

# *From QCD to Quark-Gluon Plasma*

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Big Bang



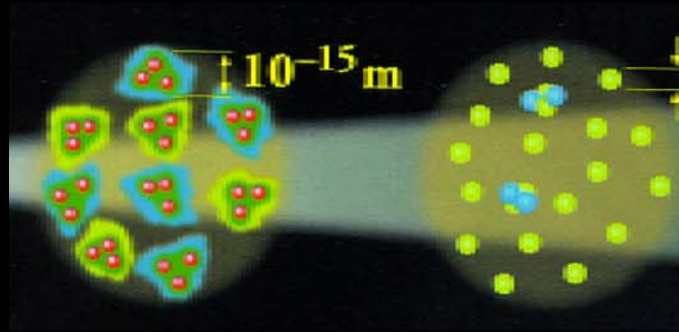
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Protons & Neutrons  
10<sup>12</sup>K, 10<sup>-4</sup>s

Low-mass Nuclei  
10<sup>9</sup>K, 3 min



Neutral Atoms  
4000K, 10<sup>5</sup>y

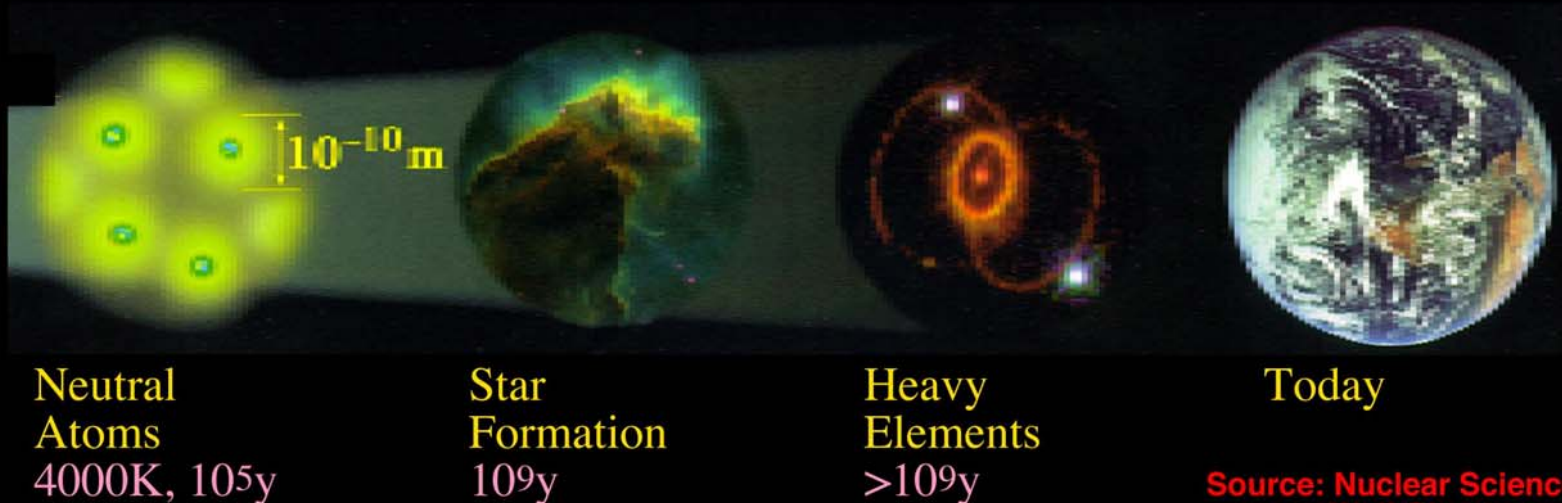
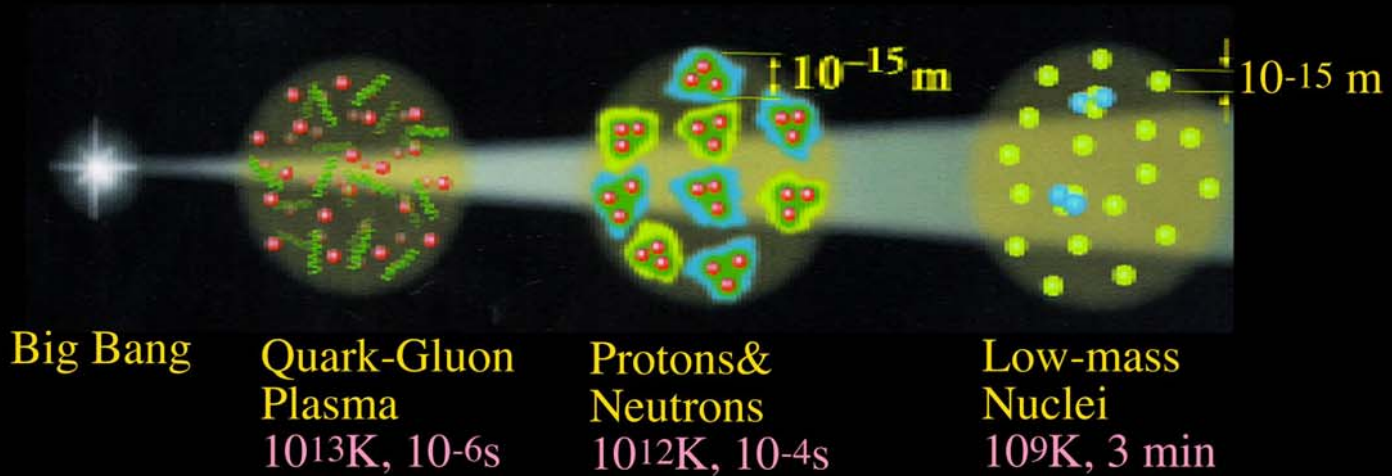
Star Formation  
10<sup>9</sup>y

Heavy Elements  
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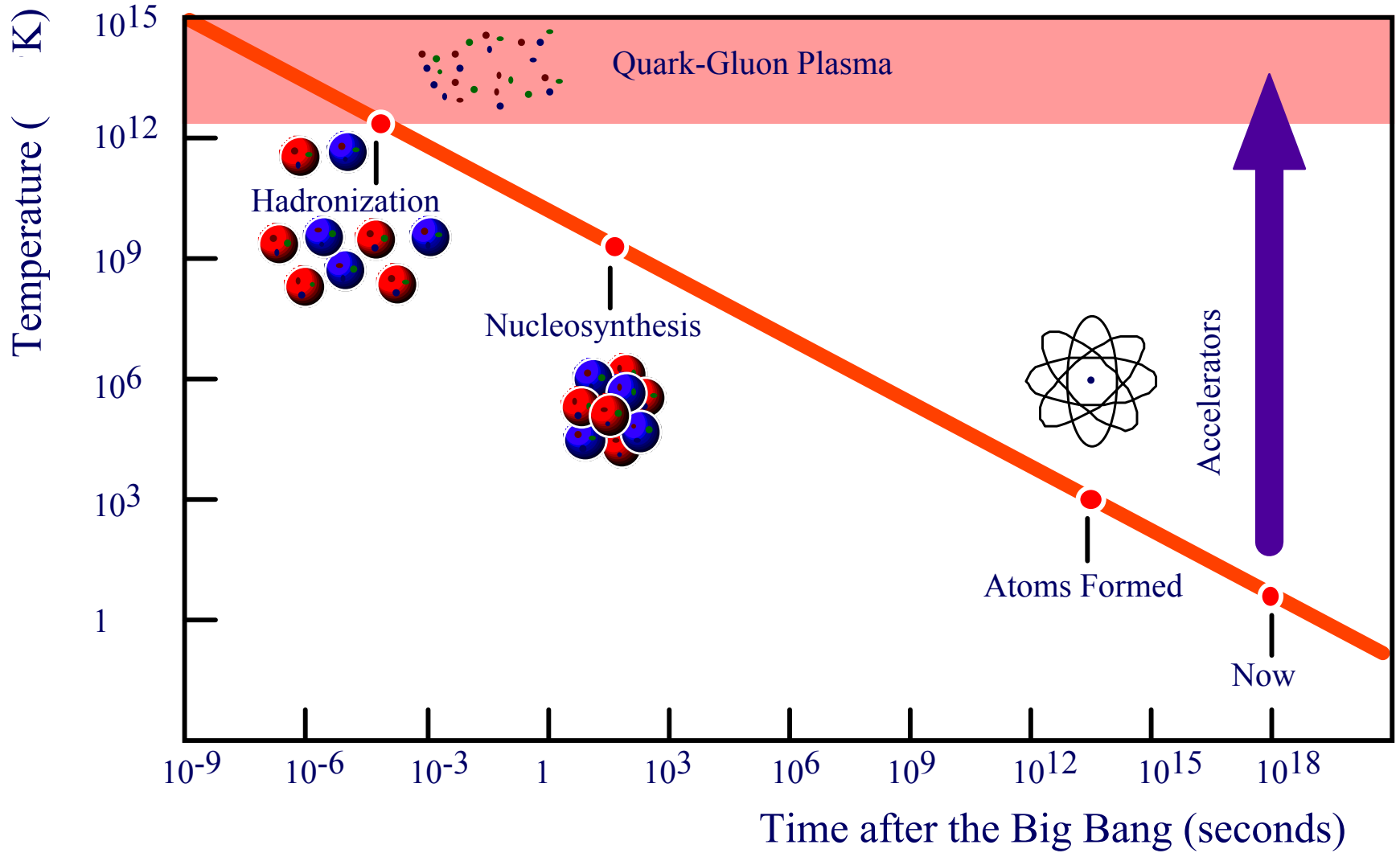
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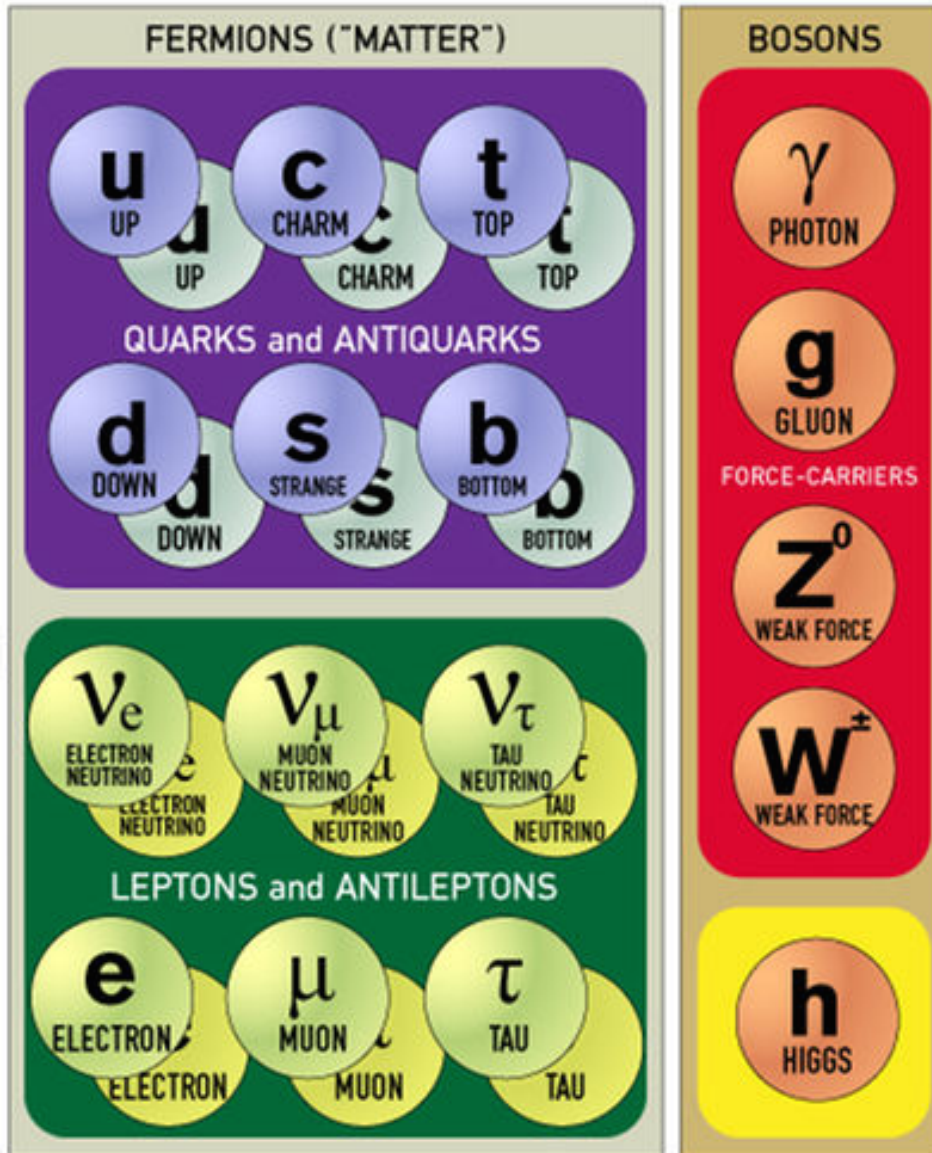
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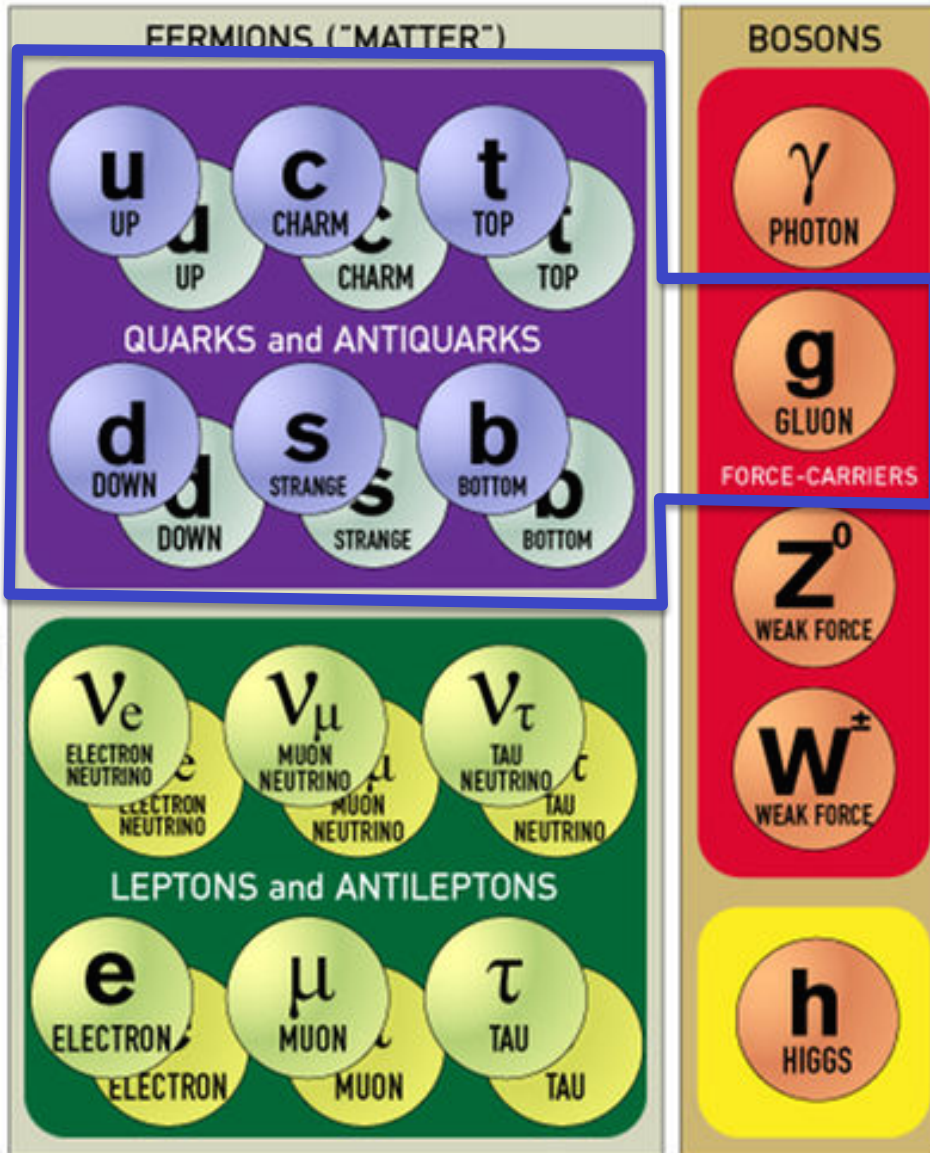




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*Strong Interaction:*

- binds quarks into hadrons
- binds hadrons into nuclei

*QCD describes:*

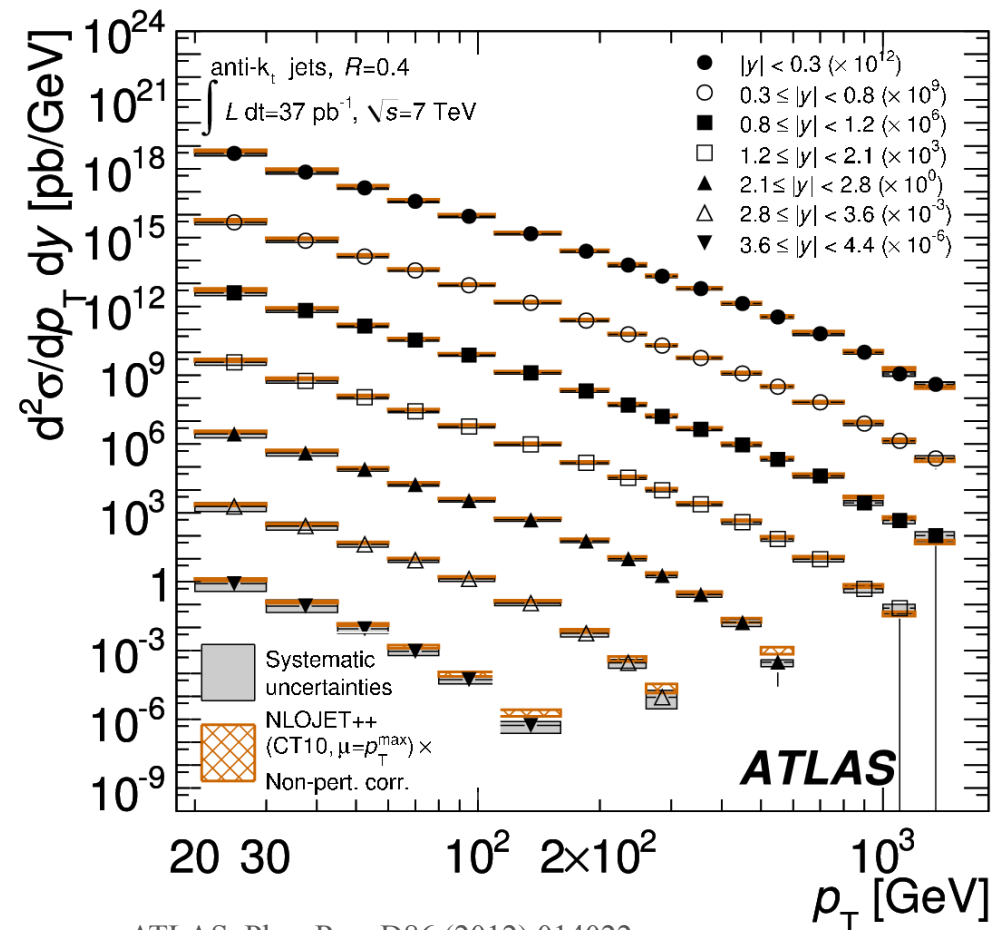
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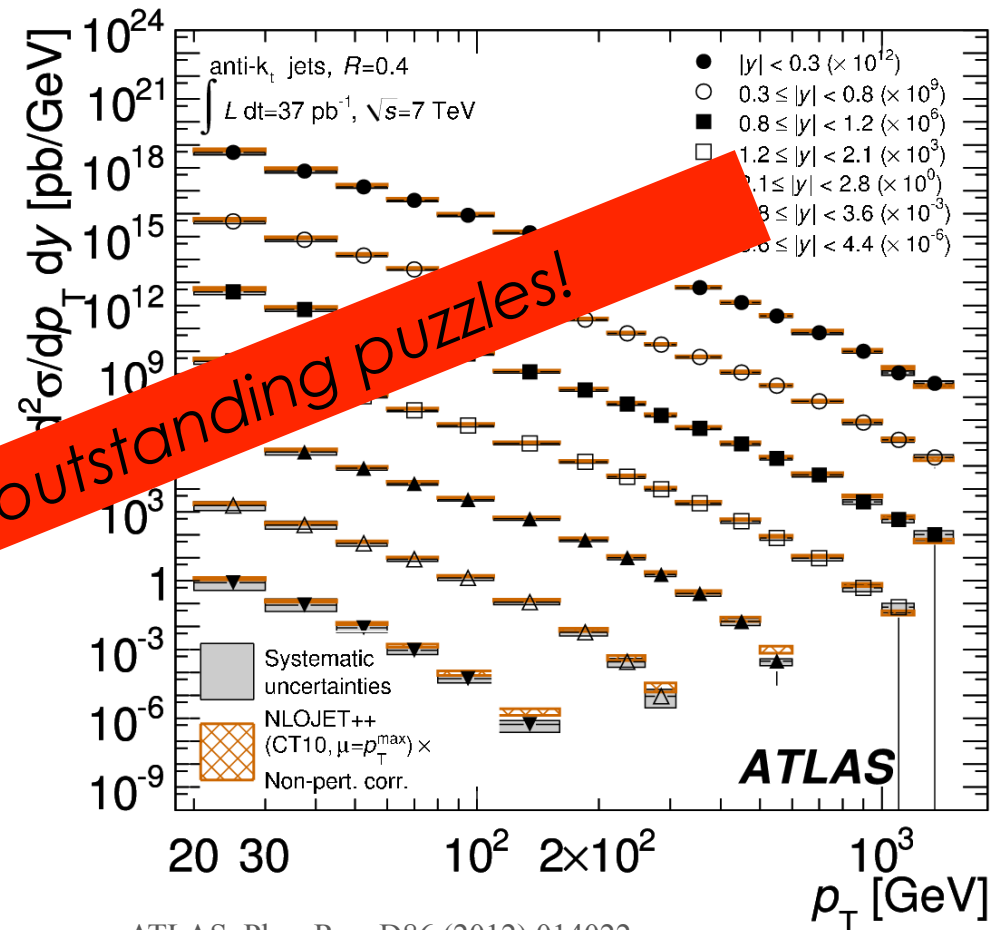


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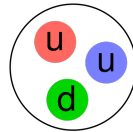
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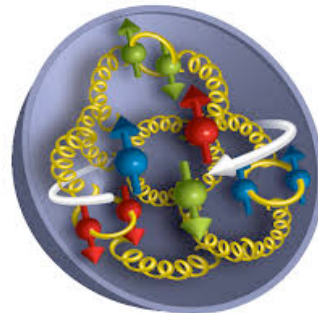
- A proton is composed out of  $uud$  quarks
- The proton mass is  $938.3 \text{ MeV}/c^2$
- The sum of bare quark masses is only  $\sim 10 \text{ MeV}/c^2$



## Confinement

- An isolated quark has never been observed
- The quarks seem confined within the hadrons
- Half of the fundamental fermions is not observable directly

How is the extra-mass generated?



Why?

# QCD Lagrangian

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Contrary to photons, gluons carry (color) charge and can interact among themselves creating complicated structures.

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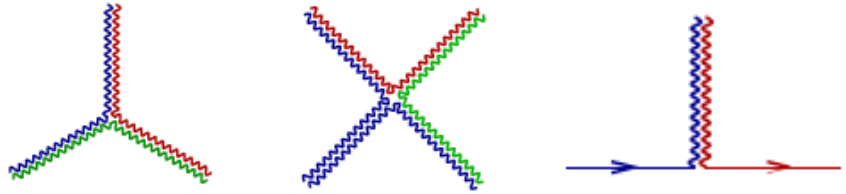
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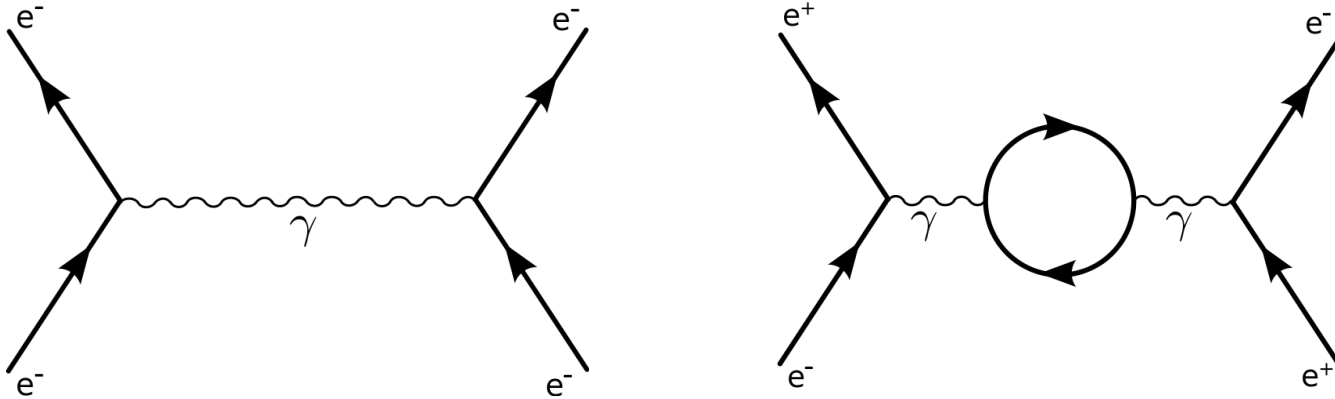
Ex. gluon-gluon interaction





# Running coupling

Consider the interaction of 2 elementary particles as a function of  $Q^2$



Because of Heisenberg U.P.:  
small  $Q^2 \rightarrow$  large distances  
large  $Q^2 \rightarrow$  small distances

Virtual pairs screen the bare interaction resulting in momentum-transfer dependent interaction strength  $\rightarrow \alpha(Q)$

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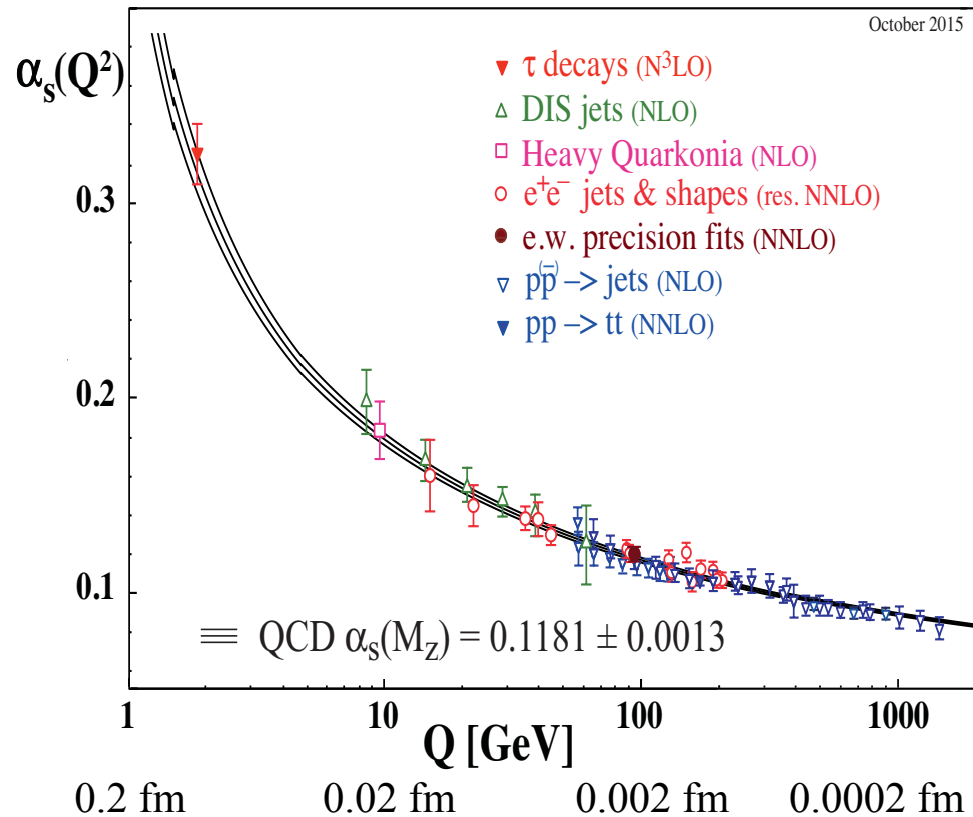
**QCD**

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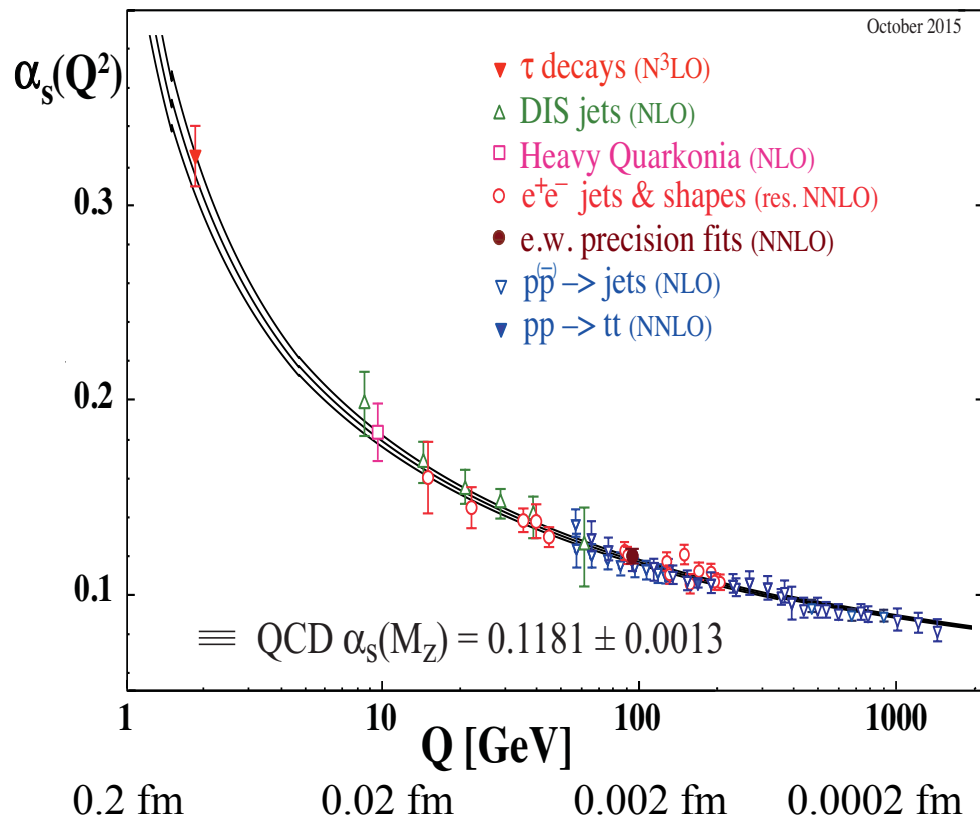
*(33-12)/12 $\pi$   $\rightarrow$  Positive*

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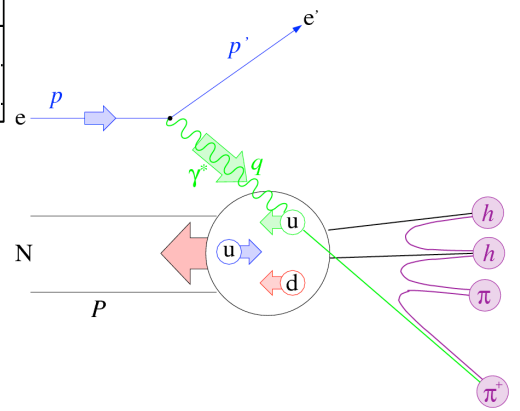
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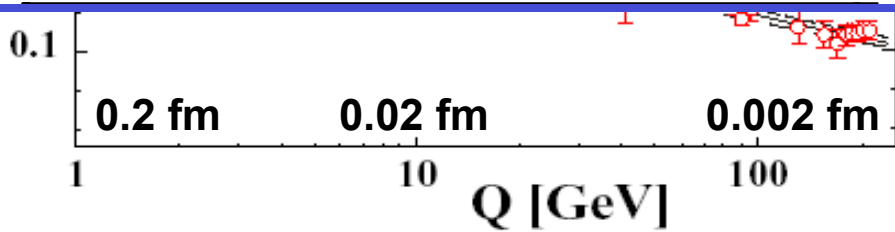
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## Asymptotically Free Gauge Theories. I\*

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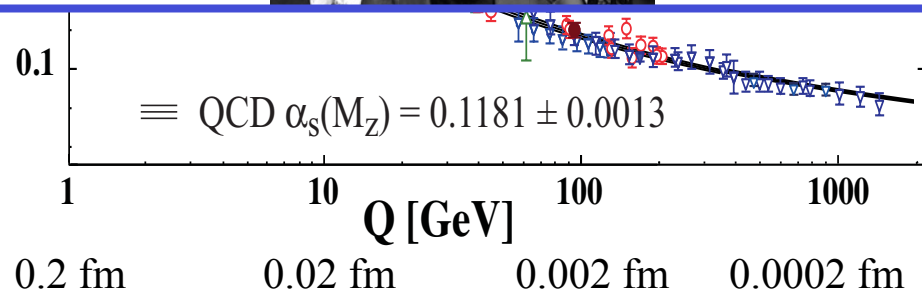
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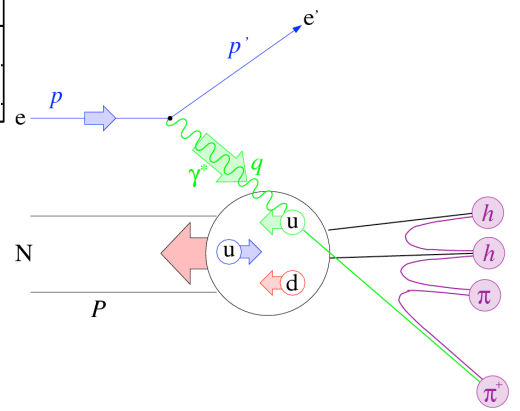
## Reliable Perturbative Results for Strong Interactions?\*

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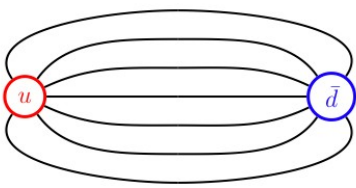
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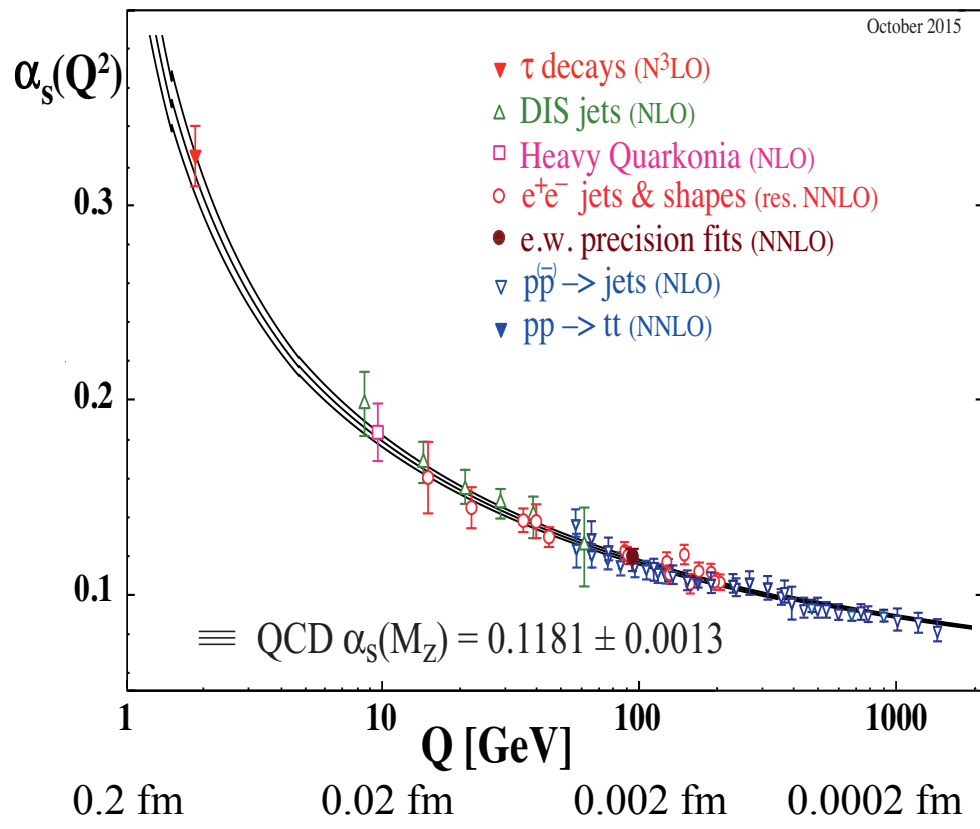
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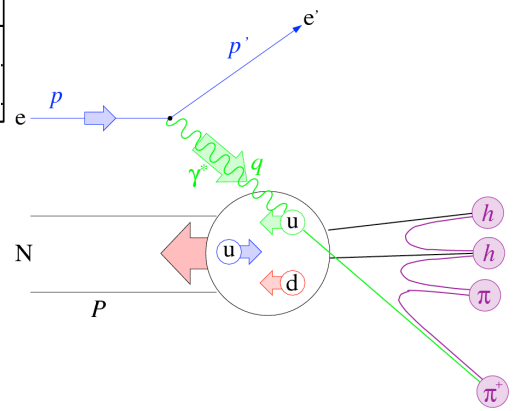
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Low Q  
Confinement



Large Q  
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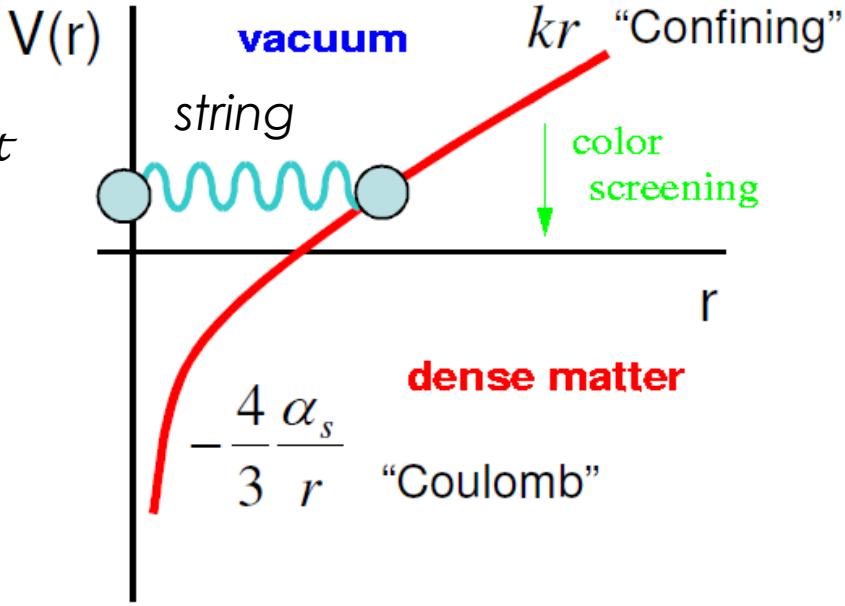


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*Coulomb potential* (pointing to  $-\frac{\alpha}{r}$ )  
*Confinement* (pointing to  $kr$ )



### in dense and hot matter

- screening of color charges (similar to Debye screening in dense atomic matter)
- potential vanishes for large distance
- deconfinement of quarks → QGP

### in vacuum:

- linear increase with distance, strong attractive force
- confinement of quarks to hadrons



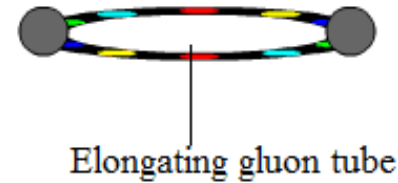
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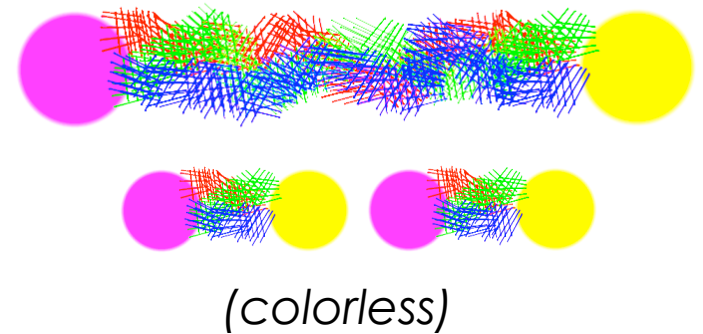
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# Superdense Matter: Neutrons or Asymptotically Free Quarks?

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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.

A neutron has a radius<sup>10</sup> 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 star<sup>1,2</sup> 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.

**How does QCD matter behave under extreme conditions of temperature and energy density?**

➤ **A question rooted in the QCD, with cosmological and astrophysical implications**

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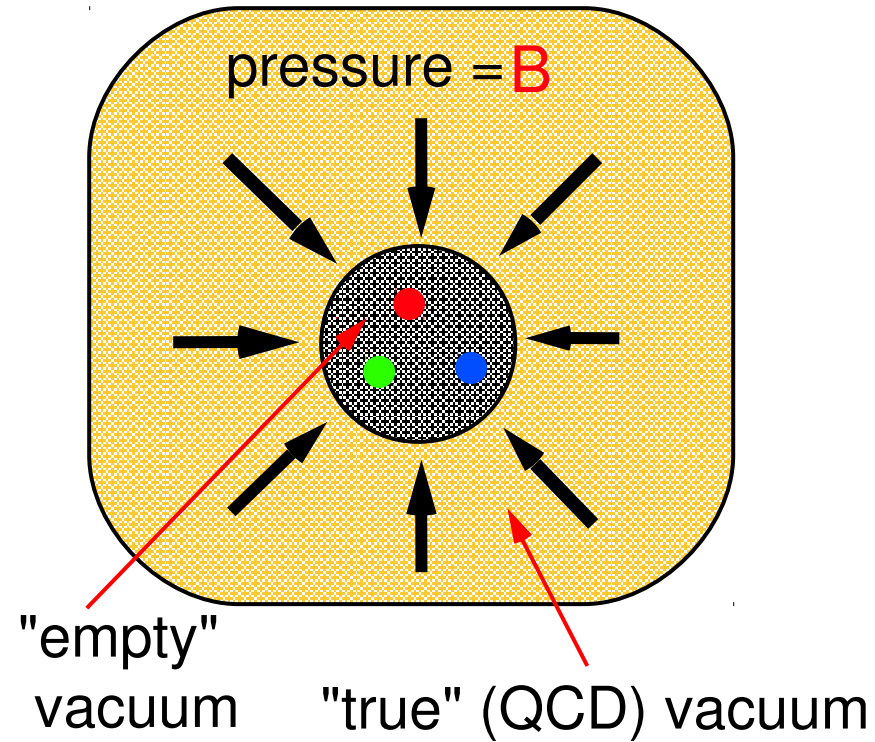
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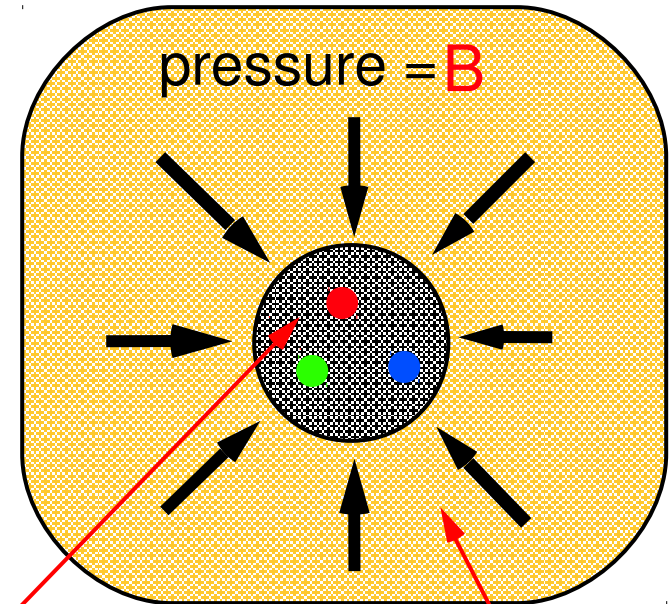
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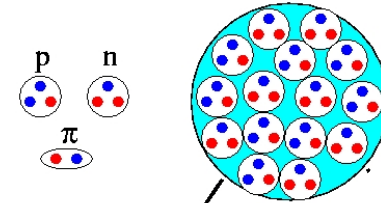
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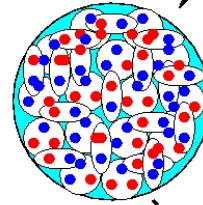
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Heating



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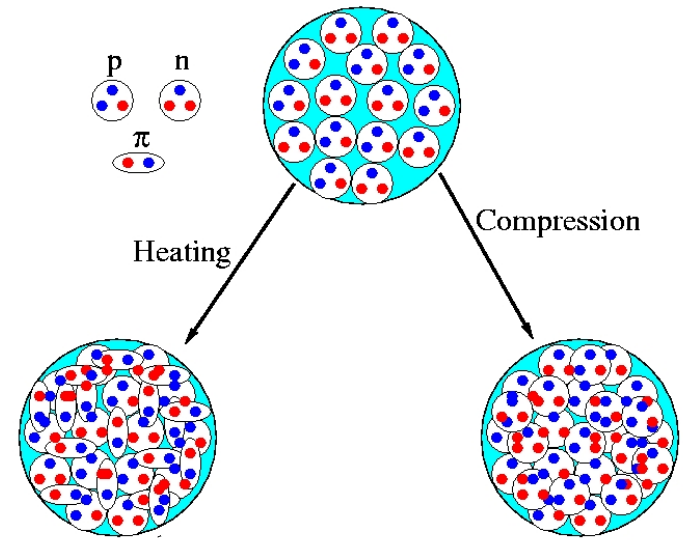
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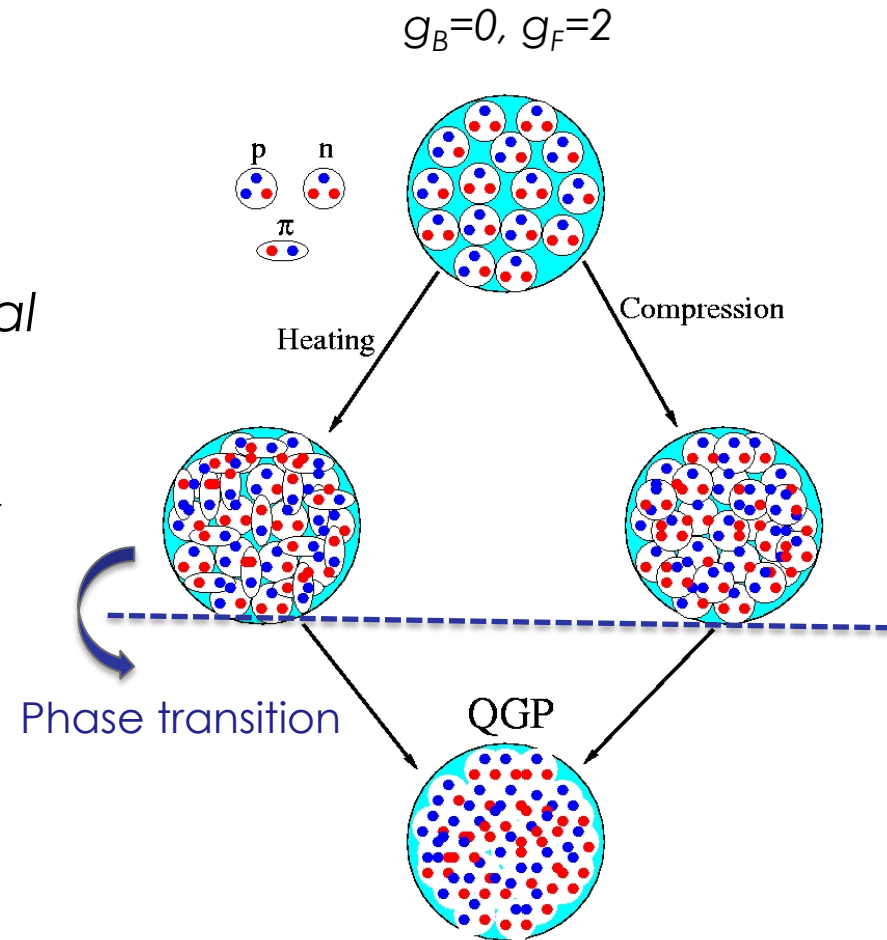
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If the pressure  $> B$  and/or  $T > T_c$  we have the conditions for Quark Gluon Plasma (QGP)



$$g_B = 2 \times 8 \text{ (spin} \times \text{colors)} = 16$$

$$g_F = 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 3 \text{ (} q\bar{q} \text{ x spin x flavor x colors)} = 24$$



*A phase transition has brought the system\* to a deconfined stage with release of degrees of freedom*

*\*of a non negligible dimensions*

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How does matter behave in such extreme conditions?

