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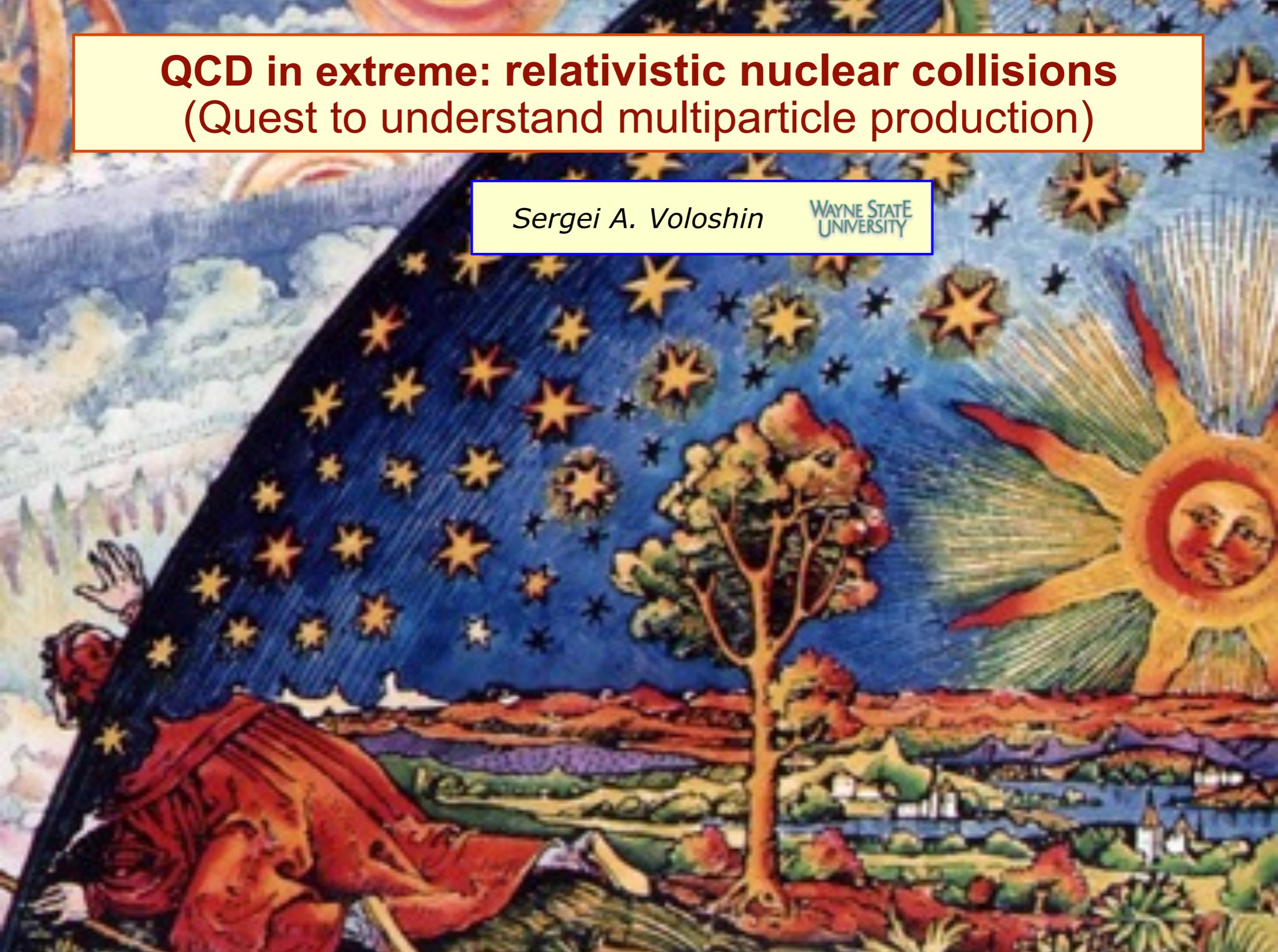
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“cv”:

Graduated from Moscow Engineering Physics Institute
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Experimental Collaborations:

E877 @ AGS.BNL
NA49, NA45(CERES) @ SPS.CERN
STAR @ RHIC.BNL
ALICE @ LHC.CERN

~300 papers

> 18 (5 – “few” authors) with citation index > 250
discovery of anisotropic flow at AGS, SPS,
RHIC (first STAR paper), LHC (first ALICE Pb+Pb paper)...

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Outline:

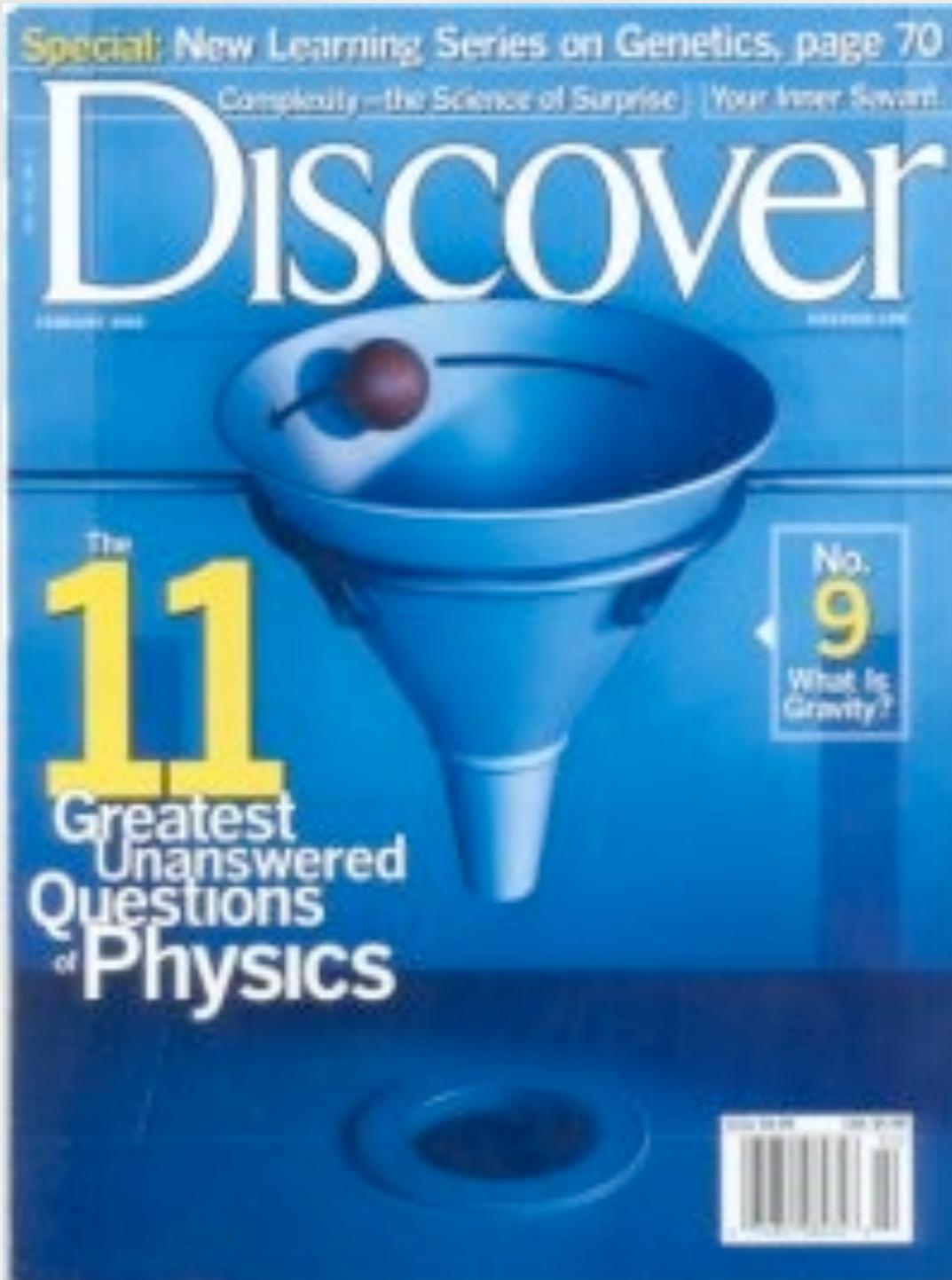
- what questions we try to answer
- what experiments we perform
- 3 examples of my “contribution”

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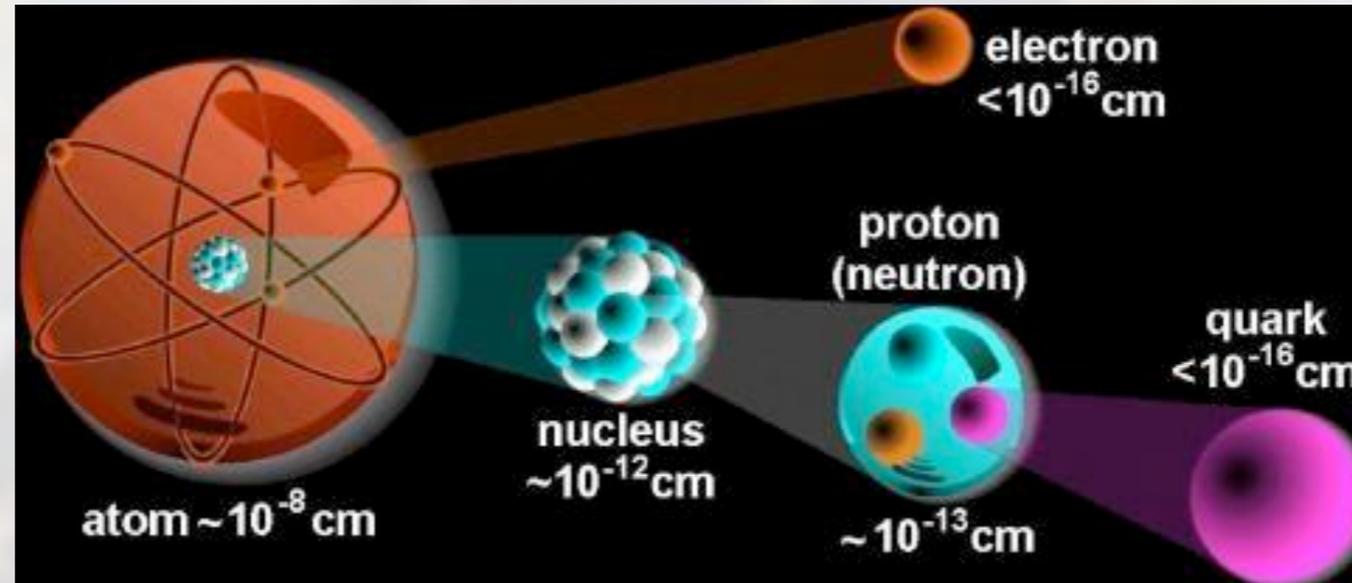
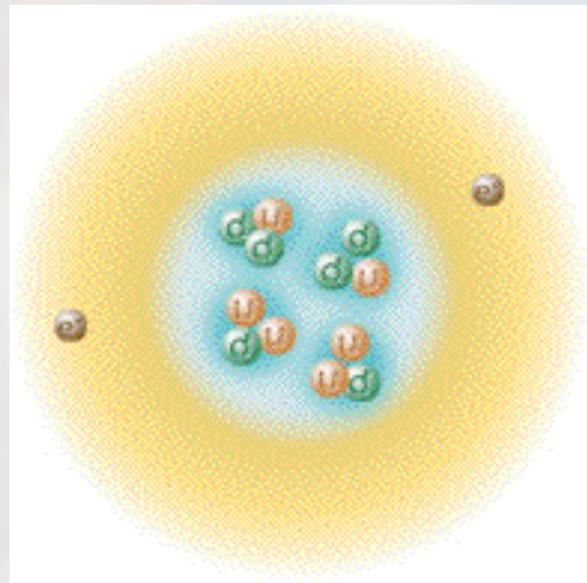
Fundamental physics: questions to answer



What is dark matter?
What is dark energy?
How were the heavy elements from iron to uranium made?
Do neutrinos have mass?
Where do ultra-energy particles come from?
Is a new theory of light and matter needed to explain what happens at very high energies and temperatures?
Are there new states of matter at ultrahigh temperatures and densities?
Are protons unstable?
What is gravity?
Are there additional dimensions?
How did the Universe begin?

The February 2002 issue of Discover magazine based its cover story on the recent 105-page public draft of the National Research Council Committee on Physics of the Universe report, *Connecting Quarks with the Cosmos*

The Structure of matter. Types of interactions



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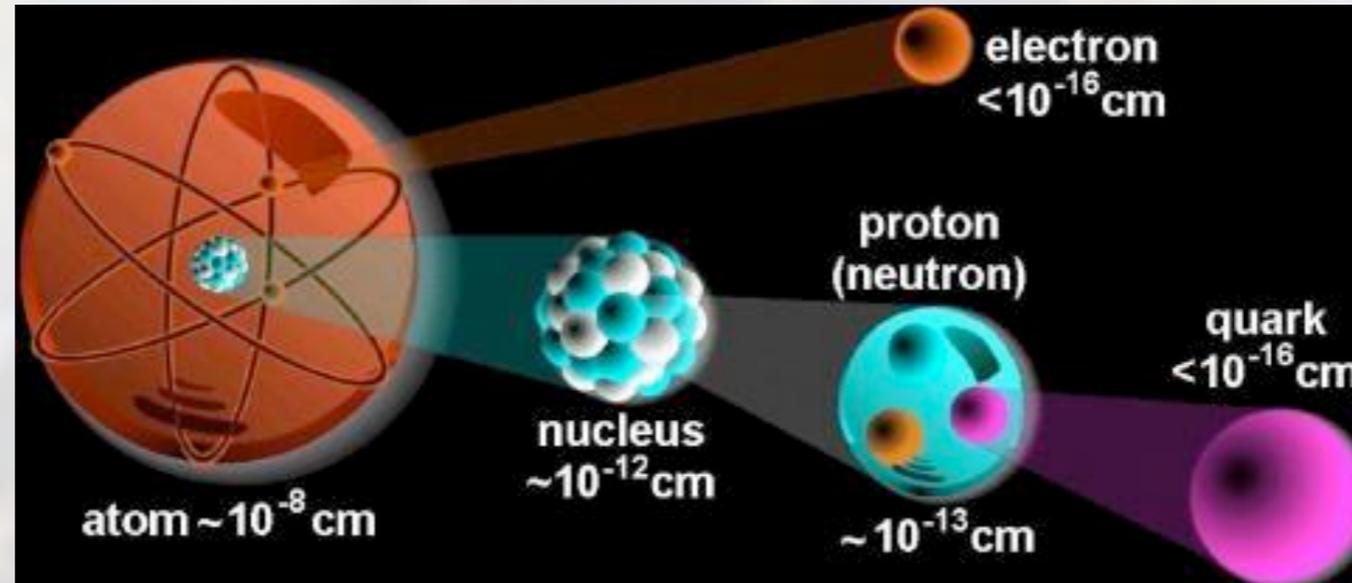
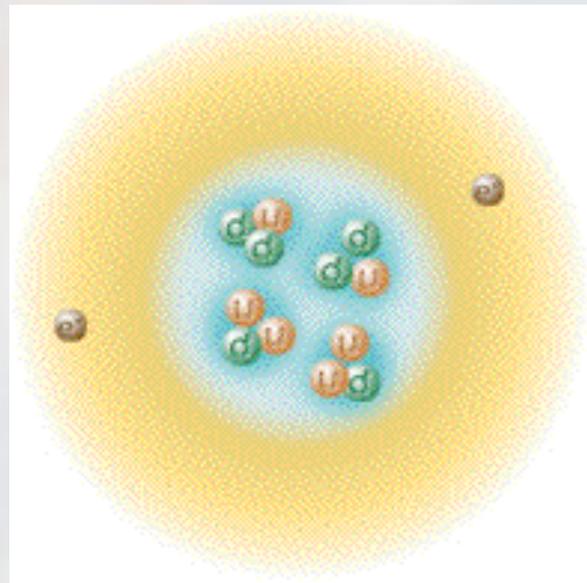
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Unified Electroweak spin = 1			Strong (color) spin = 1		
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γ photon	0	0	g gluon	0	0
W⁻	80.39	-1			
W⁺	80.39	+1			
W bosons					
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Hadrons are particles “participating” in the strong interactions

Quantum Chromo Dynamics (QCD)

Forces between *quarks*: exchange of colour *gluons*
Confinement: at larger distances interaction become stronger → Free quarks are not observed in nature;

Non-trivial structure of the vacuum:

Spontaneous breaking of the chiral symmetry – generation of masses.

