Small systems in heavy-ion collisions: creating droplets of the early universe?

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Outline

- Part 0: introduction
  —History lesson, units, physical constants, some basics
- Part I: the large
  —Overview of conventional heavy ion physics with large nuclei
- Part II: the small
  —Some recent results from heavy ion physics with small nuclei
- Part III: the future
  —A brief look at the next US-based experiment in heavy ions

Key points for Part 0

- A bit of a history lesson
- Natural units
- A basic sense of scale
- Fundamentals of quantum chromodynamics (QCD)
  —quarks
  —gluons
  —hadrons and confinement

Historical Perspective

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- 400 BCE Democritus hypothesizes atoms
- 1687 Newton publishes *Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica*
- 1900 Planck's Law
- 1905 Einstein's 4 papers
- 1911 Rutherford scattering
- 1913 Bohr atom
- 1924 de Broglie wavelength
- 1925 Heisenberg's Matrix mechanics
- 1926 Schrödinger equation
- 1927 Dirac's relativistic quantum mechanics

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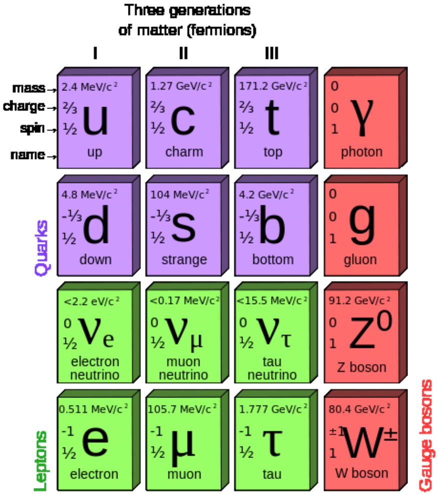
- 1963 Gell-Mann's Quark Model (particle zoo)
- 1965 Additional degree of freedom postulated for quarks by Han and Nambu
- 1969 Deep inelastic scattering experiments prove the existence of quarks
- 1972 Color charge and basic framework of **quantum chromodynamics**
- 1973 Asymptotic Freedom discovered by Gross, Politzer, and Wilczek
- 1975 Collins and Perry formulate a QCD plasma
- 1980 Shuryak coins term quark-gluon plasma (QGP)
- 2000 RHIC is operational
- 2010 First heavy ion collisions at LHC

What we've learned so far



- **Electromagnetic force:** interactions among charged particles
- **Weak force:** flavor changes, e.g. lepton decays and nuclear beta decays
- **Strong force:** binds protons and neutrons together into nuclei (residual) and quarks together into hadrons (fundamental)
- **Gravitational force:** not part of the standard model

What we've learned so far

Which view of the world is the right one? It depends!

	slow	fast
large	**Classical Physics** (most of our daily life is here)	**Special Relativity** (effects noticeable in GPS and air travel)
small	**Quantum Mechanics** (solid state devices are based on small stuff)	**Quantum Field Theory** (only self-consistent way to combine QM and SR)

Note: GR effects **also** noticeable for GPS and air travel

Physical constants and units

- High energy physics makes physical constants very easy to remember!
- Planck's constant $\hbar = 1$
  —Shows up often quantum mechanics
- Speed of light $c = 1$
  —Shows up often in special relativity
- Boltzmann's constant $k_B = 1$
  —Shows up often in thermal physics and stat mech

Typical sizes and scales for heavy ion physics

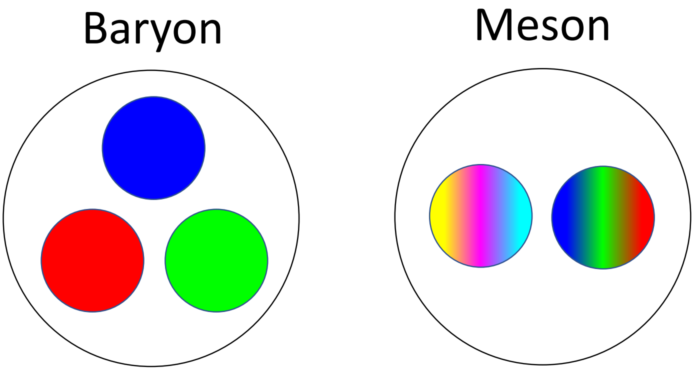
- Mass of proton $= 938.3$ MeV $= 1.007$ amu $= 1.673 \times 10^{-27}$ kg
- Typical energy $= 1$ GeV $= 1.602 \times 10^{-10}$ J
- Typical size $= 1$ fm $= 10^{-15}$ m
- Typical time $= 1$ fm $= 3.336 \times 10^{-24}$ s
- Typical temperature $= 200$ MeV $= 2.321 \times 10^{12}$ K

QCD as explained by approximate analogy to QED

QED		QCD	
electric charge	$\leftrightarrow$	color charge	coupling
electrons	$\leftrightarrow$	quarks	matter fermions
photons	$\leftrightarrow$	gluons	exchange bosons
atoms	$\leftrightarrow$	nucleons	(stable) bound states
molecules	$\leftrightarrow$	nuclei	compound states

- One kind of electric charge, three kinds of color charge
- Photons do not have electric charge, gluons do have color charge
- Only one photon, eight different gluons

QCD bound states



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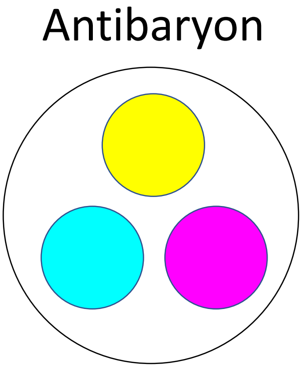

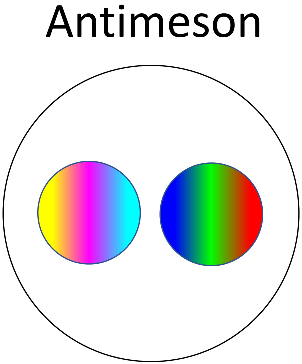

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QCD Potential and confinement

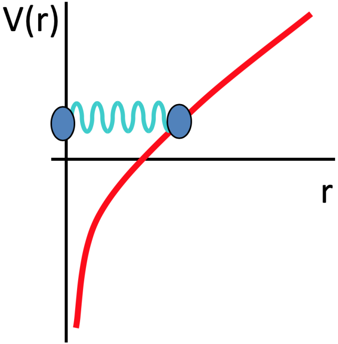
- The QED potential

$$V(r) = -\frac{\alpha_{EM}}{r}$$

- The QCD potential for $q\bar{q}$

$$V(r) = -\frac{4}{3}\frac{\alpha_S}{r} + kr$$

- Coulomb part and confining part
- New pairs of quarks are created when energy exceeds mass



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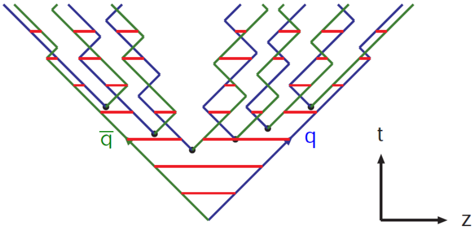
Motion of quarks and antiquarks in a q$\bar{\text{q}}$ system:



gives simple but powerful picture of hadron production

The six flavors of quarks

flavor	charge	mass
down	-1/3 e	3.0–7.0 MeV
up	2/3 e	1.5–3.0 MeV
strange	-1/3 e	95 ± 25 MeV
charm	2/3 e	1.25 ± 0.09 GeV
bottom	-1/3 e	4.70 ± 0.07 GeV
top	2/3 e	174.2 ± 3.3 GeV

