

High Density QCD-Matter

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- ✓ Motivation. QCD & the QCD vacuum
- ✓ QCD at high temperature or density: Quark Gluon Plasma

⇒ Part II

- ✓ Heavy Ion collision experiments
- ✓ Relevant findings at RHIC

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- What are the phases of QCD ?
- Is a color-chemistry possible?
- Are there color-superconductors?
- Color-industry?



Study of QCD matter
at high density or temperature

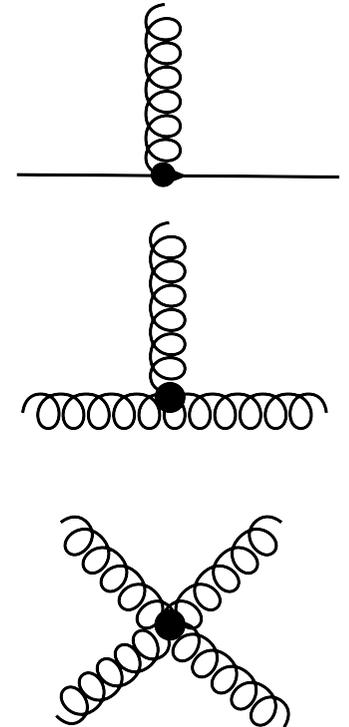
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Microscopic theory \Rightarrow Quantum Chromodynamics

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \sum_{\text{flavors}} \bar{q}_f (i \not{D} - m_f) q_f - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \dots$$

quarks $q_f^{\alpha, a} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \alpha = 1, \dots, 4 & \text{Lorentz index} \\ a = 1 \dots N_c = 3 & \text{Color index} \\ f = u, d, s, c, b, t & \text{Flavor index} \end{cases}$

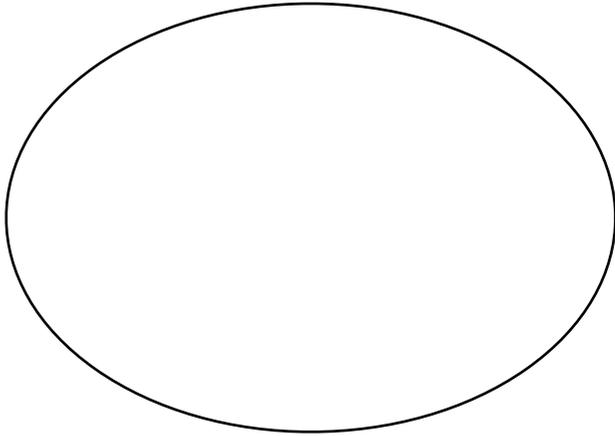
gluons $A^{\mu, a} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \mu = 1, \dots, 4 & \text{Lorentz index} \\ a = 1 \dots N_c^2 - 1 = 8 & \text{Color index} \end{cases}$



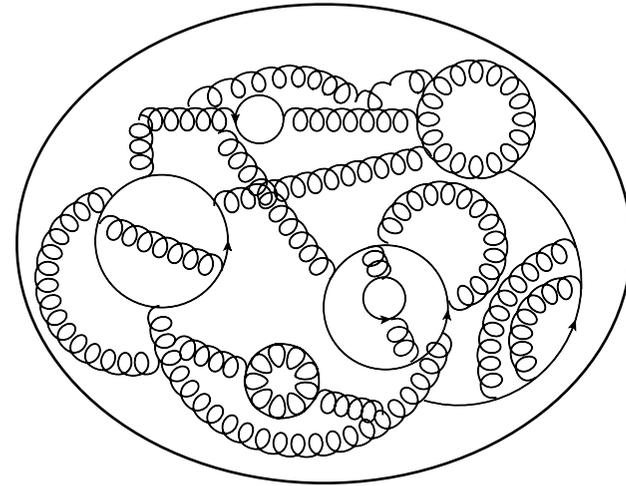
Gauge symmetry: $SU(N_c=3)$ (non-abelian)

+2/3	u (3 MeV)	c (1.2 GeV)	t (171 GeV)
-1/3	d (5 MeV)	s (105 MeV)	b (4.2 GeV)

the NOTHING



the QCD VACUUM



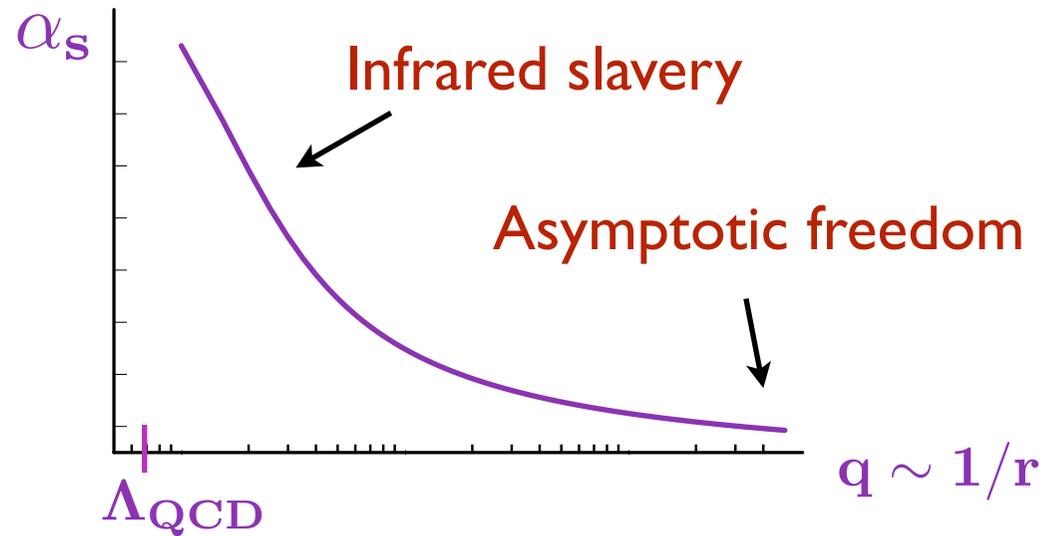
The QCD ground state has a complicated structure:

- It anti-screens color charges (**running coupling** and asymptotic freedom)
- It has **negative energy density**
- It is **confining**: quarks and gluons do not exist as free states
- It **breaks a few symmetries** of the QCD Lagrangian: chiral, conformal
- It has a **non-trivial topological structure**: Instantons ...
- It has **quark and gluon condensates**...

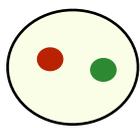
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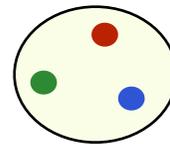
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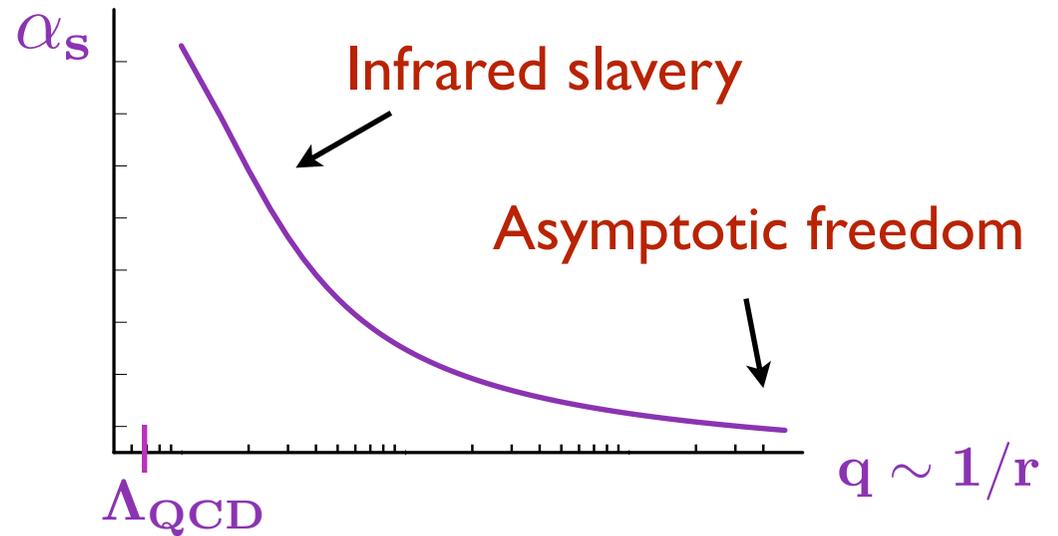
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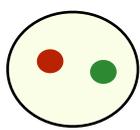
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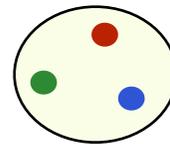
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Would a high-temperature (density) QCD system allow free quarks and gluons?

$$\text{if } T \gg \Lambda_{QCD} \quad \text{then} \quad \alpha_s(T) \ll 1$$

YES!!

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**Bag
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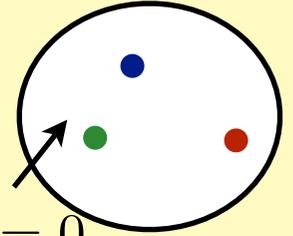
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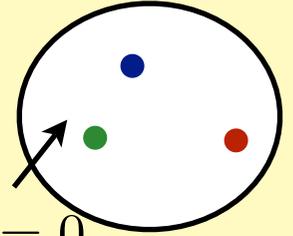
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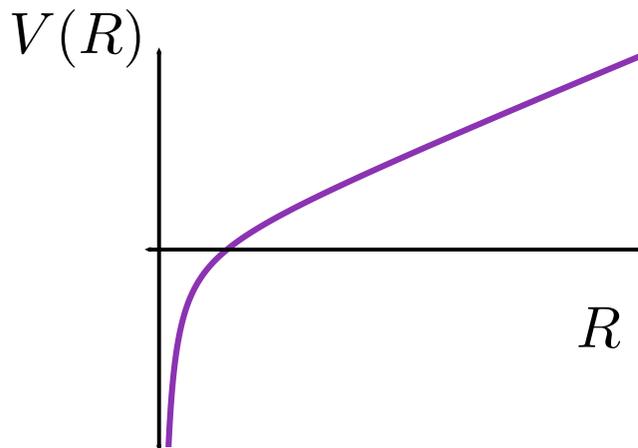
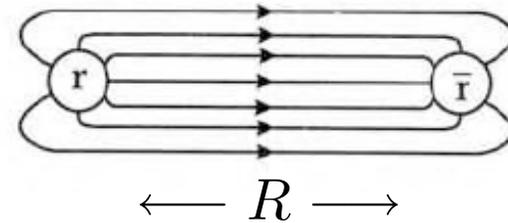


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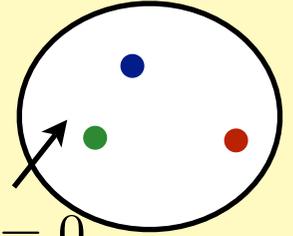
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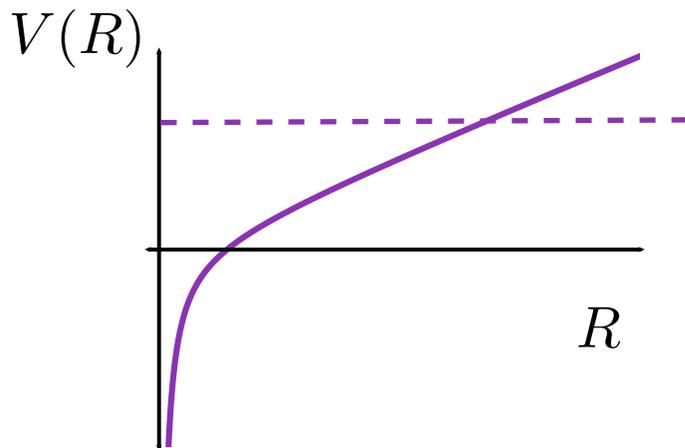
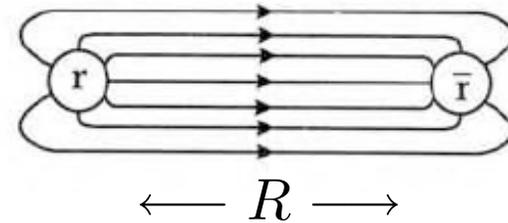


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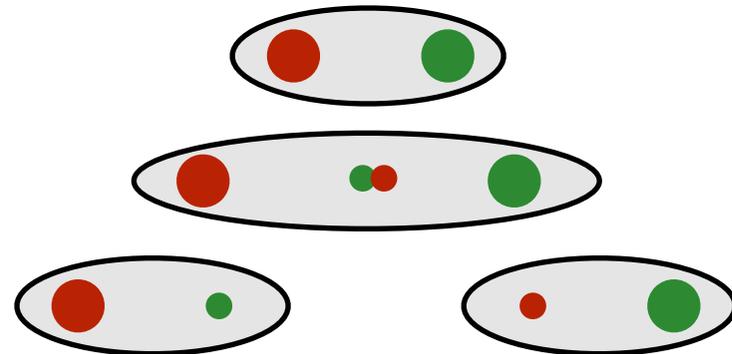
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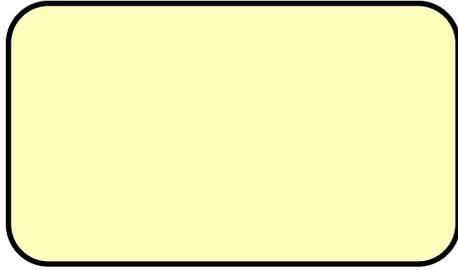
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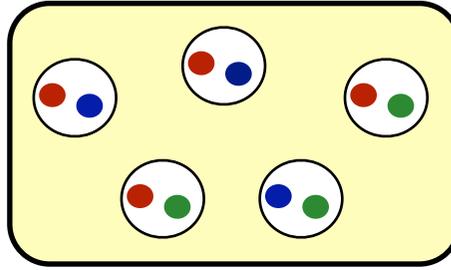
With dynamical quarks, the string breaks:



Vacuum at $T=0$



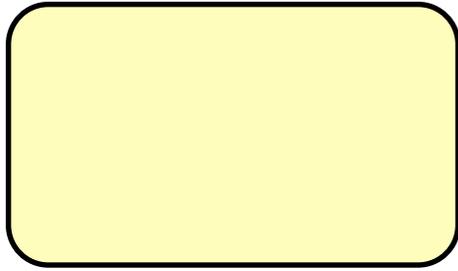
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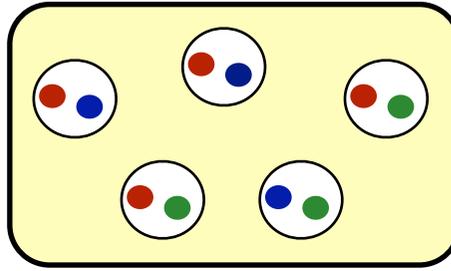
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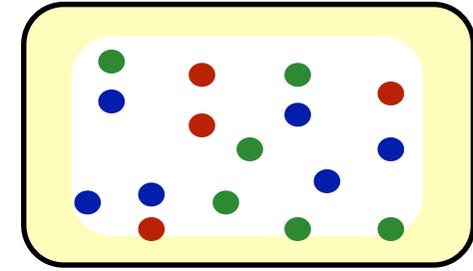
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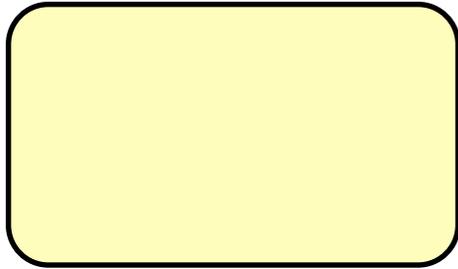
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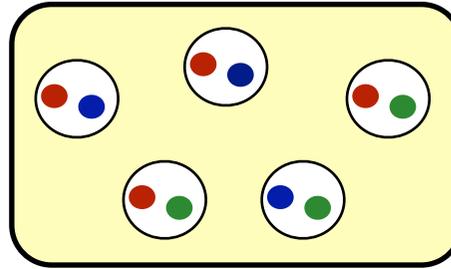
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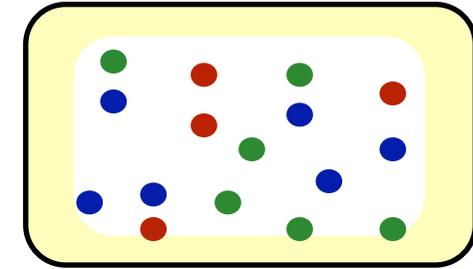


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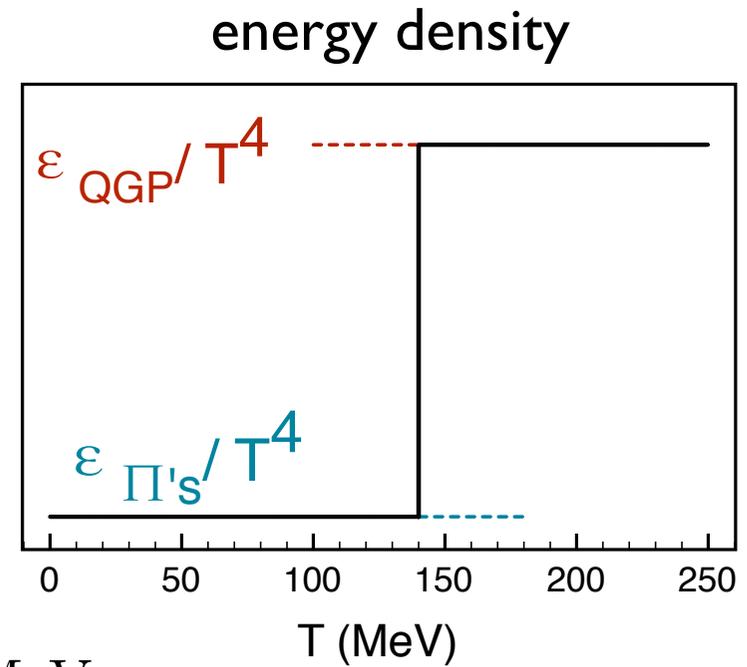
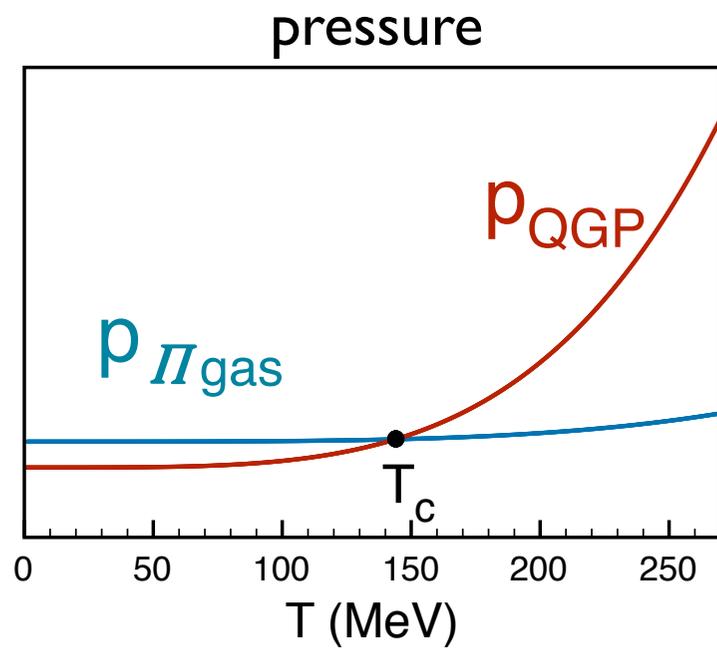
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⇒ At $T=T_c$ the pressure of the QGP becomes larger than that of the pion gas

$$p_{QGP}(T_c) = p_\pi(T_c)$$

$$T_c = \left(\frac{90}{\pi^2 (d_{gq\bar{q}} - d_\pi)} B \right)^{1/4} \approx 0.7 B^{1/4} \approx 140 \text{ MeV}, \quad \text{for } B^{1/4} = 200 \text{ MeV}$$



$$T_c \approx 140 \text{ MeV}$$

Latent heat of the phase transition: $L = \epsilon_{\text{QGP}}(T_c) - \epsilon_{\pi's} \sim 4B \sim 1 \text{ GeV fm}^{-3}$

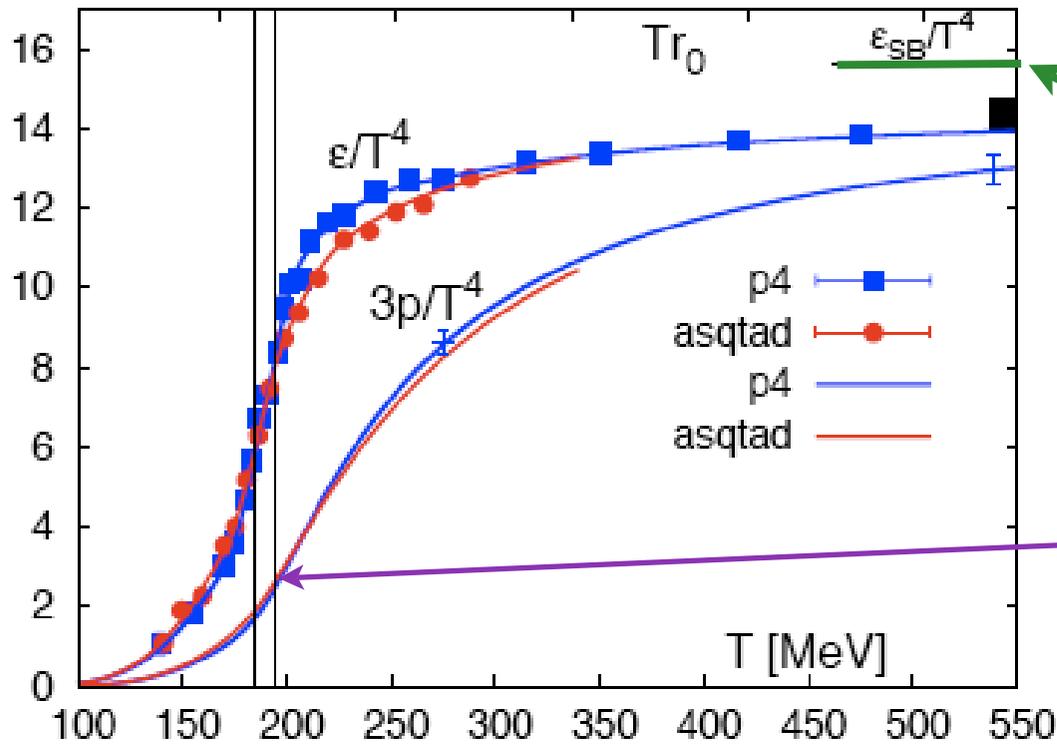
Energy density of nuclear matter $\epsilon_{nm} \sim 0.15 \text{ GeV fm}^{-3}$

QGP $T_c^{\text{QGP}} \approx 170 \text{ MeV} \sim 2 \cdot 10^{12} \text{ Kelvins}$

