what? why? and how?

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Outline

What?

- Brief Detector Description.
- Summary of Physics Programme.

Why?

- Studies of the Phase Transitions.
- Model Predictions vs Experimental Results.

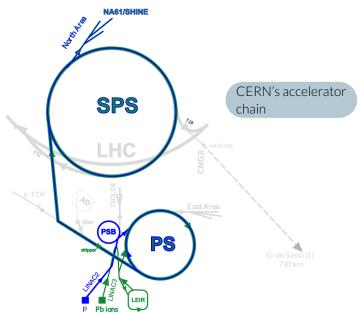
How?

- Particle Identification @ NA61.
- My tiny contribution.

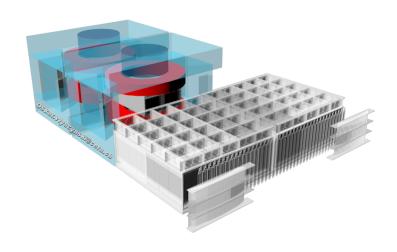
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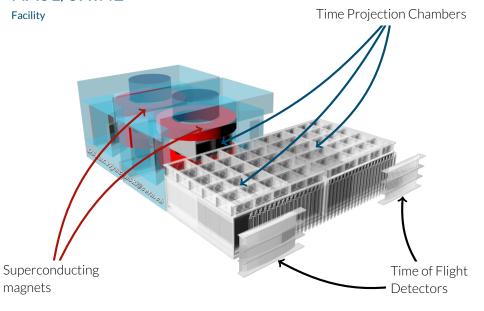
What?

SPS Heavy Ion and Neutrino Experiment



Facility





Strong Interactions

- Deconfinement Phase Transition.
- Critical Point in QCD phase diagram.

Neutrino Physics

- Production of pions and kaons measurements.
- Carbon targets (T2K replica).
- Initial Neutrino fluxes, beam composition.

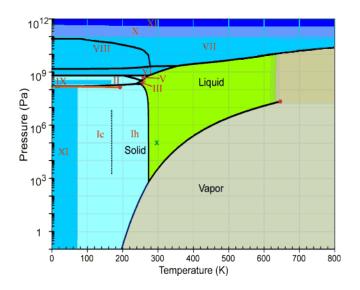
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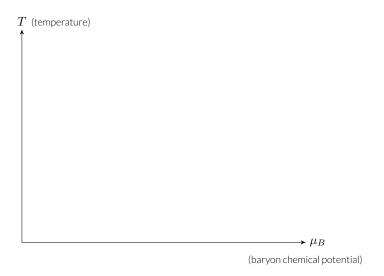
- Production of hadrons from pion-carbon interactions.
- Approximation of pions interacting with nuclei of air.

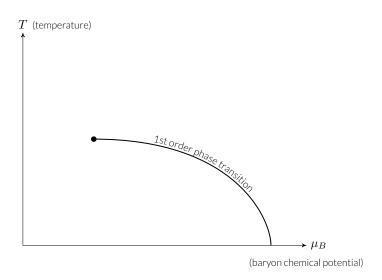
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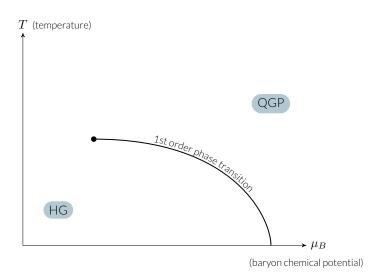
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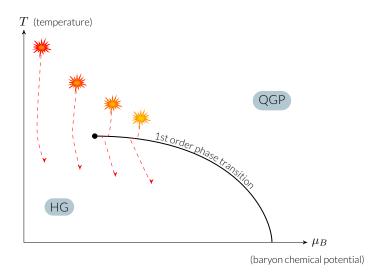
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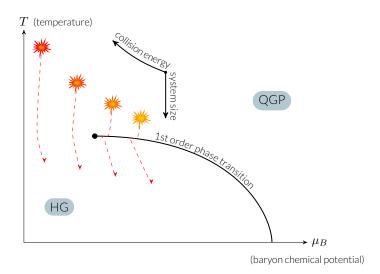




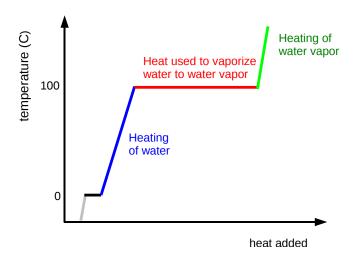




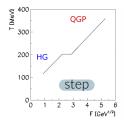




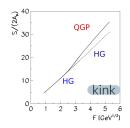
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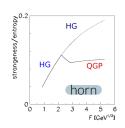
Onset of deconinement



Plateu in "temperature" dependence on collision energy.



