

Study the QCD Phase Structure at the *High Baryon Density*

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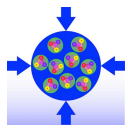
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- 1) Introduction
- 2) Selected results from RHIC BES-I
- 3) Selected day-1 observables for CBM

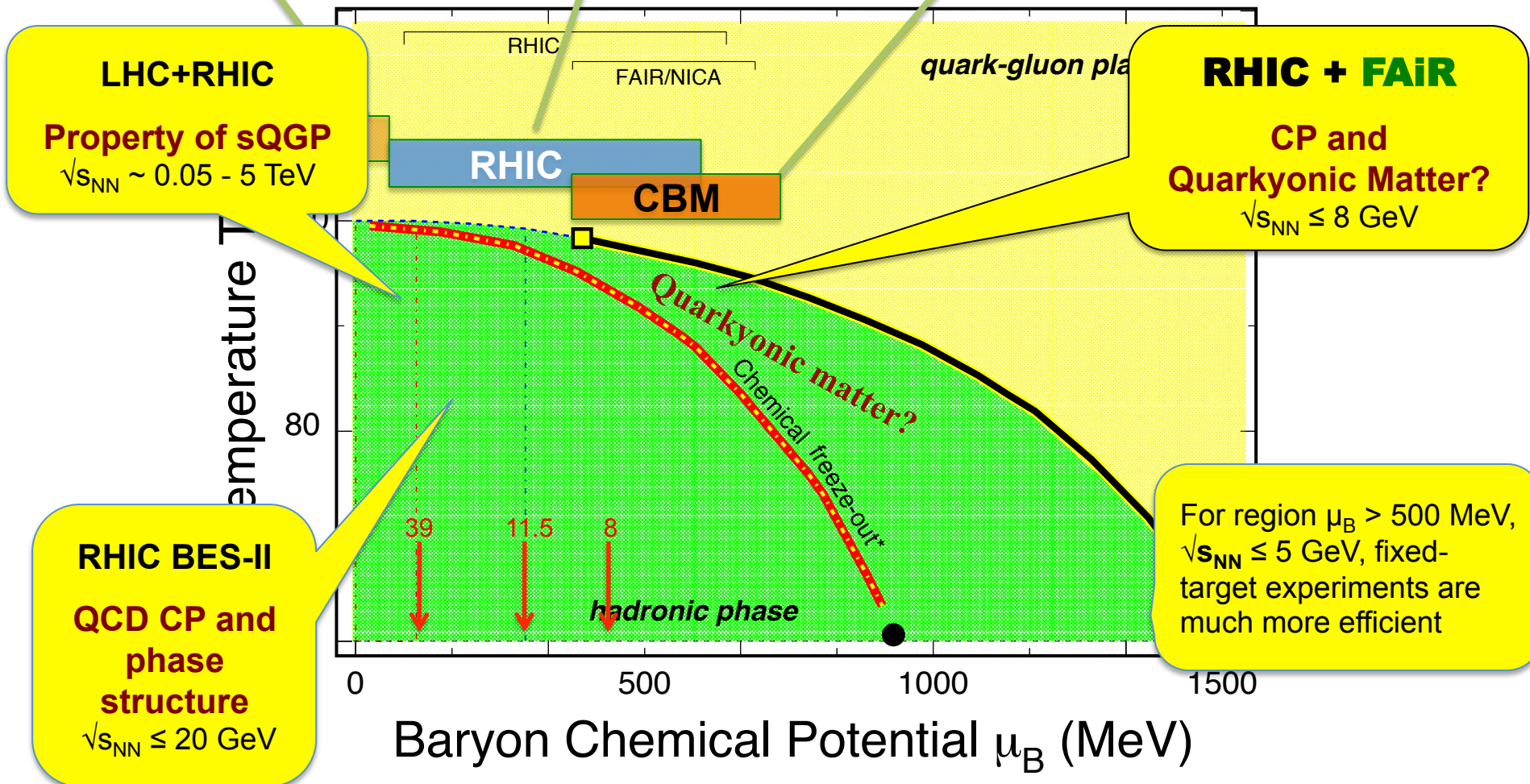
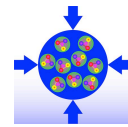


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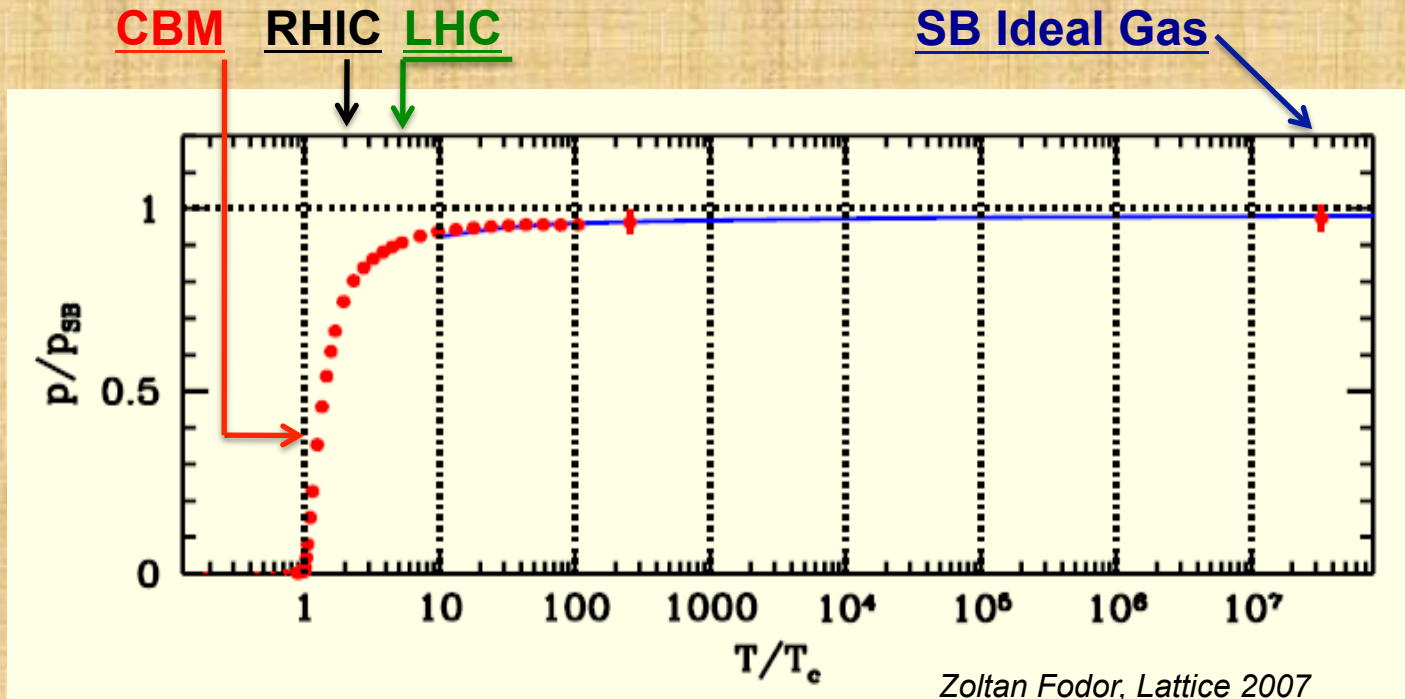
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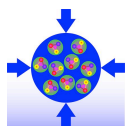
Exploring QCD Phase Structure



