

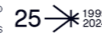
# Quark Gluon Plasma (and more)

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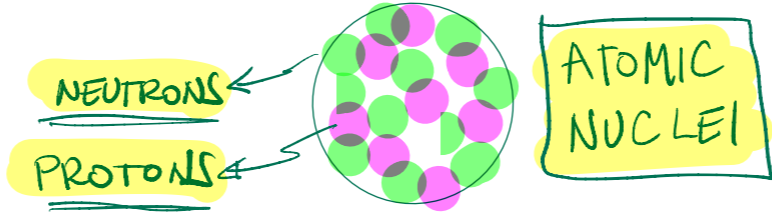
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[One (2h) lecture on selected topics]



# Quantum Chromo-Dynamics

**QCD** is the theory that describes the **Strong interaction** that binds together **protons and neutrons in the atomic nuclei**

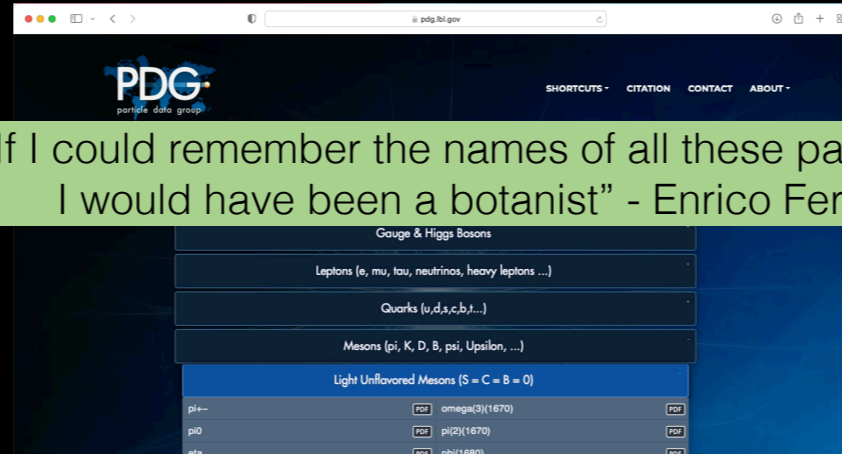


HADRONS = those particles that feel the strong interaction

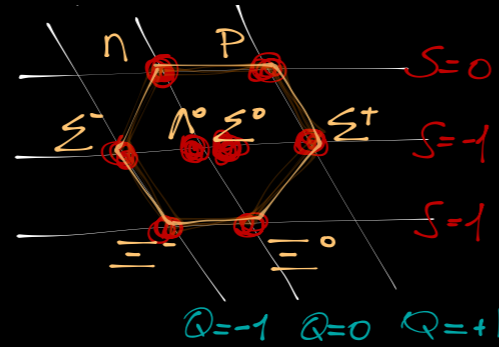
PROTONS + NEUTRONS + COUSINS

TOO MANY!

"If I could remember the names of all these particles, I would have been a botanist" - Enrico Fermi



# "Periodic table" of hadrons



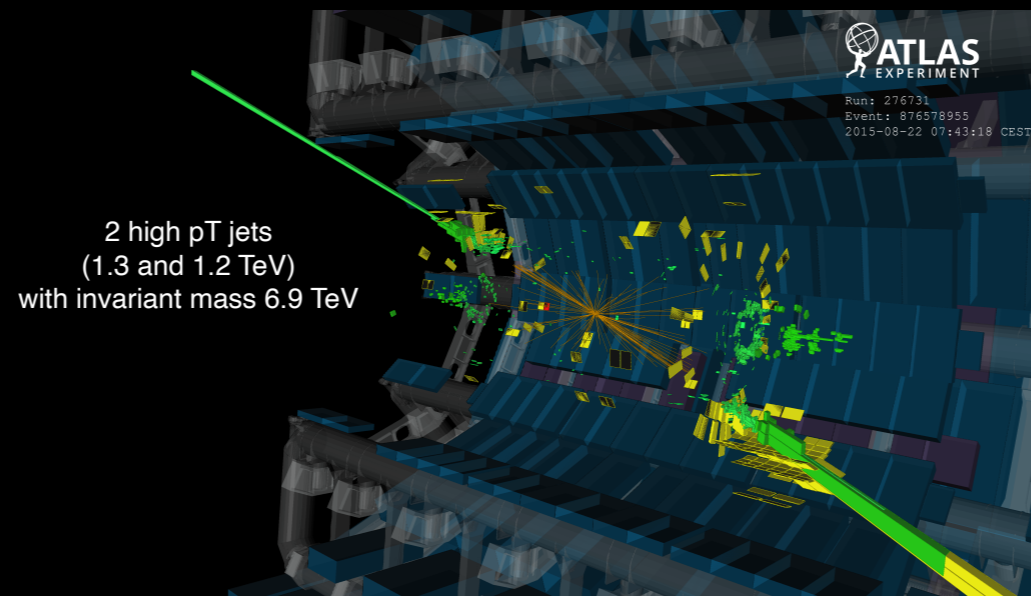
Hidden symmetry : internal structure

# QUARKS

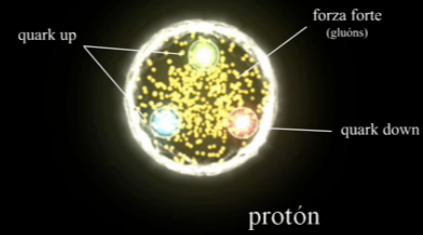
A screenshot of a mobile game titled "Quantum 3" (Match-3 Quantum Physics Fun). The game is on Level 16 with a 30 BONUS score. The main grid consists of hexagonal tiles with quark symbols: D (blue), U (green), S (red), and U (blue). A yellow circle highlights a 3x3 cluster of tiles. At the bottom, three hadron icons are shown: a proton (P) with 0/4 stars, a neutron (N) with 0/4 stars, and a lambda baryon ( $\Lambda^0$ ) with 0/5 stars. The text "QGP and more..." is visible at the bottom right.



# Jets in hadronic colliders



# The PROTON



Two (valence) up quarks + one (valence) down quark  
+ a cloud of quarks, antiquarks and gluons - quantum fluctuations

**QCD defined as our most perfect physical theory** [Wilczek 2000]  
An apparently simple lagrangian hides a plethora of **emerging**

[This animation was done before LHC started]



[Confinement; chiral symmetry breaking and mass generation; new phases of matter; a rich hadronic spectrum; non-trivial vacuum structure; asymptotic freedom, etc.]



# QCD

QCD is the theory of strong interactions.

⇒ It describes interactions between hadrons (p, π, ...)

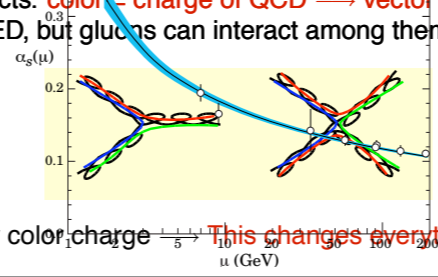
⇒ Quarks and gluons in the Lagrangian

⇒ No fundamental particles capture and density.

⇒ Strong matter at smaller distances. Asymptotic freedom.

charge = 1/3 d (~10 MeV) s (~100 MeV) b (~5 GeV)

Colorless objects. color = charge of QCD → vector  
Similar to QED, but gluons can interact among themselves



⇒ Gluons carry color charge This changes everything...

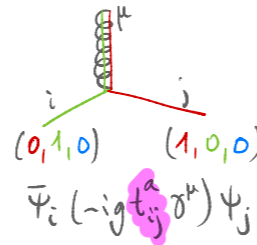
Don't blame QCD  
Blame the Higgs!



# Gluons have color charge

Gluons change the color of the quark

[the corresponding vertex in QED does not change the charge of the electron]



[THIS IS JUST AN EXAMPLE]

$$\underbrace{(0, 1, 0)}_{\bar{\Psi}_i} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{t_{ij}^1} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\Psi_j}$$

Color transformations with the Gell-Mann matrices  $t_a = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_a$

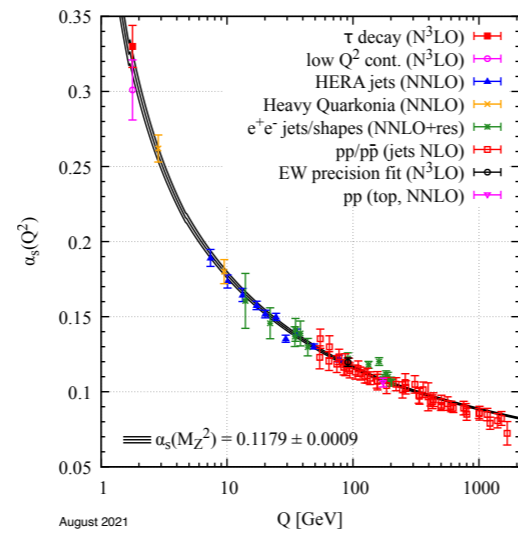
$$\lambda^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda^4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\lambda^5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda^6 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda^7 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda^8 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix},$$

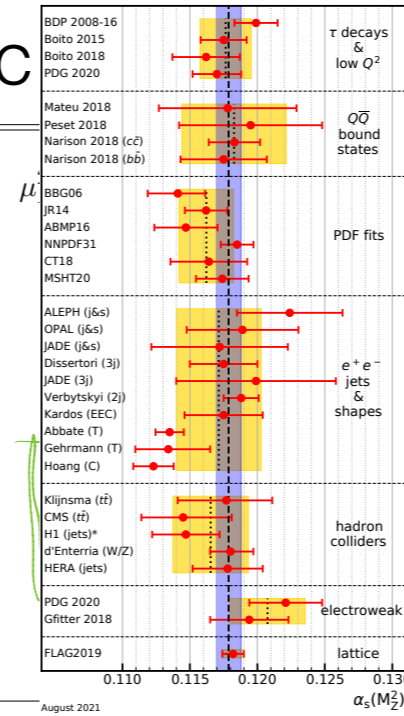
Quark's color - fundamental representation of SU(3)

$$[t^a, t^b] = if_{abc} t^c$$

# Asymptotic



[Particle Data Group - QCD 2021]



$$\alpha_s^3 + b_2\alpha_s^4 + \dots$$

$b_2$

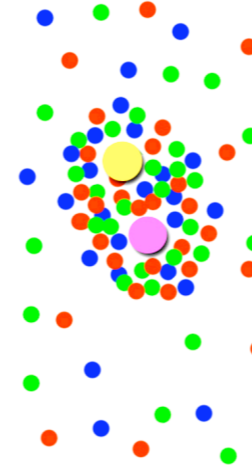
$$b_0 \log \frac{Q^2}{\Lambda_{QCD}^2}$$

