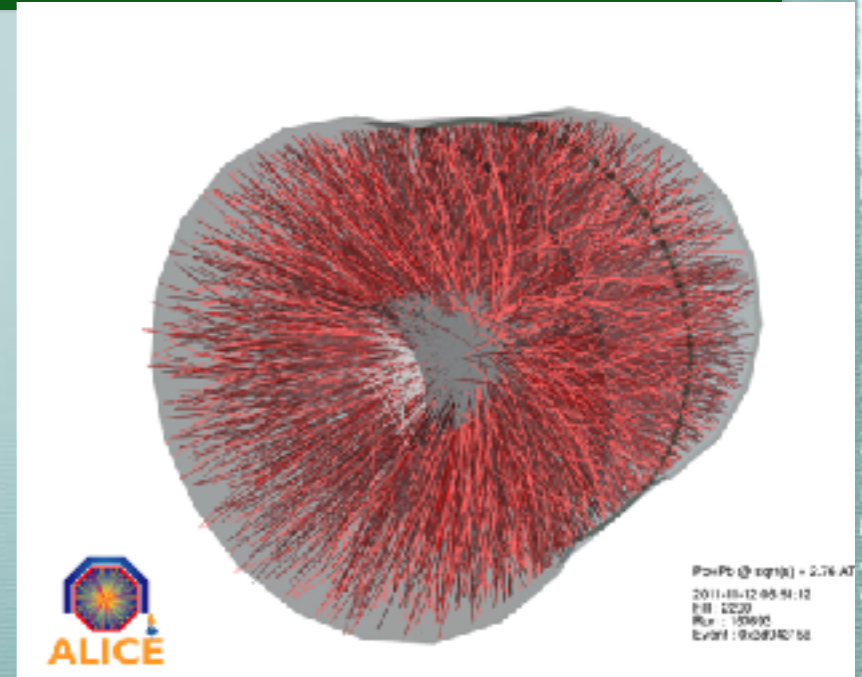
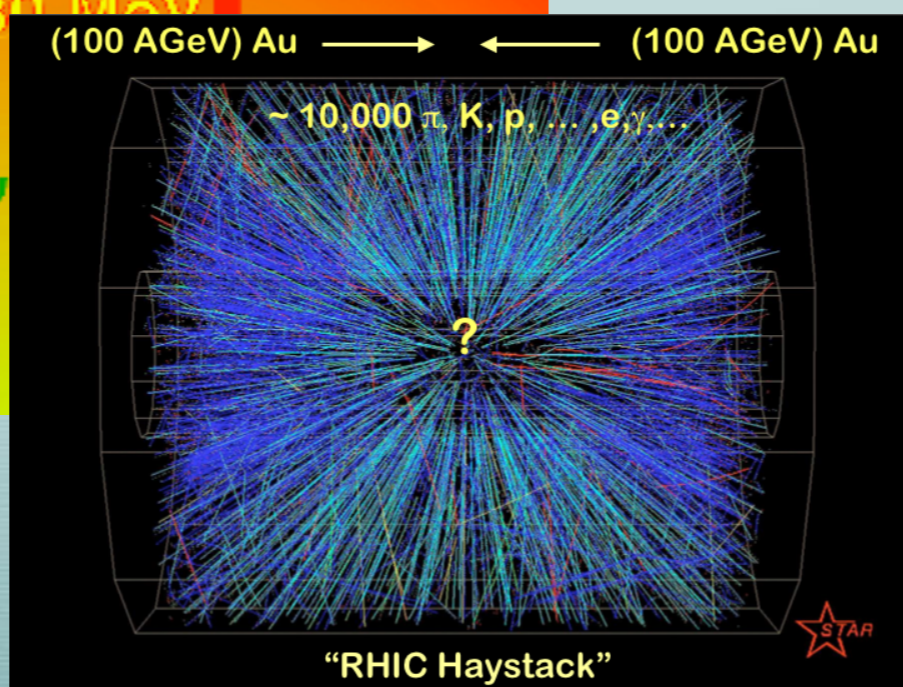


The discovery of the Quark-Gluon plasma :  
 the 2000 announcement

*Luciano Maiani*  
*Universita' di Roma La Sapienza and INFN Roma*



Au-Au @ RHIC, from STAR  
 L. Maiani. How did we get there

Pb-Pb @ LHC, from ALICE

# How did we get there? a personal recollection

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## SPECIAL SEMINAR

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TITLE : A New State of Matter:  
Results from the CERN Lead-Beam Programme  
TIME : Thursday 10 February at 09.30 hrs  
PLACE : Council Chamber, bldg 503

### ABSTRACT

This special seminar aims at an assessment of the results from the heavy ion programme with lead ion beams at CERN which was started in 1994. A series of talks will cover the essential experimental findings and their interpretation in terms of the creation of a new state of matter at about 20 times the energy density inside atomic nuclei. The data provide evidence for colour deconfinement in the early collision stage and for a collective explosion of the collision fireball in its late stages. The new state of matter exhibits many of the characteristic features of the theoretically predicted Quark-Gluon Plasma.

**Ulrich Heinz (CERN)**  
Making Quark-Gluon Matter in Relativistic Nuclear Collisions

**Louis Kluberg (IN<sup>2</sup>P<sup>3</sup>)**  
The  $J/\psi$  suppression pattern observed in Pb-Pb collisions ions: a signature for the production of a new state of matter.

**Johanna Stachel (University of Heidelberg)**  
Virtual and real photons radiated by the cooling and hadronizing fireball.

**Reinhard Stock (University of Frankfurt)**  
Hadron Signals of the Little Bang.

**Emanuele Quercigh (CERN)**  
Strange signals of a new state of matter from nuclear collisions at SPS.

**Luciano Maiani (Director General, CERN)**  
Summary.

# Introduction

At the end of the sixties, two models of fundamental interactions:

- "Bootstrap" models: all hadrons are composite of one another
  - "Elementary particle" model: photons, leptons, quarks
- They predicted very different behaviour of nuclear matter at high temperature, so, it was not possible to understand the primordial Universe, before the nuclear physics age (the "first three minutes")
  - Bootstrap model predicted
    - exponentially rising level spectrum, ...
    - limiting temperature (Hagedorn) that can be estimated from the hadron spectrum:  $T=170-180$  MeV
  - Elementary constituents:
    - a gas of free quarks and gluons, any temperature
  - Then came the discovery of almost free, point-like constituents of matter, ...asymptotic freedom, QCD, gluons...

$$\rho(m) = m^\alpha \exp(m/B)$$

# A phase transition?

- N. Cabibbo, G. Parisi (1975) suggested that the Hagedorn limiting temperature is just the critical temperature of a (second order) phase transition between a gas of hadrons (made of confined quarks), and a gas of deconfined quarks and gluons (quark & gluon plasma)

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“We suggest ... a different phase of the vacuum in which quarks are not confined”

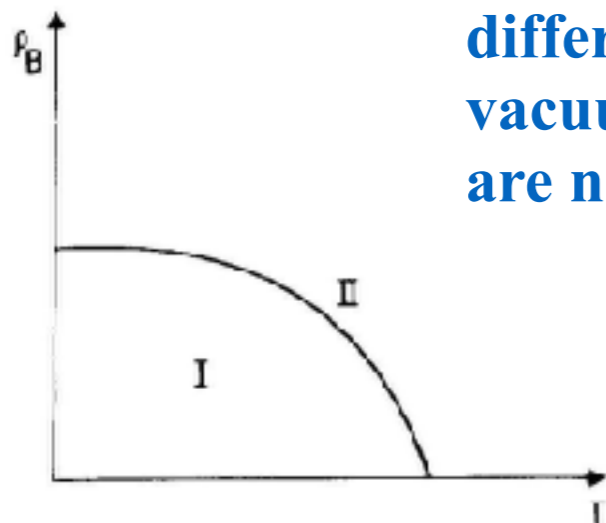
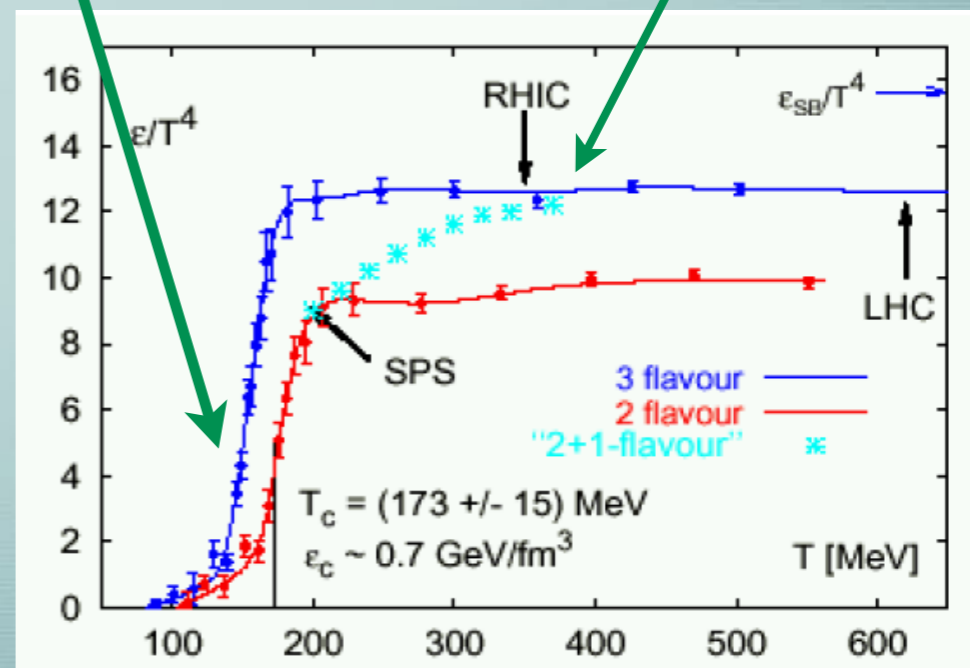


Fig. 1. Schematic phase diagram of hadronic matter.  $\rho_B$  is the density of baryonic number. Quarks are confined in phase I and unconfined in phase II.

Hadron Gas ?

QGP ?

Lattice QCD calculations of the energy density of hadronic matter vs.  $T$  (F. Karsch, Lattice QCD at High Temperature and Density, hep-lat/0106019).



- a true phase transition ? cross-over only?
- chiral symmetry restored ??
- transition to an asymptotically free gas ??
- intermediate phase of a strongly interacting Quark Gluon Plasma?
- are there other phases of hadronic matter?



