

A group of cats from the musical Cats in elaborate costumes and makeup, performing on a stage. The cats are in various poses, some with their mouths open as if singing or meowing. The background is dark with some stage lights visible.

CATS

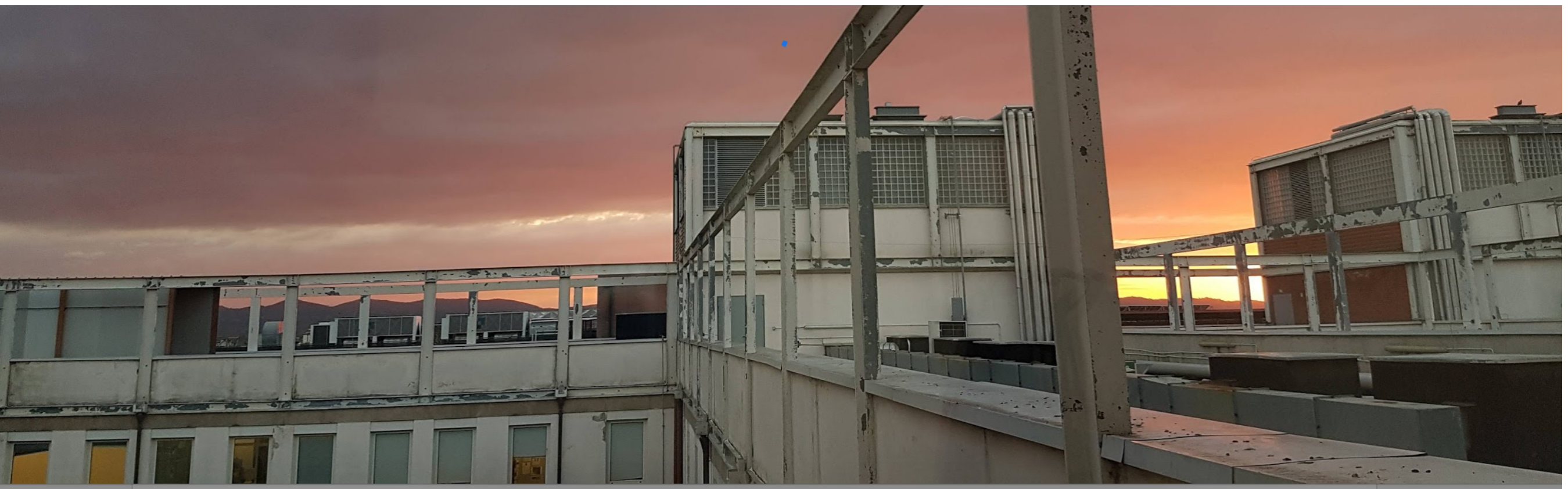
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Computer Assisted Theoretical physics  
*Qualche applicazione alla Fisica delle Interazioni Forti*

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# *When humans could compete with computers ..*



20 - 2- 1962



Now .. towards Exascale Era

$10^{18}$  operations/second !

Top 500 ranking [\[ edit \]](#)

Top 10 positions of the 52nd TOP500 in November 2018<sup>[16]</sup>

Rank <span>↕</span>	Rmax Rpeak <span>↕</span> (PFLOPS)	Name <span>↕</span>	Model <span>↕</span>	Processor <span>↕</span>	Interconnect <span>↕</span>	Vendor <span>↕</span>	Site country, year <span>↕</span>	Operating system <span>↕</span>
1 <span>—</span>	143.500 200.795	Summit	Power System AC922	POWER9, Tesla V100	Infiniband EDR	IBM	Oak Ridge National Laboratory United States, 2018	Linux (RHEL)
2 <span>▲</span>	94.640 125.436	Sierra	Power System S922LC	POWER9, Tesla V100	Infiniband EDR	IBM	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory United States, 2018	Linux (RHEL)
3 <span>▼</span>	93.015 125.436	Sunway TaihuLight	Sunway MPP	SW26010	Sunway <sup>[17]</sup>	NRCPC	National Supercomputing Center in Wuxi China, 2016 <sup>[17]</sup>	Linux (Raise)
4 <span>▼</span>	61.445 100.679	Tianhe-2A	TH-IVB-FEP	Xeon E5-2692 v2, Matrix-2000	TH Express-2	NUDT	National Supercomputing Center in Guangzhou China, 2013	Linux (Kylin)
5 <span>▲</span>	21.230 27.154	Piz Daint	Cray XC50	Xeon E5-2690 v3, Tesla P100	Aries	Cray	Swiss National Supercomputing Centre Switzerland, 2016	Linux (CLE)
6 <span>▼</span>	20.159 41.461	Trinity	Cray XC40	Xeon E5-2698 v3, Xeon Phi 7250	Aries	Cray	Los Alamos National Laboratory United States, 2015	Linux (CLE)
7 <span>▼</span>	19.880 32.577	AI Bridging Cloud Infrastructure <sup>[18]</sup>	PRIMERGY CX2550 M4	Xeon Gold 6148, Tesla V100	Infiniband EDR	Fujitsu	National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology Japan, 2018	Linux
8 <span>▲</span>	19.477 26.874	SuperMUC-NG <sup>[19]</sup>	ThinkSystem SD530	Xeon Platinum 8174	Intel Omni-Path	Lenovo	Leibniz Supercomputing Centre Germany, 2018	Linux (SLES)



*..somebody is then wondering..*

## ARE YOU LIVING IN A COMPUTER SIMULATION?

**BY NICK BOSTROM**

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Published in *Philosophical Quarterly* (2003) Vol. 53, No. 211, pp. 243-255.

[[www.simulation-argument.com](http://www.simulation-argument.com)]

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### ABSTRACT

This paper argues that *at least one* of the following propositions is true: (1) the human species is very likely to go extinct before reaching a “posthuman” stage; (2) any posthuman civilization is extremely unlikely to run a significant number of simulations of their evolutionary history (or variations thereof); (3) we are almost certainly living in a computer simulation. It follows that the belief that there is a significant chance that we will one day become posthumans who run ancestor-simulations is false, unless we are currently living in a simulation. A number of other consequences of this result are also discussed.

### I. INTRODUCTION

Many works of science fiction as well as some forecasts by serious technologists and futurologists predict that enormous amounts of computing power will be available in the future. Let us suppose for a moment that these predictions are correct. One thing that later generations might do with their super-powerful computers is run detailed simulations of their forebears or of people like their forebears. Because their computers would be so powerful, they could run a great many such simulations. Suppose that these simulated people are conscious (as they would be if the simulations were sufficiently fine-grained and if a certain quite widely accepted position in the philosophy of mind is correct). Then it could be the case that the vast majority of minds like ours do not belong to the original race but rather to people simulated by the advanced descendants of an original race. It is then possible to argue that, if this were the case, we would be rational to think that we are likely among the simulated minds rather than among the original biological ones. Therefore, if we don't think that we are currently living in a computer simulation, we are not entitled to believe that we will have descendants who will run lots of such simulations of their forebears. That is the basic idea. The rest of this paper will spell it out more carefully.

*...leaving this with the philosophers and epistemologists..*

..we anyway confront the fact that computer simulations  
may bring us VERY far away from everyday world...

...allowing explorations of uncharted territories, and/or  
taking us back to the early Universe



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Remarkably, many of these applications rely on  
Quantum Chromo Dynamics  
QCD

