

# *Heavy Ion Collisions and the study of hot and dense QCD matter*

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200 GeV Gold + Gold

ATLAS

ALICE

RHIC at BNL

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## RHIC Scientists Serve Up "Perfect" Liquid

New state of matter more remarkable than predicted -- raising many new questions

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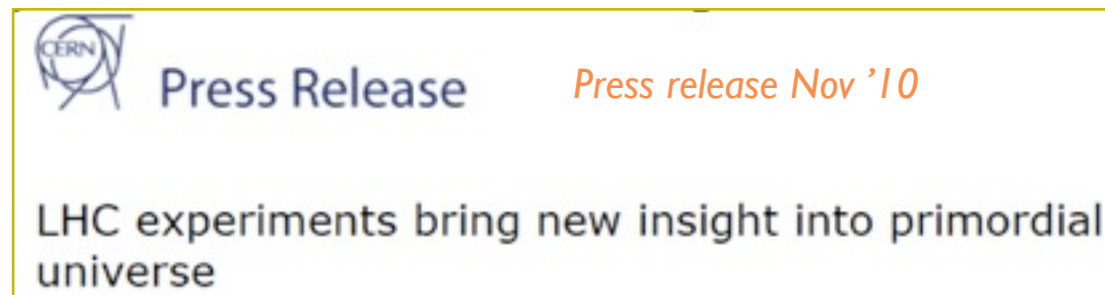
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# Outline

## ⇒ Part I

- ✓ Motivation. QCD & the QCD vacuum
- ✓ QCD at high temperature or density: Quark Gluon Plasma

## ⇒ Part II

- ✓ Heavy Ion collision experiments
- ✓ Relevant findings at RHIC and the LHC

## Goal of HIC experiments: Study hot and dense QCD matter

- **QCD physics:** understanding the QCD vacuum, confinement and chiral symmetry.
- **Field theory:** Emergence of macroscopic (thermal) phenomena from fundamental gauge theories
- **Cosmology:** Reproduce in the laboratory conditions  $\sim 10\mu\text{s}$  after the Big Bang

# Microscopic theory $\Rightarrow$ Quantum Chromodynamics

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \sum_{\text{flavors}} \bar{q}_f (i \not{D} - m_f) q_f - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \dots$$

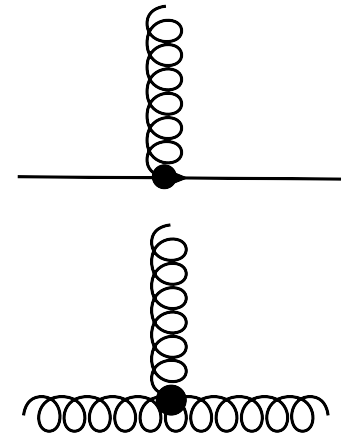
quarks

$$q_f^{\alpha, a} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \alpha = 1, \dots, 4 \\ a = 1 \dots N_c = 3 \\ f = u, d, s, c, b, t \end{cases}$$

Lorentz index

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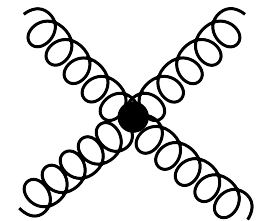


gluons

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Gauge symmetry:  $SU(N_c=3)$  (non-abelian)

+2/3	u (3 MeV)	c (1.2 GeV)	t (171 GeV)
-1/3	d (5 MeV)	s (105 MeV)	b (4.2 GeV)

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- Is a color-chemistry possible?
- Are there color-superconductors?
- Color-industry?

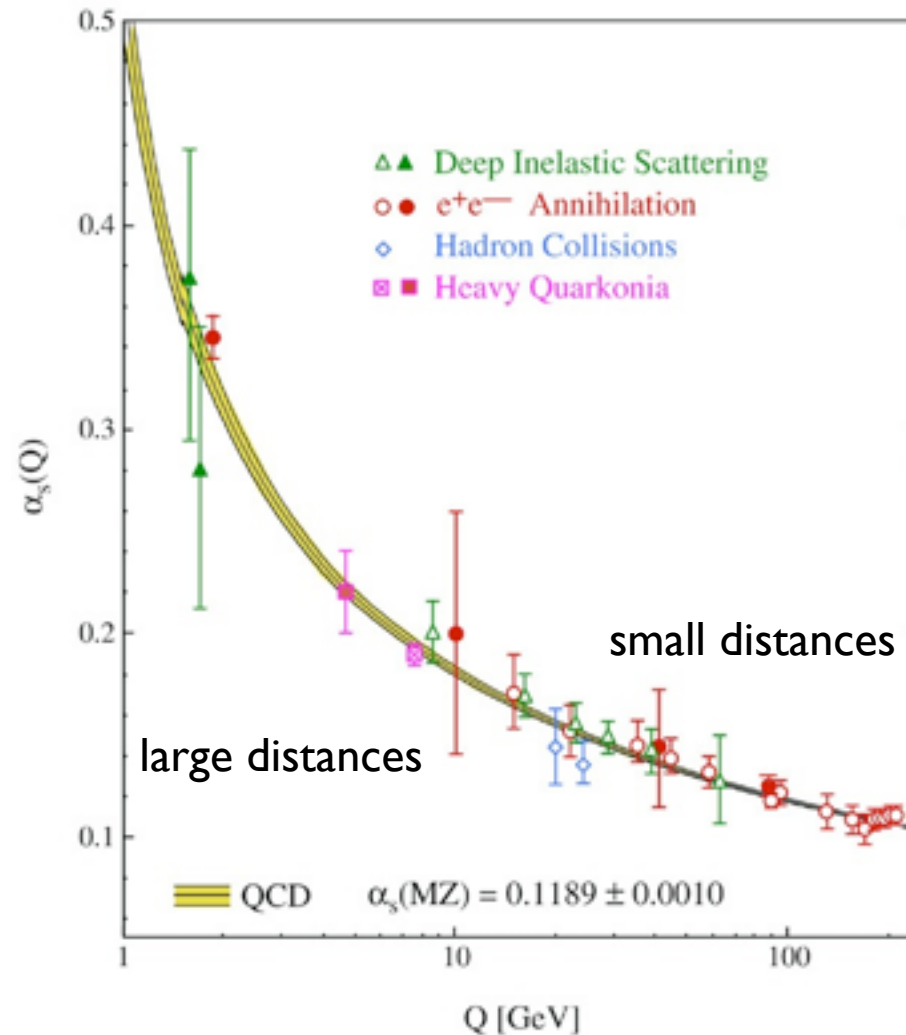


Study of QCD matter  
at high density or temperature

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$$\alpha_s = g^2 / (4\pi)$$



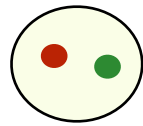
Well understood via  
perturbative calculations



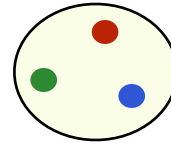
$$\beta(g) = \frac{\partial g}{\partial \log(\mu)} = \frac{g^3}{(4\pi)^2} \left\{ \left[ \frac{1}{3} - 4 \right] N_c + \frac{2}{3} N_f \right\} < 0$$

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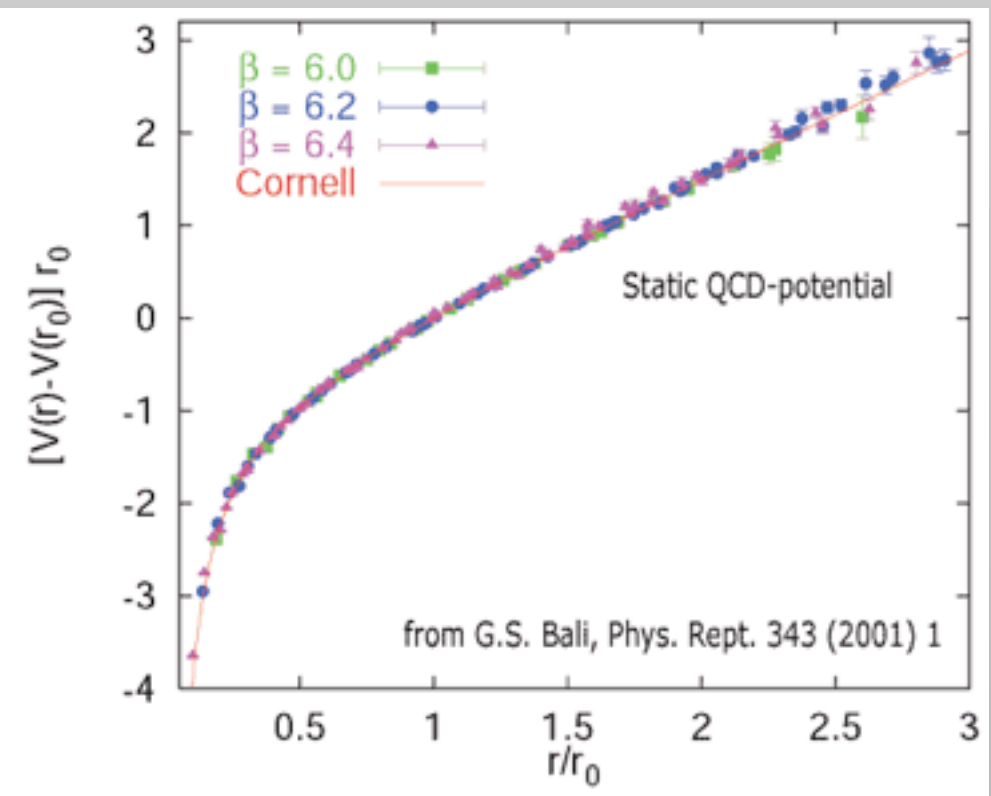
⇒ Potential models:

$$V(R) = -\frac{\alpha_{eff}}{R} + K R$$

Coulomb      Linear

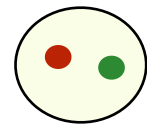
⇒ String tension

$$K \sim (420 \text{ MeV})^2 = 900 \text{ MeV fm}^{-1}$$



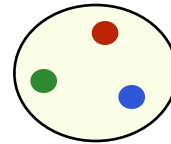
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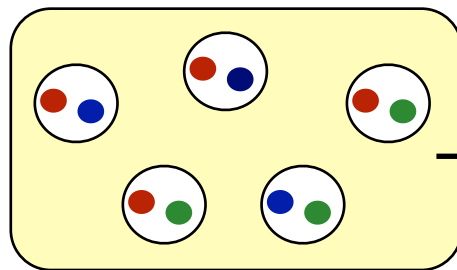
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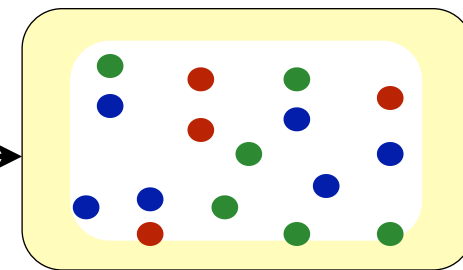
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- Would a high-temperature (density) QCD system allow (quasi)free quarks and gluons, i.e a **Quark Gluon Plasma**?

Hadron gas



Heat or pressure



QGP

if  $T \gg \Lambda_{QCD}$  then  $\alpha_s(T) \ll 1$

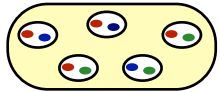


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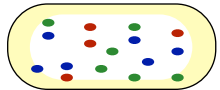
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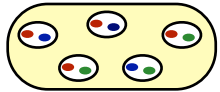
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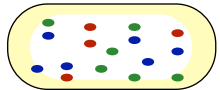
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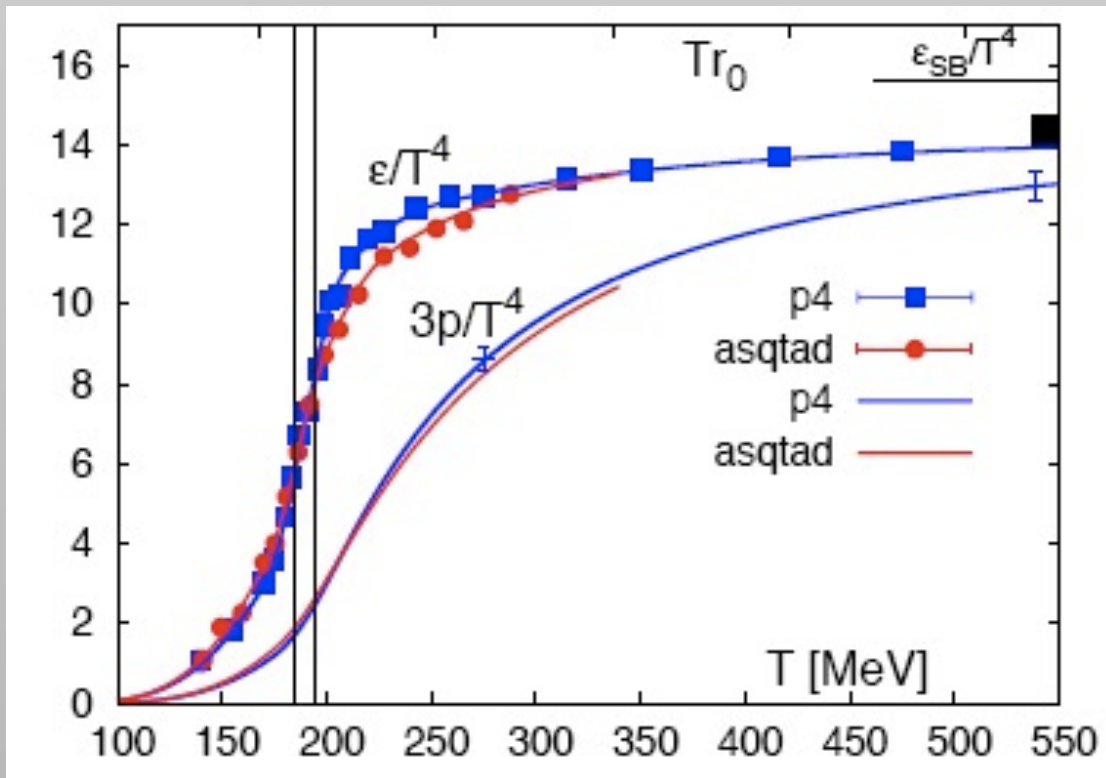


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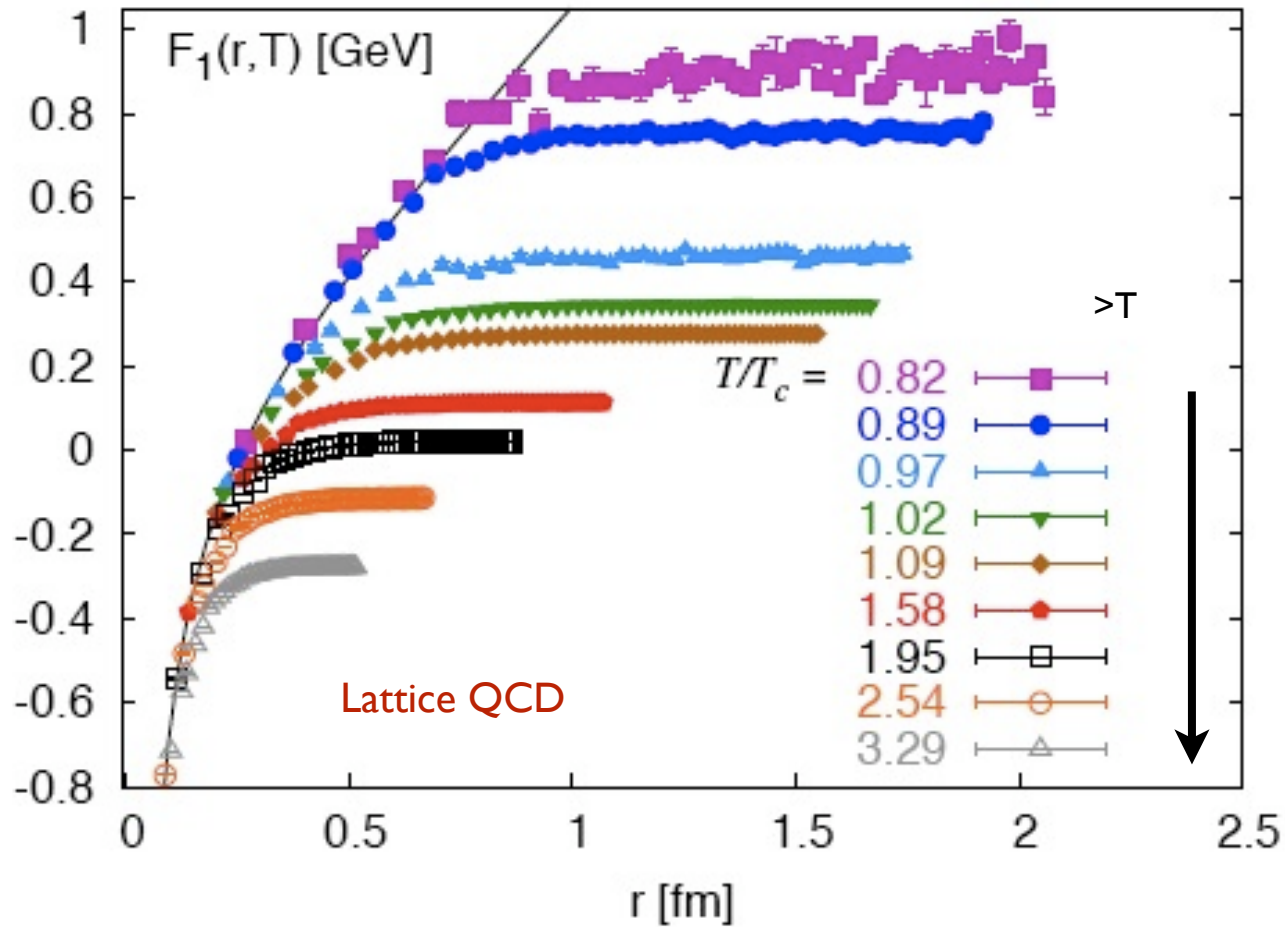


- Explosion of degrees of freedom around  $T = 150 - 180 \text{ MeV}$*

- Is there a phase transition around that temperature?*

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- The string in potential models "melts" at high temperatures :

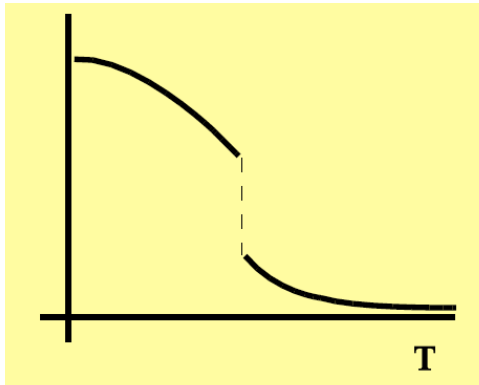


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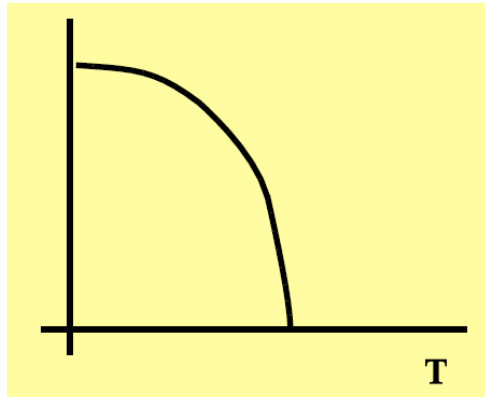
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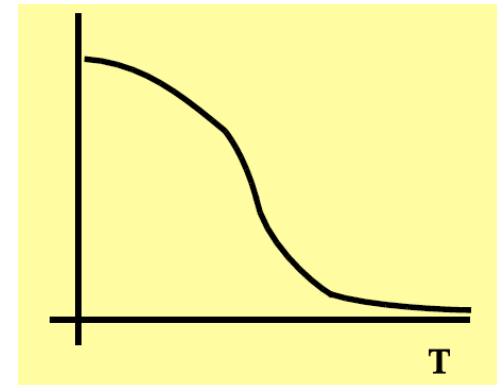
Water melting into ice  
(density)

**Second order:** discontinuity in the 1st derivative



Ferromagnets  
(magnetic susceptibility)

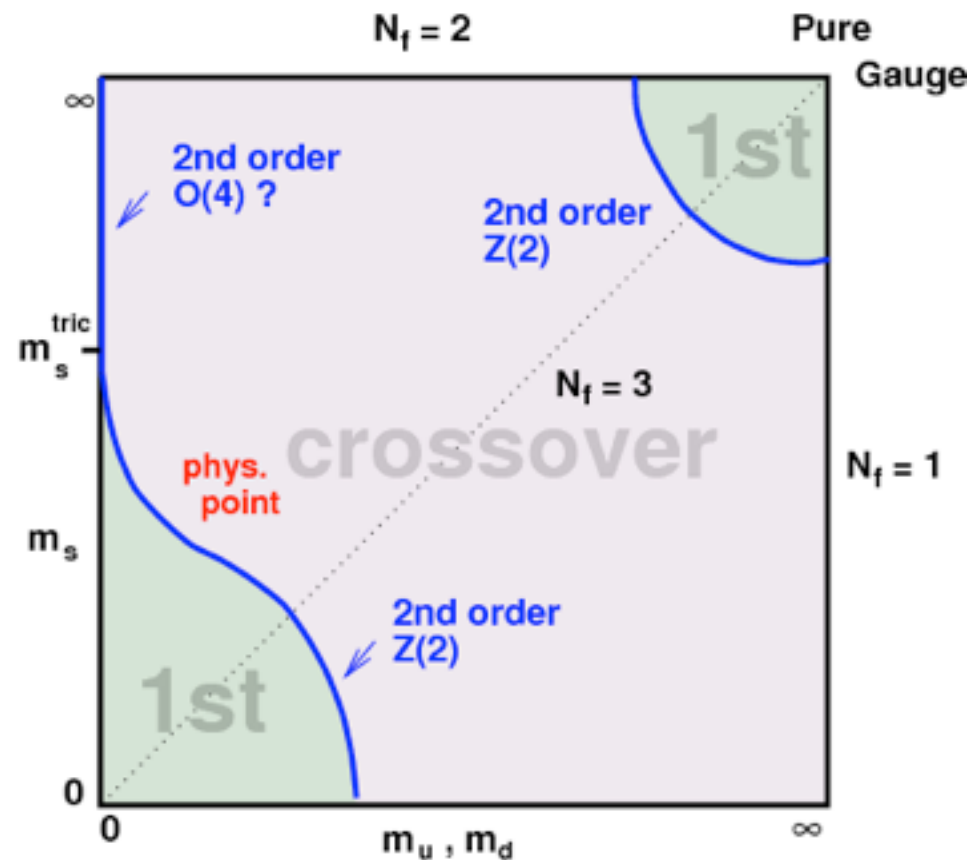
**Crossover:** continuous behaviour



Butter melting

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**99% of the mass of visible matter has its dynamical origin in QCD**

	mass (GeV)	$\sum q_m$ (GeV)
p	$\sim 1$	$2m_u + m_d \sim 0.03$
$\pi$	$\sim 0.13$	$m_u + m_d \sim 0.02$