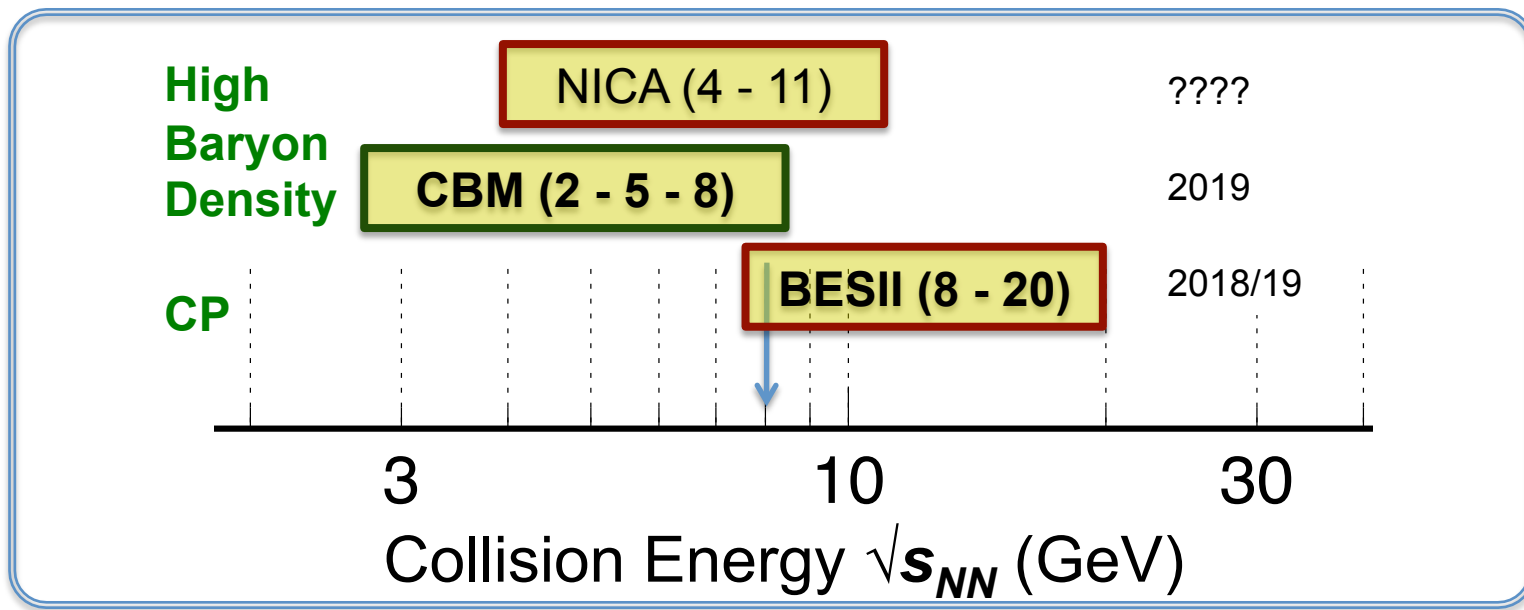
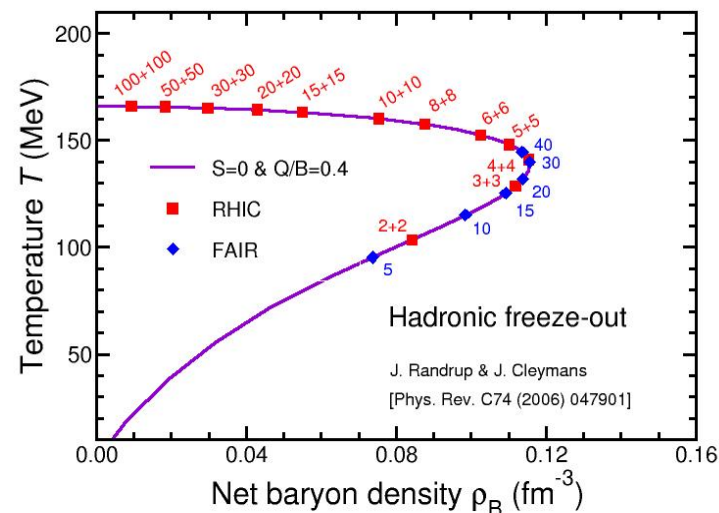
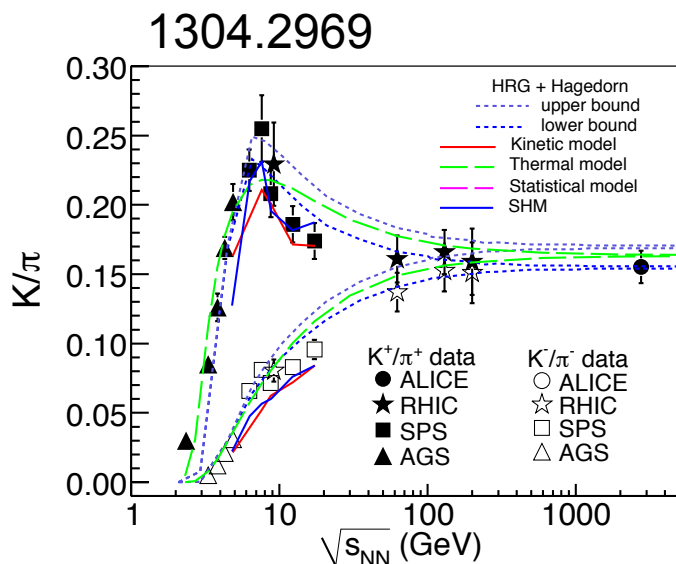
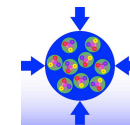
QCD Thermodynamics



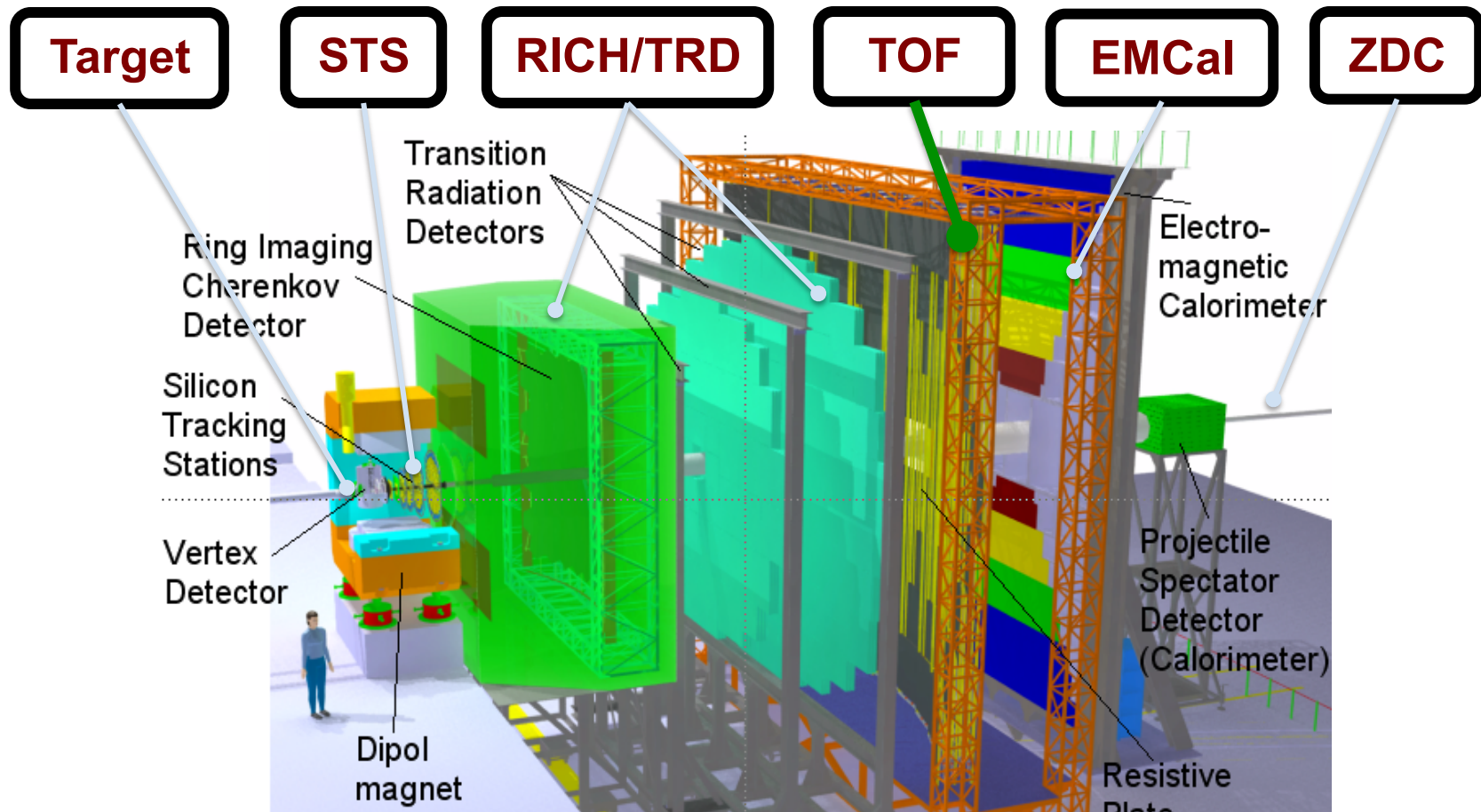
- 1) At $\mu_B = 0$: cross over transition, $150 < T_c < 200 \text{ MeV}$
- 2) The SB ideal gas limit: $T/T_c \sim 10^7$
- 3) $T_{ini}(\text{LHC}) \sim 2\text{-}3 \cdot T_{ini}(\text{RHIC})$
- 4) Thermodynamic evolutions are similar for RHIC and LHC



