

# *RHIC & (s)PHENIX Physics & Plans*



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# RHIC & LHC - next generation

## RHIC → RHIC II



First collisions 2000

- p+p, d+Au, Cu+Cu, Cu+Au, Au+Au, U+U
- $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 7 - 200 \text{ GeV}$
- Polarized protons

## LHC → LHC II



- First collisions 2010
- p+p, Pb+Pb, p+Pb
- $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$
- (5.5 TeV in 2015-16)



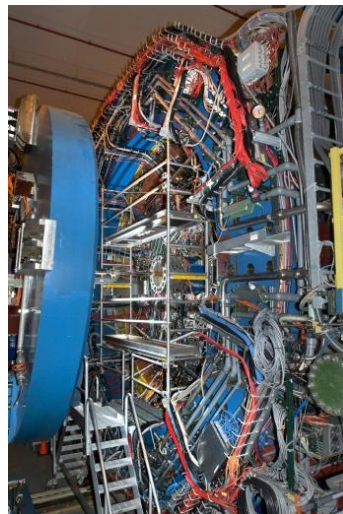
# RHIC+LHC Today: Five Experiments

## RHIC

- PHENIX

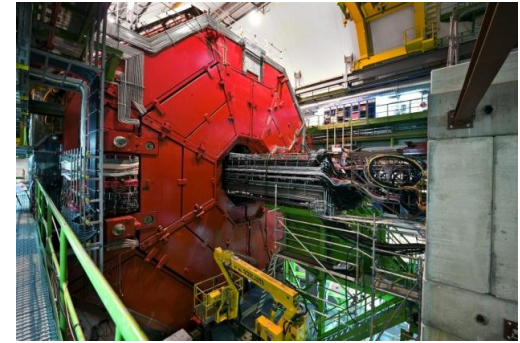


- STAR

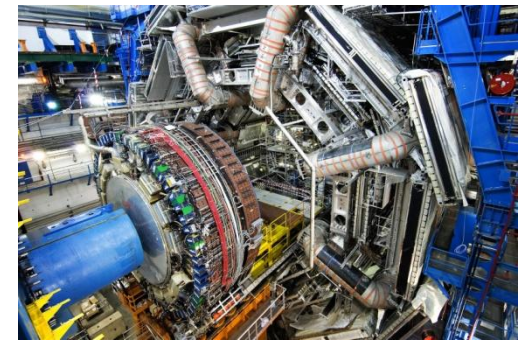


## LHC

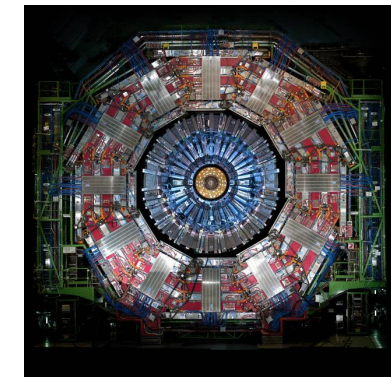
- ALICE



- ATLAS



- CMS



# 5 years of RHIC/LHC complementarity

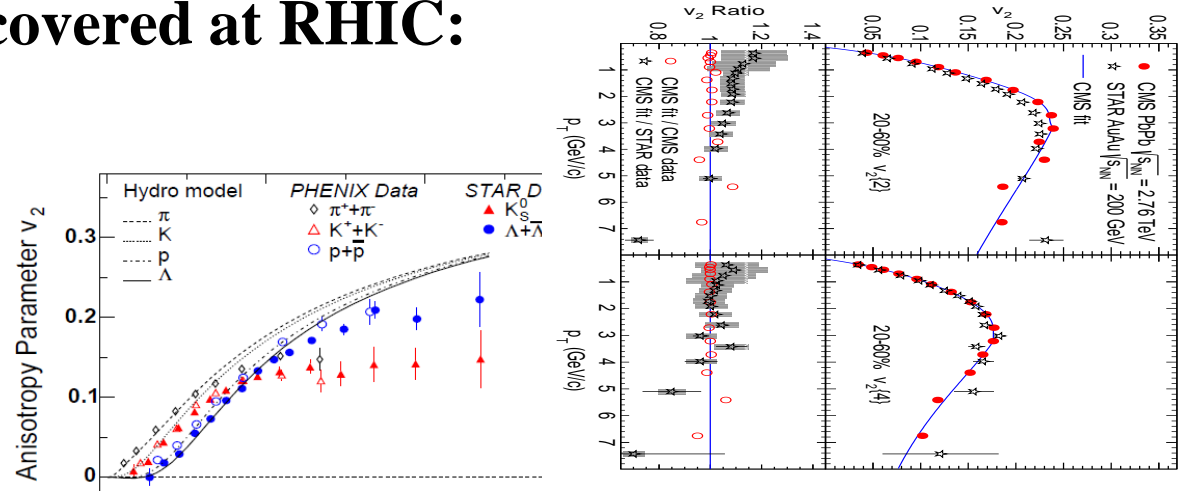
• The matter produced in LHC collisions exhibits the same qualitative features discovered at RHIC:

• Strong hydrodynamic flow

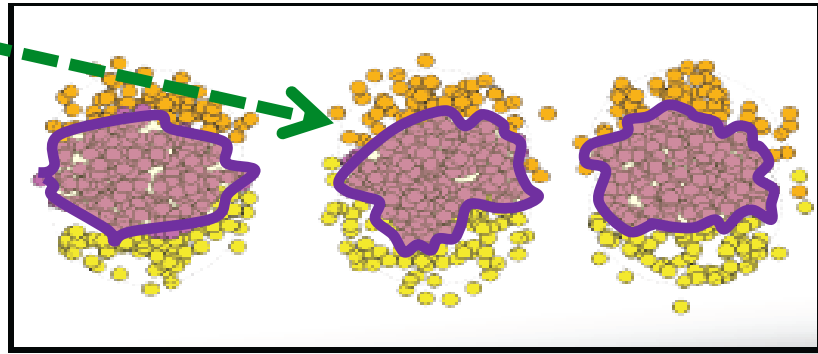
• Strong fluctuations:

high harmonics of flow

• Strong quenching of high momentum particles



$$dn/d\phi \sim 1 + 2 v_2(p_T) \cos(2\phi) + 2 v_3(p_T) \cos(3\phi) + 2 v_4(p_T) \cos(4\phi) + \dots$$