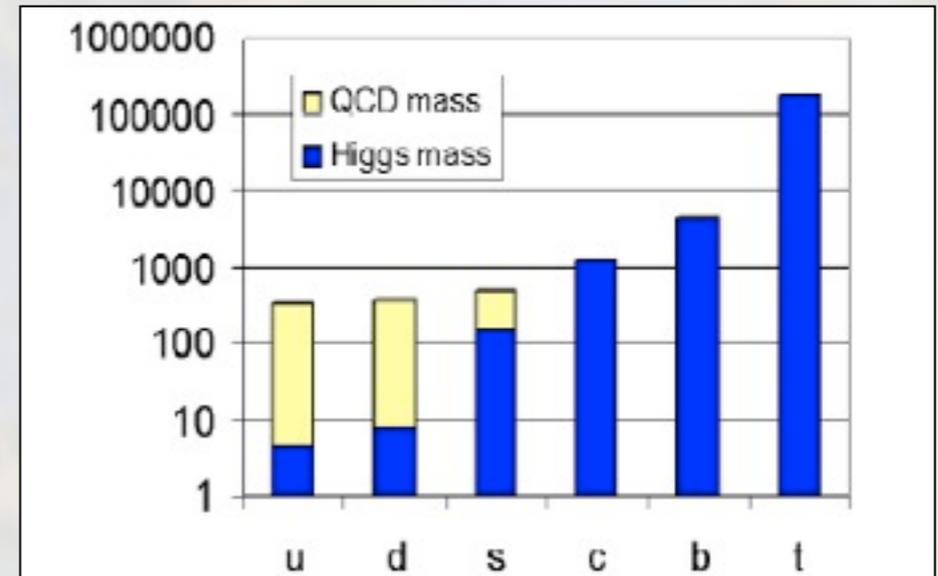
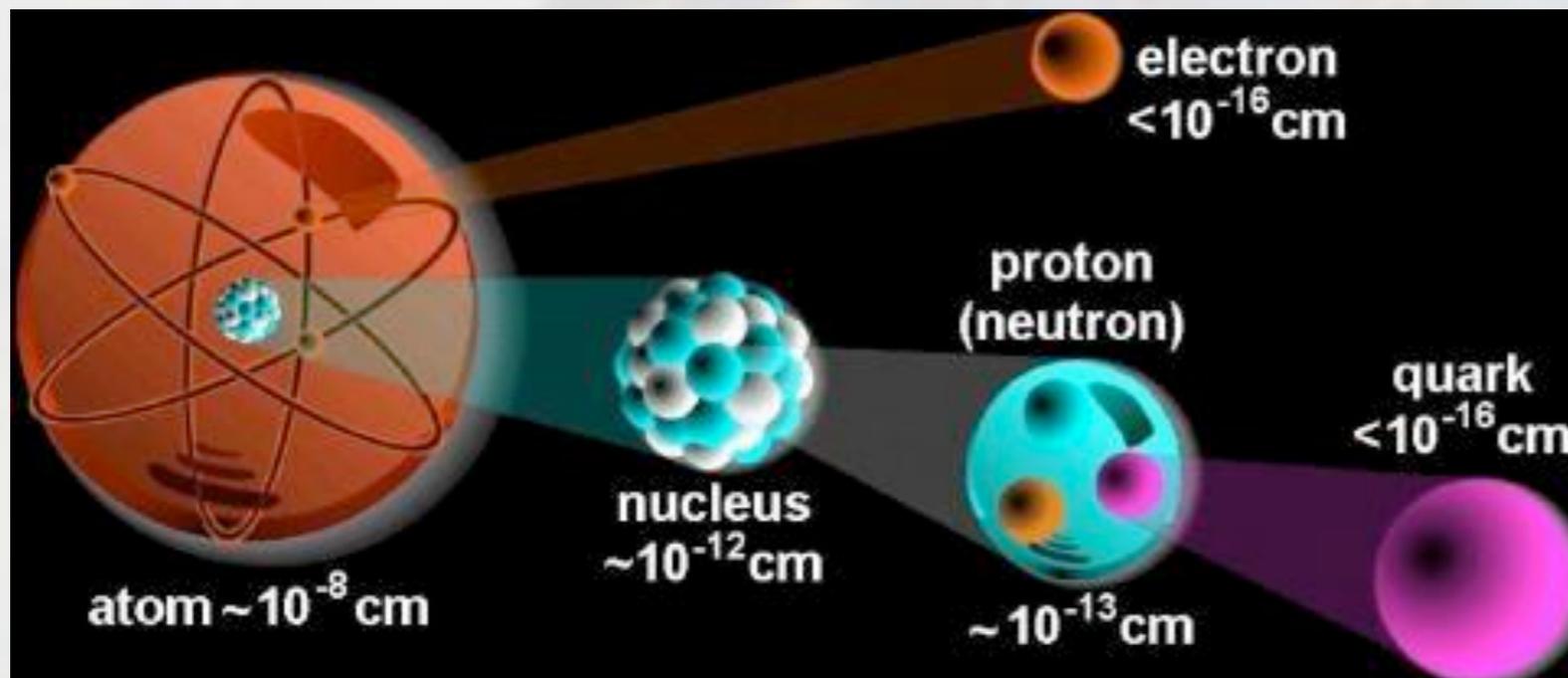
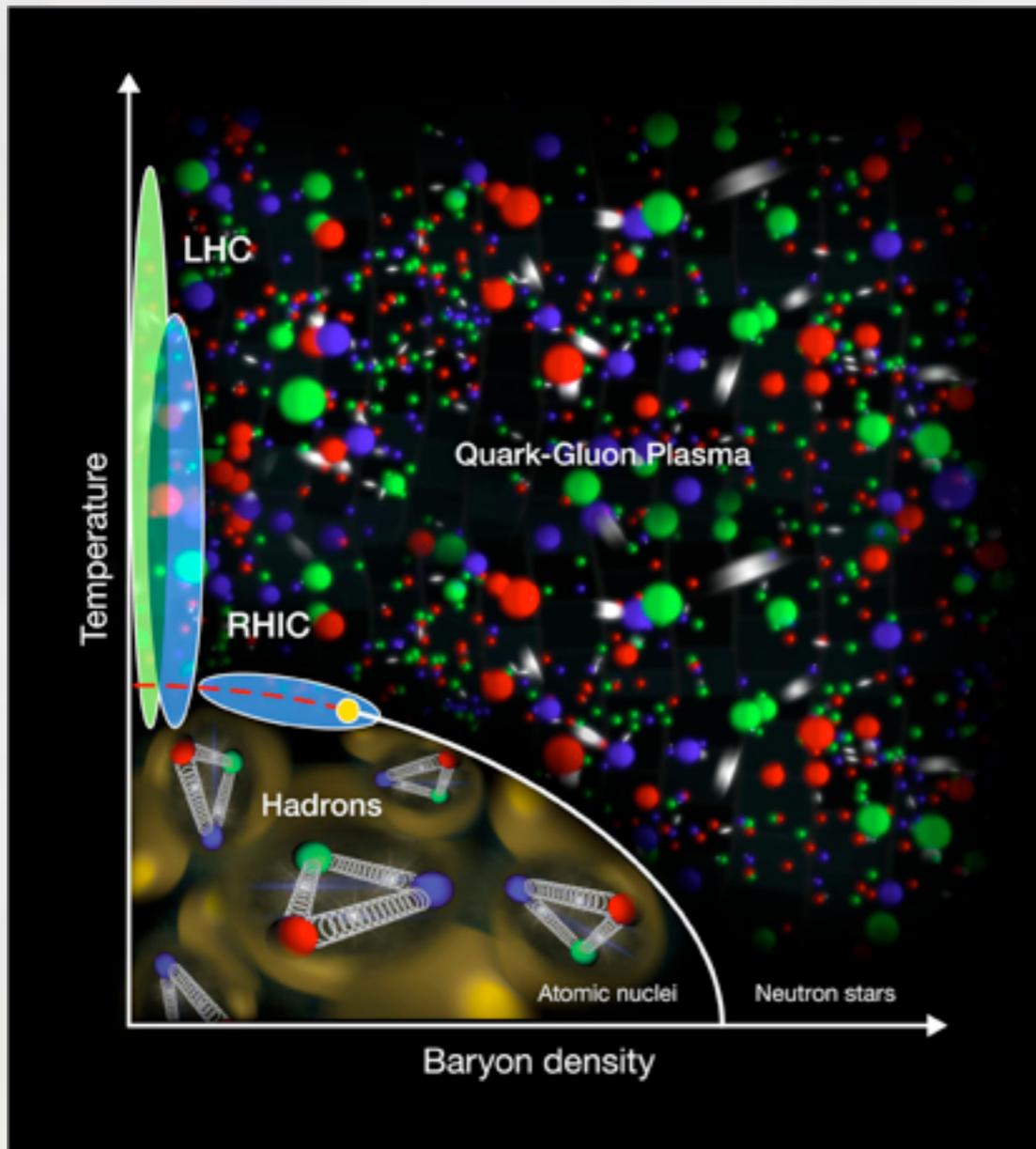


FIG. 1: Masses of the six quark flavors. The masses generated by electroweak symmetry breaking (current quark masses) are shown in dark blue; the additional masses of the light quark flavors generated by spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking in QCD (constituent quark masses) are shown in light yellow. Note the logarithmic mass scale. Berndt Müller

Questions we try to answer:

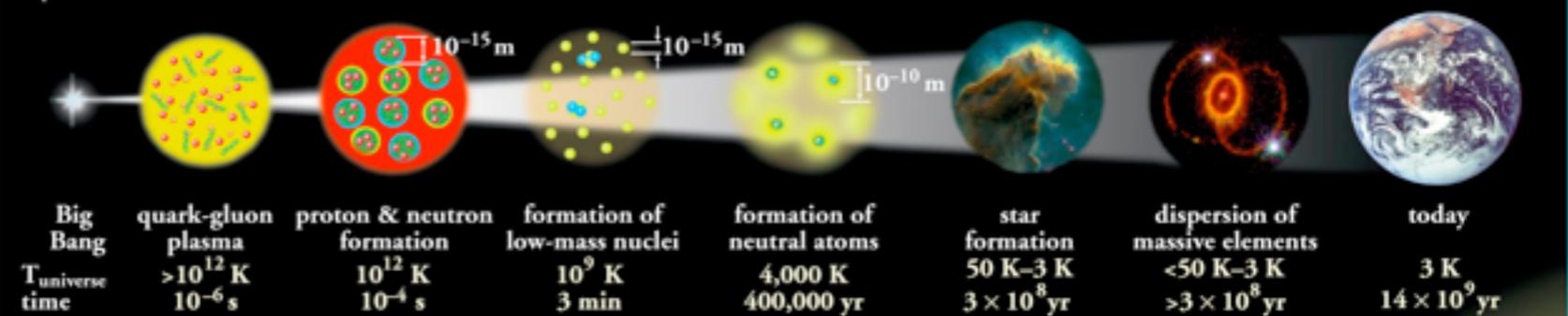
- Are there a new (deconfined) state of matter - **Quark Gluon Plasma**, where quarks and gluons can move “freely”?
- What are the properties of this matter (e.g. viscosity)?
- How it hadronizes (converts to regular matter)?

The Phase Diagram of QCD



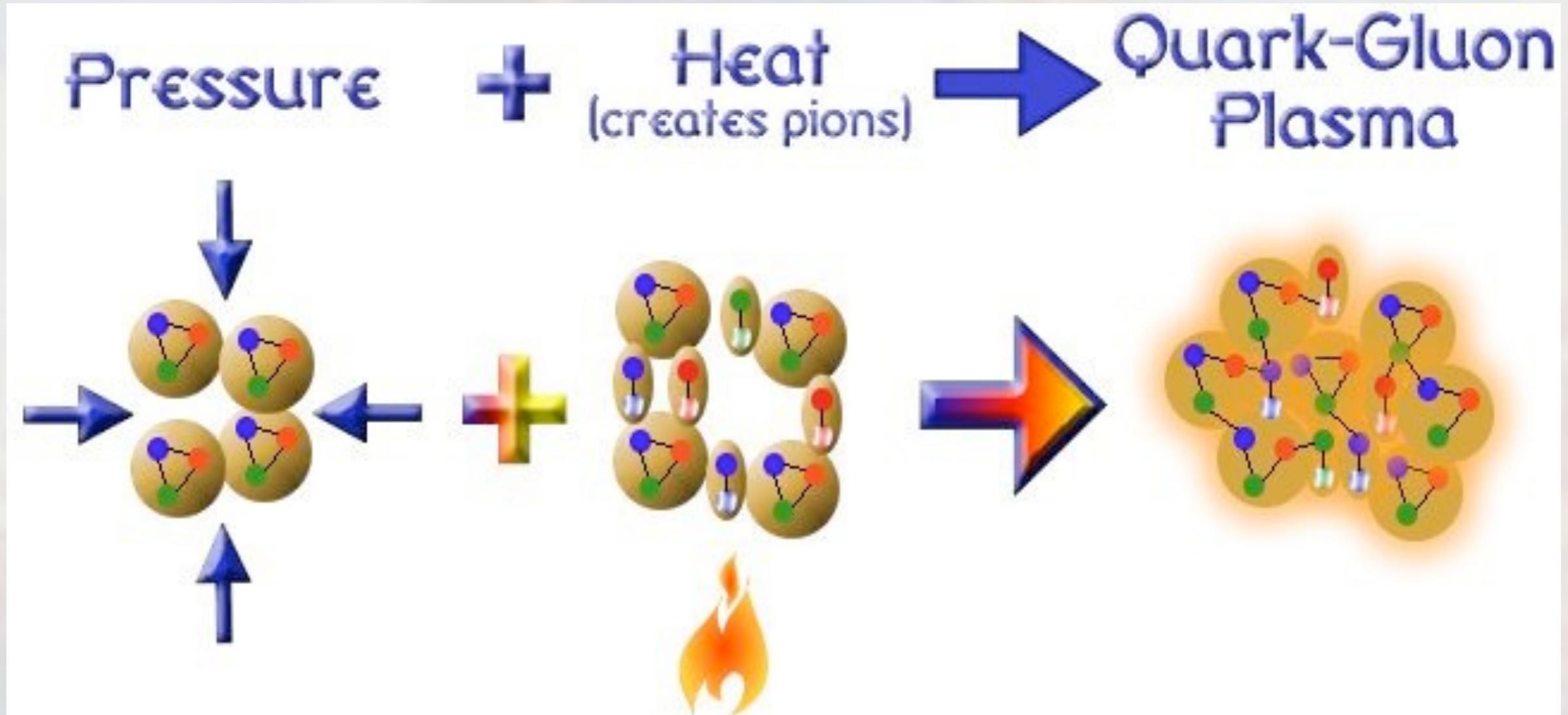
Expansion of the Universe

After the Big Bang, the universe expanded and cooled. At about 10^{-6} second, the universe consisted of a soup of quarks, gluons, electrons, and neutrinos. When the temperature of the Universe, T_{universe} , cooled to about 10^{12} K, this soup coalesced into protons, neutrons, and electrons. As time progressed, some of the protons and neutrons formed deuterium, helium, and lithium nuclei. Still later, electrons combined with protons and these low-mass nuclei to form neutral atoms. Due to gravity, clouds of atoms contracted into stars, where hydrogen and helium fused into more massive chemical elements. Exploding stars (supernovae) form the most massive elements and disperse them into space. Our earth was formed from supernova debris.



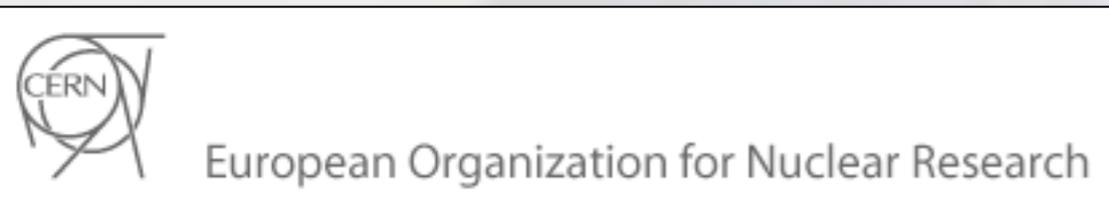
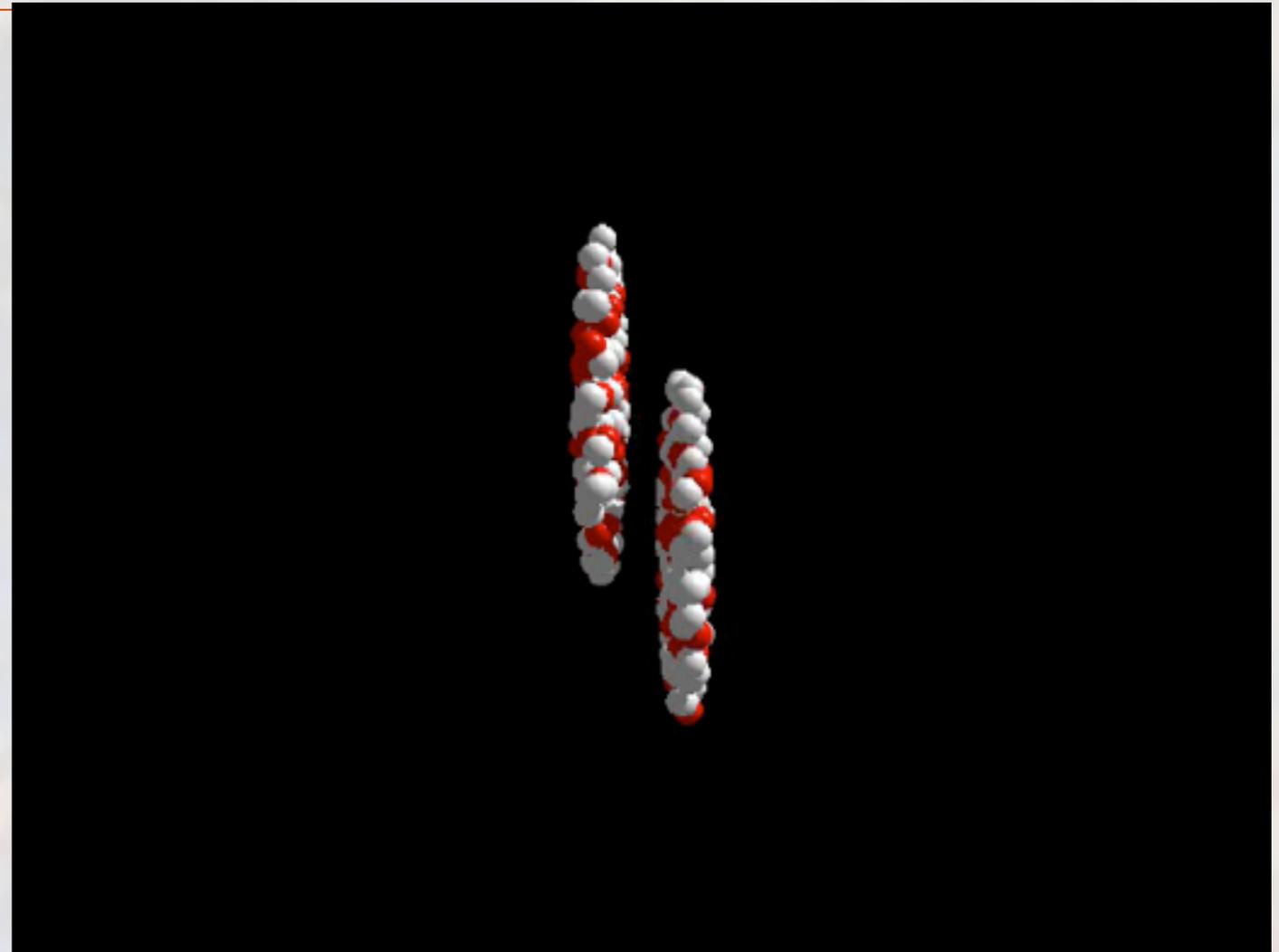
QGP

Quark-Gluon Plasma = color deconfinement
+ thermalization



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("free" color propagation over large distances)

