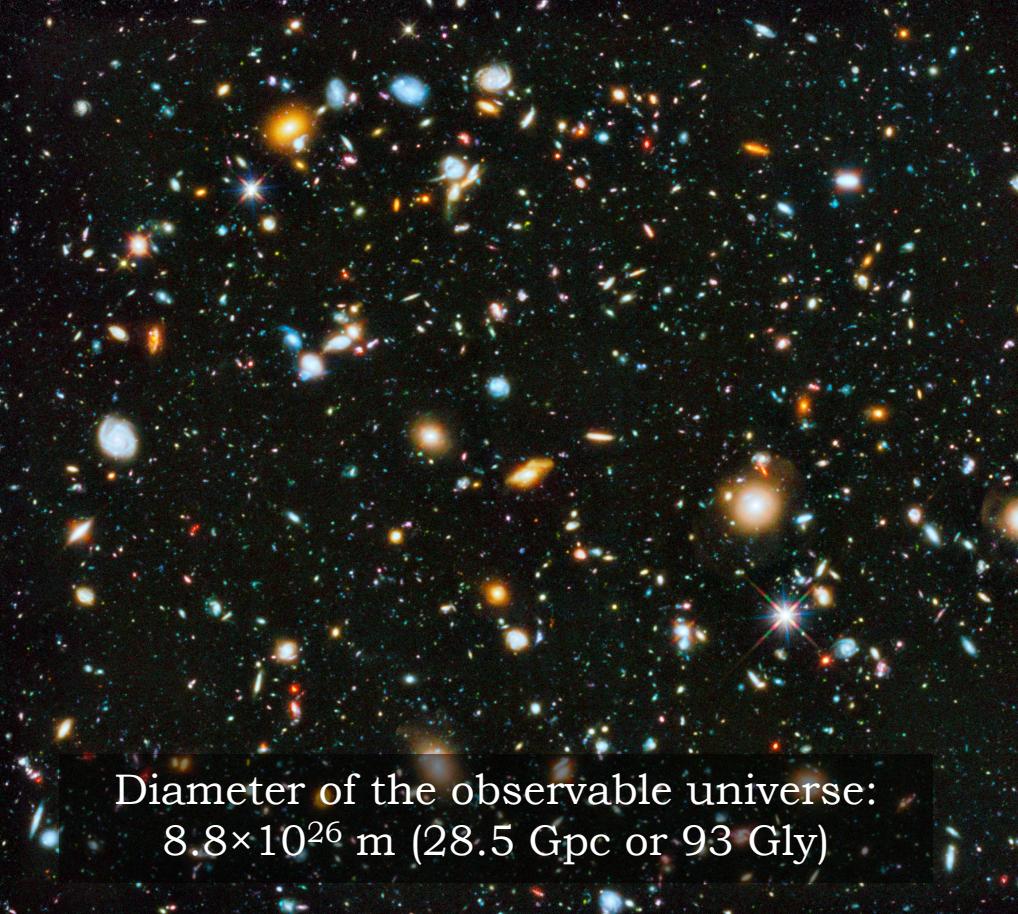


*Prof. P C Mahanta Memorial Lecture*

# Recreating microsecond old Universe conditions in the Laboratory

Bedanga Mohanty

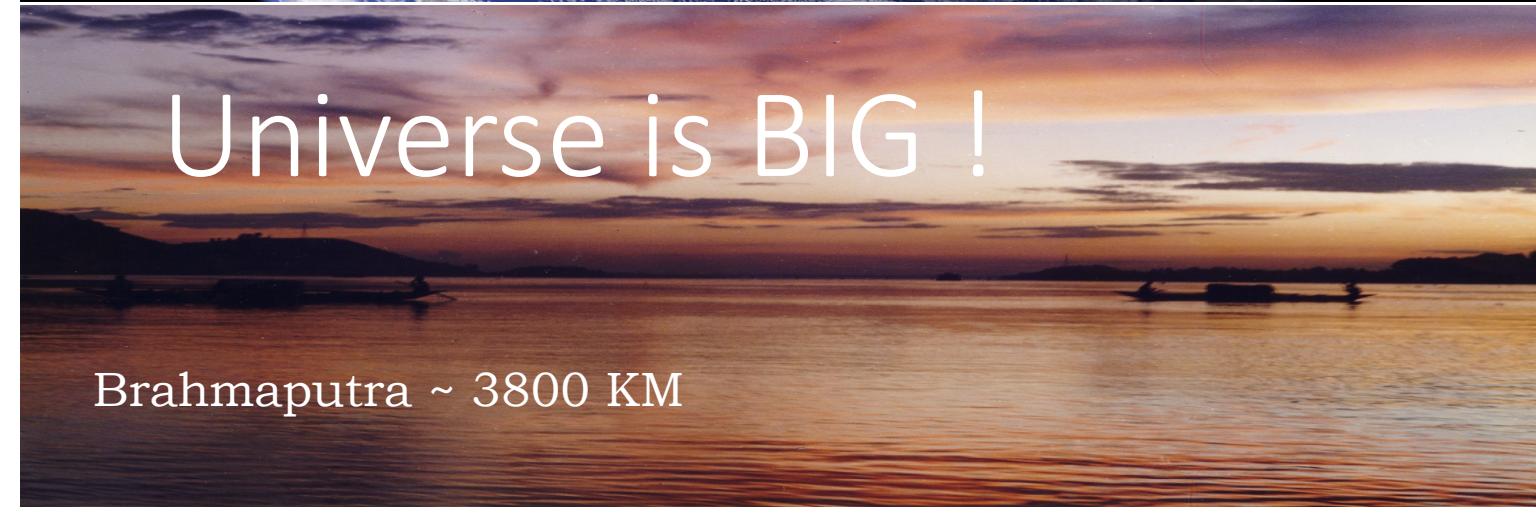


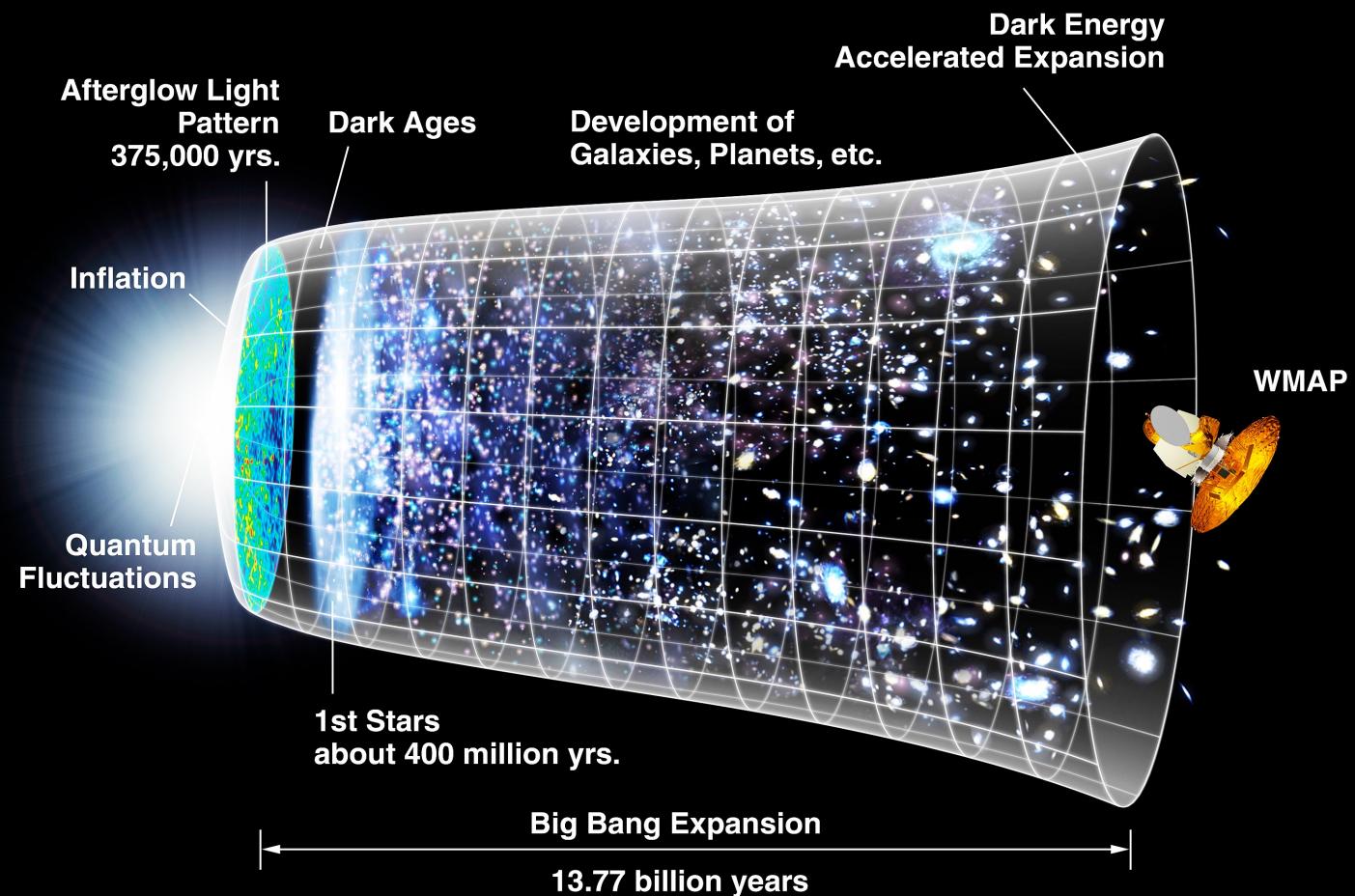


Diameter of the observable universe:  
 $8.8 \times 10^{26}$  m (28.5 Gpc or 93 Gly)



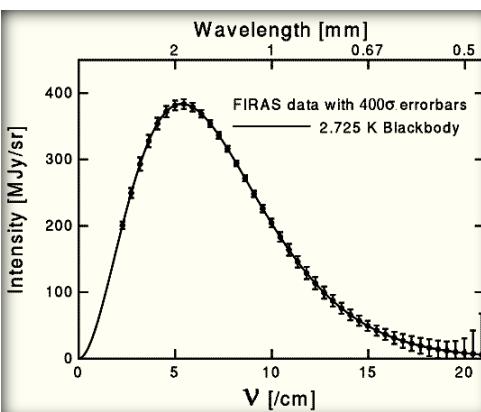
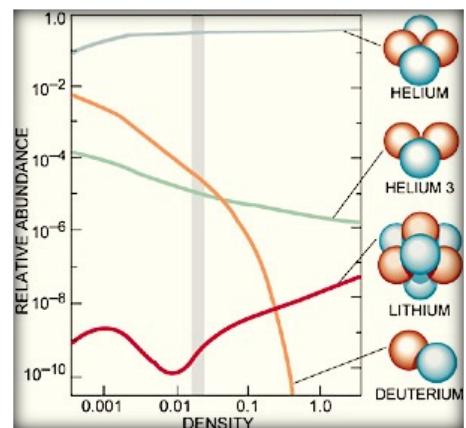
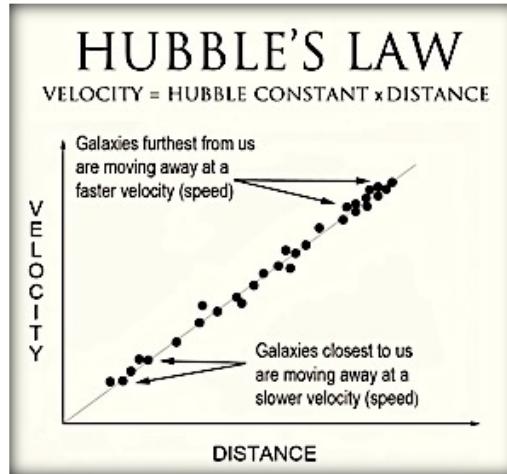
The end of the solar system is about 122 astronomical units (AU) away from the sun, where one AU is 93 million miles (150 million kilometers).



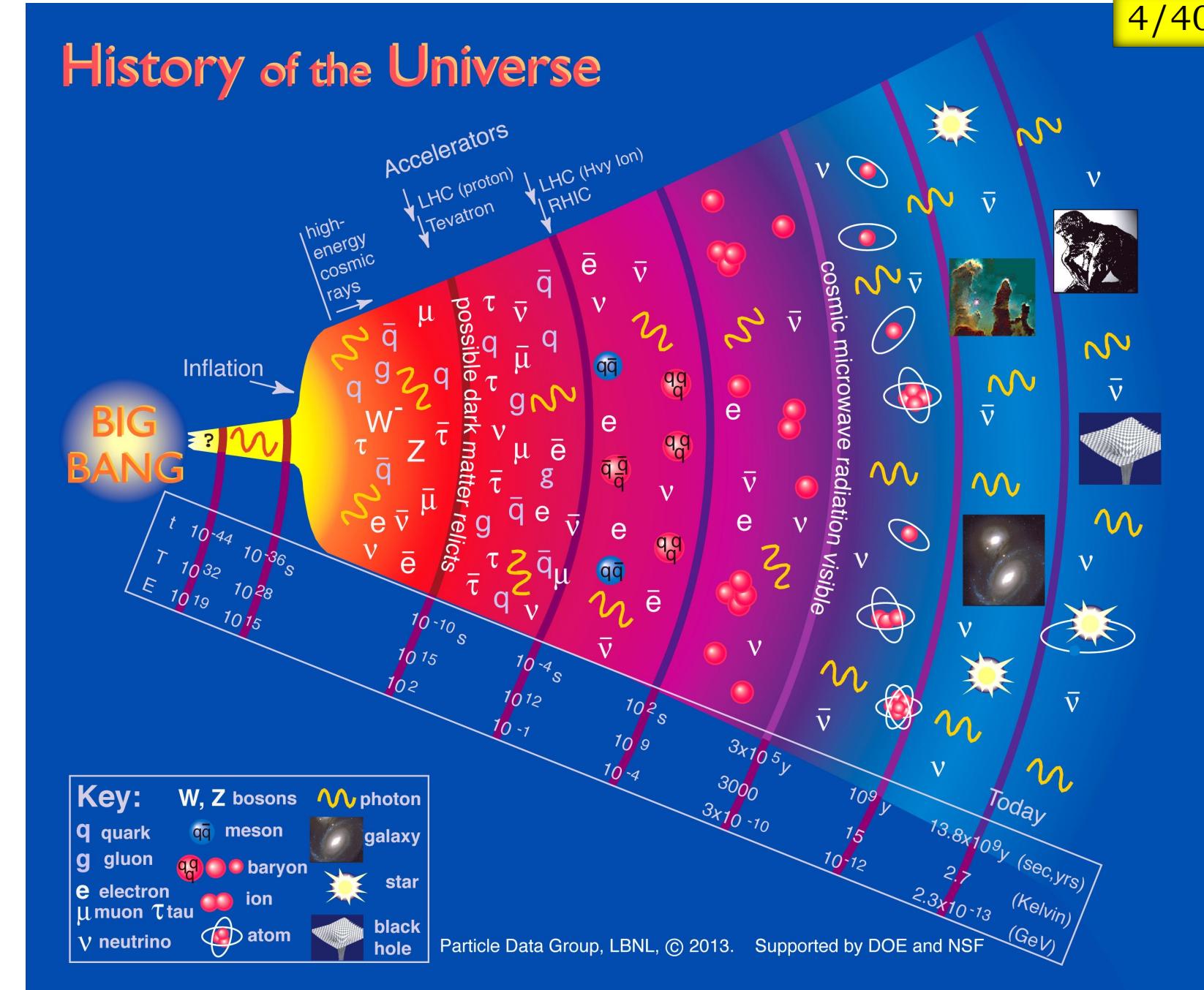


Success of Big Bang Model (George Gamow – 1948)

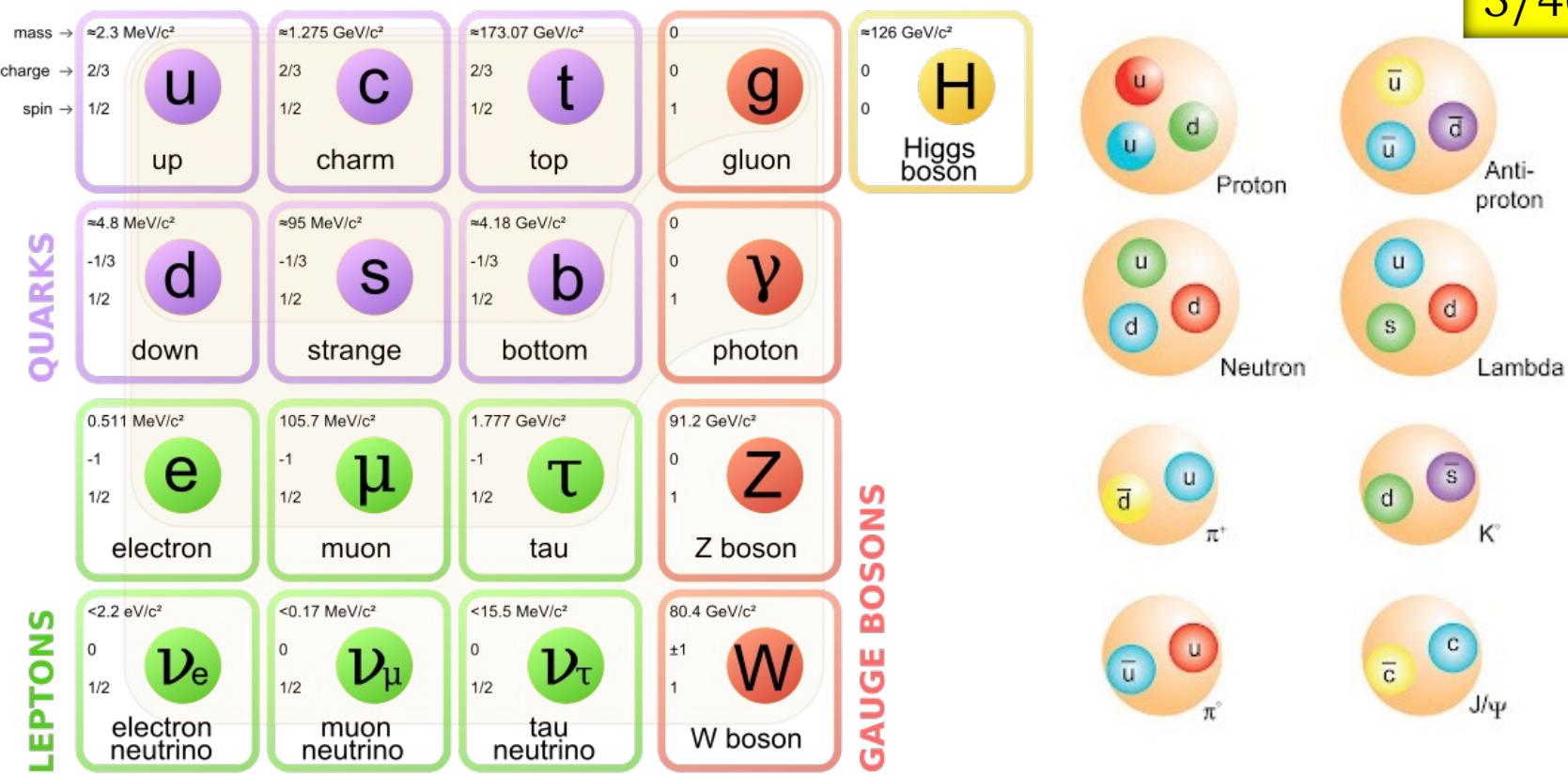
- ❖ Observational verification of expansion
- ❖ Predicted & observed abundances of light elements
- ❖ Discovery of the Cosmic Microwave Background



