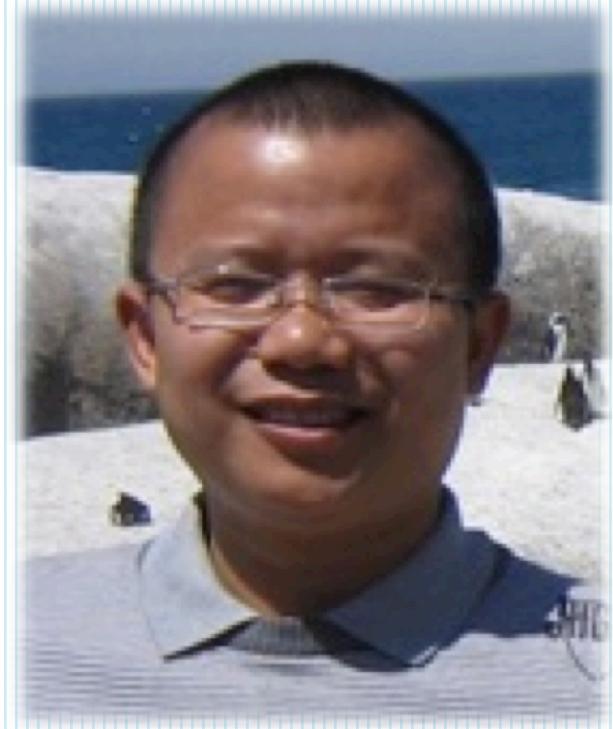


QCD Phase Structure at High-Baryon Density Region

# **CSR-External-target Experiment (CEE)**

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# Outline

1 Introduction

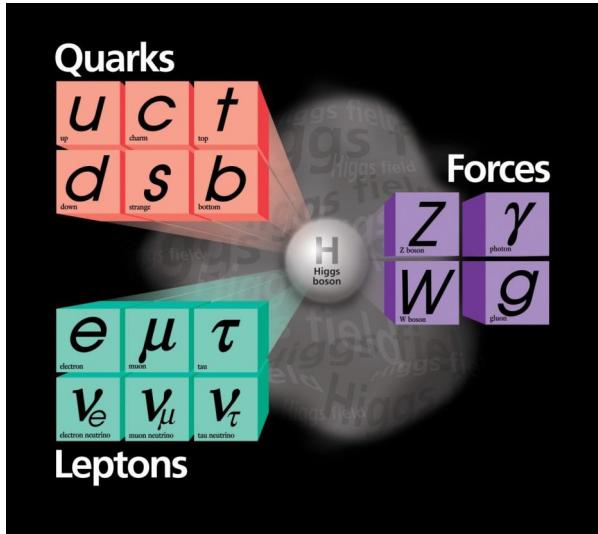
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CSR External-target Experiment

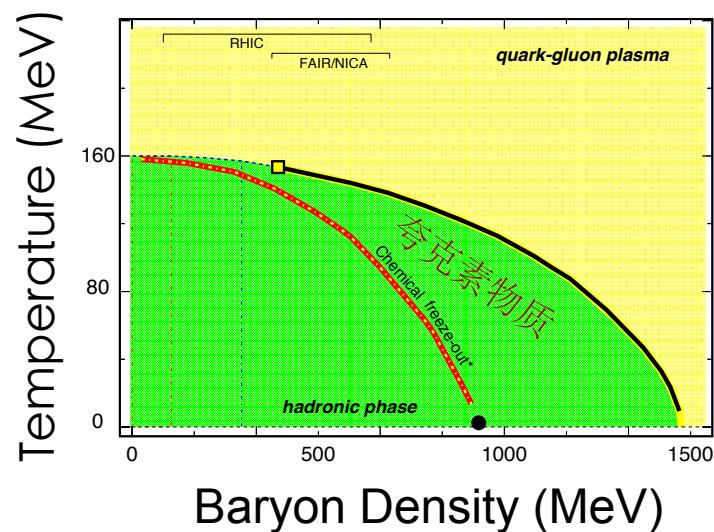
3 HIAF



# Study QCD Phase Structure



2013 Nobel Prize  
In Physics

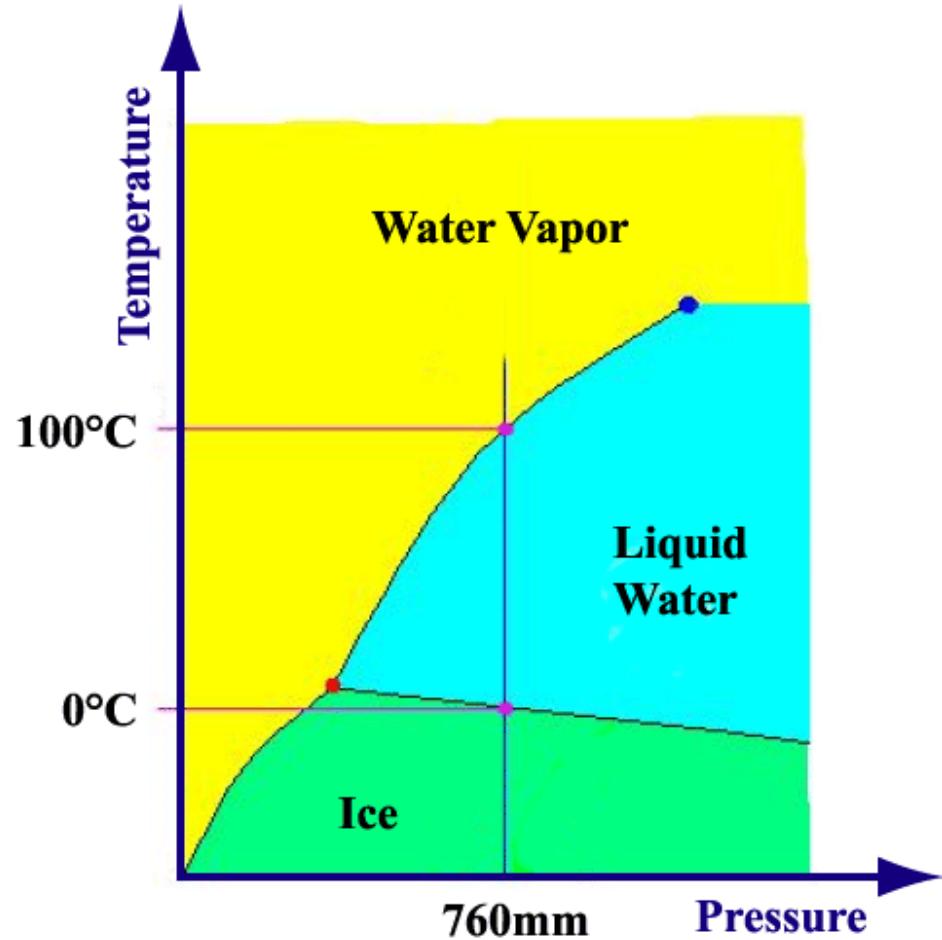


- (1) The discovery of Higgs**
  - Origin of matter
  - Standard Model → Theory
  
- (2) The QCD Phase-structure**
  - Confinement
  - Hadron structure
  - Spontaneous break of  $\chi_c$
  - **QCD Phase boundary**
  - **Critical point ...**

**Emergent Properties  
of the QCD**



# Phase Diagram



## Phase diagram:

A **map** shows that at given degrees of freedom, how matter organize itself under external conditions. New orders, regularities, properties, ... emerge.

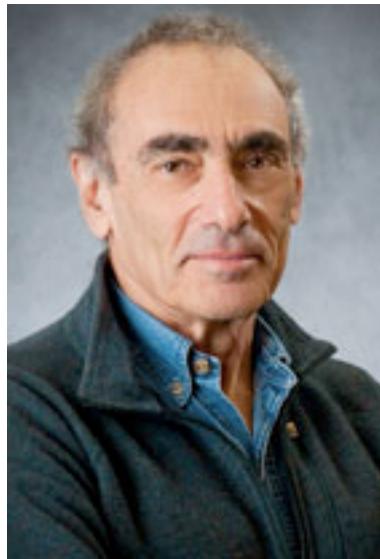
**Water:**  $H_2O$

## QCD Phase Diagram:

Structure of matter with color degrees of freedom, **quarks and gluons**.

