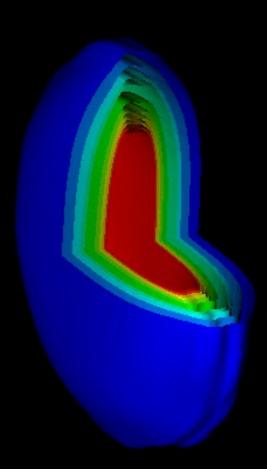
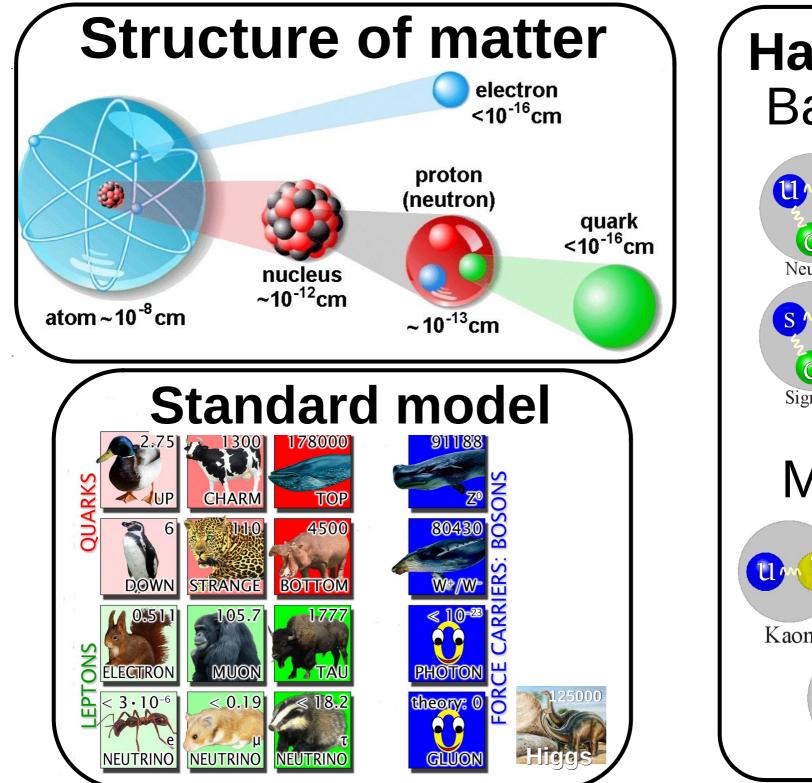


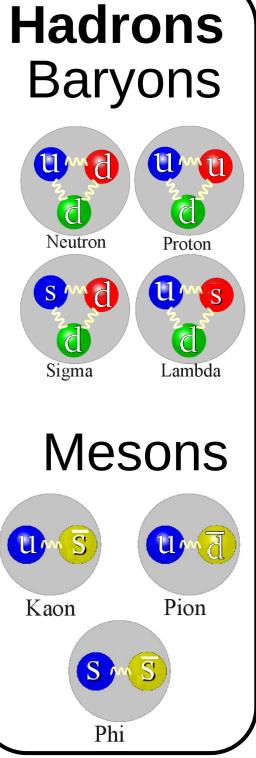
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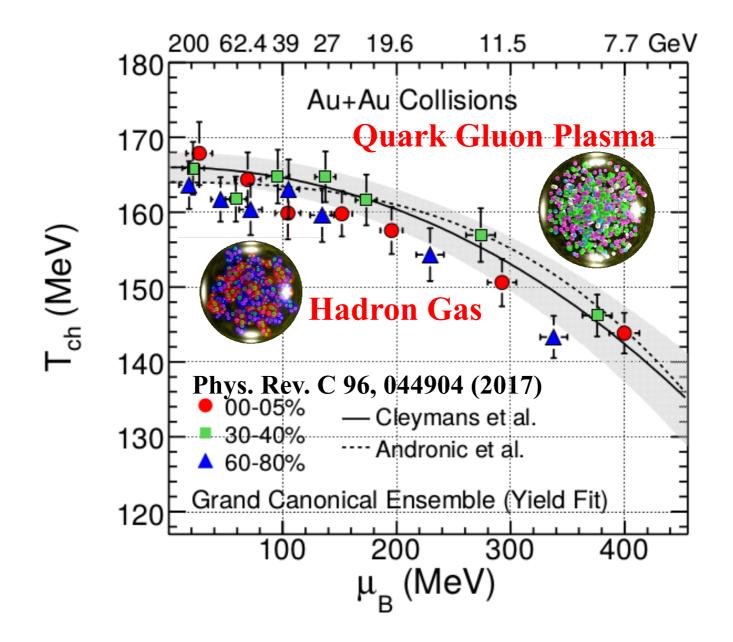
#### Christine Nattrass University of Tennessee at Knoxville

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

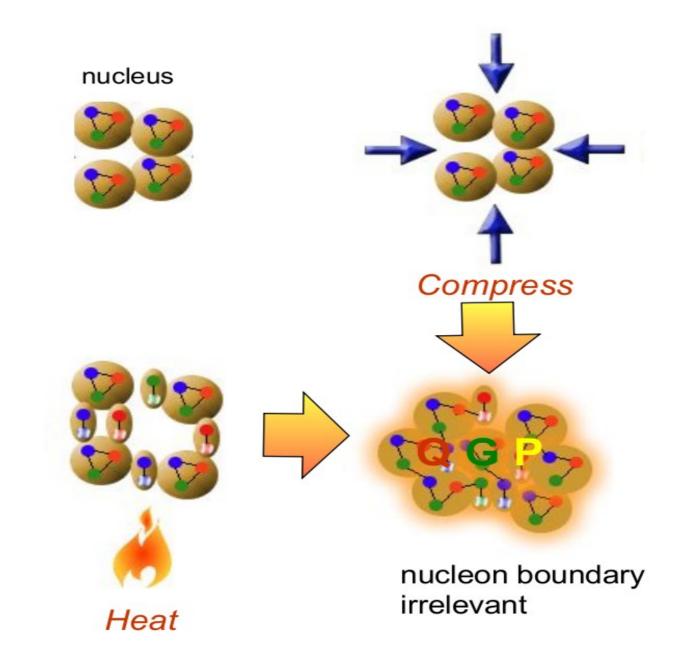




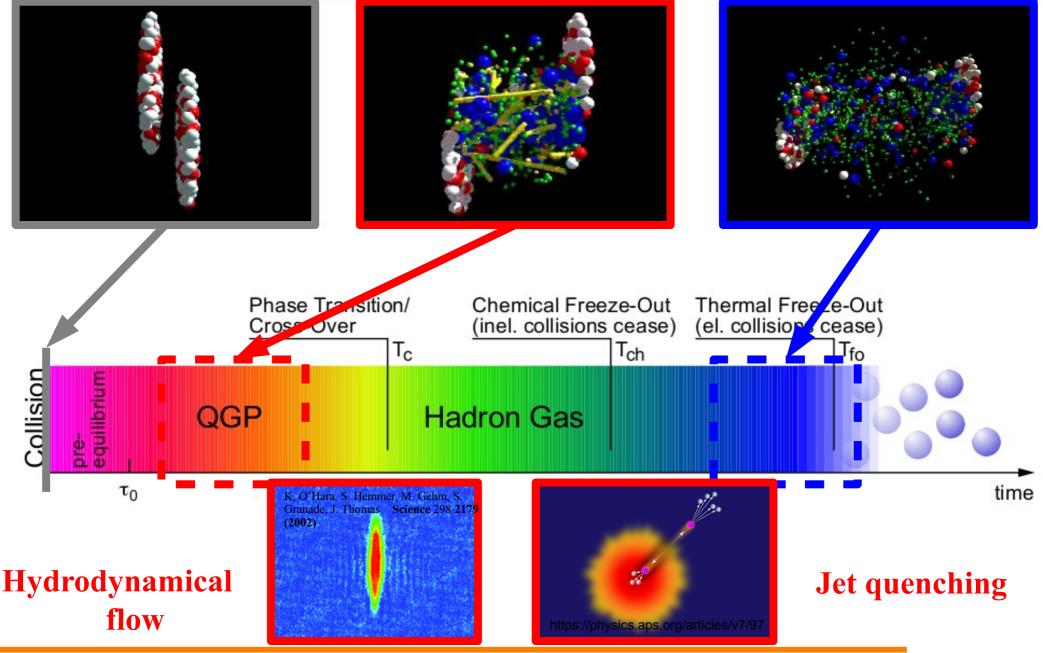
#### QCD Phase Diagram



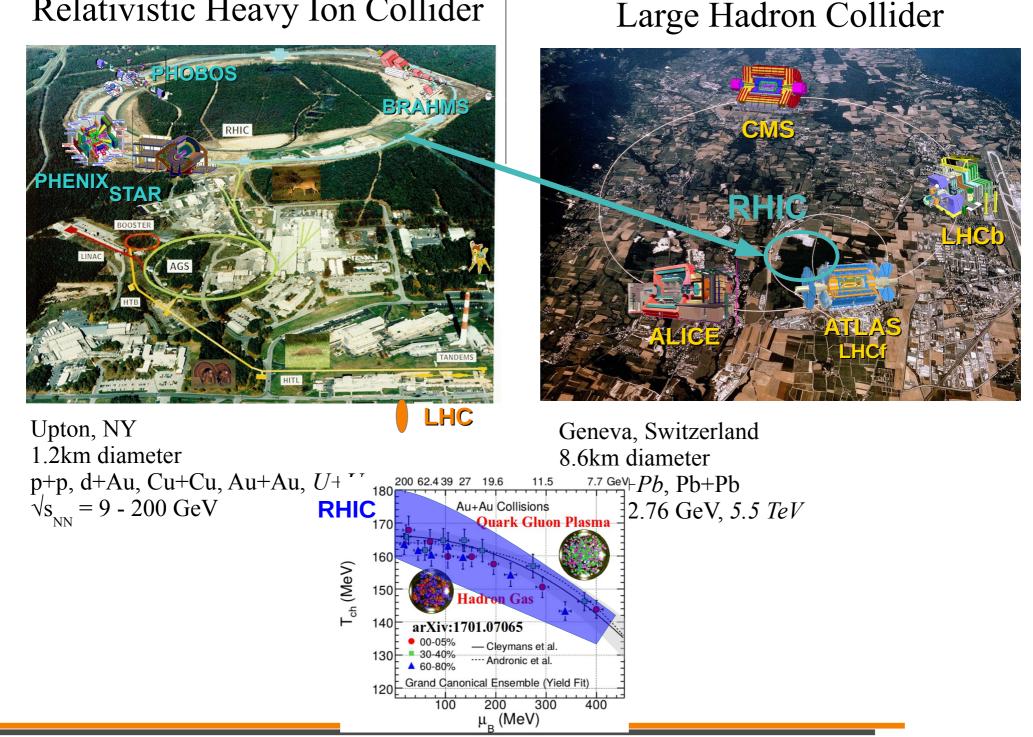
#### How to make a Quark Gluon Plasma



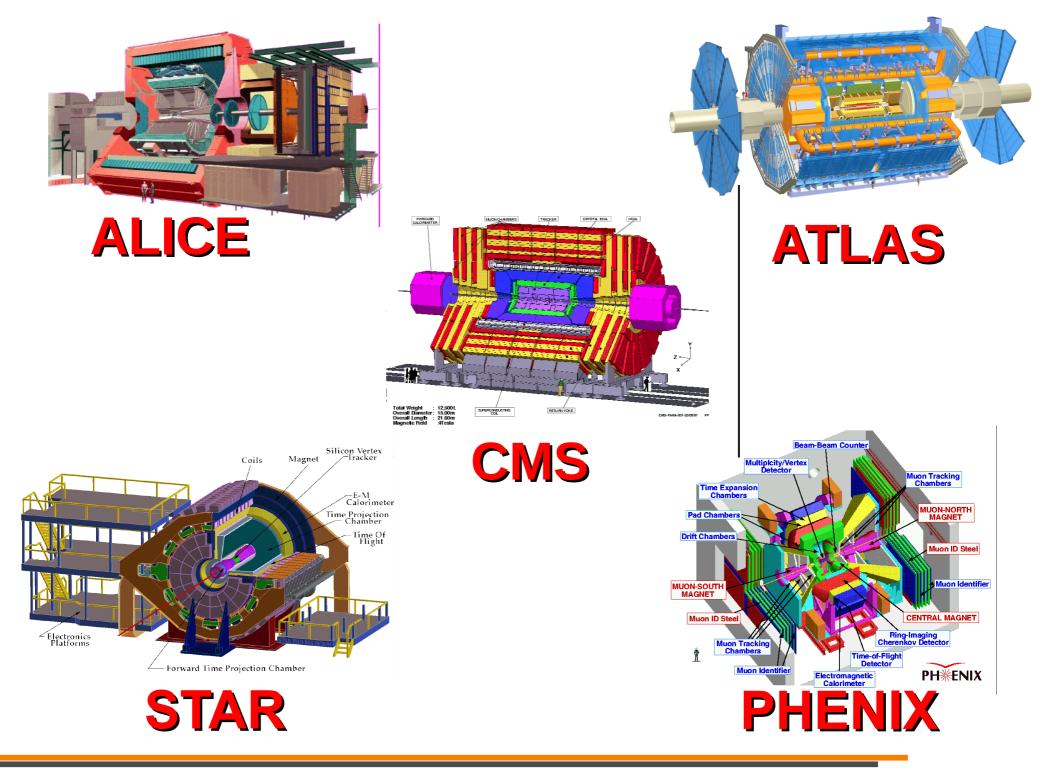
#### The phase transition in the laboratory Initial State QGP Freeze-out

