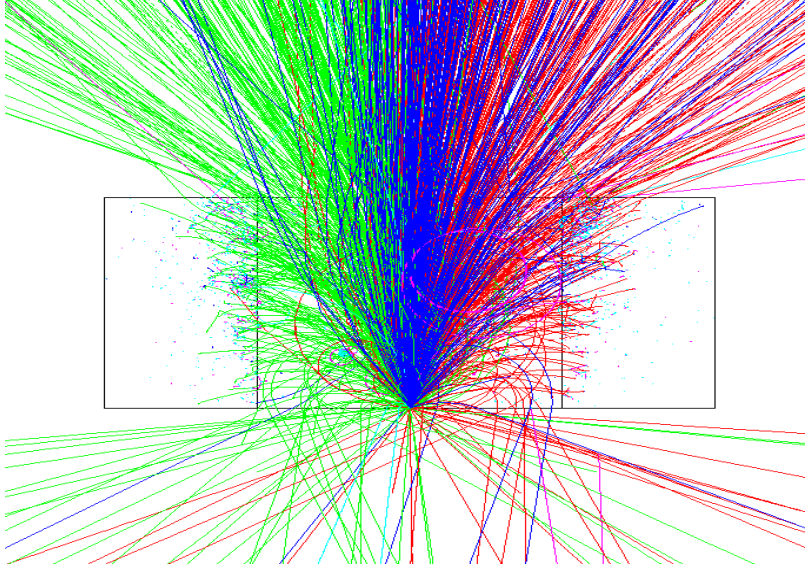
Only one slot for relativistic nuclear collisions at future GSI



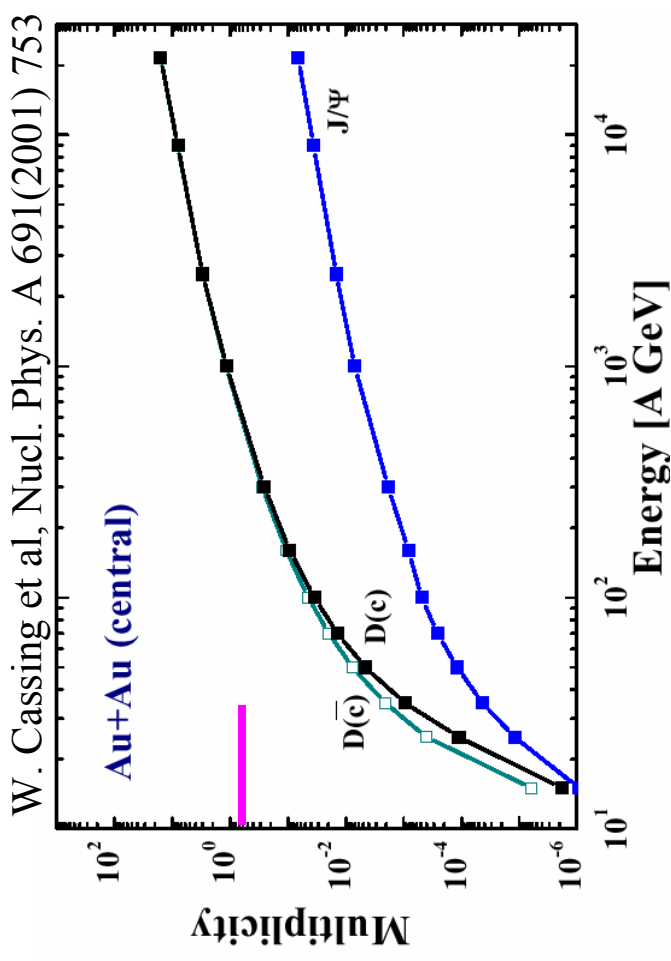
Build an "universal experiment" for both hadronic and leptonic probes, covering as many observables as possible

...and the ugly

Au+Au @ 25 AGeV



Rare probes in a heavy-ion environment:
charged multiplicity ≈ 1000
D multiplicity $10^{-4} - 10^{-3}$

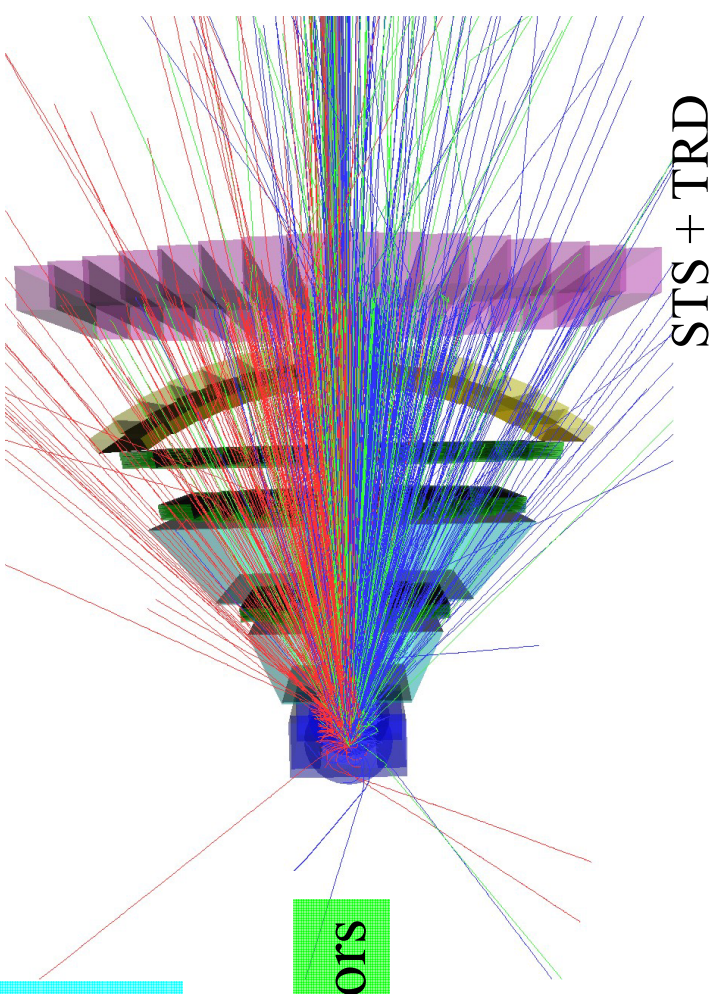


need : high event rates
highly selective trigger

Conditions and requirements

High track multiplicity (700-1000)
Beam intensity 10^9 ions/sec.
High interaction rate (10 MHz)

central Au+Au @ 25 AGeV, UrQMD + GEANT



Need fast and radiation hard detectors

Detector tasks:

Tracking in high-density environment

Reconstruction of secondary vertices (resolution $\approx 50 \mu\text{m}$)

Hadron identification : $\pi / K / p$ separation ($\sigma_t \approx 80 \text{ ps}$)

Lepton identification : π / e separation (pion suppression 10^{-4})