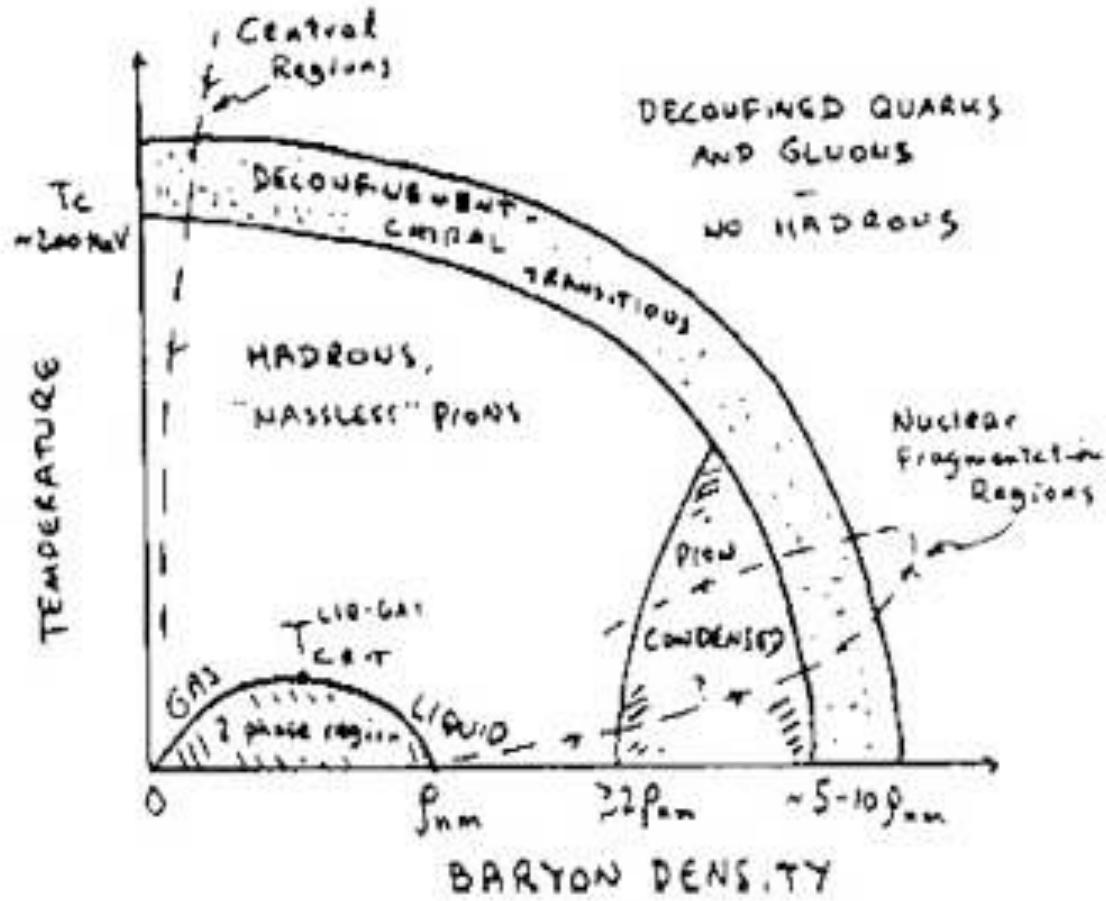


# QCD Phase Diagram (1983)

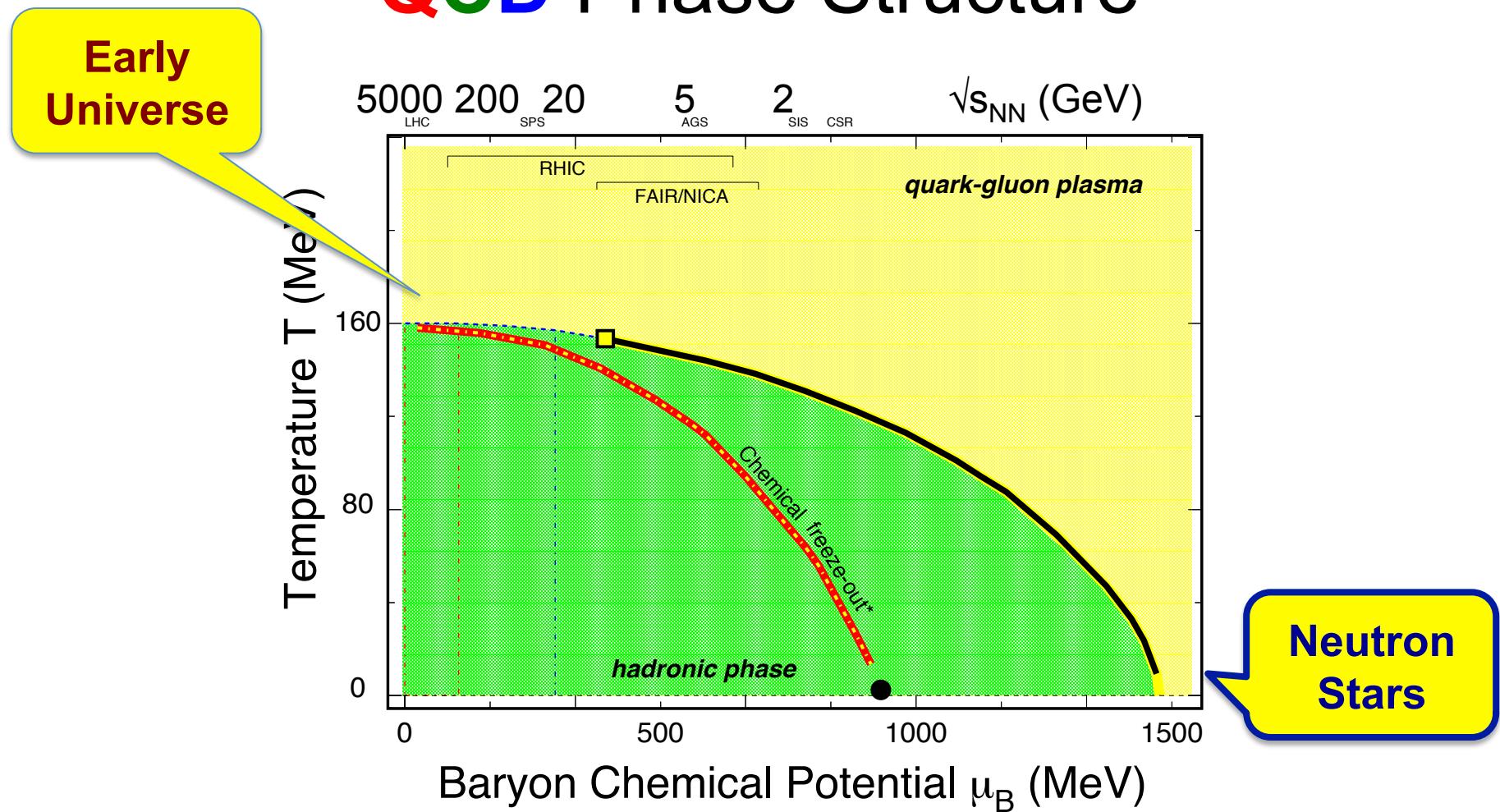


Gordon Baym

1983 US Long Range Plan - by Gordon Baym

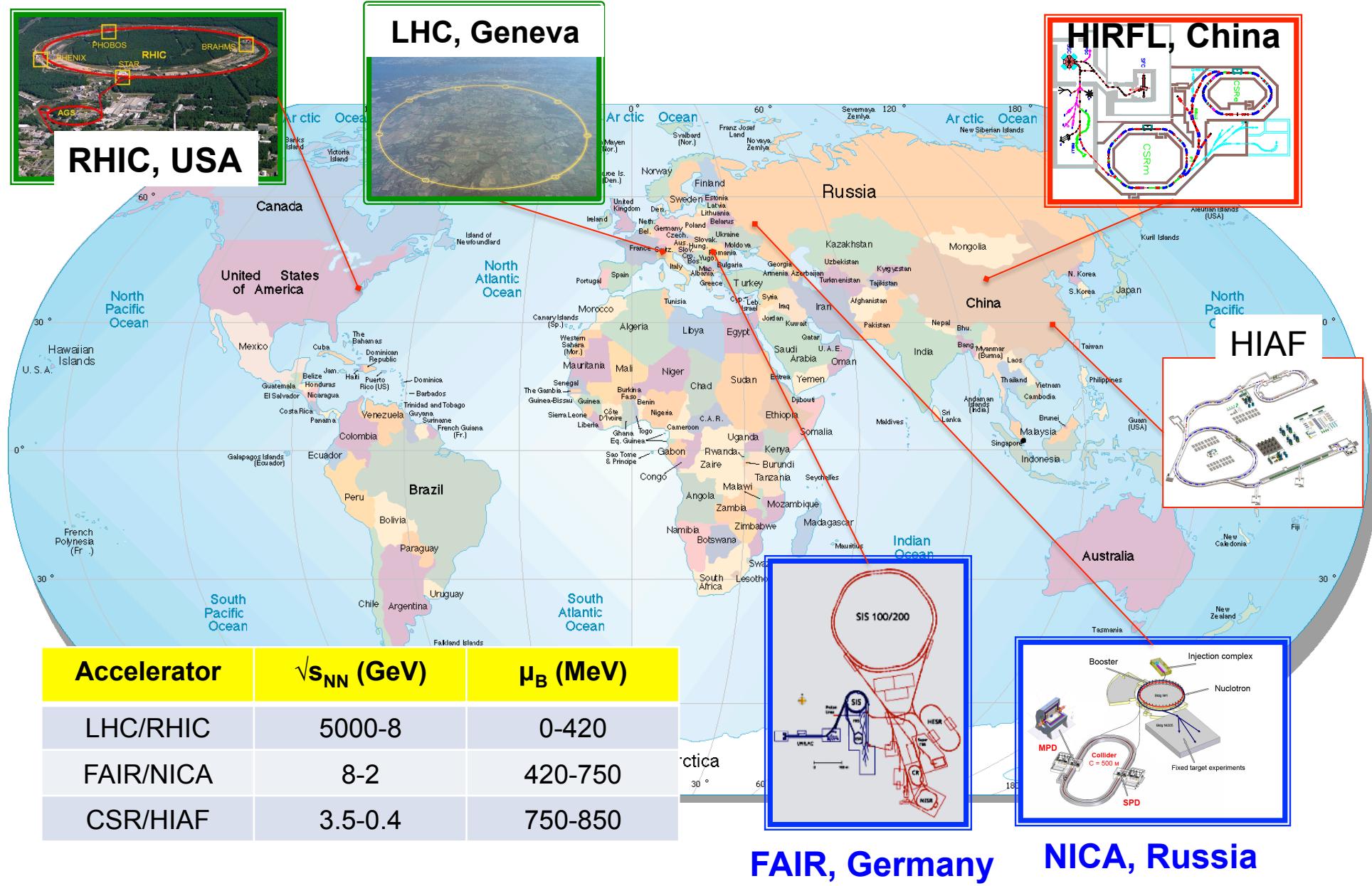


# High-Energy Nuclear Collisions and the QCD Phase Structure



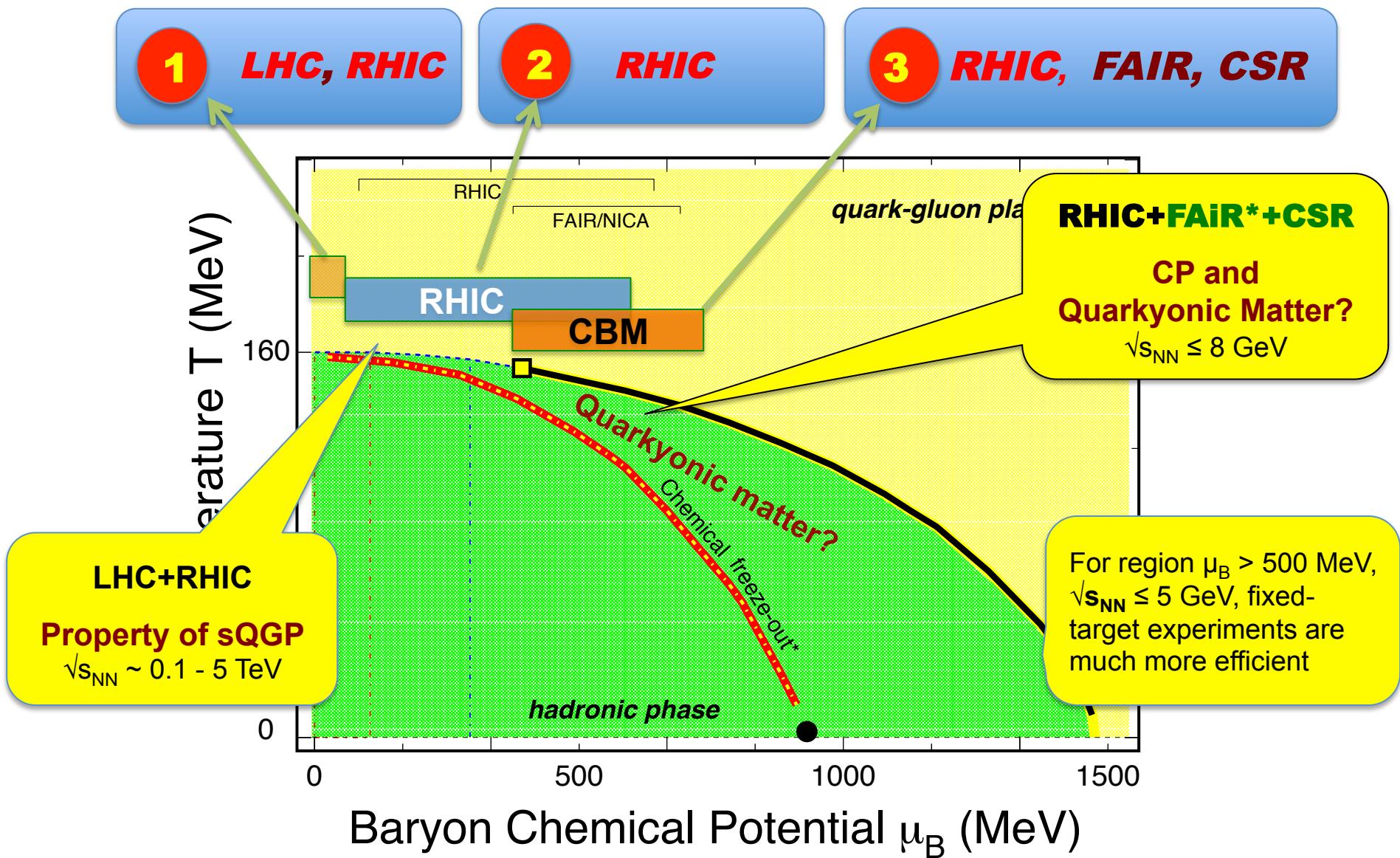
- 1) Baryon chemical potential  $\mu_B$  is inversely proportional to the collision energy
- 2)  $\mu_B \sim 0$ : smooth-crossover from QGP to hadrons
- 3)  $\mu_B \gg 0$ : models predicts a first-order phase transition  
→ QCD critical point at finite  $\mu_B$