QCD

# Picture of confinement

- ⇒ In quantum field theory, vacuum is a medium which can screen charge. (quarks or gluons disturb vacuum).
- ⇒ confinement  $\implies$  isolated quarks (gluons) = infinite energy
- ⇒ colorless packages (hadrons)  $\implies$  vacuum excitations.
- ⇒ masses:

	mass (GeV)	$\sum q_m$ (GeV)
p	$\sim 1$	$2m_u + m_d \sim 0.03$
$\pi$	$\sim 0.13$	$m_u + m_d \sim 0.02$



# String picture

A way of visualizing a meson  $\rightarrow$  a  $q\bar{q}$  pair join together by a string



- $\Rightarrow$  Colorless object
- $\Rightarrow$  The potential between a  $q\bar{q}$  pair at separation  $r$  is

$$V(r) = -\frac{A(r)}{r} + Kr$$

- $\Rightarrow$  When the energy is larger than  $m_q + m_{\bar{q}}$  a  $q\bar{q}$  pair breaks the string and forms two different hadrons.
- $\Rightarrow$  In the limit  $m_q \rightarrow \infty$  the string cannot break (infinite energy)

# Chiral symmetry

In the absence of quark masses the QCD Lagrangian splits into two independent quark sectors

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{gluons}} + i\bar{q}_L\gamma^\mu D_\mu q_L + i\bar{q}_R\gamma^\mu D_\mu q_R$$

⇒ For two flavors ( $i = u, d$ )  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}}$  is symmetric under  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$

⇒ However, this symmetry is not observed

Solution: the vacuum  $|0\rangle$  is not invariant

$$\langle 0|\bar{q}_L q_R|0\rangle \neq 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{chiral condensate}$$

⇒ Symmetry breaking

Golstone's theorem  $\implies$  massless bosons associated: pions

So, **properties of the QCD vacuum**

- Confinement
- Chiral symmetry breaking

Is there a regime where these symmetries are restored?

### **QCD phase diagram**

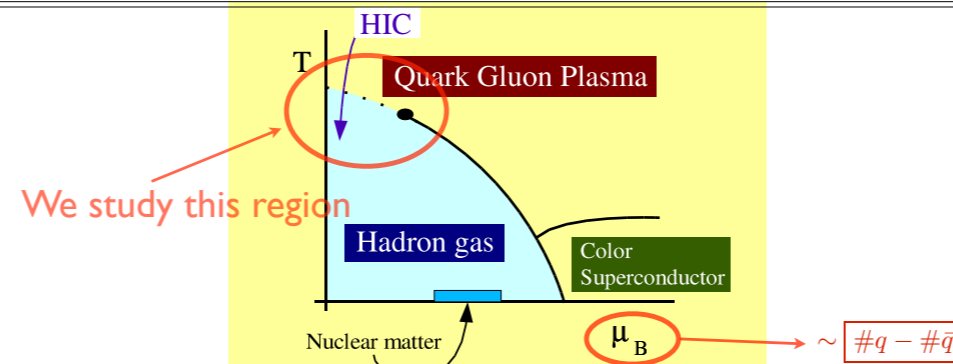
Free quarks and gluons?

**Asymptotic freedom:** Quarks and gluons interact weakly at

@ Small distances — **increase density**

@ Large momentum — **increase temperatures**

# QCD phase diagram



- Fig. 1. Schematic phase diagram of hadronic matter.  $\mu_B$  is the density of baryonic number. Quarks are confined in phase I and unconfined in phase II. [Cabibbo and Parisi 1975]
- ⇒ First lattice calculation found a first order phase transition
  - ⇒ Including quark masses probably not a first order
  - ⇒ Present status: several different phases found.



# QCD phase diagram

QCD — rich dynamical content, with emerging dynamics  
that happens at scales easy to reach in collider experiments — e.g. EoS

## Experimental tools

### High-energy heavy-ion coll. [high $T$ , low $n_B$ ]

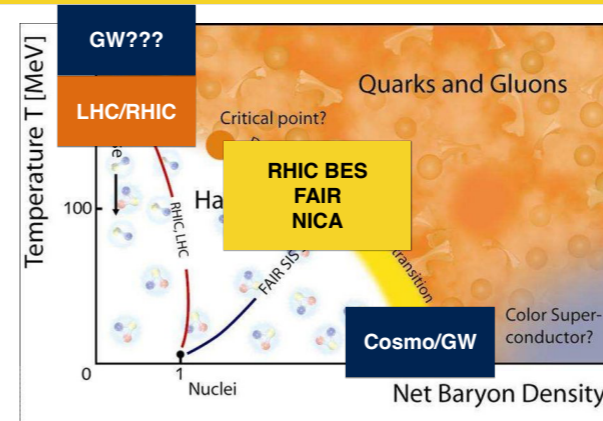
LHC — pp, pPb, PbPb, XeXe, (other lighter ions under study)  
RHIC — pp, dAu, AuAu, CuCu, UU,...

### Medium energies HIC [moderate $T$ , high $n_B$ ]

RHIC Beam Energy Scan  
FAIR at GSI  
NICA at Dubna

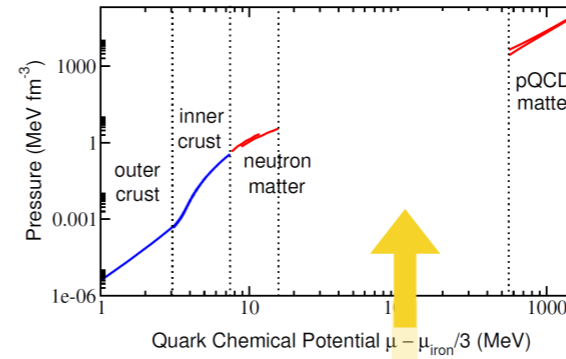
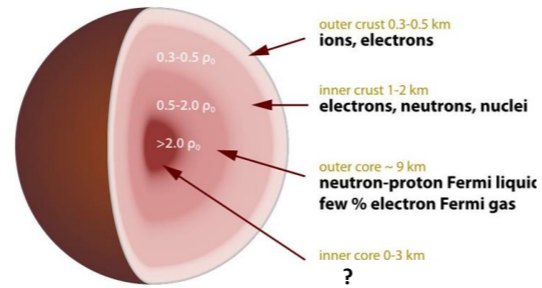
### Cosmological observations — notably GWs

Neutron star coalescence - low  $T$ , high  $n_B$   
Future — access to QCD transition in early Universe?



# Neutron stars

EoS determines neutron star structure



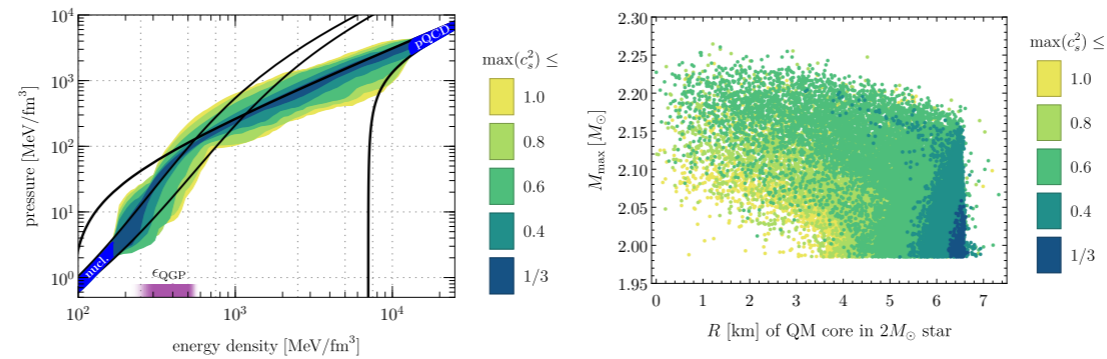
[A Vuorinen QM2018]

Lattice QCD  
very challenging at finite  $\mu_B$



Region relevant for neutron star  
structure largely unknown

# EoS constraints from GW



[Annala, Gorda, Kurkela, Vuorinen 2018; Annala, Gorda, Kurkela, Nattila, Vuorinen 2019;  
also Most et al. 2018; Dexheimer et al. 2019 - More recent studies available, not shown]

**The existence of quark-matter core found to be a common feature of the allowed EoS**

Further constraints for the EoS at higher and higher baryon density in future experiments FAIR, NICA

# QCD thermodynamics I

⇒ In the grand canonical ensemble, the thermodynamical properties are determined by the (grand) partition function

$$Z(T, V, \mu_i) = \text{Tr} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{T}(H - \sum_i \mu_i N_i)\right\}$$

where  $k_B = 1$ ,  $H$  is the Hamiltonian and  $N_i$  and  $\mu_i$  are conserved number operators and their corresponding chemical potentials.

⇒ The different thermodynamical quantities can be obtained from  $Z$

$$P = T \frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial V}, \quad S = \frac{\partial(T \ln Z)}{\partial T}, \quad N_i = T \frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial \mu_i}$$

⇒ Expectation values can be computed as

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{\text{Tr} \mathcal{O} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{T}(H - \sum_i \mu_i N_i)\right\}}{\text{Tr} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{T}(H - \sum_i \mu_i N_i)\right\}}$$

# QCD thermodynamics II

In order to obtain  $Z$  for a field theory with Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}$  one normally makes the change  $-it = 1/T$ , with this, the action

$$iS \equiv i \int dt \mathcal{L} \longrightarrow S = - \int_0^{1/T} d\tau \mathcal{L}_E$$

and the grand canonical partition function can be written (for QCD) as

$$Z(T, V, \mu) = \int \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}A^\mu \exp\left\{- \int_0^{1/T} dx_0 \int_V d^3x (\mathcal{L}_E - \mu \mathcal{N})\right\},$$

where  $\mathcal{N} \equiv \bar{\psi} \gamma_0 \psi$  is the number density operator associated to the conserved net quark (baryon) number.

Additionally, (anti)periodic boundary conditions in  $[0, 1/T]$  are imposed for bosons (fermions)

$$A^\mu(0, \mathbf{x}) = A^\mu(1/T, \mathbf{x}), \quad \psi(0, \mathbf{x}) = -\psi(1/T, \mathbf{x})$$

# QCD thermodynamics III

In order to solve these equations

⇒ Perturbative expansion

↪  $\alpha_S(T)$  small for large  $T$  → bad convergence, but some results obtained.

