

# The Unbearable Burden of Being Light:

*Exploring the emergence of ordinary matter  
from quarks and gluons*

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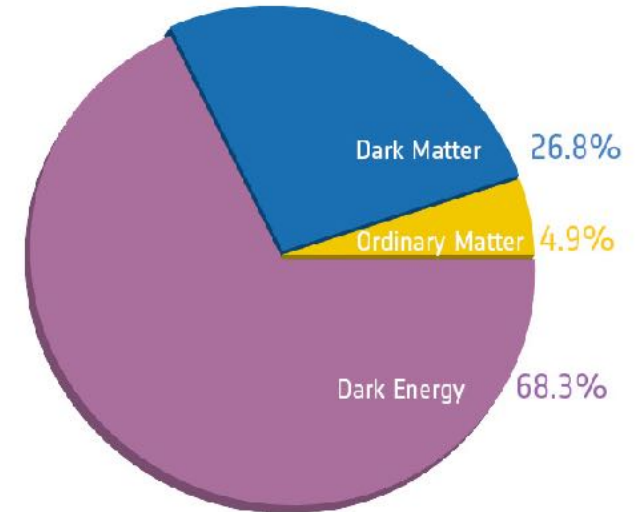
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# Mass Balance of the Universe

Approximately 5% of the mass in the present universe is made up of ordinary matter, i.e. atoms and molecules. The overwhelming fraction (>99.9%) of that mass is due to protons and neutrons in the form of nuclei.

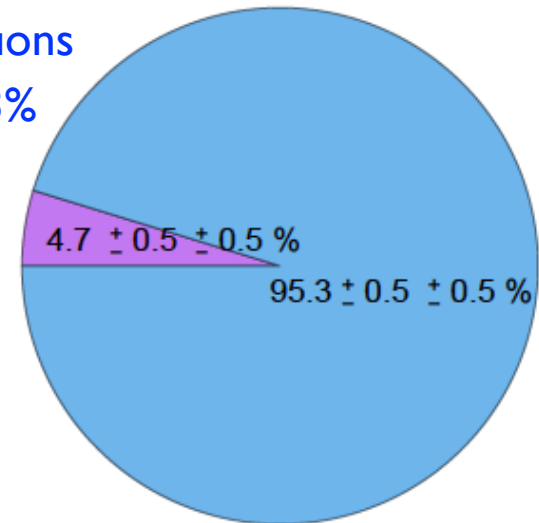
But where do nucleons derive their mass from?

Planck satellite CMB data



Mass contribution from gluons  
(direct and indirect) = 95.3%

Explicit contribution from  
u/d quark masses = 4.7%



The BIG Question: How do gluons, which are themselves massless, create more than 95% of the mass of nucleons and, thus of ordinary matter?

# The Question of Mass

- Classical physics:
  - “Mass” = Energy/ $c^2$  of a body when viewed at rest
  - The mass  $M$  of a body is a fixed number
- Quantum physics:
  - “Mass” = Energy/ $c^2$  of a particle when viewed at rest
  - The mass of a particle depends on the resolution  $\Delta x$  at which it is measured:  $M = M(Q)$ .
  - $Q = \hbar/\Delta x$  is the momentum scale associated with  $\Delta x$ .
  - Whether the  $M$  increases or decreases with momentum scale  $Q$  depends on whether quantum fluctuations add or subtract from the particle’s mass.
    - QED (electron):  $M(Q)$  increases with growing  $Q$ .
    - QCD (quarks):  $M(Q)$  decreases with growing  $Q$ .

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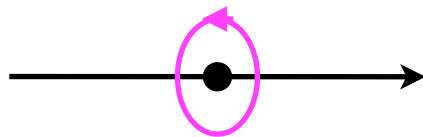
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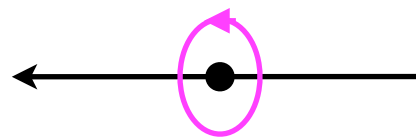
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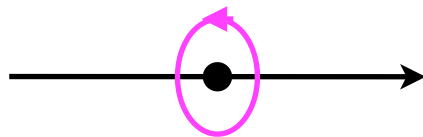
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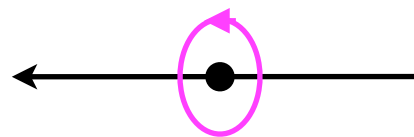
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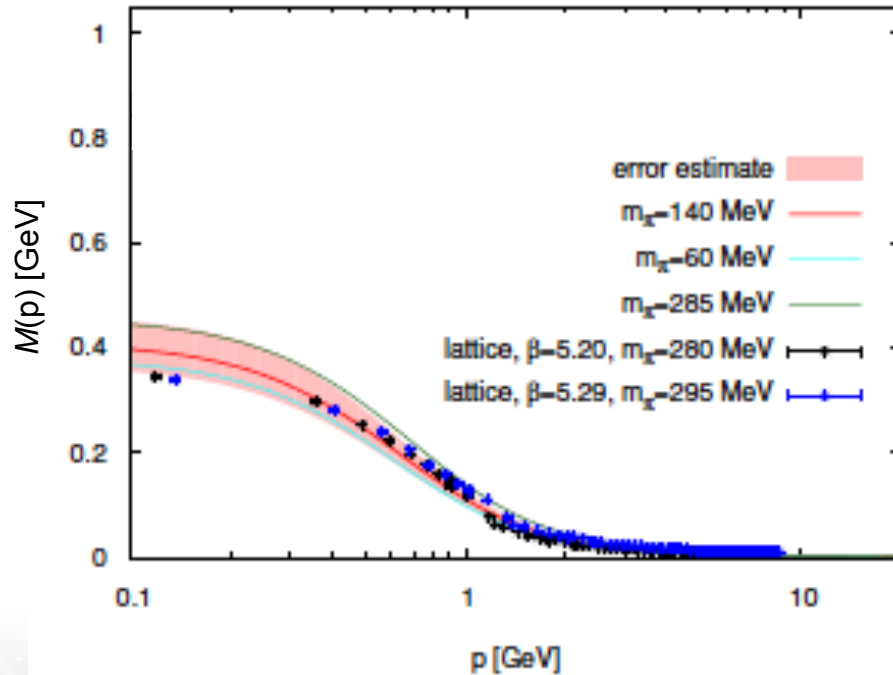
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*In the presence of a surrounding medium that breaks the Lorentz invariance of the vacuum, e.g. a thermal quark-gluon plasma, quarks can have mass without chiral symmetry breaking*

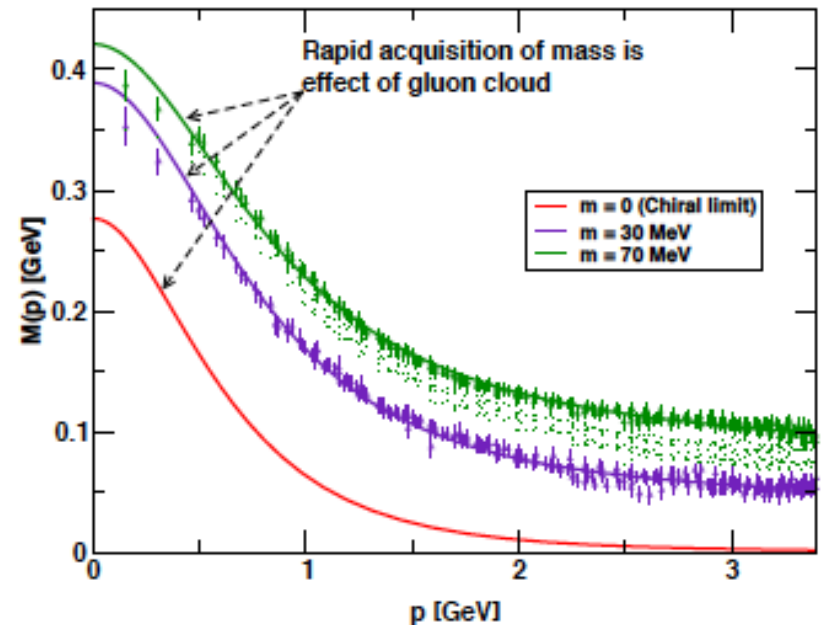
# Dynamical quark mass $M(p)$

Lattice QCD and functional renormalization group or Schwinger-Dyson equation calculations confirm  $\chi$ SB:  $M(p=0) \approx 400$  MeV.

Cyrol, Mitter, Pawłowski & Strodthoff,  
*arXiv:1706.06326*

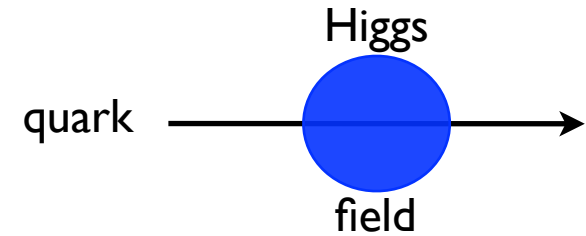
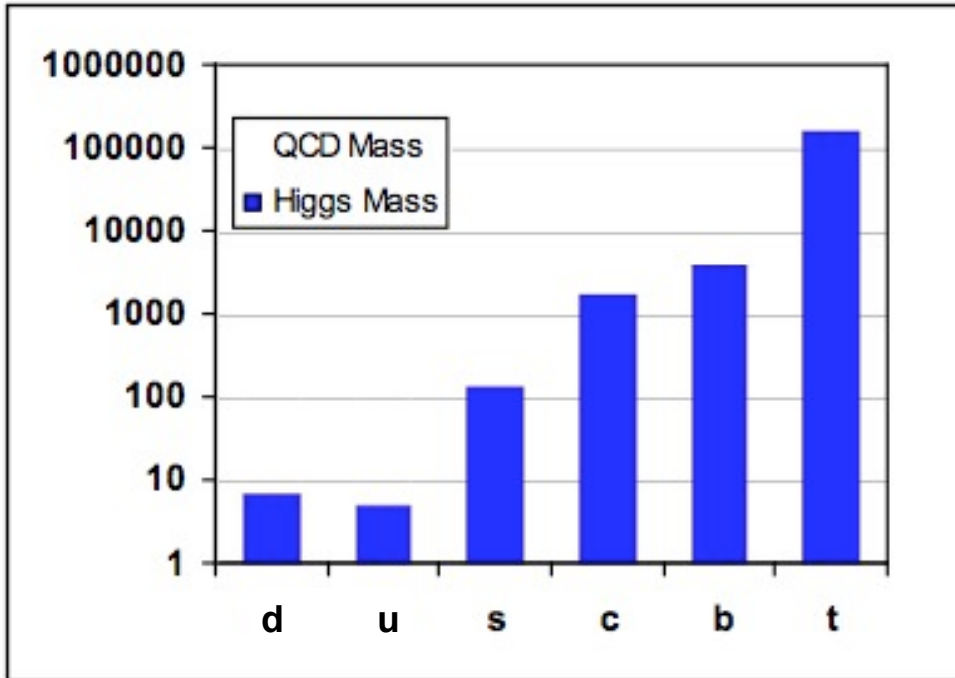


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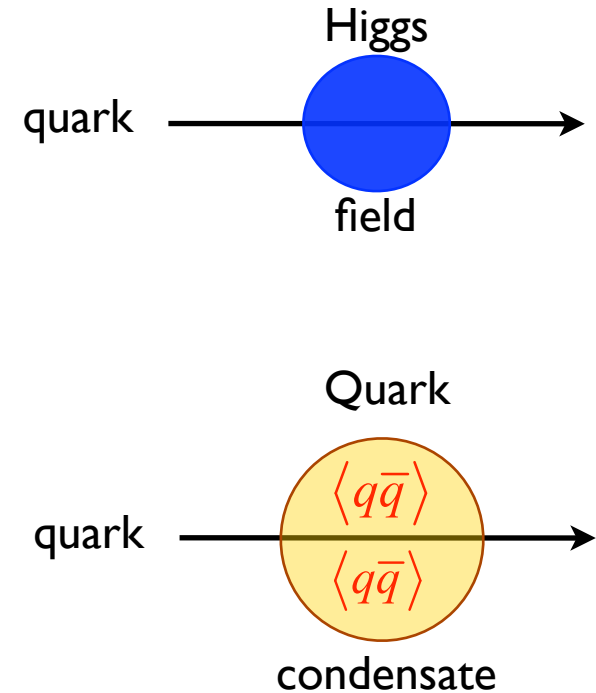
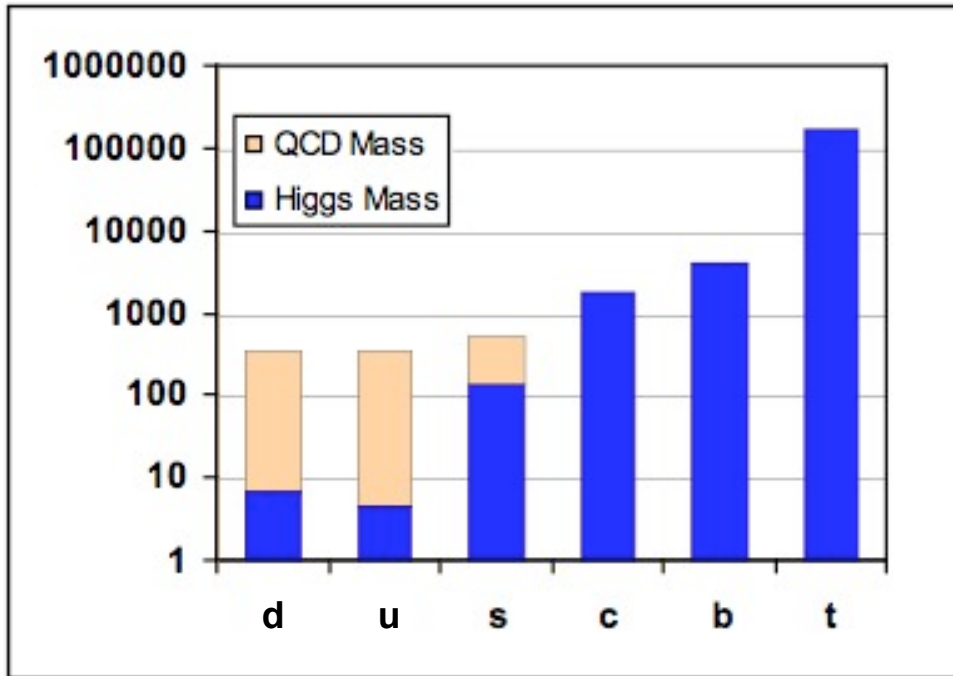
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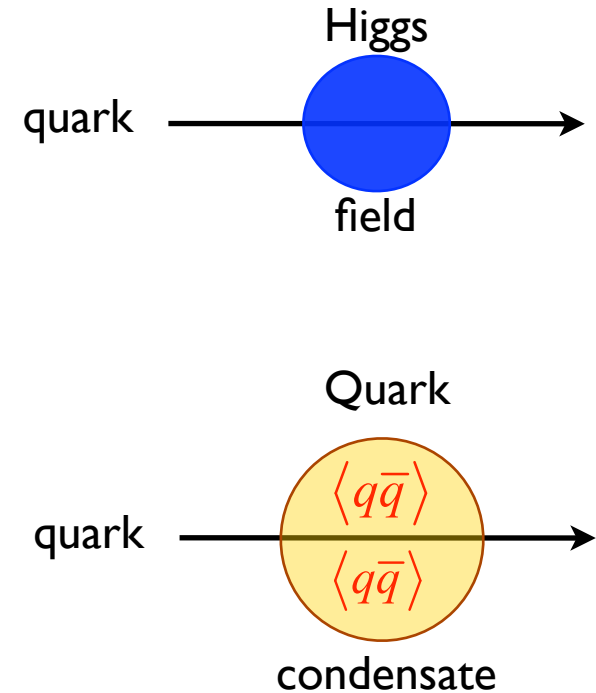
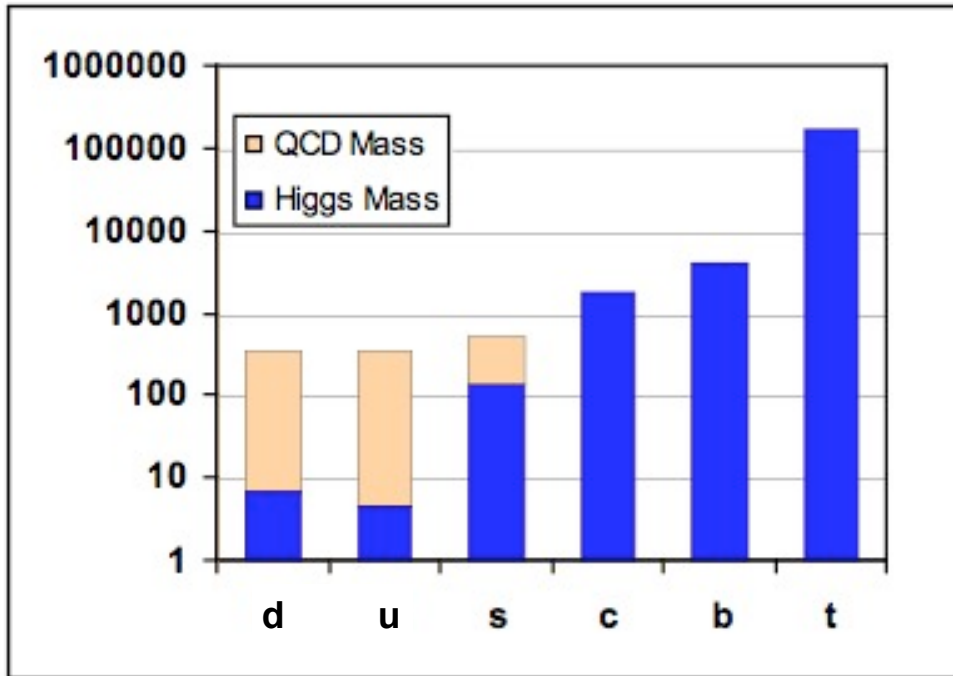
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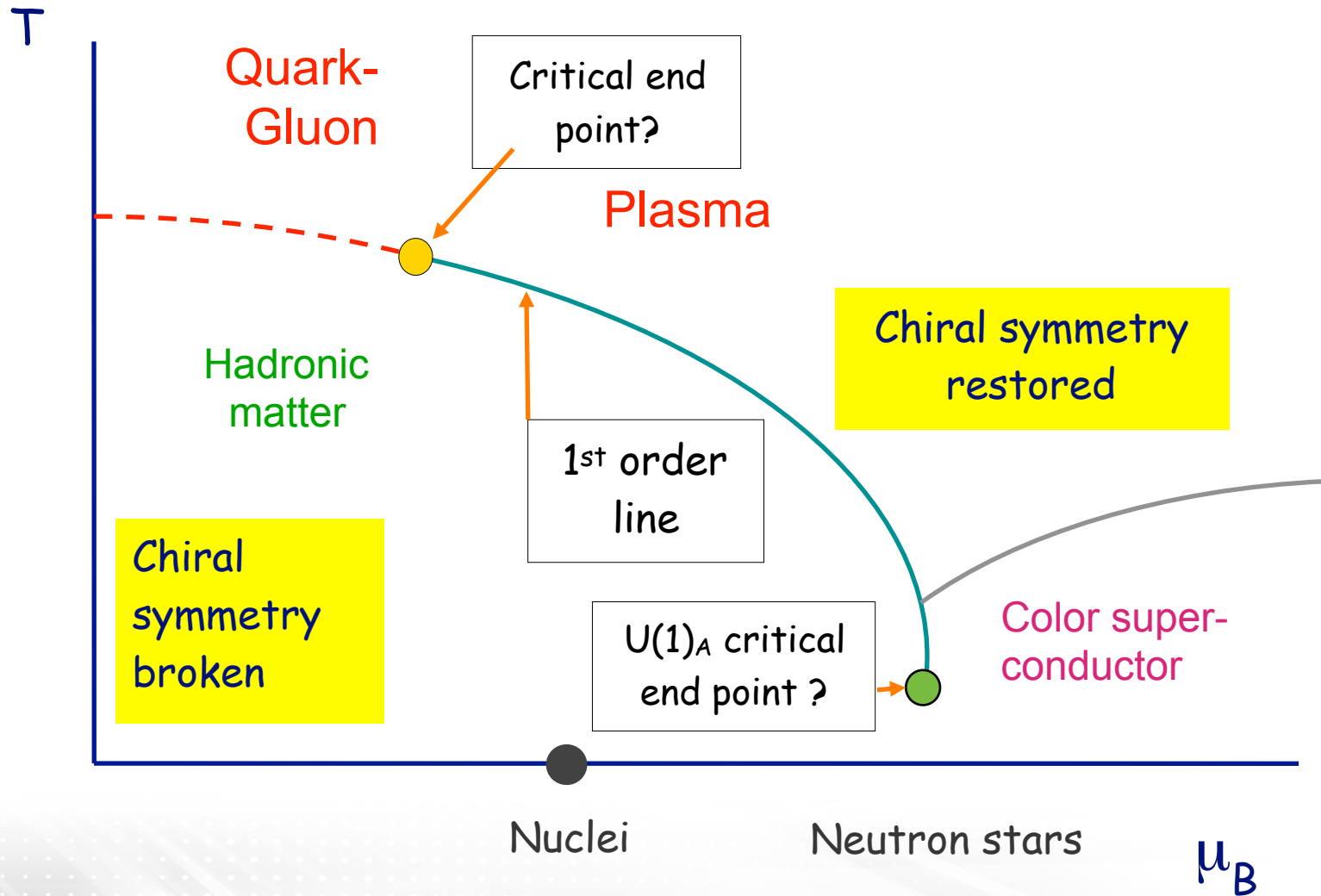
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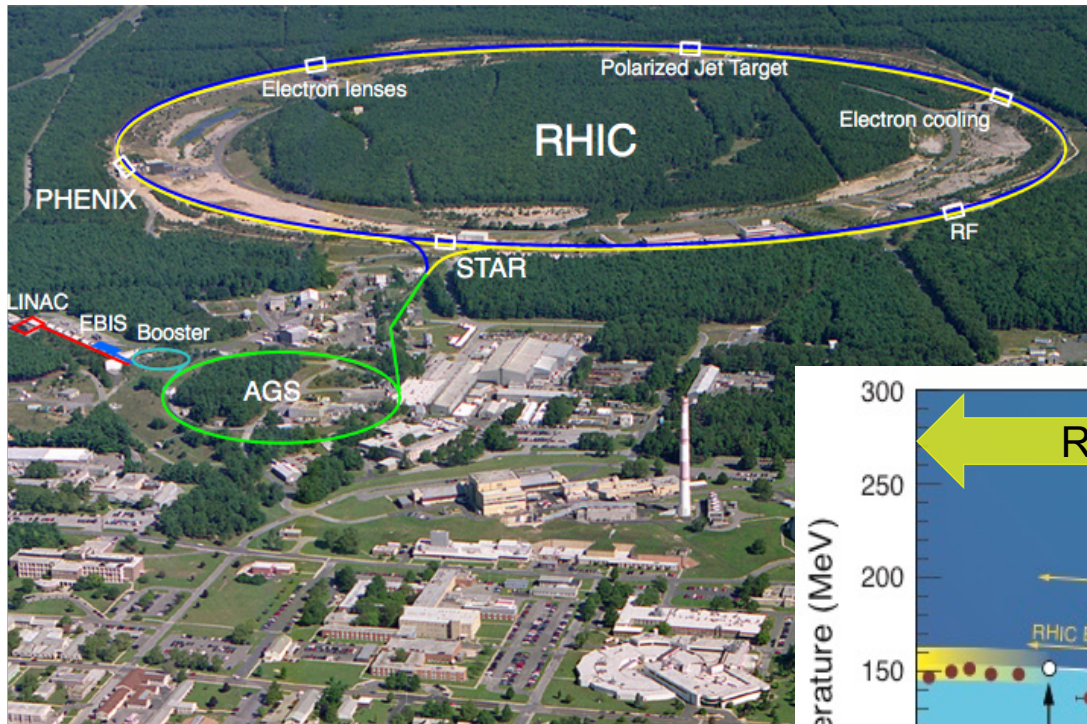