# High-Energy HI Accelerators



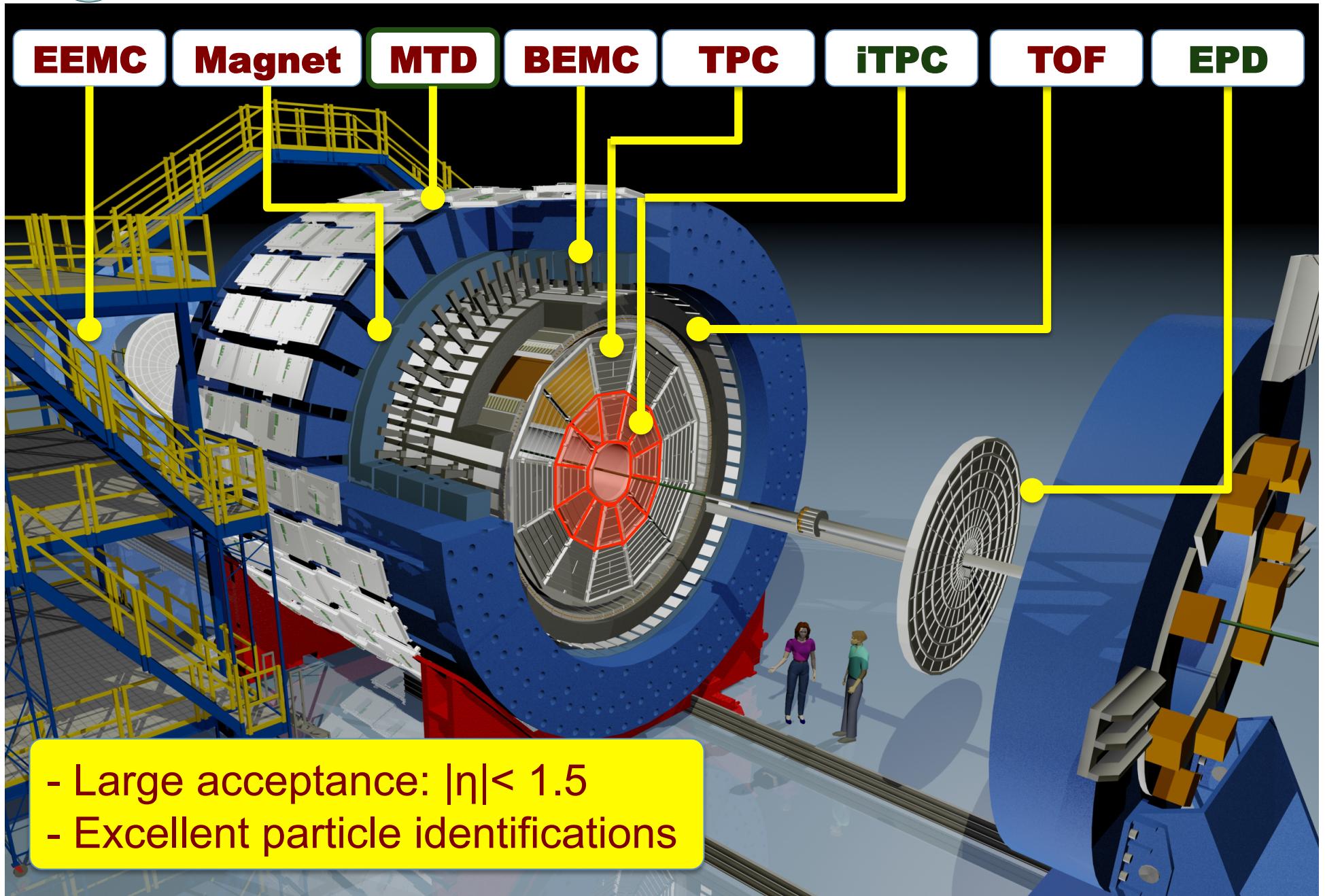


# Exploring QCD Phase Structure





# STAR Detector System

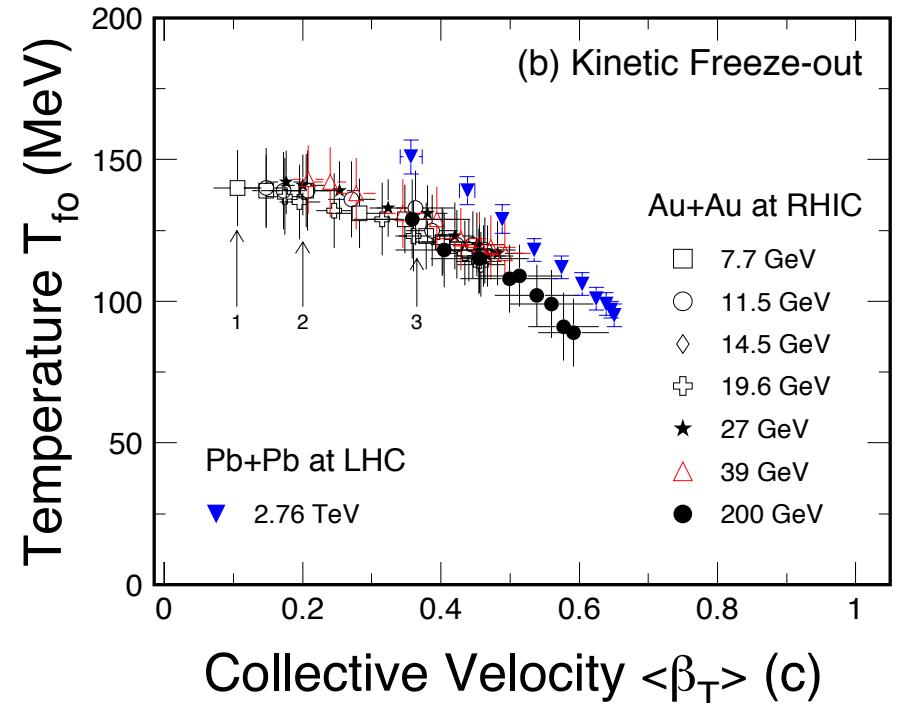
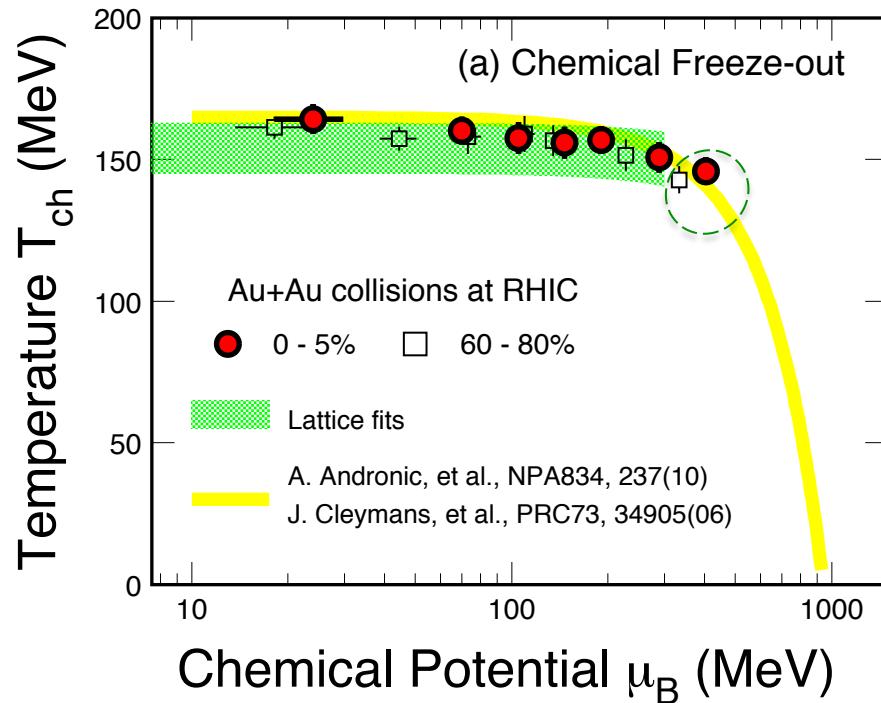




# Collectivity 集体运动现象

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_\mu [(\varepsilon + p) u^\mu u^\nu - p g^{\mu\nu}] &= 0 \\ \partial_\mu [s u^\mu] &= 0\end{aligned}$$

# Bulk Properties at Freeze-outs



## Chemical Freeze-out: (GCE)

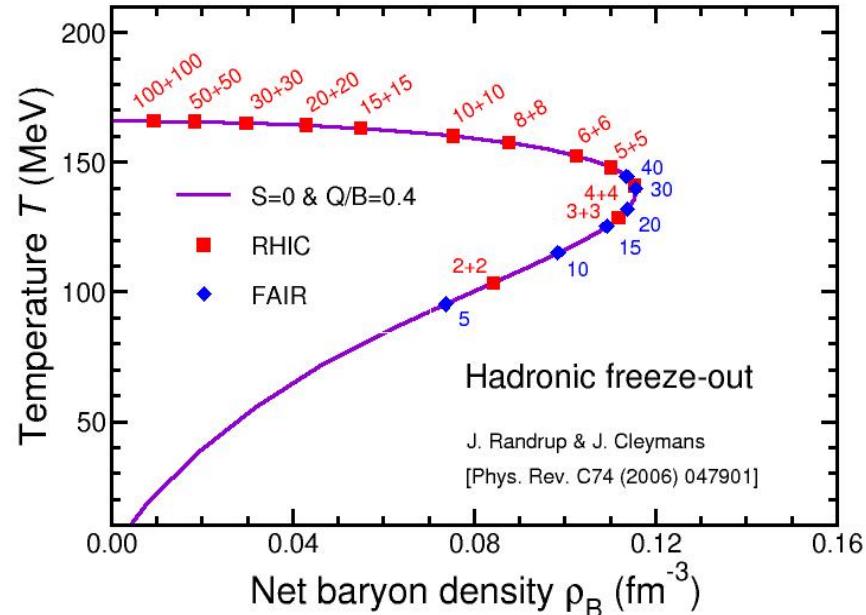
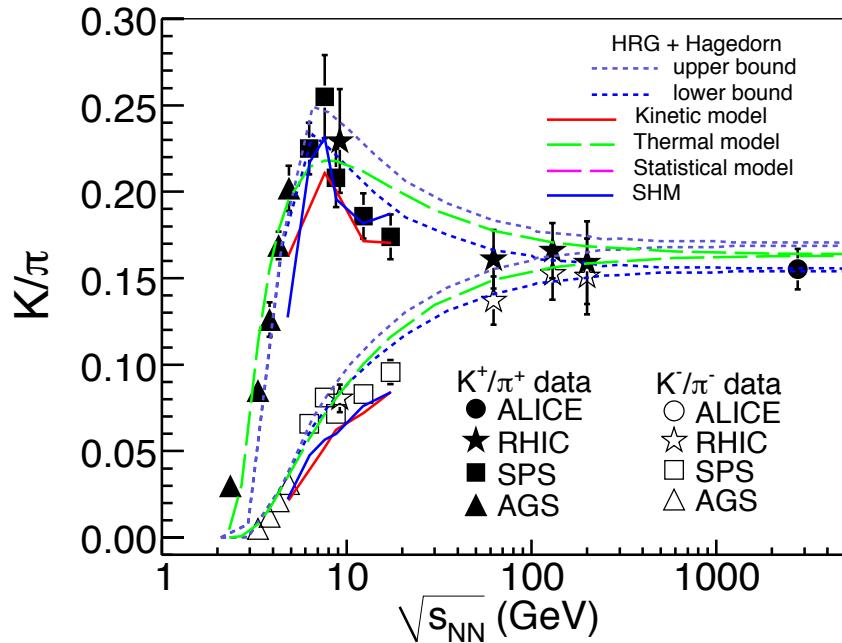
- Weak temperature dependence
- Centrality dependence  $\mu_B$ !
- LGT calculations indicate the Critical Region around  $\mu_B \sim 300$  MeV?

- ALICE: B.Abelev et al., PRL109, 252301(12); PRC88, 044910(2013).
- STAR: J. Adams, et al., NPA757, 102(05); STAR: 1701.07065
- S. Mukherjee: Private communications. August, 2012

## Kinetic Freeze-out:

- Central collisions => lower value of  $T_{fo}$  and larger collectivity  $\beta_T$
- **Stronger collectivity at higher energy, even for peripheral collisions**

# K/ $\pi$ Ratios and Baryon Density

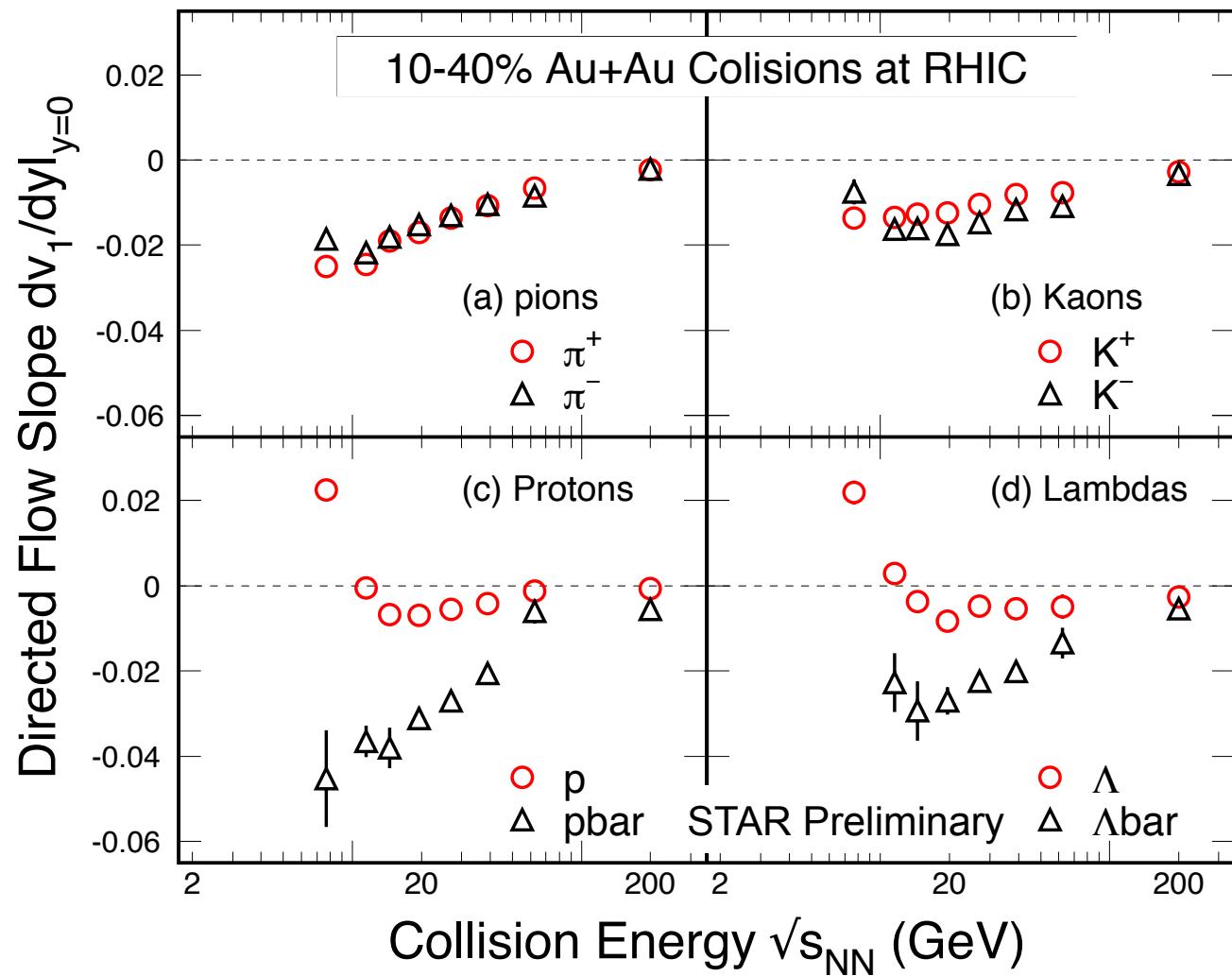


- 1) The  $K^+/\pi$  ratio peaks at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 8$  GeV,  
 $K^-/\pi$  ratio merges with  $K^+/\pi$  at higher collision energy
- 2) Model: **Baryon density peaks at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 8$  GeV**
- 3) At  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} > 8$  GeV, pair production becomes important

STAR: 1701.07065; J. Randrup and J. Cleymans, Phys. Rev. **C74**, 047901(2006)



