



Perfect Liquid at RHIC



---夸克胶子等离子体简介

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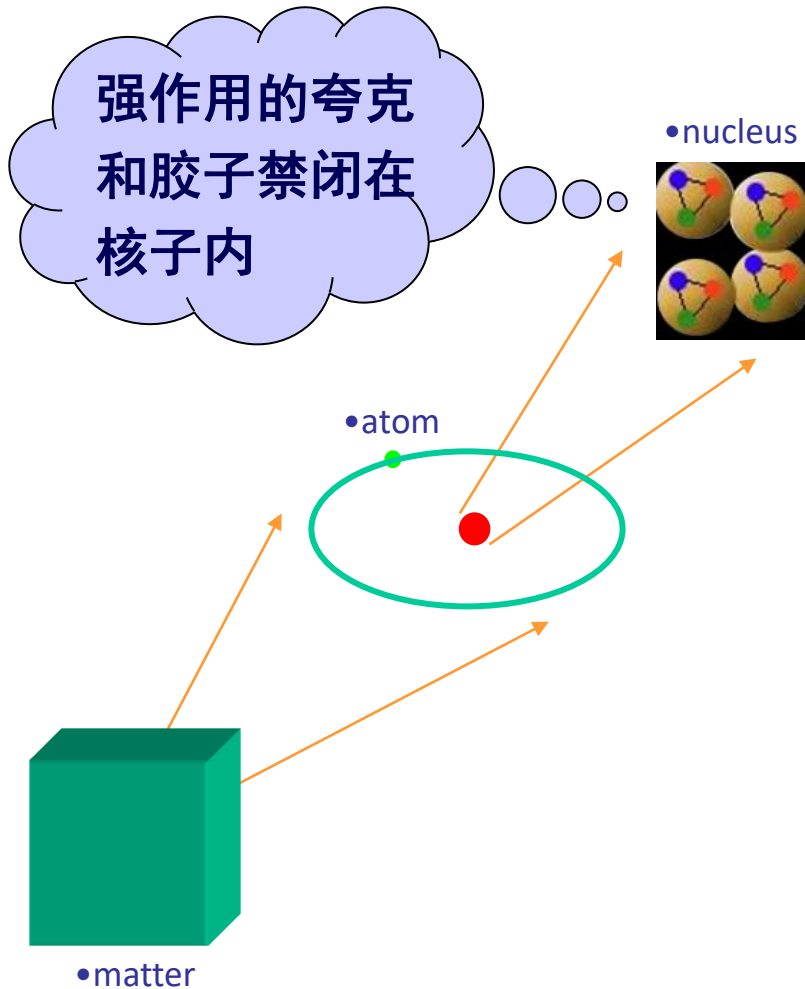


Outline



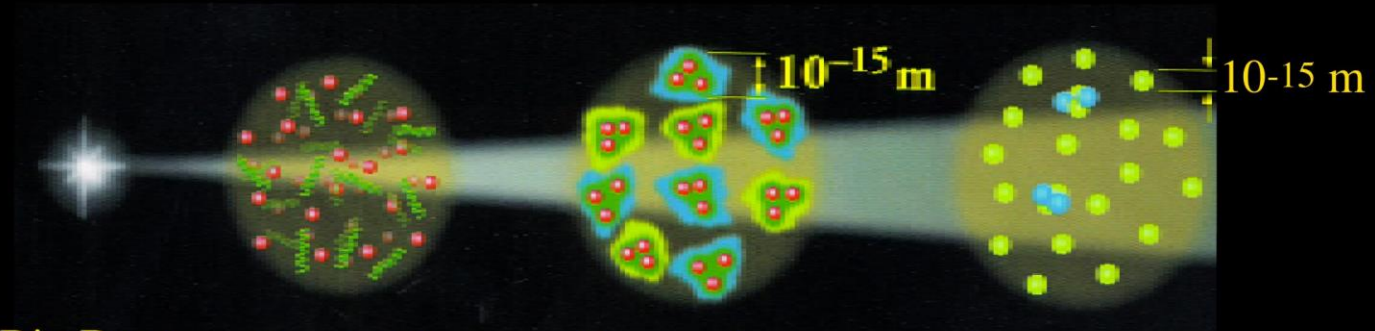
- **Introduction**
- **Perfect Liquid**
- **Summary and Outlook**

-- T.D.Lee



- **Missing Symmetry** – all present theories are based on symmetry, but most symmetry quantum numbers are NOT conserved.
- **Unseen Quarks** – all hadrons are made of quarks, yet NO individual quark has been observed.

History of the Universe

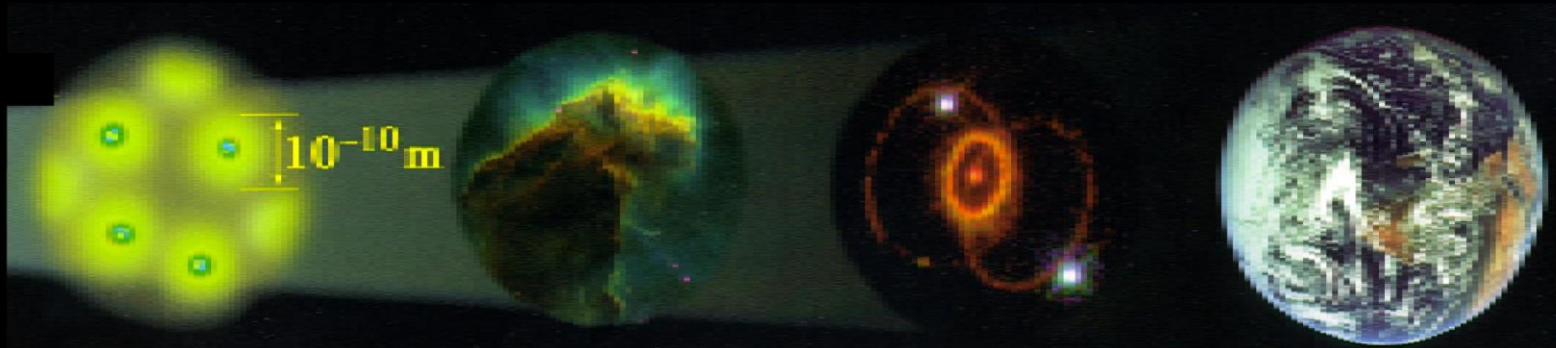


Big Bang

Quark-Gluon
Plasma
 10^{13} K, 10^{-6} s

Protons &
Neutrons
 10^{12} K, 10^{-4} s

Low-mass
Nuclei
 10^9 K, 3 min



Neutral
Atoms
 4000 K, 10^5 y

Star
Formation
 10^9 y

Heavy
Elements
 $>10^9$ y

Today

Source: Nuclear Science
Wall Chart



How to Address the Problem?

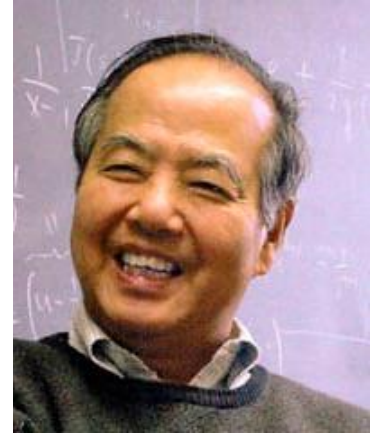


The confinement:

Quarks are the basic building blocks of matter.

No free quarks are seen, confined within hadron:

$$\Delta v_0 \sim 1 \text{ fm}^3, \quad \rho_0 \sim 0.16 \text{ fm}^{-3}, \quad \varepsilon_0 \sim 0.15 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$$



重要的科学问题:

夸克能否解除禁闭，产生新物质形态—夸克胶子等离子体 (QGP) ? T.D. Lee
QCD 相结构? 相变临界点是否存在?

Heavy ion collisions: Large, hot/dense system

$$\Delta v \sim 1000 \text{ fm}^3 = 1000 v_0$$

$$\rho \gg 3 \text{ fm}^{-3} \sim 20 \rho_0$$

$$\varepsilon \gg 3 \text{ GeV/fm}^3 \sim 20 \varepsilon_0$$

\Rightarrow **Quark Gluon Plasma (QGP)**

QGP: Quarks and gluons are 'freely' moving in a large volume

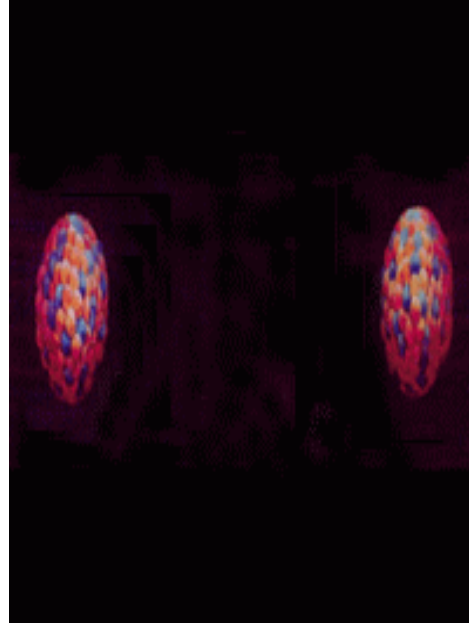
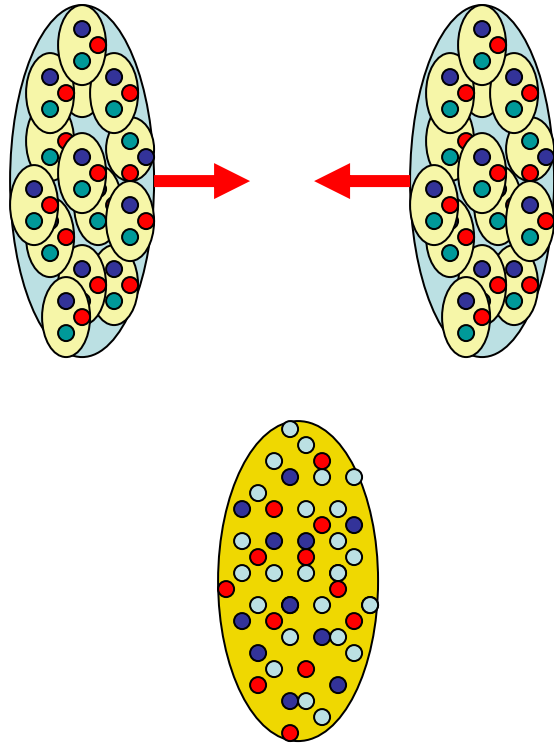
New form of *matter with partonic degrees of freedom*

QCD Phase Structure

- Connection with other fields, cosmology, origin of the universe, evolution of the universe quantum statistics with partons

The Melting of Quarks and Gluons -- Quark-Gluon Plasma --

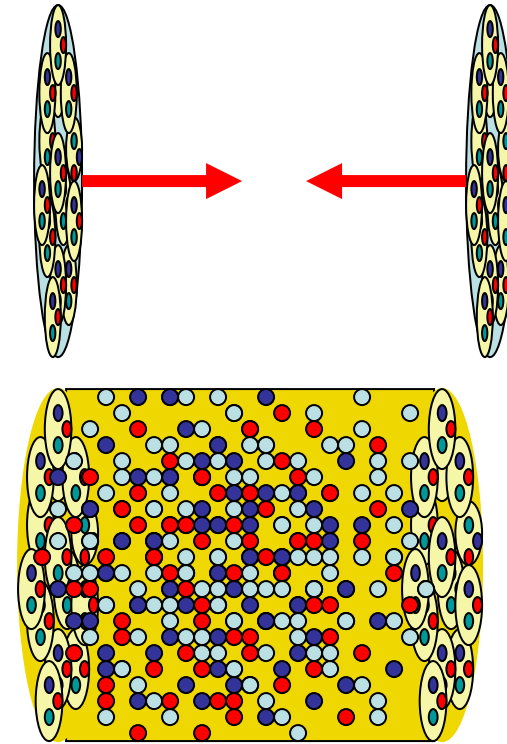
Matter Compression:



Deconfinement

High Baryon Density
-- low energy heavy ion collisions
-- neutron star \rightarrow quark star

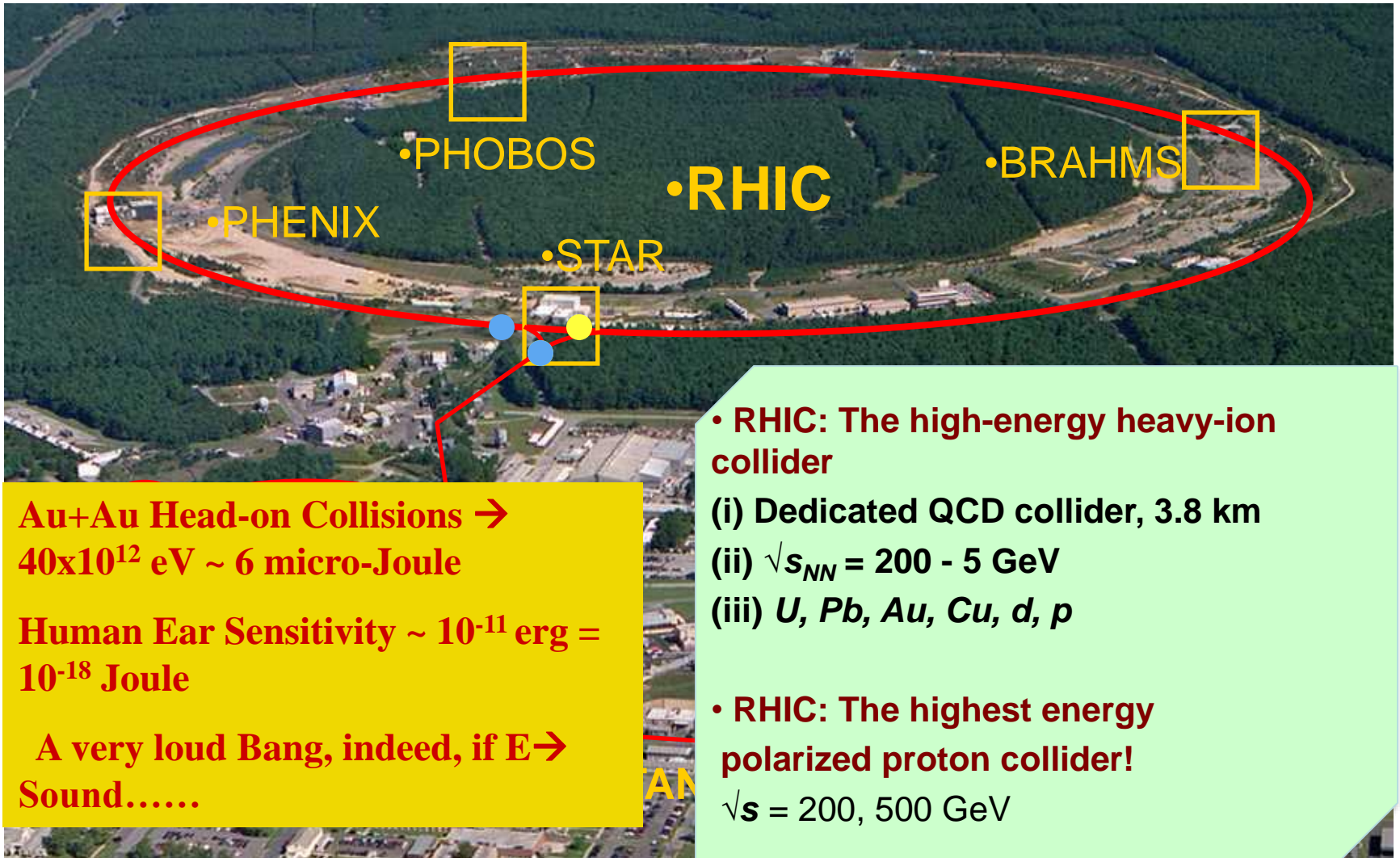
Vacuum Heating:



High Temperature Vacuum
-- high energy heavy ion collisions
-- the Big Bang

Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider

Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL), Upton, NY



**Au+Au Head-on Collisions →
 40×10^{12} eV ~ 6 micro-Joule**

**Human Ear Sensitivity ~ 10^{-11} erg =
 10^{-18} Joule**

**A very loud Bang, indeed, if E →
Sound.....**

• **RHIC: The high-energy heavy-ion collider**

(i) Dedicated QCD collider, 3.8 km

(ii) $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200 - 5$ GeV

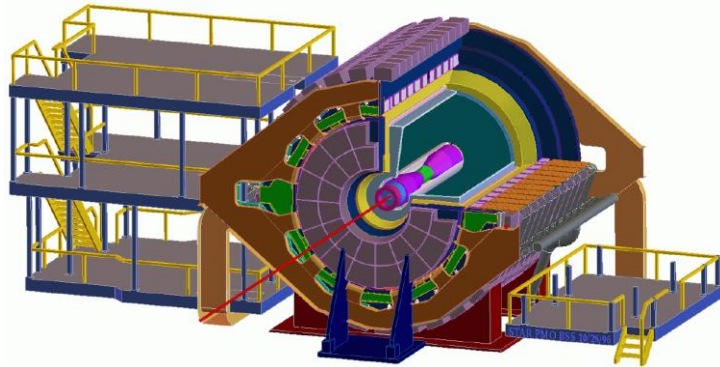
(iii) U, Pb, Au, Cu, d, p

• **RHIC: The highest energy polarized proton collider!**

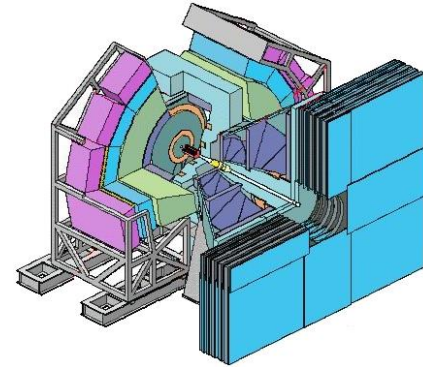
$\sqrt{s} = 200, 500$ GeV

• Animation M. Lisa

High-Energy Nuclear Collider Experiments

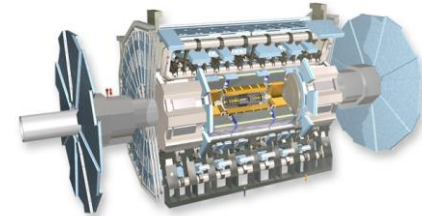
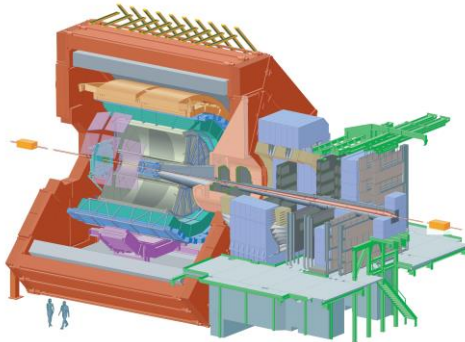


STAR (Solenoidal Tracker At RHIC)



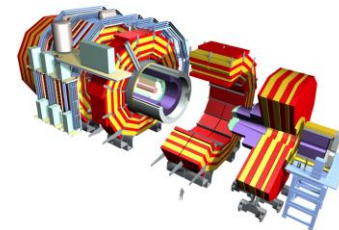
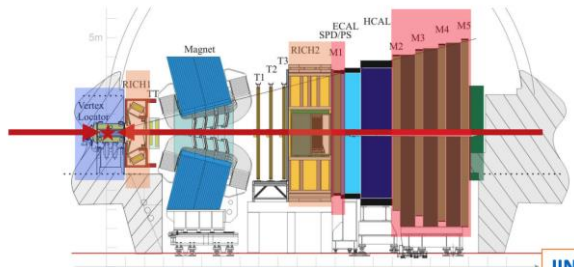
PHENIX (Pioneering High Energy Nuclear Ion Experiment)

ALICE (A Large Ion Collider Experiment)



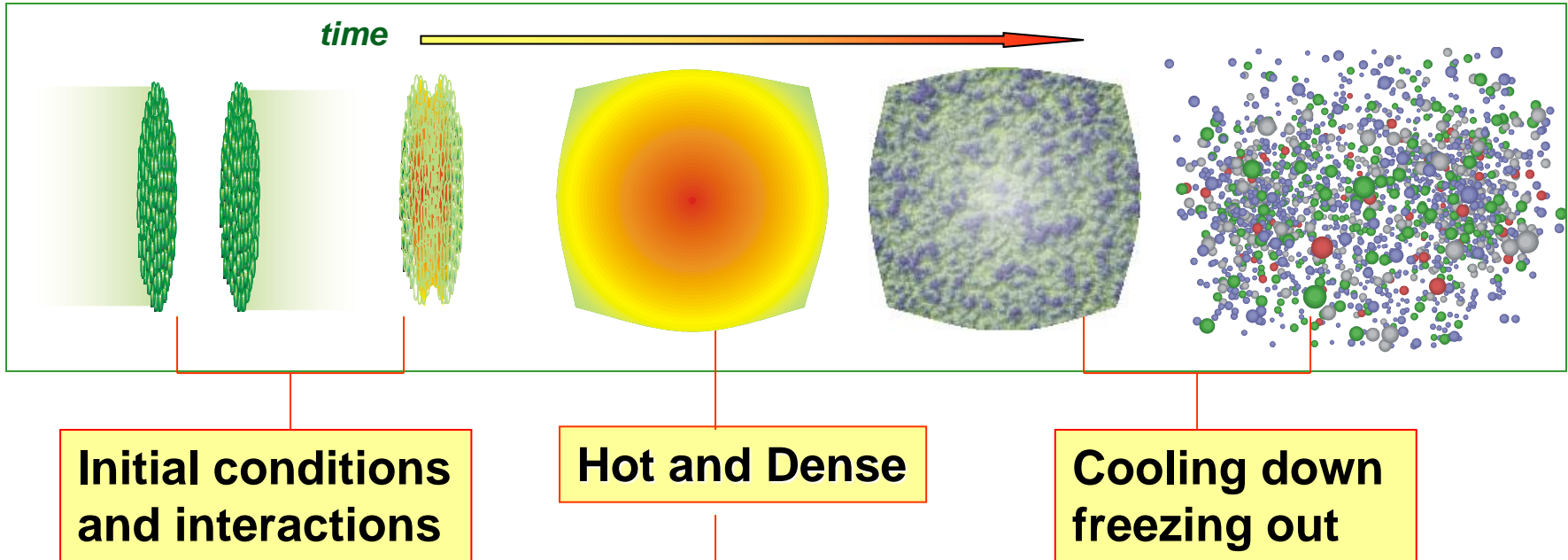
•**ATLAS** (A Toroidal LHC Apparatus)

LHCb



CMS (Compact Muon Solenoid)

High-energy Nuclear Collisions



Experimental probes:

- 1) ***Penetrating probes***: “jets” Energy loss
- 2) ***Bulk probes*** : Elliptic flow, radial flow
- 3) ***Fluctuation***:



Physics Goals at RHIC



Identify and study the properties of matter with partonic degrees of freedom.

