



# Seeking the QCD mixed phase in the RHIC Beam Energy Scan with STAR

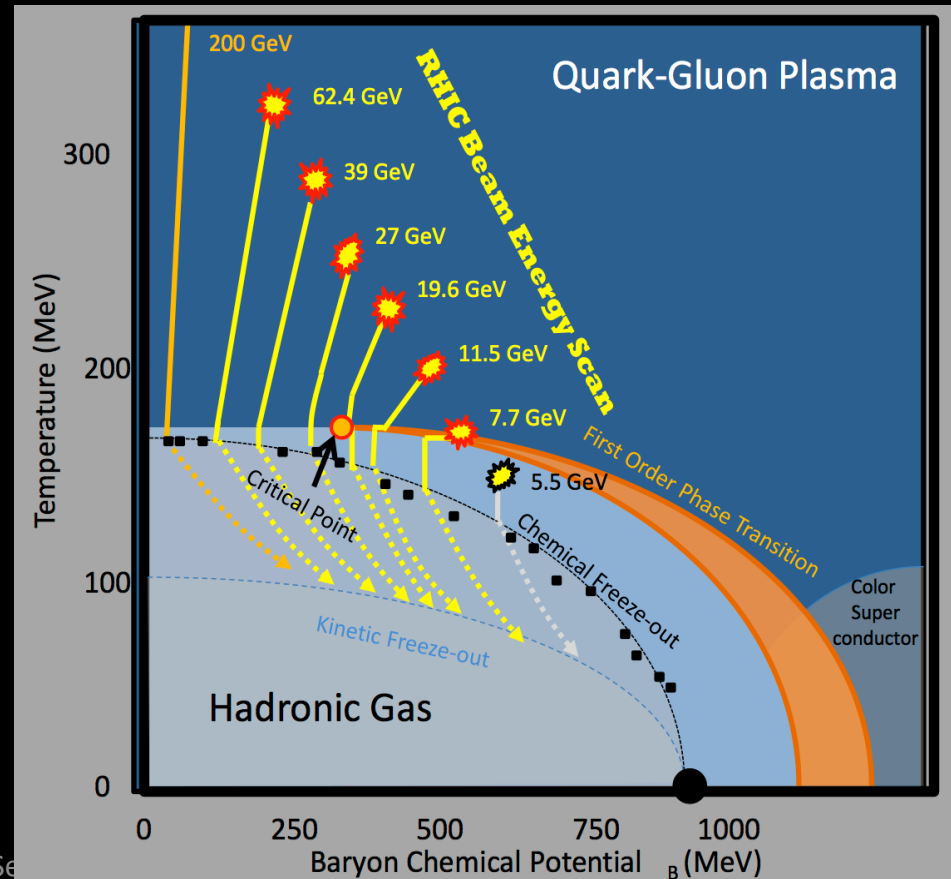
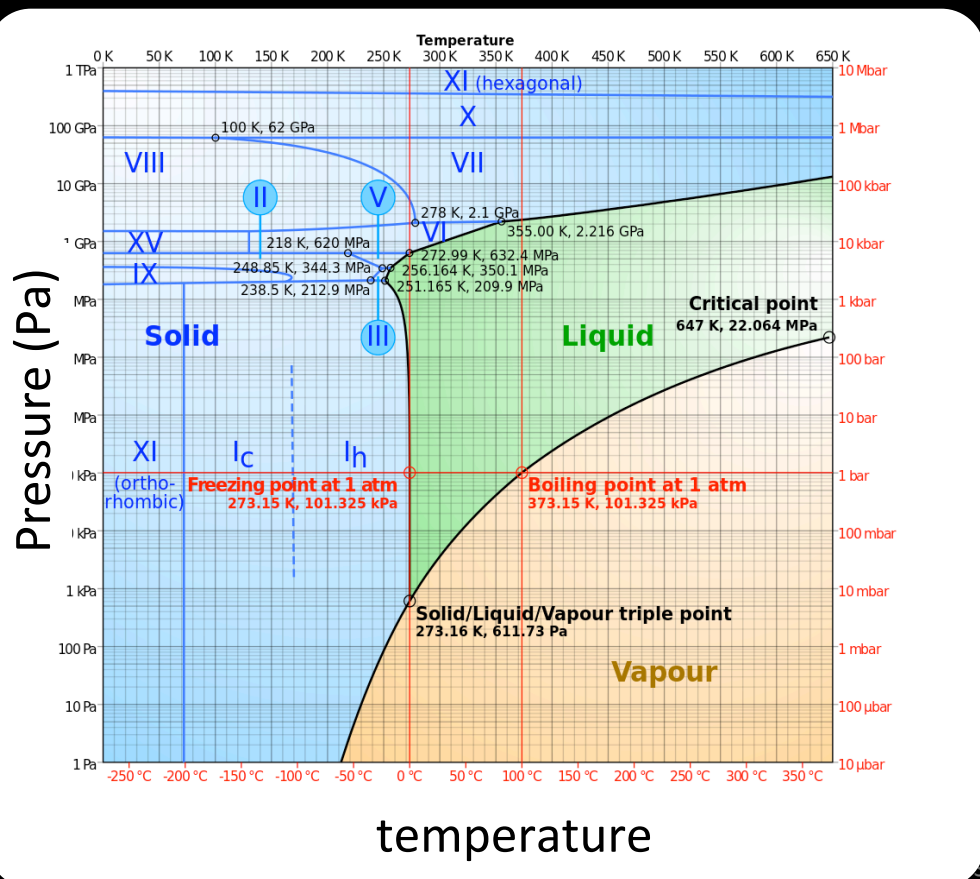
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for the STAR Collaboration

# Outline

- Context and Motivation
- Beam Energy Scan with STAR/RHIC
- Selected results on bulk dynamics
  - momentum space
  - coordinate space
- Summary and outlook

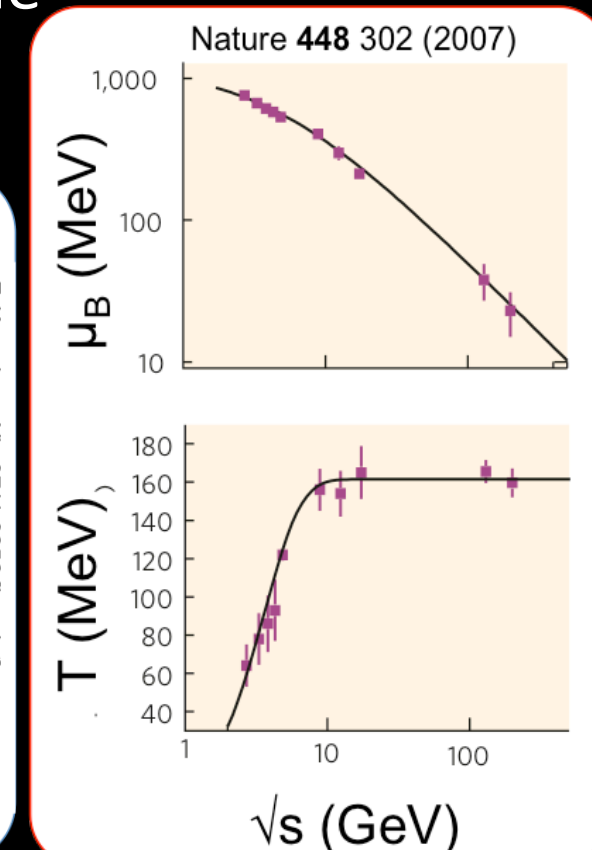
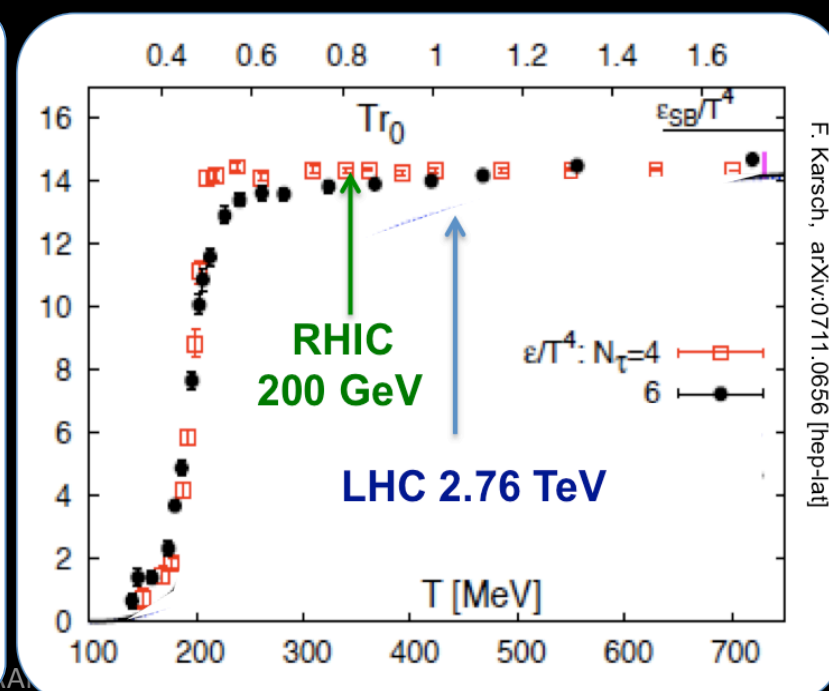
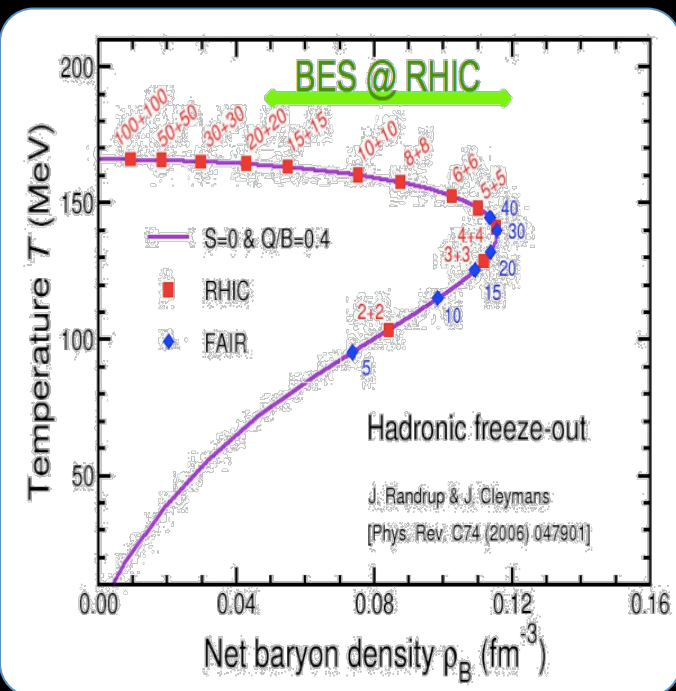
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Condensed QCD Matter physics is not Energy Frontier Science

- Steve Vigdor, 2012

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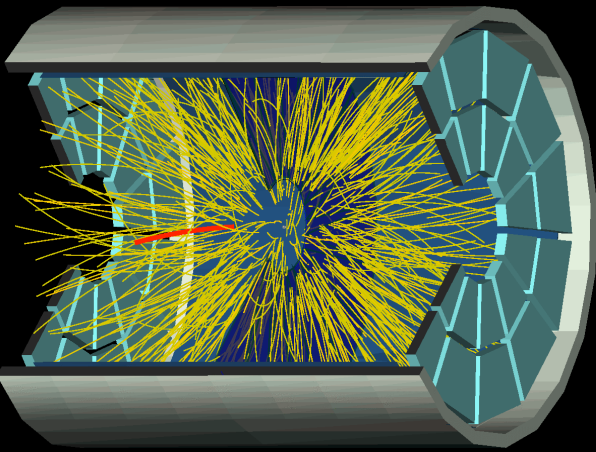
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- Berndt Mueller, 2012

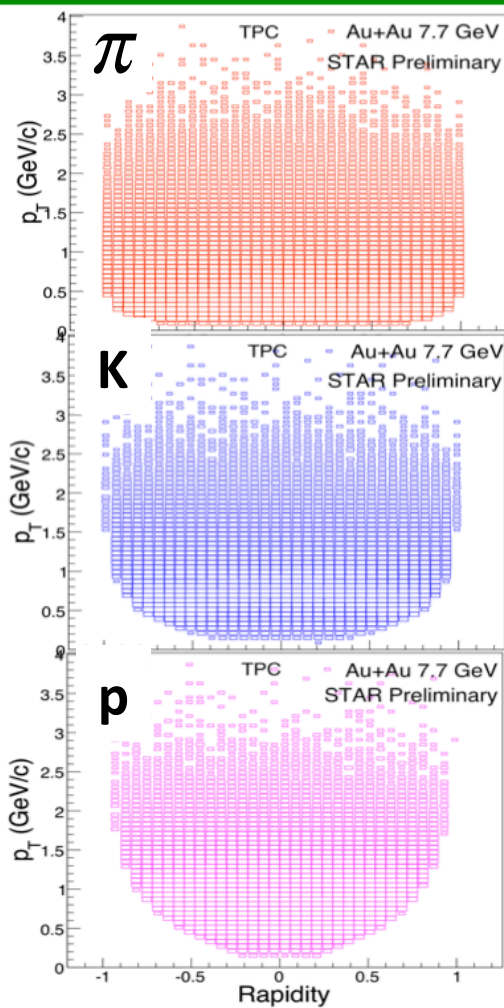
100 cm



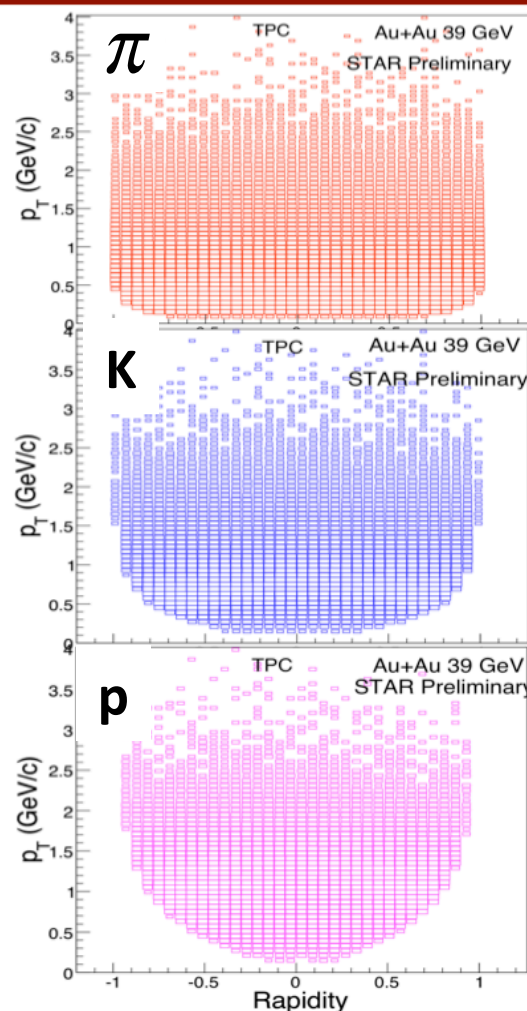
## TOF and TPC

- clean separation of  $\pi/K$  to  $p_T \sim 1.6$  GeV
- full azimuthal coverage
- $|\eta| < 1$
- topological/combinatoric reconstruction of weak decays
- acceptance independent of collision energy (important!)

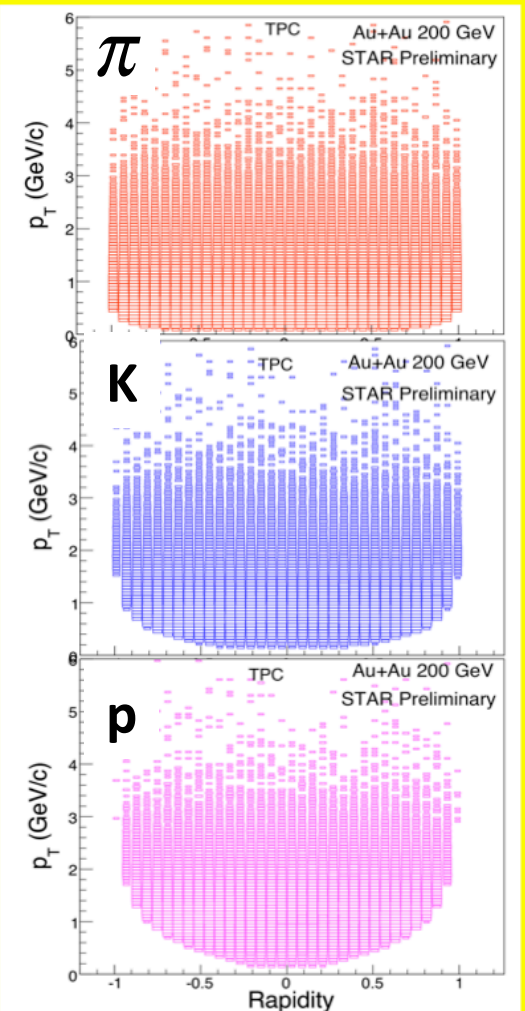
Au+Au at 7.7 GeV



Au+Au at 39 GeV



Au+Au at 200 GeV



$p_T$  (GeV/c)

G. Odyniec, SQM 2011

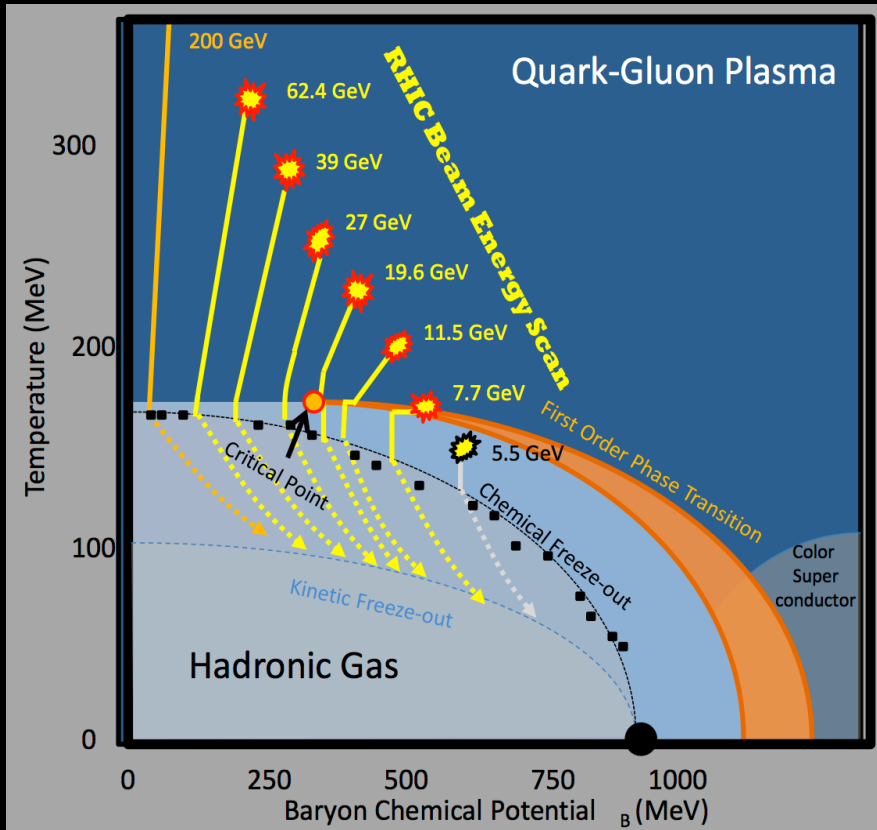


# RHIC BES Phase I

- 2009: Detailed plan proposed and accepted by RHIC PAC
  - arXiv:1007.2613
  - specific energies & stats for specific questions

- 0) location on the phase diagram?
- 1) sQGP signatures turn off/on?
- 2) evidence of mixed phase?
- 3) critical fluctuations?

theory feedback & questions for further exploration



year	$v_{sNN}$ (GeV)	mb events ( $\times 10^6$ )
2010	7.7	5
2011	11.5	12
2011	19.6	36
2010	27	70
2010	39	130

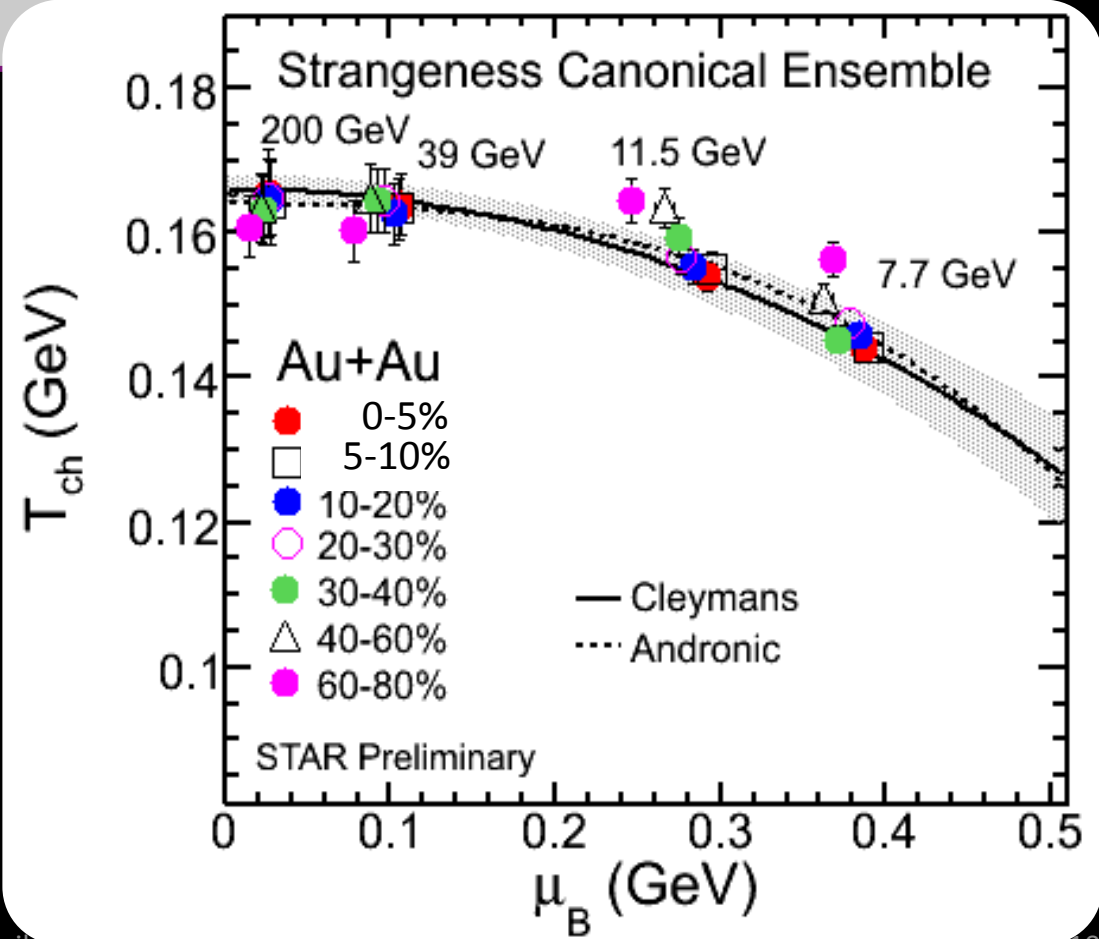
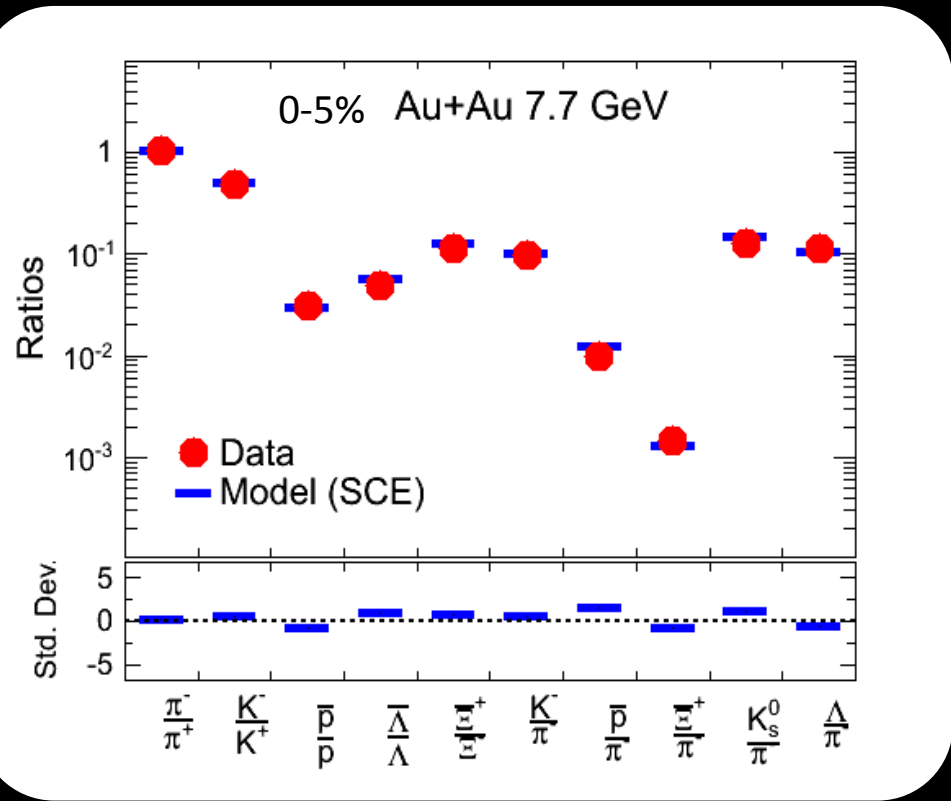
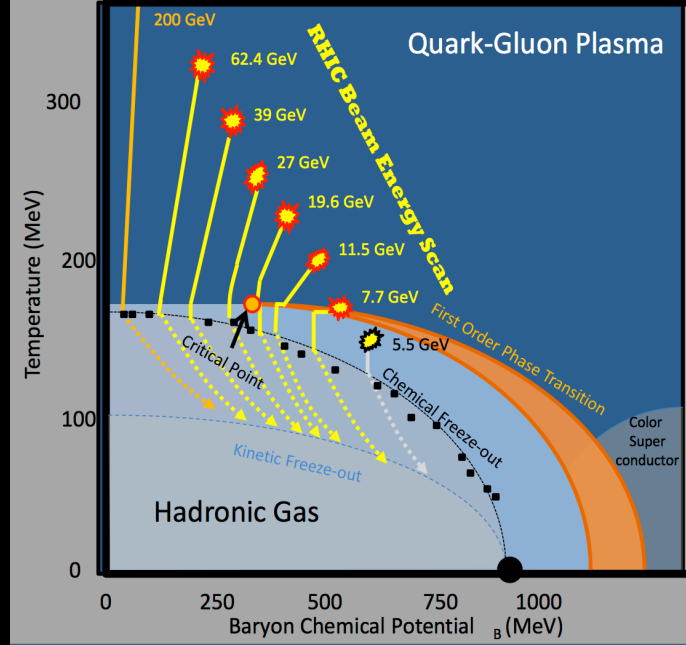
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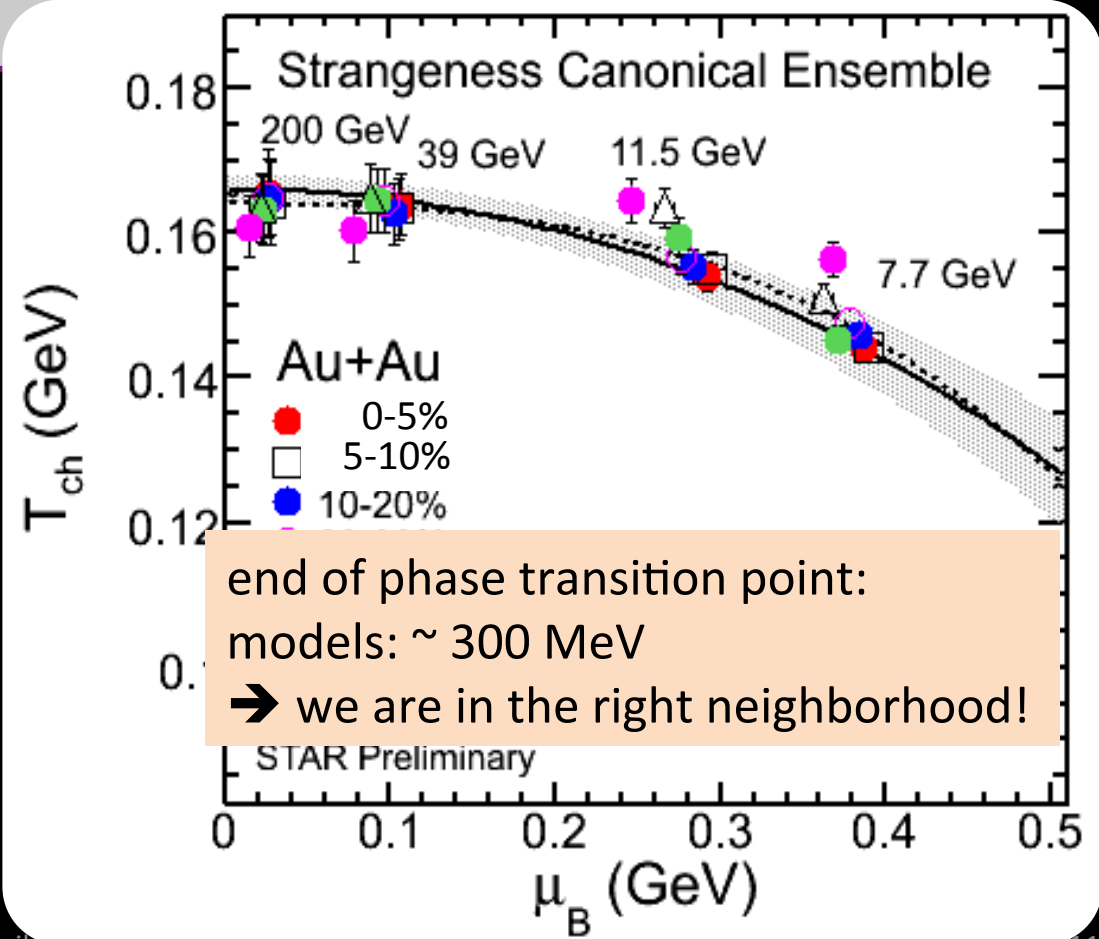
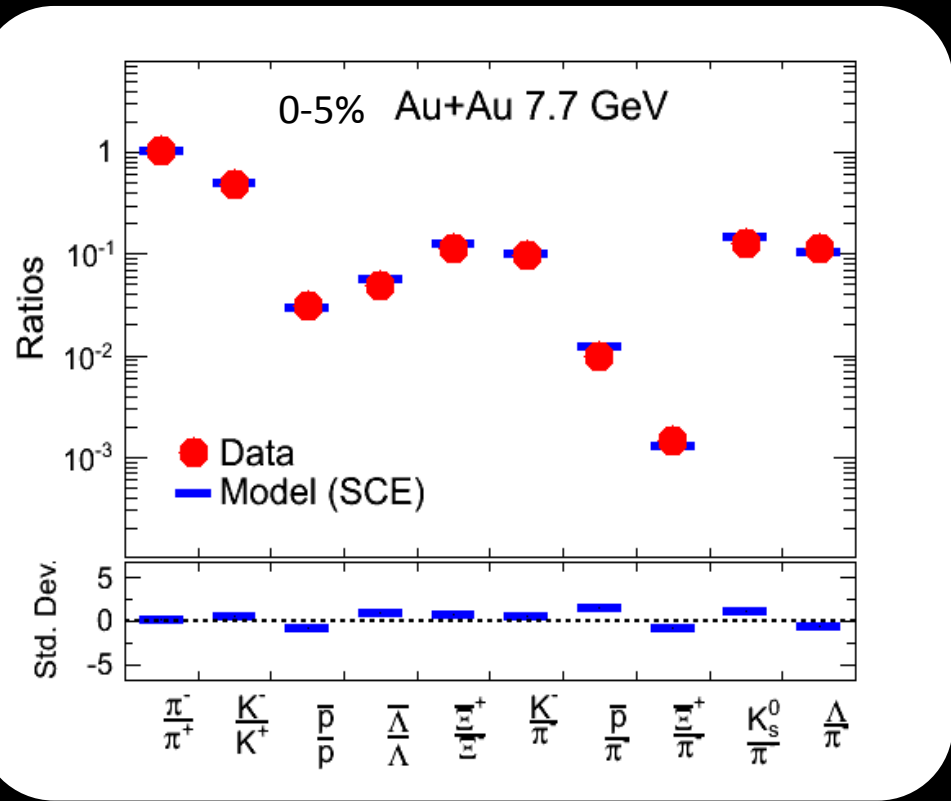
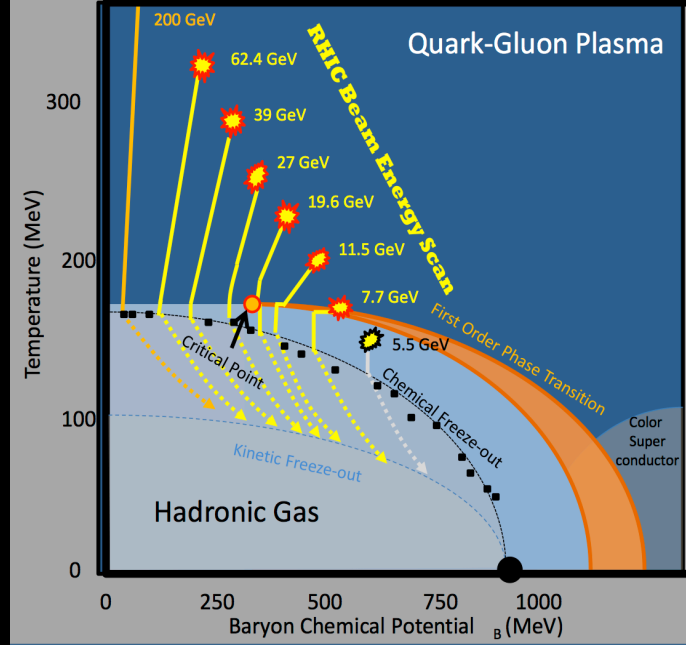
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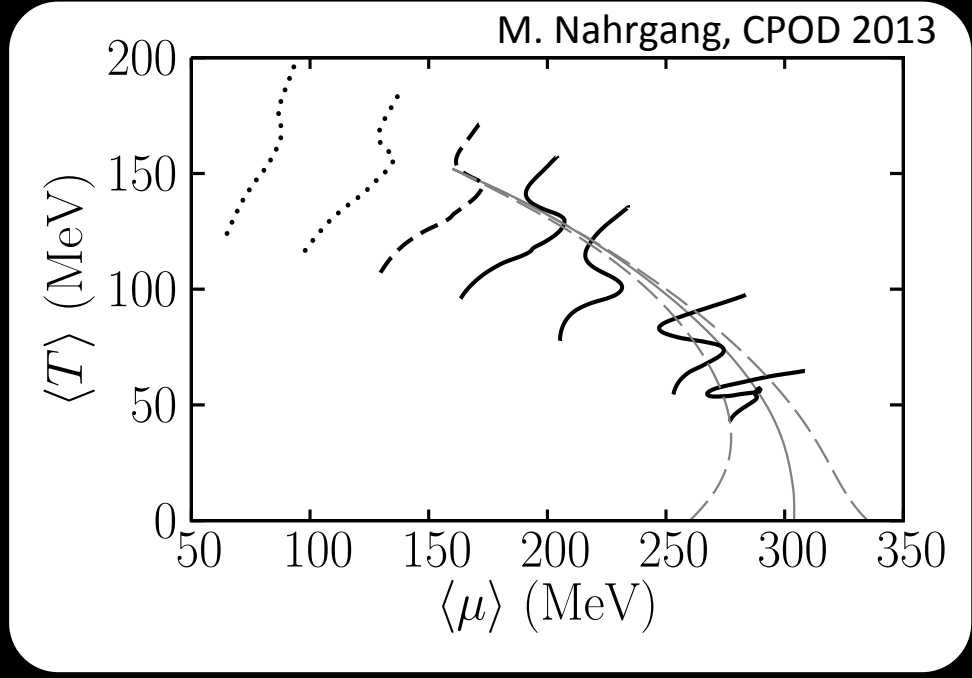
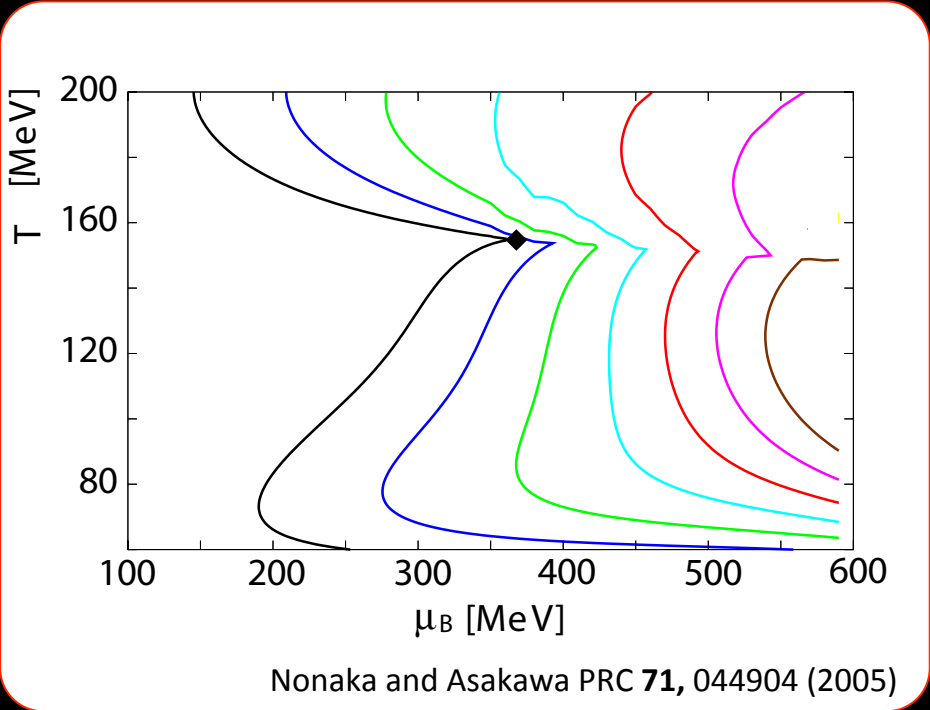
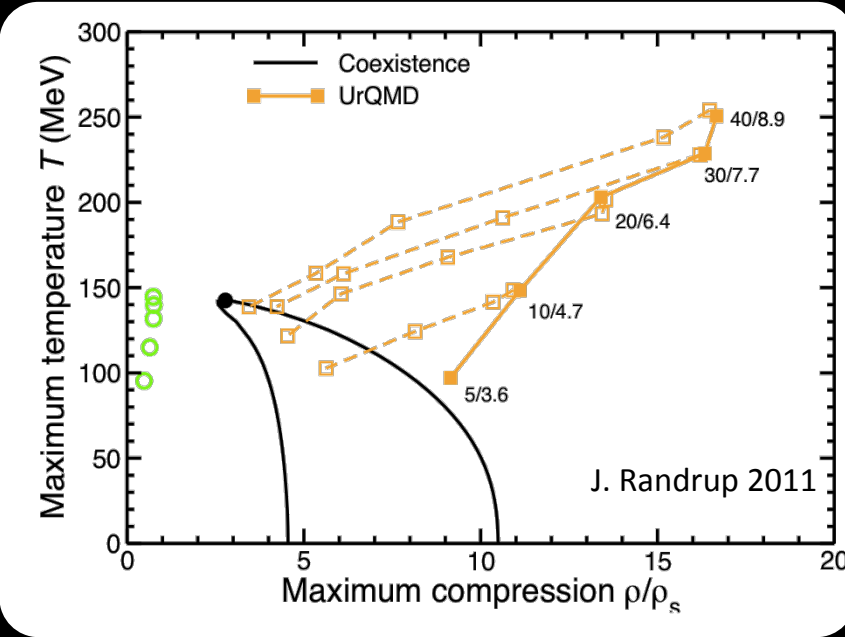
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  - experimental anchor
- Rely on dynamic models for trajectory



# Next step: Is the QGP “turning off?”

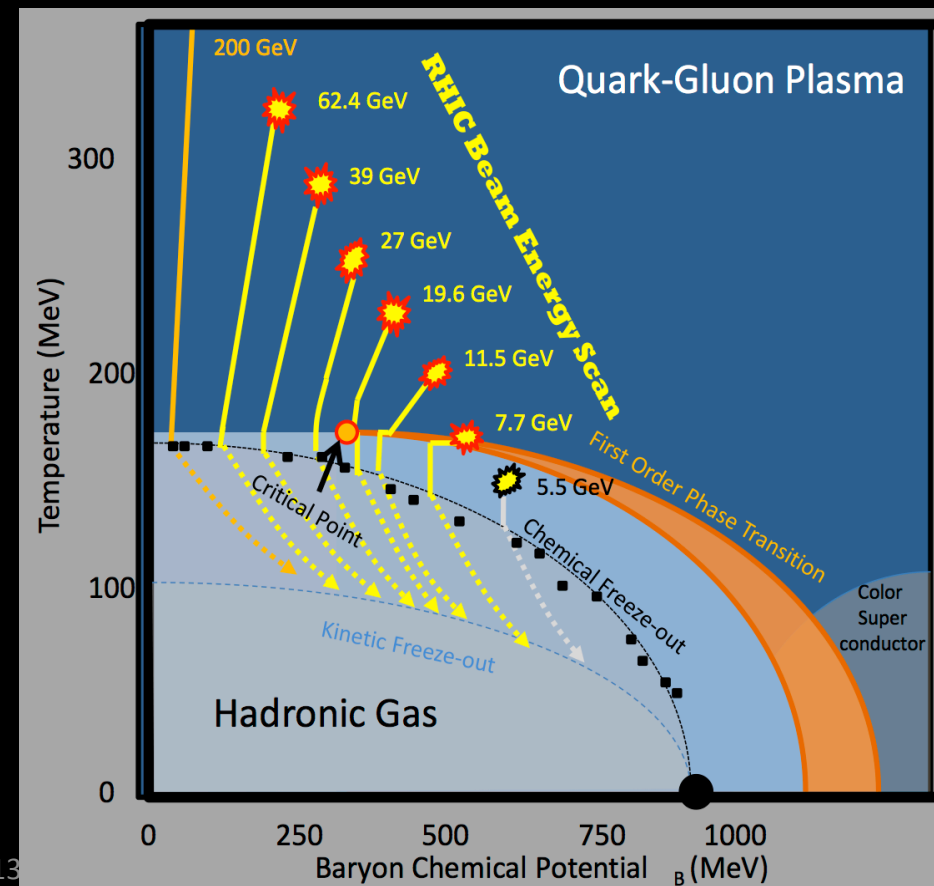
Evidence for a QGP at top RHIC energy (and above):

- species dependence of elliptic flow (and spectra)
  - scaling with number of constituent quarks (?!)
- high- $p_T$  suppression
  - QGP opacity to fast partons
- B-field-induced charge-dependent correlations
  - event-wise local parity violation (?)

Nu: Looks like...

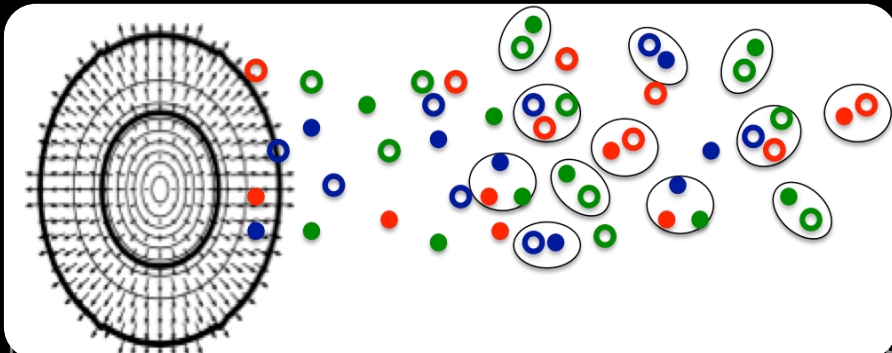
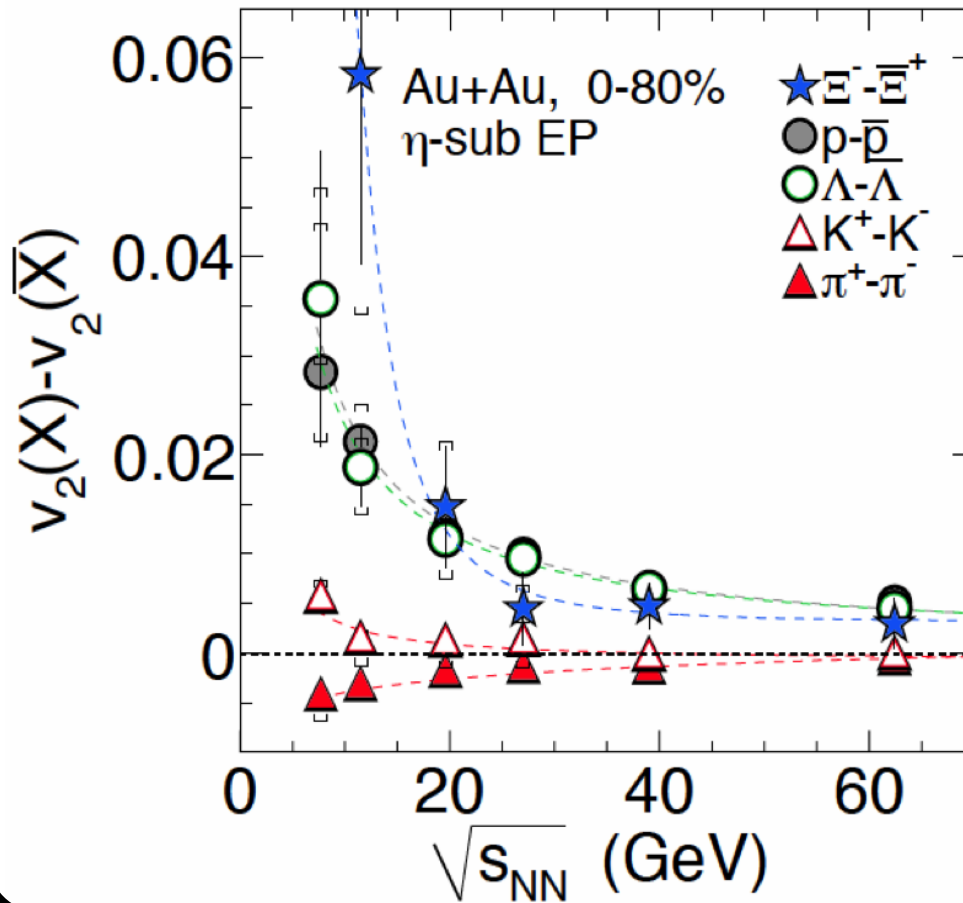
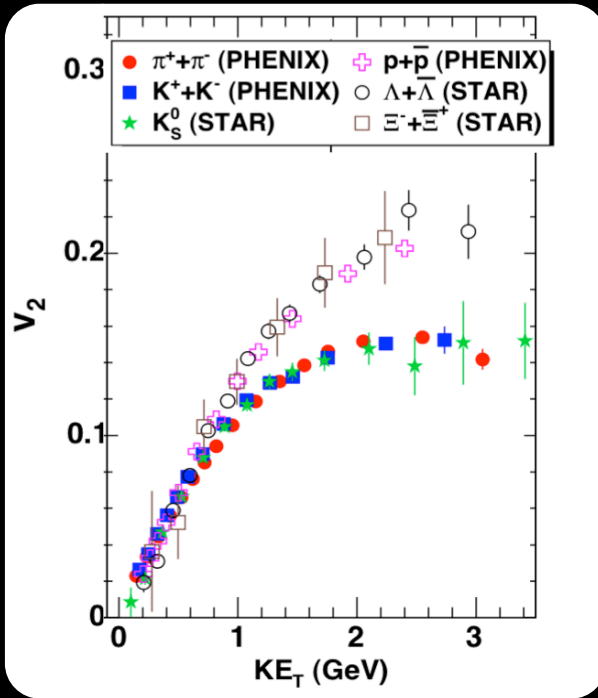
Paul: But...