The strange quark is special:  
Its Higgs mass is comparable to its QCD mass

# QCD phase diagram

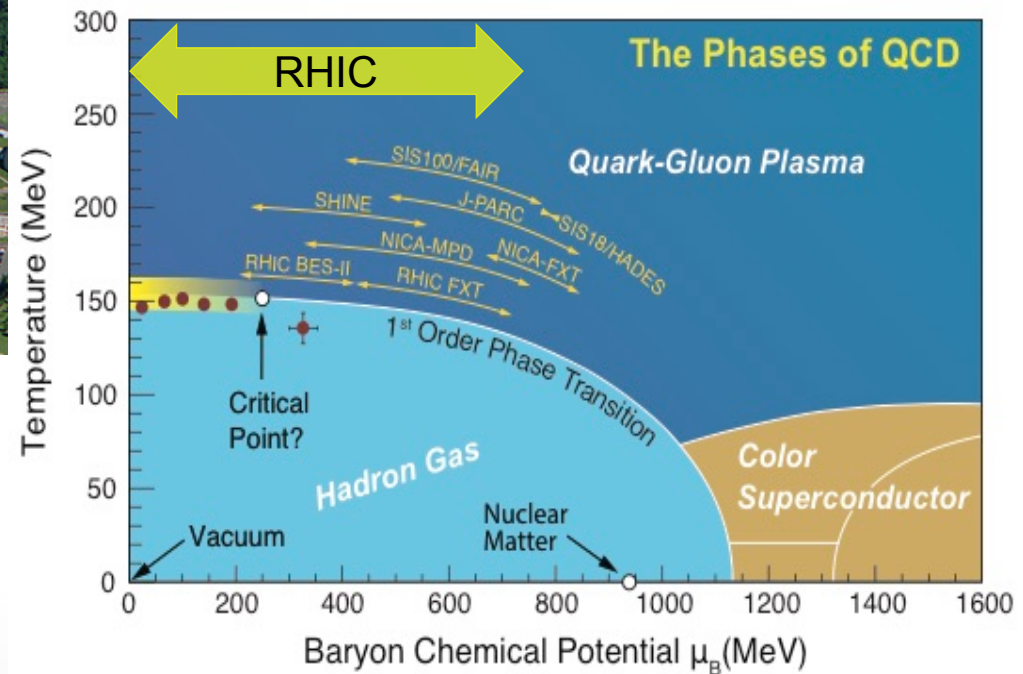


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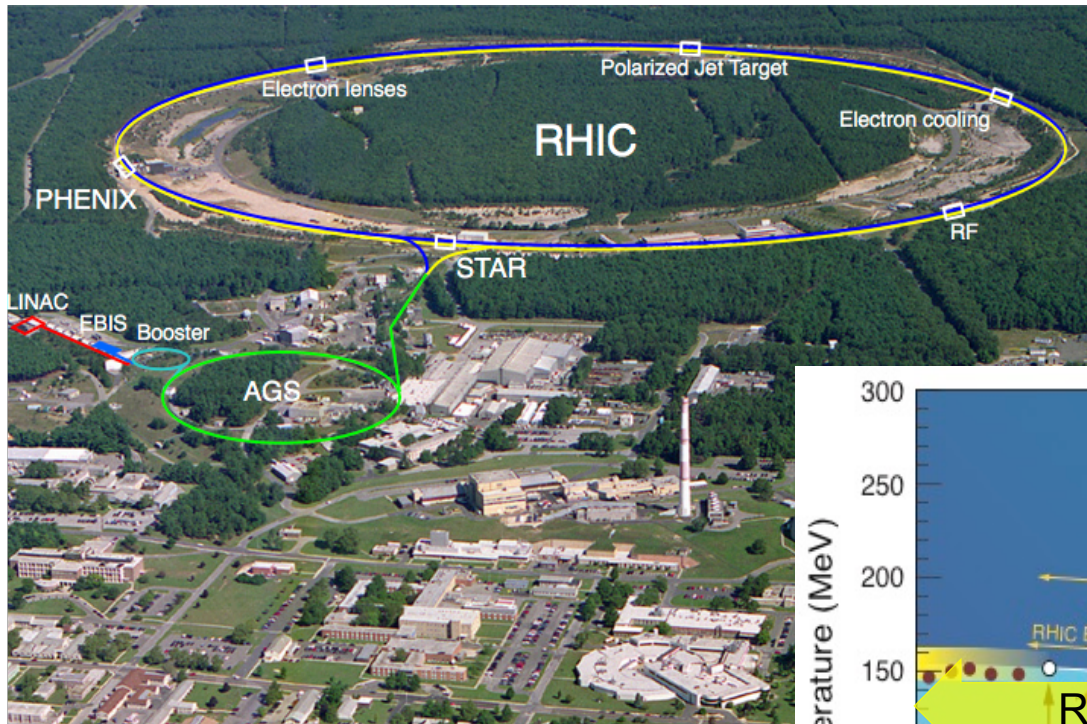


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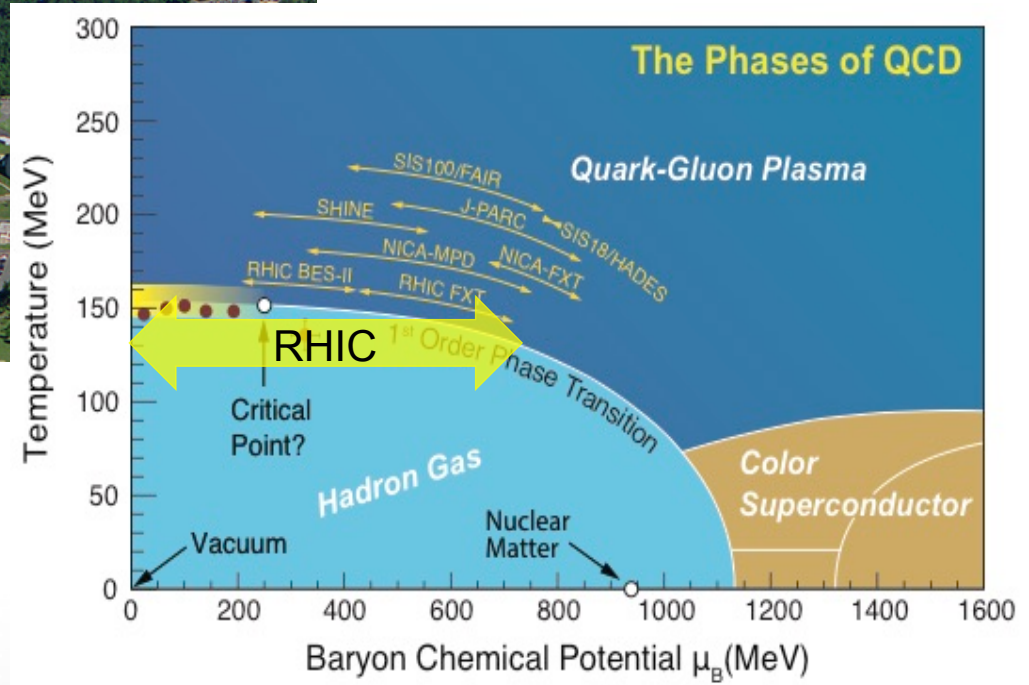


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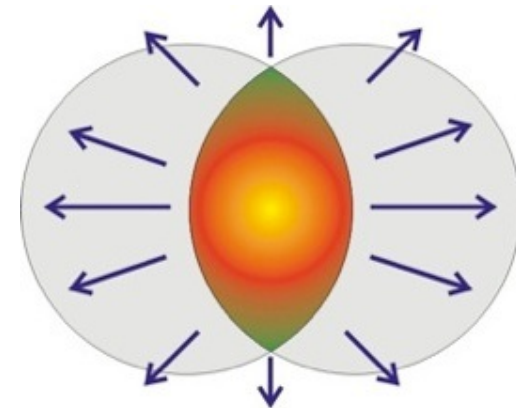
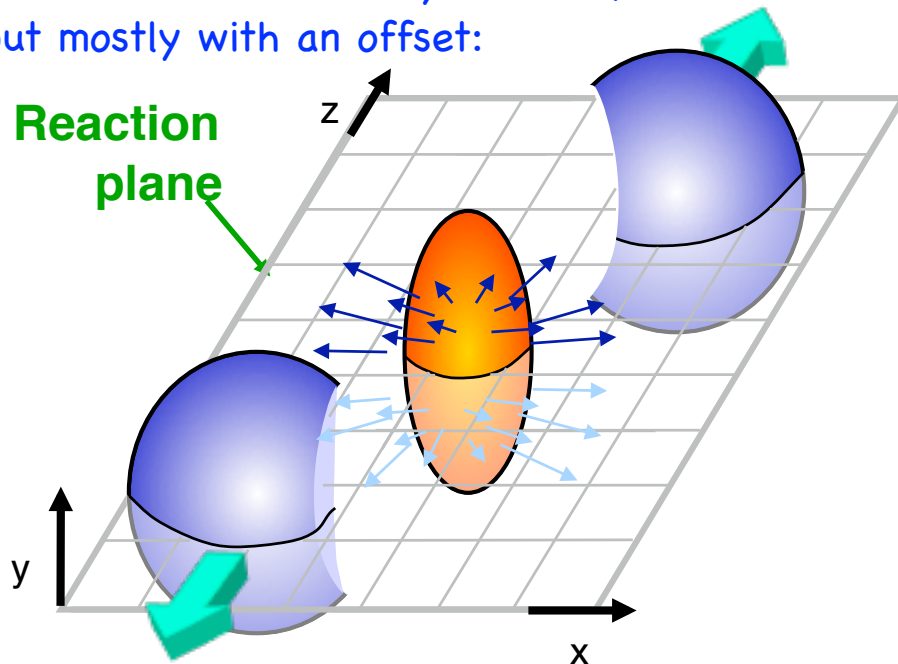
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# Quark-Gluon Plasma: A near-perfect fluid

# Elliptic flow

- two nuclei collide rarely head-on, but mostly with an offset:



only matter in the overlap area gets compressed and heated

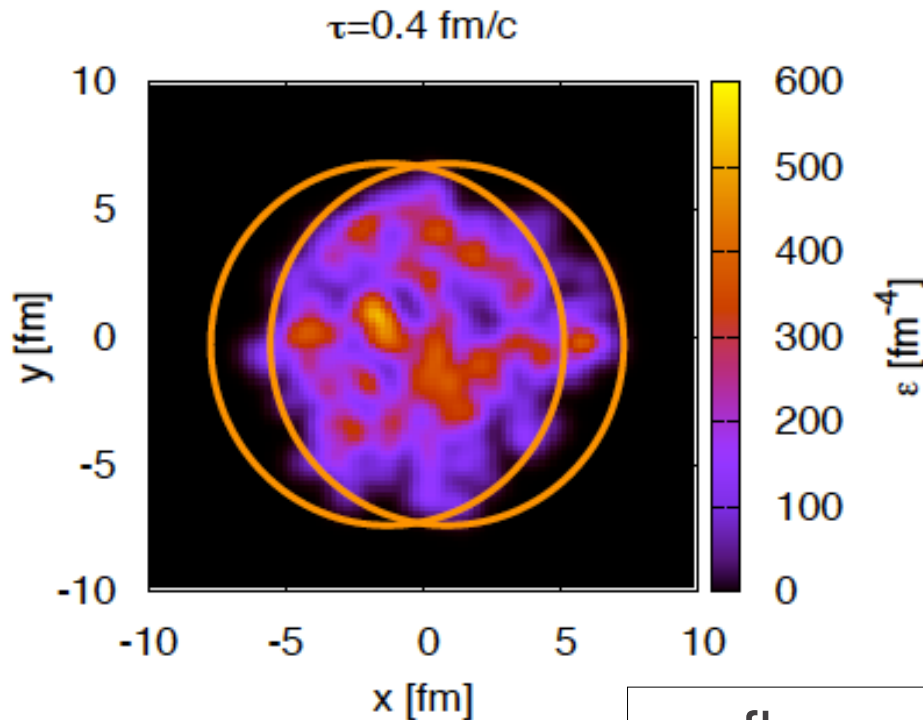
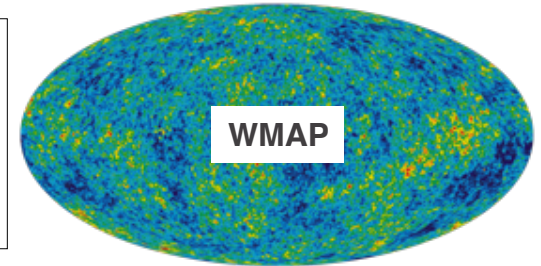
$$2\pi \frac{dN}{d\phi} = N_0 \left( 1 + 2 \sum_n v_n(p_T, \eta) \cos n(\phi - \psi_n(p_T, \eta)) \right)$$

anisotropic flow coefficients

event plane angle

# Event-by-event fluctuations

Initial state generated in A+A collision is grainy  
event plane  $\neq$  reaction plane  
 $\Rightarrow$  eccentricities  $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3, \varepsilon_4, \text{ etc.} \neq 0$

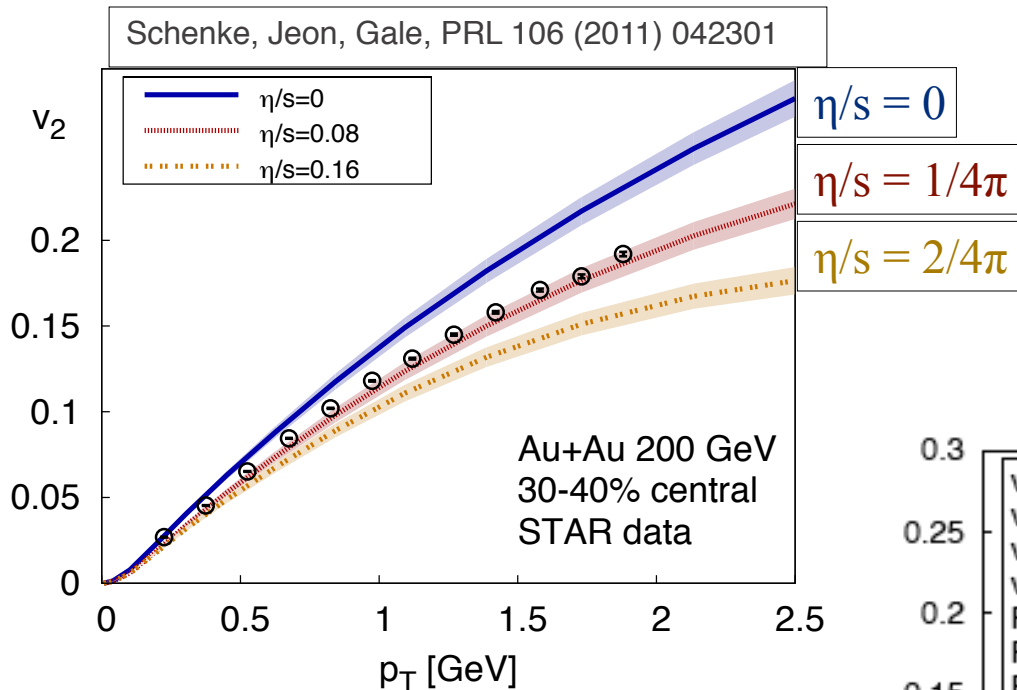


Idea: Energy density fluctuations in transverse plane from initial state quantum fluctuations. These thermalize to different temperatures locally and then propagate hydrodynamically to generate angular flow velocity fluctuations in the final state.

