

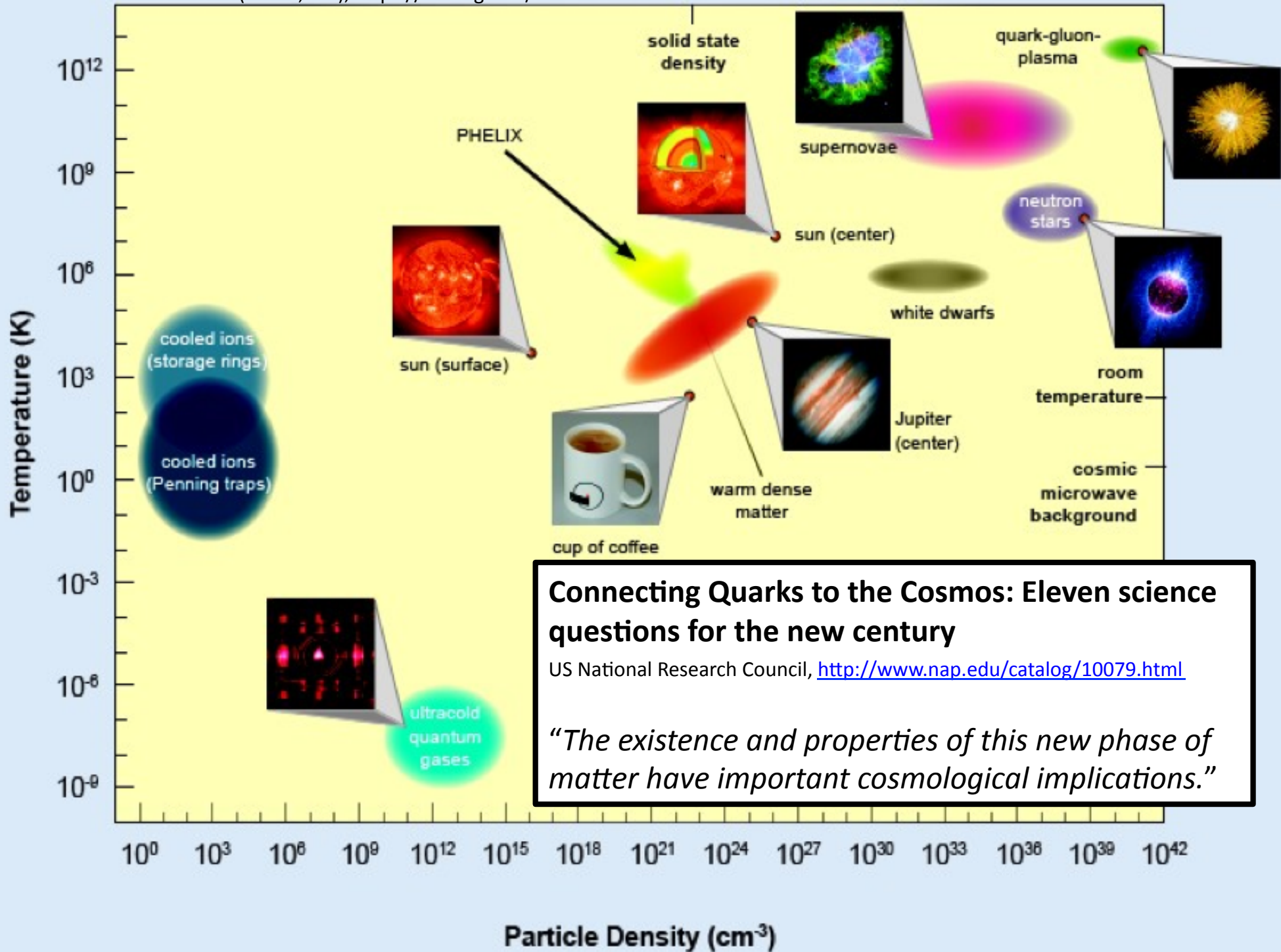
# Quark-gluon plasma and the early Universe

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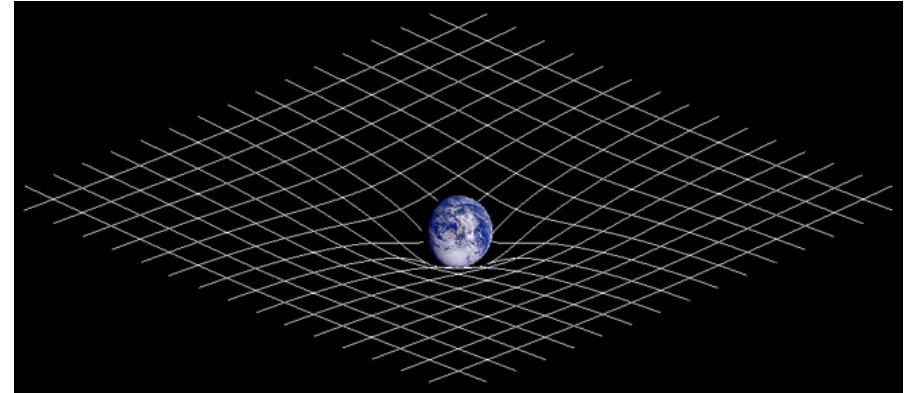
**Connecting Quarks to the Cosmos: Eleven science questions for the new century**  
 US National Research Council, <http://www.nap.edu/catalog/10079.html>  
*"The existence and properties of this new phase of matter have important cosmological implications."*

# Basics of cosmology (1)

Theoretical framework = General Relativity (GR)

→ Curved space-time

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu}(x) dx^\mu dx^\nu$$



→ Einstein's field equations

$$\underbrace{R^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g^{\mu\nu}R}_{G^{\mu\nu}} + \Lambda g^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{8\pi G_N}{c^4} T^{\mu\nu}$$

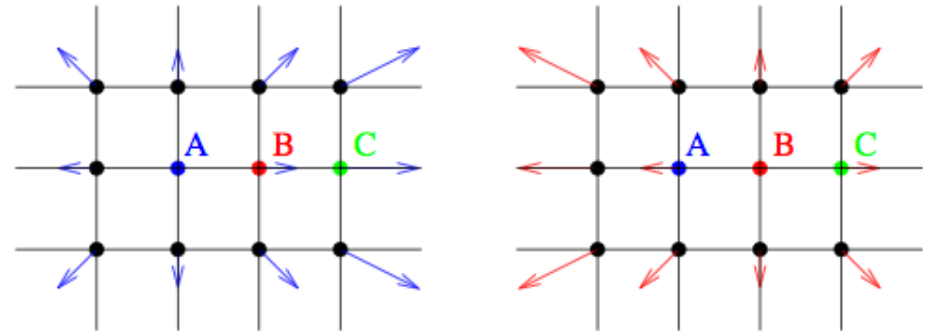
Diagram illustrating the components of Einstein's field equations:

- Ricci tensor** and **Scalar curvature** contribute to the **Einstein tensor** ( $G^{\mu\nu}$ ).
- Metric tensor** and **Newton constant** contribute to the right-hand side of the equation.
- Energy-momentum tensor** ( $T^{\mu\nu}$ ) is the source term on the right-hand side.
- Cosmological constant** ( $\Lambda$ ) is a term added to the left-hand side.

*“Space tells matter how to move and matter tells space how to curve”, John Archibald Wheeler cited in C.W. Misner, K.S. Thorne and W.H. Zurek, Physics Today, April 2009, 40-46*

# Basics of cosmology (2)

Cosmological principle: homogeneity and isotropy of the Universe, meaning that there is no privileged point playing a particular role



Friedmann-Lemaître-Robertson-Walker (FLRW) metric:

Co-moving coordinates  $(t, r, \theta, \phi)$ , *i.e.* at rest w.r.t. the entire Universe

$$ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - a^2(t) \underbrace{\left[ \frac{dr^2}{1 - Kr^2} + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2) \right]}_{d\sigma^2 = \text{Spatial metric}}$$

Scale factor

$$K = \begin{cases} +1 & = \text{closed space with positive curvature} \\ 0 & = \text{flat space with zero curvature} \\ -1 & = \text{open space with negative curvature} \end{cases}$$

# Basics of cosmology (3)

Ideal fluid:  $T^{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(\epsilon, -P, -P, -P)$  with  $\epsilon = \text{energy density} = \rho c^2$   
 $\rho = \text{mass density}$   
 $P = \text{pressure}$

Friedmann equation:

$$H^2 = \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G_N}{3}\rho - \frac{Kc^2}{a^2} \quad \text{with} \quad \rho = \rho_m + \rho_r + \rho_\Lambda$$

Hubble parameter

Matter
Radiation
Vacuum

$\rho_\Lambda = \frac{\Lambda c^2}{8\pi G_N}$

Universe budget:  $\Omega_m + \Omega_r + \Omega_\Lambda = 1 - \Omega_K$

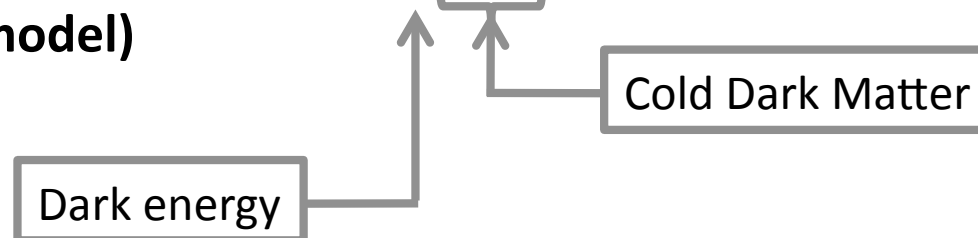
with  $\Omega_i = \frac{8\pi G_N}{3H^2}\rho_i$  and  $\Omega_K = \frac{Kc^2}{H^2 a^2}$

# Basics of cosmology (4)

Equation of state:  $P = w \epsilon$  with  $\frac{d\epsilon}{dt} = -3\sqrt{\frac{8\pi G_N \epsilon}{3}}(\epsilon + P)$

- $w = 0$  for non relativistic matter (no pressure)  
 $a(t) \propto t^{2/3}$  and  $H(t) = \frac{2}{3t}$
- $w = \frac{1}{3}$  for radiation or ultra-relativistic (massless) matter  
 $a(t) \propto t^{1/2}$  and  $H(t) = \frac{1}{2t}$
- $w = -1$  for the cosmological constant  
 $a(t) \propto \exp\left(\sqrt{\frac{\Lambda c^2}{3}}t\right)$  and  $H = \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda c^2}{3}}$

**Standard model of cosmology =  $\Lambda$ CDM model (also called cosmological concordance model)**



# An expanding Universe

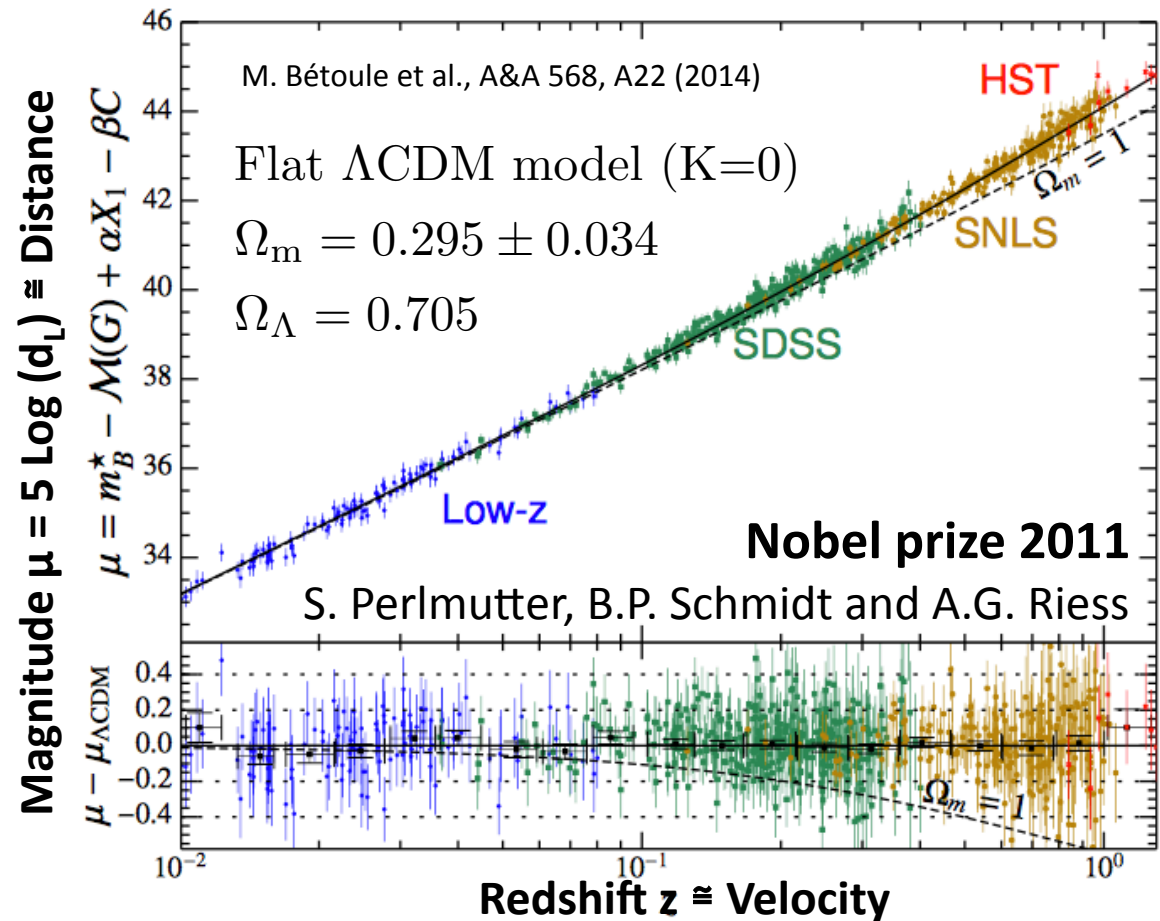
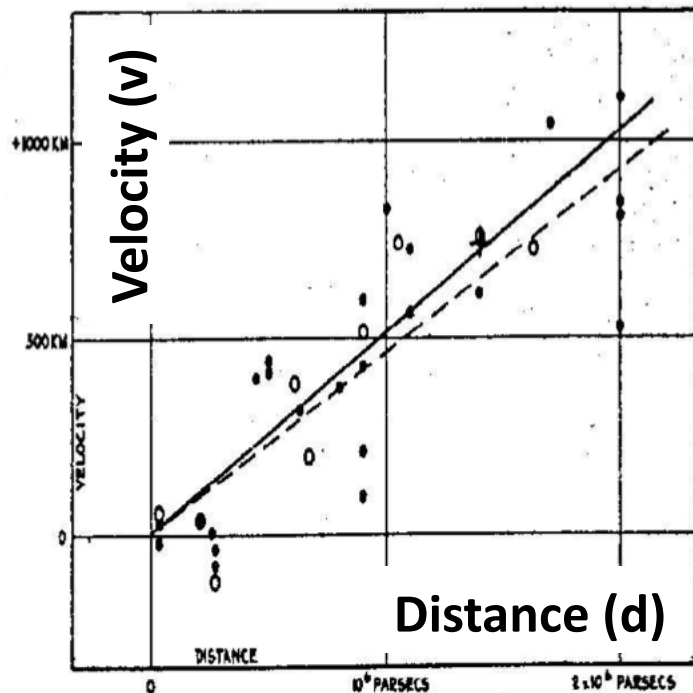
- Distance to a galaxy at  $t_0$  (today)

