



The NICA Complex at JINR: status and plans



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***NICA (Nuclotron based Ion Collider fAcility) –
the JINR flagship project in HEP***

Main targets of “NICA Complex”:

- ***study of hot and dense baryonic matter***
- *investigation of nucleon spin structure,
polarization phenomena*
- *development of accelerator facility for HEP@JINR providing
intensive beams of relativistic ions from p to Au with max
energy up to $\sqrt{S_{NN}} = 11 \text{ GeV}$ and $L \sim 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ c}^{-1}$ (**Au⁷⁹⁺**)
and polarized protons and deuterons with max
energy up to **26 GeV** and $L \sim 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ c}^{-1}$ (**p**)*

NICA accelerator opportunities

1: - Heavy ion colliding beams $^{197}\text{Au}^{79+} \times ^{197}\text{Au}^{79+}$ at

$$\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 4 \div 11 \text{ GeV} \quad (1 \div 4.5 \text{ GeV/u ion kinetic energy})$$
$$\text{at } L_{\text{average}} = 1 \times 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1} \quad (\text{at } \sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 9 \text{ GeV})$$

- Light-Heavy ion colliding beams of the same energy range and L

2: Polarized beams of protons and deuterons in collider mode:

$$p \uparrow p \uparrow \quad \sqrt{s_{\text{pp}}} = 12 \div 27 \text{ GeV} \quad (5 \div 12.6 \text{ GeV kinetic energy})$$

$$d \uparrow d \uparrow \quad \sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 4 \div 13.8 \text{ GeV} \quad (2 \div 5.9 \text{ GeV/u ion kinetic energy})$$

$$L_{\text{average}} \geq 1 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1} \quad (\text{at } \sqrt{s_{\text{pp}}} = 27 \text{ GeV})$$

3: The beams of light ions and polarized protons and deuterons for fixed target experiments:

$$\text{Li} \div \text{Au} = 1 \div 4.5 \text{ GeV /u ion kinetic energy}$$

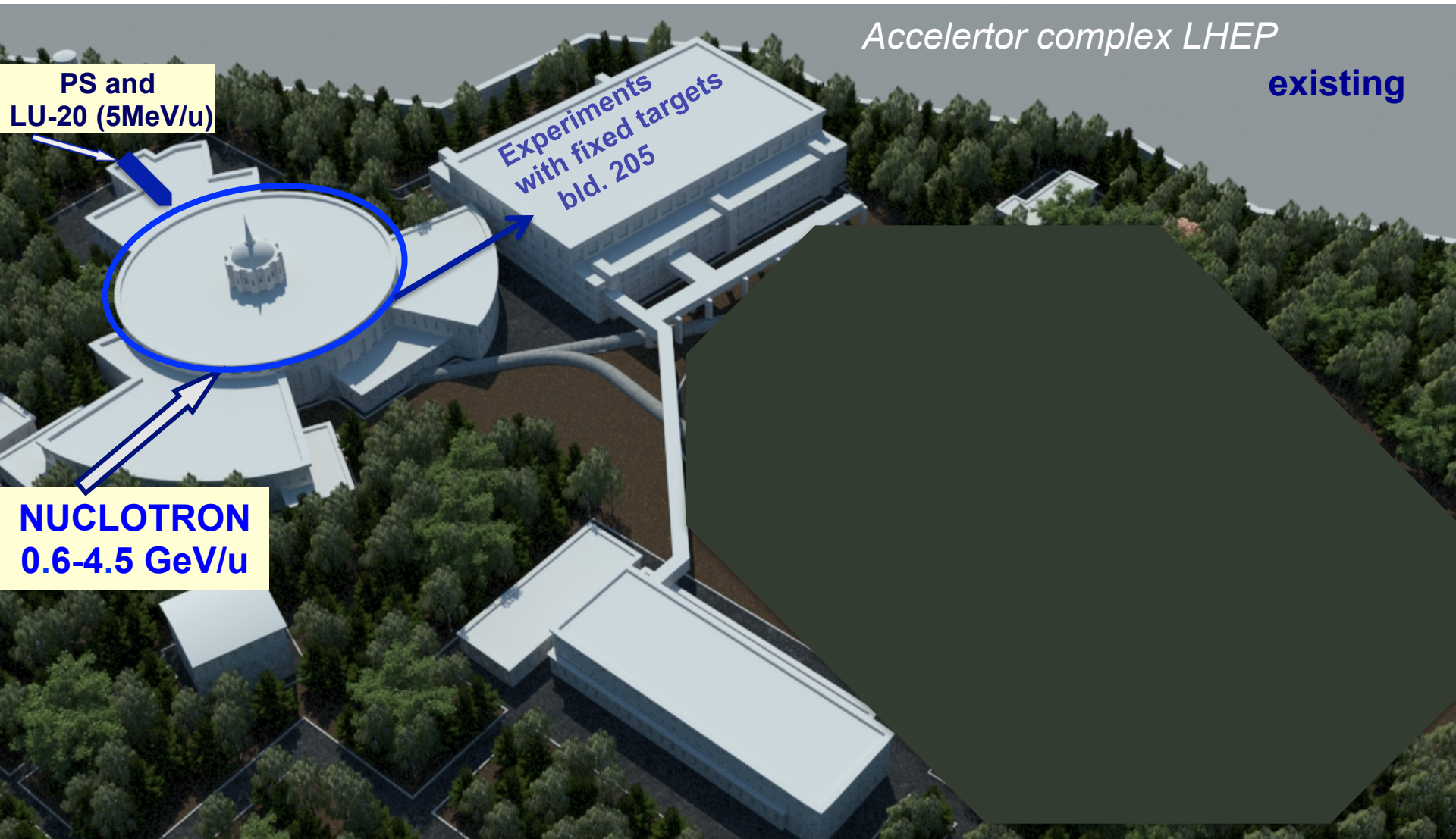
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$$d, d \uparrow = 2 \div 5.9 \text{ GeV/u ion kinetic energy}$$

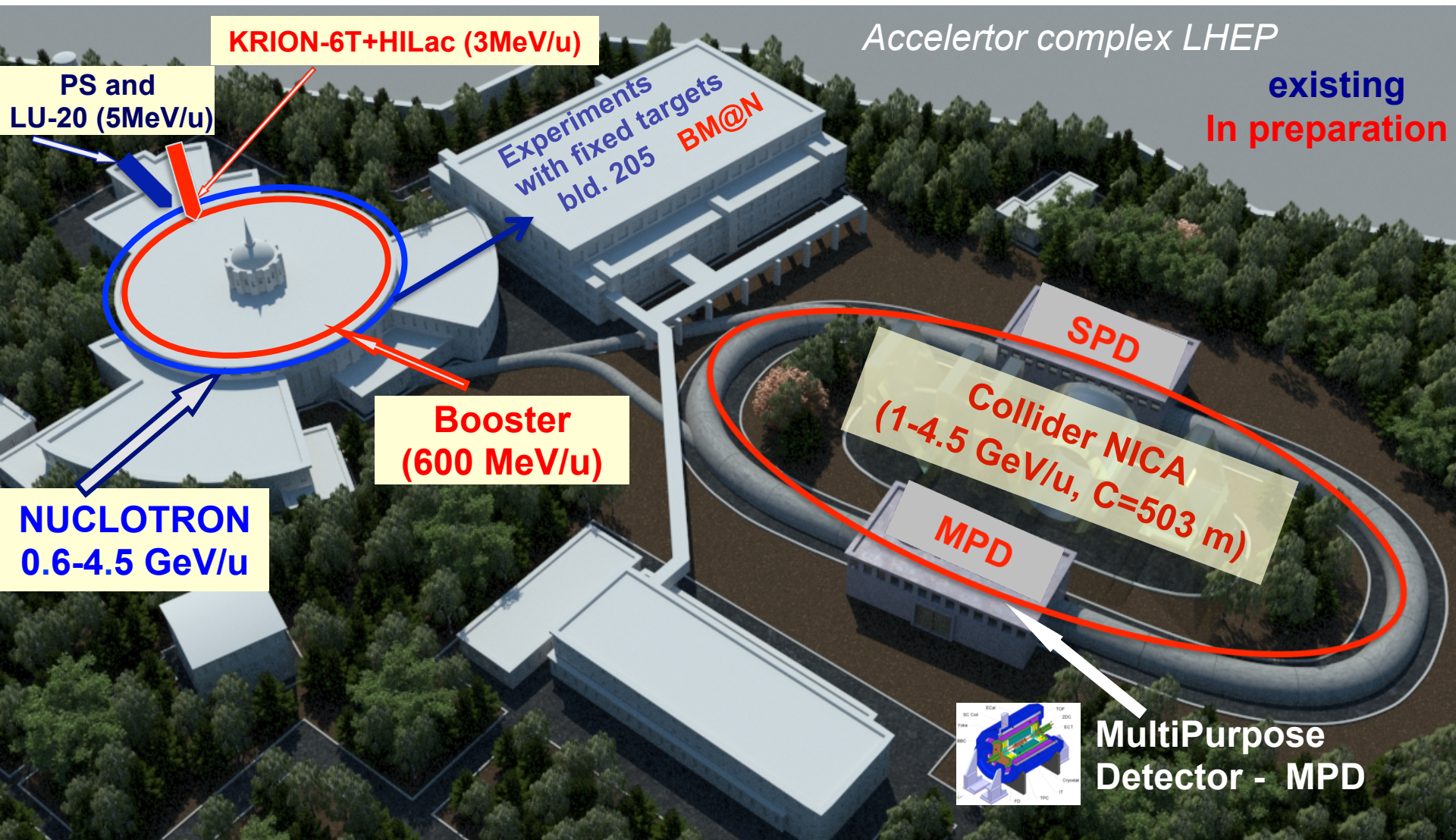
4: Ion beams for applied researches at kinetic energy

from 0.5 GeV/u up to 12.6 GeV (p) and 4.5 GeV /u (Au)

The **NICA** Complex



The NICA Complex





Complex NICA - civil construction



The project of the CV was done by the Moscow design firm “Kometa” and has passed through the State Expertise in 2013

For the first time at JINR an international tendering has been organized





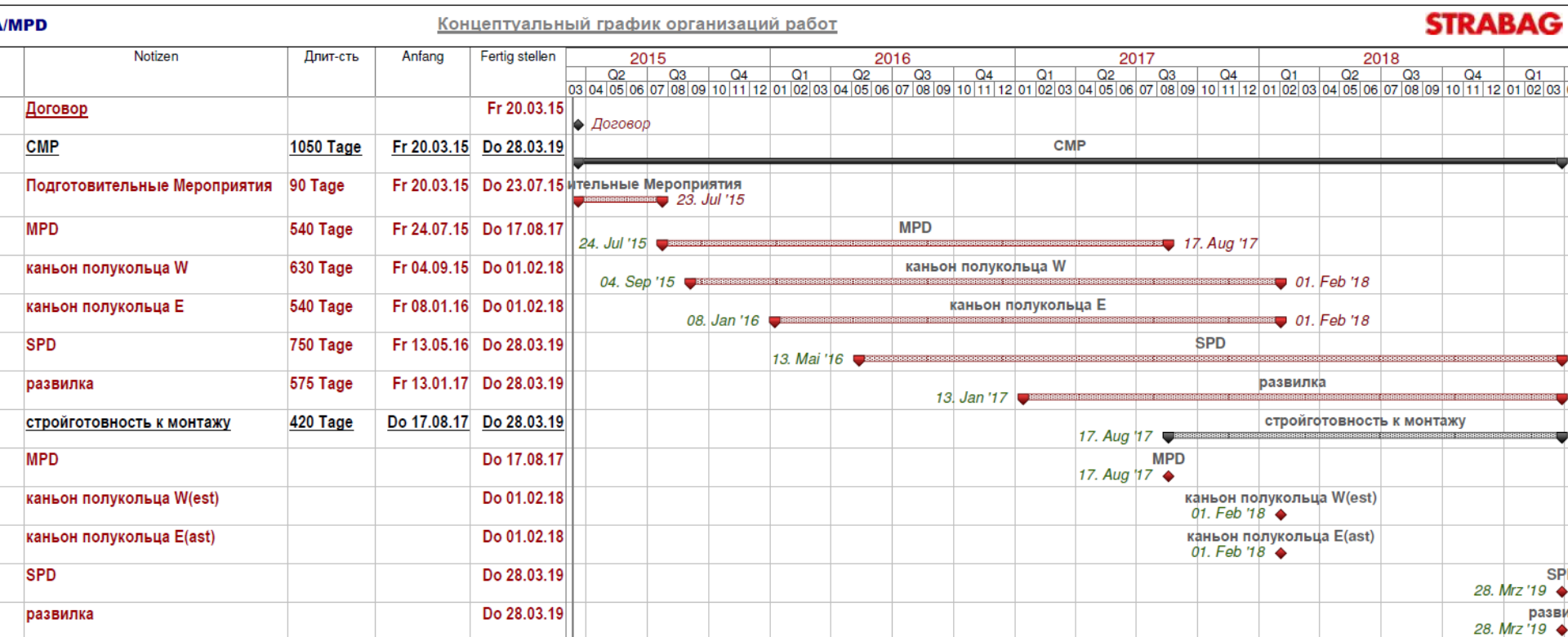
The preparatory works are going on ~60 000 m²!



Contract for Working Documentation signed in August'14. Ready – mid 2015

In January 2015 20 test piles (up to 15 m) has been pushed and additional drilling for soil analysis for special vibration tests has been done

A Contract for Civil Construction



A contract for General construction works is under very final agreement
- planned to sign in July

NICA – basic milestones

- JINR 7-years plan (2010-2016) is approved **2009**
- NICA project is approved **2010**
- The *1-st stage of Nuclotron modernization is completed* **2010**
9 runs are fulfilled in 2010-2015
- The projects have been approved for:
 - ✓ accelerator complex **2010 – 2019**
 - ✓ MPD (Multi-Purpose Detector, start-up) **2010 – 2019**
 - ✓ experiment with fixed target BM@N (I stage) **2012 – 2018**
- The project preparation for Spin Physics Detector (SPD) is going on

Last PAC on PP approved all existing project on the NICA complex up to 2020

Research in Relativistic Heavy Ions

is intensively developing fields in the last two decades

many discoveries have been made,

*interesting processes have been observed
and precisely measured in the series of experiments*

*at **RHIC** (BNL), **SPS** (CERN) and **SIS18** (GSI)*

*The researches are carried out at **LHC**,*

*in preparation - at **SIS100** (FAIR)*

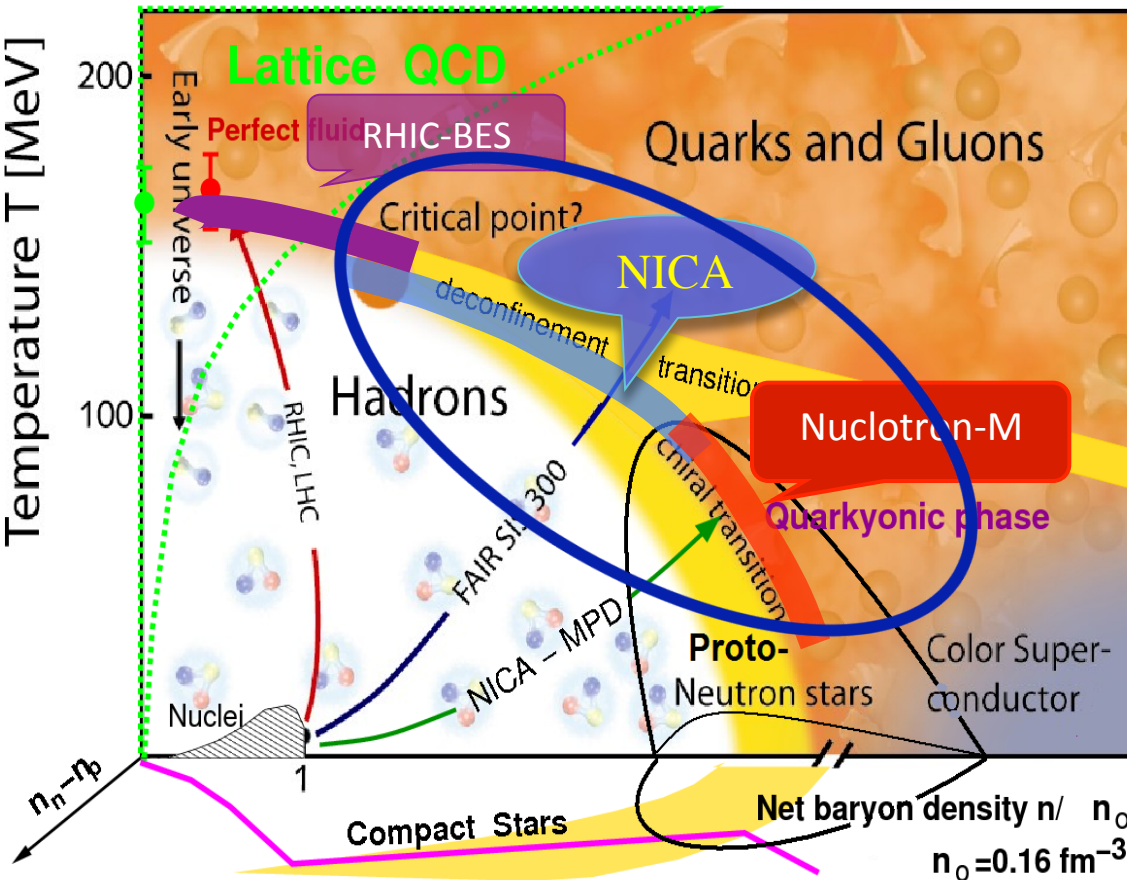
However interesting phenomena as

*the mixed phase, the critical endpoint, max. of baryonic density etc.
are not observed yet*

In this view the energy scan in wide energy region

*is a **high priority** task*

QCD phase diagram - prospects for NICA



Energy Range of NICA is **unexplored region** of the QCD phase diagram:

- Highest net baryon density
- Onset of deconfinement phase transition
- Strong discovery potential:
 - a) Critical End Point (CEP)
 - b) Chiral Symmetry Restoration

NICA experimental programme is complementary to the RHIC/BES, FAIR and CERN and can be started already at Nuclotron-M

So, the NICA facilities provide unique capabilities for studying a variety of phenomena in a large region of the phase diagram

NICA White Paper - International Effort (under preparation from 2010)



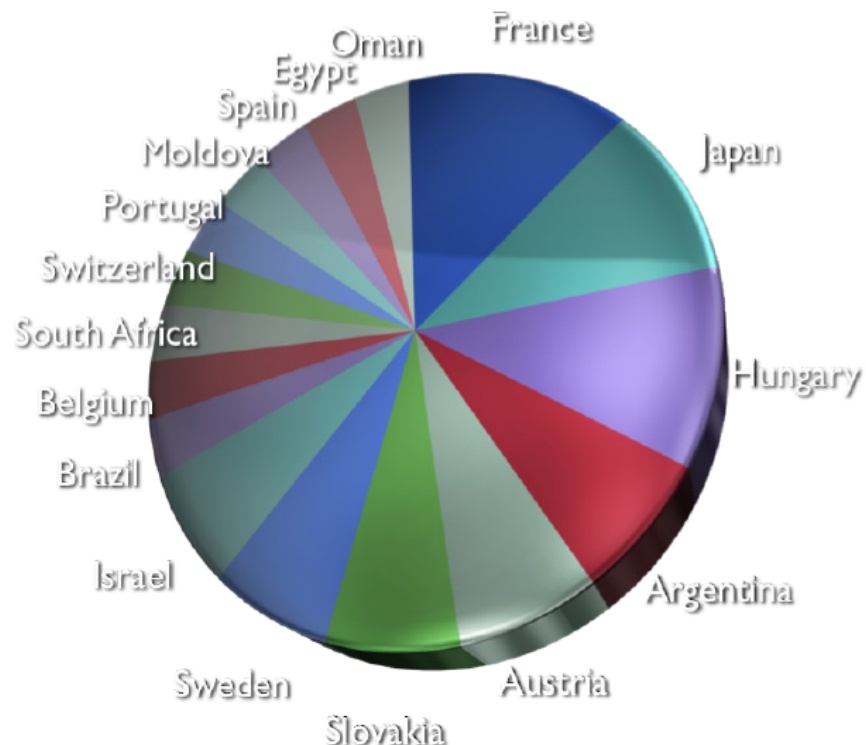
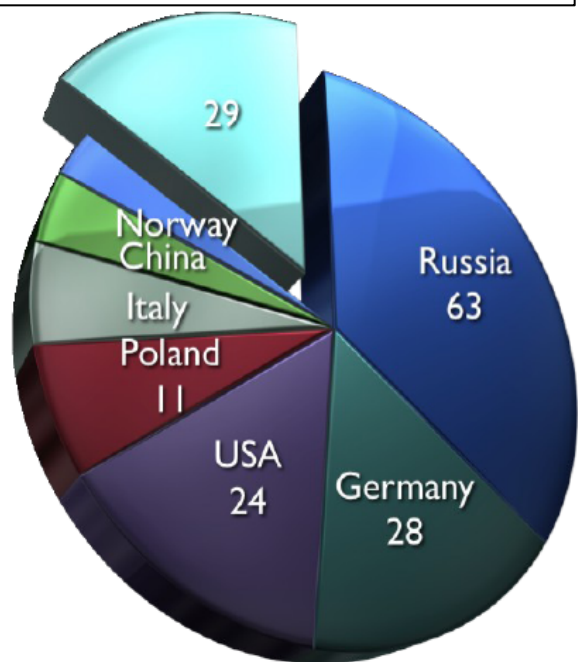
Draft v 8.03
January 24, 2013