# Theoretical Break-Through 2003-4

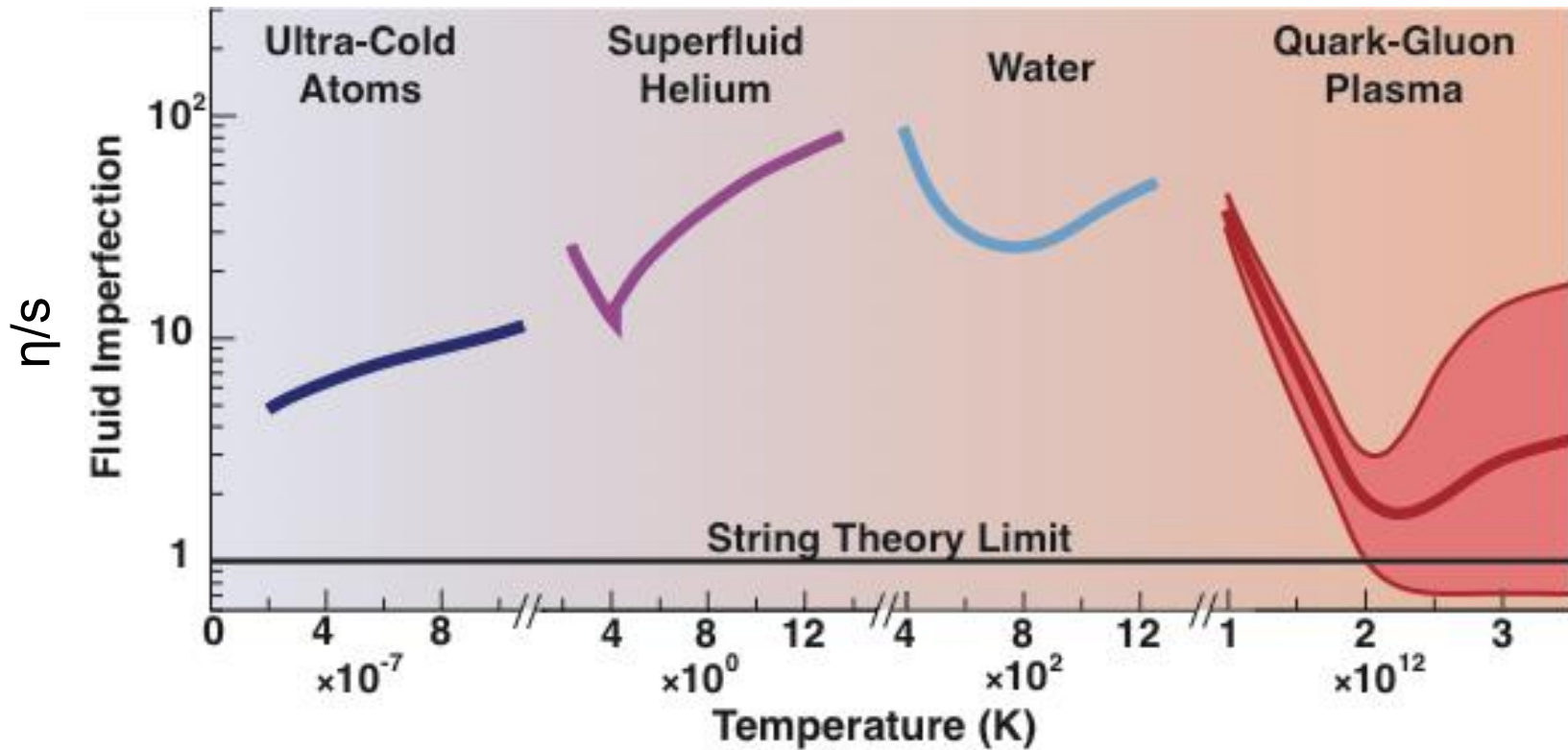
- An estimate (bound?) on viscosity appeared from string theory's AdS/CFT correspondence:
  - *A Viscosity Bound Conjecture*,  
P. Kovtun, D.T. Son, A.O. Starinets,  
[hep-th/0405231](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-th/0405231) (1300+ citations!)

$$\frac{\eta}{s} \stackrel{\geq}{\sim} \frac{\hbar}{4\pi} \sim 0.08\hbar$$

**Degree of imperfection**

- ⇒ *Fundamental* measure of strong coupling
- ⇒ Cleanest result from gauge/gravity duality
- ⇒ A measure of “quantum liquidity”

# Viscosity near Phase Transitions

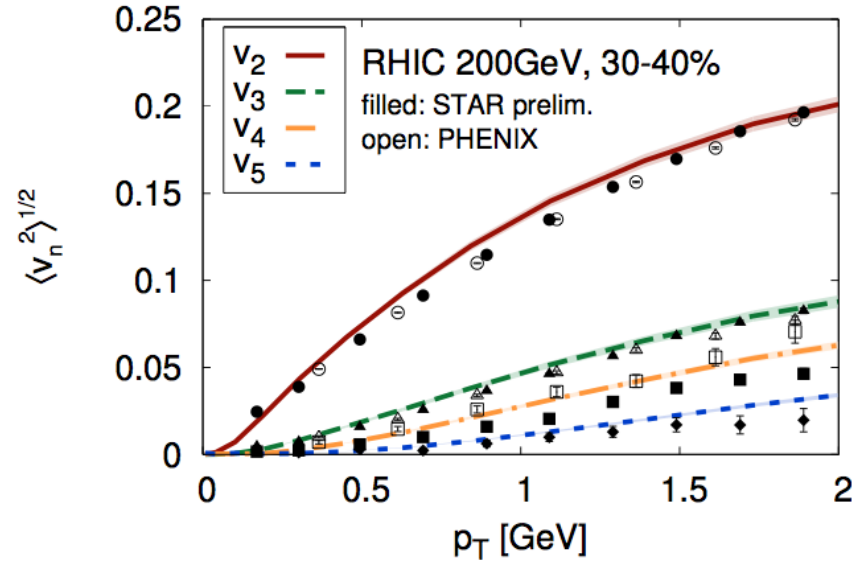


Many systems have minimum shear viscosity to entropy density near phase transformation

Quark-Gluon Plasma is not yet well constrained on this question

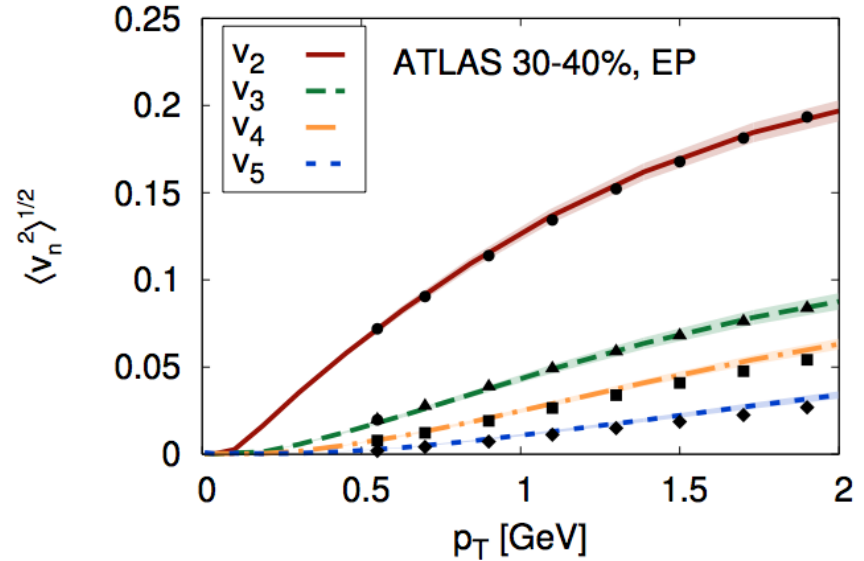
# Difference in viscosity – next is the hard sector

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$\eta/s \approx 0.12$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 0.2$  TeV