Me: a few words



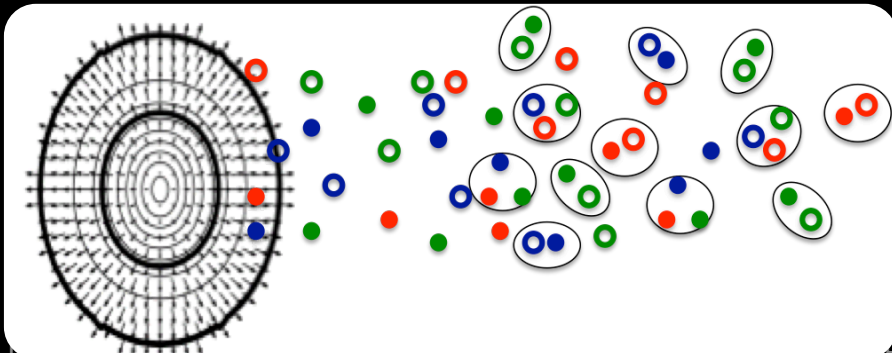
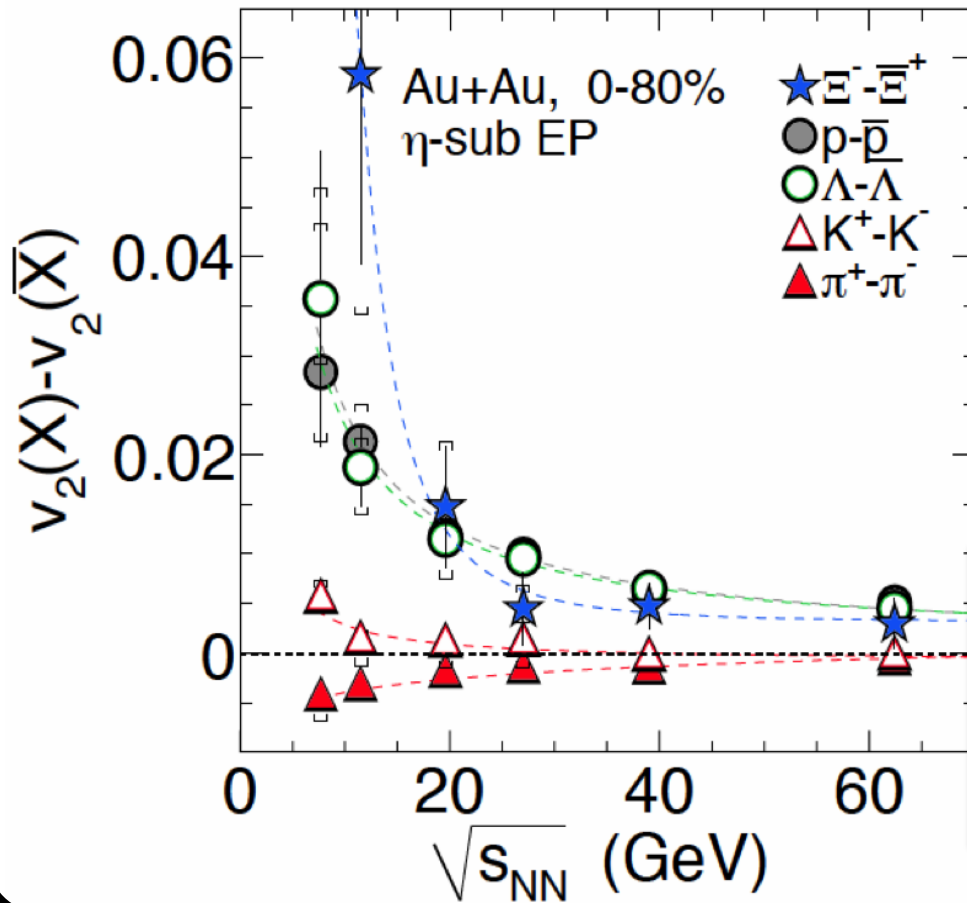
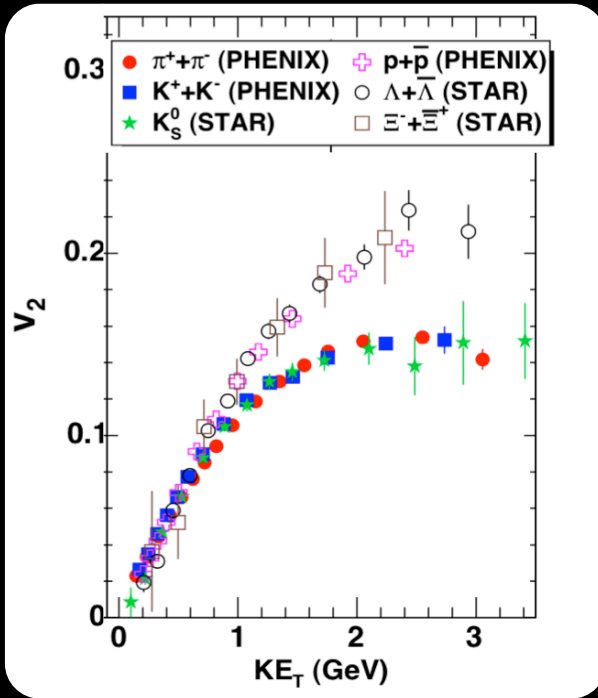
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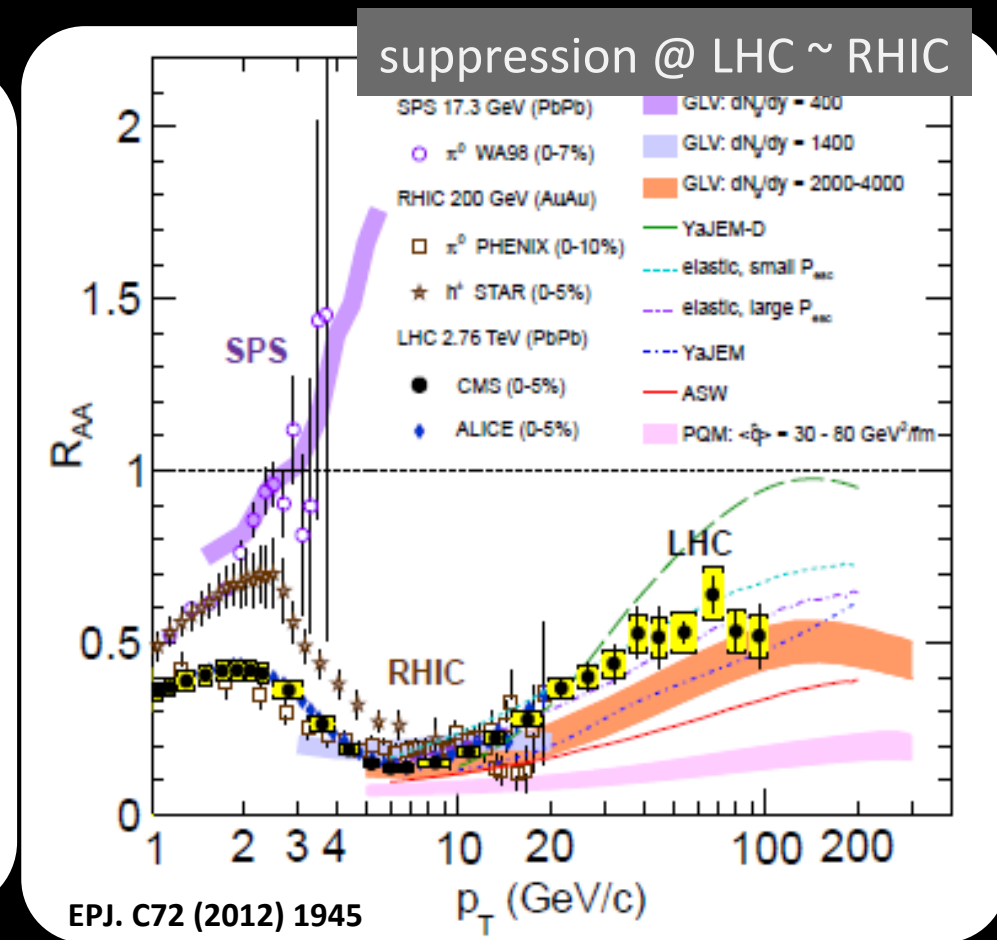
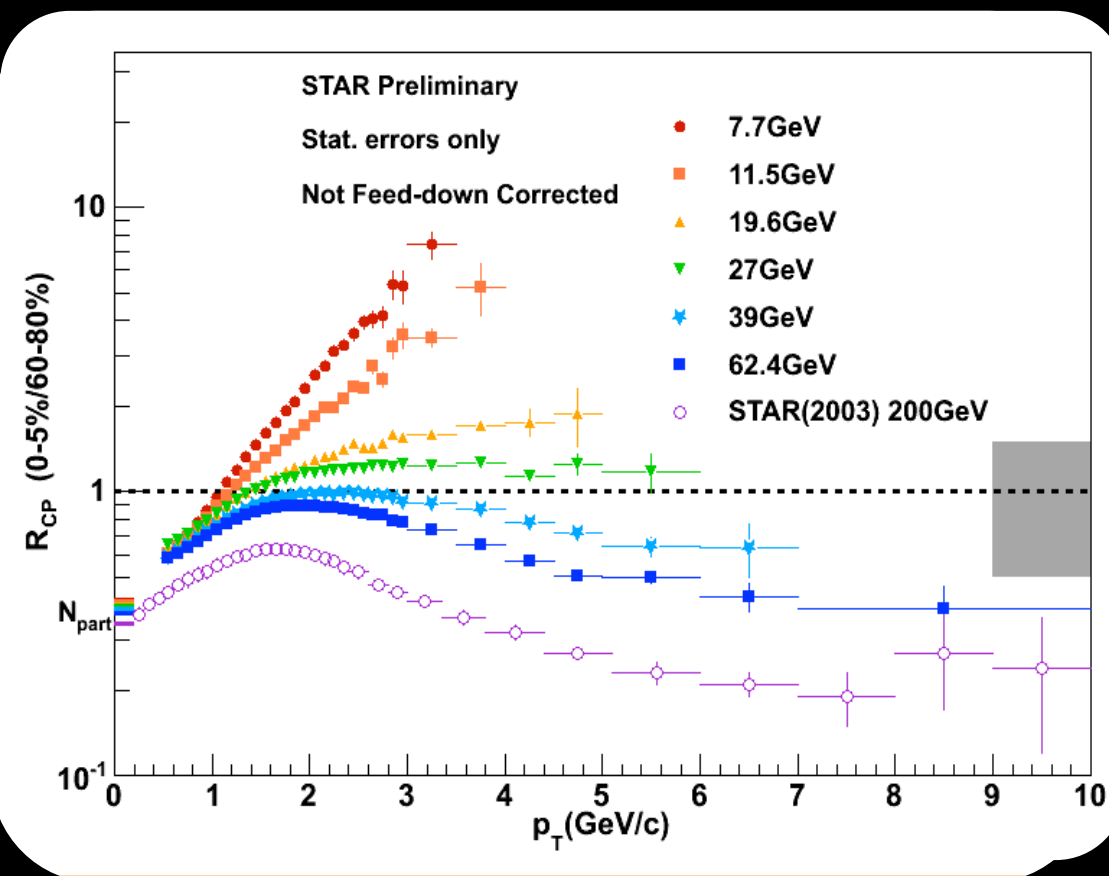
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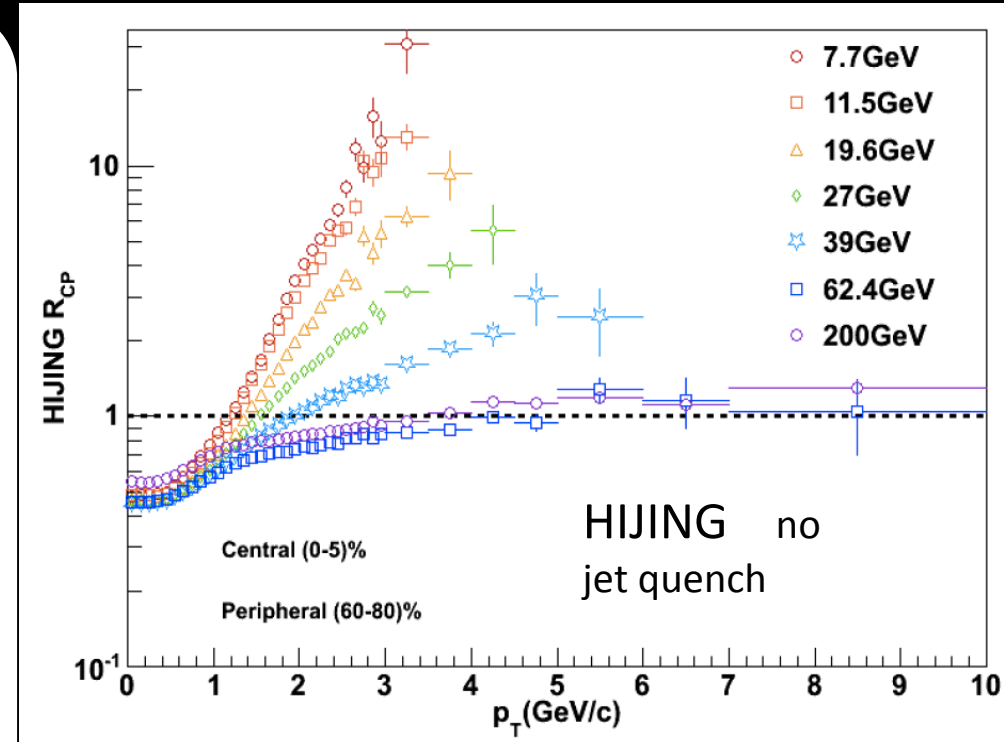
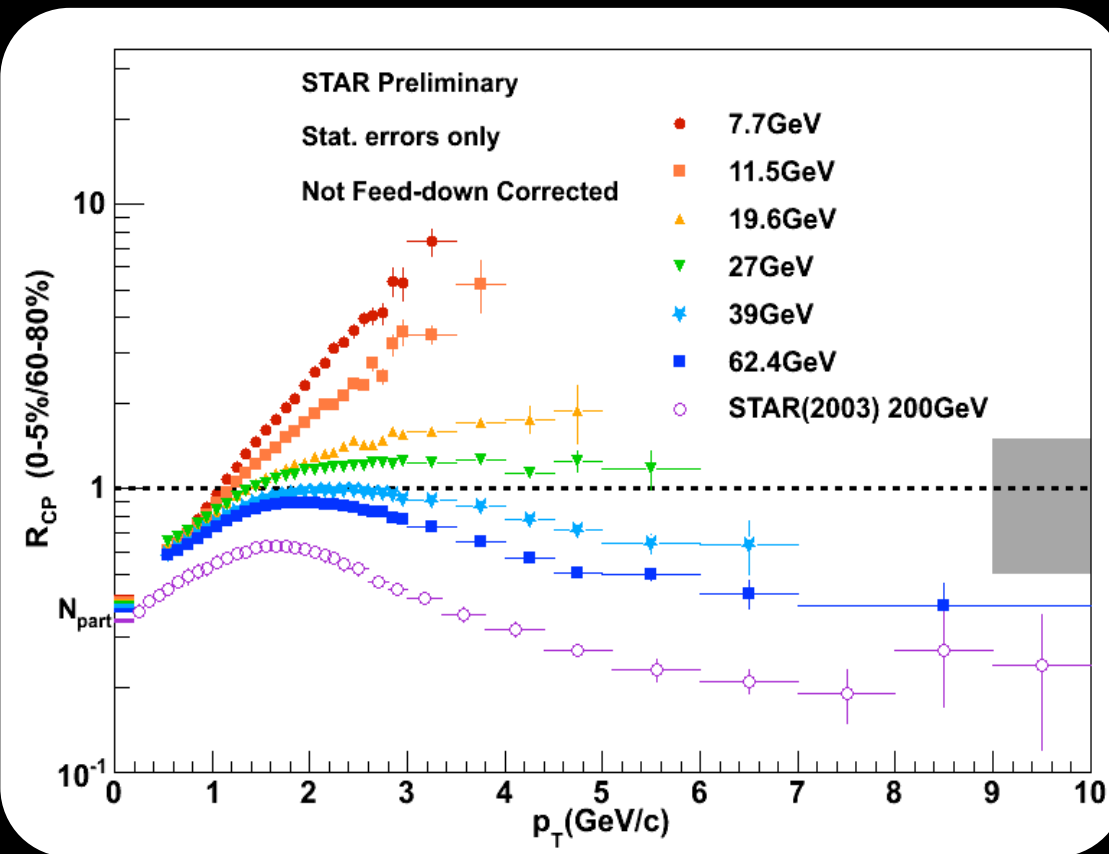


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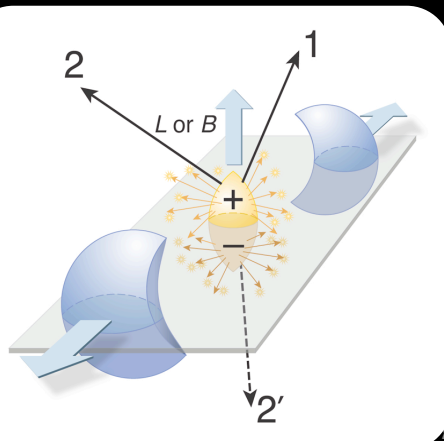
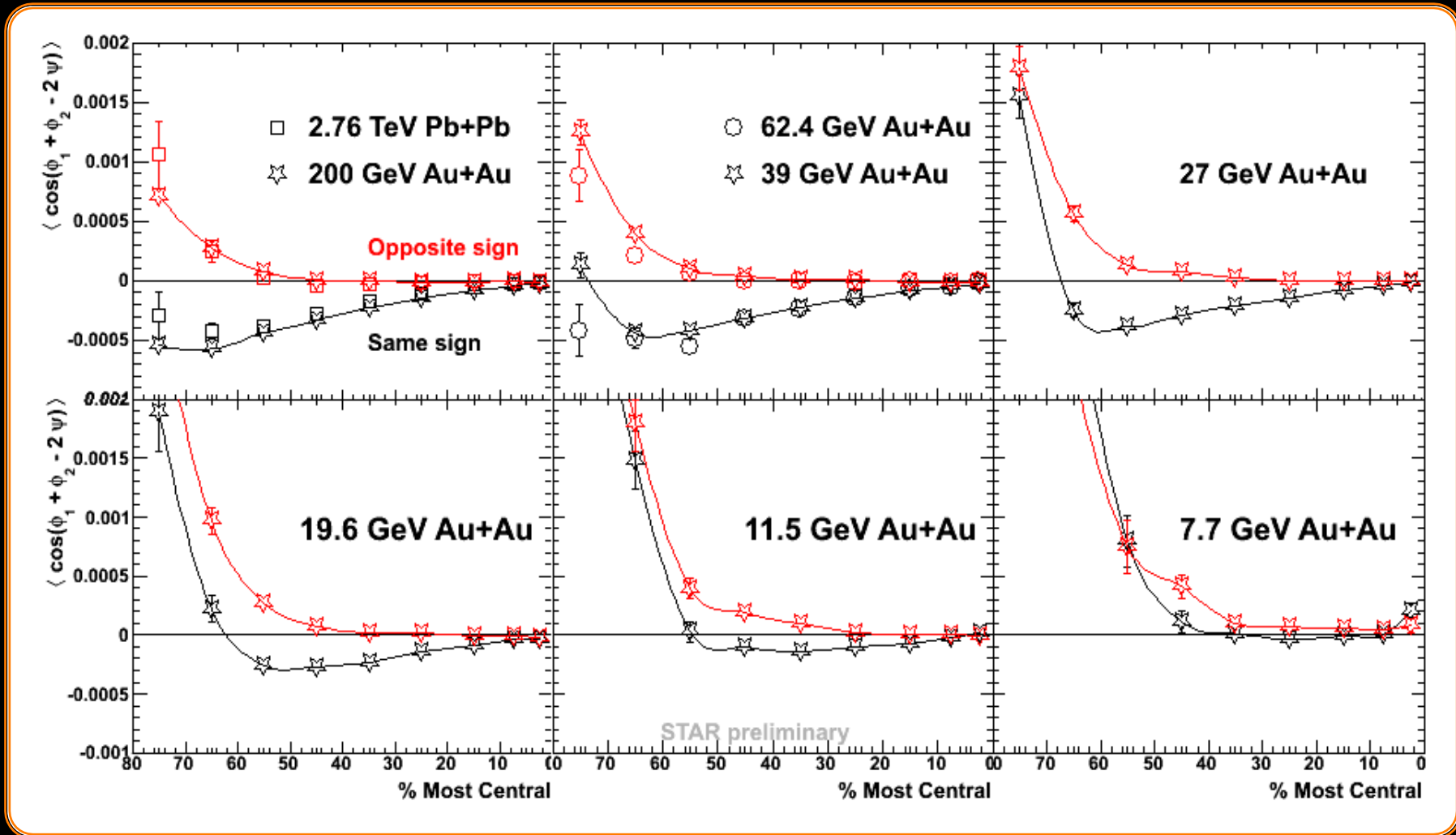
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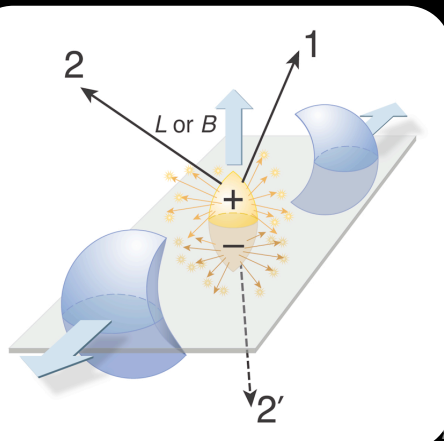
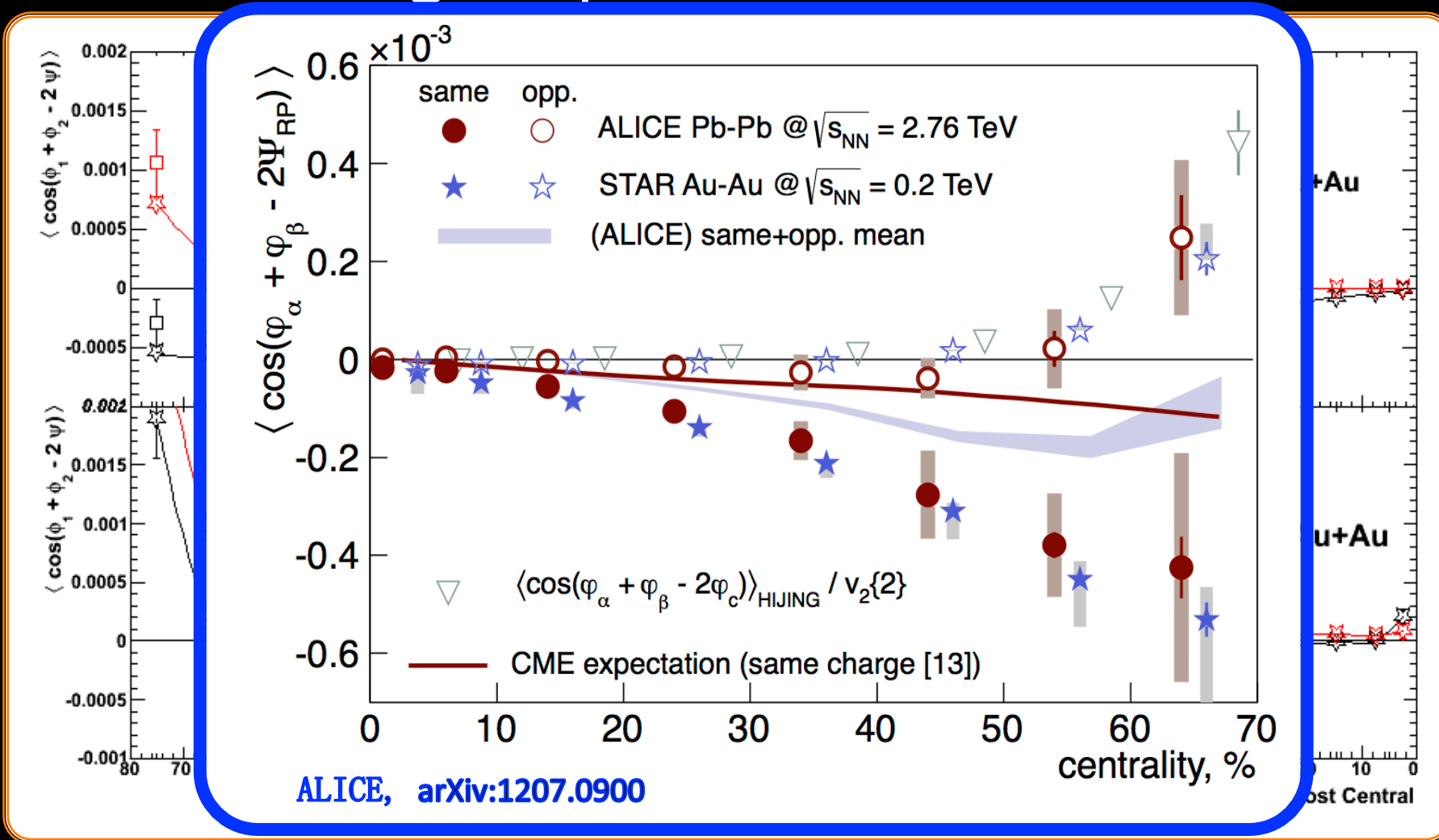


suppression comes on strong around 20 GeV

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LHC astonishingly similar to RHIC

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# So... the action is at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 10\text{-}30$ GeV

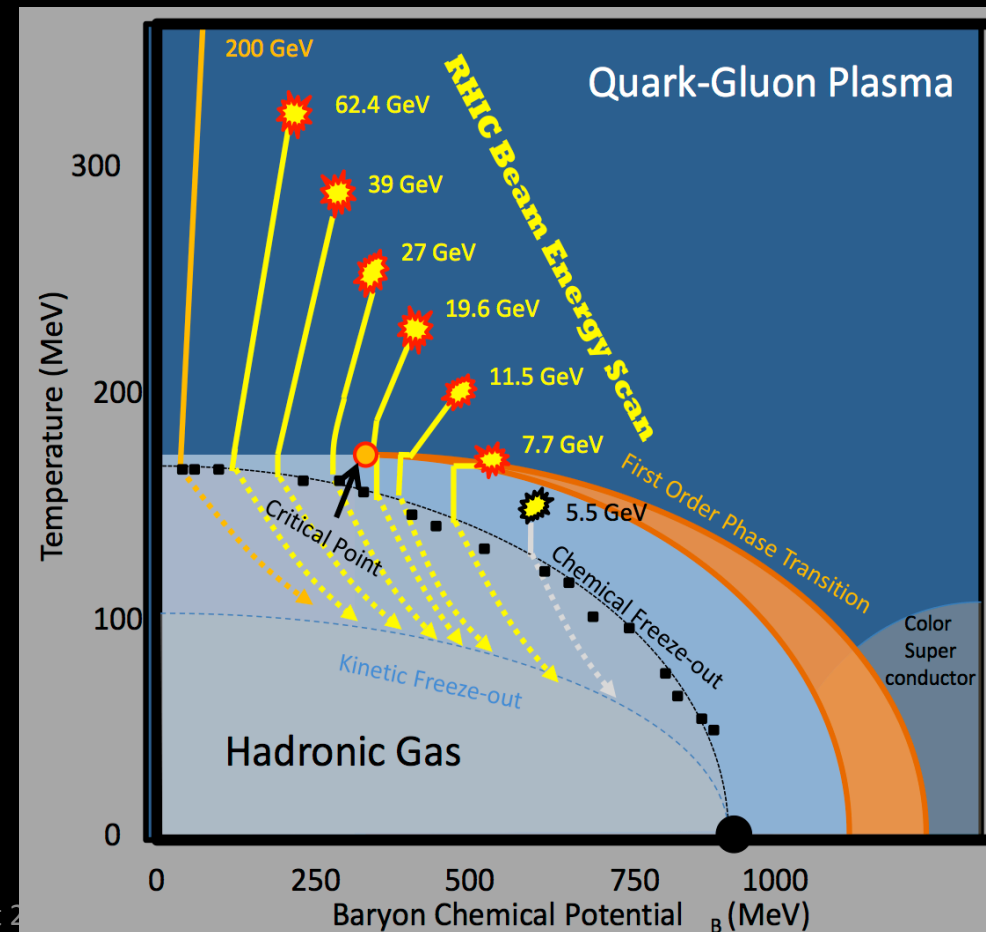
matter at lower energy...

- isn't (easily) characterized by flowing quarks
- is much less opaque to fast color
- does not support an EDM

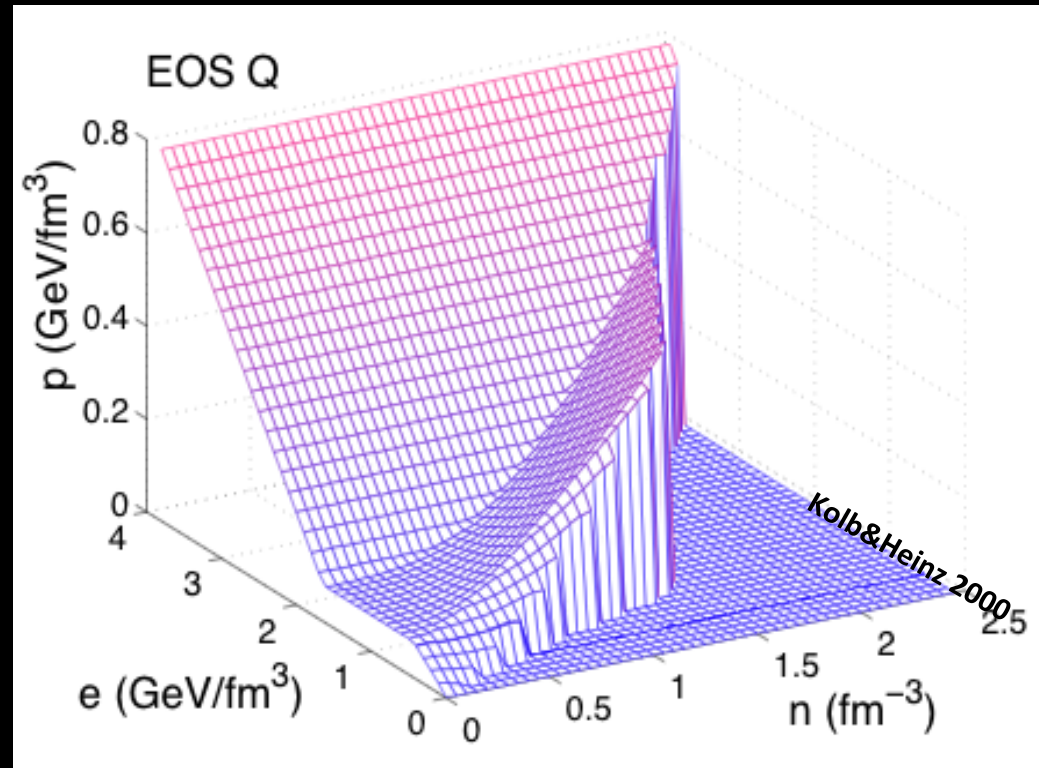
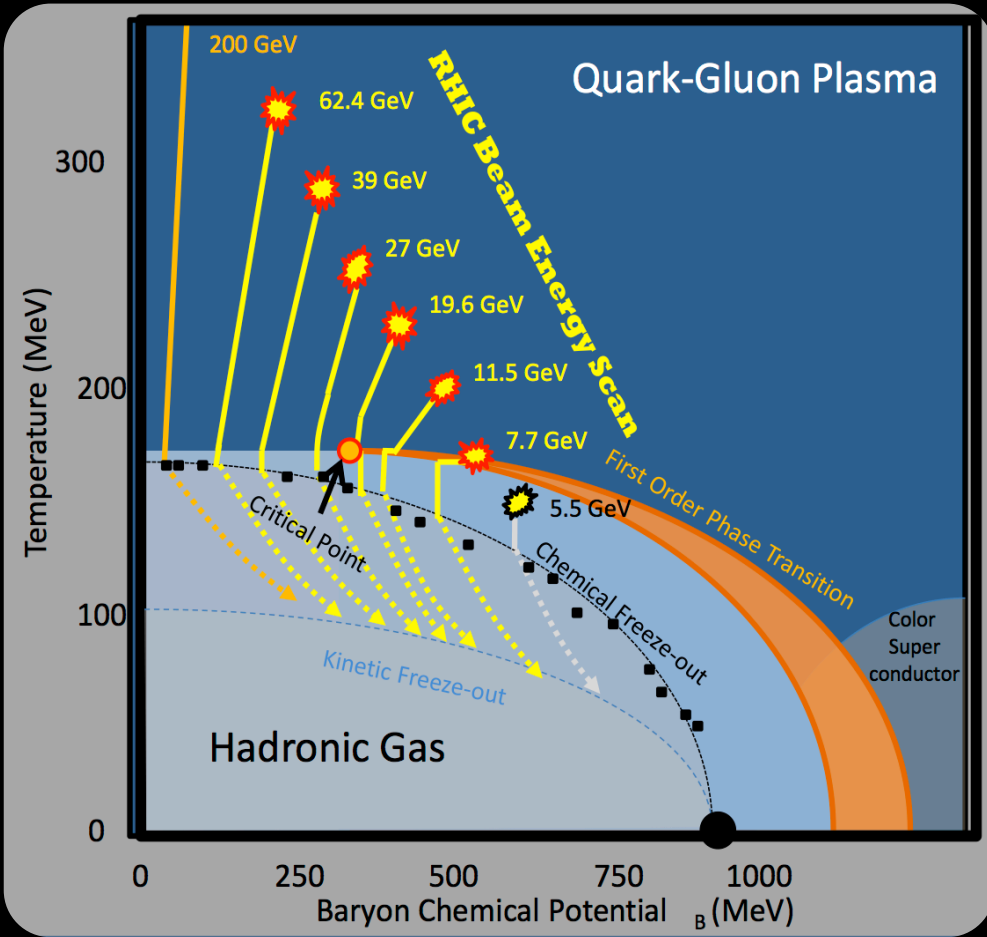
In this changing region:

- evidence of 1<sup>st</sup>-order PT?

I'll just discuss a few of ~20 probes currently being studied

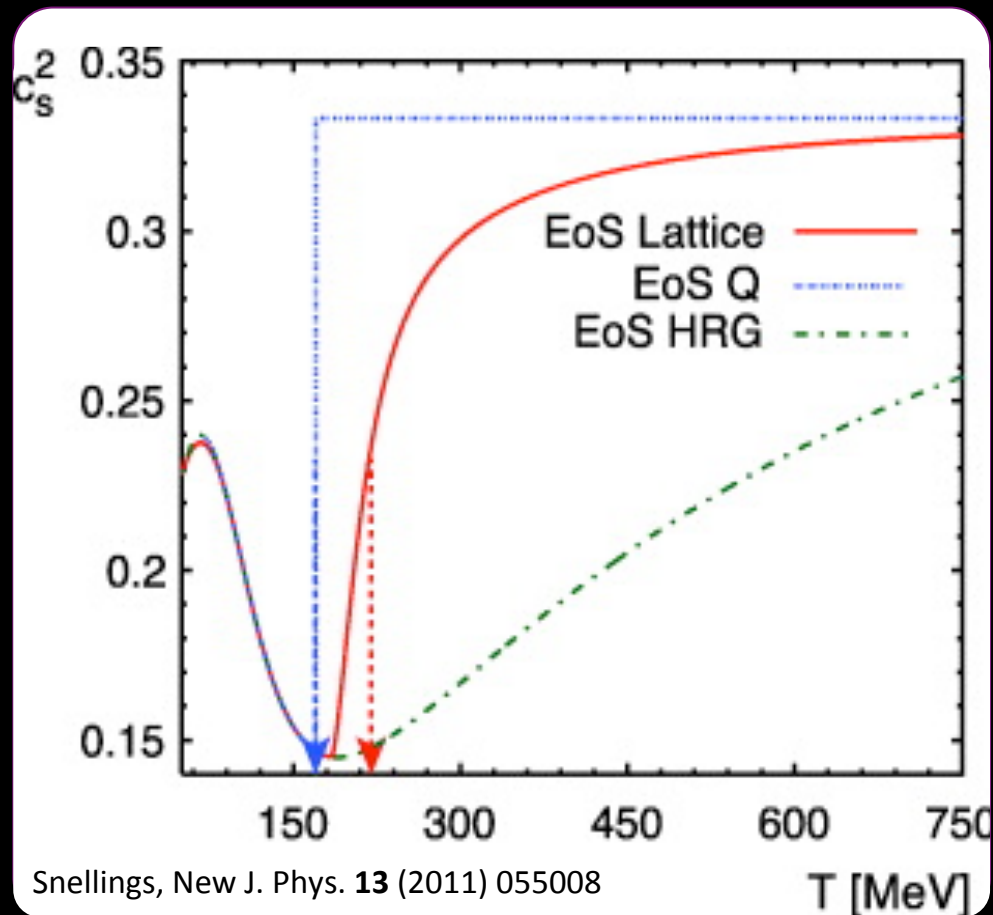
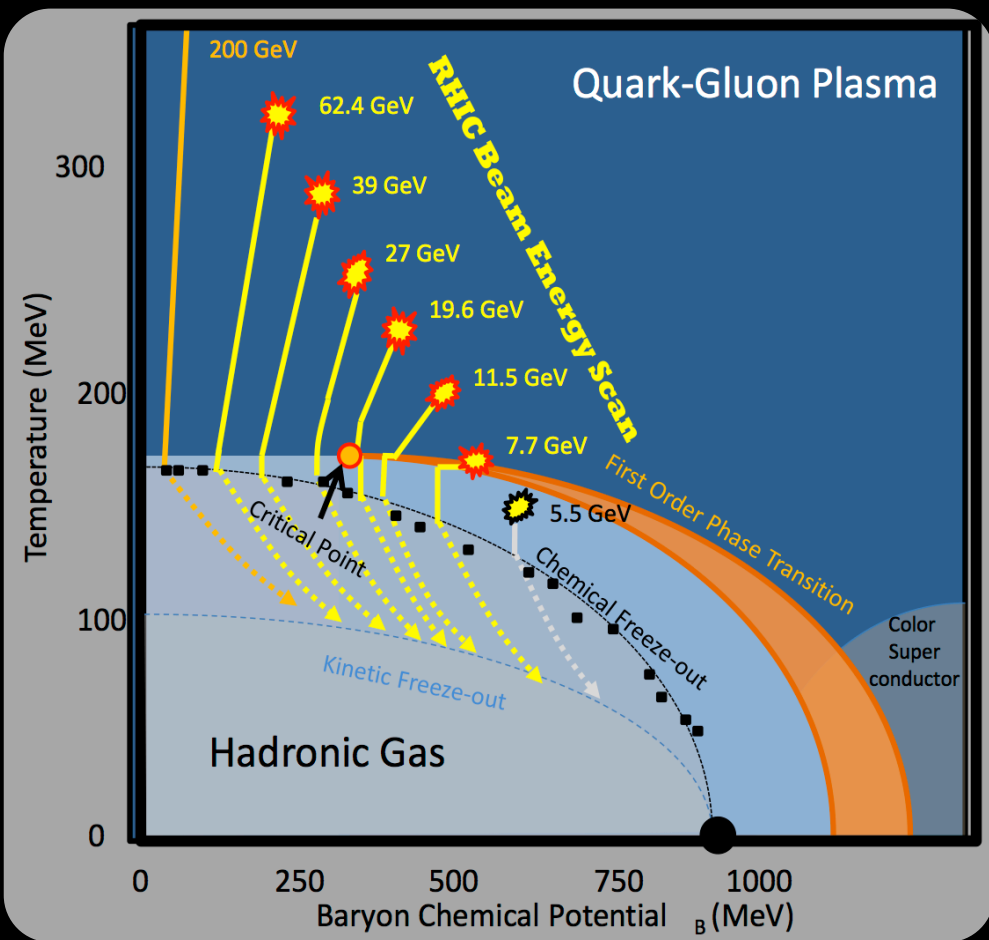


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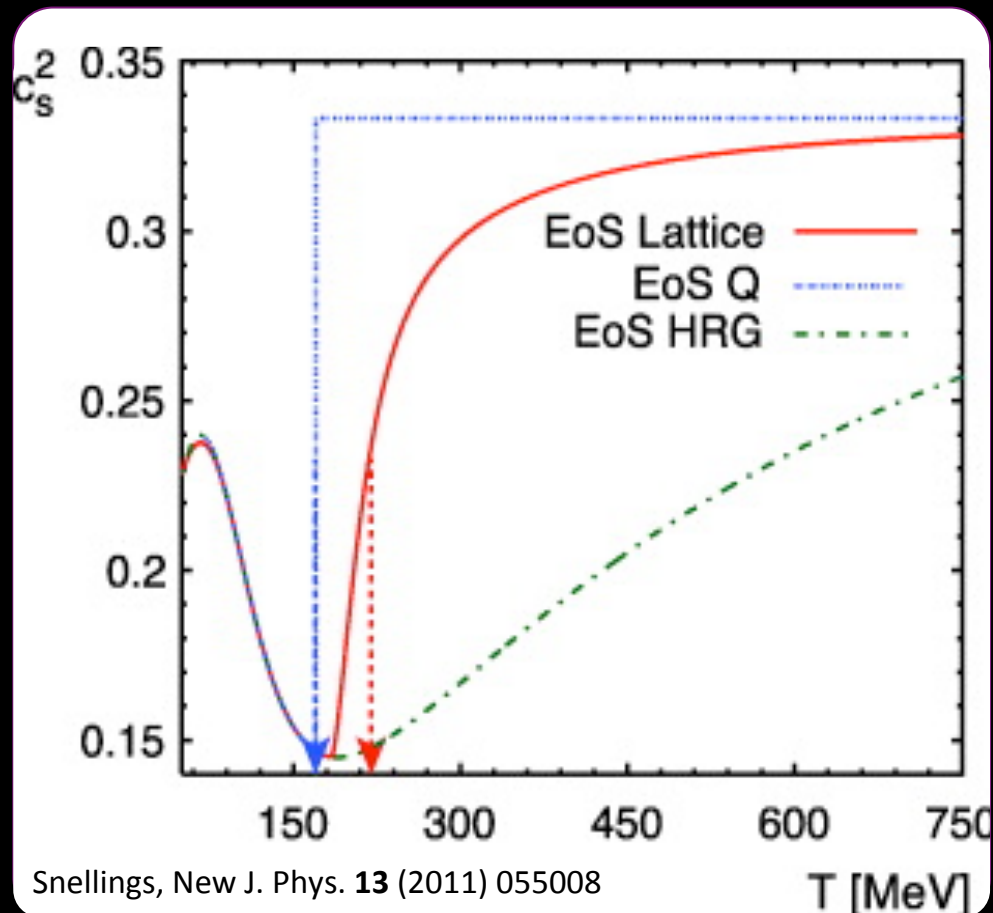
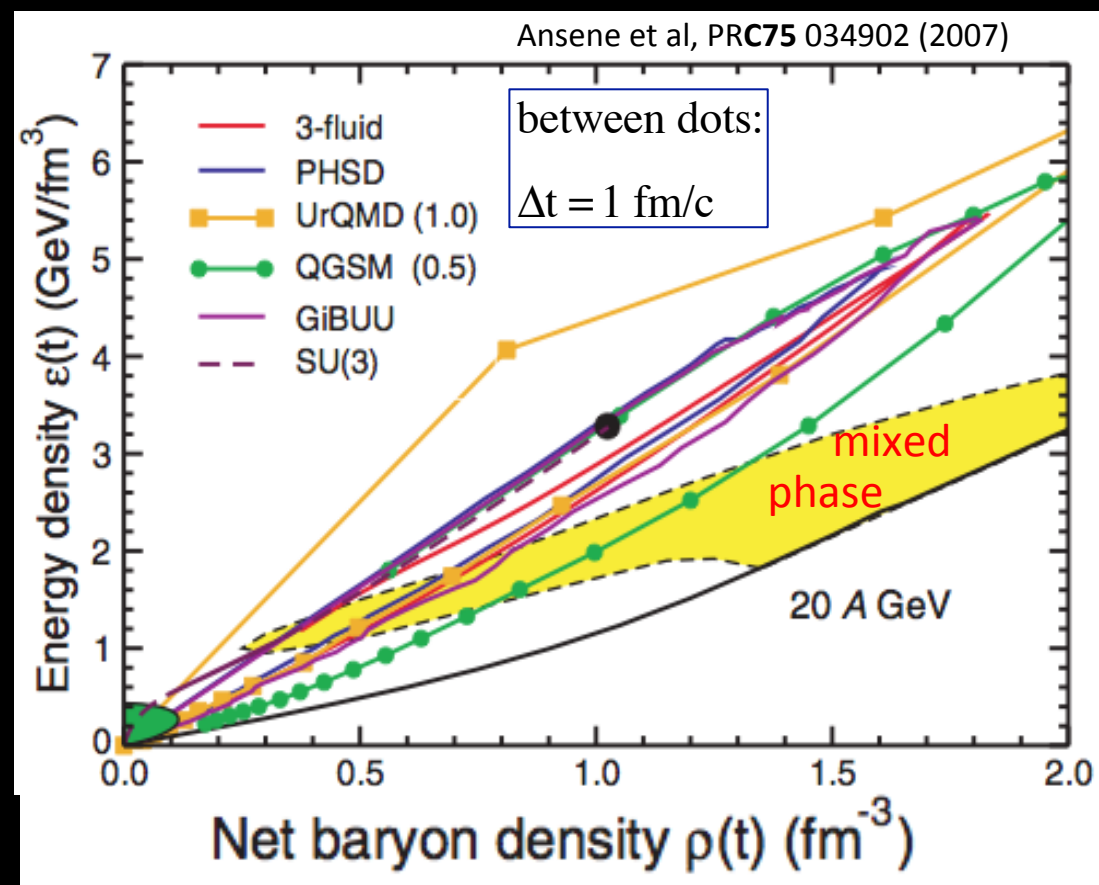
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Beware: in mixed phase for short time.

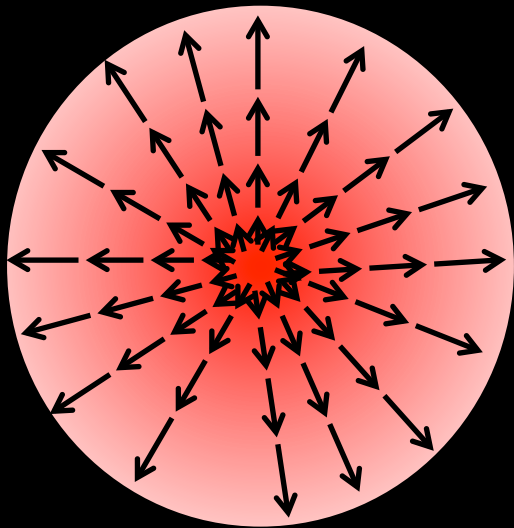
Will it “blast through” soft region?