SEARCHING for a QCD MIXED PHASE at the
NUCLOTRON-BASED ION COLLIDER FACILITY
(NICA White Paper)

Statistics of White Paper Contributions

111 contributions:
188 authors from **70** centers in **24** countries

*Indicates wide international interest
to the physics at MPD & BM@N*



Research in Spin Physics

Physics tasks

- *Nucleon spin structure studies using the Drell-Yan (DY) mechanism*
- *New nucleon PDFs and J/Ψ production mechanisms*
- *Direct photons*
- *Spin-dependent high- p_T reactions*
- *Spin-dependent effects in elastic pp and dd scattering*
- *Spin-dependent reactions in heavy ion collisions.*

Proposal (SPD):

- *to perform measurements of asymmetries of the DY pairs production in collisions of polarized protons and deuterons which provide an access to all collinear and Transverse Momentum Dependent Parton Distribution Functions of quarks and anti-quarks in nucleons; a set of these measurements will supply complete information for tests of the quark-parton model of nucleons at the twist-two level with minimal systematic errors.*
- *to perform measurements of asymmetries in production of J/Ψ simultaneously with DY using dedicated triggers.*

Status of the accelerator complex

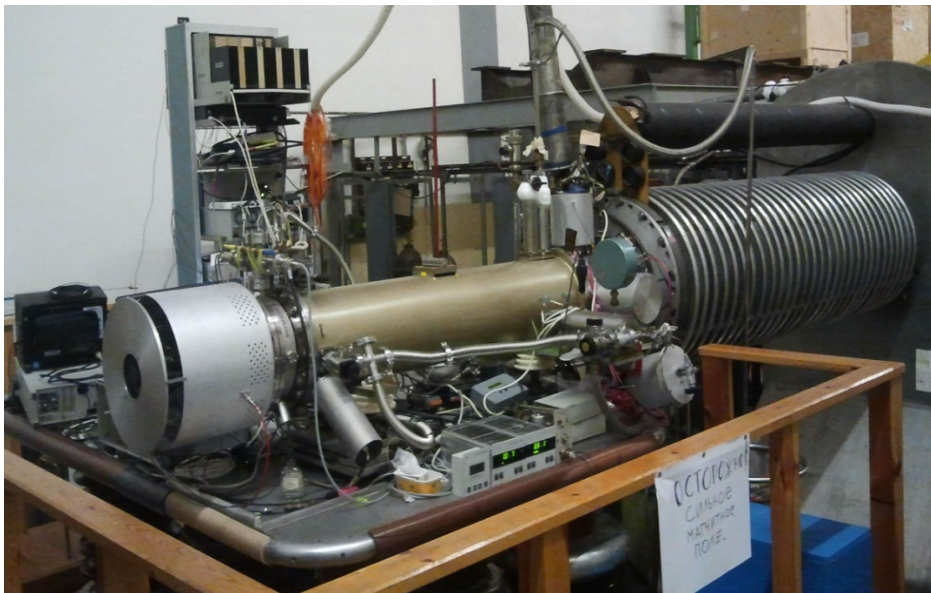
Particle sources

Source	KRION-6T	Laser source	Duoplasmatron	SPI ^{*)}
Particles	Au ³¹⁺	Light ions up to Mg ¹⁰⁺	H ⁺ , D ⁺ , He ²⁺	↑H ⁺ , ↑D ⁺
Particles per cycle	~ 2.5·10 ⁹	~ 10 ¹¹	H ⁺ , D ⁺ ~ 5·10 ¹² He ²⁺ ~ 10 ¹¹	5·10 ¹¹
Repetition, Hz	up to 10	0.5	1	0.2

Unique Electron String Ion Source

KRION-6T:

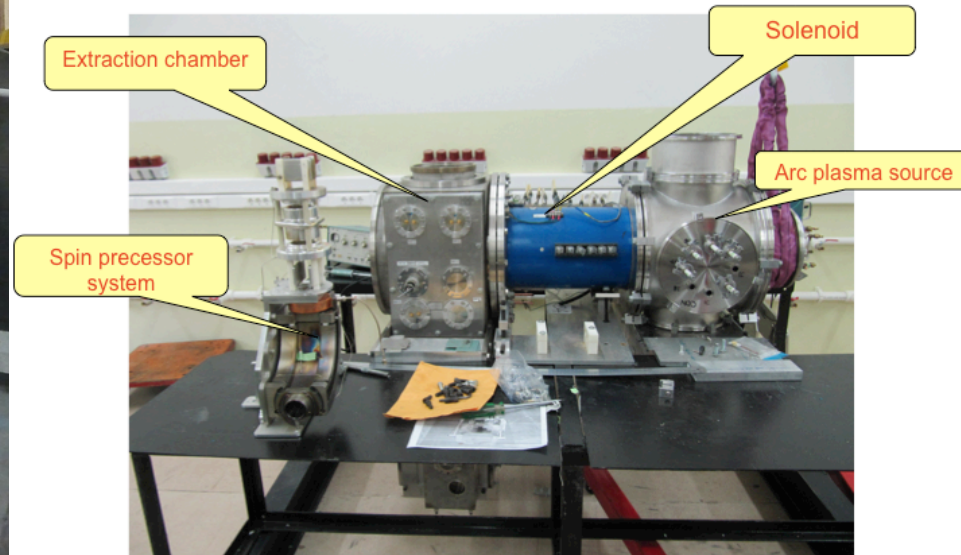
high intensity: Kr 28+, Xe 44+, Au 52+



Successfully tested in 2014 for light ions

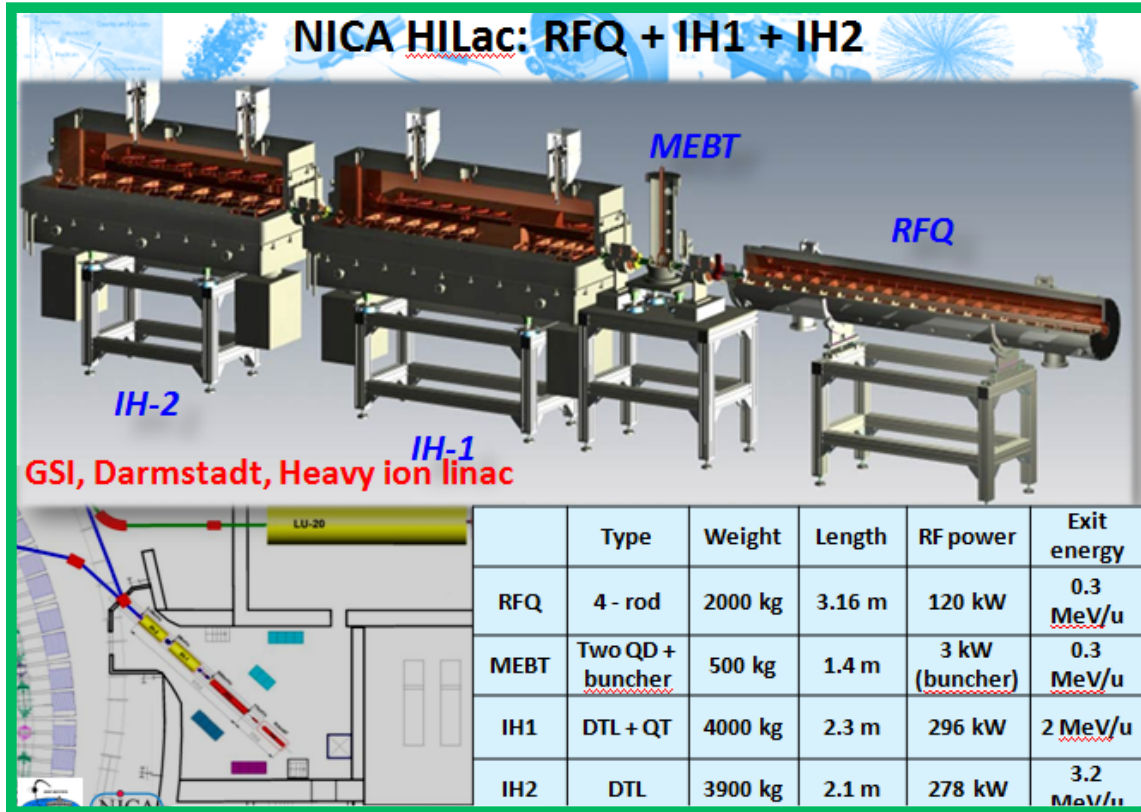
High intensity polarized particle source: up to 10¹¹ particles/s

Assembly of the charge-exchange plasma ionizer



Successfully tested in 2012-2014 ready to use

HILac: first in Russia high current (10 mA) heavy ion Linac, first Linac with transistor RF amplifier

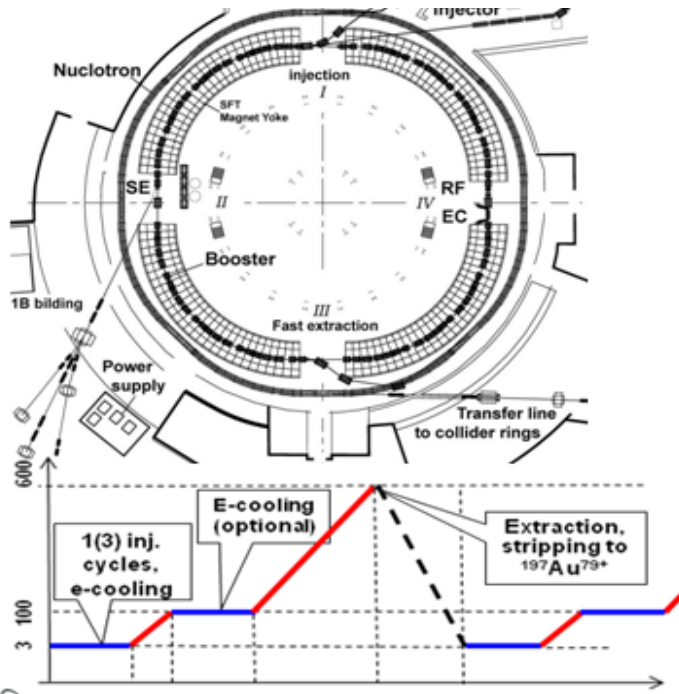


Design and fabrication under the contract with "BEVATECH OHG" Germany, Offenbach/Main,

to be delivered at JINR in 2015

Booster and Nuclotron

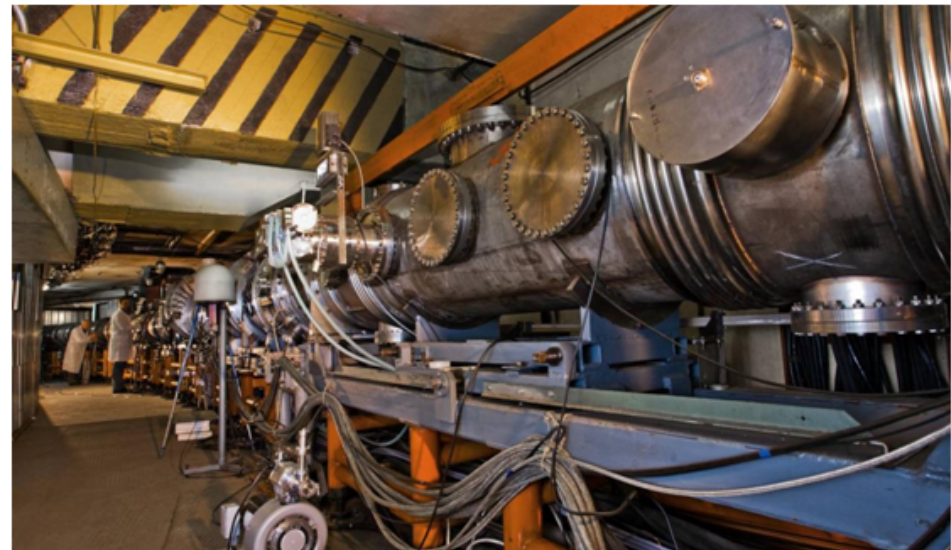
Booster synchrotron, 211 m, with ultra high vacuum and electron cooling - inside the Synhrophasotron yoke



Dipole SC magnet



Nuclotron



Nuclotron provides now performance of experiments on accelerated pro beams (up to Fe24+, A=56, now Xe42+, A=124) with energies up to 6 AGeV ($\sqrt{s} = \sqrt{2}$)

Quadruple SC magnet



RF system for booster

In May 2014 2 RF stations were assembled and tuned in BINP (Novosibirsk) in coop. with JINR specialists.

In October 2014 the stations were delivered to Dubna, assembled and tested.

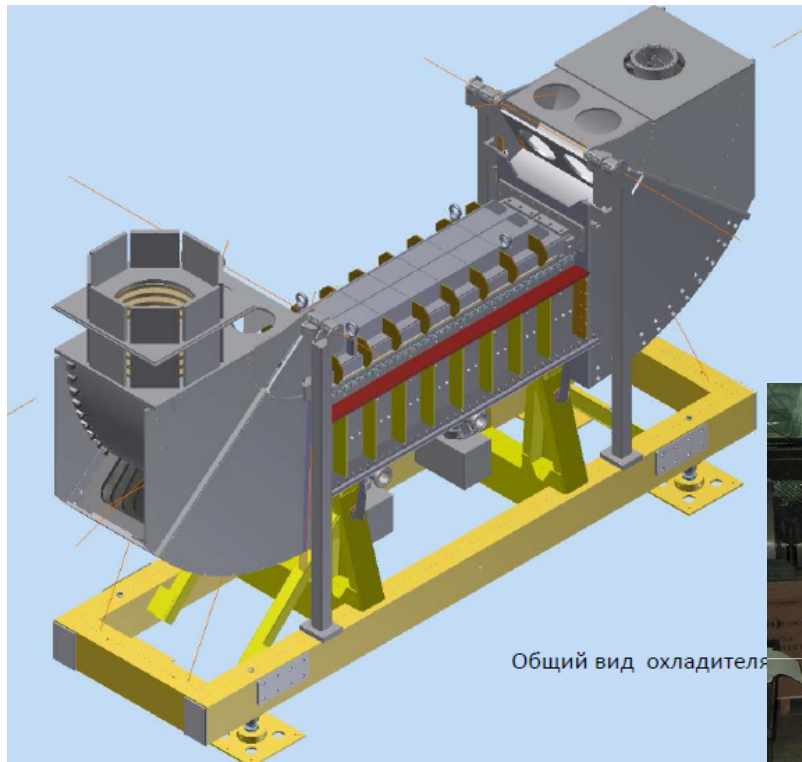
Project status:
all the works are performed in accordance with the plans.



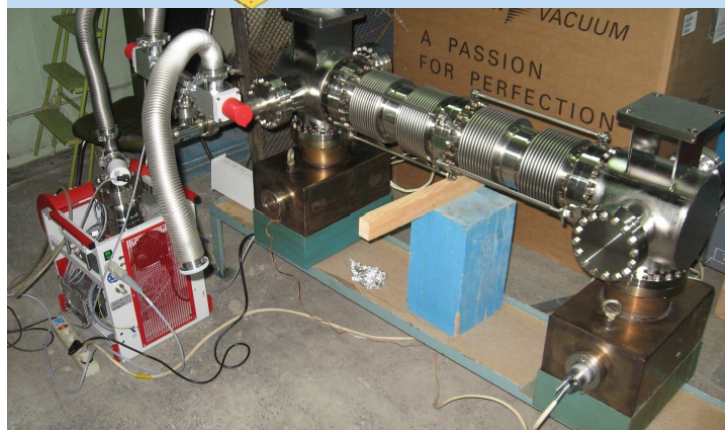
The Booster RF station during commissioning at test bench at JINR

Commissioning is planed in **2017**

Electron cooling system for booster



Общий вид охладителя

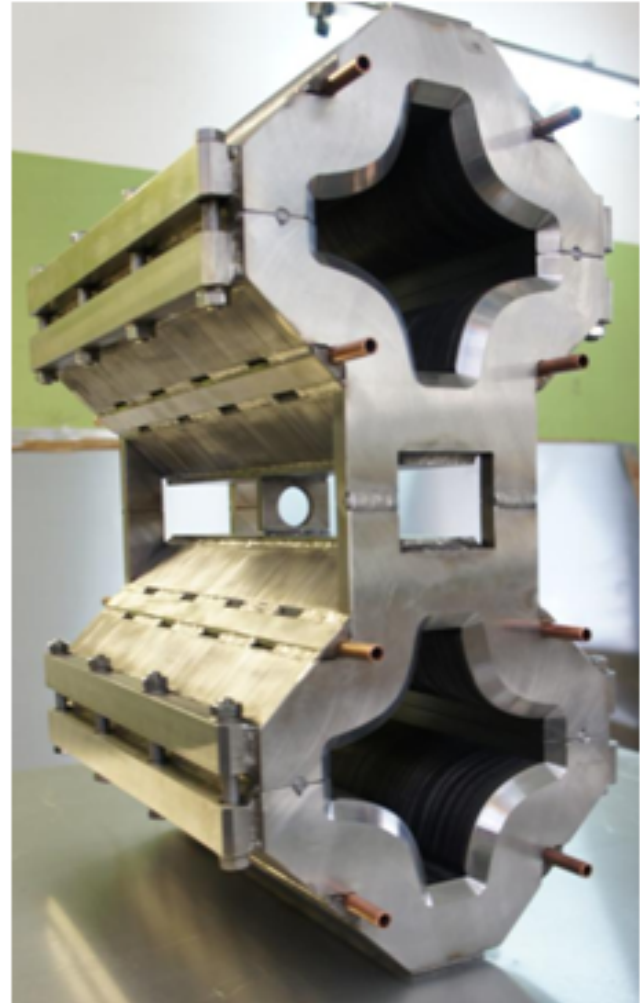


*There are purchased 80% of materials
~ 70% of items are produced
in workshop
Commissioning is planed in **2017**
Project status: in schedule*

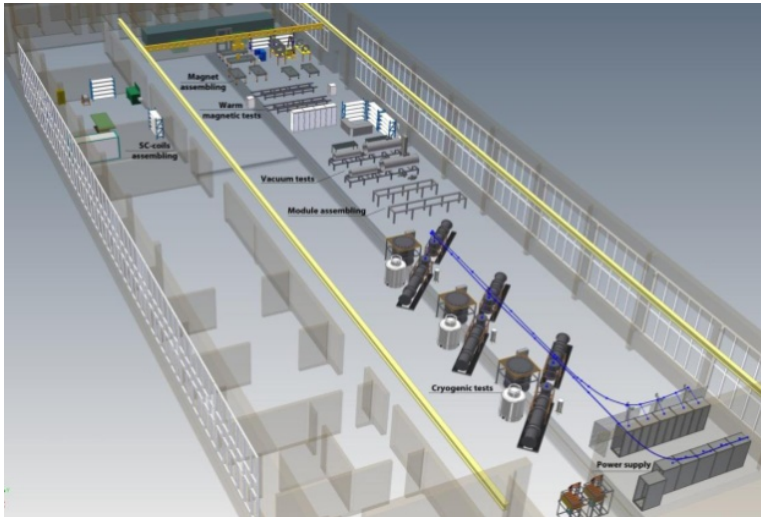
Collider: 2 aperture SC magnet



**Test on vacuum tightness of the tubes
for cooling the yoke**



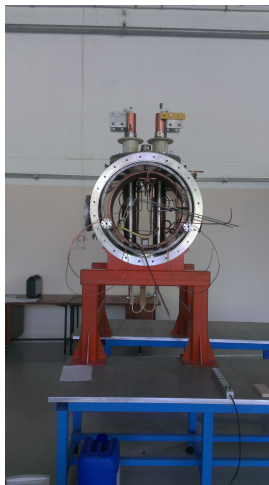
SC magnet assembling and testing area (need to produce 450 magnets including magnet for SIS100)



SC cable (JINR)
winding machine



HTSC current
leads stand



He satellite
refrigerator



Workshops for SC coil production

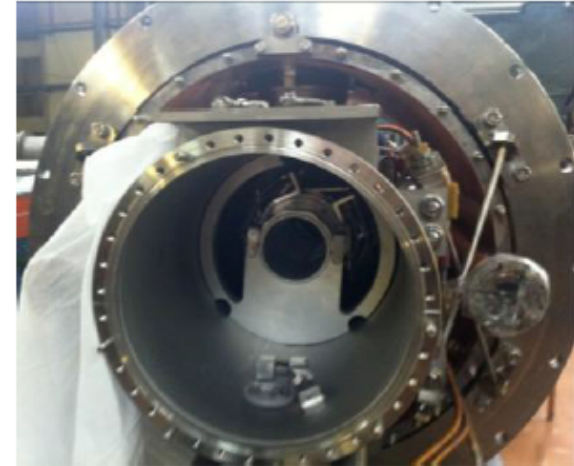
Magnet production plan

		2015				2016				2017				2018				2019				2020			
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Booster																									
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<i>quadrupoles</i>	48+6																								
<i>multipole correctors</i>	40+4																								
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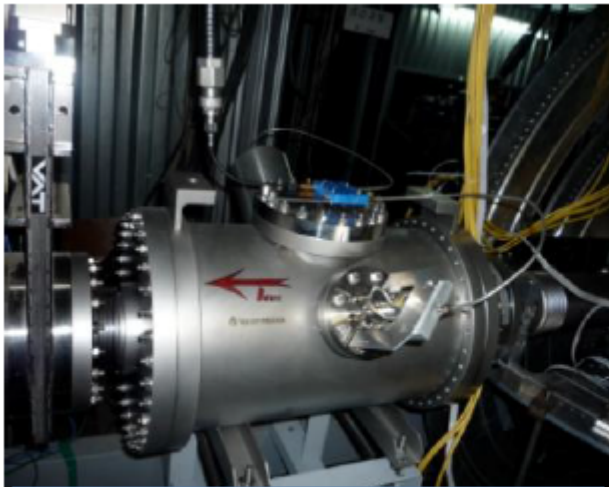
Booster in 2015:
 - 16 dipoles
 - 24 quadrupoles