$\approx 1.5 \times$  KSS Bound



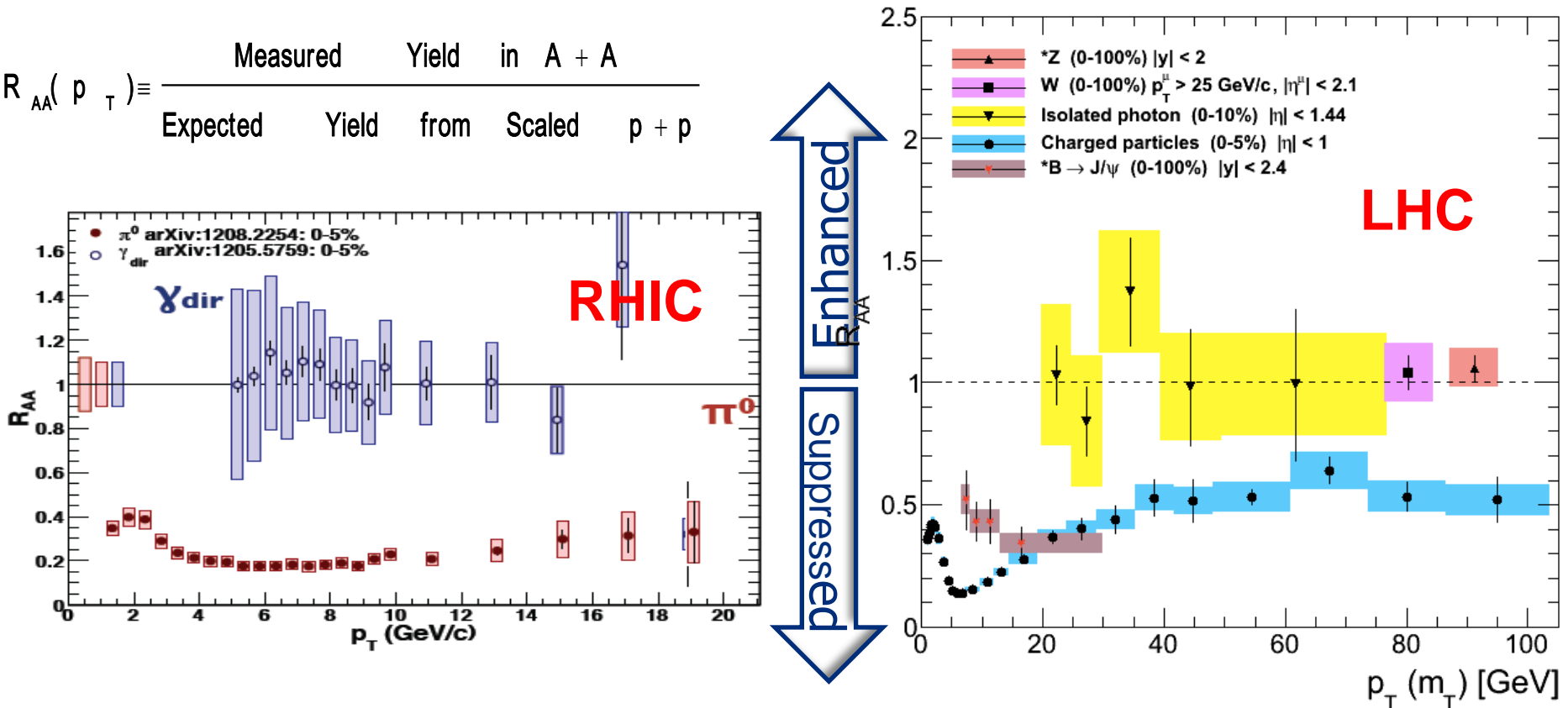
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The ***fundamental*** matter formed at RHIC and the LHC is within a factor of 3 of KSS bound(!)

# Hard Sector

- **0-th order observable** for high  $p_T$  diagnostics:



- Higher orders:

- Differential studies versus: impact parameter, reaction plane, away-side partner;
- flavor tagging, tagged photons, **complete jet reconstruction...**



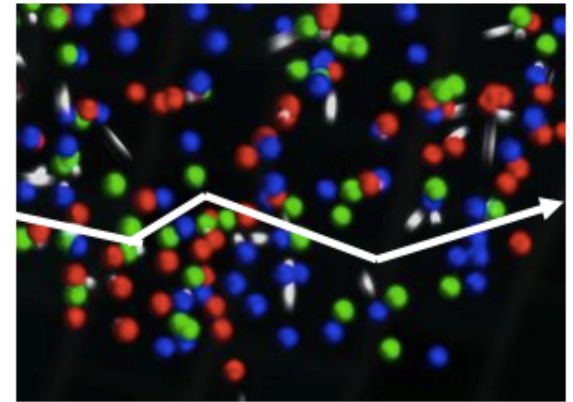
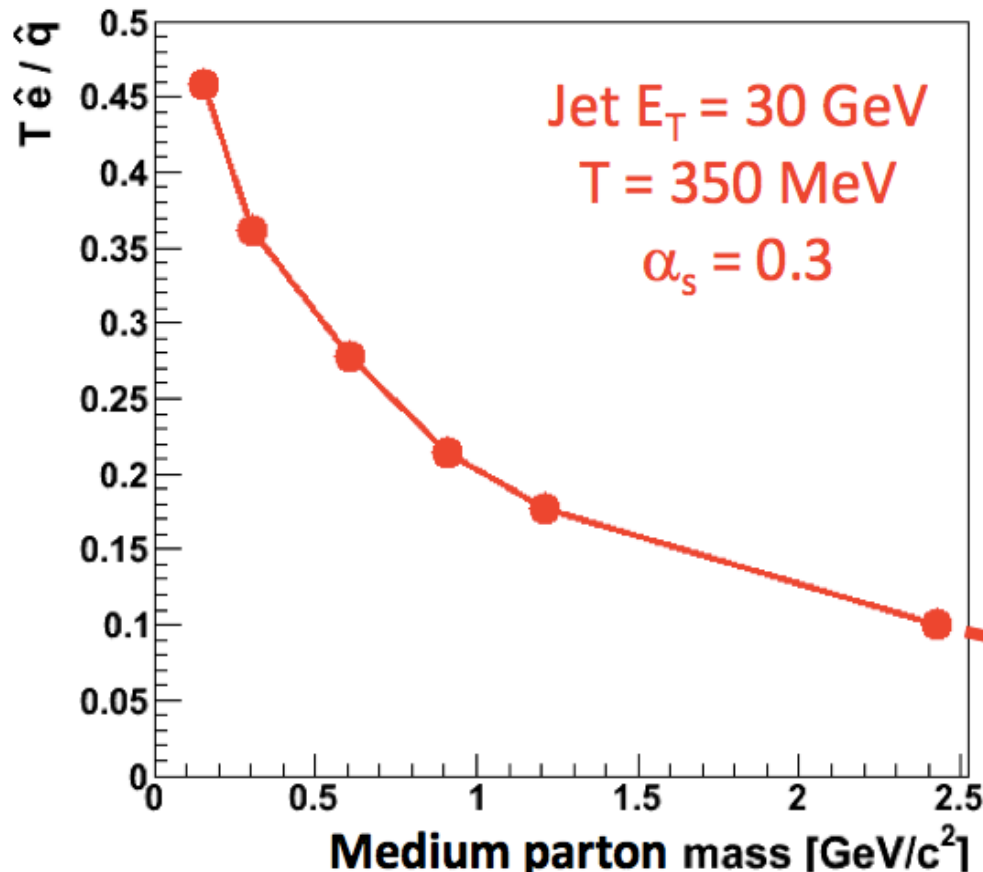
# QGP Constituent Mass Dependence

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*Department of Physics, Duke University, Durham, NC 27708-0305*

<http://arxiv.org/abs/arXiv:1209.3328>

$\hat{q}$  → scattering of leading parton → radiation e-loss  
 $\hat{e}$  → energy transferred to the QGP medium



Limit of infinitely massive scattering centers yields all radiative e-loss.

