

Relativistic nucleus-nucleus collisions: from Bevalac to LHC

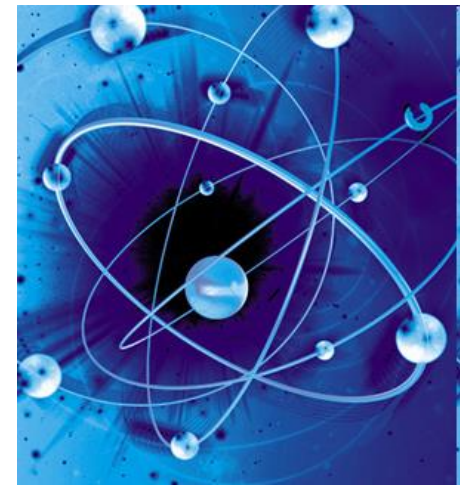
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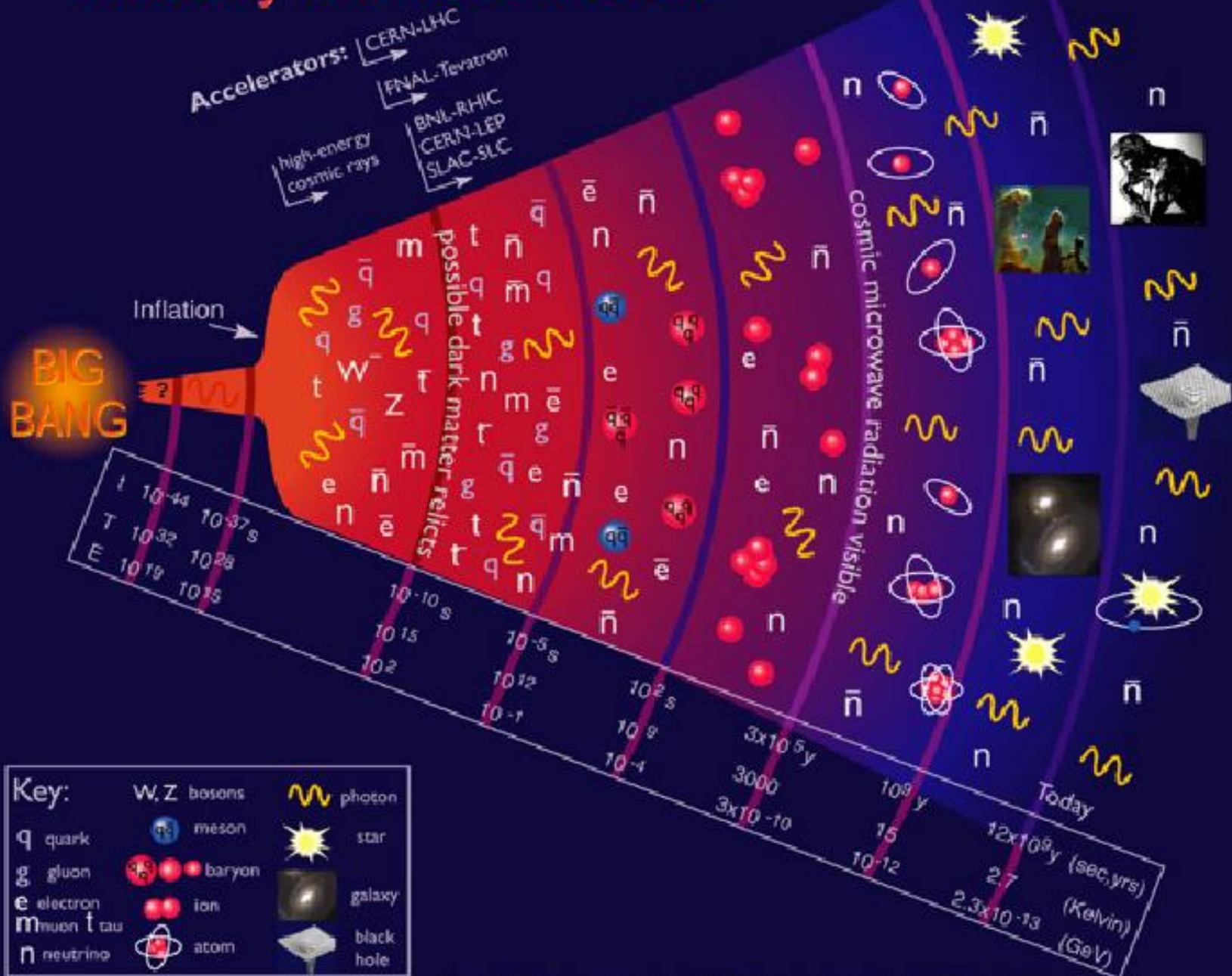
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History of the Universe



**Origins of Ultrarelativistic Heavy Ion Collisions:
Workshop on BeV Collisions of Heavy Ions: How and Why**

Nov 29 - Dec 1 1974

Bear Mountain New York

Introduction and Summary:

“The history of physics teaches us that profound revolutions arise from a gradual perception that certain observations can be accommodated only by radical departures from current thinking. The workshop addressed itself to the intriguing question of the possible existence of a nuclear world quite different from the one we have learned to accept as familiar and stable.”

Leon Lederman and Joseph Weneser

“It would be interesting to explore new phenomena by distributing high energy or high nuclear density over a relatively large volume.”

T. D. Lee

A long journey to discovery: from Bevalac to LHC

Bevalac



AGS-RHIC

SPS-LHC



A Brief History of Hadron Accelerators

- Particle Physics: energy doubling time ~ 4 years

- Heavy Ion Physics: doubling time ~ 1.7 years

⇒ starting 70'- to early 80's at Bevalac

- ★ field started by a few dozen physicists mostly from US, Germany, Japan

⇒ energy increase by factor 10^4 in ~ 25 years with LHC in 2008

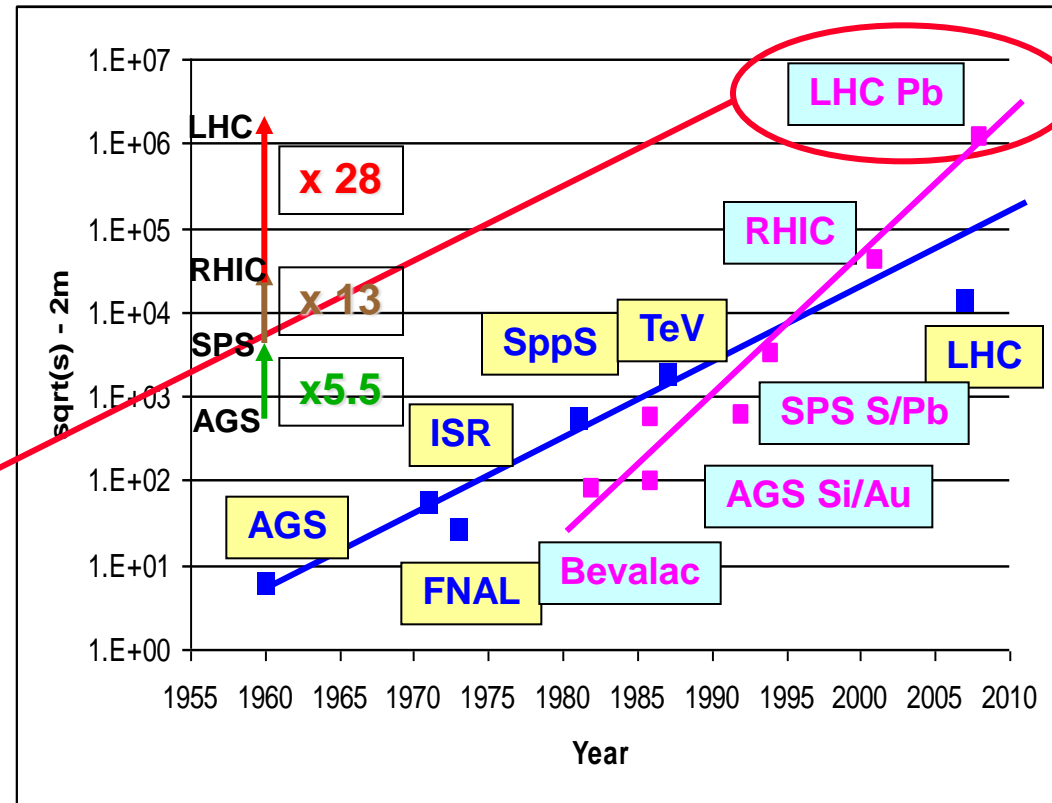
- ★ > 2000 physicists active worldwide today

Total center-of-mass energy versus time

Possible mostly by (re-) using particle physics machines.

Field went from the periphery into a central activity of contemporary Nuclear Physics.