Ultrarelativistic nuclear collisions



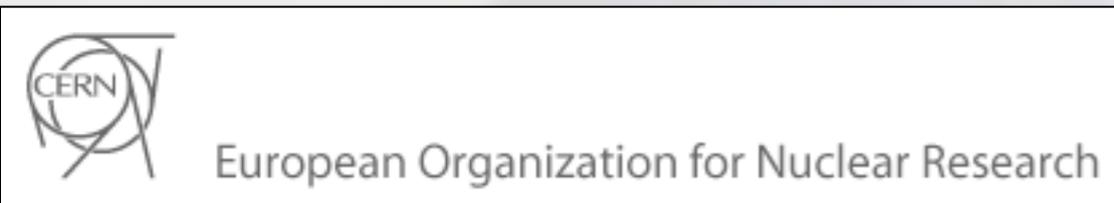
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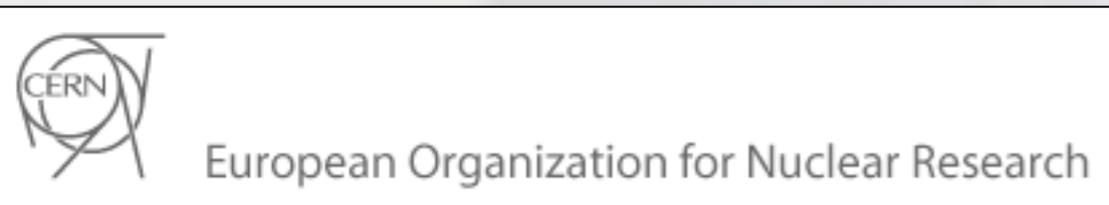
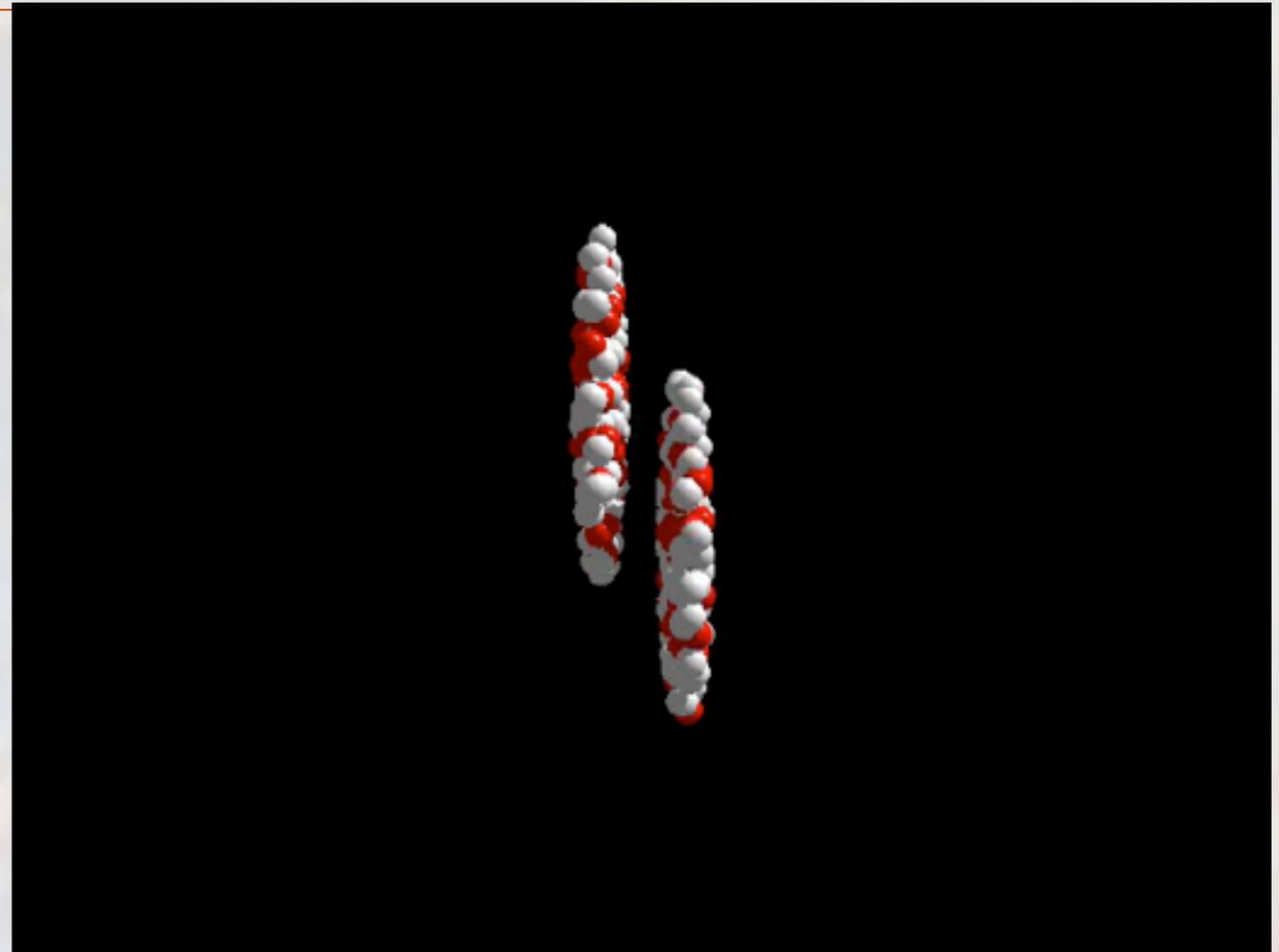
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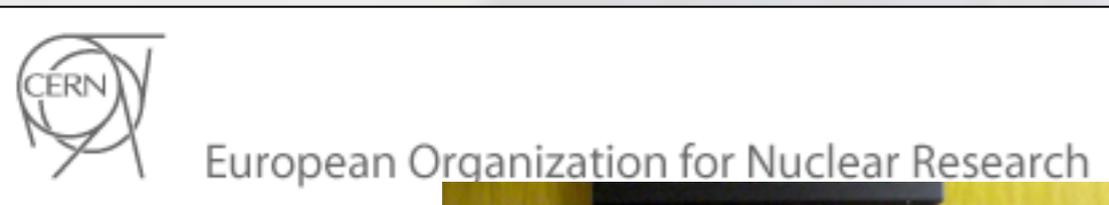
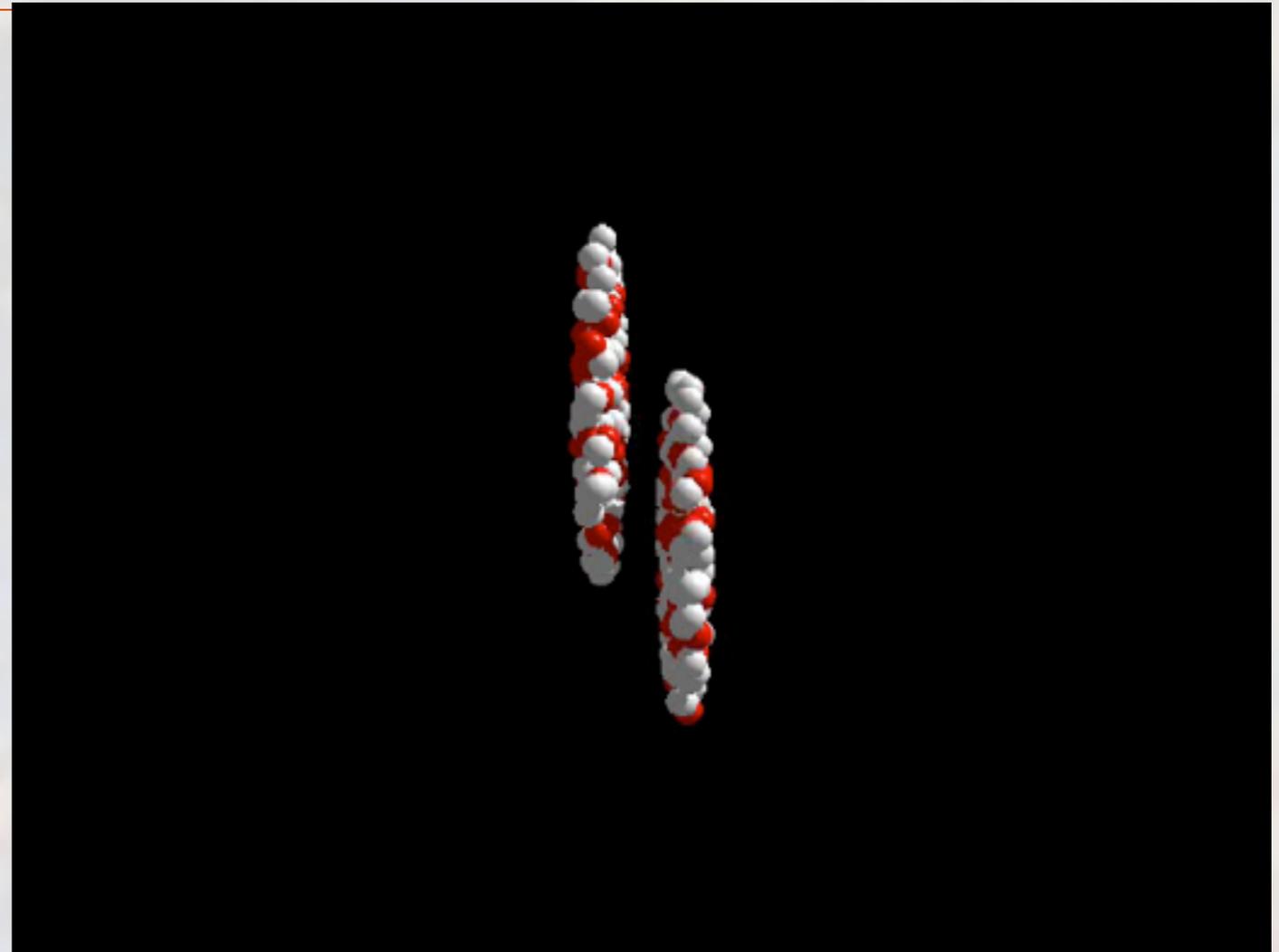


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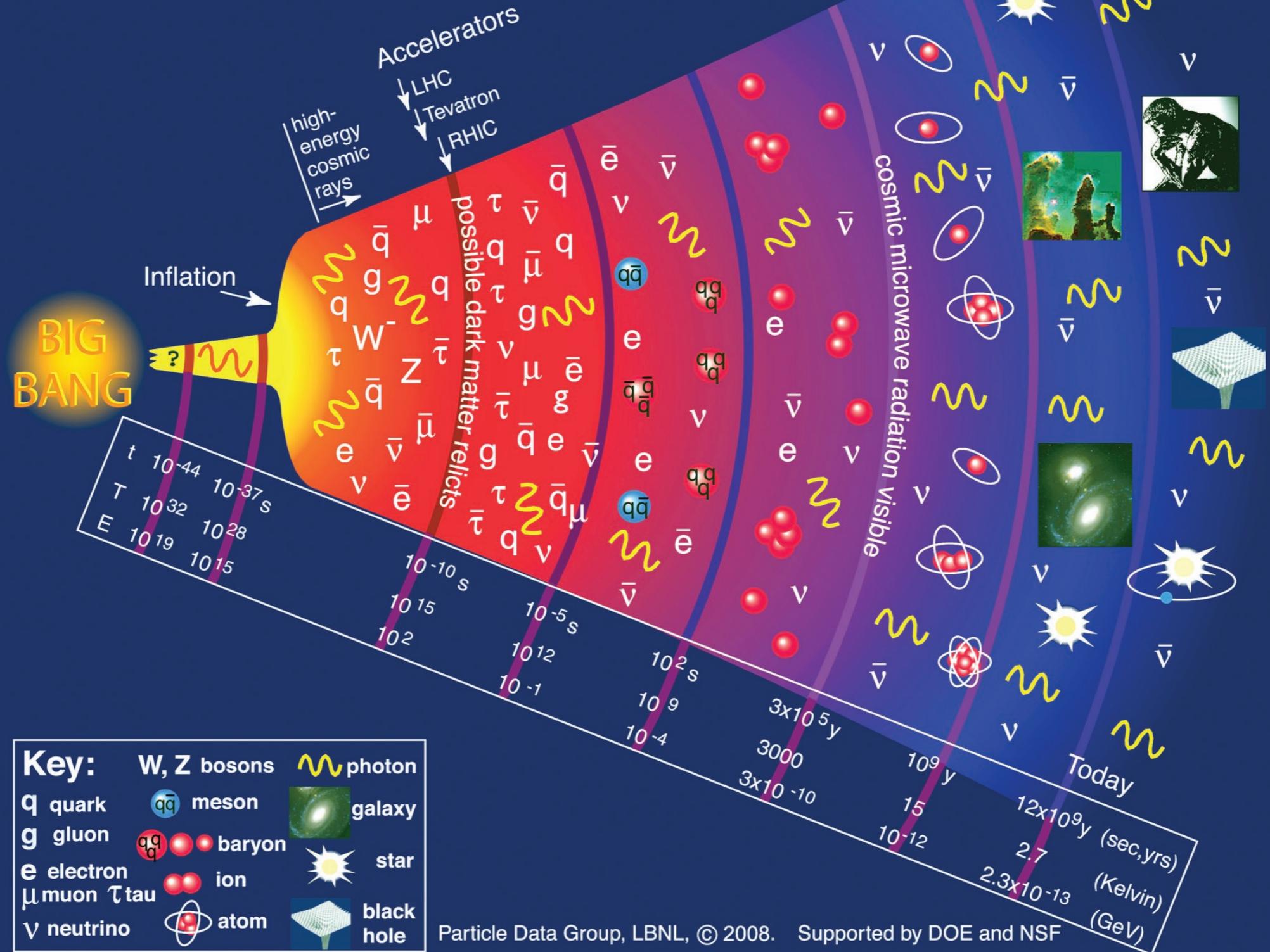


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History of the Universe



STAR @ RHIC

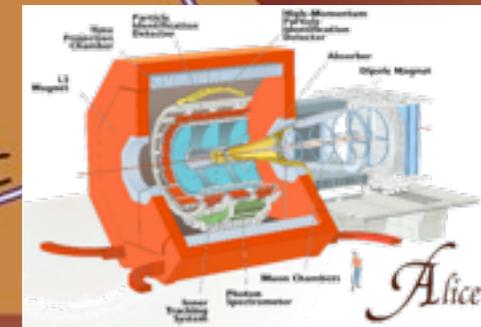
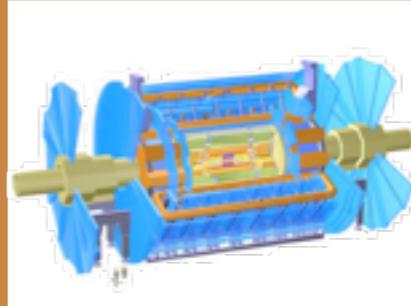
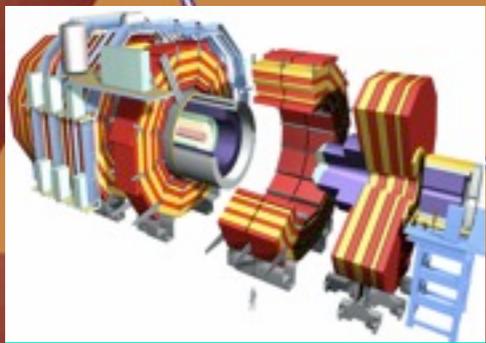
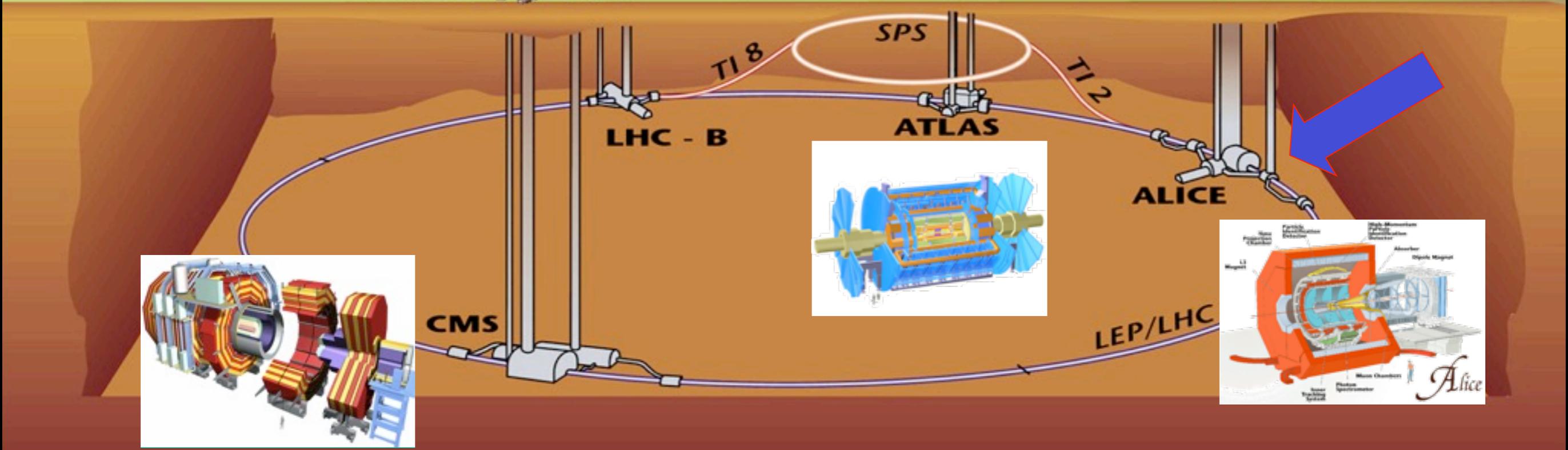
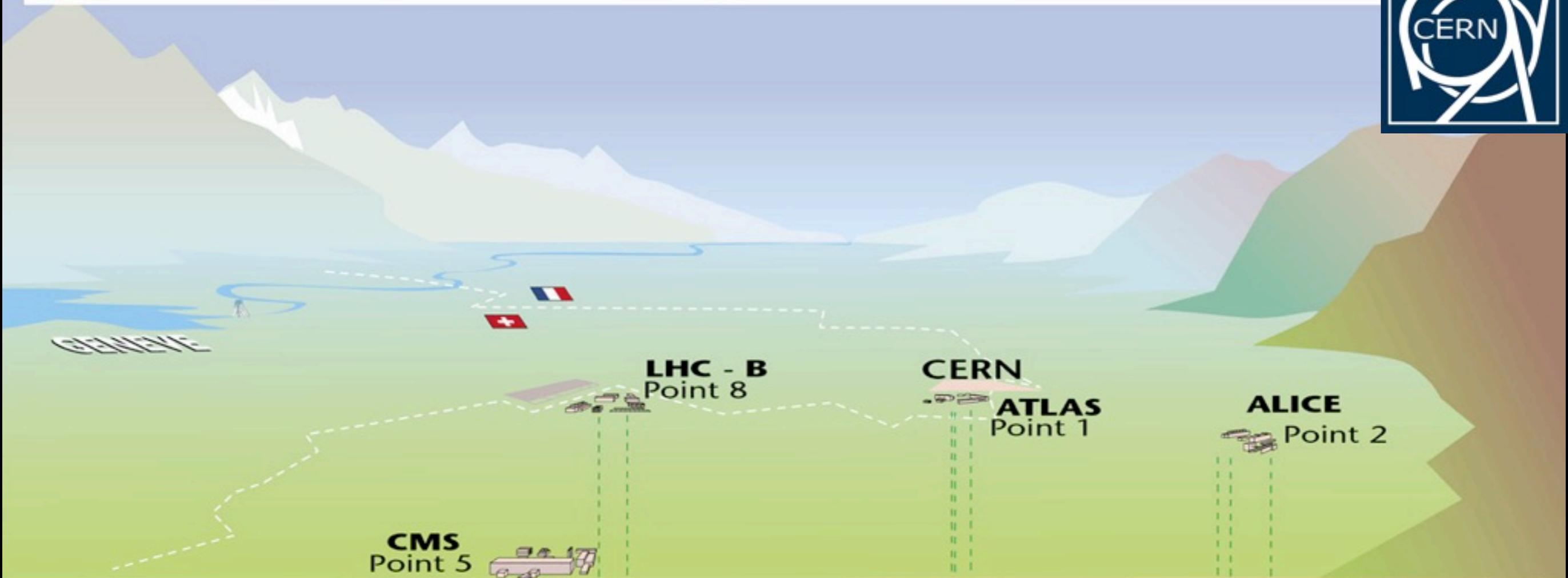