Baryon Density Peaks at $\sim \sqrt{s_{NN}} = 8$ GeV



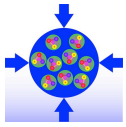
The CBM Experiment



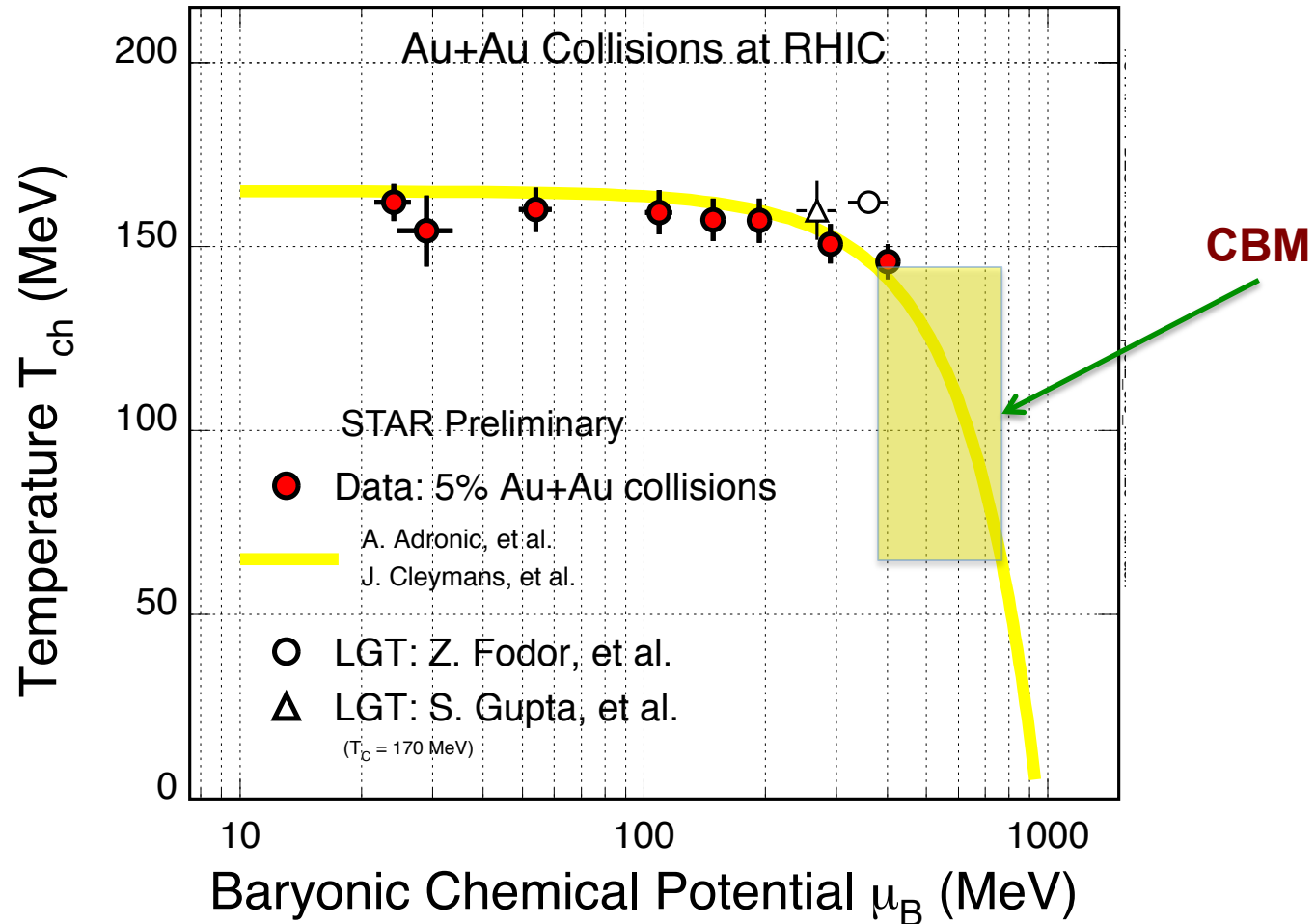
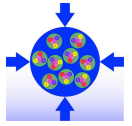
FAIR: the highest intensity accelerator complex in the 21st century

Precision measurements at high baryon density region for:

- (i) dileptons (e, μ);
- (ii) high order baryon correlations;
- (iii) flavor productions (s, c)

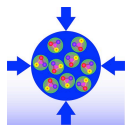


Bulk Properties at Freeze-out

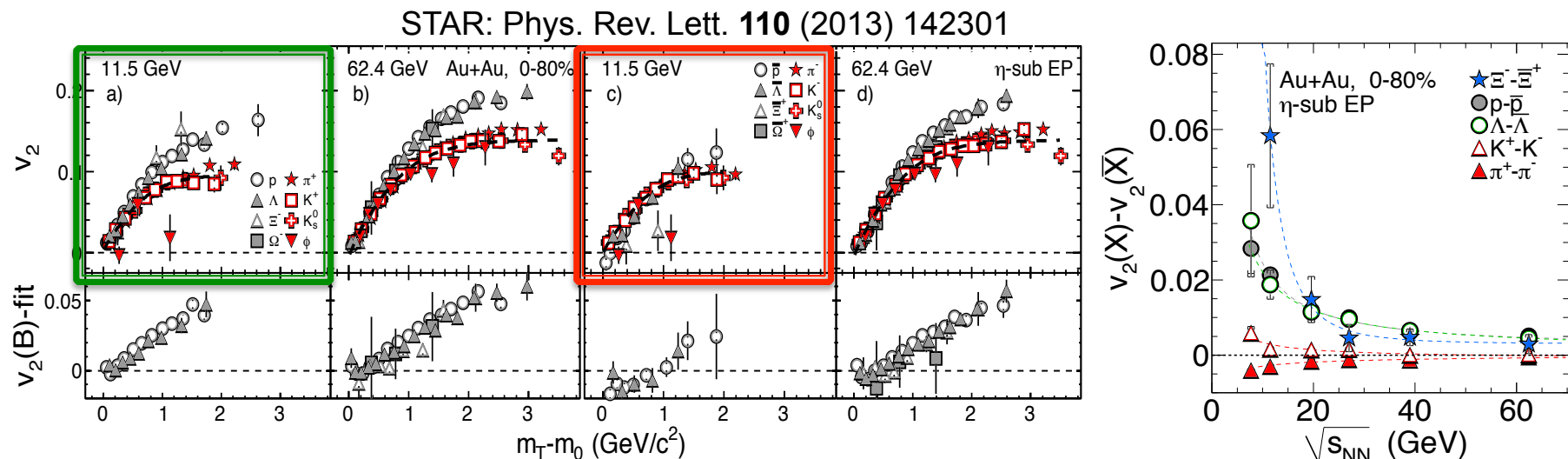
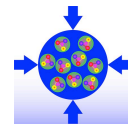


Chemical Freeze-out: (GCE)

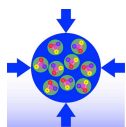
- RHIC ($20 \leq \mu_B \leq 420$ MeV): small temperature variation
- CBM ($400 \leq \mu_B \leq 750$ MeV): temperature changes dramatically!



