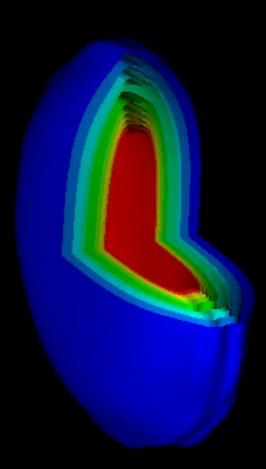
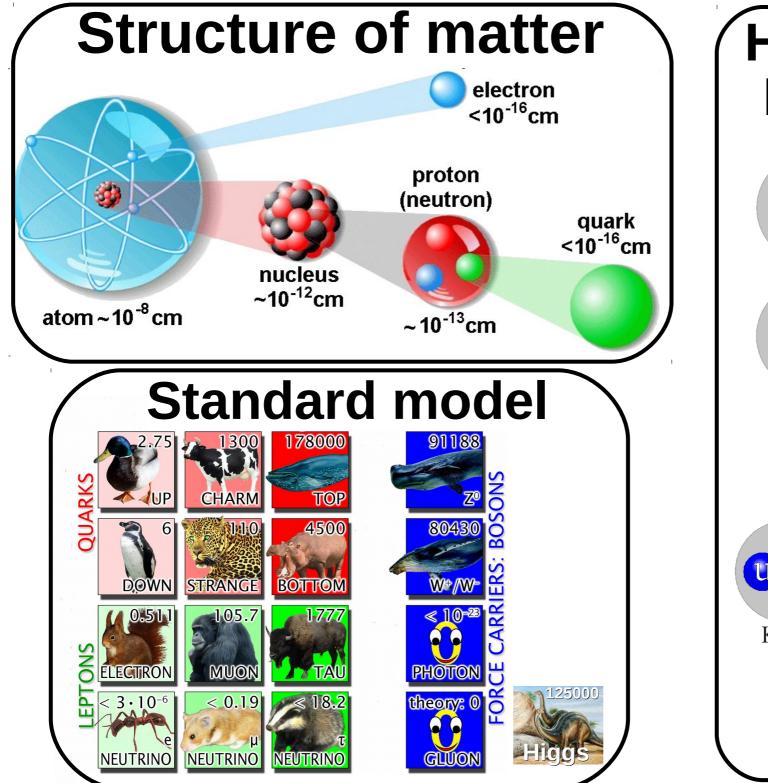


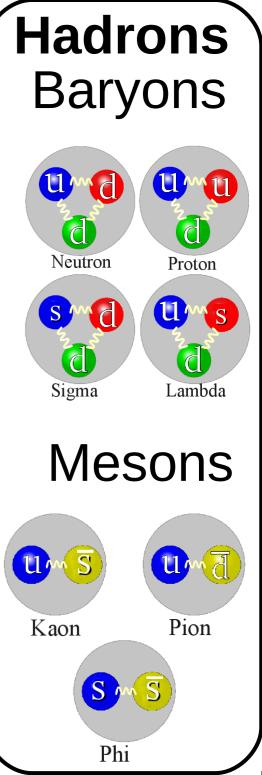
Melting Nuclei



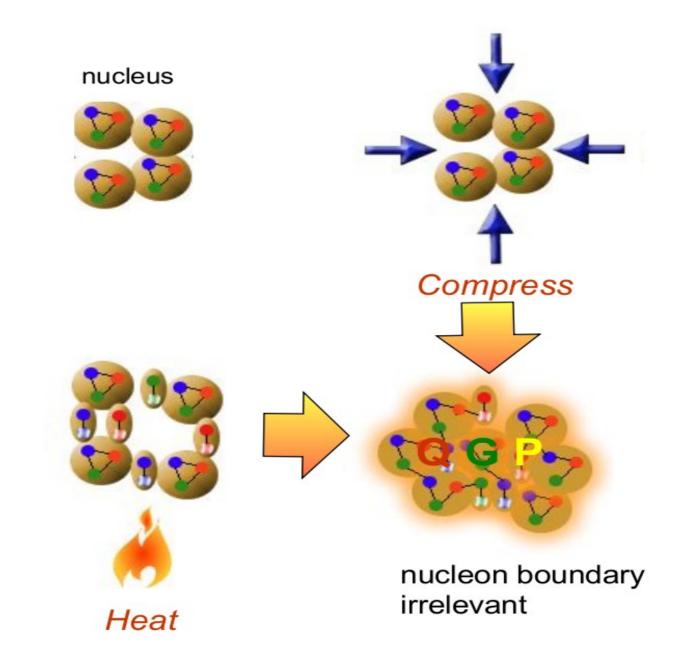
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Calculations done on the Titan supercomputer by the CJet collaboration https://sites.google.com/site/cjetsite/