- A skier (quark?) is confined inside snow patches (hadrons?)

Temperature



- the skier can move further...a new phase develops

..goes up



- a skier (quark?) can move freely over long distances...

..this way

# The Heavy Ion Facility

- Nuclear matter at high temperature can be studied in the collisions of Relativistic Ions
- Theory pioneered in **J. Bjorken, Phys. Rev. D27, 140 (1983)**
- A new branch of nuclear physics took shape in the 80's and 90's.

The heavy-ion facility was constructed as a collaboration between CERN and the following laboratories :

**GANIL**

**Caen**

**FRANCE**

**INFN**

**Legnaro**

**ITALY**

**Torino**

**ITALY**

**GSI**

**Institute of Applied Physics**

**Darmstadt**

**Frankfurt**

**GERMANY**

**GERMANY**

**Variable Energy Cyclotron (VECC)**

**Calcutta**

**INDIA**

**Tata Inst. of Fundamental Research (TIFR) &**

**Baba Atomic Research Centre (BARC)**

**Academy of Sciences**

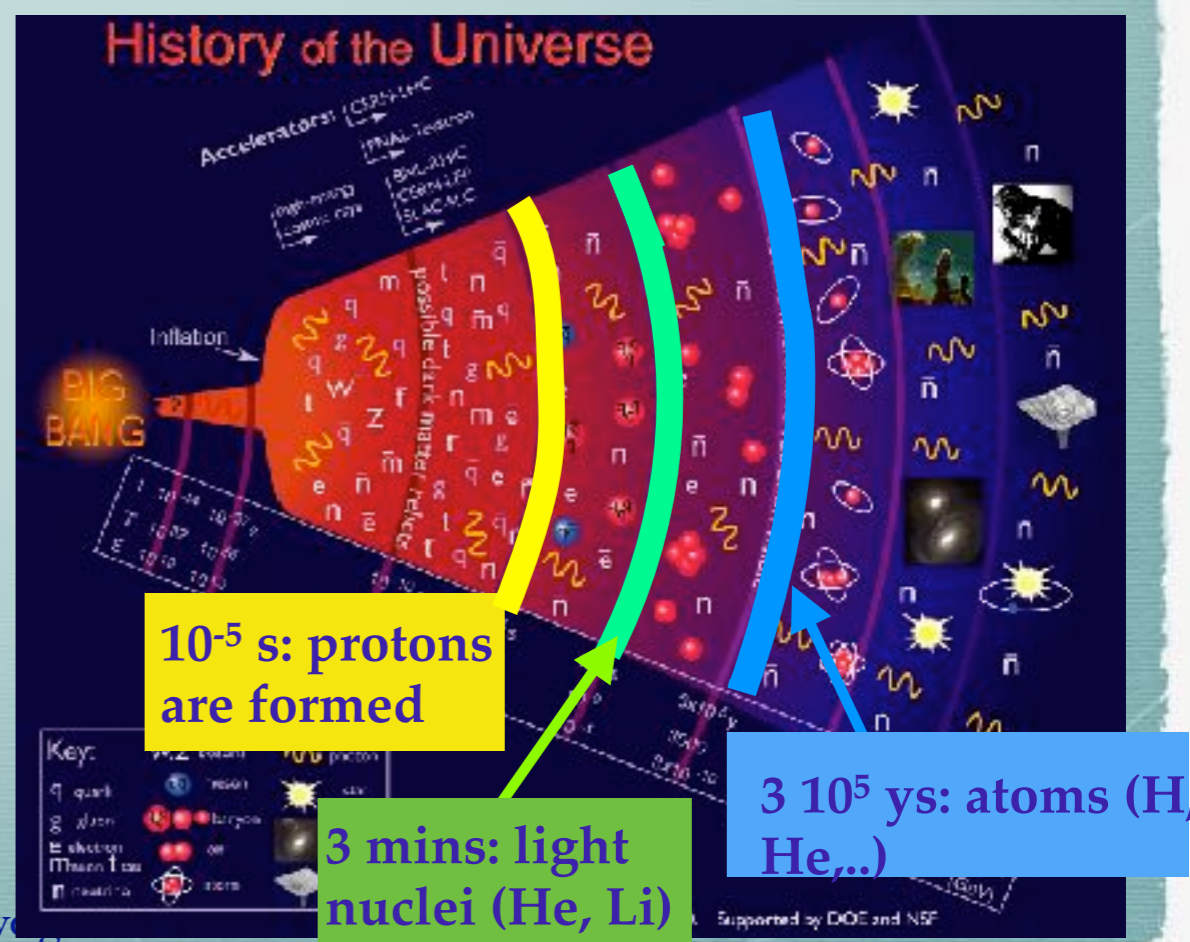
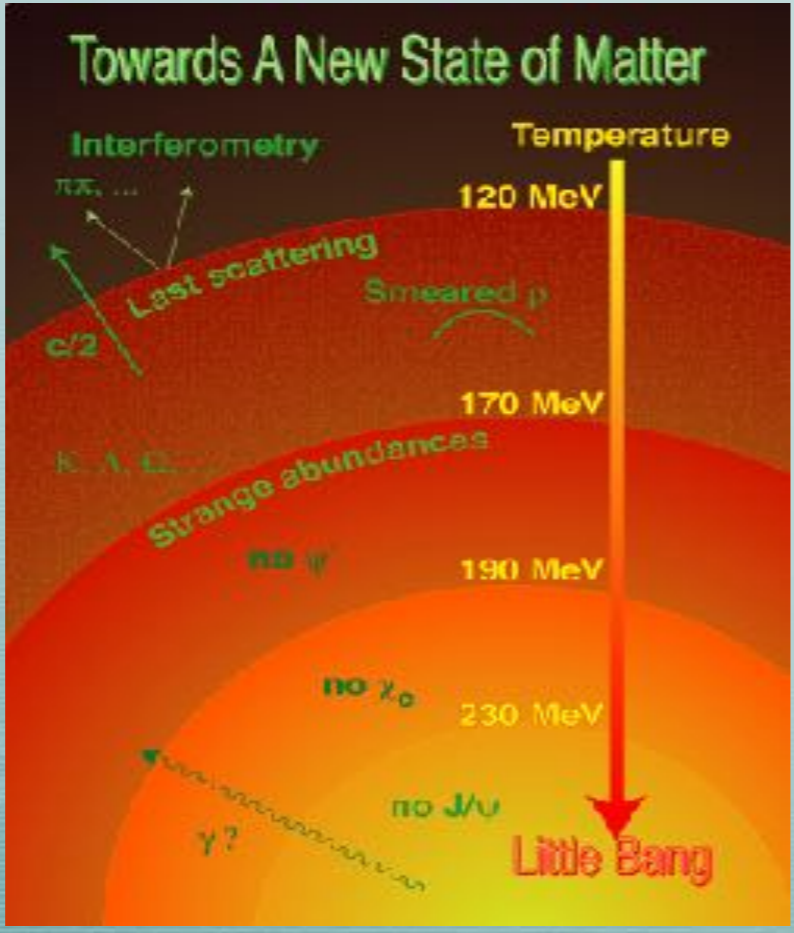
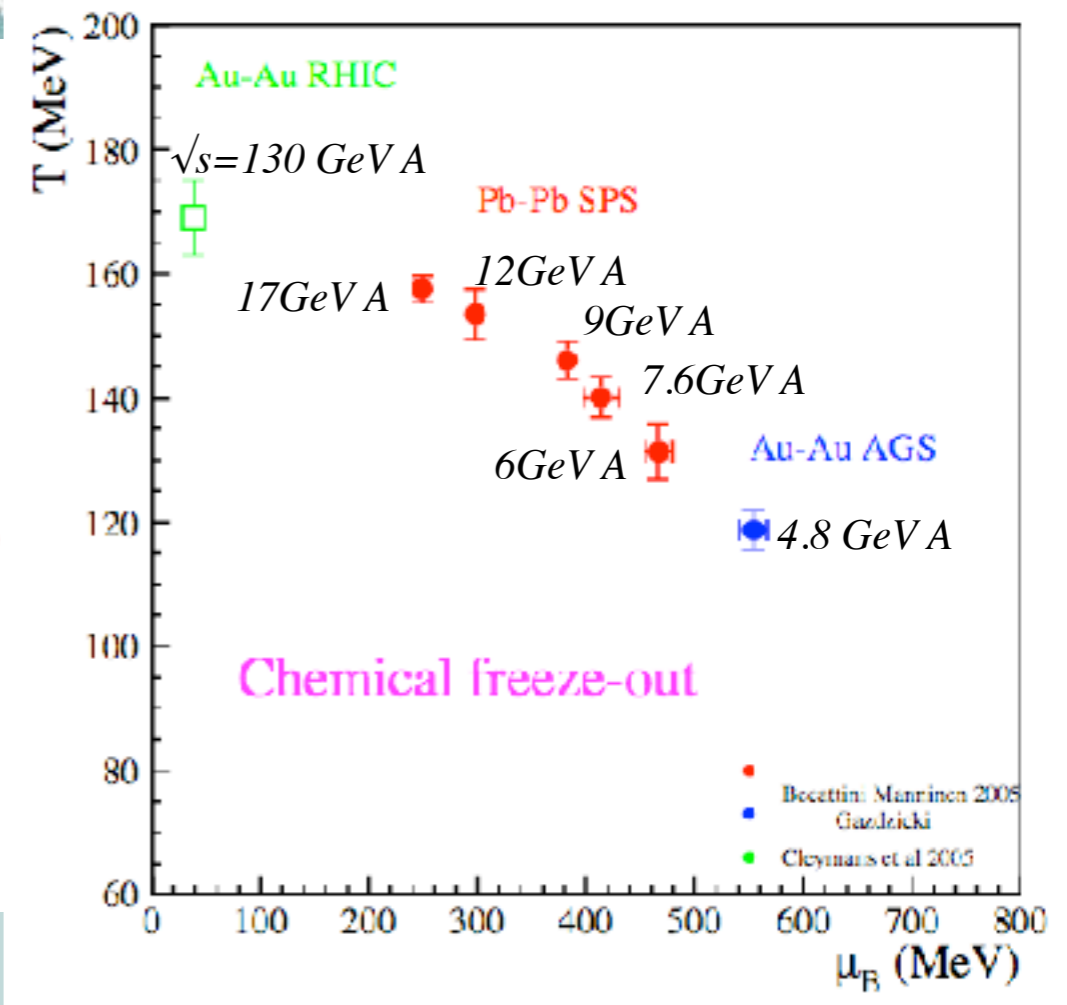
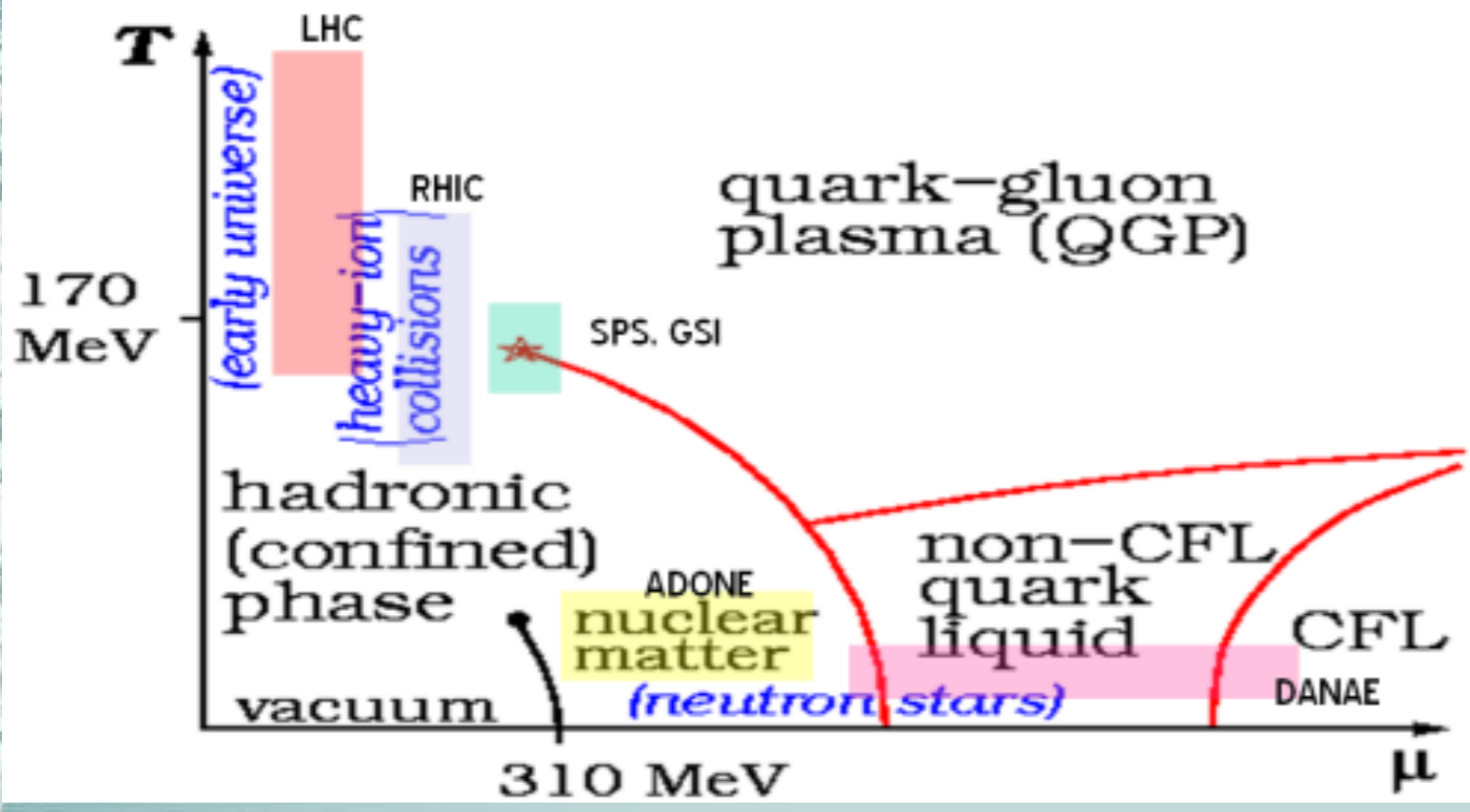
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**Prague**

