Recent Results from RHIC BES-I

- QCD medium properties at finite baryon density

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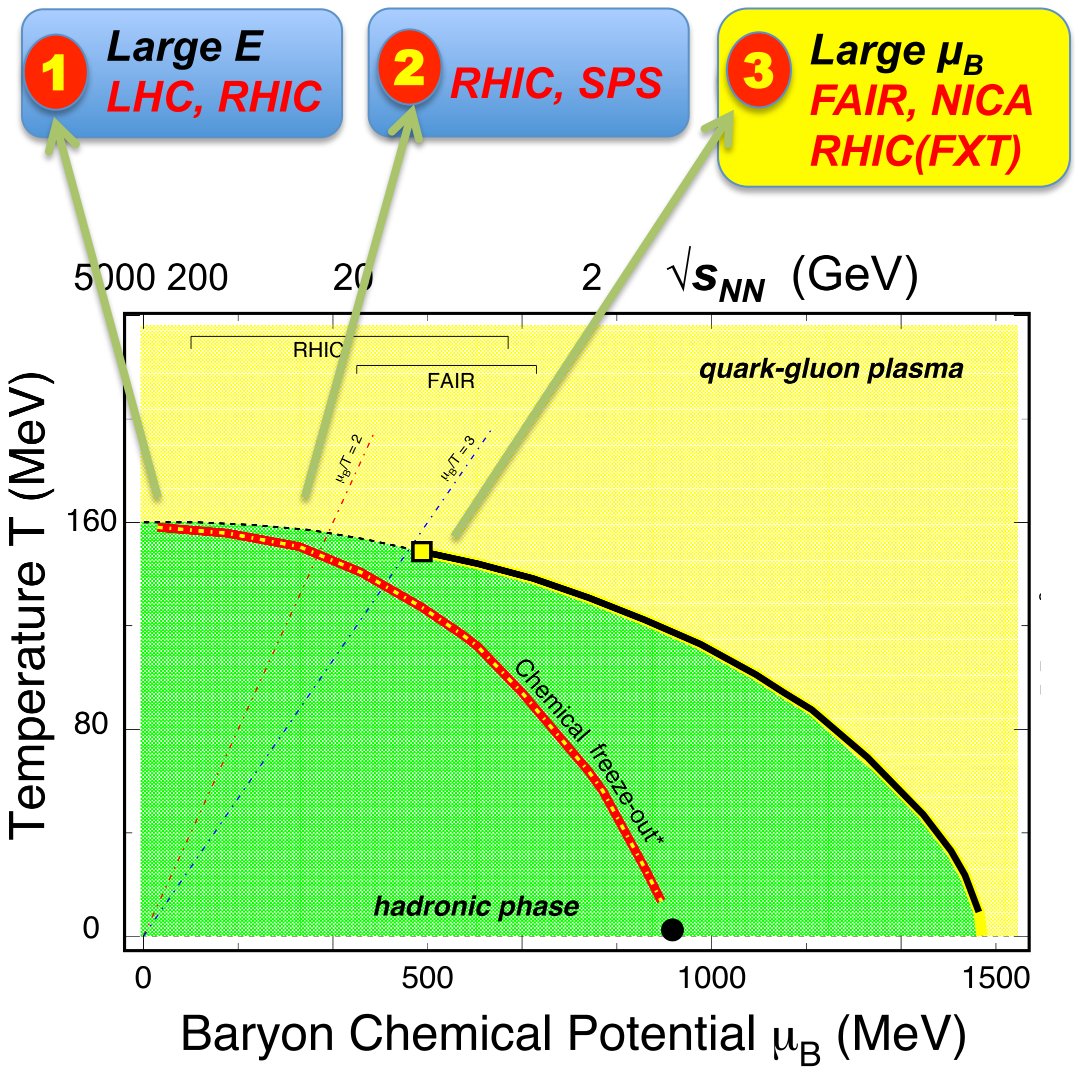
The QCD Phase Diagram and the Beam Energy Scan