Penetrating probes

- direct photons, leptons
- “jets” and heavy flavor

Bulk probes

- spectra, $v_1, v_2 \dots$
- partonic collectivity
- fluctuations

Hydrodynamic
Flow

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Collectivity \otimes

Local
Thermalization



Outline

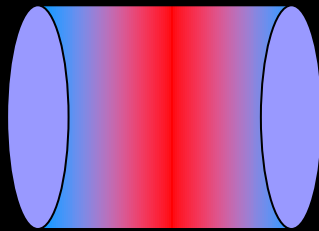


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 - Energy loss
 - Spectra
 - Elliptic flow v_2
 - Perfect Liquid
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Transverse Energy and Energy Density

- Bjorken energy density estimate

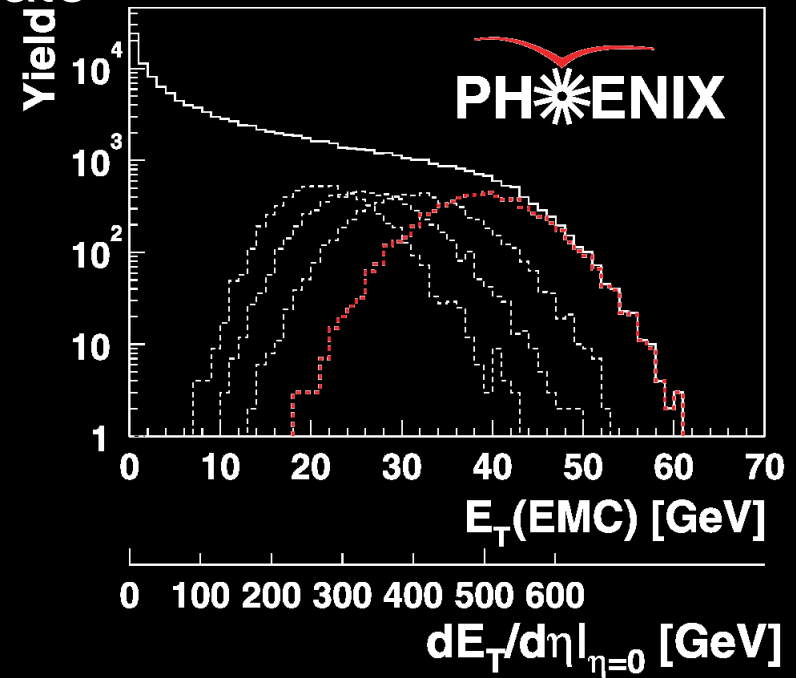
$$\varepsilon_{Bj} = \frac{1}{\pi R^2} \frac{1}{\tau_0} \frac{dE_T}{dy}$$



$$dz = \tau_0 dy$$

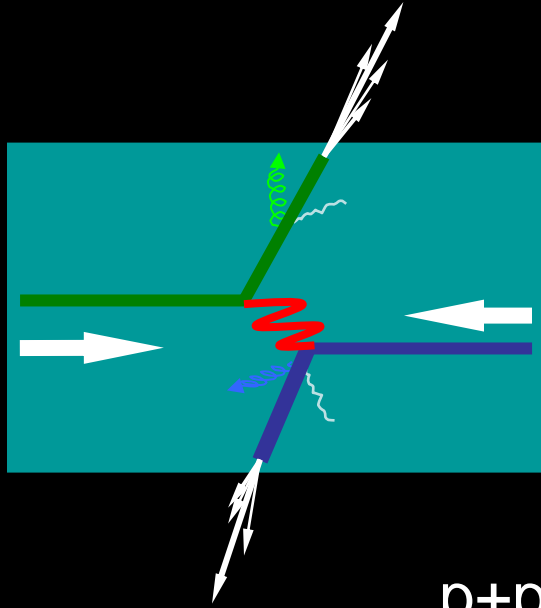
$$\varepsilon_{BJ} = 4.6 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$$

$$\left\langle \frac{dE_T}{d\eta} \right\rangle_{\eta=0} = 503 \pm 2 \text{ GeV}$$

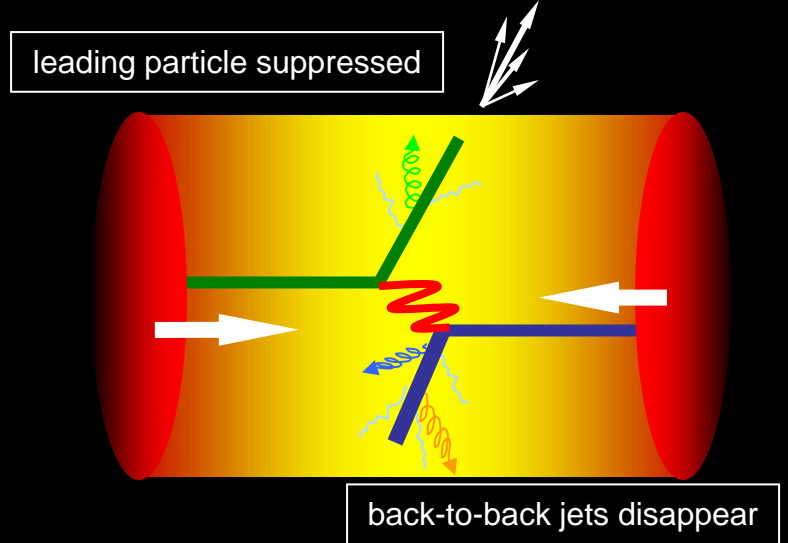


- Much larger than the critical energy density !!

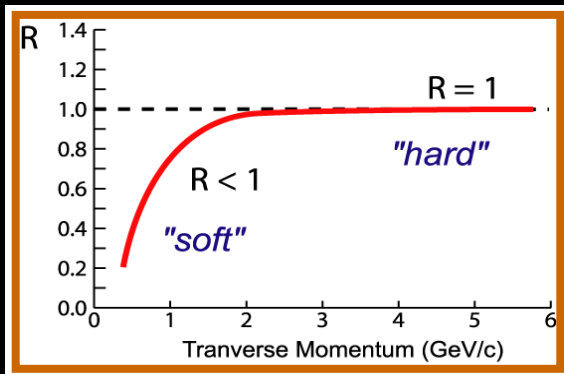
$$\varepsilon_{BJ} \gg \varepsilon_0 \sim 0.15 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$$



p+p

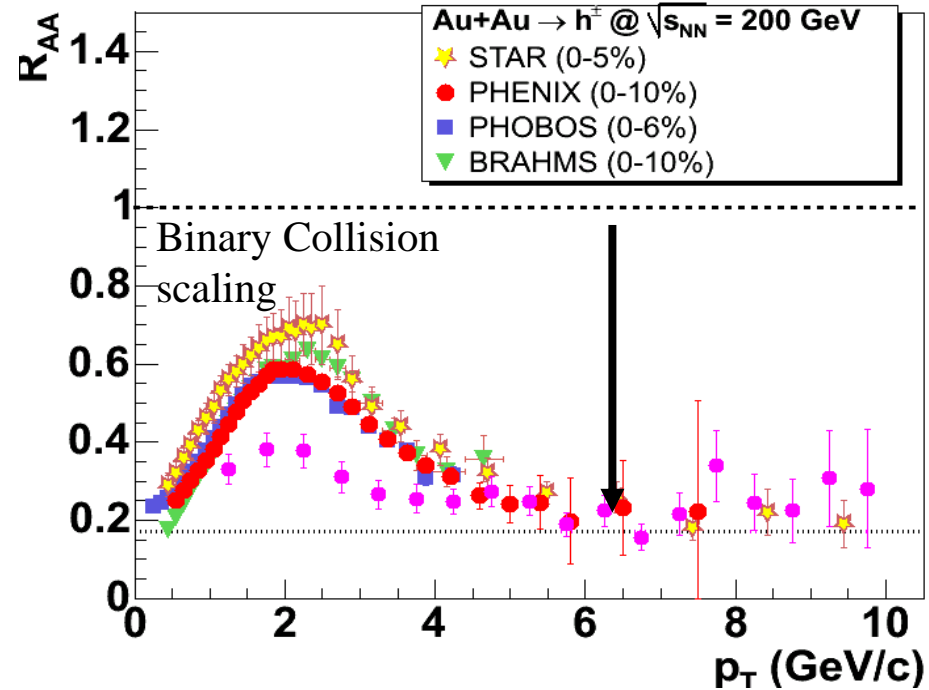
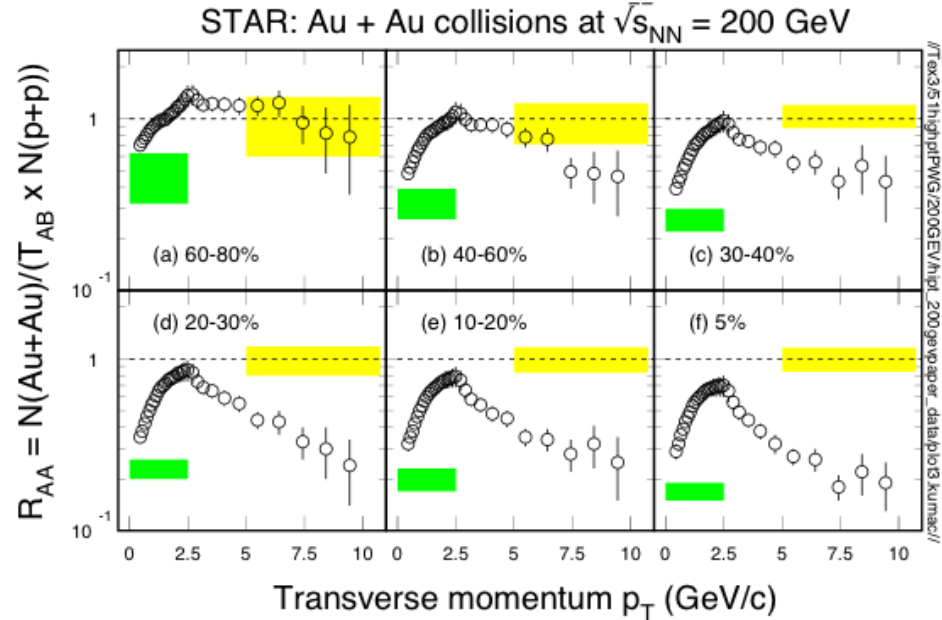


Au + Au



Nuclear Modification Factor:

$$R_{AA}(p_T) = \frac{(dN/dp_T)_{AA}}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle (dN/dp_T)_{pp}}$$

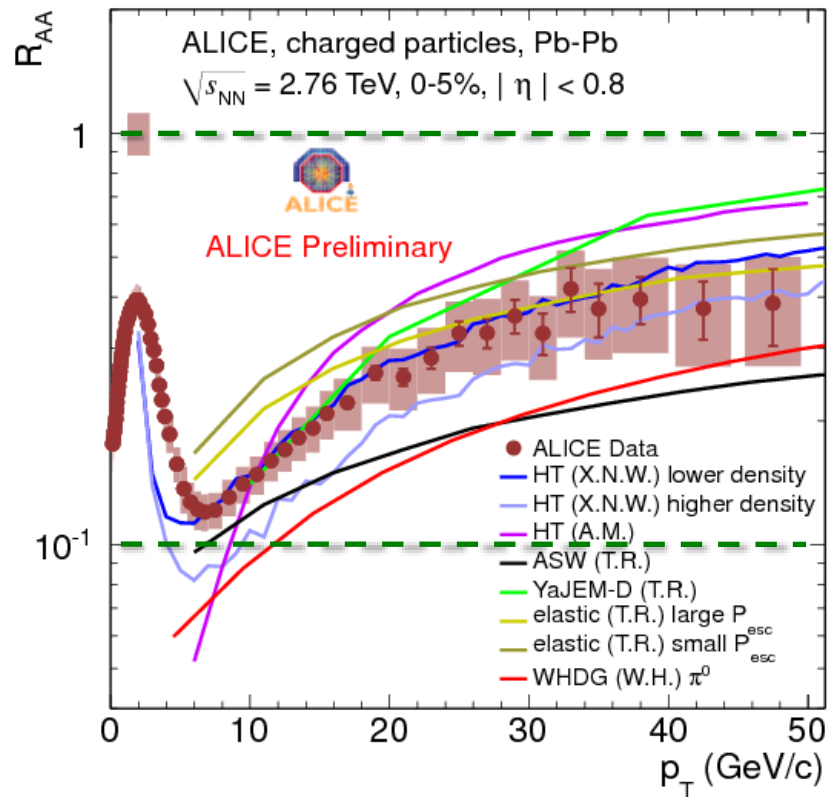
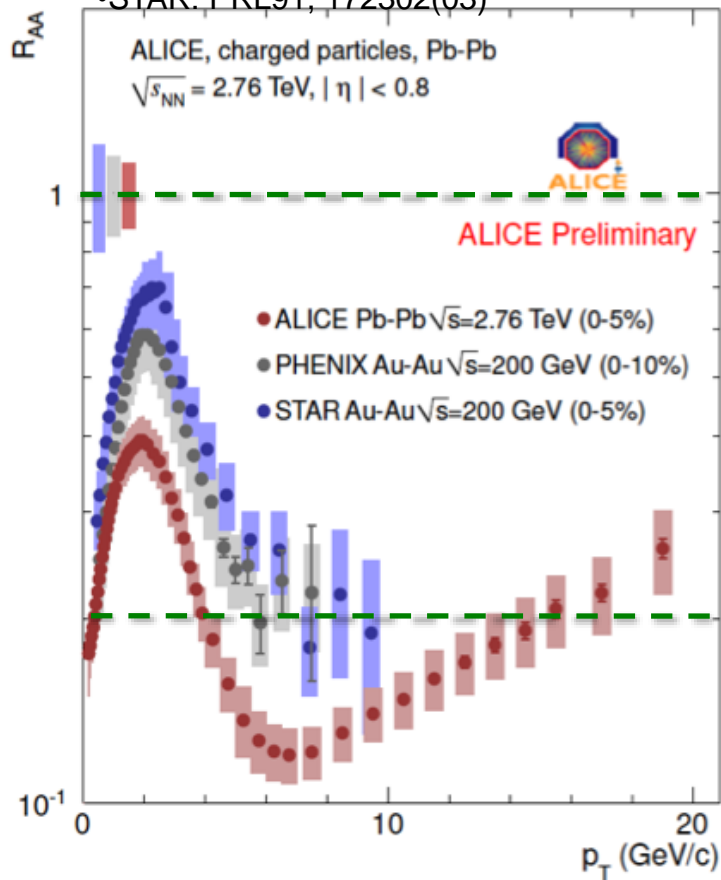


$$R_{AA}(p_T) = \frac{(dN/dp_T)_{AA}}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle (dN/dp_T)_{pp}}$$

Factor 5 suppression: large effect
 pQCD+energy loss: initial density ~ 30 times cold nuclear matter

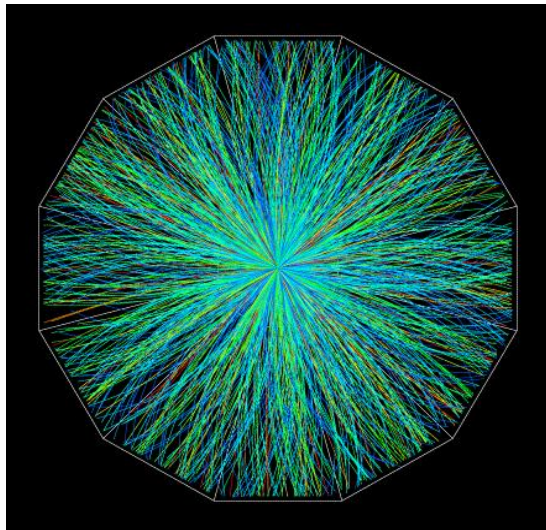
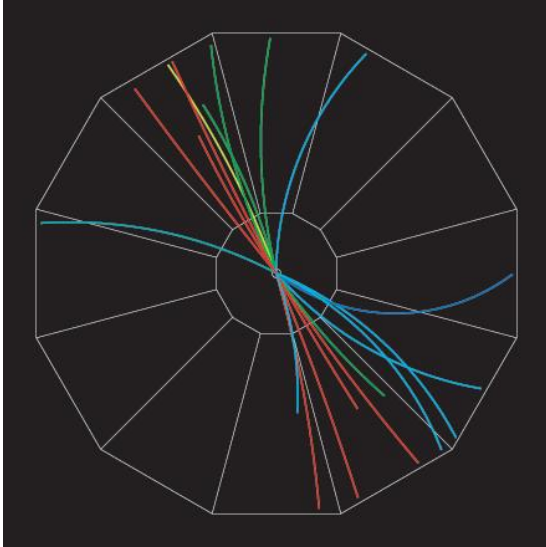
• PHENIX: PRC69, 034910(04)

• STAR: PRL91, 172302(03)



- 1) At LHC(2.76TeV), the energy loss is stronger than that from RHIC (0.2TeV)
 → hotter/denser medium created at higher collision energy
- 2) pQCD predictions consistent at larger p_T region: $> 10 \text{ GeV/c}$

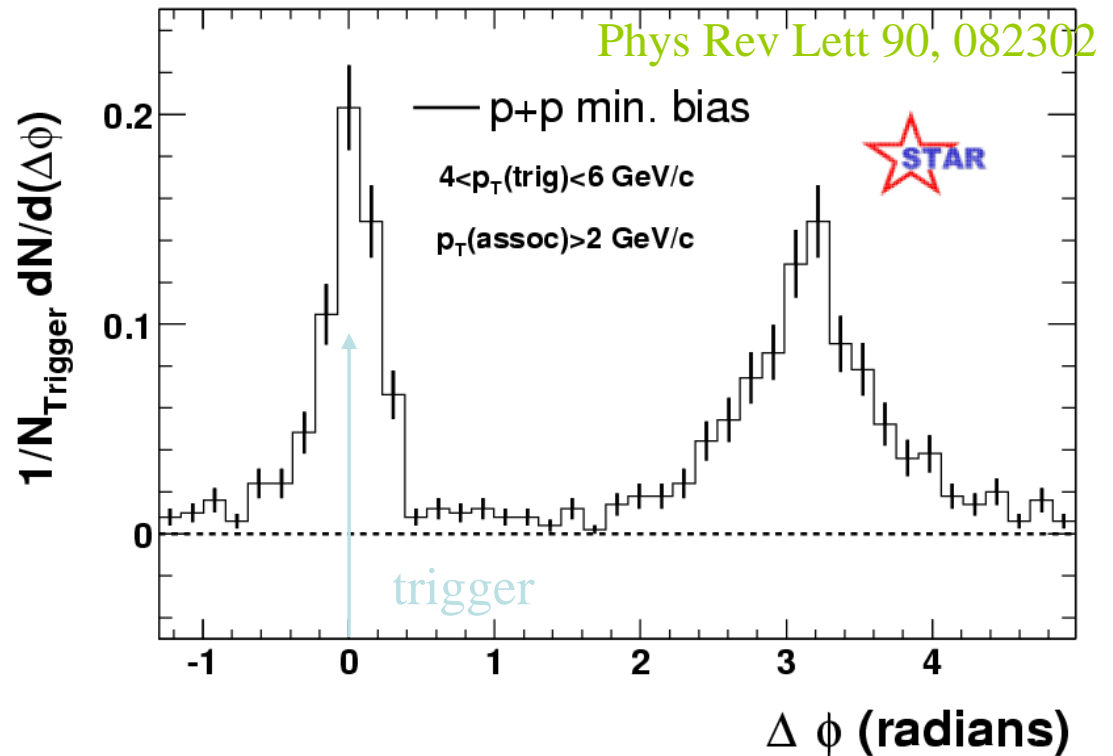
$p+p \rightarrow \text{dijet}$



trigger: highest p_T track, $p_T > 4 \text{ GeV}/c$

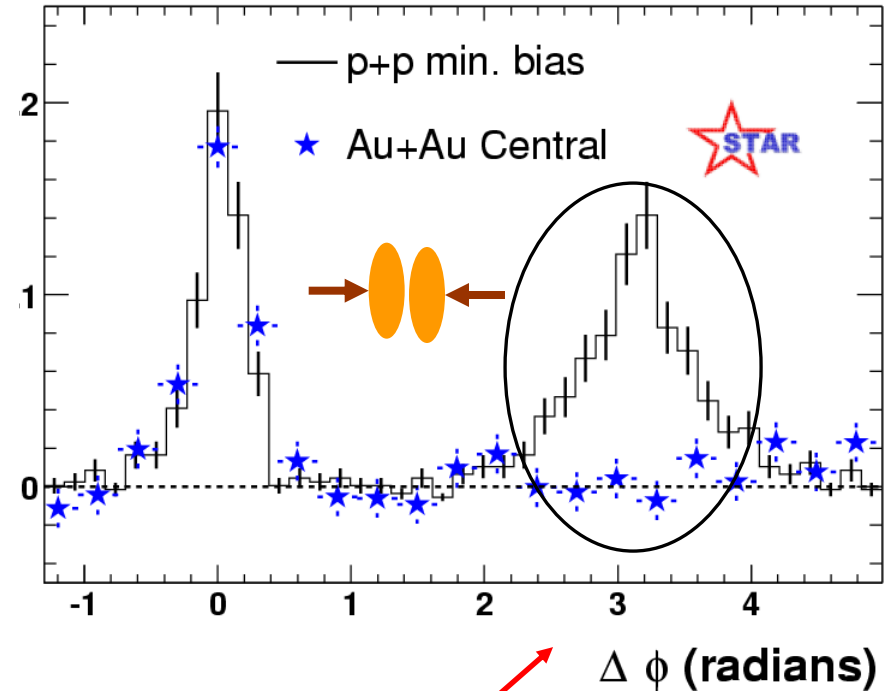
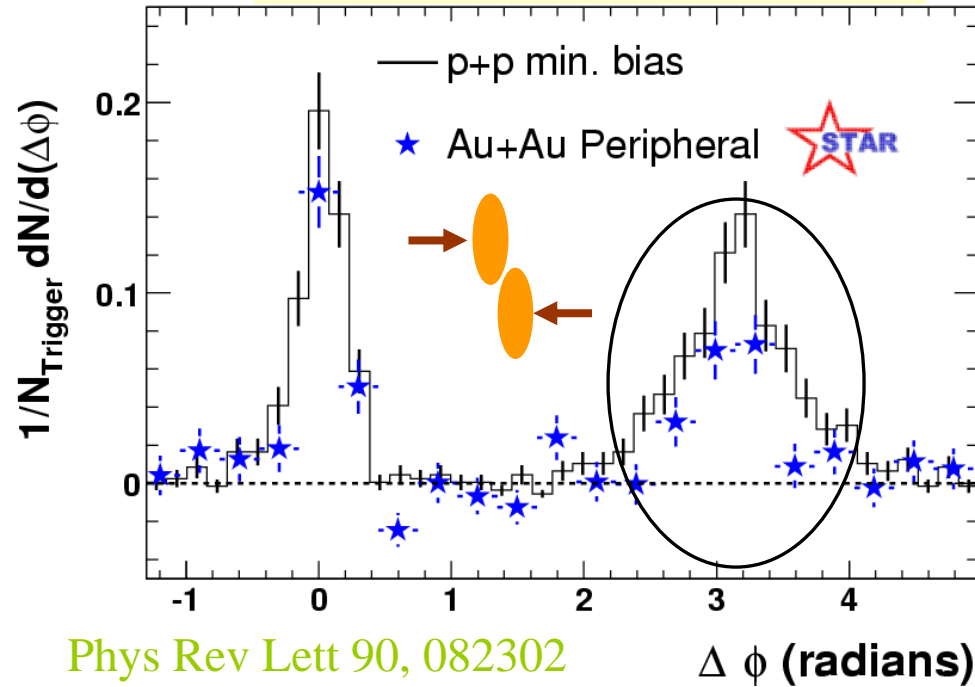
$\Delta\phi$ distribution: $2 \text{ GeV}/c < p_T < p_T^{\text{trigger}}$

normalize to number of triggers



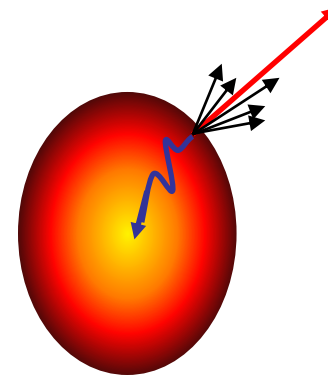
Au+Au peripheral
(large impact parameter)