Sun core $T_{\text{Sun}} \sim 1.5 \cdot 10^7 \text{ Kelvins}$

Córdoba $T_{\text{Córdoba}} \sim 10^3 \text{ Kelvins}$

Energy density & pressure



Results from Lattice QCD

Stephan-Boltzman (ideal gas) limit

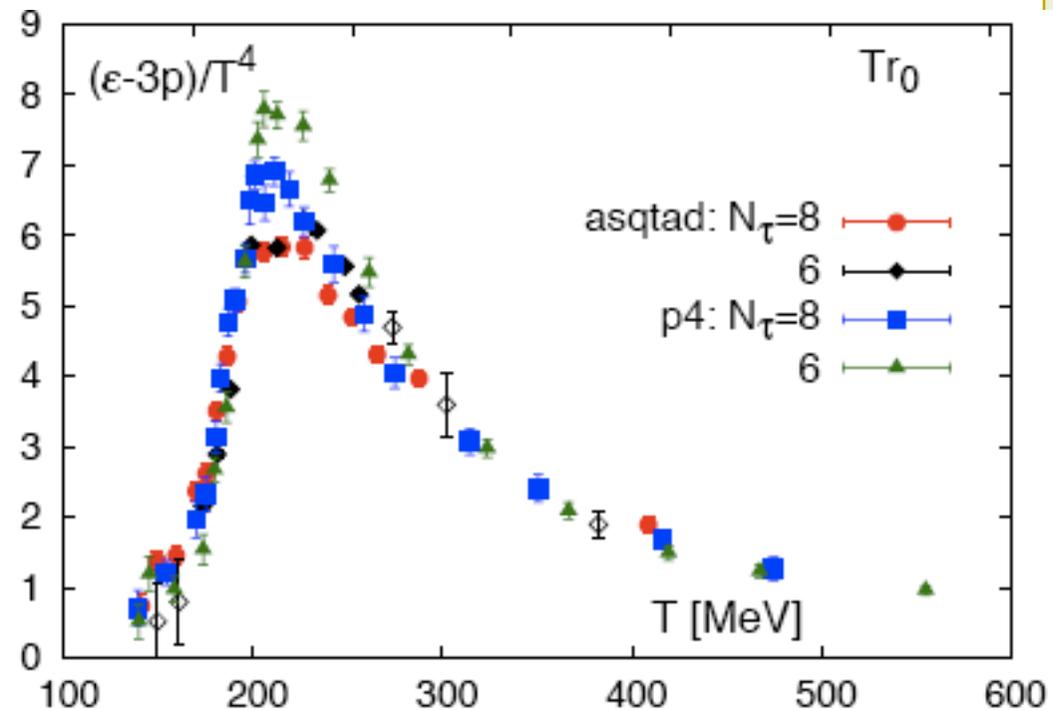
“Explosion” of degrees of freedom

$$T_c \approx 170 \div 180 \text{ MeV}$$

For an ideal gas $\epsilon = 3p \sim T^4$

The “trace anomaly” $T_\mu^\mu = \epsilon - 3p$

is a measure of the interaction
(and also of the degree of violation of
scale symmetry)



An alternative view: Broken symmetries and phase transitions

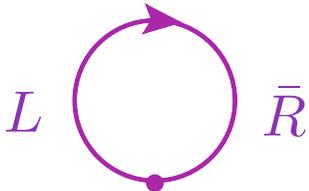
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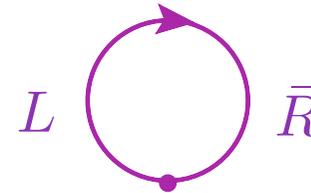
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$$\langle L(\vec{x}) \rangle \sim \exp [-F_Q/T]$$

$$z \in Z(N_c) \Rightarrow z = \exp \left[i \frac{2\pi n}{N_c} \right]$$

Physically it is related to the (free) energy of a single quark

The QCD action is invariant under $Z(N_c)$ transformations; the Polyakov loop is not:

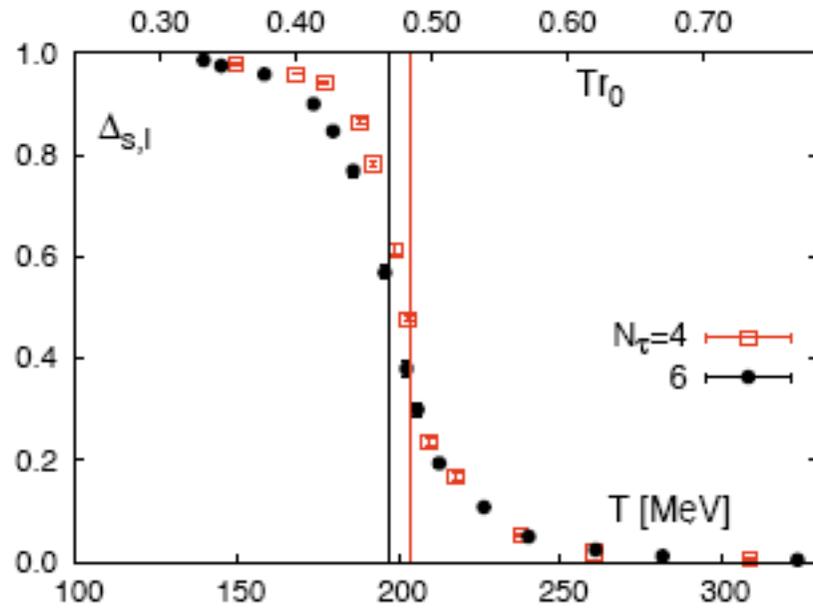
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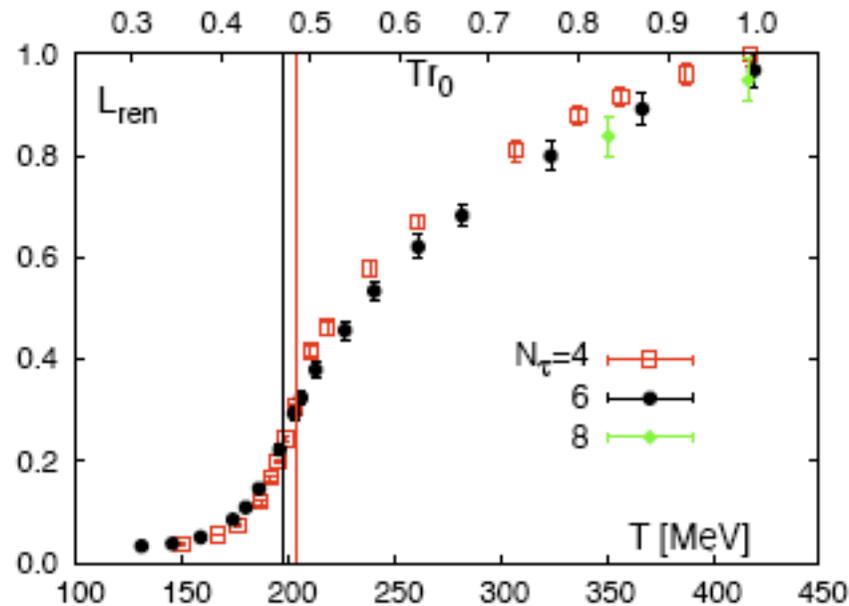
Results from lattice QCD

- The chiral symmetry ($Z(N_c)$) is restored (broken) above the phase transition:
- The inclusion of finite (bare) quark masses makes the phase transition smooth (crossover)

$$\langle q\bar{q} \rangle$$

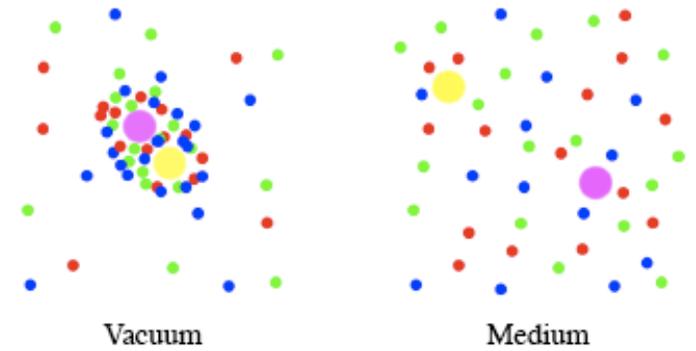
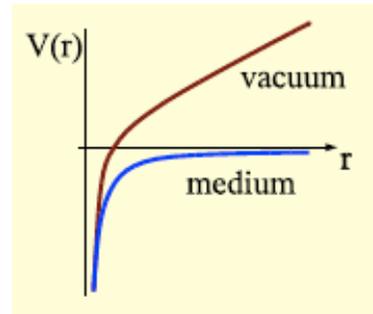


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Debye screening of the heavy quark potential in the QGP phase

- The presence of free quarks and gluons around a heavy quark pair screens the interaction.
- The string tension goes to zero



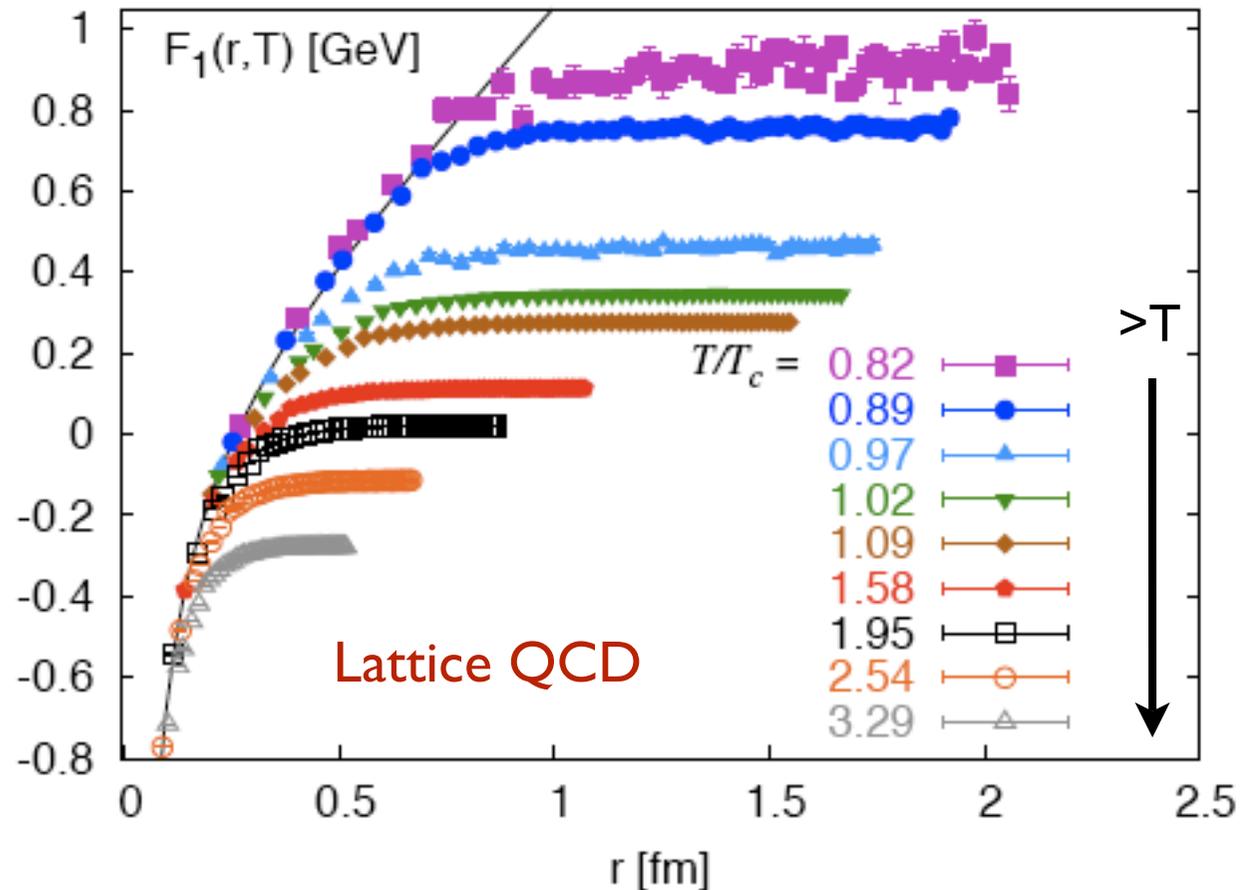
$$V(r, T) \approx -\frac{\alpha_{eff}}{r} \exp[-m_D r] + K(T) r$$

Debye mass

$$m_D^2 = \frac{N_c + \frac{1}{2}N_f}{3} g^2 T^2$$

effective string tension

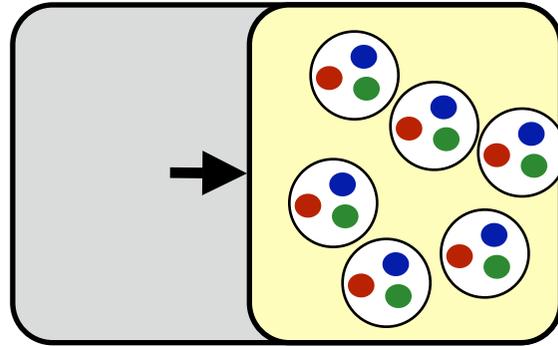
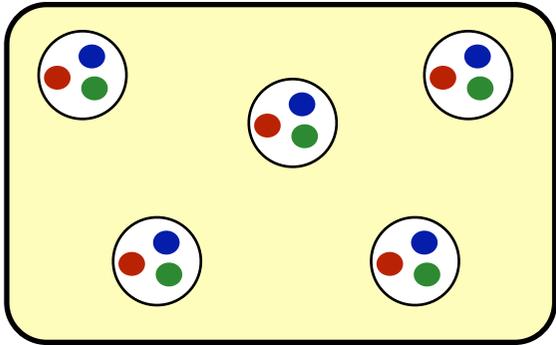
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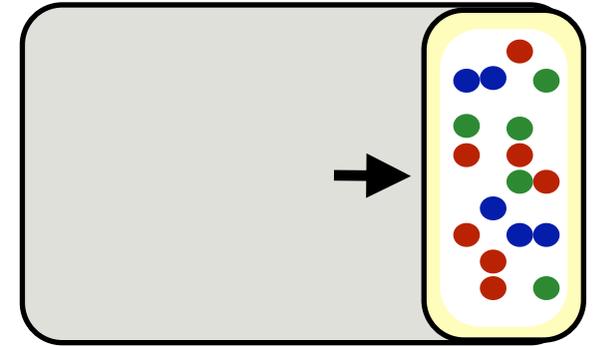
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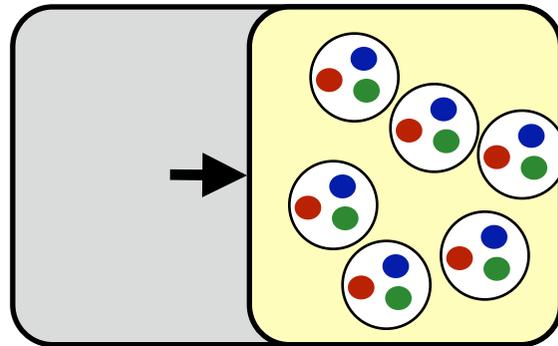
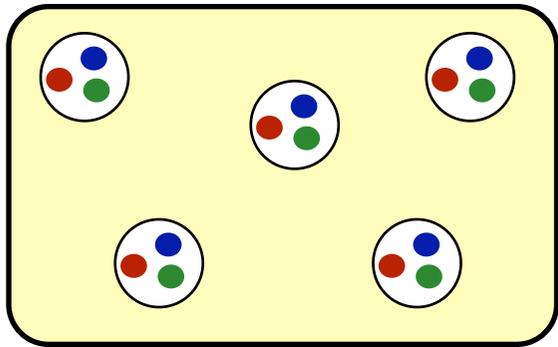
Pressure of a Fermi gas:

$$p_F = d \cdot \frac{T^4}{3} \left[\frac{7\pi^2}{120} + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T} \right)^4 \right]$$

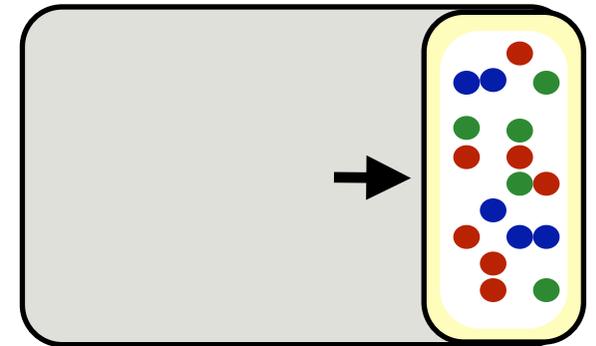
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$$p_F = d \cdot \frac{T^4}{3} \left[\frac{7\pi^2}{120} + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \left(\frac{\mu_B}{T} \right)^4 \right]$$

Critical baryochemical potential for the QGP phase transition ($T=0$)

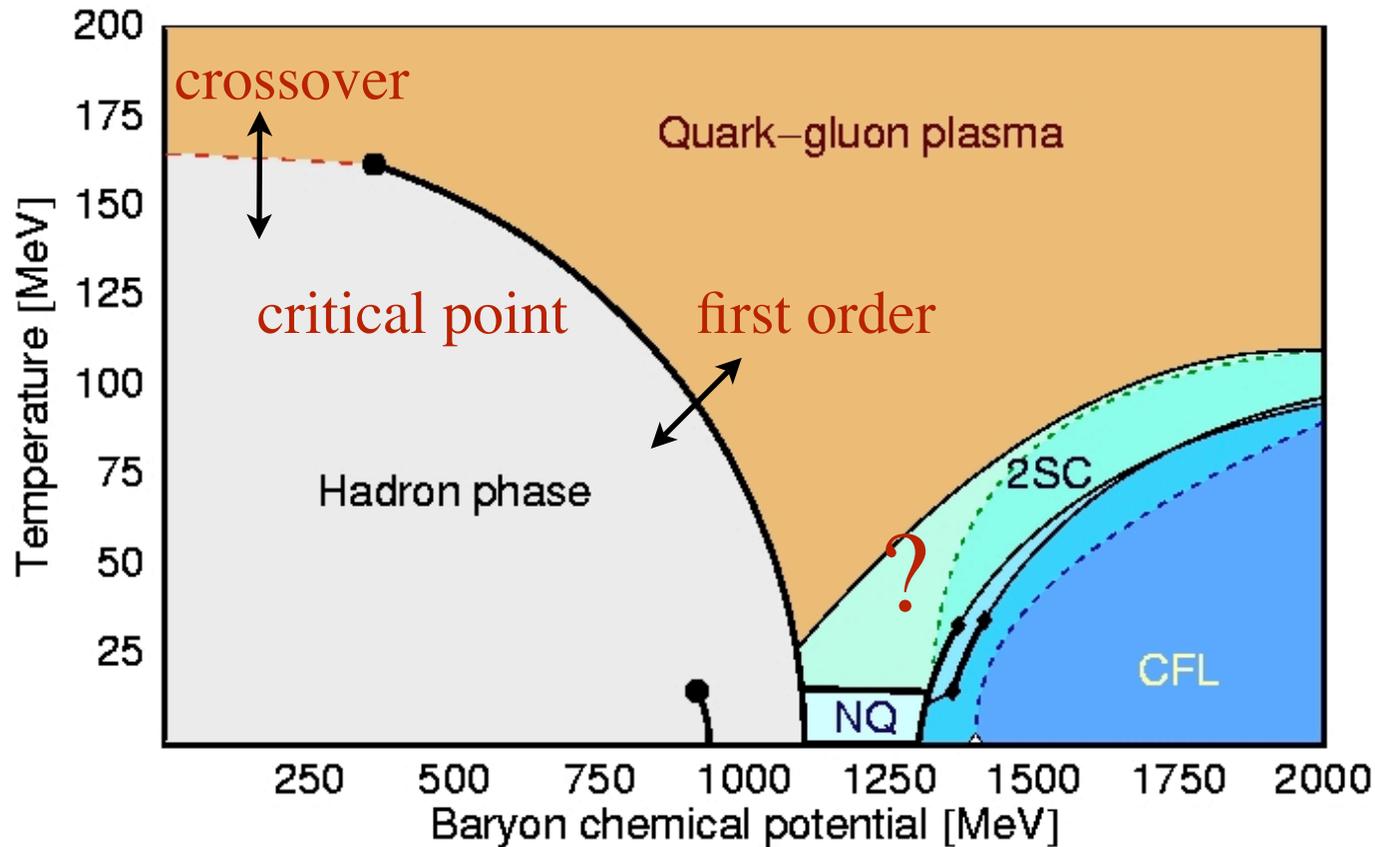
$$p_{q\bar{q}}(\mu_{Bc}) = B \implies \mu_{Bc} \approx 3\sqrt{\pi} B^{1/4} \approx 1.1 \text{ GeV}$$

Nuclear matter: $\mu_{Bnm} \approx 0.9 \text{ GeV}$

Putting all together: The phase diagram of QCD

- At low μ the phase transition is smooth **crossover** between hadron gas and QGP.
More like melting butter

- At larger μ the transition becomes **first order**. Existence of a **critical point**.
More like water-vapor transition



- A number of phases, **Color Superconductivity** (2SC), **Color Flavor Locked** (CFL) ... have been proposed. Lattice methods not reliable ready in this regime

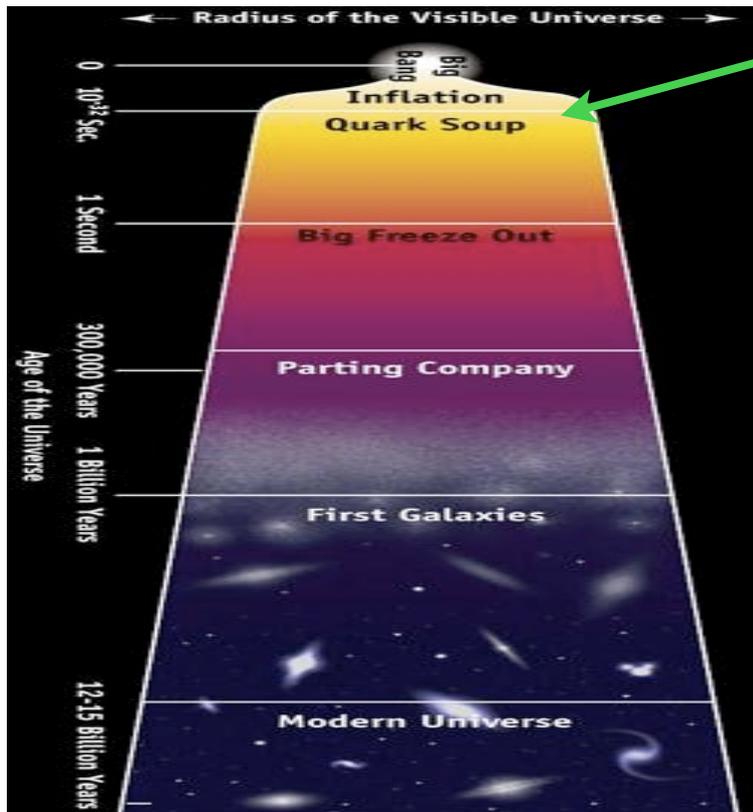
Where to find the QGP?