$$d = a_0 r \quad \text{with } r \text{ representing the fixed co-moving coordinate}$$

- Hubble law (for near galaxies):  $\dot{a} = H a \quad \Rightarrow \quad v = H_0 d$

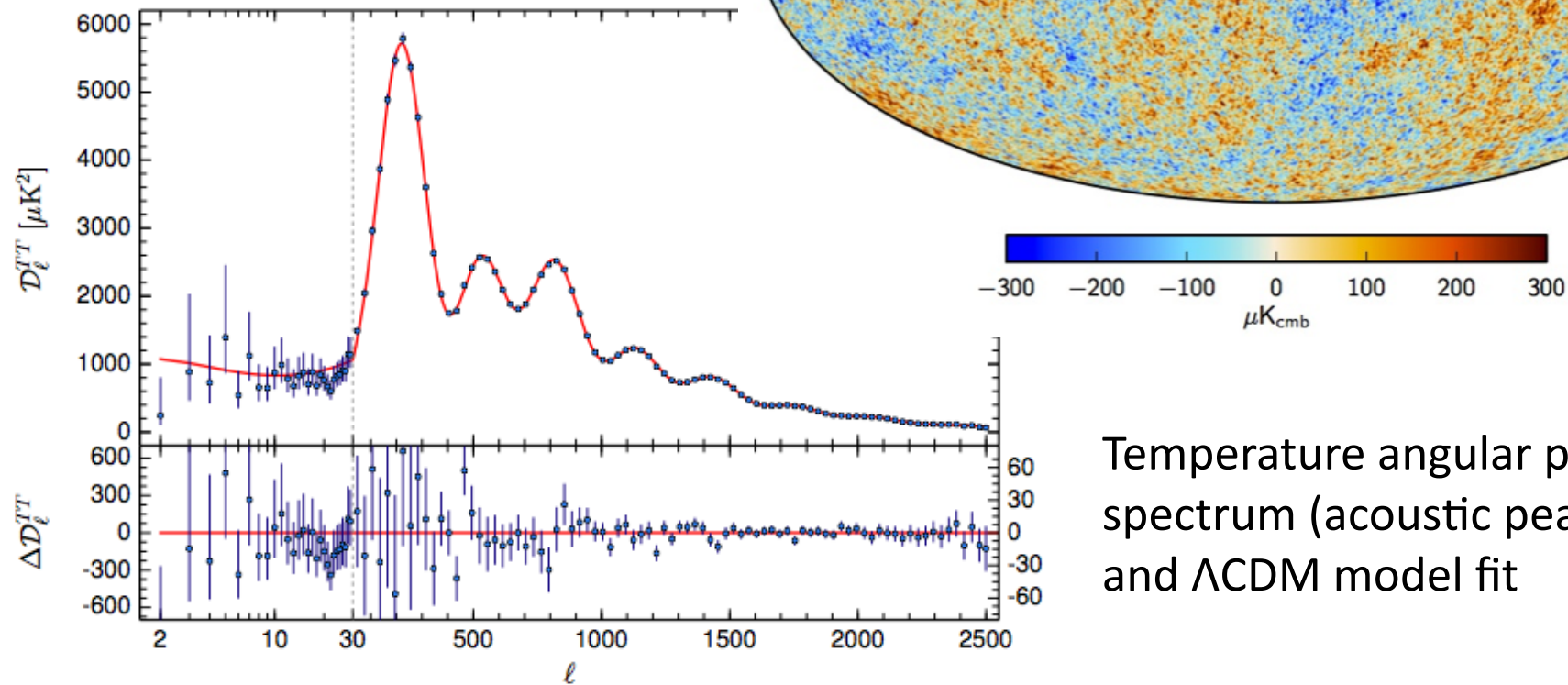
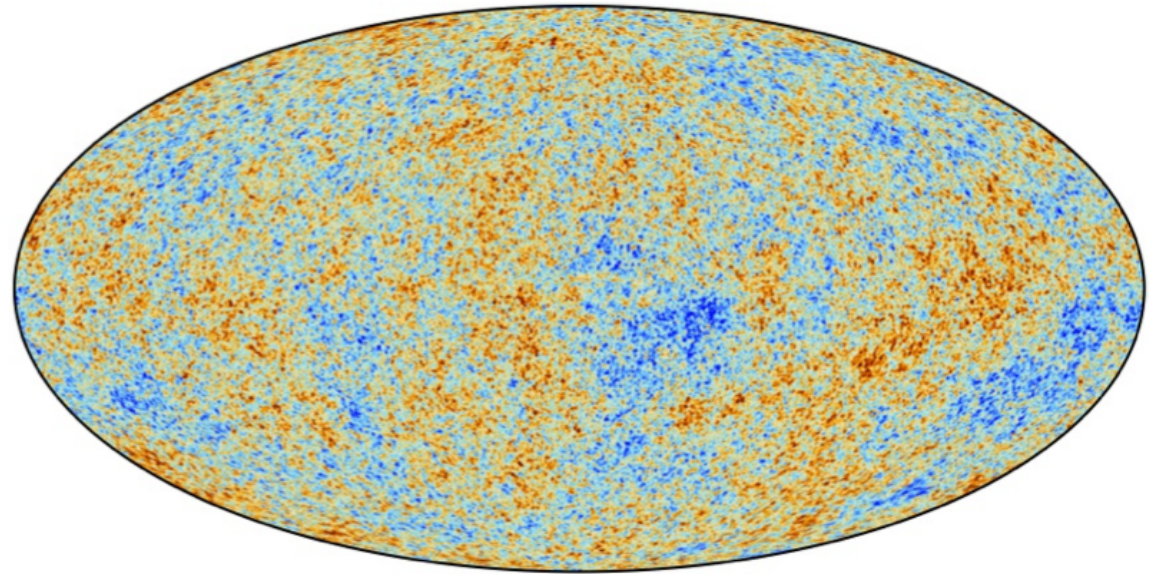
- Hubble diagram

Diagram published by Hubble in 1929,  
Cited in J. Lesgourgues, *An overview of cosmology*,  
CERN-2005-013



# A flat Universe

Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB) temperature map



Temperature angular power spectrum (acoustic peaks) and  $\Lambda$ CDM model fit

$\Lambda$ CDM model fit result (Planck + external data)

Planck Collaboration, arXiv:1502.01589 [astro-ph]

$$\Omega_K = 0.0008 \pm_{0.0039}^{0.0040} \quad @95\%CL$$

$$\Omega_m = 0.3089 \pm 0.0062 \quad @68\%CL$$

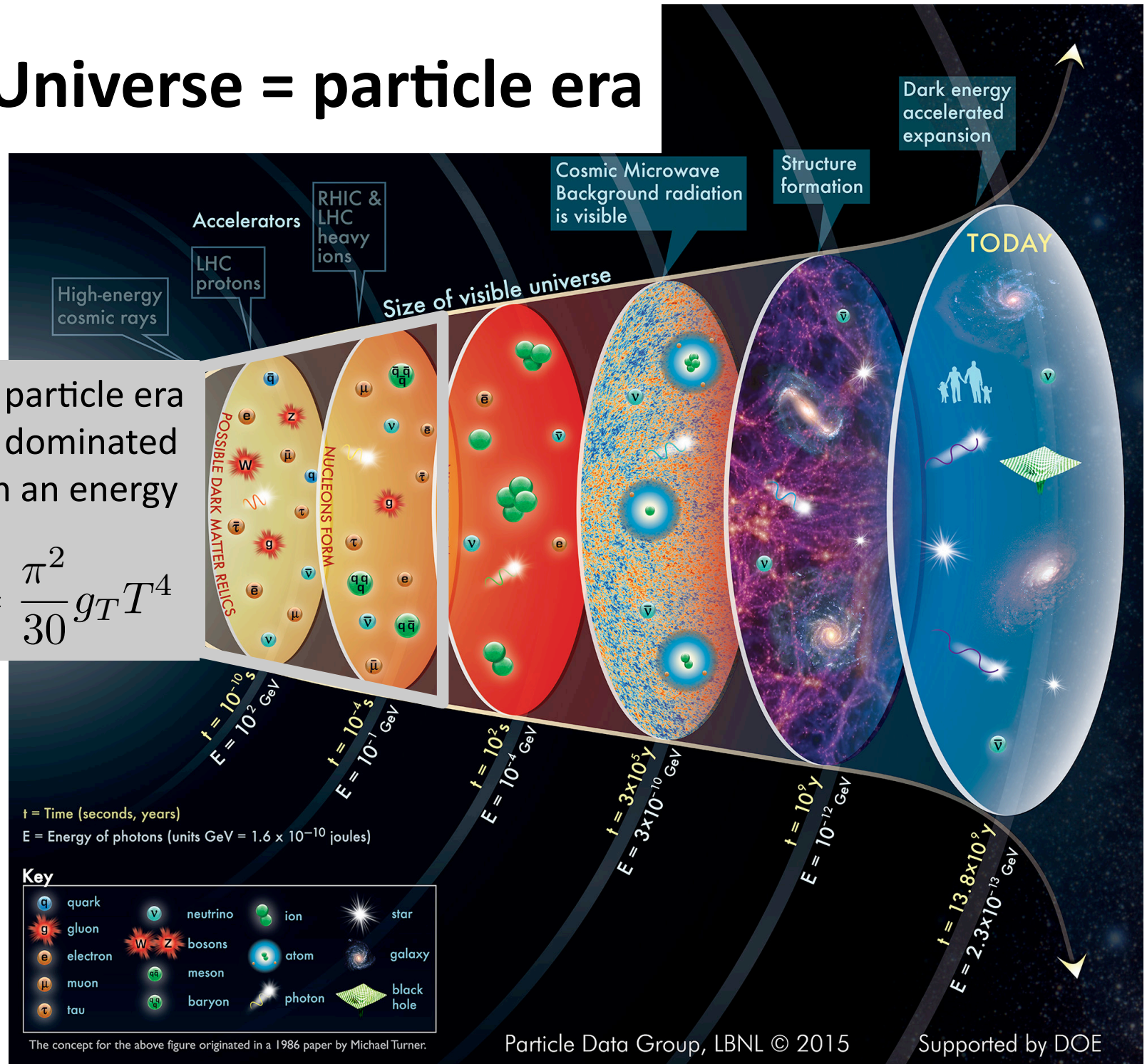
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# Early Universe = particle era

Ultra-relativistic particle era means Universe dominated by radiation with an energy density

$$\epsilon_{\text{rad}} = \frac{\pi^2}{30} g_T T^4$$



# The Standard Model of particle physics

The Standard Model					
Fermions				Bosons	
Quarks	u Up	c Charm	t Top	$\gamma$ photon	Force Carriers
	d Down	s Strange	b Bottom	Z Z boson	
Leptons	$\nu_e$ electron neutrino	$\nu_\mu$ muon neutrino	$\nu_\tau$ tau neutrino	W W boson	
	e electron	$\mu$ muon	$\tau$ tau	g gluon	
				H Higgs boson	