Au+Au central (head-on)



Phys Rev Lett 90, 082302

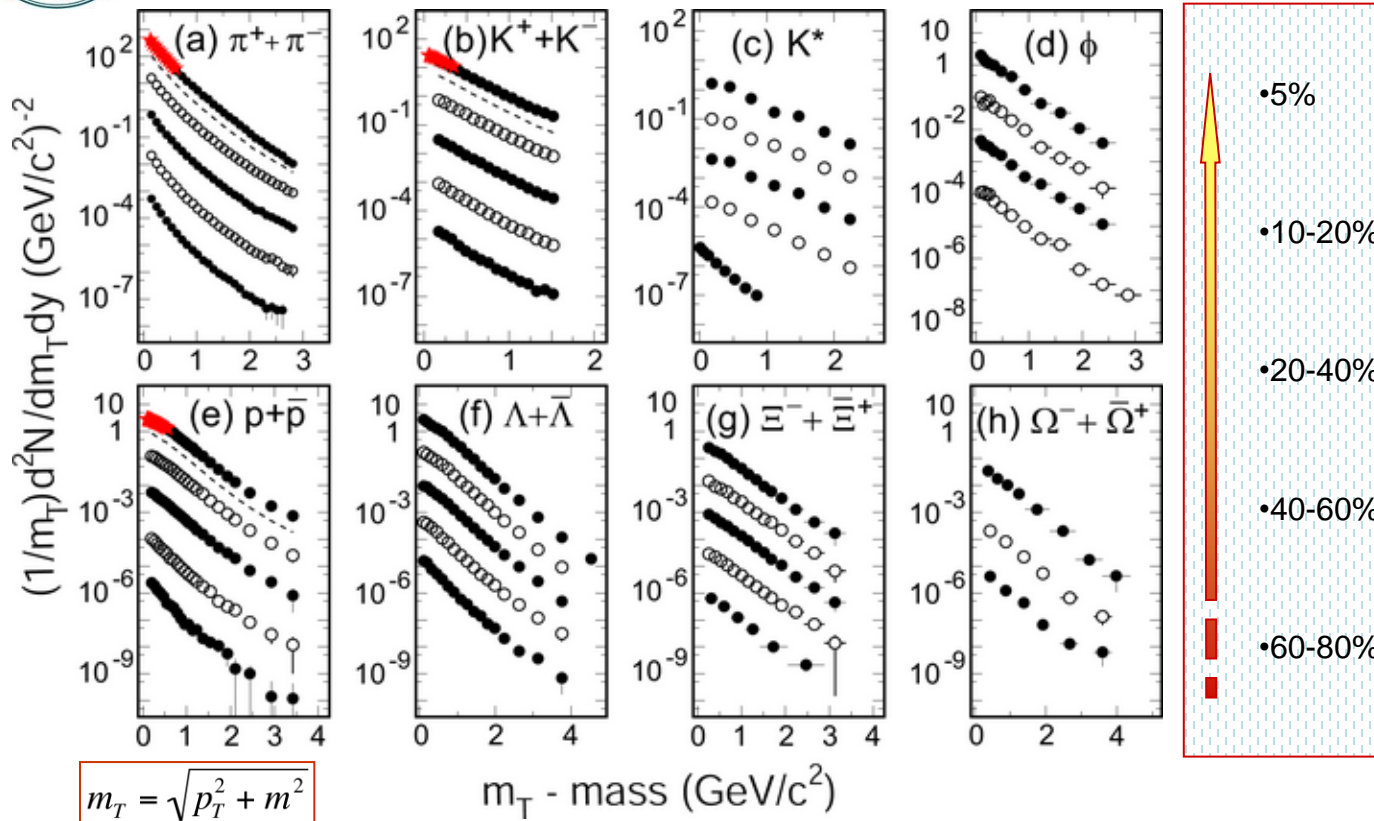
Strong suppression of back-to-back correlations in central Au+Au



$$\frac{dN}{p_t dp_t dy d\varphi} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{dN}{p_t dp_t dy} \left[1 + \sum_{i=1} 2v_i \cos(i\varphi) \right]$$
$$p_t = \sqrt{p_x^2 + p_y^2}, \quad m_t = \sqrt{p_t^2 + m^2}$$

As a function of particle mass: $v_n = \cos n\varphi$

- Radial flow – integrated over whole evolution
- Directed flow (v_1) – early
- Elliptic flow (v_2) – early
- Triangular flow (v_3) –
- **Note on collectivity:**
 - 1) Effect of collectivity is accumulative – final effect is the sum of all processes.
 - 2) Thermalization is not needed to develop collectivity - pressure gradient depends on **density gradient** and **interactions**.



• mid-rapidity, p+p and Au+Au collisions at 200 GeV

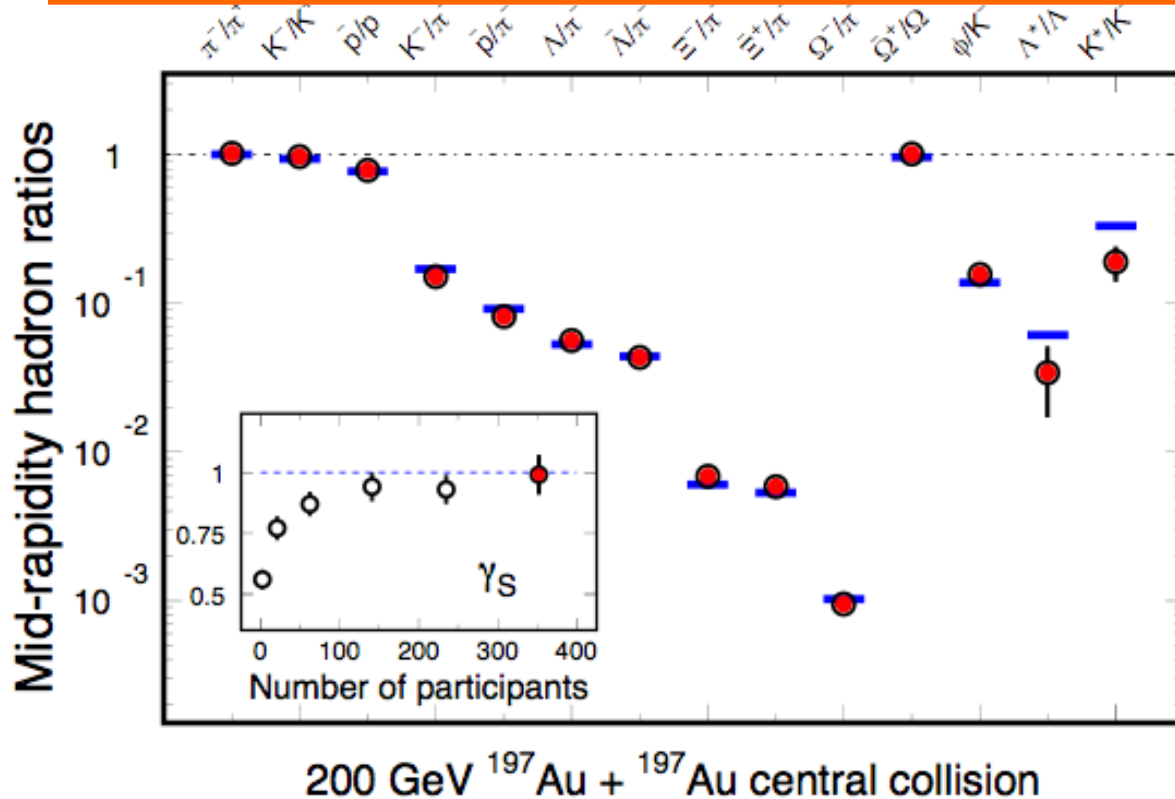
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 (F. Wang) [NPA715, 466c\(03\)](#), [JPG30, S693\(04\)](#).
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 (Huang, Long)
[PRL 89, 092301\(02\)](#);
 F. Wang) [PLB 595, 143\(04\)](#).
 (Nu) [PRC 70, 041901\(04\)](#),
 (F. Liu, F. Wang) [PRL 92, 112301\(04\)](#)

- Hadron spectra reflect the properties of the bulk of the matter at kinetic freezeout
- In central collisions, m_T distributions become more concave \Rightarrow collective flow !

- **Assume thermally (constant T_{ch}) and chemically (constant n_i) equilibrated system at chemical freeze-out**
- System composed of non-interacting hadrons and resonances
- Given T_{ch} and μ_i 's (+ system size), n_i 's can be calculated in a grand canonical ensemble

$$n_i = \frac{g}{2\pi^2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{p^2 dp}{e^{(E_i(p) - \mu_i)/T} \pm 1}, \quad E_i = \sqrt{p^2 + m_i^2}$$

- T_{ch} and μ_i **$i=B, Q, S$**
- Obey conservation laws: Baryon Number, Strangeness, Isospin
- Short-lived particles and resonances need to be taken into account



1) Chemical fits well for all hadron ratios at RHIC:

$$T_{\text{ch}} = 160 \pm 10 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\mu_B = 25 \pm 5 \text{ MeV}$$

Necessary for QGP!

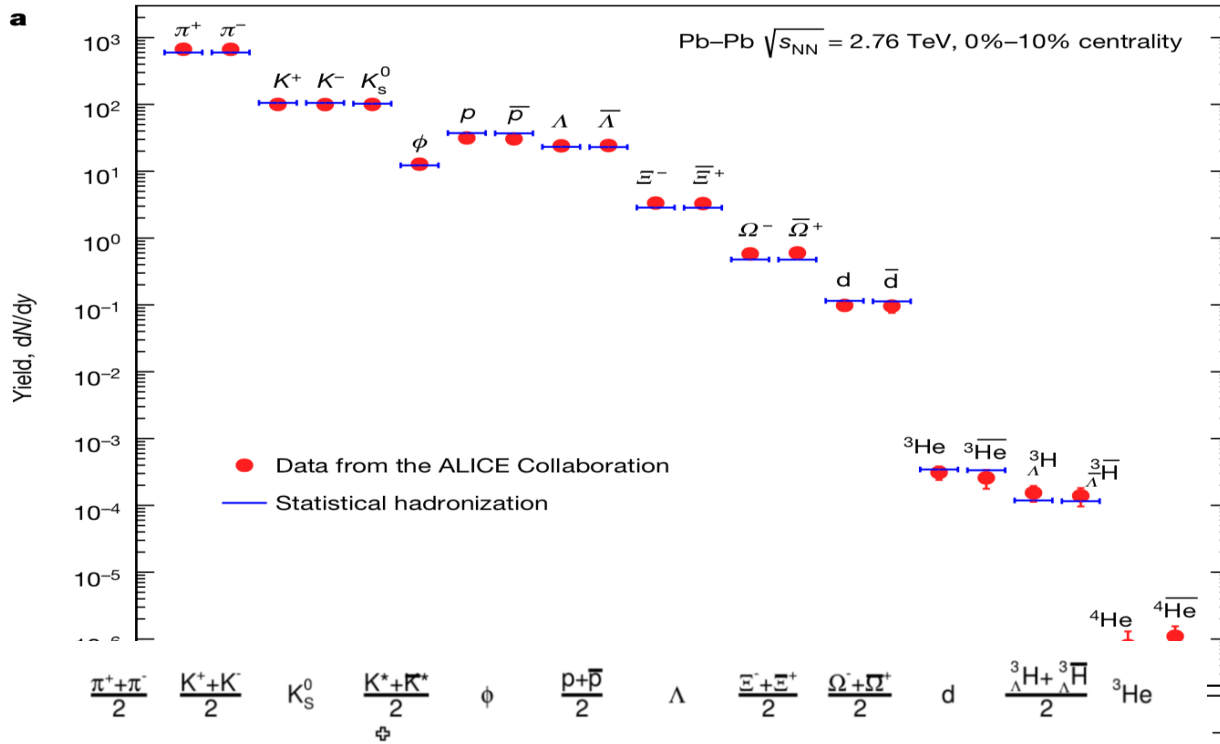
2) The temperature parameter T_{ch} is close to the critical temperature T_C predicted by LGT calculations \downarrow chemical equilibrium at the phase boundary (?)

Review: P. Braun-Munzinger *et al.* nucl-th/0304013

- In central collisions, thermal model fit well with $\gamma_S = 1$.
→ The system is thermalized at RHIC.
- Short-lived resonances show deviations.
→ There is life after chemical freeze-out.

RHIC white papers - 2005, Nucl. Phys. A757, STAR: p102; PHENIX: p184.

Hadron abundances and predictions of the statistical hadronization model: ALICE



Chemical fits well for all hadron ratios at 2.76 TeV:

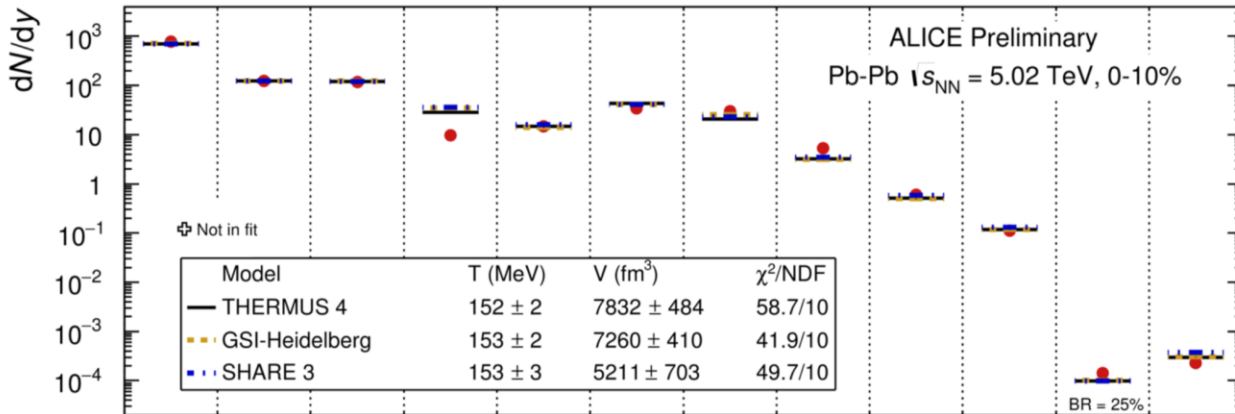
$$T_{ch} = 156.5 \pm 1.5 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\mu_B = 0.7 \pm 3.8 \text{ MeV}$$

LQCD pseudo-critical T

$$T_c = 154 \pm 9 \text{ MeV}$$

A. Andronic, P. Braun
Munzinger, K. Redlich, J. Stachel Nature 561(2018) 321



Chemical fits well for all hadron ratios at 5.02 TeV:

$$T_{ch} = 152 \pm 2 \text{ MeV}$$

Fit at 5.02 TeV converges to slightly lower T_{ch} than at 2.76 TeV (153 w.r.t to 156 MeV) due to proton yield

F. Bellini QM2018

Source is assumed to be:

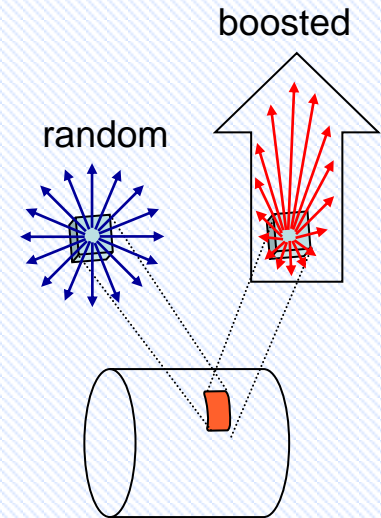
- Local thermal equilibrated
- Boosted radically

E.Schnedermann, J.Sollfrank, and U.Heinz, Phys. Rev. C48, 2462(1993)

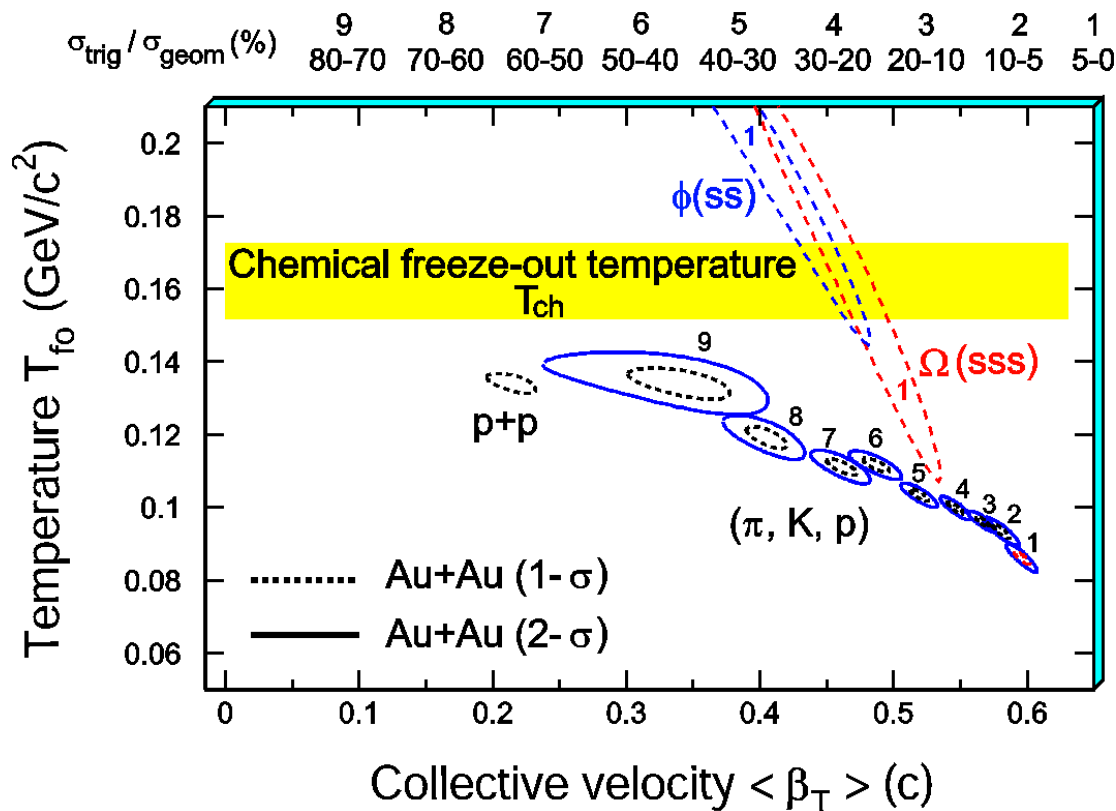
$$E \frac{d^3 N}{dp^3} \propto \int_{\sigma} e^{-(u^{\mu} p_{\mu})/T_{fo}} p d\sigma_{\mu} \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{dN}{m_T dm_T} \propto \int_0^R r dr m_T K_1 \left(\frac{m_T \cosh \rho}{T_{fo}} \right) I_0 \left(\frac{p_T \sinh \rho}{T_{fo}} \right)$$

$$\rho = \tanh^{-1} \beta_r \quad \beta_r = \beta_s \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^{\alpha} \quad \alpha = 0.5, 1, 2$$



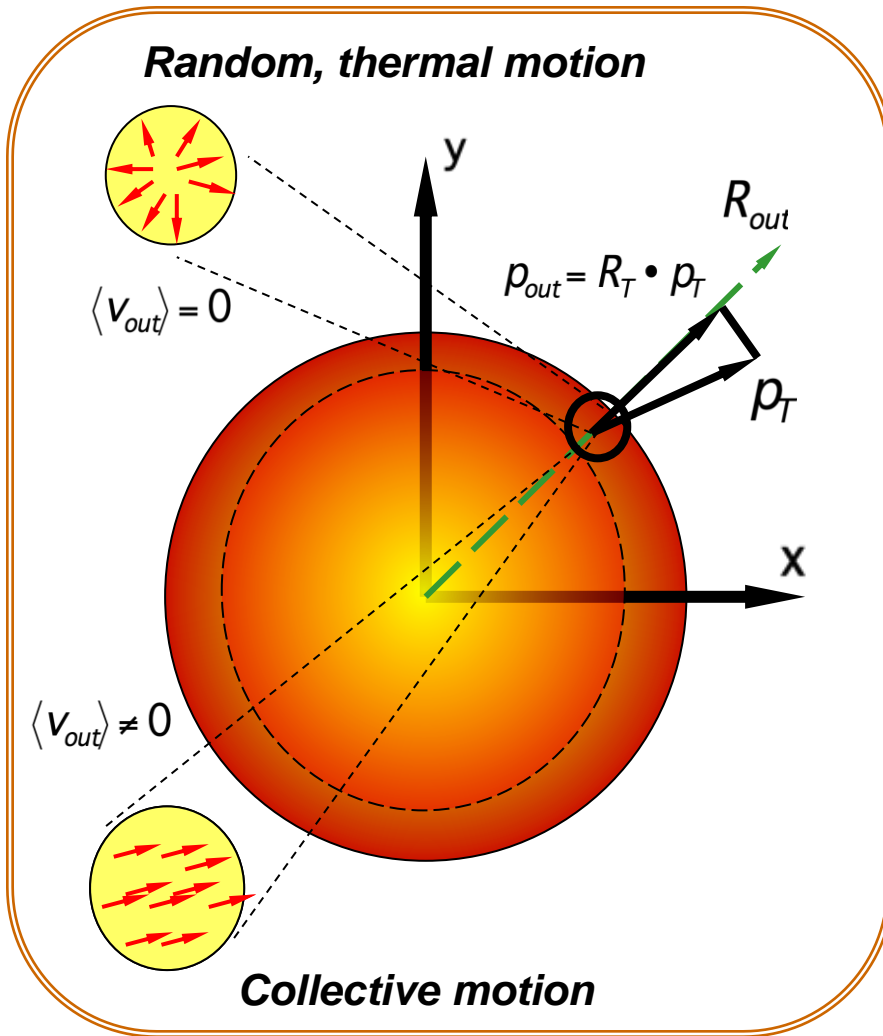
Extract thermal temperature T_{fo} and velocity parameter $\langle \beta_T \rangle$



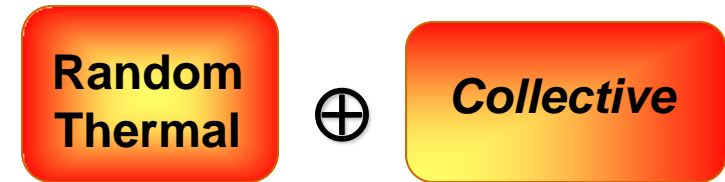
- 1) π , K , and p change smoothly from peripheral to central collisions.
- 2) At the most central collisions, $\langle \beta_T \rangle$ reaches 0.6c.
- 3) Multi-strange particles ϕ , Ω are found at higher T_{fo} ($T \sim T_{ch}$) and lower $\langle \beta_T \rangle$

- **Sensitive to early partonic stage!**
- **How about v_2 ?**

- STAR:NPA757,102(05) , (F. Wang) [NPA715, 466c \(03\)](#) ;
- P. Braun-Munzinger, J. Stachel, J. Wessels, N. Xu, Phys. Lett. B 344 (1995) 43;
- P. Braun-Munzinger, I. Heppe, J. Stachel, Phys. Lett. B 465 (1999) 15.



