

Study the QCD Phase Structure at the *High Baryon Density*

- Recent Results from RHIC Beam Energy Scan-I

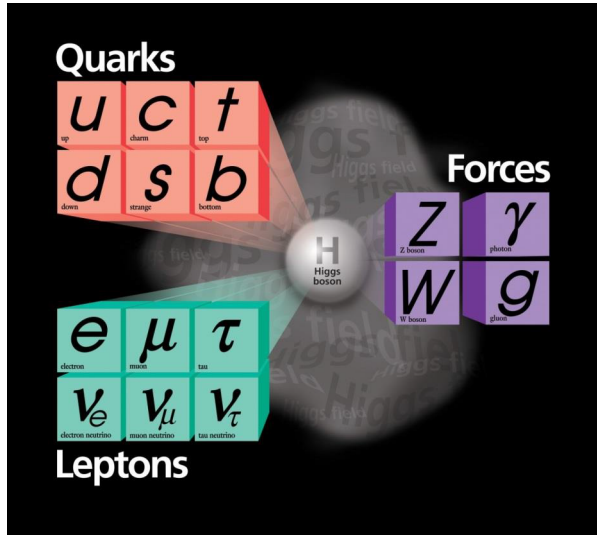
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QCD in the Twenty-First Century



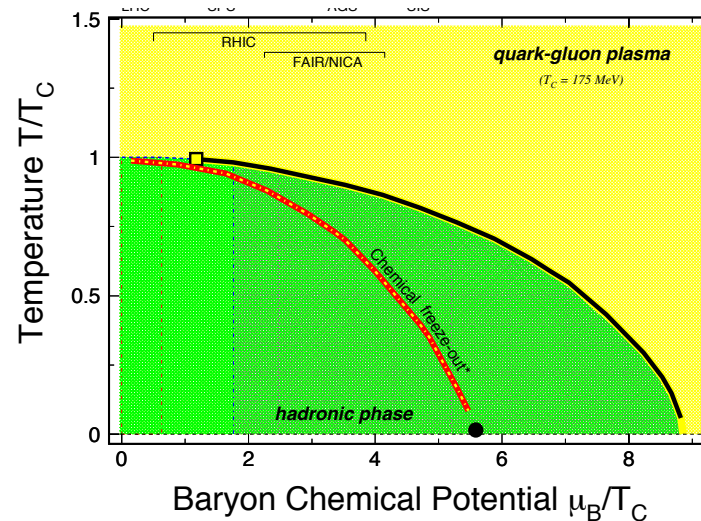
Emergent properties with QCD degrees of freedom!

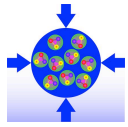
(1) Higgs Particle –

- **Origin of Mass, QCD dof**
- Standard Model → The *Theory*

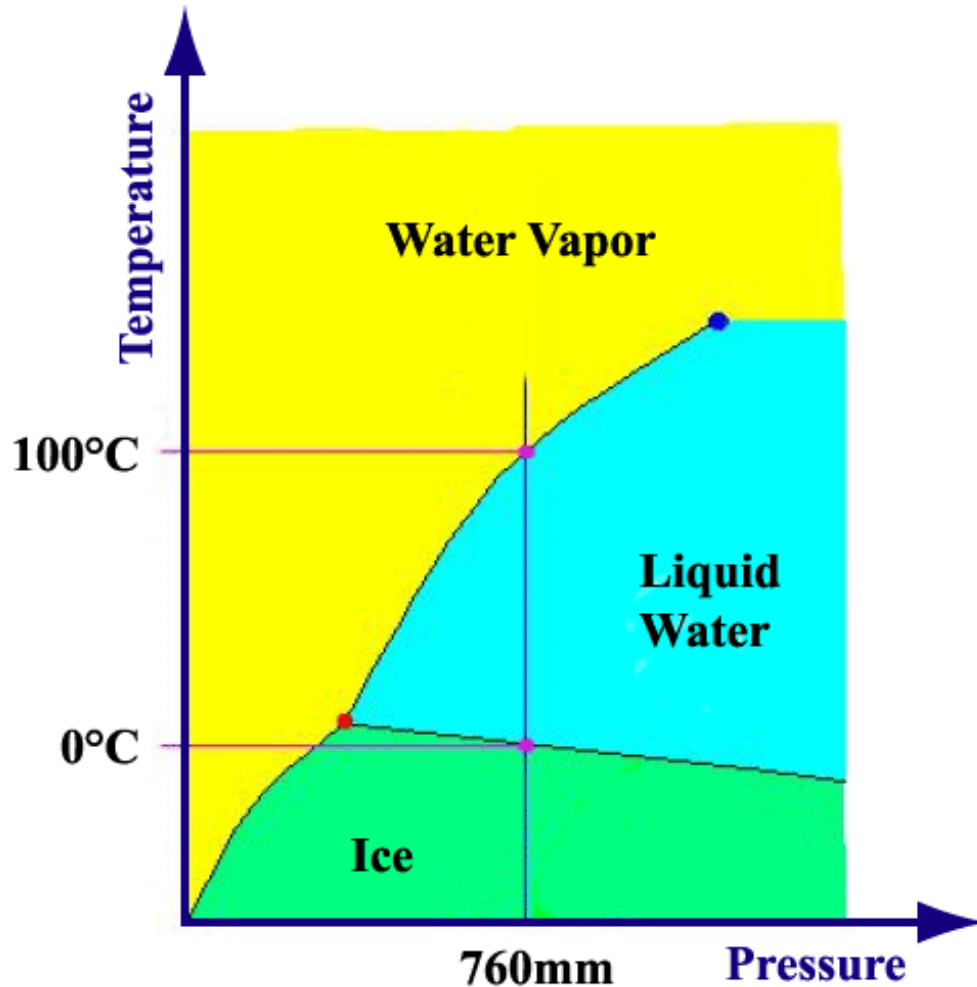
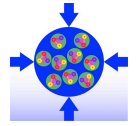
(2) QCD Emergent Properties:

- **Confinement**
- **χ_c symmetry**
- **QCD Phase Structure**
- Nucleon helicity structure
- Non-linear QCD at small-x





Phase Diagram: Water



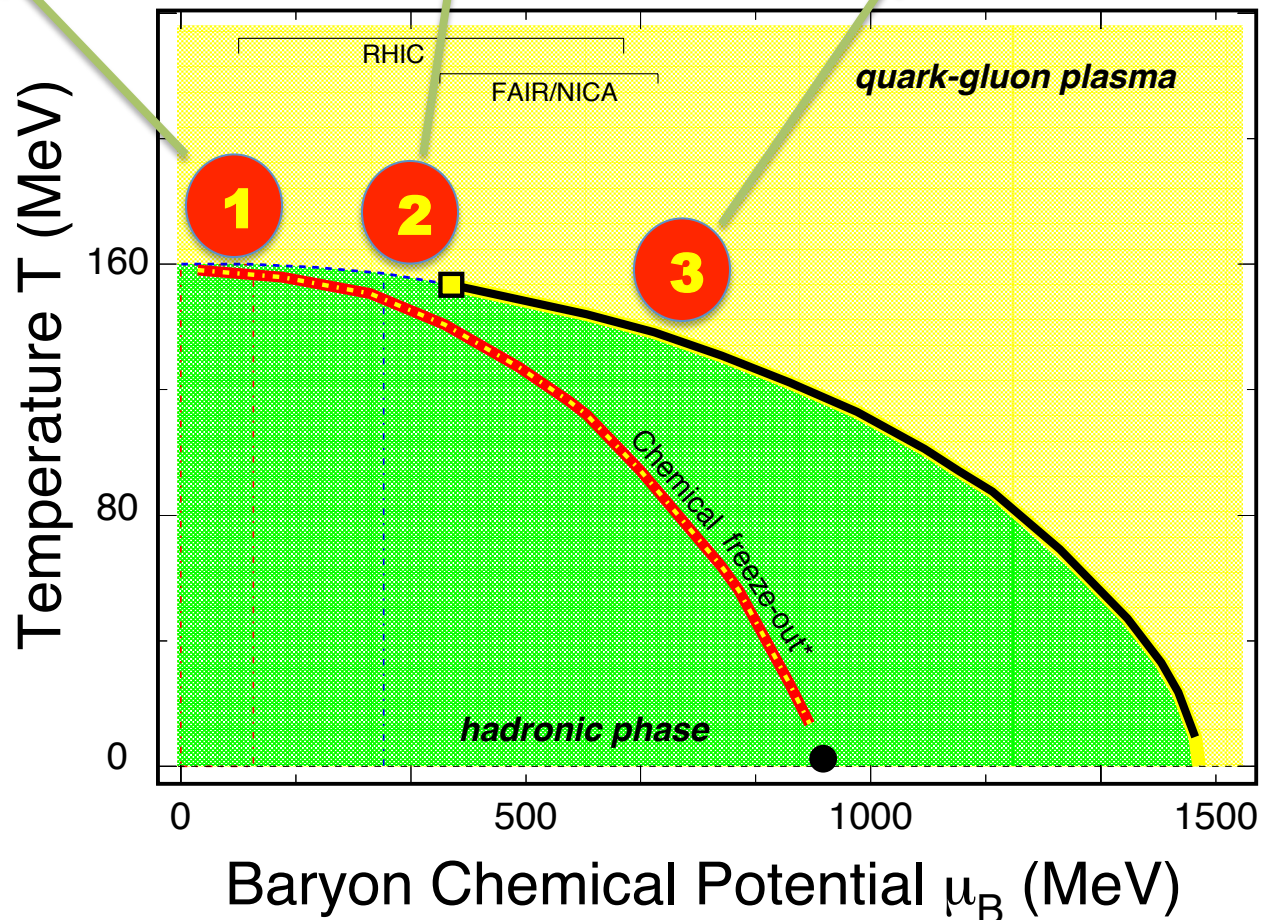
Phase diagram: A map shows that, at given degrees of freedom, how matter organize itself under external conditions.

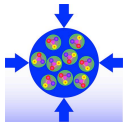
Water: H_2O

The QCD phase diagram: structure of matter with quark-, gluon-degrees (color degrees) of freedom.

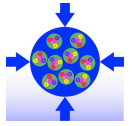
The QCD Phase Diagram and High-Energy Nuclear Collisions

- 1 T_{ini}, T_c
LHC, RHIC
- 2 T_E
RHIC, SPS, FAIR
- 3 Phase Boundary
RHIC, FAIR





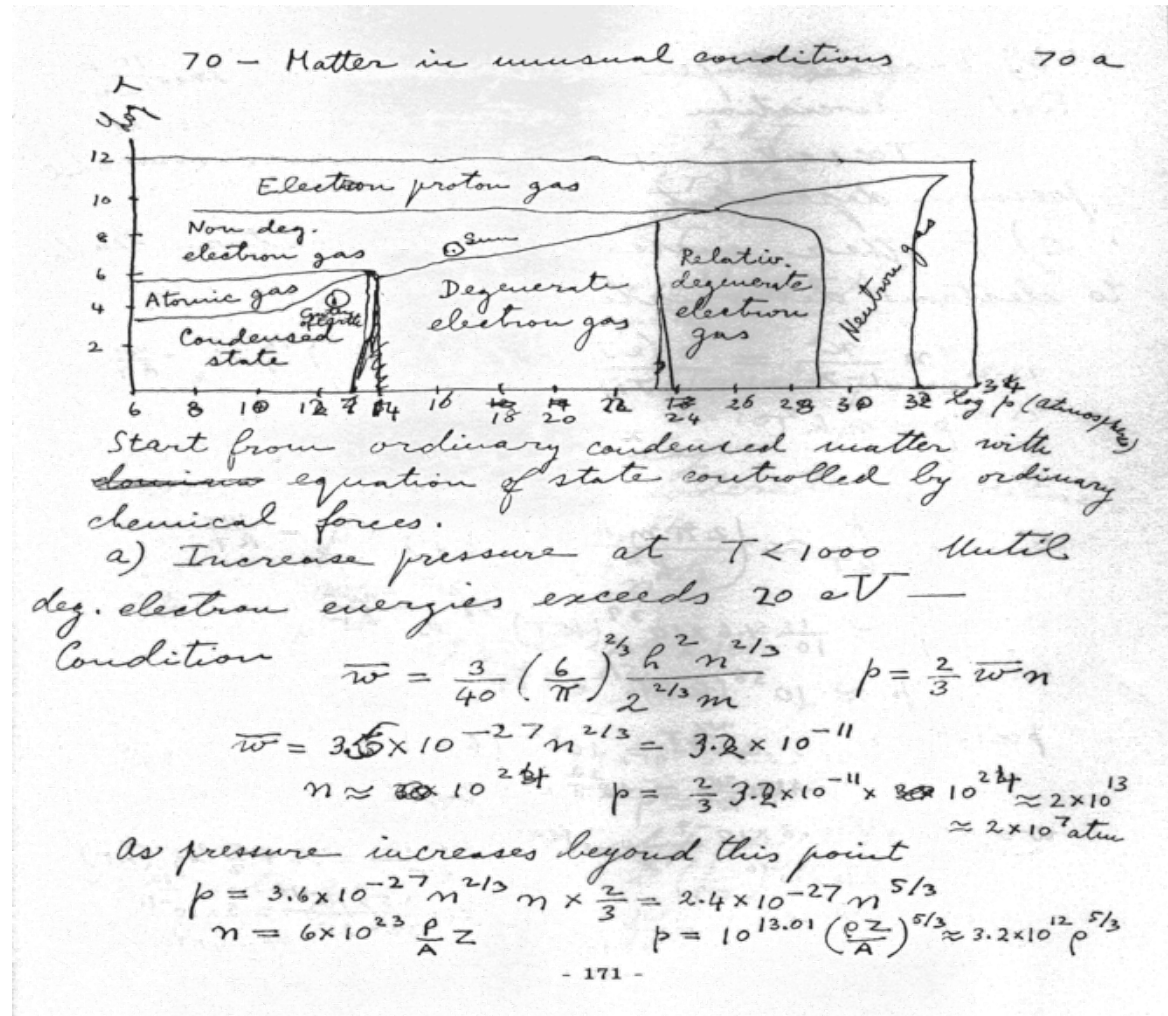
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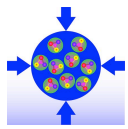


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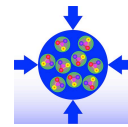


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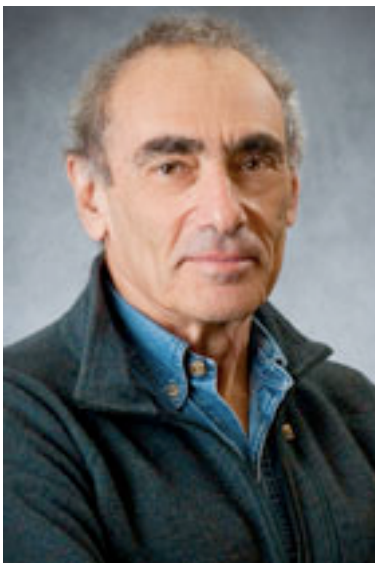