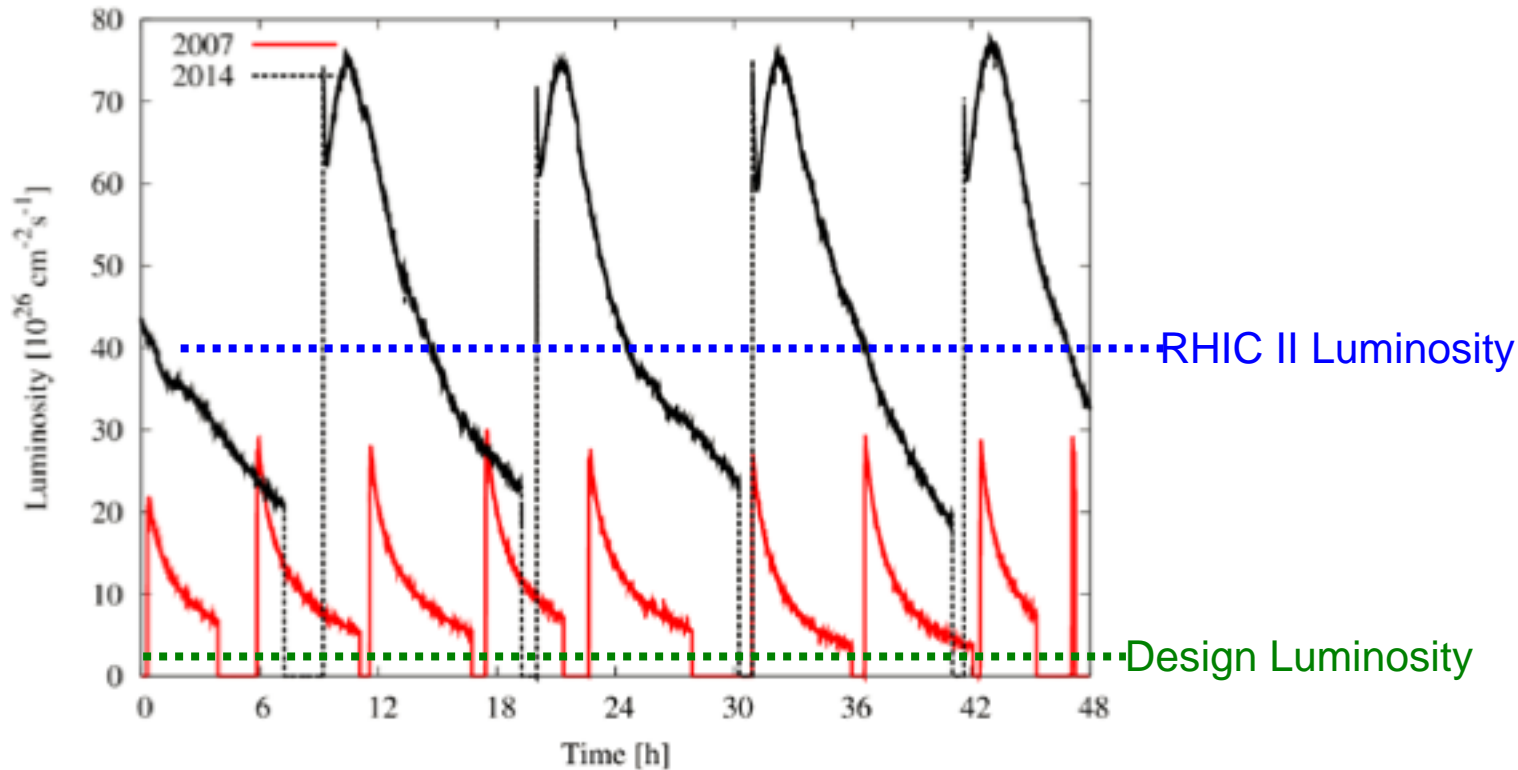


## RECOMMENDATION IV

The experiments at the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider have discovered a new state of matter at extreme temperature and density—a quark-gluon plasma that exhibits unexpected, almost perfect liquid dynamical behavior. We recommend implementation of the RHIC II luminosity upgrade, together with detector improvements, to determine the properties of this new state of matter.

# By this time RHIC II Upgrade is DONE

## DONE!



**DONE! ≠ Finished!**

Sharpening the program and upgrading tools

# Where we are and Why “Done!” ≠ “Finished!”

- To date:

Data from RHIC and LHC

together with theoretical modeling...

*Tell us what the QGP does.*

- Yet we have only very limited insight into

*How the QGP does it.*

- Creates near-perfect fluidity
- Approaches first order phase transition
- Modifies jet fragmentation
- Many other observed signals...

## Discovered:

- ◆ hydrodynamic flow in small systems
- ◆ the critical role of fluctuations

- ◆ Opened a new energy frontier – the LHC
- ◆ Begun exploration of QCD phase diagram - RHIC
- ◆ Developed sophisticated multi-scale models



# √s Varies a True Control Parameter: $\mu_B$

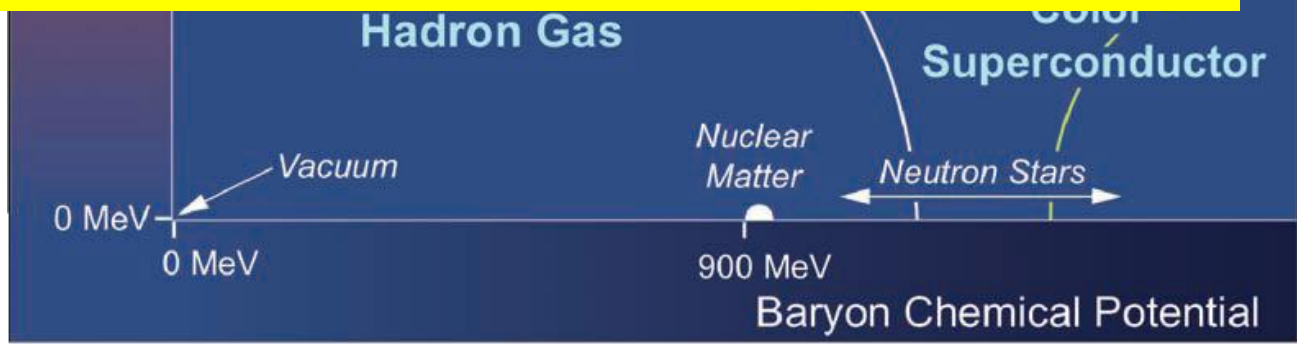
- Beam Energy Scan at RHIC
  - Only at RHIC !