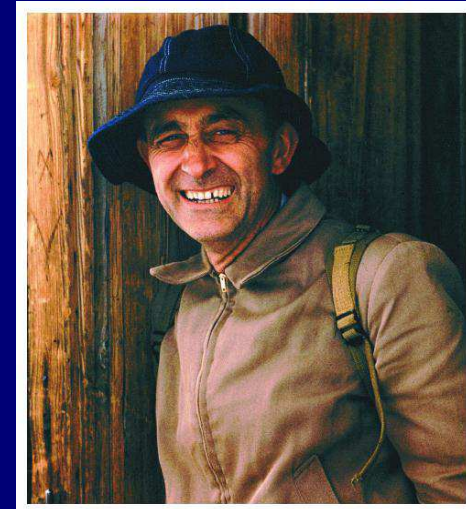
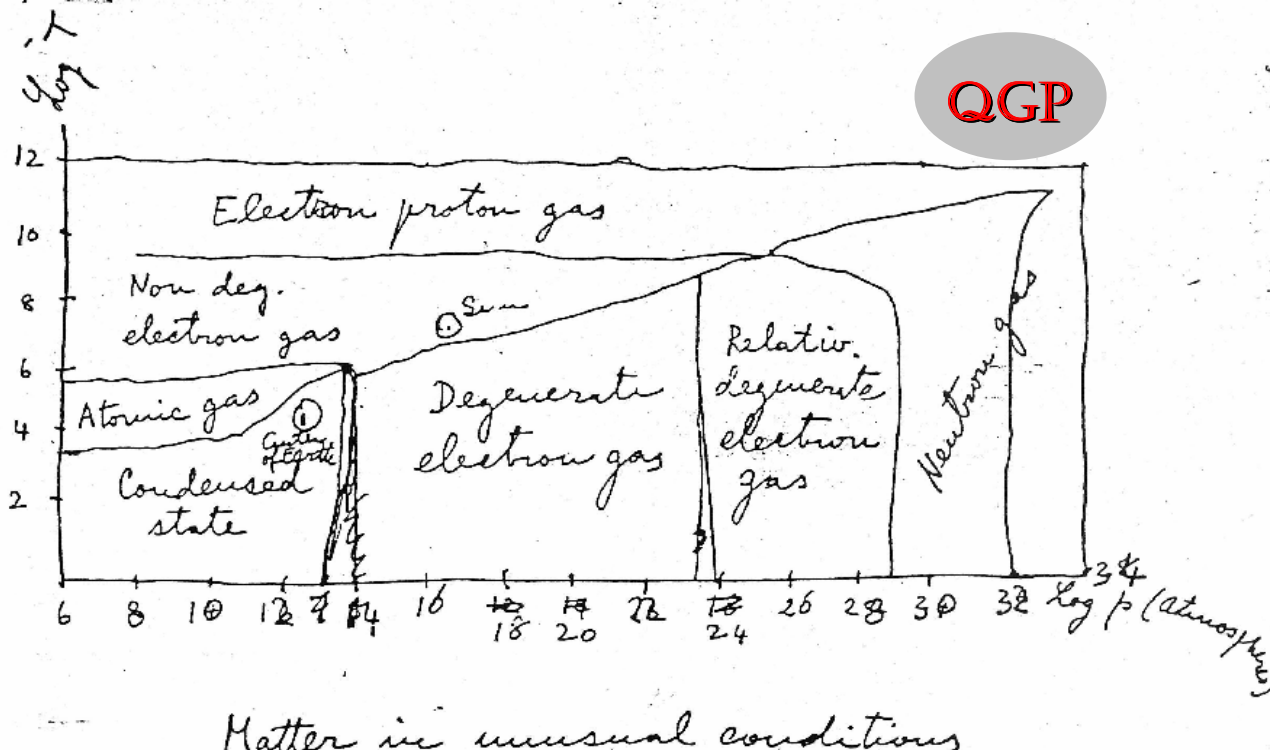
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## Fermi Notes on Thermodynamics



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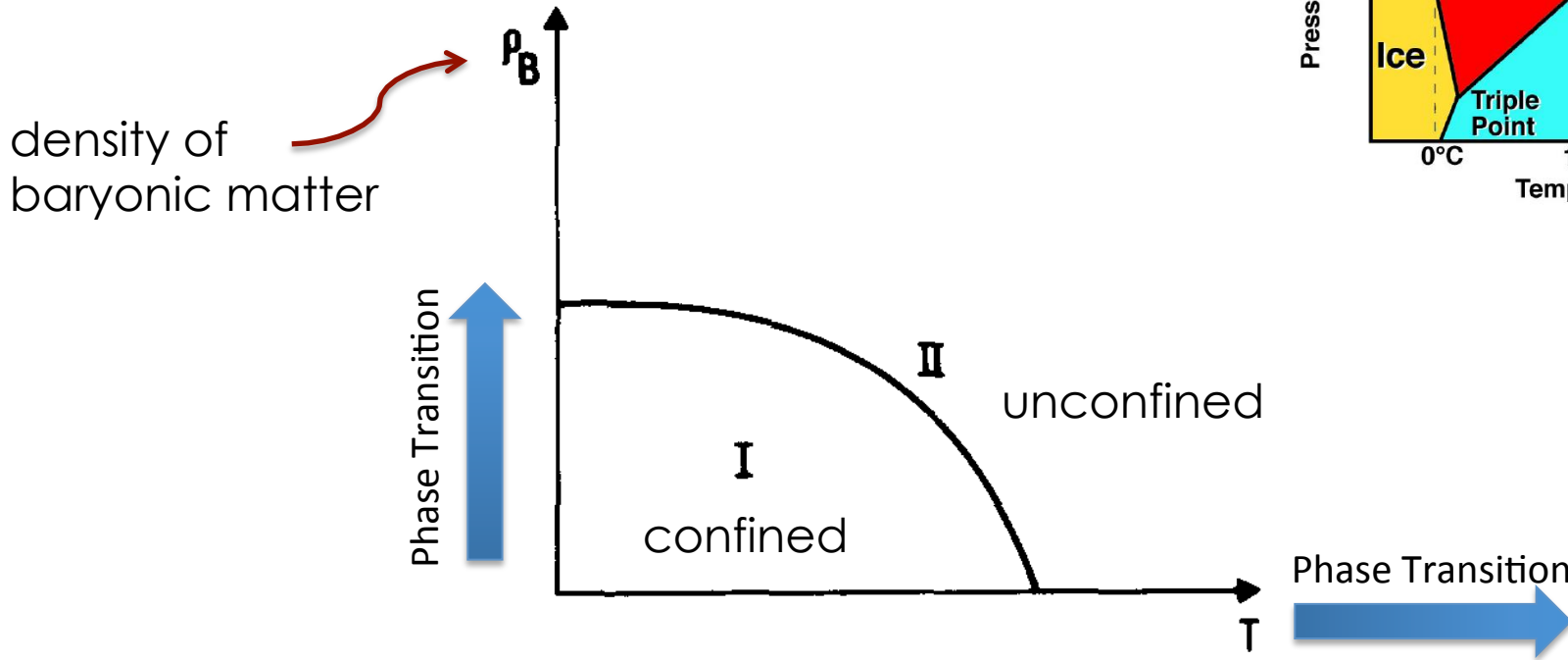
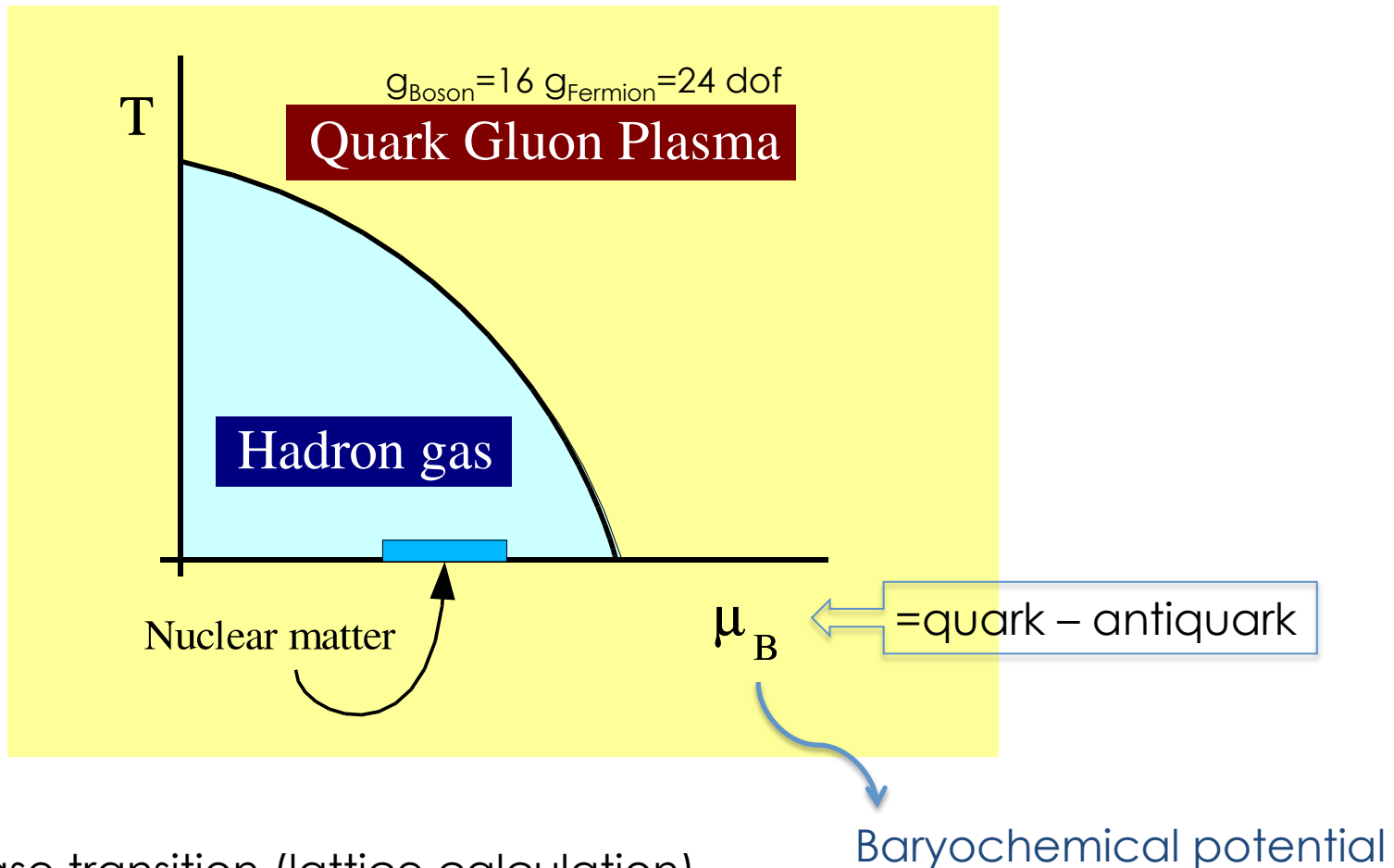


Fig. 1. Schematic phase diagram of hadronic matter.  $\rho_B$  is the density of baryonic number. Quarks are confined in phase I and unconfined in phase II.

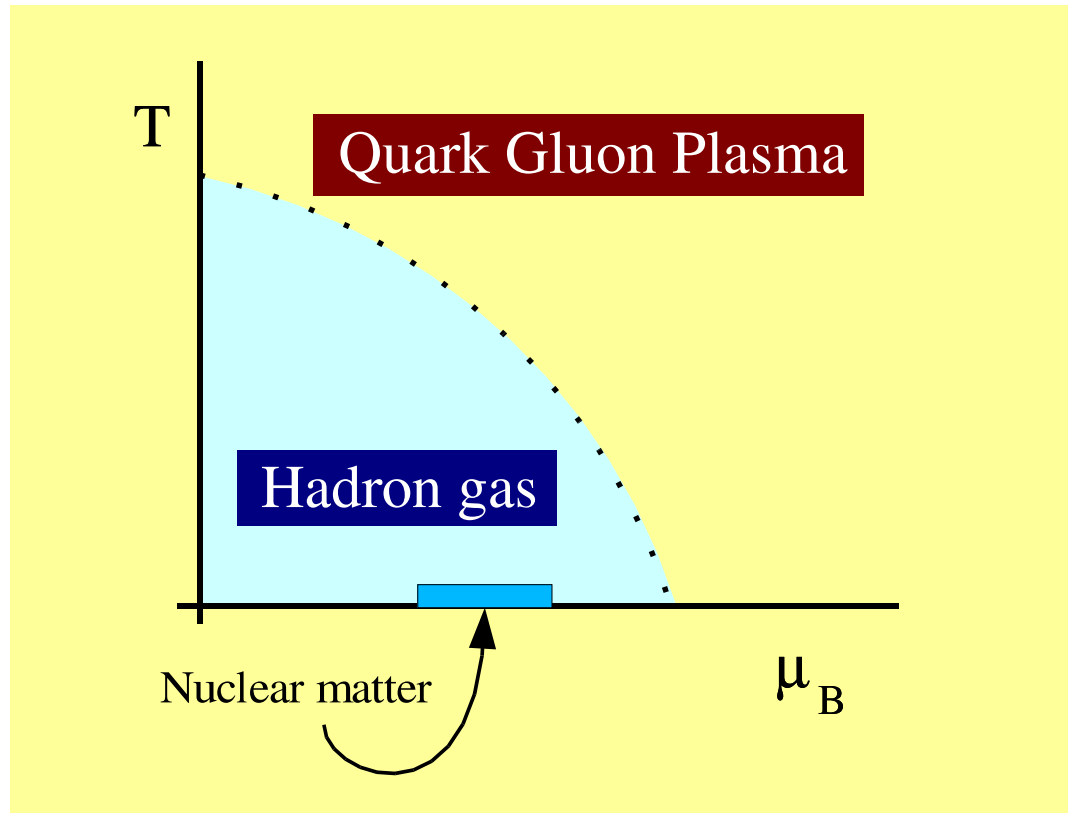
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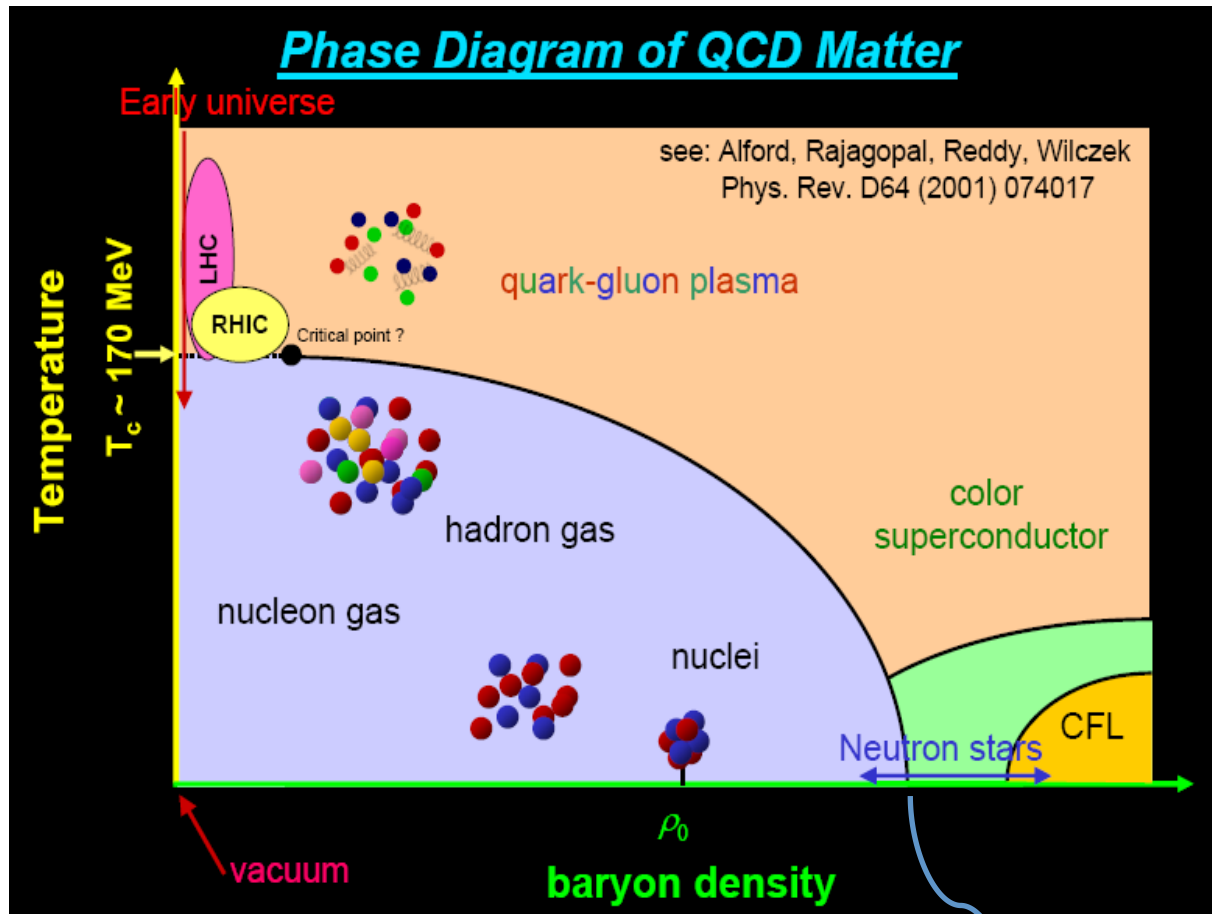
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$T_c \approx 2 \cdot 10^{12} \text{K}$   
( $10^5$  times core of sun)

First order phase transition (lattice calculation)  
Including quark masses (not at the first order)  
Several different phases found (present status)

$n_c^B = 0.72 \text{ fm}^{-3}$   
(net-baryon density  
of about 5 x nucleus)

$T_{\text{room}} \sim 300 \text{ K} \sim 25 \text{ meV}$  (milli-eV !)

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Computationally demanding: farm with 300.000 cores, petaFLOPS



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Computational

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## THE APE COMPUTER: AN ARRAY PROCESSOR OPTIMIZED FOR LATTICE GAUGE THEORY SIMULATIONS

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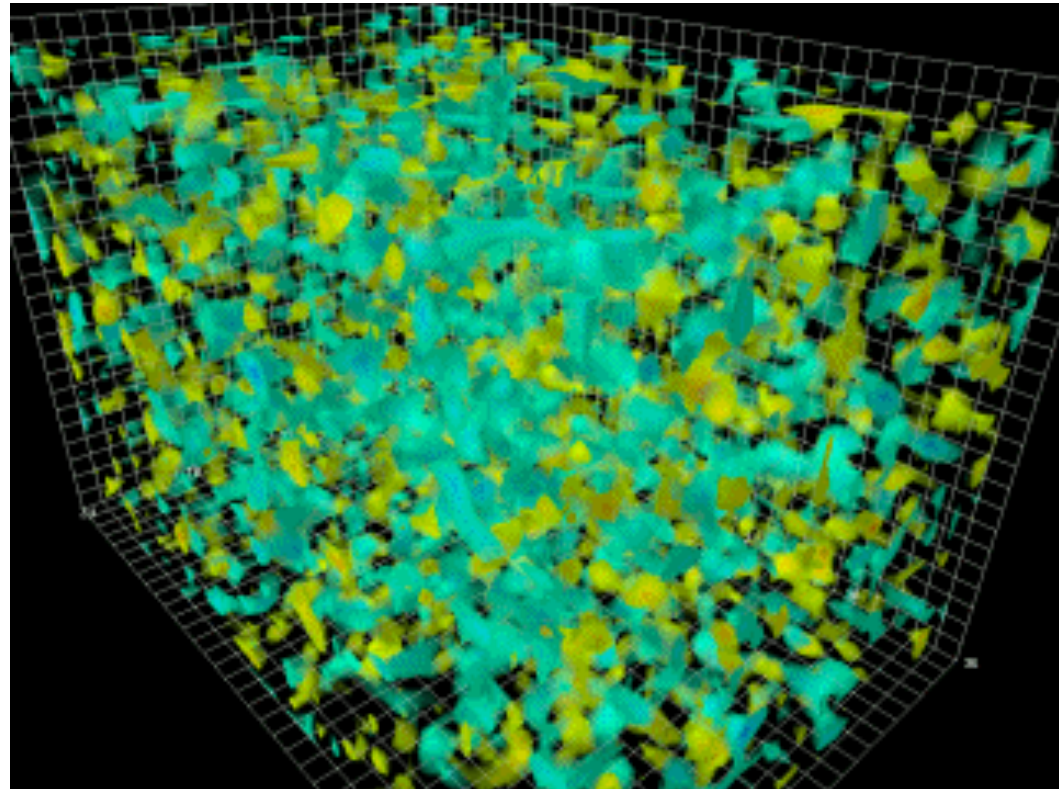
LOPS

The APE computer is a high performance processor designed to provide massive computational power for intrinsically parallel and homogeneous applications. APE is a linear array of processing elements and memory boards that execute in parallel in SIMD mode under the control of a CERN/SLAC 3081/E. Processing elements and memory boards are connected by a ‘circular’ switchnet. The hardware and software architecture of APE, as well as its implementation are discussed in this paper. Some physics results obtained in the simulation of lattice gauge theories are also presented.

# Lattice QCD

Snapshot of fluctuating quark and gluon fields on a discrete space-time lattice

Fluctuating quark and gluon fields on a discrete space-time lattice



# Lattice QCD

We discretize the space-time and, on this lattice, we solve the QCD equations

$a$ =lattice spacing

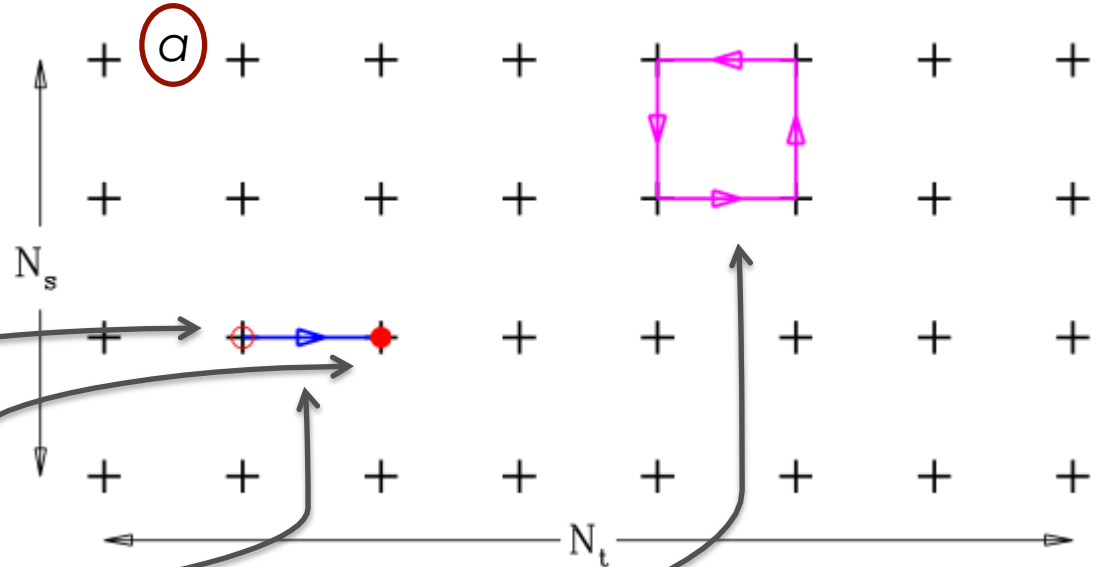
Each point is a d.o.f for a  $q$  or  $qbar$ . In between there is the field mediator

quark

antiquark

gluon

field tensor

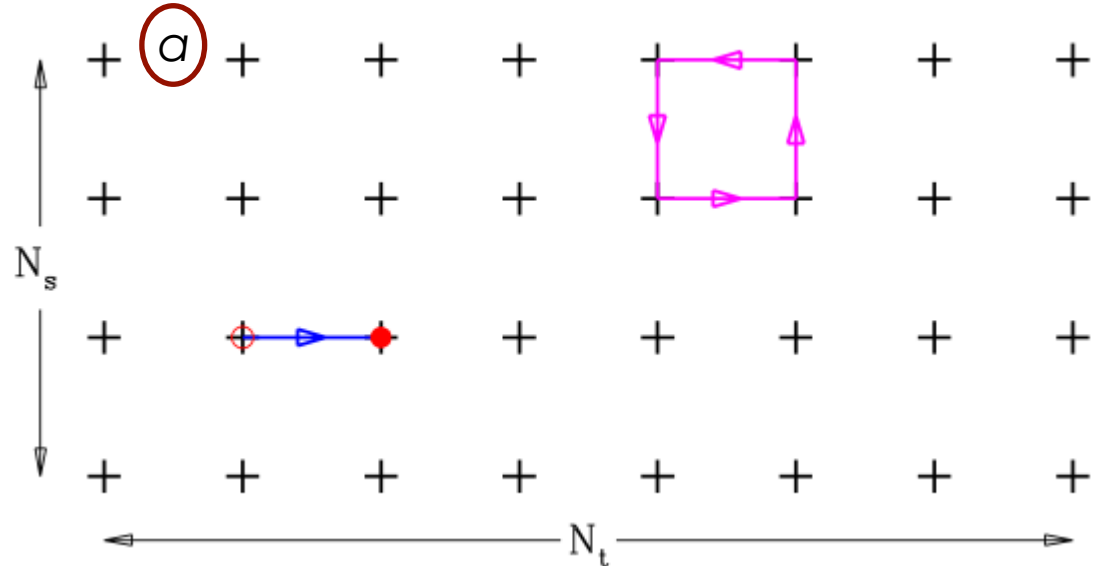


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In order to go back from the lattice to the real physics we have to apply the:

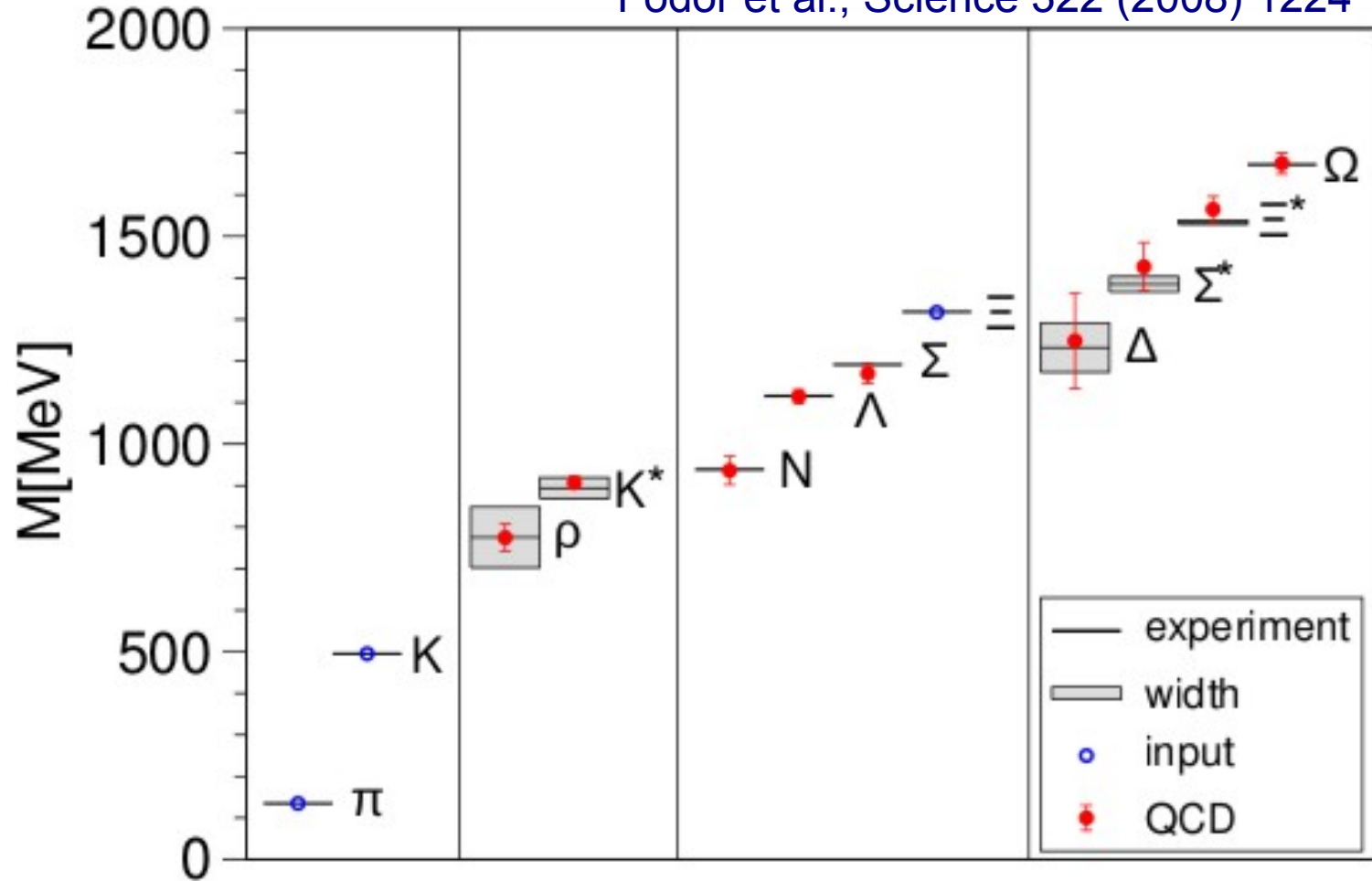
- Continuum limit  $a \rightarrow 0$ , infinite momenta
- Infinite volume limit  $V \rightarrow \infty$
- Set scales using data (e.g. hadron masses)

Problems of approach:

- 2xfermions then the real world
- Small masses ask huge CPU time, large masses are needed.
- Very difficult for finite  $\mu$

# Lattice QCD

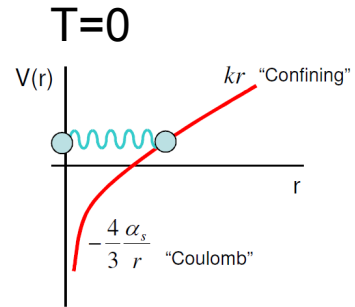
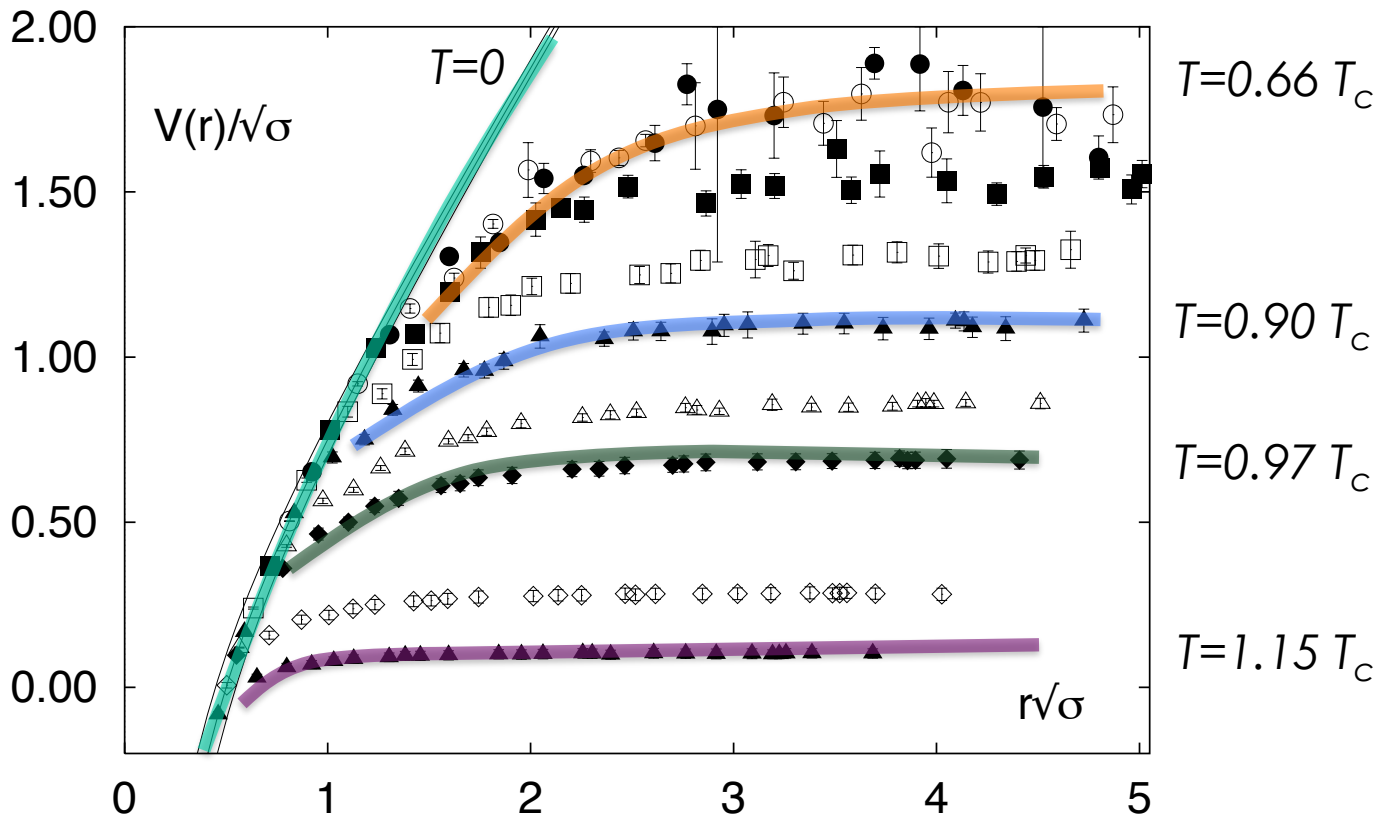
Fodor et al., Science 322 (2008) 1224



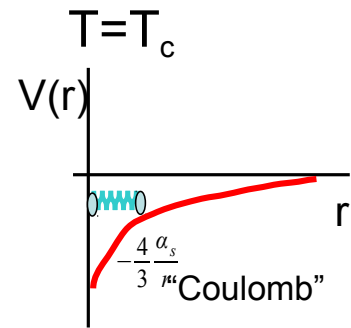
*Excellent agreement between Lattice (2 flavors) and experimental data*

# Lattice QCD

Temperature dependence of the heavy quark free energy (static potential) in 3-flavour QCD



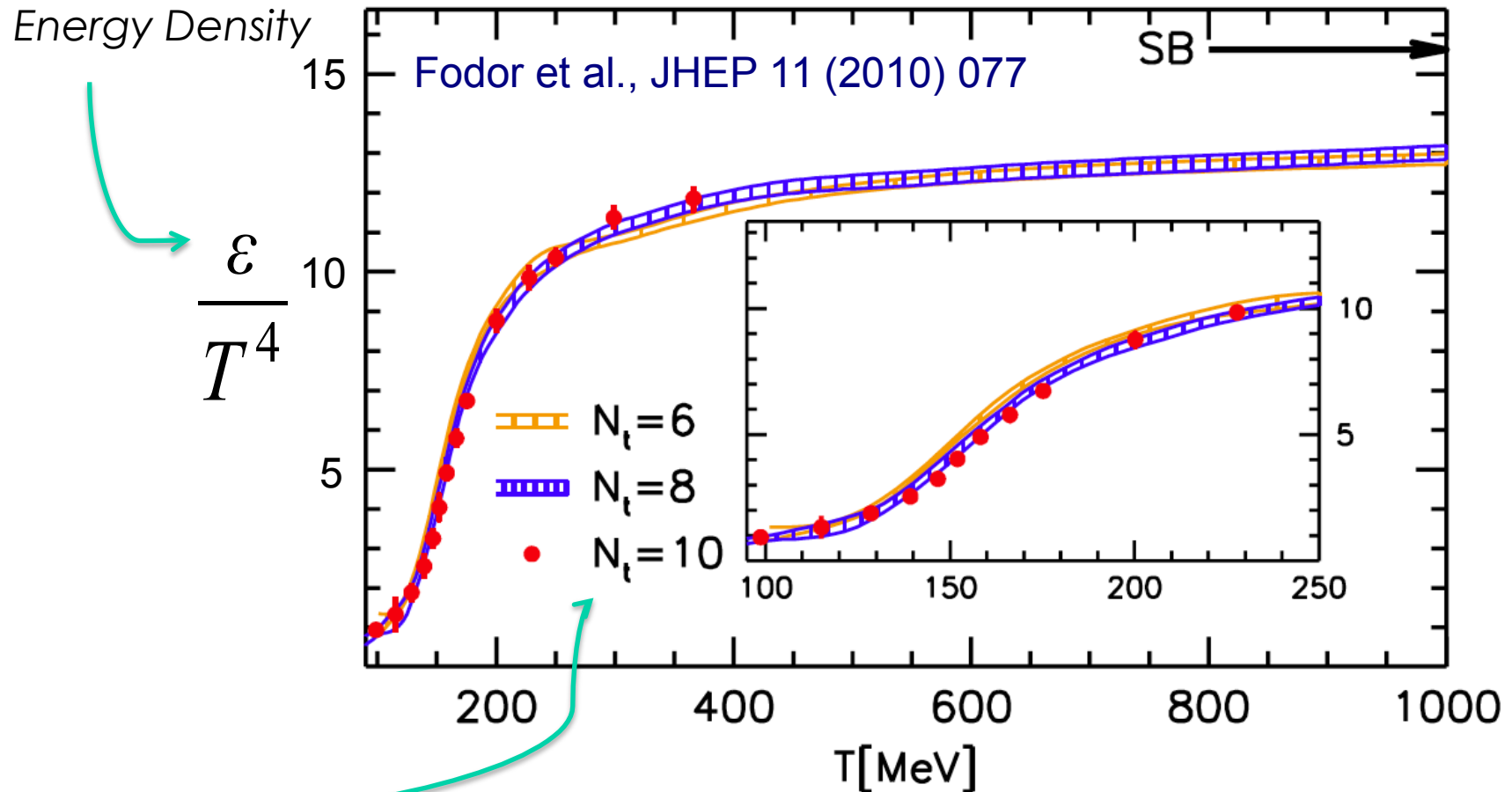
$$V(r) = -\frac{4\alpha_s}{3r} + Kr$$



Increasing  $T$  there is the creation of spontaneous  $q\bar{q}$ -pairs in the "heat bath"  
 $\rightarrow$  exhibits screening of long range confining potential with increasing temperature

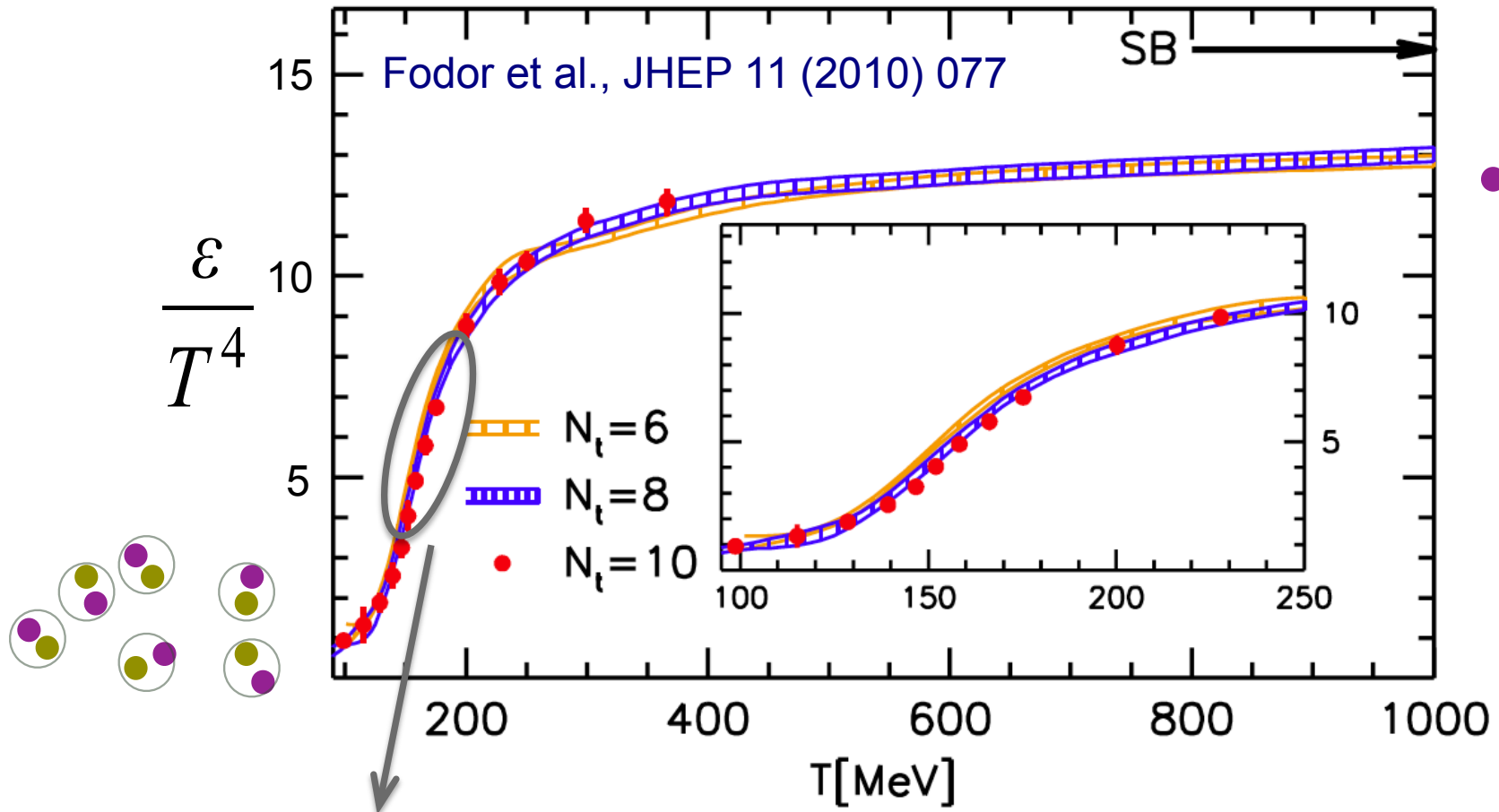
"Quasi free interaction"

# Lattice QCD



Temporal extension (space-time at large volume)

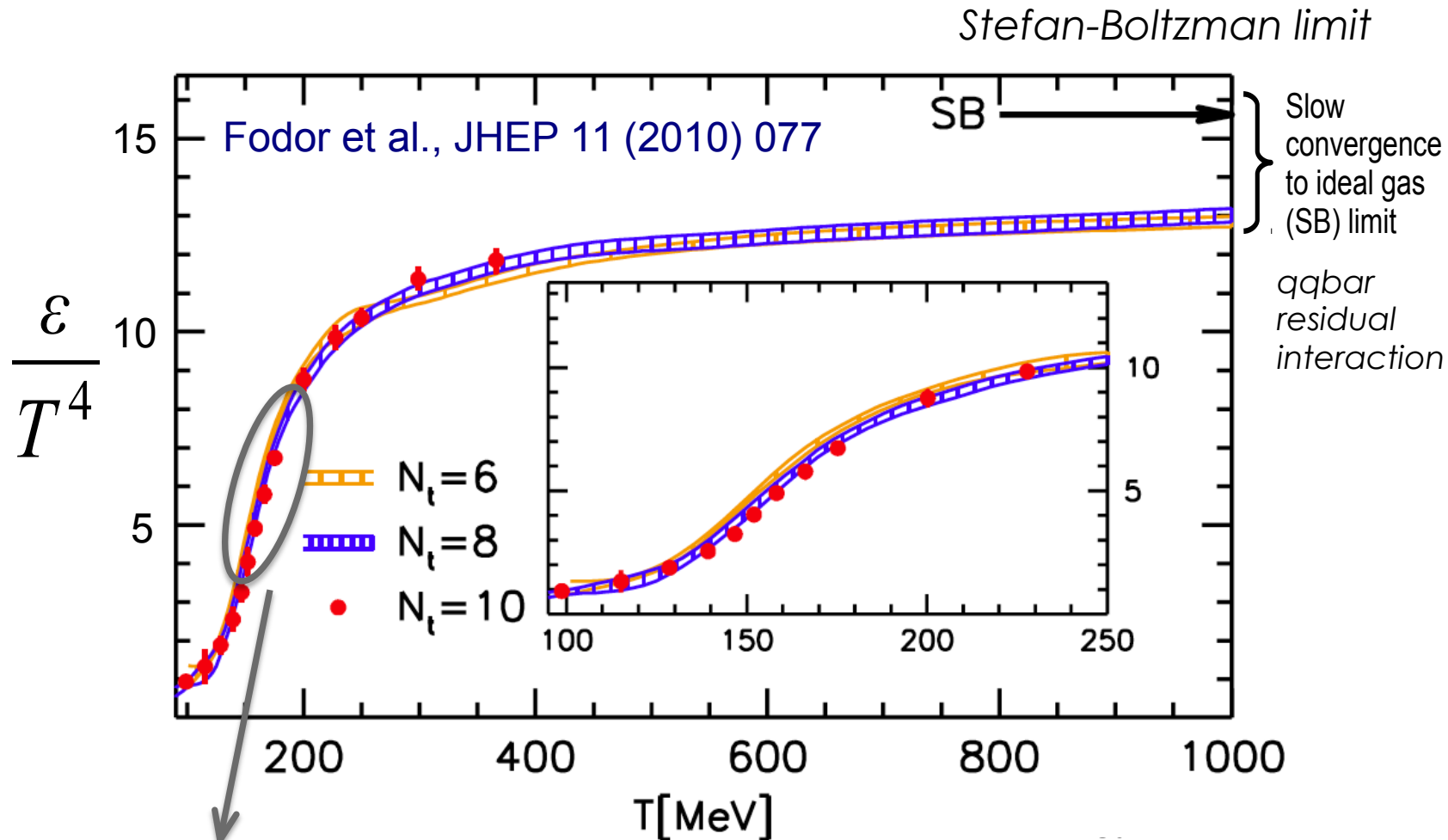
# Lattice QCD



**(not sharp) Transition temperature**  
( $T_c \sim 170$  MeV,  $\epsilon_c \sim 1$  GeV/fm<sup>3</sup>)



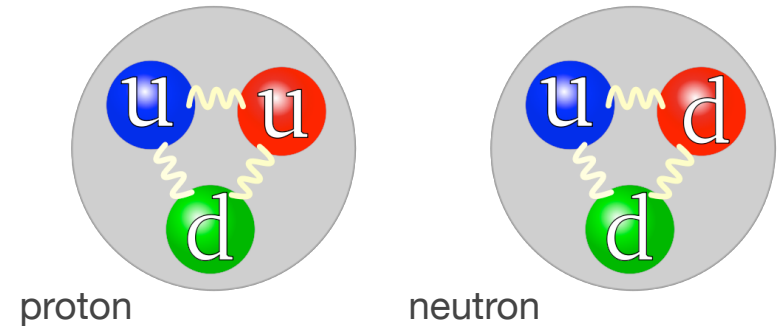
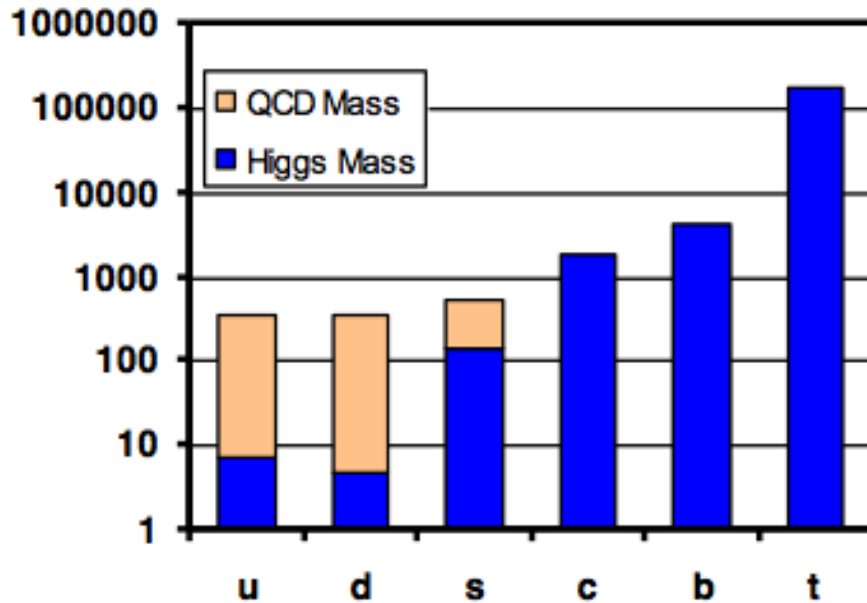
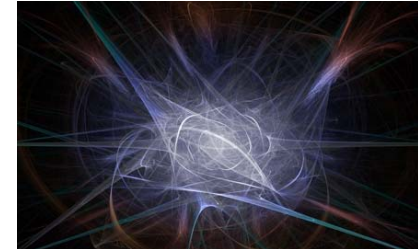
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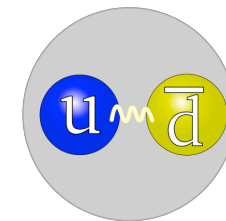
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Complex bound states of q and g?  
Strongly coupled plasma?

# Chiral symmetry



source: <http://de.wikipedia.org>

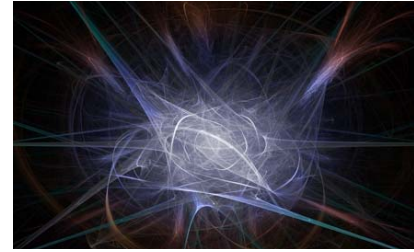


$$2 m_u + m_d = 9.6 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

$$m_{\text{proton}} = 938.27 \text{ MeV}/c^2 !!!$$

- Hadron mass scale set by constituent quarks masses ( $m_{u,d, \text{const}} \approx 300 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ )
- QCD responsible for 99% of the mass of your body!
- Related to breaking of chiral symmetry

# Chiral symmetry



In the absence of quark mass the QCD Lagrangian splits into two independent quark terms:

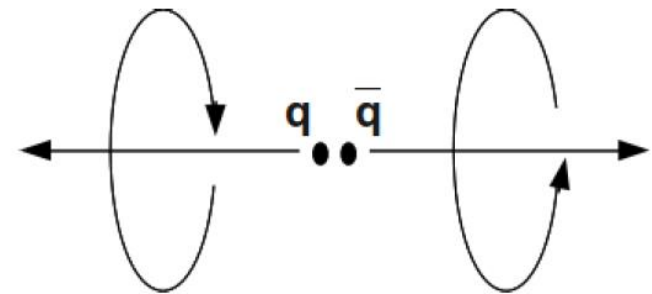
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{gluons}} + i\bar{q}_L \gamma^\mu D_\mu q_L + i\bar{q}_R \gamma^\mu D_\mu q_R$$

For two flavors (i=u,d) the Lagrangian is symmetric under  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$

Symmetry NOT observed  $\rightarrow$  solution: the vacuum is not invariant.  
 The “empty” vacuum is unstable. There is a state of lower energy that consists of cells, each containing a gluon pair  $\rightarrow$  “Liquid” vacuum

$$\langle 0 | \bar{q}_L q_R | 0 \rangle \neq 0 \quad \text{Chiral condensate}$$

Chiral symmetry: Fermions and anti-fermions have opposite helicity



$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma p &= 0 & \Sigma L &= 0 \\ \rightarrow \text{chirality} & \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Spontaneous symmetry breaking  
 (pseudo-goldstone bosons: pions)

# Restoration of bare masses

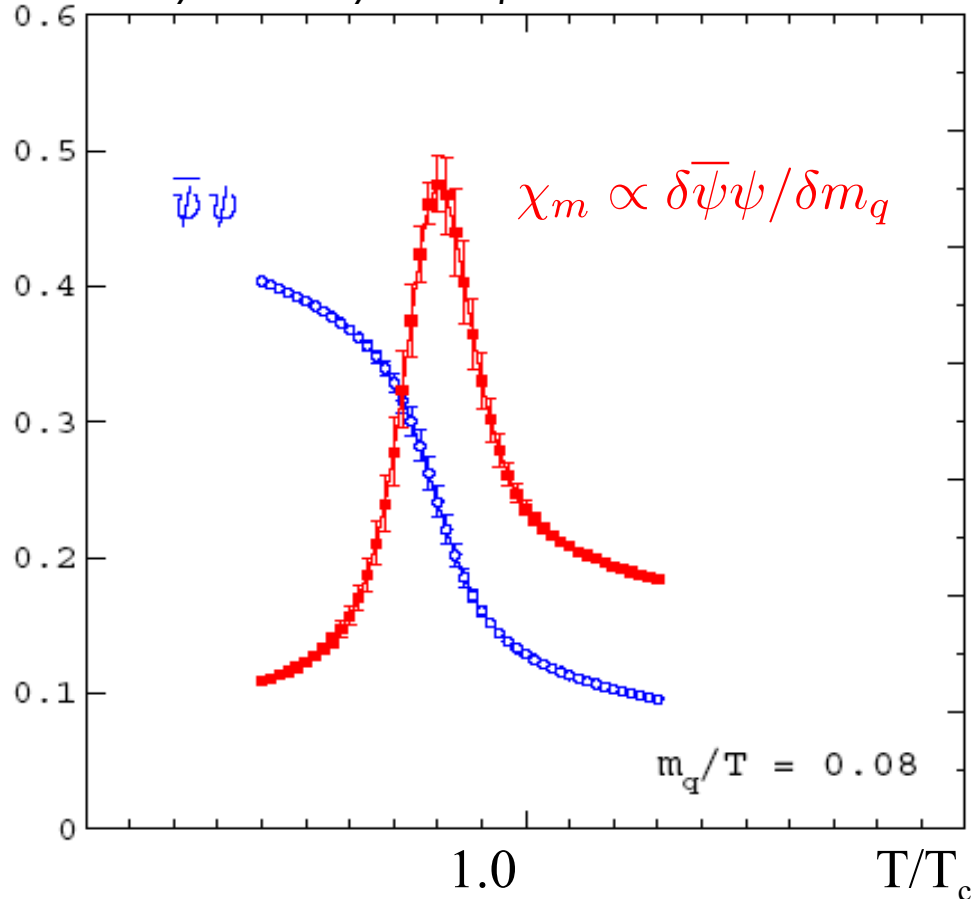
Quarks have very small masses generated by the coupling to Higgs (light  $q < 10$  MeV)

Confined quarks (i.e. in the proton) require  $\sim 350$  MeV generated dynamically through the confining effects of the strong interaction

Deconfinement must be accompanied by a restoration of the masses to the bare mass values they have in the Lagrangian:

- $m(u,d): \sim 350$  MeV  $\rightarrow$  few MeV
- $m(s): \sim 500$  MeV  $\rightarrow$  150 MeV

Partial\* restoration of chiral symmetry computed on lattice



\*Partial because the symmetry is exact only for massless particles, therefore its restoration here is only partial

*QCD , a successful theory with  
some fundamental problem*

Is there a regime where the  
symmetry is restored?