Stochastic Cooling System

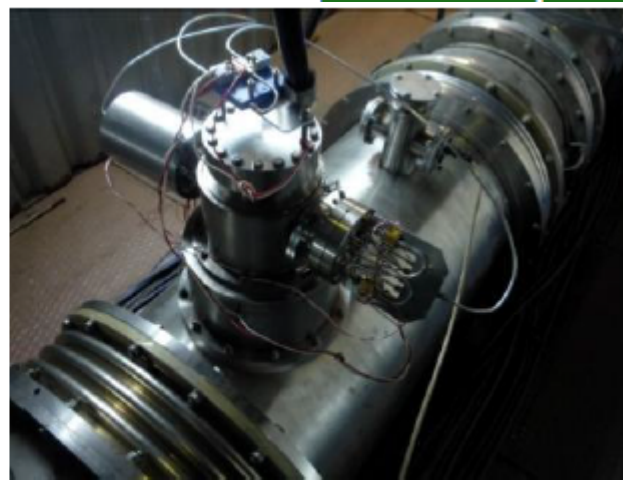
**Stochastic Cooling System
installed in Nuclotron is a
prototype for Collider:
W=2-4 HGz, P=60 W
Collaboration JINR-IKP FZJ-
CERN**



Slot-coupler RF structure (by IKP FZJ)



Kicker station



Pick-Up station

Stochastic Cooling System

Stochastic Cooling System installed in Nuclotron is a prototype for W=2-4 HG Collaboration CE

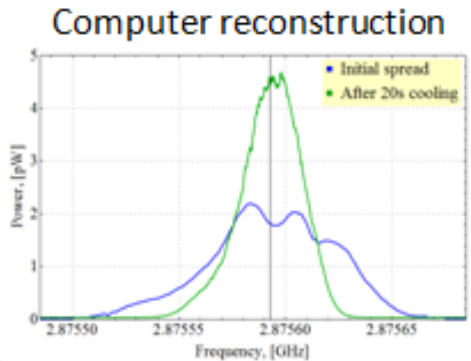
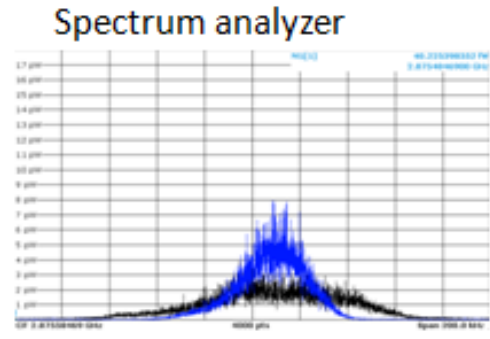


December 2013
Stochastic cooling of the carbon beam 2.5GeV/u



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Coasting beam

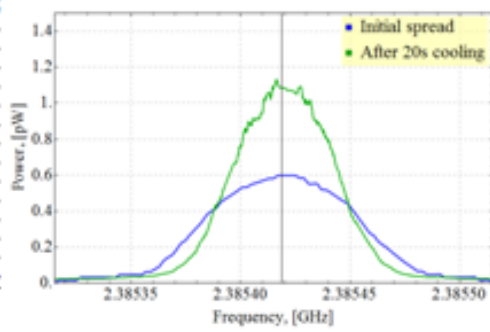
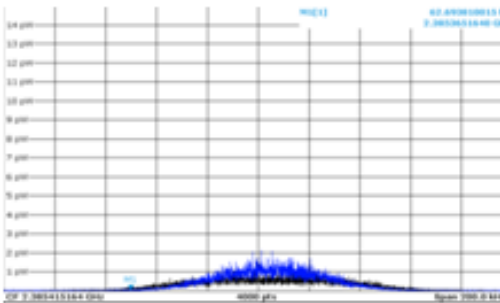


$$\sigma_{init} = 0.15 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\sigma_{final} = 0.07 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\tau \approx 27s$$

Bunched beam



$$\sigma_{init} = 0.2 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\sigma_{final} = 0.13 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\tau \approx 64s$$

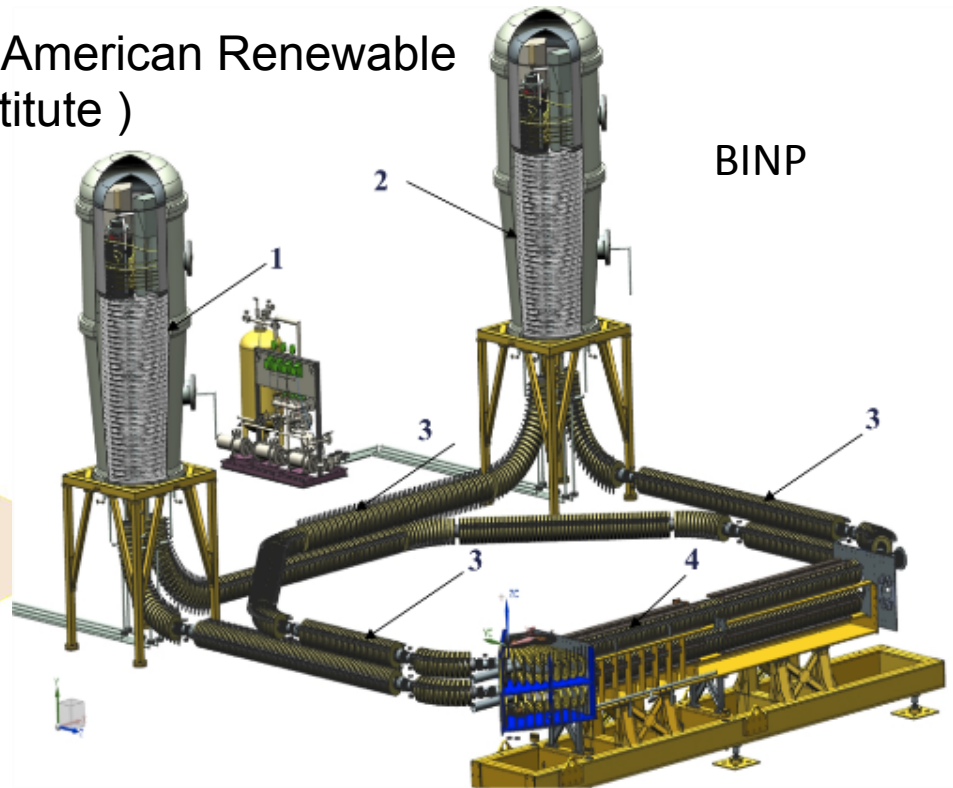
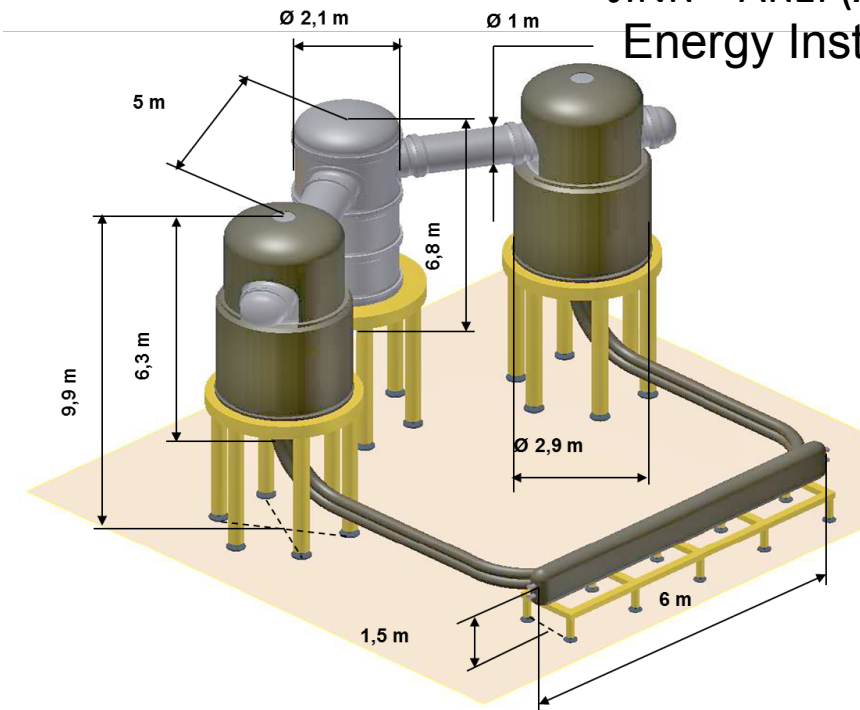
$$\sigma_s = 4.2 m$$

RF voltage of 2 kV at plateau duration up to 25 sec,
bunching factor (peak/mean current) ~ 5 (for NICA ~ 15)

Nearest plans: heavy ions, large bunching factor

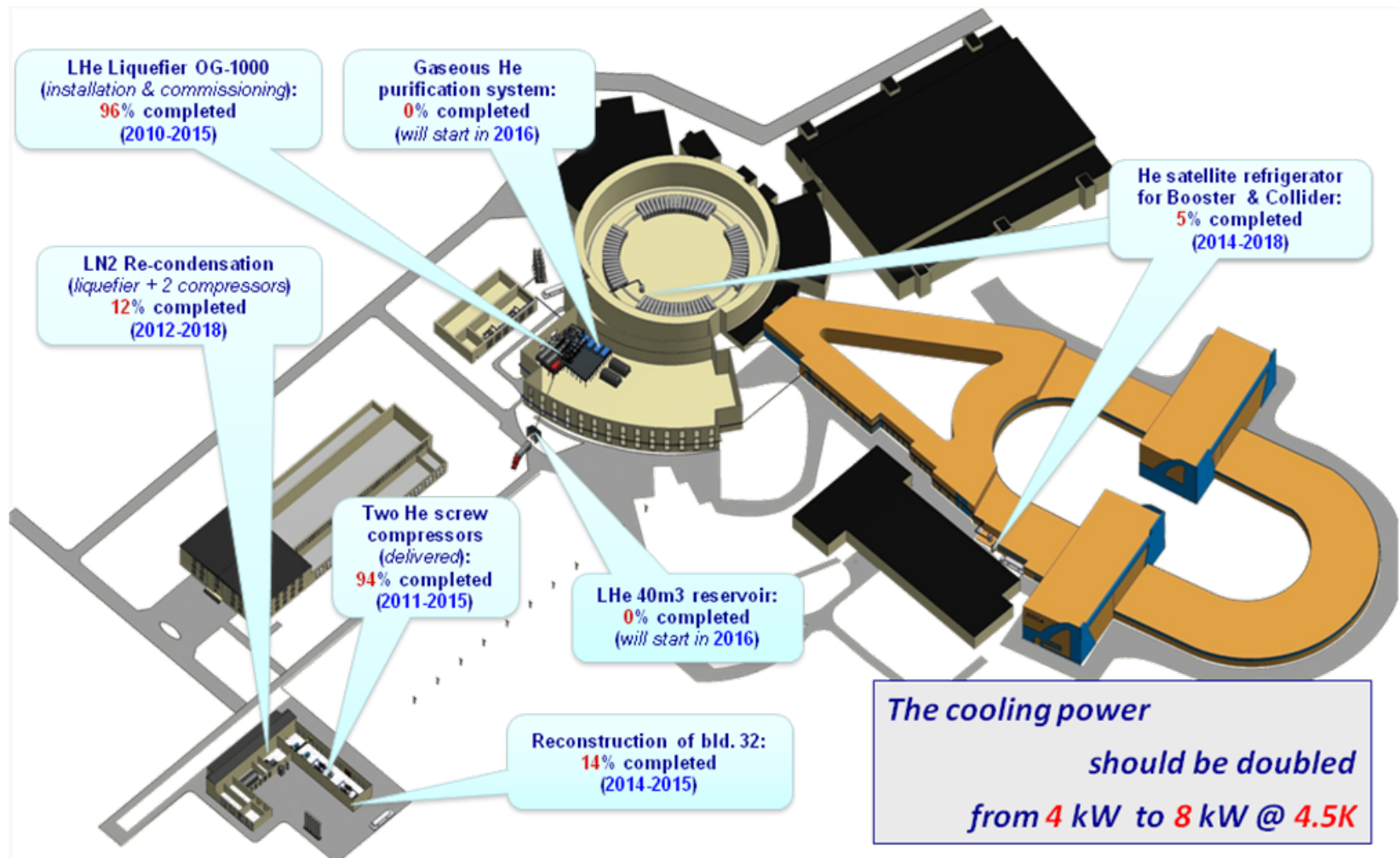
Collider Electron cooling

JINR + AREI (American Renewable Energy Institute)



Maximum electron energy, MeV	2.5
Cooling section length, m	6.0
Electron beam current, A	0.5-1
Electron beam radius, cm	1
Magnetic field in cooling section, T	0.1-0.3

JINR cryogenic complex



*Technical design project is in final stage. The goal is: the cooling power **will be doubled** up to **8 kW @ 4.5K** with new plant; 2 new screw compressors are under design*

NICA MPD and BM@N experiments

The MultiPurpose Detector (MPD)

The goal:

*search for the mixed phase and phase transition
of strongly interacting matter in processes:*

AA, pA and pp interactions

using variety of nuclei A (from p to Au)

*scanning over energy range: $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 4 - 11$ GeV
with fine steps ~ 10 MeV/u in *selected regions**

*at high Luminosity allowing the high statistic (precision)
studies*

MPD observables

- *Hadron multiplicities (4π particle yields :
 $\pi, K, p, \Lambda, \Xi, \Omega$)*
- *Event-by-event fluctuations*
- *Femtoscscopy involving π, K, p, Λ*
- *Collective flow for identified hadrons and resonances*
- *Electromagnetic probes:
electrons, gammas, vector meson decays*
- *Hypernuclei & other exotic*

MultiPurpose Detector (MPD)

9 m length, 6 m in diameter

Magnet: 0.5 T

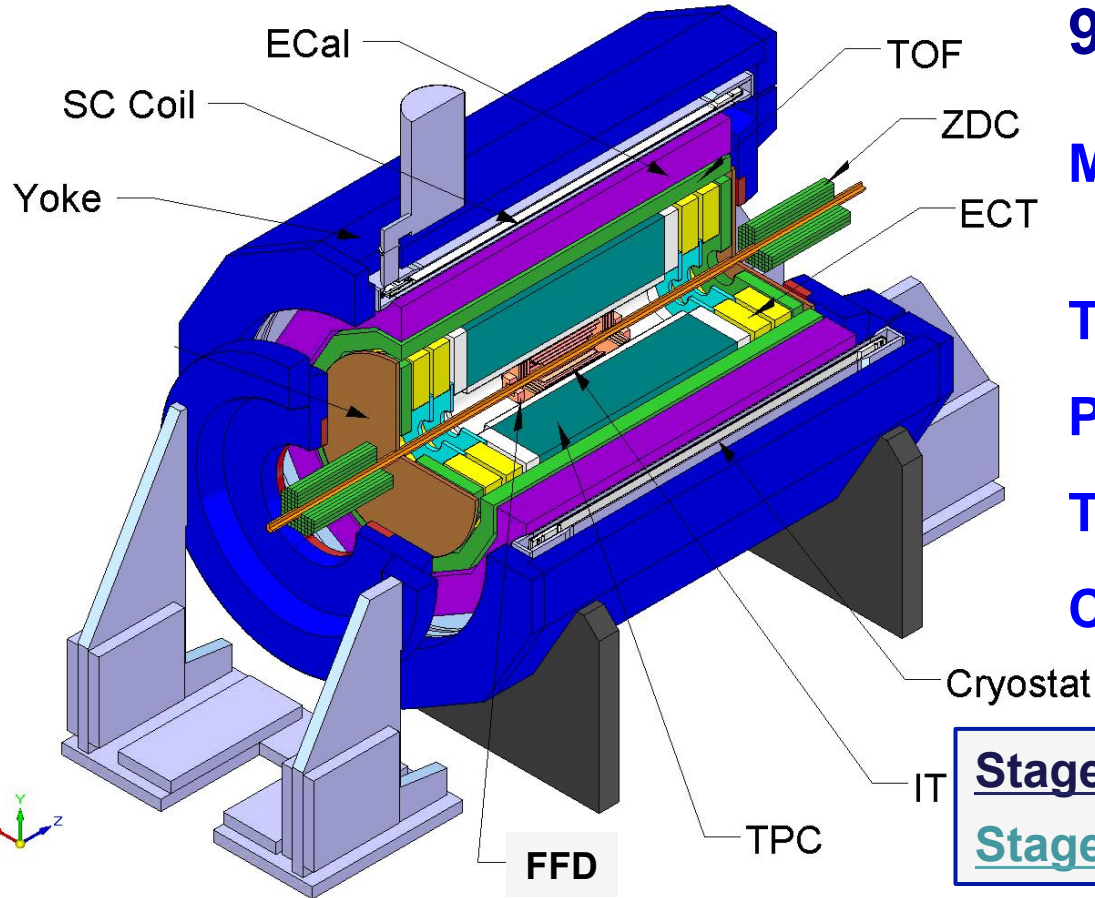
superconducting solenoid

Tracking: TPC, IT, ECT

ParticleID: TOF, ECAL, TPC

T0, Triggering: FFD

Centrality, Event plane: ZDC



Stage 1: TPC, barrel (TOF, ECAL), ZDC, FFD

Stage 2: Endcaps (tracker, TOF, ECAL) + IT

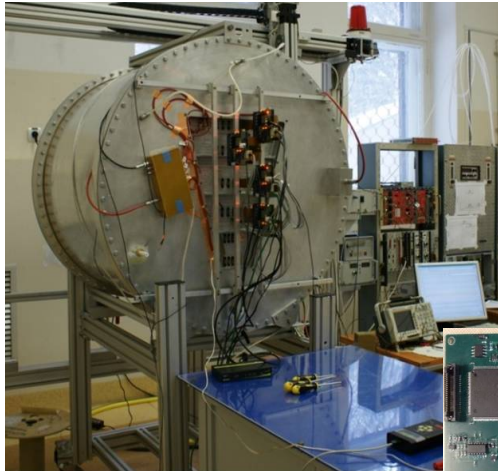
MPD potential advantages:

- Hermetic & homogenous acceptance (2π in azimuth), low material budget
- Good tracking performance and powerful PID (nuclei, hadrons, e , γ)
- High event rate capability and reliable event separation