# Microsecond Old Universe



# Fundamental constituents and forces



$$1 \text{ MeV}/c^2 = 1.79 \times 10^{-30} \text{ kg}$$

$$1 \text{ MeV} \sim 10^{10} \text{ Kelvin}$$

Atom  $\sim 10^{-10} \text{ m}$

Nucleus  $\sim 10^{-14} \text{ m}$

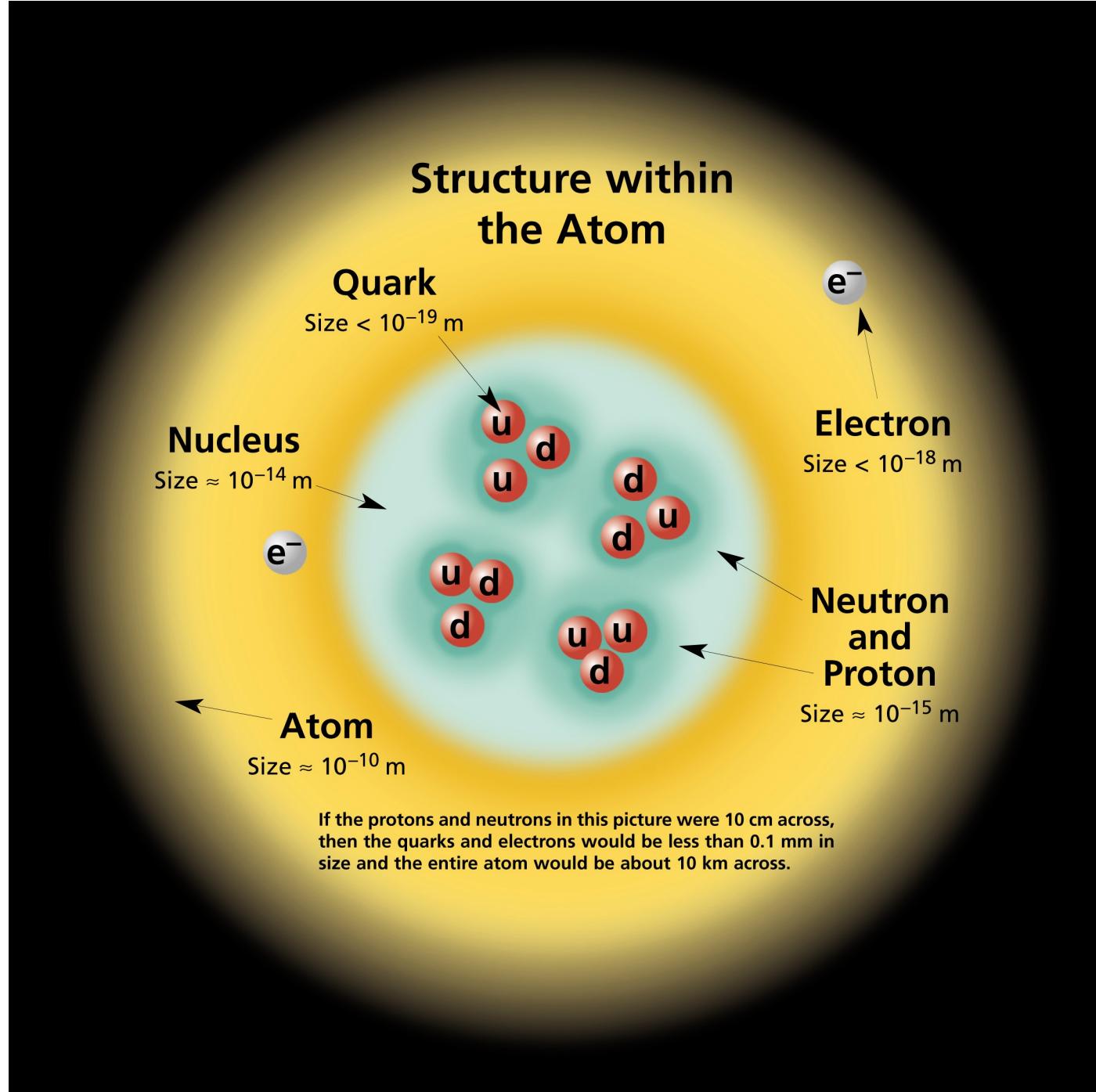
Quarks  $< 10^{-19} \text{ m}$

## PROPERTIES OF THE INTERACTIONS

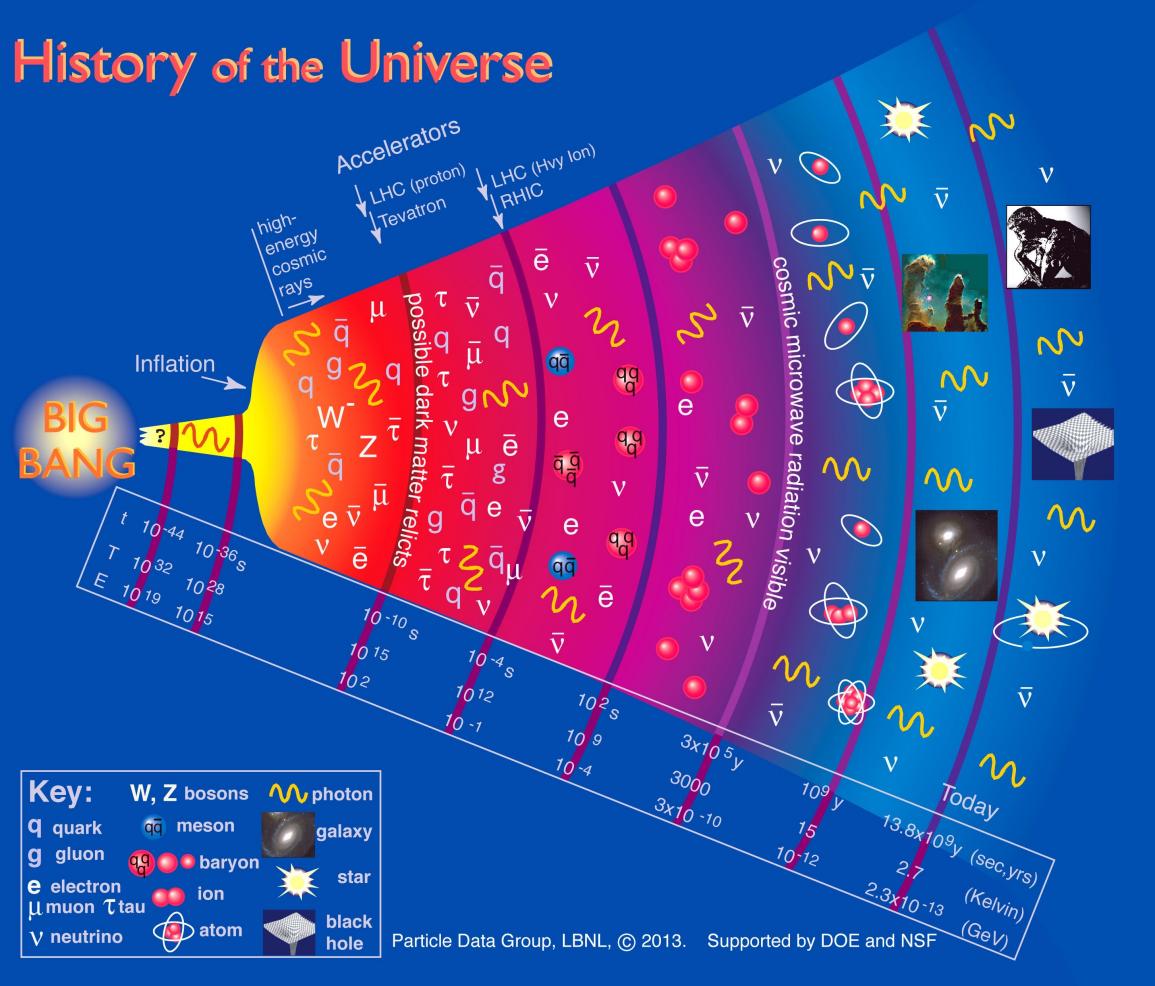
Property	Interaction	Gravitational	Weak	Electromagnetic	Strong	
		Mass – Energy	Flavor	(Electroweak)	Fundamental	Residual
Acts on:		Mass – Energy	Flavor	Electric Charge	Color Charge	See Residual Strong Interaction Note
Particles experiencing:		All	Quarks, Leptons	Electrically charged	Quarks, Gluons	Hadrons
Particles mediating:		Graviton (not yet observed)	$W^+$ $W^-$ $Z^0$	$\gamma$	Gluons	Mesons
Strength relative to electromagnetic at: for two u quarks at: for two protons in nucleus	$10^{-41}$ $10^{-41}$ $10^{-36}$	0.8 $10^{-4}$ $10^{-7}$	1 1 1	25 60 Not applicable to hadrons	Not applicable to quarks	20

# Atom

Quark and  
gluons not  
free



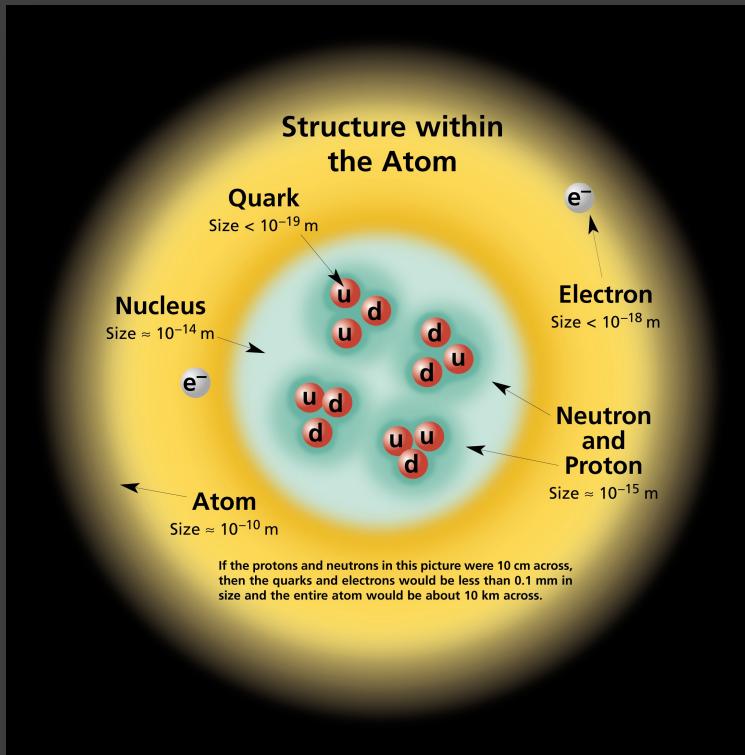
## History of the Universe



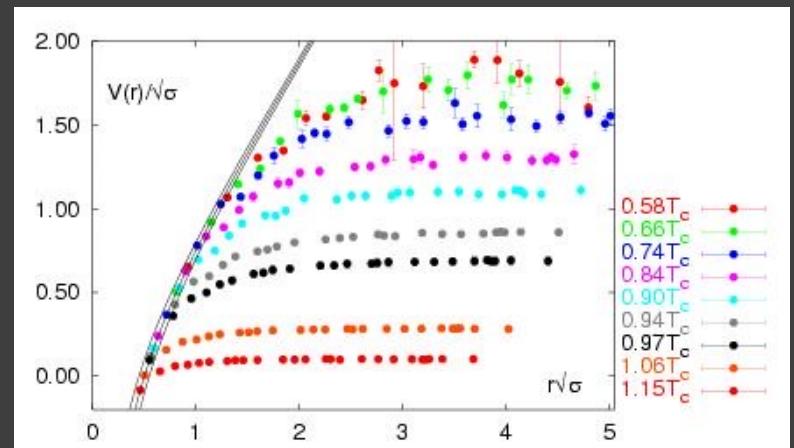
<https://physicsworld.com/a/neutron-stars-may-contain-free-quarks/>

# Universe: Free state of quarks and gluons

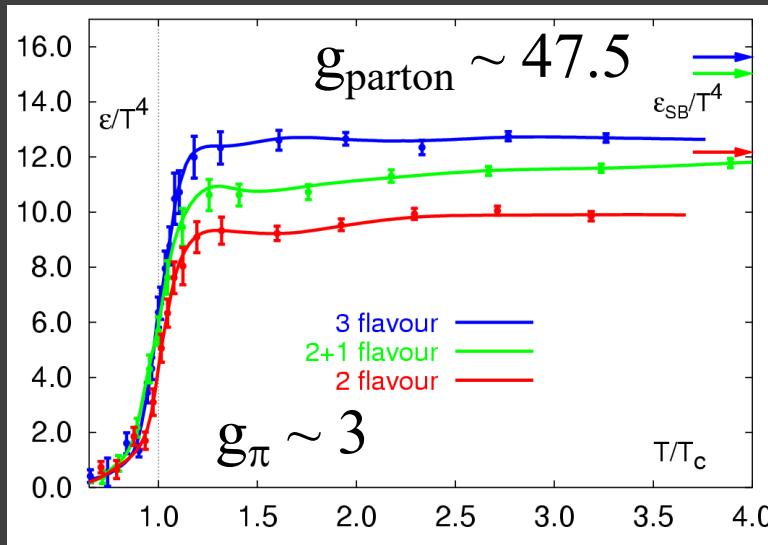
Temperatures -  $10^{12-15}$  Kelvin or densities -  $10^{18}$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>



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



$\sim 154$  MeV ( $10^{12}$  K)



$\epsilon/T^4 \sim g (\pi^2/30)$

Matter at extremely high temperature  $\rightarrow$  QGP

F. Karsch, Prog. Theor. Phys. Suppl. 153, 106 (2004)

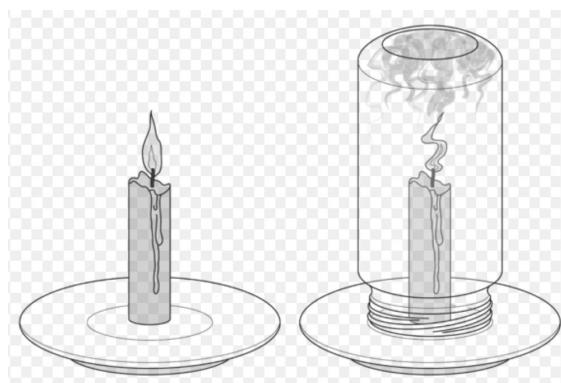
# Theoretical support for little Bang

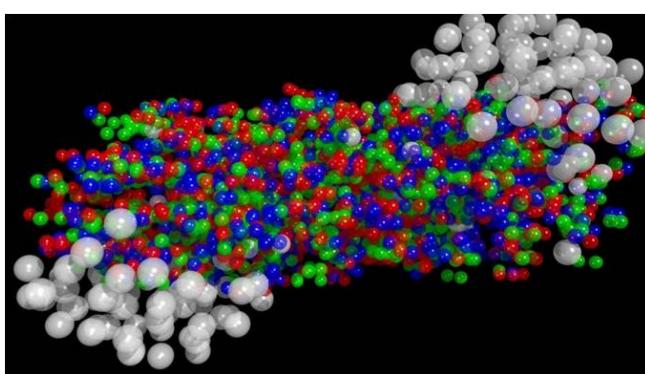
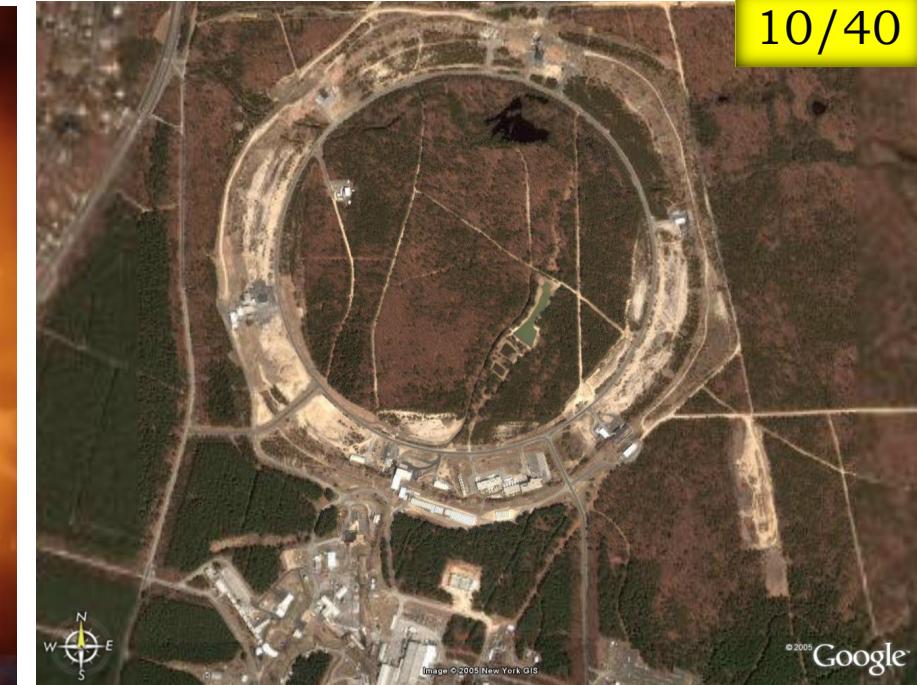
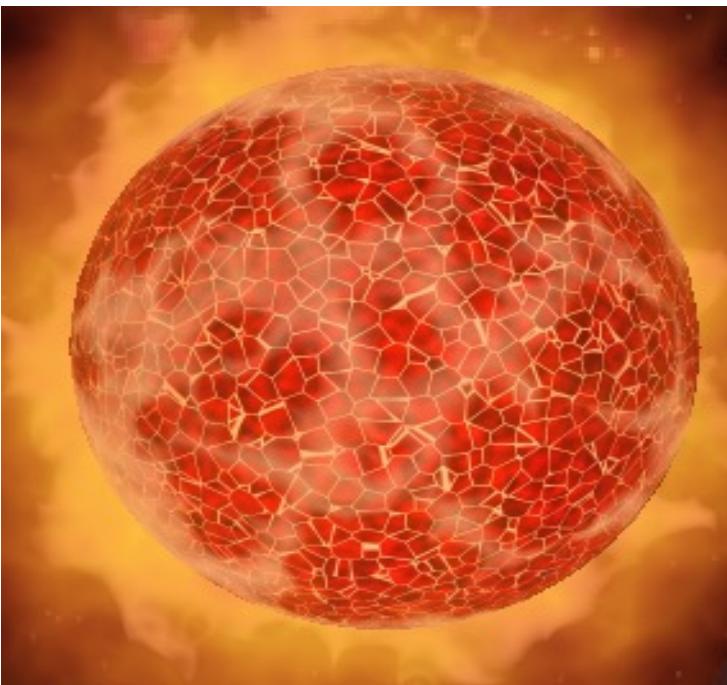
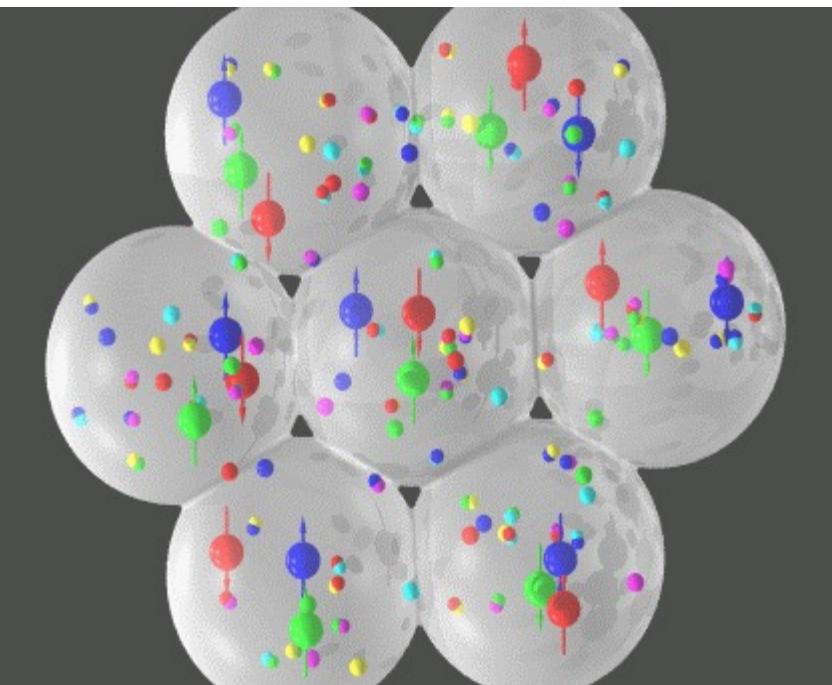
# Properties of fundamental constituents we are made

