The HADES Experiment at GSI

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Exploring the phase diagram of nuclear matter by heating and compression nuclei
 How do properties of hadrons change inside a medium?



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first chance collisions elementary N-N collisions



hot and dense phase



freeze -out

Heavy Ion Collissions



- To gain information about dense, hot matter one needs probes coming from inside the fireball
- Strongly interacting particles can not escape without being scattered multiple times
- Only leptons do carry undistorted information

Heavy Ion Collissions







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- Leptons provide undistorted information from inside the fireball
 - Hadrons are interacting strongly with other particles
- Decays into leptons are suppressed by a factor of 10⁴ compared to hadronic decays
 - Experiments have to collect vast amounts of events
- Information from the hot and dense phase is hidden inside background
 - Long-lived mesons have been measured (TAPS)
 - Elementary collissions have to be understood

Lepton Pairs in Nuclear Collisions

The HADES Spectrometer

The HADES Experiment



High Acceptance DiElectron Spectrometer

100.000 individual front-end channels100 kHz event rate400 Mbyte/s data rate



The HADES Detector



Hadron identification by time-of-flight

1.2

0.8

9.0 peta

0.4

0.2

10

8

2

0

TOF dE/dx

-1500

-1000

TOF

-1000

0

-500





Particle Identification



Data shows pronounced excess over theoretical calculations

Shown contributions of long-lived meson decays have been measured by TAPS

HADES Measurements

2002 - 2004: C + C @ 1 / 2 AGeV



Comparison with data measured by DLS shows a perfect agreement

HADES Measurements

2004 - 2007: Measurement of p+p and n+p reactions



2002

2004

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C + C 2 AGeV

C + C 1 AGeV

p + **p** 2.2 GeV





2002	C + C 2 AGeV
2004	C + C 1 AGeV
2004	p + p 2.2 GeV
2006	p + p 1.25 GeV
2007	p + p 3.5 GeV d + p 1.25 AGeV
2005	Ar + KCl 1.75 AGeV

At energies above 0.2 GeV, a Factor 2 - 3 more ee-pairs are seen as in pp & np

To get the complete picture further measurements at even higher masses (Ag + Ag, Au + Au) needed

Heavier Systems



Strangeness Measurements

Requirements: Heavier Systems + Higher Statistics

- The HADES electronics are already more than 10 years old
- Data for Ar+KCl was taken at 3 kHz event rate
 - For Au + Au we would expect 700 Hz

HADES Upgrade

- Event rate up to 100 kHz (p + p), 20 kHz (Au + Au)
- Data rate up to 400 Mbyte/s (peak), 250 Mbyte/s (avg)
- Complete replacement of all read-out electronics
- New detectors: Forward Wall, RPC



HADES Upgrade

The Data Acquisition System

The HADES Experiment

	DAQ Network
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Start / Veto Forw. Wall	x 4
RPC	x 24
TOF	x 7
Pre-Shower	х б
RICH	x 30
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Electronics

- 520 digital PCB (not including FEE)
- 1,500 ADC channels
- (multiplexed from 80,000 signals)
- > 30,000 TDC channels
- > 100 kHz trigger rate
- 250 MByte/s (avg.), 400 MByte/s (peak) written to disk

Data transport

- > 550 FPGAs
- > 1050 optical transceivers (SFP & FOT)
- > 7,000 m optical fibre (glass-fibre & POF)
- > 800 m 1-wire & CAN bus
- 30 Ethernet switchs
- > 15 Gbit/s uplink to Eventbuilders
- > 10 Gbit/s uplink to storage (Lustre / Tape)

DAQ Power Supply

- > > 4,000 voltage regulators
- > 9 power supplies
- > 5.5 kW total power (FEE only)

Server farm

- > 160 TB hard disks
- > 44 CPU cores
- > 500 TB tape storage / beamtime

DAQ in numbers

- All boards are custom designed
- Data digitization (ADC, TDC...)
- Front-end configuration
- controlled by FPGA
 ("Field Programmable Gate Array")



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A big number of small tasks can be done at the same time

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Optical links for sending data

- Smaller cable form factor
- Less electromagnetic noise



Electronics

- Virtex 4 FPGA
- > TigerSharc DSP
- Etrax CPU (Linux & Ethernet)
- > 2 GBit/s optical link
- > 128 TDC channels (time resolution: 30 ps)
- On the back: Connector for AddOn-Boards
- Already used in several beamtimes
 - ... and by other experiments, e.g. for detector tests



TRB - Trigger and Readout Board

- Lattice ECP2M-20 configures, controls and read data from FEE boards
- FEE and OEP need many voltages: 5V, 3.3V, 1.2V, 1V, +3V, -3V
- All voltages are monitored, 4 are regulated on-board
- **2** Flash ROMs to store different FPGA designs
- Temperature sensor
- **250** Mbit/s optical transceiver
- ... and all on a board measuring just 4 x 5 cm²!



MDC Readout

The Read-out System

The HADES Experiment

Trigger Source: Signal in Start, but not in Veto and TOF multiplicity above threshold
 Trigger is accepted, sent to FEE. Further triggers are blocked.



The Trigger Process

FEE collect data, send back acknowledge to CTS



Data is stored in internal buffers until read-out request arrives

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Data is forwarded through the network



... and sent to server farm via Ethernet







Forward Wall

Resistive Plate Chambers (RPC)



2008 - 2010: Hades Upgrade

Upgrade of detectors

- Resistive Plate Chambers (RPC)
 - Better time resolution in inner part of detector
 - Higher spatial resolution
- Covering higher angular region with Forward Wall
 - Determine reaction plane
 - Measure reaction



- We finished a commissioning beamtime just two days ago
 - DAQ is operating stably
 - Performance is at or even above design values
 - Few issues with detectors have been identified & need to be solved
- Production beamtime Au + Au @ 1.25 AGeV is scheduled for the beginning of next year



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2010	Comissioning:
	Au + Ca, Ni, Pb, U

2011	Au + Au 1.25 AGeV
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2012 - 2016	Ni + Ni, Ag + Ag, Au + Au,
	$p + \pi, N + \pi$



The Future of HADES





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More slides

The HADES Experiment

DiLepton Spectrometer



2002 - 2008: HADES @ GSI Remeasures the same collisions



The next step







Electron identification

Only particles with γ above 18 produce Cherenkov light (at SIS energies, only electrons)

A mirror reflects the light to 30,000 photon detectors

The Ring Imaging Cherenkov Detector (RICH)

Scintillating bars produce light measured by photo-multipliers on both ends



Measurements:

- Time-of-flight (resolution $\Delta t = 100 \text{ ps}$) ۶
- Position ($\Delta x = 2 3 \text{ cm}$) ≻
- Energy loss in scintillator (dE/dx) ≻
- 384 channels \succ





Multiwire Drift Chambers (MDC)









Tracking



- 1000 channel lead glass calorimeter
- Replaces pre-Shower detector
- Provides better particle ID at high energies



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HADES "in reality"