**INDIA**

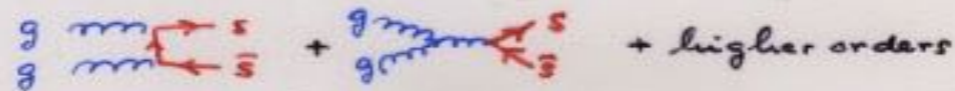
**CZECH REP.**

**In-cash contributions from: SWEDEN and SWITZERLAND**



# Key QGP predictions:

- ✓ Strangeness enhancement and chemical equilibration due to shorter time scale for  $s\bar{s}$  production: (Rafelski + Müller '82)



↔ gluon deconfinement + chiral symmetry restoration  
(high gluon density + low mass thresholds)

Hadronic background: associated production + strangeness exchange

Multi-strange (anti) baryon production inhibited by low densities and high mass thresholds in hadron gas.

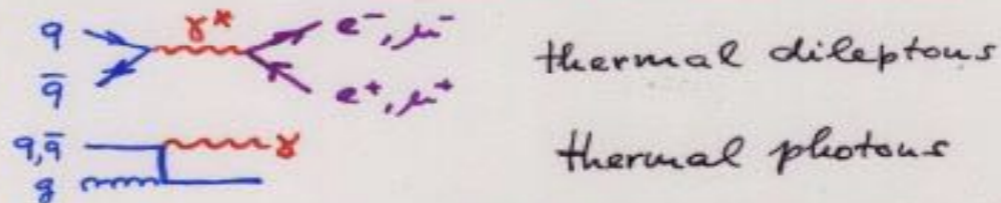
- ✓  $J/\psi, \chi_c, \psi'$  suppression due to color screening (Satz + Matsui '86)

↔ color deconfinement + high gluon density

Hadronic background: hadronic FSI with incoming nucleus and comoving produced hadrons

Comover scattering unable to reproduce observed  $\psi', \chi_c, J/\psi$  suppression pattern.

- ? Thermal electromagnetic radiation: (Shuryak, Kajantie, Ruuskanen...)



backgrounds: Drell-Yan,  $D \rightarrow K\pi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ , bremsstrahlung from charged hadrons;  $\pi^0, \eta, \dots \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

Marginal S/B @ SPS, but more hope at RHIC and LHC (thermal rate  $\sim T^4$ )



# Strangeness enhancement & chemical equilibration

- (1) Hadron yields compatible with chemical equilibrium at

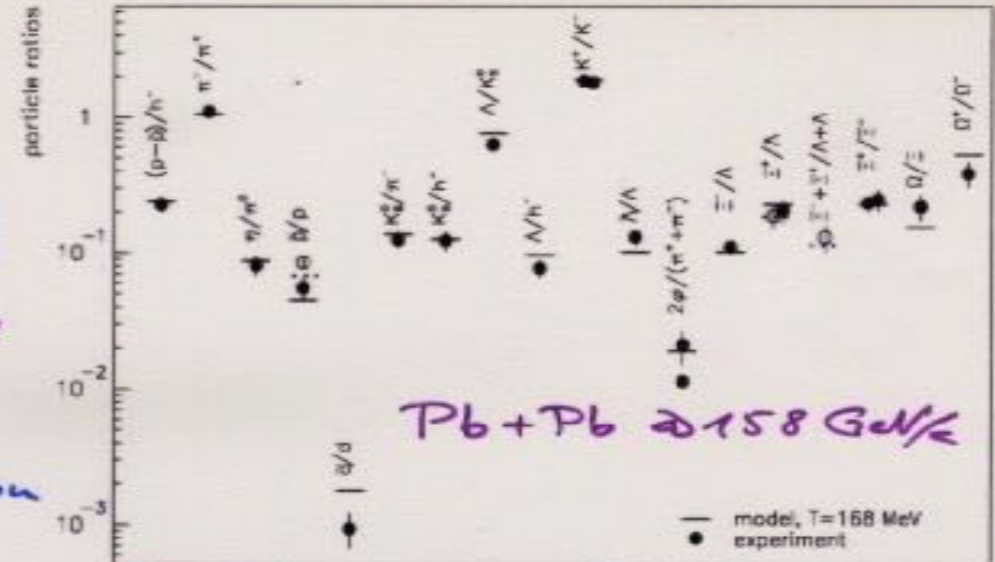
$$T_{\text{chem}} = 168 \text{ MeV} \approx T_{\text{had}}$$

"pre-established chemical equilibrium"



statistical hadronization of quarks & gluons

(U.H., QM97; R. Stock, PLB456,277)



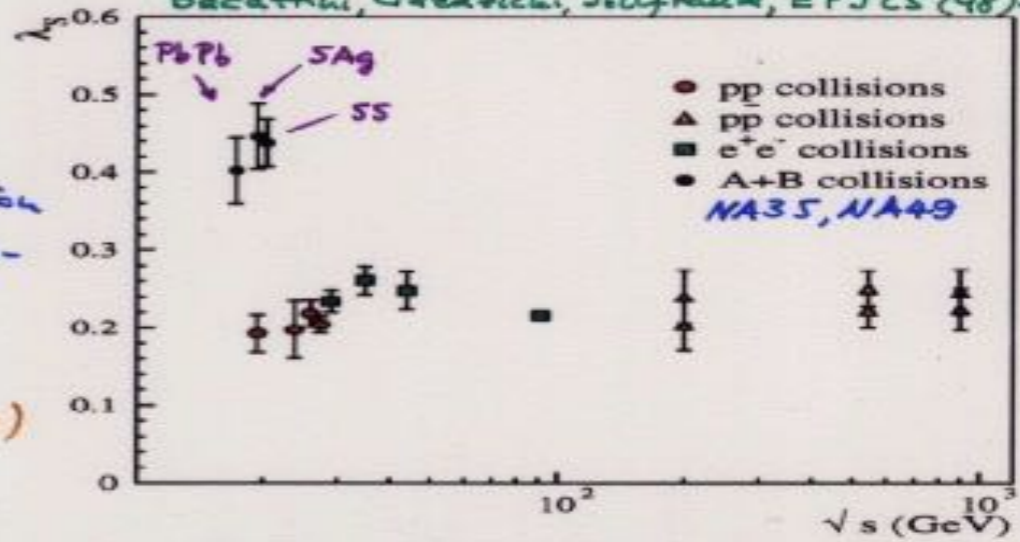
Braun-Kraussinger, Keppe, Stachel, PLB465(99)15