Future of Ultra-Relativistic Heavy Ion Physics at the Energy Frontier is the LHC





Matter under Extreme Conditions



● 'state of matter' at high temperature & energy density: 'The QGP'

⇒ ground state of QCD & primordial matter of the Universe

★ partons are **deconfined**

★ **chiral symmetry** is restored (partons are ~ massless)

Theory

⇒ 'the stuff at high T where ordinary hadrons are no longer the relevant d.o.f'

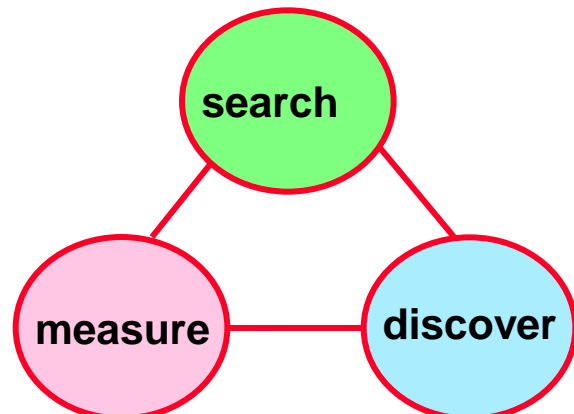
Experiment

● Mission of URHI

⇒ **search** for the QGP phase

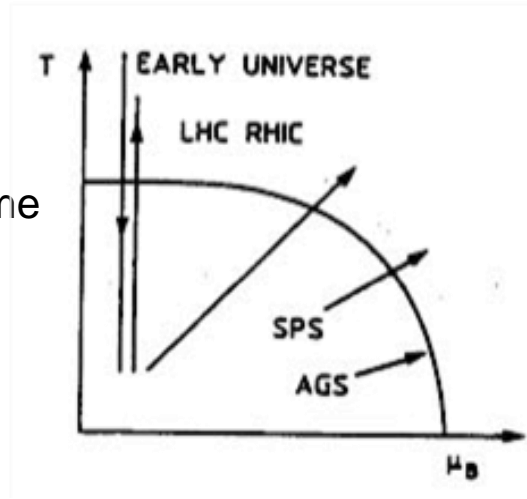
⇒ **measure** it's properties

⇒ **discover** QCD in its natural, strongly coupled non-perturbative regime



Central Concept of SM:
phase transitions and symmetry breaking

Emerging properties in complex systems:
microscopic laws -> macroscopic phenomena



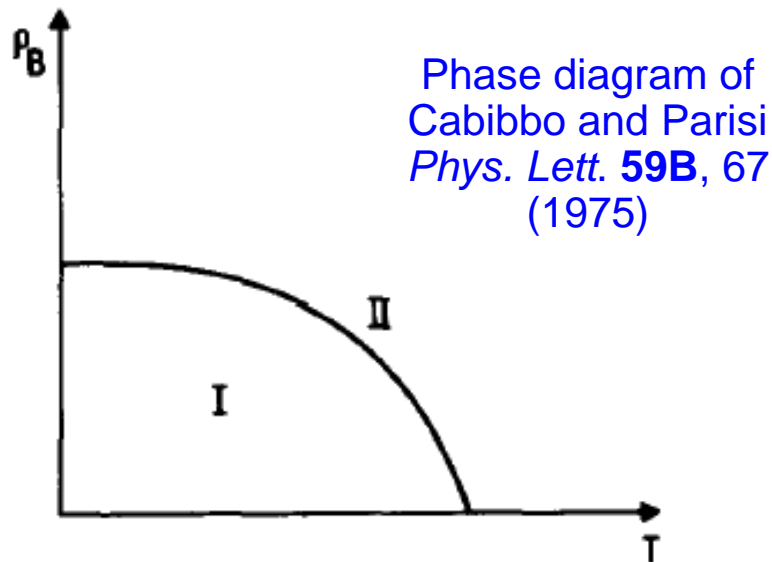
QCD transition is the only one accessible to experiment !



Early Work on the Phase Diagram of QCD

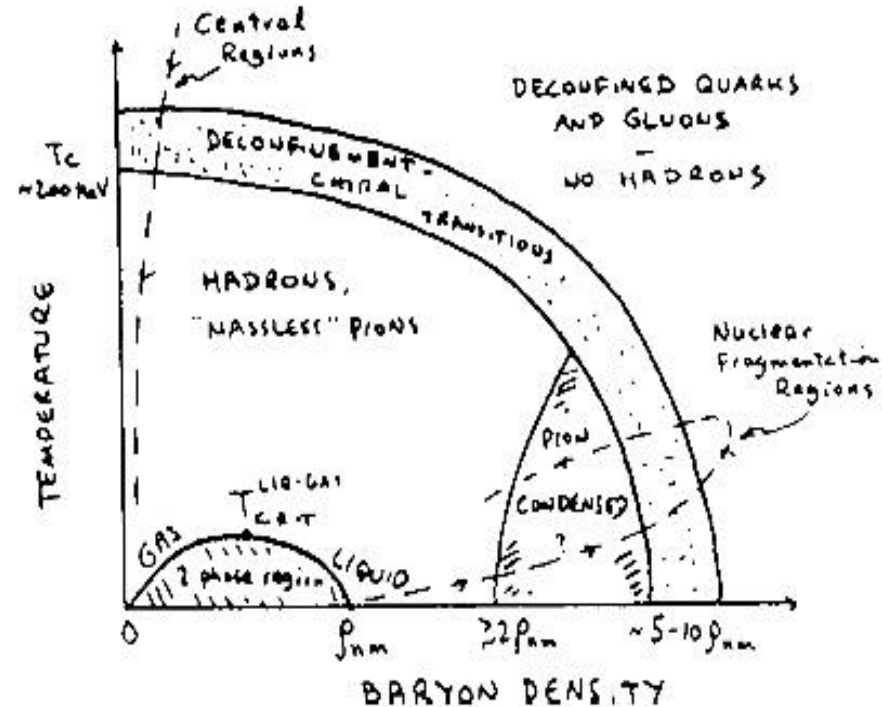
N. Itoh, *Prog. Theor. Phys.* **44**, 291 (1970)

P. Carruthers, *Coll. Phenom.* **1**, 147 (1973)



Phase diagram of Cabibbo and Parisi
Phys. Lett. **59B**, 67 (1975)

Arguments using asymptotic freedom by J. Collins and M. Perry,
Phys. Rev. Lett. , **34**, 1353 (1975)



Phase diagram of Baym from 1983 NSAC Long Range Plan

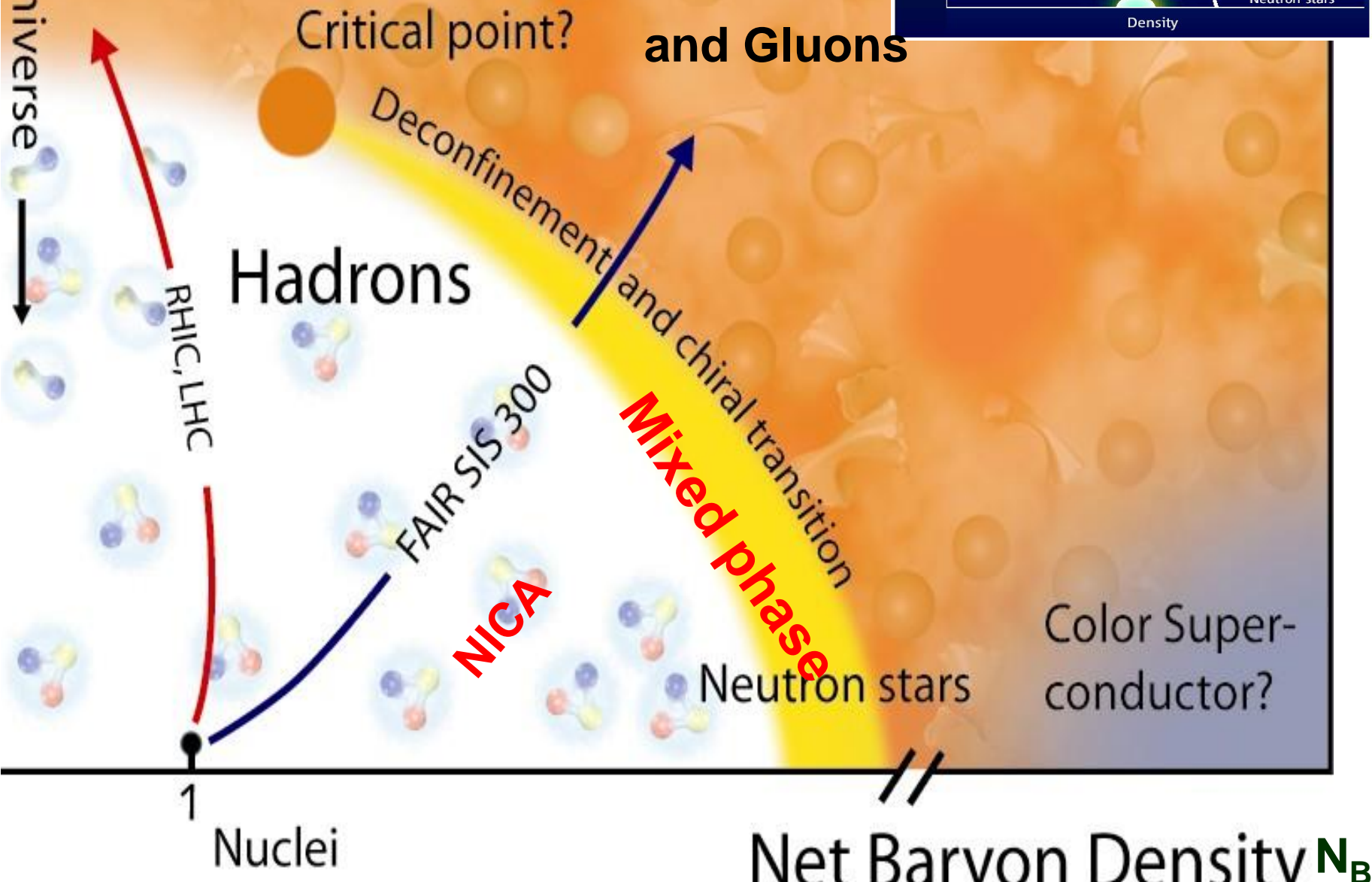
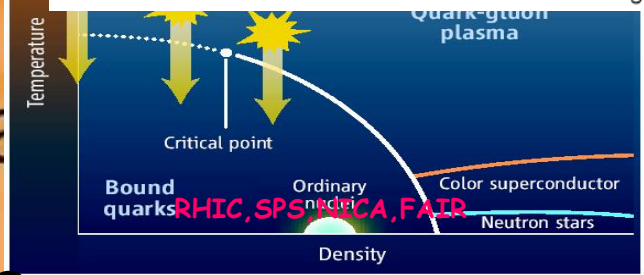
Higher order computations by Baym and Chin 1976;
McLerran and Freedman 1977;