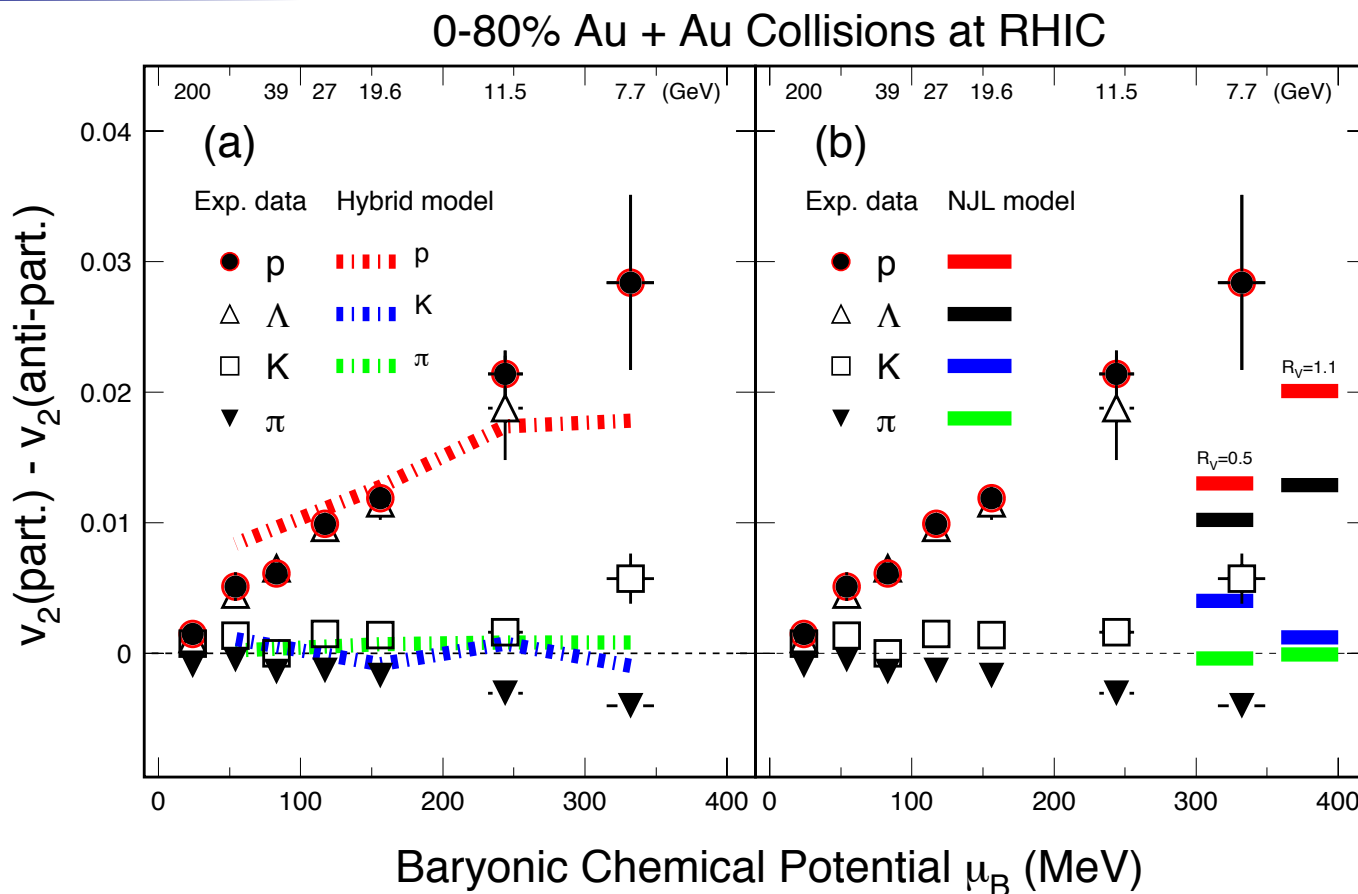
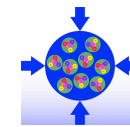
Collectivity v_2 Measurements



- 1) Number of constituent quark (NCQ) **scaling** in $v_2 \Rightarrow$ **partonic collectivity** \Rightarrow **deconfinement** in high-energy nuclear collisions
- 2) At $\sqrt{s_{NN}} < 11.5$ GeV, the universal v_2 **NCQ scaling is broken**, consistent with hadronic interactions becoming dominant.



BES v_2 and Model Comparison

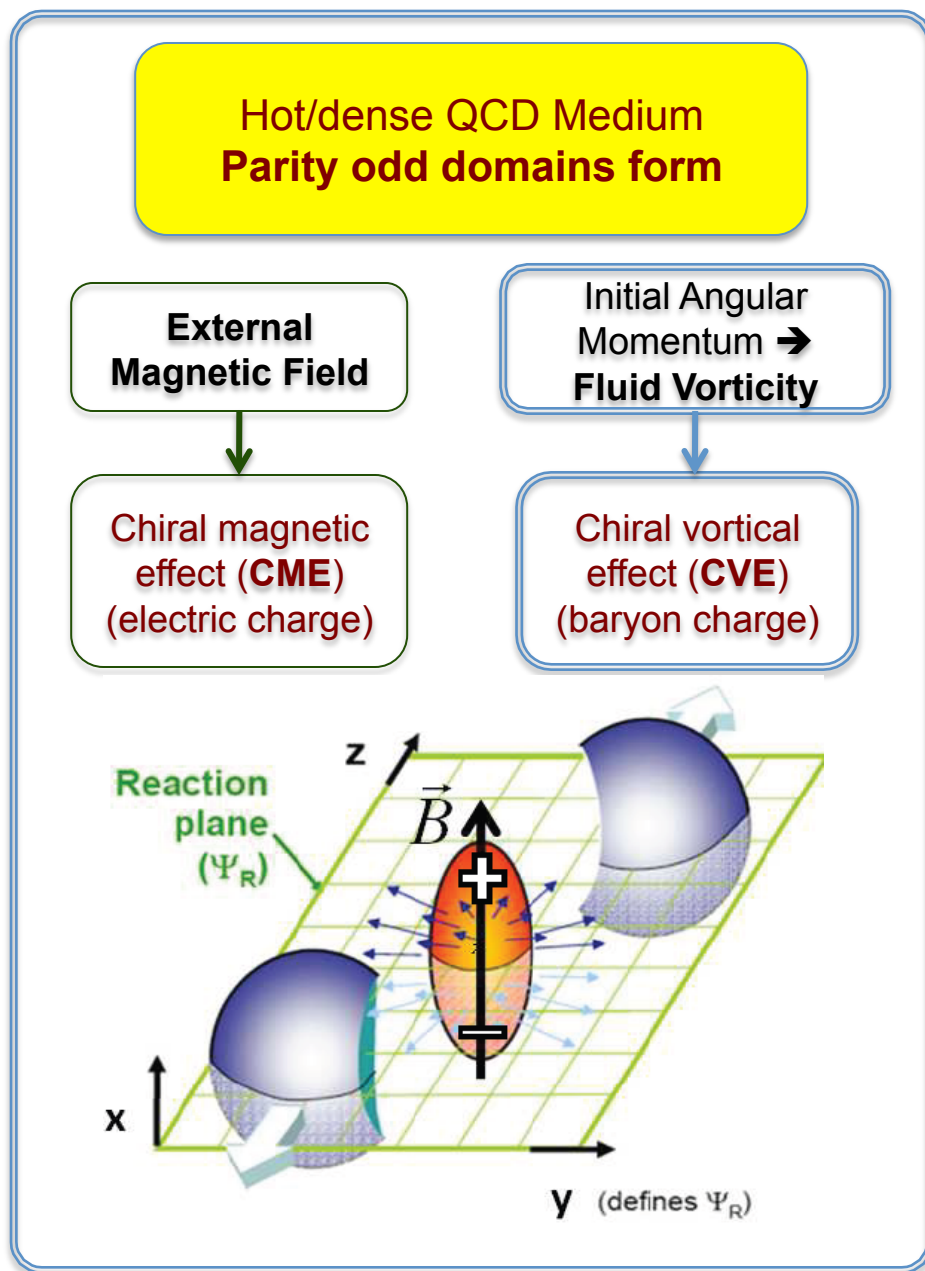


(a) Hydro + Transport: consistent with baryon data.