⇒ Lattice QCD

↪ Discretization in  $(1/T, V)$  space

↪ Contributions to  $Z$  are computed by random configurations of fields in the lattice

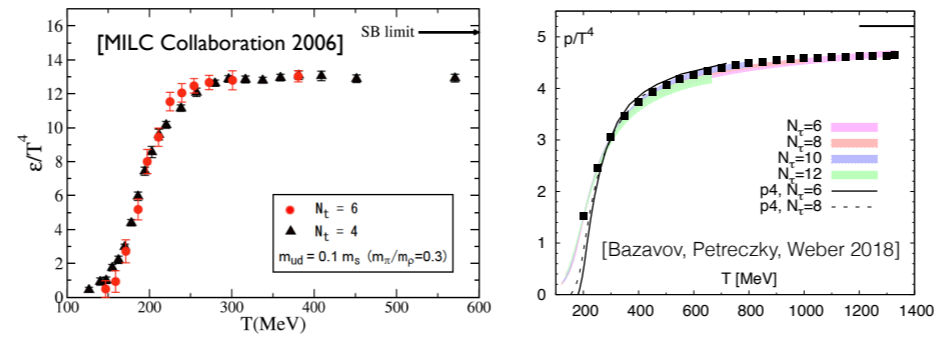
↪ Most of the results for  $\mu = 0$

# First example: EoS

Naïve estimation: Let's fix  $\mu = 0$ , the pressure of an ideal gas (of massless particles) is proportional to the number of d.o.f:  $P \propto NT^4$

$$P_\pi \propto 3 \times T^4; \quad P_{QGP} \propto (\underbrace{2 \times 2 \times 3}_{\text{quarks}} + \underbrace{2 \times 8}_{\text{gluons}}) \times T^4$$

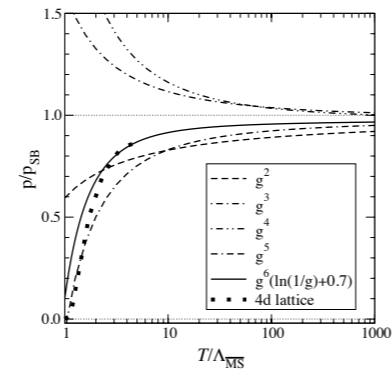
[notice that proportionality factors are different, Fermi/Bose-Einstein statistics]



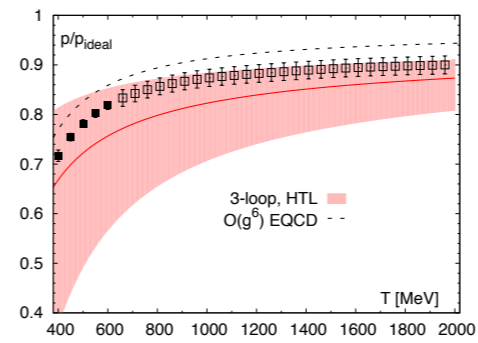
# Perturbative calculations

## Different orders in PT compared to lattice results

[Kajantie, Laine, Rummukainen, Schroder 2003]



[Plot from Bazavov, Petreczky, Weber 2018]

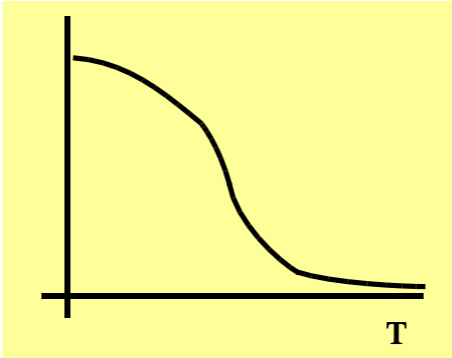


Convergence for very large temperature



# Order parameters

In order to know whether the change from a hadron gas to a QGP is a phase transition or a rapid cross-over **order parameters are needed**



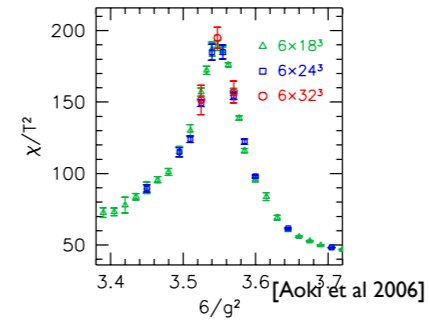
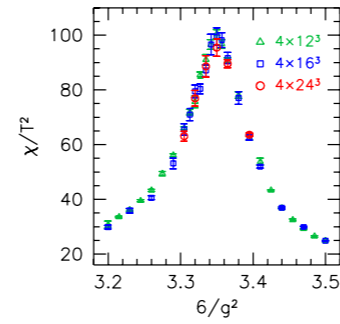
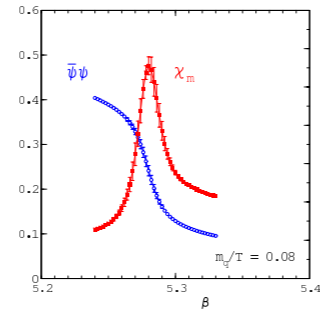
First order transition: discontinuity of the parameter  
Second order transition: continuous but derivative

# QCD order parameters I

Chiral symmetry restoration: for  $m_q = 0$   
 chiral condensate is the order parameter

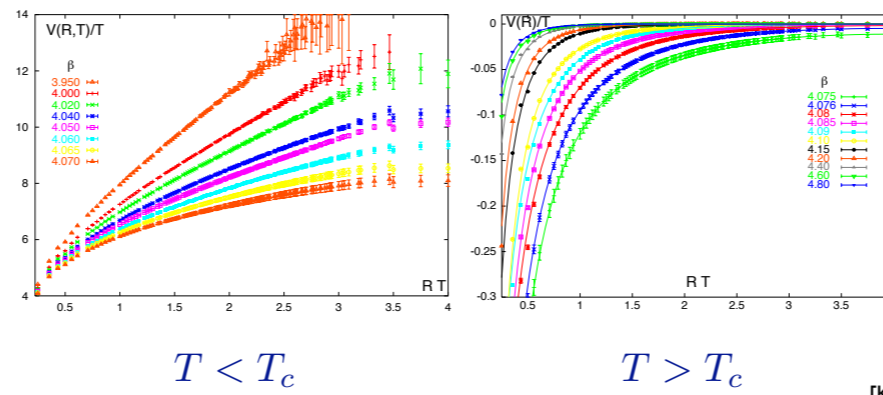
$$\langle 0 | \bar{q}_L q_R | 0 \rangle \neq 0 \xrightarrow{T \rightarrow \infty} \langle 0 | \bar{q}_L q_R | 0 \rangle = 0$$

Susceptibility:  $\chi_m = \frac{\partial}{\partial m_q} \langle \bar{q} q \rangle$



# QCD order parameters II

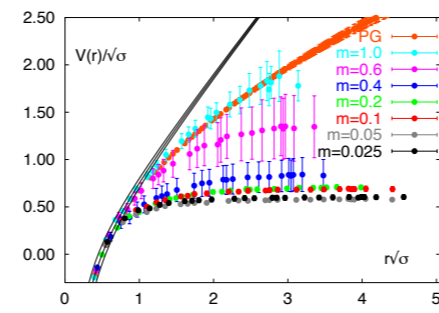
Confinement: for  $m_q \rightarrow \infty$  the order parameter is the potential



[Kaczmarek et al 2000]

# However...

When masses are taken into account the potential is screened even below  $T_c$

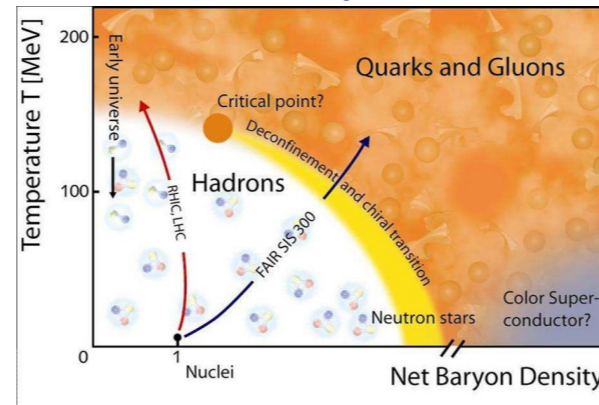


[Karsch, Laermann, Peikert 2001]

Light  $\bar{q}q$  pair creation breaks the string

# Physical quark masses

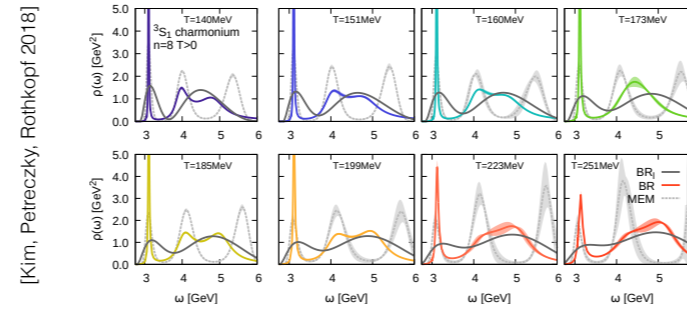
Two order parameters  $\Rightarrow m_q = 0 \rightarrow$  Chiral condensate  
 $\Rightarrow m_q = \infty \rightarrow$  Potential



For physical masses, all results indicate a cross over

# Quarkonia spectral functions

Naively, all bound states are destroyed in deconfinement. Quarkonia should then disappear at high T [Matsui, Satz 1986]. The situation is, however, more complicated

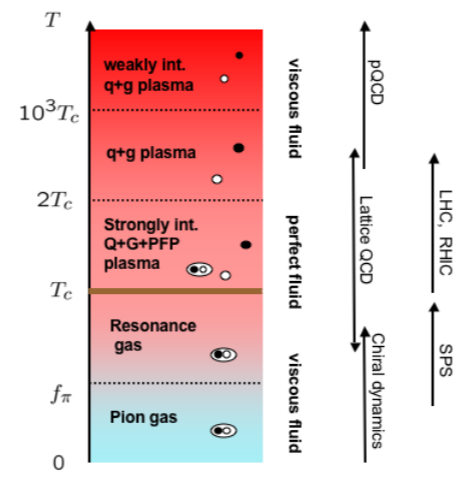


Different quarkonia states melt at different temperatures  
**[some bound states survive transition]**

**Sequential suppression**

$\Upsilon$	$>2.63T_c$
$\chi_{b1}$	$1.19 - 1.44 T_c$
$J/\Psi$	$1.29 - 1.35 T_c$
$\chi_{c1}$	$1.19 T_c$

# A possible picture of hot QCD



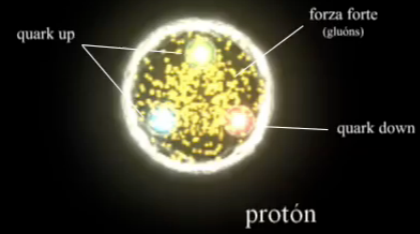
[Taken from Hatsuda,  $J/\psi$  workshop BNL, May 2006]

# Experimenta tool

Heavy-ion collisions main goal

Study QCD under extreme conditions

- ↳ High density
- ↳ High temperature



## High-densities/temperatures

- In the early Universe
- Core of neutron stars
- Heavy-ion collisions



# QCD and collectivity

Standard Model built/discovered looking for the **highest possible degree of simplicity**

All particle content and interactions of the Standard Model discovered using this principle  
— greatest success of the reductionistic approach in Physics

Also very successful — **Complex systems with emerging behavior**

[Strongly-coupling many body systems; quantum entanglement with many d.o.f...]