⇒ Heavy ion collisions

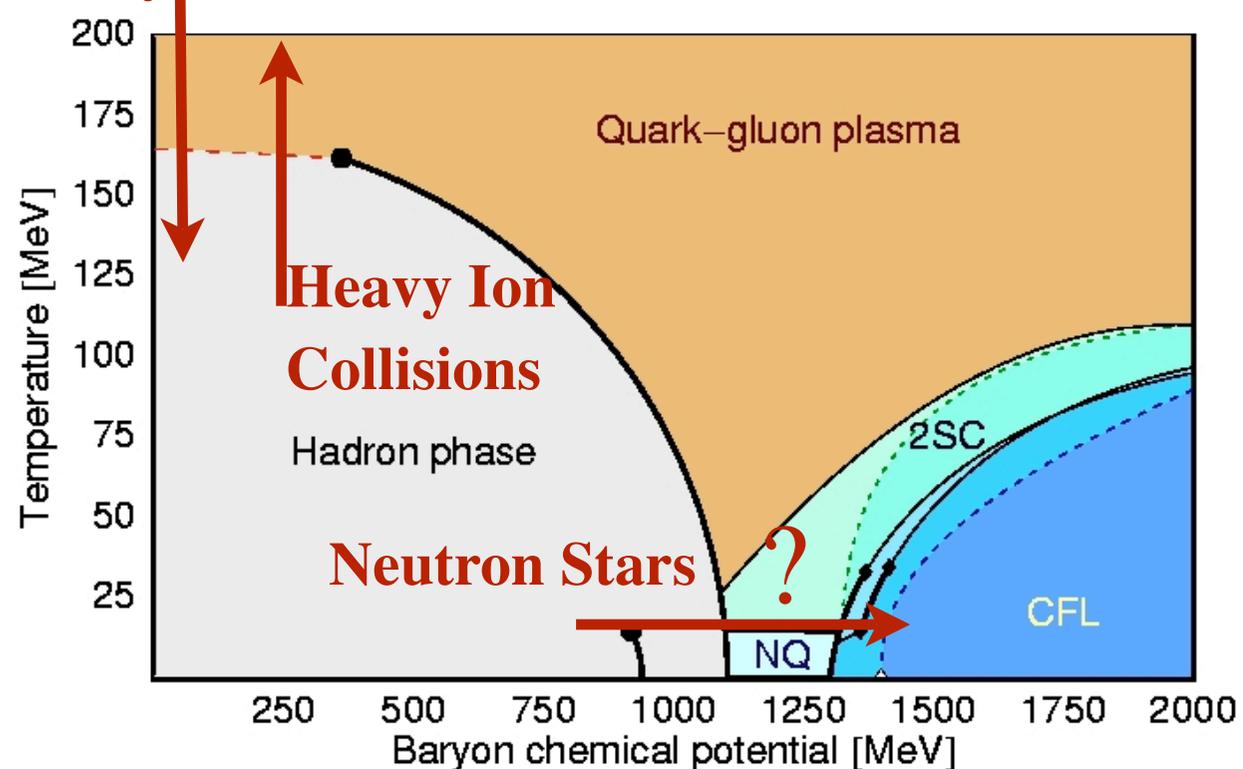
⇒ Core of neutron stars may be composed “exotic” quark matter

$$M_{NS} \sim 1 \div 2 M_{Sun}; \quad R_{NS} \sim 10 \text{ km}$$

⇒ **Early Universe:** The temperature of the Universe at time $10^{-4} \sim 10^{-5}$ seconds was $T_{univ} \sim 200 \text{ MeV}$. It went through a phase transition from quarks and gluons to hadrons

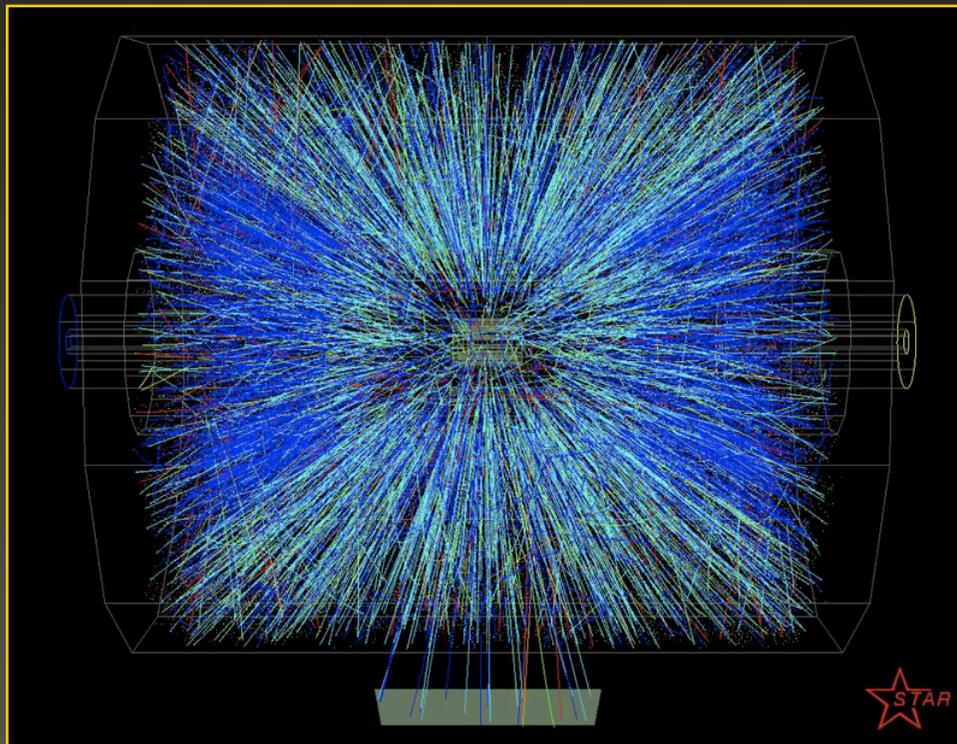


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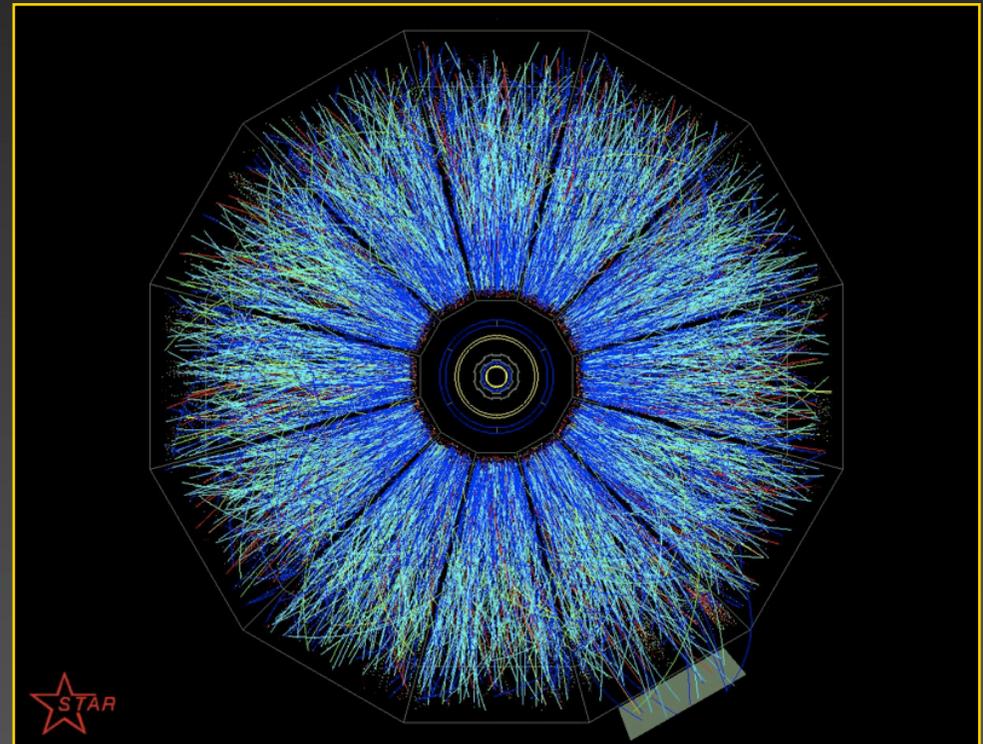


Ultra-relativistic heavy ion collisions

Searching for the *Quark Gluon Plasma*



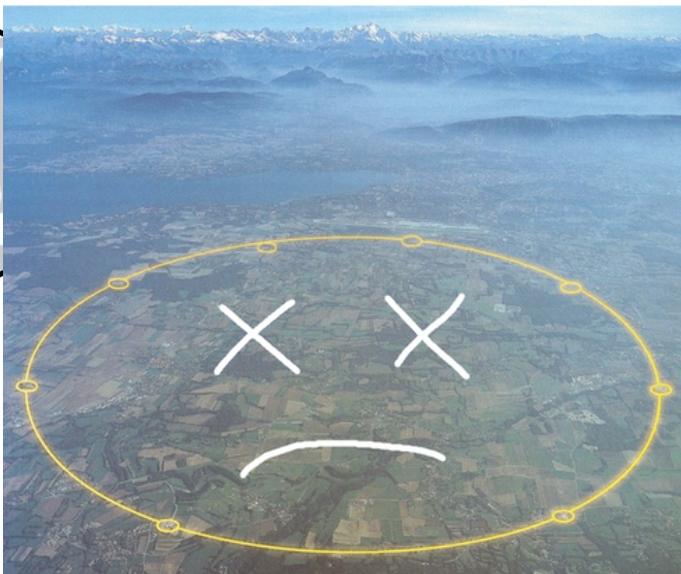
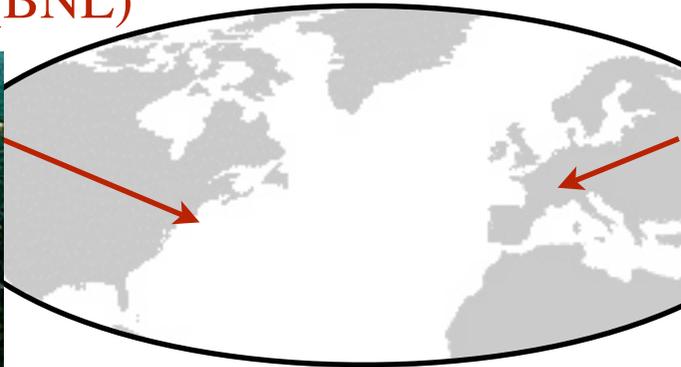
side view



front view

Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC)
 Alternating Gradient Synchrotron (AGS)
 @ Brookhaven National Lab (BNL)

Large Hadron Collider (LHC)
 Super Proton Synchrotron (SPS)
 @ CERN



	Lab	years	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (GeV)	
AGS	BNL	87/99	5	
SPS	CERN	86/02	17	
RHIC	BNL	01/??	200	Au-Au, d-Au, p-p, Cu-Cu
LHC	CERN	??/??	5500	Pb-Pb, p-Pb, p-p

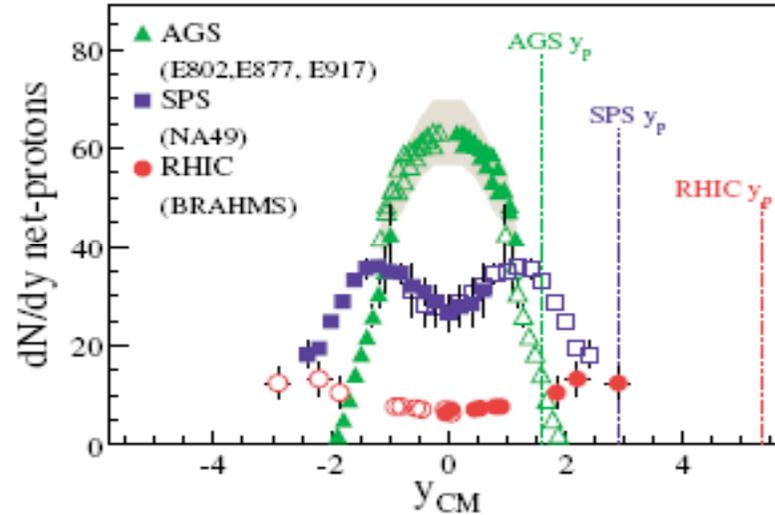
- First hints of QGP formation at SPS. More conclusive evidence obtained at RHIC
- Of the 4 big experimental collaborations at the LHC, one (**ALICE**) is fully dedicated to HIC. Other two (**ATLAS** and **CMS**) will perform related measurements

Locating HIC experiments on the QCD phase diagram:

- The baryon density in the midrapidity region decreases with increasing collision energy

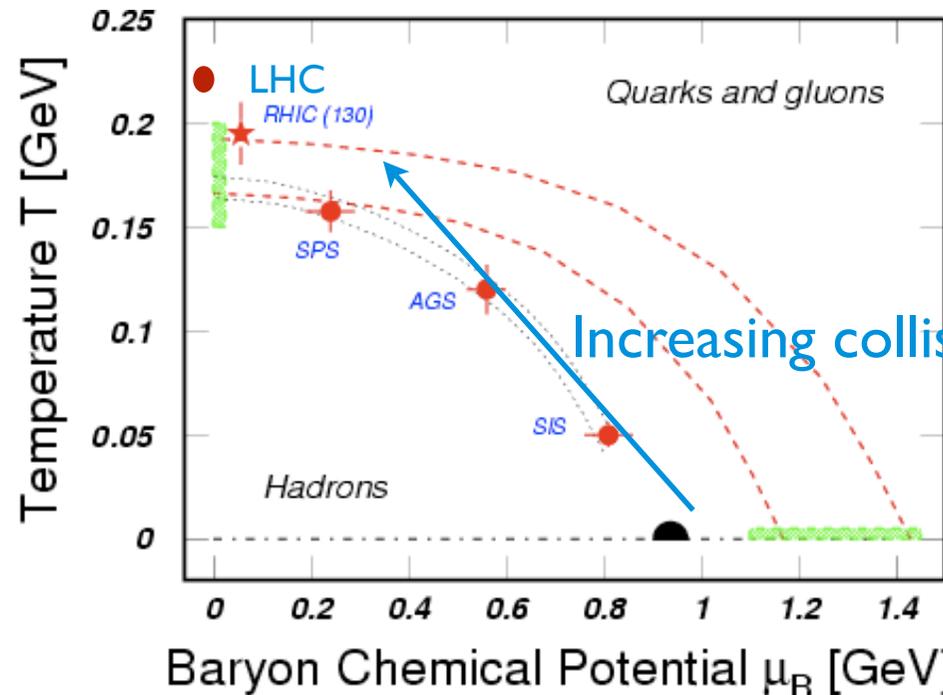
$$\eta = \ln \frac{p_0 + p_z}{p_0 - p_z}$$

High energy:
valence quarks are not
slowed down by the collision



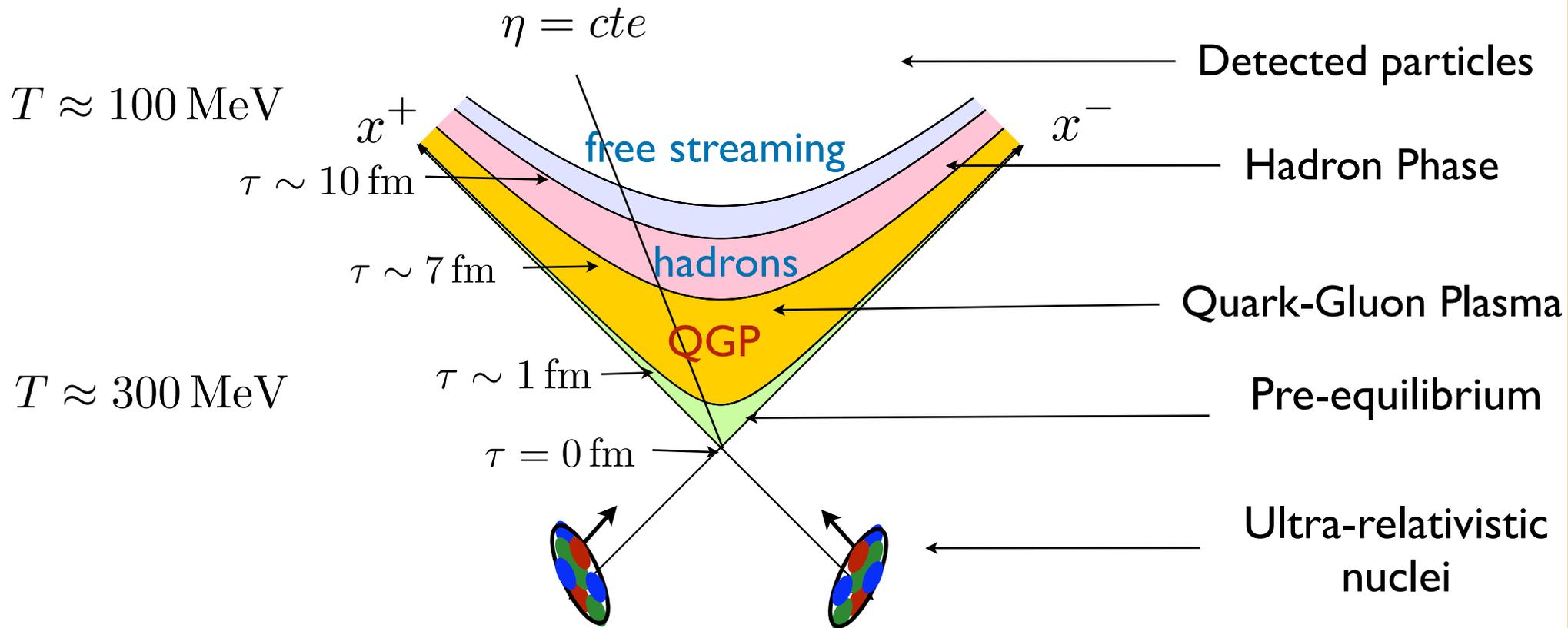
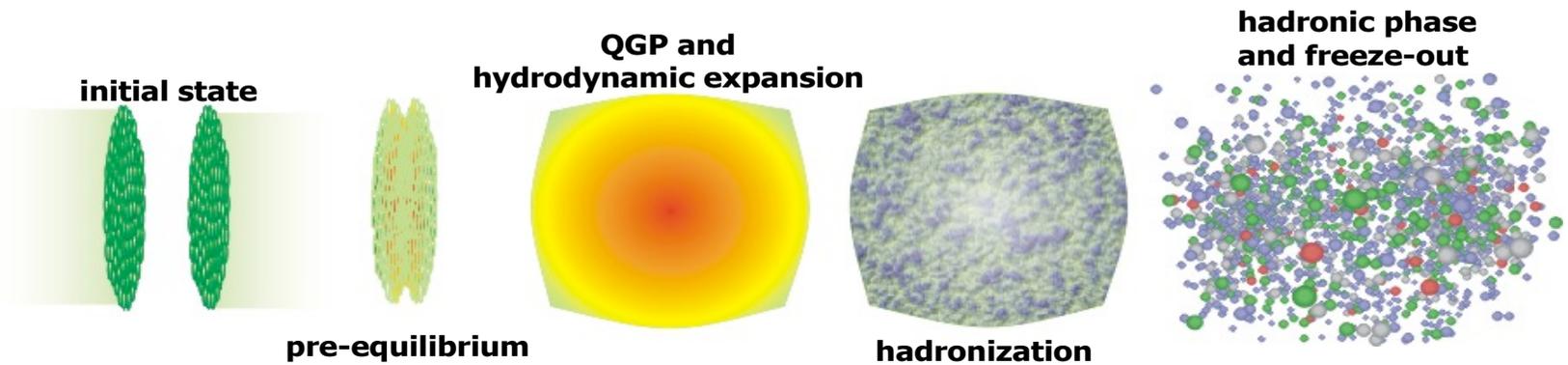
increasing collision
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- The temperature increases with collision energy



Increasing collision energy

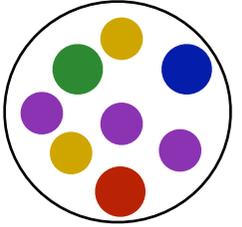
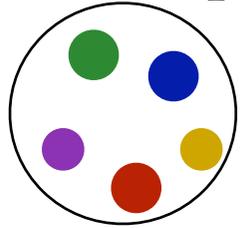
Space-time view of heavy-ion collisions



We lack of a unified description of the collision dynamics at all times

The Initial State: Color Glass Condensate & Saturation

$$Y = \ln \frac{p_0 + p_z}{p_0 - p_z}$$



ΔY

gluon radiation



p_z



$k_z = x p_z$

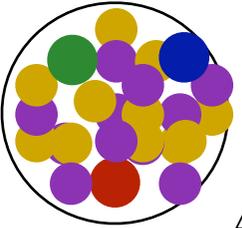
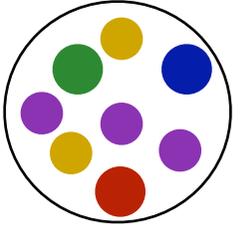
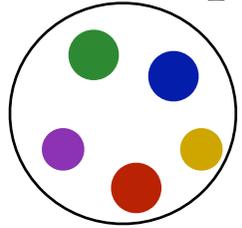
linear evolution (DGLAP, BFKL), dilute regime

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exponentially growing gluon densities

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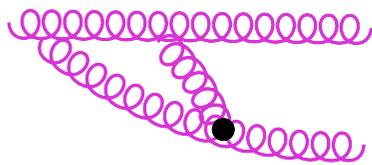
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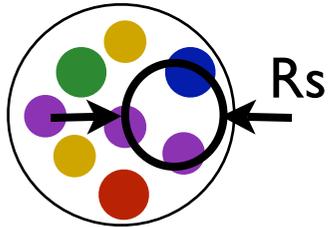
gluon recombination



Non-linear evolution (CGC), high density

$$\frac{\partial N_g}{\partial Y} \sim P N_g - R N_g^2$$

- At high energies (large rapidities, small-x), the hadron wavefunction reach **saturation** due to the growing importance of **recombination processes**



$$Q_s \sim \frac{1}{R_s}$$

$$k_t < Q_s(Y)$$

- Saturation is enhanced in nuclei (large # of gluons, even at low energies)

$$Q_{sA}^2 \sim A^{1/3} Q_{sp}^2 \Rightarrow A^{1/3} \sim 6 \Rightarrow Q_{sAu}^{2, RHIC} \sim 1 \div 2 \text{ GeV}^2$$

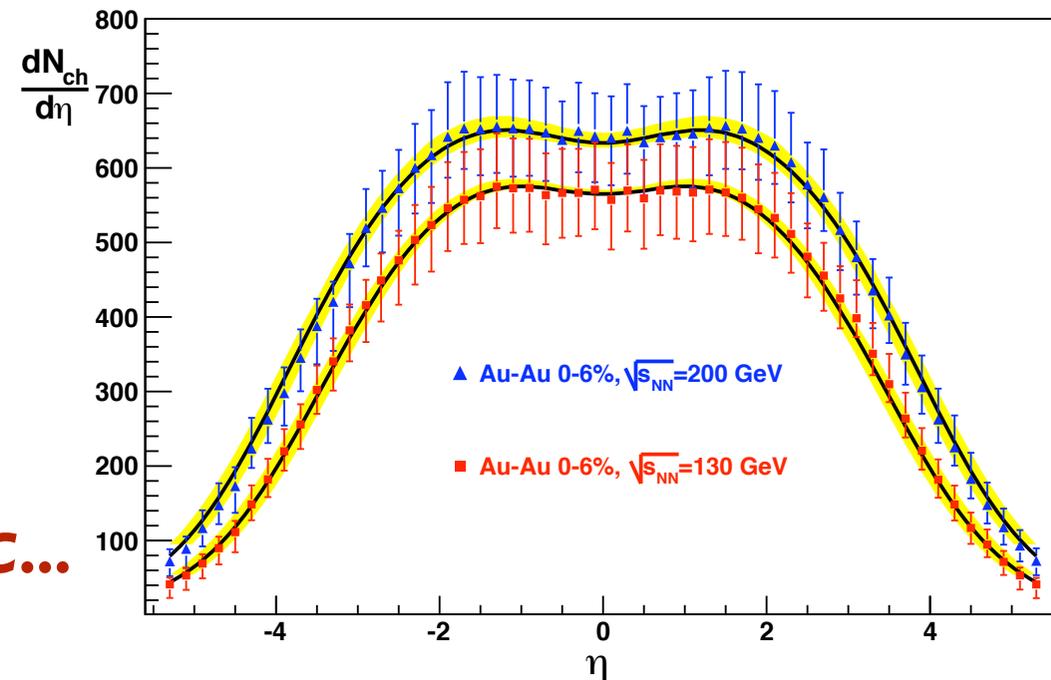
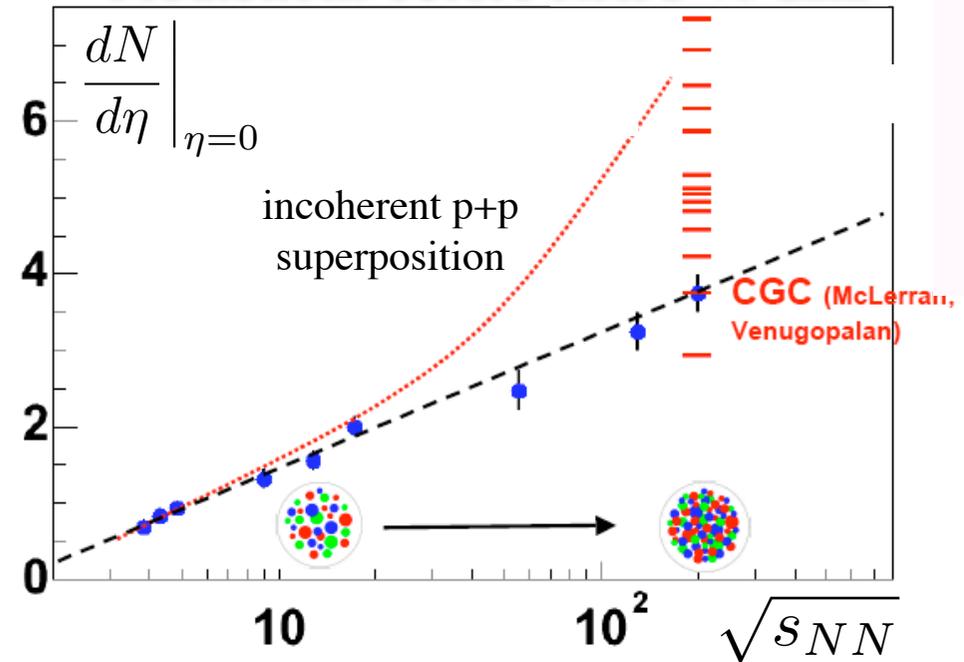
Bulk properties of RHIC matter: Multiplicities

- One expects the total # of produced hadrons to be proportional to the # of partons in the wavefunction of colliding nuclei
- **First surprise at RHIC:** Total multiplicities came out a lot smaller than predicted by simple superpositions of proton-proton collisions:

- **Saturation explanation:** The flux of colliding partons (mostly gluons) is reduced due to saturation effects
- CGC predictions account the energy rapidity, centrality of the multiplicities

... CGC has been discovered at RHIC...