Note:  
 COLLIDER

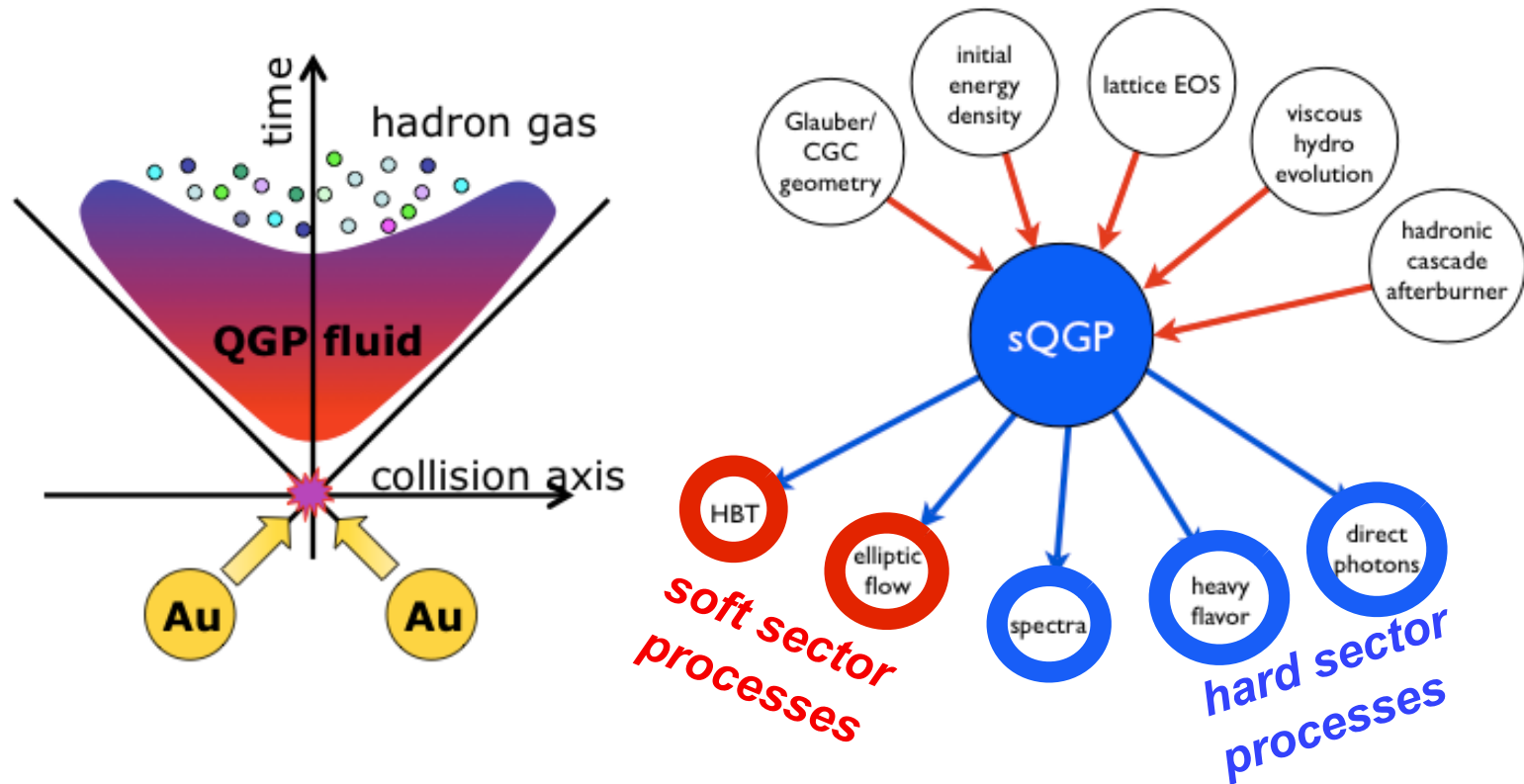


Deliberately *increase* the value of  $\mu_B/T$   
 Search for a fundamental feature of thermal QCD:  
 The critical end point and change to 1<sup>st</sup> order phase transition

Exploring the QCD phase diagram in search of the critical point



# Strongly Coupled (s)QGP Paradigm



small-viscosity hydrodynamic evolution of QGP implies a strong-coupling and is at the heart of a “*standard model*” for heavy ion collisions

**To become comprehensive this “standard model” needs examination from the hard sector:**

*parton energy loss and quarkonia suppression*

# Hard Sector – case for new experiment

Temperature dependence of the QGP by **beam energy** variation

Time dependence of the QGP by virtuality variation  
(**hard process  $Q^2$ , heavy flavors**)

Length scale within the QGP by interaction hardness  
(**interaction  $Q^2$** )

(1) **Physics case** for a **jet detector at RHIC (sPHENIX)**  
and the key measurement observables

(2) What should be **detector configuration** to fit jet observables

*Can a detector be built on time to make these measurements?*

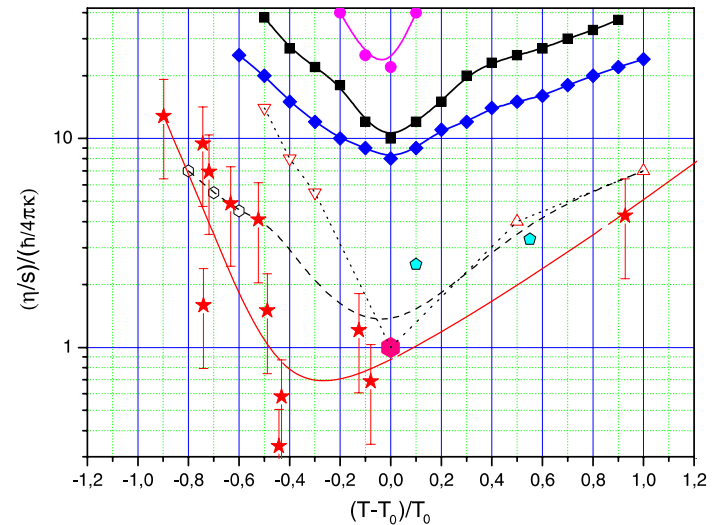
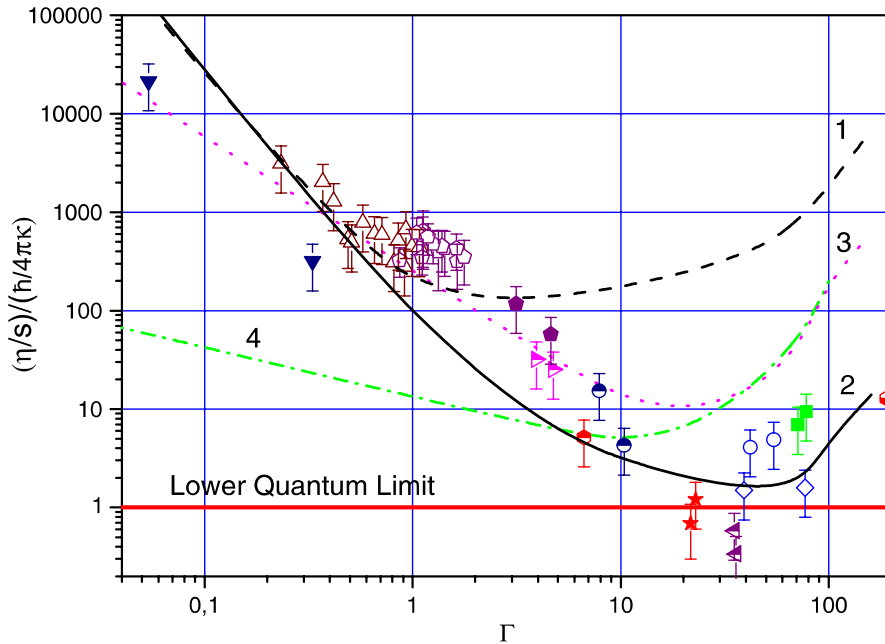
# Transition of the physical system to the perfect frictionless fluid

with increasing the interparticle interaction

smaller viscosity  $\Rightarrow$  larger coupling  $\Rightarrow$  larger interaction with jets

V. E. Fortov<sup>1</sup> and V. B. Mintsev<sup>2</sup> PRL 111, 125004 (2013)

Quantum Bound of the Shear Viscosity of a Strongly Coupled Plasma



$\eta/s$  vs coupling parameter.

1,2 – calculations for different screening mass, 3 – one component plasma.

$$\Gamma = \frac{E_I}{E_K} = \frac{Z^2 e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 dk_B T},$$

where  $E_i$  is the mean Coulomb interaction energy,  $E_K = k_B T$  is the mean thermal energy,  $Z$  is the charge of plasma particles,  $d^3 = (3/4\pi n)$  is the distance between the particles with the density  $n$ , and  $T$  is the plasma temperature.

$$\eta \approx k_\gamma \frac{1}{Z^3} \frac{\sqrt{m_e M}}{e^2} k T_i \sigma_{sp},$$