Fermions: spin  $\frac{1}{2}$

Quarks: 3 colours

Neutrinos: only left-handed state

Gauge bosons: spin 1

Gluons: 8 colour states

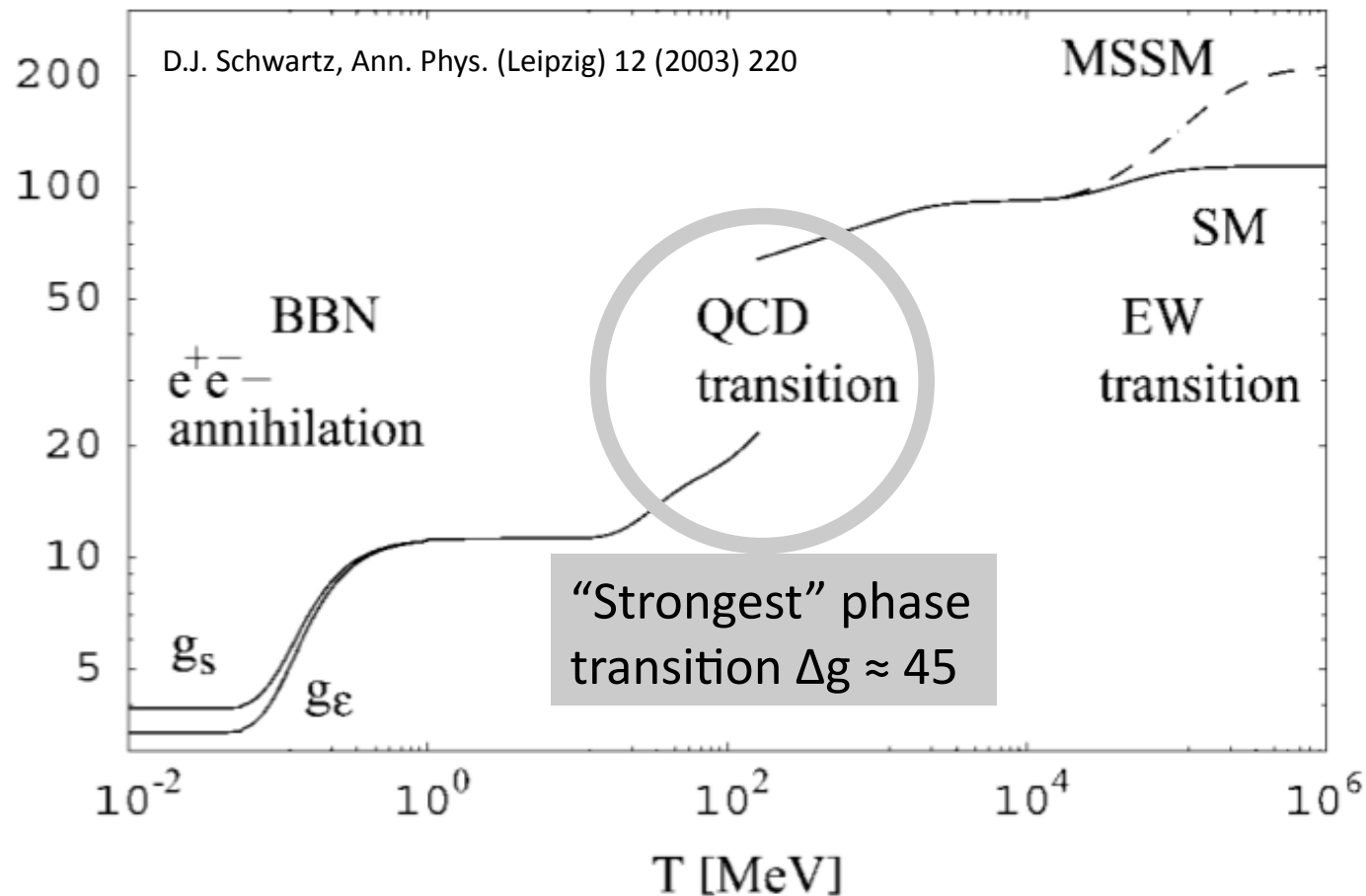
Higgs boson: spin 0

**+ anti-fermions**

# Degrees of freedom in Standard Model era

Counting degrees of freedom in the Standard Model with  $T \gg m_{\text{top}} = 173 \text{ GeV}$

- $g_{\text{boson}} = 4_{\text{Higgs}} + 4_{\text{EW boson}} \times 2_{\text{massless spin 1}} + 8_{\text{gluon}} \times 2_{\text{massless spin 1}} = 28$
- $g_{\text{fermion}} = 2_{(\text{anti-})\text{particle}} \times 3_{\text{family}} \times (2_{\text{quark}} \times 3_{\text{color}} \times 2_{\text{spin } \frac{1}{2}} + 1_{\text{lepton}} \times 2_{\text{spin } \frac{1}{2}} + 1_{\text{neutrino}} \times 1_{\text{Left}}) = 90$
- $g_{\text{SM}} = g_{\text{boson}} + \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)_{\text{massless}} \times g_{\text{fermion}} \approx 107$



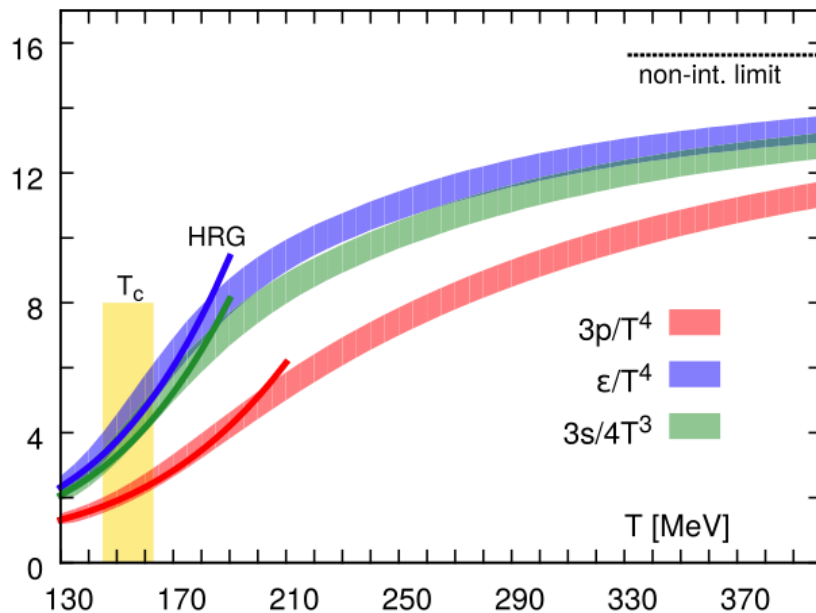
# QCD transition: last lattice results

Transition temperature at zero net baryon density with lattice QCD calculation extrapolated to continuum limit

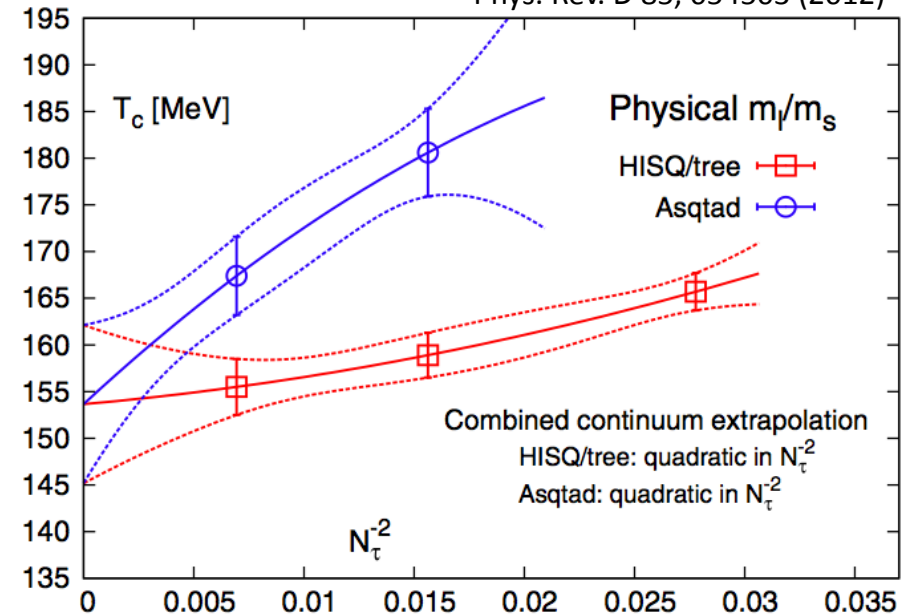
$$T_{\text{QCD}} = 154 \pm 9 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\approx 1.8 \times 10^{12} \text{ K}$$

Phys. Rev. D 90, 094503 (2014)



Phys. Rev. D 85, 054503 (2012)



Corresponding energy density at transition

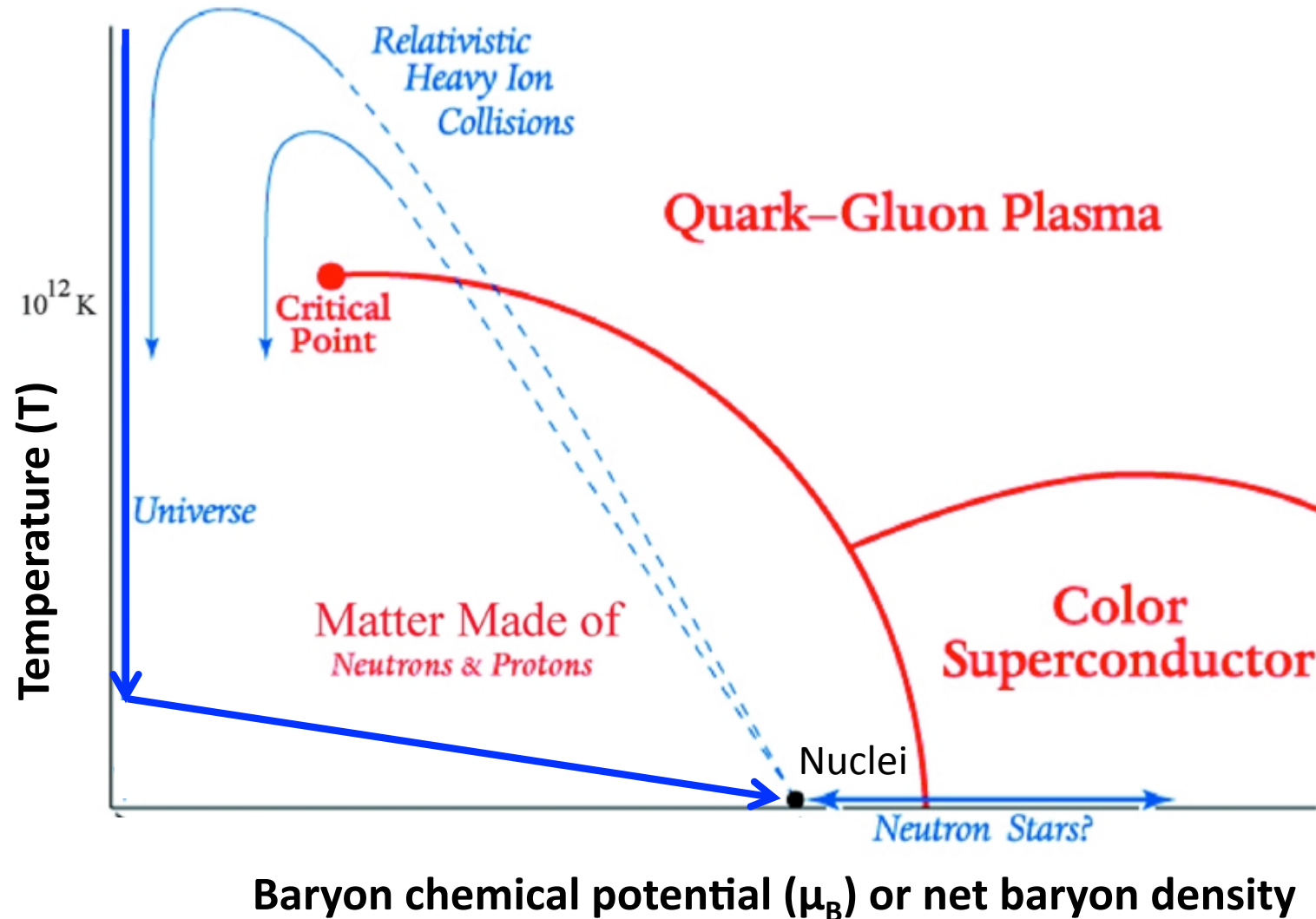
$$\varepsilon_c = (0.18-0.5) \text{ GeV/fm}^3$$