2000 – 2012 RHIC+LHC

Top energy program

Discovery of sQGP

- QCD **Critical Point**
- Chiral effects

2010 – 2017: RHIC BES-I

7.7, 11.5, 14.5, 19.6, 27, 39, 54.4 GeV

2019 – 2020: RHIC BES-II

7.7, 11.5, 14.5, 19.6 GeV

FXT*: 4.5, 3.9, 3.6, 3.0 GeV

2022 – : RHIC+FAIR BES-III

Fixed-target programs

Outline

(1) Introduction

(2) Recent Results from BES-I at RHIC

i. Collectivity

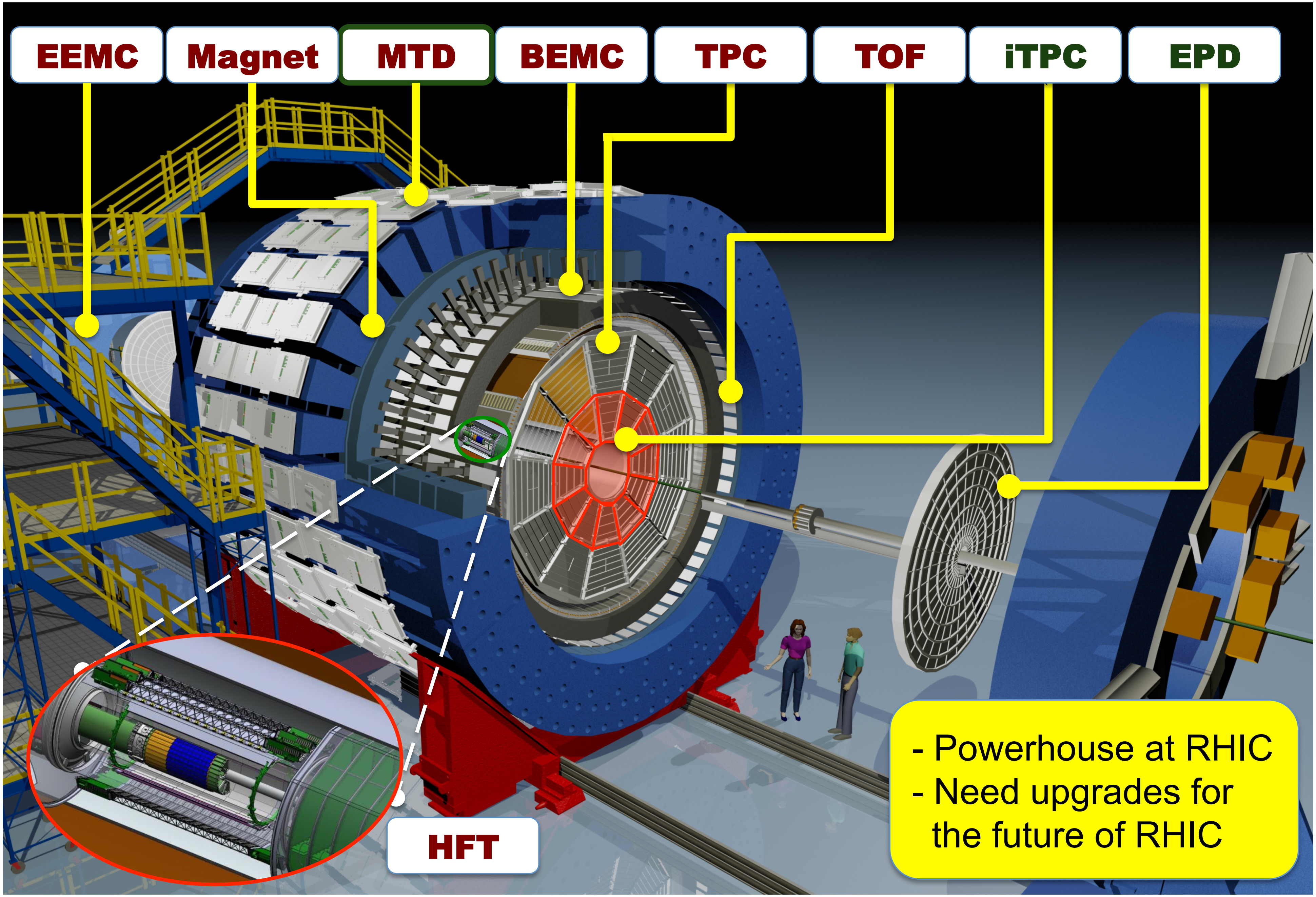
ii. Chirality

iii. Criticality

QCD Emergent Properties

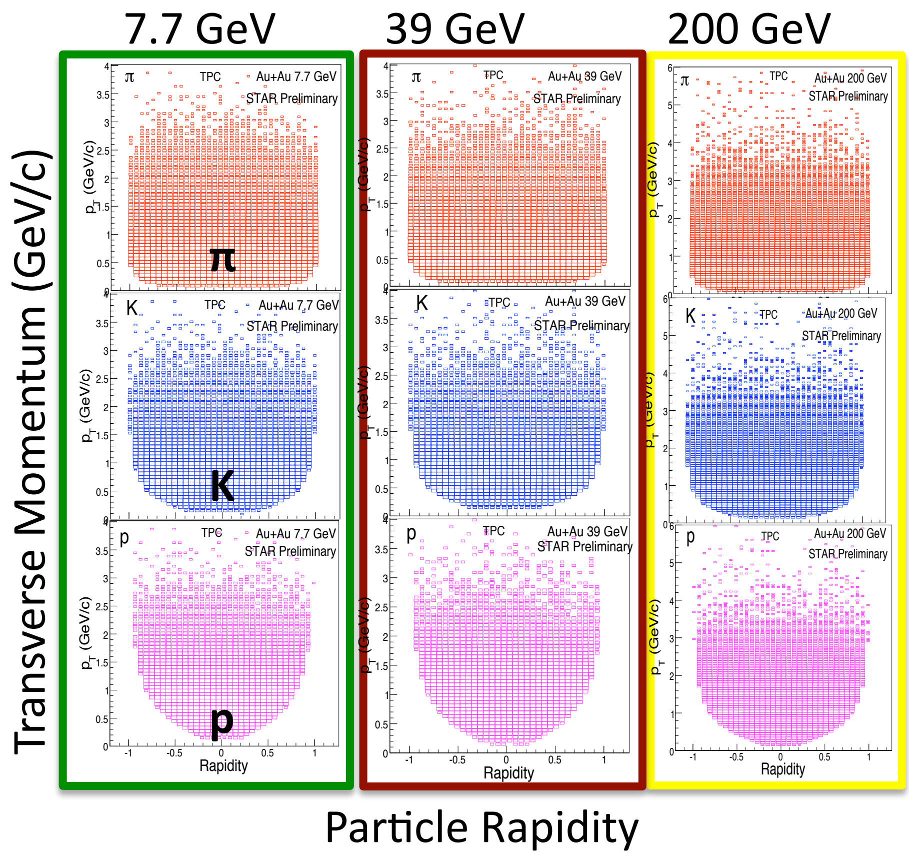
(3) BES-II and Beyond

STAR Detector System



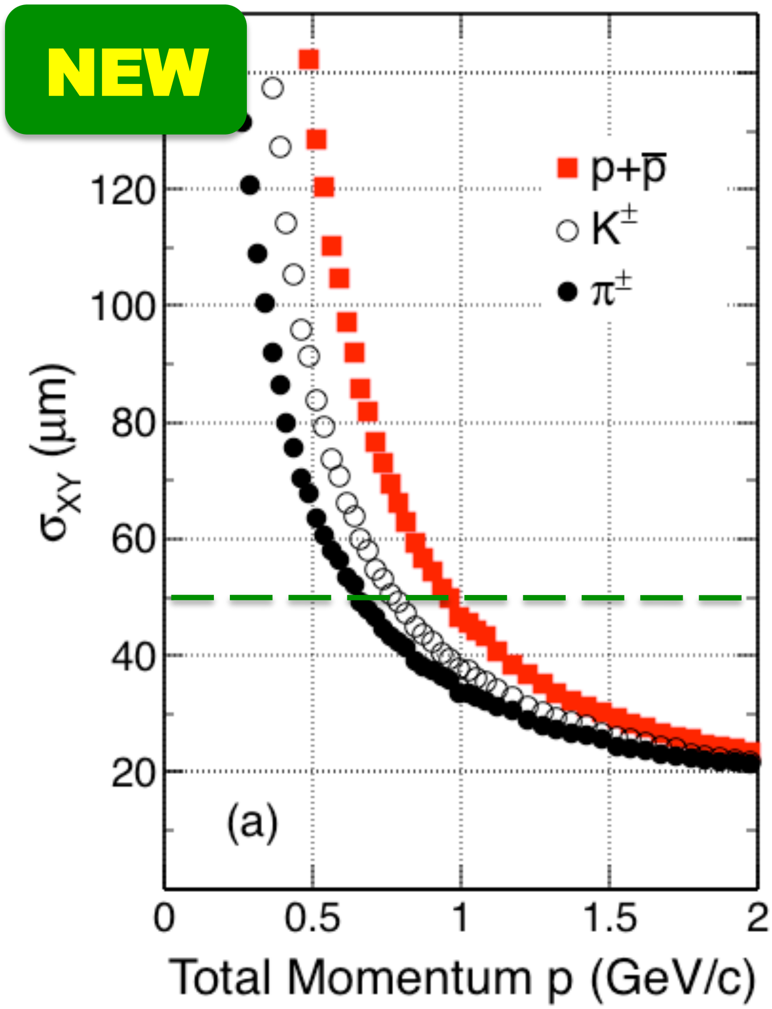
Data Sets for BES-I Program

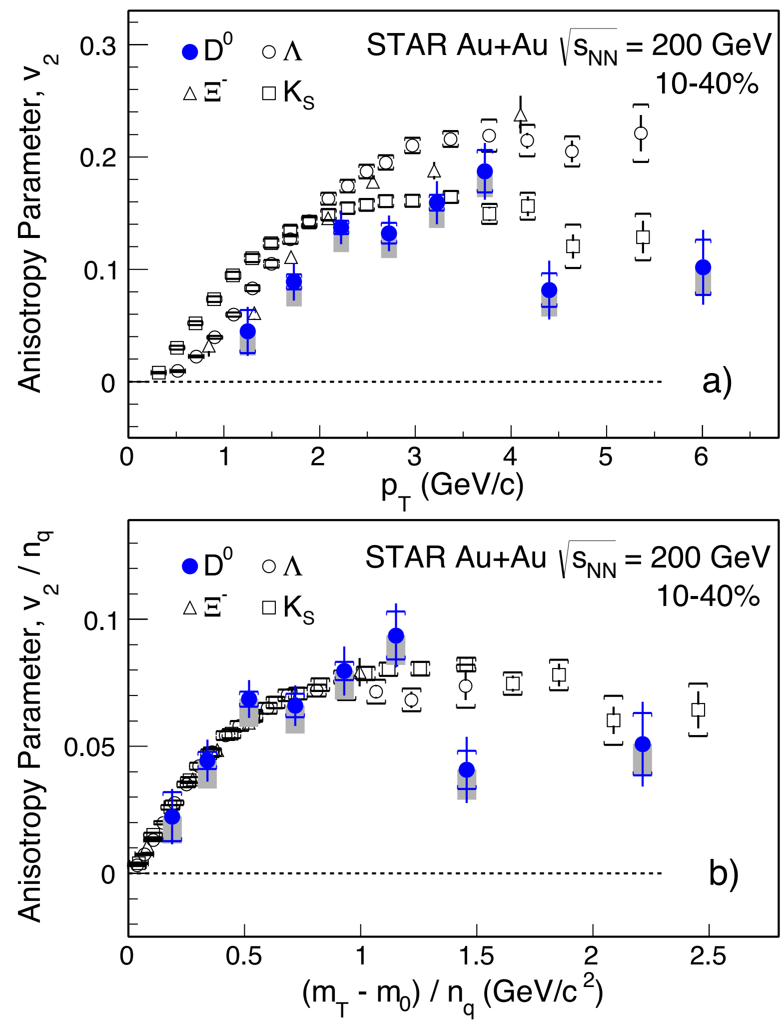
$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (GeV)	Events (10^6)	Year
200	350	2010
62.4	67	2010
54.4	**1000**	**2017**
39	39	2010
27	70	2011
19.6	36	2011
14.5	20	2014
11.5	12	2010
7.7	4	2010



1) Largest data sets versus collision energy
2) STAR: Large and homogeneous acceptance, excellent particle identification capabilities. Especially important for fluctuation analysis

STAR HFT Results: D^0 Collectivity (v_2)





1) First application of MAPS technology, excellent special resolutions
2) Charm-hadron as strong collectivity as light-quark-hadrons!

STAR: Phys. Rev. Lett. **118**, 212301(2017)

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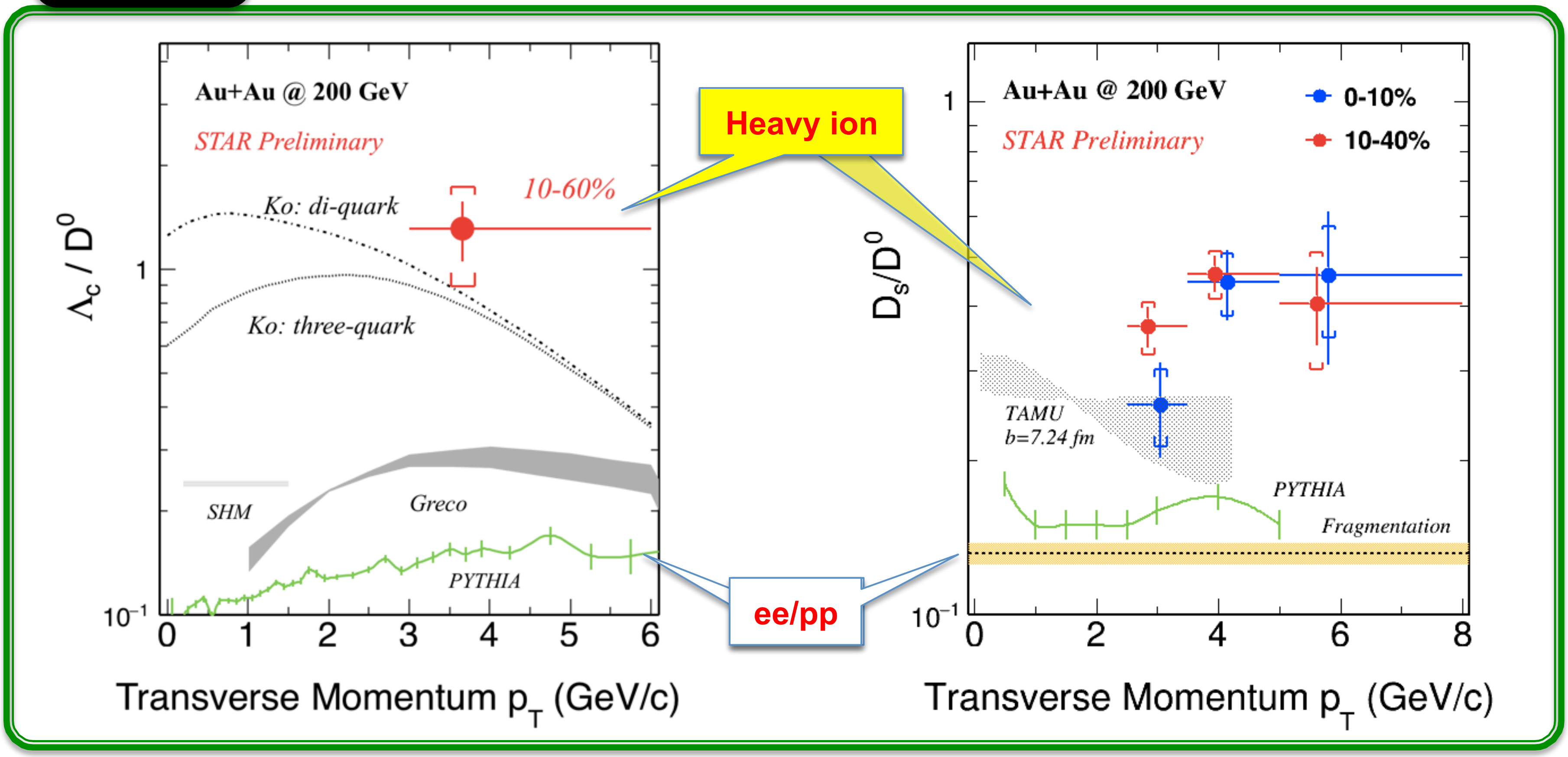
Λ_C/D^0 and D_s/D^0 Ratios



1) In HICs, the **ratios of Λ_C/D^0 and D_s/D^0 are much larger** than that from elementary collisions implying a different hadron production processes
2) HRG predicted an increase for both D_s/D^0 and D^+/D^0 , due to mass/T [(i)]
3) Sources: Charm conservation and strangeness enhancement

STAR data: 1704.04364; (i) A. Andronic *et al.*, PLB**571**, 36(03); (ii) M. He *et al.*, PRL**110**, 112301(13); Y. Oh *et al.*, PRC**79**, 044905(09); S. Ghosh *et al.*, PRD**90**, 054018(14)

STAR: Hadron Spectra from BES-I

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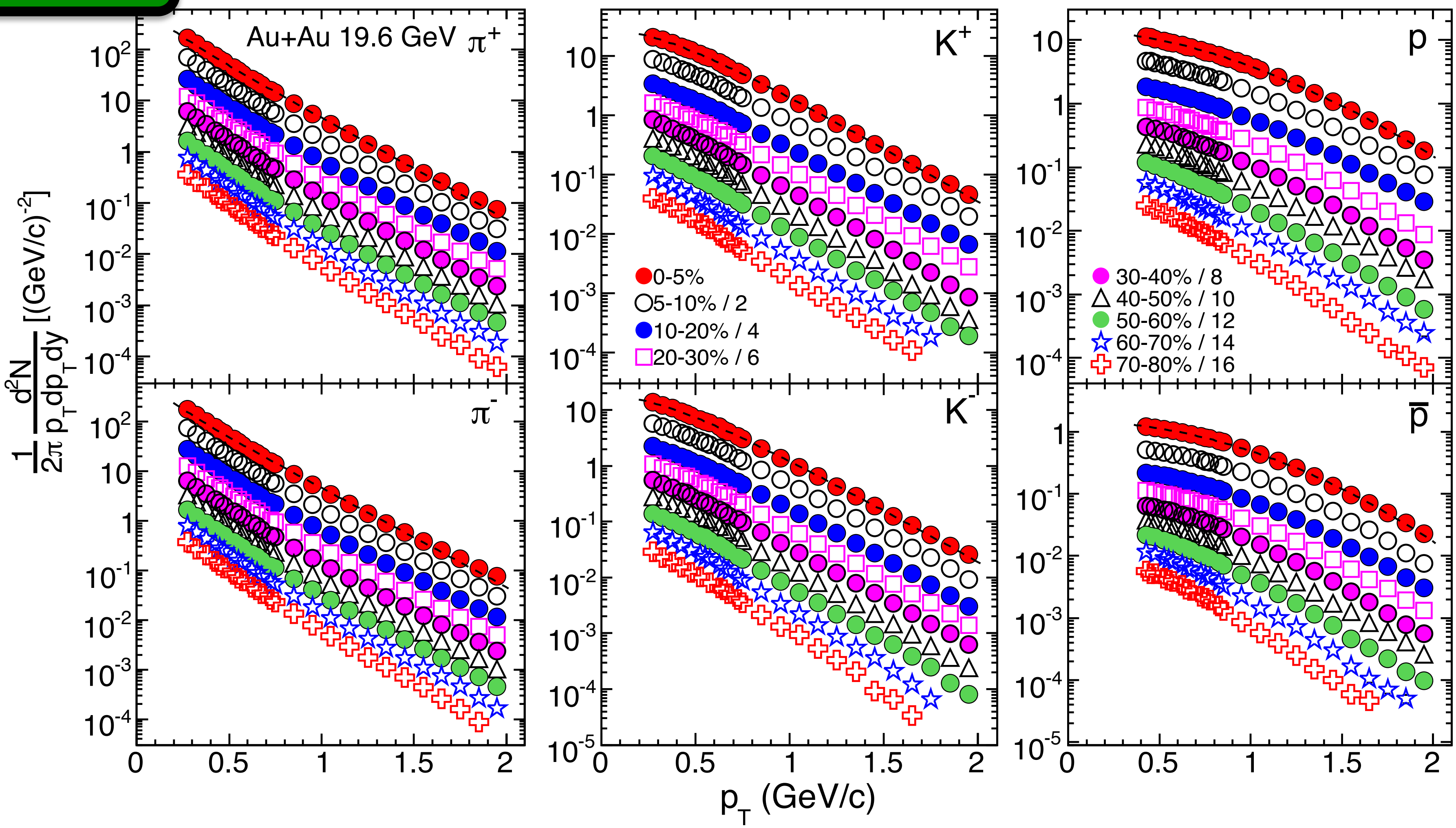
$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = *19.6* GeV Au+Au Collisions



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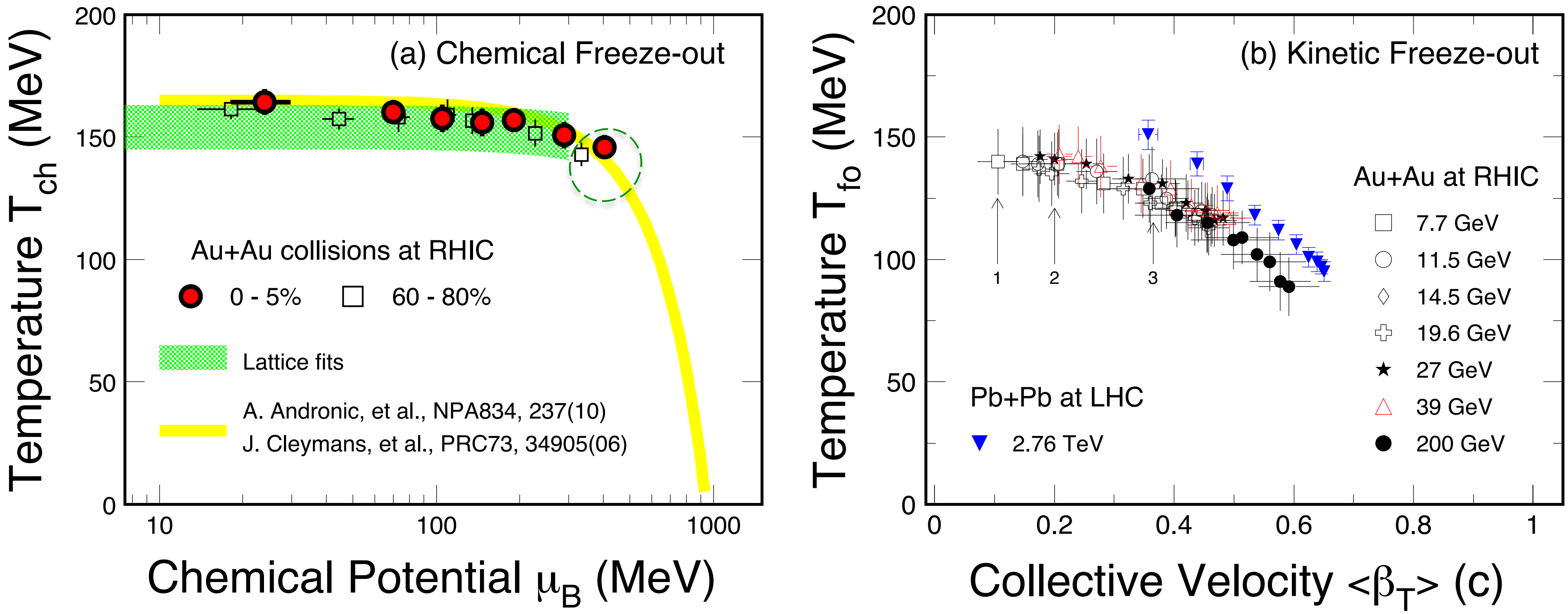
Bulk Properties at Freeze-outs