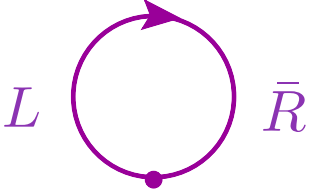
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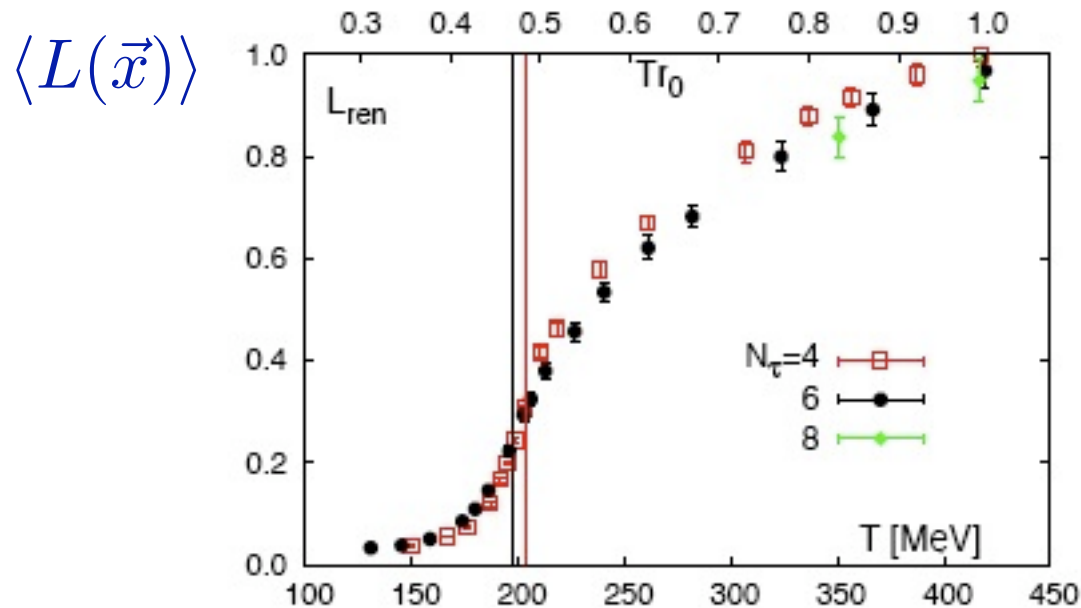
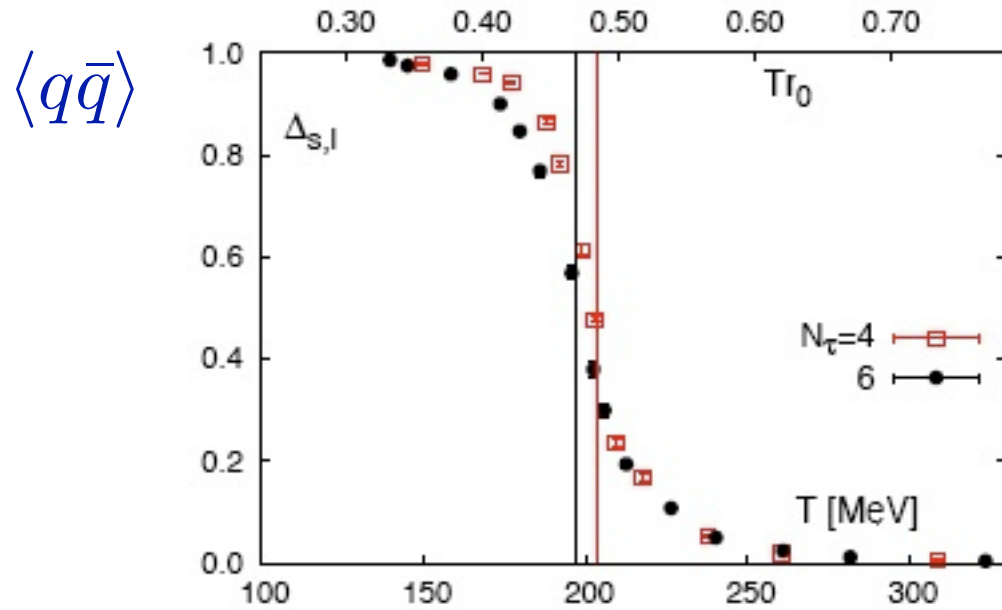
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⇒ Other symmetries: **Center symmetry**  $Z(N_c)$  for **Polyakov loops** (infinitely heavy masses)

$$L(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{N_c} \text{tr} \exp \left[ i g \int_0^{\frac{1}{T}} A_4(\tau, \vec{x}) d\tau \right] \quad \langle 0 | L(\vec{x}) | 0 \rangle = \begin{cases} = 0, & \text{for } T < T_c \\ \neq 0, & \text{for } T > T_c \end{cases}$$

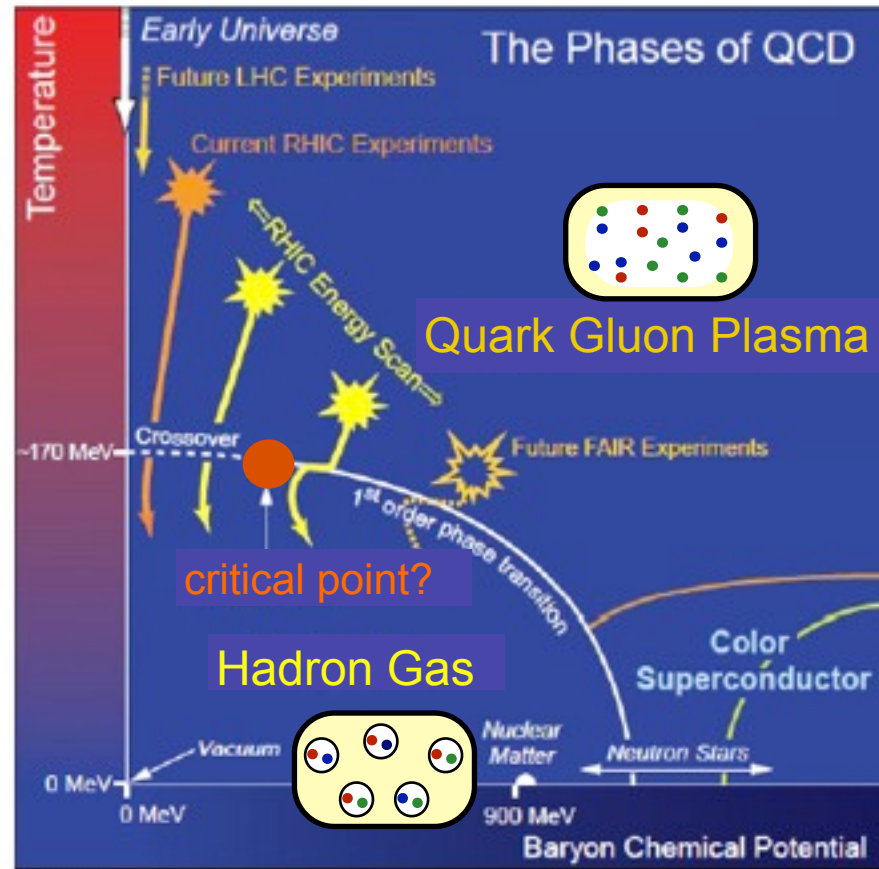
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- The chiral symmetry ( $Z(N_c)$ ) is restored (broken) above the phase transition:





# The QCD Phase diagram. A sketch



- Current understanding of phase diagram is rather speculative due to the lack of reliable theoretical tools or empiric information. Mostly based on models
- It has been suggested that the phase diagram may have a **critical point** where the first order phase transition happening at high baryon density ends

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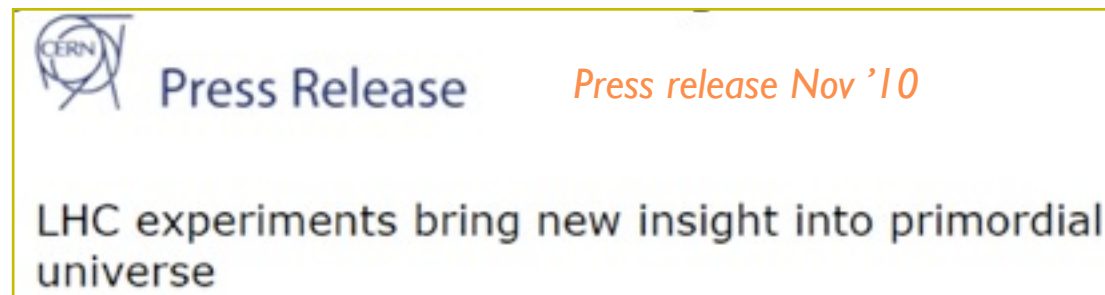
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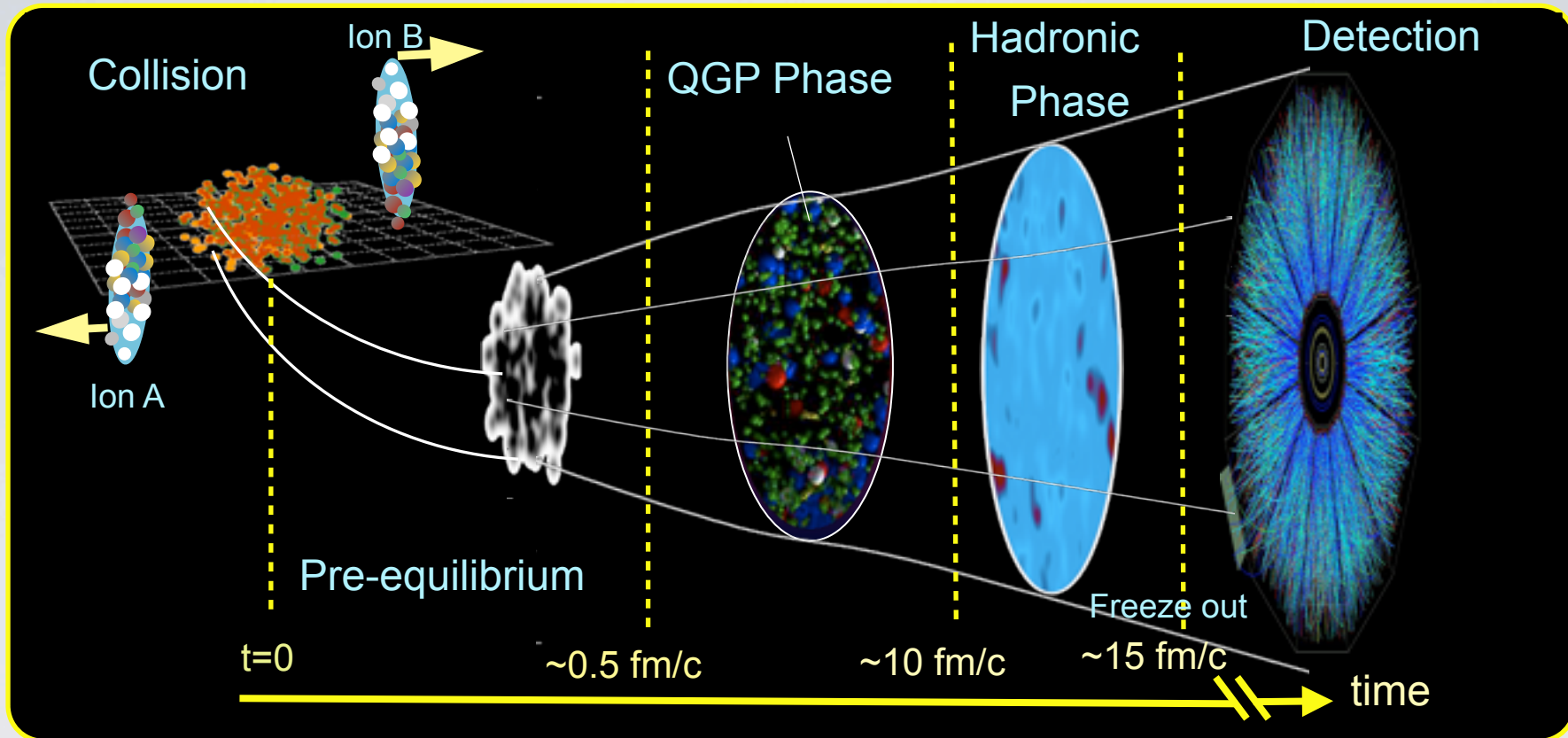
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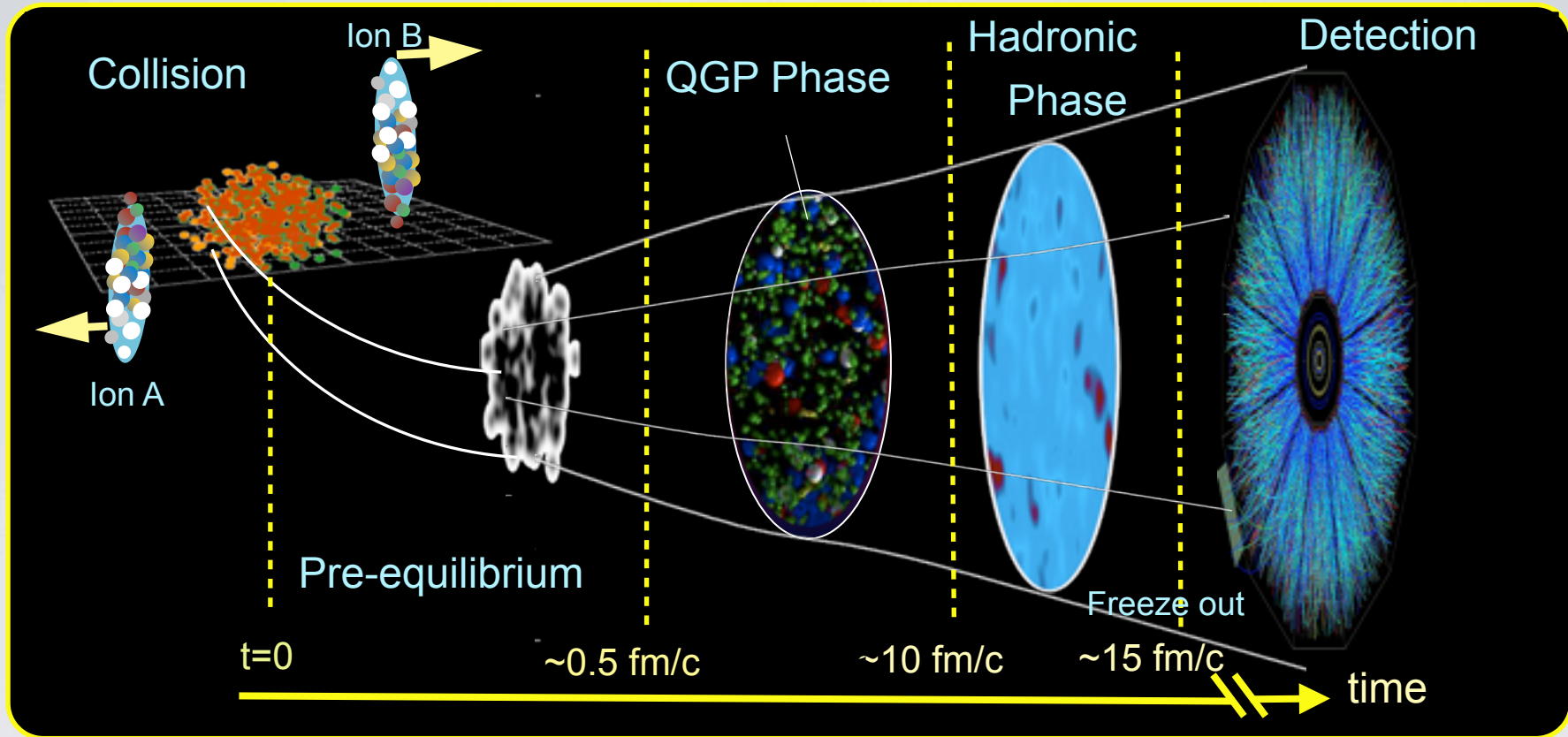
# Space-time picture of heavy ion collisions. The “little bang”



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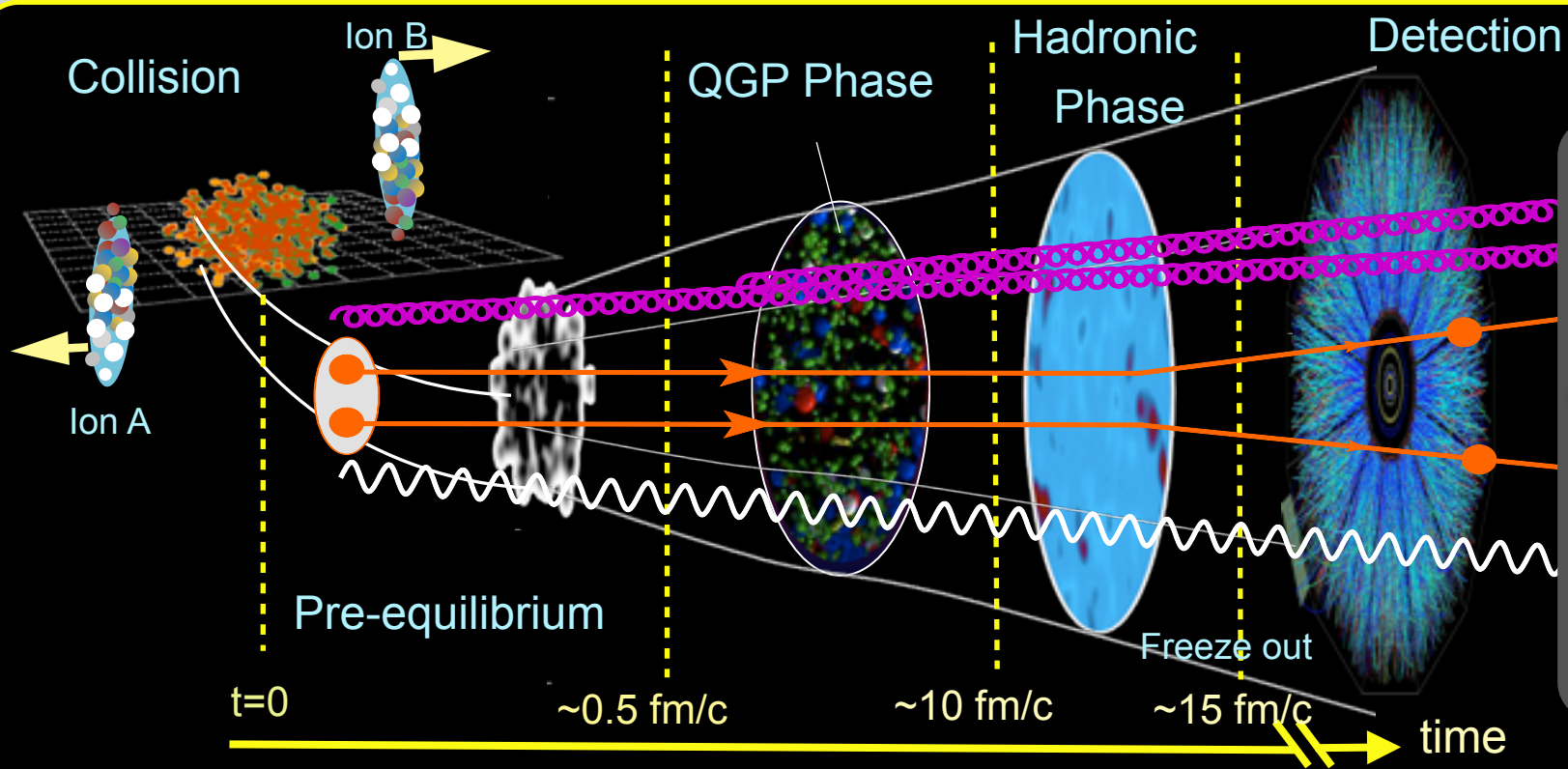
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Fast (light and heavy) quarks and gluons (Energy loss, quenching)

Quarkonia dissociation  $T_c, \epsilon_c$

Colorless probes  $\gamma^*, \gamma, Z, W^\pm$  (control)

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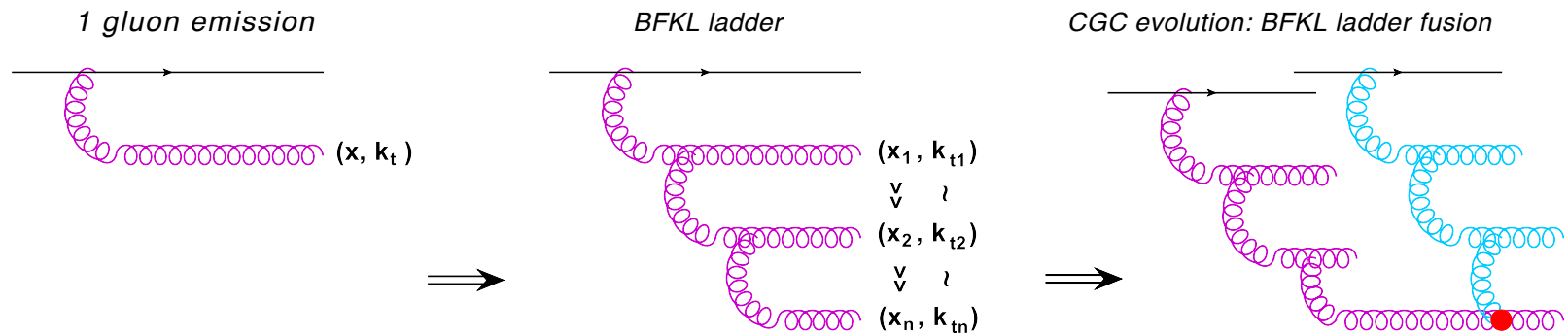
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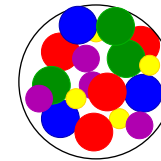
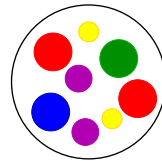
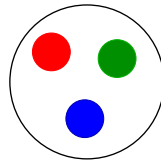
- Produced at very early times
- Medium tomography & diagnosis
- Interpretation requires “vacuum” ( $p+p$ ) and “cold nuclear” ( $p+Pb$ ) data at the same energy

# 1. Before the collision: Non-linear dynamics and saturation

- Gluon recombination** processes reduce the # of gluons in the wave function before the collision



*Dilute regime at low energies*  
“BFKL”



*Dense regime at high energies*  
“BK-JIMWLK”

$$\frac{\partial \phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}_t)}{\partial \ln(\mathbf{x}_0/\mathbf{x})} \approx \mathcal{K} \otimes \phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}_t)$$

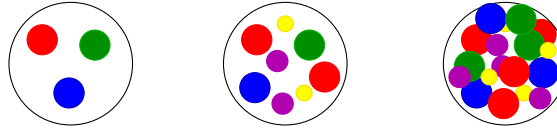
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- In the saturation regime, color fields become perturbatively strong  $\sim 1/g$ . **Classical scenario**