QCD phase transition

# Where?

## At the Big Bang

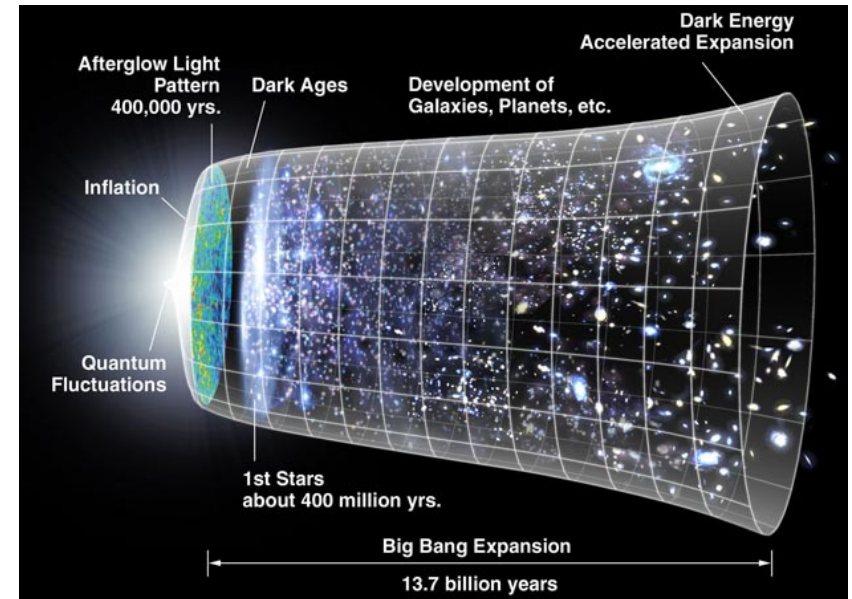
we think that in the first instants of life of the Universe, quarks and gluons were not trapped inside hadrons (protons, neutrons, ...) but could move freely in a “deconfined” state: the Quark-Gluon Plasma

## 10 $\mu$ s: the birth of hadrons

after about 10  $\mu$ s from the Big Bang, the Universe cooled down to less than  $2 \times 10^{12}$  degrees

at that point, the QCD phase transition took place: quarks and gluons were confined inside hadrons

the familiar particles, such as pions, kaons, protons and neutrons appeared on the stage of the Universe



... and  
-in the core of the neutron stars  
-in the heavy-ion collision experiments

# Phase transitions of the Universe

The early Universe (Kolb, Turner)  
Schwarz, astro-ph/0303574

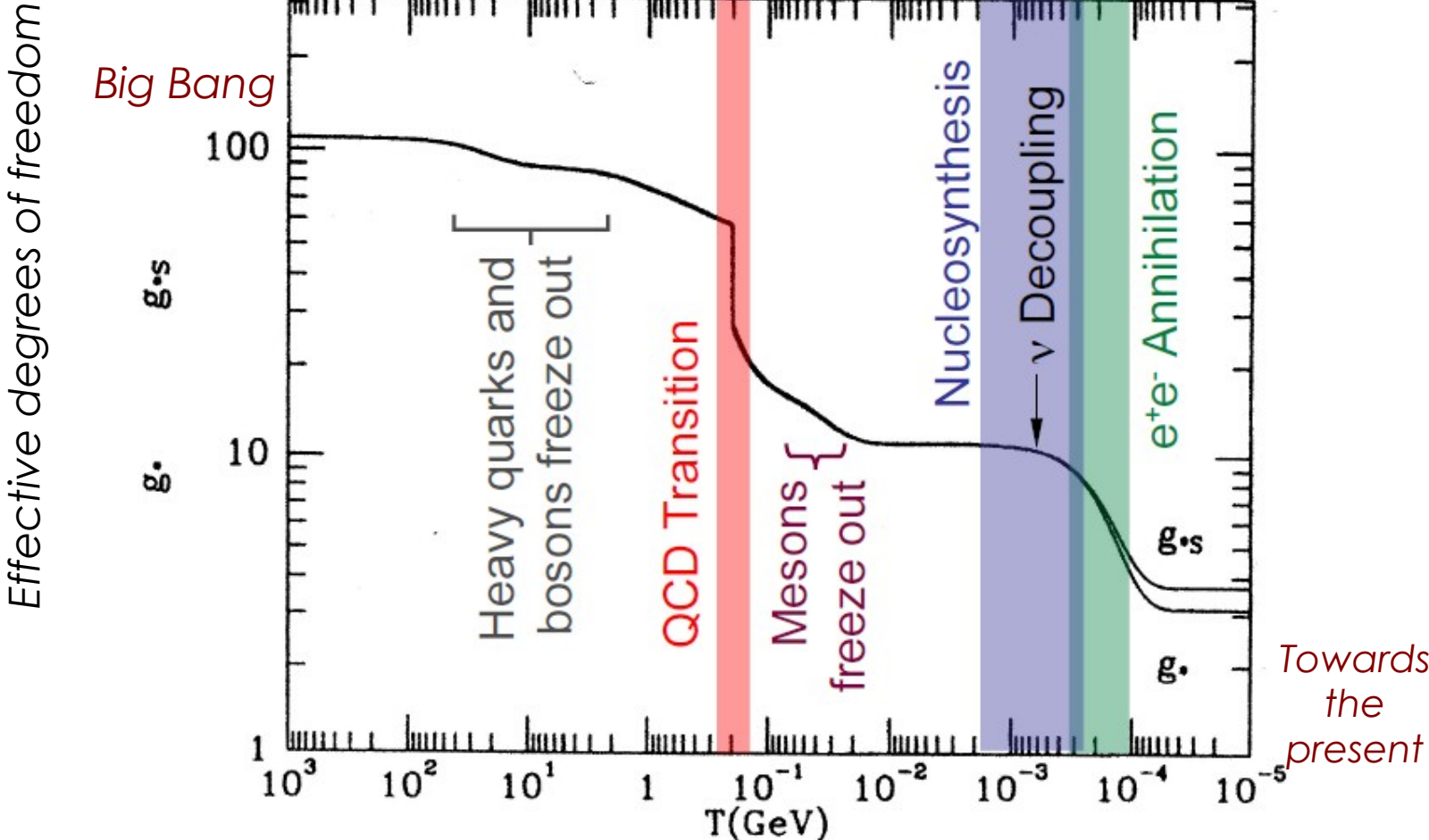


Fig. 3.5: The evolution of  $g_*(T)$  as a function of temperature in the  $SU(3)_C \otimes SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$  theory.



T.D.Lee,  
Rev.Mod.Phys. 47 (1975) 267

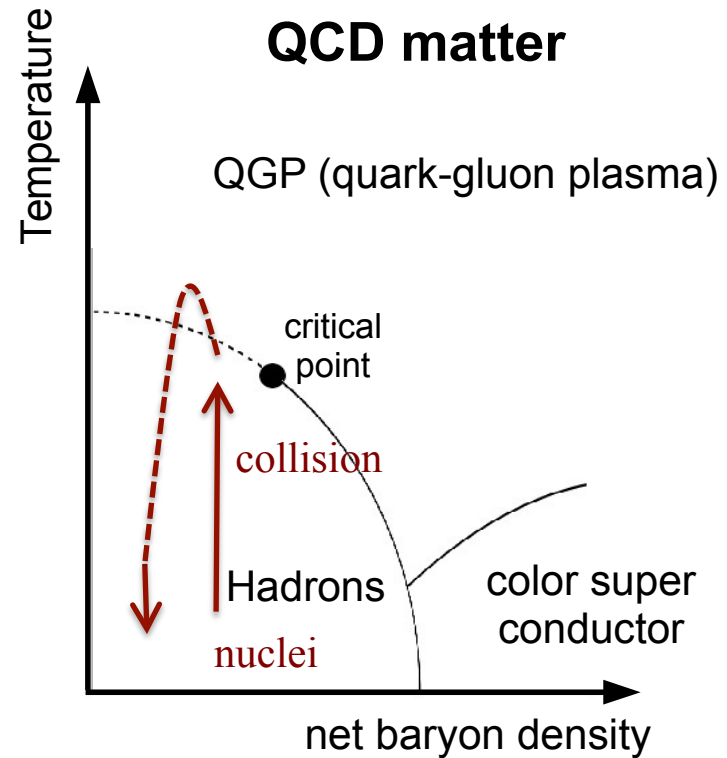
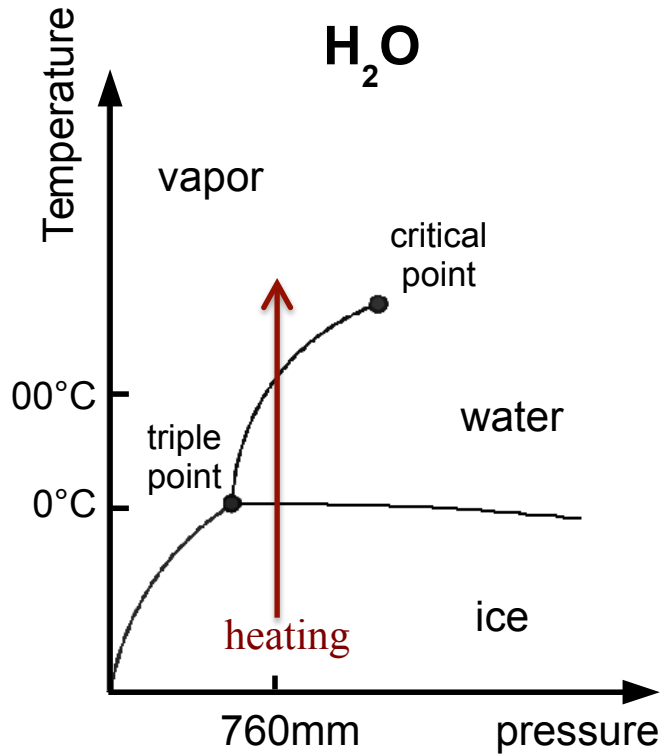
In high energy physics we have concentrated on experiments, in which we distribute a higher and higher amount of energy into a region with smaller and smaller dimensions. In order to study the question of “vacuum”, we must turn to a different direction; **we should investigate some “bulk” phenomena by distributing high energy over a relatively large volume.**



# Nucleus-Nucleus Collisions

- We need a small system so that it can be accelerated to ultrarelativistic speed (99.9%  $c$ )
- That system (i.e. a chunk of matter and not just a single particle) must follow simple rules of thermodynamics and form a new state of matter in a particular phase
- We can use heavy ions (e.g. Pb). They are tiny ( $\sim 10^{-14}$  m) and have a finite volume that can be exposed to pressure and temperature (the system is more than 1 order of magnitude larger than the pp)


# Nucleus-Nucleus Collisions



*A strong and critic difference is the time scale evolution of the system*

# We need Heavy-Ions

2 nuclei  
colliding at  
very high  
energy

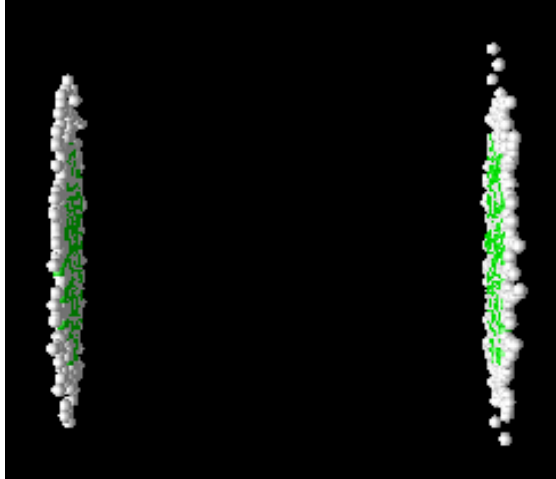


Pb+Pb  $E_{cm}=5.5$  TeV

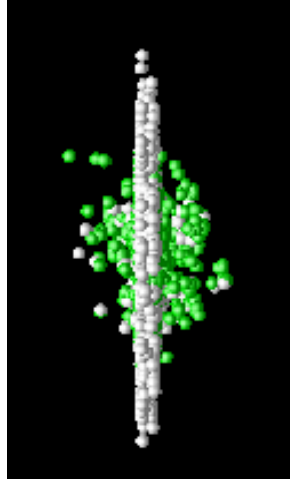
$t=-19.00$  fm/c



# Colliding Heavy Ions

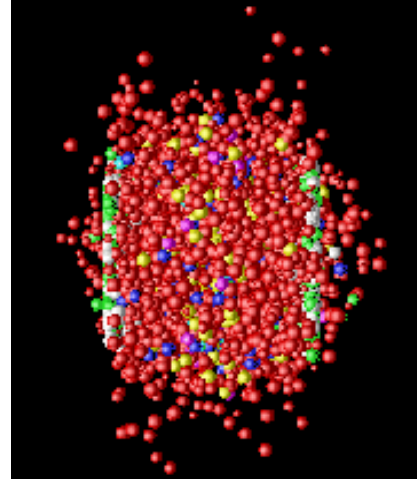


Lorentz-contracted  
nuclei ( $\Delta z \sim R/\gamma$ )



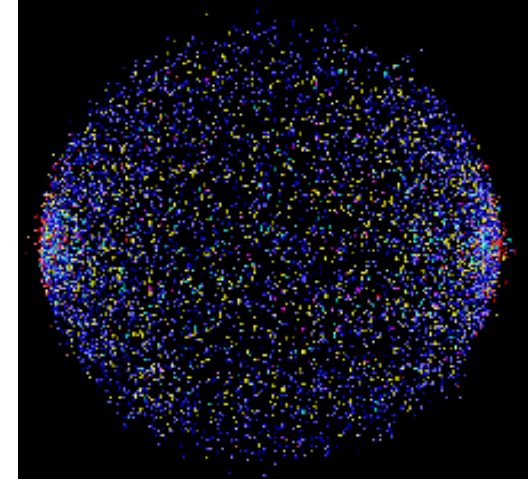
Hard  
Collisions

**pQCD**



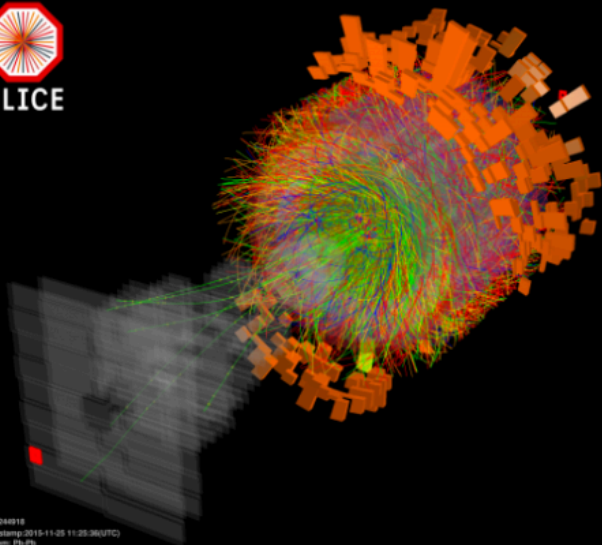
Parton  
Dynamics

**QCD Matter**  
quarks and gluons  
are the relevant  
degrees of freedom



Hadron  
Dynamics

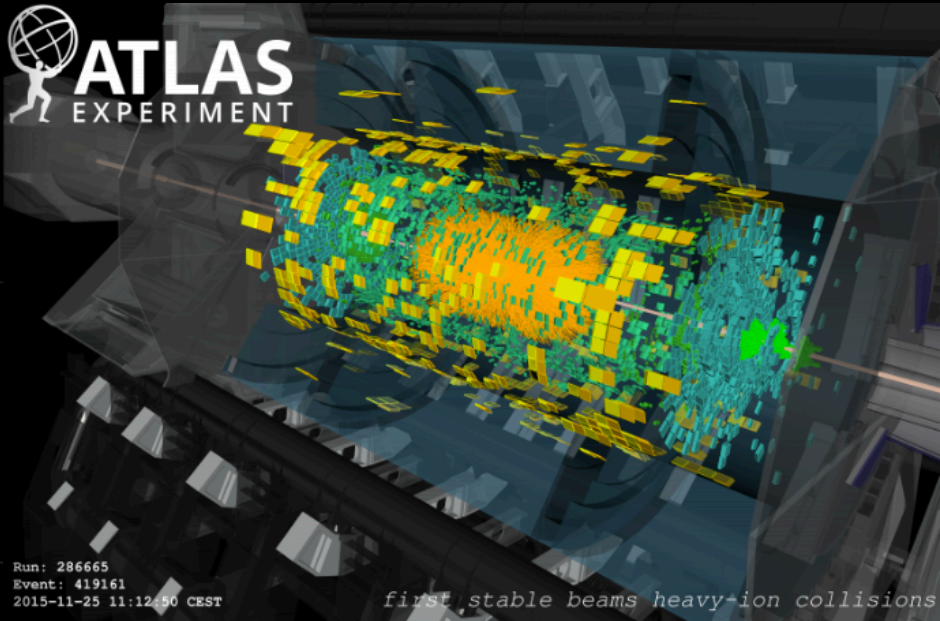
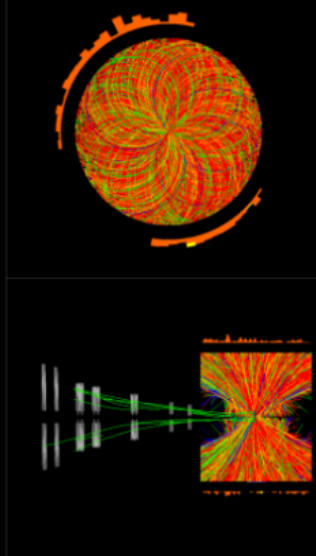
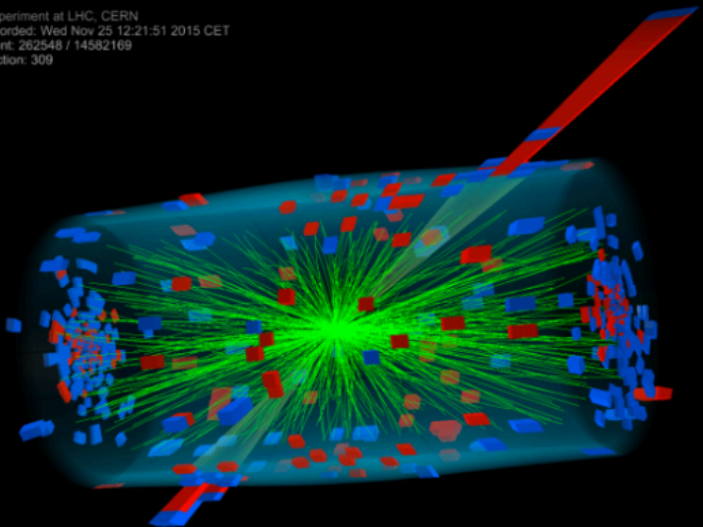
**Mesons and Baryons**  
are always the final  
degrees of freedom



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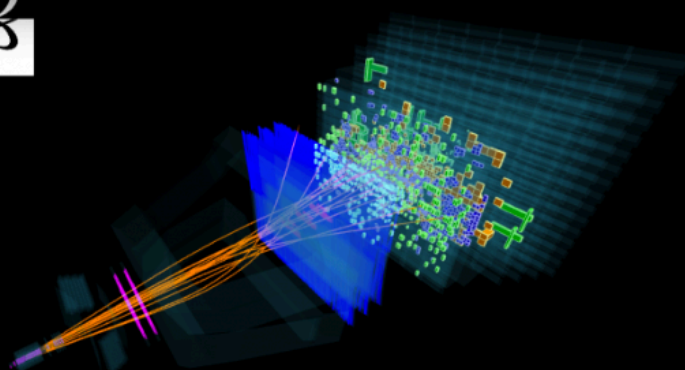


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*first stable beams heavy-ion collisions*

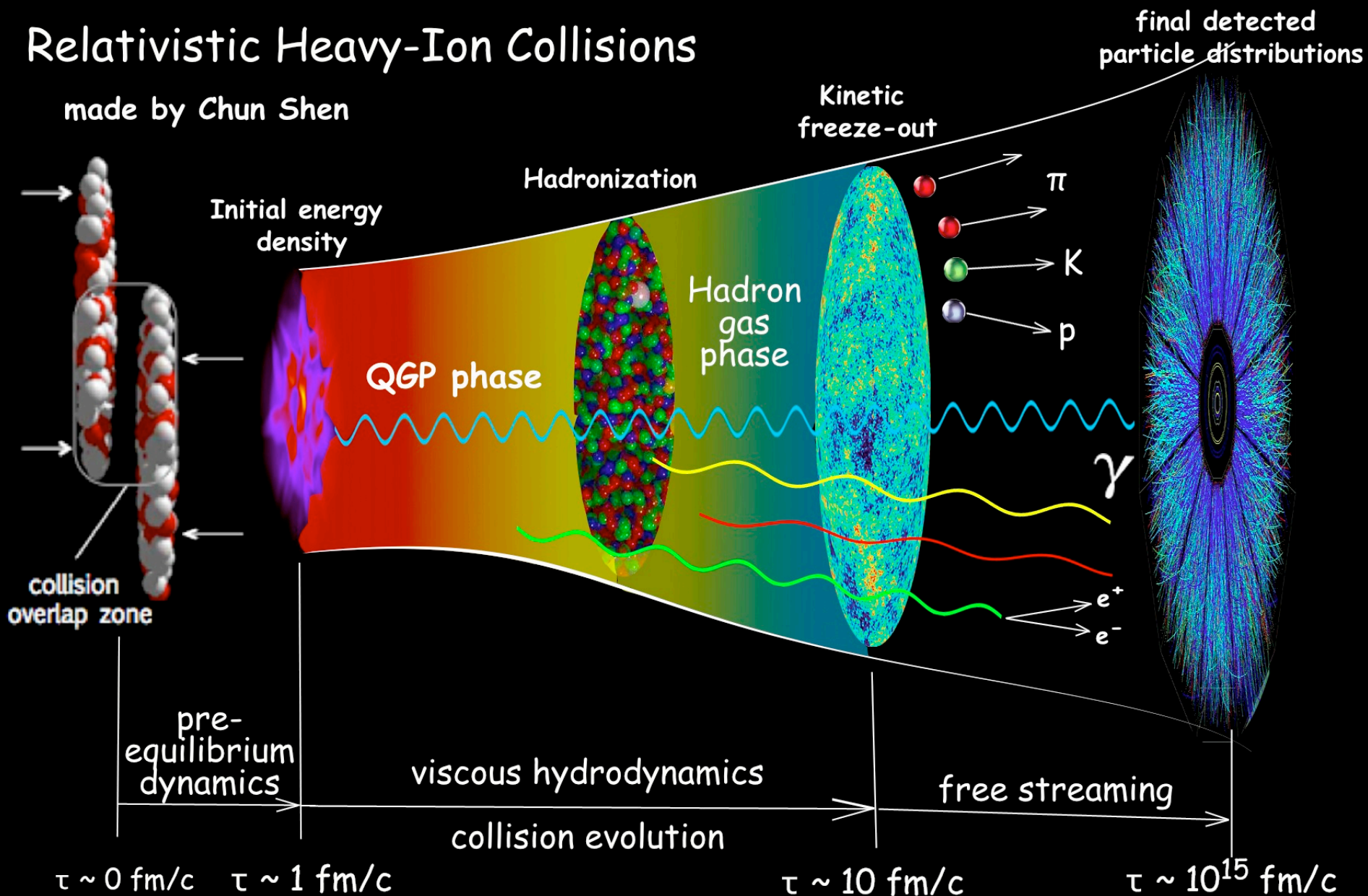


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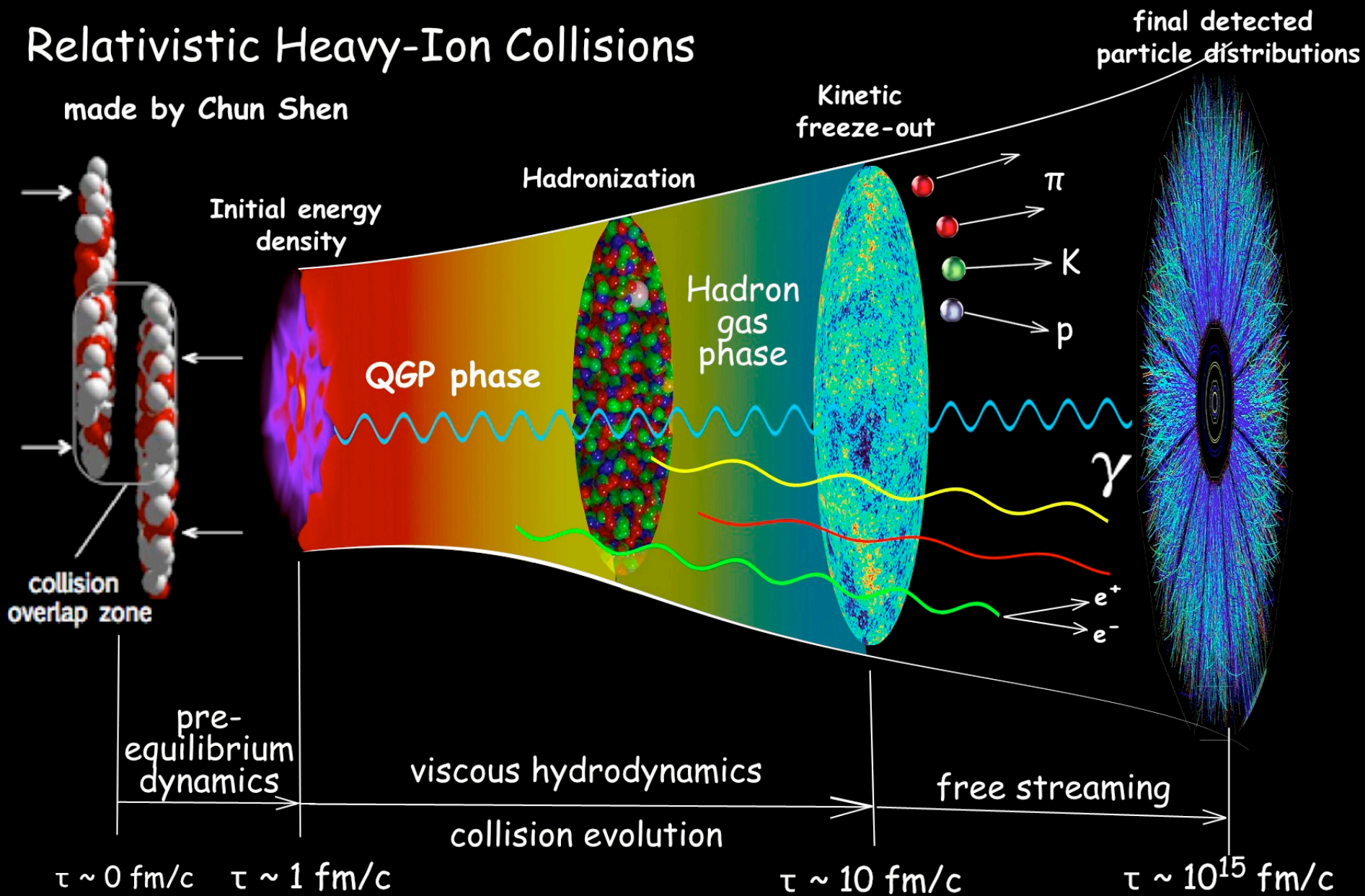
# Relativistic Heavy-Ion Collisions

made by Chun Shen



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Hydrodynamic evolution ( $t \sim 0.5$  fm/c)

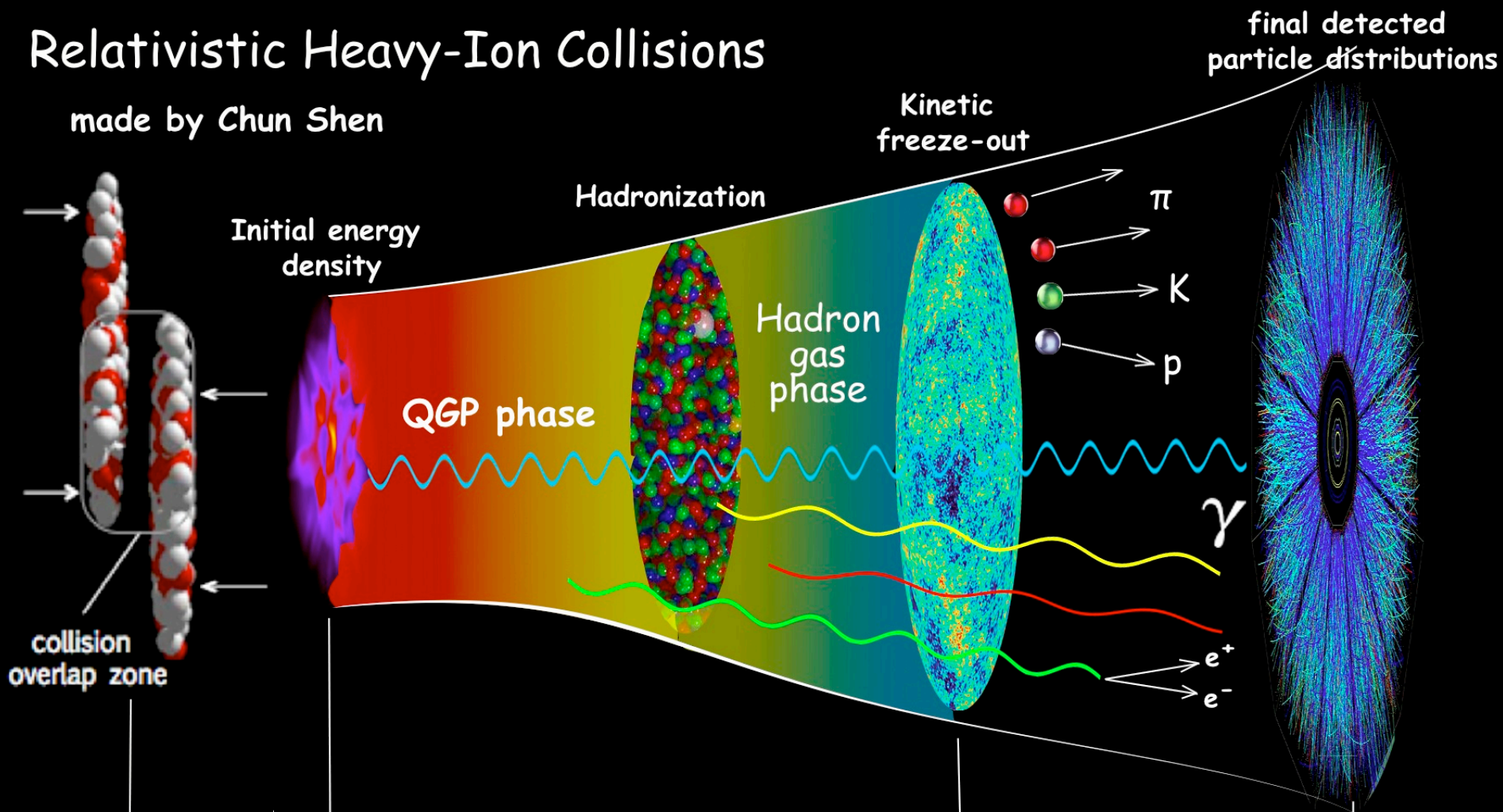
Chemical freeze-out

Kinetic freeze-out

Particle detection

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## Soft processes:

- High cross section
  - Decouple late
- Indirect signals for QGP

EM probes (real and virtual photons):  
insensitive to the hadronization phase

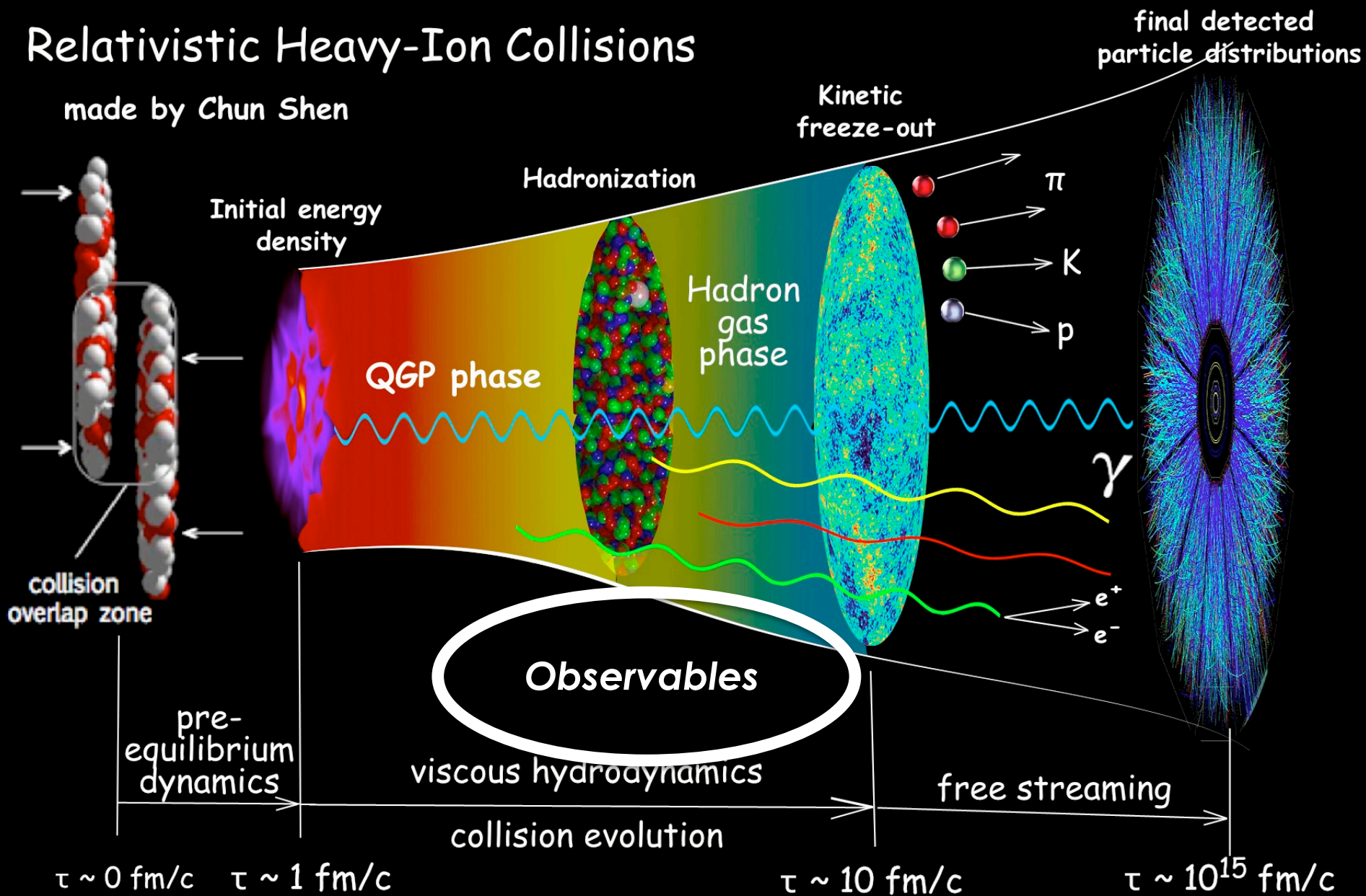
## Hard processes:

- Low cross section
- Probe the whole evolution of the collision



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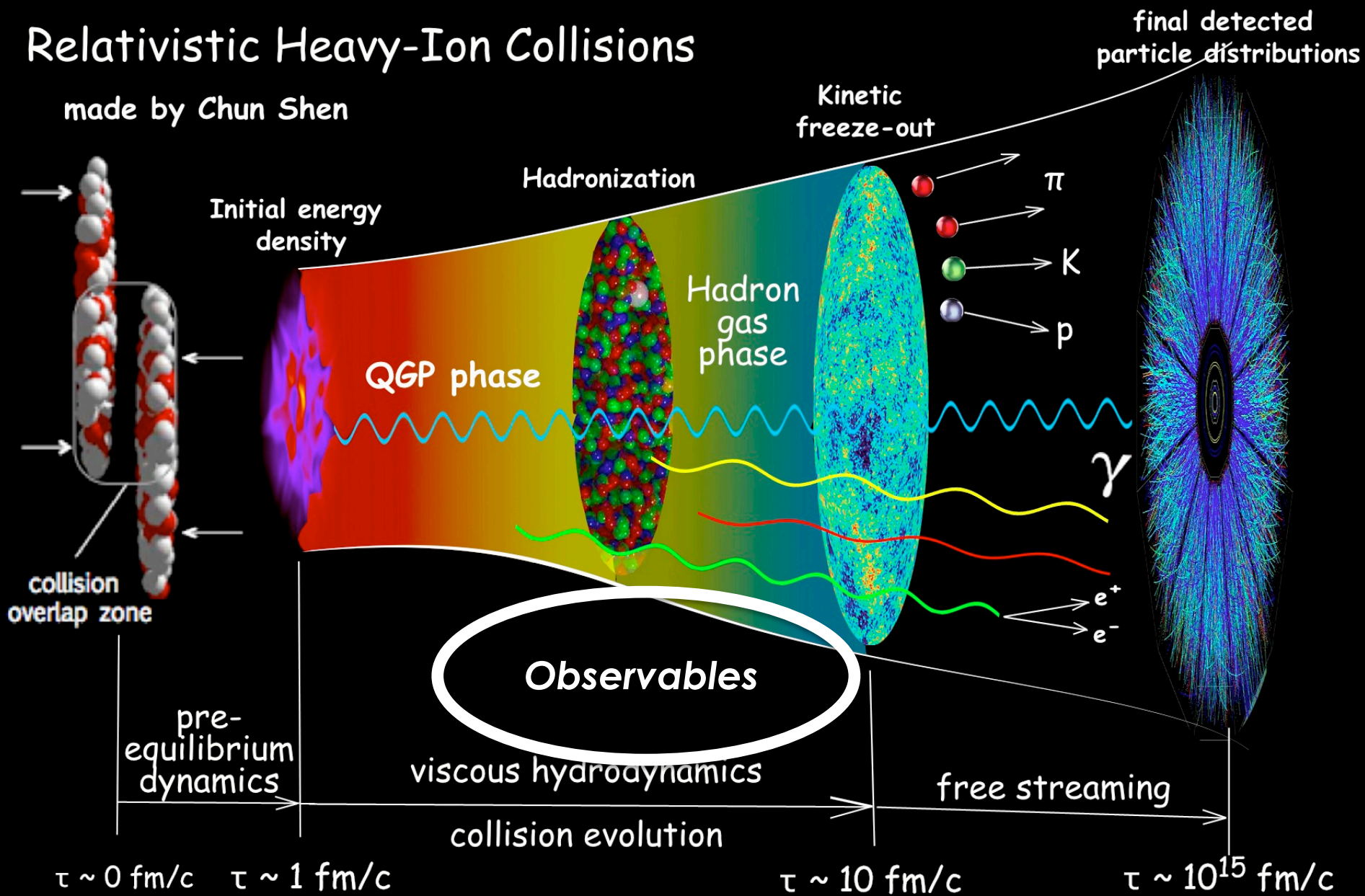
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Various observables will probe different stages of the collision

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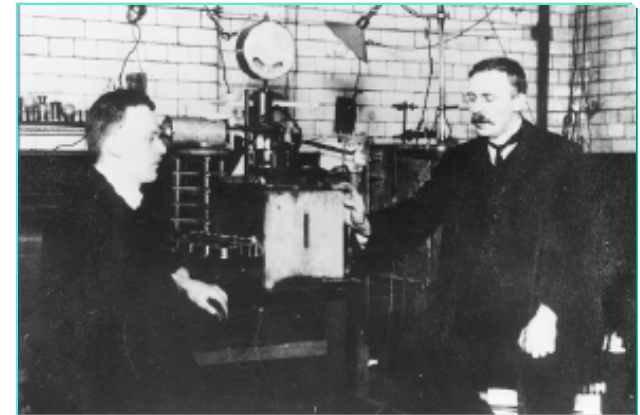
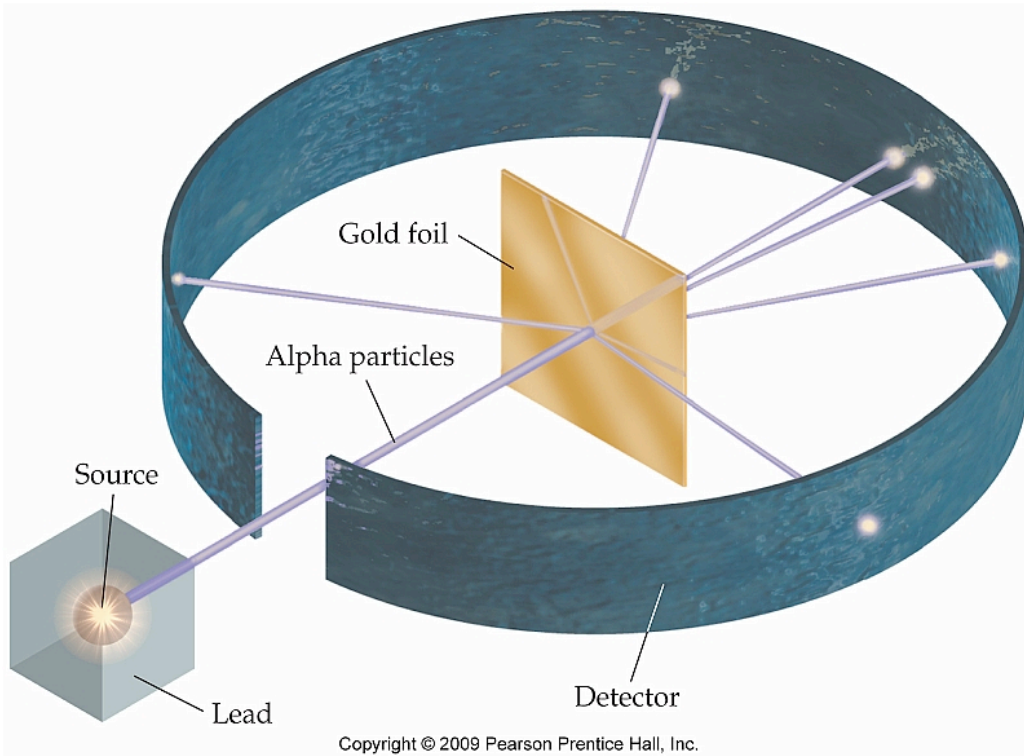


Hard probes  
(jets, heavy flavor, EW bosons)

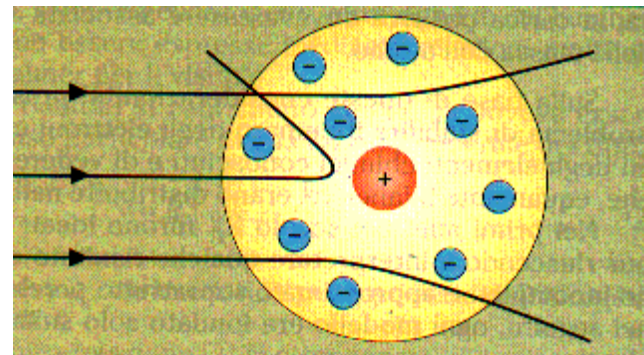
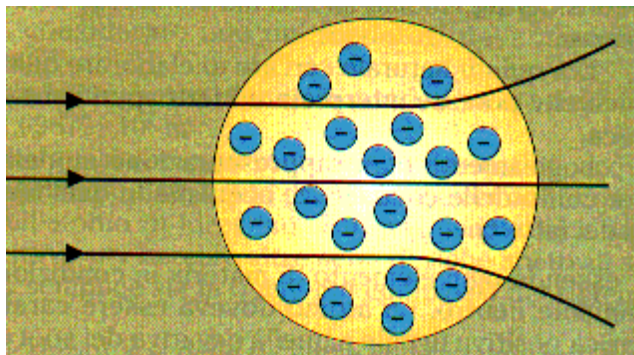
Transverse flow  
Thermal photons

Multiplicity, HBT  
Particle yields + spectra

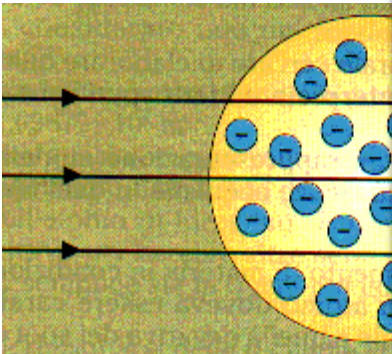
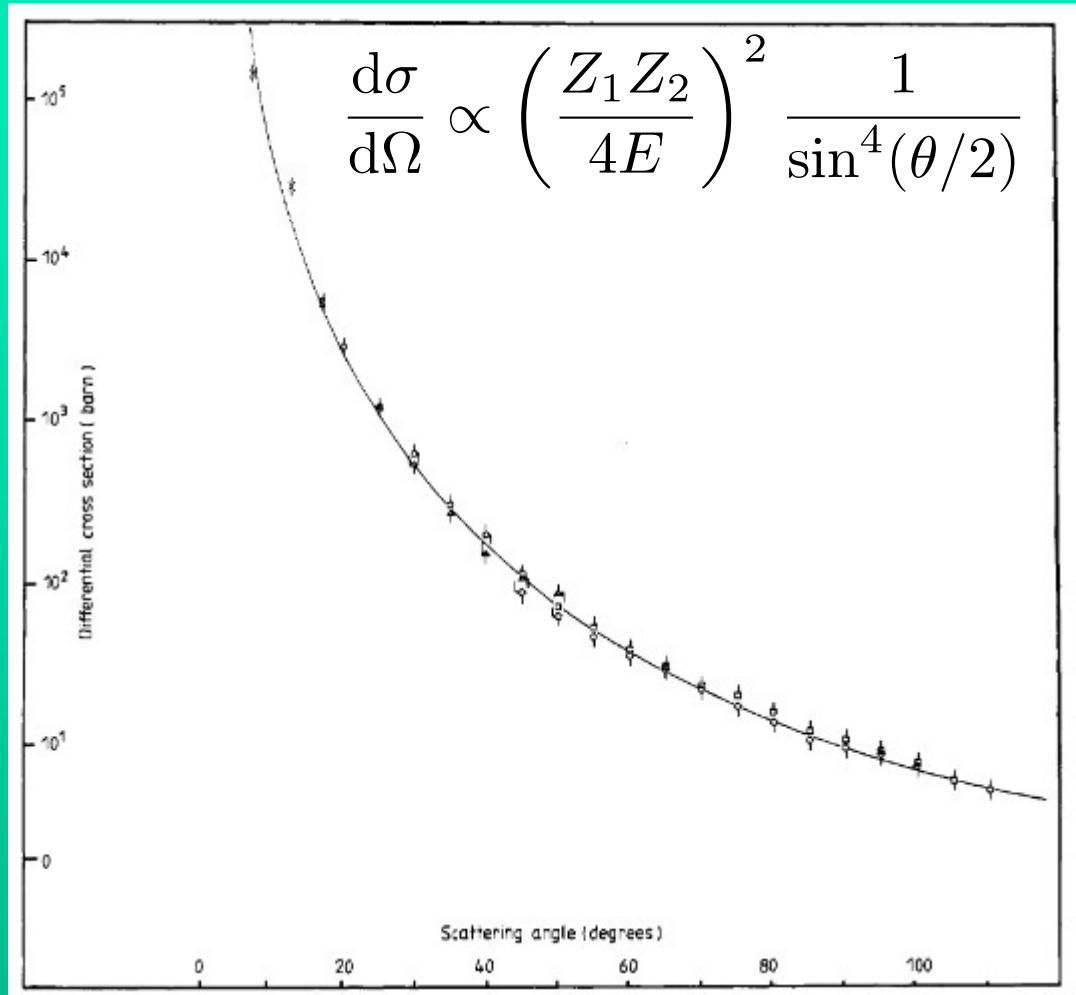
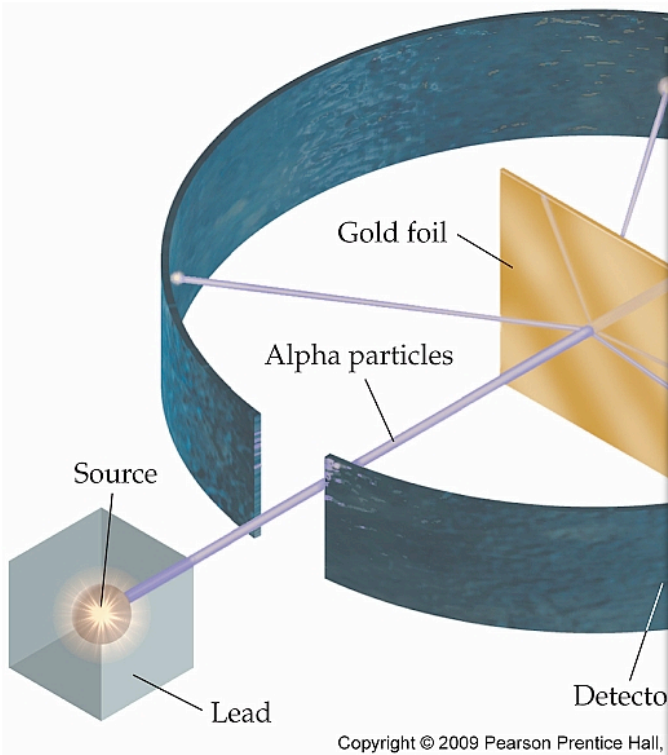
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Ernest Rutherford (r) and Hans Geiger (l) in Manchester