Matter flows – all hadrons have the similar collective velocity



$$\langle p_T \rangle \propto \langle p_T \rangle_{thermal} + mass \langle v_T \rangle$$

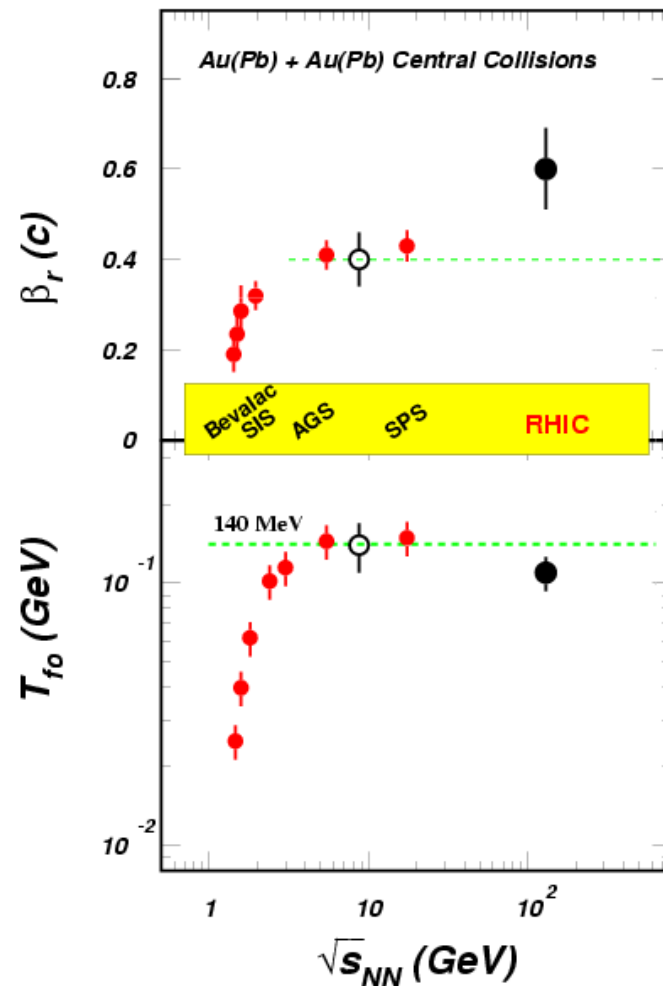
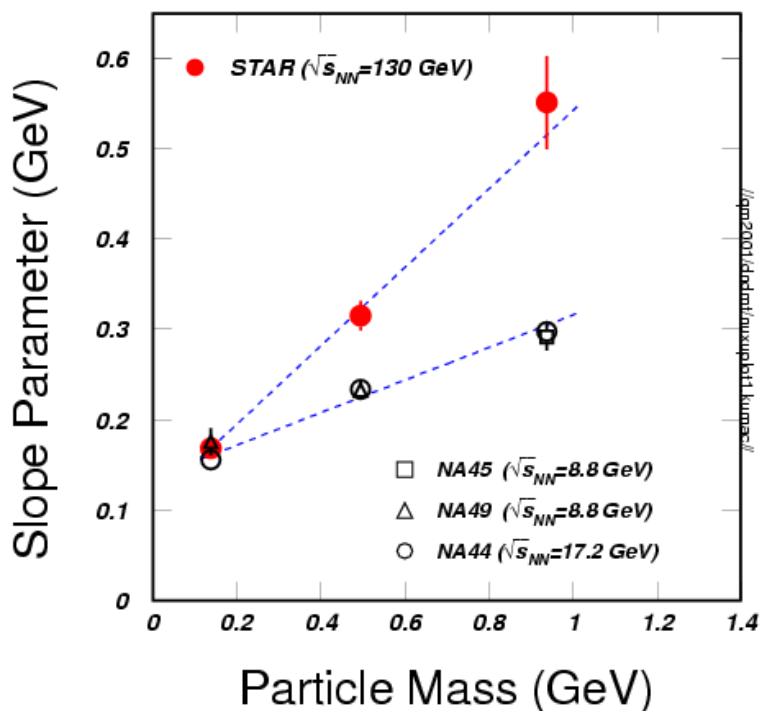
$$T \propto T_{thermal} + mass \langle v_T \rangle^2$$

$$\langle p_T \rangle_{thermal} \propto \sqrt{mass T_{thermal}}$$

I. Bearden et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. **78**, 2080(1997).

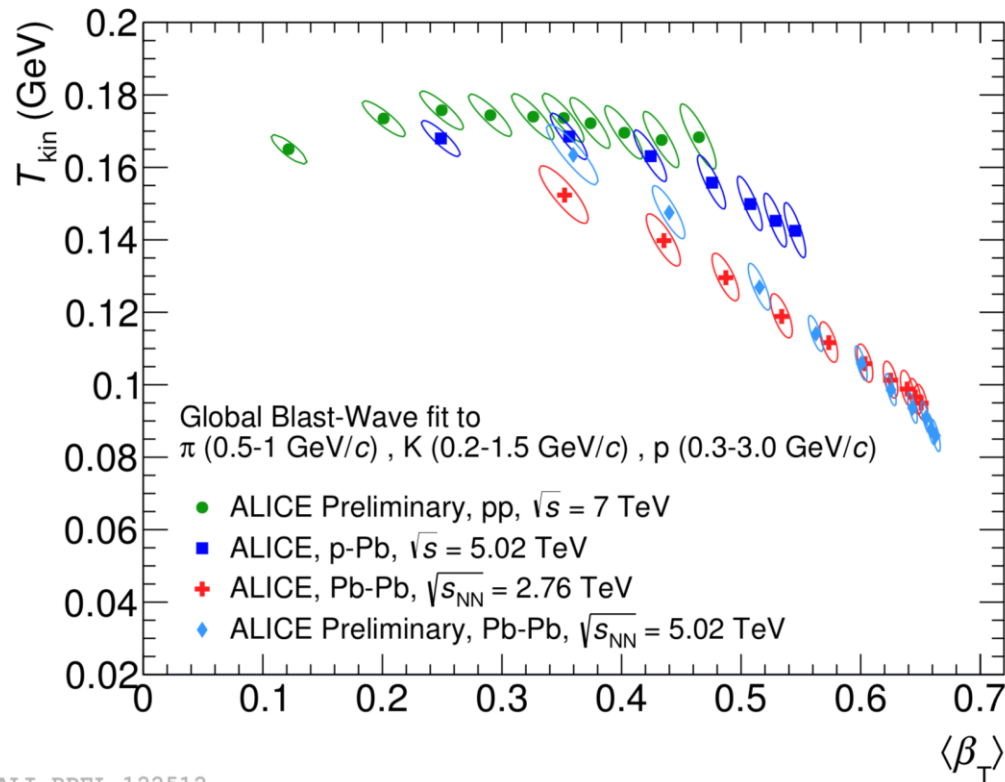
Mass Dependence of Slopes

$$T = T_{fo} + mass * \beta_r^2$$



Explosive expansion at RHIC!

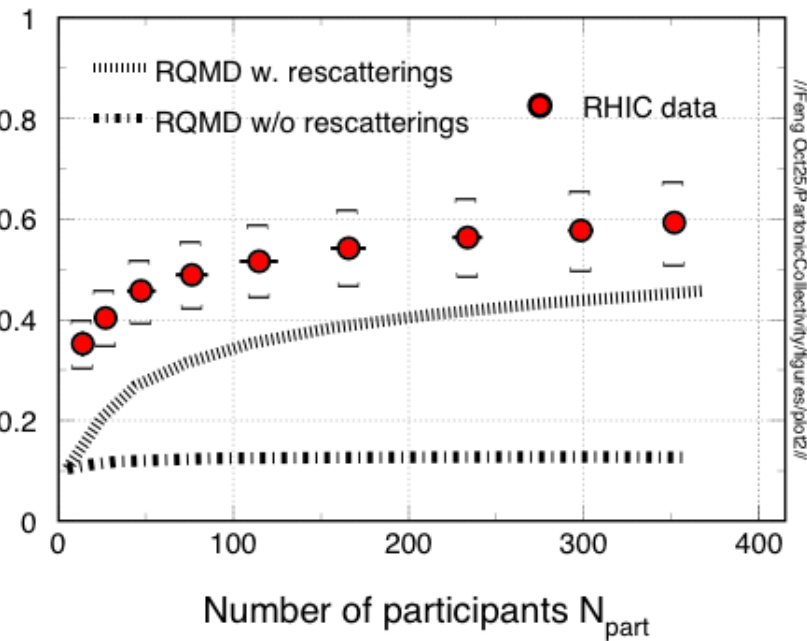
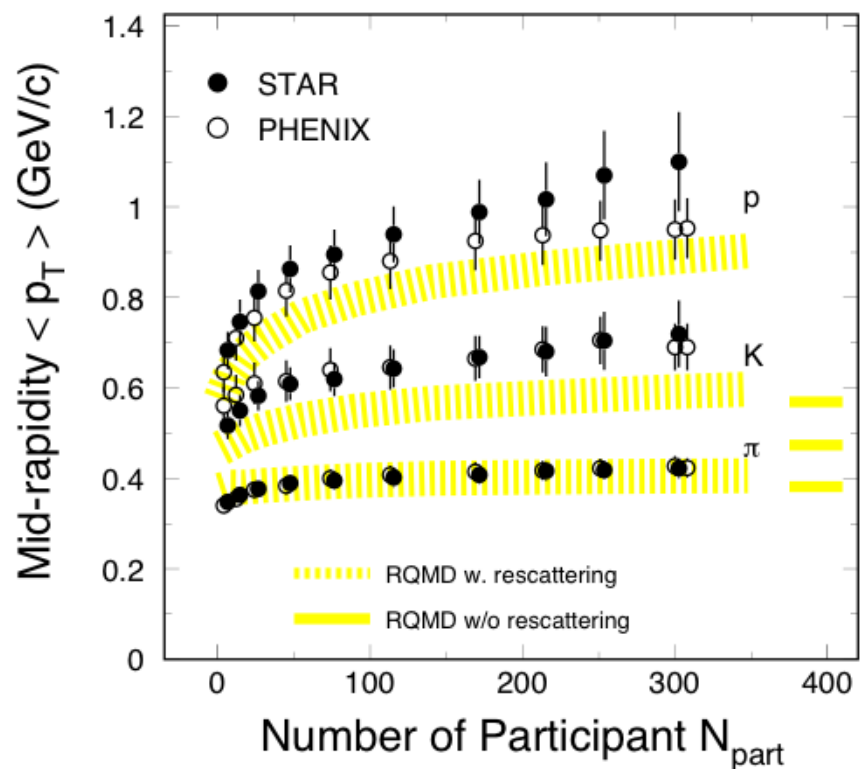
Blast Wave Fits: LHC



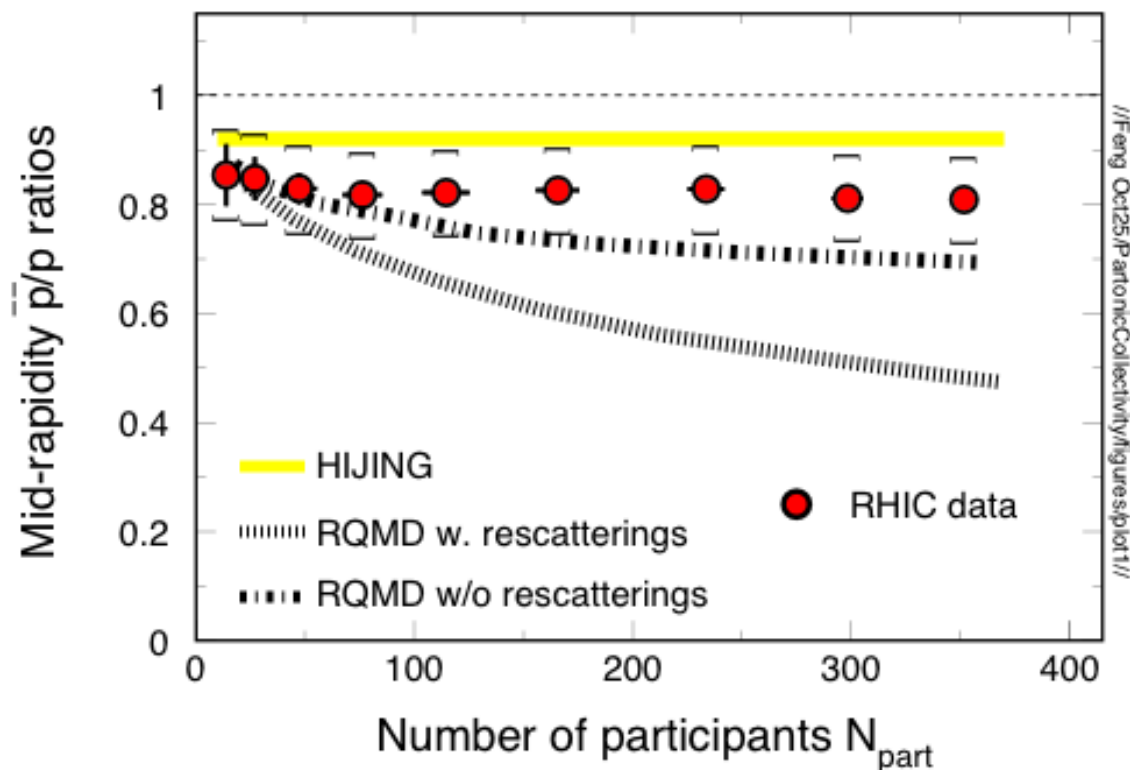
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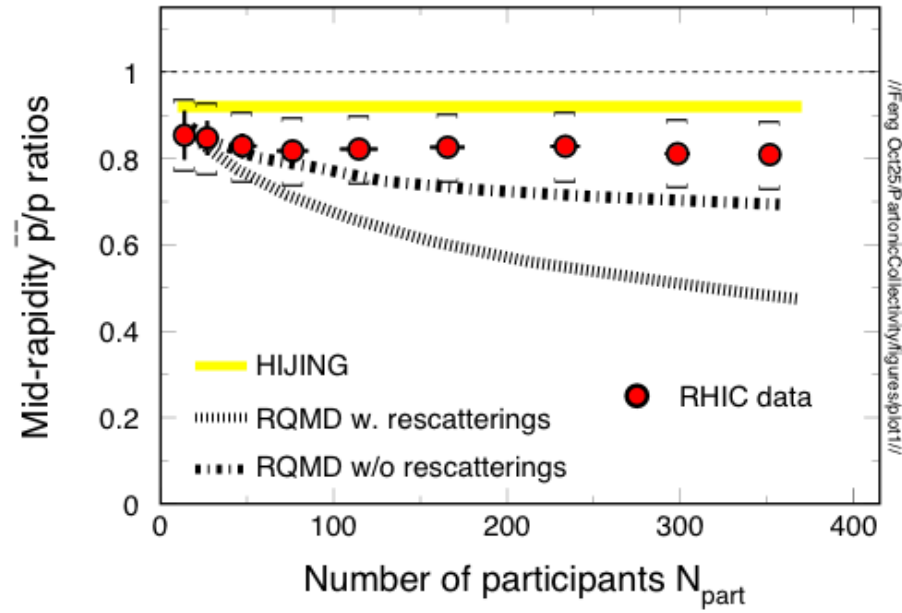
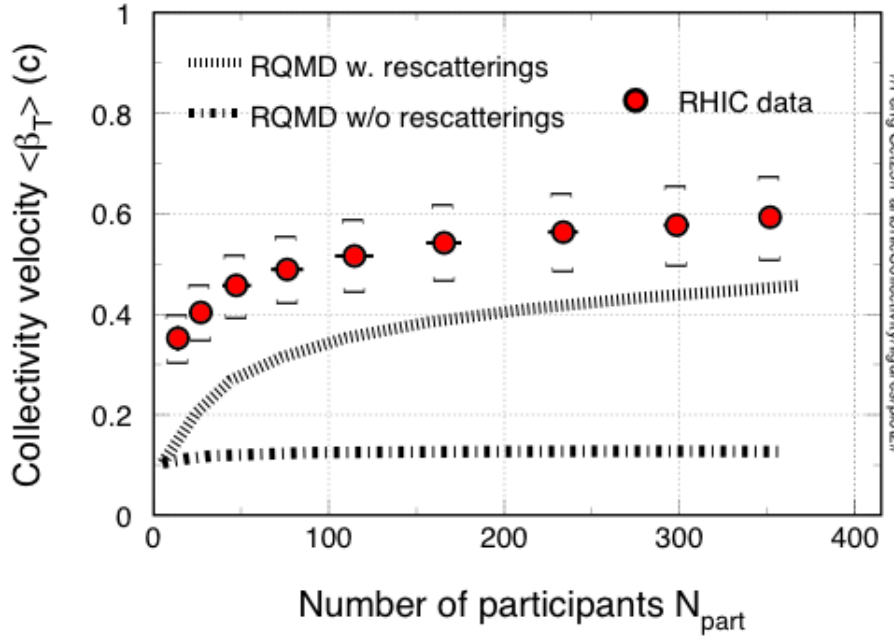
Kinetic Freeze-out at LHC similar to that from RHIC.
 Collective velocity parameter β is stronger in the most central collisions => Stronger collective expansion at LHC!



- (1) The $\langle p_T \rangle$ increases vs. centrality \Rightarrow collective expansion
- (2) Hadronic transport model RQMD calculations reproduced the collectivity for copiously produced hadrons π , K, p.
- (3) Re-scatterings are important for collectivity !



- (1) Hadronic transport model RQMD can not reproduced the anti-proton over proton ratios as a function of centrality.
- (2) RQMD underestimates \bar{p} yield due to large annihilation X-section

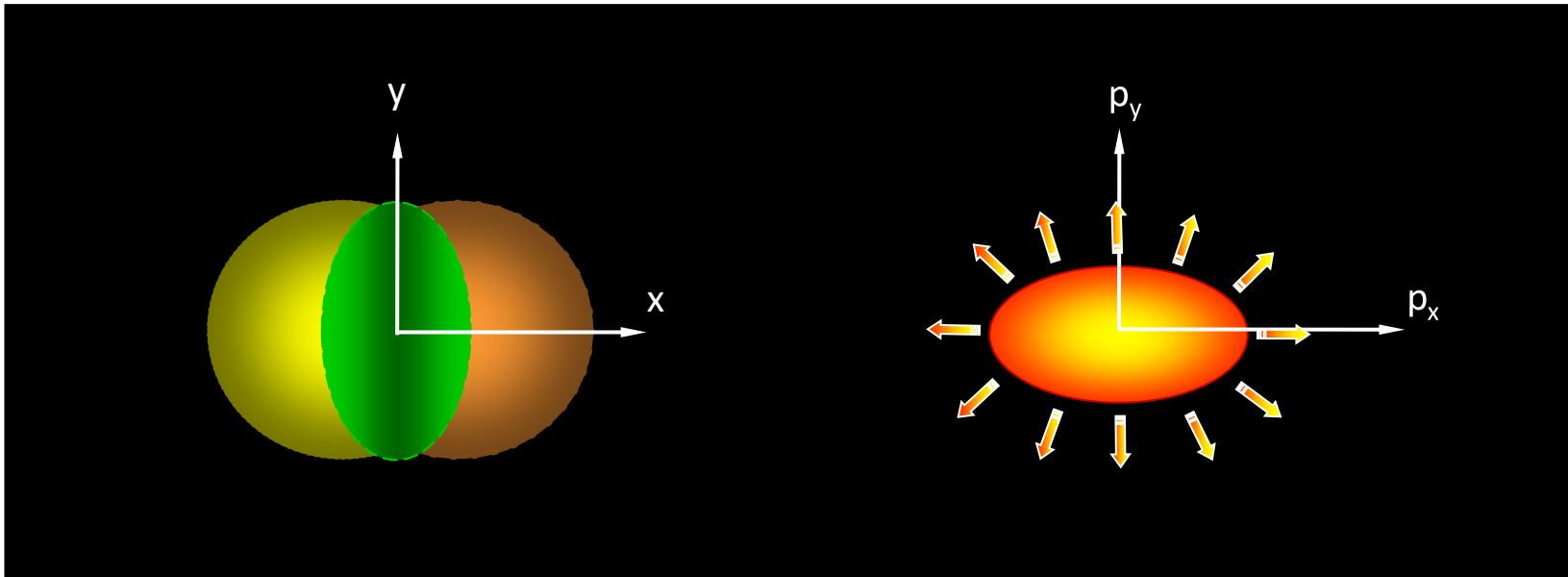


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\Rightarrow re-scattering at earlier pre-hadronic stage?