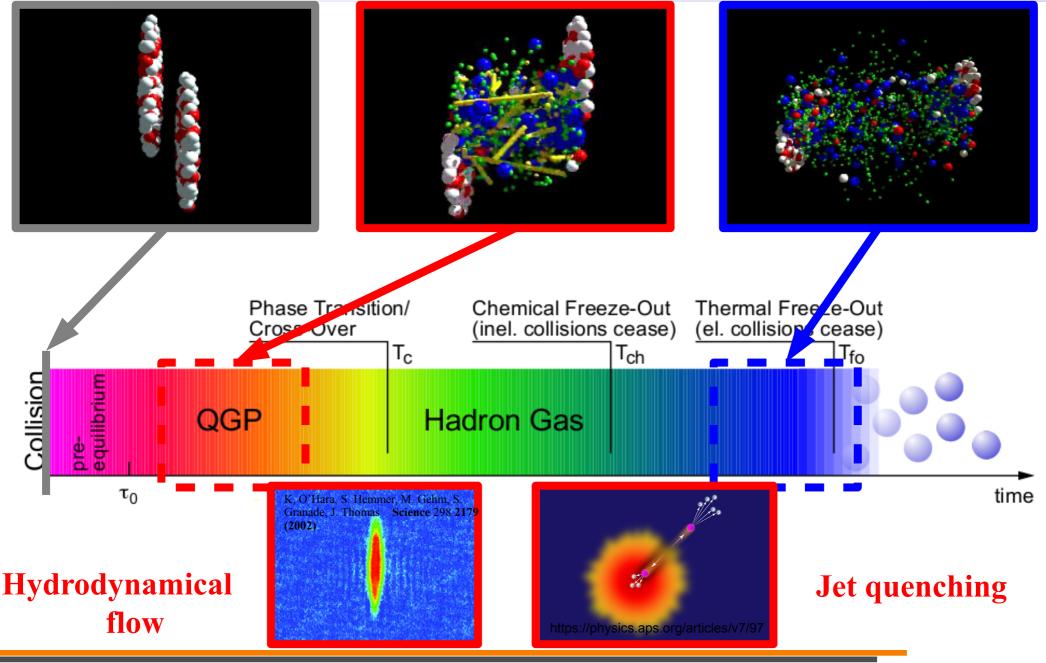




How to make a Quark Gluon Plasma

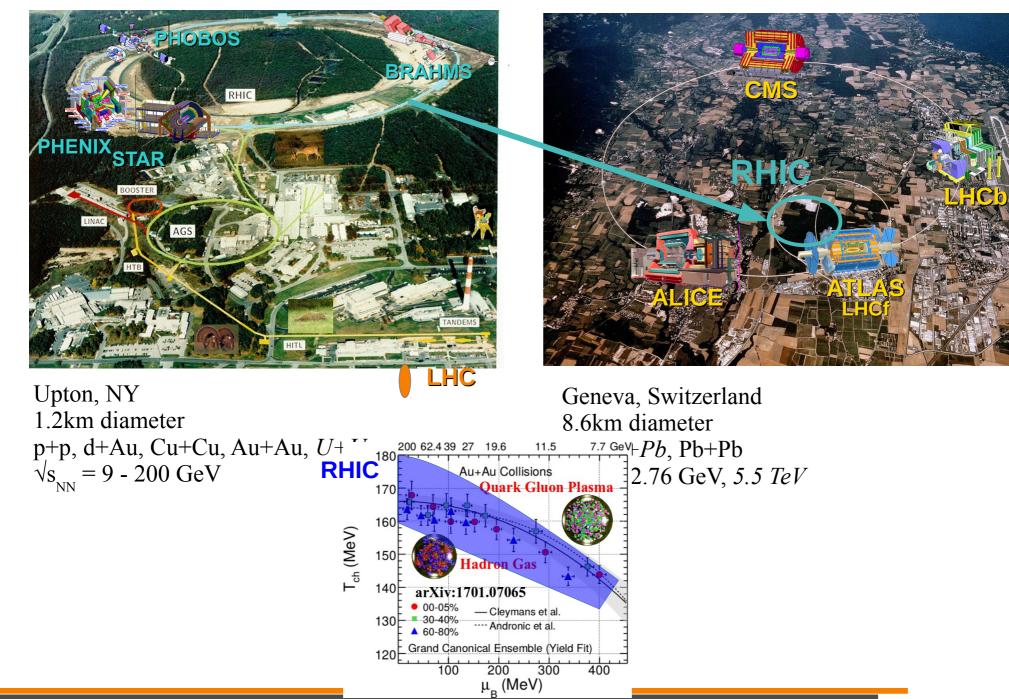


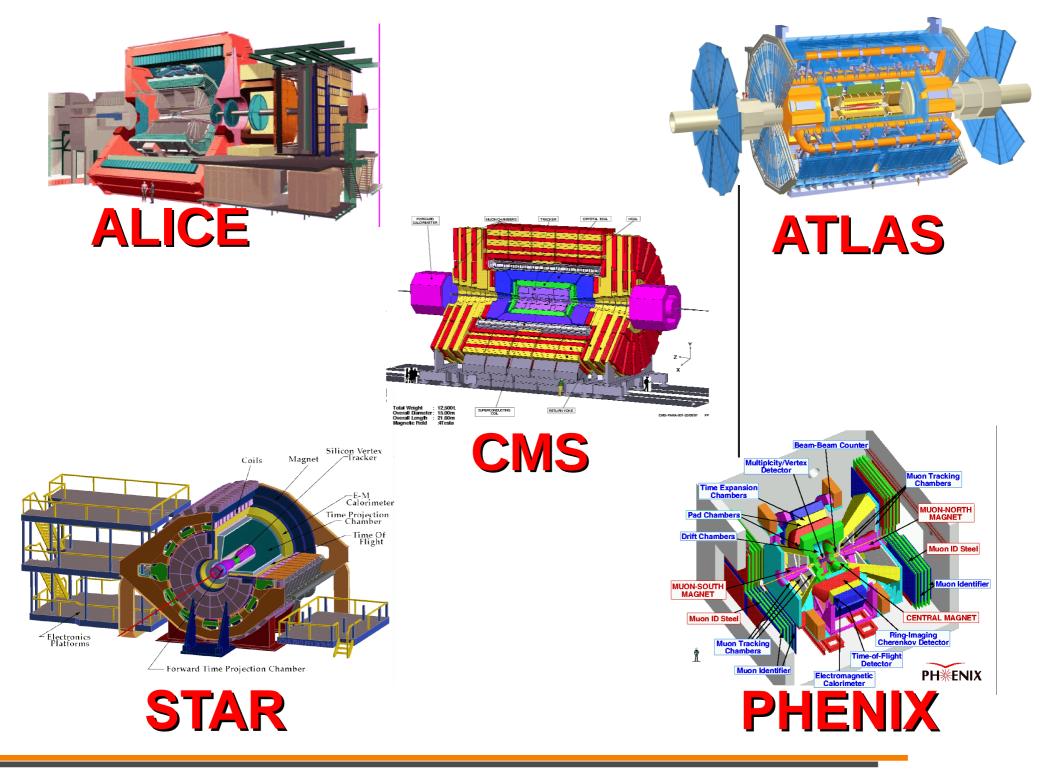
The phase transition in the laboratory Initial State **QGP**