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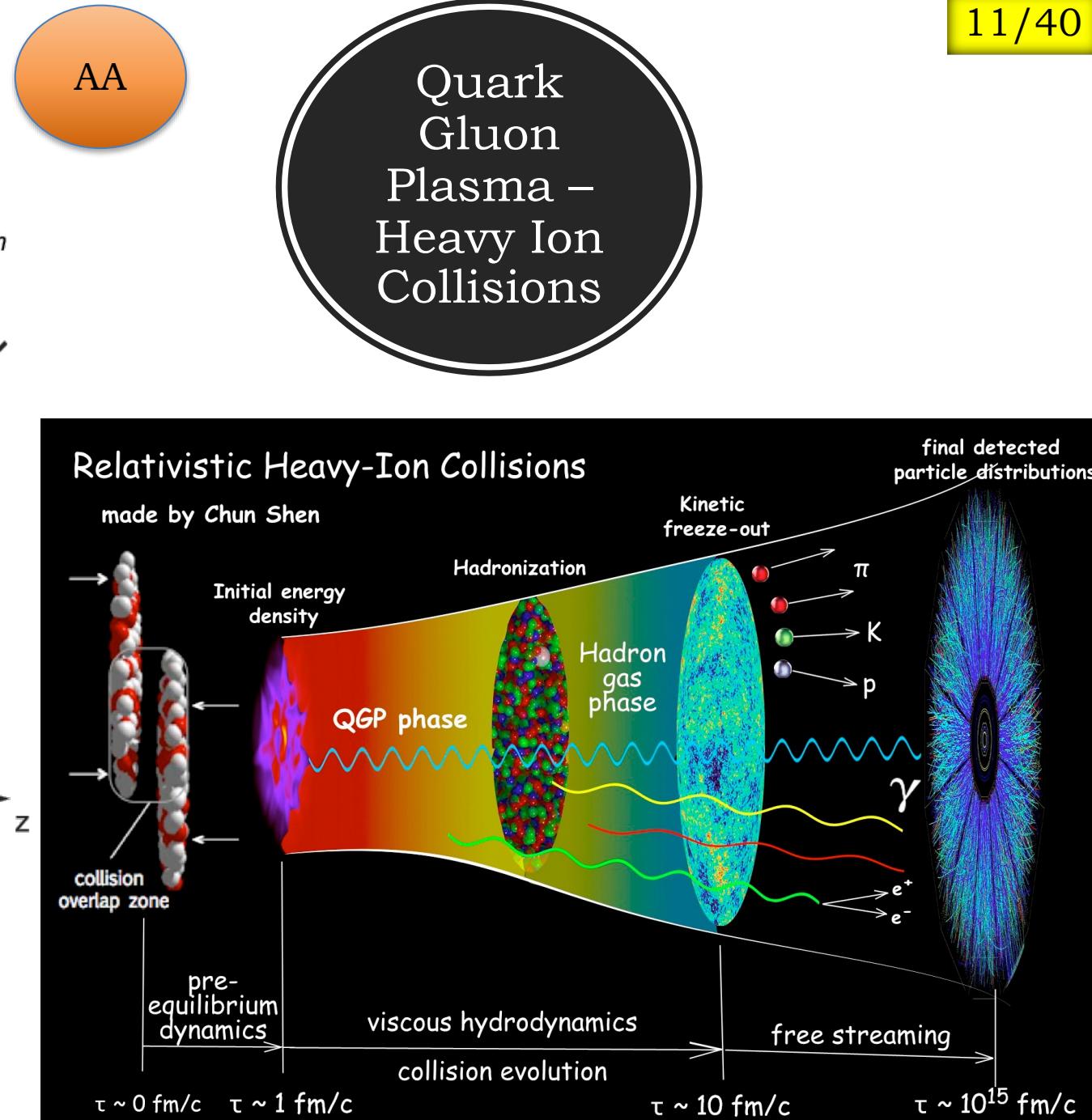
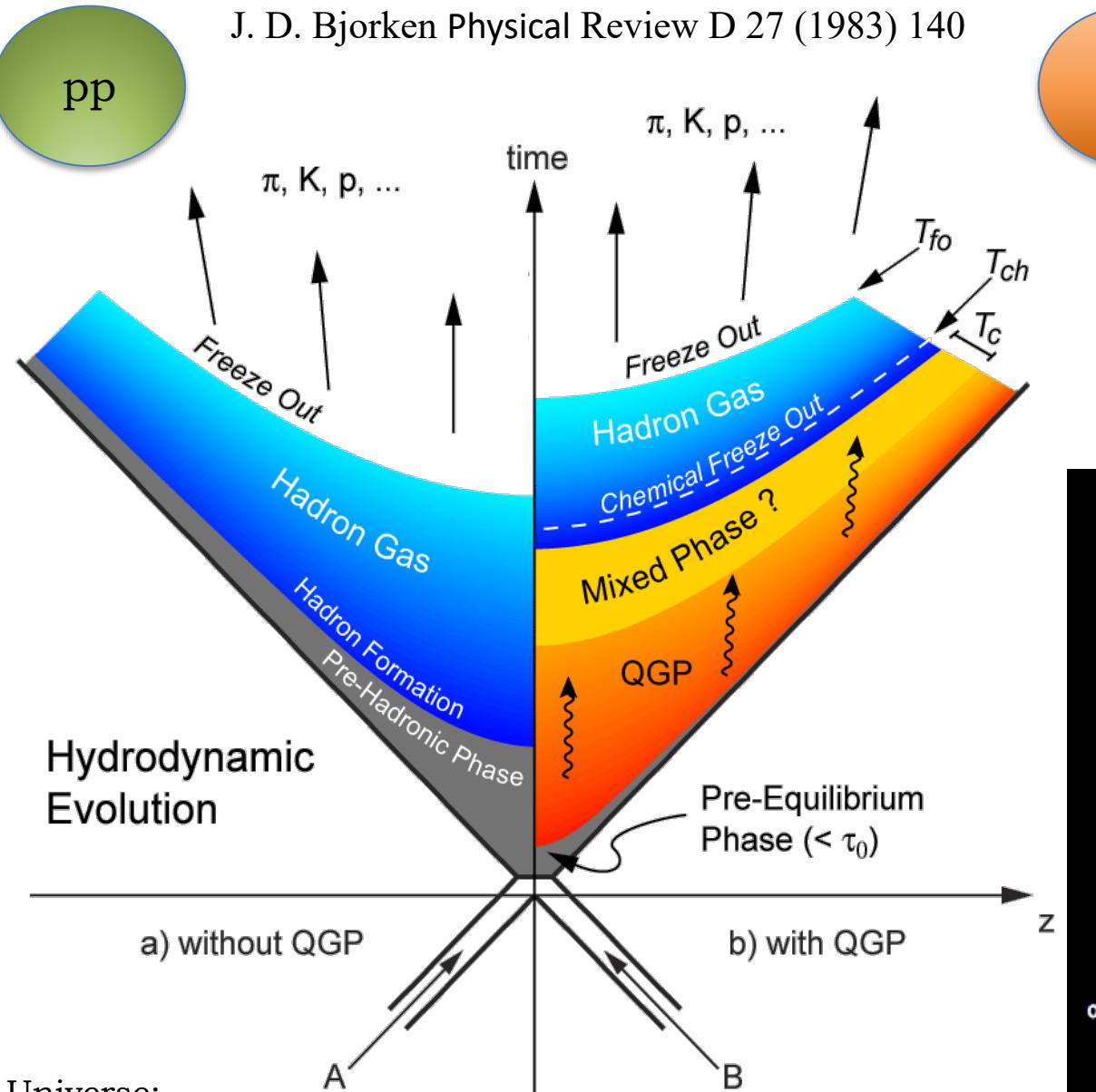
Free system of quarks and gluons needed to study properties – Viscosity, conductivity, diffusion co-efficient, opacity etc

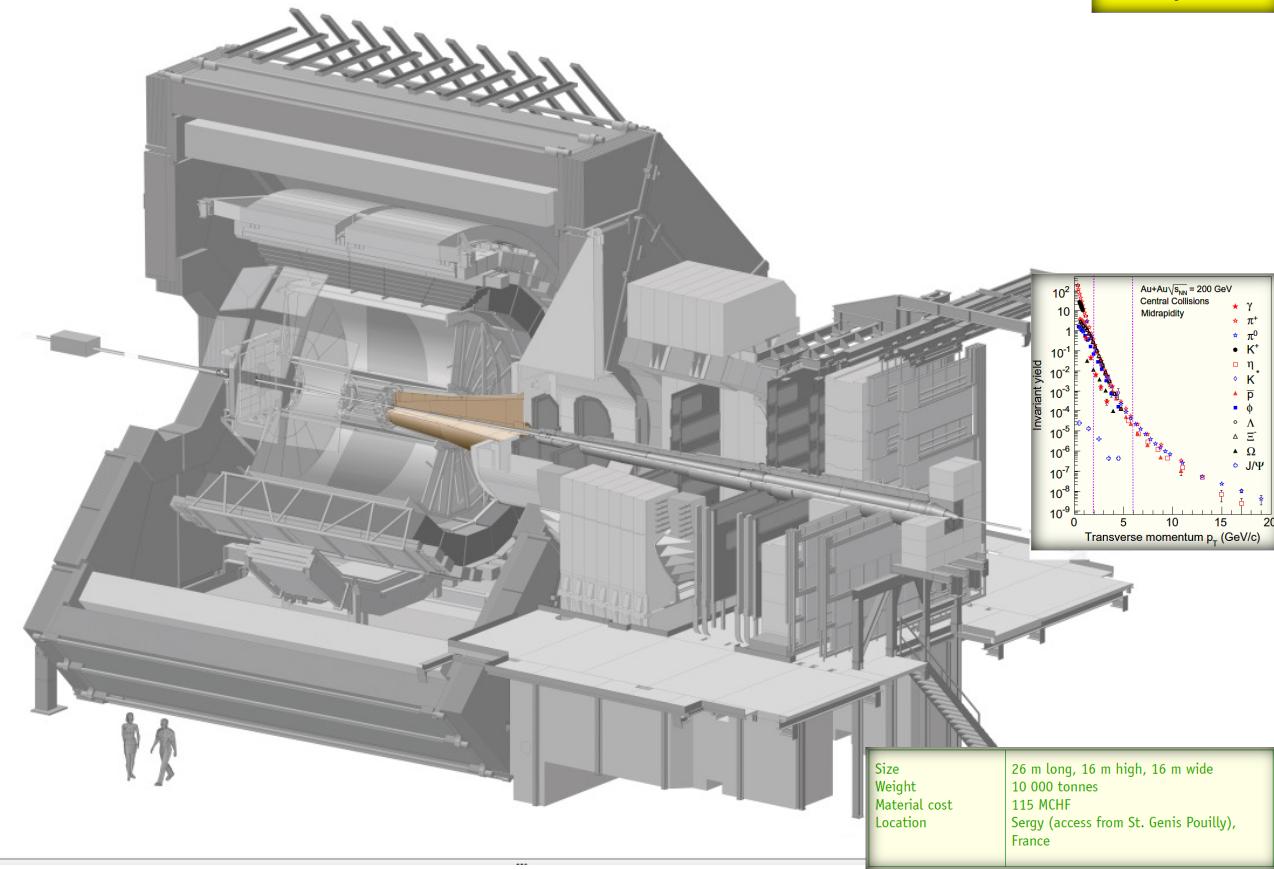




One trillion Kelvin !

Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider  
And  
Large Hadron Collider

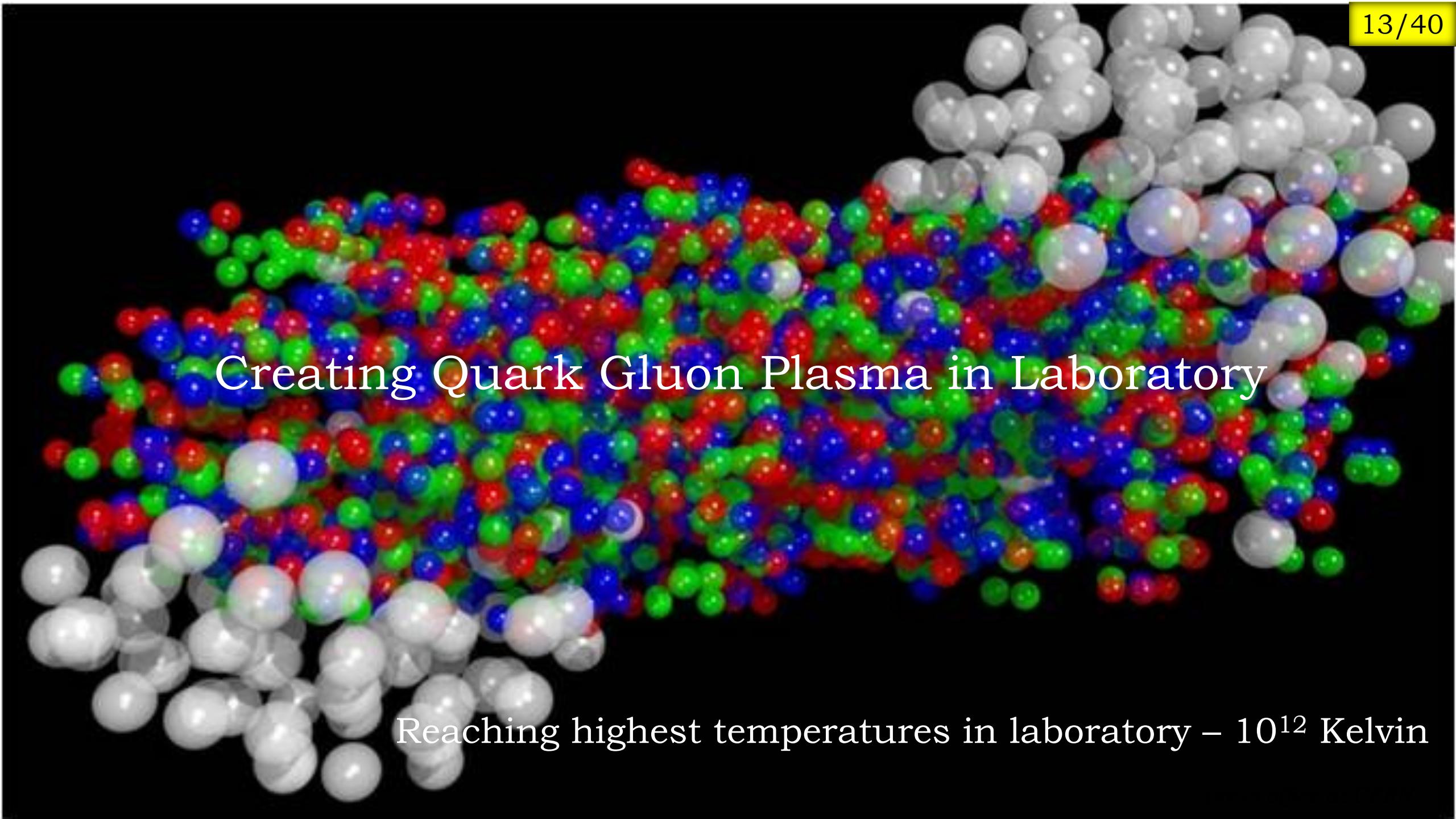




## Typical Detector

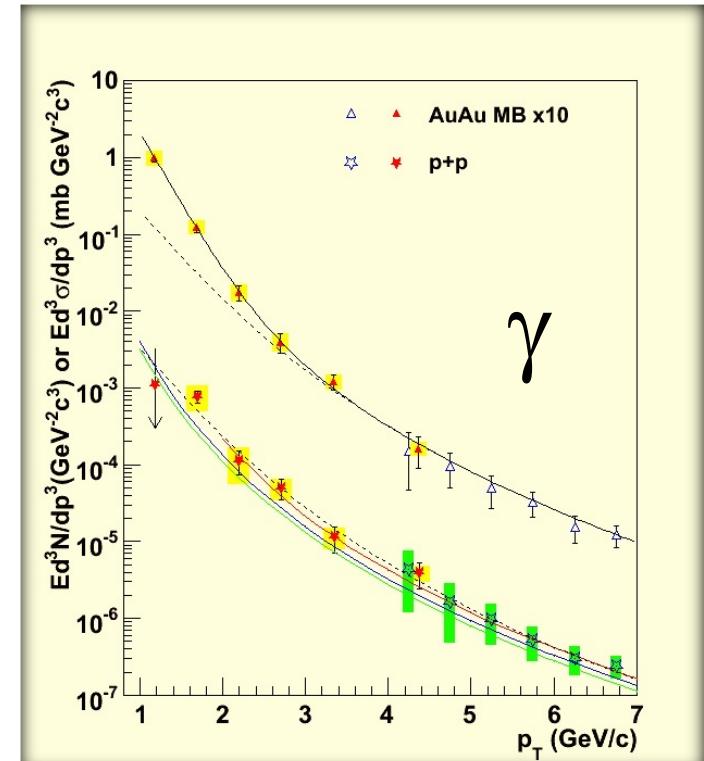
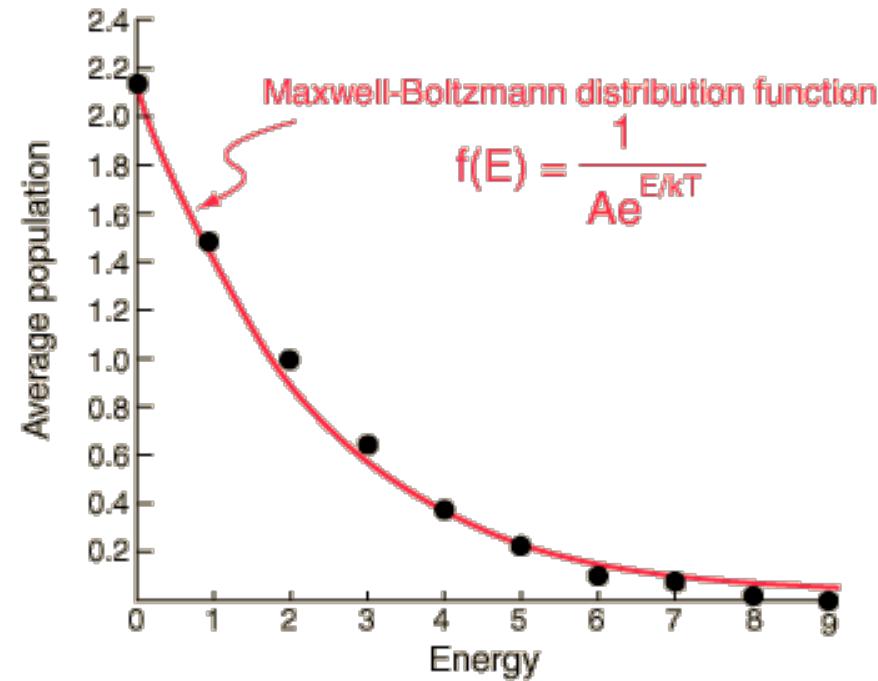
- QGP: Femto-Scale in time and space