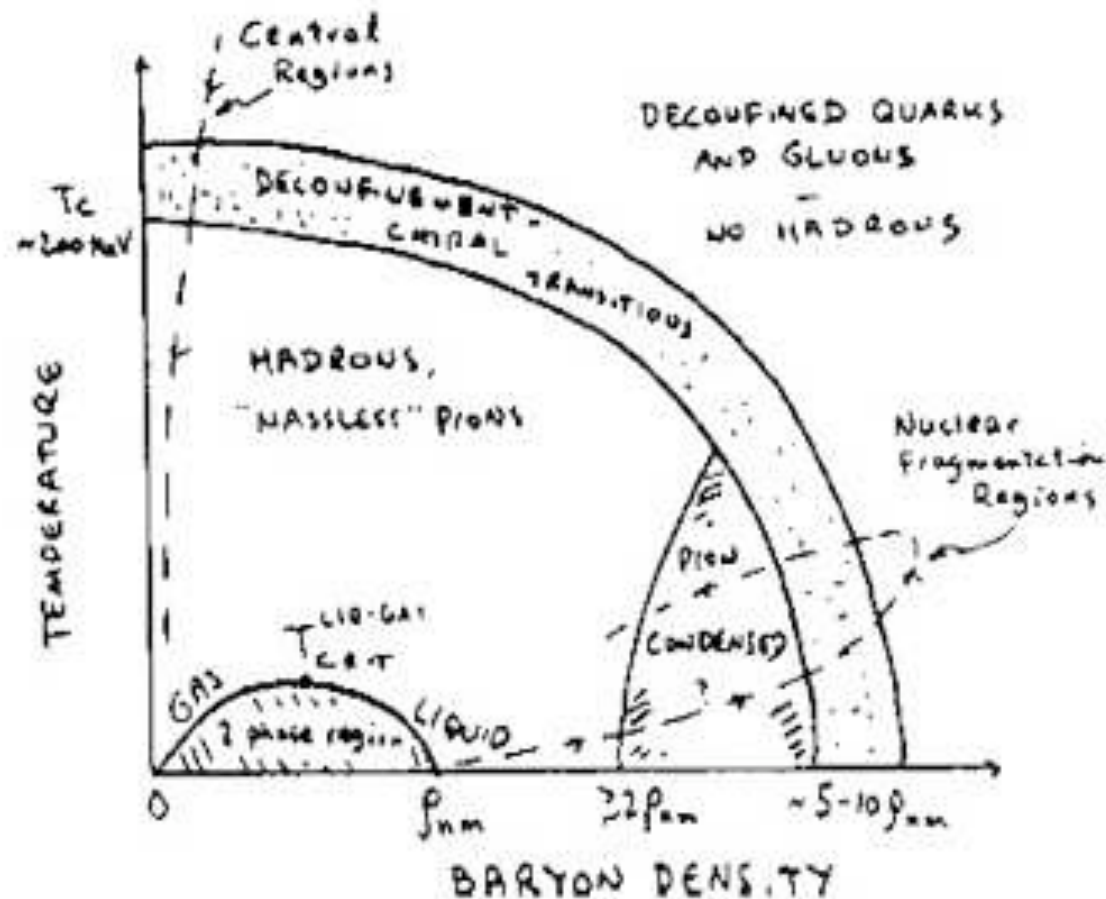
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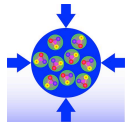


1983 US Long Range Plan - by Gordon Baym

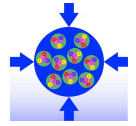


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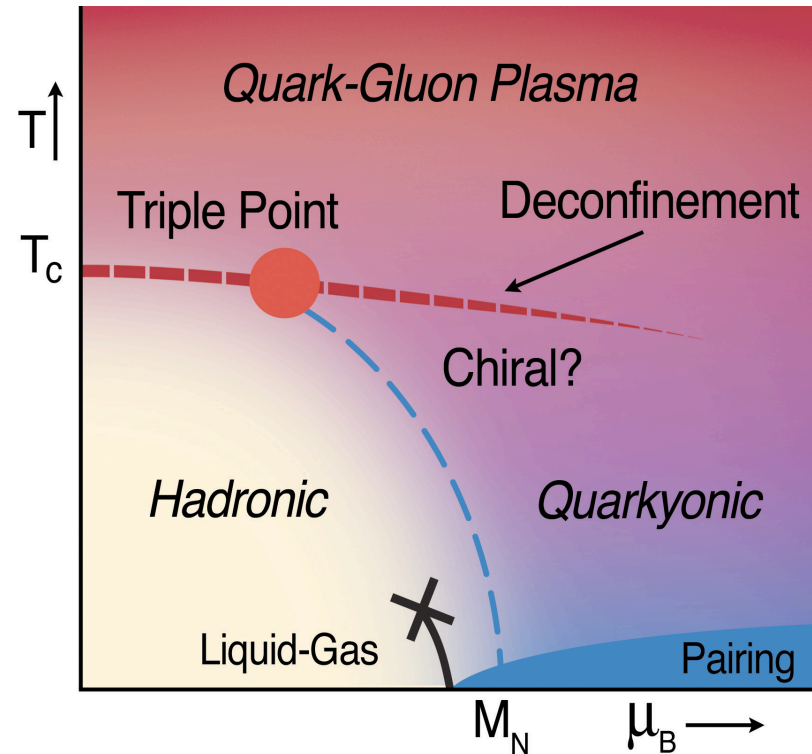




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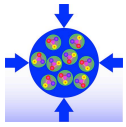


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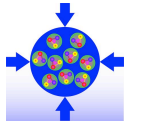


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Experiments: Systematic measurements (E_{beam} , A_{size}) :
to extract **numbers** that are related to the *phase diagram*!



Outline



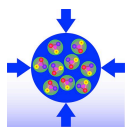
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(2) Experimental Setup

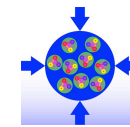
(3) Recent Results from RHIC

- Collectivity
- Criticality
- Chirality

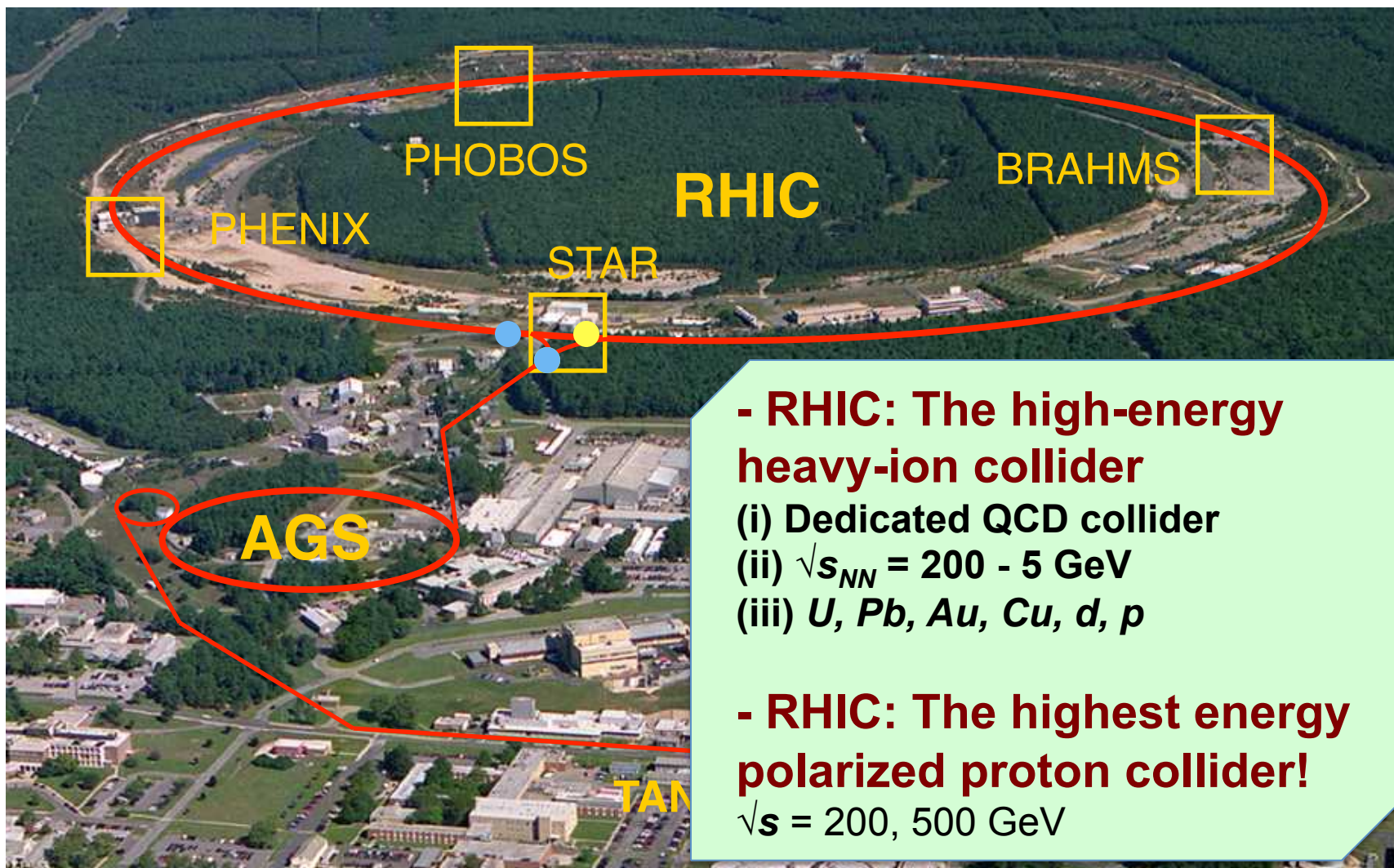
(4) Summary and Outlook



Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider



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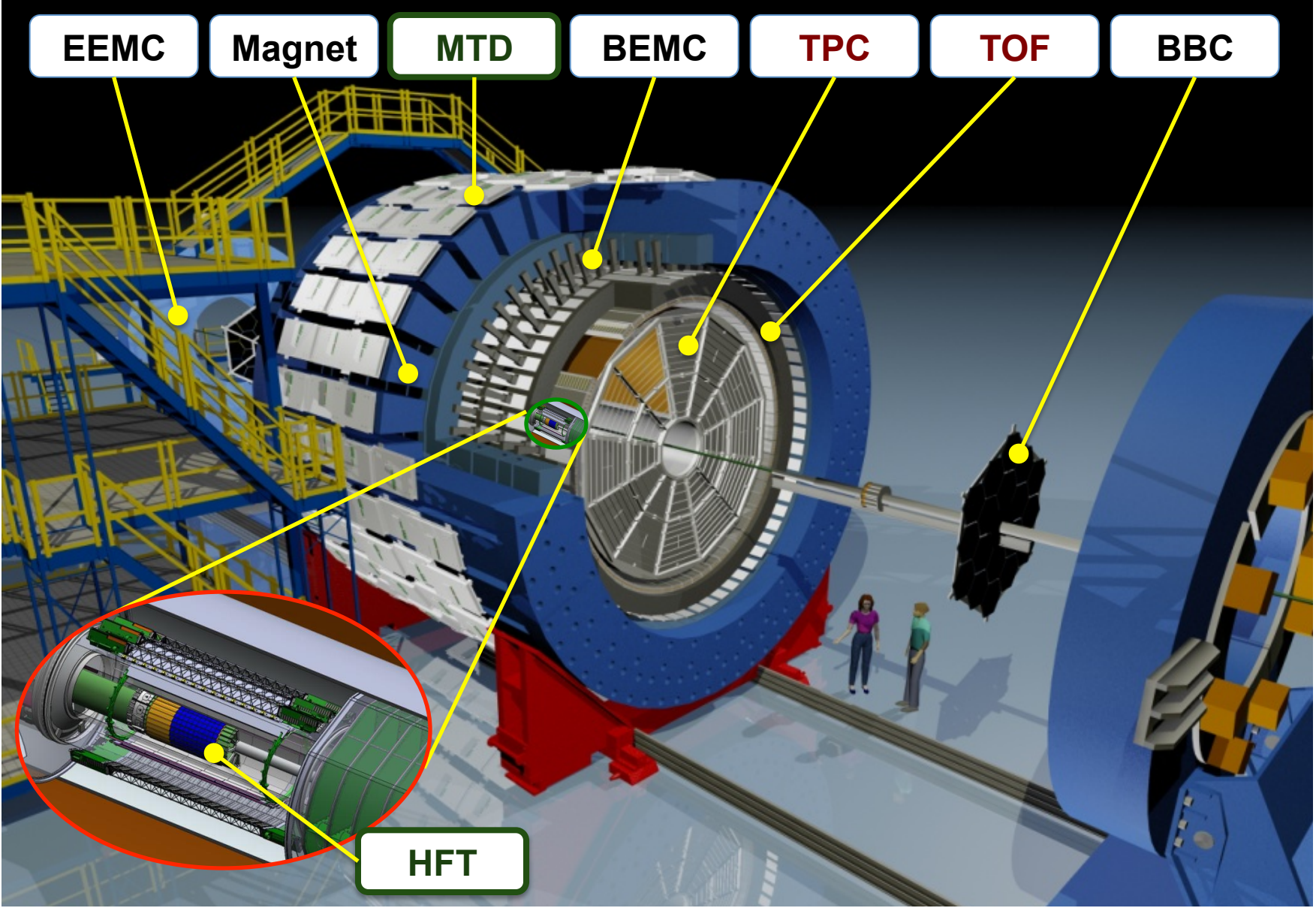


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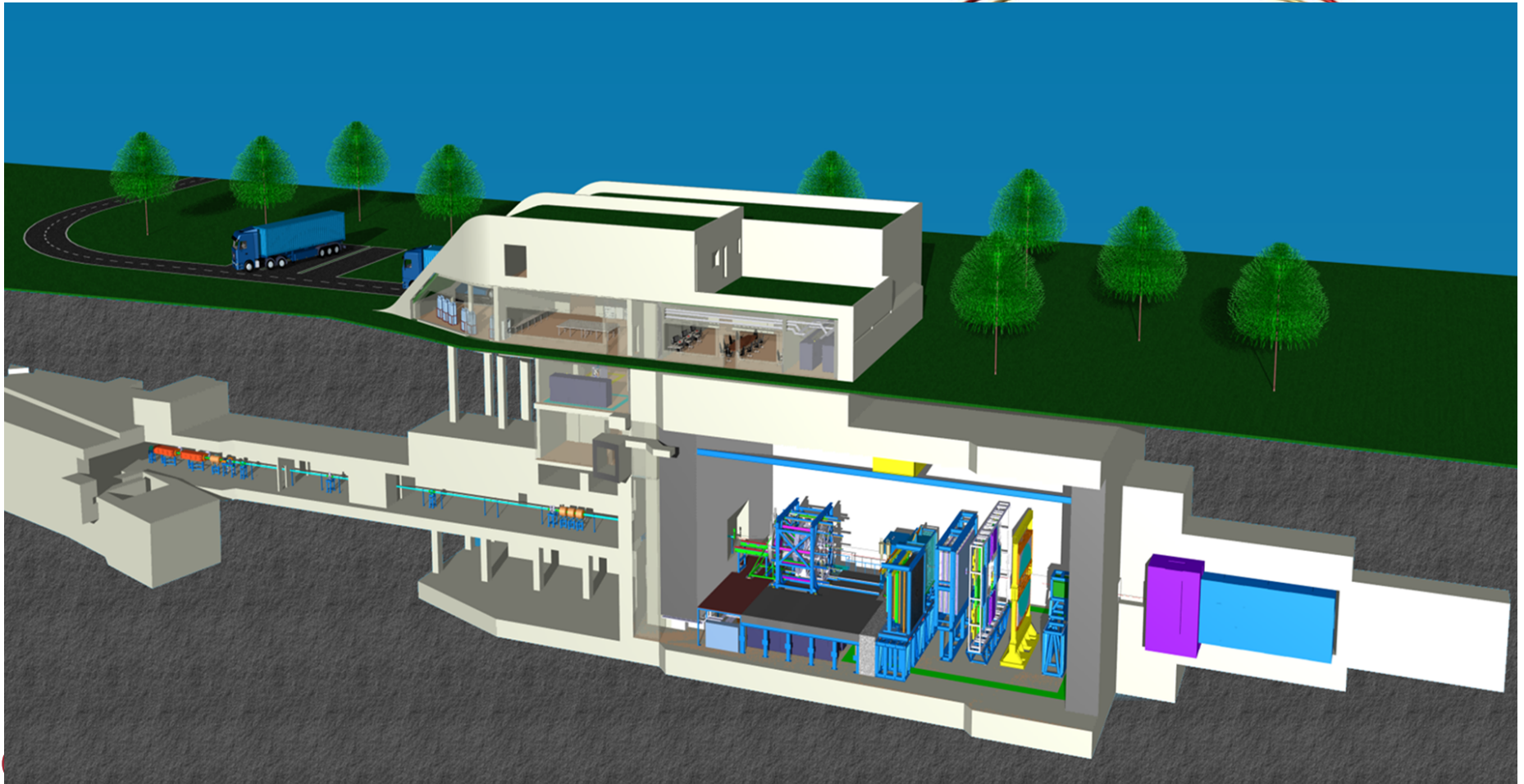
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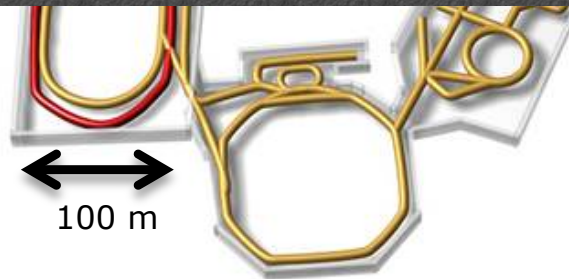
STAR Detector System