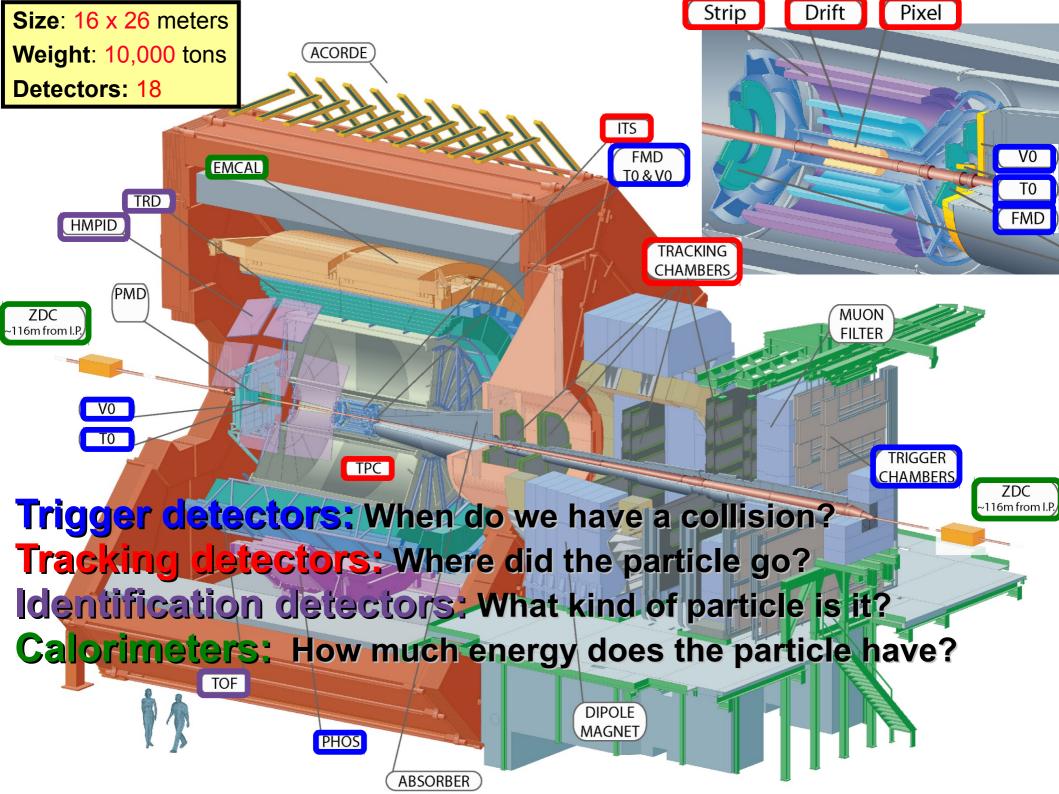


Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider

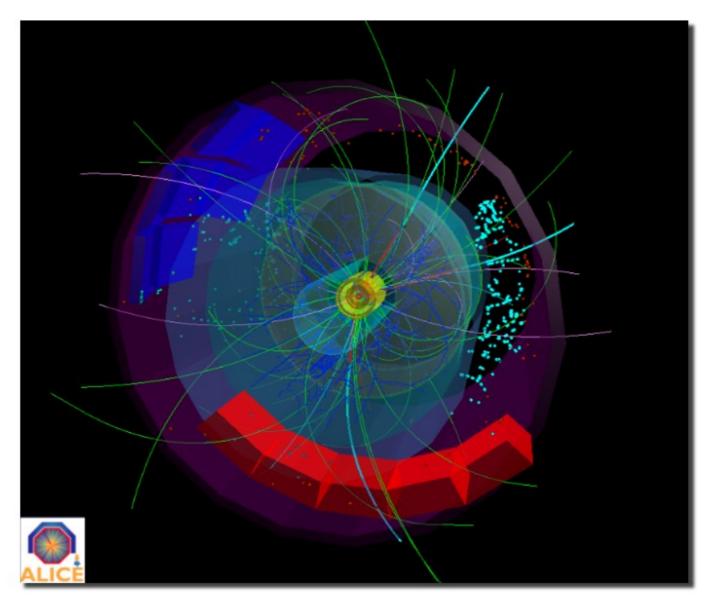
Large Hadron Collider





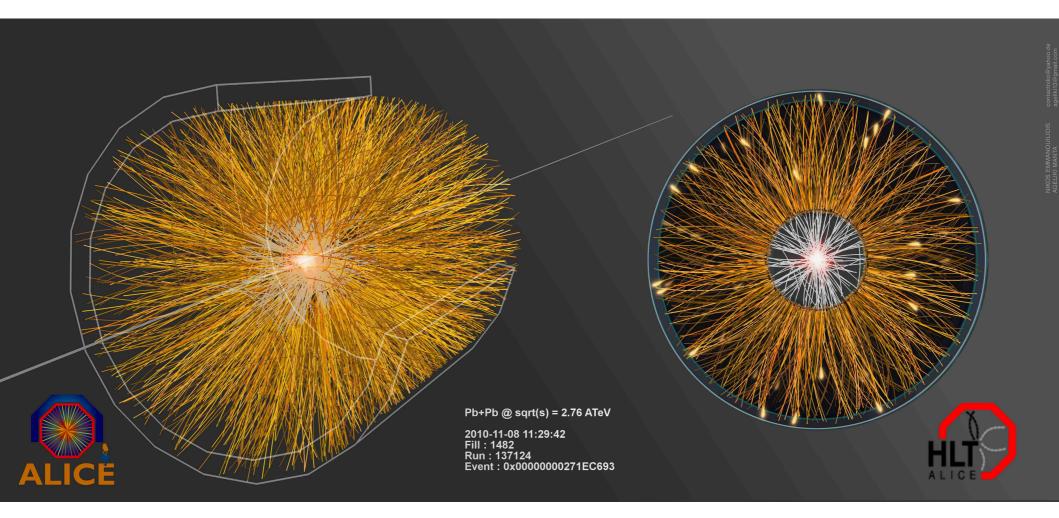


p+p collisions



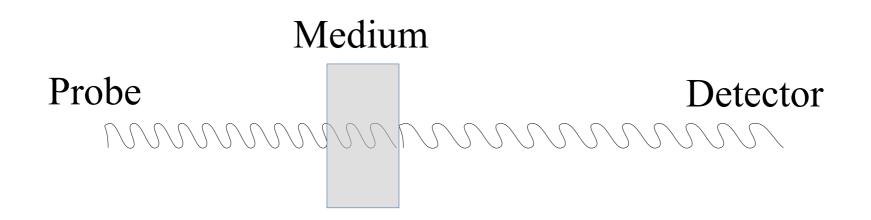
3D image of each collision

Pb+Pb collisions



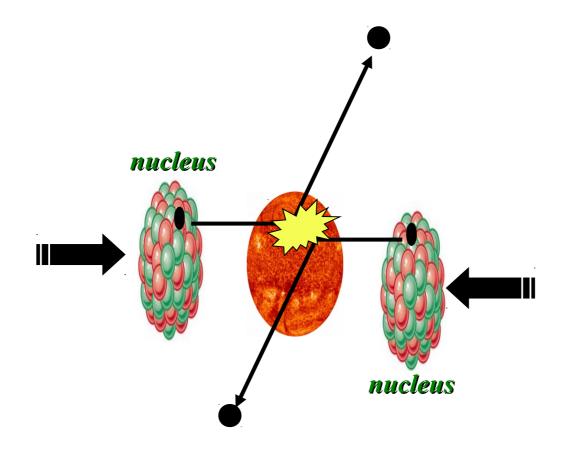


Probing the Quark Gluon Plasma



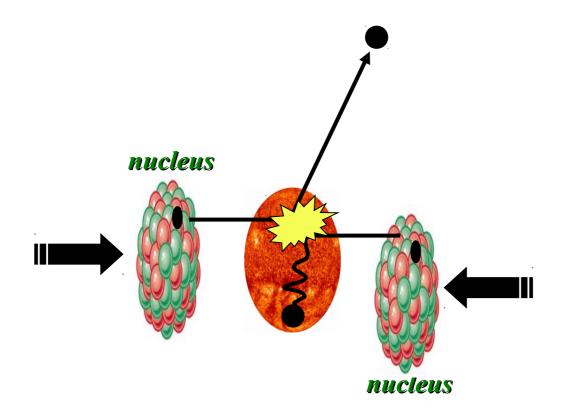
Want a probe which traveled through the collision QGP is very short-lived (~1-10 fm/c) \rightarrow cannot use an external probe

Probes of the Quark Gluon Plasma



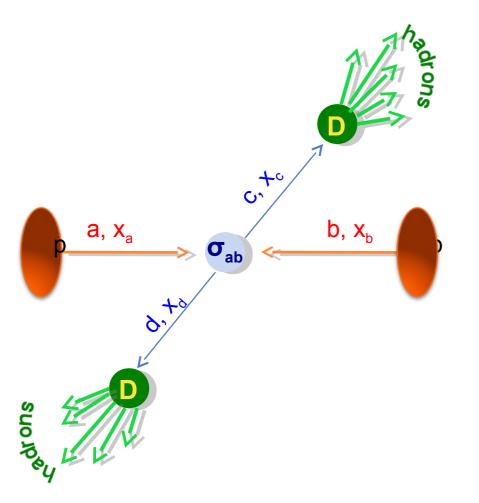
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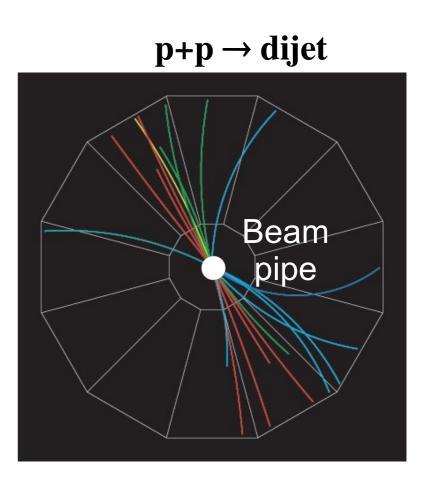
Probes of the Quark Gluon Plasma



Want a probe which traveled through the medium QGP is short lived \rightarrow need a probe created in the collision We expect the medium to be dense \rightarrow absorb/modify probe

Jets

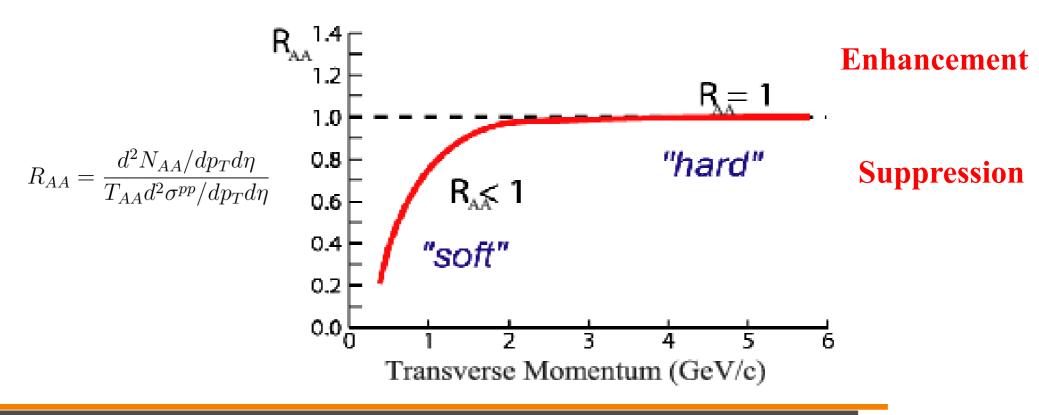




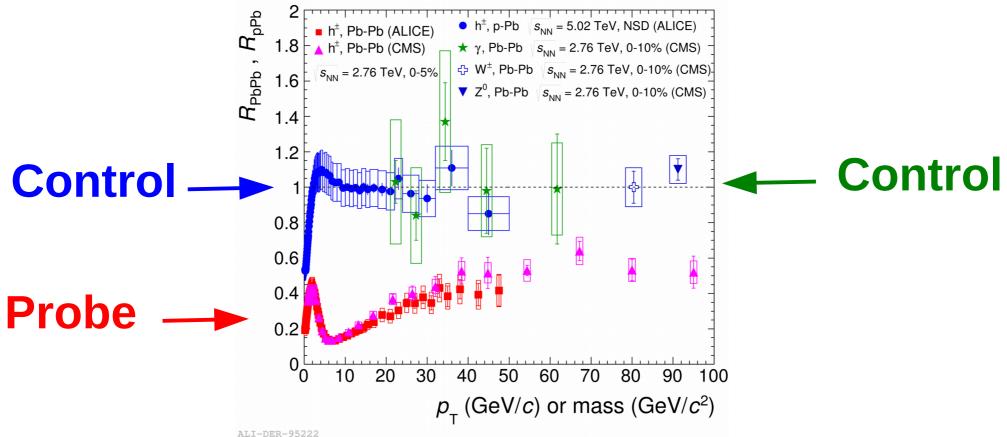
Jets – hard parton scattering leads to back-to-back quarks or gluons, which then fragment as a columnated spray of particles