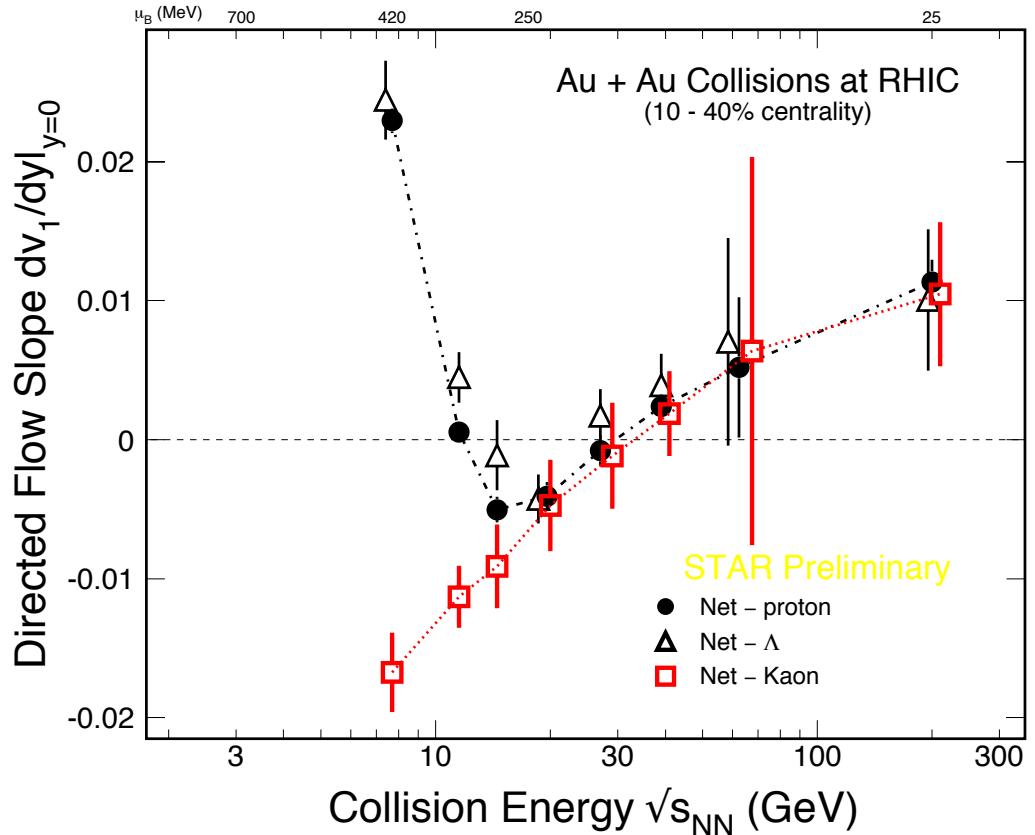
# $v_1$ versus Energy



- 1) All produced hadrons mid- $y$   $v_1$  slope  $< 0$
- 2) At  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} < 10$  GeV, Baryons'  $v_1$  becomes  $> 0$



# $v_1$ vs. Energy: Softest Point?



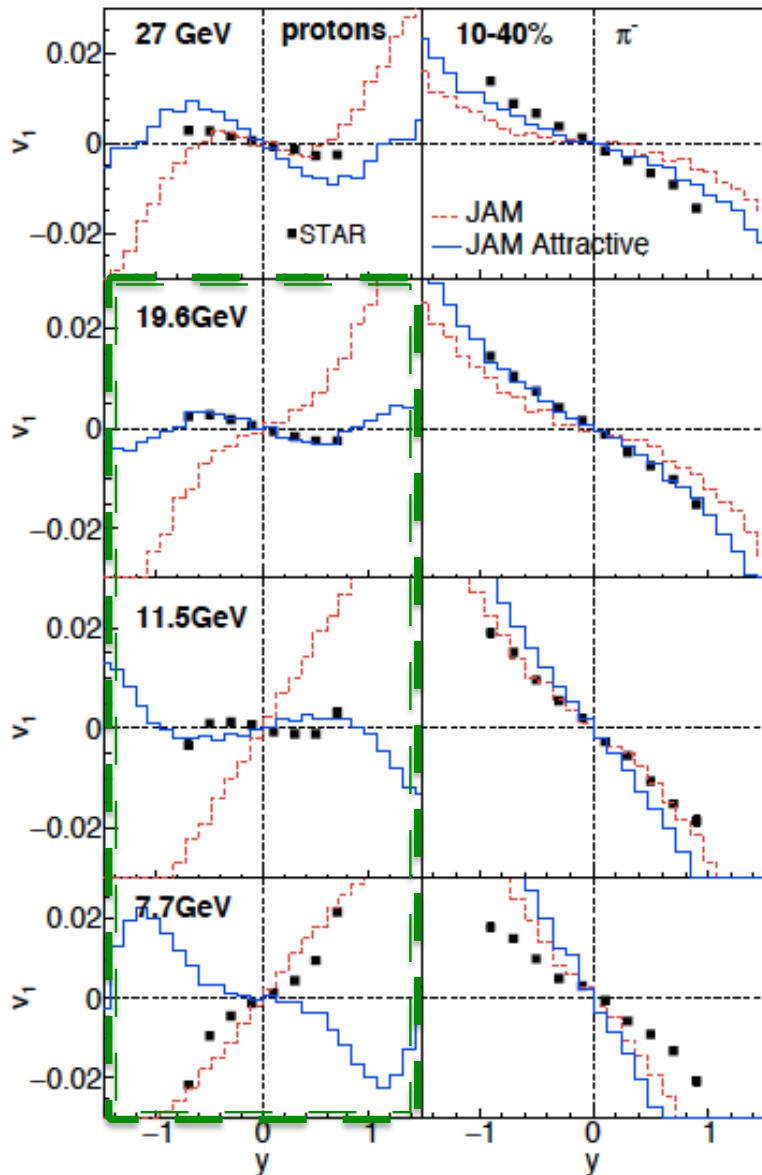
- 1) Minimum at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 10$  GeV for net-proton and net- $\Lambda$ , but net-Kaon data continue decreasing as energy decreases
- 2) At low energy, or in the region where the net-baryon density is large, repulsive force is expected,  $v_1$  slope is large and positive!
- 3) Softest point only for baryons?
- 4) Need model to explain!

- STAR: PRL112, 162301(2014)
- ◻ △ STAR: Preliminary

- M. Isse, A. Ohnishi et al, PR **C72**, 064908(05)  
- Y. Nara, A. Ohnishi, H. Stoecker, PRC94, 034906(16),  
arXiv: [1601.07692](https://arxiv.org/abs/1601.07692)

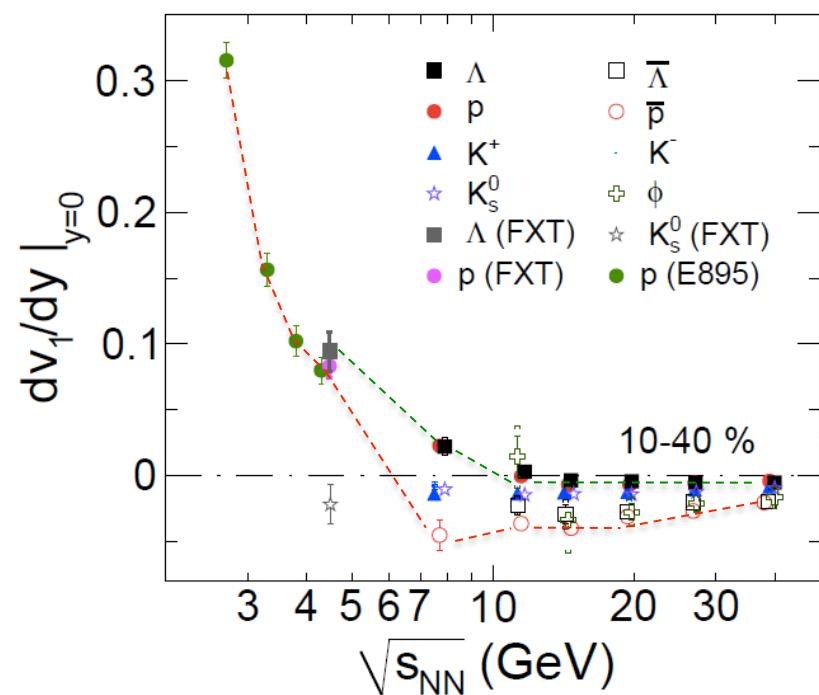


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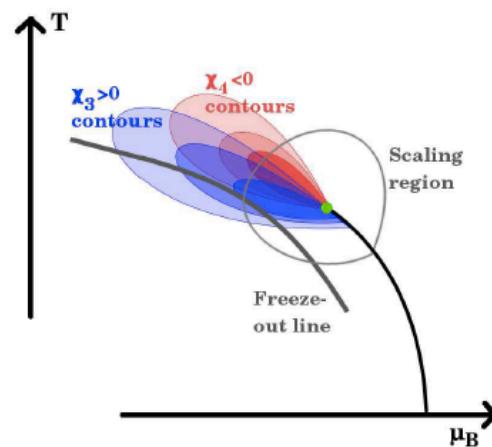
**“Attractive force” →  
Change of the EOS  
~ “softest point”**

- Y. Nara, A. Ohnishi, H. Stoecker,  
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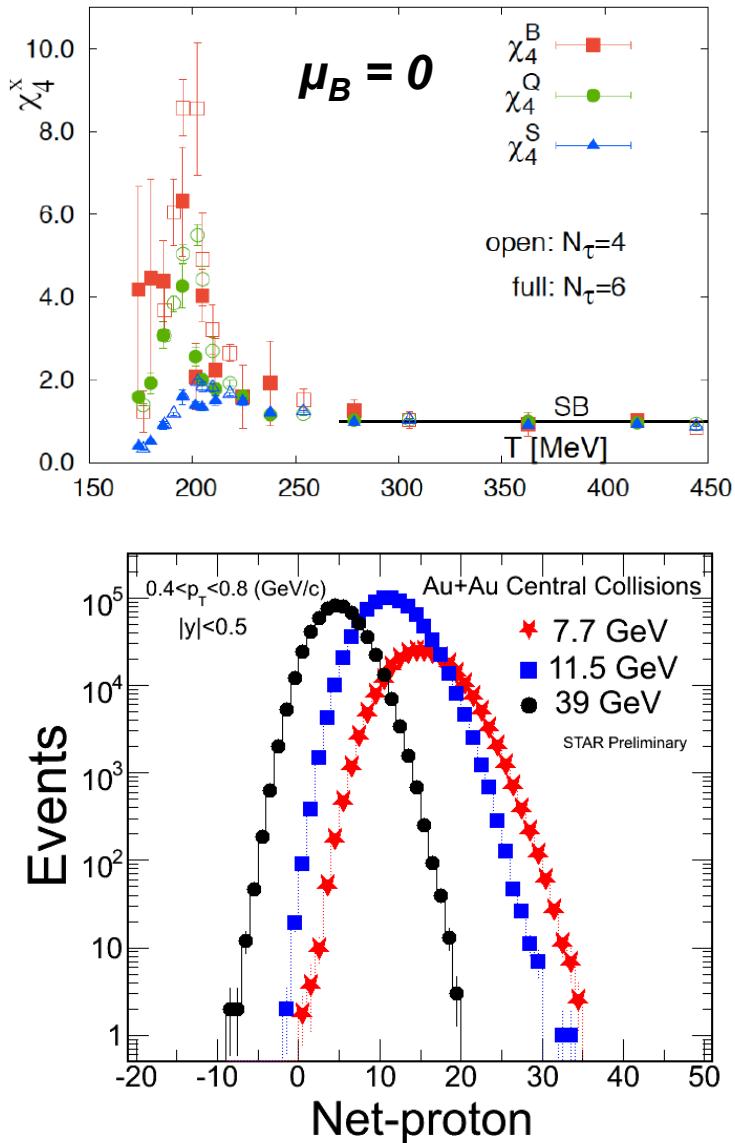
STAR data: Kathryn Meehan, QM2017

# Criticality 临界现象





# Higher Moments and Criticality



1) Higher moments of conserved quantum numbers:  **$Q$ ,  $S$ ,  $B$** , in high-energy nuclear collisions

2) Sensitive to critical point ( $\xi$  correlation length):

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

3) Direct comparison with calculations at any order:

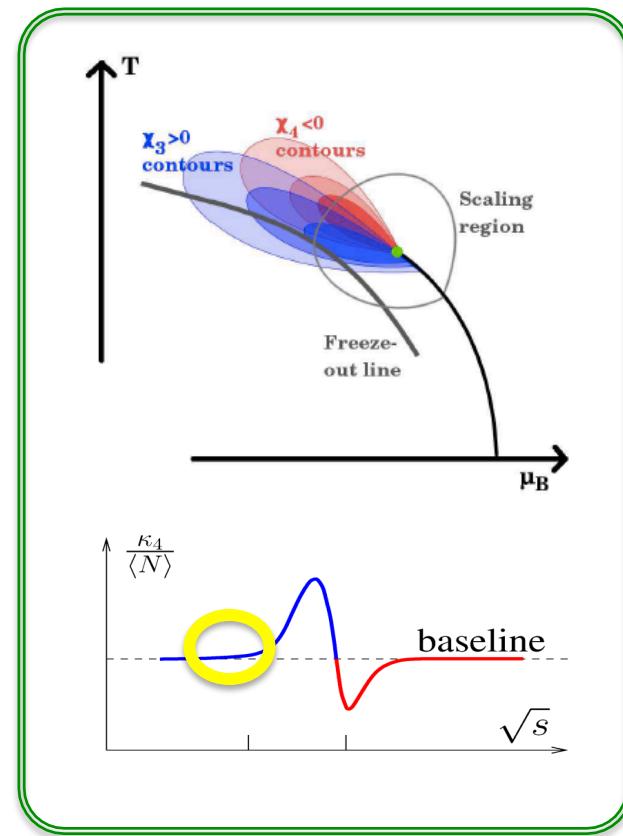
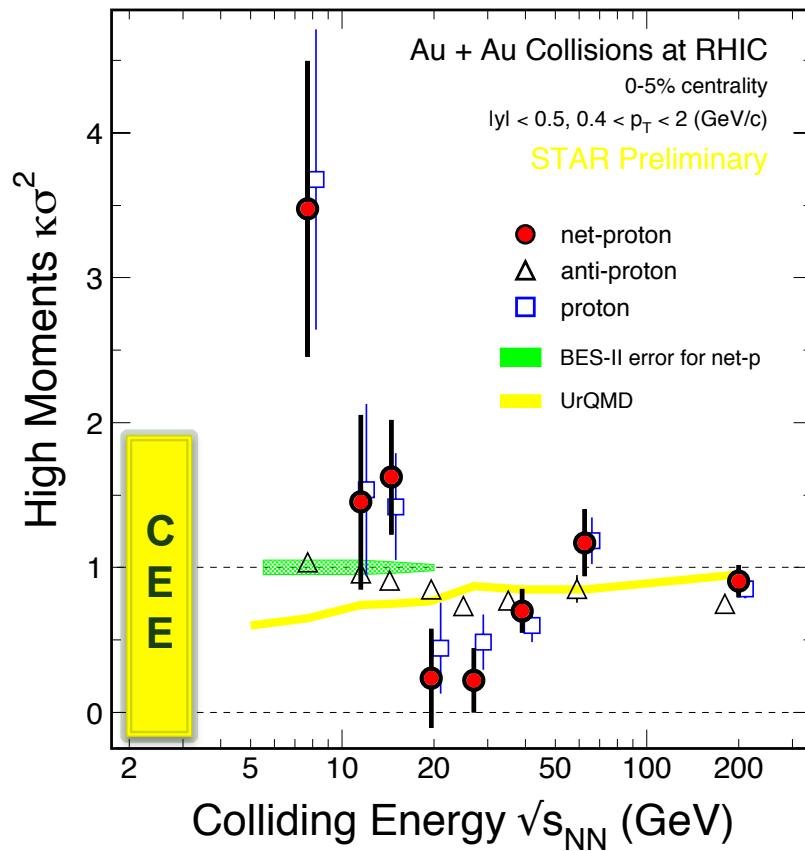
$$S\sigma \approx \frac{\chi_B^3}{\chi_B^2}, \quad \kappa\sigma^2 \approx \frac{\chi_B^4}{\chi_B^2}$$

4) **Extract susceptibilities and freeze-out temperature.** An independent/important test of thermal equilibrium in heavy ion collisions.

References:

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- S. Ejiri, F. Karsch, K. Redlich, *PLB* **633**, 275(06) // M. Stephanov: *PRL* **102**, 032301(09) // R.V. Gavai and S. Gupta, *PLB* **696**, 459(11) // F. Karsch et al, *PLB* **695**, 136(11),
- A. Bazavov et al., *PRL* **109**, 192302(12) // S. Borsanyi et al., *PRL* **111**, 062005(13) // V. Skokov et al., *PRC* **88**, 034901(13)
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# Search for the QCD Critical Point

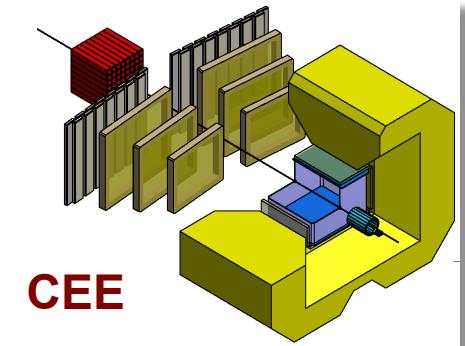
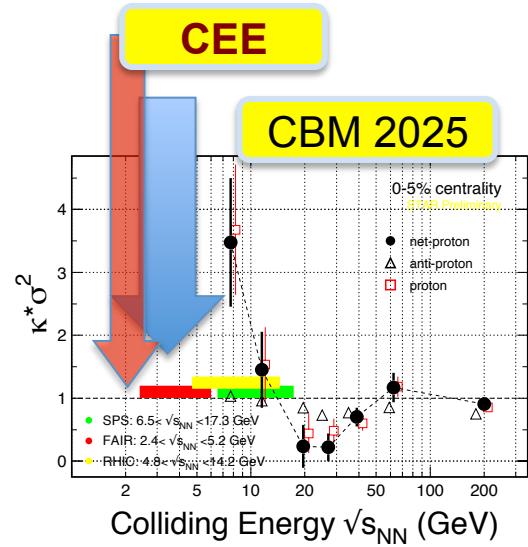
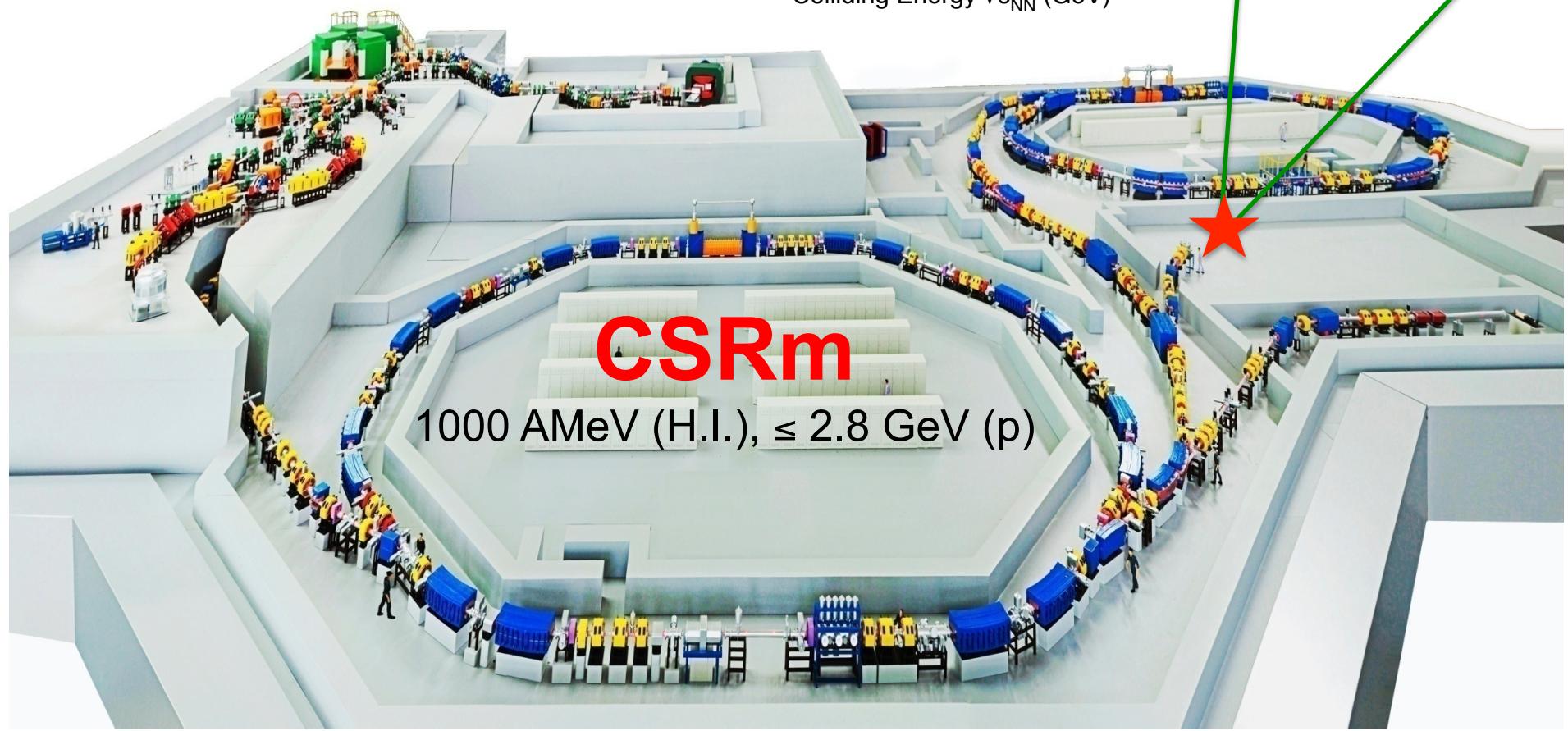


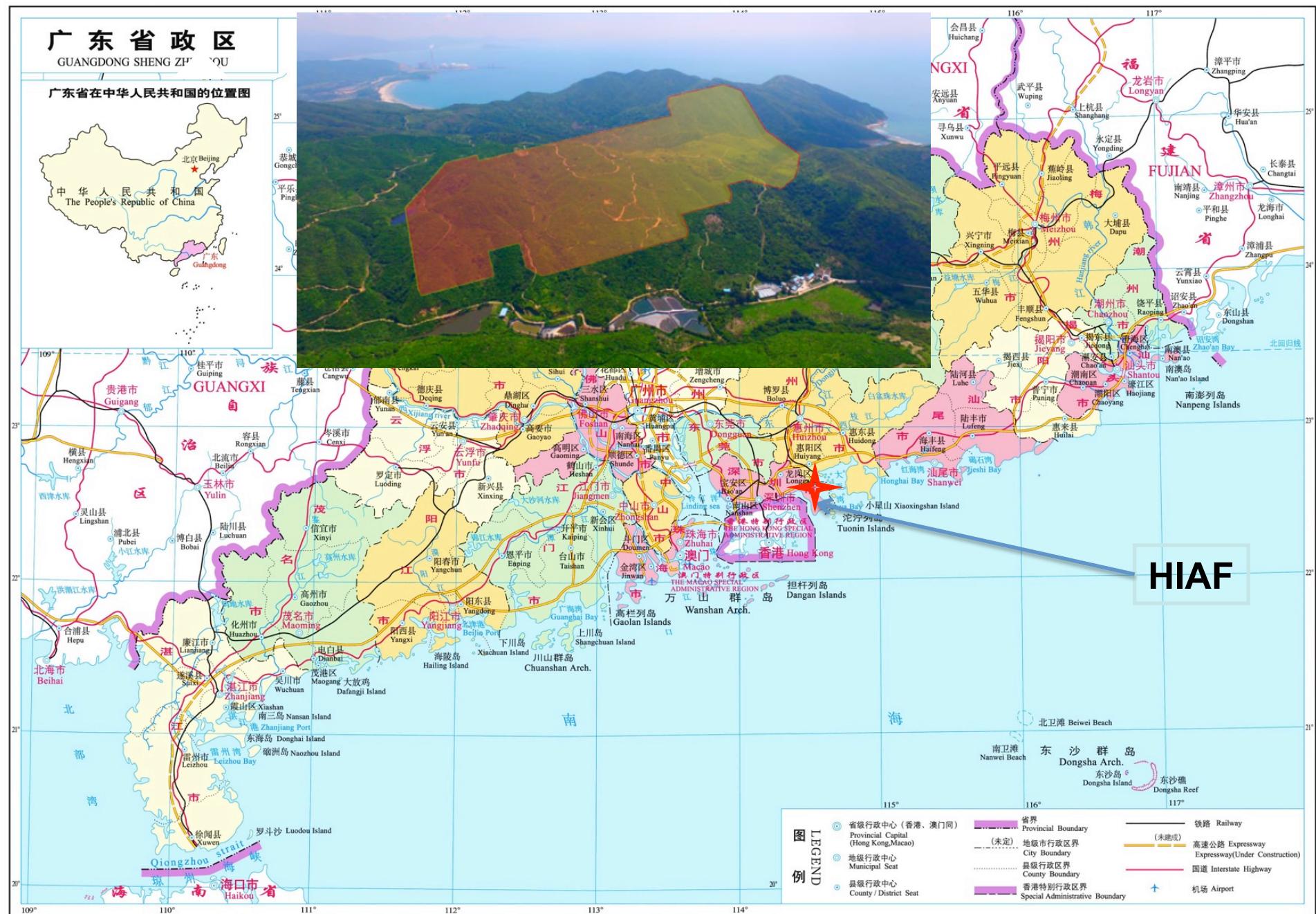
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2) At CSR:  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 2$  GeV and at HIAF:  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 3.5$  GeV

→ CEE is important to complete the ‘CP oscillation’