Myon / photon measurements

STS + TRD

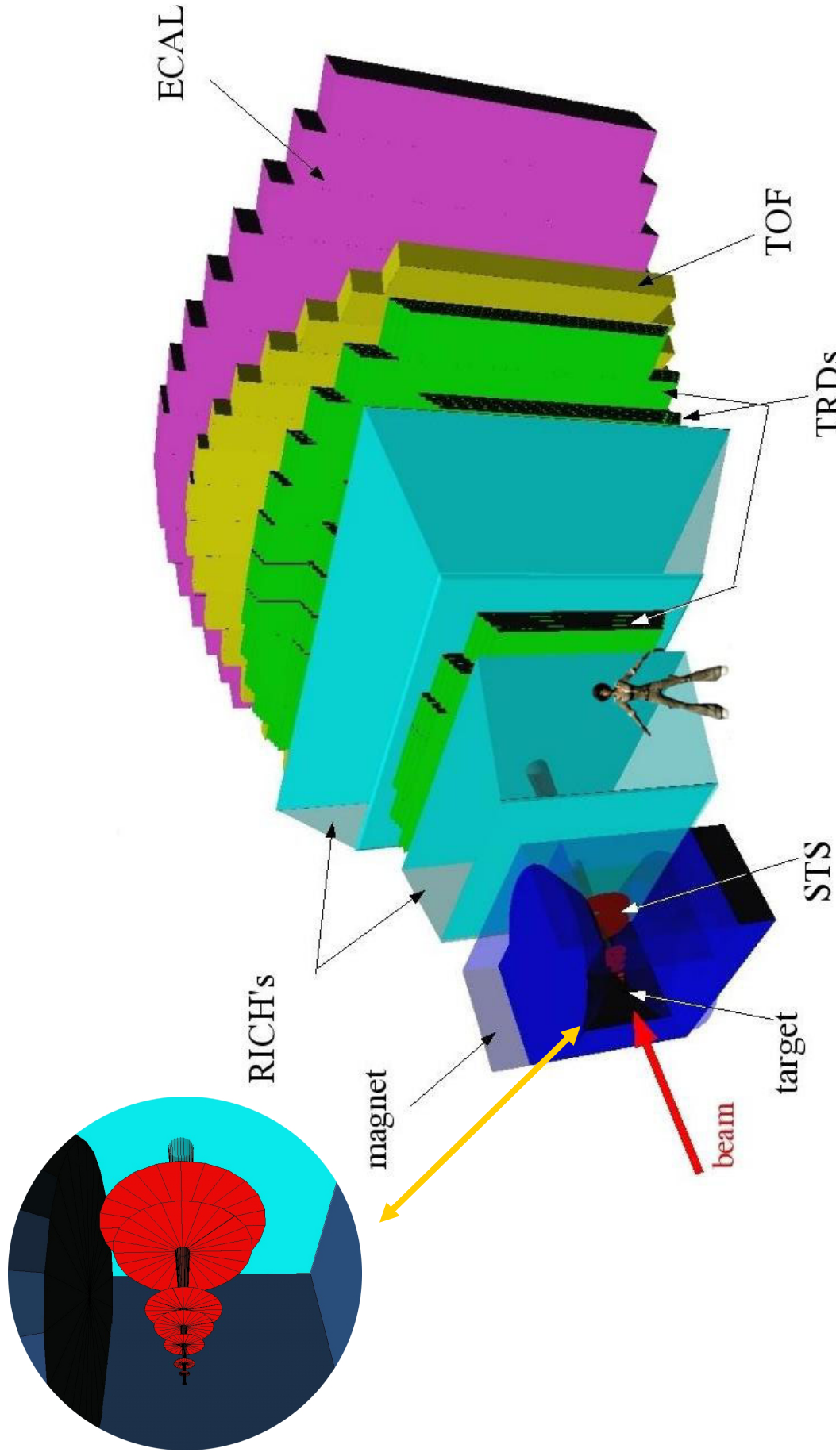
STS

TOF

TRD + RICH

ECAL

The CBM detector : a strawman concept

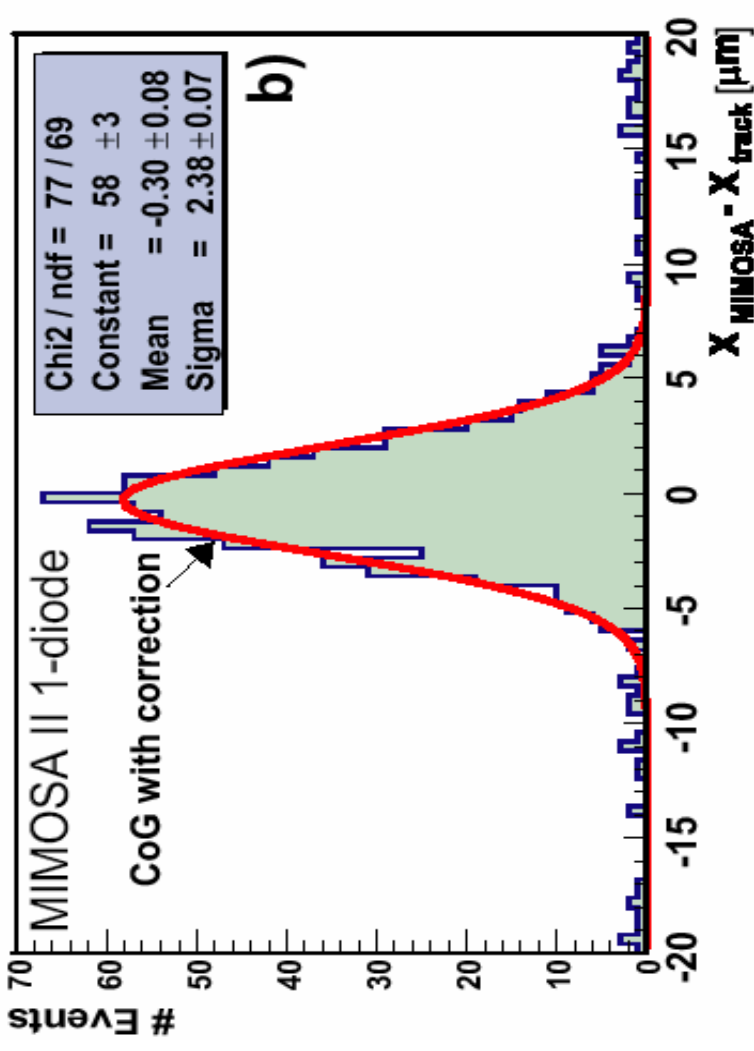


Setup in GEANT4

Tracking System

Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors

- Requirements:
- Radiation hardness
 - Low material budget
 - Fast detector response
 - Good positron resolution