$$\frac{3P}{T^4} \neq \frac{\varepsilon}{T^4}$$

QCD equation of state (EoS)  $\neq$  Radiation EoS

# QCD phase diagram: Universe path

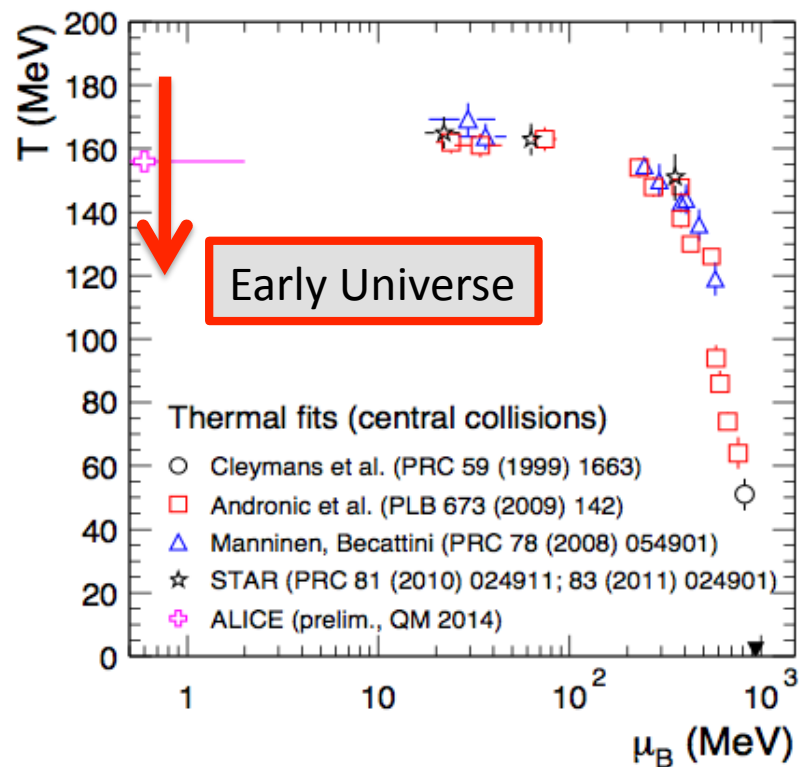
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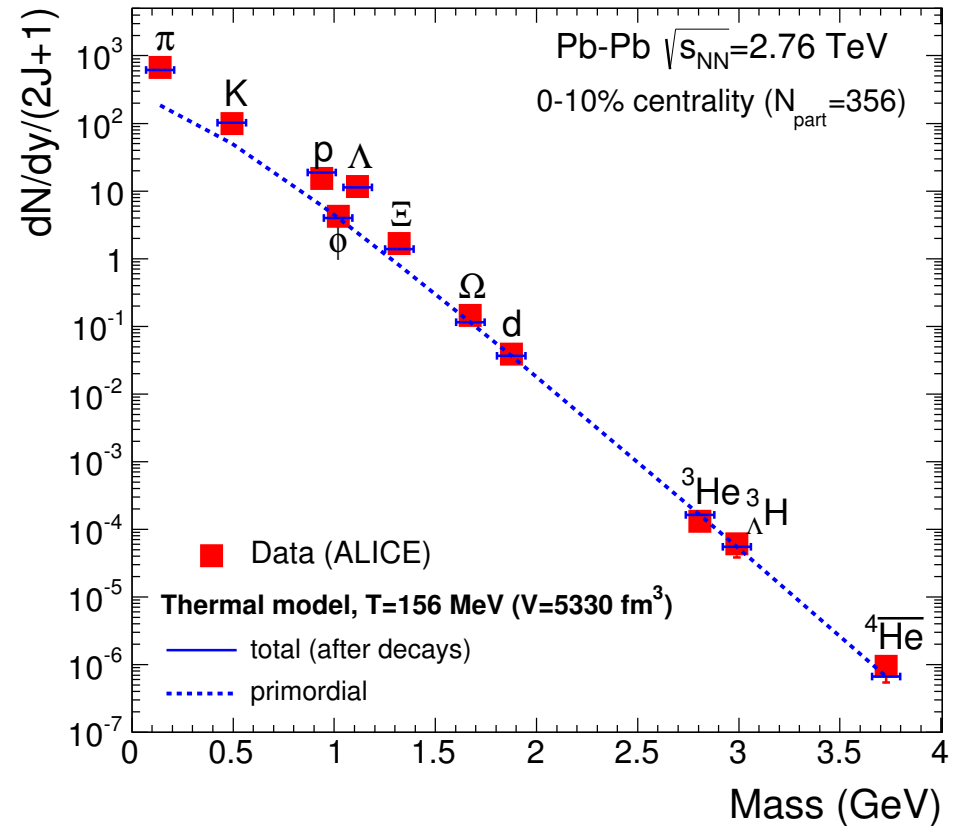
# Measuring the transition temperature

Statistical hadronization of quarks and gluons in hadrons

- Freeze-out temperature ( $\approx$  transition temperature):  $T_{fo} = 156$  MeV
- Baryon chemical potential at freeze-out:  $\mu_B = 0$



A. Andronic, Int. J. Mod. Phys. A 2014.29



QCD transition explored at LHC is very closed to early Universe one

# Radiation EoS

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \epsilon = \frac{\pi^2}{30} g_T T^4 \\ P = \frac{\pi^2}{90} g_T T^4 \end{array} \right. \quad \text{with} \quad g_T = \begin{cases} g_1 = g_{\text{EW}} + g_{\text{QGP}} & \text{for } T \gtrsim T_{\text{QCD}} \\ g_2 = g_{\text{EW}} + g_{\text{HG}} & \text{for } T \lesssim T_{\text{QCD}} \end{cases}$$

and  $g_{\text{EW}} = 14.25$

Friedmann's equation gives  $t_{[\text{s}]} = \frac{1}{2H} = \frac{2.42}{\sqrt{g_T} (T_{[\text{MeV}]})^2}$

QCD phase transition timing assuming a temperature transition  $T_{\text{QCD}} = 154 \text{ MeV}$

	$g_{\text{photon (+ gluons or pions)}}$	$g_{\text{leptons (+ 3 quarks)}}$	$g_{\text{tot}}$	$t$
Transition starting point	18	50	$g_1 \approx 62$	13 $\mu\text{s}$
Transition end point	5	14	$g_2 \approx 17$	25 $\mu\text{s}$

$$\Delta t_{\text{QCD}} \approx 12 \mu\text{s}$$

# Bag EoS

K. Yagi, T. Hatsuda and Y. Miake, Camb. Monogr. Part. Phys. Nucl. Phys. 23 (2005)

Bag model: free massless quarks and gluons bounded by a negative pressure, the bag constant

$$B = (g_{\text{QGP}} - g_{\text{HG}}) \frac{\pi^2}{90} T_{\text{QCD}}^4$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 T \gtrsim T_{\text{QCD}} & \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \epsilon = \frac{\pi^2}{30} g_1 T^4 + B \\ P = \frac{\pi^2}{90} g_1 T^4 - B \end{array} \right. \\
 T = T_{\text{QCD}} & \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \epsilon = [1 - f(t)] \left[ \frac{\pi^2}{30} g_1 T_{\text{QCD}}^4 + B \right] + f(t) \frac{\pi^2}{30} g_2 T_{\text{QCD}}^4 \\ \text{with } 0 \leq f(t) \leq 1 \\ P = \frac{\pi^2}{90} g_1 T_{\text{QCD}}^4 - B = \frac{\pi^2}{90} g_2 T_{\text{QCD}}^4 \end{array} \right. \\
 T \lesssim T_{\text{QCD}} & \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \epsilon = \frac{\pi^2}{30} g_2 T^4 \\ P = \frac{\pi^2}{90} g_2 T^4 \end{array} \right.
 \end{aligned}$$



# Cross-over EoS

## Realistic EoS

W. Florkowski, Nucl. Phys. A 853 (2011) 173-188

- using lattice prediction constrained by heavy-ion RHIC data

- numerical solution  $\frac{d\epsilon}{dt} = -3\sqrt{\frac{8\pi G_N \epsilon}{3}}(\epsilon + P)$

with thermodynamic relations

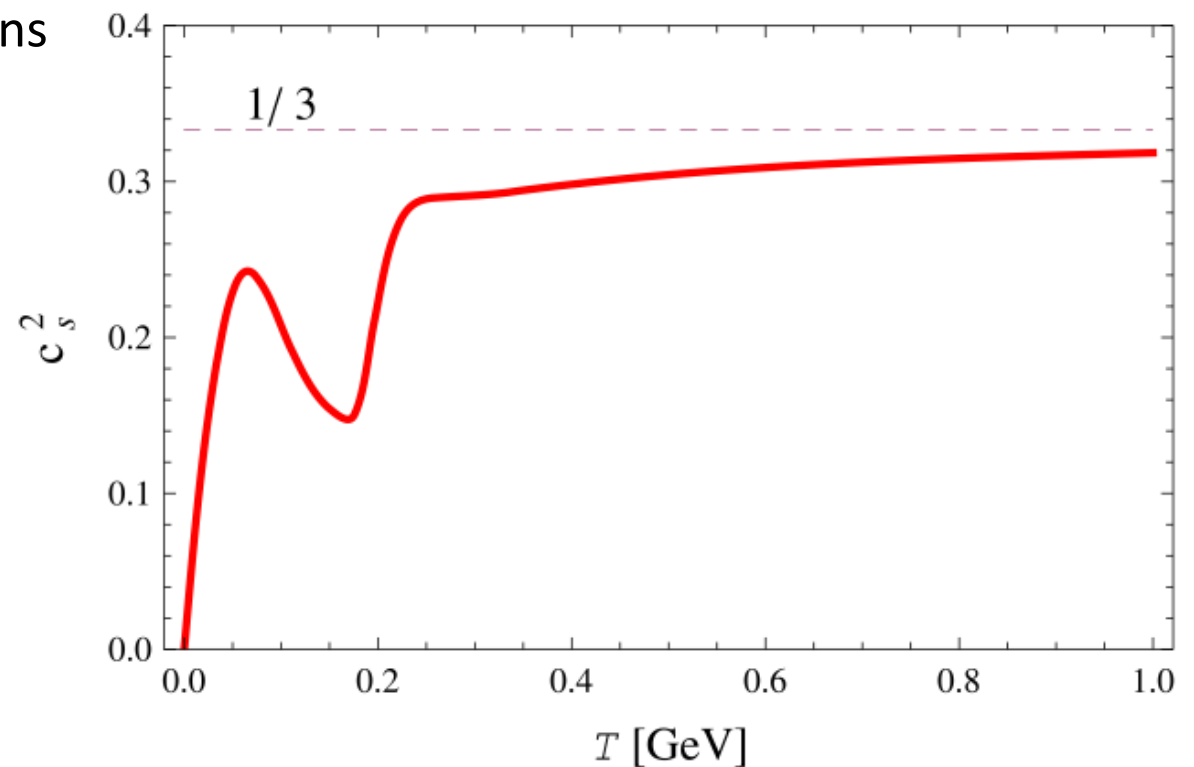
$$\epsilon + P = T s$$

$$d\epsilon = T ds$$

$$dP = s dT$$

and the sound velocity

$$c_s^2 = \frac{\partial P}{\partial \epsilon} = \frac{s}{T} \frac{\partial T}{\partial s}$$



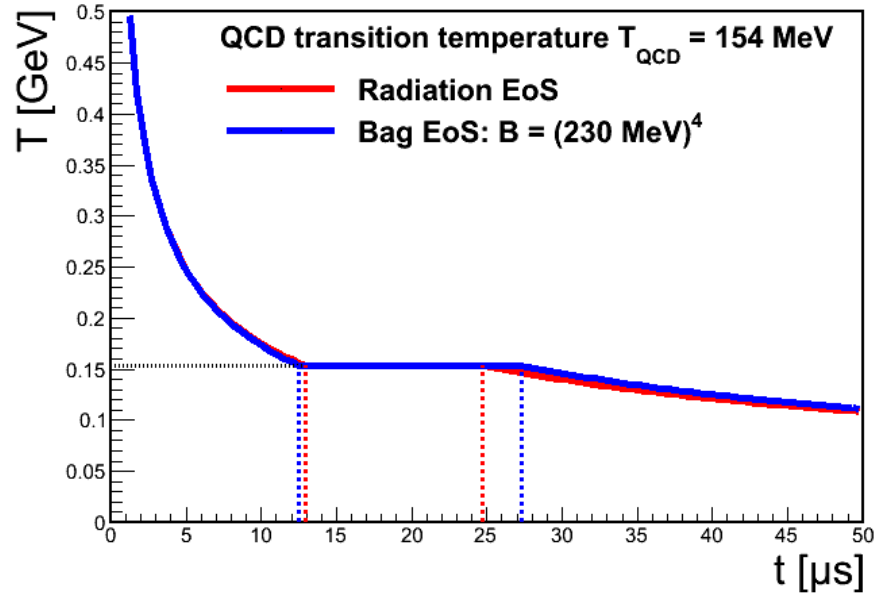
# Temperature evolution

Left: first order QCD transition

- radiation EoS
- bag EoS

with

- $T_{\text{QCD}} = 154 \text{ MeV}$
- $g_1 = 61.75$  (3 quark flavours)
- $g_2 = 17.25$