Predictions before RHIC vs data



The success of hydrodynamics at RHIC

⇒ Hydrodynamics is an effective theory that describes the long wavelength modes of the conserved charges of the system

energy-momentum conservation: $\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$

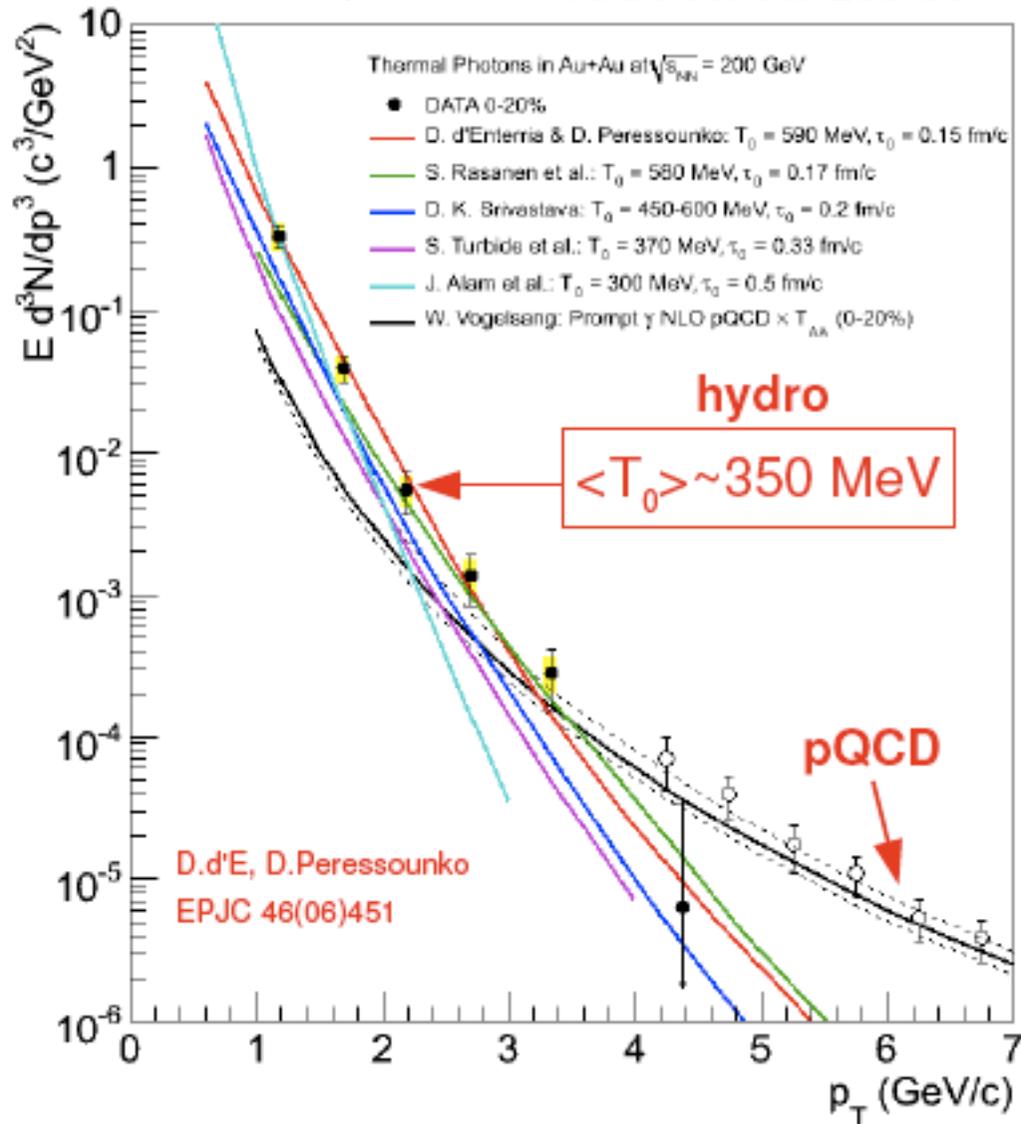
baryon number conservation: $\partial_\mu j_B^\mu = 0$

⇒ It requires local equilibrium and a small mean free path: $\lambda_{mfp} \sim (\sigma n)^{-1} \rightarrow 0$

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \underbrace{[\epsilon(p, T) + p] u^\mu u^\nu - p g^{\mu\nu}}_{\text{ideal fluid}} + \underbrace{F(\nabla_\mu u^\nu; \eta; D \dots)}_{\text{dissipative terms (viscosity...)}}$$

⇒ Ideal hydro describes a lot of RHIC data!!

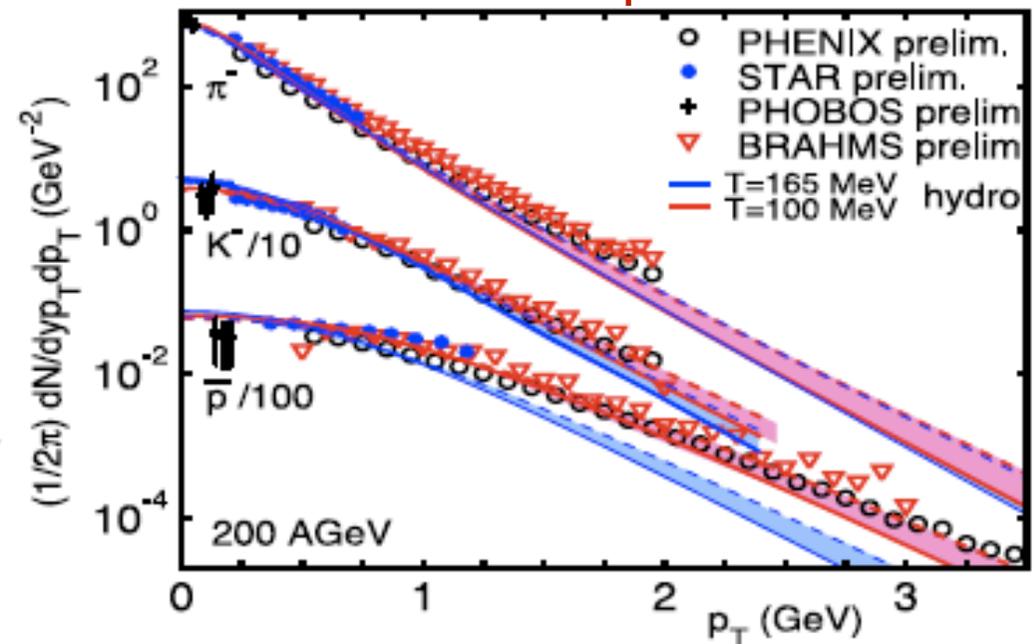
Photon spectrum RHIC Au-Au 200 GeV



Input for hydro evolution:

- QGP E.oS.
- short thermalization time:
 $\tau_{therm} \sim 0.6 \div 1$ fm
- initial energy density:
 $\epsilon_{\tau_{therm}} \sim 30$ GeV/fm³

hadron spectrum



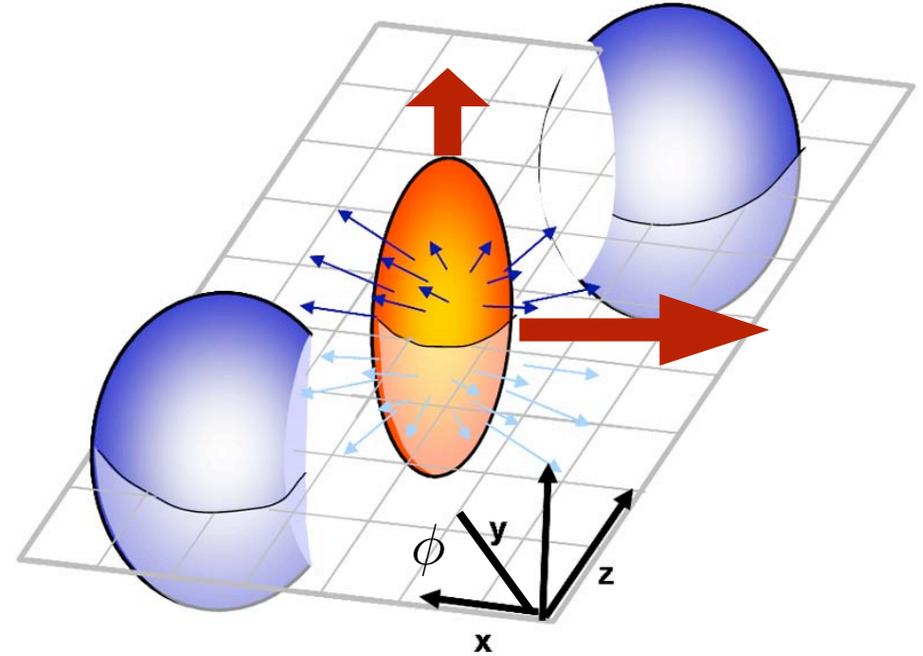
RHIC matter flows: Elliptic (and radial) flow

⇒ The initial fireball produced in non-central collisions is highly anisotropic

$$\dot{u}^\mu = \frac{\nabla^\mu p}{\epsilon + p}$$

⇒ If the system behaves like a fluid, the initial spatial anisotropy is mapped onto the observed hadron spectra

$$\frac{dN^h}{d^2p_t d\phi} \propto 1 + 2v_2(\mathbf{p}_t) \cos(2\phi) + \dots$$



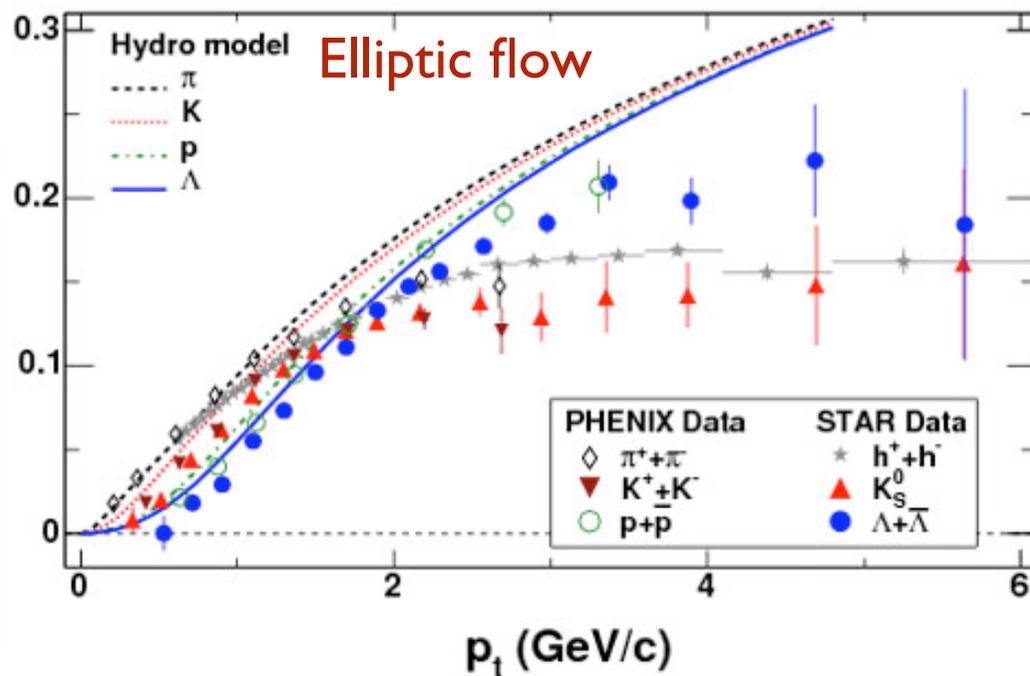
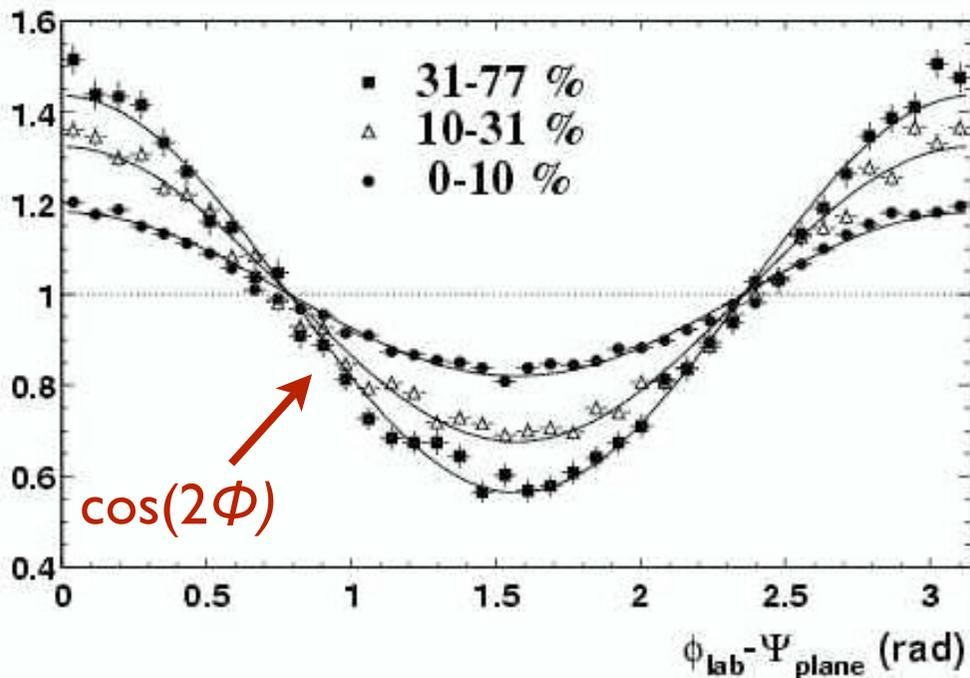
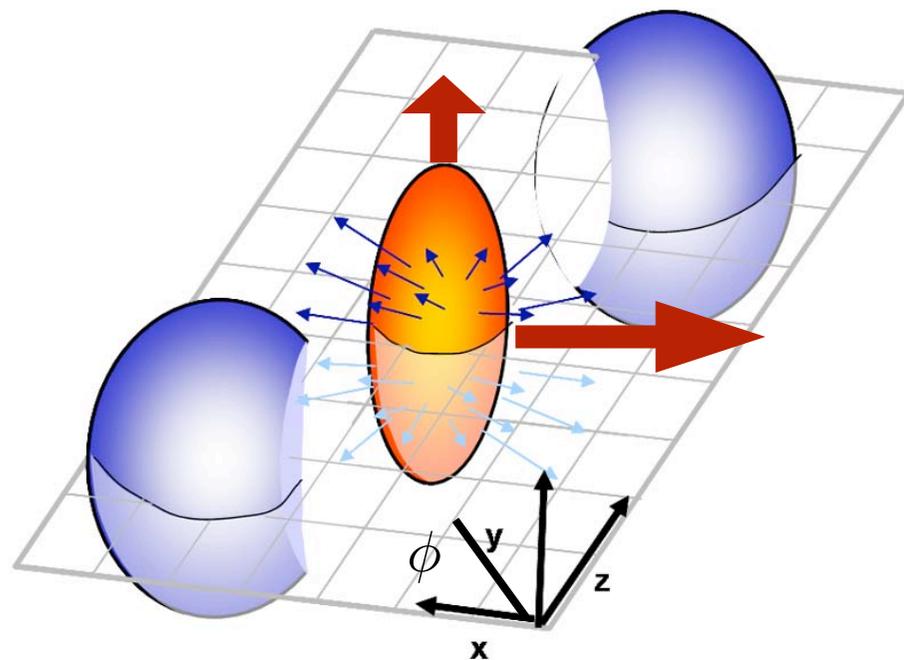
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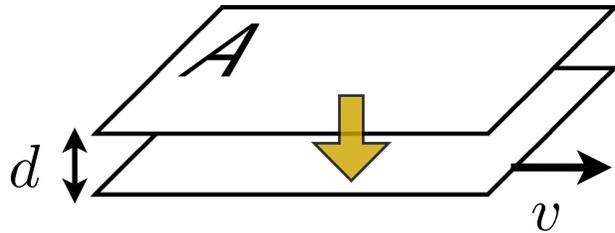
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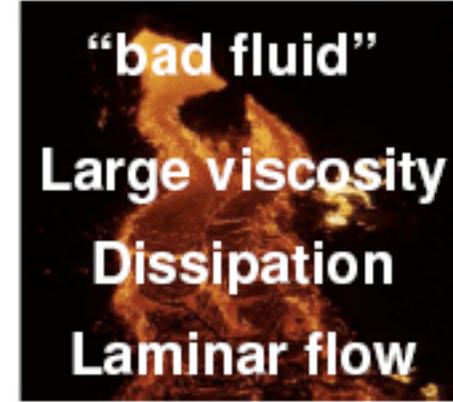
The most perfect fluid?