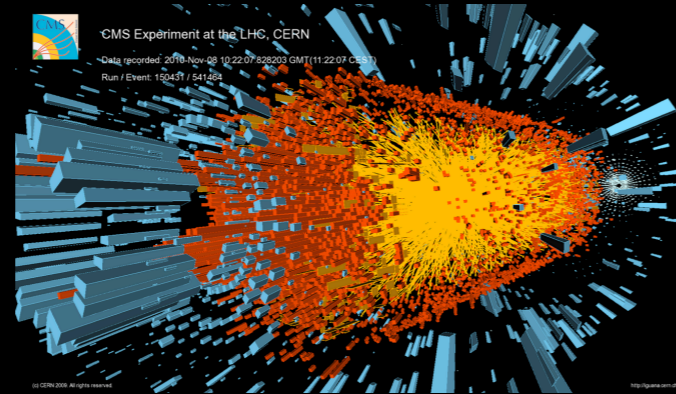
Region of transition — largely unknown

QCD — rich dynamical content, with emerging dynamics  
**that happens at scales easy to reach in collider experiments**

**Best available tool to study the first levels of complexity**

**Equilibrium AND non-equilibrium dynamics**

# High energy heavy ion collisions:



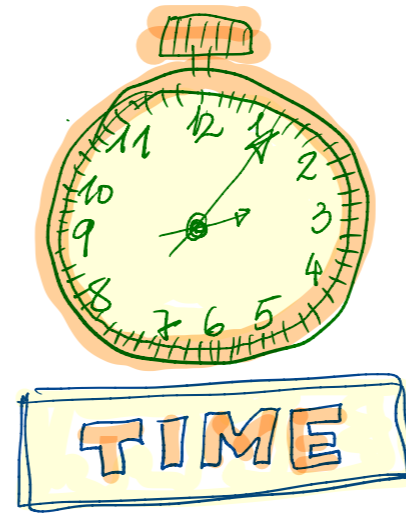
Produce "large" objects  
↳ Macroscopic in QCD scale  
Collide heavy nuclei

## How do we extract QGP properties from data?

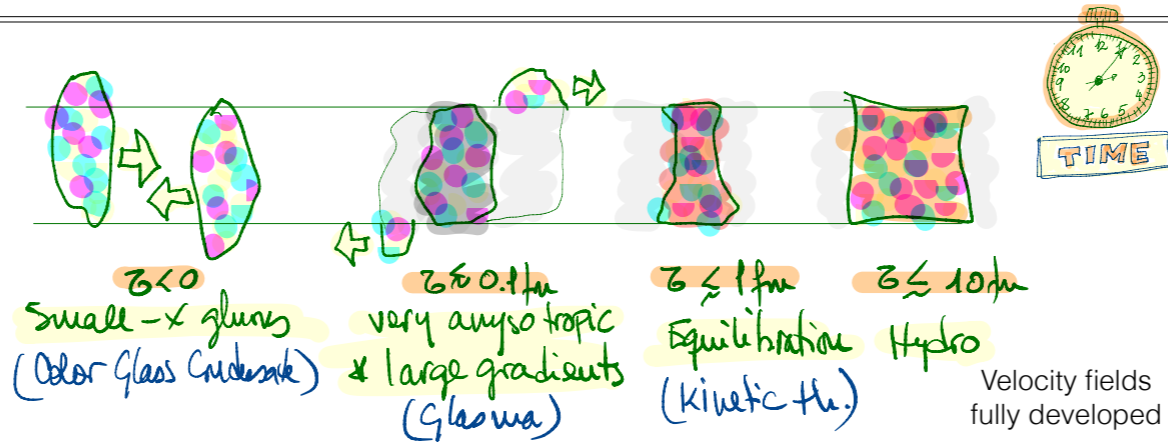
- QCD is an interesting theory, in part because an apparently simple Lagrangian hides a wealth of emerging phenomena as...
  - phases of matter relevant for evolution the early Universe, some microseconds after de Big Bang or for neutron stars
  - Some of these phenomena are related with symmetries which are broken in normal conditions but which can be restored at high temperatures and densities. In order to fulfill these conditions large energy densities need to be distributed in a macroscopic (in QCD scales) region. The LHC provide excellent conditions for the study of some of these phenomena with unprecedented precision by colliding heavy nuclei at the highest energies ever, reaching the TeV scales for the first time
- The study of QGP motivated the experiments of high energy HICs. Today the scope is wider but the characterization of the medium properties is still one of the main goals

Exploring fundamental questions

**But also...**

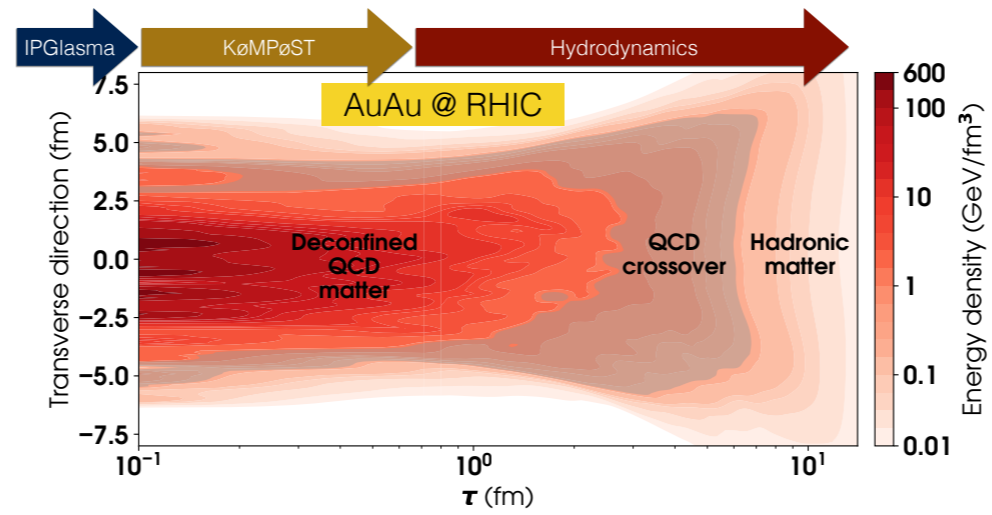


# (A possible) Time evolution of a HIC



In contrast to usual HEP, **time and distance are relevant variables** in heavy-ion collisions  
**Building collectivity in extended (macroscopic) systems**

# (A possible) Time evolution of a HIC

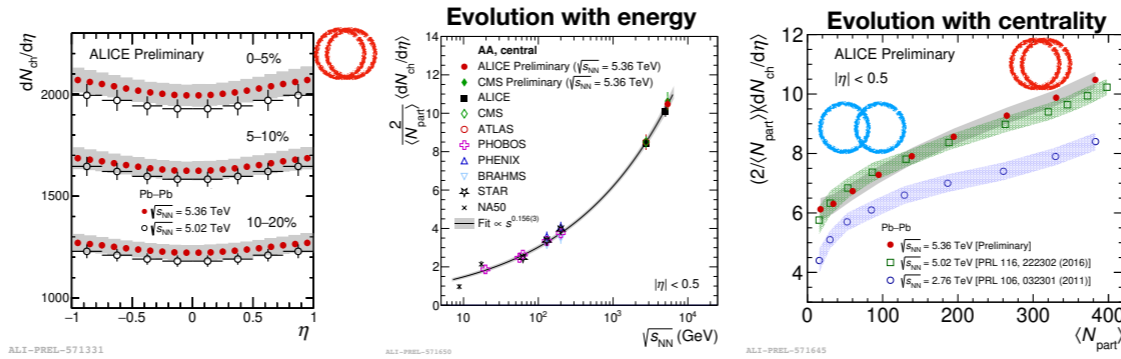


[Jean-François Paquet - talk at Initial Stages 2021]

# Initial state is very DENSE

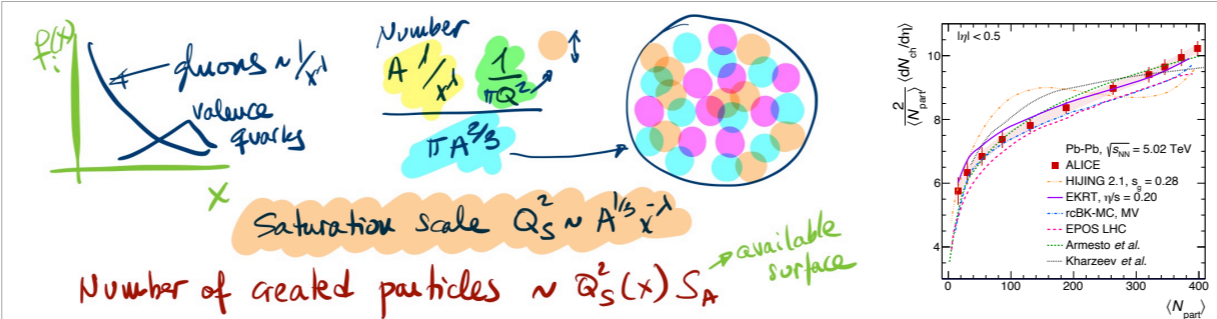
## Experimental data from ALICE in “centrality” and energy

[N. Jacazio ICHEP2024]



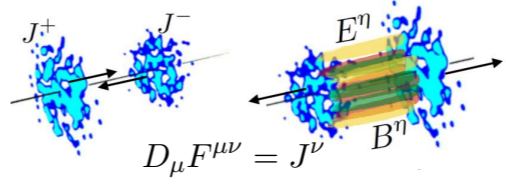
## Huge multiplicities for central PbPb collisions

# Initial conditions - Gluons saturate

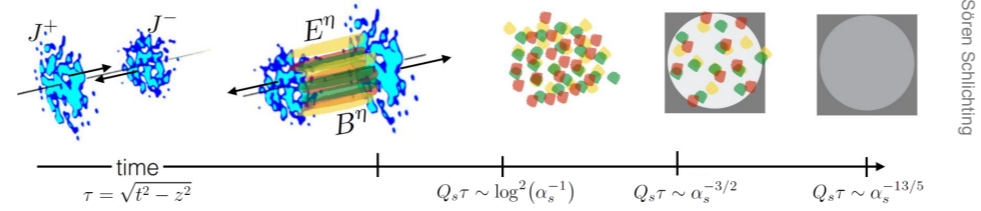


Color Glass Condensate  
 Large occupation numbers - classical fields  
 Quantum Corrections - evolution eqs.