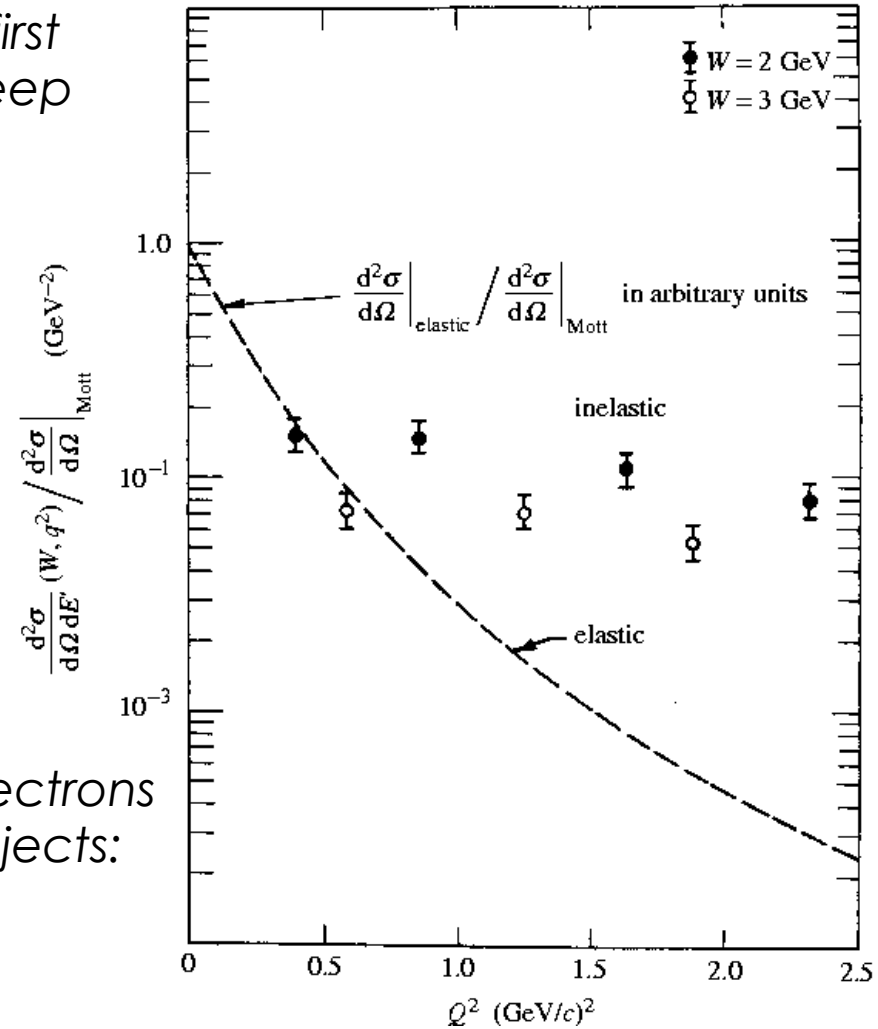
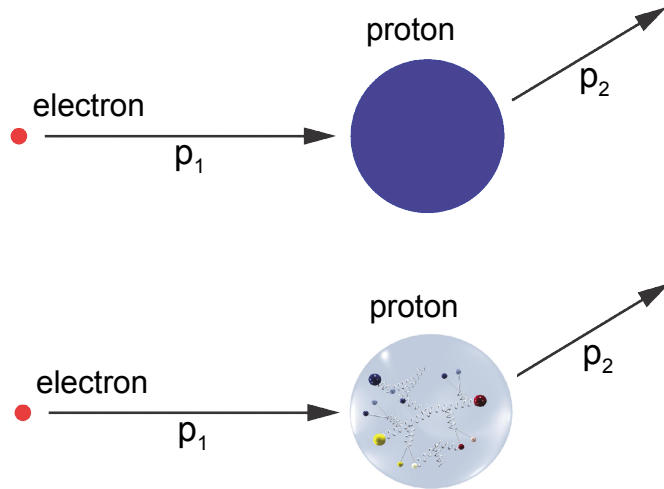


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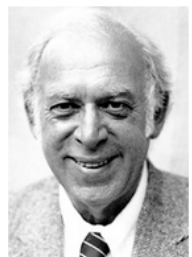


# ... going deeper

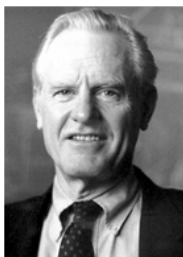
Increasing the energy, in the '60 at SLAC first investigation of the proton structure by Deep Inelastic Scattering



The angular distribution of the scattered electrons reflects a sub structure made of charge objects: -scale concept, constant form factor



Jerome I. Friedman  
Prize share: 1/3



Henry W. Kendall  
Prize share: 1/3



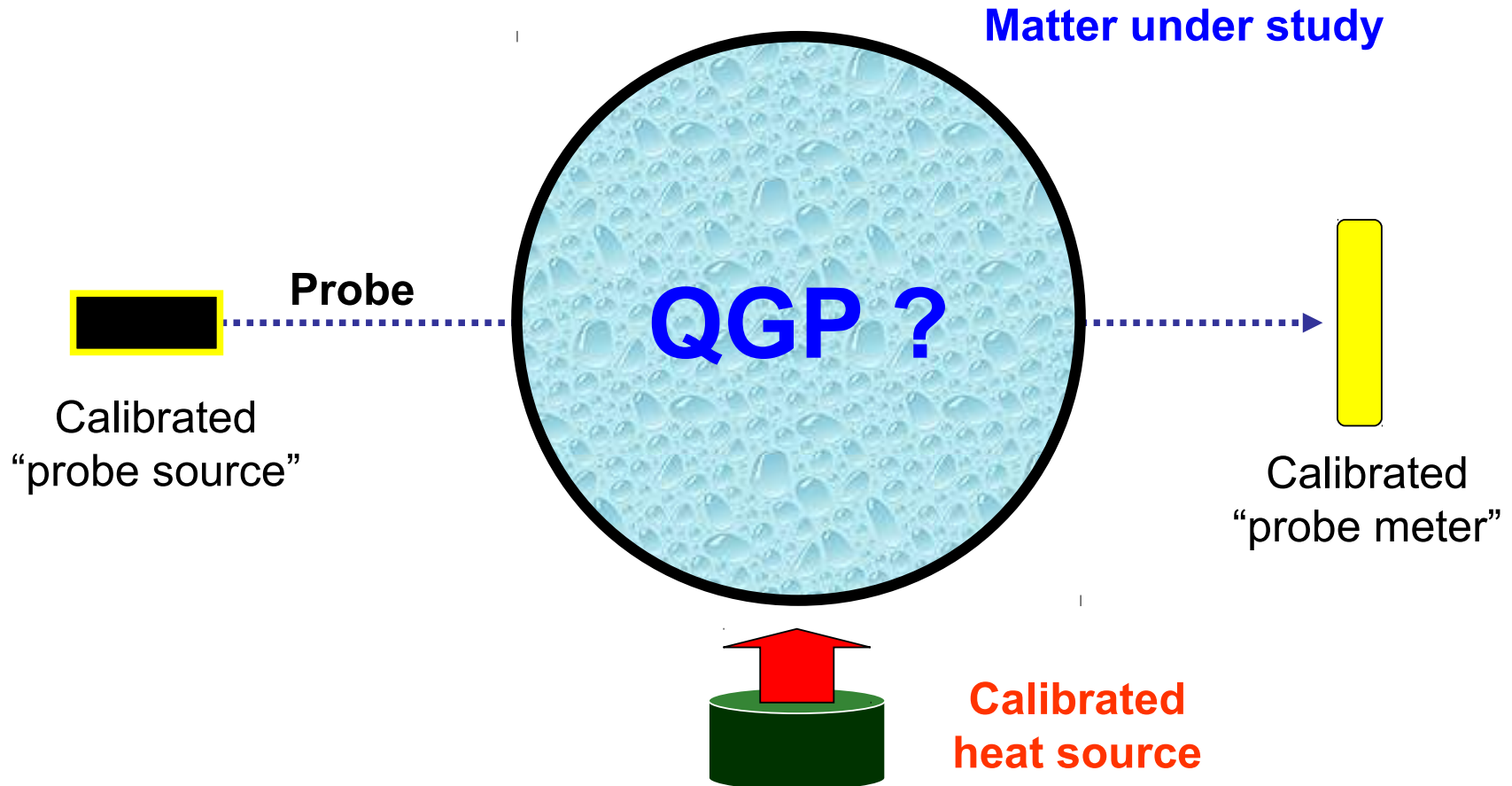
Photo: T. Nakashima  
Richard E. Taylor

The discovery of quarks (still point-like objects)  
1990 Nobel Prize

# Same idea for exploring the QGP?

*“Calibrated probes” can be used to probe the QGP*

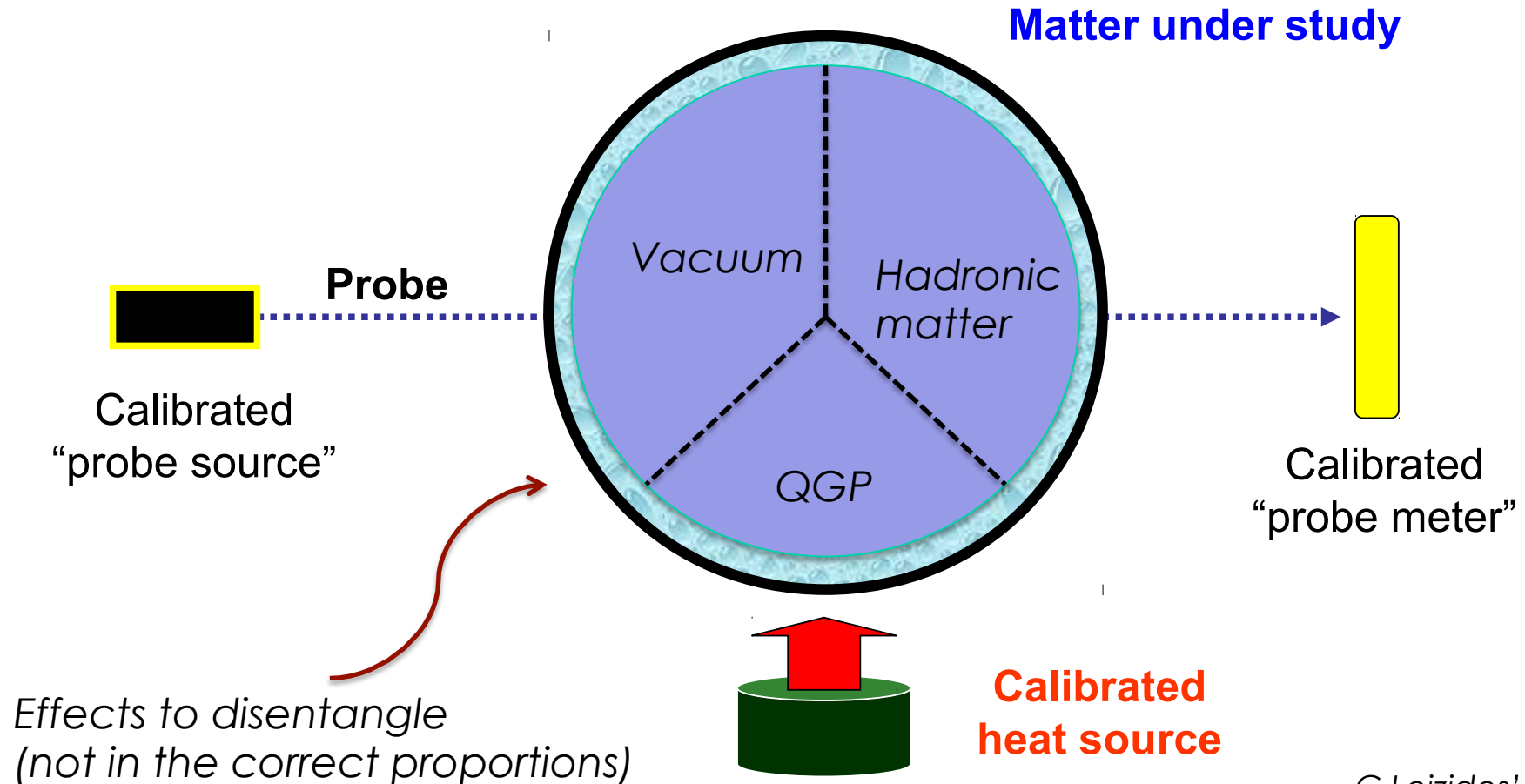
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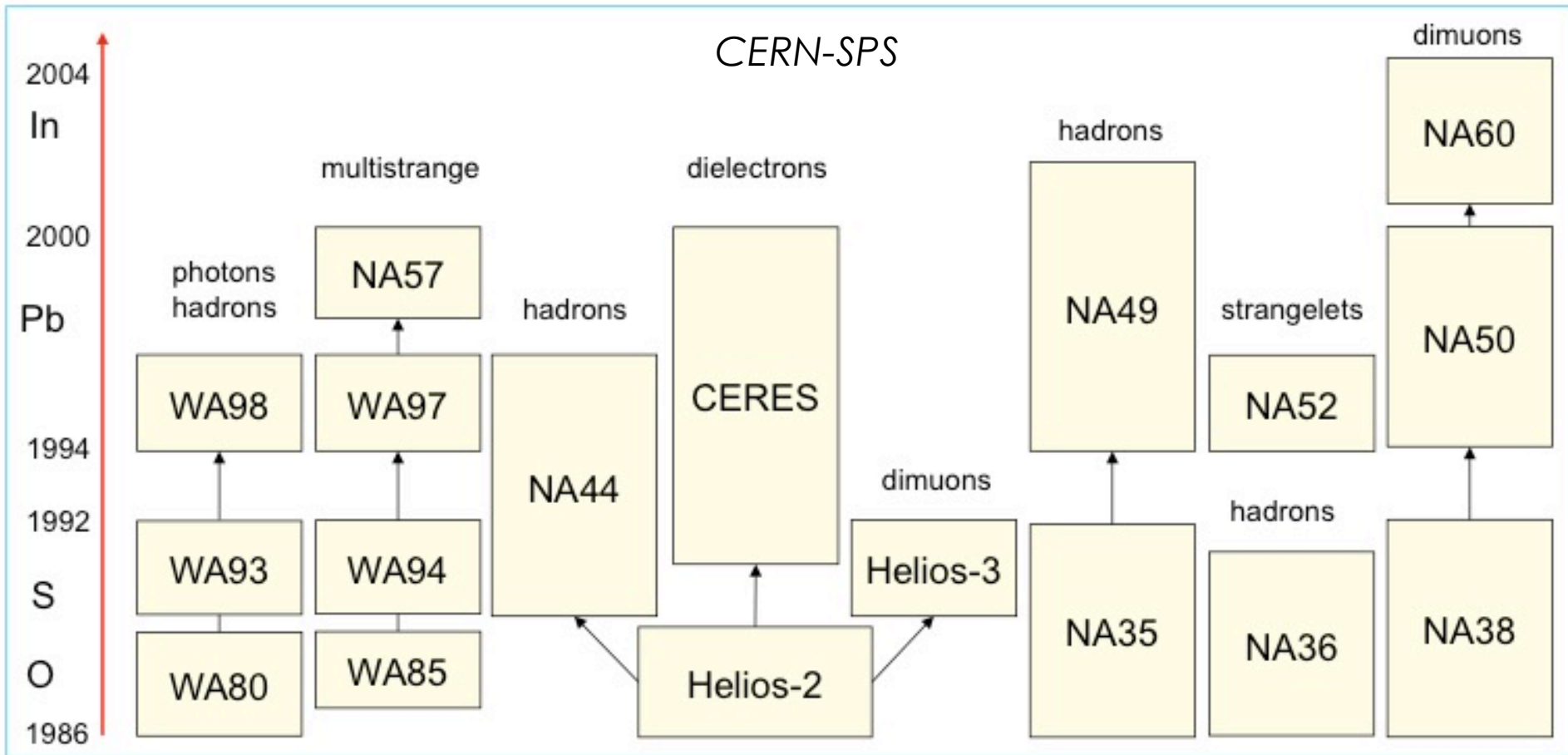
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# The path to the Heavy Ions LHC

Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL)

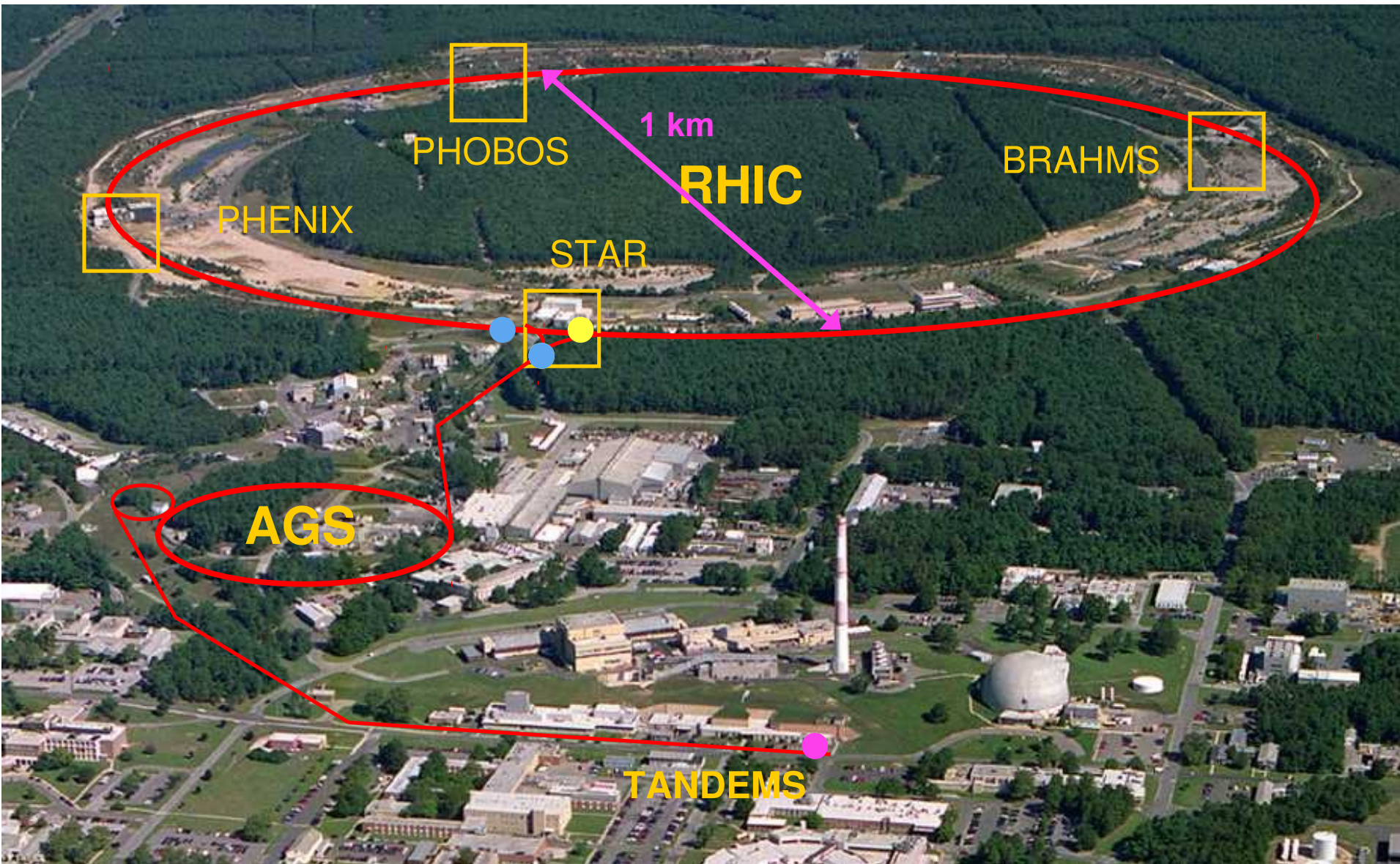
- AGS (1986-2000) Si and Au beams,  $\sqrt{s} \sim 5$  GeV (only hadronic variables)
- RHIC (2000-...)  $^3\text{He}$ , Cu, Au beams, up to  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV (4 experiments, 2 left)



- CERN-LHC (2009-...) Pb beams,  $\sqrt{s} \sim 5000$  GeV (ALICE, ATLAS, CMS, LHCb)



# RHIC @ BNL



# Nucleus-Nucleus Collisions at the LHC

Fully ionised  $^{208}\text{Pb}$  nucleus accelerated in the LHC (configuration magnetically identical to that for  $pp$ )

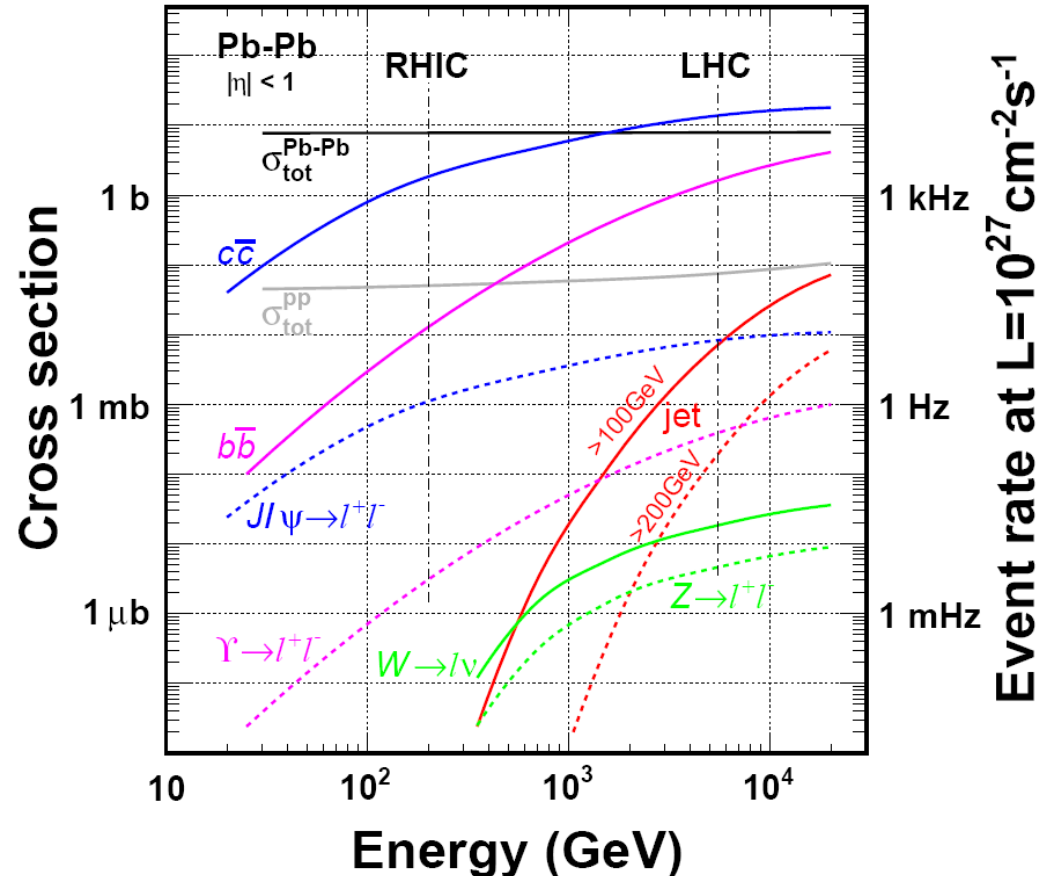
		SPS	RHIC	LHC
$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$	[GeV]	17.3	200	5500
$dN_{ch}/dy$		450	800	1600
$\epsilon$	[GeV/fm <sup>3</sup> ]	3	5.5	~ 10

$$p_{Pb} = Zp_p = 82 \cdot 6.5 = 533 \text{ TeV}$$

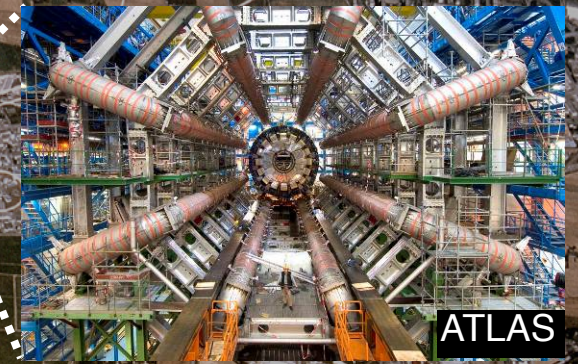
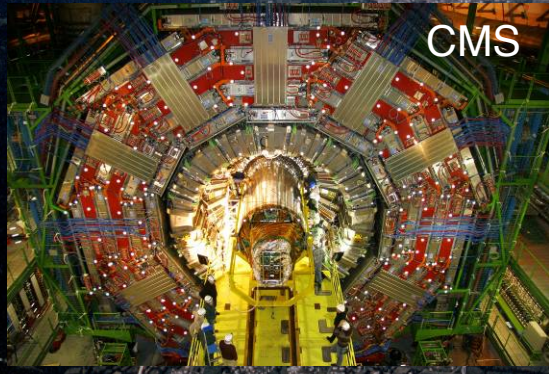
$$\sqrt{s_{PbPb}} = 1066 \text{ TeV}$$

The relevant figure is  $\sqrt{s}$  per nucleon-nucleon collision (latest configuration):

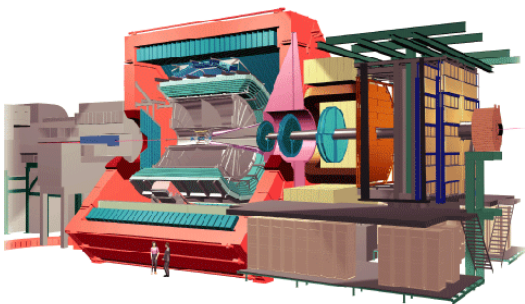
$$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = \frac{2E_{Pb}}{A} = \frac{Z}{A} \sqrt{s_{pp}} = \frac{82}{208} \sqrt{s_{pp}} = 5.1 \text{ TeV}$$



# Nucleus-nucleus collisions at the LHC



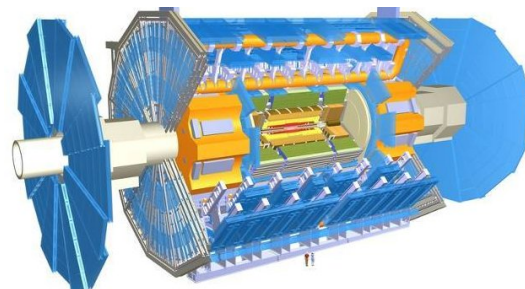
# Nucleus-Nucleus Collisions at the LHC



**ALICE** (A Large Ion Collider Experiment)

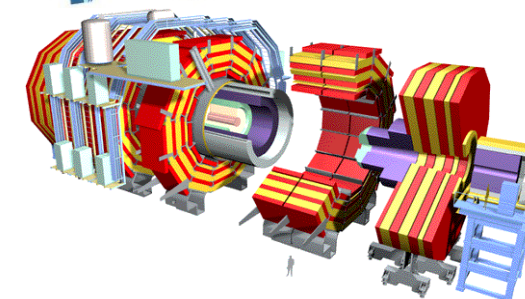
*HI dedicated experiment:*

*-Low- $p_T$  tracking, PID, mid-rapidity + forward muons*



**ATLAS** and **CMS**, multipurpose experiments. Large capabilities for HI collisions.

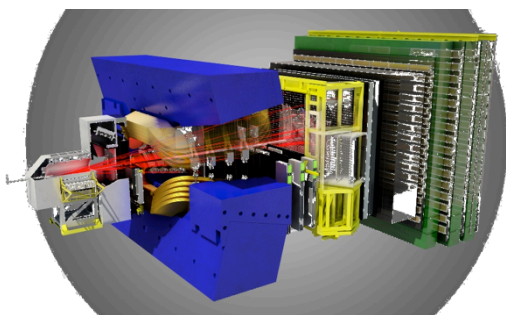
*Large acceptance, full calorimetry, high- $p_T$  tracking*



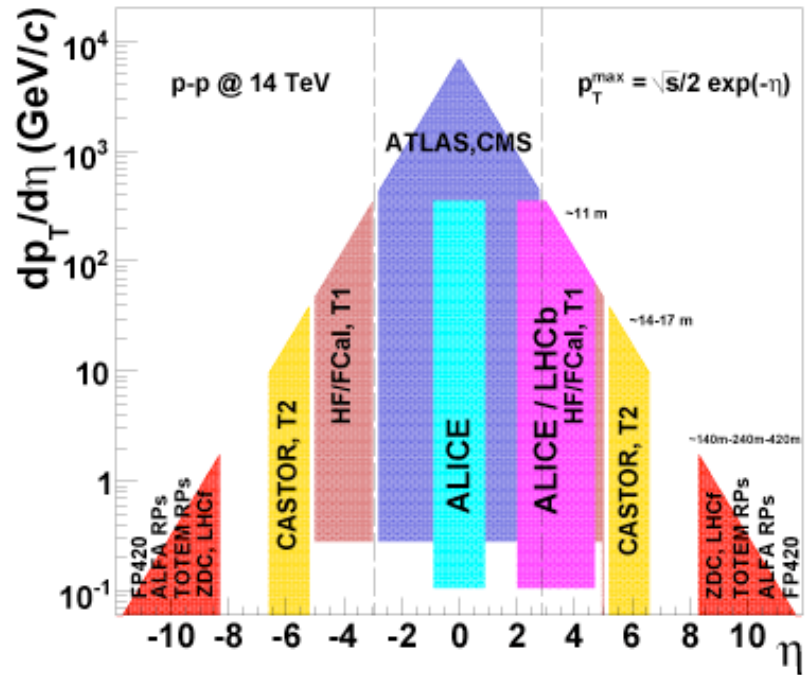
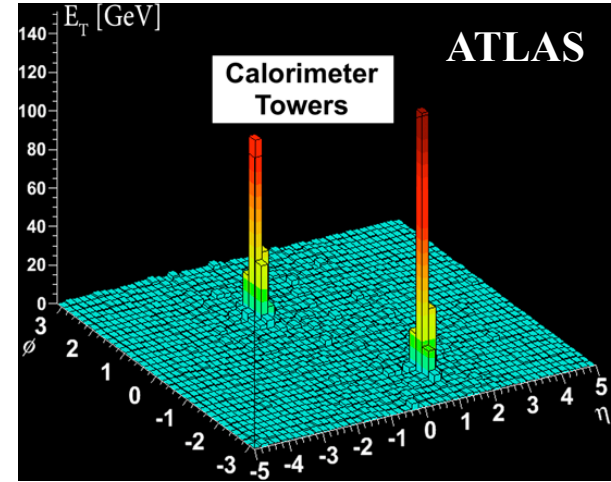
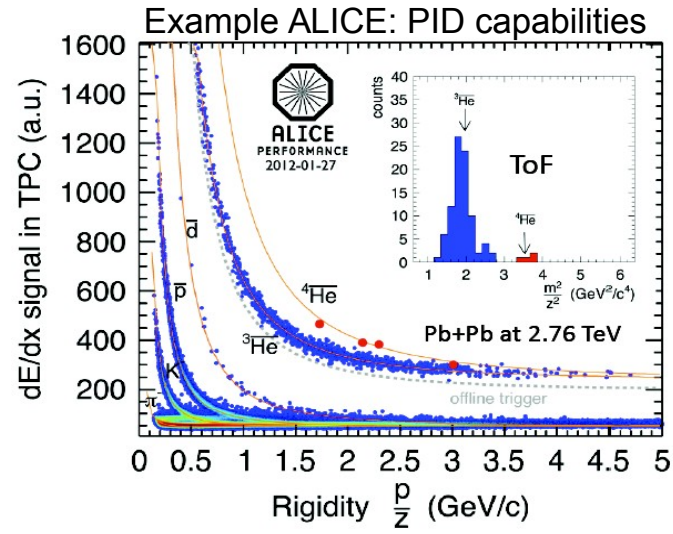
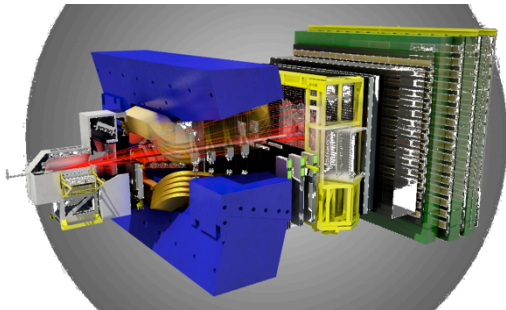
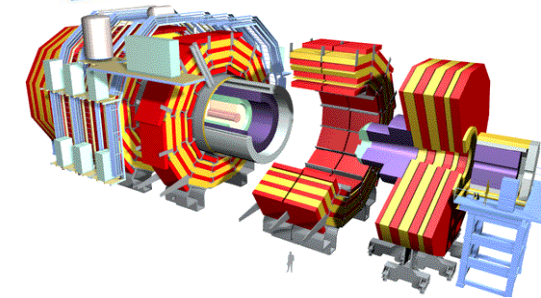
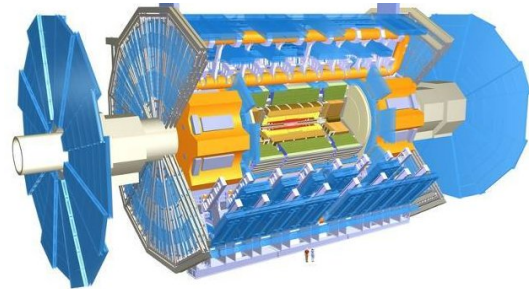
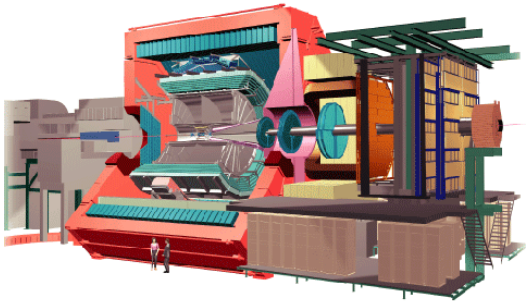
**LHCb**, complementary phase space for HI collisions

*Forward tracking, PID, calorimetry*

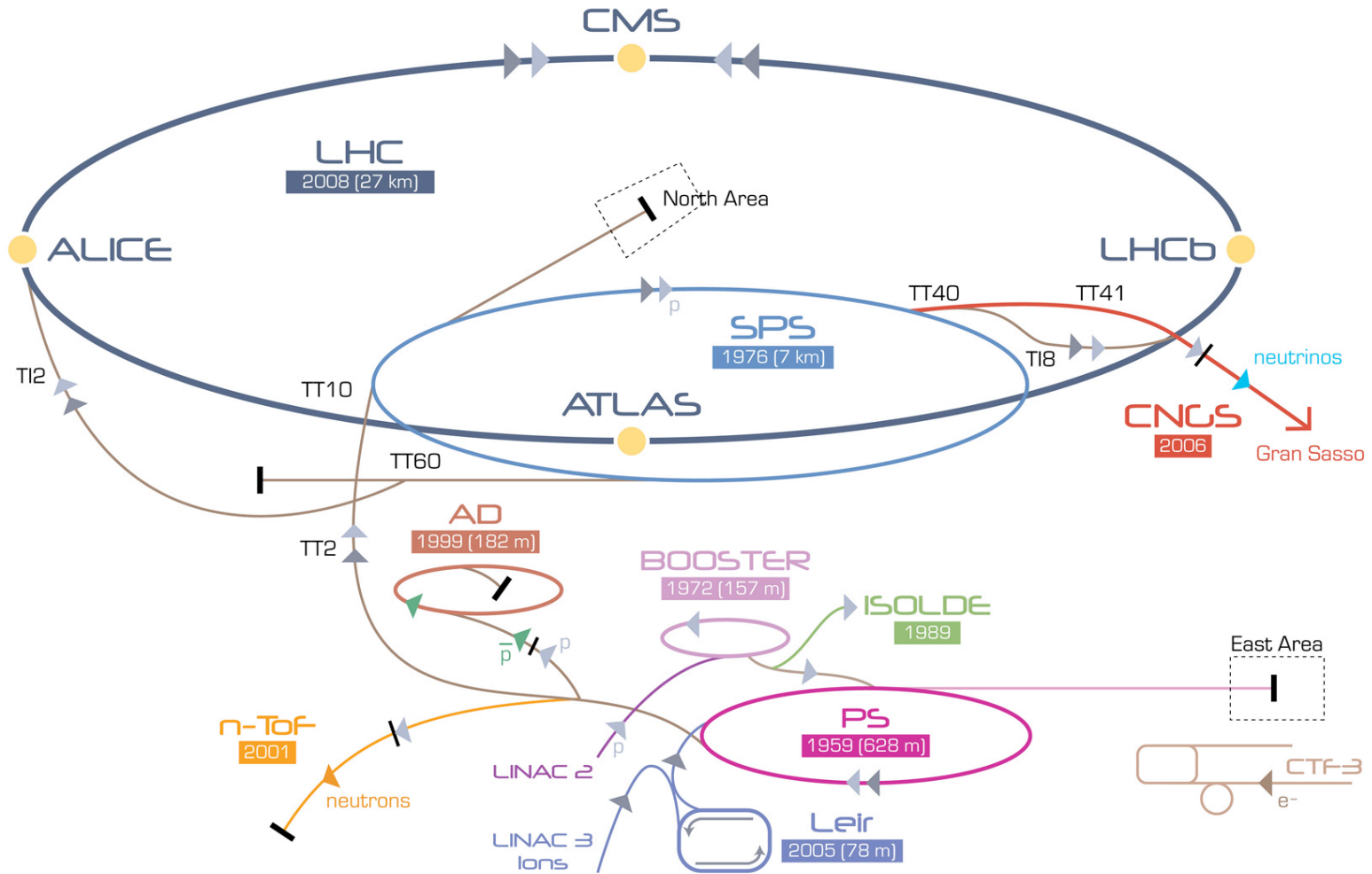
*(pPb in 2013 and 2016, PbPb since 2015)*



# Nucleus-Nucleus Collisions at the LHC



# Production and acceleration of Pb ions

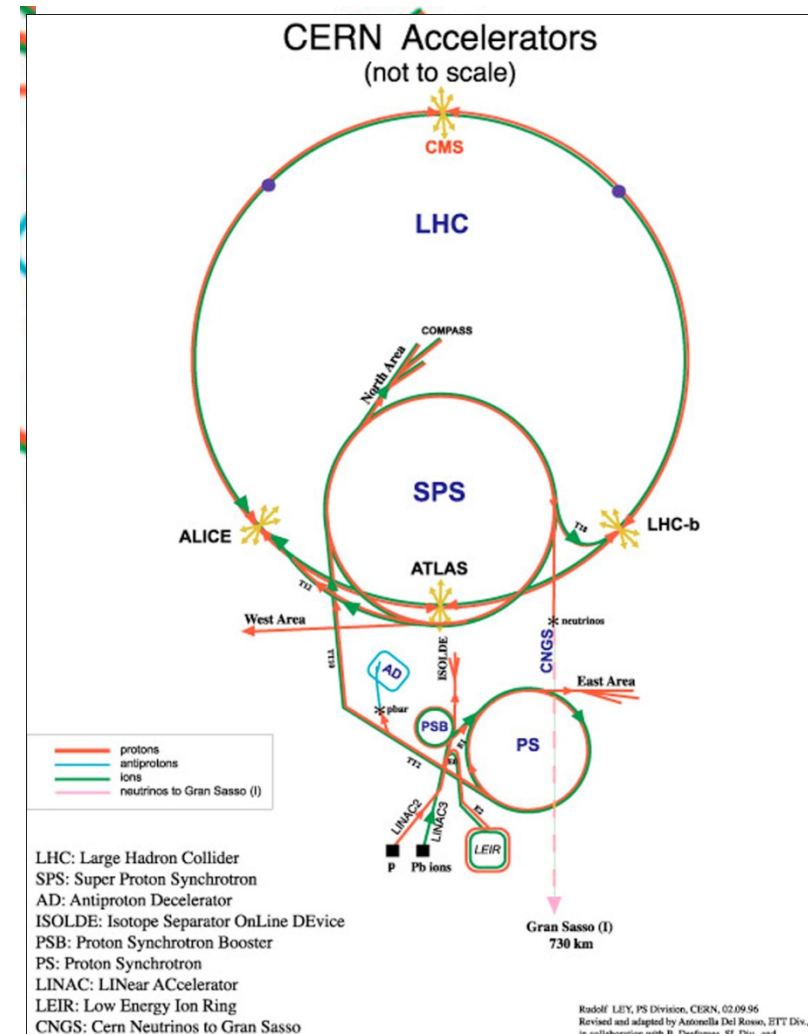


▶ p (proton)   ▶ ion   ▶ neutrons   ▶  $\bar{p}$  (antiproton)    $\leftrightarrow$  proton/antiproton conversion   ▶ neutrinos   ▶ electron

# Production and acceleration of Pb ions

- ECR source:  $\text{Pb}^{27+}$  (80 mA)
- RFQ:  $\text{Pb}^{27+}$  to 250 A keV
- Linac3:  $\text{Pb}^{27+}$  to 4.2 A MeV
- Stripper:  $\text{Pb}^{53+}$
- PS Booster:  $\text{Pb}^{53+}$  to 95 A MeV
- PS:  $\text{Pb}^{53+}$  to 4.25 A GeV
- Stripper:  $\text{Pb}^{82+}$  (full ionisation)
- SPS:  $\text{Pb}^{82+}$  to 158 A GeV
- LHC:  $\text{Pb}^{82+}$  to 2.76 A TeV

*Huge differences in the delivered luminosity between PbPb ( $\sim 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ ) and pp ( $\sim 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ ) collisions*



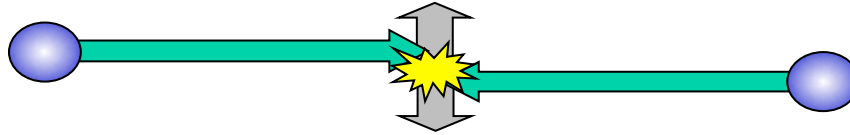
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**External control parameters**



# Kinematical variables

Hadronic collisions are characterized by limited transfer of transverse momentum



The kinematical distribution of the produced particles are usually expressed as a function of rapidity ( $y$ ) and transverse momentum ( $p_T$ )

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z} \right) \quad p_T = \sqrt{p_x^2 + p_y^2}$$

$p_T$ : Lorentz-invariant with respect to a boost in the beam direction

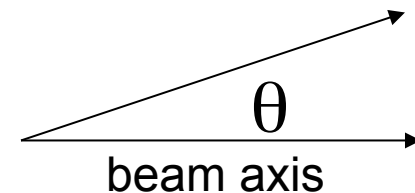
$y$ : no Lorentz-invariant but additive transformation law  $\rightarrow y' = y - y_\beta$

(where  $y_\beta$  is the rapidity of the ref. system boosted by a velocity  $\beta$ )

$y$  measurement needs particle ID (measure momentum and energy)

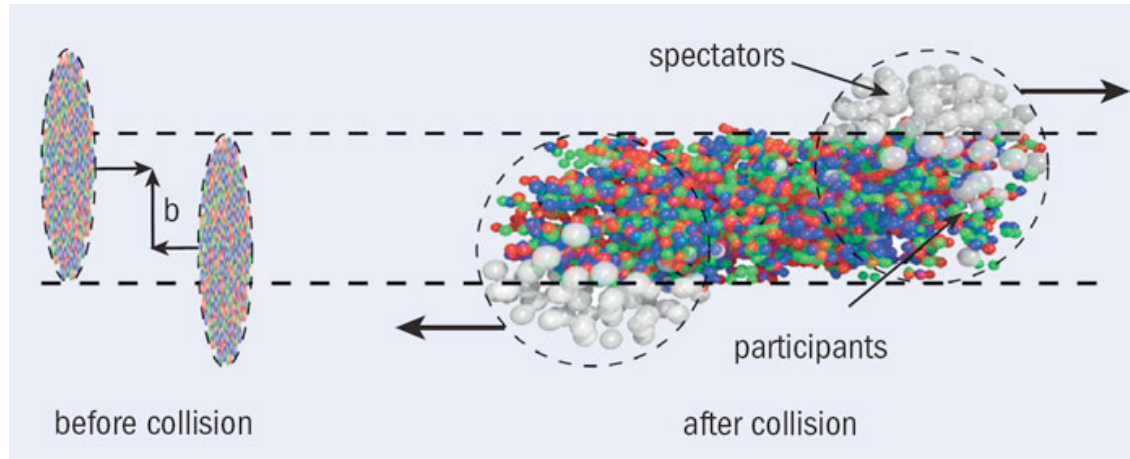
Practical alternative: pseudorapidity ( $\eta$ )

$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{|\vec{p}| + p_z}{|\vec{p}| - p_z} \right) = -\log \left[ \tan \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right]$$



$y \sim \eta$  for relativistic particles

# Geometry of a Pb-Pb collision



- central collisions

- small impact parameter  $b$
- high number of **participants**  $\rightarrow$  high multiplicity

- Many nucleons involved
- Many nucleon-nucleon collisions
- Large interaction volume
- Many produced particles

- peripheral collisions

- large impact parameter  $b$
- low number of **participants**  $\rightarrow$  low multiplicity

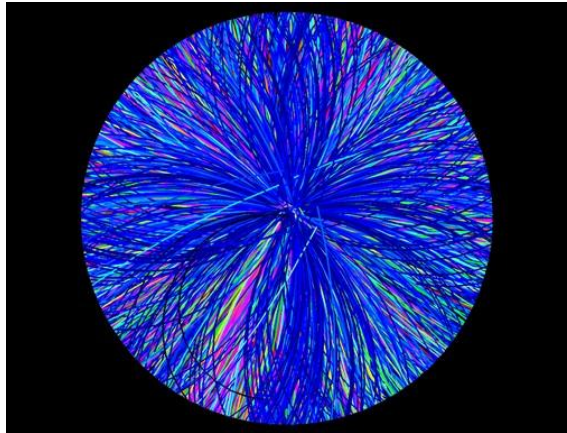
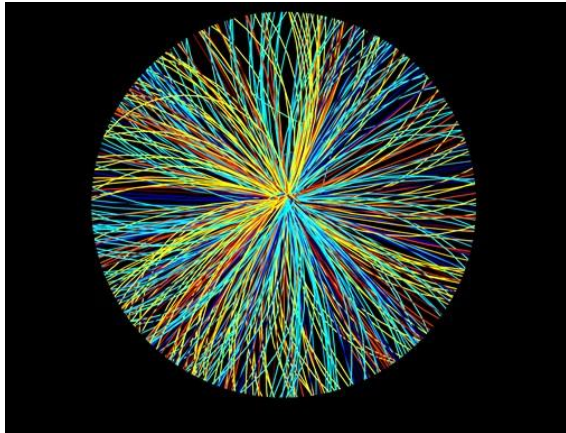
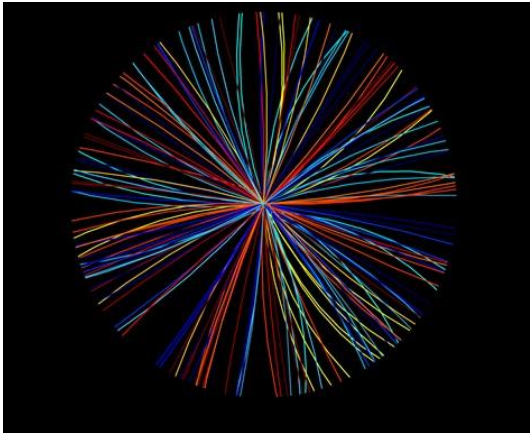
- Few nucleons involved
- Few nucleon-nucleon collisions
- Small interaction volume
- Few produced particles

N.B. In pp there are always 2 participants



# Centrality

- How do we measure the impact parameter  $b$ ?