[J. Steinheimer, V. Koch, and M. Bleicher PRC86, 44902(13).]

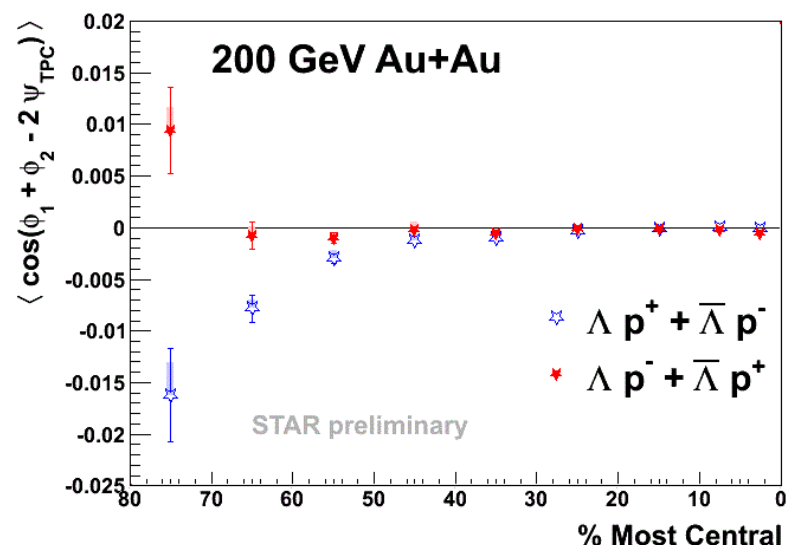
(b) NJL model: Hadron splitting consistent. Sensitive to vector-coupling, **CME**, **net-baryon density dependent**. [J. Xu, et al., arXiv:1308.1753/PRL112.012301]

Chiral Effects



Chiral Vortical Effect

Λ -proton correlation measurement:



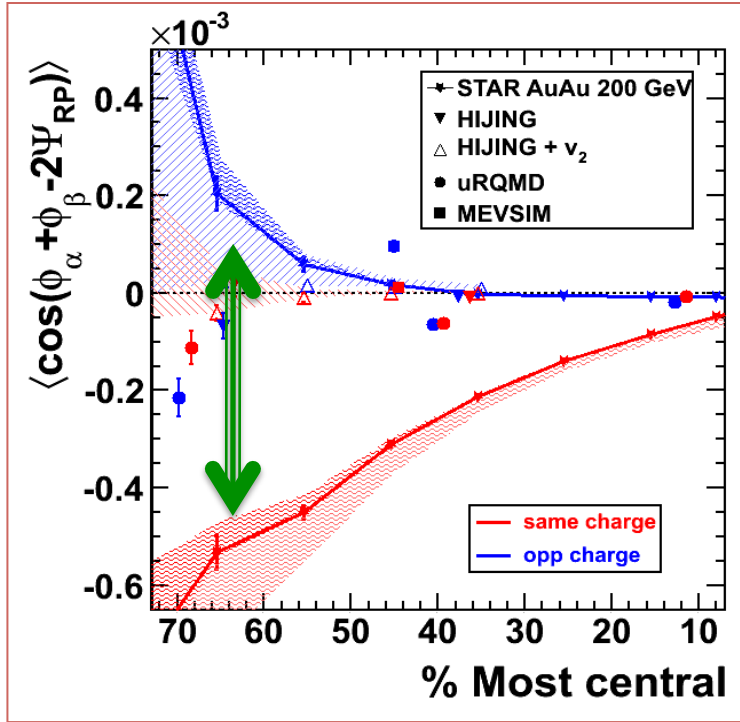
- 1) The opposite baryon number (Λ -pbar or $\bar{\Lambda}$ -p) correlations (OB) are similar
- 2) The same baryon number (Λ -p or $\bar{\Lambda}$ -pbar) correlations (SB) are lower than that of the OB, **as expected from the CVE.**

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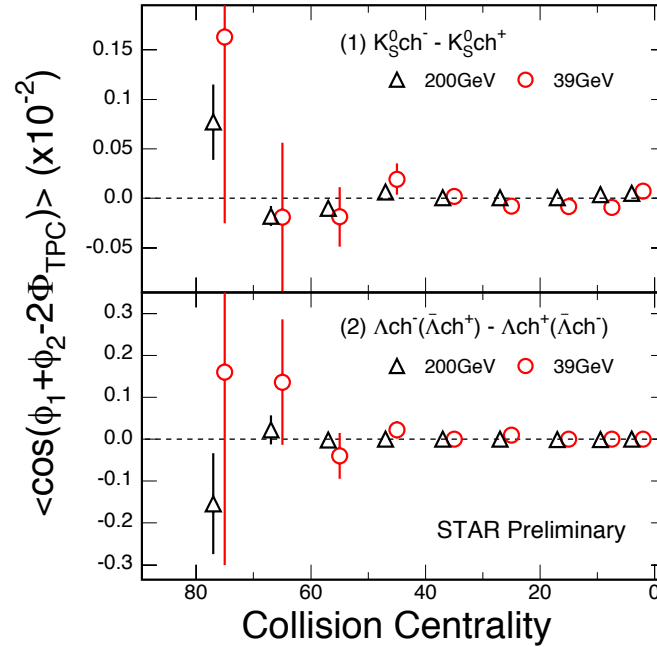
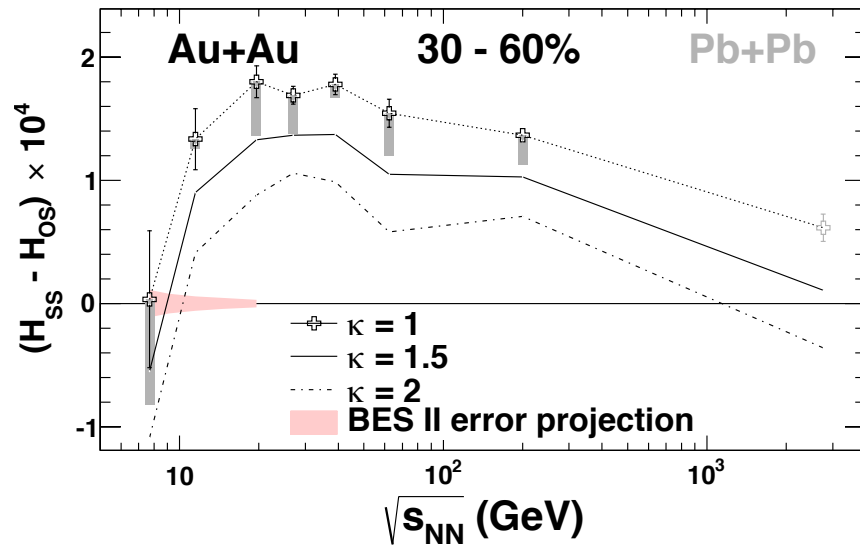
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Charge Separation wrt Event Plane