Chemical Freeze-out: (GCE)

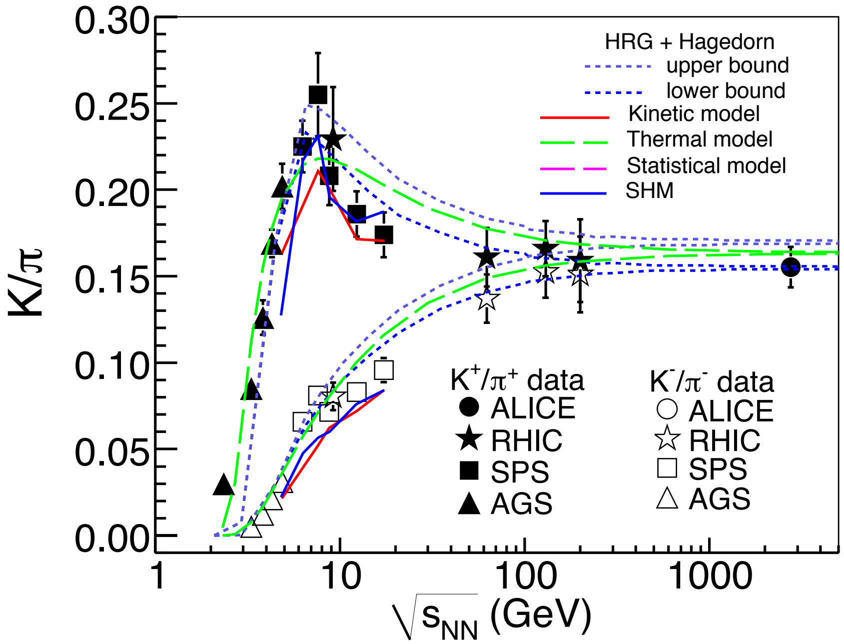
- Weak temperature dependence
- Centrality dependence μ_B!
- LGT calculations indicate the Critical Region around μ_B **~ 300 MeV?**

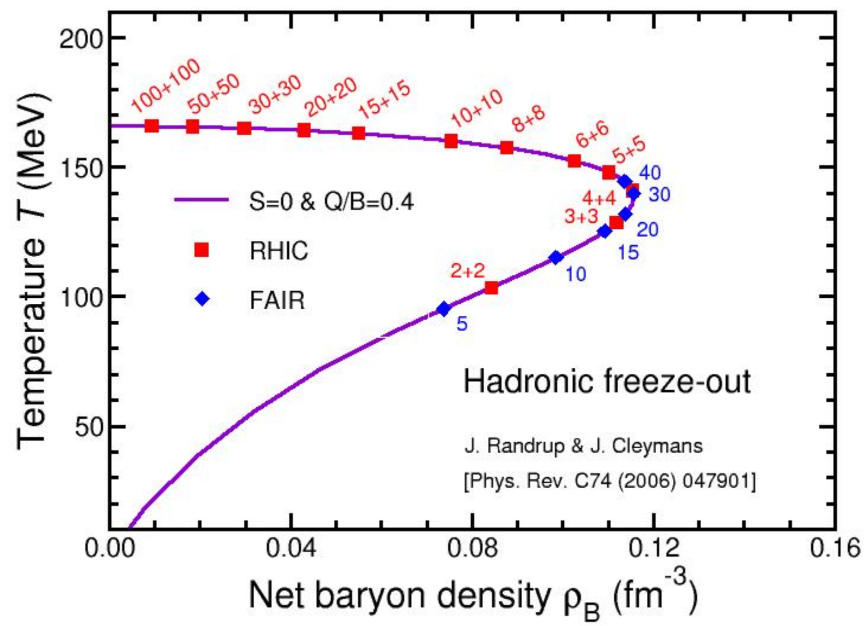
Kinetic Freeze-out:

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

- ALICE: B.Abelev et al., PRL**109**, 252301(12); PRC**88**, 044910(2013).
- STAR: J. Adams, et al., NPA**757**, 102(05); **STAR**: 1701.07065
- S. Mukherjee: Private communications. August, 2012

K/π Ratios and Baryon Density





1) The **K^+/π** ratio peaks at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ ~ 8 GeV,
   K^-/π ratio merges with **K^+/π** at higher collision energy
2) Model: Baryon density peaks at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ ~ 8 GeV
3) At **$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ > 8 GeV, pair production becomes important**

STAR: 1701.07065; J. Randrup and J. Cleymans, Phys. Rev. **C74**, 047901(2006)

Collectivity

$$\partial_\mu [(\varepsilon + p) u^\mu u^\nu - p g^{\mu\nu}] = 0$$
$$\partial_\mu [s\, u^\mu] = 0$$

v_1 versus Collision Energy

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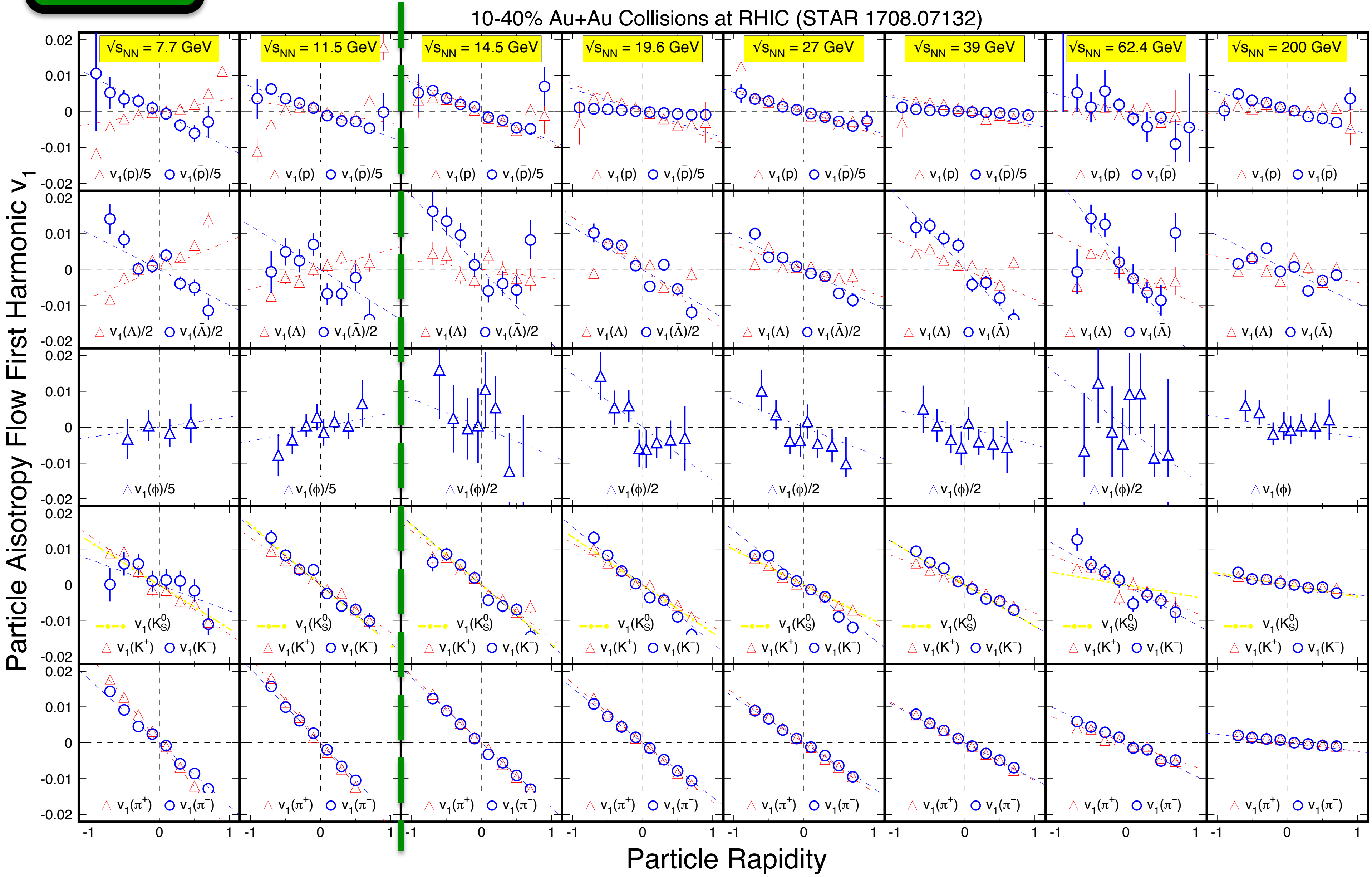

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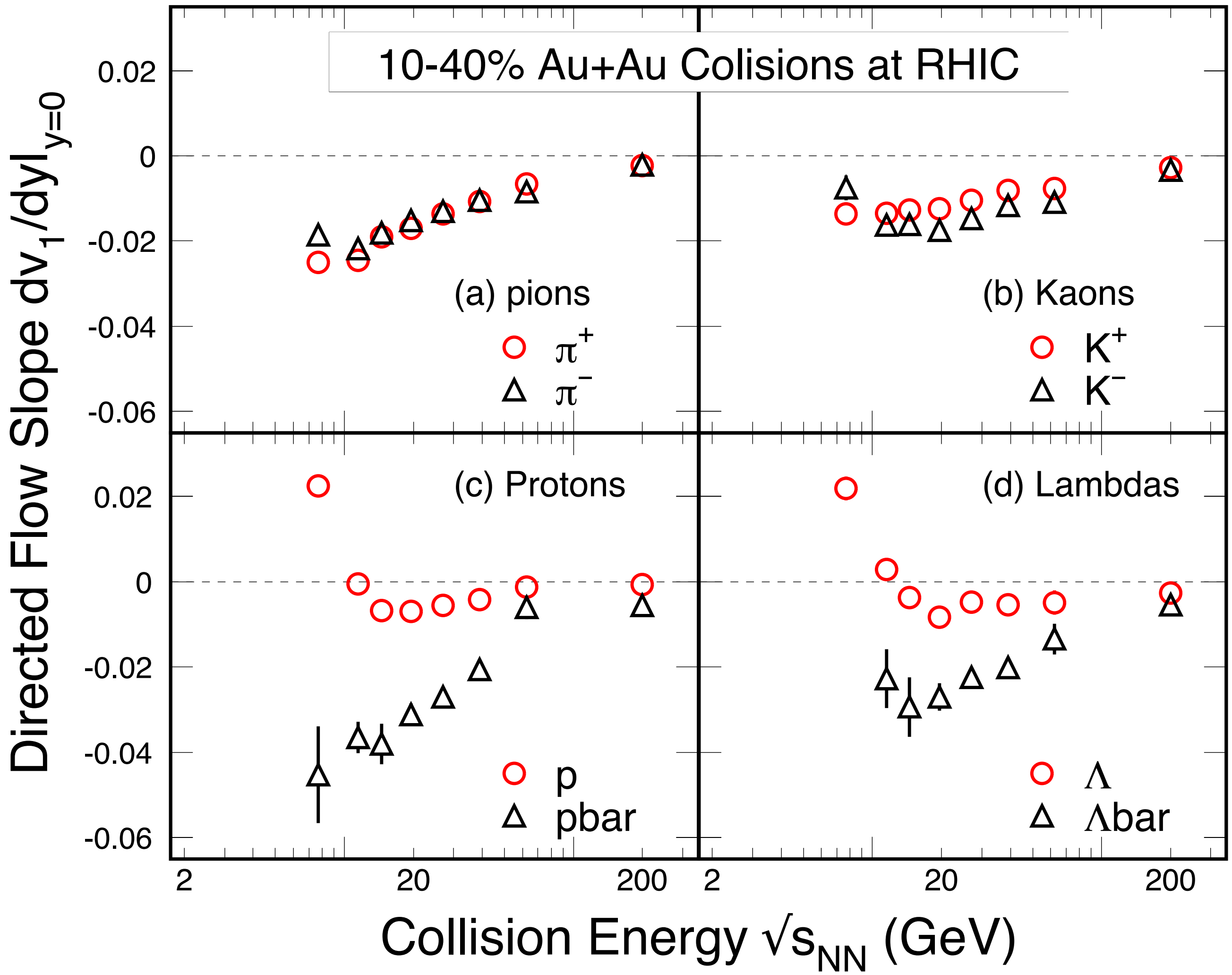
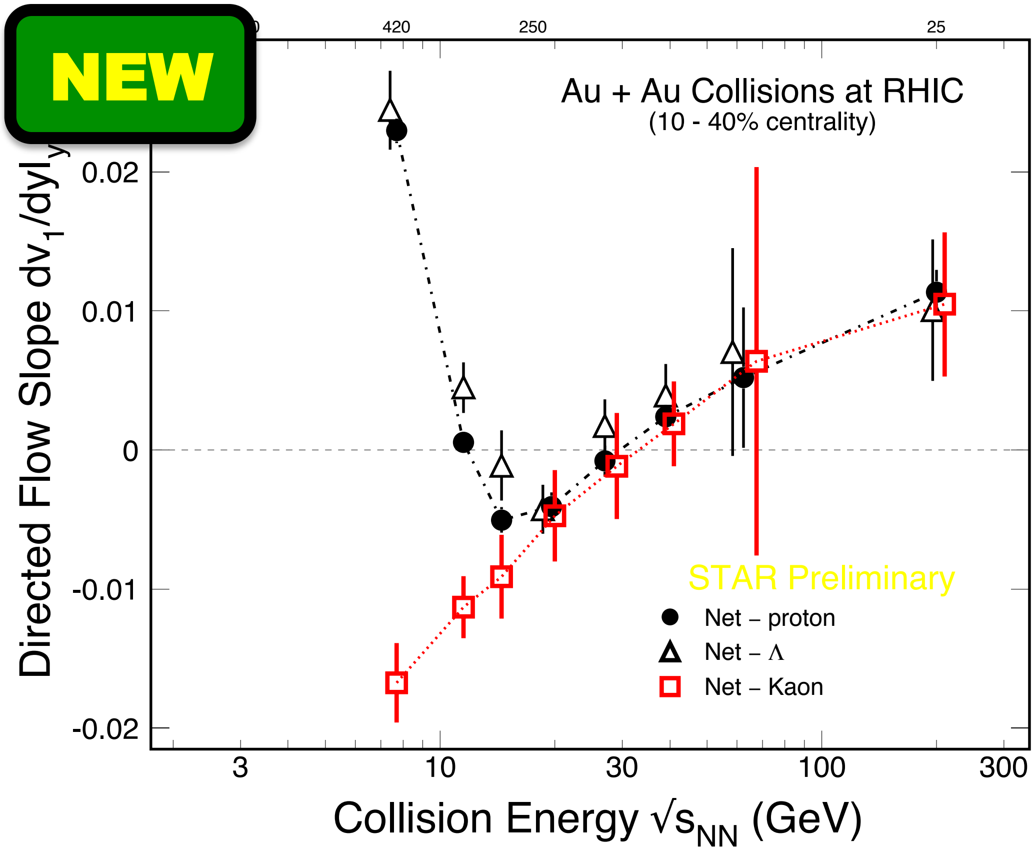


