

Heavy Ion Physics in Future

-- *Dense Matter Physics & Critical Point Search*

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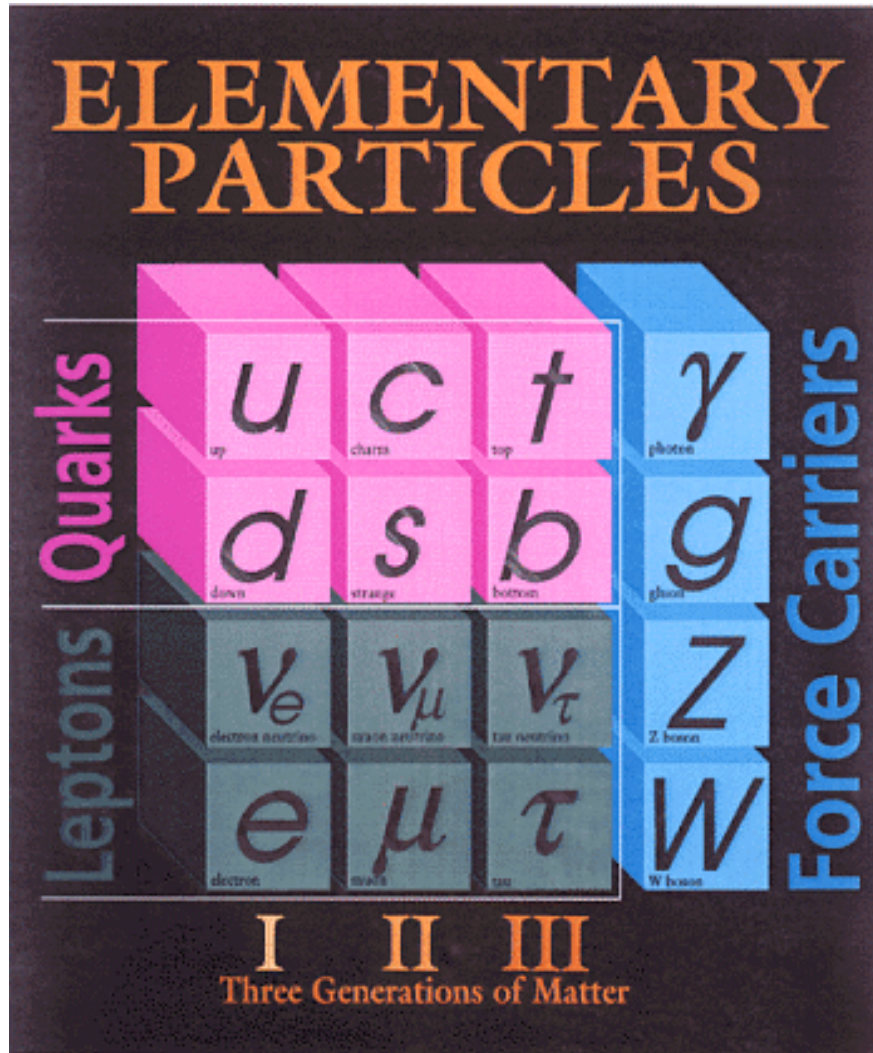
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Basics on Quantum Chromodynamics

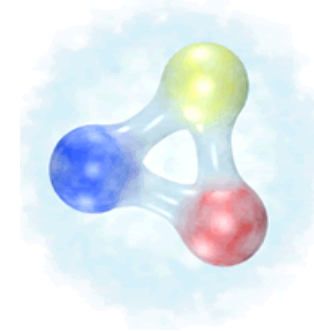


- 1) Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD) is the established theory of strongly interacting matter.
- 2) Gluons hold quarks together to form hadrons:

meson

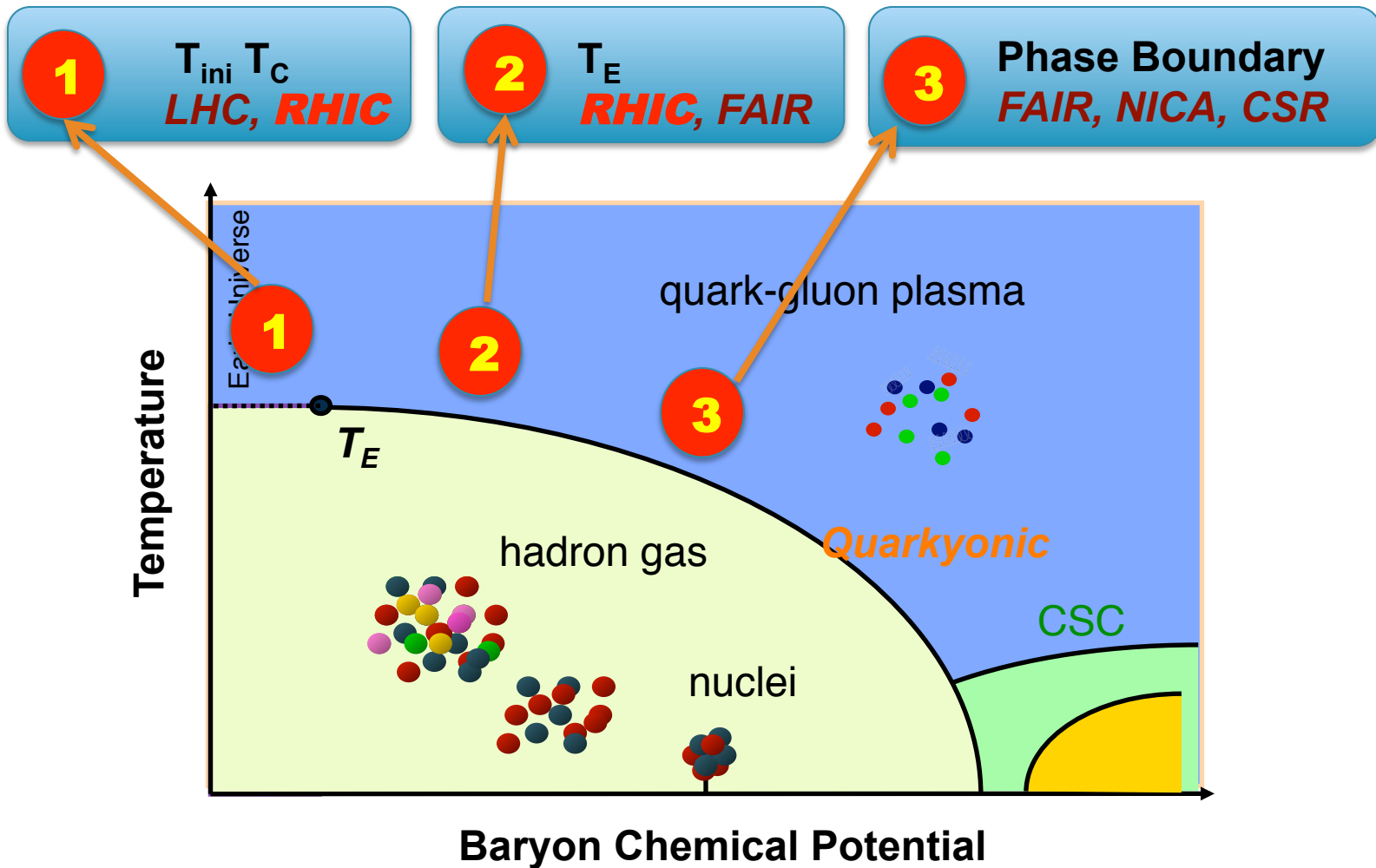


baryon

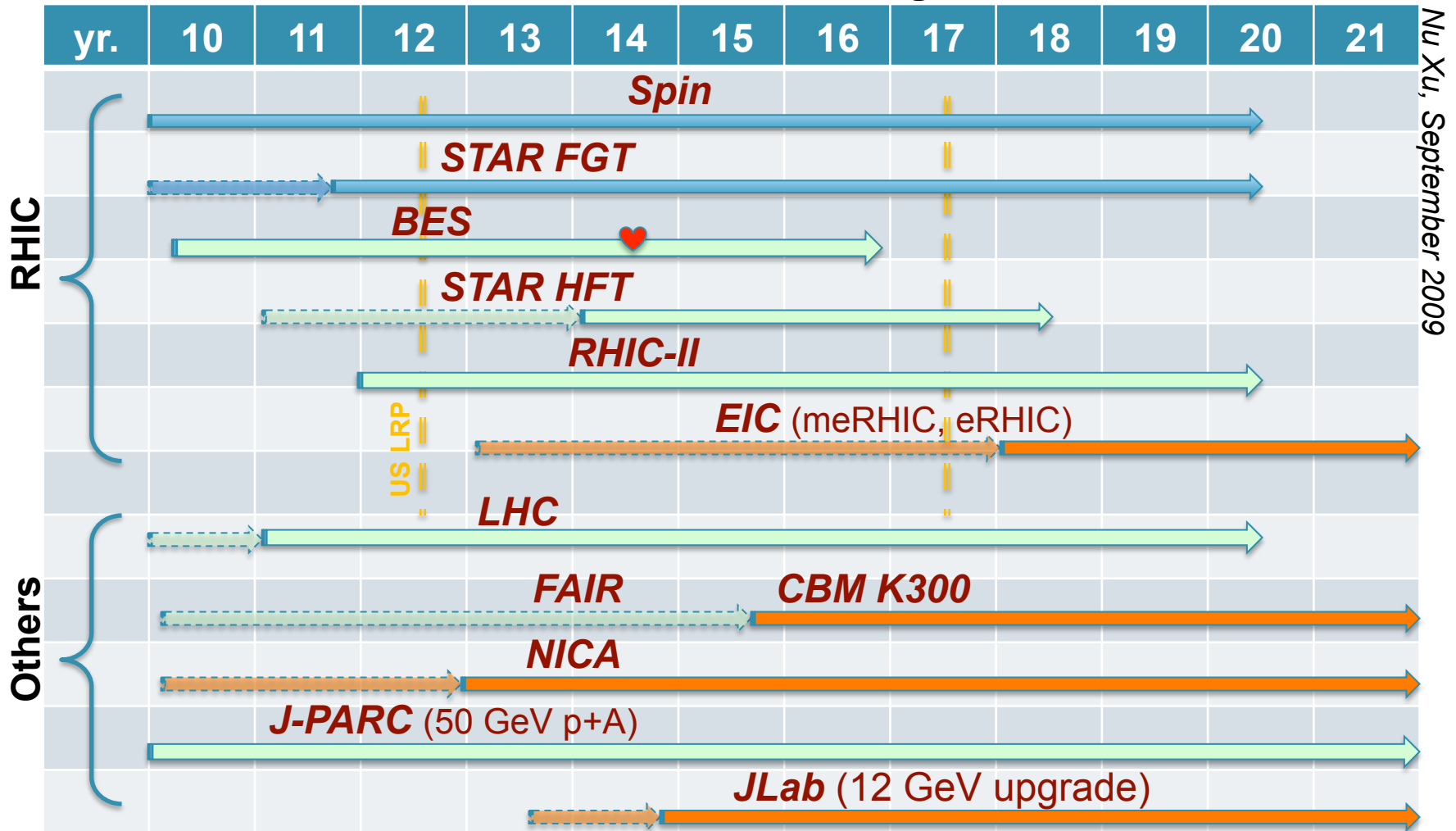


- 3) Gluons and quarks, or partons, typically exist in a color singlet state: **confinement**.