Facility for Antiproton & Ion Research

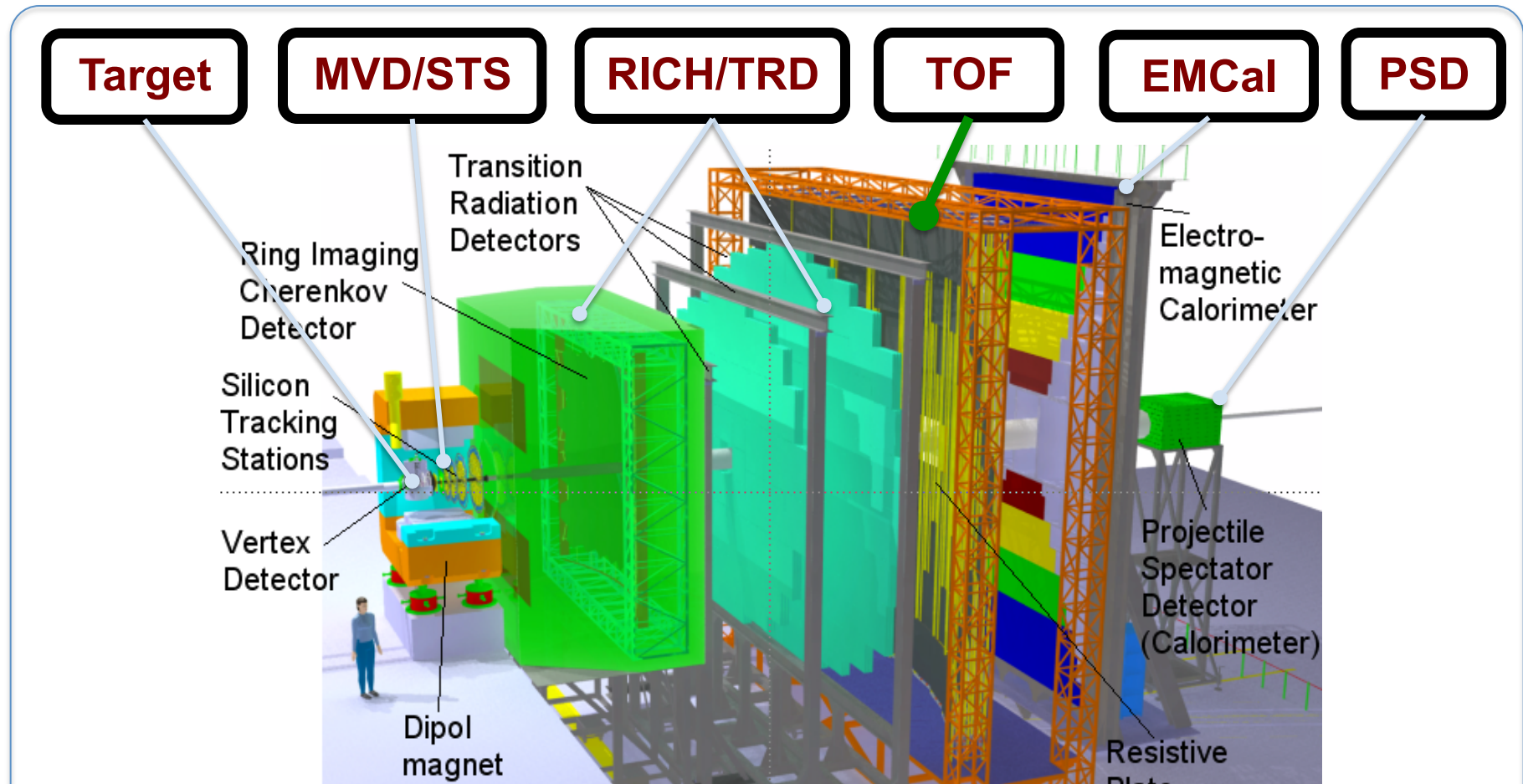


- $10^9/s$ Au up to 11 GeV/u
- $10^9/s$ C, Ca, ... up to 14 GeV/u
- $10^{11}/s$ p up to 29 GeV



FAIR phase 1
FAIR phase 2

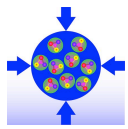
The CBM Experiment at FAIR



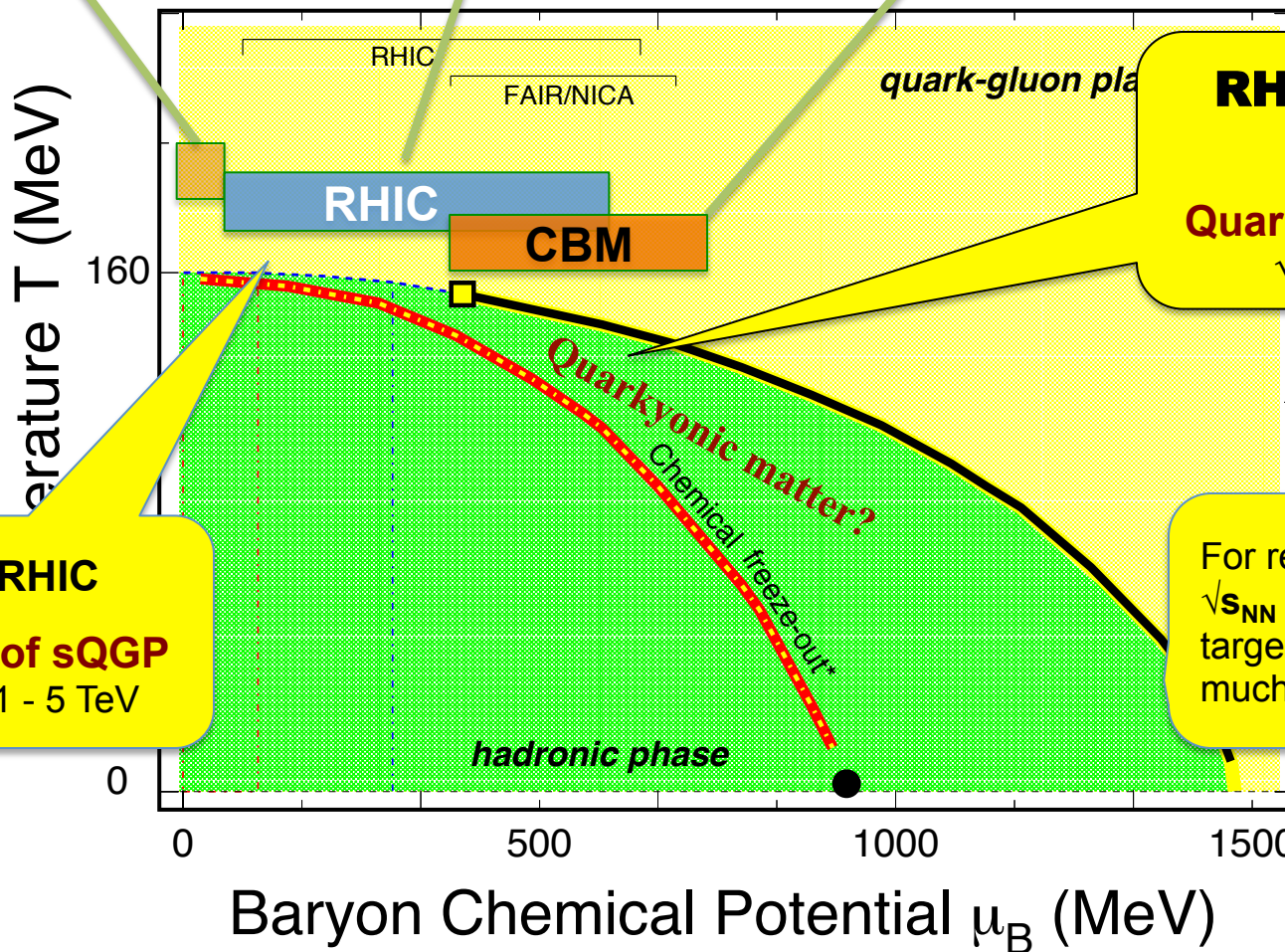
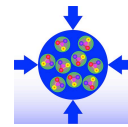
FAIR: the highest intensity accelerator complex in the 21st century

Precision measurements at high baryon density region for:

(i) Dileptons (e, μ); (ii) High order correlations; (iii) Flavor productions (s, c)



Exploring QCD Phase Structure



LHC+RHIC
Property of sQGP
 $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 0.1 - 5 \text{ TeV}$

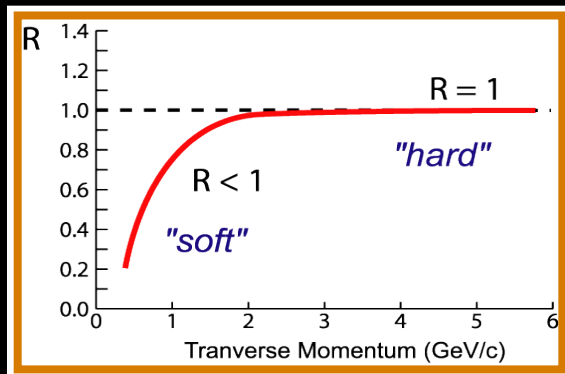
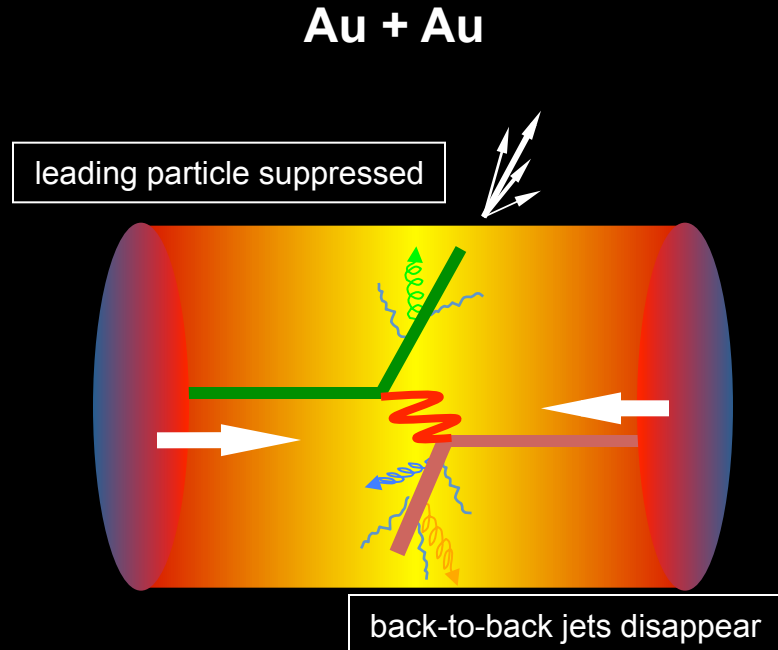
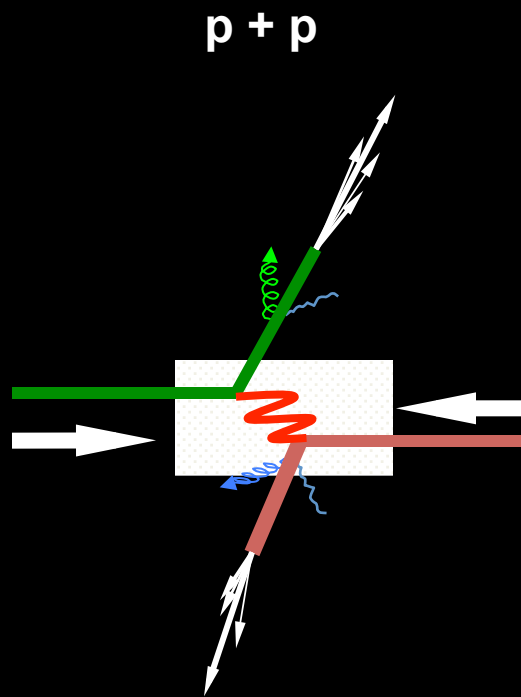
RHIC + FAIR*
CP and Quarkyonic Matter?
 $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \leq 8 \text{ GeV}$

For region $\mu_B > 500 \text{ MeV}$,
 $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \leq 5 \text{ GeV}$, fixed-target experiments are much more efficient

Recent results from RHIC BES-I

Results
from the Top Energy
200GeV Au+Au Collisions

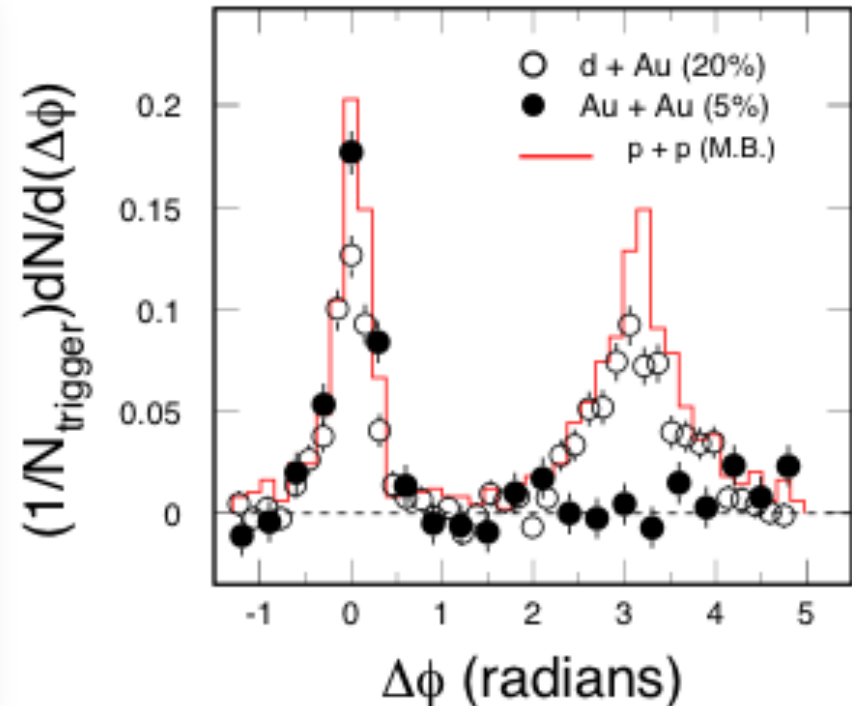
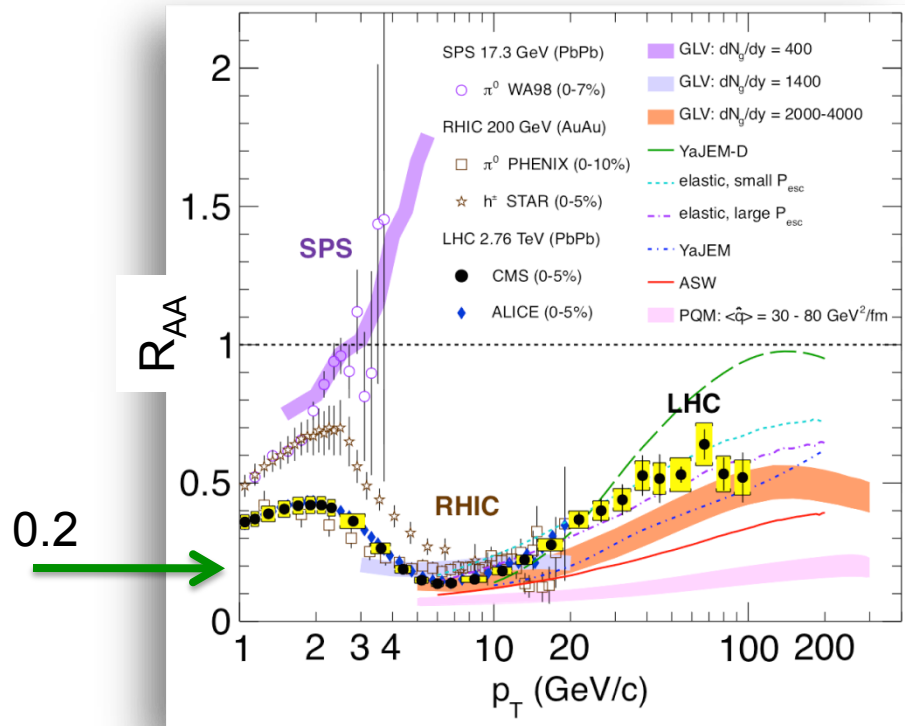
Jet Quenching at RHIC