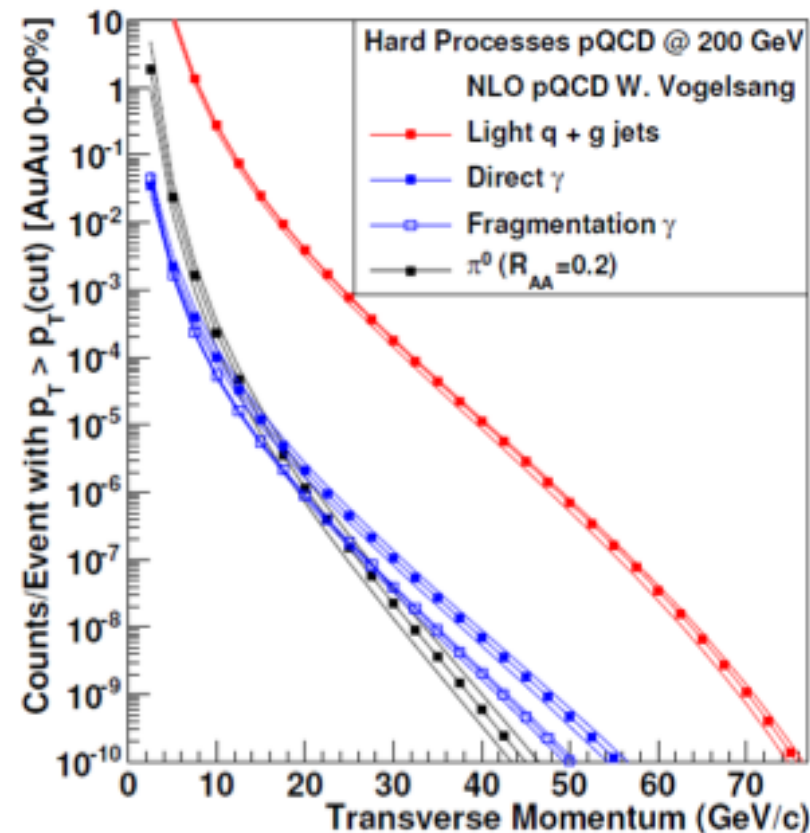
where  $k \sim 0.69$  at  $Z = 1$  for the Boltzmann statistics and  $K \sim 0.4$  for the Fermi-Dirac statistics.

Comparison between different fluids.. Data : filled circle-H2O, filled square-N2, filled rhombus-He, filled hexagon-relativistic heavy ion collisions, open bottom faced triangle-me son gas, open top faced triangle- quark glu on plasma, open hexagon-intermediate-en ergy colli- sions; filled pentagon-quark gluo n plasma; filled star-strongly coupled plas ma, present work.



# Rates: jets, di-jets, $\gamma$ -jets

Events: 50 billion collected, 200 billion sampled



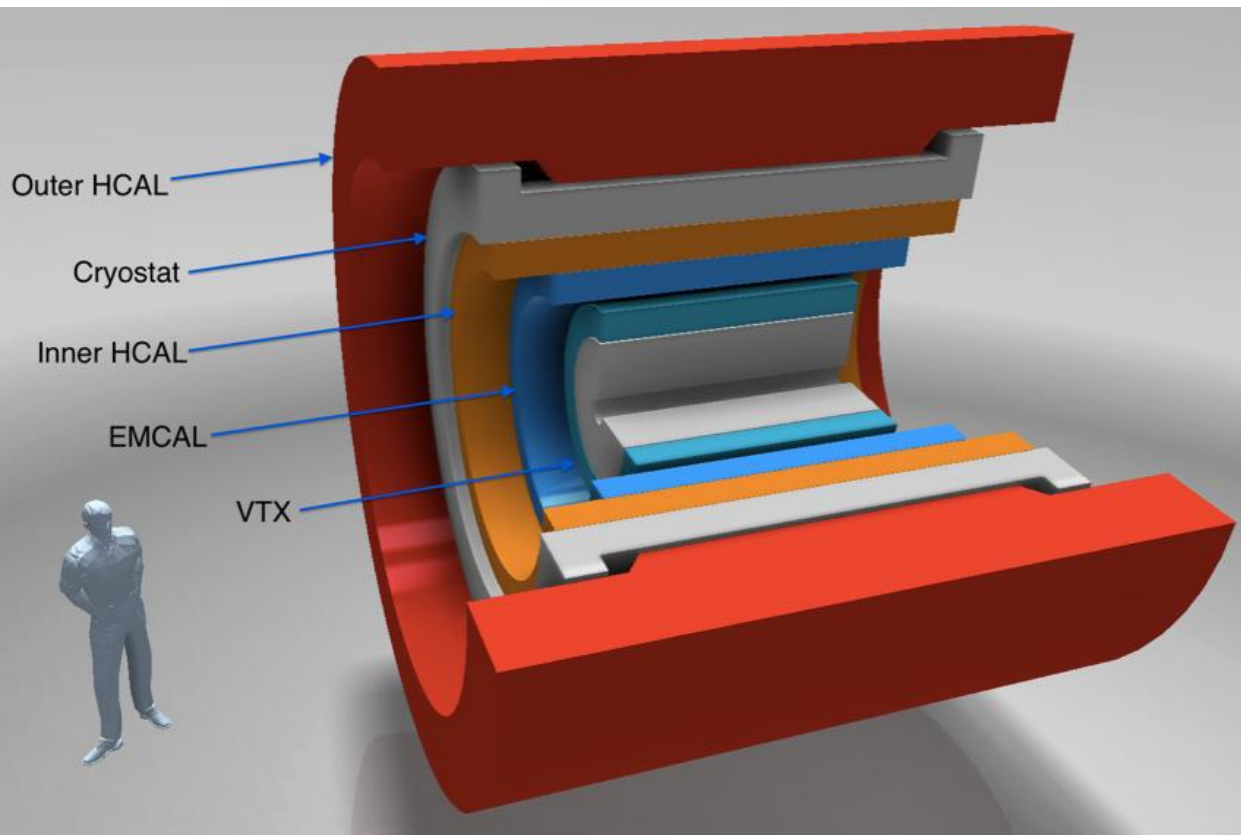
Rates based on full stochastic cooling, but no additional accelerator upgrades

$-1 < \eta < 1$	Au+Au (central 20%)	p+p	d+Au
>20GeV	$10^7$ jets $10^4$ photons	$10^6$ jets $10^3$ photons	$10^7$ jets $10^4$ photons
>30GeV	$10^6$ jets $10^3$ photons	$10^5$ jets $10^2$ photons	$10^6$ jets $10^3$ photons
>40GeV	$10^5$ jets	$10^4$ jets	$10^5$ jets
>50GeV	$10^4$ jets	$10^3$ jets	$10^4$ jets

**Huge rates allow differential measurements with geometry ( $v_2, v_3, A+B, U+U, \dots$ ) & precise control measurements (p(d)+Au & p+p).  
~80% as dijets!  
Over 60% as  $\gamma$ -jets!**

- Single jets, direct photons:  $R_{AA}$ ,  $v_N$
- Intra-jet hadron correlations (longitudinal and radial modifications)
- Jet-jet, photon-jet correlation:  $I_{AA}$ ,  $A_J$
- Jet-hadron correlations (global response)
- Heavy flavor jets
- Separated Upsilon States
- **Compatibility with future EIC detector**