Low multiplicity

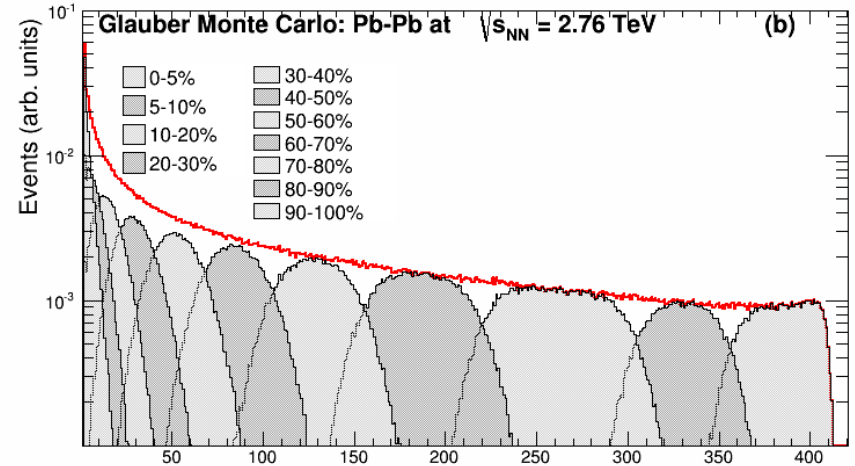
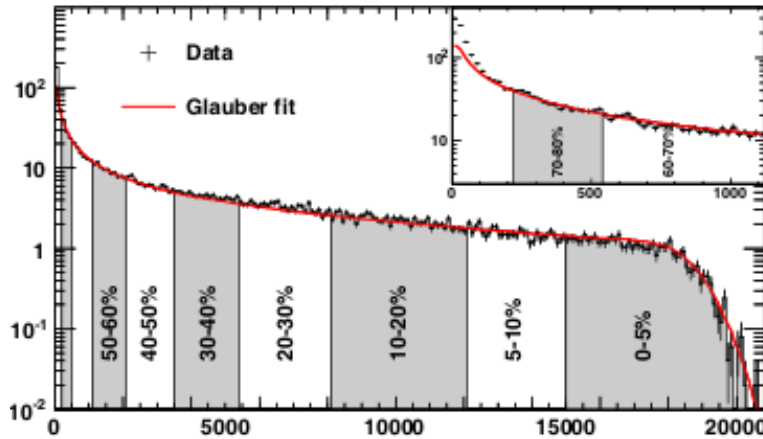
High multiplicity

**Striking relation between  $b$  and multiplicity**

# Glauber model

Nuclear cross-section classes  
(by slicing in bins of multiplicity)

Glauber model



peripheral

VZERO Amplitude (a.u.)

central

peripheral

central  $N_{Part}$



Via model

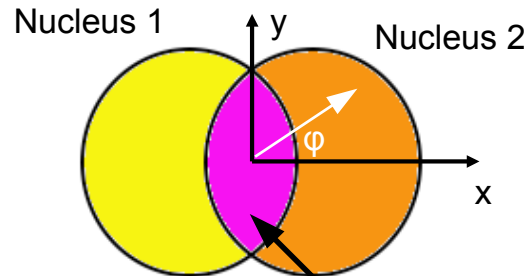
Cross-section percentile (in %)



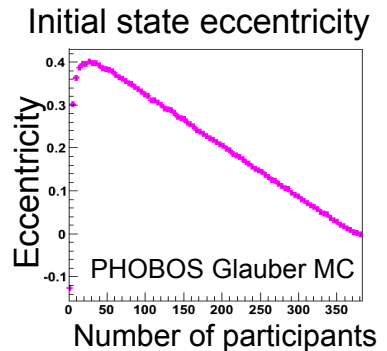
Number of participants (or collisions)

- Eccentricity

$$\epsilon_{std} = \frac{\sigma_y^2 - \sigma_x^2}{\sigma_y^2 + \sigma_x^2}$$



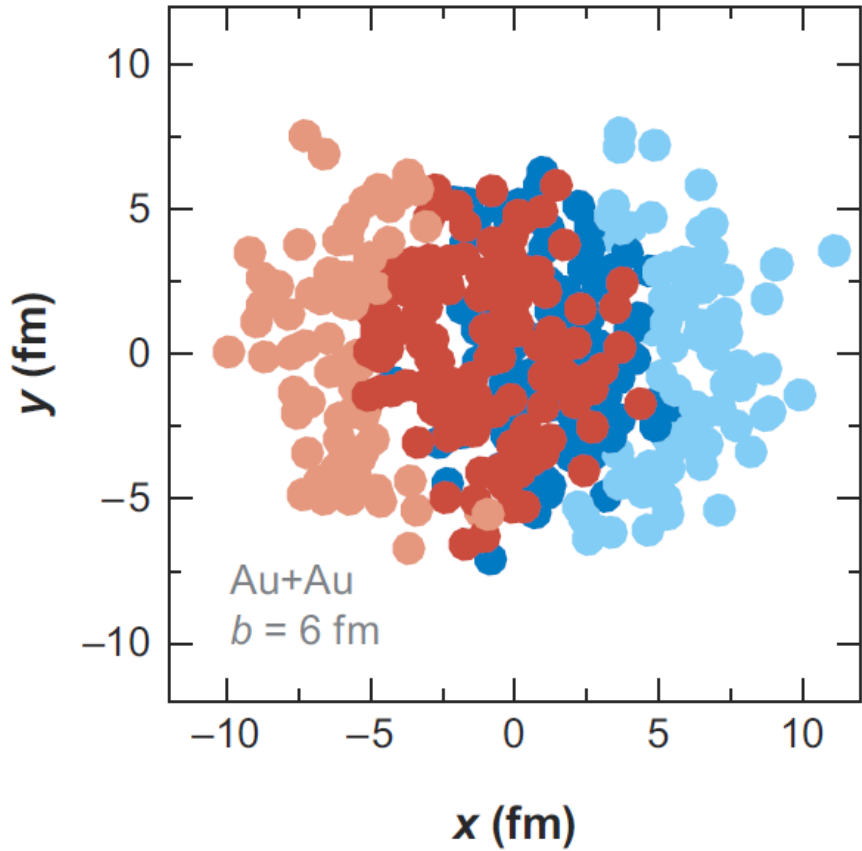
Overlap (participant) region is asymmetric in azimuthal angle



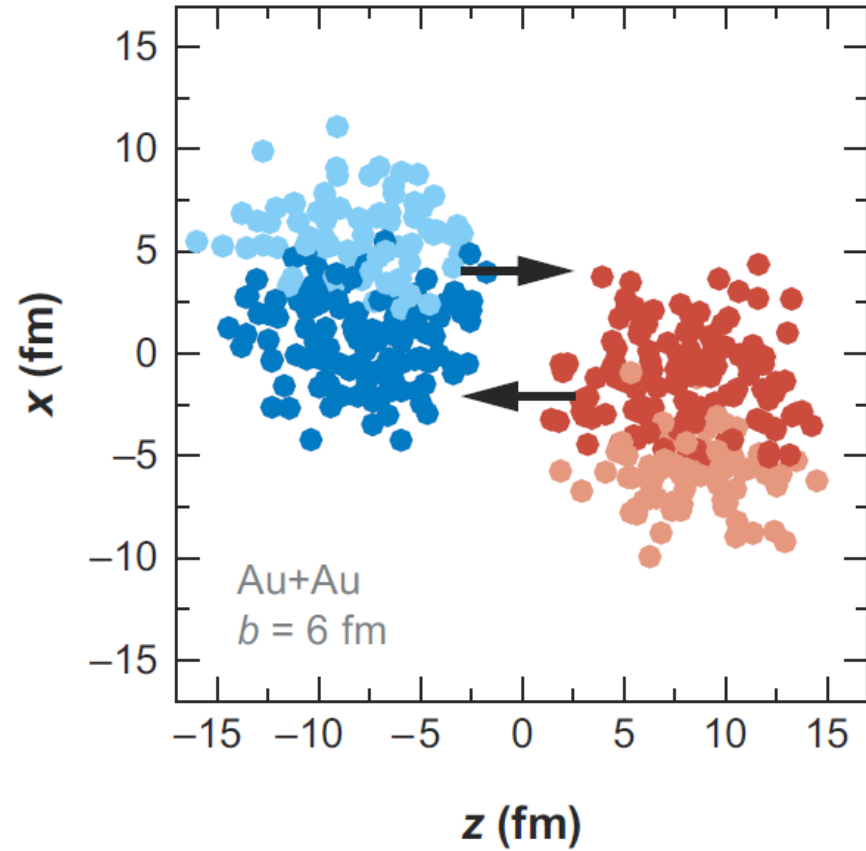


# Realistic Example

Transverse view



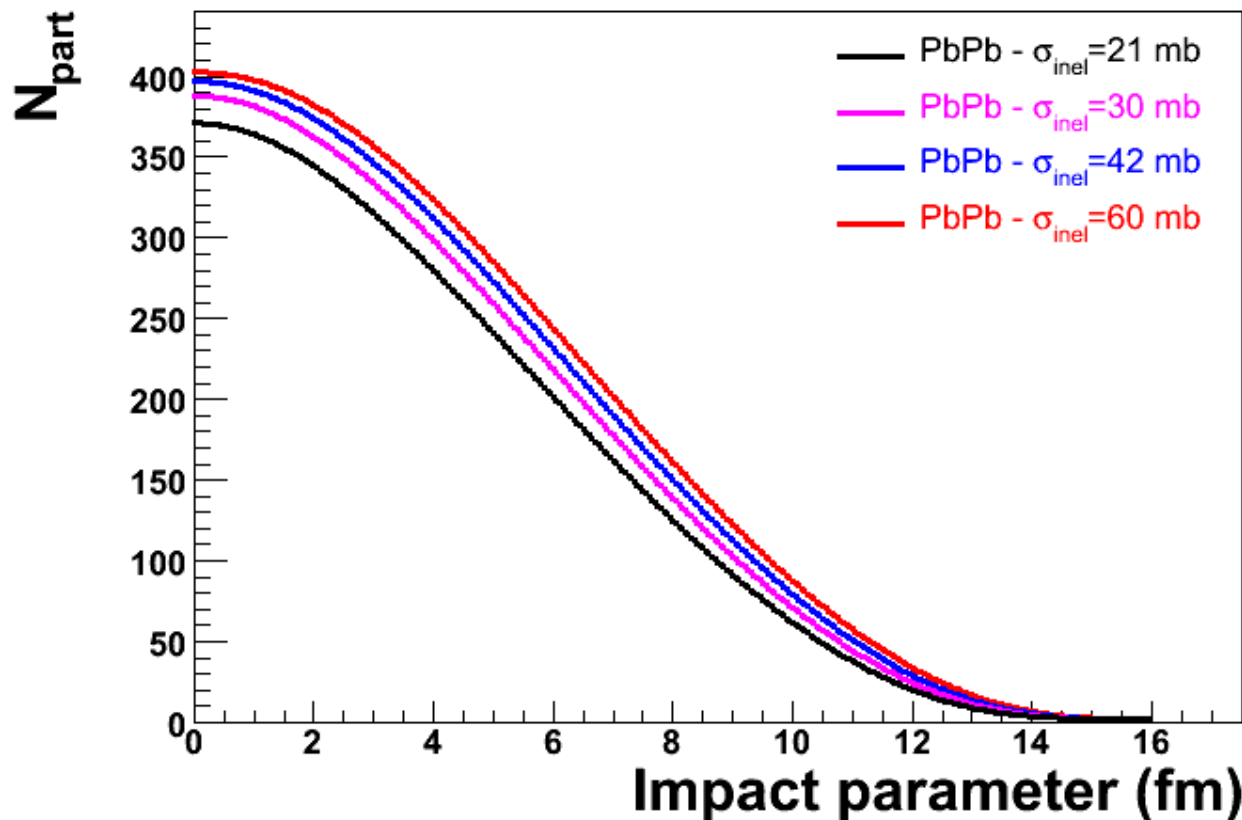
Along the beam axis



light nucleons: have not participated (spectators)  
dark nucleons: have participated

# Number of participants vs $b$

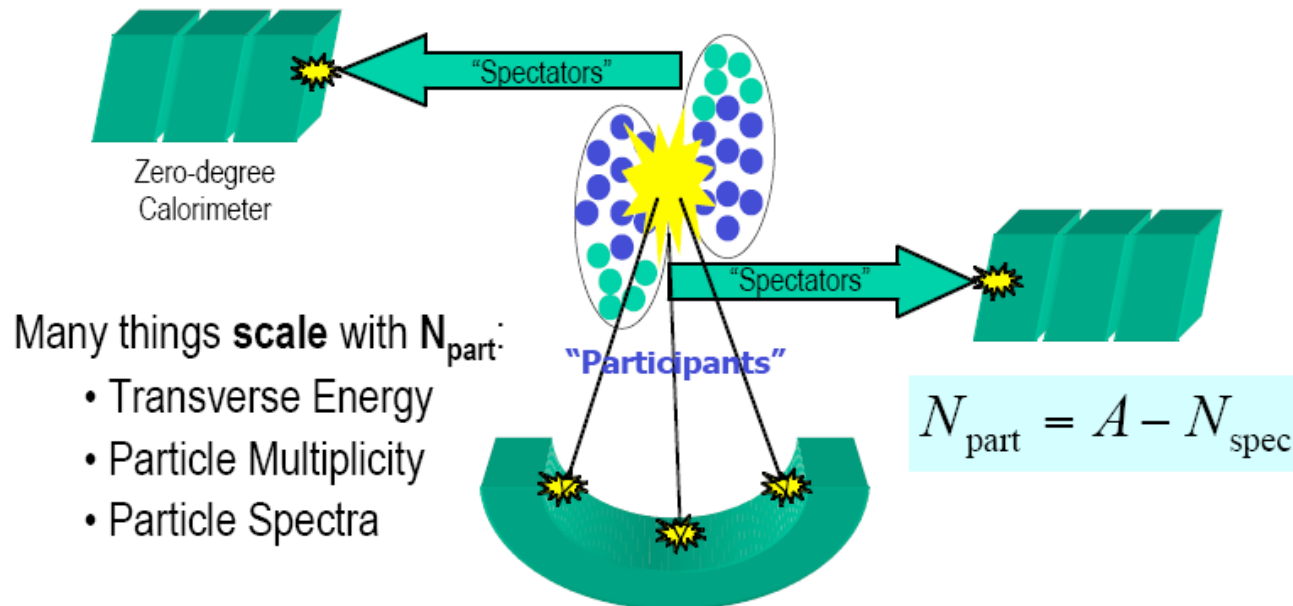
- With respect to  $N_{\text{coll}}$ , the dependence on the nucleon-nucleon cross section is much weaker
- When  $\sigma_{\text{inel}} > 30$  mb, practically all the nucleons in the overlap region have at least one interaction and therefore participate in the collisions



Accel.	$\sqrt{s}$ (GeV)	$\sigma_{\text{total}}$ (mb)	$\sigma_{\text{inel}}$ (mb)
AGS	3-5	40	21
SPS	17	40	33
RHIC	200	50	42
LHC(Pb)	5500	90	60

# Centrality: how to access experimentally

- ❑ Two main strategies to evaluate the impact parameter in heavy-ion collisions
  - ❑ Measure observables related to the energy deposited in the interaction region  $\rightarrow$  charged particle multiplicity, transverse energy ( $\propto N_{\text{part}}$ )
  - ❑ Measure energy of hadrons emitted in the beam direction  $\rightarrow$  zero degree energy ( $\propto N_{\text{spect}}$ )





**RESULTS**

A magnifying glass with a black handle and a white lens is positioned over the word "RESULTS". The lens is centered over the word "RESULTS", which is written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The word "RESULTS" is slightly tilted upwards from left to right. The magnifying glass has a black rim and a white interior. The background is plain white.

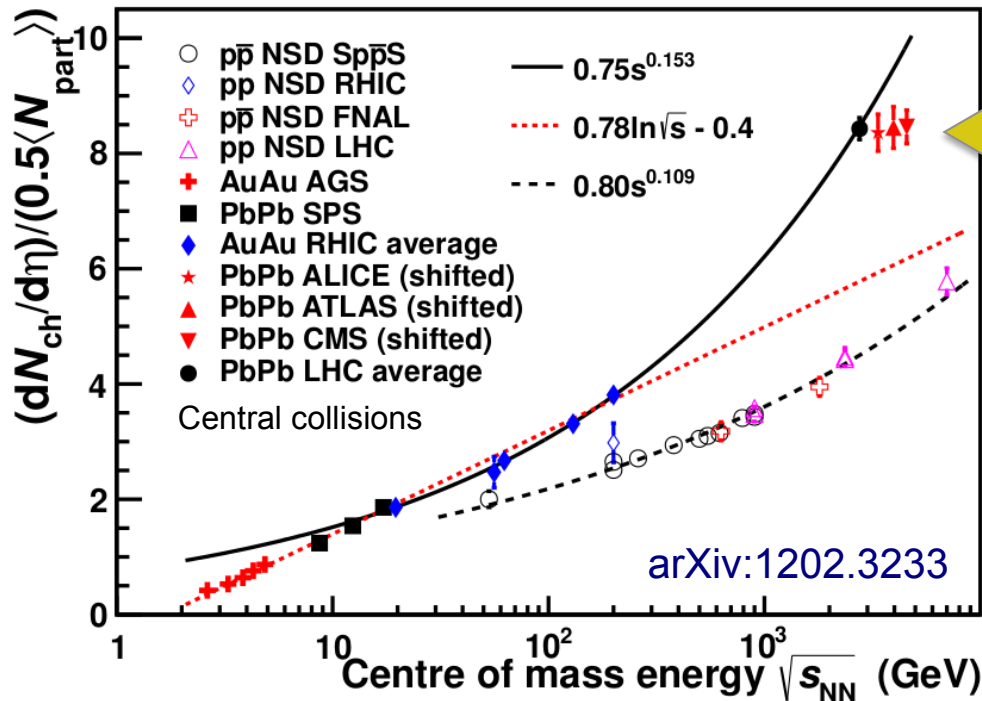


# Multiplicity and transverse energy

(Estimate of energy density and related to entropy)

# Particle multiplicity

Most central collisions at LHC: up to 1600 charged particles per unit of  $\eta$



The increase with beam energy is significantly steeper than in pp

Log extrapolation:

- OK at lower energies
- fails at the LHC

Results normalised to pp (vacuum)

- $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$  TeV Pb+Pb, 0-5% central,  $|\eta| < 0.5$
- $dN_{ch}/d\eta / (\langle N_{part} \rangle / 2) = 8.3 \pm 0.4$  (sys.)

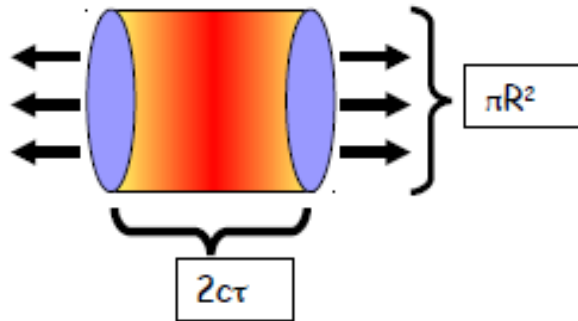
# Bjorken's formula

Let's evaluate the energy density reached in the collision:

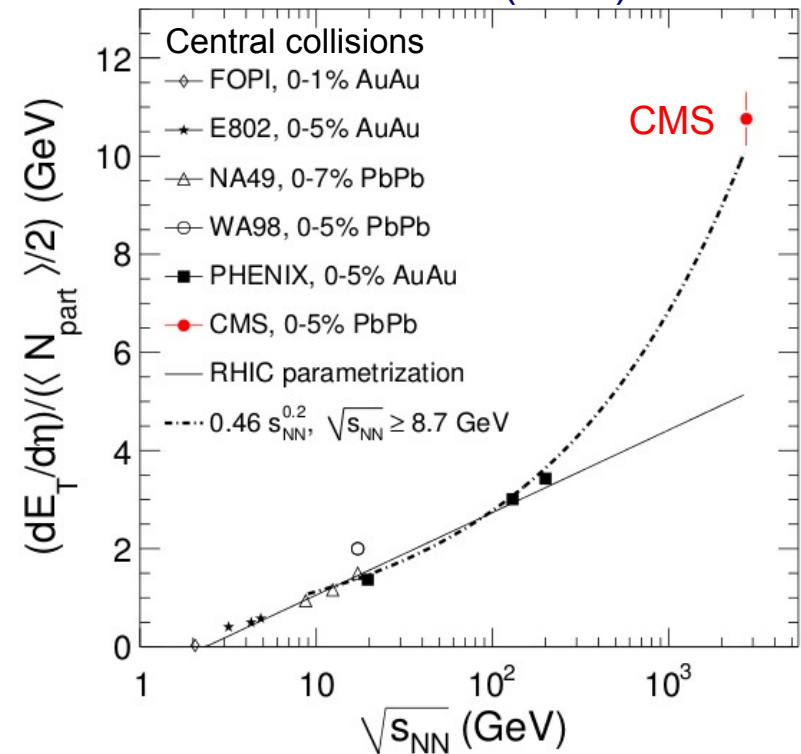
$$\varepsilon = \frac{1}{Sc\tau_0} \left. \frac{dE_T}{dy} \right|_{y=0}$$

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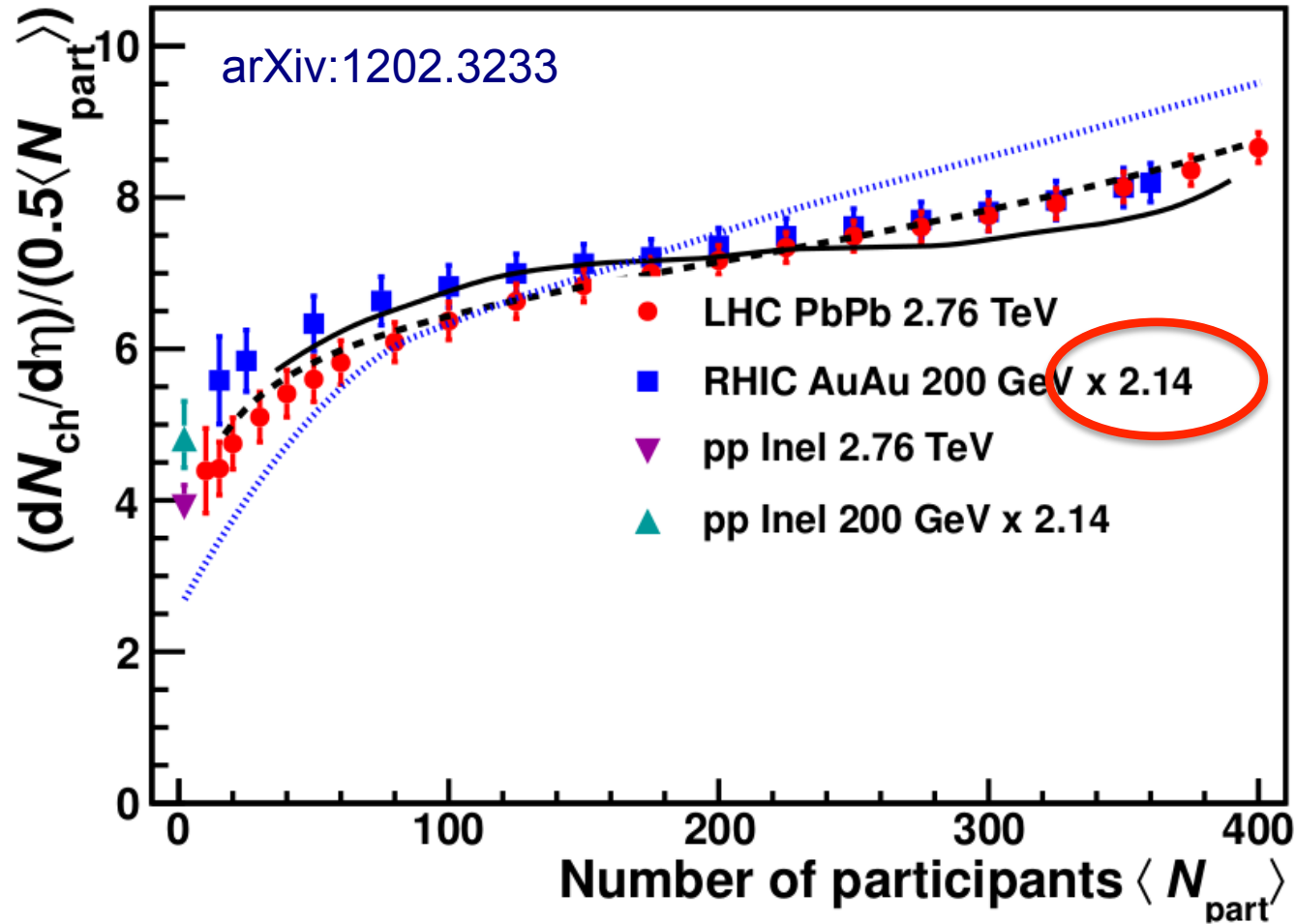
- experimentally, for central collisions at the LHC:  $\left. \frac{dE_T}{dy} \right|_{y=0} \approx 1800$  GeV
- transverse dimension:  $S \approx 160$  fm<sup>2</sup> ( $R_A \approx 1.2A^{1/3}$  fm)

$$\varepsilon \sim (1800/160) \text{ GeV/fm}^3 \sim 10 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$$

More than  
enough for  
deconfinement!

N.B. only necessary, not sufficient condition ... pp collisions

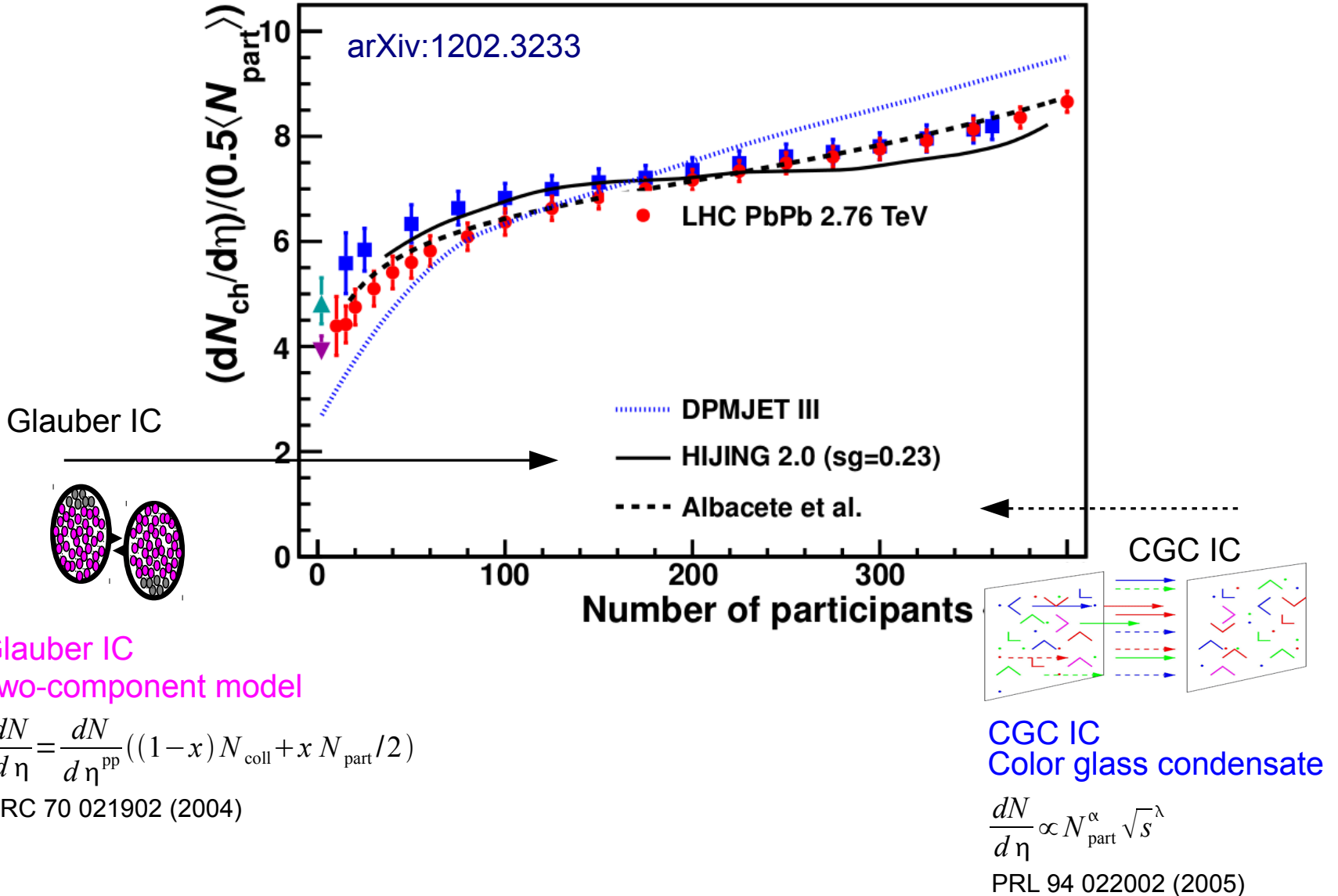
# Centrality dependence of $dN/d\eta$



Arbitrary factor

The shapes between RHIC and LHC are very similar!  
Factorization in energy and centrality

# Centrality dependence of $dN/d\eta$

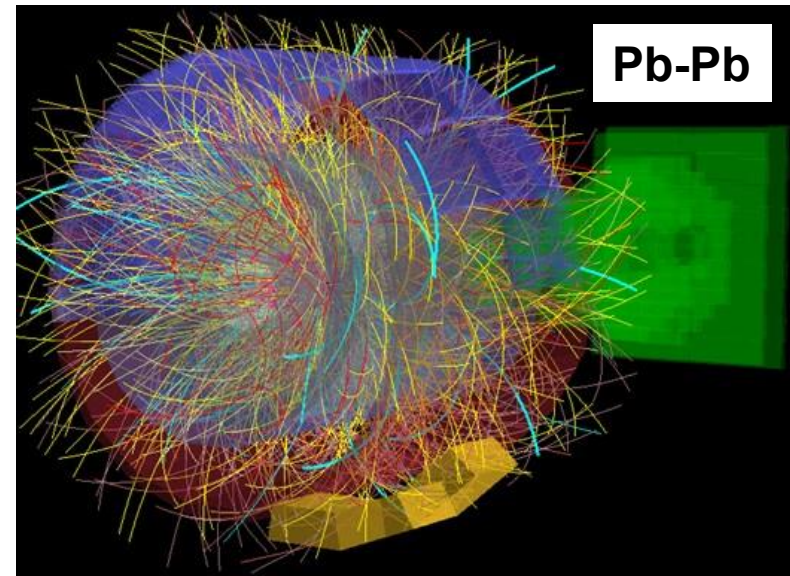
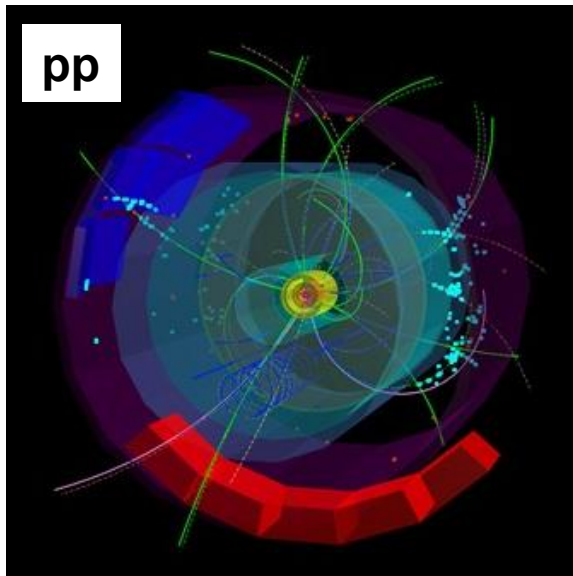




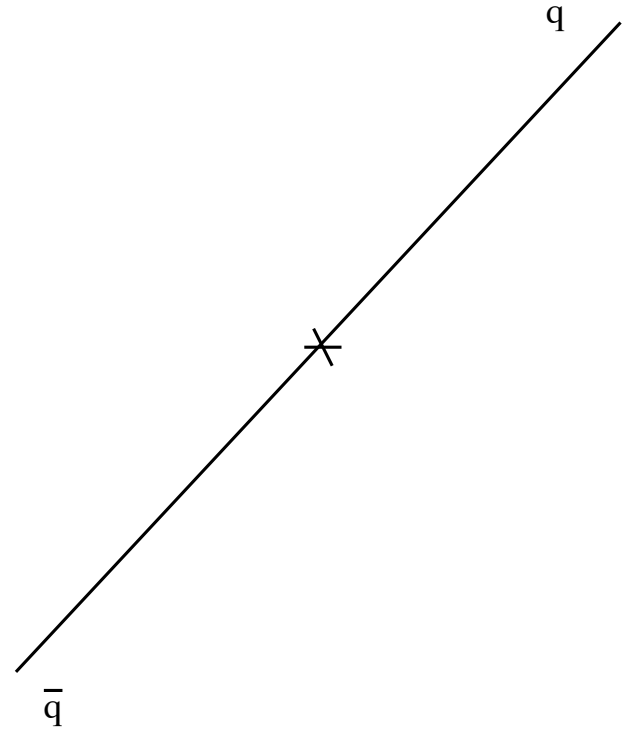
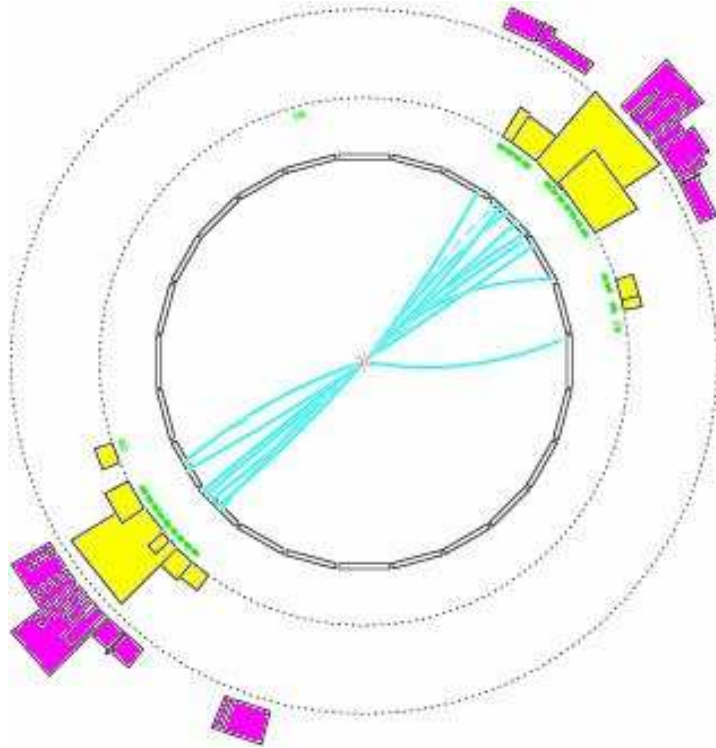
# Heavy-Ion Environment

- Measurements in an environment with  $dN_{ch}/d\eta$  up to 1600 ( $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$  TeV)  
= 400 pp MB collisions = 1 event with 399 pile-up events  
(ATLAS/CMS reconstruct up to 100)
- In one collision, there are in the tracker acceptances
  - 3200 tracks in ALICE | 8000 tracks in CMS/ATLAS

for comparison  
pp :  $dN_{ch}/d\eta \sim 4$



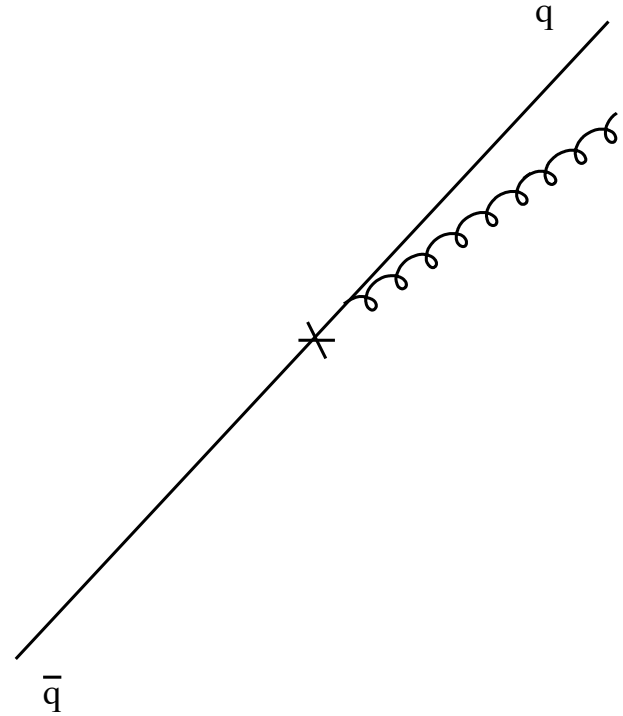
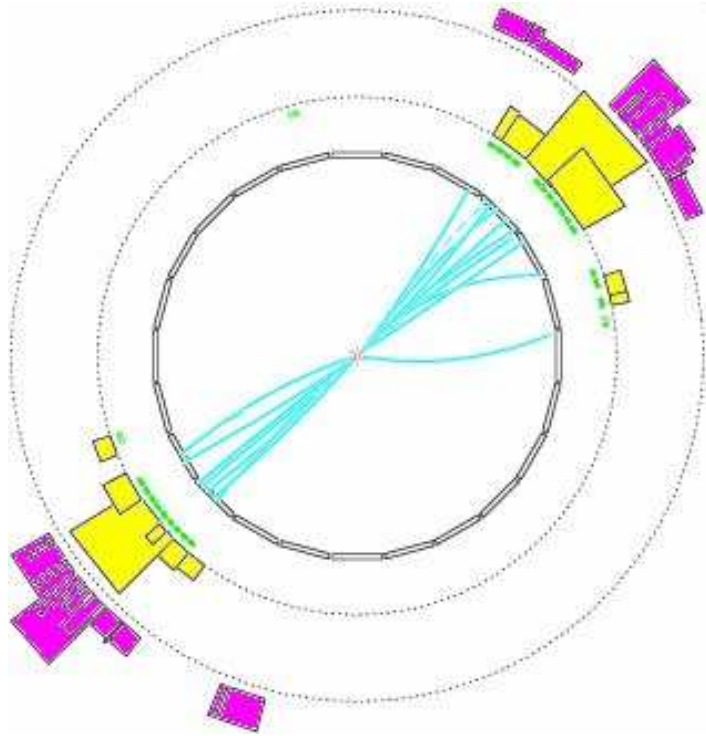
# Picturing a (simple) QCD event



**Start of with  $q\bar{q}$**

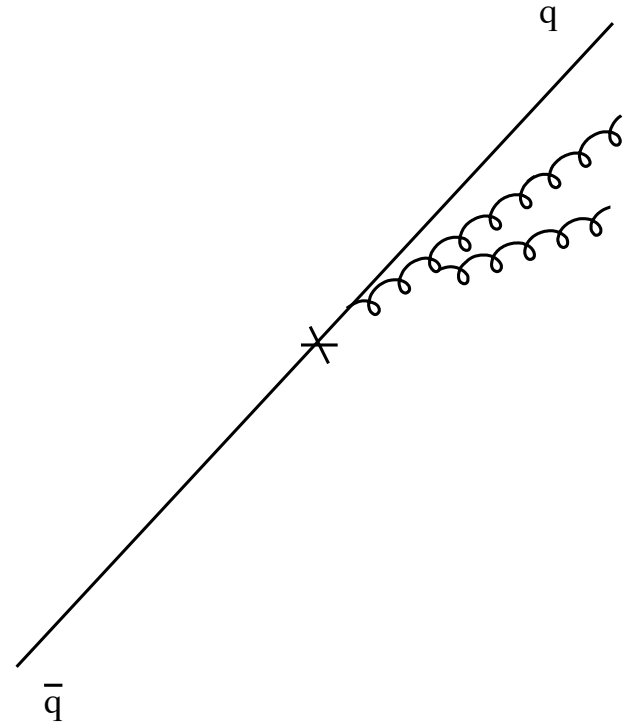
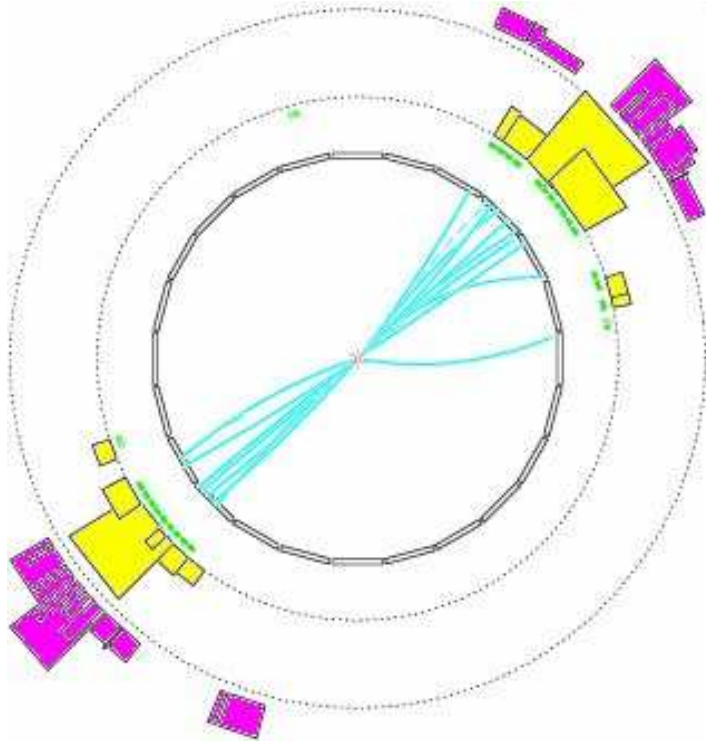


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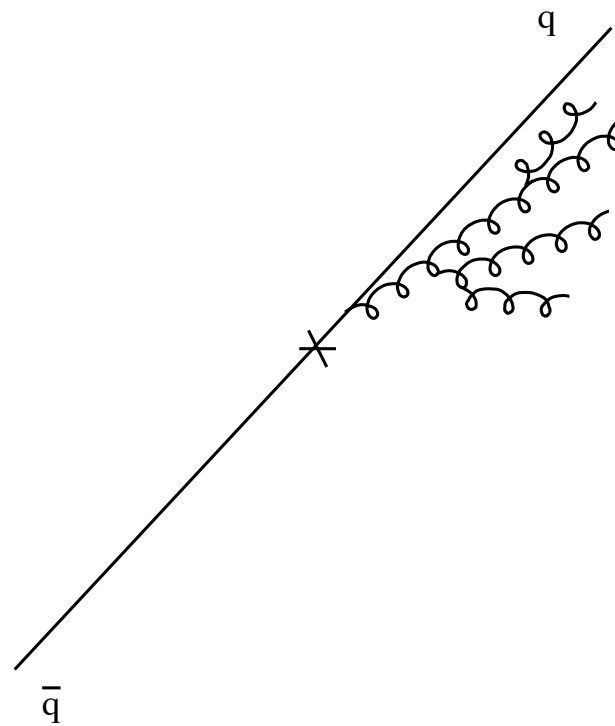
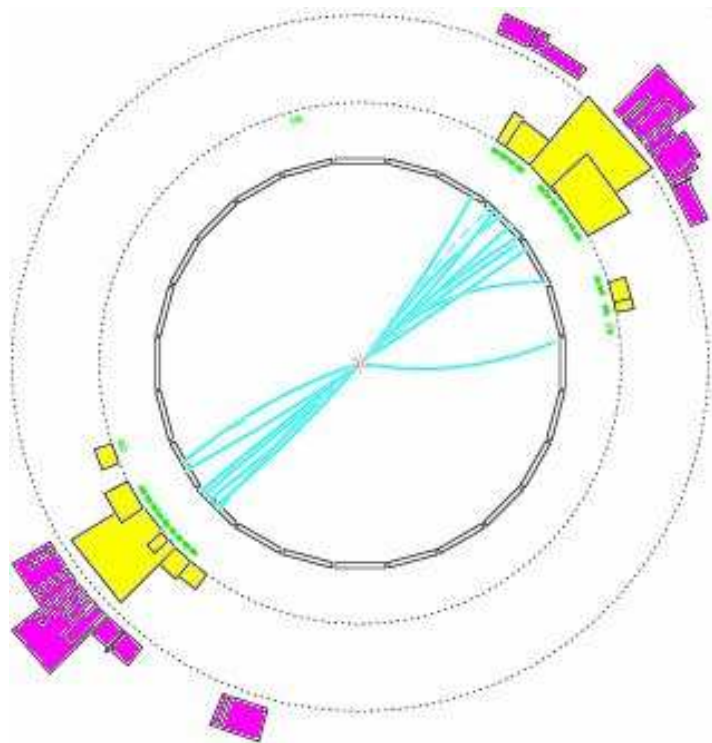
**A gluon gets emitted at small angles**

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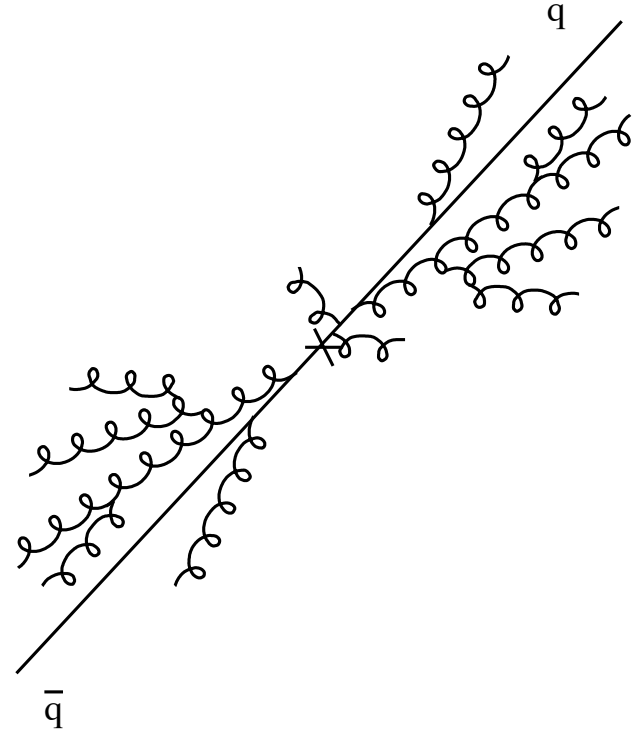
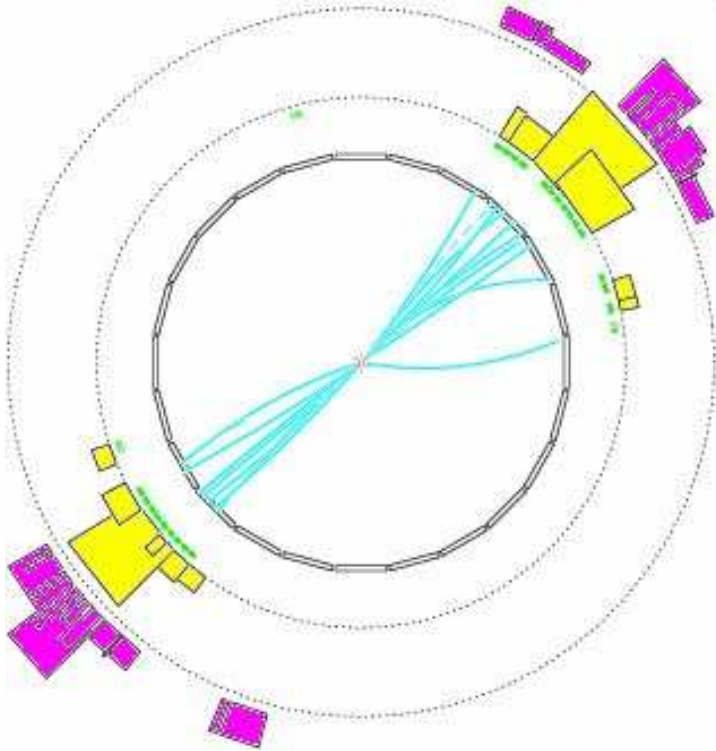
**It radiates a further gluon**

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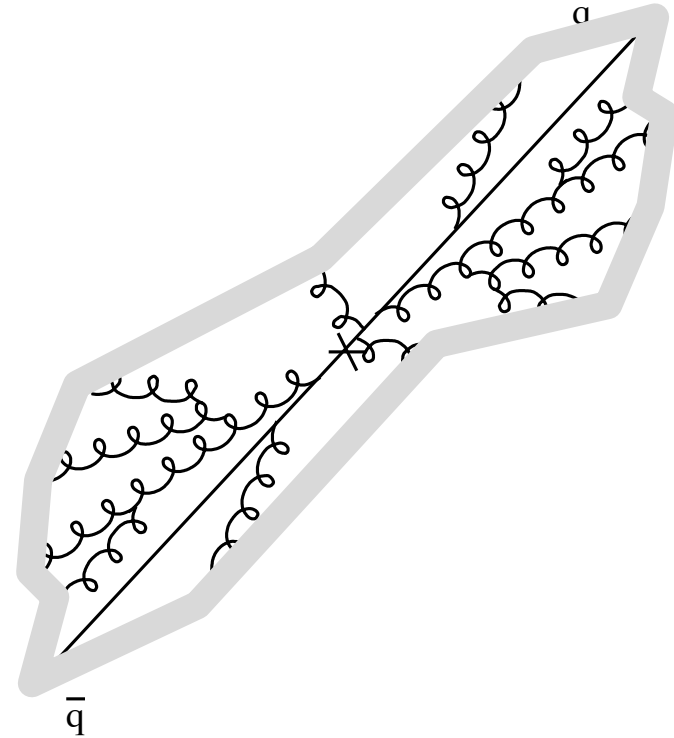
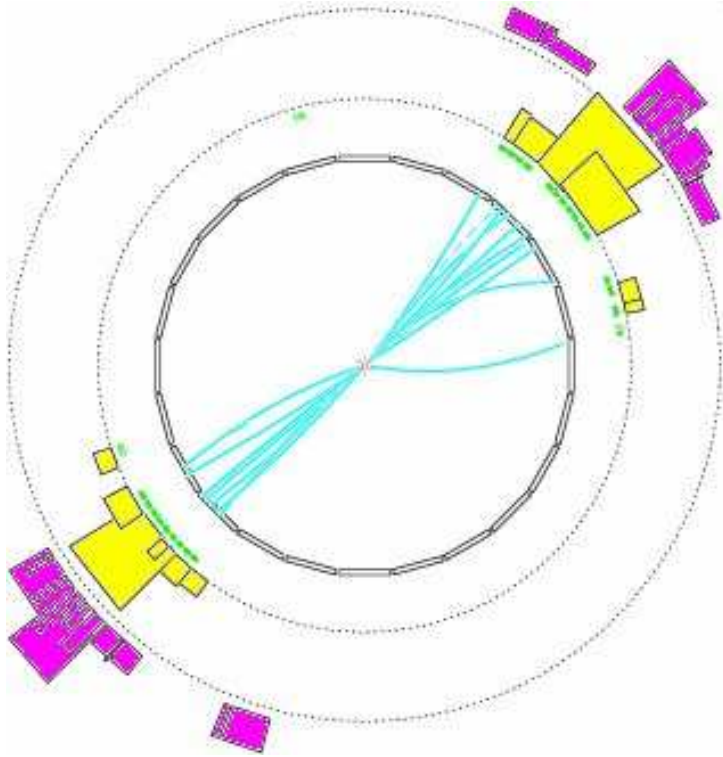
**And so forth**

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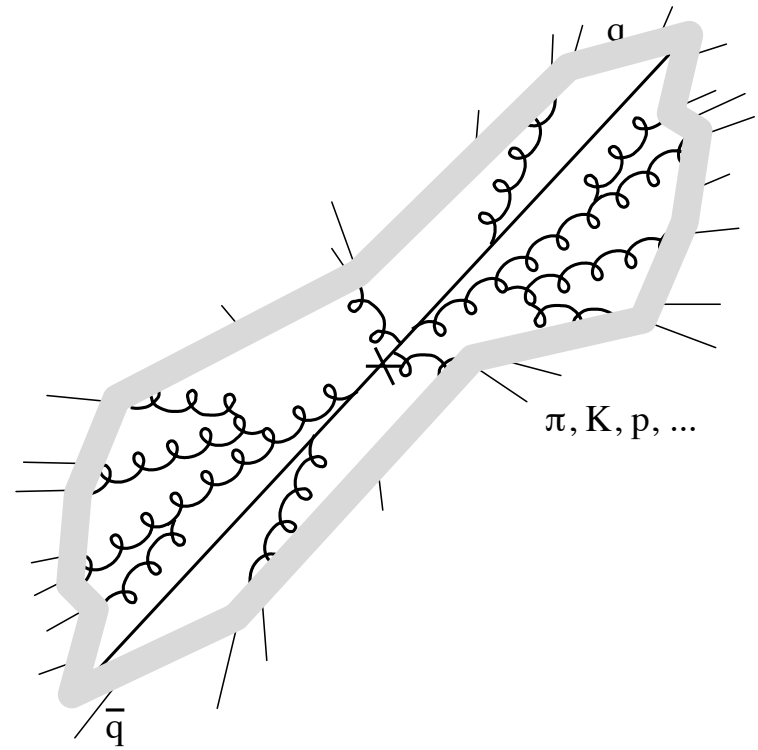
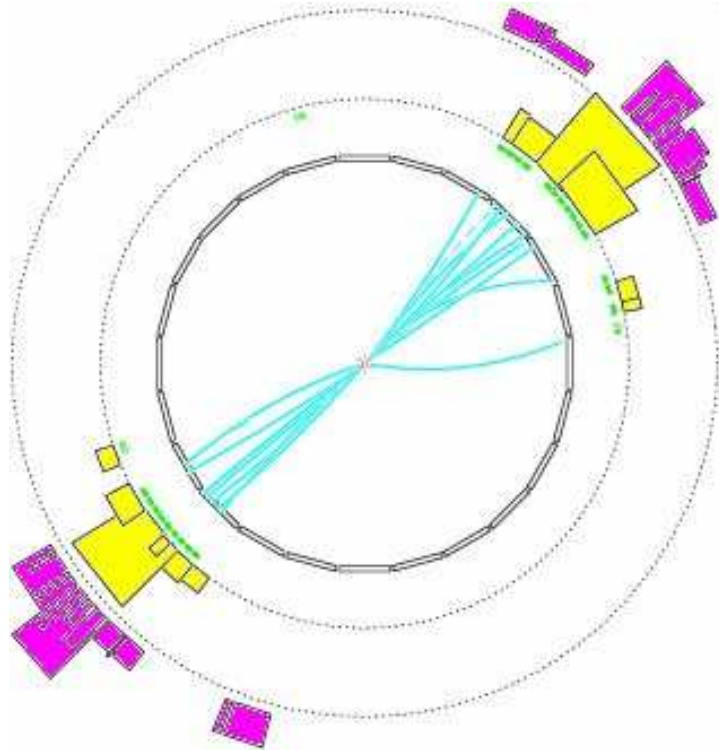
**Meanwhile the same happened on other side of event**

# Picturing a (simple) QCD event



**And then a non-perturbative transition occurs**

# Picturing a (simple) QCD event

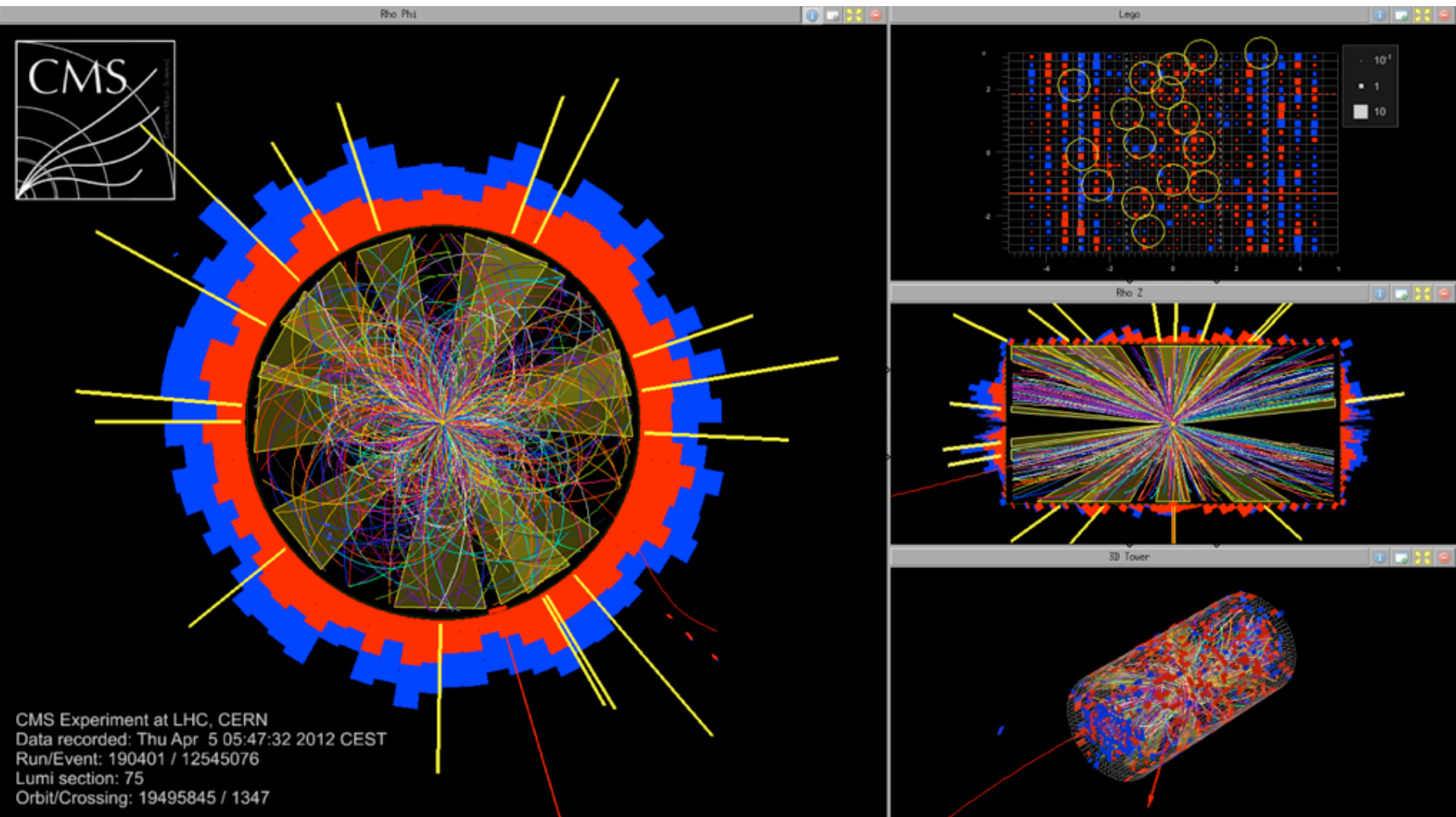


**Giving a pattern of hadrons that “remembers” the gluon branching**

Hadrons mostly produced at small angle wrt  $q\bar{q}$  directions or with low energy

*Jets: collimated, energetic bunches of particles*

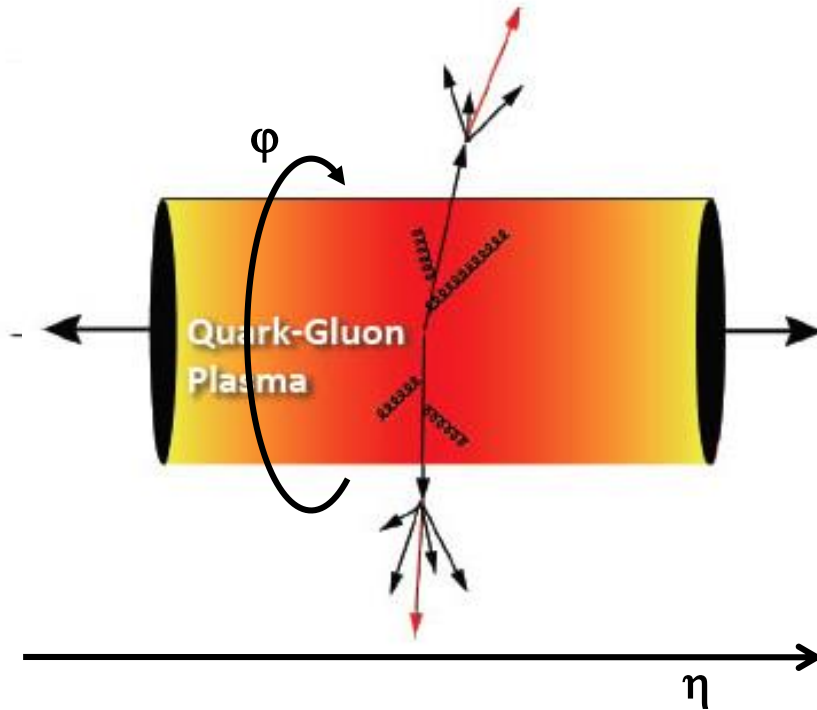
# PbPb, where are the jets?