Finite T and name Quark Gluon Plasma by Shuryak 1978;

Kapusta 1979

Early universe

Quarks and Gluons



Critical point?

Hadrons

RHIC, LHC

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Mixed phase

Deconfinement and chiral transition

Neutron stars

Color Superconductor?

Nuclei

Net Baryon Density N_B

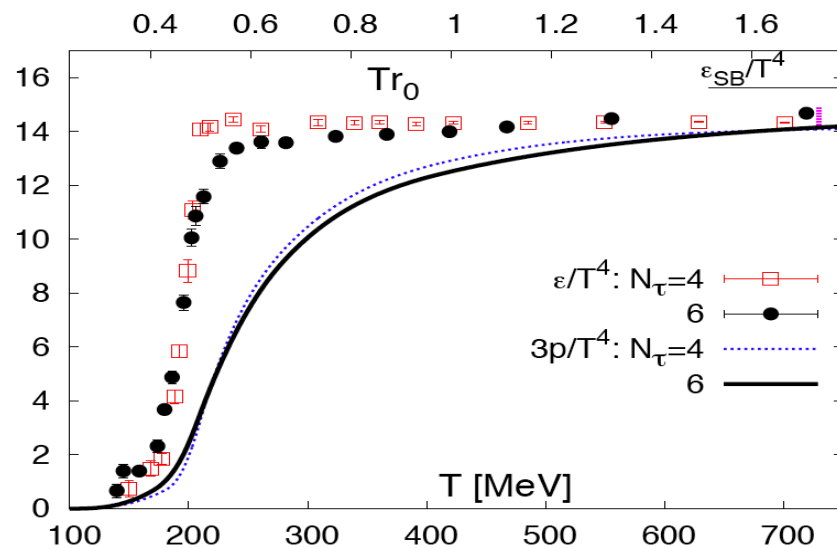
Lattice Gauge Theory and Deconfinement:



L is similar to a spin variable
 => Confinement-
 Deconfinement transition

Polyakov 1978 Suskind
 1979

$$e^{-\beta F_q} = \langle L \rangle$$



Wuppertal, Bielefeld, BNL, MILC, Mumbai ...

First lattice computations at finite T; Kuti, Polonyi and Szlachanyi; McLerran and Svetitsky

Beginning of Bielefeld lattice gauge theory effort: Engels, Gavai, Karsch, Montvay and Satz

Space-Time Picture:

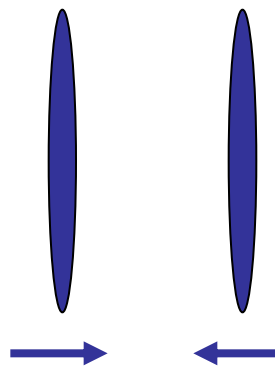
Early work on energy densities:

Shuryak 1974

Ansiehty et. al. 1980

$$\tau = \sqrt{t^2 - z^2}$$

$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{t+z}{t-z} \right)$$



Colliding Nuclei

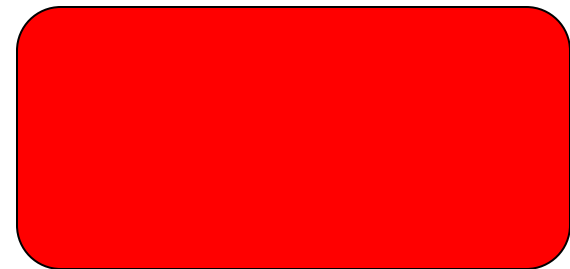
$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{2} \gamma^2 \rho_0$$



$$R = 2R_0/\gamma$$

$$E = \gamma M_N V_0 \rho_0$$

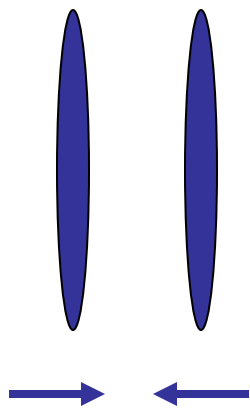
Collision



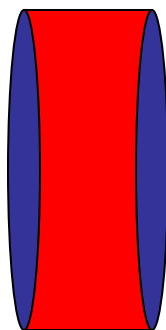
Landau Hydrodynamics

Expanding Fireball

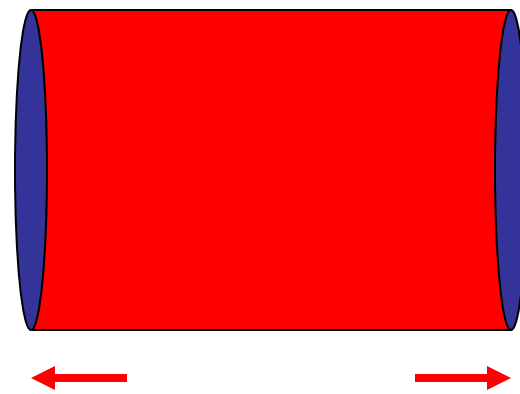
Landau
Feynman
Bjorken



Bjorken Hydrodynamics



$$\epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{\pi R^2 \tau_0} \frac{dE_T}{dy}$$



