



From Heavy-Ion Collisions to Quark Matter

Lecture 1

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My approach to these lectures

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- The field of heavy-ion physics and QCD matter is vast, spanning experimental and theoretical concepts from nuclear, particle and condensed matter physics
- Many phenomena of the field are not yet understood on fundamental level
 - This is an opportunity for, and at the same time a barrier to newcomers to sort out what is really known and what not
- I do not aim to cover every topic in 3 lectures
 - Instead I will discuss a few topics, which are well established
 - Lecture 1: Introduction and background to the field
 - Lecture 2: Measurements mainly related to bulk properties
 - Lecture 3: Measurements mainly related to hard probes
- I am not an expert in all topics. Ask questions in the discussion session. Those I do not understand we figure out offline

- QCD

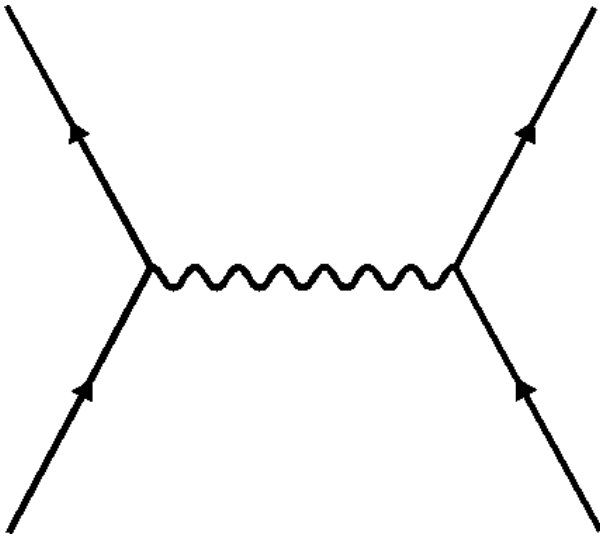
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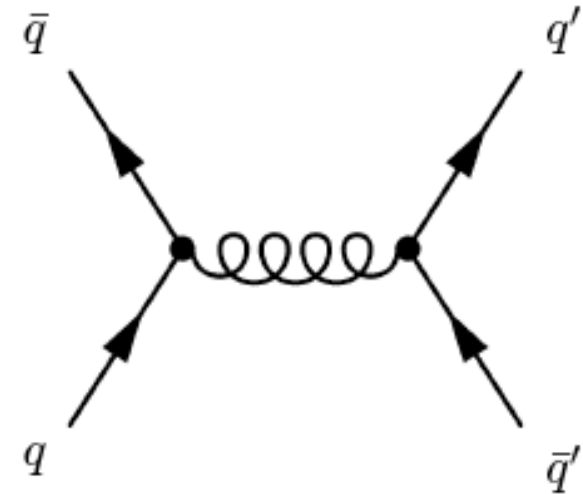
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What Physics Do You See?



- The water droplets on the window demonstrate a principle
- True beautiful and complex physics emerges in systems whose underlying dynamics is given by QED



- Does QCD exhibit equally beautiful properties when looked at as bulk matter
- Answer (as we will see): YES!

FERMIONS

matter constituents
spin = 1/2, 3/2, 5/2, ...

Leptons spin = 1/2		
Flavor	Mass GeV/c ²	Electric charge
ν_e electron neutrino	$<1 \times 10^{-8}$	0
e electron	0.000511	-1
ν_μ muon neutrino	<0.0002	0
μ muon	0.106	-1
ν_τ tau neutrino	<0.02	0
τ tau	1.7771	-1

Quarks spin = 1/2		
Flavor	Approx. Mass GeV/c ²	Electric charge
u up	0.003	2/3
d down	0.006	-1/3
c charm	1.3	2/3
s strange	0.1	-1/3
t top	175	2/3
b bottom	4.3	-1/3

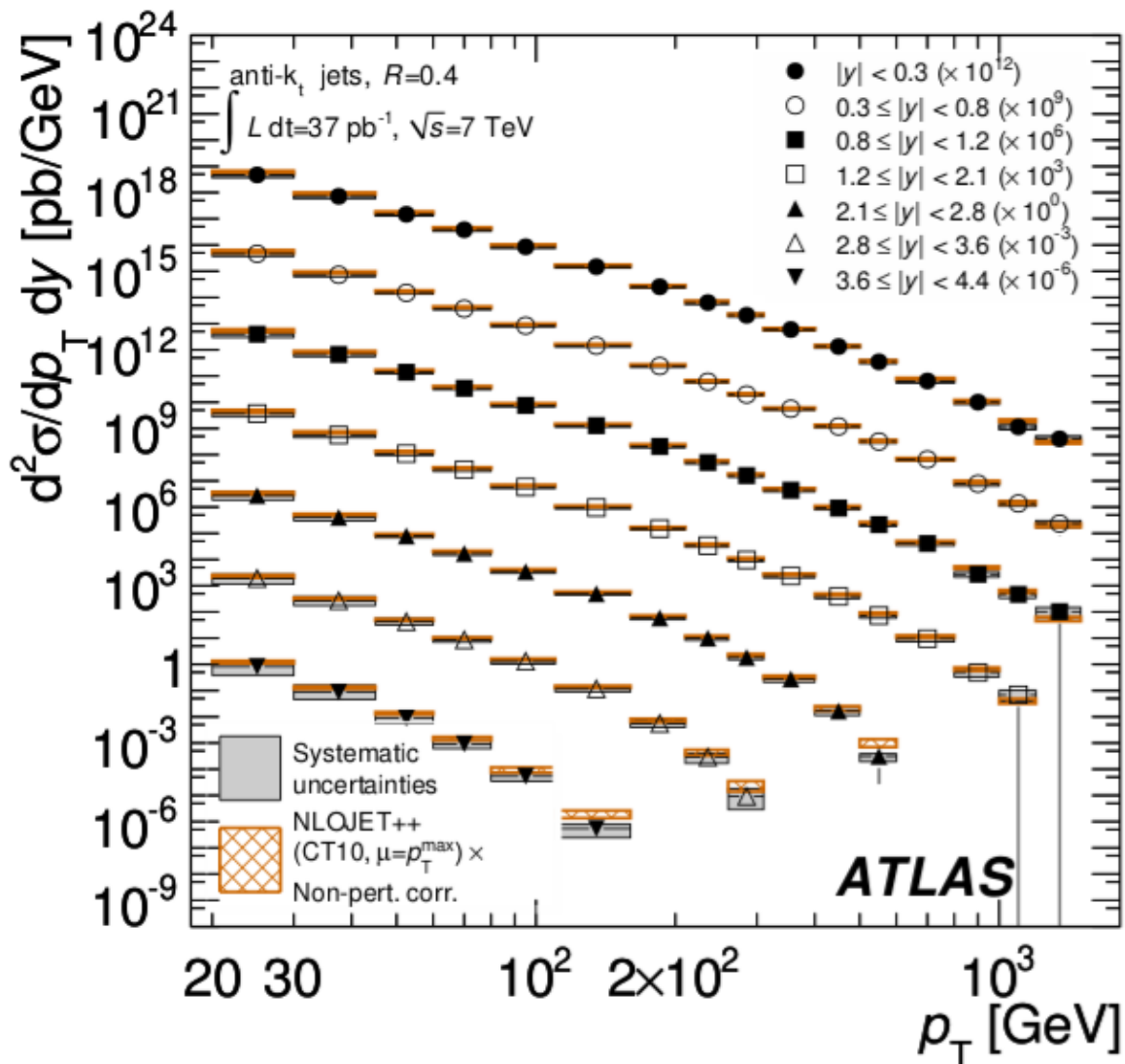
BOSONS

force carriers
spin = 0, 1, 2, ...

Unified Electroweak spin = 1		
Name	Mass GeV/c ²	Electric charge
γ photon	0	0
W^-	80.4	-1
W^+	80.4	+1
Z^0	91.187	0

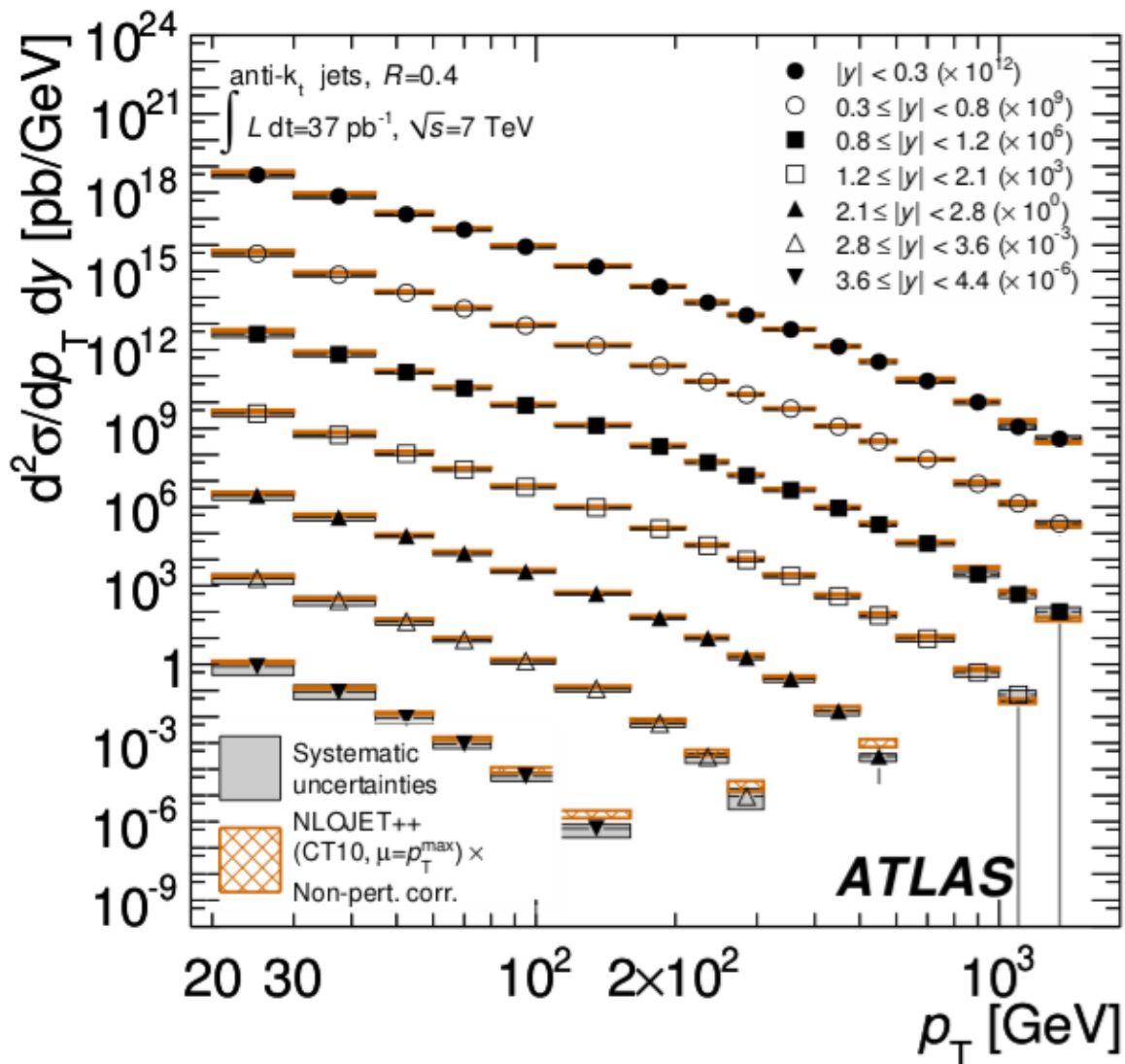
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ii) confinement

- Nobody ever succeeded in detecting an isolated quark
- Instead, quarks seem to be confined within hadrons
- It looks like one half of the fundamental fermions are not directly observable. Why?

Elementary fields:

Quarks

Gluons

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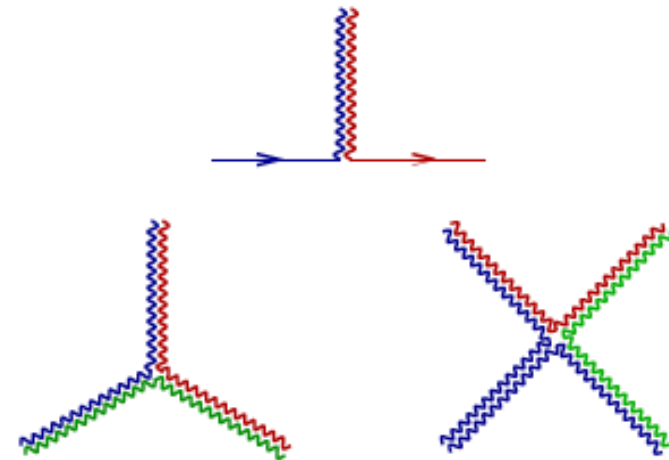
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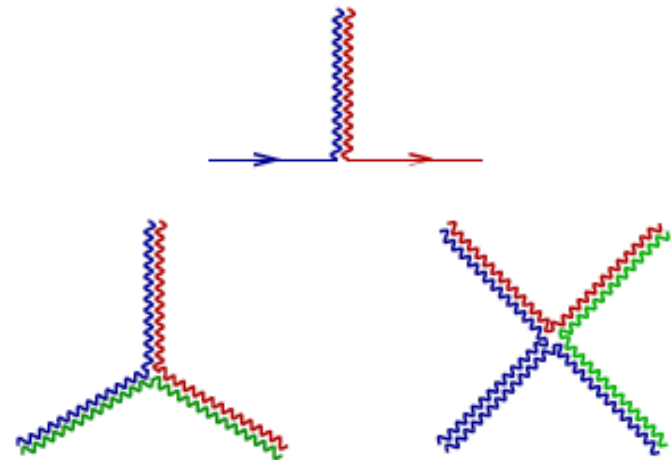
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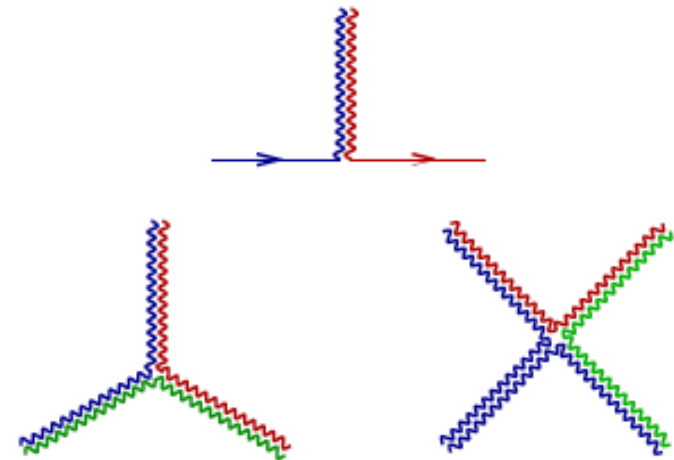
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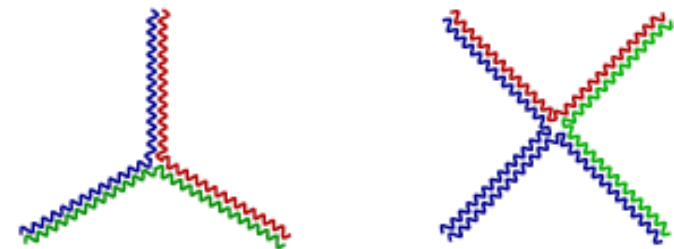
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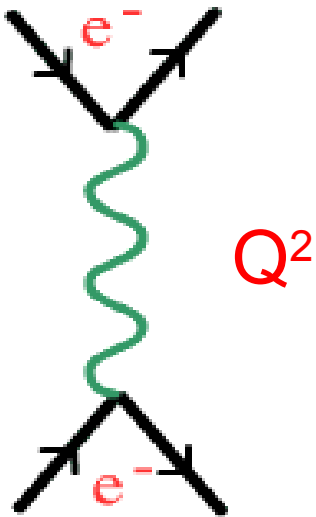
... so they interact also among themselves, generating much more complex structures

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Consider the interaction of two elementary particles



Momentum transfer Q^2 :

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Quantum mechanics:

Virtual pairs (loops) screen the bare interaction
resulting in momentum dependent interaction strength

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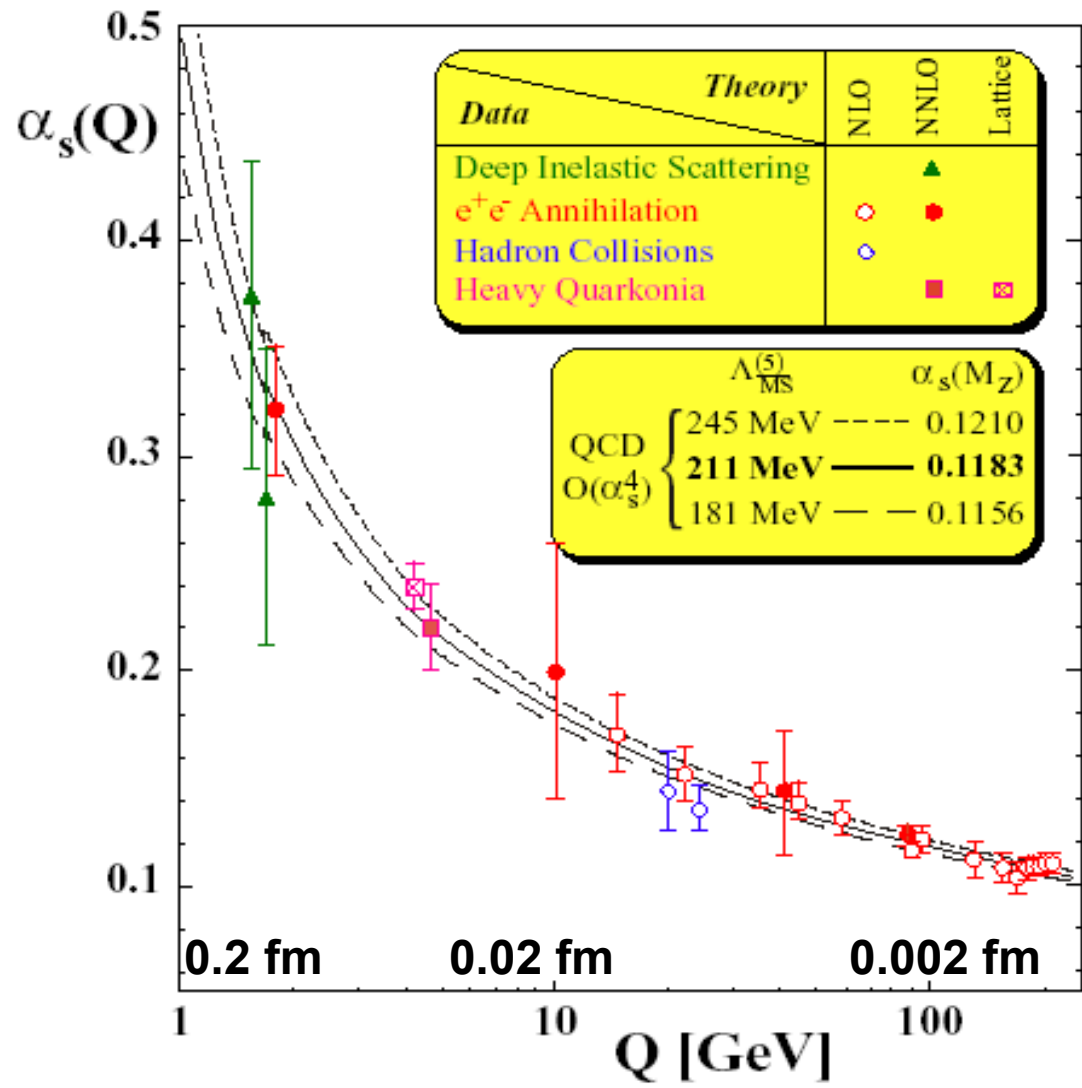
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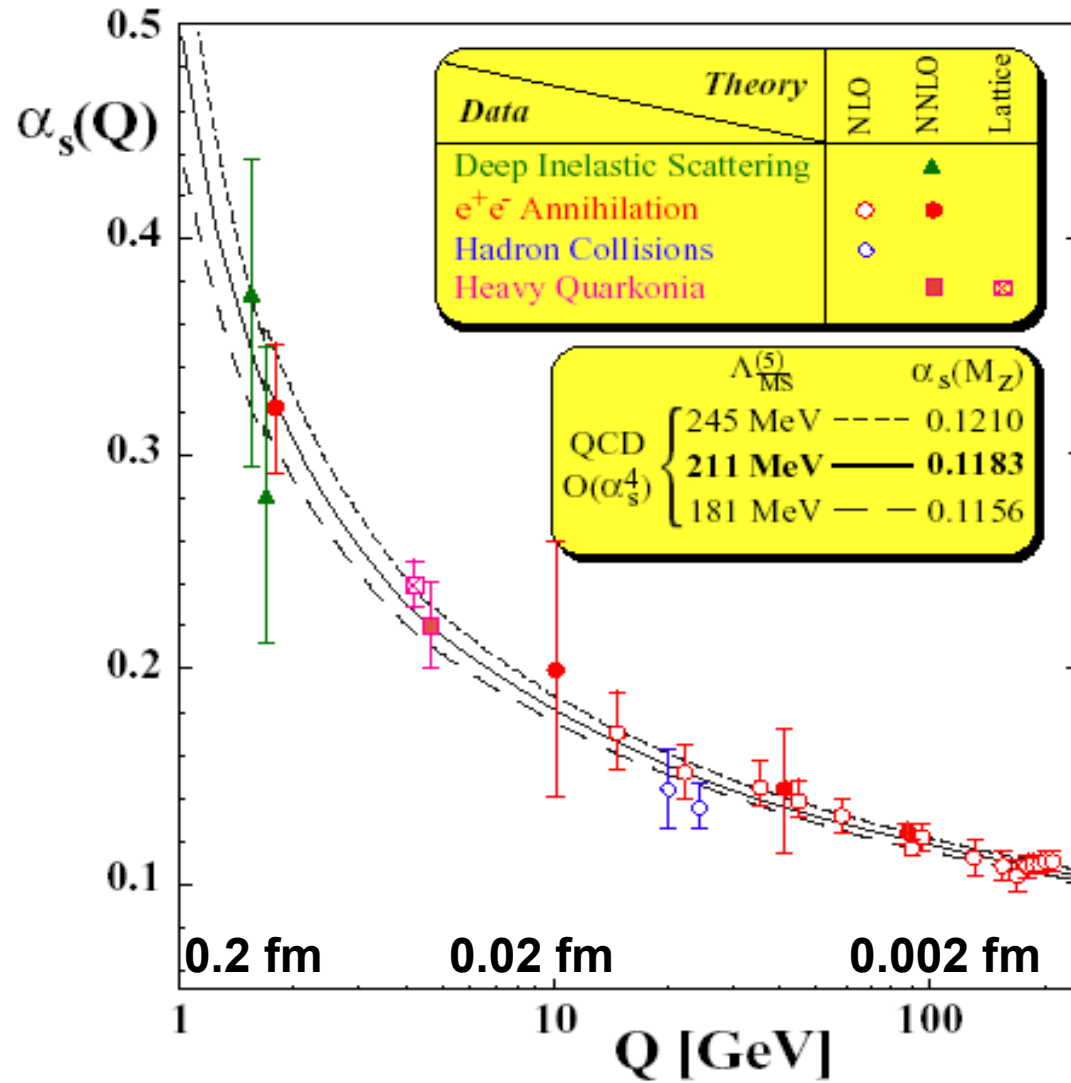
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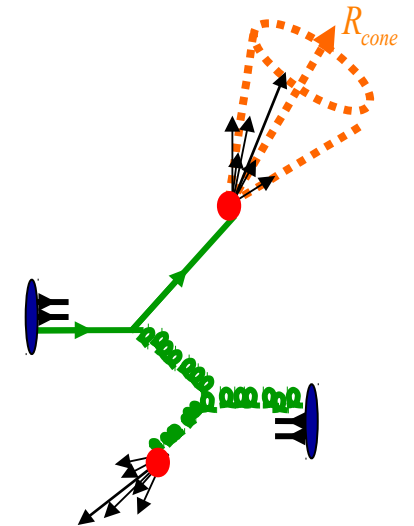
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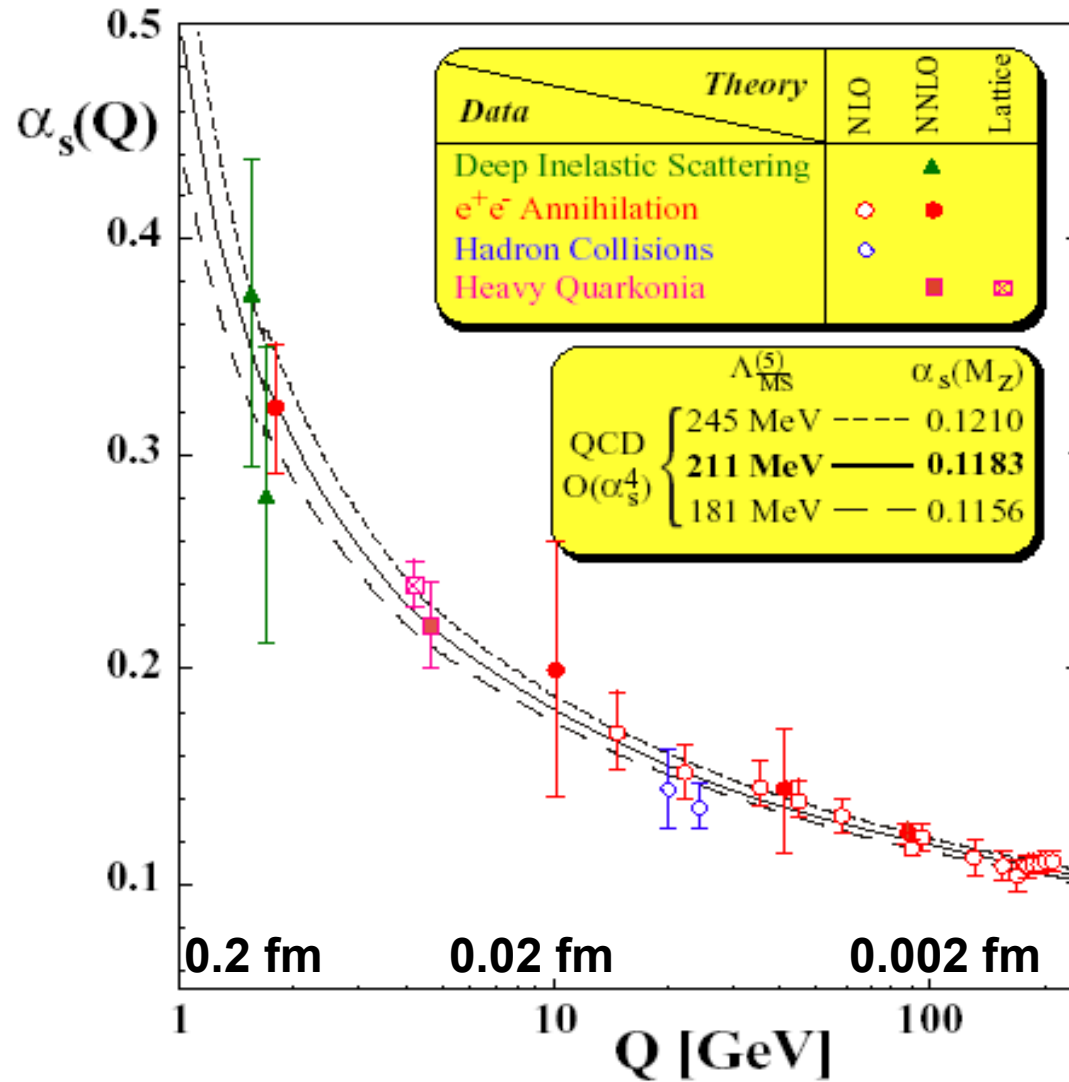
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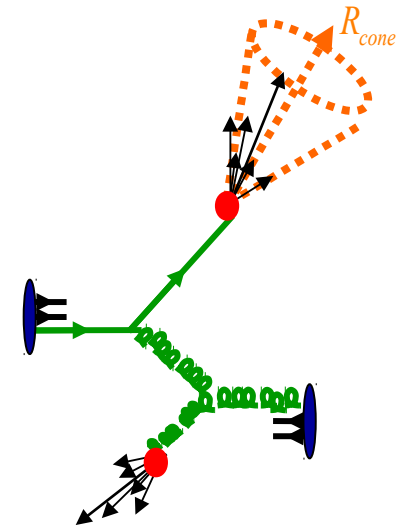
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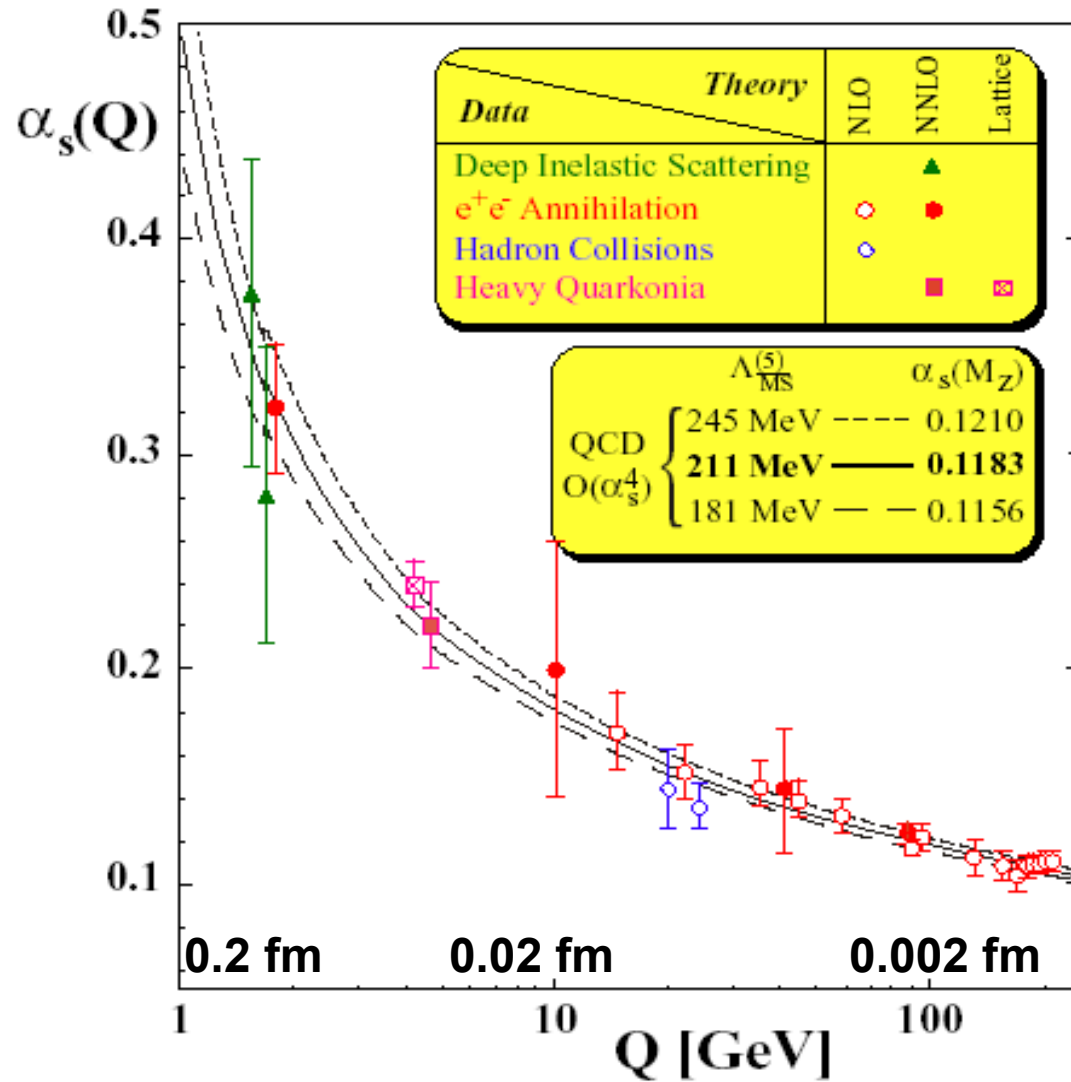
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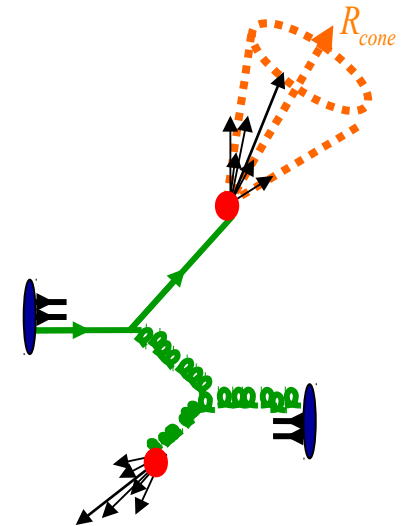
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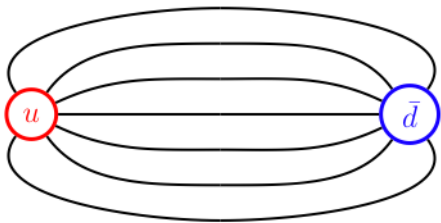
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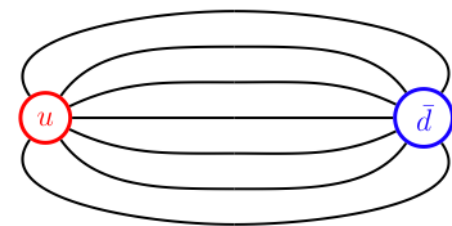
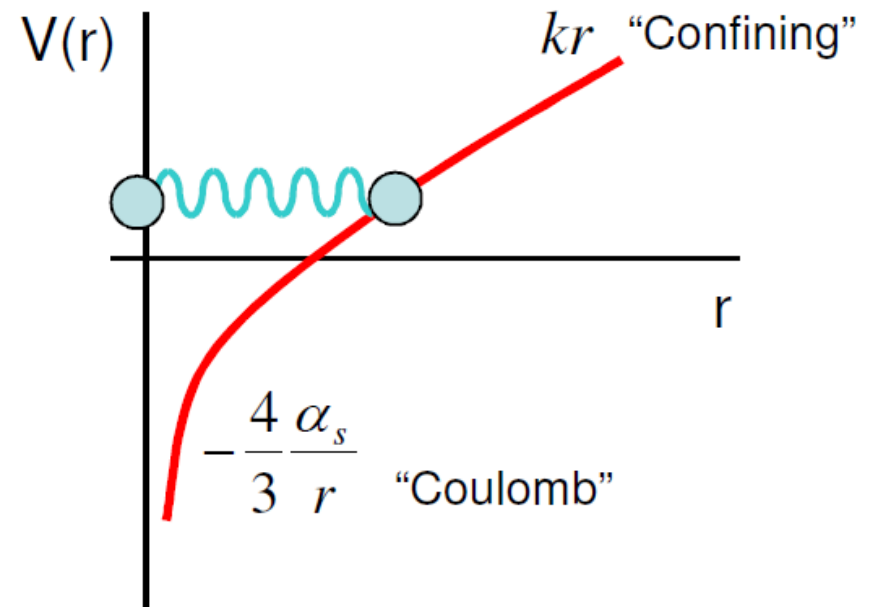
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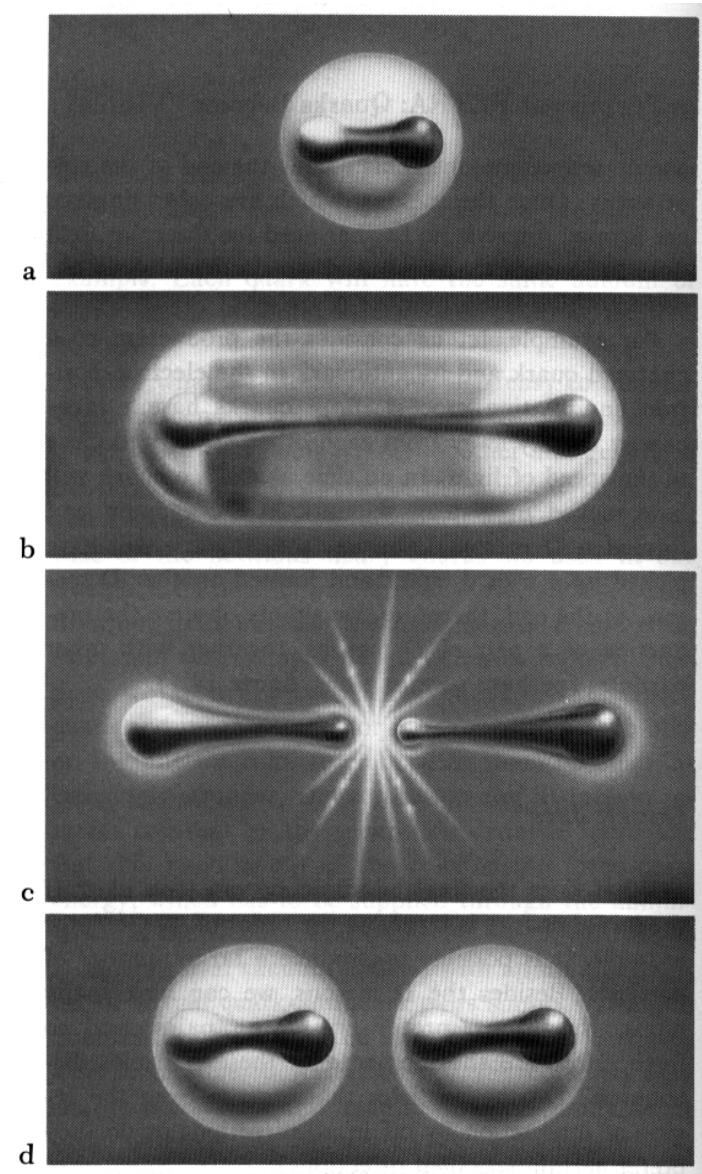
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(Illustration from Fritzsche)