1) All produced hadrons mid-y v_1 slope < 0
2) At $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ < 10 GeV, Baryons' v_1 becomes > 0

STAR: 1708.07132

v_1 vs. Energy: Softest Point?



1) Minimum at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 10 GeV for net-proton and net-Λ, but net-Kaon data continue decreasing as energy decreases

2) At low energy, or in the region where the net-baryon density is large, repulsive force is expected, v_1 slope is large and positive!

3) Softest point only for baryons?

4) Need an explaination!

- M. Isse, A. Ohnishi et al, PR **C72**, 064908(05)
- Y. Nara, A. Ohnishi, H. Stoecker, PRC94, 034906(16), arXiv: **1601.07692**

STAR: PRL**112**, 162301(2014)

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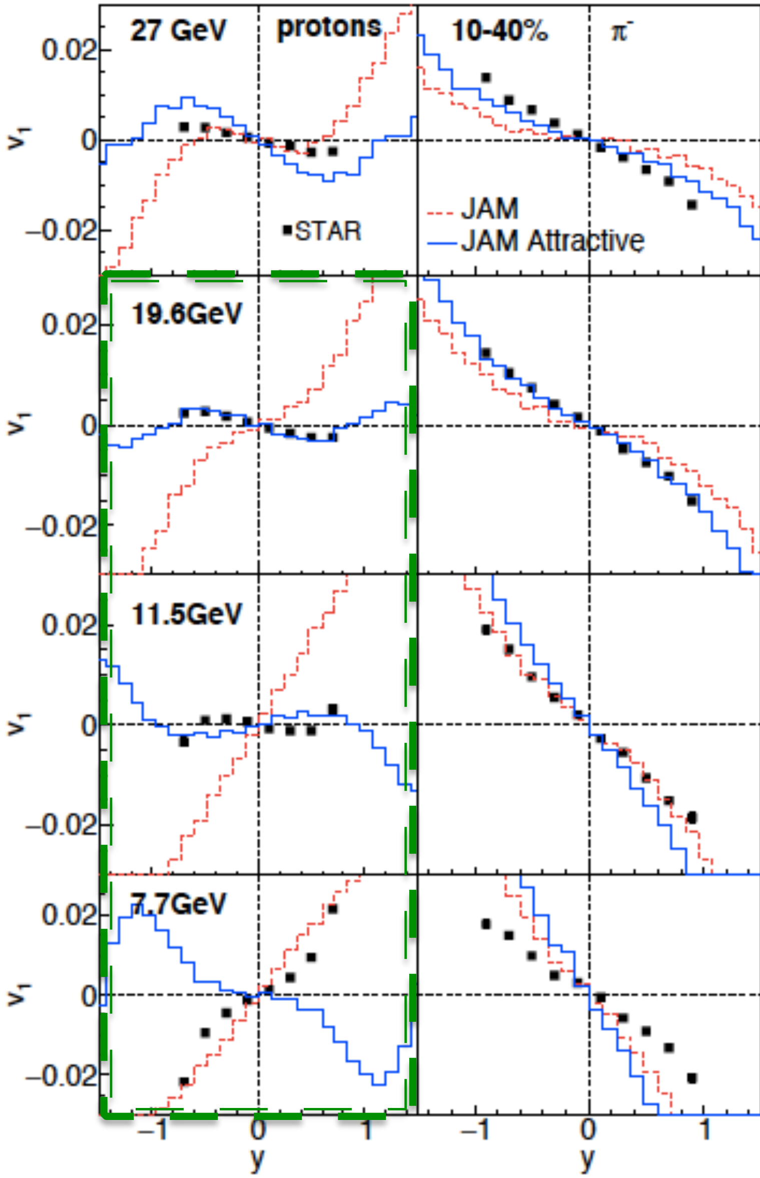

"Attractive force" → Change of the EOS ~ "softest point"

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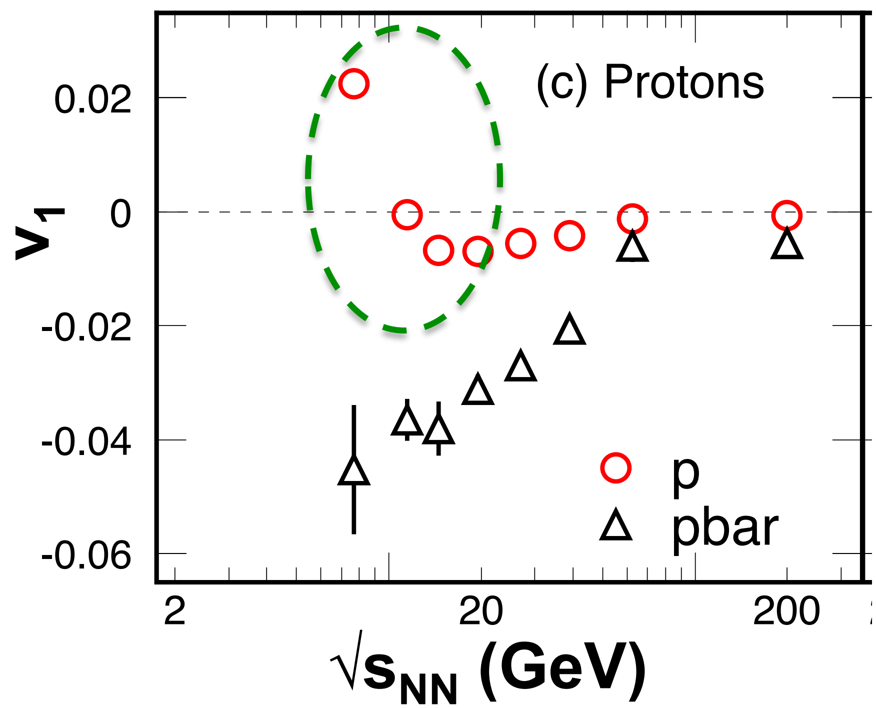
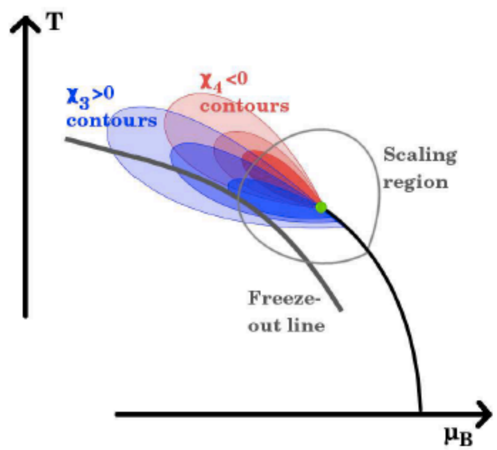
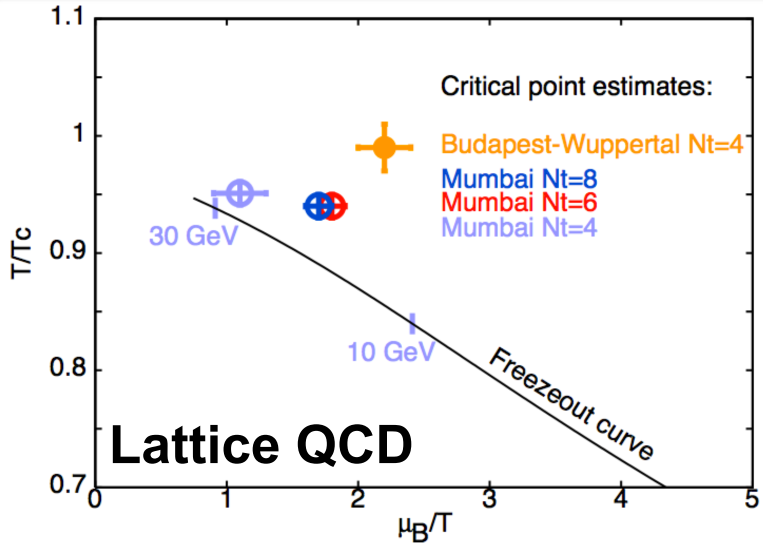
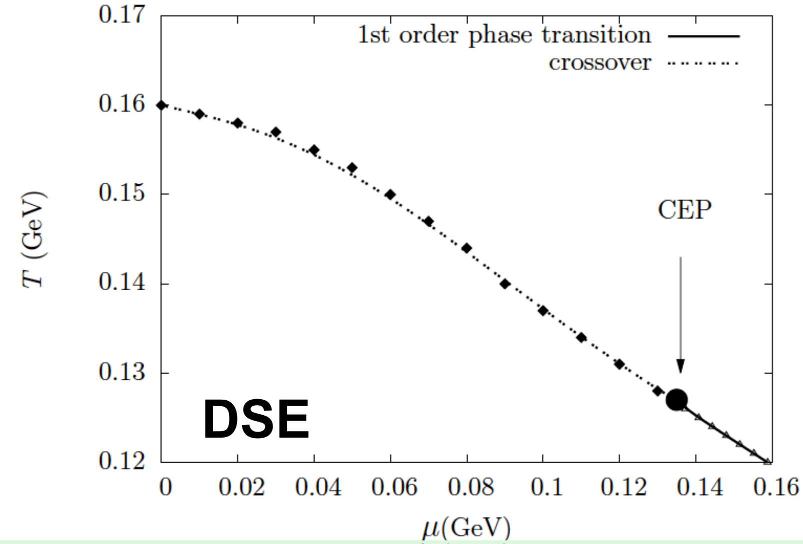


Criticality



Status on Predictions





Lattice QCD:

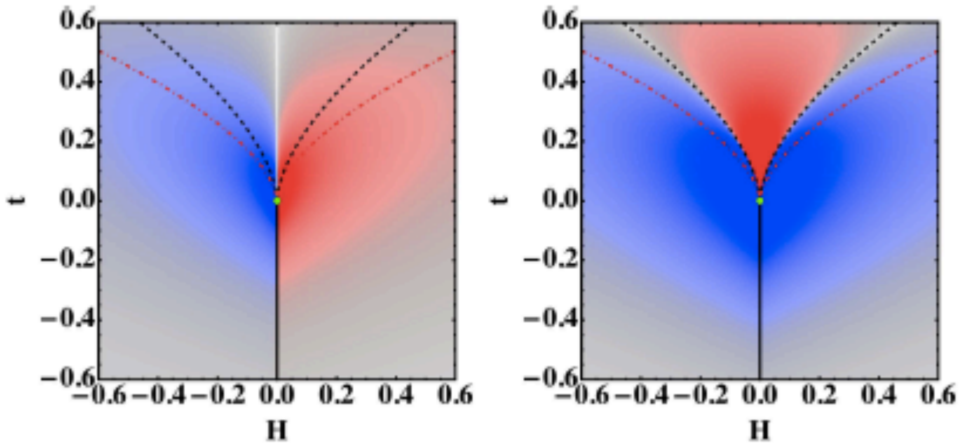
1) Fodor and Katz, JHEP 0404,050 (04)
   $(\mu^E_B, T_E) = (360, 162)$ MeV (Re.)
2) Gavai and Gupta, NPA 904, 883c (13)
   $(\mu^E_B, T_E) = (279, 155)$ MeV (Taylor)
3) F. Karsch ($\mu^E_B / T_E > 2$, CPOD2016)