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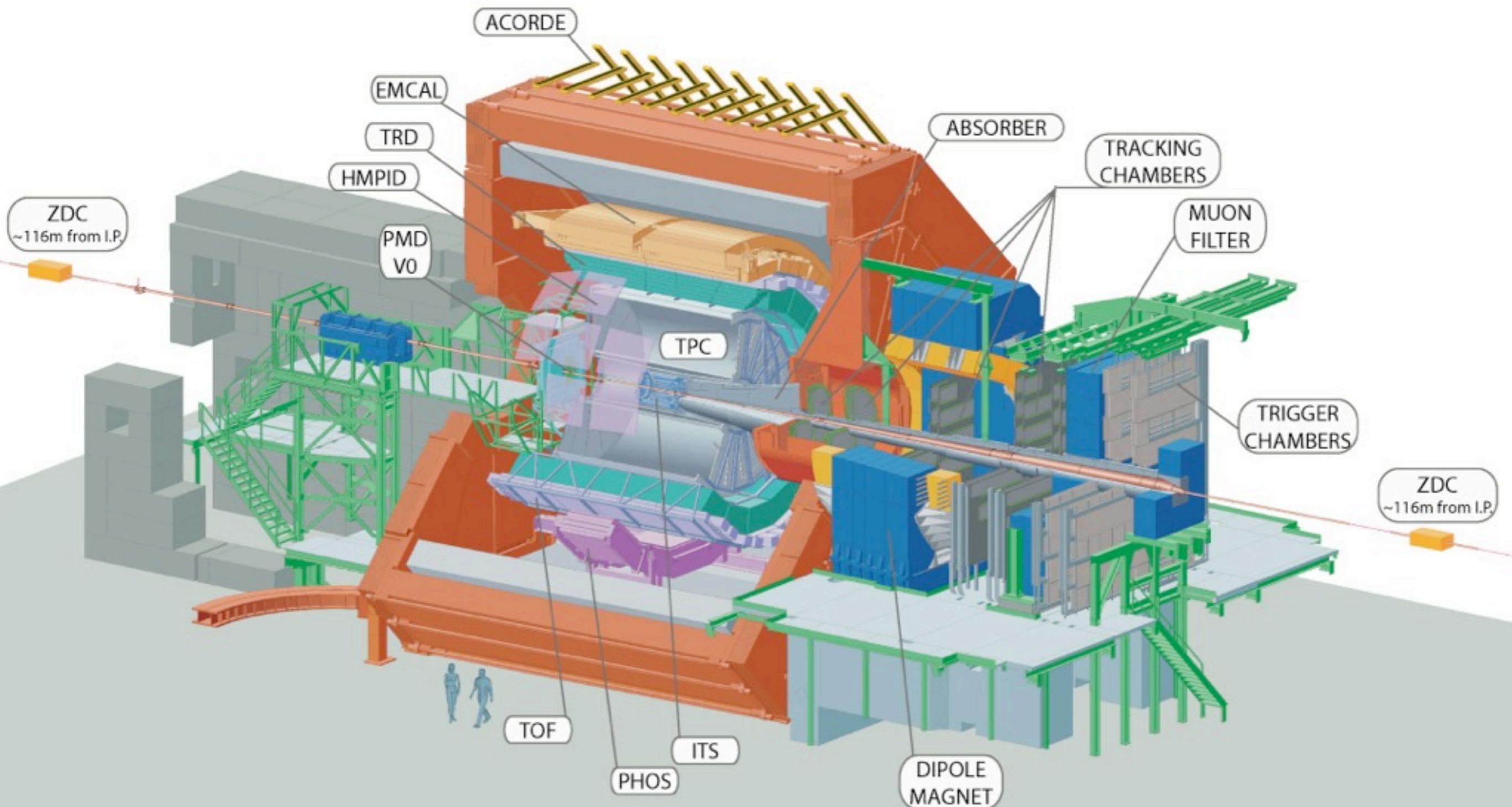


Overall view of the LHC experiments.





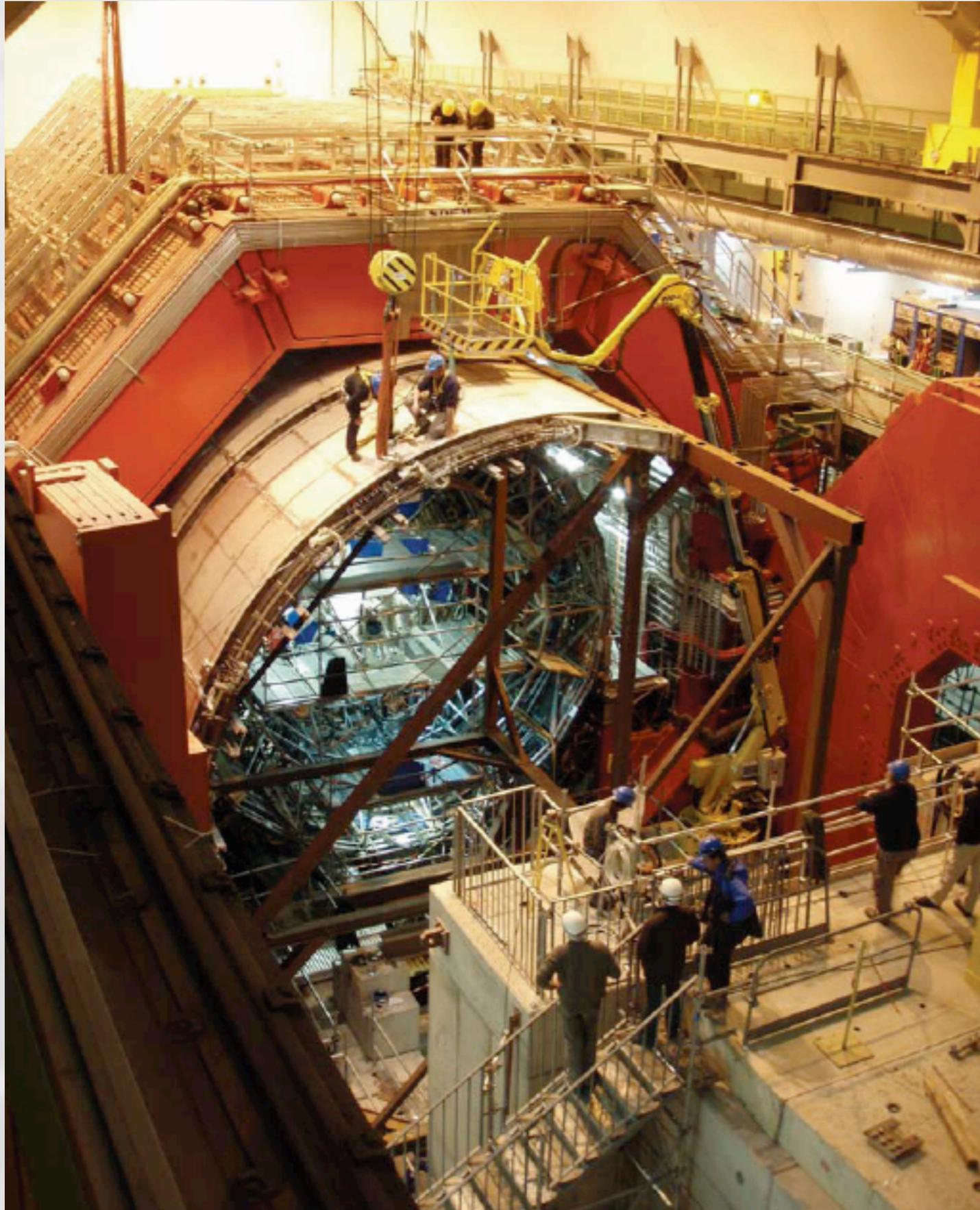
ALICE Detector



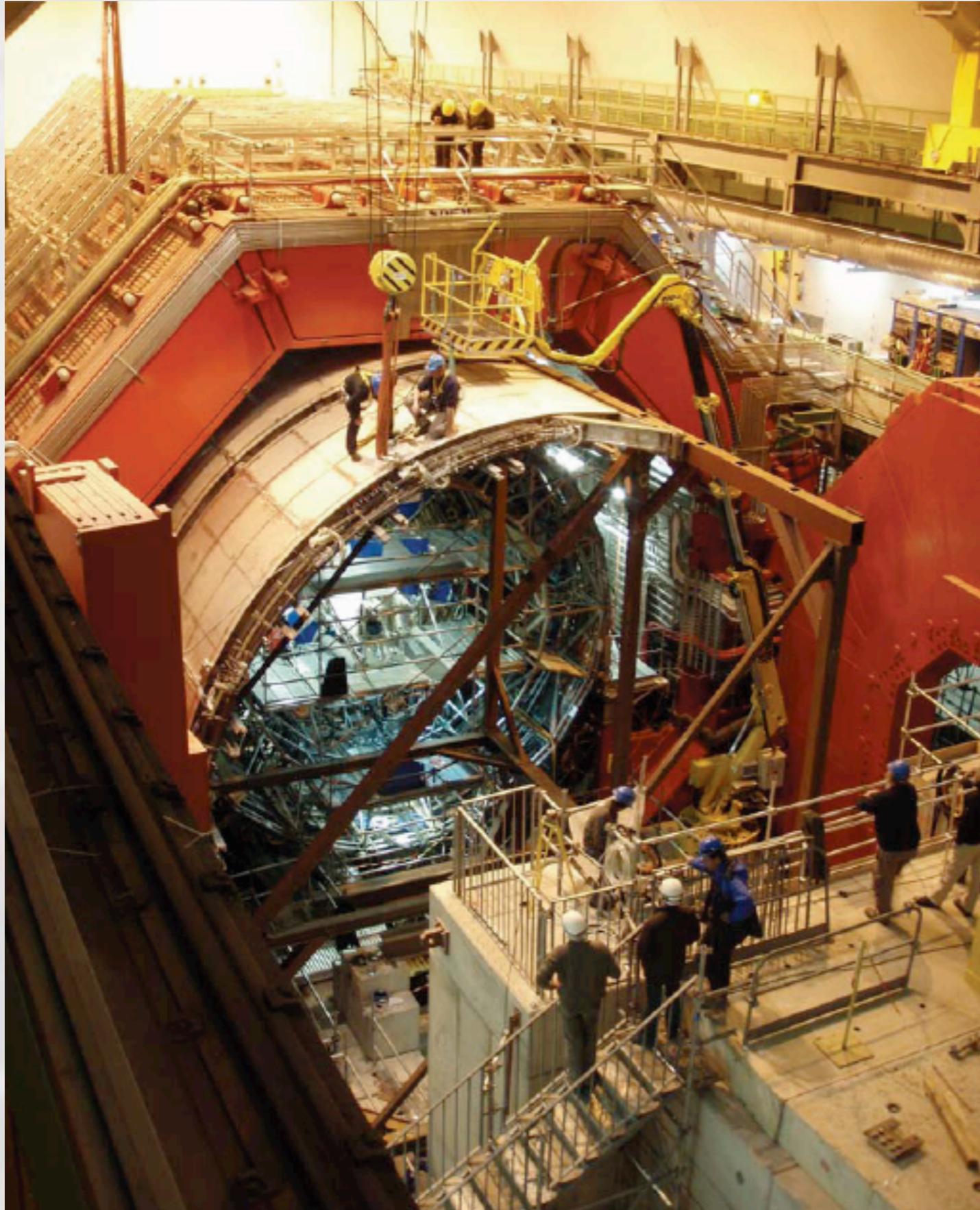
Detector:
Length: **26** meters
Height: **16** meters
Weight: **10,000** tons

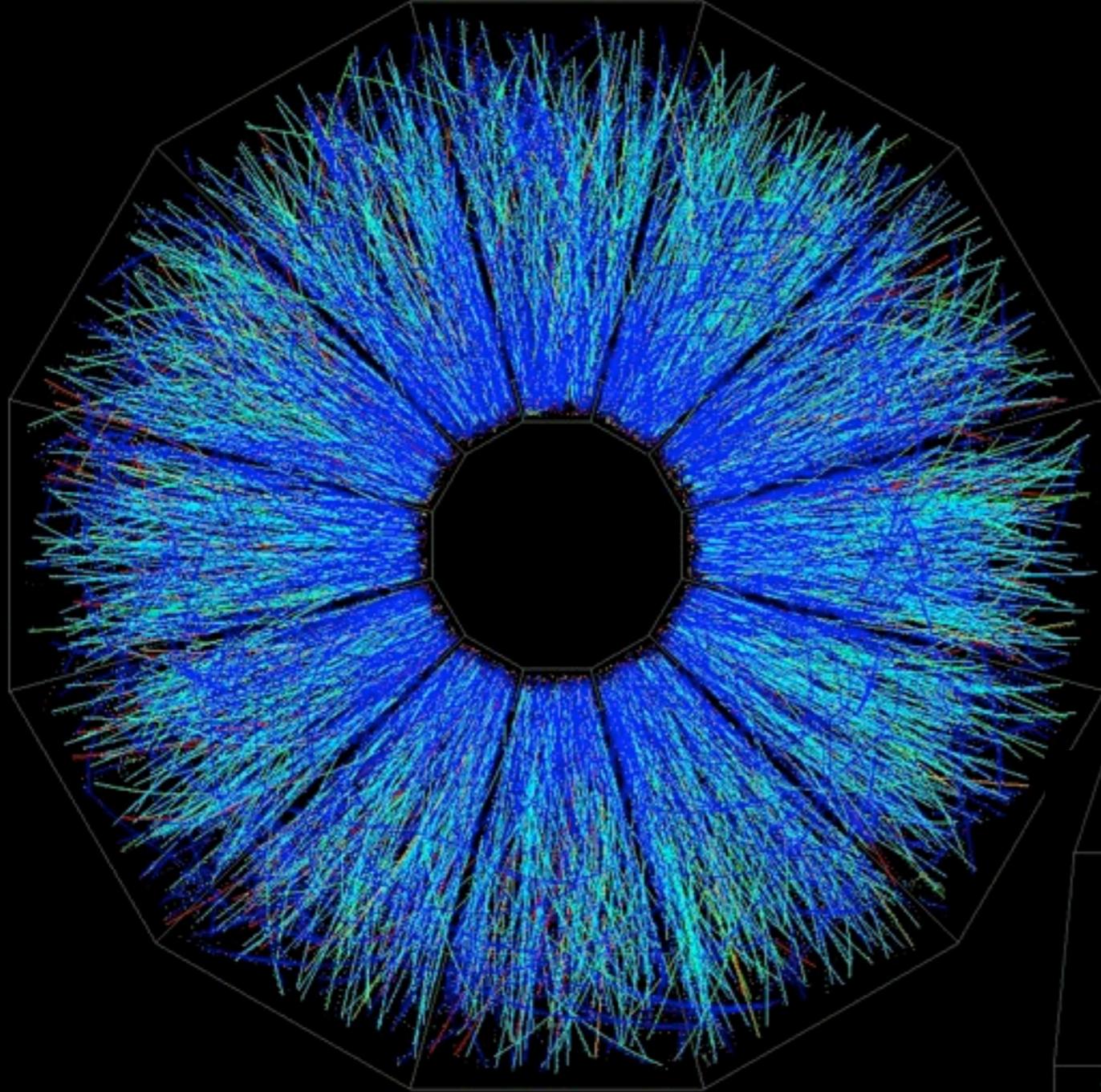
Collaboration:
> **1000** Members
> **100** Institutes
> **30** countries