$\Rightarrow$  flows  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, \dots$

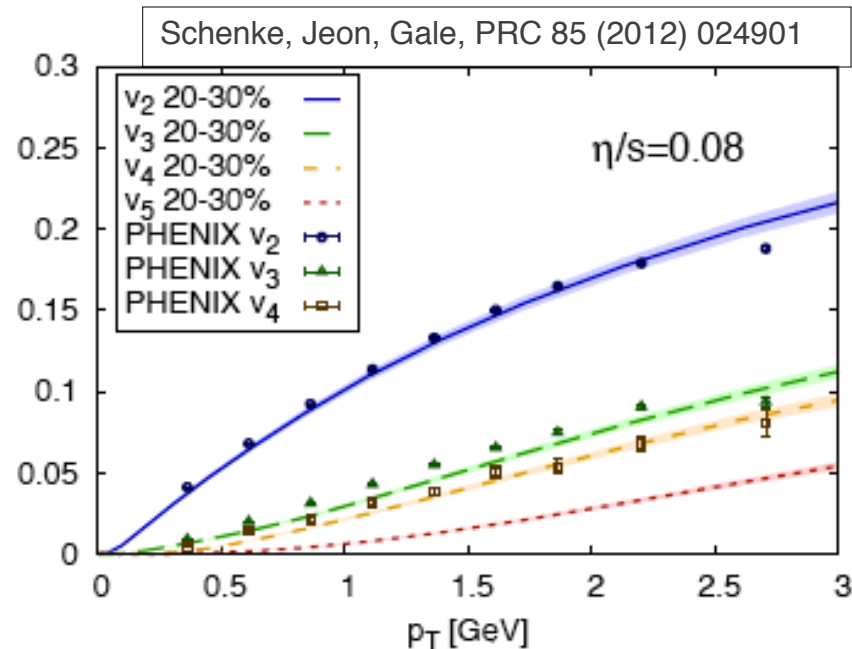


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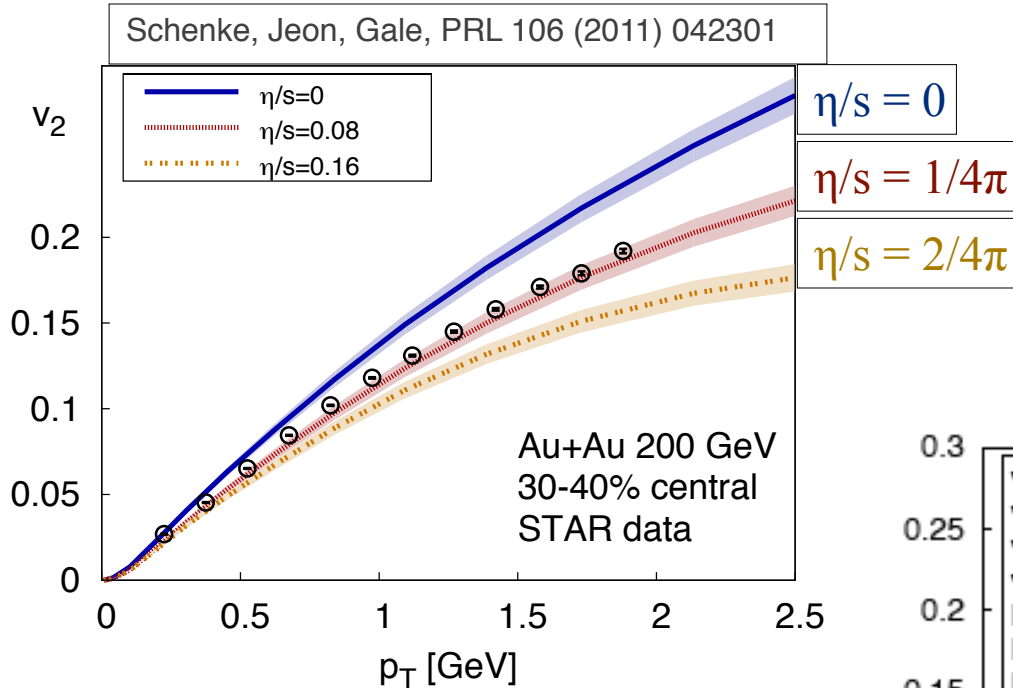


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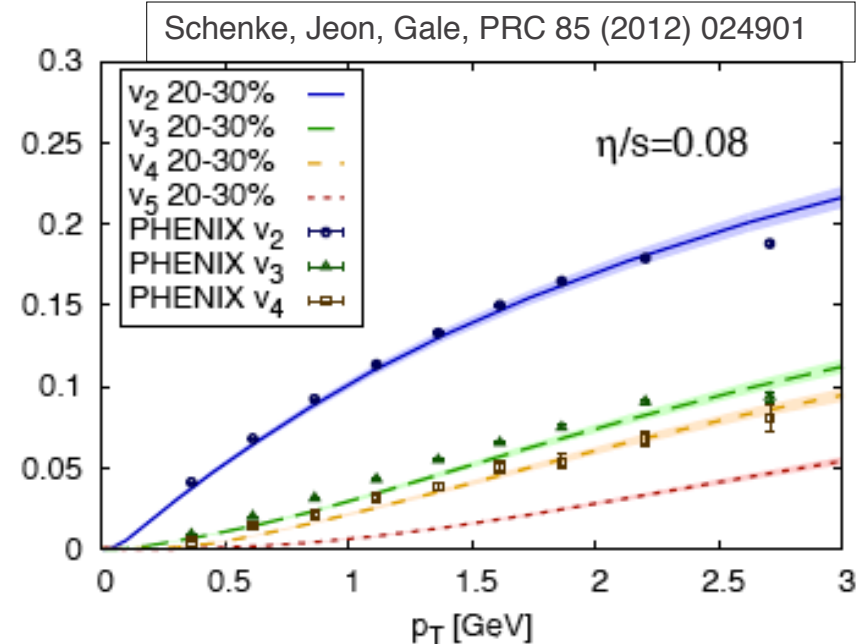
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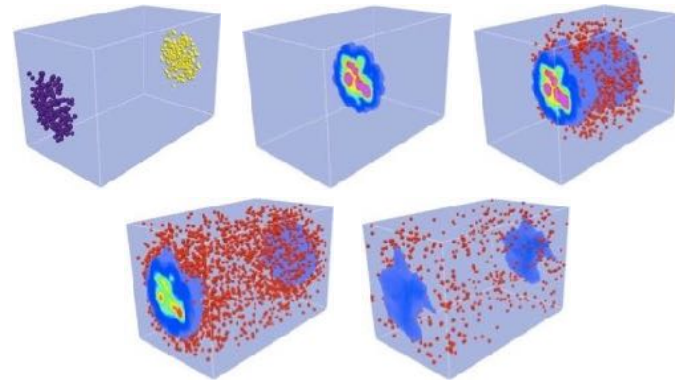
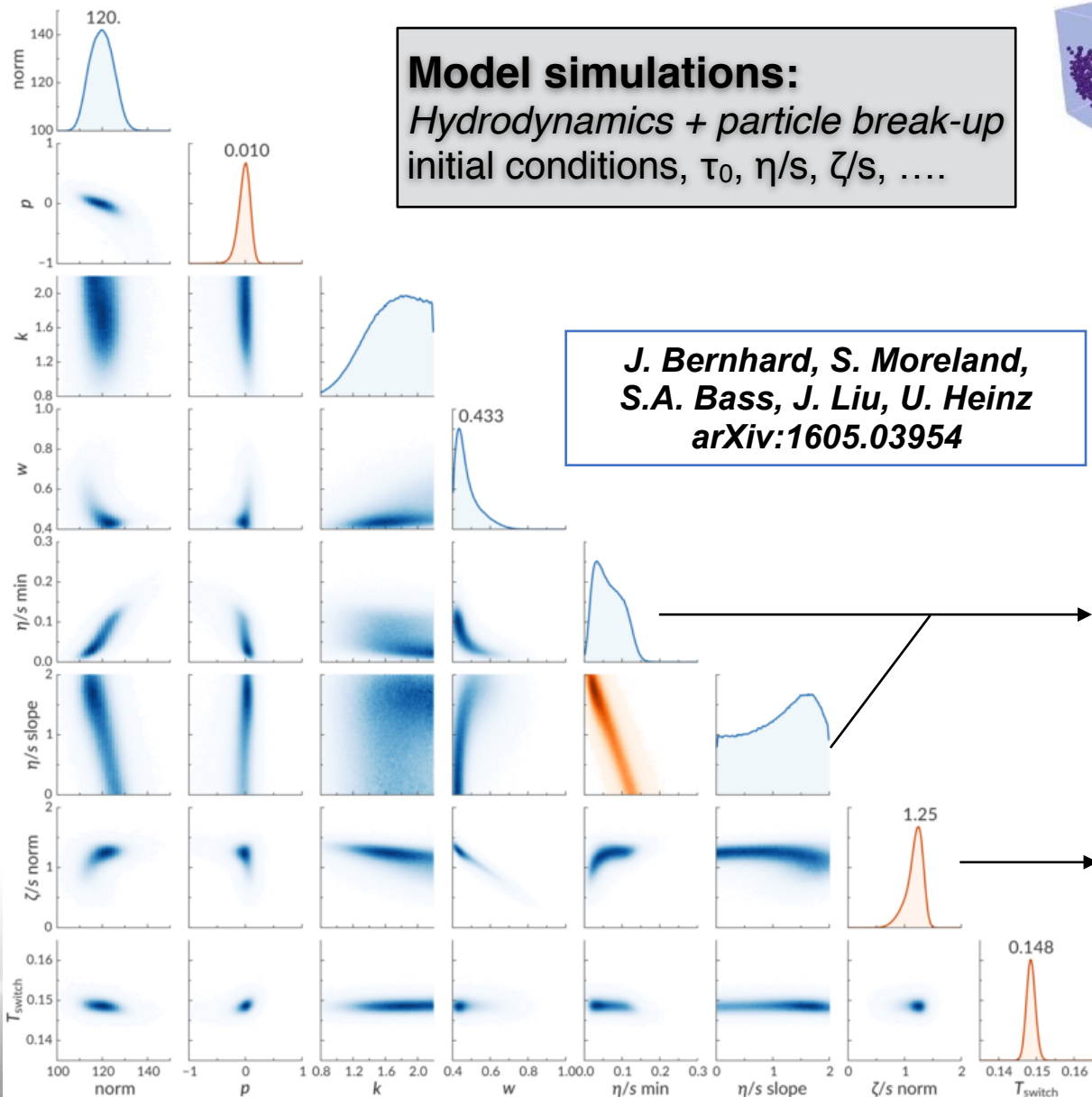
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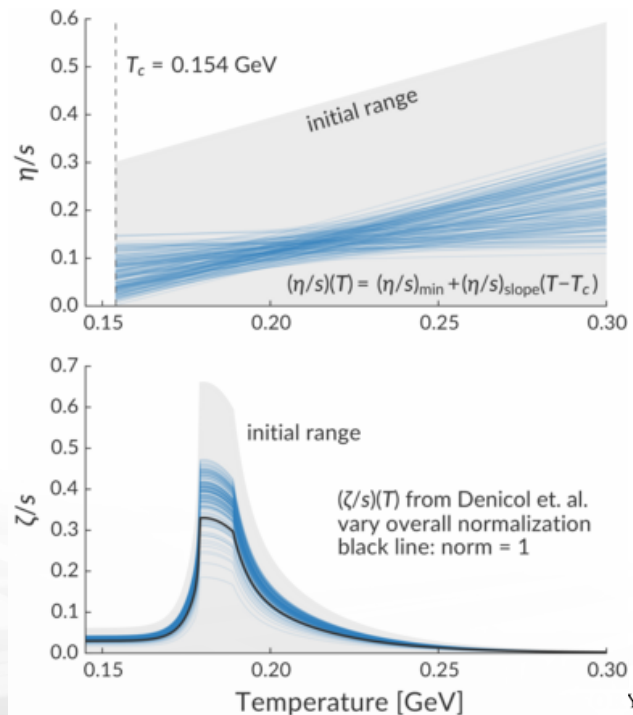
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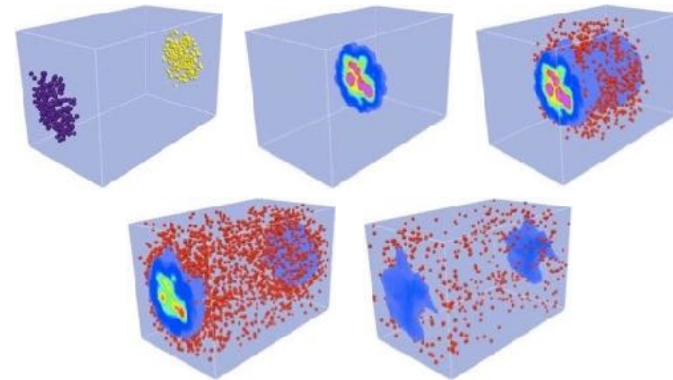
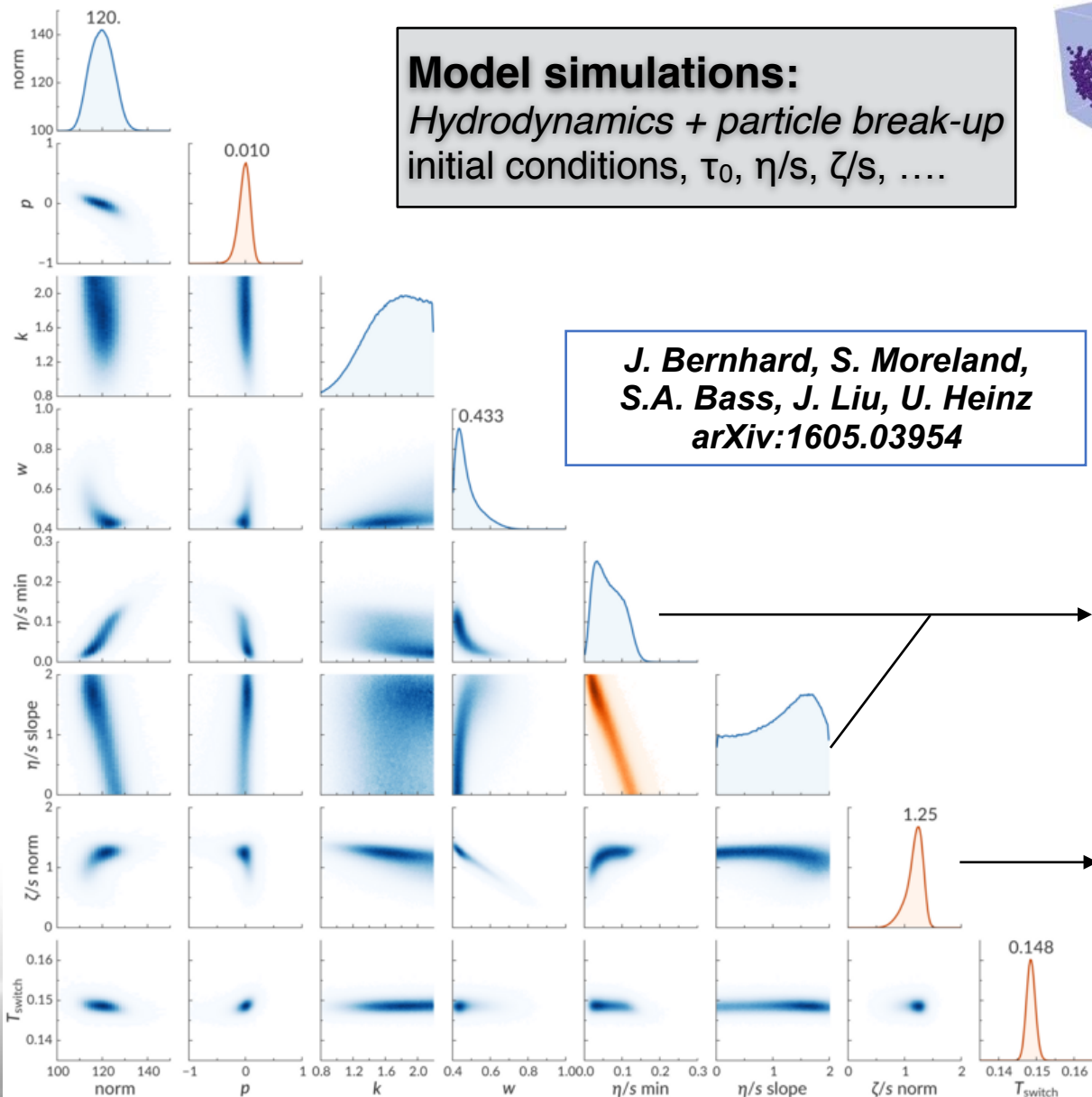
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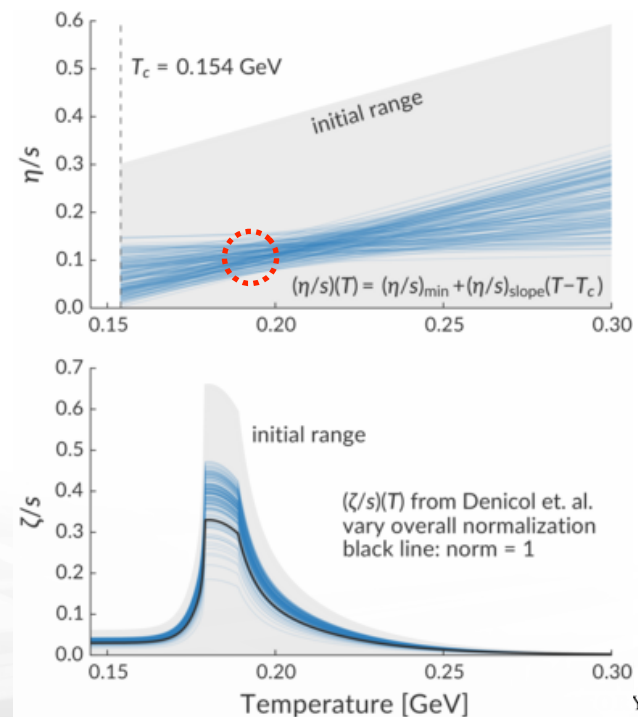
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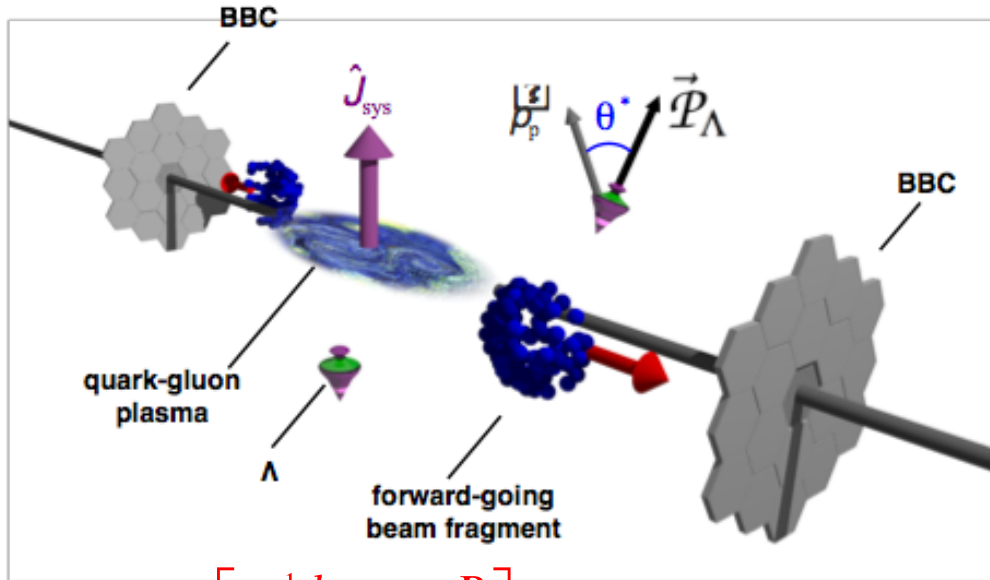