TOF data analysis GU played a leading role



Creating Quark Gluon Plasma in Laboratory

Reaching highest temperatures in laboratory –  $10^{12}$  Kelvin



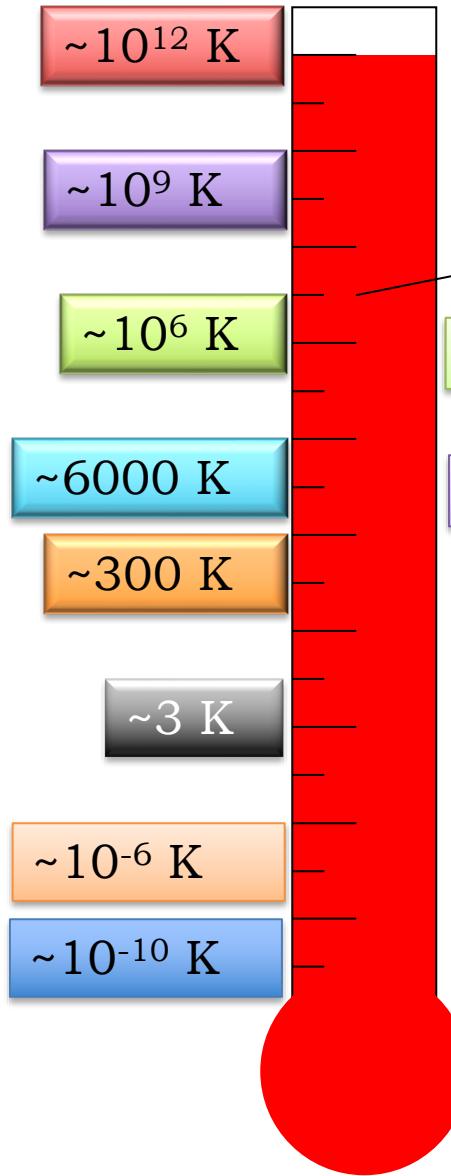
# Measuring Temperature

Enhanced Production of Direct Photons in Au + Au Collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV and Implications for the Initial Temperature

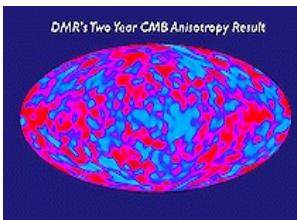
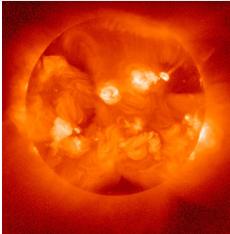
A. Adare *et al.* (PHENIX Collaboration)  
Phys. Rev. Lett. **104**, 132301 – Published 29 March 2010

Inverse slope provides temperature  
300 – 600 MeV  $\sim 10^{12}$  K  
Quark Gluon Plasma

# Perspective on the Temperature



$\sim 150$  MeV

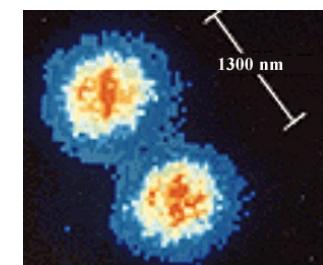


Taking the temperature of extreme matter

Charles Gale  
Department of Physics, McGill University, Montréal, QC H3A 2T8, Canada  
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Room Temperature  
 $\sim 1/40$  eV



Trapped Ions

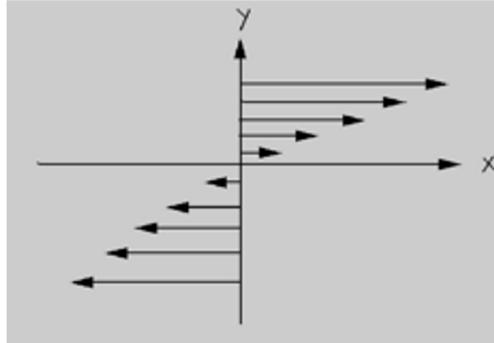


QGP

Perfect Fluid

# Viscosity: resistance to flow

$$\frac{F_x}{A} = -\eta \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y}$$



Divide by density – kinematic viscosity  
Compare across different fluids

Dilute gas,  $\eta = (1/3) n p l$ .  
Uncertainty principle  $p l \gtrsim \hbar$ .  
Entropy density,  $s \sim k_B n$ ,  
Lower bound to  $\eta/s \gtrsim \frac{\hbar}{k_B}$ .

Kovtun, Son, and Starinets  
(KSS bound)  $\eta/s \geq \frac{\hbar}{4\pi k_B} = 1/4\pi$ .

Viscosity in Strongly Interacting Quantum Field Theories from Black Hole Physics

P. K. Kovtun, D. T. Son, and A. O. Starinets  
Phys. Rev. Lett. **94**, 111601 – Published 22 March 2005

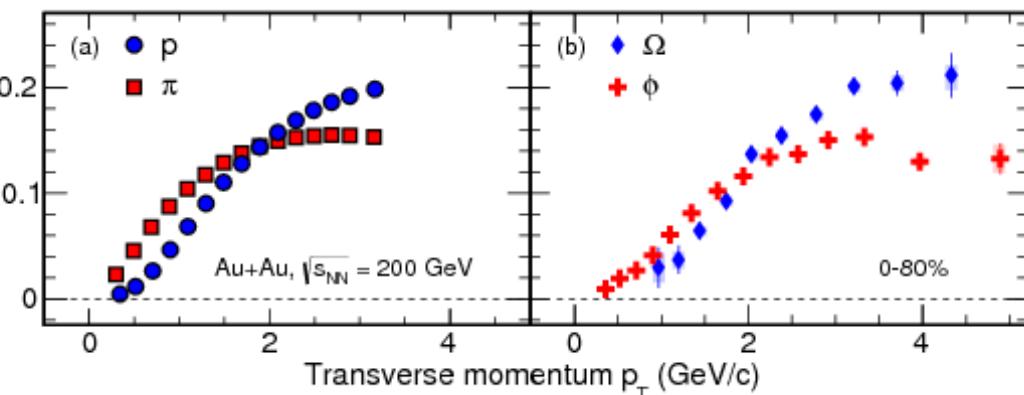
Pitch approximately: 230 billion times viscous than water



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(1927-present) 8 drops

Flow



Momentum

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

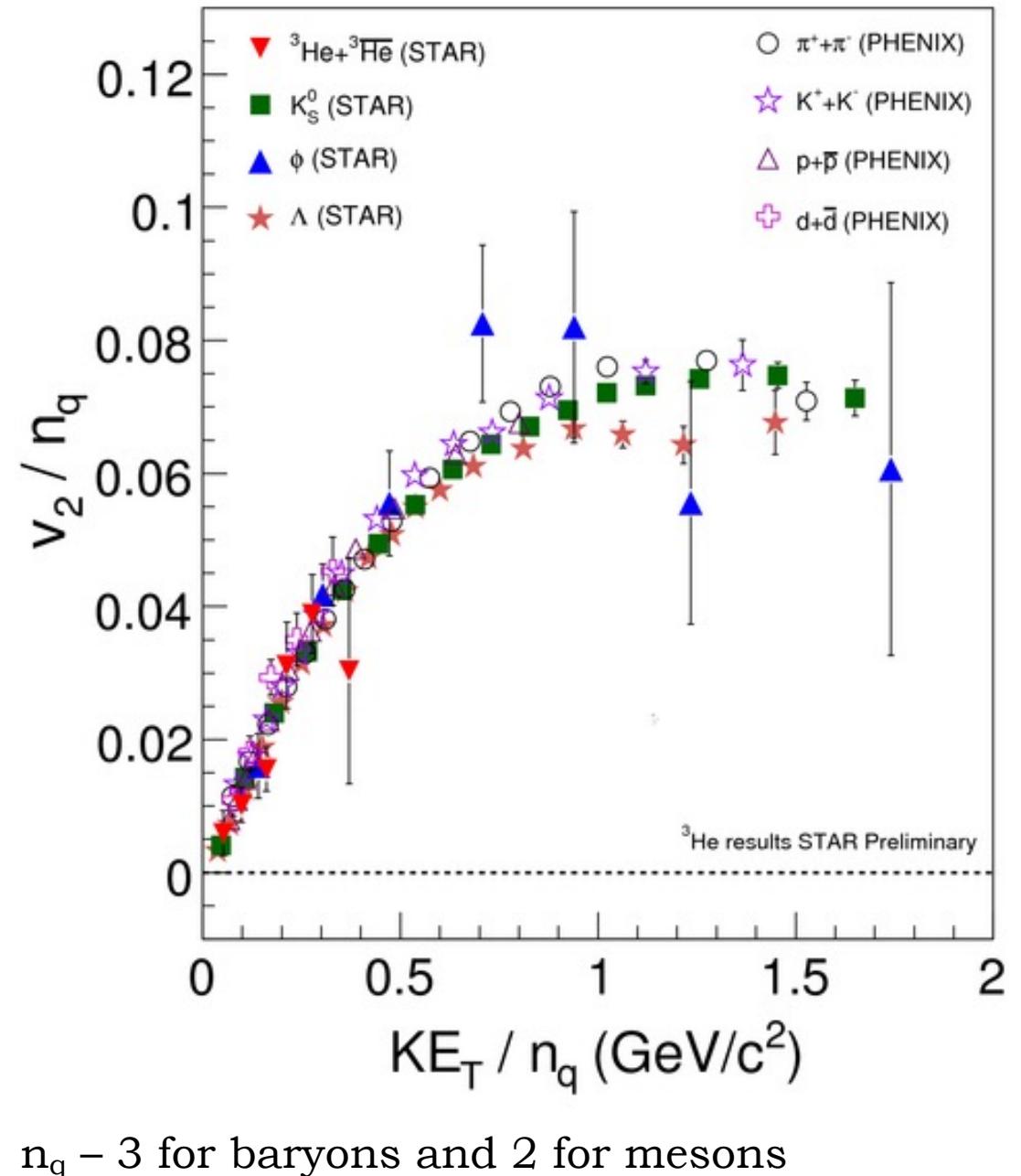
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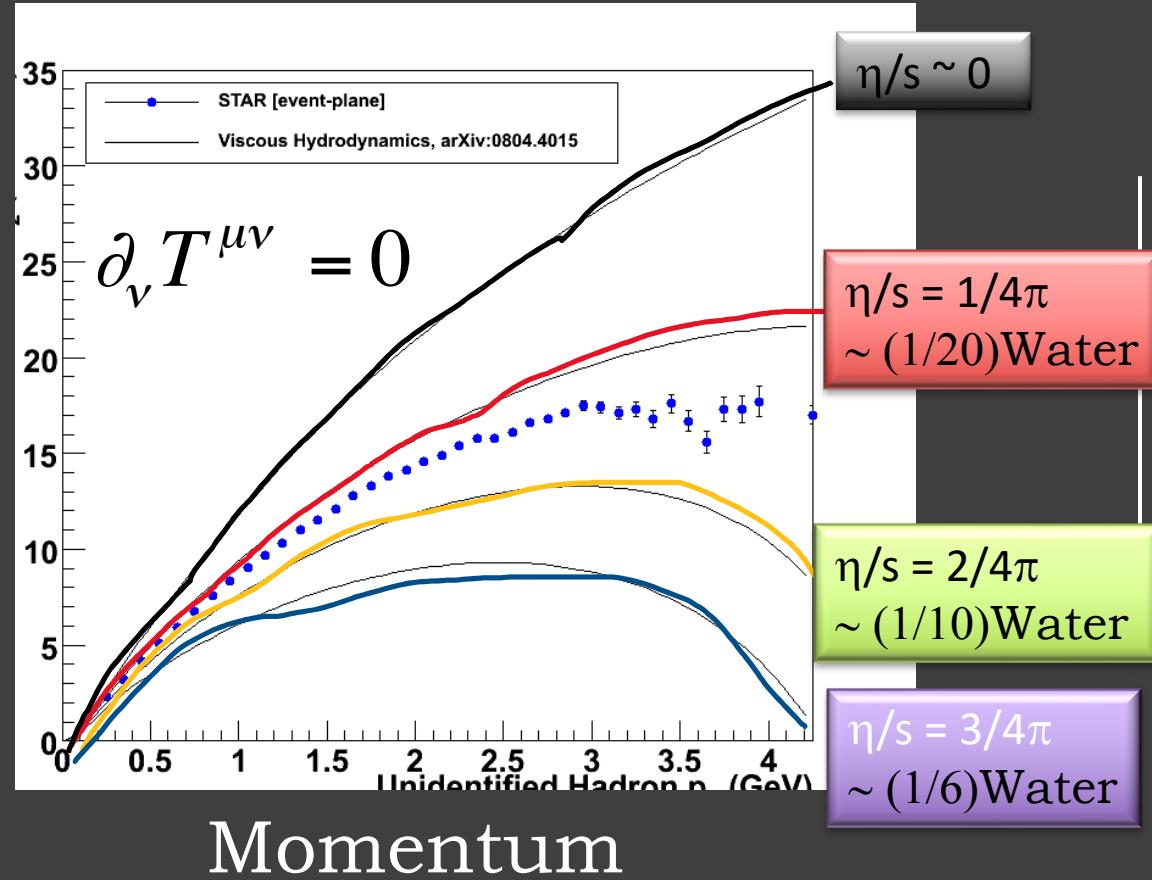
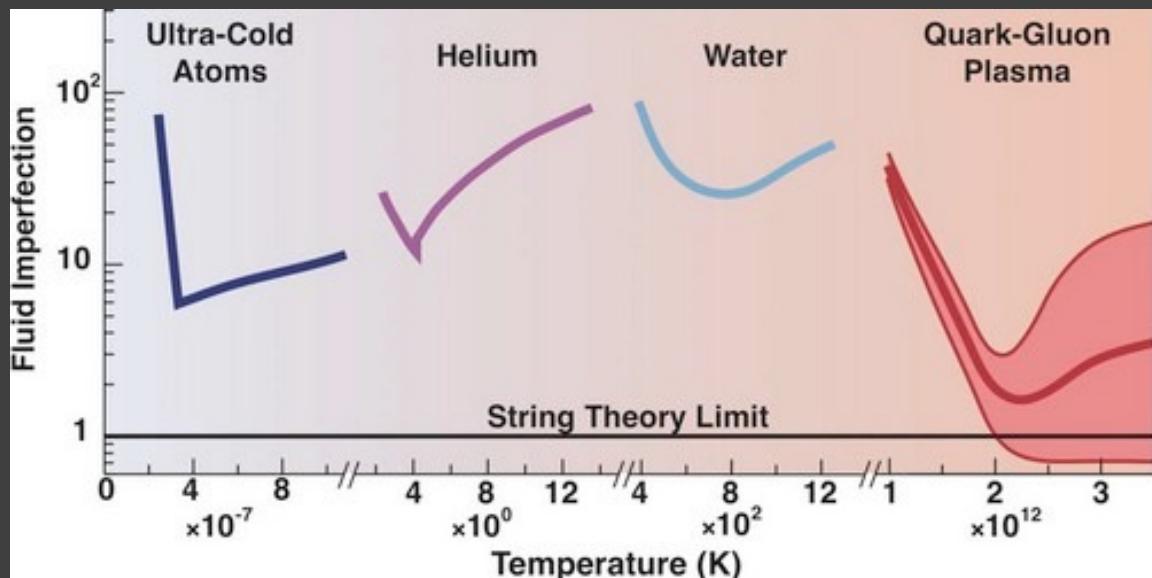
Centrality and Transverse Momentum Dependence of Elliptic Flow of Multistrange  
Hadrons and  $\phi$  Meson in Au + Au Collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV

Evidence of partonic flow



# Viscosity Information from Relativistic Nuclear Collisions: How Perfect is the Fluid Observed at RHIC?

Paul Romatschke and Ulrike Romatschke  
Phys. Rev. Lett. **99**, 172301 – Published 24 October 2007