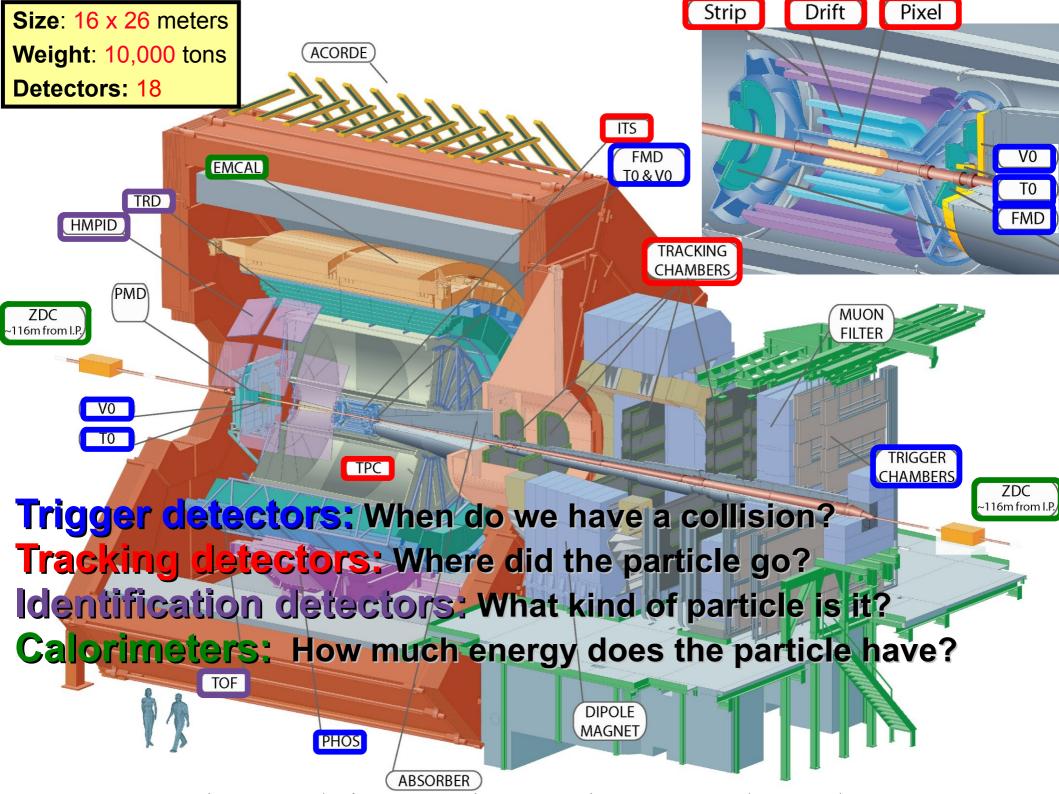


#### Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider

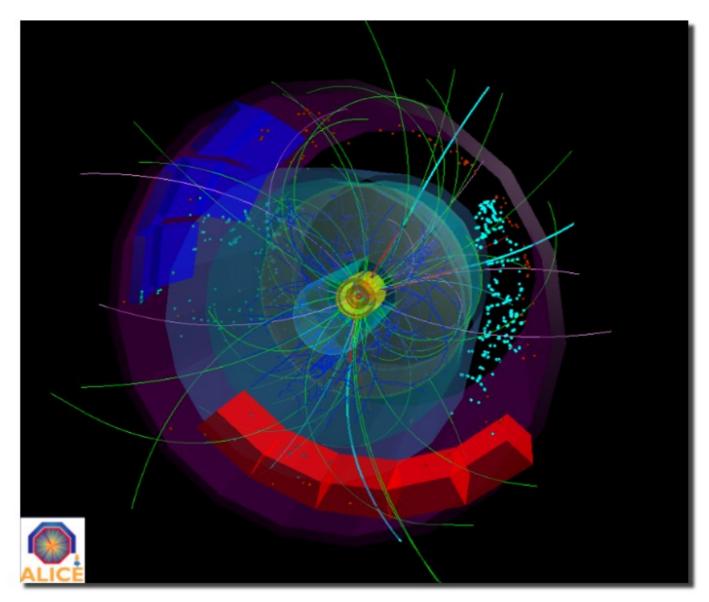


#### Particle Detectors



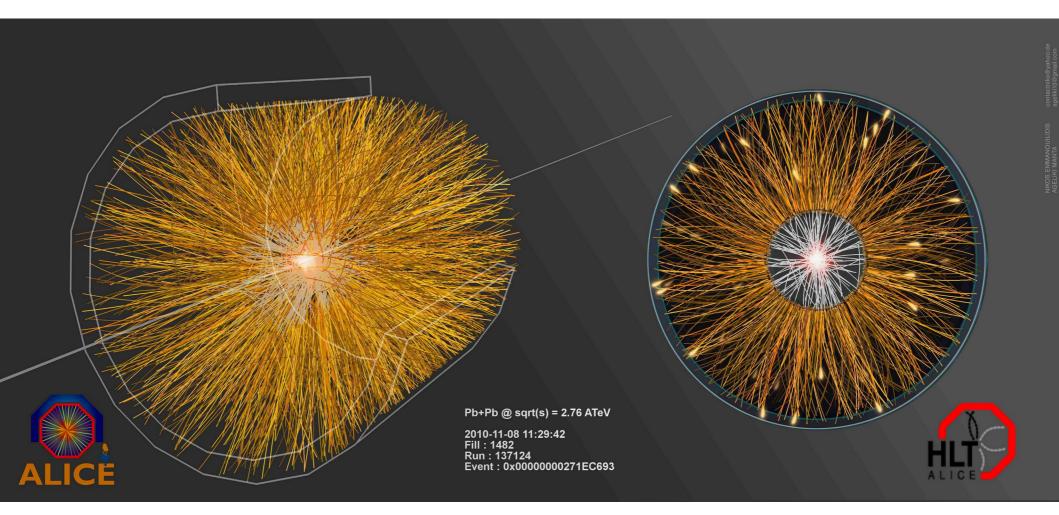


# p+p collisions



#### **3D image of each collision**

#### Pb+Pb collisions



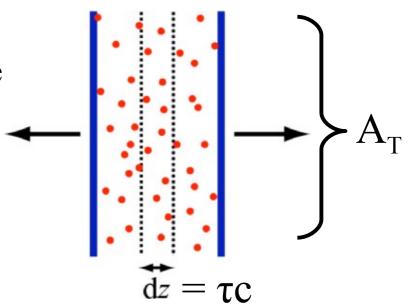
#### Forming the QGP

# How can we estimate the energy density?

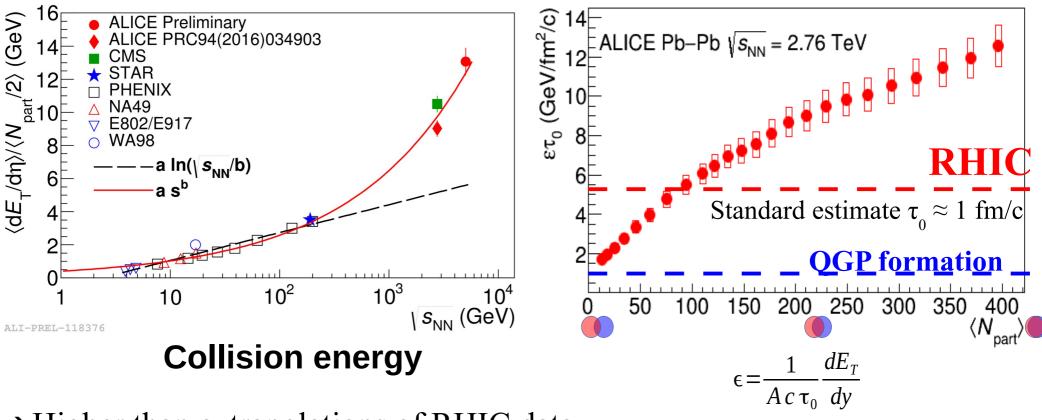
- Transverse energy  $(E_T)$ 
  - sum of particle energies in transverse direction
- Volume  $V = A_T \tau c$
- $\tau =$  formation time
- Energy density ε

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

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

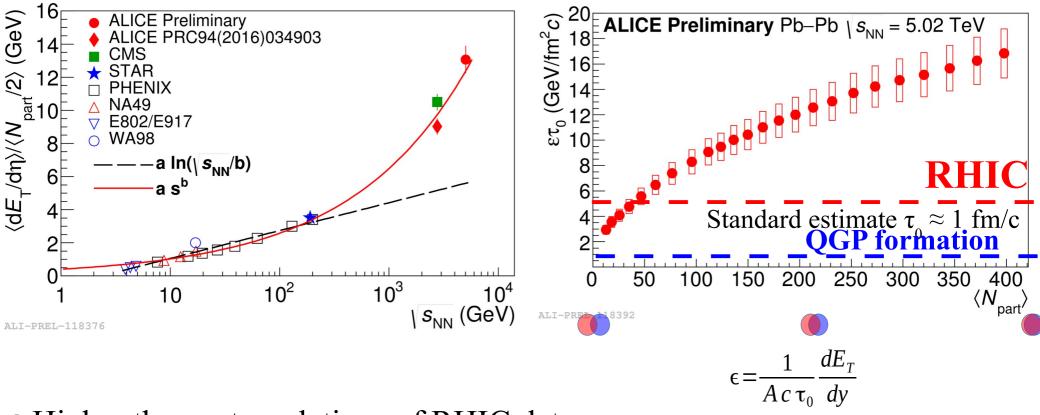


# Energy dependence from $dE_T/dy$



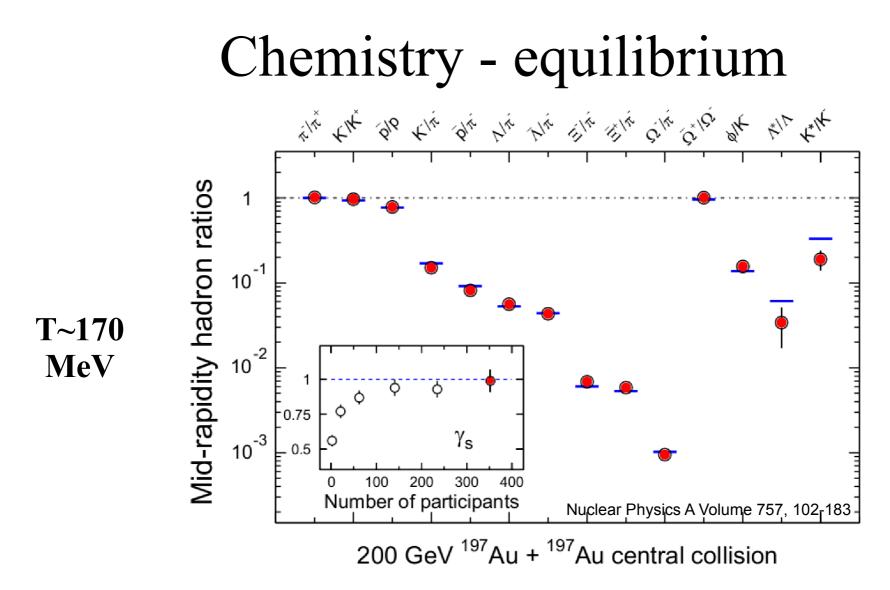
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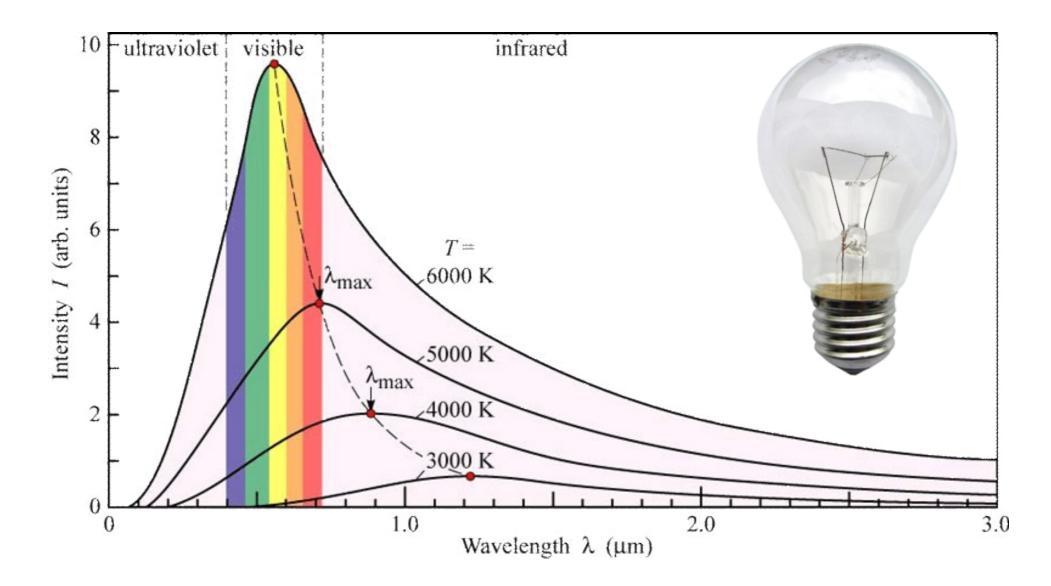
# QGP Chemistry



- Ratios of particles expected from a model
- Even strange quarks are at equilibrium!