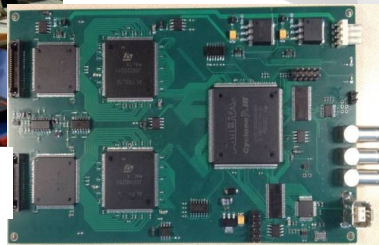


Time Projection Chamber

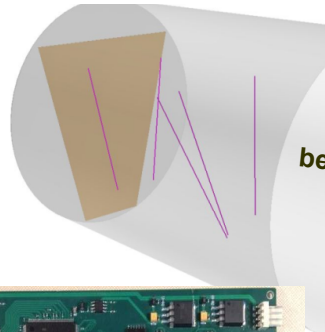
TPC Prototype



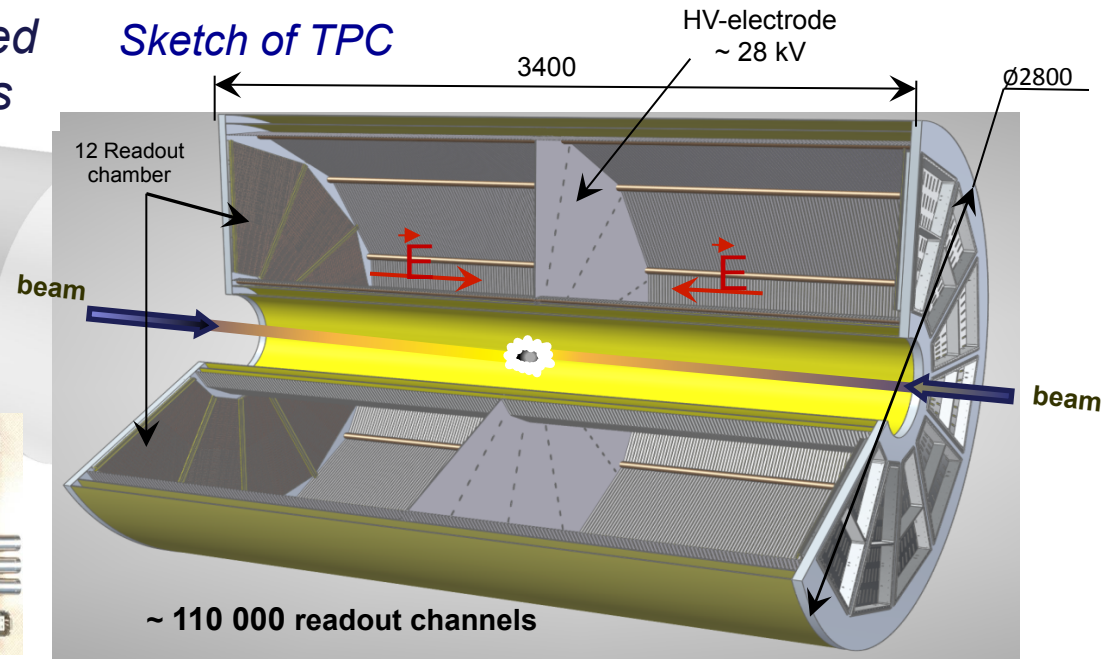
FEC-64 prototype



Reconstructed laser tracks



Sketch of TPC



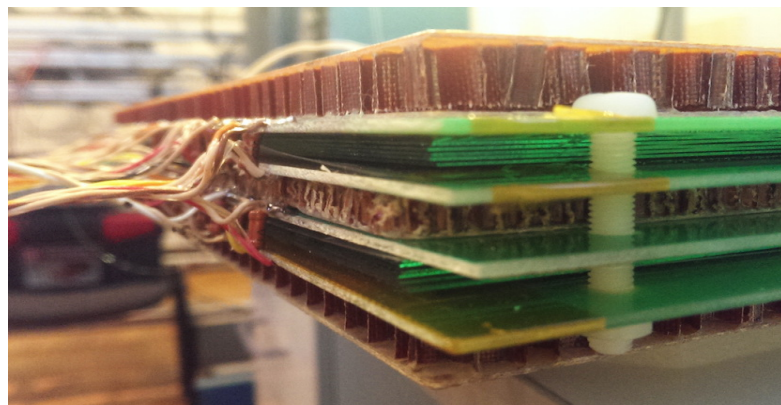
Momentum resolution – 3%,

dE/dX – 8%

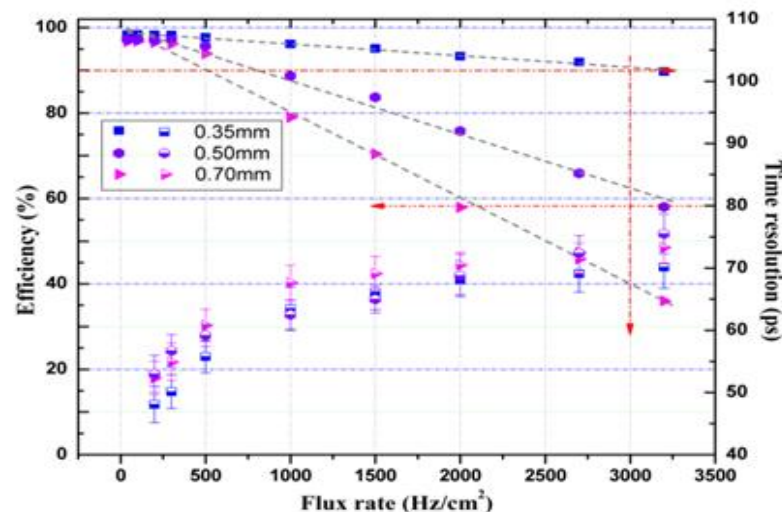
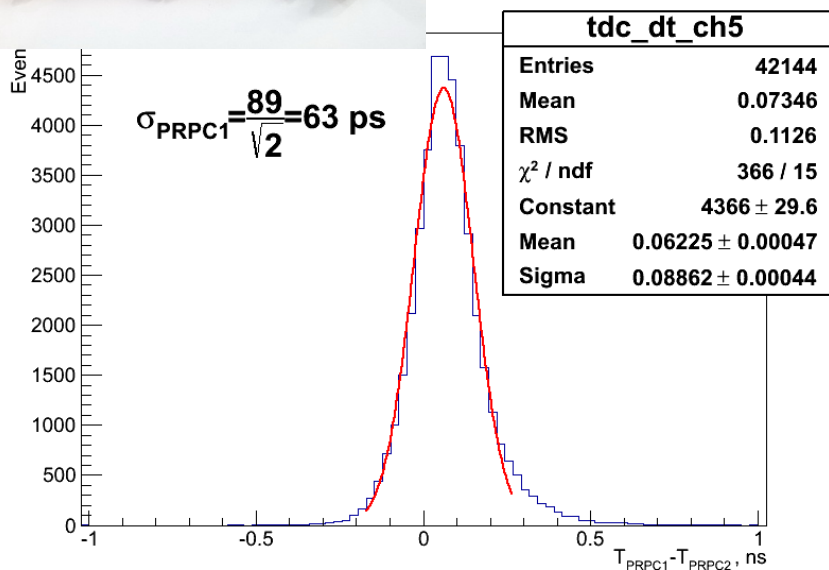
Detector production area is under construction

TOF

- TOF geometry & module based on multi-gap resistive plane design **optimized**
- Nuclotron test beam line **upgraded**
- mRPC performance: *required efficiency, rate capability & time resolution are reached*



Zhu Weipinga, Wang Yi, Feng Shengqin, Wang Jingbo, Huang Xinjie, Shi Li, V. Babkin, V. Golovatyuk, M. Rumiantcev, G. Eppley, T. Nussbaum, *NIM A 735, 277–282, 2014*



MPD TOF mRPC : Efficiency and time resolution versus flux rate for several glass thickness



TOF Barrel Design

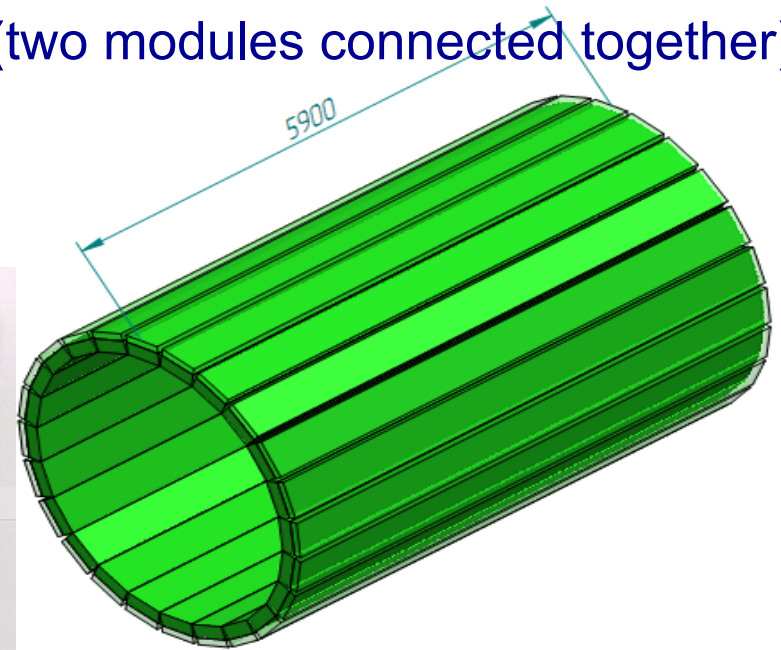
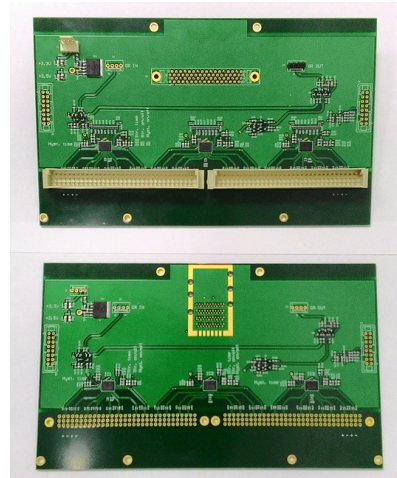
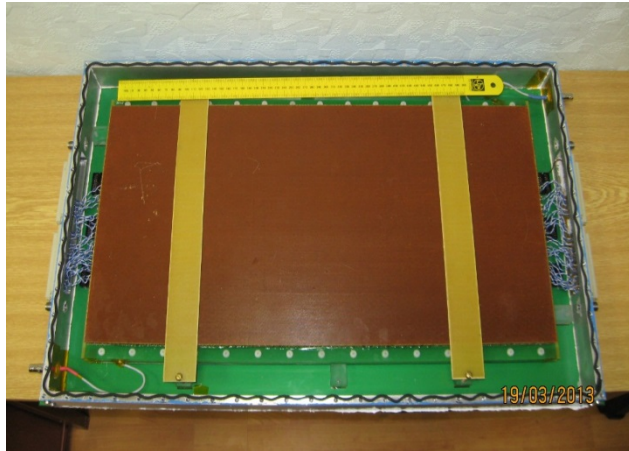
The barrel consists of 12 super-modules (two modules connected together)

Active area of TOF barrel

~56 m²

Number of channels

13 824

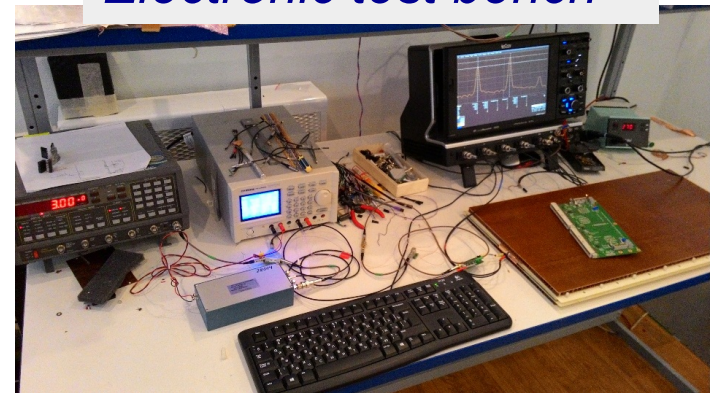


*mRPC full scale prototype
& 24 ch. FEE based on NINO*

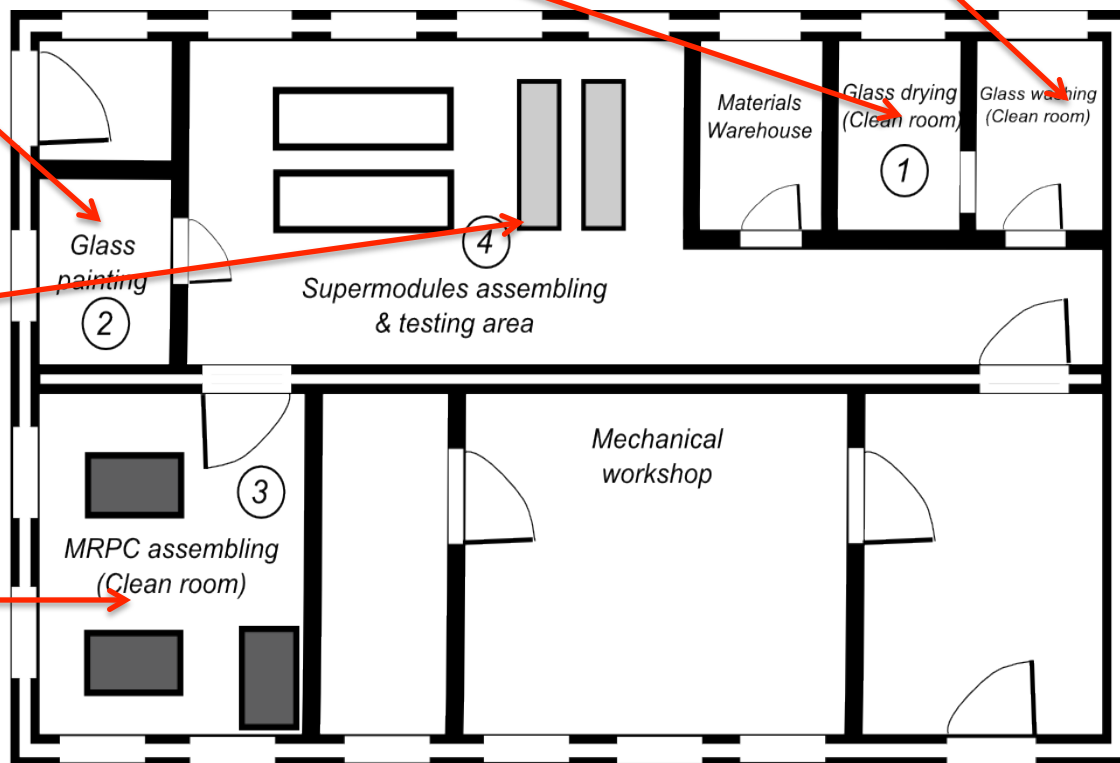
Project status:

- R&D and tests of prototypes are finished,
- 80% readiness for the mass production

Electronic test bench



Area for mass-production of the TOF mRPC



ECAL - TDR in preparation

Preparation for tests with electron beams at DESY (December '13)



ECAL tests with e beam (December '13):

- performance study of two ECAL modules (35 cm length, 14 radiation length) with *different Wavelength Led Scintillator fibers*
- Tests of the ECAL read-out electronics (*amplifiers and ADCs*)
- Energy scan ($E_e = 1 - 6$ GeV)

Analysis of the recorded data indicates

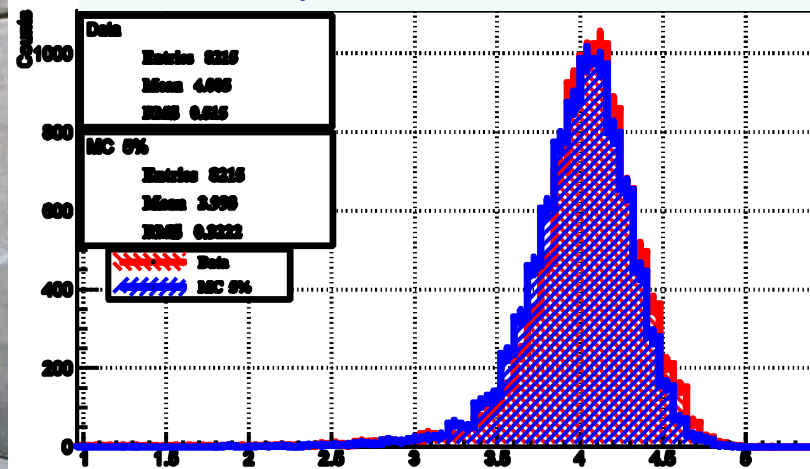
good performance:

Energy resolution $2.5\% / \sqrt{E}$

Time resolution $80 \text{ ps} / \sqrt{E}$

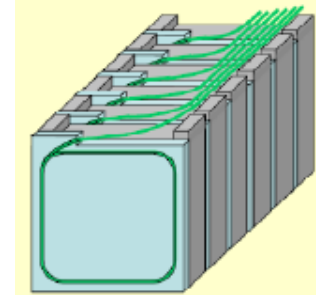
fits the requirement

ECAL response to 4 GeV electrons



Zero Degree Calorimeter (ZDC)

ZDC coverage: $2.2 < |\eta| < 4.8$



Together with the RAS Institute for Nuclear Research



Pb-scintillator sampling (5λ)
Read-out: fibers+ Avalanche PD

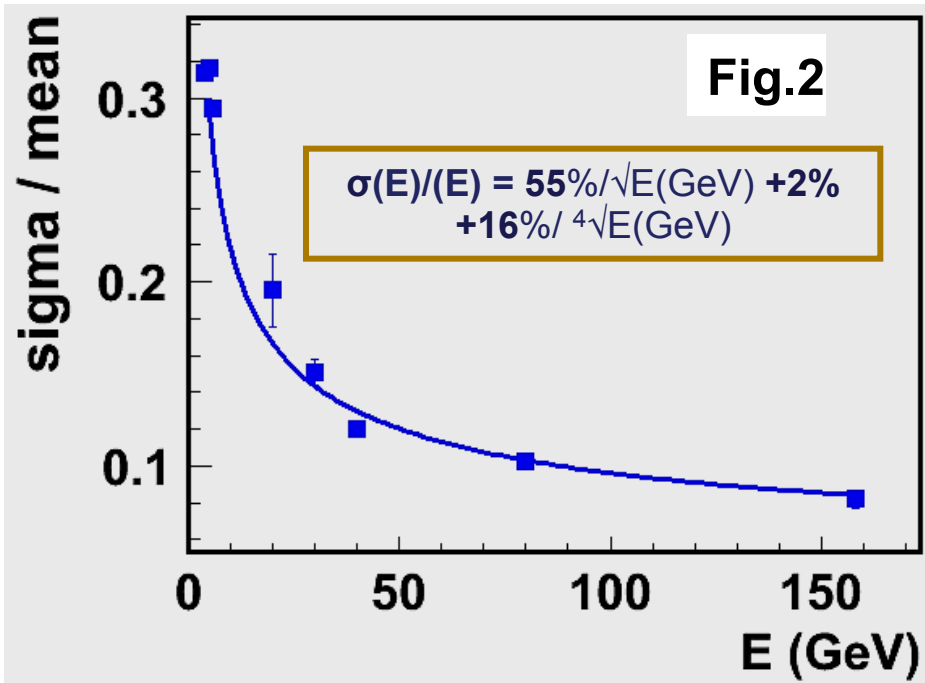


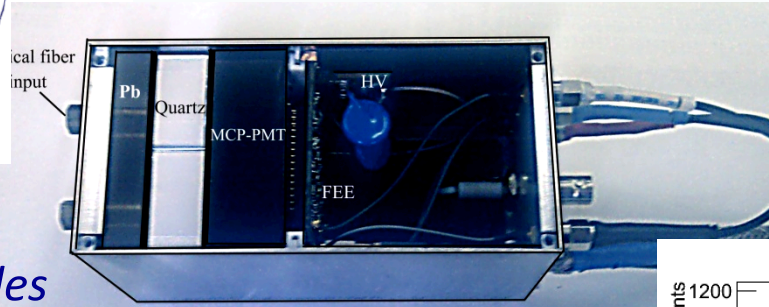
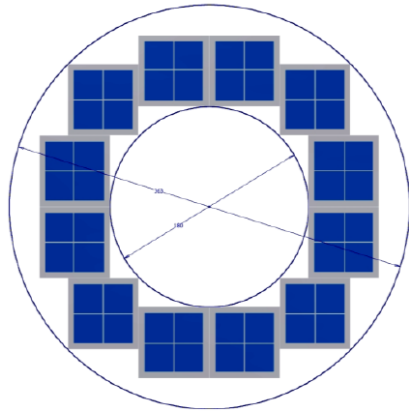
Fig.1. Beam tests of ZDC modules at PS/CERN

Fig.2. ZDC energy resolution

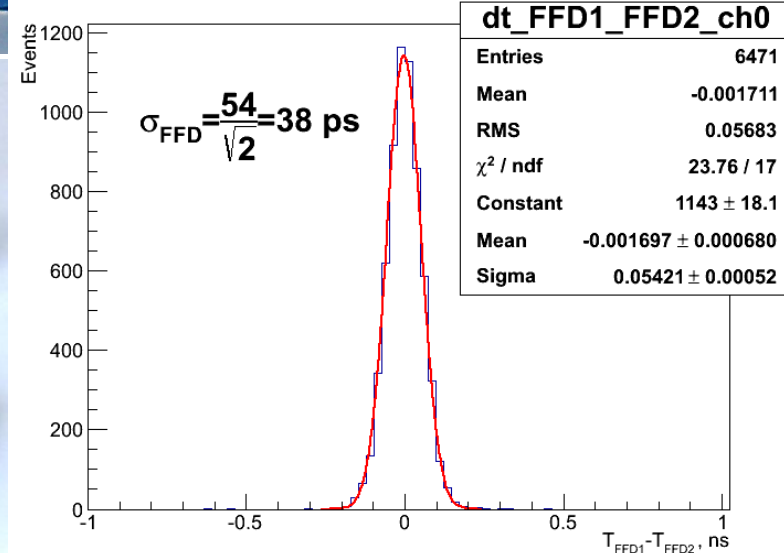
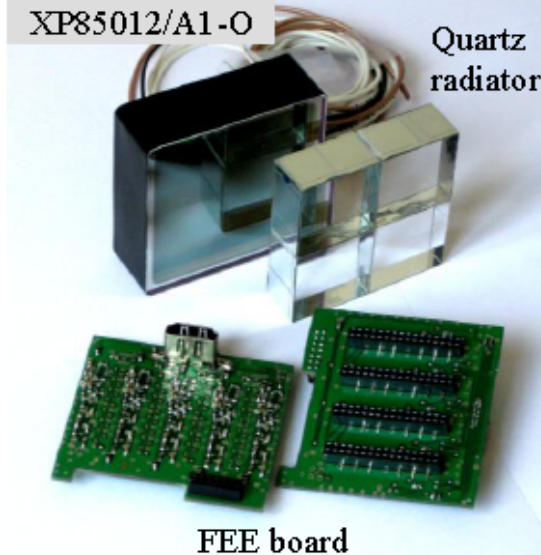
ZDC provides required resolution in deposited energy

Fast Forward Detector (FFD)

- Design and MC simulation
- Construction of prototypes and beam tests
- TDR preparation
- Ordering of components for mass production