Nuclear modification factor

- Measure spectra of probe (jets) and compare to those in p+p collisions or peripheral A+A collisions
- If high-p_T probes (jets) are suppressed, this is evidence of jet quenching

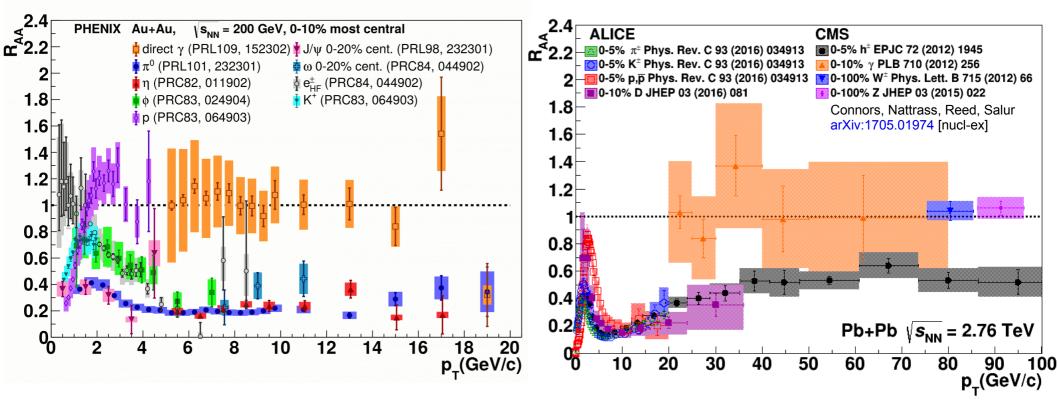


Nuclear modification factor



- Charged hadrons (colored probes) suppressed in Pb—Pb
- Charged hadrons not suppressed in p—Pb at midrapidity
- Electroweak probes not suppressed in Pb—Pb

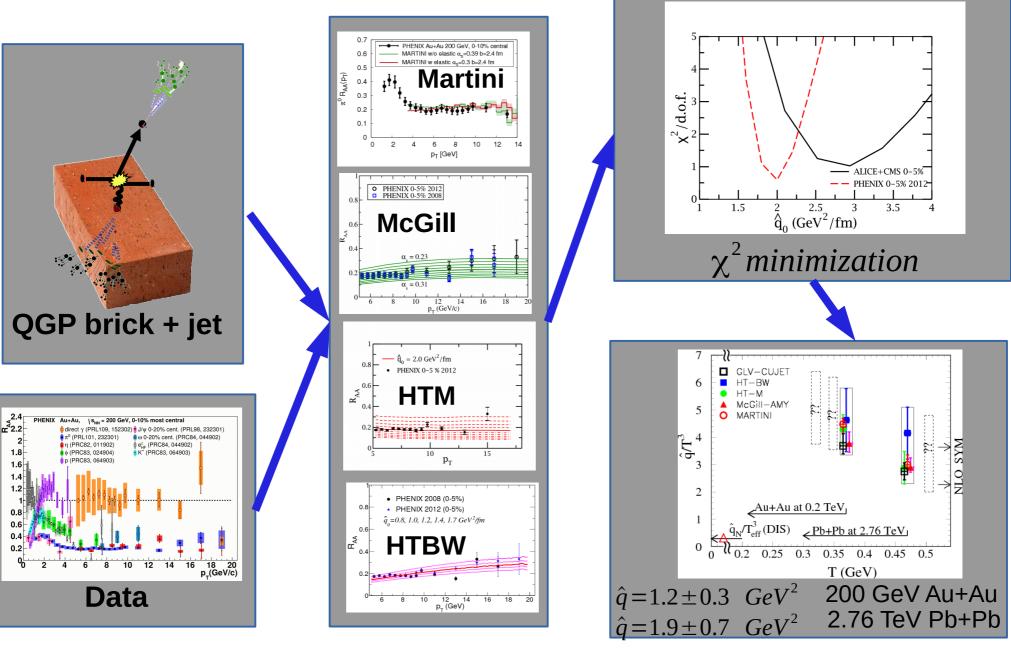
Nuclear modification factor R RHIC LHC^A



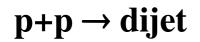
- *Electromagnetic probes* consistent with no modification medium is transparent to them
- Strong probes significant suppression medium is opaque to them - even heavy quarks!

