# Heavy-Ion Physics (I)

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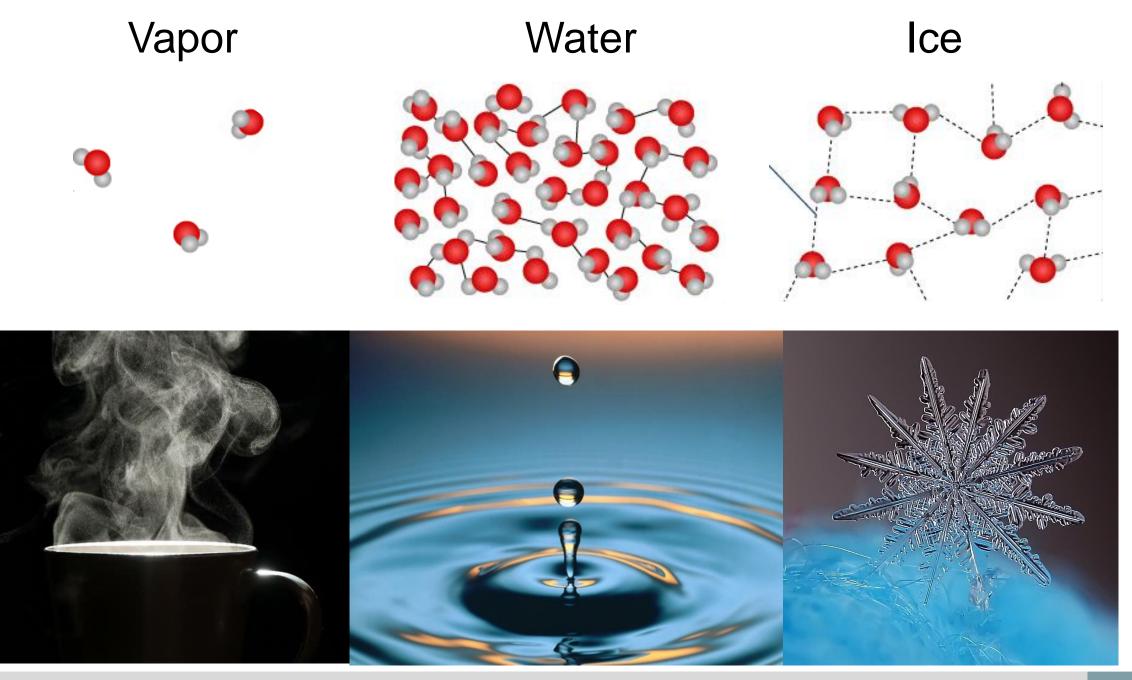
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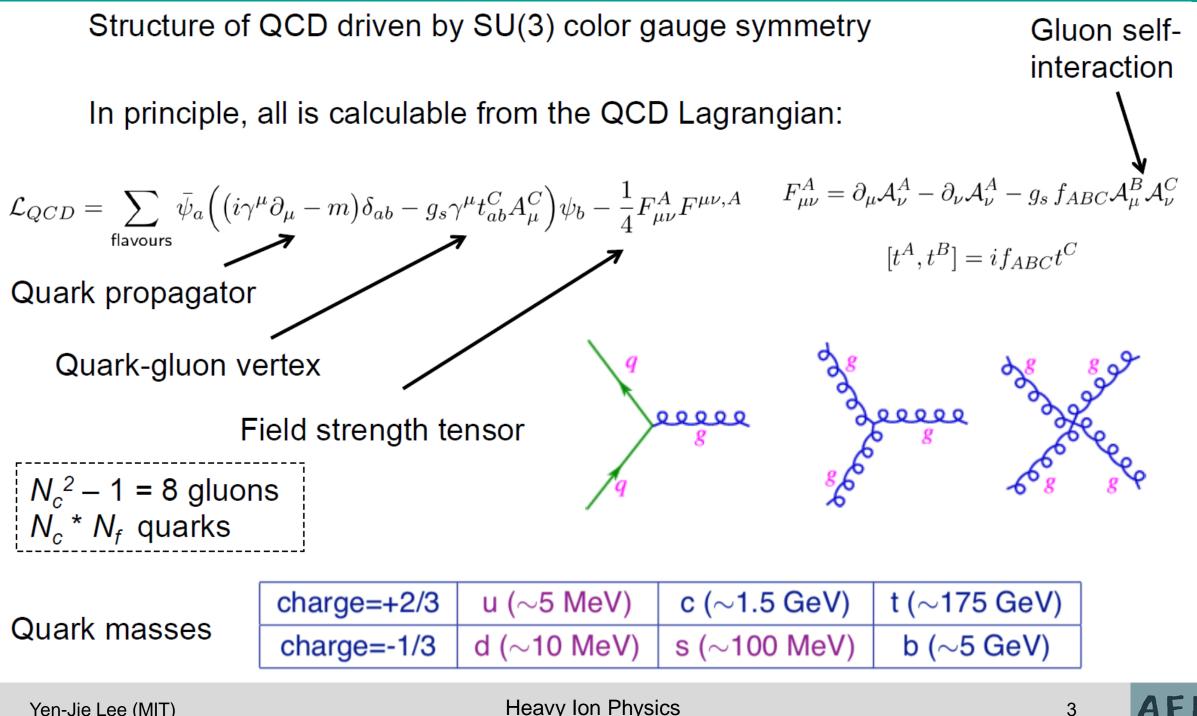
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### Phases of QED (Electrons and Nuclei) Matter

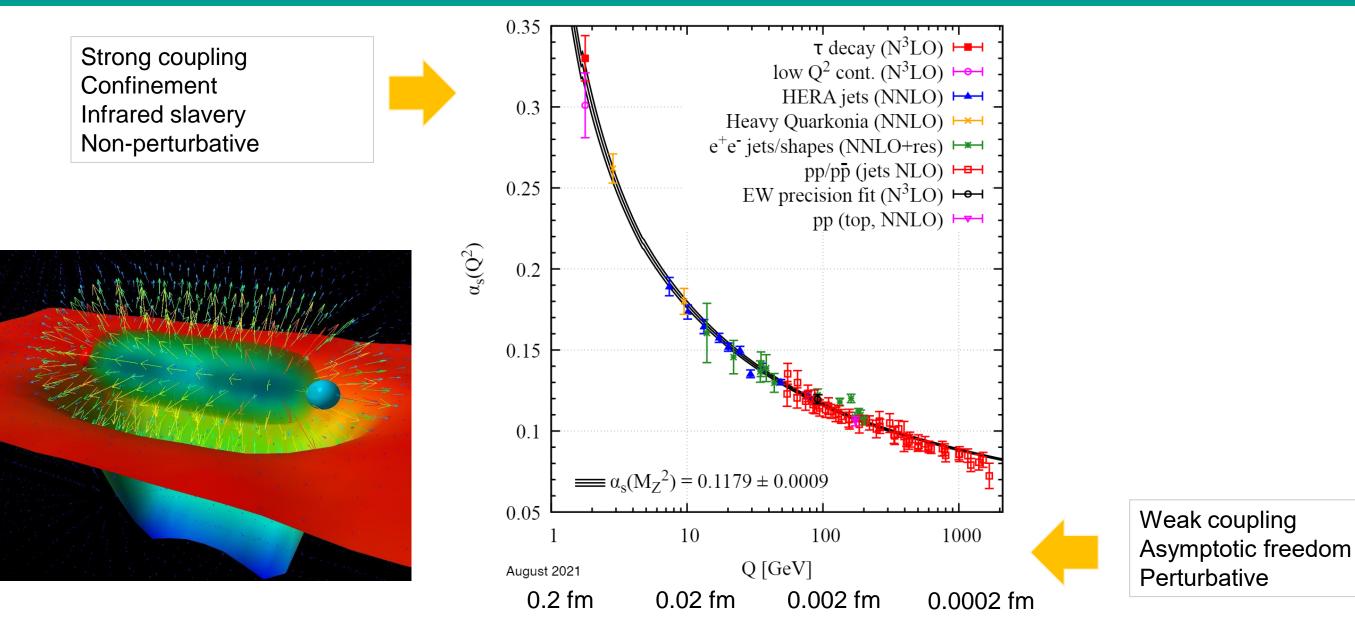




# Quantum Chromodynamics



# QCD Running Coupling $\alpha_s$

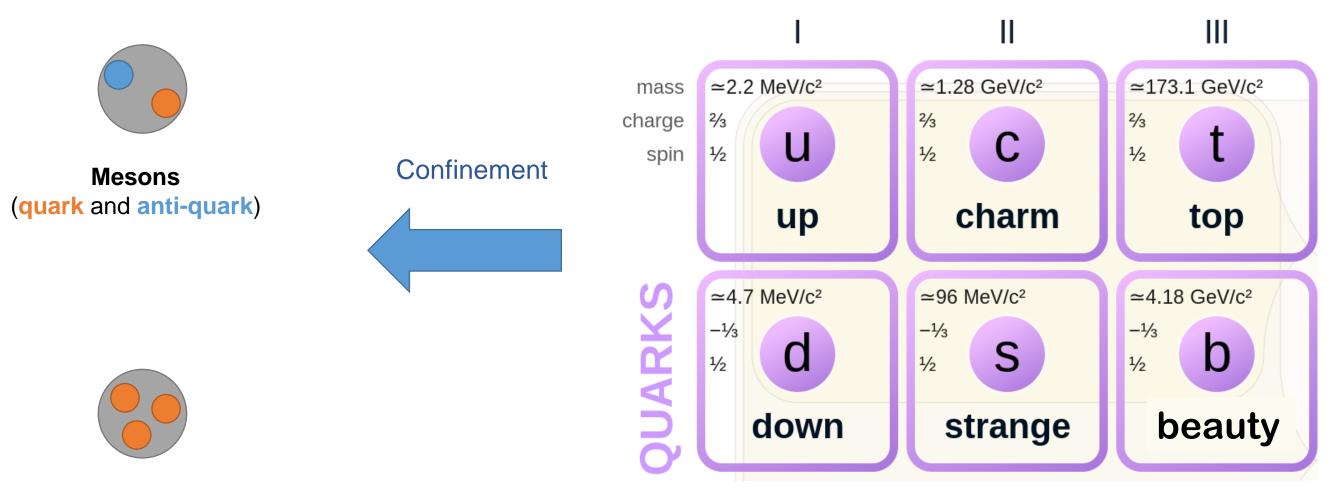


http://www.physics.adelaide.edu.au/theory/staff/leinweber/VisualQCD/Nobel/

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# Quarks and Hadrons



Baryons (Three quarks)

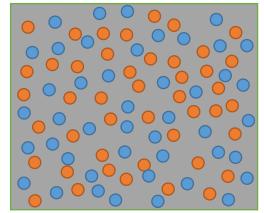
When the quarks form a hadron, the total color charge needs to be neutral

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# Ultra-dense QCD (Quarks and Gluons) Matter

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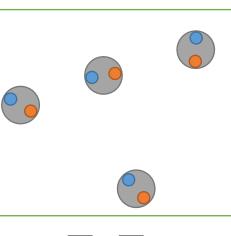
- Quark
- Anti-quark

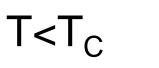






Mesons (quark and anti-quark)





 $T \sim T_C \sim 2$  trillion degrees



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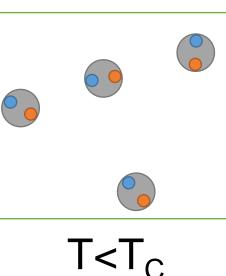


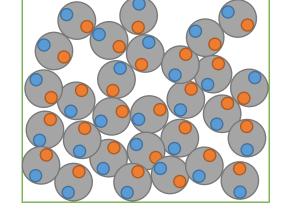
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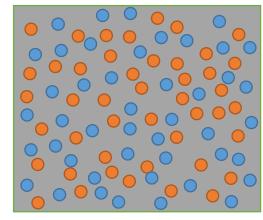


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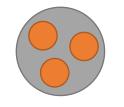


• Anti-quark

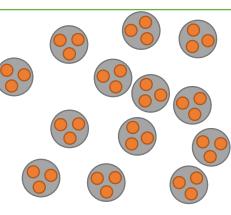


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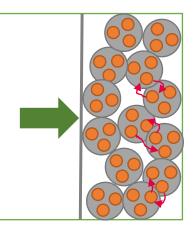
#### Increase the Density (p)



Baryons (Three quarks)

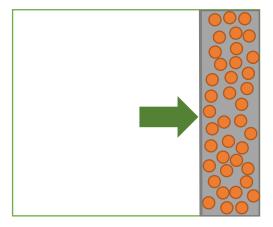


 $\rho < \rho_{\rm C}$ 



 $\rho \sim \rho_C \sim$  (2 to 12) x nuclei density

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ρ>ρ<sub>C</sub>

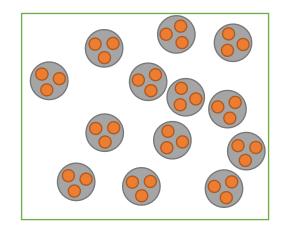
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# Rough Estimation of the Critical Density

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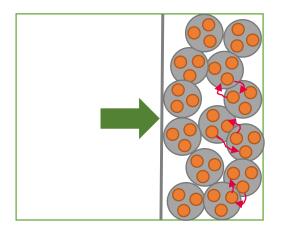
Compressed nuclei: nucleons start to overlap!

$$r_p = 0.84 \text{ fm}$$

Rough estimation of critical density:

$$\rho_c = \frac{1}{\frac{4}{3}\pi r_p^3} \approx 0.4/fm^3$$

#### $\rightarrow$ At least a few times of the normal nuclear matter density



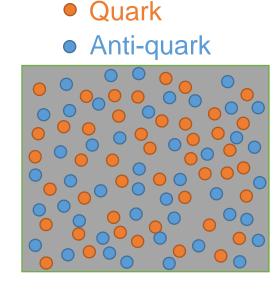
# **Reminder: Thermodynamics**

• At high temperature limit:

QGP as an ideal gas of non-interacting quarks and gluons

• Probability density: 
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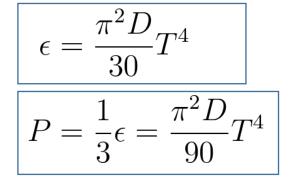
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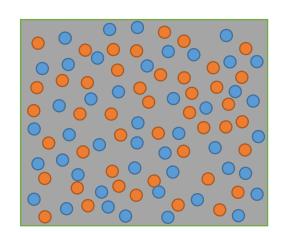
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#### Bose gas energy density

Pressure









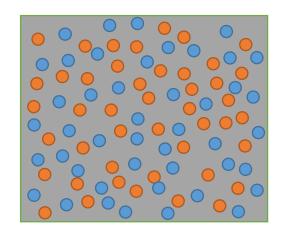
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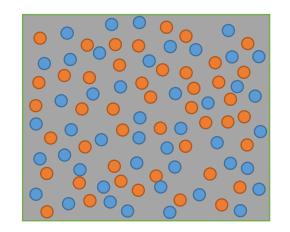
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$$\rho_N = \int N(E) d^3 p = \frac{D}{\pi^2} T^3 \zeta(3) \approx 0.12 D T^3$$
$$\epsilon_f = \frac{7}{8} \epsilon_b$$

#### **Number Density**

Exercise with Fermi Gas

# What Have We Learned So Far?

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Bose gas energy density:

Bose gas pressure

Bose gas entropy density



$$\epsilon = \frac{\pi^2 D}{30} T^4 \qquad \text{Speed of sound } \mathbf{c}_s$$

$$P = \frac{\pi^2 D}{90} T^4 \qquad P = \frac{1}{3} \epsilon \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad c_s^2 = \frac{dP}{d\rho} = \frac{dP}{d\epsilon} = \frac{1}{3} \epsilon$$

$$s = \frac{4\pi^2 D}{90} T^3 \qquad s = \frac{4}{3} \frac{\epsilon}{T} \qquad c_s \approx 0.58$$

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- Energy density and pressure increases very quickly with temperature! (T<sup>4</sup>)
- Proportional to number of degrees of freedom (degeneracy D)
- Similar dependence between Bose and Fermi gas except for a scale factor (7/8)!
- Speed of sound is around 0.58 c

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# Number of Degree of Freedom (D) for Hadron Gas

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• Suppose we focus on T< 400 MeV, it is a gas of pions

• **D** = 3 for 
$$\pi^+, \pi^-$$
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Non-interacting Quark and Gluon gas:

• Number of Gluons (Boson):  $D_g = 2_{(spin)} \times 8_{(color)} = 16$ 

• Number of Quarks (Fermion):  

$$D_{q} = 2_{(spin)} \times 2_{(particle/anti-particle)} \times 3_{(color)} \times 3_{(flavor u,d,s)} = 36$$

$$\bullet \quad \epsilon = (16 + \frac{7}{8} \times 36) \times \frac{\pi^{2}}{30}T^{4} = 47.5 \times \frac{\pi^{2}}{30}T^{4}$$

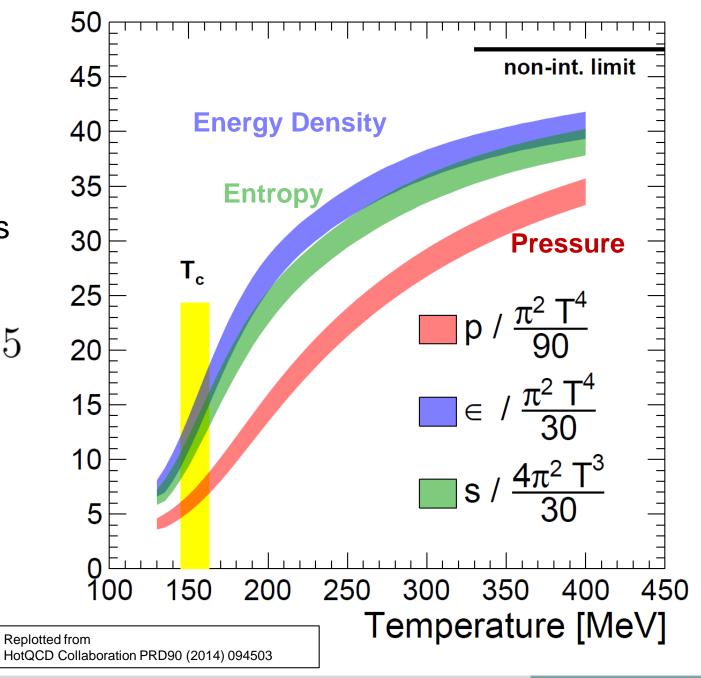
16x jump in energy density!!!

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# Lattice QCD Equation of State

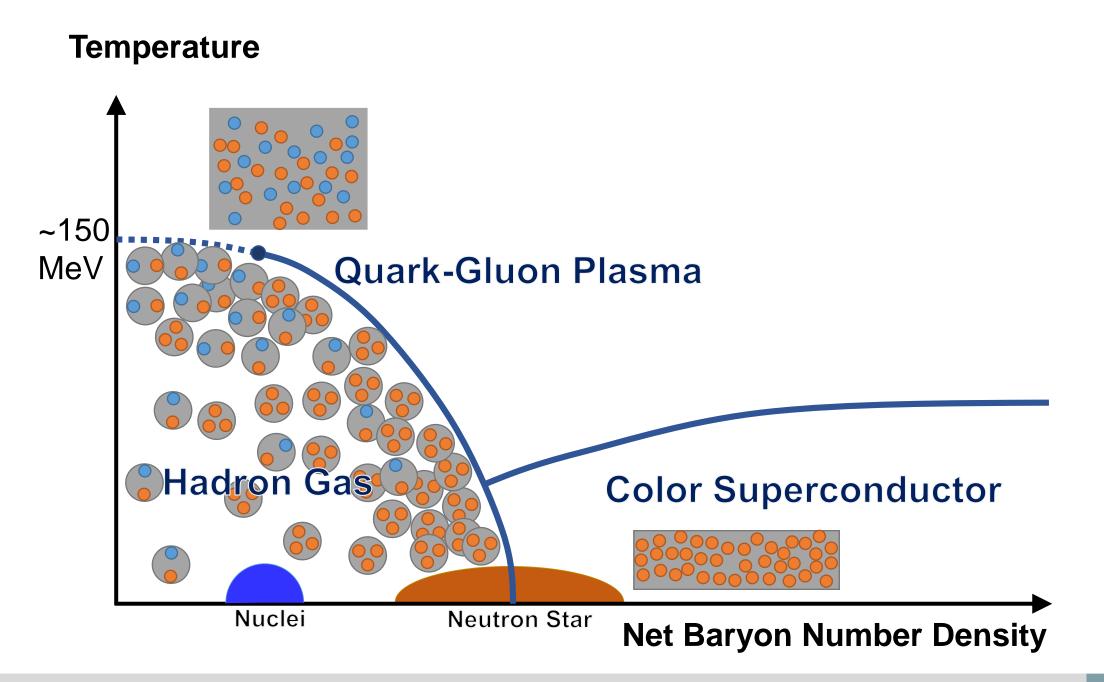
- Solve the QCD equation of state on a discrete space-time lattice
- Reliable for zero net baryon density!
- Indeed, we see a rapid increase in the degrees of freedom!!!
- Predicts a speed of sound  $c_s \approx 0.4 0.55$



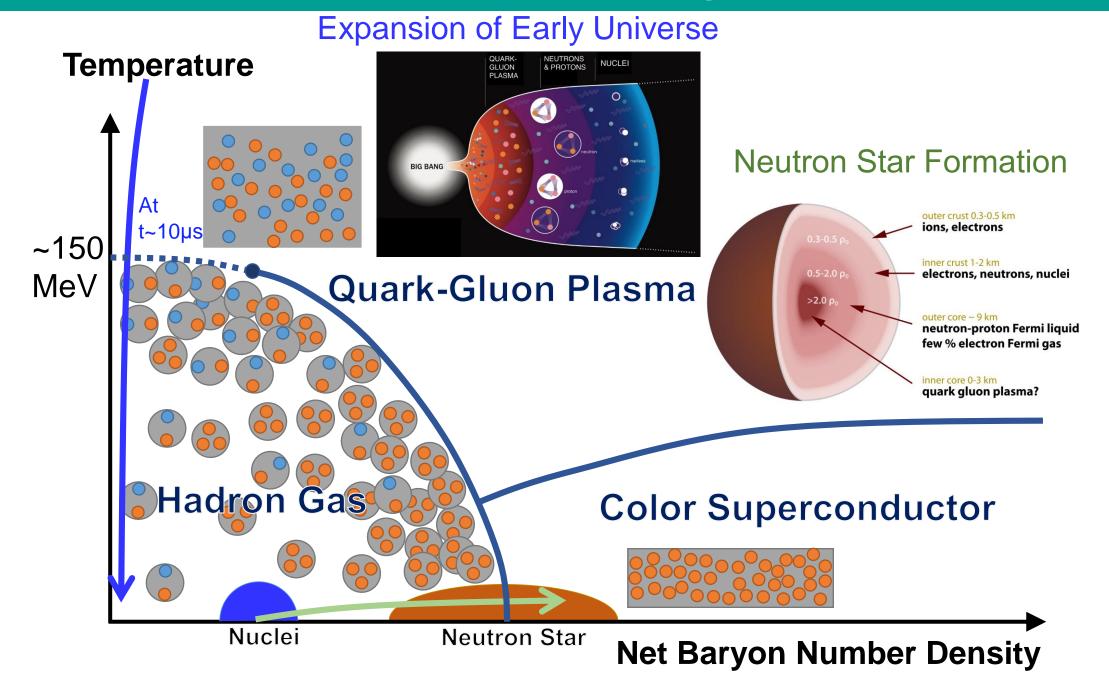


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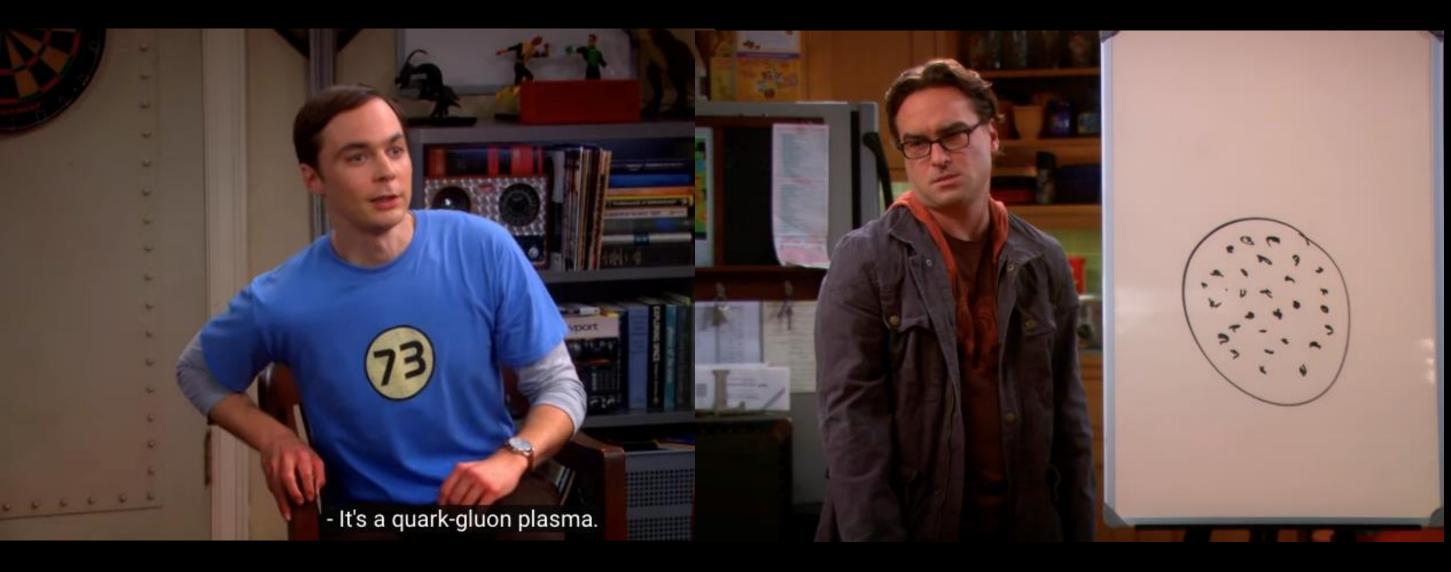
# QCD Phase Diagram