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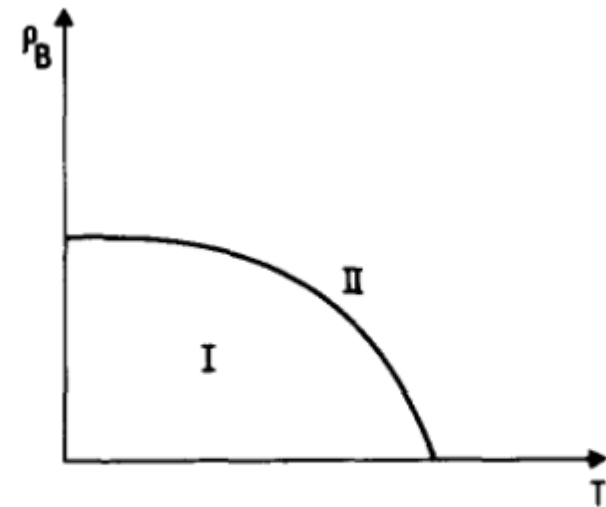


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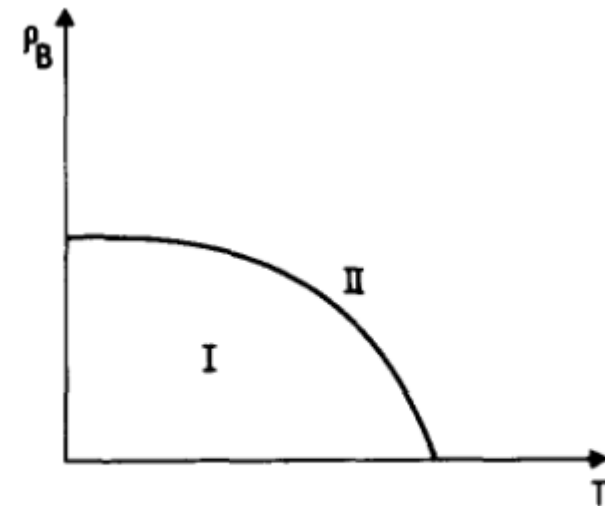
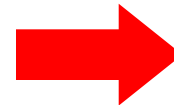


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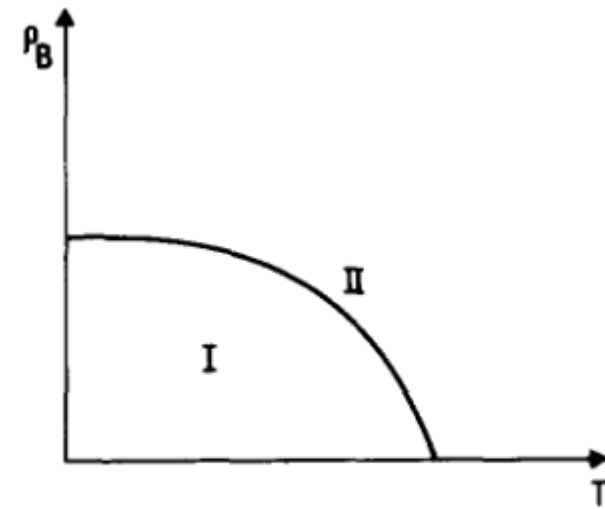


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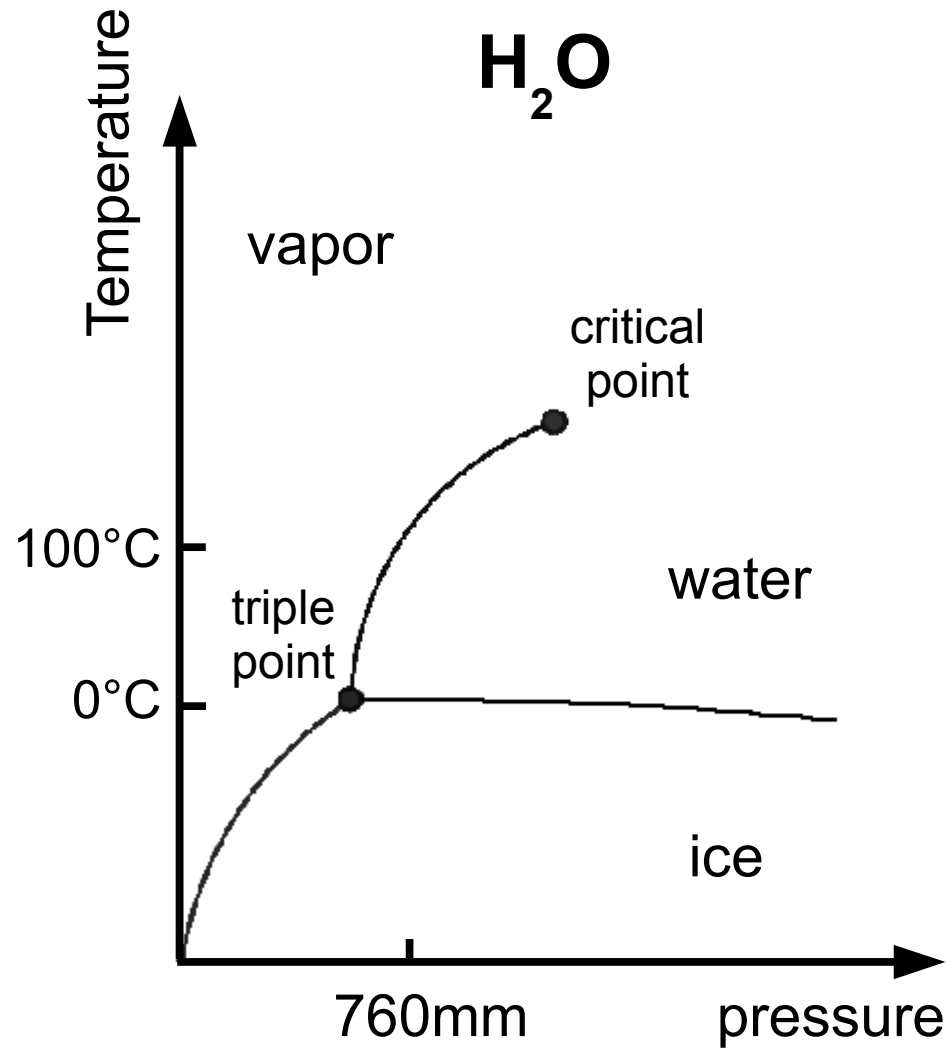
We expect the same transition to be also present at low temperature but high pressure, for the same reason, i.e. we expect a phase diagram of the kind indicated in fig. 1.



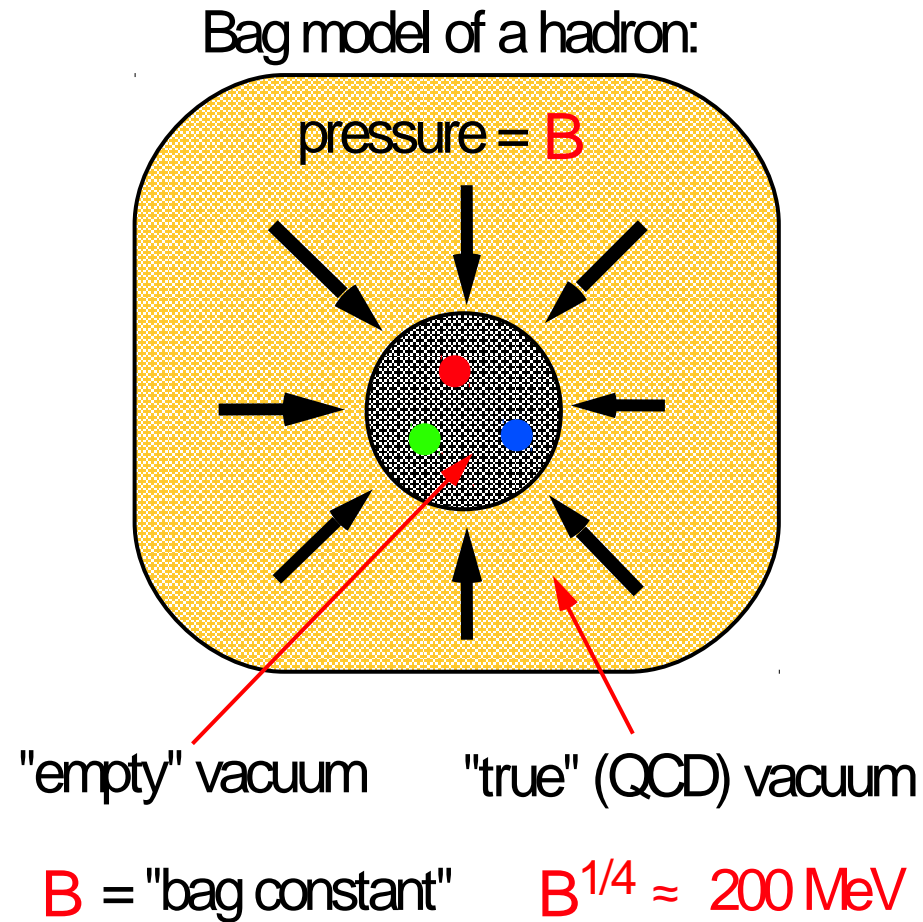
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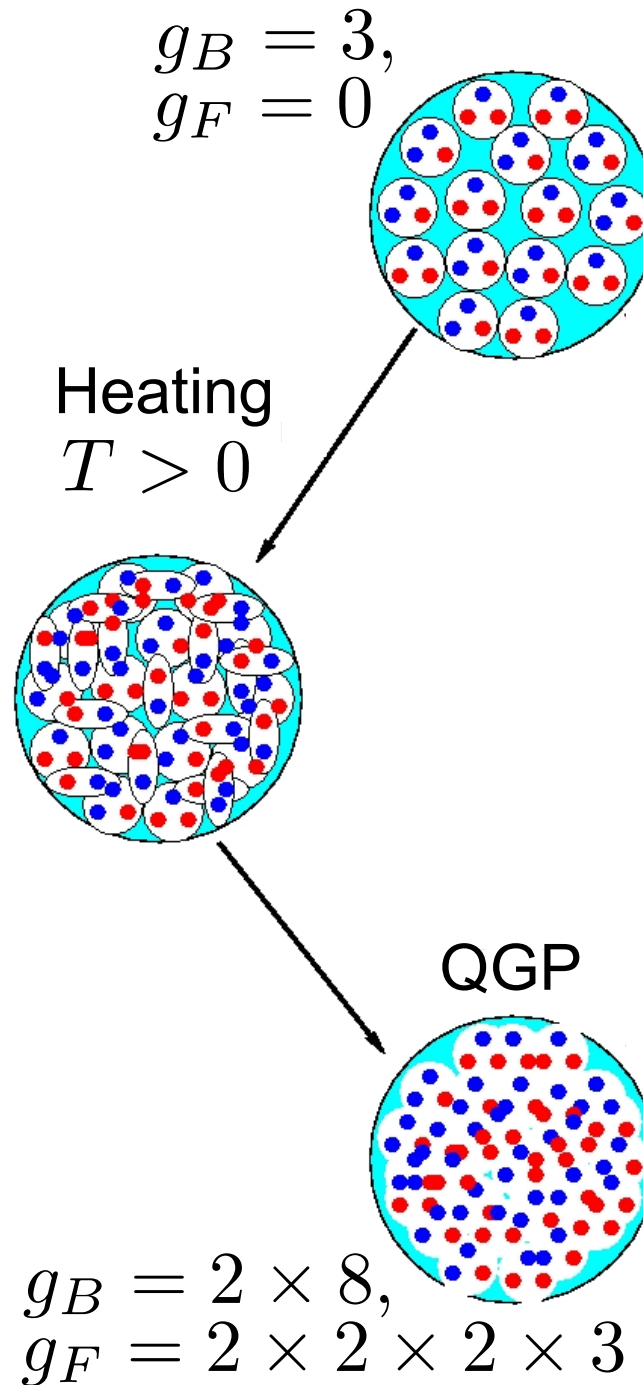
- The MIT bag model assumes that quarks are confined within bags of perturbative (empty) vacuum of radius R , in which they are free to move
- The QCD (true) vacuum exerts a confining bag pressure B
- The bag pressure is obtained by balancing the vacuum with the kinetic pressure of the quarks
- $B \approx (200 \text{ MeV})^4$
with $N=3$ quarks in $R=0.8\text{fm}$



Deconfinement: A toy model

- Heat so much that individual hadrons start to overlap
- From statistical mechanics for an ideal gas

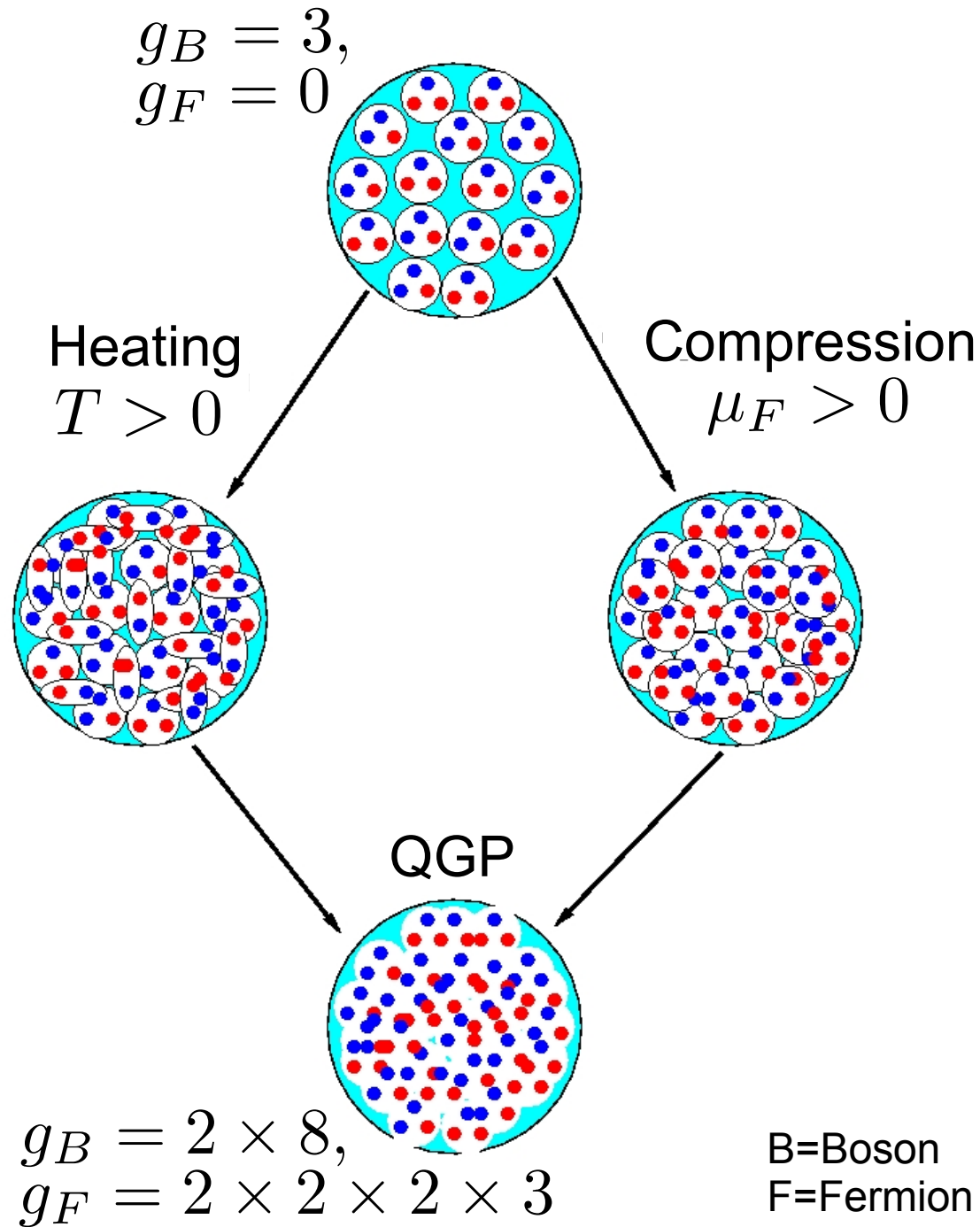
$$p = \frac{\epsilon}{3} = \left(g_B + \frac{7}{8} g_F \right) \frac{\pi^2 T^4}{90}$$



B=Boson
F=Fermion

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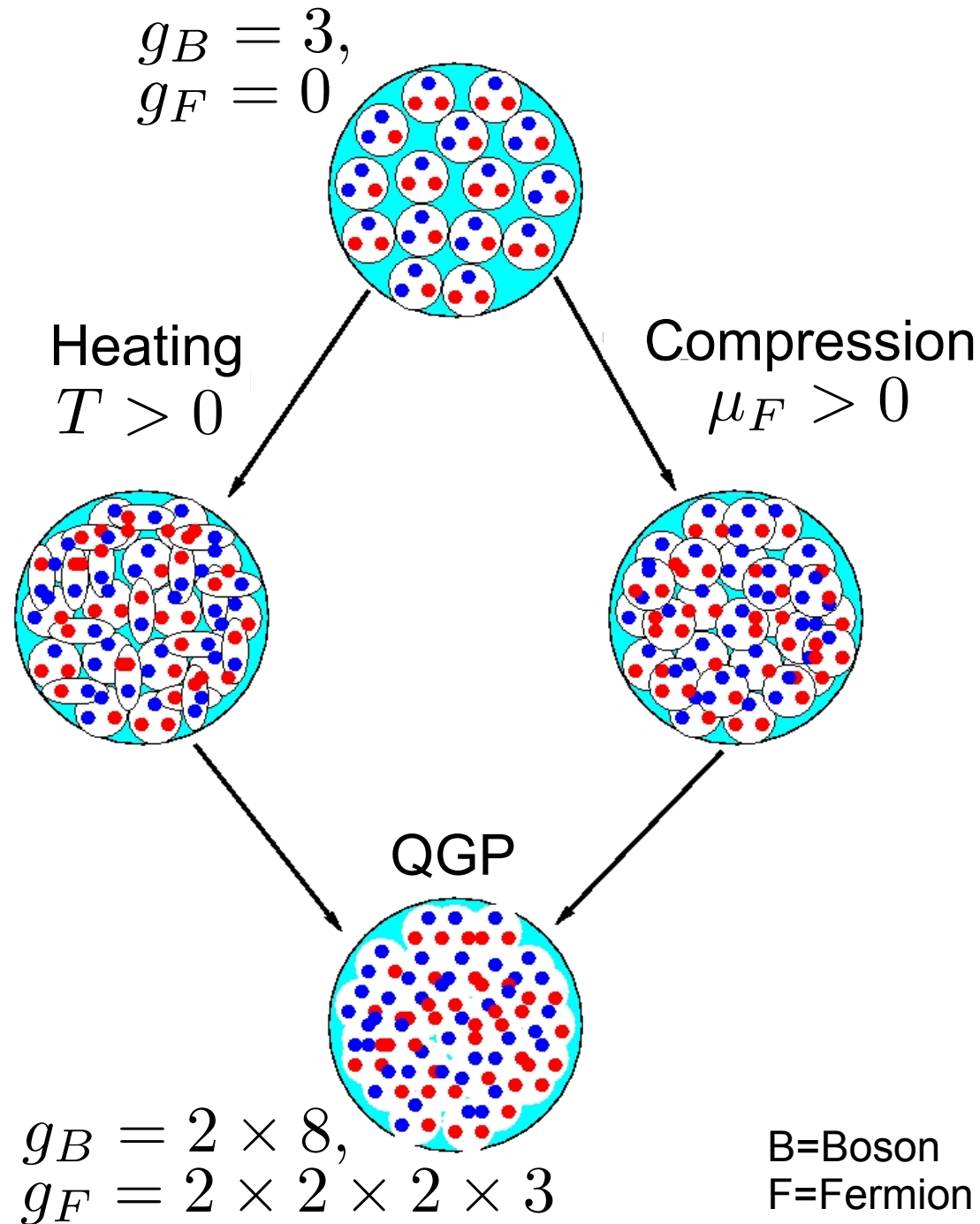