Summary for Part 0

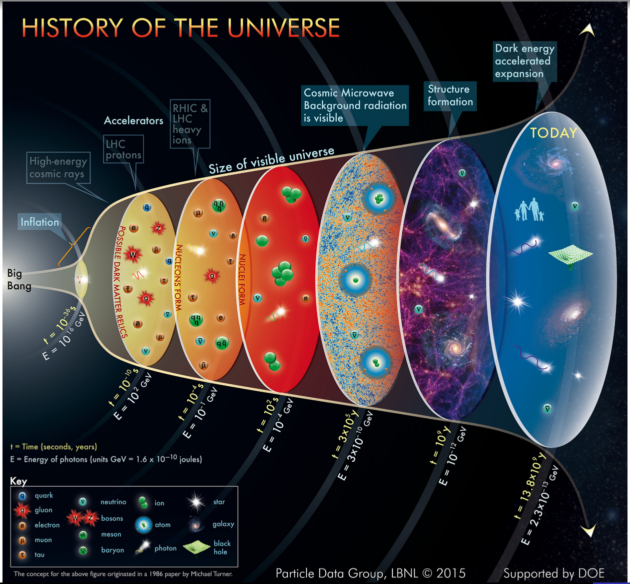
- QCD is the theory of strong interactions
- Quarks and gluons (partons) are the fundamental particles
- There are three colors (and eight kinds of gluon)
- QCD exhibits confinement, meaning can only be found in bound states (hadrons)

Key points for Part I

The quark gluon plasma:

- Is a phase of matter with deconfined quarks and gluons
- Existed in the very early universe
- Is created in the lab in collisions of large nuclei
  —Examples include ${}^{197}_{79}\mathrm{Au}+{}^{197}_{79}\mathrm{Au}$ and ${}^{208}_{82}\mathrm{Pb}+{}^{208}_{82}\mathrm{Pb}$
- Is hot and dense
- Behaves like a liquid
  —The initial-state geometry is translated into the final state

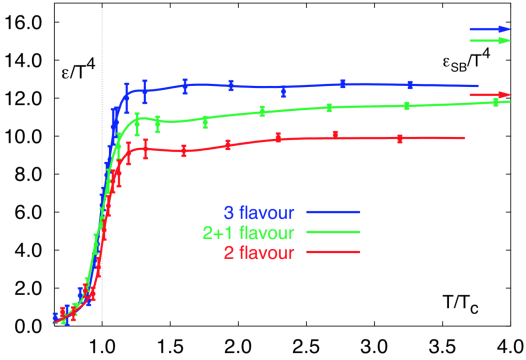
The history of the universe



- The early universe (few microseconds) was a quark-gluon plasma (QGP)
- The QGP is a system of deconfined quarks and gluons
- We can recreate the QGP in the lab in collisions of heavy nuclei at relativistic speeds
- Goal of heavy-ion physics: create, identify, and study the QGP

Phases of QCD matter

- Lattice QCD predicts a phase transition from nuclear matter to QGP
- Large increase energy density at $T_C \approx 155$ MeV due to large increase in number of degrees of freedom



$$\varepsilon_{SB} = g \frac{\pi^2}{30} T^4$$

- Below T_C: g = 3
  3 pions with spin 0
- Above T_C: g = 37
  8 gluons with spin 1,
  2 (anti)quarks with spin 1/2

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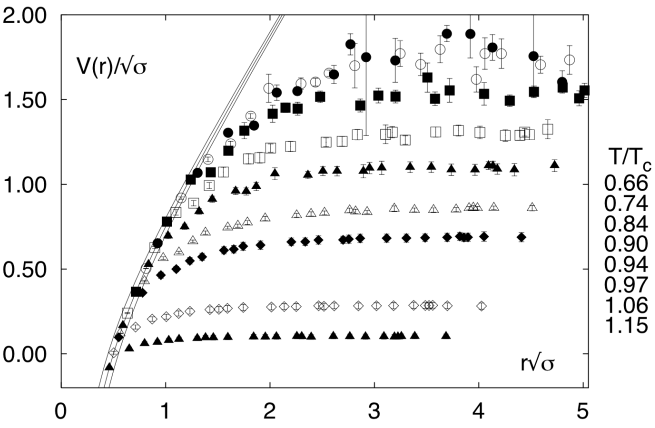
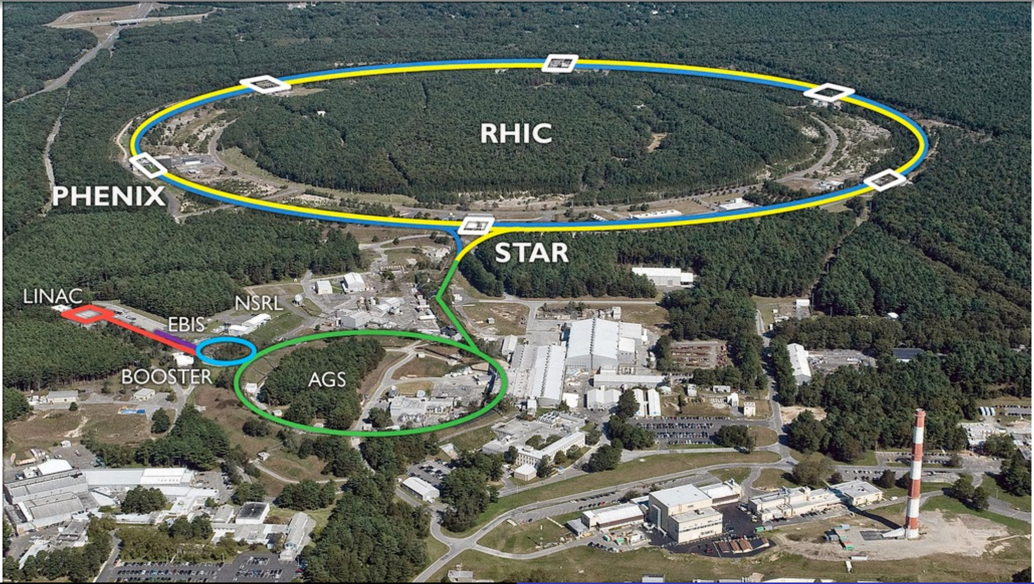


- The confining part of gets weaker with increasing temperature
- More or less gone at the critical temperature ($T_C \approx 155$ MeV)

The Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider



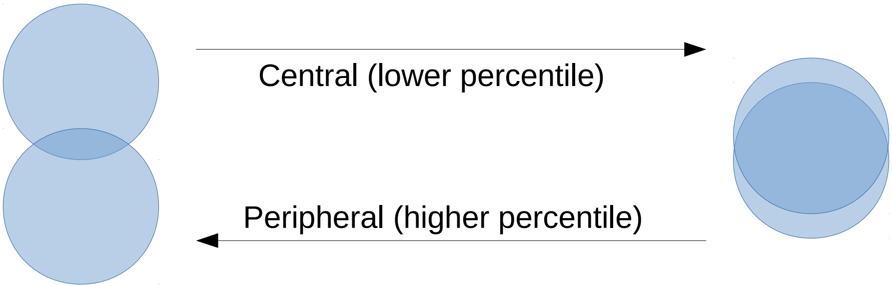
The Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider

- RHIC is the only polarized proton collider in the world
- RHIC is one of two heavy ion colliders, the other being the LHC
- RHIC is a dedicated ion collider and is designed to collide many different species of ions at many different energies—vastly more flexible than the LHC

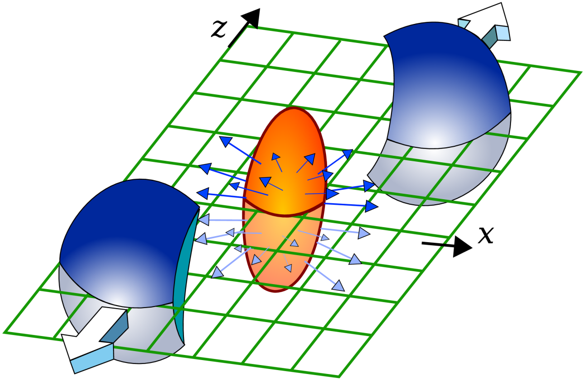
Collision Species	Collision Energies (GeV)
p↑+p↑	510, 500, 200, 62.4
p+Al	200
p+Au	200
d+Au	200, 62.4, 39, 19.6
^{3}He+Au	200
Cu+Cu	200, 62.4, 22.5
Cu+Au	200
Au+Au	200, 130, 62.4, 56, 39, 27, 19.6, 15, 11.5, 7.7, 5, ...
U+U	193

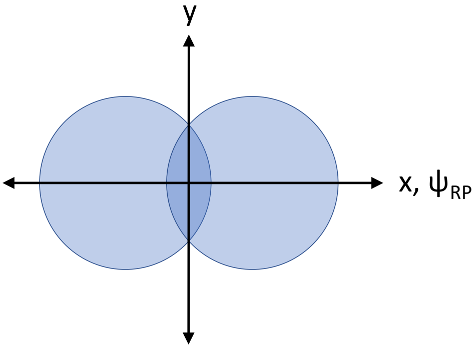
And lots more to come!