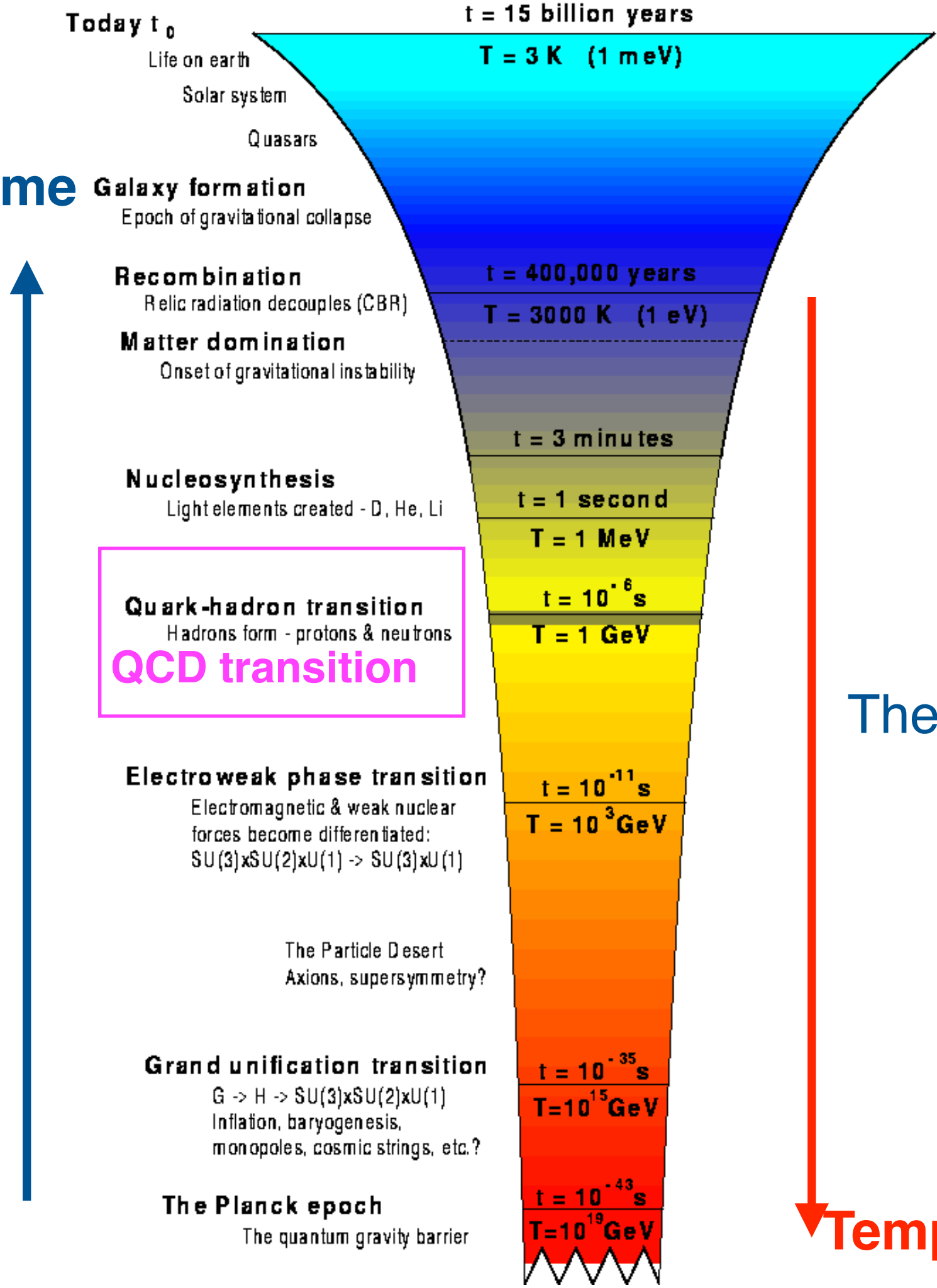




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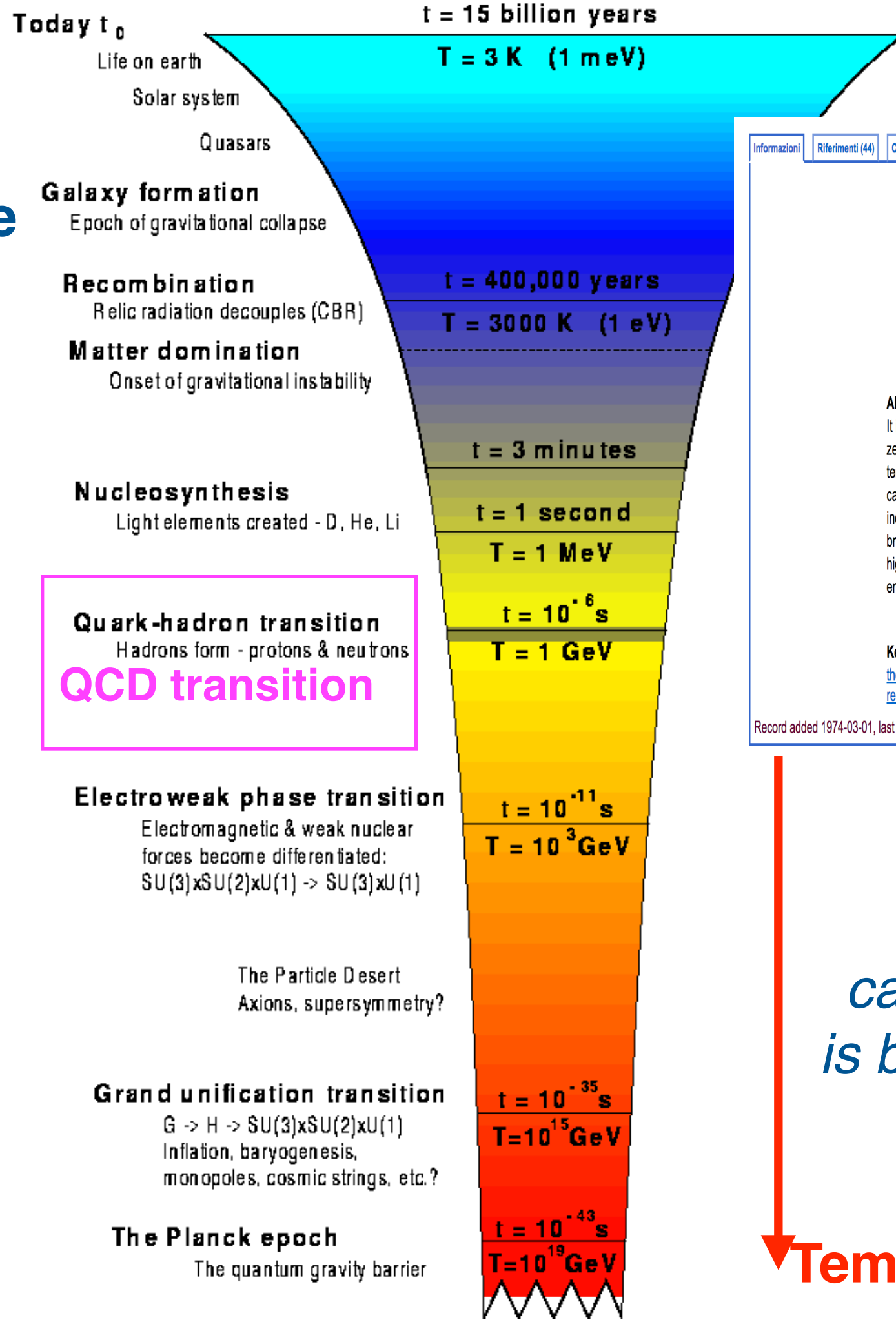
Time



# Thermal history of the Universe

Temperature

Time



Informazioni

Riferimenti (44)

Citazioni (1356)

File

Grafico

## Gauge and Global Symmetries at High Temperature

Steven Weinberg (Harvard U.)

Mar 1974 - 71 pages

Phys.Rev. D9 (1974) 3357-3378

DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevD.9.3357](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.9.3357)

PRINT-74-0689 (HARVARD)

### Abstract (APS)

It is shown how finite-temperature effects in a renormalizable quantum field theory can restore a symmetry which is broken at zero temperature. In general, for both gauge symmetries and ordinary symmetries, such effects occur only through a temperature-dependent change in the effective bare mass of the scalar bosons. The change in the boson bare mass is calculated for general field theories, and the results are used to derive the critical temperatures for a few special cases, including gauge and nongauge theories. In one case, it is found that a symmetry which is unbroken at low temperature can be broken by raising the temperature above a critical value. An appendix presents a general operator formalism for dealing with higher-order effects, and it is observed that the one-loop diagrams of field theory simply represent the contribution of zero-point energies to the free energy density. The cosmological implications of this work are briefly discussed.

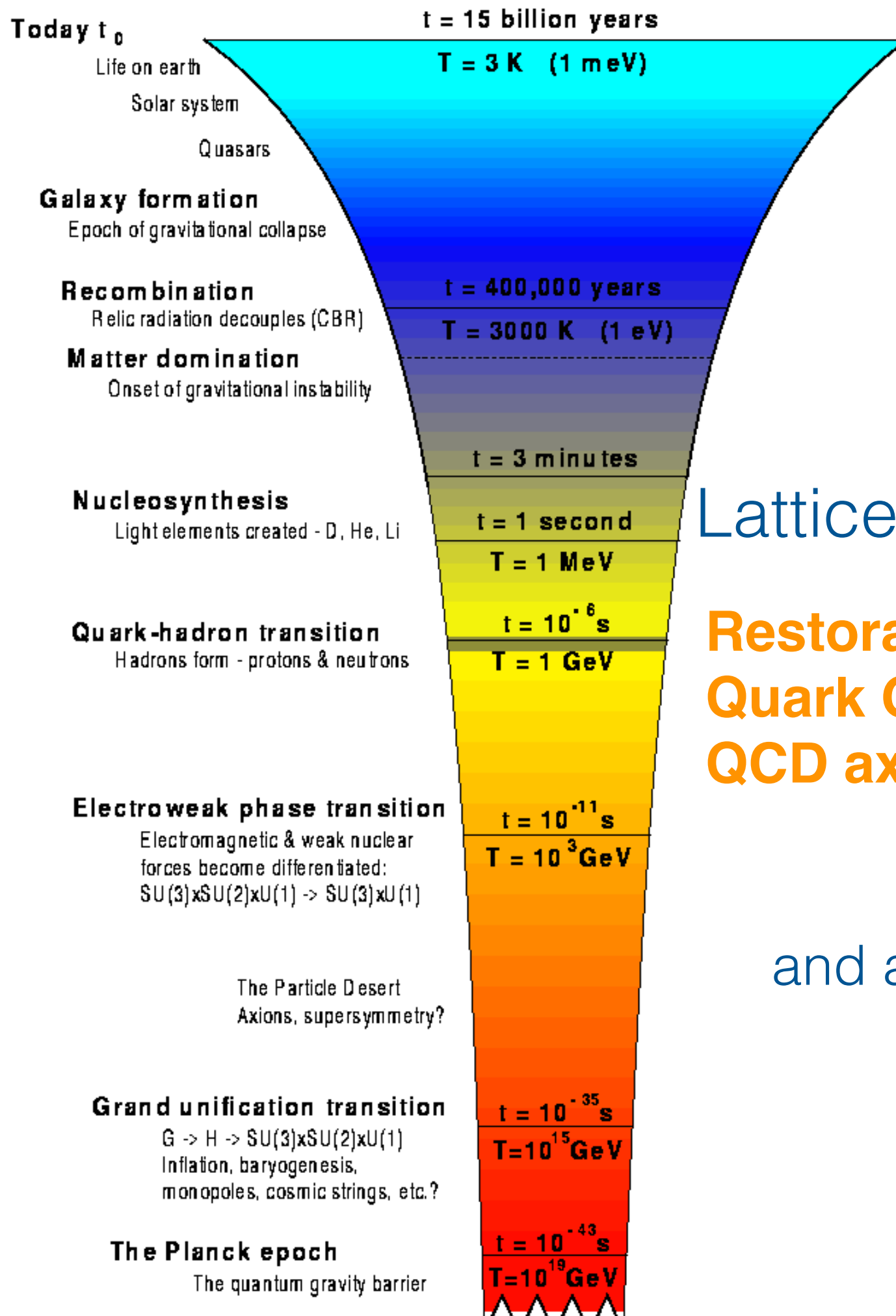
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*“..finite temperature  
in a quantum field theory  
can restore a symmetry which  
is broken at zero temperature ..”*

Temperature





Lattice QCD studies:

Restoration of QCD chiral symmetry  
Quark Gluon Plasma  
QCD axions ..

and also : QCD based BSM physics

and much more..

# The experimental side

Tc

$\approx 200\text{MeV}$

340 –380 MeV  
RHIC AuAu  
200 GeV

420-480 MeV  
LHC  
2.76 TeV

500- 600MeV  
LHC hot spots  
2.76 TeV



1 GeV  
LHC  
7 TeV

Quark Gluon Plasma @  
Colliders



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## Highest man-made temperature

Who

CERN, LARGE HADRON COLLIDER

What

$5 \times 10^{12}$  DEGREE(S) KELVIN



# A joint experimental-theoretical worldwide effort



Quark Matter 2018 - the XXVIIth International Conference on Ultra-relativistic Nucleus-Nucleus Collisions - brought together physicists from around the world to discuss new developments in high energy heavy-ion physics. The focus was on the fundamental understanding of strongly-interacting matter at extreme conditions of high temperature and density, as formed in ultra-relativistic nucleus-nucleus collisions. In these conditions, which also characterised the early Universe, matter appears as a Quark-Gluon Plasma, with quarks and gluons not confined within hadrons.

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## QUARK MATTER 2018



## Venezia Quark Matter



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# Theory of Hot Matter and Relativistic Heavy-Ion Collisions **THOR**

Duration of the Action: 2016-2020

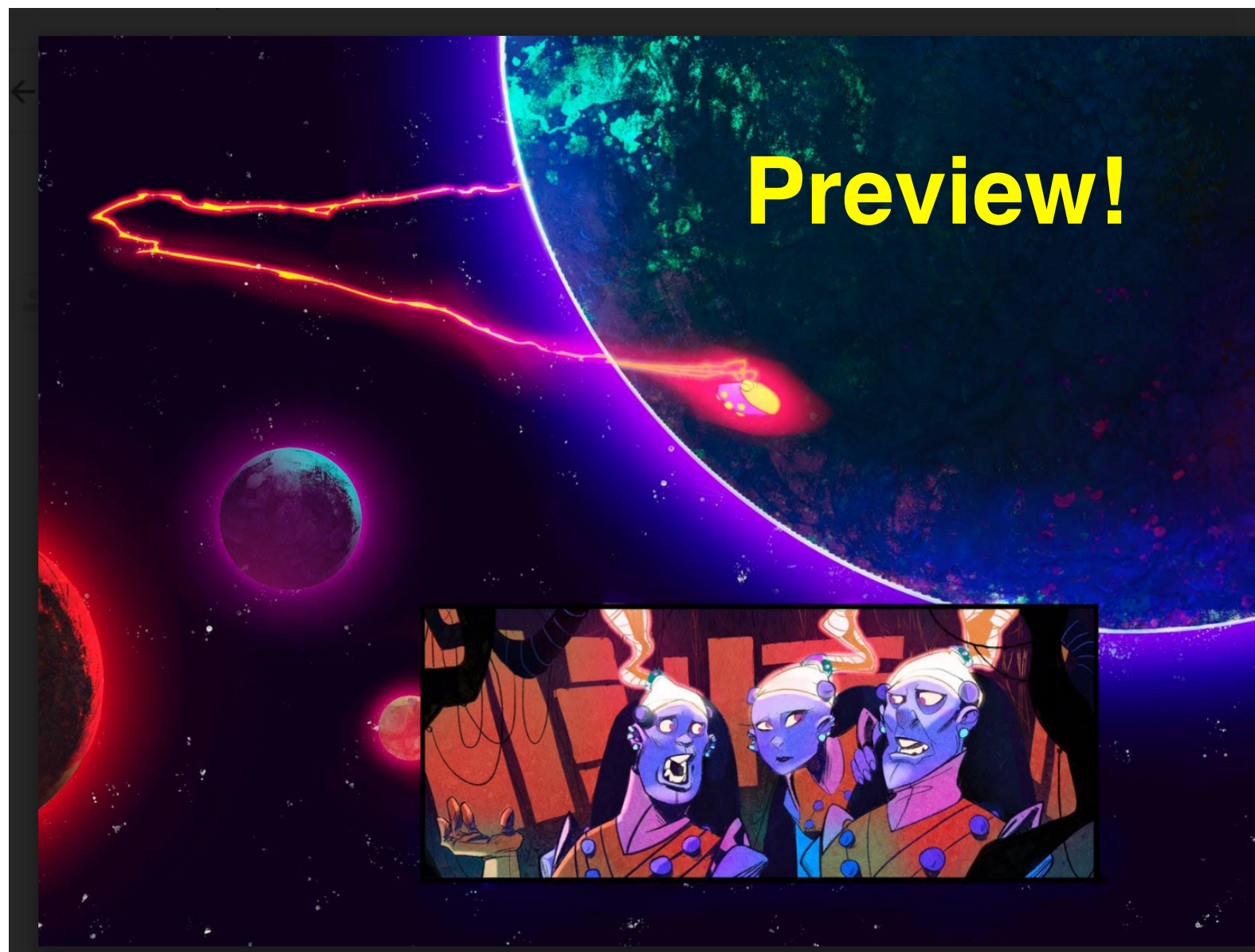
F. Becattini  
and MpL  
representing Italy  
in the MC