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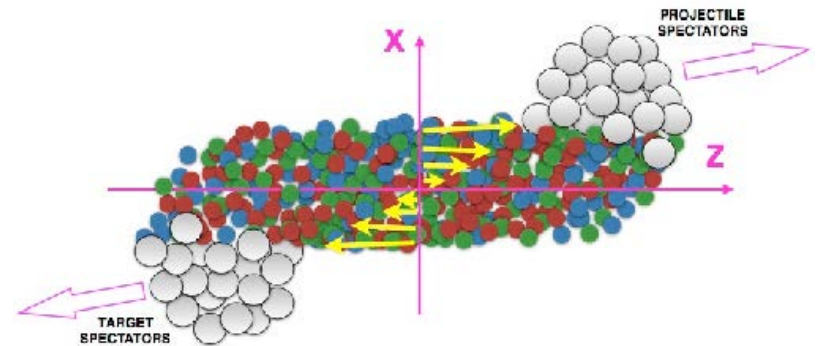


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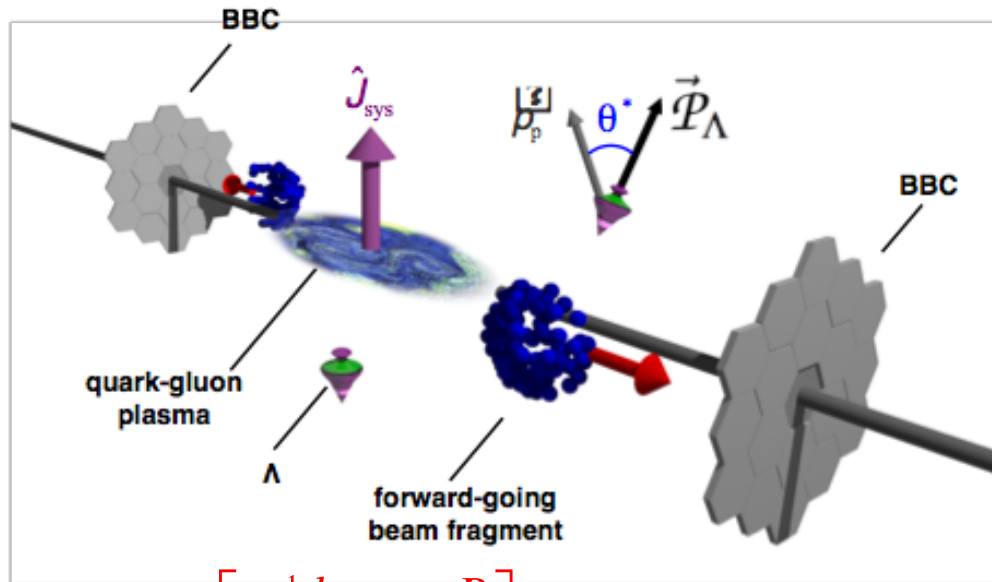


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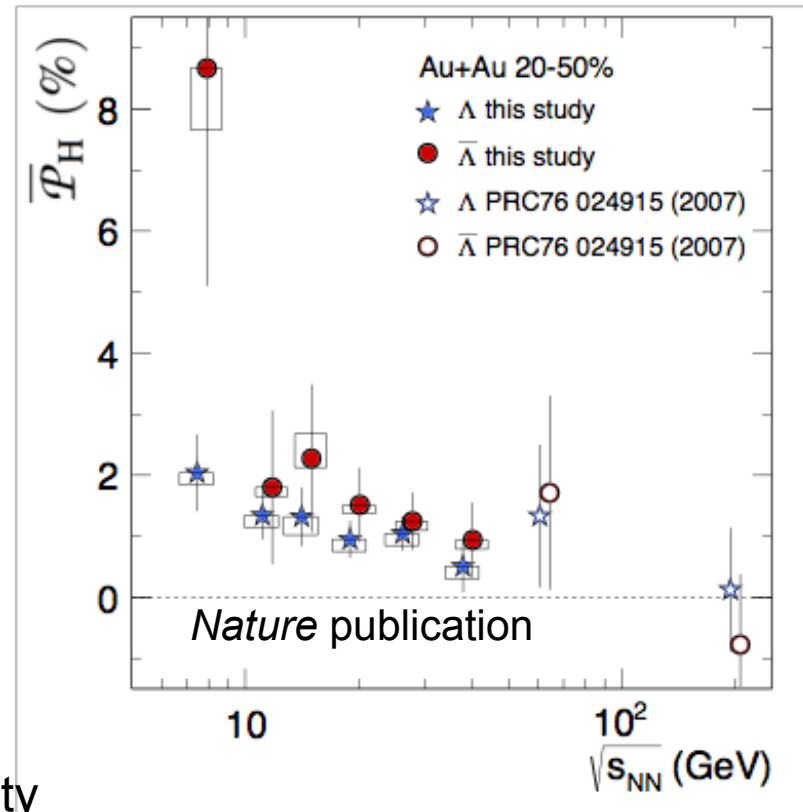


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Global Lambda Polarization is signal of vorticity

Strongest signal at Beam Energy Scan (BES-II) energies

Signal is consistent with **vorticity**  $\omega = (9 \pm 1) \times 10^{21} \text{s}^{-1}$ , greater than previously observed in any system, including nuclei in high-spin states

Holds potential for measurement of late time magnetic field in BES-II

# The Vorticity Puzzle

- The vorticity of an ideal fluid is conserved.
- A fluid with minimal shear viscosity, such as the QGP, can preserve its vorticity for a long time.
- But it is difficult to create vorticity in a fluid with minimal shear viscosity.



Thus it is easy to understand why the QGP maintains record vortical motion until its break-up into hadrons; but how does it acquire its vorticity.

Conclusion: The QGP must be “born” with the vorticity imprinted in its flow. How this happens is still not understood.

We have taken more data at the optimal energy in the 2018 RHIC run.



# Quark-Gluon Plasma: Microscopic properties

# QGP: Microscopic Properties

- Theory predicts the QGP to be a “perfect” fluid composed of unconfined gluons and quarks without chiral symmetry violating mass
- The near-perfect fluidity of the QGP has been experimentally confirmed by quantitative model-data comparison:  $\eta/s < 0.2$
- How can the other properties be verified experimentally:
  - Quark deconfinement ?
  - Chiral symmetry restoration ( $M_q = M_{\text{Higgs}}$ ) ?
- What are the limits (phase boundary) of ordinary nuclear matter, i.e. matter composed of baryons and mesons ?
- Can the existence of a critical point in the QCD phase diagram be confirmed experimentally?
- *Existing evidence and plans for future tests at RHIC*

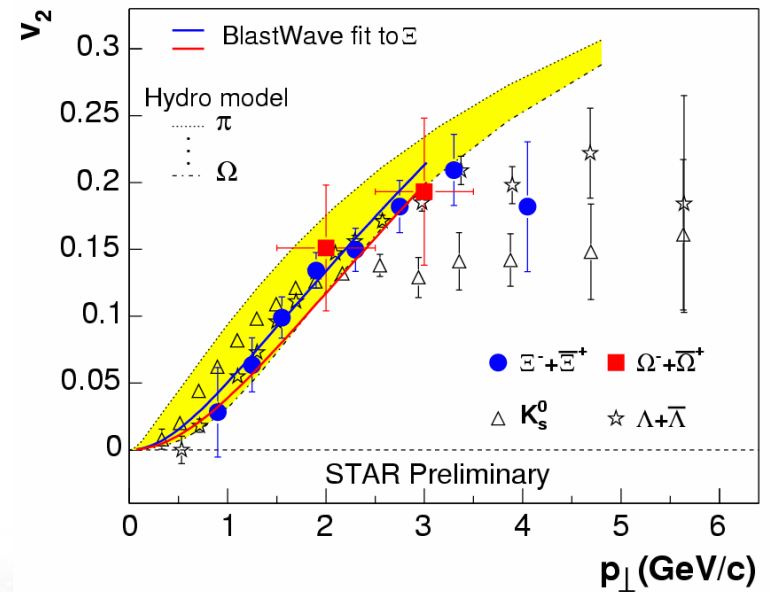
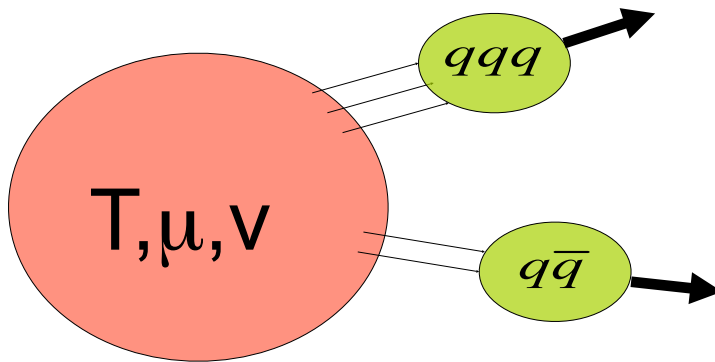
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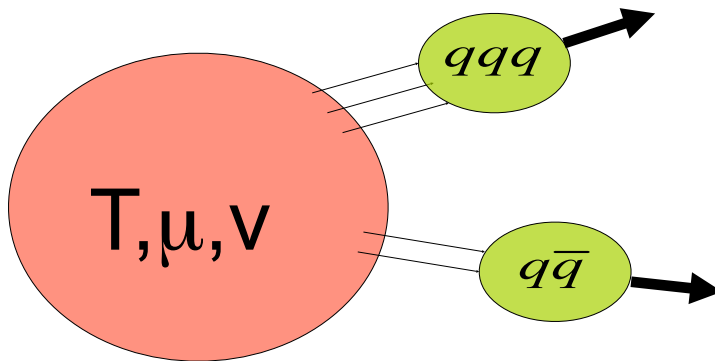


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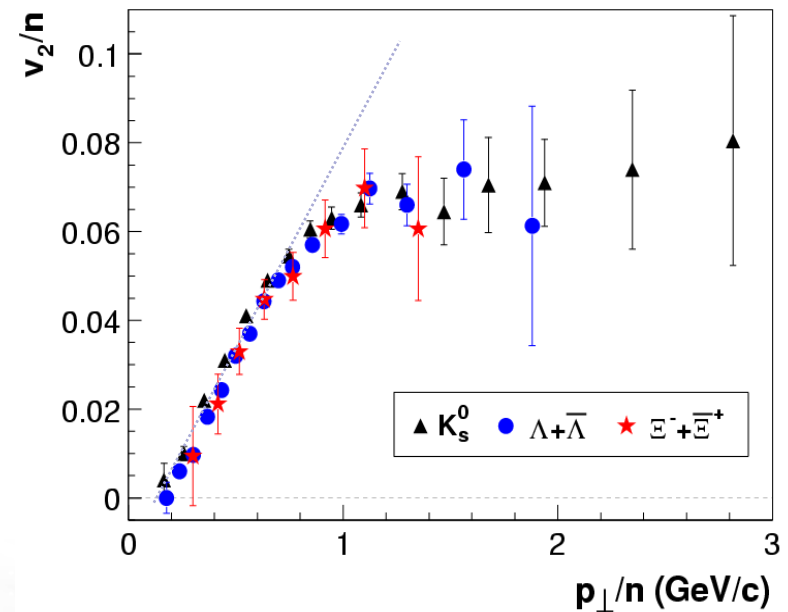
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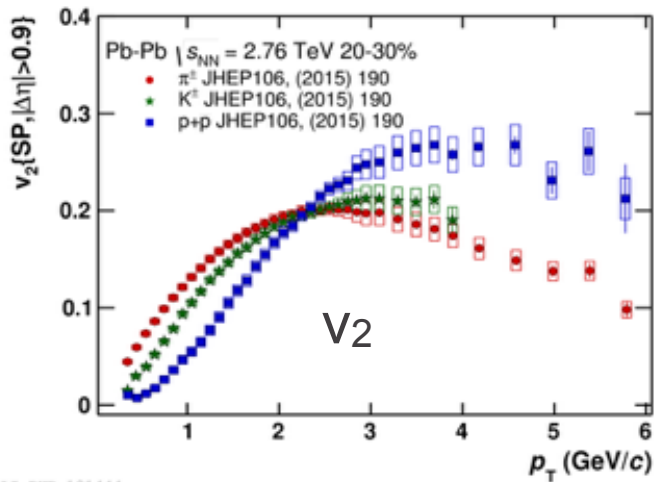
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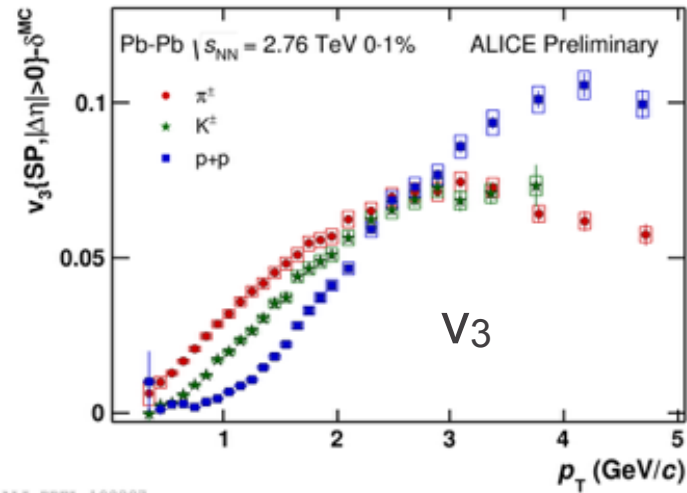
**Emitting medium is composed of unconfined, flowing quarks.**



# $N_Q$ scaling at LHC



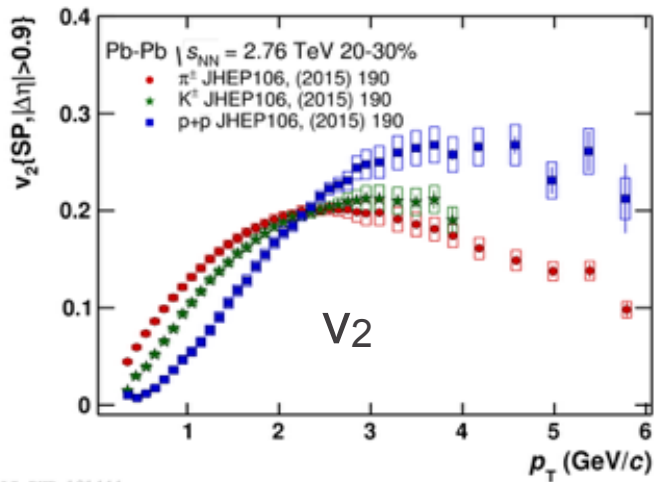
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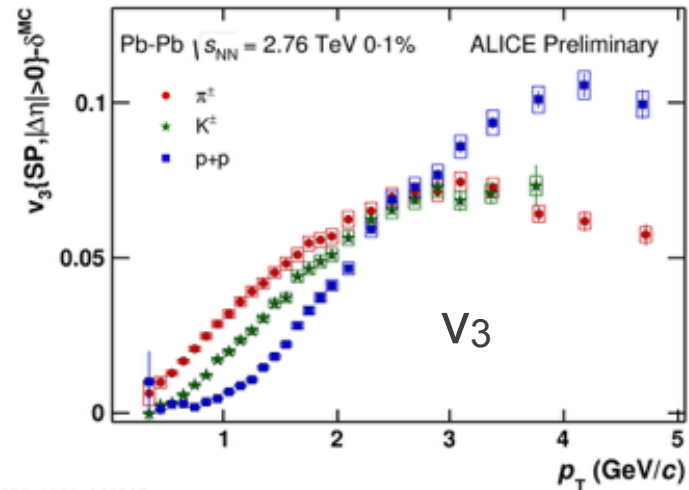
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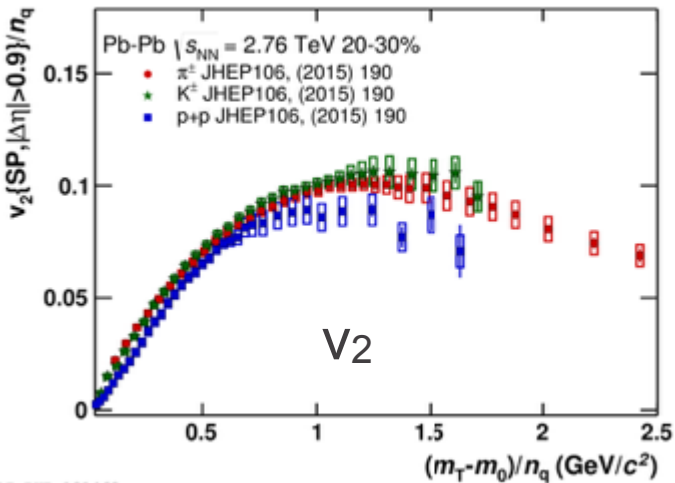