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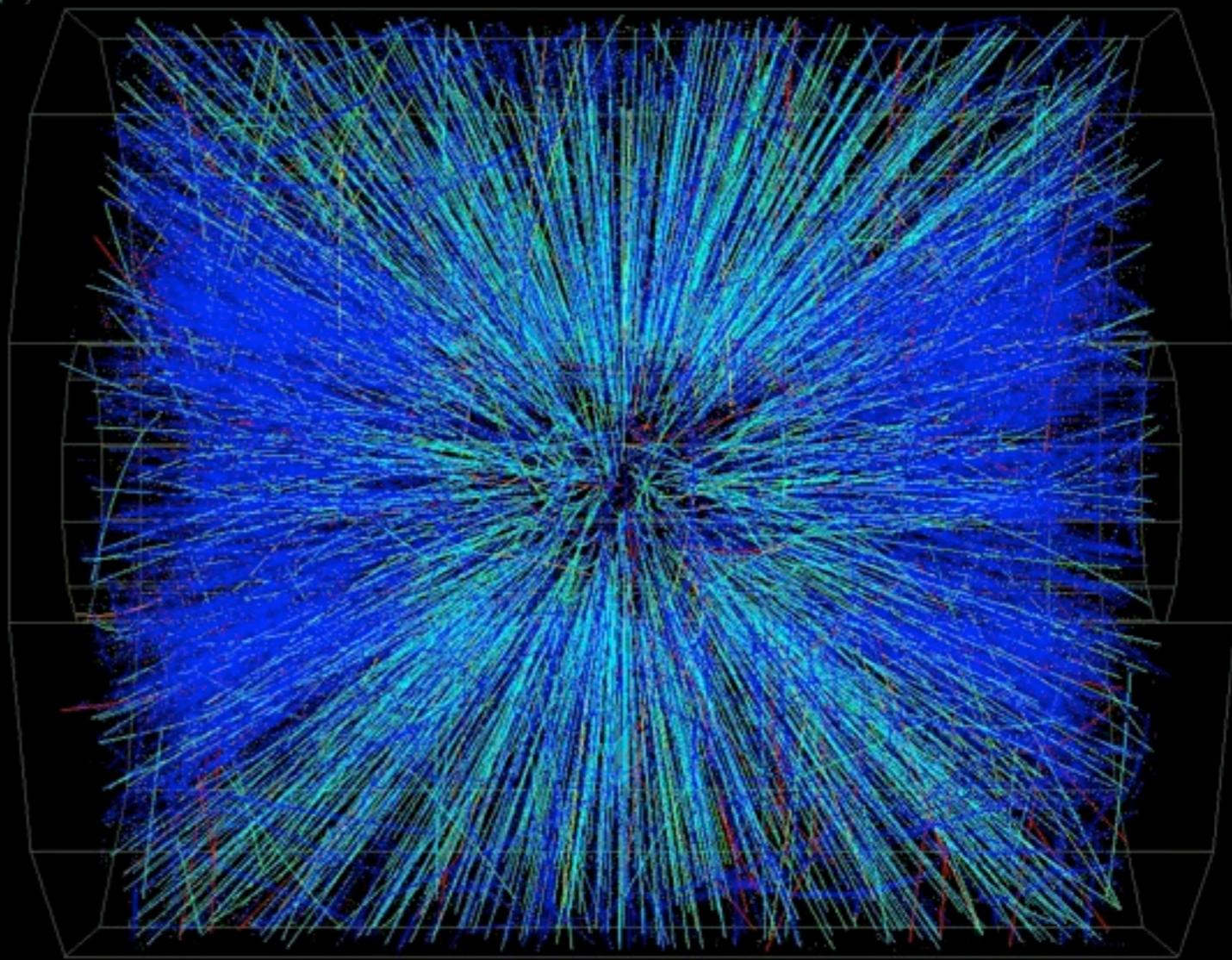
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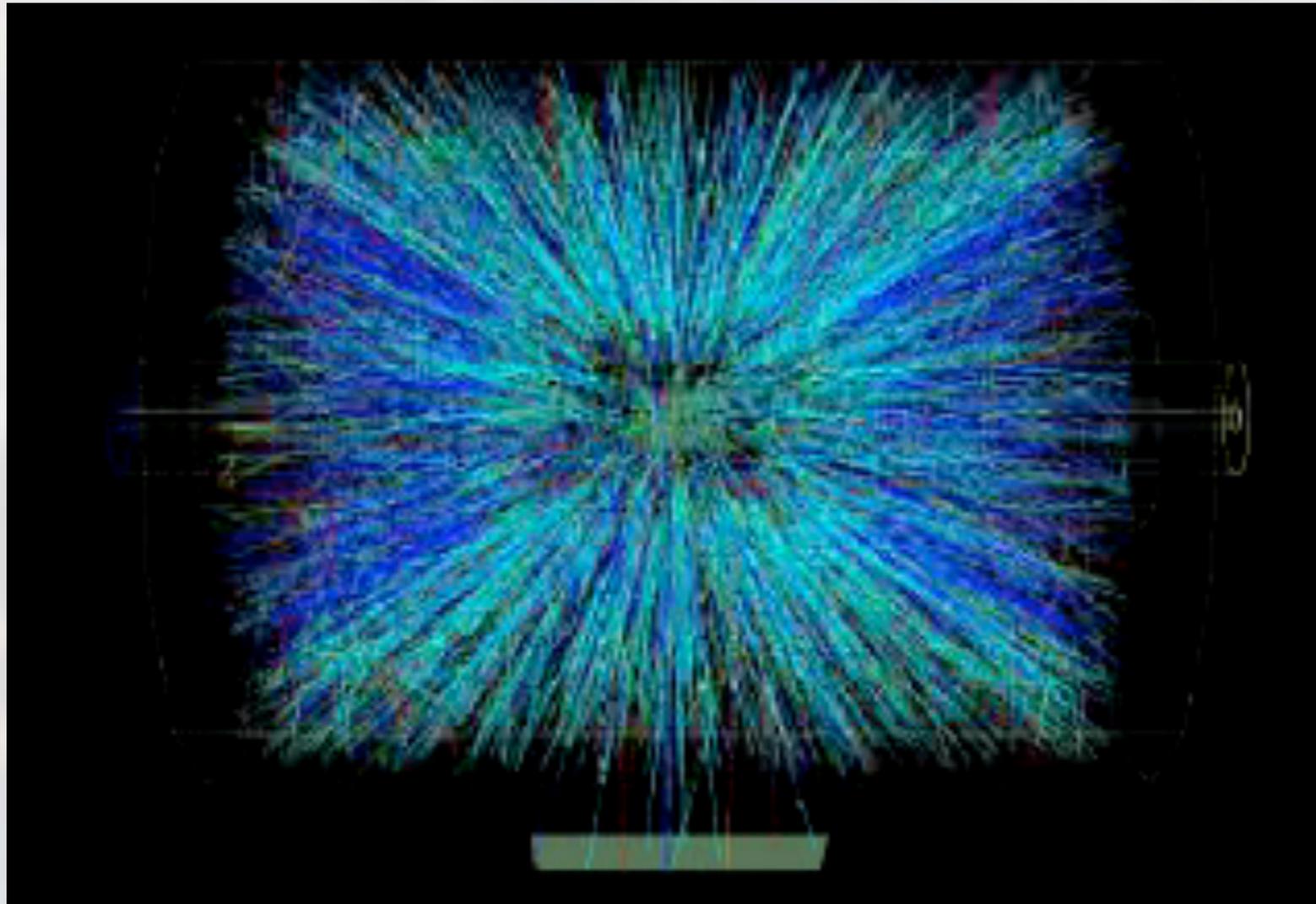


Central Event

From real-time Level 3 display.

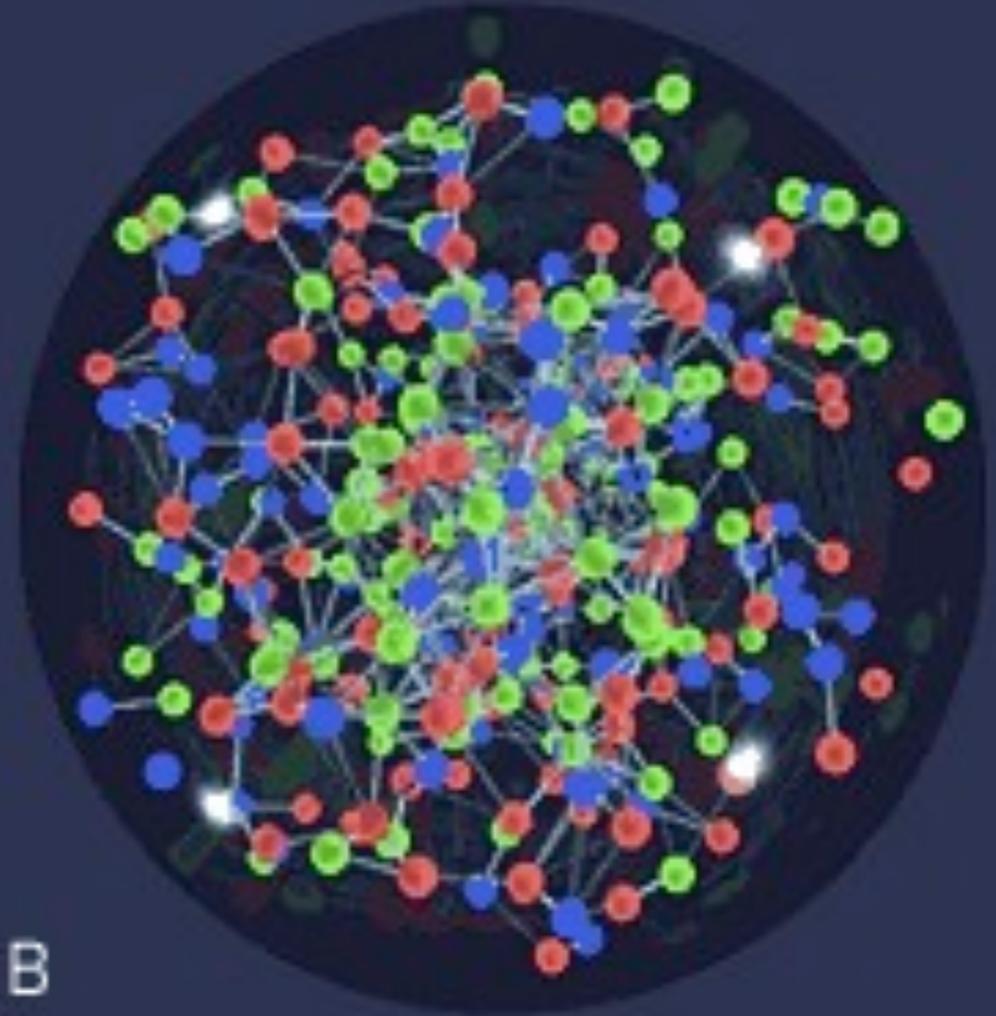
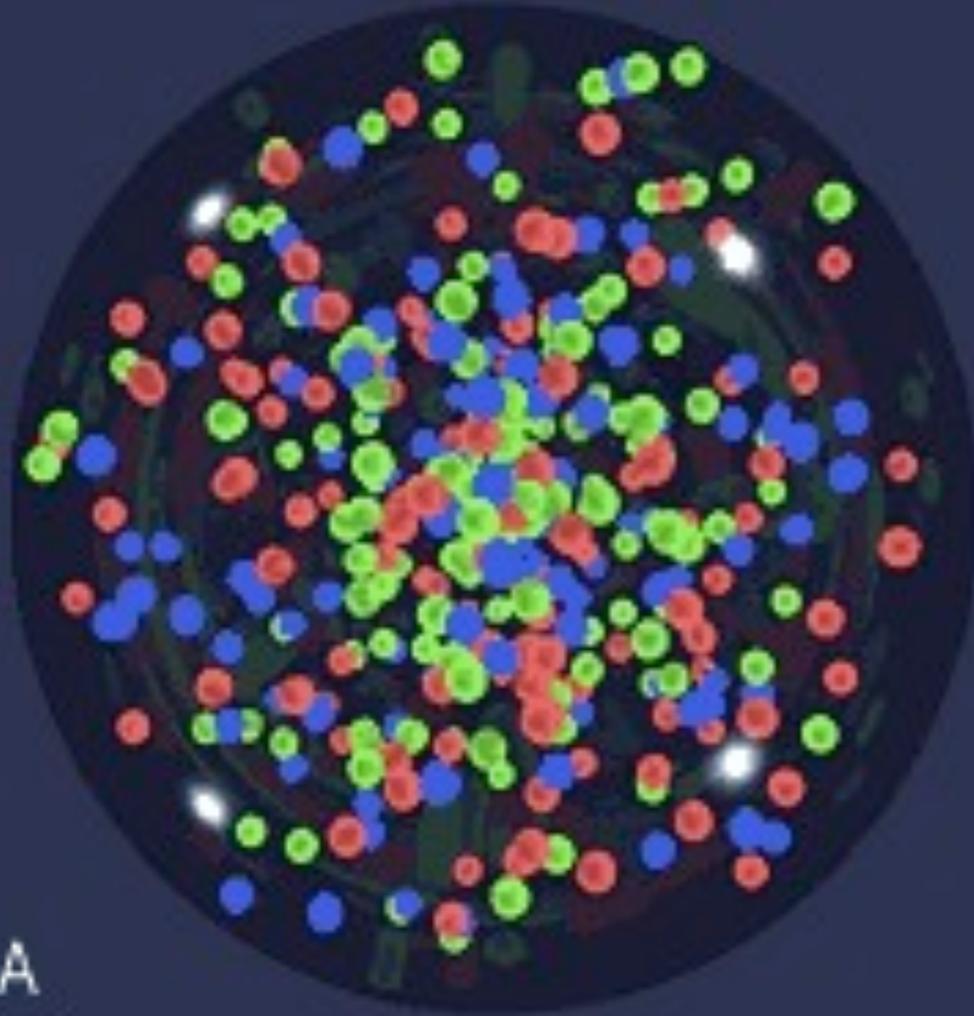


STAR event



QGP@RHIC: Gas or Liquid?

Quark-Gluon Plasma = color deconfinement
+ thermalization + ?



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over large ($\gg 1$ fm) distances

RHIC answer in the news

Universe May Have Begun as Liquid, Not Gas

Associated Press
Tuesday, April 19, 2005; Page A05

The Washington Post

New results from a particle collider suggest that the universe behaved like a liquid in its earliest moments, not the fiery gas that was thought to have prevailed.

Early Universe was a liquid

Quark-gluon blob surprises particle physicists.

by Mark Peplow
news@nature.com

nature

The Universe consisted of a perfect liquid in its first moments, according to results from an atom-smashing experiment.

New State of Matter Is 'Nearly Perfect' Liquid

Physicists working at Brookhaven National Laboratory announced today that they have created what appears to be a new state of matter out of the building blocks of atomic nuclei, quarks and gluons. The researchers unveiled their findings—which could provide new insight into the composition of the universe just moments after the big bang—today in Florida at a meeting of the American Physical Society.

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN

There are four collaborations, dubbed BRAHMS, PHENIX, PHOBOS and STAR, working at Brookhaven's Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC). All of them study what happens when two interacting beams of gold ions smash into one another at great velocities, resulting in thousands of subatomic collisions every second. When the researchers analyzed the results, they found that the particles produced



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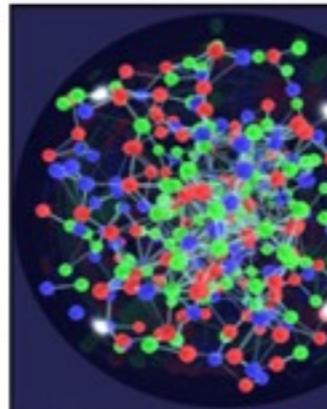
Early Universe was 'liquid-like'

Physicists say they have created a new state of hot, dense matter by crashing together the nuclei of gold atoms.

BBC NEWS

The high-energy collisions prised open the nuclei to reveal their most basic particles, known as quarks and gluons.

The researchers, at the US Brookhaven National Laboratory, say these particles were seen to behave as an almost perfect liquid.



The impression is of matter that is more strongly interacting than predicted.

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Quark Soup

PHYSICISTS RE-CREATE THE LIQUID STUFF OF THE EARLIEST UNIVERSE



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2005年04月18日 23時34分

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What's in a name?

Physicists agree that experiments at the Brookhaven atom collider have created a new form of matter. But theorists and experimentalists are still arguing about what to call it. Geoff Brumfiel investigates.

nature



happens in a black hole and what goes on when two gold nuclei collide at RHIC.

Early Universe Went With the Flow

Posted April 18, 2005 5:57PM

Between 2000 and 2003 the lab's Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider repeatedly smashed the nuclei of gold atoms together with such force that their energy briefly generated trillion-degree temperatures. Physicists think of the collider as a time machine, because those extreme temperature conditions last prevailed in the universe less than 100 millionths of a second after the big bang.



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Iran Daily April 20, 2005 4 Universe Liquid-Like

gold atoms together with such force that their energy briefly generated trillion-degree temperatures. Physicists think of the collider as a time machine, because those extreme temperature conditions last prevailed in the universe less than 100 millionths of a second after the big bang. Everything was so hot then that quarks and gluons, which are now almost inextricably bound into the protons and neutrons inside atomic nuclei, were thought to have flown around like BBs in a blender. But by reproducing the conditions of the early universe, RHIC has shown that unconstrained quarks and gluons don't fly away in all directions so much as squirt out in streams. "The matter that we've formed behaves like a very nearly perfect liquid," Aroonson said. When physicists talk about a perfect liquid, they don't mean the best glass of champagne they ever tasted. The word "perfect" refers to the liquid's viscosity, a friction-like property that

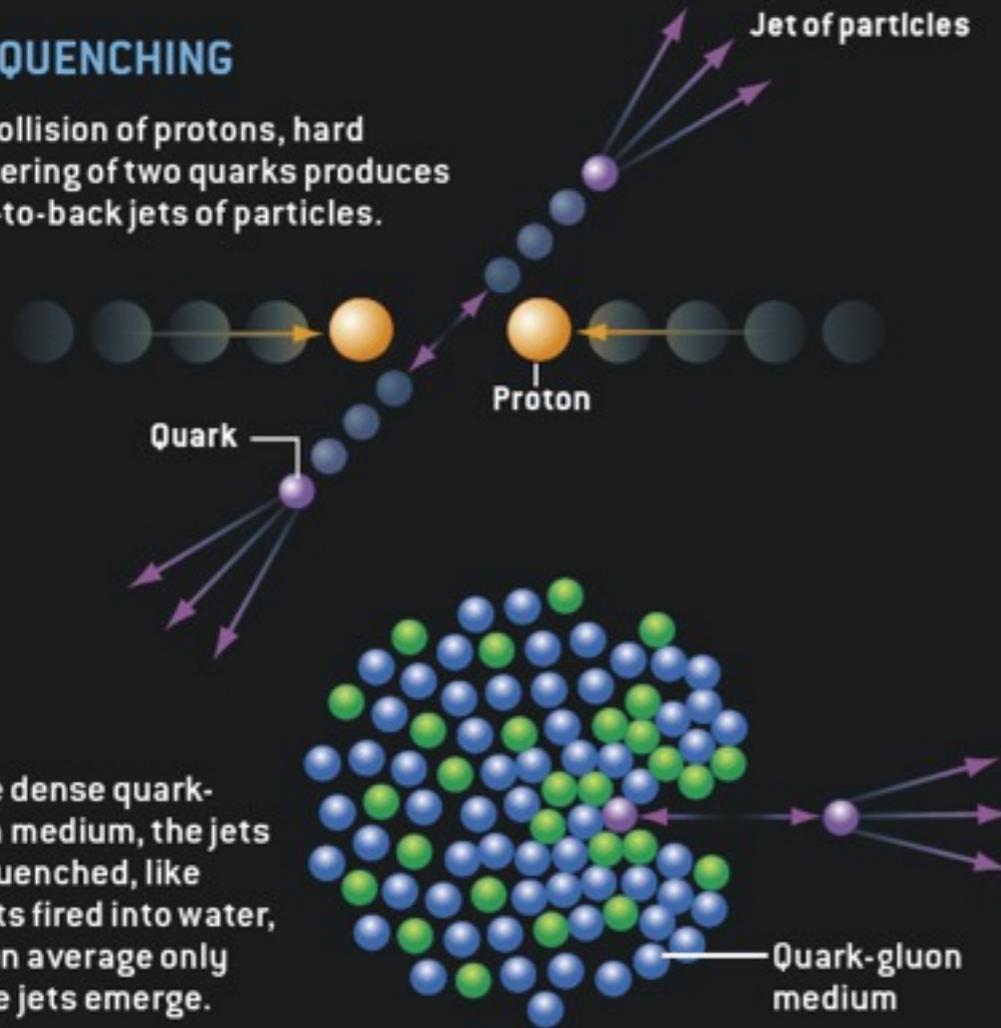
Major RHIC discoveries

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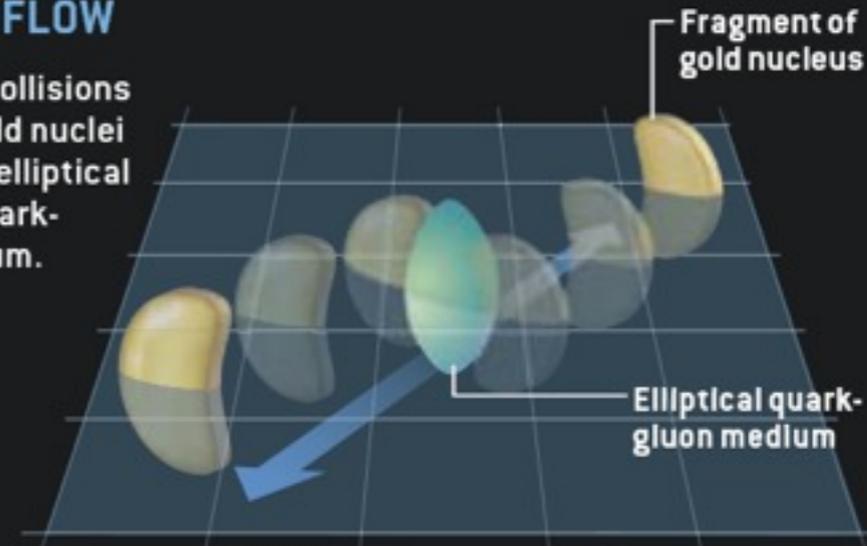
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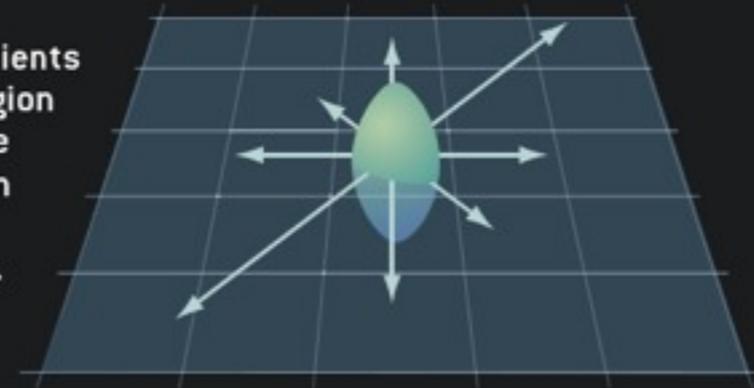
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ELLIPTIC FLOW

Off-center collisions between gold nuclei produce an elliptical region of quark-gluon medium.