Nuclear Modification Factor:

$$R_{AA}(p_T) = \frac{1}{T_{AA}} \frac{d^2 N^{AA} / dp_T d\eta}{d^2 \sigma^{NN} / dp_T d\eta}$$

Suppression and Correlation



High momentum light quark hadrons and away-side jets are suppressed

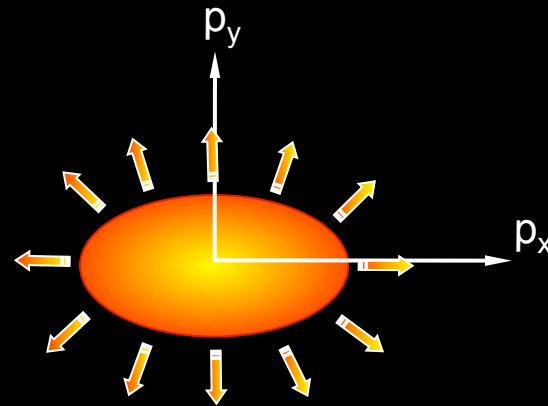
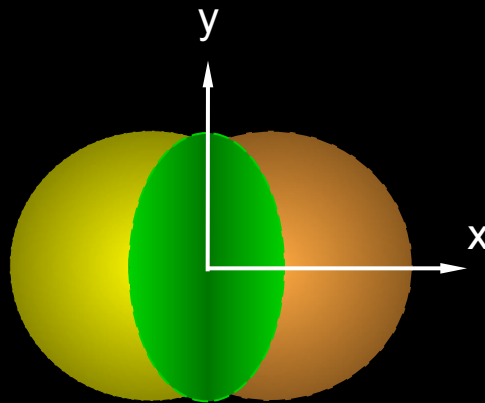
Energy density at high-energy nuclear collisions:
 $\varepsilon > 5 \text{ GeV}/\text{fm}^3 \sim 30\varepsilon_0$

Anisotropy Parameter v_2

coordinate-space-anisotropy



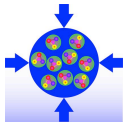
momentum-space-anisotropy



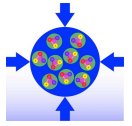
$$\varepsilon = \frac{\langle y^2 - x^2 \rangle}{\langle y^2 + x^2 \rangle}$$

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

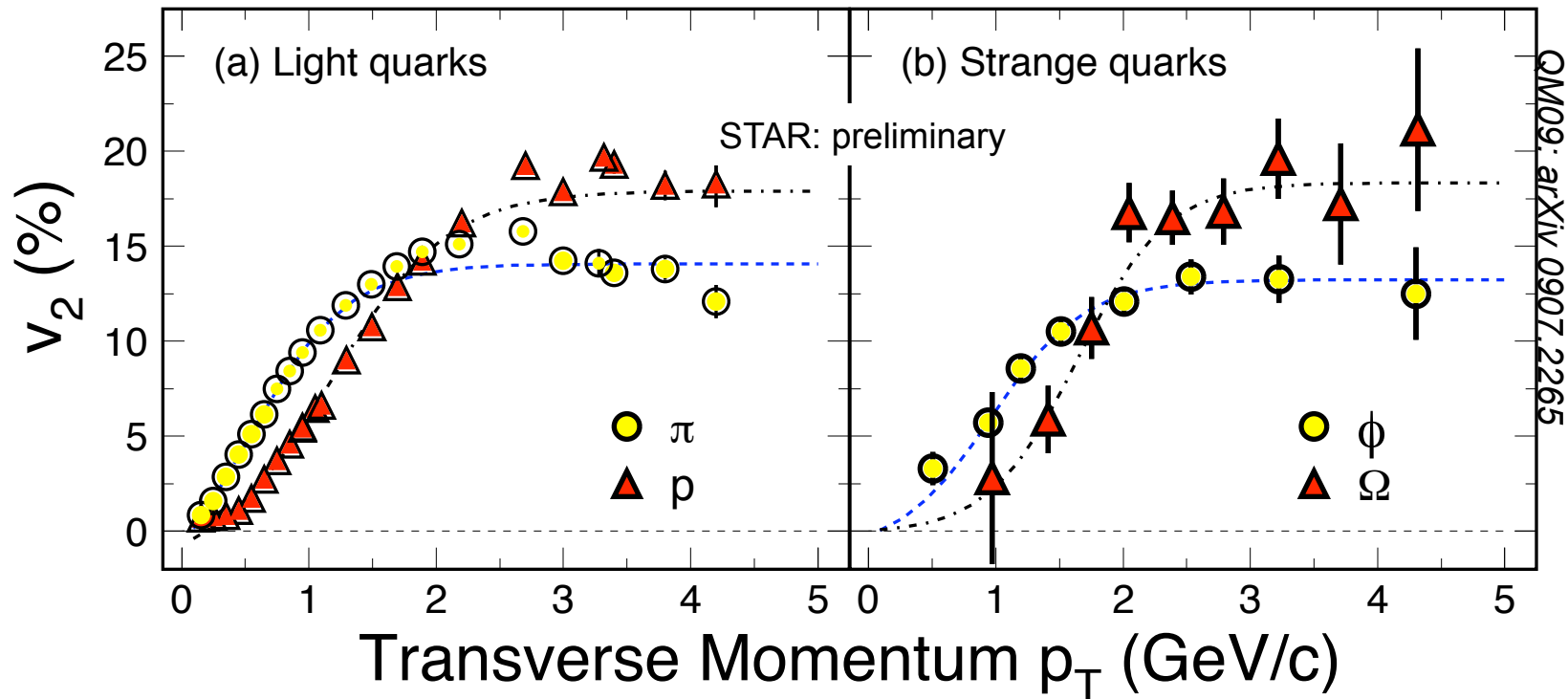
Initial/final conditions, EoS, degrees of freedom



Partonic Collectivity at RHIC



$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200 \text{ GeV } ^{197}\text{Au} + ^{197}\text{Au}$ Collisions at RHIC

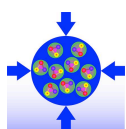


Low p_T ($\leq 2 \text{ GeV/c}$): hydrodynamic mass ordering

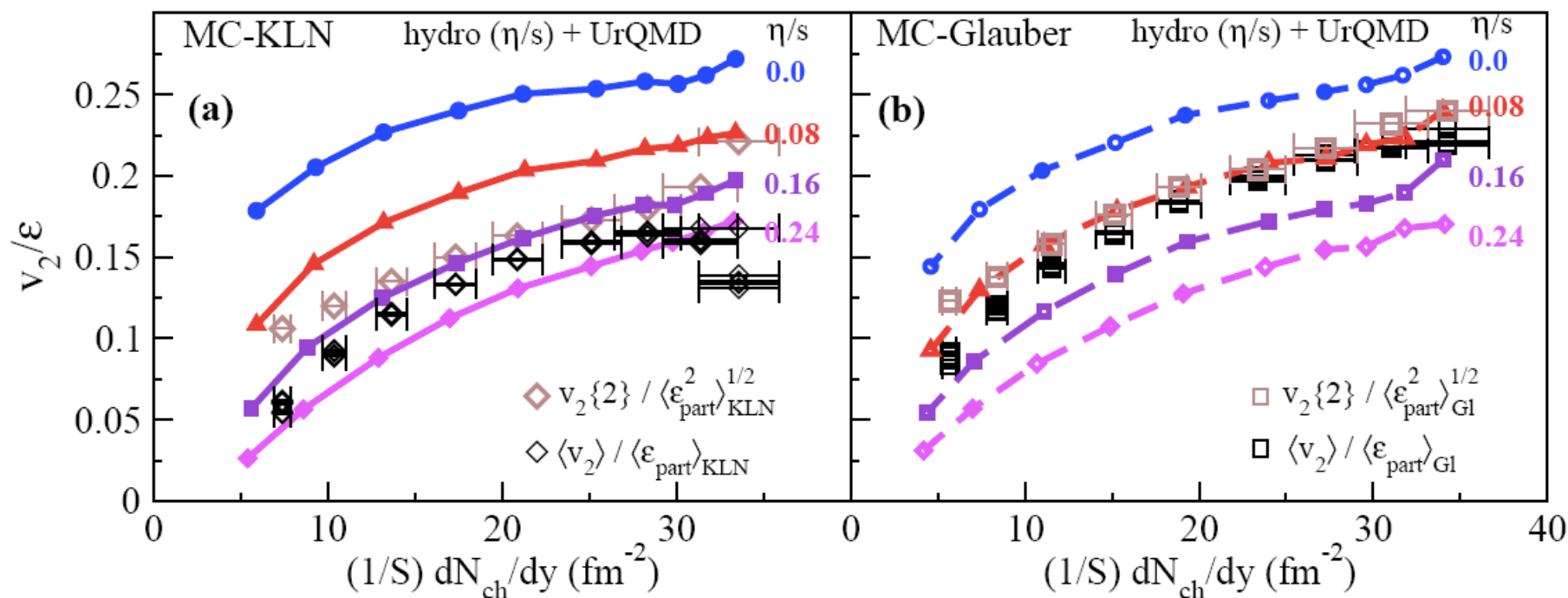
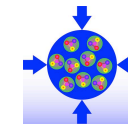
High p_T ($> 2 \text{ GeV/c}$): **number of quarks scaling (NCQ)**

→ Partonic Collectivity, necessary for QGP!

→ De-confinement in Au+Au collisions at RHIC!

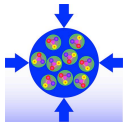


Comparison with Model Results

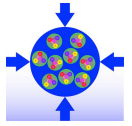


- **Small value** of specific viscosity over entropy η/s
- Model uncertainty dominated by **initial eccentricity ϵ**

Model: Song *et al.* **PRL106**, 192301(2011), *arXiv:1011.2783*



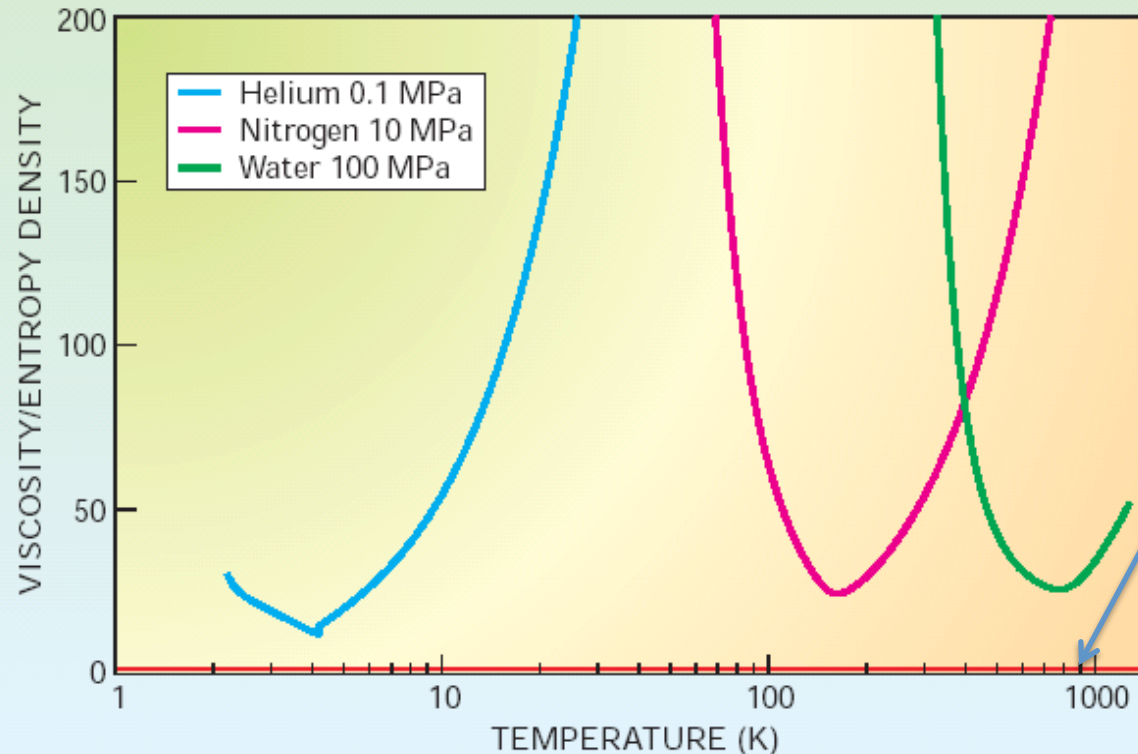
Low η/s for QCD Matter at RHIC



Physics Today, May 2005

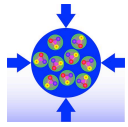
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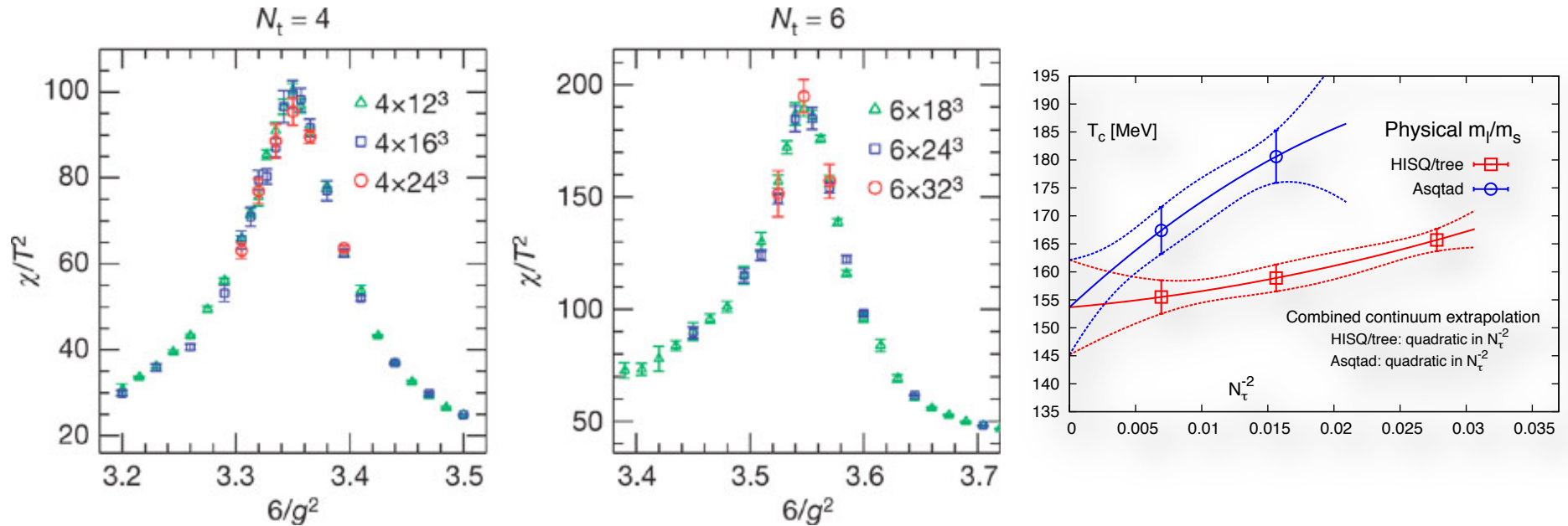
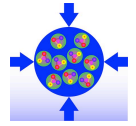


RHIC results

- 1) $\eta/s \geq 1/4\pi$, 'perfect liquid'
- 2) $\eta/s(\text{QCD matter}) \ll \eta/s(\text{QED matter})$



Phase Transition at $\mu_B \sim 0$

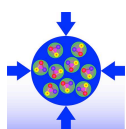


State of art lattice calculations show that for nuclear collisions at high energy, $\mu_B \sim 0$, the phase transition from hadronic matter to quark-gluon plasma is a **smooth crossover** at $T_{PC} \approx 154 \pm 9^*$ MeV.