- (2) Global strangeness enhancement by factor 2



rapid strangeness production before or during hadronization

(Rafelski + Müller, '82; Zimanyi et al., Frieman, Knoll et al, '88-'90)



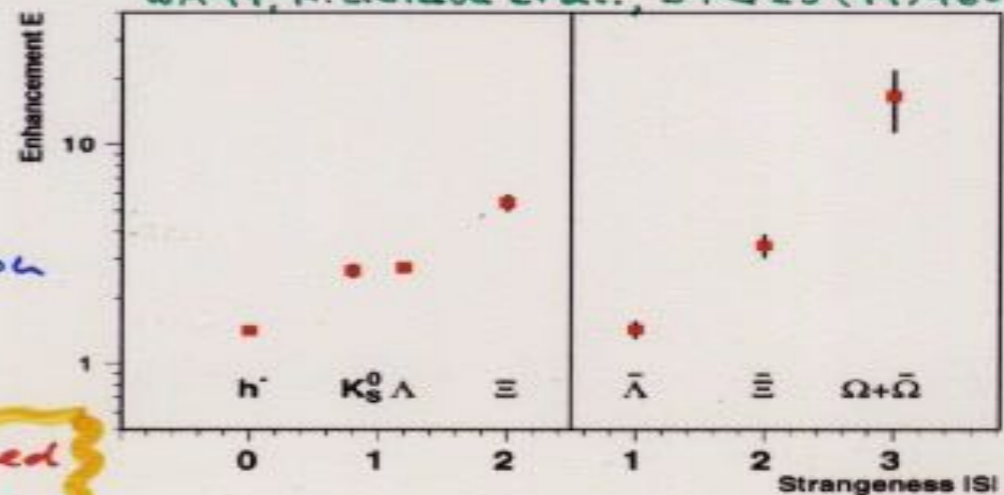
WA97, R. Lietava et al., JPG 25(99)46

- (3) Large specific enhancement factors at  $\gamma_{cm}$  (PbPb vs. pBe) for multi-strange hadrons

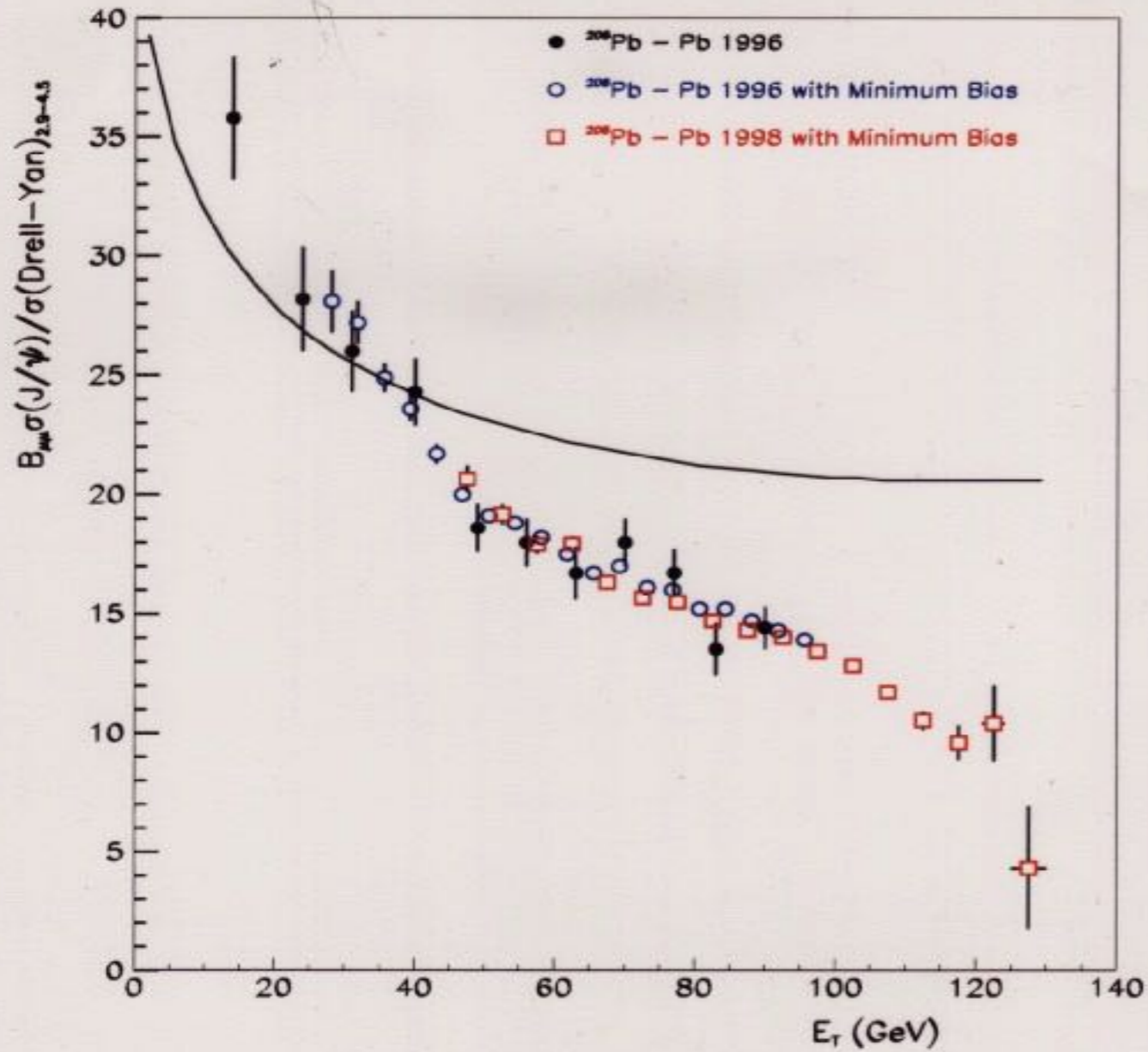


statistical hadronization

(Rafelski '91, Bialas '98)



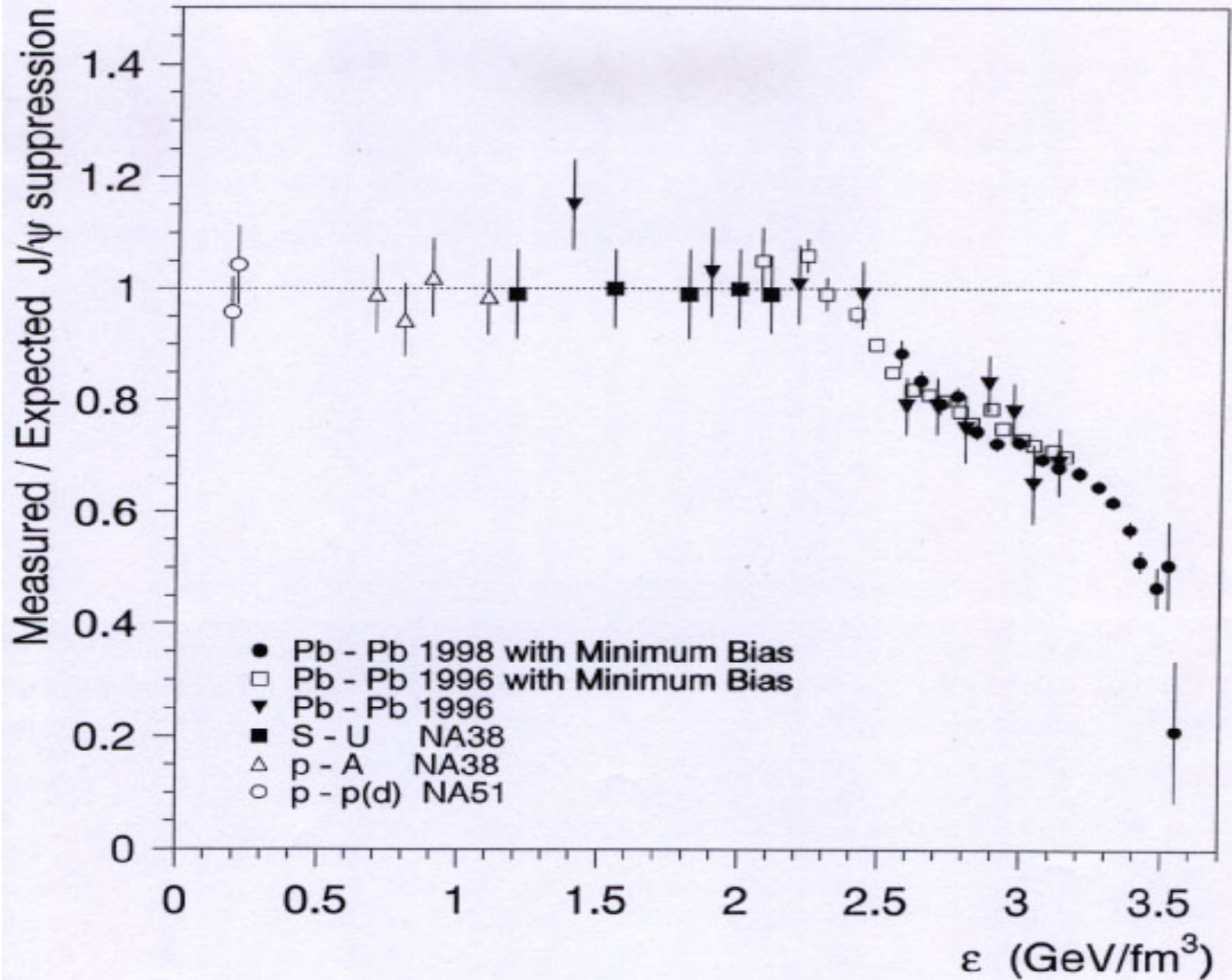
(1)-(3) cannot be explained by hadronic FSI!