The pressure gradients in the elliptical region cause it to explode outward, mostly in the plane of the collision (arrows).



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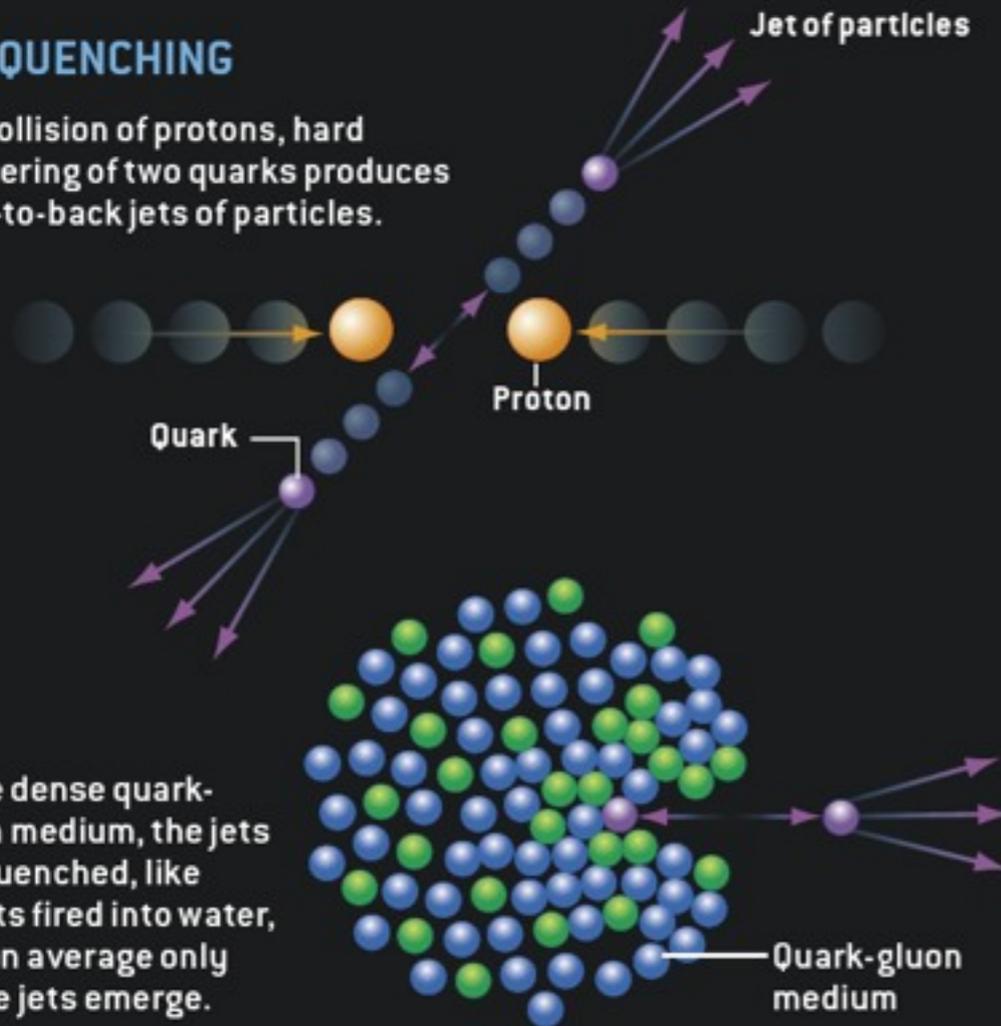
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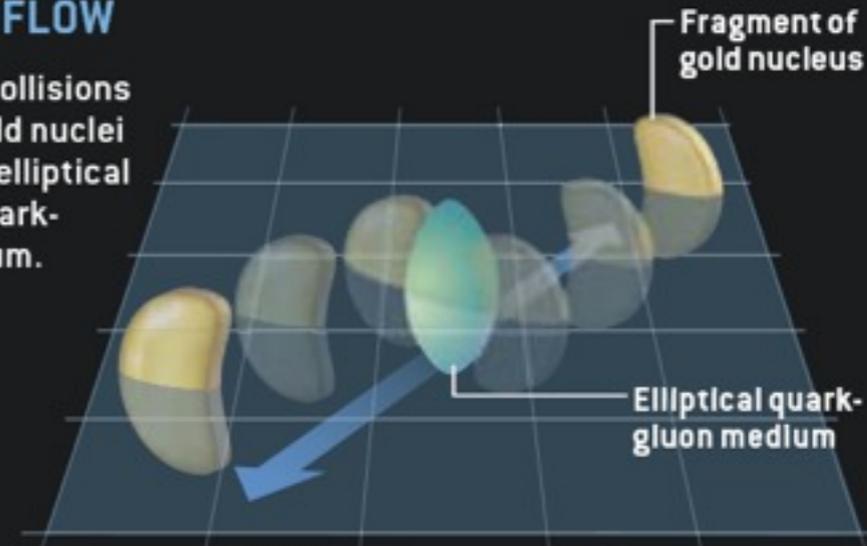
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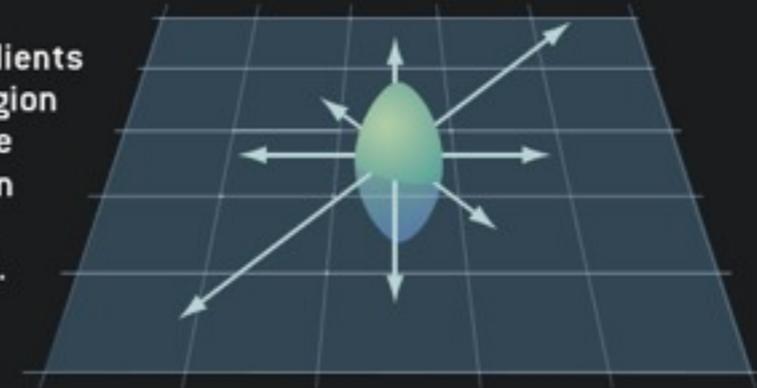
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Three major RHIC discoveries (my view):

1. [Large elliptic flow](#) SV, Poskanzer, Snellings (STAR)
2. Jet quenching
3. [Constituent quark scaling](#) SV, QM2002

Note the importance of item #3, “partonic flow” -> deconfinement !).

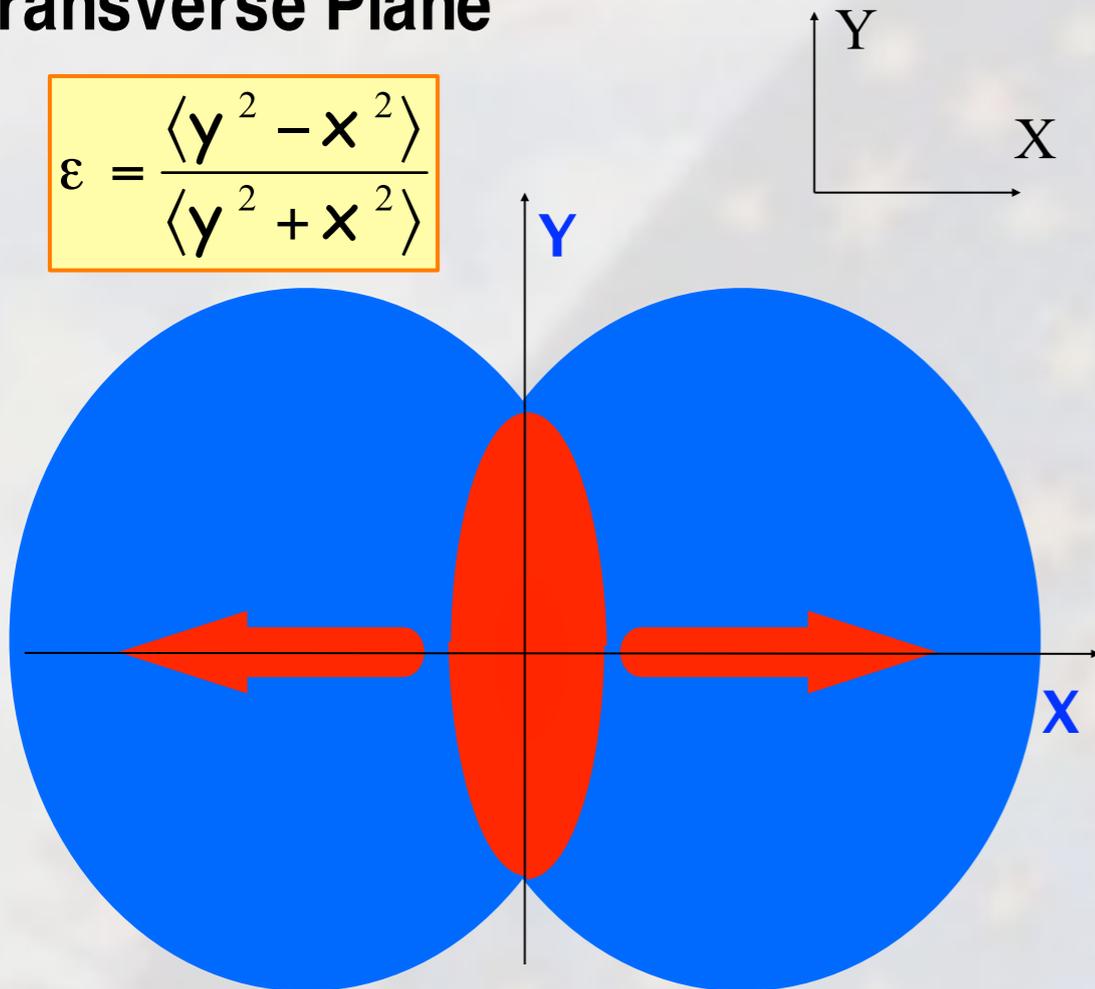
At present, we are in the second phase of RHIC – quantitative understanding of sQGP

Elliptic Flow

XZ-plane - the reaction plane

Transverse Plane

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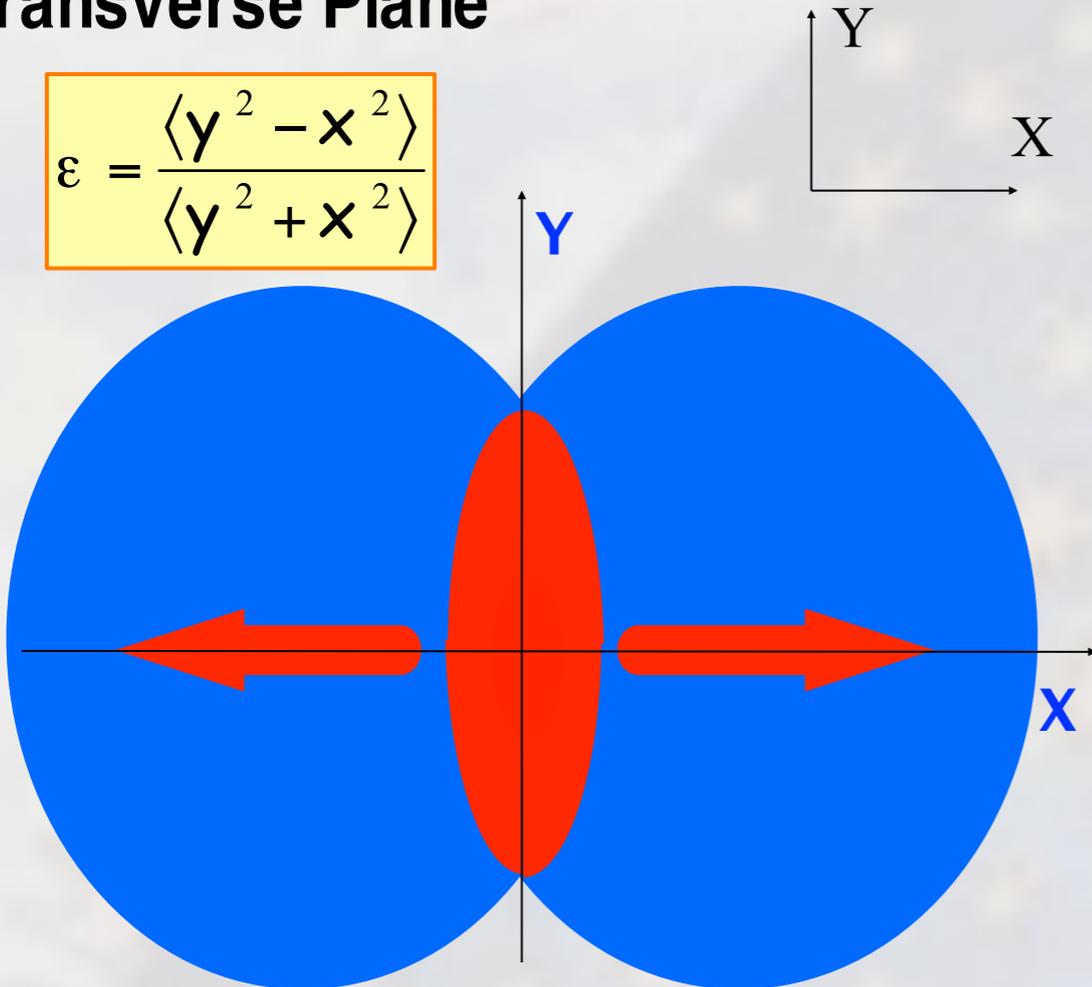
$$v_2 = \left\langle \frac{p_x^2 - p_y^2}{p_x^2 + p_y^2} \right\rangle = \langle \cos(2\phi) \rangle$$

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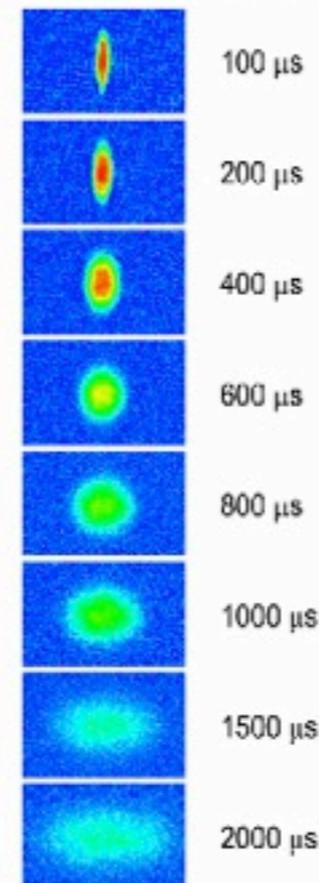


$$v_2 = \left\langle \frac{p_x^2 - p_y^2}{p_x^2 + p_y^2} \right\rangle = \langle \cos(2\phi) \rangle$$

Elliptic flow with trapped Li^6 atoms:

K.M.O'Hara et al, Science 298,2179, 2002

T.Bourdel et al, PRL 91 020402, July 11 2003



Magnetic field $B \sim 800G$ shifts (via the Feshbach resonance $|f = 1/2, m_f = 1/2 \rangle \Leftrightarrow |f = 1/2, m_f = -1/2 \rangle$) and makes the 38-th vibrational Li_2 state to exactly **zero energy** \Rightarrow **infinite scattering length a** , very large size and lifetime ~ 1 sec.