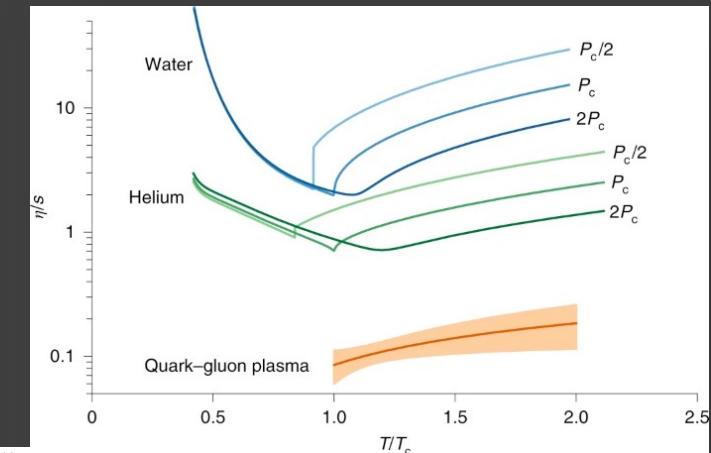


# Perfect Fluid

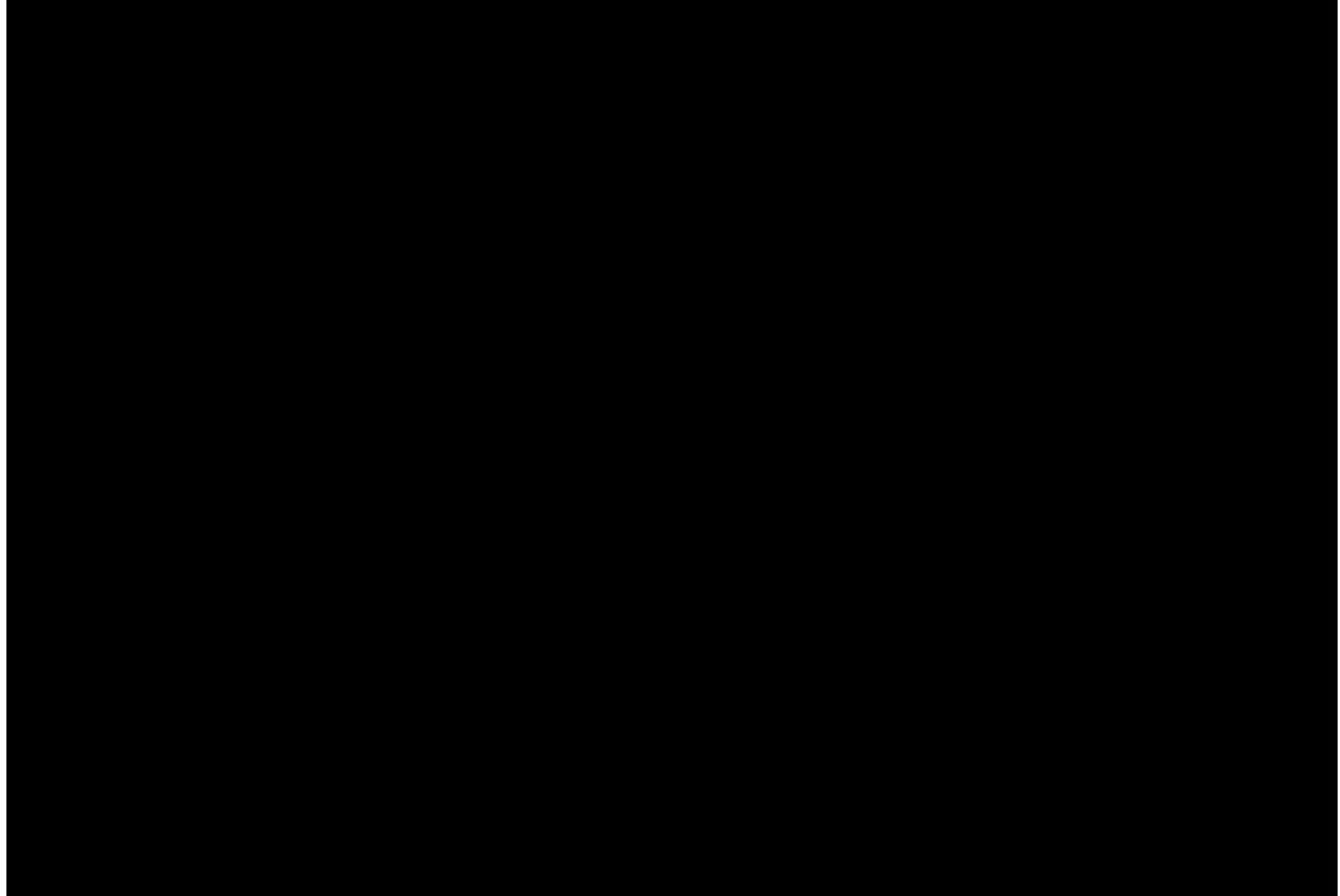
Bayesian estimation of the specific shear and bulk viscosity of quark-gluon plasma

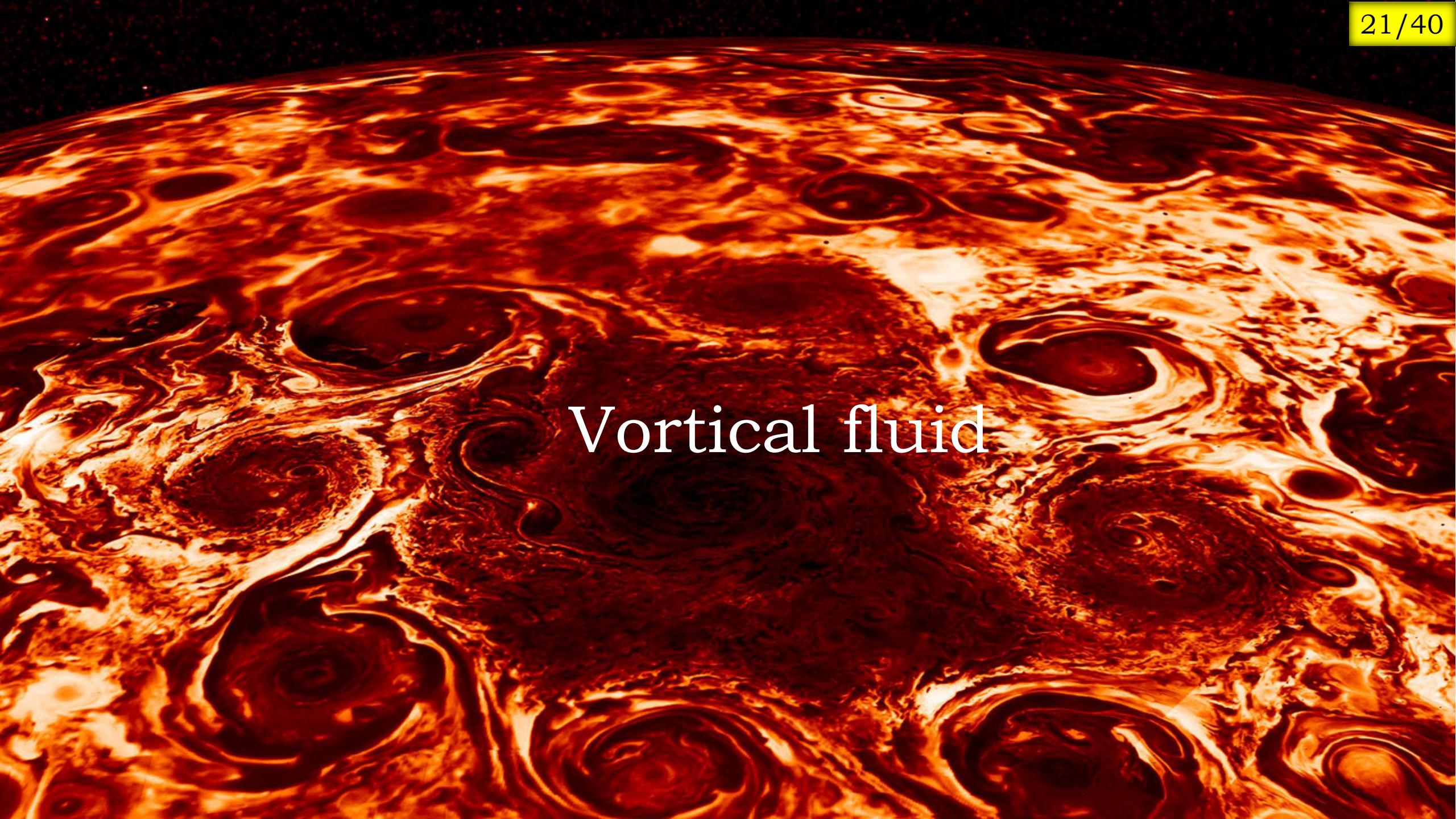
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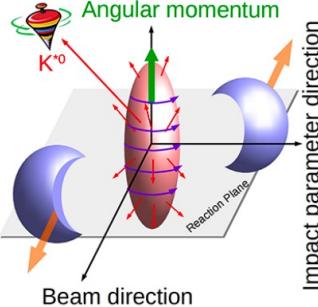


# Perfect Fluid



A high-resolution simulation of turbulent fluid flow, likely a simulation of the solar wind or a plasma in a magnetic field. The image is filled with complex, swirling vortices of varying sizes, primarily in shades of orange, red, and yellow against a dark background. The vortices are concentrated in certain regions, creating a textured, organic pattern.

Vortical fluid



Angular momentum

$K^0$

Beam direction

Impact parameter direction

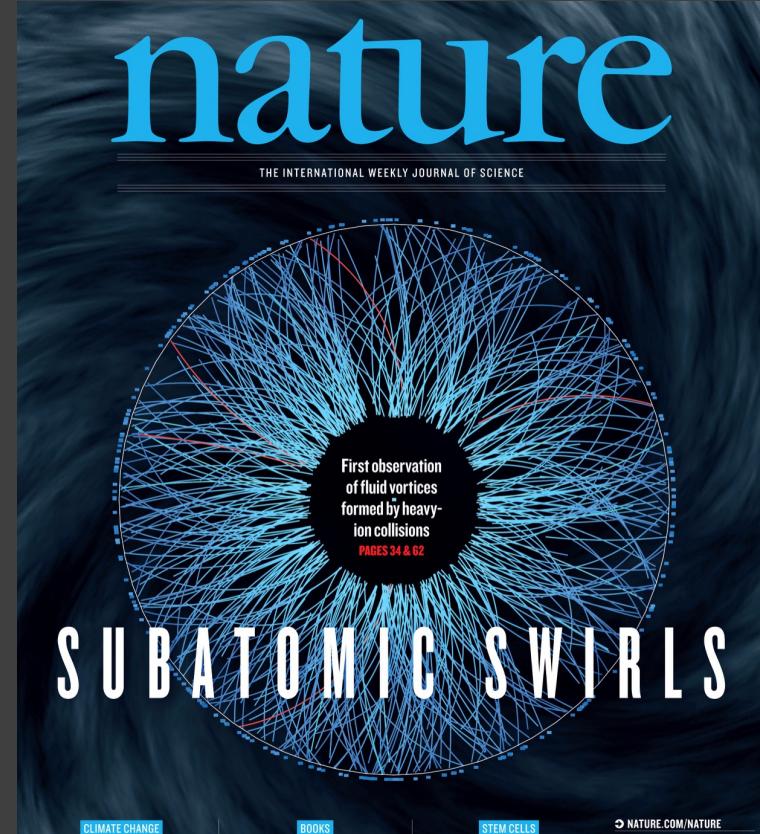
Reaction Plane

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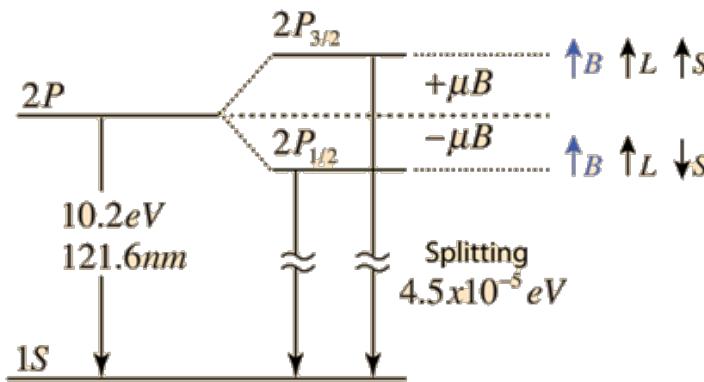
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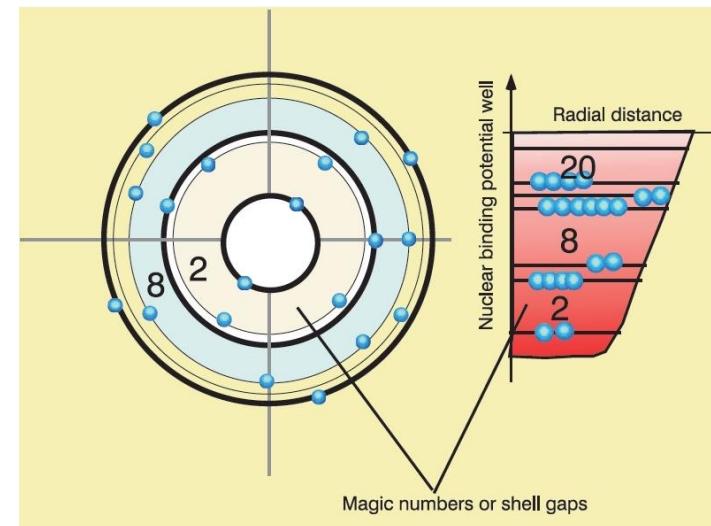
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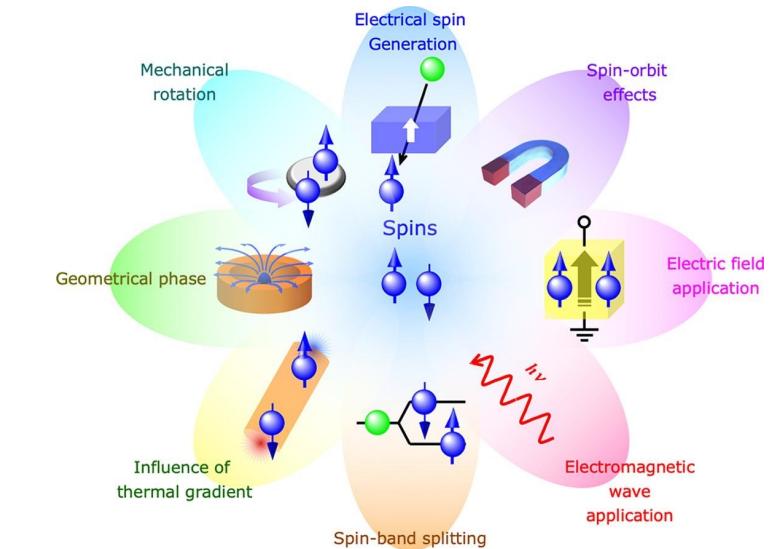
# Evidence for Spin-orbit interactions



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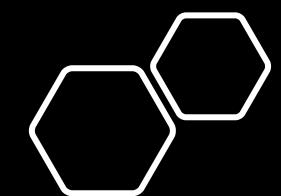
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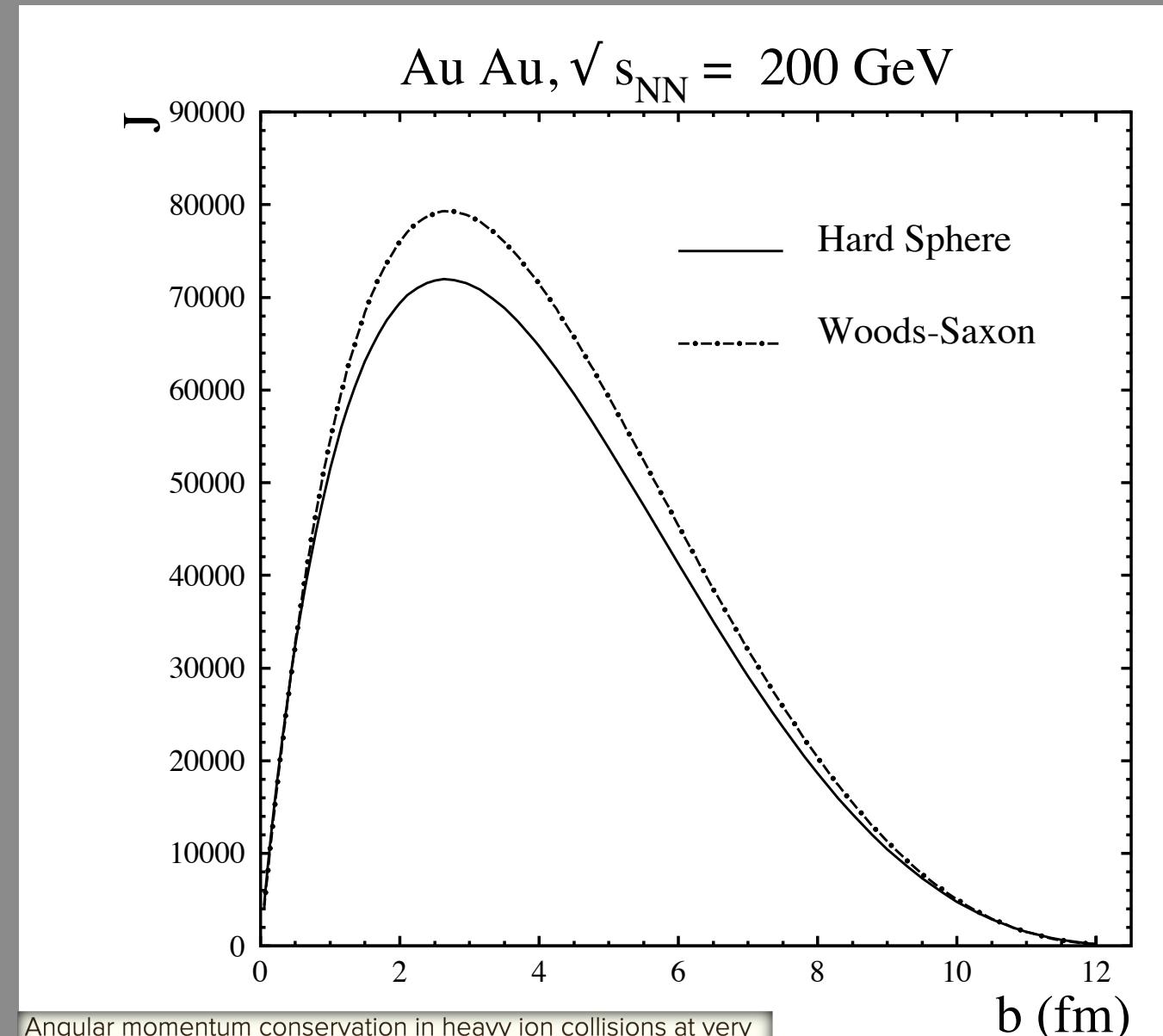
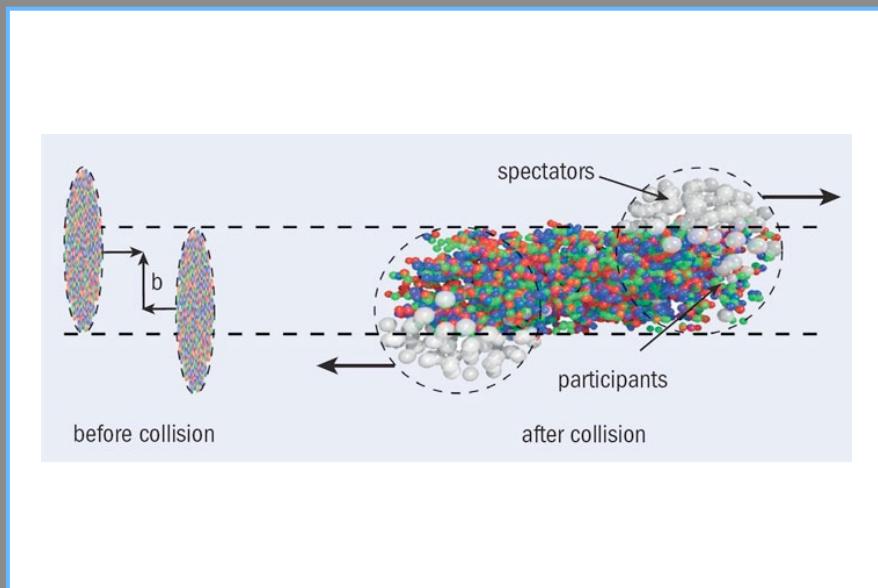
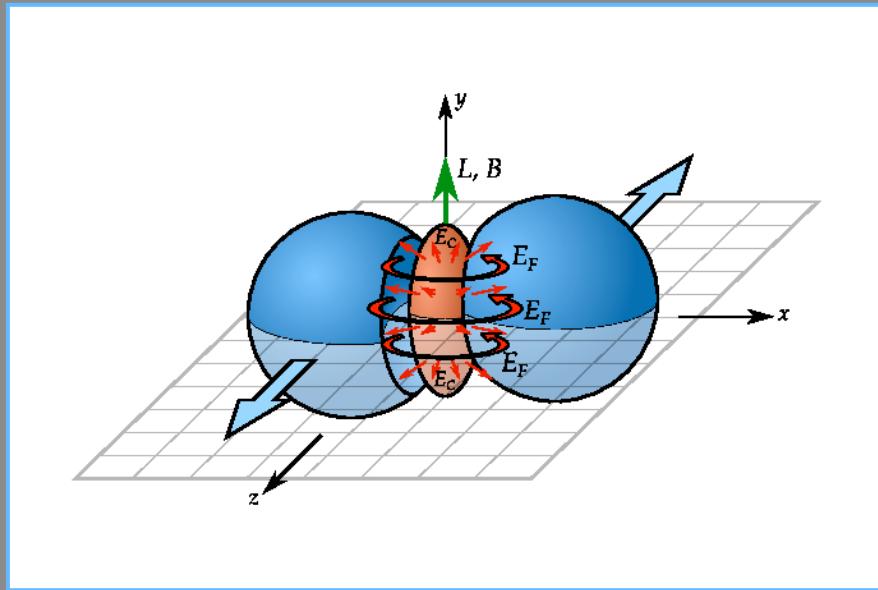
Material Sciences