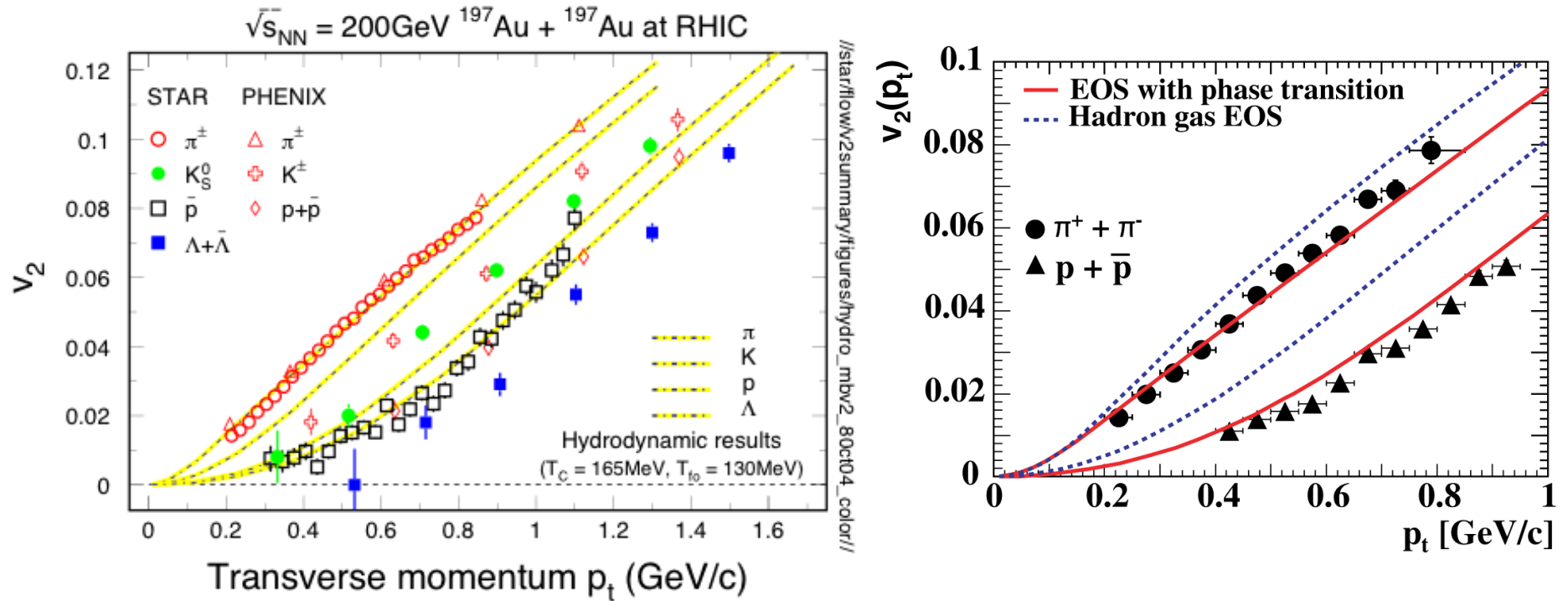
Sensitive to initial/final conditions and equation of state (EOS) !
coordinate-space-anisotropy \Leftrightarrow momentum-space-anisotropy



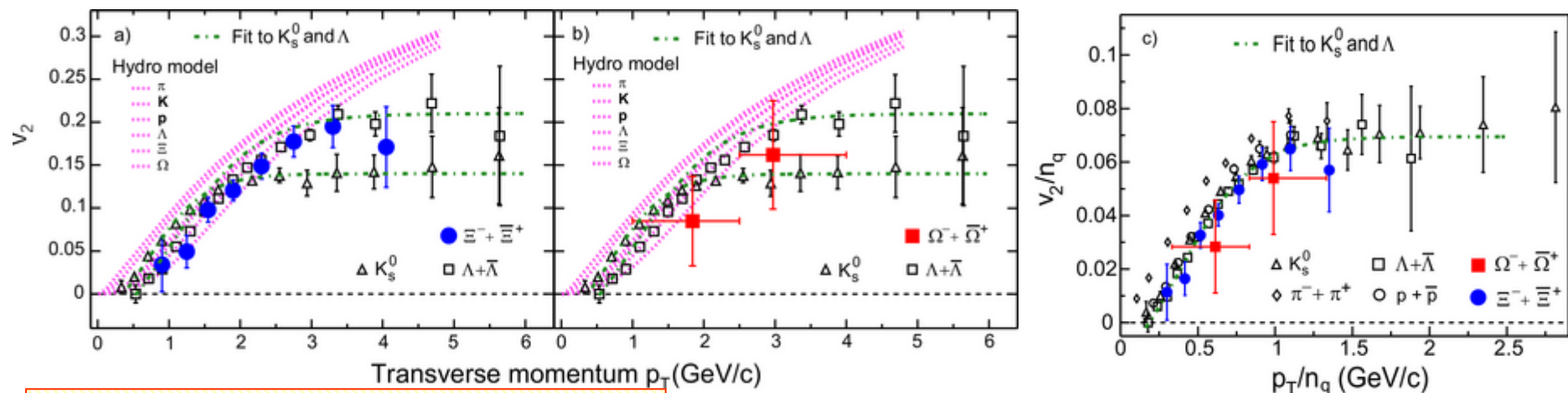
$$\varepsilon = \frac{\langle y^2 - x^2 \rangle}{\langle y^2 + x^2 \rangle}$$

$$v_2 = \langle \cos 2\varphi \rangle, \quad \varphi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{p_y}{p_x}\right)$$

v_2 : a probe of the dynamics governing the system' s evolution
Flow : represents the collective motion of particles.



- pions to Cascade follow the mass dependence at low- p_t
- Ideal hydro provides a reasonable description (common velocity and common freeze-out!)



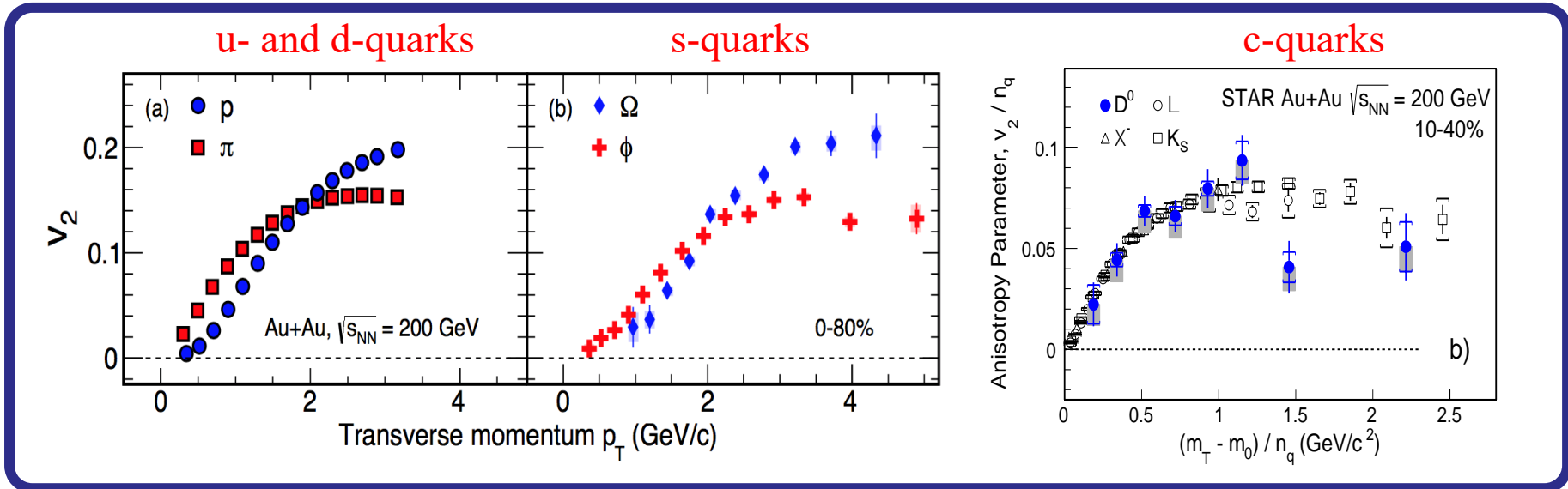
For hadron formation by coalescence of co-moving partons

$$v_2^{meson}(p_T) \approx 2 \cdot v_2^{quark}(p_T/2)$$

$$v_2^{baryon}(p_T) \approx 3 \cdot v_2^{quark}(p_T/3)$$

STAR: Nucl. Phys. A 757, 102, (2005); PRL 92,052302 (2004); J. Phys. G 30, S1207, (2004); PHENIX: PRL 91,182301, (2003).
Fit: X. Dong, S. Esumi, P. Sorensen, N. Xu, Z. Xu, PLB 597, 328 (2004)

- Minimum bias data!
 - At intermediate p_T , v_2 scales with the number of quarks.
 - Coalescence/Reco models can account for NQ scaling.
- Partonic collectivity, de-confinement at RHIC.**



Low p_T (≤ 2 GeV/c): hydrodynamic mass ordering

High p_T (> 2 GeV/c): **number of quarks scaling**

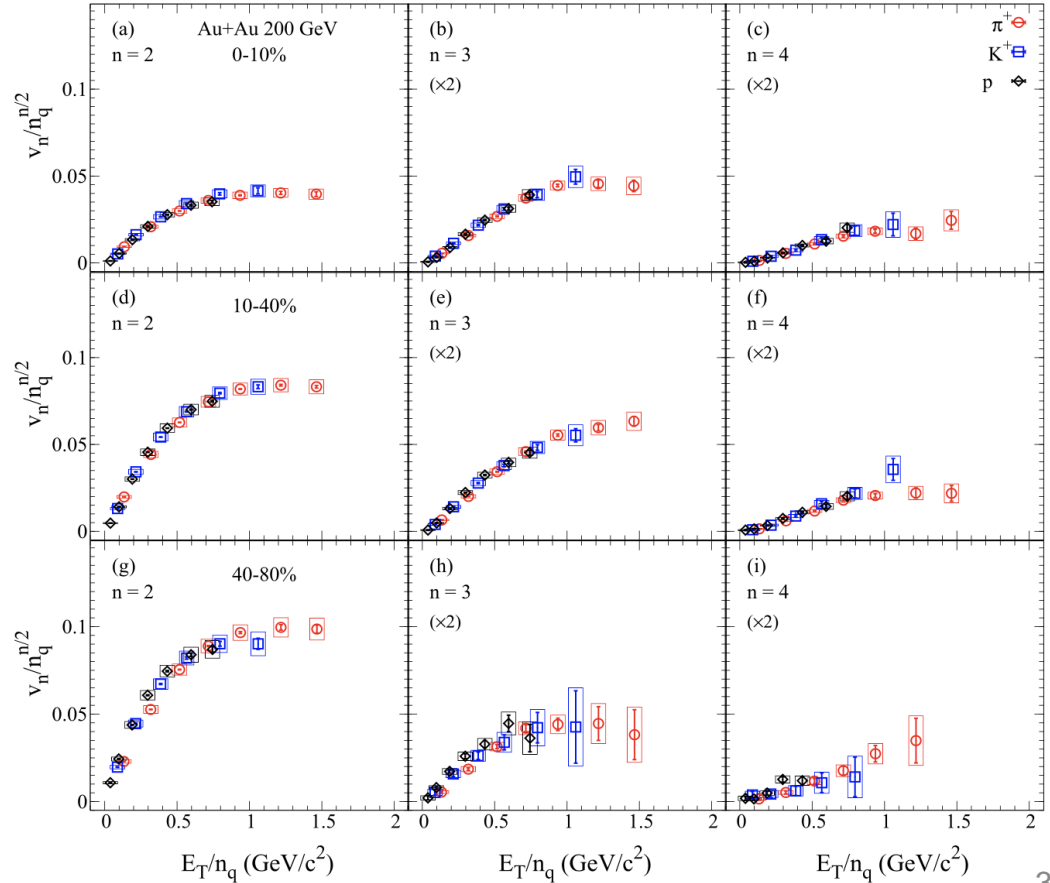
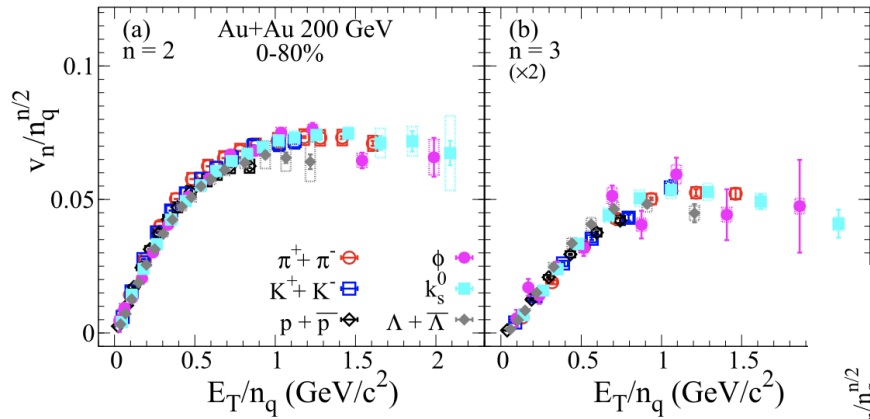
含有 **u, d, s, c**-夸克的强子中都表现出很强的集体运动，这表明夸克-胶子等离子体 (QGP) 热化核物质在 高能核-核碰撞中的产生；

➔ **Partonic Collectivity, necessary for QGP!**

➔ **De-confinement in Au+Au collisions at RHIC!**

RHIC top energy

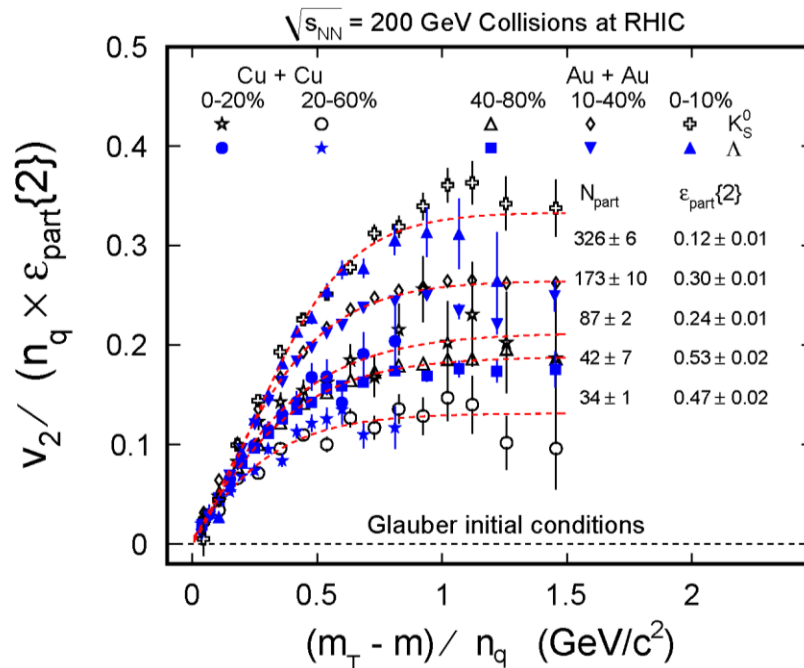
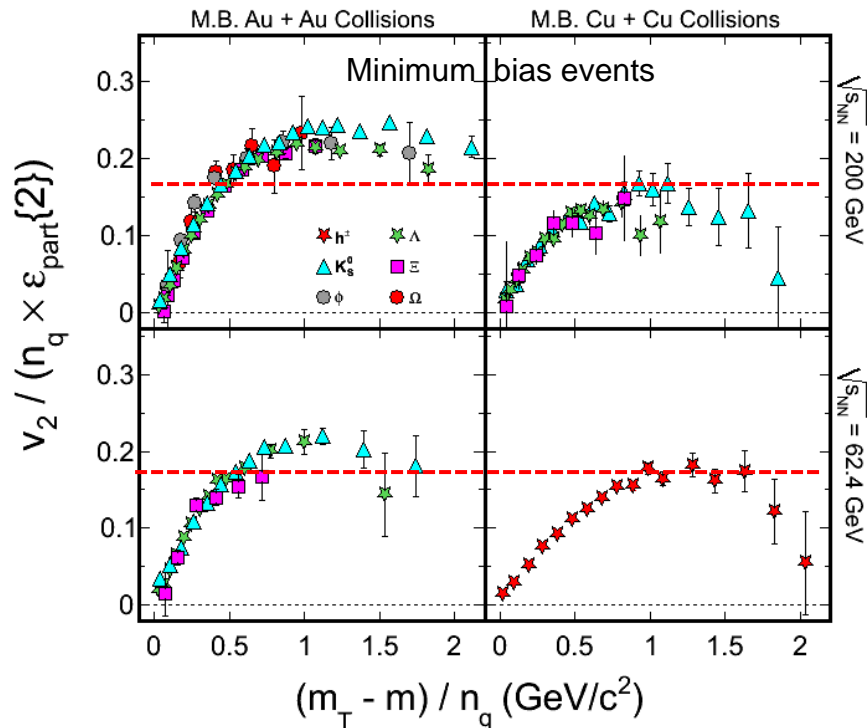
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- Light flavor, strange particles and ϕ mesons
- Follow the NCQ scaling up to v_4

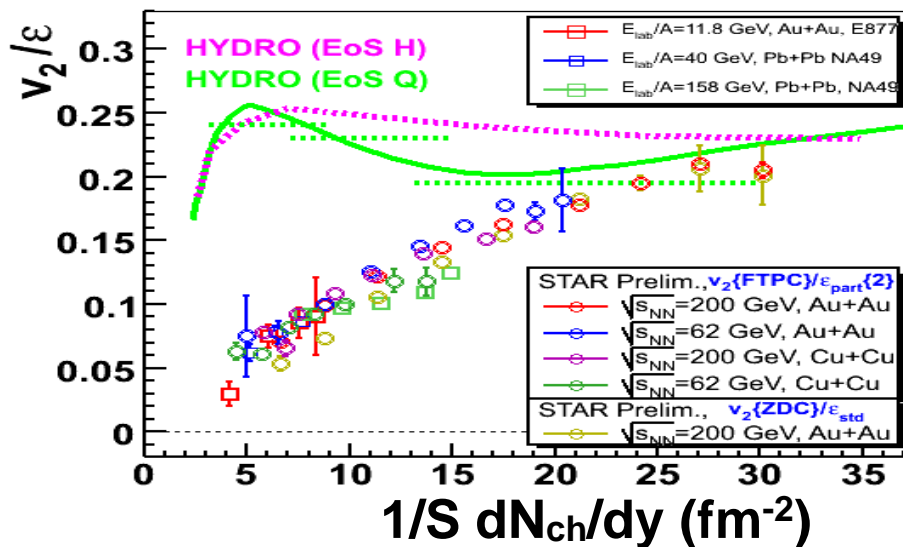
Partonic collectivity

- STAR Au + Au 62.4 GeV : PRC75, 054906 (2007), PRC81, 044902 (2010),
- $\epsilon_{part}\{2\}$: J. Y. Ollitrault, A. M. Poskanzer and S. A. Voloshin, PRC80, 014904 (2009)



Au+Au and Cu+Cu at 200 GeV **Scaled by eccentricity remove the initial geometry**

- NQ scaling for each centrality bin
- Collective flow: depends on the number of participants
- Larger v_2/ϵ_{part} indicates stronger collective flow in more central collisions.

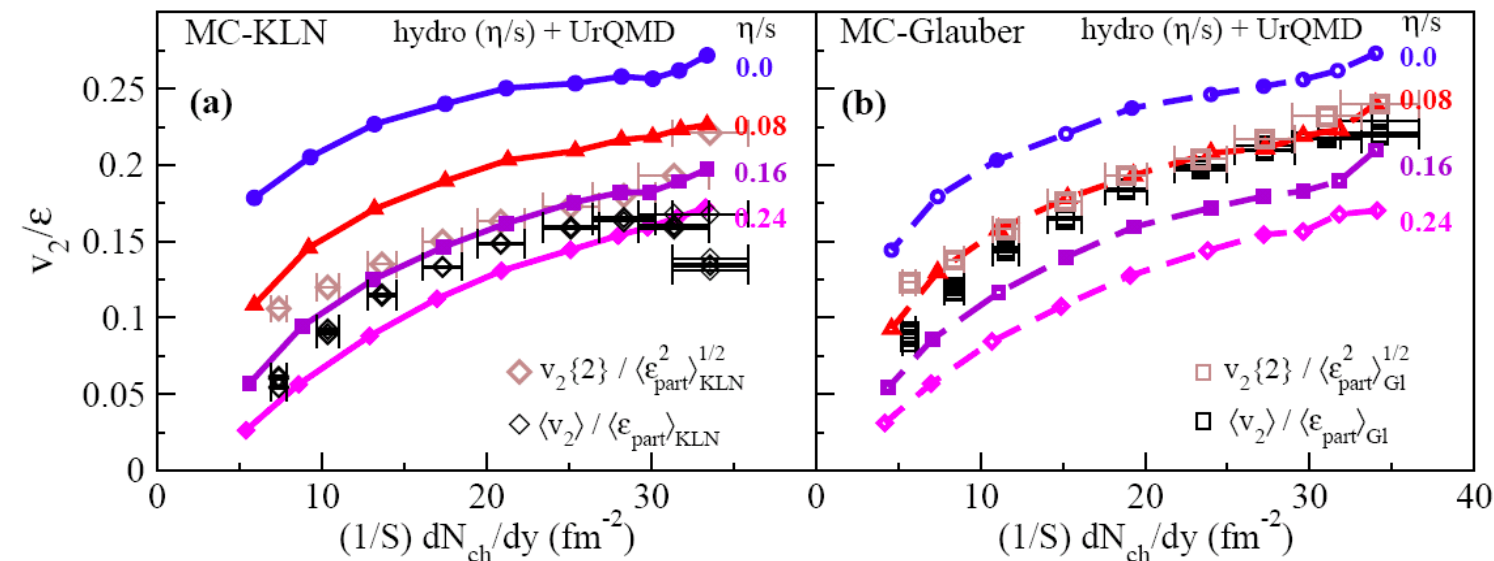


v_2/ϵ approaches the limit of ideal hydrodynamics

Small value of specific viscosity over entropy η/s

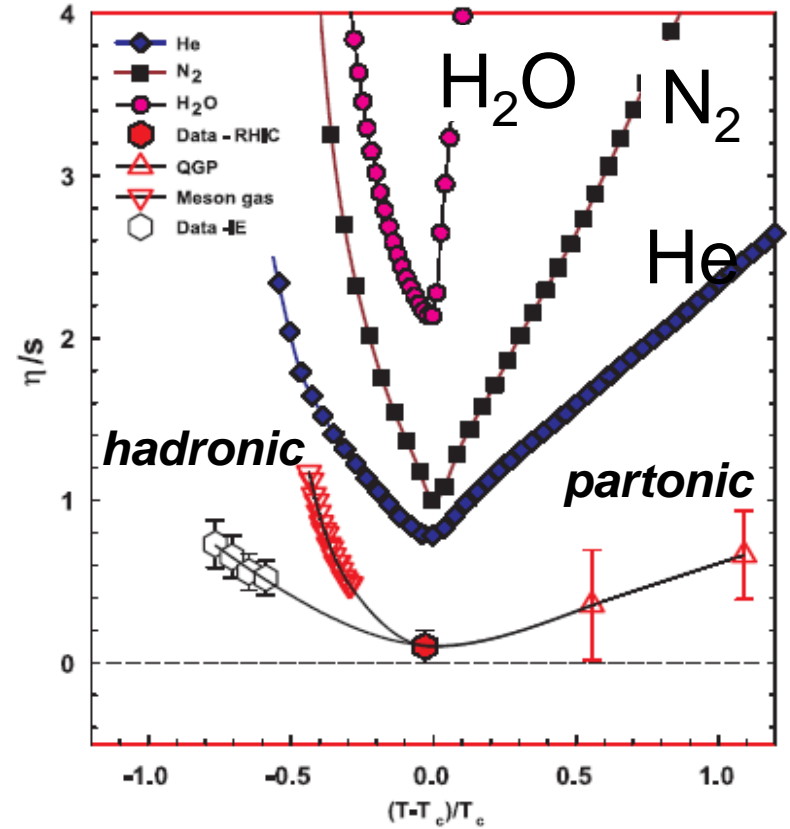
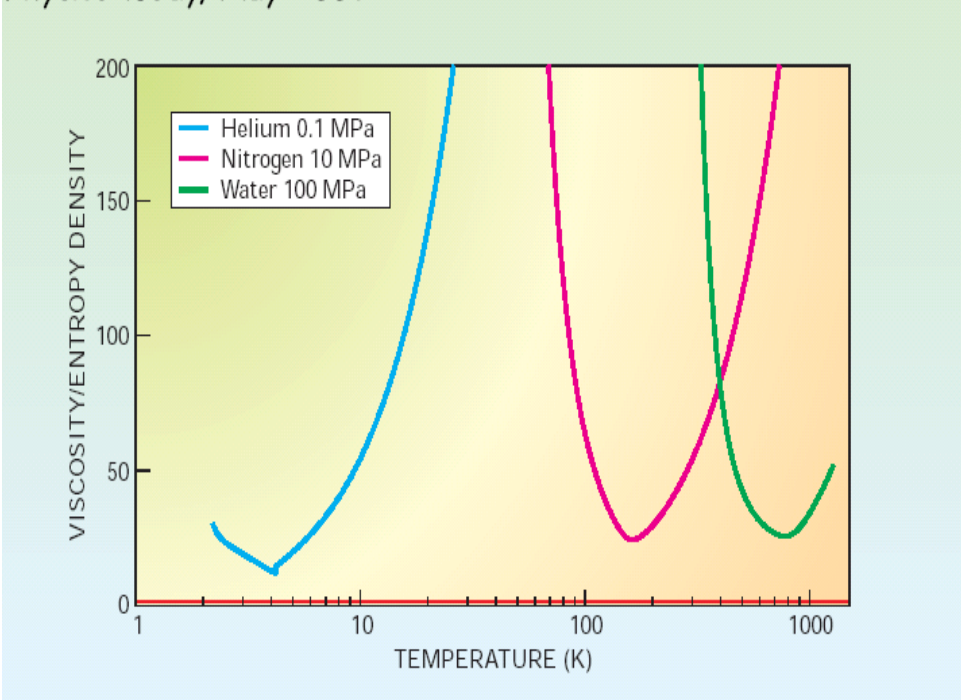
Model uncertainty dominated by initial eccentricity ϵ

Model: Song et al. arXiv:1011.2783



Physics Today, May 2005

P. K. Kovtun, D. T. Son, A. O. Starinets, Phys. Rev. Lett. 94 111601 (2005).



1) $\eta/s \geq 1/4\pi$

Caption: The viscosity to entropy ratio versus a reduced temperature.