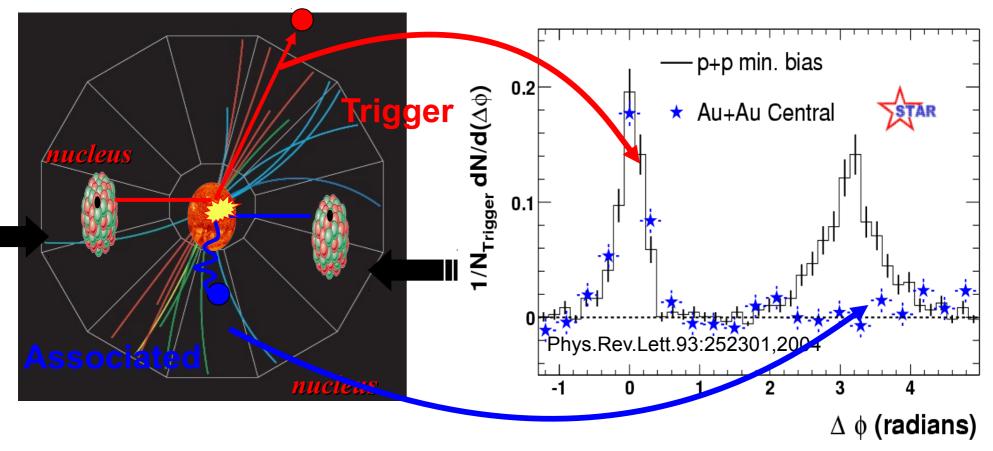
JET collaboration

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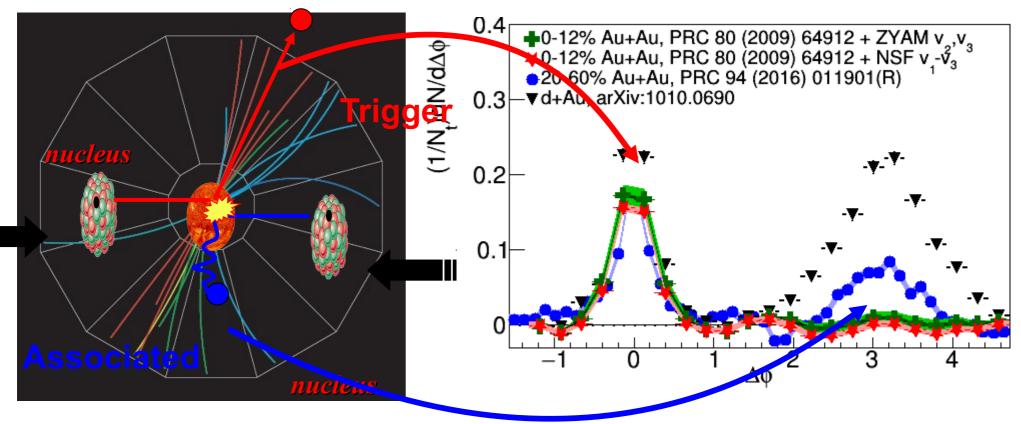
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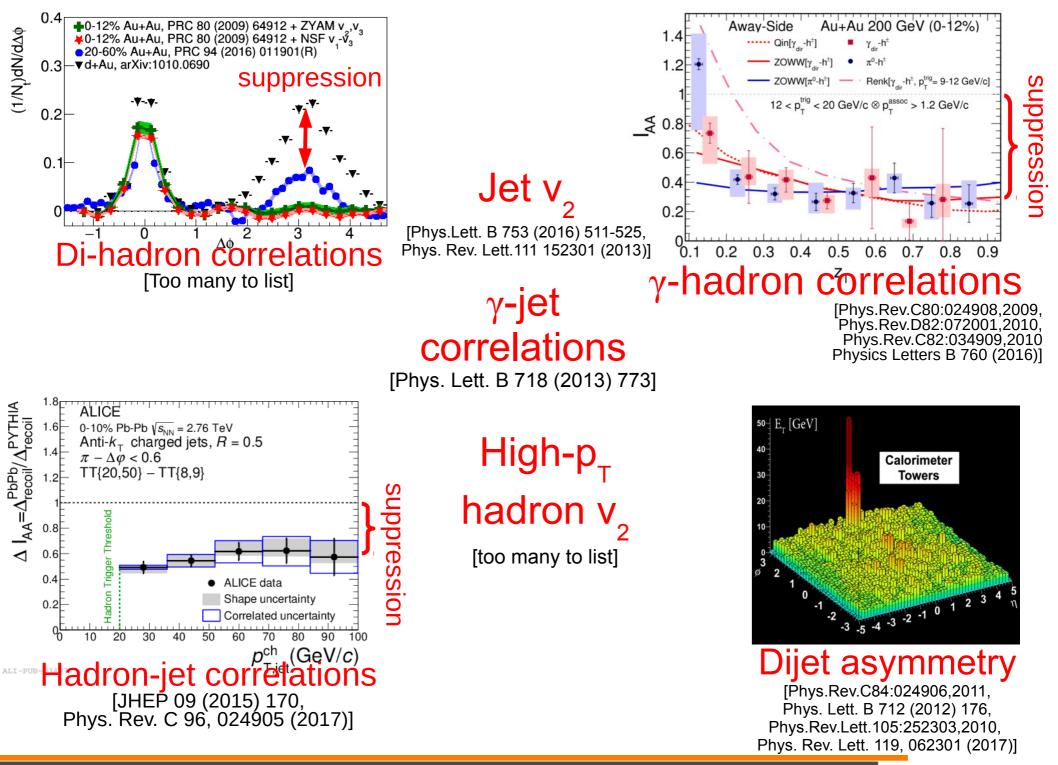


Di-hadron correlations

 $p+p \rightarrow dijet$

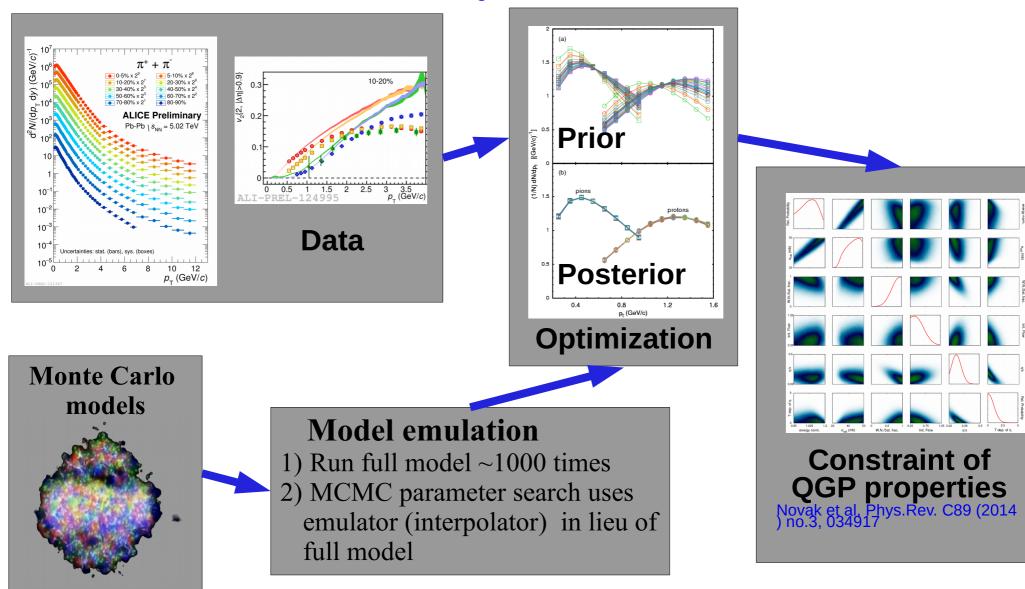


Updated to include latest information about background



Bayesian Statistical Analysis Models and Data Analysis Initiative

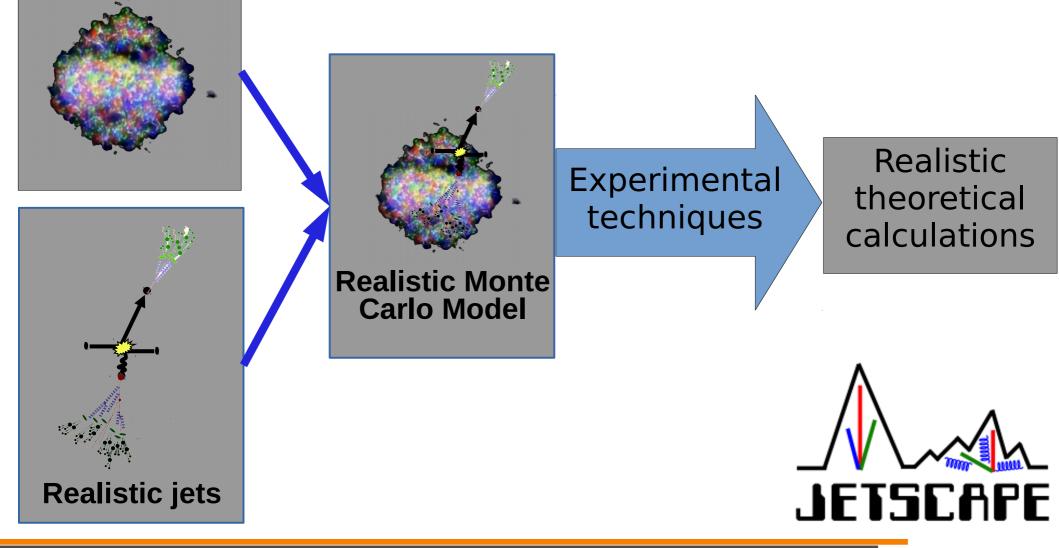
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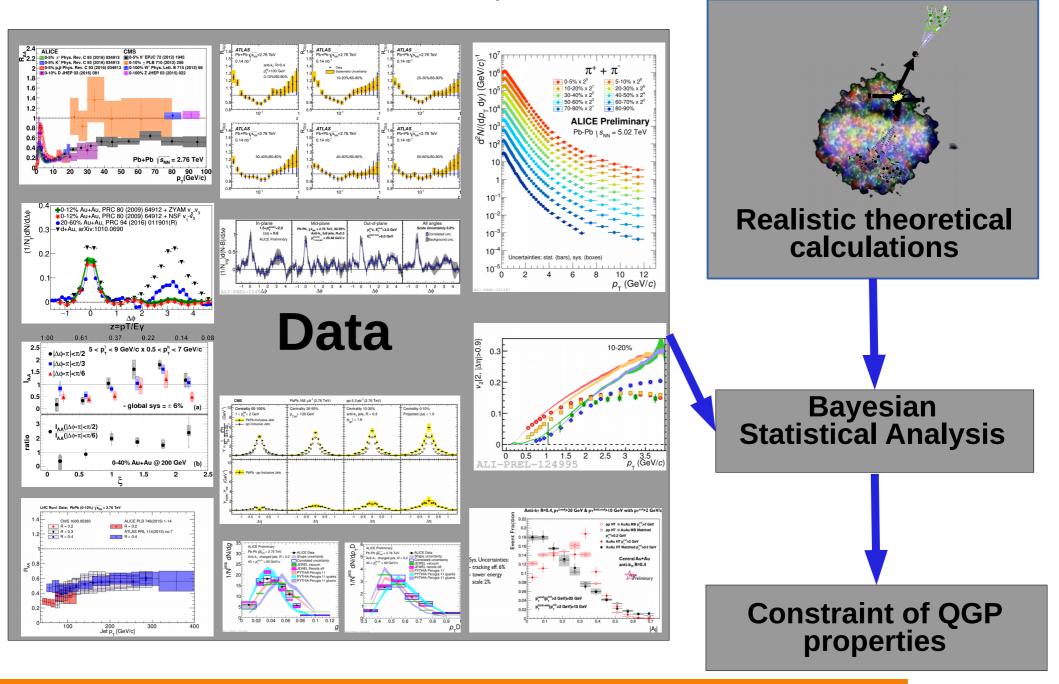
JETSCAPE