## Thor e il Plasma di Quark :

Graphic Novel  
by

Simone Gabrielli et al.  
Scuola Romana del Fumetto

**Preview!**

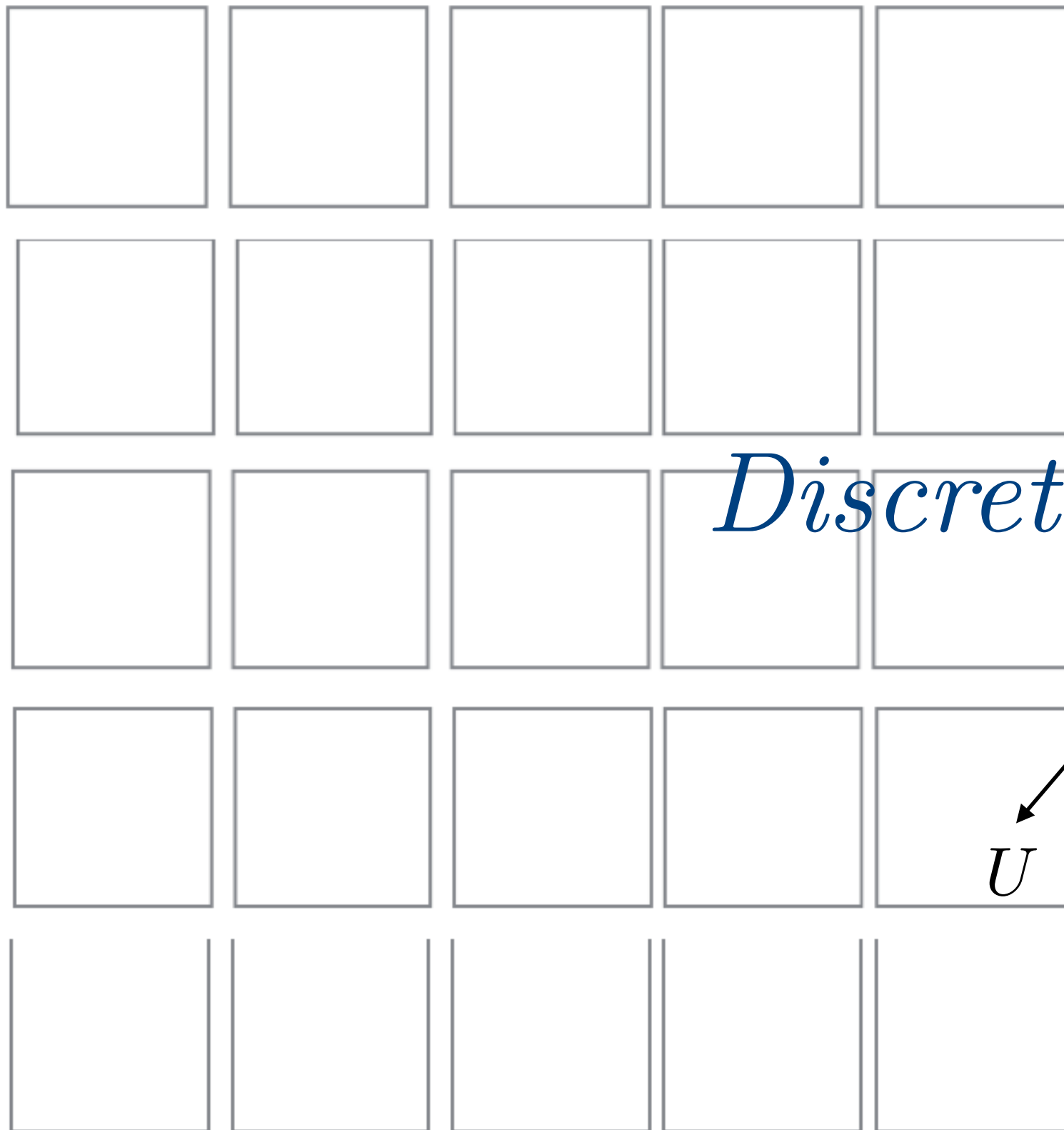


all this stemming from the Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \frac{1}{g^2} G_{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu} + \sum_q \bar{\psi}_q (i\gamma^\mu D_\mu + m_q) \psi_q$$



# Lattice Gauge Theory



*Discretize fields:*

Gauge fields

$U$

Matter fields

$\bar{\psi}_q, \psi_q$

# Lattice Gauge Theory

*Then, compute*

$\mathbb{Z}$

Gauge fields

$U$

Matter fields

$\bar{\psi}_q, \psi_q$

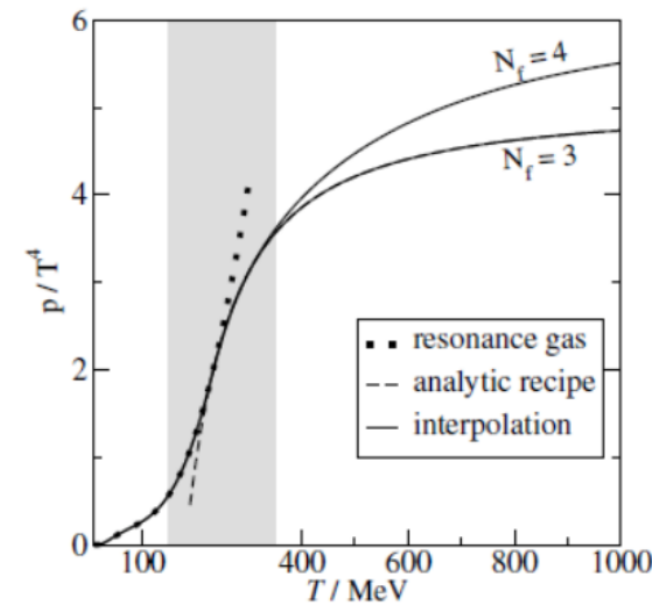
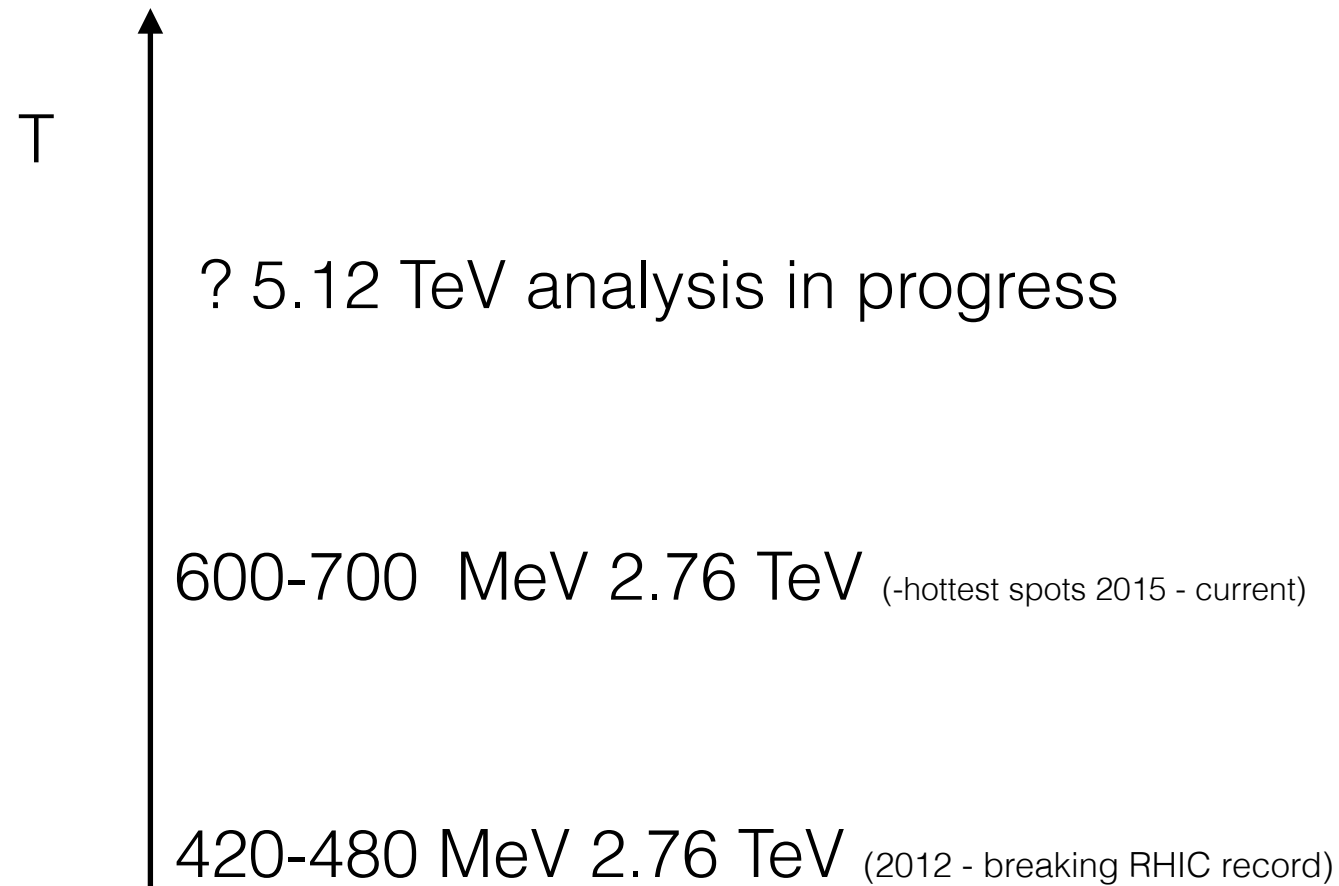
# Some selected topics and results

- I. QGP in the LHC working region:  
bottomonium suppression
- II. QGP in the LHC working region:  
topology (and  $\eta'$ )
- III. Axions
- IV. Towards neutron stars
- V. Strong Interactions BSM