## **QCD** Phase Diagram

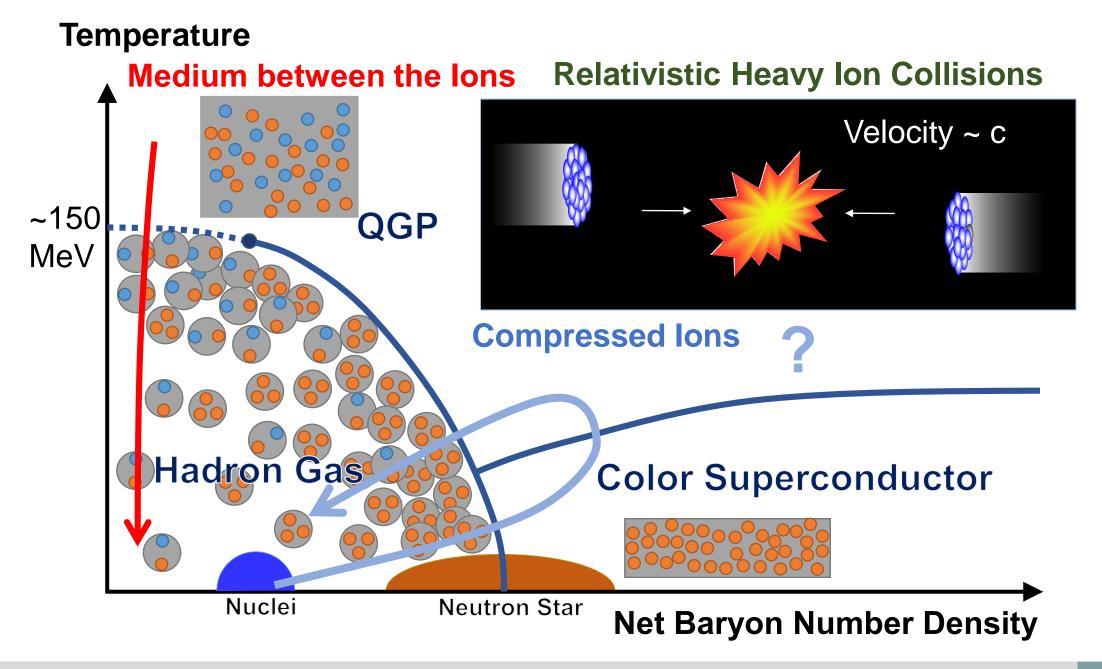


### How Do We Generate Quark-Gluon Plasma in a Lab?





# QCD Phase Diagram

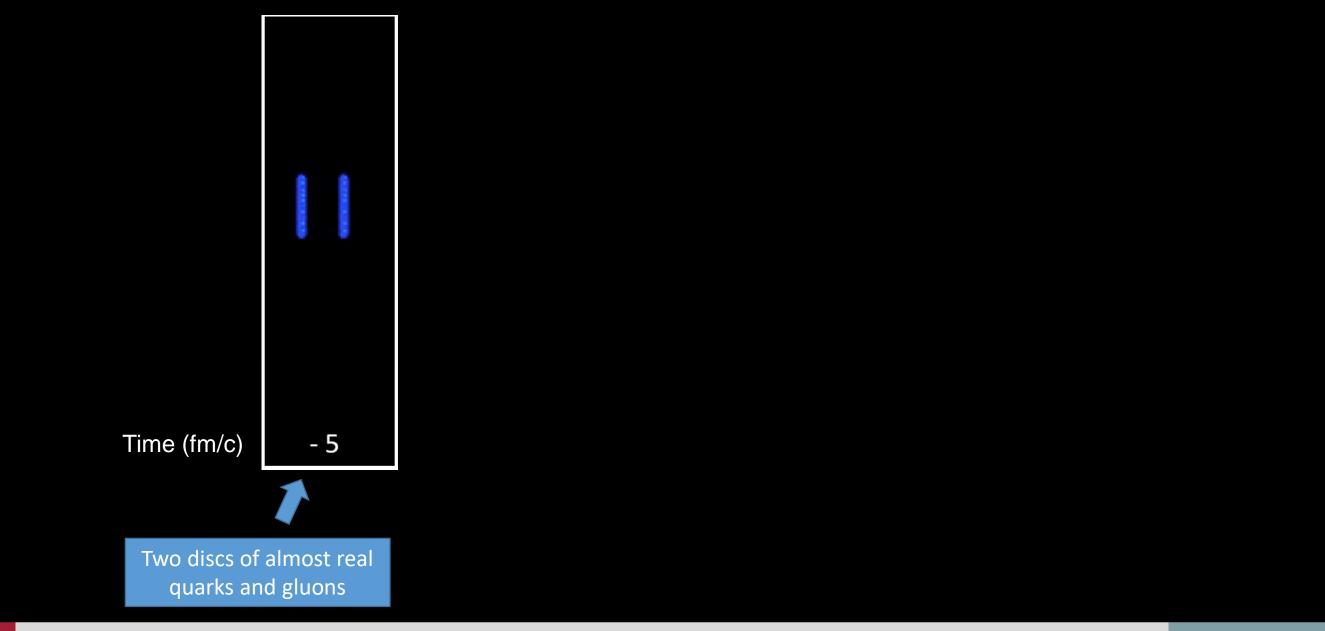


#### Relativistic Heavy Ion Collisions (Simulation)

MIT Heavy Ion Event Display: Pb+Pb 5.02 TeV



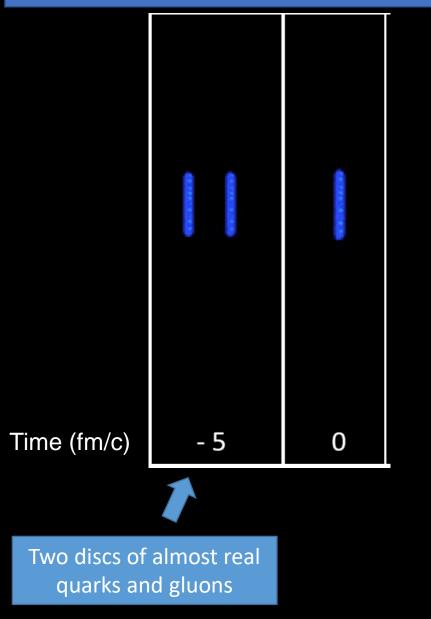
Acceleration



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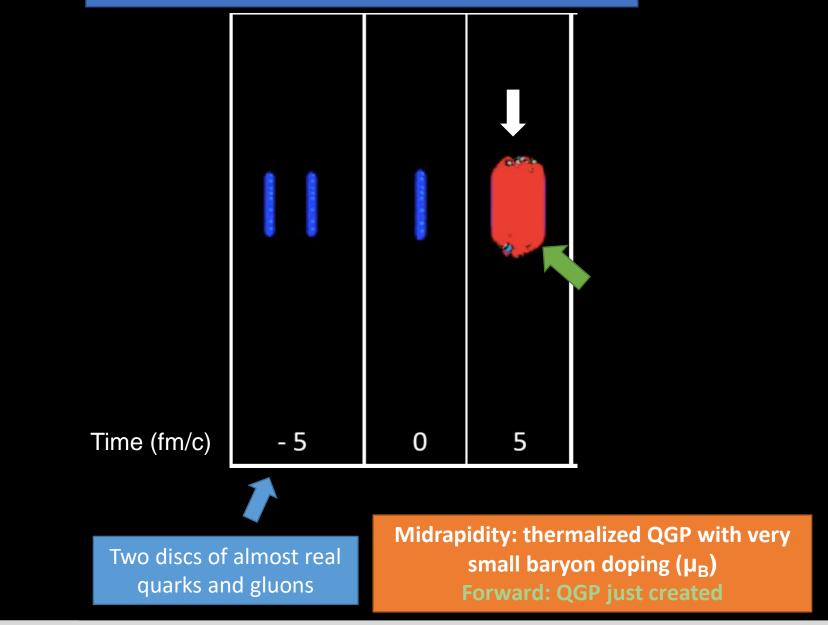


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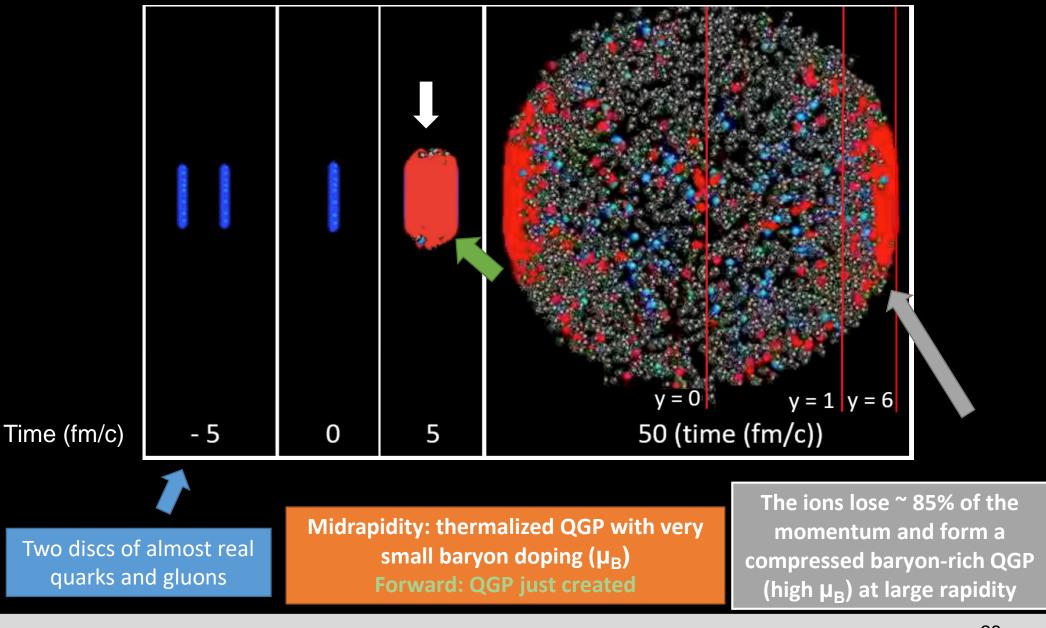


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**Hadronization of QGP,** different from elementary collisions like e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> or pp collisions

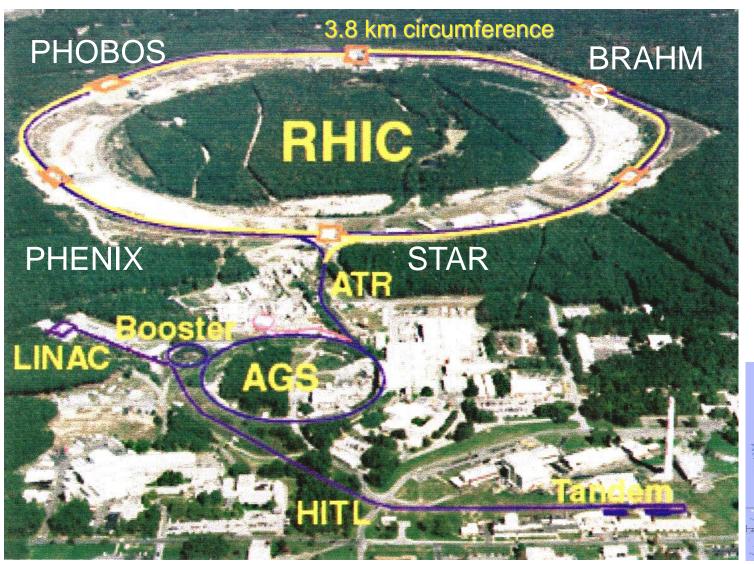


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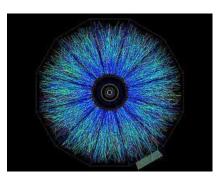
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# The First Dedicated Heavy Ion Collider

#### Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider



Au+Au 7.7 - 200 GeV

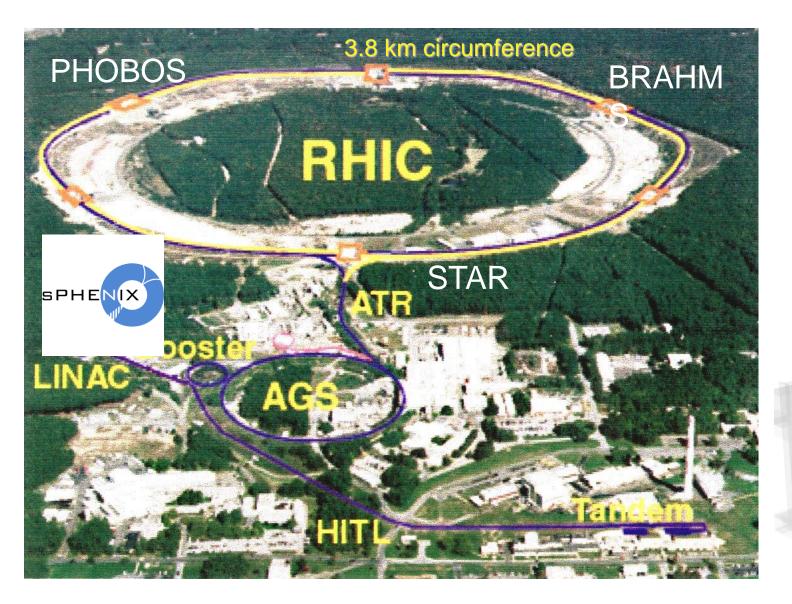


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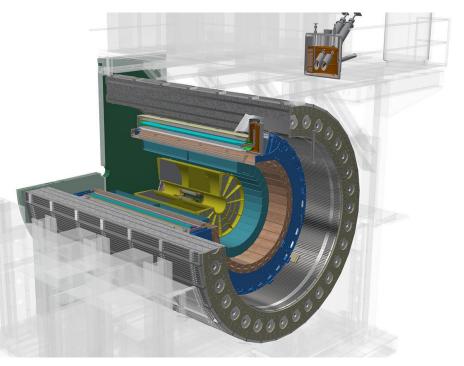


# sPHENIX Data-Taking in 2023

#### Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider



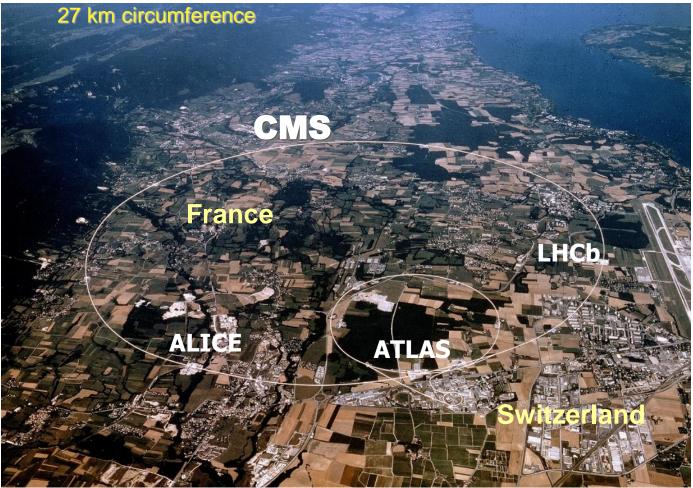
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# High Energy (Temperature) Frontier