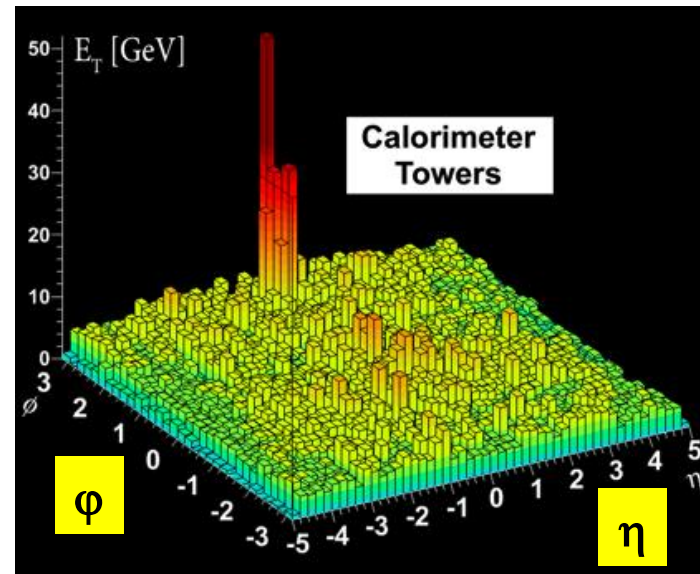
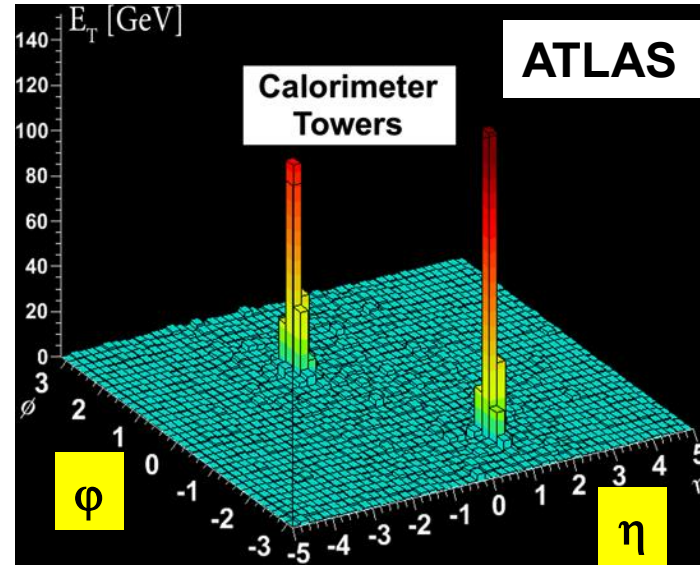
*Underlying events cause locally, fluctuating, high background*



# A Back-to-Back Jet



**One jet disappears in the QGP  
→ “Jet quenching”**







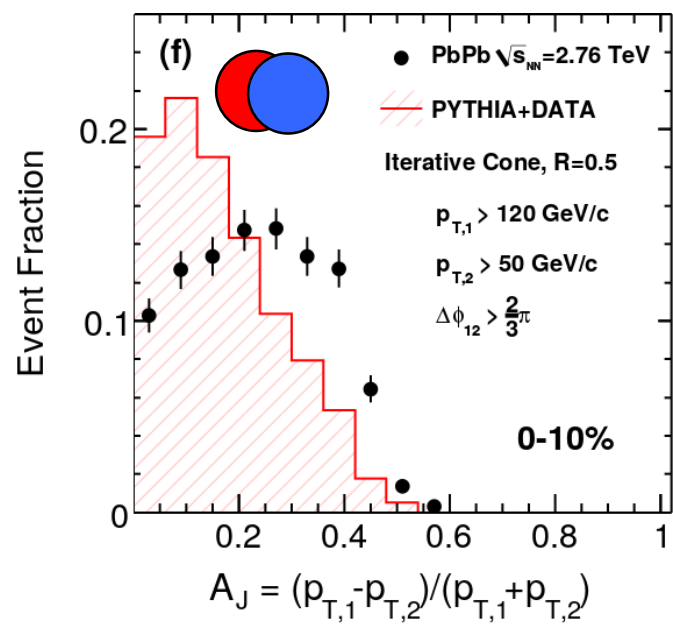
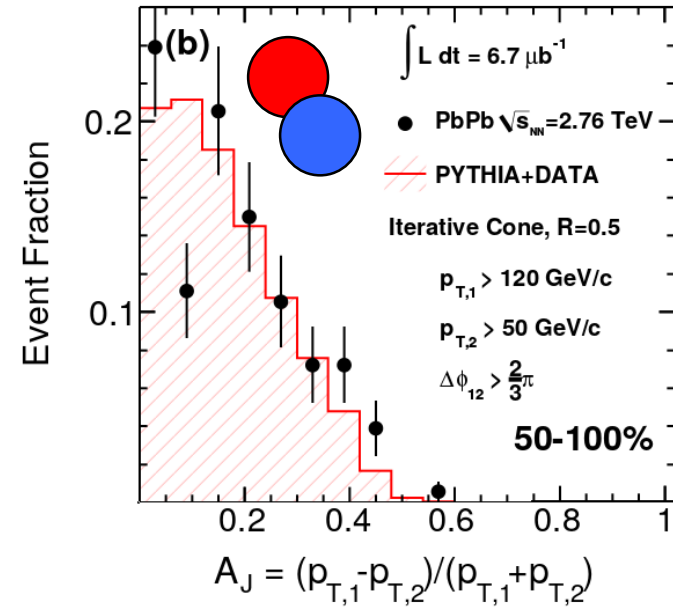
# Dijet Asymmetry

- How often do jets lose lot of energy?
- Quantify by dijet asymmetry
- 2 highest energy jets with  $\Delta\phi > 2\pi/3$

$$A_J = \frac{|p_{T1} - p_{T2}|}{p_{T1} + p_{T2}}$$

$\xleftrightarrow{p_{T1} = p_{T2} \rightarrow A_J = 0}$   
 $\xleftrightarrow{1/3 p_{T1} = p_{T2} \rightarrow A_J = 0.5}$

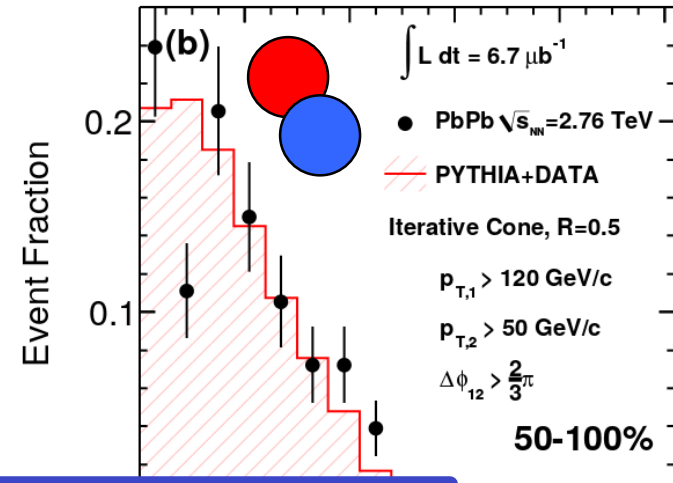
- Peripheral collisions: Pb-Pb ~ Pythia
- Central collisions: Significant difference



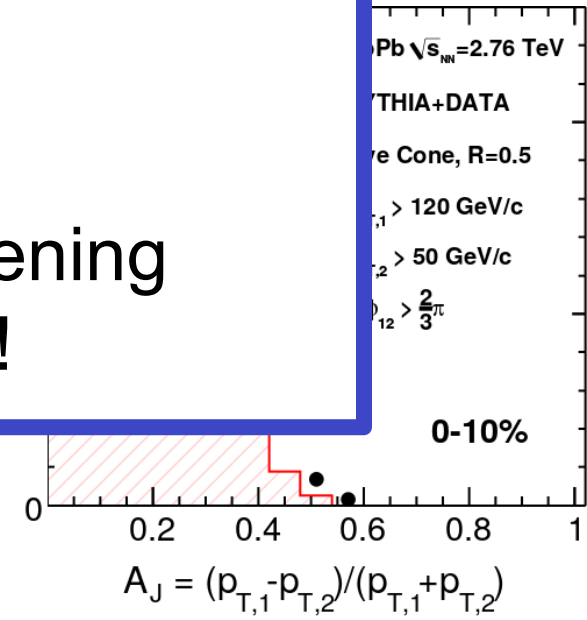


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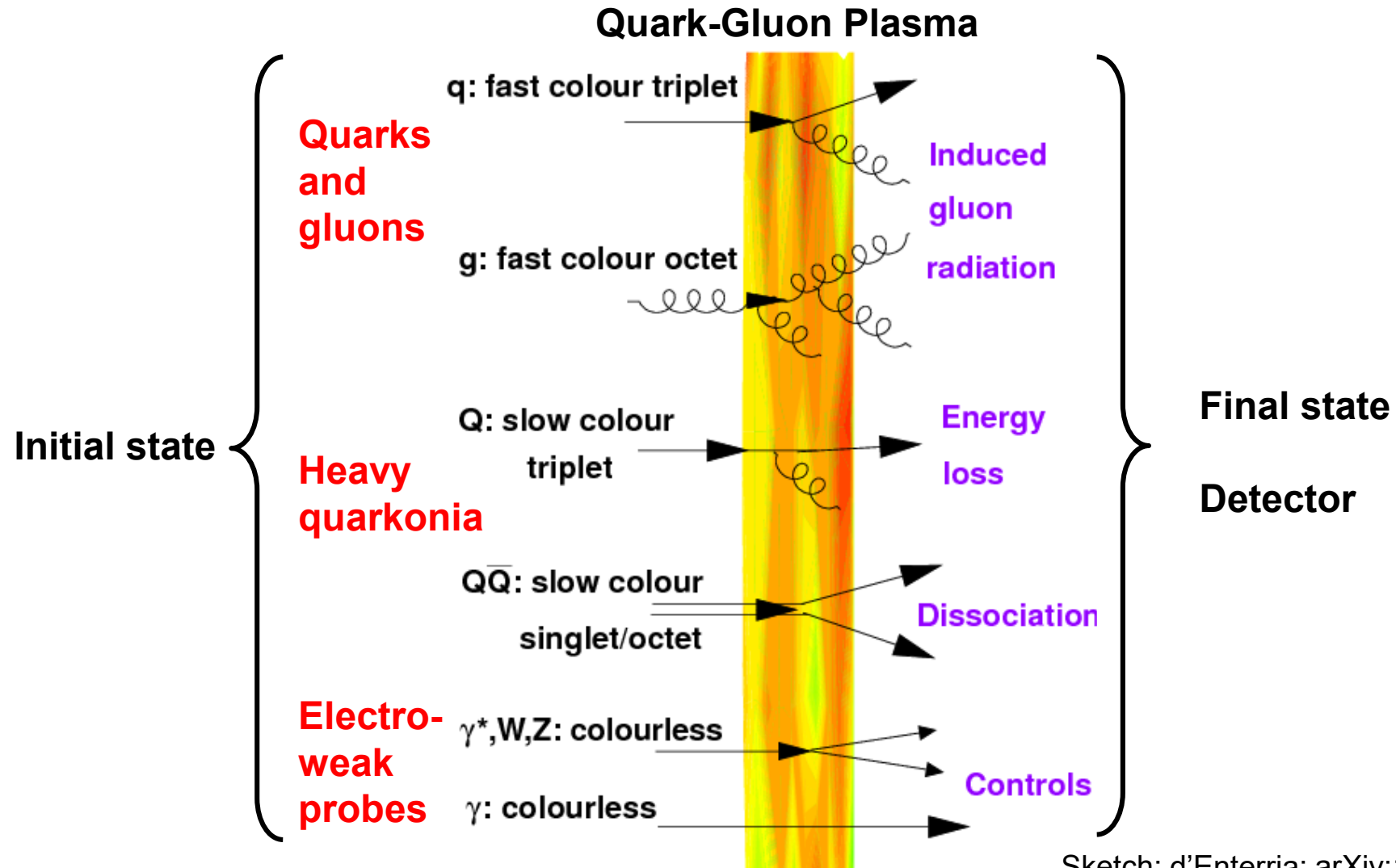


A. Jets lose up to two thirds of their energy !  
  
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 Something significant happening  
 in heavy-ion collisions !





# Probes Traverse the QGP

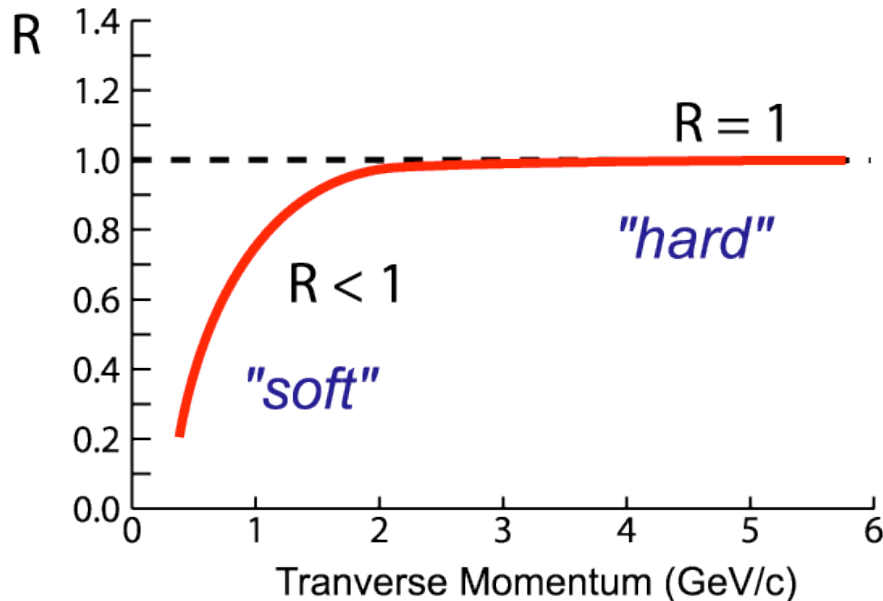


# The nuclear modification factor

Nuclear Modification Factor

$$R_{AA}(p_T) = \frac{Yield(Pb + Pb)}{Yield(p + p) \times \langle N_{coll} \rangle}$$

Average number of NN collisions in PbPb



In case of "No Effect":

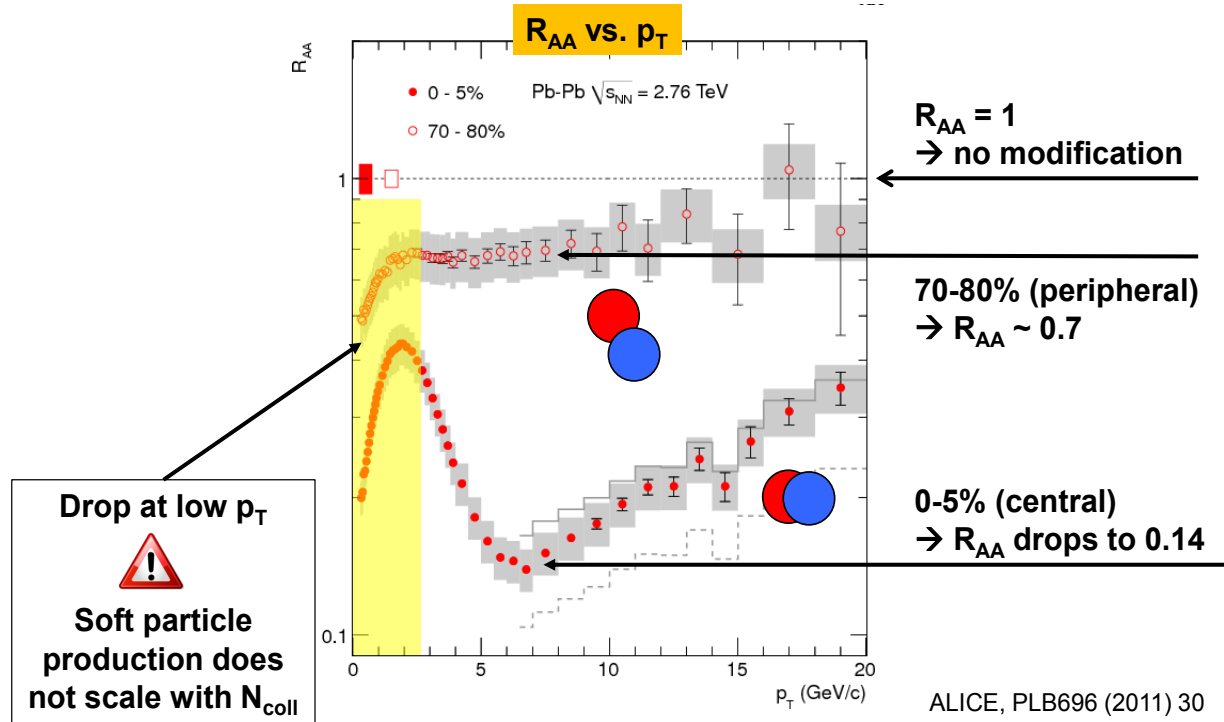
- $R < 1$  at small momenta, production from thermal bath
- $R = 1$  at higher momenta where hard processes dominate

**but if  $R < 1$  at high momenta, hot and dense medium is affecting the parton propagation**

# Strong suppression for hadrons

Nuclear Modification Factor

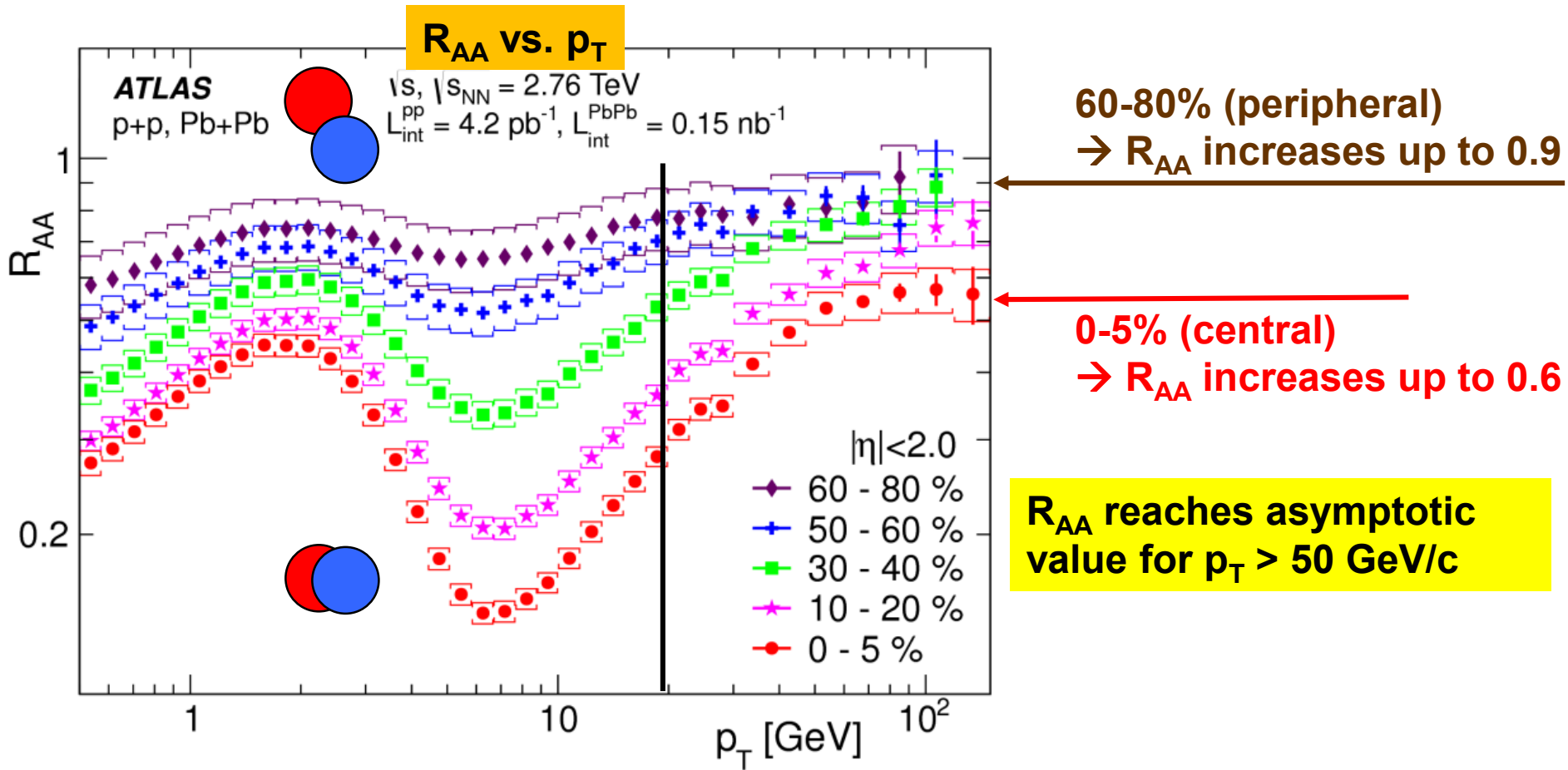
$$R_{AA}(p_T) = \frac{Yield(Pb + Pb)}{Yield(p + p) \times \langle N_{coll} \rangle}$$



- Evidence for a strong parton energy loss and a large medium density at the LHC
- Behaviour reproduced by all models/calculations.  $R_{AA}$  alone is not highly discriminating

*Hadrons constrain the parton kinematics very loosely → Jets can capture the modified fragmentation process of partons: high- $p_T$  partons interact strongly with QCD medium prior to fragmentation*

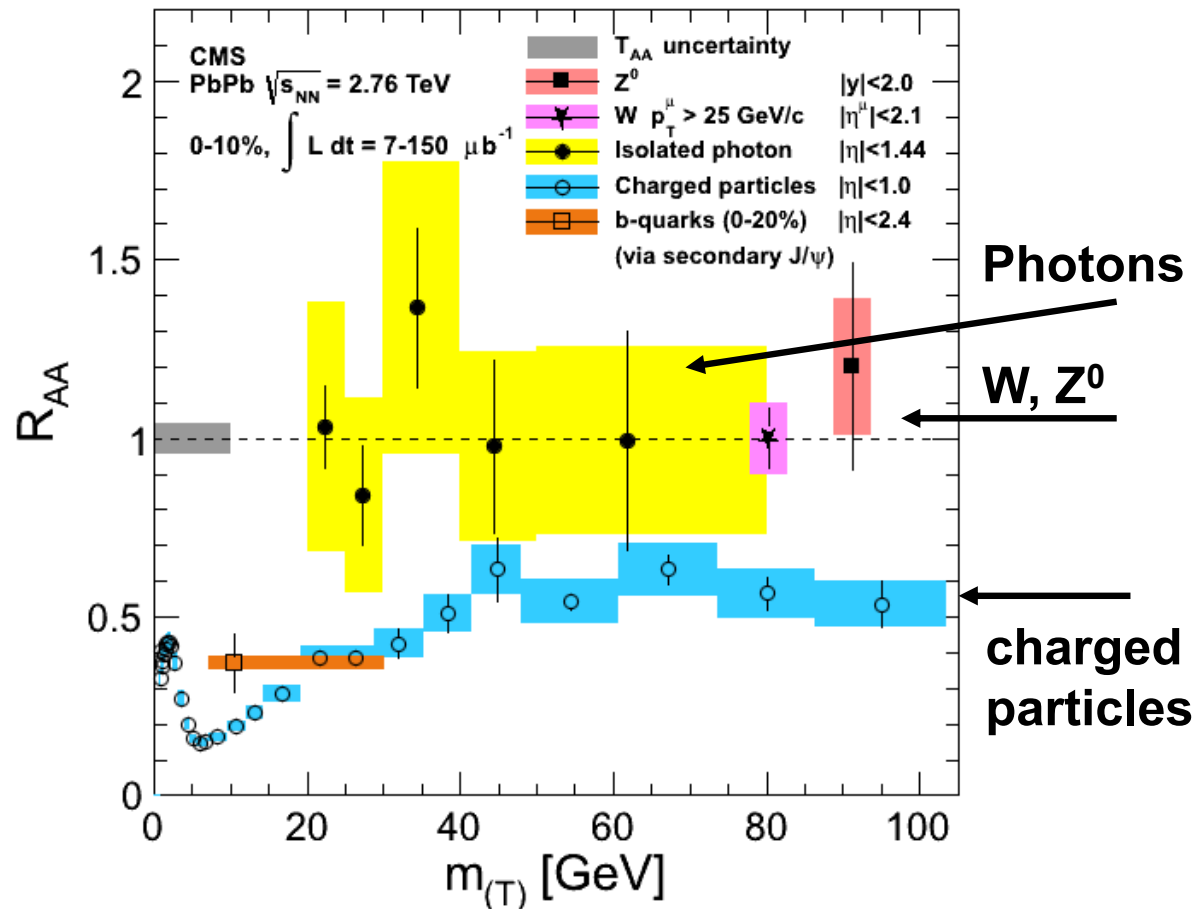
# $R_{AA}$ at High $p_T$



# $R_{AA}$ for vector bosons

Fundamental check:

Electroweak probes are unmodified  $\rightarrow$  the interacting medium is colored, interacting strongly

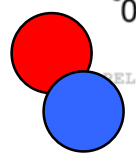
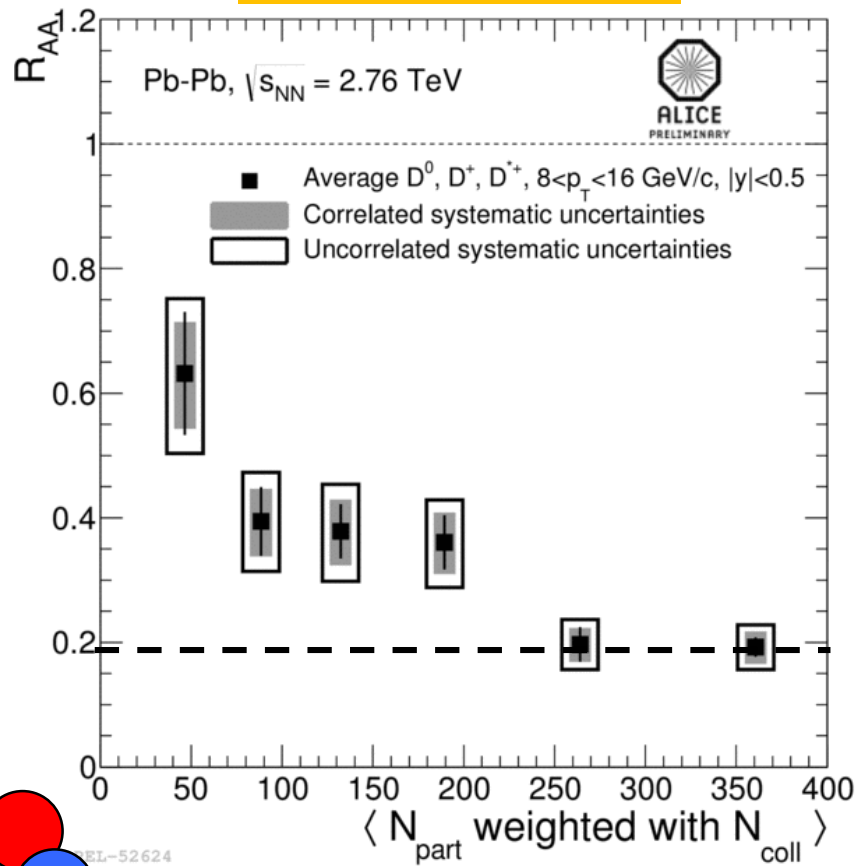




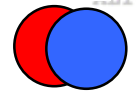
# D $R_{AA}$

$$R_{AA} = \frac{dN_{AA} / dp_T}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle dN_{pp} / dp_T}$$

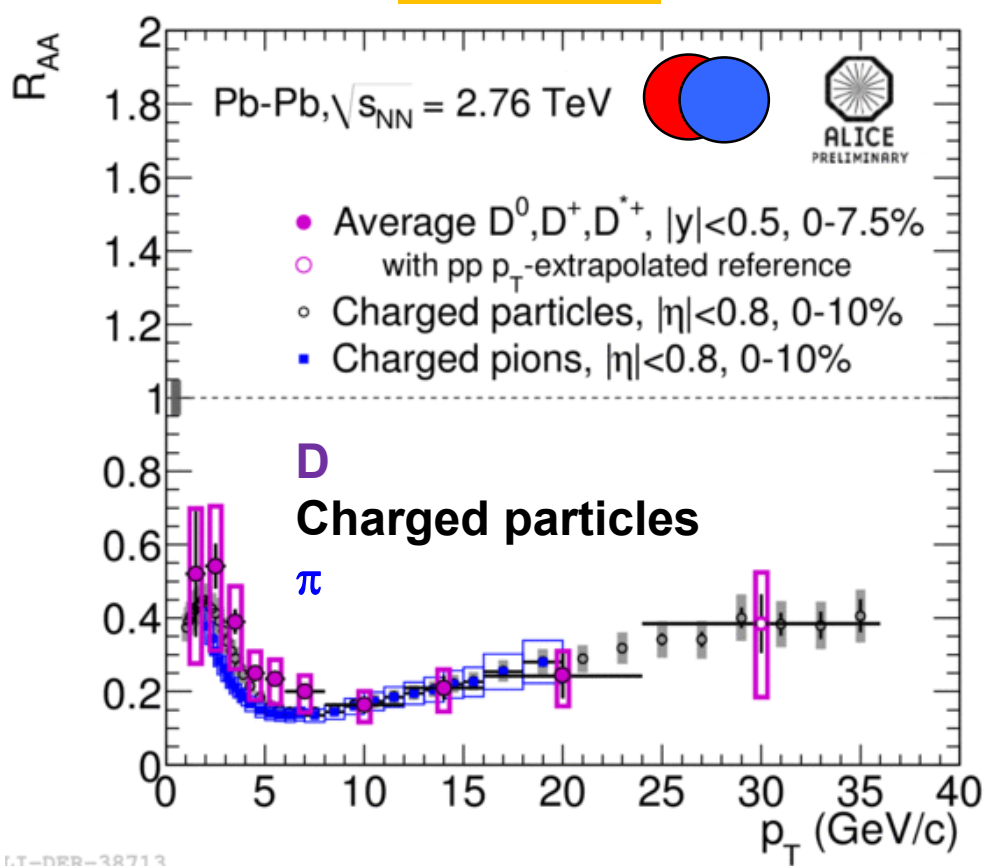
## $R_{AA}$ vs. centrality



**strong suppression  $\sim 0.2$**



## $R_{AA}$ vs. $p_T$



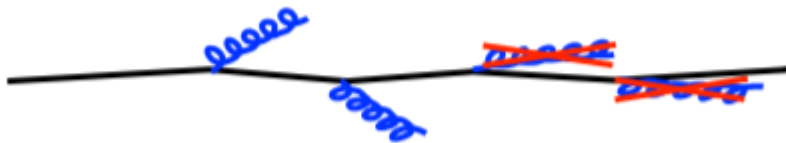
**D and  $\pi$   $R_{AA}$  compatible**





# Dead Cone Effect

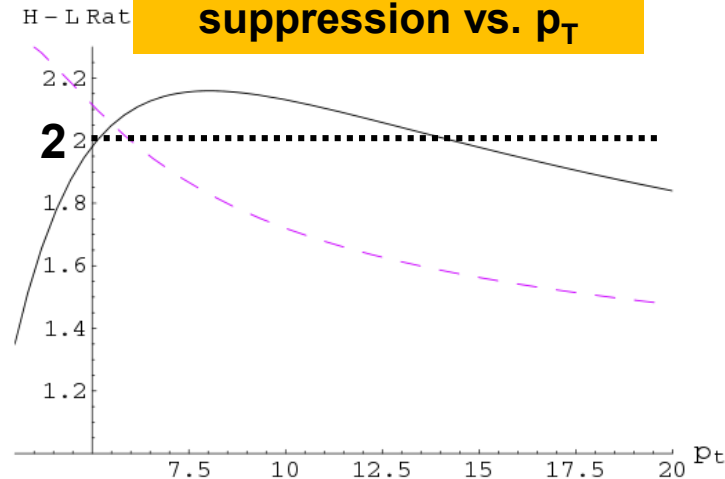
- Due to kinematical constraints, gluon radiation in vacuum suppressed for angles  $\theta < m/E = 1/\gamma$  by  $\left(1 + \frac{m/E}{\theta}\right)^2$ 
  - Massless parton  $m = 0 \rightarrow$  no suppression



- Similar effect in the medium
  - Significant for charm and beauty
  - Radiative energy loss reduced by 25% (c) and 75% (b) [ $\mu = 1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ ]
- Implies quark mass dependence

$$R_{AA}^{\pi} < R_{AA}^D < R_{AA}^B$$

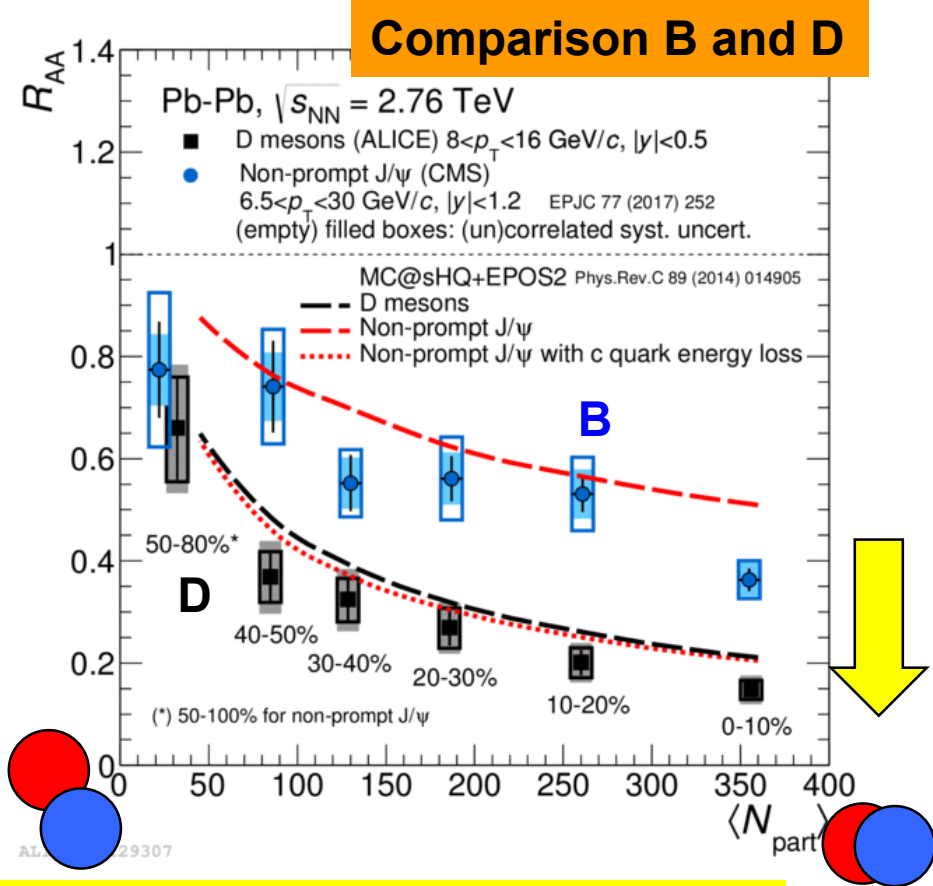
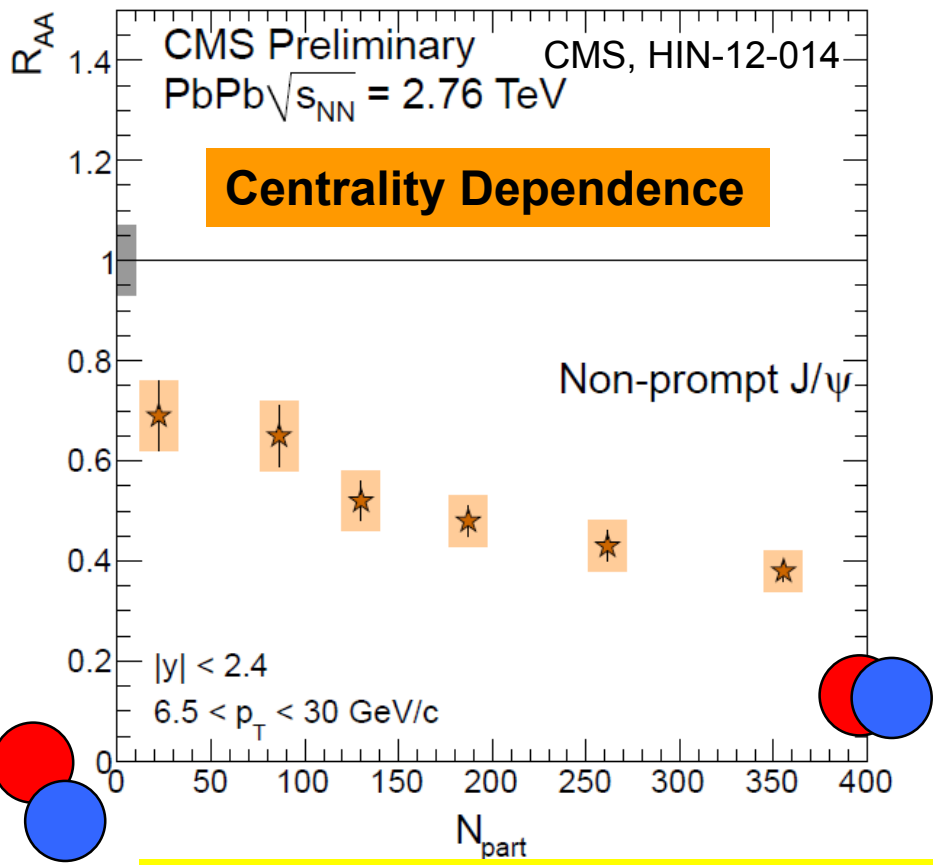
**Charm over light quark suppression vs.  $p_T$**





# B $R_{AA}$

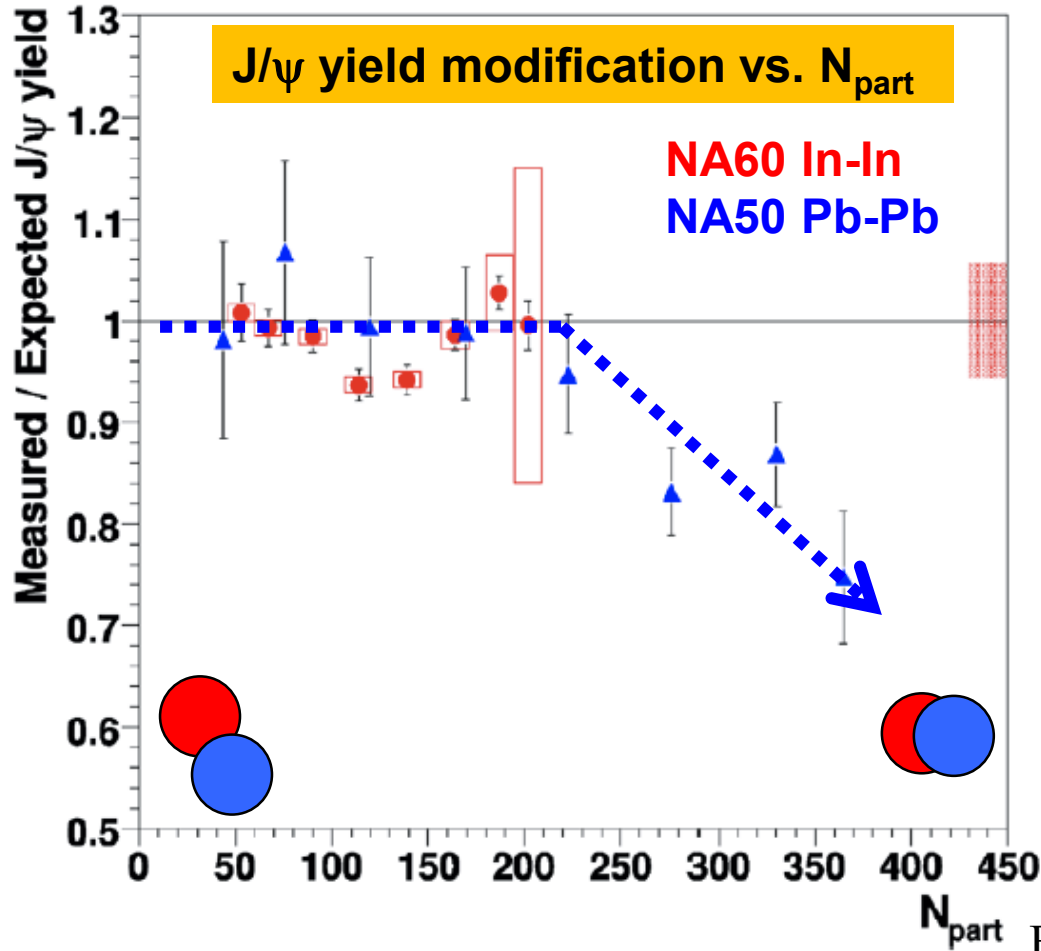
**$B^\pm \rightarrow (J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu) + X$  identified by displaced secondary vertices (see [backup](#))**





# J/ψ Suppression

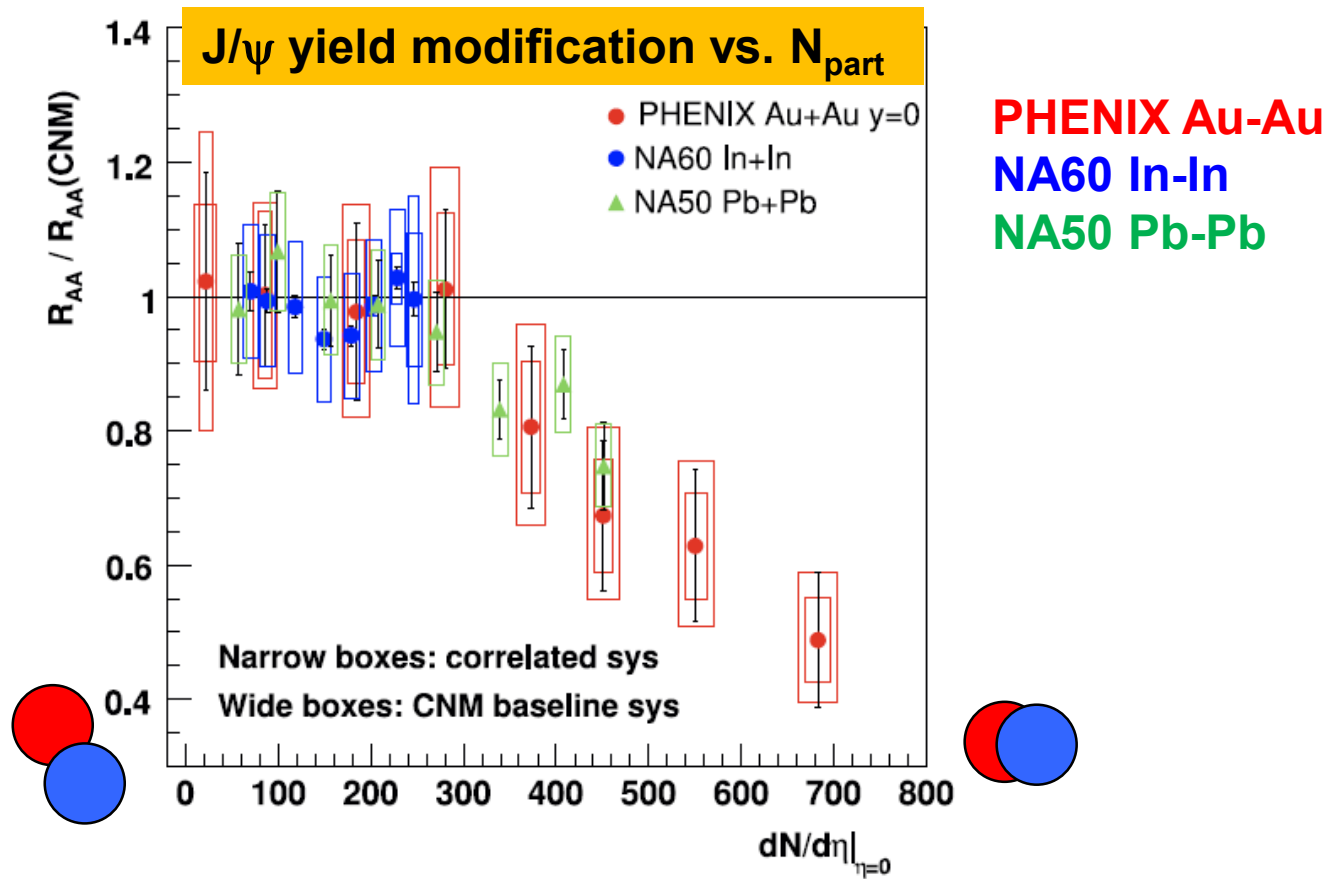
- Observed at SPS in Pb-Pb collisions ( $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 17$  GeV)





# J/ψ Suppression (2)

- ... and at RHIC ( $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV)

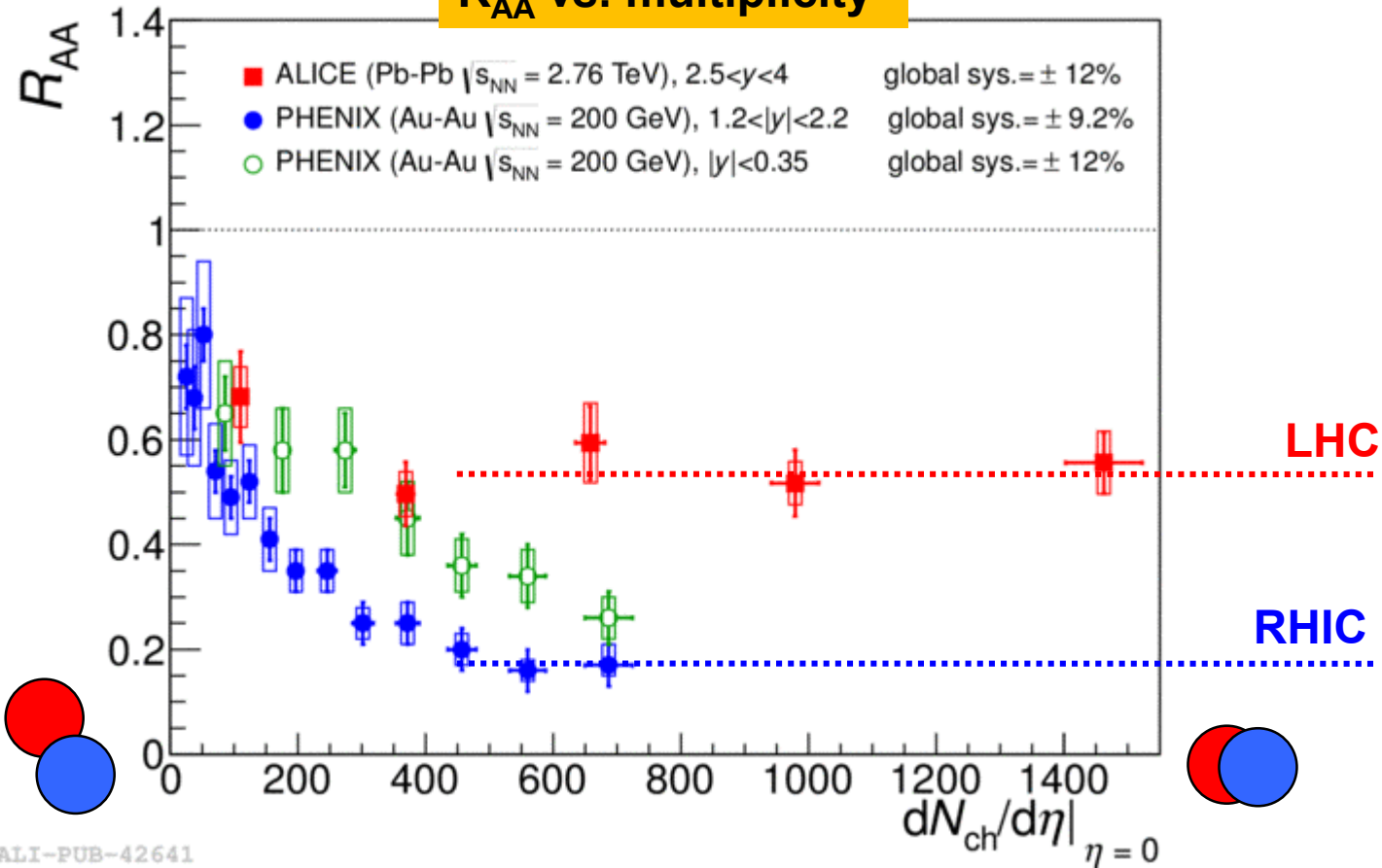


Wouldn't we expect a stronger suppression at larger  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ ?