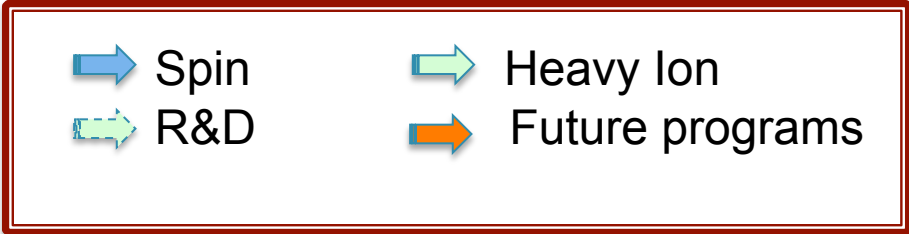
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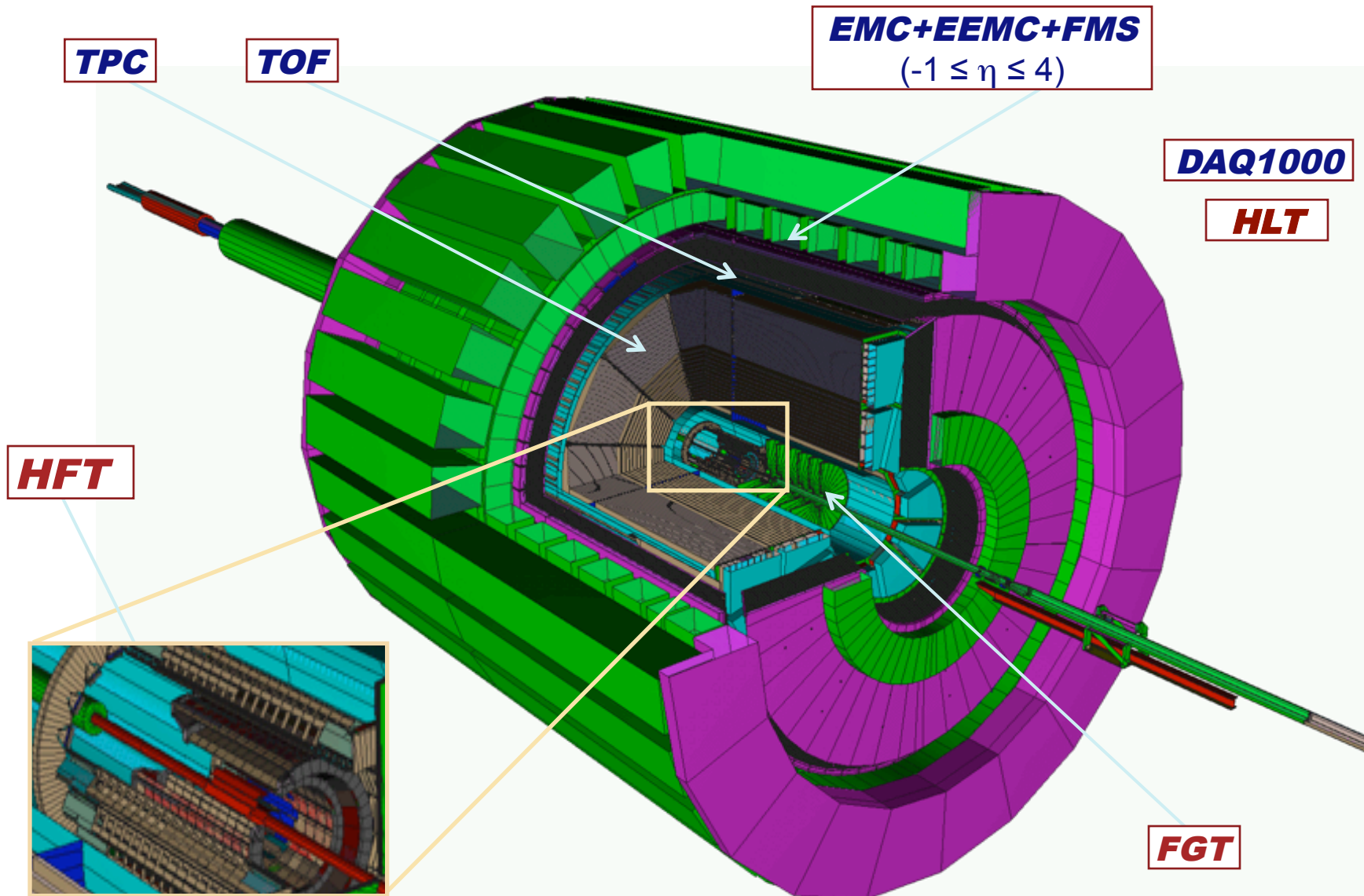
Timeline of QCD and Heavy Ion Facilities



Nu Xu, September 2009



STAR Detectors: *Full 2π particle identification!*





STAR Physics Focus

Structure of Nucleon

Structure of Cold Nuclear Matter

Structure of Hot/Dense Matter

Matter with partonic degrees of freedom. Theory of **QCD.**

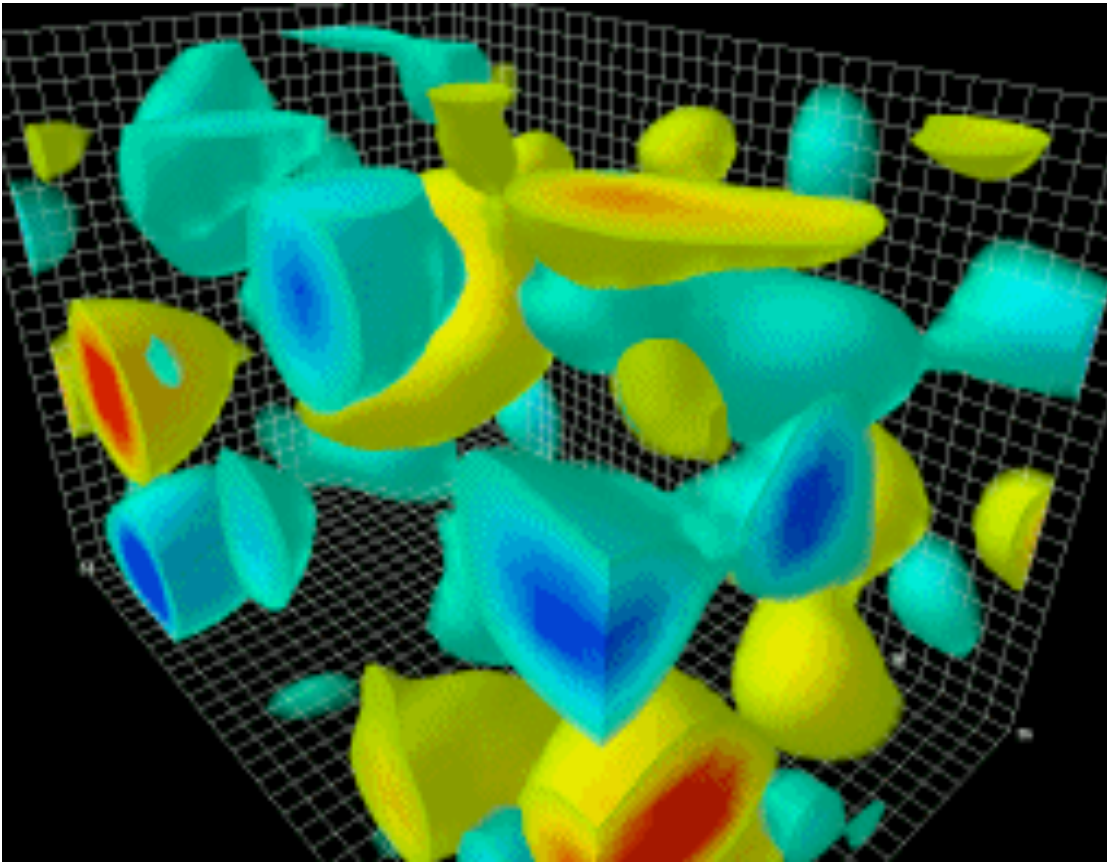


Outline

- (1) Introduction
- (2) Recent results from RHIC
- (3) Two Proposals: for exploring the locating QCD phase diagram
- (4) Summary and Outlook

Search for Local Parity Violation

in High Energy Nuclear Collisions



Animation by *Derek Leinweber*

Topological transitions have never been observed *directly* (e.g. at the level of quarks in DIS). An observation of the *spontaneous **strong, local** parity violation* would be a clear proof for the existence of the physics.

Chiral Magnetic Effect:

Kharzeev, PL **B633** 260 (06).

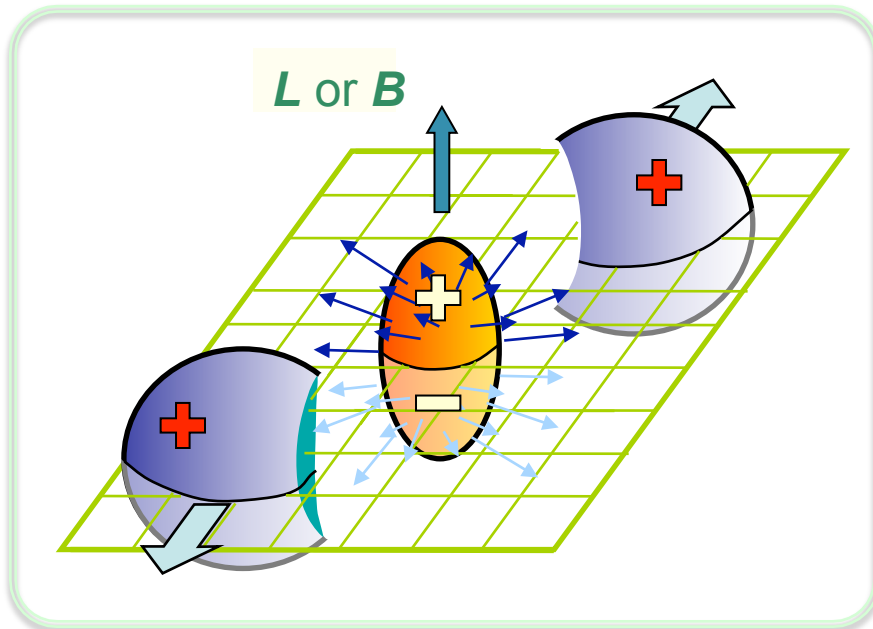
Kharzeev, *et al*, NP **A797** 67(07).