Solution for outer stations:
fast strip detectors

Pitch 20 μm

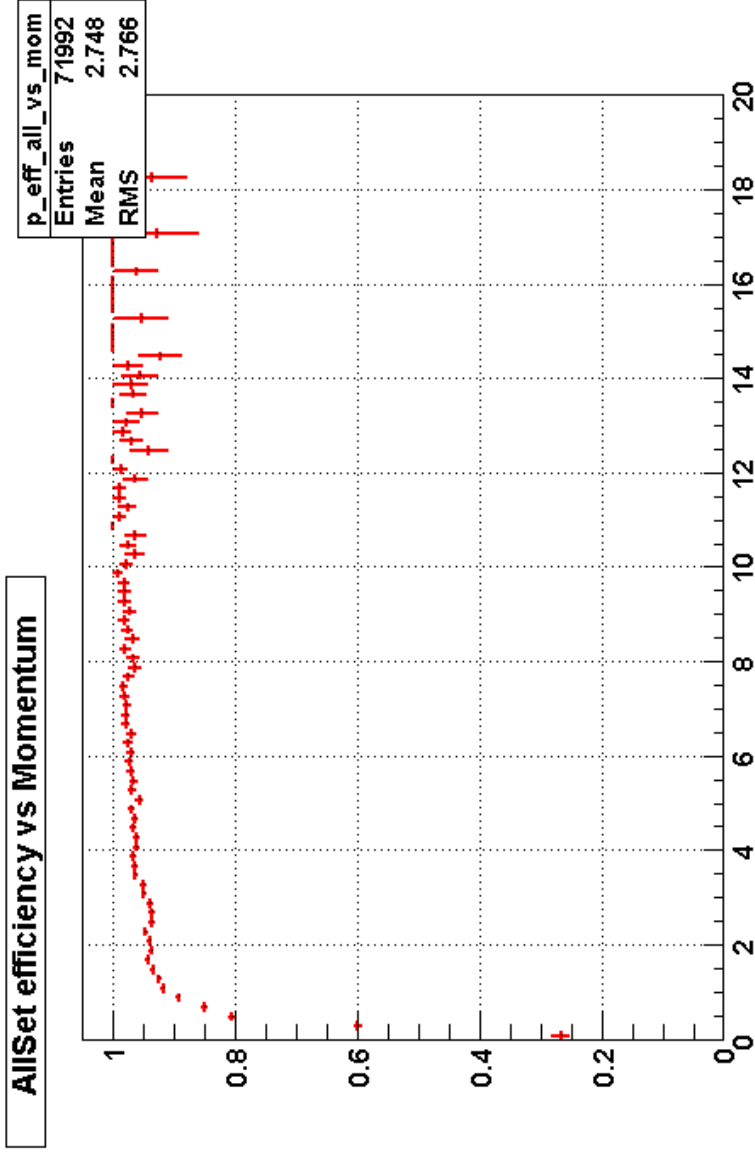
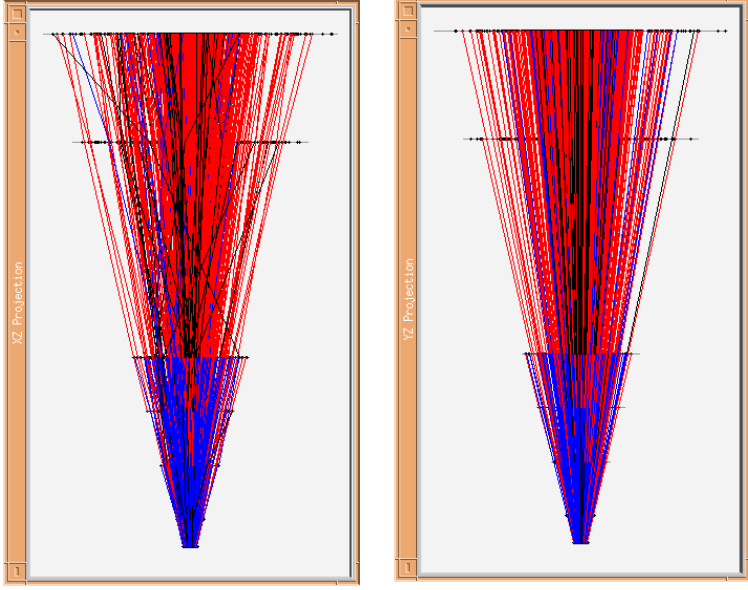
Low material budget : Potentially $d = 20 \mu m$

Excellent single hit resolution : $\approx 3 \mu m$

S/N = 20 - 40

Tracking

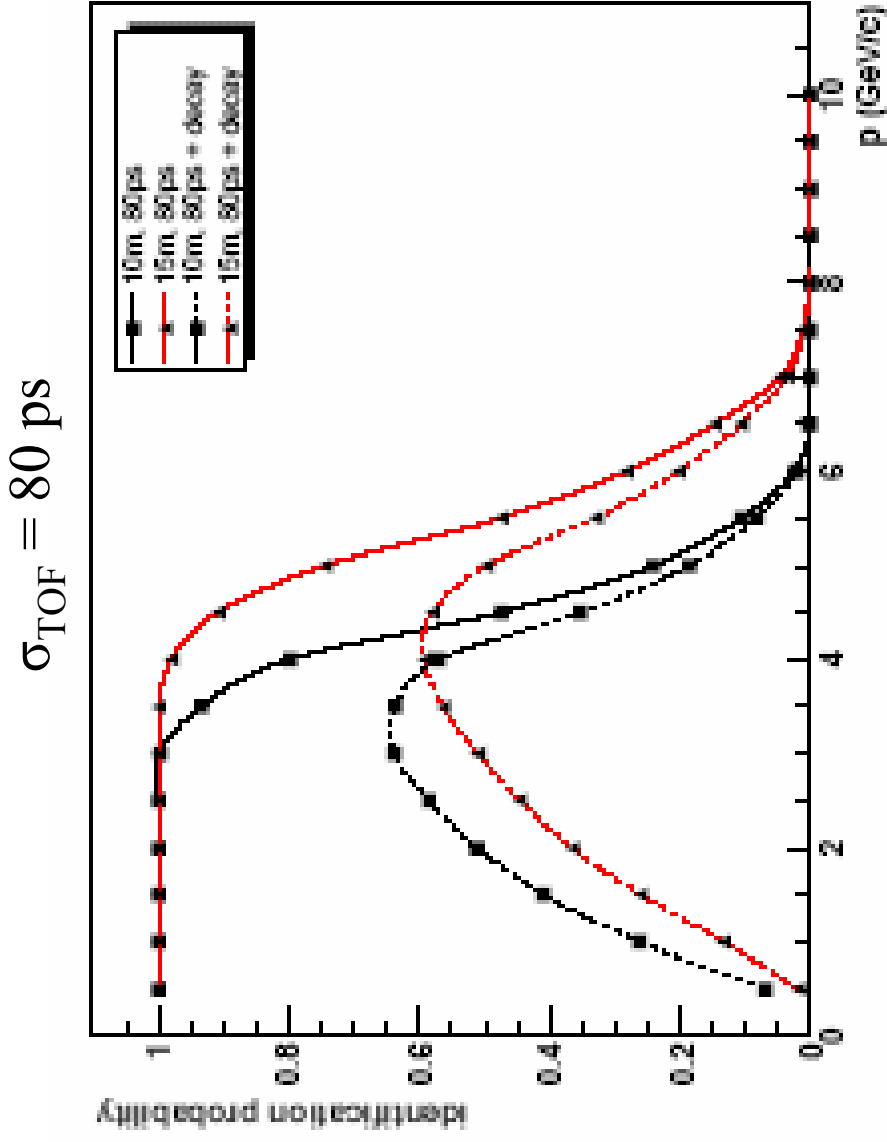
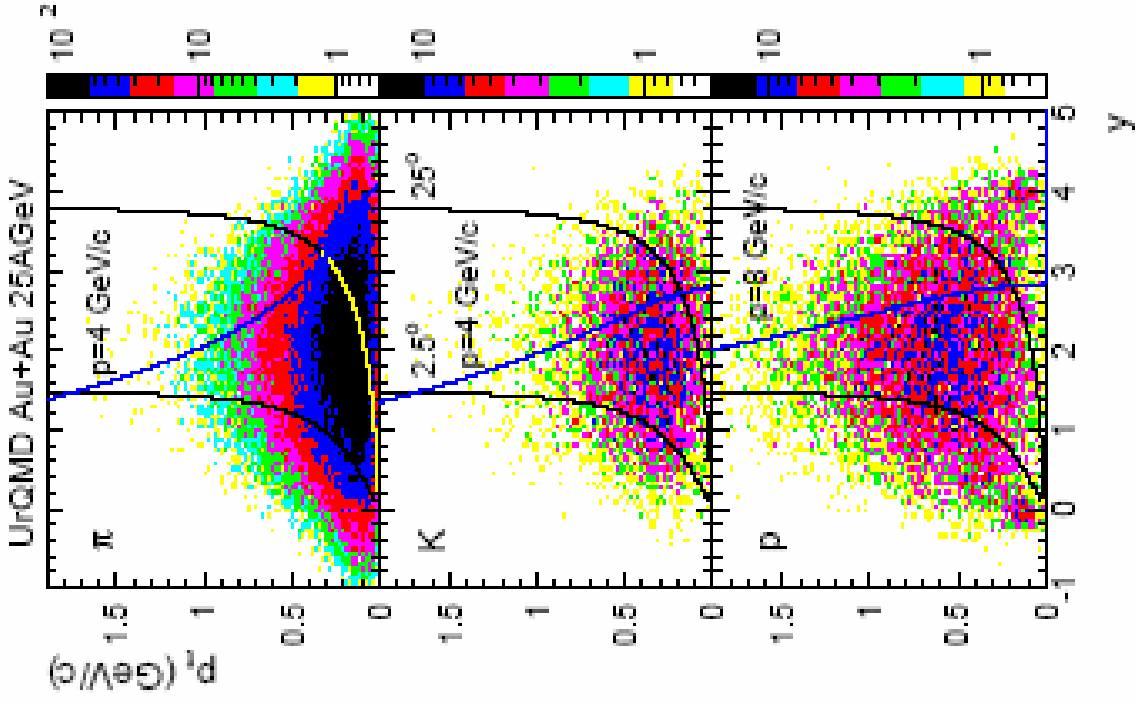
reconstructed tracks