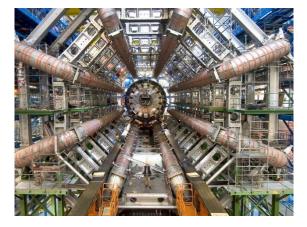
#### Large Hadron Collider



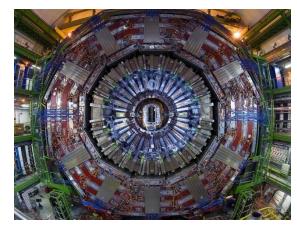
Lead+Lead (PbPb) collisions 2010-11: 2.76 TeV 0.16/nb 2015-18: 5.02 TeV 1.7/nb ALICE



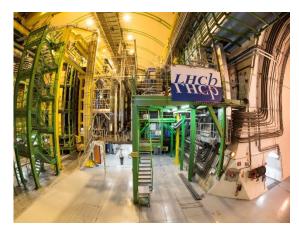
ATLAS



CMS



LHCb

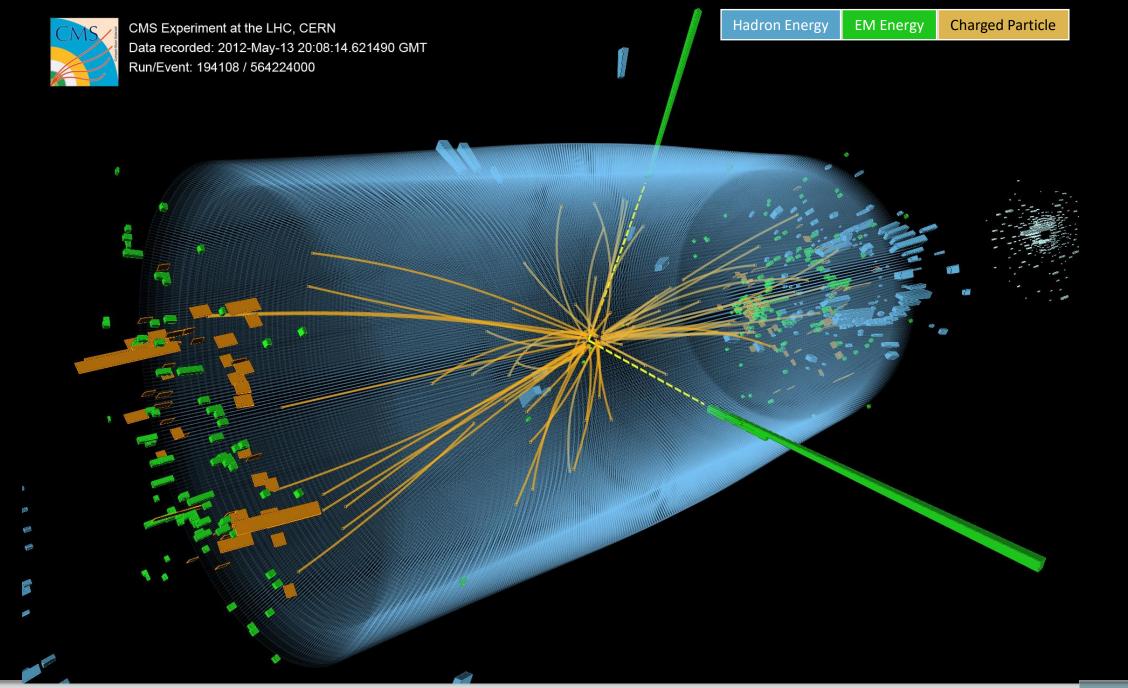


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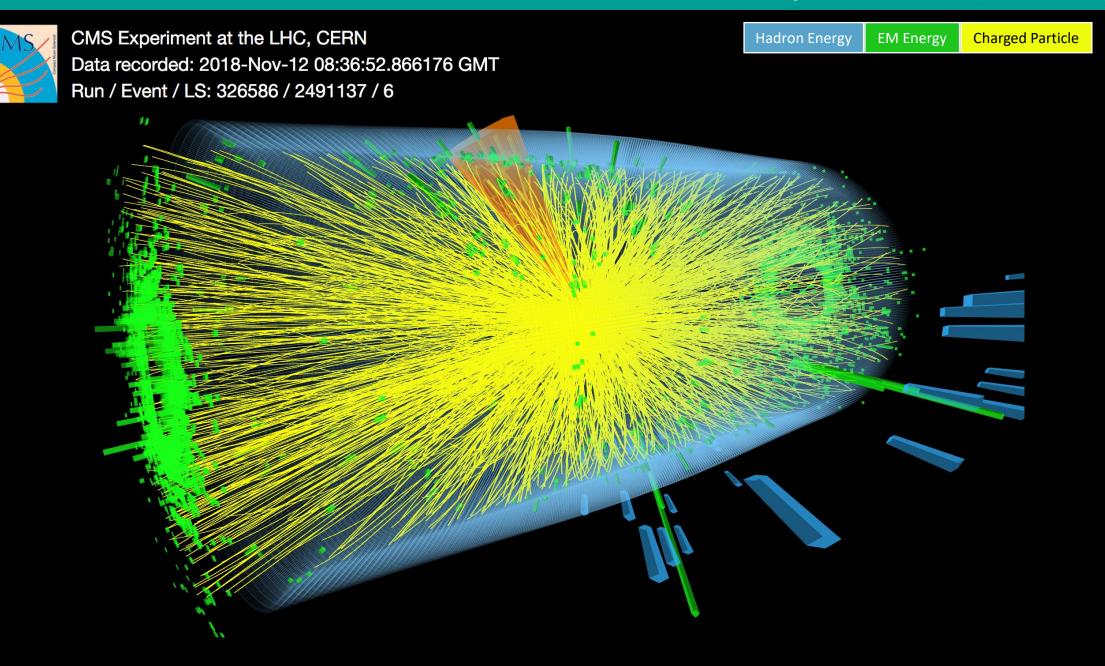
Also smaller system data: **Proton-lead (pPb)** at 5.02 & 8.16 TeV **Xenon-Xenon (XeXe)** at 5.44 TeV

A flying mosquito has about 4 trillion electronvolts (4TeV) of energy

### Proton-Proton Collision Recorded by CMS



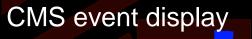
### Lead-Lead Collision Recorded by CMS (2018)



# **Data-Taking**

- LHC delivers heavy ion collisions for around one month per year
- 2018: PbPb collision data rate up 50 kHz; CMS peak data throughput 9 GB/s
- We are actively preparing for the first data-taking in Run 3!

**Charged Particle** 

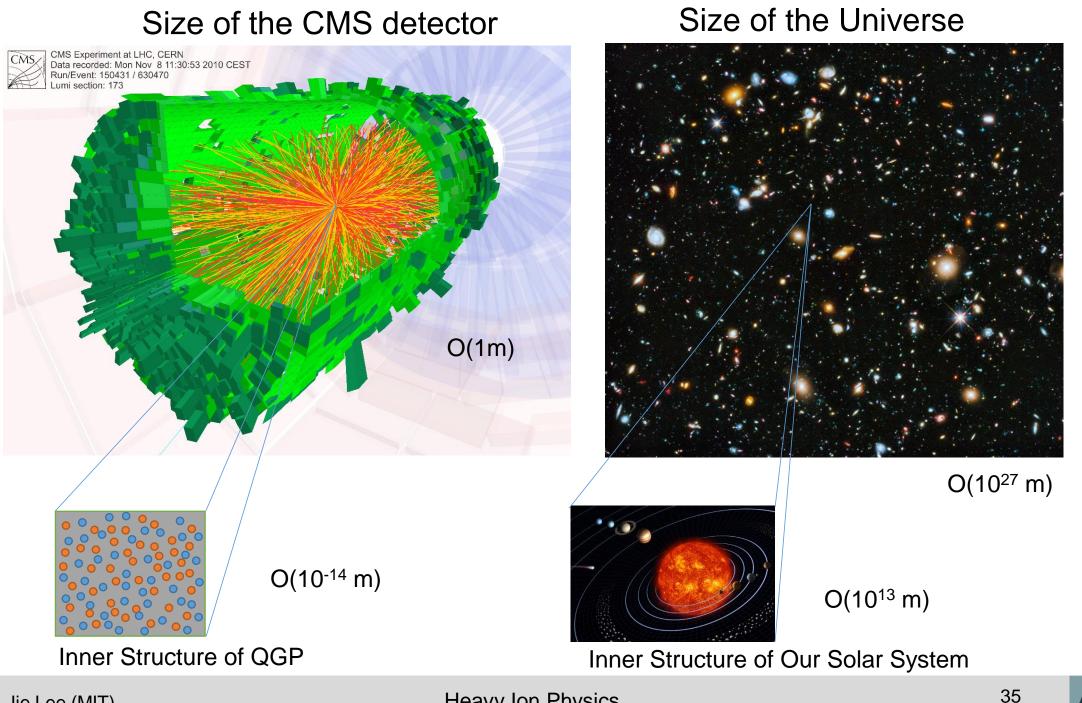




EM Energy

Hadron Energy

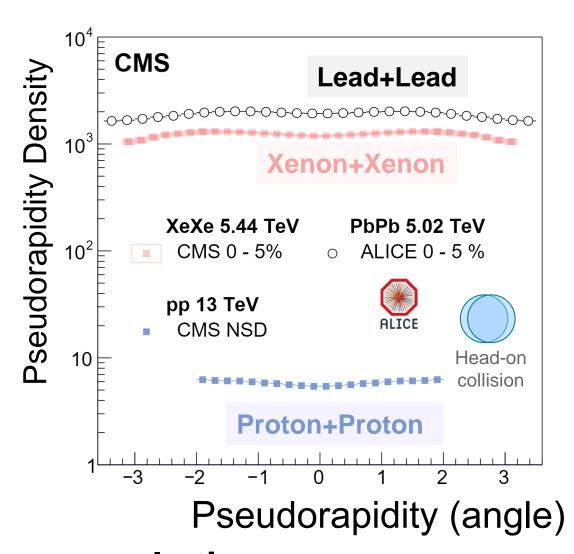
### Reconstruct the Quark Soup with CMS



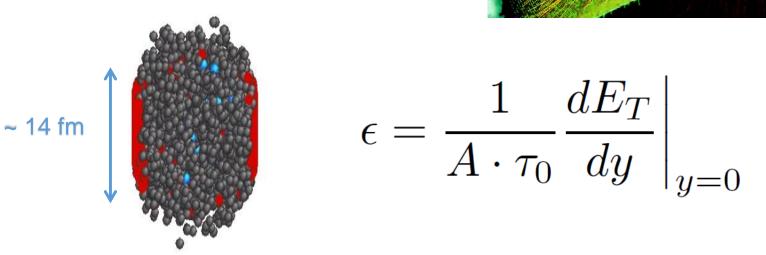
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### **Density of the Quark Soup**

Count the number of particles produced in **head-on** collisions. Particle density in Lead+Lead ~ 400x of that in Proton+Proton



At  $T_0 \sim 0.2$  fm/c:



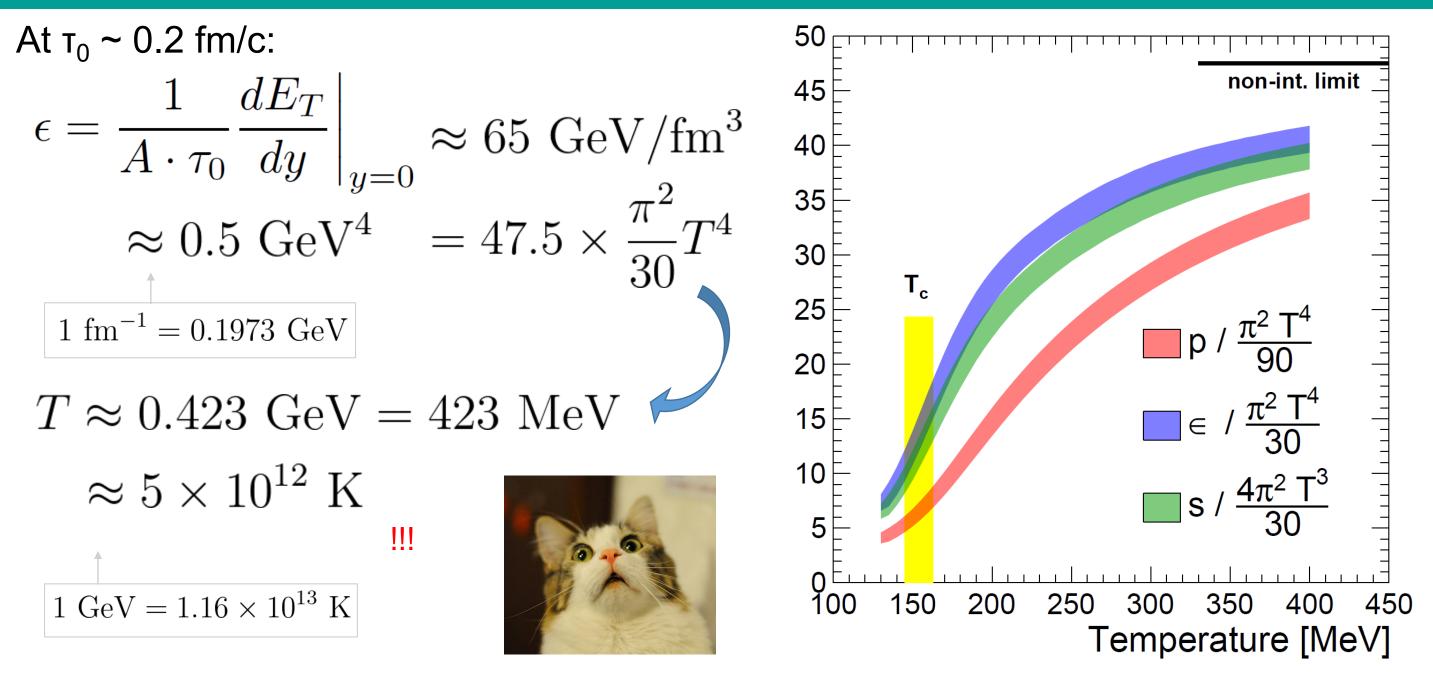
Energy density of the medium based on CMS dE/dŋ ~ 2 TeV: ~65 GeV/fm<sup>3</sup>

> 100x denser than the proton!