**Color Glass Condensate provides a general framework to compute initial stages**



# A picture for equilibration



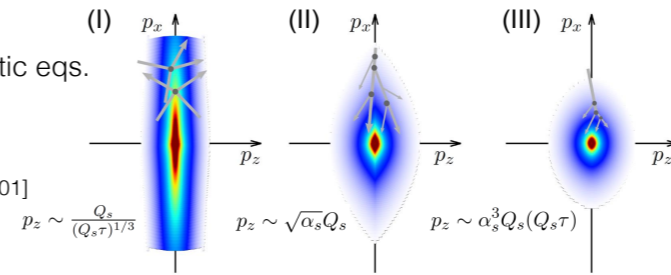
[Classical statistical/lattice gauge theory...]

Evolution of boost-invariant system with kinetic eqs.

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f(x, p) = C_{2 \leftrightarrow 2}[f] + C_{1 \leftrightarrow 2}[f]$$

[Bottom-up thermalization — Baier, Mueller, Schiff, Son 2001]

[Arnold, Moore, Yaffe 2001; Kurkela, Zhu 2015; Keegan, Kurkela, Mazeliauskas, Teaney 2016; Kurkela Mazeliauskas, Paquet, Schlichting, Teaney 2019; Barrera, Salgado, Wu 2022...]





Hydrodynamics  $\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$

$$T^{\mu\nu} = (\epsilon + p)u^\mu u^\nu - pg^{\mu\nu} + \text{viscosity corrections}$$

(+ Equation of State)

+ initial time  
+ freeze-out temperature

**Far from equilibrium initial state needs to equilibrate fast (~1 fm/c or less)**

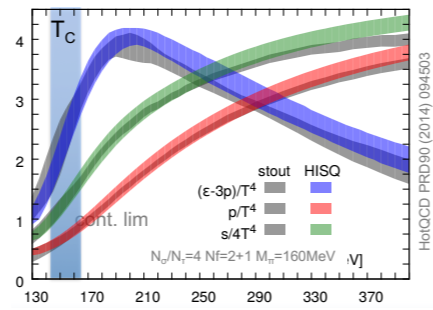
**Most of the theoretical progress in the last years:**

- Viscosity corrections and consistency
- Fluctuations in initial conditions
- Emergence of hydro from kinetic eqs, holography, etc...

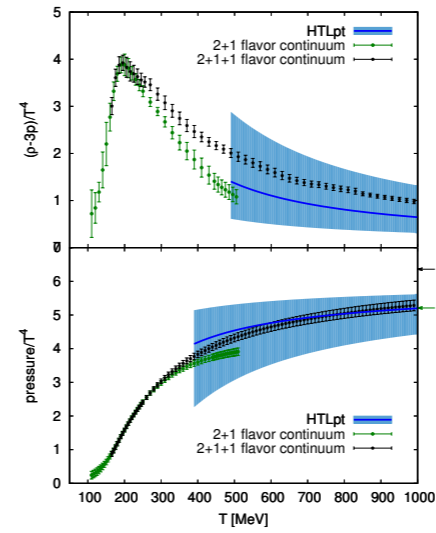


# EoS — high temperature

Equation of state at  $\mu_B=0$  is rather well known by lattice at moderate temperature — reasonably good matching with perturbative at  $T \lesssim 1\text{GeV}$



[Included in hydro simulations]



# Harmonics: the golden measurement

[simplified discussion]

Remember the Euler eqs. — and use conformal EoS  $\epsilon = 3P$

$$\frac{\partial \beta}{dt} = -\frac{c^2}{\epsilon + P} \nabla P \propto -\nabla \epsilon$$

Initial state  
**spatial**  
anisotropies

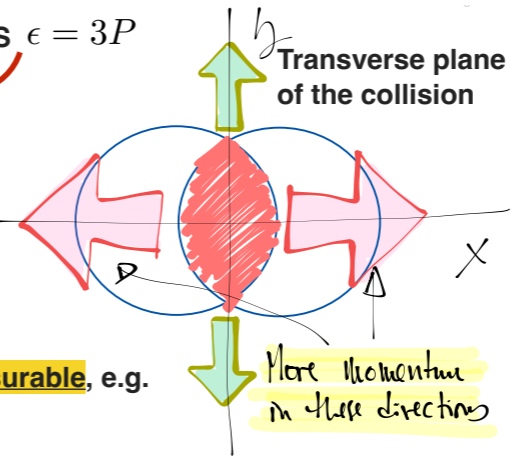


Final state  
**momentum**  
anisotropies

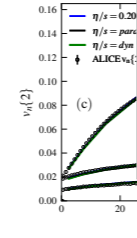
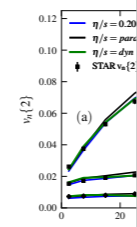
These final state momentum anisotropies are **measurable**, e.g.

$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} \propto 1 + 2v_2 \cos 2\phi$$

↳ **Elliptic Flow**



# Description of data and viscosity

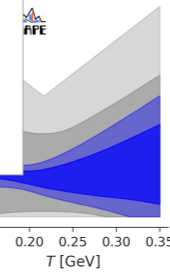
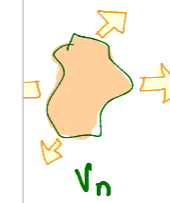


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**Do we see flow signals?**

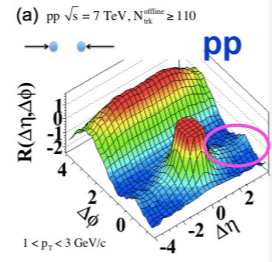
	Charged hadron	Strange	Prompt J/ψ	b → J/ψ	Prompt D <sup>0</sup>	b → D <sup>0</sup>	Υ(1S/2S)	Dijet	Z boson
PbPb	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
pPb	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	No	No		
pp	Yes	Yes			Yes				

Other harmonics



[Everett et al. 2021]

# Hydro works in all systems from small to large ??

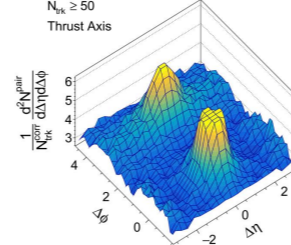


Hydro models able

Hydrodynamics se

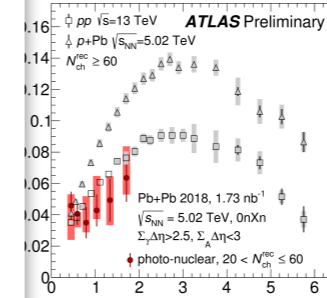
## Hits of a ridge in (reanalysed) high multiplicity ALEPH data?

ALEPH  $e^+e^-$ ,  $\sqrt{s}=183\text{-}209 \text{ GeV}$   
 $N_{ch} \geq 50$   
 Thrust Axis



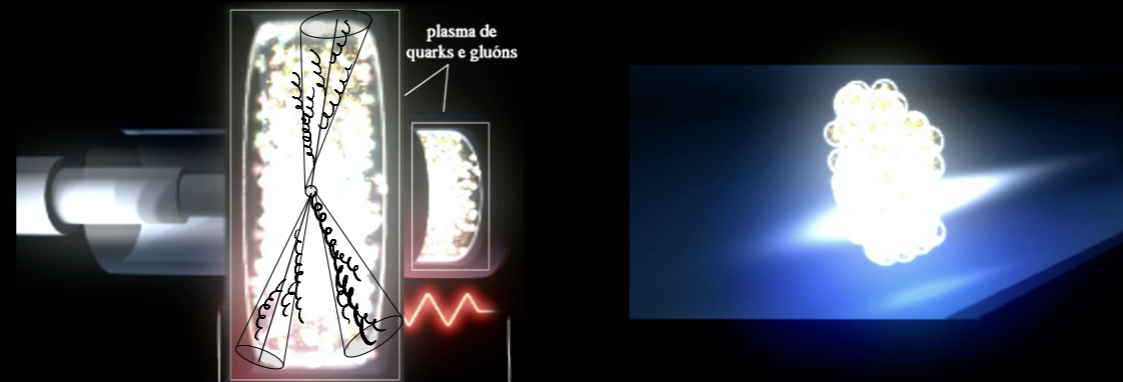
What does it mean?

**For some classes of problems hydro equations have attractors**  
 [universal solutions, independent on initial conditions]



large multiplicities

# Hard processes

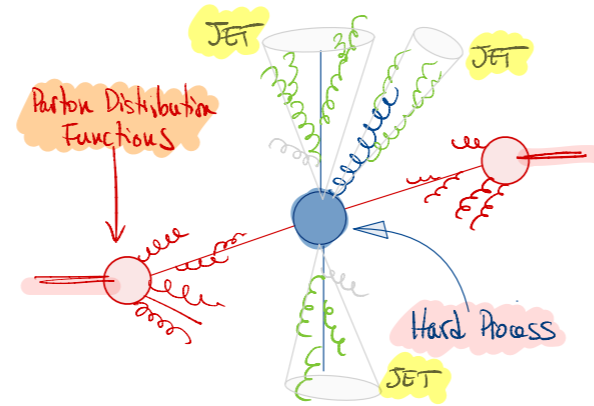


**Excellent  
probes** →

- ▶ Produced very early  $\sim 1/Q$  — production computed in pQCD
- ▶ Many different probes and scales
- ▶ Jets are extended objects that evolve in times  $1/E_{jet} < t \lesssim 1\text{fm}/c$

# Hard processes in QCD

$$\frac{d\sigma^{AB \rightarrow C+X}}{dp_T} = f_i^A(x_1, \mu^2) \otimes f_j^B(x_2, \mu^2) \otimes \frac{d\hat{\sigma}^{i,j \rightarrow k}}{d\hat{t}} \otimes D_{k \rightarrow C}(z, \mu^2)$$



When  $\mu^2 \simeq p_T^2 \gg \Lambda_{QCD}^2$ ,  $\alpha_s(\mu^2) \ll 1$   
 perturbative expansion of  $d\hat{\sigma}/d\hat{t}$  possible

Non-perturbative contributions:

- PDFs  $f_i^A(x, \mu^2)$
- Hadronization  $D_{k \rightarrow C}(z, \mu^2)$

...but **evolution is perturbative** (DGLAP...)