# QGP Thermometers

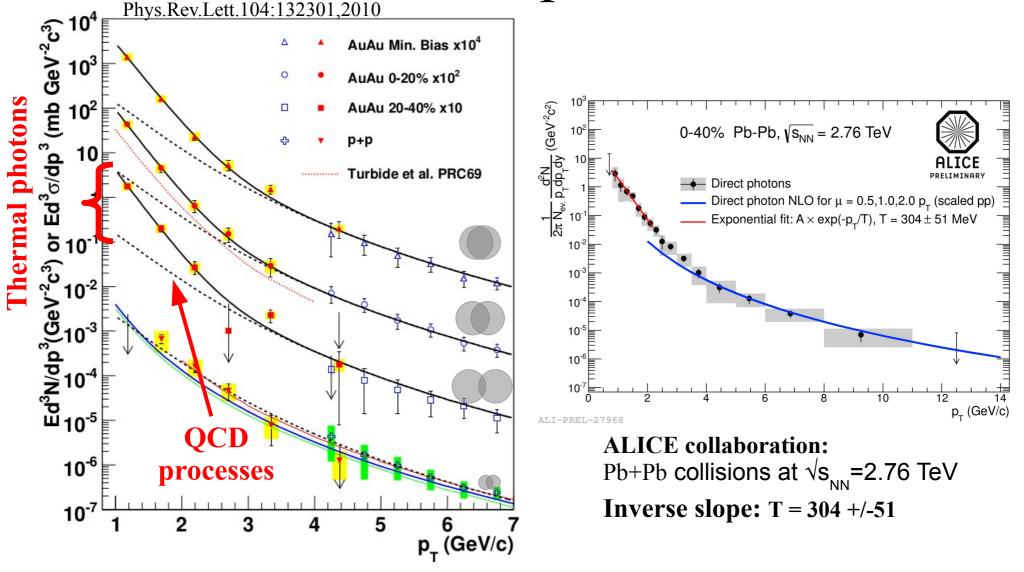
### Measuring temperature



Christine Nattrass, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Intro to Heavy Ion Physics

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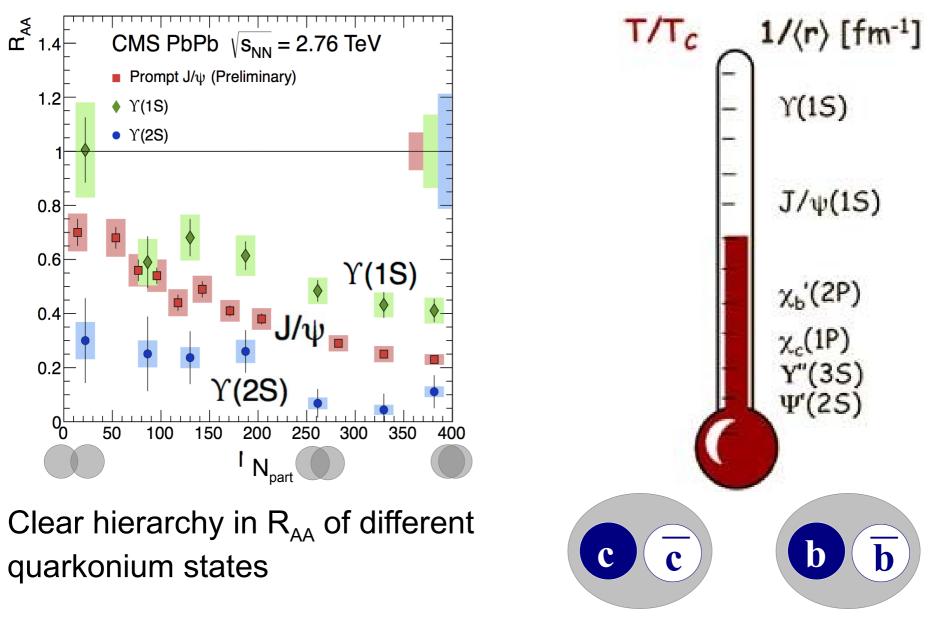
### Thermal photons



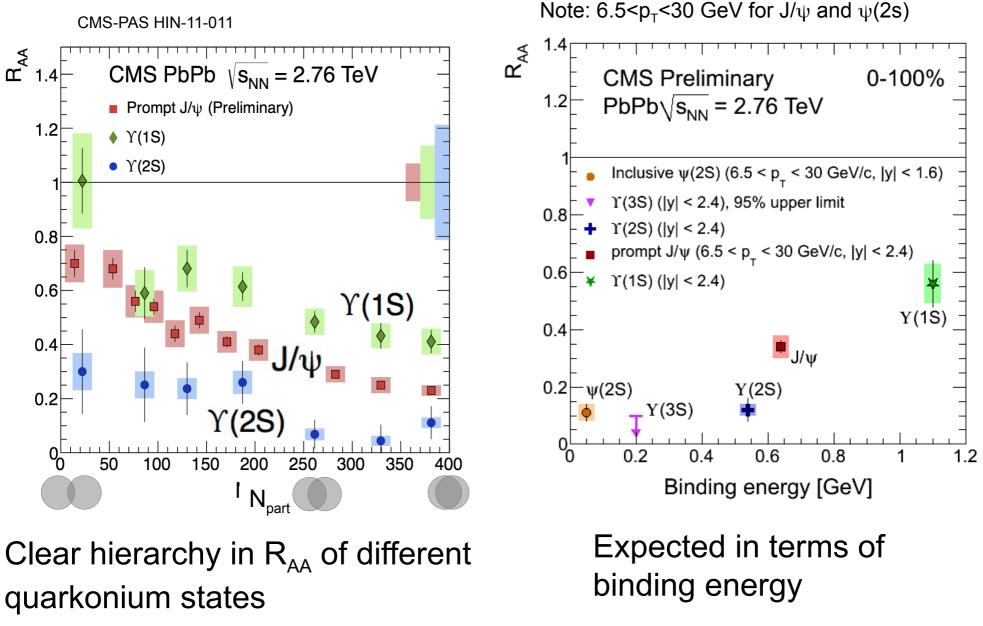
**PHENIX collaboration:** Au+Au collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{_{NN}}}$ =200 GeV **Inverse slope:** T = 221 +/- 19 (stat) +/- 19 (syst) MeV

# Building a quarkonium-thermometer

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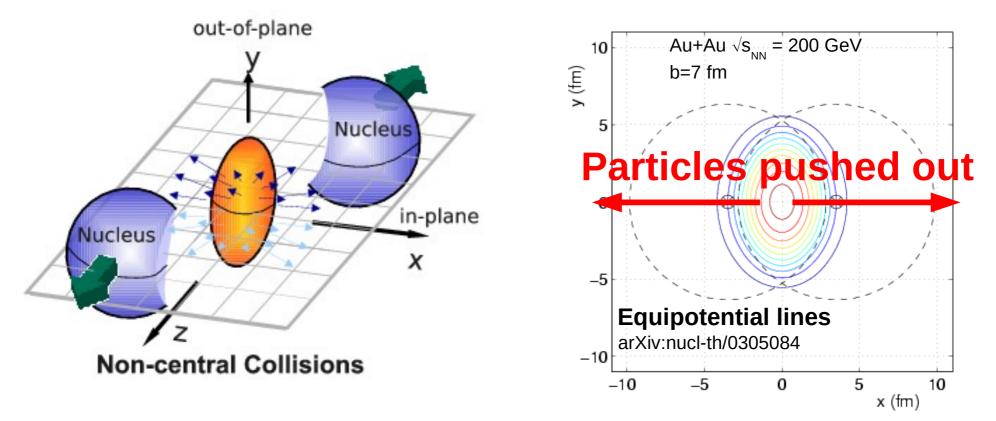


# Building a quarkonium-thermometer



# QGP Fluid Dynamics

## If we have a fluid...



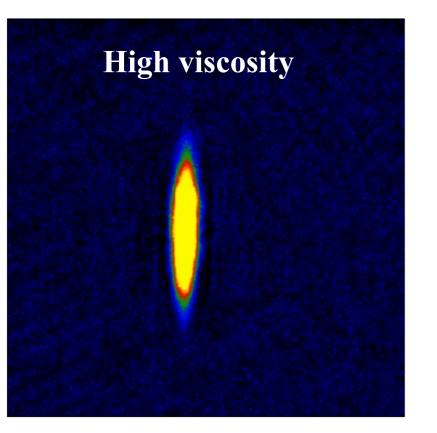
- Initial overlap asymmetric  $\rightarrow$  pressure gradients
- Momentum anisotropy → Fourier decomposition:

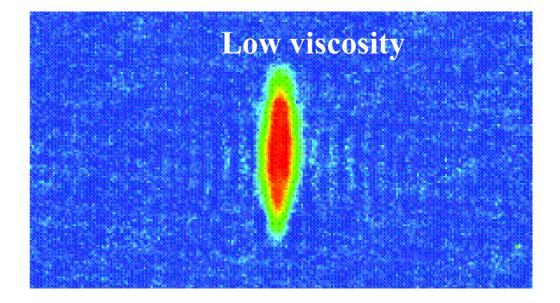
 $\frac{d^2 N}{dp_T d\phi} \approx 1 + 2 v_1 \cos(d\phi) + 2 v_2 \cos(2d\phi) + 2 v_3 \cos(3d\phi) + 2 v_4 \cos(4d\phi) + 2 v_5 \cos(5d\phi) + \dots$ 

#### What does this mean?

• Same phenomena observed in gases of strongly interacting atoms

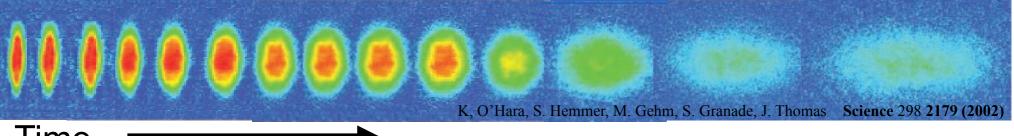
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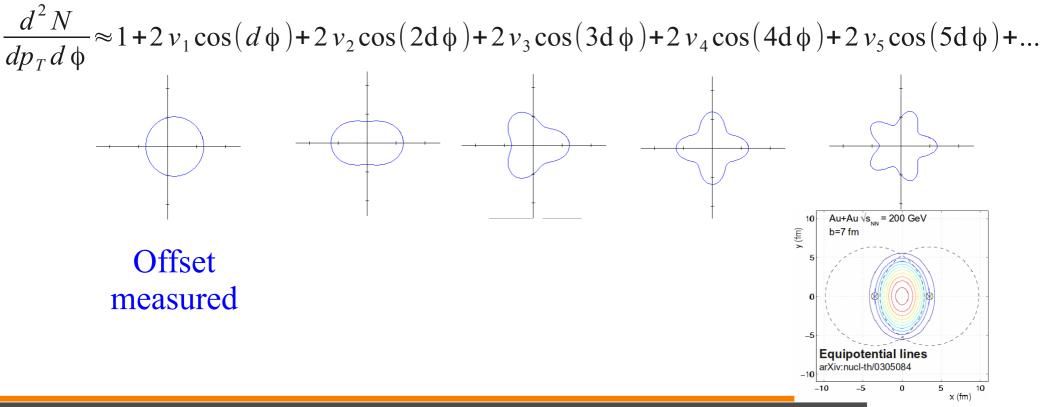
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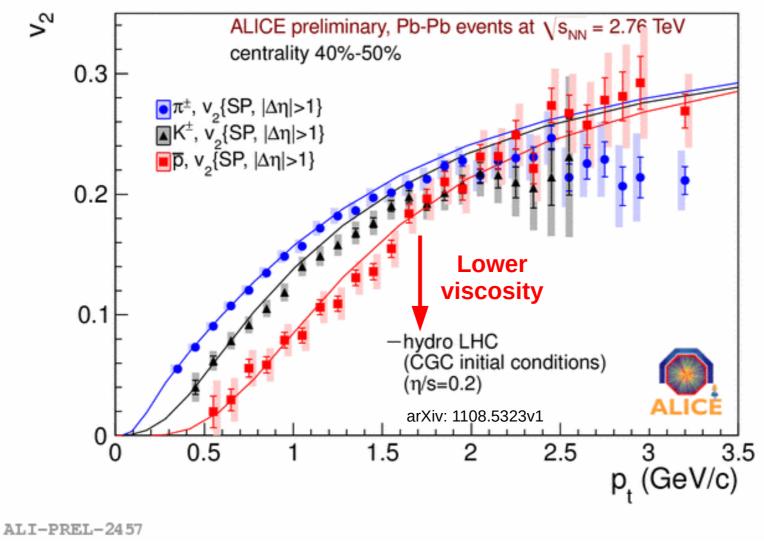


#### Time

Initial state anisotropies converted to final state anisotropies Fourier decomposition:



#### Does this describe the data?

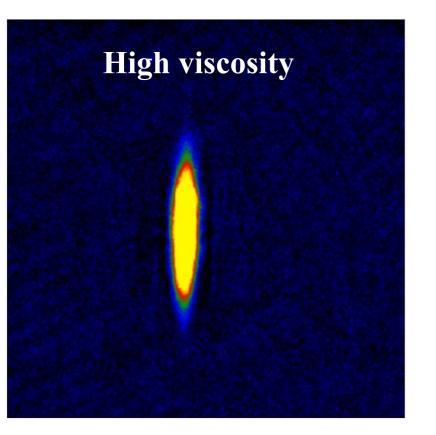


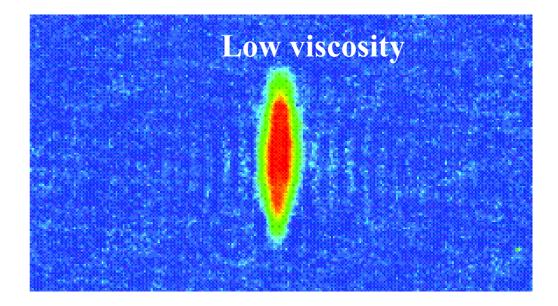
Yes!