FFD prototype modules



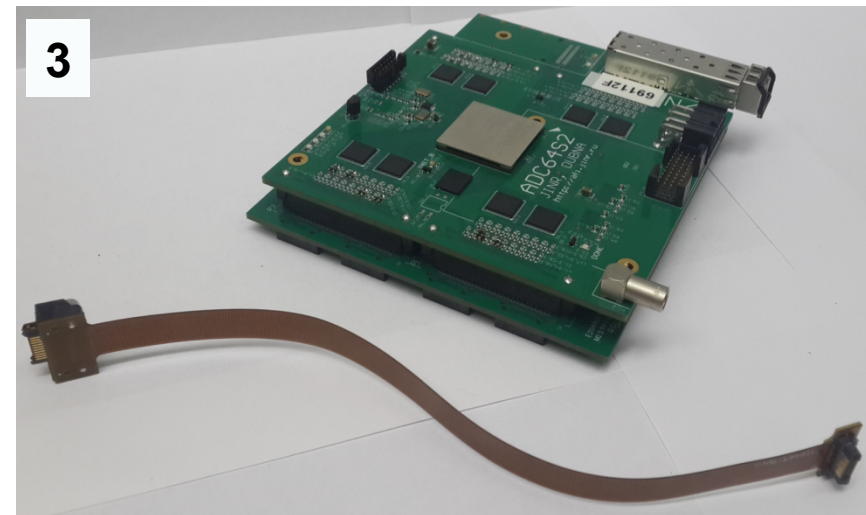
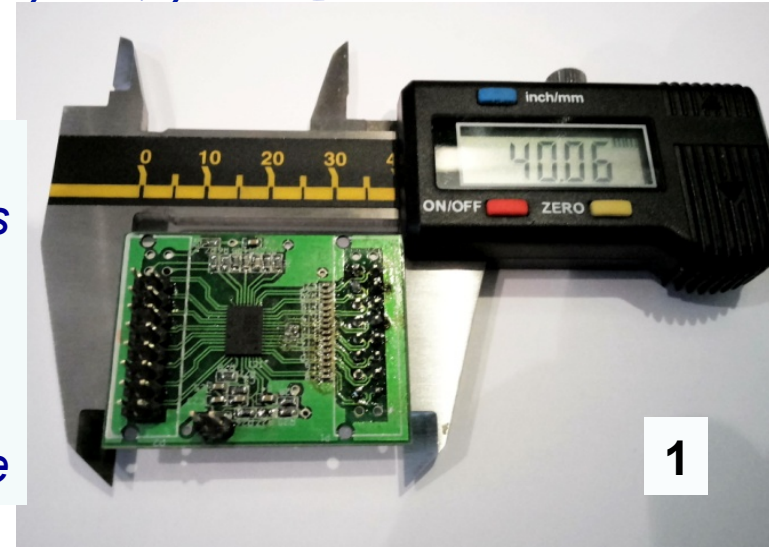
Based on Quartz radiators and Microchannel photomultiplier tube (MCP-PMT)

The achieved time resolution is better than required

Readout Electronics

have been developed for *TPC, TOF, and ECAL*

1. Ultra fast NINO pre-amplifier for mRPC readout:
24- and 8-channel, rise time < 400 ps
2. ALTRO-based TPC Front-End card prototype.
3. High performance ADC for ECAL read-out:
64 channels, 13-bit, 65 MSPS conversion rate



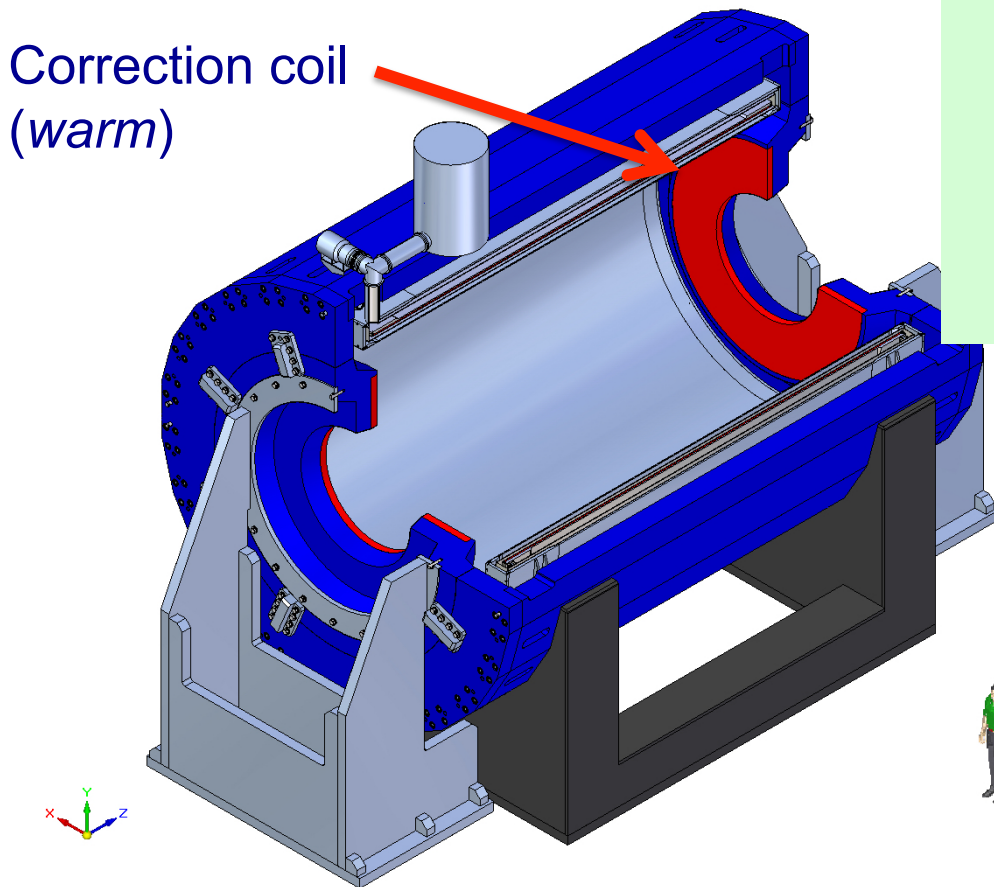
MPD Superconducting solenoid: **challenging project**

- to reach high level ($\sim 10^{-4}$) of magnetic field homogeneity

$B_0 = 0.66$ T

Weight – 800 ton

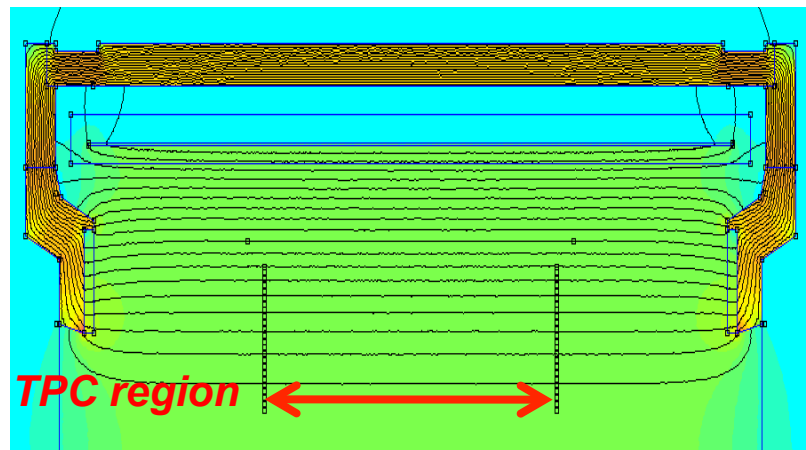
Correction coil
(warm)



Technical design – **completed**;

Survey for contractors:

- the cold coil / cryostat;
- cryo infrastructure;
- the warm coil;
- the yoke;
- PS;
- engineering infrastructure



simulated map of magnetic field

Design: “Neva-Magnet” (**Russia**); production: ASG SC (Italy), TOSHIBA (Japan)

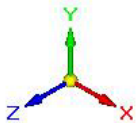
The MPD Hall

push-pull scheme of MPD operation

(parking & in-beam positions)

The weight of the magnet (~ **980 t**)
and the whole detector (~ **1200 t**)
led to rather tough
technical requirements for
the basement surface and stability

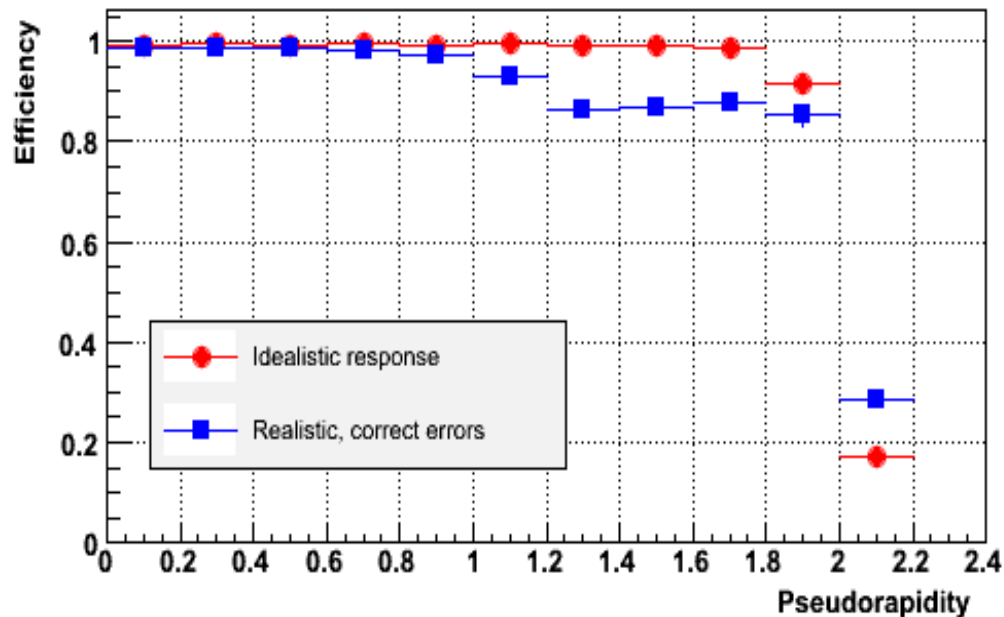
collider beam pipe



Study of MPD performance

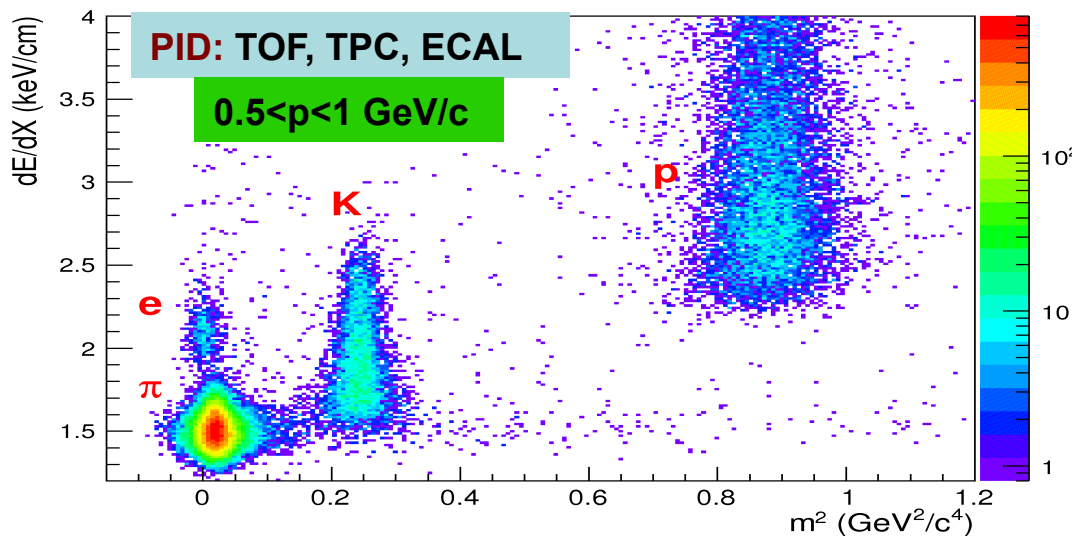
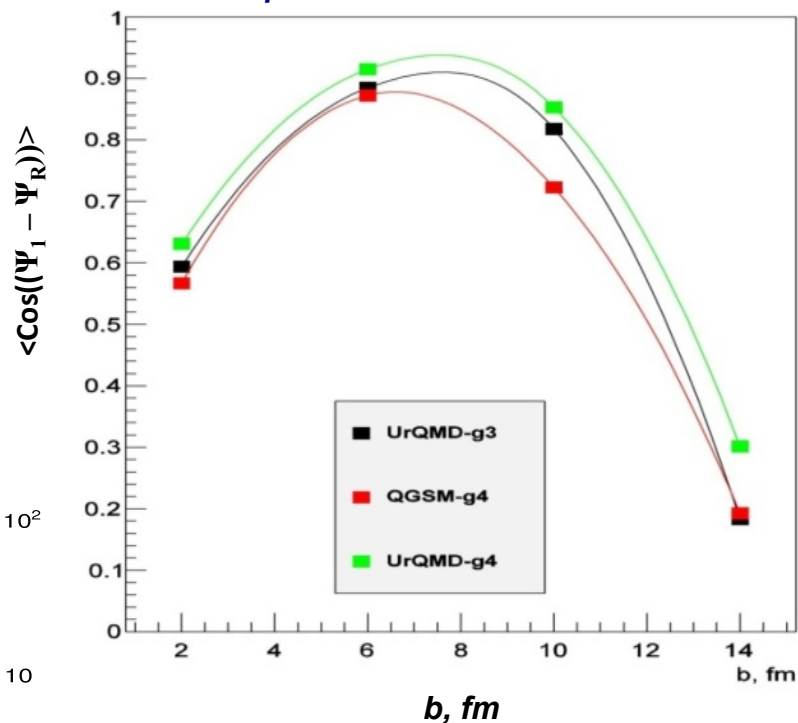
MPD performance

Efficiency vs η (primaries, $p > 0.2$ GeV/c)



Tracking: up to $|\eta| < 2$ (TPC)
 PID: hadrons, e, g (TOF, TPC, ECAL)
 Event characterization: centrality & event plane (ZDC)

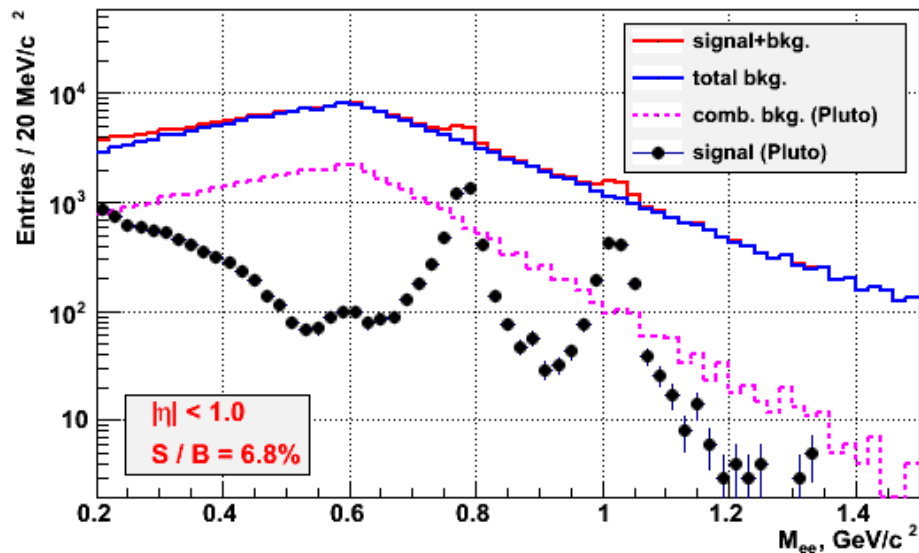
Reaction plane & impact parameter definitions



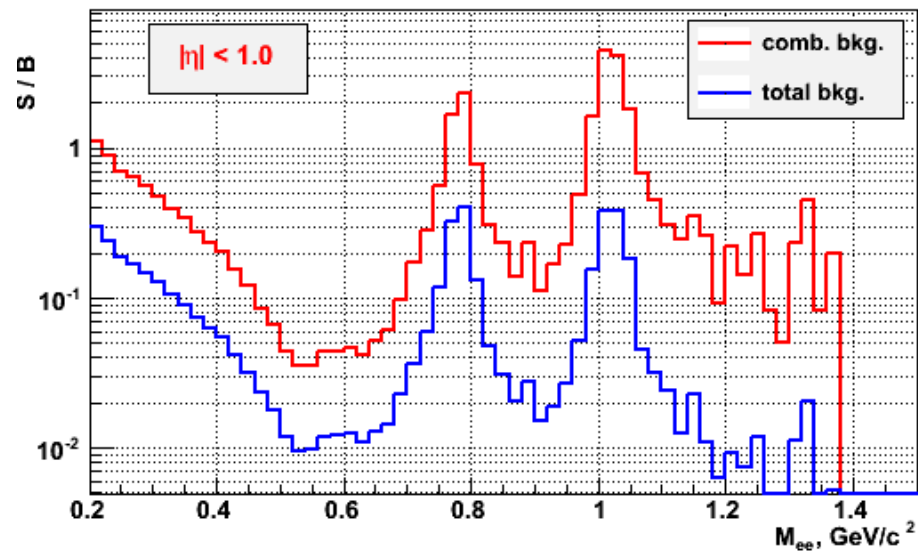
Study of electron-positron pairs

dileptonic decays of vector mesons ρ , ω , ϕ

signal-to-background ratios in $M(e^+e^-)$

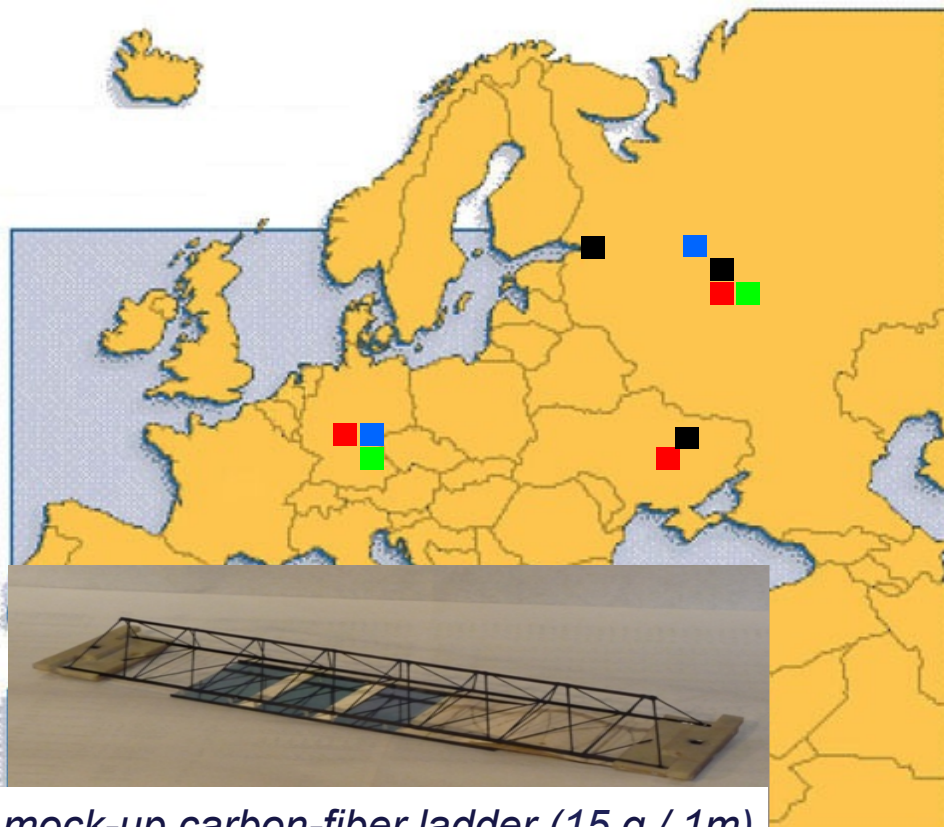


integrated signal-to-background ratios after identification

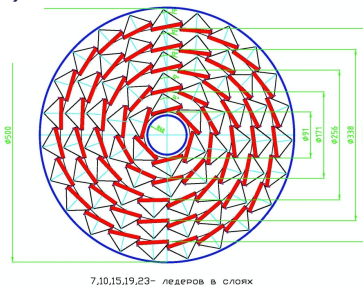


The CBM - MPD consortium: development & production of STS for **CBM** (FAIR), **MPD** & **BM@N**

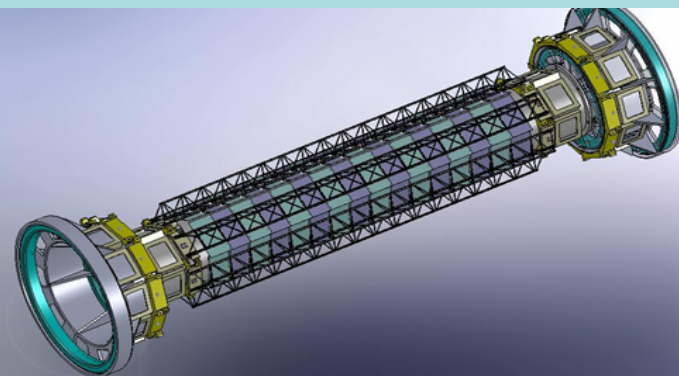
The **clean room** for assembling of STS modules is designed and constructed at LHEP



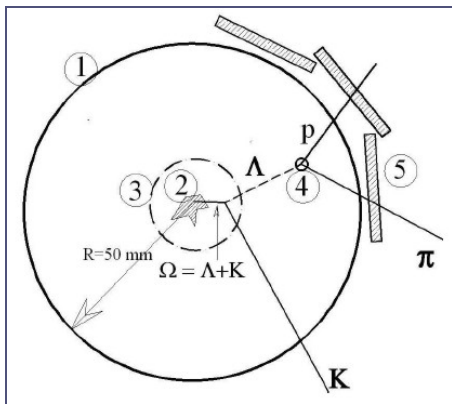
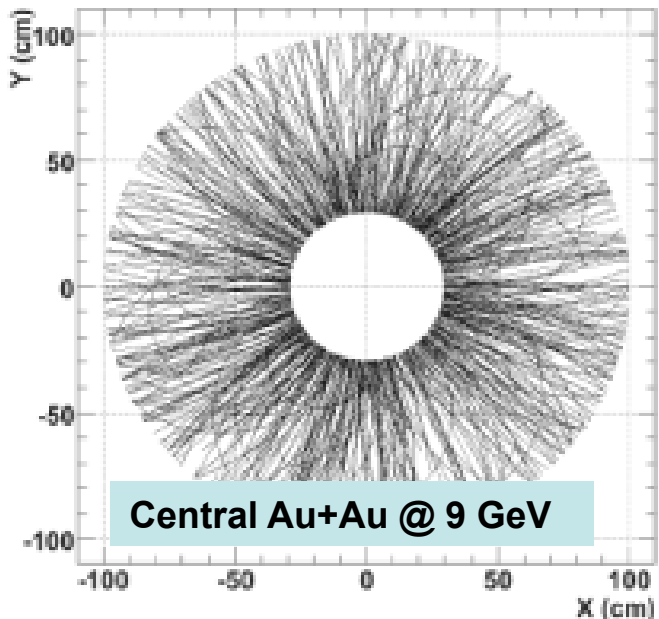
mock-up carbon-fiber ladder (15 g / 1m)
and module circuit board