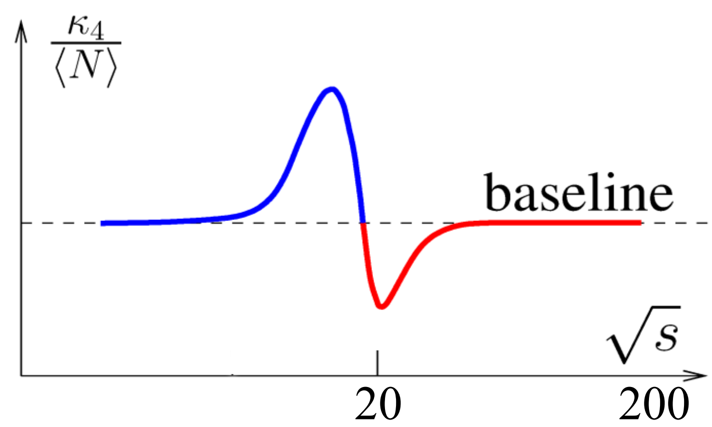
DSE:

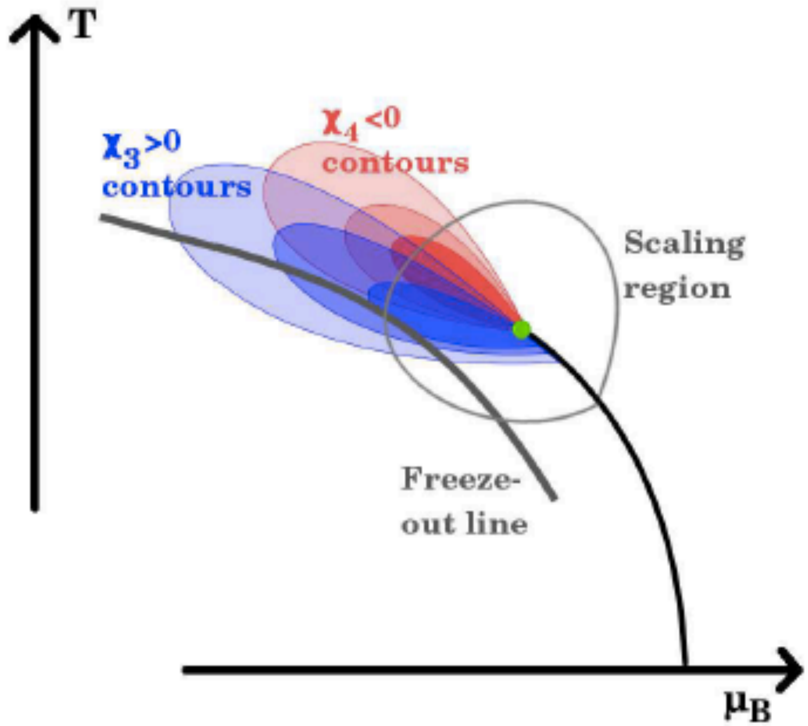
1) Y. X. Liu, et al., PRD90, 076006(14)
   $(\mu^E_B, T^E) = (372, 129)$ MeV
2) H.S. Zong et al., JHEP 07, 014(14)
   $(\mu^E_B, T_E) = (405, 127)$ MeV
3) C.S. Fischer et al., PRD90, 034022(14)
   $(\mu^E_B, T^E) = (504, 115)$ MeV

$\mu^E_B = 300 \sim 504$ MeV, $T_E = 115 \sim 162$ MeV, **$\mu^E_B / T_E > 2.5$**

Expectation from Model Calculations



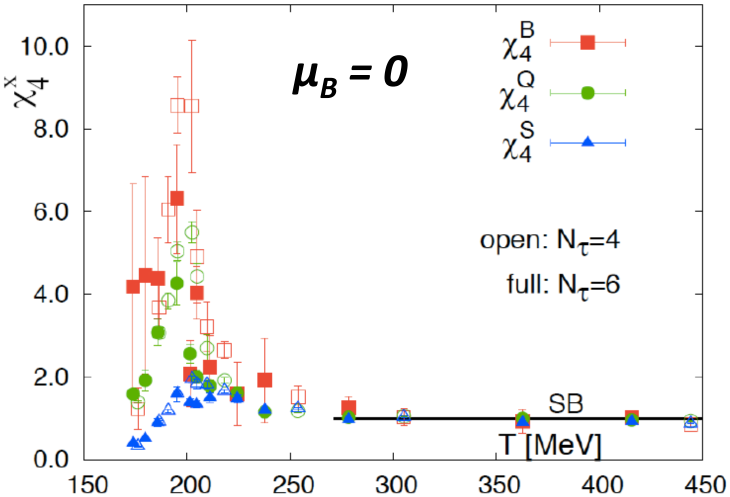


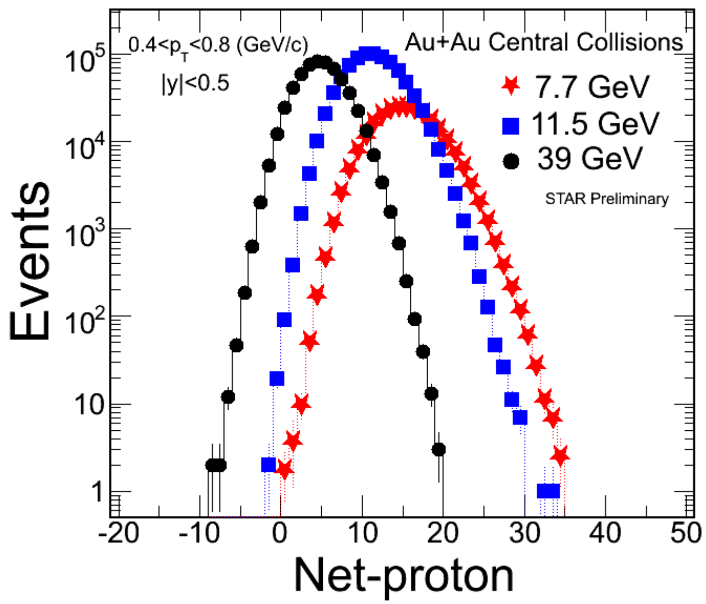


- Characteristic "Oscillating pattern" is expected for the QCD critical point but *the exact shape depends on the location of freeze-out with respect to the location of CP*
- Critical Region (CR)

- M. Stephanov, ***PRL107***, 052301(2011)
- V. Skokov, Quark Matter 2012
- J.W. Chen, J. Deng, H. Kohyyama, arXiv: 1603.05198, Phys. Rev. **D93** (2016) 034037

Higher Moments and Criticality





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

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

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

3) Direct comparison with calculations at any order:

$$S\sigma \approx \frac{\chi_B^3}{\chi_B^2}, \qquad \kappa\sigma^2 \approx \frac{\chi_B^4}{\chi_B^2}$$

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

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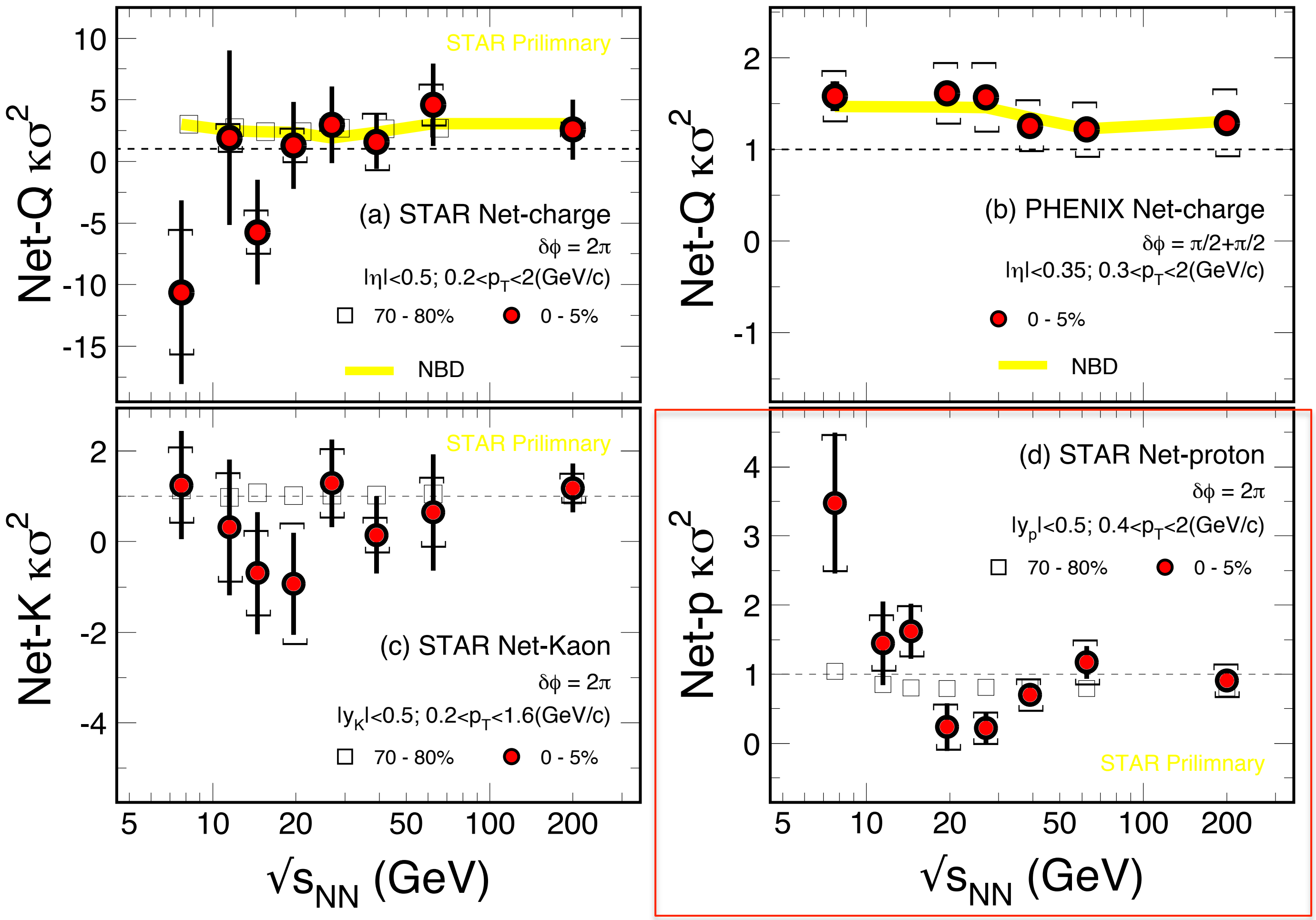
- A. Bazavov et al., PRL109, 192302(12) // S. Borsanyi et al., PRL111, 062005(13) // V. Skokov et al., PRC88, 034901(13)
- PBM, A. Rustamov, J. Stachel, arXiv:1612.00702

Higher Moments of Net-Q, -K, -p



$$error(\kappa * \sigma^2) \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \frac{\sigma^2}{\varepsilon^2}$$

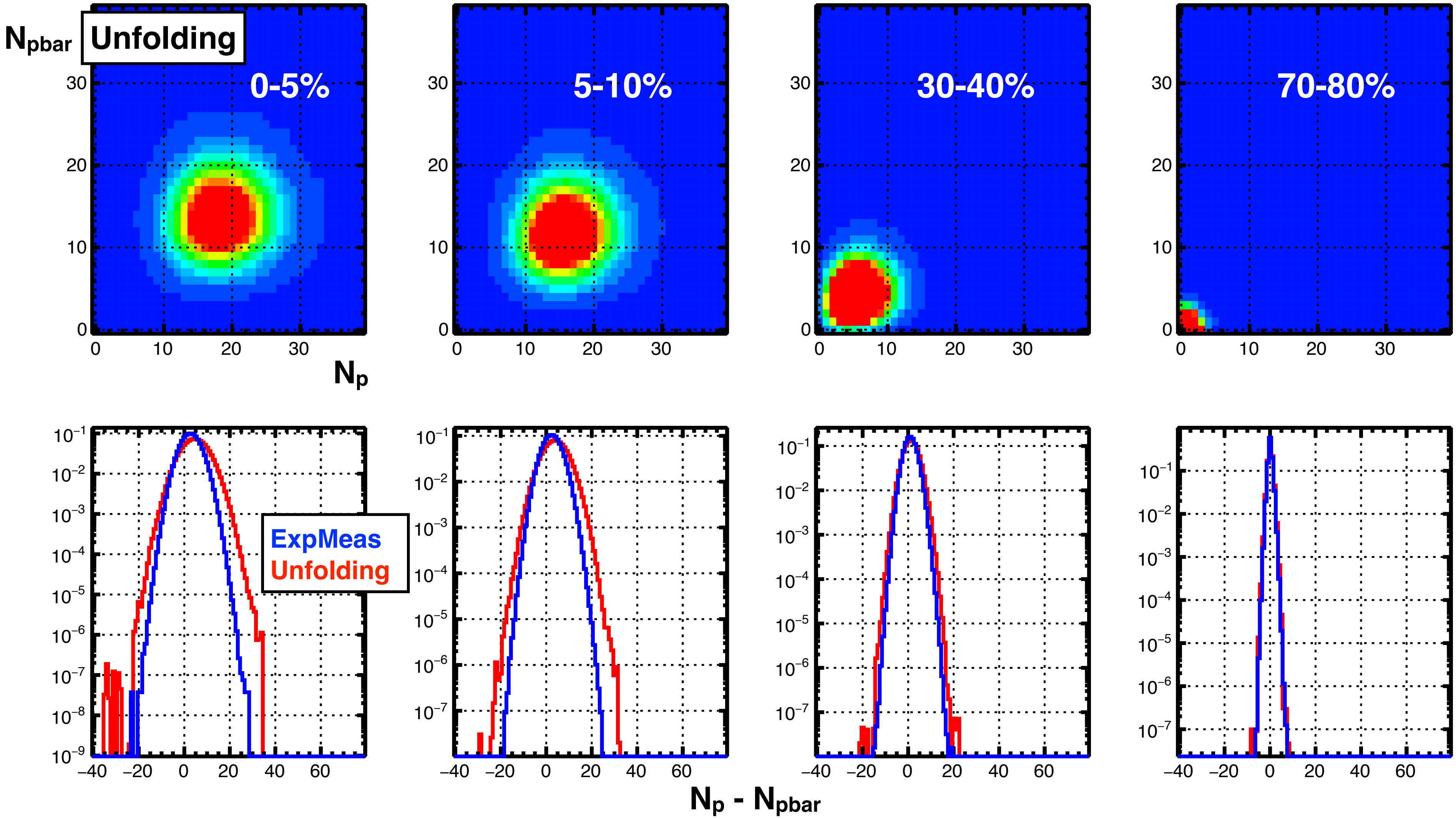
In STAR:

σ(Q) > σ(K) > σ(p)

1) The results of net-Q and net-Kaon show flat energy dependence.
2) Net-p shows **non-monotonic energy dependence** in the most central Au+Au collisions starting at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ < 27 GeV!