# sPHENIX detector



BaBar Magnet 1.5 T

Coverage  $|\eta| < 1.1$

All silicon tracking  
Heavy flavor tagging

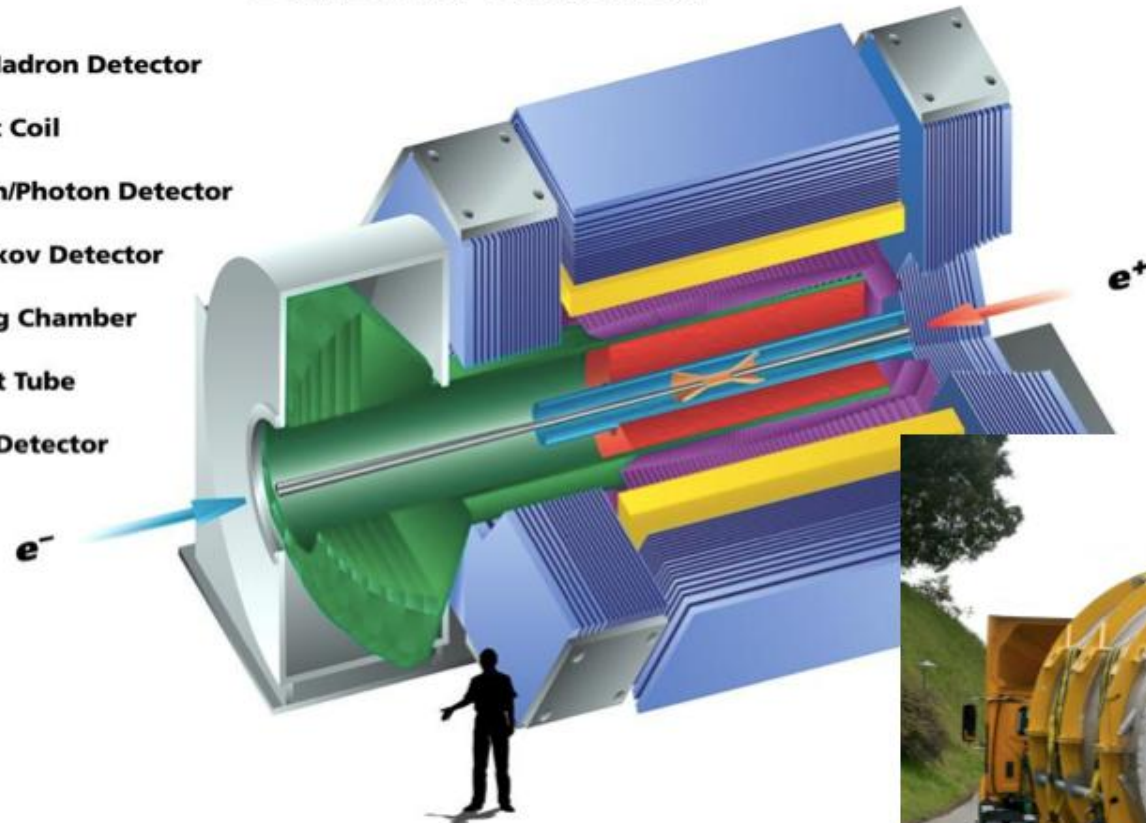
SPACAL EmCal  
12%/sqrt(E) resolution

Two longitudinal  
segments of HCal  
5 interaction lengths

Common Silicon Photomultiplier readout for Calorimeters  
Full clock speed digitizers, digital information for triggering  
High data acquisition rate capability  $\sim 10$  kHz

# Acquisition of the BaBar Magnet

## BABAR Detector



- Muon/Hadron Detector
- Magnet Coil
- Electron/Photon Detector
- Cherenkov Detector
- Tracking Chamber
- Support Tube
- Vertex Detector



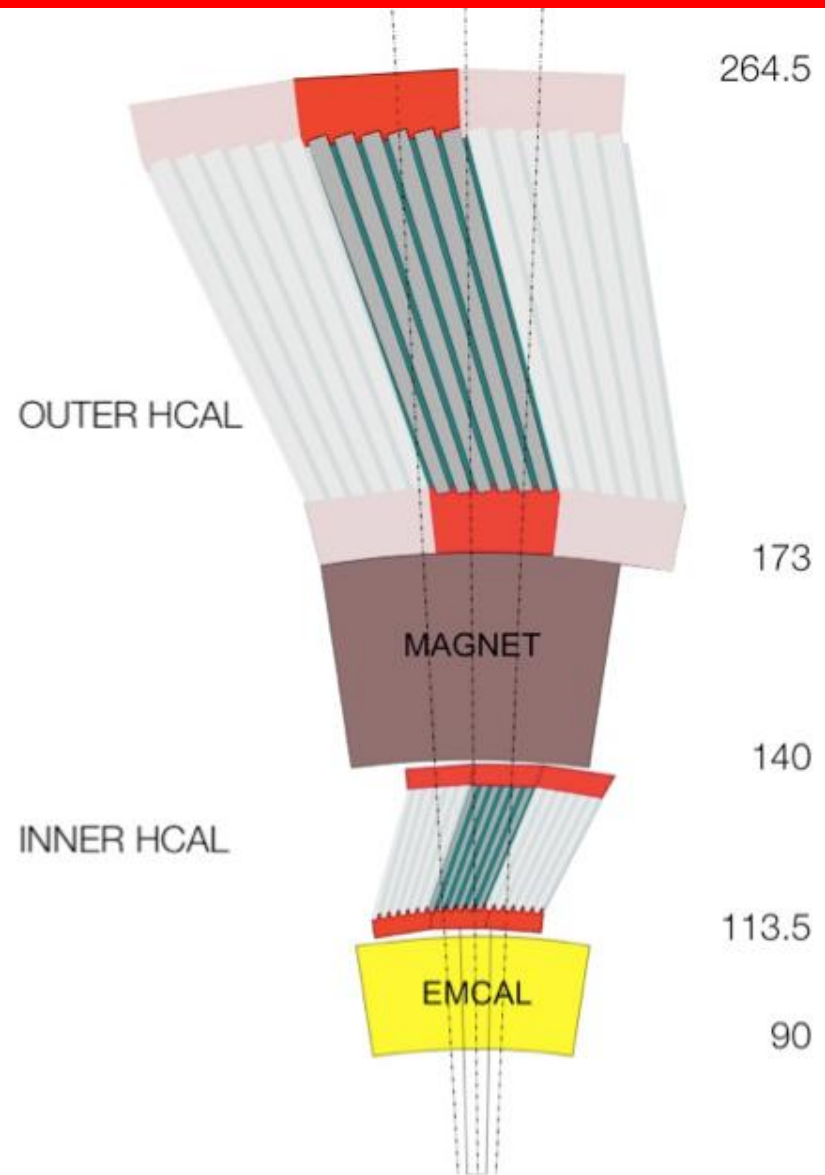
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1	Administrative Transfer BaBar Solenoid and Components Date of Mfr: 1996 (See attached list)	ea	1	12,000,000.00	\$ 12,000,000.00
Total Acquisition Cost					\$ 12,000,000.00



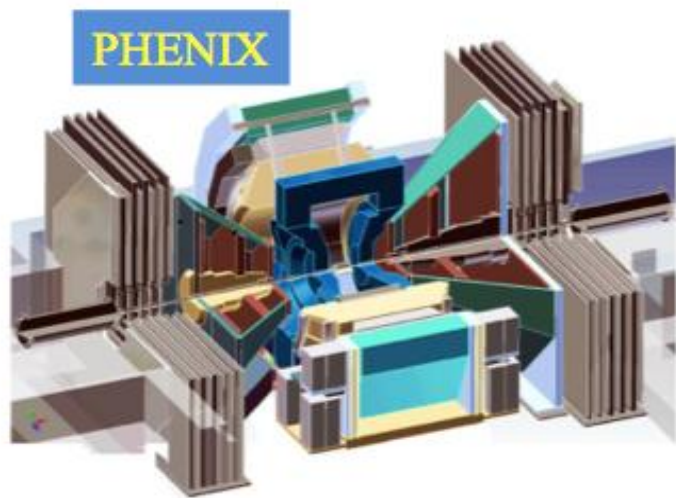
- EMCAL  $\approx 18X_0 \approx 1\lambda_1$
- Inner HCAL  $\approx 1\lambda_1$
- Magnet  $\approx 1X_0$
- Outer HCAL  $\approx 4\lambda_1$

HCal  $5\lambda$  deep (plus EMCal  $1\lambda$  deep) leads to few percent energy leakage for hadrons above 50 GeV; comparable to other contributions to energy resolution constant term.