Enhancement of entropy production in QGP phase (per participating nucleon).



Suppresion of strangeness production in QGP phase.

All plots shown in dependence on Fermi Energy Measure ($\propto s_{AB}^{1/4}$).

Predictions of the Statistical Model of the Early Stage.

Critical End Point

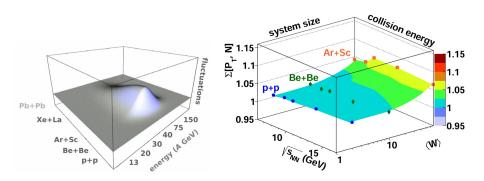


Figure:

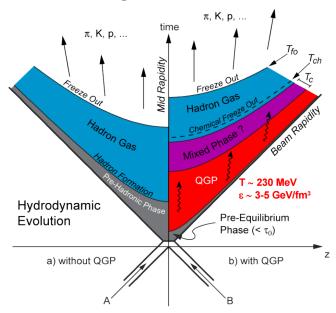
Right: Expected behaviour of fluctuations in the vicinity of CP

Left: The fluctuations <u>measurements</u> from N61/SHINE with the newest preliminary results form Ar+Sc interactions.

Section 3

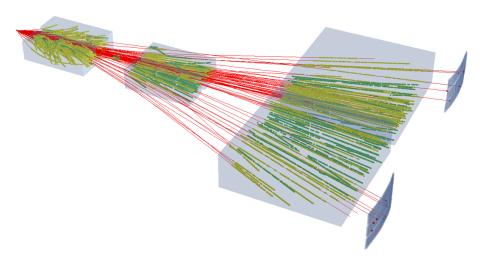
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HIC - Probes of Strong Interactions



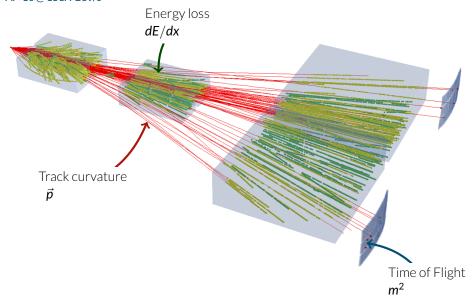
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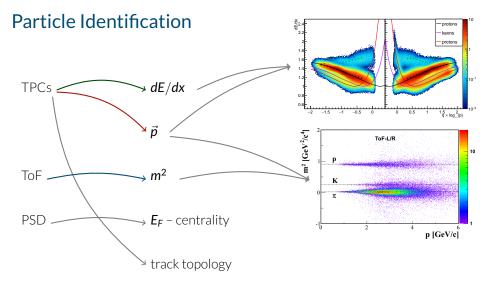
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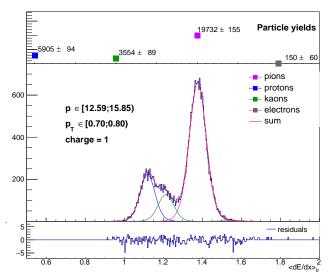
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Particle Identification – dE/dx

This is where my contribution begins



Analysis

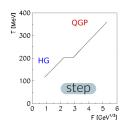
Analysis steps:

- 1 Particle Identification.
- 2 Corrections and extrapolation.
- Calculation of particle yields: $\pi^+, \pi^-, p, \bar{p}, K^+, K^-, d, \bar{d}$

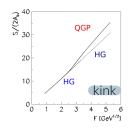
Analysis results:

- Exponent fit to p_T spectrum ∞ "temperature".
- ullet Total number of produced particles ∞ entropy production.
- ullet Production of kaons ∞ strangeness production.

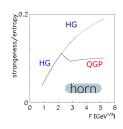
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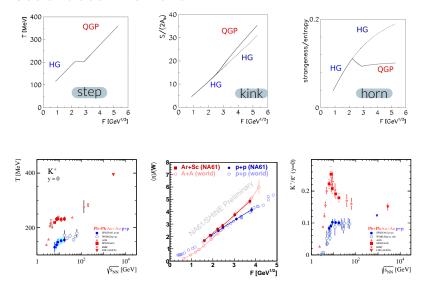


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Ion+Ion and proton+proton collisions