Centrality



Azimuthal anisotropy measurements





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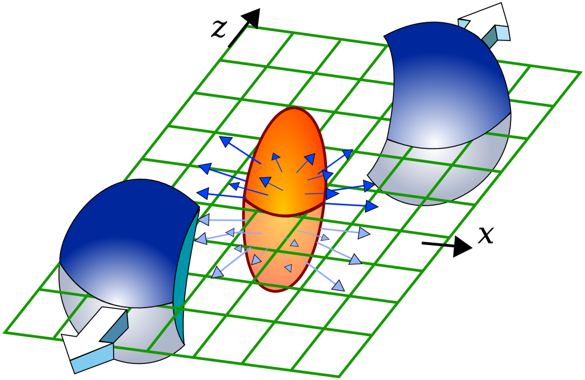

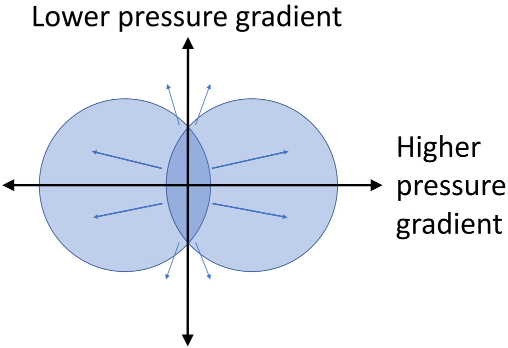

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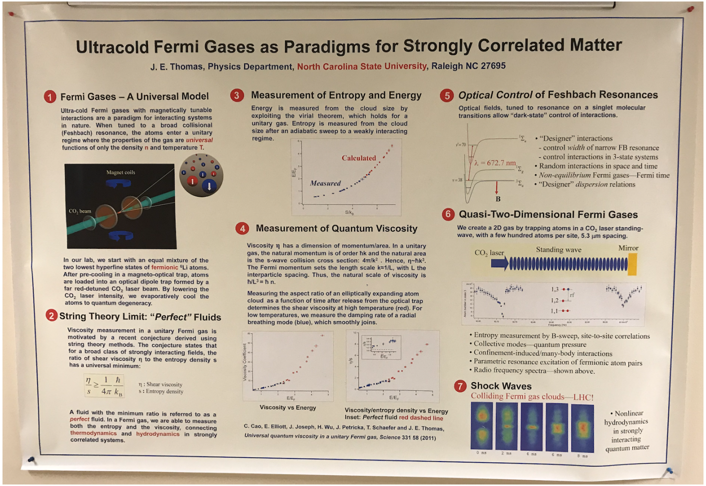

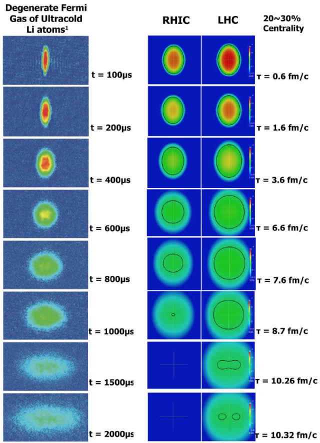

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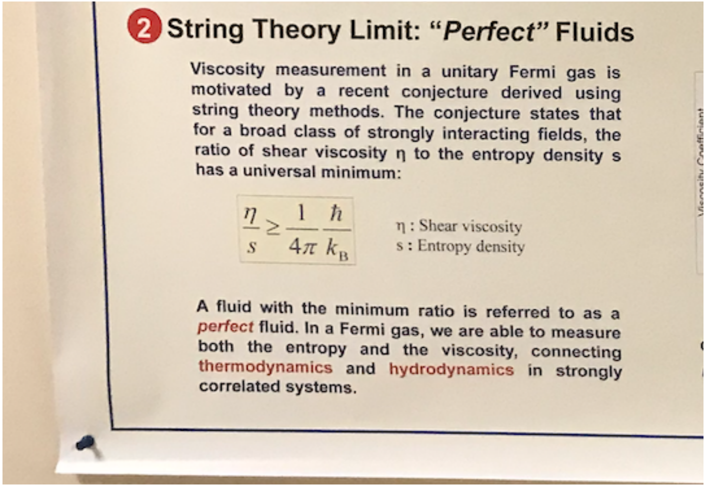
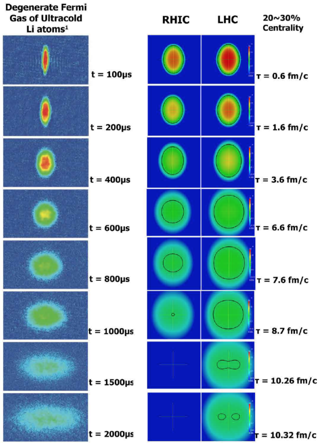
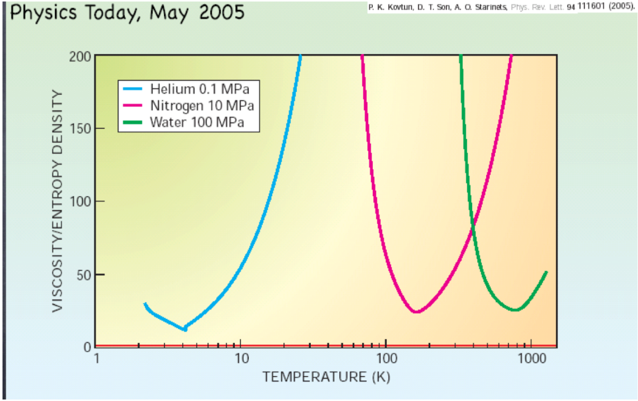




Viscosity (over entropy density)



Ultracold Fermi gases: few times the lower bound
Quark-gluon plasma: very close to the lower bound

Important discovery in 2005

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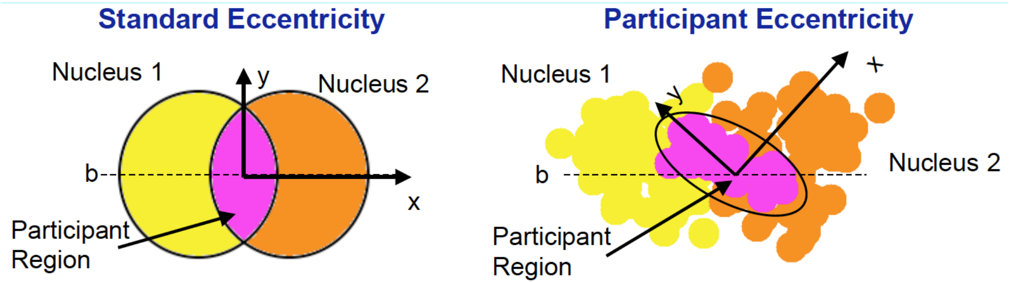