⇒ Viscosity ~ “internal friction of a fluid”

$$\eta \sim 1/\text{fluidity.}$$



$$F = \eta \frac{A}{d} v$$



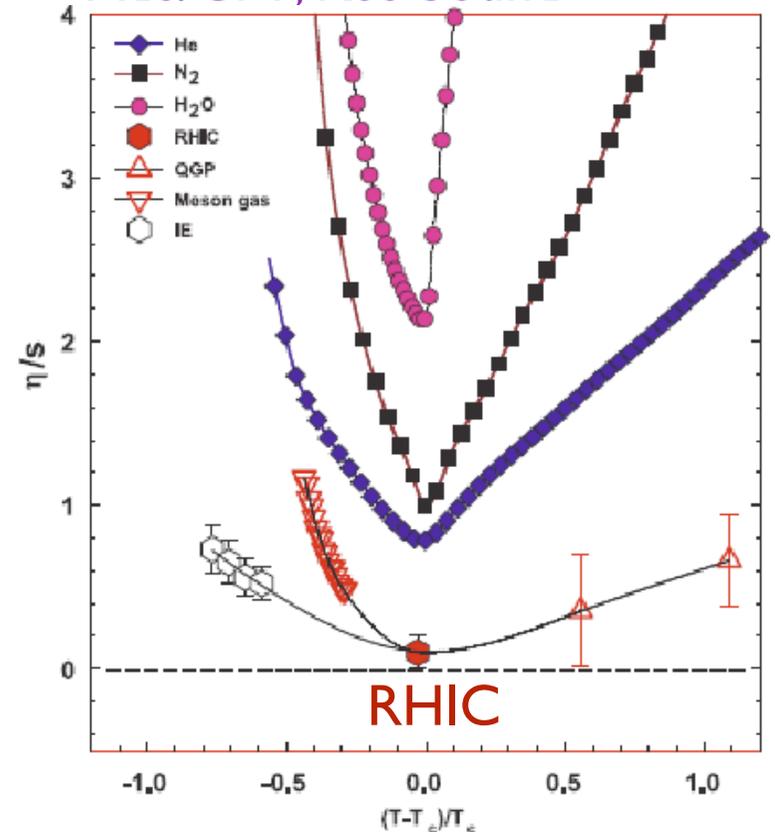
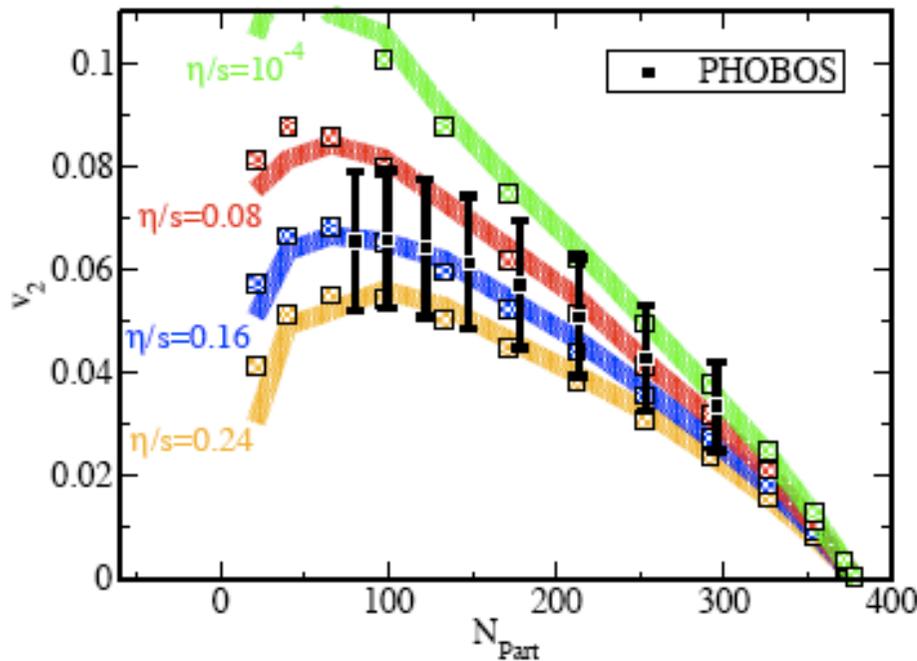
⇒ Minimum viscosity/entropy ratio:

$$\frac{\eta}{s} \geq \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\hbar}{k_B}$$

⇒ QGP (from hydrodynamics):

$$\frac{\eta}{s} \sim \frac{1}{6} \frac{\hbar}{k_B}$$

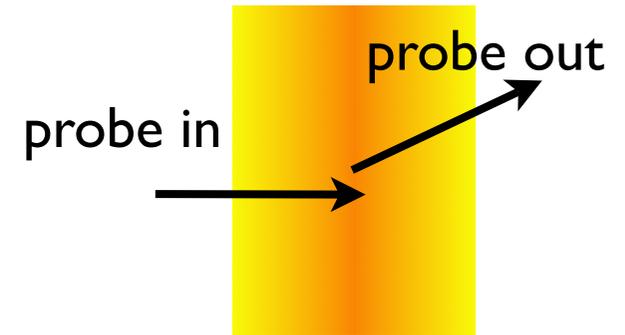
Uncertainty principle
AdS/CFT; KSS bound



Hard Tomographic Probes:

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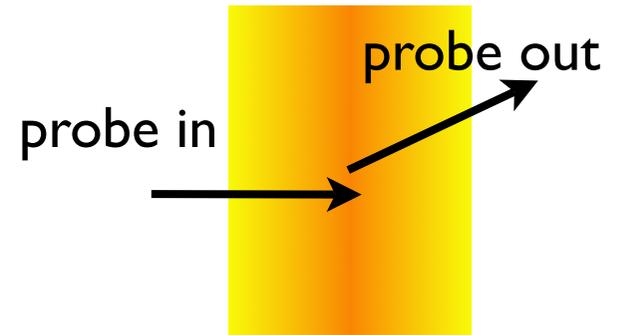
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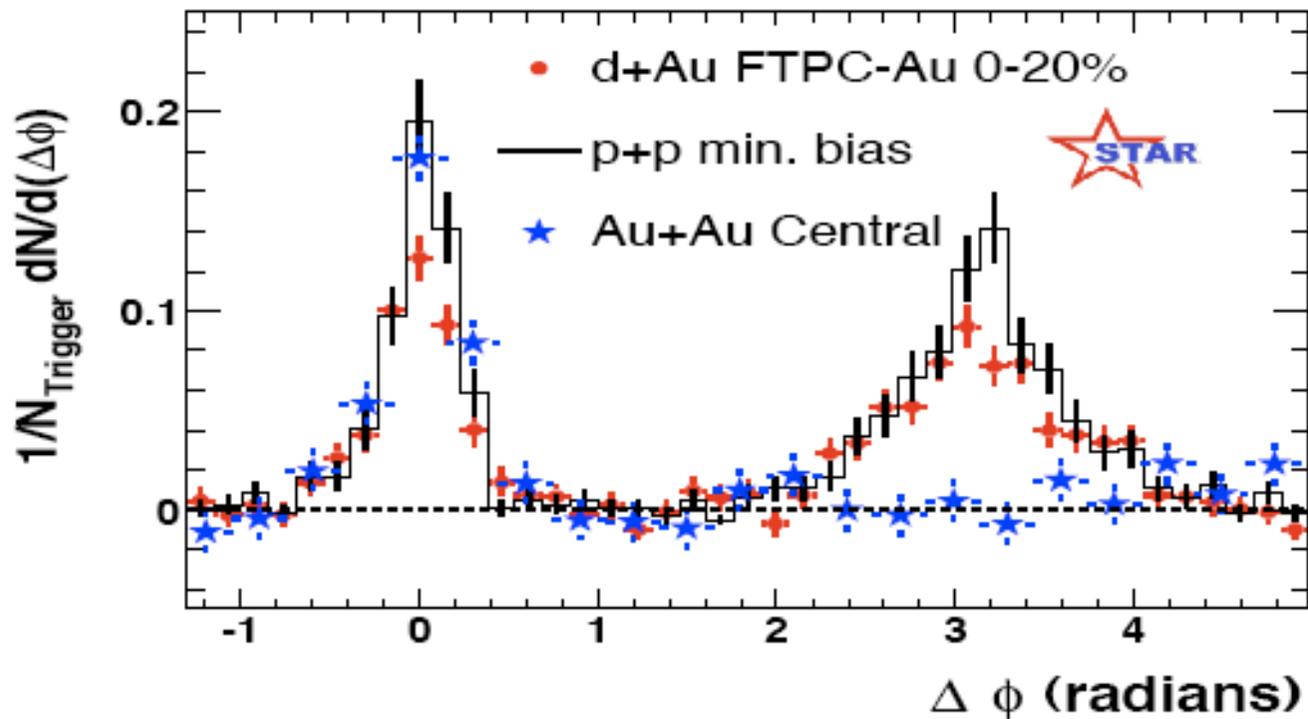
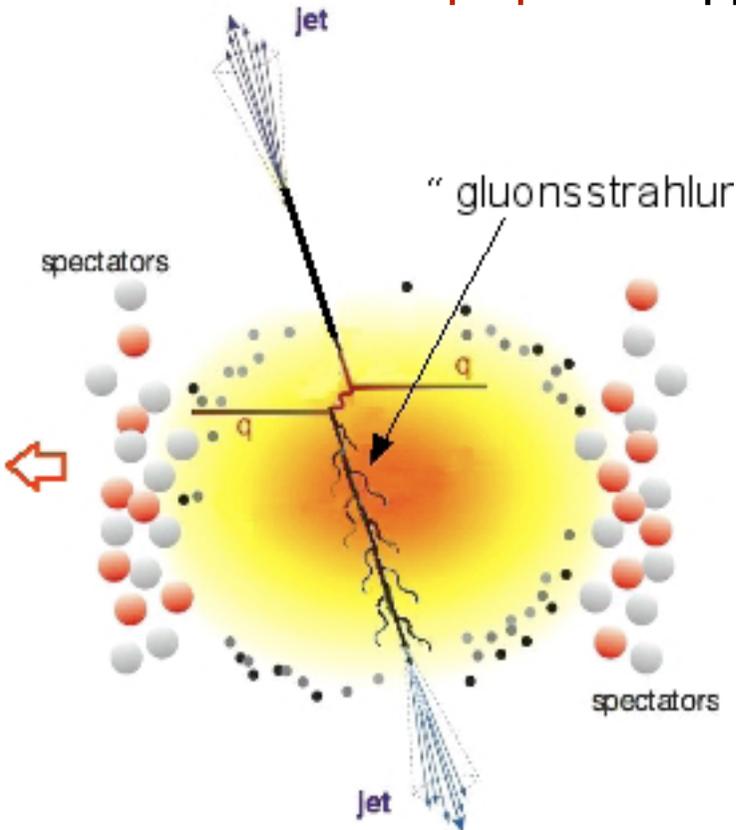
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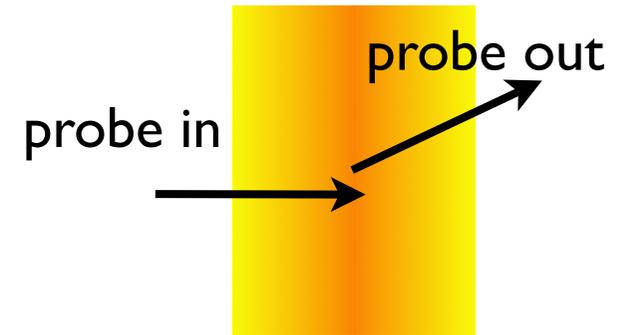
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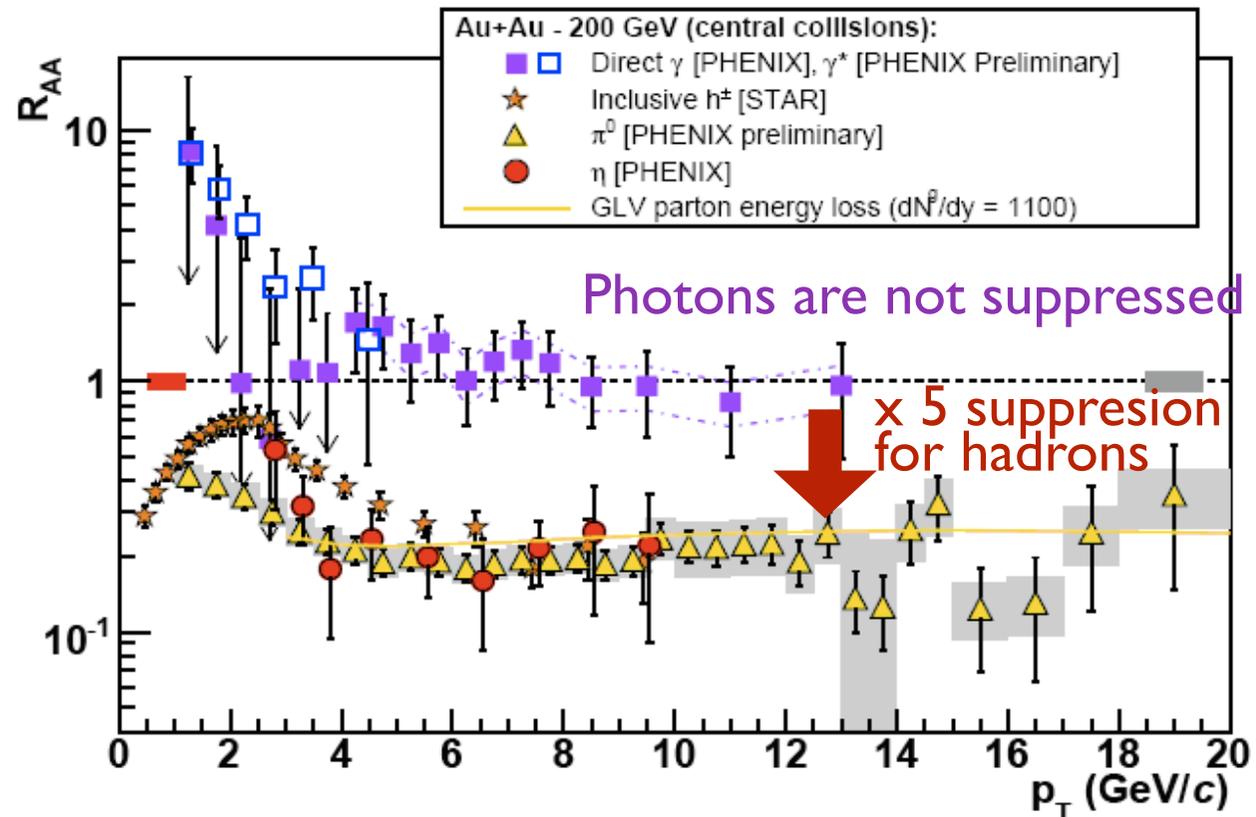
- **RHIC matter is opaque:** Strong suppression of high-pt hadrons

Parton energy-loss

$$\langle \Delta E \rangle \propto \alpha_s C_R \langle \hat{q} \rangle L^2$$

Transport coefficient

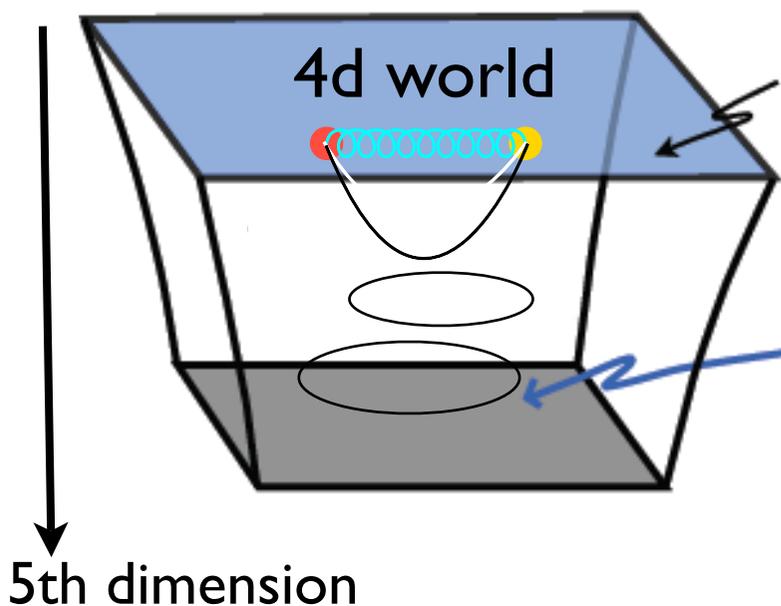
$$\hat{q} \sim 4 \frac{\text{GeV}^2}{\text{fm}}$$



The String Connection (or the weird couple)

- So RHIC matter behaves like a strongly interacting system (perfect fluid, jet quenching..)
- So we need a formalism that allows to study strongly coupled systems in real-time formalism (Lattice QCD operates in imaginary time)

The Anti de Sitter / Conformal Field Theory Correspondance (AdS/CFT)



Weakly coupled
supergravity in
 $AdS_5 \times S_5$ space

Black brane
along the fifth
dimension



$N=4$ SYM in 4d

$$\lambda = g_s^2 N_c \rightarrow \infty$$

$$N_c \rightarrow \infty$$



$$T = \frac{1}{\pi z_h}$$

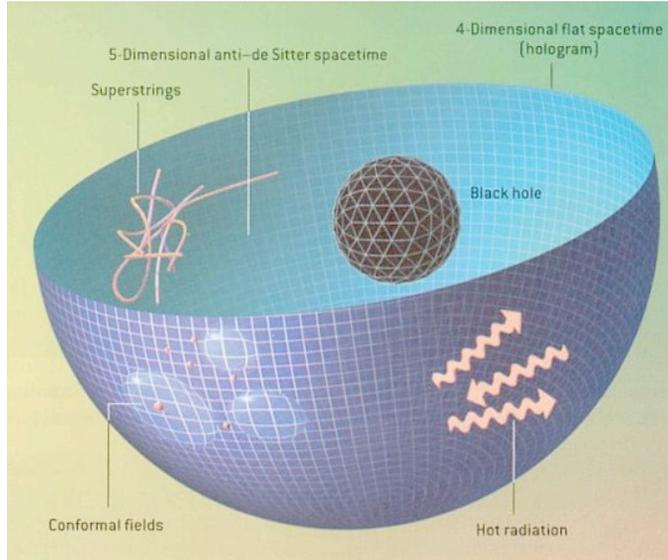
Finite-T system

Caveats: $N=4$ SYM is conformal. It is supersymmetric. It includes scalar and fermions. It has no charges in the fundamental representation (quarks)....

Some applications of the correspondence to HIC

- KSS viscosity bound (Kovtun, Starinets and Son)

$$\frac{\eta}{s} \geq \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\hbar}{k_B}$$



CFT entropy = BH entropy: $s_{BH} = \frac{A_{BH}}{4\pi}$

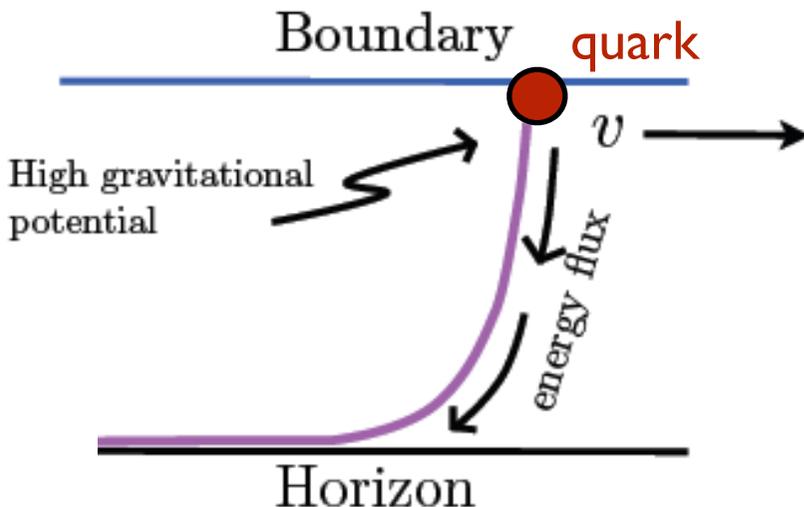
CFT viscosity $\eta = \lim_{w \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2w} \int dx dt \langle [T_{xy}(t, x), T_{x,y}(0, 0)] \rangle$

$$\sim \sigma^{graviton}(0) = \frac{A_{BH}}{16\pi G}$$



$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{1}{4\pi}$$

- Calculation of jet quenching (heavy quark diffusion) and DIS on plasma:



AdS/CFT calculations yield a large jet quenching, compatible with the value extracted empirically

$$\hat{q} \sim 4 \frac{\text{GeV}^2}{\text{fm}}$$

...Although there is some numerology involved here...

- Other proposed signatures of QGP formation:

- Enhancement of thermal photons and dileptons from black-body radiation
- Melting of heavy quark bound states (J/Ψ , Ψ' , Υ ..)
- Enhancement of strange production...

- **Summary:** Great progress achieved over the last 10 years in our understanding of the QCD phases. RHIC has delivered evidence for the formation of a strongly interacting, perfect-fluid-like Quark Gluon Plasma.

- **Outlook: Many open questions:** Dynamics of thermalization, microscopic composition of QGP around T_c , development of full viscous hydrodynamics, coupling of soft (hydro) modes and fast (jets), sharpening our understanding of the AdS/CFT correspondence, species dependence of the suppression, jet studies

- The answers will (most likely) come from a combination of **experimental** results (**LHC, FAIR**), **theoretical** developments (in progress) and improvements of **Lattice-QCD** numerical simulations

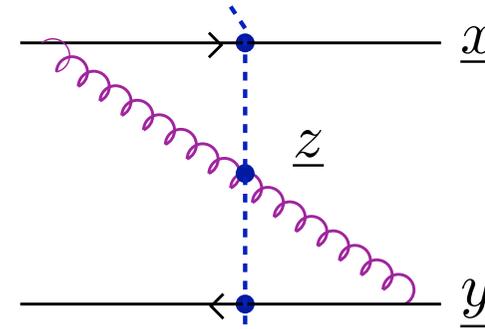
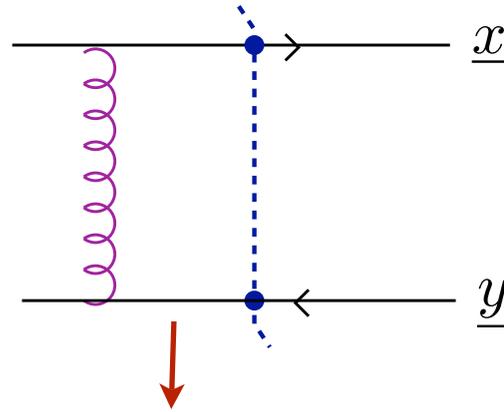
Back up slides

Beyond LL approximation: Running coupling corrections

(Kovchegov-Weigert, Balitsky, Gardi et al 06, Albacete-Kovchegov)

Strategy: resummation of quark loops to all orders, plus $N_f \longrightarrow -6\pi\beta$

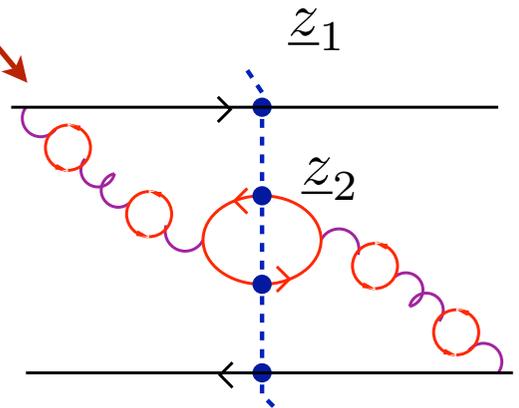
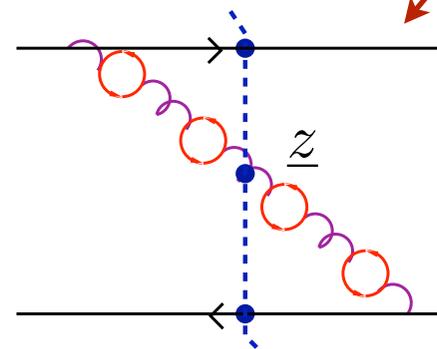
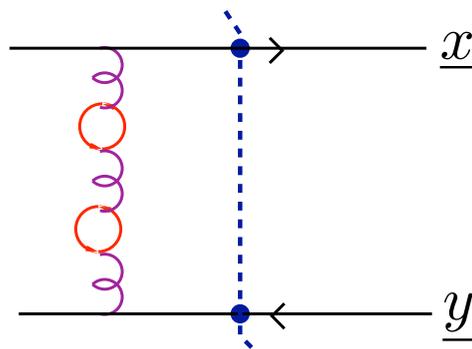
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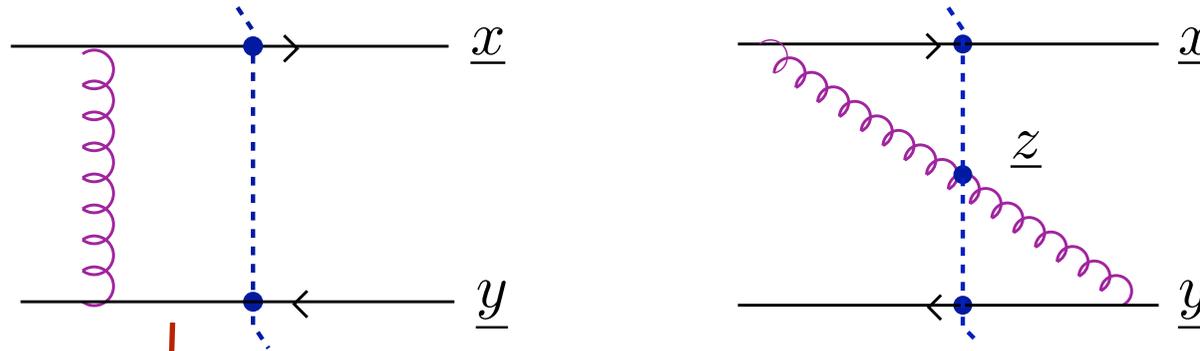
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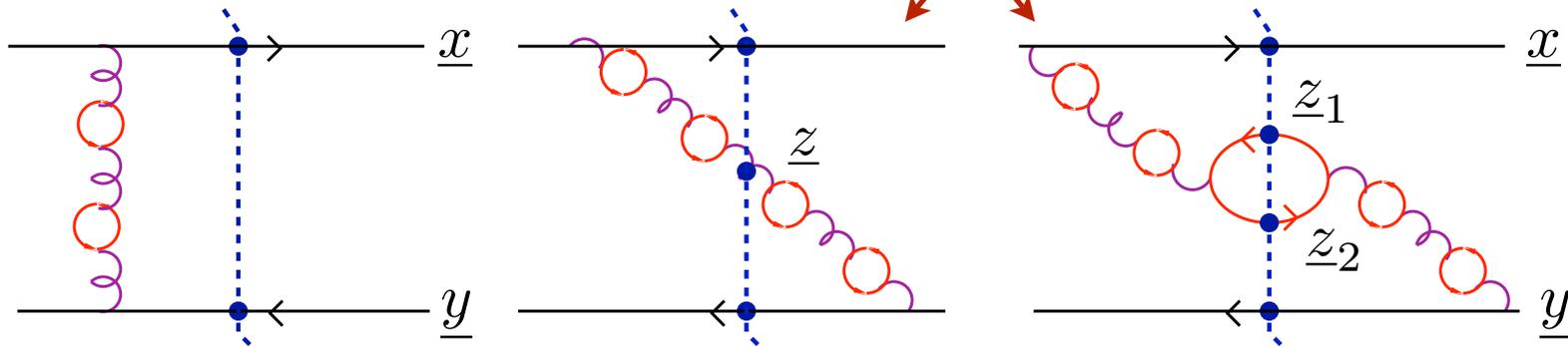
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$$\alpha_\mu \ln\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \left[1 + \sum_n c_n \left(\alpha_\mu \frac{N_f}{6\pi} \ln \frac{q^2}{\mu^2} \right)^n \right]$$