2) $\eta/s(\text{QCD matter}) < \eta/s(\text{QED matter})$

Lacey et al. PRL **98**:092301(07)
 hep-lat/0406009
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(1) Parton energy loss - **QCD** at work

High density matter has been created

(2) Collectivity -

Hydrodynamic Description of Bulk Particle

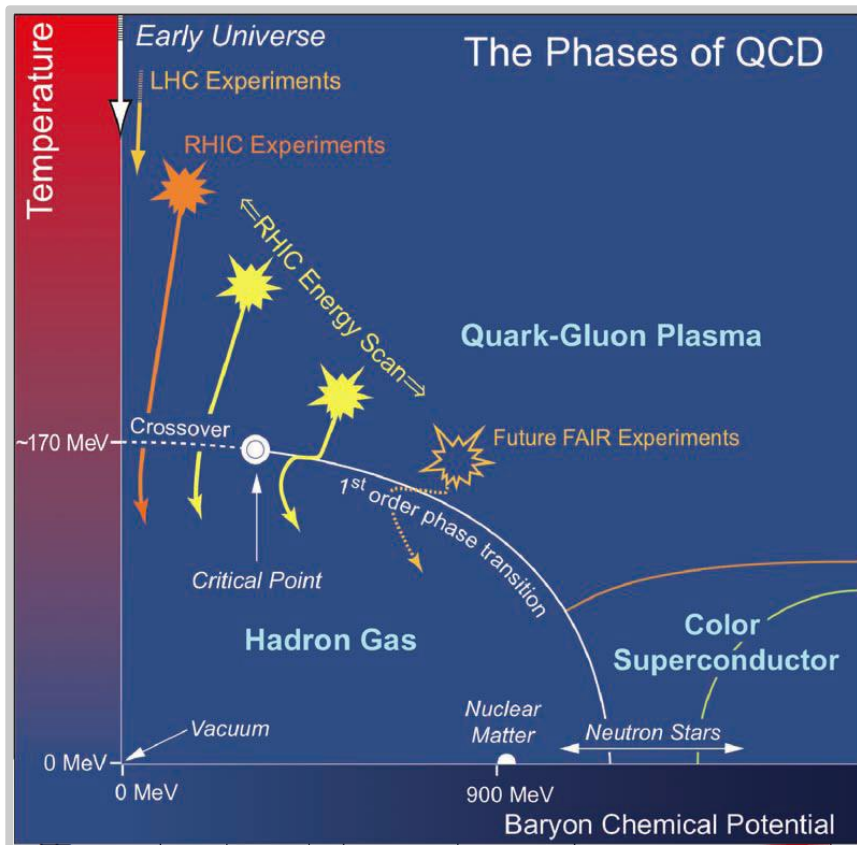
Properties – v_2 and Spectra Shape – Successful.

Constituent Quark scaling work for v_2 and R_{AA} (R_{CP})

3) The matter behavior like a ***quantum liquid***
with small η/s

Perfect Liquid (sQGP) has been found at RHIC

Search for QCD critical point and phase boundary



Study QCD Phase Structure

- Signals for onset of sQGP
- Signals for phase boundary
- Signals for critical point

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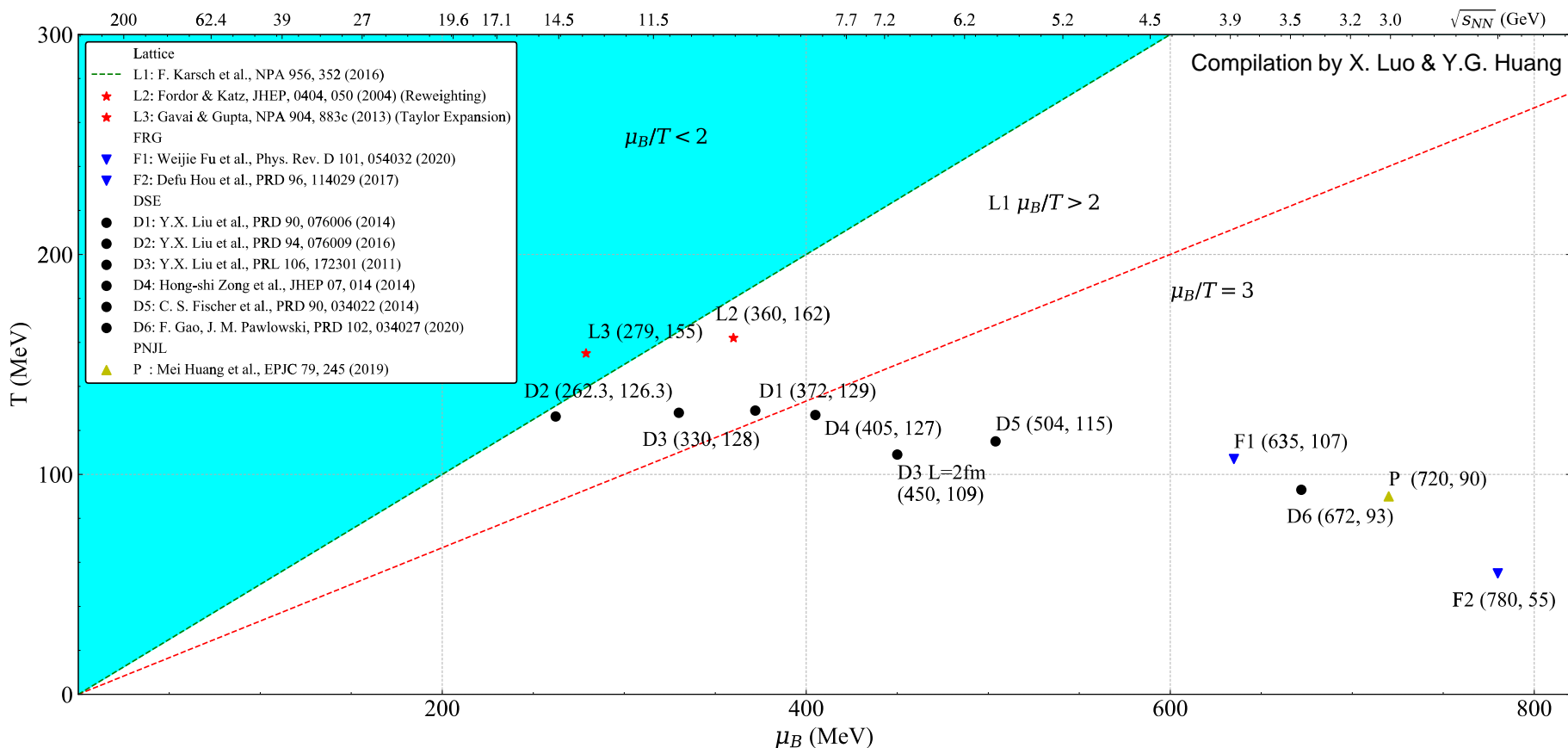
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QCD临界点的寻找和状态方程的研究已成为国际研究的一个热点

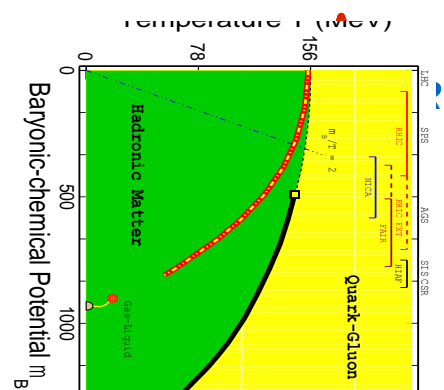
Preliminary collection from Lattice, DSE, FRG and PNJL (2004-2020)



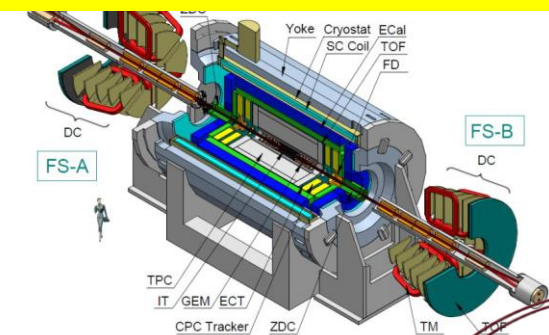
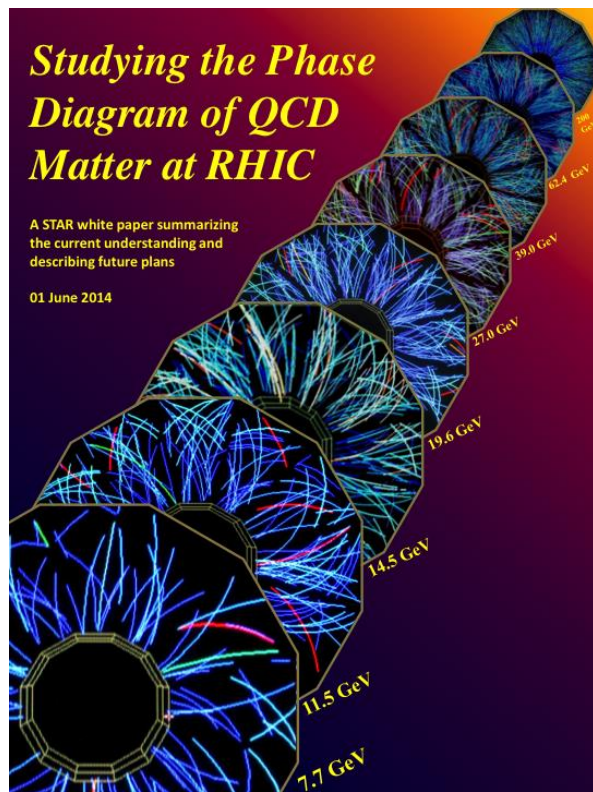
理论上确定QCD相变临界点的位置有较大的不确定性。



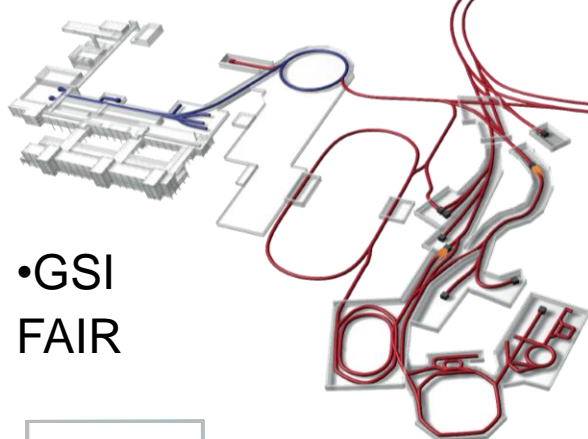
寻找QCD临界点



- 美国RHIC: 2019–2021年能量扫描 $< 20\text{GeV}$
- 德国FAIR: 计划2025年开始新加速器 $< 10\text{GeV}$

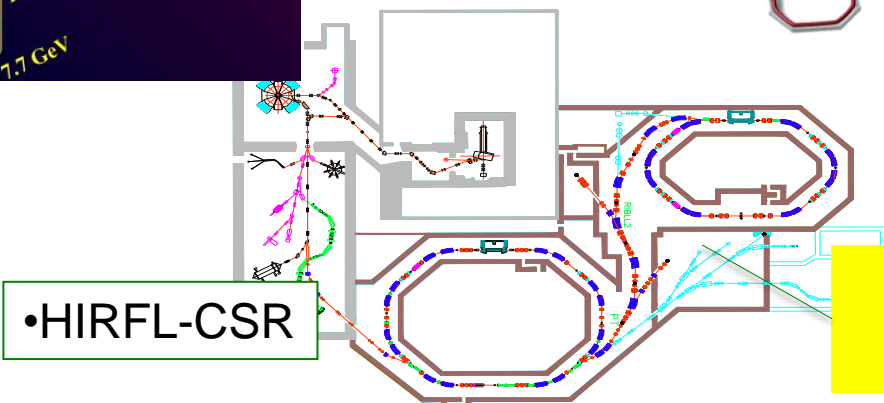
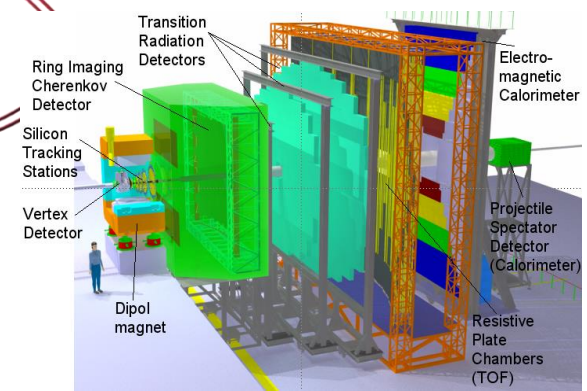


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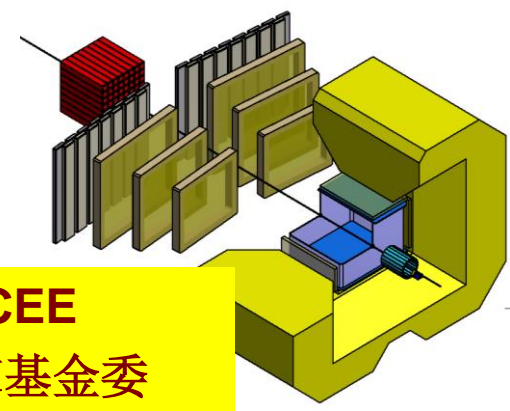


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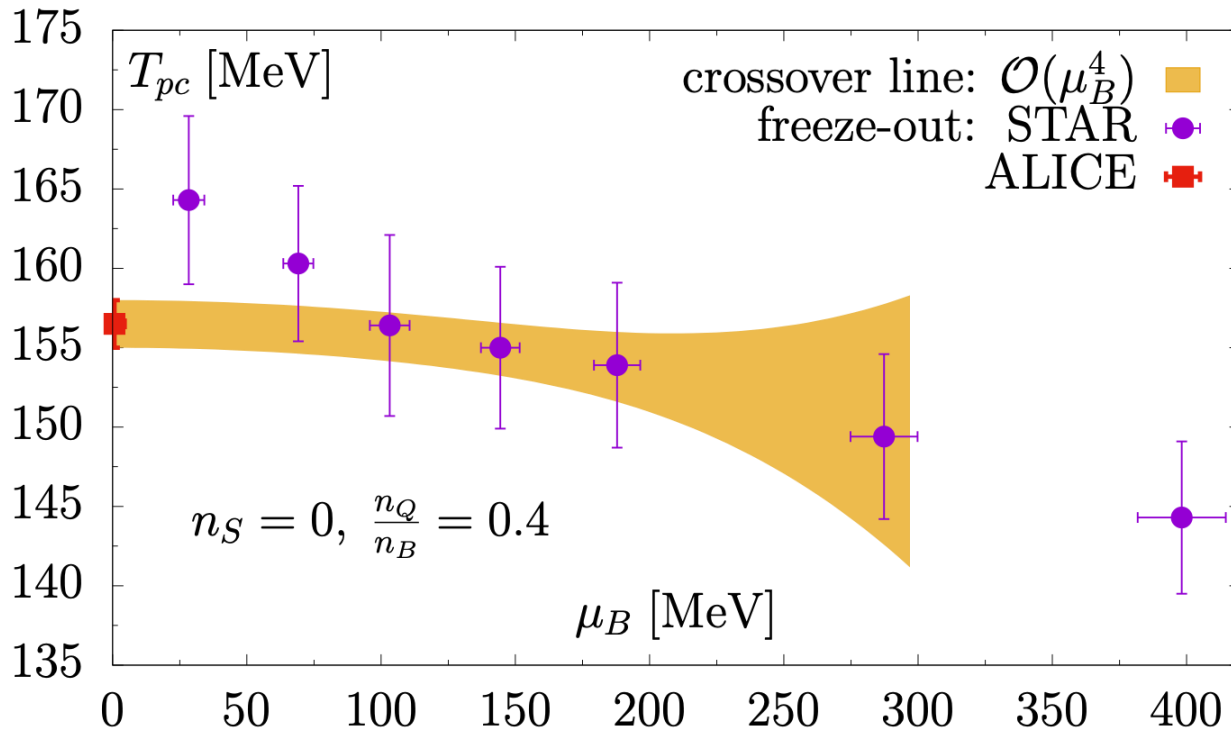
From SPS, RHIC to the LHC



	SPS	RHIC	LHC	
$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (GeV)	17	200	5500	
dN/dy	500	850	1500-4000	
τ^0_{QGP} (fm/c)	1	0.2	0.1	
T/T _c	1.1	1.9	3-4	Hotter
ε (GeV/fm ³)	3	5	15-60	Denser
τ_{QGP} (fm/c)	≤2	2-4	≥6	Longer
τ_f (fm/c)	~10	20-30	30-40	
V _f (fm ³)	few 10 ³	few 10 ⁴	Few 10 ⁵	Bigger

QCD meets Experiment

Chiral crossover line:
$$T_{pc}(\mu_B) = T_{pc}(0) \left(1 - \kappa_2 \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T} \right)^2 - \kappa_4 \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T} \right)^4 \right)$$



ALICE data point:

$$T_f = 156.5(1.5) \text{ MeV}$$

Andronic et al,

Nature 561 (7723) (2018) 321

STAR data points:

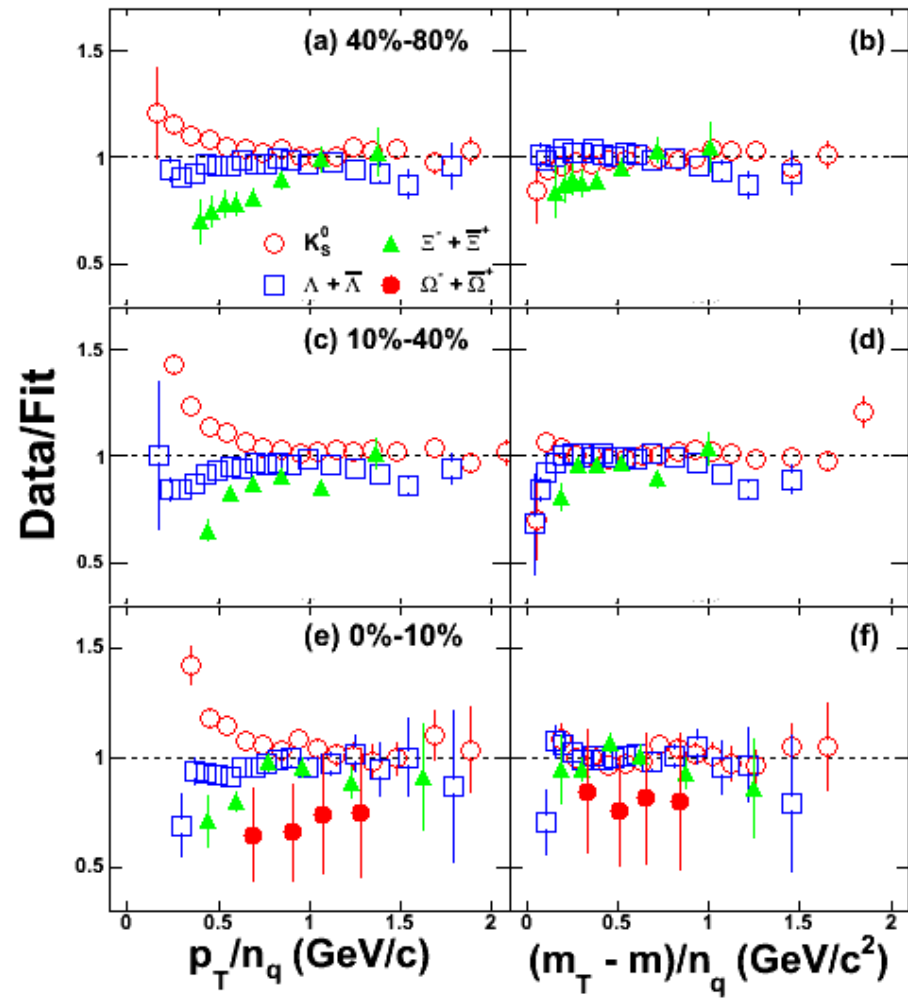
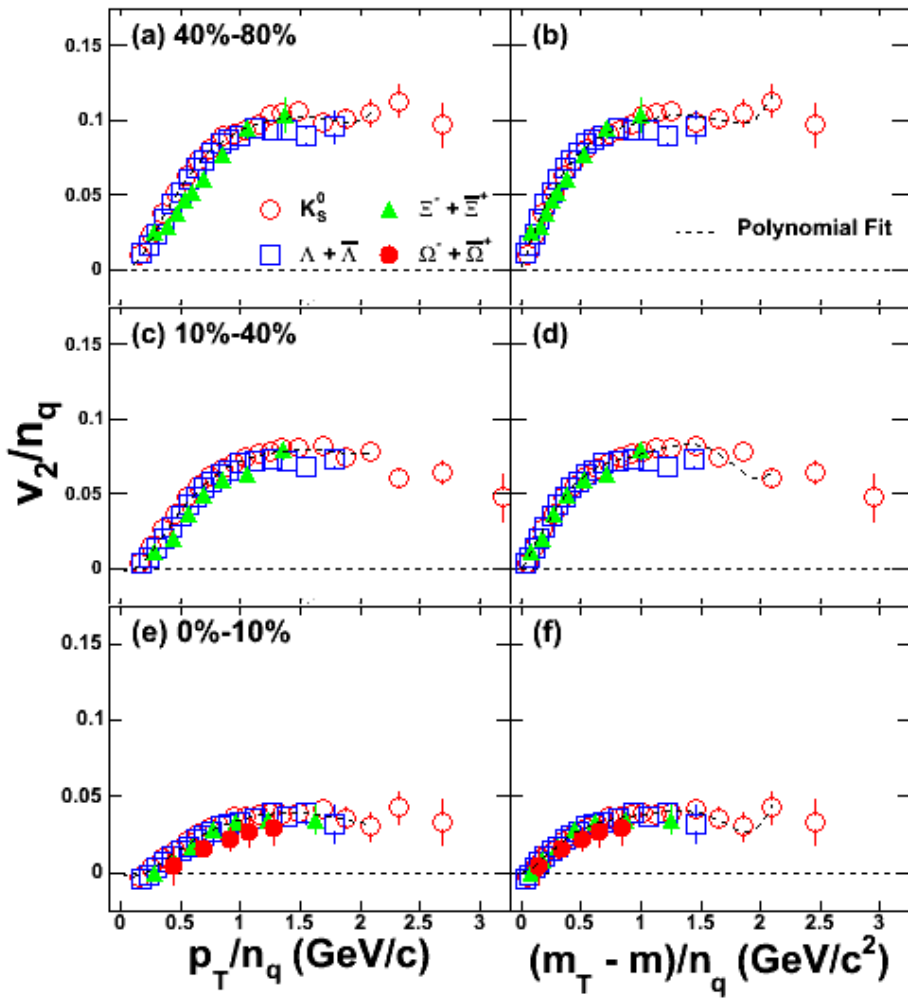
Adamczyk et al.,

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A. Bazavov, H.T. Ding, P. Hegde et al. [HotQCD], Phys. Lett. B795 (2019) 15

Consistent results from Wuppertal-Budapest, PRL125 (2020) 052001

Centrality Dependence of NQ Scaling



➤ $m_T - n_q$ scaling is observed at all centrality bins.