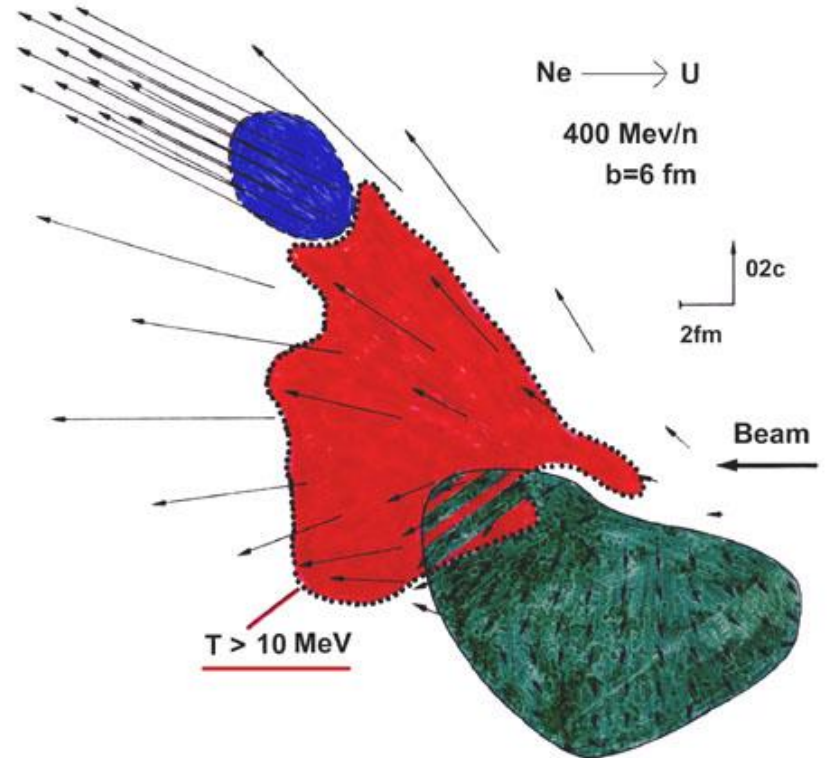
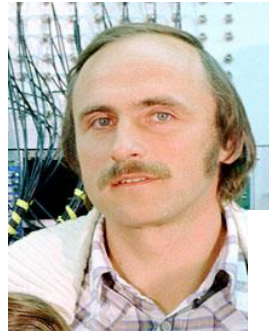
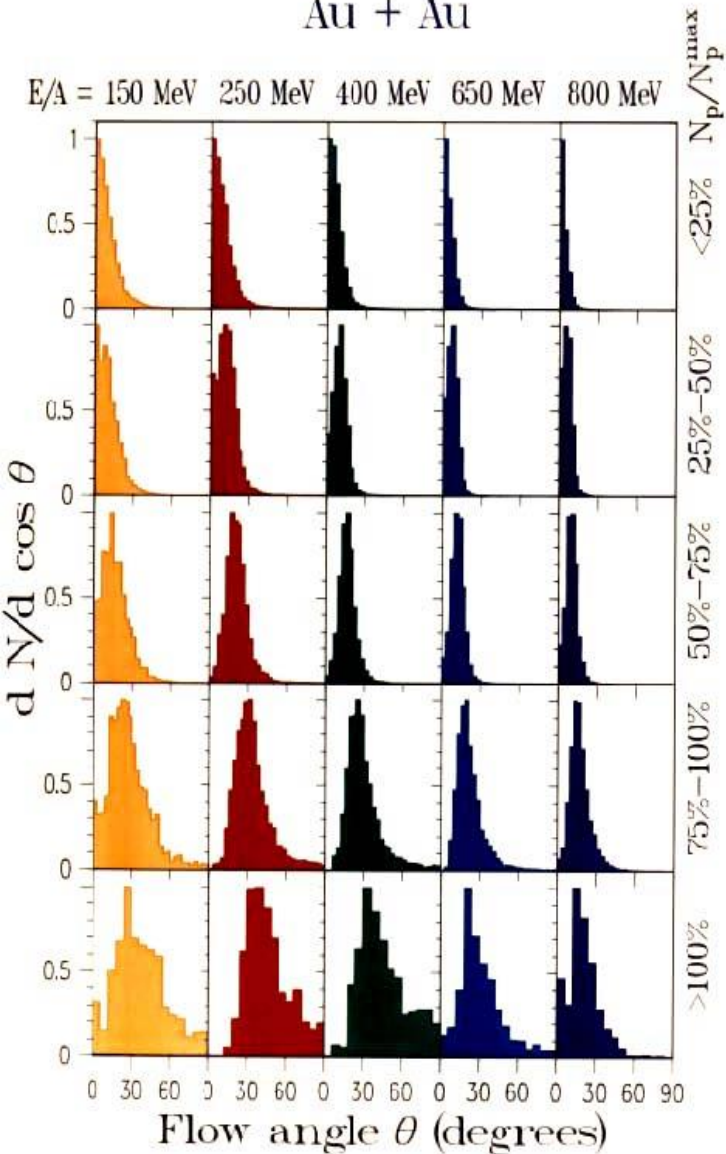
Longitudinal flow

$$y = \eta$$

Discovery of Flow at the Bevalac

Plastic Ball and Streamer Chamber

Au + Au



Hydrodynamic Descriptions:

Bjorken 1983

Baym, Friman, Blaizot, Soyeur and Czyz 1983

Greiner, Stocker 1986

Ruuskanen et al 1986 ----

Teaney, Shuyrak 2000

U Heinz 2000 -

A Muronga 2002 --

Kovtun, Son and Starinets 2004 --

Successfully Predicts:

Momentum space distributions

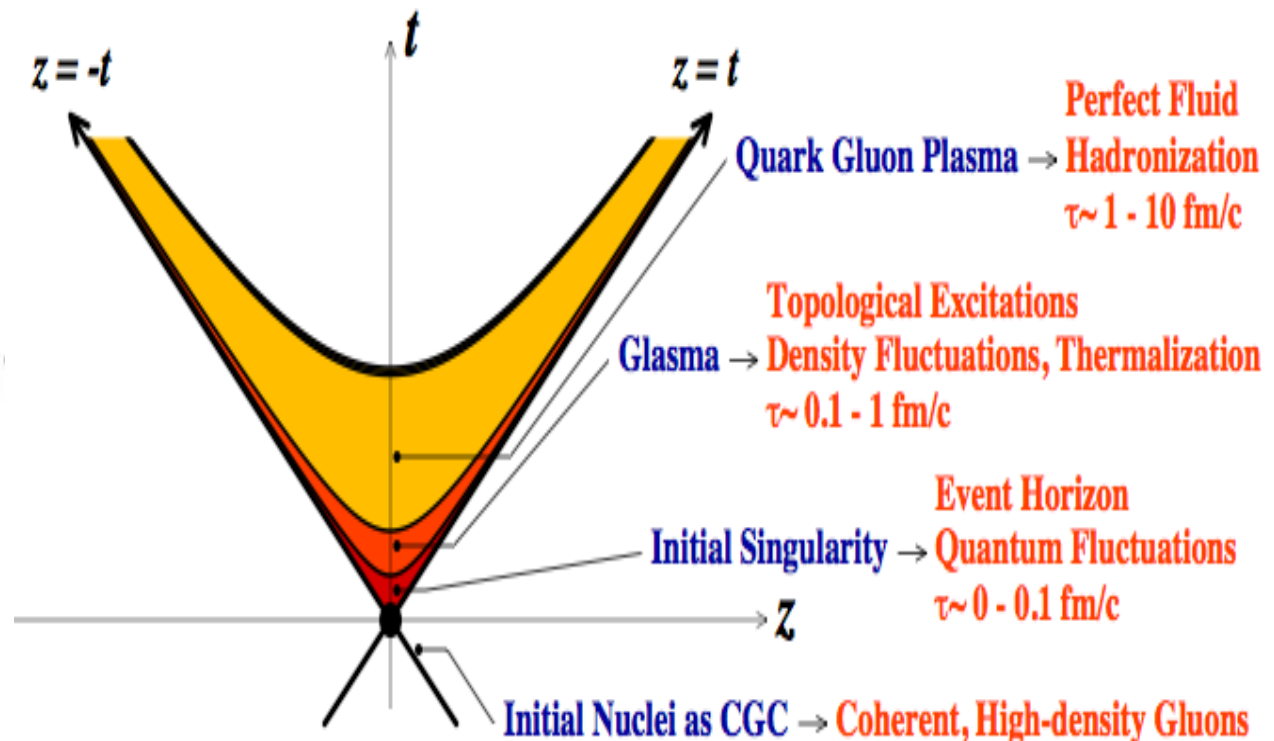
Collective effects

Space time evolution

Various correlations

Strongly Interacting Quark Gluon Plasma

An evolving story of rich variety of forms of high energy density matter

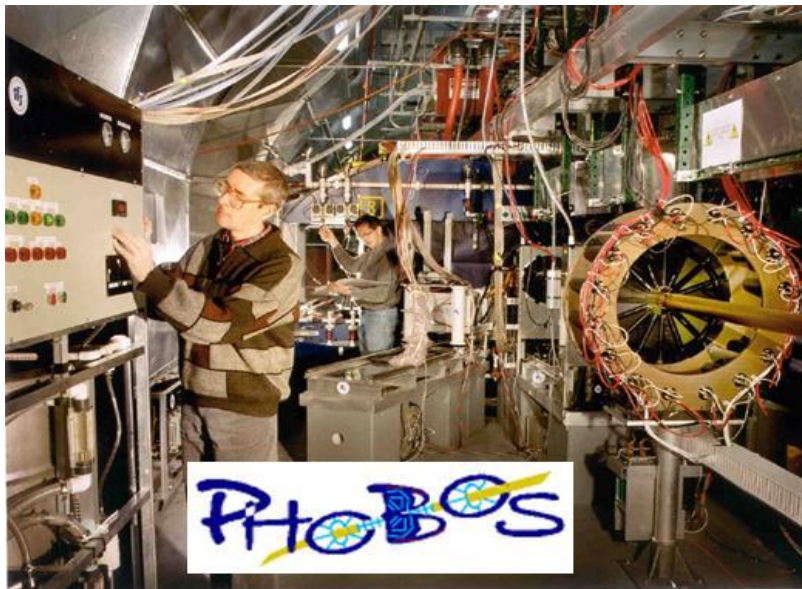


RHIC Program

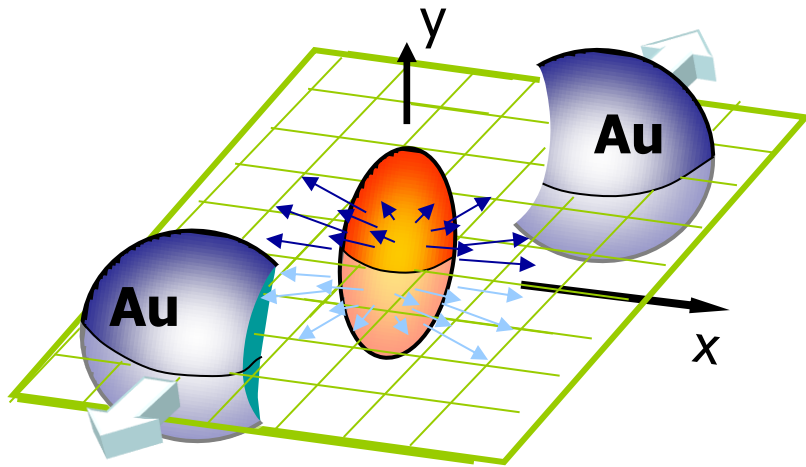
1200 Physicists

50 Countries

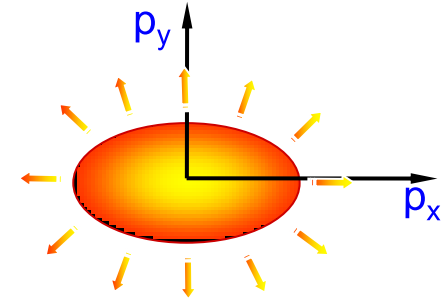
2000 Publications



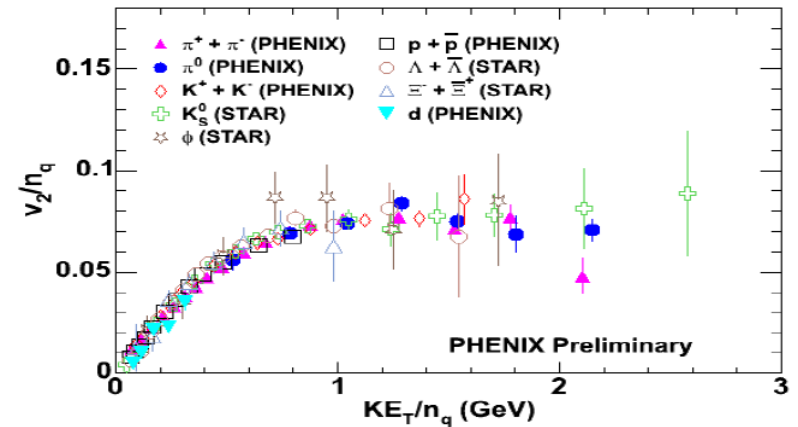
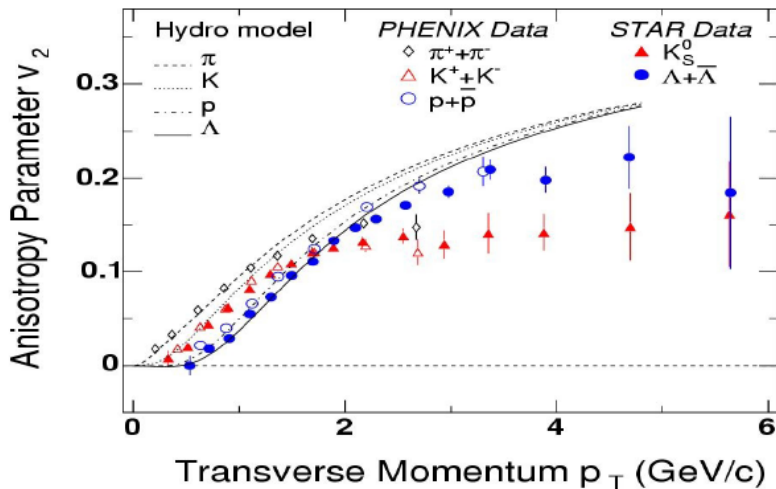
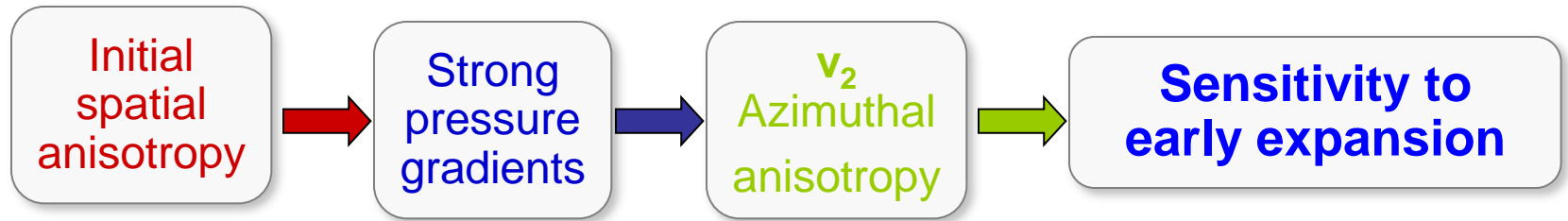
Elliptic Flow (V_2)



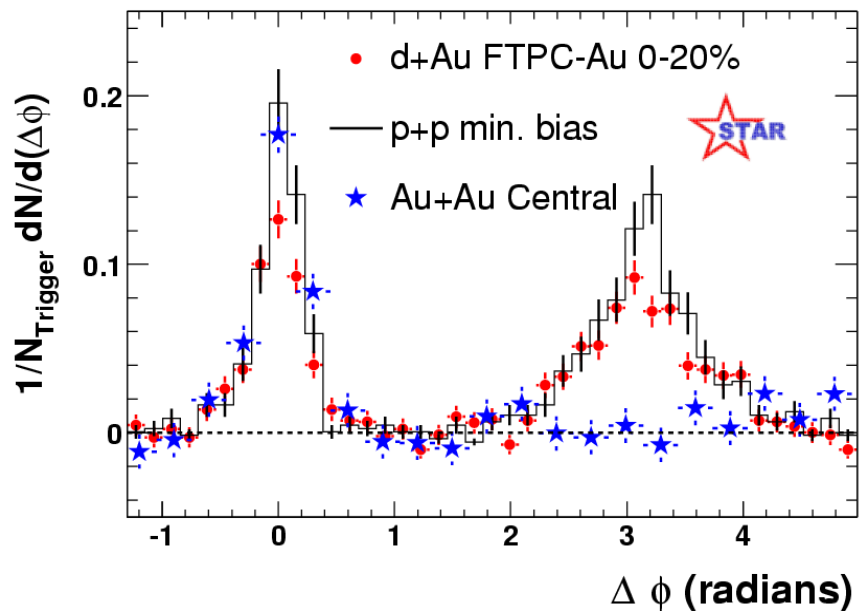
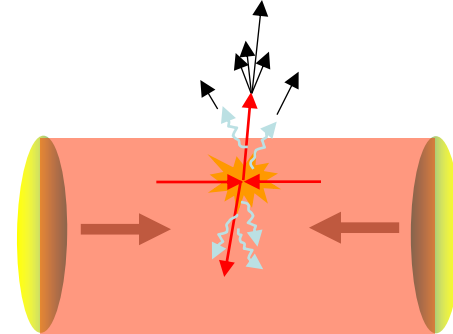
momentum space