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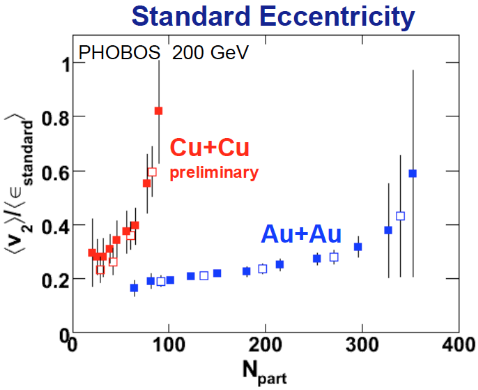

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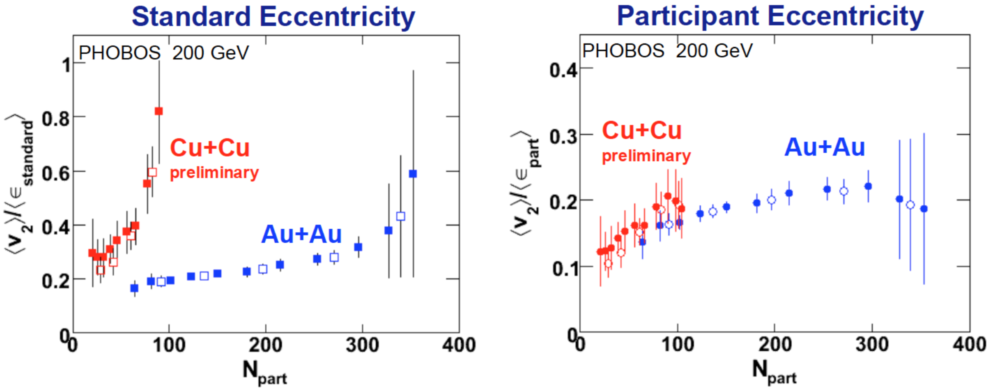

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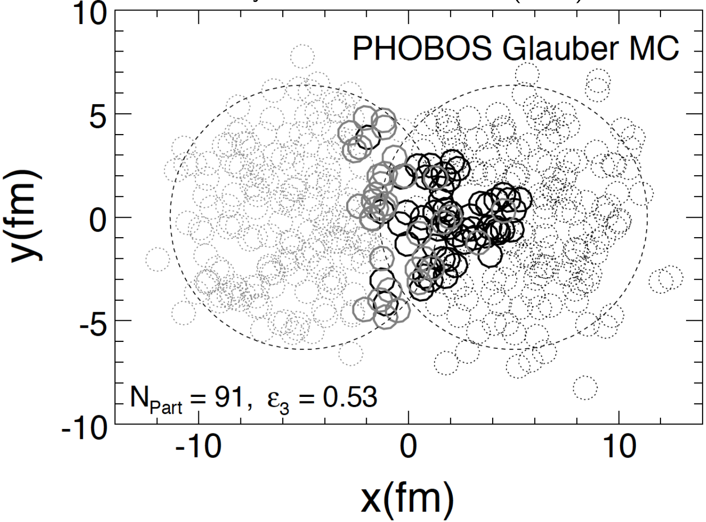
Alver and Roland, Phys. Rev. C 81, 054905 (2010)



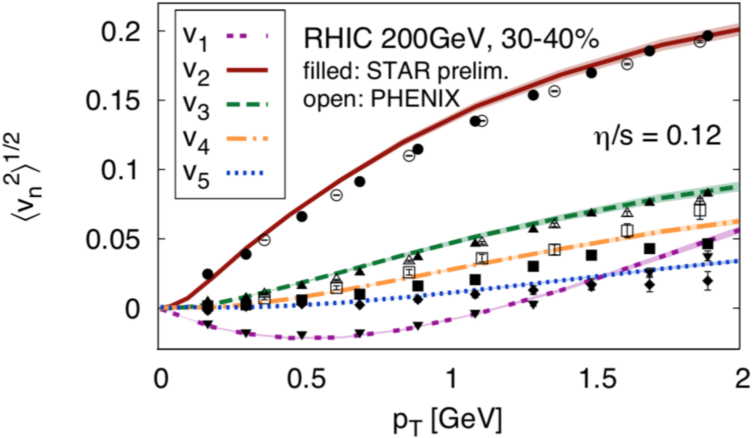
Nucleon fluctuations can produce non-zero ε_n for odd n

Symmetry planes ψ_n can be different for different harmonics

$$\varphi = \phi_{lab} - \psi_n$$

Data and theory for v_n

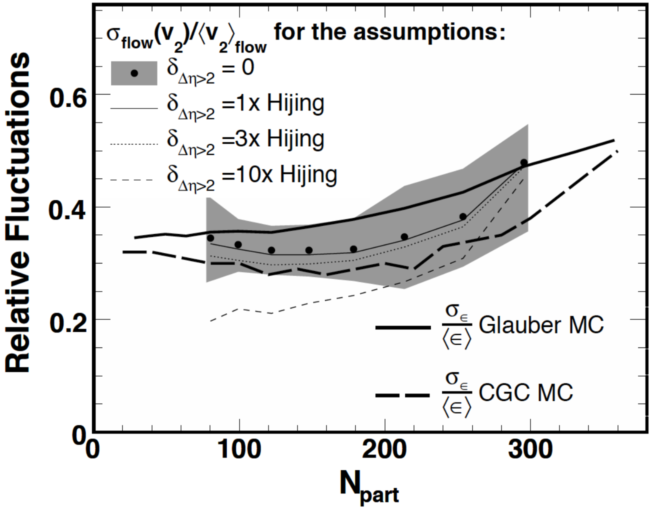
Gale et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 012302 (2013)



$$\frac{dN}{d\varphi} \propto 2v_1 \cos\varphi + 2v_2 \cos 2\varphi + 2v_3 \cos 3\varphi + 2v_4 \cos 4\varphi + 2v_5 \cos 5\varphi$$

Fluctuations in large systems

PHOBOS, Phys. Rev. C 81, 034915 (2010)



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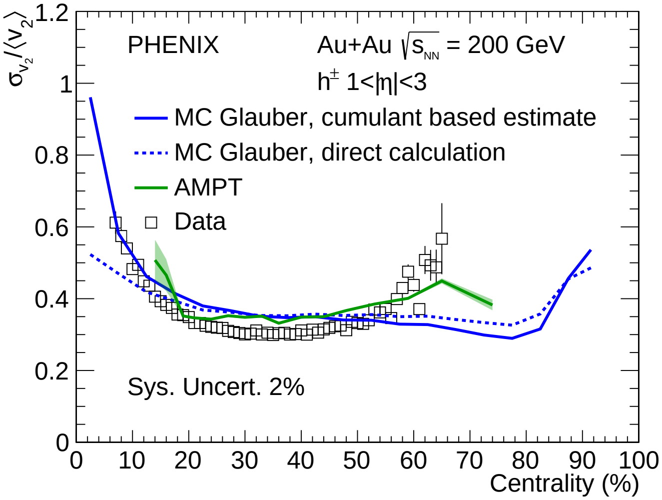
PHENIX, arXiv:1804.10024 (accepted by Phys. Rev. C)



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Summary for Part I

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- Is a phase of matter with deconfined quarks and gluons
- Existed in the very early universe
- Is created in the lab in collisions of large nuclei
- Evolves hydrodynamically
  —The initial-state geometry is translated into the final state

Key points for Part II

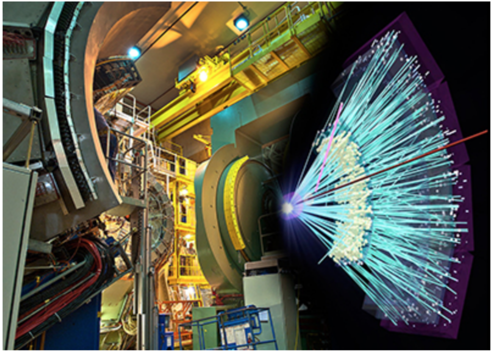
- A major component of heavy ion physics nowadays is “small systems”
  —Nuclear collisions of small+large or even small+small
  —Examples include d+Au, p+Pb, and even p+p
- The matter created in small systems looks a lot like the matter in large systems
- Roughly speaking, two competing pictures
  —QGP droplets being created in small systems
  —Initial state effects from color-glass condensate (CGC)

Media Attention

Physics World, September 22, 2017
Phys.org, September 18, 2017

Collider serves up drop of primordial soup

Sep 22, 2017



Tiny drop: PHENIX and reconstructed particle tracks from a QGP

PHENIX colleague Ron Belmont of the University of Colorado says it is still possible that the elliptical emission they have observed is due not to the formation of tiny QGPs but instead down to nuclear properties prior to collision. When accelerated close to light speed, time slows down for the heavy nuclei, which means, according to quantum chromodynamics, that they appear as a dense wall of gluons. The fact that these condensates are thicker in the centre of the nuclei might explain why particles generated in the collisions are not emitted in random directions, he says.