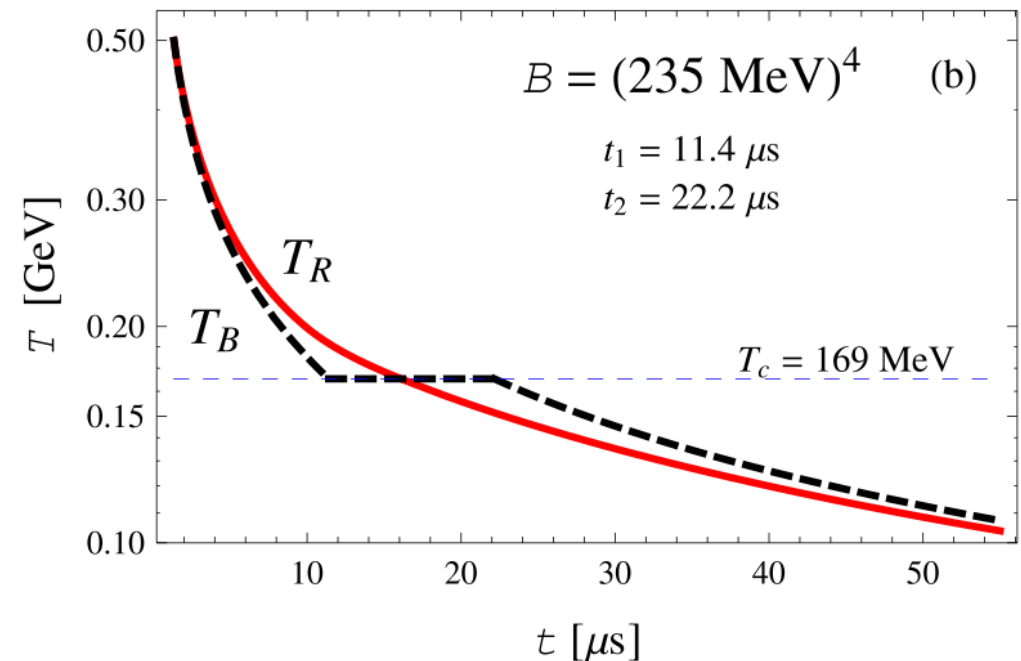


Right:

- bag EoS
- *realistic EoS*

with

- $T_{\text{QCD}} = 169 \text{ MeV}$
- $g_1 = 51.25$  (2 quark flavours)
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Temperature plateau not present in QCD cross-over transition

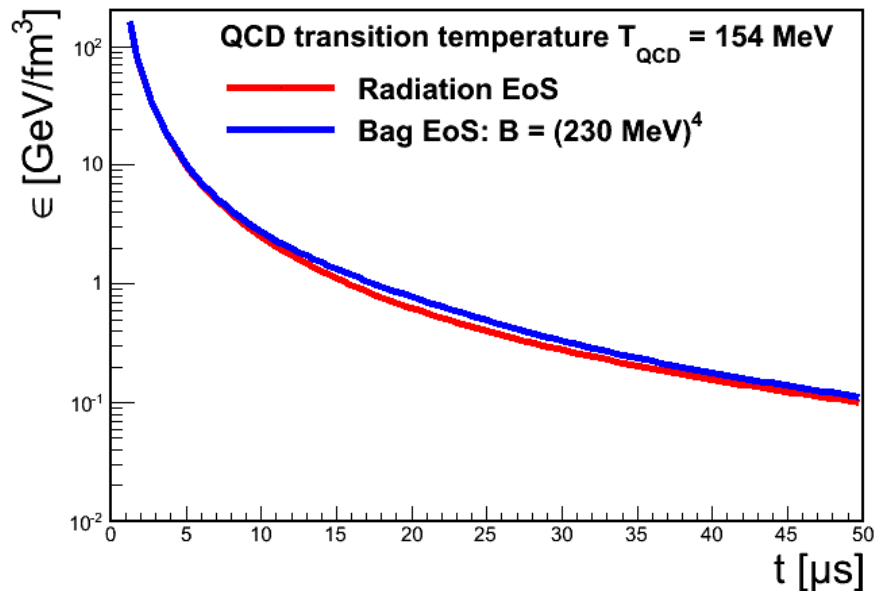
# Energy density evolution

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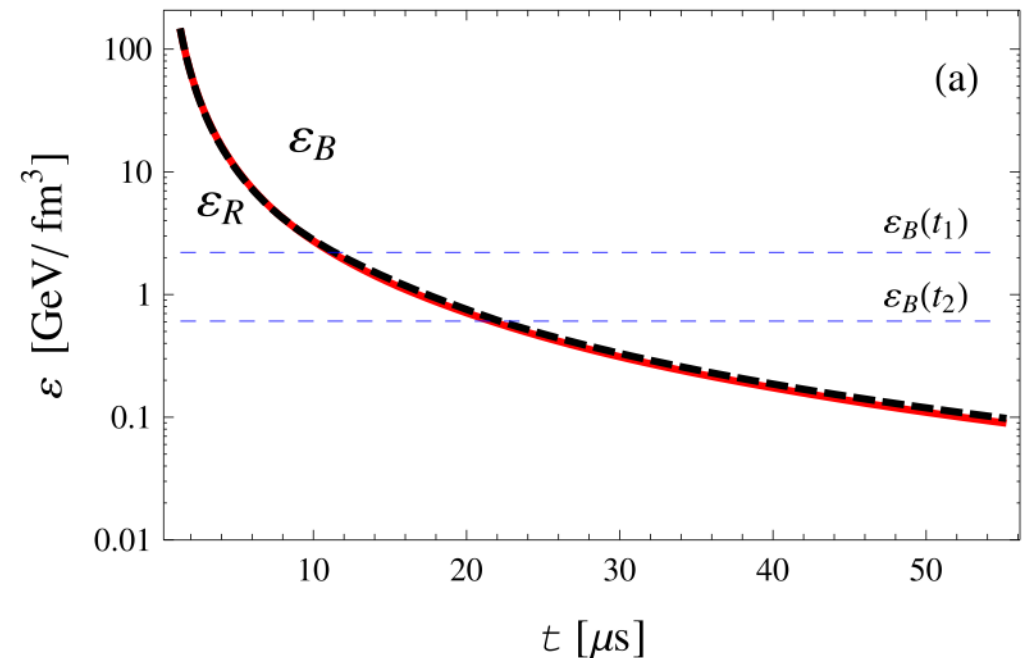


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Smooth evolution of energy density with all approaches

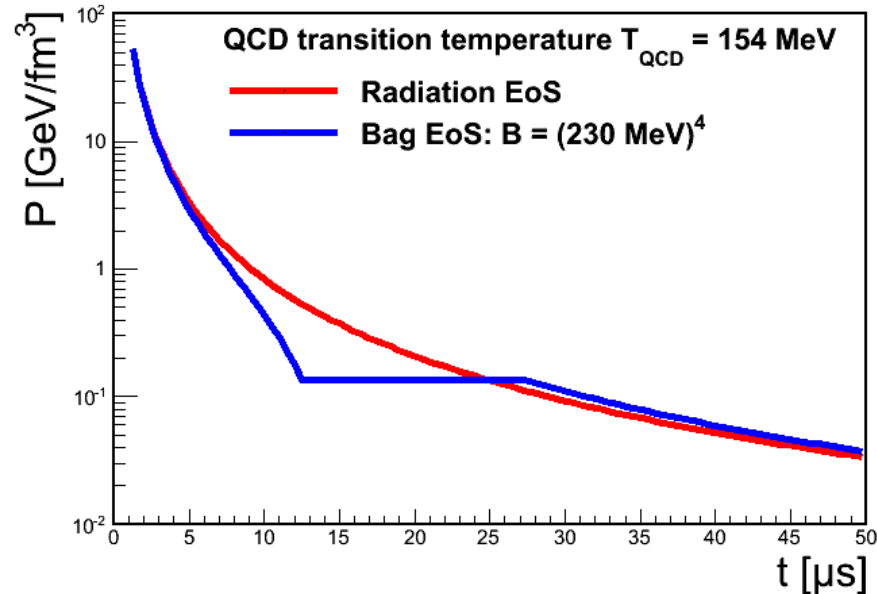
# Pressure evolution

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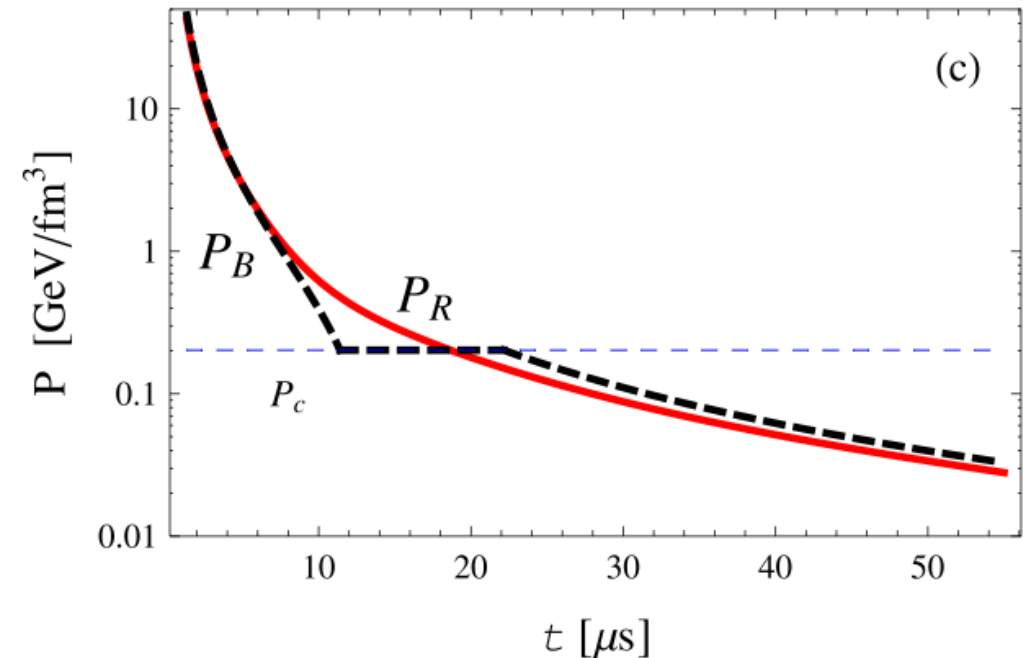


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Bag EoS presents a pressure plateau at QCD transition

# Scale factor

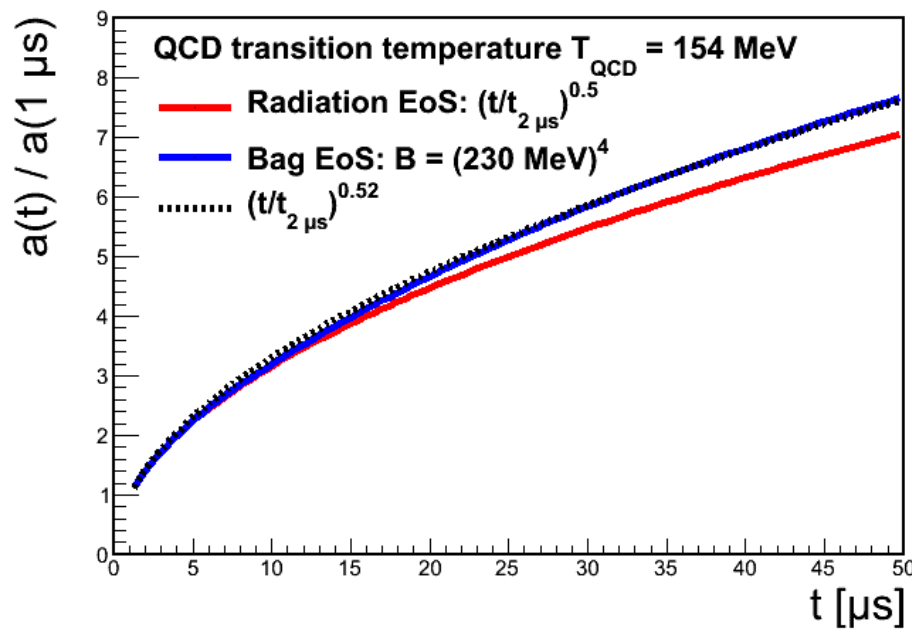
$$a(t) = a(t_0) \exp \left[ \int_{t_0}^t \sqrt{\frac{8\pi G_N \epsilon(t')}{3c^3}} dt' \right]$$

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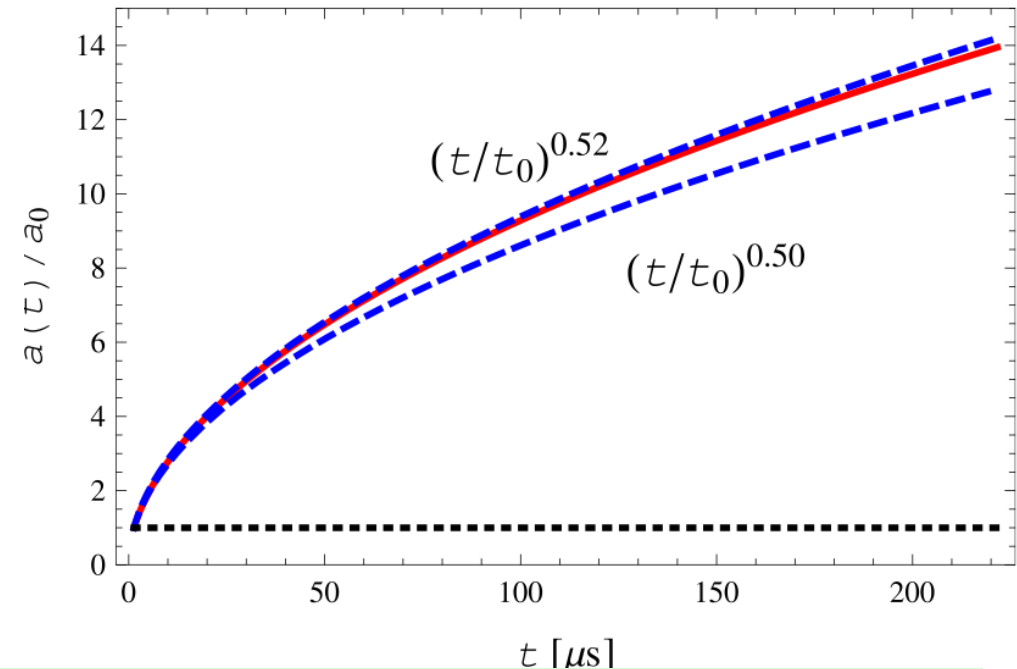