$$dN/d\phi = 1 + 2 V_2 \cos 2 (\phi - \psi) + \dots$$



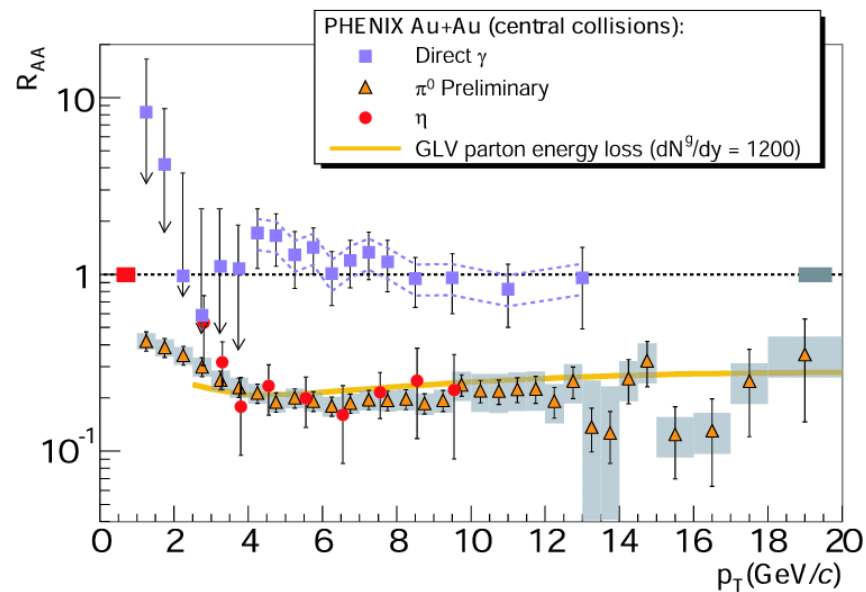
Jets Modified by the Medium



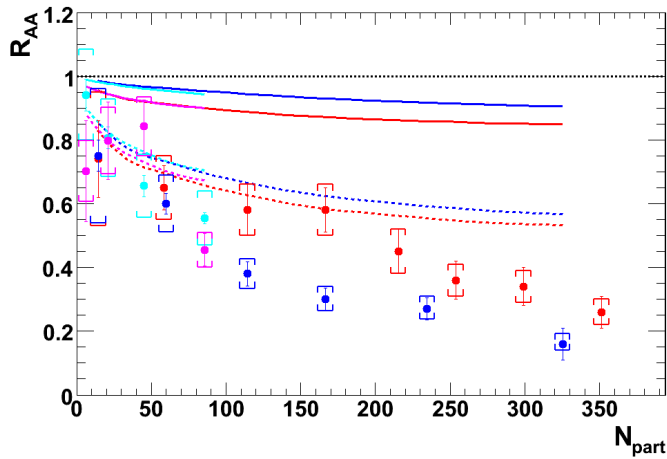
Away side suppression

$$4 < p_T(\text{trig}) < 6 \text{ GeV}/c$$

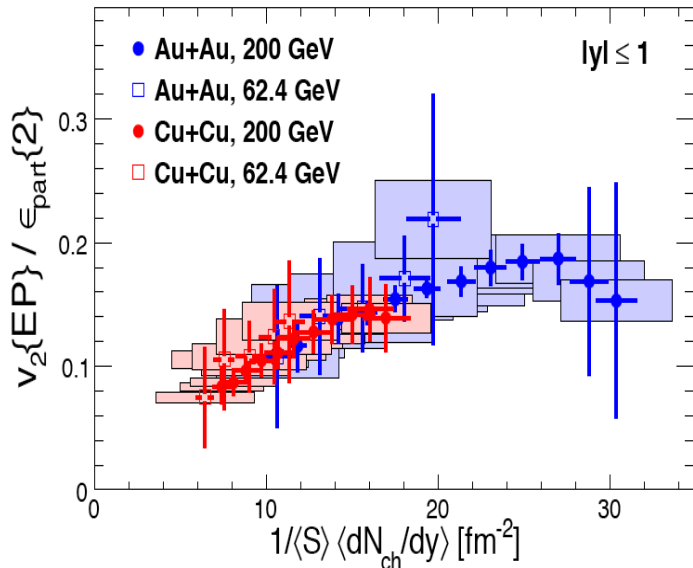
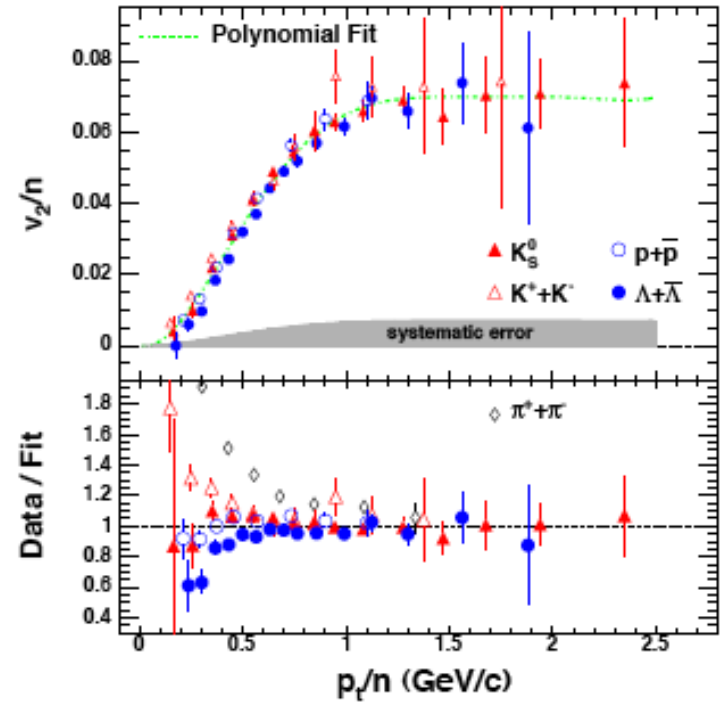
$$p_T(\text{assoc}) > 2 \text{ GeV}/c$$



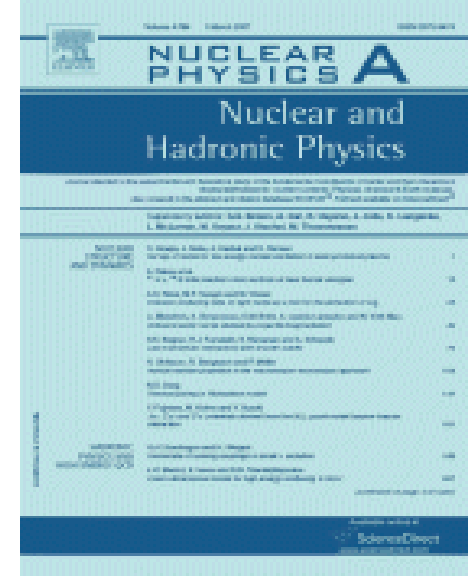
J/Ψ



- Red : Au+Au $|y| < 0.35$
- Magenta : Cu+Cu $|y| < 0.35$
- Blue : Au+Au $1.2 < |y| < 2.2$
- Aqua : Cu+Cu $1.2 < |y| < 2.2$



- Flow and transverse momentum distributions consistent with ideal hydrodynamics
- Jet quenching implies very opaque medium
- Scaling laws in flow data consistent with naïve recombination picture
- J/Ψ and HBT data not simply understood
- Heavy quark energy loss not understood



RHIC Scientists Serve Up "Perfect" Liquid

New state of matter more remarkable than predicted -- raising many new questions

April 18, 2005

Peer Reviewed Papers

- [Experimental evaluation by the PHENIX collaboration](#)
- [The STAR Collaboration's Critical Assessment of the Evidence from RHIC Collisions](#)
- [The PHOBOS perspective on discoveries at RHIC](#)
- [The perspective from the BRAHMS experiment](#)

Future tools:

Stochastic beam cooling and increased luminosity

Detector improvements for dA studies

Low energy run and the phase diagram

Variable energy and beam A and Z

Nuclear Physics **A757** (2005)

See also proceedings of New Discoveries at RHIC, RIKEN-BNL Center Workshop, *Nucl. Phys. A750* (2005)

Physics:

Charmonium, charm and jet studies

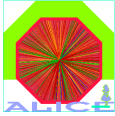
dA and CGC

Phase diagram at finite baryon density

Event by event P and CP violation



What is left to do at LHC ?



Assumption: 'QGP' has been established at RHIC prior to LHC

- ⇒ **Search** may be essentially over
- ⇒ **Discovery** is well under way (with fantastic results & surprises at RHIC)
- ⇒ **Measuring** has begun and is on-going

● pre-RHIC tasks: precision measurements

- ⇒ **quantitative and systematic study** of this state of matter
(‘ LEP after W/Z discovery at SppS’)
- ★ **different state** (by large factors) in energy density, lifetime, volume
- ★ **new signals** (‘hard probes’) : heavy quark states (b,c), jets

● post – RHIC result tasks: continue discovery

- ⇒ confirm interpretations by **testing predictions/extrapolation** to LHC
- ⇒ is initial state dominated by yet **another new state of matter** (dense quantum state) ?
- ★ **Color Glass Condensate ?** (QCD in classical Field Theory limit)

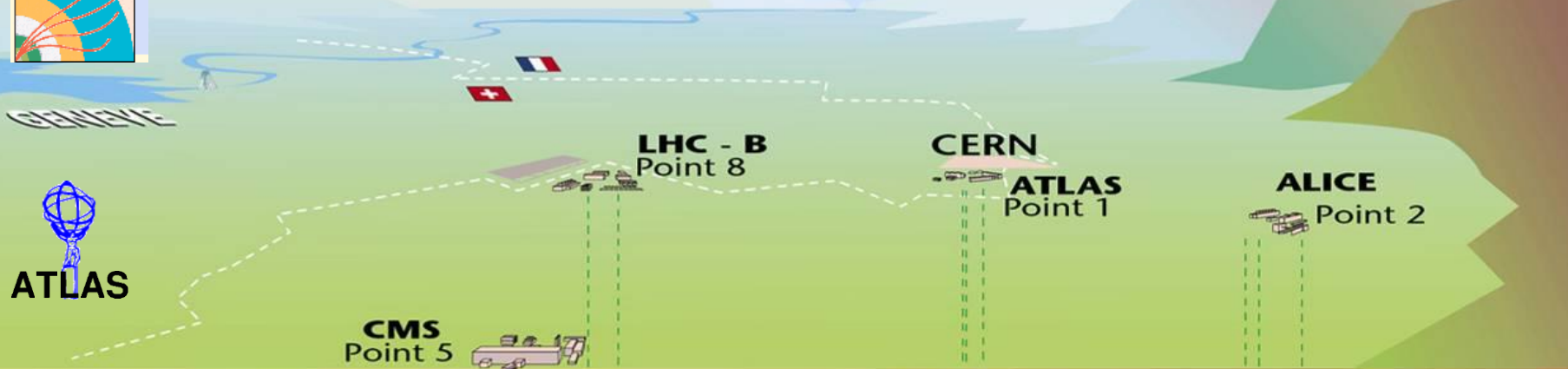
● surprises may still lie ahead more to search for ?