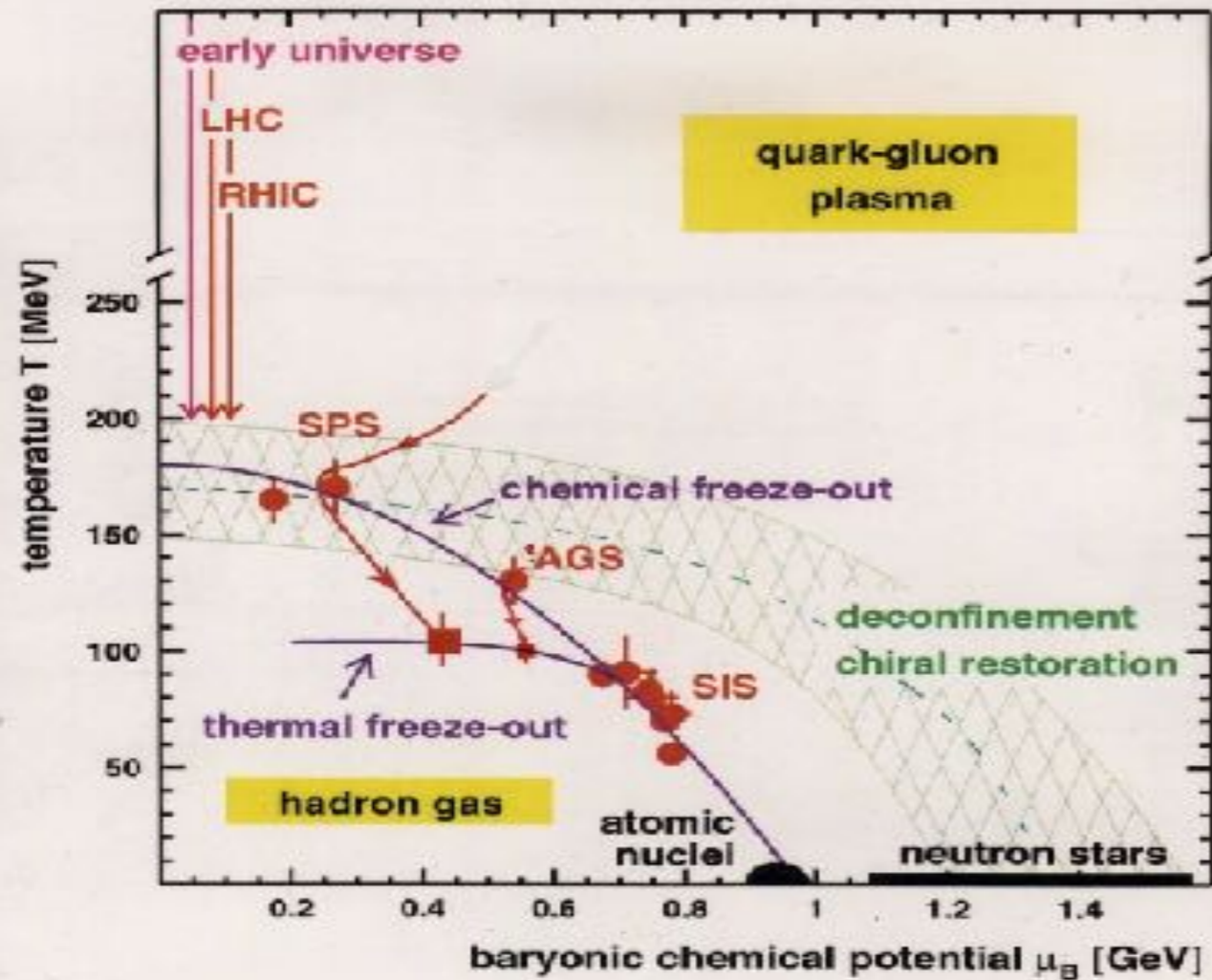


**NA50 @ QM99**

QM99

Understanding the <sup>stepwise</sup> suppression pattern





Feb 10, 2000:

*“...The data provide evidence for colour deconfinement in the early collision stage and for a collective explosion of the collision fireball in its late stages. The new state of matter exhibits many of the characteristic features of the theoretically predicted Quark-Gluon Plasma.”*

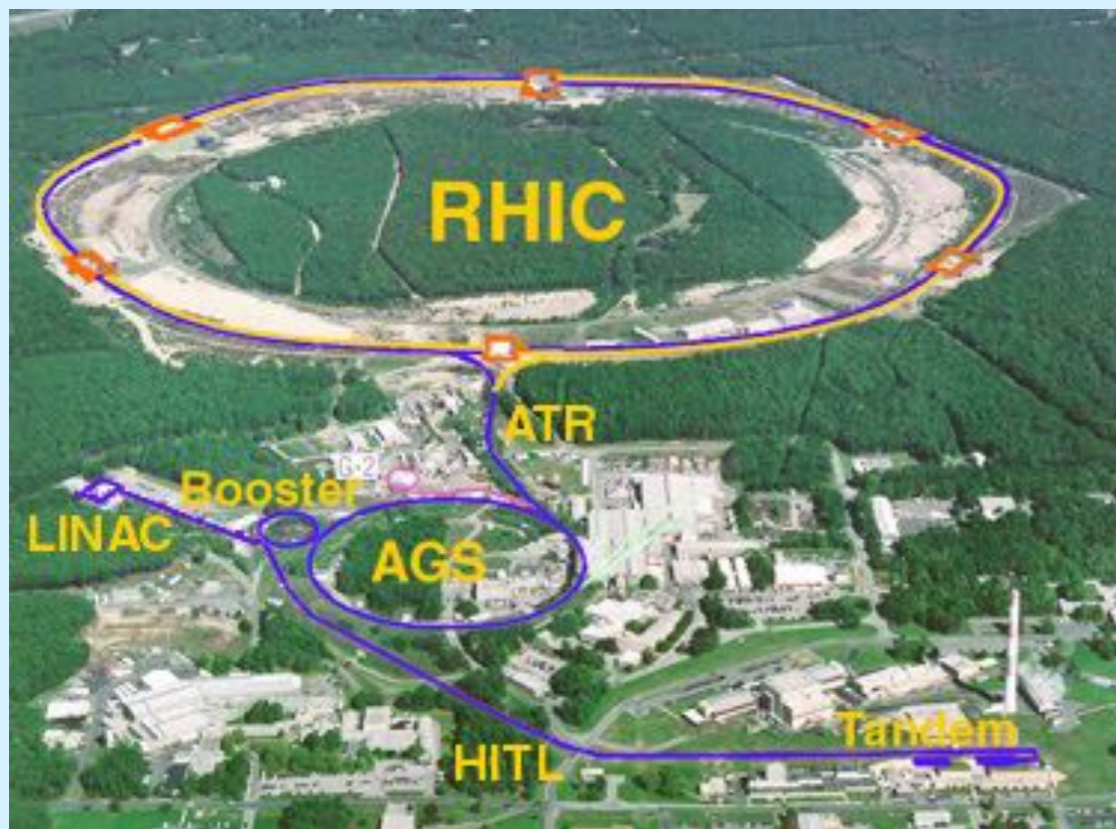
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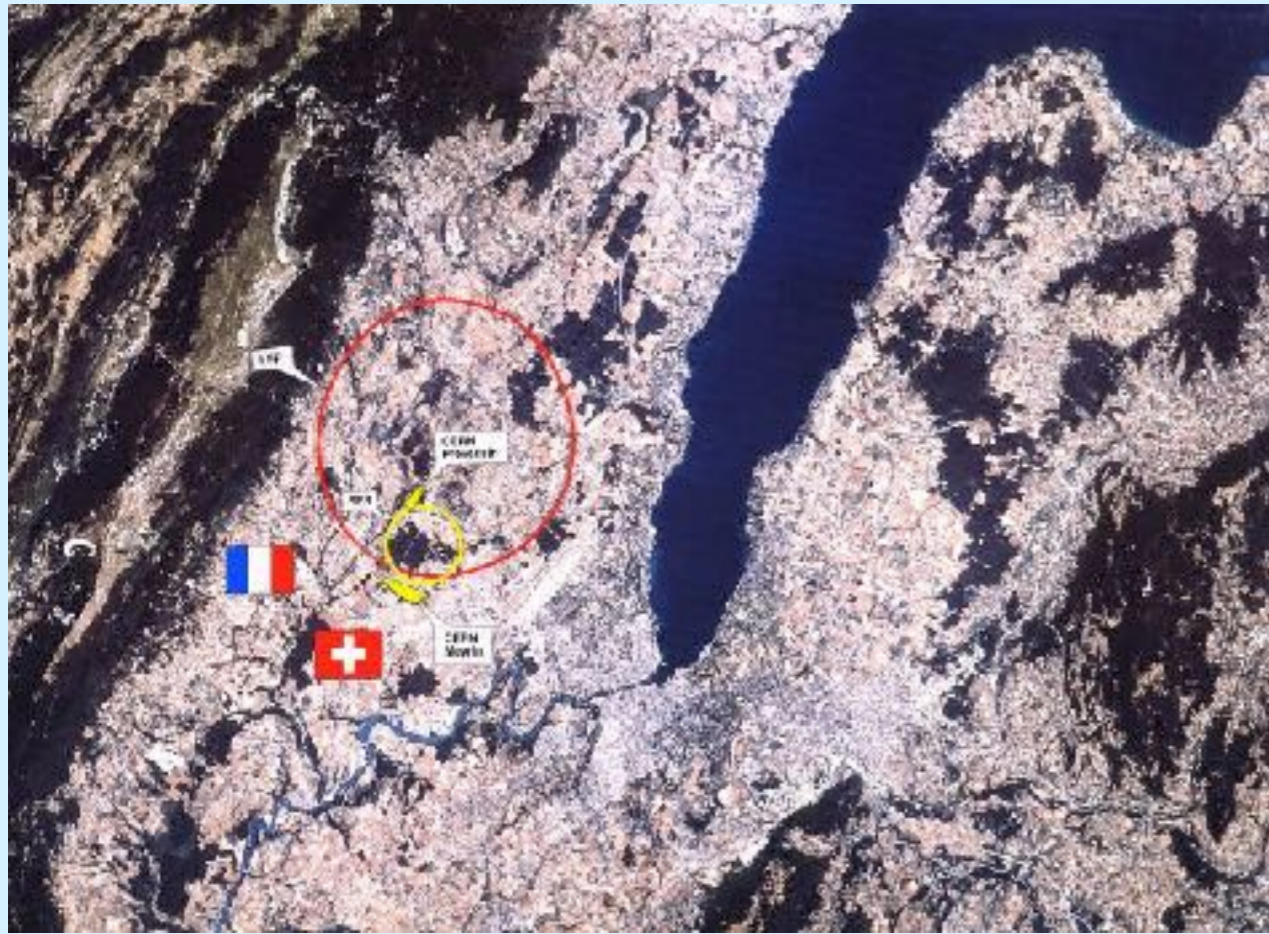
*“The higher energies of RHIC and LHC are needed to complete the picture and provide a full characterisation of the Quark-Gluon Plasma.”*