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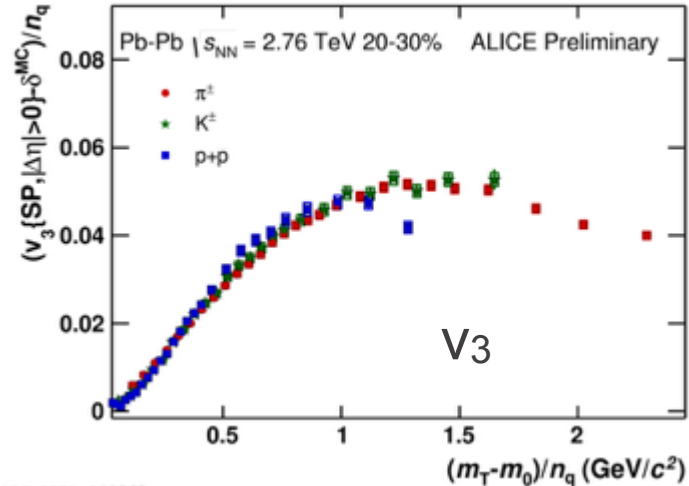


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Is chiral symmetry  
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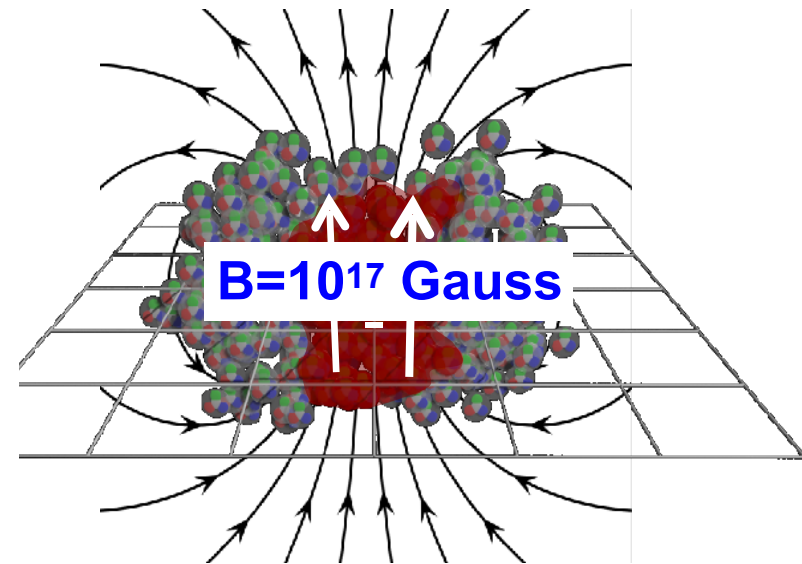
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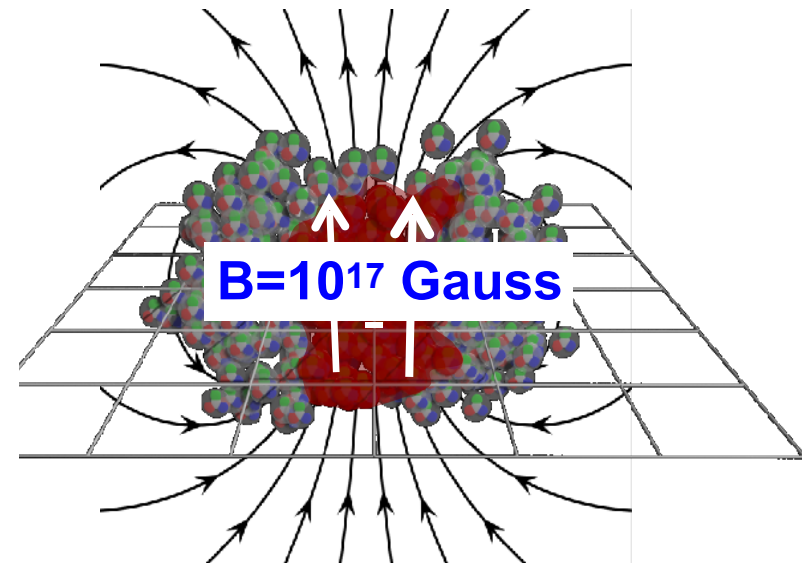
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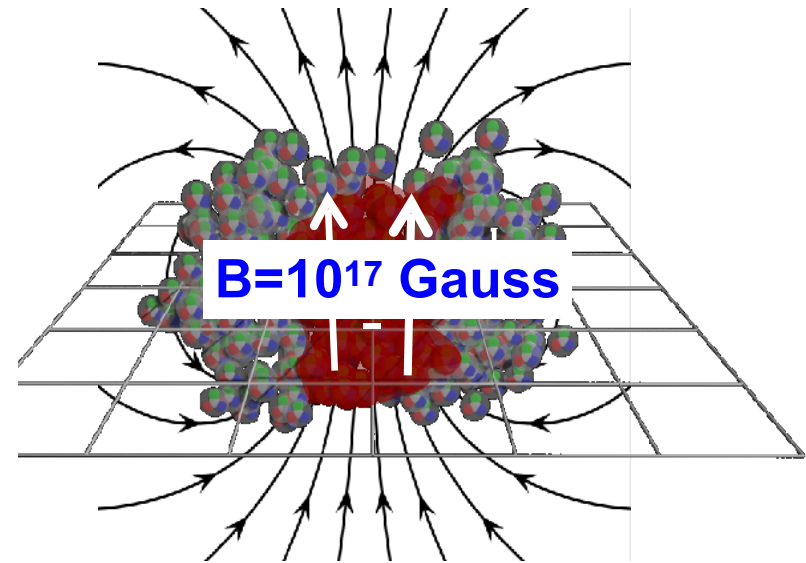
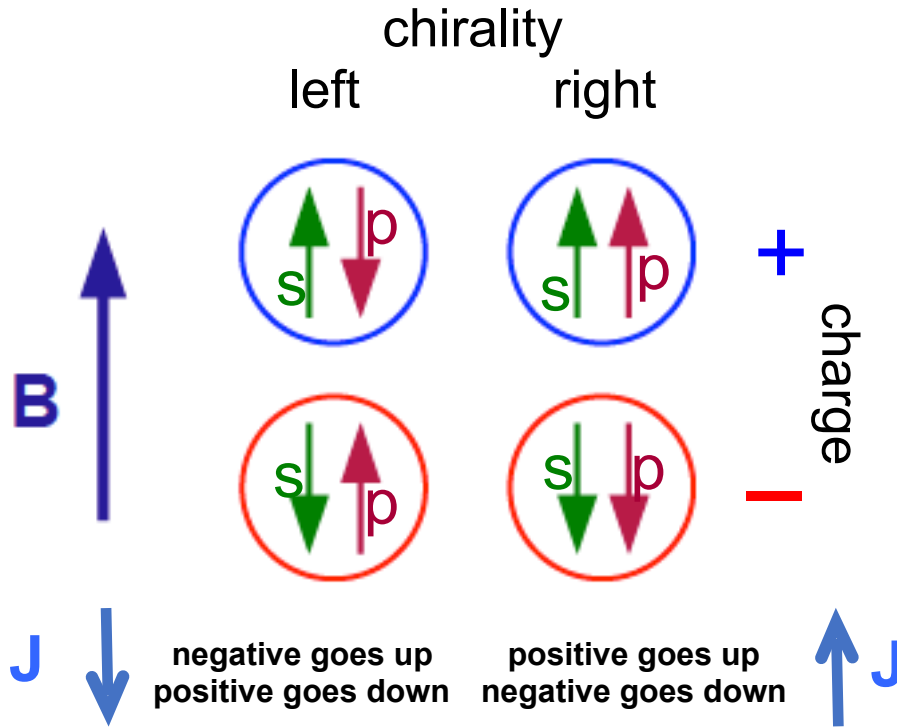
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**When clearly established experimentally, the CME provides for an unambiguous signal of chiral symmetry restoration.**

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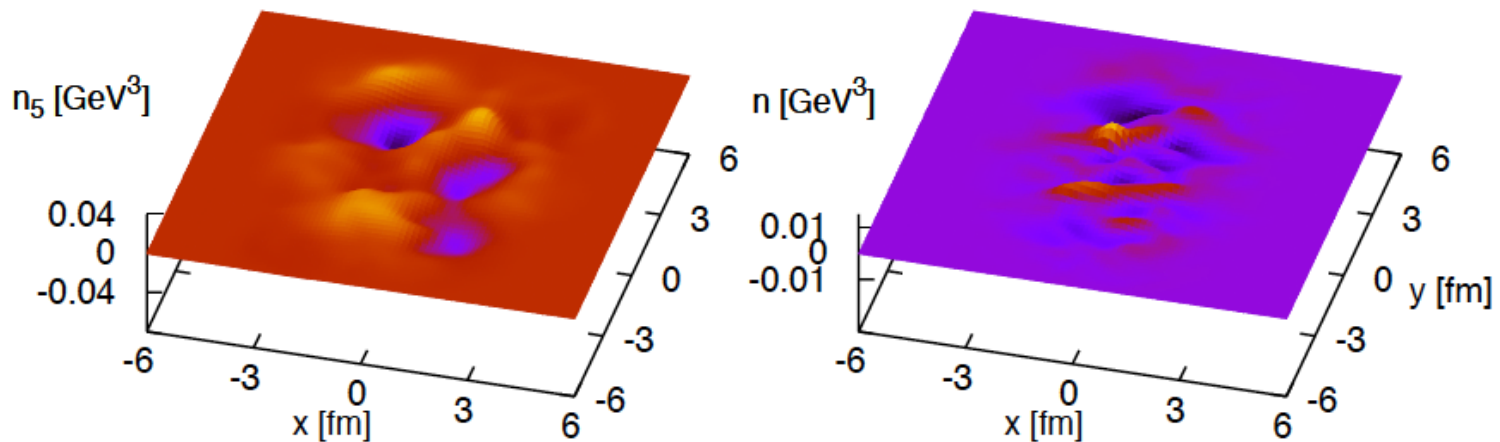
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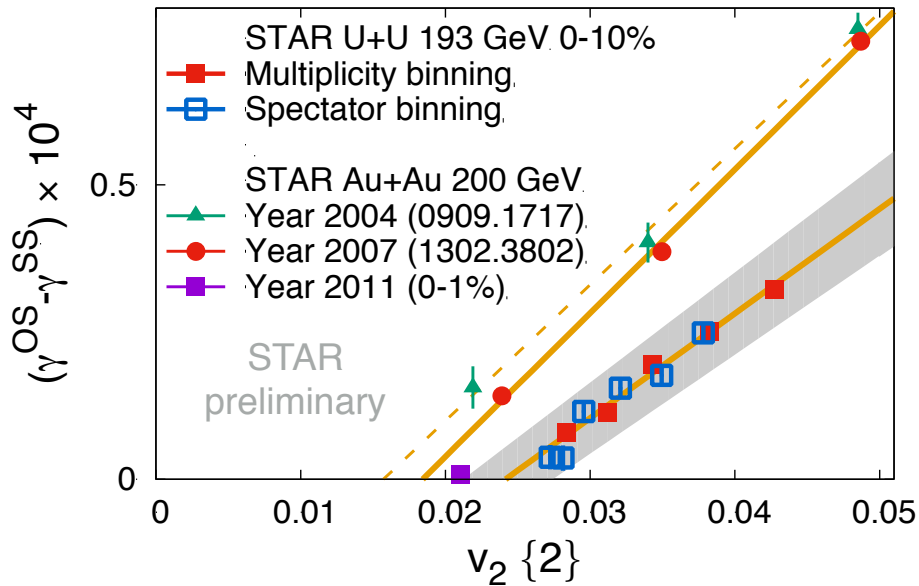
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*Hirono, Hirano & Kharzeev, arXiv:1412.0311*

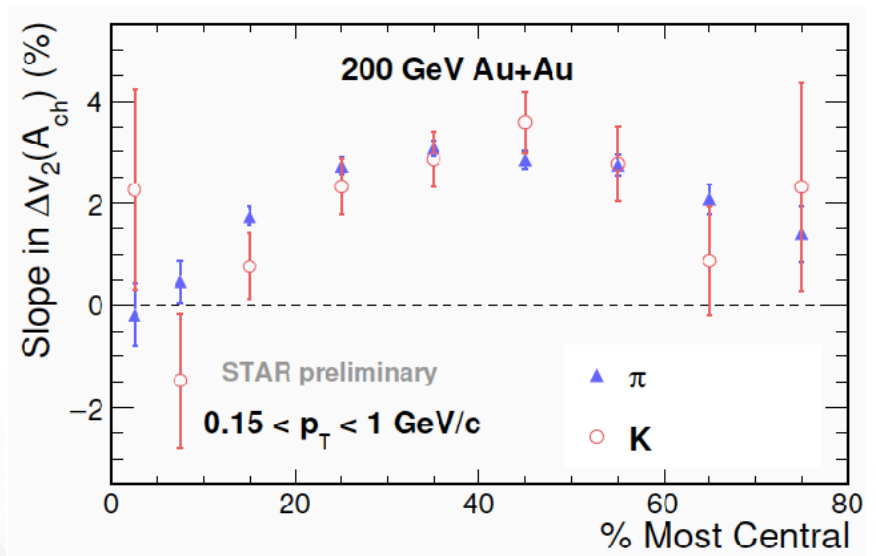
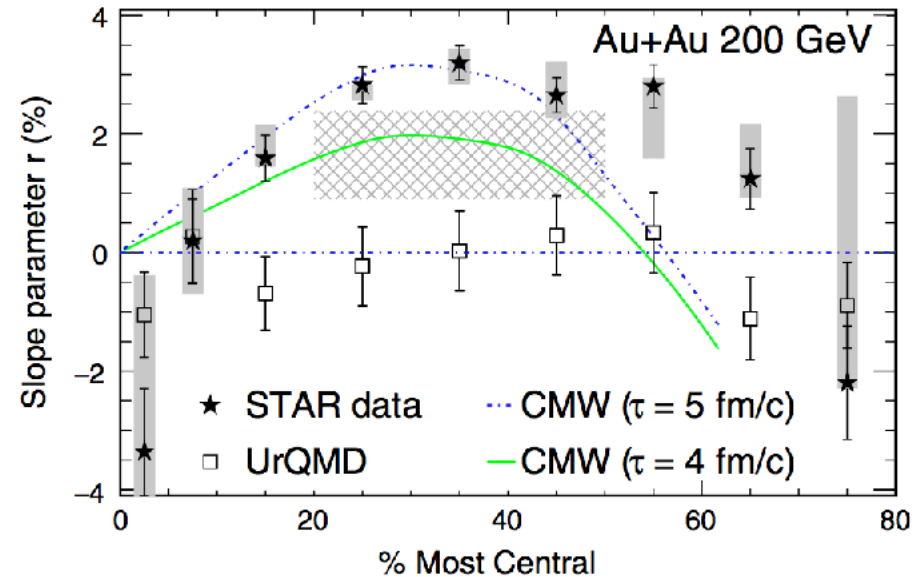
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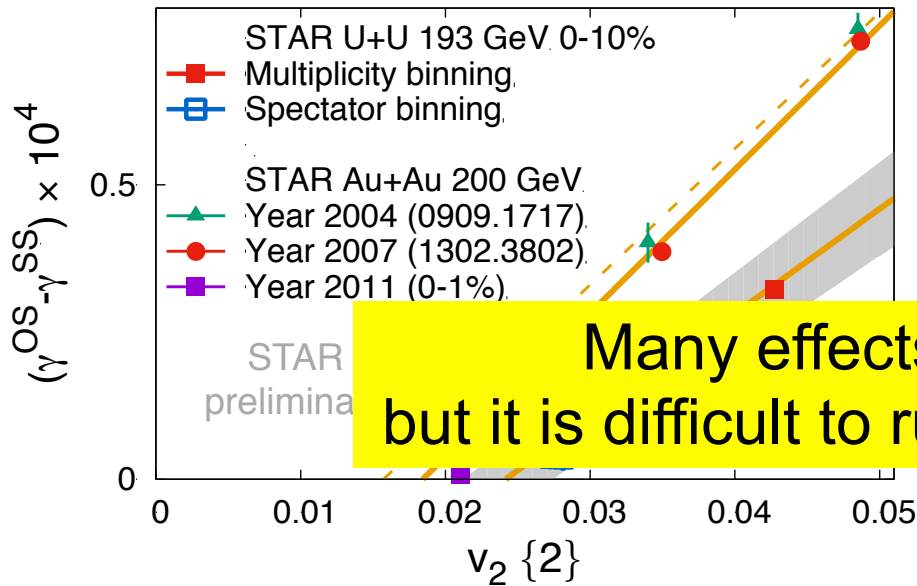
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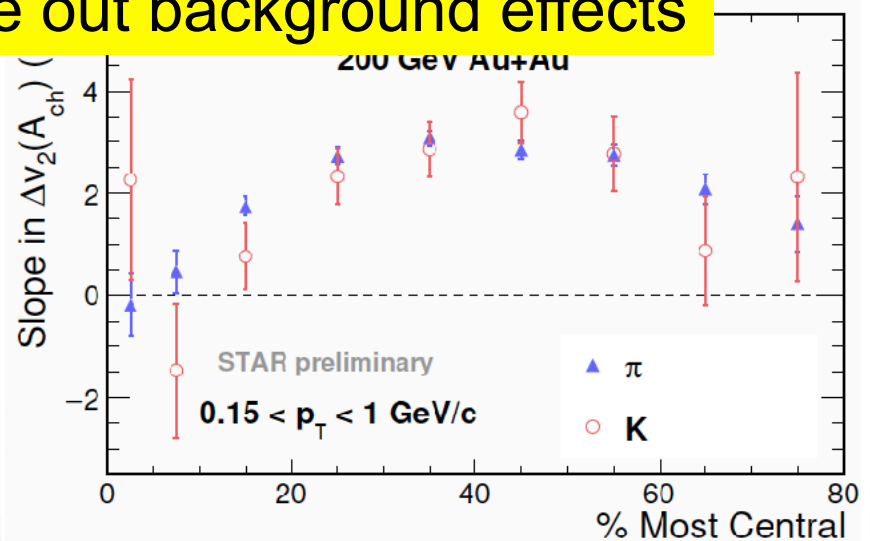
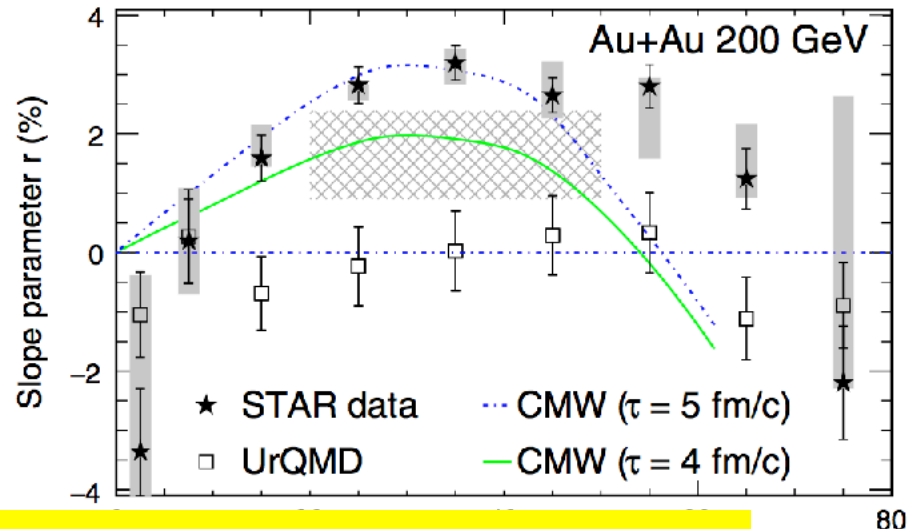
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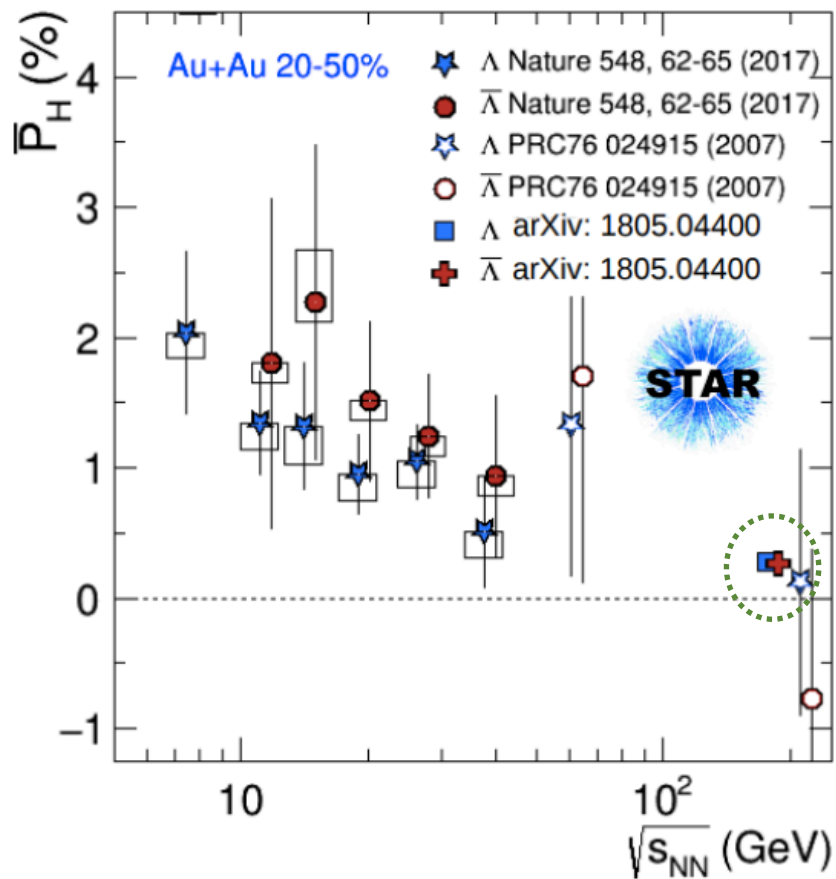
Many effects point to the CME, but it is difficult to rule out background effects