Normally gas is transparent, $l \ll L$, and expands without collisions **isotropically**

But in the **strong coupling regime $l \ll L$** it explodes **hydrodynamically !**, see the figure

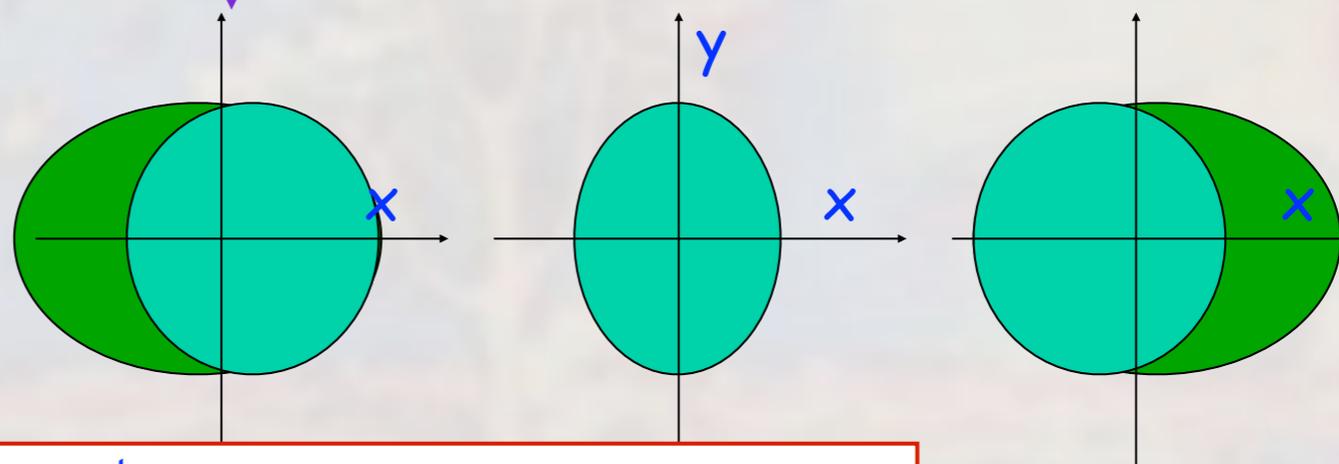
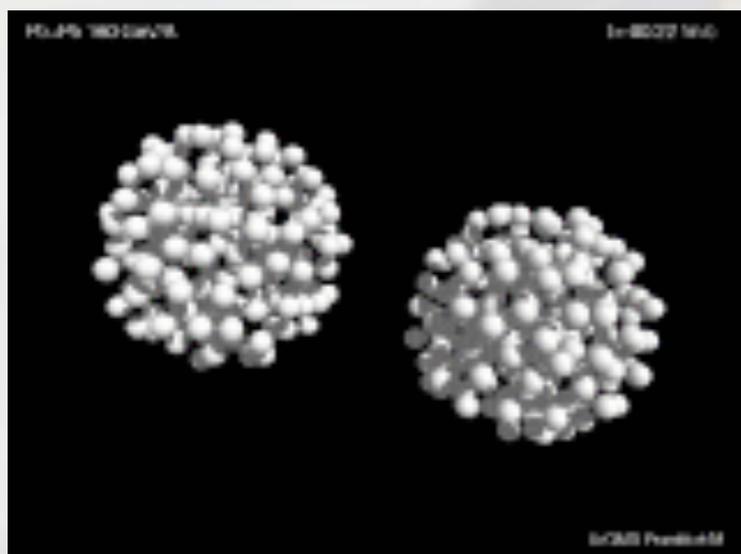
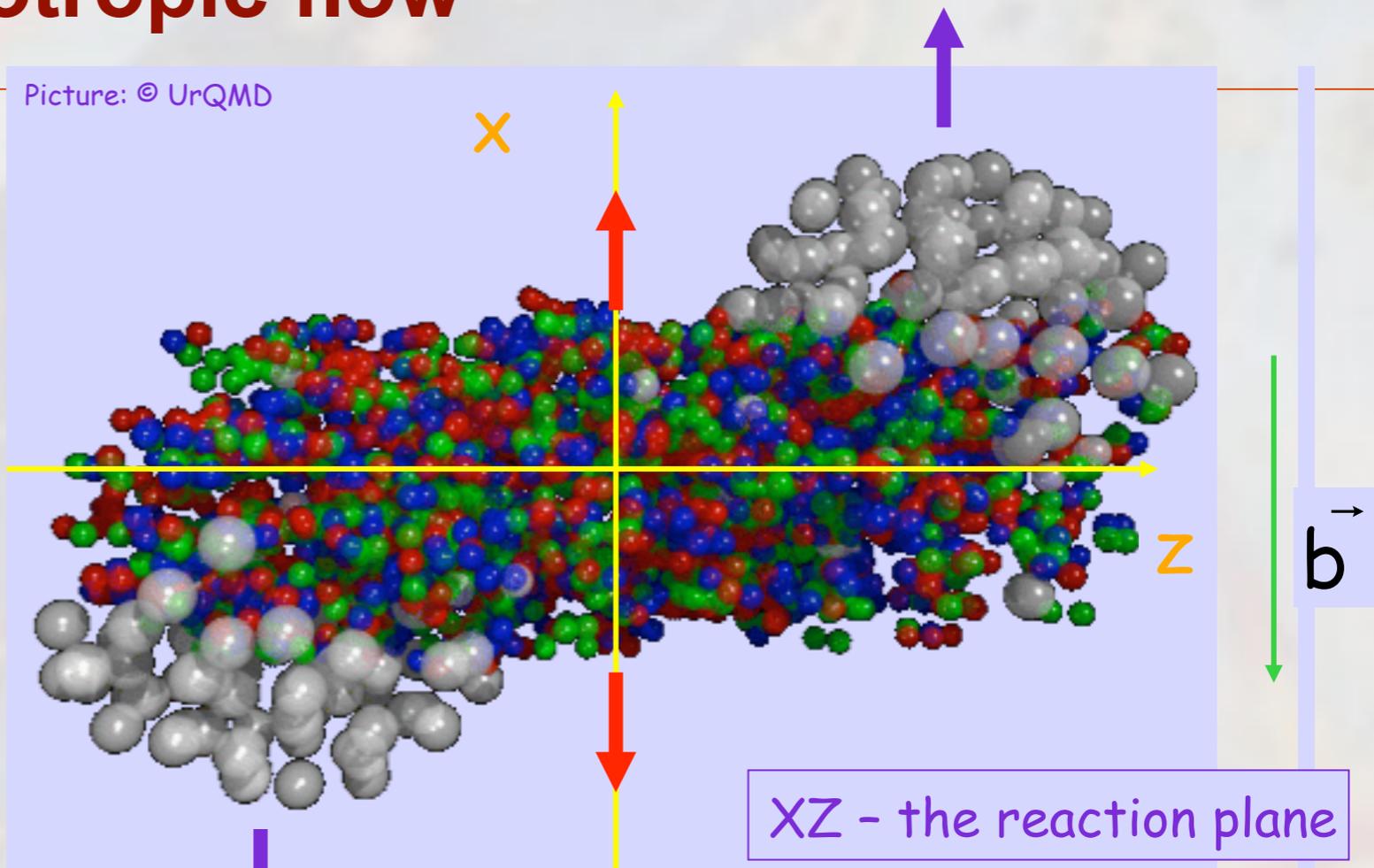
Cross section can be changed by many orders of magnitude, but the EoS changes by $\sim 20\%$ only ! (like in QGP and CFT... why?)

Anisotropic flow

Anisotropic flow \equiv correlations with respect to the reaction plane

Term “flow” does not mean necessarily “hydro” flow – used only to emphasize the collective behavior \leftrightarrow multiparticle azimuthal correlation.

Picture: © UrQMD



Fourier decomposition of single particle (semi) inclusive spectra:

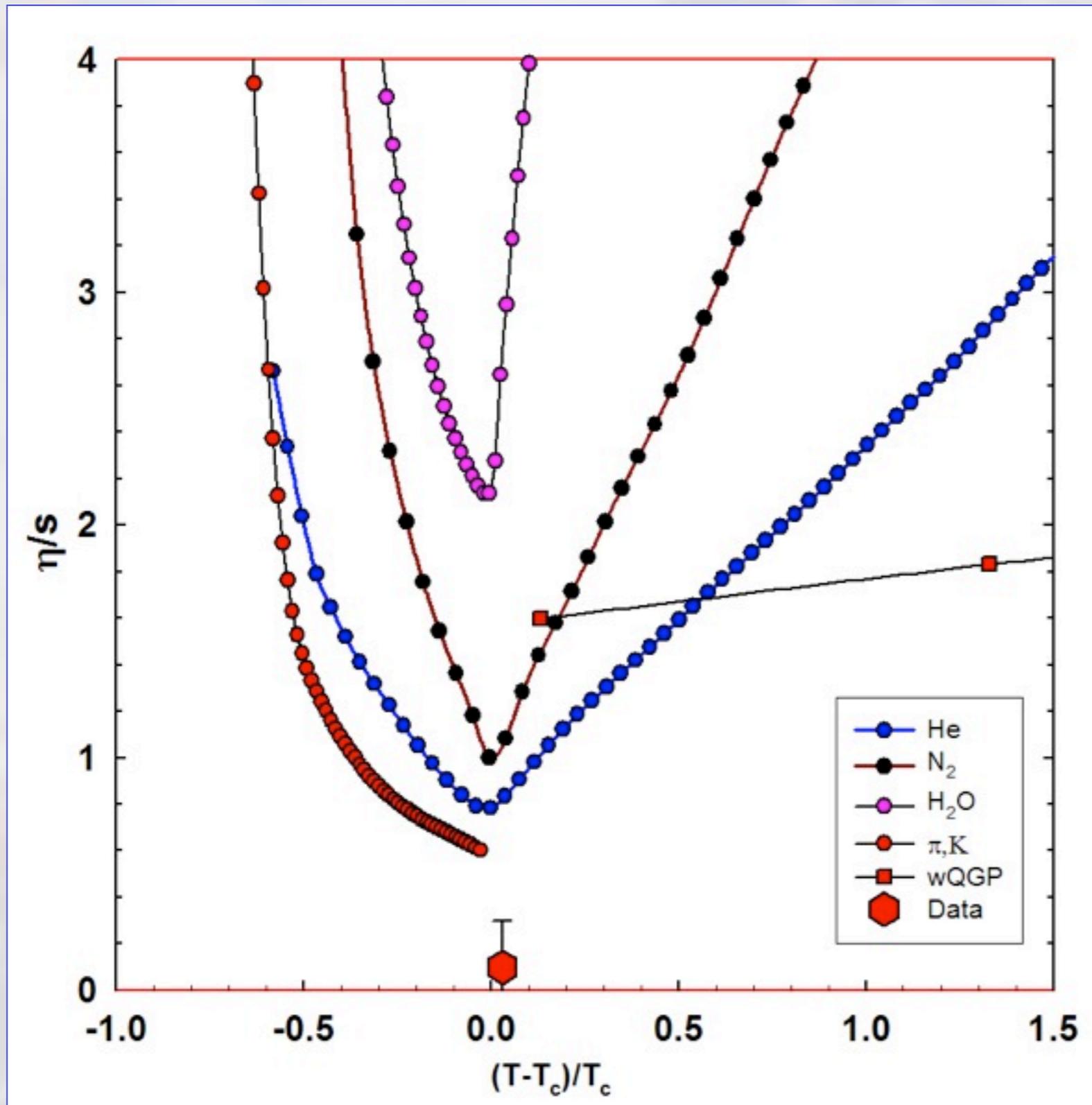
$$\frac{d^3 N}{dp_t dy d\Delta\varphi} = \frac{d^2 N}{dp_t dy} \frac{1}{2\pi} (1 + 2v_1 \cos(\Delta\varphi) + 2v_2 \cos(2\Delta\varphi) + \dots)$$

Directed flow

Elliptic flow

S.V., Y. Zhang
 hep-ph/9407282
 Z.Phys. C70 (1996) 665

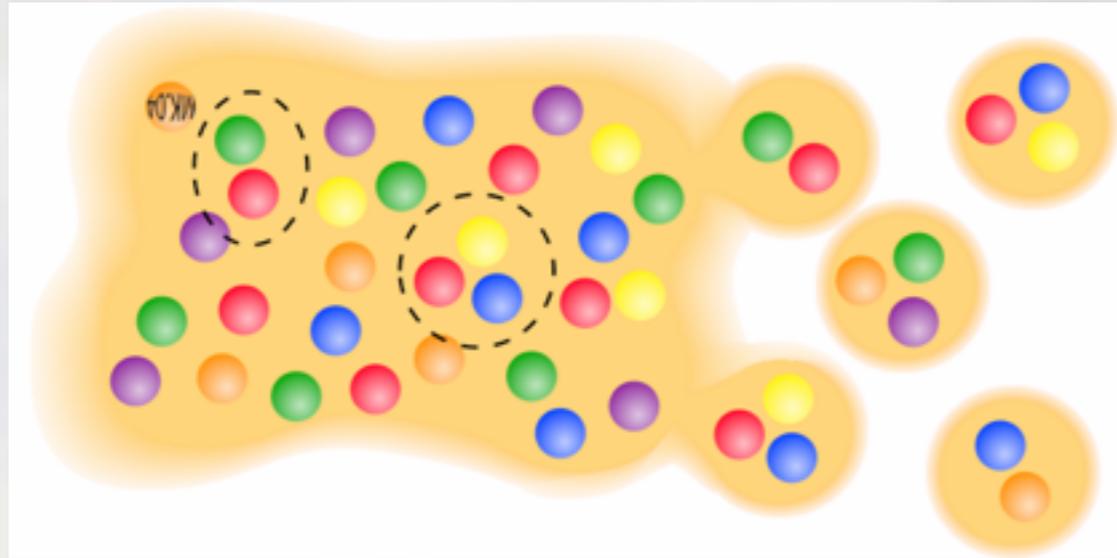
Shear viscosity / entropy density



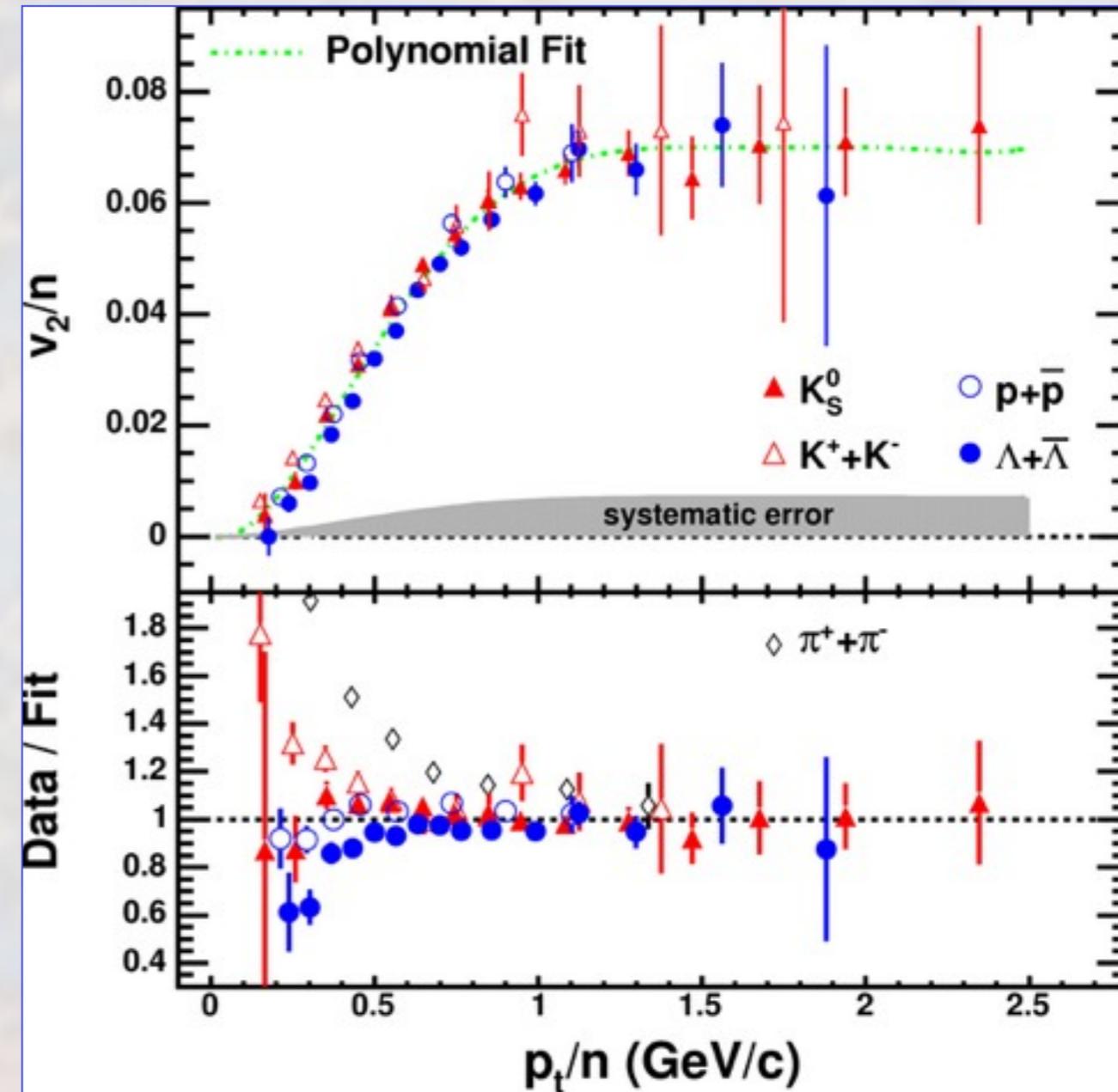
Shear viscosity to the entropy density ratio close to the low quantum limit --> "perfect liquid"

Elliptic flow: number of quarks scaling

S.V., QM2002
D. Molnar, S.V., PRL 2003

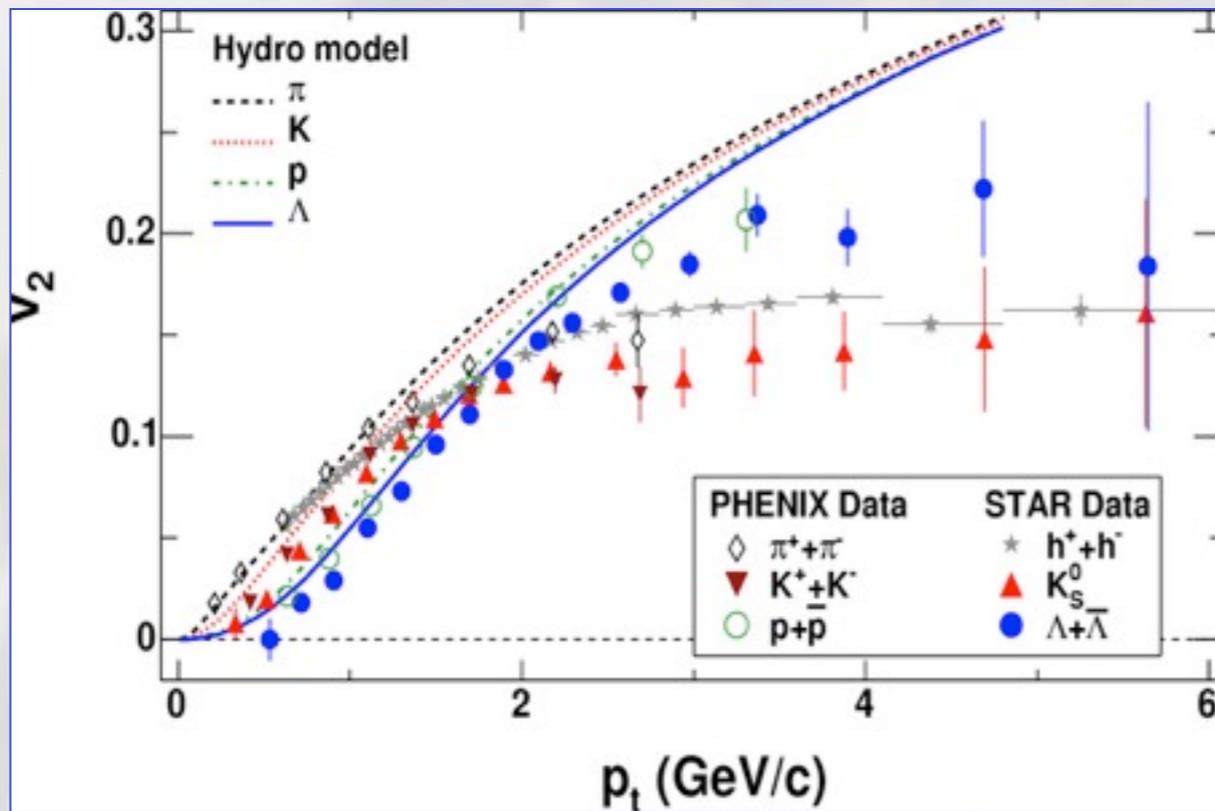


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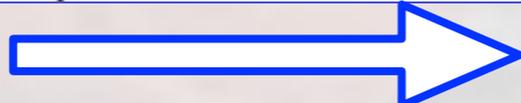
Constituent quark scaling holds very well. Deviations are where expected.