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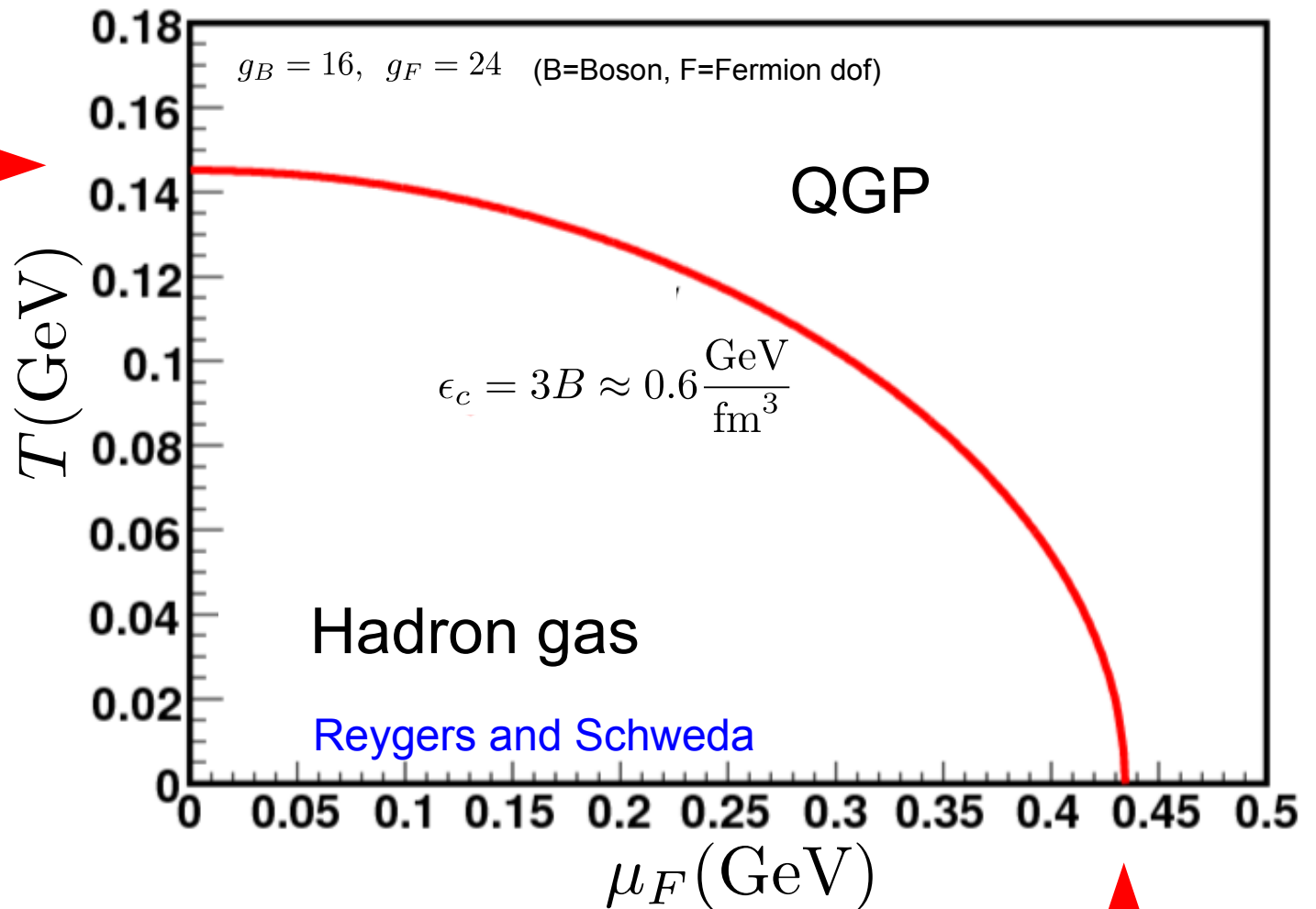
- Condition for QGP: Pressure $\geq B$

$$p = \frac{\epsilon}{3} \stackrel{!}{=} B \Rightarrow T_c(\mu_F)$$



Phase diagram of non-interacting QGP

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



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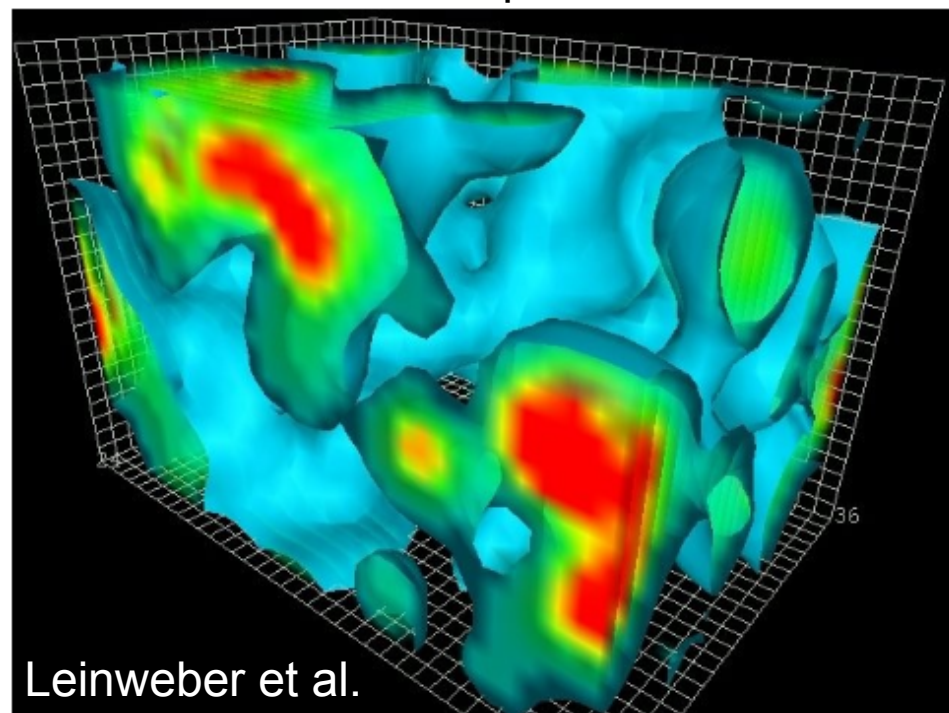
$n_c^B = 0.72 \text{fm}^{-3}$
 (5 x nucleus)

- As QCD is asymptotically free at small distances, cannot use perturbation theory to calculate properties of e.g. hadrons
- Instead solve QCD numerically by putting fields on a space-time lattice (lattice QCD)
- First principle non-perturbative calculation
- Computationally demanding as lattice needs to be big, e.g. $16^3 \times 32$

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(294,912 cores, ~ 1 PetaFLOPSS)



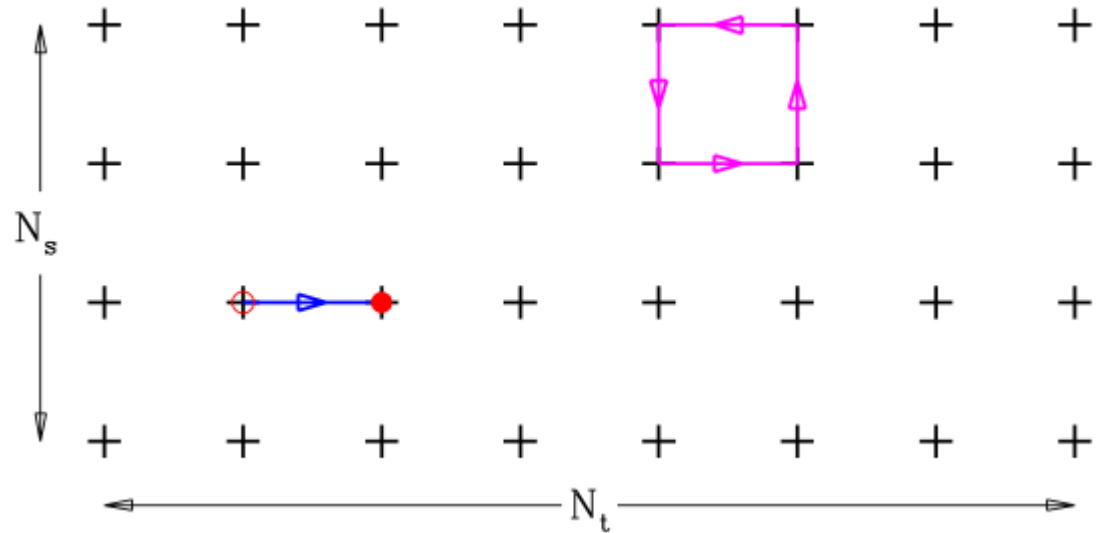
Snapshot of fluctuating quark and gluon fields on a discrete space-time lattice



- Solve path integrals numerically in discretised Euclidean space-time

$$e^{iS} \rightarrow e^{-S_E}$$

Lattice spacing $a, \quad a^{-1} \sim \Lambda_{UV}, \quad x_\mu = n_\mu a$
 Finite volume $L^3 \cdot T, \quad N_s = L/a, \quad N_t = T/a$



(anti)quarks: $\psi(x), \bar{\psi}(x)$
 gluons: $U_\mu(x) = e^{aA_\mu(x)} \in \text{SU}(3)$
 field tensor: $P_{\mu\nu}(x) = U_\mu(x)U_\nu(x + a\hat{\mu})U_\mu^\dagger(x + a\hat{\nu})U_\nu^\dagger(x)$

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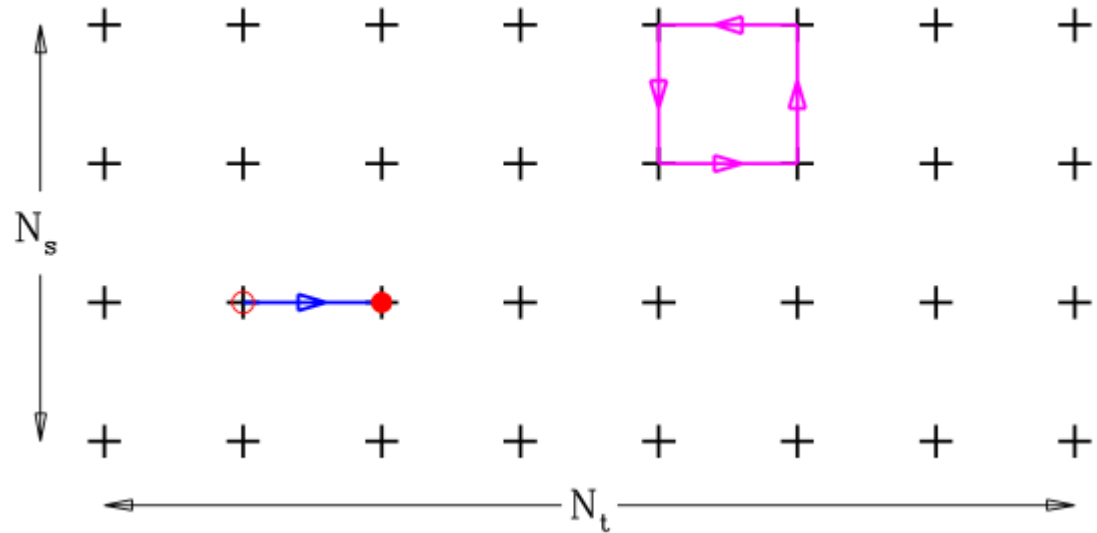
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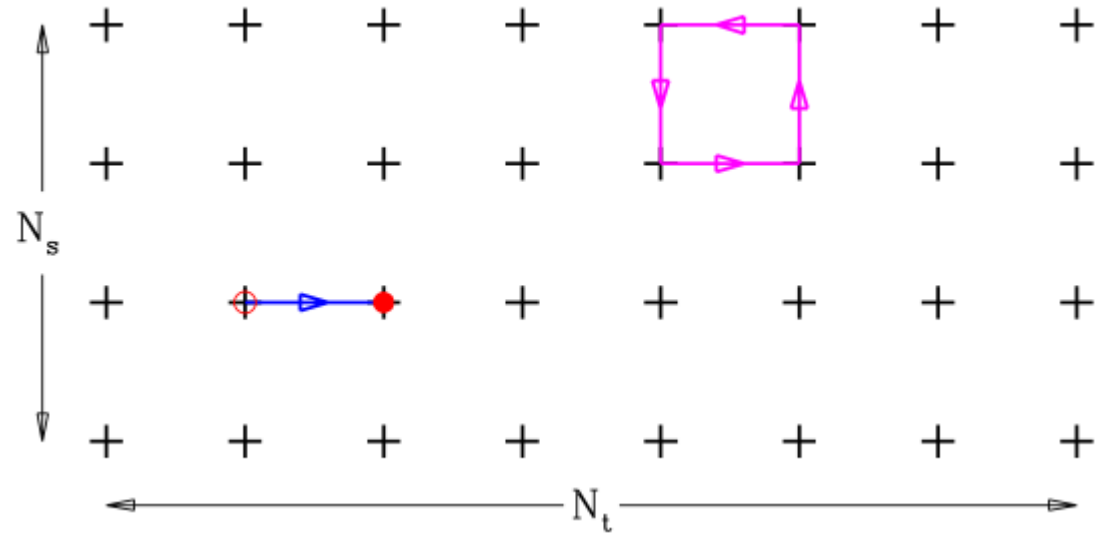
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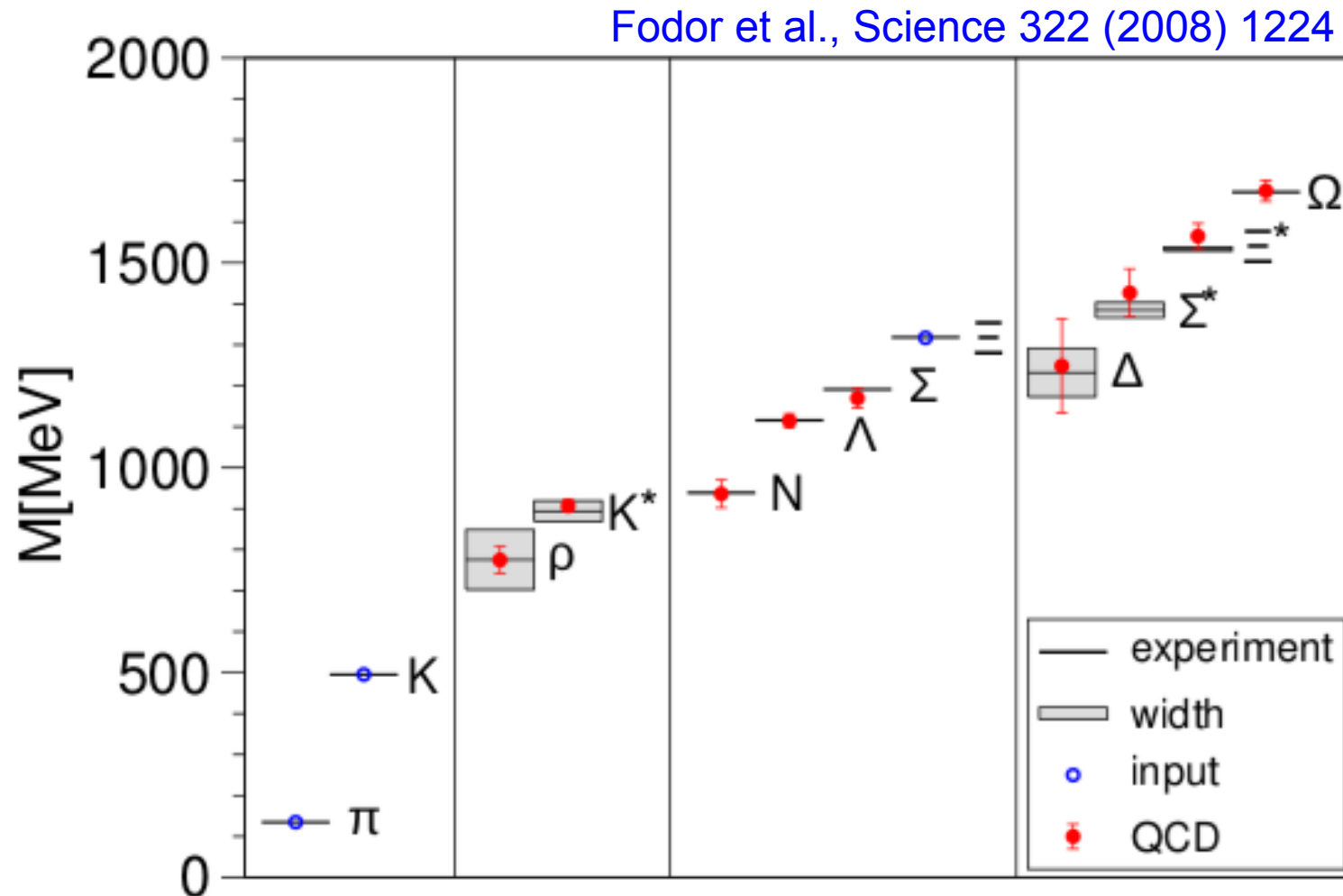