Unfolded distributions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 200 GeV

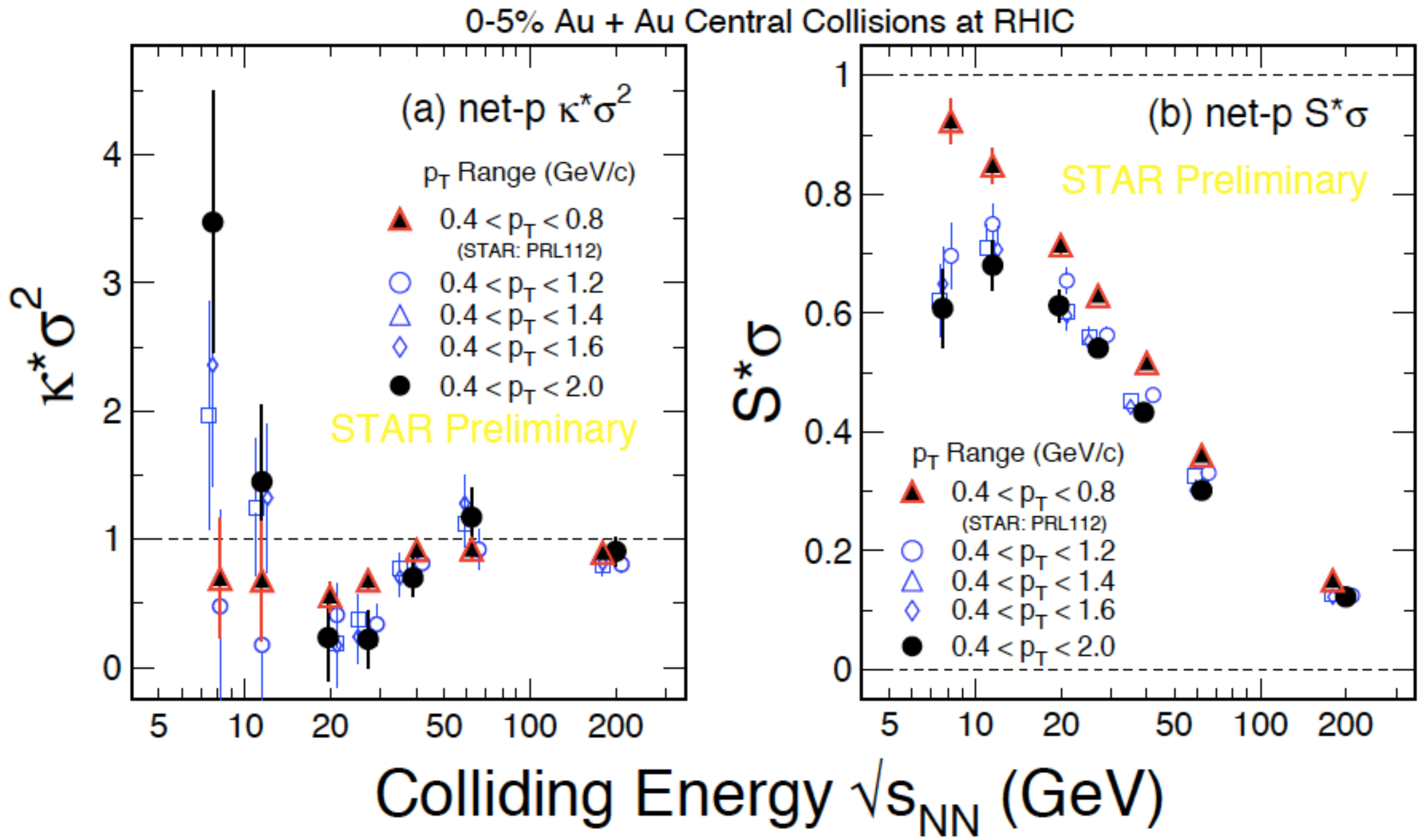
$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 200 GeV, net-proton, |y| < 0.5, 0.4 < p_T < 2.0 (GeV/c),
without CBWC nor VFC, binomial model, one RM unfolding with 30+100 iterations



Understanding systematic errors in the analysis

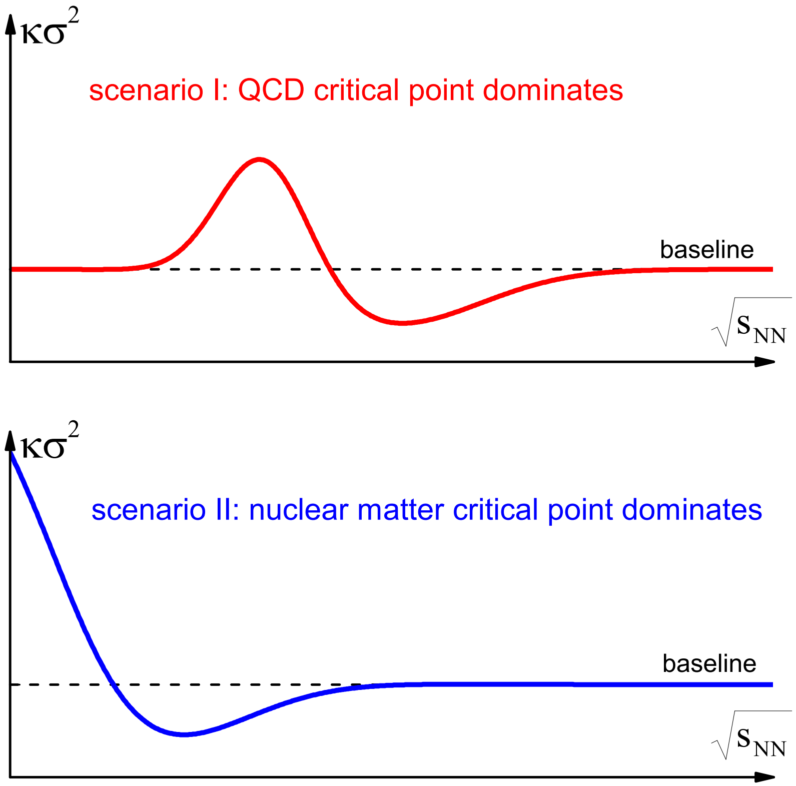
T. Nonaka and S. Esumi *et al.*

Net-proton Higher Moment

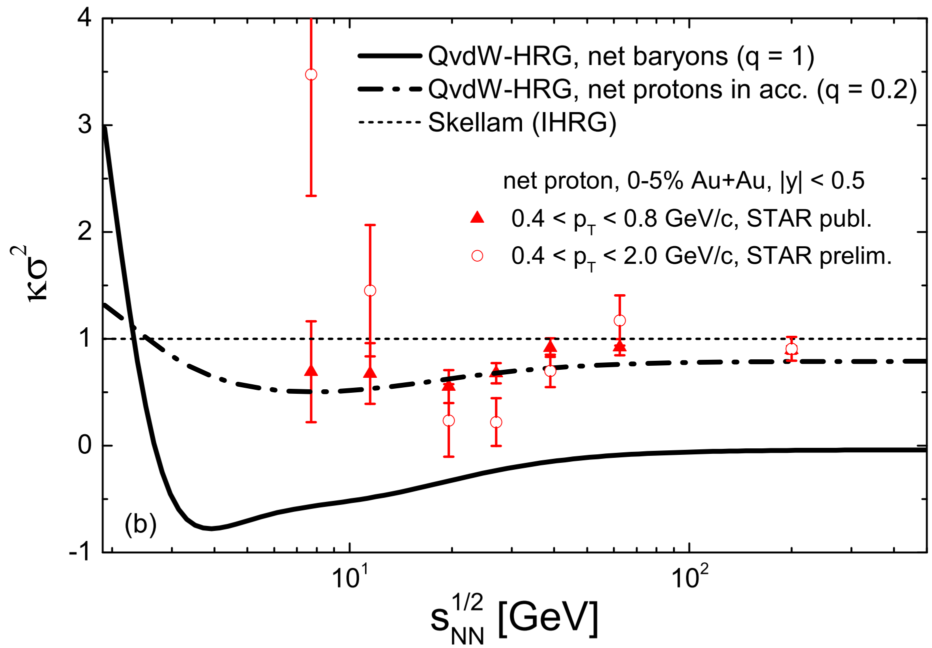


- $\kappa * \sigma^2$: Non-monotonic energy dependence in the most central Au+Au collisions at RHIC
- $S * \sigma$: At the highest μ_B seems suppressed while $\kappa * \sigma^2$ enhanced

Expectation from Model Calculations

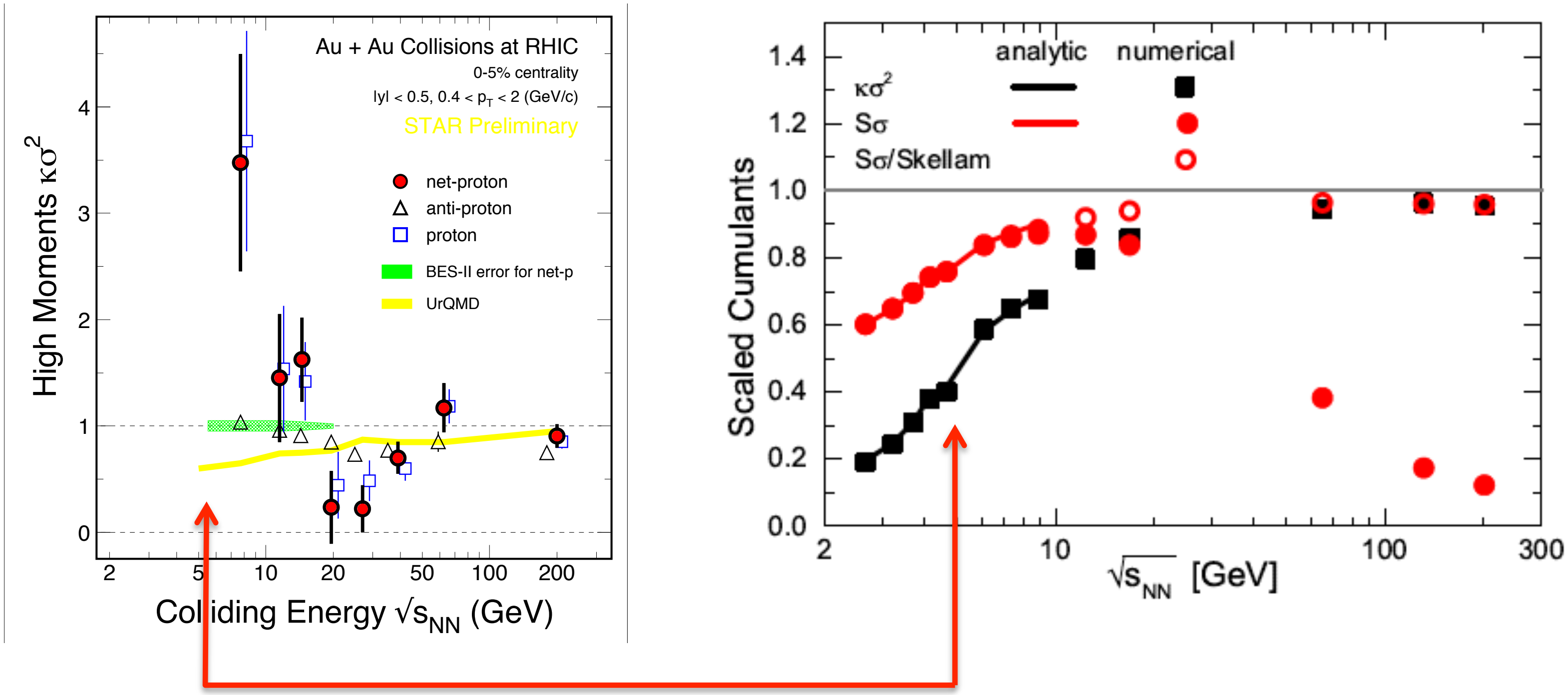


V. Vochenko, L.J. Jiang, M.I. Gorenstein and H. Stoecker 1711.07260



- Both **repulsive** and **attractive** interactions ✔
- Degrees of freedom **???**

No Model Reproduces the ‘Attraction’!