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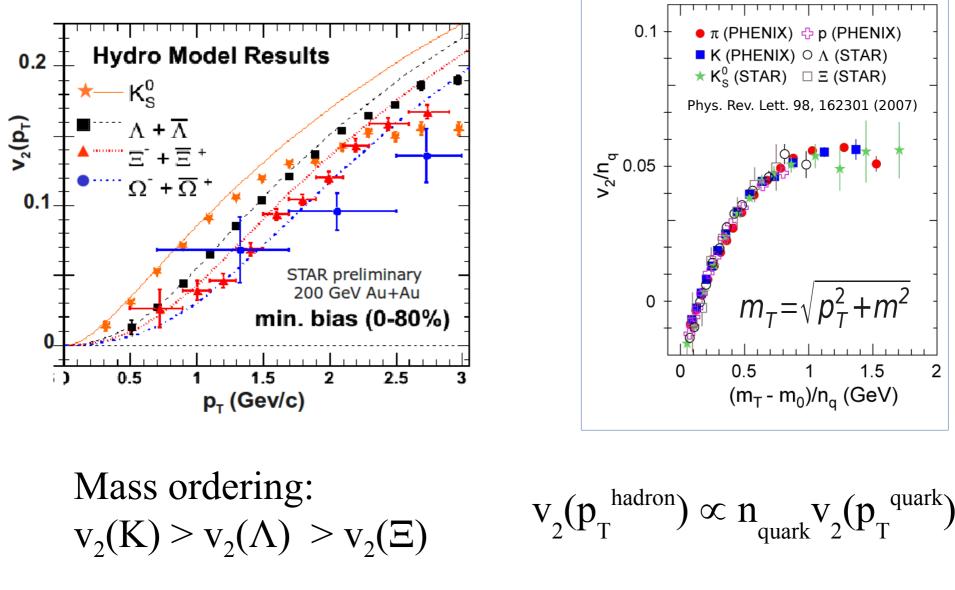
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#### The Quark Gluon Plasma has a very low viscosity

#### More data



#### We have a liquid of quarks and gluons!

## What do we learn about the QGP?

- Hydrodynamics works  $\rightarrow$ 
  - (local) thermalization
  - image of the initial state
- Really low viscosity
  - Near AdS/CFT bound
  - $\eta/S \sim 1/4\pi$

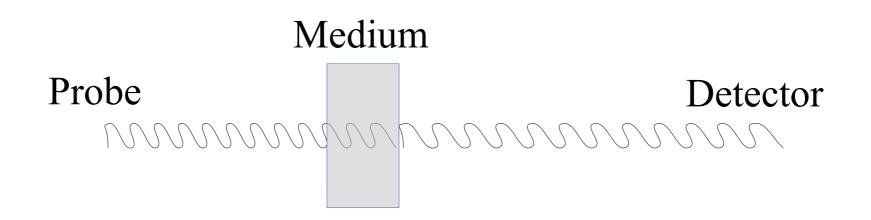


# The QGP is the perfect liquid!

(not the gas of "free" quarks and gluons we expected)

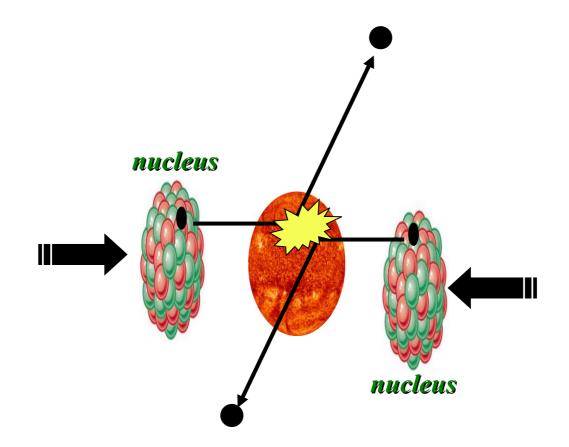
# QGP Spectroscopy: Jets Part 1

## Probing the Quark Gluon Plasma



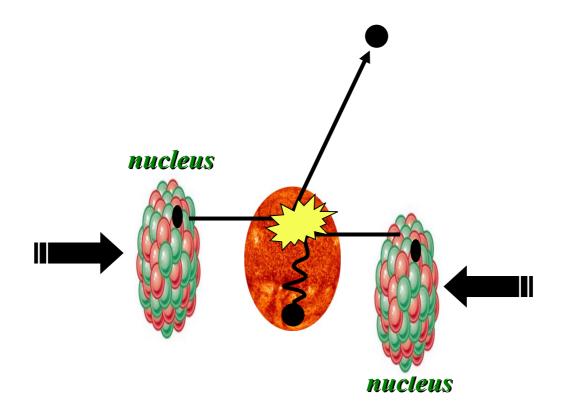
# Want a probe which traveled through the collision QGP is very short-lived (~1-10 fm/c) $\rightarrow$ cannot use an external probe

## Probes of the Quark Gluon Plasma



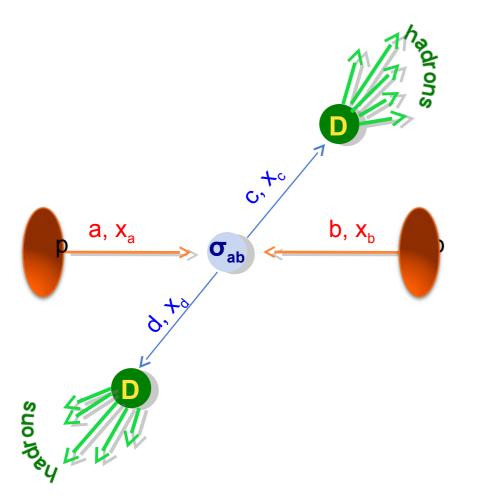
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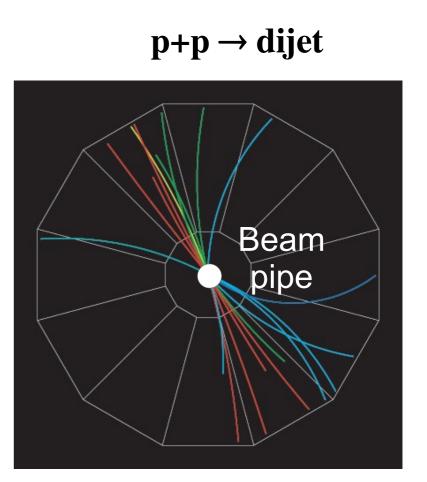
## Probes of the Quark Gluon Plasma



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

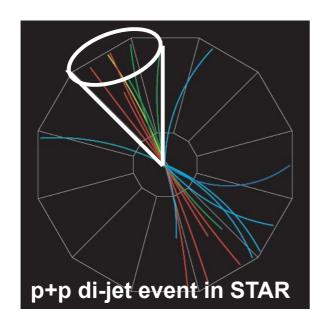


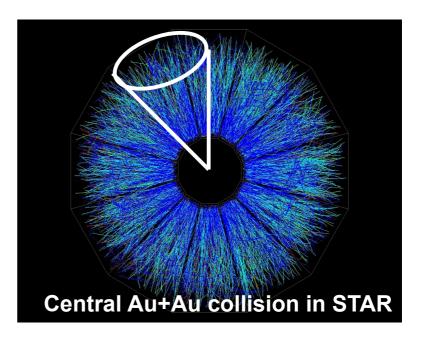




**Jets** – hard parton scattering leads to back-to-back quarks or gluons, which then fragment as a columnated spray of particles

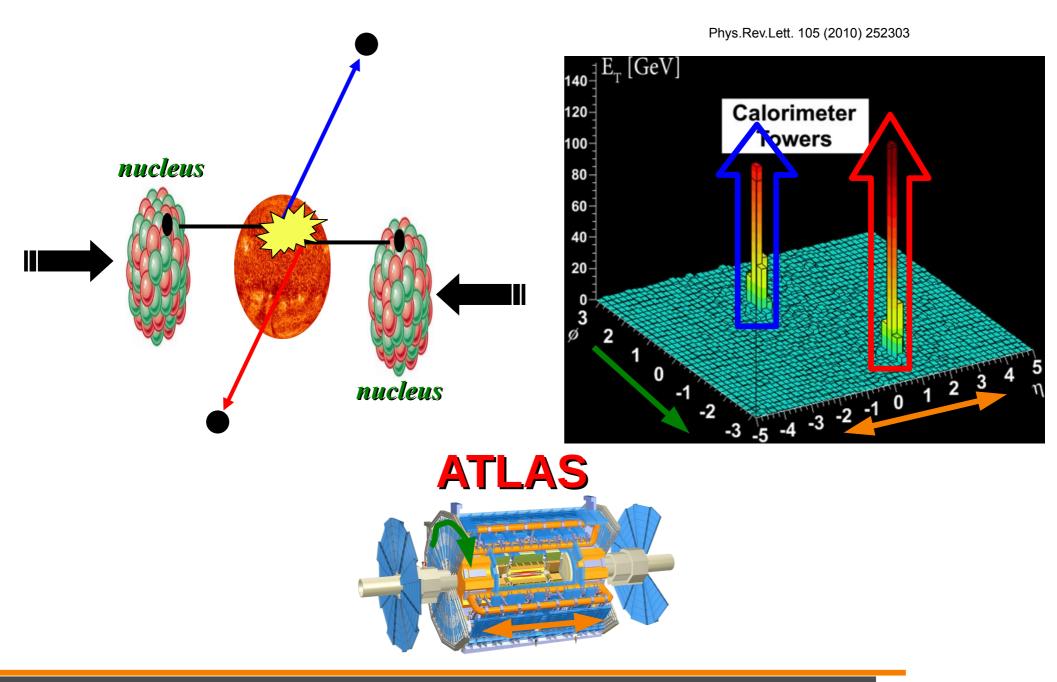
#### Jet reconstruction



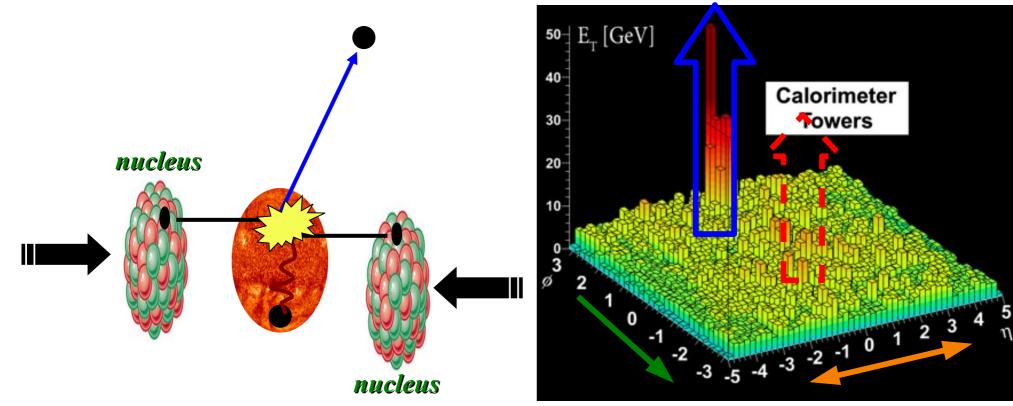


- Identify all of the particles in the jet  $\rightarrow$  parton energy, momentum
- Difficult in heavy ion collisions but possible!

### Jets



## Quenched jets

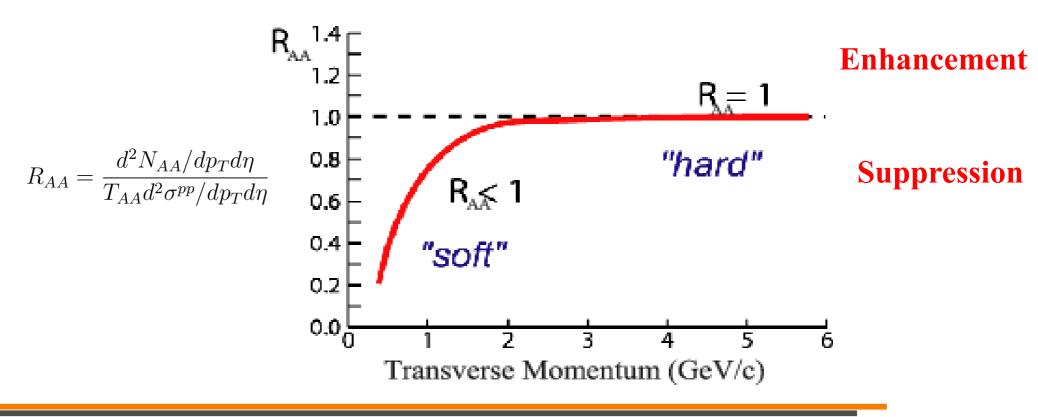


- One of the jets is absorbed by the medium
- The quark or gluon has equilibrated with the medium
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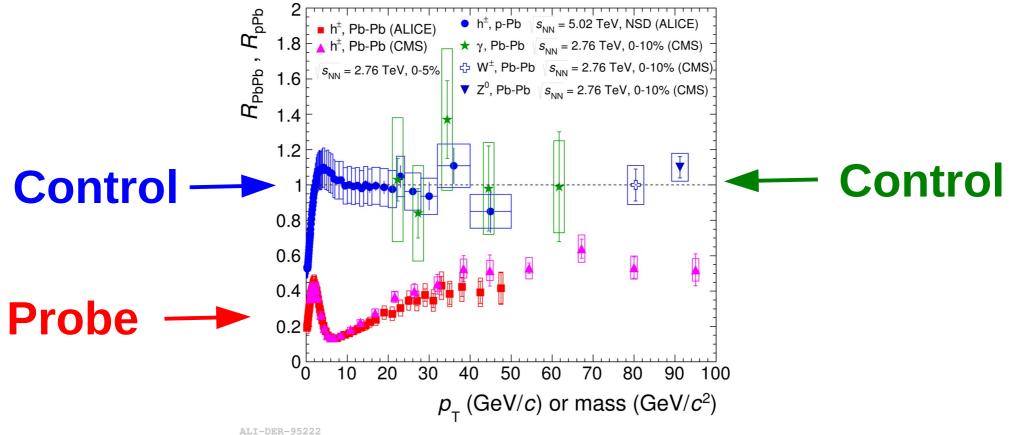
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## Nuclear modification factor