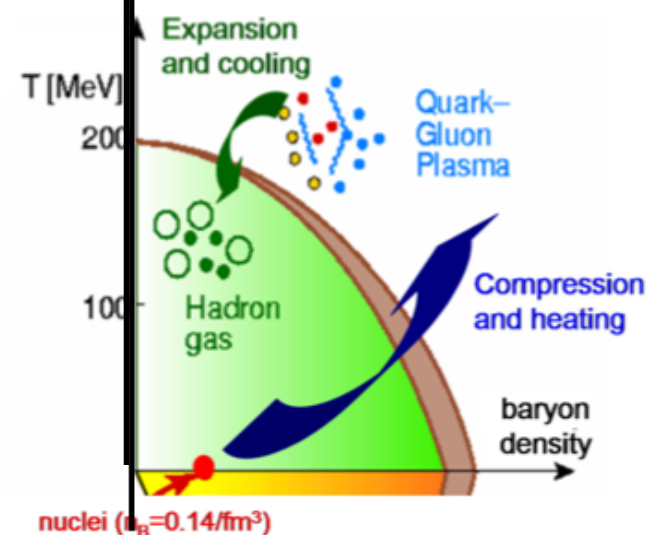


I. QGP in the LHC working region:  
bottomonium suppression

# QGP in the LHC working region: $T < 600$ MeV



Laine Schroeder 2006



**400 MeV charm threshold:**

Dynamical charm plays a role

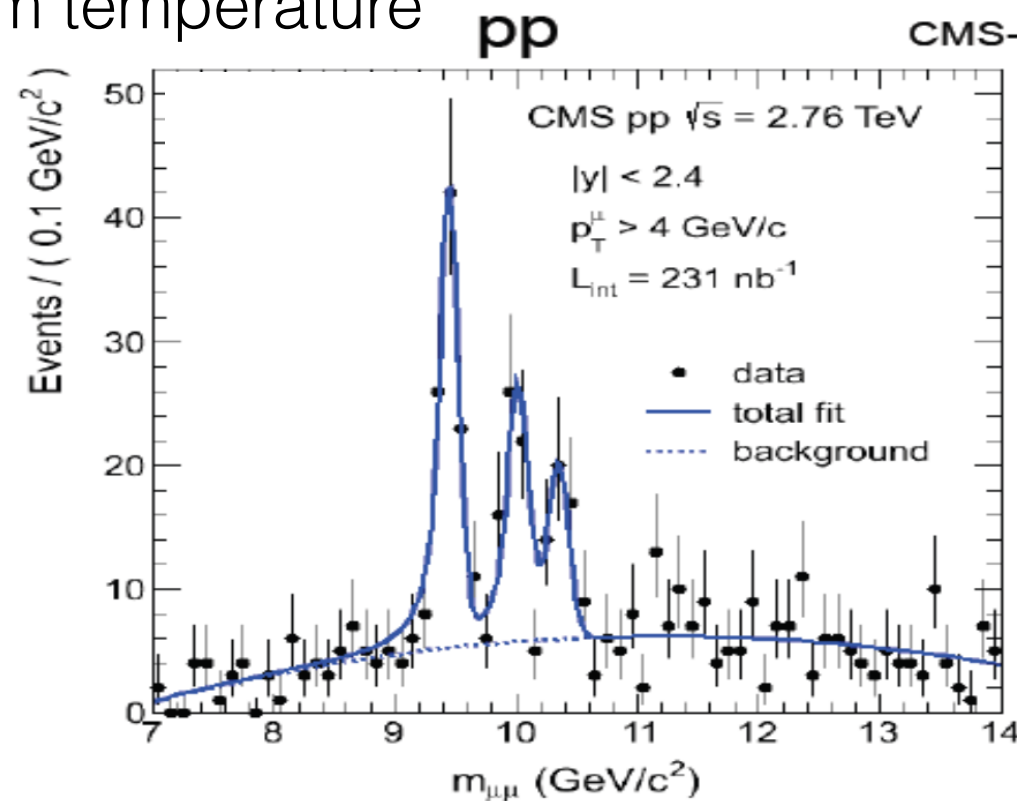


# Bottomonium as a probe of QGP

Eur.Phys.J. C76 (2016) no.3, 107

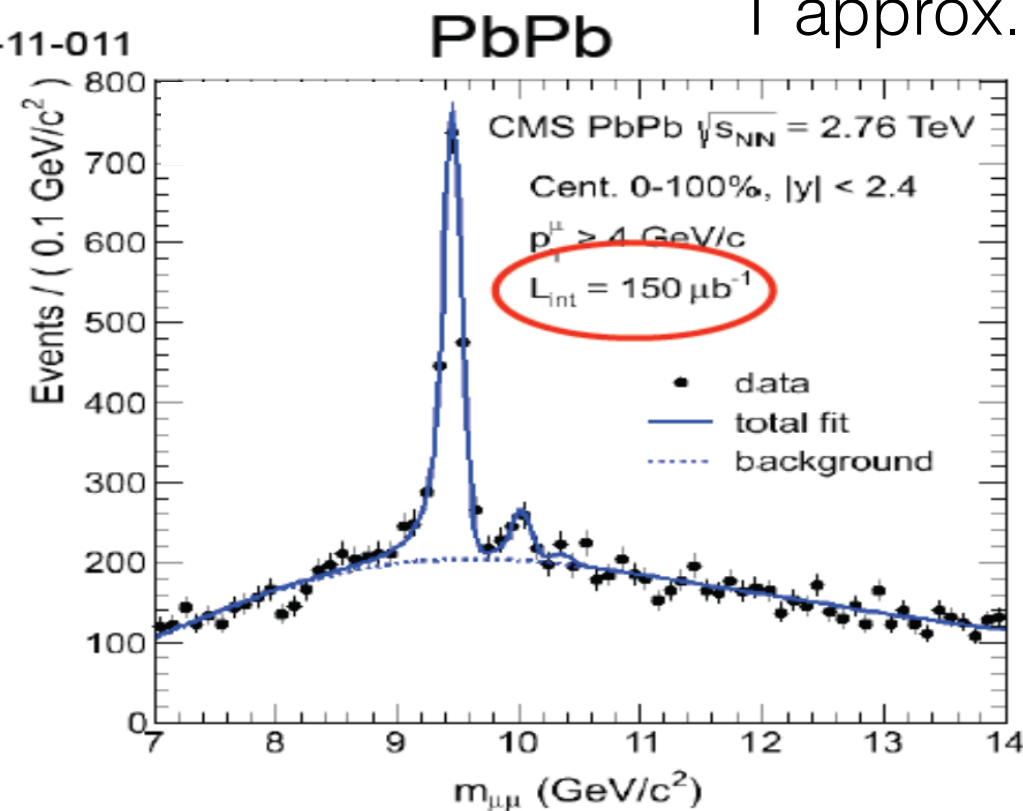
Room temperature

T approx. 500 MeV



$$N_{\Upsilon(2S)}/N_{\Upsilon(1S)}|_{\text{pp}} = 0.56 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.01$$

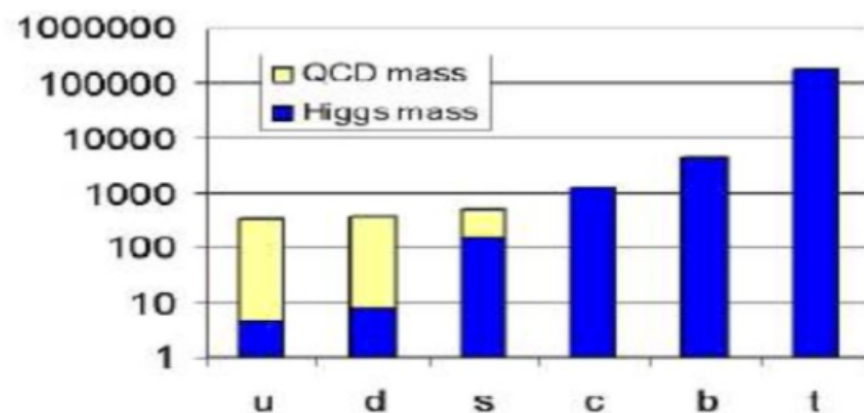
$$N_{\Upsilon(3S)}/N_{\Upsilon(1S)}|_{\text{pp}} = 0.21 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.02$$



$$N_{\Upsilon(2S)}/N_{\Upsilon(1S)}|_{\text{PbPb}} = 0.12 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.01$$

$$N_{\Upsilon(3S)}/N_{\Upsilon(1S)}|_{\text{PbPb}} < 0.07$$

**CMS**



NB: probing complementary aspects wrt to light sector:  
no sensitivity to chiral physics here!