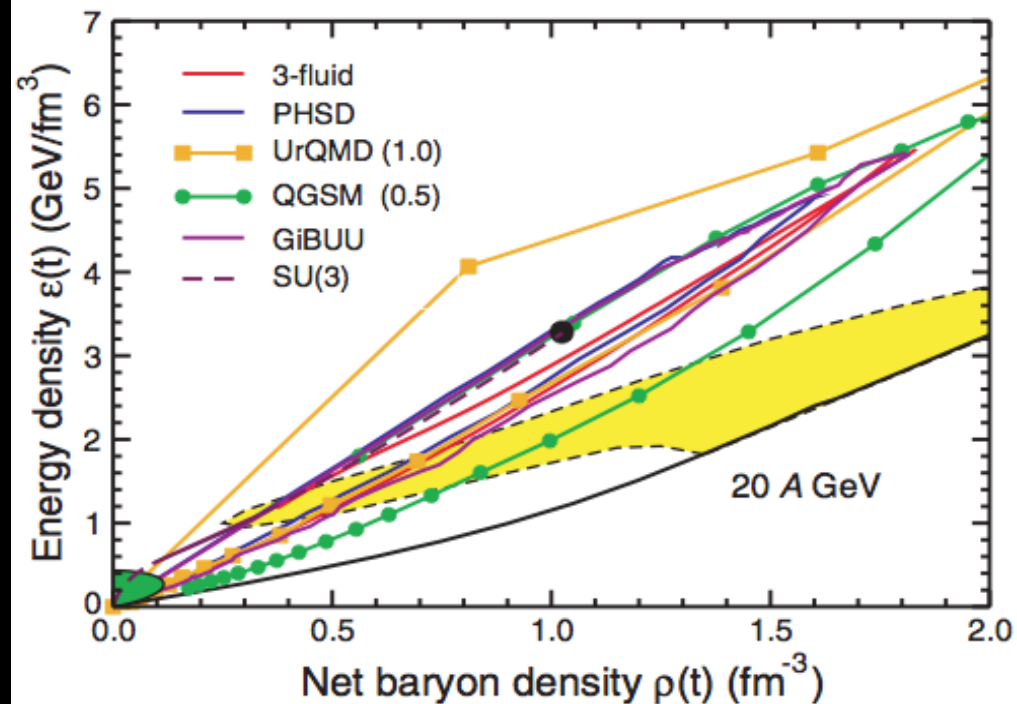
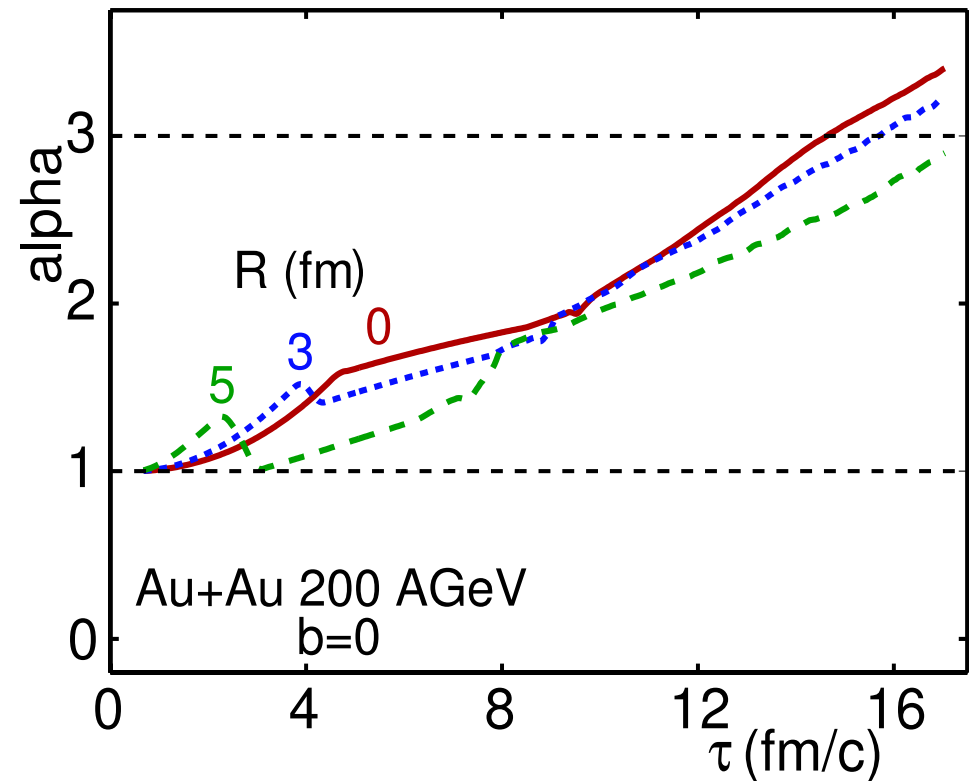
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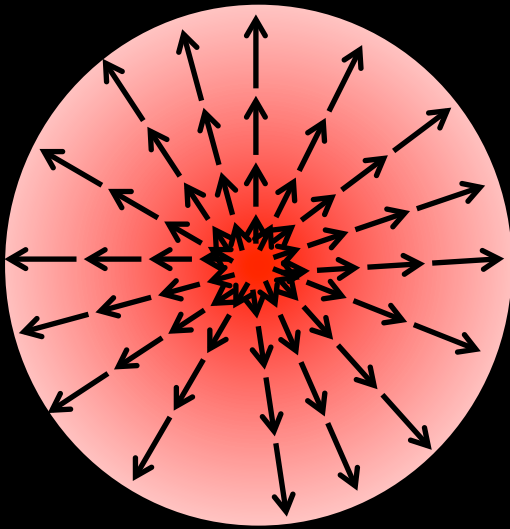
# Radial flow



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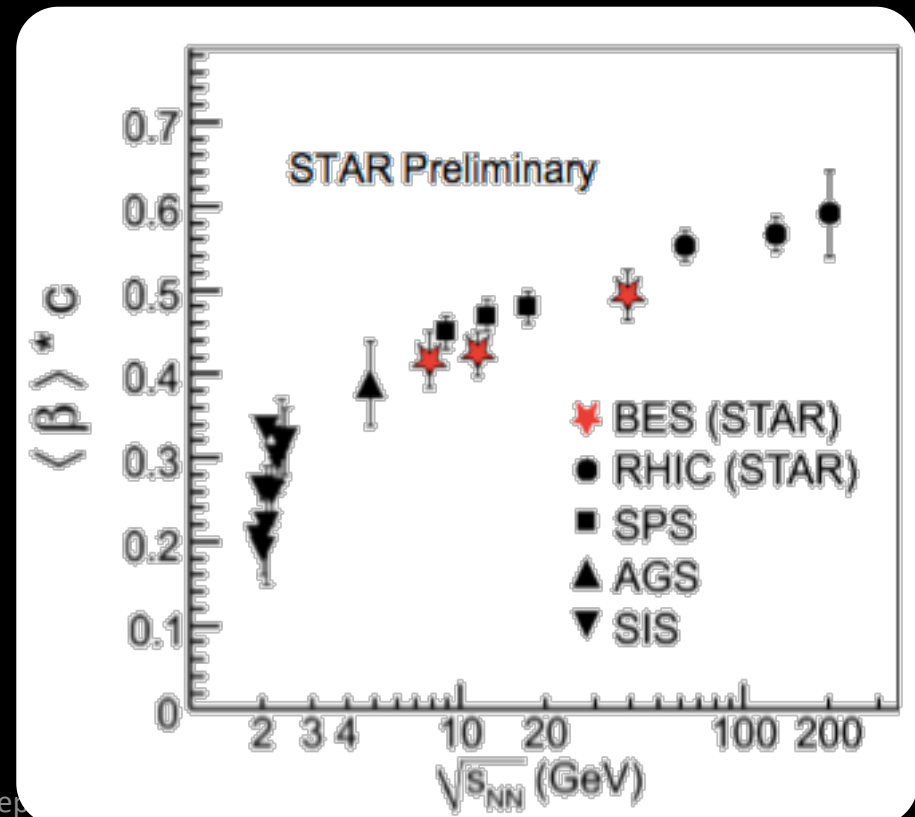
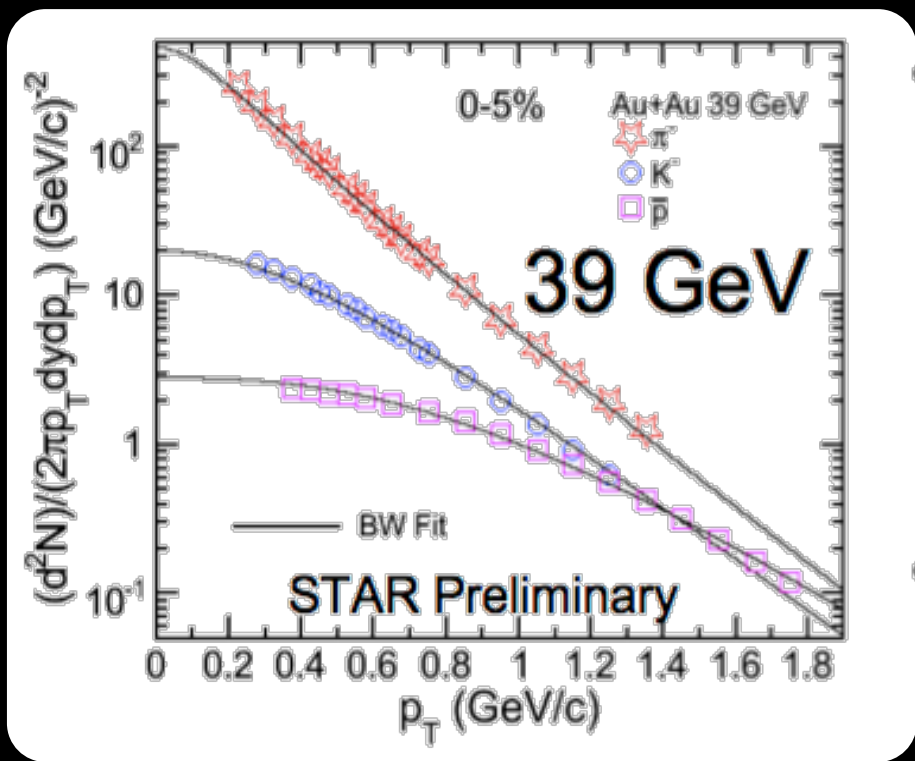
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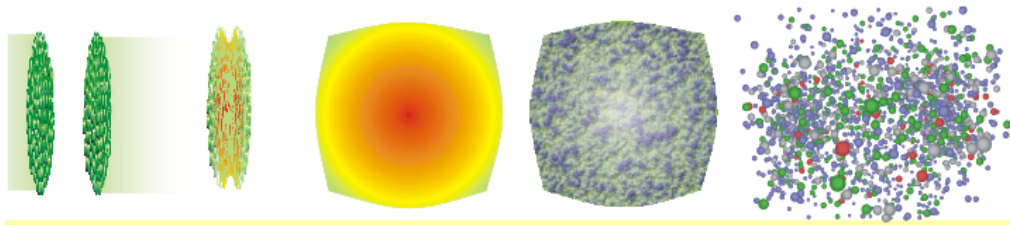
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velocities extracted from fits to spectra show no effect of “special” history.

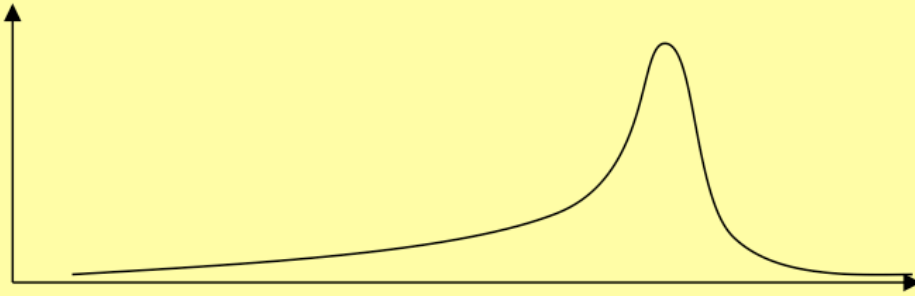
- (unsurprising)



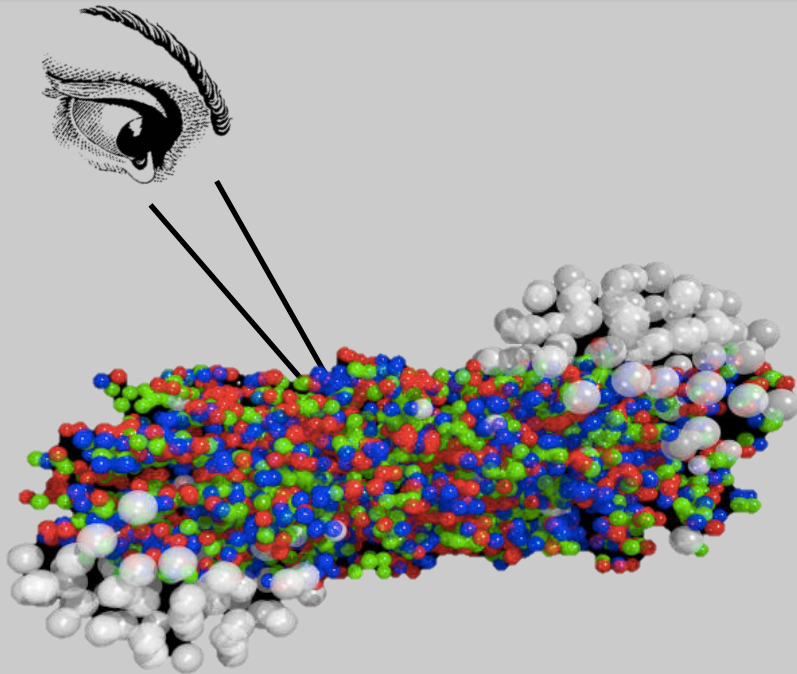
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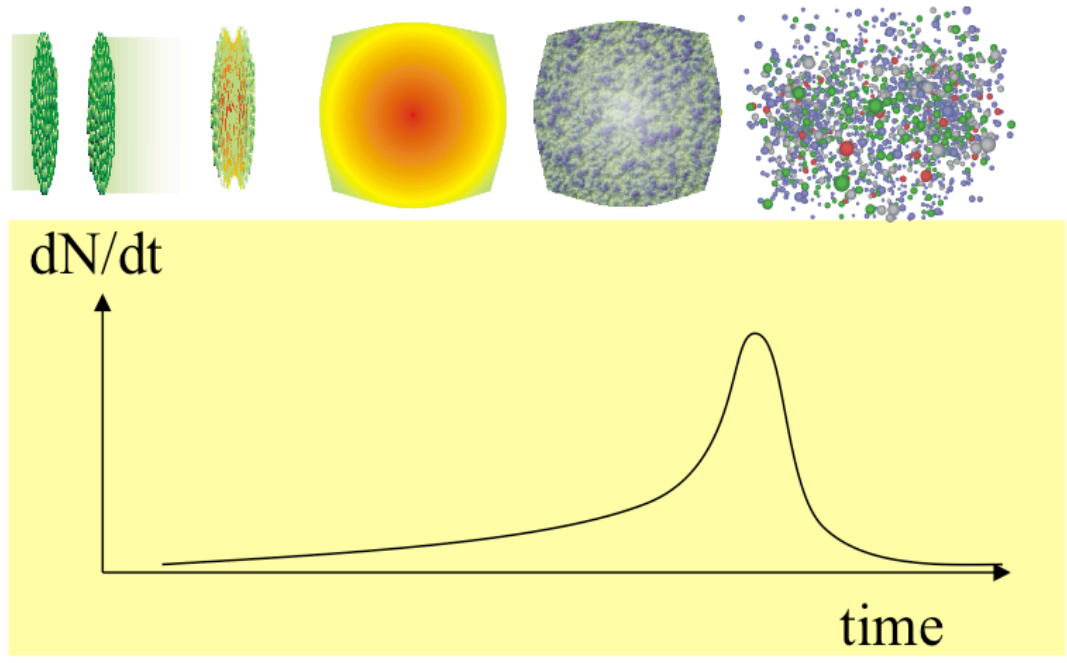
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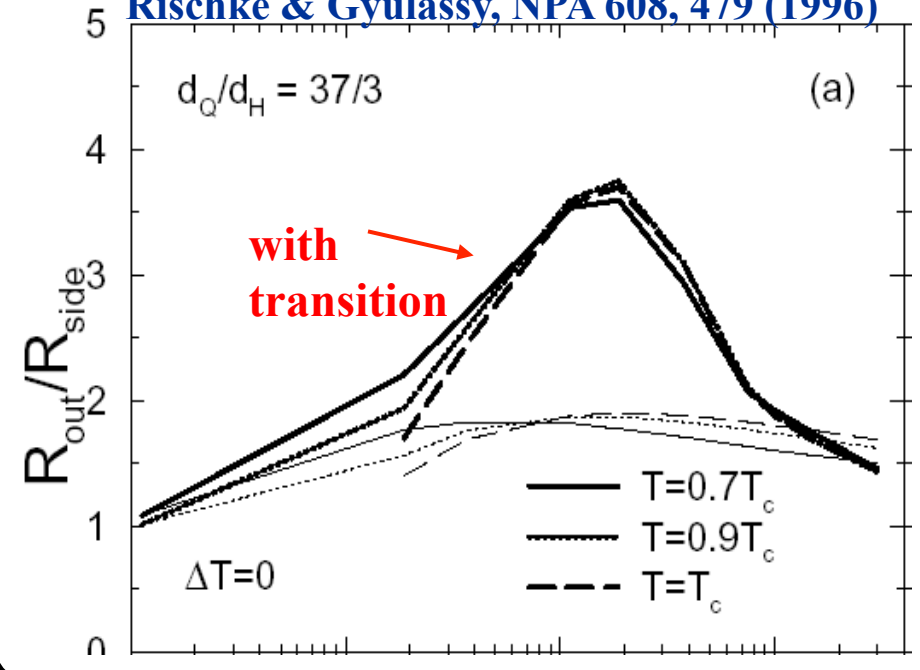
time



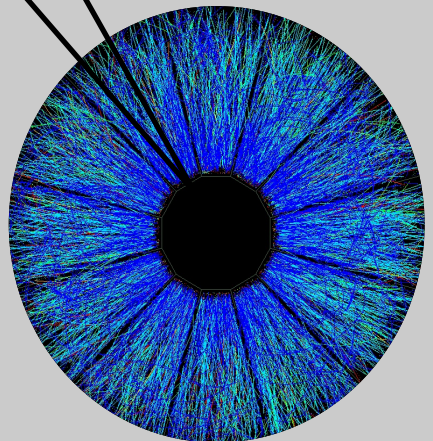
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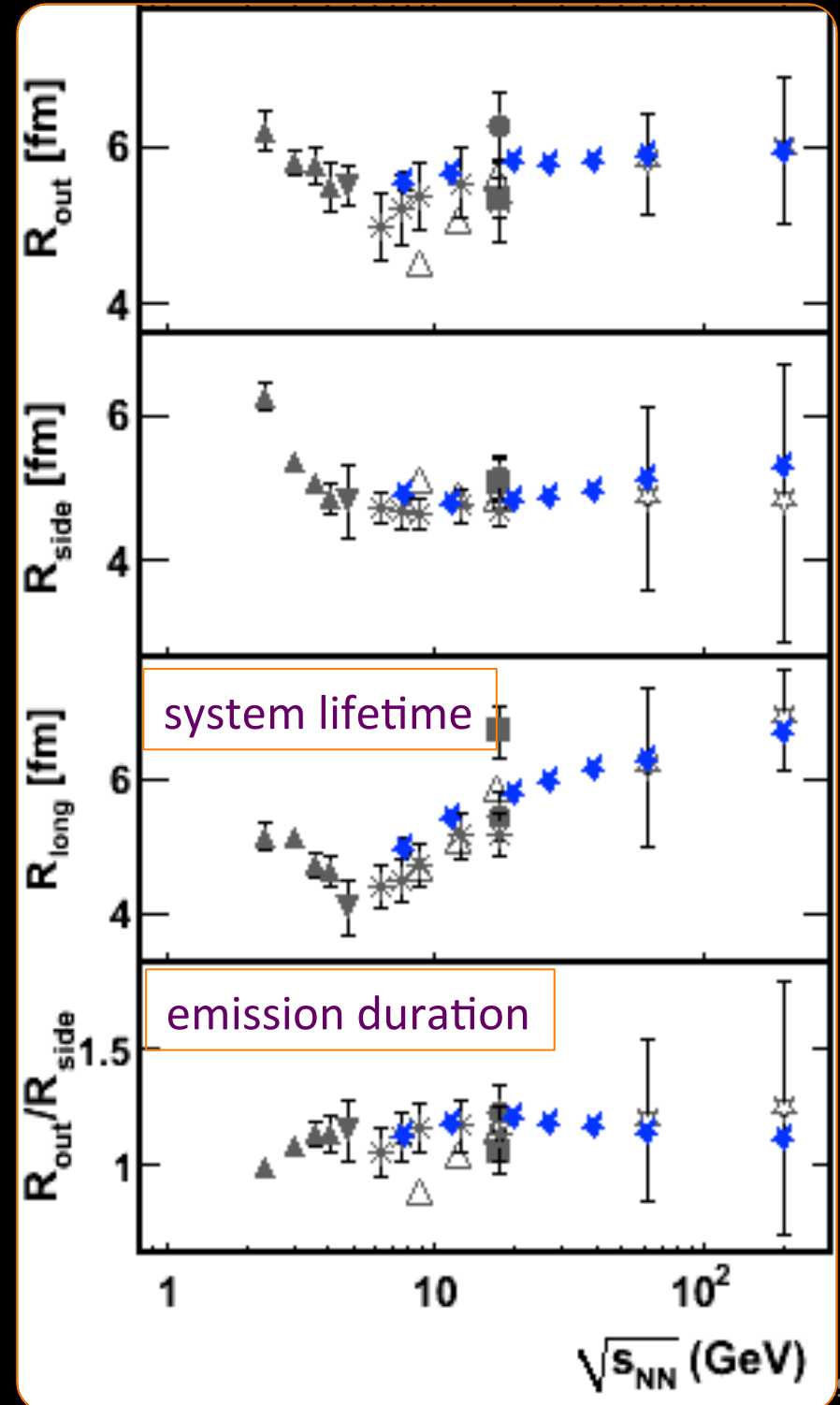
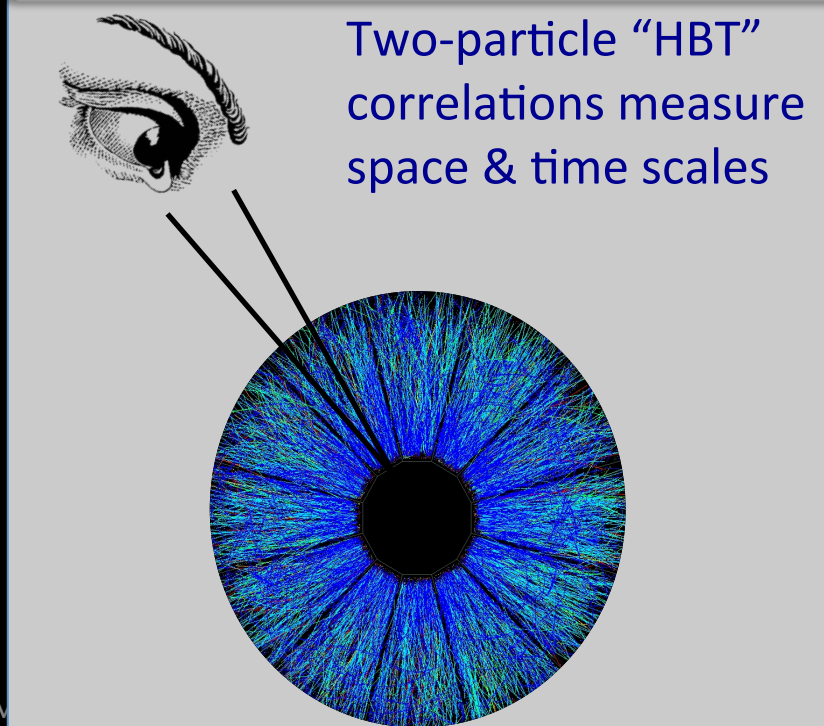
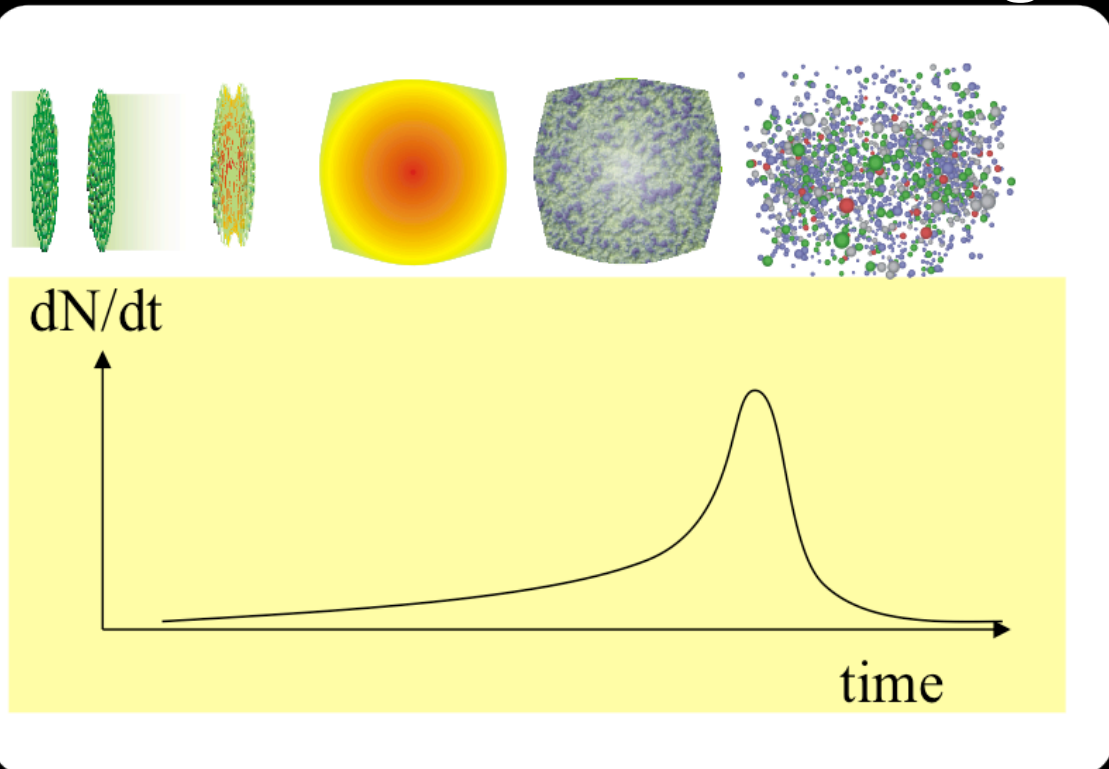
3D 1-fluid Hydrodynamics  
**Rischke & Gyulassy, NPA 608, 479 (1996)**



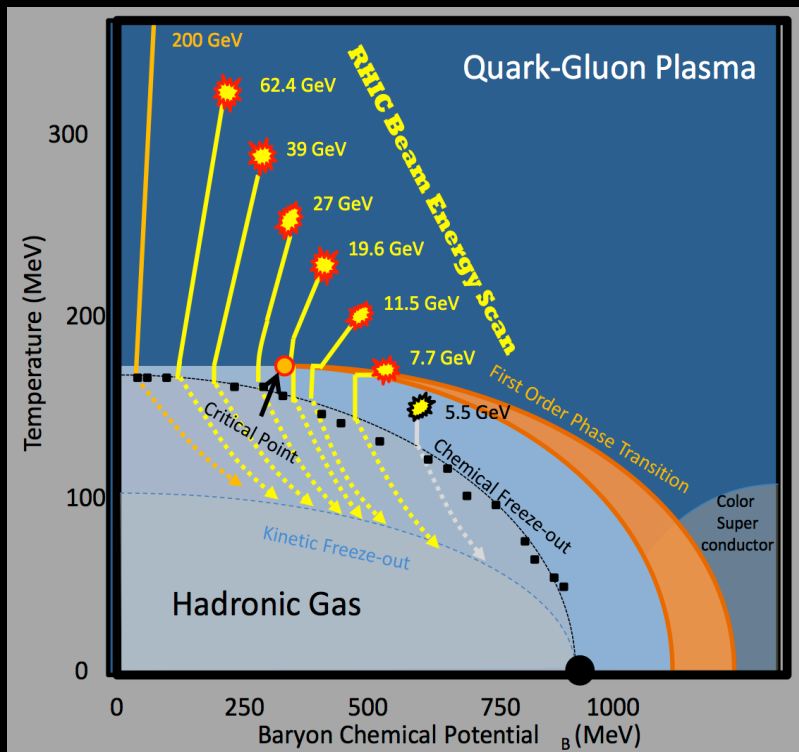
Two-particle “HBT” correlations measure space & time scales



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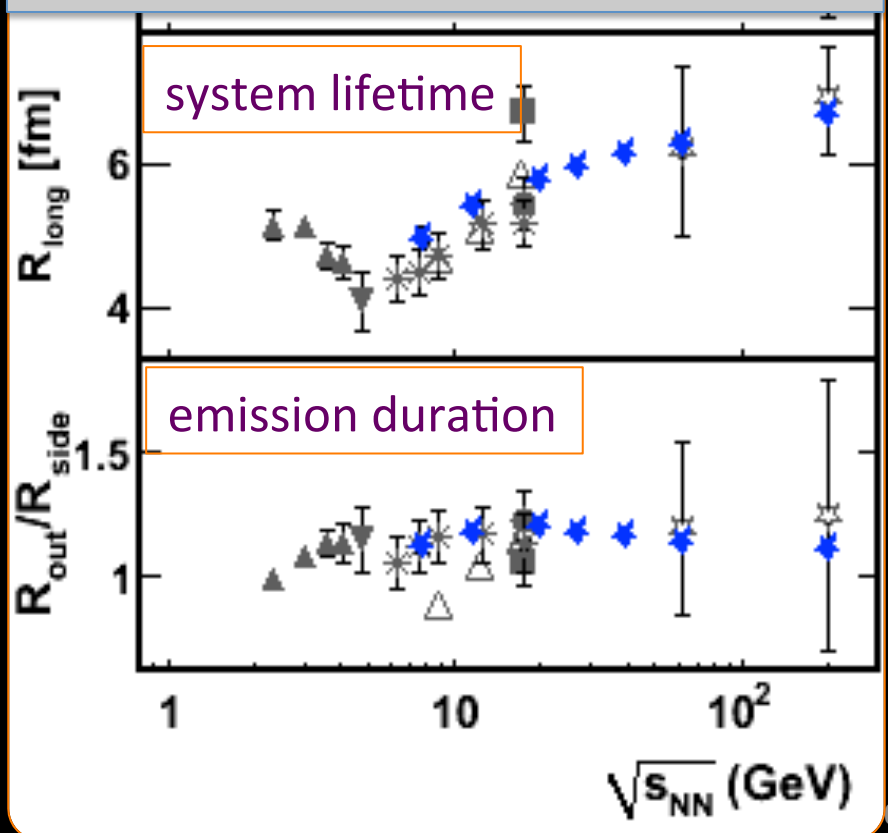
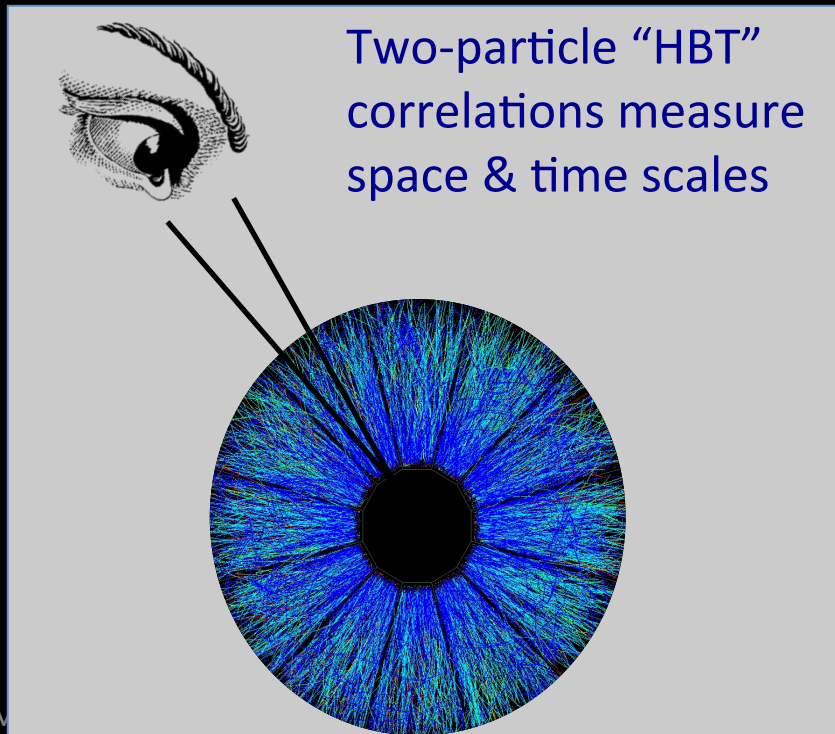
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## Multidimensional femtoscopy:

- No evidence for jump in system timescales

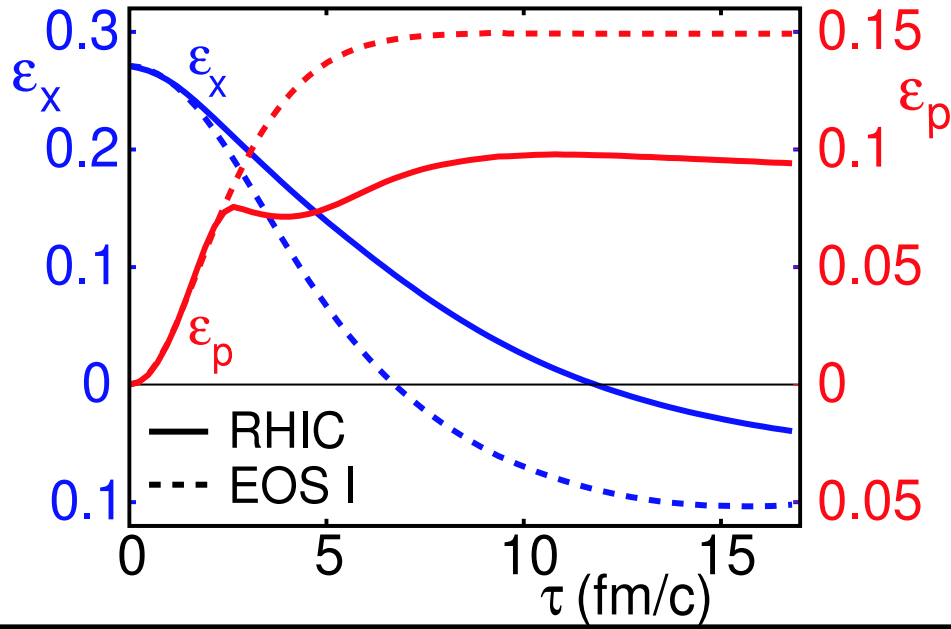
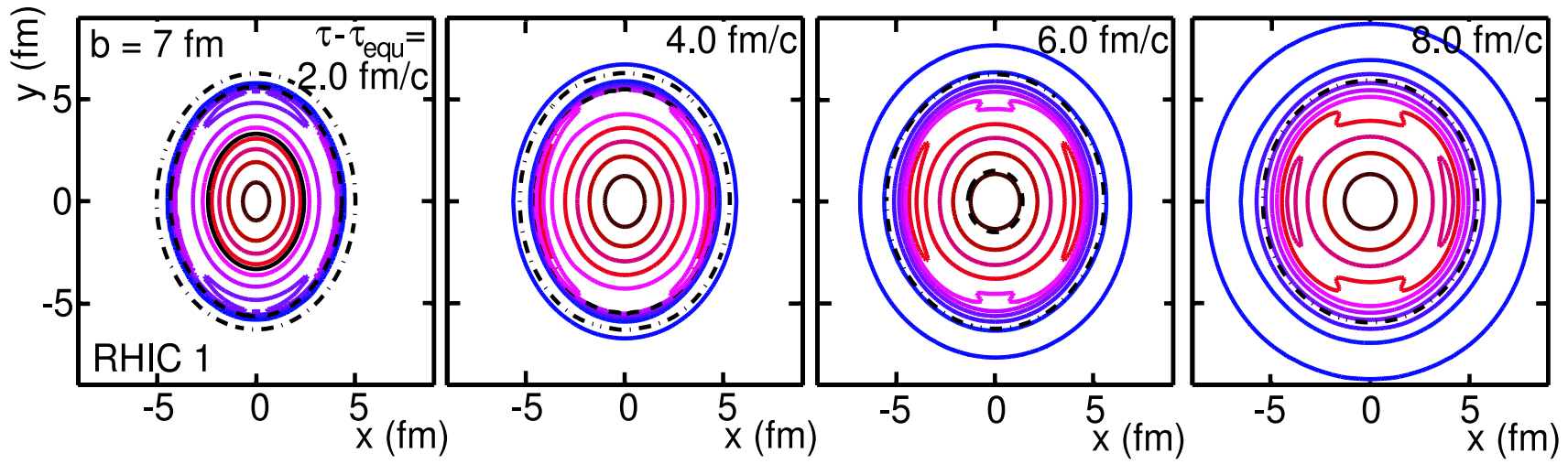
late-stage rescattering clouds signal





# 2<sup>ND</sup>-ORDER AZIMUTHAL DEPENDENCE - SHORTER TIMESCALES

# “Self-quenching” elliptic flow – pressure @0~4 fm/c

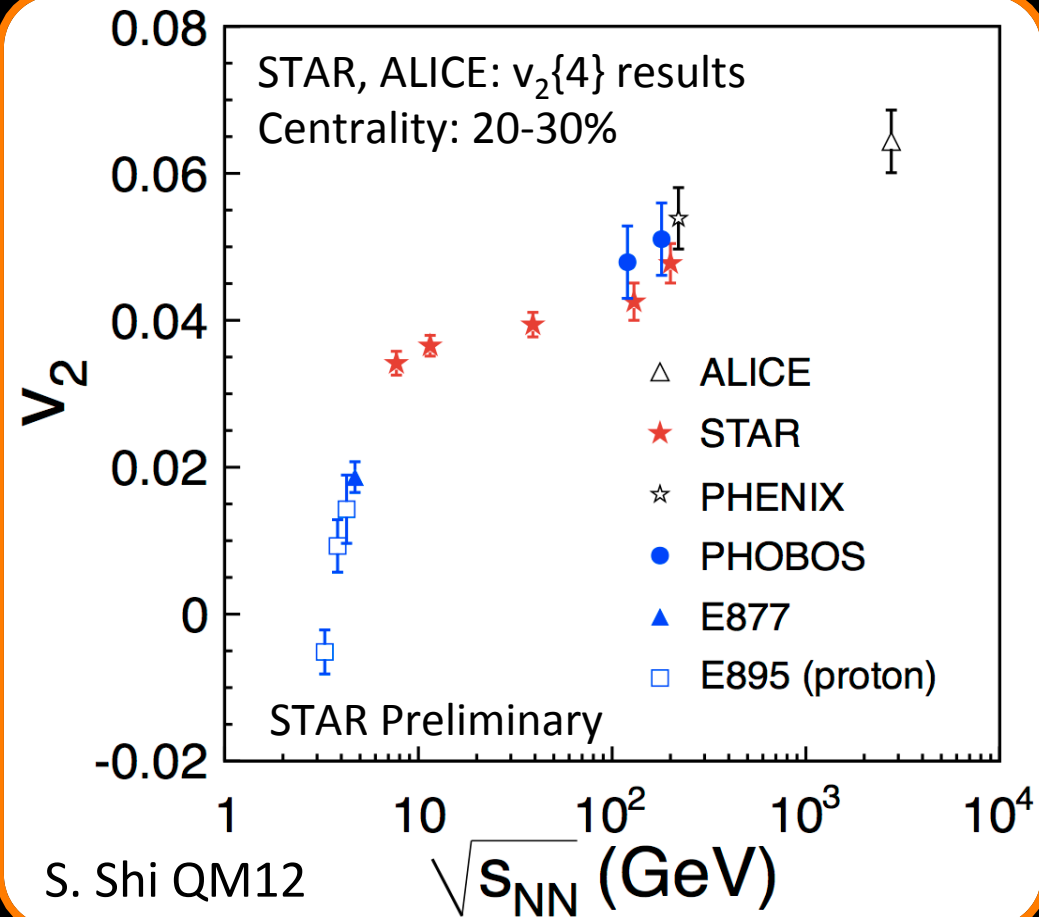
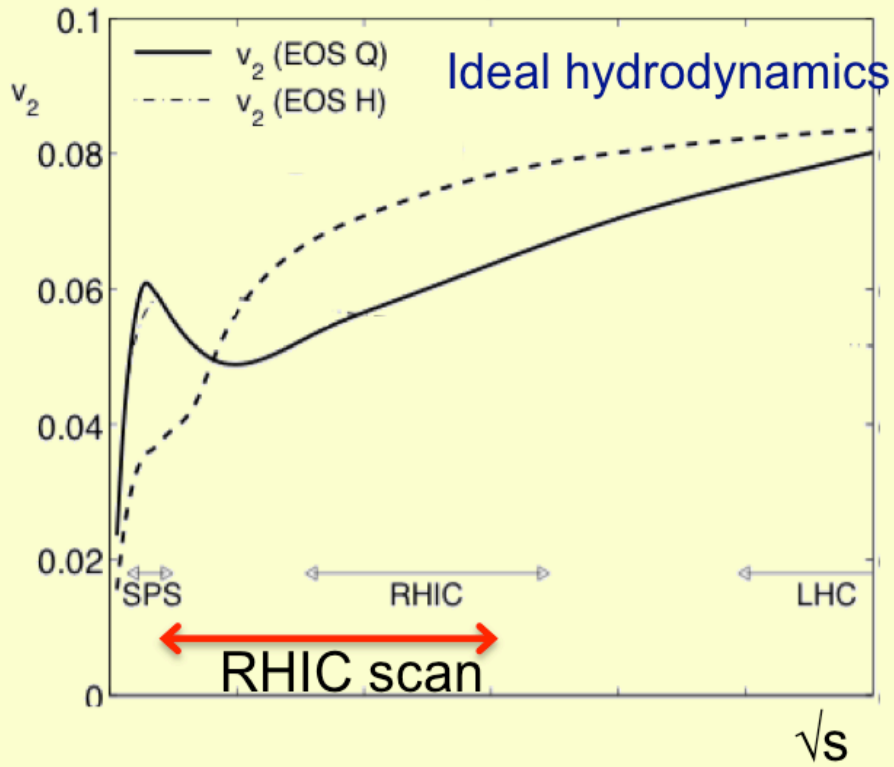




# Elliptic flow scan – predictions and reality

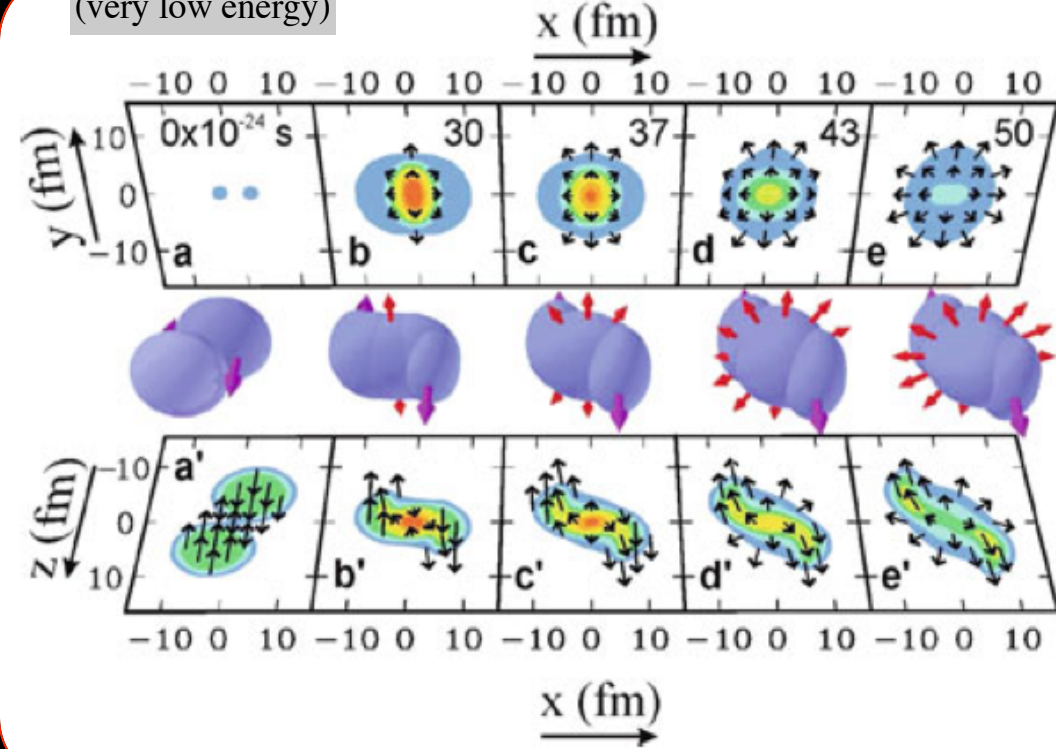
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Pb+Pb,  $b=7\text{fm}$

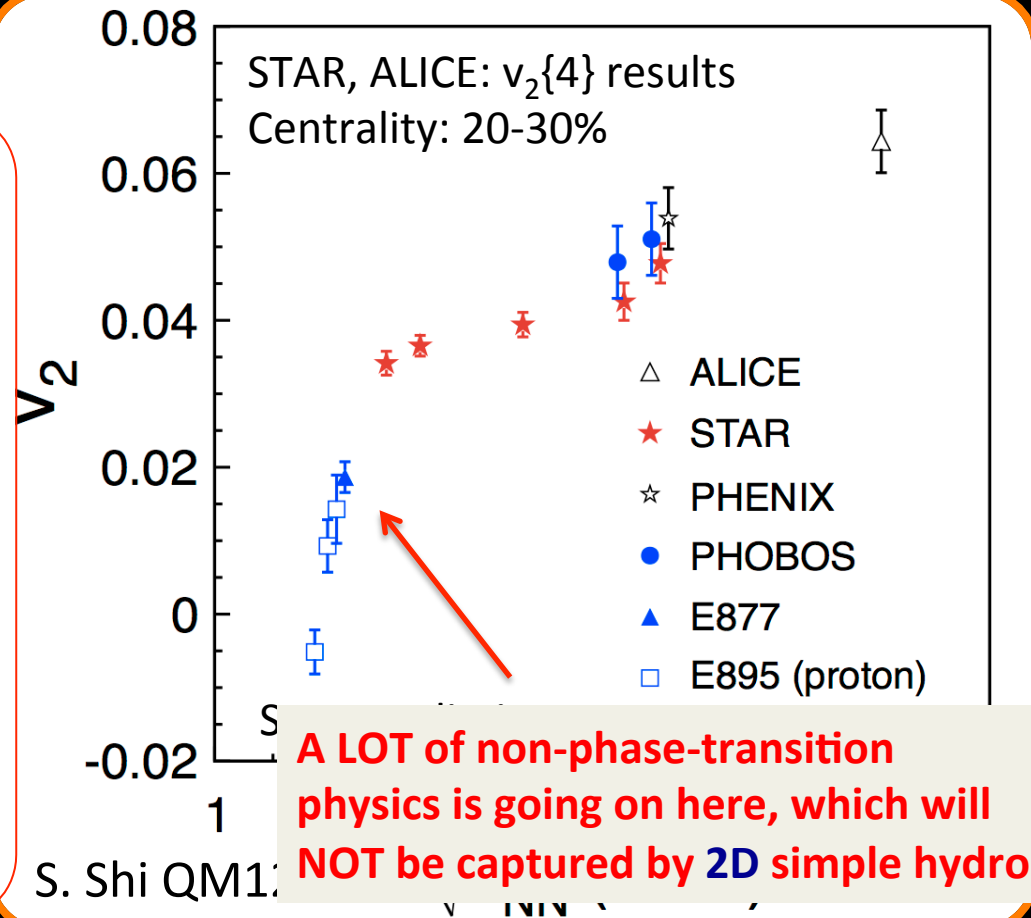


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(very low energy)

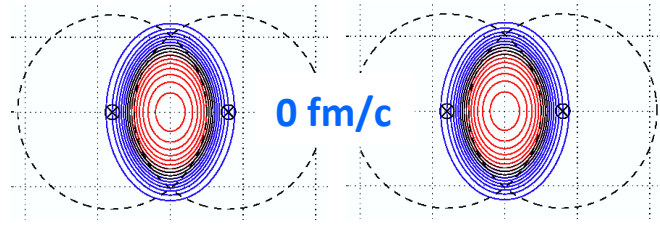


Danielewicz, Lacey, Lynch. *Science* **298**, 1592 (2002)



- $v_2$  evolution timescale competes with passing dynamics at lower energy
- Even at high energies, by  $\sim 4$  fm/c, system may well have evolved out of mixed phase.
- elliptic flow as P.T. signature **highly non-trivial**, especially in the  $\sim 10$  GeV region

# spatial shape evolution

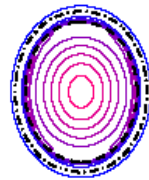
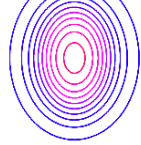


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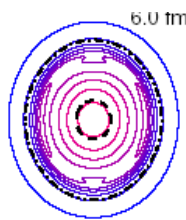
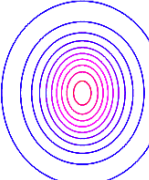