- ⇒ transition from **strongly coupled QGP** -> **ideal QGP** ?

Overall view of the LHC experiments.



One dedicated HI experiment: ALICE
Two pp experiments with HI program: ATLAS and CMS



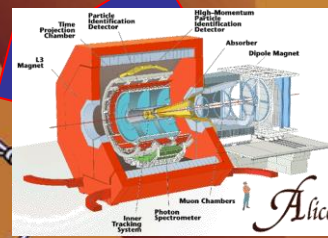
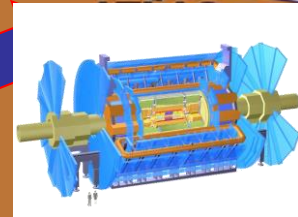
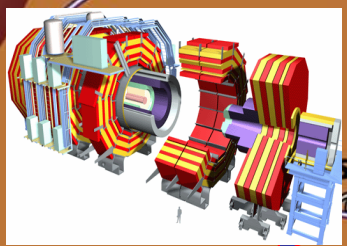
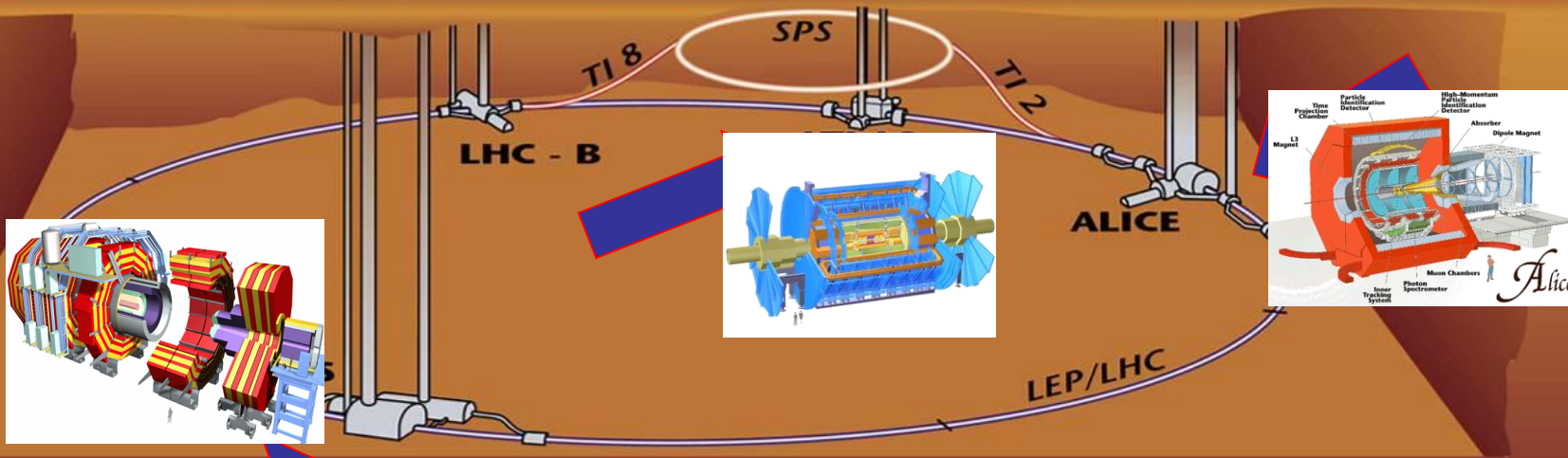
CMS Point 5

LHC - B Point 8

CERN

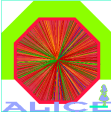
ATLAS Point 1

ALICE Point 2





Past-Present-Future



● AGS/SPS: 1986 – 1994

- ⇒ existence & properties of **hadronic phase**
 - ☆ chemical & thermal freeze-out, collective flow, ...

● SPS: 1994 – 2003

- ⇒ ‘**compelling evidence** for **new state of matter** with many **properties** predicted for **QGP**’
 - ☆ J/Ψ (Ψ', χ ?) suppression (**deconfinement** ?)
 - ☆ low mass lepton pairs (**chiral restoration** ?)

● RHIC: 2000 - ?

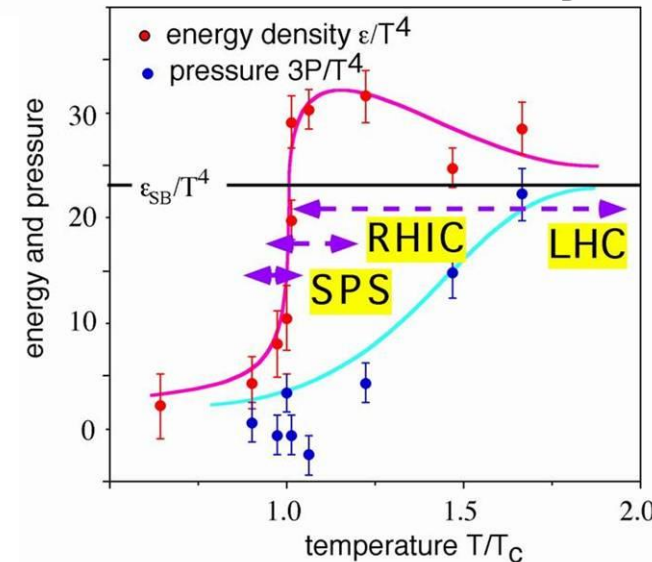
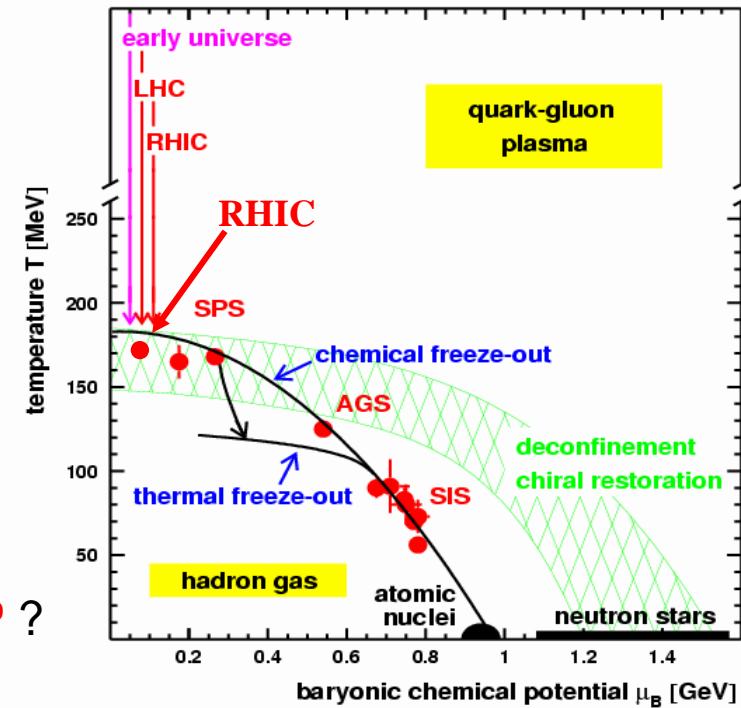
- ⇒ **compelling evidence** -> **establishing** the (s)QGP ?
 - ☆ parton flow
 - ☆ parton energy loss (‘jet quenching’)

● LHC: 2008 - ??