# Bottomonium work is with the FASTSUM collaboration

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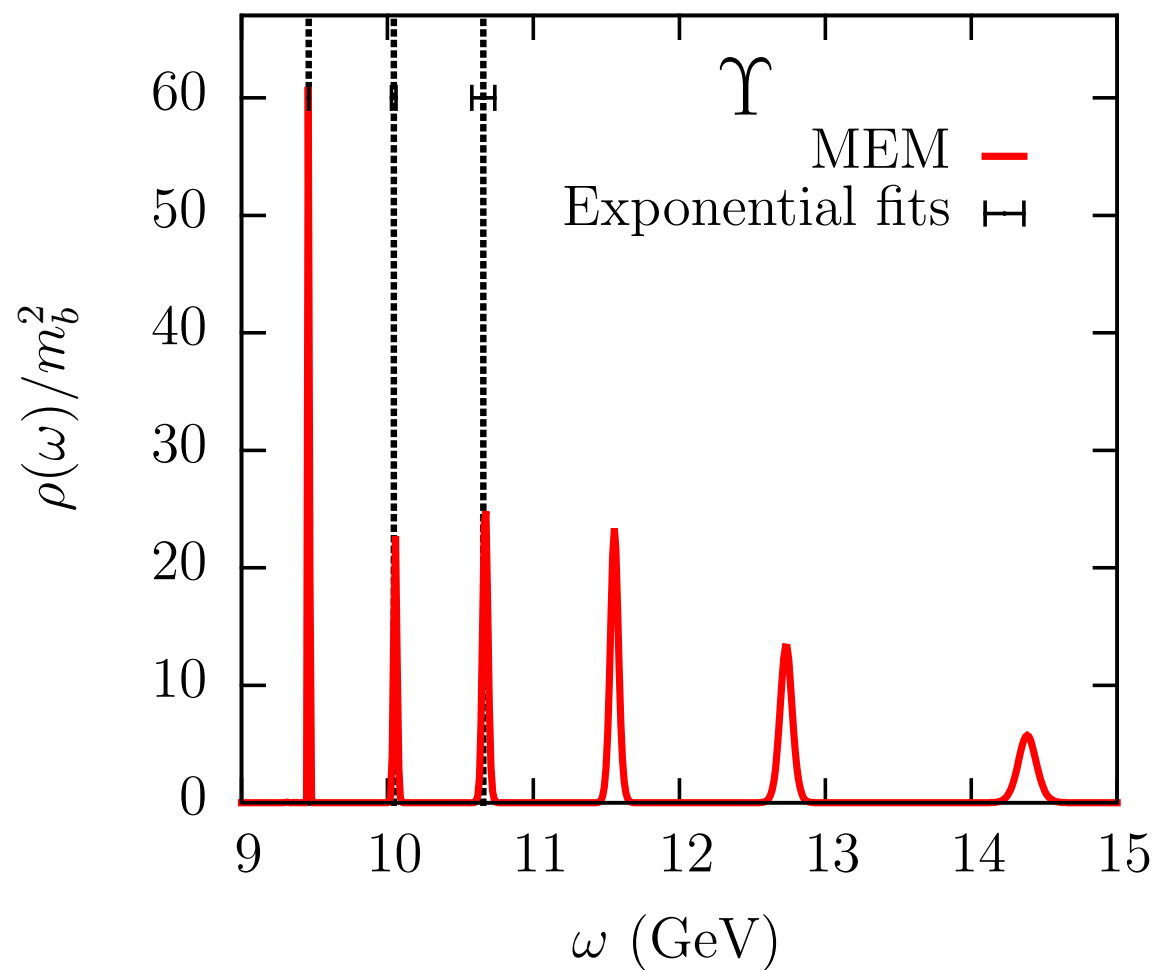
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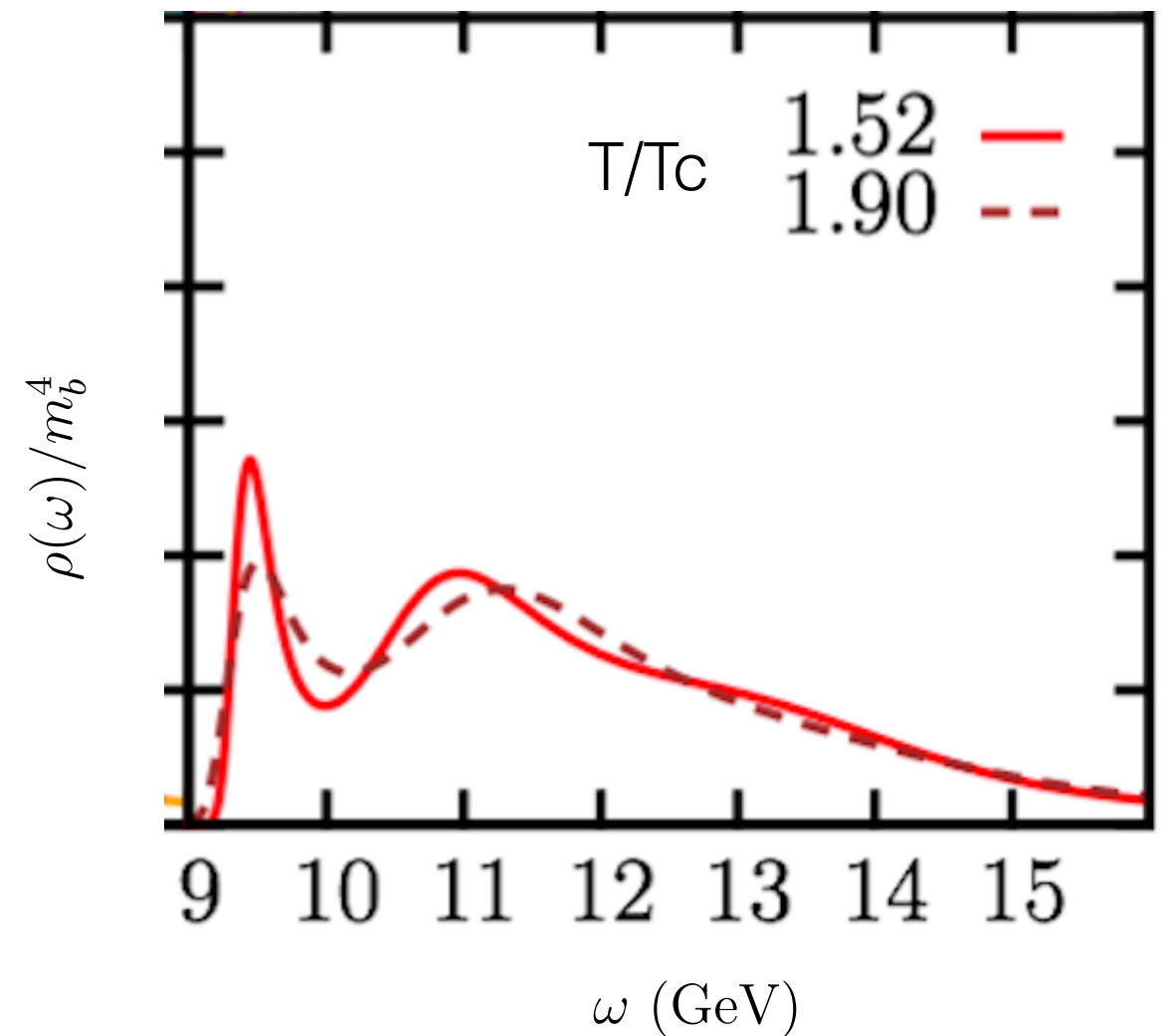
# Bottomonium NRQCD results: spectral functions from MEM

FASTSUM Collaboration

Room temperature



T approx. 400 MeV



Melting of excited states

# NRQCD bottomonium spectral functions at a glance

NRQCD  
appropriate  
for bottomonium

easier inversion  
easier to compute  
propagators

### Anisotropic lattices:

\*Many points in time direction.

\*Disentangle  
space from time  
discretization effect.

\*Approach to continuum time easier.

$$0.4 T_c < T < 2T_c$$

$M_\pi$ [MeV]	Anisotropy $= a_s/a_t$	$a_s$ [am]	$a_t$ [am]
450	6	167	28
390	3.5	123	35
230	3.5	113	33
390	7	123	18

## Relativistic

$$D(\tau) = \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-\tau\omega} + e^{-(\beta-\tau)\omega}}{1 - e^{-\beta\omega}} S(\omega) d\omega$$

## Non-relativistic

$$D(\tau) = \int_{-M_0}^{\infty} e^{-\tau\omega} S(\omega) d\omega$$

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graph TD; A[Euclidean Time Correlators] --> B[Fourier transform]; B --> C[Fourier decomposition]; C --> D[analytic continuation]; D --> E[Spectral functions]; E --> A; E --> B; A --> F[Integral inverse transform]; F --> E;
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The diagram illustrates the relationships between several mathematical concepts in the context of spectral functions and Euclidean time correlators. The concepts are arranged in a cycle, with arrows indicating the direction of the relationships. The concepts are: Spectral functions, Euclidean Time Correlators, Fourier transform, Fourier decomposition, and analytic continuation. The relationships are as follows: Spectral functions lead to Euclidean Time Correlators, Fourier transform, and Integral inverse transform. Euclidean Time Correlators lead to Fourier transform and Integral inverse transform. Fourier transform leads to Fourier decomposition. Fourier decomposition leads to analytic continuation. Analytic continuation leads to Spectral functions. Integral inverse transform leads to Spectral functions.

Inverse Laplace:  
makes life easier..

Interesting application:  
bottomonium

● Completed

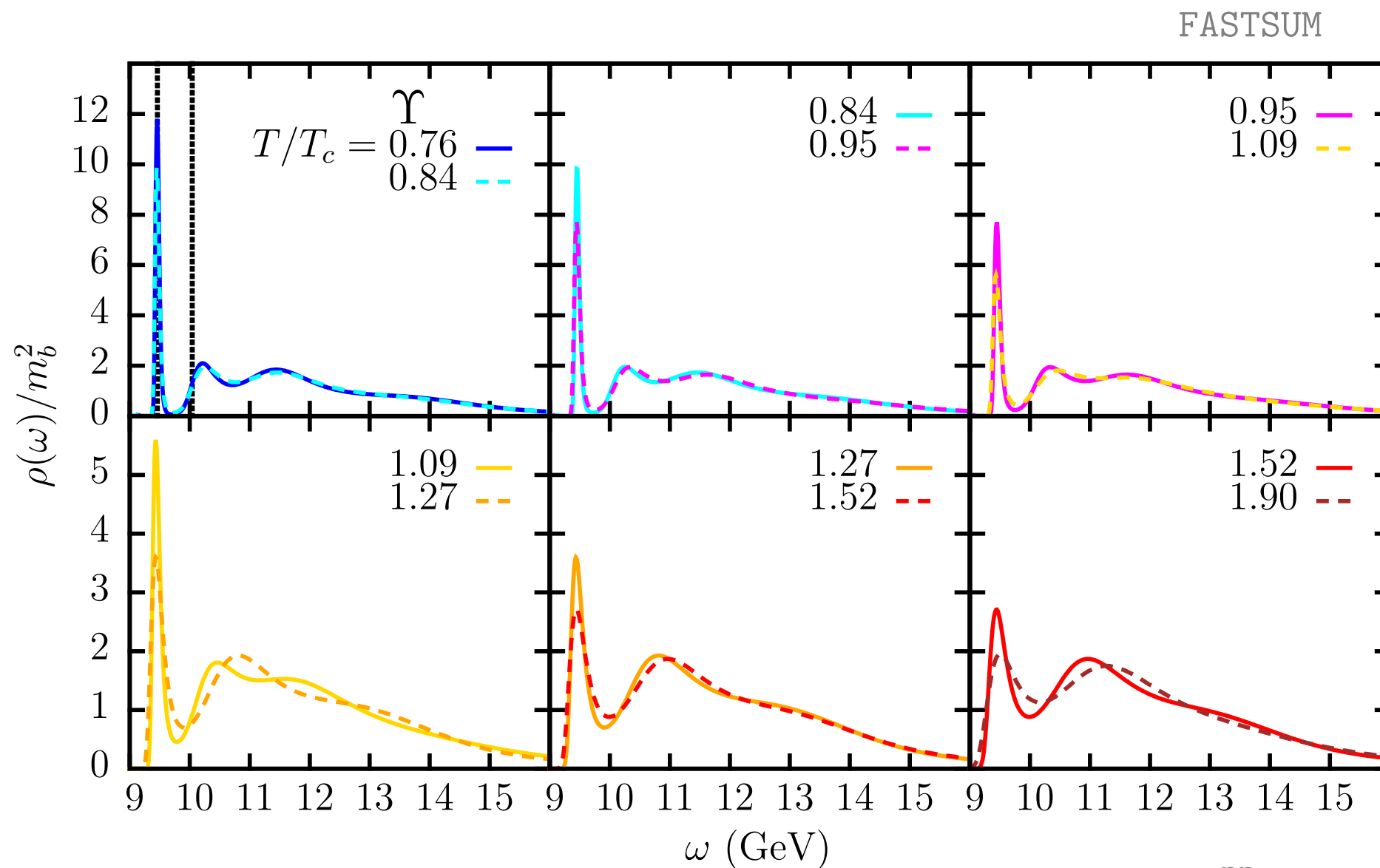
- In progress:  
going to a very  
fine lattice

Temperature is varied by changing Nt

[illegible]

$1/T$

# Bottomonium spectral functions: sequential melting

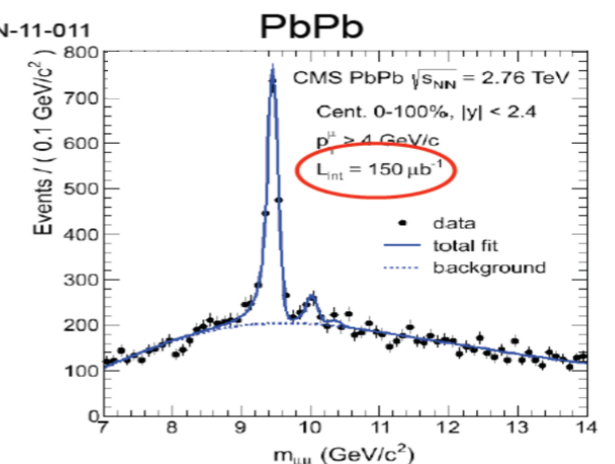
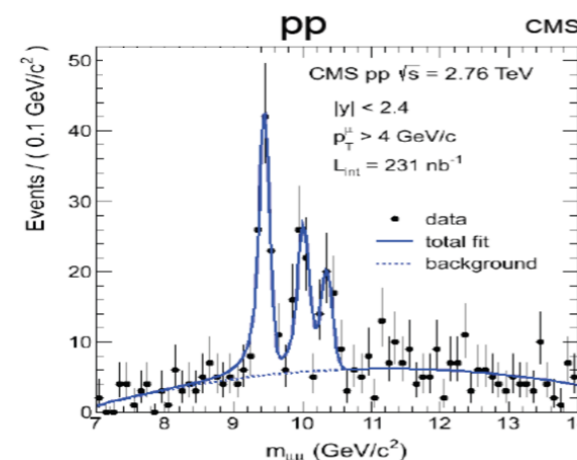