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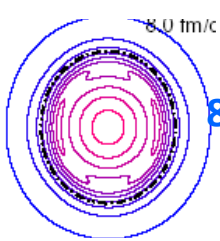
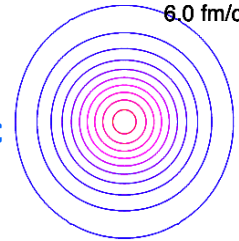
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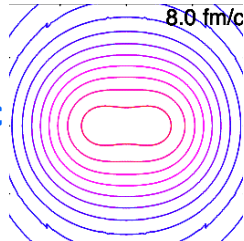
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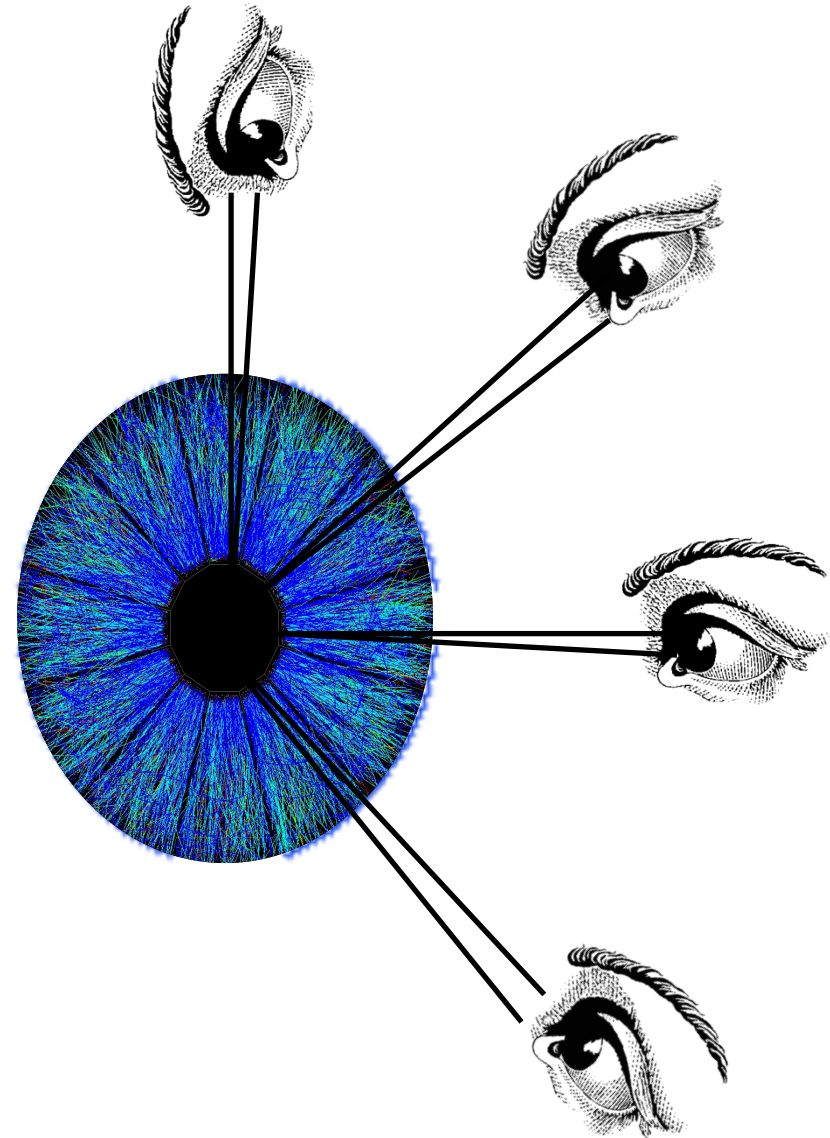
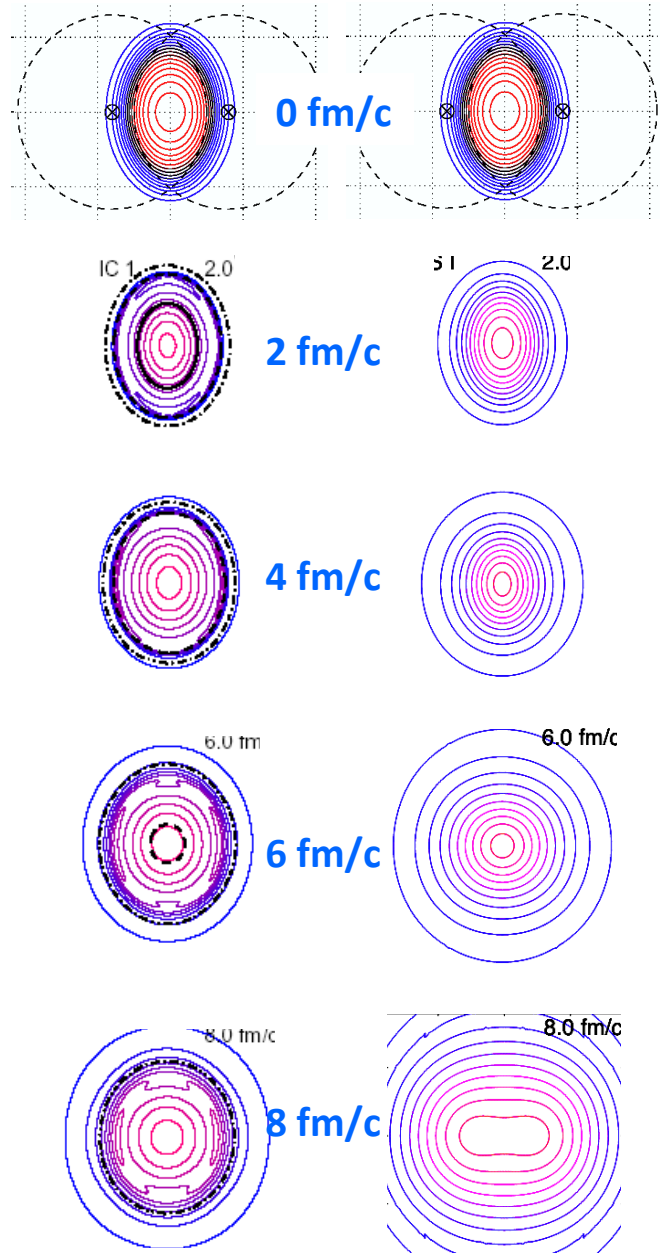
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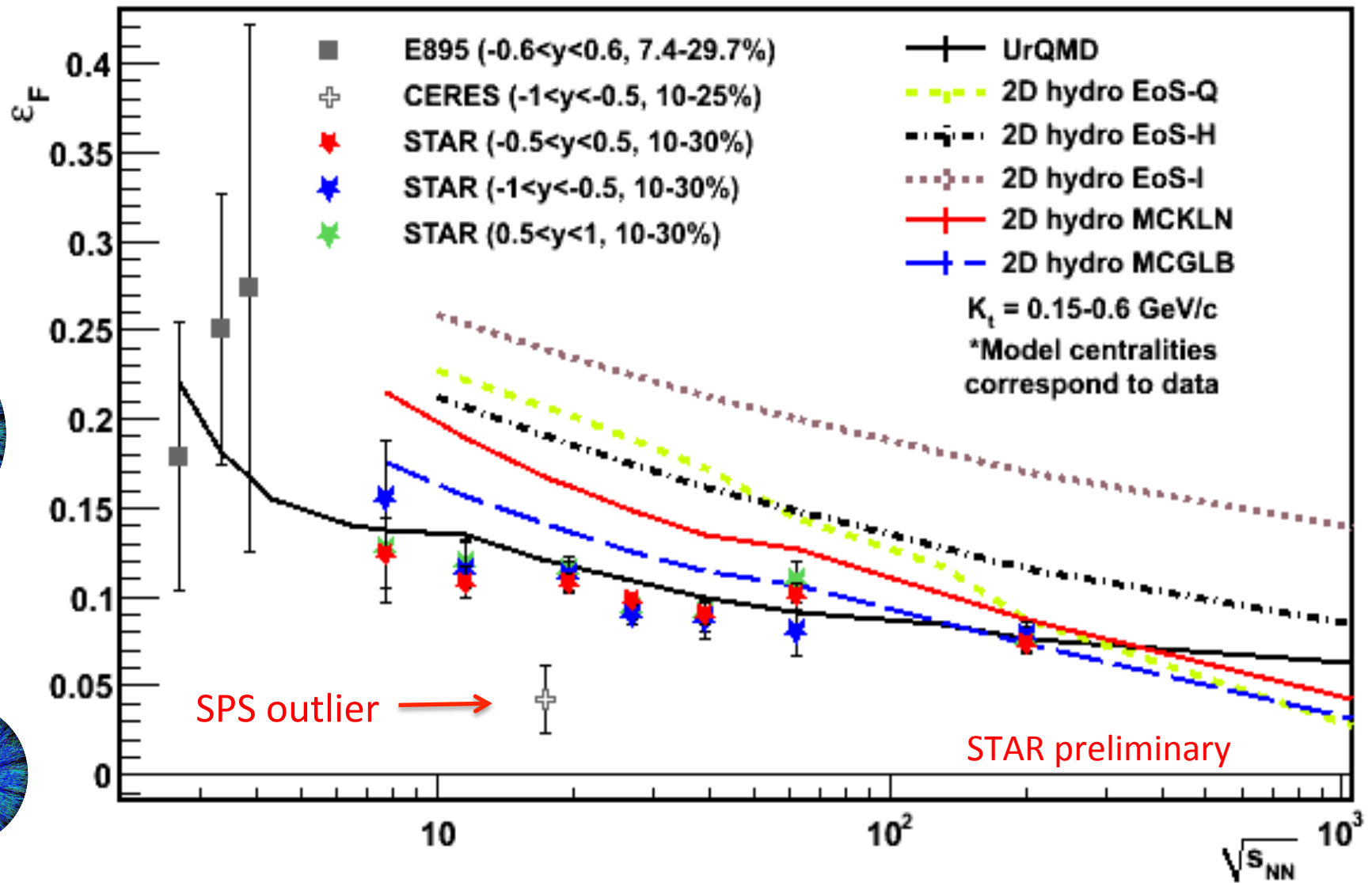
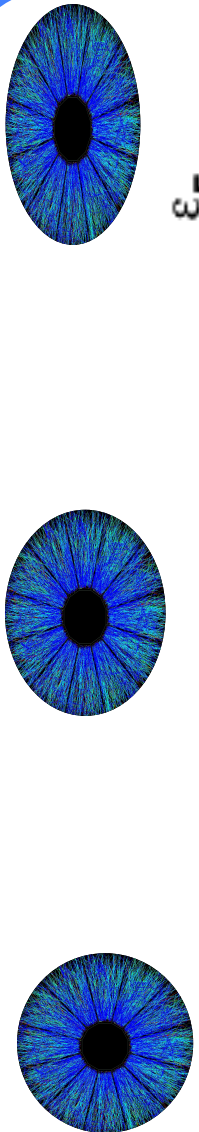


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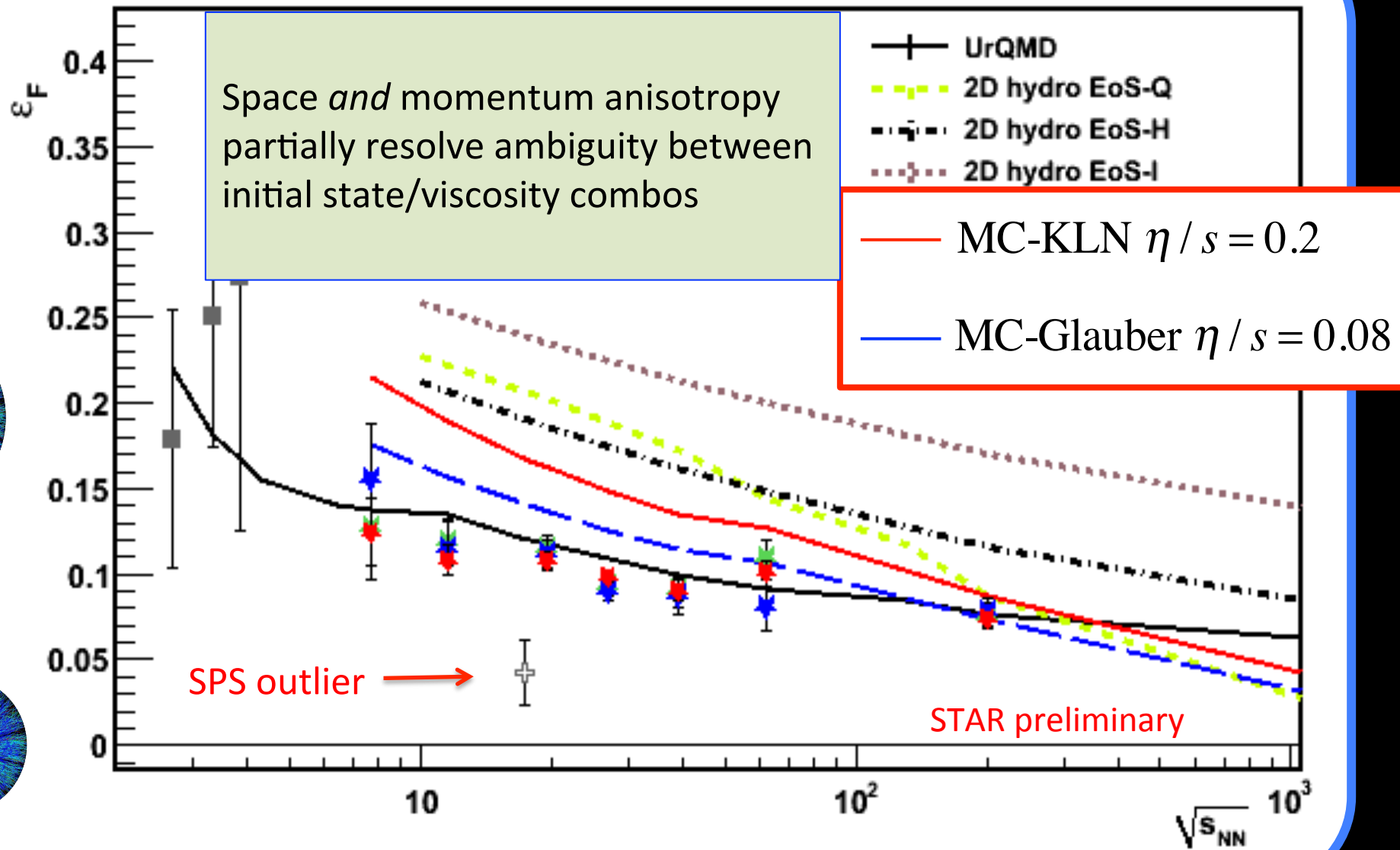
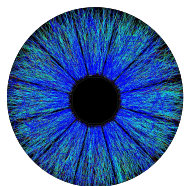
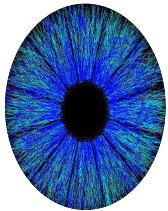
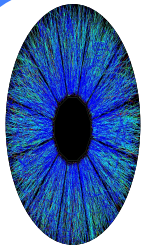
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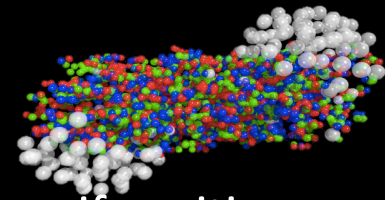


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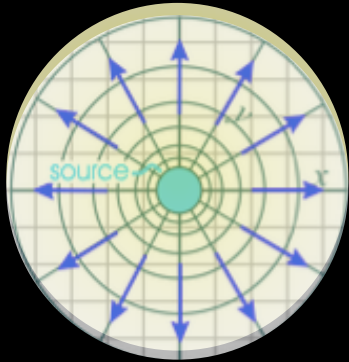


**1<sup>ST</sup>-ORDER AZIMUTHAL DEPENDENCE  
- EVEN SHORTER TIMESCALES?**

# Directed flow

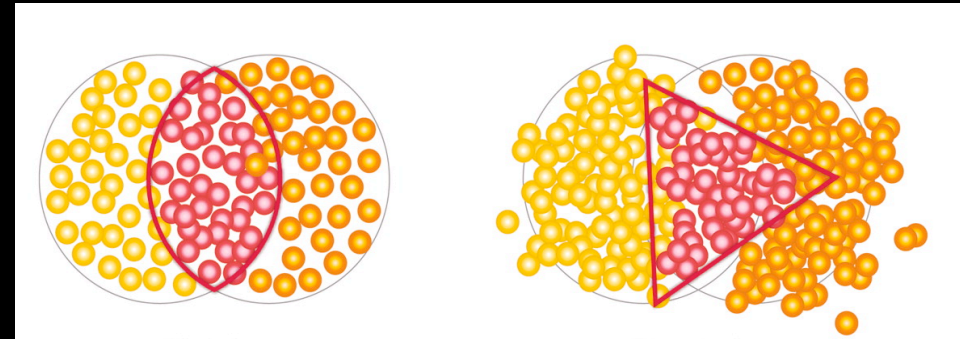


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"v0"

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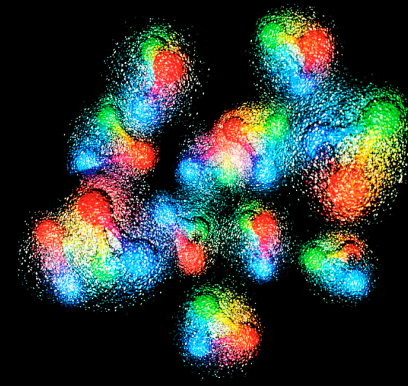


v2

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v3

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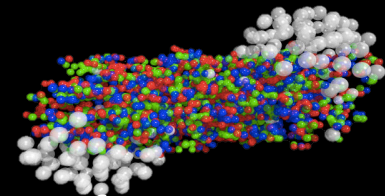


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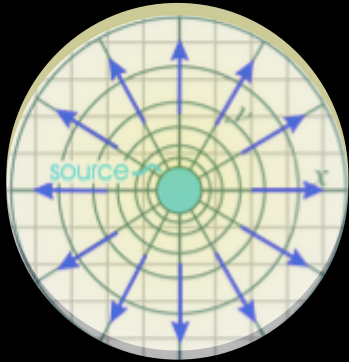
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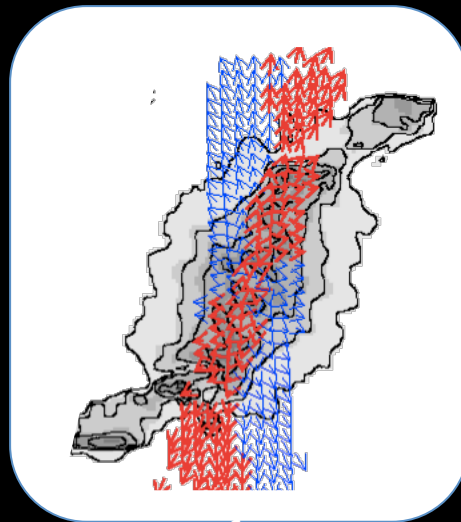


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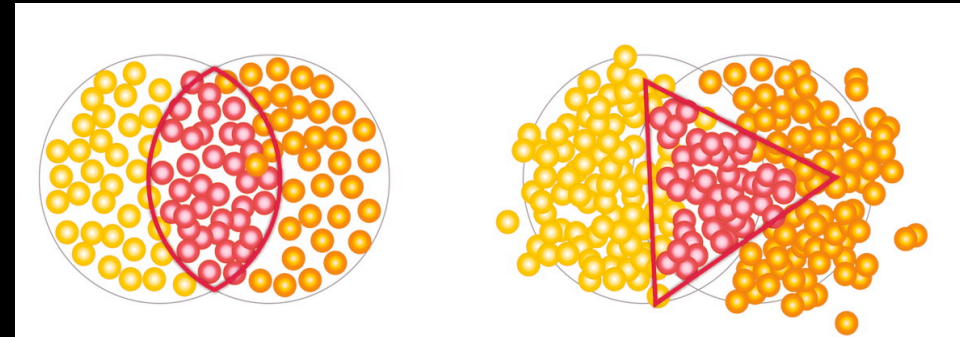
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Transverse (x-y) plane



v1

Reaction (x-z) plane



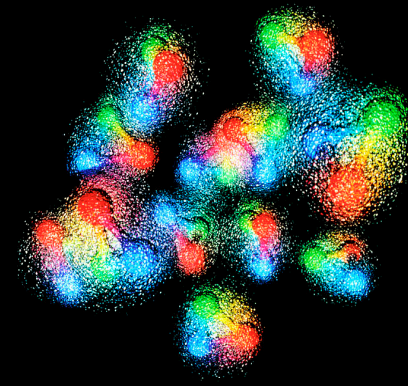
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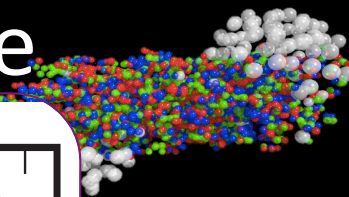
Except v1, all can be studied with 2D models  
(which have dominated at RHIC)



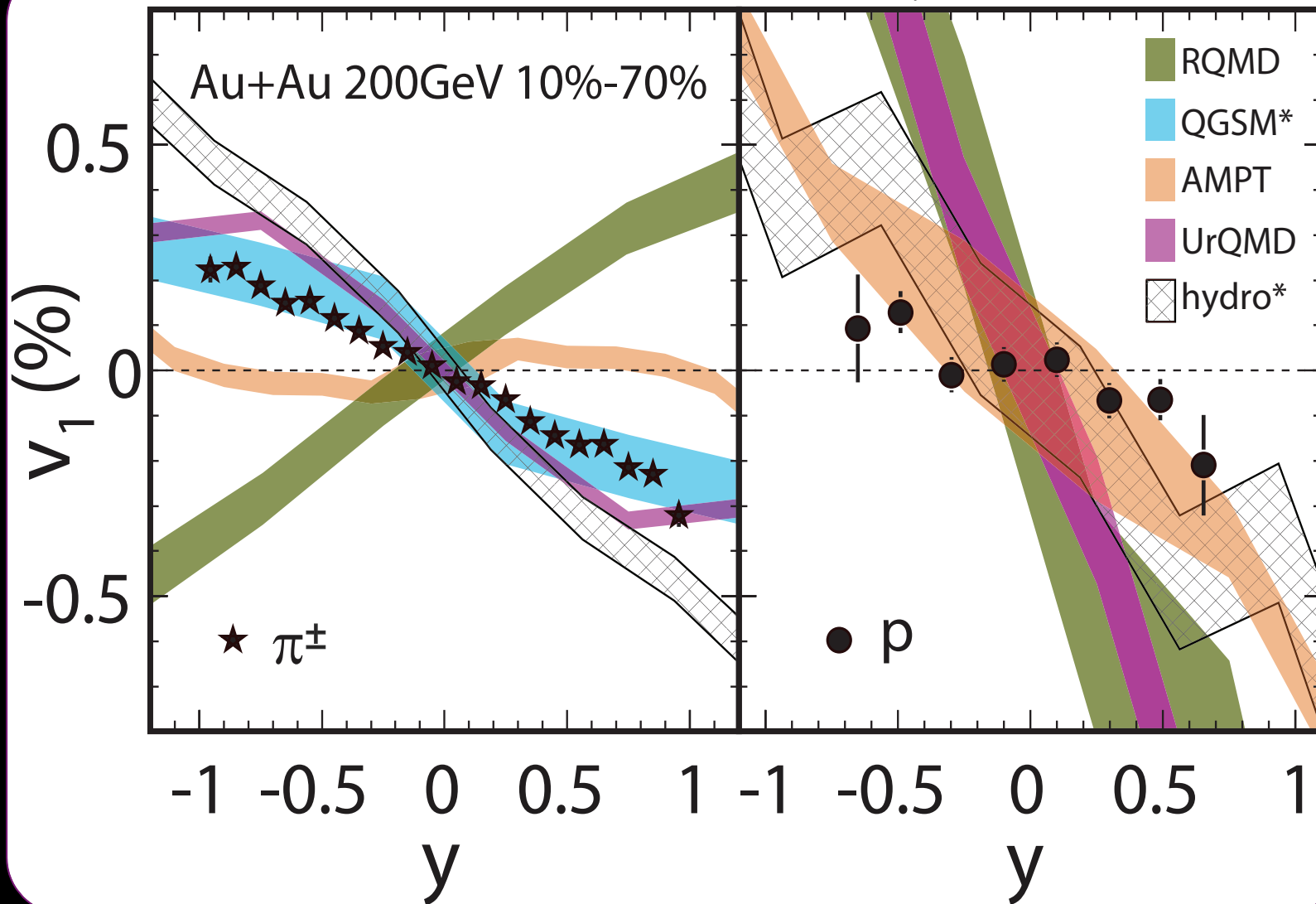
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Transverse (x-y) plane

# Directed flow – early pressure probe



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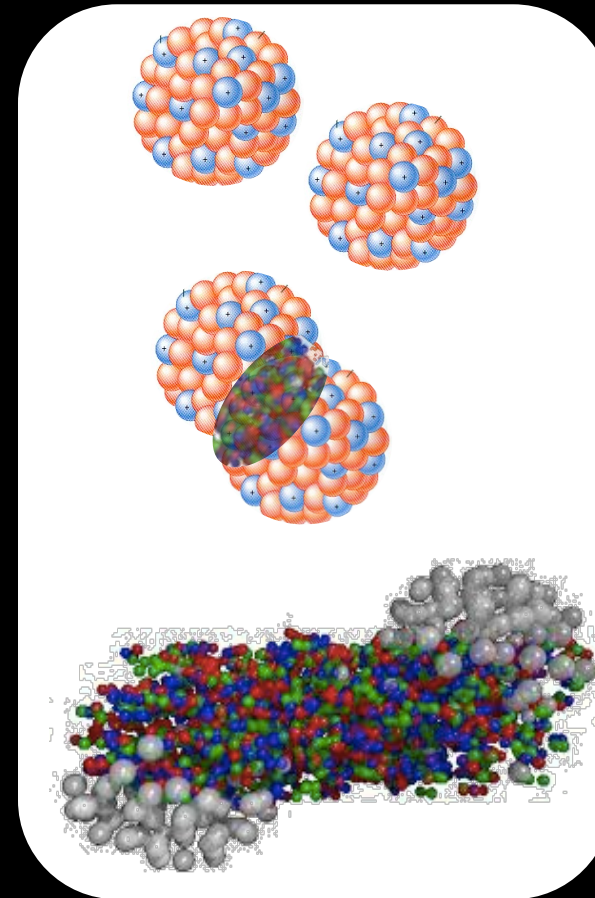
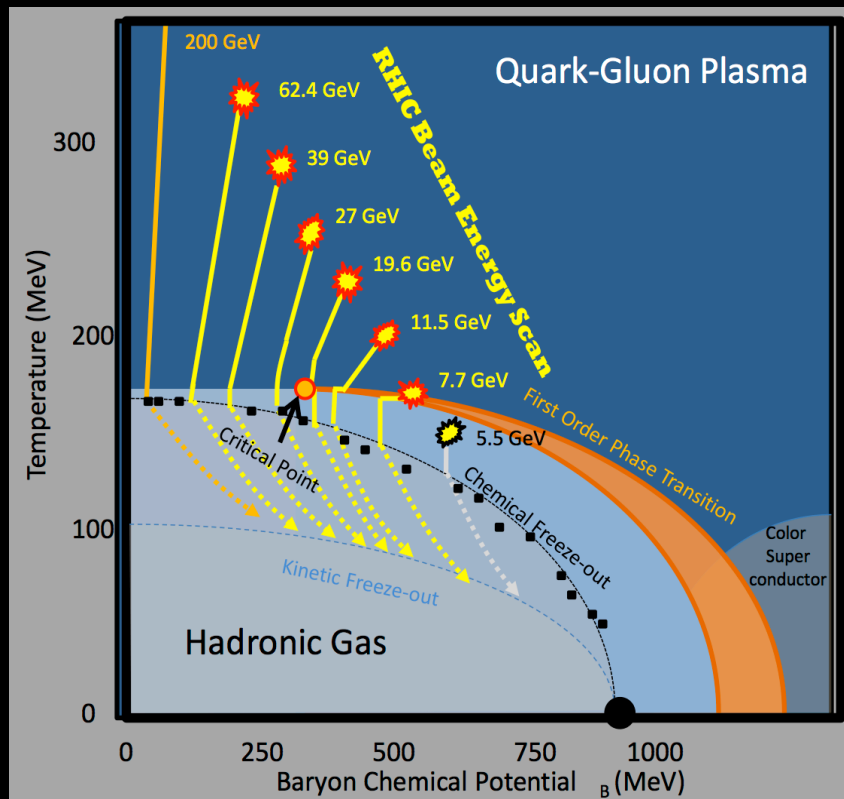
Above SPS, “always” antiflow ( $v_1 < 0$ )

Challenging for all transport models at RHIC

Perhaps ***the best*** probe for a soft spot, due to rapid dynamics

# Directed flow

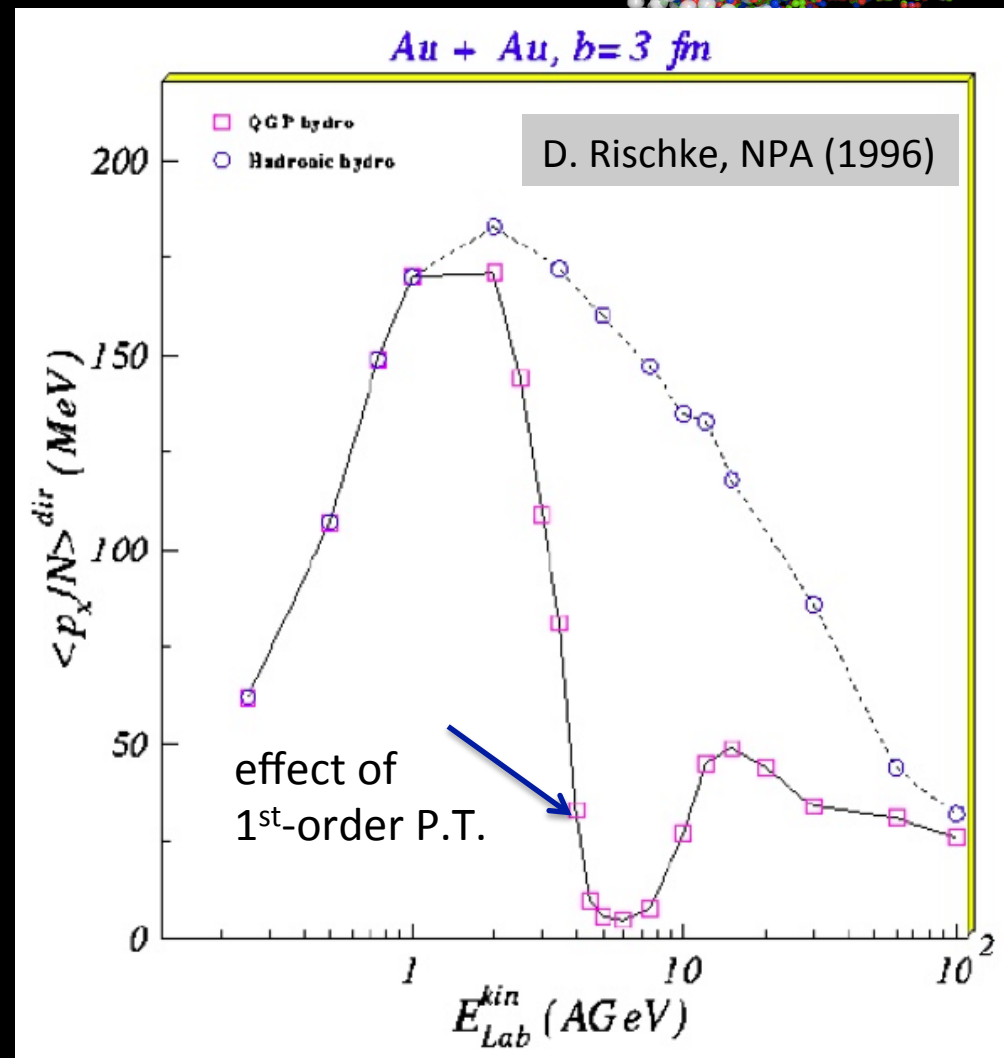
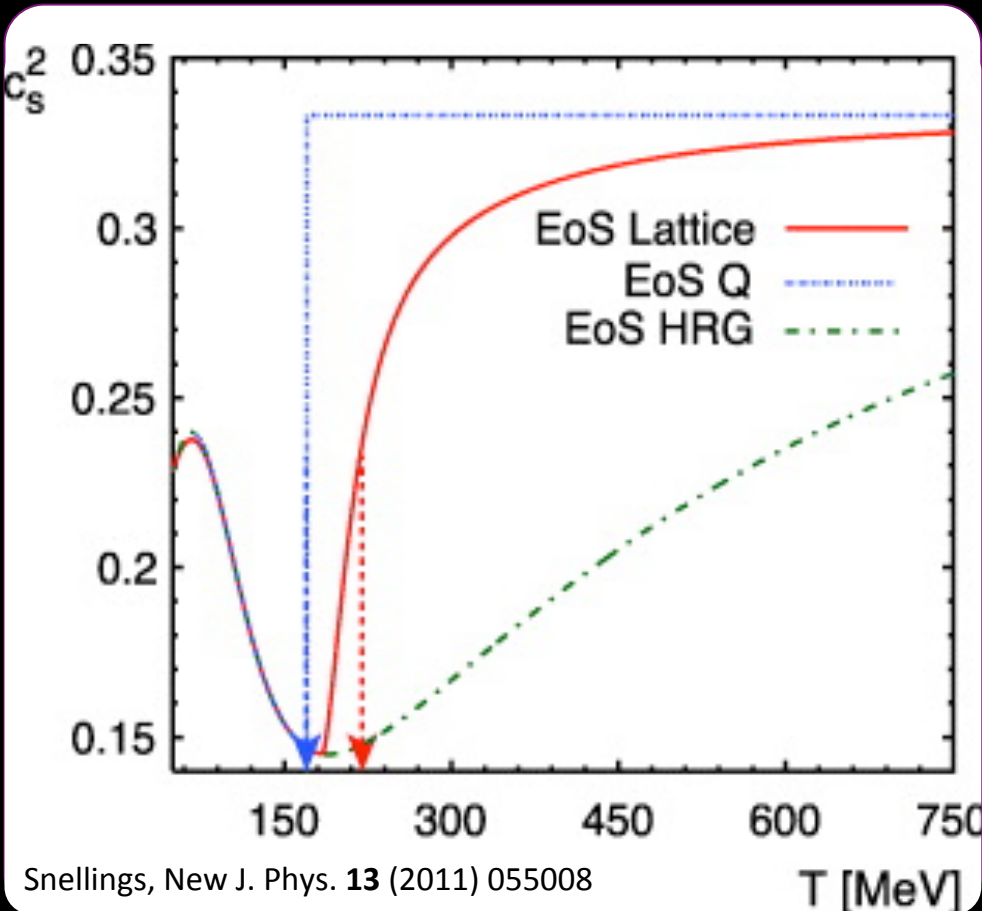
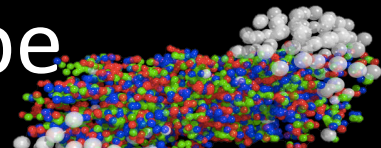
- First form of flow predicted (one-fluid hydro) and observed (Plastic Ball) in 1980's
- traditionally less focus on  $v_1$  at higher energies, where
  - signal is small
  - $v_2$  stole the limelight
  - 2D models cannot address this explicitly 3-D phenomenon



Geometrical seeds  
of directed flow  
imprinted during  
interpenetration

→ early signal?

# Directed flow – early pressure probe

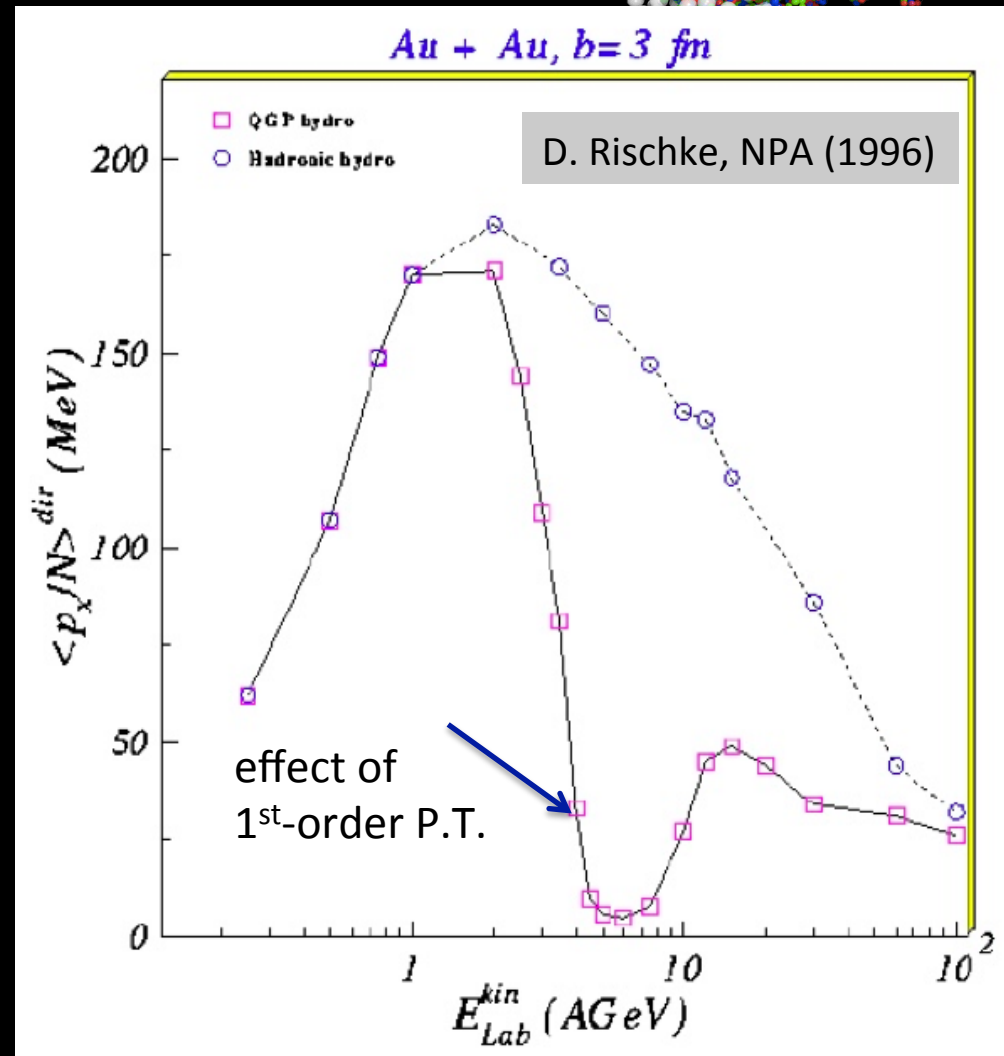
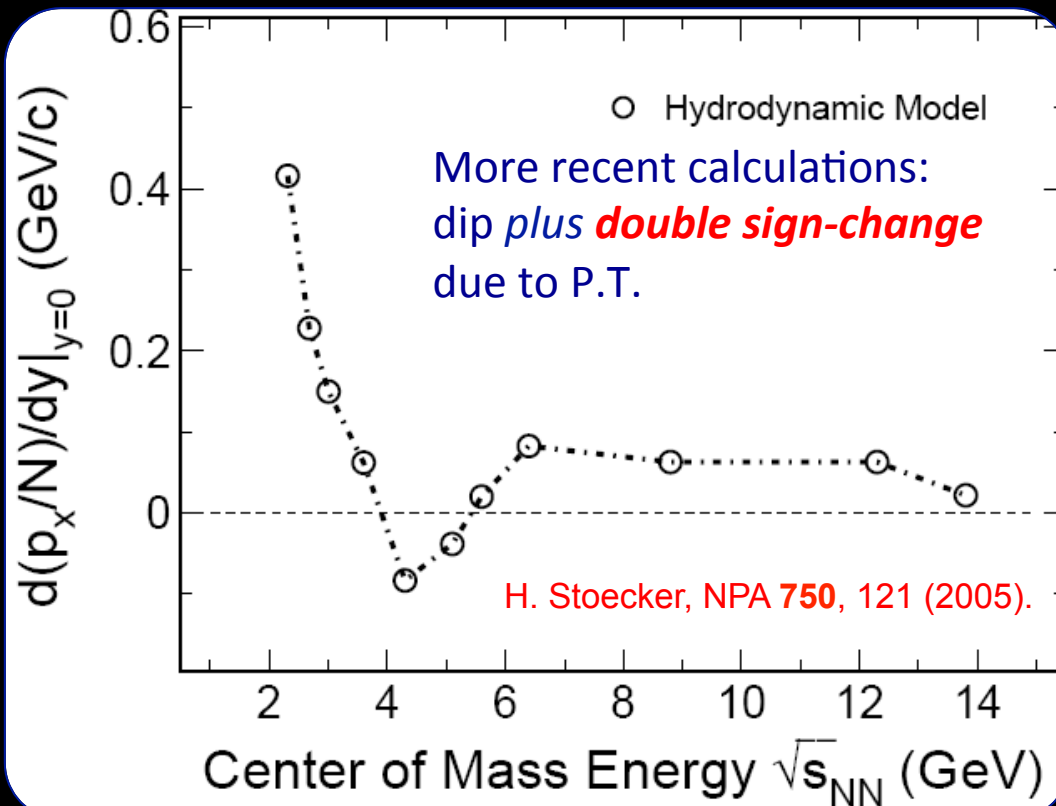
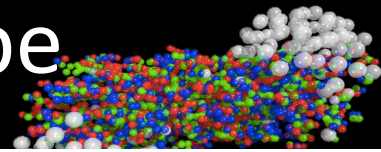


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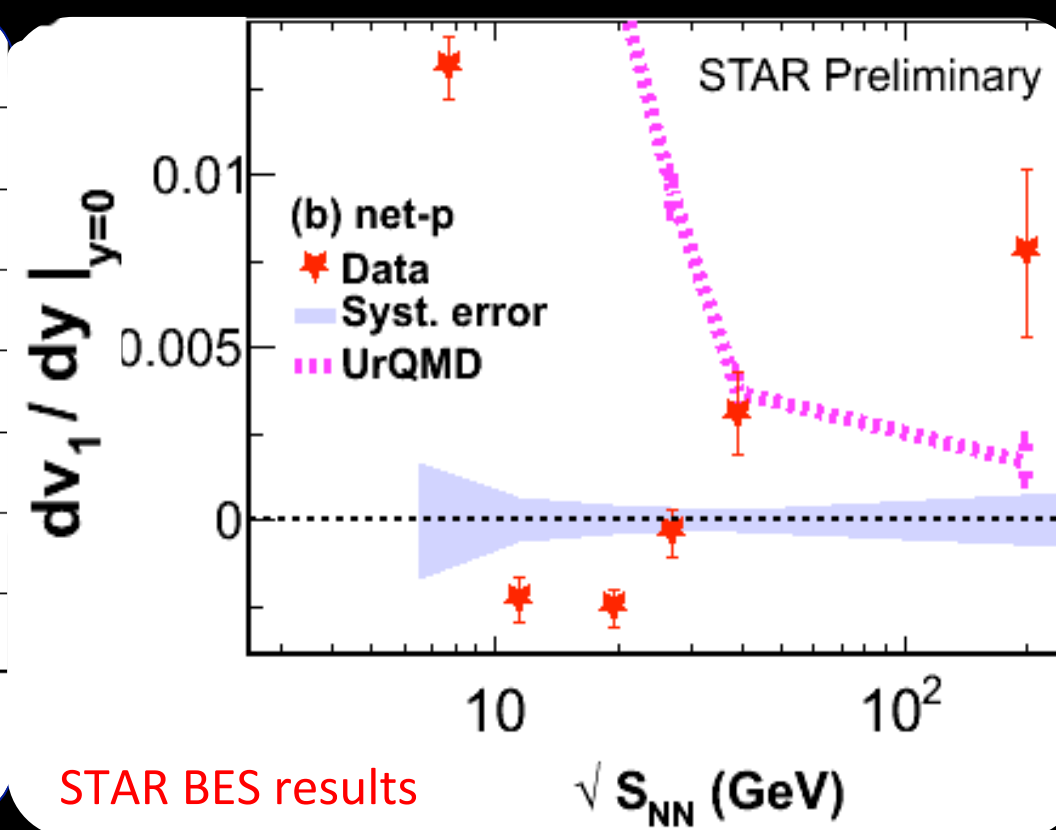
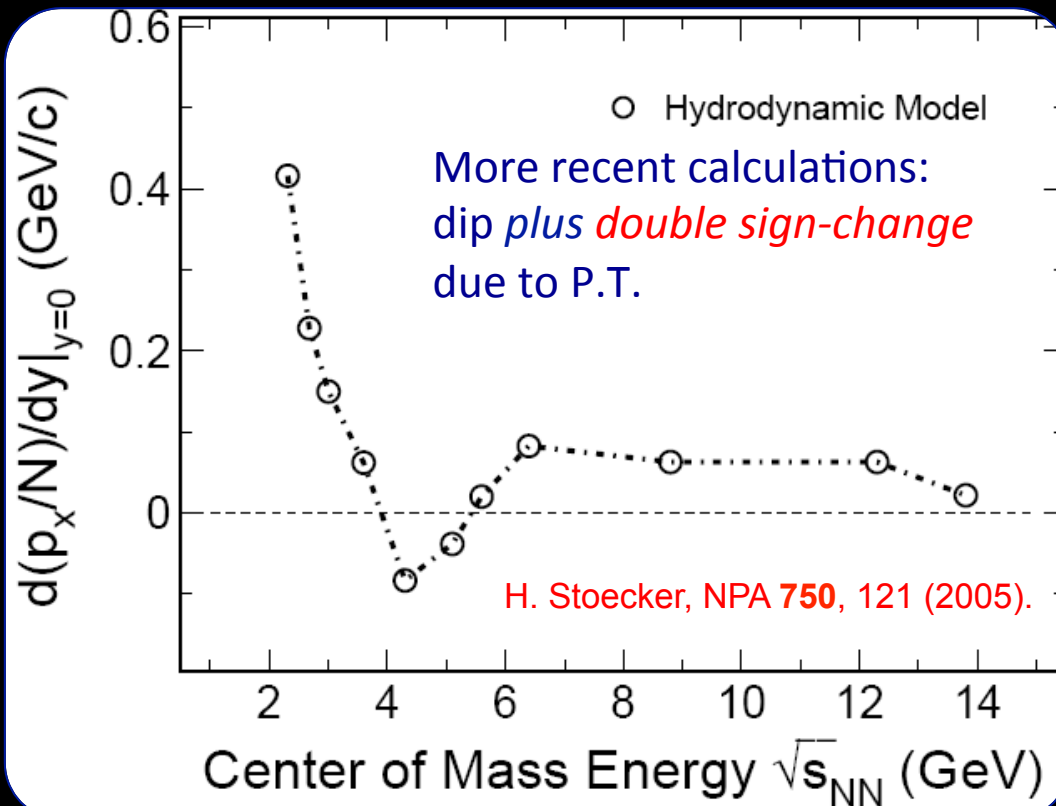
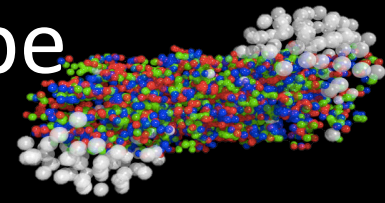