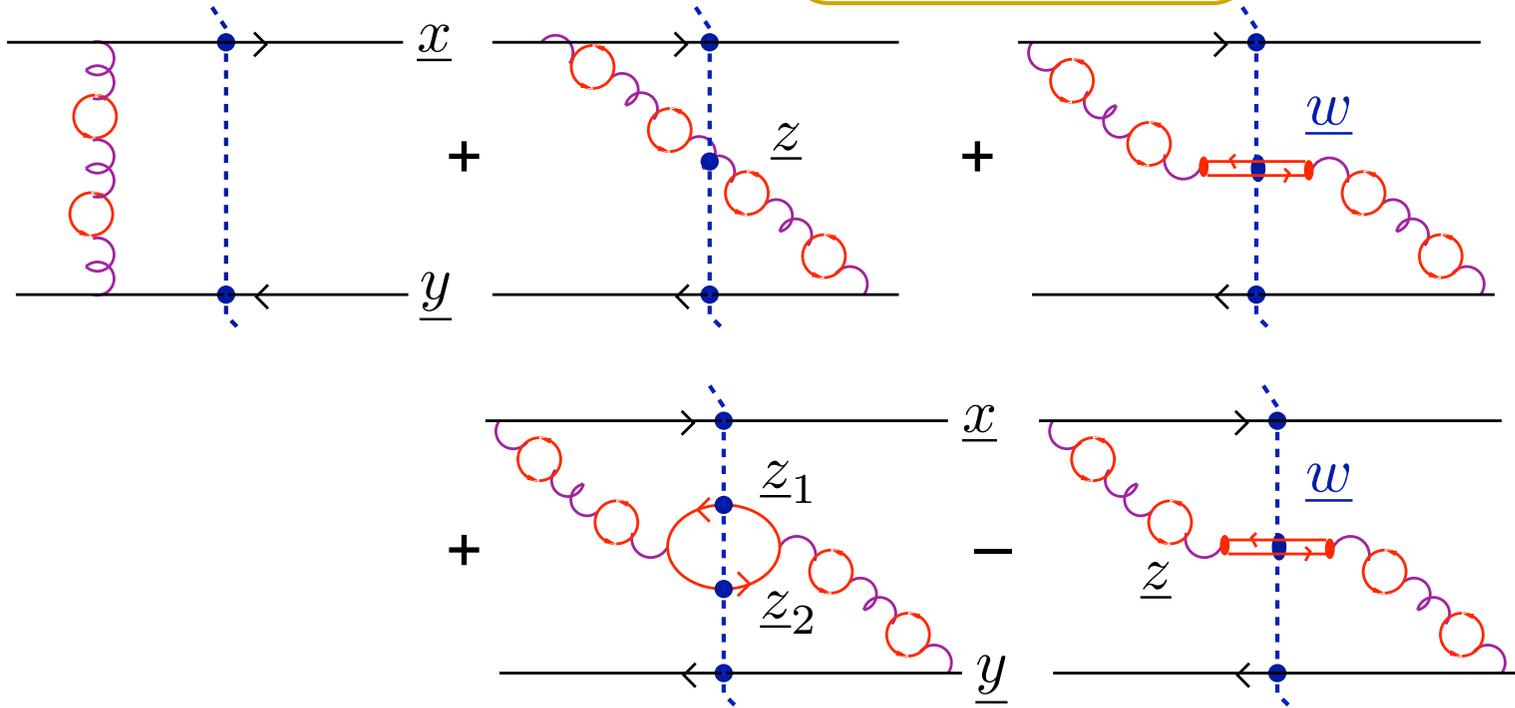
Resumming the
geometric series

$N_f \rightarrow -6\pi\beta_2$

⇒

$$\ln(1/x) \frac{\alpha_\mu}{1 + \alpha_\mu \beta_2 \ln\left(\frac{C q^2}{\mu^2}\right)}$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial Y} = \mathcal{R}[S] - \mathcal{S}[S]$$



$\mathcal{R}[S]$
UV-divergent terms
that contribute to the
running of the
coupling

$\mathcal{S}[S]$
Conformal, non
running coupling
terms. Neglected in
previous calculations

\Rightarrow **Running term:** $\mathcal{R}[S] = \int d^2 z \tilde{K}(\underline{x}, \underline{z}, \underline{y}) [S(\underline{x}, \underline{z})S(\underline{z}, \underline{y}) - S(\underline{x}, \underline{y})]$

\Rightarrow **Subtraction term:** $\mathcal{S}[S] = \int d^2 z_1 d^2 z_2 K_{sub}(\underline{x}, \underline{y}, \underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2) [S(\underline{x}, \underline{w})S(\underline{w}, \underline{y}) - S(\underline{x}, \underline{z}_1)S(\underline{z}_2, \underline{y})]$

\Rightarrow Running coupling comes in a “triumvirate”: $K \sim \frac{\alpha_s(R_1) \alpha_s(R_2)}{\alpha_s(R_3)}$

Fixed vs Running

⇒ The **running of the coupling** reduces the speed of the evolution down to values compatible with experimental data (JLA PRL 99 262301 (07)):

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial Y} = \mathcal{R}[S] - \mathcal{S}[S]$$

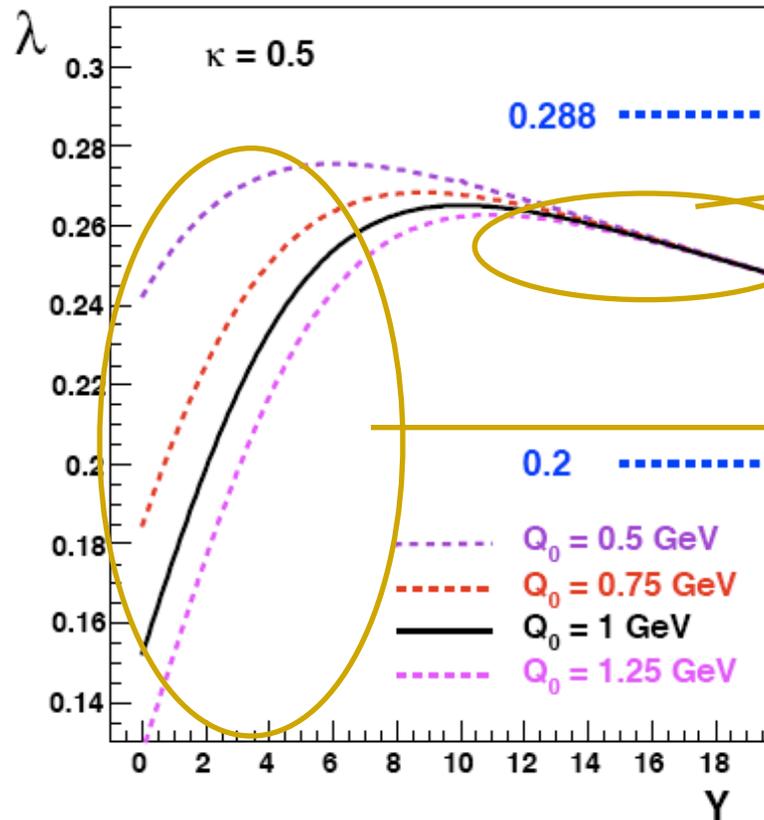
$$\lambda = \frac{d \ln Q_s^2(Y)}{dY}$$

LL evolution:

$$\lambda^{LL} \approx 4.8 \alpha_s$$

DIS data:

$$\lambda^{DIS} \approx 0.288$$



Geometric scaling

$$\lambda \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{Y}}$$

Pre-asymptotic

⇒ Geometric scaling persists, despite conformal symmetry being broken

⇒ **UNIVERSALITY**

$$\frac{Q_s^2 A(Y)}{Q_s^2 B(Y)} \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{for } Y \rightarrow \infty$$

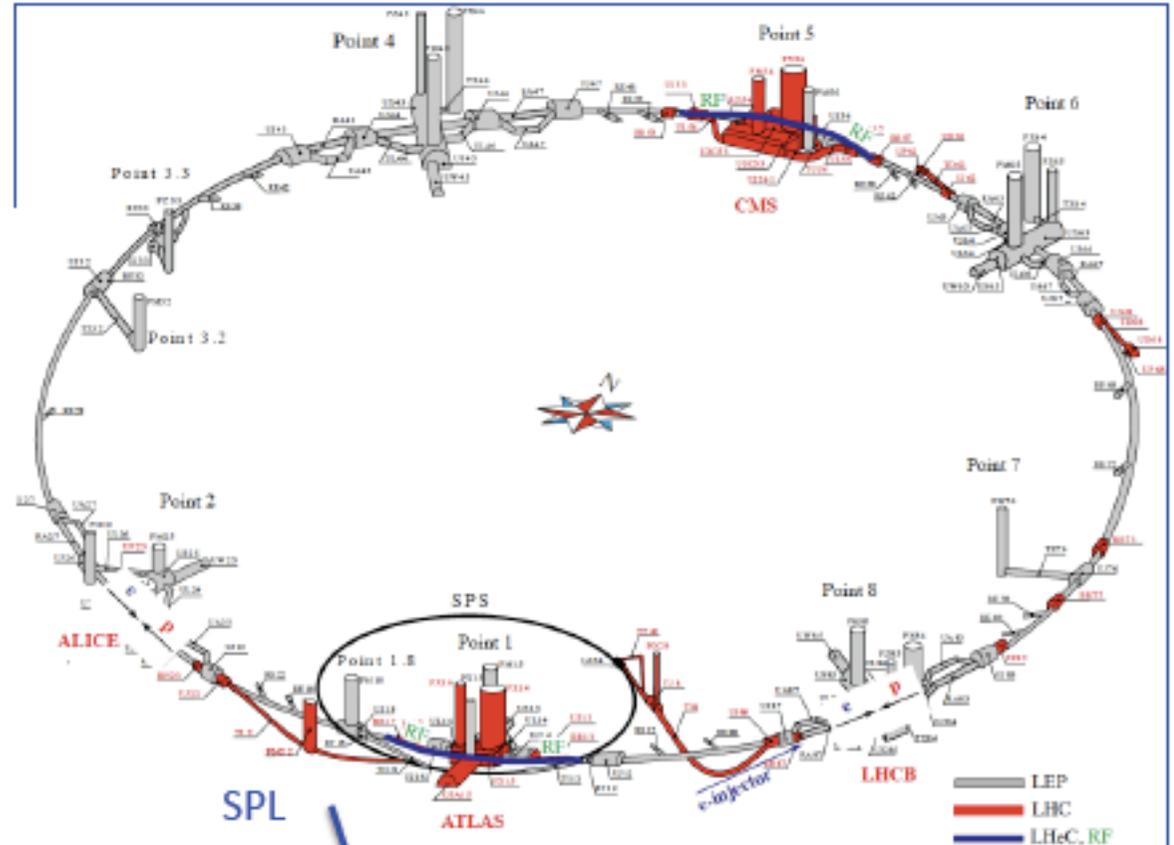
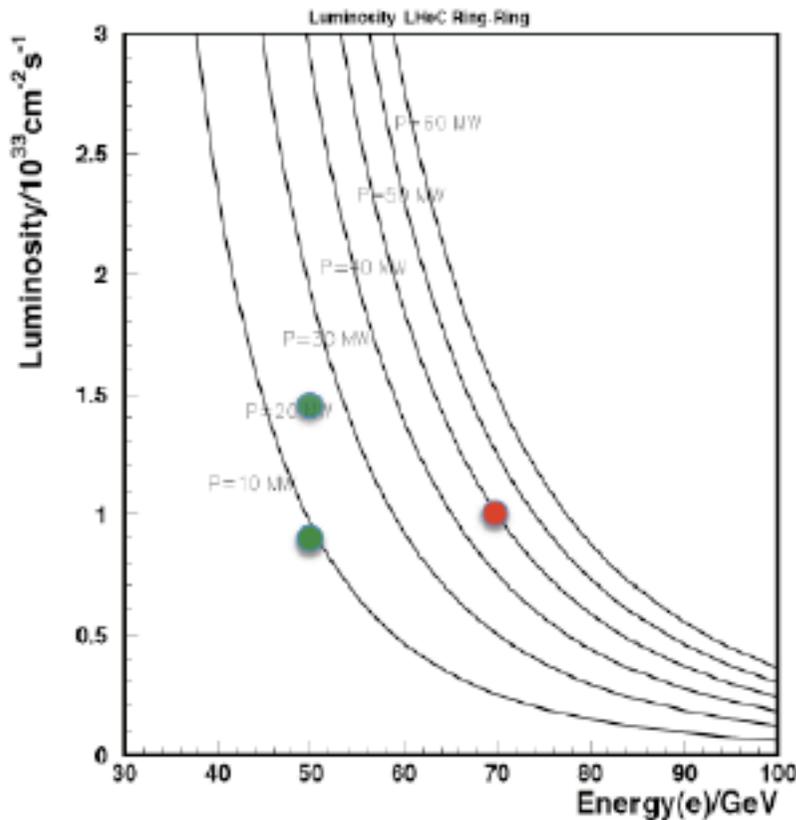
	EIC	LHeC
Community	US-nuclear + BNL & JLAB have declared project as key for future	European particle physicist + contacts with nuclear community
Parameters	3-20 GeV e 25-250 GeV p, ½ for A e,P polarized Lumi 10^{32} - 10^{34}	20-120 GeV e 7 TeV p, ½ for A No P,A polarization Lumi 10^{32} - 10^{33}
Physics	Spin 3D proton/nuclear structure pdfs	TeV scale, BSM Small-x physics pdfs
Cost	150 – 1400 M\$ (US accounting)	TBD
Time Scale	≥2020 (necessary ?) Wide range of cost/scope, push for early staged project ?	Depends on LHC results Scenarios TBD

LHeC option I

Ring – Ring Design tentative

$$L = \frac{N_p \gamma}{4\pi e \epsilon_{pn}} \cdot \frac{I_e}{\sqrt{\beta_{px} \beta_{py}}} = 8.310^{32} \cdot \frac{I_e}{50mA} \cdot \frac{m}{\sqrt{\beta_{px} \beta_{py}}} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$$

$$I_e = 0.35mA \cdot \frac{P}{MW} \cdot \left(\frac{100GeV}{E_e}\right)^4$$



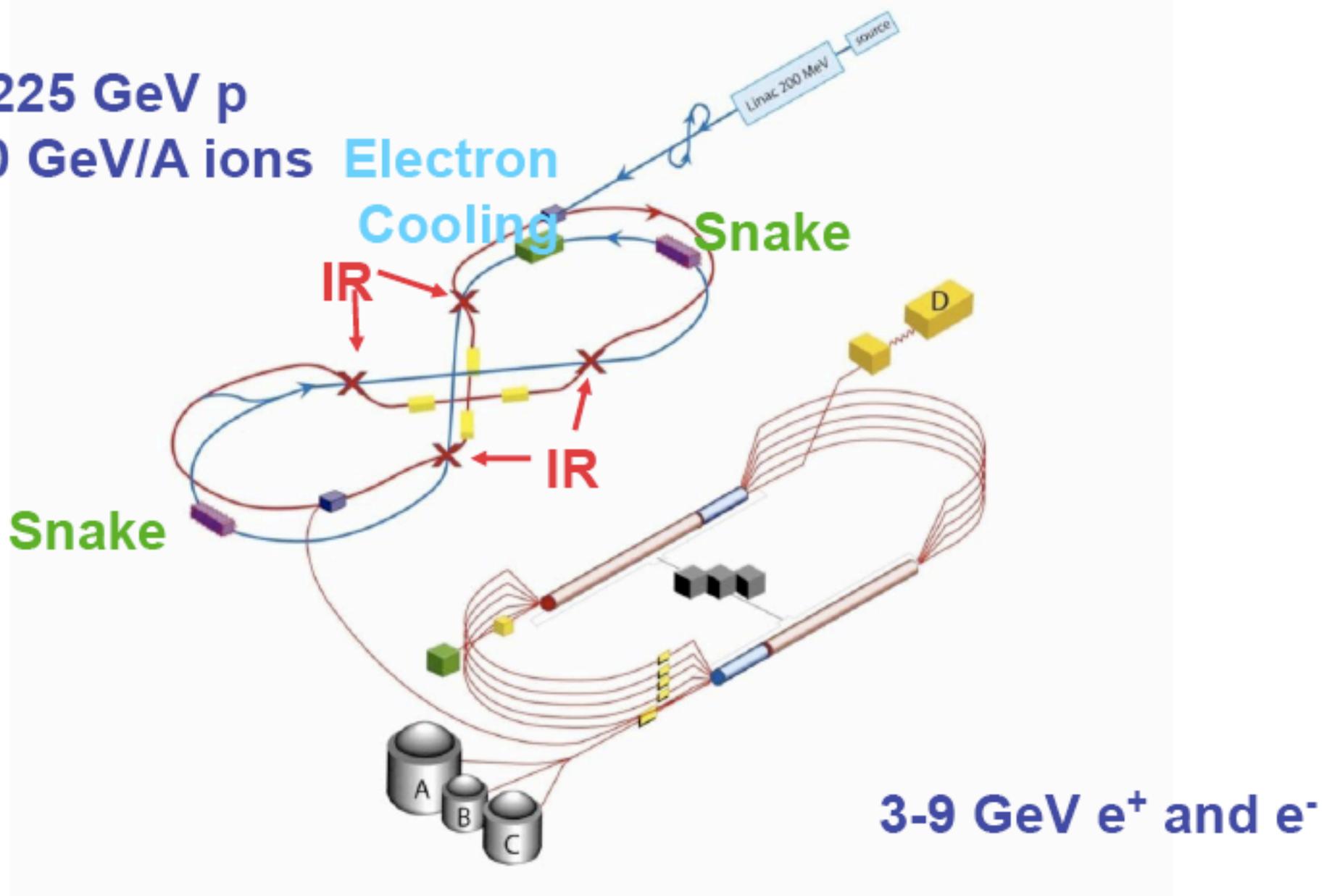
$2 \cdot 10^{33} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}, 5y : 100 \text{fb}^{-1} \dots 50 \dots 80 \text{GeV}$

F.Willeke, 70GeV * 7TeV, 50MW [JINST 2006]
 B.Holzer, A.Kling et al, Divonne08, ECFA08

Subject to LHC, power, tuneshifts etc. – 100 times HERA luminosity

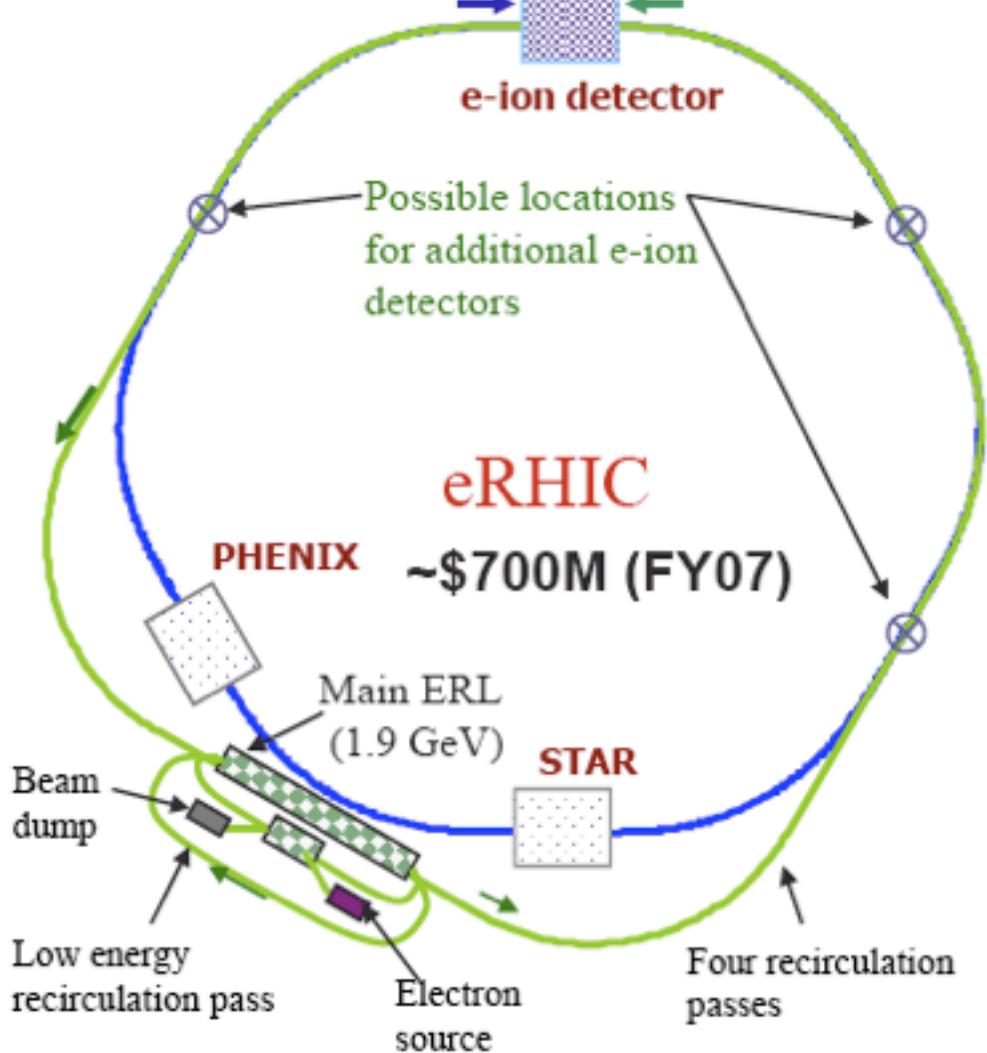
Long-term Landscape : ELIC

30-225 GeV p
30-100 GeV/A ions



Electron Cooling

Long-Term (>2020) Future of QCD Physics at RHIC: EIC → eRHIC



Add ERL injector with polarized e^- source to enable $\vec{e}^+\vec{p}$, $^3\vec{He}$ and $e+A$ (up to Uranium) to study matter in gluon-dominated regime

- 10 GeV electron design energy. Possible upgrade to 20 GeV by doubling main linac length.
- 5 recirculation passes (4 in RHIC tunnel)
- Multiple electron-hadron interaction points (IPs) permit multiple detectors;
- Full polarization transparency at all energies for the electron beam;
- Ability to take full advantage of transverse cooling of the hadron beams;
- Possible options to include polarized positrons at lower luminosity: compact storage ring or ILC-type \vec{e}^+ source
- R&D already under way on various accelerator issues; more to come.