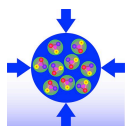
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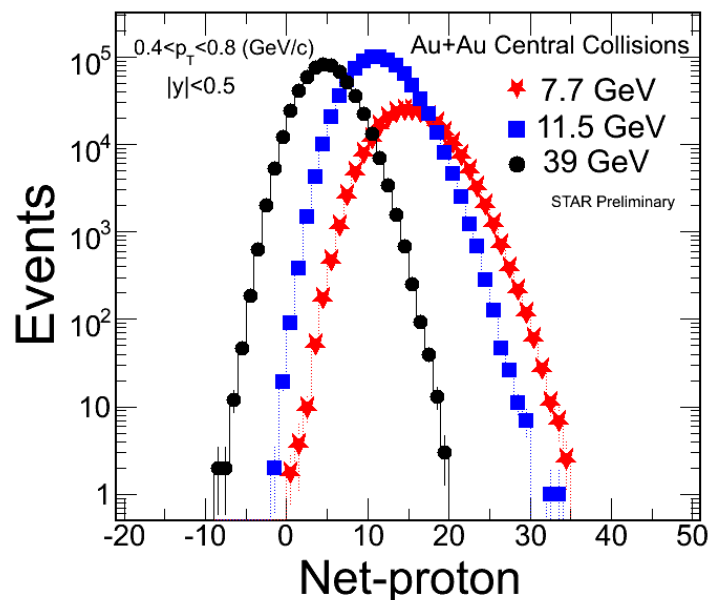
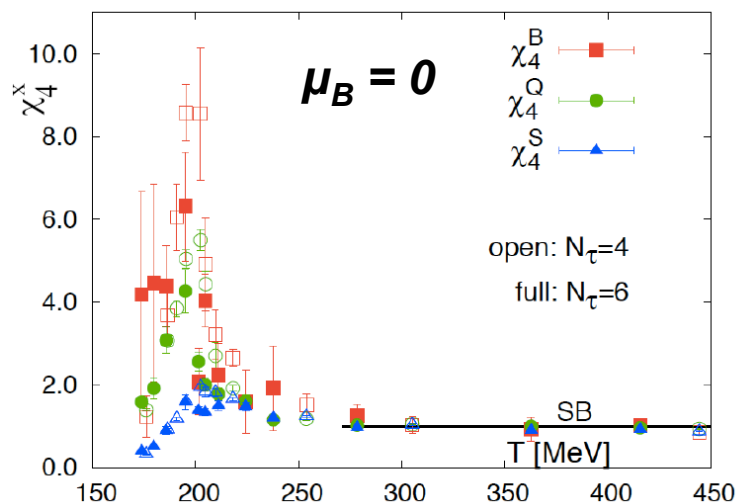
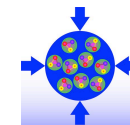
LPV(CME) disappears: with neutral hadrons:

LPV(CME) disappears at low energy:
 → hadronic interactions become dominant at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \leq 11.5$ GeV

STAR: PRL. 103, 251601(09)
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Higher Moments



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

2) Sensitive to critical point (ξ correlation length):

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

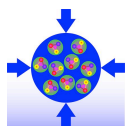
3) Direct comparison with calculations at any order:

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

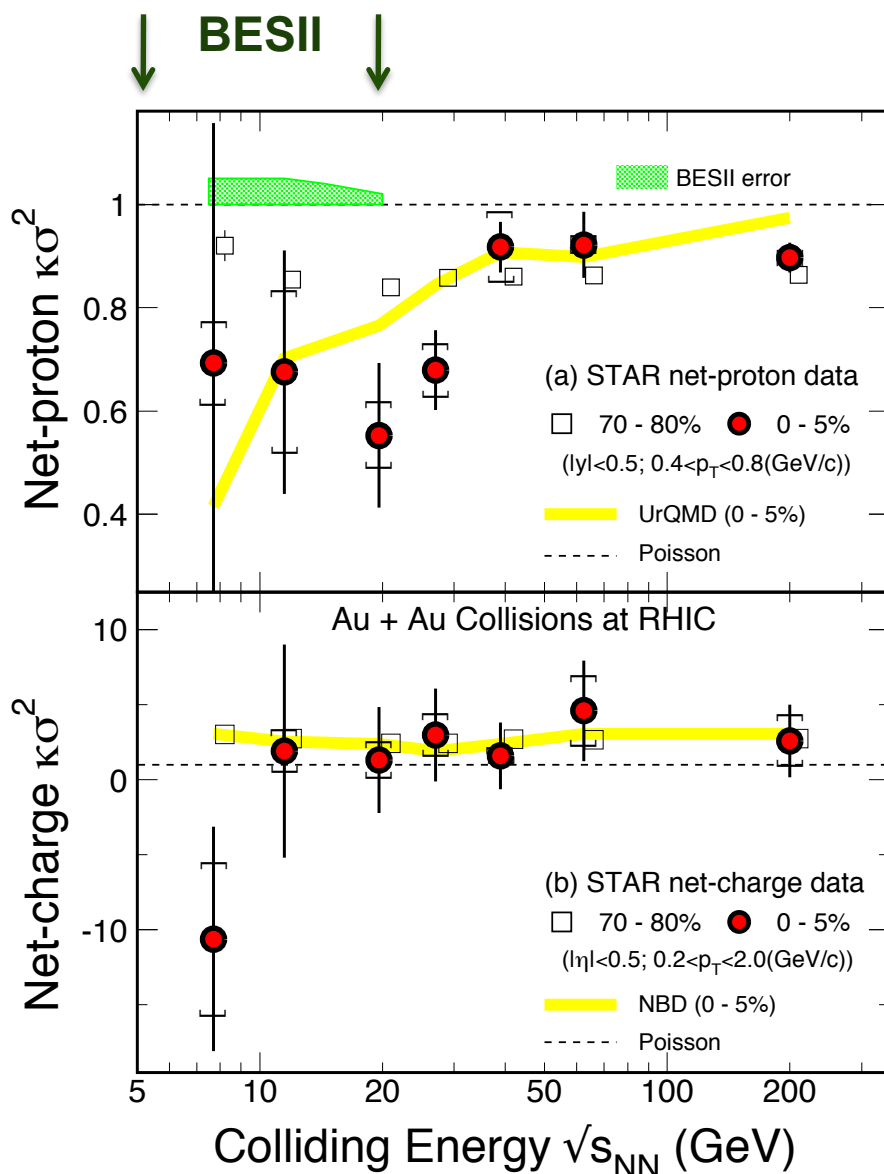
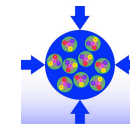
4) **Extract susceptibilities and freeze-out temperature.** An independent/important test of thermal equilibrium in heavy ion collisions.