强子谱的统计描述



描述强子谱的 Rolf Hagedorn (CERN) 的强相互作用理论

R Hagedorn: Statistical thermodynamics of strong interactions at high energies 1965 Nuovo Cim. Suppl. 3 147

Thermodynamics fire-ball , statistical-thermodynamical

$$N(T) \sim \int_0^{\infty} \rho(m) e^{-\frac{m}{T}} dm$$

$\rho(m) dm$ be the hadronic mass spectrum,

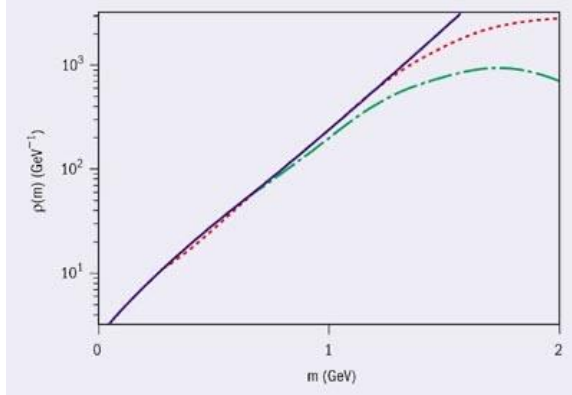
number of created particles with mass m will be proportional to $\exp[-m/T]$.

● spectrum of hadrons from “bootstrap equation”:

$$\rho(m) \sim m^{-\frac{5}{2}} e^{\frac{m}{T_H}}$$

Spectrum of hadron masses

- controlled by “Hagedorn temperature”, $T_H \sim 150\text{-}160 \text{ MeV}$



green: states known in 1967

red: states known by mid-1990's

blue: expected spectrum for $T_H = 158 \text{ MeV}$

still holds: very similar results from lattice QCD

A Majumder, B Müller, PRL 105:252002,2010

$$\ln Z(T, V) \approx V \left[\frac{T}{2\pi} \right]^{3/2} \int \frac{dm}{m^{3/2}} e^{-\left[\frac{m}{T} - \frac{m}{T_H} \right]} \leftarrow \text{diverges for } T \rightarrow T_H$$

T_H would then be the maximum possible temperature!



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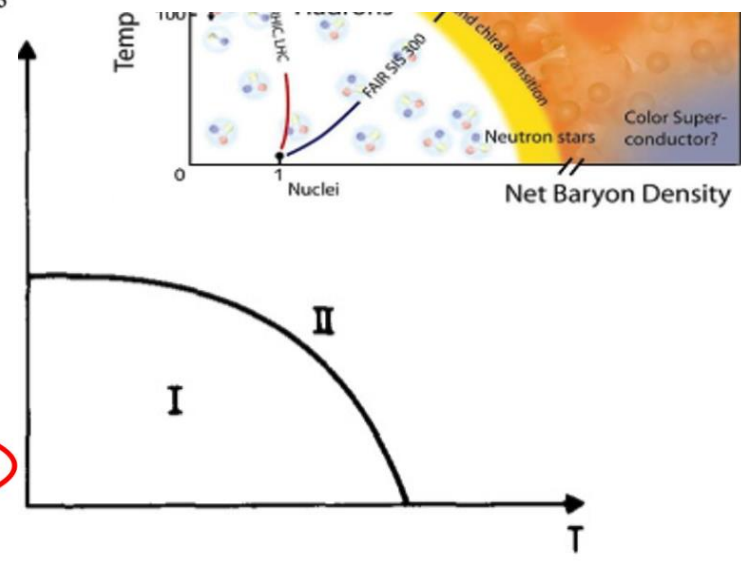
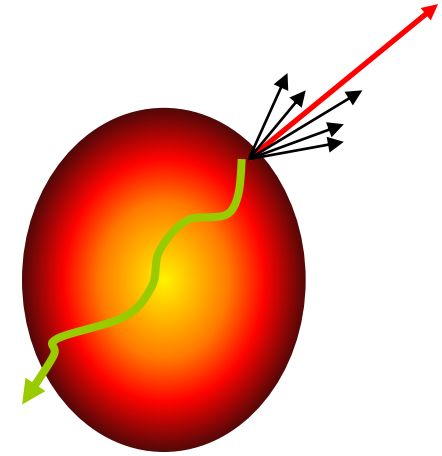
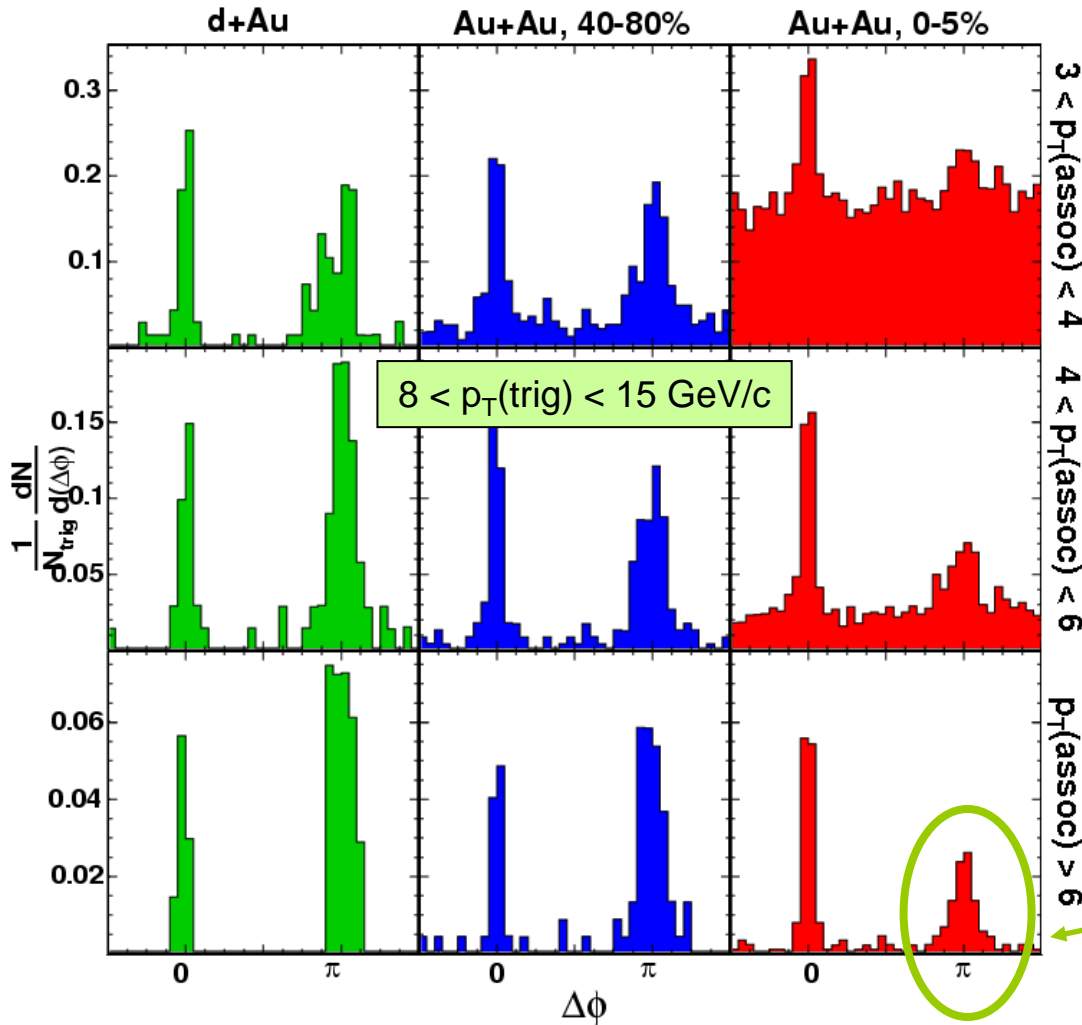


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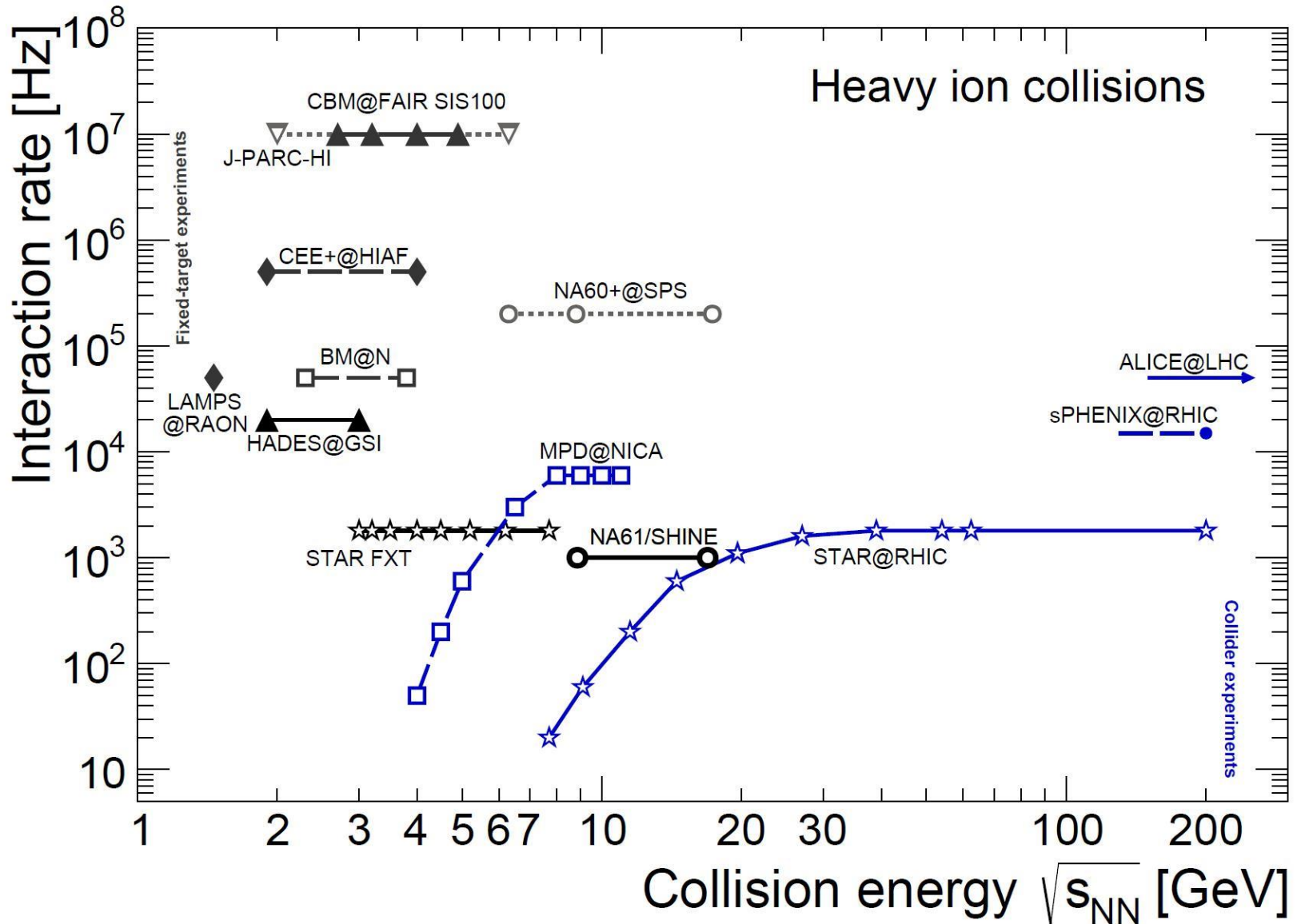
T_H not maximum attainable, simply: for $T > T_H$ quarks not confined any more



Recoil jet peak emerges above background but at suppressed rate:
 \Rightarrow differential measurement of partonic energy loss



国际重离子碰撞实验





1975, Collins and Perry: “quark soup” in neutron stars?



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Superdense Matter: Neutrons or Asymptotically Free Quarks?

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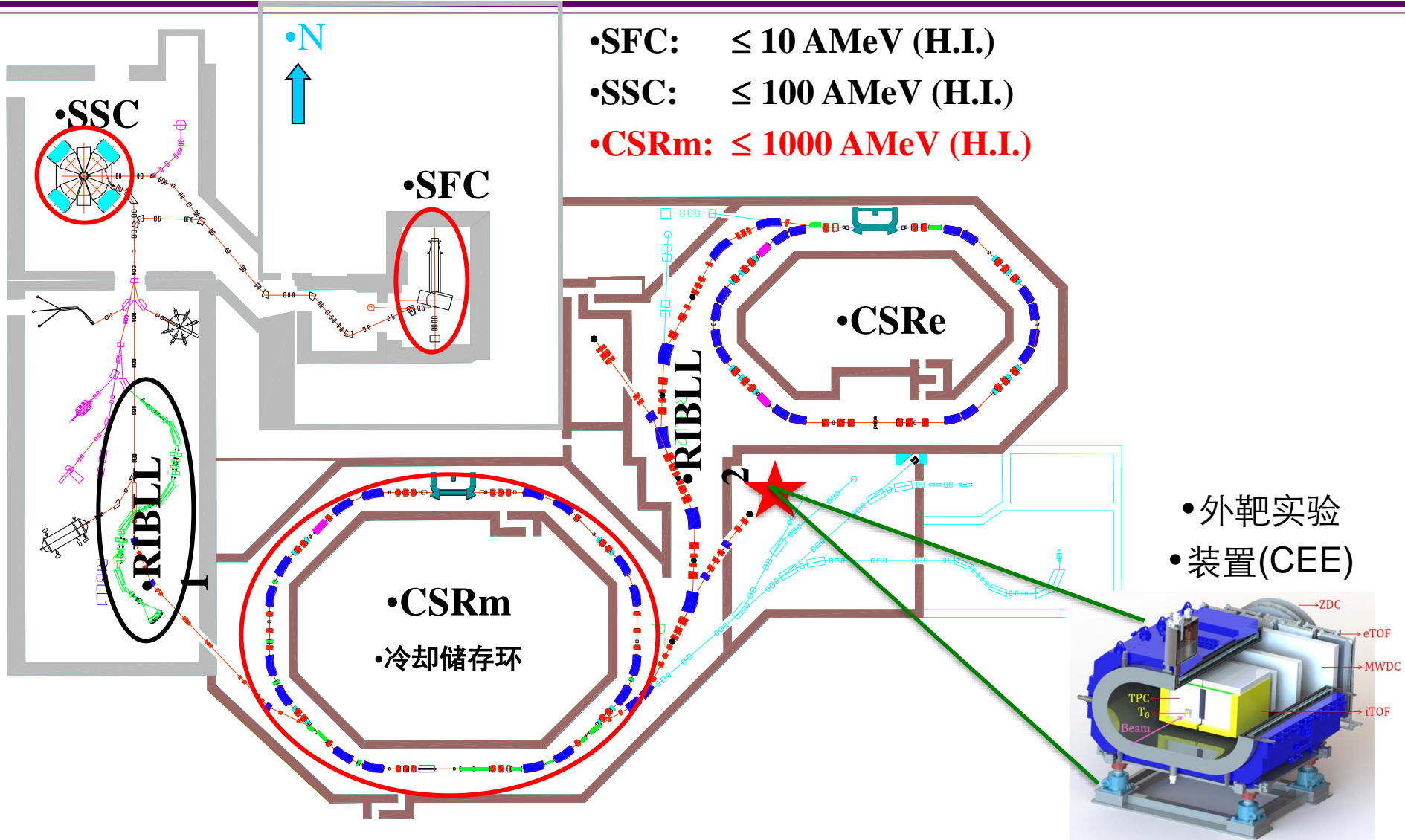
(Received 6 January 1975)

We note the following: The quark model implies that superdense matter (found in neutron-star cores, exploding black holes, and the early big-bang universe) consists of quarks rather than of hadrons. Bjorken scaling implies that the quarks interact weakly. An asymptotically free gauge theory allows realistic calculations taking full account of strong interactions.

the basic argument is contained in only a few lines...

A neutron has a radius¹⁰ of about 0.5–1 fm, and so has a density of about $8 \times 10^{14} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$, whereas the central density of a neutron star¹² can be as much as $10^{16} - 10^{17} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$. In this case, one must expect the hadrons to overlap, and their individuality to be confused. Therefore, we suggest that matter at such high densities is a quark soup.

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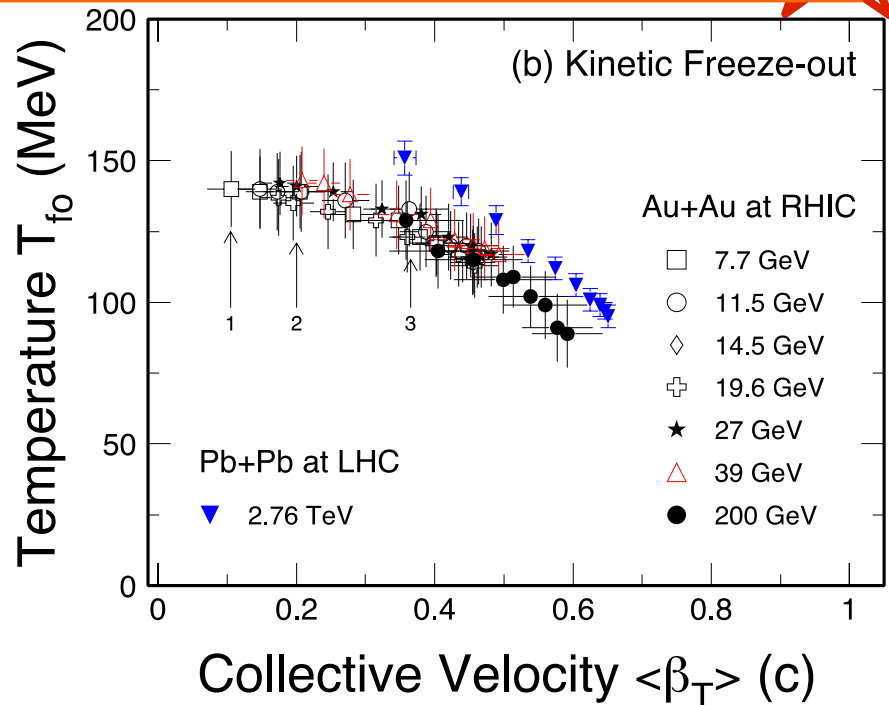
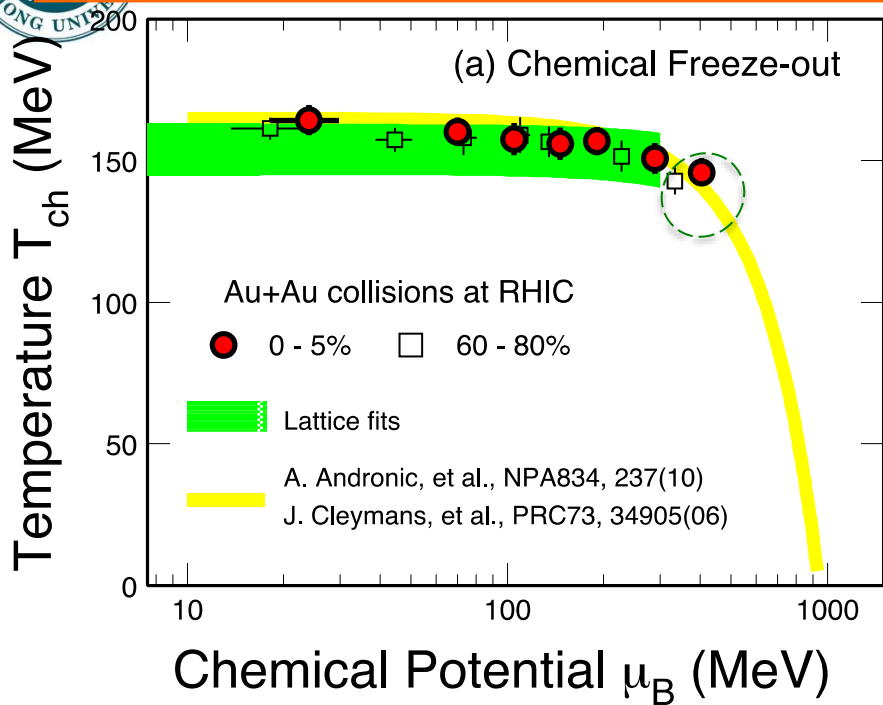




Frank Wilczek:

“In the quest for evidence of the quark-gluon plasma, there are two levels to which one might aspire. At the first level, one might hope to observe phenomena that are very difficult to explain from a hadronic perspective but have a simple qualitative explanation based on quarks and gluons.