Kharzeev, *et al*, NP **A803** 227(08).

Fukushima, *et al*, PR**D78**,
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The separation between the same-charge and opposite-charge correlations.

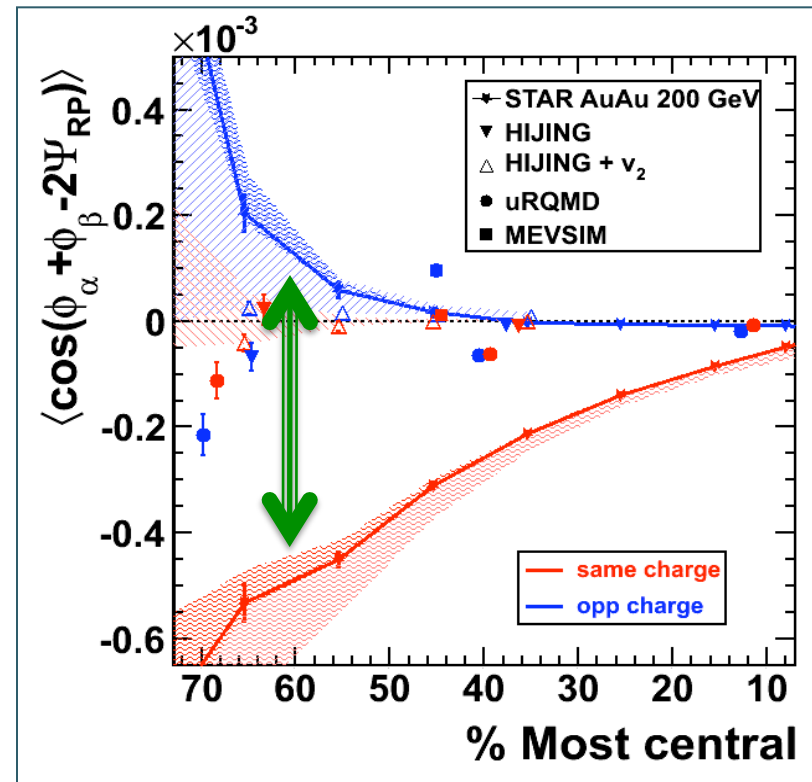
- Strong external EM field
- De-confinement and Chiral symmetry restoration

$$\langle \cos(\phi_\alpha + \phi_\beta - 2\Psi_{RP}) \rangle$$

Parity even observable

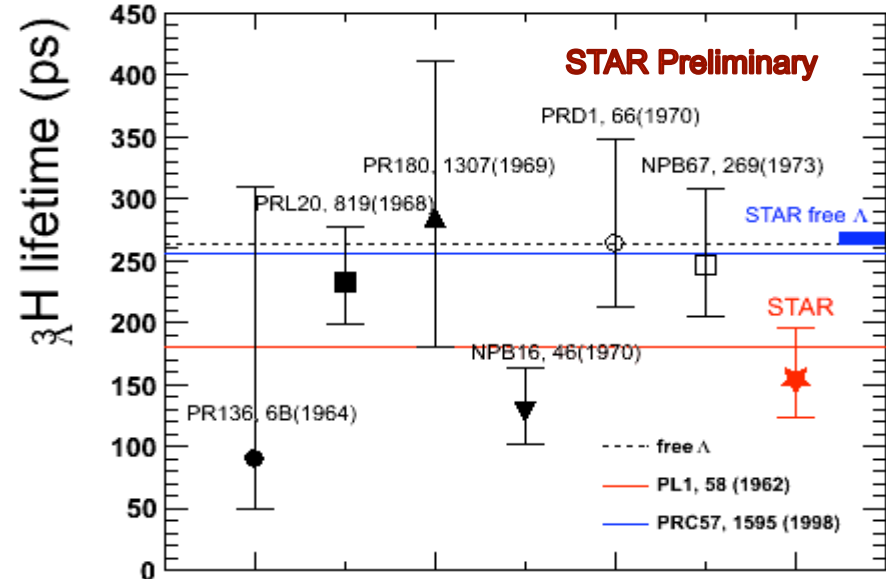
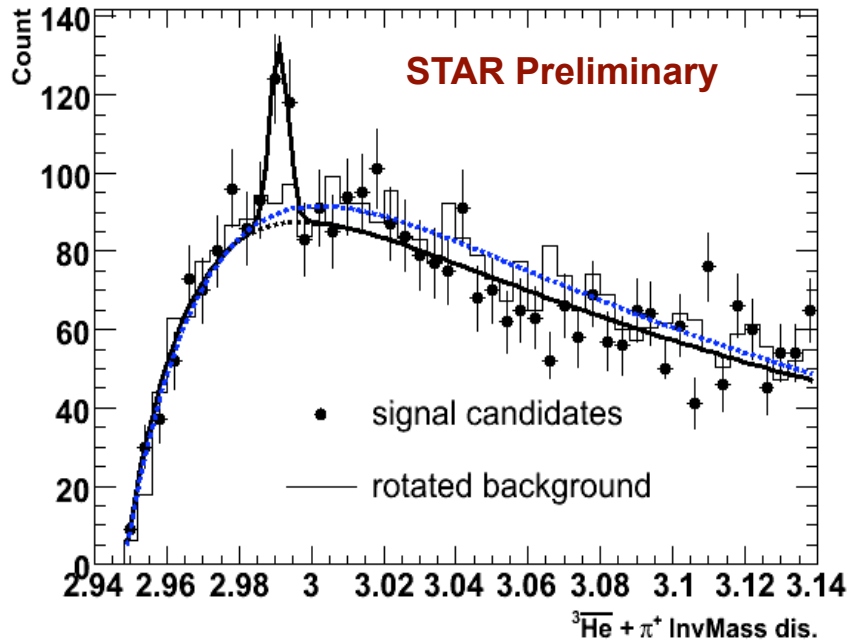
Voloshin, PR C62, 044901(00).

STAR; arXiv: 0909.1739 (PRL); 0909.1717 (PRC).



First Observation of $\frac{3}{\Lambda}\bar{H} \rightarrow \frac{3}{\Lambda}\bar{He} + \bar{\pi}^-$

200 GeV Au+Au collisions at RHIC



Particle type	Ratio
$\frac{3}{\Lambda}\bar{H}/\frac{3}{\Lambda}H$	0.49 ± 0.18 (stat.) ± 0.07 (sys.)
$\frac{3}{\Lambda}\bar{He}/\frac{3}{\Lambda}He$	0.45 ± 0.02 (stat.) ± 0.04 (sys.)
$\frac{3}{\Lambda}\bar{H}/\frac{3}{\Lambda}He$	0.89 ± 0.28 (stat.) ± 0.13 (sys.)
$\frac{3}{\Lambda}H/\frac{3}{\Lambda}He$	0.82 ± 0.16 (stat.) ± 0.12 (sys.)

1st observation anti-hyper nucleus!

- (1) Strangeness production saturated
- (2) Coalescence at work

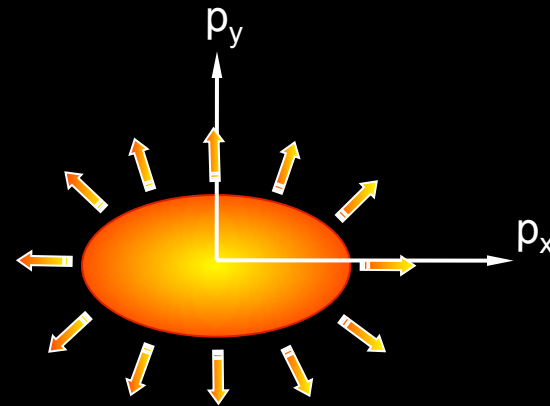
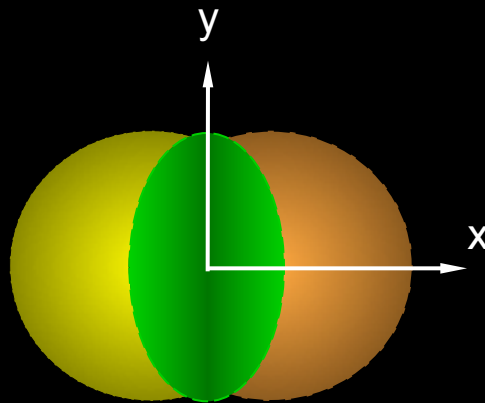
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Anisotropy Parameter v_2

coordinate-space-anisotropy



momentum-space-anisotropy



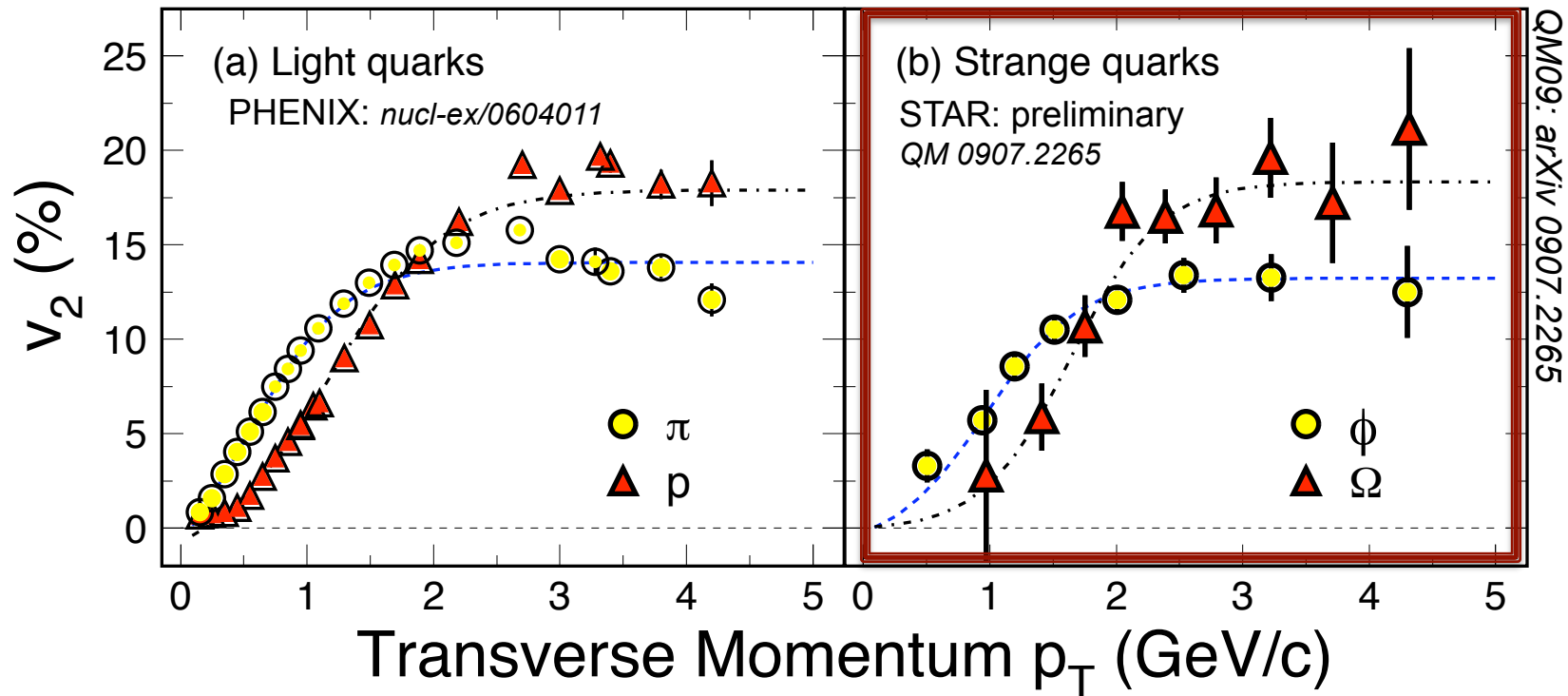
$$\varepsilon = \frac{\langle y^2 - x^2 \rangle}{\langle y^2 + x^2 \rangle}$$