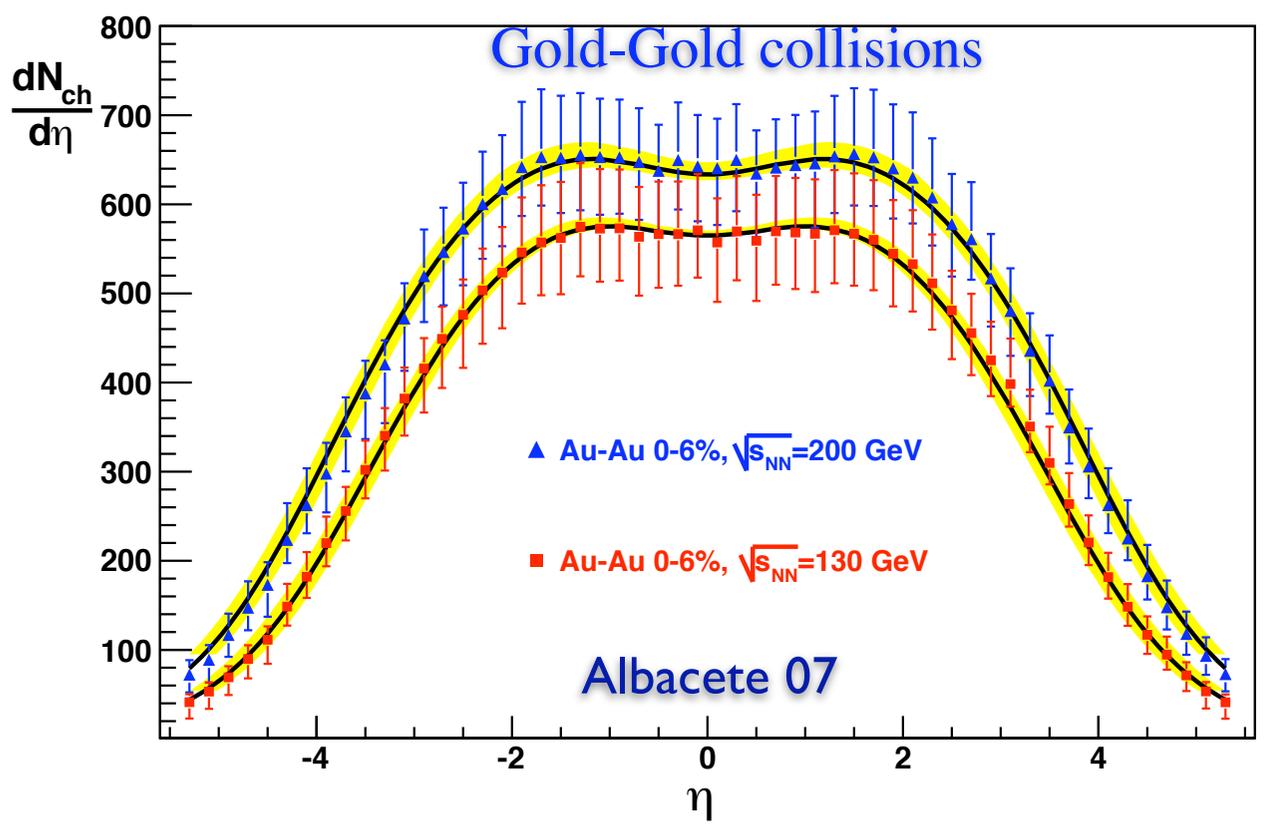
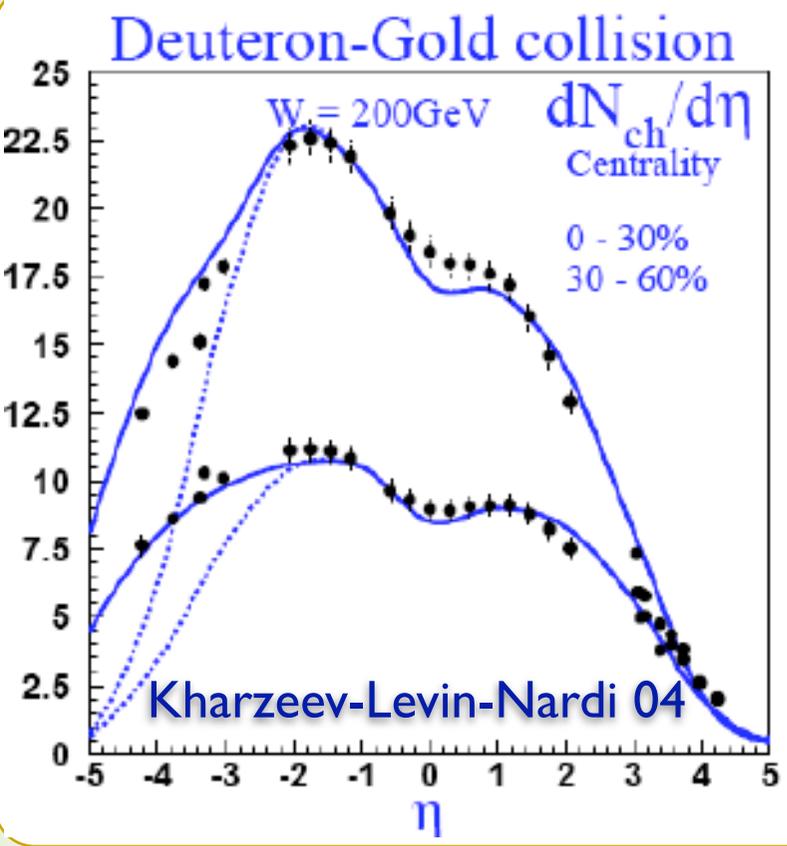
➤ *Subsequent stages/ alternative layouts could increase e-beam & ion-beam energies and \mathcal{L} from nominal 10×250 GeV, $\sim 3 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1} \vec{e}^+\vec{p}$*

⇒ Saturation-based calculations describe the energy, rapidity and centrality dependence of multiparticle production at RHIC Au-Au and d-Au collisions

k_t -factorization + saturation + local parton-hadron duality

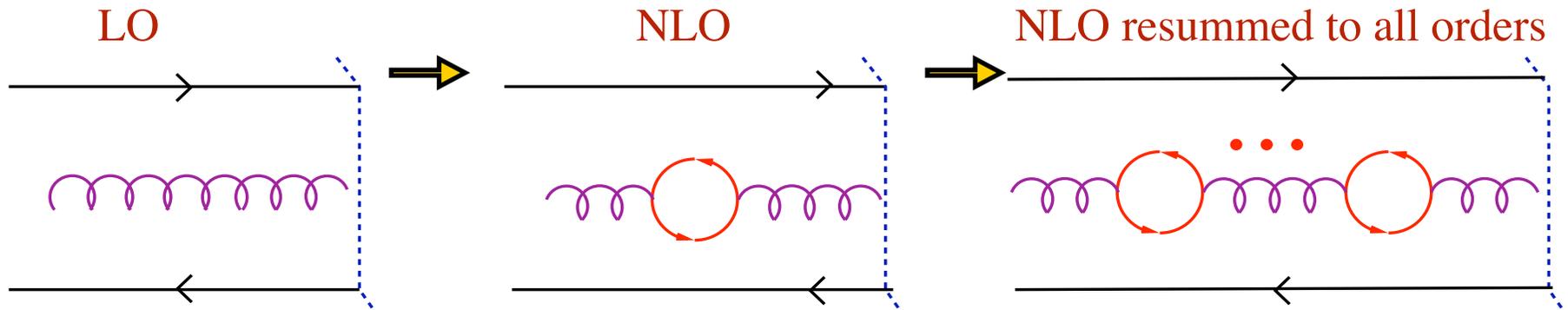
$$\frac{dN_{AB}^g}{d\eta} \sim \alpha_s \int \frac{d^2p}{p^2} \int d^2k \varphi_A(x_1, k) \varphi_B(x_2, |p - k|) \quad \text{with} \quad x_{1(2)} = \frac{p_t}{\sqrt{s}} e^{\pm\eta}$$

Multiplicity density



Results obtained using running coupling BK

- **Running coupling corrections to BK-JIMWLK. Three independent calculations**
 - ⇒ “Shock wave” method: I. Balitsky: hep-ph/0609115
 - ⇒ Light Cone Perturbation Theory: Y. Kovchegov and H. Weigert: hep-ph/0609090
 - ⇒ Dispersive methods and Borel resummation: E. Gardi et. al: hep-ph/0609087
- **General strategy: All order resummation of $\alpha_s N_f$ contributions from quark loops:**



$$\alpha_\mu \ln \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) \left[1 + \sum_n c_n \left(\alpha_\mu \frac{N_f}{6\pi} \ln \frac{q^2}{\mu^2} \right)^n \right]$$

Resumming the
geometric series
 $N_f \rightarrow -6\pi\beta_2$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(1/x) \frac{\alpha_\mu}{1 + \alpha_\mu \beta_2 \ln \left(\frac{C q^2}{\mu^2} \right)}$$

- **Fourier transform to coordinate space (R). Brodsky-Lepage-Mackenzie scale setting:**

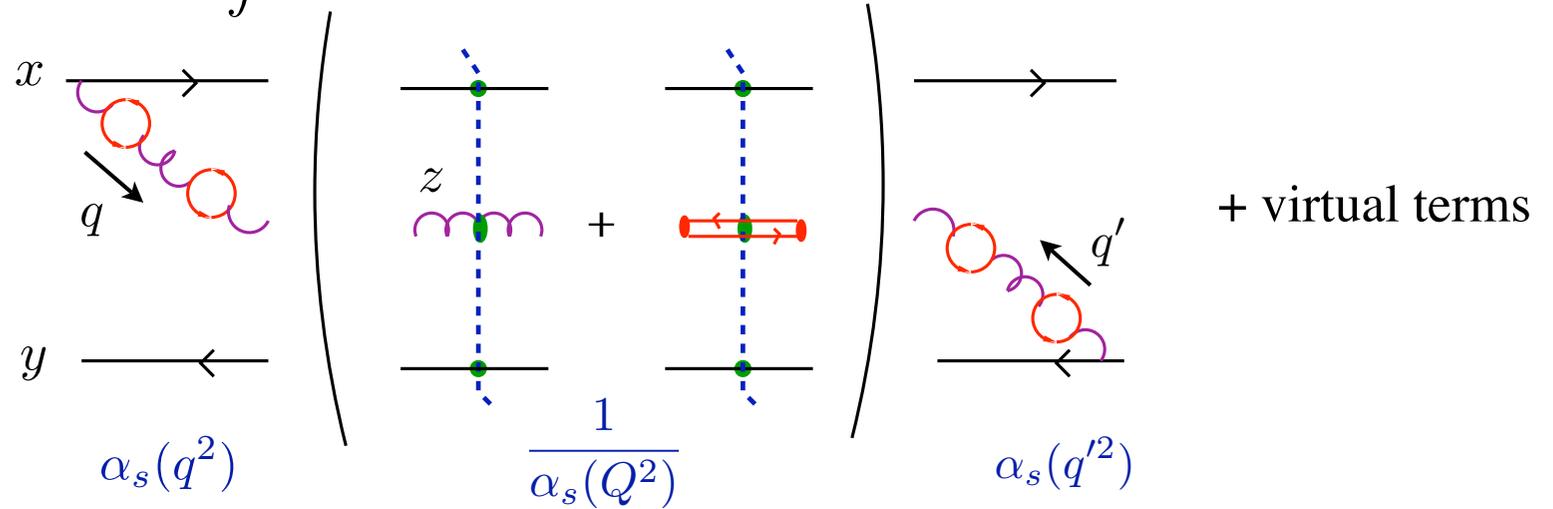
$$\alpha_\mu \ln \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) \left[1 - \beta_2 \left(c_0 + c_1 \alpha_\mu \ln \left(\frac{4}{R^2 \mu^2} \right) \right) + \dots \right] \Rightarrow \ln \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) \frac{\alpha_\mu}{1 + \alpha_\mu \beta_2 \ln \left(\frac{4 e^{c_1}}{R^2 \mu^2} \right)}$$

- Complete (all orders in $\alpha_s\beta_2$) evolution equation:

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial Y} = \mathcal{R}[S] - \mathcal{S}[S]$$

JLA and Y. Kovchegov
PRD 75 125021 (07):

$$\Rightarrow \text{Running term: } \mathcal{R}[S] = \int d^2z \tilde{K}(\underline{r}, \underline{r}_1, \underline{r}_2) [S(\underline{x}, \underline{z})S(\underline{z}, \underline{y}) - S(\underline{x}, \underline{y})]$$



$$\tilde{K}_{KW}(\underline{r}, \underline{r}_1, \underline{r}_2) = \frac{N_c}{2\pi^2} \left[\frac{\alpha_s(r_1^2)}{r_1^2} - 2 \frac{\alpha_s(r_1^2)\alpha_s(r_2^2)}{\alpha_s(R^2)} + \frac{\alpha_s(r_2^2)}{r_2^2} \right]$$

$$\tilde{K}_{Bal}(\underline{r}, \underline{r}_1, \underline{r}_2) = \frac{N_c \alpha_s(r^2)}{2\pi^2} \left[\frac{r^2}{r_1^2 r_2^2} + \frac{1}{r_1^2} \left(\frac{\alpha_s(r_1^2)}{\alpha_s(r_2^2)} - 1 \right) + \frac{1}{r_2^2} \left(\frac{\alpha_s(r_2^2)}{\alpha_s(r_1^2)} - 1 \right) \right]$$

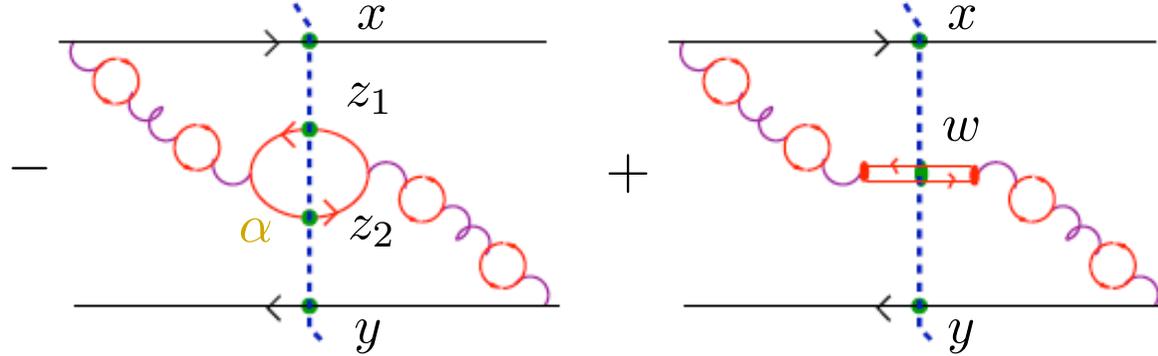
- The qq contribution ensures the **renormalizability** of the all orders in $\alpha_s\beta_2$ corrections and the **right physical behavior** of the running term:

$$\mathcal{R}[S] \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for} \quad \begin{cases} S \rightarrow 0 & \Rightarrow \text{Probability conservation} \\ S \rightarrow 1 & \Rightarrow \text{Unitarity:} \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial Y} = \mathcal{R}[S] - \mathcal{S}[S]$$

⇒ Subtraction term:

$$\mathcal{S}[S] = \int d^2 z_1 d^2 z_2 K_{sub}(\underline{x}, \underline{y}, \underline{z}_1, \underline{z}_2) [S(\underline{x}, \underline{w})S(\underline{w}, \underline{y}) - S(\underline{x}, \underline{z}_1)S(\underline{z}_2, \underline{y})]$$



$$N_f \longrightarrow -6\pi\beta_2$$

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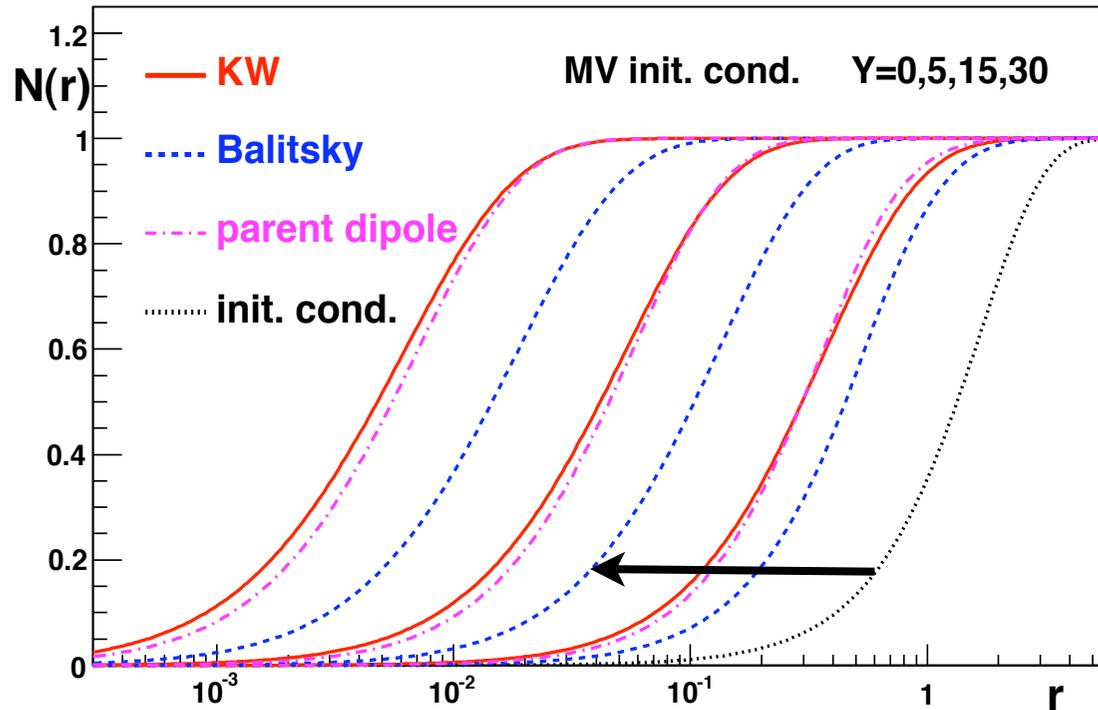
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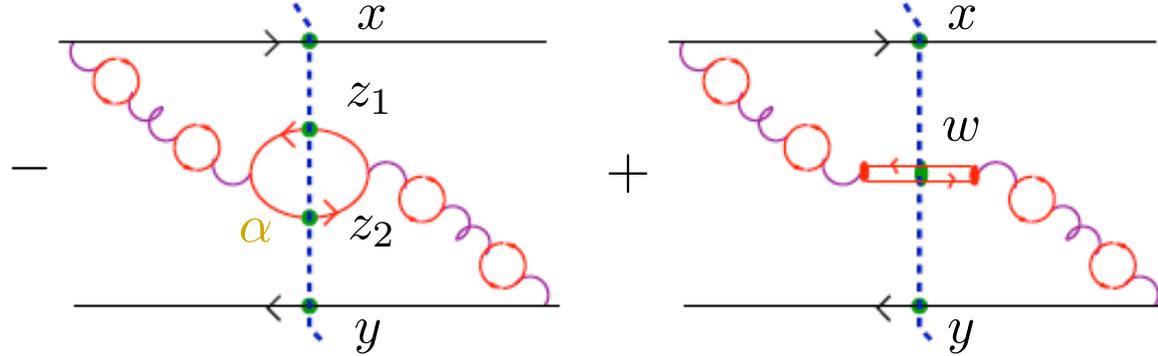
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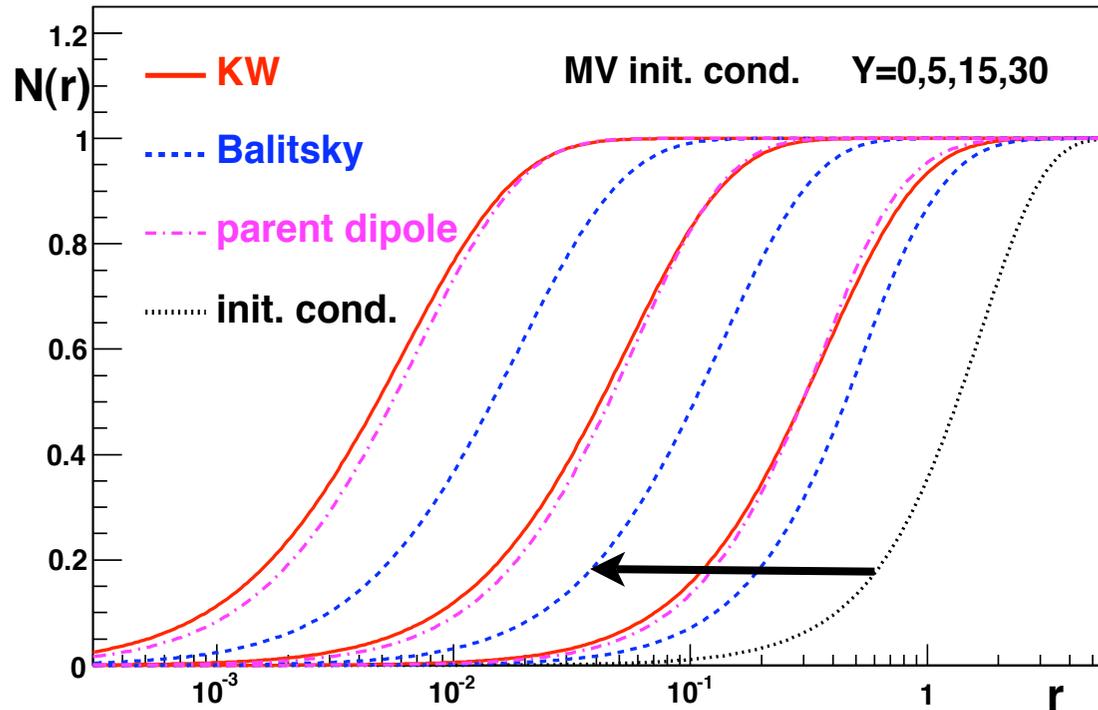
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@ Particle production in A-A collisions (JLA arXiv.0707.2545 [hep-ph])

- k_t -factorization ‘a la Kharzeev-Levin-Nardi’

$$\frac{dN_{AA}}{d\eta} \propto \frac{4\pi N_c}{N_c^2 - 1} \int^{p_m} \frac{d^2 p_t}{p_t^2} \int^p d^2 k_t \alpha_s(Q) \varphi_A \left(x_1; \frac{|p_t + k_t|}{2} \right) \varphi_A \left(x_2; \frac{|p_t - k_t|}{2} \right)$$

- 2→1 kinematics

$$x_{1(2)} = \frac{p_t}{\sqrt{s}} e^{\pm y}$$

or

$$x_{1(2)} = \frac{m_t}{\sqrt{s}} e^{\pm y}$$

- rapidity ↔ pseudorapidity: average hadron mass

$$y(\eta, p_t, m) = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[\frac{\sqrt{\frac{m^2 + p_t^2}{p_t^2} + \sinh^2 \eta} + \sinh \eta}{\sqrt{\frac{m^2 + p_t^2}{p_t^2} + \sinh^2 \eta} - \sinh \eta} \right]$$