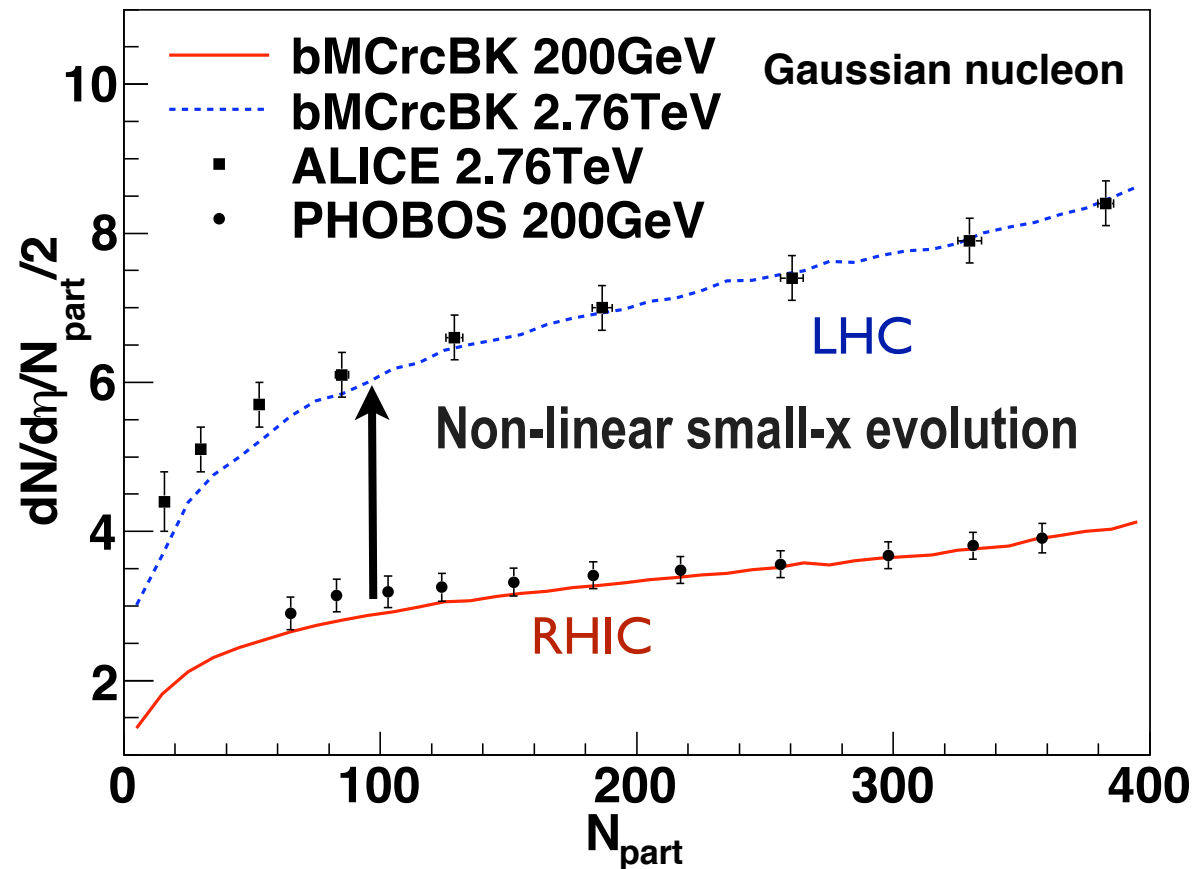
$$\mathbf{k}_t \lesssim Q_s(\mathbf{x}) \quad \phi \propto \langle \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^\dagger \rangle \sim \frac{1}{\alpha_s} \rightarrow a a^\dagger \gg [a, a^\dagger] \sim 1$$

All these effects are accounted for by the **Color Glass Condensate** effective theory

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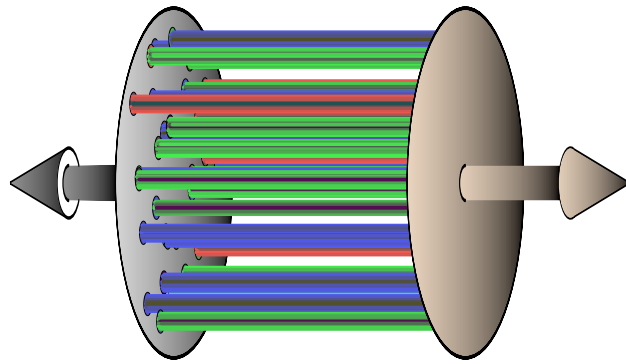




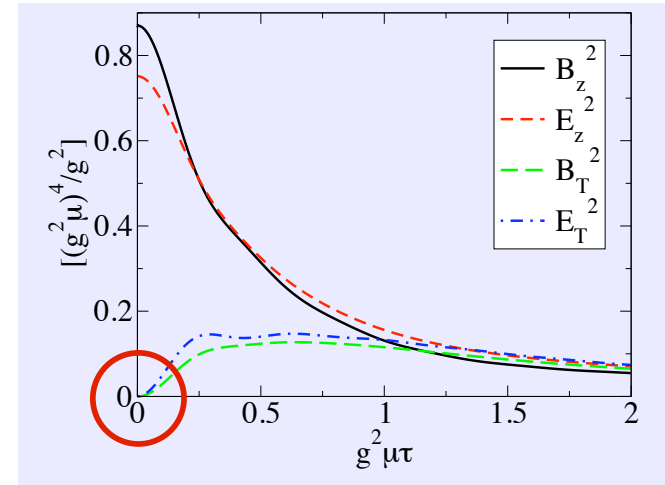
# Glasma: The medium right after the collision $\tau \lesssim 1/Q_s$

Chromo electric-magnetic fields are longitudinal

$$E^z = ig[A_1^i, A_2^i] \quad , \quad B^z = ig\epsilon^{ij}[A_1^i, A_2^j]$$



Flux tubes



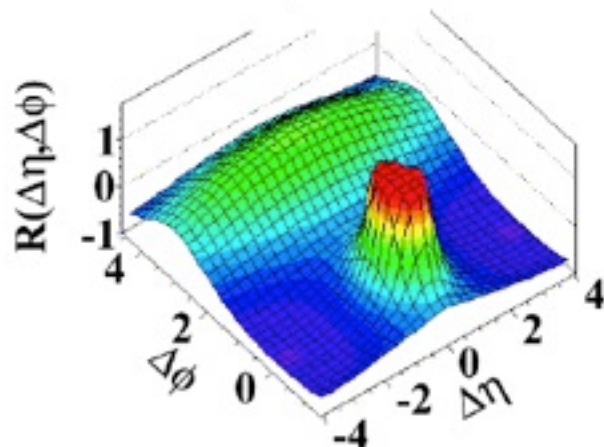
The ridge: extended in rapidity (longitudinal direction) 2-particle angular correlations correlations

p-p min. bias

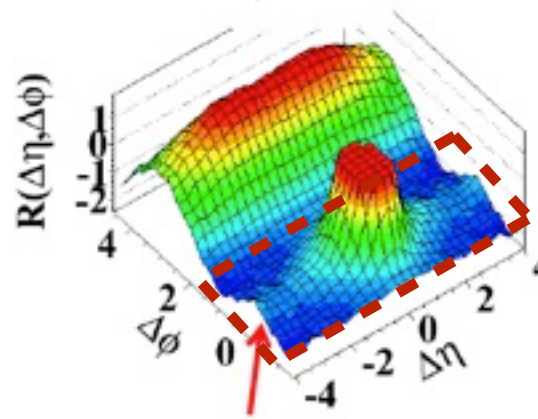
p-Pb and p-p  $N_{ch} > 110$

Pb-Pb

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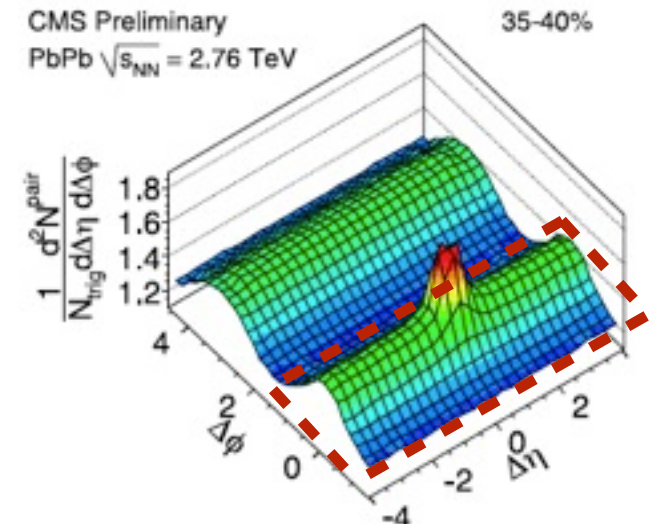


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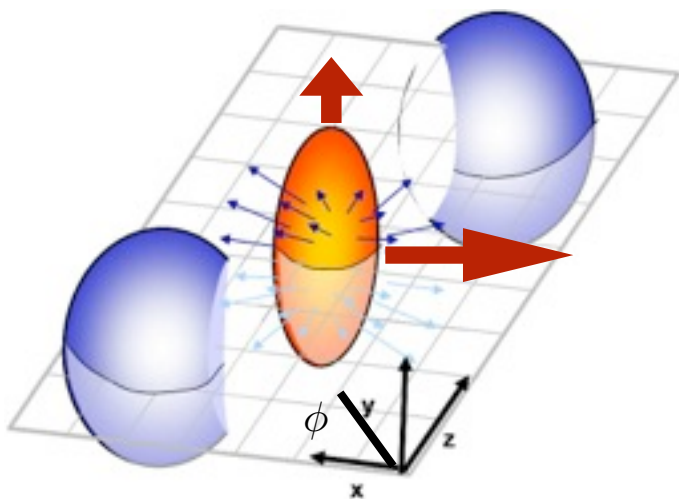
CMS Preliminary  
PbPb  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$

35-40%

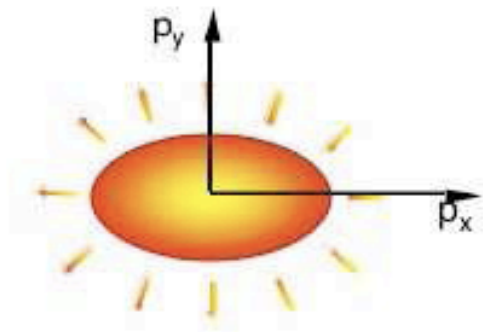


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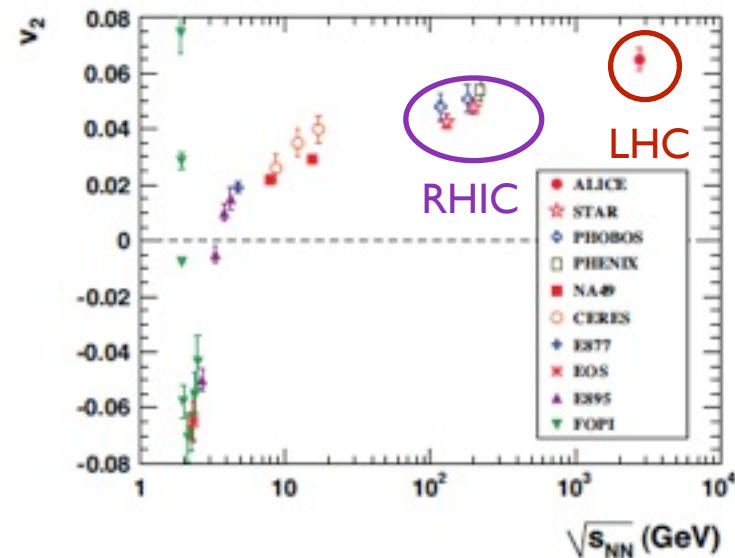


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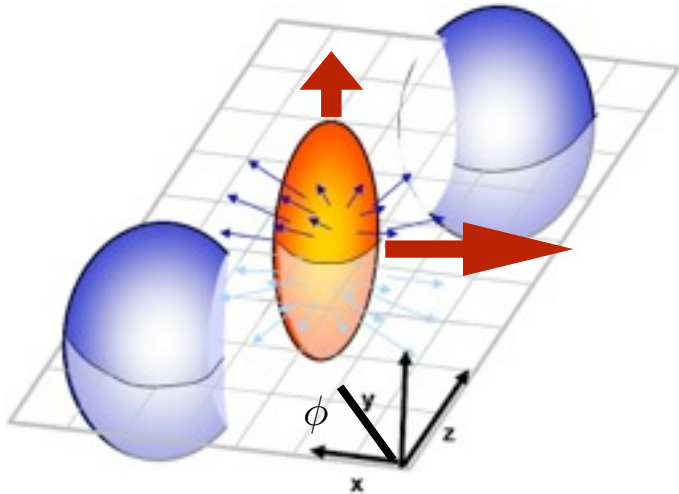
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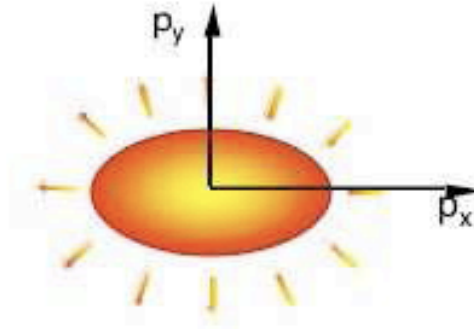


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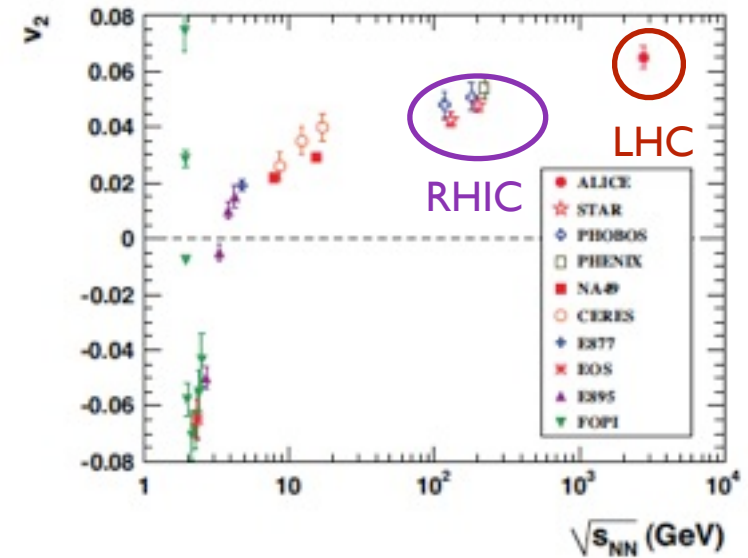


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⇒ The fireball expansion is very well described by Hydrodynamics:

- energy-momentum + charge conservation
- local equilibrium + small mean free path
- Equation of state:  $e(p, T, \mu)$

$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$\partial_\mu j_B^\mu = 0$$

ideal fluid

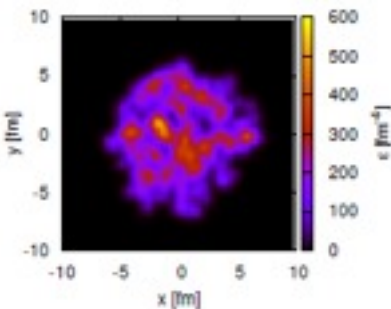
dissipative terms (viscosity...)

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \underbrace{[\epsilon(p, T) + p] u^\mu u^\nu - p g^{\mu\nu}}_{\text{ideal fluid}} + \underbrace{F(\nabla_\mu u^\nu; \eta; D \dots)}_{\text{dissipative terms (viscosity...)}}$$

# Flow: Geometry, fluctuations and higher harmonics

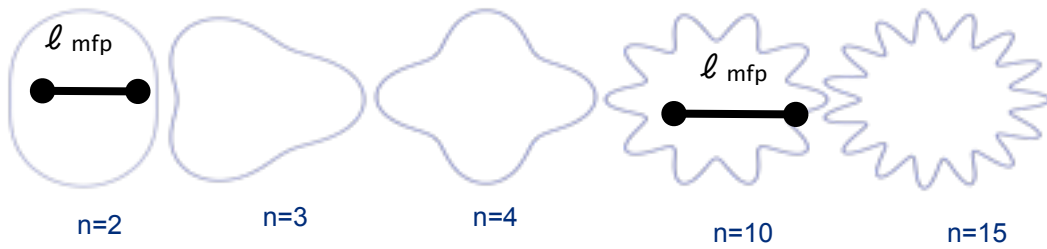
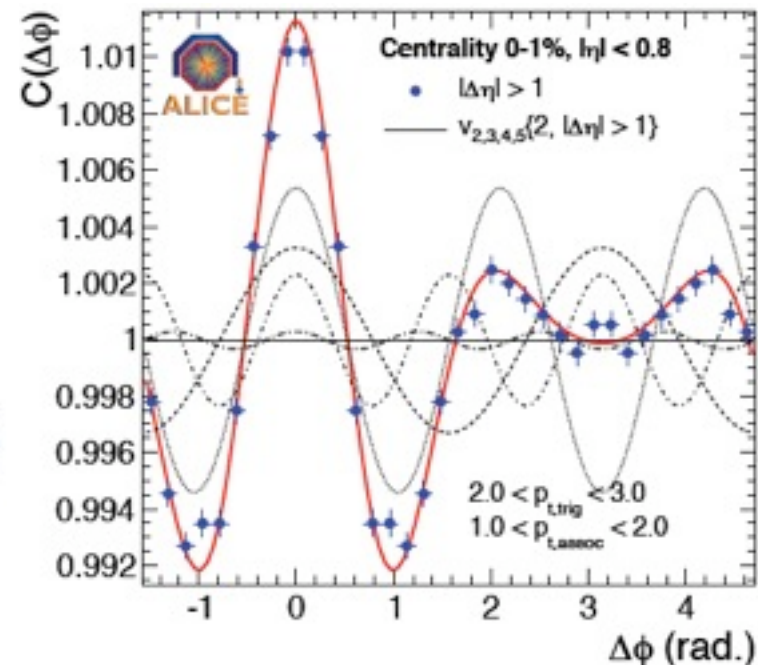
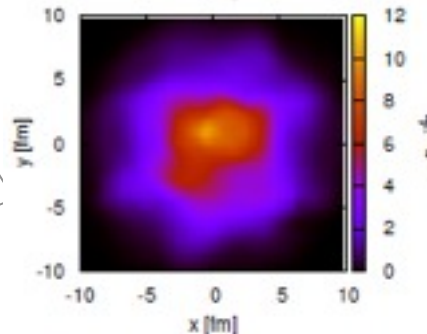
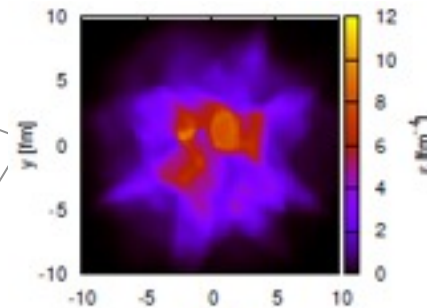
lumpy, fluctuating initial conditions

initial profile



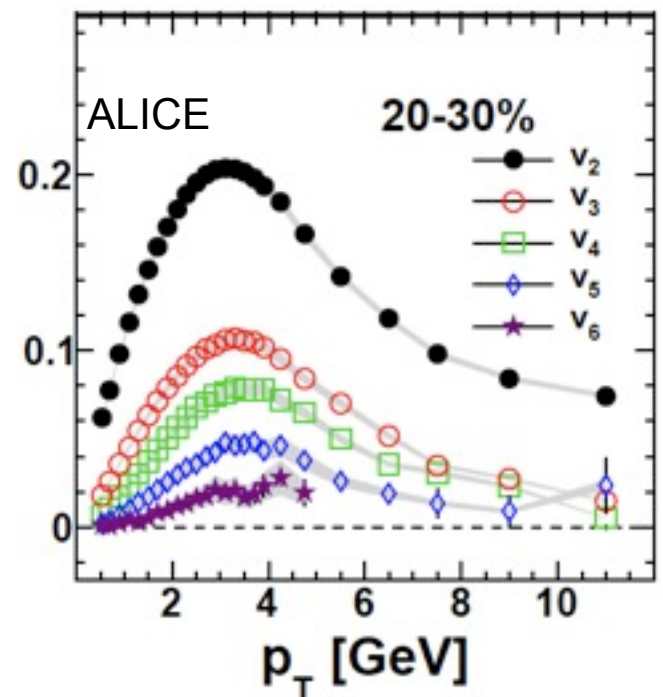
ideal hydro evolution

viscous hydro evolution



Higher harmonics are more affected by dissipative effects

$$N_{\text{pairs}} \propto 1 + 2v_1^2 \cos\Delta\phi + 2v_2^2 \cos 2\Delta\phi + 2v_3^2 \cos 3\Delta\phi + 2v_4^2 \cos 4\Delta\phi + \dots$$





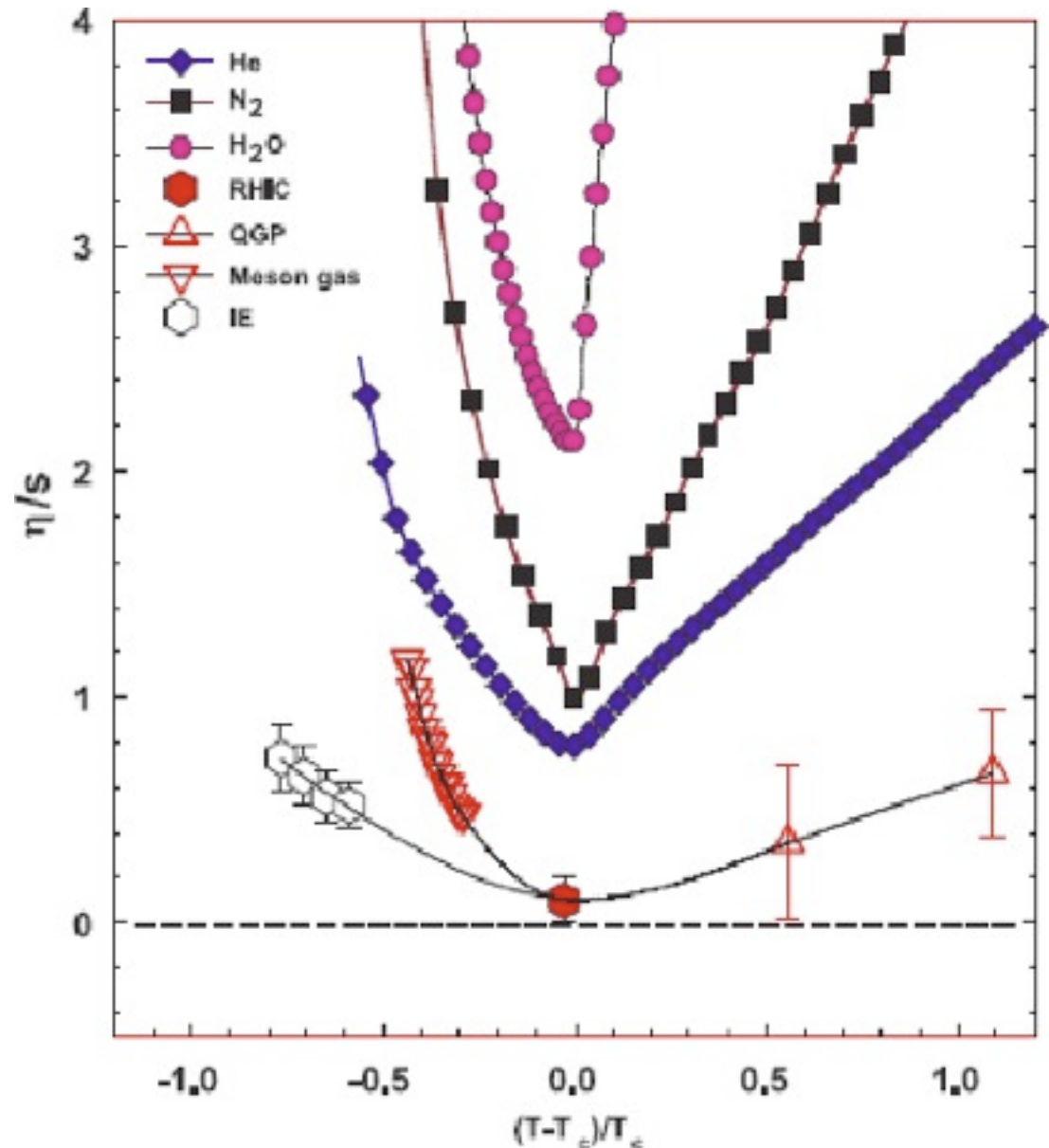
The most perfect fluid (smallest viscosity) ever measured!!