Reconstruction efficiency > 95 %
Momentum resolution \approx 0.6 %

Event pile-up in first tracking stations (MAPS) not yet solved

Hadron identification



Bulk of kaons (protons) can well be identified with $\sigma_{\text{TOF}} = 80 - 100$ ps

RPC developments for TOF

Challenge for TOF : Huge counting rate (25 kHz/cm²)

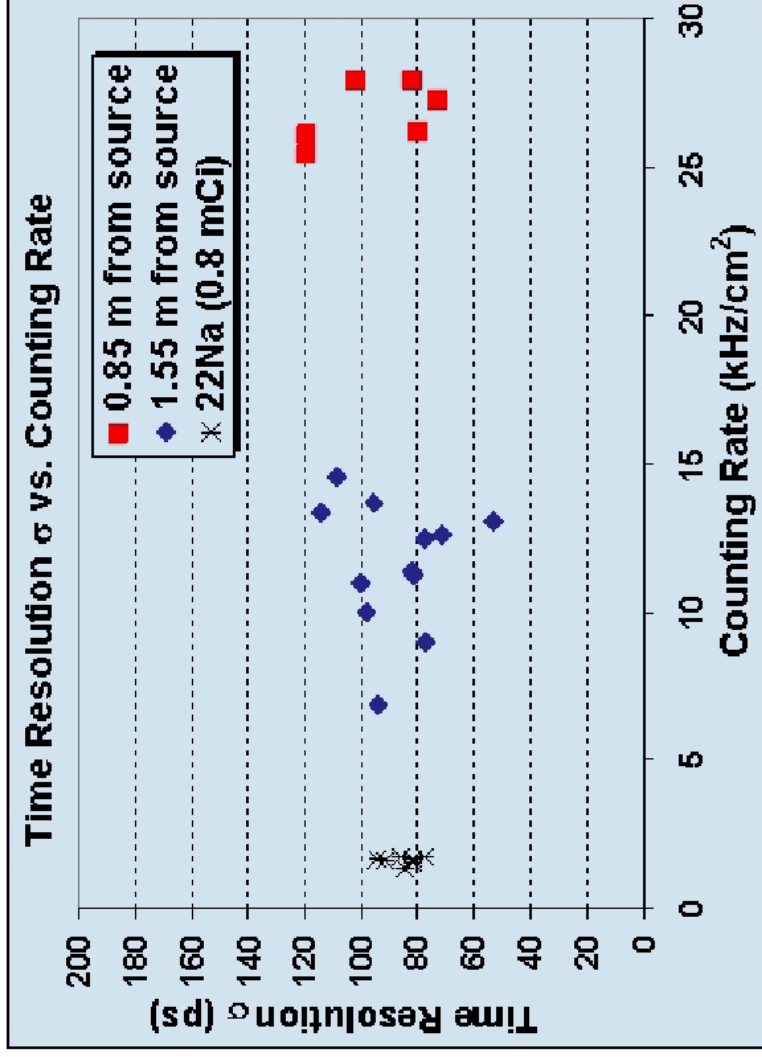
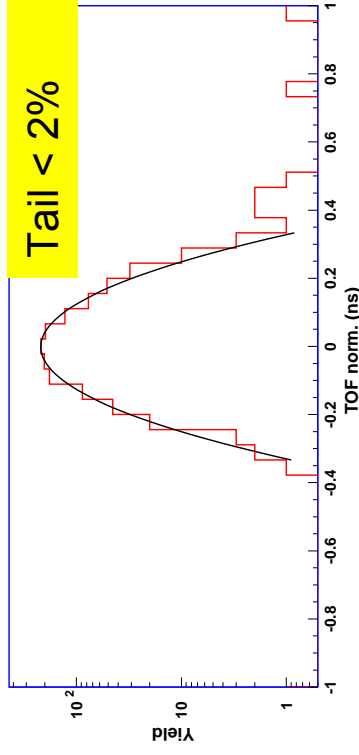
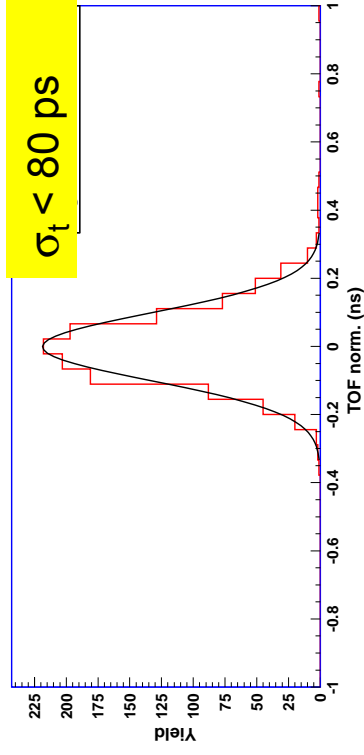
Large area (130 m² @ 10 m)