A very brief history of recent heavy ion physics

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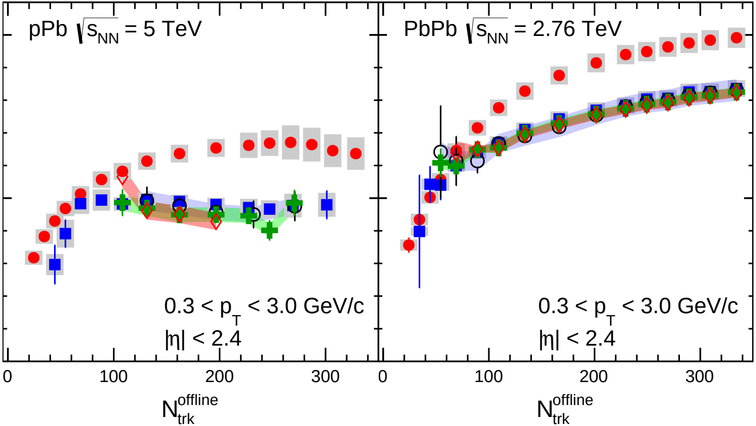
"Twenty years ago, the challenge in heavy ion physics was to find the QGP. Now, the challenge is to not find it." —Jürgen Schukraft, QM17

Multiparticle correlations in large and small systems

CMS, Phys. Lett. B 765 (2017) 193-220

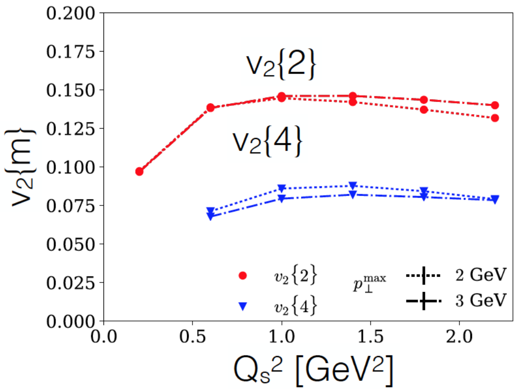


$$v_n^2\{2\} = \langle v_n \rangle^2 + \sigma^2$$
$$v_n^2\{4,6,8\} \approx \langle v_n \rangle^2 - \sigma^2$$

- Multiparticle correlations reflect global correlation from geometry in Pb+Pb, Au+Au, Cu+Cu, etc
- The p+Pb has a remarkably similar pattern as the Pb+Pb

CGC results on small systems

Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 042002 (2018)



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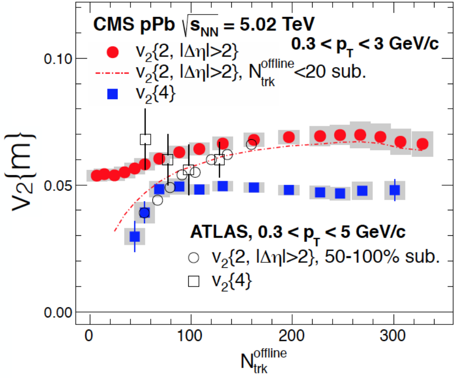

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- Can reproduce $v_2\{2\}$ and $v_2\{4\}$
- Disagreement with data by a factor of 2, but qualitative features match

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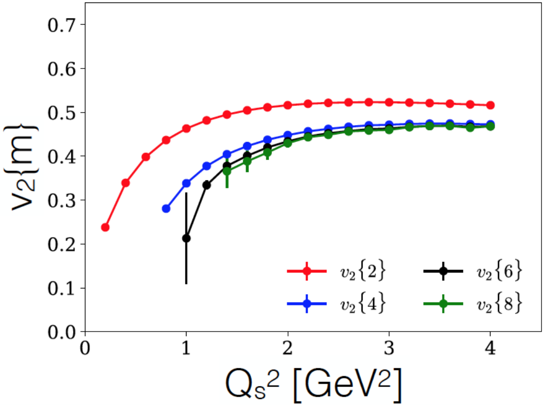

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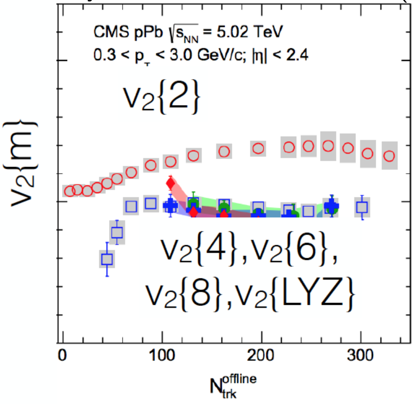

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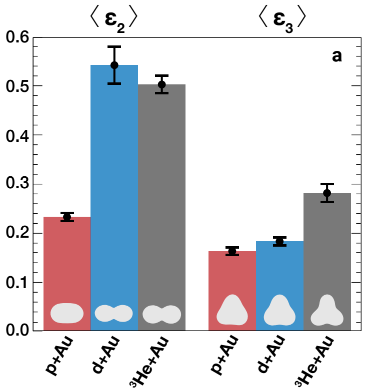
- Abelian calculations can produce $v_2\{2\}$, $v_2\{4\}$, $v_2\{6\}$, $v_2\{8\}$
- Disagreement with data by factor of 5, but qualitative features match

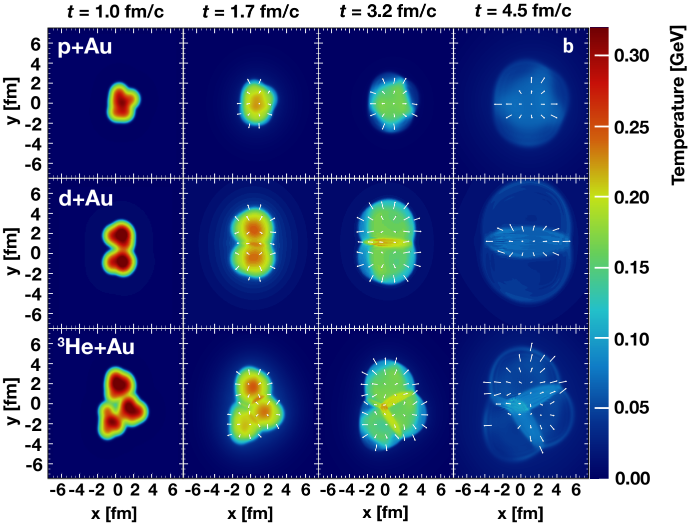
Intermission

Small systems geometry scan

Testing hydro by controlling system geometry

arXiv:1805.02973, in press (Nature Physics)