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

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

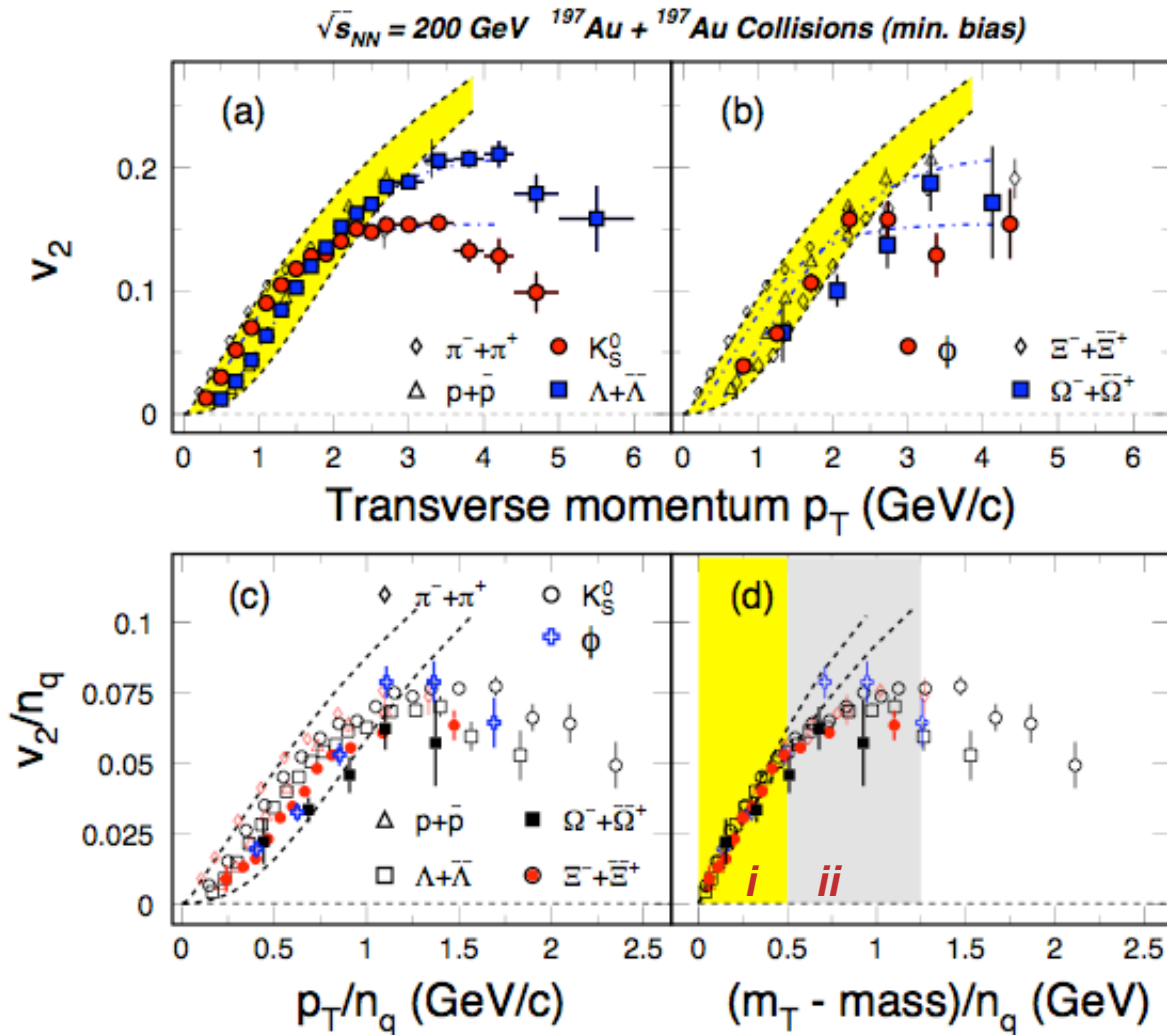


Low p_T ($\leq 2 \text{ GeV/c}$): hydrodynamic mass ordering
 High p_T ($> 2 \text{ GeV/c}$): *number of quarks ordering*

\Rightarrow Collectivity developed at partonic stage!

\Rightarrow De-confinement in Au+Au collisions at RHIC!

Collectivity, De-confinement at RHIC



- v_2 of light hadrons and multi-strange hadrons
- scaling by the number of quarks

At RHIC:

- ⇒ **n_q -scaling**
novel hadronization process
- ⇒ **Partonic flow**
De-confinement

*PHENIX: PRL***91**, 182301(03)

*STAR: PRL***92**, 052302(04), **95**, 122301(05)
nucl-ex/0405022, QM05

S. Voloshin, *NPA***715**, 379(03)

Models: Greco et al, *PRC***68**, 034904(03)

Chen, Ko, *nucl-th/0602025*

Nonaka et al. *PLB***583**, 73(04)

X. Dong, et al., *Phys. Lett.* **B597**, 328(04).

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sQGP and the QCD Phase Diagram

In 200 GeV Au+Au collisions at RHIC, strongly interacting matter formed:

- Jet energy loss: R_{AA}
- Strong collectivity: v_0, v_1, v_2
- Hadronization via coalescence: n_q -scaling

Questions:

Is thermalization reached at RHIC?

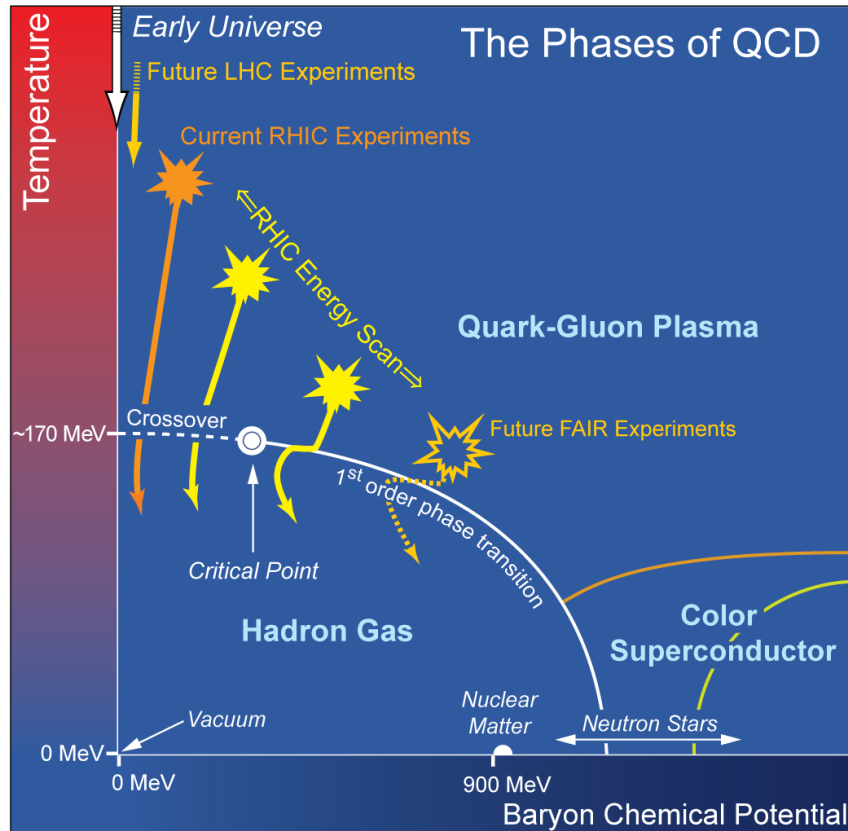
- Systematic analysis with dN/dp_T and dv_2/dp_T results...
- Heavy quark and di-lepton measurements

When (at which energy) does this transition happen?

What does the QCD phase diagram look like?

- RHIC beam energy scan

The QCD Critical Point



- Low baryon density, cross over
- LGT calculation, universality, and models hinted the existence of the critical point on the QCD phase diagram* at finite baryon chemical potential.
- Experimental evidence for either the critical point and/or 1st order transition is important for our knowledge of the QCD phase diagram*.

RHIC (200) & LHC: Determine the temperature T_{in} , T_C

BES: Explore the QCD phase diagram T_E and the location *phase boundary*

* *Thermalization assumed*

M. Stephanov, K. Rajagopal, and E. Shuryak, *PRL* **81**, 4816(98); K. Rajagopal, *PR* **D61**, 105017 (00)

<http://www.er.doe.gov/np/nsac/docs/Nuclear-Science.Low-Res.pdf>



RHIC run10 Physics Programs

RHIC cool down early Dec.