- Running coupling: $Q = \max \left\{ \frac{|p_t \pm k_t|}{2} \right\}$

+

$$\varphi(x, k) = \int \frac{d^2 r}{2\pi^2 r^2} \exp[i \underline{k} \cdot \underline{r}] \mathcal{N}(Y, r) \times (1-x)^4$$

Solutions of BK equation including all orders in $\alpha_s \beta_2$ corrections

with $Y = \ln \left(\frac{0.05}{x} \right) + \Delta Y_{ev}$

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Local Hadron-Parton Duality

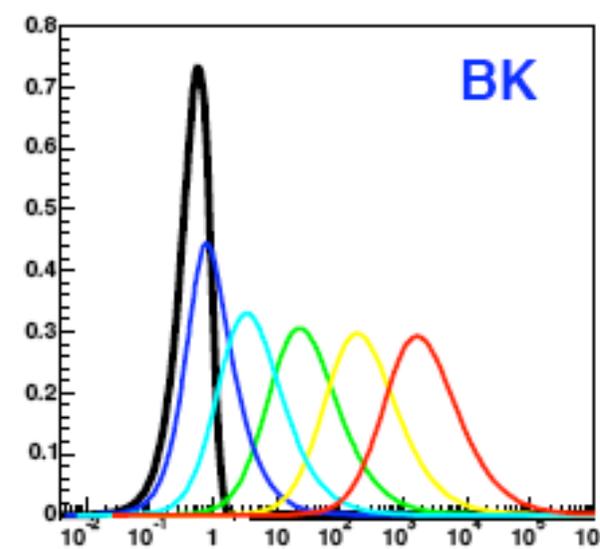
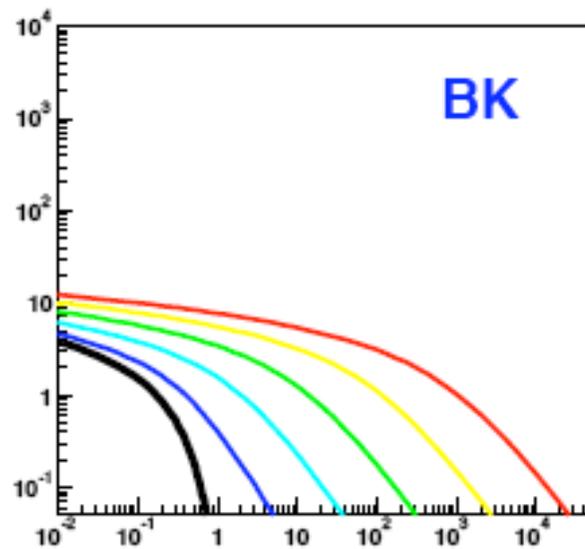
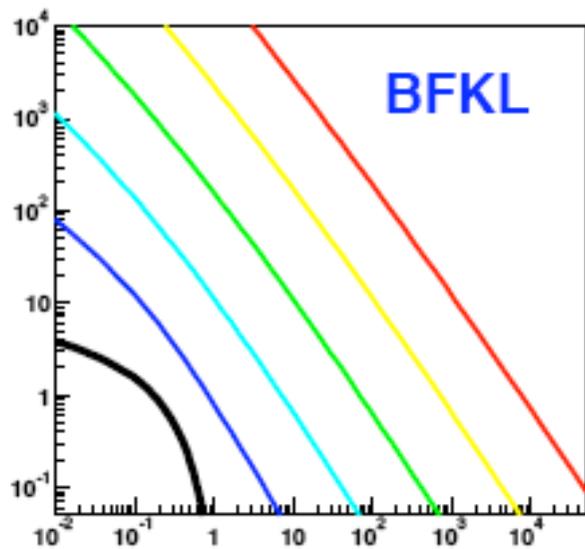
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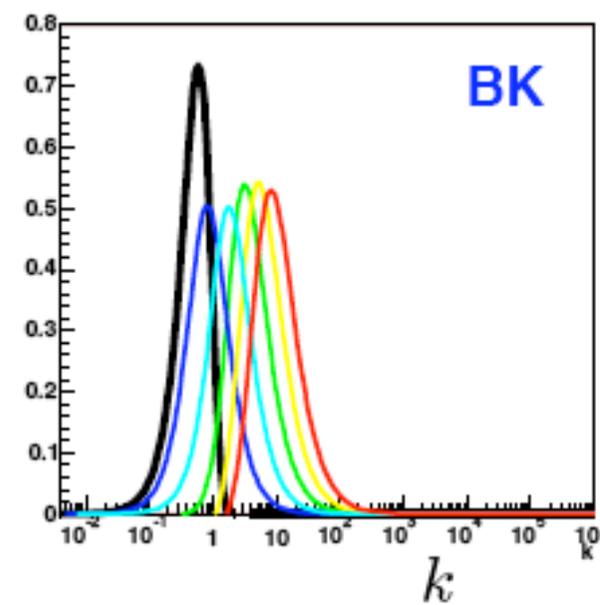
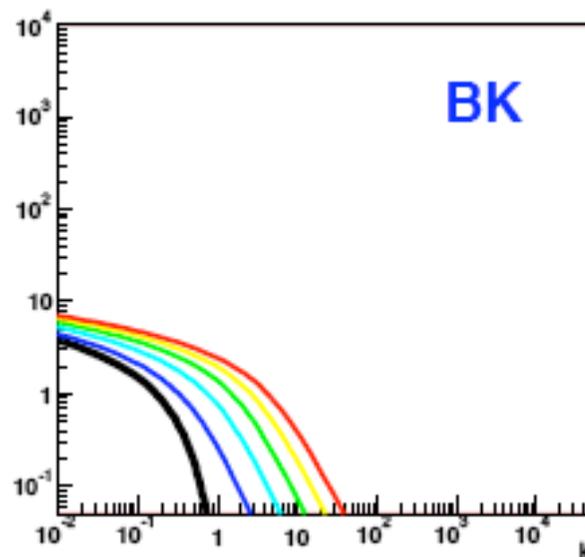
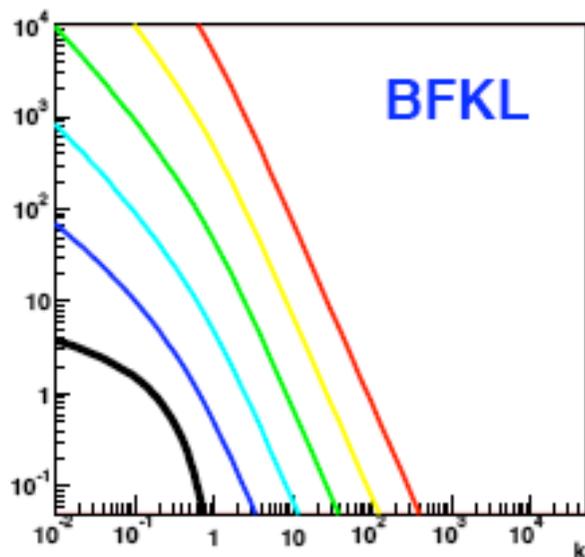
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$$h(k) = k^2 \nabla_k^2 \phi(k)$$

Fixed

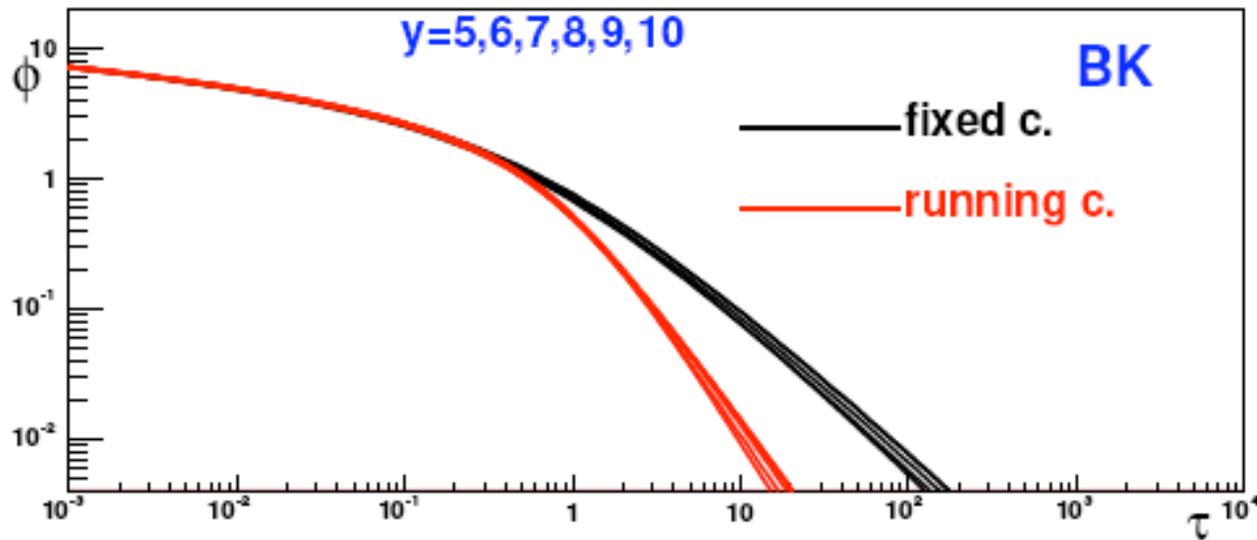


Running



- The solutions of the evolution at large rapidity exhibit the property of geometric scaling:

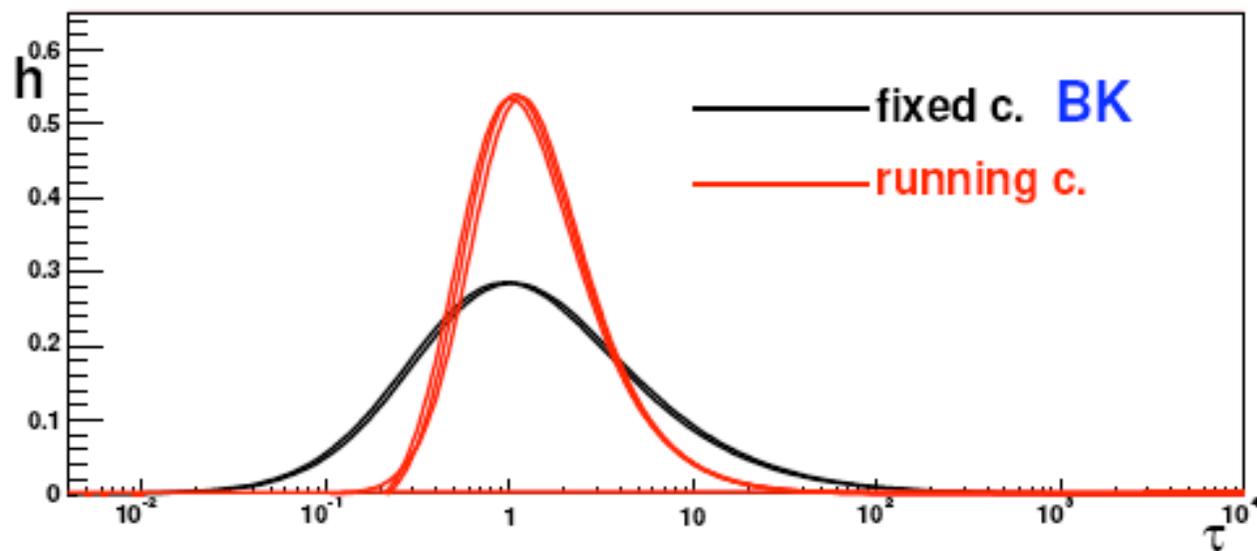
$$\phi(k, Y) \rightarrow \phi(\tau), \quad \tau = \frac{k}{Q_s(Y)}$$



- However, the scaling functions are different for fixed and running coupling

Fix: $\phi(\tau) \sim \tau^{-2(1-\lambda)} \ln(b\tau)$

Run: $\phi(\tau) \sim \tau^{-2(1-\lambda)} \ln(b\tau)$

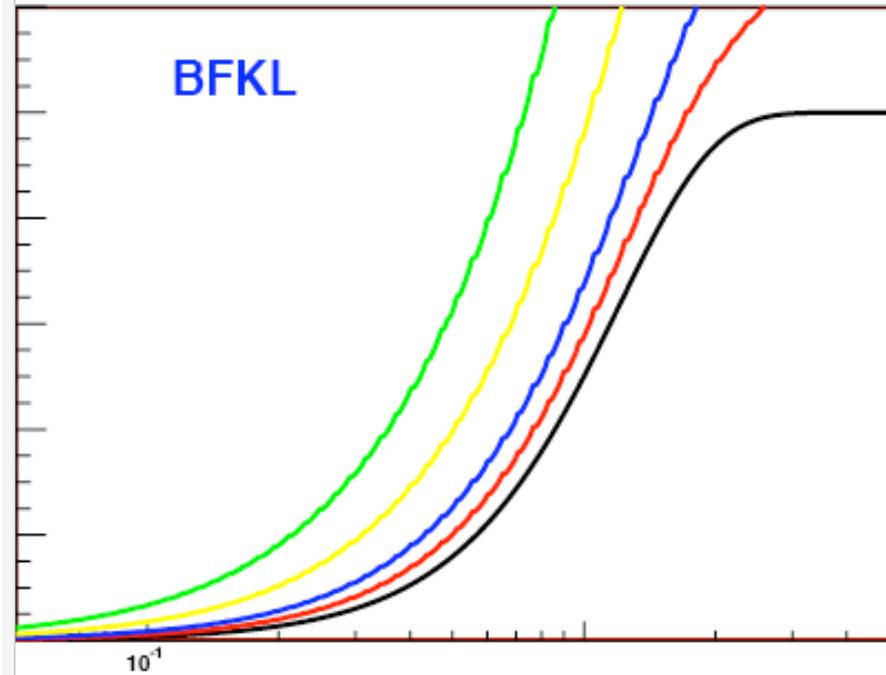
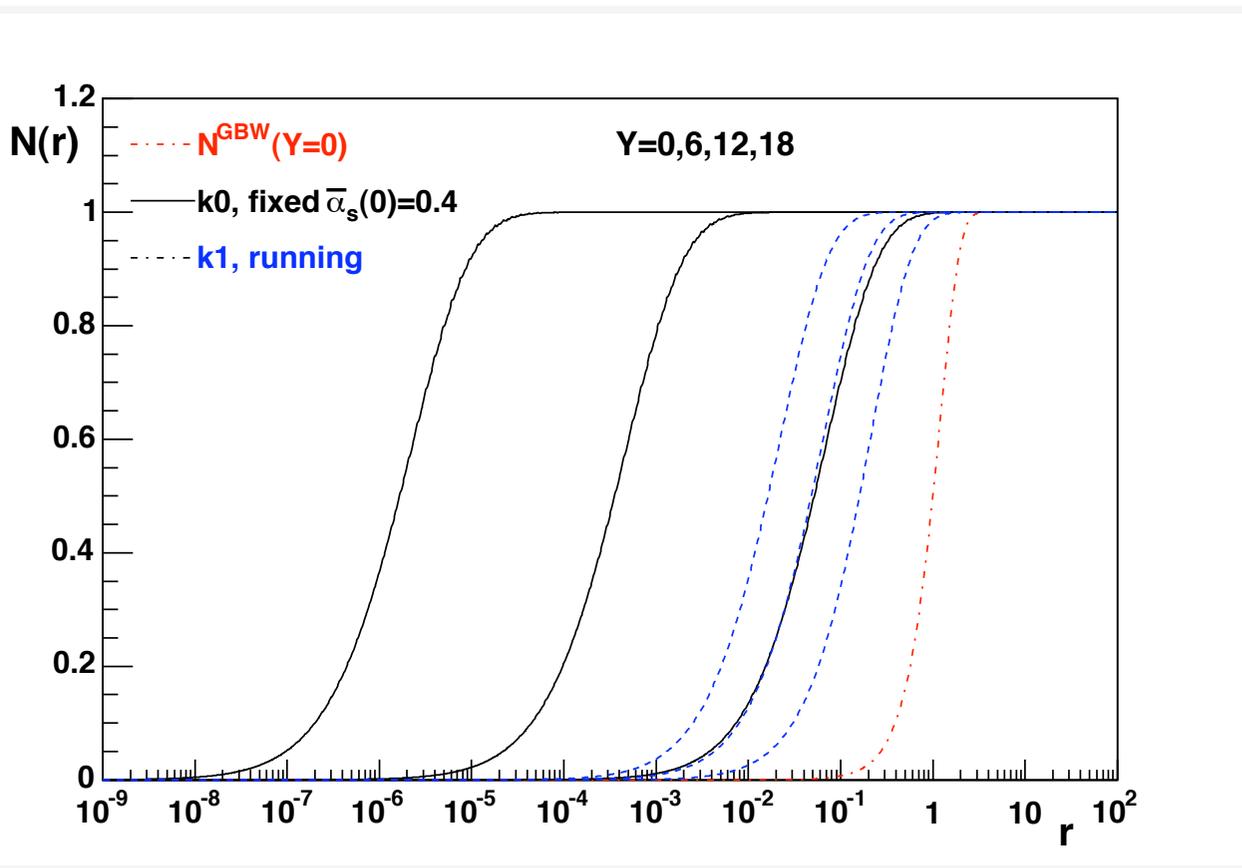


$$\lambda_{fix} \sim 0.37$$

$$\lambda_{run} \sim 0.15$$

$$\tau > 1$$

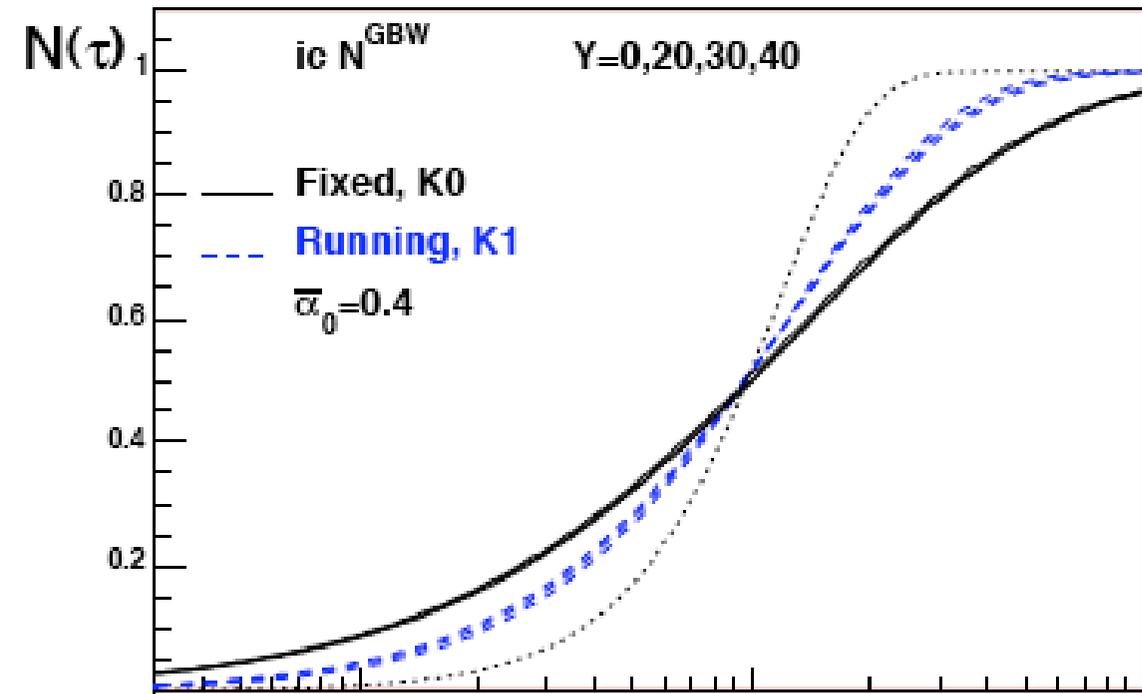
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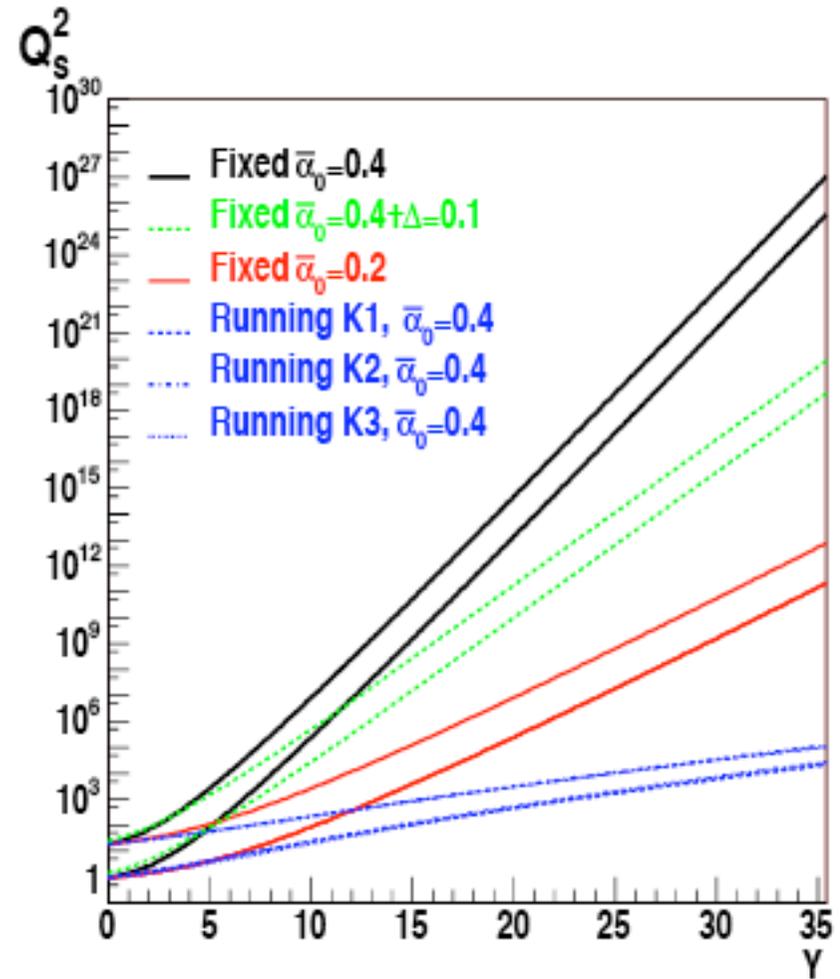
- BFKL evolution clearly violates unitarity: $N > 1$
- Running coupling effects considerably slow down the evolution w.r.t. the fixed coupling case (emission of small dipoles is suppressed)

- Geometric scaling: $\mathcal{N}(Y, r) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(\tau = r Q_s(Y))$

- $Q_s^2(Y)$: $\mathcal{N}(Y, 1/Q_s) = 0.5$



- Scaling fully realized at extremely large rapidities: $Y \sim 80$.
- Fixed and running coupling scaling solutions are different.



$$Q_{fix,s}^2(Y) \sim \exp \{4.8\alpha_s Y\}$$

$$Q_{run,s}^2(Y) \sim \exp \{ \sqrt{Y} \} \sim \exp \{0.3Y\}$$