# 兰州重离子加速器 冷却储存环 (HIRFL-CSR)

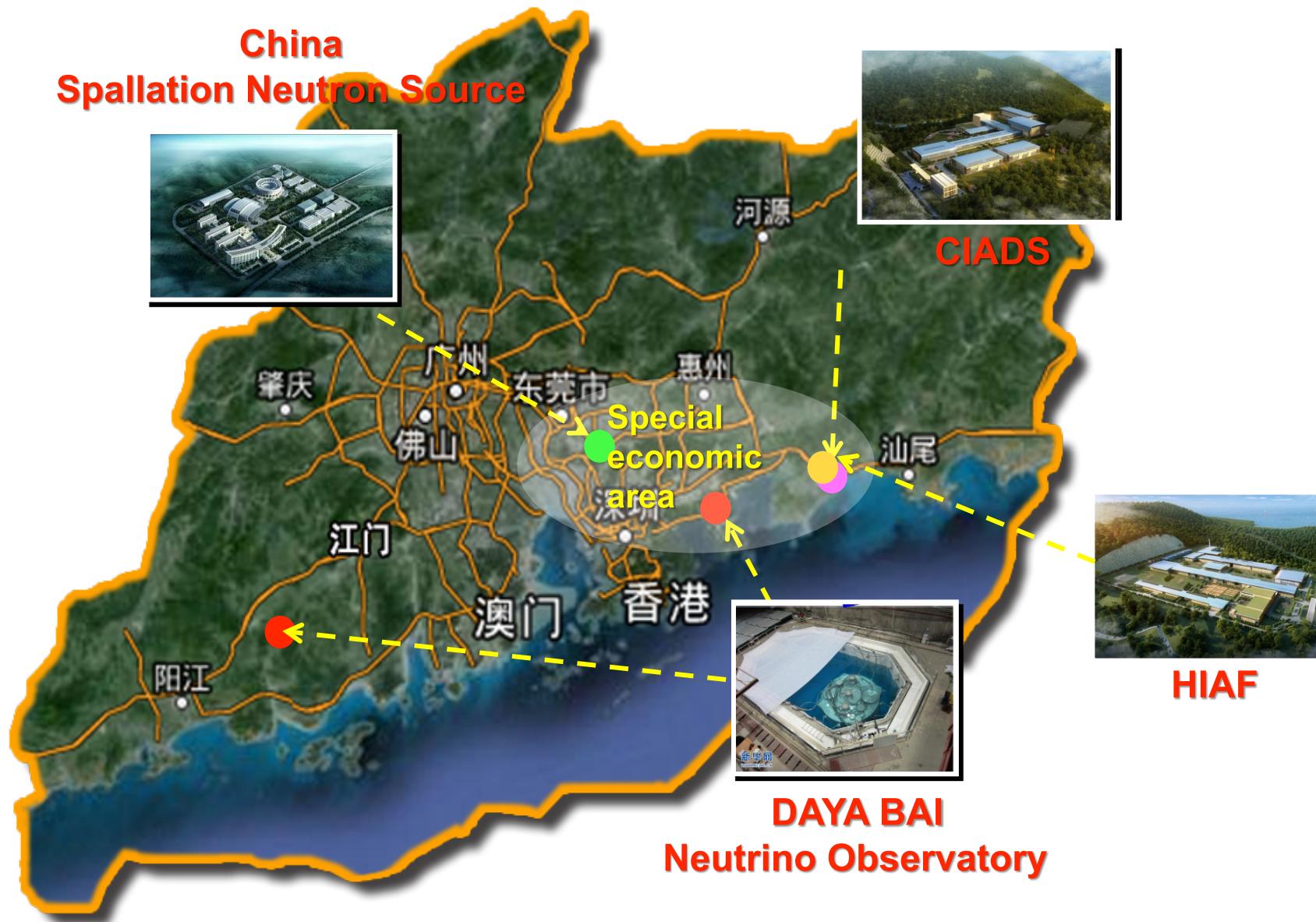




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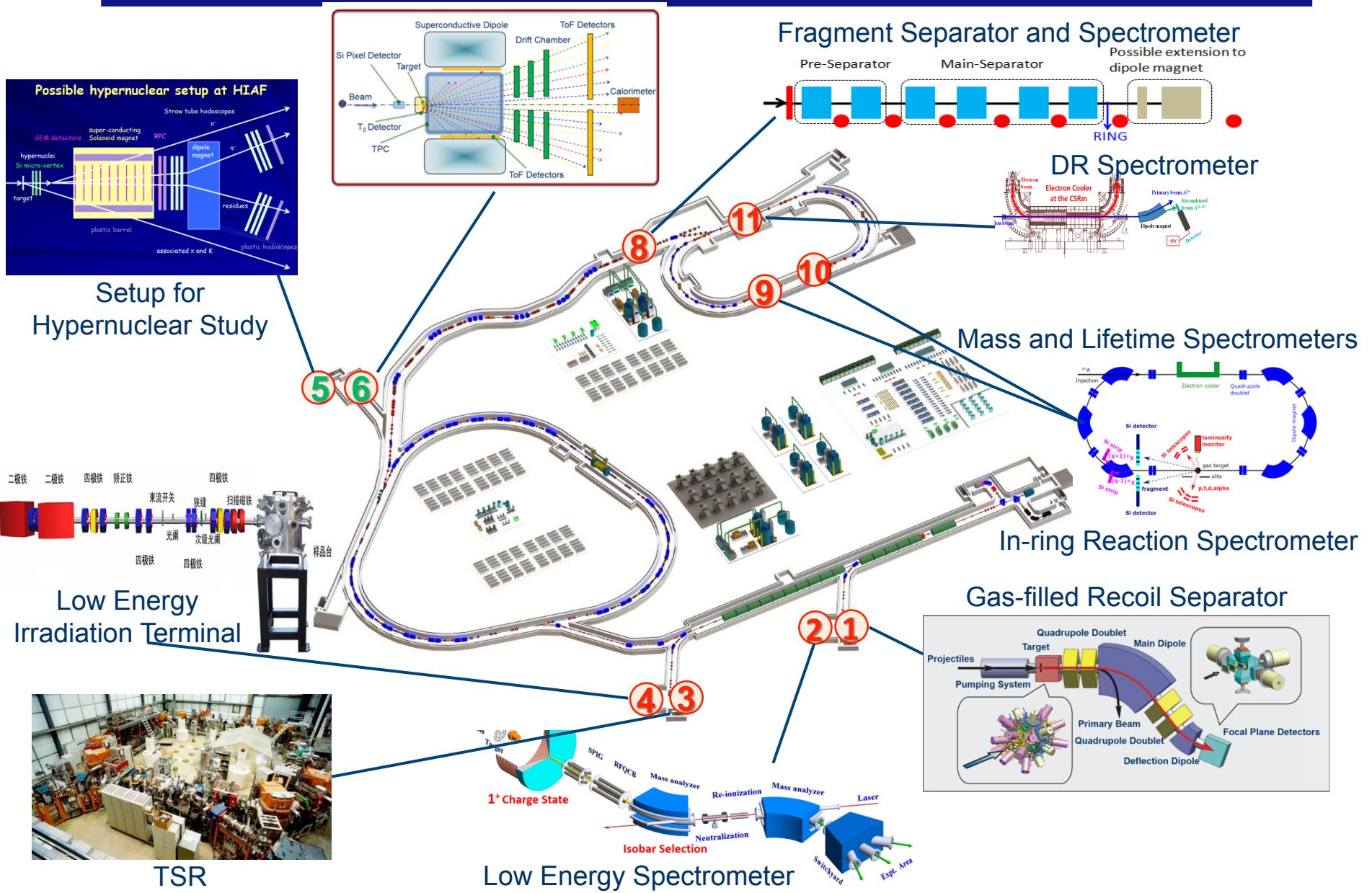
The establishment of the National Research Center at the Pearl River Delta is planned



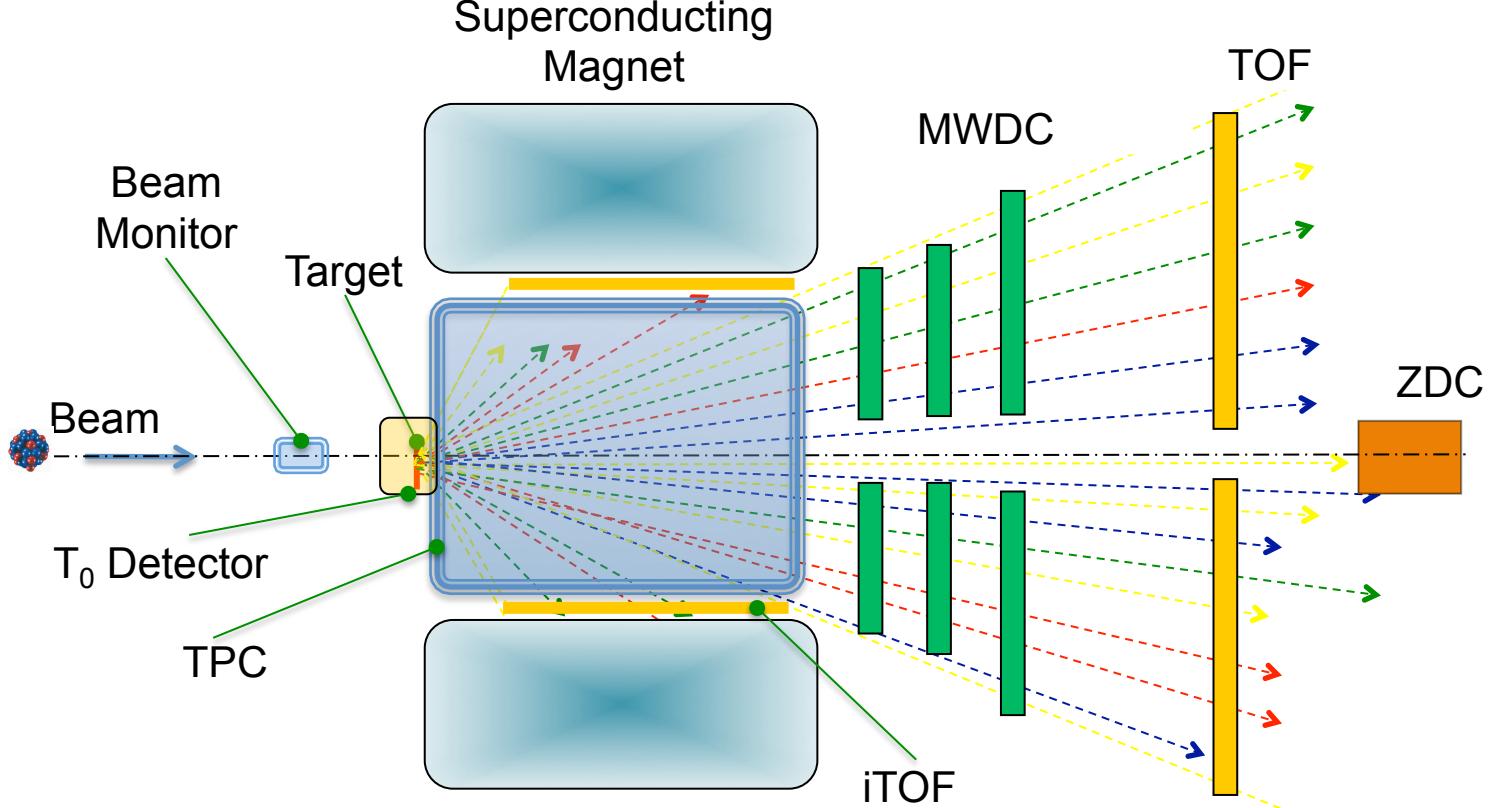
Huizhou city and Guangdong province will cover the expenses for land, preparing land, constructing roads, electricity and water supply stations, ...



# Experimental Setups at HIAF



# CEE Concept



技术亮点

自主研制

- 1) Beam Monitor
- 2) Time of Flight Detector (MRPC)
- 3) Time Project Chamber
- 4) DAQ
- 5) Superconducting Magnet

(CCNU)

(THU、USTC)

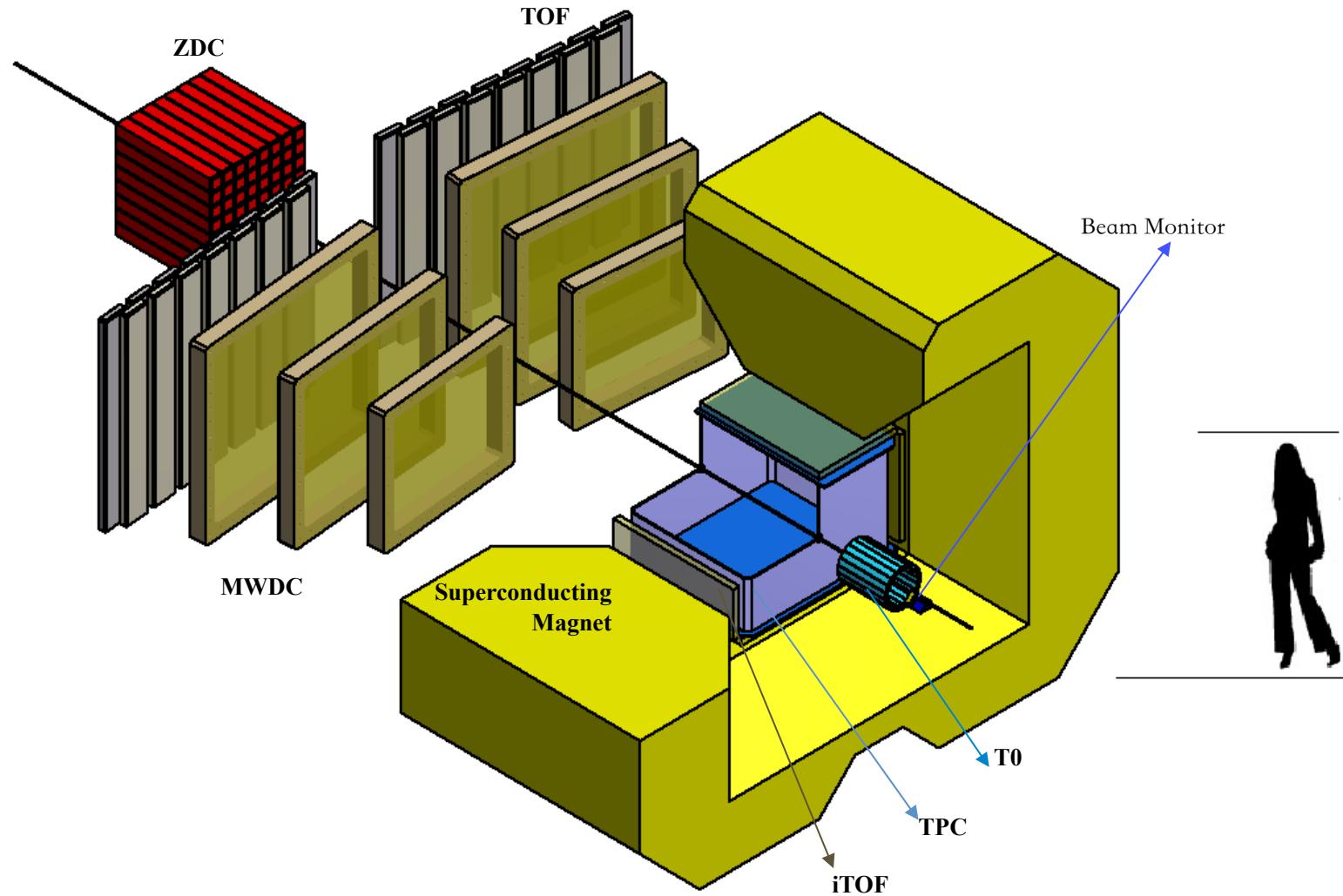
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# CEE Concept