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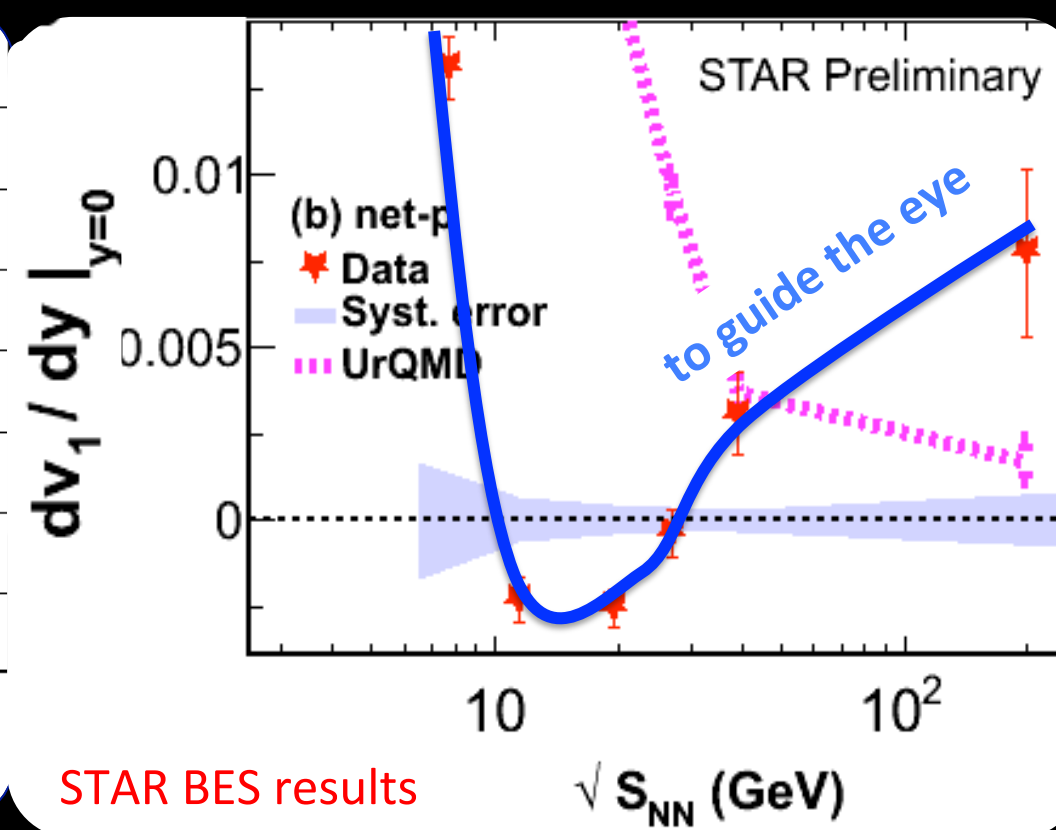
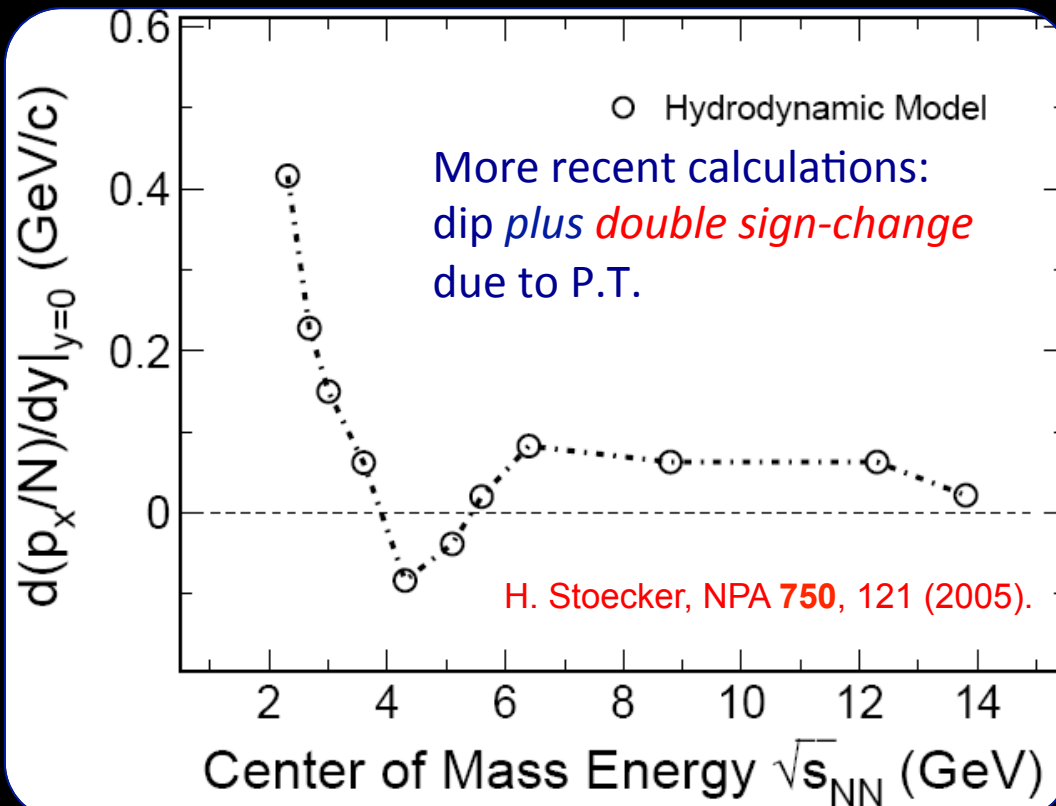
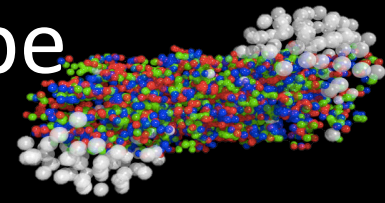
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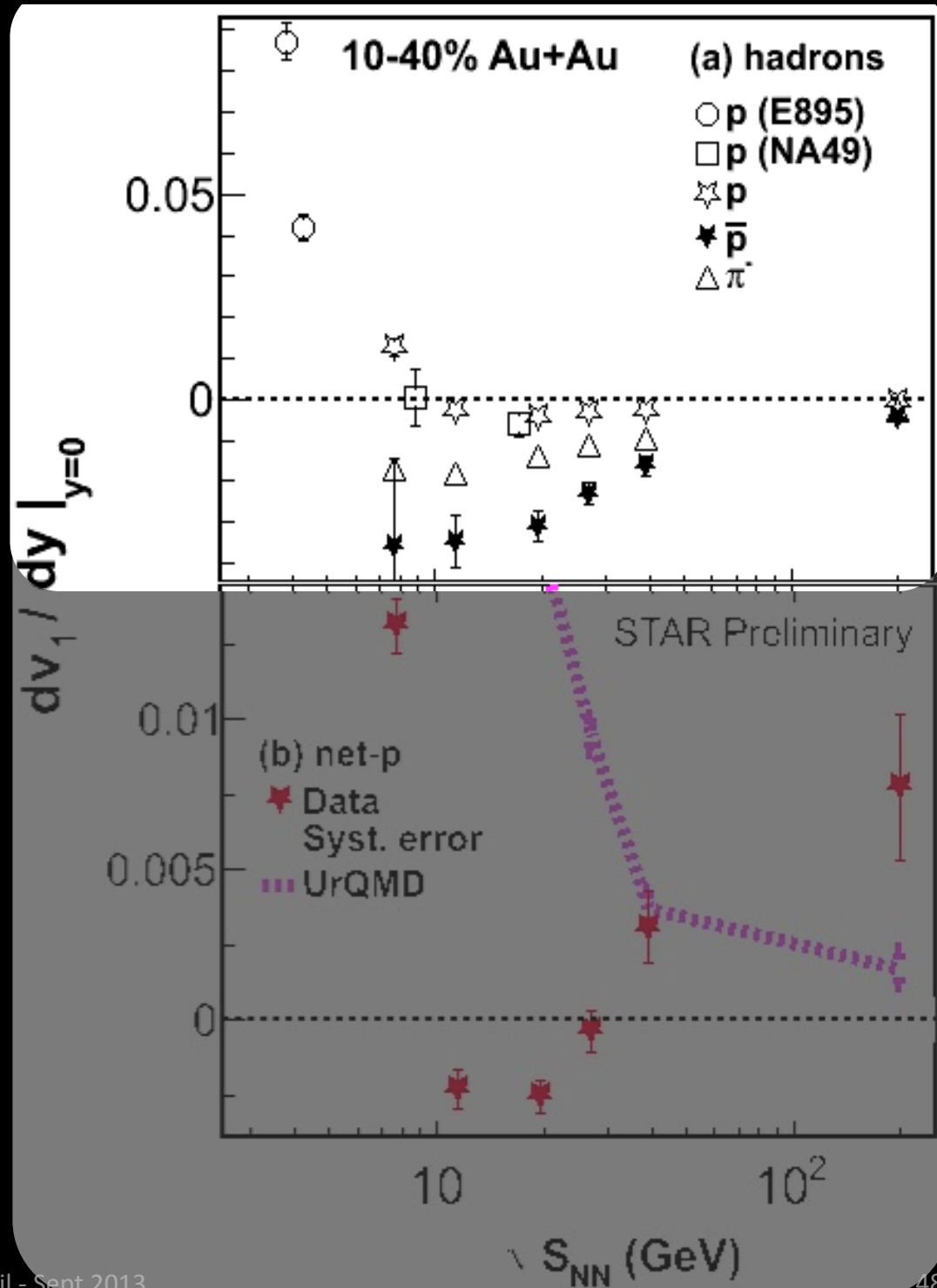
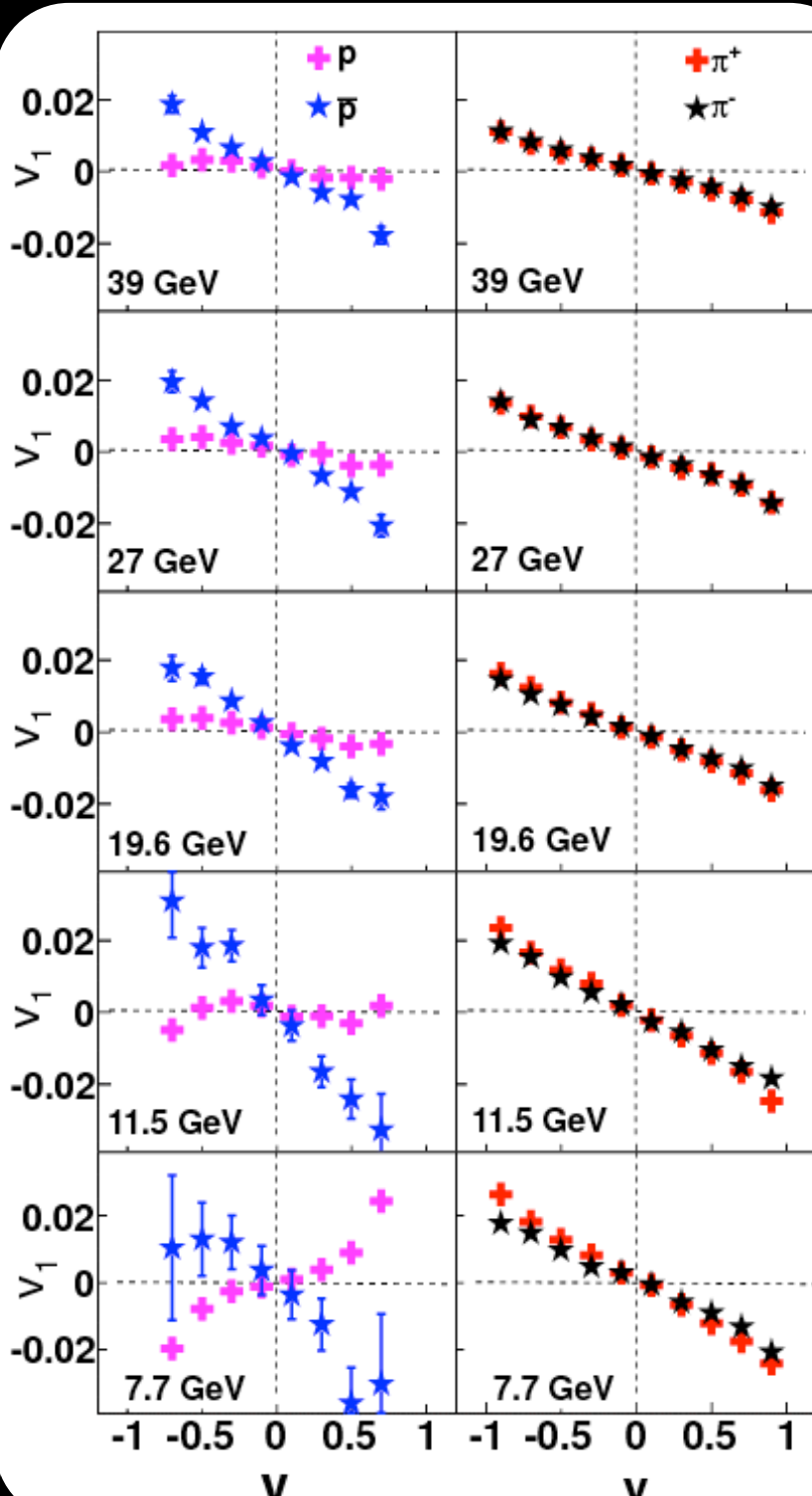
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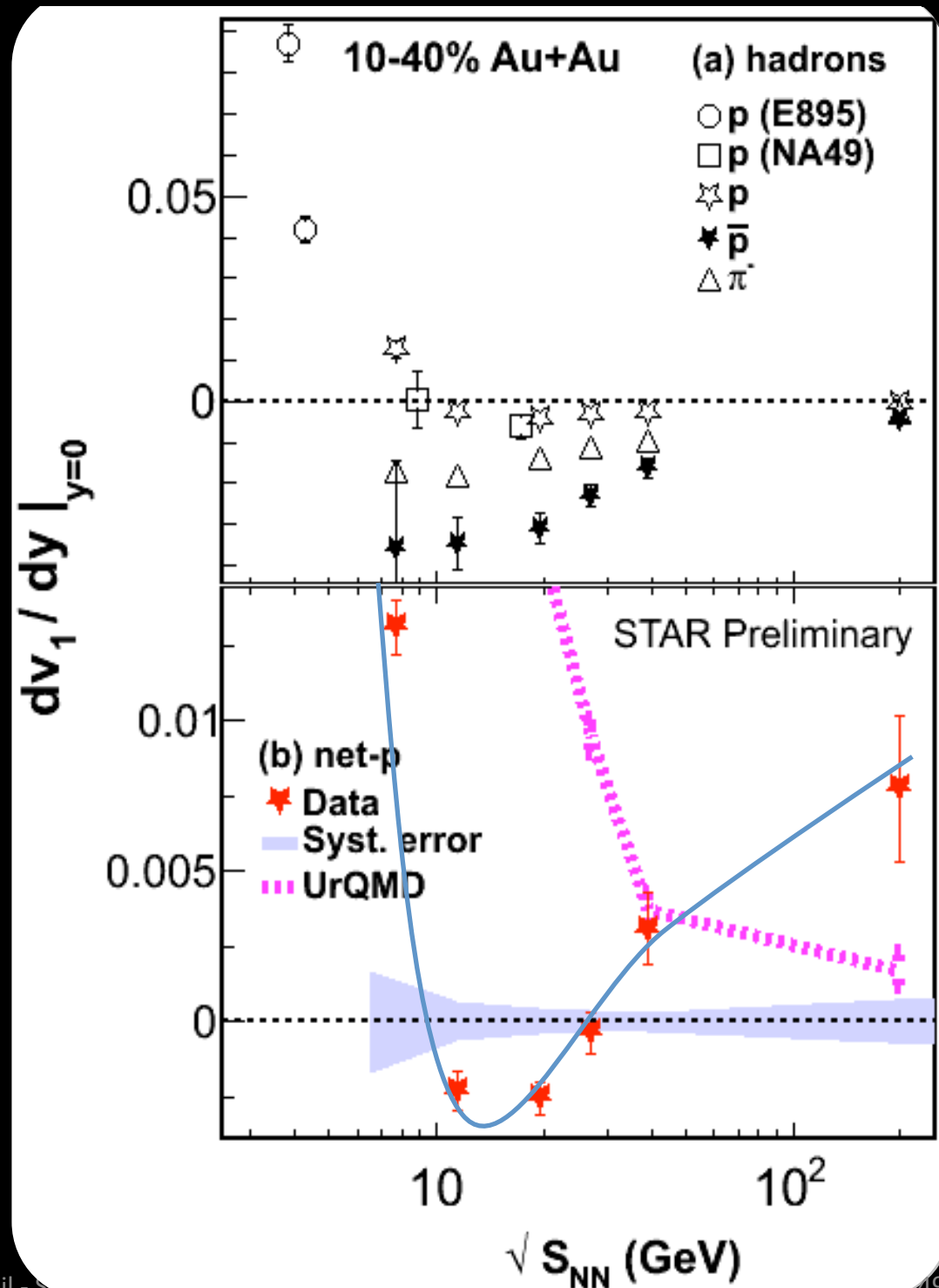
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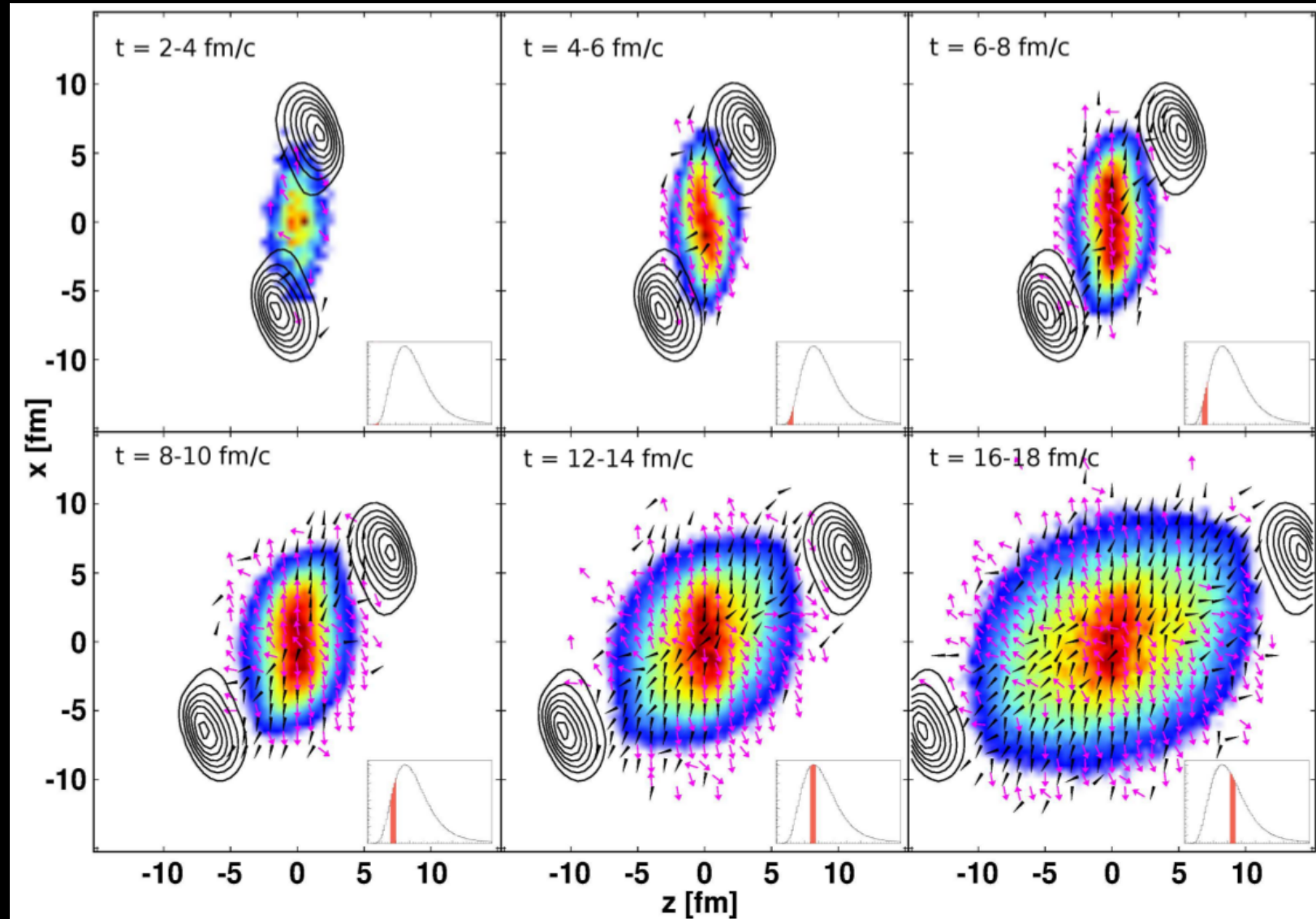
$$v_1 \Big|_{\text{proton}} = (1 - r) \cdot v_1 \Big|_{\text{transported (net) protons}} + r \cdot v_1 \Big|_{\text{antiprotons}}$$

$$r = \frac{\bar{p}}{p}$$



# What drives directed flow?

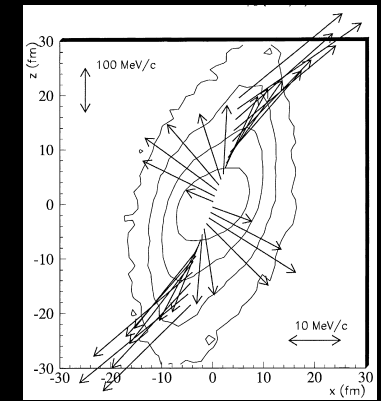
Graef, Lisa, Bleicher sub PRC [arXiv:1302.3408](https://arxiv.org/abs/1302.3408)



Most models at high energy suggest emission from a “tilted disc”...  
... that must certainly evolve non-trivially with time

# Tilted disc papers **FLOW** **HBT**

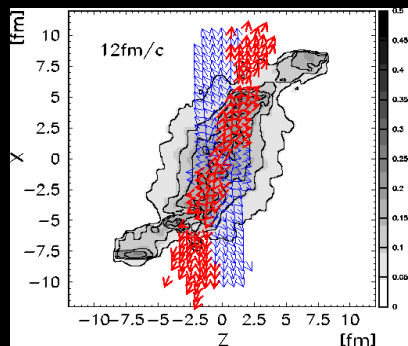
**Tilted pion sources from azimuthally sensitive HBT**  
 Lisa, Heinz, Weidemann  
 Phys.Lett. B489 (2000) 287-29 [nucl-th/00030222](http://nucl-th/00030222)



**Antiflow of Nucleons at the Softest Point of the EoS**

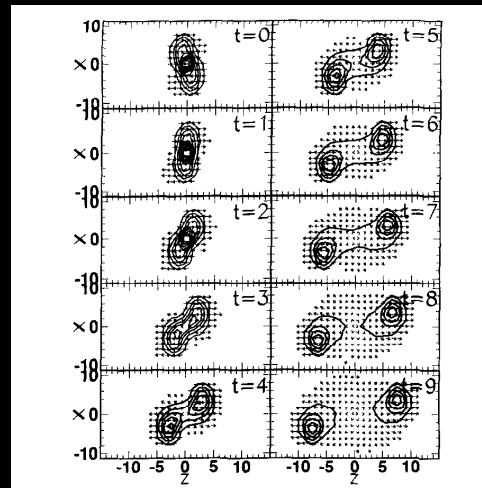
Brachmann et al, Phys.Rev. C61 (2000) 024909

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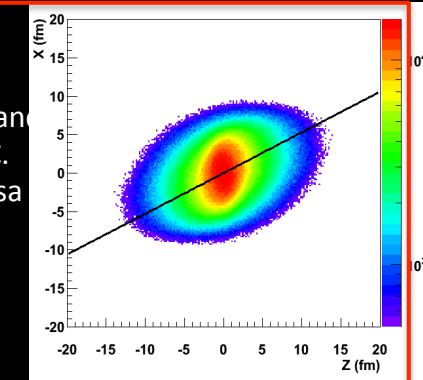
**Scaling violation of transverse flow in HIC at AGS**

Bravina, PLB 344 (1995) 49



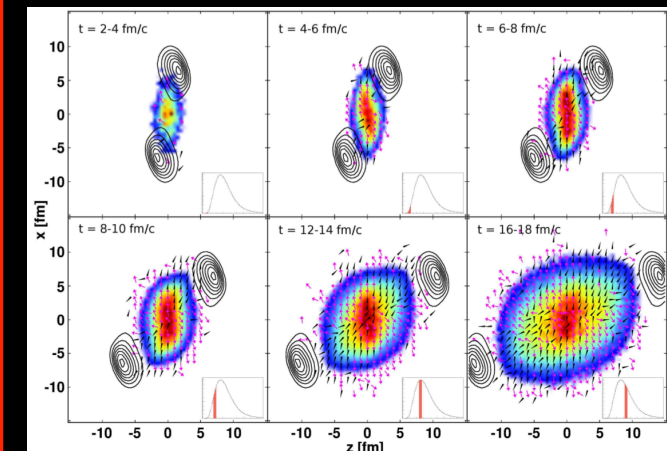
**Correspondence between HBT radii and the emission zone in non-central HIC.**  
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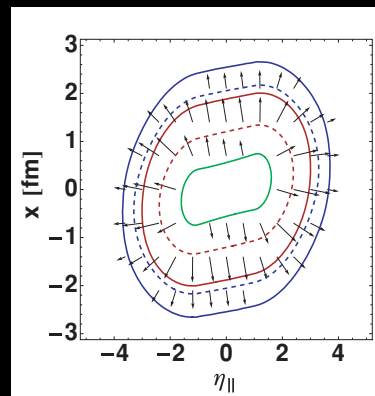
**A twisted emission geometry in non-central Pb +Pb collisions measurable via azimuthally sensitive HBT**

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**Directed flow in ultrarelativistic heavy-ion collisions**

Bozek and Wyslkiel  
 PHYSICAL REVIEW C  
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**Effective string-rope model...**

Magas, Csernai, Strottmann  
 Nucl.Phys. A712 (2002) 167-204

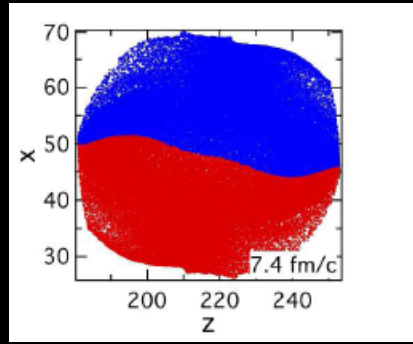
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# Recent Work by Csernai

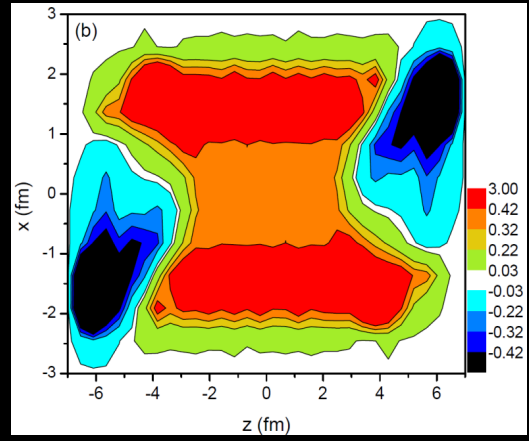
# FLOW | HBT

Laszlo -- Focus on RHIC!

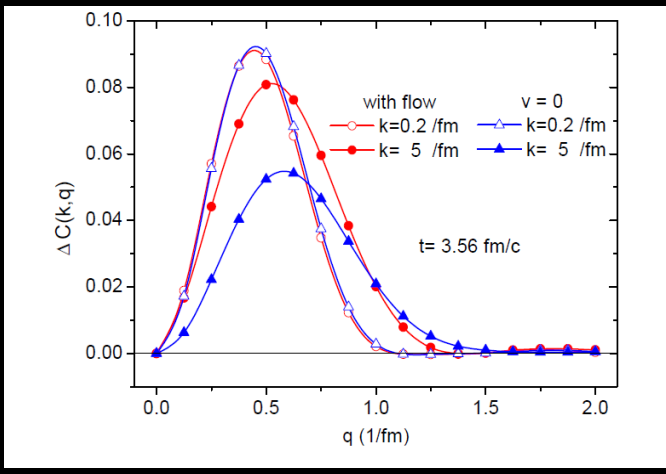
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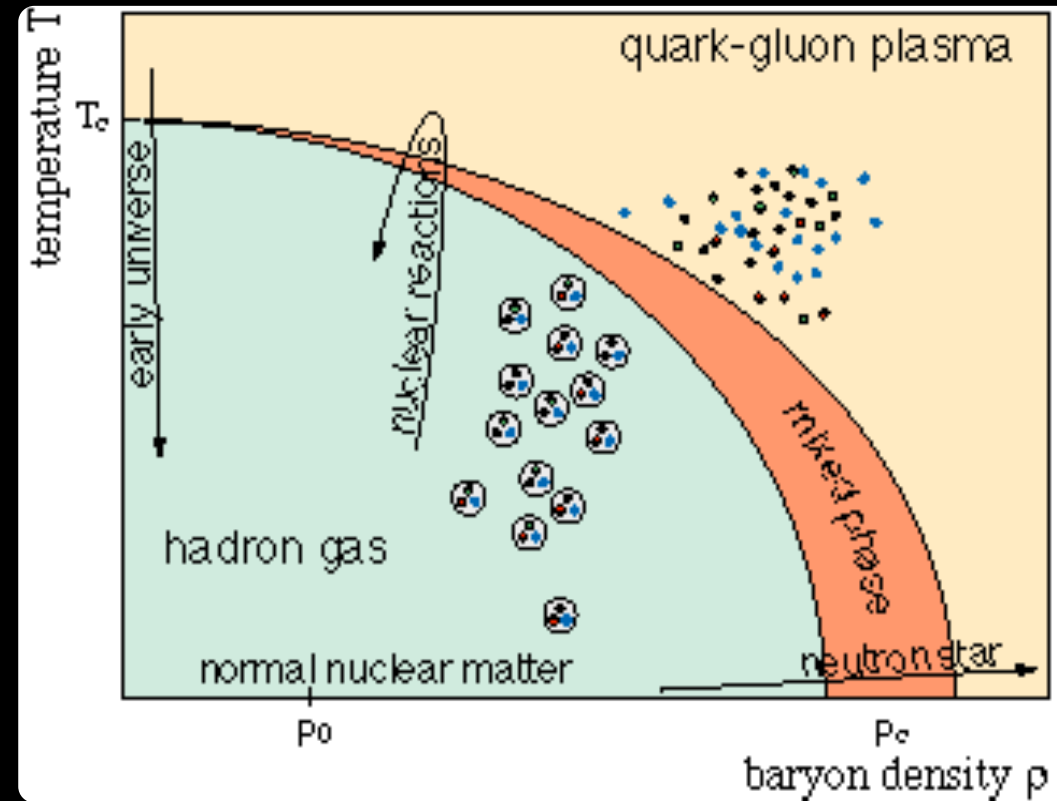
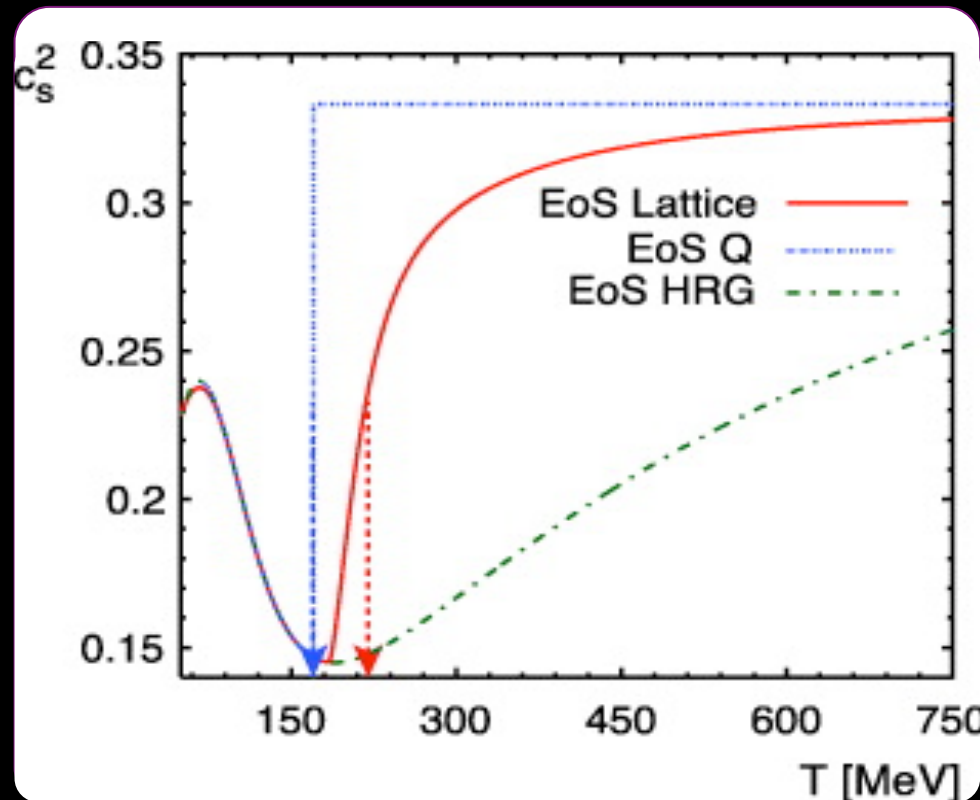
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**Flow vorticity in peripheral high-energy heavy-ion collisions**  
 L. P. Csernai,<sup>1</sup> V. K. Magas,<sup>2</sup> and D. J. Wang<sup>1</sup>



[L.P. Csernai, S. Velle, subm. to PRC]



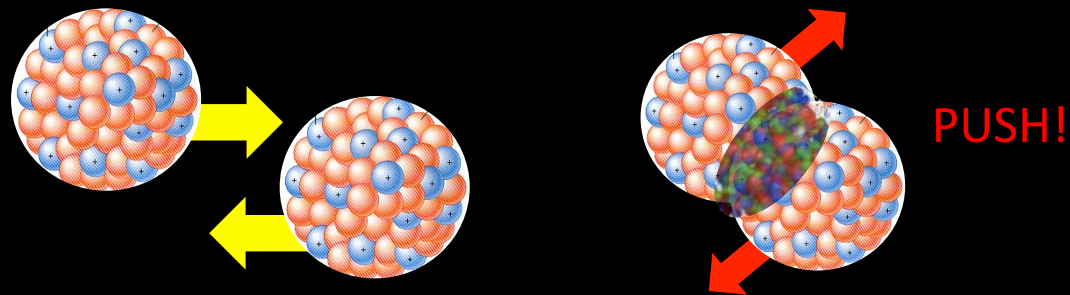
# A possible (& way oversimplified) scenario...



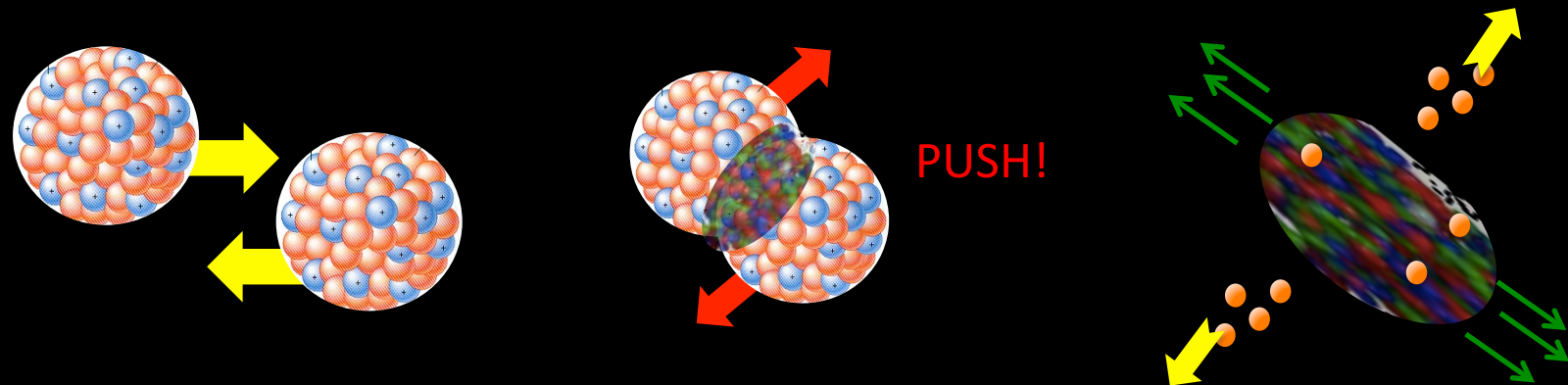
large sound velocity  $\rightarrow$  repulsion

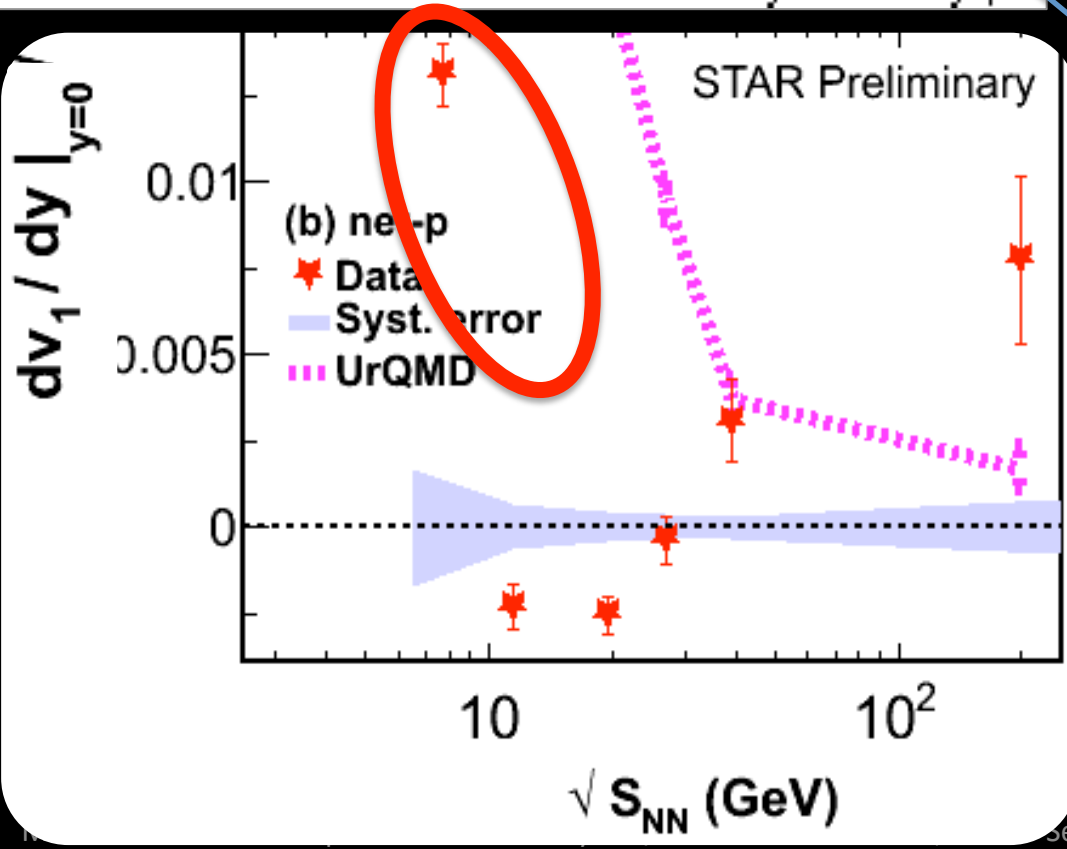
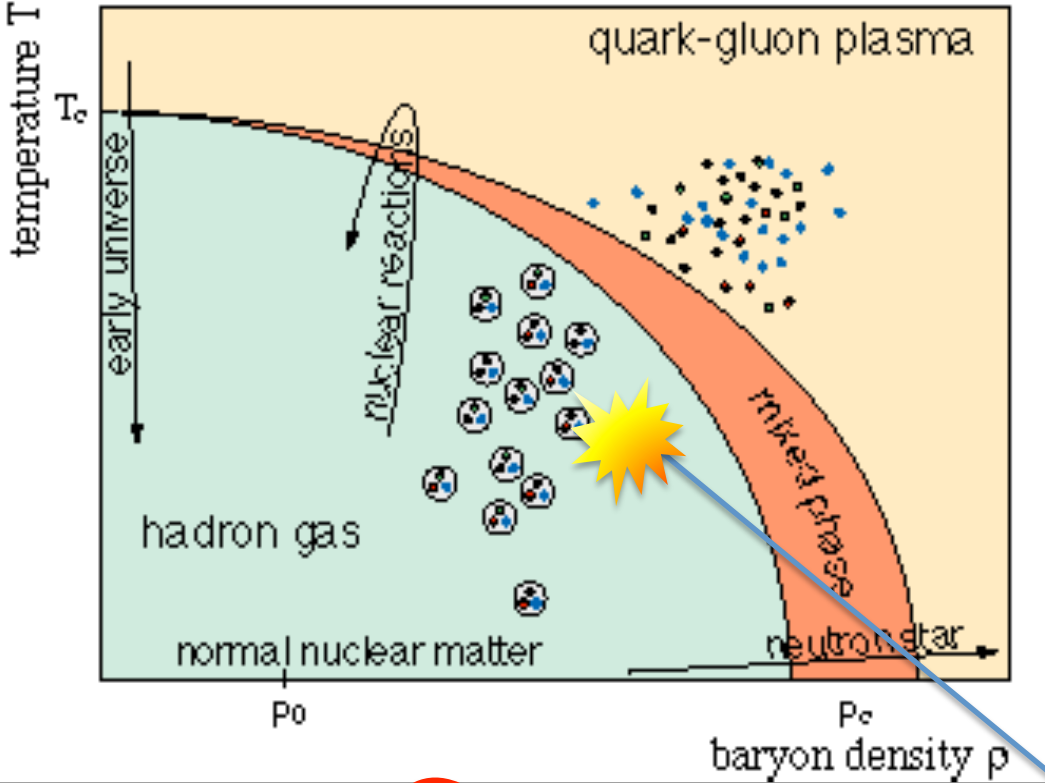
... what is the sound velocity in the first moment of a collision?

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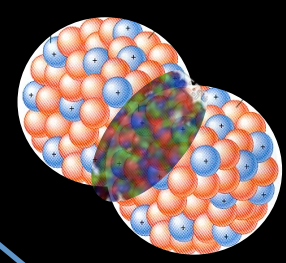
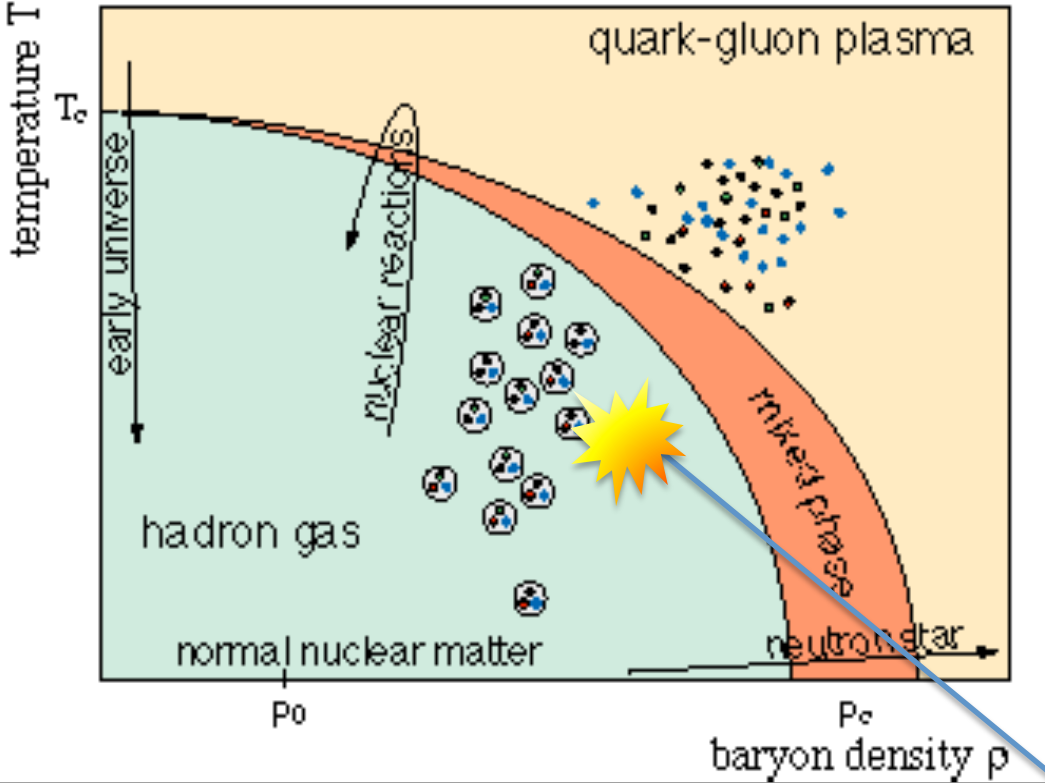




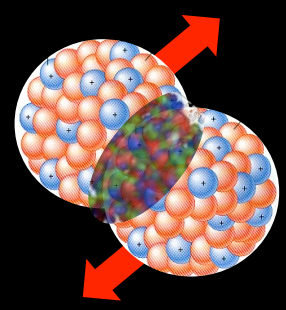
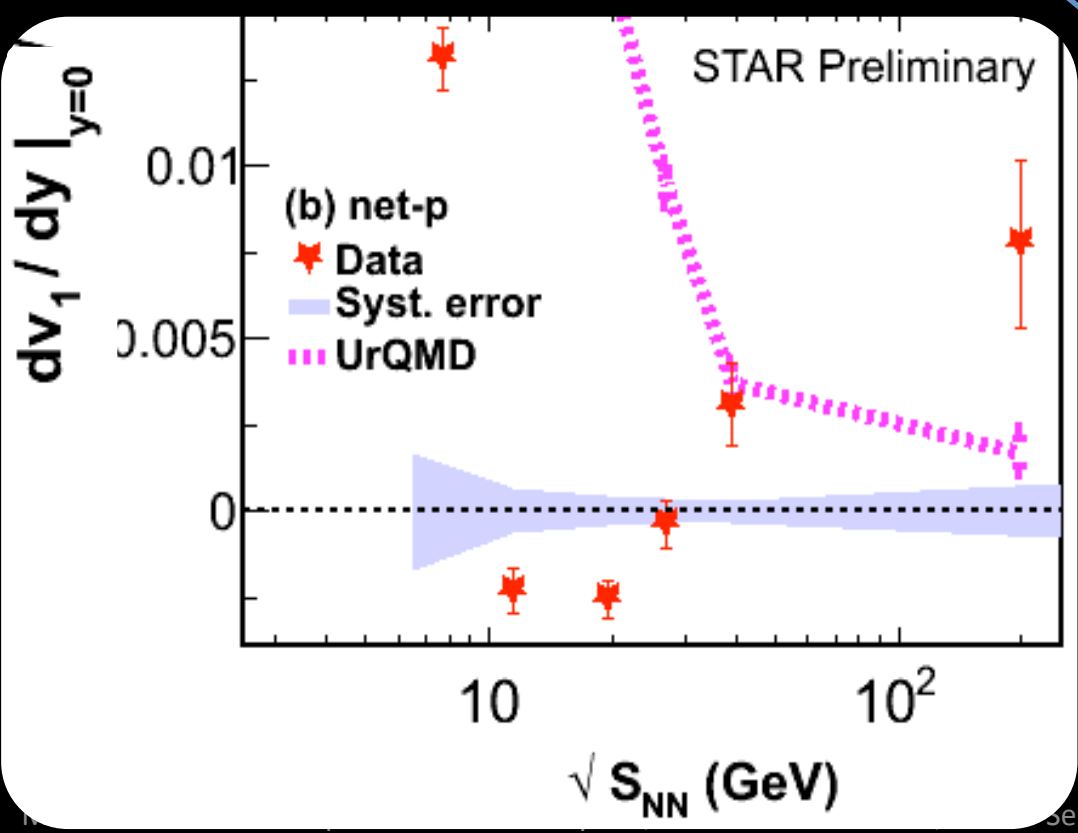
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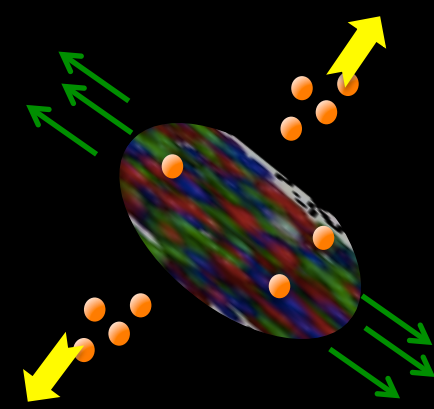


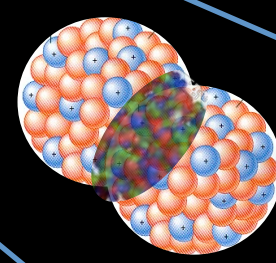
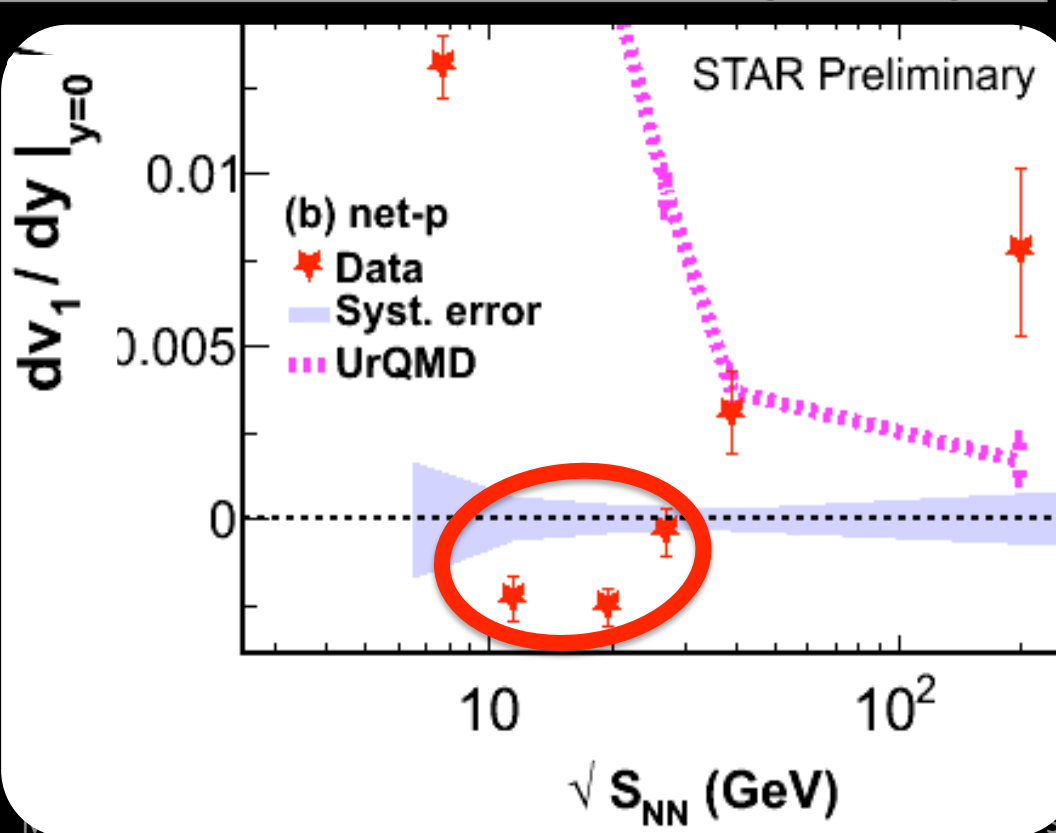
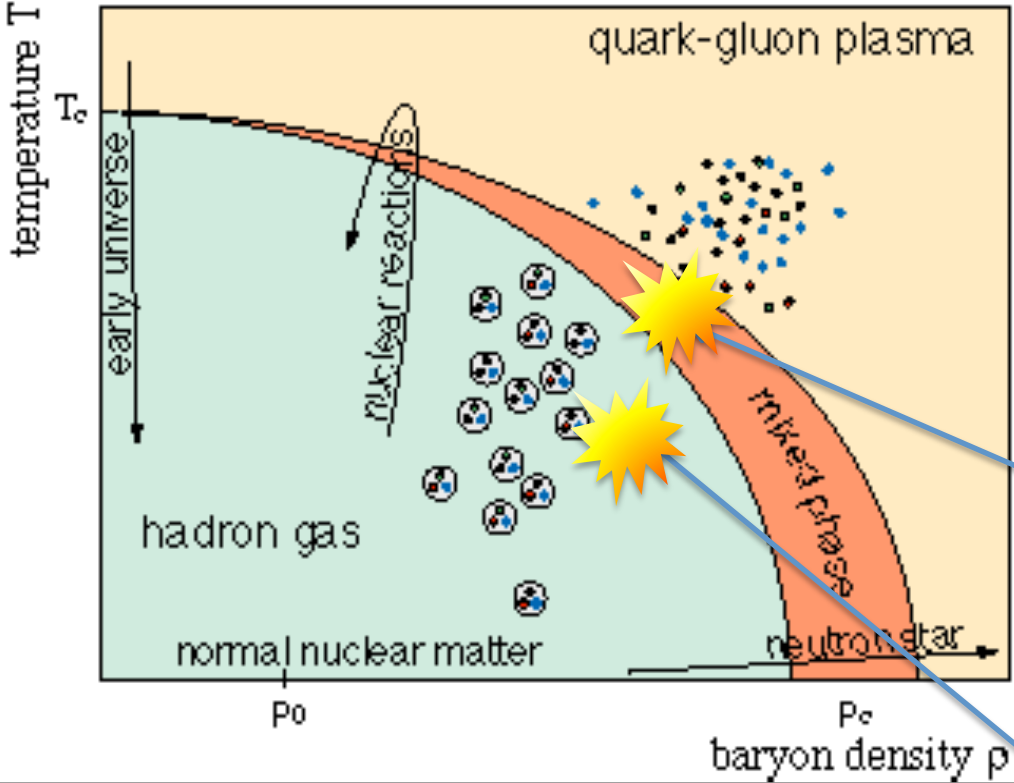


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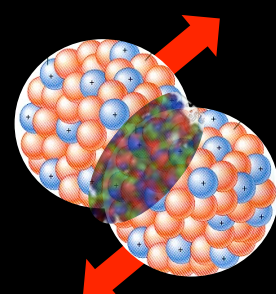


PUSH!