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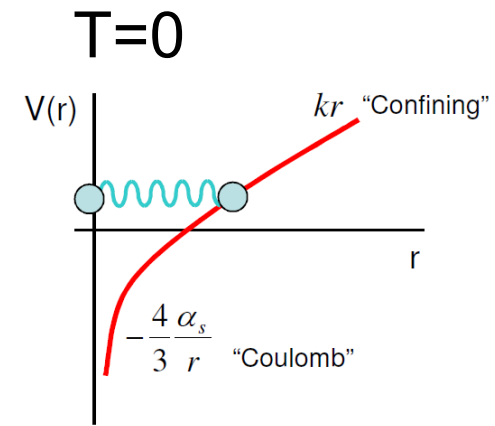
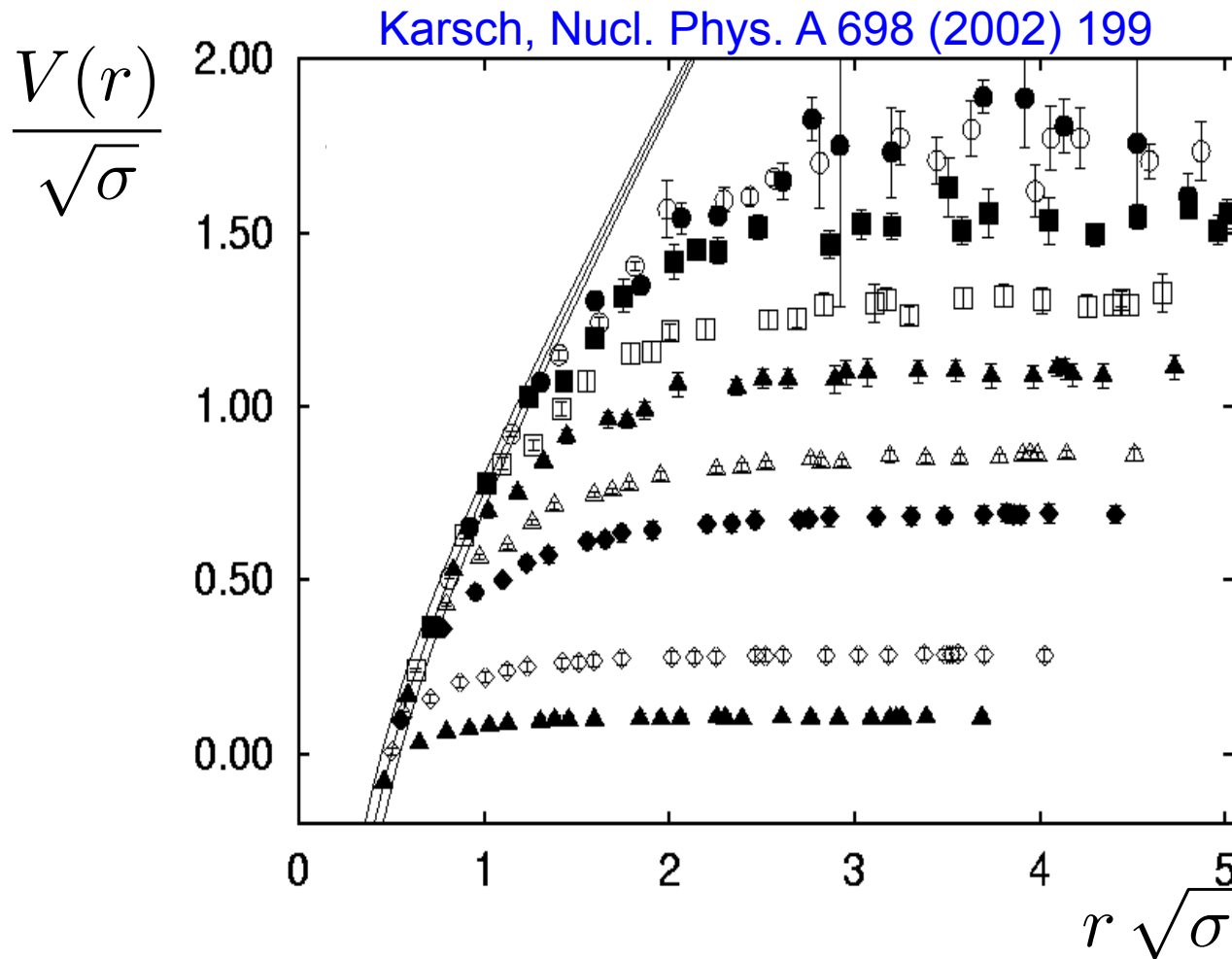
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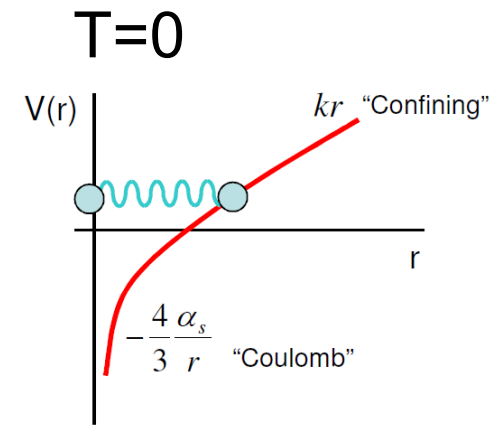
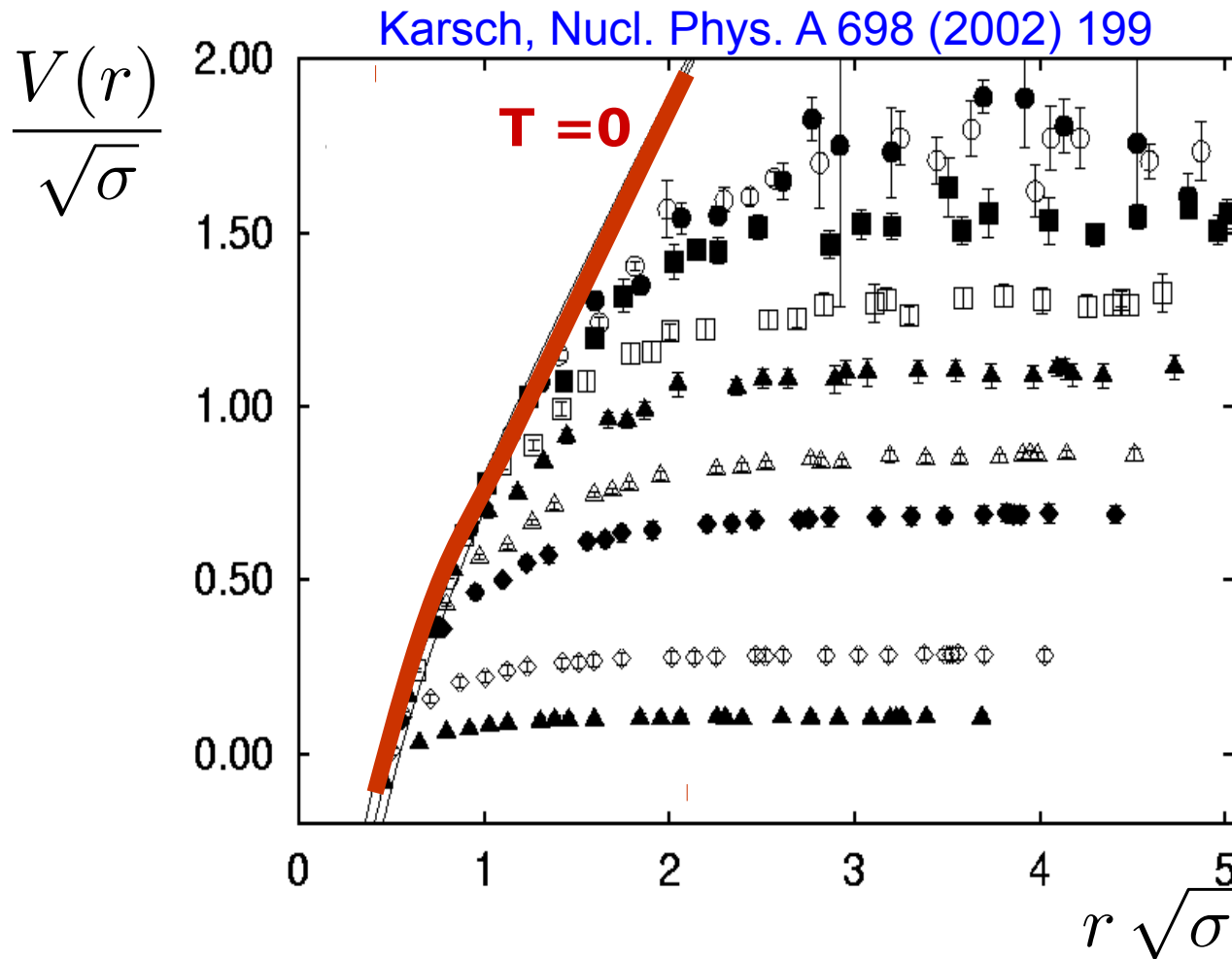
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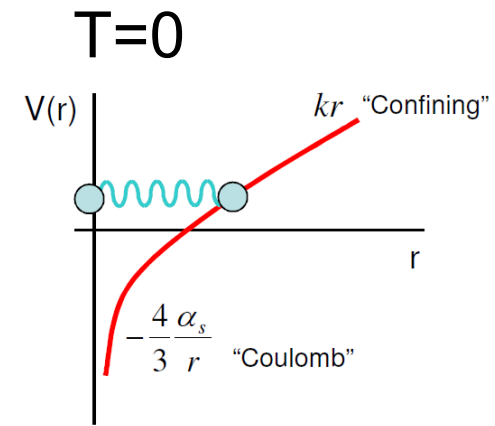
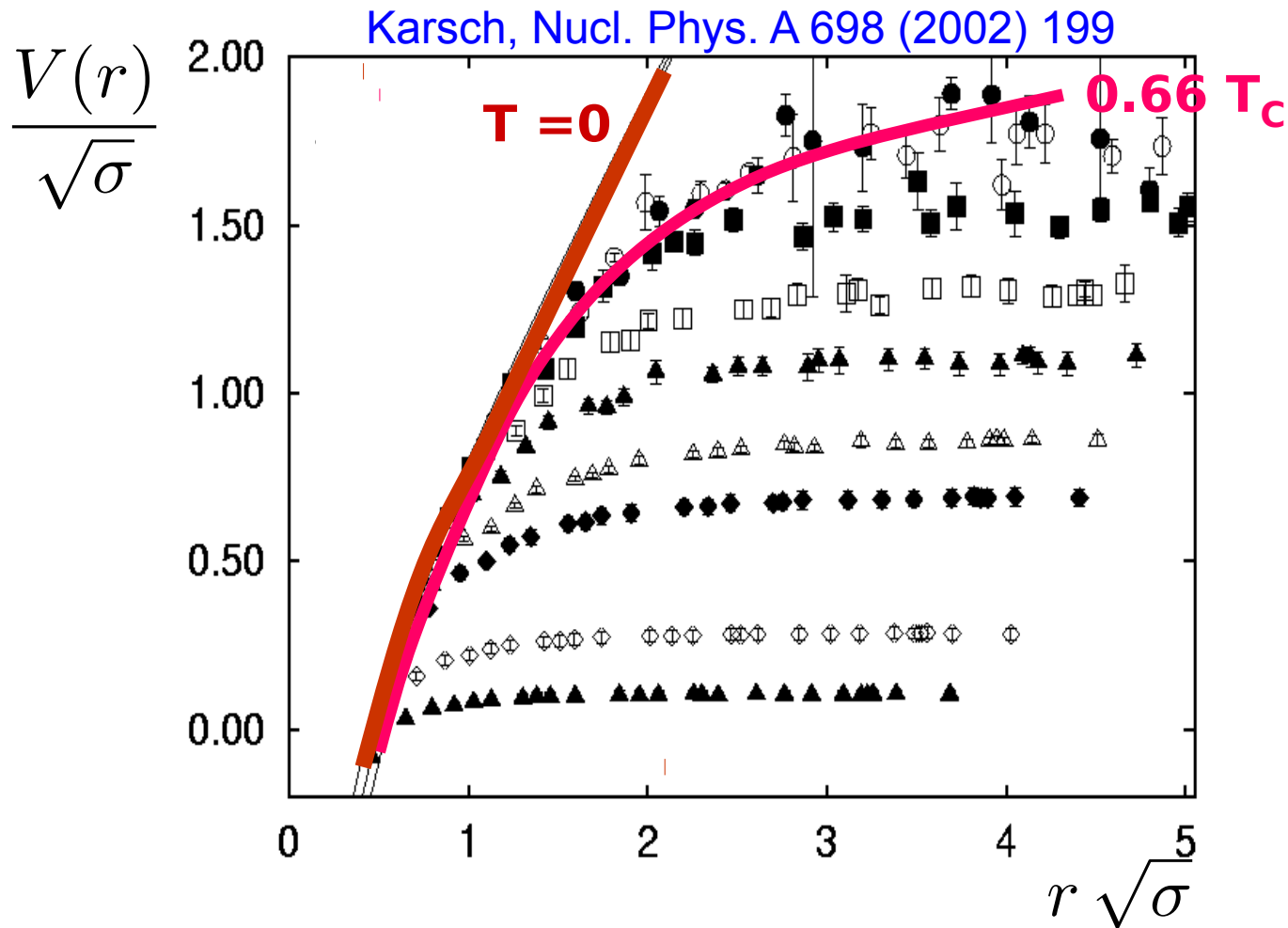
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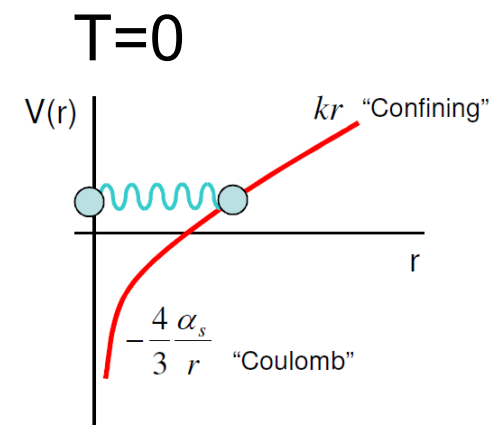
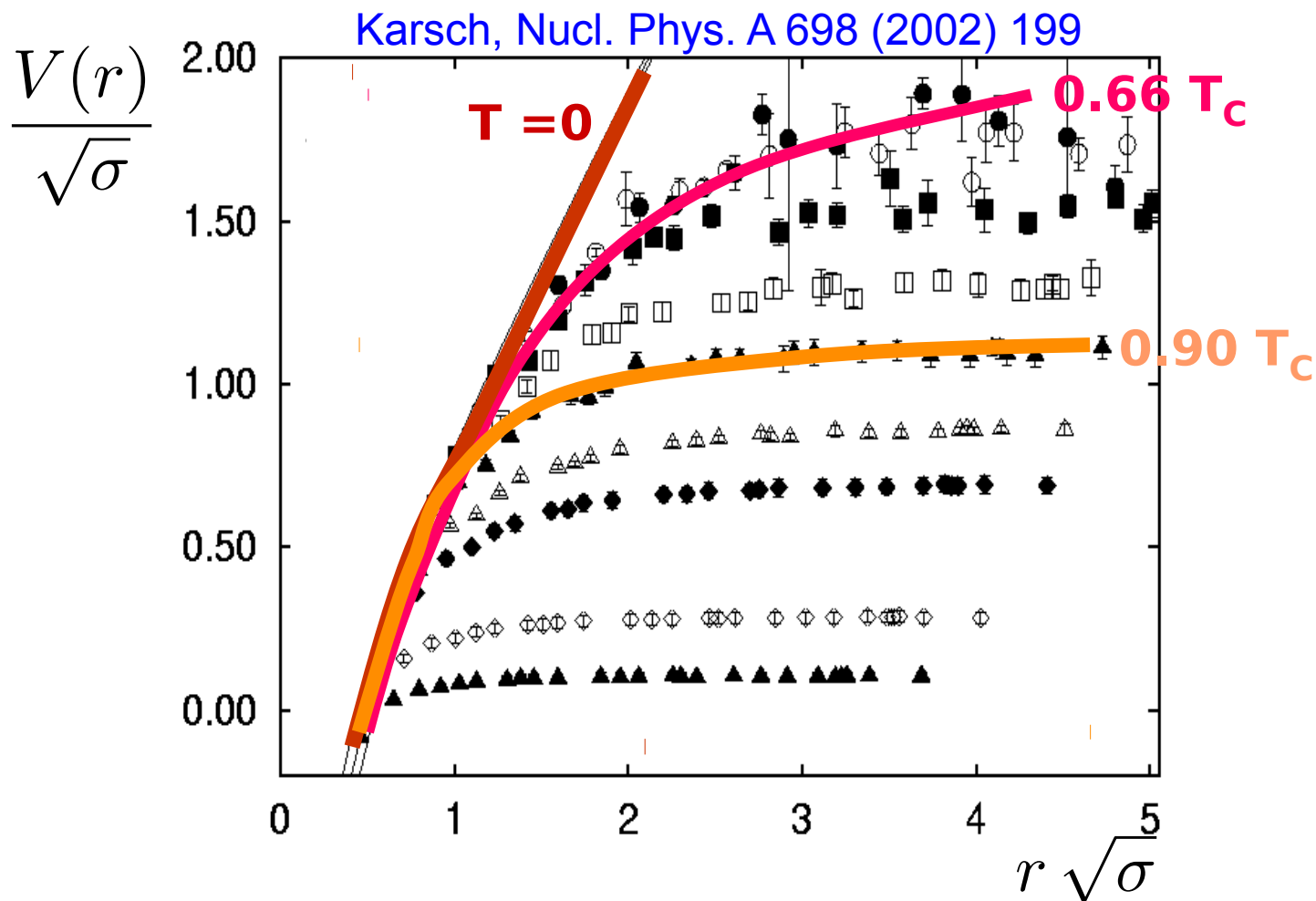
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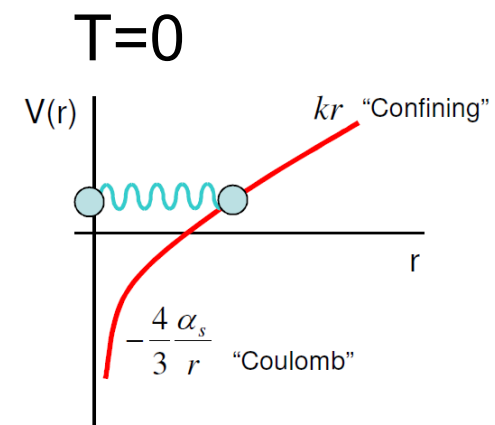
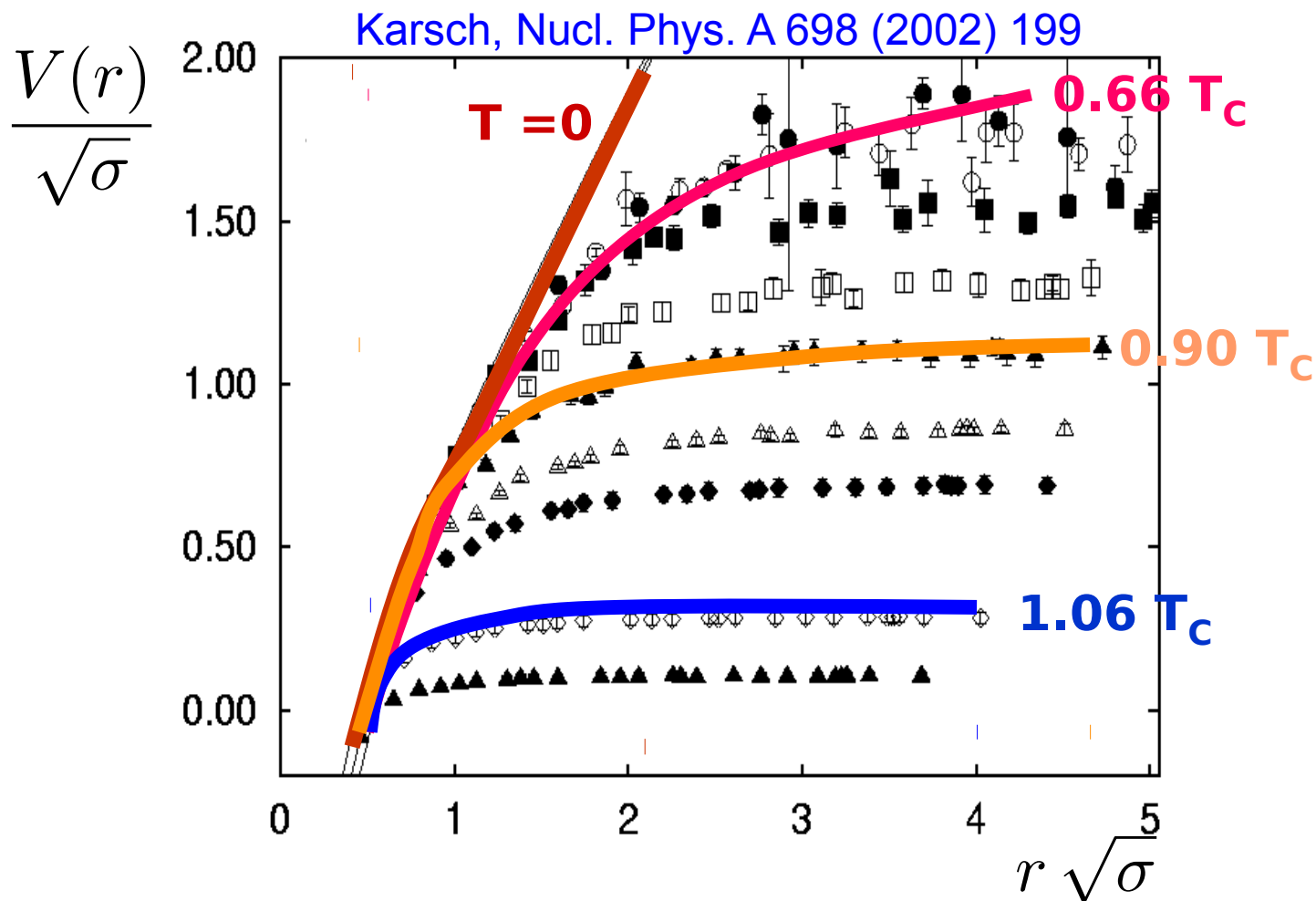
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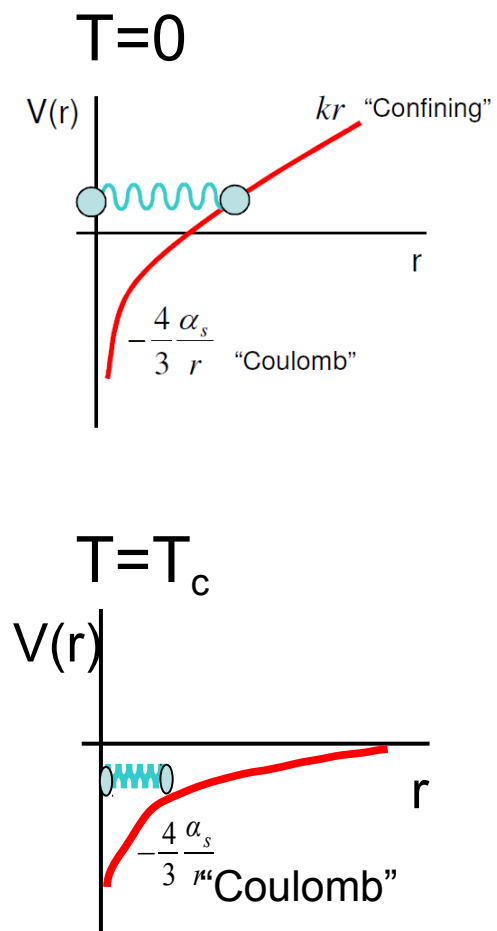
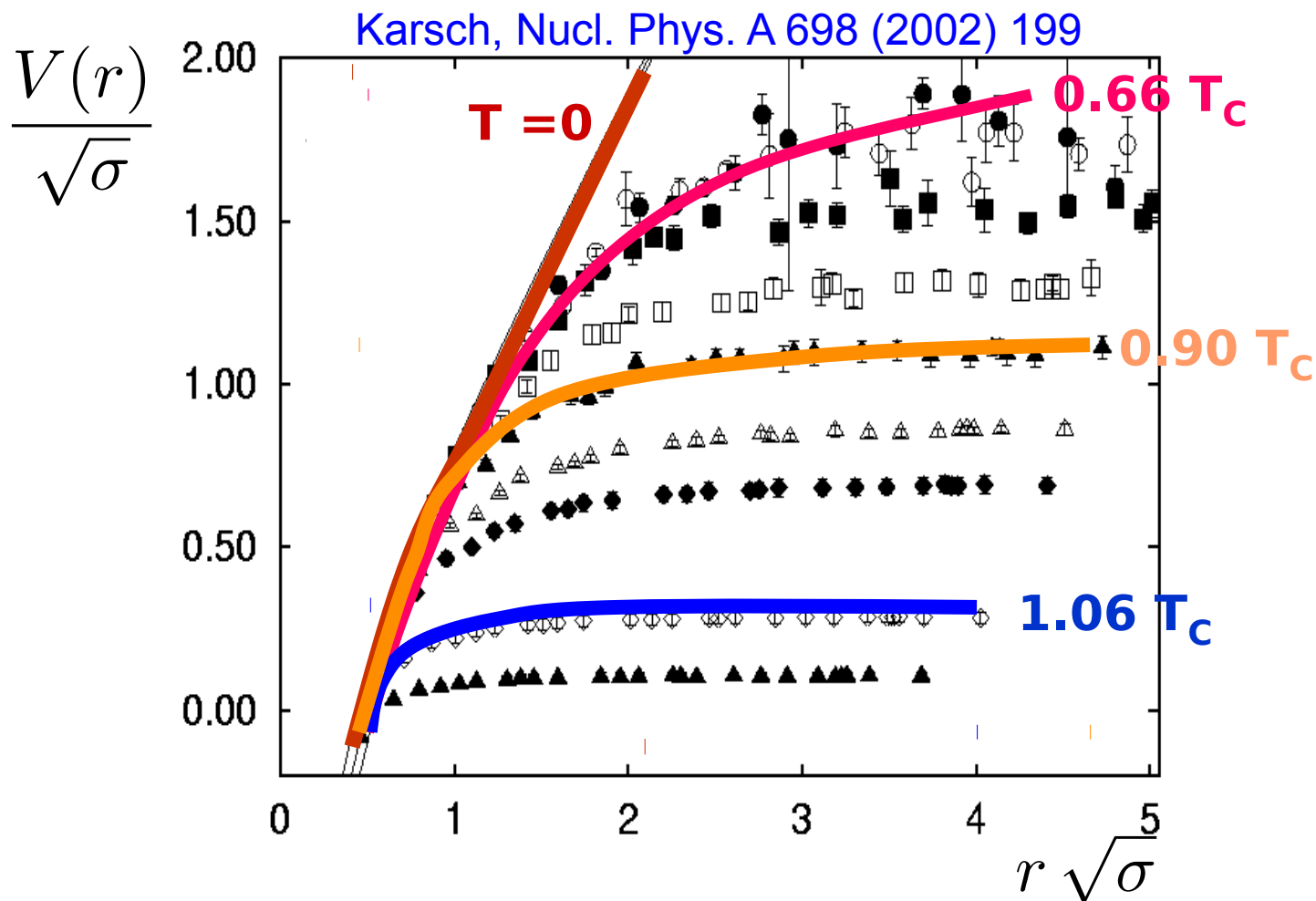
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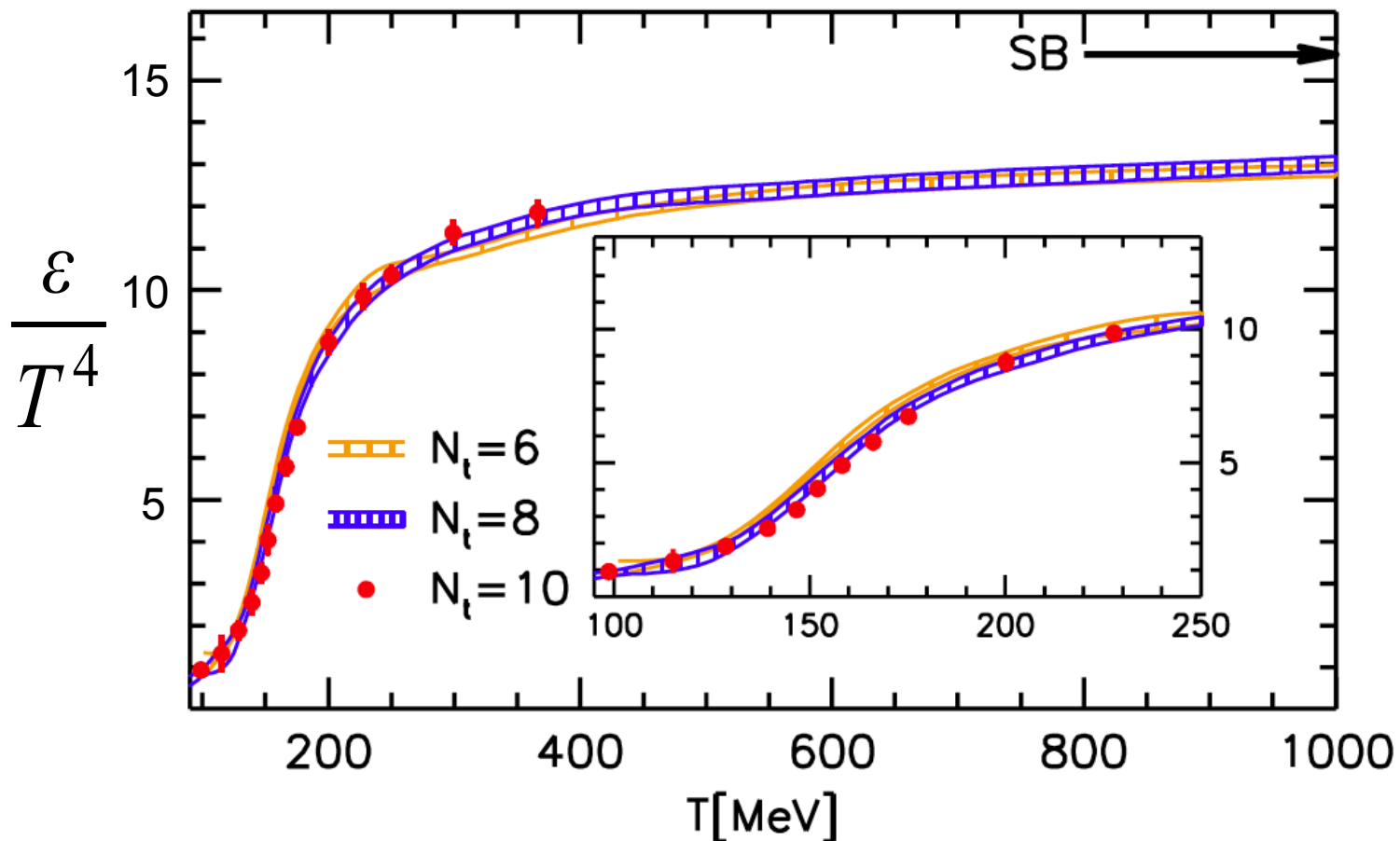


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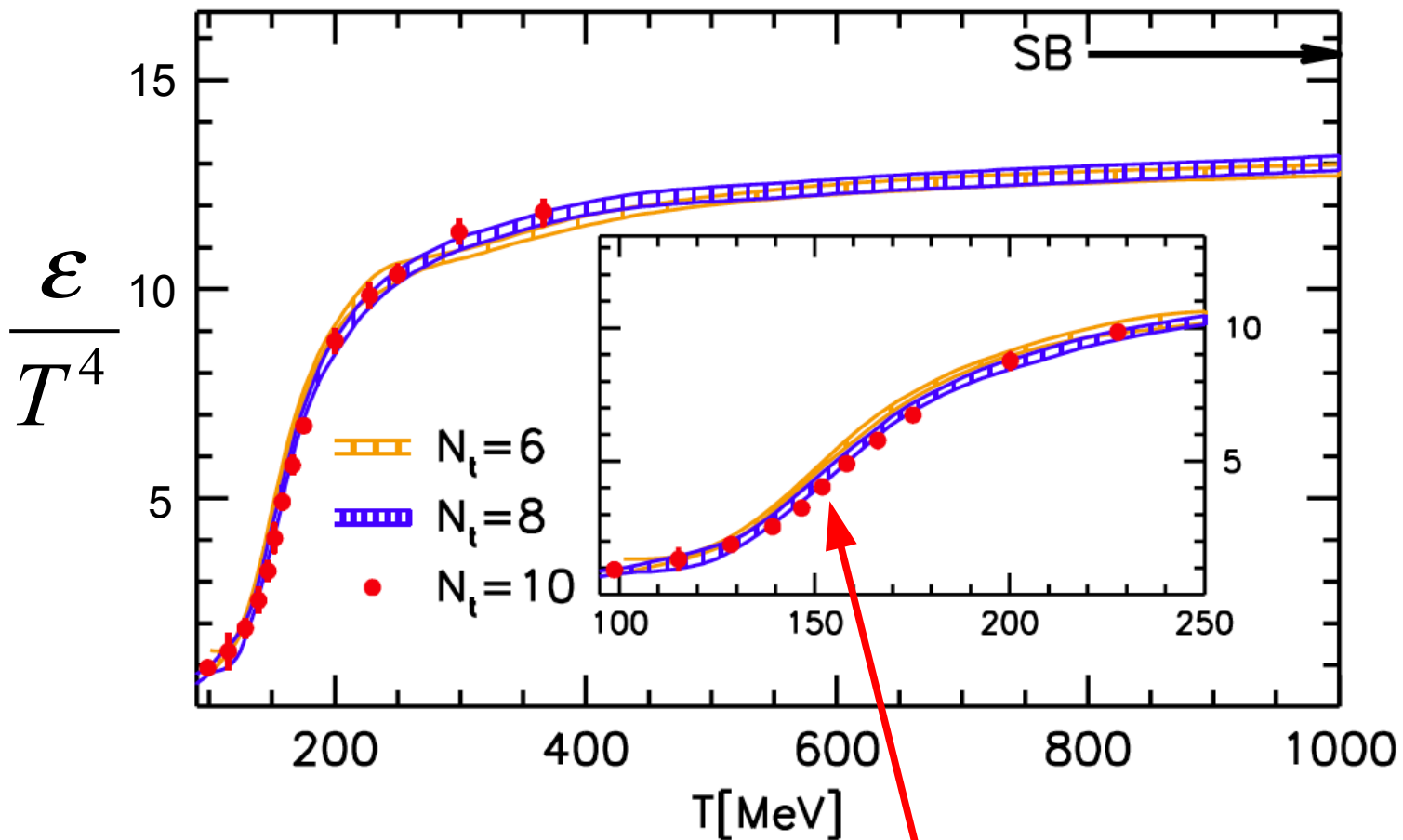
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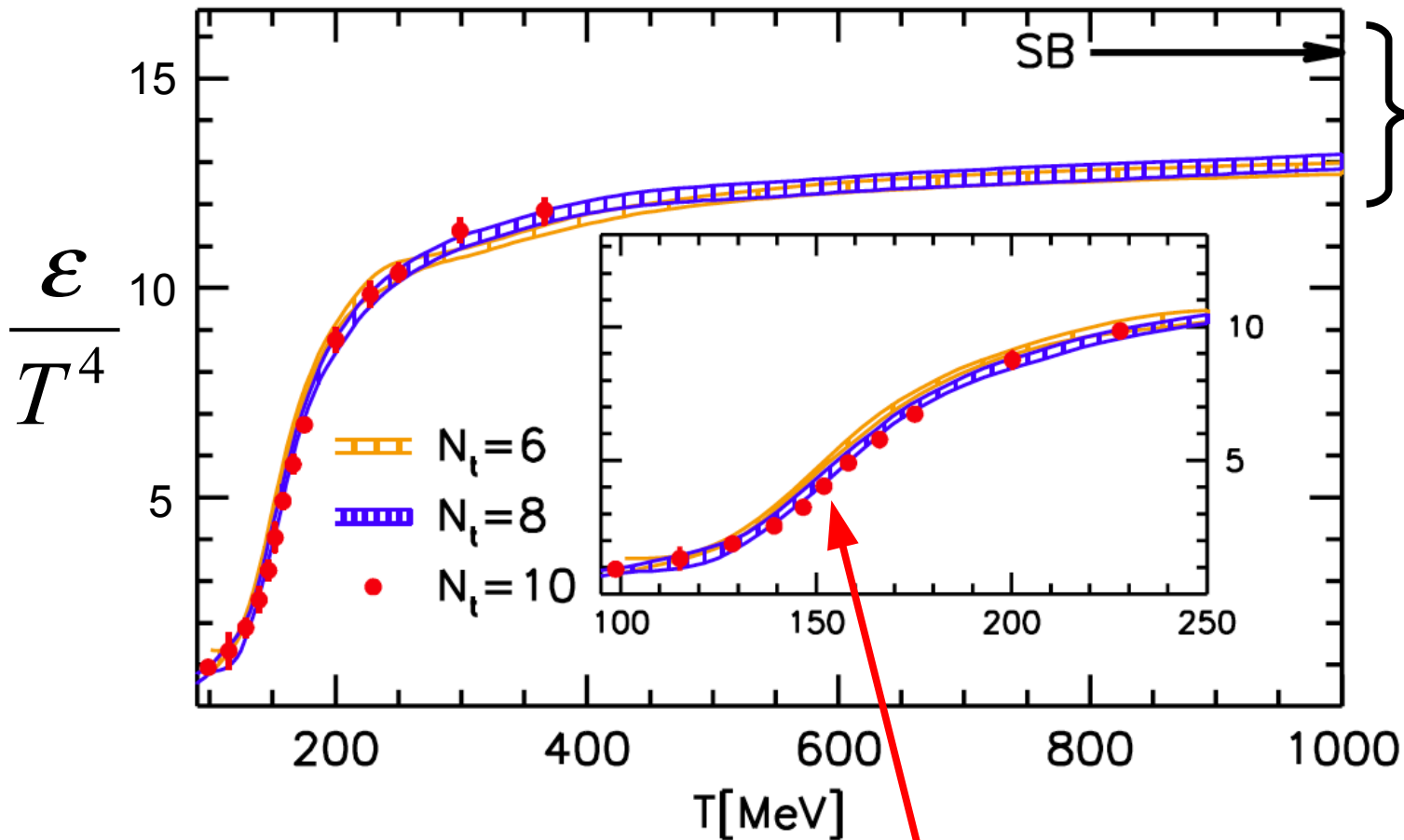
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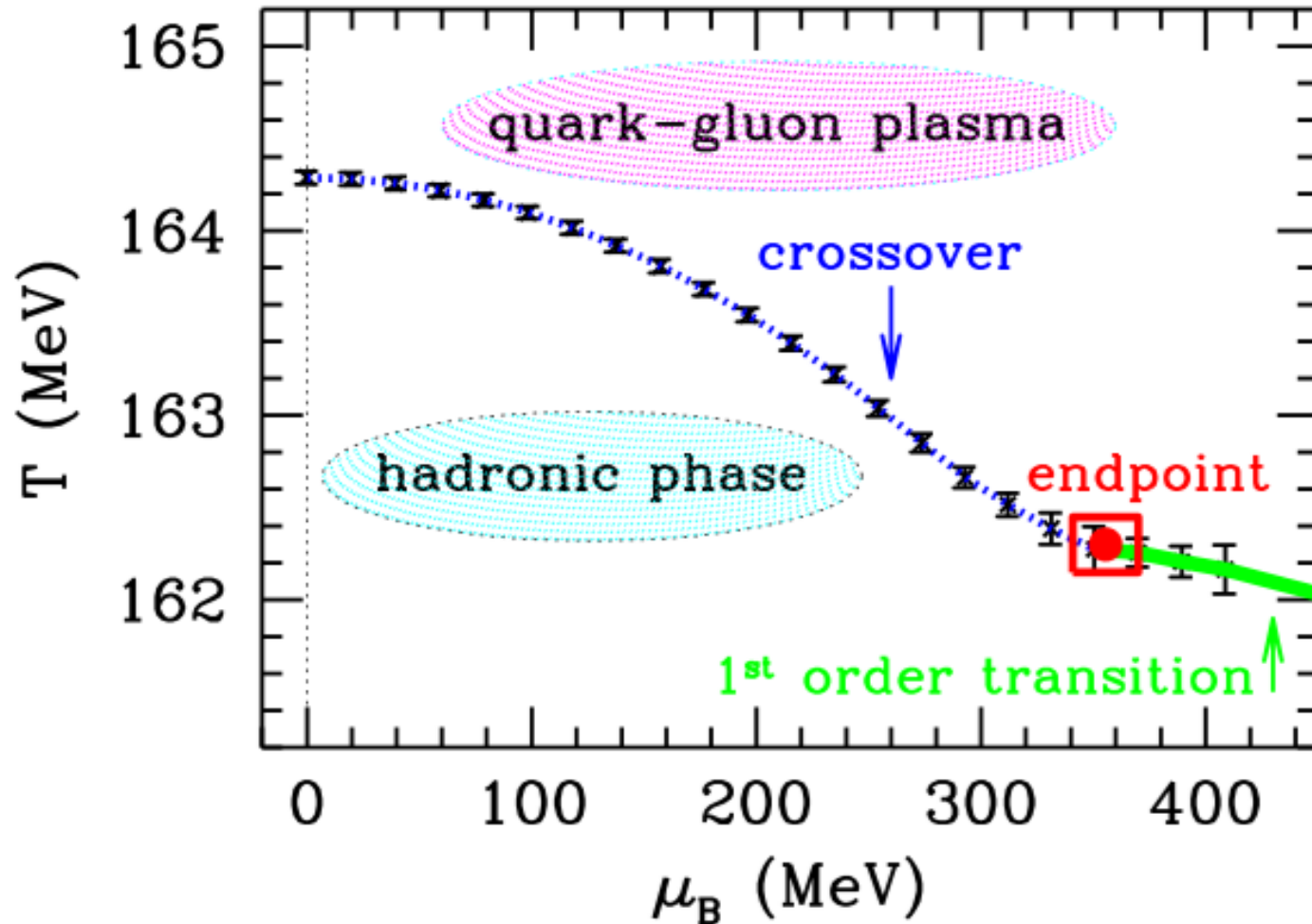
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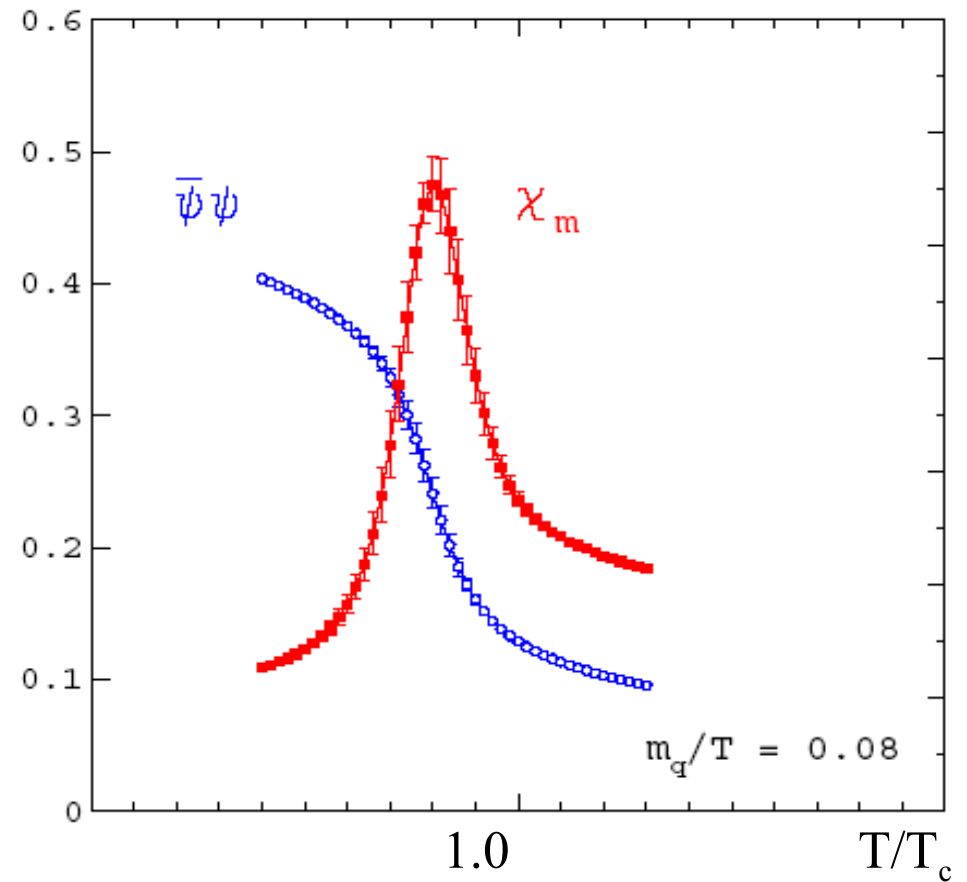
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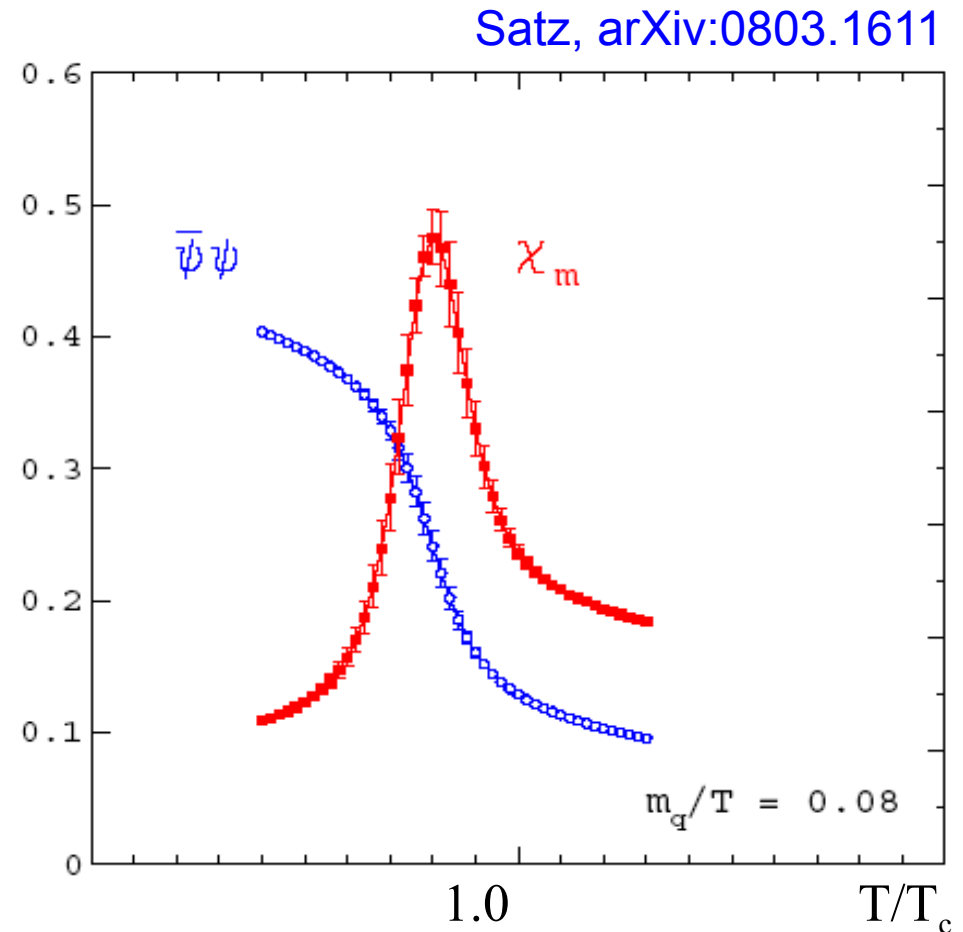