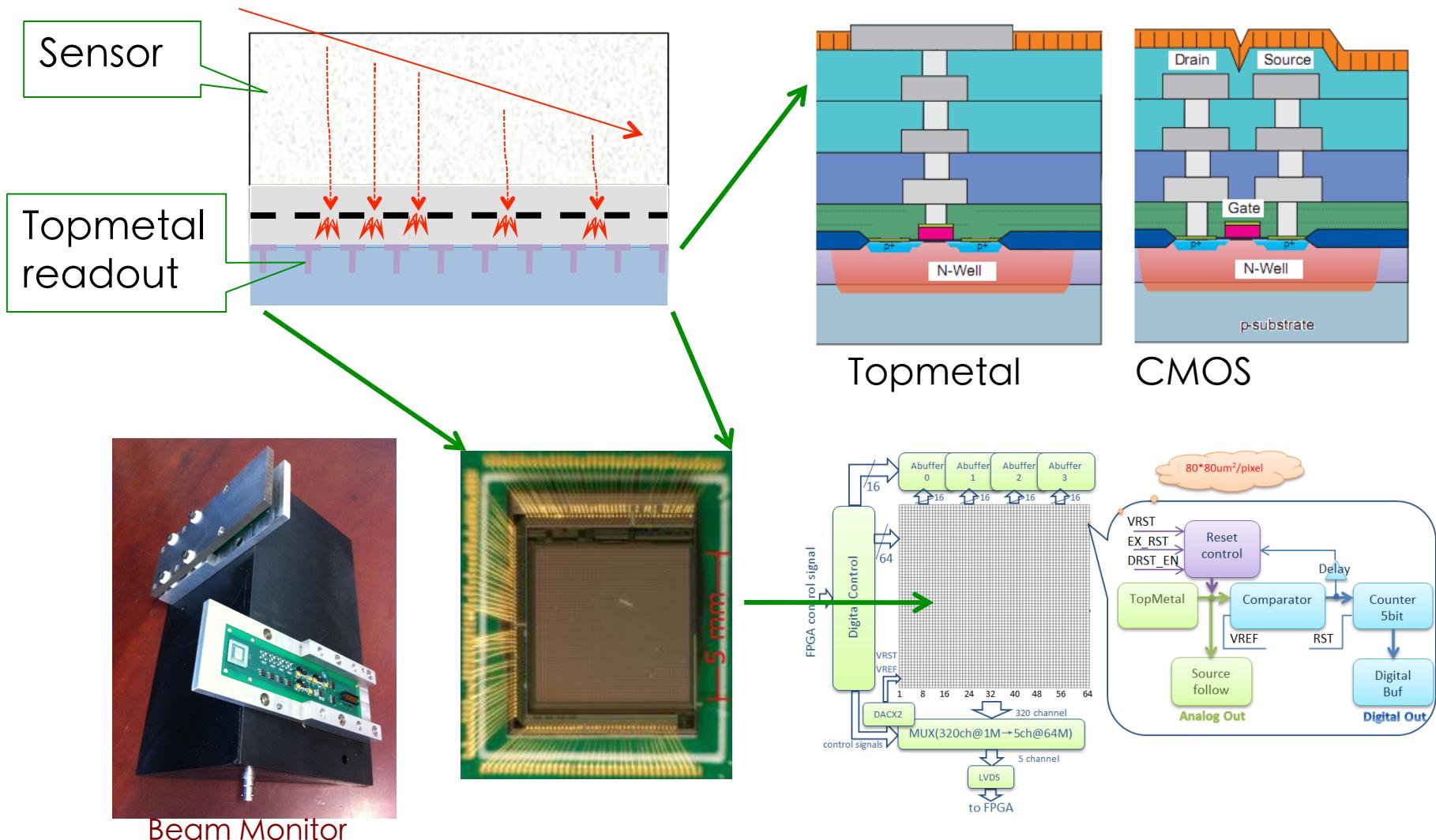
# CEE: design parameters

零度角量能器 ZDC	
总体尺寸	1(长)×1.5(高)×1.5(宽) m <sup>3</sup>
能量分辨	10%
通道数	400
超导磁铁	
总体尺寸	2.5 (长)×3 (高)×4 (宽) m <sup>3</sup>
均匀场区尺寸	1(长)×0.8(高)×1.2(宽) m <sup>3</sup>
中心场/均匀度	5kG / 1%
总体重量	200 吨
漂移室径迹探测器	
横向位置分辨	0.3 mm
漂移室层数	3
通道数	3000
总面积	12 m <sup>2</sup>
相对动量分辨	5%

时间投影室探测器 (TPC)	
灵敏区体积	1.(长)×0.8(高)×1.(宽) m <sup>3</sup>
读出片大小	~80 mm <sup>2</sup>
通道数	12k
工作气体	90% Ar + 10% CH <sub>4</sub>
相对动量分辨	π、p 典型值5%，总≤10%。
粒子种类量程	Z <= 2, π, p, d, t, He
双径迹区分	< 3 cm
径迹多重性限制	200
1级触发事件率	1000 Hz
微像素定位探测器	
位置分辨	< 50 μm
时间分辨	1 μs
探测器层数	2
像素数	360k
总面积	18cm <sup>2</sup>
飞行时间探测器	
时间分辨	eTOF < 80 ps, iTOF < 50 ps T <sub>0</sub> < 50ps
占有度	10%~15%
总面积	12m <sup>2</sup>
通道数	3000



# Topmetal Concept



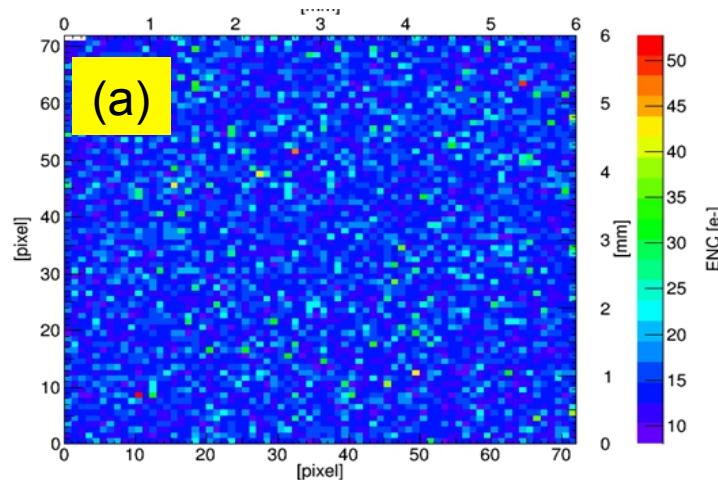
Position and charge sensitivity

# Topmetal Test Results

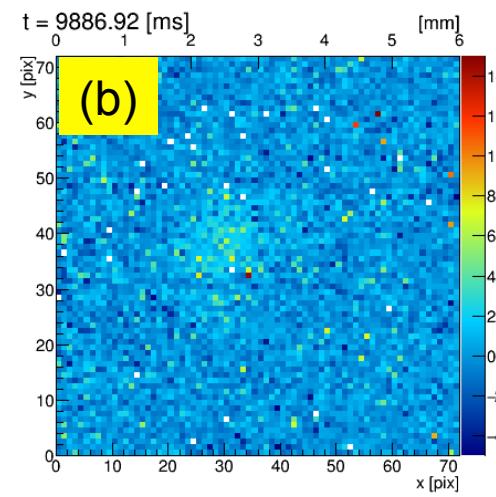
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中国发明专利

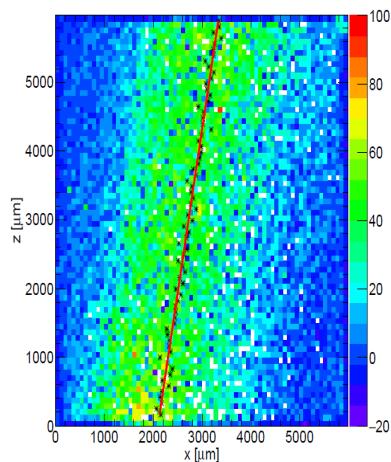
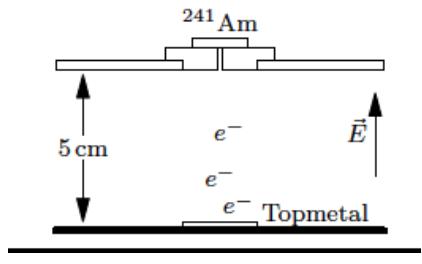
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2015: (a)  $\langle \text{ENC} \rangle \leq 13e$



(b) sensitive to single charge particle

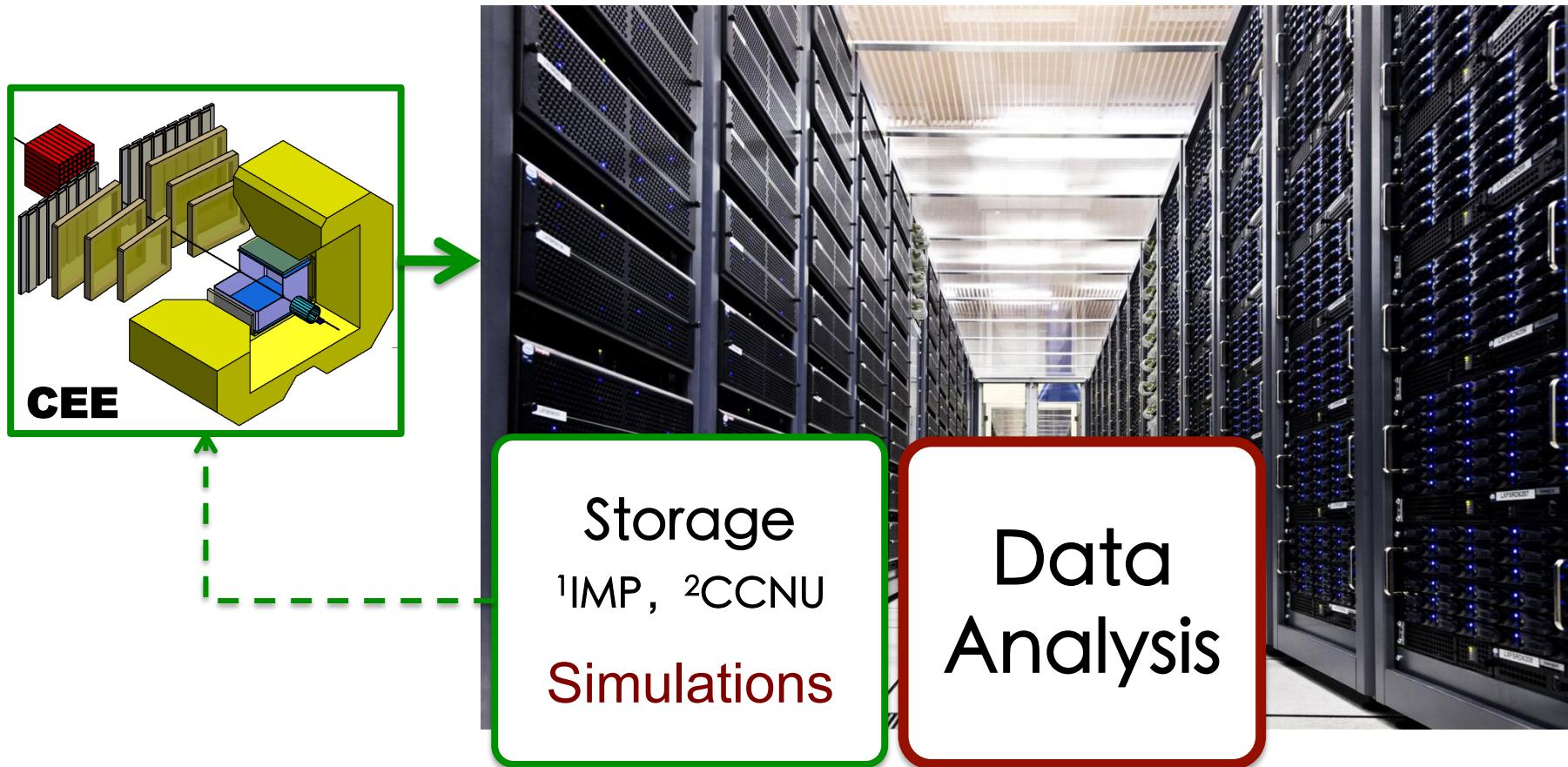


2016 results:  