Event generator

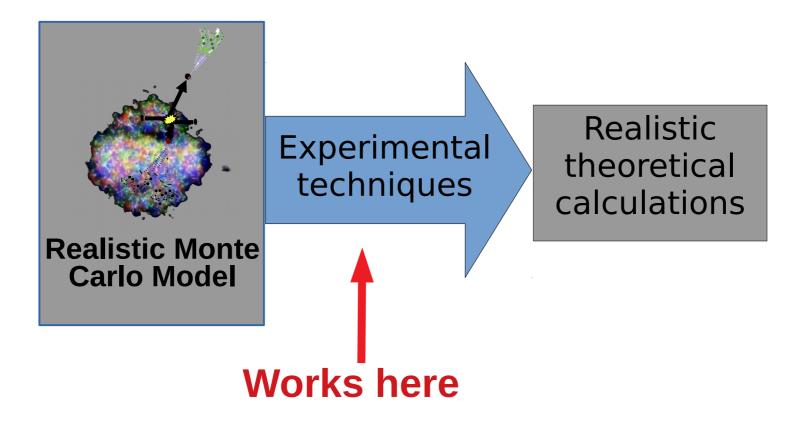
Jet Energy-loss Tomography with a Statistically and Computationally Advanced Program Envelope http://jetscape.wayne.edu/



Event Generator + Bayesian Statistical analysis



RIVET Robust Independent Validation of Experiment and Theory



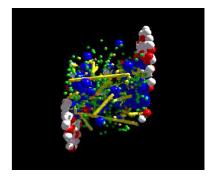
UTK JETSCAPE Group James Neuhaus Jerrica Wilson Mariah McCreary Ricardo Santos (Berea) Austin Schmier 4 undergrads + 1 beginning grad student Redmer Bertens (post doc)

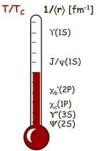
Before: 3 heavy ion analyses implemented After: 9 heavy ion analyses, 2 more in progress

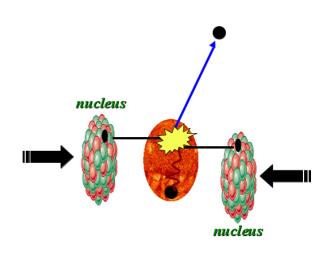
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Take home messages

- If we get nuclear matter dense enough, we make a new phase of matter, which we produce in high energy heavy ion collisions.
- This medium is extremely hot and dense...
- ...and opaque to colored probes and translucent to electromagnetic probes.

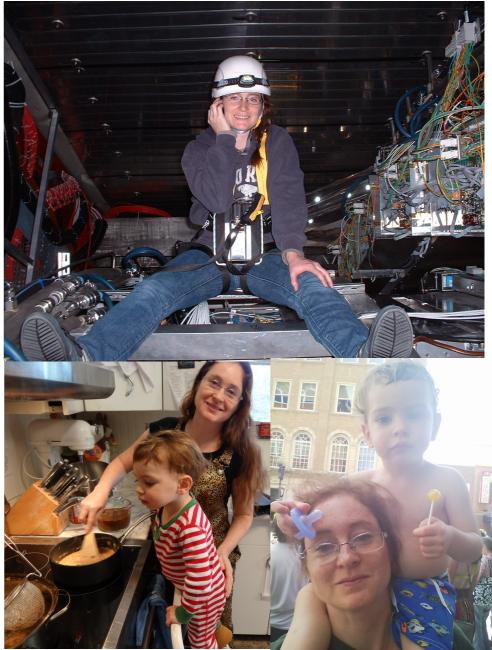






About me

- BS, Colorado State University, 2003
- PhD, Yale University, 2009
- Postdoc, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2009-2012
- Assistant prof, University of Tennessee, Knoxville 2012 –
- Active on issues related to women in physics and working on being a more effective ally for people of color
- Parent
- Brew beer & wine, keep bees, avid cook, cyclist



Careers in high energy physics

- You should consider high energy physics if...
 - You like programming and working with computers
 - You're a people person and don't mind working with 1000 people
 - You like to travel around the world and work
 - You enjoy giving talks
- Common career options for people with a Ph.D. in high energy physics
 - Academia research and teaching universities
 - Research at a National Laboratory
 - National security
 - Finance
 - Computer programming

What I spend my time doing

- Programming (c++) analyzing data
- Writing and giving talks 3 research talks, 1 seminar, 2 posters, 1 software tutorial, and lots of talks (>30) at internal meetings in 2010
- Hardware work: assembling & testing the detector
- Outreach: blogging for ALICE, giving tours of PHENIX to the public...
- Writing papers and conference proceedings
- Reviewing the work of my collaborators
- Reading papers
- Taking shifts including being on call 24/7
- Teaching, advising students (undergrad & grad)
- Committee work



Resources

- US LHC blog and Facebook page
- Experiments
 - Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider: **STAR PHENIX**
 - Large Hadron Collider: ALICE ATLAS CMS LHCb TOTEM
- Event displays and pretty pictures from ALICE
- Really cool ATLAS event animation
- Links to articles in the press on **PHENIX**
- Scientific American article

US Universities with graduate programs in experimental heavy ion physics

Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider • PHENIX

• STAR

- University of California at Davis
- University of California Los Angelos
- University of Houston
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- Creighton University (masters only)
- Kent State University
- Michigan State University
- Ohio State University
- Purdue University
- Texas A&M University
- University of Texas Austin
- University of Washington
- Wayne State University
- Yale University

- University of California Riverside
- University of Colorado Boulder
- Columbia University
- Florida State University
- Georgia State University
- Iowa State University
- Ohio University
- State University of New York (Chemistry & Physics departments)
- University of Tennessee at Knoxville
- Vanderbilt University

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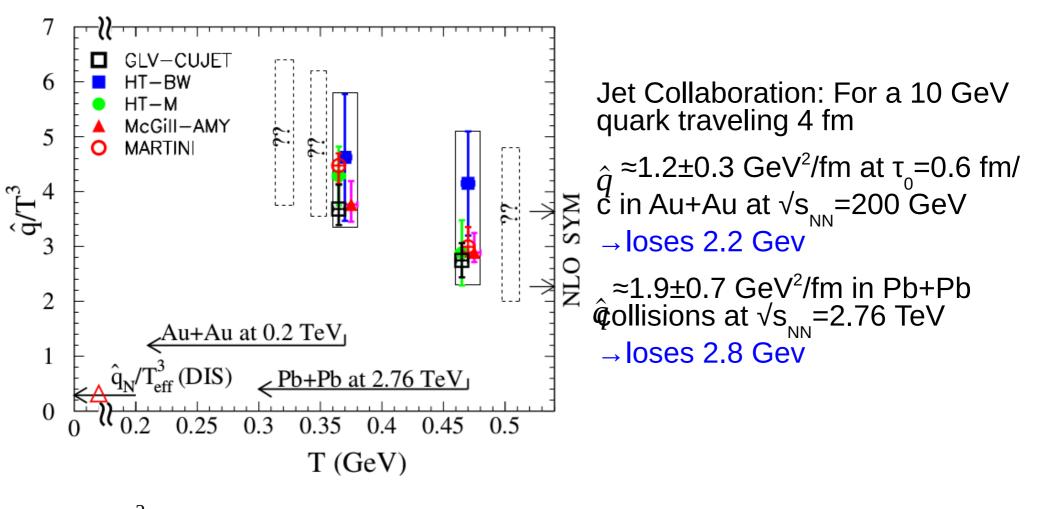
• ALICE

- University of Texas Austin
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- Creighton University (masters only)
- Purdue University