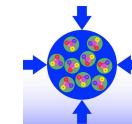
* Chiral condensates

Y. Aoki et al., *Nature* **443**, 675(2006), Nucl. Phys. **A830**, 805c(2009)

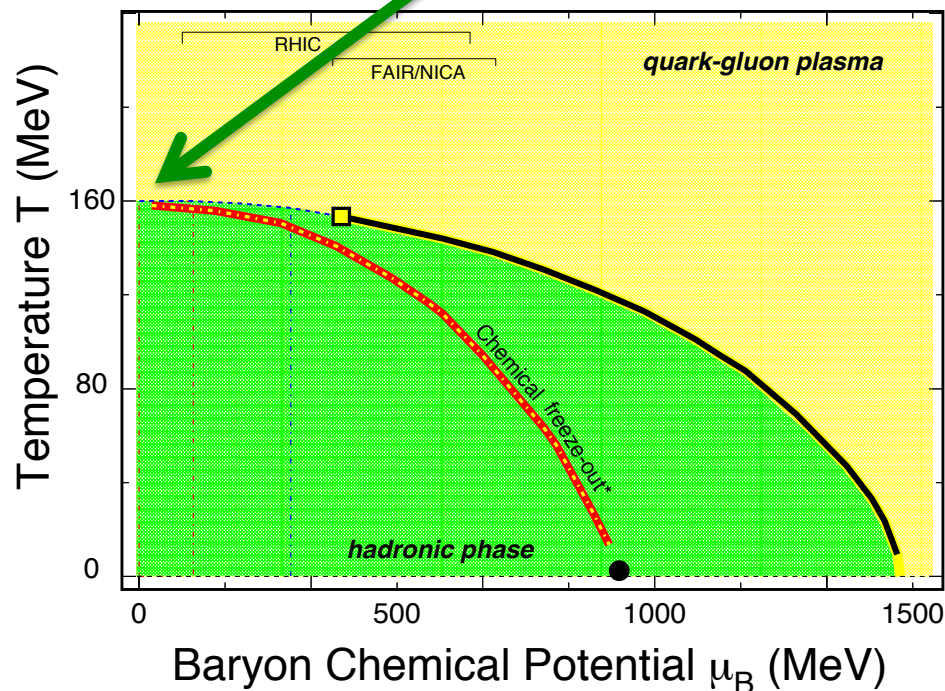
A. Bazavov et al., PRD85, 054503(2012).



Beam Energy Scan-I at RHIC



At $\mu_B \sim 0$: sQGP is formed & the transition is ***crossover***



Study QCD Phase Structure

- Onset of sQGP
- Phase boundary and critical point
- Chiral symmetry restoration

BES-I: $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7.7, 11.5, 14.5, 19.6, 27, 39$ GeV

Observables:

1st order phase transition

- (1) Azimuthally sensitive HBT
- (2) Directed flow v_1

Partonic vs. hadronic dof

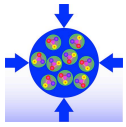
- (3) R_{AA} : Nucl. Mod. Fact.
- (4) Charge separation
- (5) v_2 - NCQ scaling

Critical point, correl. length

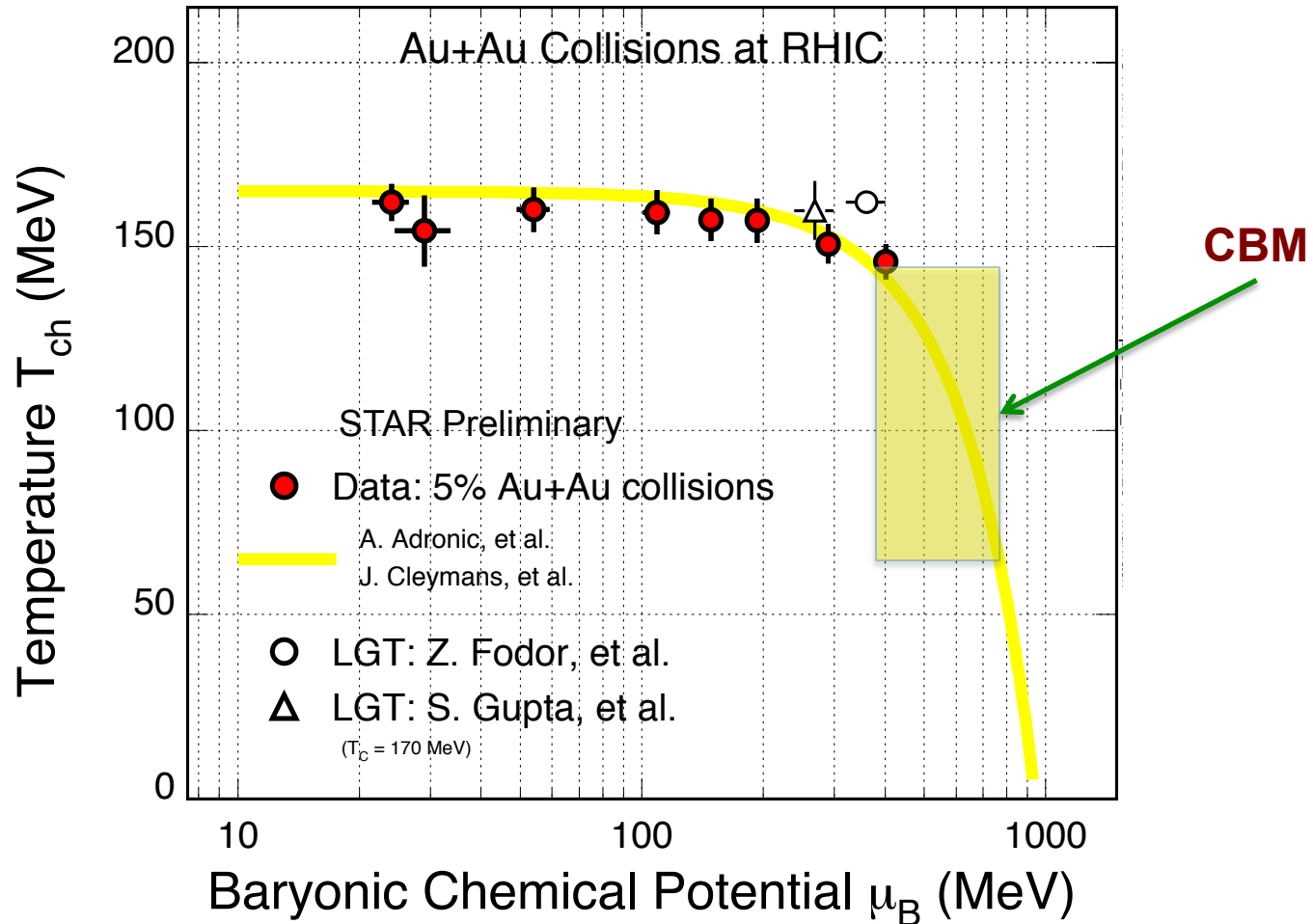
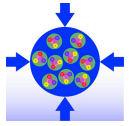
- (6) Fluctuations

Chiral symmetry restoration

- (7) Di-lepton production



Bulk Properties at Freeze-out

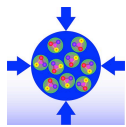


Chemical Freeze-out: (GCE)

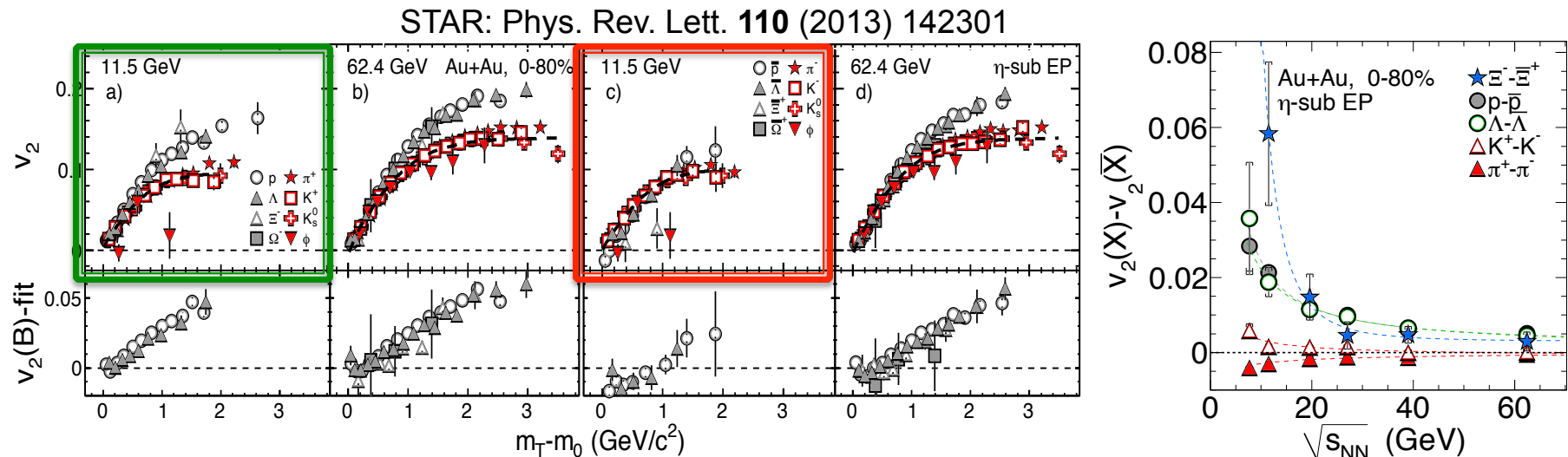
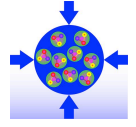
- RHIC ($20 \leq \mu_B \leq 420$ MeV): small temperature variation
- CBM ($400 \leq \mu_B \leq 750$ MeV): temperature changes dramatically!

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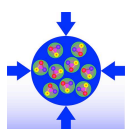
Collectivity



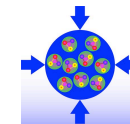
Collectivity v_2 Measurements



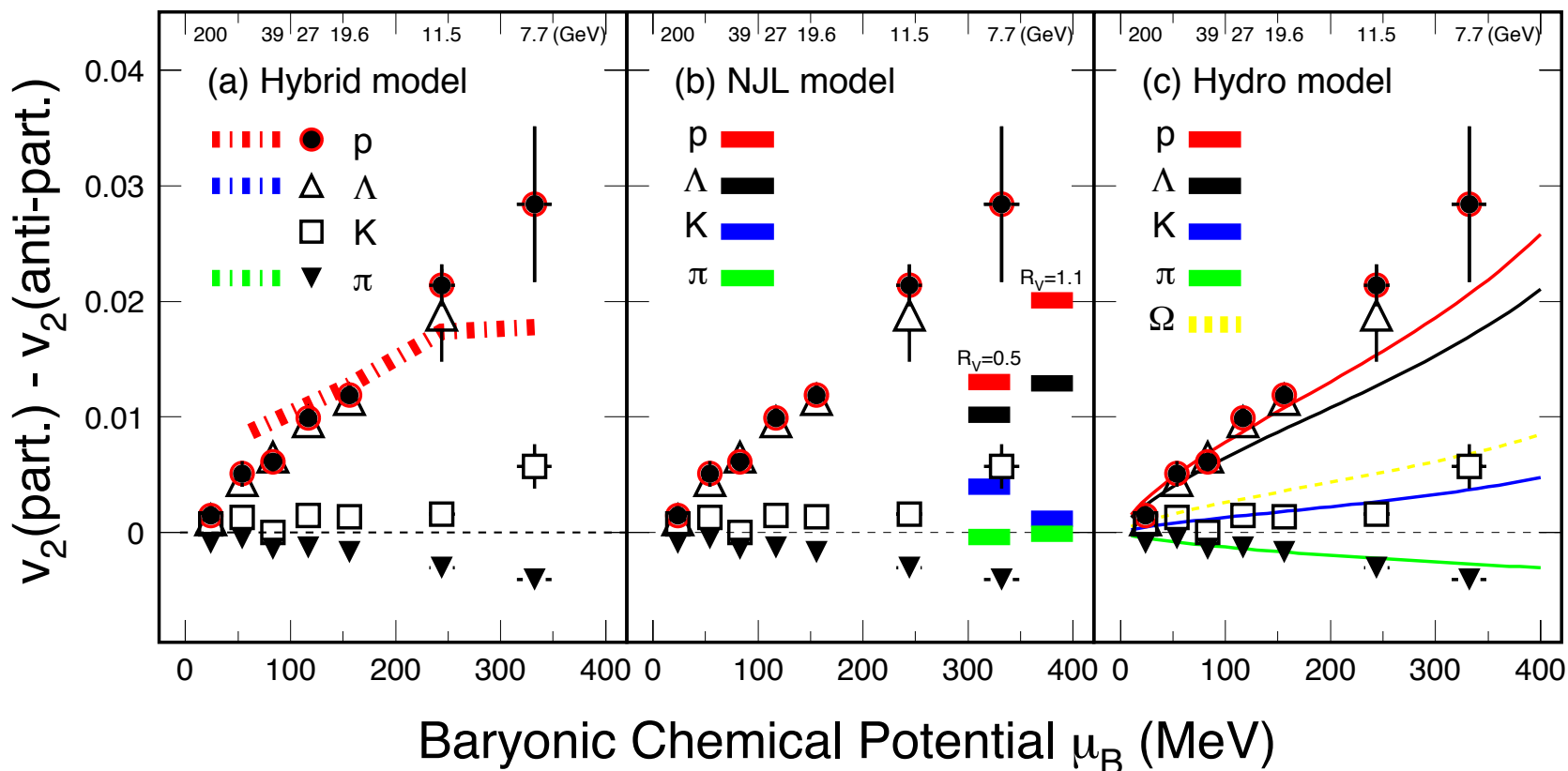
- 1) Number of constituent quark (NCQ) **scaling** in $v_2 \Rightarrow$ **partonic collectivity** \Rightarrow **deconfinement** in high-energy nuclear collisions
- 2) At $\sqrt{s_{NN}} < 11.5$ GeV, the universal v_2 **NCQ scaling is broken**, consistent with hadronic interactions becoming dominant.



BES v_2 and Model Comparison



0-80% Au + Au Collisions at RHIC



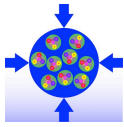
(a) Hydro + Transport: [J. Steinheimer, et al. PRC86, 44902(13).]