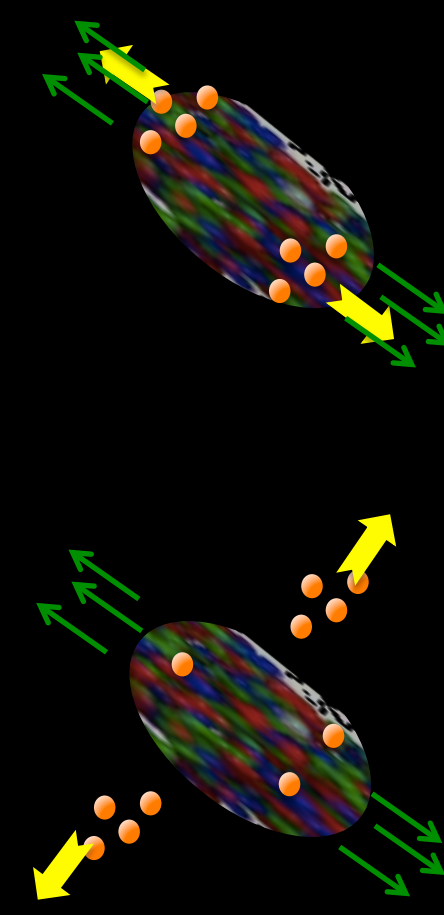


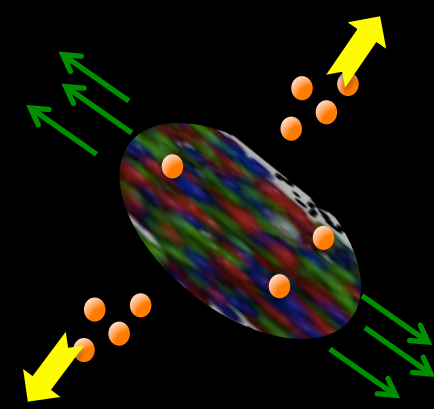
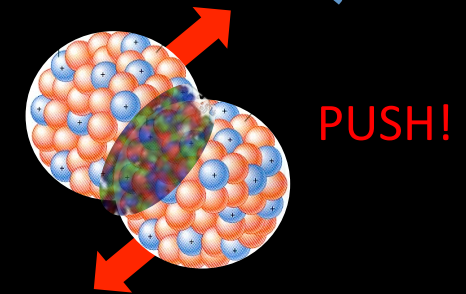
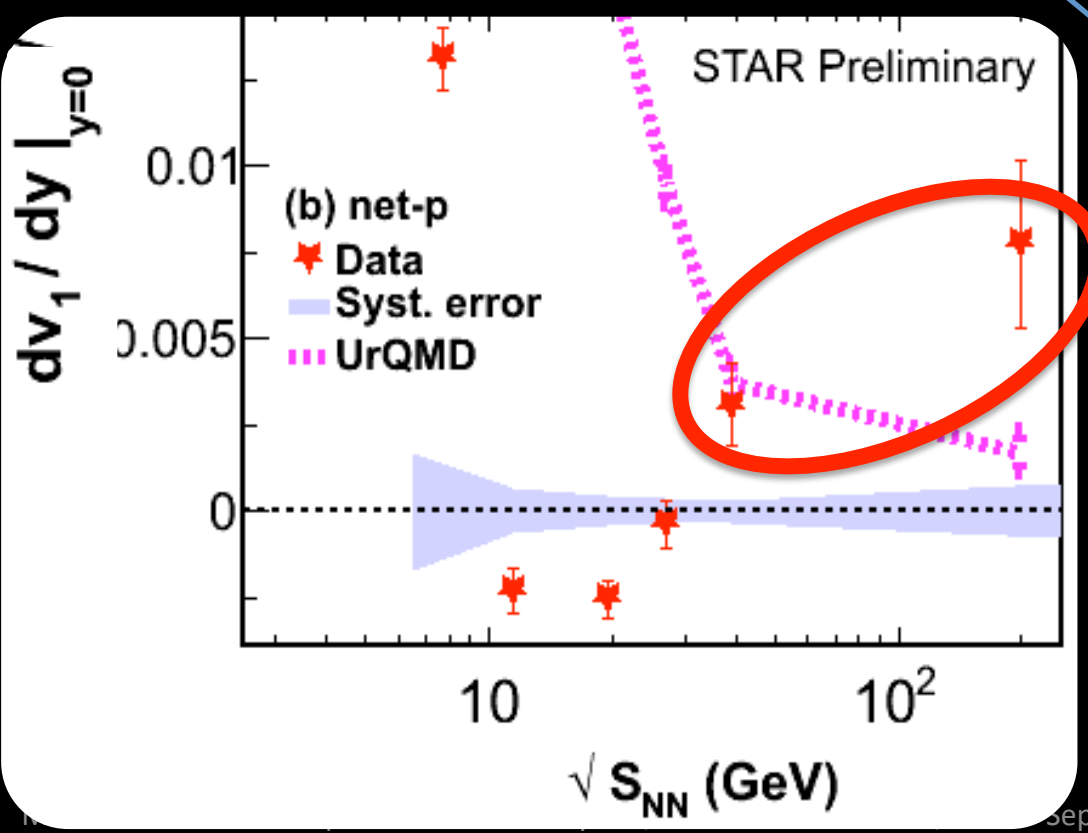
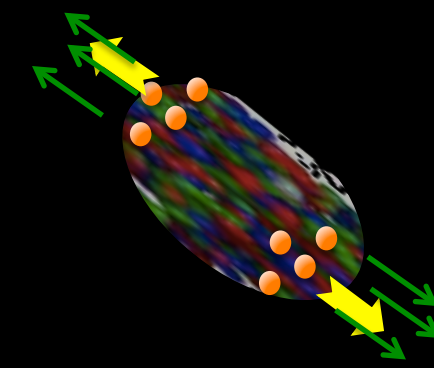
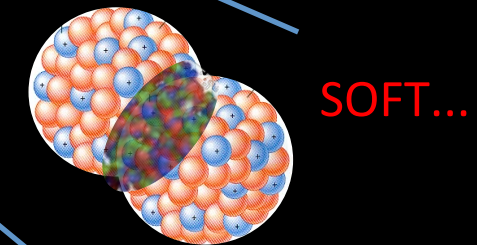
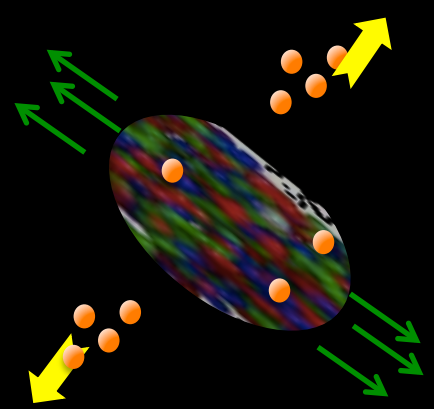
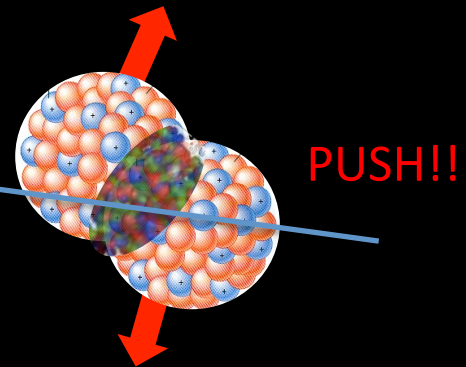
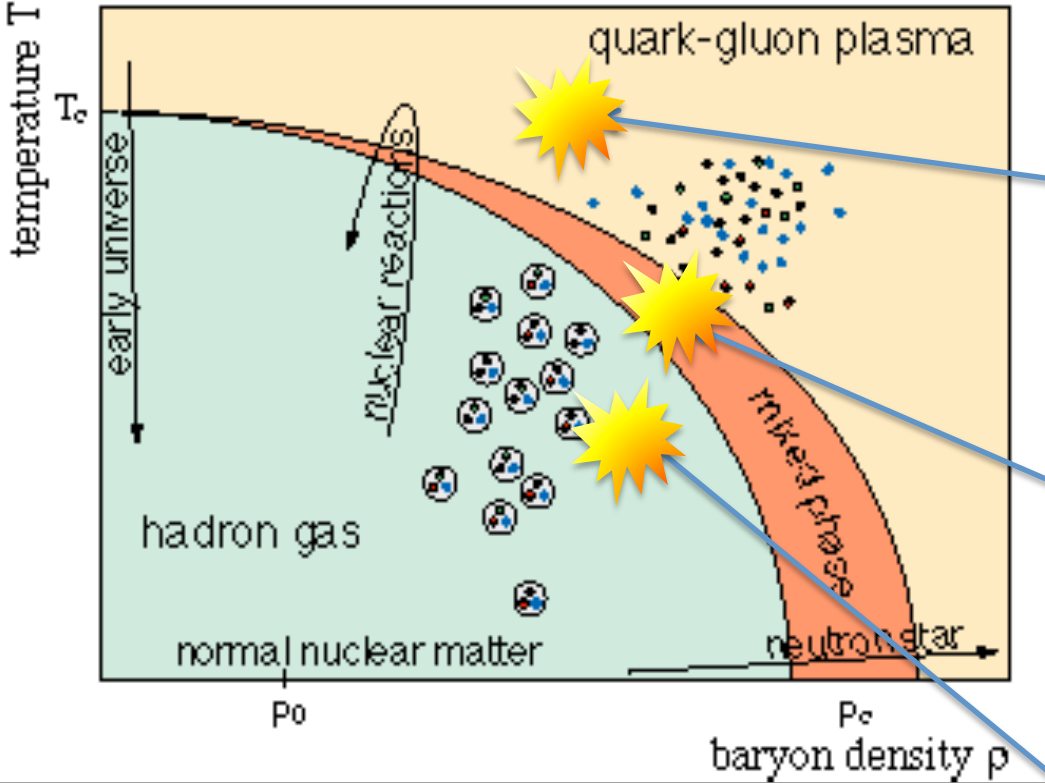


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- balance functions
- proton femtoscopy
- first-order pion azimuthal femtoscopy
- pion-kaon correlations
- hyper- and anti-hypernuclei yields
- light fragment yields
- spectral fits
- higher-order azimuthal moments ( $v_N$ )
- yield-fraction fluctuations
- fluctuations of net- $X$  (proton, charge, pion, kaon...)
- ...

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- QGP signals “turn off” in scanned region
  - maybe... (see Paul’s talk)
- Collective flow as a probe of reduced pressure
  - rapid system evolution: optimal if signal is determined in an “instant”
  - azimuthally anisotropic flow probes early times
  - first-order flow sensitive to initial interpenetration.
    - qualitative signal proposed and **observed** by STAR

# Outlook

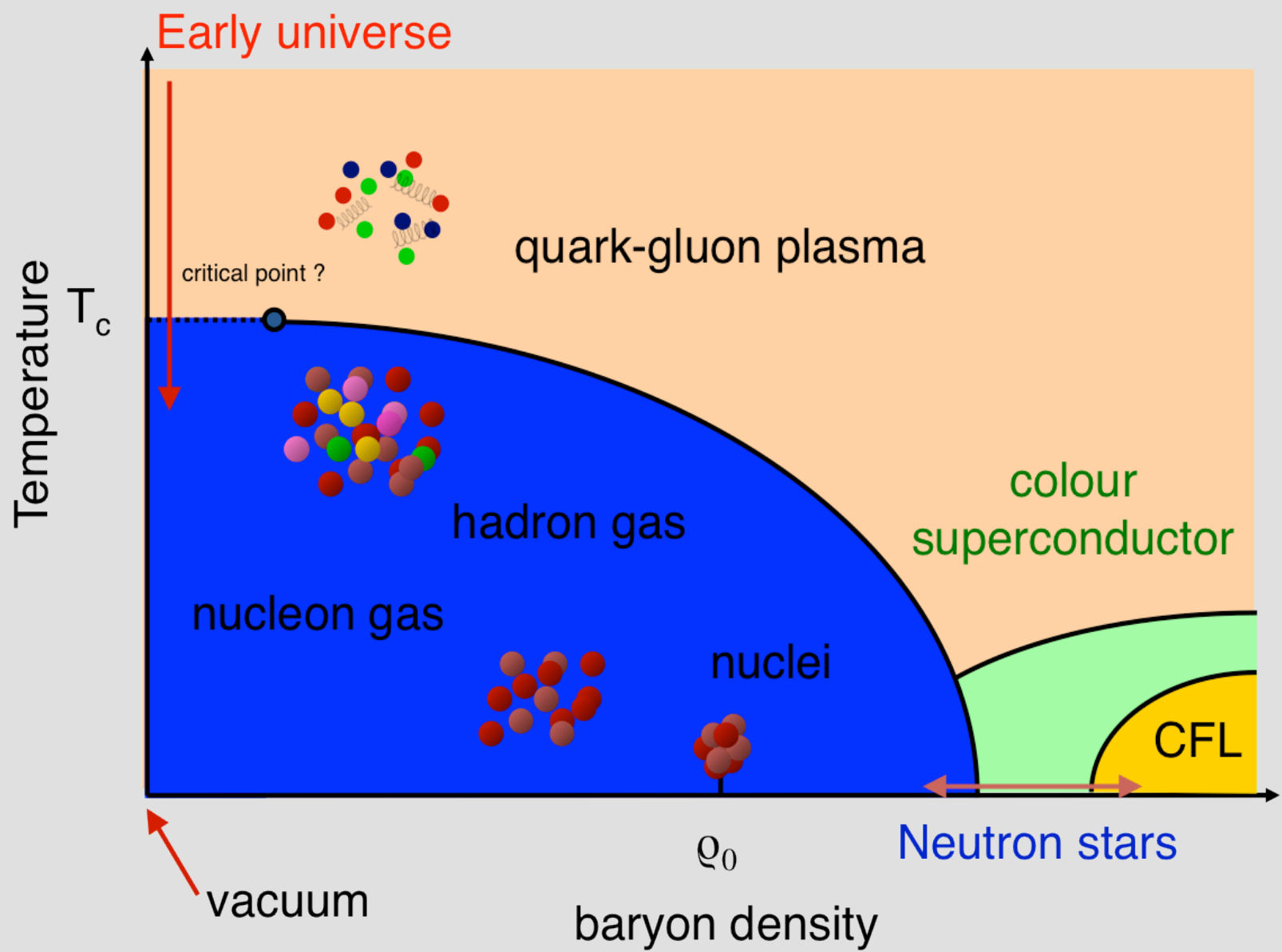
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  - Lambda v1
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- urge theorists to apply realistic, 3D transport with phase features
- finer energy scan in follow-up BES II
- fixed-target program being explored...



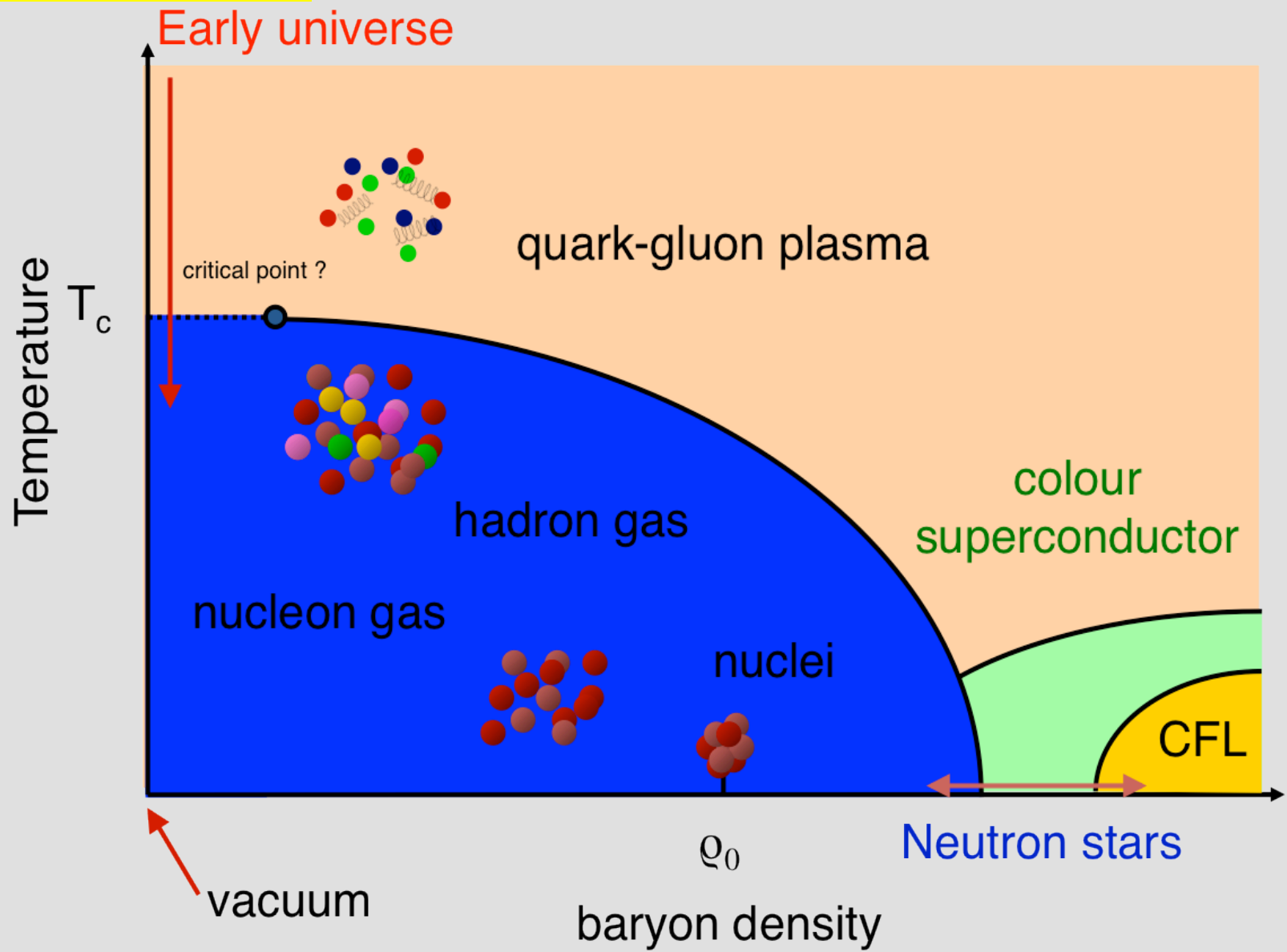
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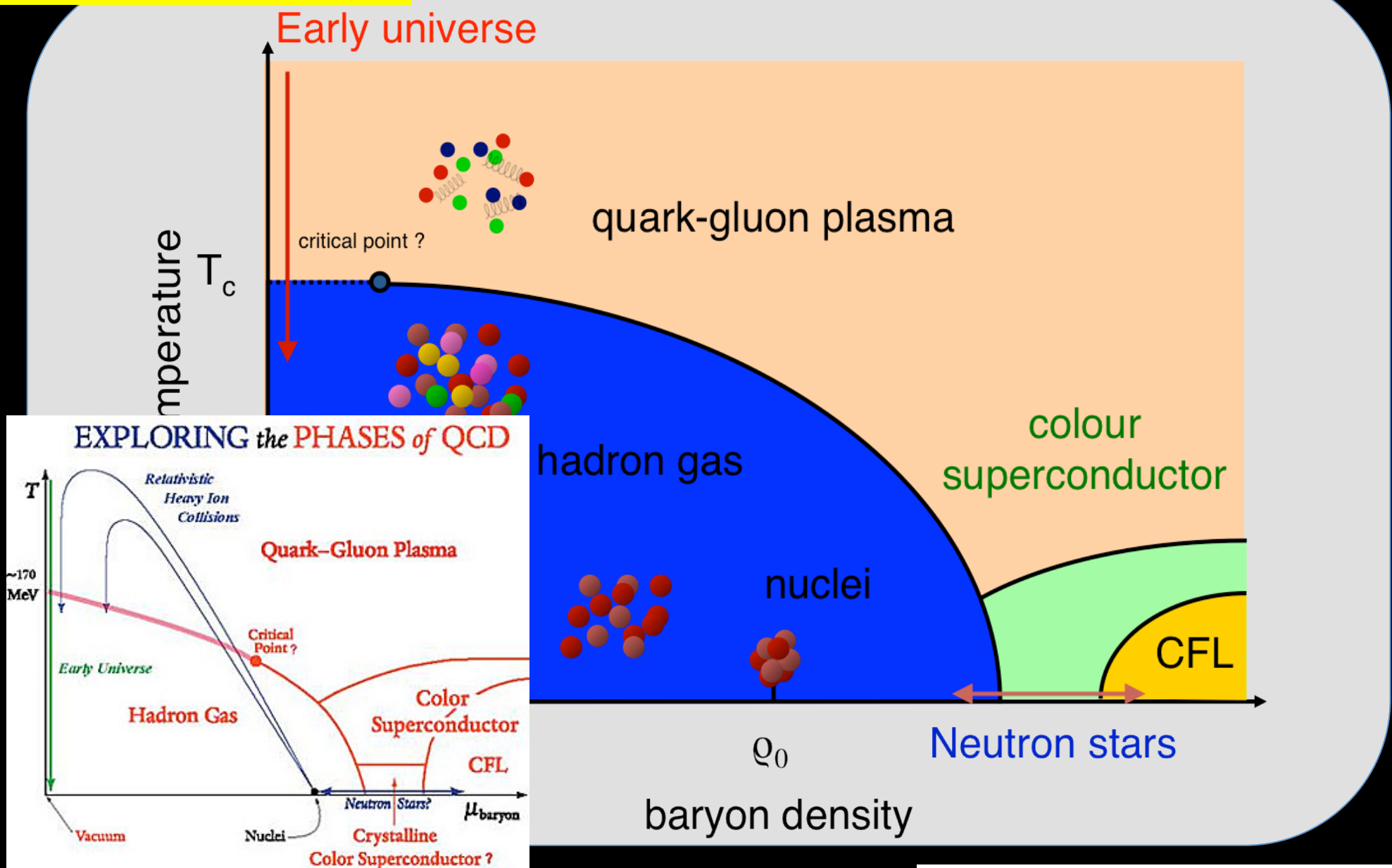


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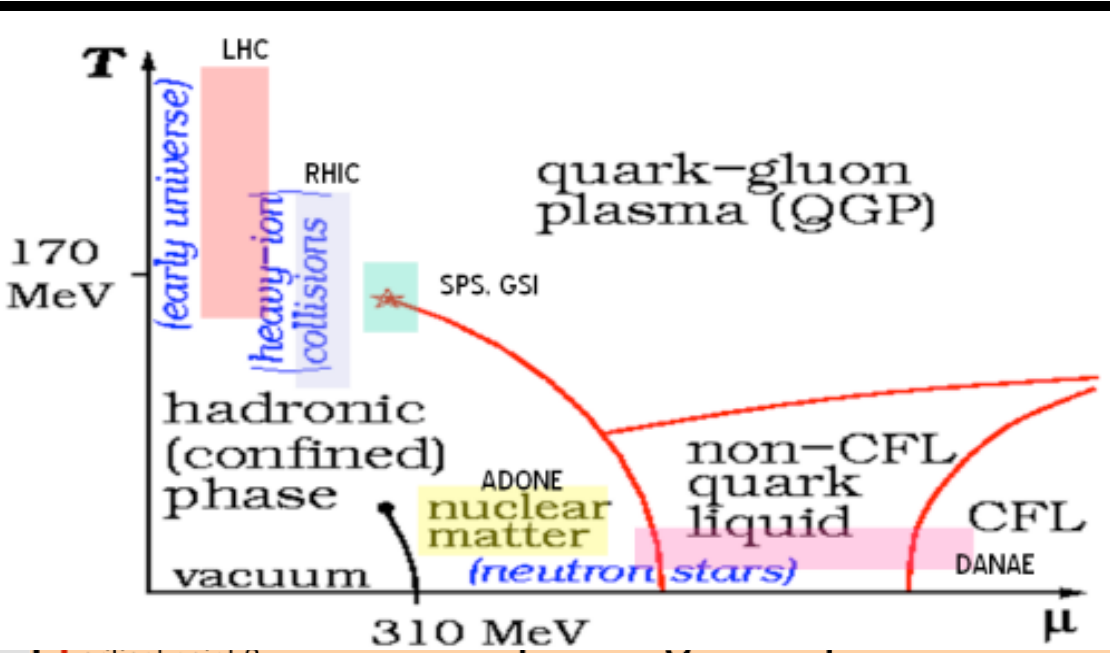


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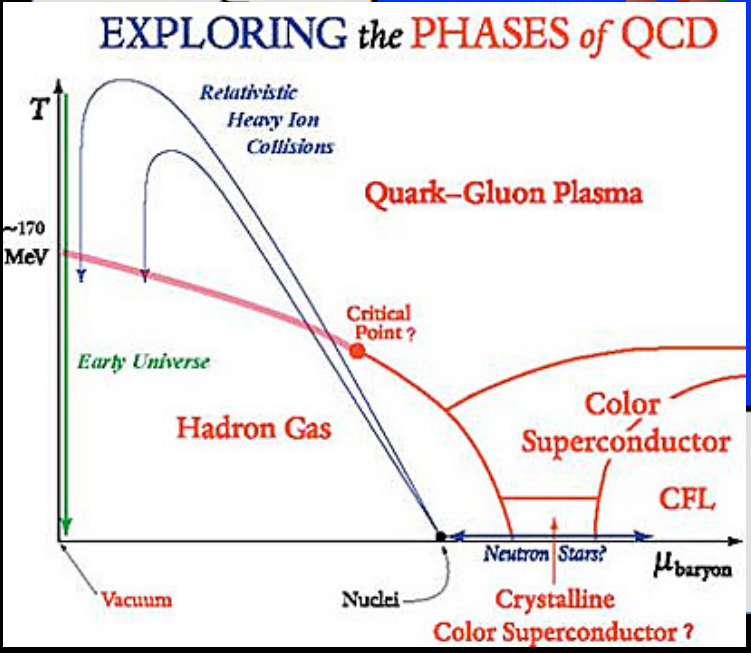
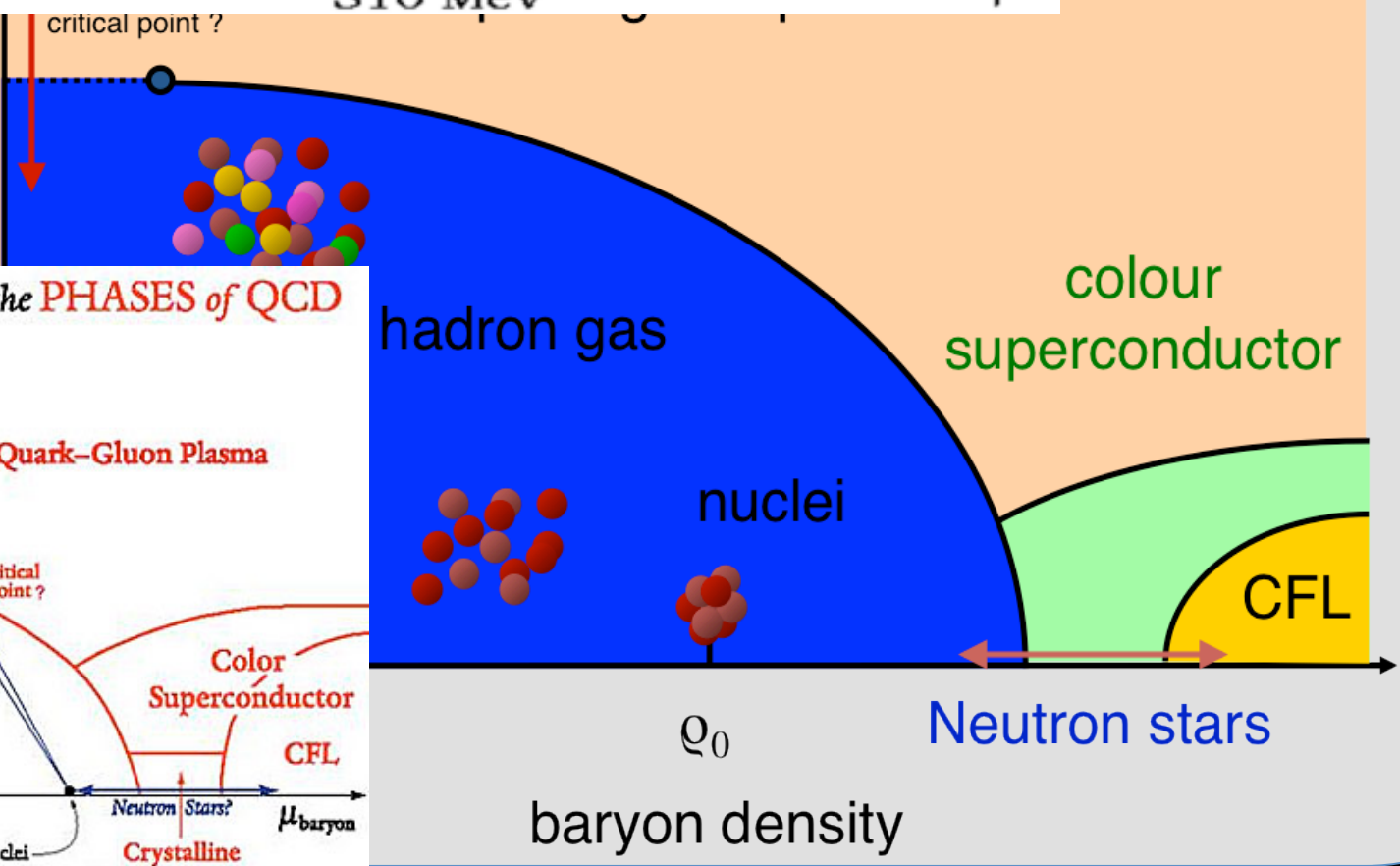
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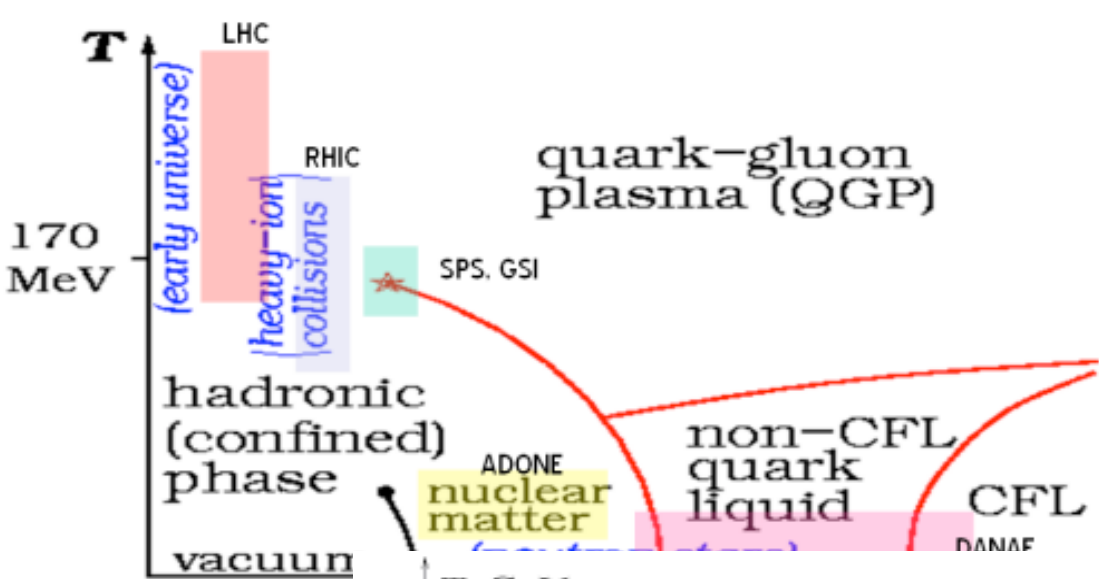


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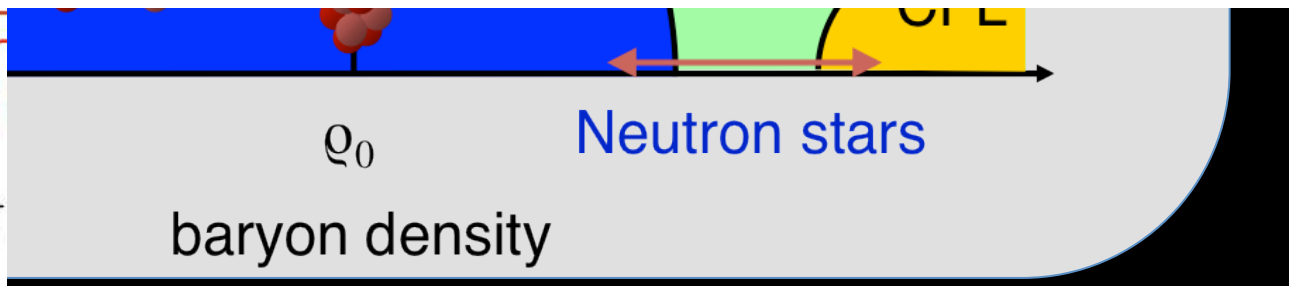
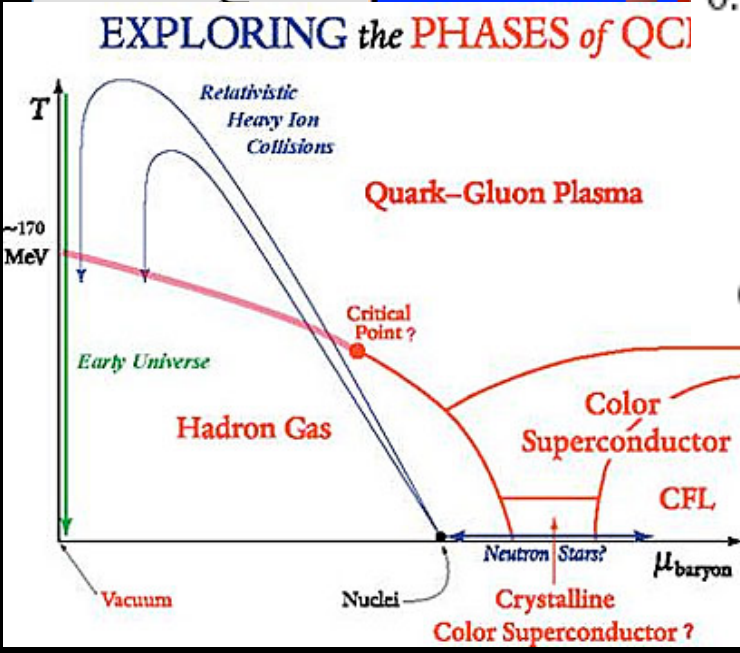
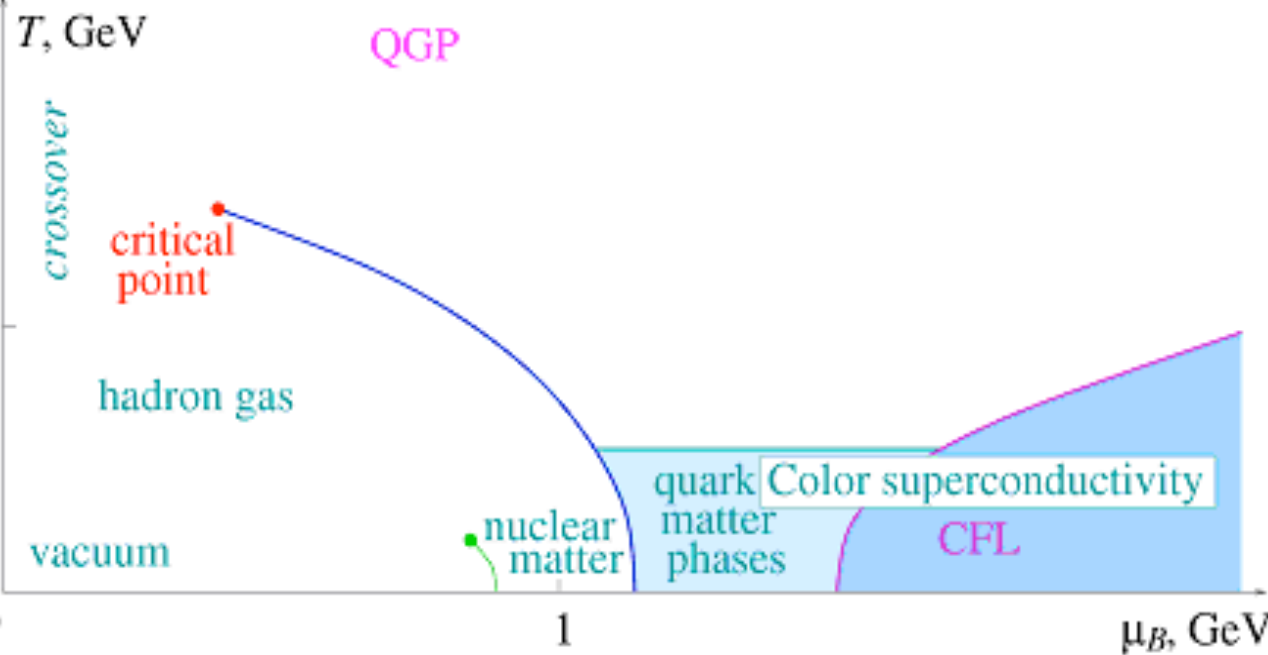
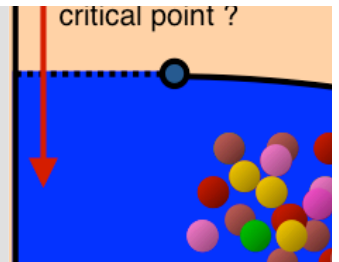
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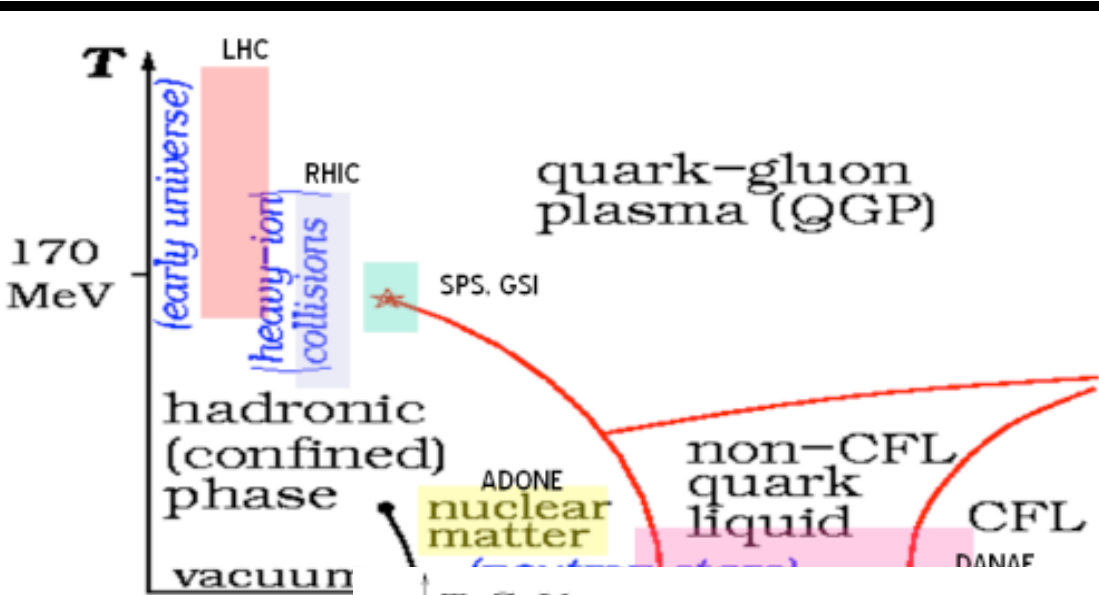