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# Late-time magnetic fields?



$$P_H(\Lambda) [\%] = 0.277 \pm 0.040(\text{stat}) \pm_{0.049}^{0.039}(\text{sys})$$

$$P_H(\bar{\Lambda}) [\%] = 0.240 \pm 0.045(\text{stat}) \pm_{0.045}^{0.061}(\text{sys})$$

New, high statistics result put stringent limit on late-time magnetic field during hadronization:

$$\Delta\mathcal{P} = \frac{2\mu_{\Lambda}B}{T_s}$$

The new STAR data provide the bound

$$|B| = \frac{T_s |\Delta\mathcal{P}|}{2|\mu_{\Lambda}|} < 8.9 \times 10^{11} \text{ T}$$

or 
$$e|B| < 0.0027 m_{\pi}^2$$

The quantity controlling the CME is:

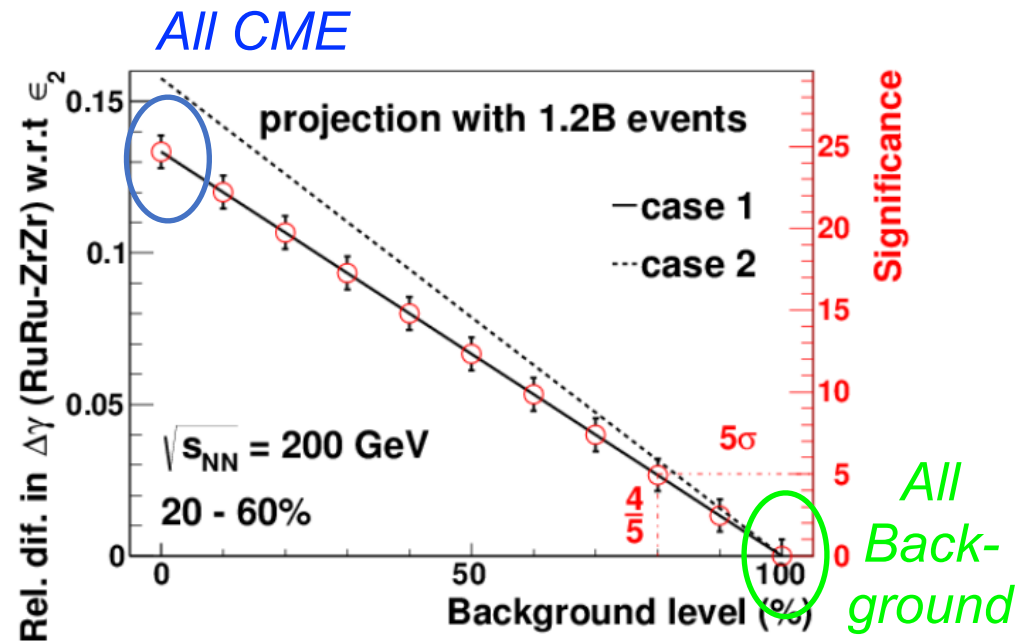
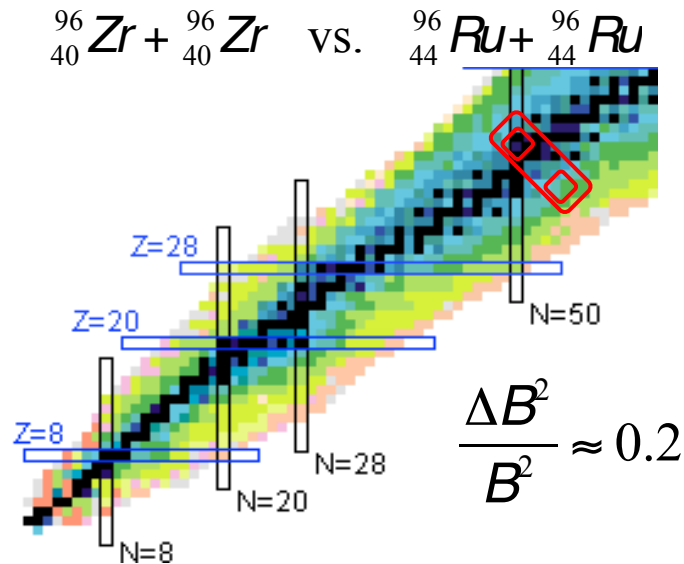
$$\int_0^{t_s} eB(t) dt < 50 \text{ MeV.}$$

This is consistent with the observation that the CME can contribute at most 10-15% to the observed net charge fluctuation phenomena [BM, A. Schaefer, Phys. Rev. D98 (2018) 071902]



# Isobar Comparison Run (2018)

Various signals of fluctuating charge separation with respect to the reaction plane have been observed, but these could be caused by background effects in correlation with elliptic flow.

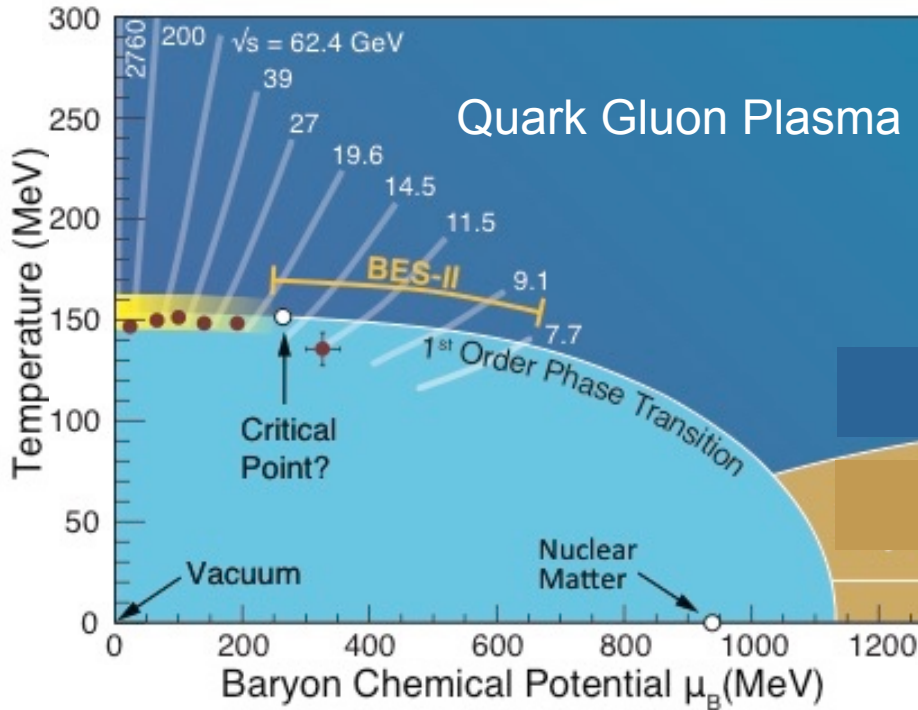


The isobar comparison run in 2018 can tell us to with +/- 4% precision what fraction of the observed charge separation is due to the CME.

What does the  
QCD phase diagram  
look like?

# Mapping the Phases of QCD

A unique RHIC capability -- a unique opportunity for U.S. science



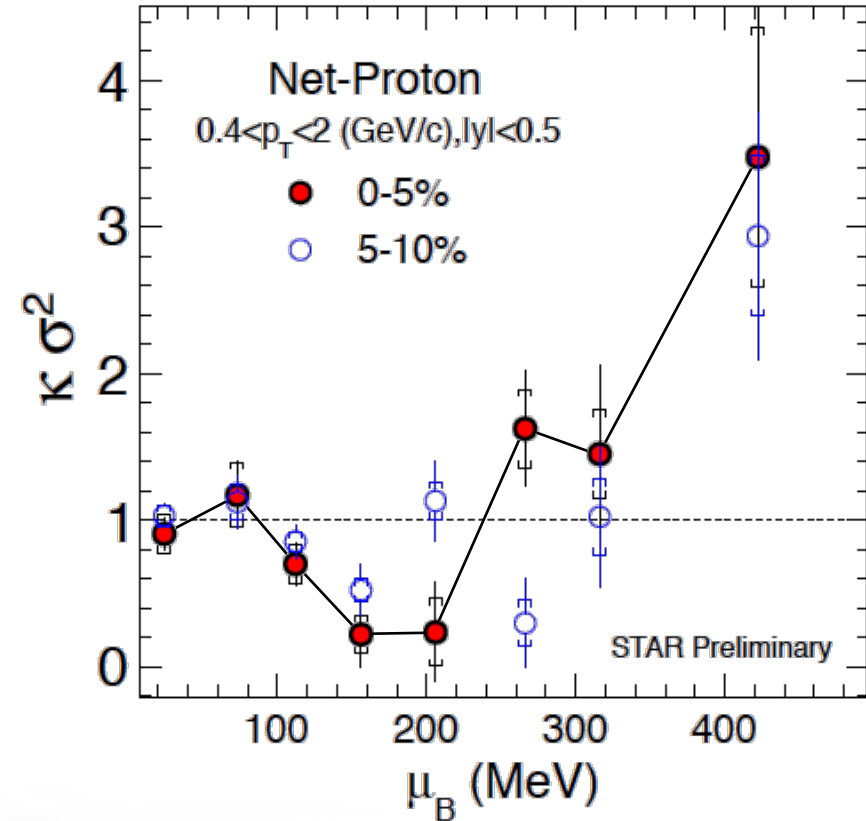
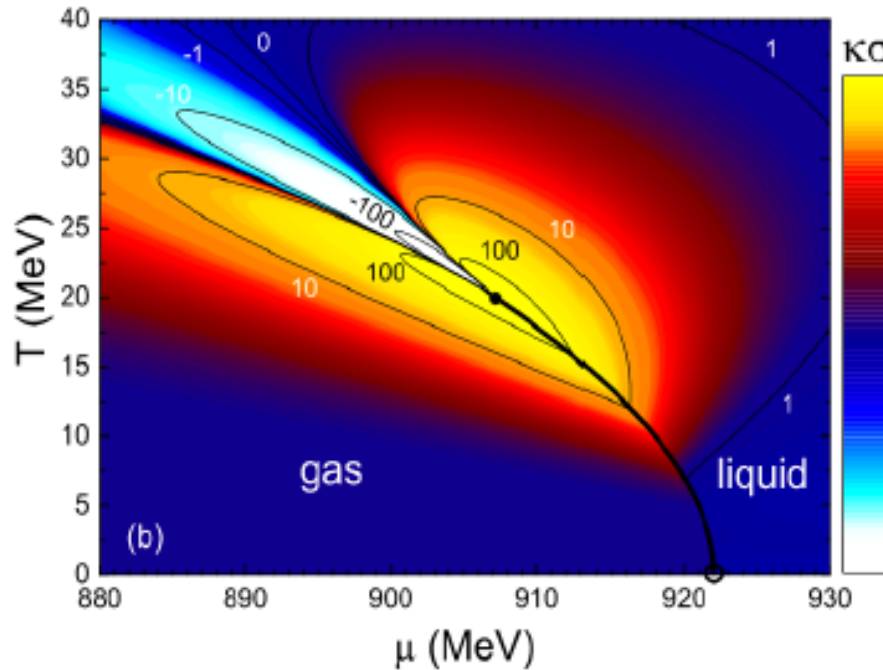
Critical Opalescence

Breaking of chiral symmetry in QCD generates most of the visible mass of the universe. **Is chiral symmetry restored in these collisions?**

At low density, the phase transition between QGP and hadrons is smooth. **Is there a 1<sup>st</sup> order transition and a critical point at higher density?**

# Critical behavior

The moments of the distributions of conserved charges are related to susceptibilities and are sensitive to critical fluctuations



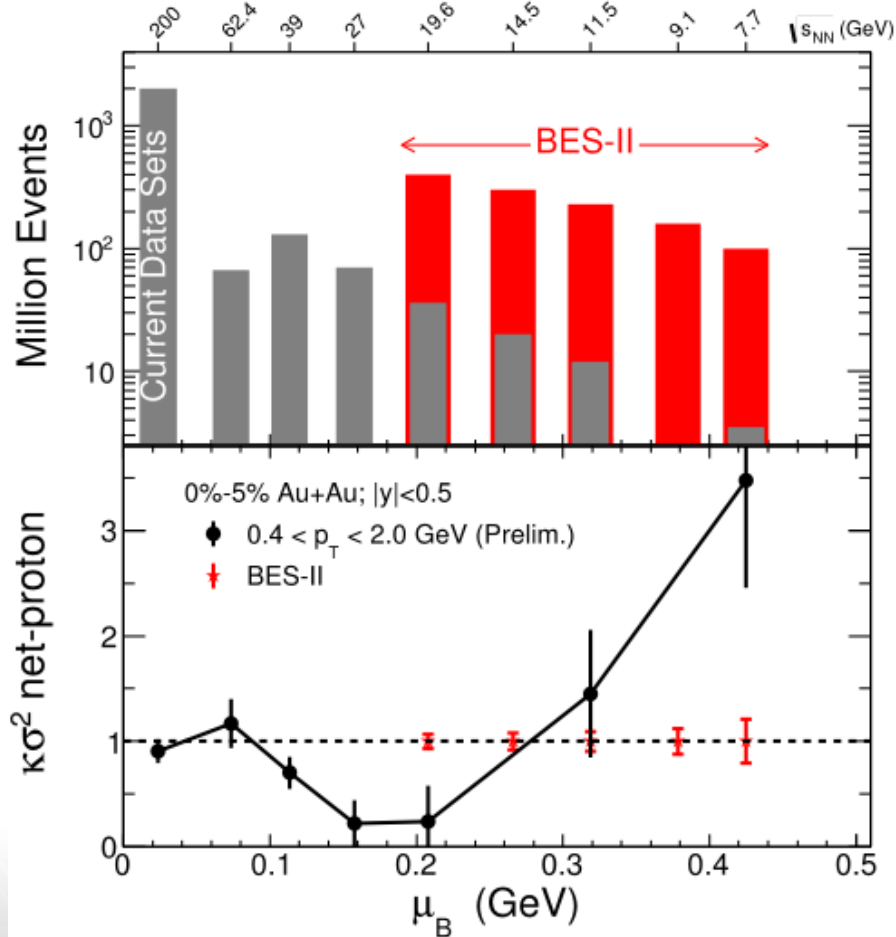
Higher moments like **kurtosis**  $\times$  variance ( $\kappa\sigma^2-1$ ) change sign near a critical point

Non-monotonic trend has been observed with limited statistical precision!