But there is a second, more rigorous level that remains a challenge for the future. Using fundamental aspects of QCD theory, one can make quantitative predictions for the emission of various kinds of “hard” radiation from the quark gluon plasma. We will not have done justice to the concept of weakly interacting plasma of quarks and gluons until some of the predictions are confirmed by experiment.”



Chemical Freeze-out: (GCE)

- Weak temperature dependence
- Centrality dependence μ_B !
- LGT calculations indicate Critical region above $\mu_B \sim 300$ MeV?

Kinetic Freeze-out:

- Central collisions => lower value of T_{fo} and larger collectivity β_T
- **Stronger collectivity at higher energy, even for peripheral collisions**

- ALICE: B.Abelev et al., PRL109, 252301(12); PRC88, 044910(2013).
- STAR: J. Adams, et al., NPA757, 102(05); X.L. Zhu, NPA931, c1098(14); L. Kumar, NPA931, c1114(14)
- S. Mukherjee: Private communications. August, 2012

STAR Detectors *Fast and Full azimuthal particle identification*

MRPC Time Of Flight

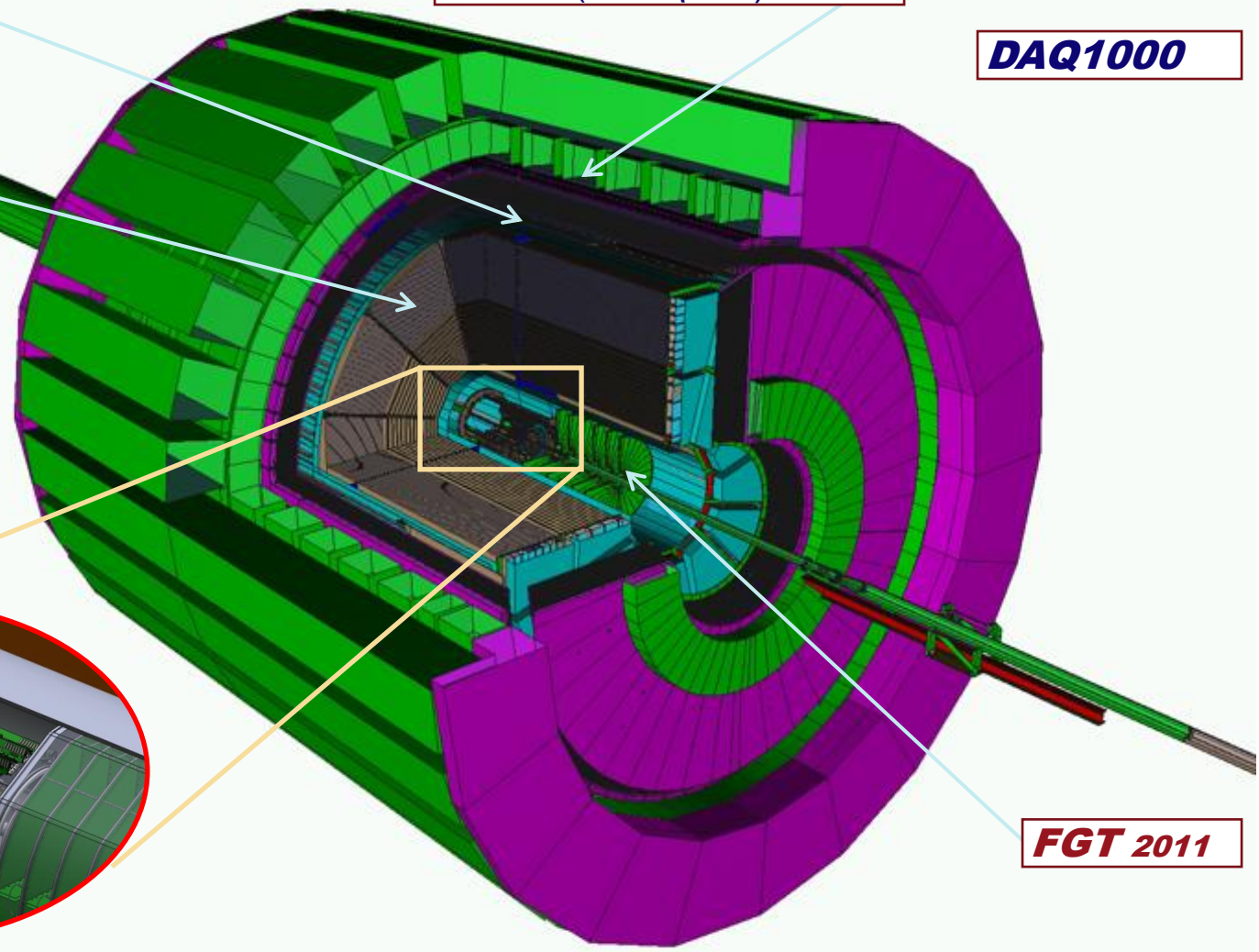
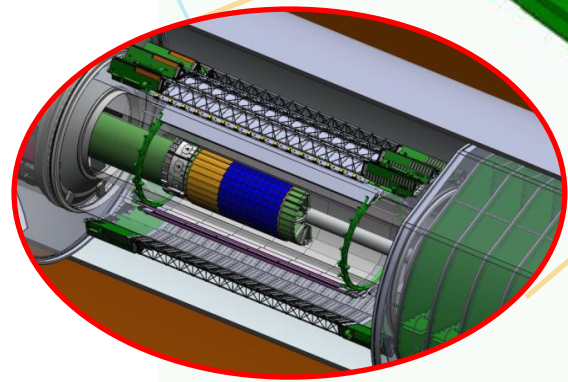
EMC+EEMC+FMS
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MTD 2013

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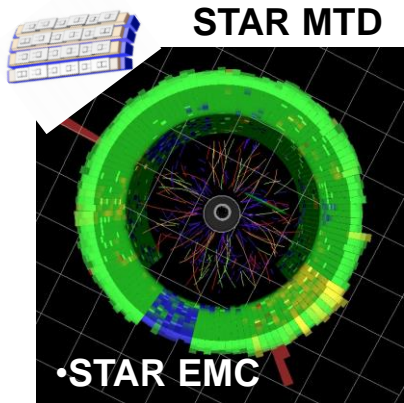
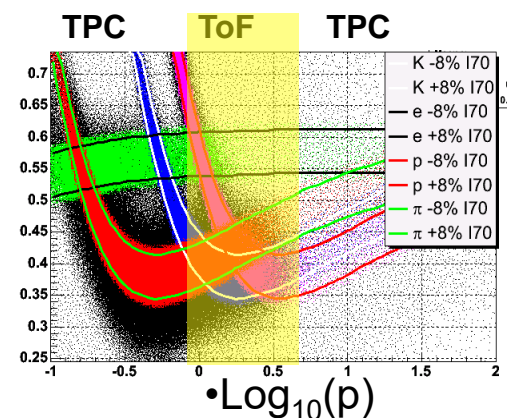
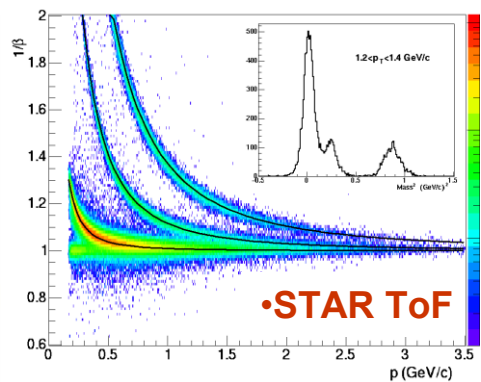
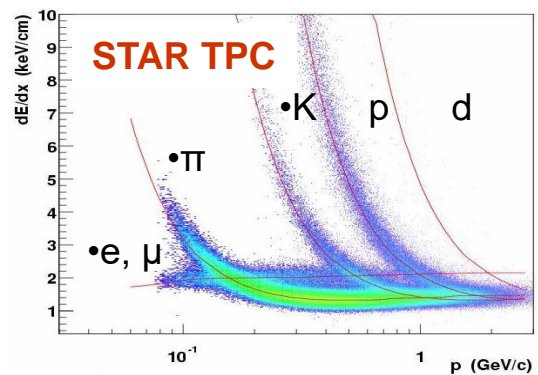
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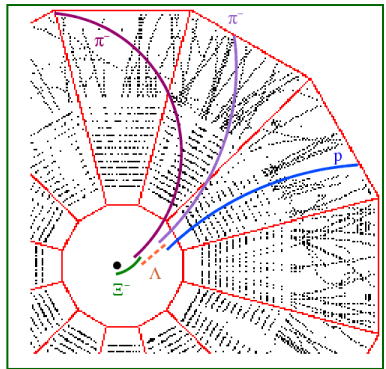


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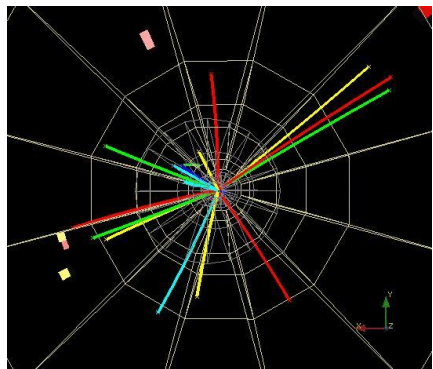
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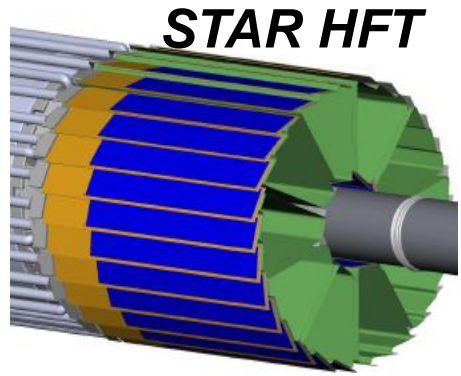
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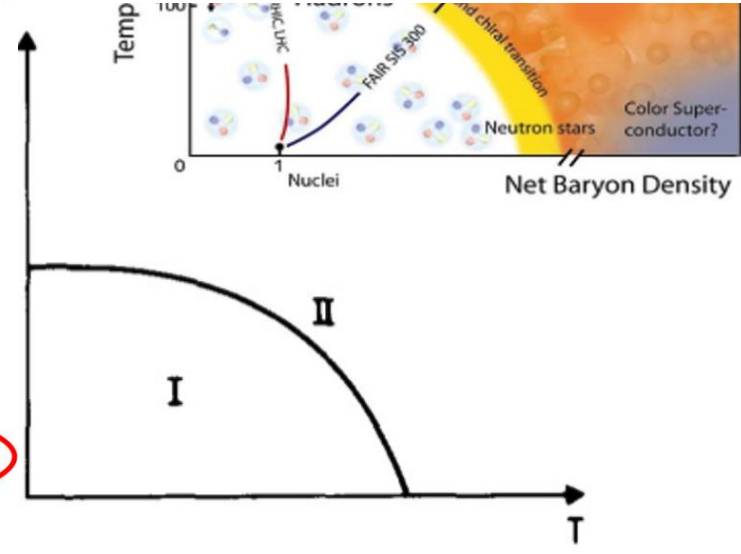
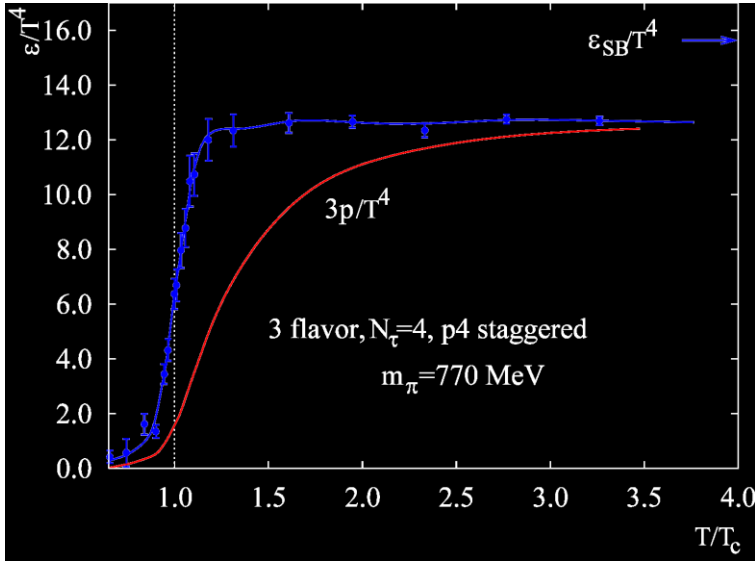


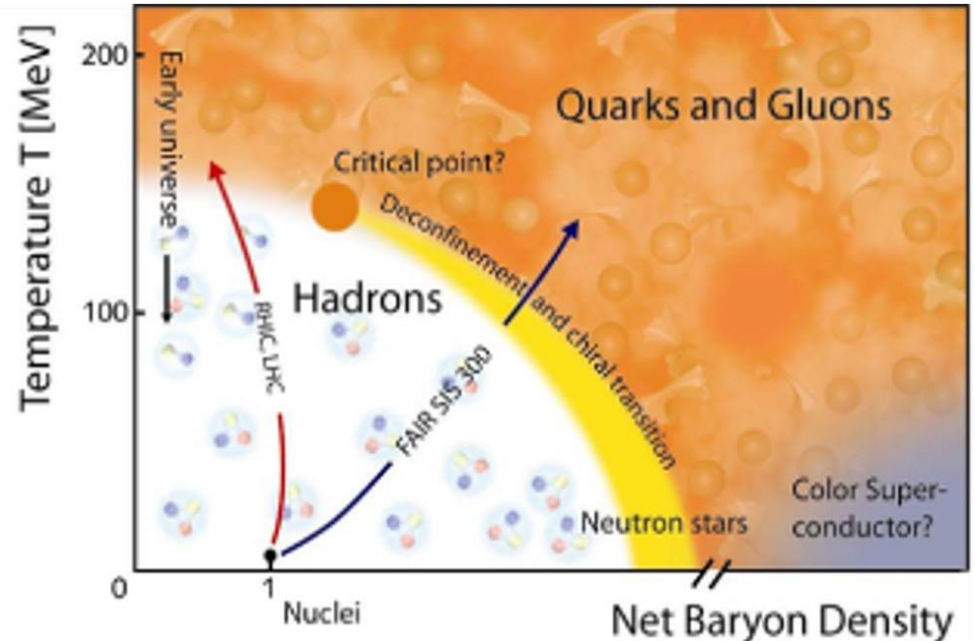
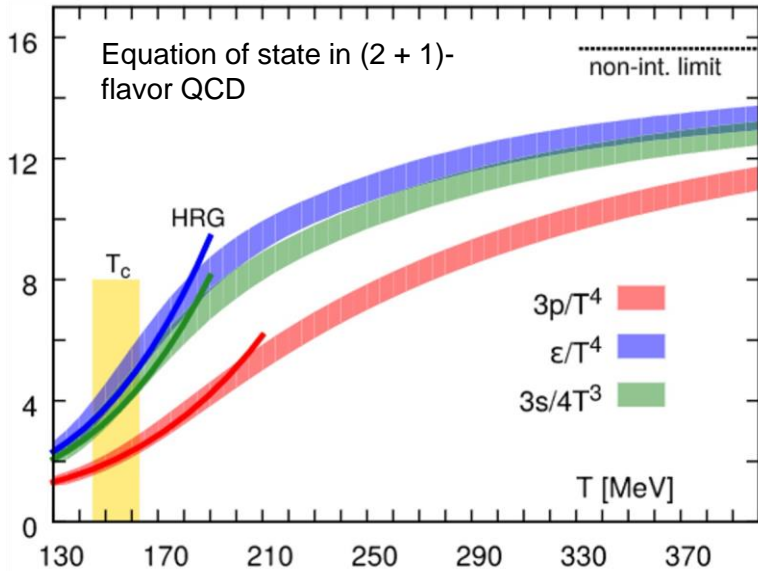
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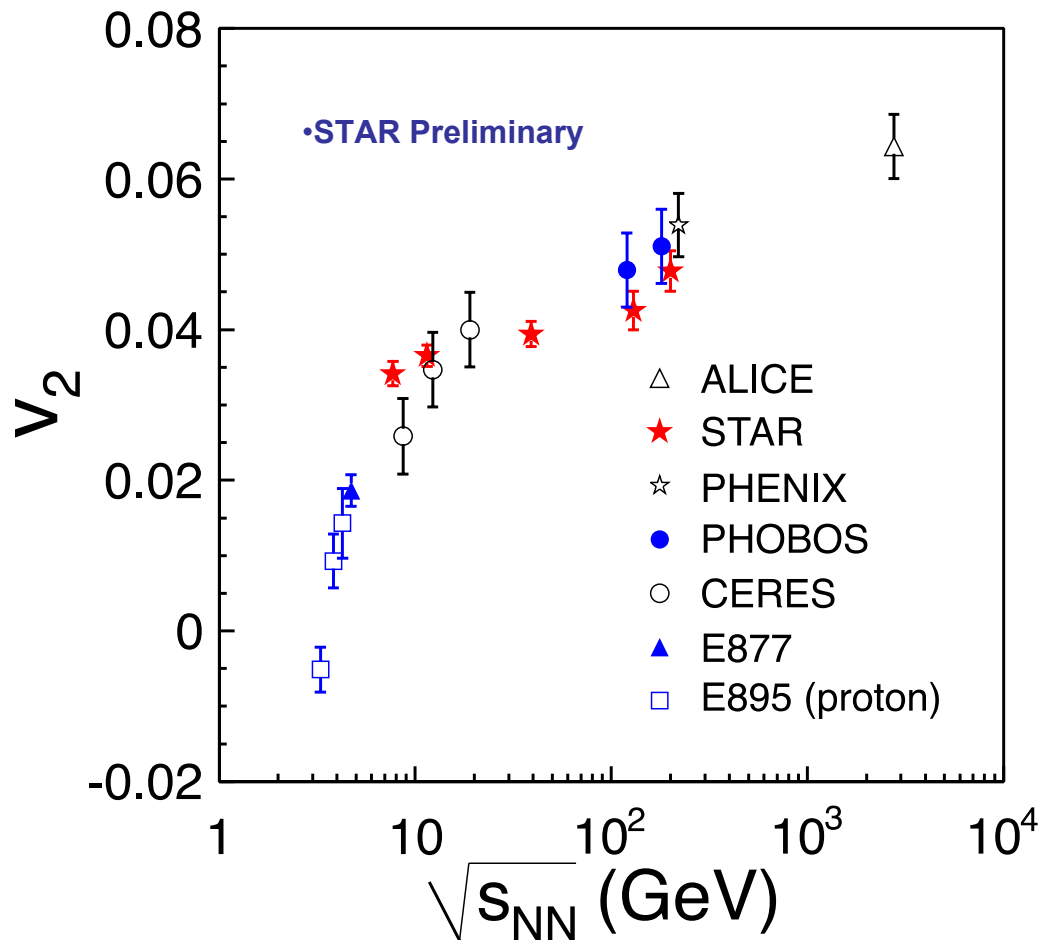


- perturbation theory not applicable
 - lattice QCD calculate bulk properties
- at the critical temperature a strong increase in degrees of freedom
- not an ideal gas!
 - residual interactions
- At phase transition $dp/d\varepsilon$ decreases rapidly!!
- $T_c \sim 170 \text{ MeV}$, $\varepsilon_c = 0.6 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$
 F. Karsch, E. Laermann and A. Peikert, PLB 478 (2000) 447





Energy Dependence



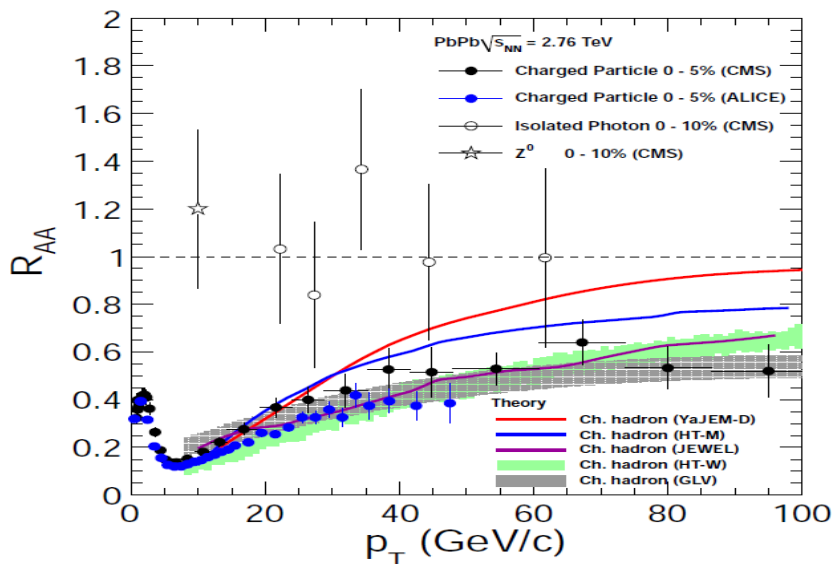
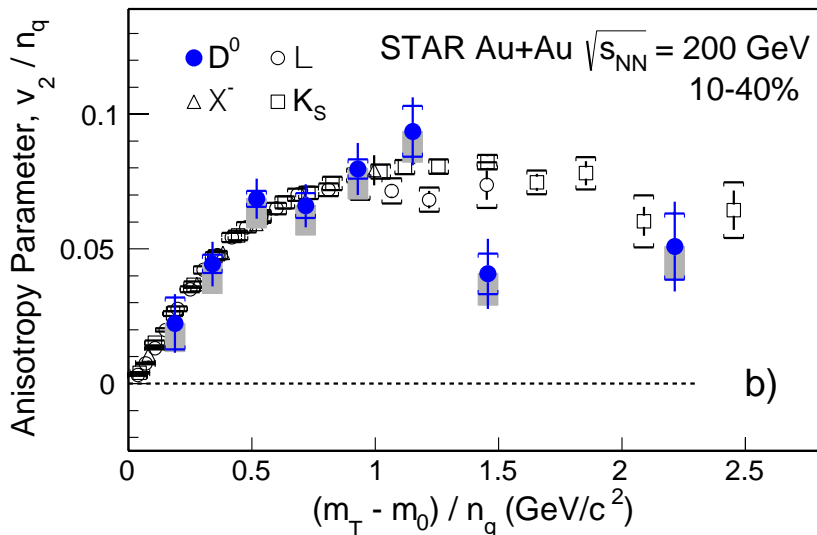
- STAR, ALICE: $v_2\{4\}$ results
Centrality: 20-30%
- An increasing trend is observed for p_T integrated v_2 from AGS to LHC

•ALICE: Phys. Rev. Lett. 105, 252302 (2010); PHENIX: Phys. Rev.Lett. 98, 162301 (2007).

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