STAR shift starts Dec. 15th

Beam Energy (GeV)	25 cryo-week	30 cryo-week	20 cryo-week CR	Physics
200	10	10	10	Thermalization J/ψ v_2 , m_{ee}
62.4	4	4	5	
39	1	1.5		BES programs, T_E , phase boundary
27	2	4.5		
18	0	1.5		
11.5	2	2.5	2.5	
7.7	1	1	2.5	

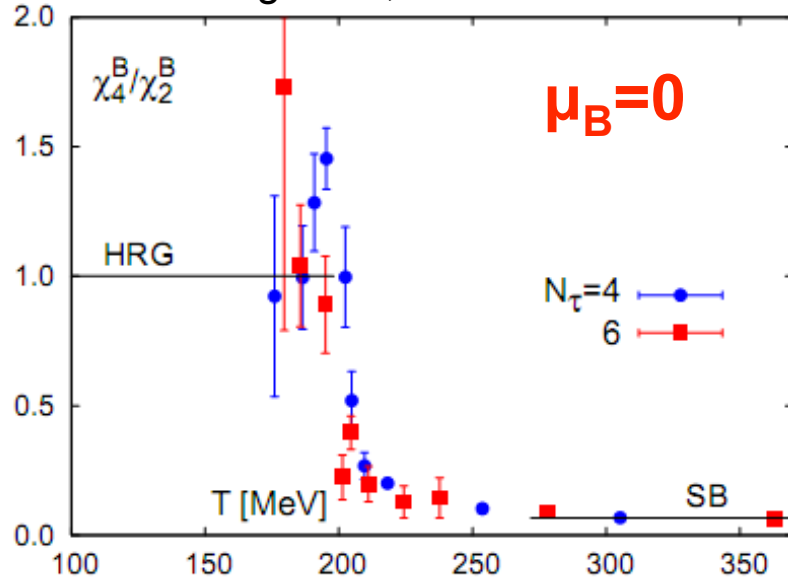


Exploring the QCD Phase Diagram

- (1) Proposal II: *NQ scaling in v_2* for locating the possible QCD phase boundary
- (2) Proposal I: *high moments* for locating the possible QCD critical point

Susceptibilities and High Moments

M. Cheng *et al.*, arXiv: 0811.1006



(I) Susceptibilities from the lattice QCD calculations

$$\chi_2^X = \frac{1}{VT^3} \langle \delta N_X^2 \rangle$$

$$\chi_4^X = \frac{1}{VT^3} \left[\langle \delta N_X^4 \rangle - 3 \langle \delta N_X^2 \rangle^2 \right]$$

$$\chi_4^X / \chi_2^X \Rightarrow \kappa^X$$

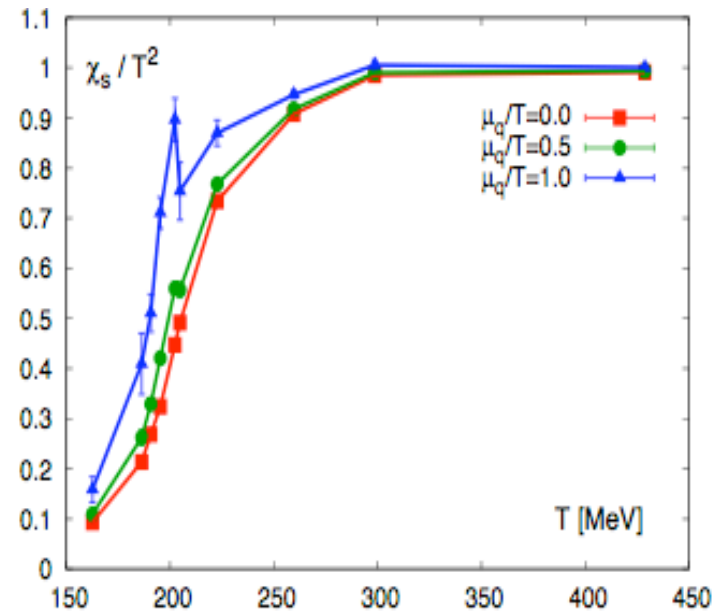
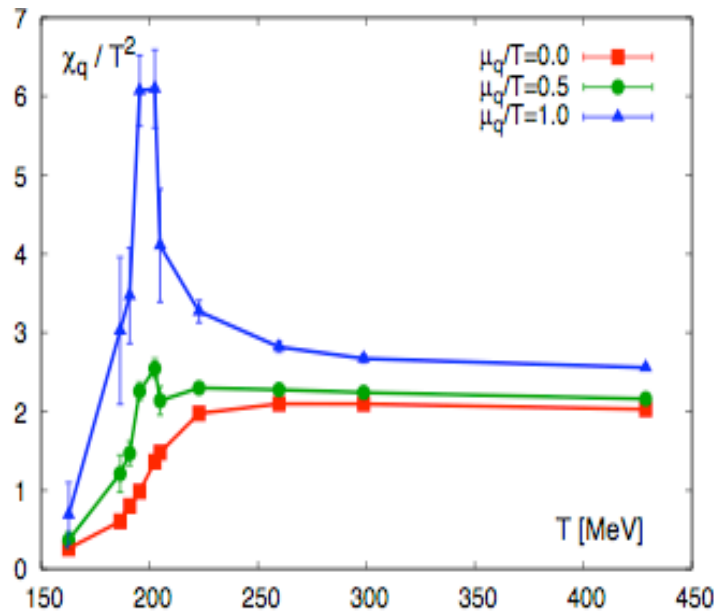
(II) At the CP at finite value of μ_B , the power of the correlation length of the system is proportional to the order of the moments:

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

Increase of the **non-Gaussian** fluctuation at the critical point

M. Stephanov, PRL **102**, 032301(09)

Observables: χ_q, χ_s



Event by Event:

1. net-proton Kurtosis $K_p(E)$
2. two proton correlation function $C_2(E)$
3. ratio of the d/p
4. ratio of K/p

$$K_p = \frac{\langle N_p^4 \rangle - 3\langle N_p^2 \rangle^2}{\langle N_p^2 \rangle}$$

M. Cheng et al., PRD79, 074505(09); arXiv:0811.1006

F. Karsch, INT, 08

M. A. Stephanov, PRL102, 032301(09)

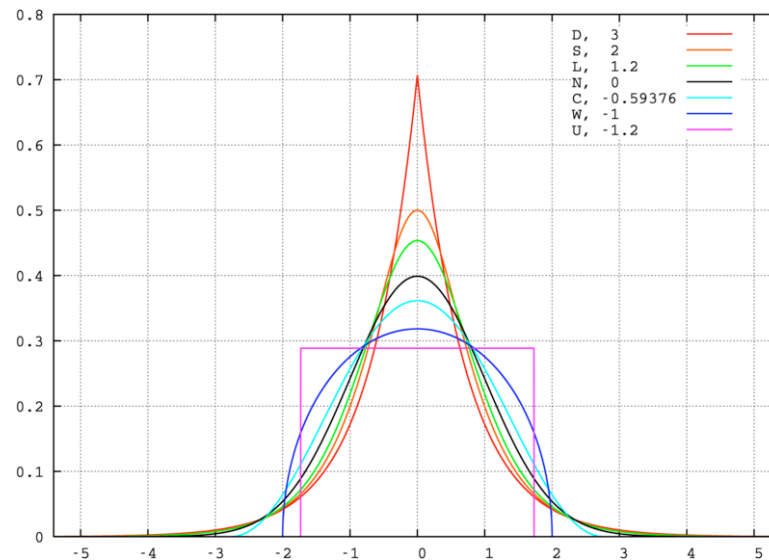
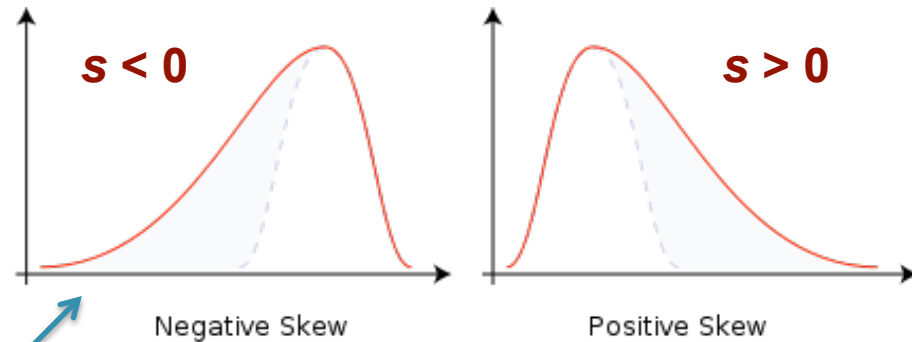
Basics on Skewness and Kurtosis

Mean: $M = \langle N \rangle$

Variance: $\sigma^2 = \langle (N - \langle N \rangle)^2 \rangle$

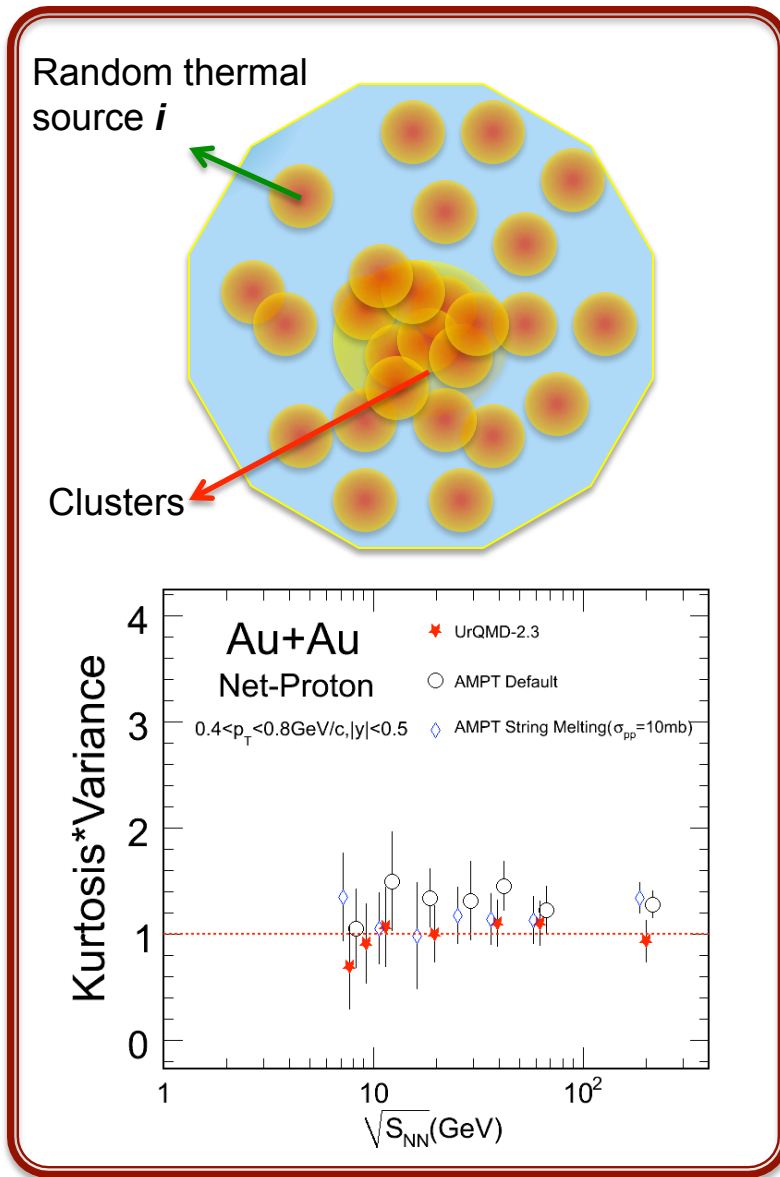
Skewness: $s = \frac{\langle (N - \langle N \rangle)^3 \rangle}{\sigma^3}$

Kurtosis: $\kappa = \frac{\langle (N - \langle N \rangle)^4 \rangle}{\sigma^4} - 3$



$s(\text{Gaussian}) = \kappa(\text{Gaussian})=0$, **Probe of non-Gaussian fluctuation.**