At $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \leq 10$ GeV: Data: **$\kappa\sigma^2 > 1$!** Model: **$\kappa\sigma^2 < 1$!**

*All models: **suppress higher order net-proton fluctuations***

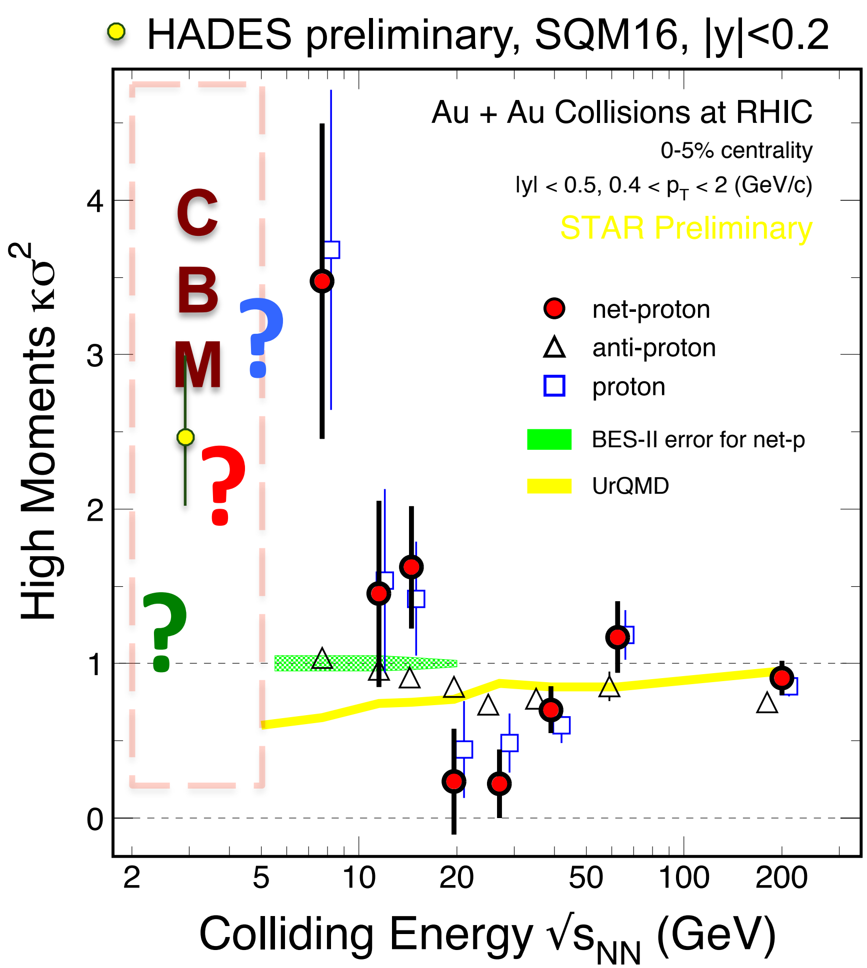
(UrQMD, AMPT, HRG and JAM do not reproduce data)

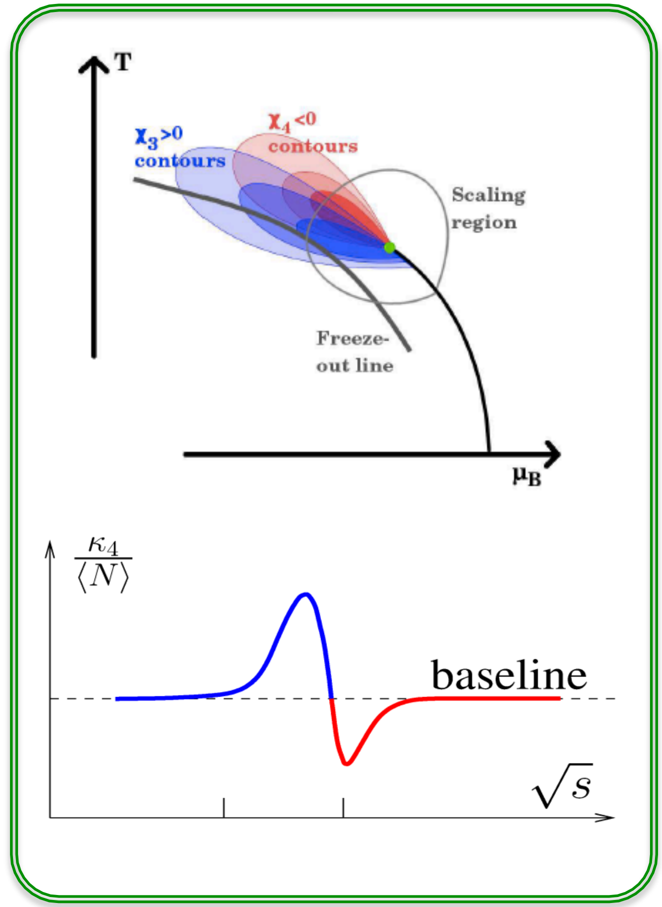
1) Z. Feckova, J. Steonheimer, B. Tomasik, M. Bleicher, 1510.05519, PR**C92**, 064908(15)
2) X.F. Luo *et al*, NP **A931**, 808(14); P.K. Netrakanti *et al.*, NP **A947**, 248(16); P. Garg *et al.* Phys. Lett. **B726**, 691(13)

3) **Baryon mean-field** (**attractive**): Shu He *et al*., Phys. Lett. B**762**, 296(2016).

4) **Proton clusters**: A. Bzdak, V. Koch, V. Sokokov, Eur. Phys. J., **C77**, 288(2017)
Interesting but unfinished, needs include dynamic effects in HIC.

Search for the QCD Critical Point



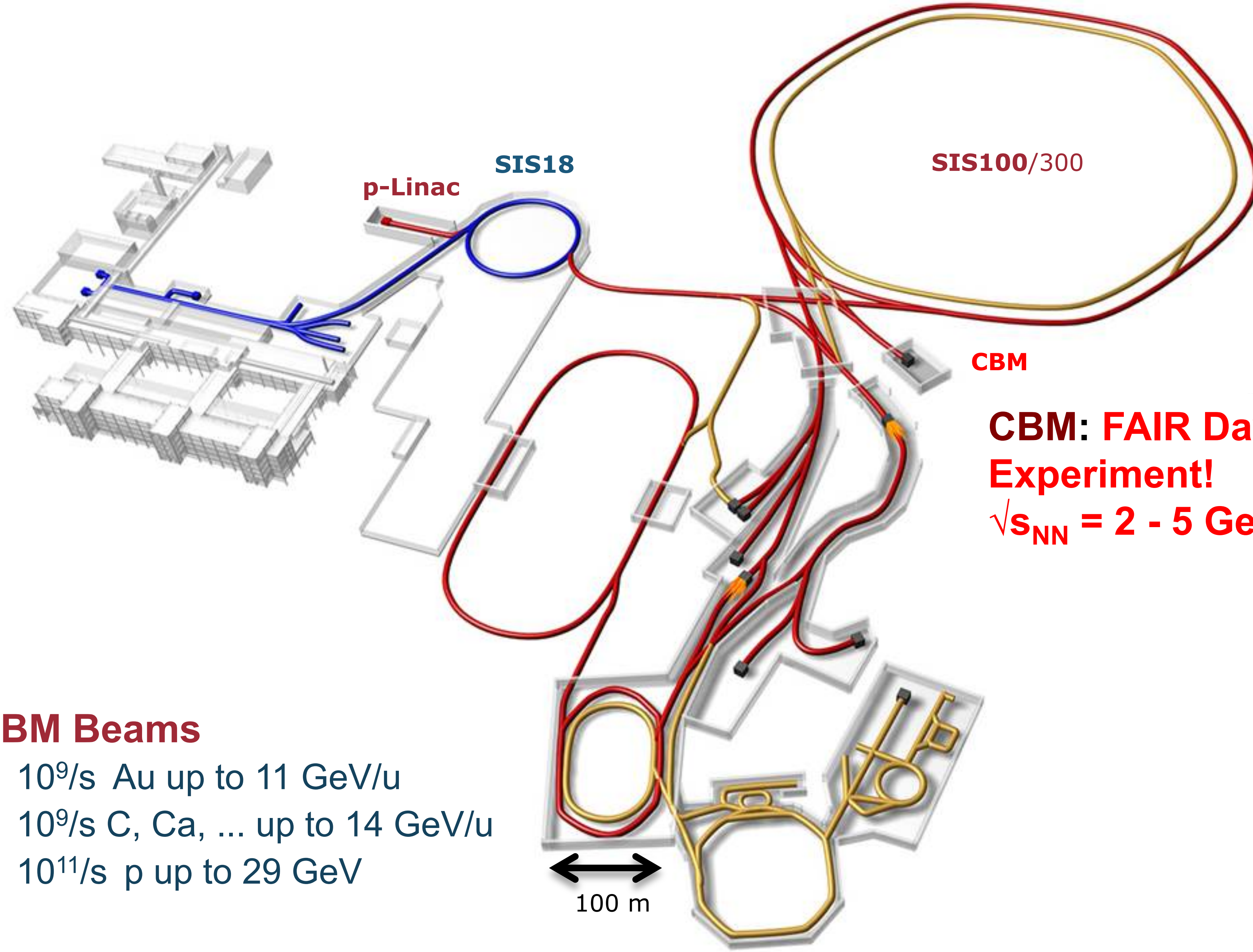


- RHIC BES-II: dramatically reduce the errors!
- CBM/RHIC FXT/HADES Experiments (**2.5 < $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ < 8** GeV) :

Key region for Critical Point search

STAR Data: X.F. Luo *et al*, CPOD2014, QM2015; PRL**112** (2014) 32302

Facility for Antiproton & Ion Research: FAIR

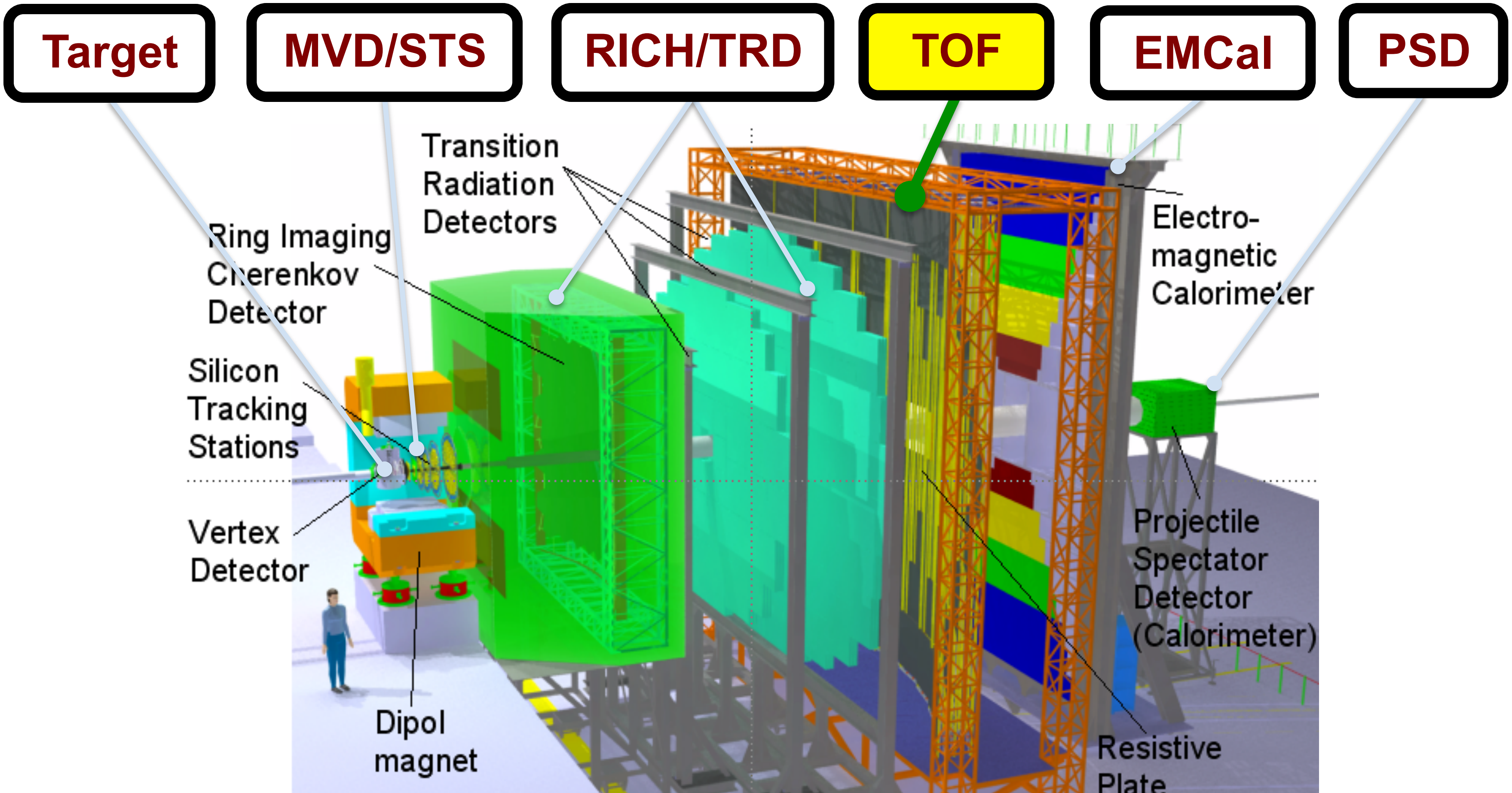


CBM: FAIR Day-1 Experiment!
$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = 2 - 5 GeV