R&D FOPI Upgrade

Detector resolution

90 cm-14 strips-4 gaps

ips



TRD

Duties

- e/π separation
- tracking

Requirements

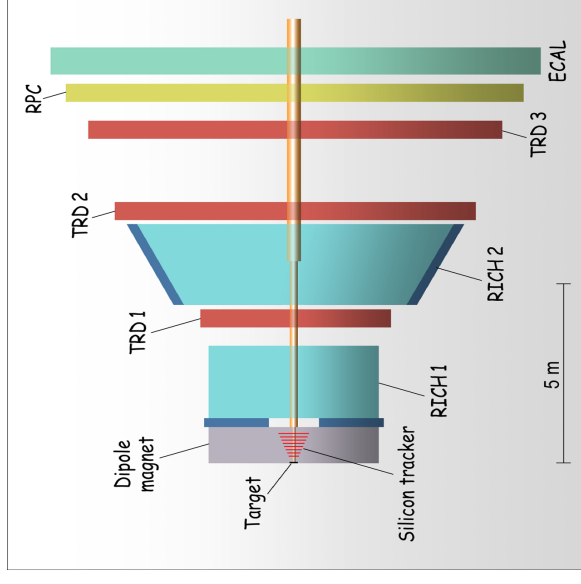
- hit rate up to 500 kHz per cell
- fast readout (10 MHz)

Anticipated setup

- 9 layers in three stations ($z = 4\text{m} / 6\text{m} / 8\text{m}$)
- area per layer 25 / 50 / 100 m^2
- channels per layer 35 k / 55 k / 100 k

For most of the system state-of-the-art (ALICE) is appropriate.

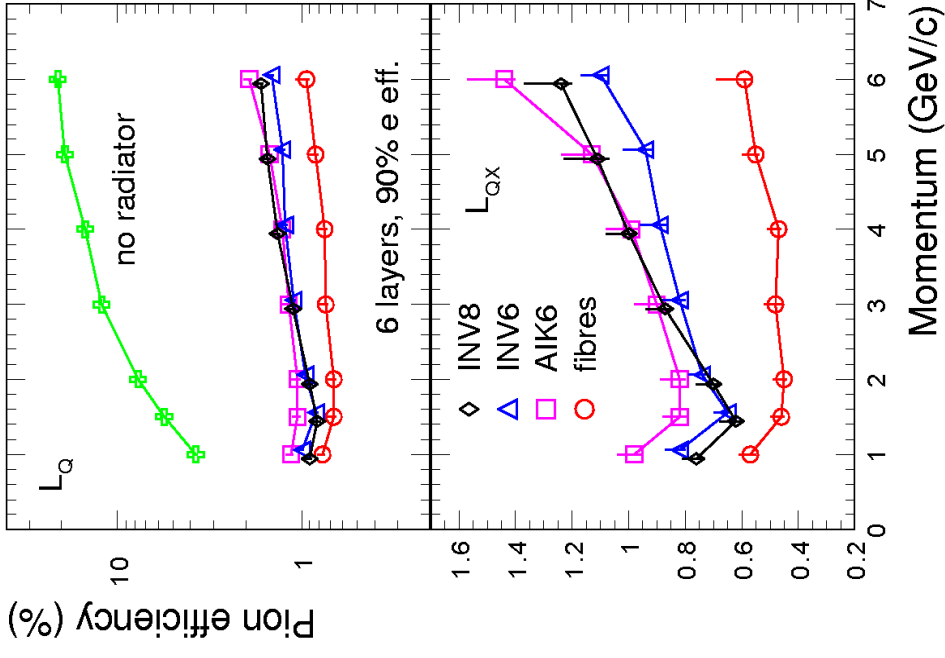
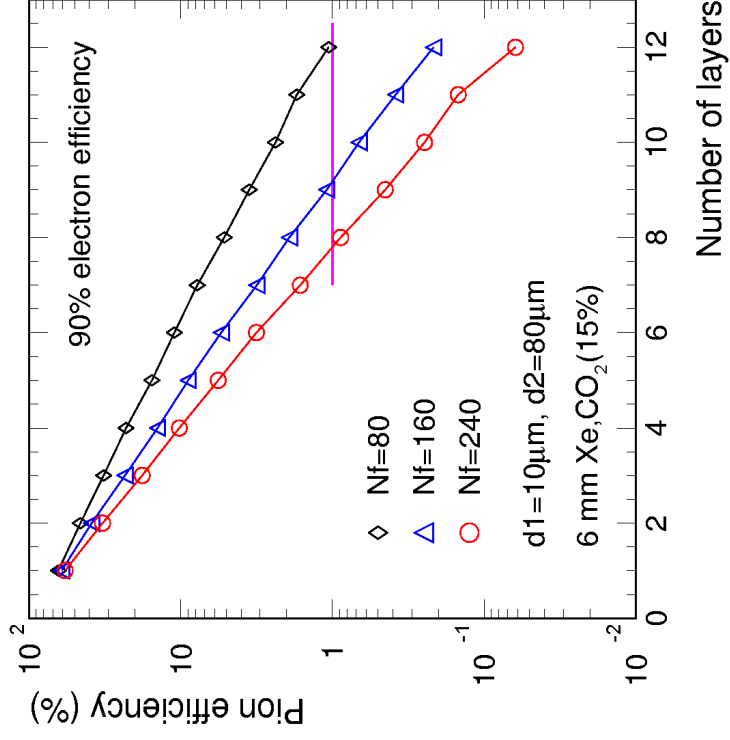
For the inner part, R&D on fast gas detectors in progress



Readout options : drift chamber / GEM / straw tubes

TRD

Wire chamber readout studied at GSI
 requires small drift times →
 thin layers → more layers



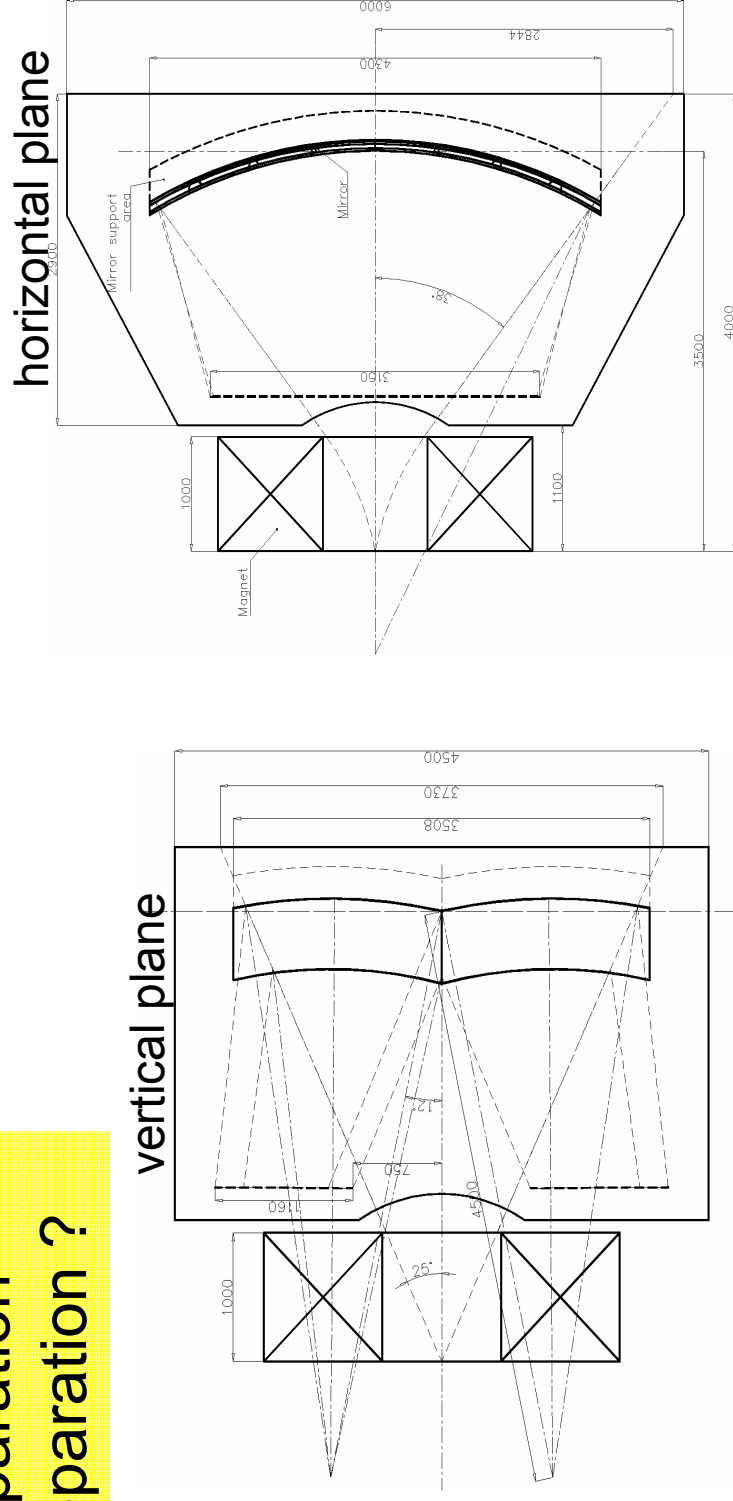
**Pion efficiency of < 1%
 reachable with 9 layers**