# Next Rounds in Quark Gluon Plasma Hunting:

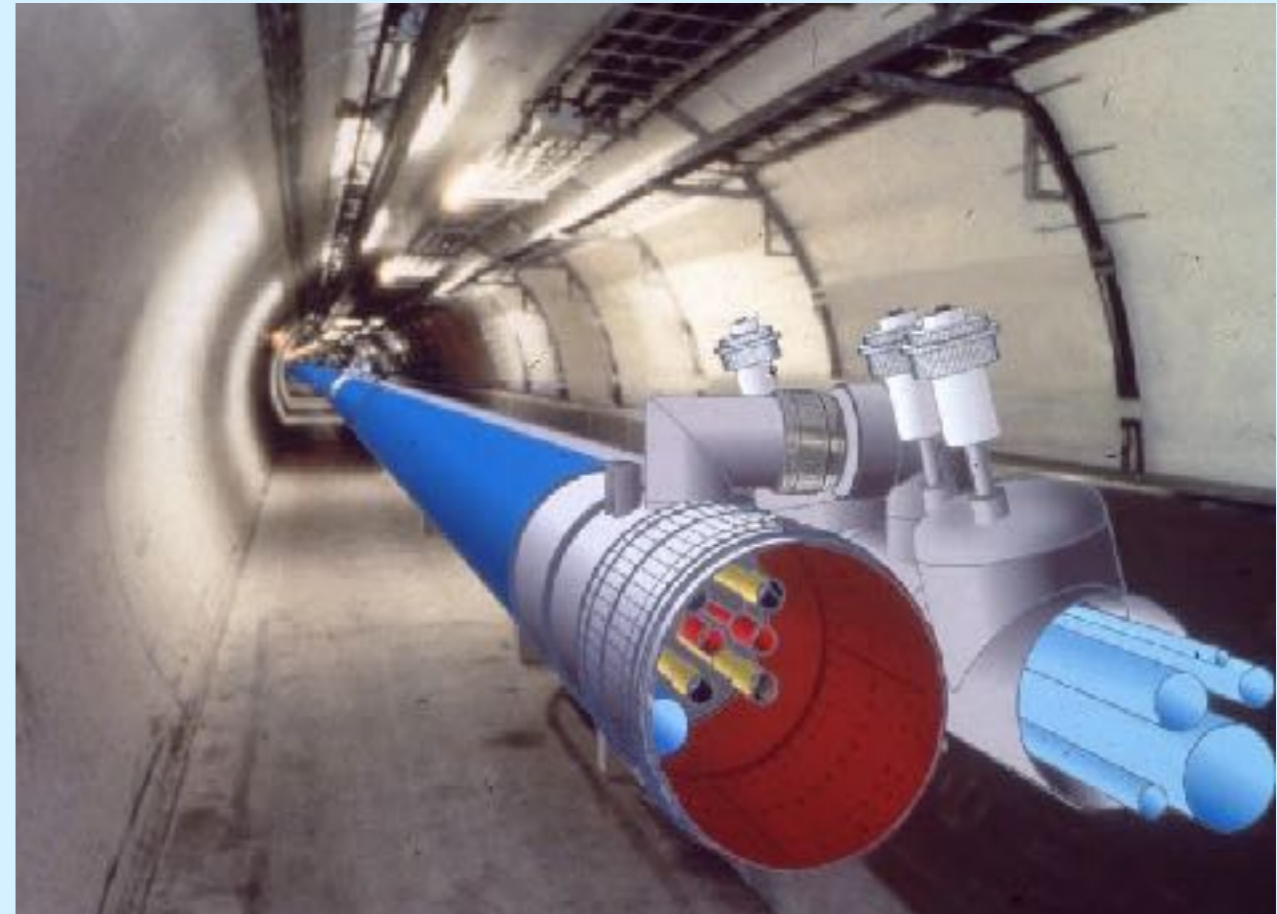


## 1. The Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider Brookhaven, summer 2000 to ...





## 2. The Large Hadron Collider CERN, 2005 to ...



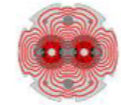
## 1.1. LHC Schedule

- Contracts for dipole cold mass assembly are being signed; CERN has a double role: supplier of SC cables, end-customer of the dipoles. We must be prudent in defining the dipole delivery schedule, hence the LHC schedule.
- SC cable production to end mid 2005;
- last dipole delivered July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006;
- Machine closed and cold: Oct. 2006;
- First beam: April 2007;
- First physics: mid 2007;
- **Very solid foundation of the LHC confirmed by SC cable panel and Machine Advisory Committee.**

L. Maiani, March 21, 2002

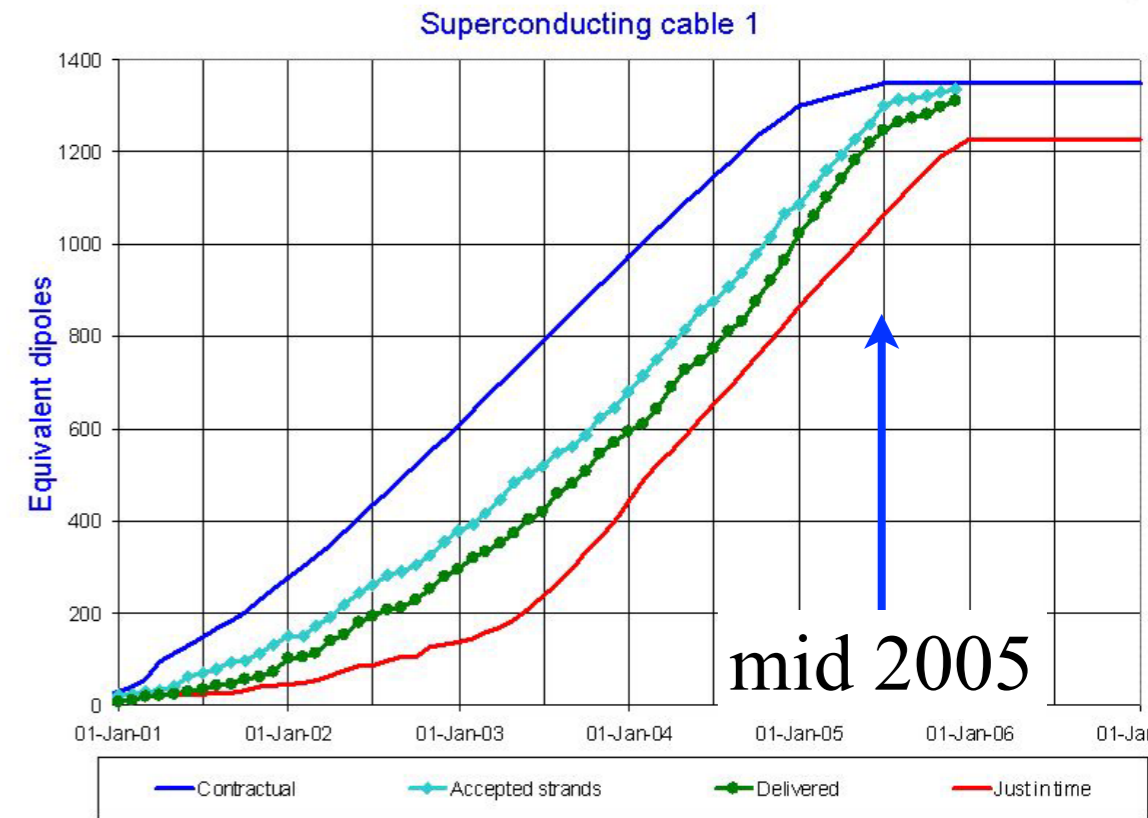
Committee of Council

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LHC Progress Dashboard

Accelerator Technology Department



Updated 30 Nov 2005

Data provided by A. Verweij AT-MAS



- 1.5 year delay due to problems with QRL
- another 1.5 year for the accident
- later resolved by Steve Myers

Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> 2008: first beams



Lyn Evans and Lucio Rossi receive at CERN the last dipole

- useful beams: 2010
- useful physics: 2011

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- 1.5 year delay due to problems with QRL

## 1.3. The LHC experimental programme

- We **do not** plan to delay further or suppress either ALICE or LHCb
  - Heavy ion collisions were a fundamental factor in LHC approval in 1996.
  - LHCb extends studies of CP violation in the B system. Precision far beyond current B factories, entirely new decay channels.
  - Expts promoted by more than 1500 scientists, approved and funded in their own countries.
  - Cancellation would cause havoc and embarrassment in MS and to our partners in non-MS.



# The Fixed Target Experimental Programme at CERN, 2001- 2005

Experiment	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	Commissioning	Full detector		Phase 2 (?)	
COMPASS	-----				
NA48	$\epsilon'/\epsilon$	$K_{\text{short}} \rightarrow \pi_0 e^+ e^-$	$K^{\pm}_{\text{asymm}}$		
NA49	4 weeks of p	10 days of Pb			
NA60	14 days of p	30 days of p 5 weeks of Pb	30 days of p 4 weeks of Indium		
DIRAC					
HARP					
ASACUSA	(RFQD)				
ATHENA					
ATRAP					
ISOLDE					
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OPERA					
CAST					