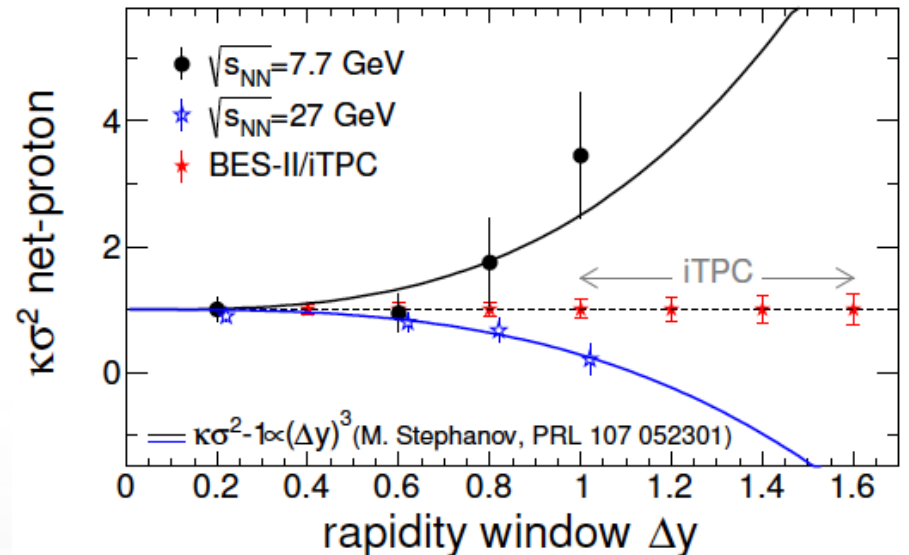
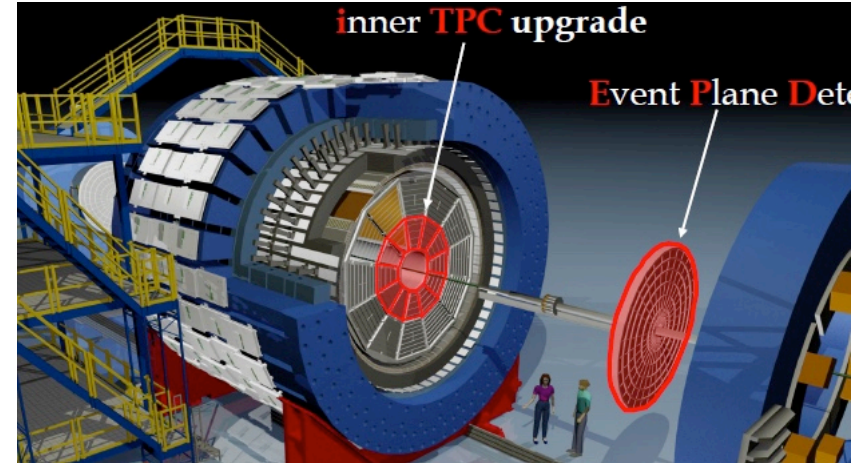
# Upgrades for the BES-II

## Higher statistics

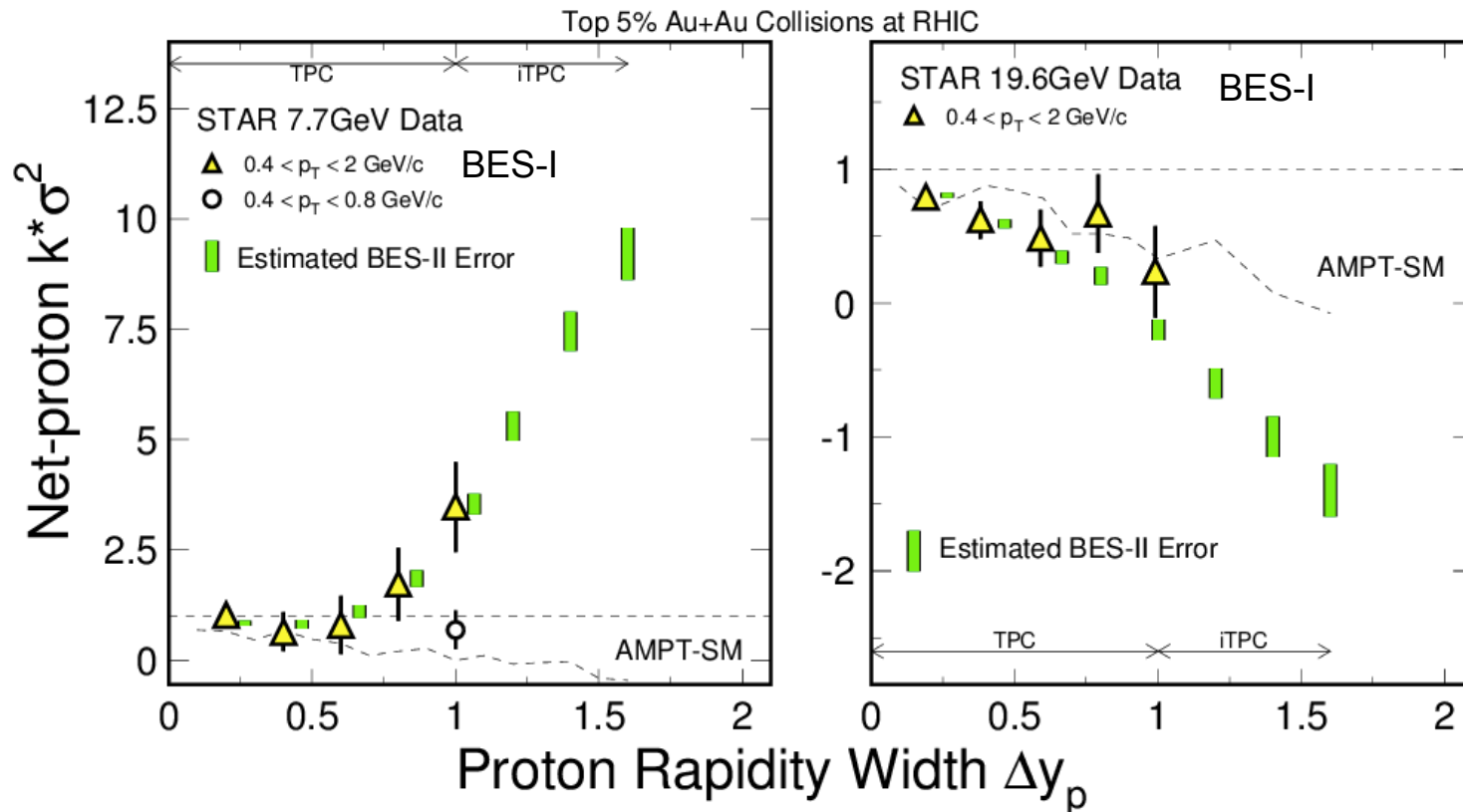
Low energy RHIC electron cooling upgrade



## Larger acceptance



# Increased statistics and acceptance



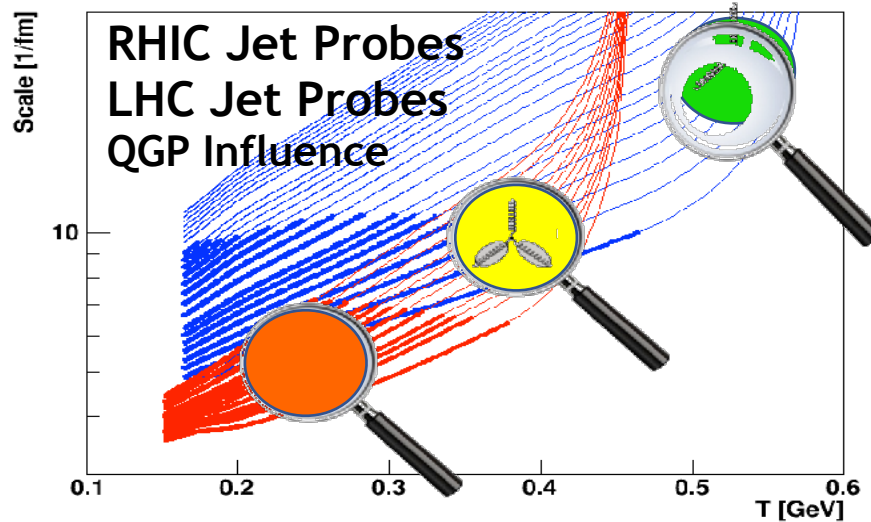
Kurtosis (fourth-order fluctuations) signal grows like  $(\Delta y)^3$   
 → **Detector coverage is critical for a definitive measurement**

**Increased luminosity reduces error bars**

How do partons  
become a  
“Perfect” Liquid?

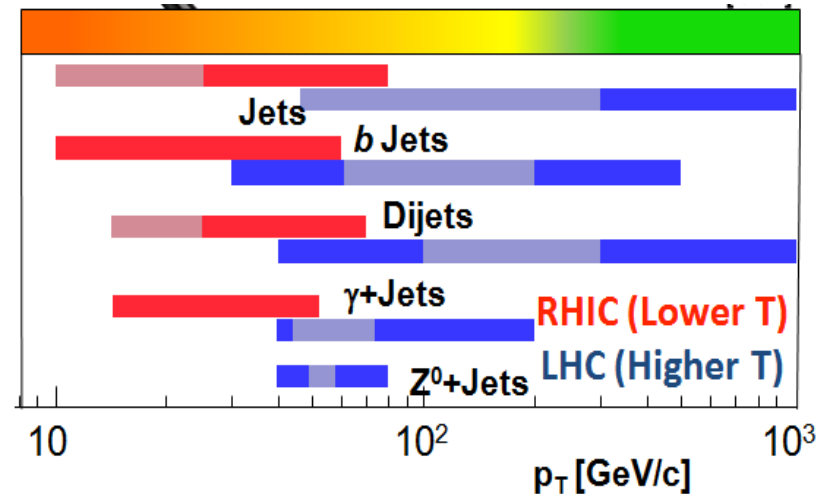
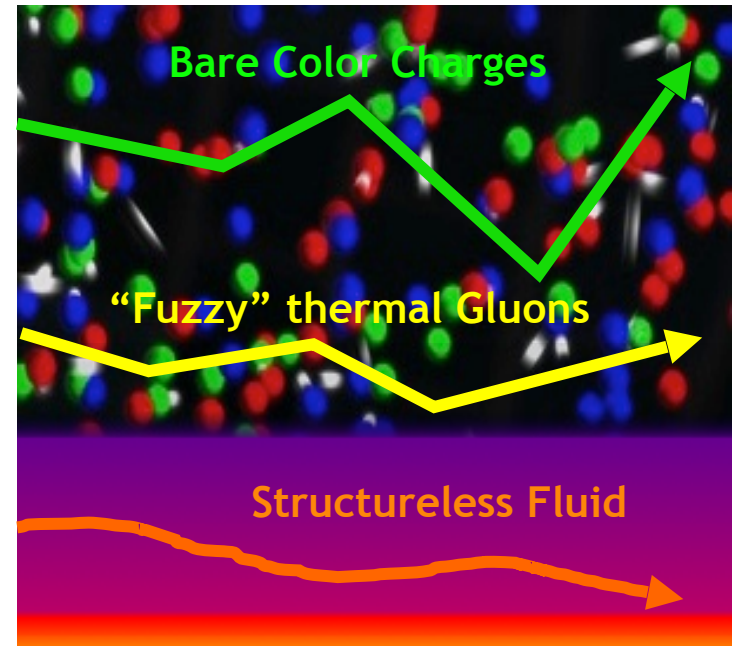
# Jet Probes of QCD Structure

Parton virtuality evolves quickly and is sensitive to the medium at the scale it probes



Unique critical microscope resolution range at RHIC

Kinematic overlap between RHIC and LHC provides complementarity





# Beyond the BES-II: sPHENIX

State-of-the-art jet (and Upsilon & open heavy flavor) detector

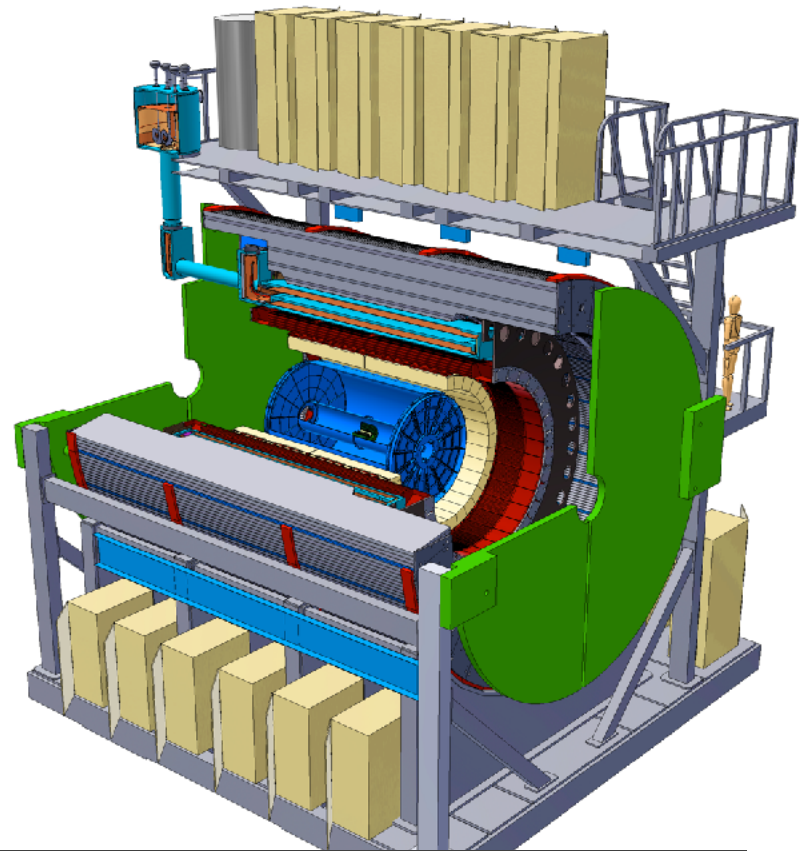
SC BaBar Solenoid 1.5 T

Coverage  $|\eta| \leq 1.1$

Inner Si Tracking  
Fast TPC w/GEM Read-out

Projective Electromagnetic  
Calorimeter

Hadronic Calorimeter

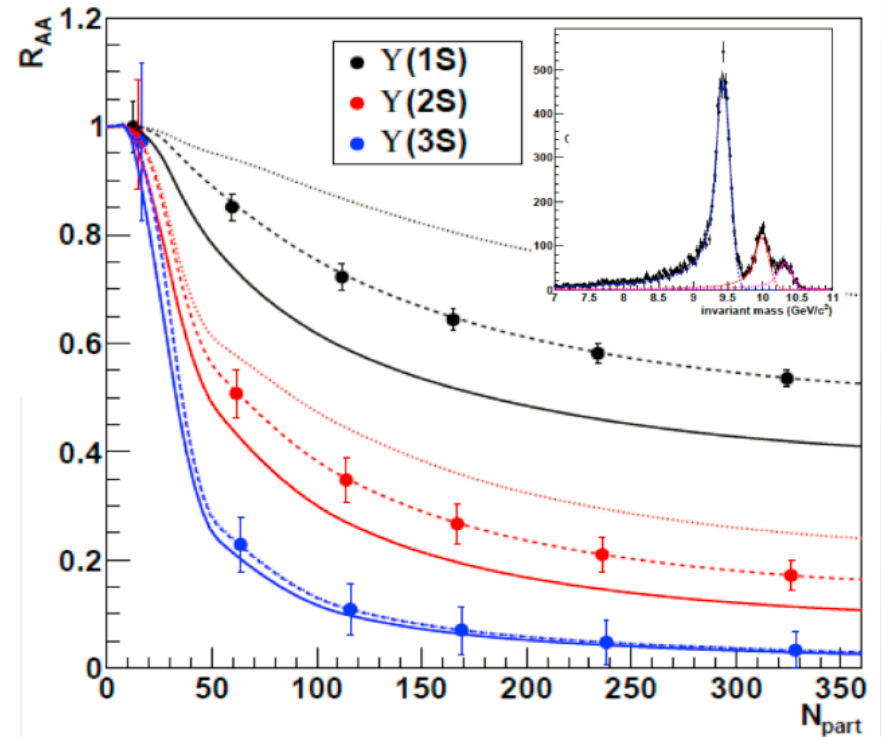
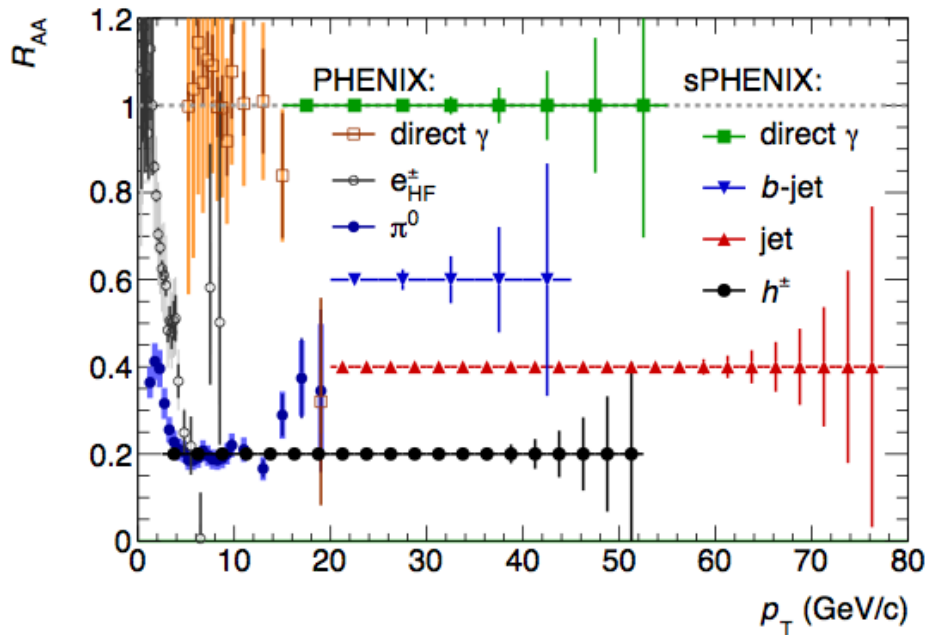


Capable of sampling 600 billion Au+Au interactions  
and recording 100 billion min bias events per year

# Jets & Upsilon states

**sPHENIX**  
capabilities

**Complete calorimetric  
jet spectroscopy**



**Completely resolved  
Upsilon spectroscopy**

# RHIC Summary

- Over the next few years, RHIC plans to mount a diverse and exciting program of investigations of the microscopic properties and limits of ordinary hadronic matter
- The isobar comparison run in 2018 will test several concepts:
  - Chiral symmetry restoration in the QGP
  - Topological gauge field fluctuations in QCD
  - The chiral magnetic effect (demonstrated experimentally for the first time in  $\text{ZrTe}_5$  in 2016)
- The Beam Energy Scan II will perform high statistics measurements of the properties of hot/dense QCD matter over a wide range ( $T \sim T_c$  and  $250 \text{ MeV} < \mu_B < 700 \text{ MeV}$ ) and search for a critical point in the phase diagram

# Beyond RHIC

# EIC Planning

## NSAC Long Range Plan (2015) - Recommendation III

*We recommend a high-energy, high-luminosity polarized Electron Ion Collider as the highest priority for new facility construction following the completion of FRIB.*

## National Academy of Sciences Study of the Science Case for a U.S. Based Electron-Ion Collider (Released July 24, 2018)

*In summary, the committee finds a compelling scientific case for such a facility. The science questions that an EIC will answer are central to completing an understanding of atoms as well as being integral to the agenda of nuclear physics today. In addition, the development of an EIC would advance accelerator science and technology in nuclear science; it would as well benefit other fields of accelerator based science and society, from medicine through materials science to elementary particle physics.*

# EIC Science Pillars

## Precision

Without gluons, there would be no protons, no atomic nuclei, and hence no visible matter in the Universe!

3D structure of protons and nuclei

The EIC will collide high-energy electrons with high-energy protons or heavier atomic nuclei to produce “freeze-frame” snapshots of their inner structure, creating precise first-ever tomographic images of the “ocean” of gluons within. These images will tell us how gluons and quarks bind each other to form the particles that lie at the core of all atoms.

ENERGY

## Discovery

Gluon saturation and the color glass condensate

New experiments and advances in theory suggest that protons, neutrons, and nuclei appear as dense “walls” of gluons when probed at high energy, creating what are conjectured the strongest fields in nature. Discovering and studying this new form of matter, the “color glass condensate,” will give us additional insight into why matter in this sub-atomic realm is stable.