RICH

Duties

- e/π separation
- K/π separation ?

Optical layout for RICH1



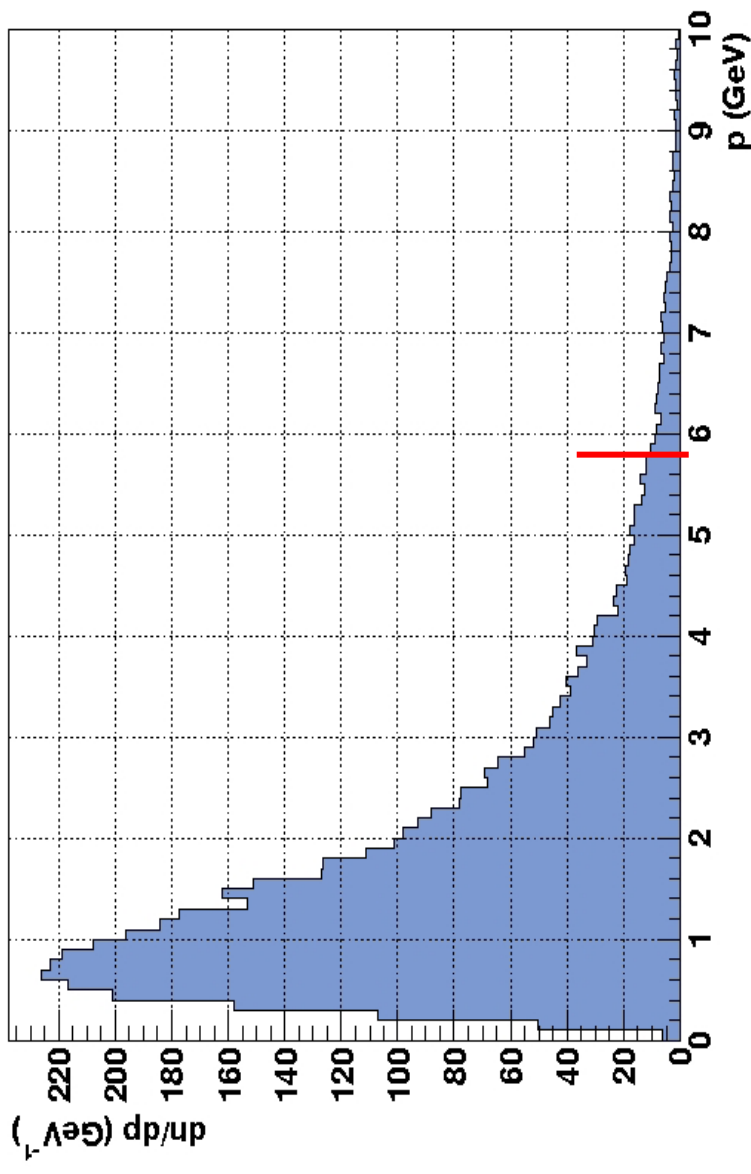
Mirror: Beryllium / glass
Two focal planes (3.6 m²) separated vertically

RICH

Radiator gas: $C_4H_{10} + N_2$ ($\gamma_{thr} = 16 - 41$)

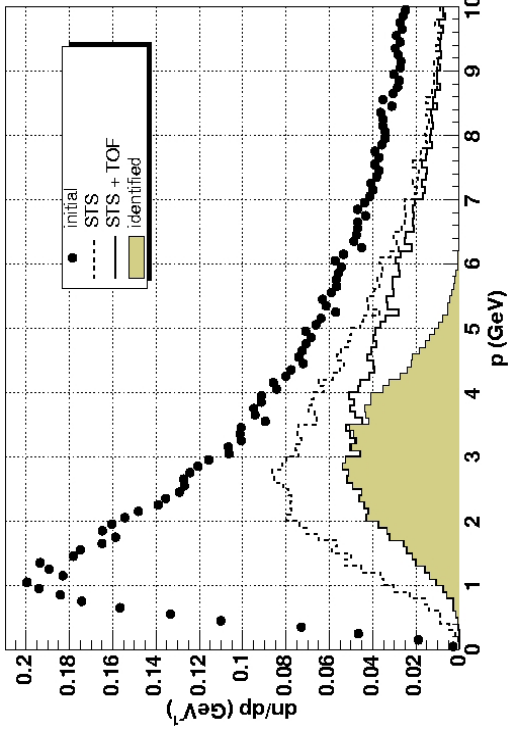
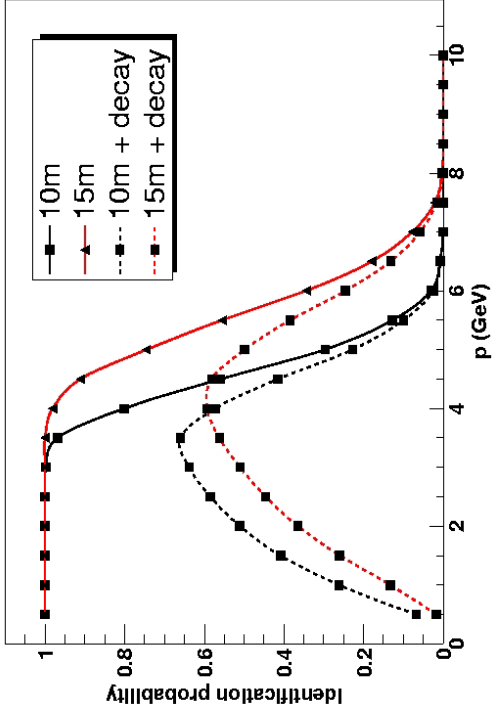
Photodetectors: photomultipliers or gas detectors