(b) NJL model: Hadron splitting consistent. Sensitive to vector-coupling, **CME**, **net-baryon density dependent**. [J. Xu, et al., arXiv:1308.1753/PRL112.012301]

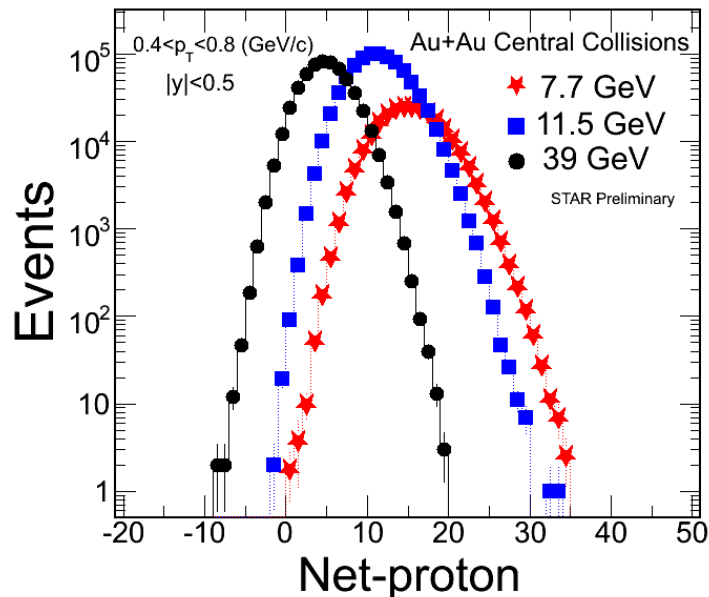
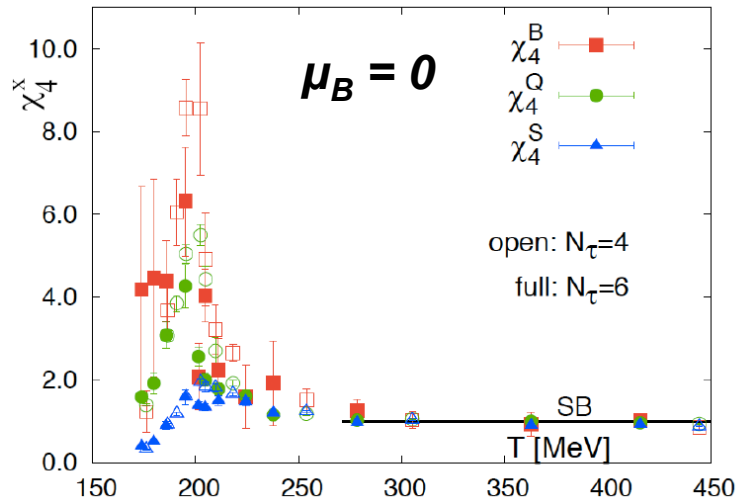
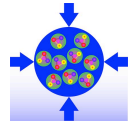
(c) Pure Hydro solution with μ_B , viscosity: [Hatta et al. arXiv:1502.05894//1505.04226//1507.04690 //]. **Chemical potential driven!**

Recent results from RHIC BES-I

Criticality



Higher Moments



1) Higher moments of conserved quantum numbers: **Q, S, B**, in high-energy nuclear collisions

2) Sensitive to critical point (ξ correlation length):

$$\langle (\delta N)^2 \rangle \approx \xi^2, \quad \langle (\delta N)^3 \rangle \approx \xi^{4.5}, \quad \langle (\delta N)^4 \rangle \approx \xi^7$$

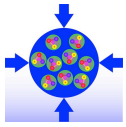
3) Direct comparison with calculations at any order:

$$S\sigma \approx \frac{\chi_B^3}{\chi_B^2}, \quad K\sigma^2 \approx \frac{\chi_B^4}{\chi_B^2}$$

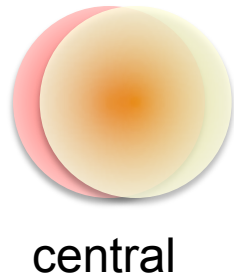
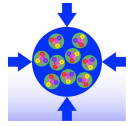
4) **Extract susceptibilities and freeze-out temperature.** An independent/important test of thermal equilibrium in heavy ion collisions.

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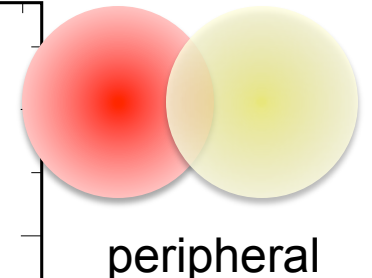
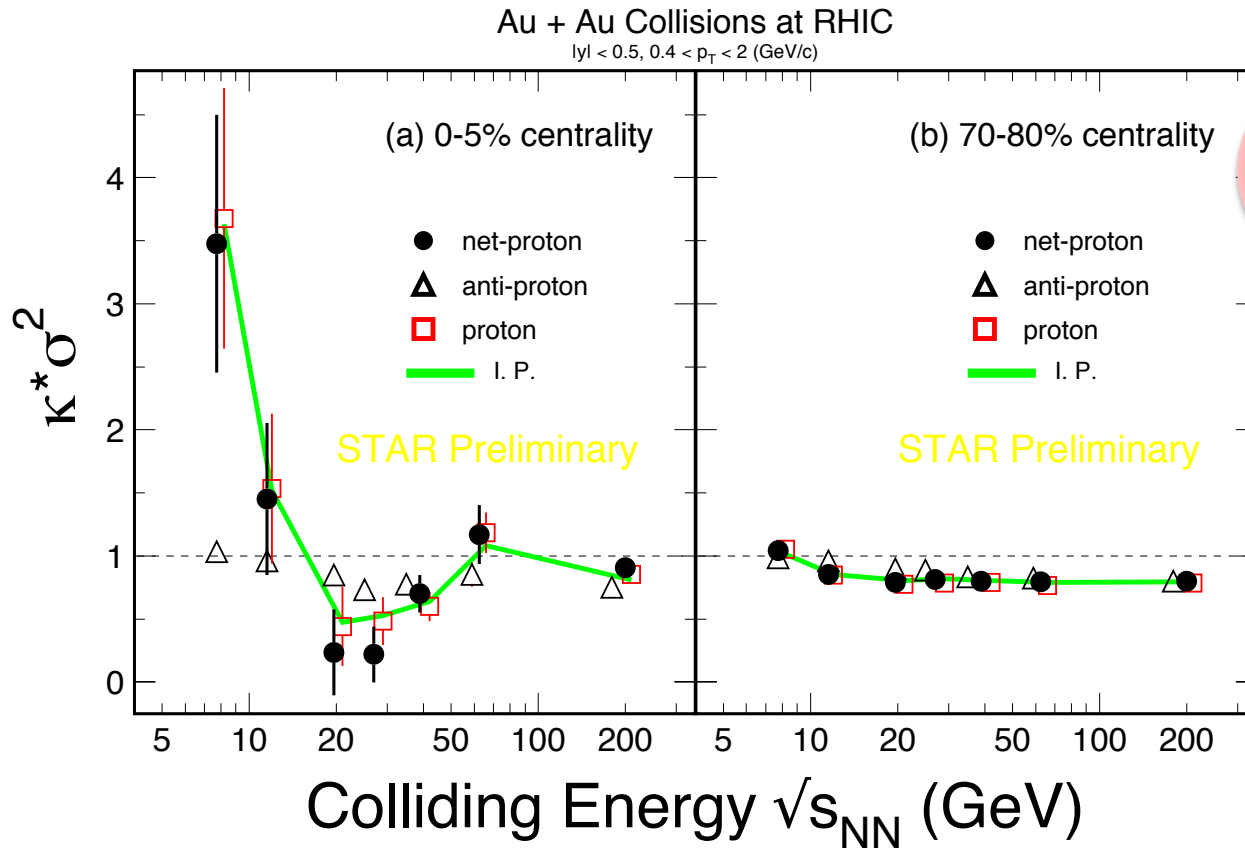
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- A. Bazavov et al., *PRL*109, 192302(12) // S. Borsanyi et al., *PRL*111, 062005(13) // V. Skokov et al., *PRC*88, 034901(13)



Net-proton Higher Moment



central



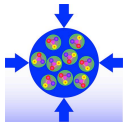
peripheral

Net-proton results: All data show deviations below Poisson for $\kappa\sigma^2$ at all energies. Larger deviation at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 20$ GeV.

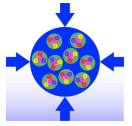
Non-monotonic behavior in central collision!

X.F. Luo, CPOD2014

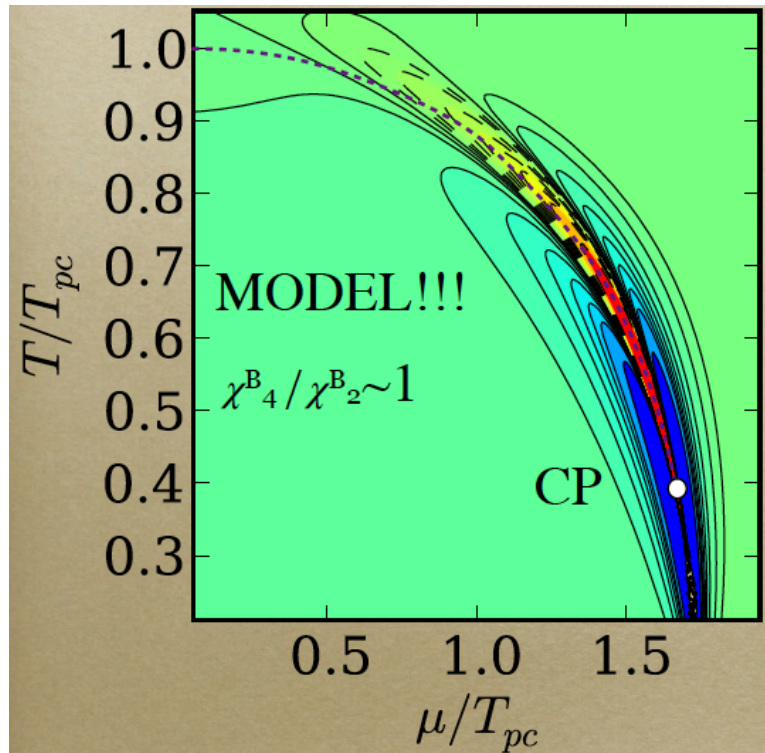
Question: What will happen at even lower collision energy?



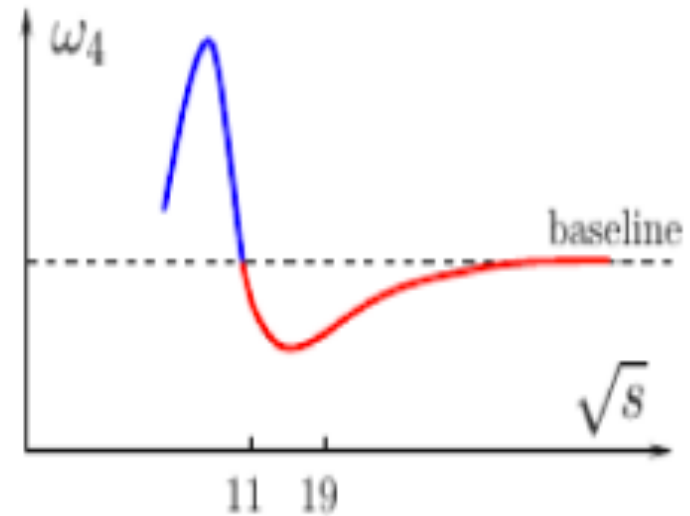
Expectation from Calculations



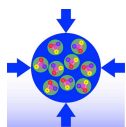
V. Skokov, Quark Matter 2012



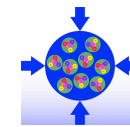
M. Stephanov, *PRL*107, 052301(2011)



“Oscillating pattern” around the reference is expected.



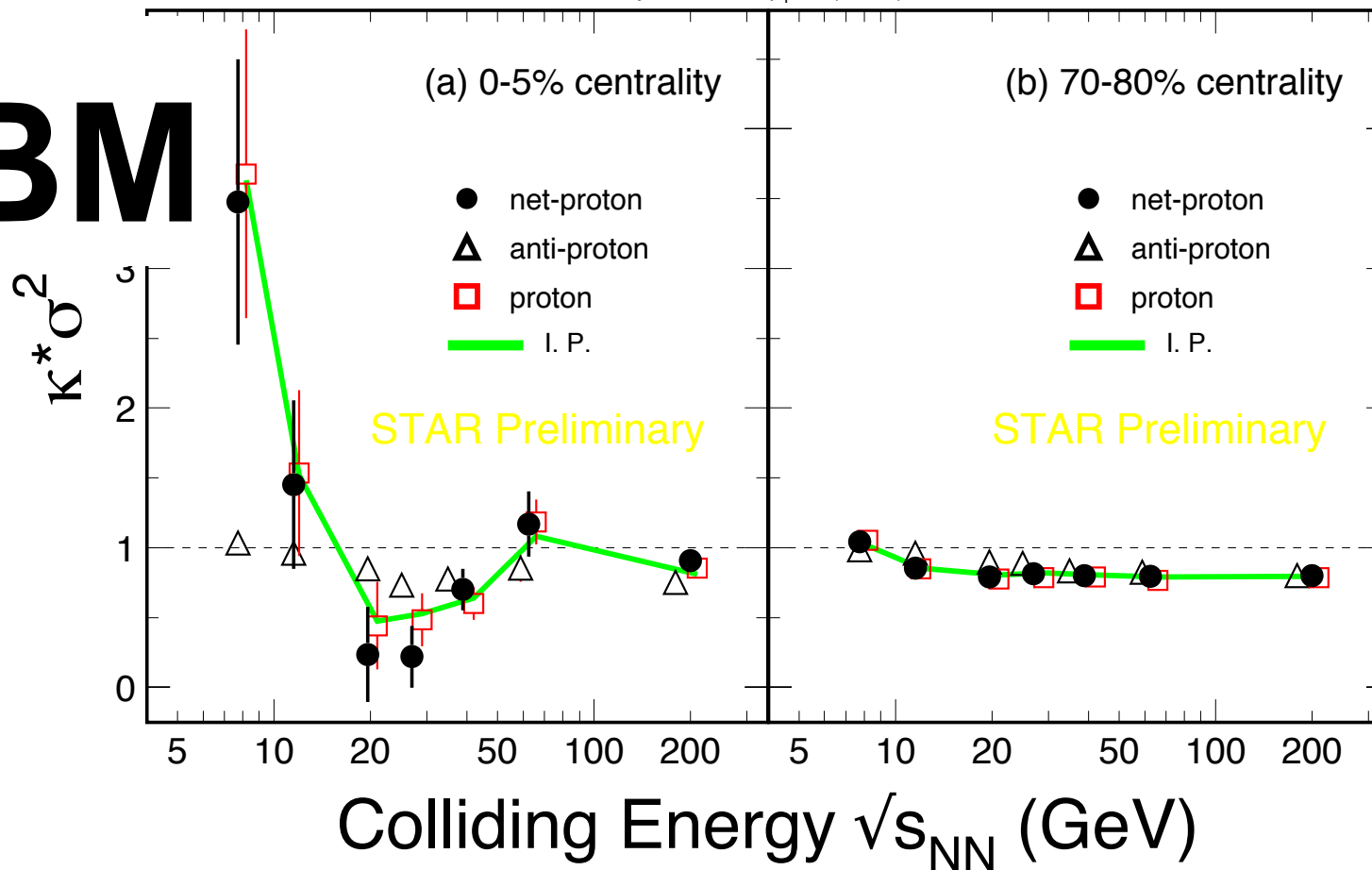
Net-proton Higher Moment



Au + Au Collisions at RHIC

$|y| < 0.5, 0.4 < p_T < 2$ (GeV/c)