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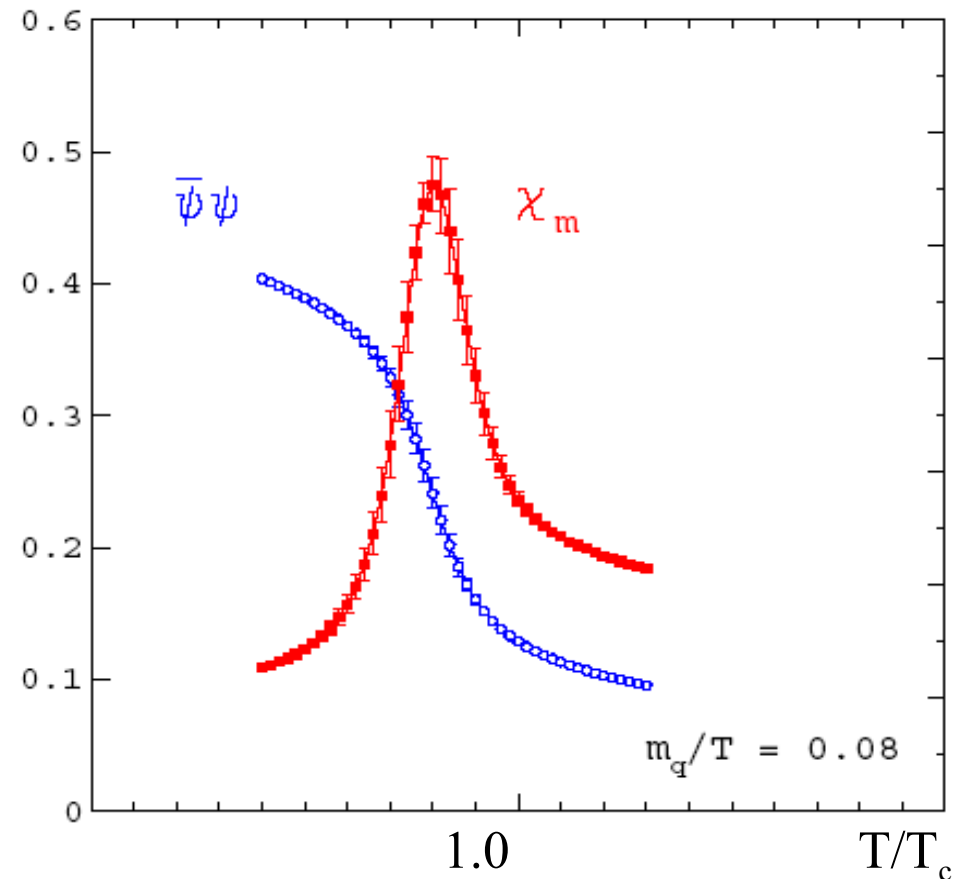


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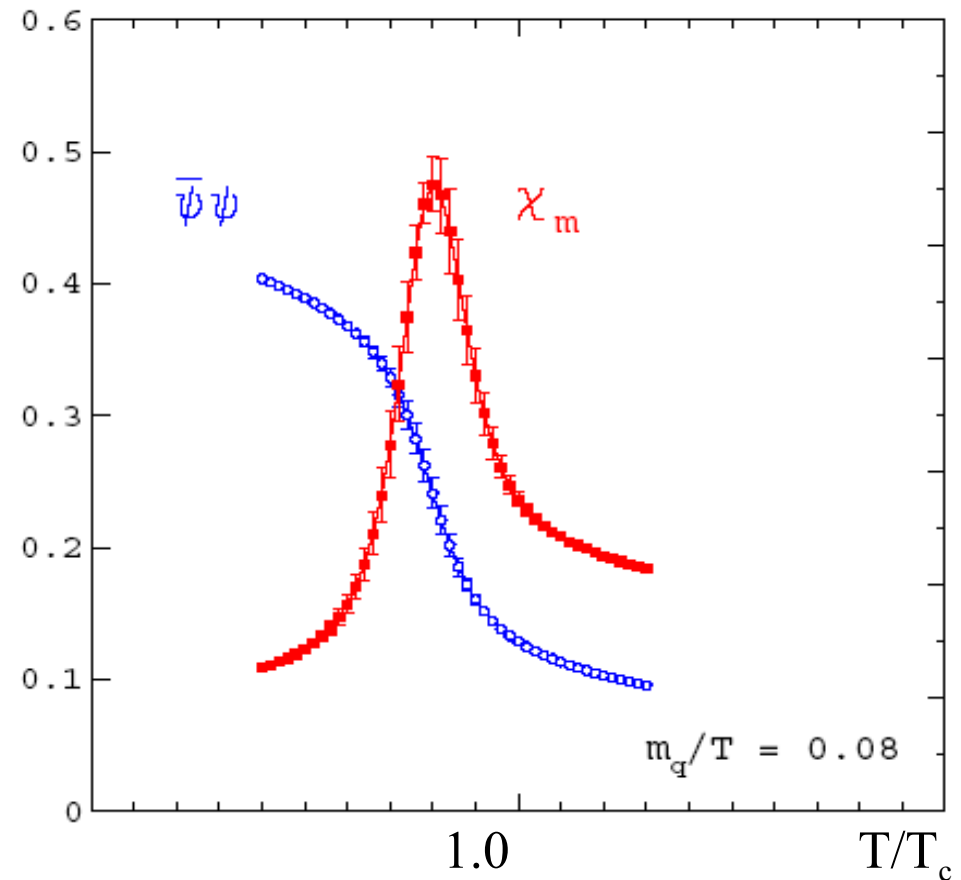
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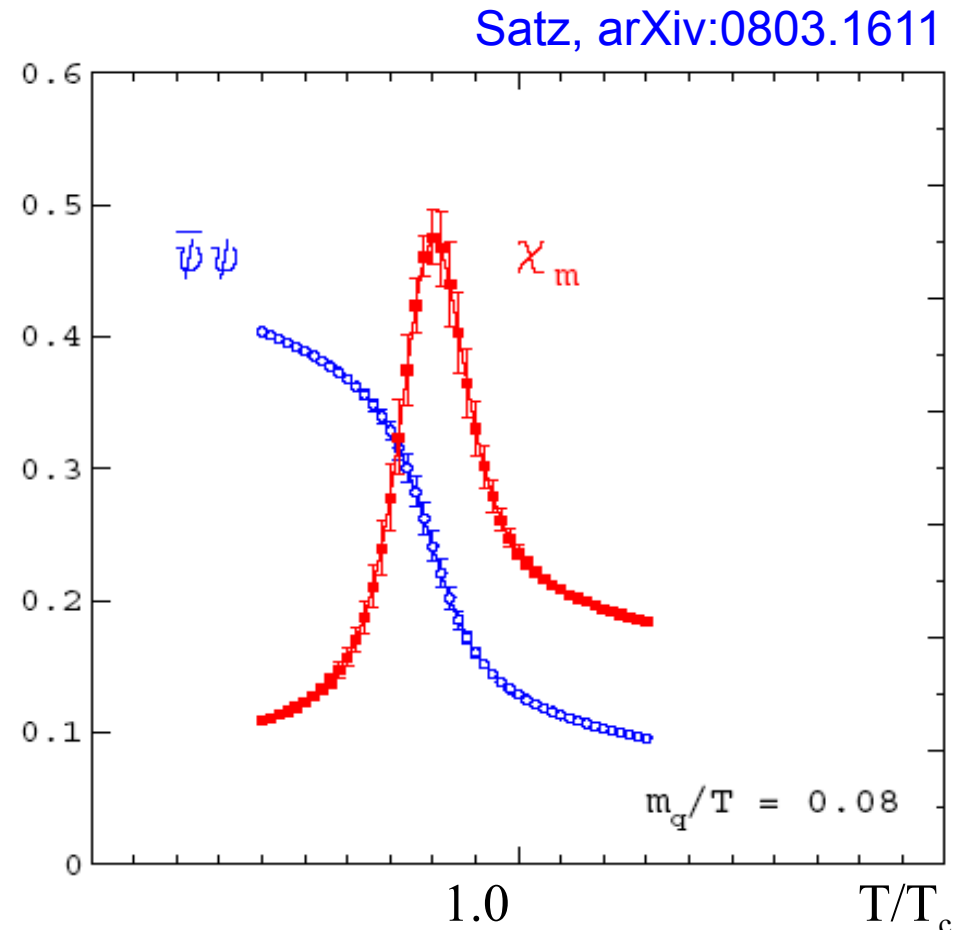


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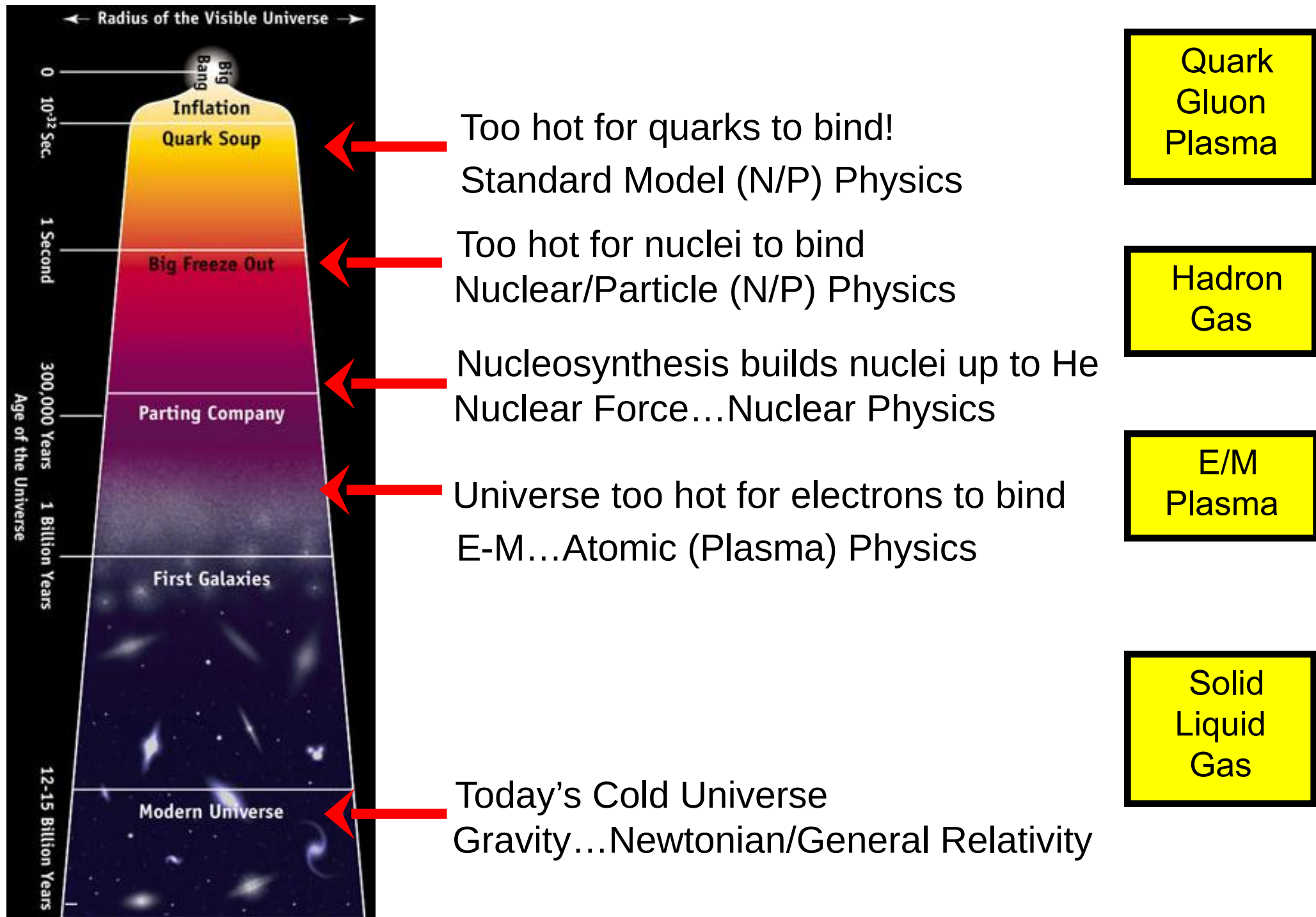
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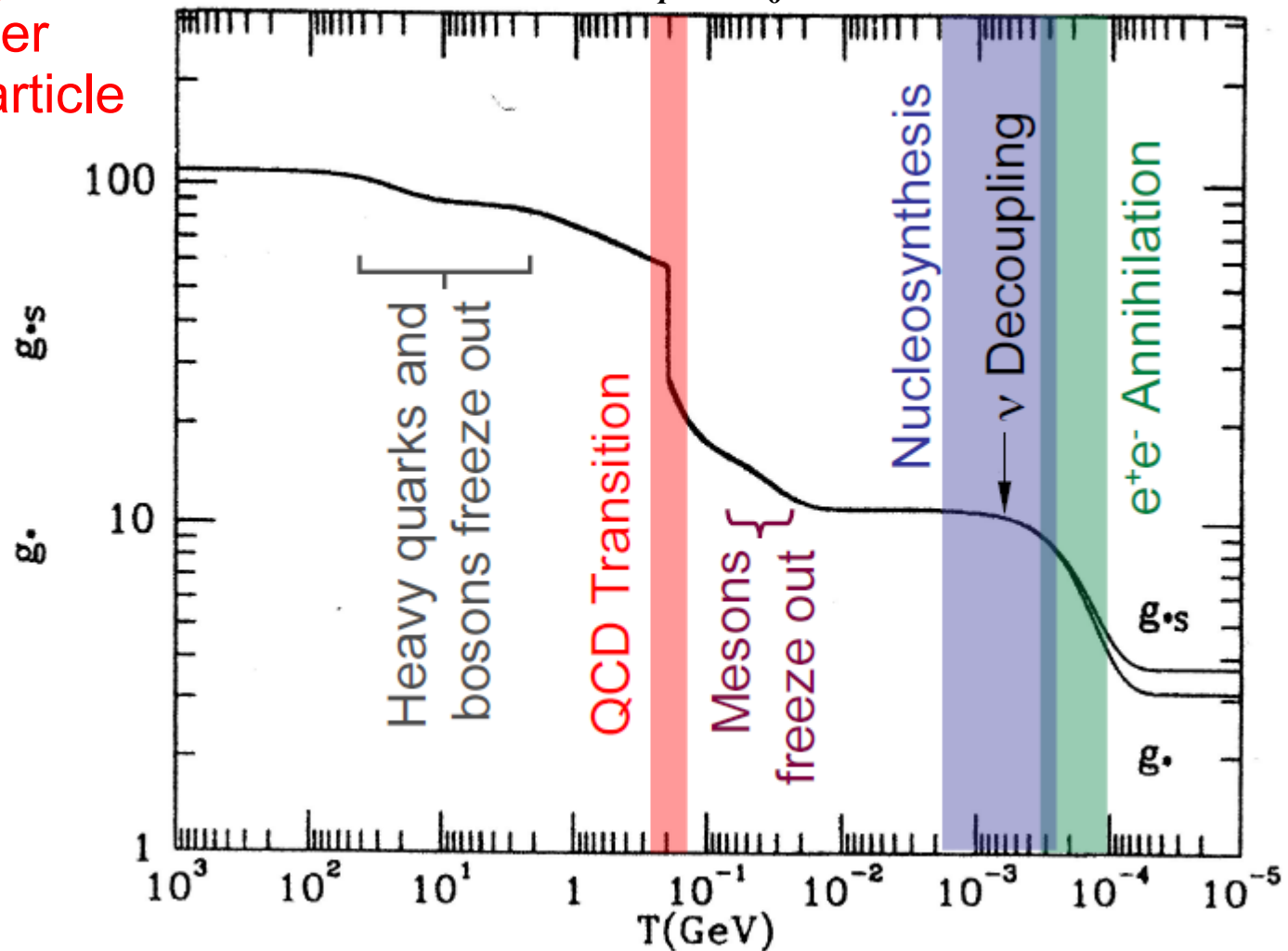
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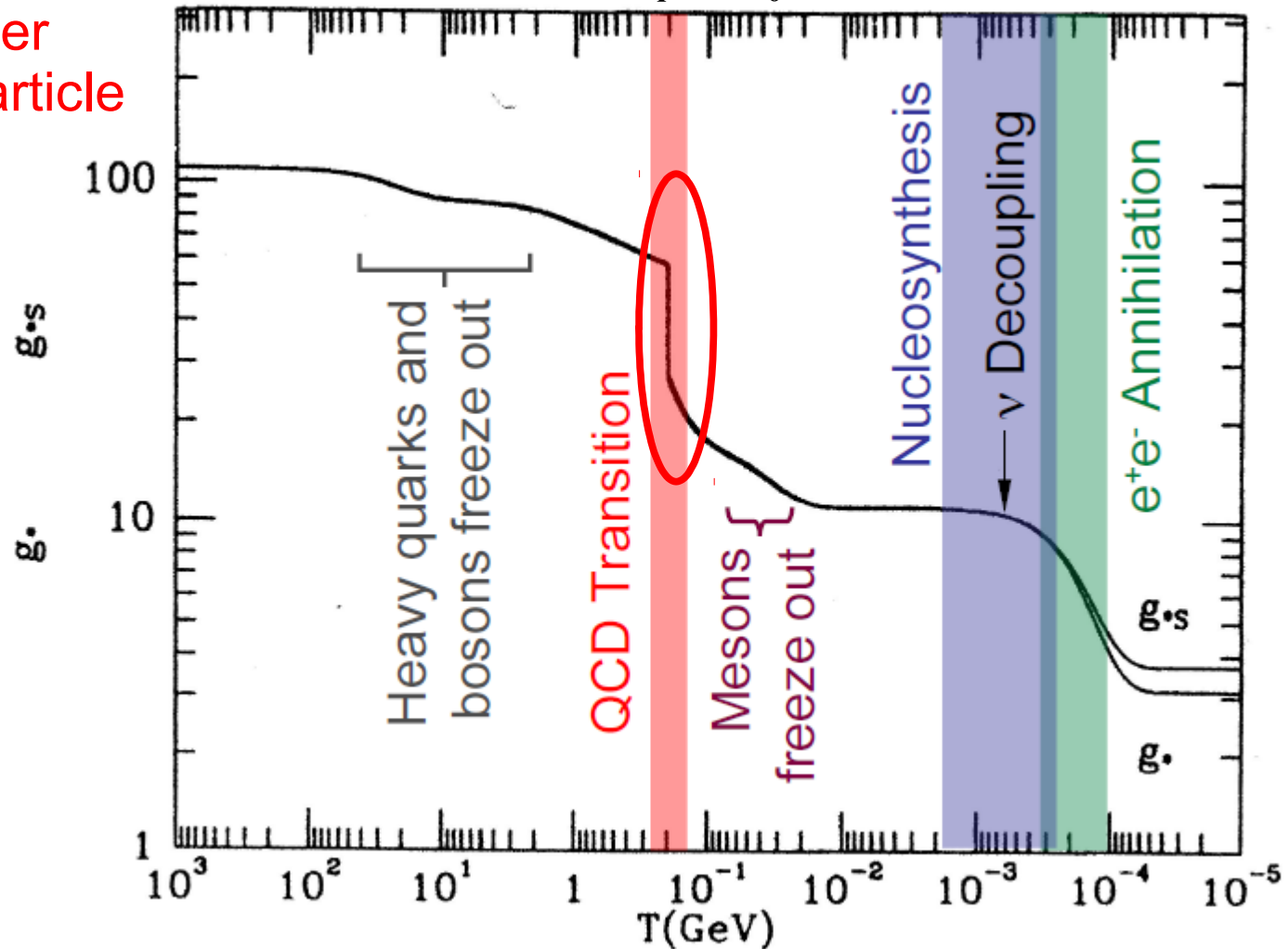
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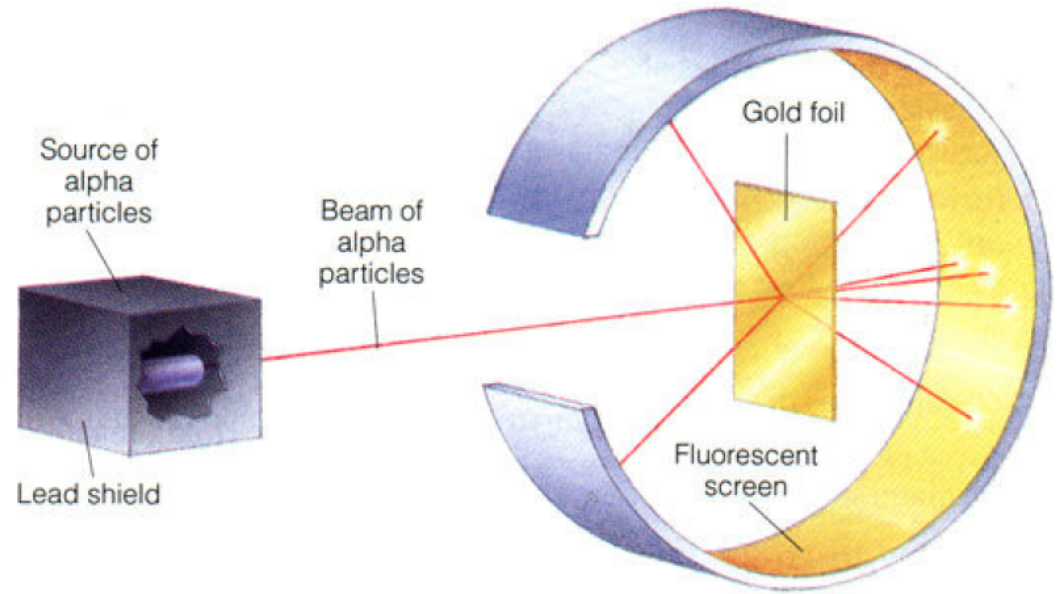
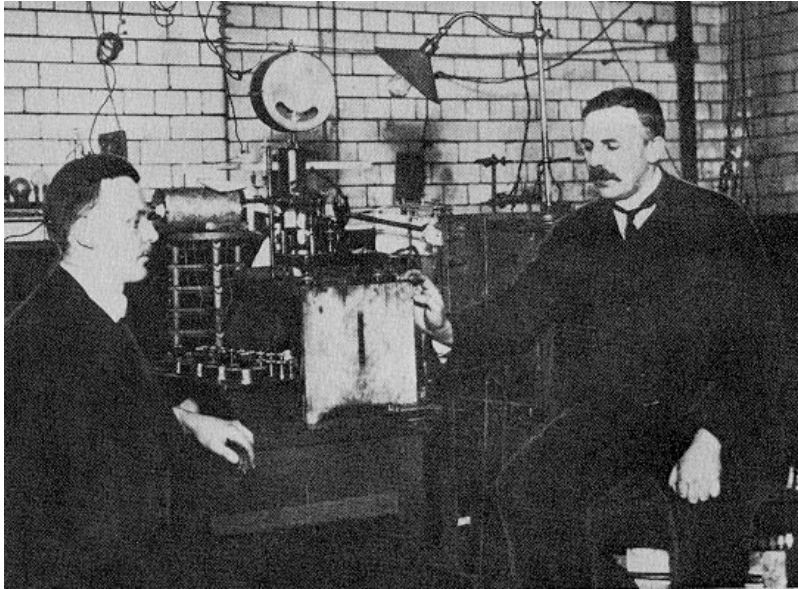
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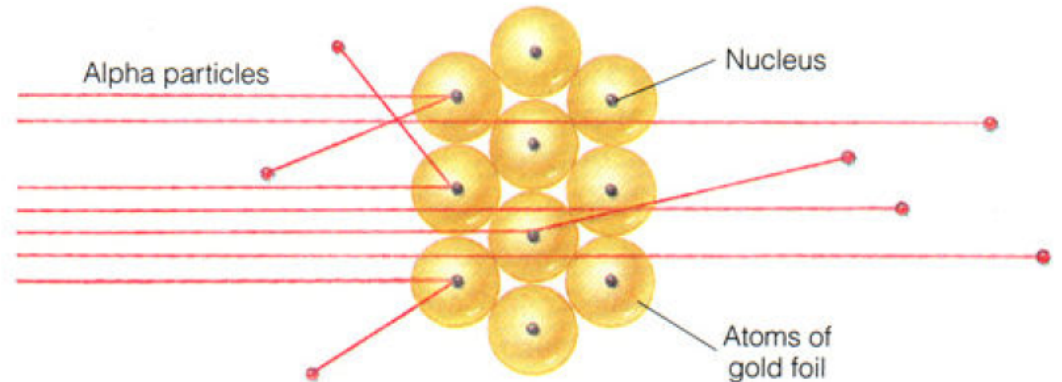
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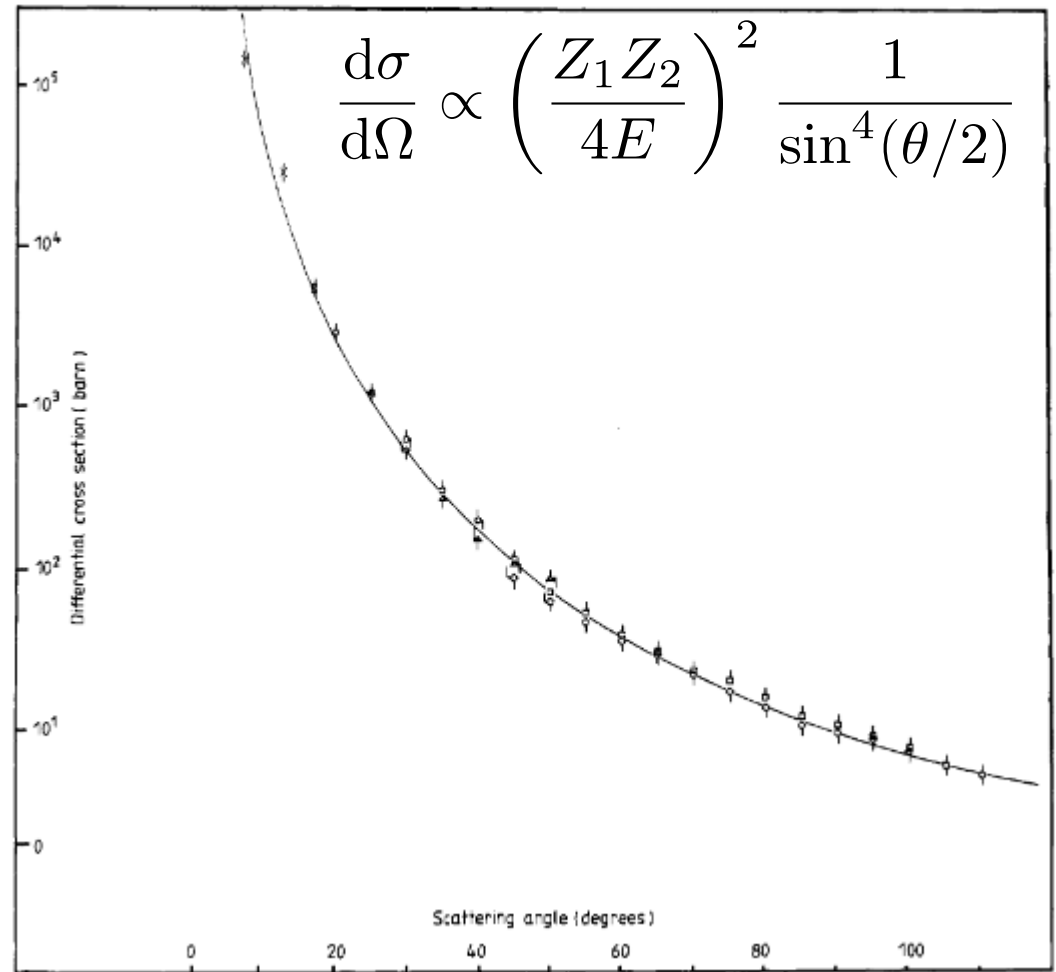