Proton spin structure

SPS

Hot Nuclear Matter

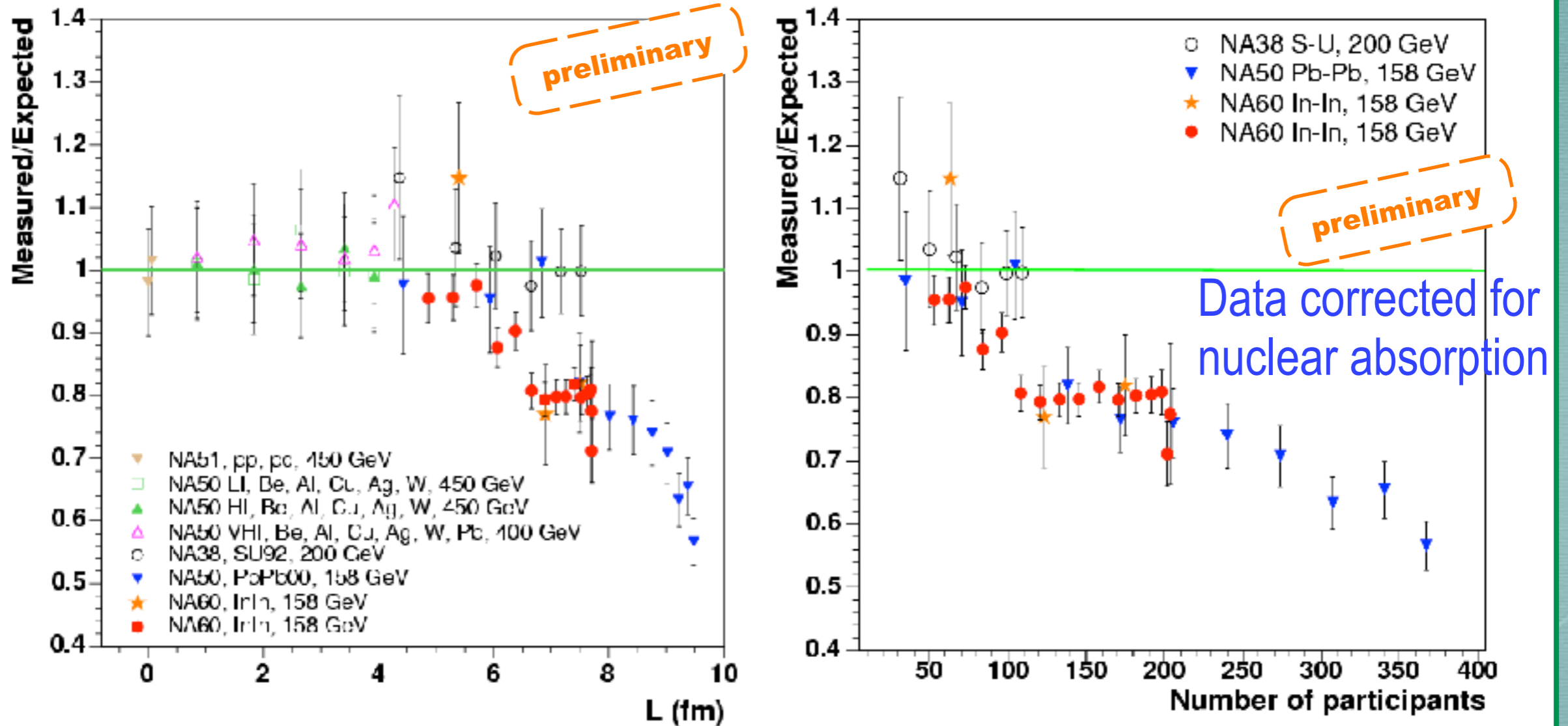
PS

cold antiprotons

neutrons

**FOLLOW-UP:**  
 Slide from the Research Board, March 2002  
 Research Board, March 2003: *The participation of NA45 in the full indium run would cause interference with test beam for ALICE. M. Hauschild pointed out that if they ran for only 30 days the conflict with ALICE could be avoided.*

# C. Lourenco for NA60, EPS Conference, Lisbon 2005



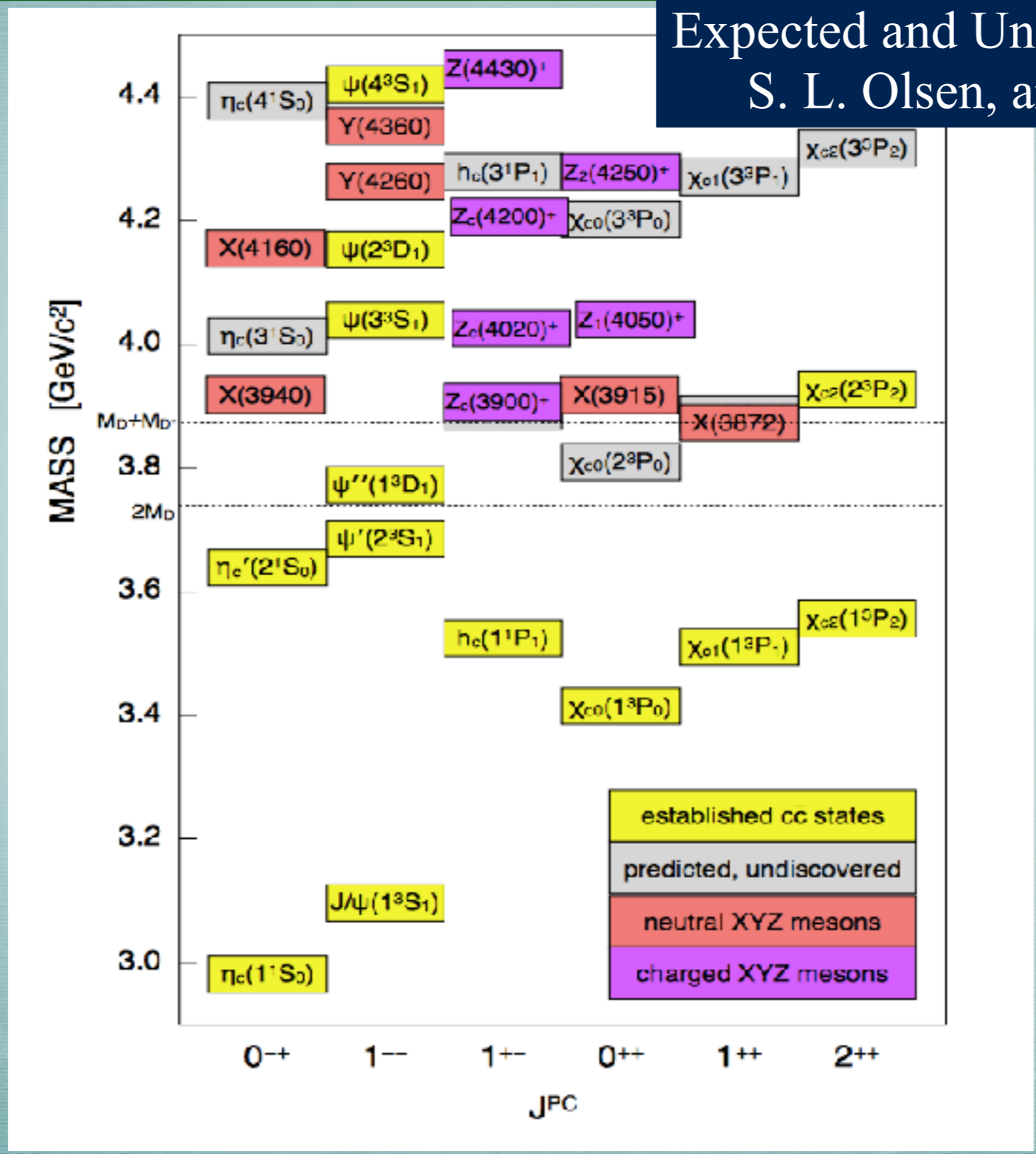
As a function of the number of participants, the  $J/\psi$  suppression pattern measured in In-In collisions by NA60 is in good agreement with the Pb-Pb pattern recently published by NA50

A more significant comparison requires Pb-Pb points with reduced error bars

(NA50 is working on an analysis method which does not use the DY yield as normalization)

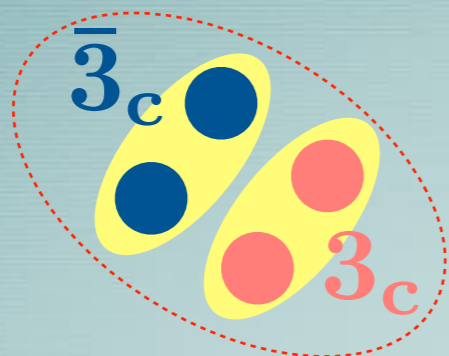
# A novel application? Exotic hadrons in Heavy Ion Collisions @LHC

Expected and Unexpected Charmonia  
S. L. Olsen, arXiv:1511.01589

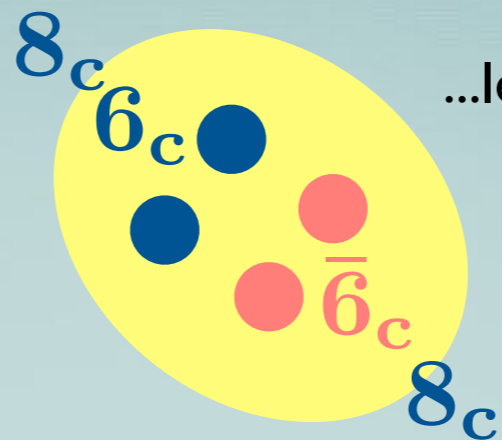


# Models for X Y Z mesons

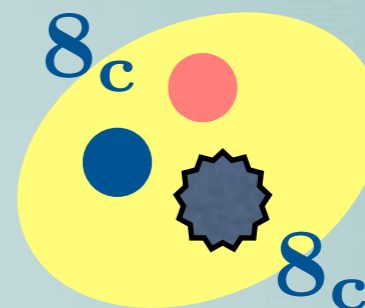
(R=1 fm)



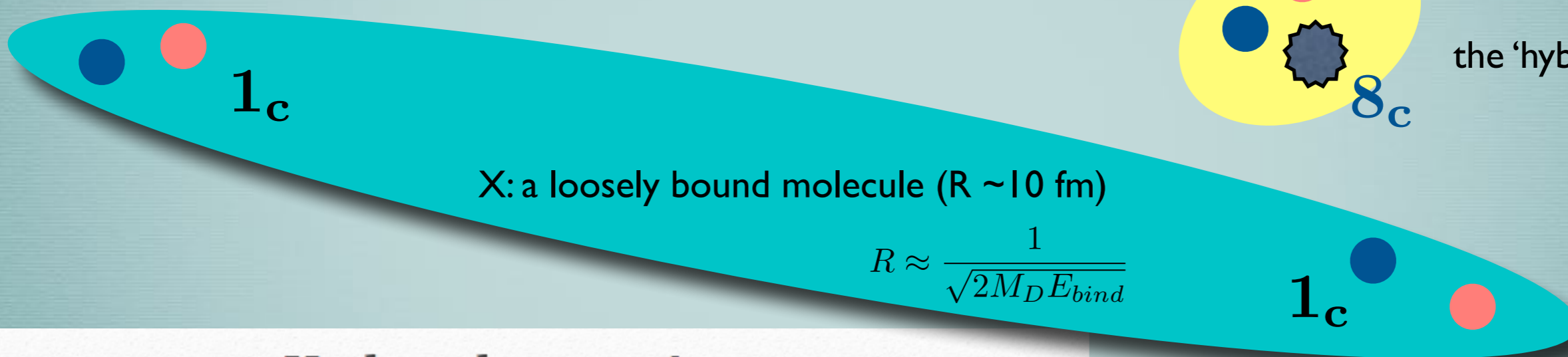
a compact 'tetraquark'