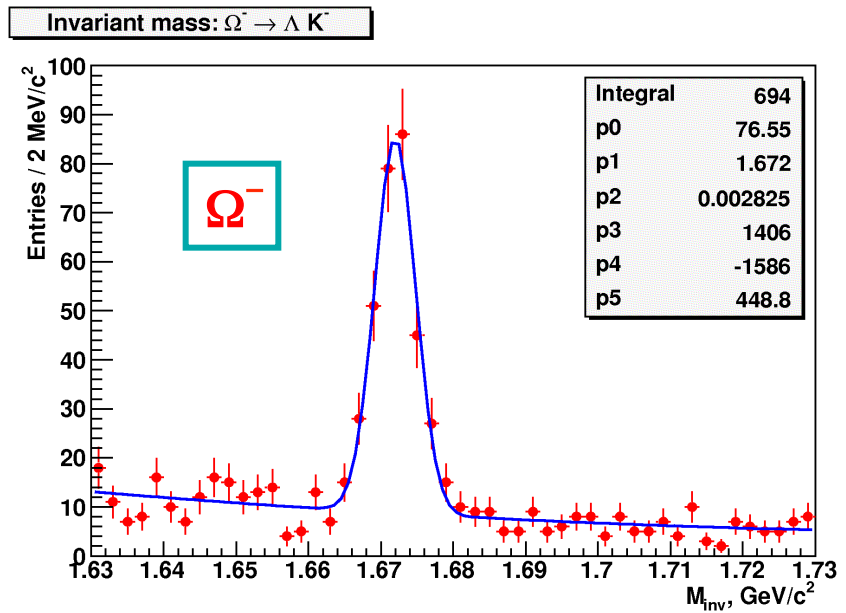
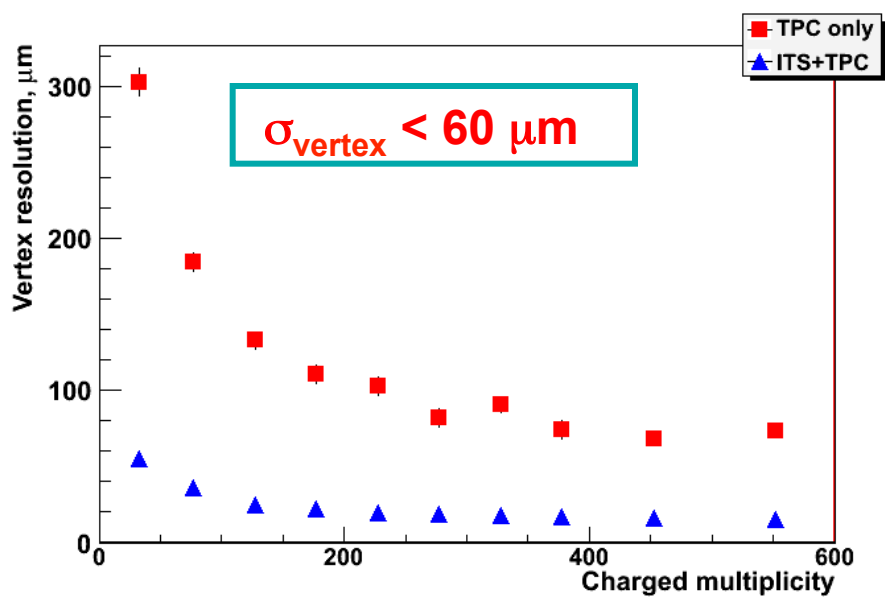
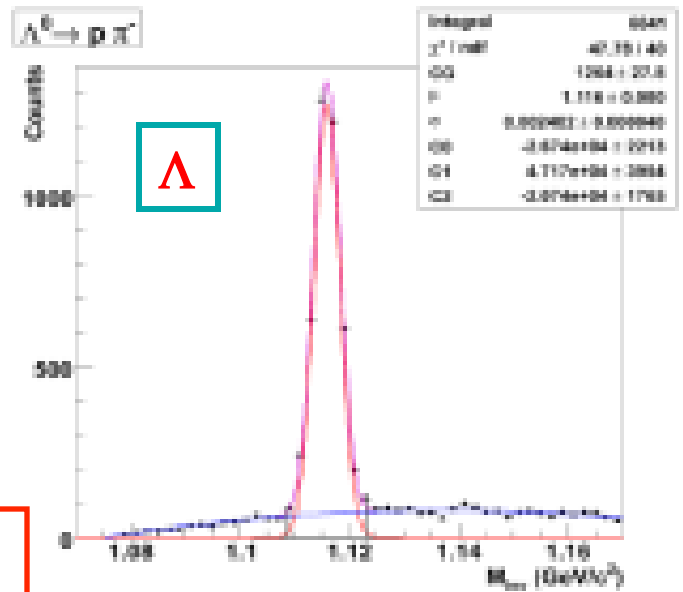
Design of super-module for **IT MPD**



VO performance (TPC+SIT)



Improved Sg-to-Bg ratio (S/B) with the vertex IT detector



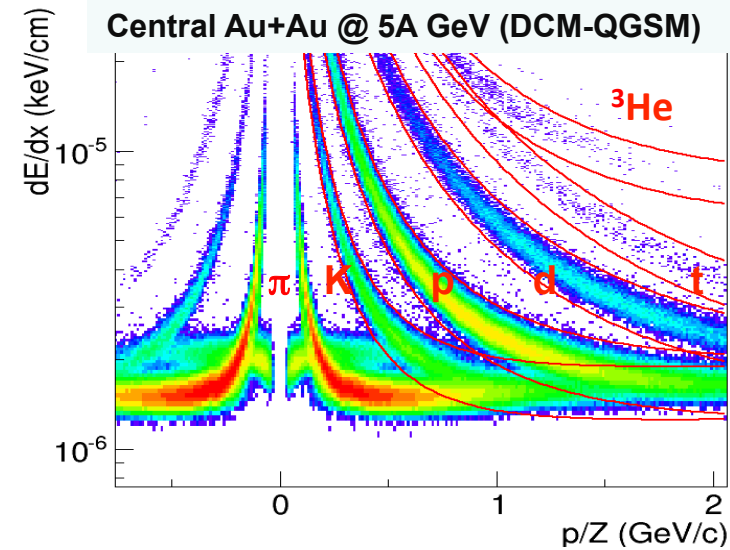
Hypertritons at NICA-MPD. Feasibility study

PID is achieved by dE/dx (TPC) and time-of-flight (TOF) measurements

$$m^2 = p^2 \left(\frac{c^2 T^2}{L^2} - 1 \right)$$

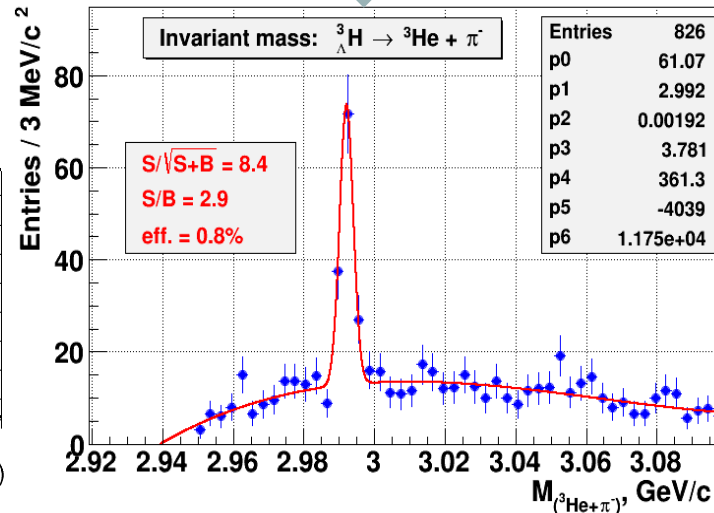
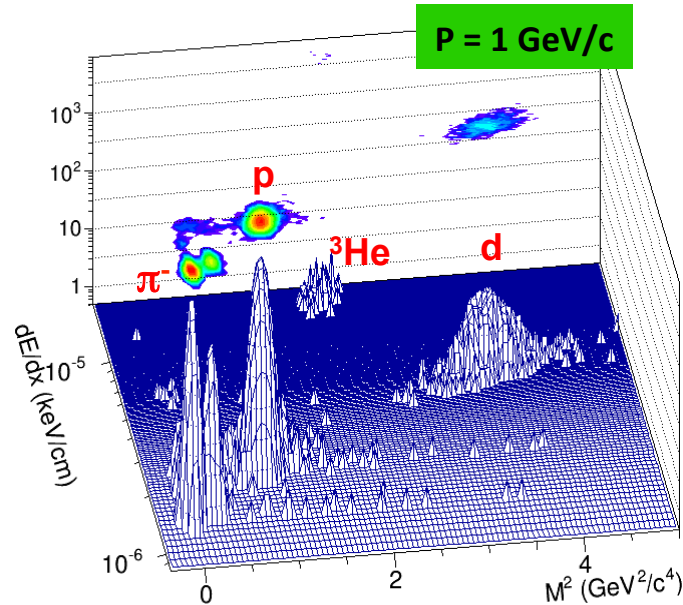
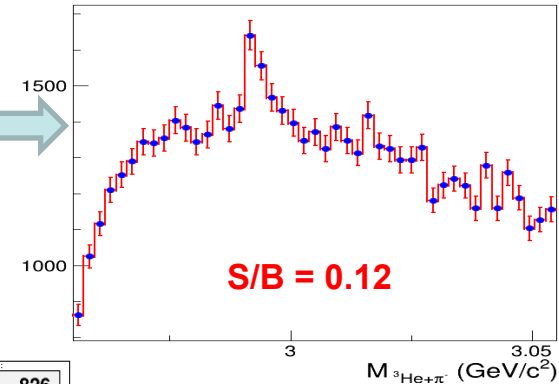
Central Au+Au @ 5A GeV (DCM-QGSM)

- Mass square from momentum (p), time-of-flight (T) and trajectory length (L)
- Particles are selected within 3σ cuts in dE/dx or dE/dx (m^2) in momentum bins
- Secondary vertex technique
- Quality cuts to maximize significance



Min. # of cuts
(values ~ used by STAR)

Max. # of cuts
(tuned for max. significance)



We expect $\sim 10^6$ ${}^3\text{H}$
for 10 weeks @ 5 AGeV

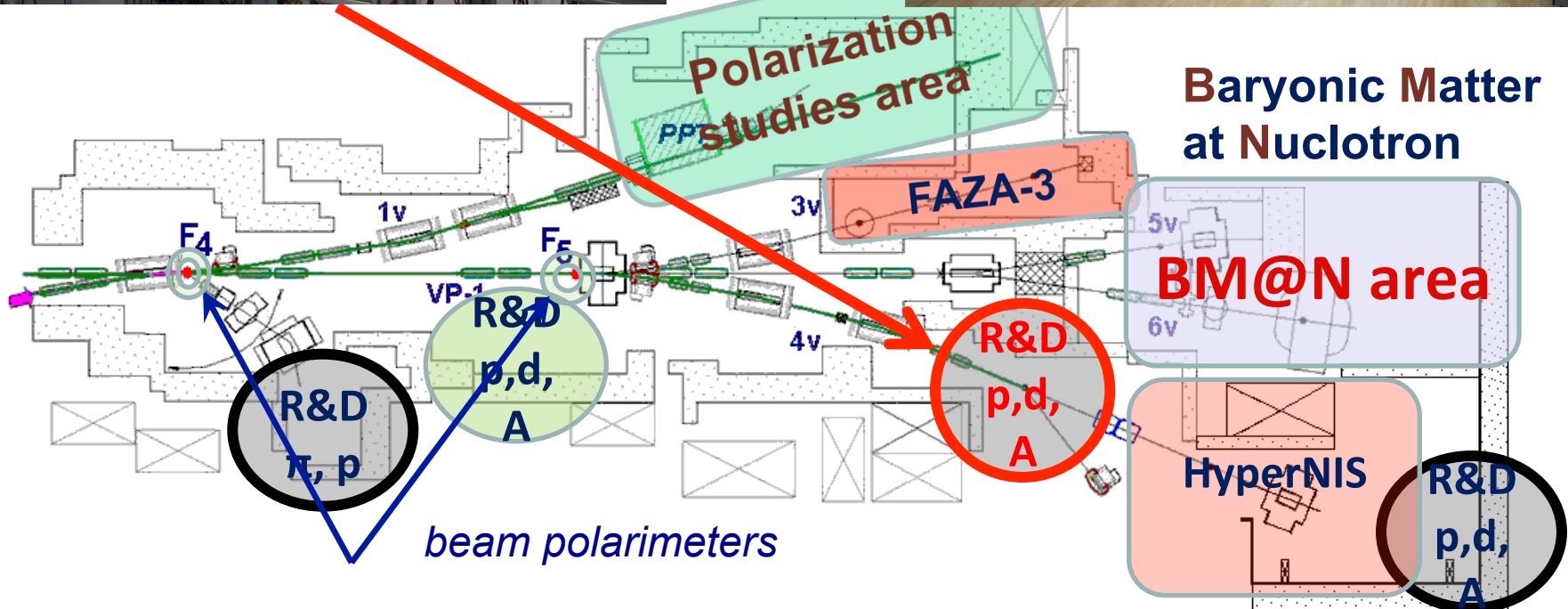
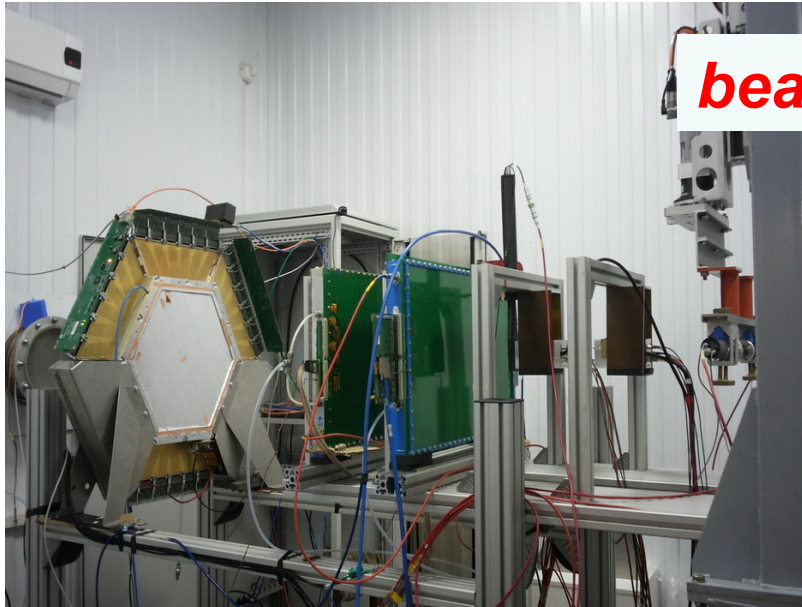
Experiment with the extracted beam:

Baryonic Matter at Nuclotron - BM@N

project approved in 2012



beam test facility

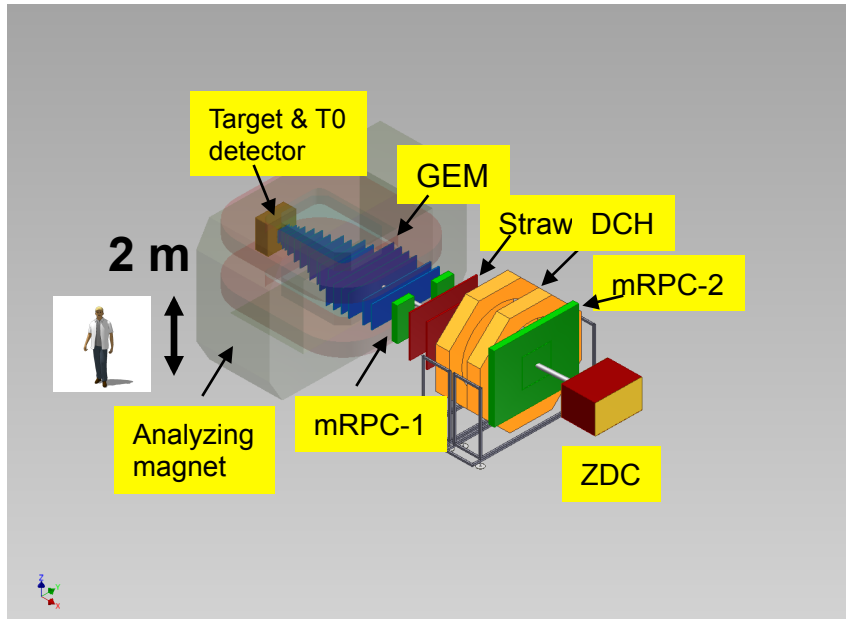


Experimental zones in bld.205

Intensities, particles per cycle

Beam	Intensities, particles per cycle				
	Energy	GSI (SIS18)	Nuclotron-M (2011)	Planned with Nuclotron-N (2015)	Planned with new ion source and booster (after 2016)
p	4,5 GeV	$2 \cdot 10^{10}$	-	$5 \cdot 10^{11}$	$1 \cdot 10^{12}$
d	2,2 GeV	$5 \cdot 10^{11}$	$6 \cdot 10^{10}$	$5 \cdot 10^{11}$	$1 \cdot 10^{12}$
^4He			$2 \cdot 10^9$	$3 \cdot 10^{10}$	$5 \cdot 10^{11}$
d↑			$2 \cdot 10^8$	$2 \cdot 10^{10}$ (SPI)	$2 \cdot 10^{10}$ (SPI)
$^7\text{Li}^{6+}$			$7 \cdot 10^9$	$3 \cdot 10^{10}$	$1 \cdot 10^{11}$
$^{12}\text{C}^{6+}$	300 MeV	$7 \cdot 10^{10}$	$6 \cdot 10^9$	$3 \cdot 10^{10}$	$1 \cdot 10^{11}$
$^{24}\text{Mg}^{12+}$	300 MeV	$5 \cdot 10^{10}$	$7 \cdot 10^8$	$4 \cdot 10^9$	$5 \cdot 10^{10}$
$^{40}\text{Ar}^{18+}$	300 MeV	$6 \cdot 10^{10}$	$8 \cdot 10^6$	$2 \cdot 10^9$	$2 \cdot 10^{10}$
$^{56}\text{Fe}^{28+}$			$4 \cdot 10^6$	$2 \cdot 10^9$	$2 \cdot 10^{10}$
$^{58}\text{Ni}^{26+}$	300 MeV	$8 \cdot 10^9$			
$^{84}\text{Kr}^{34+}$	0,3 -1 GeV	$2 \cdot 10^{10}$	$2 \cdot 10^5$	$1 \cdot 10^8$	$1 \cdot 10^9$
$^{124}\text{Xe}^{48/42+}$	0,3 -1 GeV	$1 \cdot 10^{10}$	$1 \cdot 10^5$	$7 \cdot 10^7$	$1 \cdot 10^9$
$^{181}\text{Ta}^{61+}$	1 GeV	$2 \cdot 10^9$			
$^{197}\text{Au}^{65/79+}$		$3 \cdot 10^9$		$1 \cdot 10^8$	$1 \cdot 10^9$
$^{238}\text{U}^{28+/73+}$	0,05-1 GeV	$6 \cdot 10^9/2 \cdot 10^{10}$			

BM@N: *the 1st stage*



19 scientific centers: INR, SINP MSU, IHEP + 2 Universities (Russia); GSI, Frankfurt U., Gissen U. (Germany); + CBM-MPD IT-Consortium, + *expressed an interest*

Physics :

- *in-medium effects for strangeness and vector mesons decaying in hadron modes*
- *hyperon production*
- *hadron femtoscopy*
- *pp and pA reactions as reference for AA interactions*
- *electromagnetic probes (optional)*

Required setup:

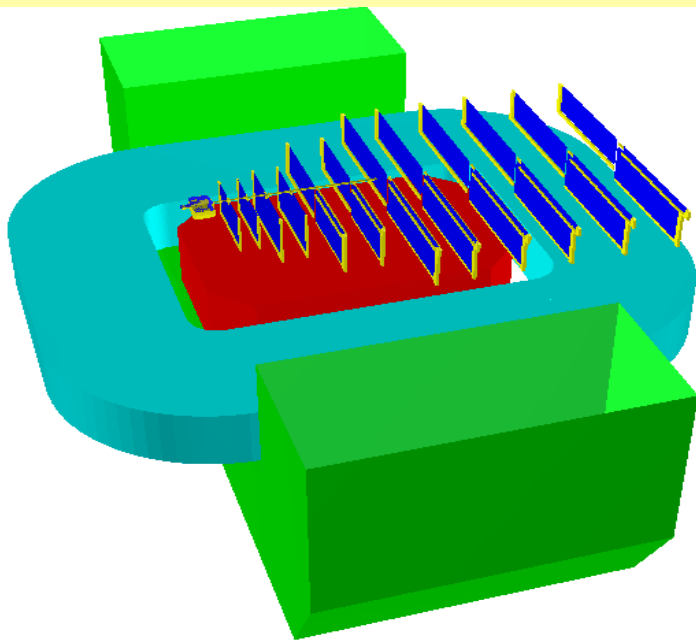
- *central tracker inside analyzing magnet to reconstruct AA interactions*
- *outer tracker behind magnet to link central tracks to the ToF detector*
- *ToF system based on RPC and T0 detectors to identify hadrons and light nucleus*
- *ZDC calorimeter to measure centrality of AA collisions and to trigger*
- *ECAL to identify γ, e*