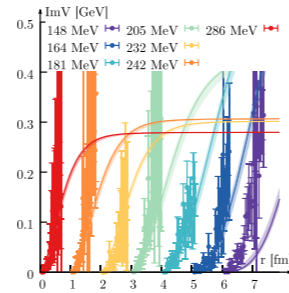
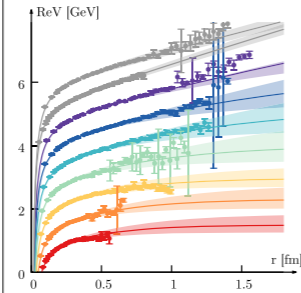
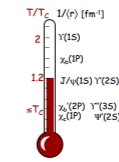
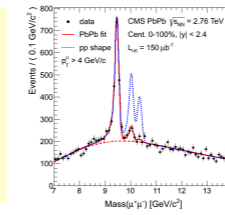
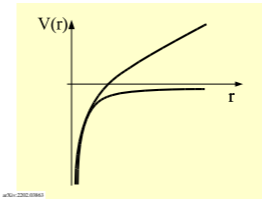
**Short- and long-distance contributions factorize.**

Initial State Radiation  
 Final State Radiation

# Quarkonia suppression

Simple intuitive picture [Matsui & Satz 1986]

- ▶ Potential screened at high-T
- ▶ Quarkonia suppressed
- ▶ Sequential suppression of excited states
- ▶ **Quarkonia as a thermometer**



[Lafferty, Rothkopf 2020]

Dynamical picture:

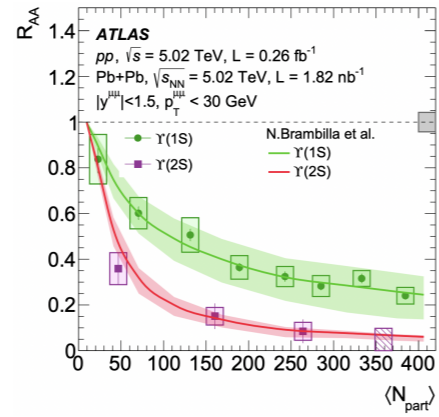
- ▶ different effects:
  - ◆ screening / rescattering / recombination
- ▶ Induced transition between quarkonia states

**Quarkonia as an open quantum system**

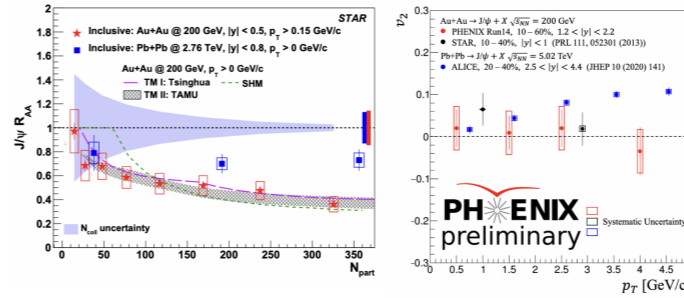
[Bambrilla, Soto, Escobedo, Vairo, Ghiglieri, Petreczky, Strickland, Blaizot, Rothkopf, Kaczmarek, Asakawa, Katz, Gossiaux, Kajimoto, Akamatsu, Borghini ...]



# Quarkonia suppression



**Bottomonia**  
sequential suppression

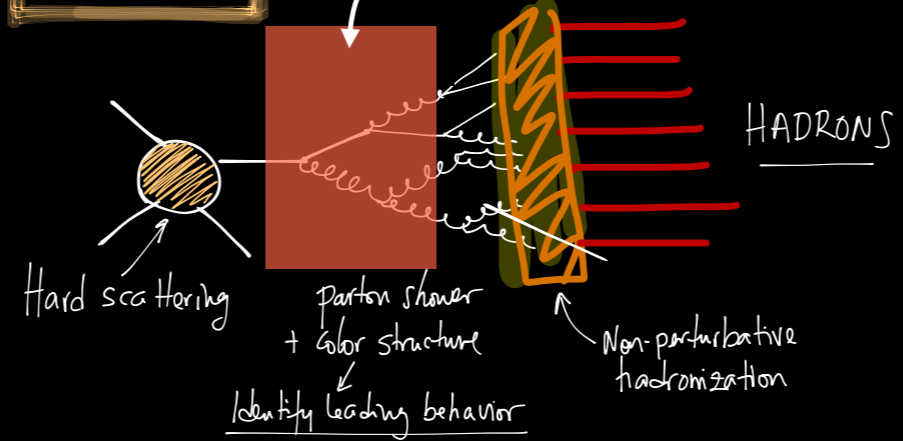


## Charmonia

Mass is small enough so that many charm quarks are produced and almost thermalize.  
Charmonia is “regenerated”

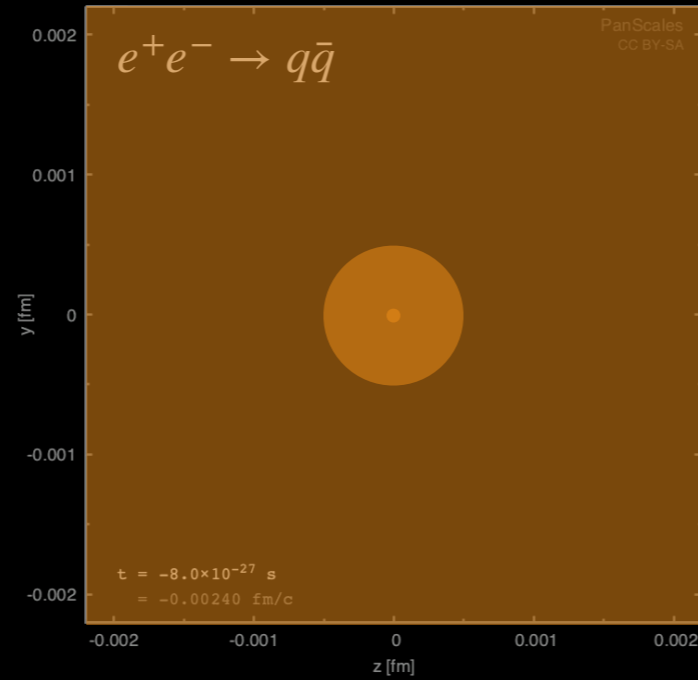
Jets in medium  
Jet quenching

Put now a medium here



**Jets are extended objects - ideal to study space-time evolution**

<https://gsalam.web.cern.ch/gsalam/panscales/videos.html>



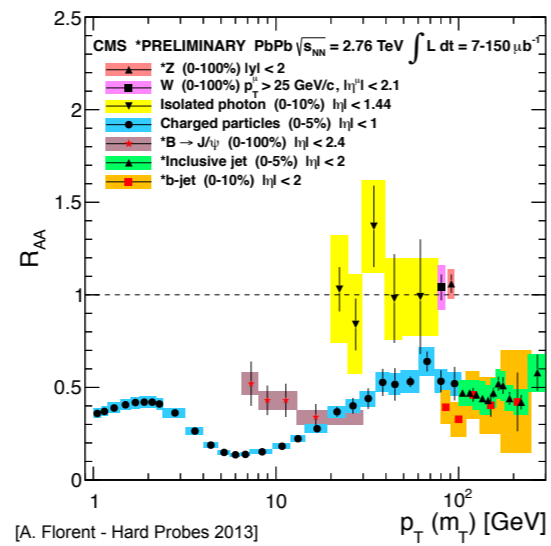
## Remember the jets

The size of the medium is ~10fm

3TeV  $e^+e^-$  events

Initial particles in yellow  
Intermediate particles in blue  
Final particles in red  
[details in the web page]

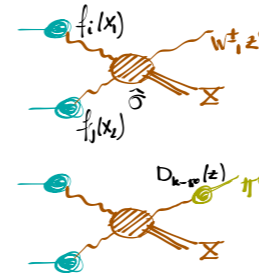
# Particles traversing the QGP



Medium-modification factor

$$R_{AA} = \frac{dN^{AA}/dp_t}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle dN^{pp}/dp_t}$$

$R_{AA} \rightarrow 1$  — no effect



Color-less particles

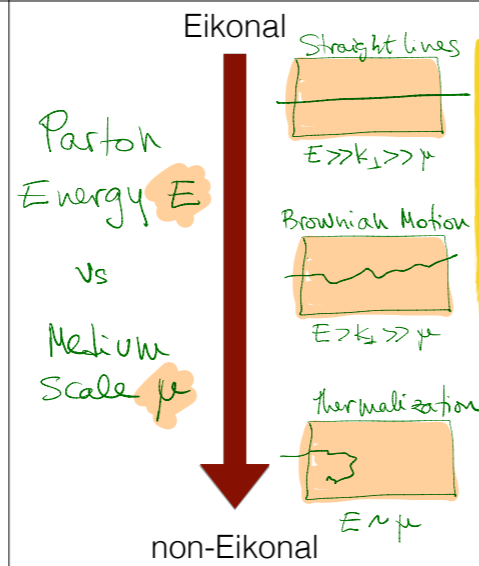
$$R_{AA} \sim 1$$

Colored particles

$$R_{AA} < 1$$

Energy-loss (mainly radiation)