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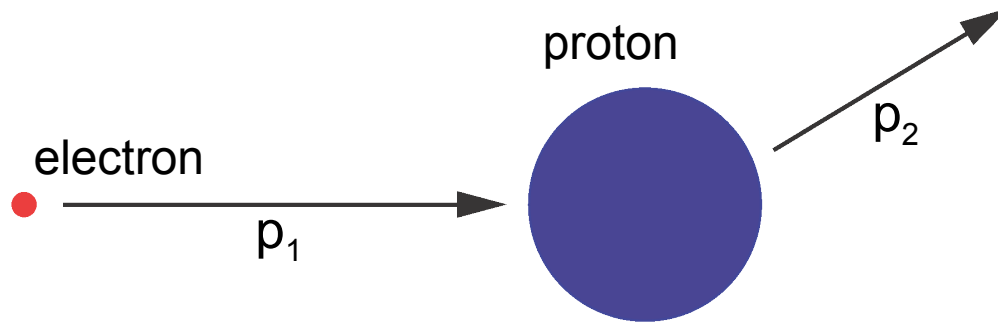
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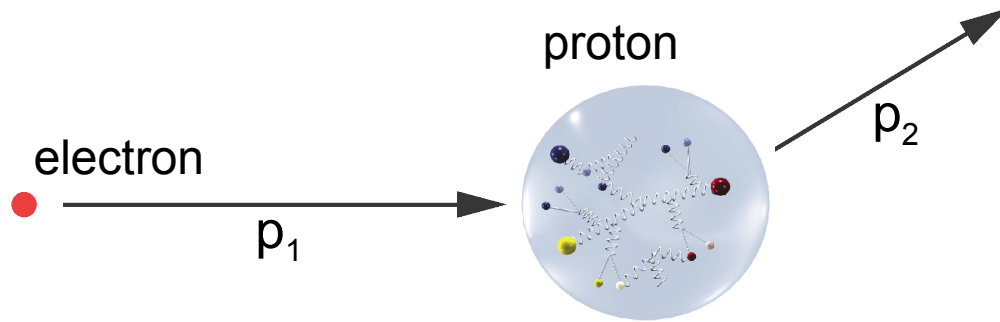
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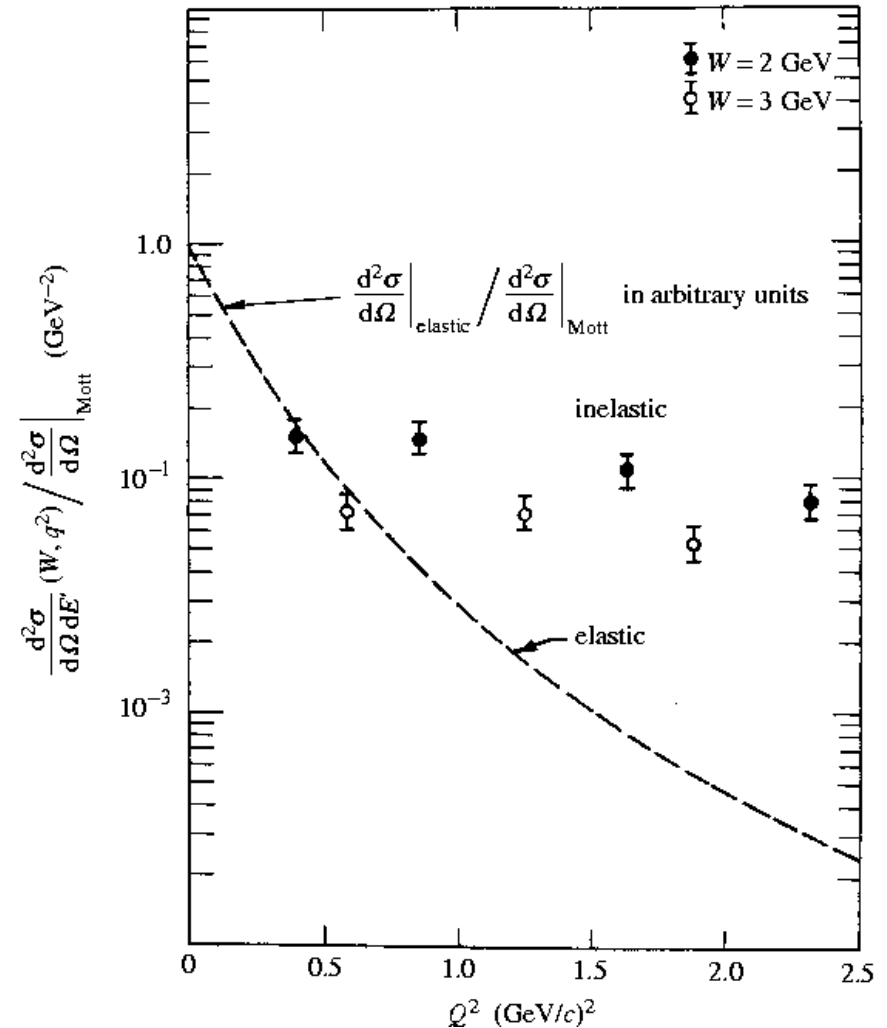
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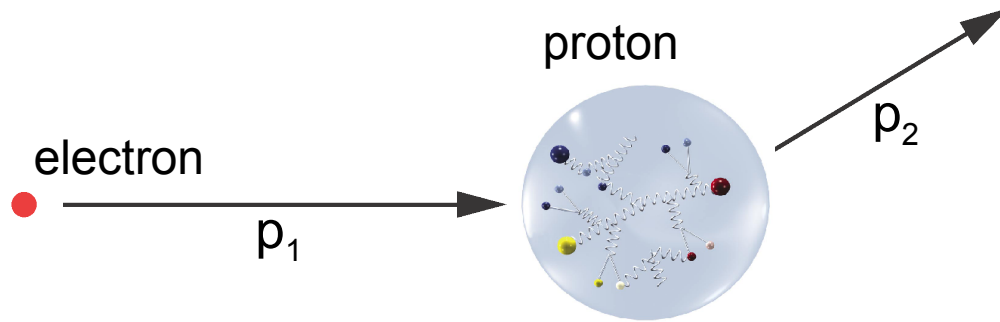
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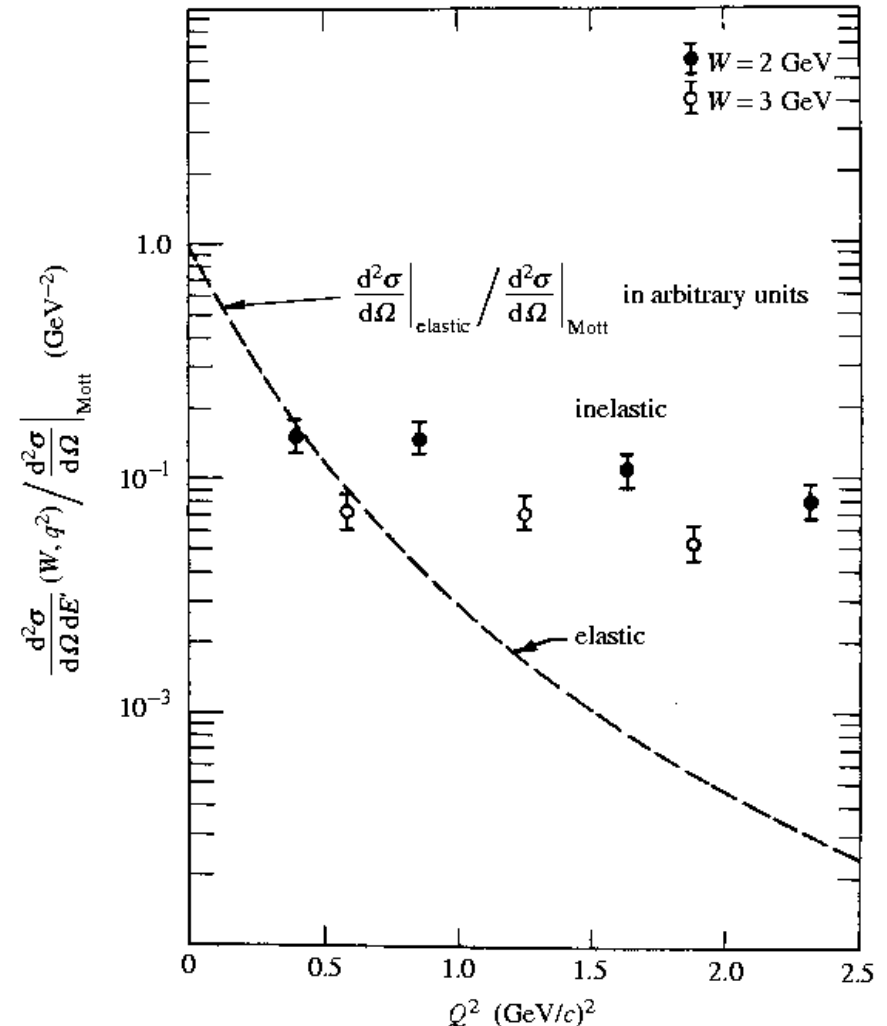
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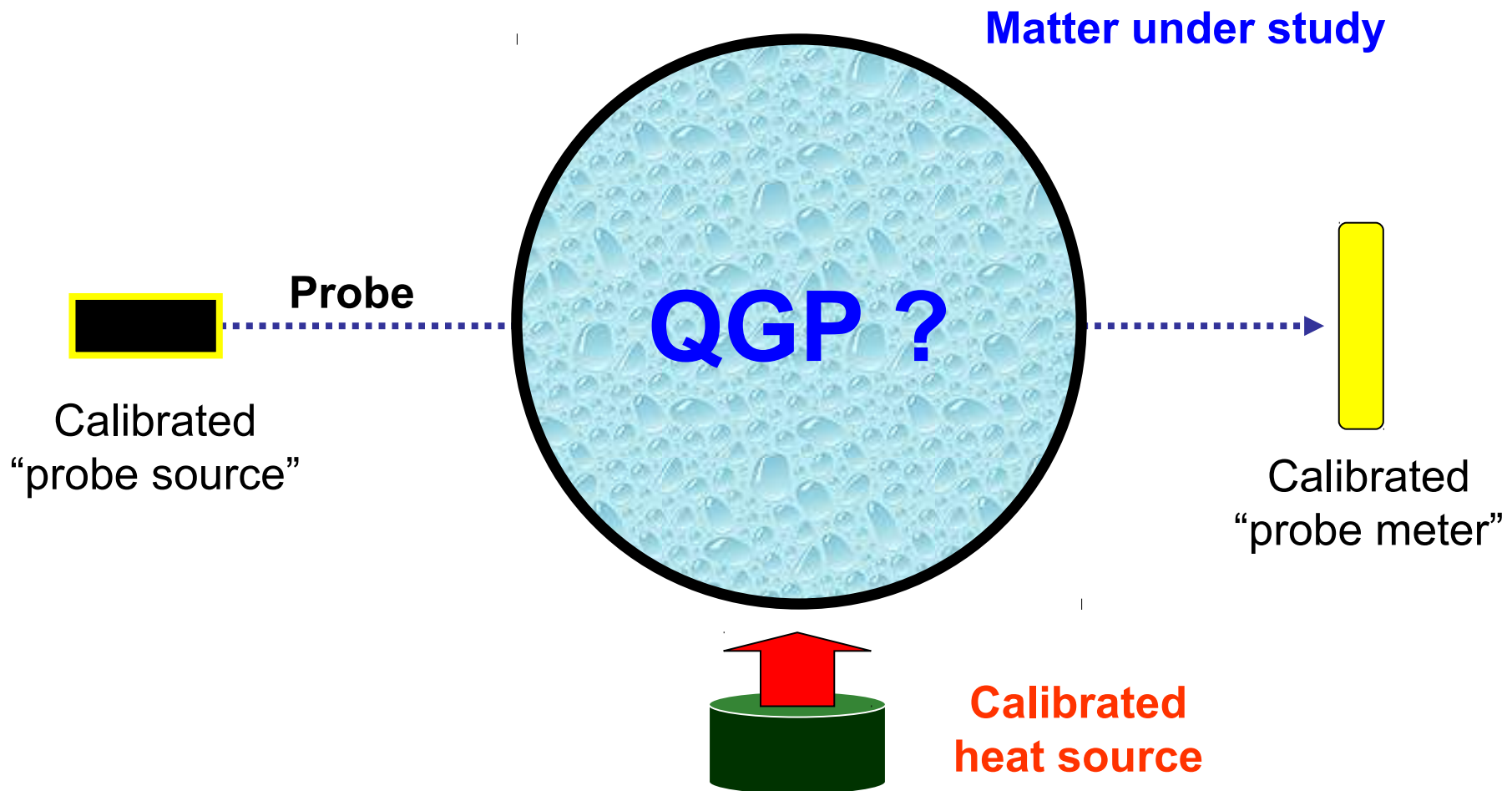
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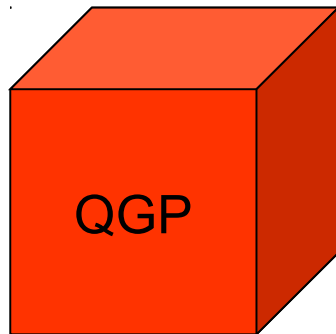
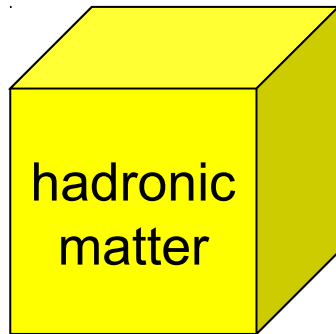
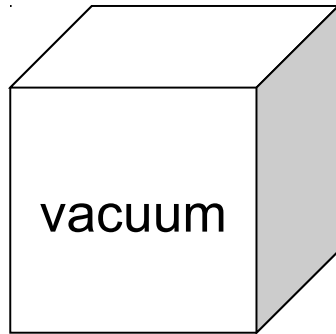
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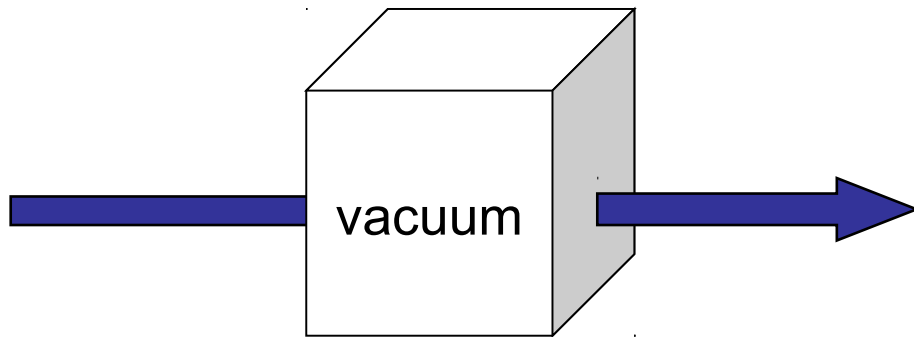
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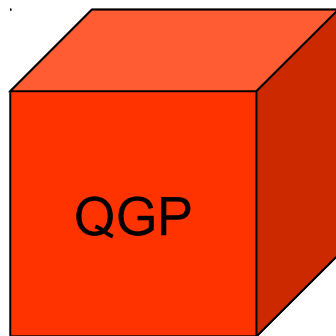
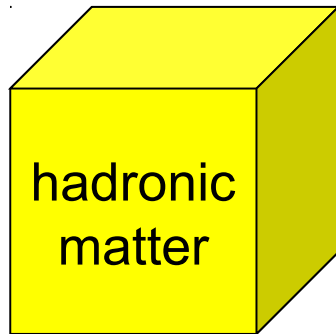


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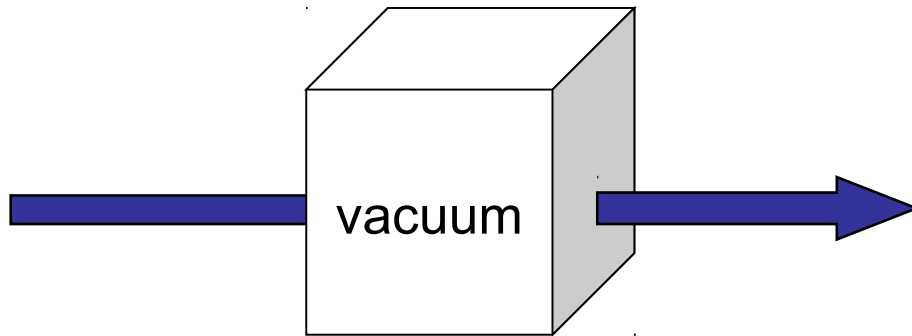
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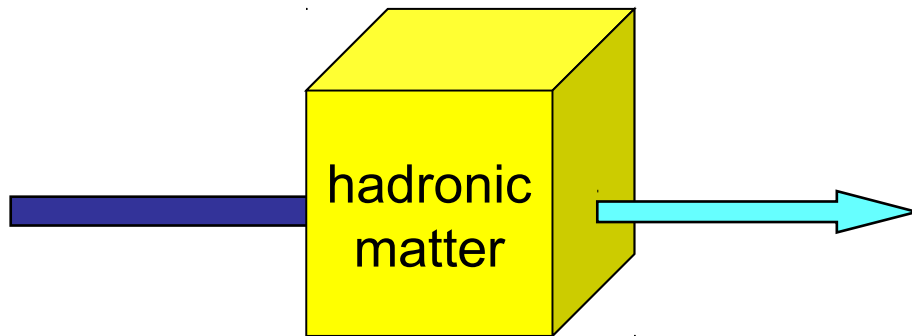
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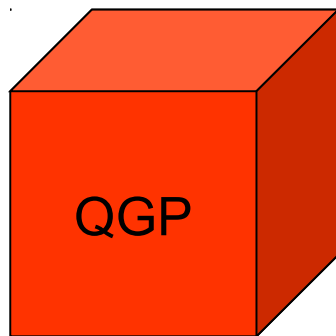


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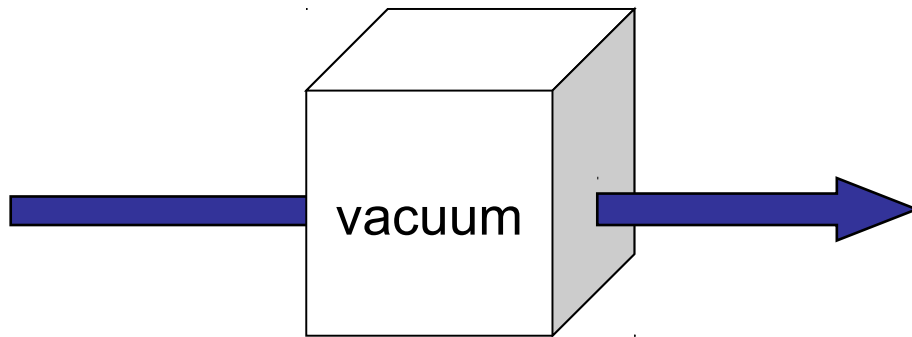


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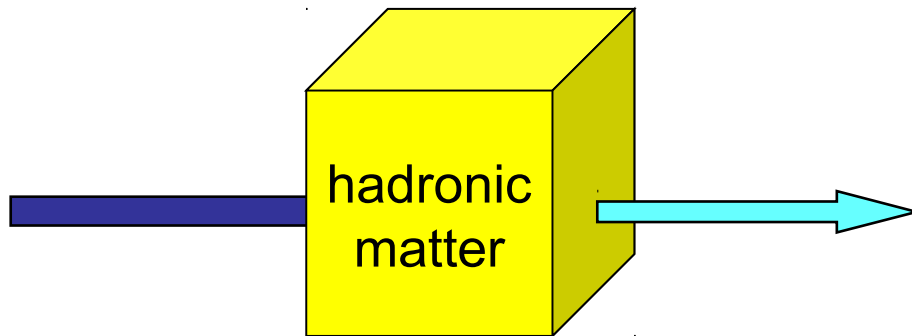
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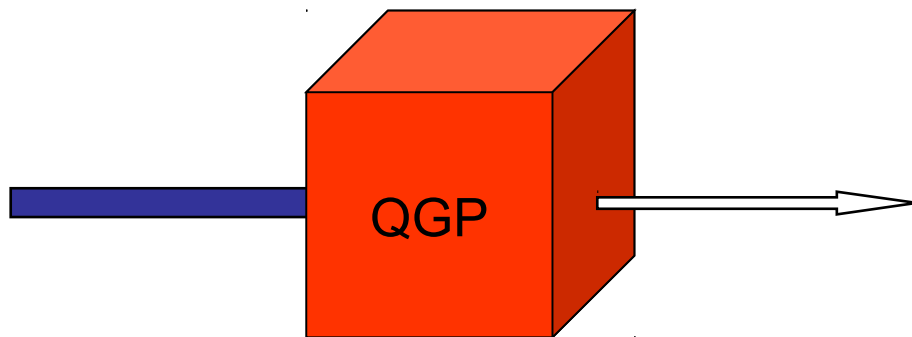


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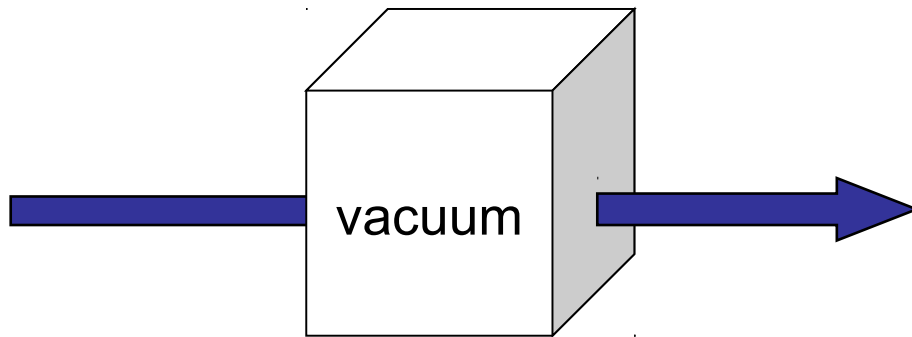
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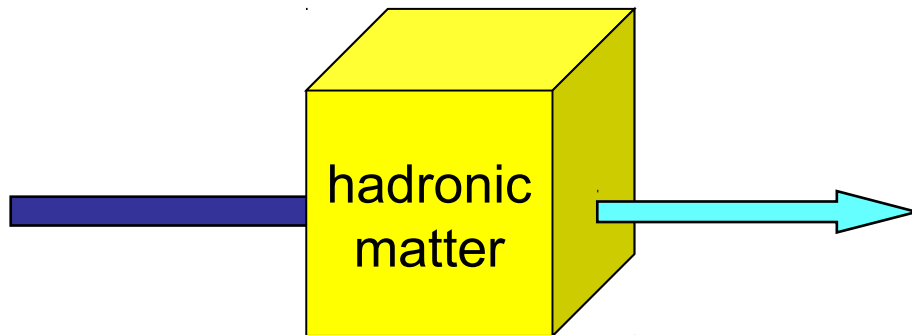
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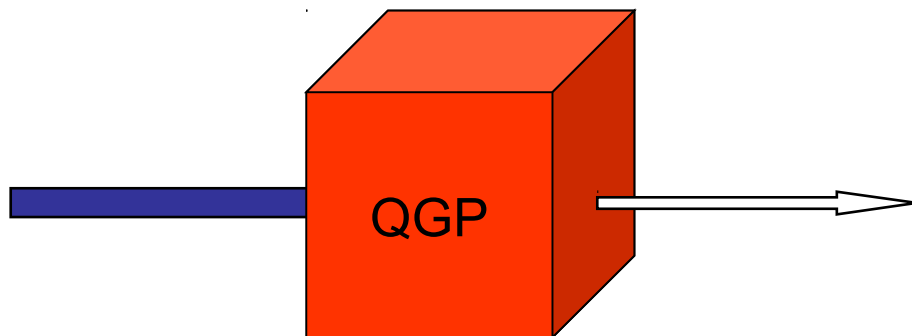