At early time of the collision, the system can not be described by hadrons



### Rough Estimation of QGP Temperature



### Collision with Finite Impact Parameter

Initial azimuthal anisotropic shape

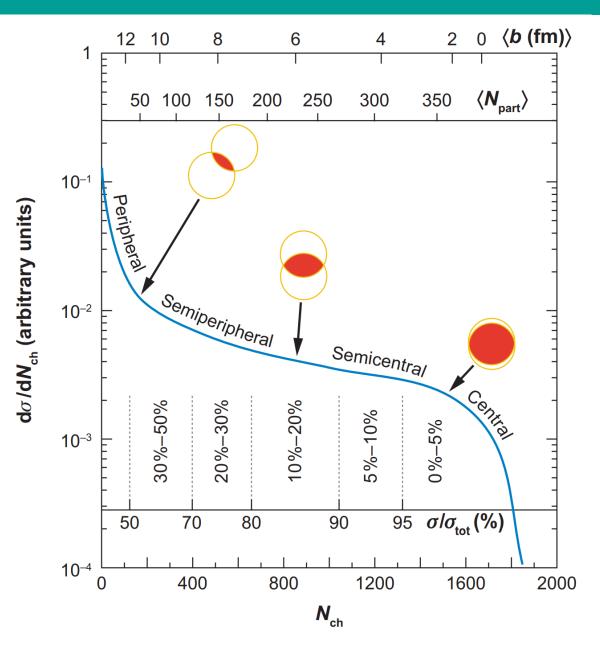


Animation from Jing Wang (MIT)



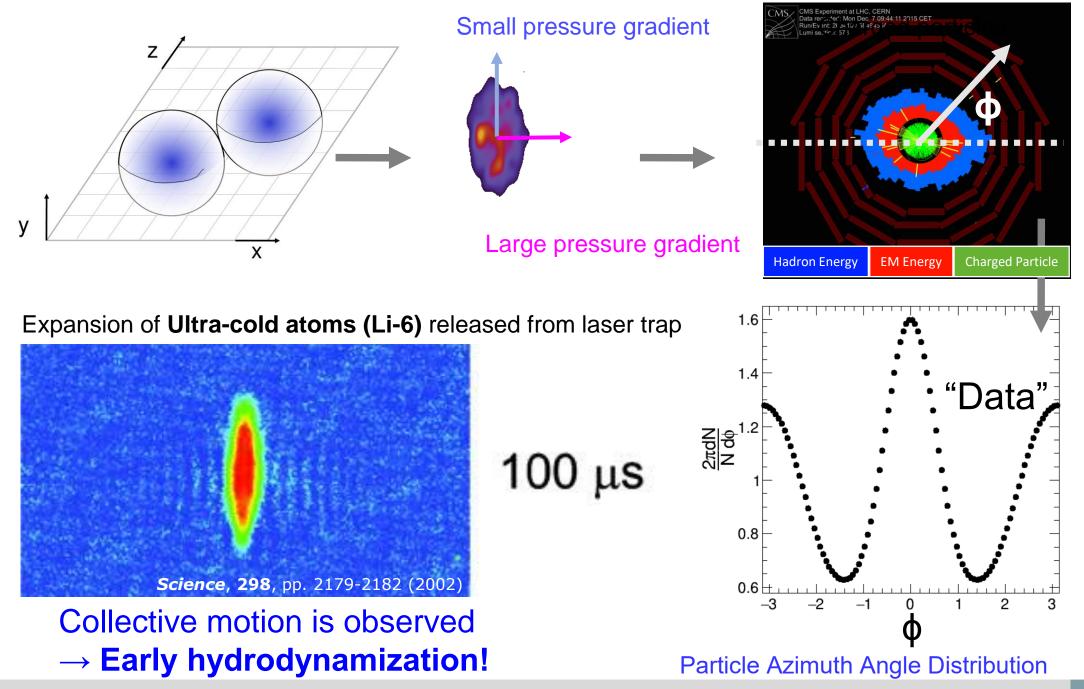
## Centrality

- Need experimental access to the impact parameter b of the collision
- Idea: use an observable which change monotonically with b, such as:
  - Forward calorimeter energy
  - Charged particle multiplicity (N<sub>ch</sub>).
- Centrality classes: percentiles (fraction of total integral) of centrality distribution
- Convention:
  - 0% = "most central" (head-on!), b~0 (high N<sub>ch</sub>)
  - 100% = most peripheral (low  $N_{ch}$ )



Annual Review of Nuclear and Particle Science, 57:205-243 (2007)

### Pressure Driven Expansion of the Quark Soup

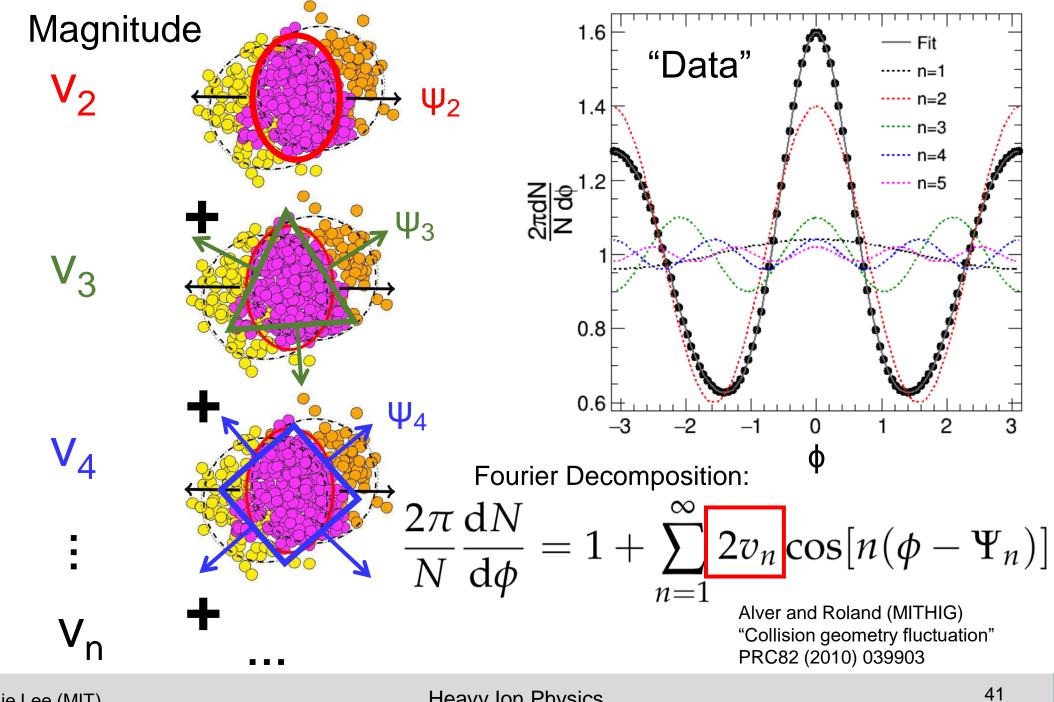


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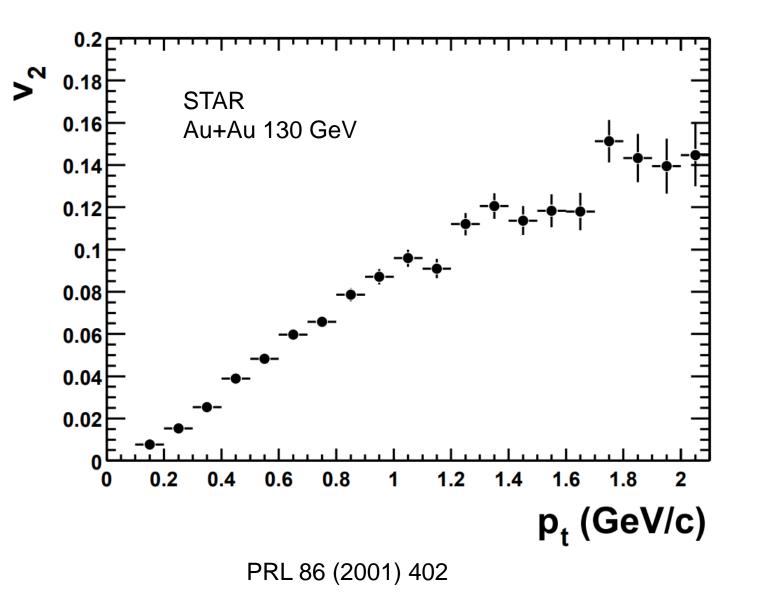
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### **Particle Azimuthal Anisotropy**



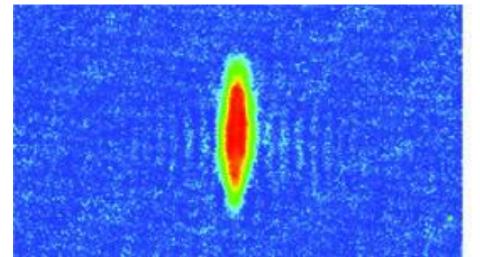
### **Elliptic Flow**



- The first result from STAR at RHIC
- The extracted v<sub>2</sub> increases with transverse momentum

$$\frac{2\pi}{N}\frac{\mathrm{d}N}{\mathrm{d}\phi} = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2v_n \cos[n(\phi - \Psi_n)]$$

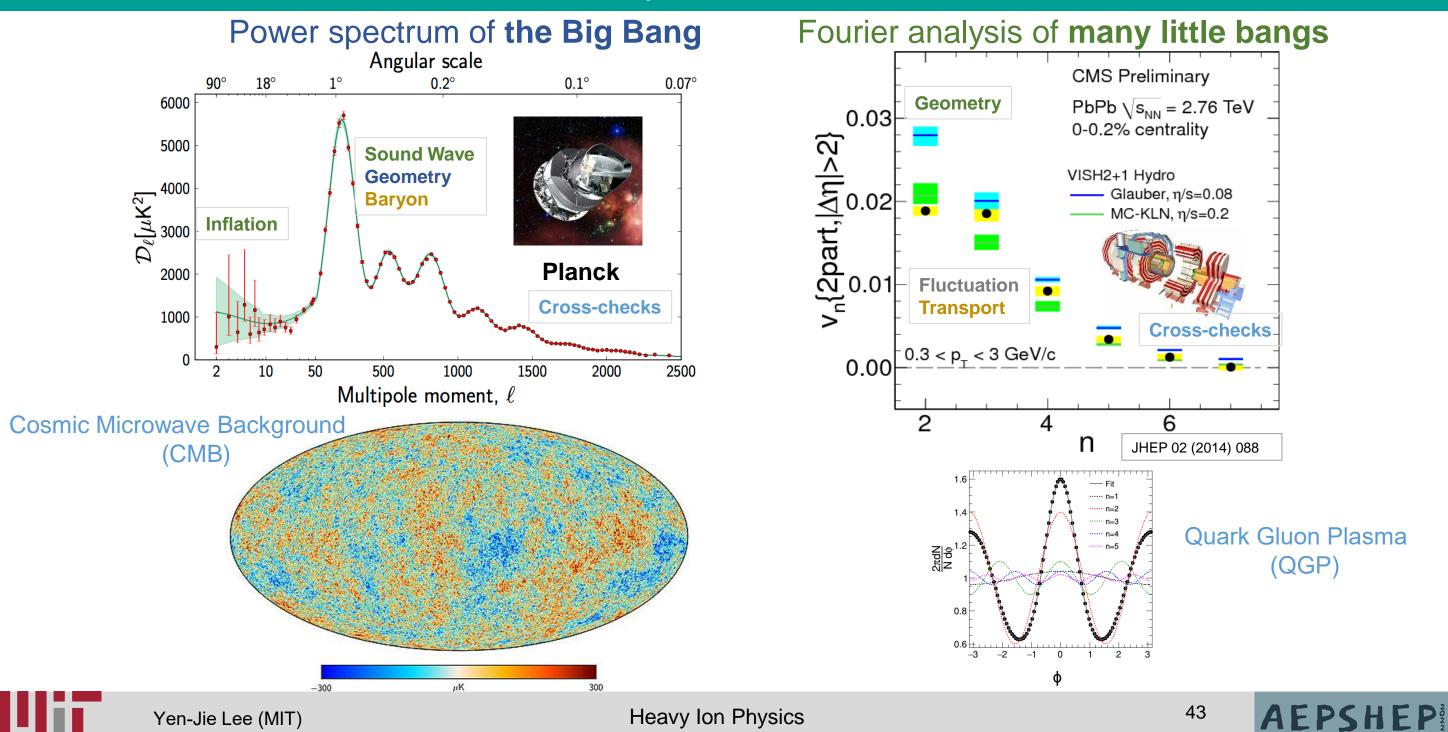
Expansion of Ultra-cold atoms (Li-6) released from laser trap