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Higher Moments Results



Net-proton results:

- 1) All data show deviations below Poisson for $\kappa\sigma^2$ at all energies. Larger deviation at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 20$ GeV
- 2) UrQMD model shows monotonic behavior in the moment products

STAR: *PRL*112, 32302(14)/arXiv: 1309.5681

Net-charge results:

- 1) No non-monotonic behavior
- 2) More affected by the resonance decays

STAR: arXiv: 1402.1558

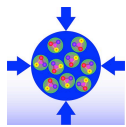
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BESII is needed:

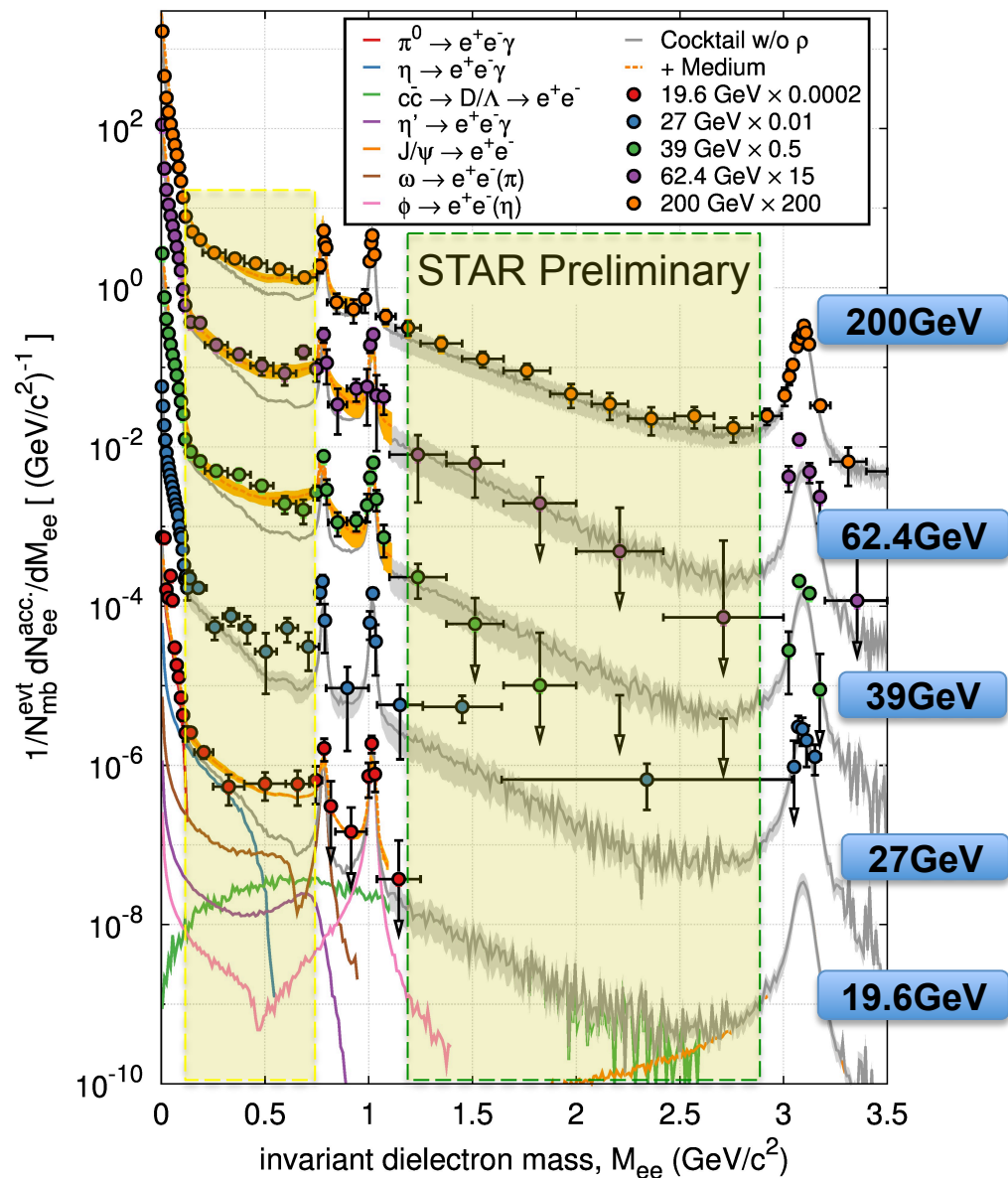
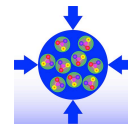
Higher statistics needed for collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} < 20$ GeV

Comparing to LGT calculations

$$T_f = 146 \pm 6 \text{ MeV}, \sqrt{s_{NN}} > 39 \text{ GeV}$$



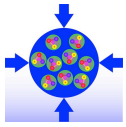
Energy Dependence of Di-electrons



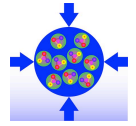
Bulk-penetrating probe:

- 1) $M_{ee} \leq 1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$: In-medium broadened ρ , model results* are consistent with exp. data. At 200GeV, the enhancement is in the order of $1.77 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.24 \pm 0.33$ within $0.3 < M_{ee} < 0.7 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ (* driven by the baryon density in the medium)
- 2) $1 \leq M_{ee} \leq 3 \text{ GeV}/c^2$: Thermal radiation: $\exp(-M_{ee}/T)$? HFT: Charm contributions.
- 3) High statistics data are needed, **BESII!**

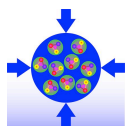
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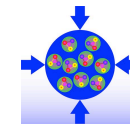
Day-1 Observables at CBM



- Hadron spectra and anisotropies: $\pi, K, p, \Phi, \Lambda, \Xi, \Omega$
 - Freeze-out property
 - Phase boundary
- Baryon/strangeness correlations: $\kappa(\text{net-Q}, \text{net-p}, \text{net-s})$
 - Critical point, phase boundary
 - Global Chiral effect
- Dilepton spectra $m_{ll}(b, p_T, A)$
 - Chiral property, quarkyonic matter
- Exotics, ...