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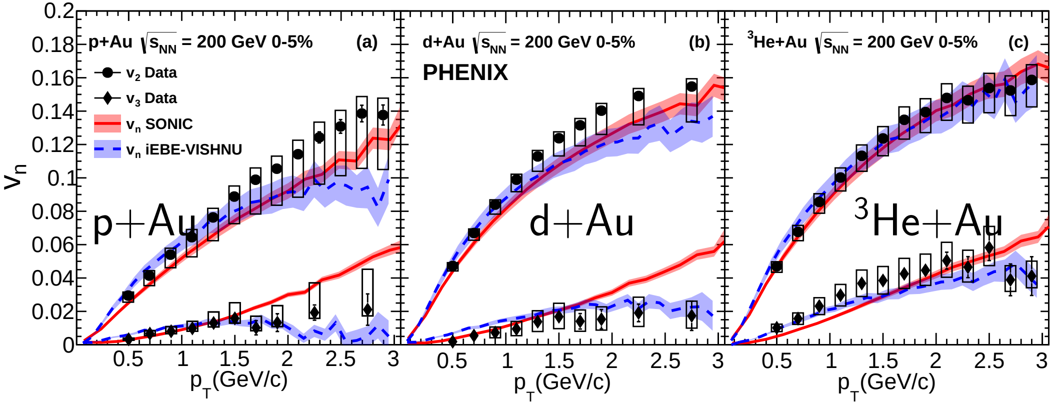
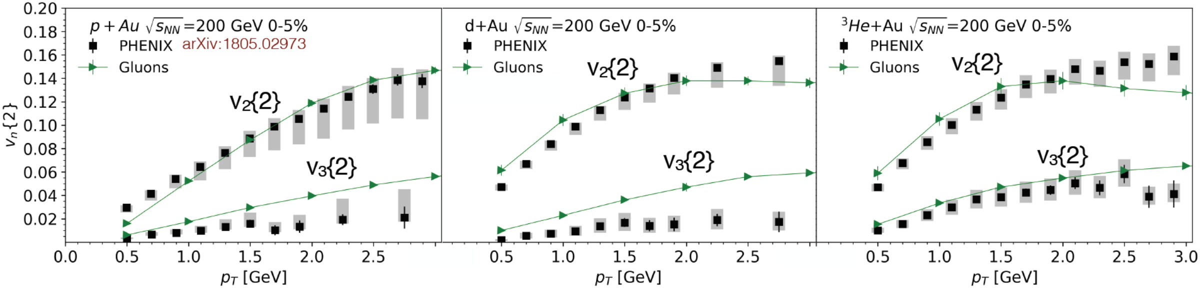


- v_2 and v_3 vs p_T described very well by hydro in all three systems
  —Suggests QGP droplets in hydro evolution(?)

CGC results on small systems

M. Mace et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 121, 052301 (2018)

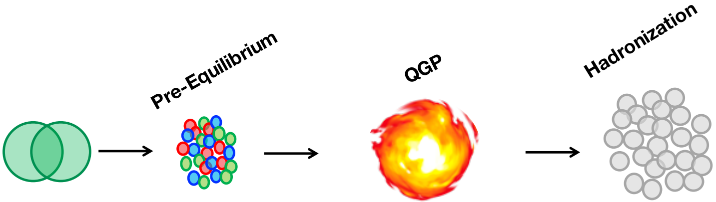


- v_2 is quite well-described
- v_3 is in the right ballpark, though hydro does better

Intermission

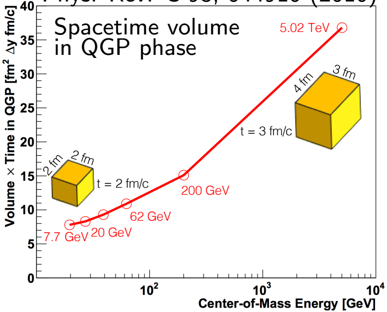
Small systems beam energy scan

Testing hydro by controlling system size and life time



- Standard picture for A+A: QGP in hydro evolution
- What about small systems? And lower energies?
- Use collisions species and energy to control system size, test limits of hydro applicability

J.D. Orjuela Koop et al Phys. Rev. C 93, 044910 (2016)



d+Au beam energy scan

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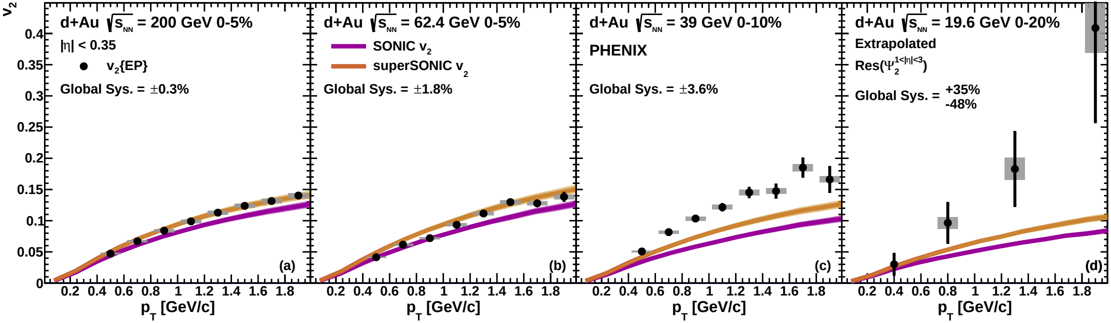
200 GeV 62.4 GeV 39 GeV 19.6 GeV



- Hydro theory agrees with higher energies very well, underpredicts lower energies
  - —Breakdown of hydro?
  - —Predominance of other correlations?

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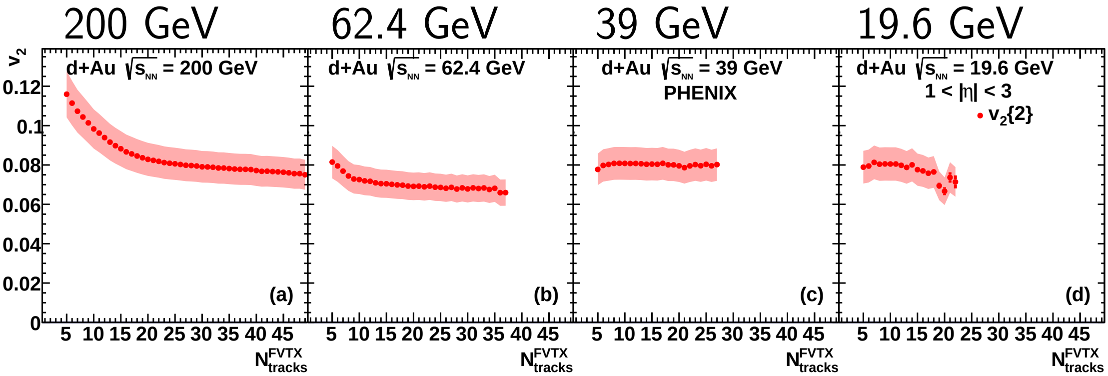

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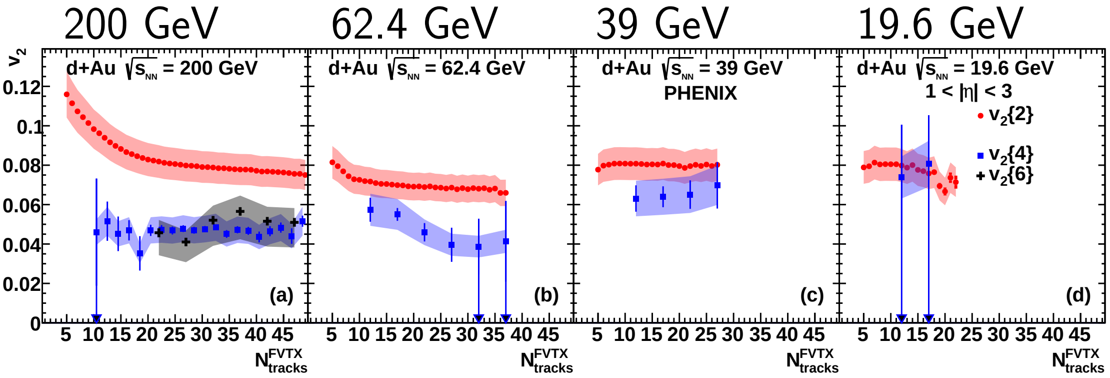