• CMS

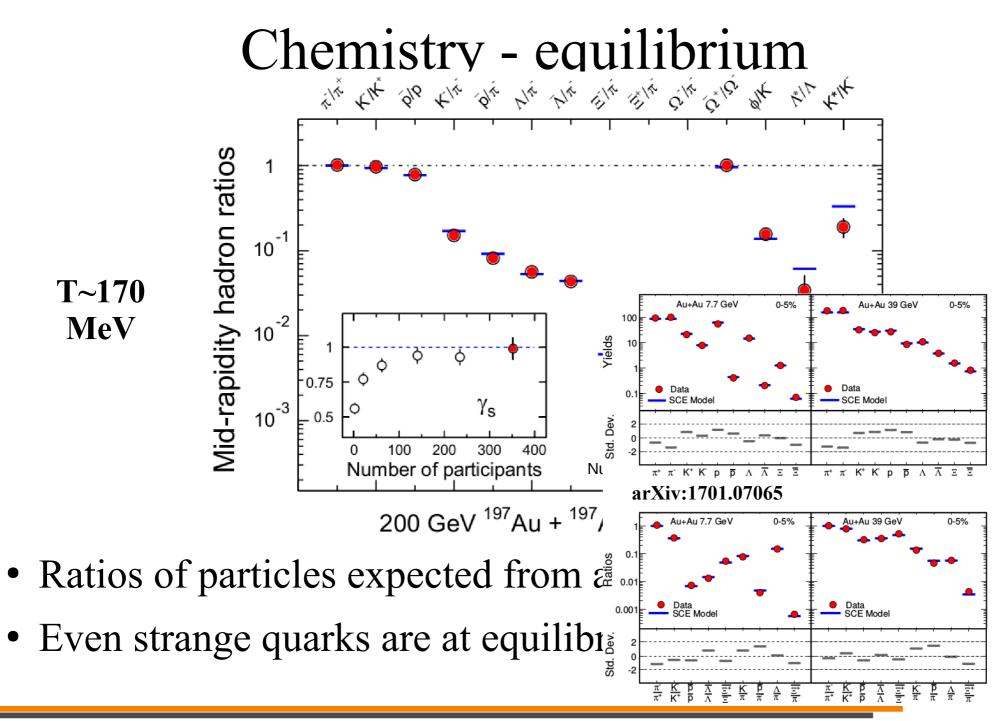
- University of California Davis
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Quantifying \hat{q} Phys. Rev. C 90, 014909 (2014)

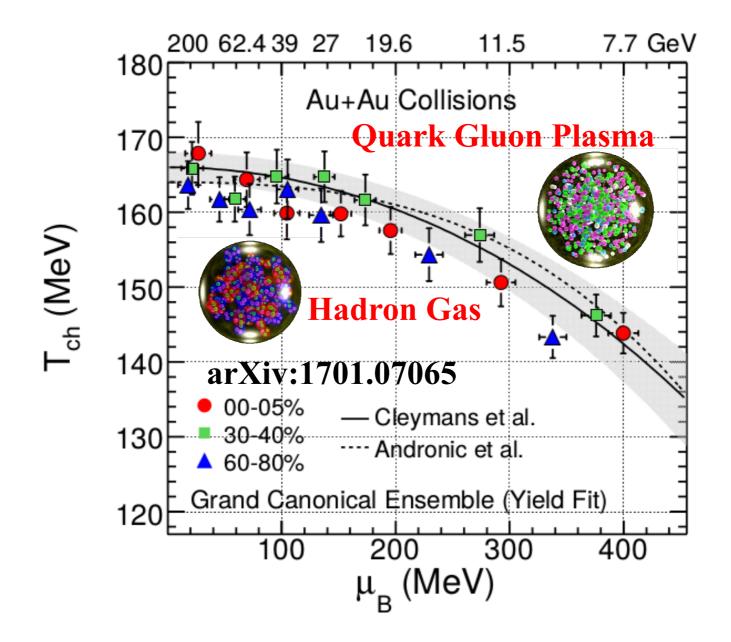


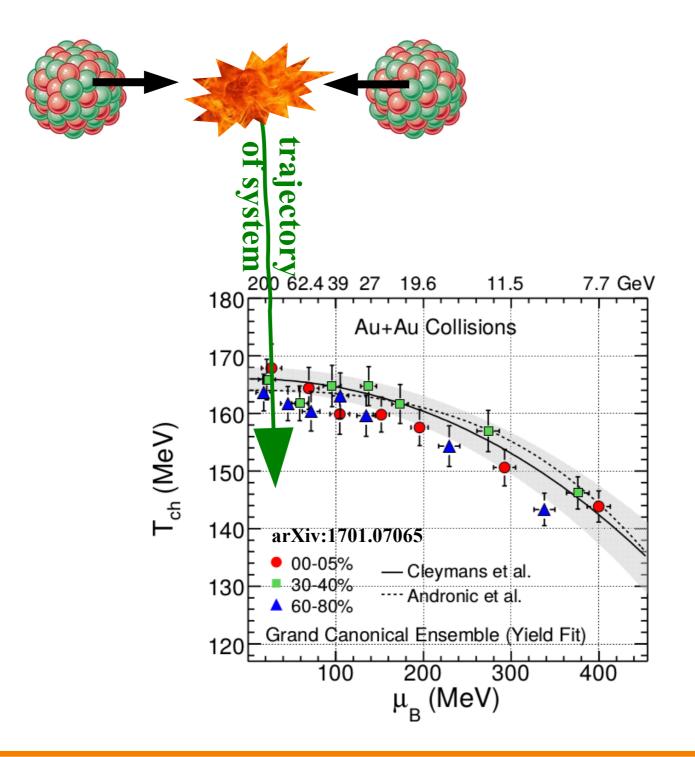
 $\hat{q} = Q^2 / L$ Q = Momentum transfer from parton to medium L = path length