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Scale factor evolution with QCD EoS deviates slightly from radiation expectation ( $\sqrt{t}$ )

# Impact on cosmological inhomogeneities

Density perturbation  $\epsilon(\mathbf{x}, t) = \epsilon_0(t) + \delta\epsilon(\mathbf{x}, t)$

Density contrast  $\delta = \frac{\delta\epsilon}{\epsilon}$

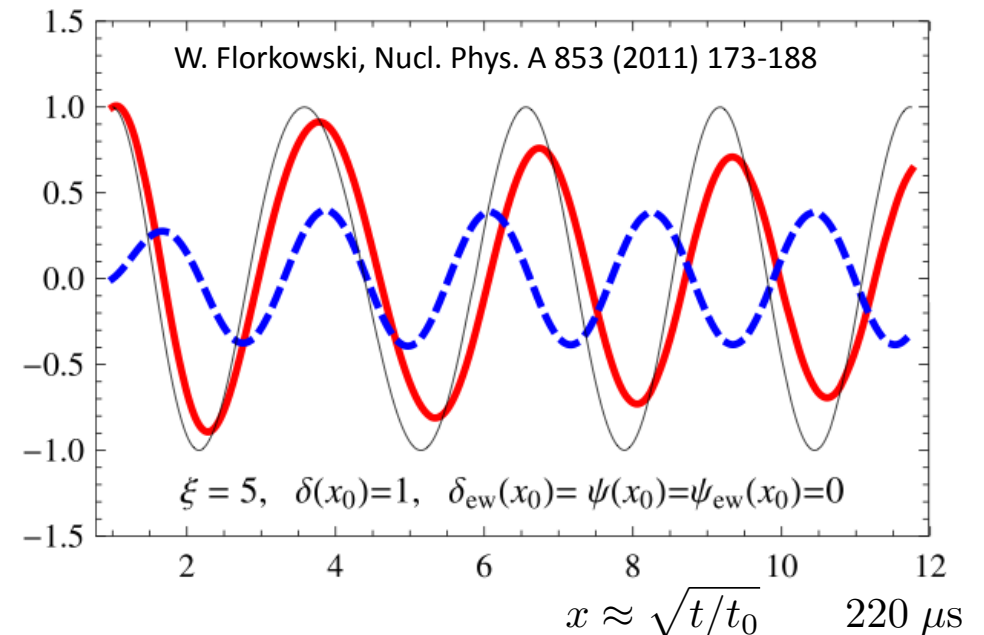
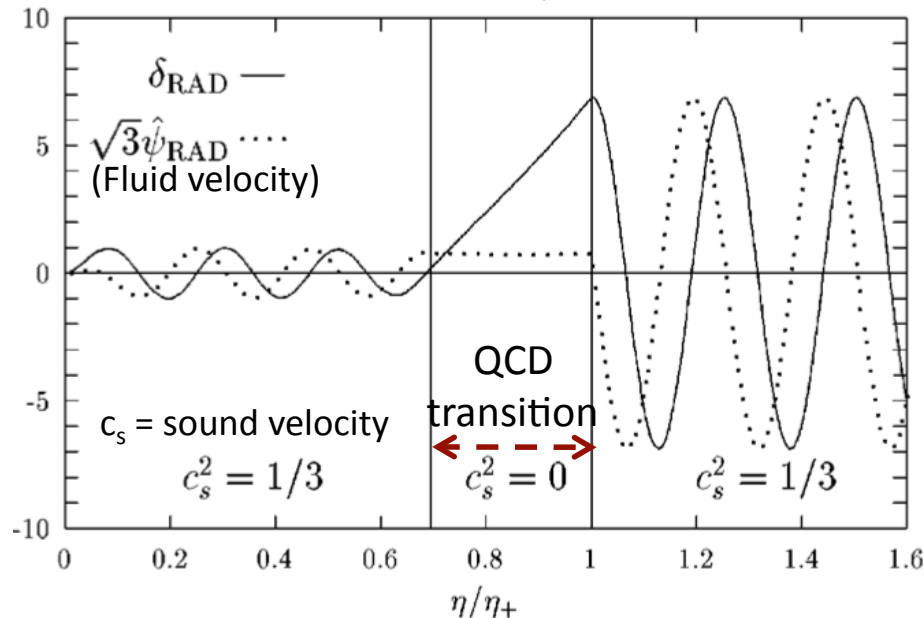
Conformal time  $\eta = \int \frac{dt}{a(t)}$

- Bag EoS (1<sup>st</sup> order phase transition)
- ➔ amplification of cosmological inhomogeneities

## • Cross-over EoS

- QCD attenuation (-30%)
- ➔ opposite trend w.r.t. 1<sup>st</sup> order QCD transition
- - - EW oscillations triggered by QCD phase transition

C. Schmid, D.J. Schwarz and P. Widerin, Phys. Rev. D 59 (1999) 043517



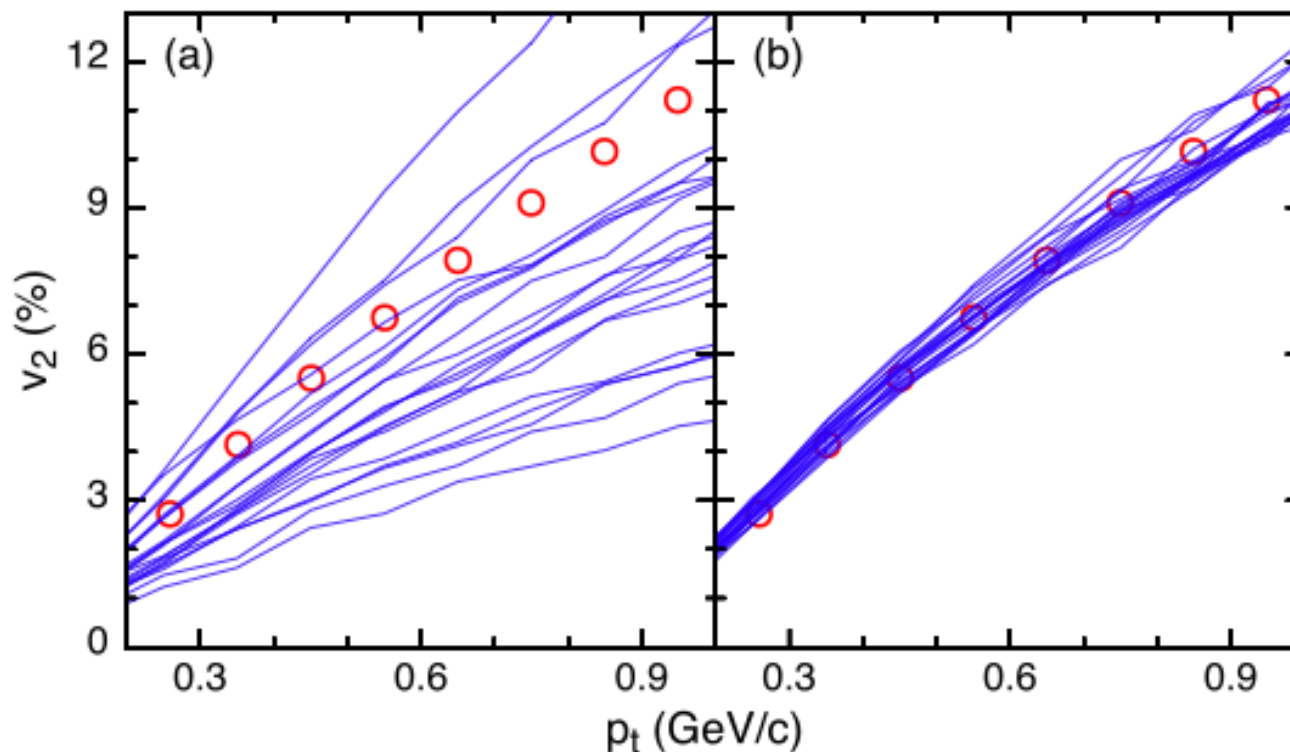
Inhomogeneities in the early Universe very dependent on the type of QCD EoS

# QCD EoS: experimental constraints (1)

S. Pratt et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 114, 022301 (2015)

## Statistical analysis using Markov-chain Monte Carlo calculation

- to constrain 14 independent model parameters = (4 for stress-energy tensor + 1 for flow + 1 for viscosity) for each RHIC and LHC energy + **2 for EoS**
- w.r.t. 30 observables (15 RHIC + 15 LHC) = (mean transverse momentum of pions, kaons and protons + pion yield + 3 femtoscopic sizes) for each 0-5% and 20-30% centrality classes and elliptic flow for 20-30% class



Pion  $v_2$  from ALCE 20-30% centrality class

(a) Model prediction from random parameters in pre-defined parameter space

(b) Model prediction in constrained parameter space

# QCD EoS: experimental constraints (2)

S. Pratt et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 114, 022301 (2015)

Randomly generated (50) EoS for the sound velocity with the following parameterization

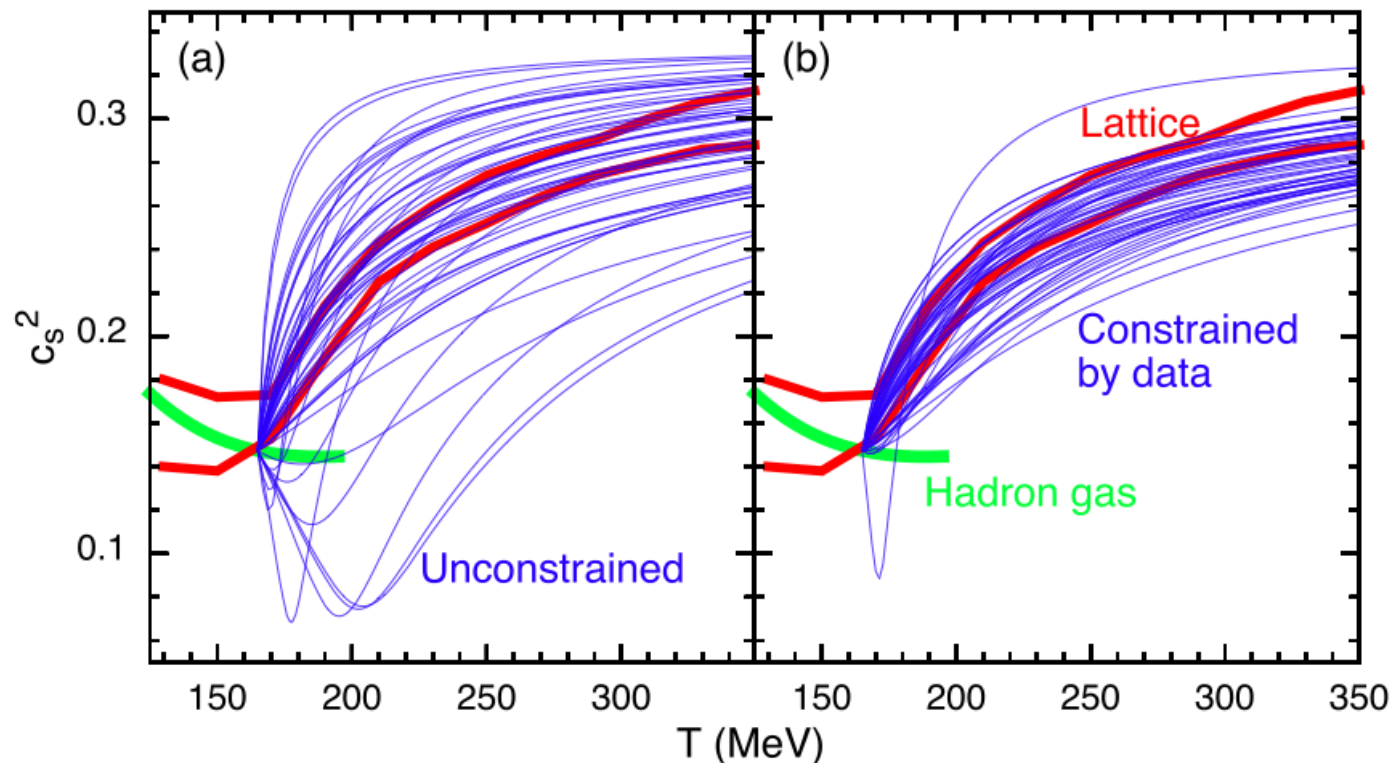
(a) Without experimental constraints

(b) With experimental constraints

$$c_s^2(\epsilon) = c_s^2(\epsilon_h) + \left( \frac{1}{3} - c_s^2(\epsilon_h) \right) \frac{X_0 x + x^2}{X_0 x + x^2 + X'^2},$$

$$X_0 = X' R c_s(\epsilon) \sqrt{12}, \quad x \equiv \ln \epsilon / \epsilon_h, \quad (2)$$

where  $\epsilon_h$  is the energy density corresponding to  $T = 165$  MeV. The two parameters  $R$  and  $X'$  describe the behavior of the speed of sound at energy densities above  $\epsilon_h$ . Whereas  $R$  describes how the speed of sound rises or falls for small  $x$ ,  $X'$  describes how quickly the speed of sound eventually approaches  $1/3$  at high temperature. Once