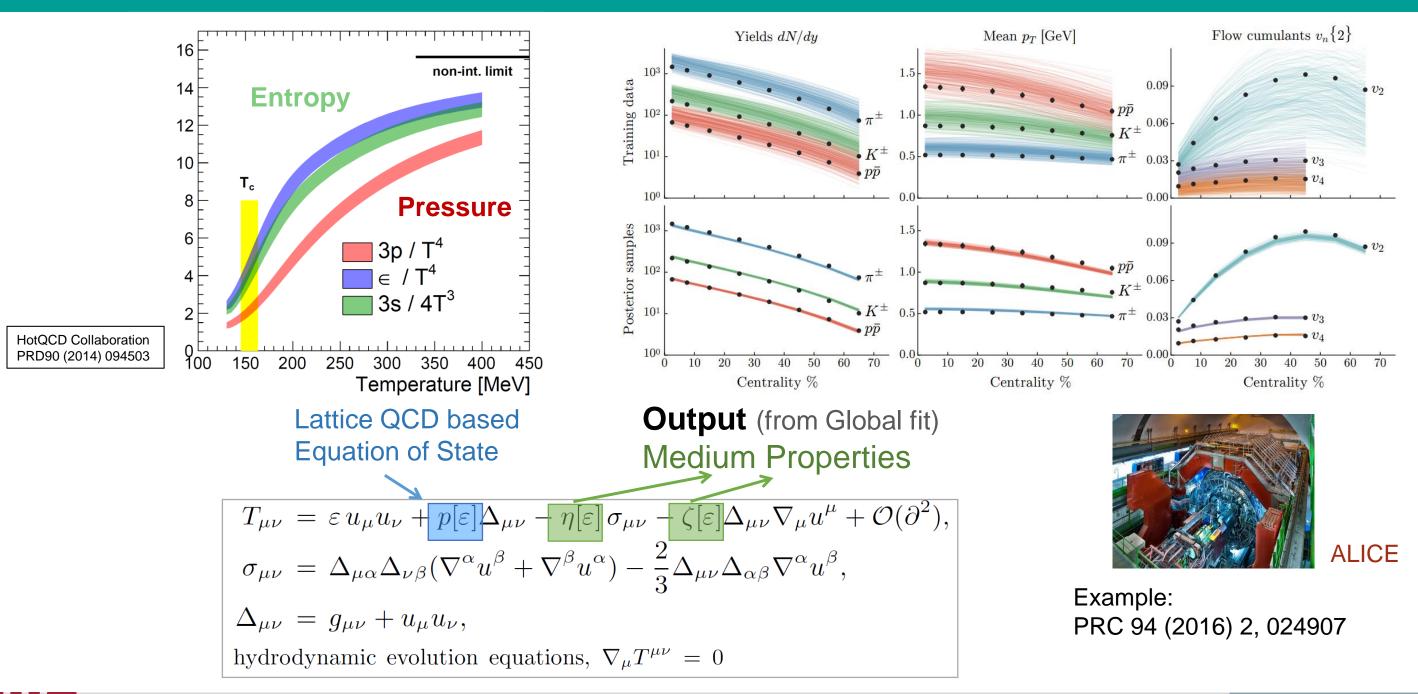
#### 100 µs

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### **Density Fluctuation**



### **Relativistic Hydrodynamics Calculations**



### **Shear Viscosity**

Viscosity 
$$\eta$$
 in the kinetic theory:  $^{\scriptscriptstyle [1]} \qquad \eta = k 
ho \left \lambda_f$ 

- $\mathbf{p} \rightarrow \text{momentum}$
- $\rho \rightarrow$  the density of medium constituents (quarks and gluons)
- $\sigma \rightarrow Cross-section$
- $\lambda_f \rightarrow$  mean free path

 $r = \frac{\langle p \rangle}{3\sigma}$ 

$$\lambda_f = \frac{1}{\rho\sigma}$$

$$x \rightarrow$$
 a constant  $\sim \frac{1}{3}$  from kinetic theory calculation

Therefore,

#### → Large transport cross-section leads to small shear viscosity

[1] F. Reif, Fundamentals of Statistical and Thermal Physics (McGraw-Hill, New York, 1965



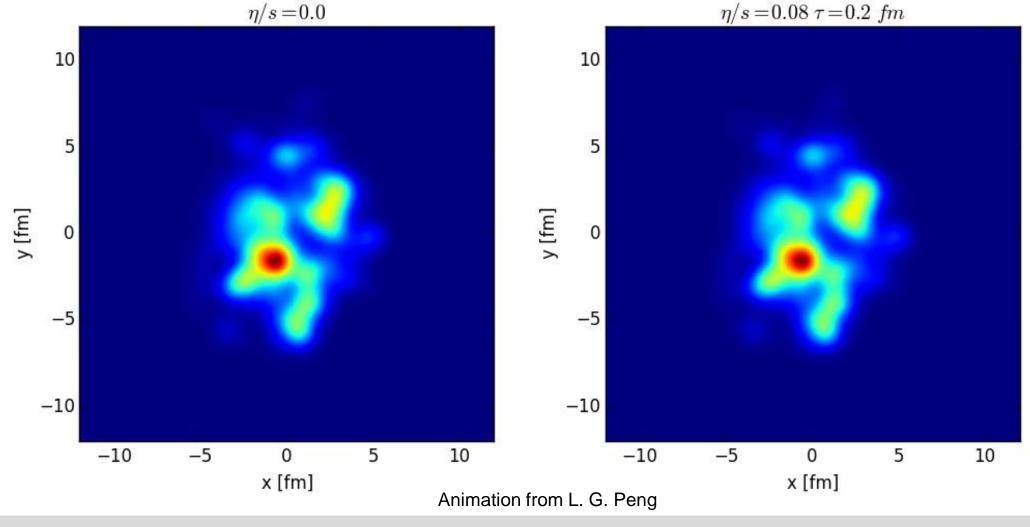
$$\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Shear Viscosity to Entropy Ratio} \\ \mbox{The motivation of } \begin{subarray}{l} \frac{\eta}{s} : \mbox{Normalize by system size} \\ \mbox{Relativistic Version of } F = ma \ \mbox{results in} & \begin{subarray}{l} \frac{\eta}{\epsilon + P} \sim \frac{\mbox{force}}{mass} \\ \mbox{At zero chemical potential: } \end{subarray} \end{subarray} \end{subarray} + P = Ts \\ \mbox{Therefore } \end{subarray} \begin{subarray}{l} \frac{\eta}{\epsilon + P} = \frac{\eta}{s} \times \frac{1}{T} \\ \mbox{Where } \end{subarray} \end{$$

#### Small **specific shear viscosity** ~ very small force per inertial mass

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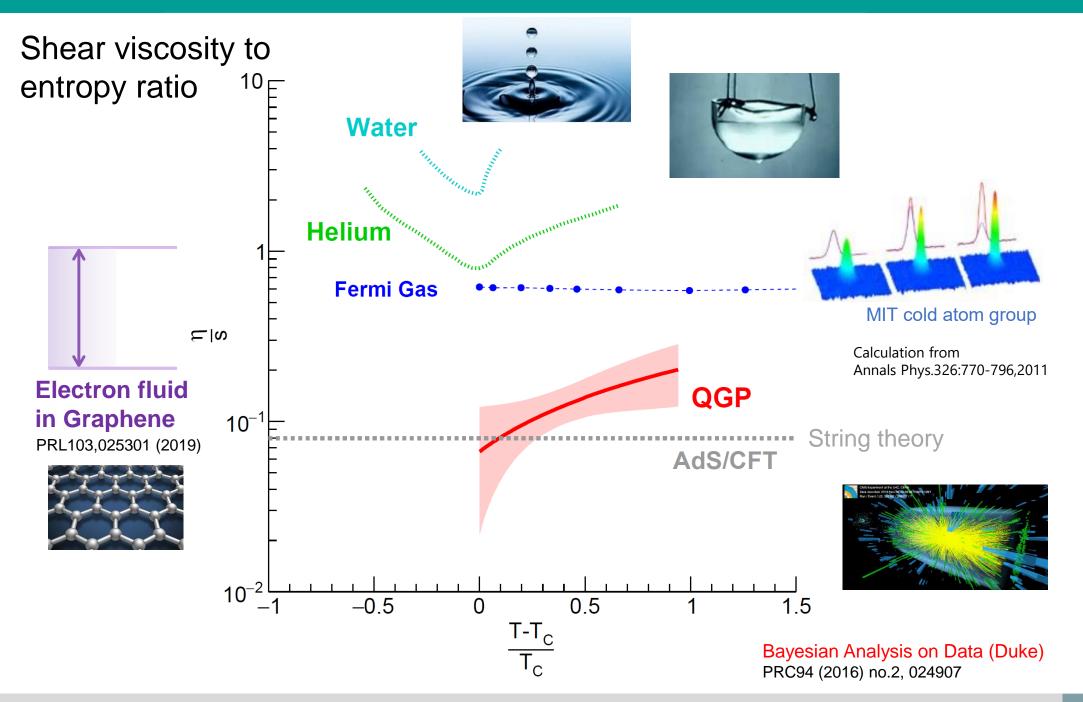
### Effect of Specific Shear Viscosity in Simulation

Ideal hydrodynamicsViscous hydrodynamics $\eta/s = 0$  $\eta/s = 0.08$ 





### Near Perfect Fluid



### Shear Viscosity of the QGP

Shear viscosity of the QGP is very large
$\eta \approx 0.1 \hbar s \approx 10^{12} \ \mathrm{erg} \ \mathrm{s/cm}^3$
$\approx 10^{14}$ centipoise

Almost as large as the glass (>10<sup>15</sup> cp)

However, due to the large QGP entropy **s**, **QGP specific viscosity η/s is very small** 

\* Note that the physics picture of QGP is not like slow-moving Honey or stationary glass! The strong force acting on QGP is also way bigger (a dynamic system)

Table 8.4.1. Viscosities  $\eta$  for some common materials in units of centipoise ( $10^{-2}$  erg s/cm<sup>3</sup>).

Substance	Temperature	Viscosity (cp)
Air	18°C	0.018
Water	0°C	1.8
Water	20°C	1
Water	100°C	0.28
Glycerin	20°C	1500
Mercury	20°C	1.6
n-Pentane	20°C	0.23
Argon	85K	0.28
He₄	4.2K	0.033
Superfluid He <sup>4</sup>	< 2.1K	0
Glass		$> 10^{15}$

Note that, by popular convention, the designation "glass" is applied to any disordered material once its viscosity exceeds  $10^{15}$ cp.

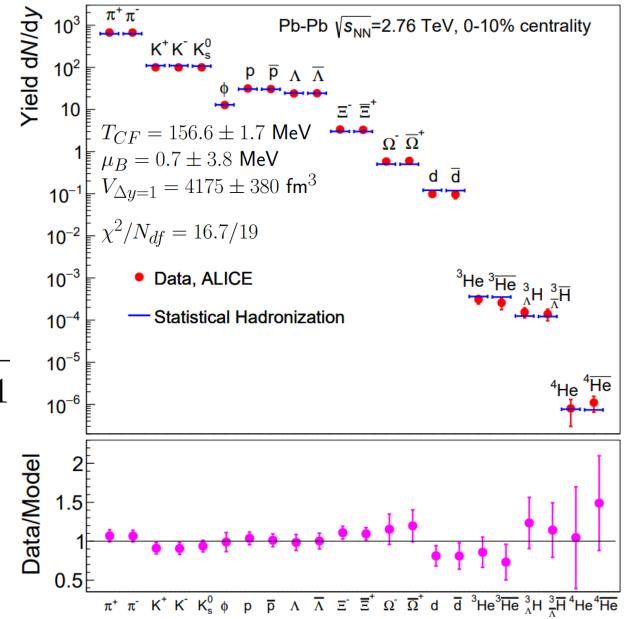


### **Statistical Hadronization**

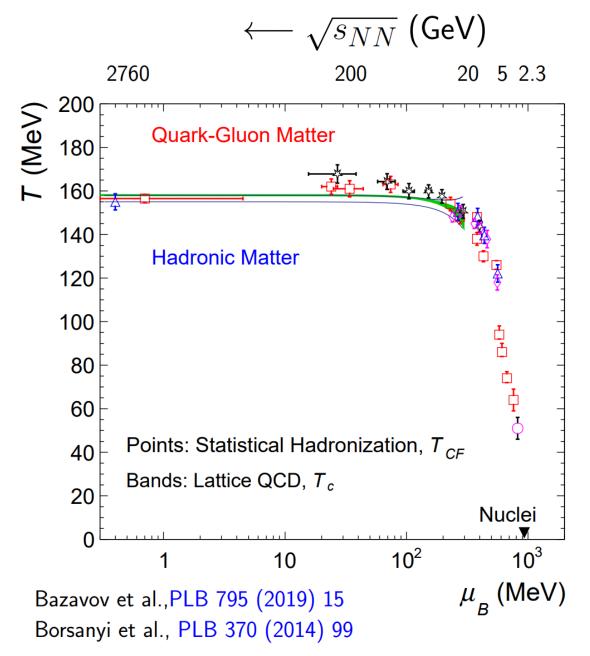
- Hadronization process: non-perturbative
- In ee and pp: string fragmentation, cluster
- Postulate: QGP cools into an equilibrated gas of hadrons
- Particle abundance produced in QGP could be described by calculation with partition function

$$n = \int N(E)d^{3}p \text{ and } N(E) = \frac{D}{(2\pi)^{3}} \frac{1}{e^{\frac{E-\mu}{T}} \pm 1}$$

- Conserved quantum number, such as baryon number gives a chemical potential  $\mu_{\text{B}}$
- Temperature at the chemical freeze-out could be extracted



### **QGP** Phase Diagram from Stat Hadronization Model



- Extracted result from LHC: remarkable coincidence with Lattice QCD results
- At LHC, baryon chemical potential µ<sub>B</sub>~ 0: produced matter and anti-matter as in the Early Universe
- At lower collision energy: more matter from beam remnants of the colliding nuclei, larger  $\mu_{\text{B}}$
- Critical point still to be located (RHIC Beam Energy Scan, FAIR)

### **Unanswered Questions**

• How does the strongly interacting medium emerge from an asymptotic free theory?

 Can we see quasi-particles (at some point, quarks and gluons) in the Quark-Gluon Plasma? What is the structure of QGP probed at different length scales?

What are the transport properties of the medium?





### Probe the Quark Soup!

• How does the strongly interacting medium emerge from an asymptotic free theory?