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

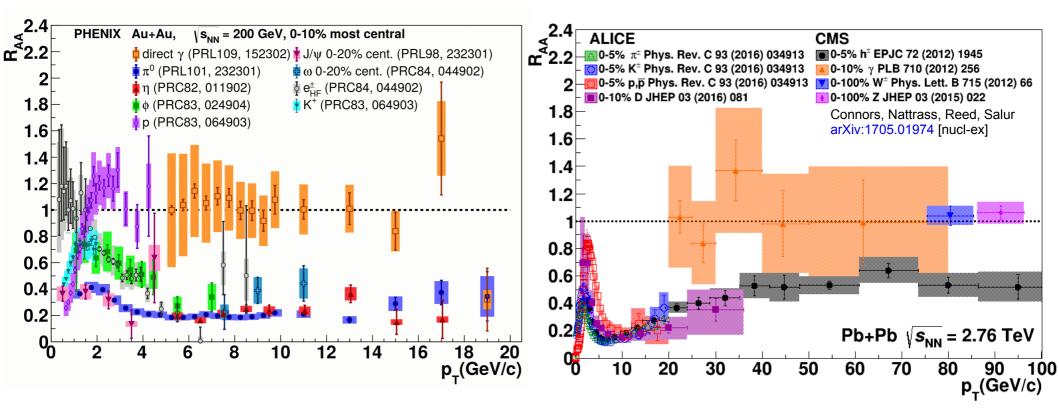


## Nuclear modification factor



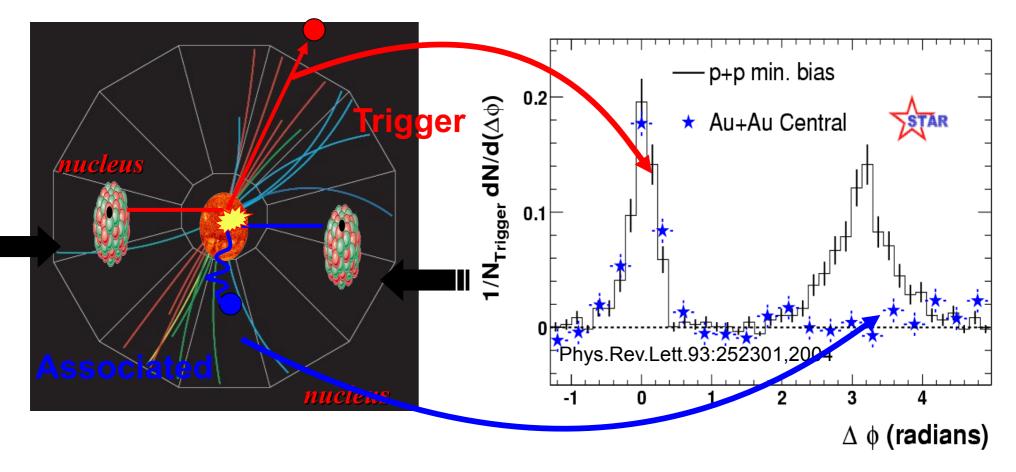
- Charged hadrons (colored probes) suppressed in Pb—Pb
- Charged hadrons not suppressed in p—Pb at midrapidity
- Electroweak probes not suppressed in Pb—Pb

## Nuclear modification factor R RHIC LHC

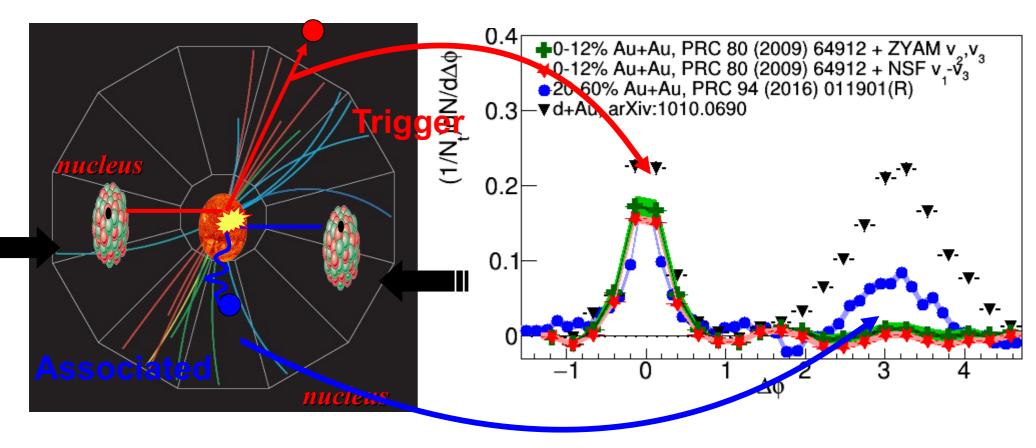


- *Electromagnetic probes* consistent with no modification medium is transparent to them
- Strong probes significant suppression medium is opaque to them - even heavy quarks!

# Di-hadron correlations $p+p \rightarrow dijet$

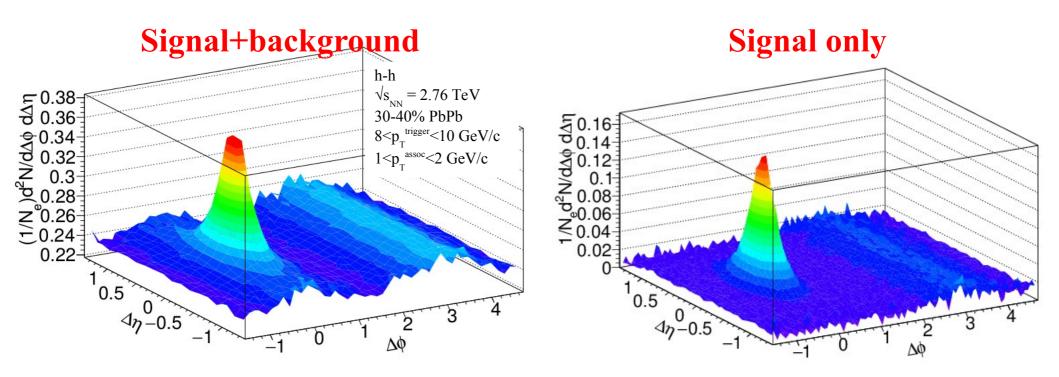


# Di-hadron correlations $p+p \rightarrow dijet$



#### Updated to include latest information about background

## Signal+background



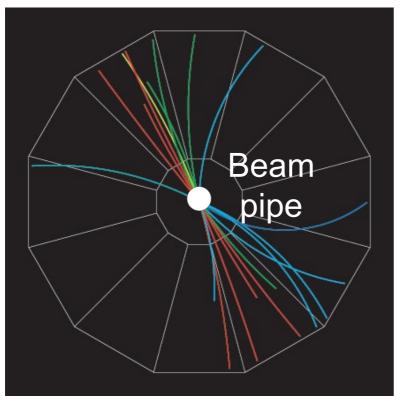
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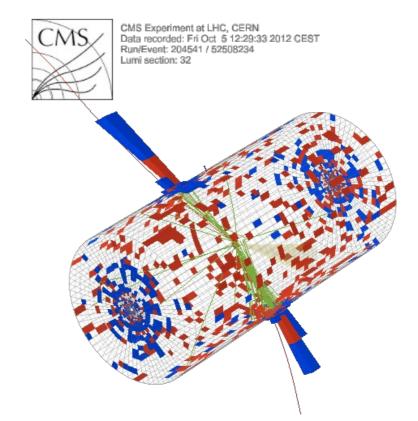
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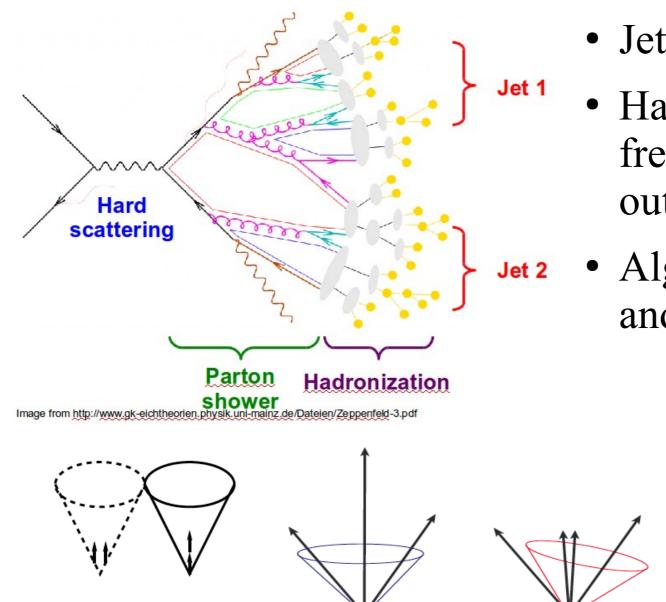
# A measurement of a jet is a measurement of a parton.

## What is a jet? p+p dijet

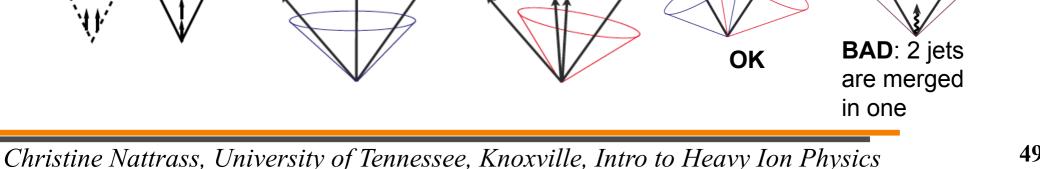




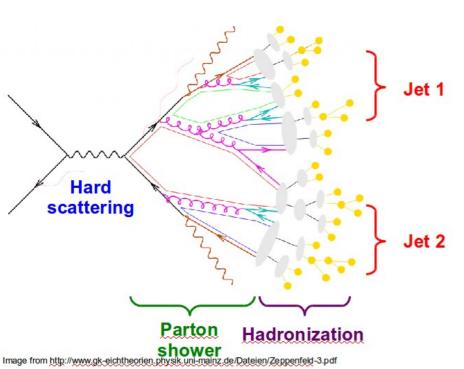
## Jets in principle



- Jet measures **partons**
- Hadronic degrees of freedom are integrated out
- Algorithms are infrared and colinear safe

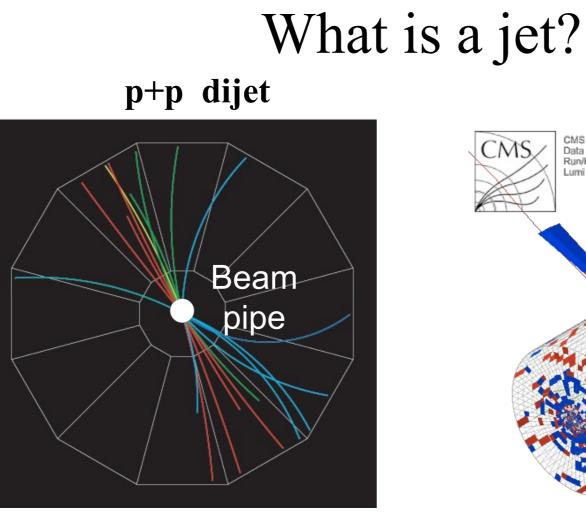


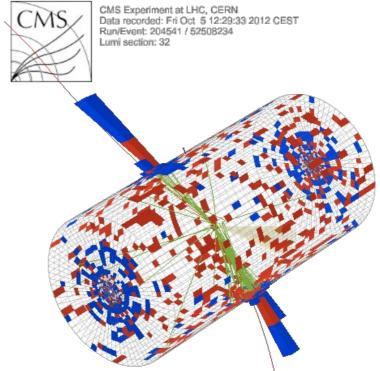
## Jet finding in pp collisions



- Jet finder: groups final state particles into jet candidates
  - Anti-k<sub>T</sub> algorithm
    JHEP 0804 (2008) 063 [arXiv:0802.1189]
- Depends on hadronization
- Ideally
  - Infrared safe
  - Colinear safe

**Snowmass Accord:** Theoretical calculations and experimental measurements should use the same jet finding algorithm. Otherwise they will not be comparable.



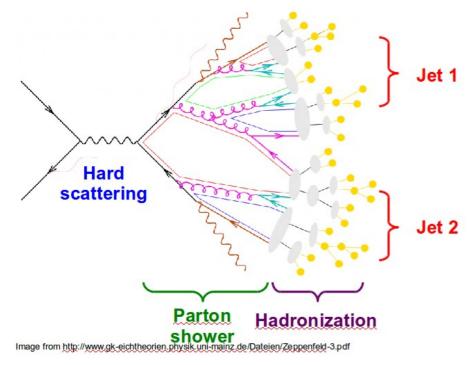


#### "I know it when I see it" US Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart, Jacobellis v. Ohio



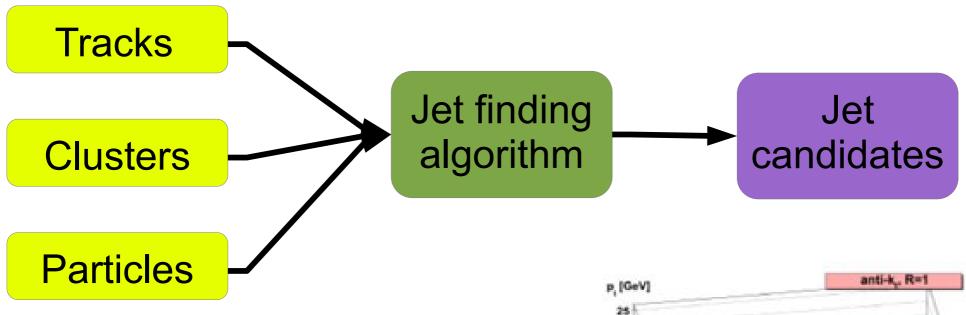
## A jet is what a jet finder finds.