*“The resulting constraints suggest the speed of sound gradually rises as a function of temperature from the hadron gas value. The band of equations of state is modestly softer than that of lattice calculation, but has significant overlap.”*

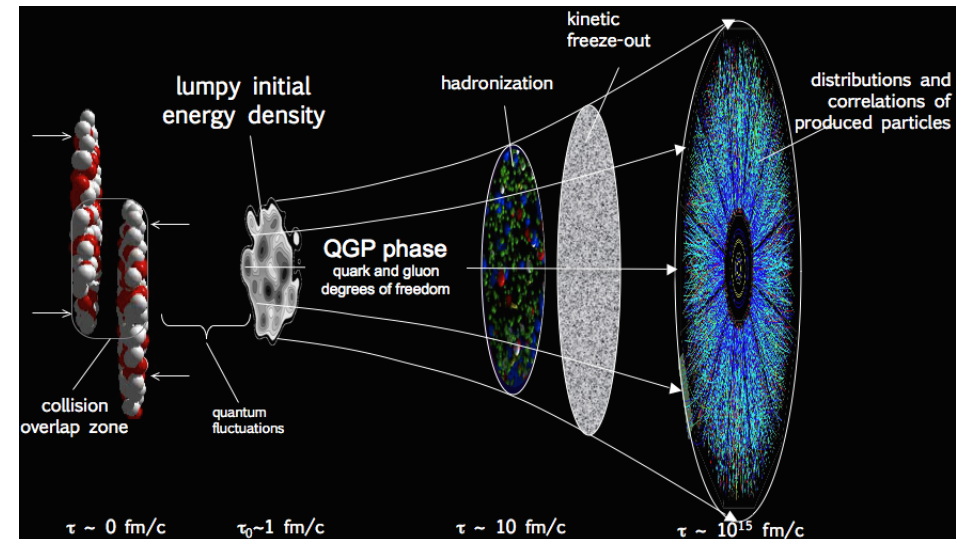
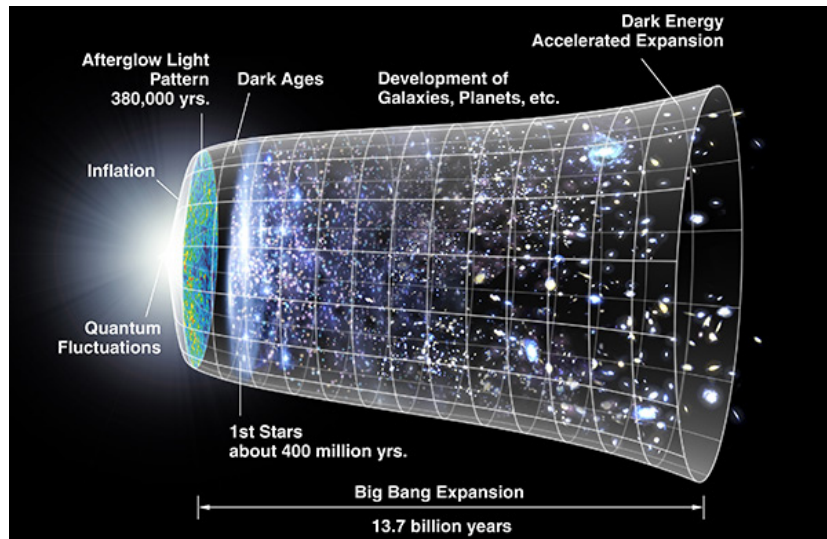


# Conclusion

- Impact of QCD phase transition on cosmology is an open question
  - *QGP as the possible source of cosmological dark radiation*, J. Birrell and J. Rafelski, Phys. Lett. B 741 (2015) 77-81
  - ...
  
- Study of QCD phase transition through hot and dense medium created in heavy-ion collision can produce valuable inputs for Cosmology
  
- New experimental results from LHC (closer to early Universe conditions) need to be taken into account for updated Cosmological implications, via the constrained EoS
  
- More experimental data (LHC and RHIC) to come in the next decade with new challenging ideas
  
- **Interplay between both fields likely to become more important in the next decade** (Stefan Flörchinger, Quark Matter 2015, Kobe, October 1, 2015)
  - *Accelerating cosmological expansion from shear and bulk viscosity*, S. Floerchinger, N. Tétradis and U.A. Wiedmann, Phys. Rev. Lett. 114 (2015) 091301
  - ...

# Big bang – little bang: More than an analogy?

Stefan Flörchinger, Quark Matter 2015, Kobe, October 1, 2015



- cosmol. scale:  $\text{Mpc} = 3.1 \times 10^{22} \text{ m}$
- Gravity + QED + Dark sector
- one big event
- nuclear scale:  $\text{fm} = 10^{-15} \text{ m}$
- QCD
- very many events
- initial conditions not directly accessible
- all information must be reconstructed from final state
- dynamical description as a fluid

- thermal particle bath with initial fluctuations
- space-time evolution of GR

- colliding nucleus with nucleon distribution
- expanding medium in “pre-existing” 3D space



**ALICE**

The End

# Cosmological relations

Energy density      $\epsilon_{\text{rad}} = \frac{E}{V} = \frac{Nhc}{\lambda V} \propto \frac{1}{[a(t)/a_0]^4} = (1+z)^4$

- $a(t) \propto \sqrt{t}$  = scale factor at time  $t$
- $a_0$  = scale factor today
- $z$  = redshift corresponding to time  $t$

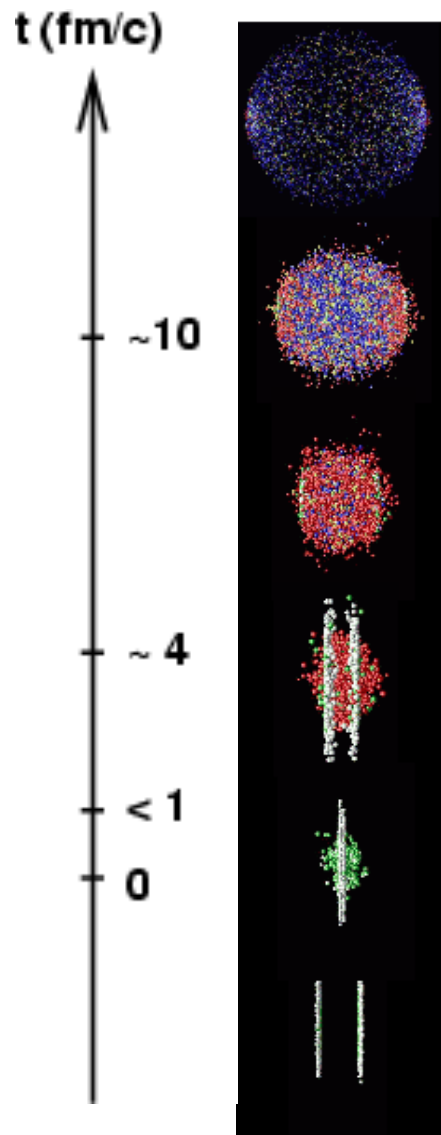
## Temperature

$$T(z) = T_0(1+z)$$

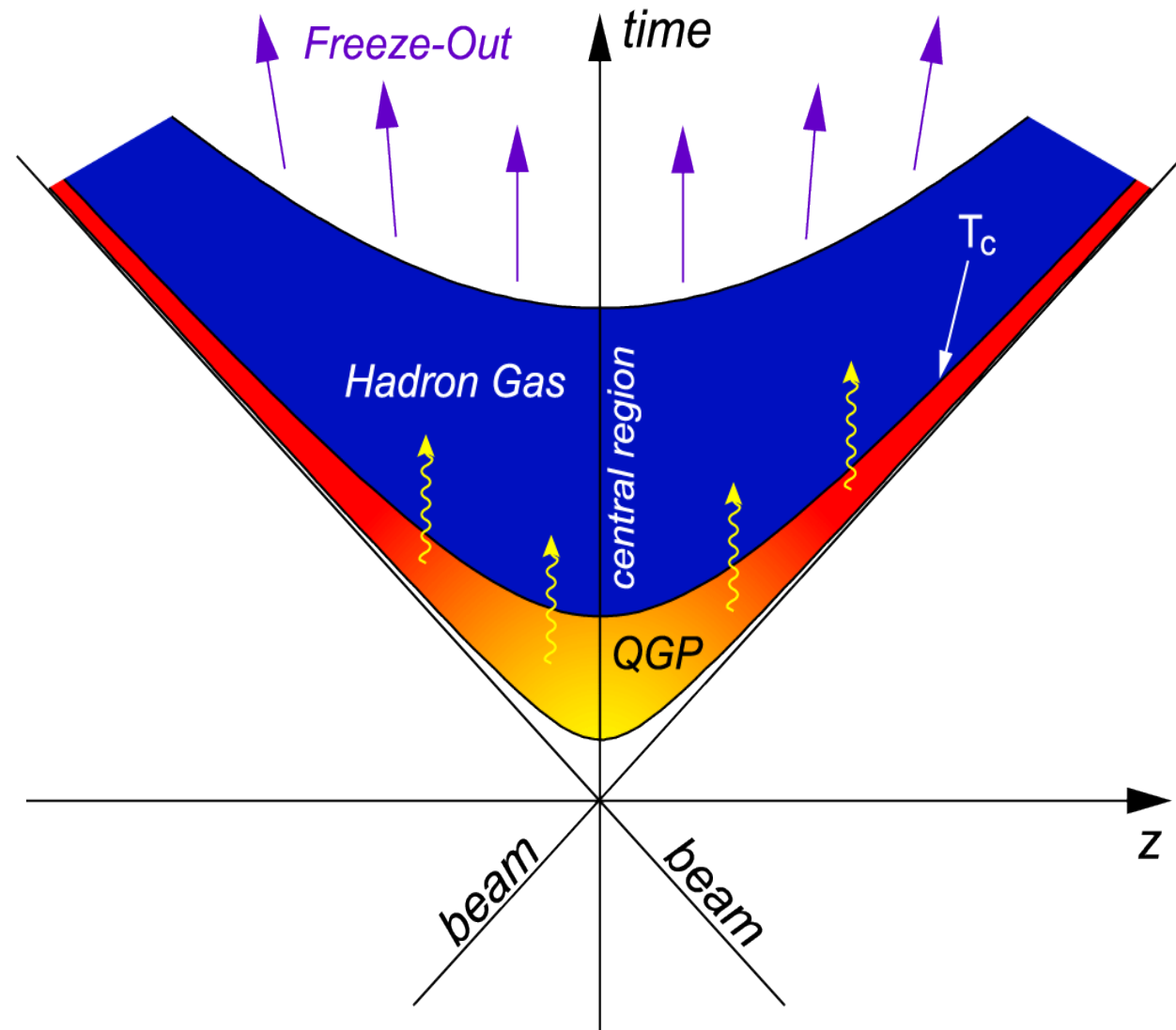
with  $T_0$  today temperature (CMB)