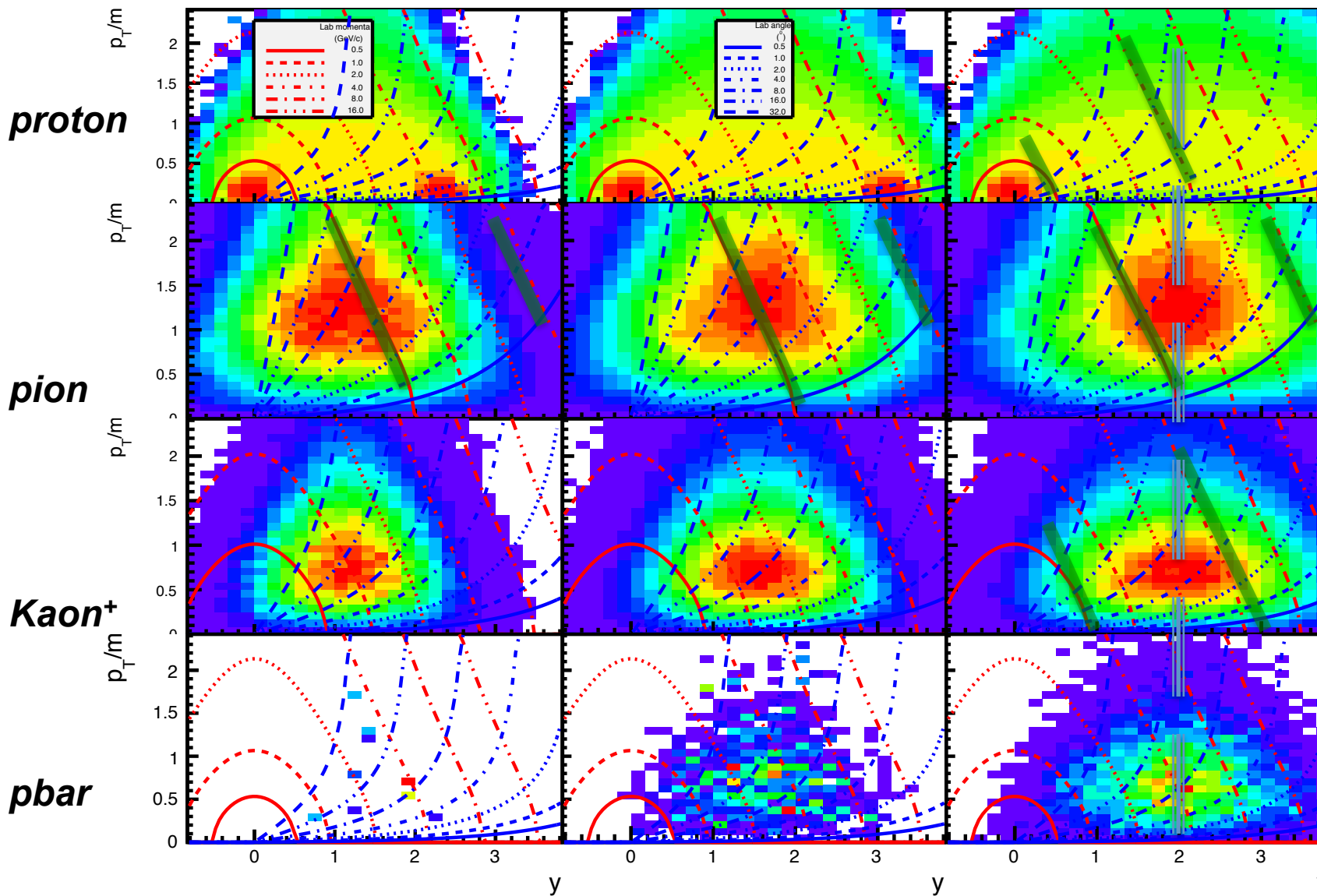
Phase Space vs. Acceptance



Beam E/A ($\sqrt{s_{NN}}$) = 4 (3.05) GeV

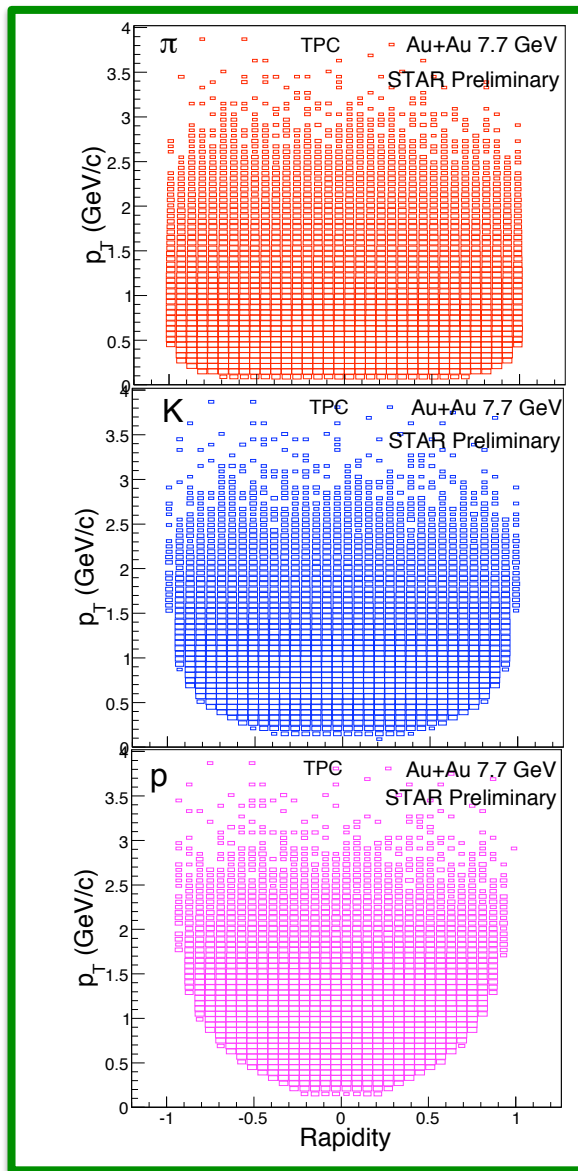
10 (4.54) GeV

25 (6.98) GeV

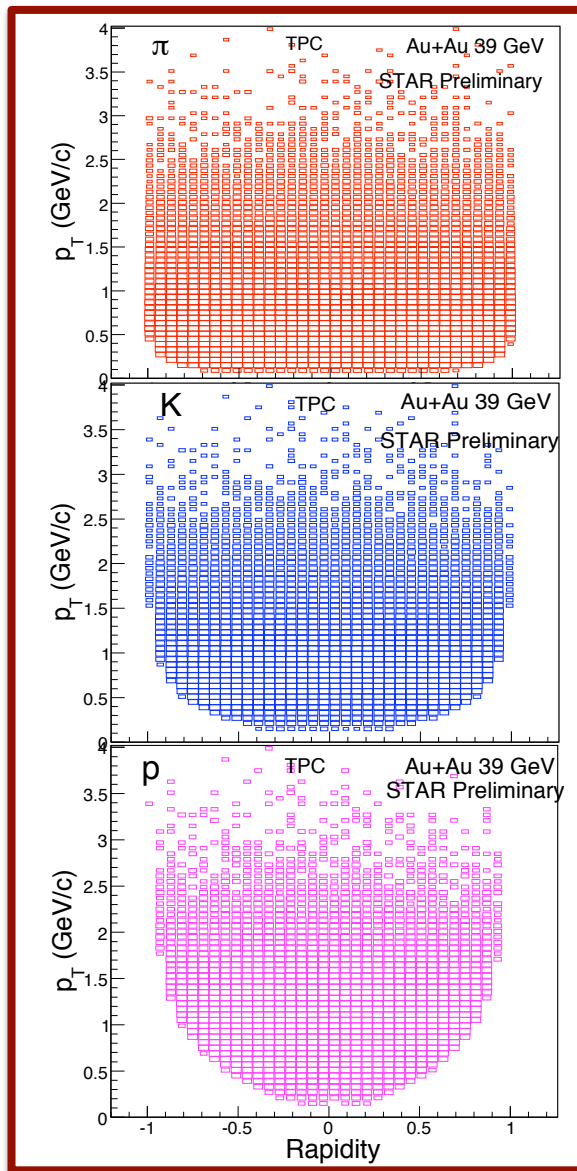


STAR PID for (π , K , p)

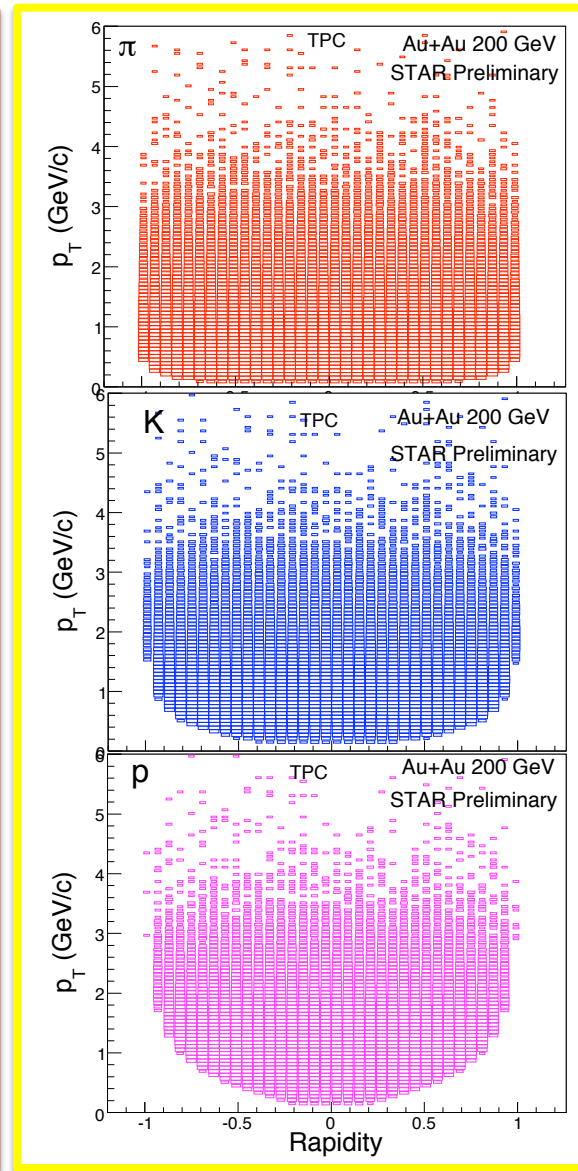
Au+Au at 7.7 GeV

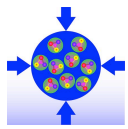


Au+Au at 39 GeV



Au+Au at 200 GeV





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