RICH1: $\gamma_{thr} = 41$
→ $p_{\pi,thr} = 5.7$ GeV
→ (almost) hadron
blind



RICH

Kaon ID by TOF deteriorates quickly above 4 GeV



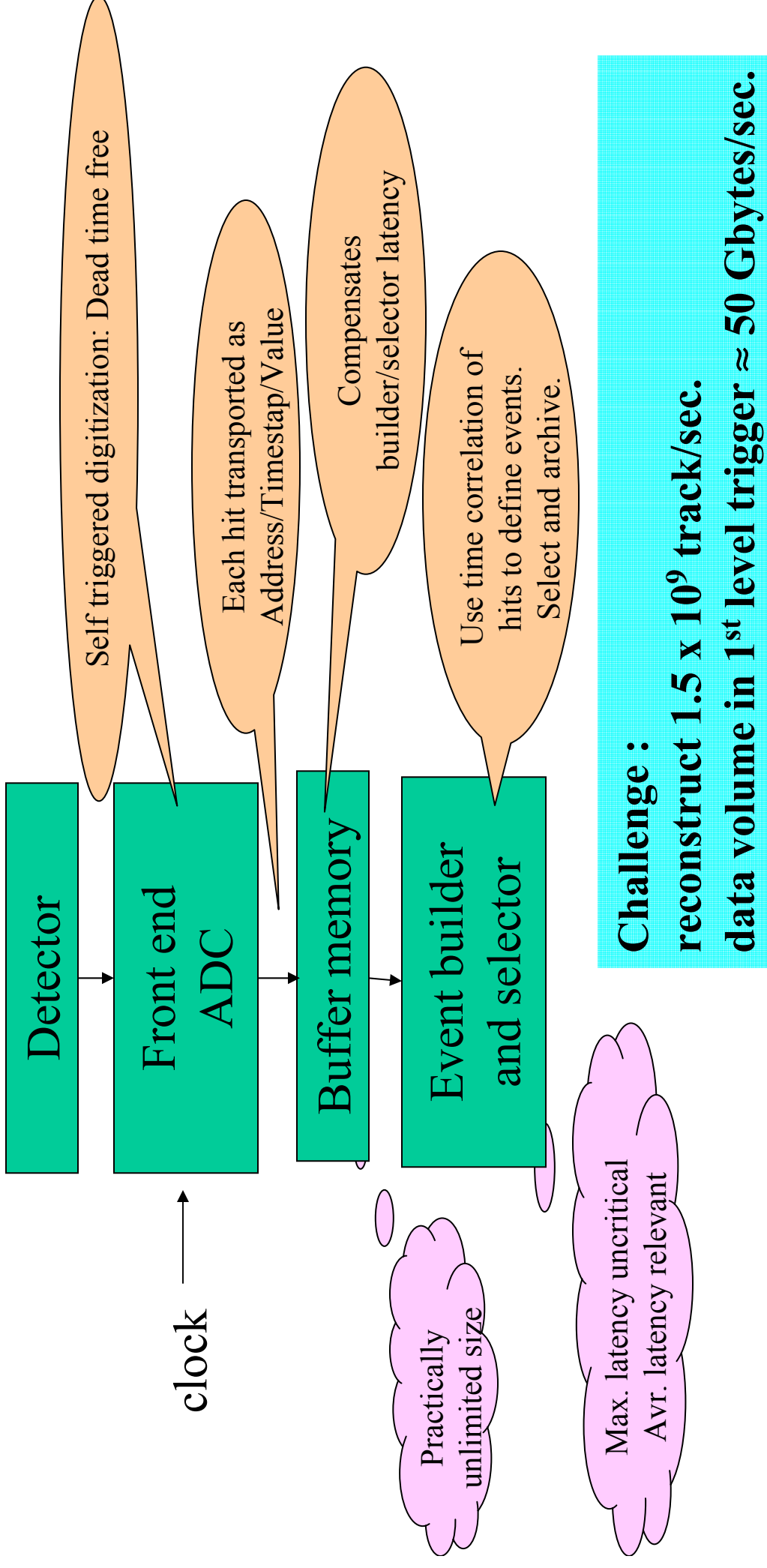
Kaon ID by RICH for $p > 4$ GeV would be desirable

Option for RICH2 ?

$$\gamma_{\text{thr}} = 30 \rightarrow p_{\pi, \text{thr}} = 4.2 \text{ GeV}, p_{K, \text{thr}} = 15 \text{ GeV}$$

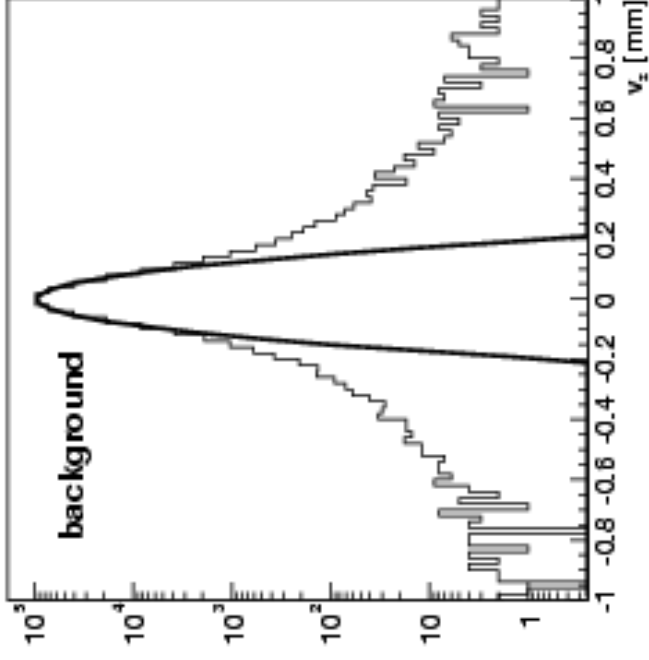
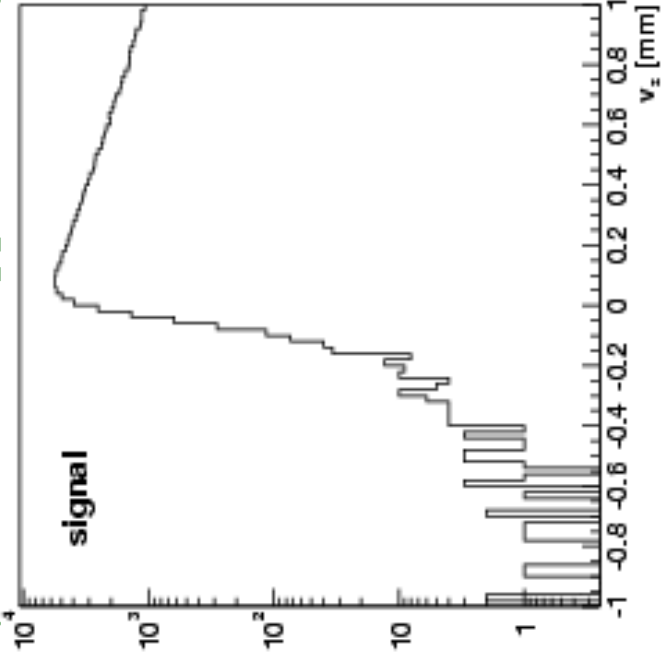
Problem: Ring finding in high hit density environment