Start from "un-thermalized" objects and see how they are thermalized in the Quark Soup

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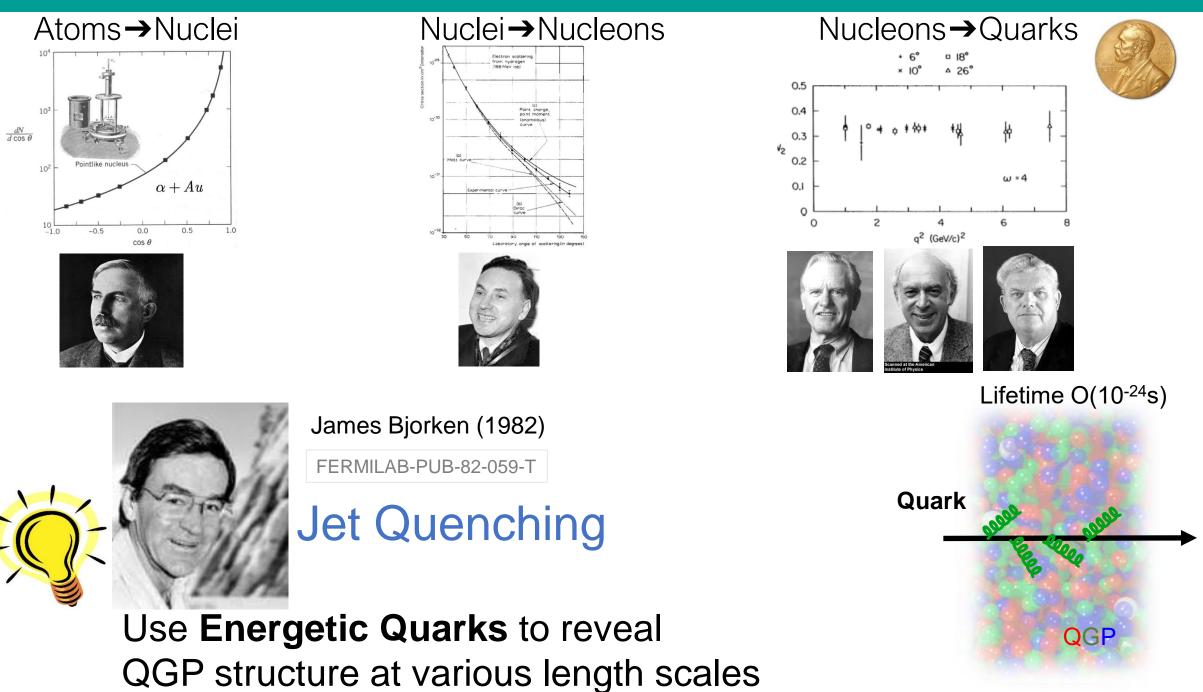
**"QGP Rutherford Experiment"** 

What are the transport properties of the medium?

Study how Colored Probes are modified by QGP Study how QGP respond to Colored Probes



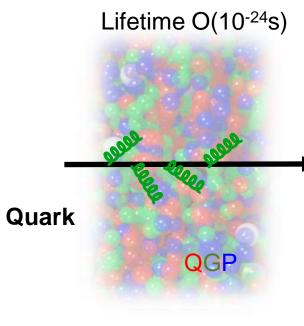
### Hard Probes



### The Advantage of Hard Probes

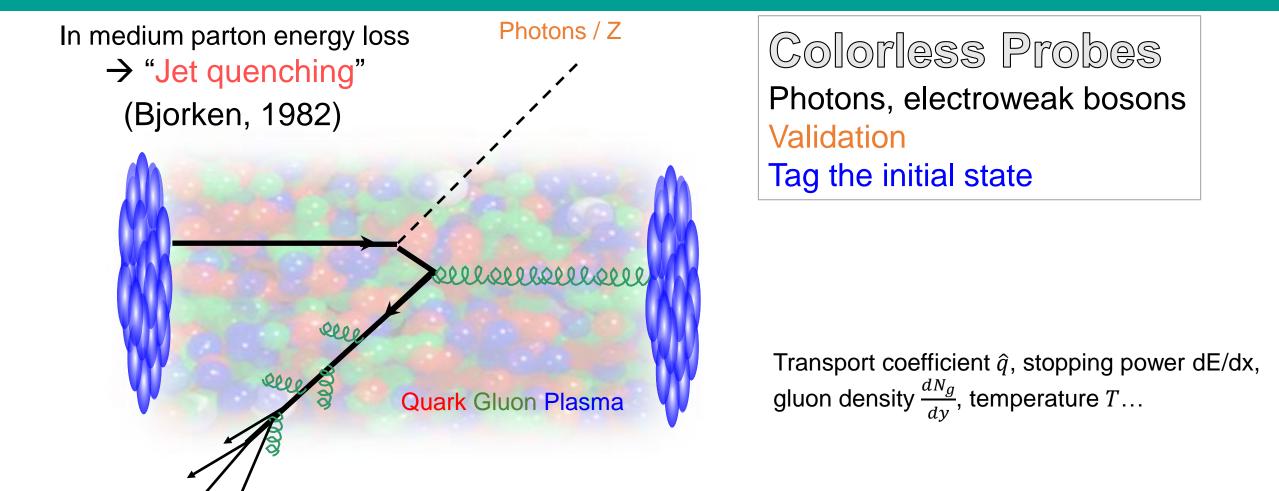
- Momentum scale is well above QCD scale  $\Lambda_{QCD} \sim 200 \text{ MeV}$ 
  - Described by perturbative methods (pQCD), calculations can be tested with pp scattering
- They are produced early: sensitive to full evolution of QGP
- Sensitive to short wave-length behavior of the medium
  - Transverse resolution of a radiated quanta:

$$\lambda \sim \frac{1}{Q} \ll 1~{\rm fm}$$



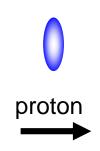
- Example: Q=100 GeV  $\rightarrow \lambda$ =0.05 fm
- Long relaxation time: "memory" of their initial conditions at production

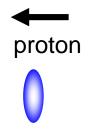
### **Colorless and Colored Hard Probes**



### **Colored Probes:**

Fast-moving high energy quarks and gluons, Heavy quarks Studies of the medium properties



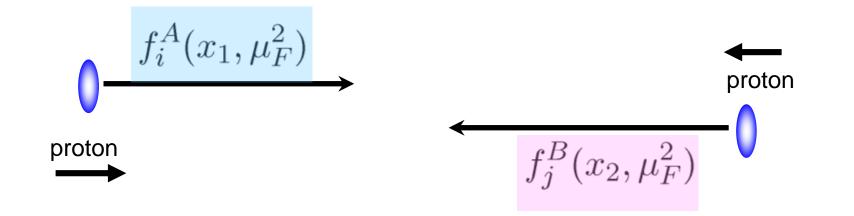






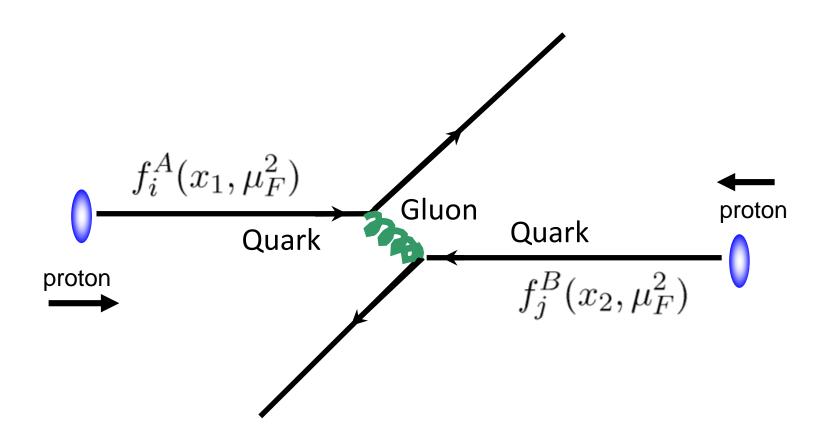
$$\sigma^{AB \to kl} \sim f_i^A(x_1, \mu_F^2) \otimes f_j^B(x_2, \mu_F^2) \otimes \hat{\sigma}^{ij \to kl}$$

Parton Distribution Function (PDF)

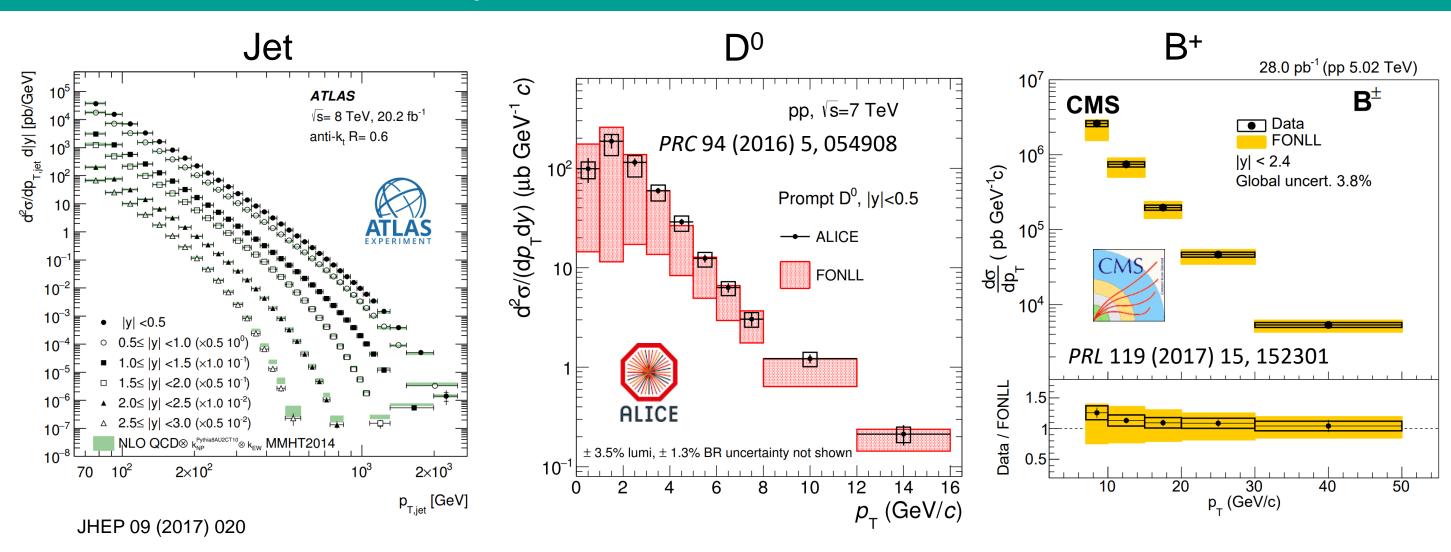


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Parton Distribution Function (PDF) Cross-section of  $2\rightarrow 2$  process



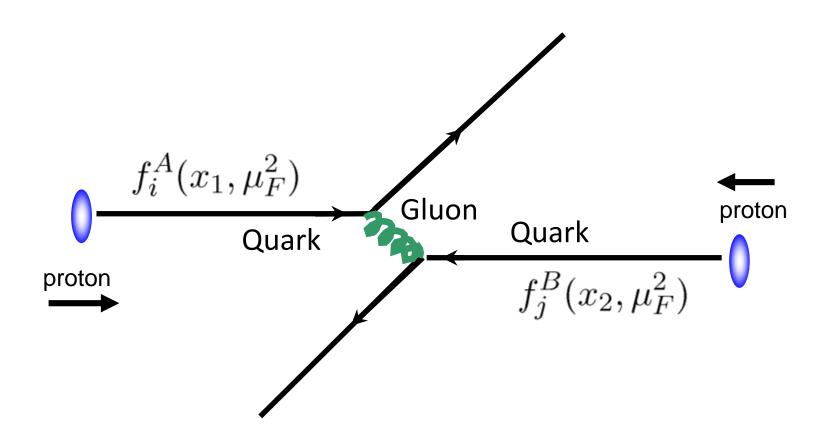
### Jet and Heavy Flavor Meson Production in PP



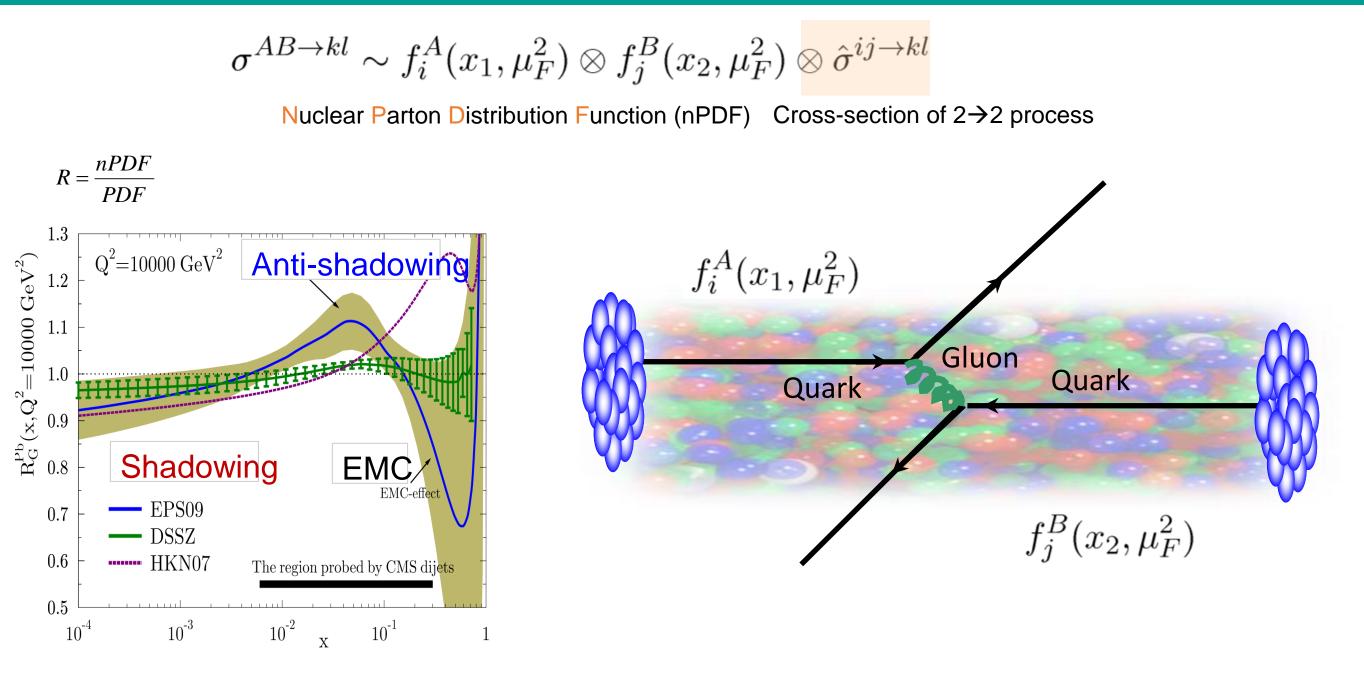
Jets and heavy flavor meson  $p_T$  spectra can be described by pQCD calculations