$$\eta / s \leq 5 \times (1 / 4\pi)$$

KKP bound derived  
in the framework of the AdS/CFT  
correspondence =  $1/4\pi$

Small viscosity strongly  
indicative of strong coupling  
behaviour

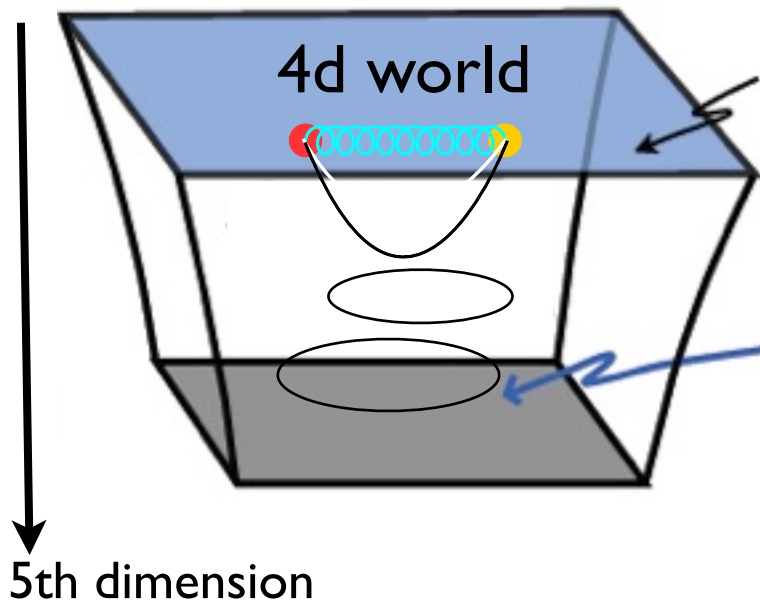
The produced medium at RHIC  
and the LHC is far from the  
expected quasi-free QGP



# The String Connection (or the weird couple)

- So RHIC matter behaves like a strongly interacting system (perfect fluid, jet quenching..)
- So we need a formalism that allows to study strongly coupled systems in real-time formalism (Lattice QCD operates in imaginary time)

## The Anti de Sitter / Conformal Field Theory Correspondance (AdS/CFT)



Weakly coupled  
supergravity in  
 $AdS_5 \times S_5$  space



$N=4$  SYM in 4d

$$\lambda = g_s^2 N_c \rightarrow \infty$$

$$N_c \rightarrow \infty$$

Black brane along  
the fifth  
dimension



$$T = \frac{1}{\pi z_h}$$

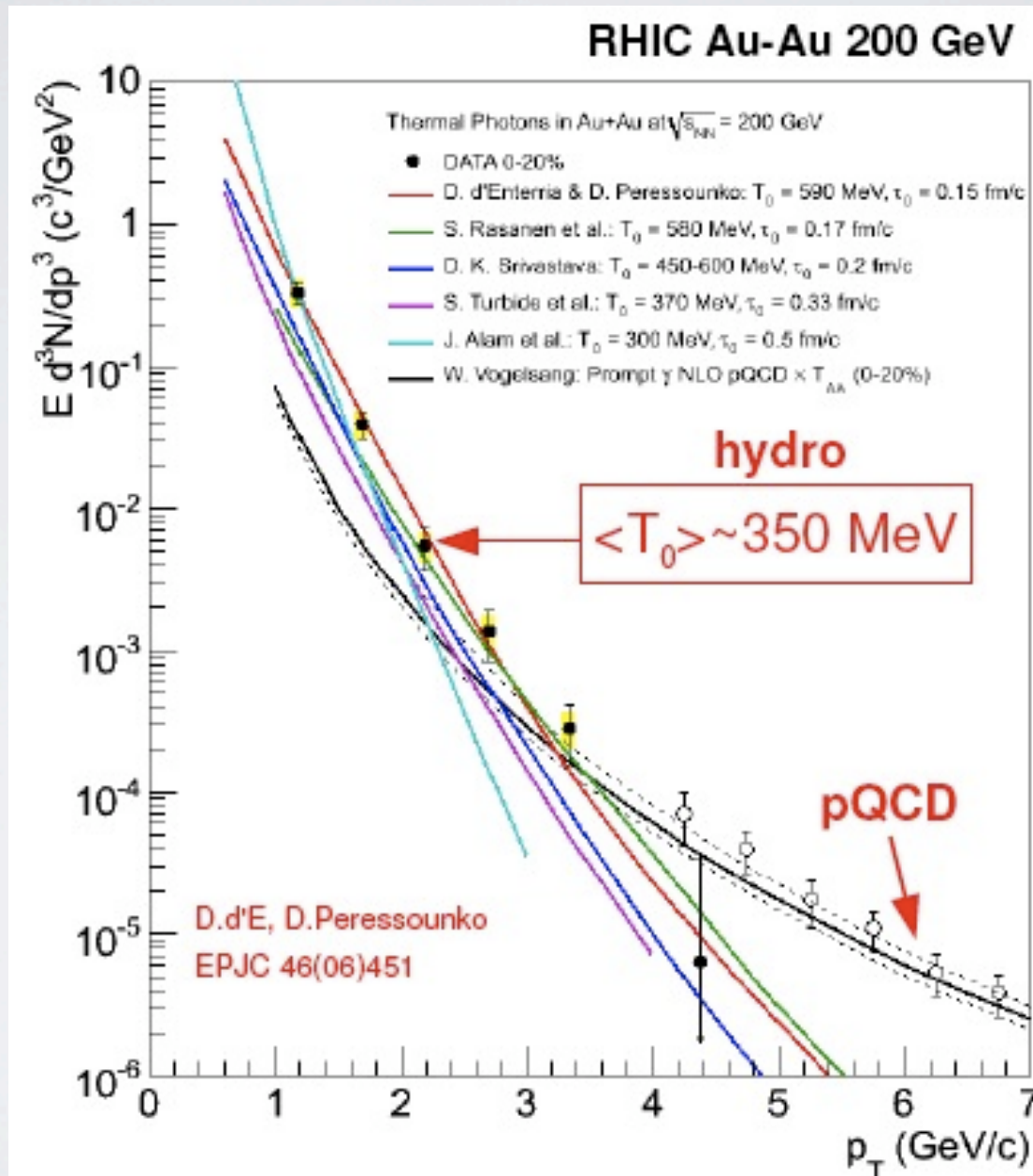
Finite-T system

Caveats:  $N=4$  SYM is conformal. It is supersymmetric. It includes scalar and fermions. It has no charges in the fundamental representation (quarks)....

Used for: Studies of thermalization and onset of hydrodynamics behaviour, energy loss of soft and slow particles...

# One step back: Does the medium really thermalize?

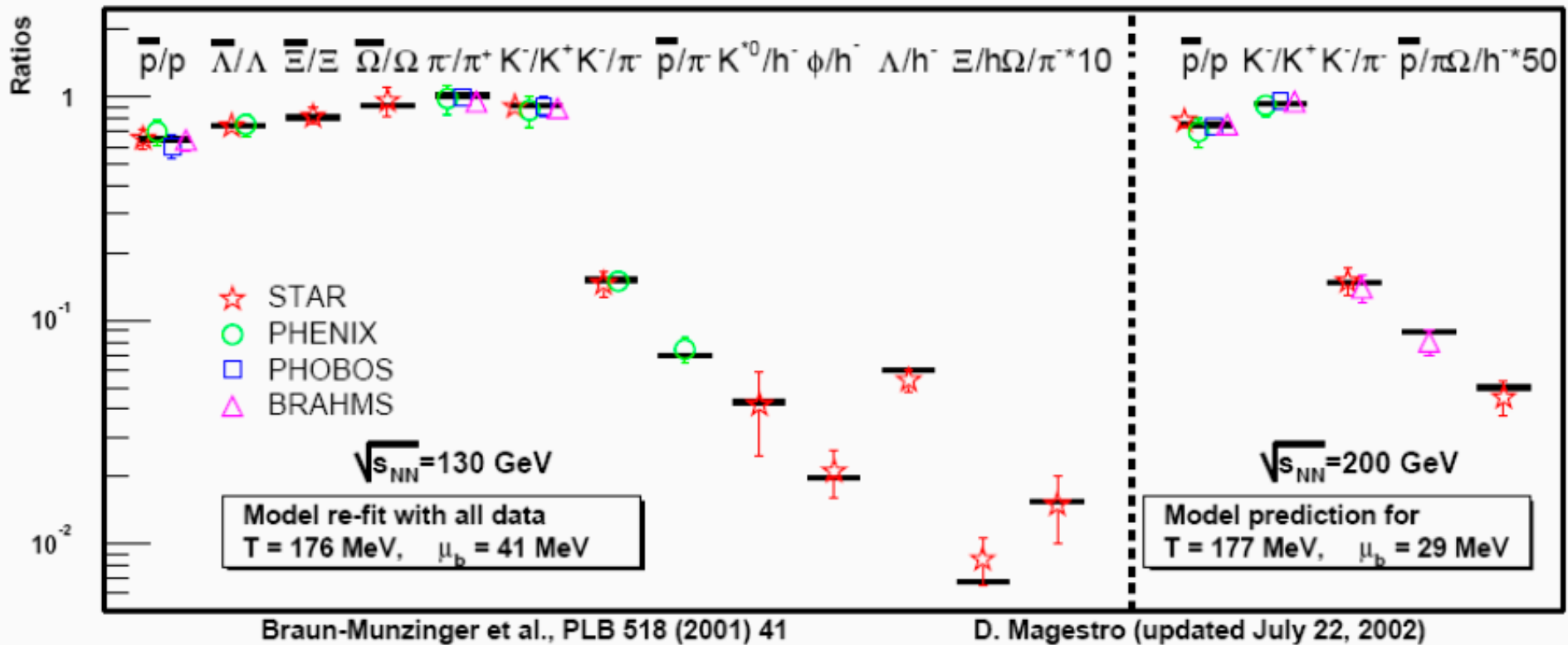
Photon spectrum: Thermal at low  $k_T$



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Relative abundances of different hadronic species well described in **statistical models** (grand canonical ensemble + chemical equilibrium)

$$N_i = V g_i \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\exp\left(\frac{E_i}{T} - \frac{\mu_i}{T}\right) - 1} \quad \text{for bosons}$$

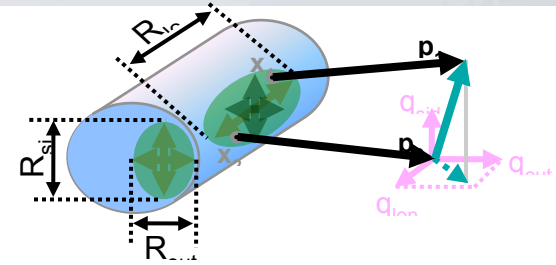


**BUT:** They also work in  $e^+e^-$  and  $pp(\bar{p})$ . Statistical nature of thermalization??

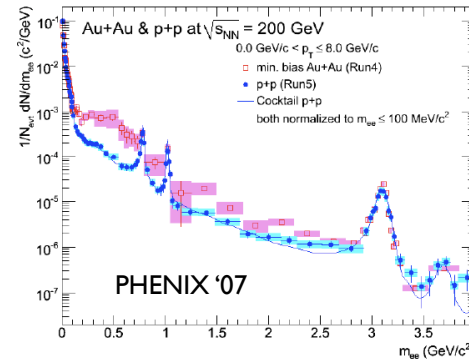


# Soft sector: A lot more...

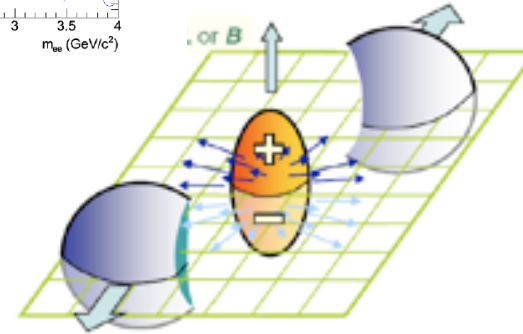
- **Femtoscopy:** Information about the dimensions of the region of particle production through pion and kaon interferometry



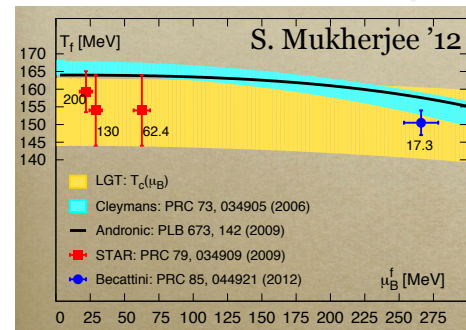
- **EM radiation:** Photon and low-mass dilepton emissions from the fireball



- **Searches for CP-Violation:** metastable domains where vacuum excitations violate parity could be created in Heavy Ion Collisions: *Another fundamental aspect of QCD probed with heavy ion collisions*

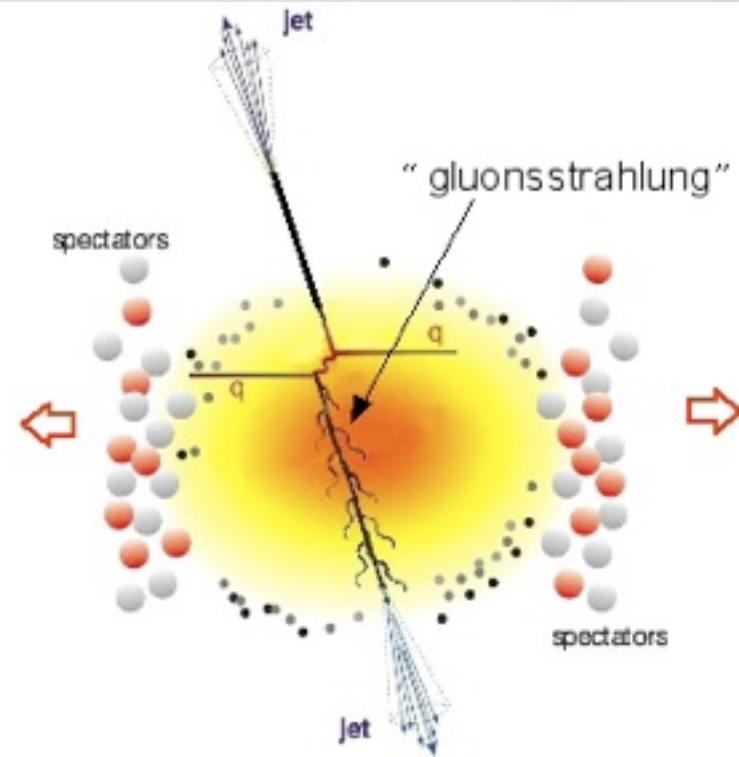


- **Fluctuations: search of the critical point:** Higher cumulants, kurtosis in particle correlations, susceptibilities...



# Hard Probes

- They serve as tomographic probes of the produced medium
- Their production rate is well understood in pQCD
- **Main RHIC highlight:** The produced medium is opaque to the propagation of colored particles



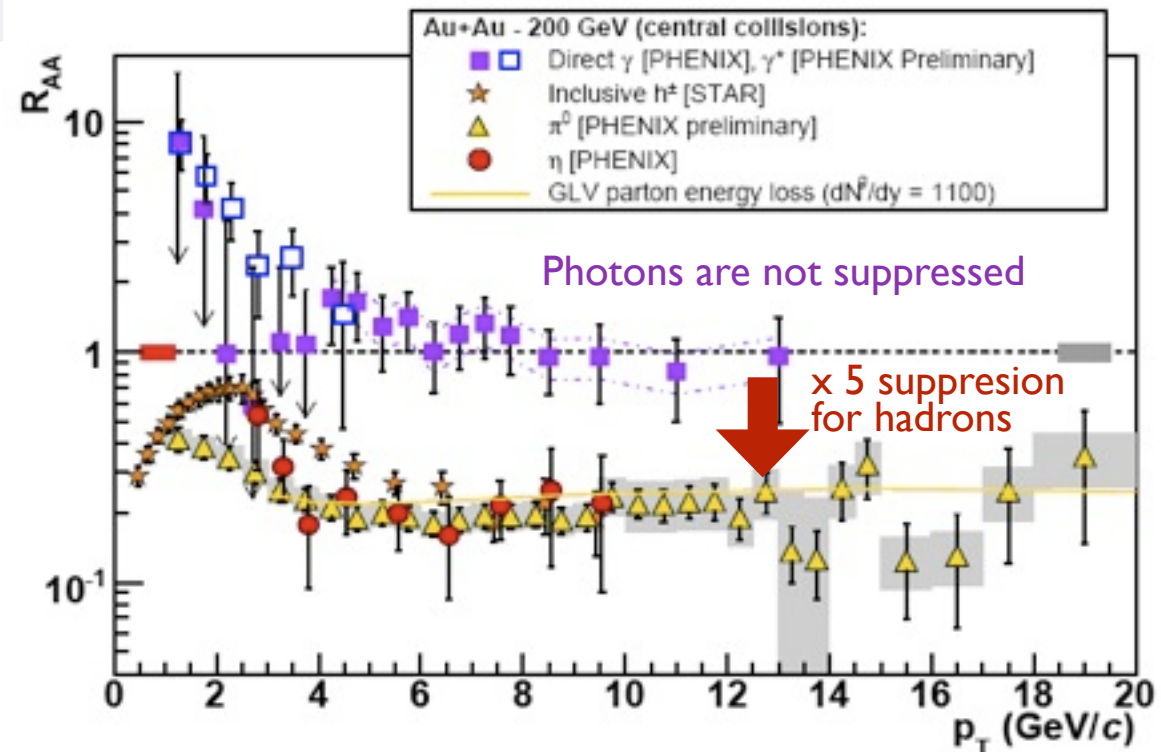
$$R_{AA}(p_T, b) = \frac{d\sigma_{AA}/dp_T d^2b}{T_{AA}(b) d\sigma_{pp}/dp_T}$$

Parton energy-loss

$$\langle \Delta E \rangle \propto \alpha_s C_R \langle \hat{q} \rangle L^2$$

Transport coefficient

$$\hat{q} \simeq \text{a few GeV}^2/\text{fm}$$

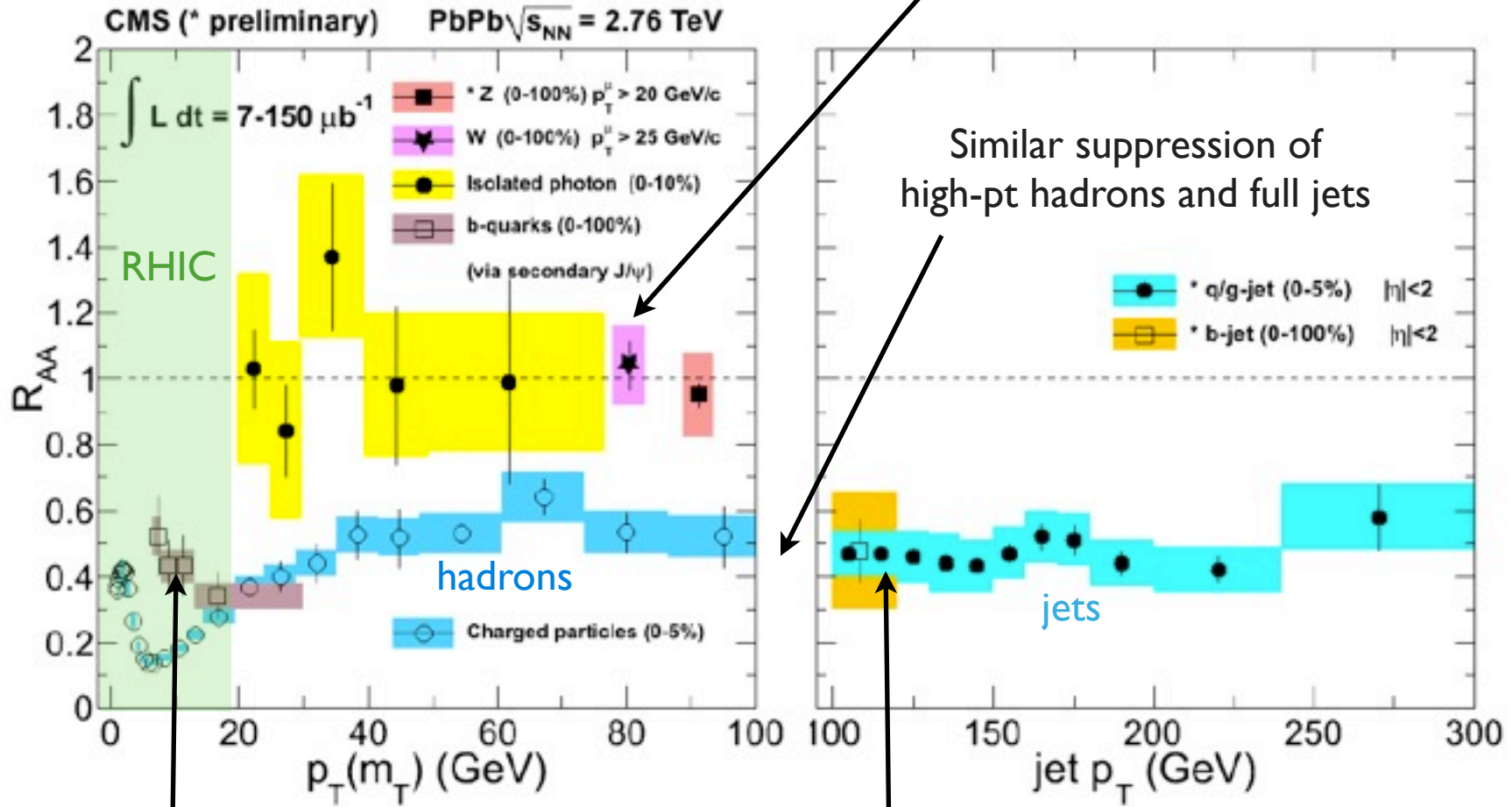


# Hadron and Jet quenching at the LHC

$$R_{AA}(p_T, b) = \frac{d\sigma_{AA}/dp_T d^2b}{T_{AA}(b)d\sigma_{pp}/dp_T}$$

Confirmation of the factorization hypothesis

Colorless particles ( $\gamma, W, Z$ ) unaffected by the medium



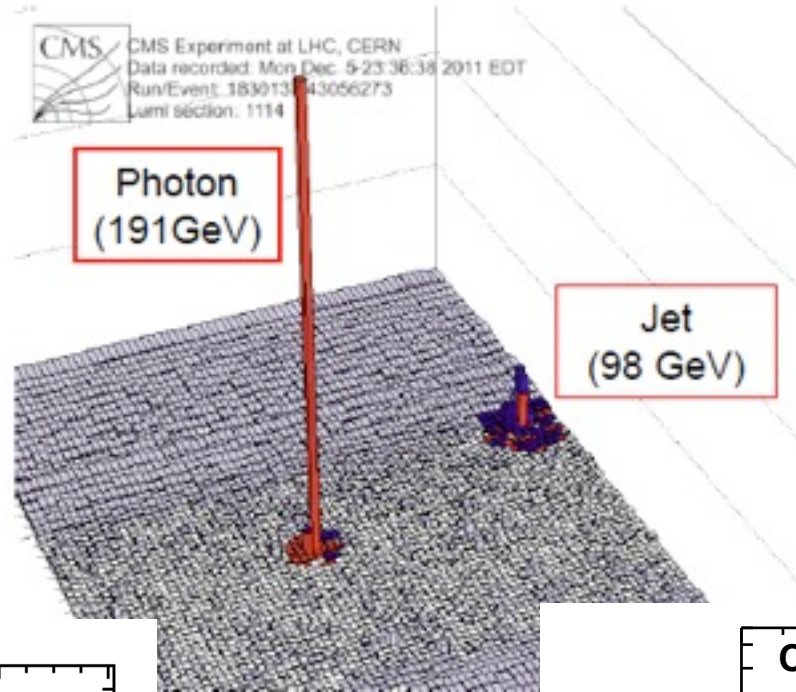
Distinct B-suppression pattern at small  $p_T$