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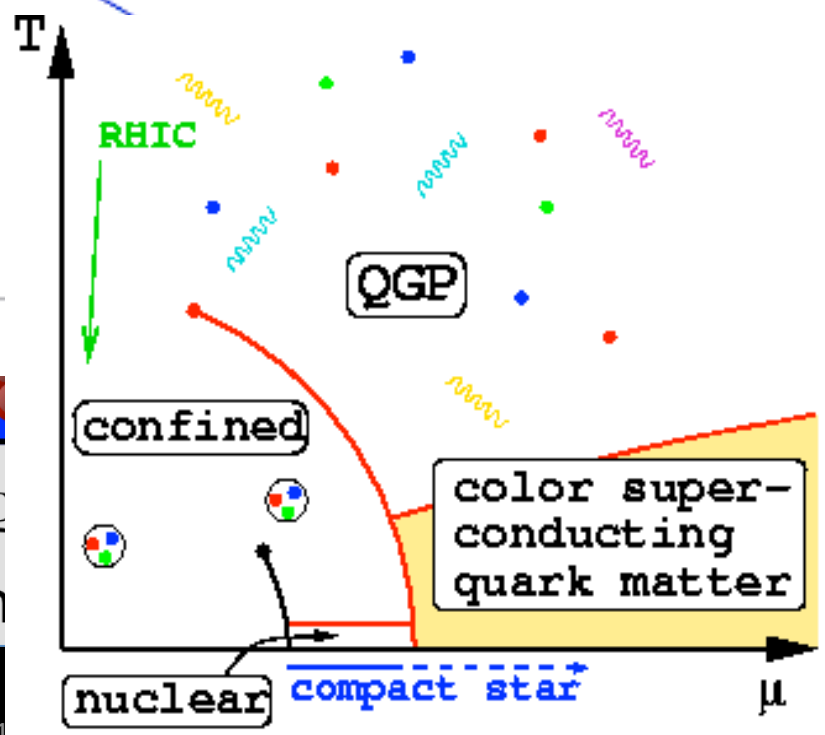
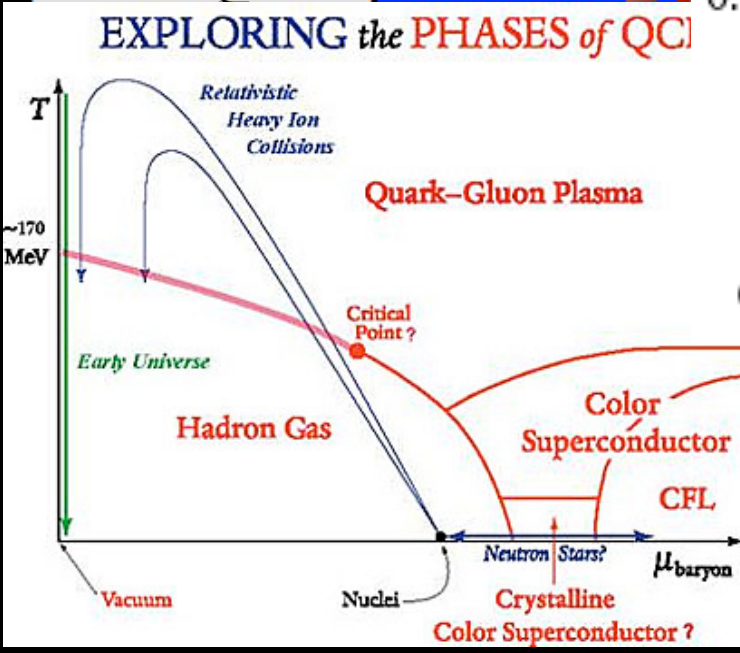
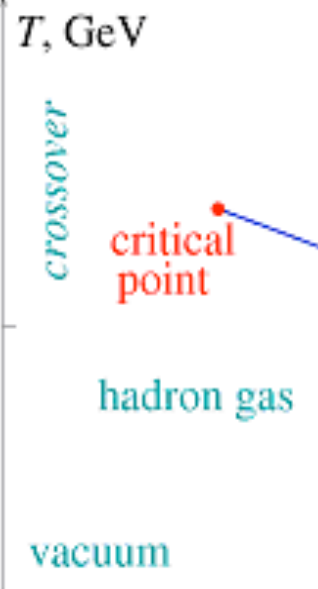
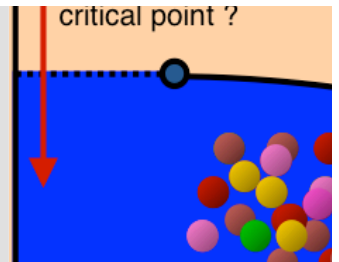
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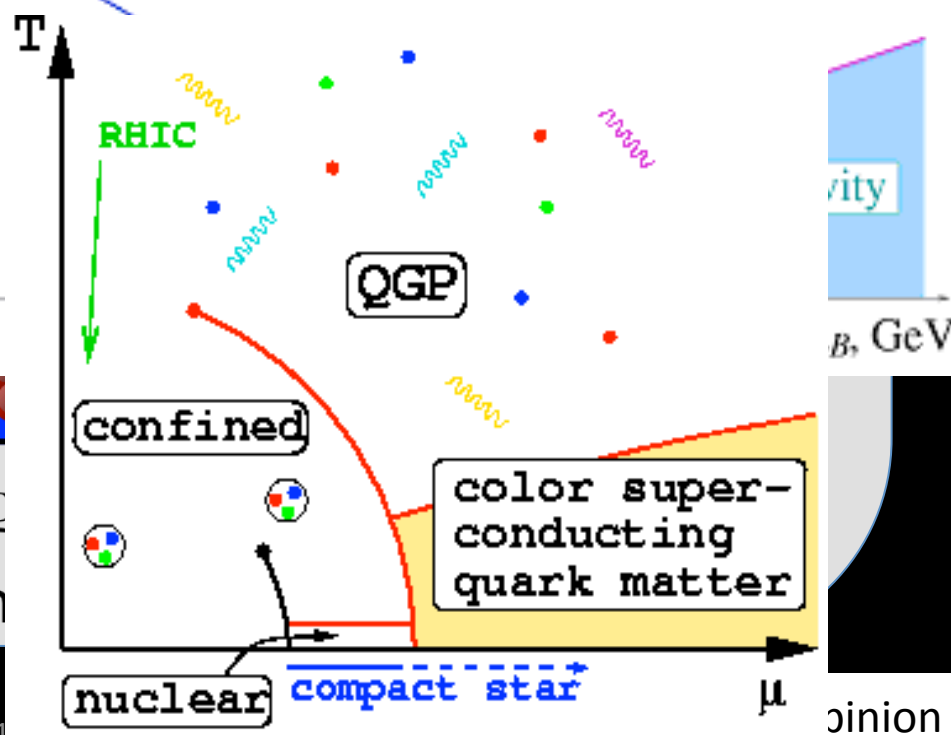
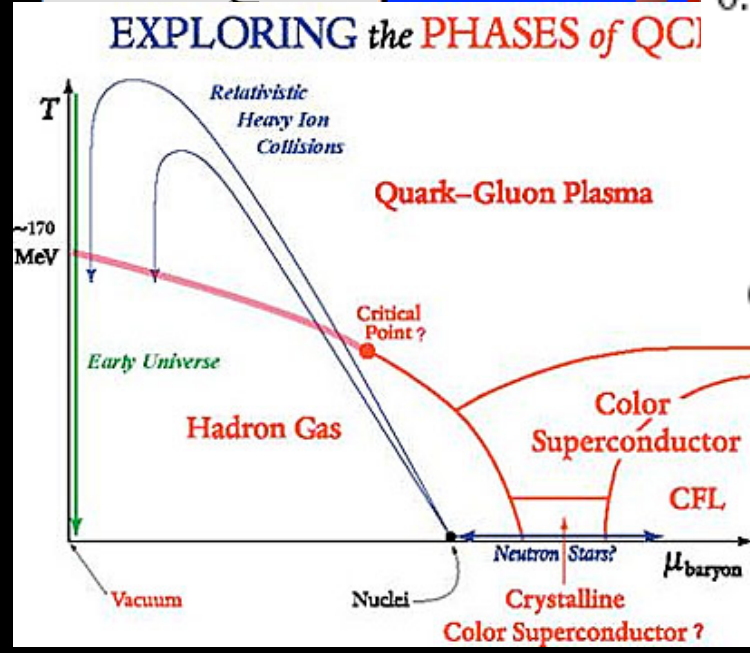
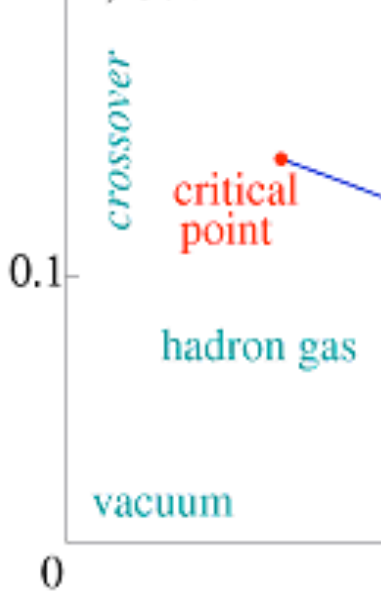
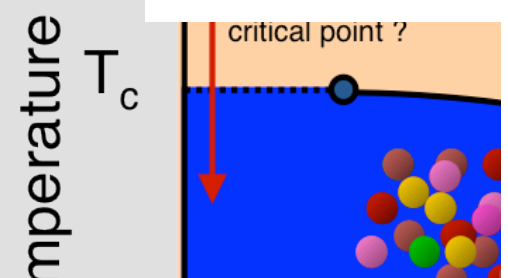
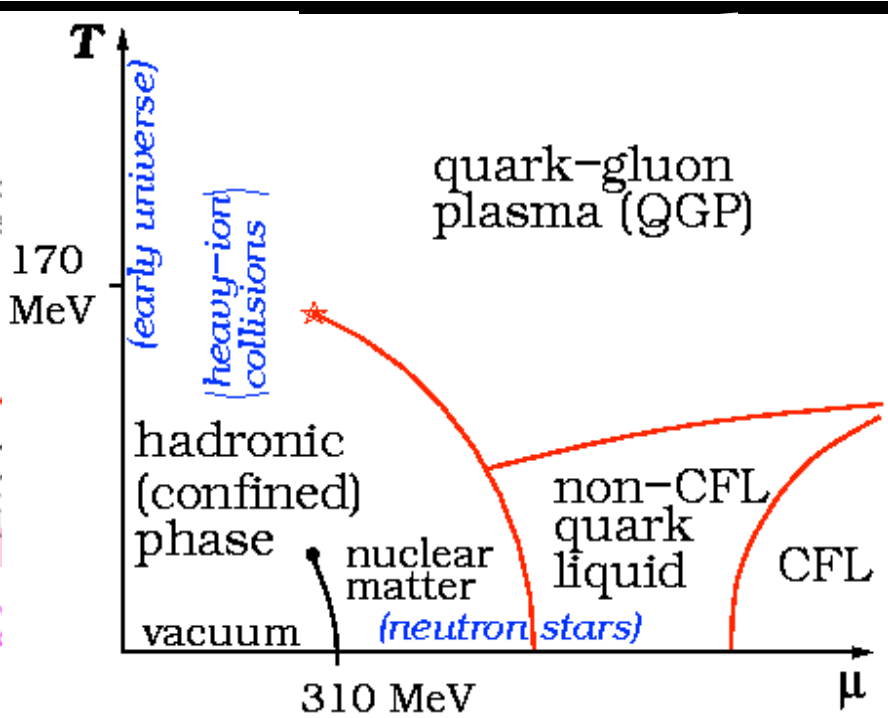
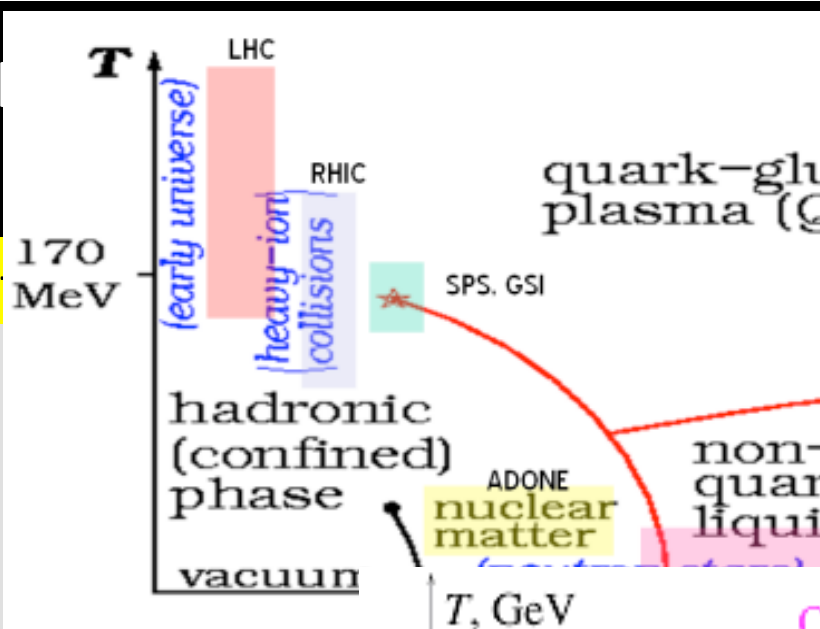


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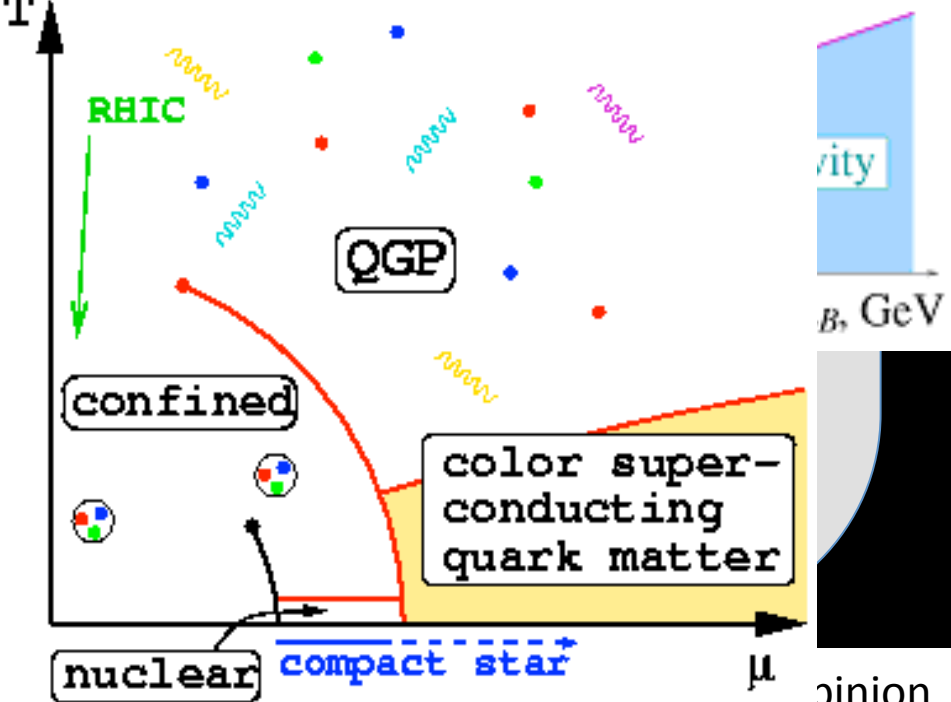
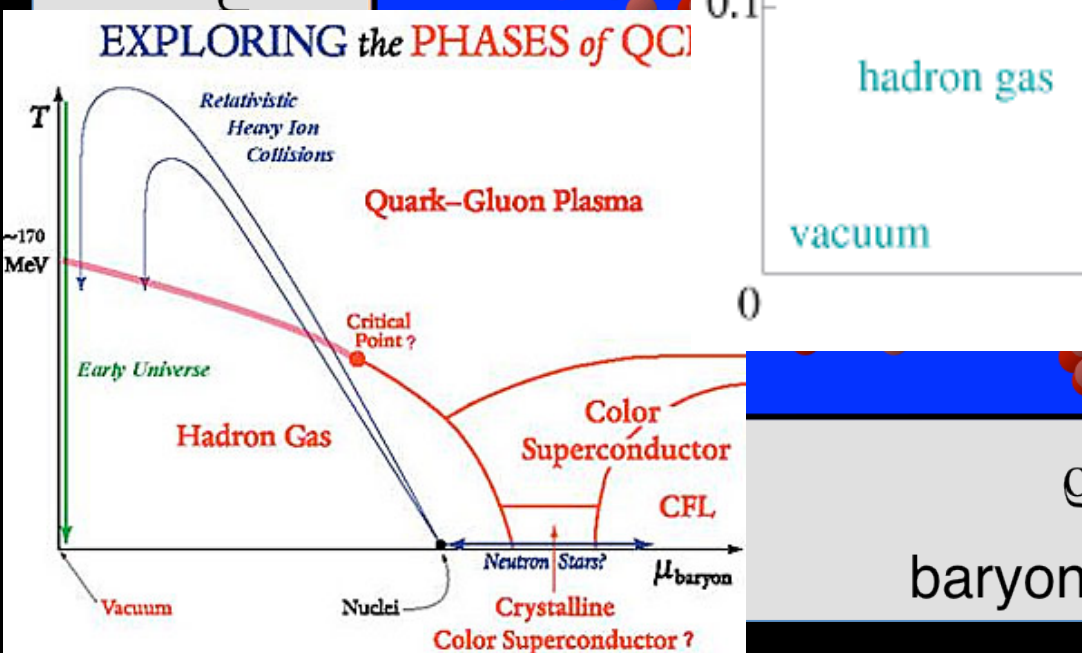
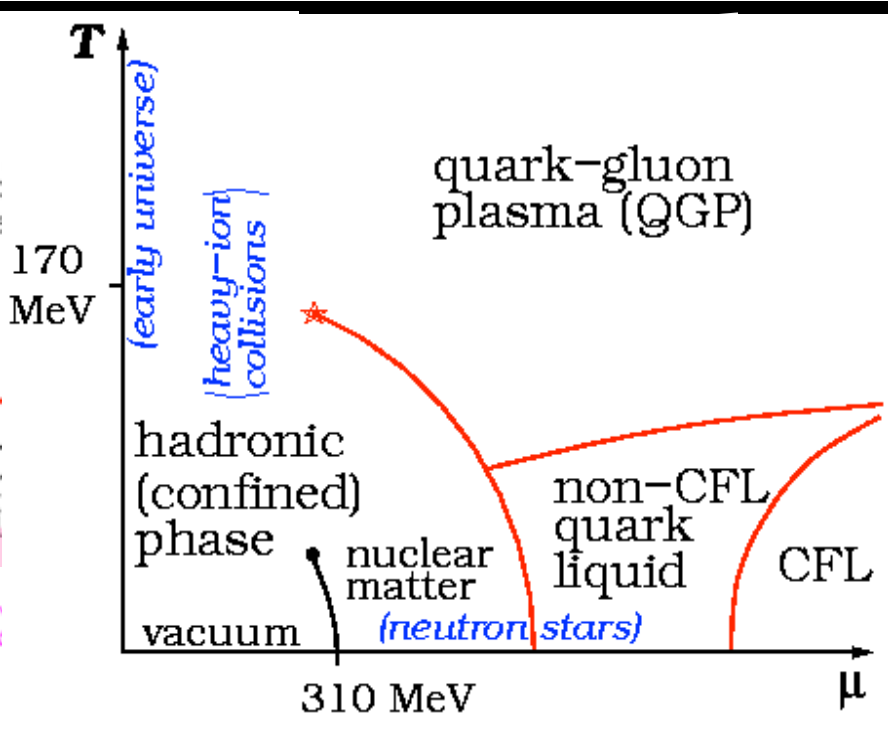
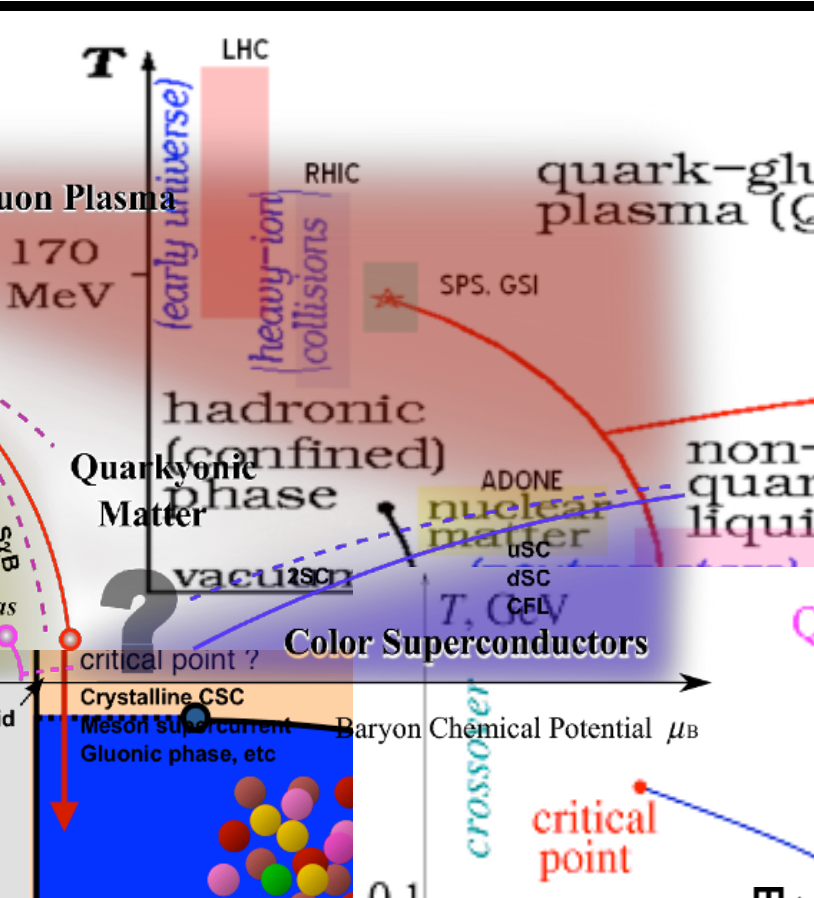
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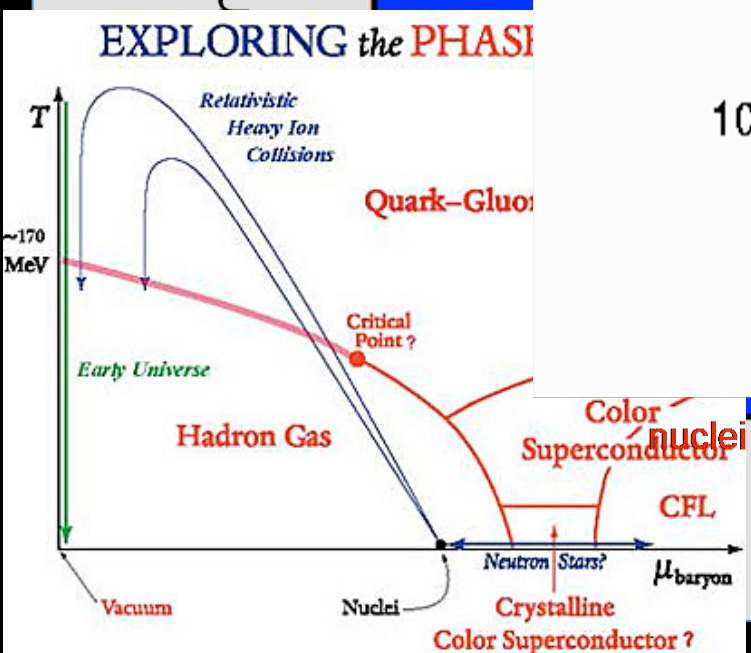
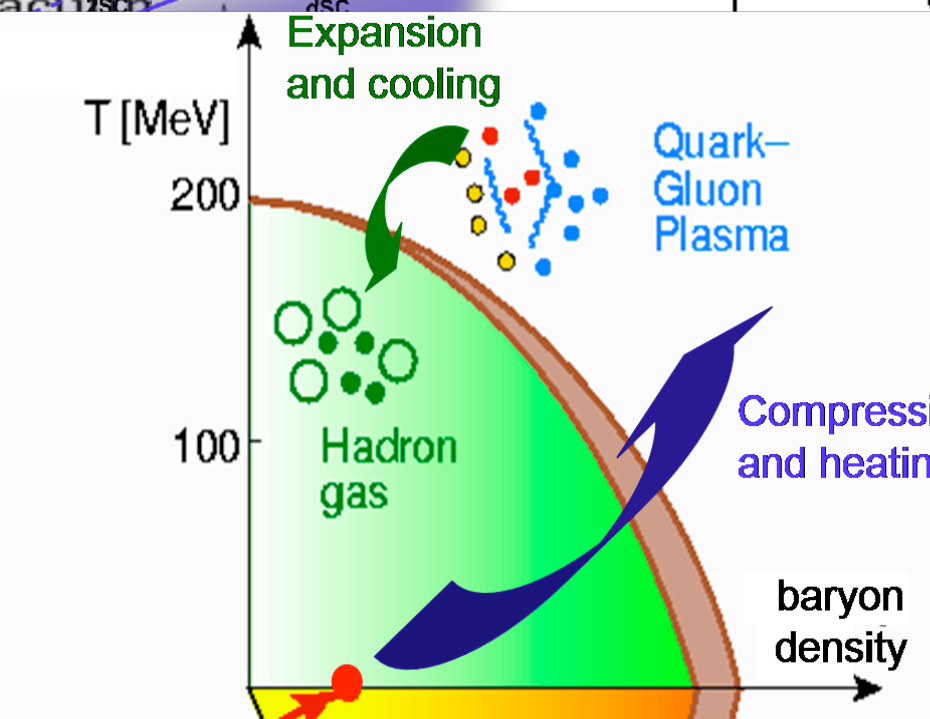
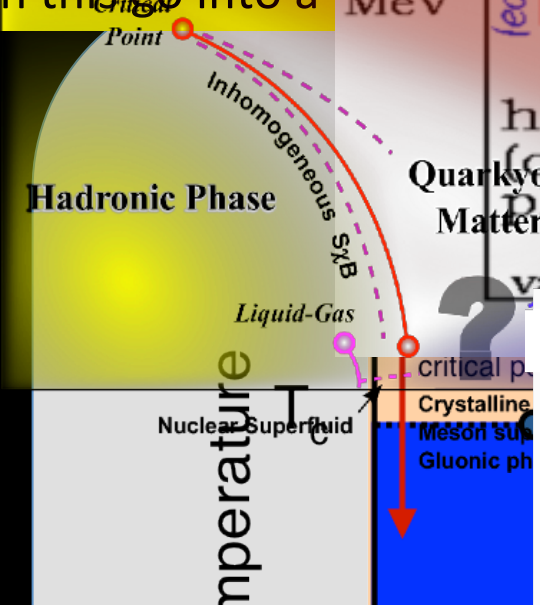
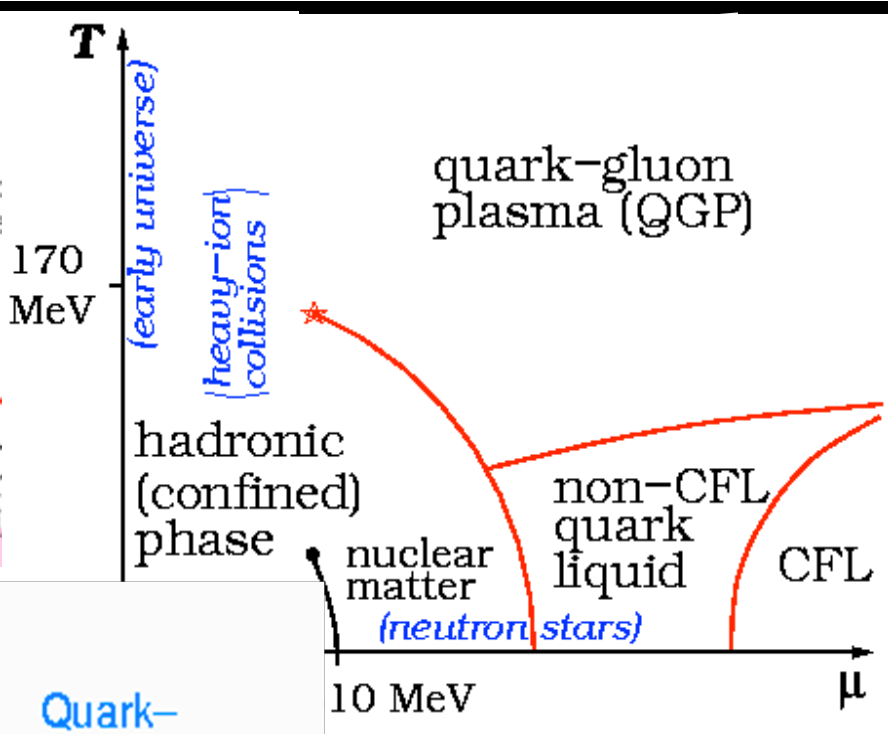
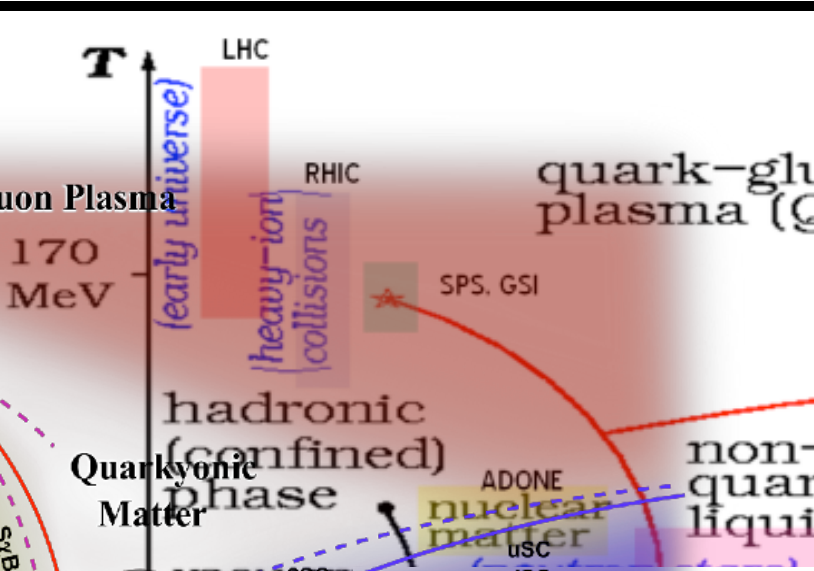
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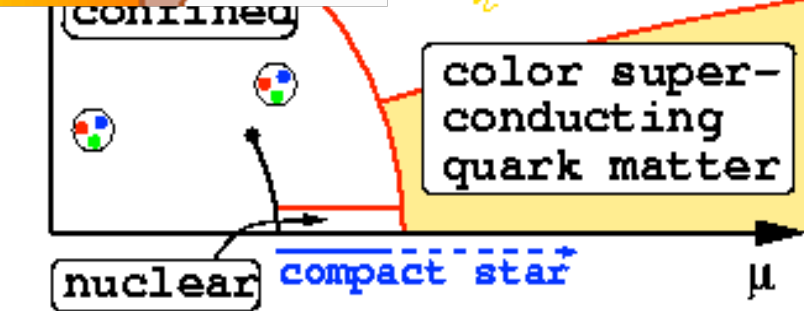


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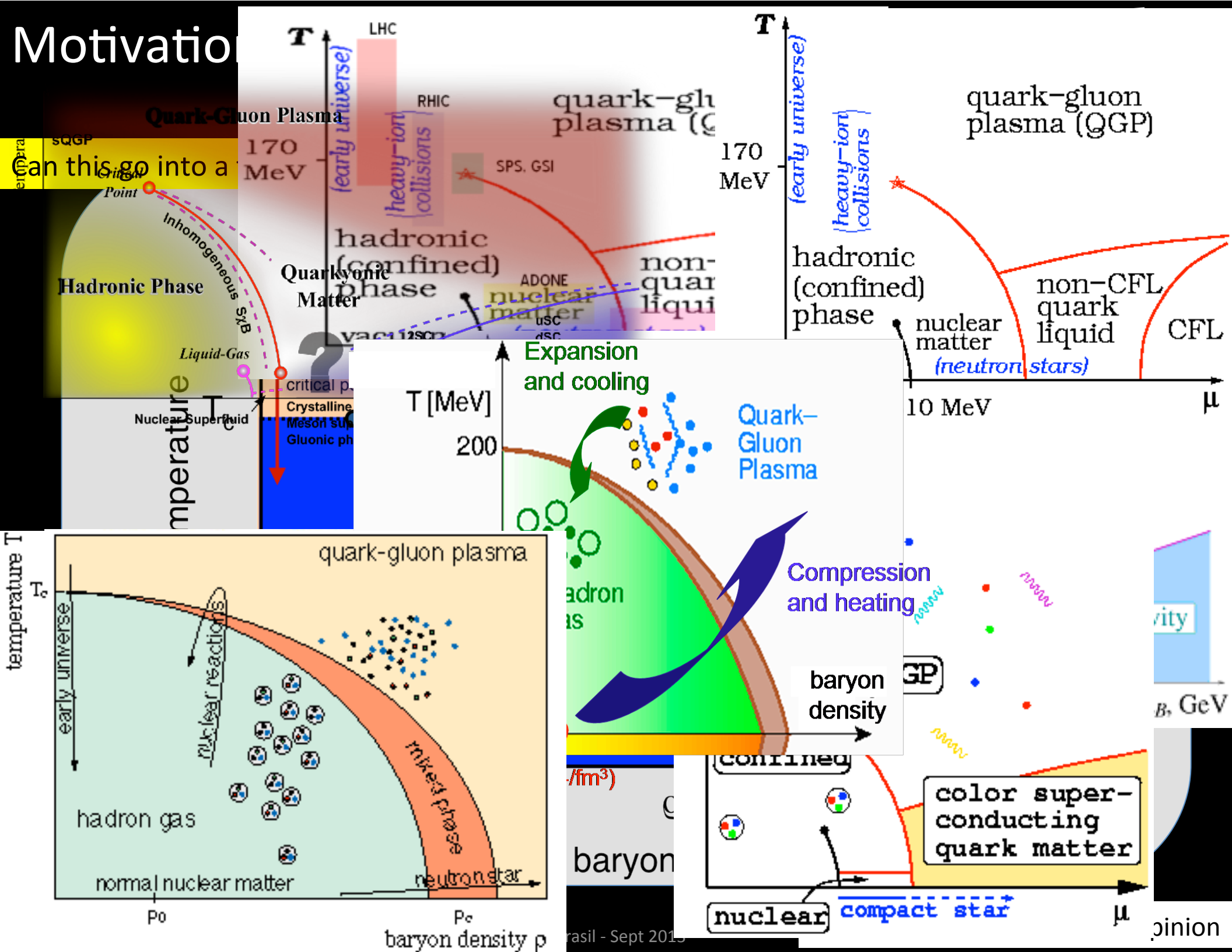


nuclei ( $n_B = 0.14/\text{fm}^3$ )  
baryon



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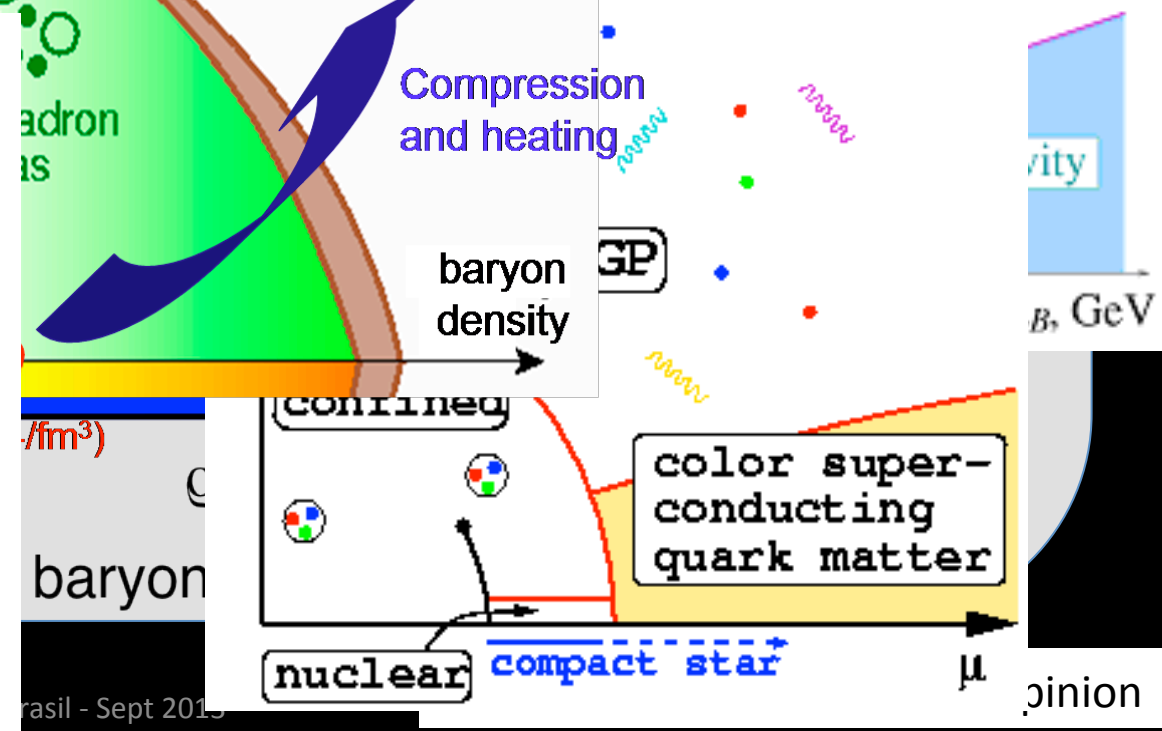
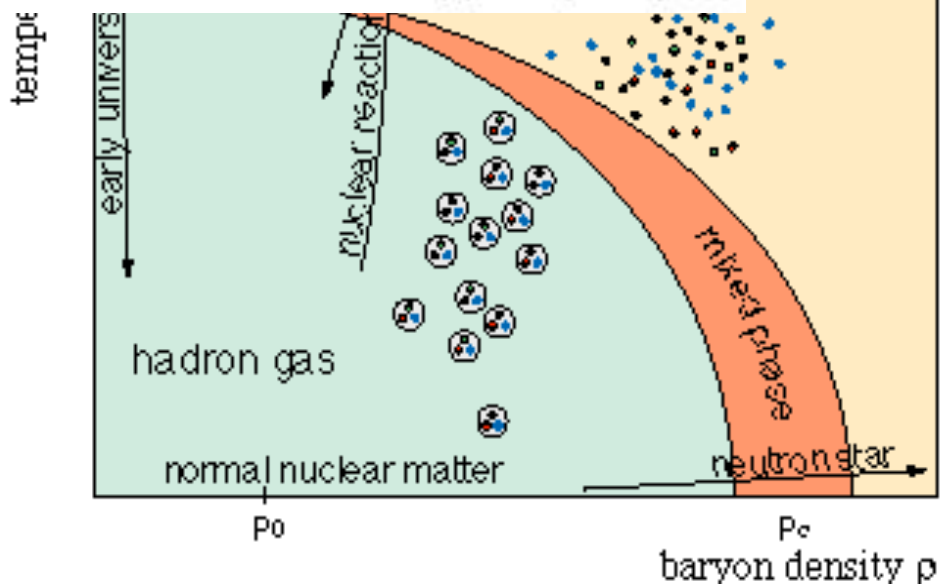
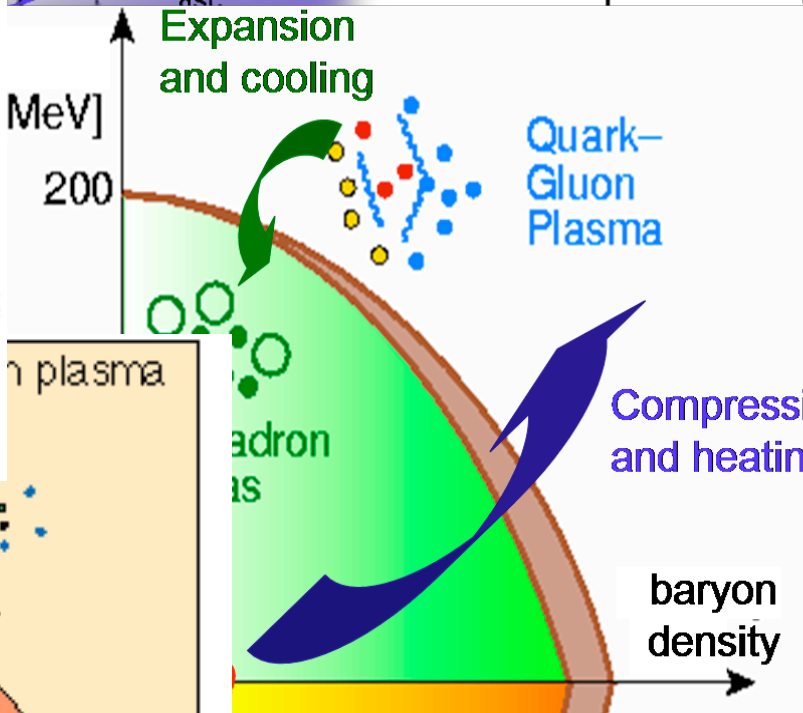
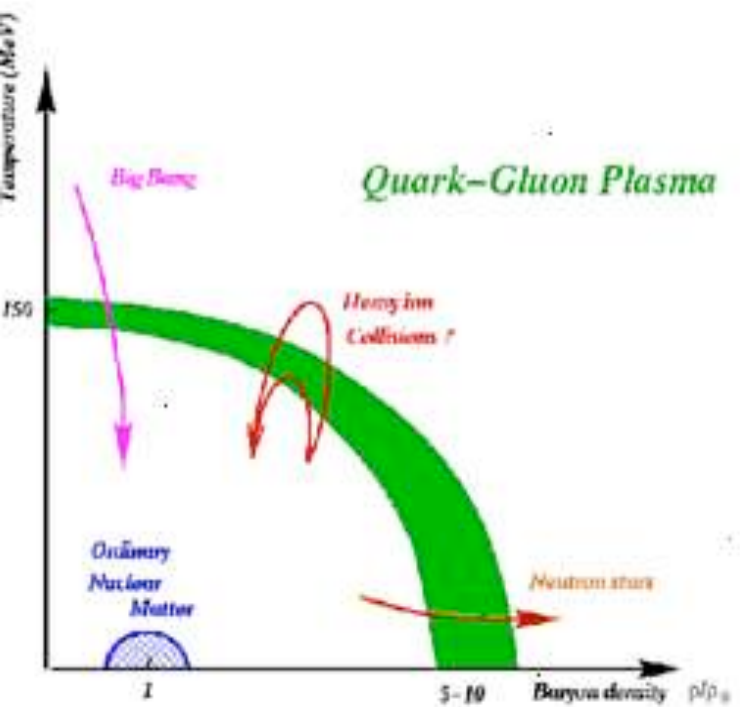
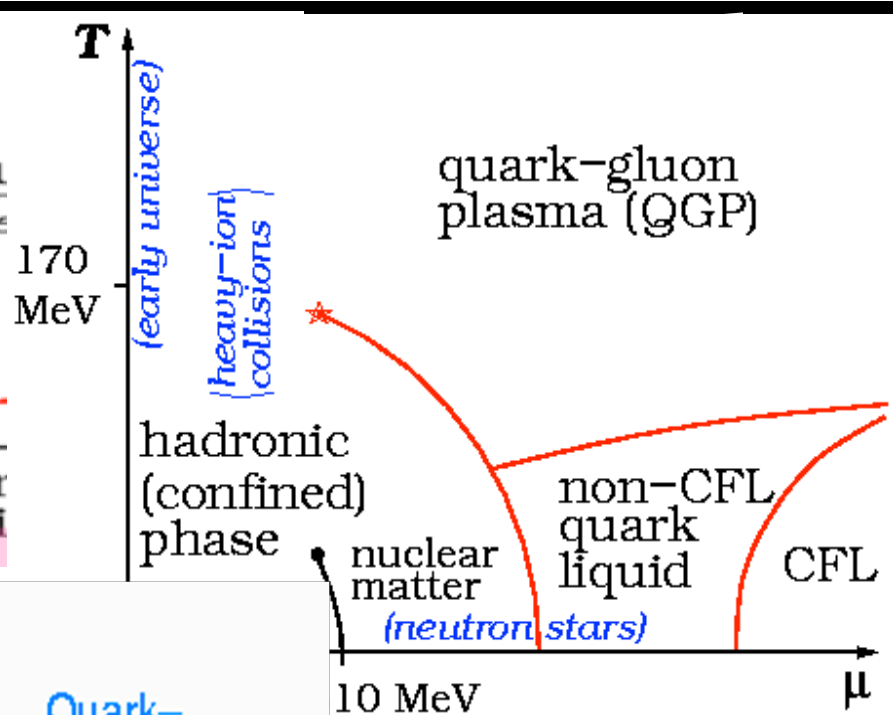
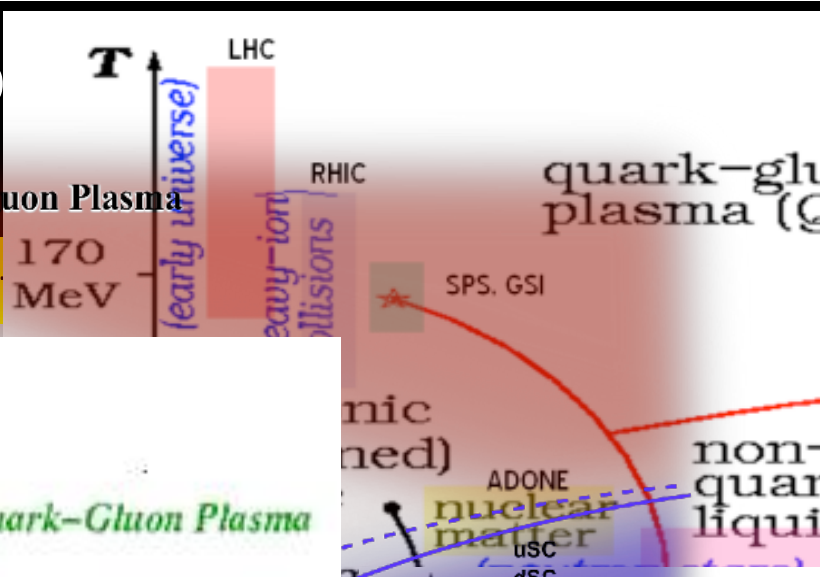
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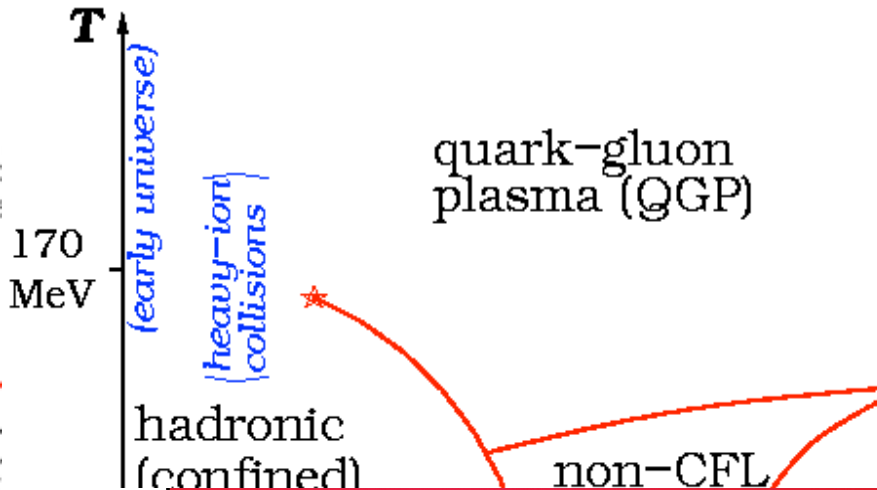
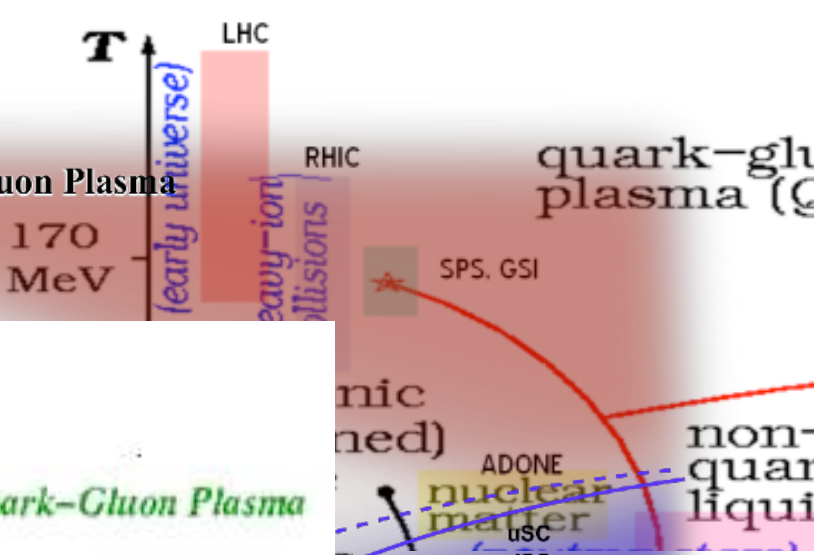
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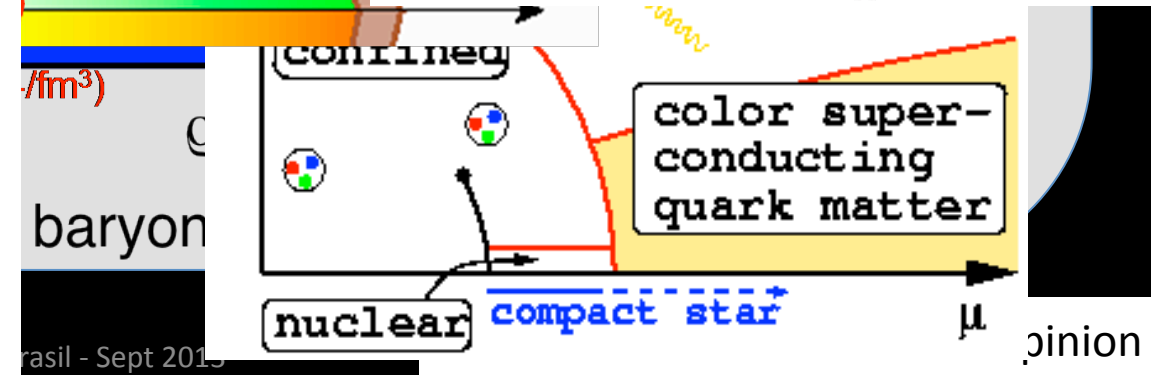
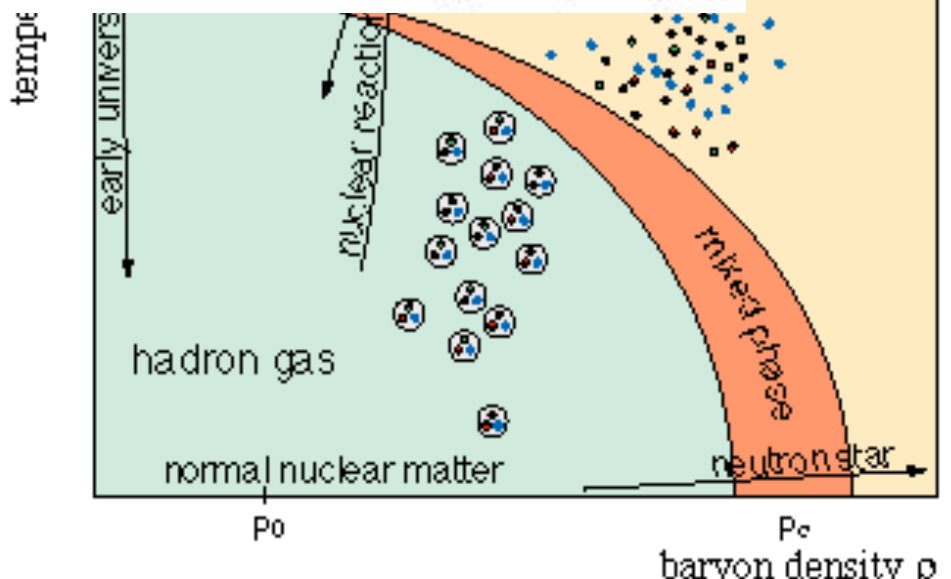
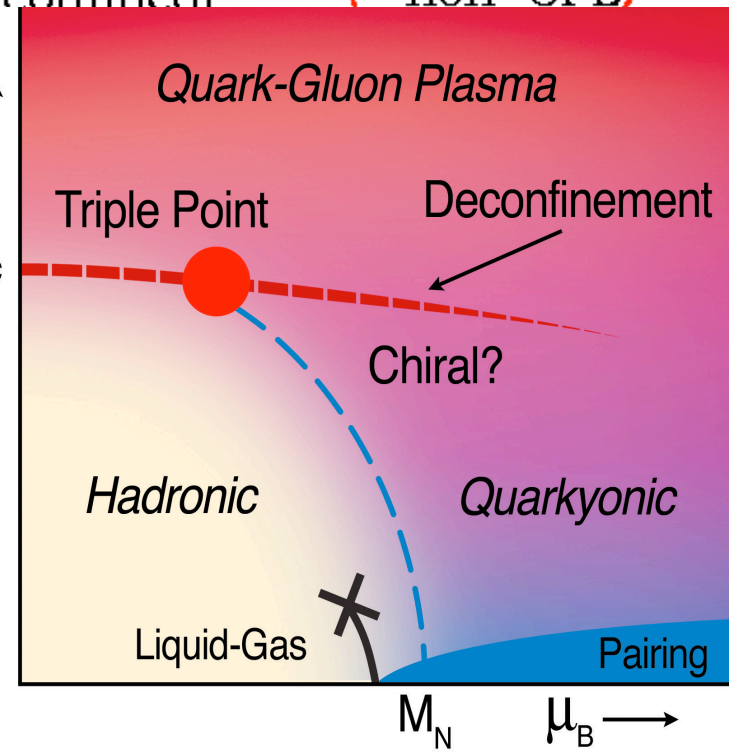
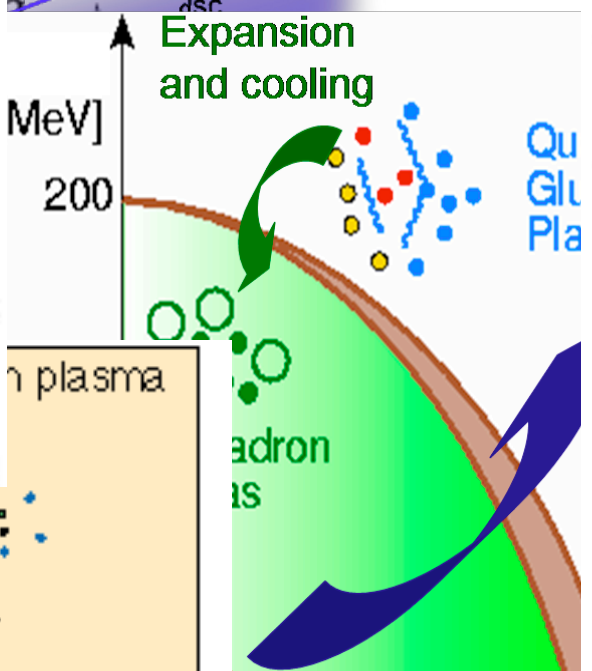
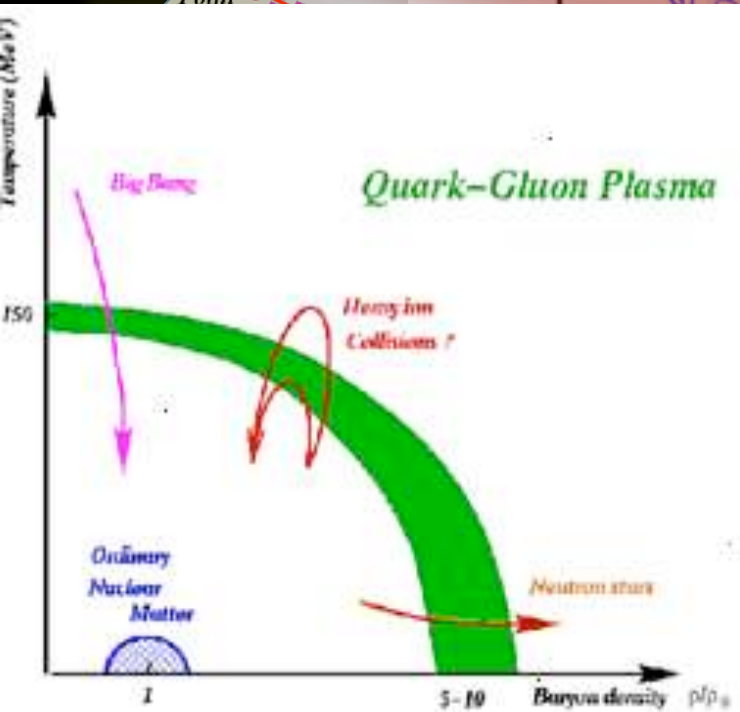


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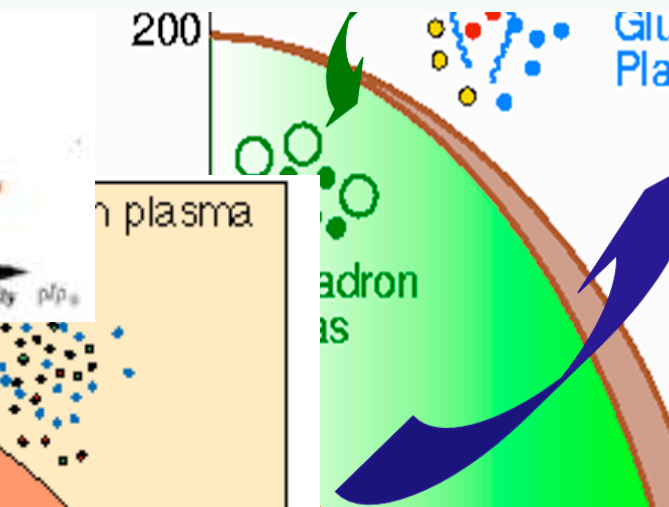
Quark-Gluon Plasma

170 MeV

(early universe)

Temperature T (MeV)

Density Measure  $\mu_B$  (GeV)



(heavy-ion collisions)

quark-gluon plasma (QGP)

deconfined

non-CFL

Quark-Gluon Plasma

Triple Point

Deconfinement

Chiral?