EIC Science Program was reaffirmed by NAS Study (July 2018)

ider. – eRHIC

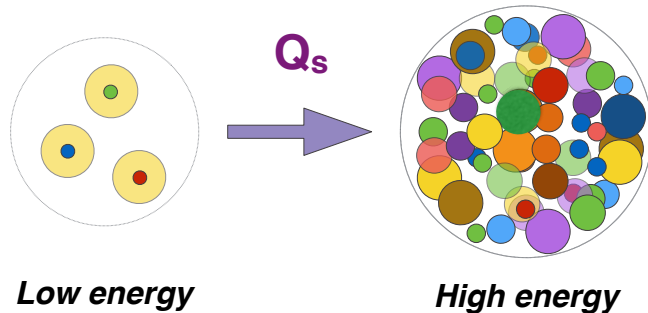
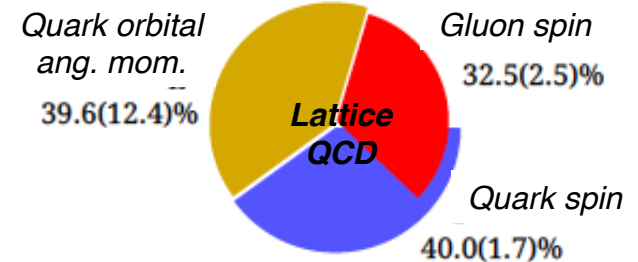
# Big Questions

## Proton spin:

Quark spin contributes only ~30% to the proton's spin

How do quark and gluon dynamics generate the remainder of the proton's spin?

The EIC will definitively resolve this question.



## Gluon saturation:

Gluons proliferate at high energy (small Bjorken-x)  
How does the gluon density saturate to avoid violation of fundamental principles like unitarity?

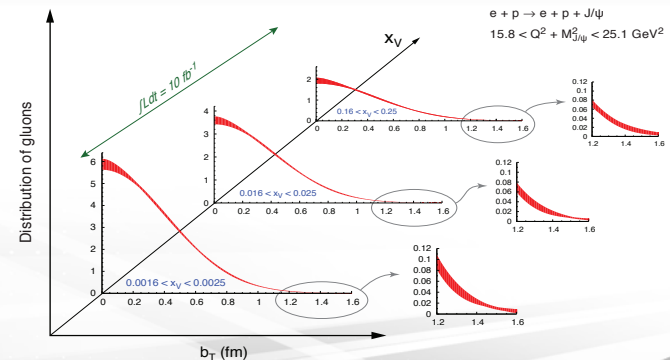
The EIC will explore this question using heavy nuclei.

## Proton transverse structure:

We know the 1-D (longitudinal) structure of a moving proton very well

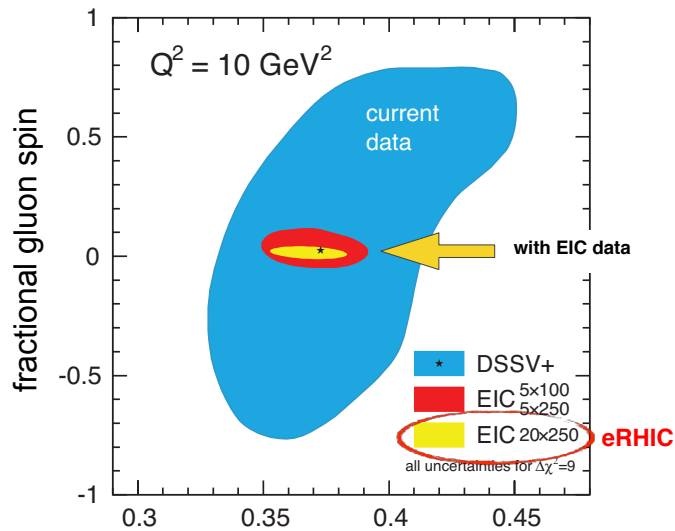
What does the proton look like in 3 dimensions?

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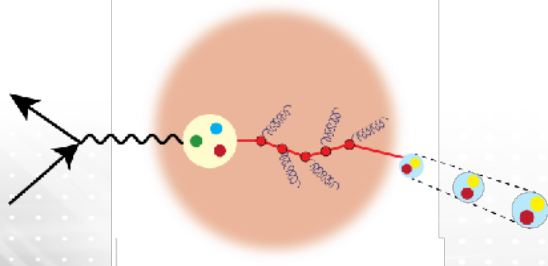
# Key measurements

## Proton spin decomposition

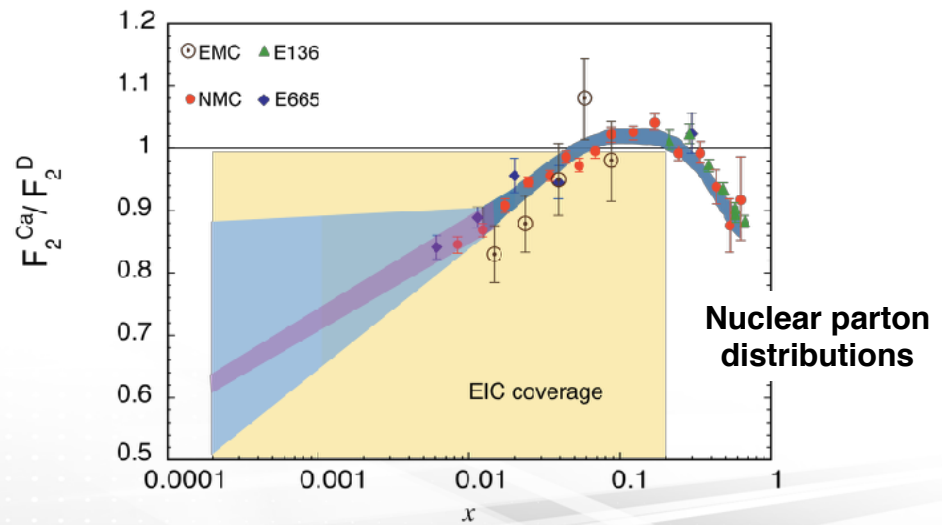
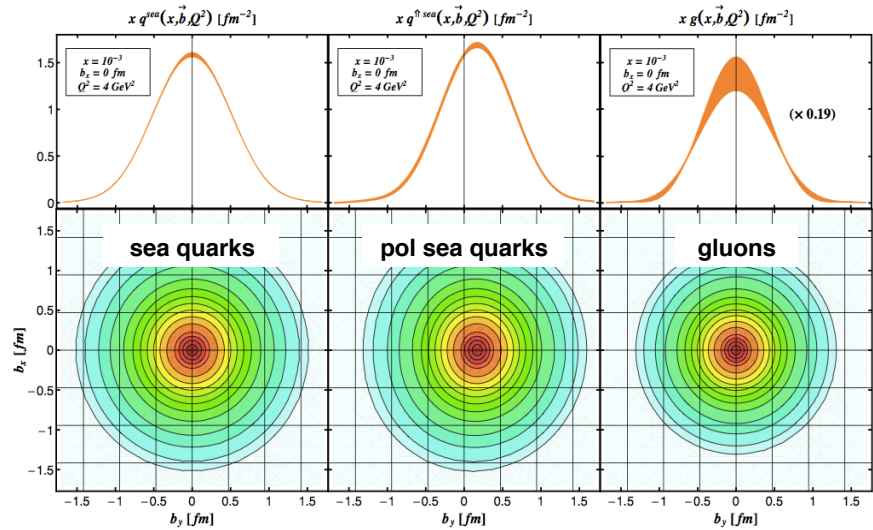


2 x fractional quark spin

## Nuclei as a probes of quark confinement



## Imaging using GPDs and TMDs





# Origin of the proton mass

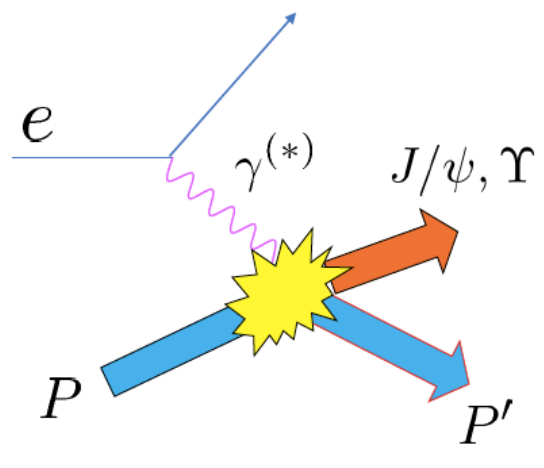
Proton mass is related to the trace of the energy-momentum tensor:

$$T^{\mu\nu} = -F^{\mu\lambda}F_{\nu\lambda} + \frac{1}{4}\eta^{\mu\nu}F^2 + i\bar{q}\gamma^{(\mu}D^{\nu)}q$$

$$\langle P|T_{\mu}^{\mu}|P\rangle = 2M^2$$

QCD trace anomaly relates this expression to the gauge field invariant:

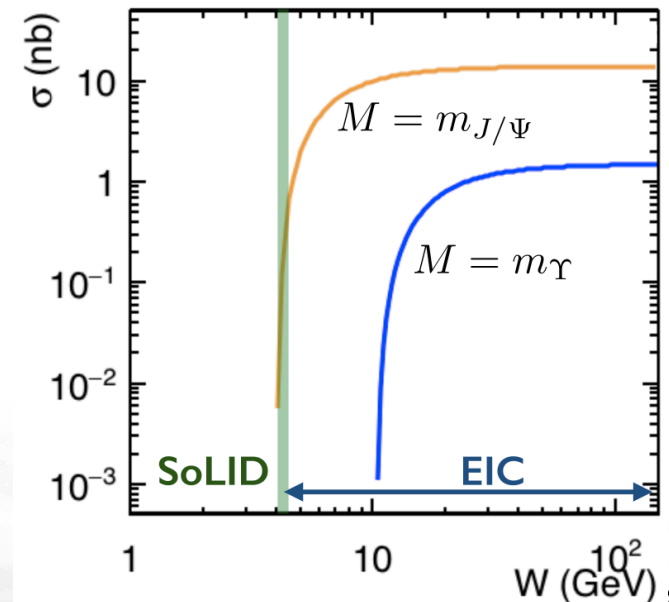
$$T_{\mu}^{\mu} = \frac{\beta(g)}{2g}F^2 + m(1 + \gamma_m(g))\bar{q}q$$



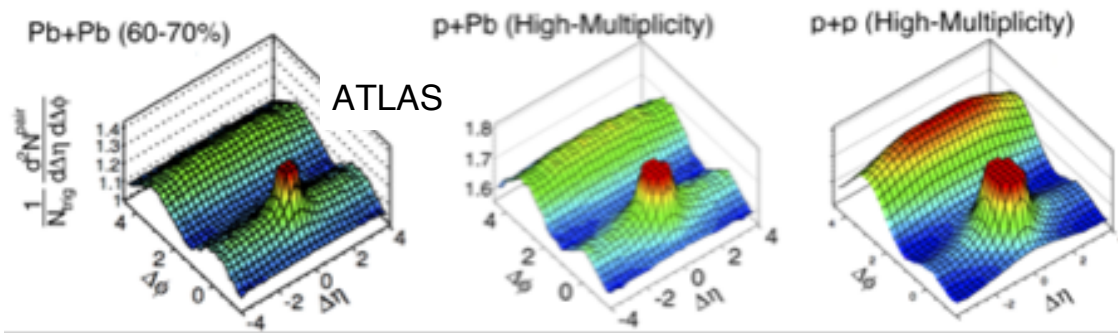
Anomaly term  
can be related to  
quarkonium production  
near threshold



*Kharzeev et al (1998)*



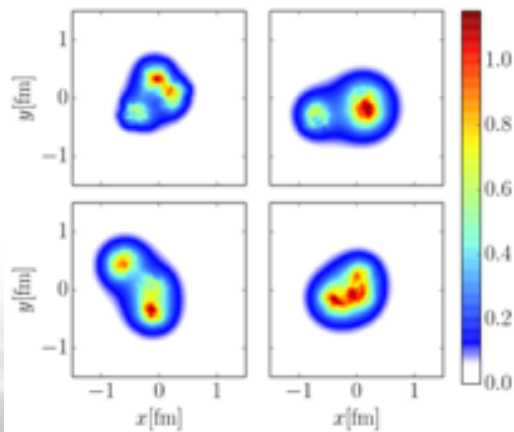
# Proton structure in pp and pA collisions



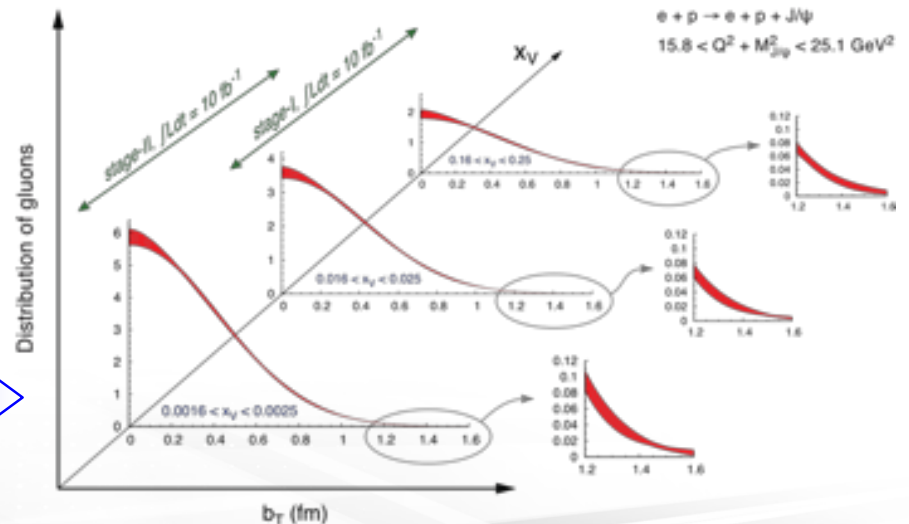
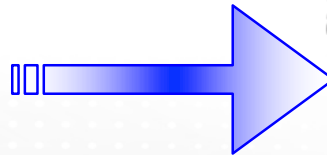
**EIC will map out the spatial quark and gluon structure of the proton**

**Shape fluctuations of the proton at  $x = 10^{-2} - 10^{-3}$  are essential to explaining the observed collective behavior of pA and pp**

**Proton density profiles at  $x \sim 10^{-3}$**

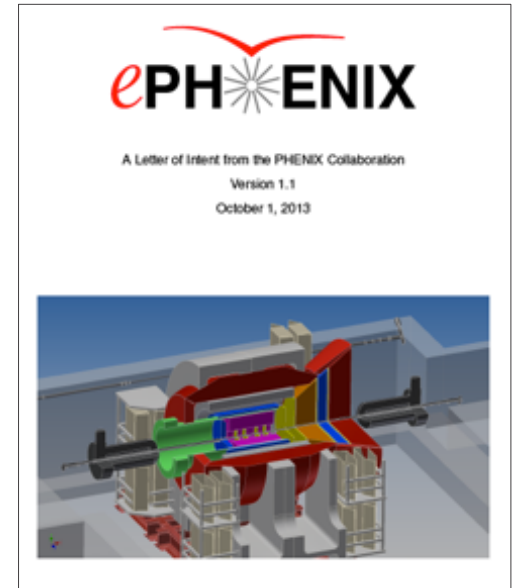
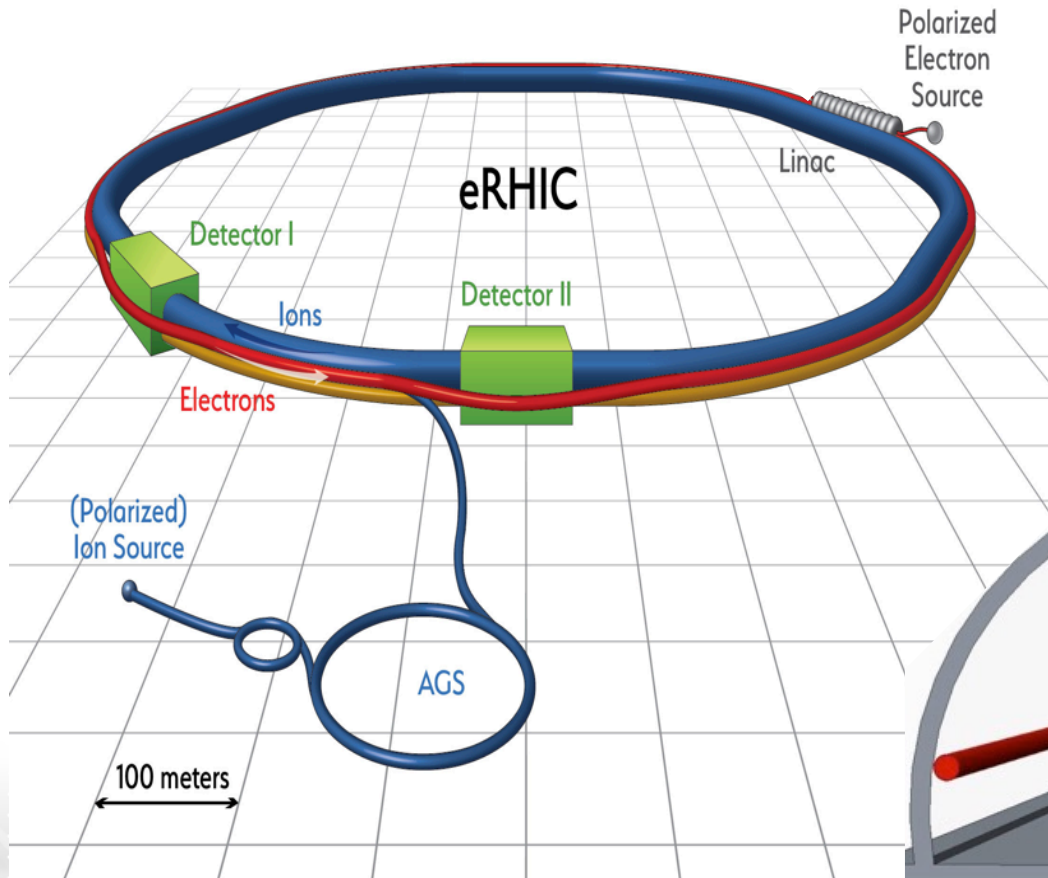


**Coherent and incoherent J/Ψ production**

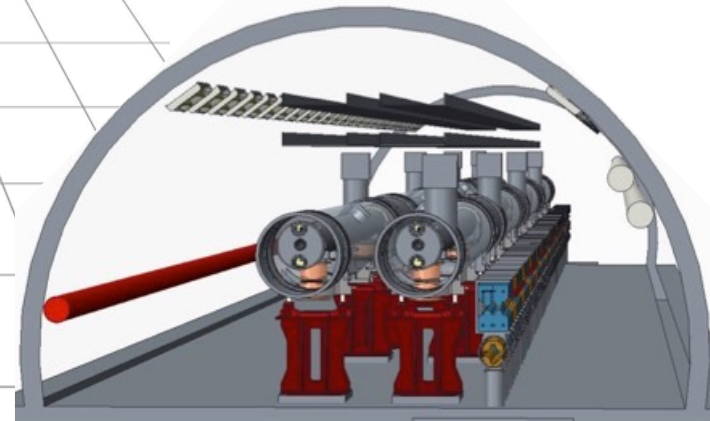


# BNL EIC Design: eRHIC

eRHIC ring-ring based design @ peak  $10^{34}/\text{cm}^2\text{s}$   
18 GeV  $e^-$  + 255 GeV p or 100 GeV/u Au.



Day-1 Detector



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- Exciting times lie ahead!

QUESTIONS?