First observation of B-jet suppression

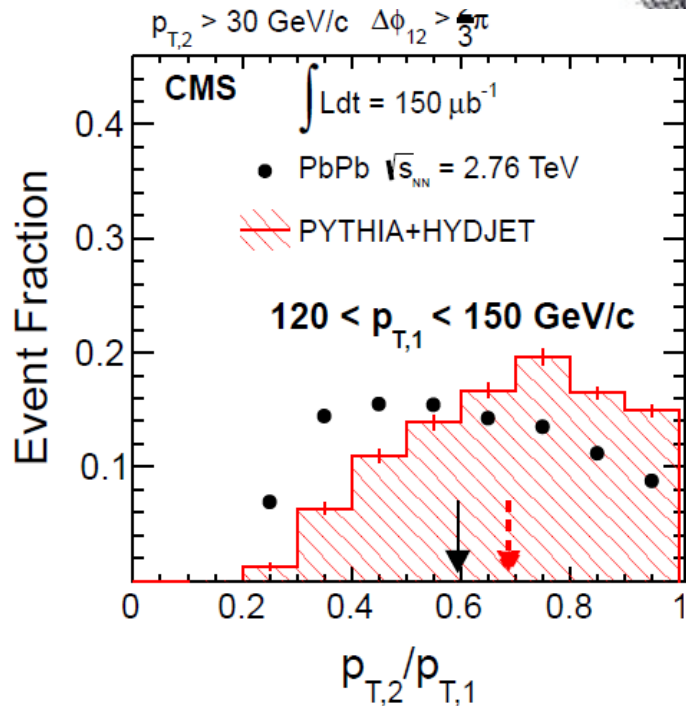
Similar suppression of high-pt hadrons and full jets

# Jet Anatomy at the LHC

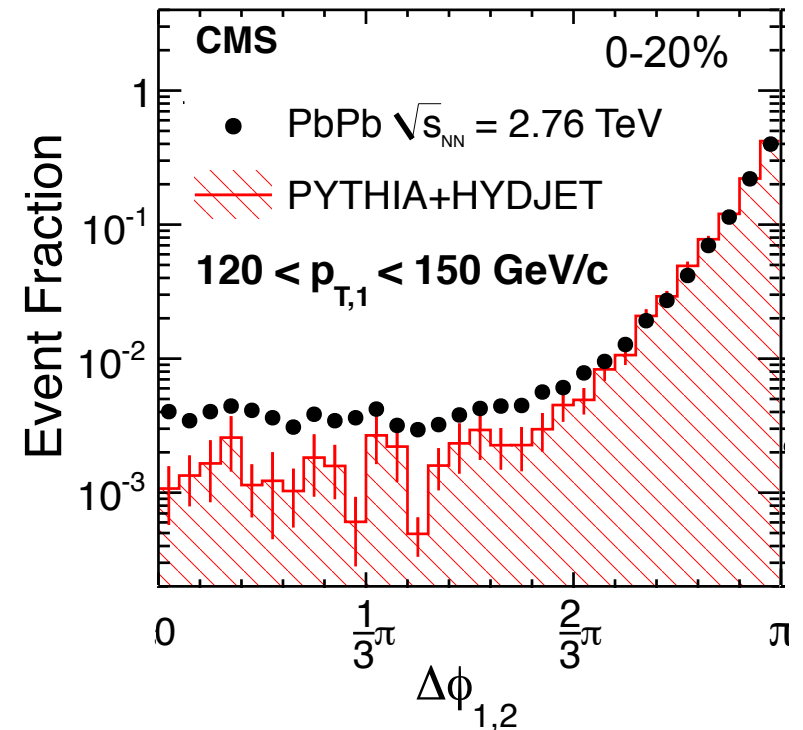
- Large fraction of pt-imbalanced pairs. Azimuthal correlation (*back-to-backness*) similar to p-p collisions
- (Hard part of) Jet fragmentation functions similar to vacuum.



momentum imbalance



azimuthal correlation

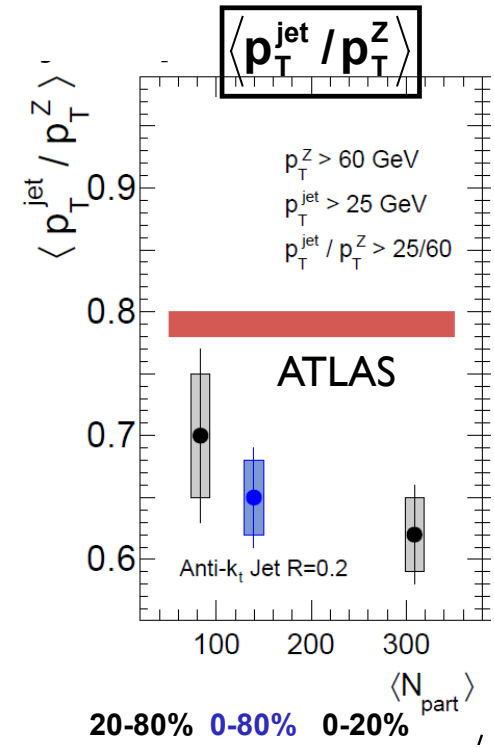
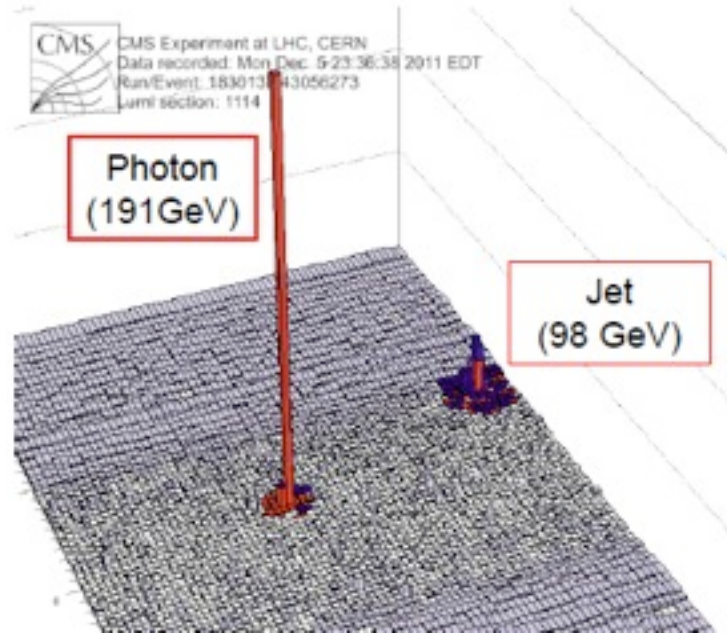
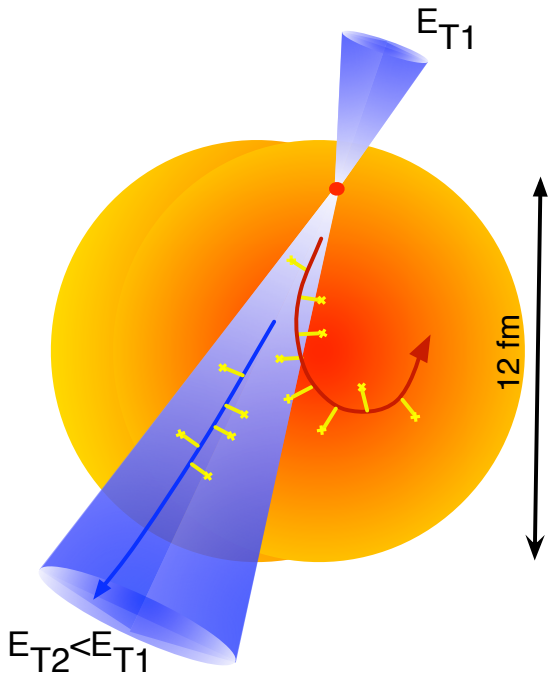




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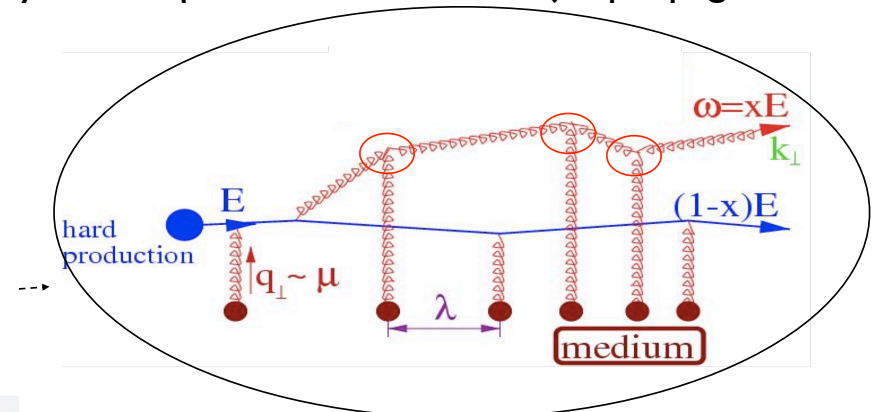
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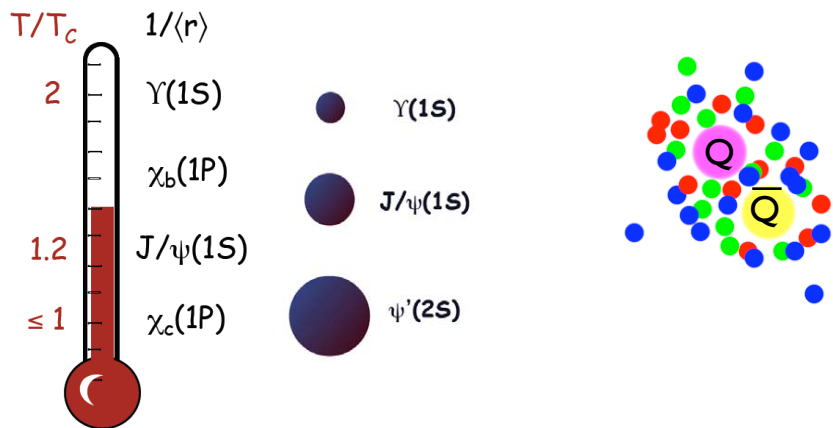


- Physical picture: soft components are transported out the jet cone by rescatterings with the medium
- Strong constraints of energy-loss models. Goal: to build a full dynamical picture of in medium jet propagation:

- Coherence between emitters
- Energy corrections
- Color reconnections
- Jet conversions
- ...
- Building practical MC analysis tools



# Melting of Quarkonia States: A QGP Thermometer?



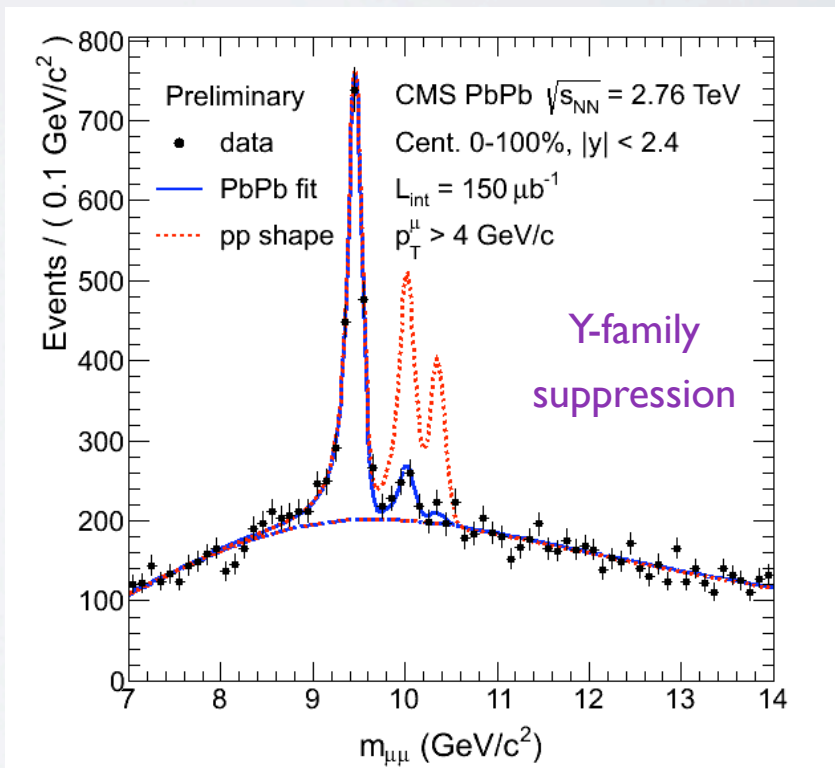
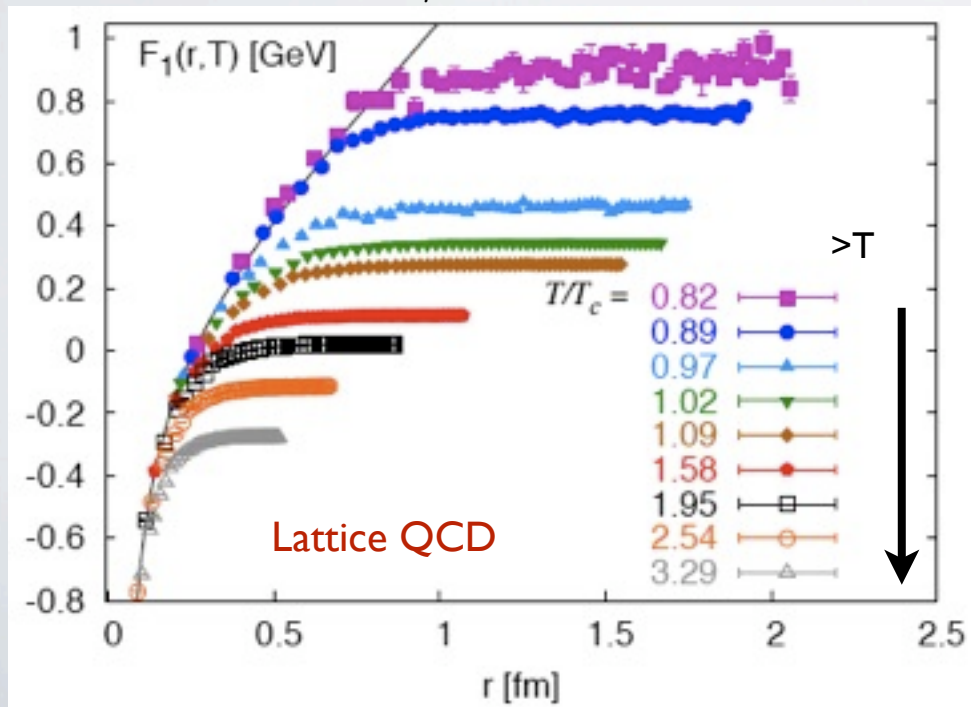
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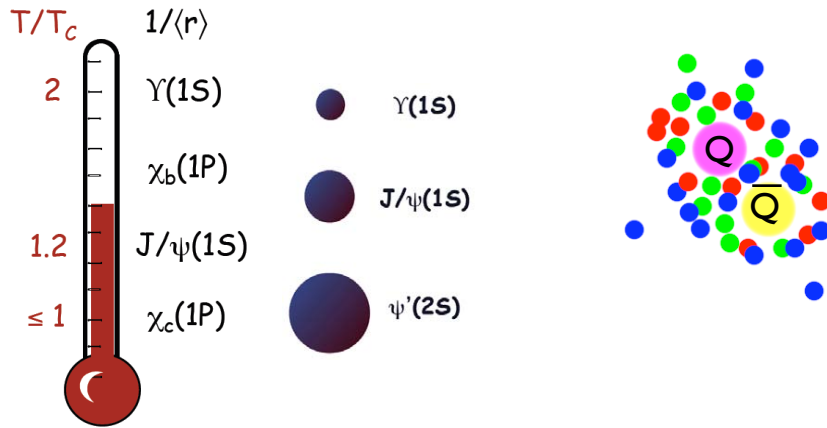
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- Sequential melting: QQ size  $\sim \frac{1}{E_{\text{bind}}} \gtrsim r_{\text{Debye}} \sim \frac{1}{gT} \sim$  medium resolution

$$V(r, T) \approx -\frac{\alpha_{\text{eff}}}{r} \exp[-m_D r] + K(T) r$$



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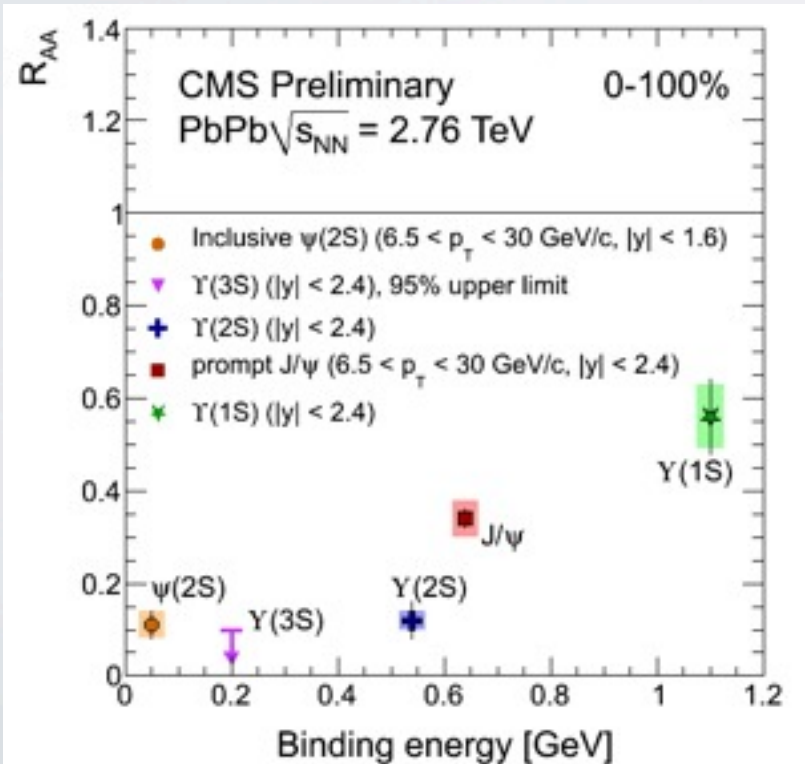


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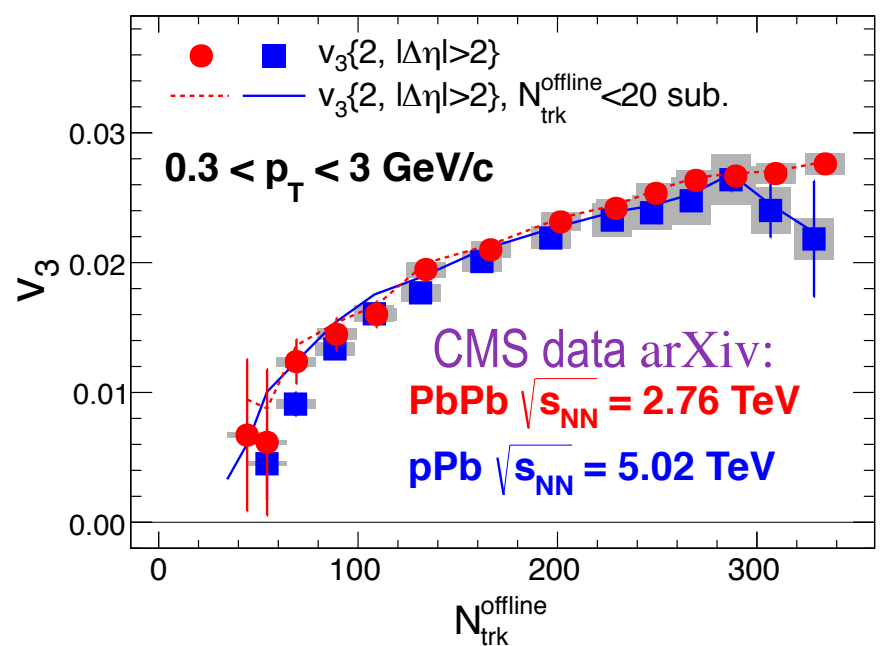
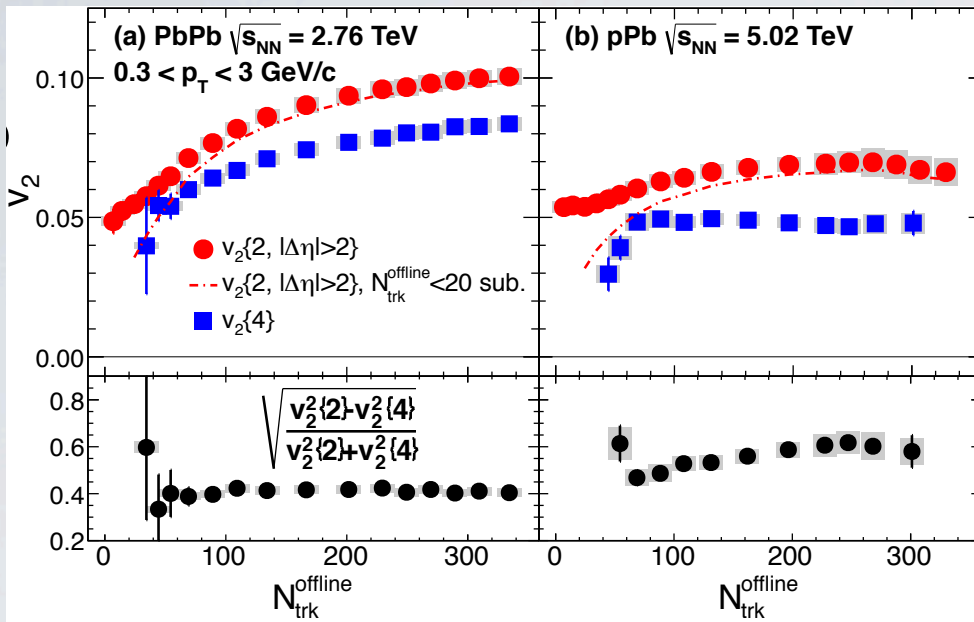
- Such a picture starts emerging from data!!