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# Spin-orbit interactions



# Large Angular Momentum



Angular momentum conservation in heavy ion collisions at very high energy

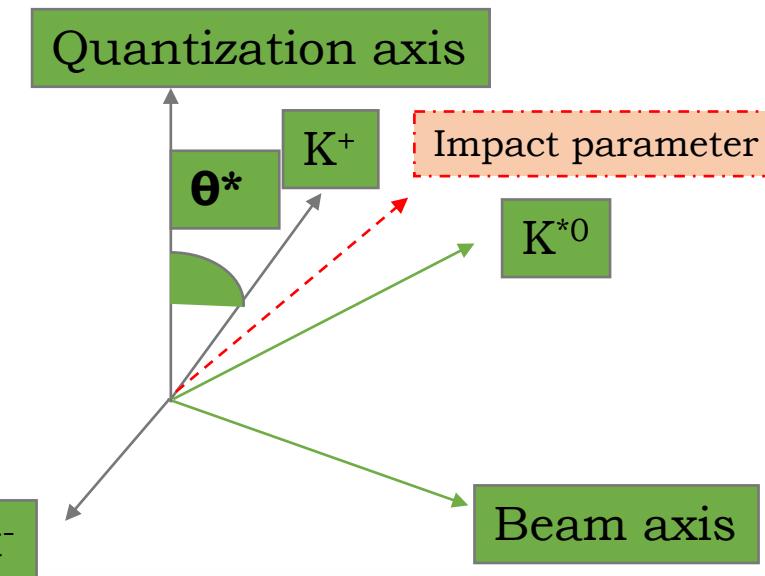
F. Becattini, F. Piccinini, and J. Rizzo  
Phys. Rev. C **77**, 024906 – Published 21 February 2008

# Angular distribution of vector mesons

$K^{*0}$  Vector meson

- Mass – 896 MeV/c<sup>2</sup>
- Lifetime – 4 fm/c
- Spin 1
- Decays to  $K^+$  and  $\pi^-$  (B.R – 66%)
- Quark content (d,  $\bar{s}$ )

*K. Schilling et al., Nucl. Phys. B 15 (1970) 397*



$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dN}{dcos\theta d\phi} &= \langle \theta, \phi, \lambda_1, \lambda_2 | M \rho M^\dagger | \theta, \phi, \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \rangle \\
 &= \sum_{\lambda_V} \sum_{\lambda_{V'}} \langle \theta, \phi, \lambda_1, \lambda_2 | M | \lambda_V \rangle \langle \lambda_V | \rho | \lambda_{V'} \rangle \langle \lambda_{V'} | M^\dagger | \theta, \phi, \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

$\lambda$  = Helicities

$\rho$  = spin density matrix

$M$  = Decay amplitude

Quantization axis

- Normal to production plane (Momentum of vector meson and beam axis)
- Normal to reaction plane (Impact parameter and beam axis)

# Angular distribution of vector mesons

In terms of spherical harmonics

$$\frac{dN}{dcos\theta d\phi} = |C|^2 \times \sum_{m_1, m_2} Y_{1, m_1}^*(\theta, \phi) Y_{1, m_2}(\theta, \phi) \rho_{m_1, m_2}$$

Integrating over azimuthal angle

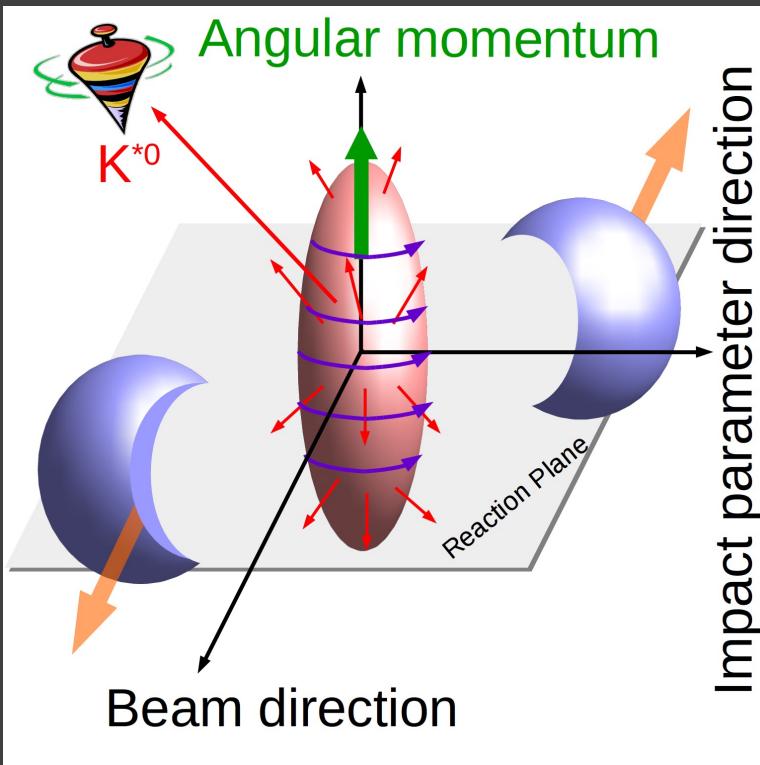
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dN}{dcos\theta} &= |C|^2 \times \frac{3}{8\pi} [sin^2\theta \rho_{-1, -1} + 2cos^2\theta \rho_{0, 0} + sin^2\theta \rho_{1, 1}] \times 2\pi \\ &= |C|^2 \times \frac{3}{4} [sin^2\theta (\rho_{-1, -1} + \rho_{1, 1}) + 2cos^2\theta \rho_{0, 0}] \end{aligned}$$

Normalized spin density matrix – Trace = 1

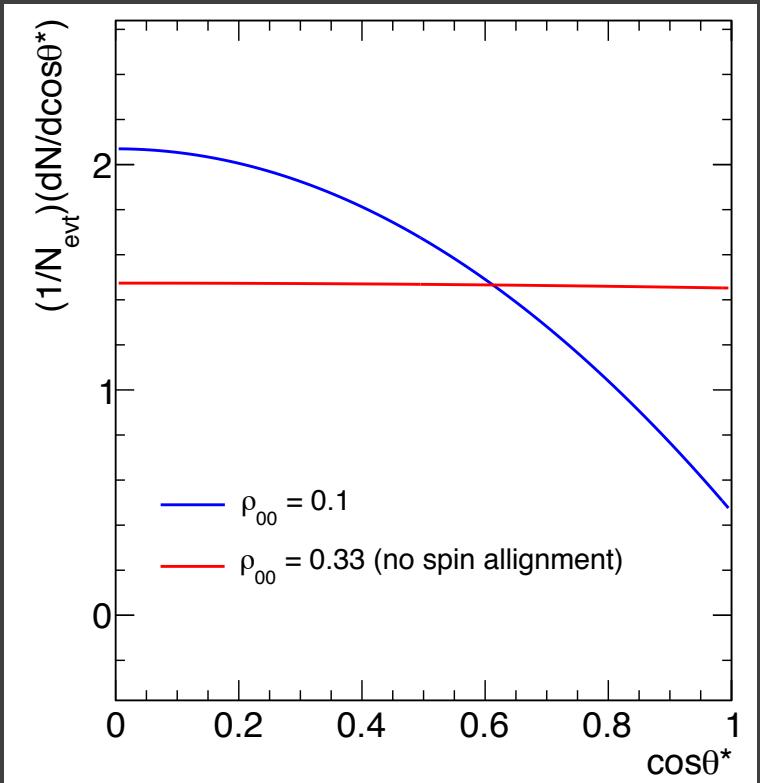
$$\frac{dN}{dcos\theta} = N_0 [1 - \rho_{0, 0} + cos^2\theta (3\rho_{0, 0} - 1)]$$

$\rho_{00}$ : Probability vector meson is in spin state = 0

$\rho_{00} = 1/3 \rightarrow$  No spin alignment

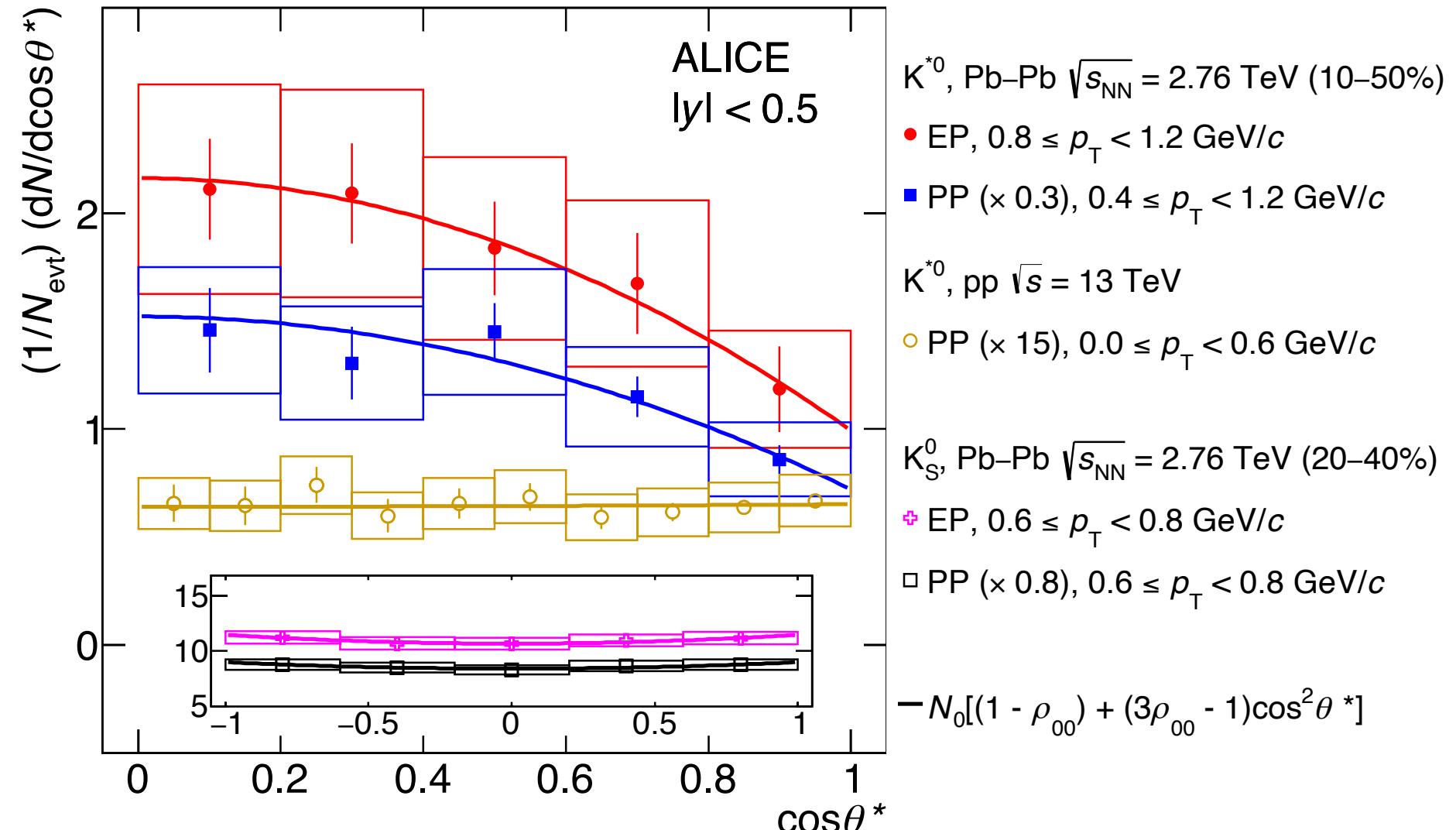


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# Finding spin-orbit interactions in QCD matter