Persistence of  
the ground state  
at all temperatures

Melting of  
excited states

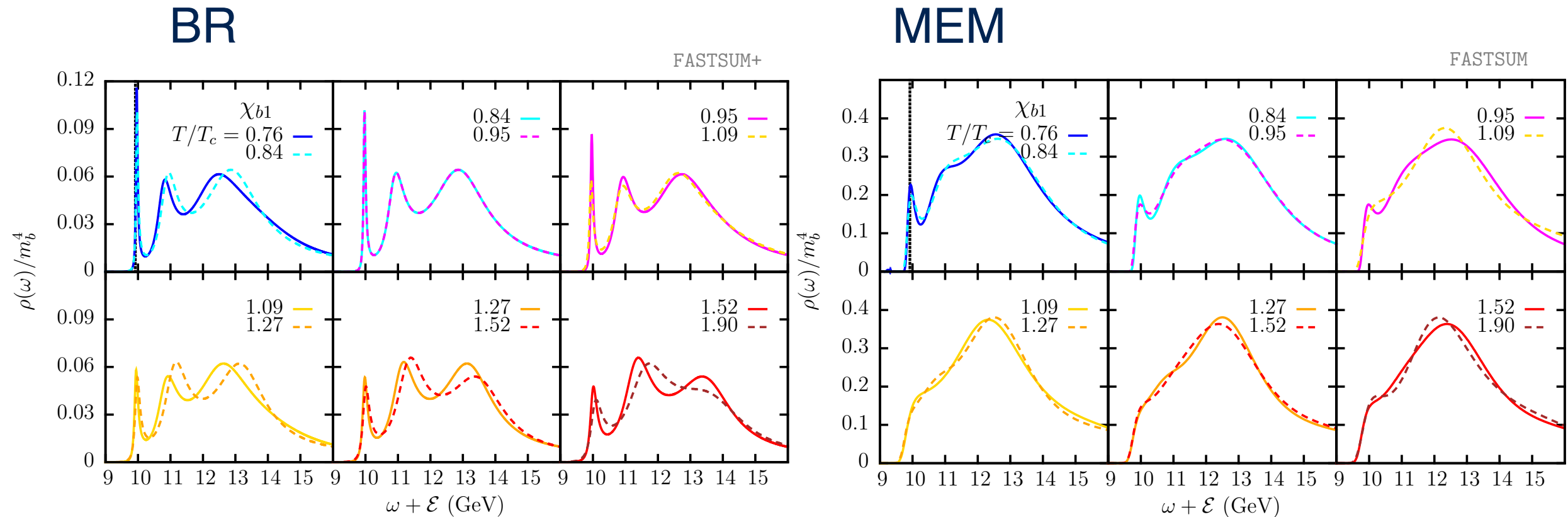
Modifications of  
the ground state

Pattern reminiscent of  
experimental observations





# Bottomonium: Outstanding remaining issue: the (unknown) systematics



FASTSUM +  
Y. Burnier and  
A. Rothkopf  
AIP Conf.Proc. 1701  
(2016) 060018

Qualitative differences for the  $\chi_{b1}$ :  
with the BR approach the excited state  
survives and appears even stronger!

# Weighted spectral functions & Upsilon width

## PRELIMINARY

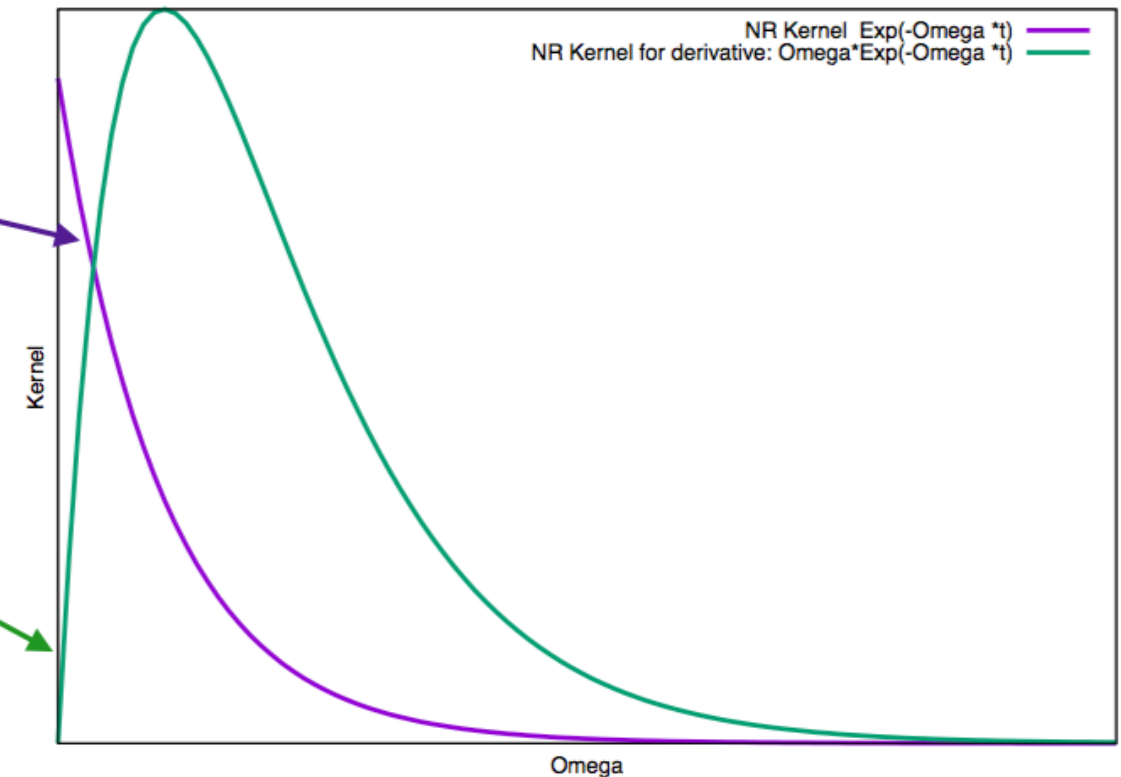
$$G(t) = \int e^{-\omega t} S(\omega) \frac{d\omega}{2\pi}$$

$$K(\omega, t) = e^{-\omega t}$$

$$\frac{dG(t)}{dt} = \int \omega e^{-\omega t} S(\omega) \frac{d\omega}{2\pi}$$

$$K_{der}(\omega, t) = \omega e^{-\omega t}$$

cfr. Sumudu  
method  
by Orlandini, Pederiva, Roggero



$$\langle \omega \rangle_{S(\omega, t)} = G'(t)/G(t) \equiv m_{eff}(t)$$

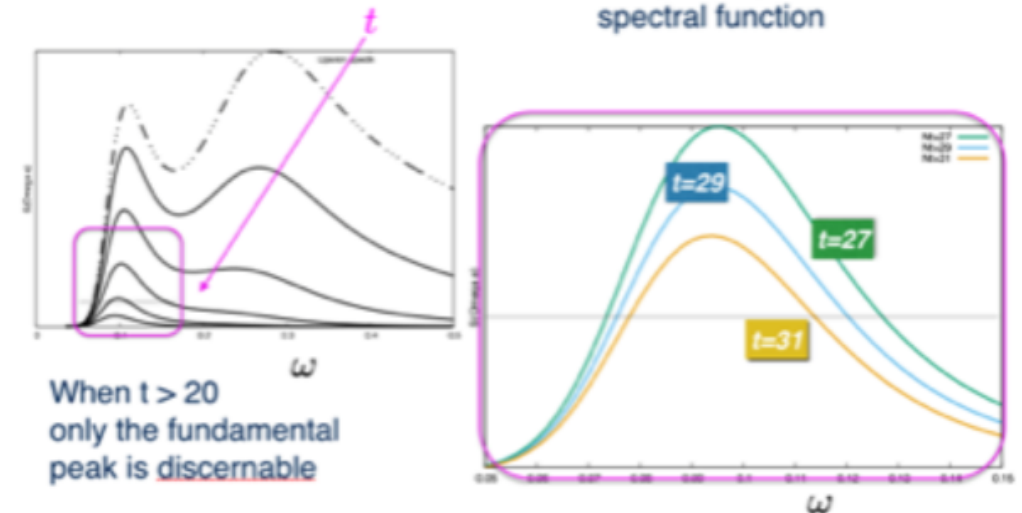
$$\langle \omega^2 \rangle_{S(\omega, t)} - \langle \omega \rangle_{S(\omega, t)}^2 = - \frac{dm_{eff}(t)}{dt}$$

When  $t$  grows large, only the fundamental peak (if any) survives in the weighted spectral function, hence these quantities estimate the central value and the width - otherwise no simple interpretation (the logic is fairly simple and maybe was tried before, do not know)

### Weighted Spectral Functions

$$e^{-\omega t} S(\omega)$$

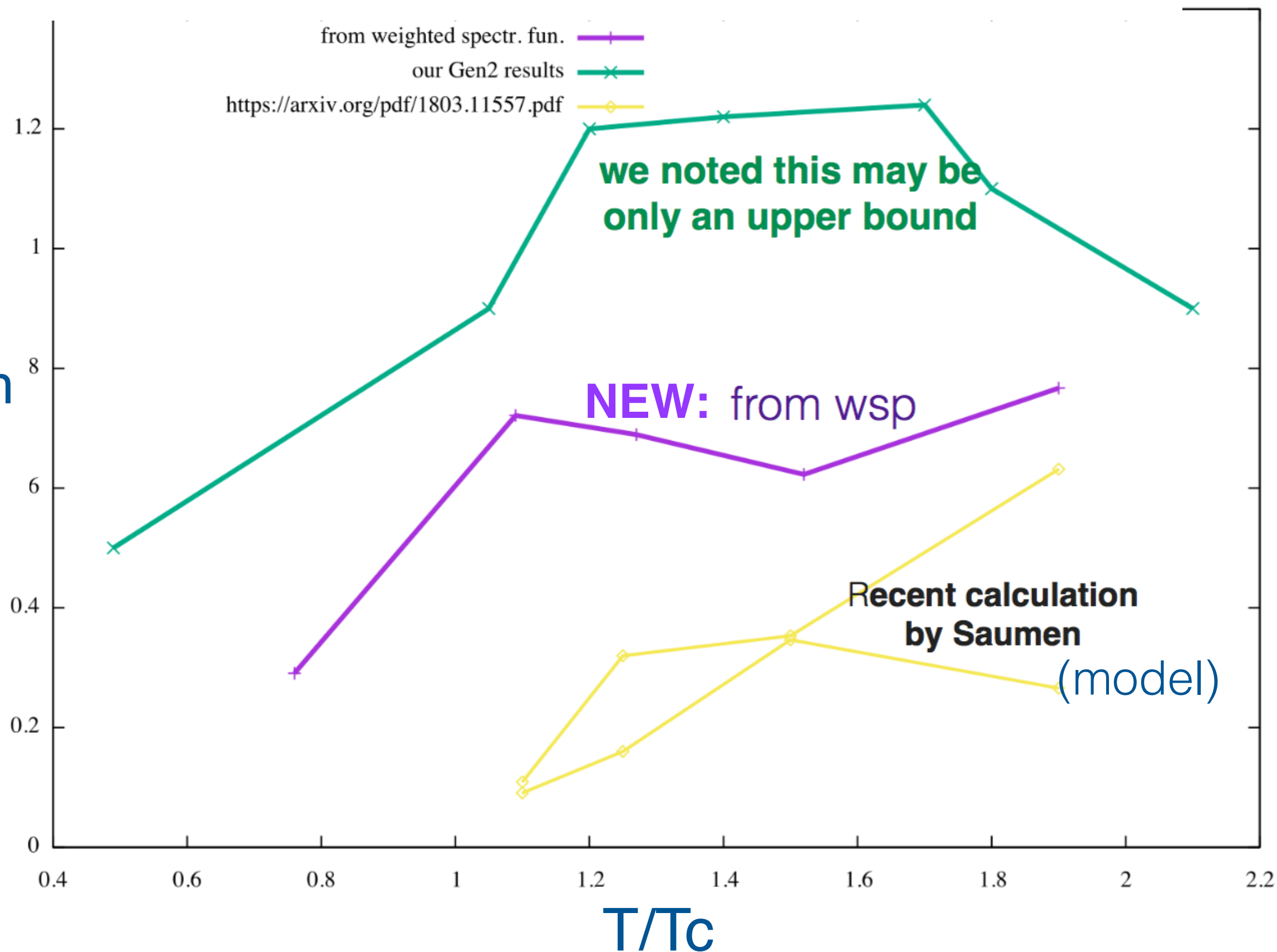
using the Upsilon  
spectral function



When  $t > 20$   
only the fundamental  
peak is discernable

# PRELIMINARY

Width





II. QGP in the LHC working region:  
topology and  $\eta'$

# Topology from low to high Temperature

In the hadronic phase topology solves the puzzle by explicit breaking  $U(1)_A$   $\eta'$

What happens to topology in the Quark Gluon Plasma?