Scale factor      $a(t) \propto \frac{1}{T(t)}$

# Heavy-ion collision picture

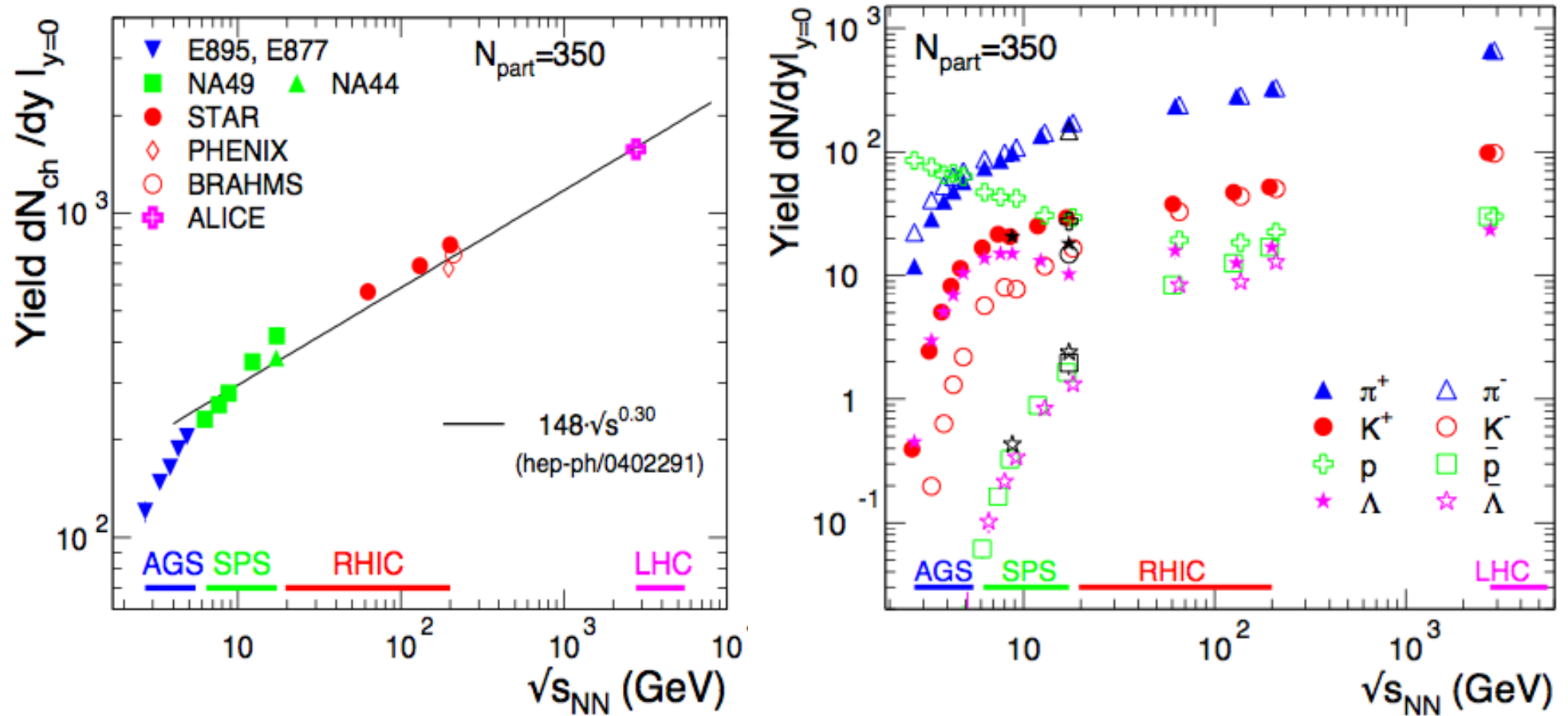


$1 \text{ fm/c} \approx 3 \times 10^{-24} \text{ s}$

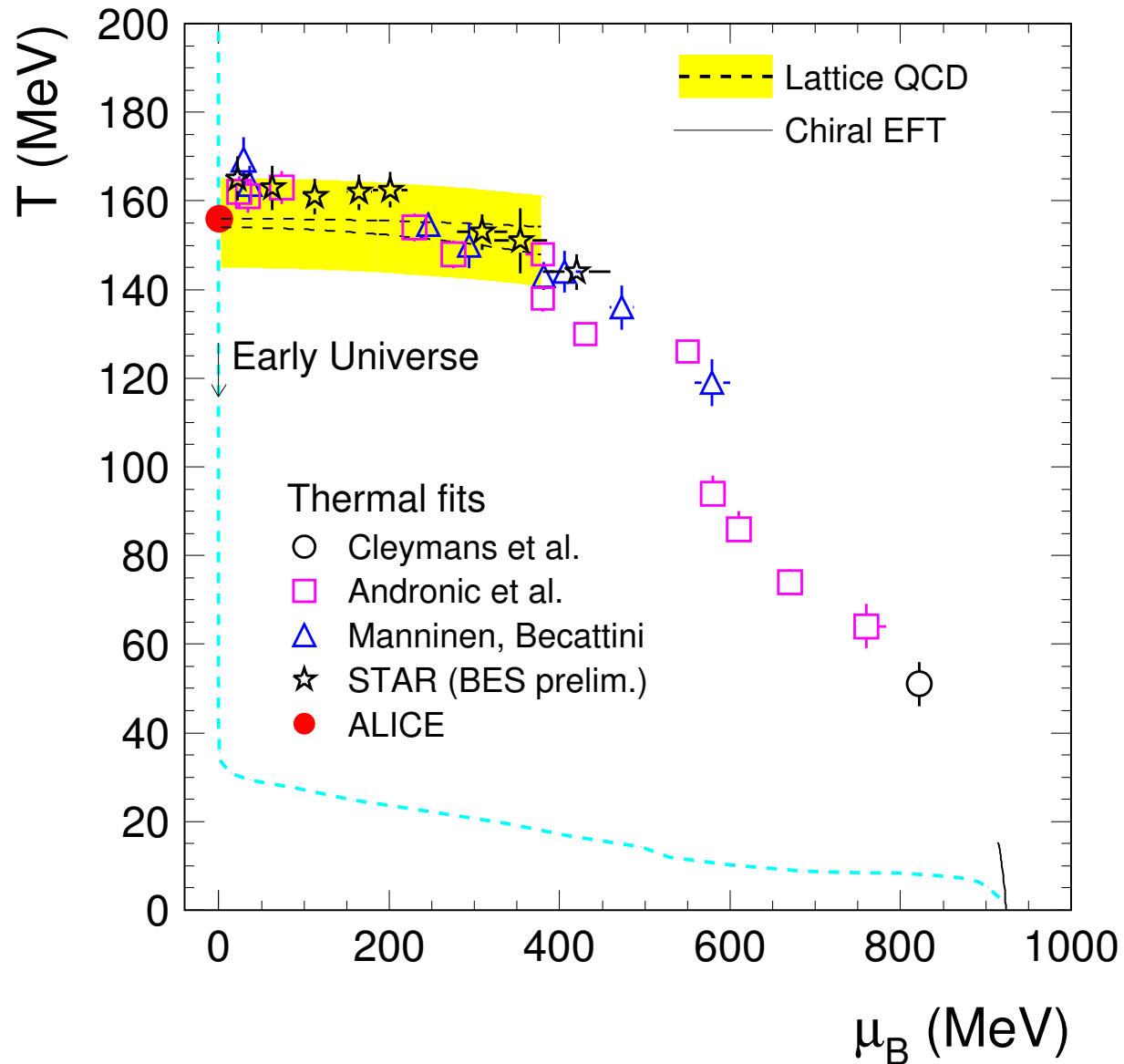


Two nuclei are sent in (frontal) collision at high energy (Lorentz contraction):  $d = d_0/\gamma$  with  $\gamma = 1468$  at LHC (run 1)

# Statistical hadronization in heavy-ion collisions



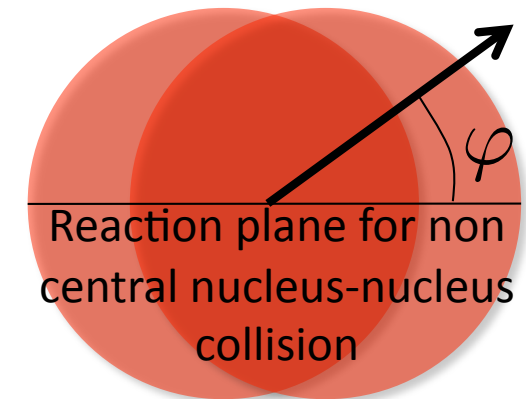
# QCD phase diagram



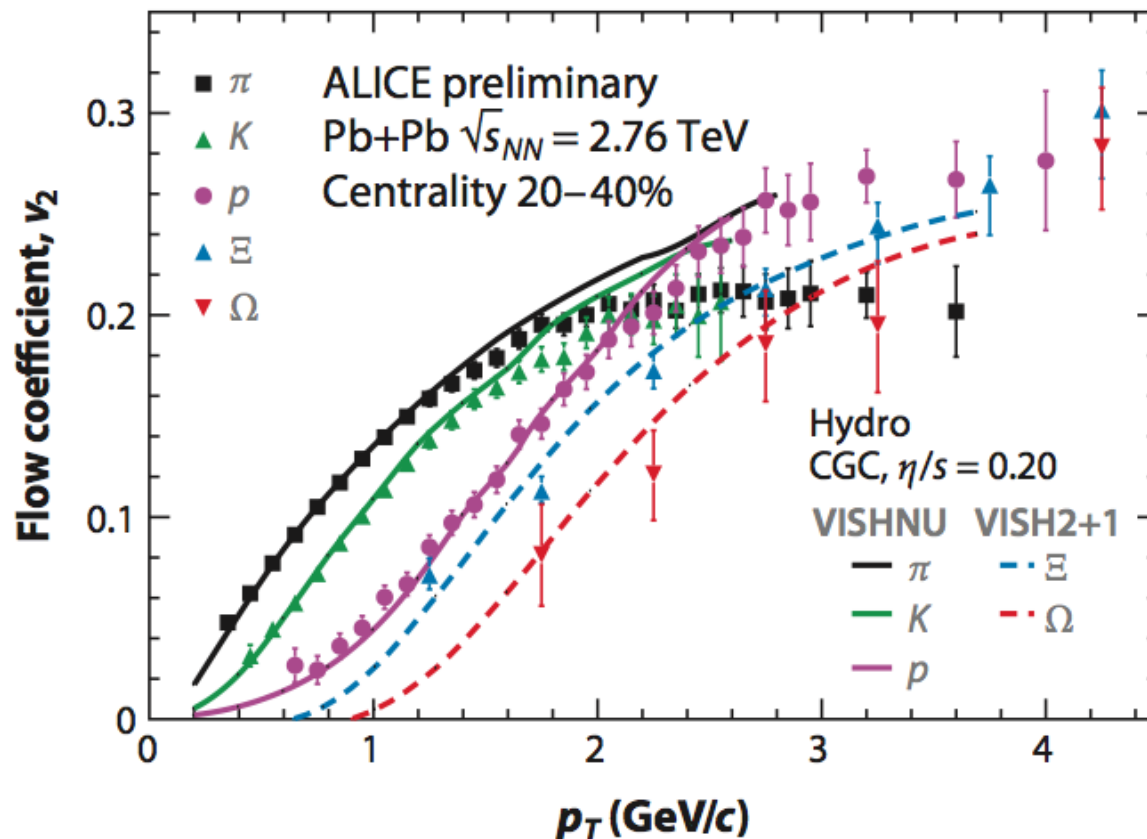
# Hydrodynamic description of heavy-ion collisions

Spatial asymmetry in non central collisions results in anisotropic particle distribution in momentum space (flow)

$$E \frac{d^3 N}{d^3 p} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d^2 N}{p_T dp_T dy} \left( 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n \cos(n\varphi) \right)$$



- B. Müller, J. Schukraft and B. Wyslouch, Annu. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 2012.62:361-386
- ALICE Collaboration, JHEP 06 (2015) 190



Good description of particle flow by hydrodynamics models

- constraint on QGP EoS
- QGP behaviour in agreement with a nearly perfect fluid (shear viscosity  $\eta$  over entropy density  $s$ )  
 $4\pi\eta/s \leq 2.5$

to be compared to the conjectured AdS/CFT limit

$$4\pi\eta/s \geq 1$$



# Hydrodynamic description of QGP

- ① Energy-momentum conservation (here for a perfect fluid)

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

$$\text{with } T^{\mu\nu} = (\epsilon + P)u^\mu u^\nu - P g^{\mu\nu}$$

$\epsilon$  = energy density

$P$  = pressure

$$u^\mu(x) = \gamma(x)(1, \mathbf{v}(x))$$

$$g^{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(1, -1, -1, -1)$$

- ② Baryon number conservation

$$\partial_\mu J_B^\mu = 0$$

$$\text{with } J_B^\mu(x) = n_B(x)u^\mu(x)$$

$n_B(x)$  = baryon number density

- ③ Entropy conservation

$$\partial_\mu (s u^\mu) = 0$$

with  $s(x)$  = entropy density

- ④ Equation of state (lattice QCD)

$$p = p(\epsilon)$$

# Cosmological inhomogeneities

W. Florkowski, Nucl. Phys. A 853 (2011) 173-188

Below we study the system of equations introduced by Schmid, Schwarz, and Widerin [17, 18]. They read

$$\frac{1}{\mathcal{H}}\delta' + 3(c_s^2 - w)\delta = \frac{k}{\mathcal{H}}\psi - 3(1 + w)\alpha, \quad (26)$$

$$\frac{1}{\mathcal{H}}\delta'_{\text{ew}} = \frac{k}{\mathcal{H}}\psi_{\text{ew}} - 4\alpha, \quad (27)$$

$$\frac{1}{\mathcal{H}}\psi' + (1 - 3w)\psi = -c_s^2 \frac{k}{\mathcal{H}}\delta - (1 + w)\frac{k}{\mathcal{H}}\alpha, \quad (28)$$

$$\frac{1}{\mathcal{H}}\psi'_{\text{ew}} = -\frac{k}{3\mathcal{H}}\delta_{\text{ew}} - \frac{4k}{3\mathcal{H}}\alpha, \quad (29)$$

$$\left[ \left( \frac{k}{\mathcal{H}} \right)^2 + \frac{9}{2}(1 + w_R) \right] \alpha = -\frac{3}{2}(1 + 3c_{sR}^2)\delta_R. \quad (30)$$

## Linearization of Einstein's field

equations for a density perturbation, *i.e.* scalar (longitudinal) sector of the

perturbed metric for a time-orthogonal foliation of space-time

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{a} \frac{da}{d\eta} \quad (28)$$

$$k = \text{Fourier coefficient of perturbed mode} \quad (29)$$

$$(\quad)' \equiv \partial_\eta \equiv a\partial_t \quad (30)$$

Eqs. (26) and (27) follow from the energy–momentum conservation, Eqs. (28) and (29) from the 3-divergence of the Euler equation of general relativity, and Eq. (30) from the Einstein  $R_0^0$ -equation. The prime denotes the derivative with respect to the conformal time  $\eta$  defined by Eq. (22). The quantities  $\delta = \delta\varepsilon/\varepsilon$  and  $\delta_{\text{ew}} = \delta\varepsilon_{\text{ew}}/\varepsilon_{\text{ew}}$  describe the energy density fluctuations (*density contrasts* for strongly-interacting and electro-weak matter, respectively),  $\psi$  and  $\psi_{\text{ew}}$  are related to the fluid velocities (*peculiar velocities*, again for strongly-interacting and electro-weak matter, respectively), and  $\alpha$  defines the correction to the temporal part of the metric tensor (*lapse function*).