Random Sources and Critical Point



- (1) The sum of independent thermal sources is also a random thermal source. The multiplicity distribution is *Poisson* and follows the CLT.
- (2) In the absence of CP, it can be shown:

$$\kappa * \sigma^2 = \text{const.}$$

$$s * \sigma = \text{const.}$$

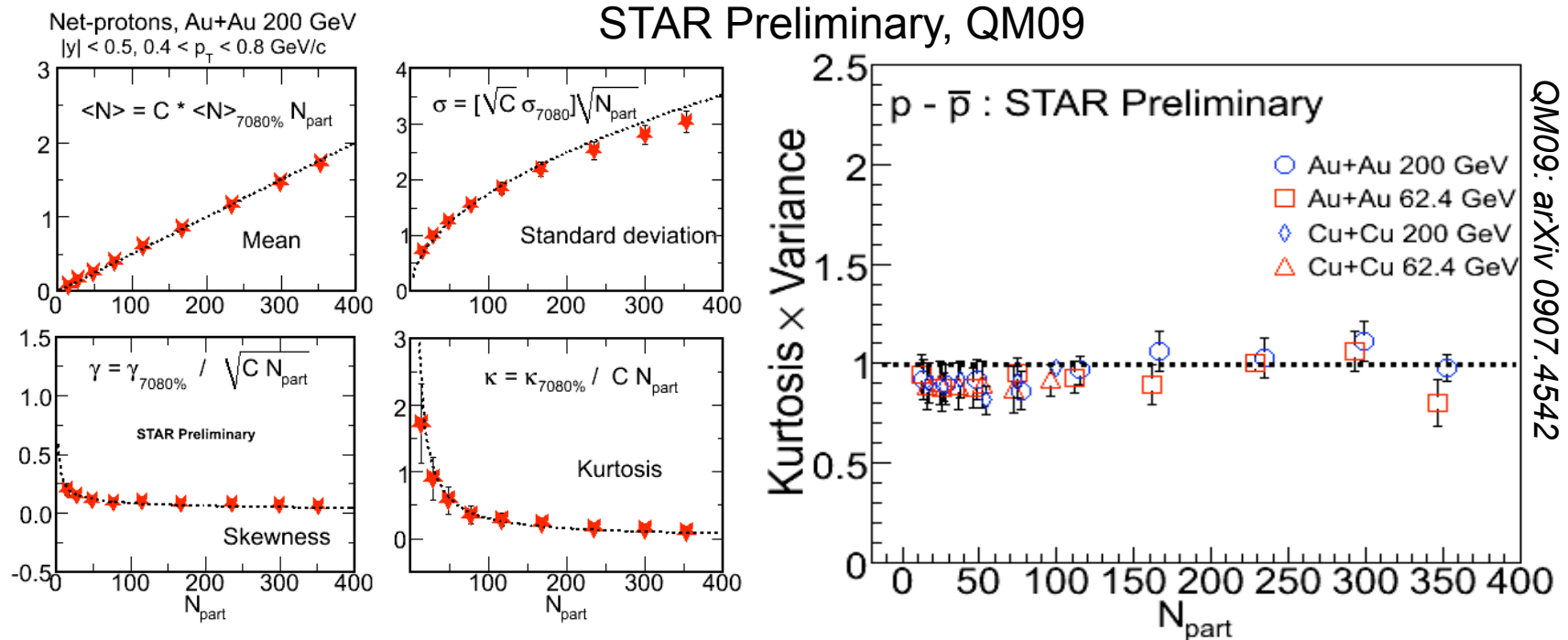
Lattice results

$$\propto \frac{\chi_4}{\chi_2} T^2$$

$$\propto \frac{\chi_3}{\chi_2} T$$

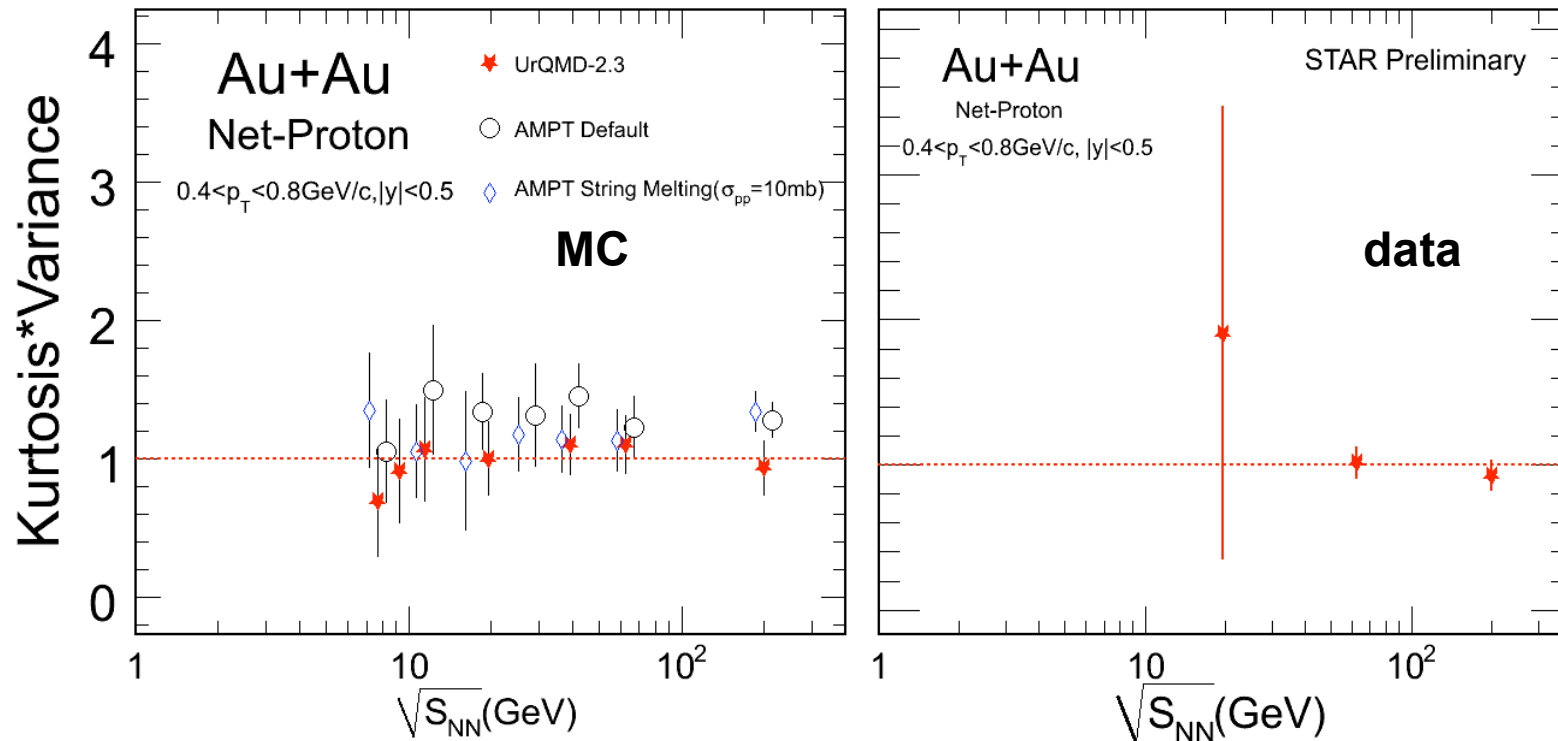
- (3) Energy and centrality (volume) dependence of the non-Gaussian behavior => **Critical Point!**
- (4) Extract thermodynamic **properties of the medium!**

Higher Moments Analysis (BES)



- 1) Higher moments are more sensitive to QCD critical point related fluctuation.
- 2) The 4th moment, Kurtosis, is directly related to the corresponding thermodynamic quantity: susceptibility of conserved quantum numbers such as Baryon number and strangeness.

$\kappa \cdot \sigma^2$ vs. Collision Energy



- Energy and centrality dependence of $\kappa \cdot \sigma^2$
- Flat results from models without the CP

Summary I

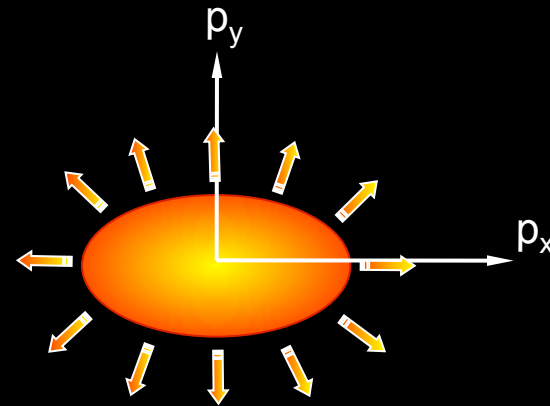
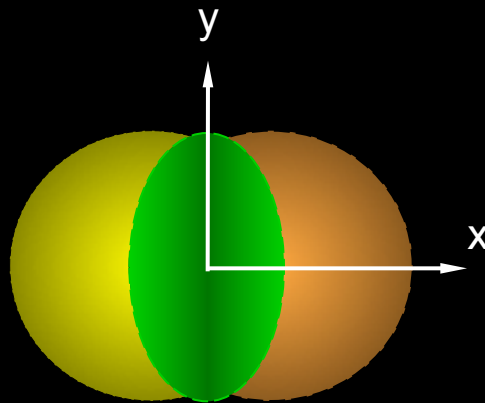
- 1) Beam energy scan (BES) at RHIC is an important/necessary step forward for exploring the QCD phase diagram with high-energy nuclear collisions
- 2) LGT predicts a spike at finite value of μ_B indicating the existence of CP
- 3) $\kappa \times \sigma^2$ for net-protons are consistent with unity for the beam energy range: $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200 - 62.4 - 19.6$ GeV at RHIC.
Other conventional observables should also be studied.