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1 MAY 1996

## Return of the prodigal Goldstone boson

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(Received 14 July 1995)

We propose that the mass of the  $\eta'$  meson is a particularly sensitive probe of the properties of finite energy density hadronic matter and quark-gluon plasma. We argue that the mass of the  $\eta'$  excitation in hot and dense matter should be small, and, therefore, that the  $\eta'$  production cross section should be much increased relative to that for  $pp$  collisions. This may have observable consequences in dilepton and diphoton experiments.



# Work on Topology and Axions is

with Anton Trunin, E.-Michael Ilgenfritz and Florian Burger

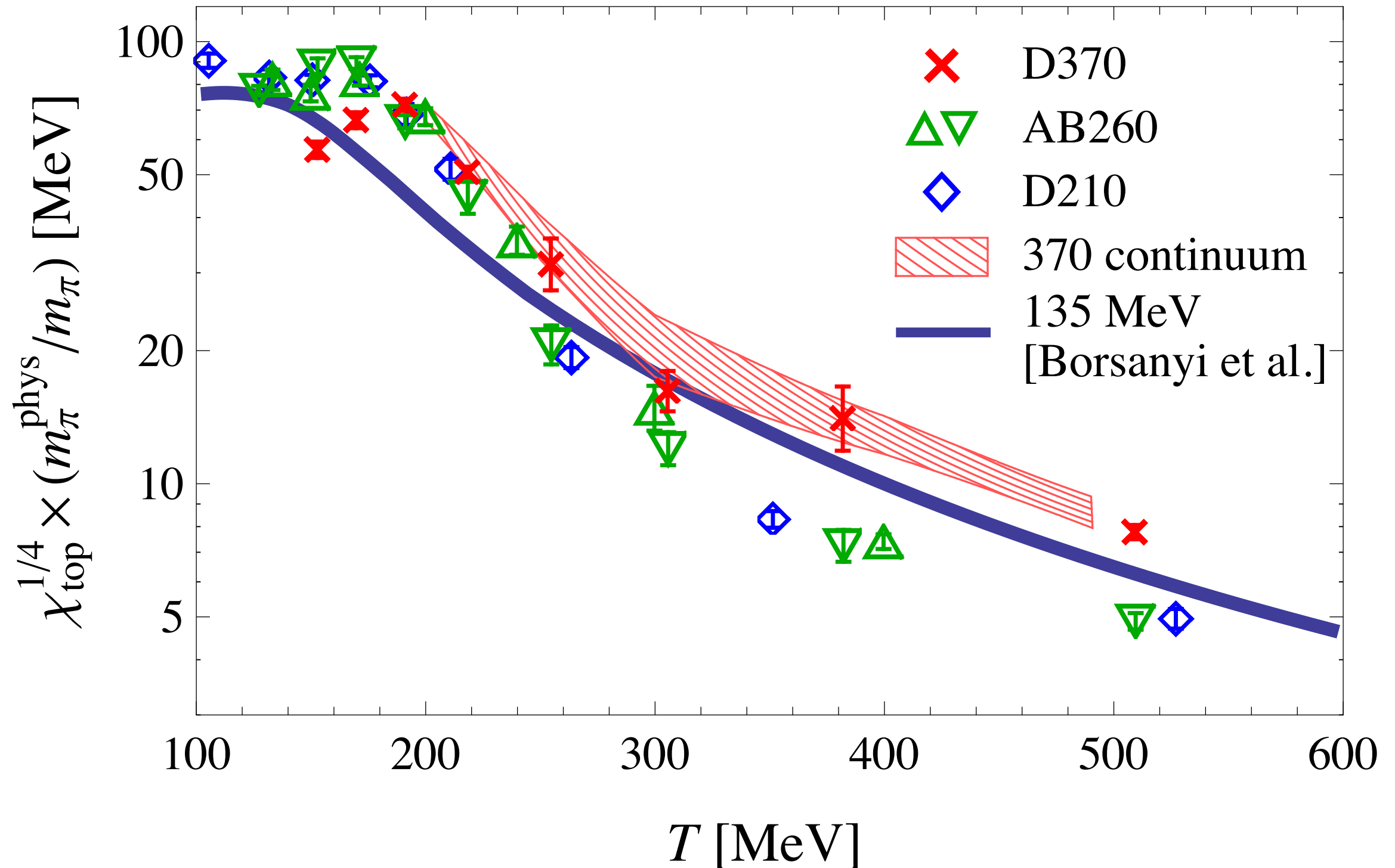
with thanks to  
the ETMC  
collaboration



# Topological susceptibility

Rescaled according to

$$\chi_{\text{top}} = m_l^2 \chi_{\bar{\psi}\psi}^{\text{disc}} = \sum_{n=0} a_n m_\pi^{4(n+1)}.$$

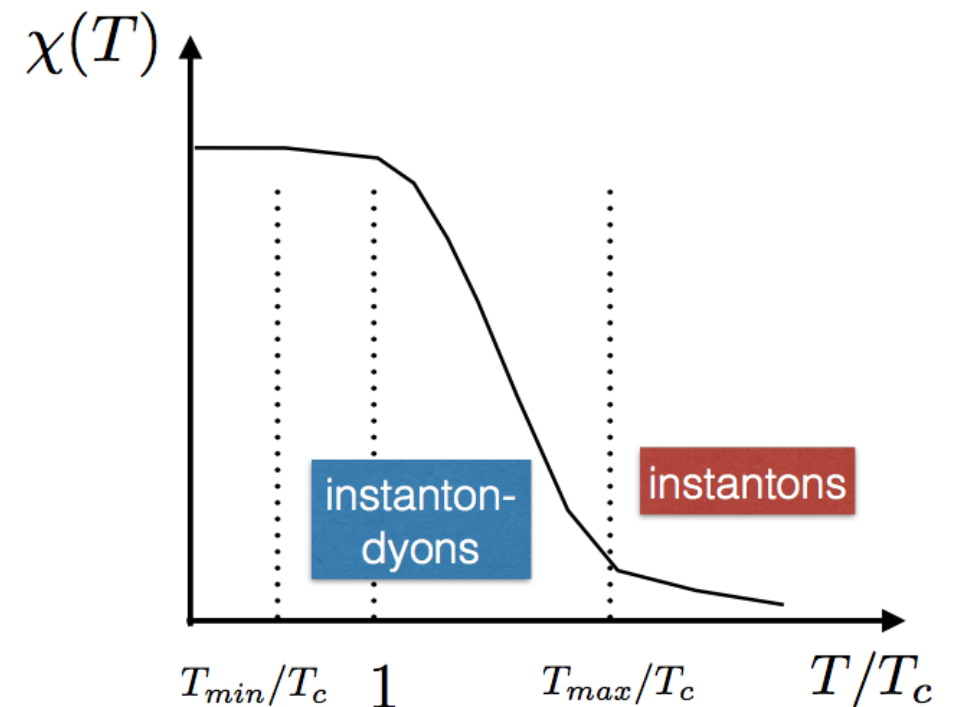
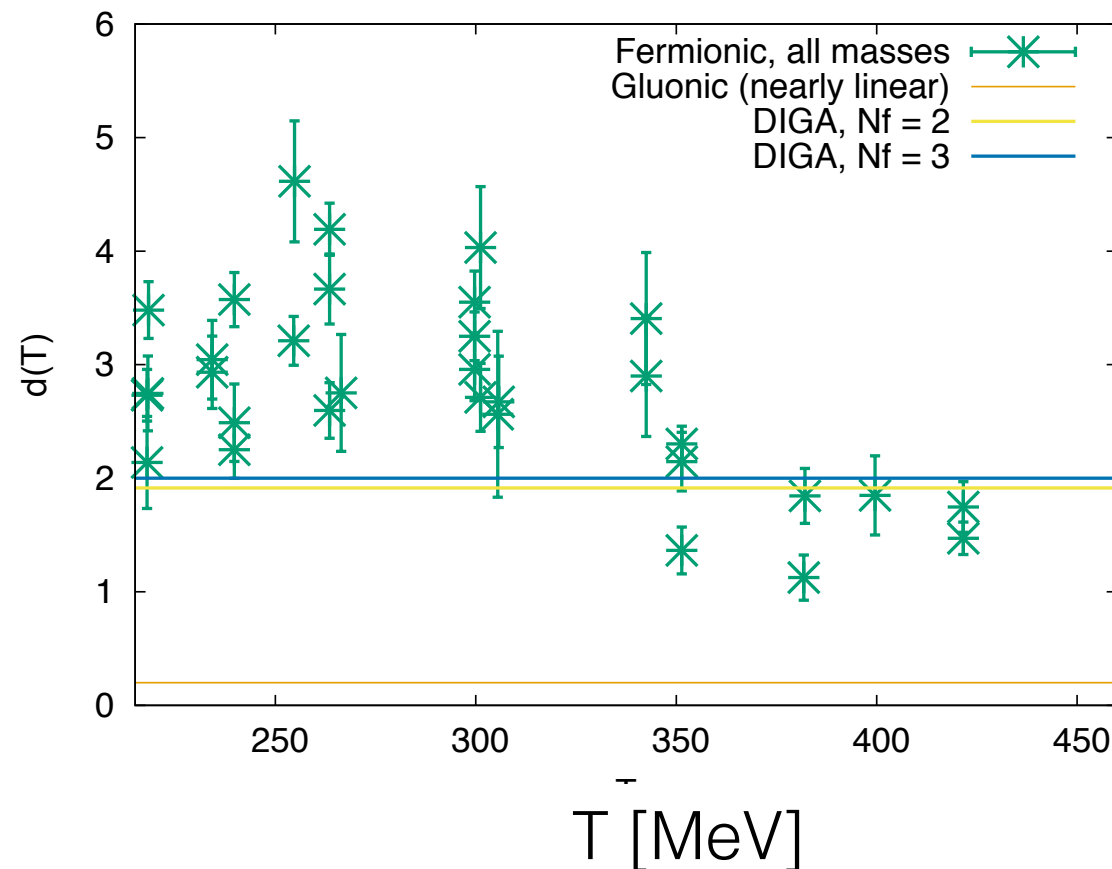


# Parametrizing $\chi_{top}$ temperature dependence

For instanton gas

$$\chi^{0.25}(T) = aT^{-d(T)} \quad d(T) \equiv \text{const} \simeq \left(7 + \frac{N_f}{3}\right)$$

$$d(T) = -T \frac{d}{dT} \ln \chi^{0.25}(T)$$



Faster decrease before DIGA sets in

Possibly consistent  
with instant -dyon?

