

# Exploration of compressed baryonic matter with the CBM experiment at FAIR

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# Physics case: Exploring the QCD phase diagram



#### CBM physics program:

- Equation-of-state at high  $\rho_B$
- Deconfinement phase transition
- QCD critical endpoint
- Chiral symmetry restoration

# Diagnostic probes of the high-density phase:

- open charm, charmonia
- low-mass vector mesons
- multistrange hyperons
- flow, fluctuations, correlations

#### **Projects to explore the QCD phase diagram at large \mu\_{B}:**

RHIC energy-scan, NA61@SPS, MPD@NICA	bulk observables
CBM@FAIR/SIS-300	bulk and rare observables

# **Transport model predictions**



<11A GeV: dense hadronic (resonance) matter near phase transition</p>

• ~ 30A GeV: maximum baryonic density, beyond phase transition

# **Particle multiplicities**



# **Experimental challenges**



# **Experimental challenges**

Central Au+Au collision at 25 AGeV 160 p 400 π<sup>-</sup> 400 π<sup>+</sup> 44 K<sup>+-</sup>13 K<sup>-</sup> high charged-particle UrQMD + GEANT multiplicities high nuclear interaction rates fast detectors on-line event selection radiation hard, low-mass tracking & vertex detectors

# Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research



High-intensity primary and secondary beams

Efficient parallel operation of up to 5 programs

SIS-100/300: protons: max. 29/89 GeV ions: max. 14/44 GeV

up to Z/A=0.5 *intensities:* at CBM up to 10<sup>9</sup> ions per second

# FAIR construction timeline



Phase A					Phase B SIS300	
Module 0 SIS100	Module 1 experimental areas CBM/HADES and APPA	Module 2 Super-FRS fixed target areas and CR NuSTAR	Module 3 pbar facility, incl. CR for PANDA, options for NuSTAR	Module 4 LEB cave for NuSTAR, NESR for NuSTAR and APPA, FLAIR for APPA	Module 5 RESR	Module 6 SIS300 HESR Cooler ER

# New buildings at GSI

### Conference & Office Building *KBW*



move-in: March 2011

### Testing Hall and Detector Laboratory



Detector Lab:

- move-in: April 2011
- two stories, ~ 600 m<sup>2</sup>
- clean rooms, assembly areas

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# Realization of CBM at FAIR

Nuclear collisions from 4 - 45*A* GeV Electrons, muons, charm, hadrons, photons, exotica.

### (1) FAIR Modules 0-3:

- SIS-100
- nuclei up to 14 (11) A GeV, Z/A=0.5 (0.4)
- protons up to 29 GeV
- $\rightarrow$  HADES + CBM

### (2) FAIR Module 6:

- SIS-300
- nuclei up to 44 (34) A GeV, Z/A=0.5 (0.4)
- protons up to 89 GeV

# $\rightarrow$ full CBM



Nuclear collisions: 1-10*A* GeV; Electrons, hadrons, (photons).

# HADES and CBM in the underground hall



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# **Observables for CBM physics at SIS-300**

- Particles containing charm quarks (D mesons and charmonium)
  → early, dense phase of collision
- Low-mass vector mesons decaying into dilepton pairs ( $\rho, \omega, \phi$ )  $\rightarrow$  hadron properties in the dense and hot fireball
- Collective flow of identified hadrons
  → information on the equation-of-state of dense matter
- Kaons, hyperons and hadronic resonances
  → strangeness sensitive to fireball evolution
- Dynamical fluctuations of particle multiplicities and momenta
  → sensitive to first order phase transition or the critical endpoint
- Photons
  - $\rightarrow$  direct radiation from the early fireball
- Two-particle correlations
  - $\rightarrow$  source size and time evolution of fireball + particle production

# Nuclear matter physics at SIS-100 energies

- <u>Nuclear equation-of-state</u>, <u>quarkyonic matter at high densities</u>: What are the properties and the degrees-of-freedom of nuclear matter at neutron star core densities?
- <u>Hadrons in dense matter:</u> What are the in-medium properties of hadrons? Is chiral symmetry restored at very high baryon densities?
- <u>Strange matter:</u>
  Does strange matter exist in the form of heavy multi-strange objects?
- <u>Heavy flavor physics:</u> How ist charm produced at low beam energies, and how does it propagate in cold nuclear matter?