Hadronic

Quarkyonic

Liquid-Gas

Pairing

$M_N$

$\mu_B$

(/fm<sup>3</sup>)

baryon

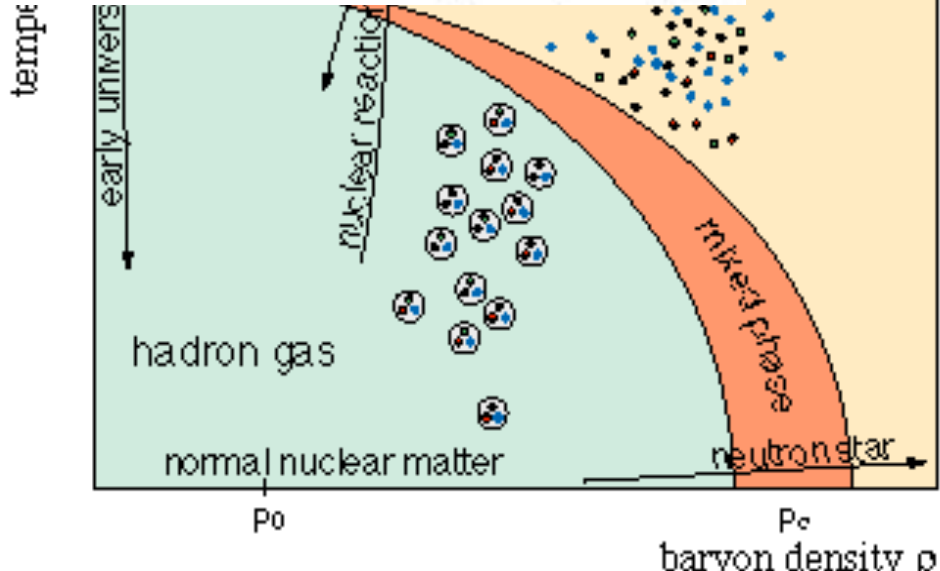
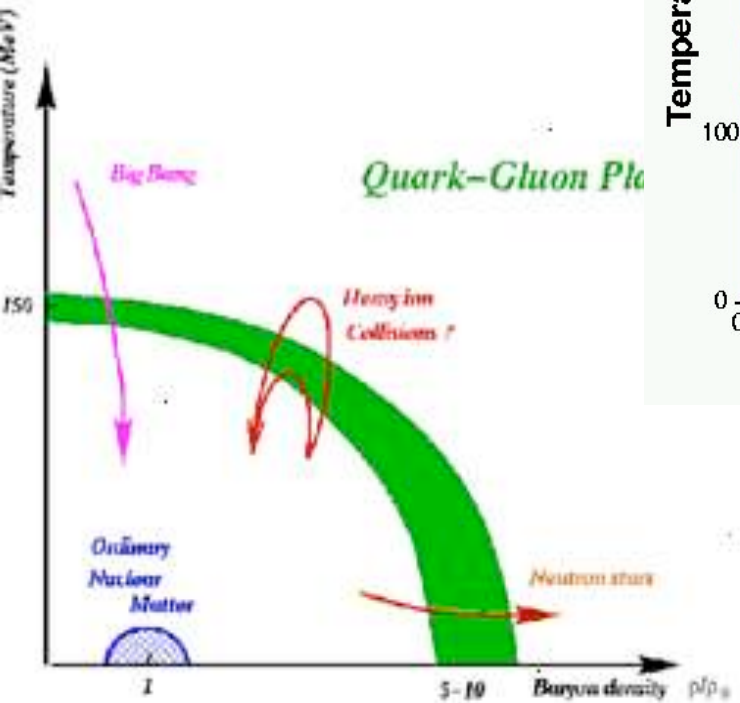
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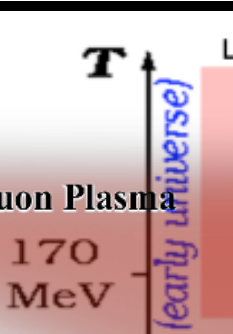
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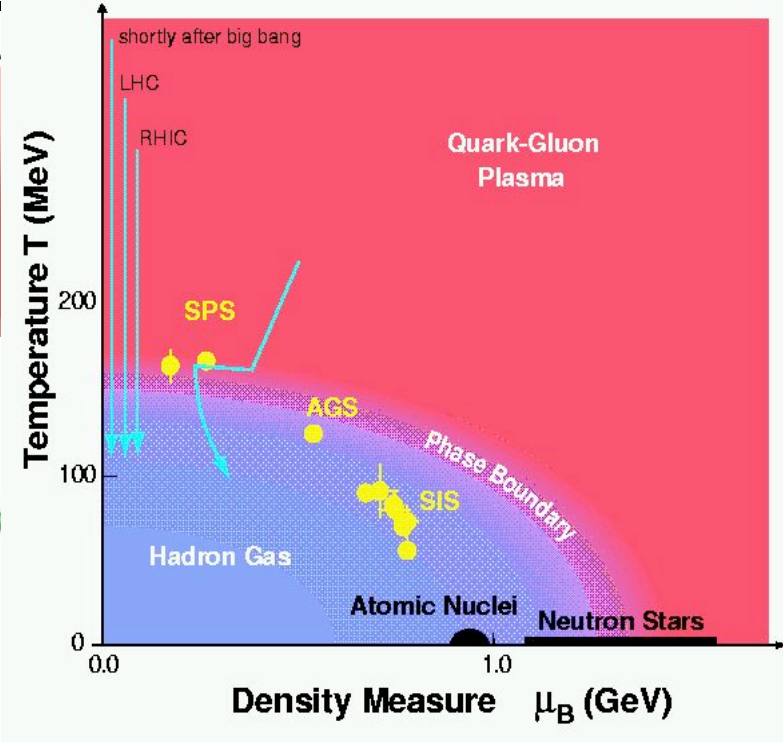
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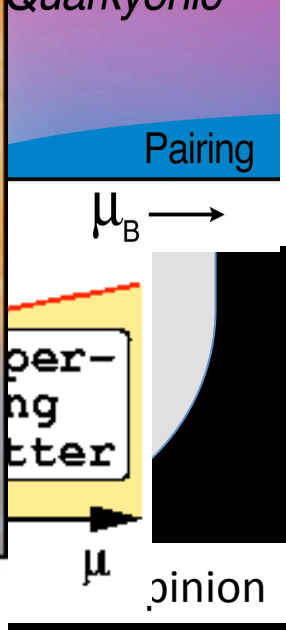
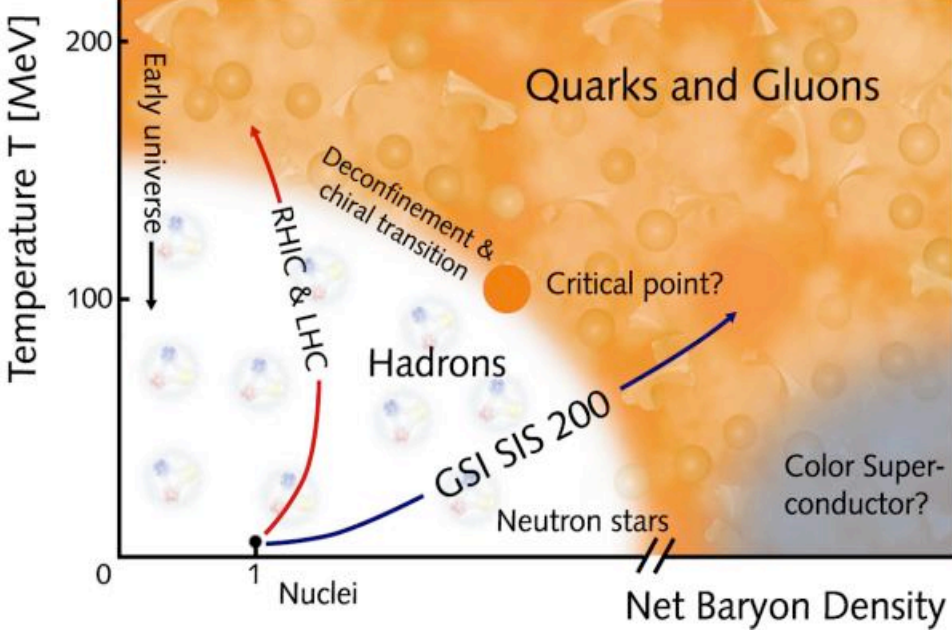
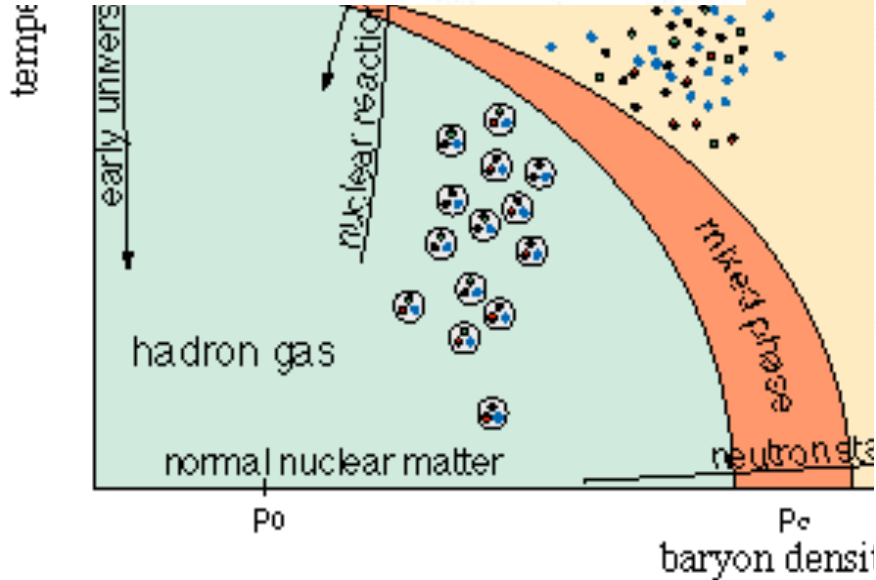
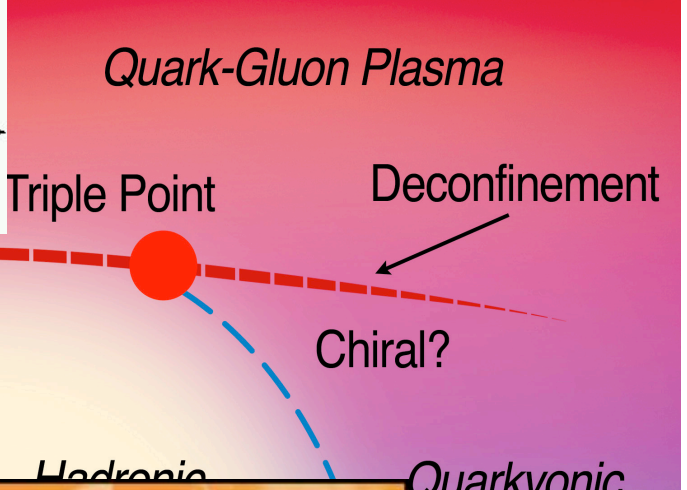
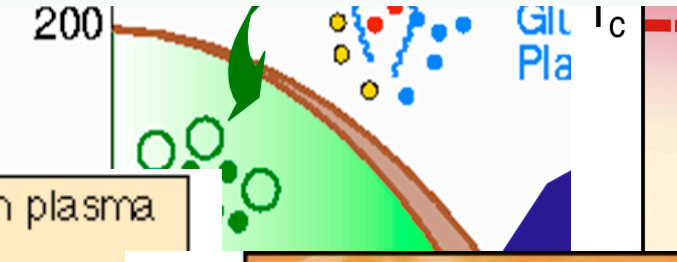
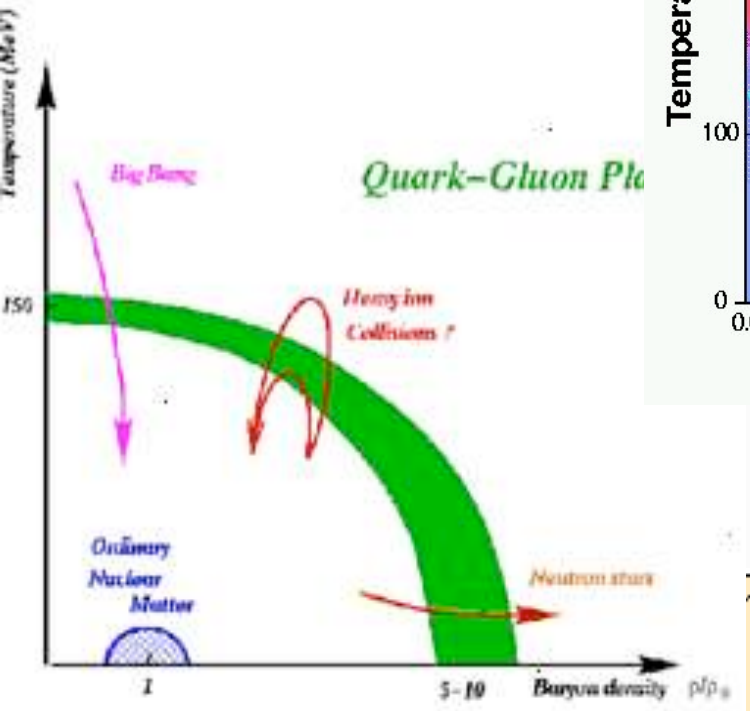


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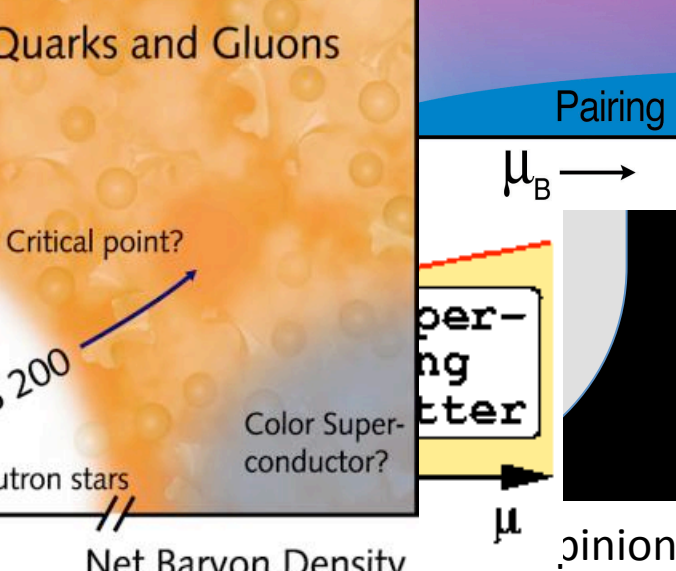
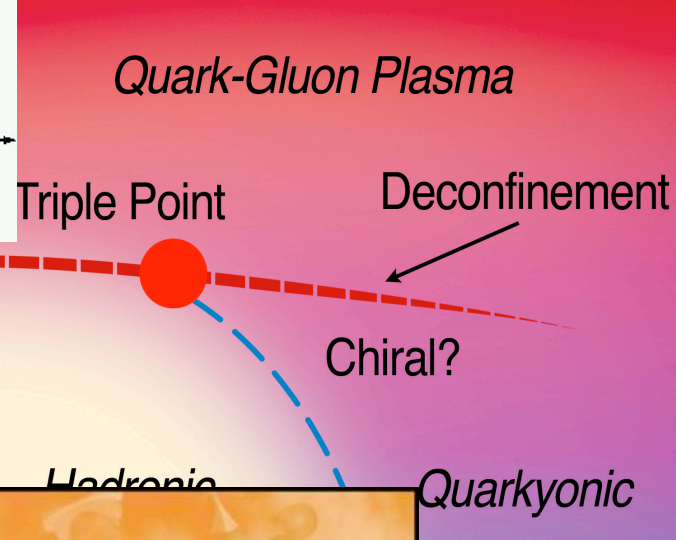
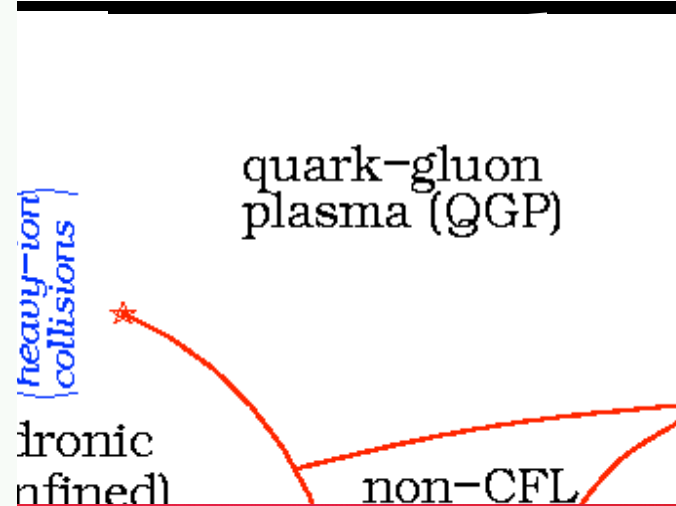
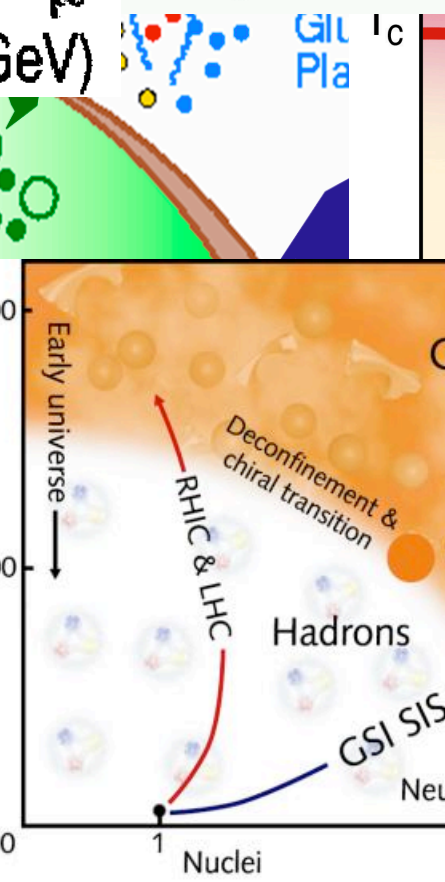
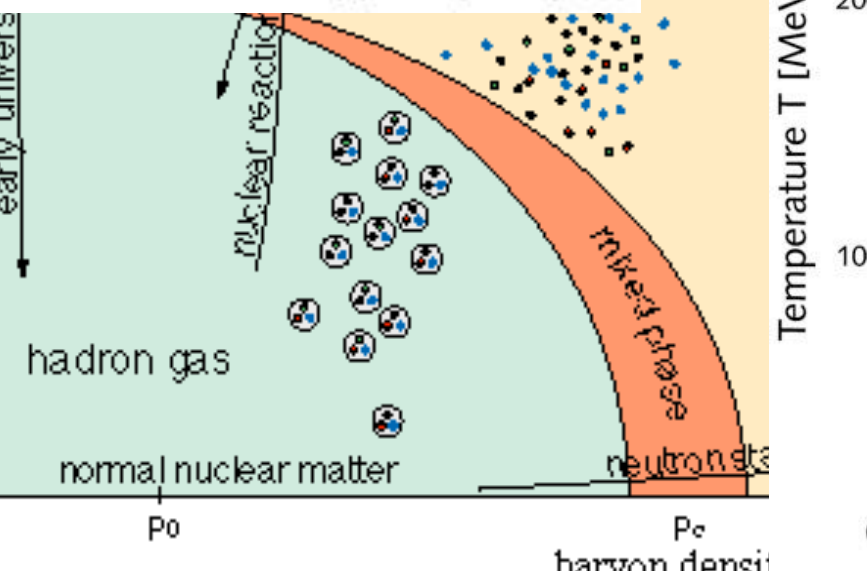
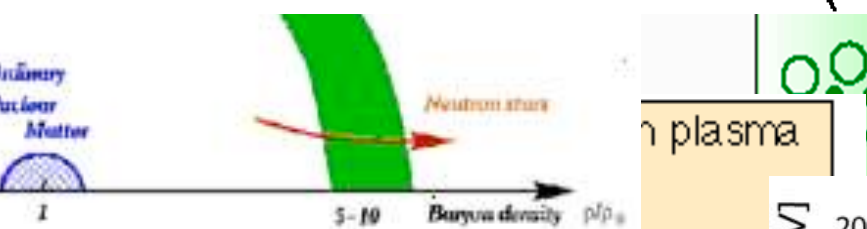
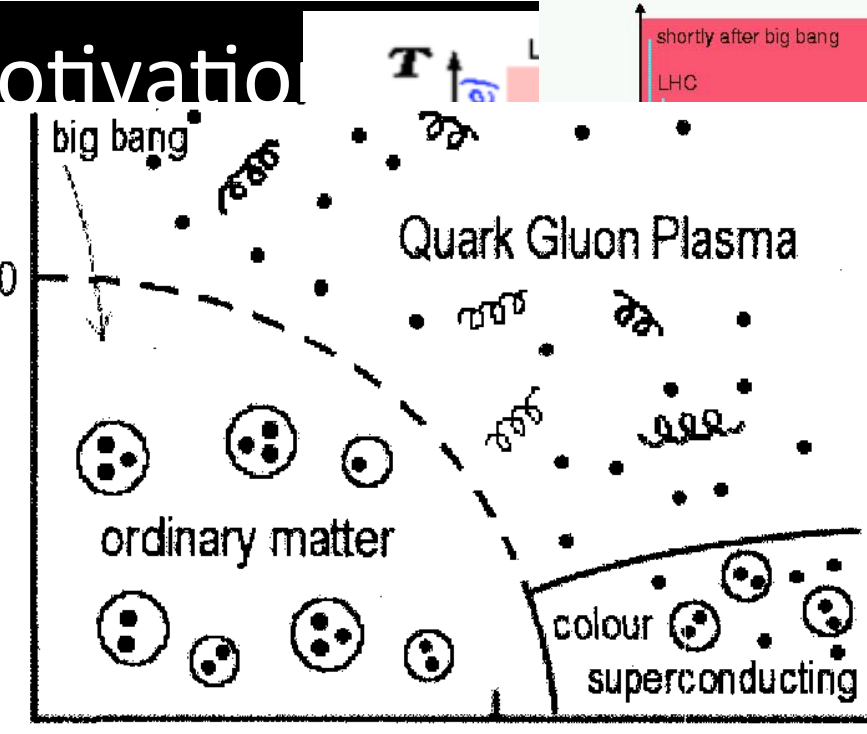
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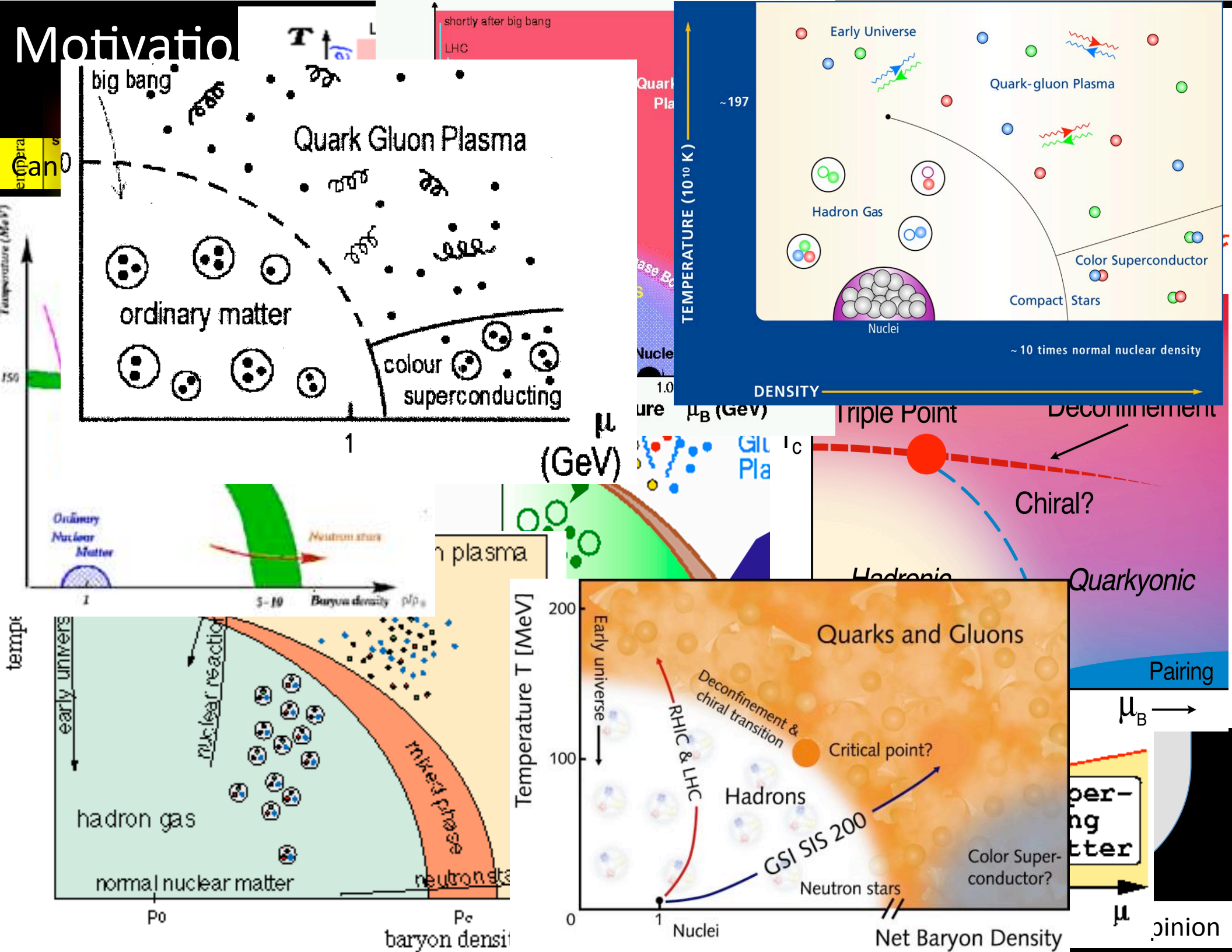
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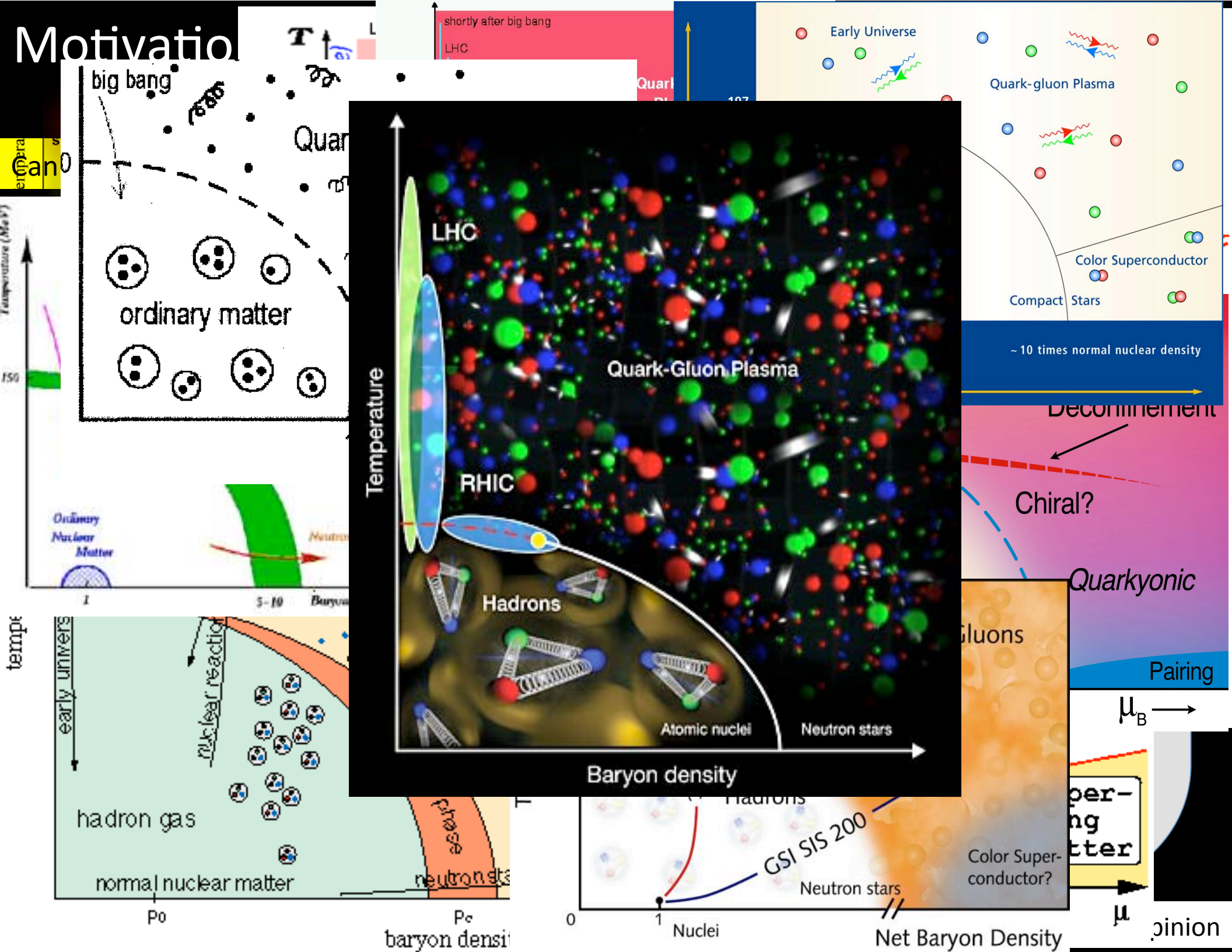


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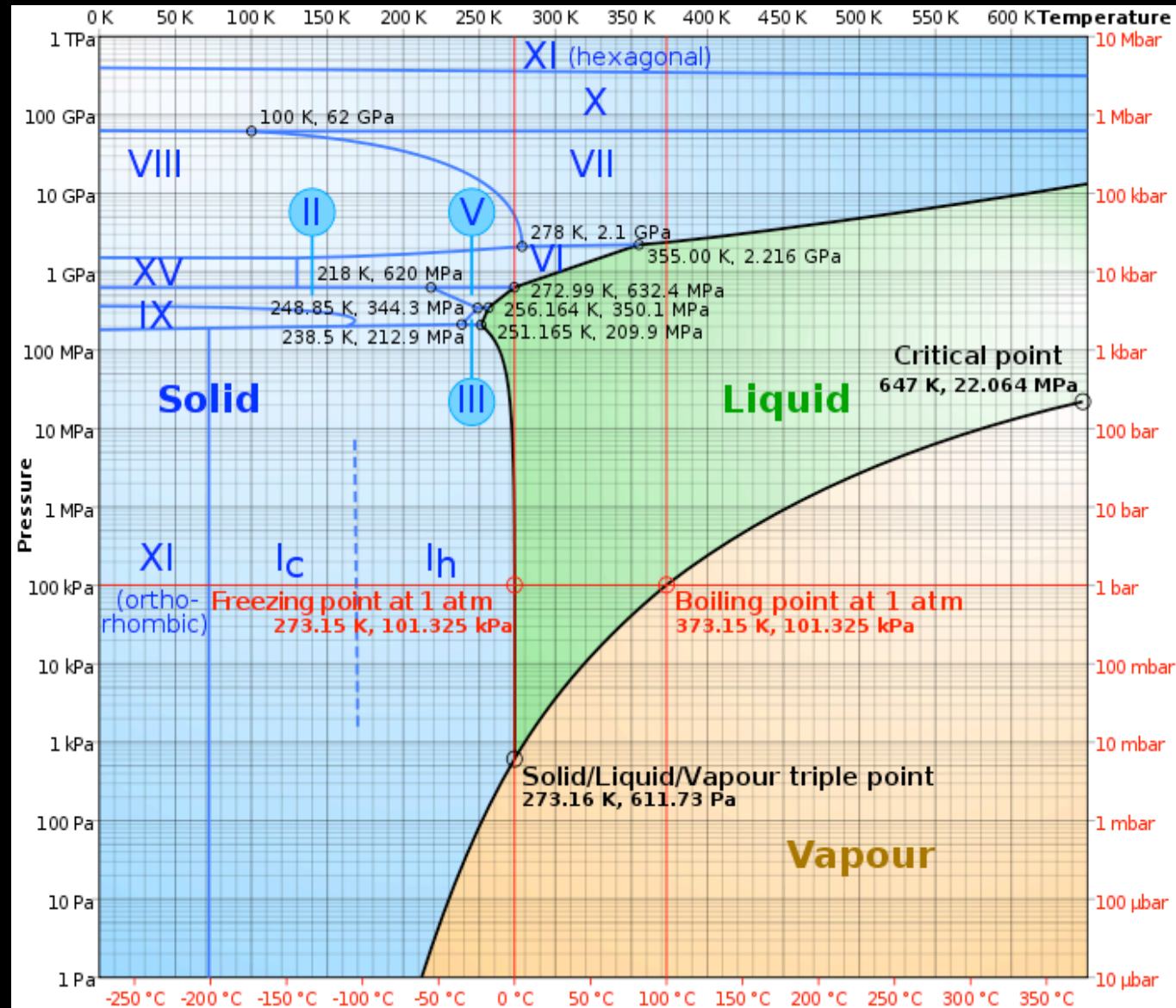




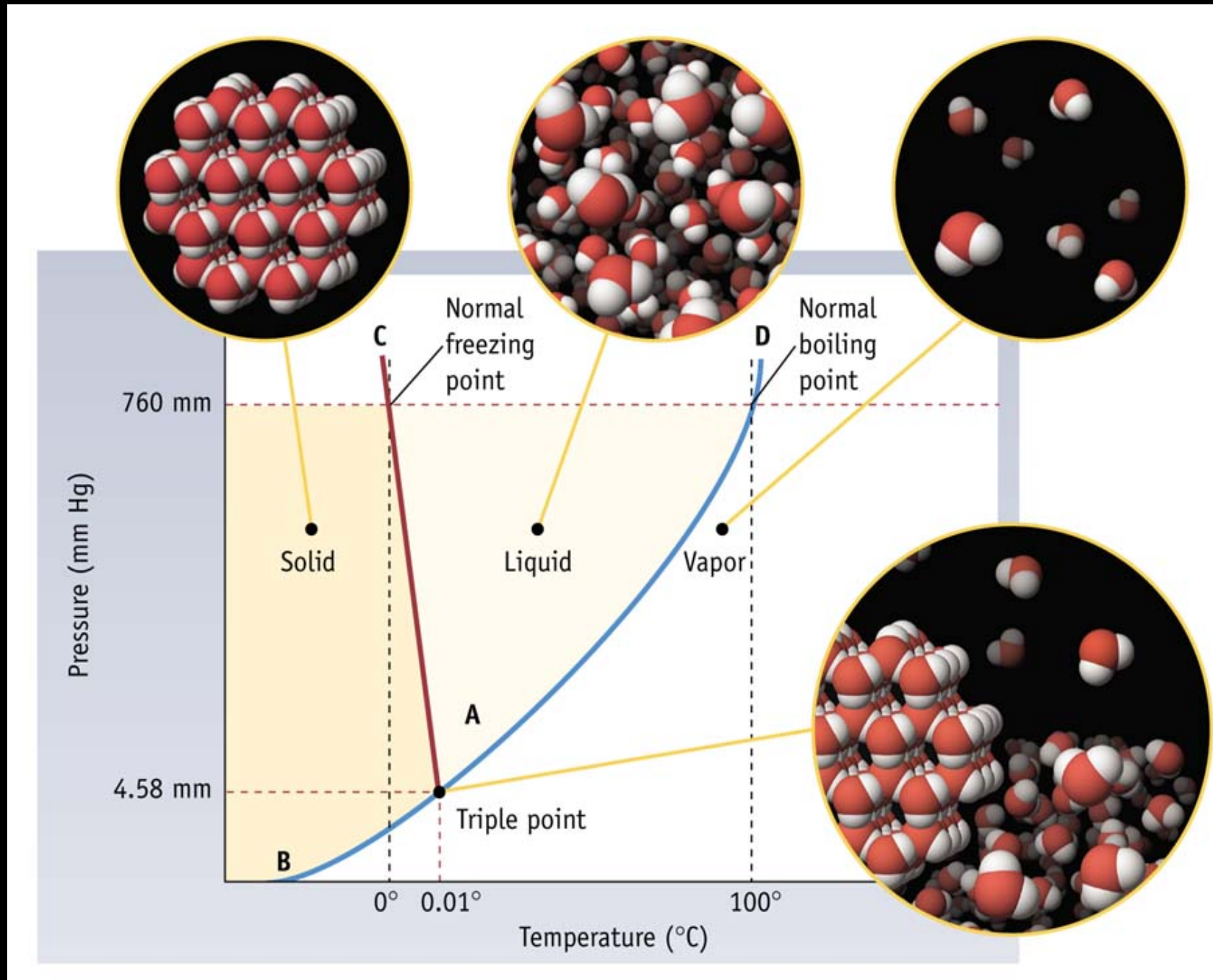
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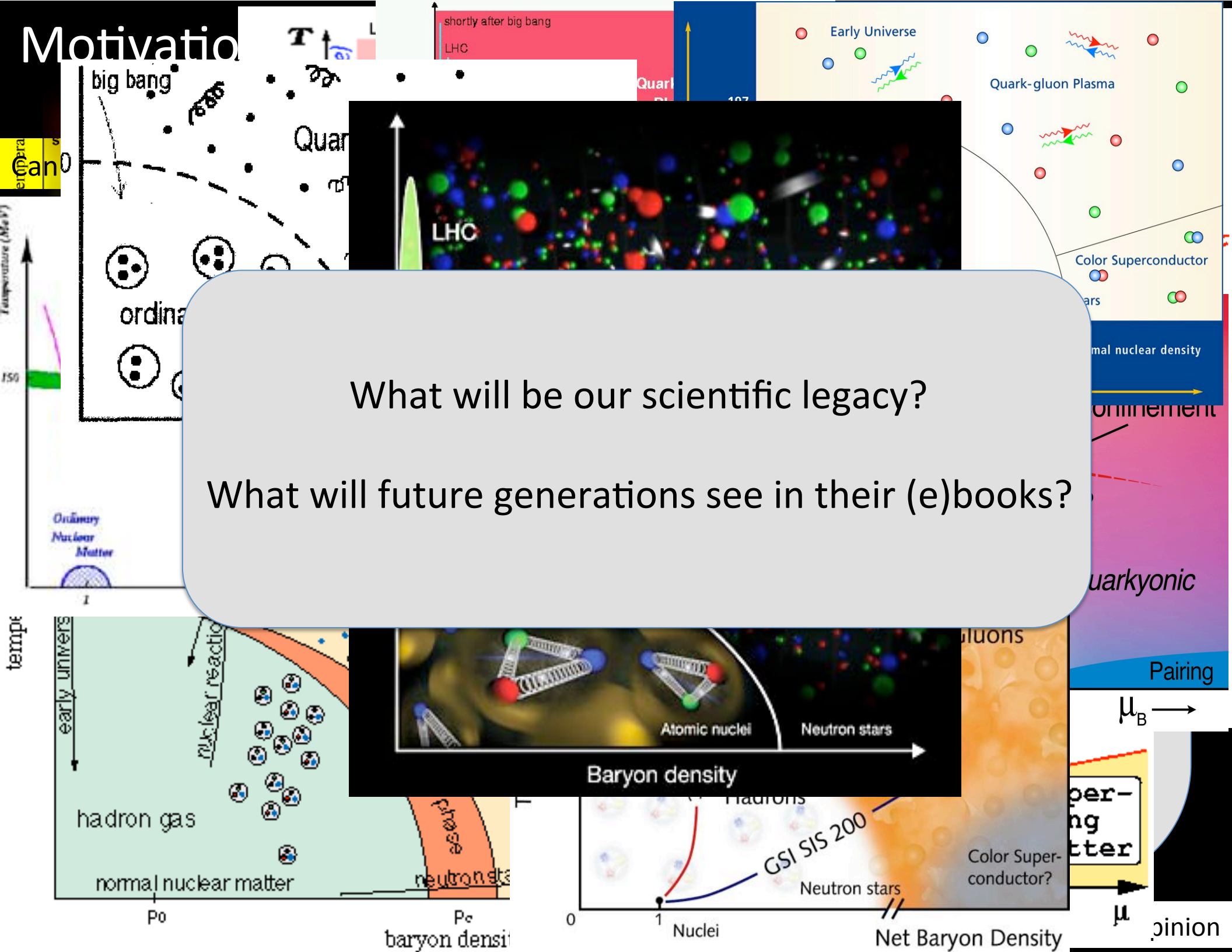
# or can we reach something like this?



# Okay, then how about something like this?



# Motivation



# Because this doesn't cut it...

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## Onset of deconfinement

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The **onset of deconfinement** refers to the beginning of the creation of **deconfined states** of **strongly interacting matter** produced in **nucleus-nucleus** collisions with increasing collision energy (a **quark-gluon plasma**).

The onset of **deconfinement** was predicted by **Marek Gazdzicki** and **Mark I. Gorenstein** to be located in the low energy range of the **Super Proton Synchrotron** (SPS) at the **European Organization for Nuclear Research** (CERN).<sup>[1]</sup> These predictions have been confirmed by the **NA49** experiment at the CERN SPS within the energy scan programme.<sup>[2]</sup> The most famous of these is the "horn" (dubbed the "**strange matter-horn**") in the ratio of mean multiplicities of positively charged **kaons** and **pions** observed in collisions of two **lead nuclei** at the low energies of the SPS. The horn is not seen in **proton-proton** interactions.

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### External links

- Description of the NA49 experiment

The "strange matter-horn". The ratio of mean multiplicities of positively charged **kaons** and **pions** as a function of collision energy in collisions of two **lead nuclei** and **proton-proton** interactions.



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