...less bound



the 'hybrid' option

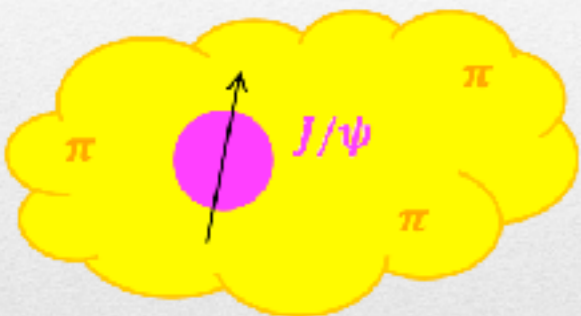


X: a loosely bound molecule (R ~ 10 fm)

$$R \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2M_D E_{bind}}}$$




## Hadro-charmonium

Voloshin arXiv:1304.0380

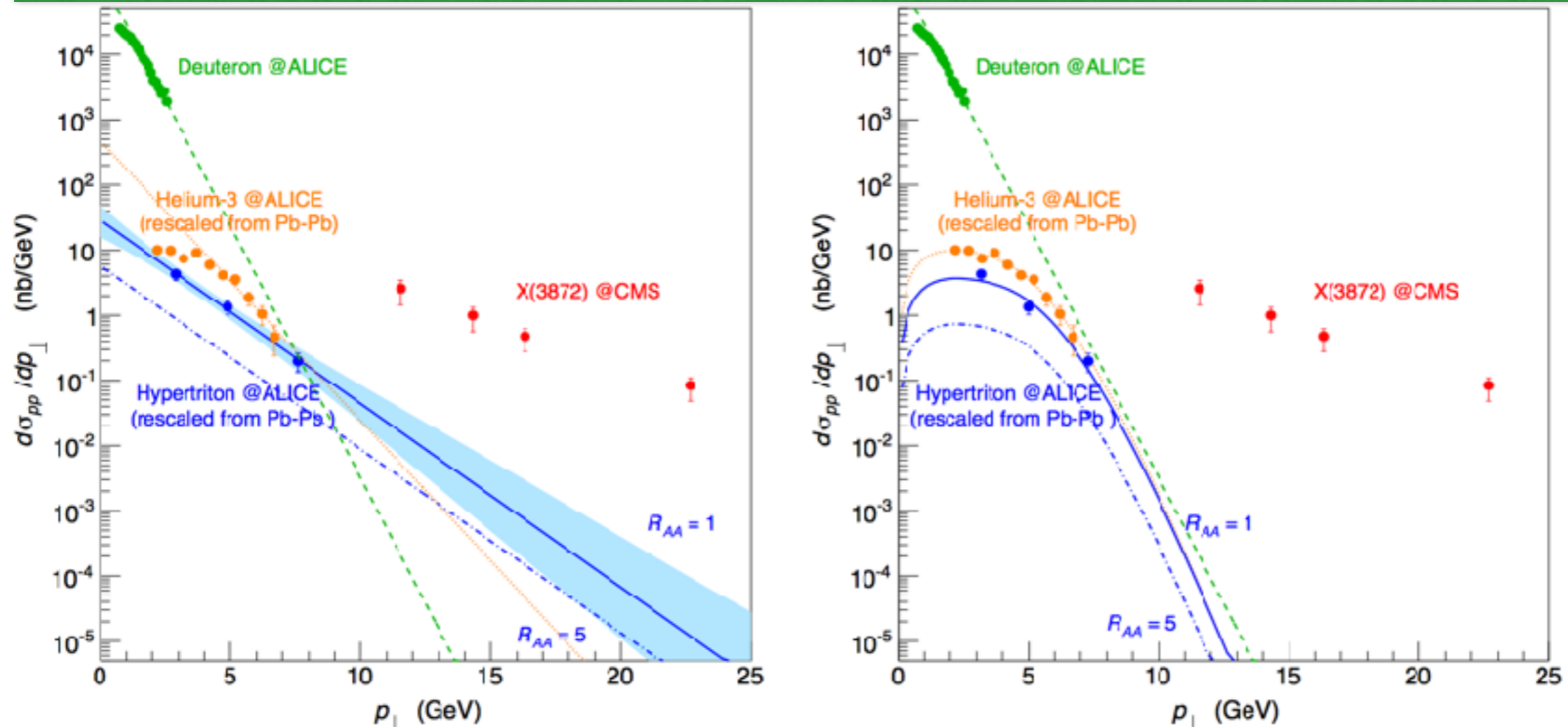


A  $c\bar{c}$  state surrounded by light matter

Decay into  $\eta_c \rho$  forbidden by HQSS

-  quark (heavy or light)
-  antiquark
-  gluon

Rescaling from Pb-Pb ALICE cross sections to p-p CMS cross section is done with:  
 Glauber model ( **left panel** ) and blast-wave function ( **right panel** ) ( $R_{AA}$  or  $R_{CP} = 1$ )



Collective effects in Pb-Pb (e.g. quark-gluon plasma) enhance nuclear cross sections and therefore reduce the cross section rescaled to p-p.

- There is a vast difference in the probability of producing X(3872) and that of producing light nuclei, true “hadronic molecules”, in high energy collisions
- high energy production of suspected exotic hadrons from quark-gluon plasma in HI collisions at colliders can be very effective tool to discriminate different models
- a long list of suspects:  $f_0(980)$ , X(3872),  $Z^\pm(3900)$ ,  $Z^\pm(4020)$ ,  $Z^\pm(4430)$ , X(4140)....

# The exploration of the phase diagram of strongly interacting matter: a world wide enterprise

CERN, about 1500 scientists in ALICE, CMS, ATLAS and LHCb (2010-2028...)

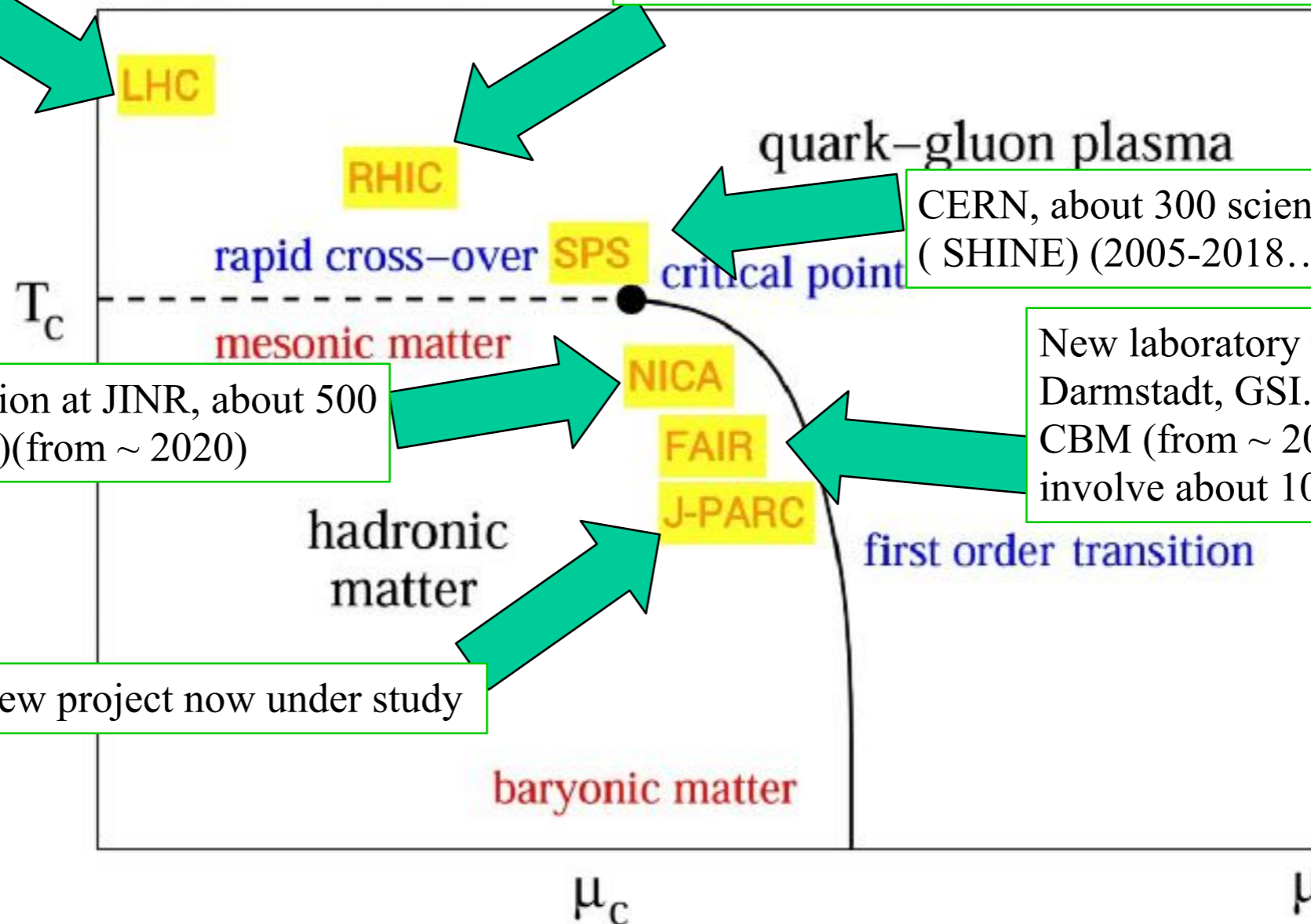
BNL, about 1000 scientists in two large experiments (STAR and PHENIX) (2000-2024...)

CERN, about 300 scientists (SHINE) (2005-2018...)

Under construction at JINR, about 500 scientists (MPD)(from ~ 2020)

New laboratory under construction in Darmstadt, GSI. HADES (active) and CBM (from ~ 2022) experiments involve about 1000 scientists.

Japan, new project now under study



# Summing up

- The february 2000 announcement was based on circumstantial but solid evidence
- Critics notwithstanding, it was full justified
- Subsequent investigations showed that the situation was the one envisaged in the CERN announcement

**SPS COLLISIONS HAD PRODUCED A NEW PHASE OF HADRONIC MATTER  
IN GREAT PART THE ONE ENVISAGED BY THEORETICAL  
INVESTIGATIONS CARRIED OUT AFTER DISCOVERY OF QCD**

**THE STORY IS NOT FINISHED  
FURTHER SURPRISES ARE TO BE EXPECTED**