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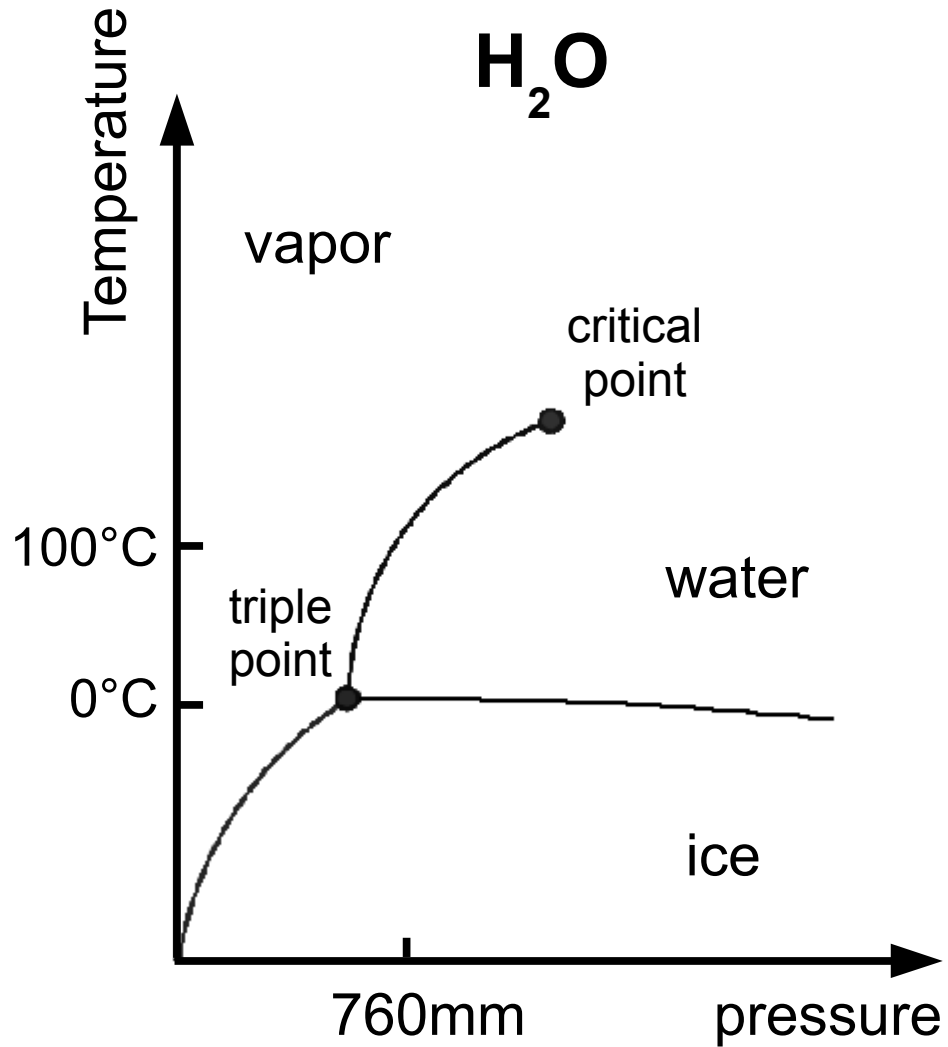
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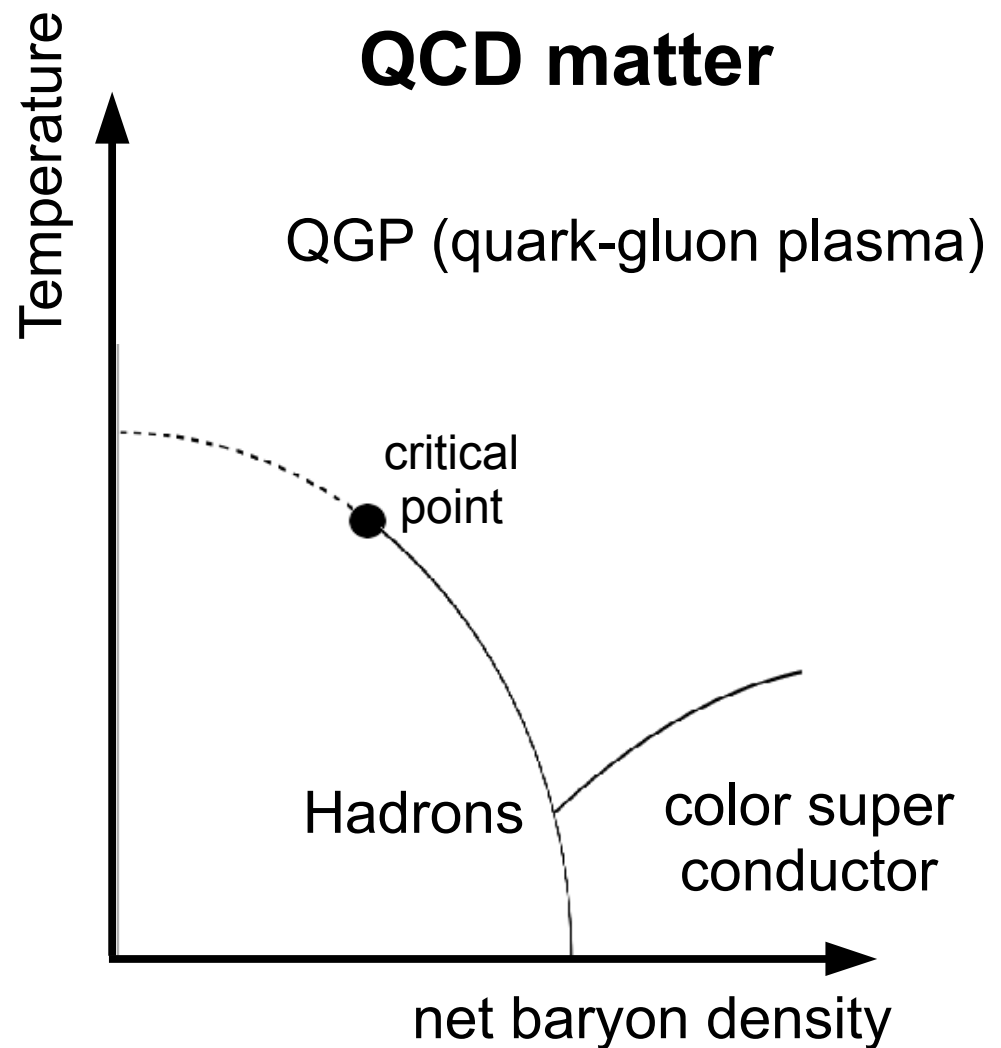
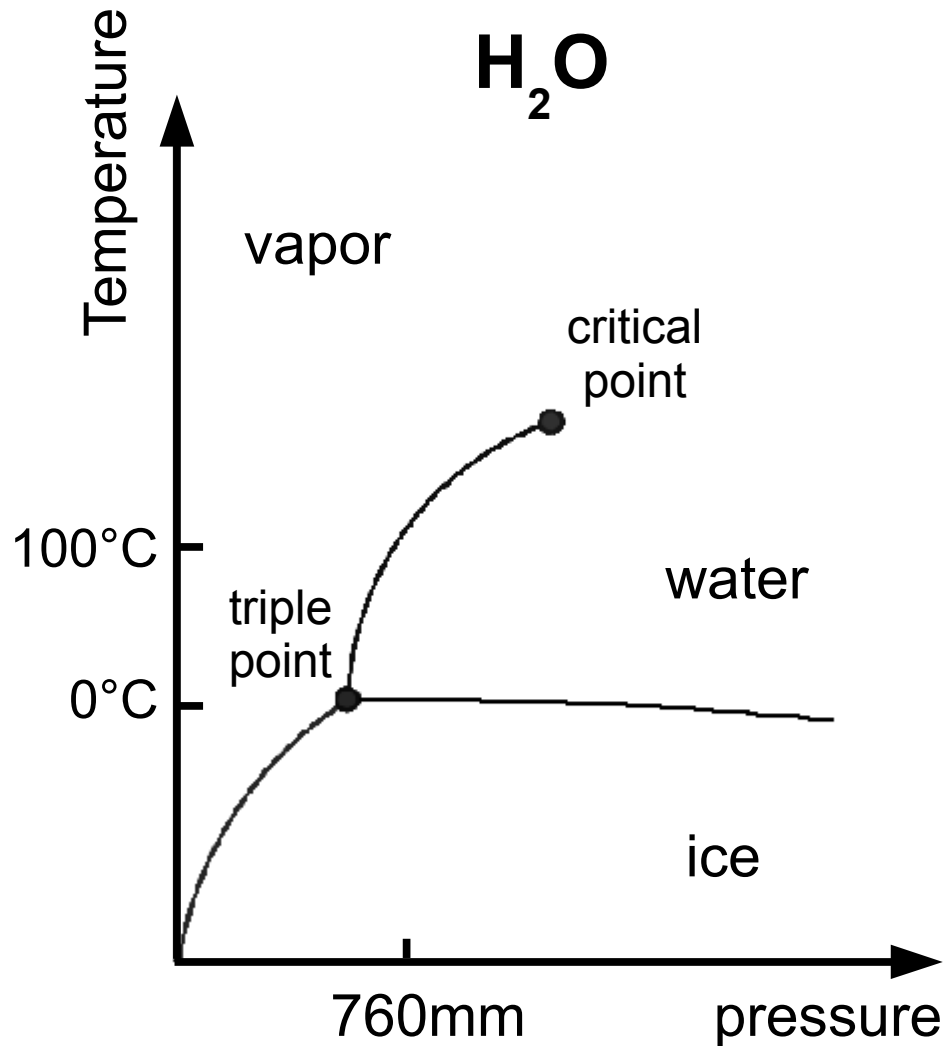
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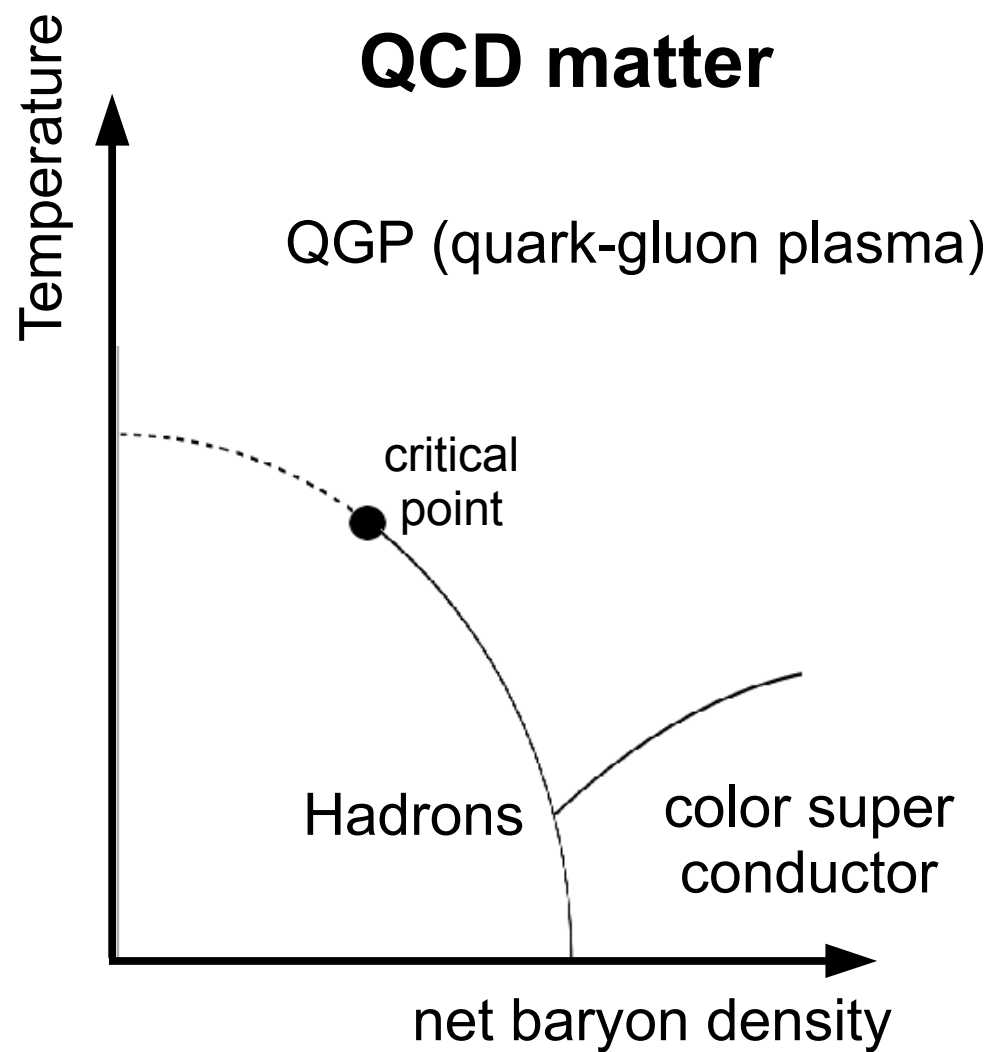
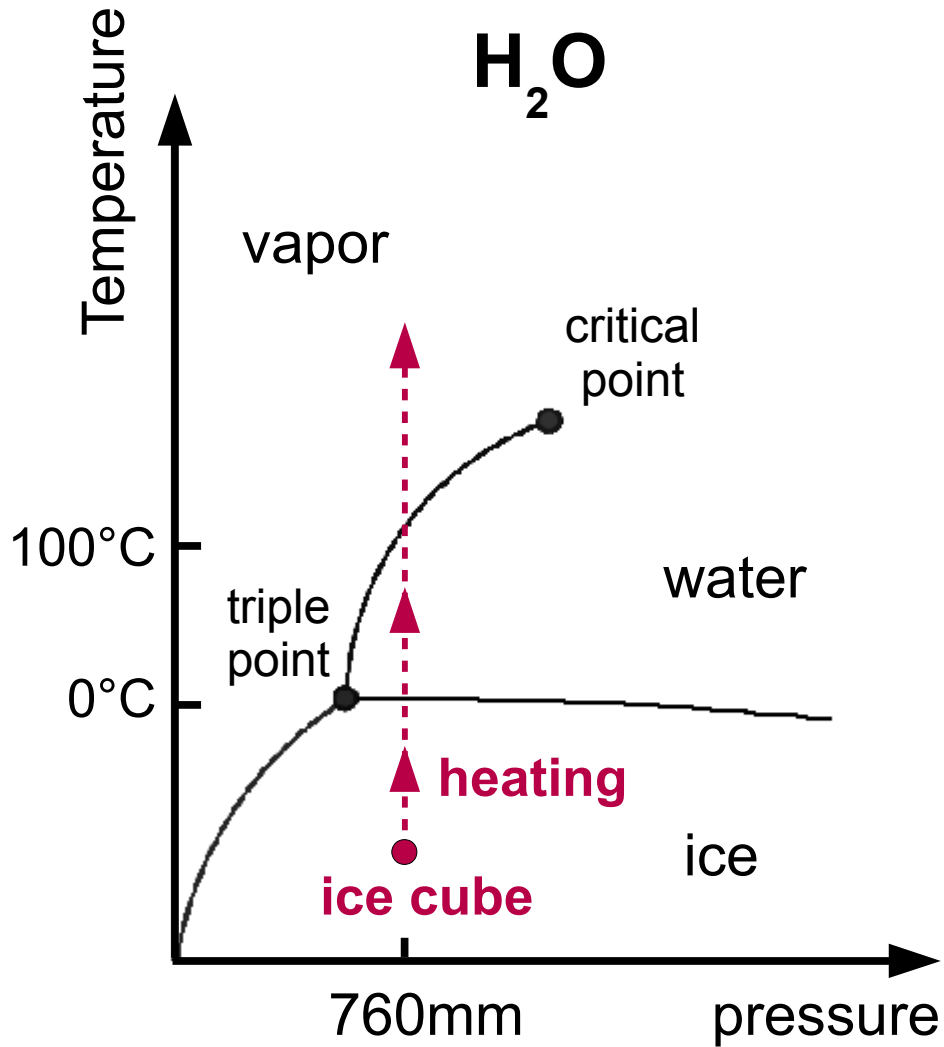


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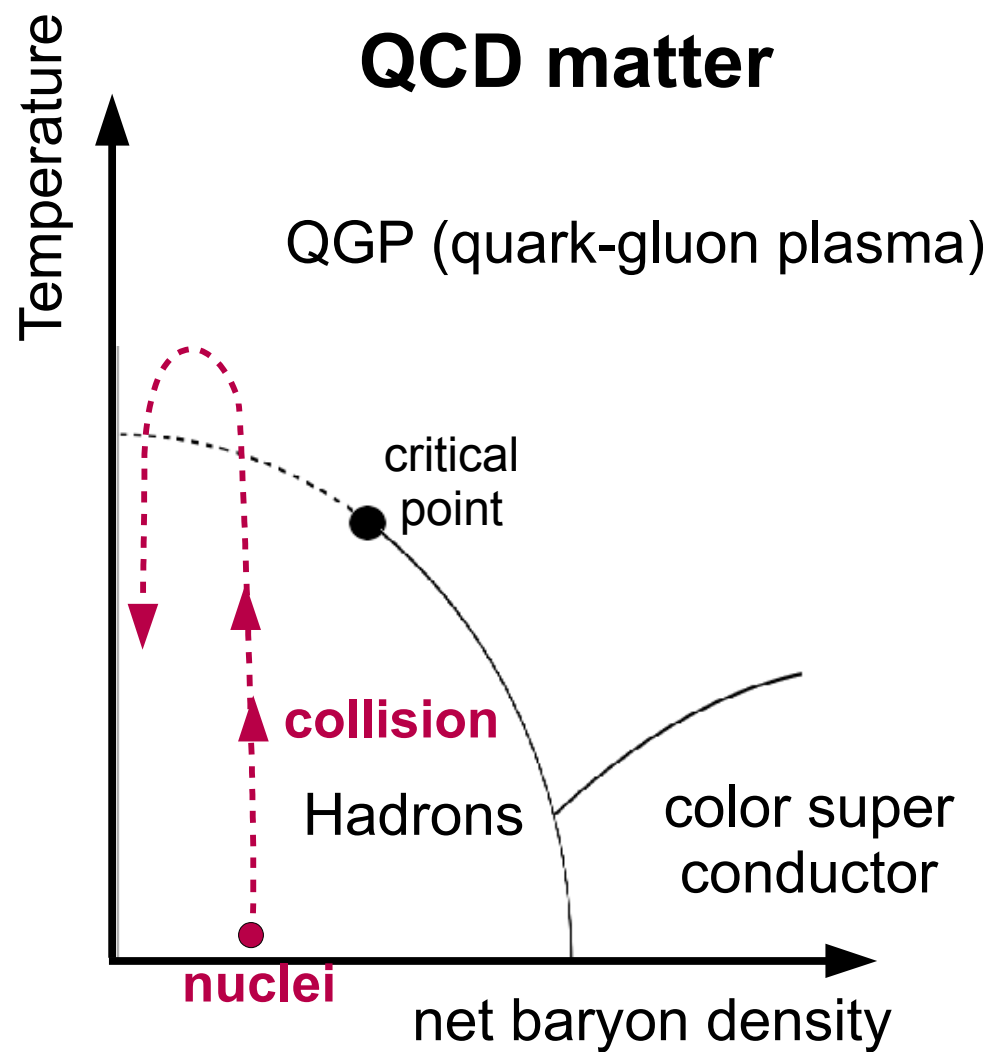
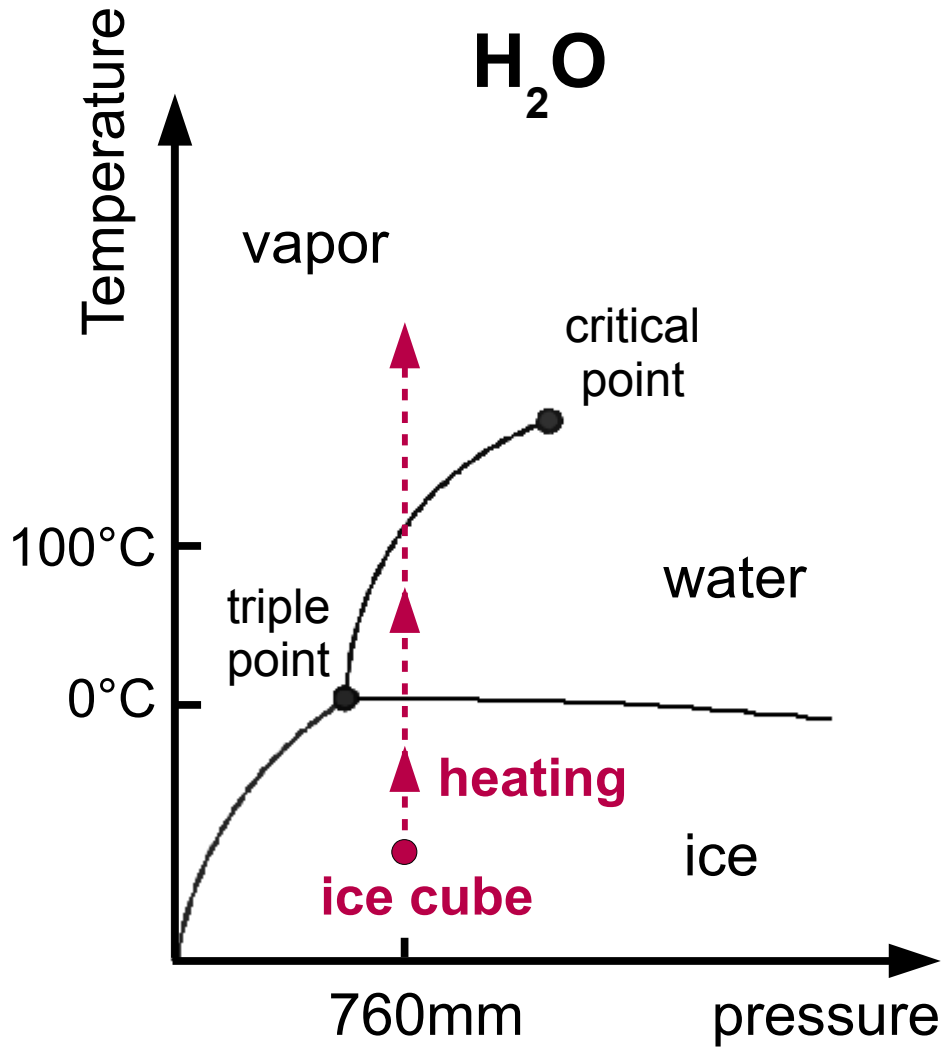
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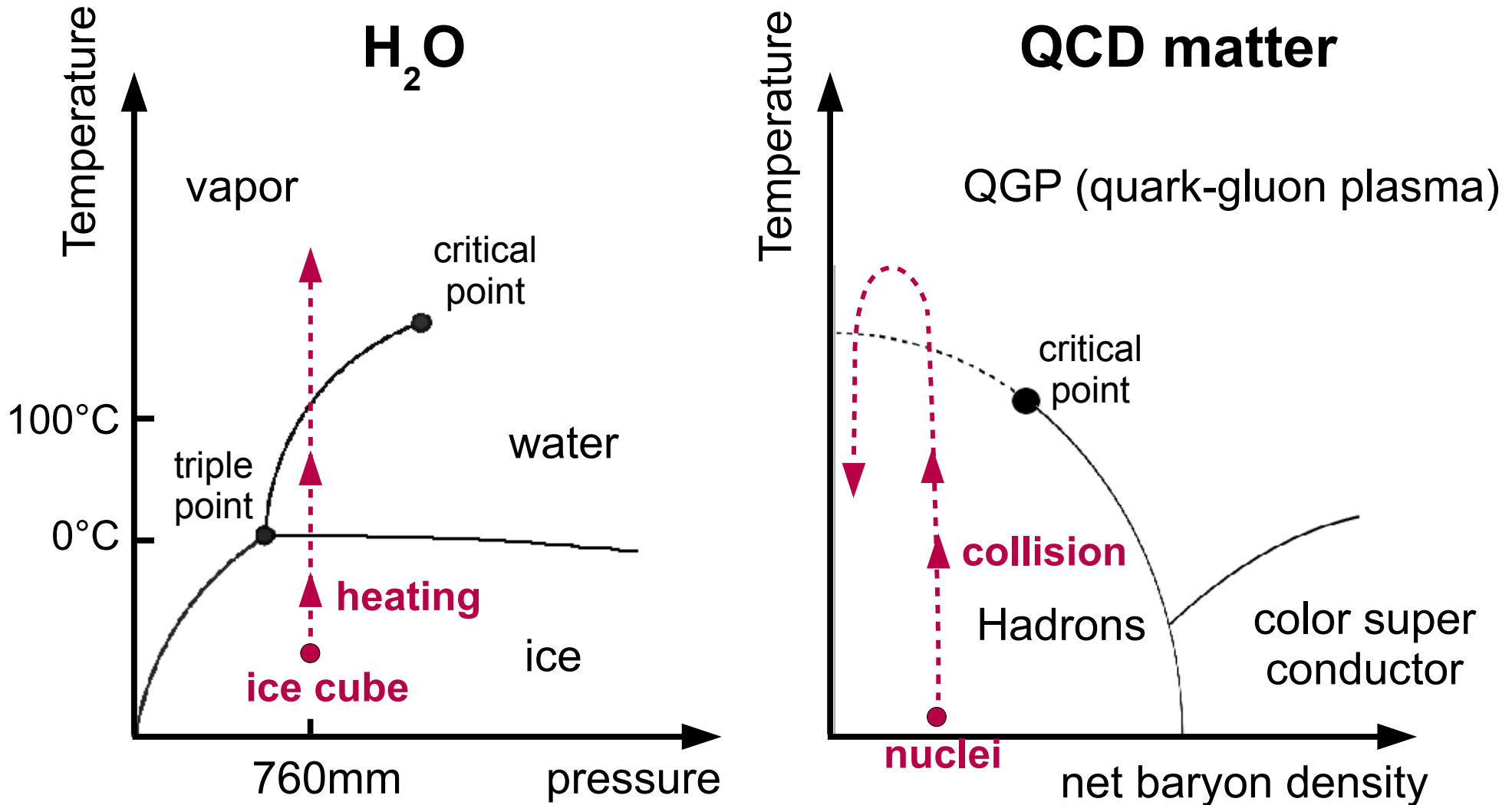


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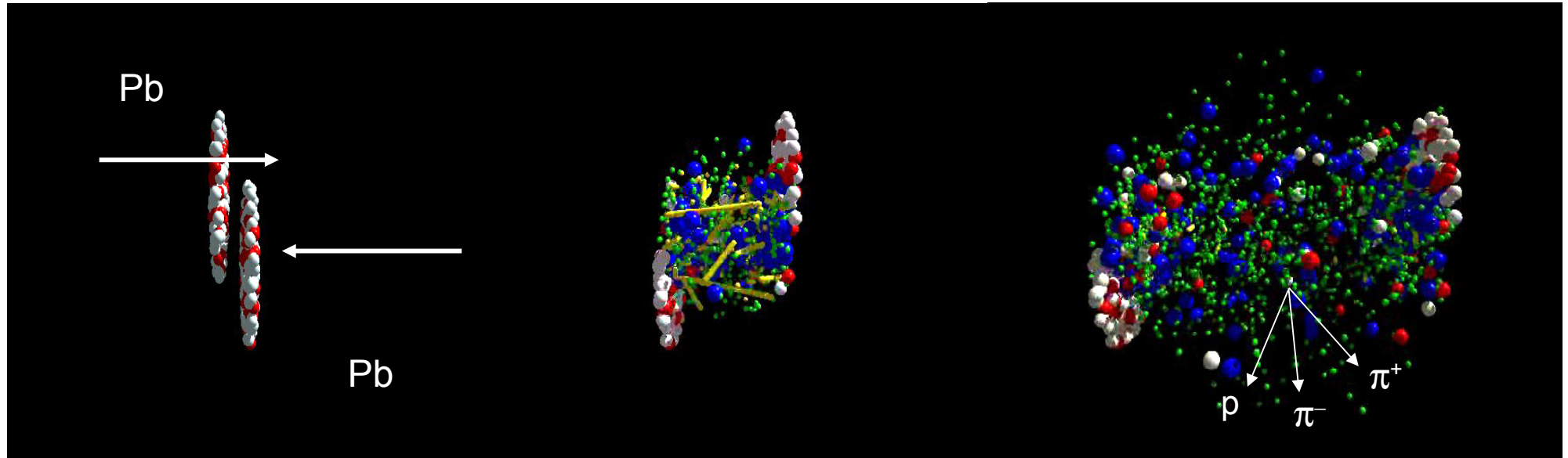
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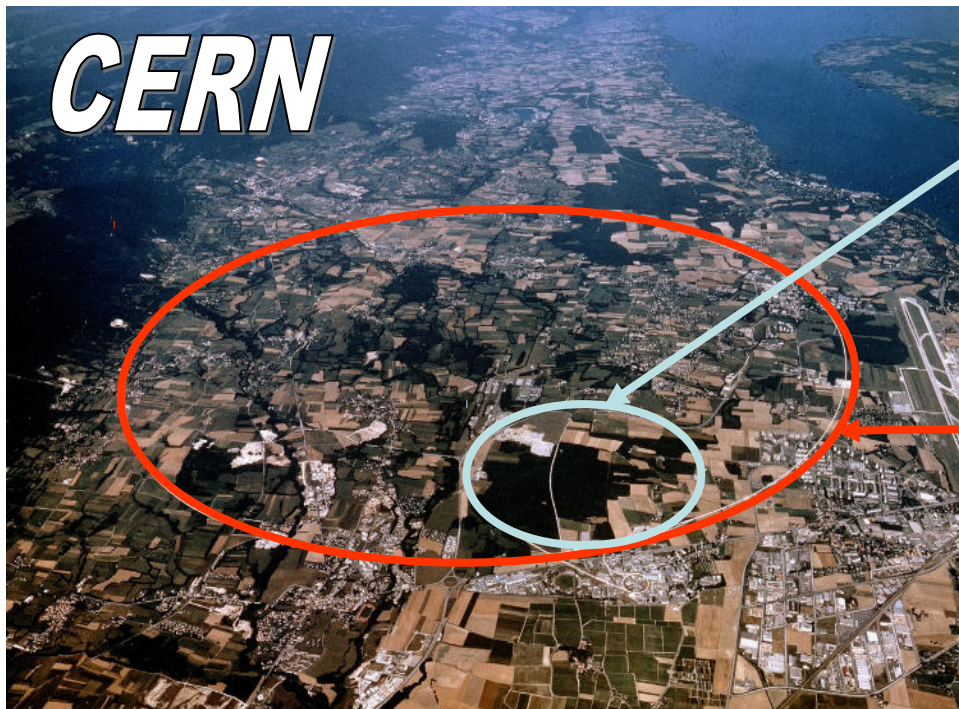


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SPS : 1986 – 2003 + 2009 – ?

- O, S, In, Pb beams ; $\sqrt{s} \sim 20$ GeV
- hadrons, photons and dileptons

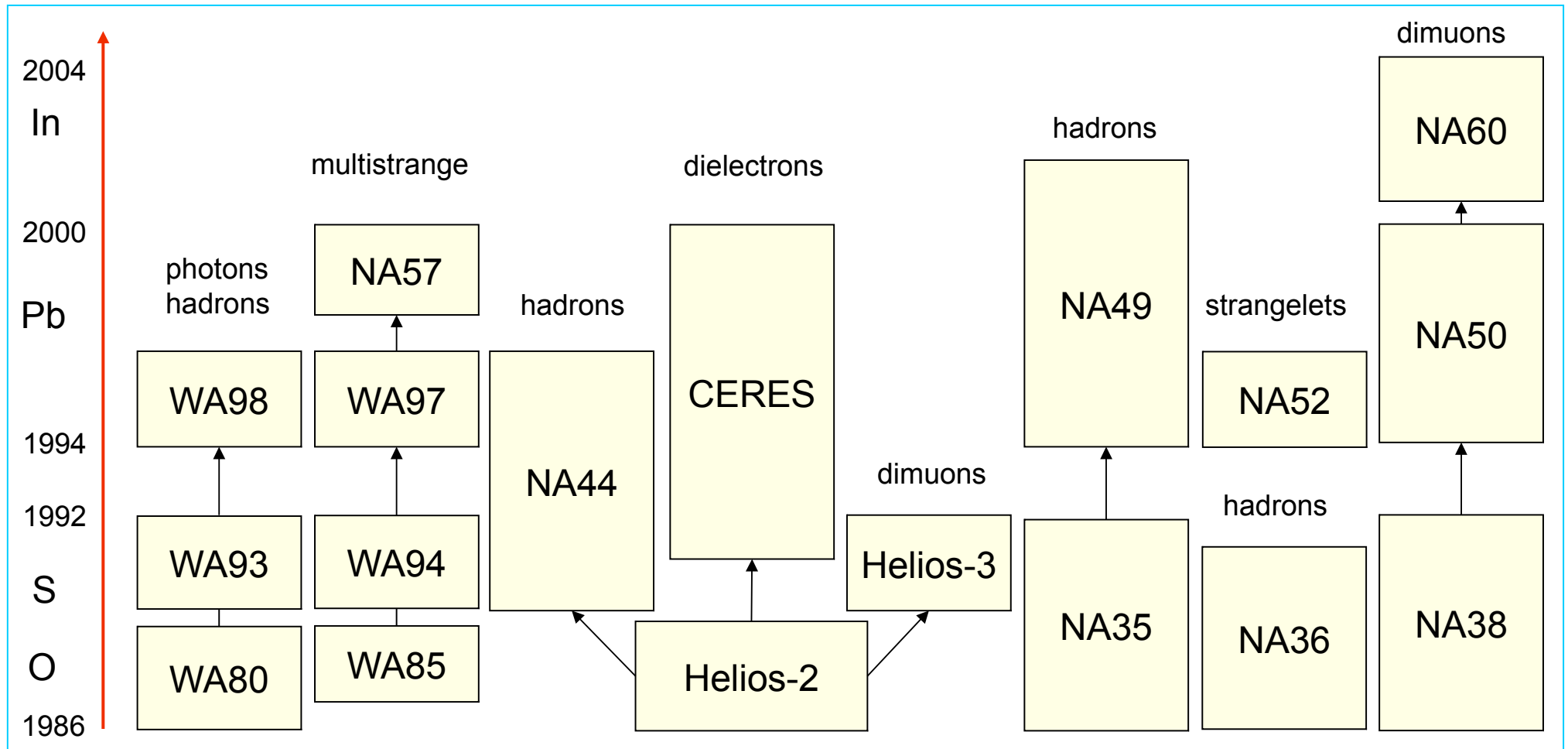
LHC : 2009 – ?