CBM



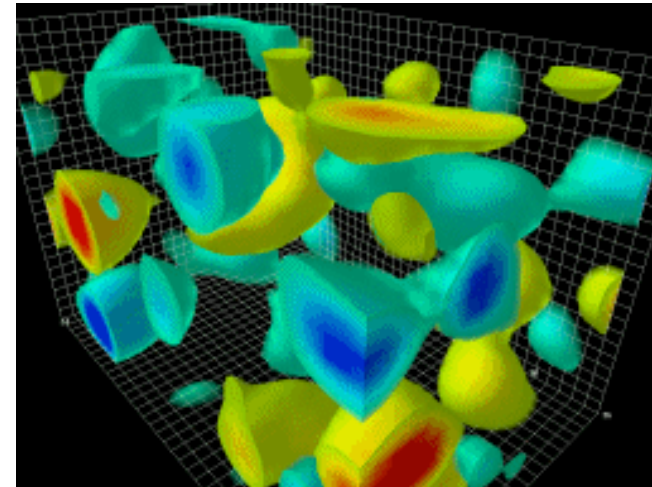
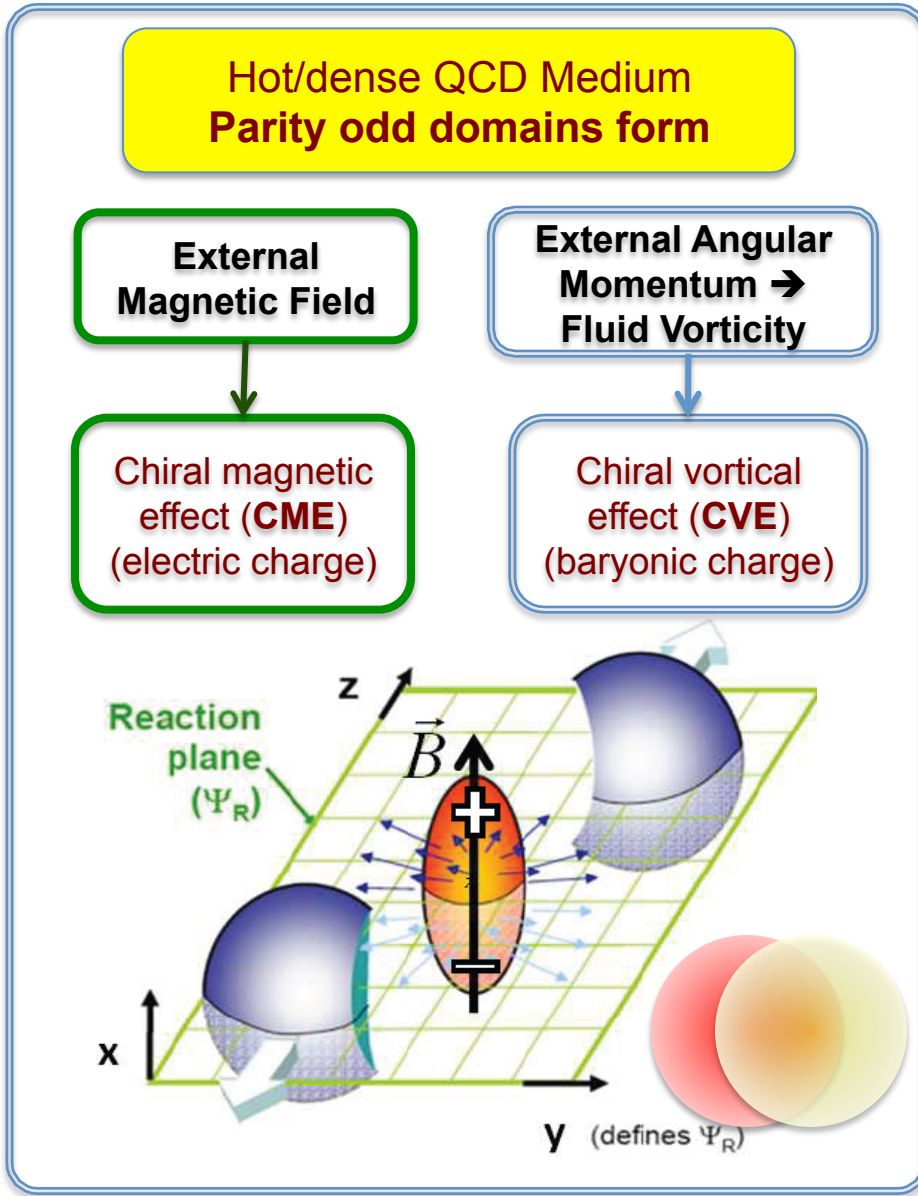
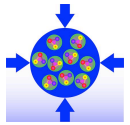
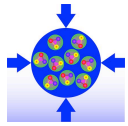
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Recent results from RHIC BES-I

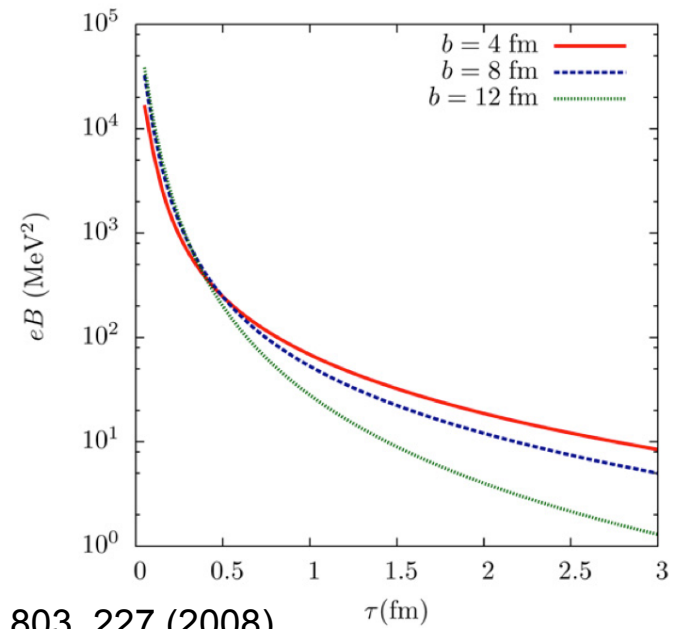
Chirality

Chirality is life – All DNAs are left-handed!

Study QCD Topological Structure

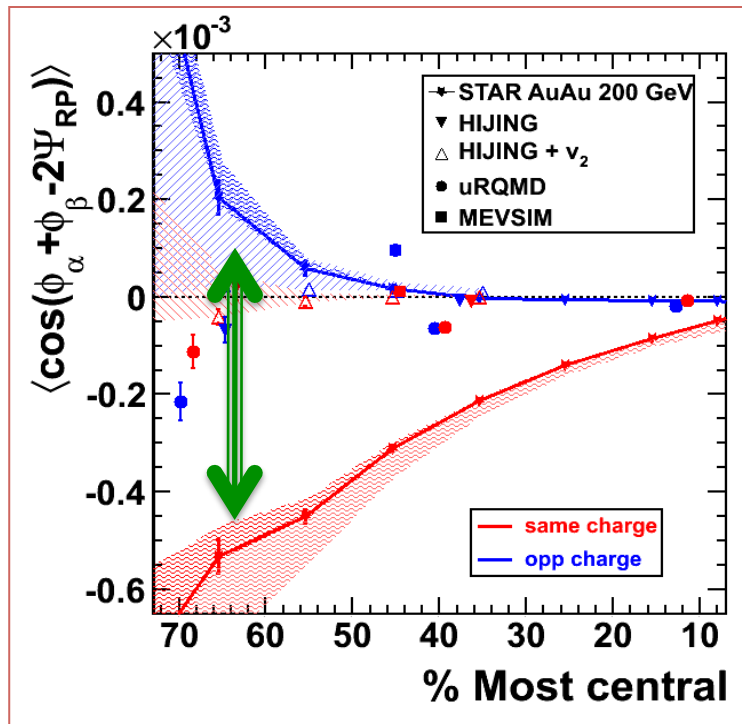


Animation by Derek Leinweber

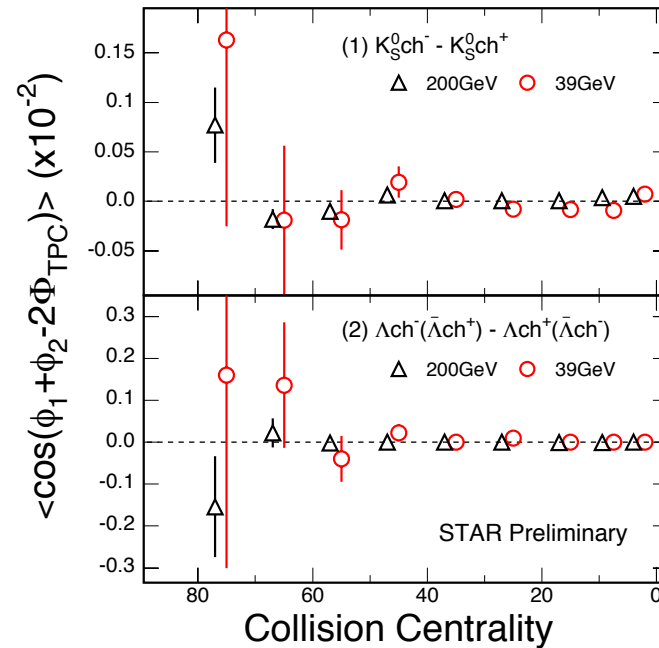
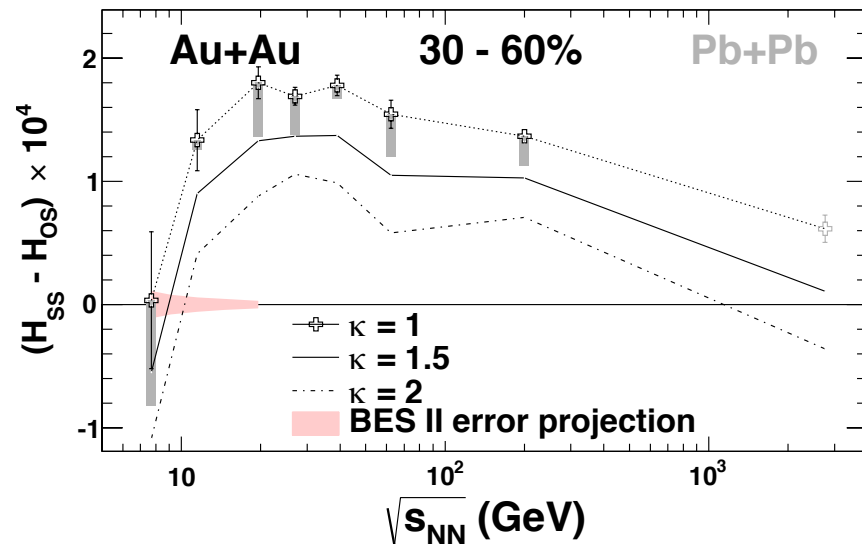


NPA 803, 227 (2008).

Charge Separation wrt Event Plane (CME)



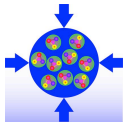
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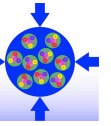
LPV(CME) disappears: with neutral hadrons:

LPV(CME) disappears at low energy:
 → hadronic interactions become dominant at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \leq 11.5$ GeV

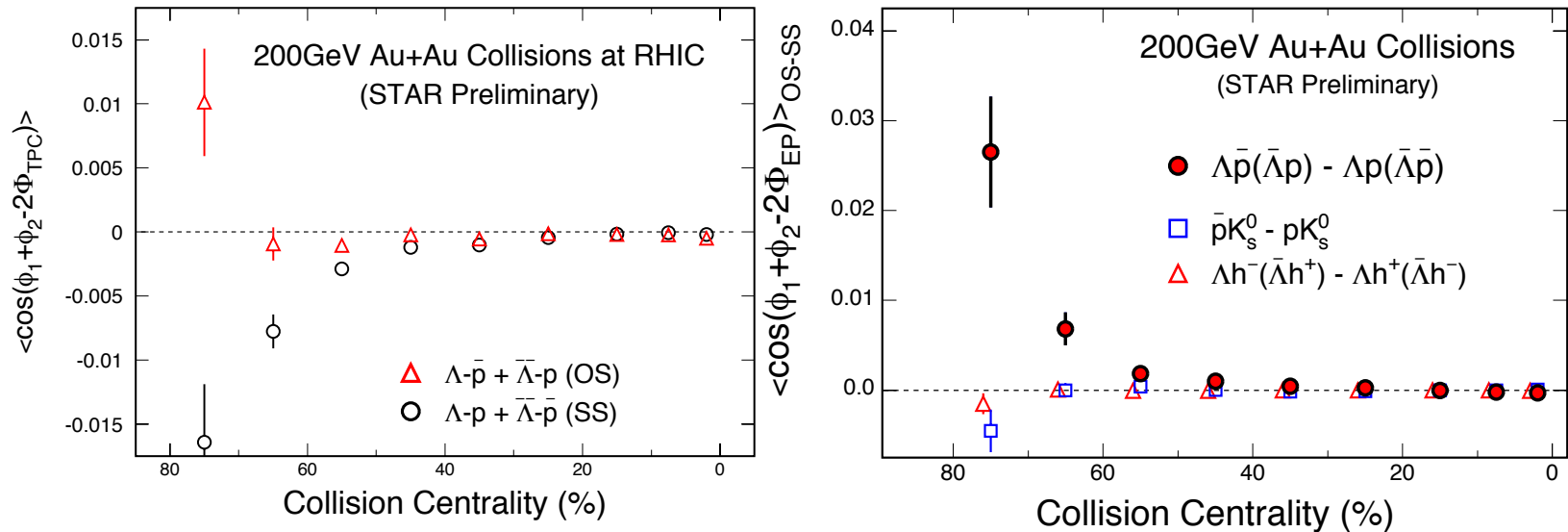
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Baryon Separation wrt Event Plane (CVE)



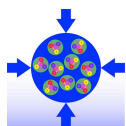
Λ -proton correlation: Λ contains the same B-charge as p but no e-charge



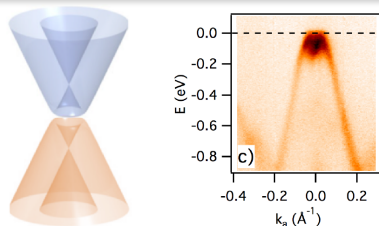
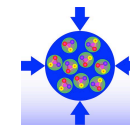
- 1) The opposite baryon-charge correlations (OS) are similar, \sim zero. But the same baryon-charge correlations (SS) are lower than that of the OS. The difference OS-SS is non-zero, **baryon-charge separation**, as expected from the CVE
- 2) Neither p - K_0 nor Λ -charge hadron correlations show any separation effect, consistent with CVE

STAR: F. Zhao, QM2014 Proceedings

Kharzeev, D.T. Son, PRL106, 062301(11); D. Kharzeev. PLB633, 260 (06); D. Kharzeev, et al. NPA803, 227(08)



Chiral Symmetry is Life



“Observation of the chiral magnetic effect in $ZrTe_5$ ”

Q. Li et al., arXiv: 1412.6543 [cond-mat.str-el]

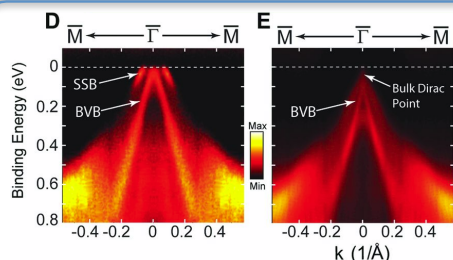


“Force of nature gave life its asymmetry”

'Left-handed' electrons destroy certain organic molecules faster than their mirror versions.

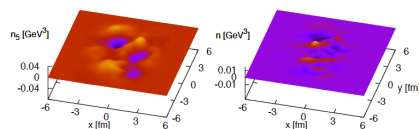
E. Gibney, *Nature*, 25 September 2014

J.M. Dreiling and T.J. Gay, *PRL*113, 118103(2014)



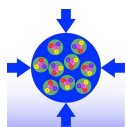
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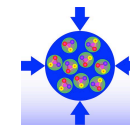


“The Chiral magnetic effect in heavy-ion collisions from event-by-event anomalous hydrodynamics”

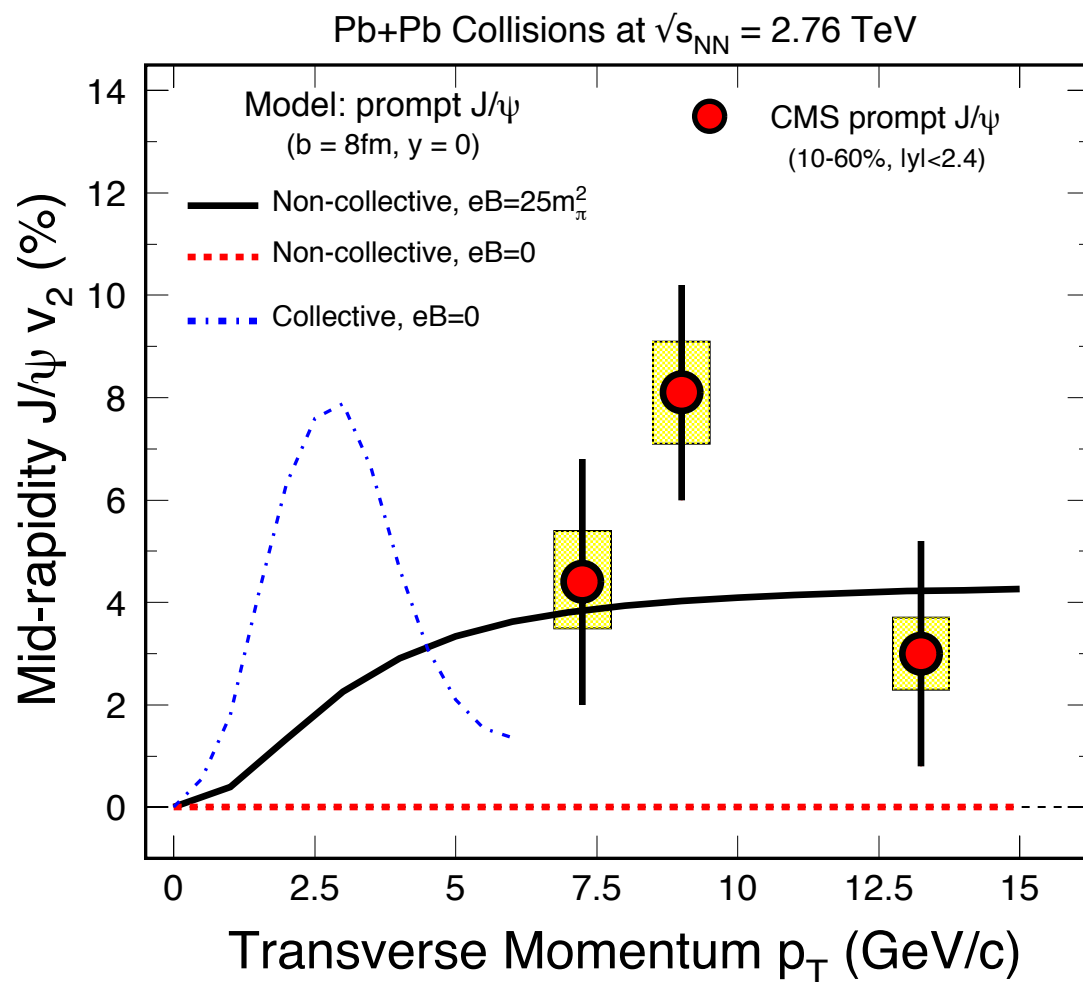
Y. Hirono et al., arXiv: 1412.0311 [hep-ph]