(a big) BUT!!:

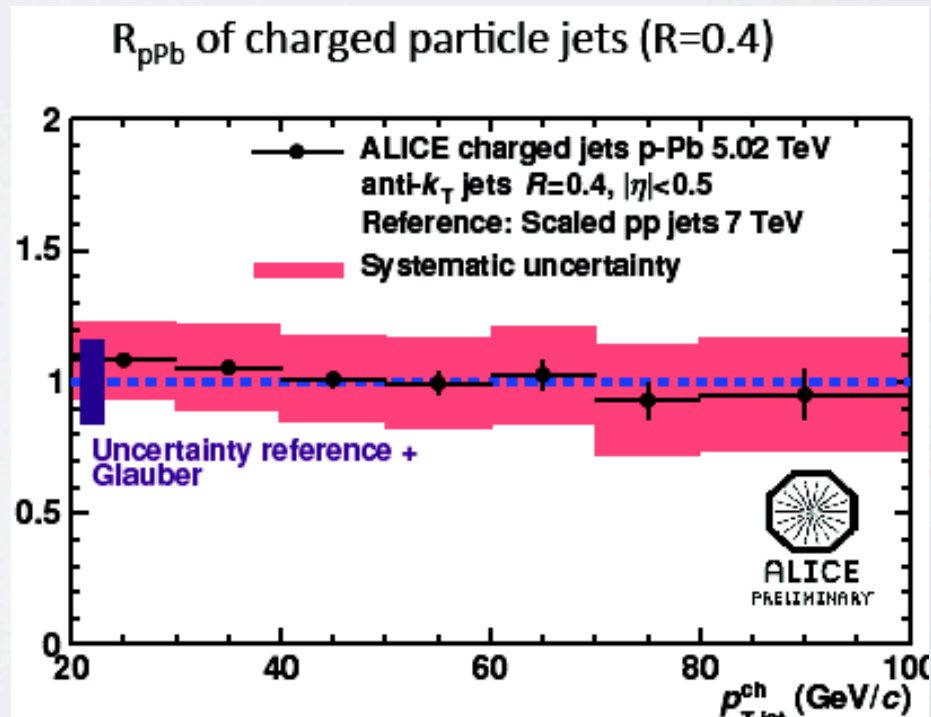
- Kinematic cuts affect total yield reconstruction
- In-medium spectral functions (imaginary potential, Landau damping...) and transport not yet well understood.
- Other cold (shadowing, saturation, absorption) and hot (regeneration) effects not yet well understood
- When looked more differentially (pt-distributions, centrality dependence, flow etc) the whole picture does not quite fit yet

# News from the p+Pb run at the LHC (2013)

The matter produced in p+Pb collisions flows!!



But it does not quench jets!!





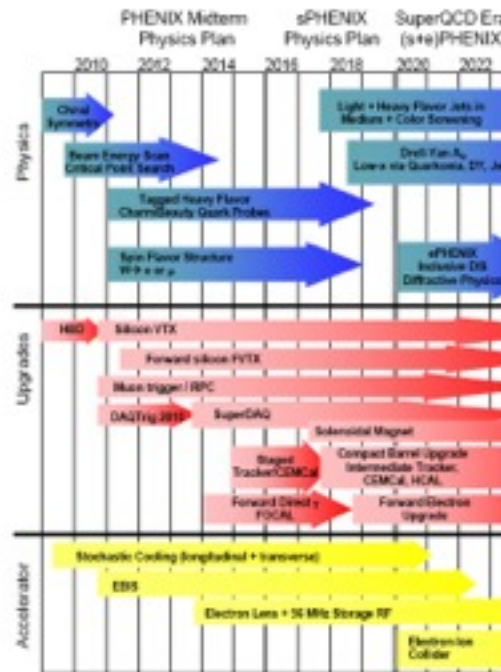
# Plans for the future

- ALICE, CMS and ATLAS at the Heavy Ion Town meeting, CERN 29 Jun 2012 <http://indico.cern.ch/event/HItownmeeting>
- ALICE, CMS and ATLAS contributions to the Preparatory Group for a European Strategy for Particle Physics

## LHC:

- End of Phase0 (2010-2013).
  - $0.15 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  in Pb-Pb coll  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.5 \text{ TeV}$
  - Feb 2013: p-Pb run (5TeV,  $\int dt L \sim 30\text{nb}$ )
- 2013-2014: Long Shutdown 1.
  - ALICE, CMS and ATLAS detector upgrades
- Phase1 (2015-2017)
  - $1\text{-}3 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  Pb-Pb at  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.5 \text{ TeV}$
  - Reference data p-p, p-Pb  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.5 \text{ TeV}$
- 2018 Long ShutDown2
  - Significant detector upgrades
- Phase2 (2019-beyond)
  - Luminosity increase to  $6 \times 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
  - Goal: **O(10 nb<sup>-1</sup>)** in Pb-Pb at  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.5 \text{ TeV}$
  - Lighter nuclei

## RHIC:



STAR Decadal Plan Synopsis

	Near term (Base 11-13)	Mid-decade (Base 14-16)	Long term (Base 17-)
Colliding systems	p+p, A+A	p+p, A+A	p+p, p+A, A+A, e+p, e+A
Upgrades	FGT, FRC, RP, DAQ/TK, Trigger	HFV, MTD, Trigger	Forward Intran, sSTAR, Trigger
(1) Properties of sQGP	$T, J/\psi \rightarrow \pi, \eta_{s, \eta}$	$T, J/\psi \rightarrow \mu, \mu$ , Charm $\eta, R_{pA}$ , Charm corr., $A_c/D$ ratio, $\mu$ -strange	p+A comparison
(2) Mechanisms of energy loss	Jet, $\gamma$ -jet, NPE	Charm, Bottom	Jet in CSM, SIDIS, $e/A$ in CSM
(3) QCD critical point	Fluctuations, correlations, particle ratios	Formal study of critical point region	
(4) Novel symmetries	Asymmetr. corr., spectral function	$e - \mu$ corr., $\mu - \mu$ corr.	
(5) Exotic particles	Heavy anti-matter, glueballs		
(6) Proton spin structure	$W^+ A_c$ , jet and di-jet $A_c L$ , $\mu$ -jet corr., $(S + \bar{S}) D_{2,2}/D_{YY}$		$A D_{11}/D_{YY}$ , polarized DIS, polarized SIDIS
(7) QCD beyond collinear factorization	Forward $A_c$		Drell-Yan, F-F corr., polarized SIDIS
(8) Properties of initial state			Charm corr., Drell-Yan, $J/\psi$ , F-F corr., $A, D_{11}, SIDIS$

- Focus on energy scan and varying initial conditions (nuclei) - Polarized target: Spin physics

**Others:** Planned facilities involving high-energy nuclear reactions **EIC** (Electron Ion Collider), **LHeC** (Large hadron-electron collider), **FAIR** (GSI; Facility for antiproton & ion research) would provide complementary studies.

**Back up slides**

# Lattice QCD

- In the grand-canonical ensemble, the thermodynamical properties of a system in thermodynamical equilibrium are given by (see [Karsch, Lecture Notes in Physics '02](#)):

$$Z(T, V, \mu_i) = \text{Tr} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{T}(H - \sum_i \mu_i N_i)\right\}$$

$$P = T \frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial V}, \quad S = \frac{\partial(T \ln Z)}{\partial T}, \quad N_i = T \frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial \mu_i} \quad \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{\text{Tr} \mathcal{O} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{T}(H - \sum_i \mu_i N_i)\right\}}{\text{Tr} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{T}(H - \sum_i \mu_i N_i)\right\}}$$

- With a rotation to Euclidean space  $-it \rightarrow 1/T$  and imposing (anti)periodic boundary conditions for (fermions) bosons,

$$Z(T, V, \mu) = \int \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}A^\mu \exp\left\{-\int_0^{1/T} dx_0 \int_V d^3x (\mathcal{L}_E - \mu \mathcal{N})\right\}$$

- The partition function may be computed **perturbatively**, or by discretization and Monte Carlo methods: **lattice QCD**.

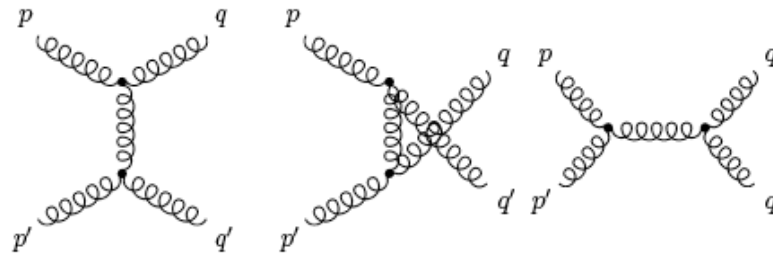
# One step back: Does the medium really thermalize?

## Transport models:

- **Ideal hydro** is the extreme version of transport for very large opacities. If thermalization/isotropization is not achieved, small deviations can be dealt with through viscous corrections, but large deviations require transport: relativistic Boltzmann equation.

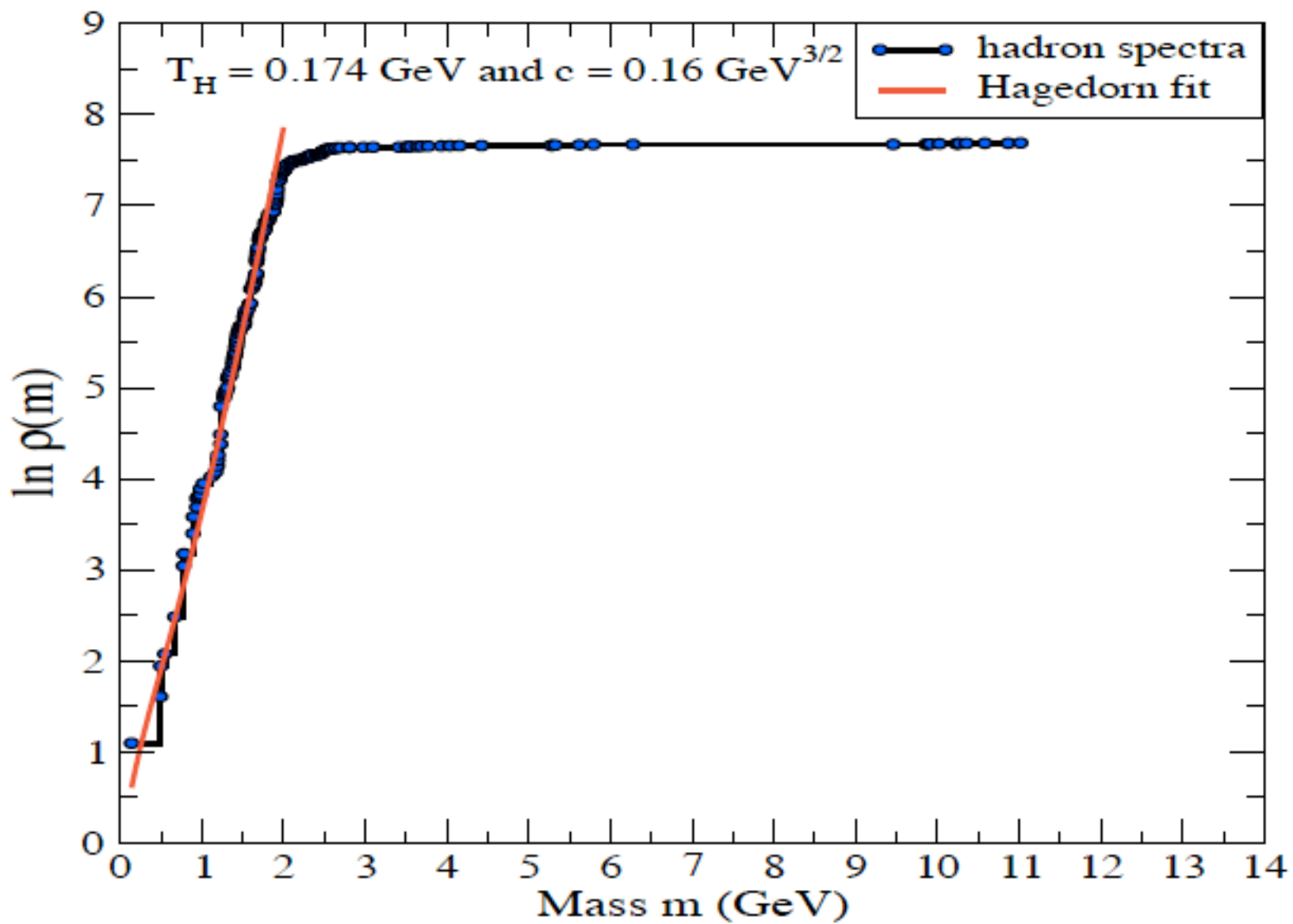
$$f(\vec{p}, t, \vec{x}) \propto \frac{dN}{d^3p d^3x} \quad p^\mu \partial_\mu f = -\mathcal{C}[f]$$

$$\text{Collision term } \mathcal{C}[f_p] = \mathcal{C}_{gain} - \mathcal{C}_{loss}$$



- **Parton transport** now includes  $2 \leftrightarrow 2$  and  $2 \leftrightarrow 3$  reactions (BAMPS), accelerates isotropization.
- **Hadron transport** includes many reactions/species (AMPT, UrQMD).

# Hagedorn Temperature



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$$H_{bag} = H_{kin} + H_{bag} + \dots \approx \frac{x}{R} + \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 B + \dots$$

**Bag  
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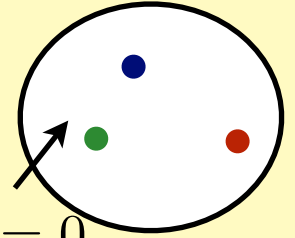
$$B \sim \epsilon_{pert} - \epsilon_{Non-pert} \sim (250 \text{ MeV})^4$$

Non-perturbative vacuum

$$\epsilon_{NP} < 0 \quad \leftarrow 2R \rightarrow$$

perturbative  
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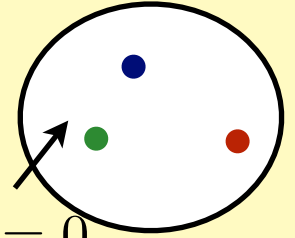
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$$\epsilon_{pert} = 0$$

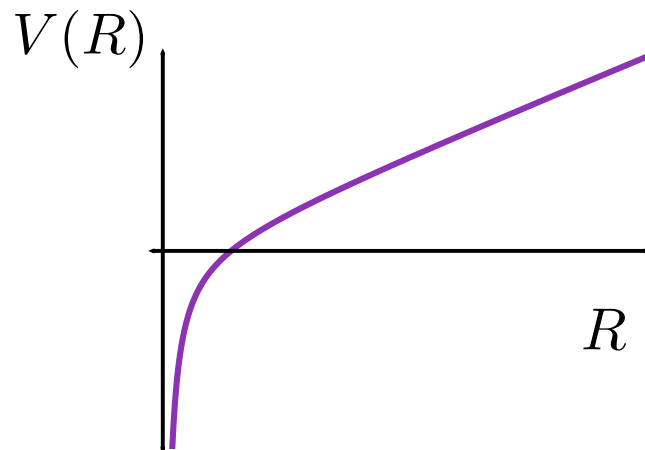
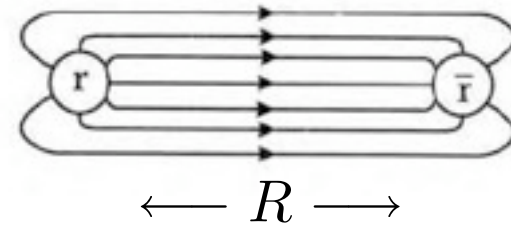


⇒ **Potential models.** Lines of color field are confined to flux tubes or strings

$$V(R) = -\frac{\alpha_{eff}}{R} + K R$$

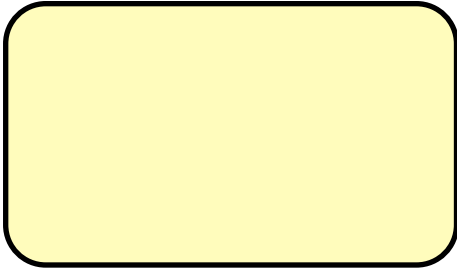
**String tension:**

$$K \sim (420 \text{ MeV})^2 = 900 \text{ MeV fm}^{-1}$$

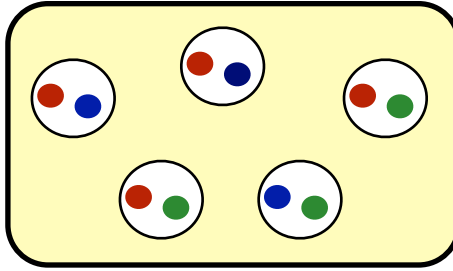




Vacuum at  $T=0$



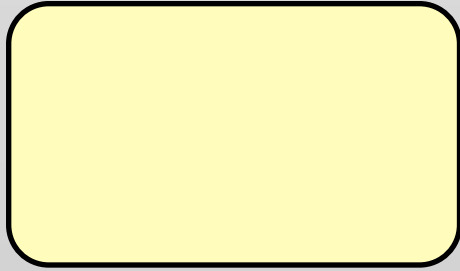
Pion Gas  $T>0$



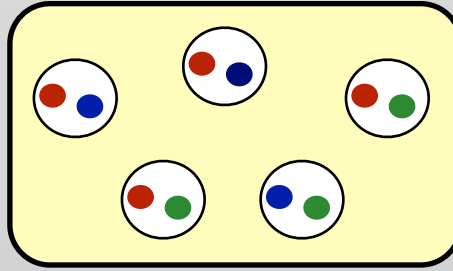
⇒ Pressure and energy density of ideal Bose (and Fermi) massless gas

**Pion gas:** 
$$p_\pi \approx d_\pi \frac{\pi^2}{90} T^4, \quad \epsilon_\pi = 3 p_\pi, \quad d_\pi = 3 (\pi^\pm, \pi^0)$$

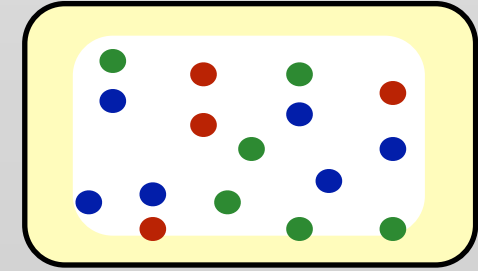
## Vacuum at T=0



## Pion Gas



## Quark-Gluon Plasma



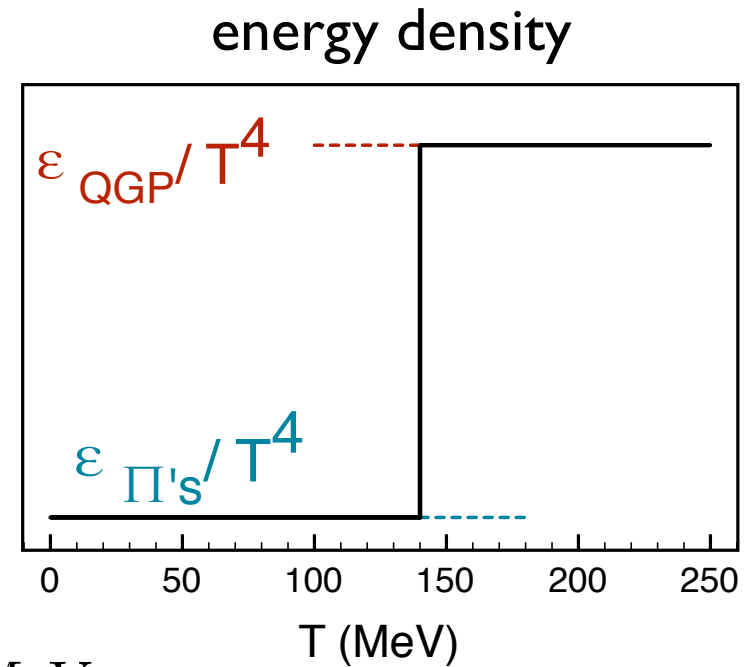
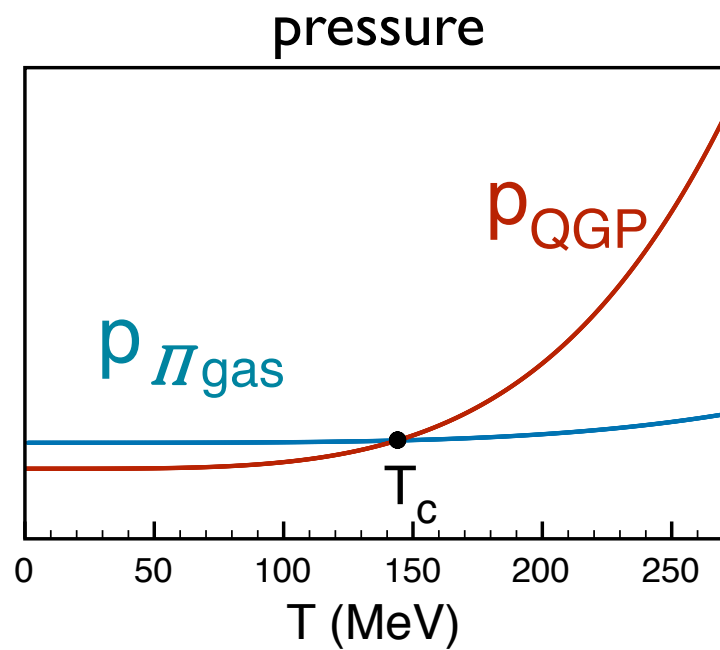
$$d_\pi = 3 \rightarrow (\pi^+, \pi^-, \pi^0)$$

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**QGP:**  $p_{QGP} \approx d_{gq\bar{q}} \frac{\pi^2}{90} T^4 - B, \quad \epsilon_{QGP} \approx d_{gq\bar{q}} \frac{\pi^2}{30} T^4 + B$

$$d_{gq\bar{q}} = d_g + \frac{7}{8} d_{q\bar{q}} = 2_s \cdot (N_c^2 - 1) + \frac{7}{8} \cdot 2_{q\bar{q}} \cdot 2_s \cdot N_c \cdot N_f = 37 \quad (N_f = 2)$$



$$T_c \approx 140 \text{ MeV}$$

Latent heat of the phase transition:  $L = \epsilon_{\text{QGP}}(T_c) - \epsilon_{\pi's} \sim 4B \sim 1 \text{ GeV fm}^{-3}$

Energy density of nuclear matter  $\epsilon_{nm} \sim 0.15 \text{ GeV fm}^{-3}$

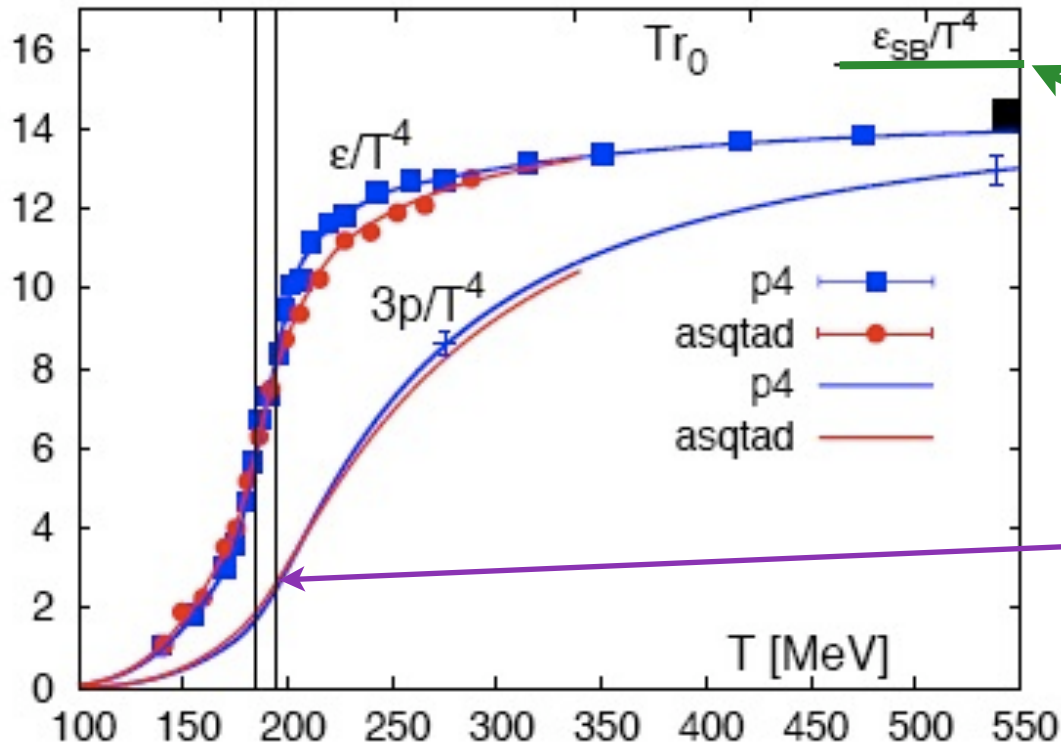
QGP  $T_c^{\text{QGP}} \approx 170 \text{ MeV} \sim 2 \cdot 10^{12} \text{ Kelvins}$