- Pb beams ; up to $\sqrt{s} = 5500$ GeV
- ALICE, CMS and ATLAS

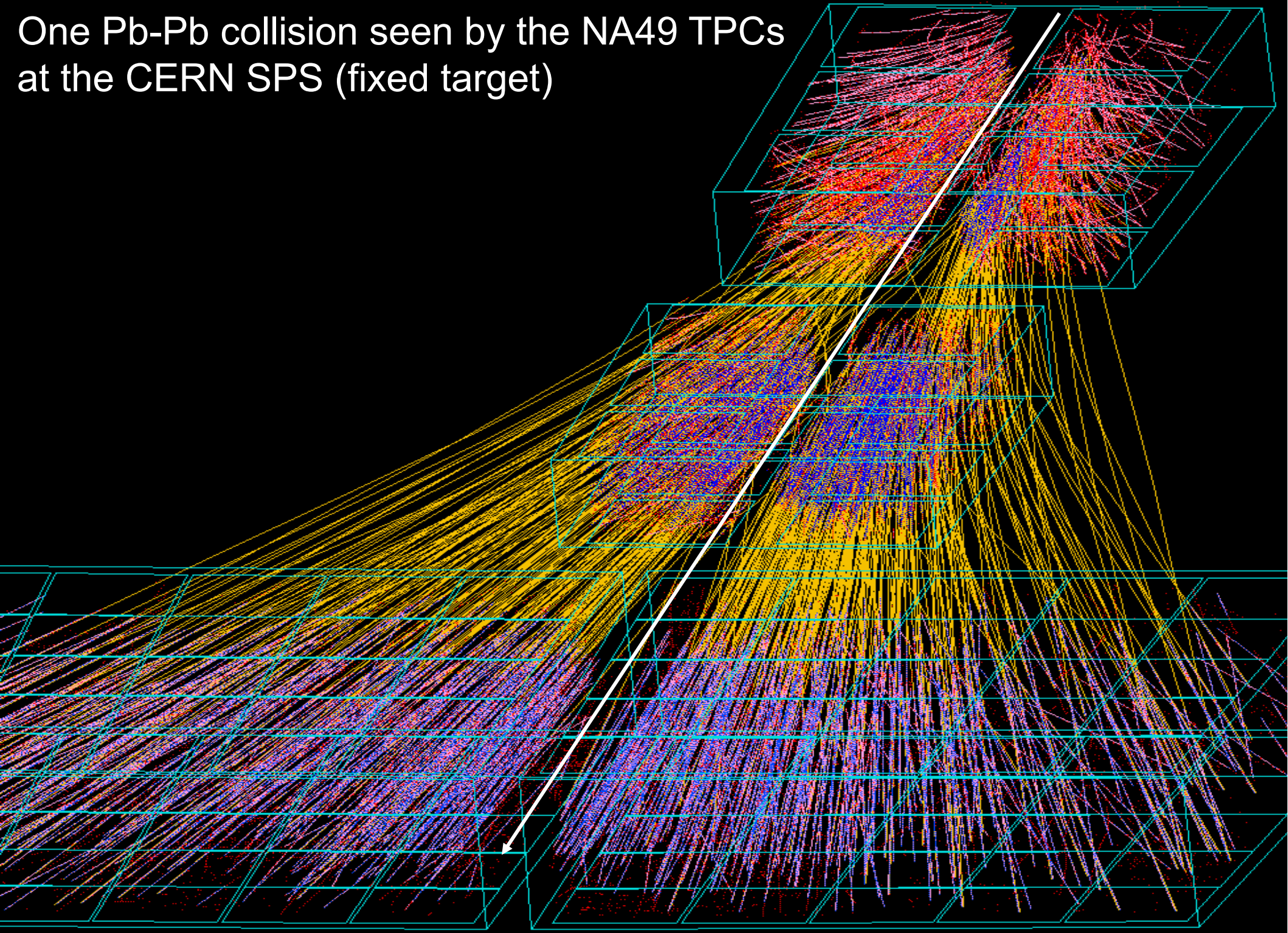
The CERN SPS physics program

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Between 1986 and 2003, many experiments studied high-energy nuclear collisions at the CERN SPS, to probe hot QCD matter

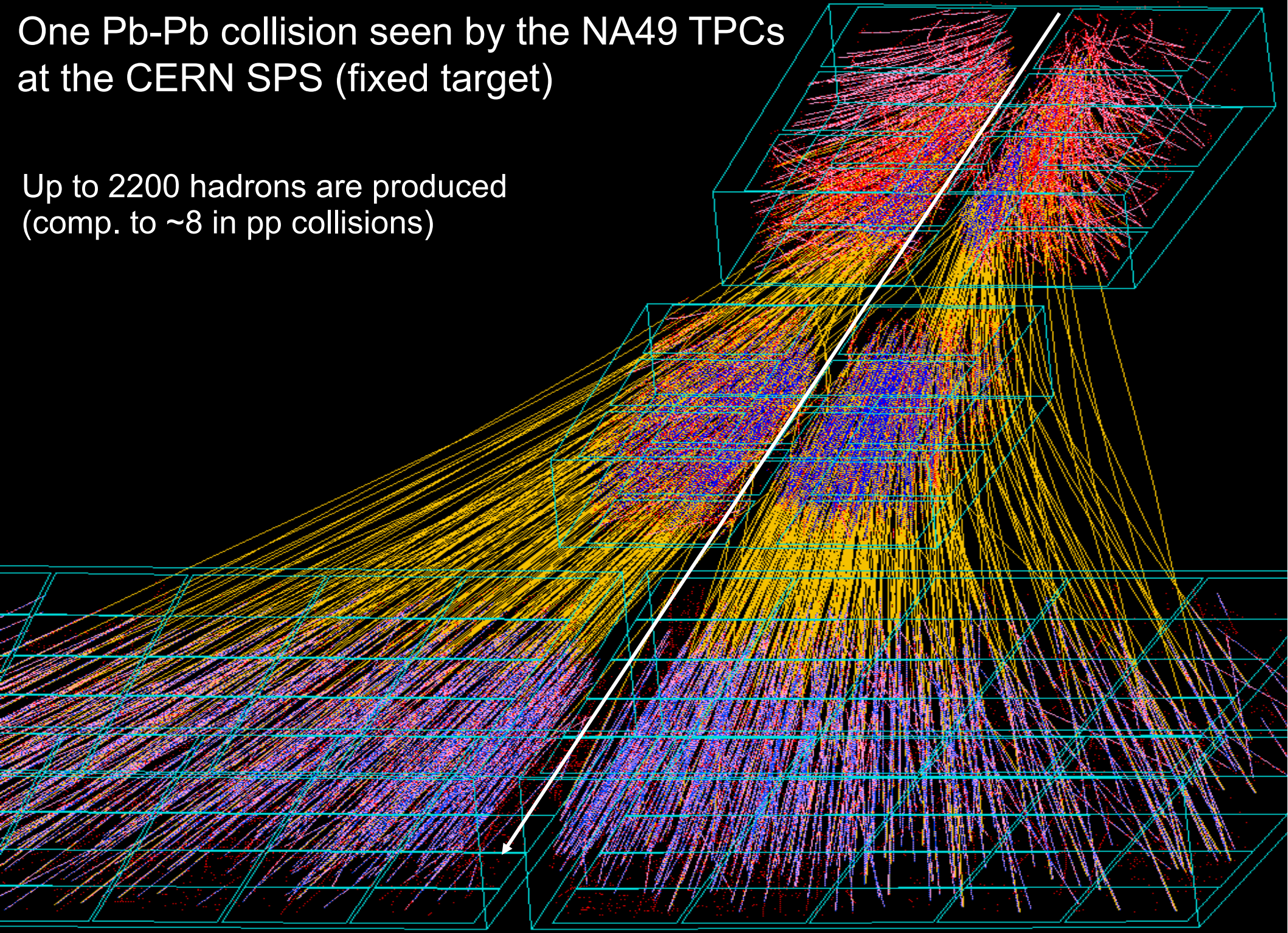


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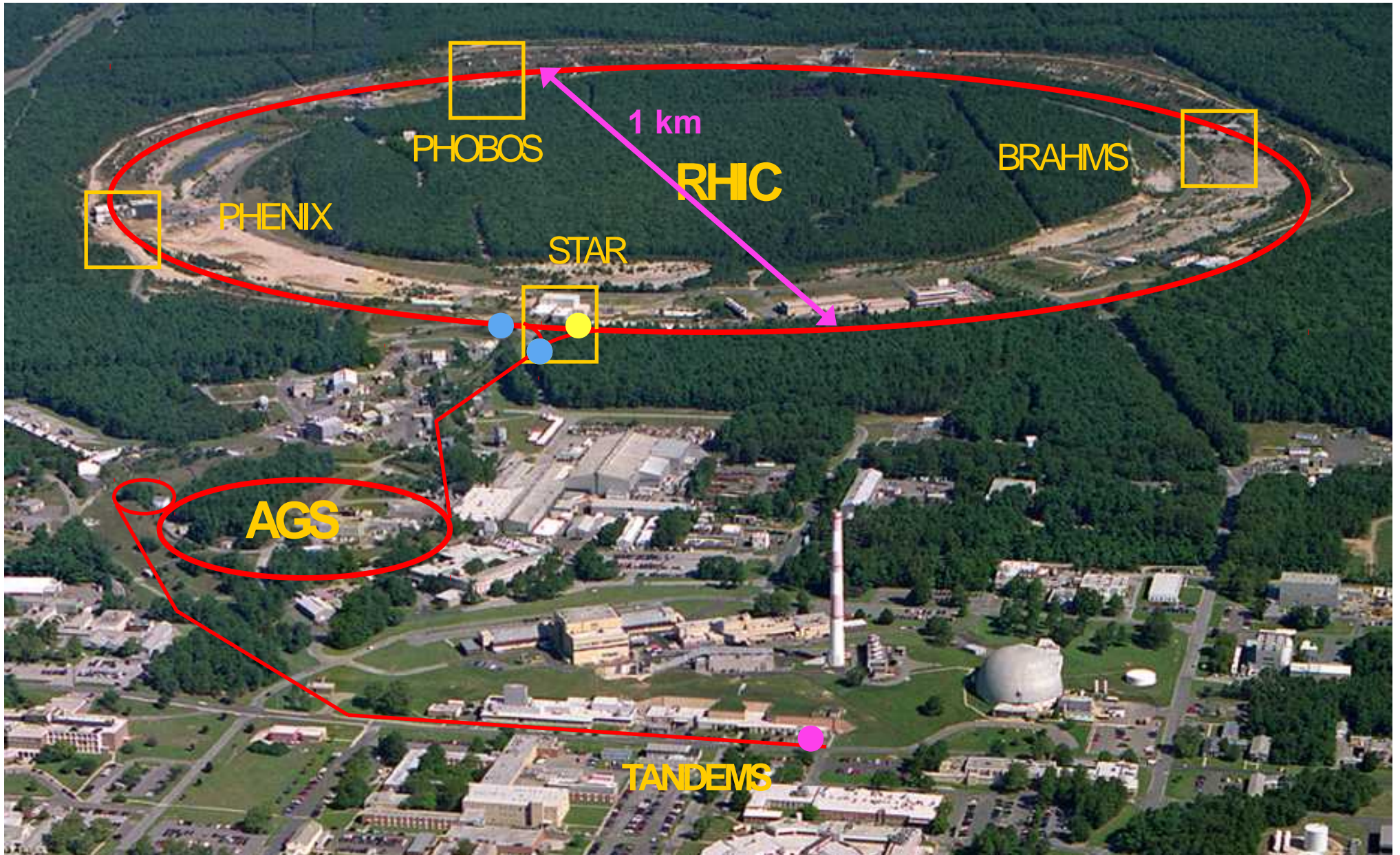


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Up to 2200 hadrons are produced (comp. to ~8 in pp collisions)

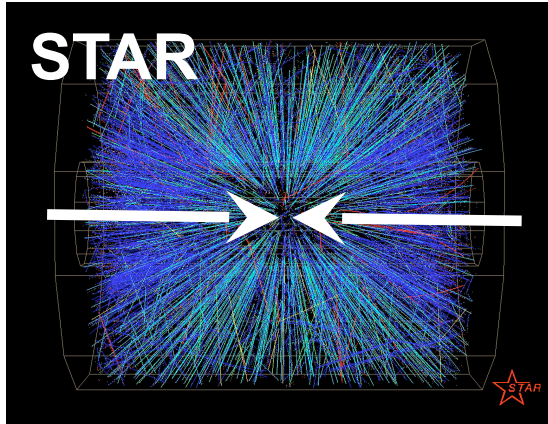


The Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC)

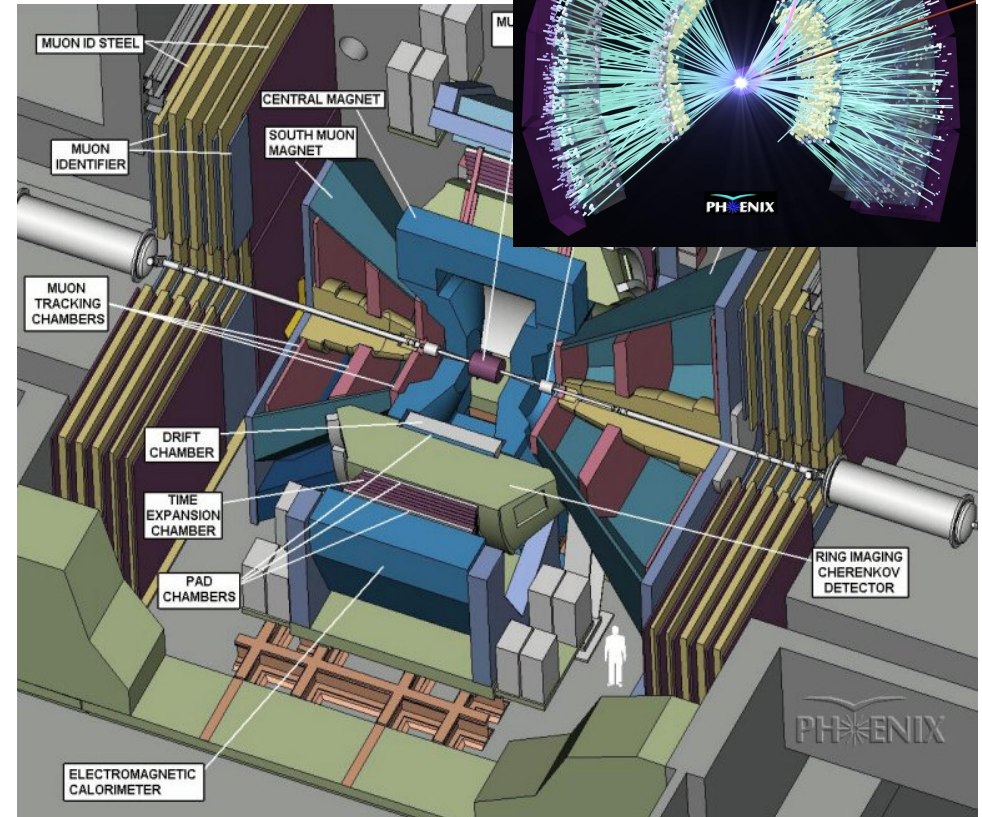
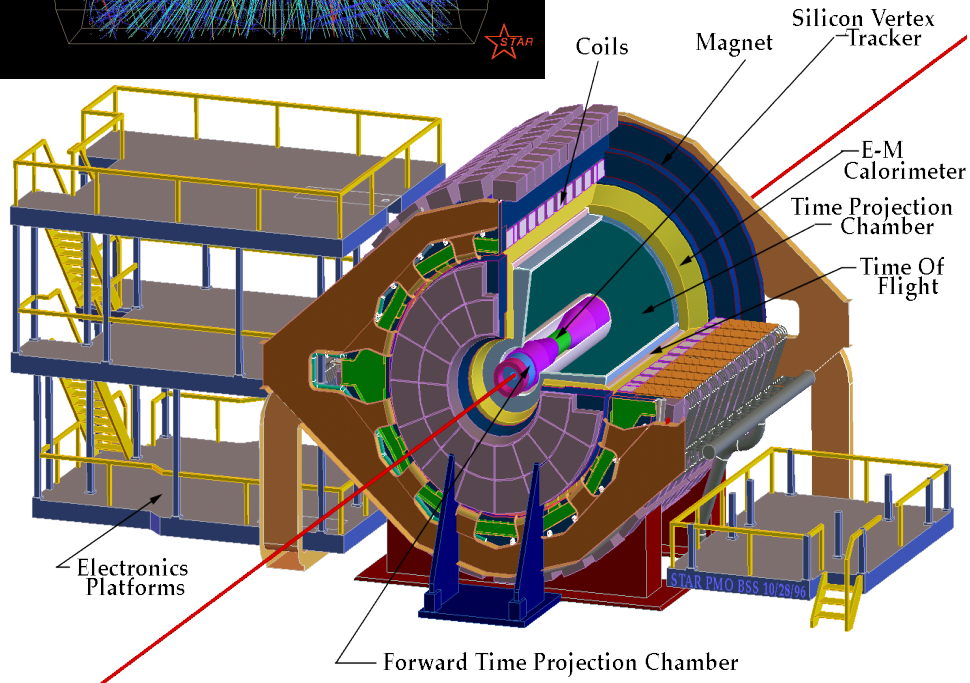


STAR and PHENIX at RHIC

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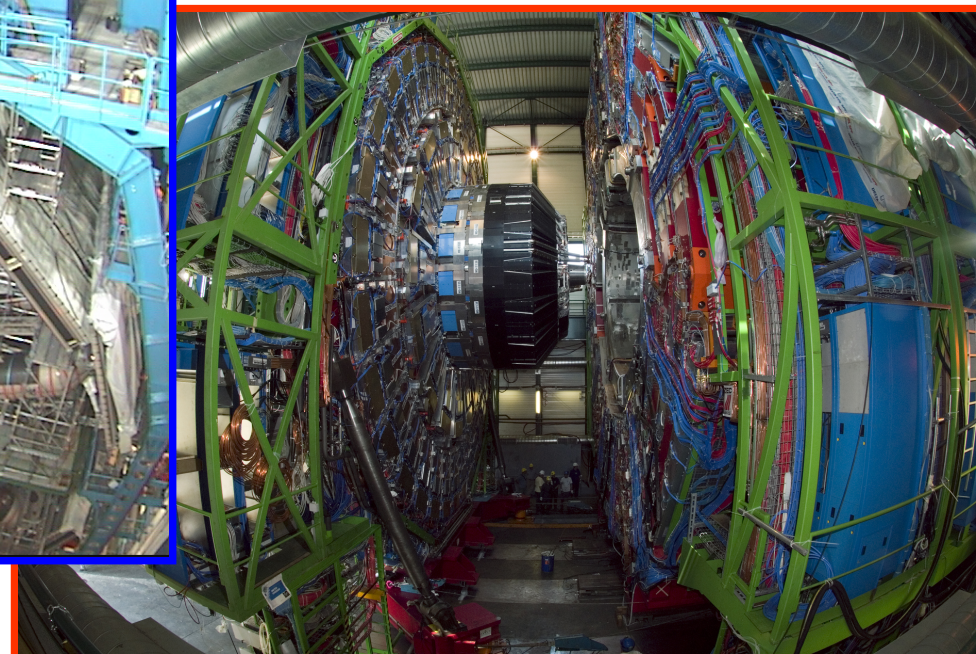
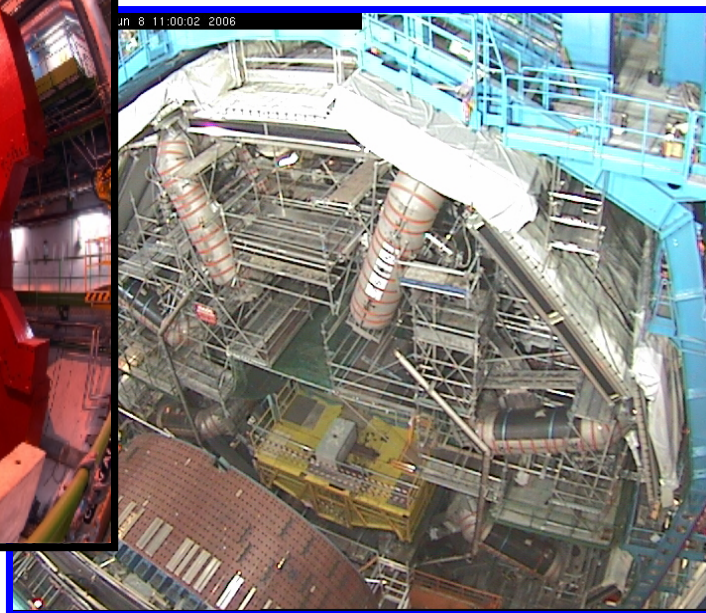
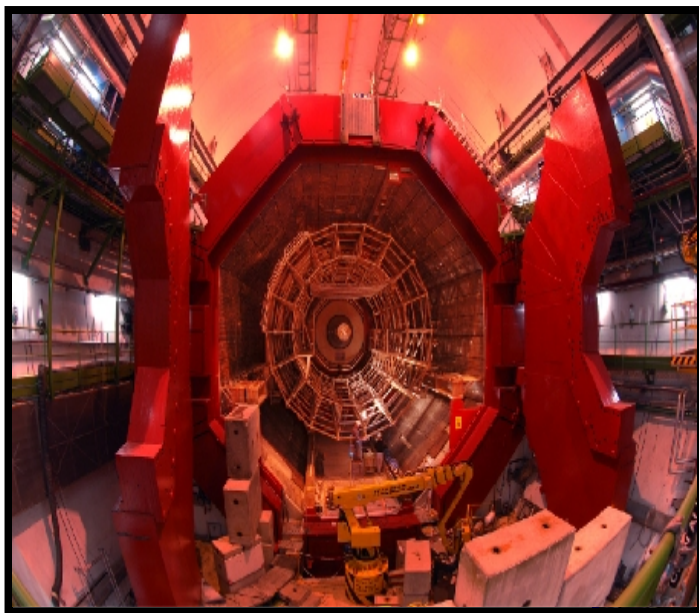
(PHOBOS, BRAHMS more specialized)



2π coverage, $-1 < \eta < 1$
for tracking + (coarse) EMCal
PID by TOF, dE/dx
Optimized for acceptance
(correlations, jet-finding)

Partial coverage $2 \times 0.5\pi$, $-0.35 < \eta < 0.35$
Finely segmented calorimeter
+ forward muon arm, PID by RICH
Optimized for high-pt π^0 , γ , e , J/ψ
(EMCal, high trigger rates)

LHC: The large ~~hadron~~ heavy-ion Collider

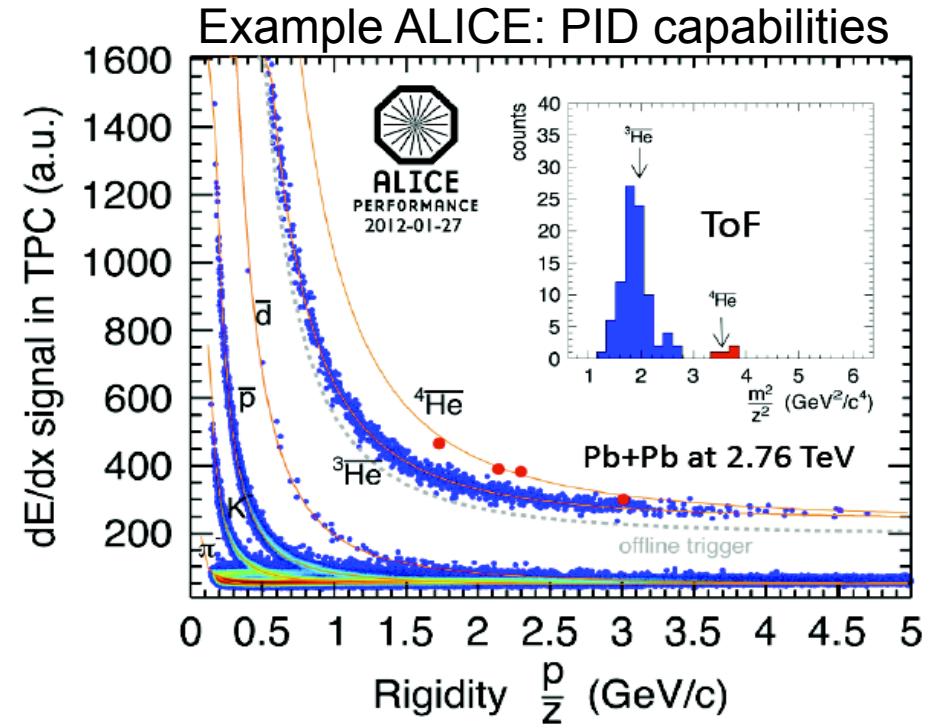


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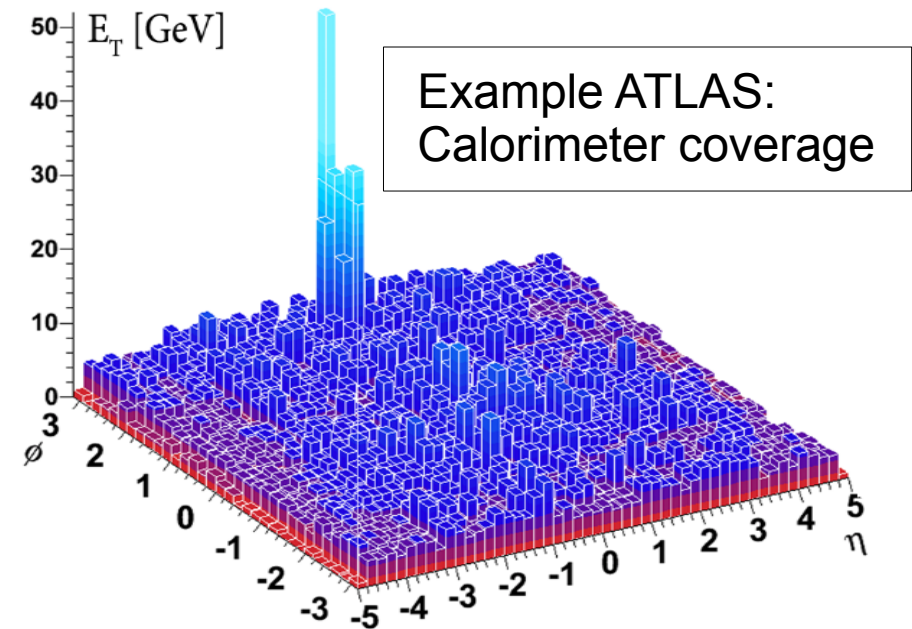
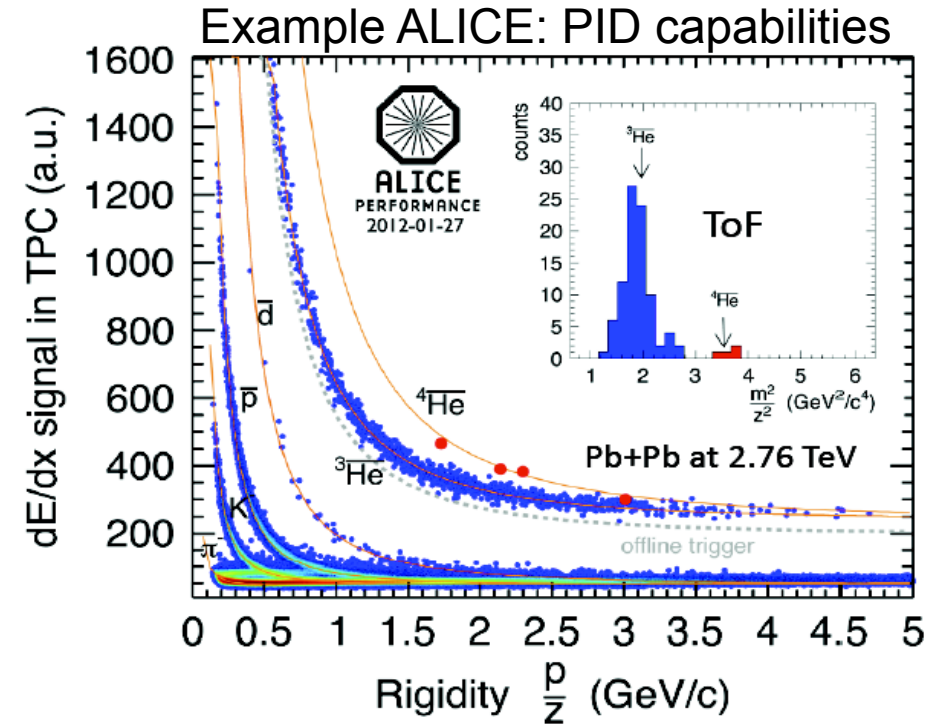


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- The QCD phase structure is rich with many fundamental and open questions
- Heavy-ion collisions attempt to create and probe QCD matter at high temperature and energy density
- The scientific approach is conceptually similar to previous scattering experiments, and relies on a series of well calibrated probes and set of collision systems

In the next two lectures we will look at a set of important results obtained from heavy-ion collisions at RHIC and LHC

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