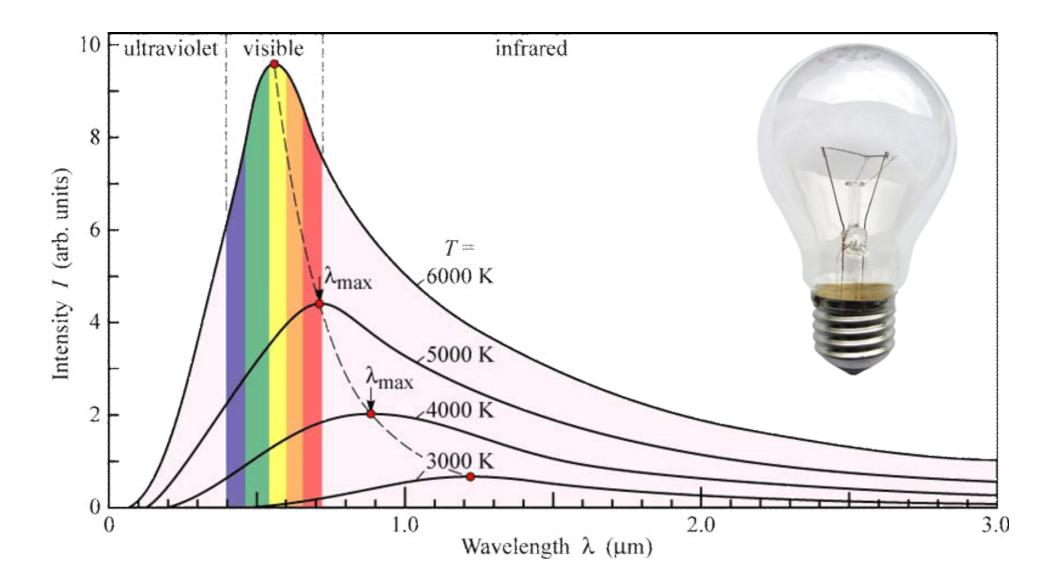
QCD Phase Diagram



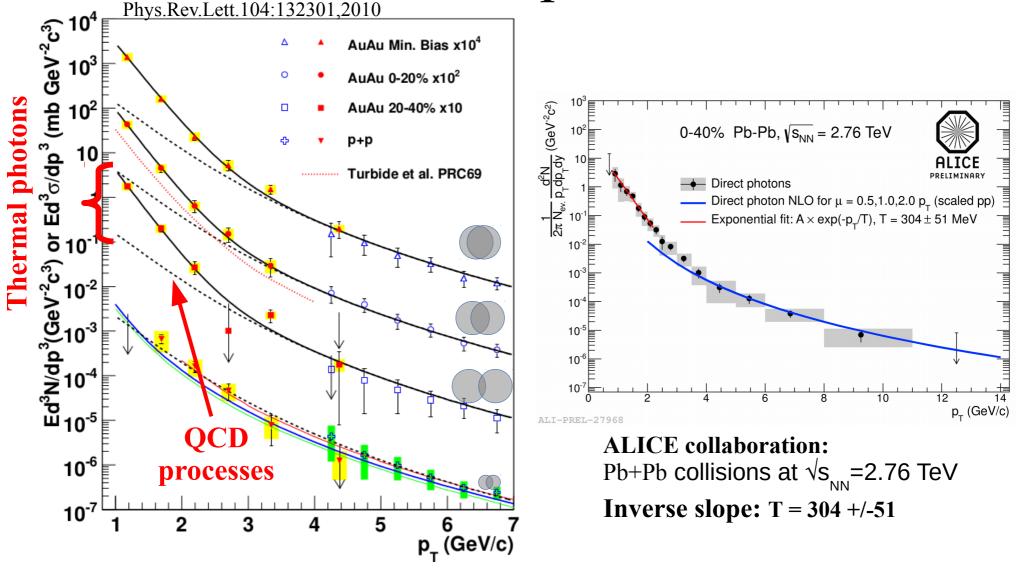


QGP Thermometers

Measuring temperature



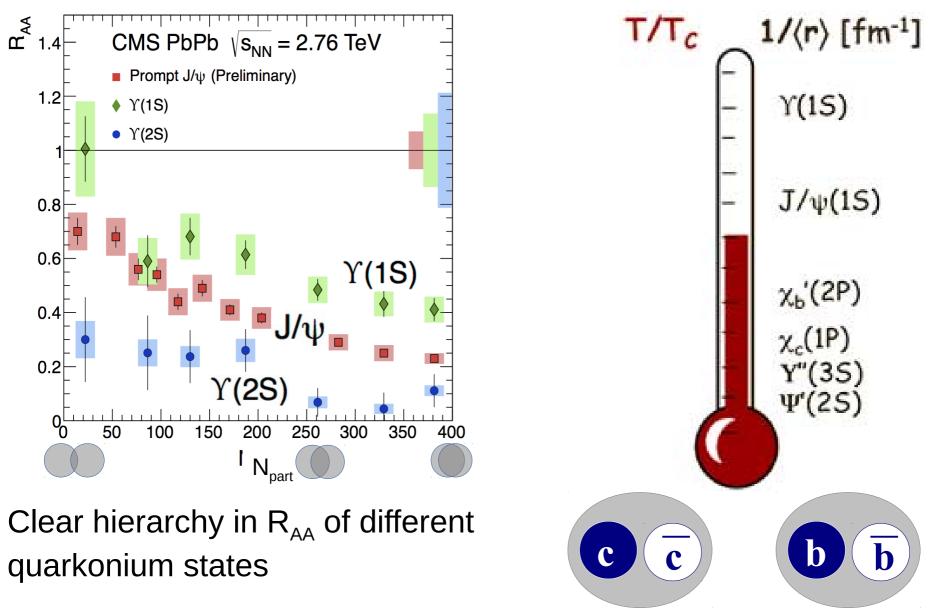
Thermal photons



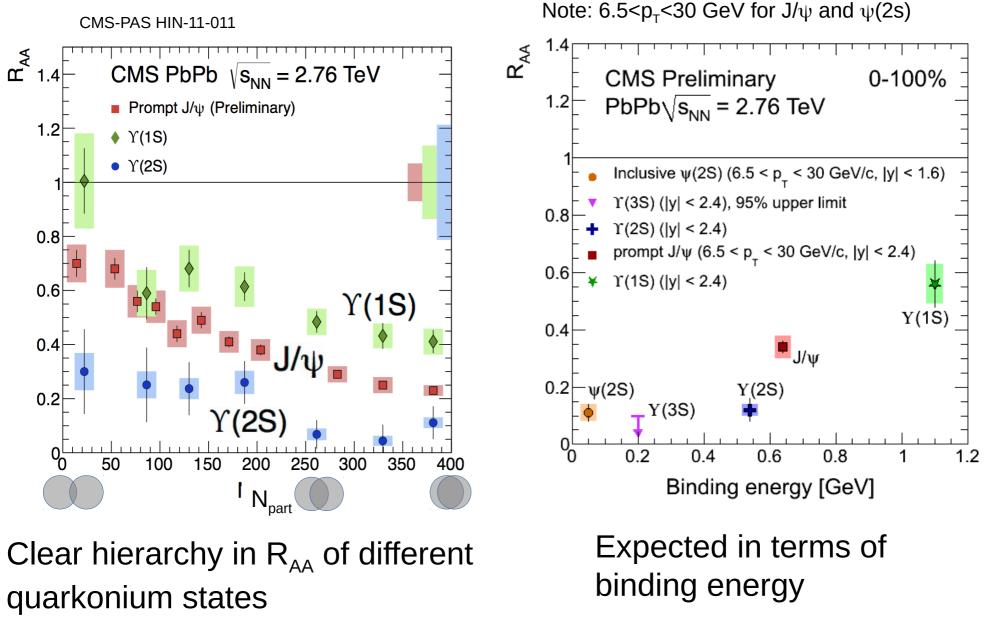
PHENIX collaboration: Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{_{NN}}}$ =200 GeV **Inverse slope:** T = 221 +/- 19 (stat) +/- 19 (syst) MeV

Building a quarkonium-thermometer

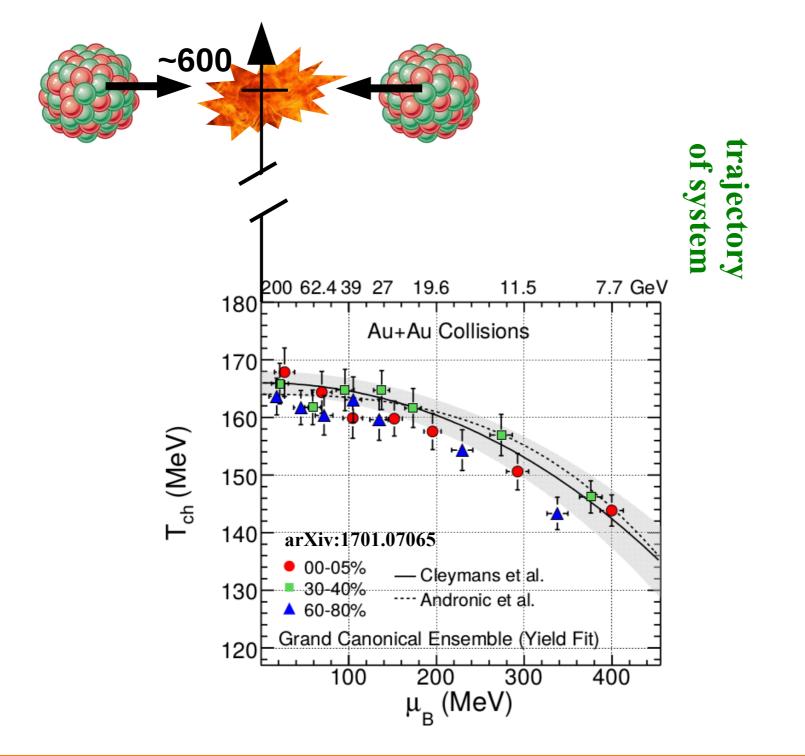
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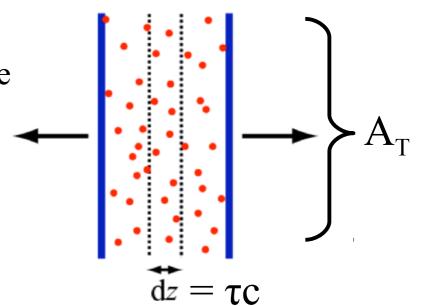
QGP Energy Density

How can we estimate the energy density?

- Transverse energy (E_T)
 - sum of particle energies in transverse direction
- Volume $V = A_T \tau c$
- $\tau =$ formation time
- Energy density ε

$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{V} \frac{dE_T}{dy} = \frac{J}{A_T \tau c} \frac{dE_T}{d\eta}$$

• QGP formation for $\varepsilon > 0.5 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$



Energy density