Sun core  $T_{\text{Sun}} \sim 1.5 \cdot 10^7 \text{ Kelvins}$

Córdoba  $T_{\text{Córdoba}} \sim 10^3 \text{ Kelvins}$

# Energy density & pressure

## Results from Lattice QCD



Stephan-Boltzmann (ideal gas) limit

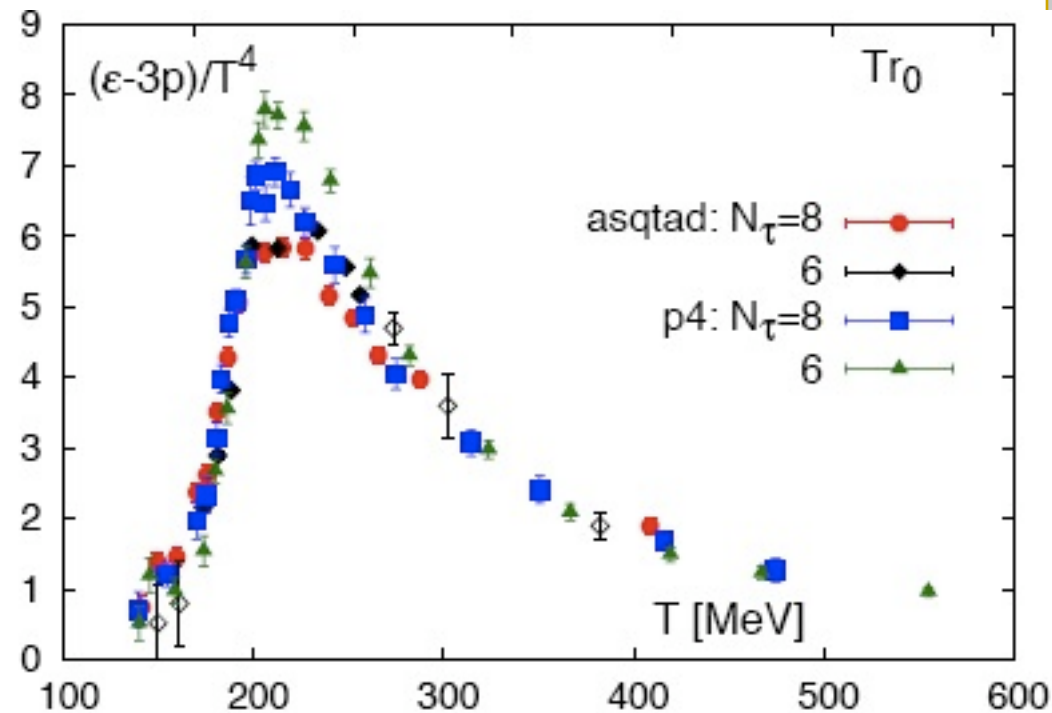
“Explosion” of degrees of freedom

$$T_c \approx 170 \div 180 \text{ MeV}$$

For an ideal gas  $\epsilon = 3p \sim T^4$

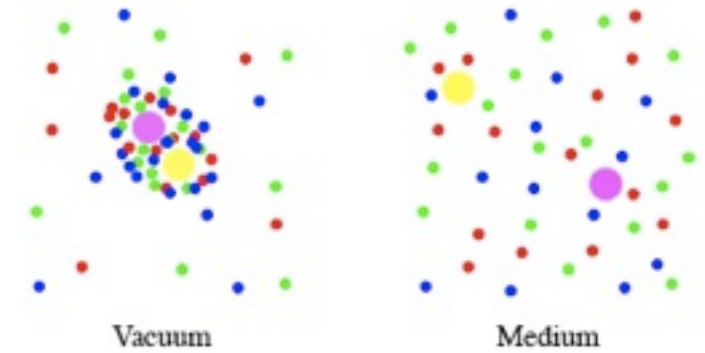
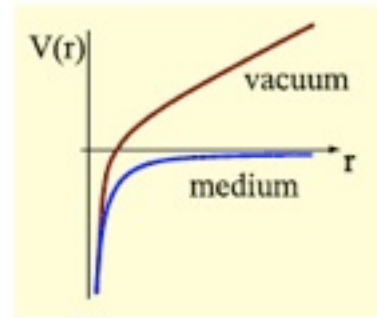
The “trace anomaly”  $T_\mu^\mu = \epsilon - 3p$

is a measure of the interaction  
(and also of the degree of violation of  
scale symmetry)



# Debye screening of the heavy quark potential in the QGP phase

- The presence of free quarks and gluons around a heavy quark pair screens the interaction.
- The string tension goes to zero



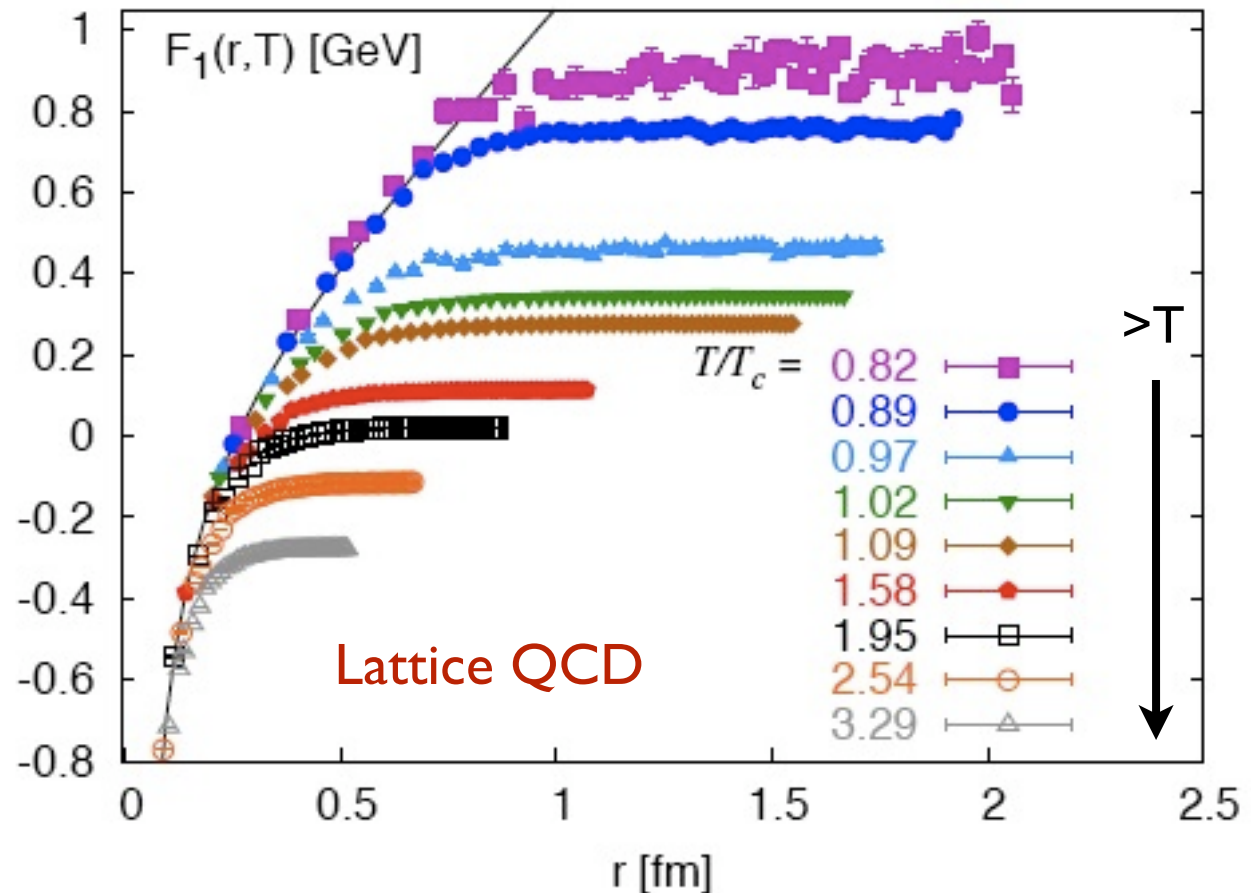
$$V(r, T) \approx -\frac{\alpha_{eff}}{r} \exp[-m_D r] + K(T) r$$

## Debye mass

$$m_D^2 = \frac{N_c + \frac{1}{2}N_f}{3} g^2 T^2$$

## effective string tension

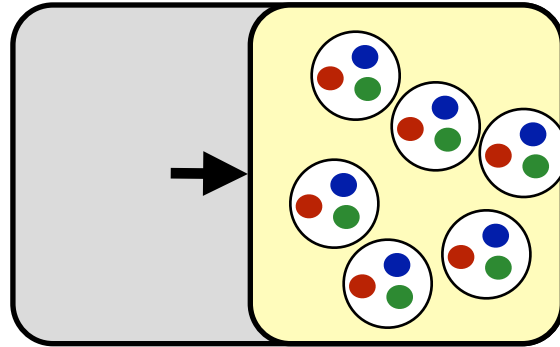
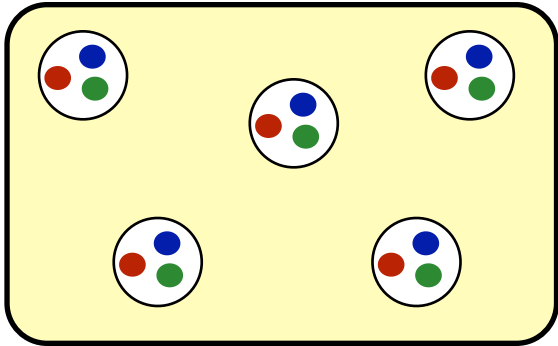
$$K(T) \rightarrow 0 \text{ for } T \gg T_c$$



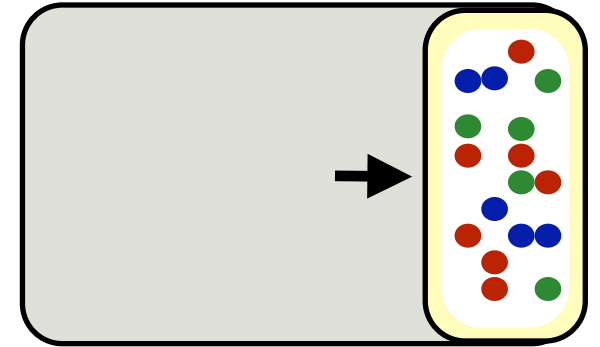
⇒ Other way for the QGP: compressing nuclear matter at low temperatures

Baryon number density  $\sim$  Baryochemical potential

$$n_B = \frac{1}{3} \frac{N_q - N_{\bar{q}}}{V} = d \cdot \frac{T^3}{6} \left[ \frac{\mu_B}{T} + \frac{1}{\pi^2} \left( \frac{\mu_B}{T} \right)^3 \right]$$



$$\mu_B < \mu_{Bc}$$



$$\mu_B > \mu_{Bc}$$

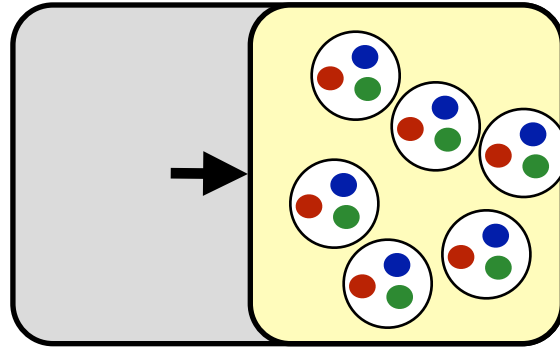
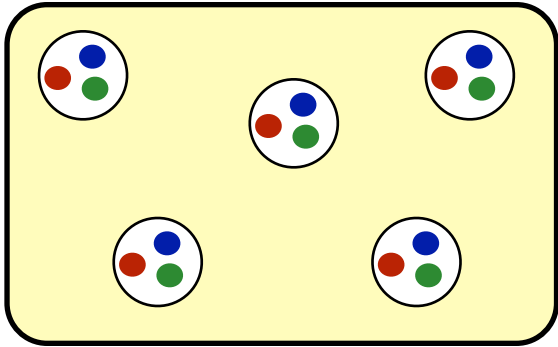
Pressure of a Fermi gas:

$$p_F = d \cdot \frac{T^4}{3} \left[ \frac{7\pi^2}{120} + \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{\mu_B}{T} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \left( \frac{\mu_B}{T} \right)^4 \right]$$

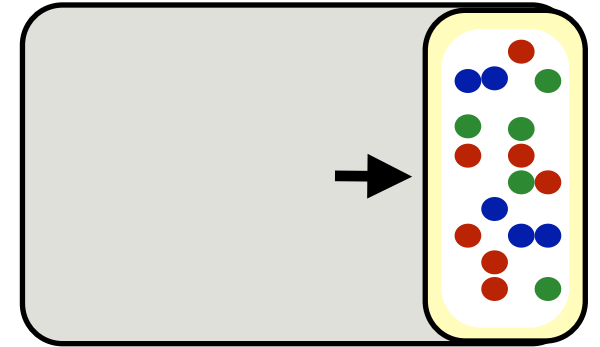
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Critical baryochemical potential for the QGP phase transition ( $T=0$ )

$$p_{q\bar{q}}(\mu_{Bc}) = B \implies \mu_{Bc} \approx 3\sqrt{\pi} B^{1/4} \approx 1.1 \text{ GeV}$$

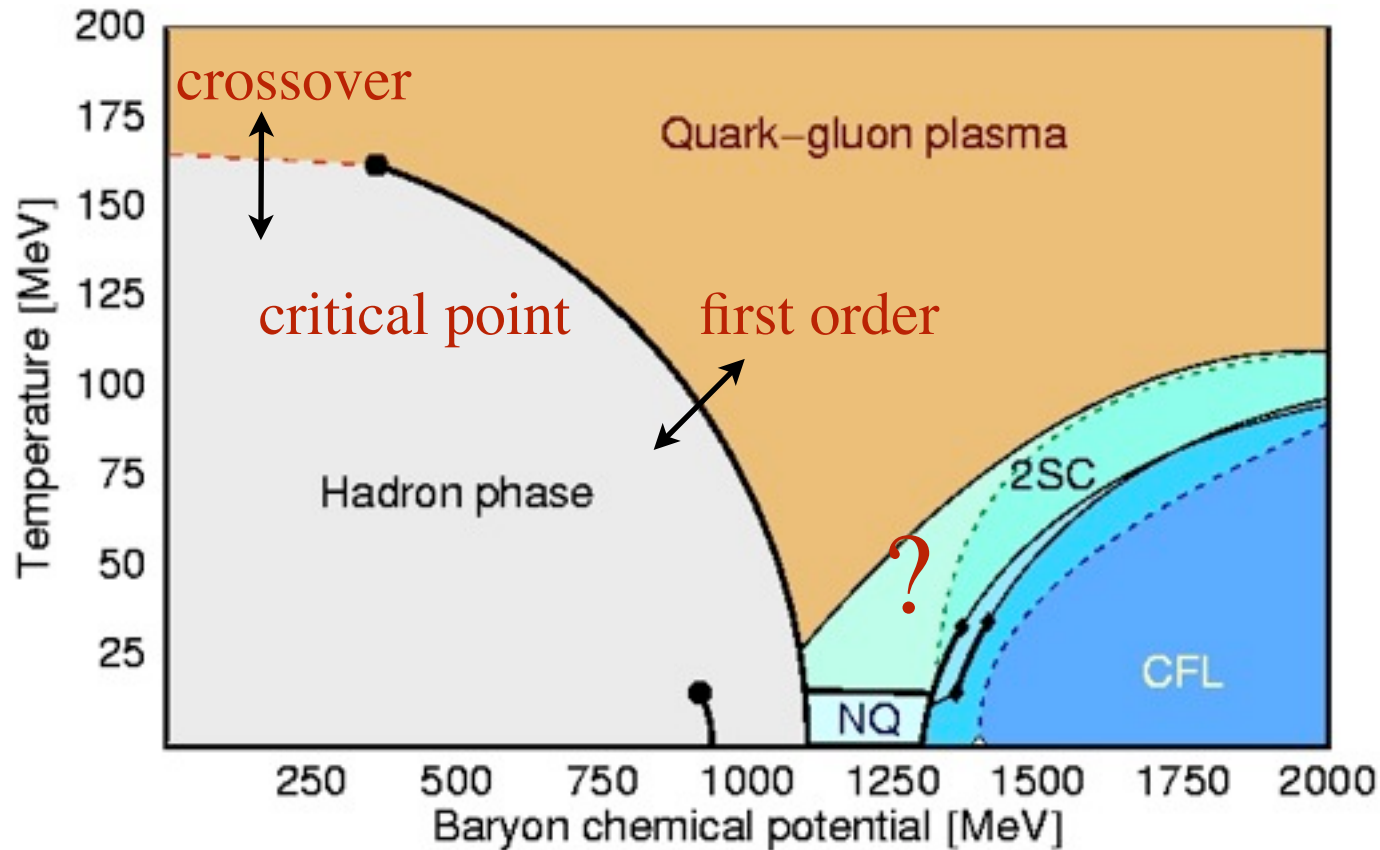
Nuclear matter:  $\mu_{Bnm} \approx 0.9 \text{ GeV}$



## Putting all together: The phase diagram of QCD

- At low  $\mu$  the phase transition is smooth **crossover** between hadron gas and QGP.  
*More like melting butter*

- At larger  $\mu$  the transition becomes **first order**. Existence of a **critical point**.  
*More like water-vapor transition*



- A number of phases, **Color Superconductivity** (2SC), **Color Flavor Locked** (CFL) ... have been proposed. Lattice methods not reliable ready in this regime ....

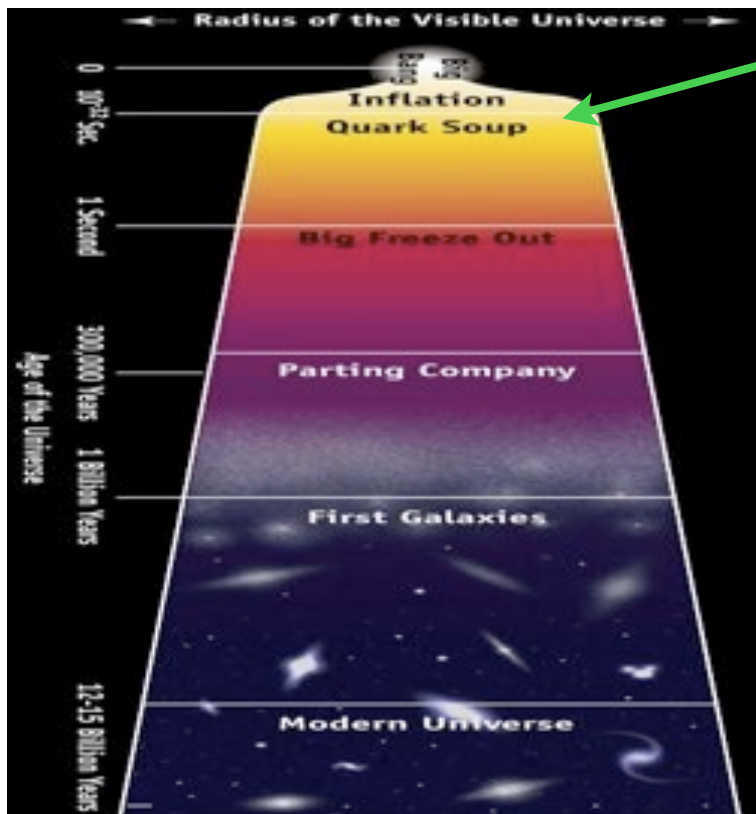
# Where to find the QGP?