- ⇒ **precision spectroscopy**, ‘**ideal plasma** ‘**QGP** ?
 - ☆ heavy quarks (c,b), Jets, Y, thermal photons
- ⇒ continue **exploration** and **discovery** of QCD

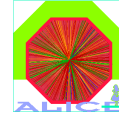
LHC: will open the **next chapter** in HI physics
significant step over & above existing facilities

THE place to do **frontline research** after 2007

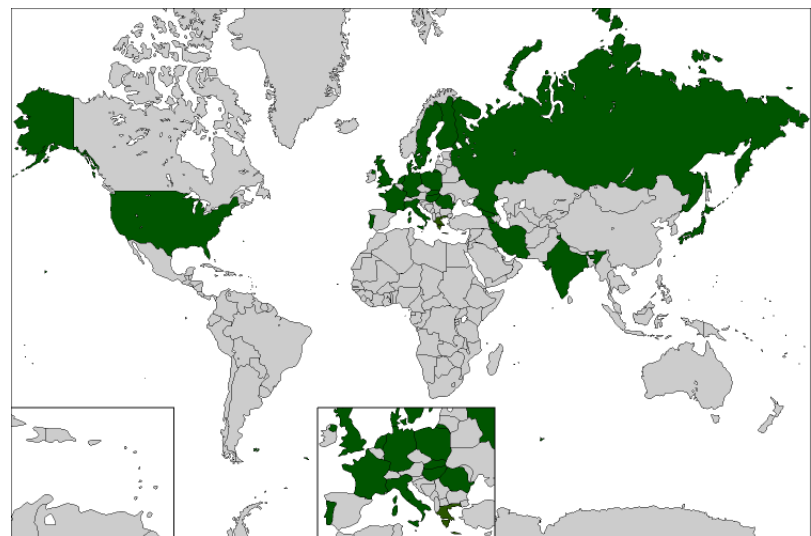




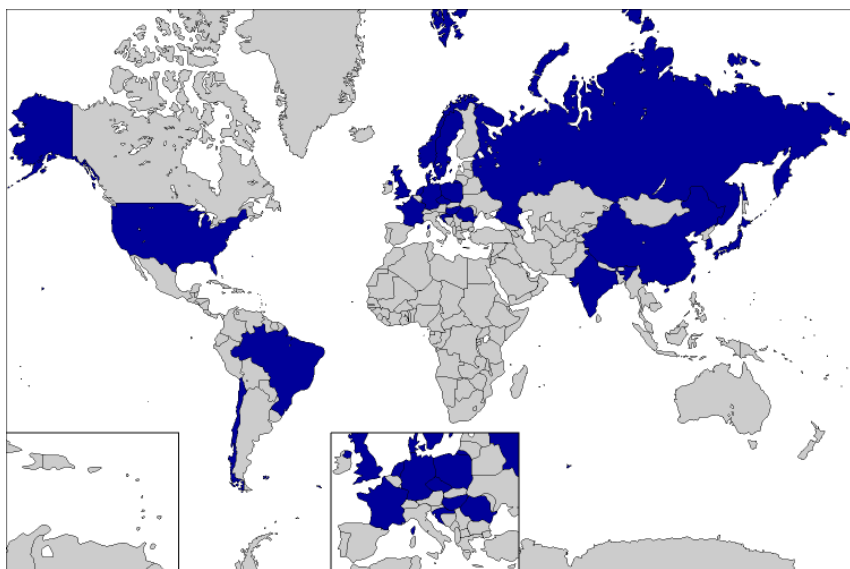
From the Bevelac to the LHC:



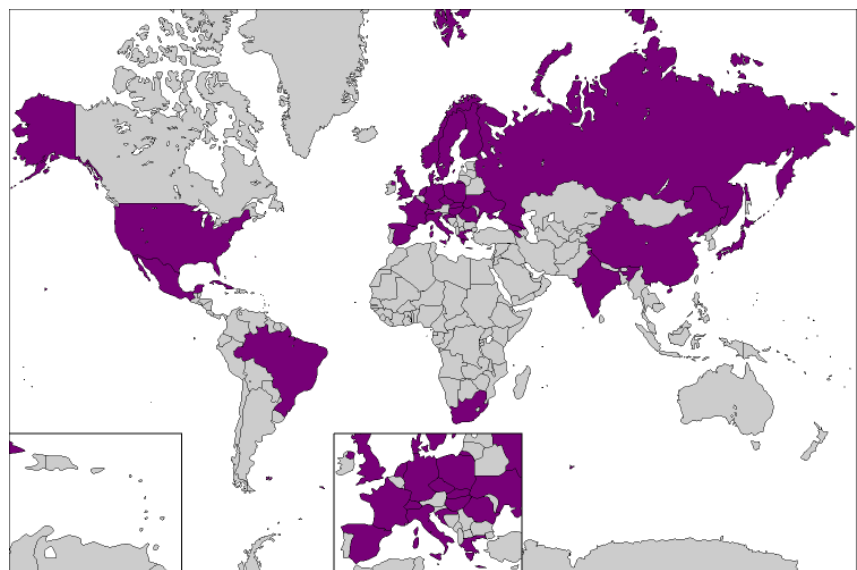
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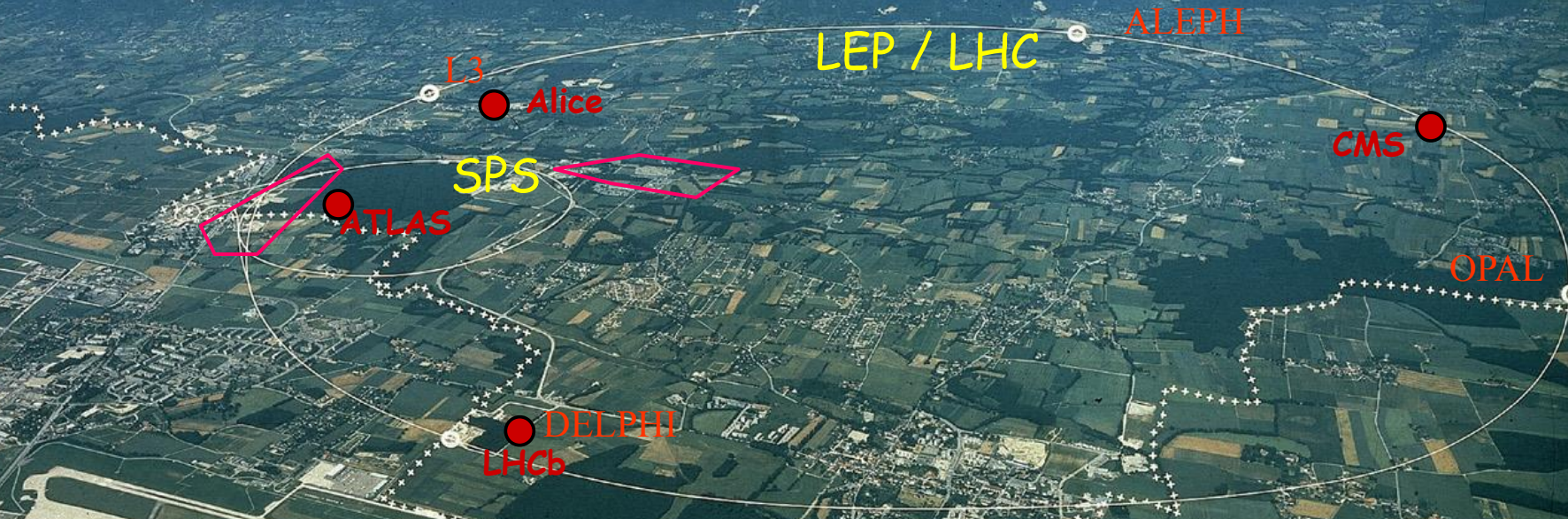


RHIC



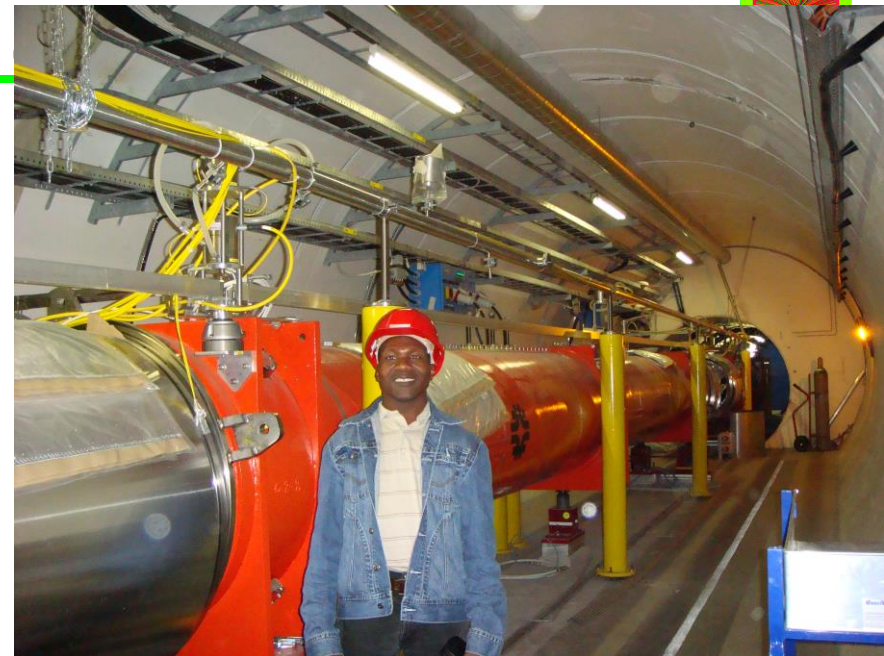
Heavy Ions at LHC

CERN / Genf



LEP: e^+e^- Kollisionen 1989 - 2000

LHC: p-p Kollisionen ab 2007





The Quark-Gluon Plasma

A Master of Disguise and Deception



"...HOLD STILL, LARRY. IT'S TAKING ANOTHER PICTURE..."

Walt Handelman, New Orleans Times-Picayune