# In-medium parton propagation

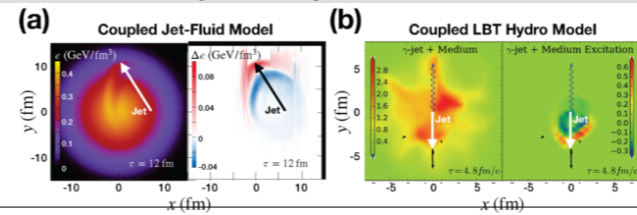


Medium is a background field: **color rotation**  
[Energy of the parton unmodified]

$$W(x_{\perp}) = \mathcal{P} \exp \left\{ ig \int d\xi n \cdot A(\xi, x_{\perp}) \right\}$$

$$G(x_{\perp}; y_{\perp}) = \mathcal{P} \int \mathcal{D}\mathbf{r} \exp \left\{ i \frac{E}{2} \int d\xi \left[ \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{d\xi} \right]^2 + ig \int d\xi n \cdot A(\xi, \mathbf{r}) \right\}$$

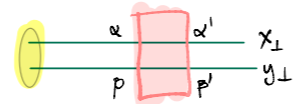
Medium is **dynamical**  
[Energy exchanged with the medium]



[Tachibana 2019]

# Scattering amplitudes

## Color dipole - The simplest configuration



Background field  
color Rotation

S-Matrix

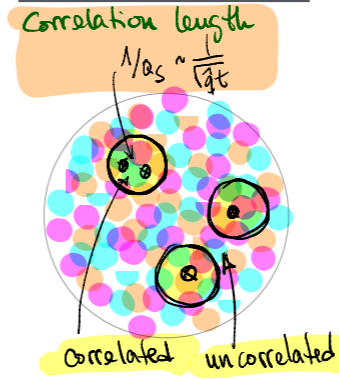
$$| \alpha' p' \rangle = S_{\alpha' p' \alpha p} | \alpha p \rangle = W_{\alpha' \alpha}(x_{\perp}) W_{p' p}^{\dagger}(y_{\perp}) | \alpha p \rangle$$

Survival Probability

$$S(x_{\perp}, y_{\perp}) = \frac{1}{N_c} \text{tr} [W(x_{\perp}) W^{\dagger}(y_{\perp})]$$

Average over Configurations  $\frac{1}{N_c} \langle \text{tr} (W(x_{\perp}) W^{\dagger}(y_{\perp})) \rangle_{\text{med}}$

A useful picture: color domains in transverse plane



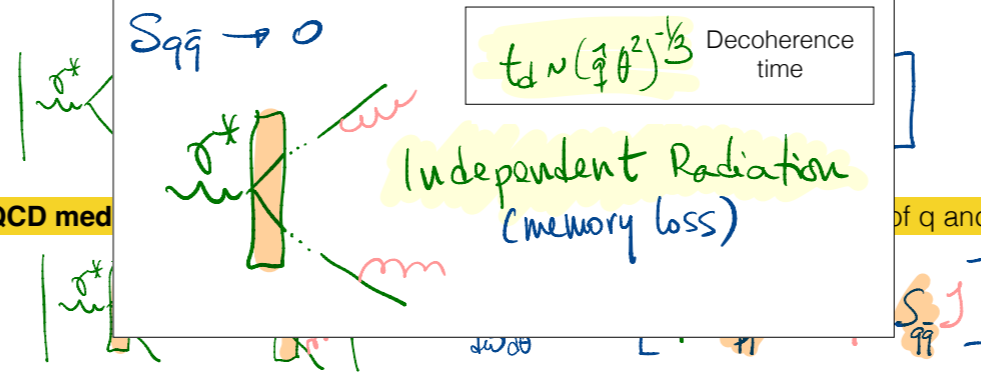
# Intra-jet color coherence

[Mehtar-Tani, Salgado, Tywoniuk; Iancu, Casalderrey-Solana, ... 2010-]

**QCD antenna** - classical calculation including color coherence [angular ordering]

The QCD med

of q and qbar

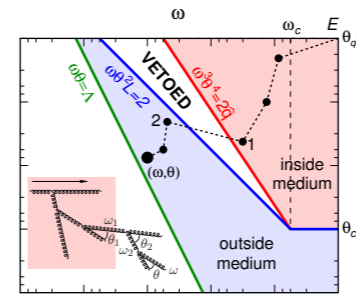
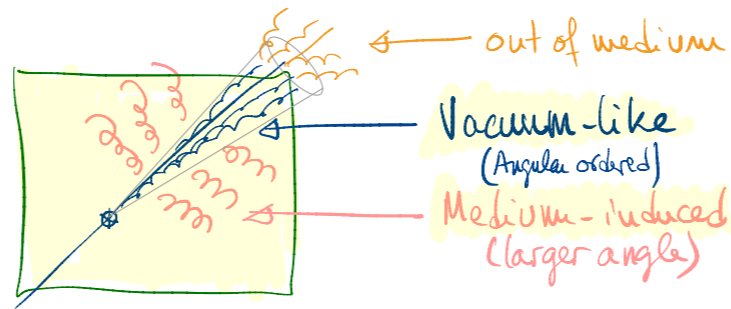


$$S(x_{\perp}, y_{\perp}) \equiv \frac{1}{N_c^2 - 1} \text{Tr} \langle W(x_{\perp}) W^{\dagger}(y_{\perp}) \rangle_{\text{med}} \simeq \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{4} \hat{q} \theta_{q\bar{q}}^2 L^3 \right\}$$

Survival probability  
 $\hat{q}$  - jet quenching parameter

# Vacuum-like emissions

**Hard splittings with small formation time  $t_f \ll t_d$  cannot be resolved by the medium**  
 First hard splitting + DLA — **most of the cascade is vacuum-like** (with energy loss on top)



[Caucal, Iancu, Mueller, Soyez 2018]

**Color coherent sub-jets provide organizational principle for in-medium cascade**

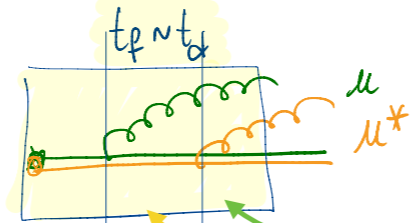
[Casalderrey-Solana, Mehtar-Tani, Salgado, Tywoniuk 2012]



# Medium-induced radiation

[Zakharov, Baier, Dokshitzer, Mueller, Peigne, Schiff, Wiedemann, Gyulassy, Levai, Vitev, and many others... starting in the mid-90's]

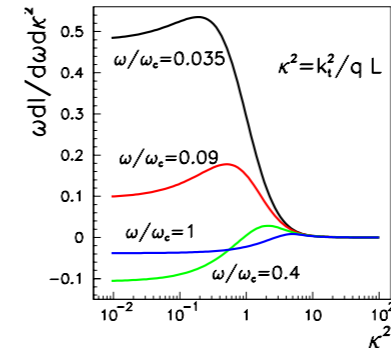
For fluctuation with  $t_f \sim t_d$  the gluon is resolved: **medium-induced radiation**



$$\omega \frac{dN}{d\omega d^2\mathbf{k}} \sim \frac{\alpha_s C_R}{\omega^2} \text{Re} \int_{t', t} \int_{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q} \tilde{\mathcal{K}}(t', \mathbf{q}; t, \mathbf{p}) \mathcal{P}(L, \mathbf{k}; t', \mathbf{q})$$

$$\mathcal{K}(t', \mathbf{z}; t, \mathbf{y}) = \int \mathcal{D}\mathbf{r} \exp \left[ \int_t^{t'} ds \left( \frac{i\omega}{2} \dot{\mathbf{r}}^2 - \frac{1}{2} n(s) \sigma(\mathbf{r}) \right) \right]$$

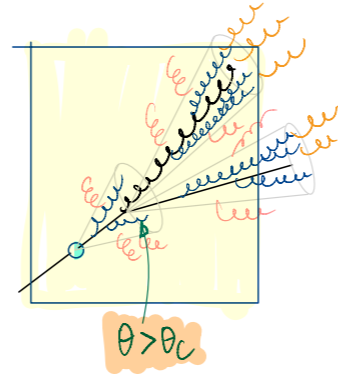
For fluctuation with  $t_f > t_d$  **LPM suppression**



# A picture of in-medium jets

[Casalderrey-Solana, Mehtar-Tani, Salgado, Tywoniuk 2012]

Color coherence provides a clean picture of parton shower in medium  
 Medium induced radiation by **subjects** defined by **resolution scale** of the medium



$$S(r_i) = e^{-\frac{1}{4} \int dt \hat{q} r^2(t)}$$

$$r(t) = \theta t \Rightarrow \theta_c \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\hat{q} t^3}}$$

Resolution power

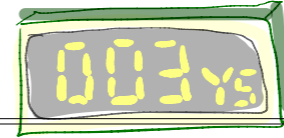
$$\Lambda_{\perp} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\hat{q} t}} \equiv \frac{1}{Q_s}$$

Inner core of the jet  
 (subject) is mildly modified

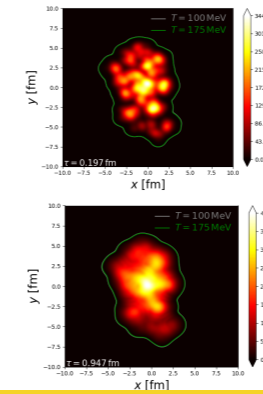
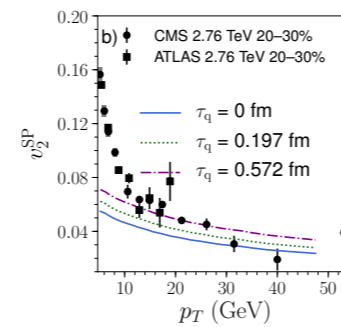
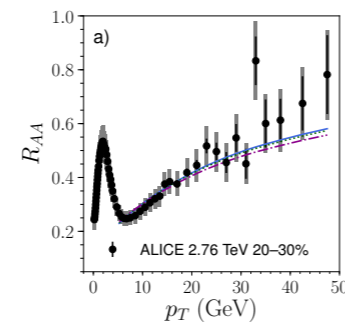
Medium-induced radiation  
 at **large angles**

**Subjects are effective emitters**

# First ~3ys...



Main question - can we access the initial stages with jet quenching?