Simulated GEM tracker configuration

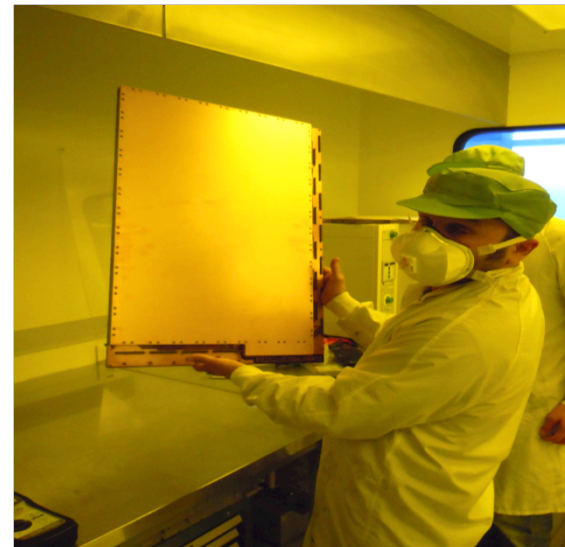
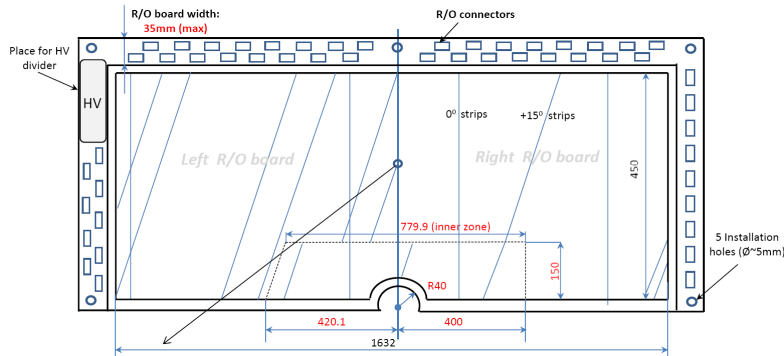
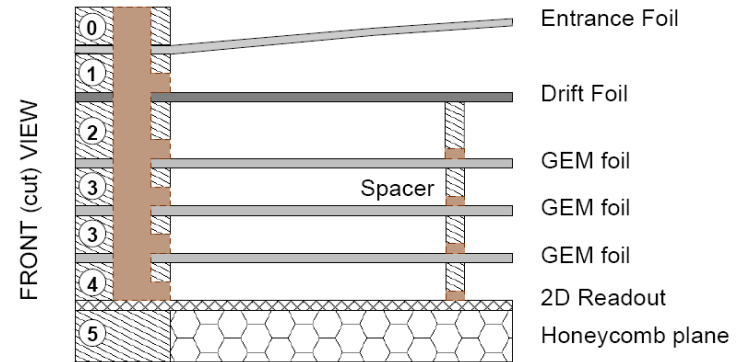
12 stations: $Z = 30 - 45 - 60 - 80 - 100 - 130 - 160 - 190 - 230 - 270 - 315 - 360$

Stereo angles: 0 – 7.5 deg in stat. 1-4; 0 – 15 deg in stat. 5 - 12

Pitch: 400 μm in stat. 1-4, 800 μm in stat. 5-12



Gas In/Out-Let

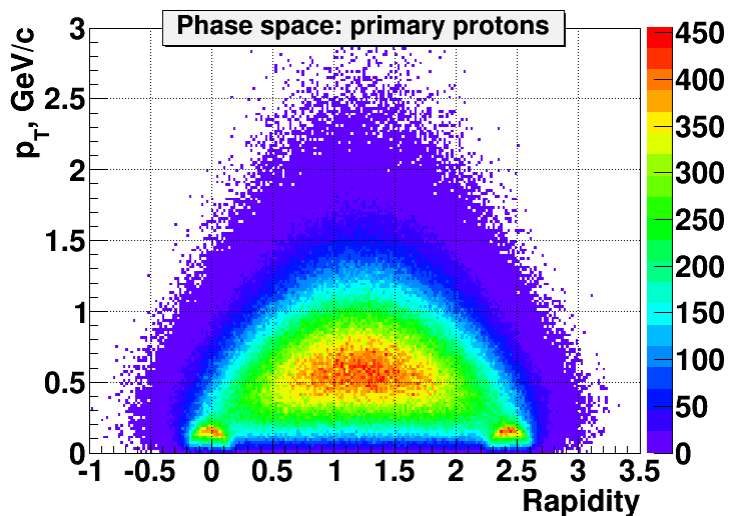




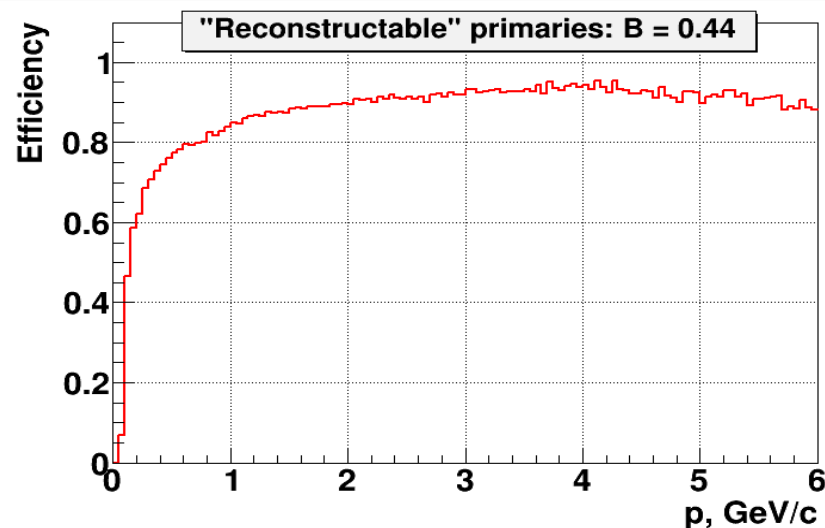
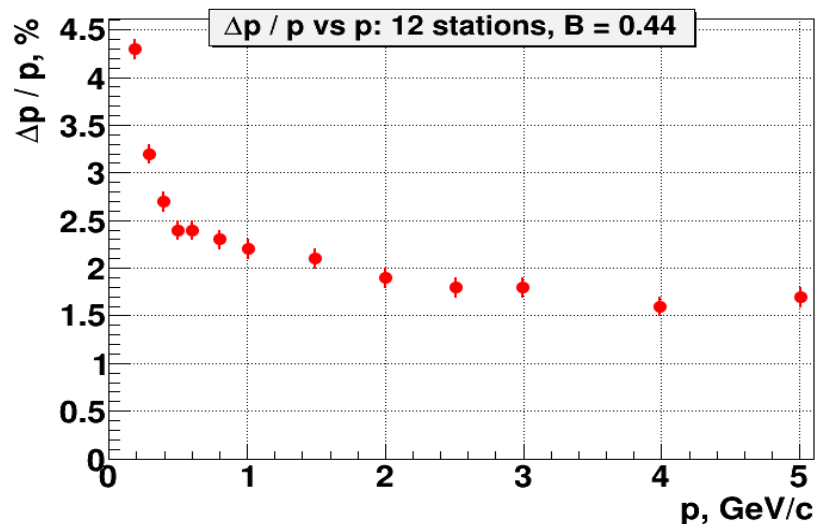
GEM tracker: acceptance / momentum resolution / detection efficiency



Phase space / acceptance to primary protons:

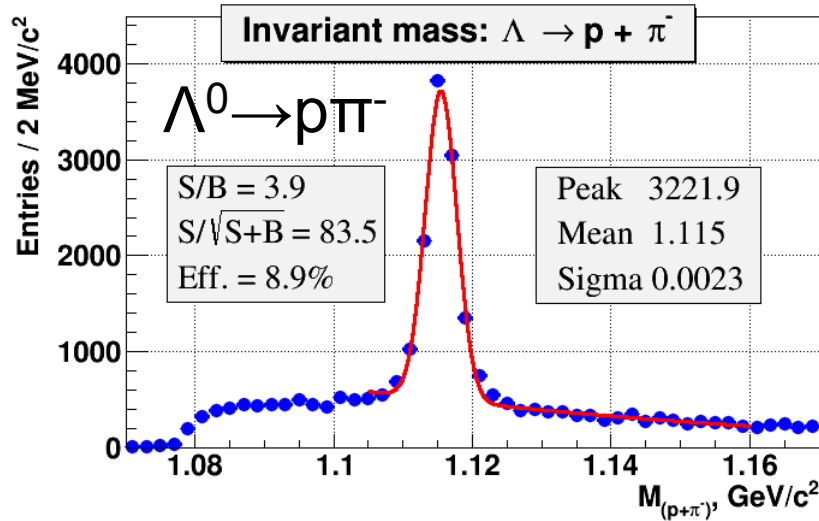


Momentum resolution / detection efficiency

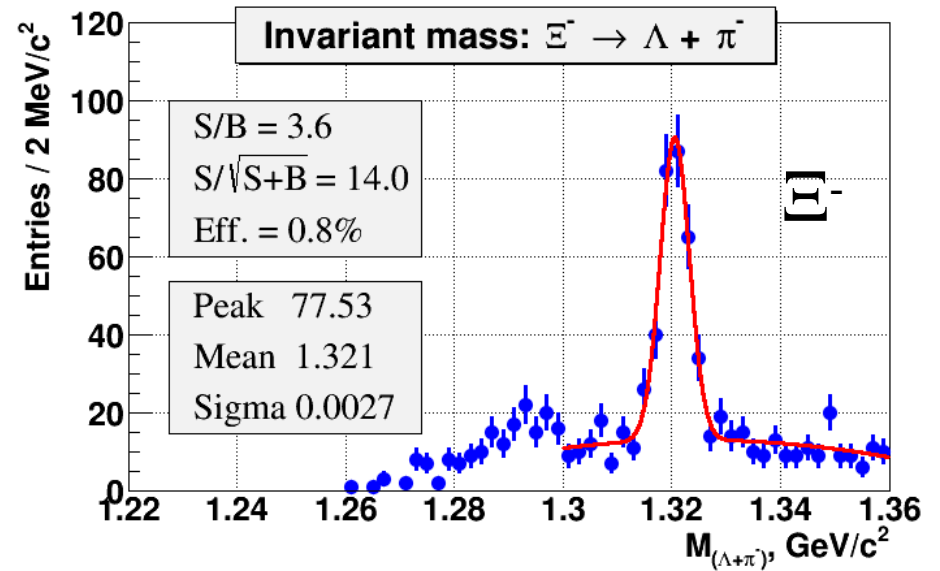




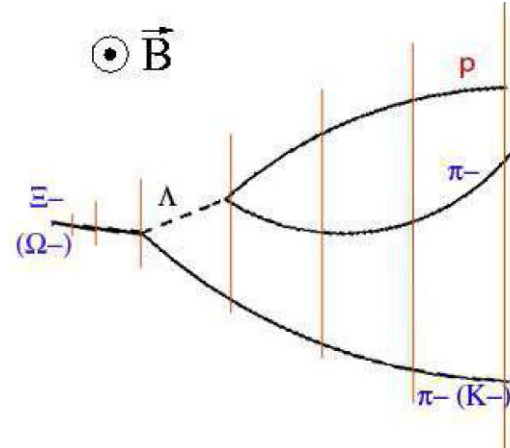
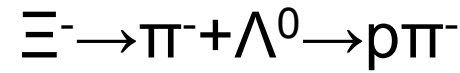
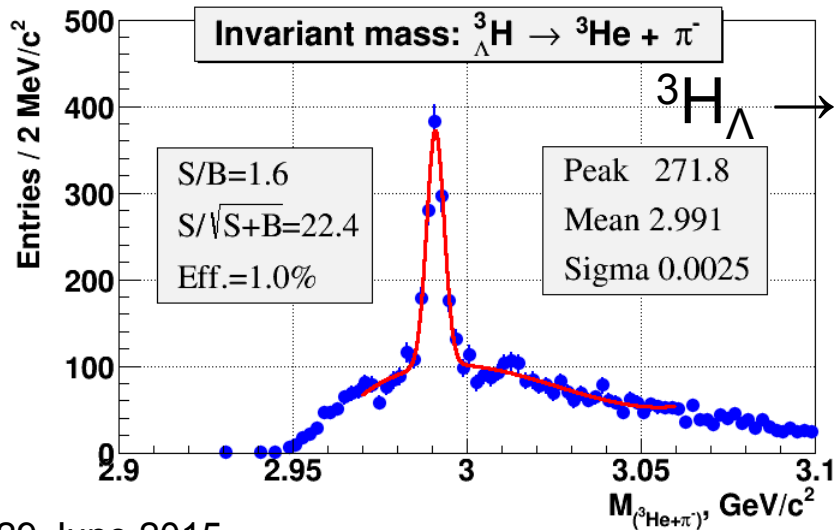
GEM tracker: Λ^0 , Ξ^- , ${}^3\text{H}_\Lambda$ reconstruction



Au+Au, 4.5 AGeV, UrQMD, 900k central

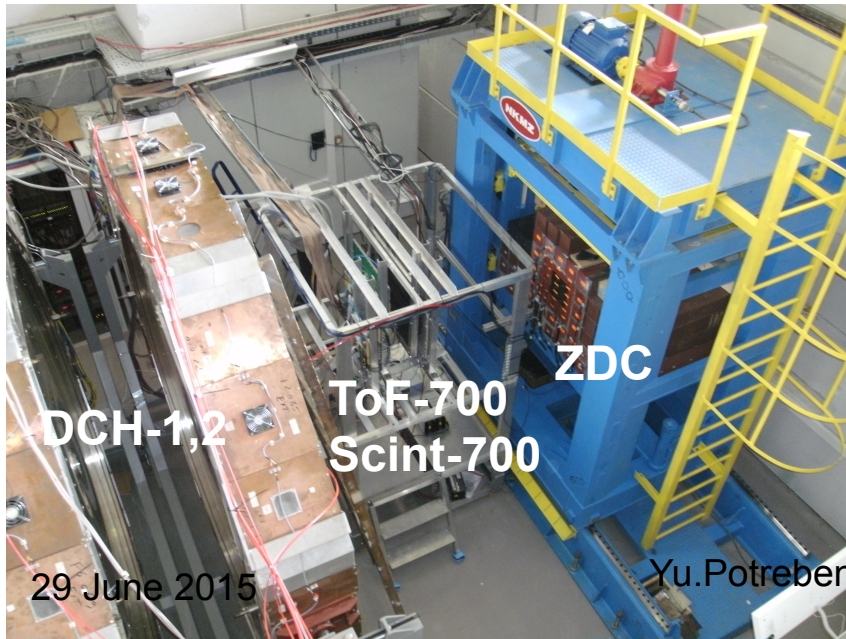
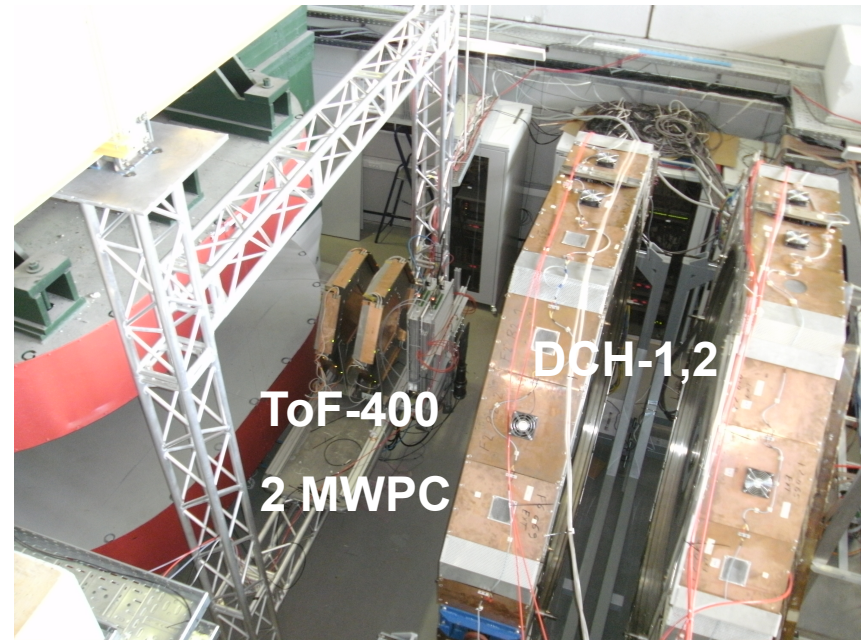
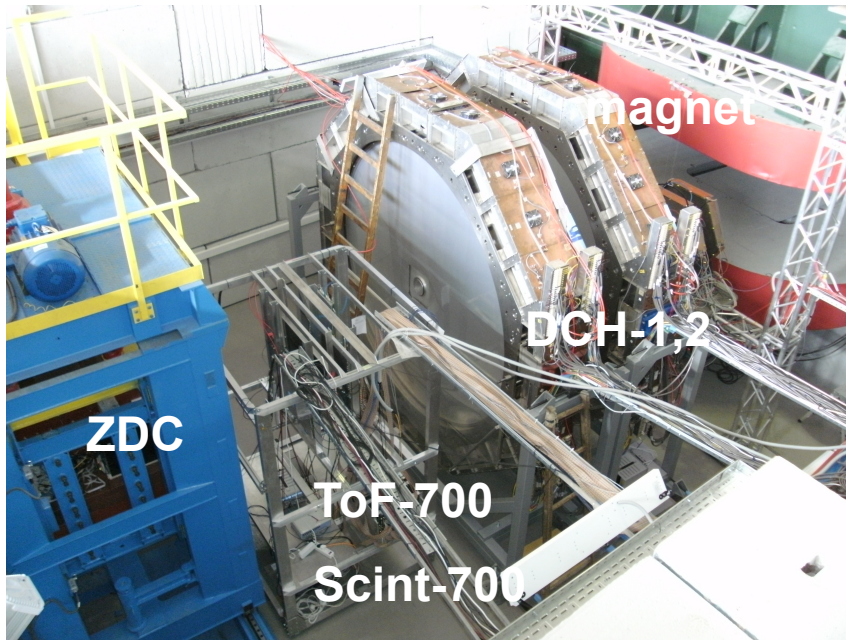


Au+Au, 4.5 AGeV, 2M central events





BM&N setup in the first technical run in February-March 2015

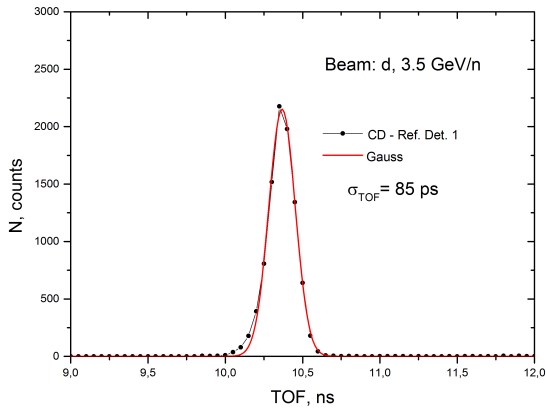


Tasks for BM@N technical run:

- deuteron and C^{12} beams with $T_0 = 3.5$ AGeV
- Trace beams, measure beam profile and time structure
- Test detector response: ToF-400, ToF-700, T0+Trigger, DCH-1,2, ZDC, ECAL modules, Beam monitors BM
- Test integrated DAQ and trigger system

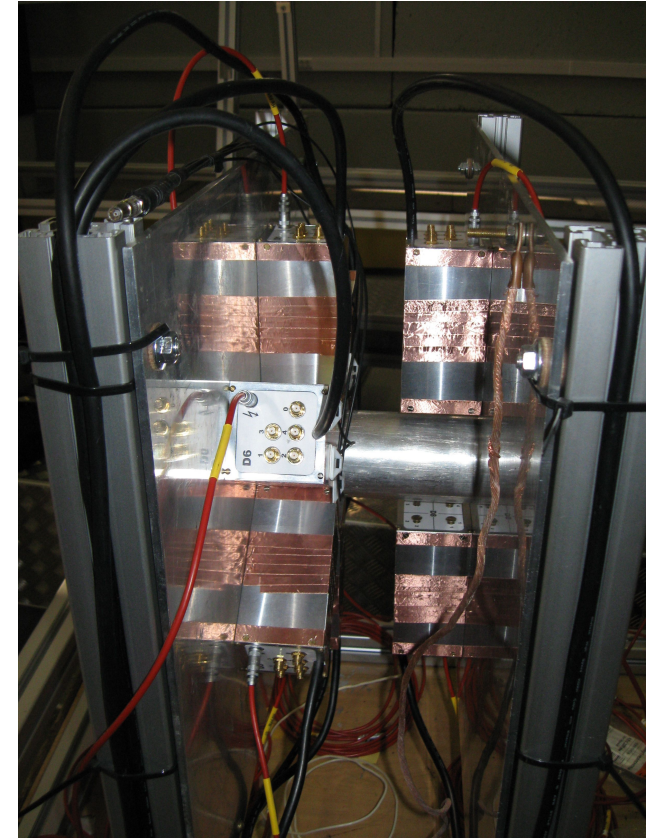
Start Cherenkov detector and T0+Tr detectors in technical run