## Jet finding in AA collisions

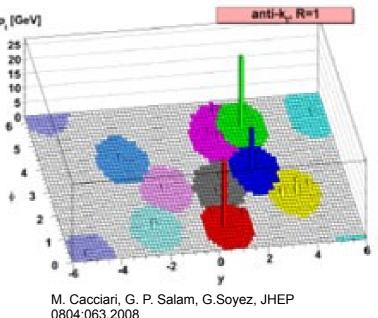


- Jet finder: groups final state particles into jet candidates
  - Anti-k<sub>T</sub> algorithm
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- Combinatorial jet candidates
- Energy smearing from background
  - Sensitive to methods to suppress combinatorial jets and correct energy
  - Focus on narrow/high energy jets

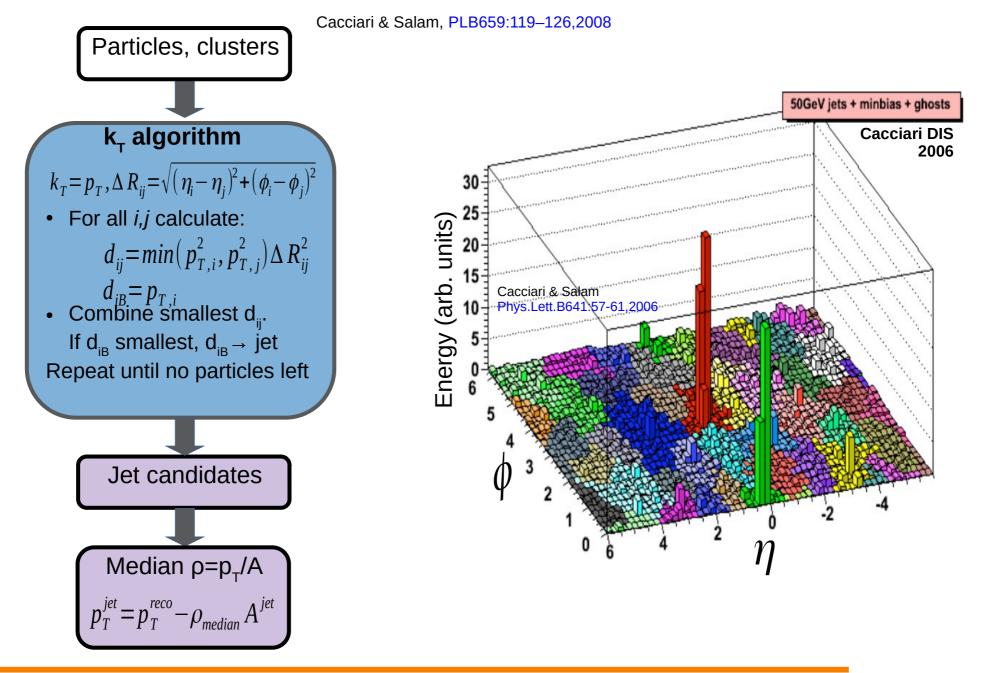
## Jet finding algorithms



- Any list of objects works as input
- Use the same algorithm on theory & experiment
- Output only as good as input

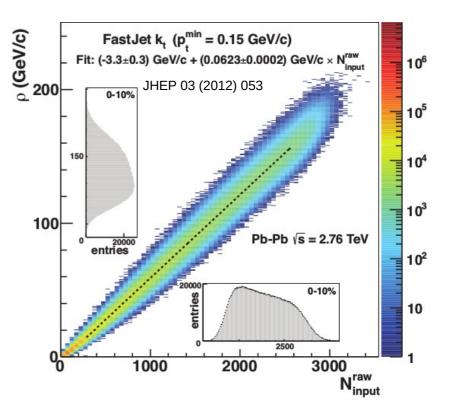


### Area-based background subtraction



## Focus on smaller angles

- Pros
  - Background is smaller
  - Background fluctuations smaller
- Cons:
  - Modifications expected at higher R
  - Biases sample towards quarks

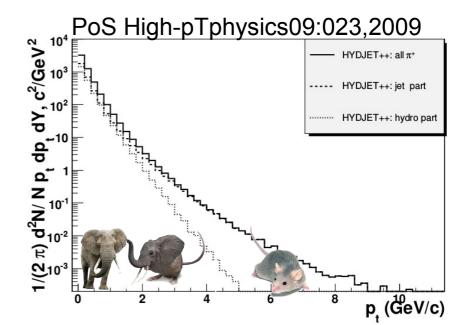


# Focus on high $p_{T}$

- Pros:
  - Reduces combinatorial background
- Cons:
  - Cuts signal where we expect modifications
  - Could bias towards partons which have not interacted
  - Biases sample towards quarks







## ALICE/STAR

#### **Combinatorial "jets"**

•Estimate combinatorial jet contributions and its fluctuations from data

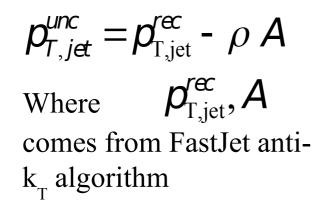
•Require leading track  $p_T > 5 \text{ GeV/c}$ 

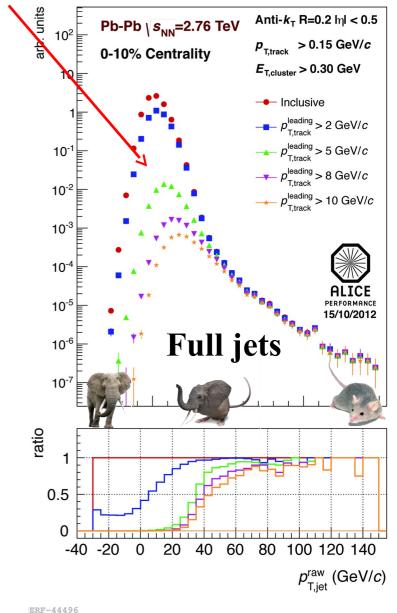
- Suppresses combinatorial "jets"
- Biases fragmentation

No threshold on constituents

Limited to small R

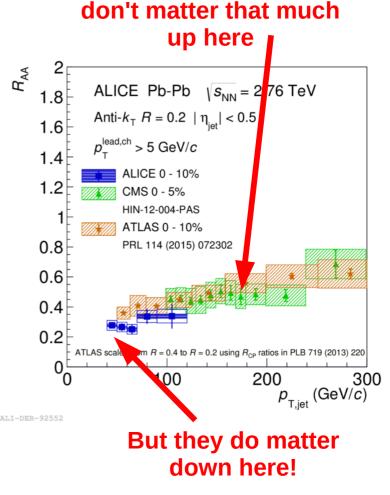
Measured spectra:





## ATLAS

- Iterative procedure
  - Calorimeter jets: Reconstruct jets with R=0.2.  $v_2$ modulated <Bkgd> estimated by energy in calorimeters excluding jets with at least one tower with  $E_{tower} > <E_{tower} >$ Track jets: Use tracks with  $p_T > 4$  GeV/c
  - Calorimeter jets from above with E>25 GeV and track jets with  $p_T$ >10 GeV/c used to estimate background again.
- Calorimeter tracks matching one track with  $p_T > 7$ GeV/c or containing a high energy cluster E >7 GeV are used for analysis down to  $E_{jet} = 20$  GeV

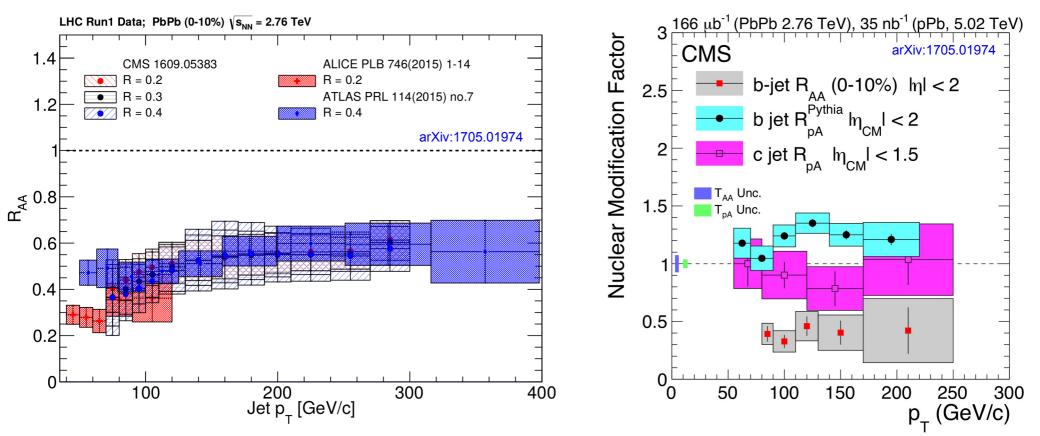


**Constituent biases** 

#### Definitely imposes a bias, especially at 20 GeV! We should treat that bias as a tool, not a handicap

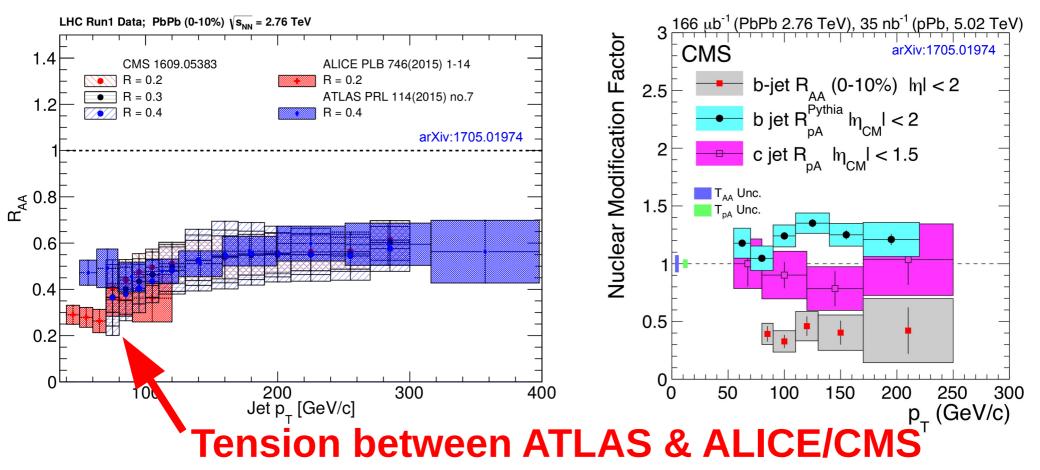
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- Similar suppression of heavy quark jets?



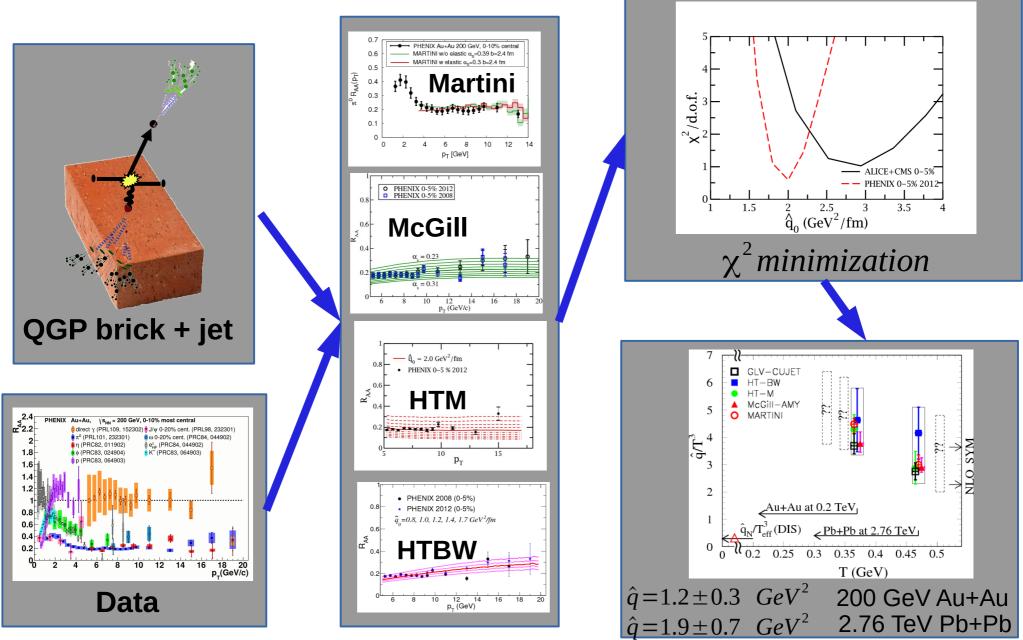


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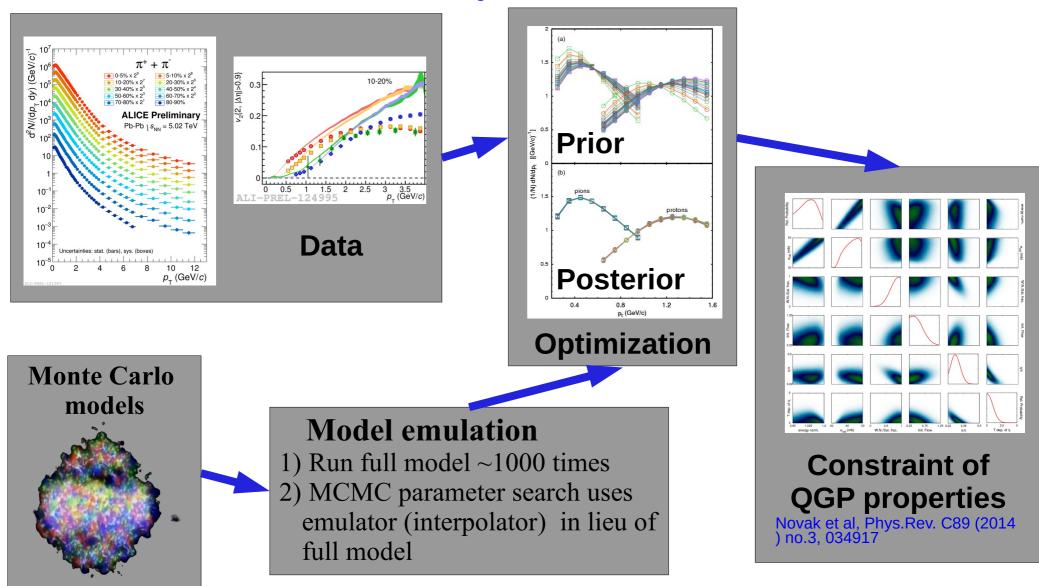
## JET collaboration