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### Factorization in AA collisions



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## Summary

- Heavy-Ion Collisions: experiments that give access to Quark Gluon Plasma
- The medium produced in HI collisions is very dense, strongly interacting, flows like a perfect fluid.
- The abundance of the final state baryons and mesons can be described by a statistical hadronization model
- Next: Hard Probes of QGP

### **Bonus Material**

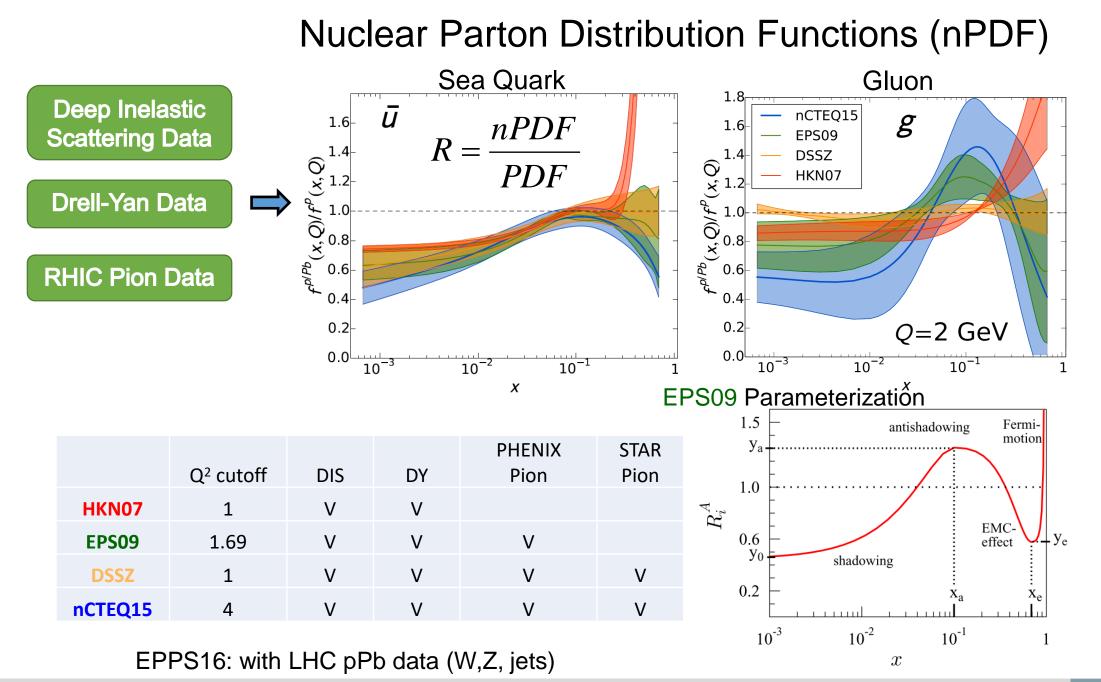


### **Nuclear Parton Distribution Function**

# Jet for constraining the nuclear parton distribution function

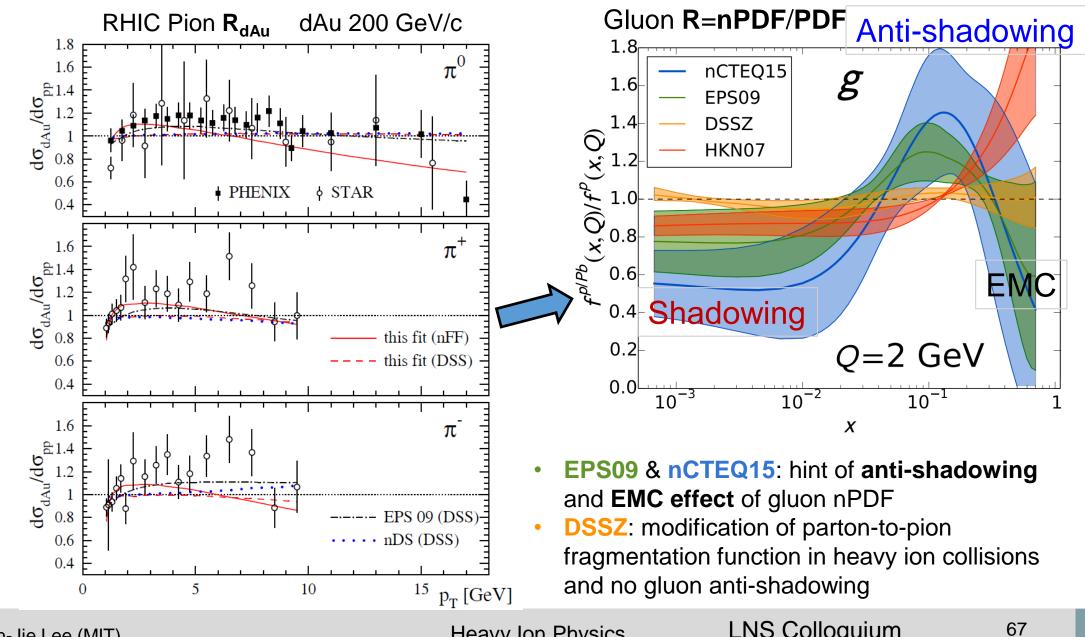


### **Parton Distribution Function**

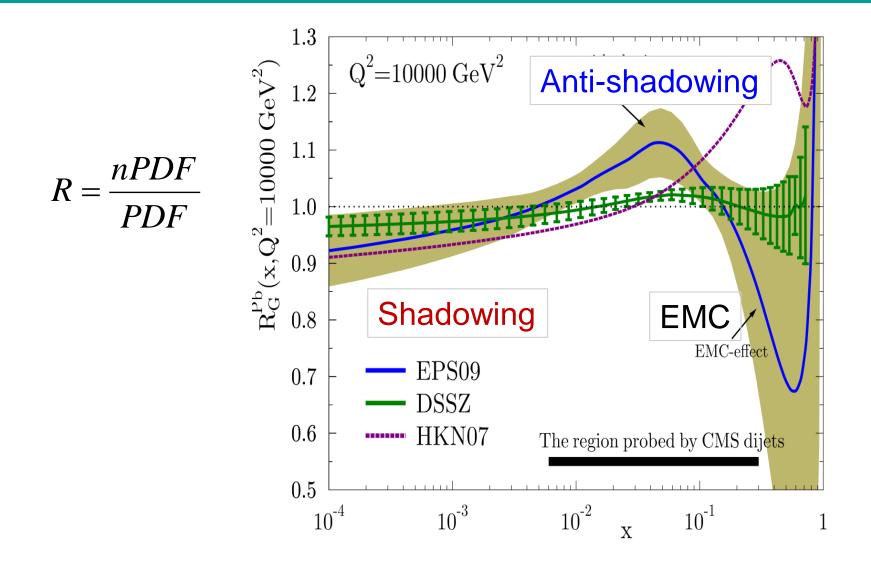


# Different interpretation of the pion data

Hadron observables: sensitive to possible modifications of fragmentation function  $\rightarrow$  Different interpretation of the data! and hadronization



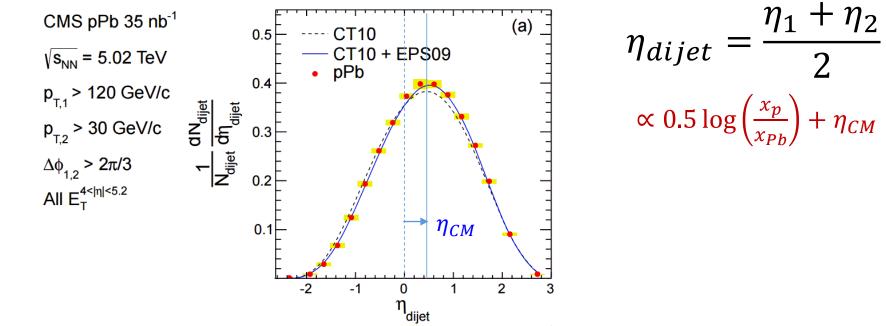
### nPDF modification at large Q<sup>2</sup>



Nuclear modification of hard scattering involving large momentum transfer due to PDF is small (at the order of 10%)

### Dijet pseudorapidity in the LAB Frame

#### Idea: Angular distributions of high $p_T$ dijets



- Jets: Less sensitive to fragmentation functions and hadronization effects
- Can be calculated with pQCD with small theoretical uncertainties
- Normalized distribution: lead to smaller theoretical and experimental uncertainties

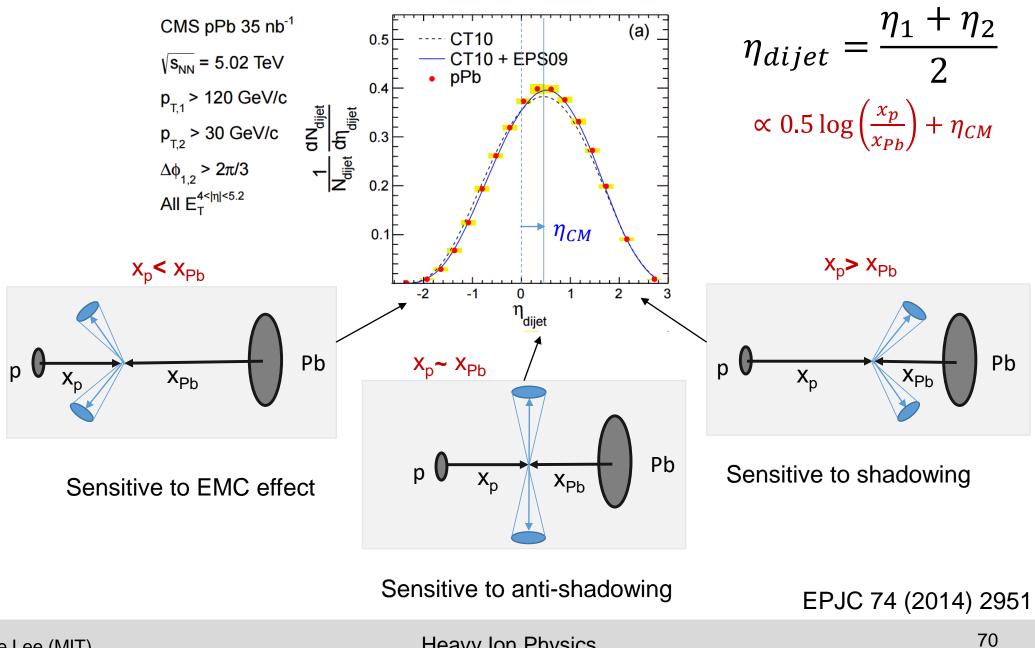
Distribution shift to positive value due to asymmetric proton and lead ion beam energy

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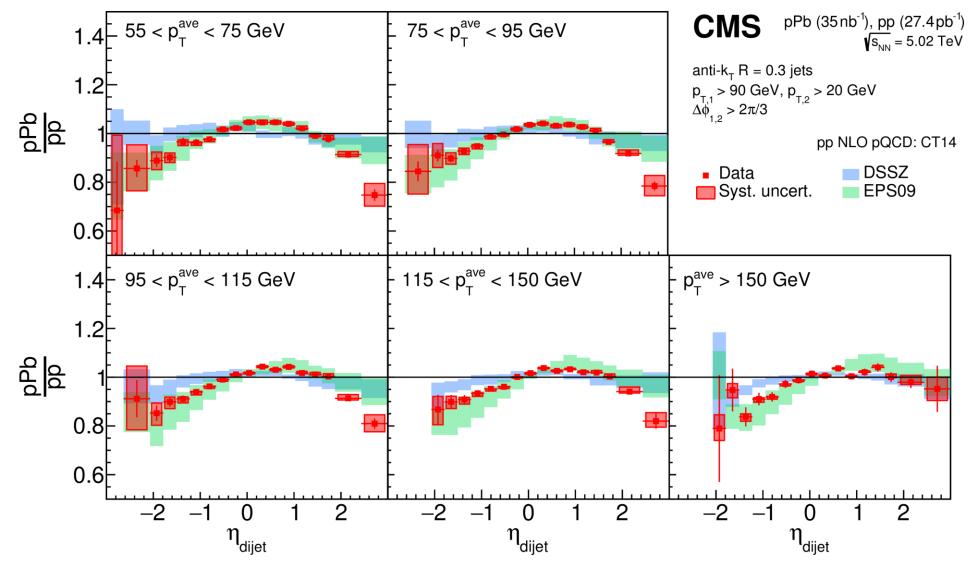
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### Observation of nPDF effect



- EPS09: hint of anti-shadowing and EMC effect of gluon nPDF
- DSSZ: modification of parton-to-pion fragmentation function in heavy ion collisions and no gluon anti-shadowing