BM@N trigger group



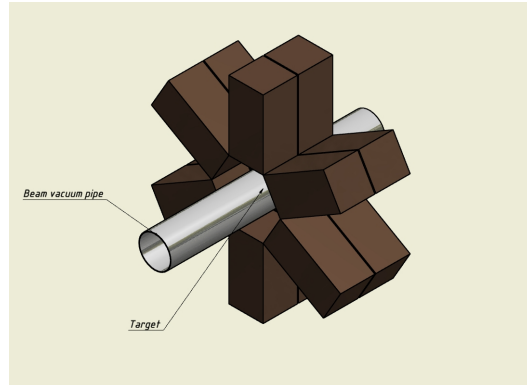
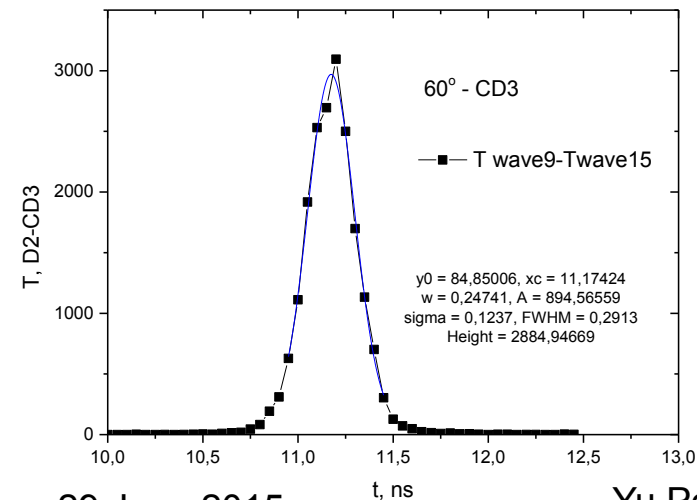
Time resolution of start CD detector measured using standalone readout electronics:

- 85 ps for deuteron beam
- 27 ps for carbon beam



Time resolution of T0+Tr detector arranged at different angles to dipole magnetic field of SP-41:

T0+Tr(0°,180°): $\sigma_{TOF} = 72 \text{ ps}$, T0+Tr(60°,120°): $\sigma_{TOF} = 124 \text{ ps}$



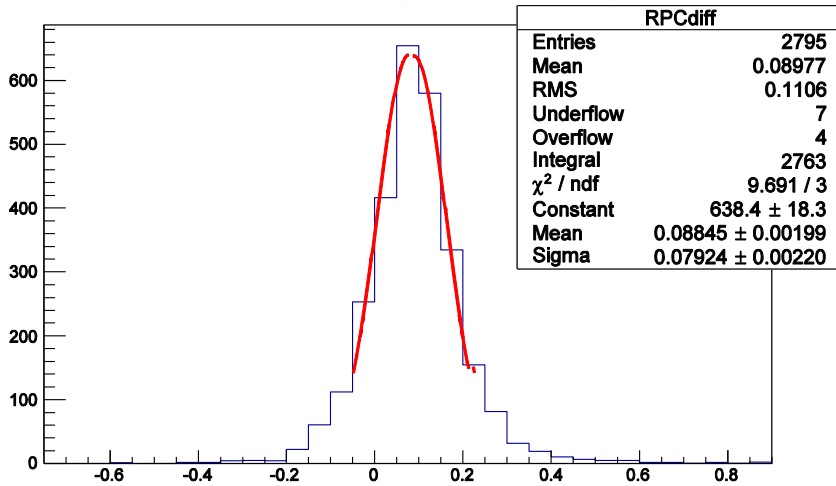


ToF system performance in technical run



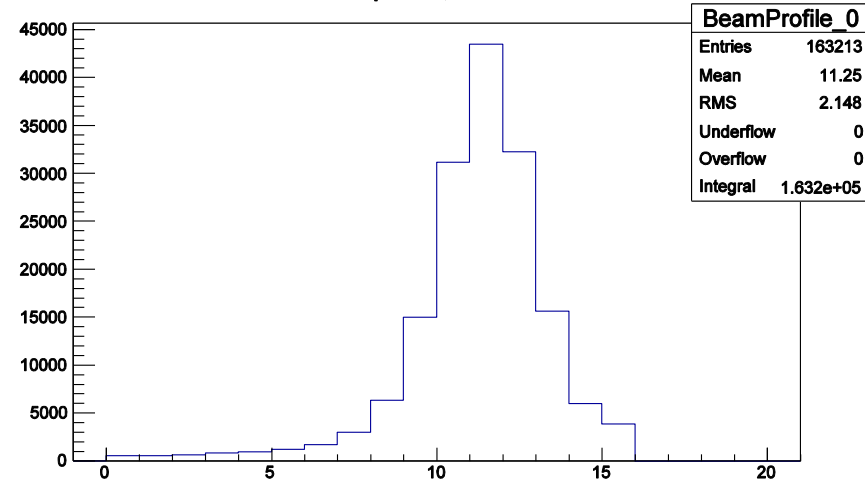
BM@N ToF-400 and ToF-700 groups

Time difference chambers 1 (chans (43+52)/2) and 2 (chans (107+116)/2)



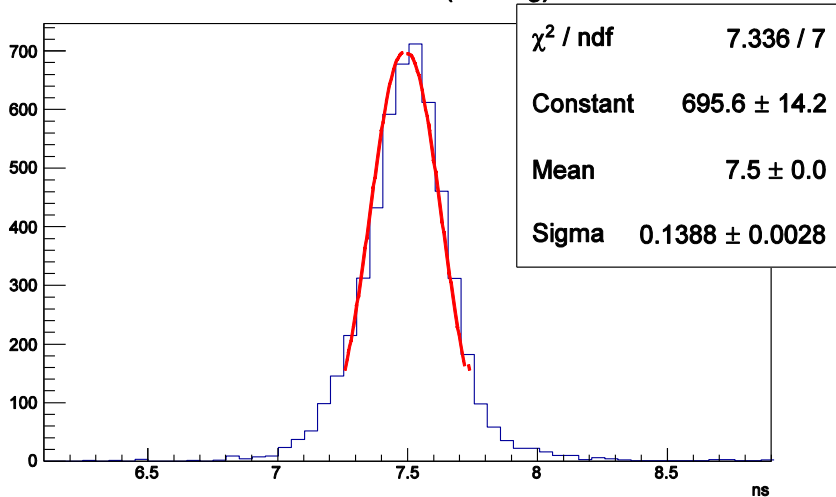
Deuteron beam profile in ToF-700

Beam profile, chamber 1



Strips along horizontal axis, strip width 1 cm

Time RPC1+RPC2 (slewing) - T0



BM@N DAQ readout electronics:

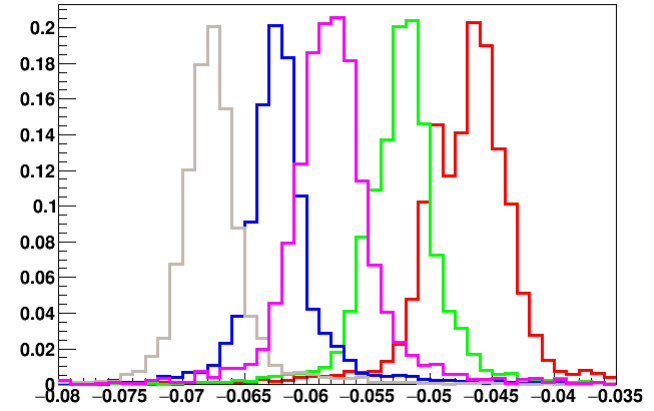
- Time spread between two ToF-700 chambers: 80-90 ps, time resolution of one chamber \rightarrow \sim 60 ps
- Time resolution of ToF-400 chamber \sim 50 ps
- Time resolution of ToF-400, ToF-700 relative to start CD detector (T0) \rightarrow \sim 140 ps

Deuteron tracks and momentum reconstruction in Drift Chambers

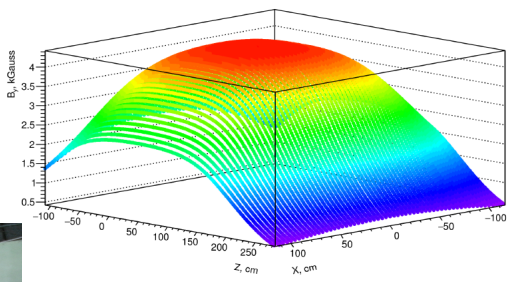


Deuteron beam inclination at different values of magnetic field

alphaX_out - alpha2.07 1.87 1.74 1.53 1.36 T·m



$B_y = f(x, z)$ at $Y = 2$ cm



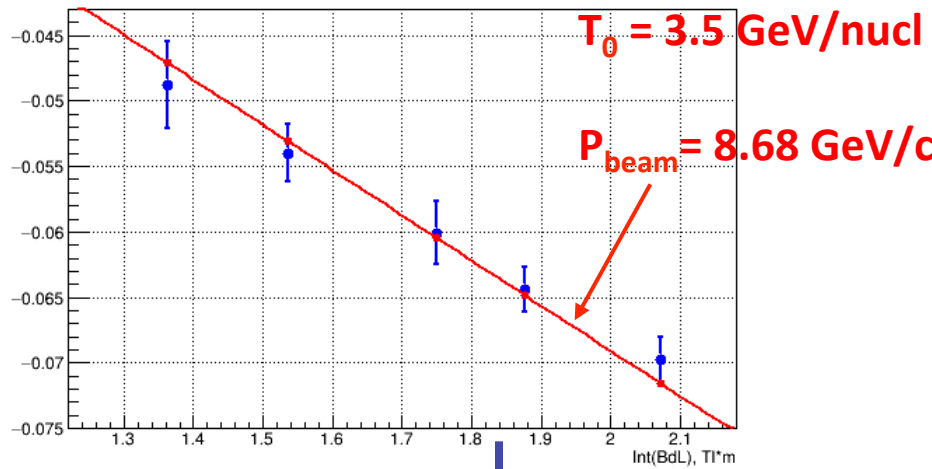
Vertical component of magnetic field →



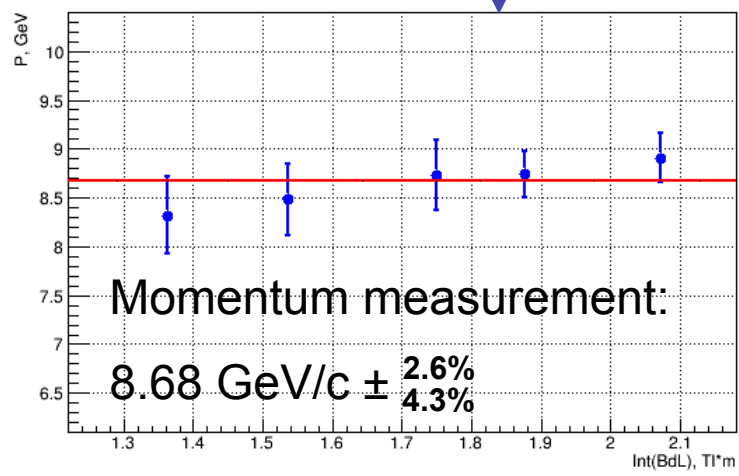
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Drift chambers DCH-1,2

Inclination angle vs magnetic field



Momentum



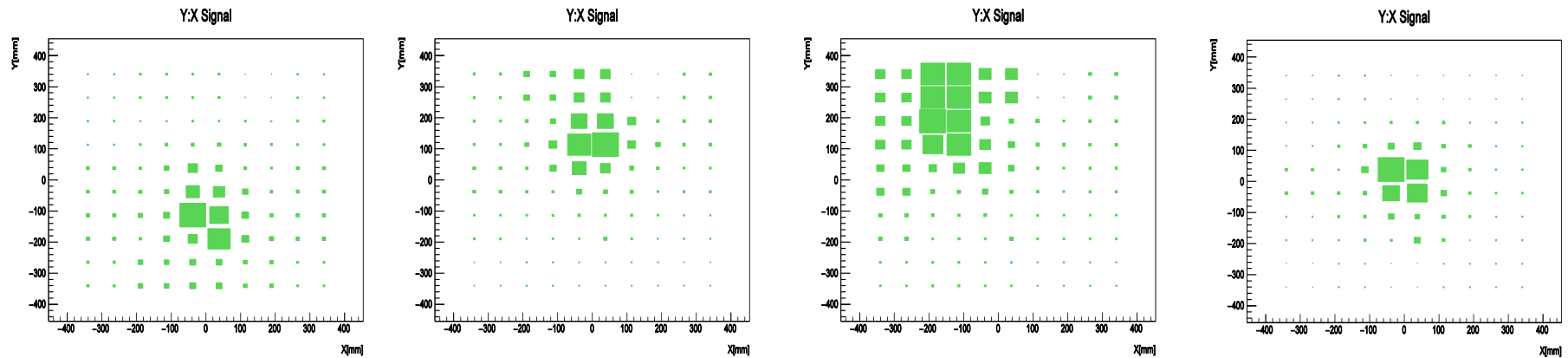
Momentum measurement:

$$8.68 \text{ GeV}/c \pm \begin{matrix} 2.6\% \\ 4.3\% \end{matrix}$$

Integral of magnetic field, Tl·m



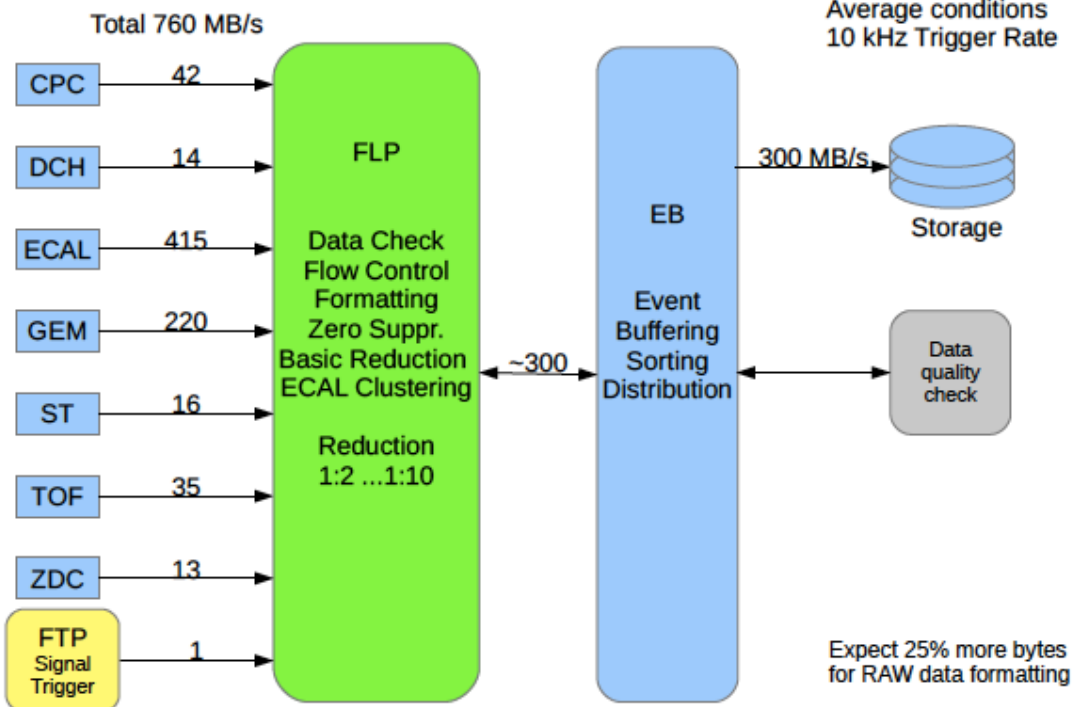
Calibration of ZDC calorimeter



- Special runs with carbon beam with ZDC at different positions
- Calibration of cell amplitudes to get beam energy in cluster
- Spread of energies reconstructed in different runs $\sim 7\%$

BMN Data Flows, 2017

BMN DAQ Data Connections



- 80 kB/event
- 10 kHz trigger rate
- 60% beam on time
- 20% DAQ standby time
- 950 MB/s readout rate (4800 MB/s peak)
- 25 TB RAW data per day
- Up to **5 PB** RAW data per year

Together with MPD (2020) - more than **10 PB** RAW data per year

Needs:

- | | | |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| - Comp. CPU | - 5 000 GHz | |
| - Cmp. CPU cores | - 1 600 | - Disc storage - 2 200 TB |
| - Comp. RAM | - 10 000 GB | - Mass storage - 20 PB/year |

Tentative schedule for NICA

	2014				2015				2016				2017				2018				2019			
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
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<i>HI Source</i>																								
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Nuclotron development																								
Booster																								
Collider																								
BM@N																								
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<i>extracted channels</i>																								
MPD																								
<i>solenoid</i>																								
<i>TPC, TOF, Ecal (barrel)</i>																								
Civil engineering																								
<i>MPD Hall</i>																								
<i>SPD Hall</i>																								
<i>Collider tunnel</i>																								
<i>HEBT Nuclotron-collider</i>																								
Cryogenics																								
for Booster																								
for Collider																								

Scientific cooperation of VBLHEP on the NICA projects

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NC PHEP BSU (Minsk)
GSU (Gomel)

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FZJ (Julich)
FAU (Erlangen)

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The MoU's in cooperation are signed with:

Germany (BMBF, GSI) – tech. lines for SC magnets & Si trackers;

China (ASIPP, Univ.) – NTSC current guides , SC magnets, RPC's;

USA (FNAL) – systems for e- and stochastic- cooling;

CERN – systems for BM@N and MPD;

RSA – cryostats, diagnostic for SC ion sources.



PROTOCOL

of the International Meeting on Prospects for Collaboration in the Mega-Science Project “Complex of Superconducting Rings for Heavy Ion Colliding Beams” — the NICA Complex

Dubna, 8 August 2013

1. The Participants of the Meeting representing:

- the State Committee of Science and Technology of the Republic of Belarus;
- the Nuclear Regulatory Agency of the Republic of Bulgaria;
- the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) of the Federal Republic of Germany;
- the Atomic Energy Committee of the Ministry of Industry and New Technologies of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation;
- the State Agency for Science, Innovation and Informatization of Ukraine;
- the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR), an international research organization,

hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

have discussed the possibilities of collaboration in the mega-science project “Complex of Superconducting Rings for Heavy Ion Colliding Beams” — the NICA Complex.

2. The Parties take note of the information concerning the proposal for the new accelerator

and experimental complex and quality of ion beams. The NICA Complex will be used for research, as well as to train scientists.

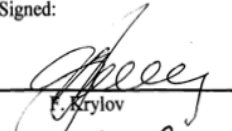
3. The Parties express their interest in the project aimed at construction and operation of the NICA Complex.

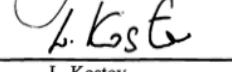
4. The Parties note the importance of the project for their countries and their potential contribution to the project.

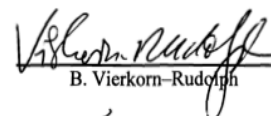
5. The Parties have agreed to collaborate in the NICA Complex.

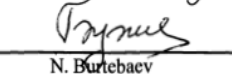
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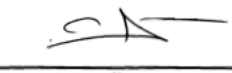
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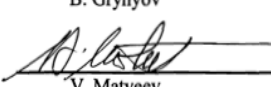

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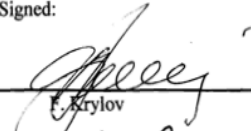

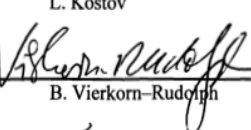
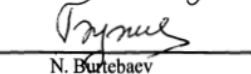
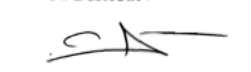
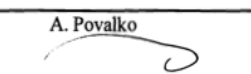
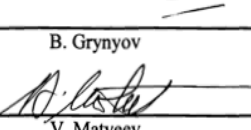
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5. The Parties have agreed to inform their Governments about the Meeting on Prospects for Collaboration in the Mega-Science Project “Complex of Superconducting Rings for Heavy Ion Colliding Beams” – the NICA Complex and to express their interest in preparing a corresponding multilateral Agreement and in taking steps towards its approval by their countries

Signed:

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The meeting with EU experts in Brussels on 19-th June 2013



*“The fact that **NICA/JINR** is a part of the European research infrastructure landscape has already been recognized by **ESFRI**.*

***The Expert Group** recommends that the **NICA project** be fully taken into account in the forthcoming discussions on the next update of the **ESFRI Roadmap**”*

*In 2015 the **NICA project** is presented **by Bulgaria** (supported **by Czech** and **Poland**) to be include to the next update of the **ESFRI Roadmap***

Concluding remarks

- NICA complex has ***a potential for competitive research***
*in the field of **dense baryonic matter***
- a construction of the ***accelerator complex and its elements***
*is **in progress***
- both detectors **BM@N** & **MPD** are in preparation for experiments
*at the **extracted Nuclotron beam** & **at the NICA collider***
- the R&D phase of MPD is ***practically completed***
- the BM@N **project *is progressing since 2012***
- The SPD project ***is under preparation***

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. In the foreground, a prominent cylindrical building with a grid-like facade and a decorative top is visible. The city is densely packed with various buildings, including residential high-rises and commercial structures. In the background, a range of large, rugged mountains is covered in snow under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. A tall, thin tower stands on a hill to the left of the mountains.

Thank you!