CBM Beams

- 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

CBM Experiment at FAIR

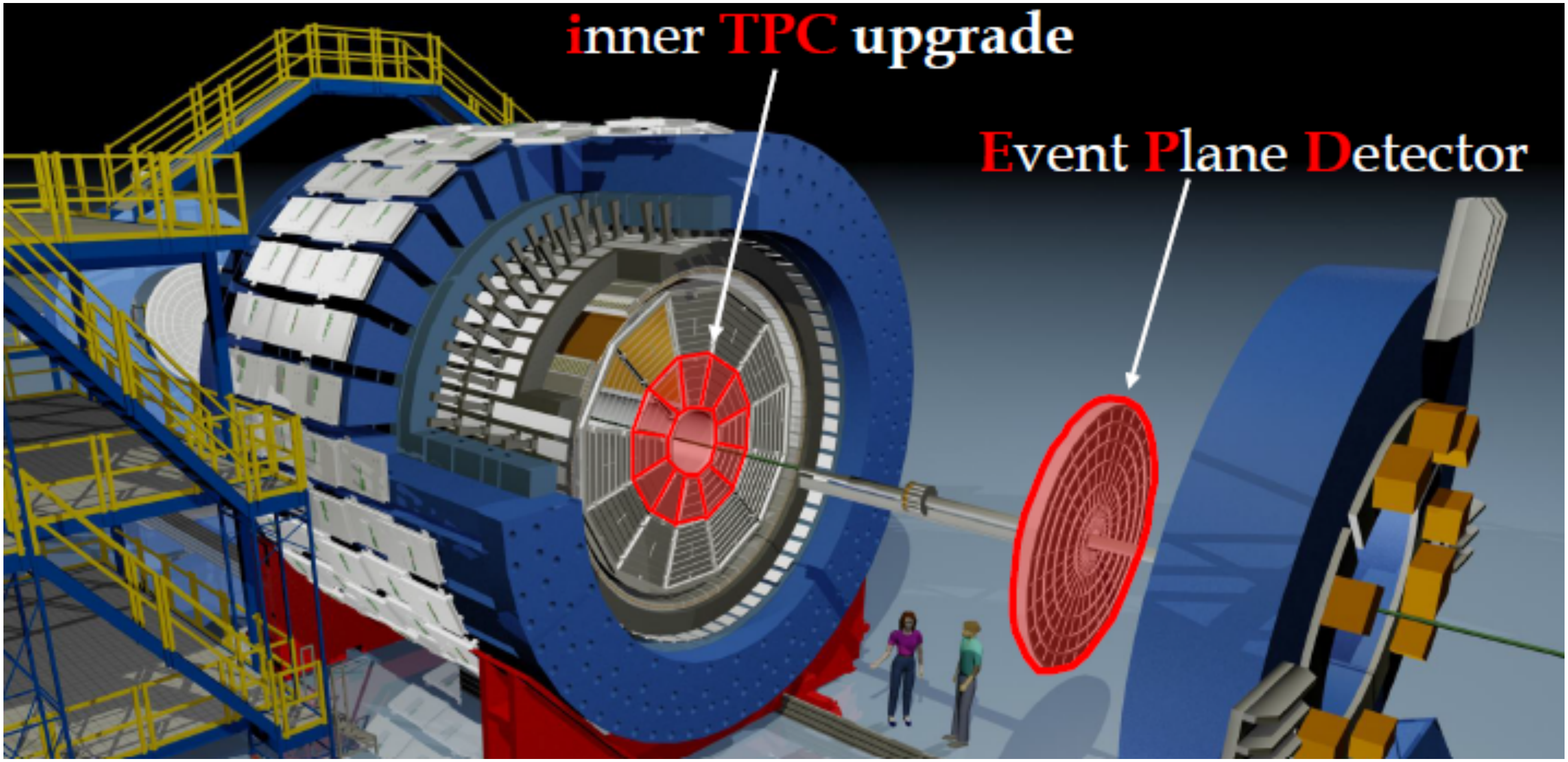


FAIR: One of the highest intensity accelerator complexes

Precision measurements at high baryon density region for:

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

STAR Upgrades for BES Phase-II



1) Enlarge rapidity acceptance
2) Improve particle identification
3) Enhance event plane resolution

iTPC, EPD, eTOF
Dedicated two runs at RHIC: 2019 & 2020

2019-2020: BES-II at RHIC

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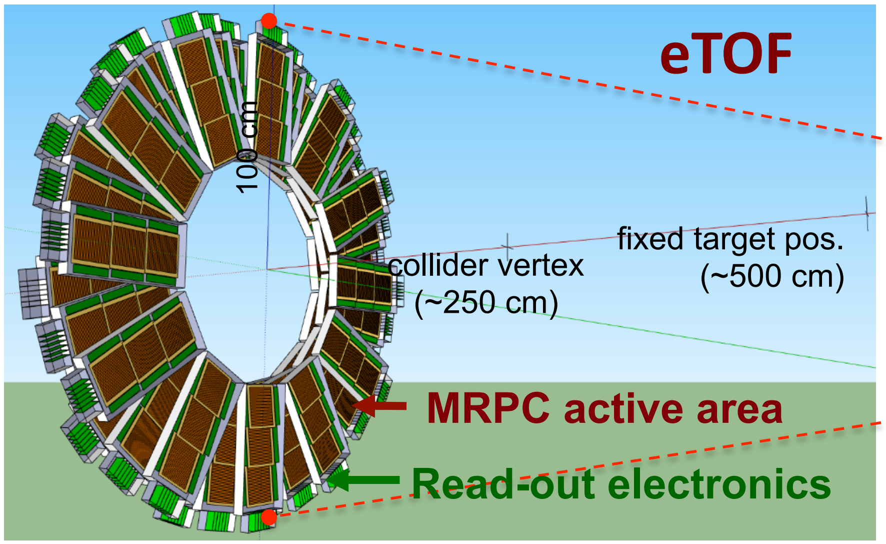
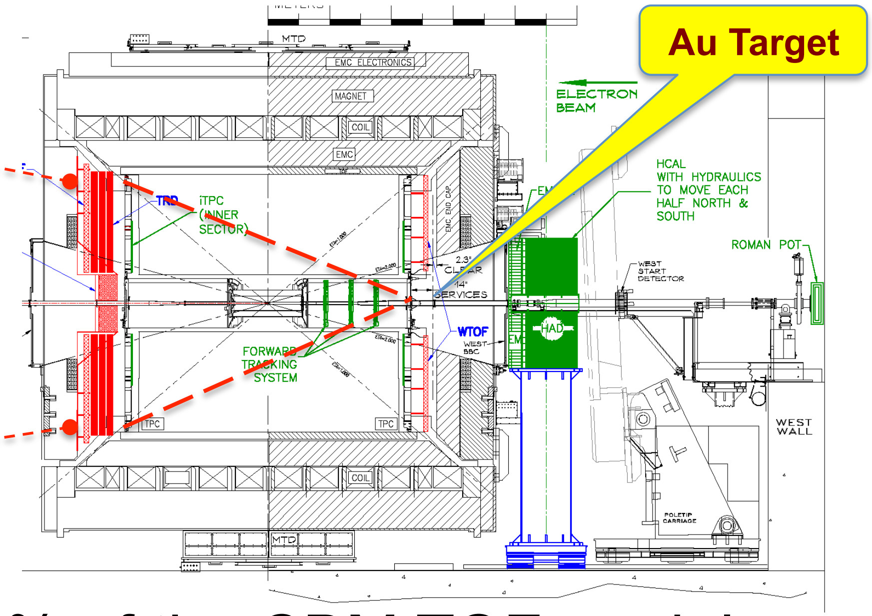
14.5	**300** / 20	**2019-20** / 2014	**2.5**	264	156
11.5	**230** / 12	**2019-20** / 2010	**5**	315	152
9.2	**160** / 0.3	**2019-20** / 2008	**9.5**	355	140
7.7	**100** / 4	**2019-20** / 2010	**14**	420	140

Precision measurements, map the QCD phase diagram **$200 < \mu_B < 420$MeV**

CBM Phase-0 Exp: eTOF at STAR





Install, commission and use 10% of the CBM TOF modules, including the read-out chains at STAR, starting in 2019

CBM participating in RHIC Beam Energy BES-II in 2019-2020:

- Complementary to part of CBM's physics program:
  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ = **3**, **3.6**, **3.9**, **4,5**, 7.7 GeV (**750 ≥ μ_B ≥ 420 MeV**)
  especially for ***B-*** & ***s-hadrons*** production and fluctuations

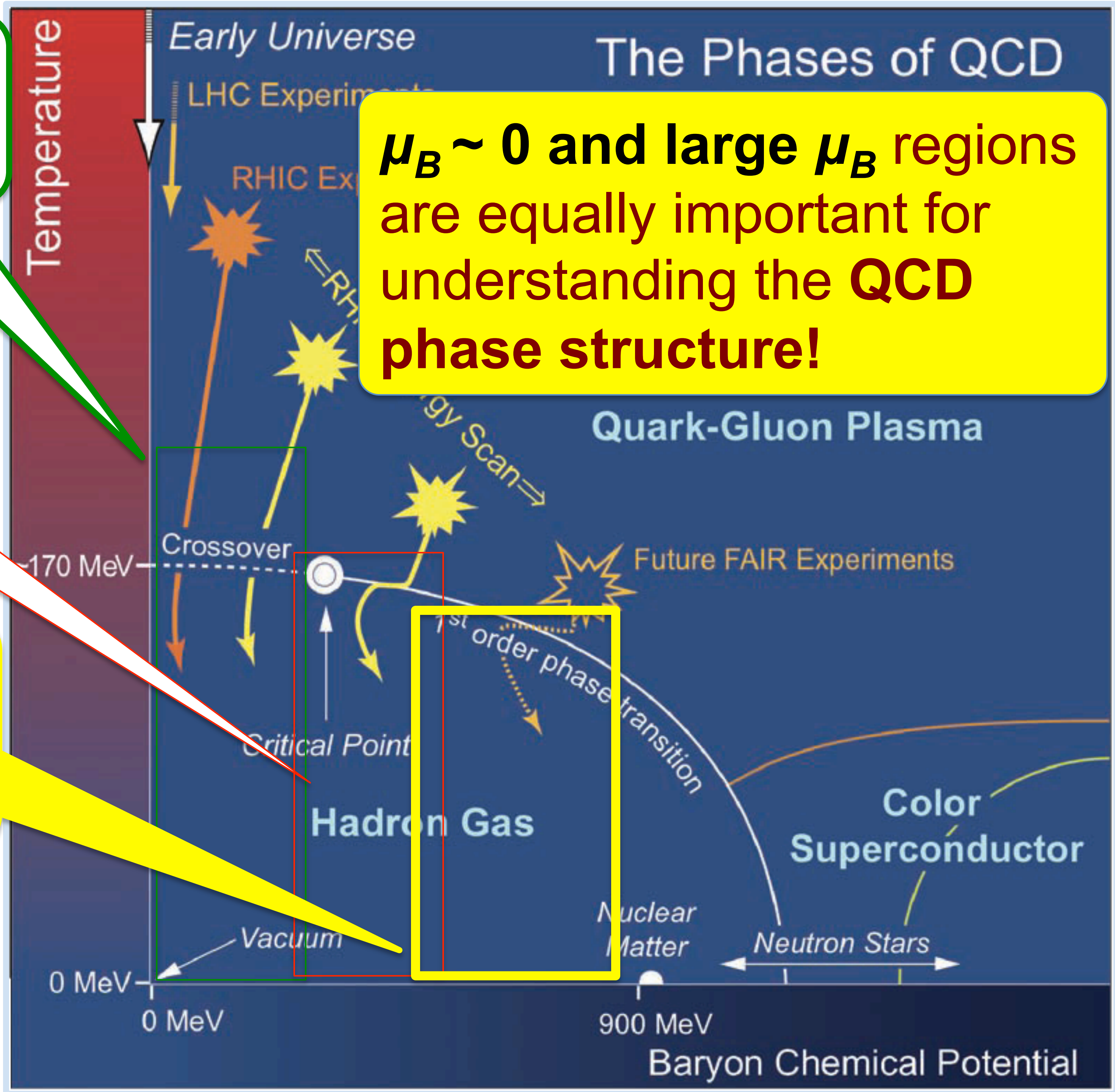
FAIR (CBM) **construction started, beam on target in 2025!**

LHC+RHIC
QGP properties
$\mu_B \sim 0$
now - **2026**

RHIC BESII
collider mode
$200 < \mu_B < 420$ MeV
2019 & 2020

Fixed-target
BES-III
$350 < \mu_B < 750$ MeV
2019 – **CBM**
J-PARC?

$\mu_B \sim 0$ and large μ_B regions are equally important for understanding the QCD phase structure!



It is time to discover the QCD critical point!

"The landmark in the QCD phase diagram"

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