# J/ψ Suppression (3)

**$R_{AA}$  vs. multiplicity**



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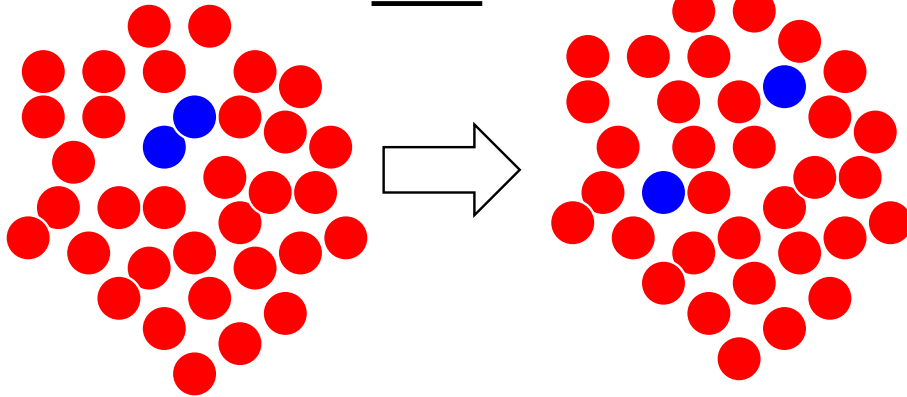


**LHC  $\rightarrow$  RHIC :  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$  14 times larger ... but the suppression is smaller !**

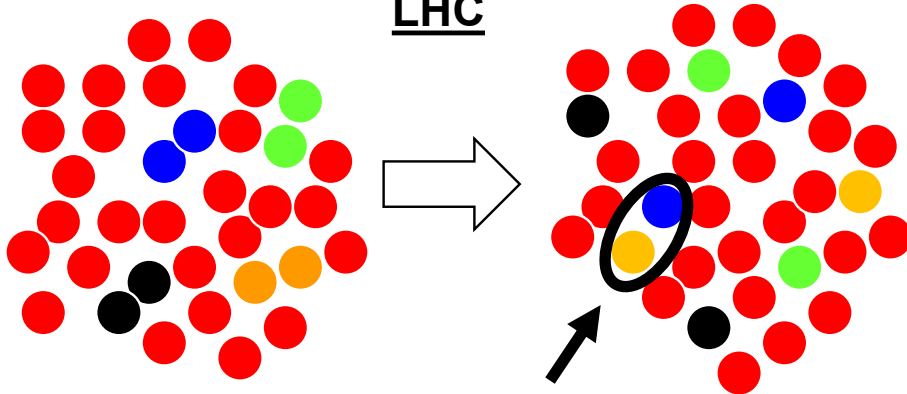


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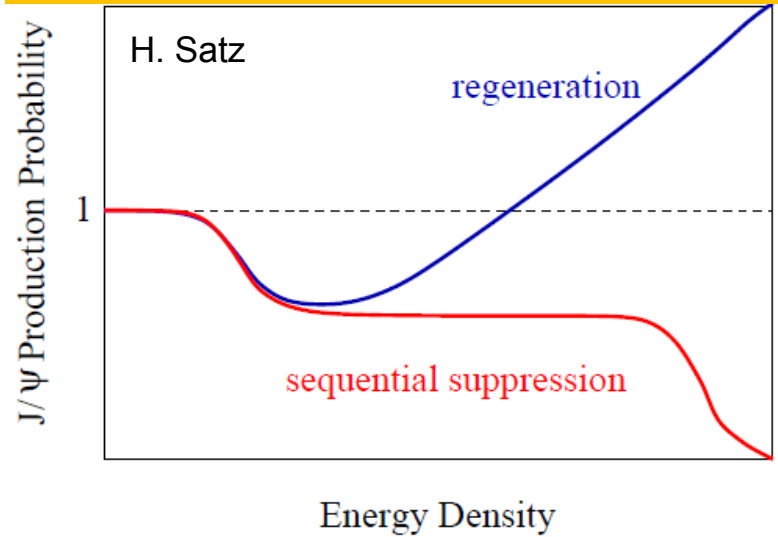
RHIC



LHC



**J/ψ modification vs. energy density**

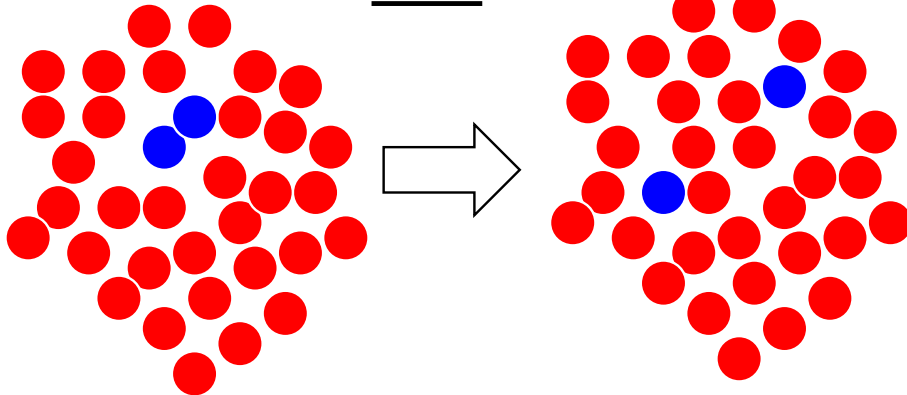


**Dissociation and regeneration work in opposite directions**

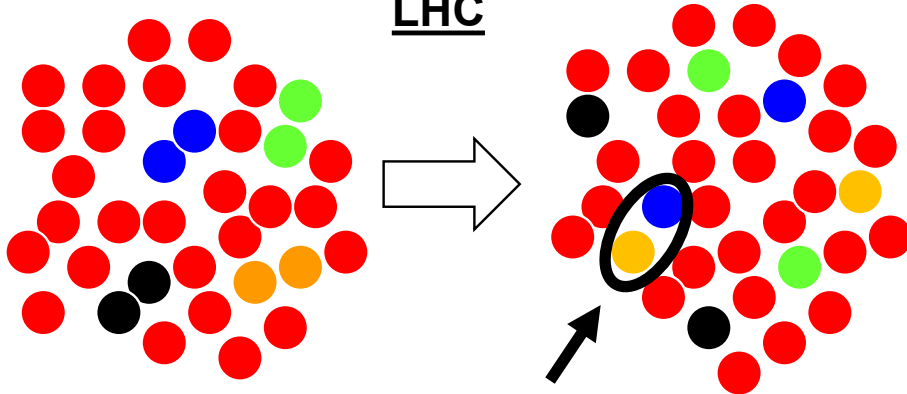


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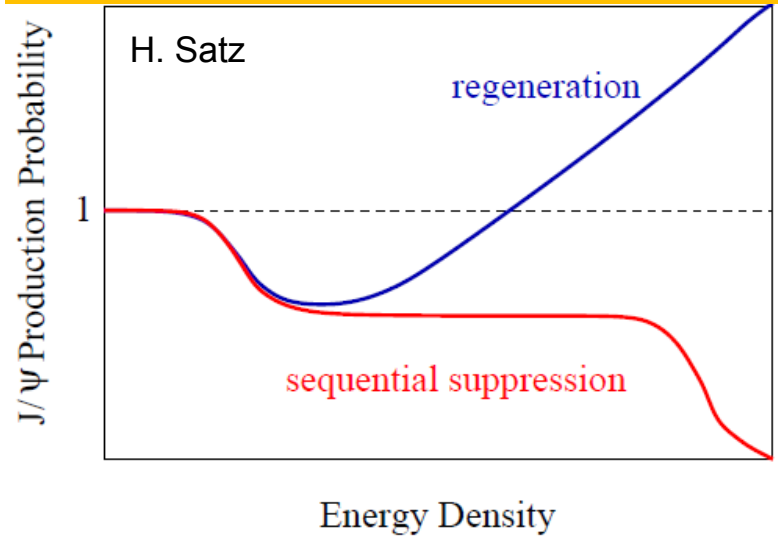
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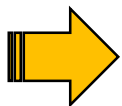
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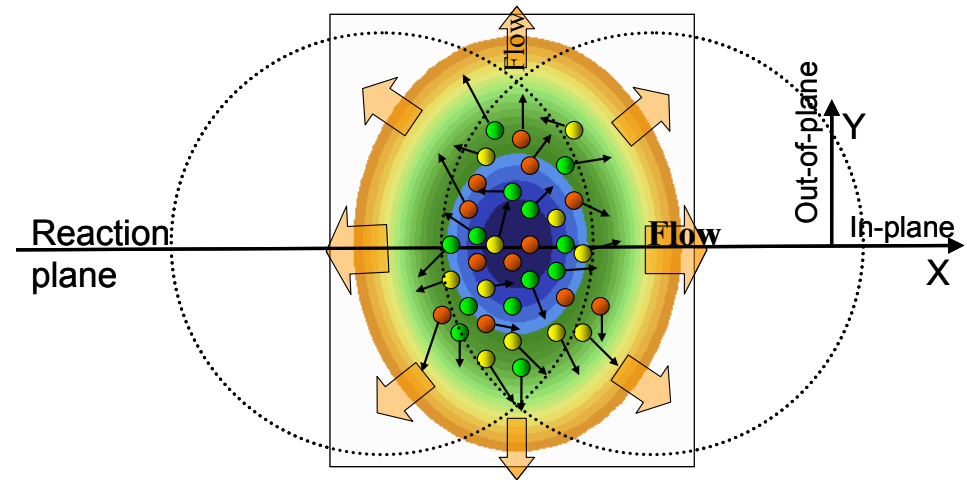
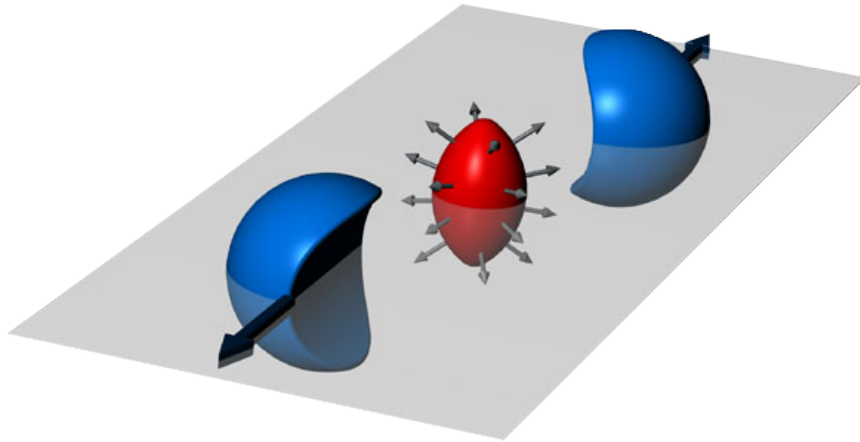
**Dissociation and regeneration work in opposite directions**



**Other quarkonia states melt at different temperatures  
→ QGP thermometer**

# Particle correlations: Elliptic Flow

Non-central collisions are azimuthally asymmetric



The transfer of this asymmetry to momentum space provides a measure of the strength of collective phenomena

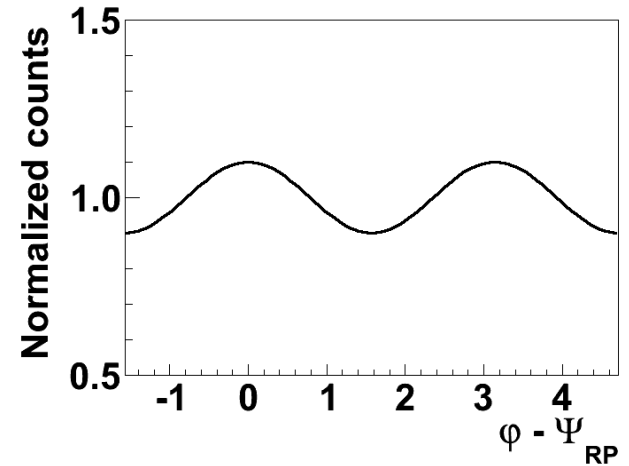
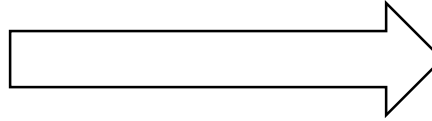
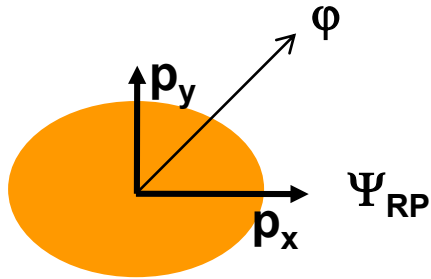
- Large mean free path
  - particles stream out isotropically, no memory of the asymmetry
  - extreme: ideal gas (infinite mean free path)
- Small mean free path
  - larger density gradient  $\rightarrow$  larger pressure gradient  $\rightarrow$  larger momentum
  - extreme: ideal liquid (zero mean free path, hydrodynamic limit)





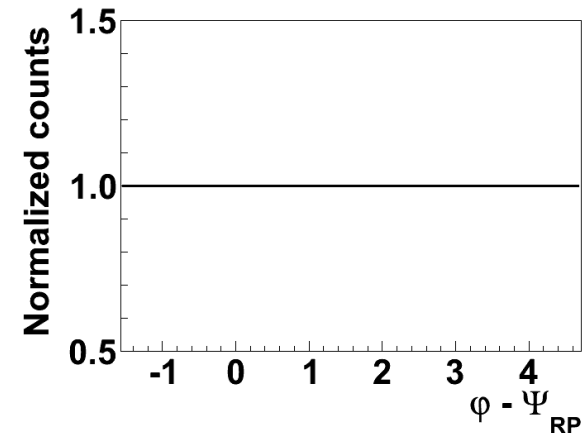
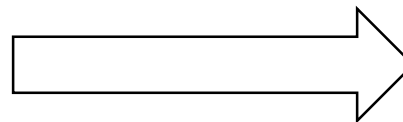
# Elliptic Flow

- Particles as a function of  $\varphi - \Psi_{RP}$



$$\frac{dN}{d\varphi} = A(1 + 2v_2 \cos 2(\varphi - \Psi_{RP}))$$

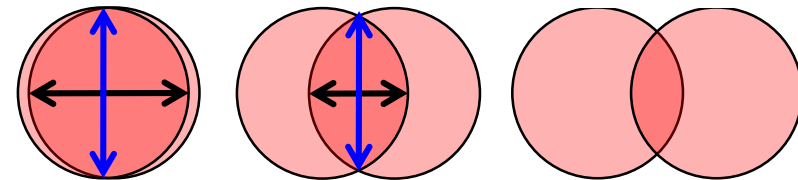
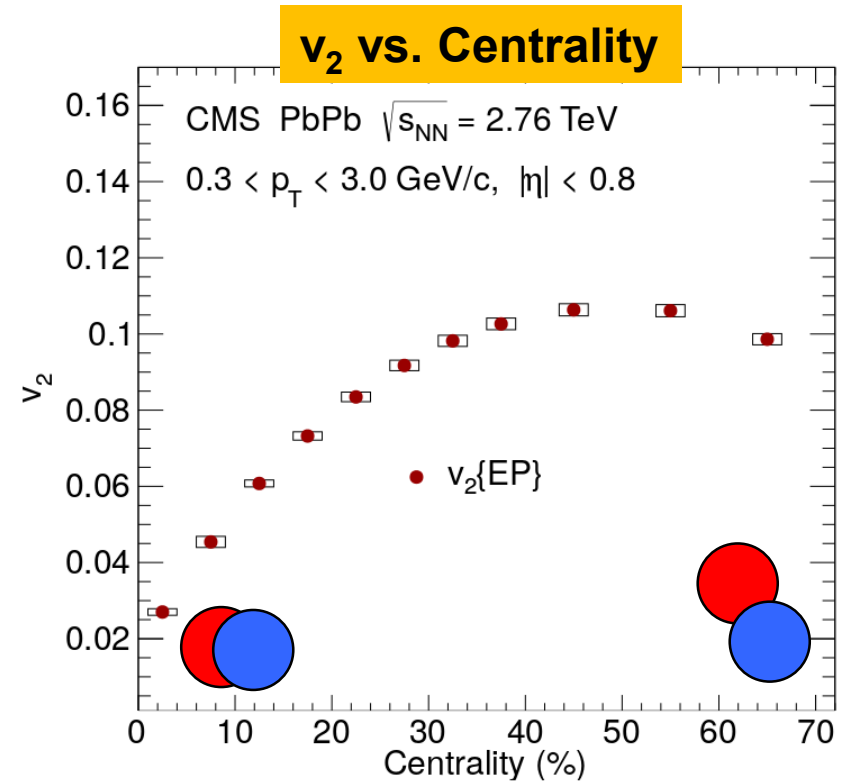
- Define  $v_2 = \langle \cos 2(\varphi - \Psi_{RP}) \rangle$ 
  - Second coefficient of Fourier expansion
- $\Psi_{RP}$  common *symmetry plane* (for all particles)
- What if there were no correlations with  $\Psi_{RP}$ ?



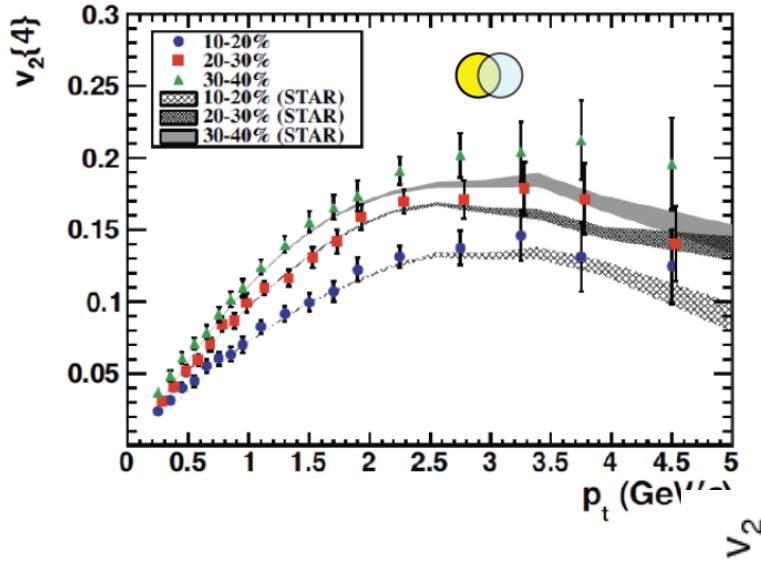


# Centrality Dependence

- Strong centrality dependence
- $v_2$  largest for 40-50%
- Spatial anisotropy very small in central collisions
- Largest anisotropy in mid-central collisions
- Small overlap region in peripheral collisions



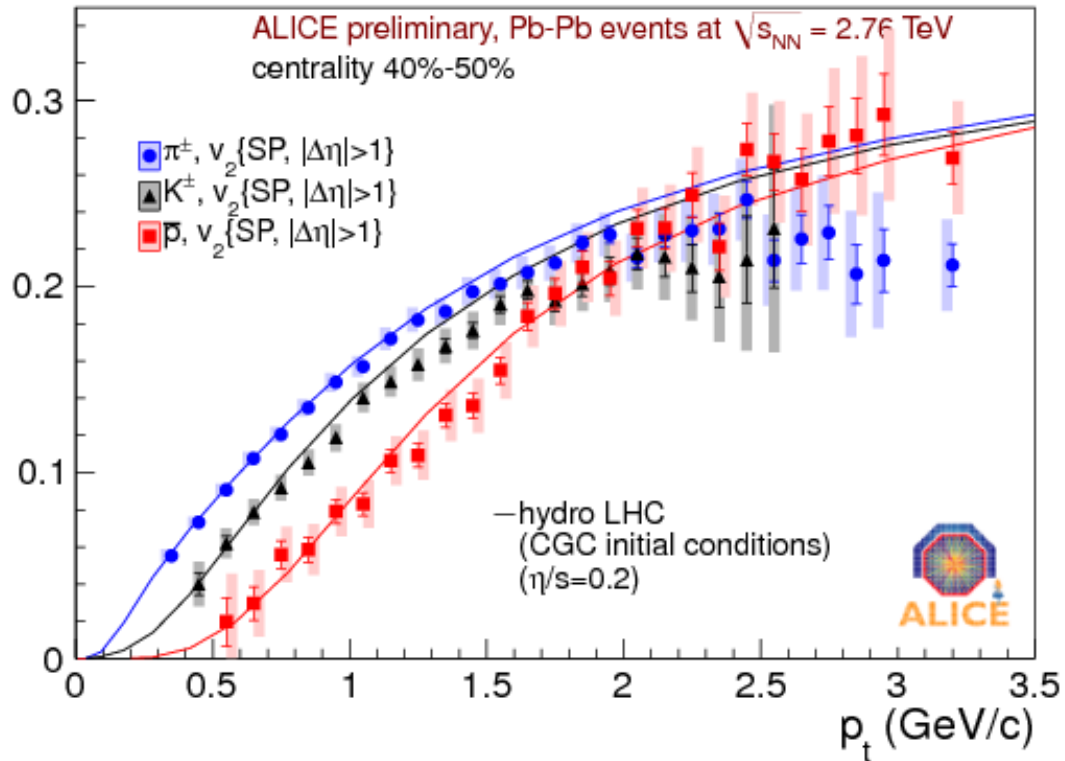
$v_2(p_T)$  very similar at LHC and RHIC



- system still have low viscosity
- similar behaviour

azimuthal asymmetry almost as large as expected at hydro limit! ... “perfect liquid”?

very far from “ideal gas” picture of plasma





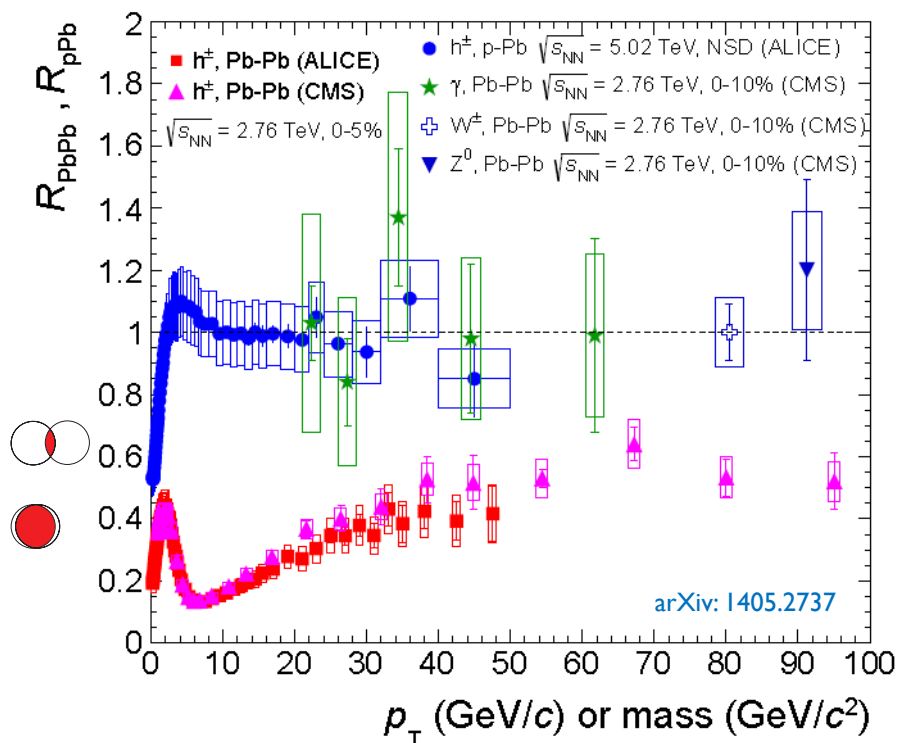
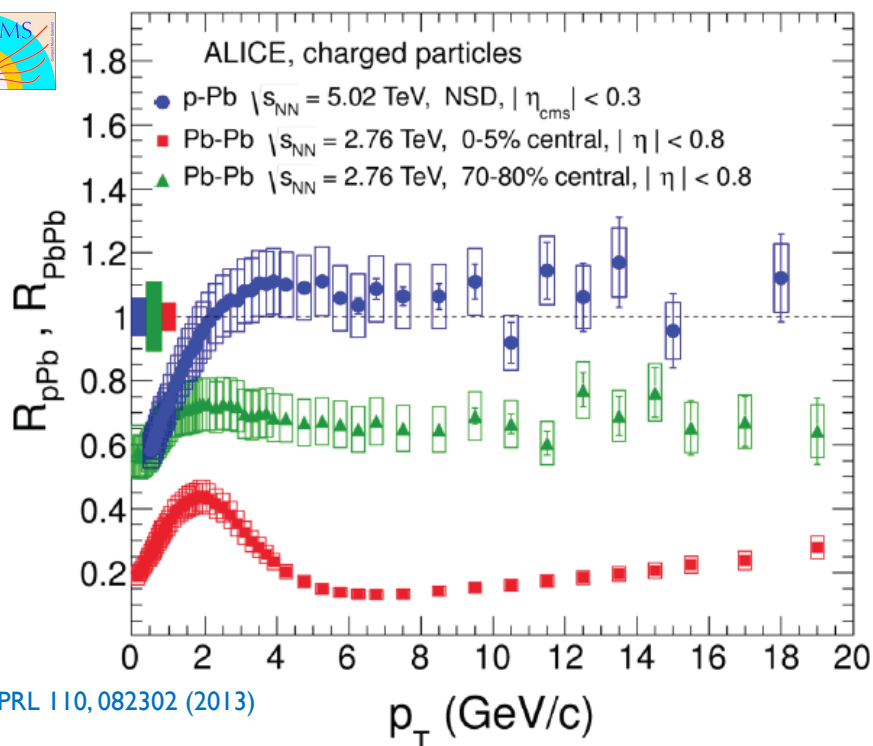
**We have a liquid of quarks and gluons!**

**The QGP is the perfect liquid!**

(not the gas of “free” quarks and gluons we expected)

# Particles through Pb-Pb and p-Pb

Nuclear Modification Factor: 
$$R_{AA}(p_T) = \frac{Yield(Pb + Pb)}{Yield(p + p) \times \langle N_{coll} \rangle}$$

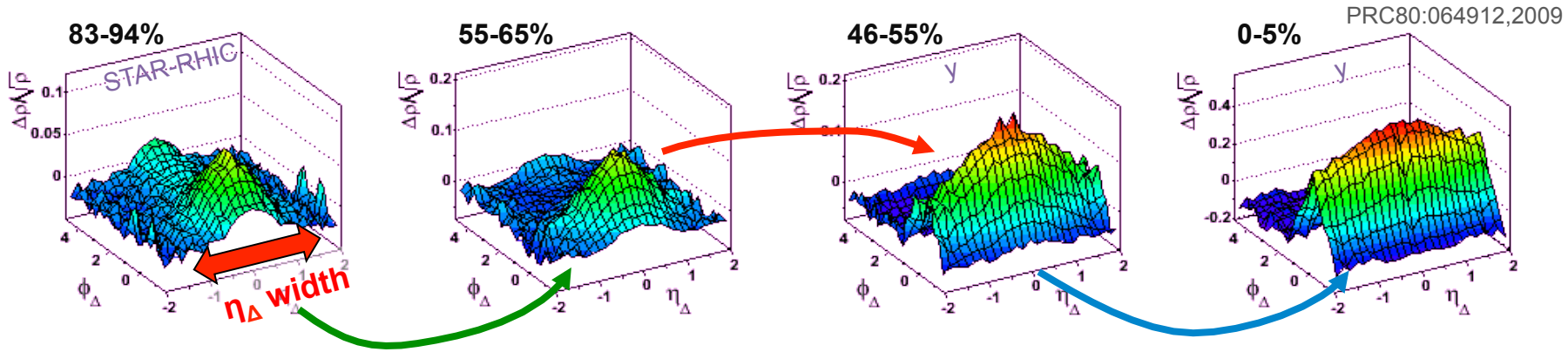


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- Strong suppression of charged hadrons in Pb-Pb (wrt pp) up to very high momenta
- Direct photons, W and Z are not quenched ... reference particles
- p-Pb results (consistent with unity up to 50 GeV) confirm that strong suppression in Pb-Pb is due to hot nuclear matter effects

# The ridge in A+A collisions

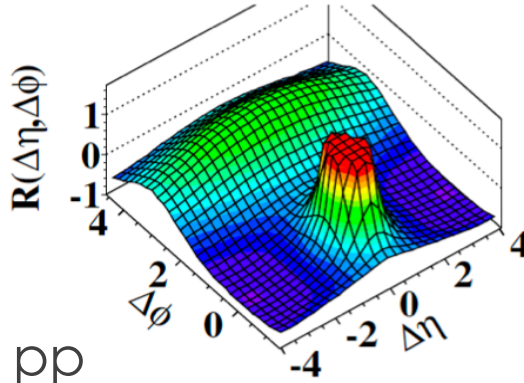


In (central) A+A, the ridge is commonly interpreted as hydrodynamic “hubble” flow of initial “stringy” structures in rapidity

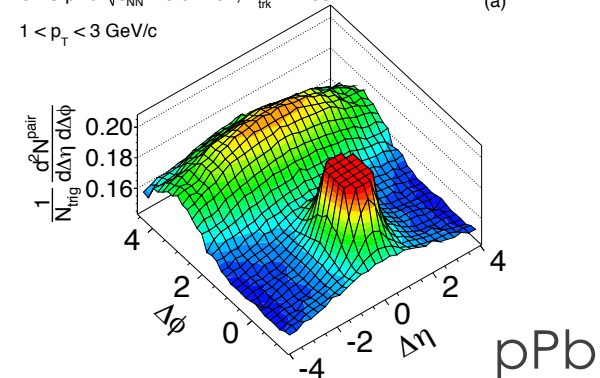
The structures in the  $\Delta\phi$  direction are decomposed and studied by the  $v_n$  Fourier “Flow moments”

Not in pp (low multiplicity) neither in pPb (low multiplicity)

CMS Min. Bias ( $1 \text{ GeV} < p_T < 3 \text{ GeV}$ )

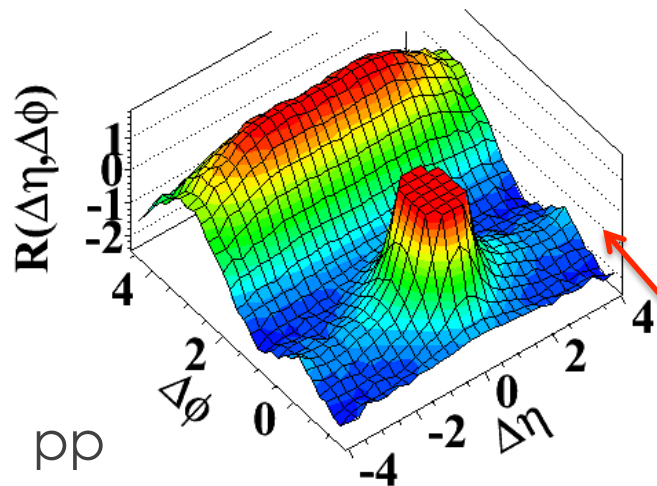


CMS pPb  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $N_{\text{trk}}^{\text{offline}} < 35$   
 $1 < p_T < 3 \text{ GeV}/c$



# The discovery

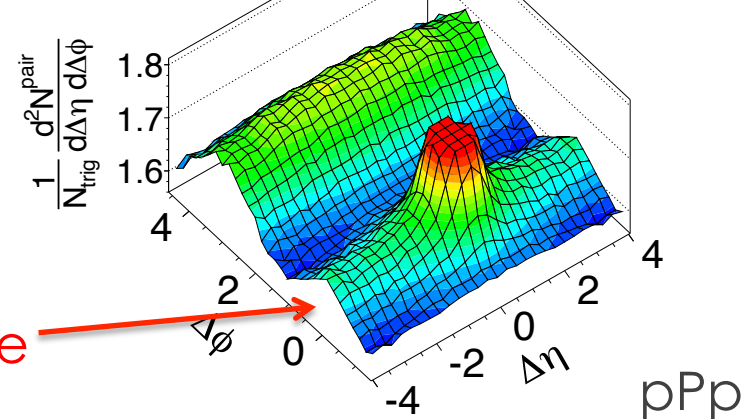
(d)  $N > 110$ ,  $1.0 \text{ GeV}/c < p_T < 3.0 \text{ GeV}/c$



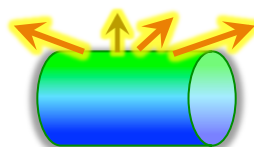
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(b)

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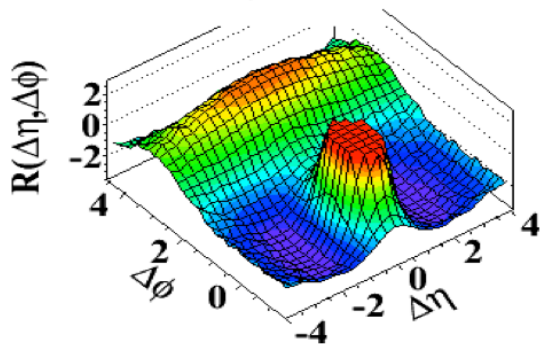


Ridge



Distinct long range correlation in  $\eta$  collimated around  $\Delta \Phi \approx 0$

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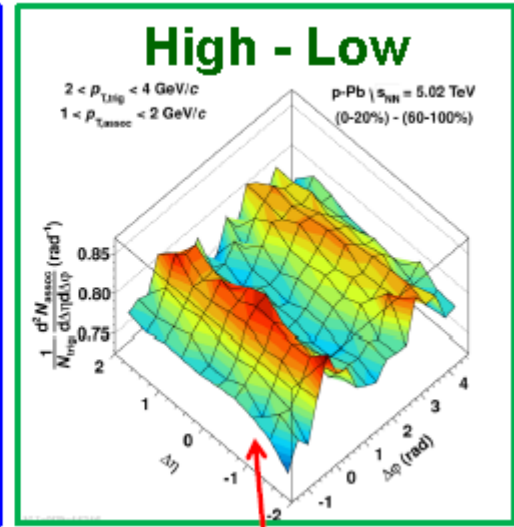
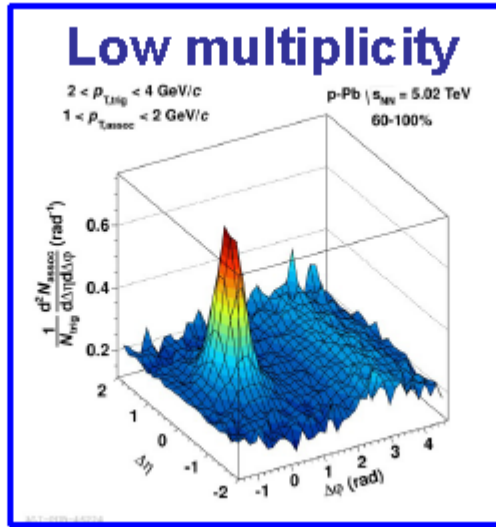
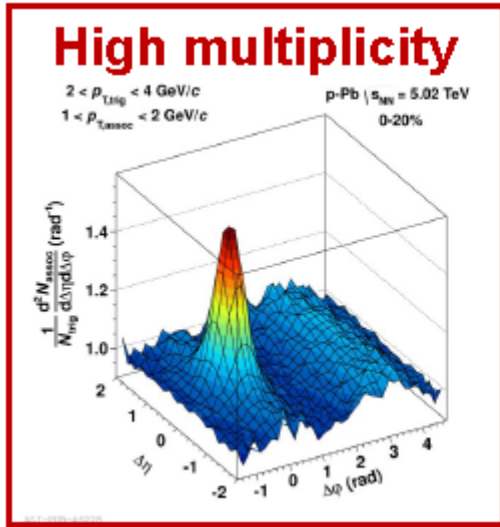


Similar for pPb (high mult), pp (high mult) and PbPb (peripheral)

Hydrodynamic flow in pp and pPb collisions?

No ridge in MC

# Correlations: double ridge in p-Pb



Double ridge described by both Color Glass Condensate (initial state effect) or hydrodynamics (final state effect)

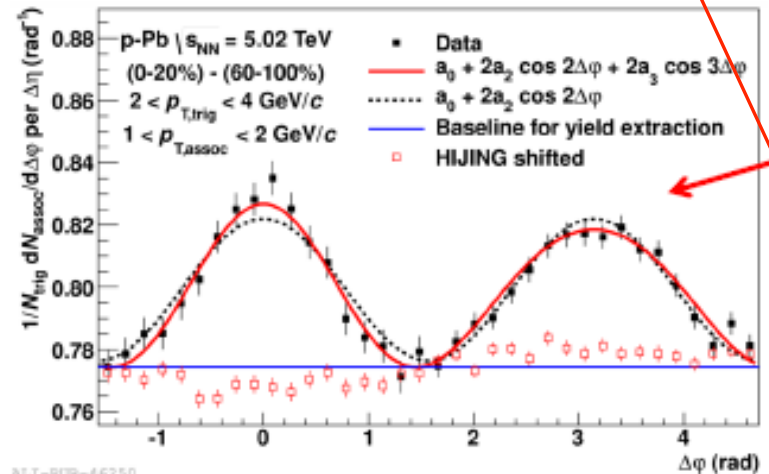
projected on  $\Delta\phi$

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Why sometimes the particles fly in sync?

“The LHC may be uncovering a new deep internal structure of the initial protons ... at these higher energies, one is taking a snapshot of the proton with higher spatial and time resolution than ever before”

Frank Wilczek



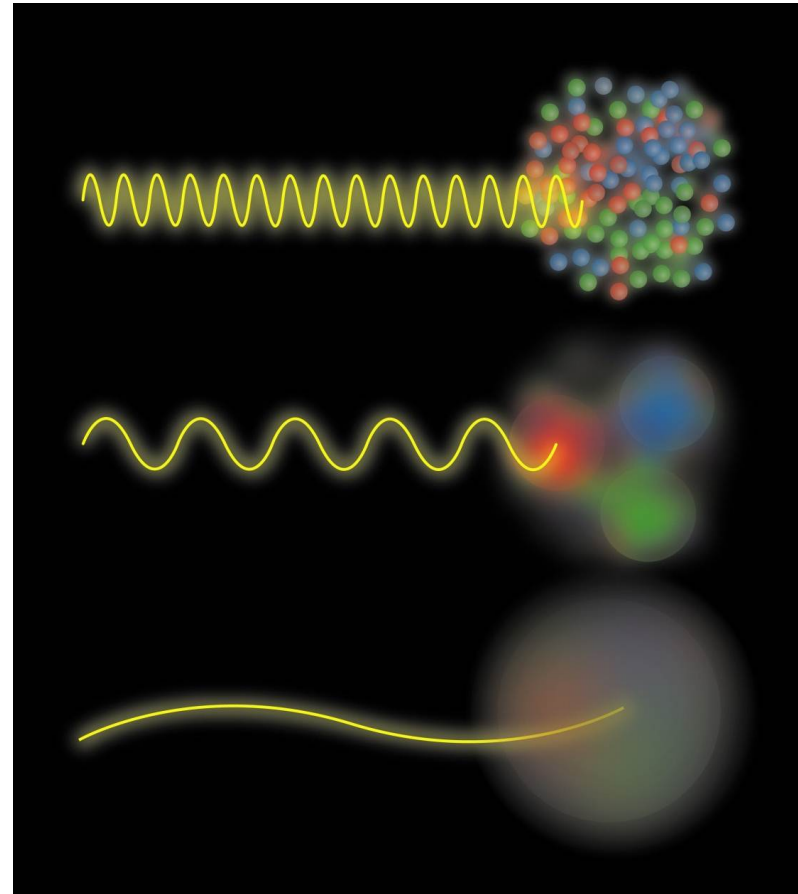
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# Let's go back to "fundamentals"

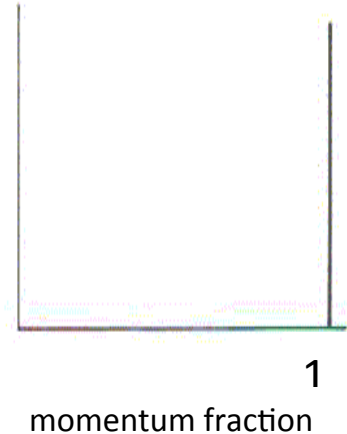
Different energy scales offer  
information on different aspects of  
proton internal structure



# Unveiling the proton structure by scattering particles

momentum fraction that the scattering particle would carry if the proton were made of ...

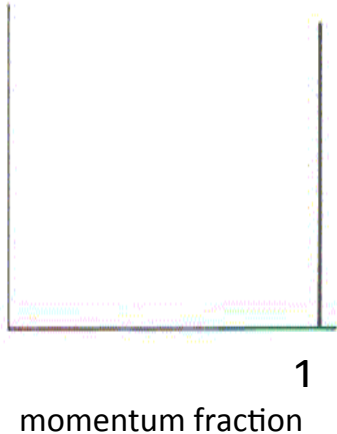
A point-like  
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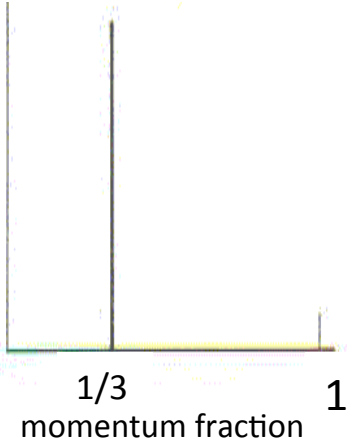
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3 valence quarks



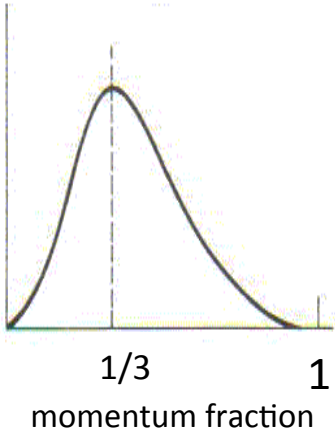
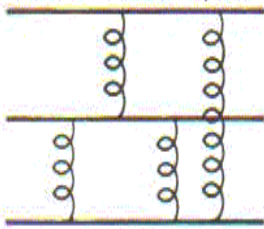
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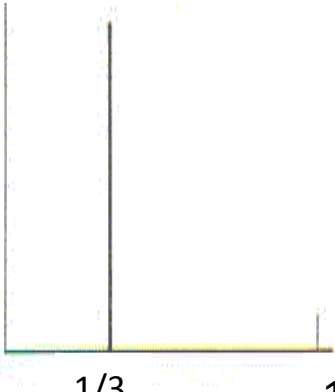
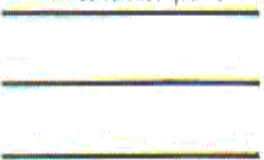
A point-like particle



3 bound valence quarks



3 valence quarks



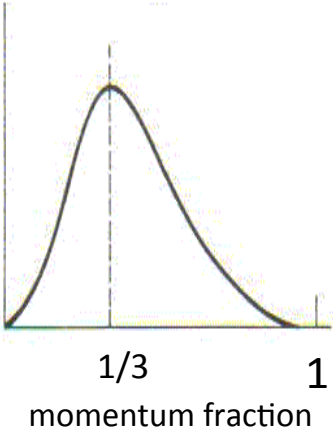
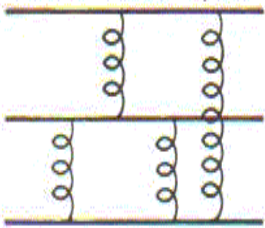
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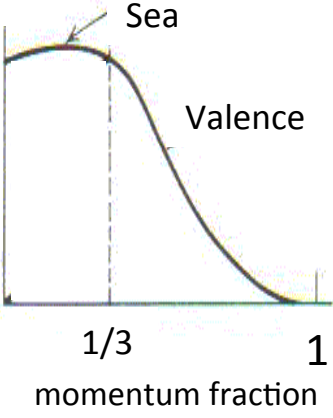
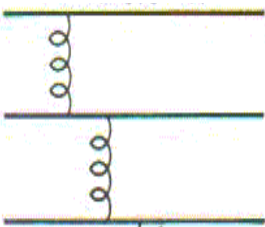
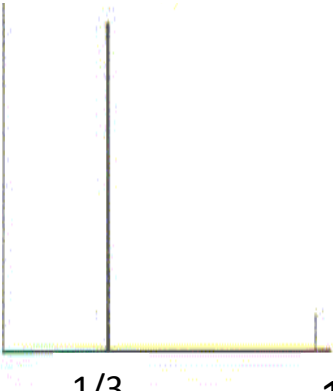
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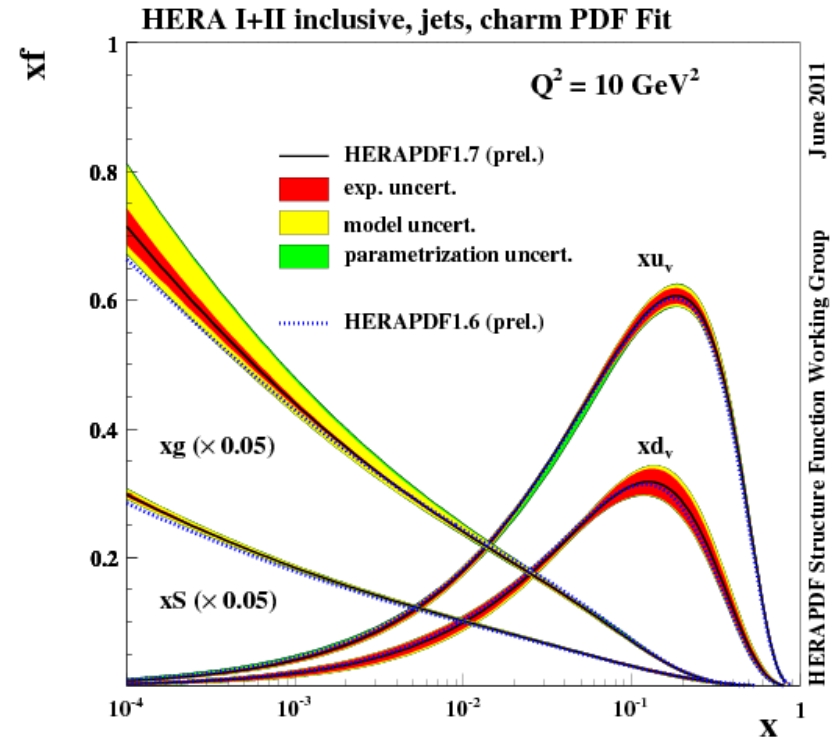
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small momentum

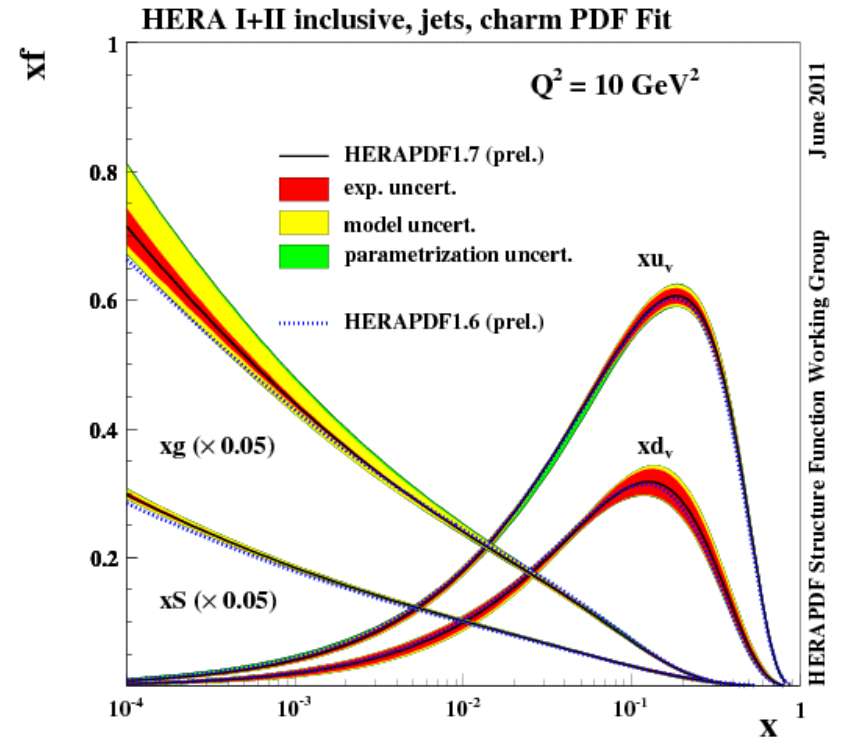
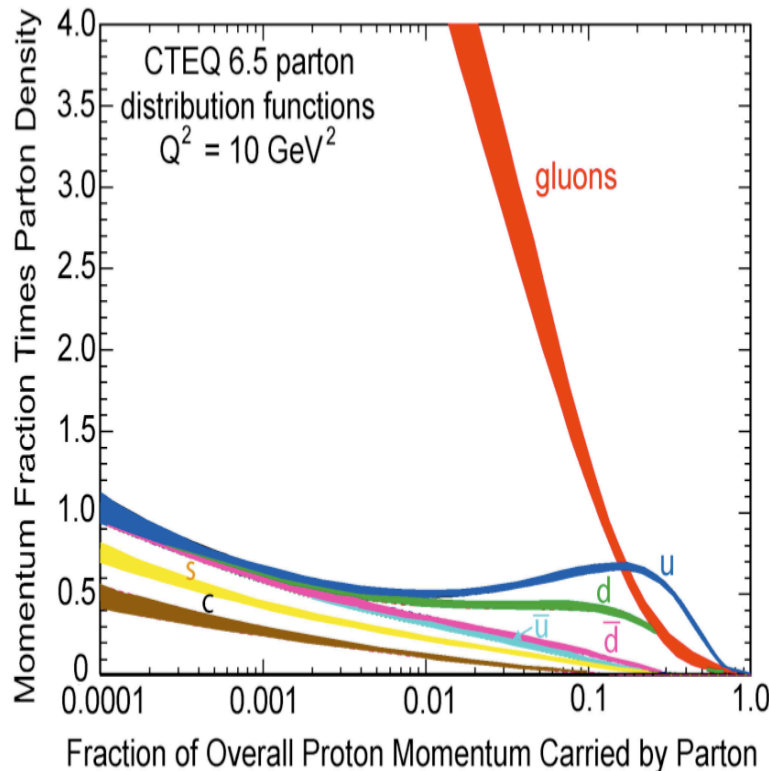
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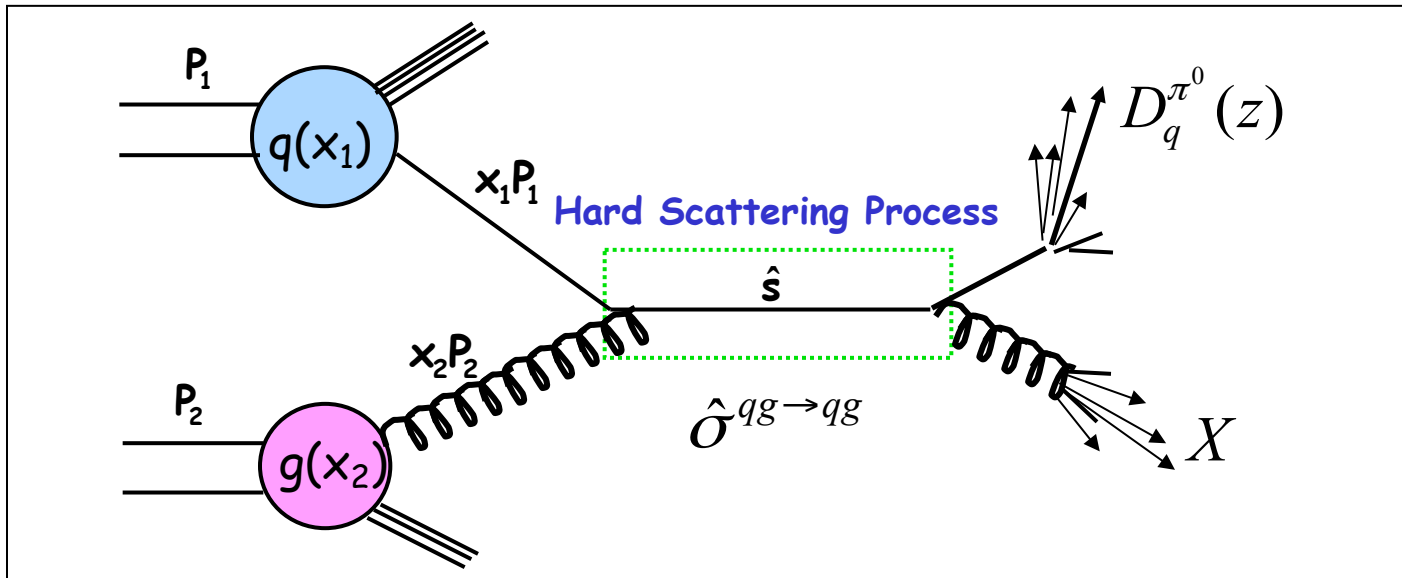
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- Up and down quark “valence” distributions peaked  $\sim 1/3$
- Lots of sea quark-antiquark pairs and even more gluons!