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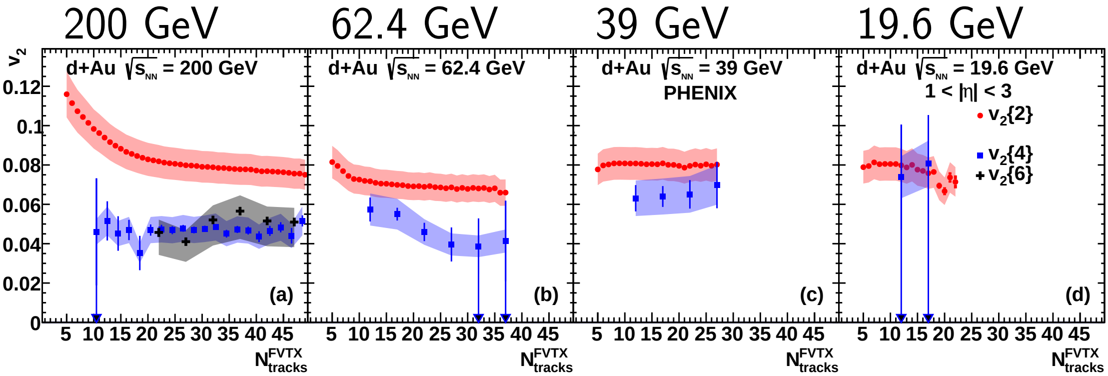

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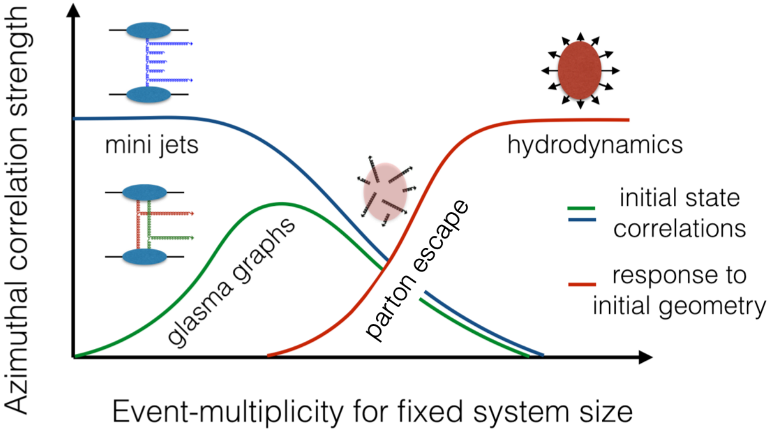
- No theory comparisons available (yet...)

Competing theories

Where are we?

Figure: S. Schlitching, QM2015.



Summary for Part II

- Small systems is a hot topic in heavy ion physics
- We've even gotten some media attention for it
- The system created in small systems looks a like the one in large systems
- Two competing pictures: CGC and QGP
  —QGP picture ahead by points, but no knockout yet

Intermission

Part III: the future

The 2015 Long Range Plan for Nuclear Science

https://www.science.energy.gov/~/media/np/nsac/pdf/2015LRP/2015_LRPNS_091815.pdf

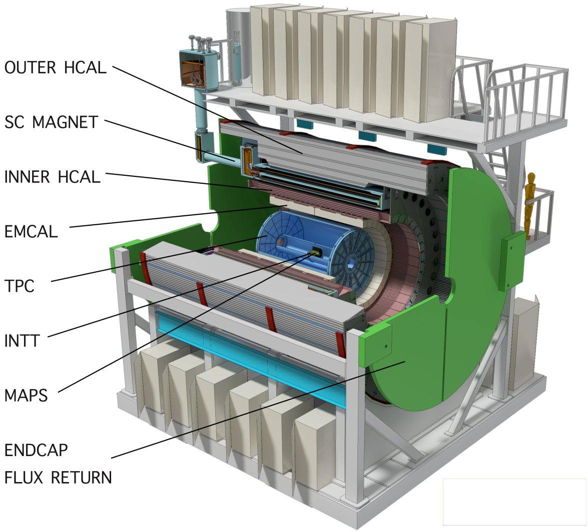
Recommendation I: The progress achieved under the guidance of the 2007 Long Range Plan has reinforced U.S. world leadership in nuclear science. The highest priority in this 2015 Plan is to capitalize on the investments made.
—CEBAF, FRIB, Symmetries & Neutrinos, **RHIC** (BES II & **sPHENIX**)

Recommendation II: We recommend the timely development and deployment of a U.S.-led ton-scale neutrinoless double beta decay experiment.

Recommendation III: We recommend a high-energy high-luminosity polarized EIC as the highest priority for new facility construction following the completion of FRIB.

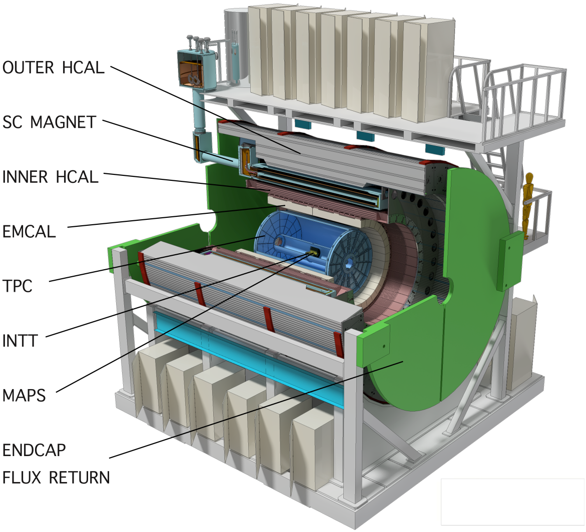
Recommendation IV: We recommend increasing investment in small-scale and mid-scale projects and initiatives that enable forefront research at universities and laboratories.

sPHENIX: QGP microscope



From the LRP: **[The goal is to] probe the inner workings of QGP by resolving its properties at shorter and shorter length scales.... essential to this goal... is a state-of-the-art jet detector at RHIC, called sPHENIX.**

sPHENIX: QGP microscope



Resolving power $d \propto \lambda$

de Broglie wavelength $\lambda = h/p$

p	λ
2.5 eV	500 nm
100 keV	12 pm
200 MeV	6.2 fm
1 GeV	1.2 fm
10 GeV	0.12 fm
50 GeV	0.025 fm

sPHENIX: timeline

Past and present

Magnet purchase	July 2013
Magnet delivery	April 2015
DOE OPA CD-0	September 2016
Order for Outer HCal steel	March 2018
DOE OPA CD-1/CD-3a	August 2018

Future

DOE OPA CD-2/CD-3b Review	May 2019
Authorization for CD-2/CD-3b	July 2019
Fabrication orders	August 2019
Installation begins	April 2021
Installation complete	July 2022
Initial commissioning complete	September 2022
First collisions	January 2023

sPHENIX: magnet

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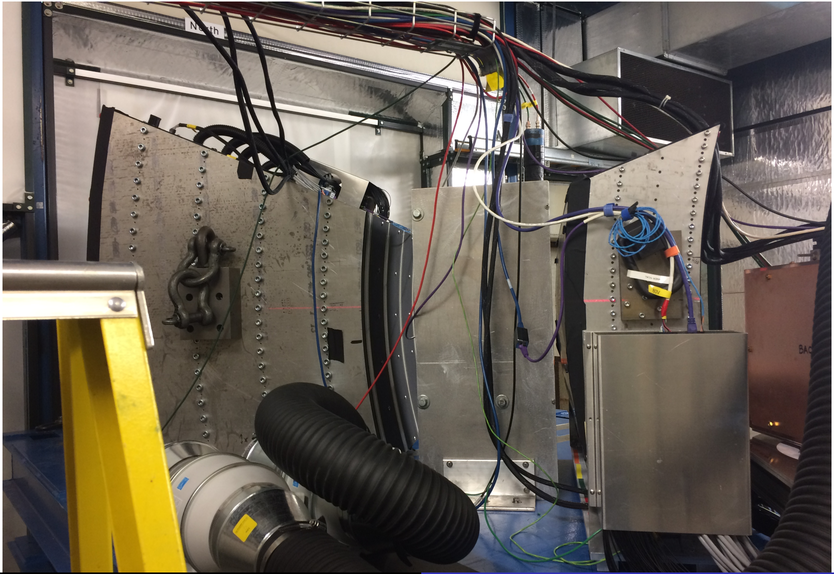