Gas of constituent quarks – **deconfinement!**



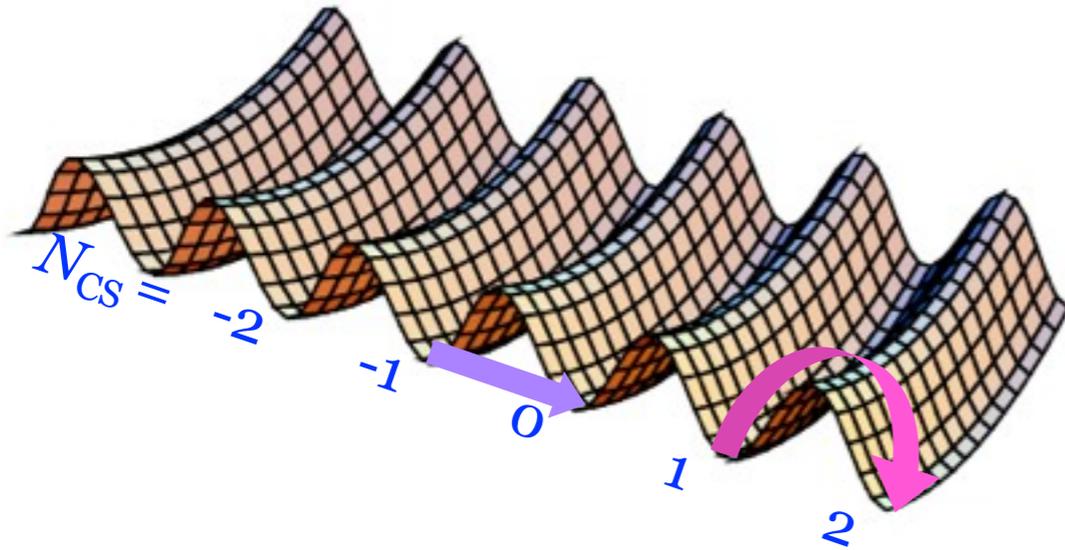
↑ anisotropy

momentum →



QCD vacuum

Energy of gluonic field is periodic in N_{CS} direction
(\sim a generalized coordinate) and oscillatory in other directions



Instantons and **sphalerons** are localized (in space and time) solutions describing transitions between different vacua via tunneling or **go-over-barrier**

Chern-Simons number

$$N_{CS} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \int d^3\mathbf{x} \epsilon_{ijk} \left(A_i^a \partial_j A_k^a + \frac{1}{3} \epsilon^{abc} A_i^a A_j^b A_k^c \right)$$

winding number

$$A_i \rightarrow U^\dagger A_i U + iU^\dagger \partial_i U, \quad A_i \equiv A_i^a \frac{\tau^a}{2},$$

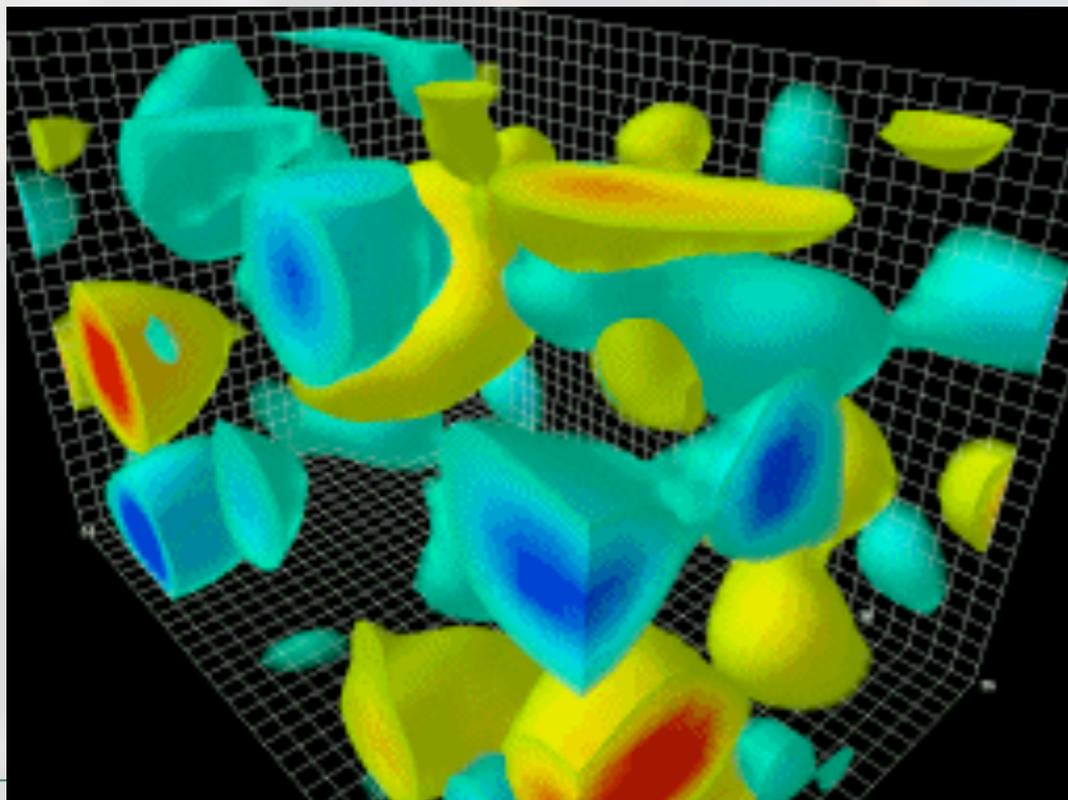
$$N_W = \frac{1}{24\pi^2} \int d^3\mathbf{x} \epsilon_{ijk} \left[(U^\dagger \partial_i U)(U^\dagger \partial_j U)(U^\dagger \partial_k U) \right]$$

$$N_{CS} \rightarrow N_{CS} + N_W$$

topological charge

$$Q_T = \frac{1}{32\pi^2} \int d^4x F_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}^a, \quad \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}^a \equiv \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} F_{\alpha\beta}^a.$$

$$Q_T = N_{CS}(+\infty) - N_{CS}(-\infty).$$



The volume of the box is 2.4 by 2.4 by 3.6 fm.

The topological charge density

Animation by *Derek Leinweber*

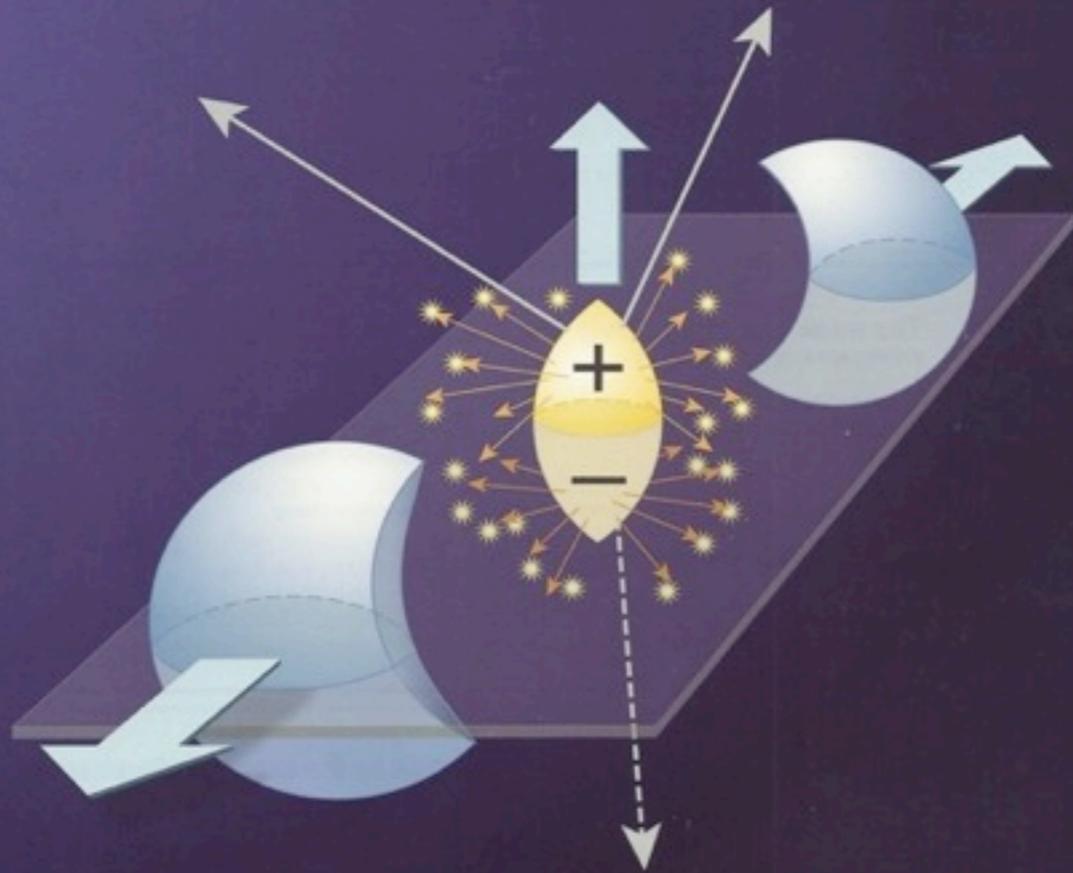
Topological transitions have never been observed *directly*
(e.g. at the level of quarks in DIS).
An observation of the *local strong* parity violation
would be a clear proof for the existence of such physics.

Search for the Chiral Magnetic Effect



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When two nuclei collide, their velocity vectors define a reaction plane. The magnetic field created by the moving nuclei leads to a local violation of P and CP symmetry for strongly interacting, electrically

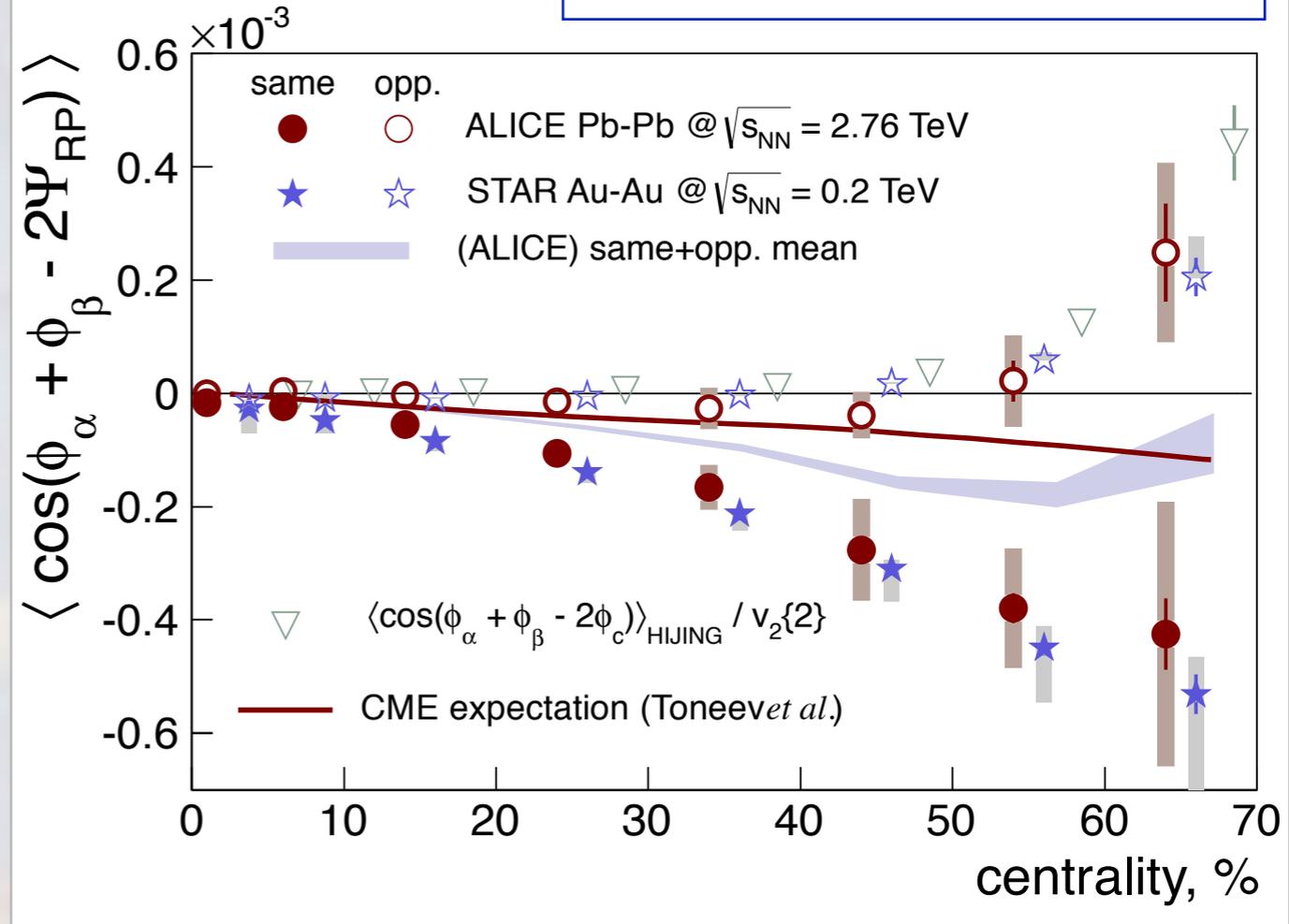
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Charge separation along the magnetic field manifests violation of parity (mirror symmetry)

Kharzeev, PLB633 260 (2006))

Voloshin, PRC70 057901 (2004)

ALICE: arXiv:1207:0900



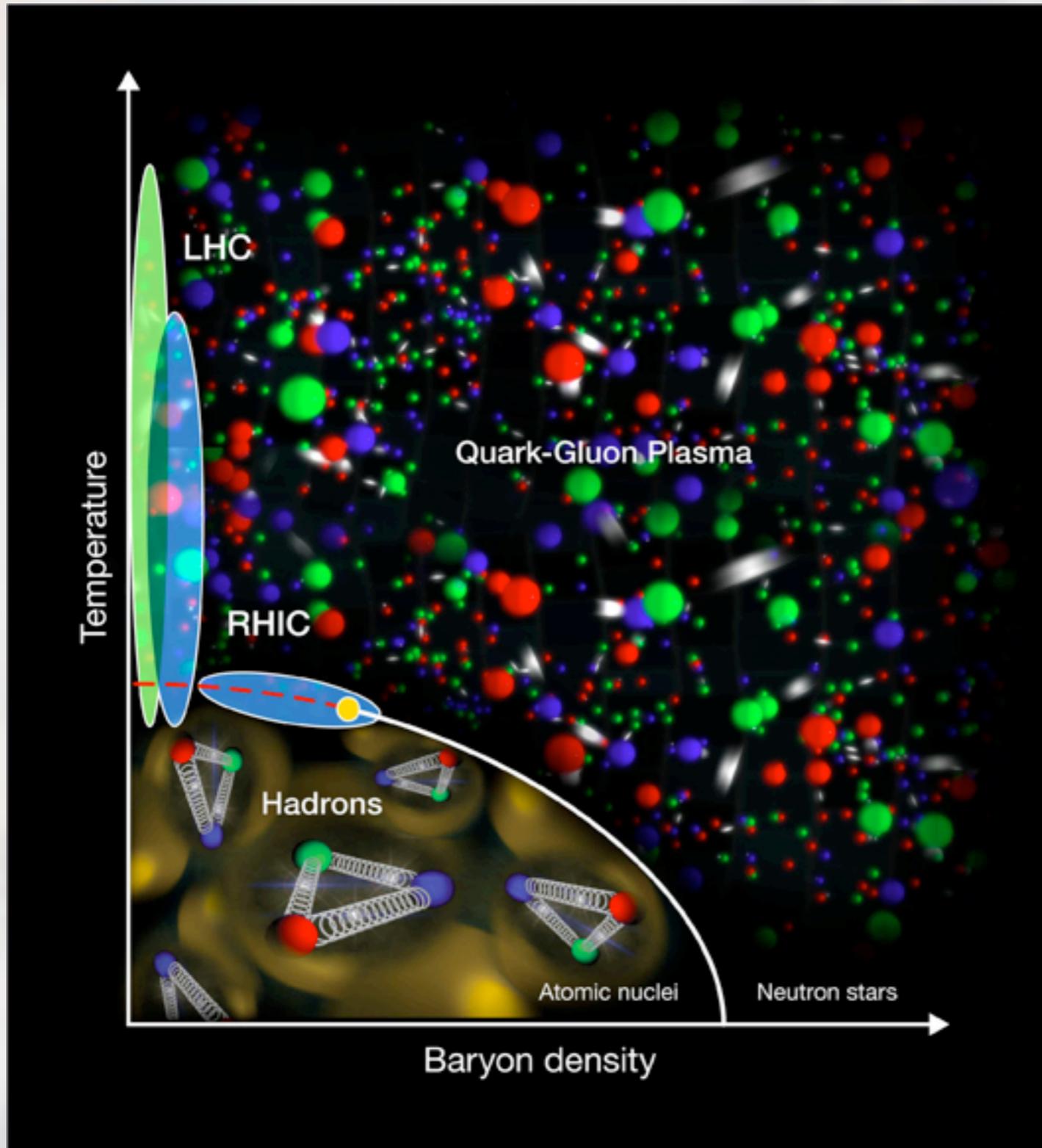
ALICE: charge dependent correlations qualitatively consistent with CME, and similar in strength to those observed by STAR. No model can reproduce the signal.

Thank you !

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Quarks	u up	c charm	t top
	d down	s strange	b bottom
Leptons	ν_e e- Neutrino	ν_μ μ - Neutrino	ν_τ τ - Neutrino
	e electron	μ muon	τ tau
	I	II	III
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