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#### Bayesian Statistical Analysis Models and Data Analysis Initiative

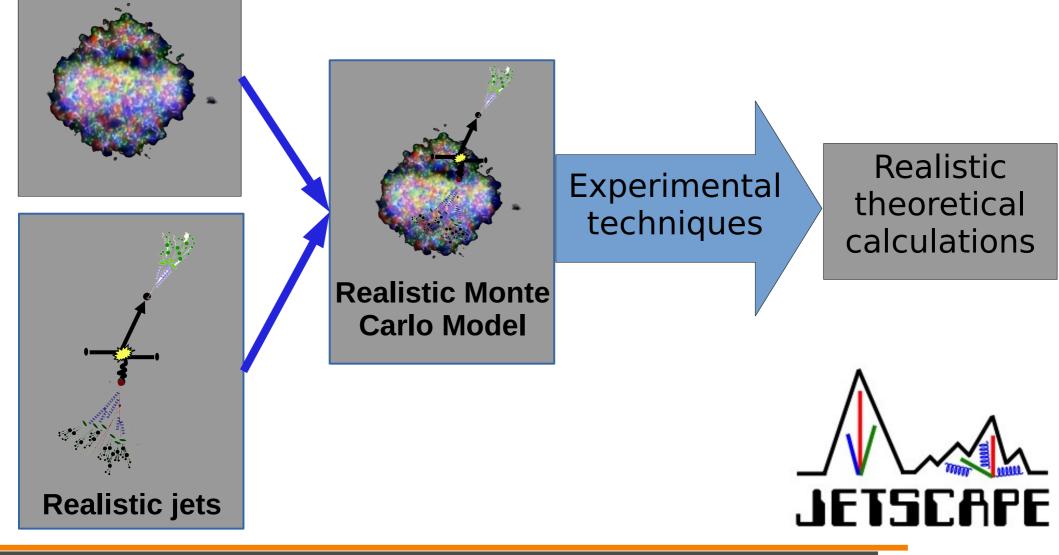
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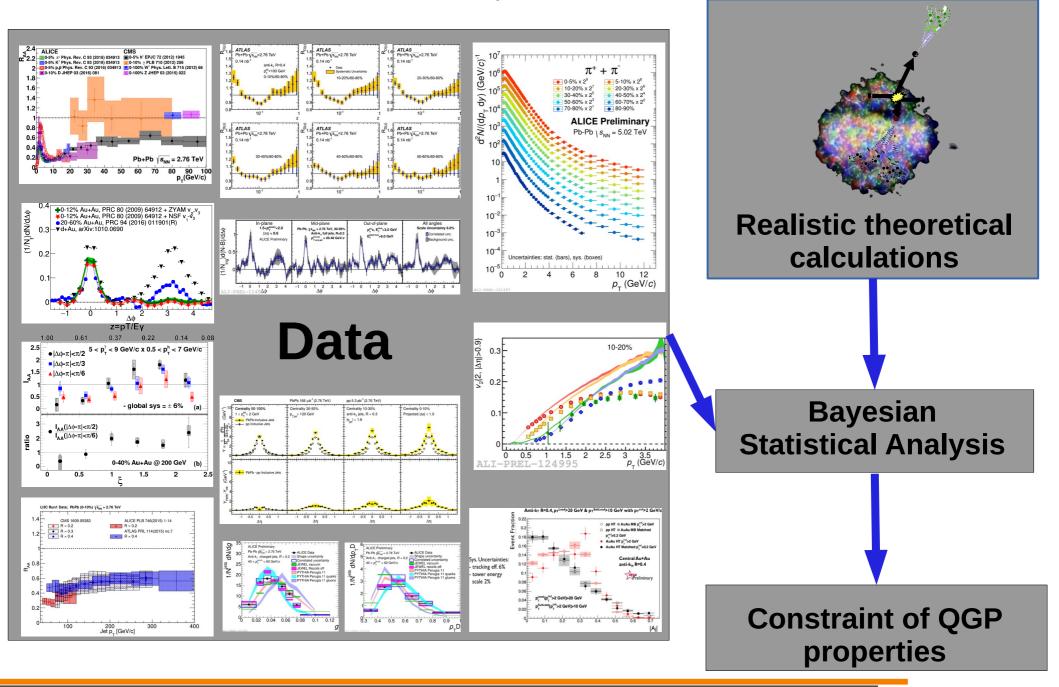
## JETSCAPE

#### Event generator

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

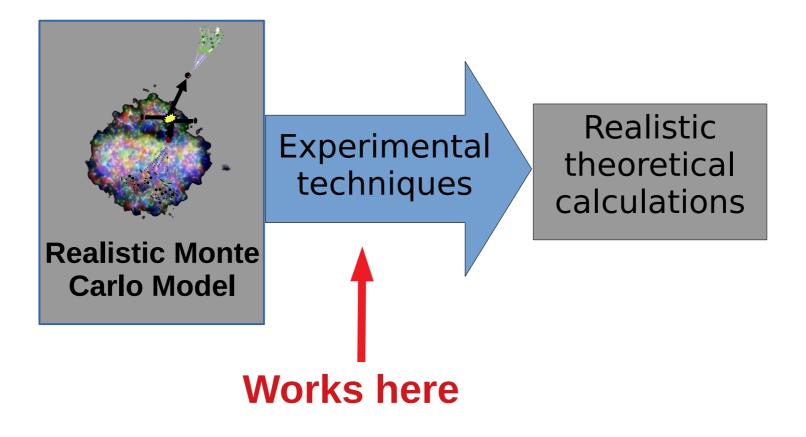


#### Event Generator + Bayesian Statistical analysis



## RIVET

Robust Independent Validation of Experiment and Theory



### **UTK JETSCAPE Group**

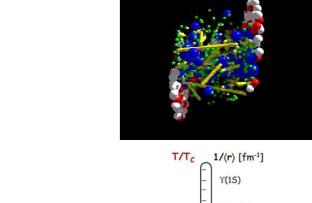
James Neuhaus Jerrica Wilson Mariah McCreary Ricardo Santos (Berea) Austin Schmier 4 undergrads + 1 beginning grad student Redmer Bertens (post doc)

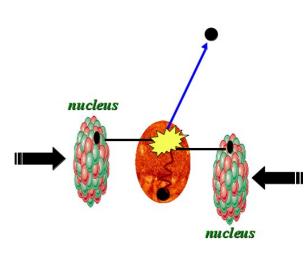
Before: 3 heavy ion analyses implemented After: 9 heavy ion analyses, 2 more in progress

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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.





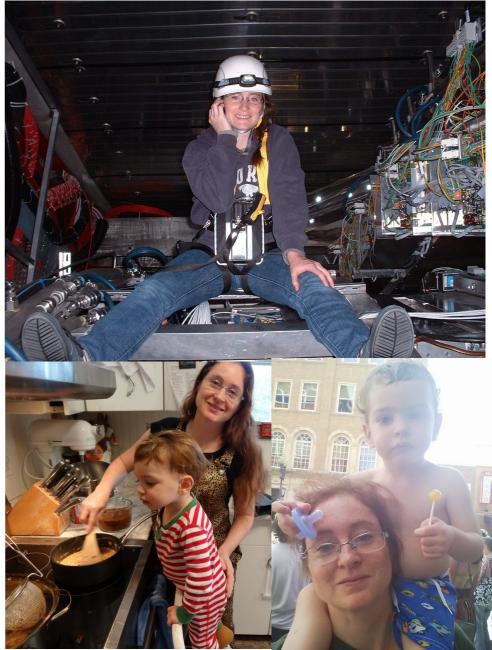
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## About me

- 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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#### Large Hadron Collider

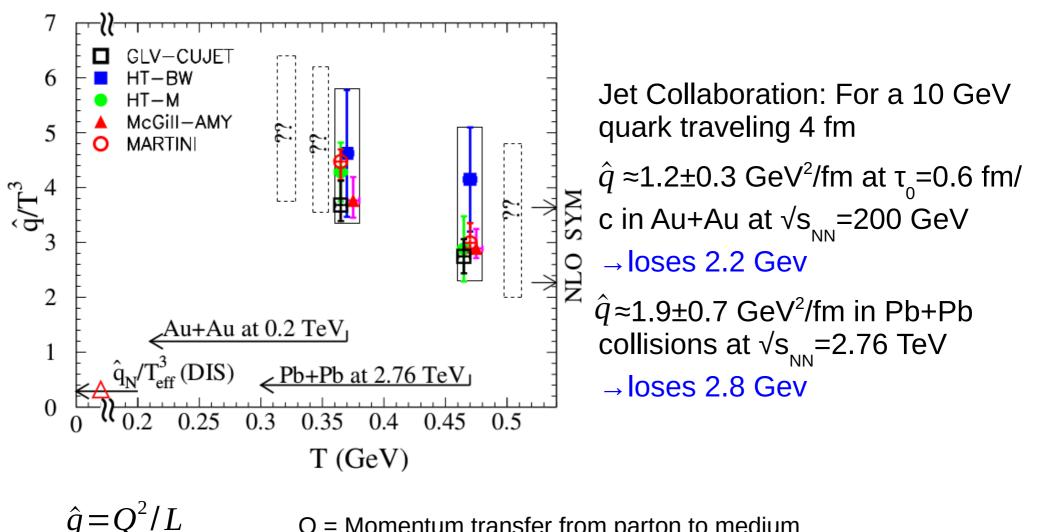
#### • ALICE

- University of Texas Austin
- Chicago State University
- Ohio State University
- Wayne State University
- University of Texas Houston
- University of Tennessee Knoxville
- Yale University
- Creighton University (masters only)
- Purdue University

#### • CMS

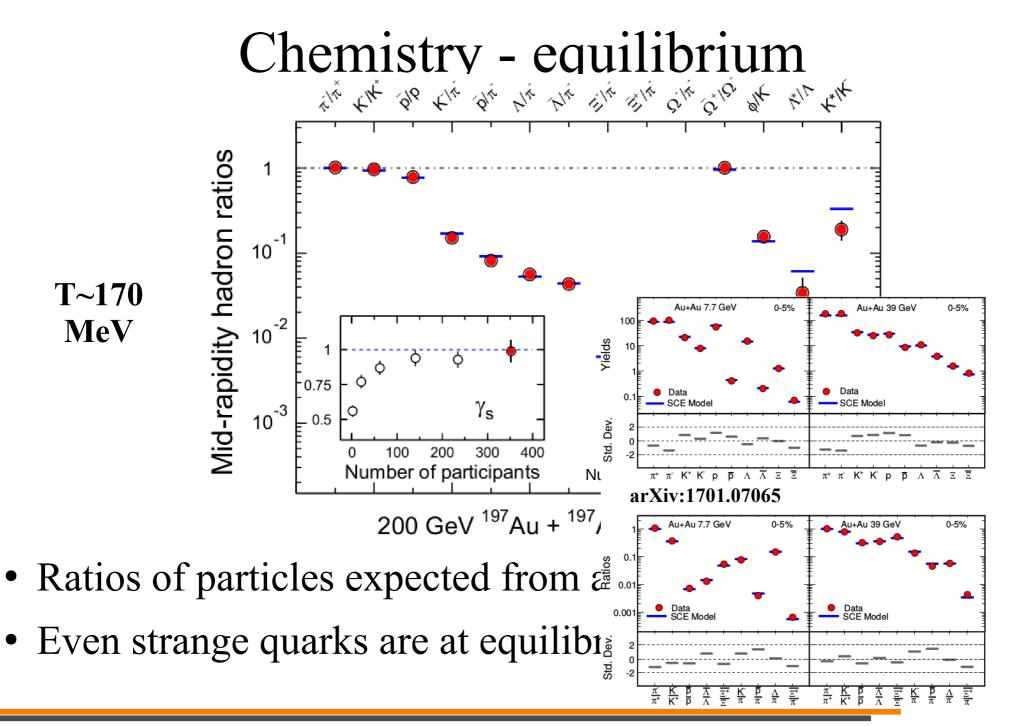
- University of California Davis
- University of Illinois Chicago
- University of Kansas
- University of Maryland
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- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Vanderbilt University
- ATLAS
  - Columbia University