DAQ / Trigger Architecture



Feasibility study : open charm

Key variable to suppress background: secondary vertex position



$D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$
(central Au+Au @ 25 AGeV)

Assuming $\langle D^0 \rangle = 10^{-3}$:

$S/B \approx 1$

detection rate 13,000 / h

Crucial detector parameters:

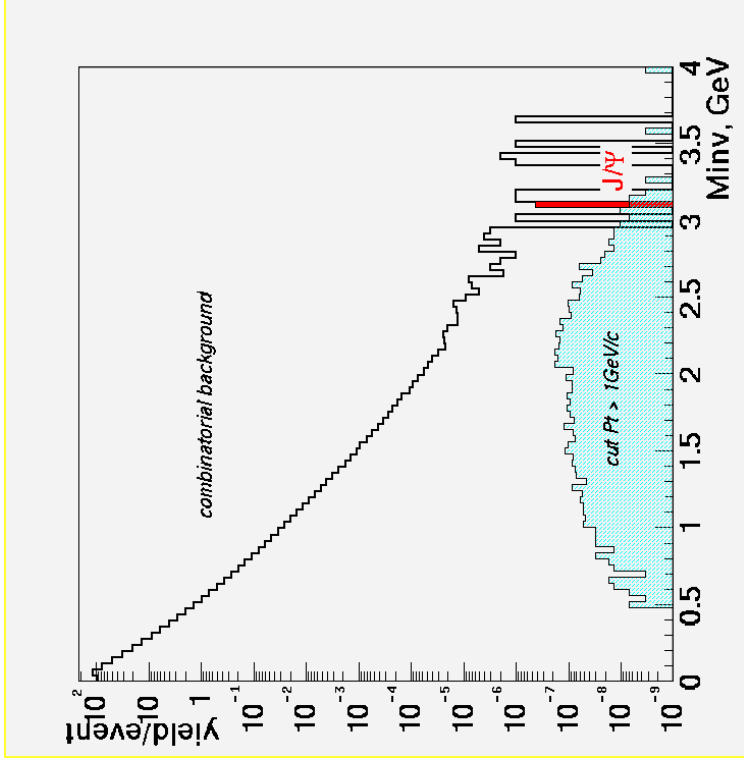
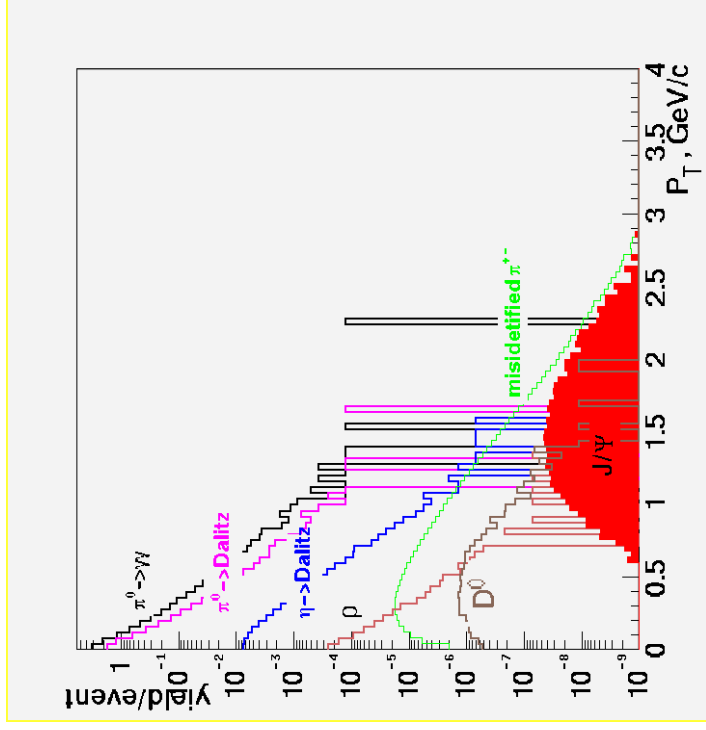
Material in tracking stations

Single hit resolution

Similar studies for $D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$,
 $D^{*\pm} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^\pm$ under way

Feasibility study: $J/\Psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$

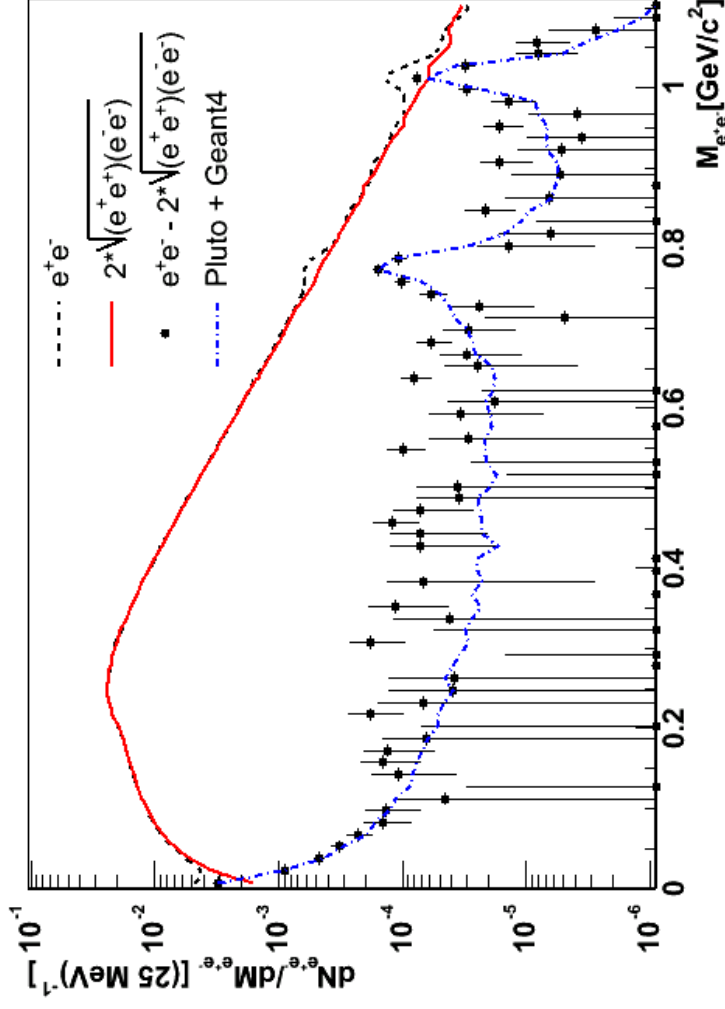
Extremely rare signal!
 Background from various sources: Dalitz, conversion, open charm...
 Very efficient cut on single electron p_T



S/B > 1 should be feasible

Feasibility study : Light vector mesons

Background sources: Dalitz, conversion
 no easy p_T cut; sophisticated cutting strategy necessary
 depends crucially on elimination of conversion pairs by tracking
 and charged pion discrimination by RICH and TRD (10^4)



$$S/B = 0.3 (\rho + \omega)$$

$$S/B = 1.2 (\varphi)$$

idealised: no momentum resolution

CBM : Status / Outlook

- CBM collaboration is formed: 250 scientists from 39 institutions
- CDR : November 2001, LoI : January 2004
- Work in progress: Detector design and optimisation
R&D on detector components
Feasibility studies of key observables
- Next step: Technical Proposal January 2005
- Could run in 2012!