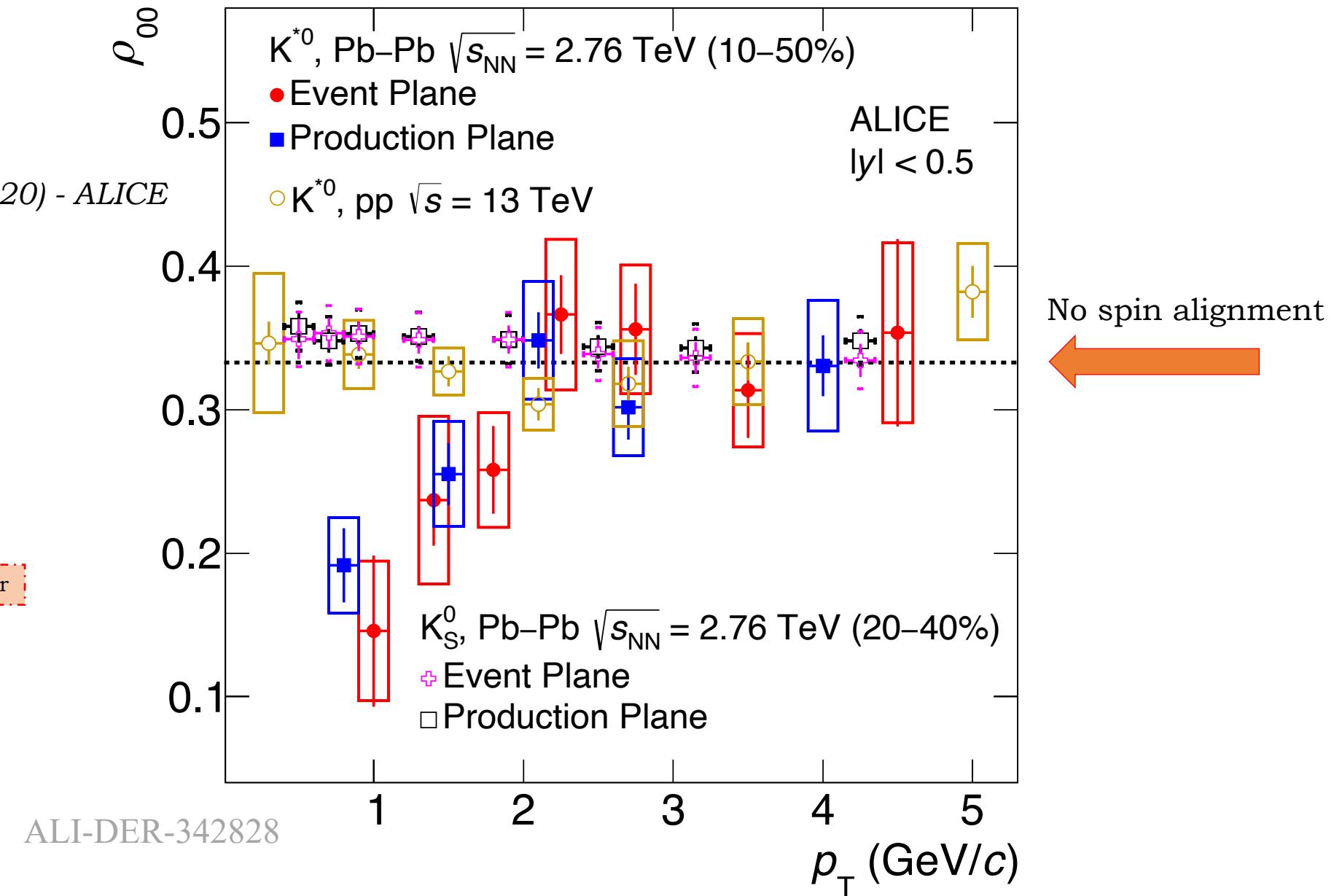
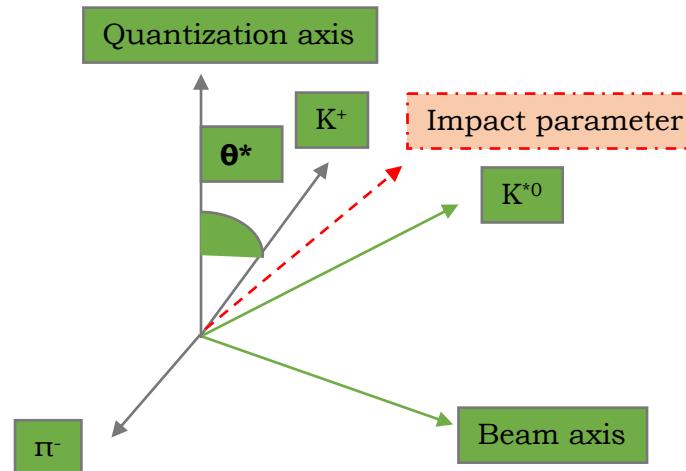
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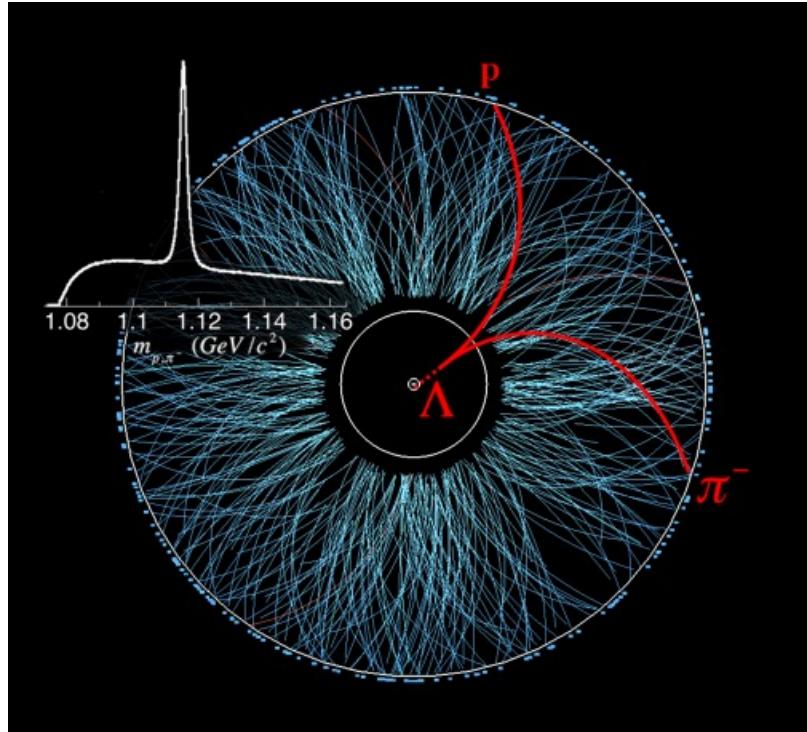
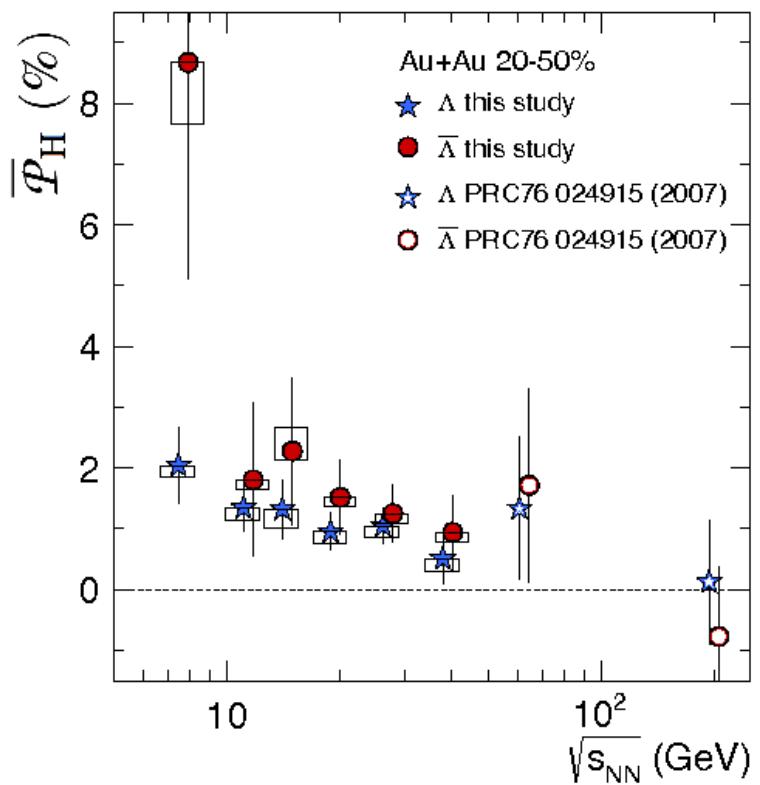
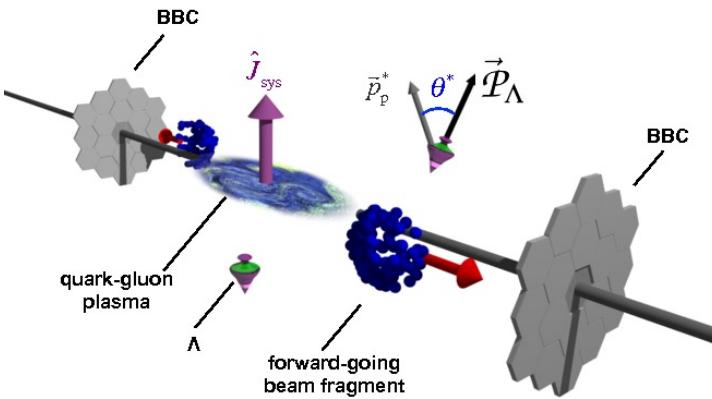
*Phys. Rev. Lett. 125, 012301 (2020) - ALICE*

# Spin alignment of vector mesons

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$$\frac{dN}{d \cos \theta^*} = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \alpha_H |\vec{P}_H| \cos \theta^* \right)$$



$$\Omega = k_B T (\overline{P}_{\Lambda'} + \overline{P}_{\Lambda}) / \hbar$$

Most vortical fluid

$10^{21} \text{ (second)}^{-1}$

Published: 03 August 2017

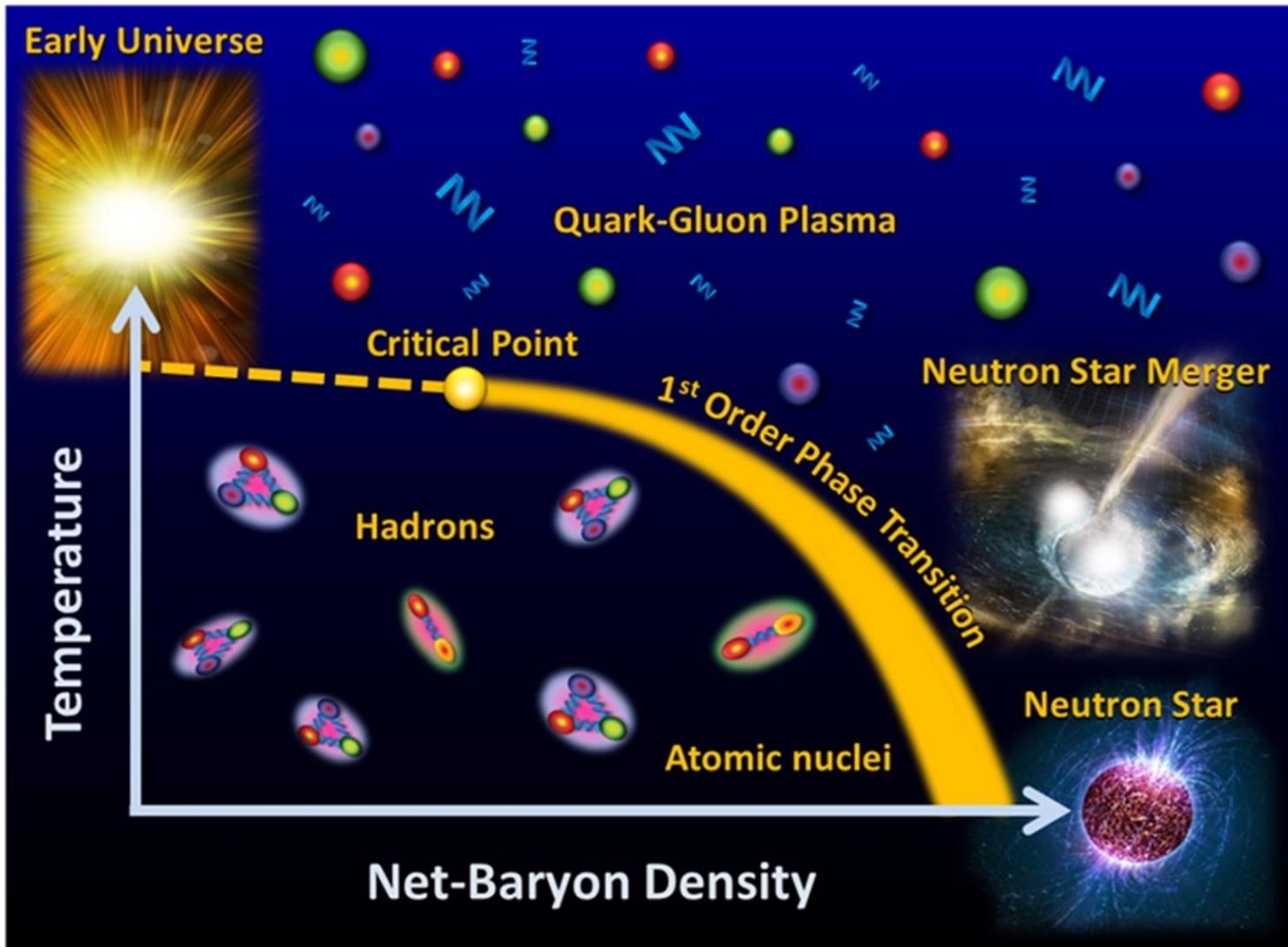
## Global $\Lambda$ hyperon polarization in nuclear collisions

The STAR Collaboration

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# Perspective on vorticity





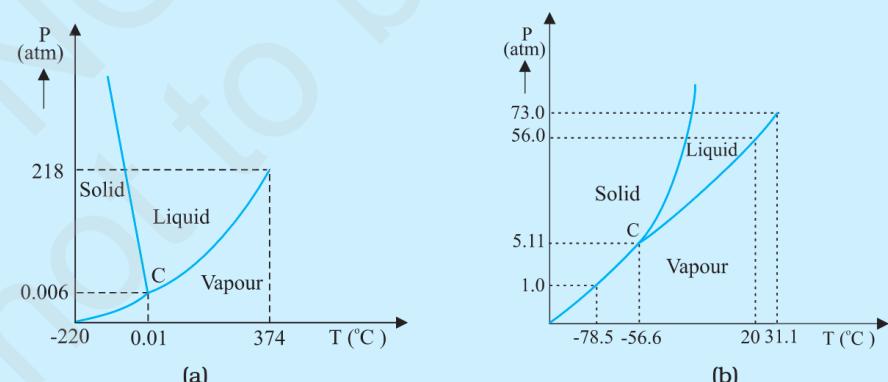
Phase  
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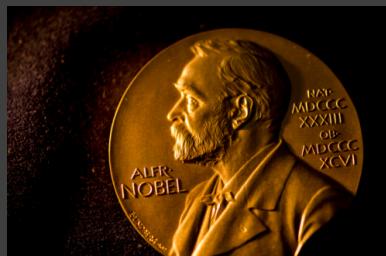
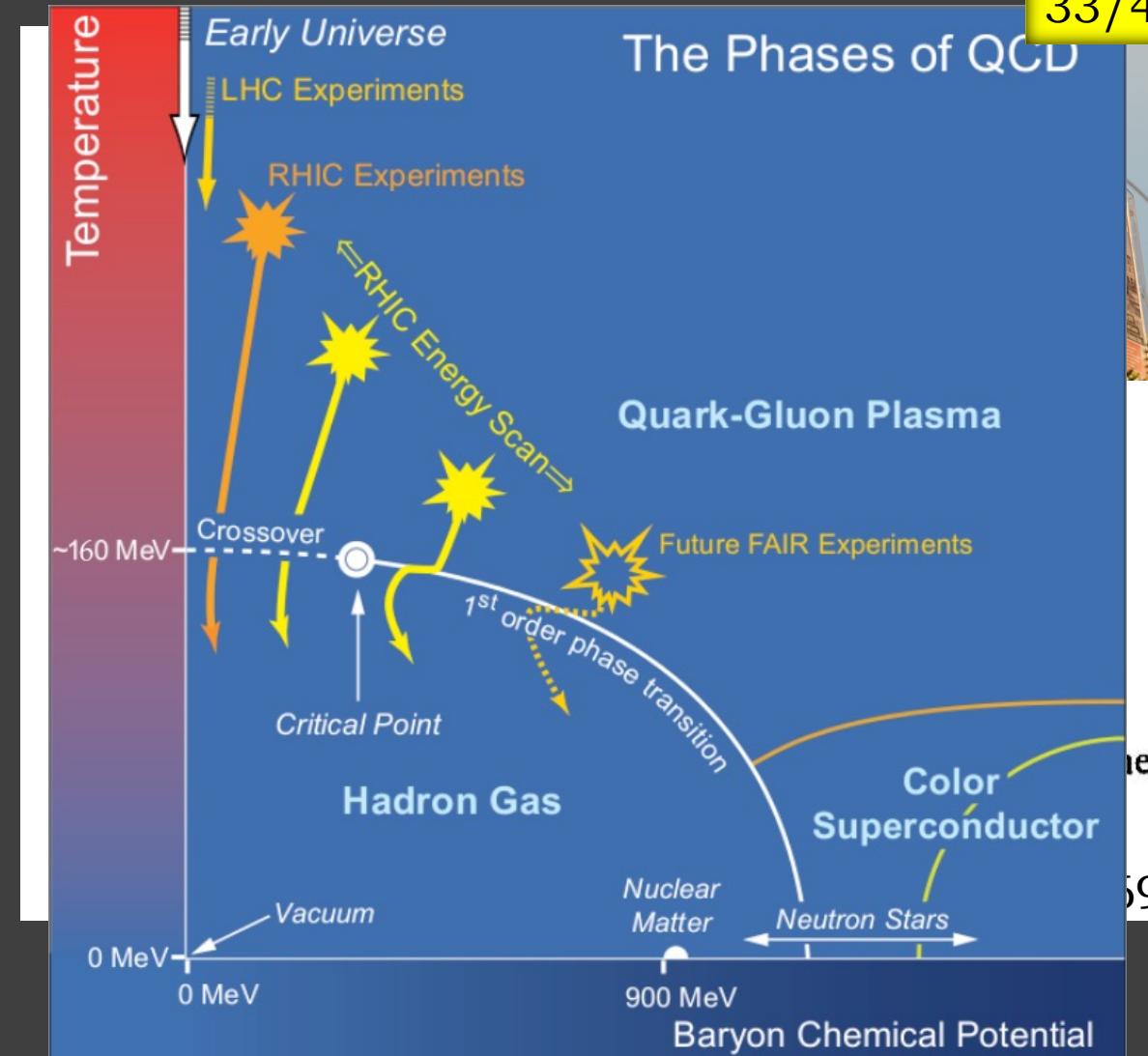
## The Phases of QCD

## Triple Point

The temperature of a substance remains constant during its change of state (phase change). A graph between the temperature  $T$  and the Pressure  $P$  of the substance is called a phase diagram or  $P - T$  diagram. The following figure shows the phase diagram of water and  $\text{CO}_2$ . Such a phase diagram divides the  $P - T$  plane into a solid-region, the vapour-region and the liquid-region. The regions are separated by the curves such as sublimation curve (BO), **fusion curve** (AO) and **vaporisation curve** (CO). The points on **sublimation curve** represent states in which solid and vapour phases coexist. The point on the sublimation curve BO represent states in which the solid and vapour phases co-exist. Points on the fusion curve AO represent states in which solid and liquid phase coexist. Points on the vapourisation curve CO represent states in which the liquid and vapour phases coexist. The temperature and pressure at which the fusion curve, the vaporisation curve and the sublimation curve meet and all the three phases of a substance coexist is called the **triple point** of the substance. For example the triple point of water is represented by the temperature 273.16 K and pressure  $6.11 \times 10^{-3}$  Pa.



Pressure-temperature phase diagrams for (a) water and (b)  $\text{CO}_2$  (not to the scale).