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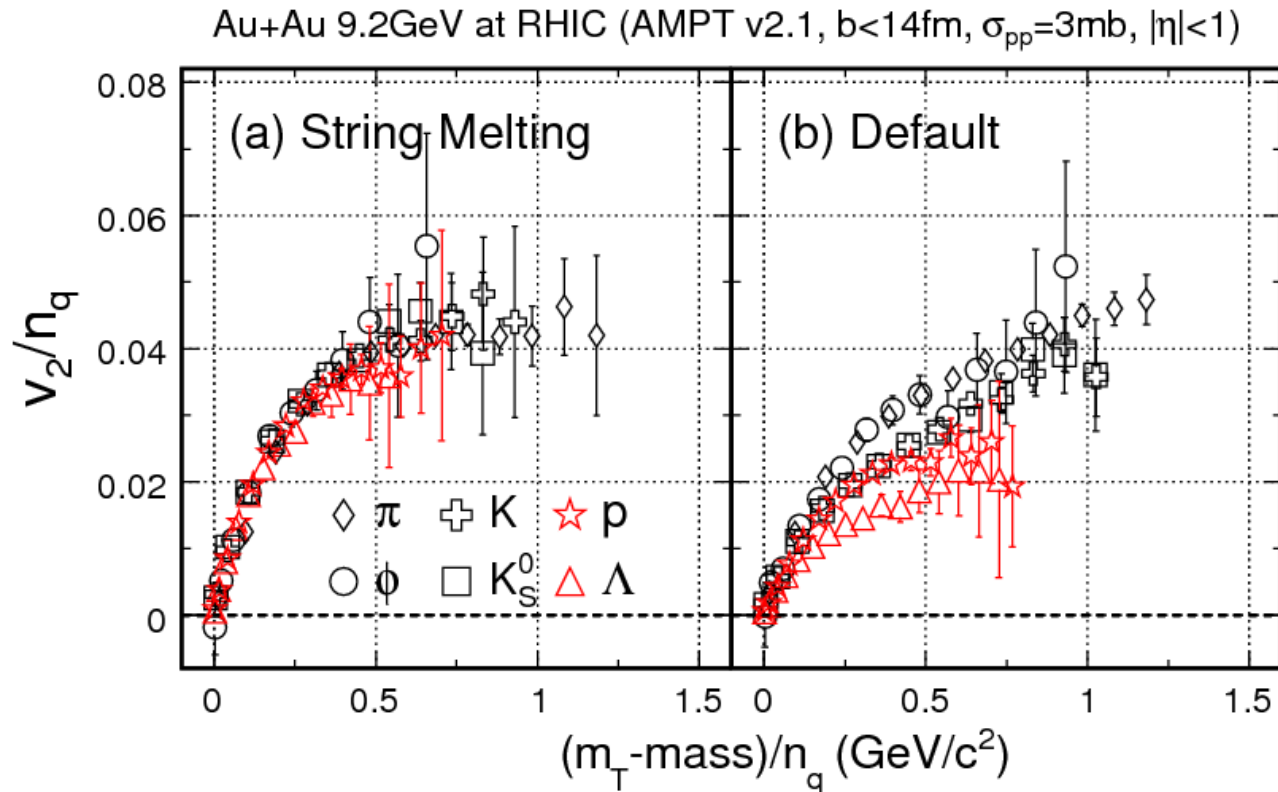


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Au+Au Collisions at 9.2 GeV AMPT (v2.1)



J. Tian et al, Phys. Rev. **C79**, 067901(2009).

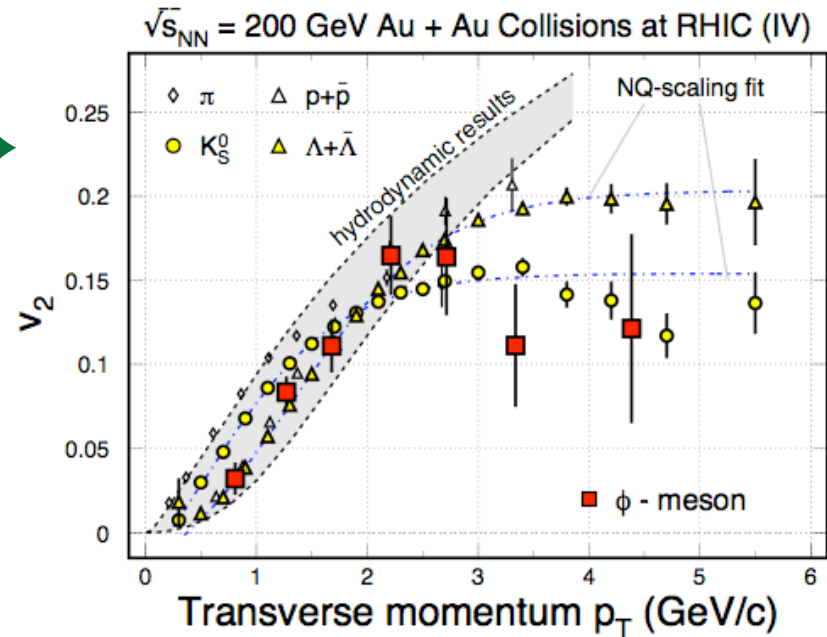
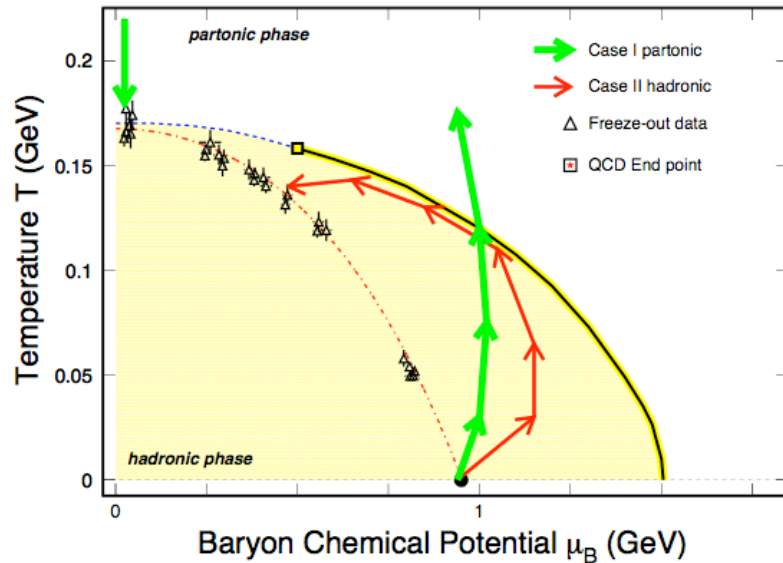
(a) Partonic matter: coalescence of massive quarks for hadronization

→ Clear NQ scaling in v_2 !

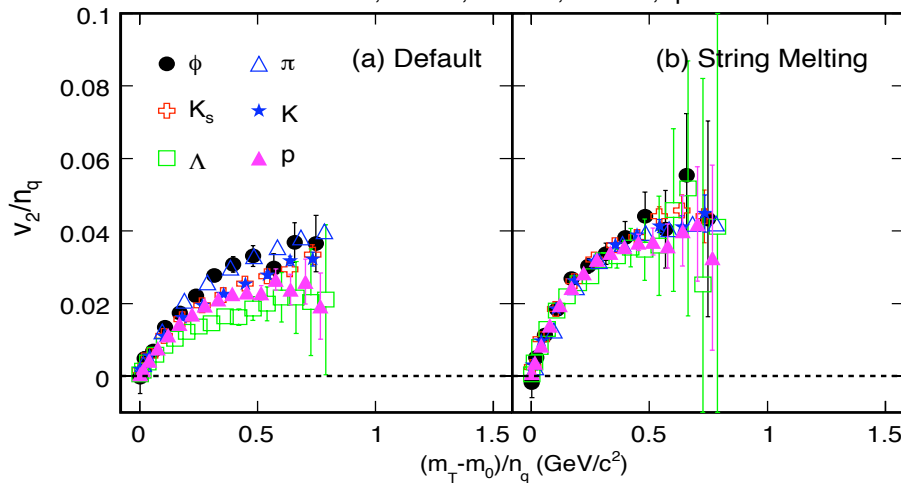
(b) Hadronic matter: rescatterings amongst hadrons

→ No NQ scaling in v_2 !

Observable*: Quark Scaling in v_2



AMPT, Au+Au, 9.2GeV, $b < 14$ fm, $|\eta| < 1$



- $m_\phi \sim m_p \sim 1$ GeV
- $ss \Rightarrow \phi$ not $K^+K^- \Rightarrow \phi$
- $\sigma_{\phi h} \ll \sigma_{p\pi, \pi\pi}$

In the hadronic case, no number of quark scaling and the value of v_2 of ϕ will be small.

*** Thermalization is assumed!**

Summary II

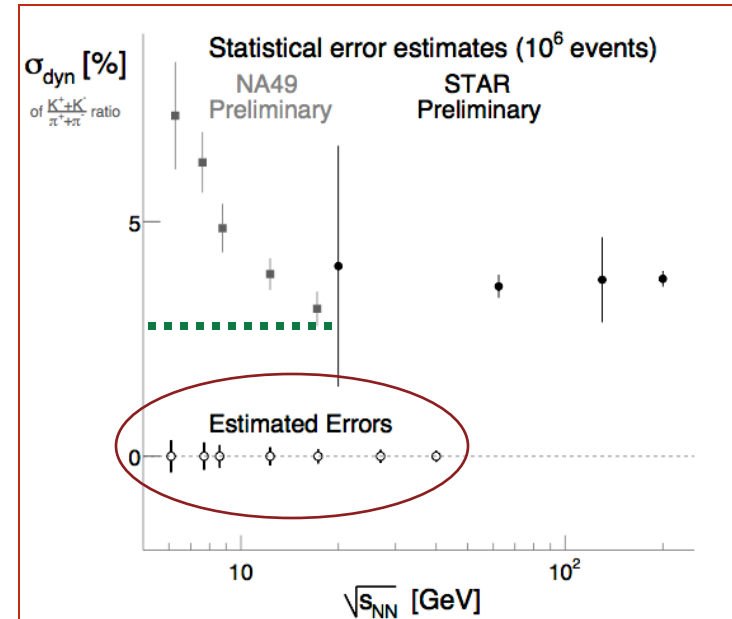
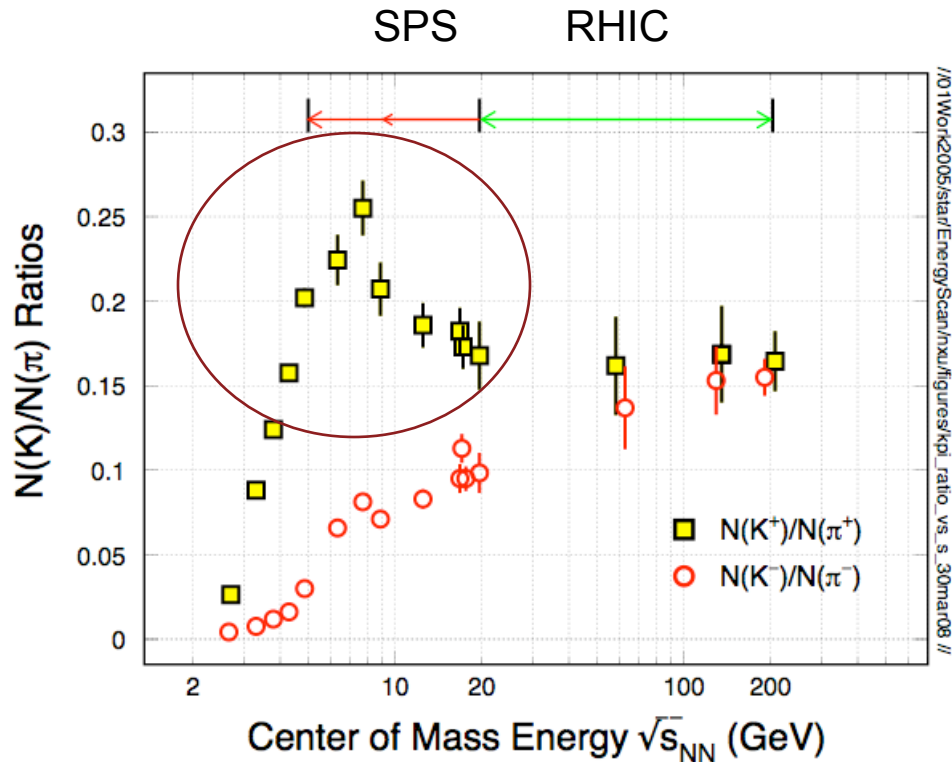
- 1) NQ scaling in v_2 : partonic collectivity & deconfinement in high-energy nuclear collisions.
- 2) Scaling in v_2 : partonic dof dominants
No scaling in v_2 : hadronic dof dominants
- 3) The multi-strange hadrons are particularly clean for the search, ϕ , for example.