Assess the Initial Field



X.Y. Guo, P.F. Zhuang, *et al*, 1502.04407

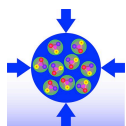


- 1) Very strong external magnetic field at the beginning of the heavy-ion collisions
- 2) Early production of the high p_T quarkonia are sensitive to the initial field
- 3) Measurements of the large p_T , non-collective v_2 of J/ψ , from Pb+ Pb collisions at LHC, seems consistent
- 4) Future tests:
 - Upsilon v_2 from LHC
 - Collectivity of J/ψ
 - J/ψ v_2 from RHIC

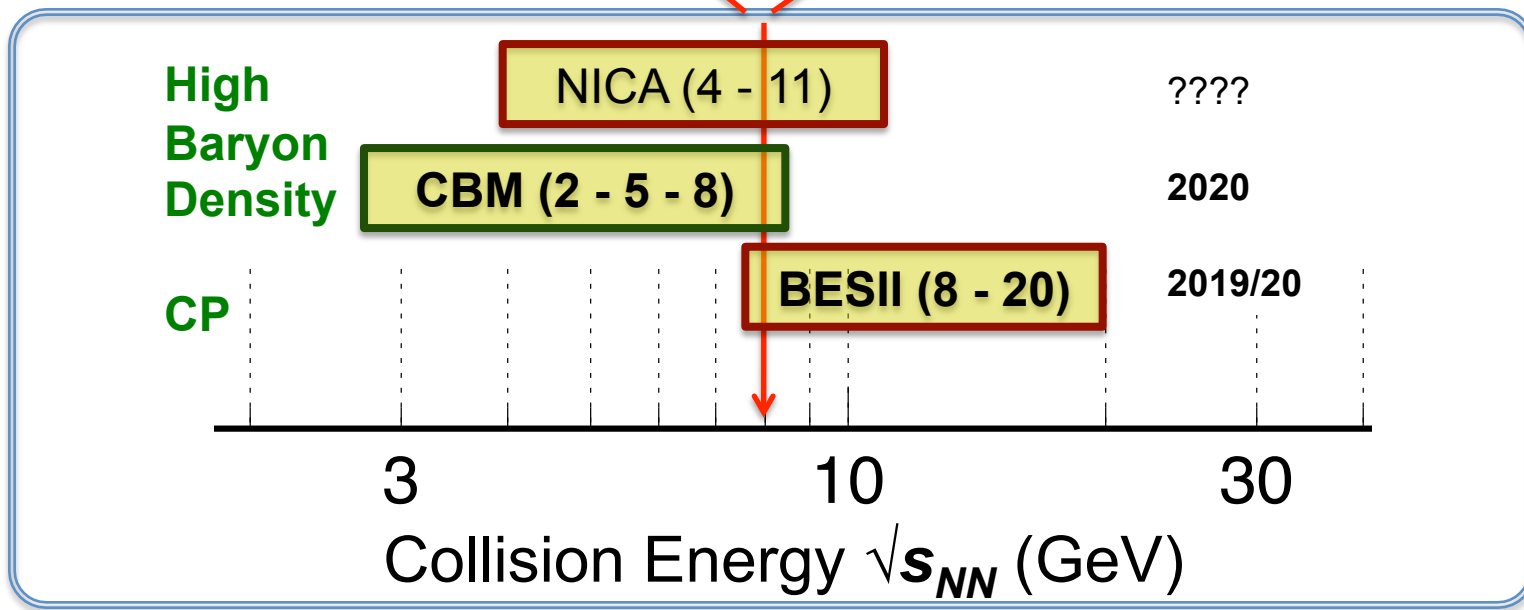
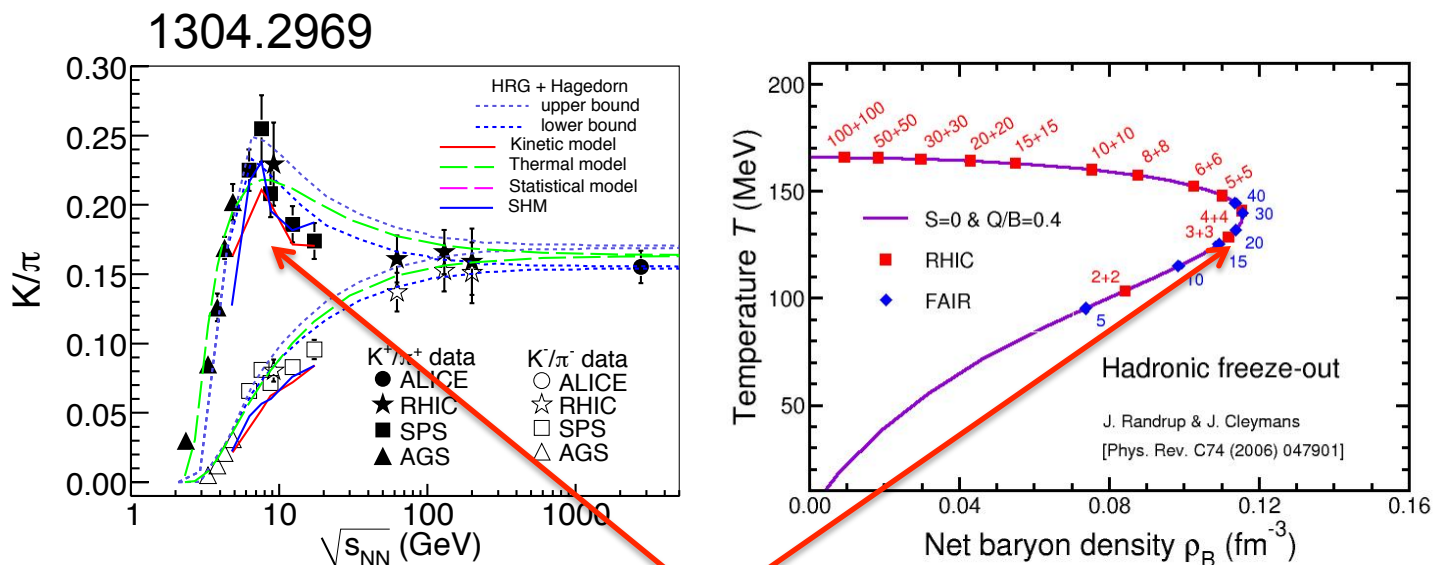
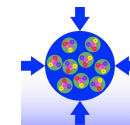
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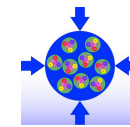
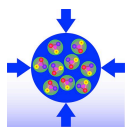
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Outlook



Baryon Density Peaks at $\sim \sqrt{s_{NN}} = 8 \text{ GeV}$





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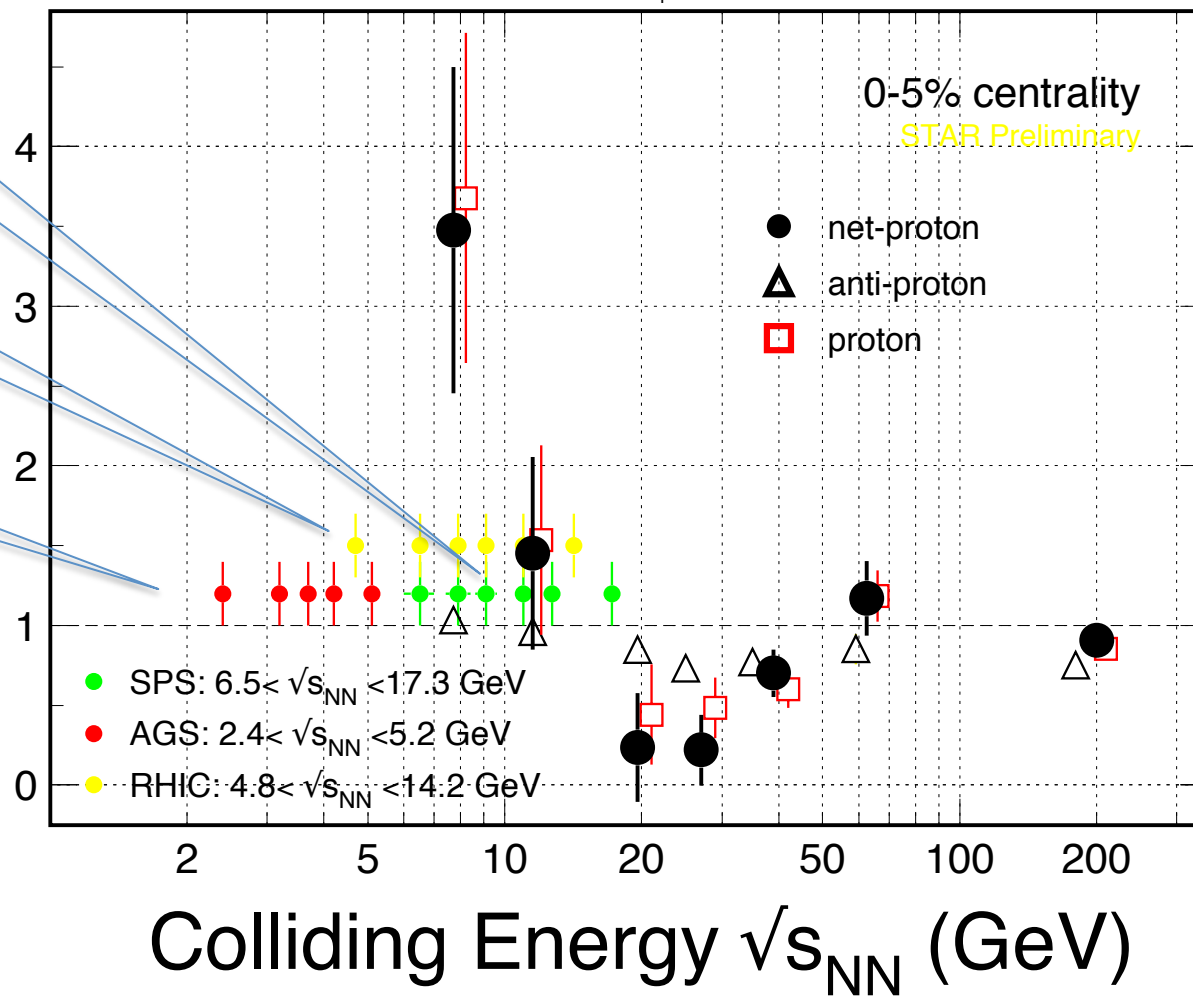
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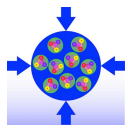
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$K^* \sigma^2$

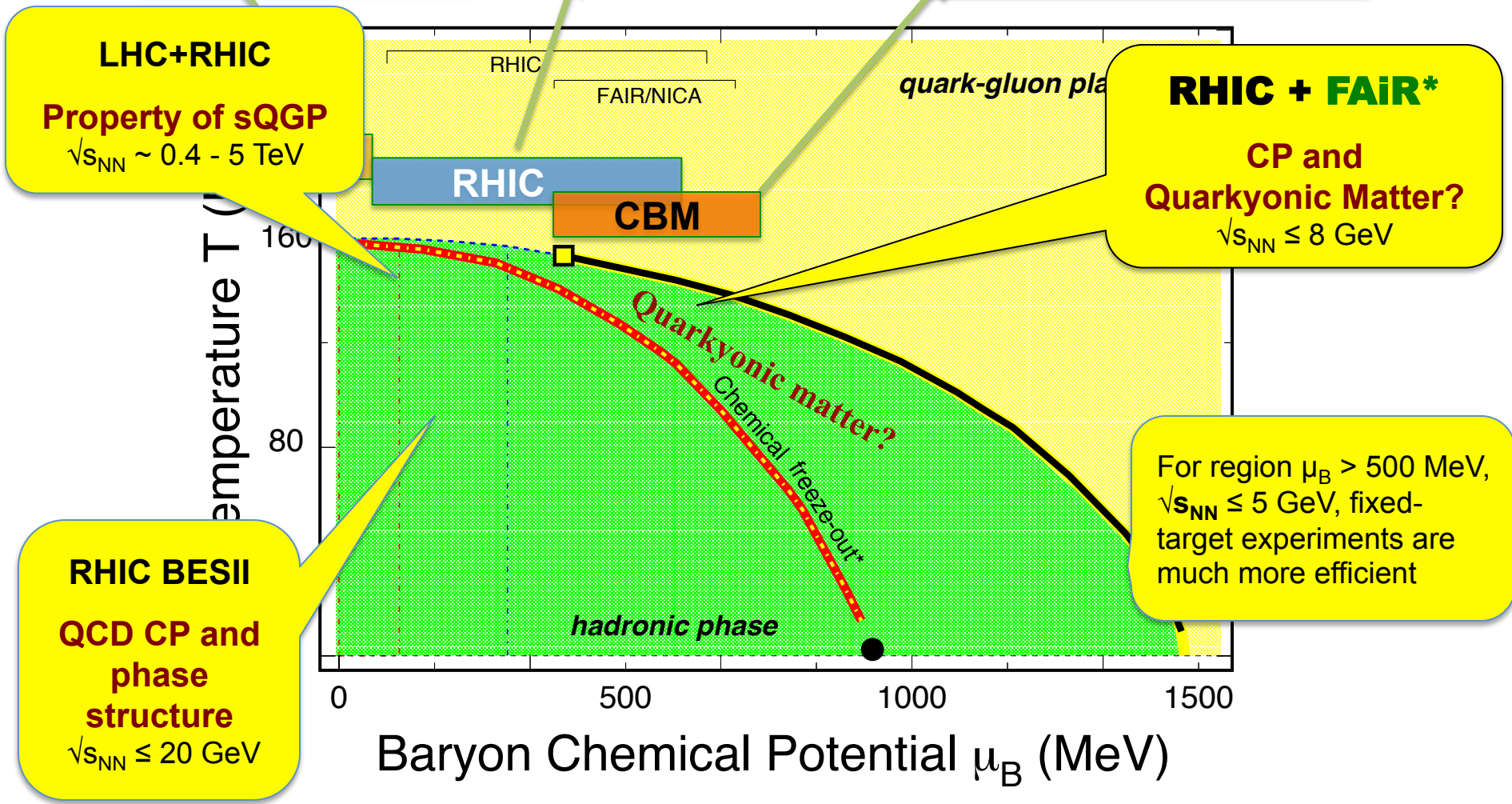
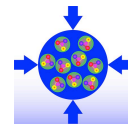
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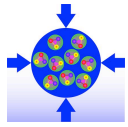
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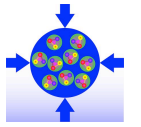


Exploring QCD Phase Structure





Summary



Emergent properties of QCD

At large baryon density region

Go CBM!

2000 – 2015: QGP at $\mu_B \sim 0$ discovered

2015 – 2025: 1st order phase boundary

QCD Critical Point at large μ_B