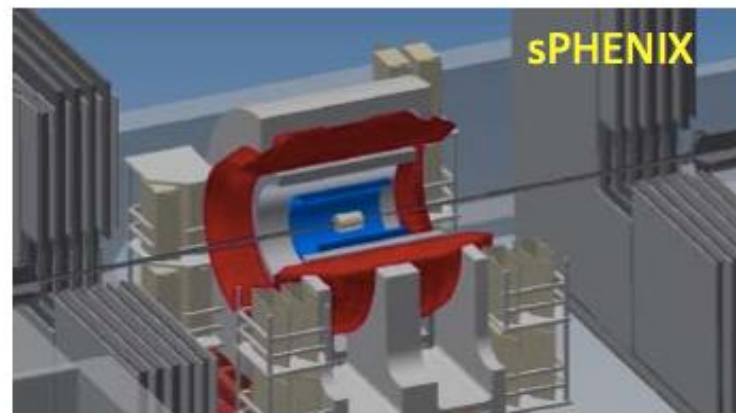
Key difference with calorimeters for much higher energy jets.



# sPHENIX evolution



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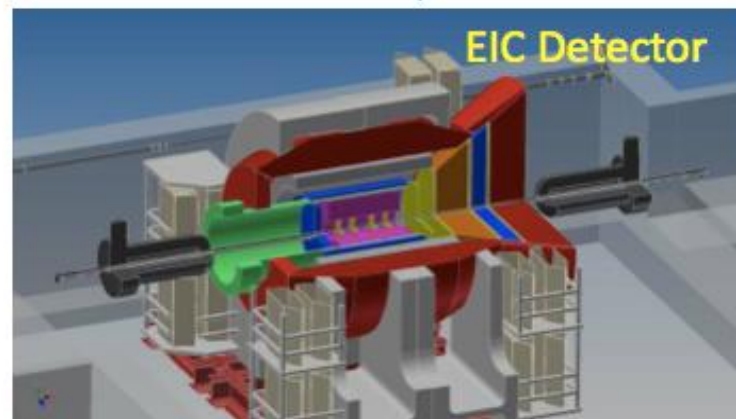


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Evolve sPHENIX (pp and HI detector) to an EIC Detector (ep and eA detector):

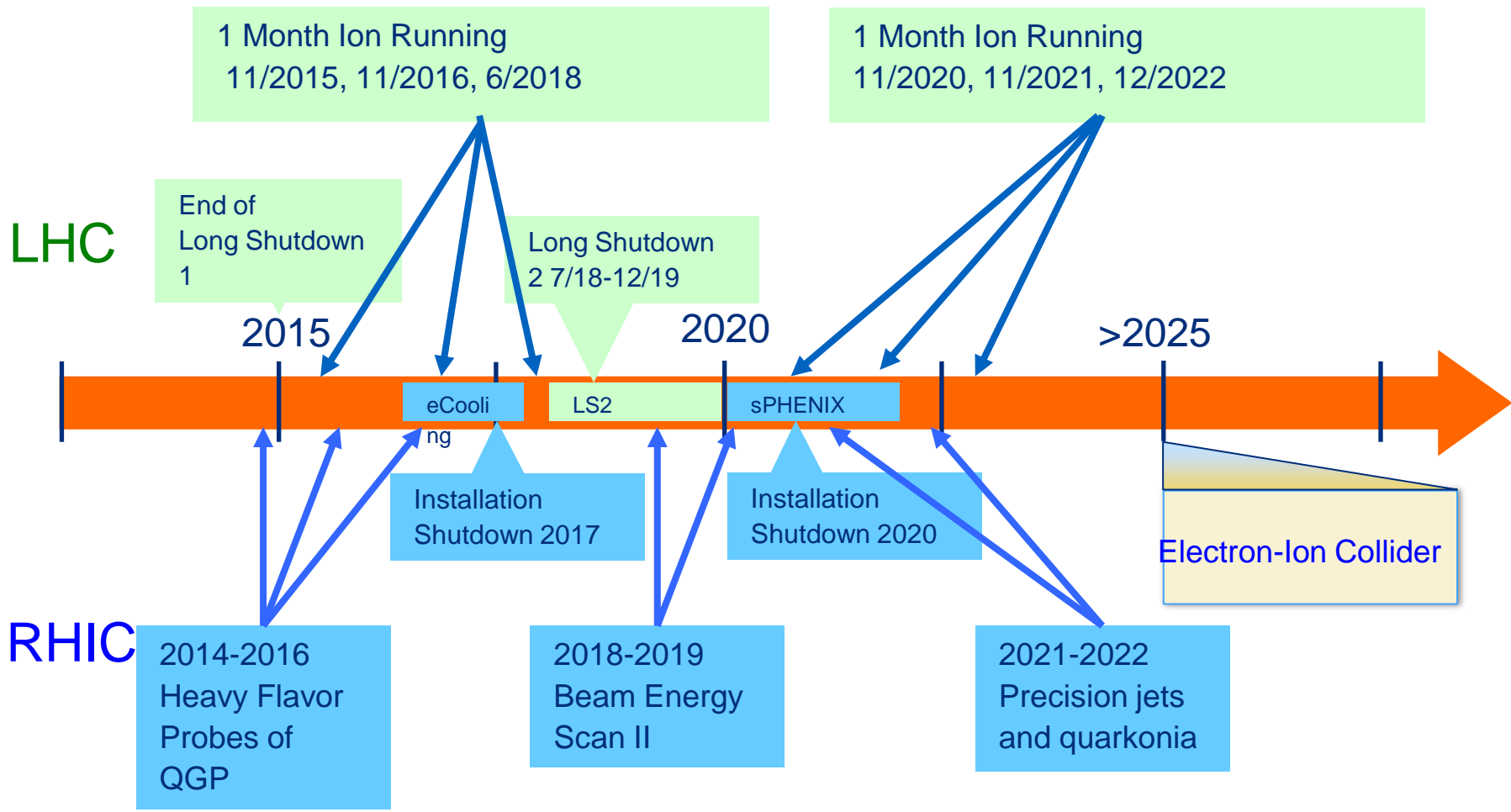
- To utilize e and p (A) beams at eRHIC with e-energy up to 15 GeV and p(A)-energy up to 250 GeV (100 GeV/n)
- e, p, He<sup>3</sup> polarized
- Stage-1 luminosity  $\sim 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  ( $\sim 1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  /month)



# BNL Proposed 10-year Plan

Years	Beam Species and Energies	Science Goals	New Systems Commissioned
2014	15 GeV Au+Au 200 GeV Au+Au	Heavy flavor flow, energy loss, thermalization, etc. Quarkonium studies QCD critical point search	Electron lenses 56 MHz SRF STAR HFT STAR MTD
2015-16	p+p at 200 GeV p+Au, d+Au, <sup>3</sup> He+Au at 200 GeV High statistics Au+Au	Extract $\eta/s(T)$ + constrain initial quantum fluctuations More heavy flavor studies Sphaleron tests Transverse spin physics	PHENIX MPC-EX Coherent e-cooling test
2017	No Run		Low energy e-cooling upgrade
2018-19	5-20 GeV Au+Au (BES-2)	Search for QCD critical point and onset of deconfinement	STAR ITPC upgrade Partial commissioning of sPHENIX (in 2019)
2020	No Run		Complete sPHENIX installation STAR forward upgrades
2021-22	Long 200 GeV Au+Au with upgraded detectors p+p, p/d+Au at 200 GeV	Jet, di-jet, $\gamma$ -jet probes of parton transport and energy loss mechanism Color screening for different quarkonia	sPHENIX
2023-24	No Runs		Transition to eRHIC

# RHIC / LHC Timeline



# Summary: Completing RHIC's Mission

**Goal: to fully understand thermal QCD matter**

**Organized as 3 campaigns:**

- 1. 2014-16: Heavy flavor probes of the QGP**
  - 2017: Install low energy e-cooling**
- 2. 2018-2019: Precision scan of QCD phase diagram**
  - 2020: Install sPHENIX upgrade**
- 3. 2021-2022: Precision measurements of jets and quarkonia**

**Supported with sustained theoretical studies, modeling and phenomenology**



**The End**