Other Observables

- (1) **Local parity violation**
- (2) **Event-by-Event fluctuations:**
 $N(K)/N(\text{pion}), N(K)/N(p), \langle p_T \rangle, \dots$
- (3) **Correlation functions:**
BB, MM, MB, clusters, light nuclei
- (4) **... *Chiral* properties (?)**

Observables and Advantages

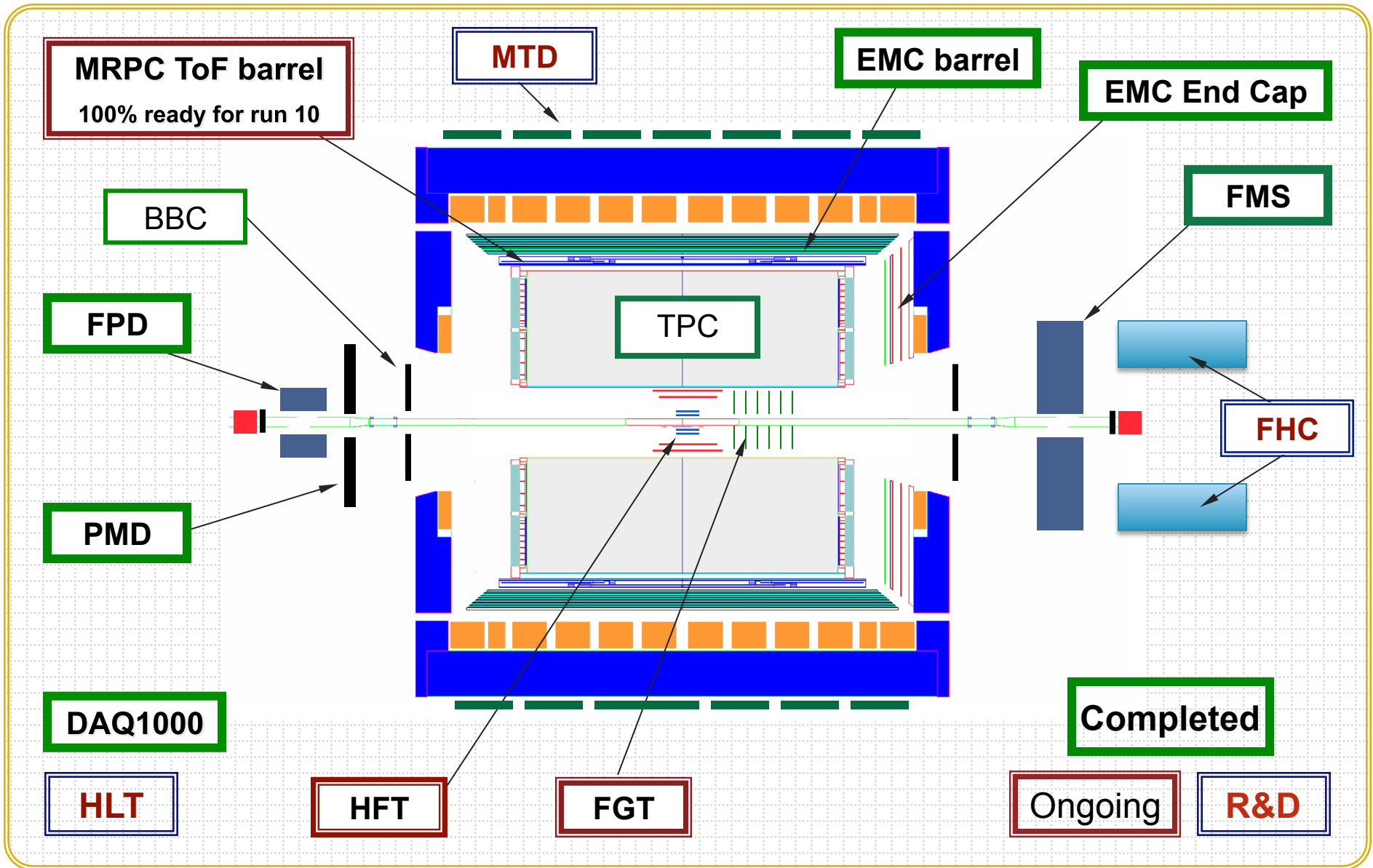


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For STAR:

- Large acceptance: full azimuthal coverage and $|y| < 1.0$
- Clean particle identification: (TPC, ToF, EMC)
- Acceptance does **not** change with beam energy, systematic errors under control
- *Lower luminosity* at lower beam energies. Fixed target exp. will be better

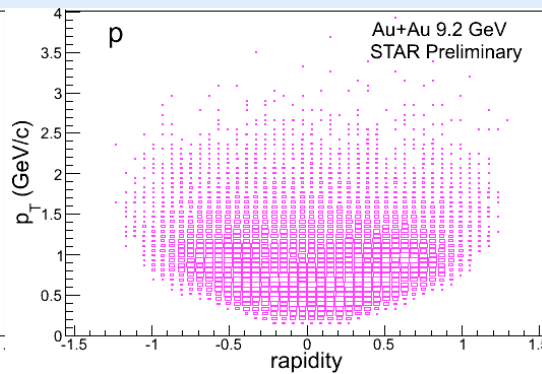
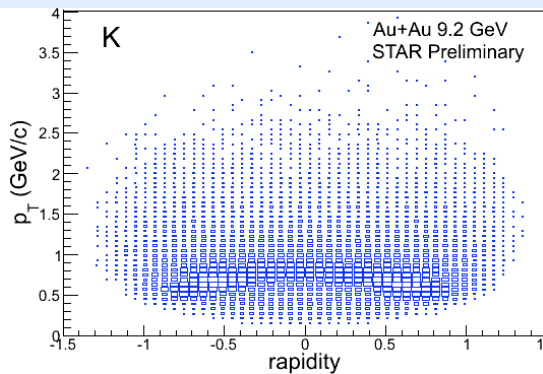
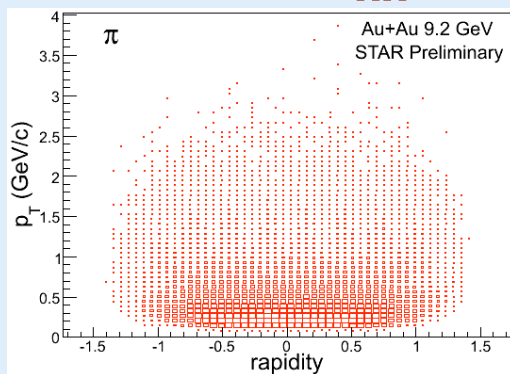
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Collider Acceptance

Collider Mode STAR

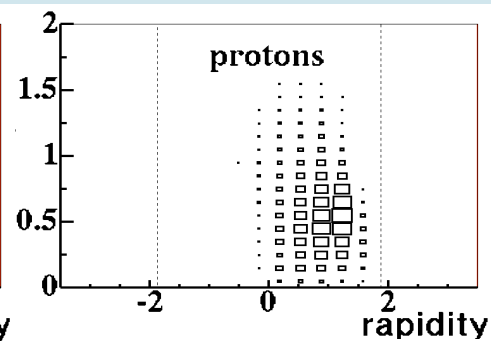
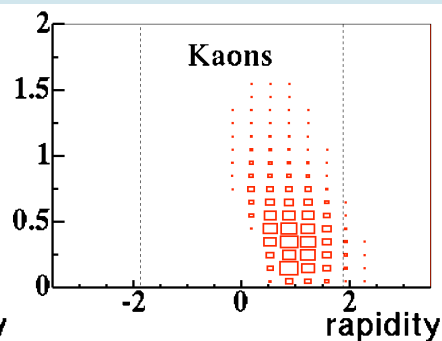
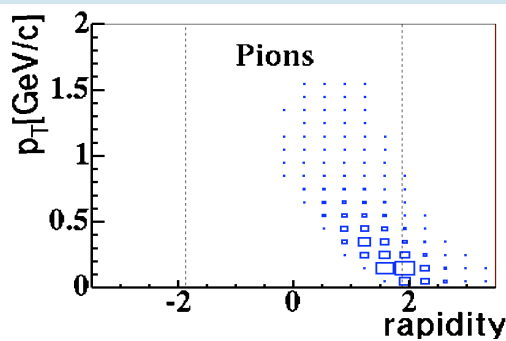
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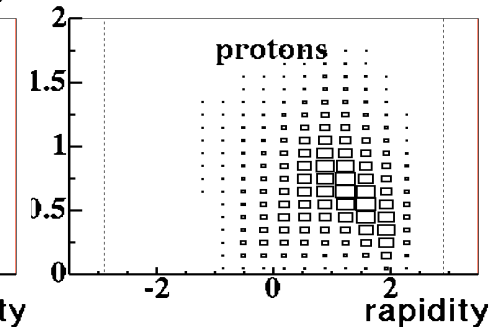
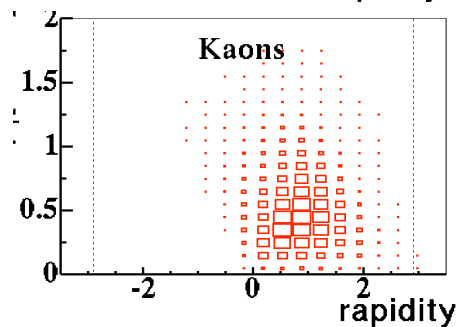
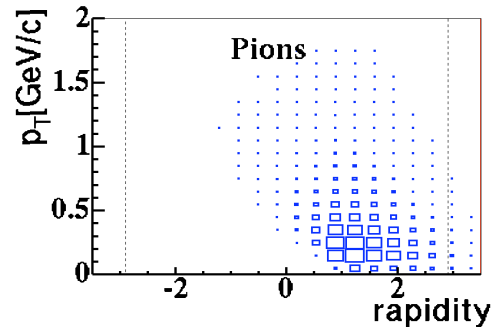
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$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$

6 GeV



17 GeV



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