### Software tools:

- Framework FAIRroot: Root + Virtual Monte Carlo
  - Transport codes GEANT 3 & 4, FLUKA
  - Event generators UrQMD, HSD, PLUTO
- Realistic detector layouts and response functions
- Fast ("SIMDized") track reconstruction algorithms for online event selection



# Silicon Tracking System and Micro Vertex Detector

### Silicon Tracking System, Micro Vertex Detector, Target, Beam pipe, installed in the Superconducting Dipole Magnet





#### **STS:** Heart of the CBM experiment

- silicon microstrip detectors
- 8 tracking stations in thermal enclosure

### MVD:

- monolithic silicon pixel detectors
- 2 vertex stations in vacuum vessel

# STS track reconstruction performance study



# **Electron identification**



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# **Muon detection**



# **Di-lepton measurements**

Signal and background yields from physics event generators (HSD, UrQMD)
 Full event reconstruction based on realistic detector layout and response



# Muon id:

segmented hadron absorber + tracking system

125(225) cm iron, 15(18) det. layers

#### 125 cm Fe: 0.25 ident. μ/event

dominant background: μ from π, K decay (0.13/event)



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# Hadron identification, Time-of-flight measurement

### **Resistive Plate Chambers**

### ongoing R&D:

- Ultra thin glass MRPC
- Ceramic RPC
- Differential strip RPC



#### simulations:

- Segmented geometry
- Detector response, double hits
- 80ps time resolution



# **Open charm production**



# Open charm detection



- Ultrathin Micro Vertex Detector
- Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors
- high-performance carbon supports
- material budget <0.5 %  $X_0$  per station

e.g.  $D^0 \rightarrow K^-\pi^+$ 



# Au+Au collisions, 25A GeV

### STS tracking, MVD vertexing, proton rejection via TOF



 $10^{12}$  min. bias events,<br/>ca. 2-20 weeks @ reduced<br/>interaction rate  $10^5$ - $10^6$ /s: $16k D^0 + 46k \bar{D}^0$ <br/> $87k D^0 + 251k \bar{D}^0$ and $26k D^+ + 49k D^-$ <br/>and(HSD)<br/>(SHM)

Exotica  $\{\Xi^0, \Lambda\}$ 



Thermal multiplicity  $(7 \times 10^{-3})$ 

≈ 30 days of data taking at 10 MHz

CBM will see  $\{\Xi^0, \Lambda\}$  with thermal yields

Even three OOM below this yield the signal will be visible above BG.

# Identification of hyperons at SIS-100



# Charm and charmonium production at SIS-100



small statistics

assuming a high-rate Micro Vertex Detector

6 J/ψ recorded in 10<sup>10</sup> events (b=0) (3·10<sup>4</sup> J/ψ per week)

# **Di-lepton measurement at SIS-100**

# HADES

Monte Carlo simulation: Di-electron invariant mass spectrum

# CBM

Full event reconstruction: Di-muon invariant mass spectrum (only ω meson as signal)



# $J/\psi$ detection via muons at SIS-100

### p+Au collisions, 25 GeV





### **Detector developments**



No simple trigger primitive, like high  $p_t$ , available to tag events of interest. Open charm: The only selective signature is the detection of the decay vertex.



# Timeline towards the CBM experiment



# CBM Collaboration: 55 institutions, > 400 members



15<sup>th</sup> CBM Collaboration Meeting, April 12 - 16, 2010 at GSI

Croatia China **Czech Republic** France Hungary India Korea Norway Germany Poland Romania Russia Ukraine

# **CBM Progress Report 2010**

# 100 pages, shortly available at *www-cbm.gsi.de*

#### Contents:

- Micro Vertex Detector
- Silicon Tracking System
- Ring Imaging Cherenkov Detector
- Muon System
- Transition Radiation Detectors
- Time-of-Flight Detectors
- Calorimeters
- Magnet
- FEE and DAQ
- Physics Performance
- Software and Algorithms



# **CBM Physics Book**

Lecture Notes in Physics Vol. 814 (2011) 1000 pages, 400 figures, 2000 citations

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# The CBM Physics Book

Compressed Baryonic Matter in Laboratory Experiments General Introduction Prelude by Frank Wilczek Facets of Matter Executive Summary

Part I BULK PROPERTIES OF STRONGLY INTERACTING MATTER

> Part II IN-MEDIUM EXCITATIONS

Part III COLLISION DYNAMICS

Part IV OBSERVABLES AND PREDICTIONS

> Part V CBM EXPERIMENT