- position resolution  
 $< 17 \mu\text{m}$
- NIMA, 849, 20-24 (17)



# Computing Centers for Data Storage and Analysis



- 1) Institute of Physics: Computing + Storage
- 2) CCNU: New Computing Center (**NSC<sup>3</sup>**)

# CEE Team

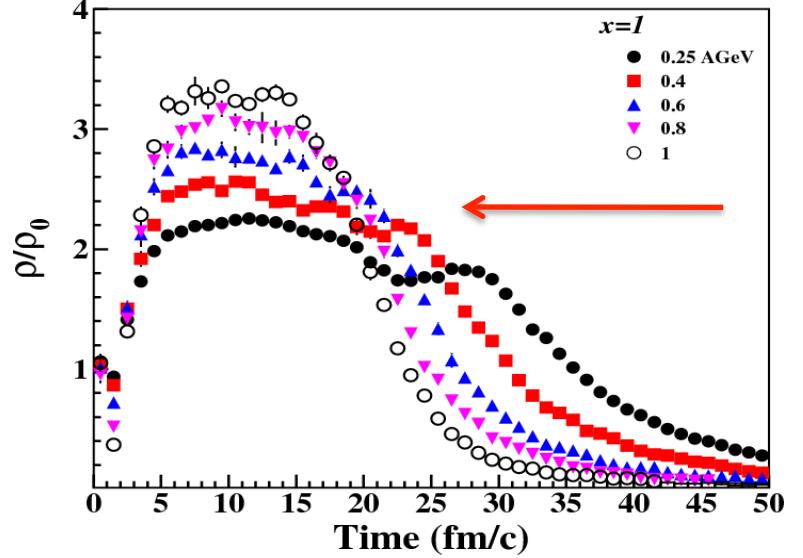
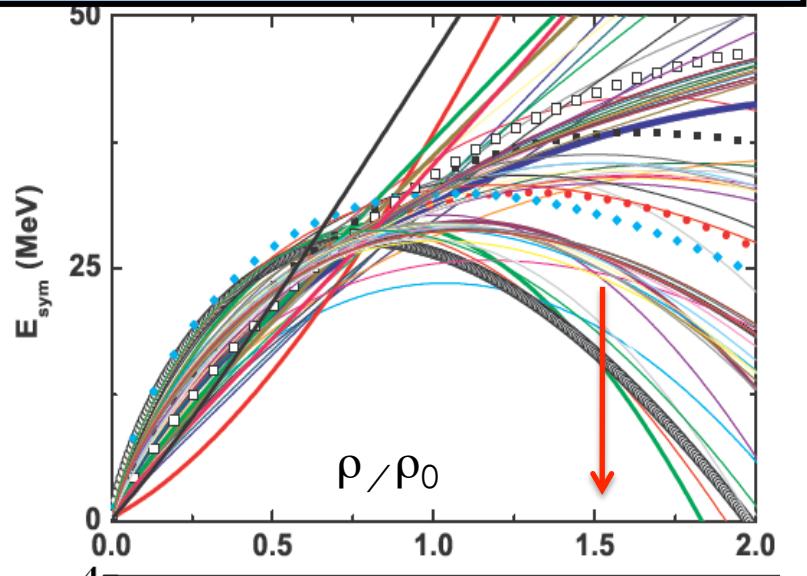
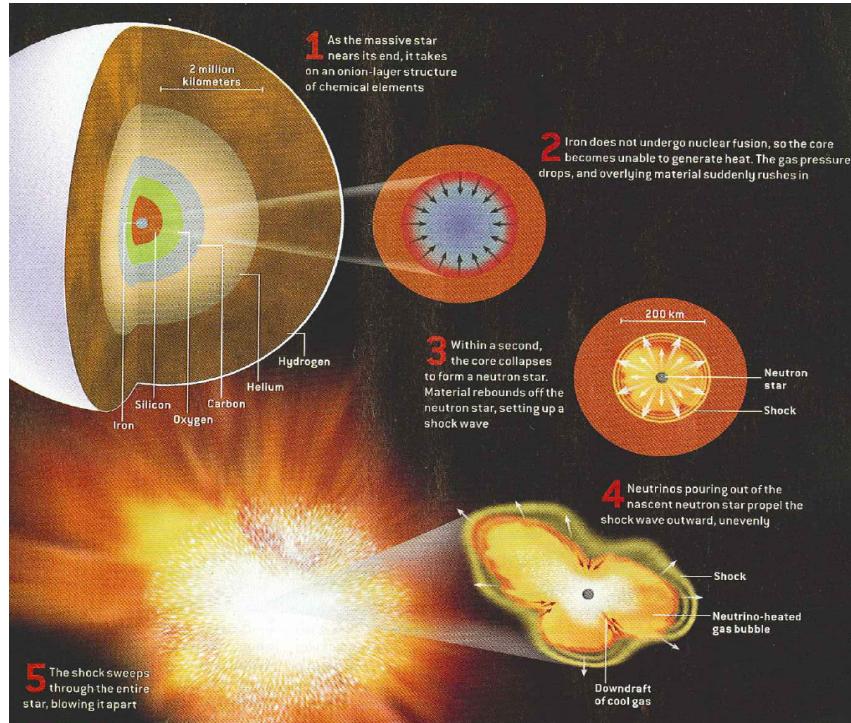
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# (I) Symmetry Energy and EOS

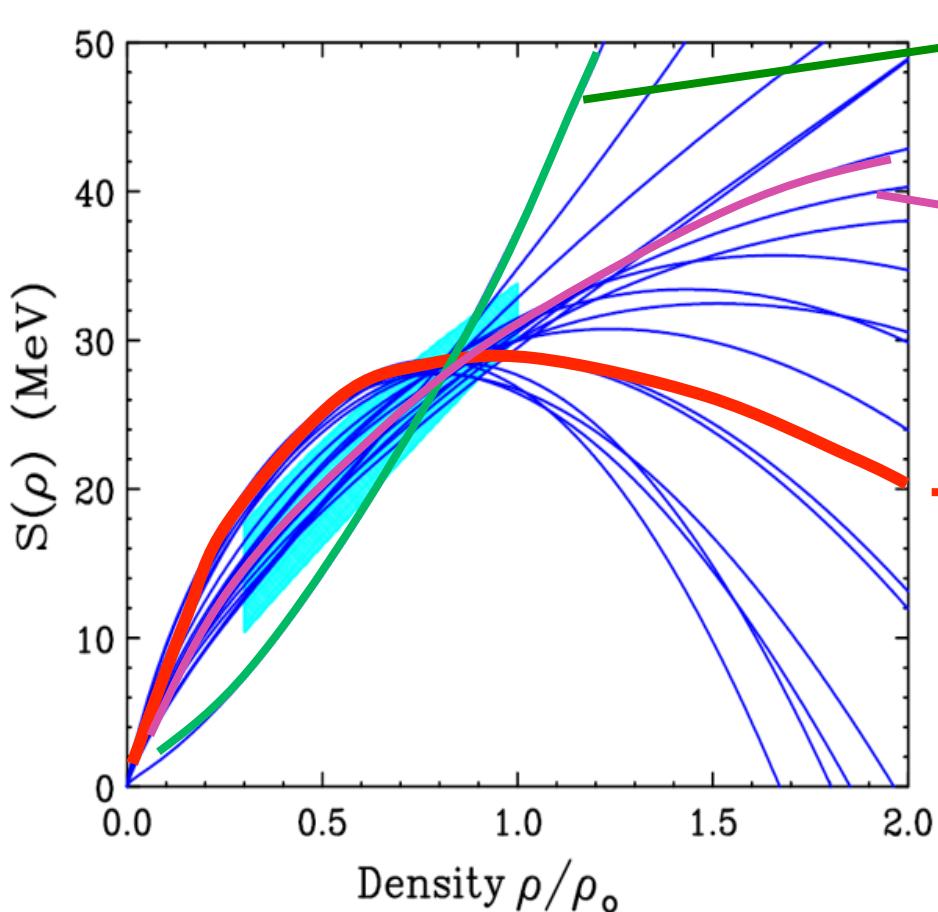
$$E(\rho, \delta) = E_0(\rho) + \delta^2 E_{\text{sym}}(\rho) = a_V + \frac{\kappa}{18} \varepsilon^2 - \frac{\kappa^2}{162} \varepsilon^3 + \dots + \delta^2 \left( E_{\text{sym}} + \frac{L}{3} \varepsilon + \dots \right)$$



HIRFL-CSR and HIAF are ideal energy region for study symmetry energy at high baryon density



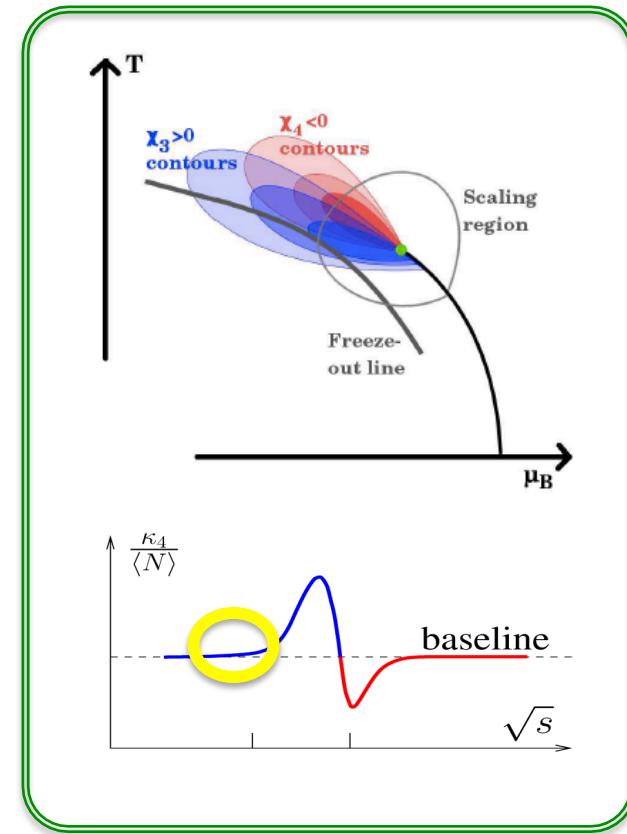
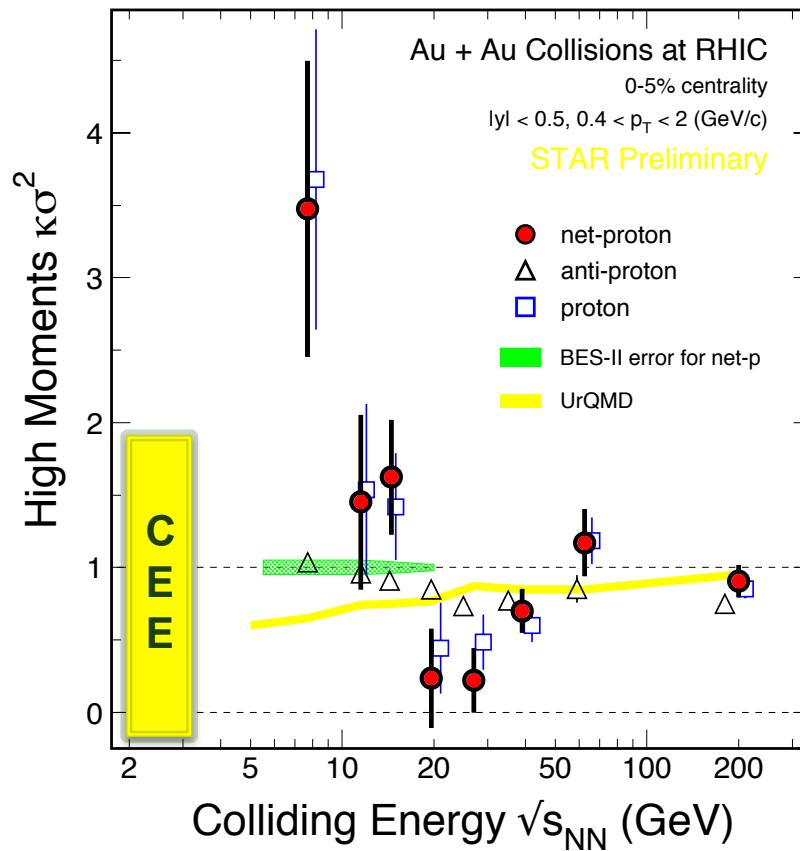
# $E_{\text{sym}}(\rho)$ Above Saturation Density



- **Stiff**       $\pi^-/\pi^+$   
Phys. Lett. B683, 140(2010)
- **Moderate nucleon flow**  
Phys. Lett. B697, 471 (2011)  
Phys. Lett. B700, 139 (2011)
- **Soft**       $\pi^-/\pi^+$   
Phys. Rev. Lett. 102, 062502(2009)  
Phys. Lett. B718, 1510(2013)
- **No sensitivity in pion ratios**  
J. Hong et al. ArXiv: 1307.7654

- Medium effect are important by J. Xu et al.
- More experimental data at  $\rho/\rho_0 > 1$  are needed

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# Summary

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- 1) HIAF is scheduled to be online in 2024.  
CEE is important for exploring the QCD phase structure in the high baryon density region
- 2) Physics focus:
  - 1) QCD critical point      proton PID
  - 2)  $V_1$  of ( $\pi$ , K, p,  $\Lambda$ )      pion PID
  - 3) Symmetry energy
  - 4) Polarized target

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