[Andres, Armesto, Niemi, Paatelainen, Salgado 2019]

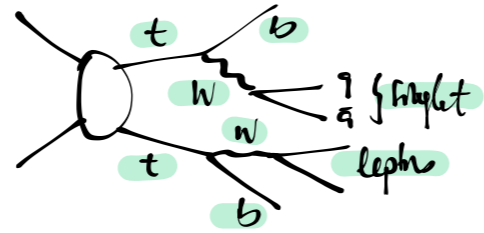
Initial stages (thermalisation period) affect jet quenching -  
**Opens completely new possibilities - study early times with jet observables**

# A yoctosecond chronometer

[late times]

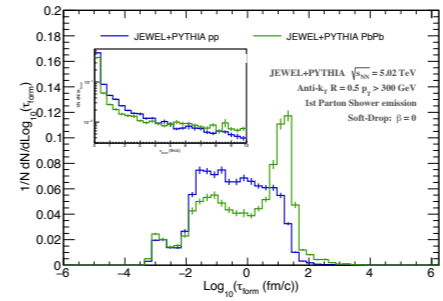
Can we **more directly measure the space-time** development with jet observables?

[Apolinario, Milhano, Salgado, Salam 2019]



**Boosted tops**  
 Difficult with LHC PbPb luminosity - lighter ions?  
 Charm/Bottom quarks? [Attems, et al 2022]

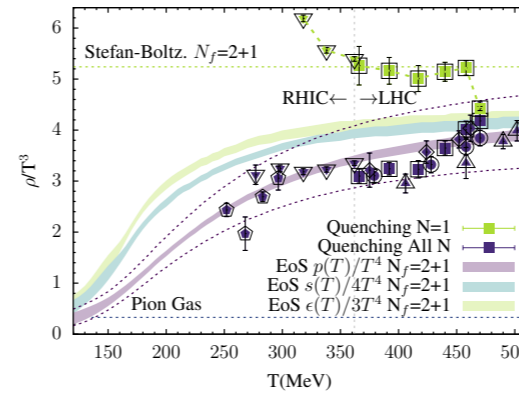
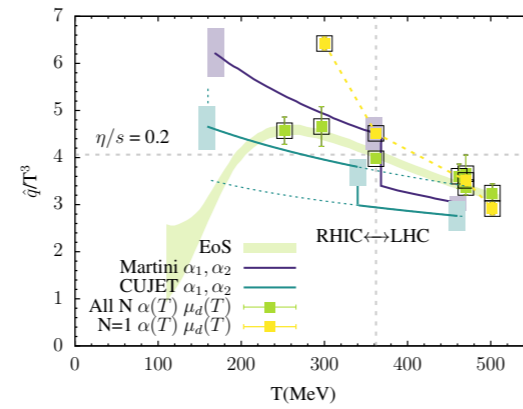
**New time reclustering algorithm**  
 Very promising



[Apolinario, Cordeiro, Zapp 2021]

# Jet quenching parameter

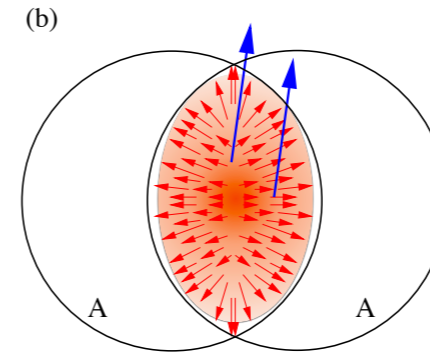
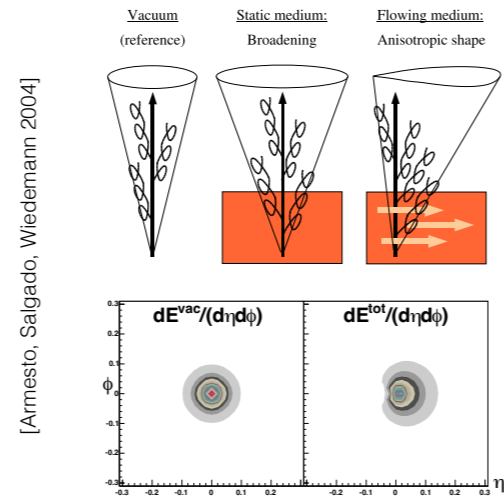
Information about the medium properties usually encoded in the jet quenching parameter  $\hat{q}$



[Feal, Salgado, Vazquez 2019]

Agreement with cross sections from thermal-QCD — resummation of multiple scatterings needed

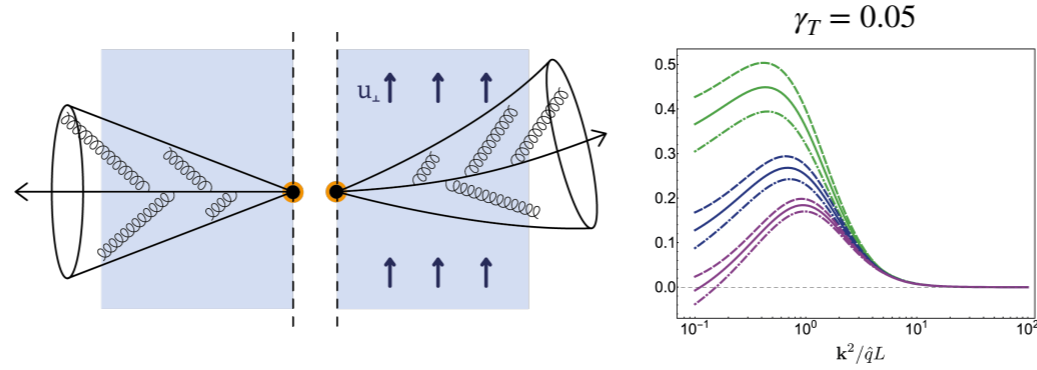
# Coupling jet-hydro



What is the effect of the velocity fields and the (density/temperature) gradients in jet quenching observables?

# Anisotropic radiation

Medium modelling modified - propagators now have coupling to anisotropies



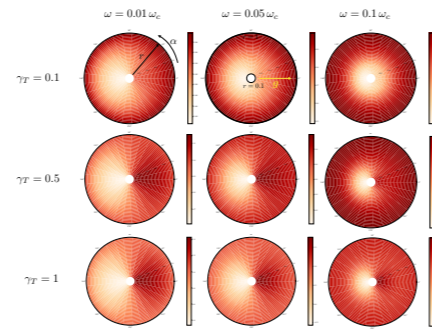
Where the gradient parameter  $\gamma_T = |\nabla T/T^2|$

Softer radiation more sensitive to gradient fields [effect subleading in  $\omega$ ]

[Barata, Mayo, Sadofyev, Salgado 2022]

# Anisotropic jet angular distributions

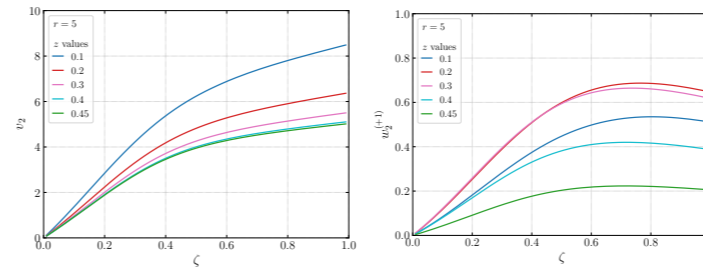
Jet shapes



[Barata, Milhano, Sadofyev 2023]

Intra-jet  $v_2$  (and  $w_2$ )

[Barata, Salgado, Silva 2024]



$v_2$  large due to jet anisotropy

$w_2$  correction due to spin in a  $q\bar{q}$  antenna



# Conclusions

QCD has a **rich dynamical content**

- Confinement and chiral symmetry breaking in vacuum
- New phases of matter at high energies/densities
- Quark gluon plasma universal form of matter at high enough energies

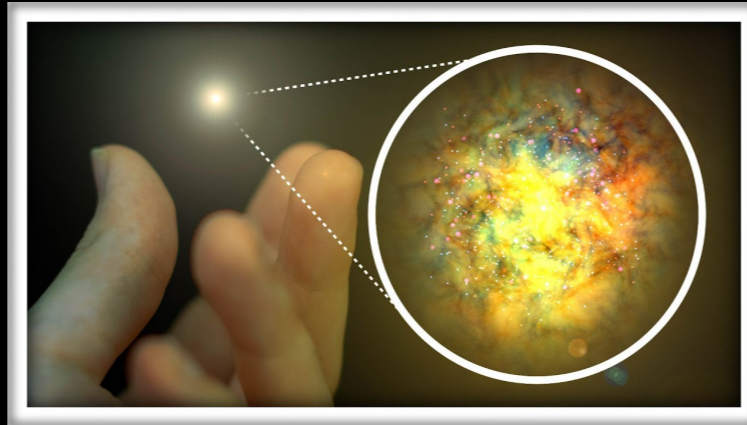
**Heavy ion collisions are the experimental tools**

However, QGP is only one of the manifestations of a **wider and richer accessible physics**

QCD is the only sector in the Standard Model where studies of collectivity at the fundamental level are experimentally possible

**For Fun**

Youtube video - QGP (in Spanish)

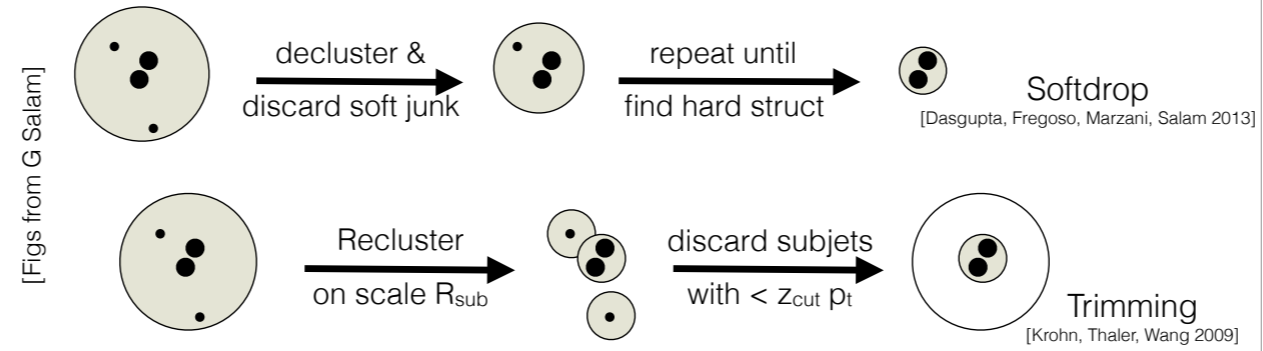


[https://youtube.com/watch?v=JdahywF2\\_D4](https://youtube.com/watch?v=JdahywF2_D4)

# Jet substructure and time evolution

Find different substructures in identified jets

[very active area, lots of results in the last years]



Also to identify two-pronged jet structures - boosted H/W/Z

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