⇒ Heavy ion collisions

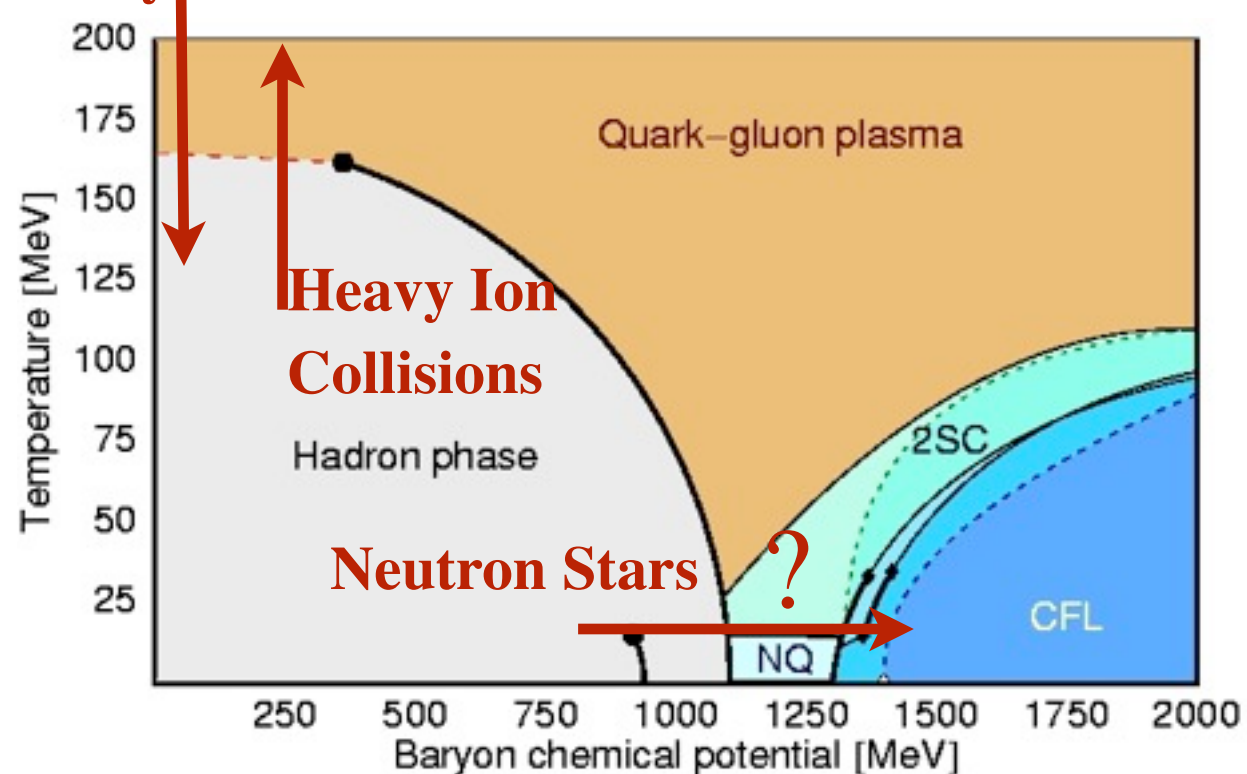
⇒ Core of neutron stars may be composed “exotic” quark matter

$$M_{NS} \sim 1 \div 2 M_{Sun}; \quad R_{NS} \sim 10 \text{ km}$$

⇒ **Early Universe:** The temperature of the Universe at time  $10^{-4} \sim 10^{-5}$  seconds was  $T_{univ} \sim 200 \text{ MeV}$ . It went through a phase transition from quarks and gluons to hadrons

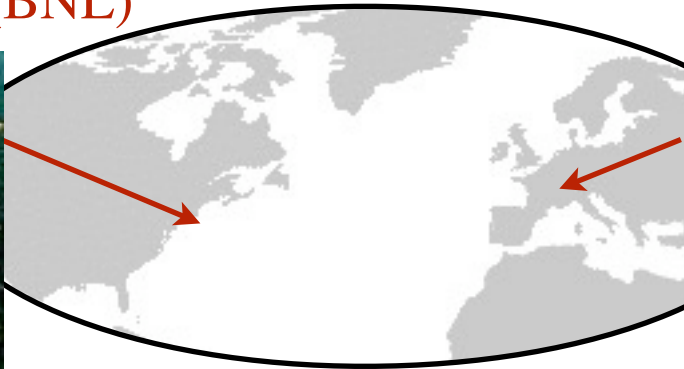


## Early Universe



Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC)  
 Alternating Gradient Synchrotron (AGS)  
 @ Brookhaven National Lab (BNL)

Large Hadron Collider (LHC)  
 Super Proton Synchrotron (SPS)  
 @ CERN



	Lab	years	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (GeV)	
AGS	BNL	87/99	5	
SPS	CERN	86/02	17	
RHIC	BNL	01/??	200	Au-Au, d-Au, p-p, Cu-Cu
LHC	CERN	??/??	5500	Pb-Pb, p-Pb, p-p

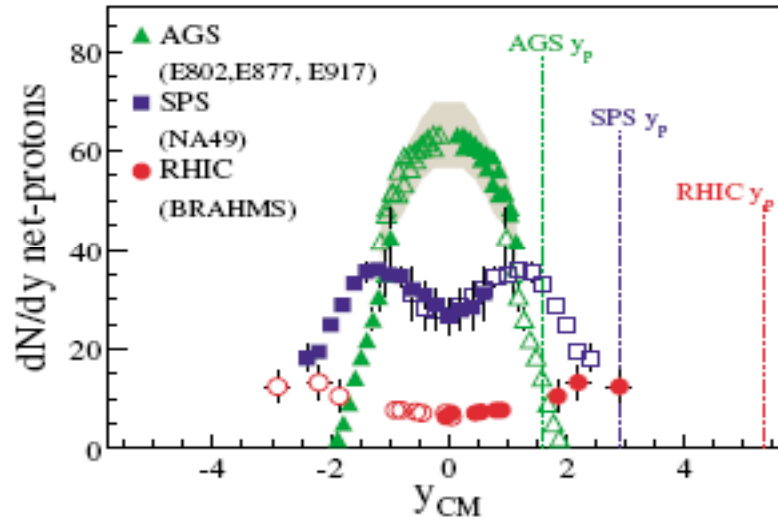
- First hints of QGP formation at SPS. More conclusive evidence obtained at RHIC
- Of the 4 big experimental collaborations at the LHC, one (**ALICE**) is fully dedicated to HIC. Other two (**ATLAS** and **CMS**) will perform related measurements

## Locating HIC experiments on the QCD phase diagram:

- The baryon density in the midrapidity region decreases with increasing collision energy

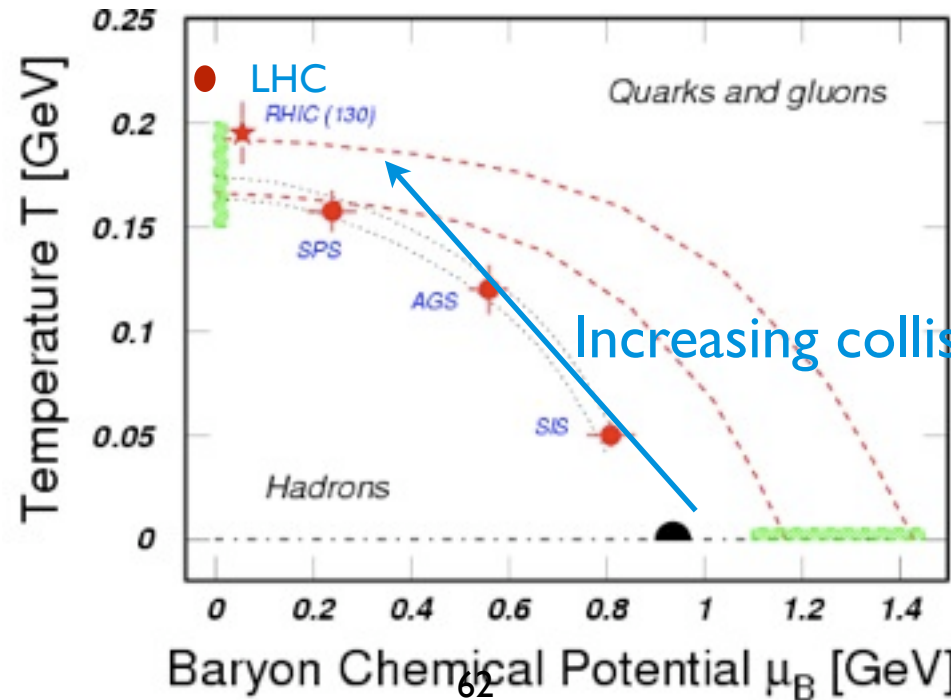
$$\eta = \ln \frac{p_0 + p_z}{p_0 - p_z}$$

High energy:  
valence quarks are not  
slowed down by the collision



increasing collision  
energy

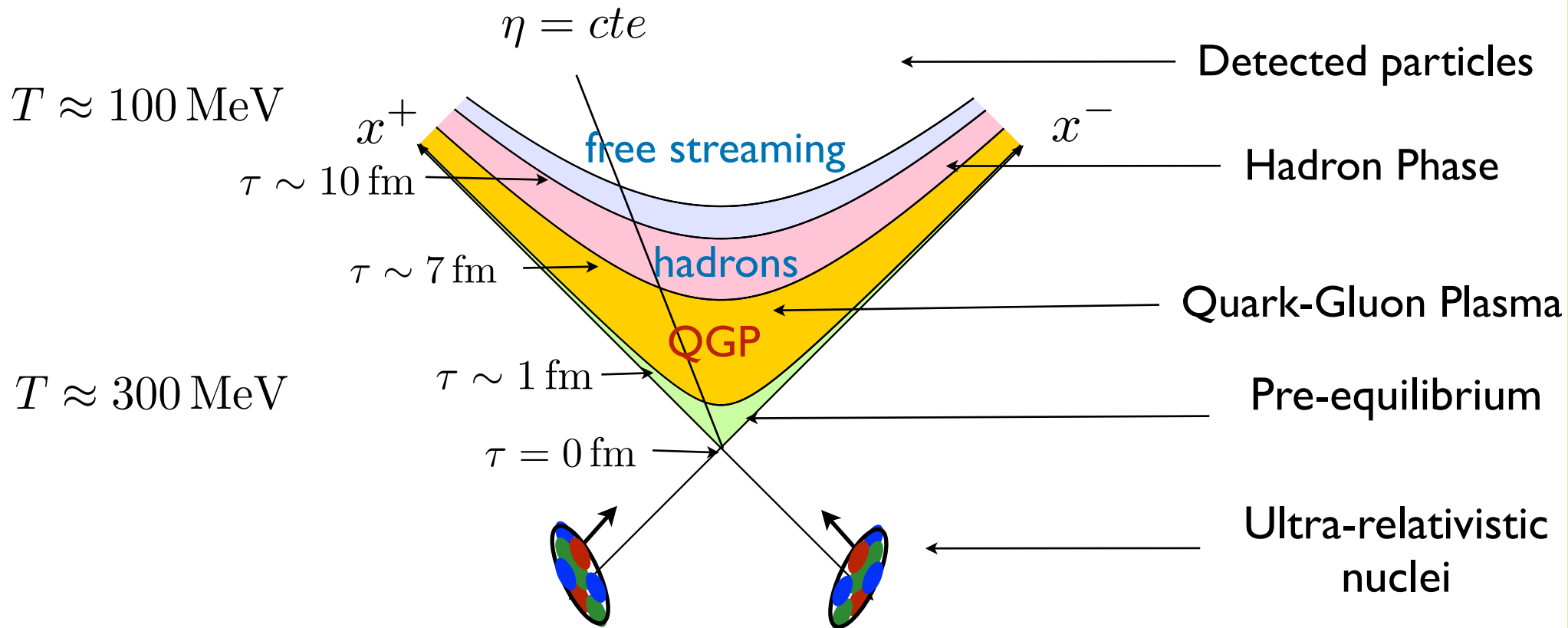
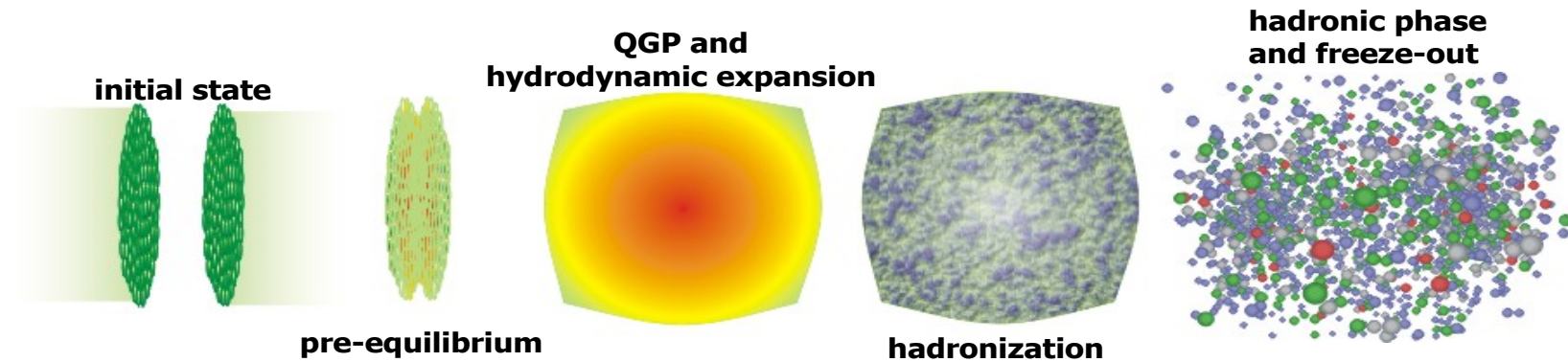
- The temperature increases with collision energy



Increasing collision energy



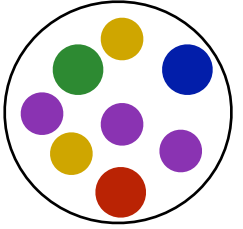
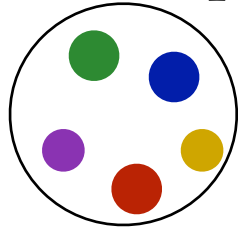
# Space-time view of heavy-ion collisions



We lack of a unified description of the collision dynamics at all times

# The Initial State: Color Glass Condensate & Saturation

$$Y = \ln \frac{p_0 + p_z}{p_0 - p_z}$$

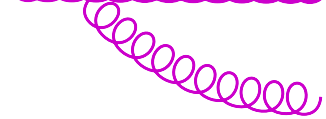


$\Delta Y$

gluon radiation



$p_z$



$k_z = x p_z$

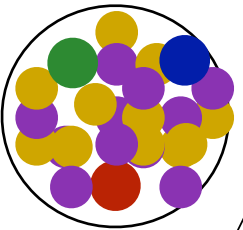
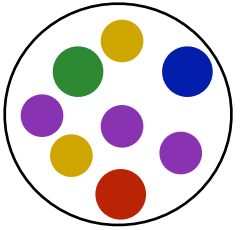
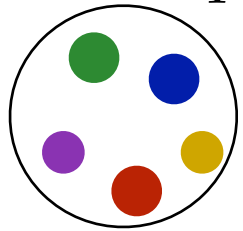
linear evolution (DGLAP, BFKL), dilute regime

$$\frac{\partial N_g}{\partial Y} \sim P N_g$$

exponentially growing gluon densities

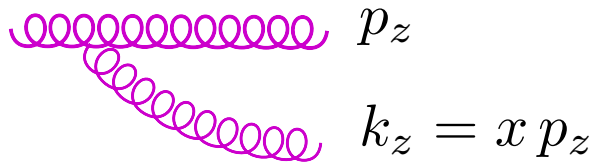
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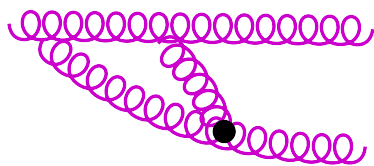
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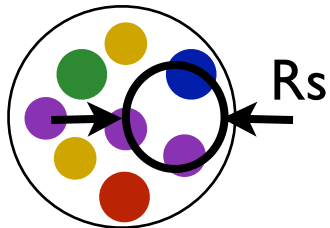
gluon recombination



Non-linear evolution (CGC), high density

$$\frac{\partial N_g}{\partial Y} \sim P N_g - R N_g^2$$

- At high energies (large rapidities, small-x), the hadron wavefunction reach **saturation** due to the growing importance of **recombination processes**



$$Q_s \sim \frac{1}{R_s}$$

$$k_t < Q_s(Y)$$

- Saturation is enhanced in nuclei (large # of gluons, even at low energies)

$$Q_{sA}^2 \sim A^{1/3} Q_{sp}^2 \Rightarrow A^{1/3} \sim 65 \Rightarrow Q_{sAu}^{2, RHIC} \sim 1 \div 2 \text{ GeV}^2$$



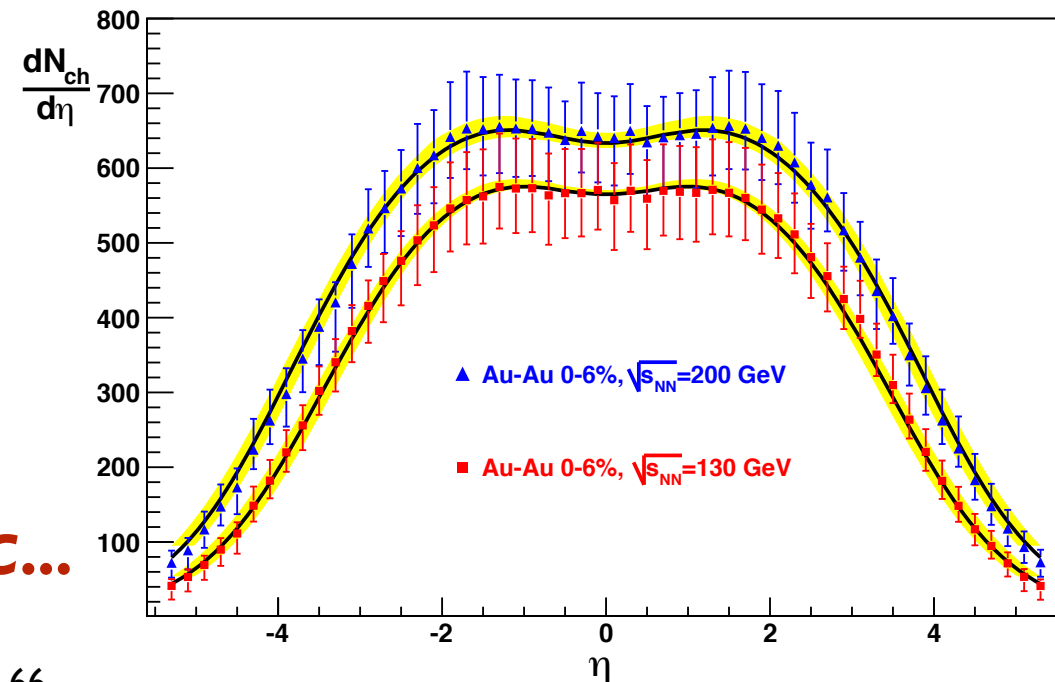
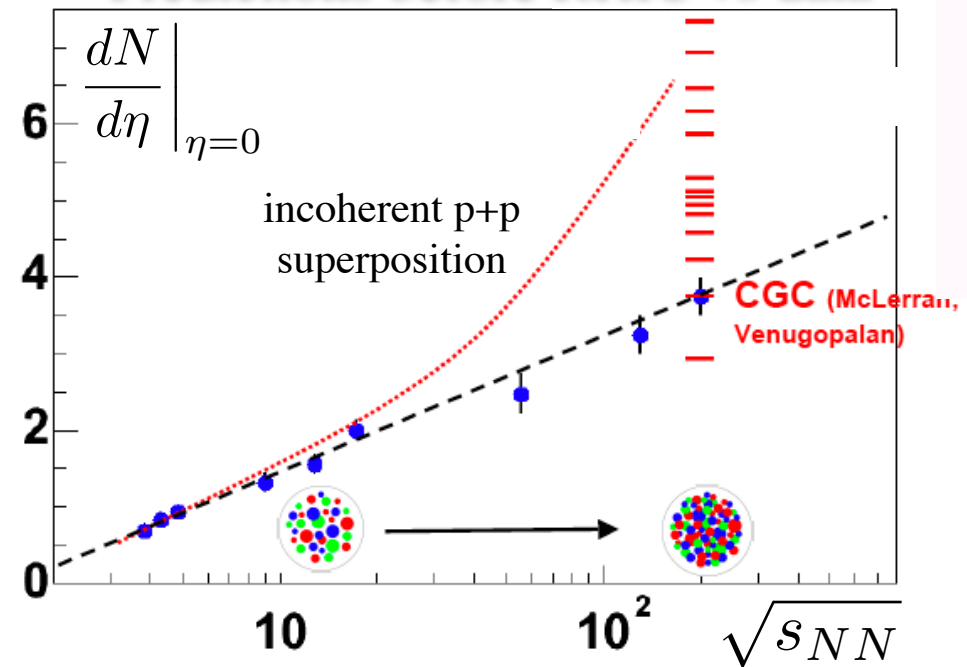
# Bulk properties of RHIC matter: Multiplicities

- One expects the total # of produced hadrons to be proportional to the # of partons in the wavefunction of colliding nuclei
- **First surprise at RHIC:** Total multiplicities came out a lot smaller than predicted by simple superpositions of proton-proton collisions:

- **Saturation explanation:** The flux of colliding partons (mostly gluons) is reduced due to saturation effects
- CGC predictions account the energy rapidity, centrality of the multiplicities

**... CGC has been discovered at RHIC...**

## Predictions before RHIC vs data



# The success of hydrodynamics at RHIC

⇒ Hydrodynamics is an effective theory that describes the long wavelength modes of the conserved charges of the system

energy-momentum conservation:  $\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$

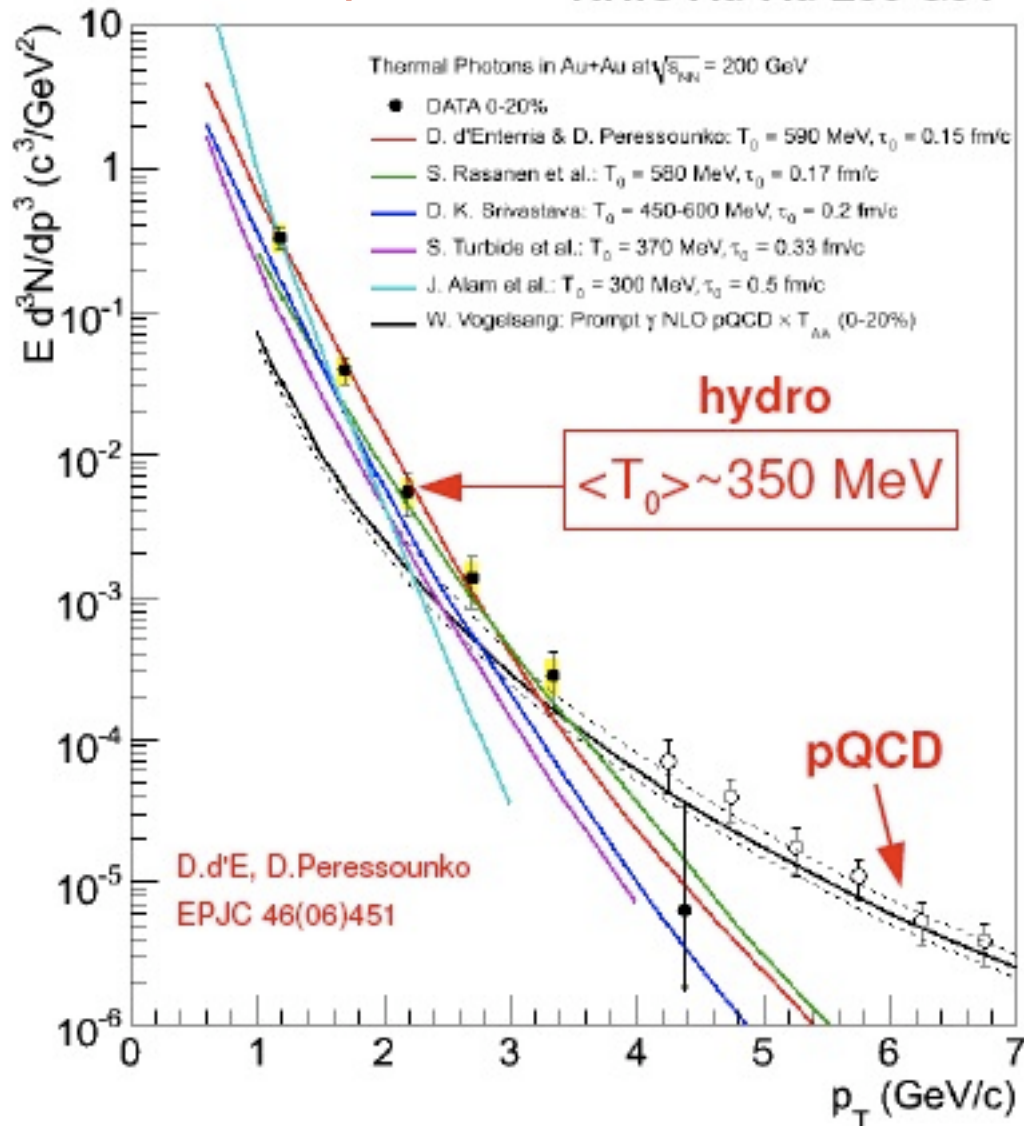
baryon number conservation:  $\partial_\mu j_B^\mu = 0$

⇒ It requires local equilibrium and a small mean free path:  $\lambda_{mfp} \sim (\sigma n)^{-1} \rightarrow 0$

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \underbrace{[\epsilon(p, T) + p] u^\mu u^\nu - p g^{\mu\nu}}_{\text{ideal fluid}} + \underbrace{F(\nabla_\mu u^\nu; \eta; D \dots)}_{\text{dissipative terms (viscosity...)}}$$

⇒ Ideal hydro describes a lot of RHIC data!!

### Photon spectrum RHIC Au-Au 200 GeV



### Input for hydro evolution:

- QGP E.oS.
- short thermalization time:

$$\tau_{therm} \sim 0.6 \div 1 \text{ fm}$$

- initial energy density:

$$\epsilon_{\tau_{therm}} \sim 30 \text{ GeV}/\text{fm}^3$$

### hadron spectrum