$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow \pi^0 X) \propto \underbrace{q(x_1)}_{\text{blue}} \otimes \underbrace{g(x_2)}_{\text{pink}} \otimes \underbrace{\hat{\sigma}^{qg \rightarrow qg}(\hat{s})}_{\text{green}} \otimes \underbrace{D_q^{\pi^0}(z)}_{\text{red}}$$

Particle production rates can be calculated using pQCD from:

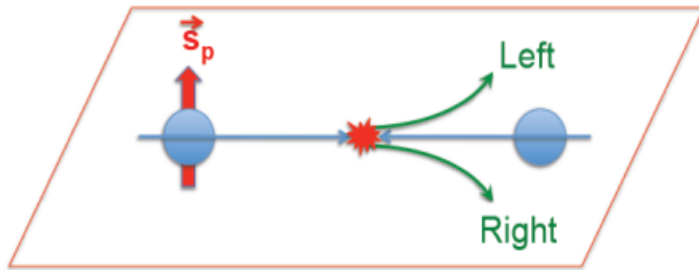
- Parton distribution functions (from experiment)
- pQCD partonic scattering rates (from theory)
- “Fragmentation functions” (from experiment)

We can use *factorized* perturbative QCD (pQCD) to calculate particle production at high-energy facilities

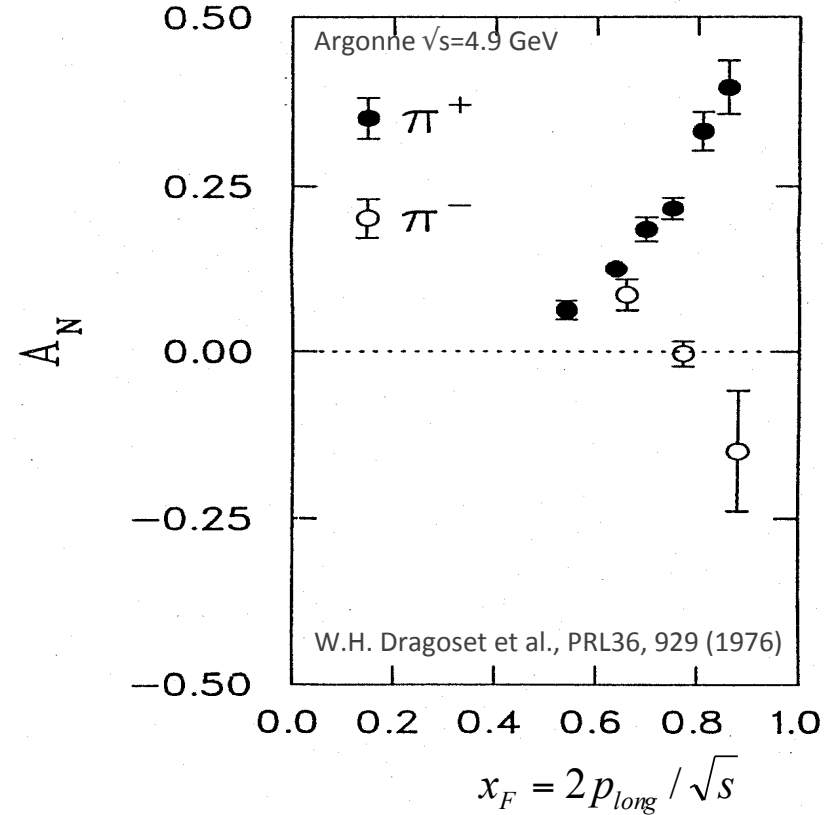


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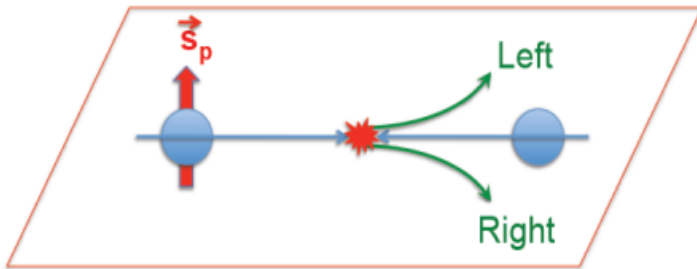


Spin-momentum correlations:  
1976 discovery in p+p collisions



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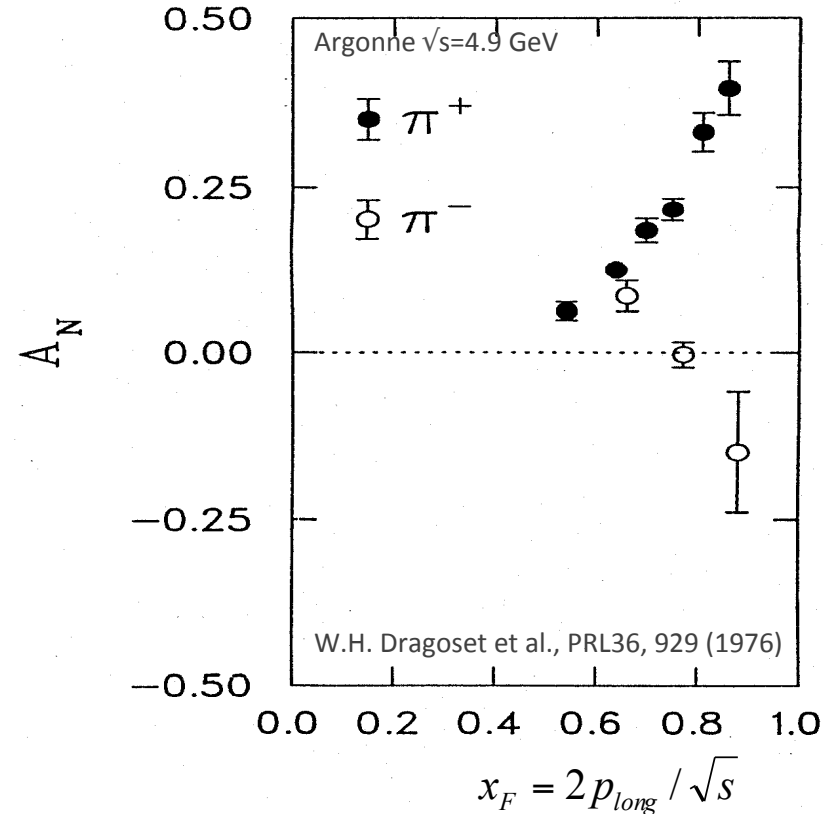
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Had to wait more than a decade for the birth of a new subfield:

- In 1990 D.W. Sivers departs from traditional collinear factorization assumption in pQCD and proposes correlation between the intrinsic transverse motion of the quarks and gluons and the proton's spin

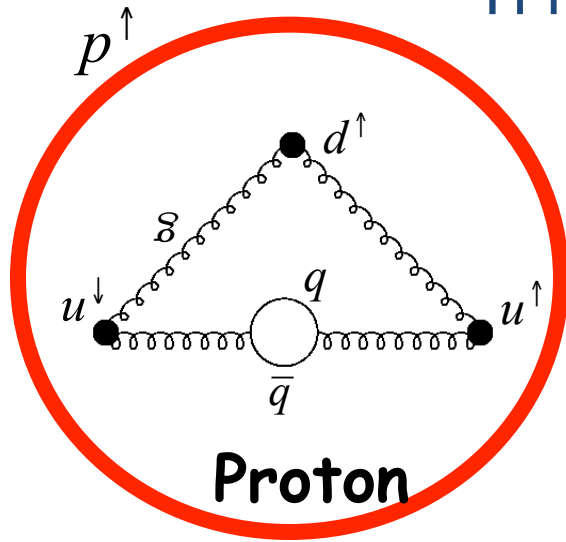
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*First quark distribution function describing a spin-momentum correlation in the proton*

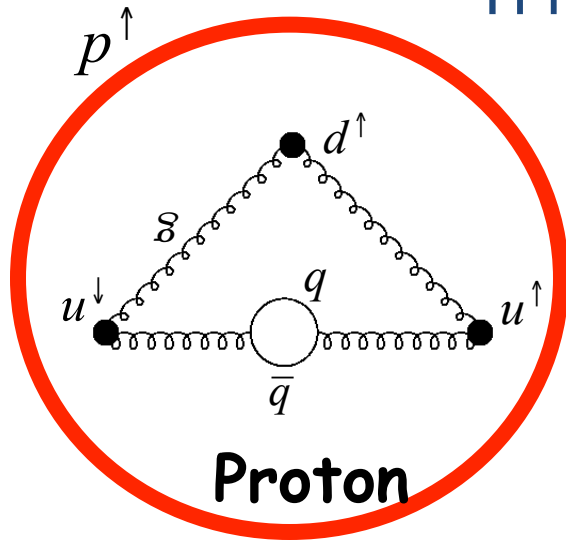
*New frontier! Quark dynamics inside QCD bound states, and in their formation process*

# The Proton Spin Crisis



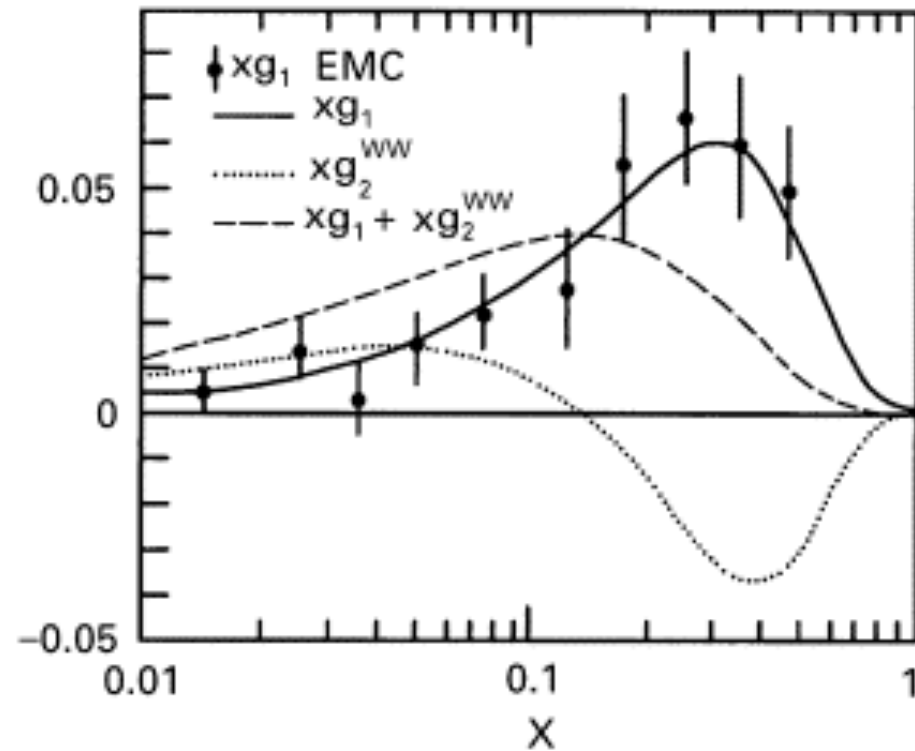
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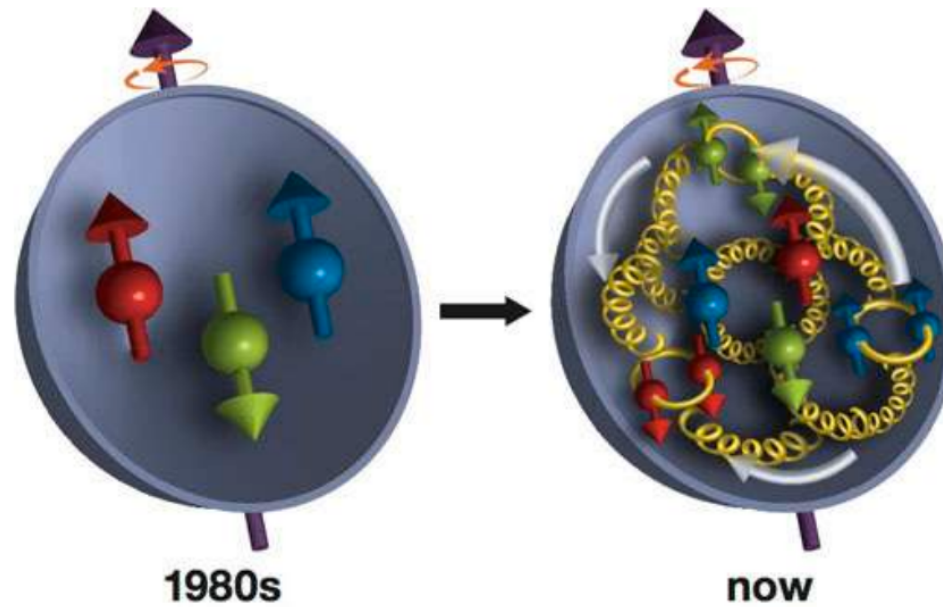


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Surprising data from late 1980's!  
Only  $\sim 12\%$  of proton's spin carried by quarks' spins!



Hence ~12% of the proton spin is carried by the spin of the quarks,  
the remaining spin must be carried by gluons or orbital angular momentum



$$\frac{1}{2}\hbar = \underbrace{\sum_q \frac{1}{2} S_q^z}_{\text{Total quark spin}} + \underbrace{S_g^z}_{\text{gluon spin}} + \underbrace{\sum_q L_q^z + L_g^z}_{\text{angular momentum}}$$

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$$f_1 = \text{circle with dot}$$

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$$g_{1L} = \text{circle with dot and right arrow} - \text{circle with dot and left arrow} \quad \text{Helicity}$$

$$h_{1T} = \text{circle with dot and up arrow} - \text{circle with dot and down arrow} \quad \text{Transversity}$$

Worm-gear  
(Kotzinian-Mulders)

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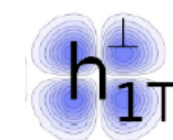
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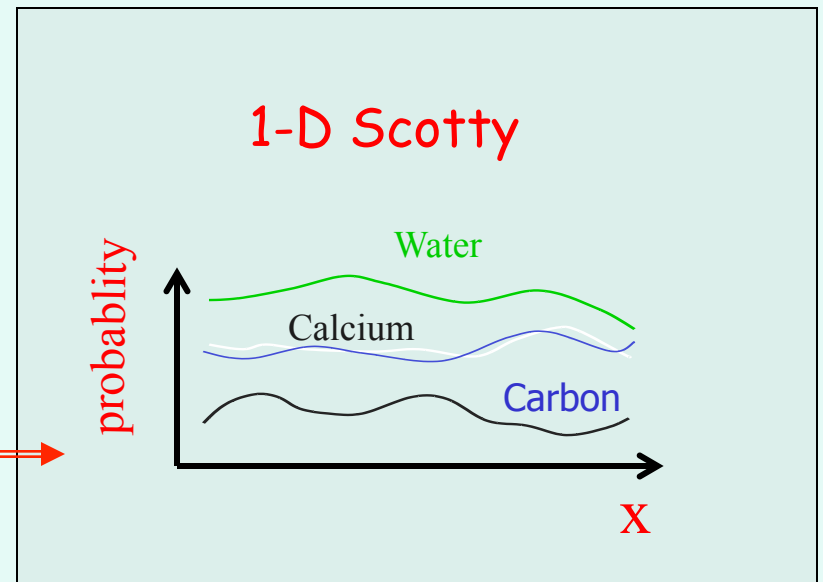
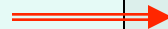
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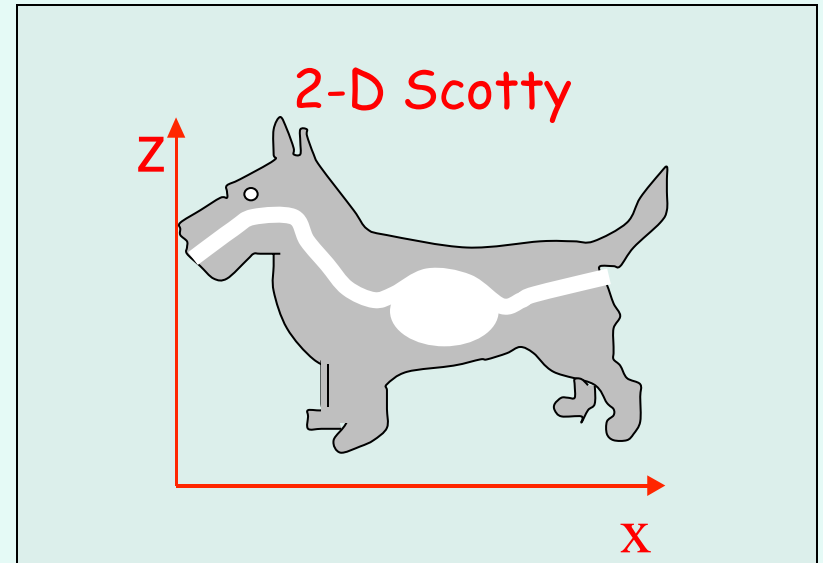
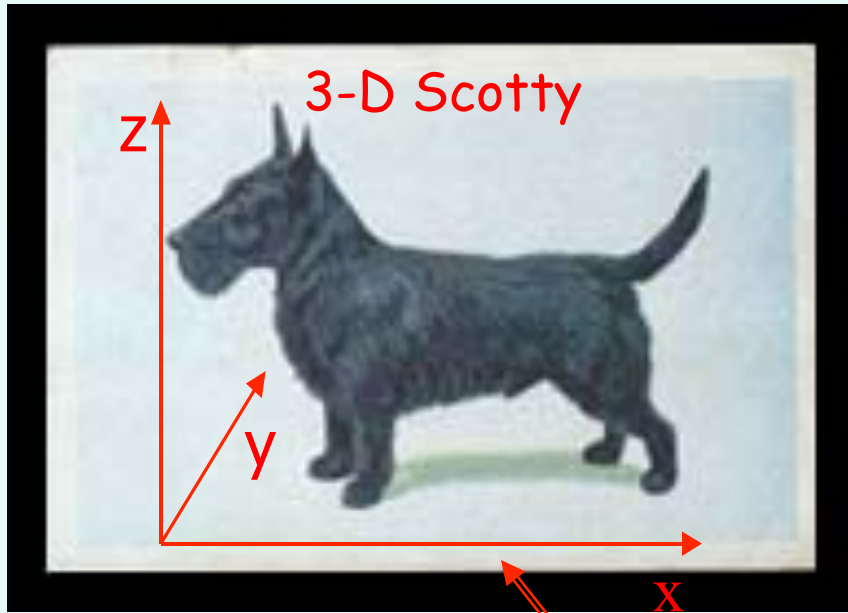


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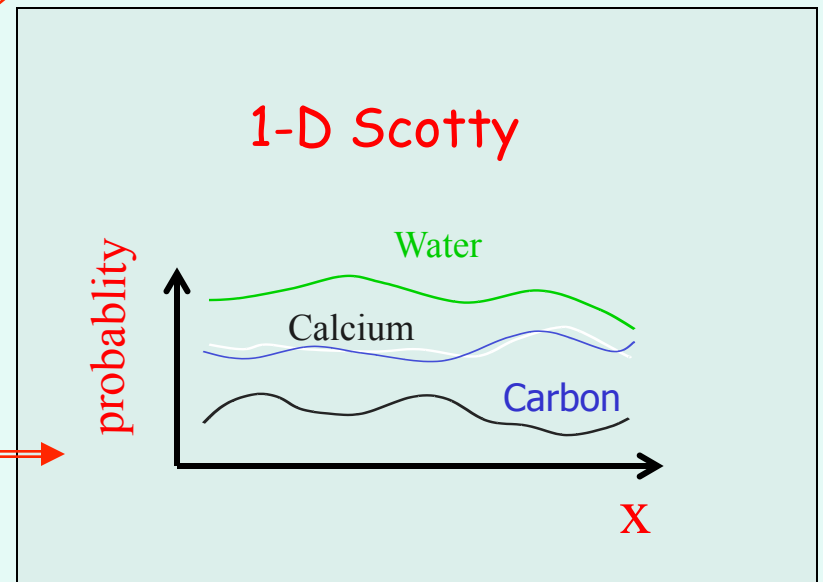
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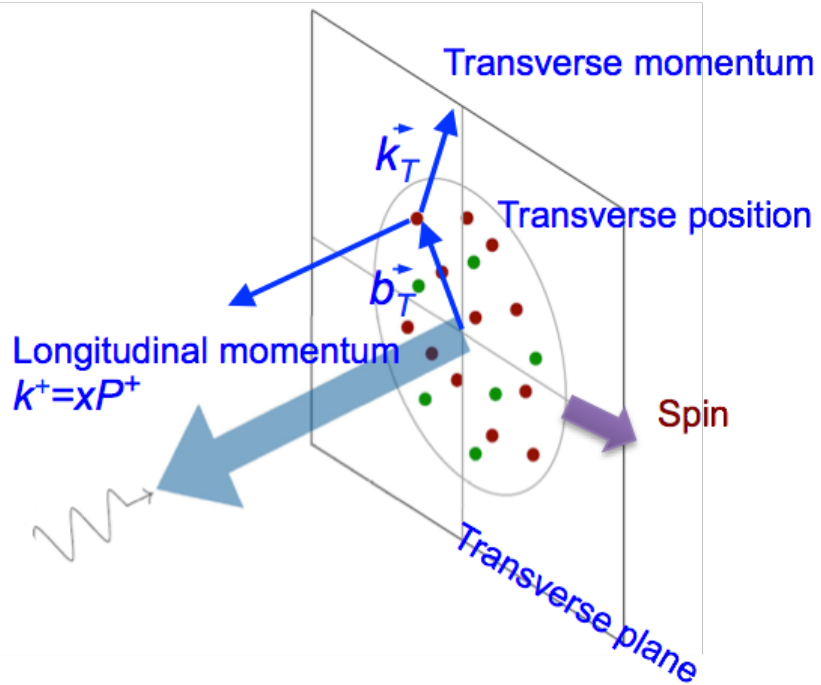


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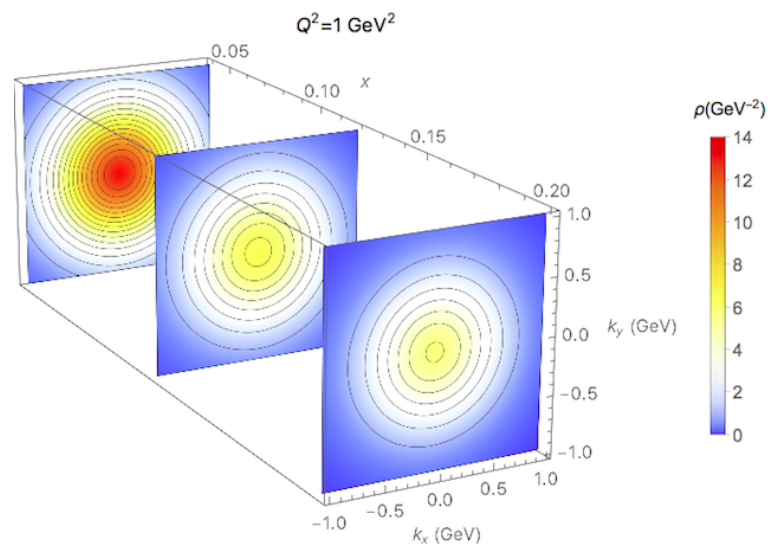
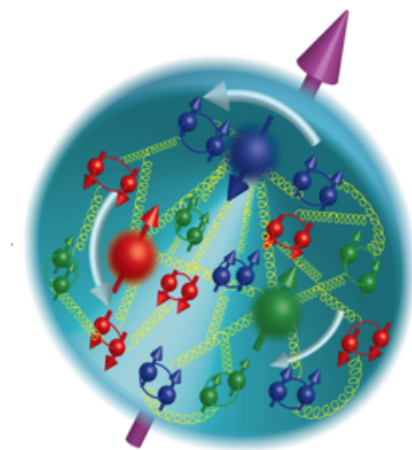
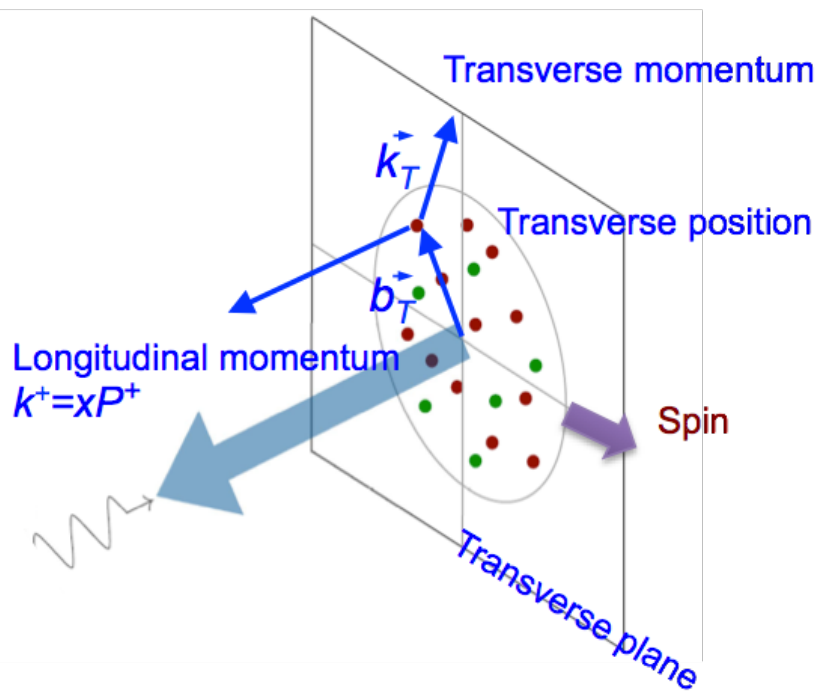
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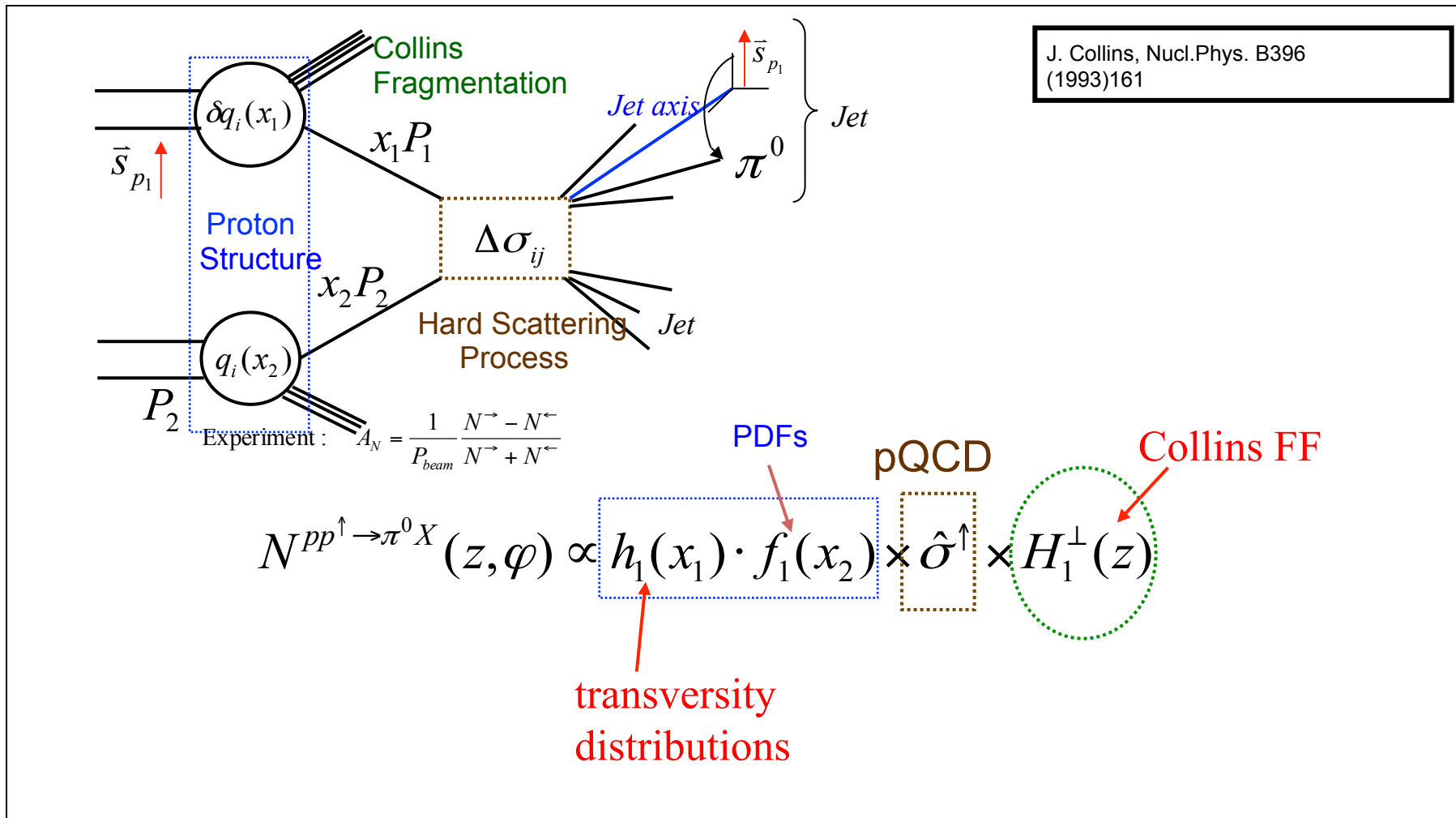


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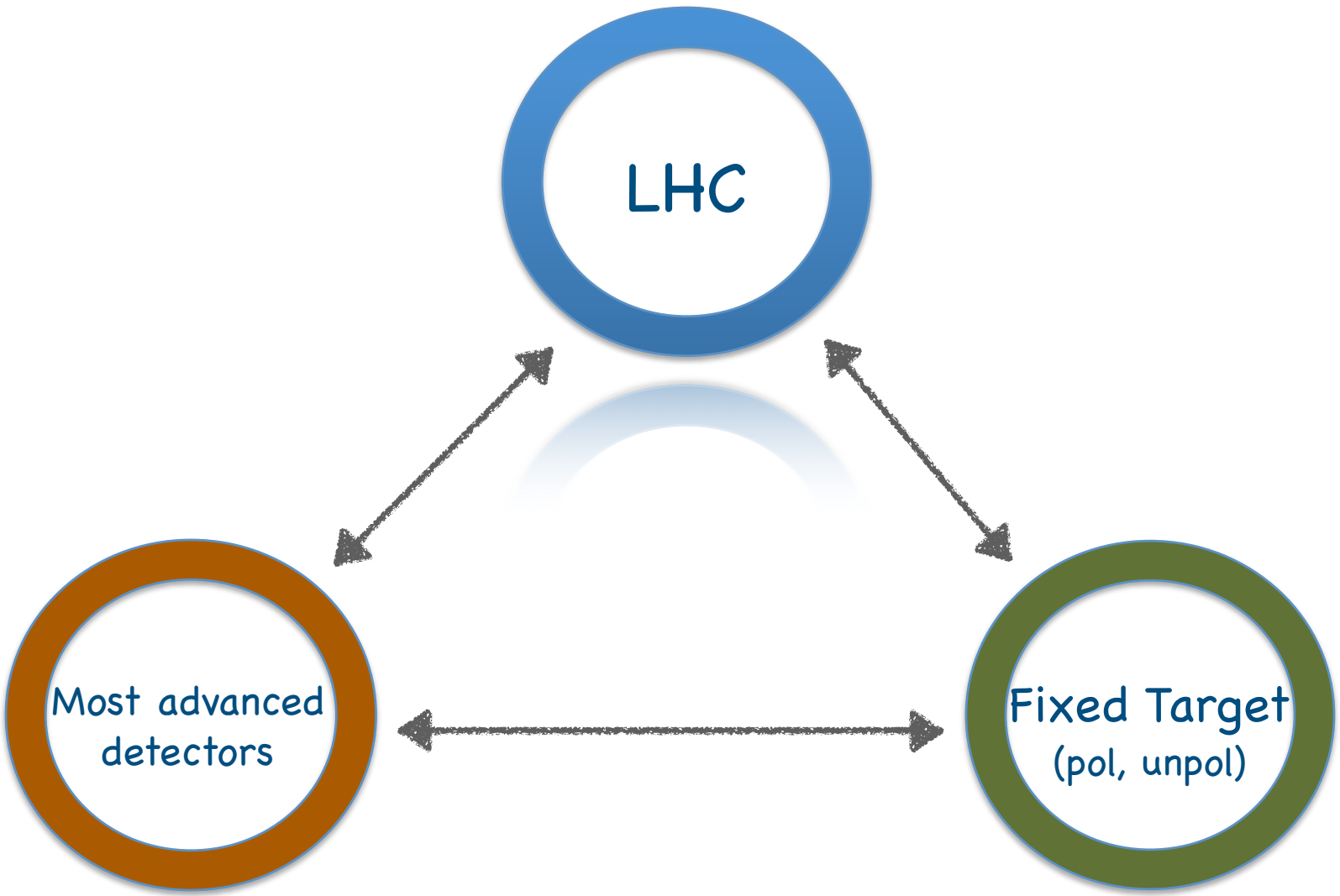


# Transverse Momentum Distribution Functions (TMDs)

PDFs involving transversely polarized quarks are **chiral-odd**  
 -can only be observed experimentally in conjunction with a second chiral-odd function

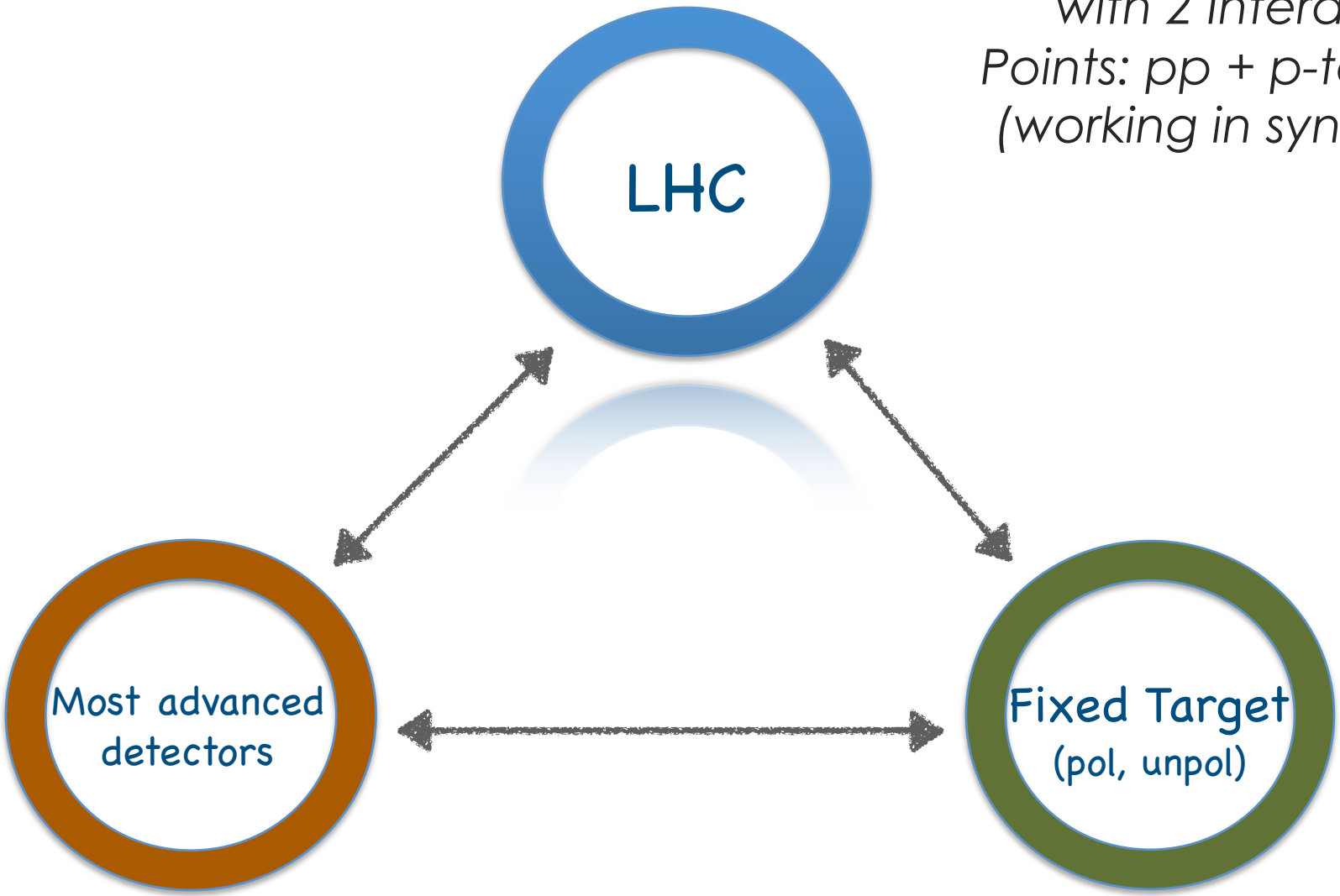


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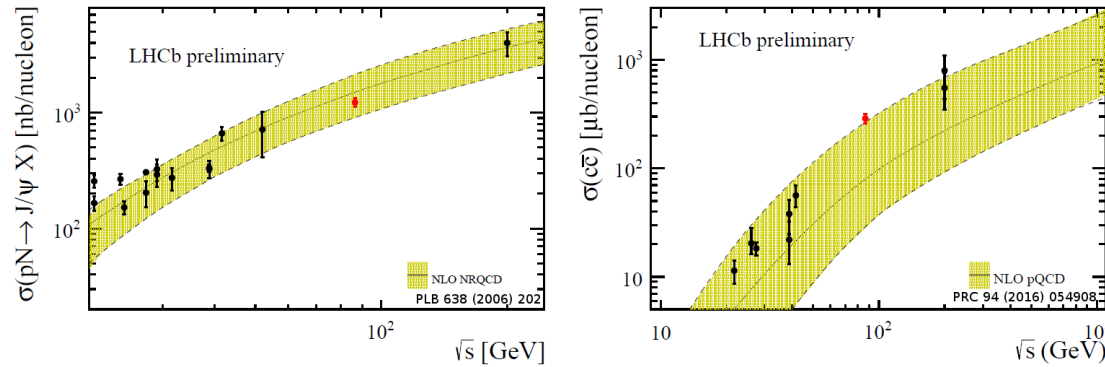
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*For the first time we will have an experiment with 2 Interaction Points: pp + p-target (working in synergy)*

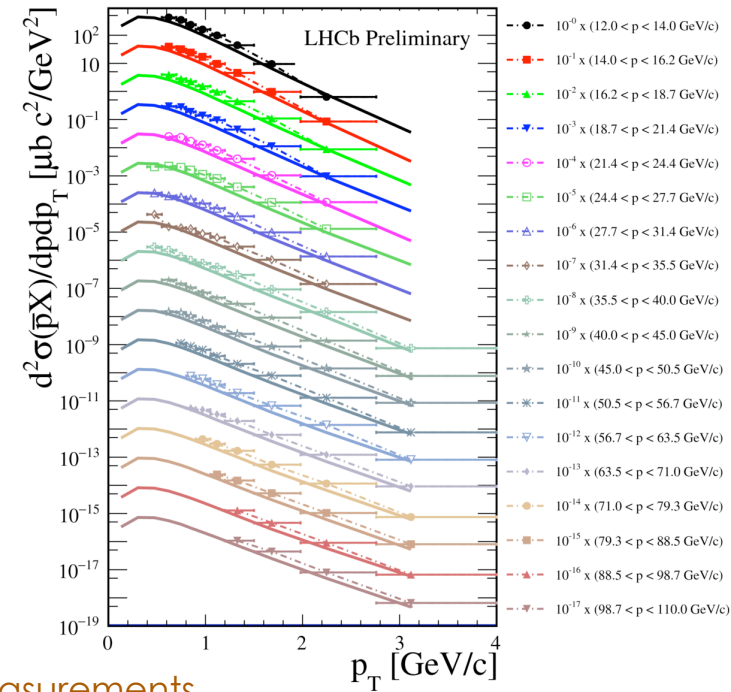


# New perspectives in QCD and soft QCD for Cosmic Ray Physics

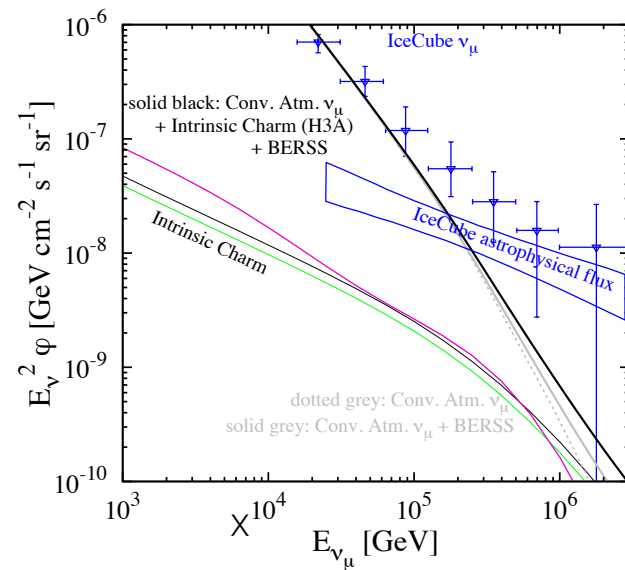
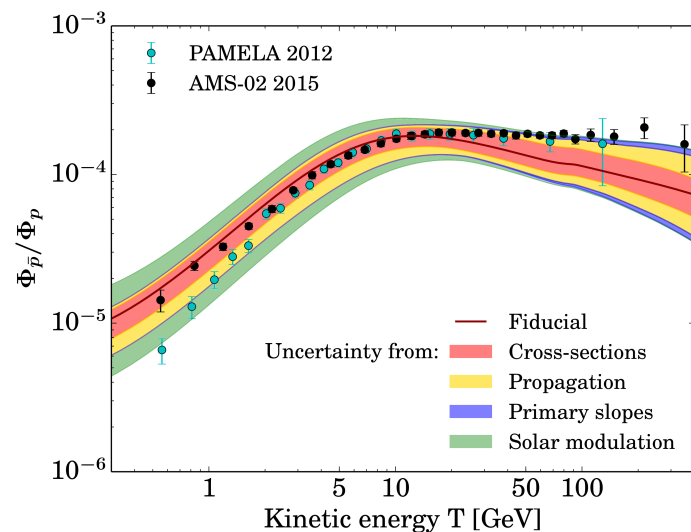
J/ψ e c c̄ cross section as a function of the c.m. energy



anti-p xsection



Large impact on the AMS (anti-p) and ICECUBE (open-charm) measurements

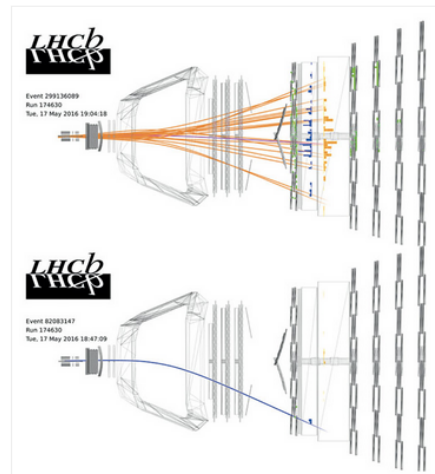


SMOG p-Neon data represent a valid model of the interaction in air. The energy corresponds to the 3rd-4th interaction for a  $10^{10}$  GeV shower. Mid-rapidity measurements are useful for the lateral development of the showers



NEWS  
**LHCb brings cosmic collisions down to Earth**

13 April 2017



Collision and scattering events (expand for full image)

In an effort to improve our understanding of cosmic rays, the LHCb collaboration has generated high-energy collisions between protons and helium nuclei similar to those that take place when cosmic rays strike the interstellar medium. Such collisions are expected to produce a certain number of antiprotons, and are currently one of the possible explanations for the small fraction of antiprotons (about one per 10,000 protons) observed in cosmic rays outside of the Earth's atmosphere. By measuring the antimatter component, scientists can potentially unveil new high-energy physics, notably a possible contribution from the decay of dark-matter particles.

In the last few years, space-borne studies of cosmic rays have dramatically increased our knowledge of the antimatter component. The Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer (AMS-02) is currently in orbit on the International Space Station (ISS).



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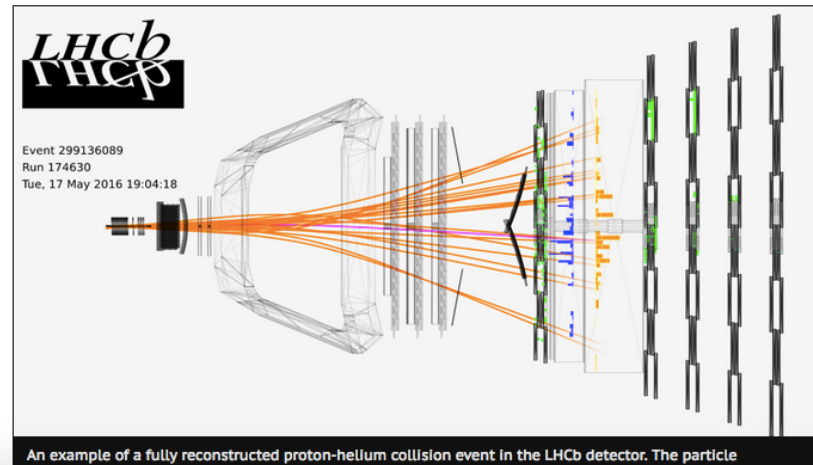
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An example of a fully reconstructed proton-helium collision event in the LHCb detector. The particle



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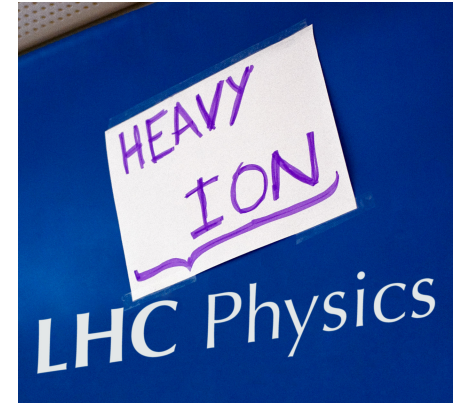
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# Conclusions

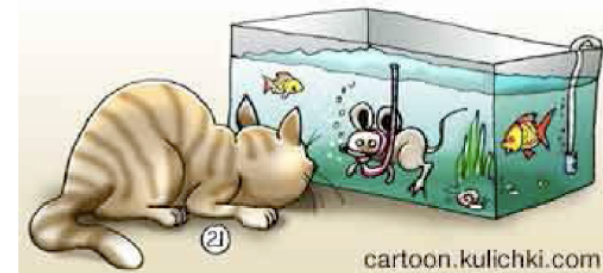
The QGP is a great tool to investigate the early Universe and to unveil the deepest “secrets” of the QCD



In November 2010, the field of ultrarelativistic nuclear collisions has entered a new era with the start of heavy-ion collisions at the LHC ... an ideal place where to study the QGP

Exciting results already achieved,  
the future looks bright!

Wealth of new intriguing phenomena in the medium!



# Conclusions (2)

Fixed target collisions at the LHC represent a unique possibility for a *laboratory for QCD* in unexplored kinematic regions ... in a realistic time schedule

The L<sub>spin</sub>C project represents a fantastic challenge both for its physics potentialities and for the technology involved



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