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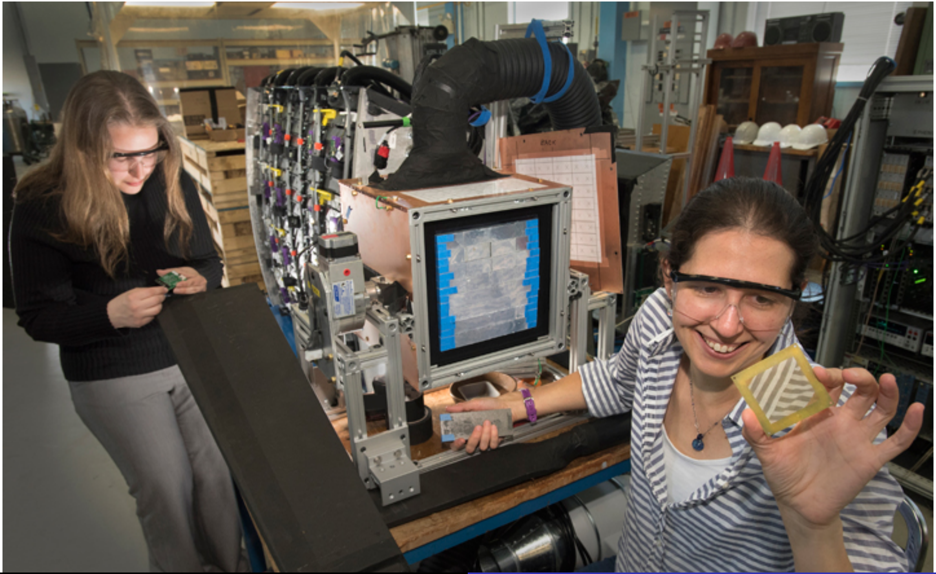

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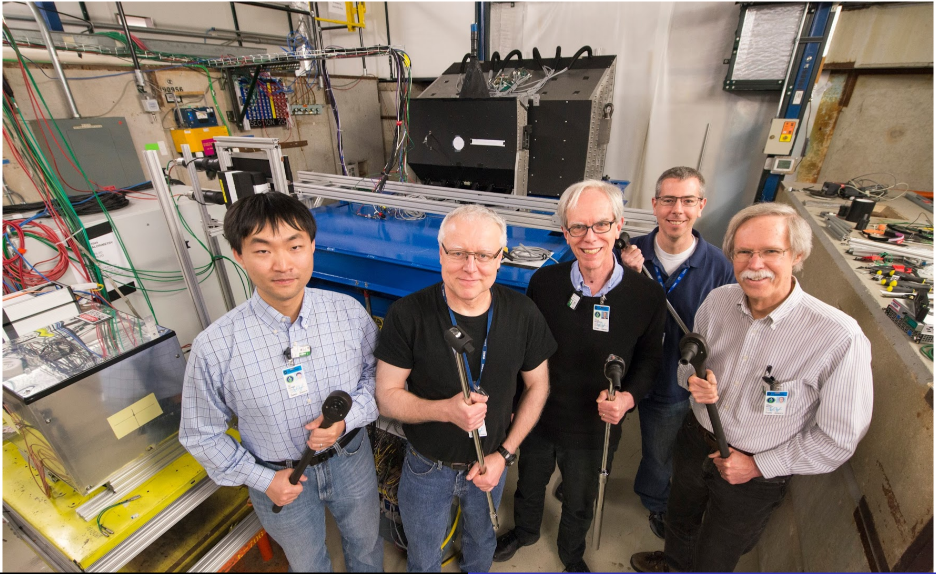

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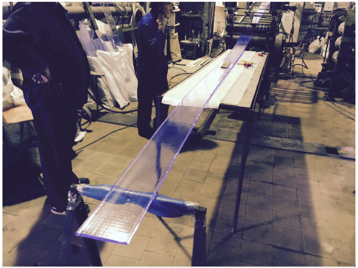

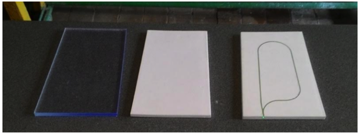

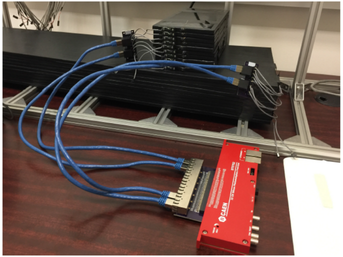

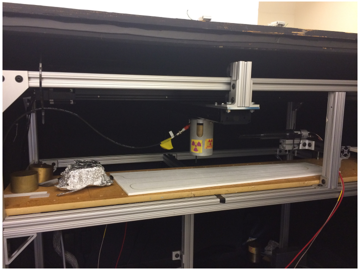

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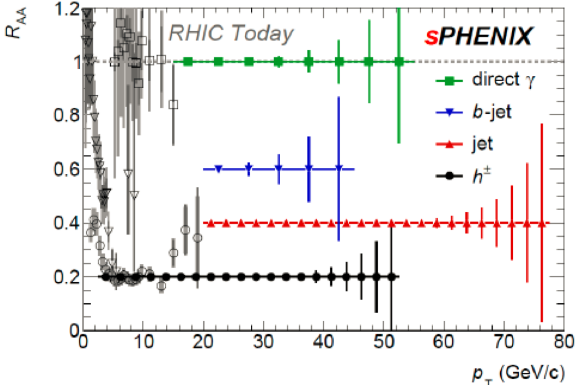
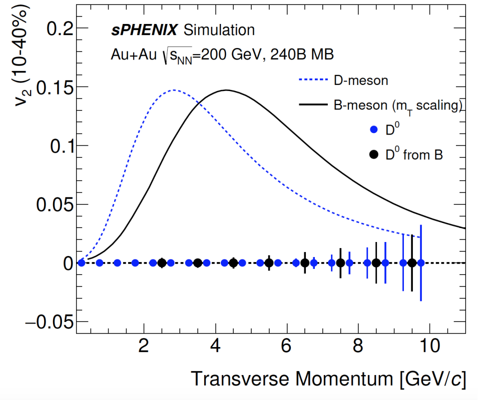
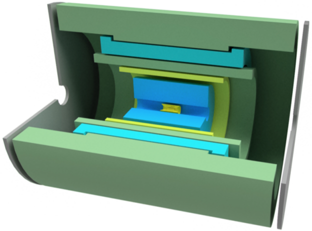
sPHENIX: heavy flavor!

sPHENIX: projections



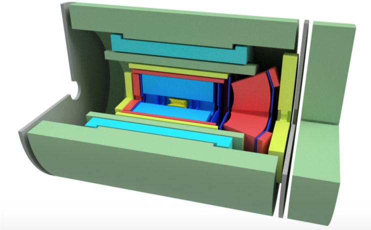


sPHENIX: day one EIC detector



EIC white paper: arXiv:1212.1701

sPHENIX EIC proposal: arXiv:1402.1209



An EIC Detector Built Around The sPHENIX Solenoid

A Detector Design Study

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