G. Parisi  
2021  
Phase Diagram  
*for the discovery of the interplay of disorder and fluctuations in physical systems from atomic to planetary scales."*

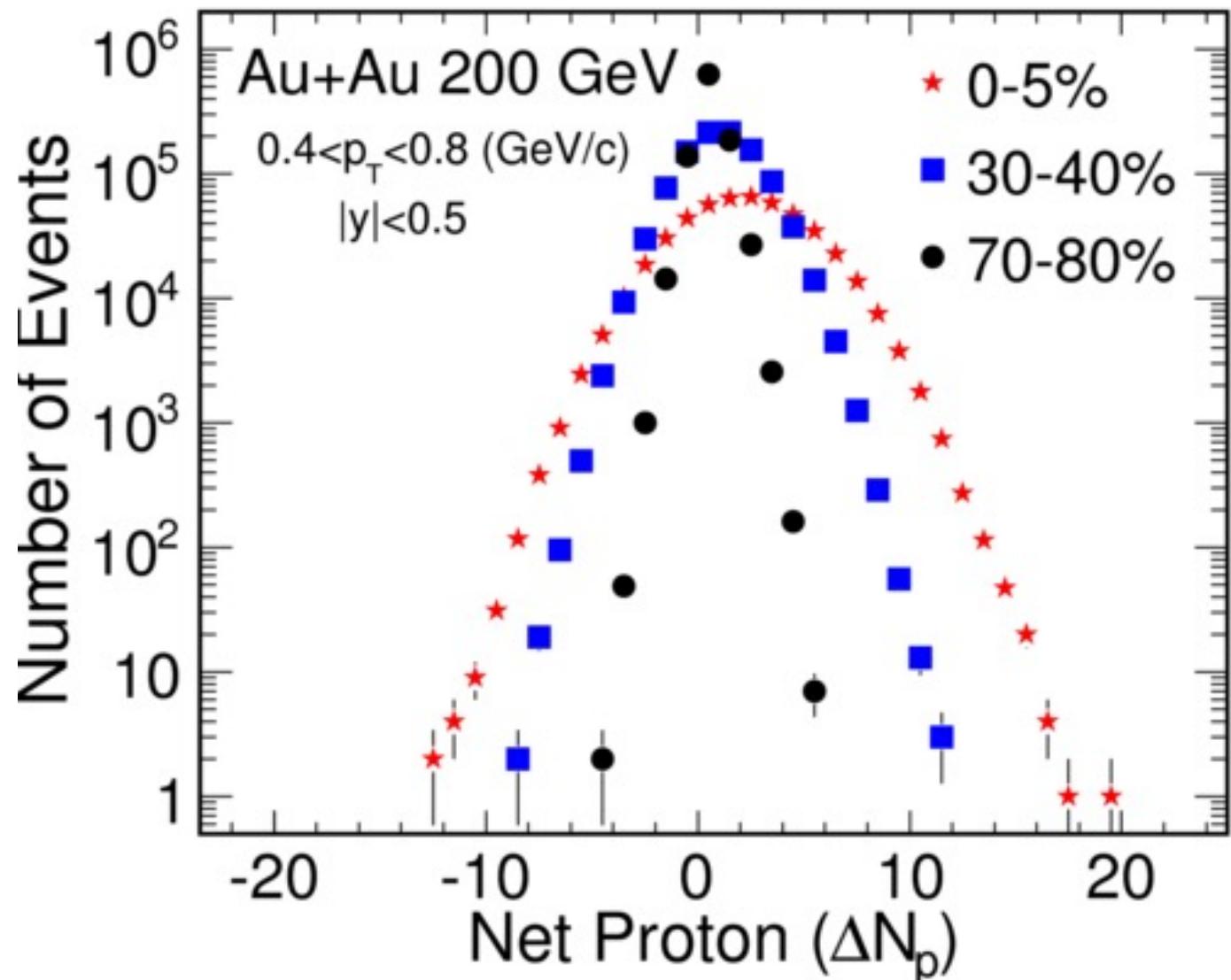


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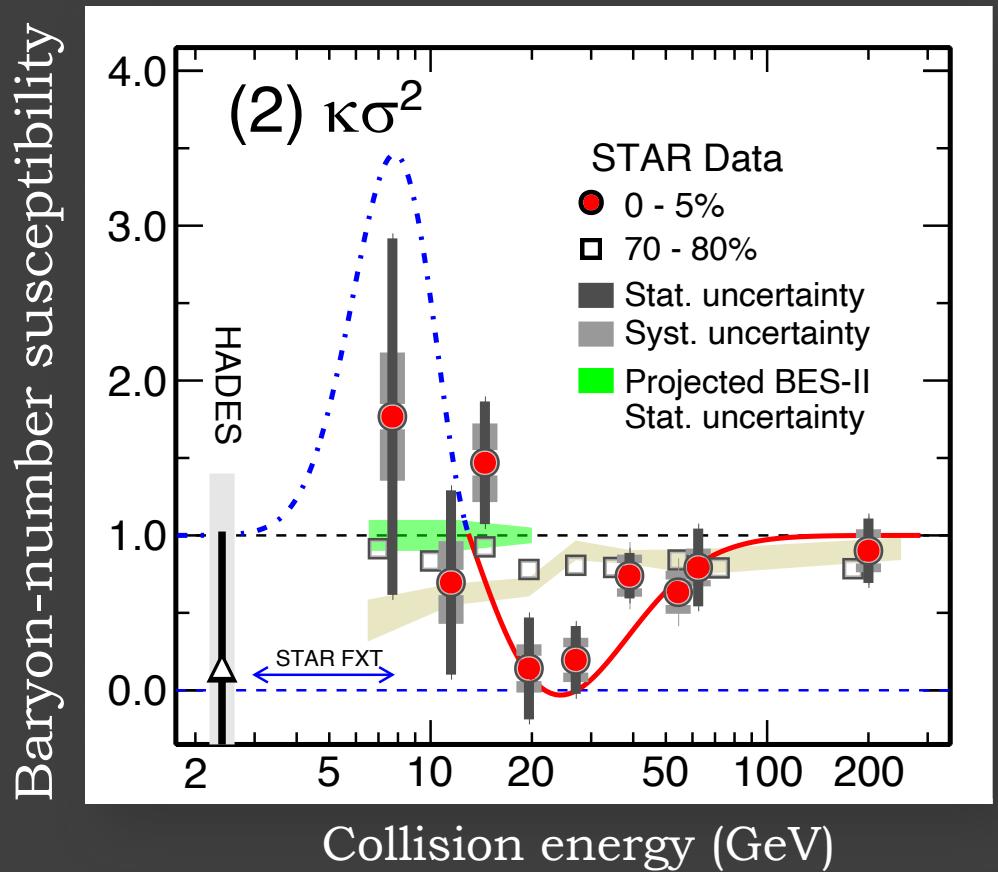
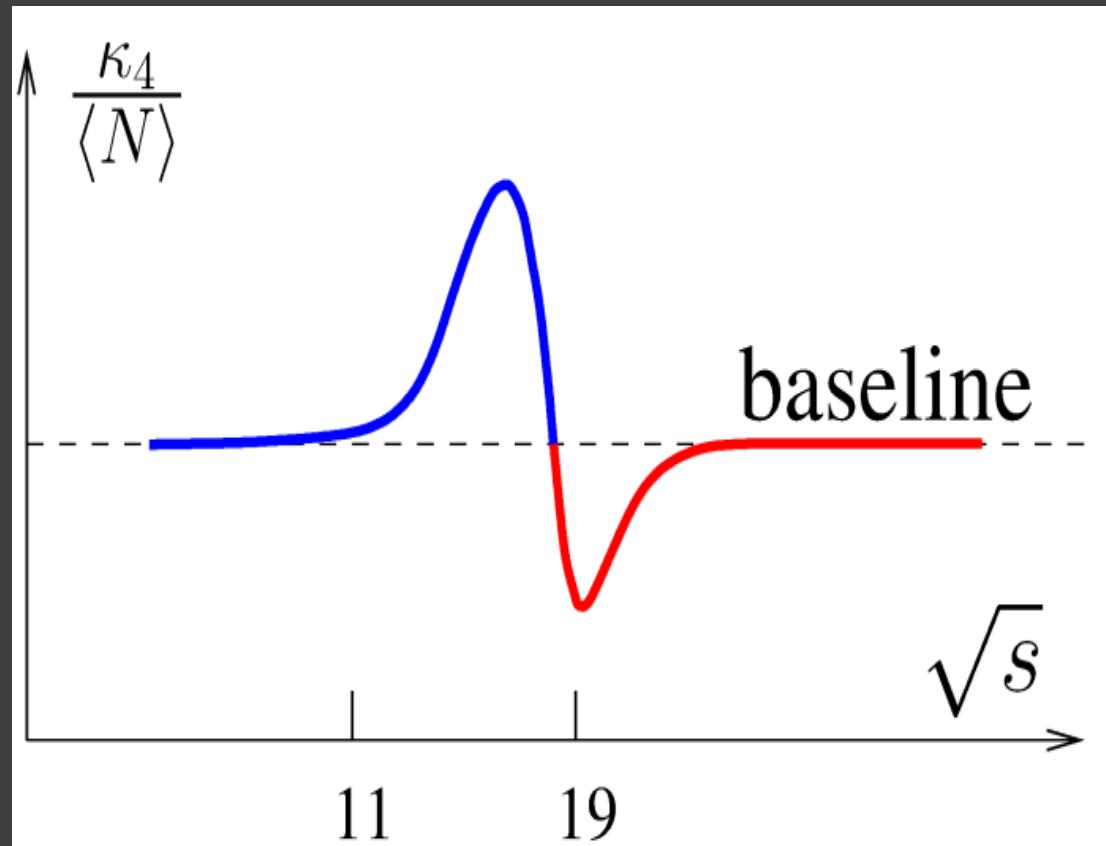
# Fluctuations and susceptibility

$$\langle (\delta N)^2 \rangle \approx \xi^2, \quad \langle (\delta N)^3 \rangle \approx \xi^{4.5}, \quad \langle (\delta N)^4 \rangle \approx \xi^7$$

$$S\sigma \approx \frac{\chi_B^3}{\chi_B^2}, \quad \kappa\sigma^2 \approx \frac{\chi_B^4}{\chi_B^2}$$



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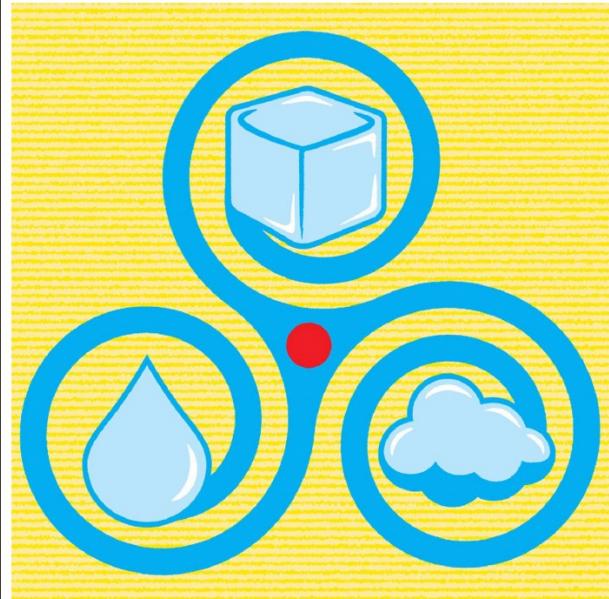
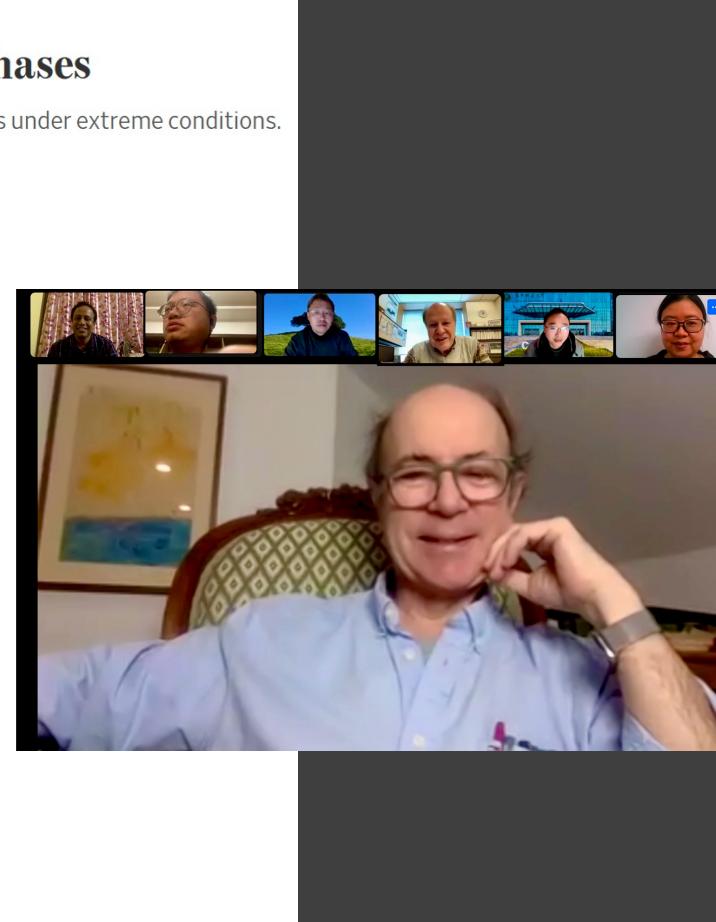


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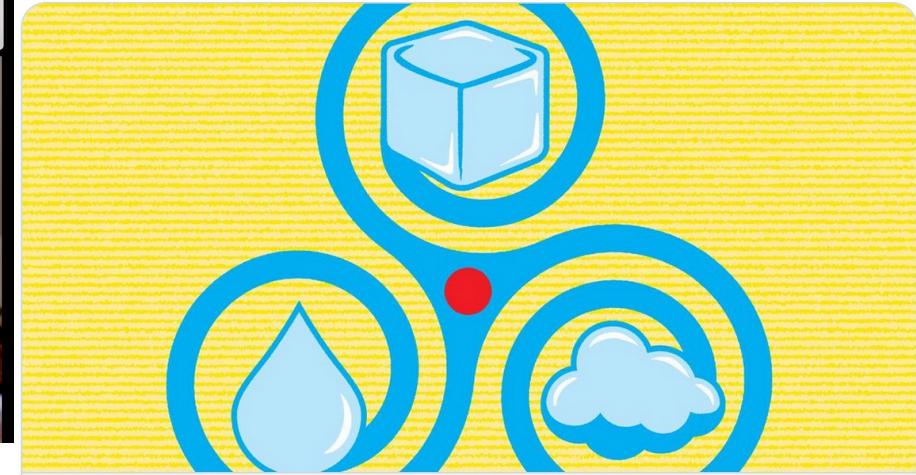
By Frank Wilczek

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In the early 1990s, Krishna Rajagopal and I predicted that there would be a critical point—around 10 trillion degrees—where the distinction between nuclear and quark matter fades away. That point's existence could be confirmed, we proposed, by observing fluctuations in the fireballs that have nearly the critical temperature and pressure.



The fact that matter has different phases—solid, liquid, gas—is profoundly strange, writes physicist Frank Wilczek in his latest for WSJ. New research is cracking these phases' secrets.



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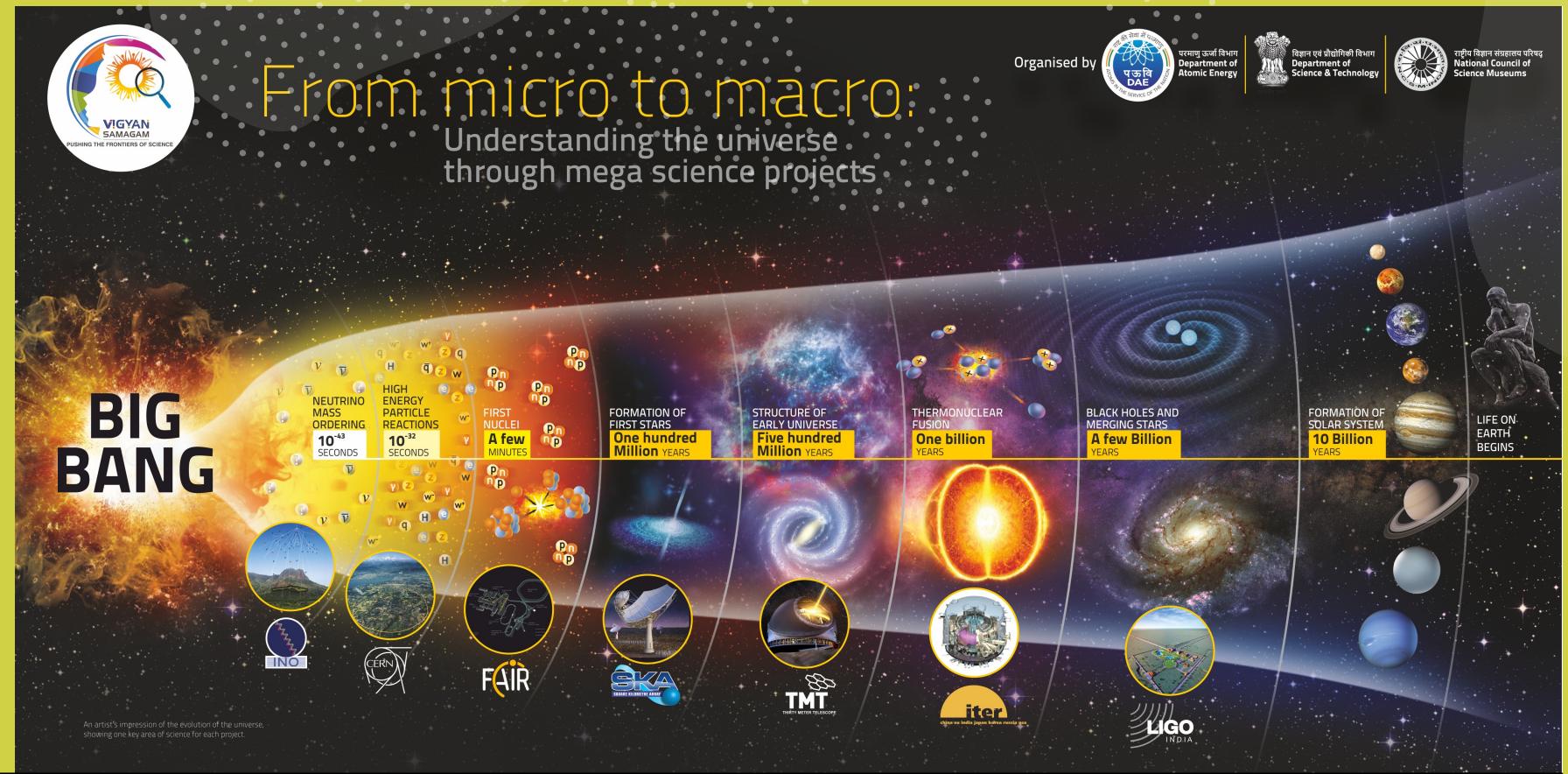
Experimenters at Brookhaven have reported hints of just such behavior. They are now analyzing a much bigger data set to nail it down (or not). If all goes well, they'll have demonstrated that deep ideas invented to understand problems in physical chemistry and thermal engineering continue to be useful far beyond their down-to-earth origins.

# Summary so far .....

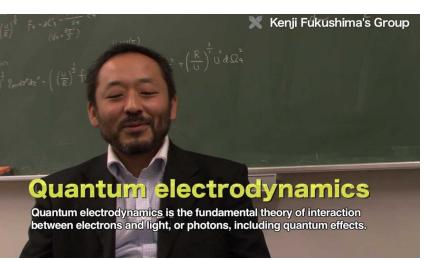
- Microsecond old Universe matter recreated in Laboratory. System of de-confined quarks and gluons formed. Matter of quarks and gluons created at Temperatures  $\sim 10^{12}$  degree kelvin
- The de-confined quarks and gluons (fundamental constituent of any visible matter) exhibits the property of perfect fluidity with high degree of Vorticity
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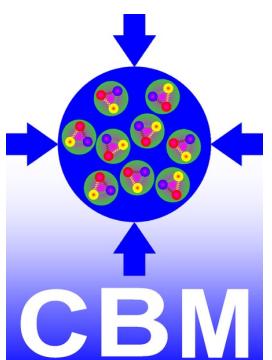
*"I do not know what I may appear to the world; but myself I seem to have been only like a boy playing on the Sea shore and then finding a smoother pebble or a prettier shell than ordinary, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me."* - Attributed to Sir Isaac Newton (1642 – 1727)



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*“Youth is the most glorious time of all. I have said elsewhere that most of the great discoveries in Science have been made by young people. It is not the experience or wisdom that old age brings, but the freshness of outlook, the indomitable desire to achieve, which is the characteristic of youth, that makes discoveries possible. It is this that makes life worthwhile. If only you realise this and realise that here I am, I am still young, let me see what I can do, that all discoveries become possible.”*

***Thank you***