#### Quantifying $\hat{q}$ Phys. Rev. C 90, 014909 (2014)

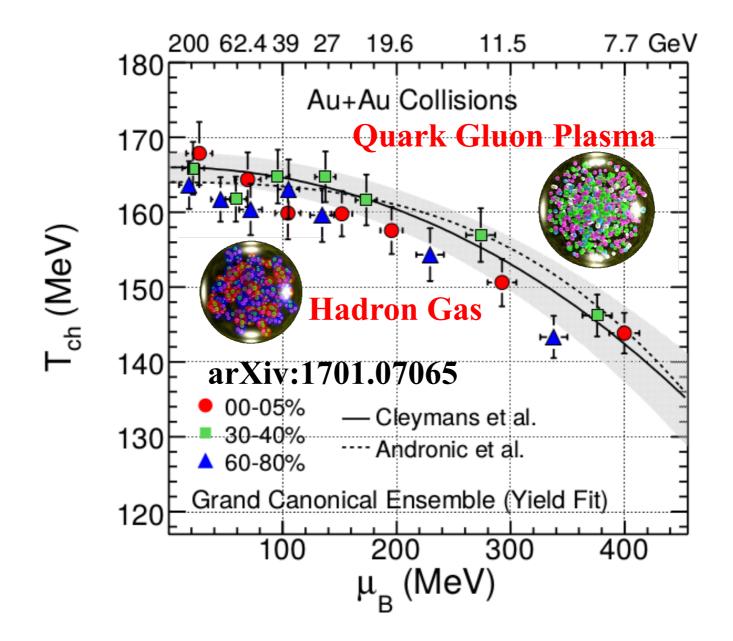


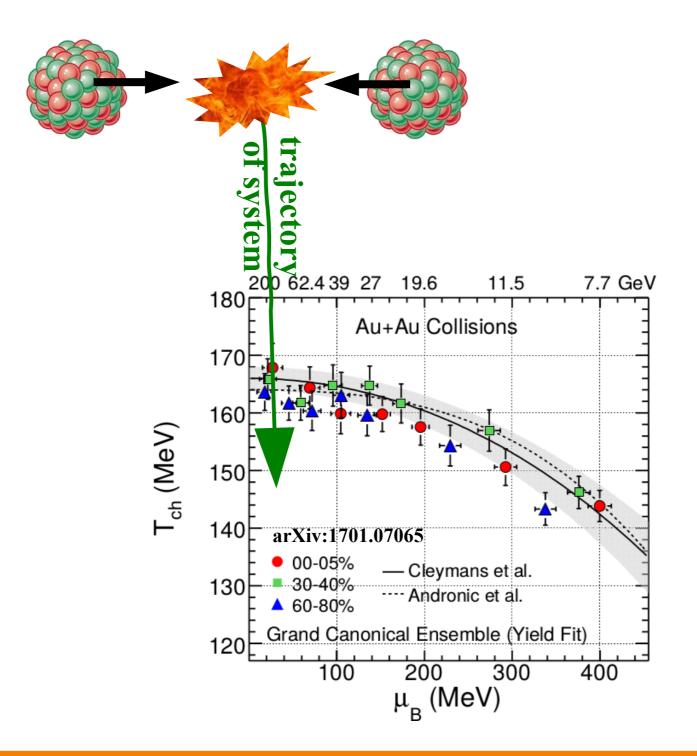
Q = Momentum transfer from parton to medium L = path length





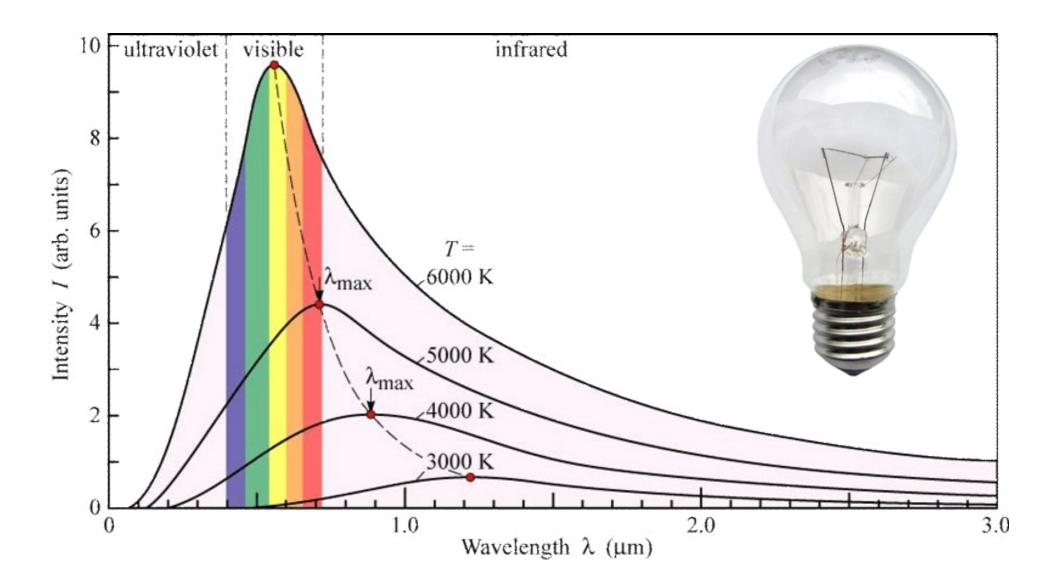
#### QCD Phase Diagram



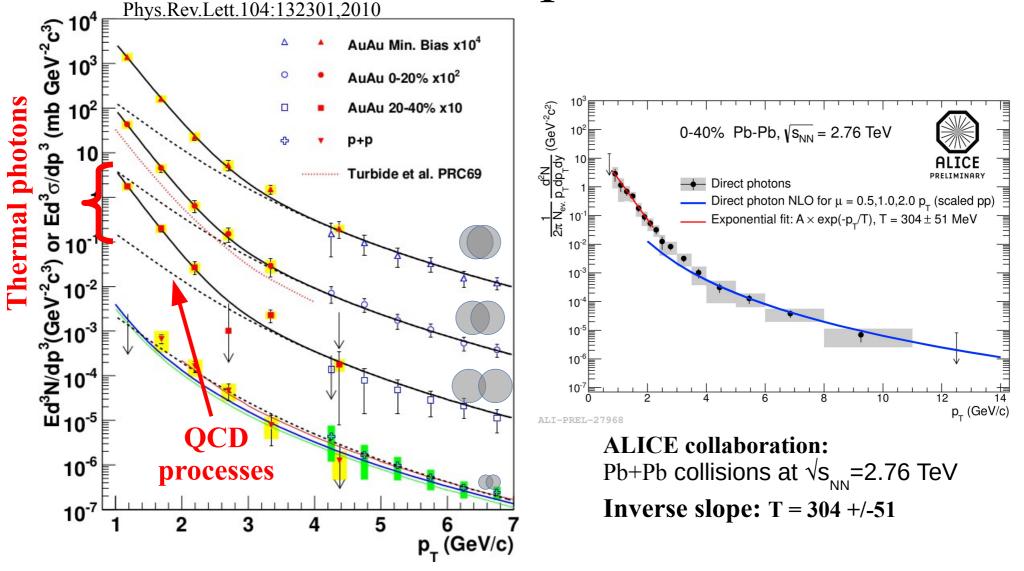


## QGP Thermometers

## Measuring temperature



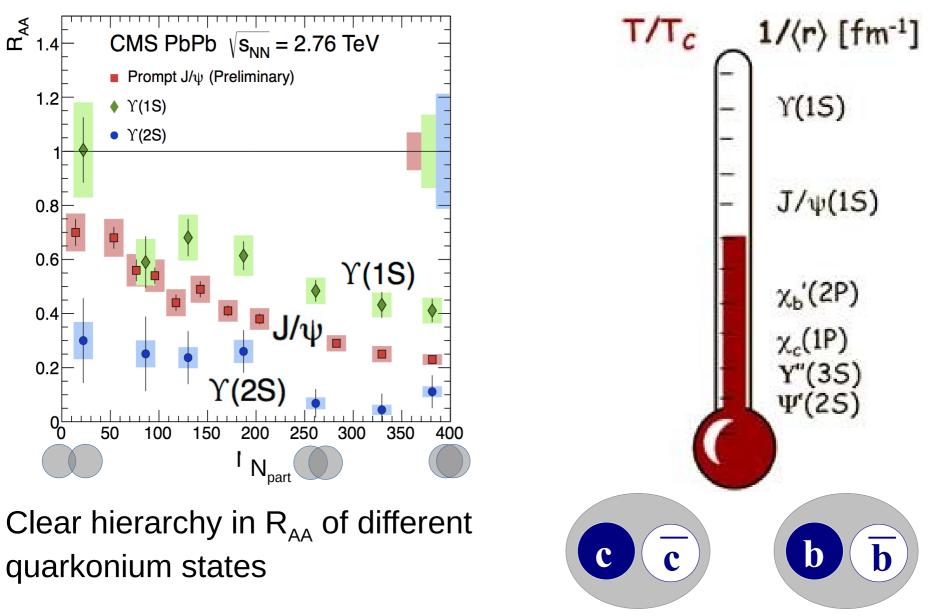
## Thermal photons



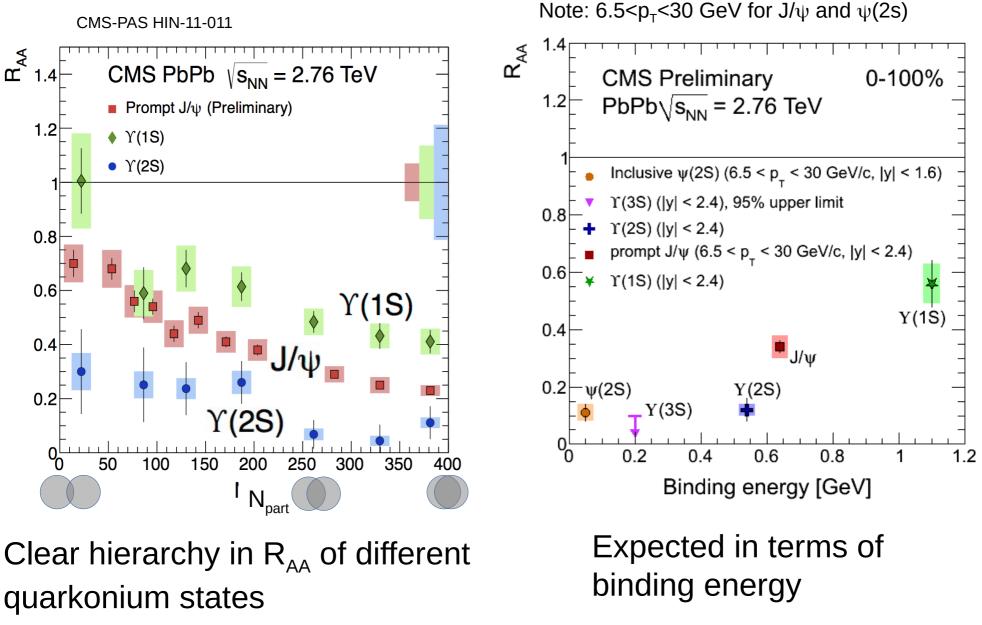
**PHENIX collaboration:** Au+Au collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{_{NN}}}$ =200 GeV **Inverse slope:** T = 221 +/- 19 (stat) +/- 19 (syst) MeV

## Building a quarkonium-thermometer

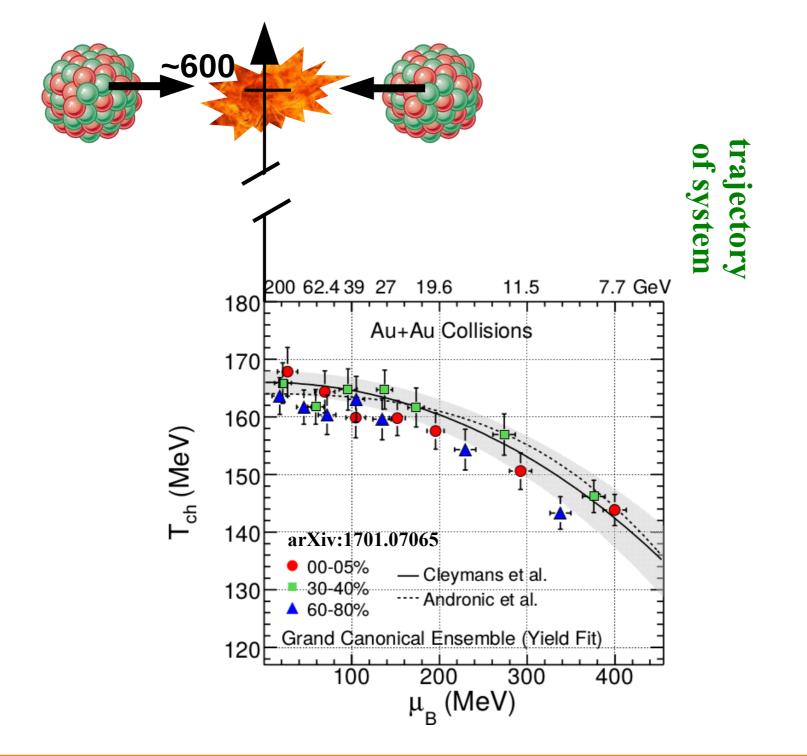
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## Building a quarkonium-thermometer



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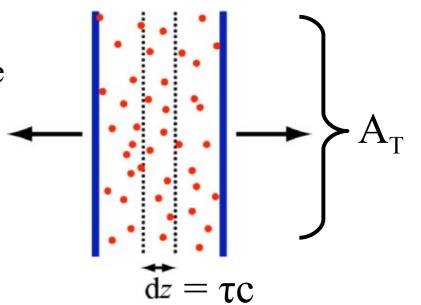
# QGP Energy Density

# 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