Shuryak 2017

Topology,  $\eta'$  and the  $U_A(1)$  problem:

It can be proven that

$$\frac{1}{32\pi^2} \int d^4x F \tilde{F} = Q$$

**Gluonic definition**

and

$$Q = n_+ - n_-$$

**Fermionic definition**

The  $\eta'$  mass may now be computed from the decay of the correlation

$$\langle \partial_\mu j_5^\mu(x) \partial_\mu j_5^\mu(y) \rangle \propto \frac{1}{N^2} \langle F(x) \tilde{F}(x) F(y) \tilde{F}(y) \rangle$$

which at leading order gives the Witten-Veneziano formula

$$m_{\eta'}^2 = \frac{2N_f}{F_\pi^2} \chi_t^{\text{qu}}$$

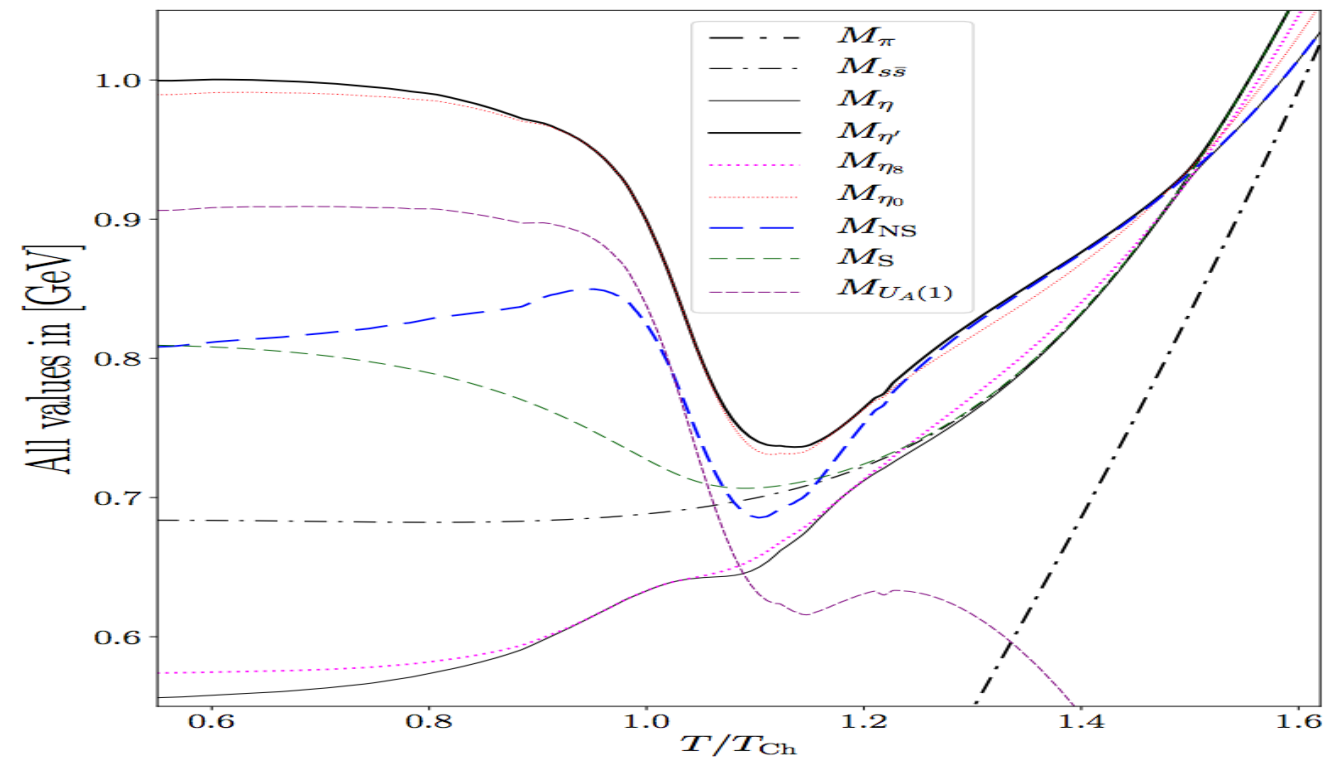
**Successful  
at T=0**



# $\eta'$ in the QGP

So far, only results  
from model's studies

Horvatic et al. 2018



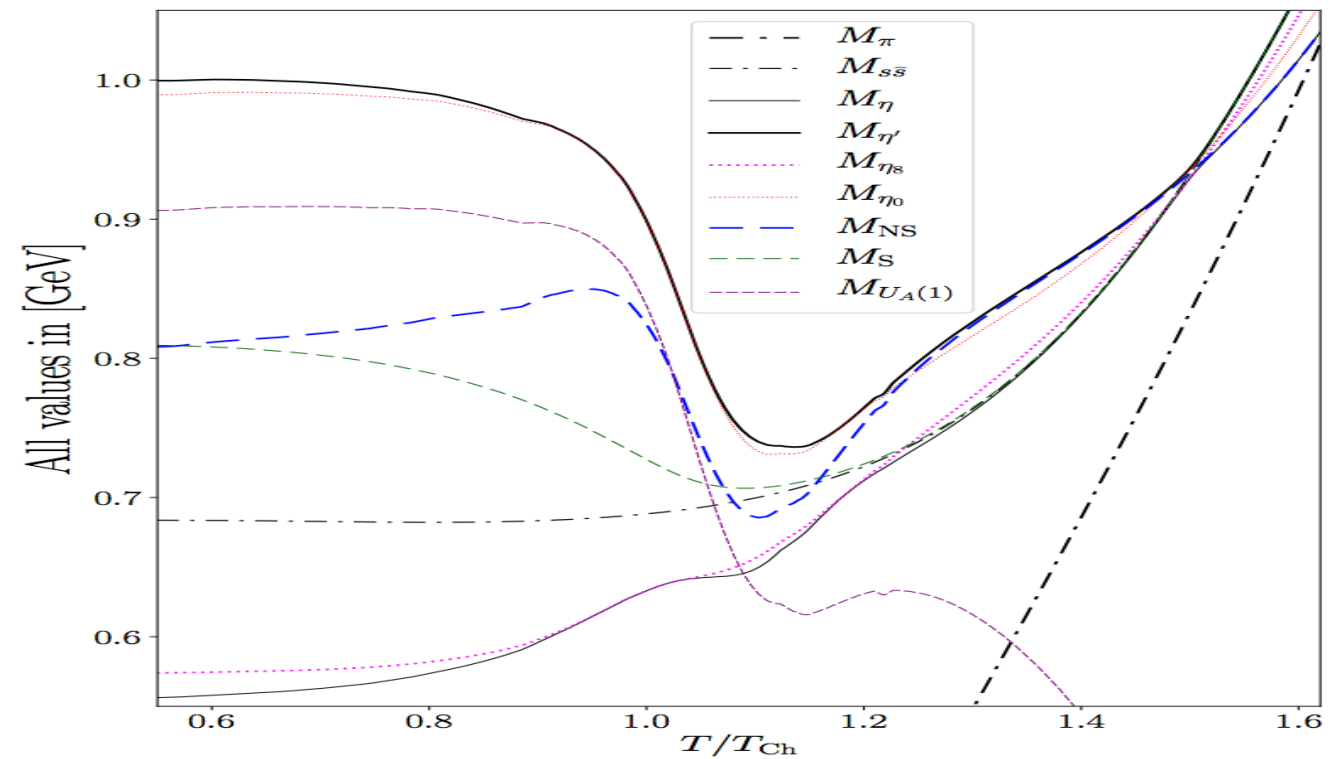
Lattice analysis in progress with A. Kotov and A. Trunin

No strong temperature dependence across  $T_c$

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**Preliminary!**

### III. Axioms

## The two faces of QCD topology

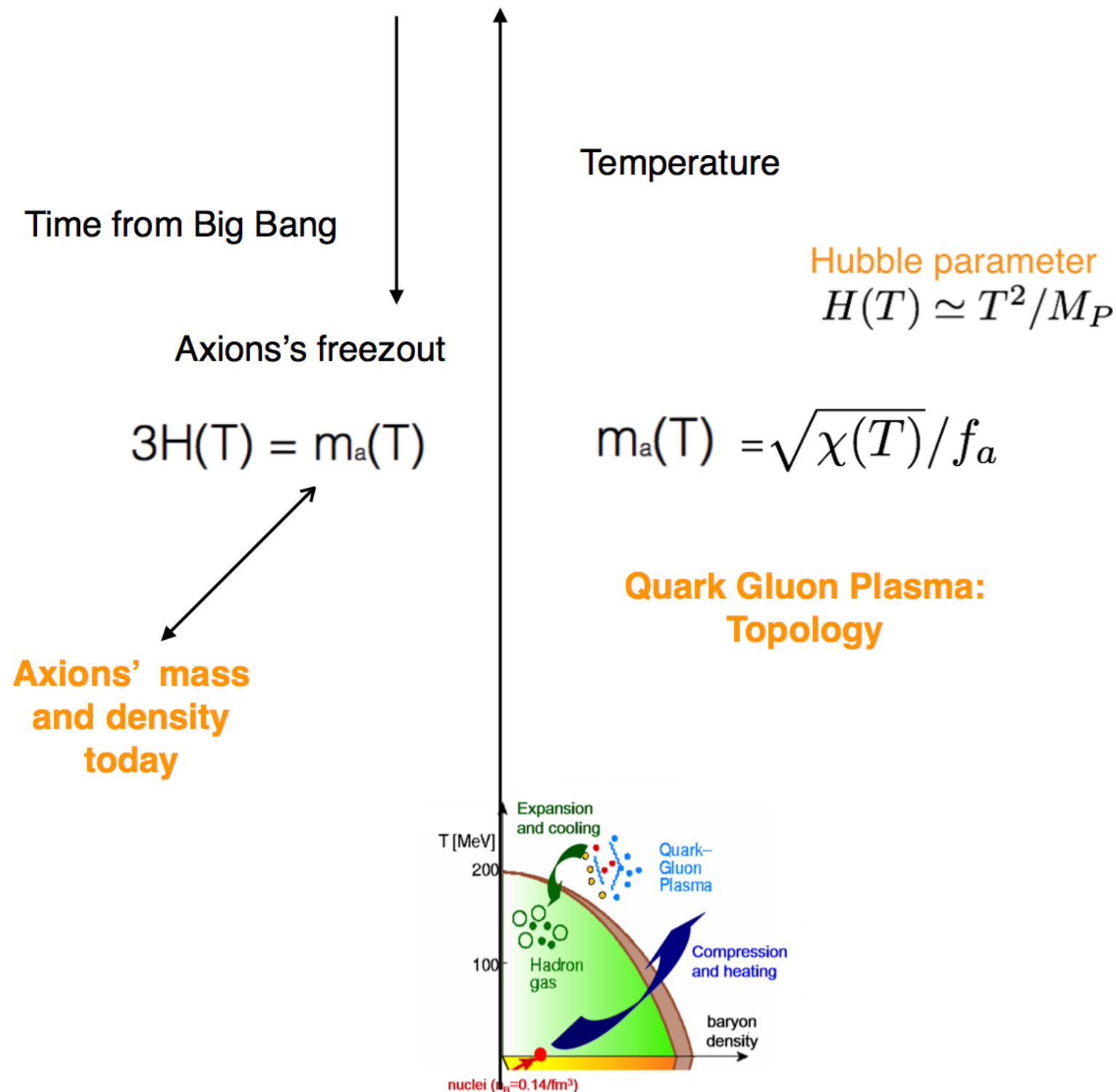


Window to Axions

Property of Quark Gluon Plasma



# The QCD axion: ideal Dark Matter candidate



Time from Big Bang

Axions's freezout

$$3H(T) = m_a(T)$$

Axions' mass  
and density  
today

After freezout  $\frac{n_a}{s}$  constant

$$\rho_{a,0} = \frac{n_a}{s} m_a s_0$$

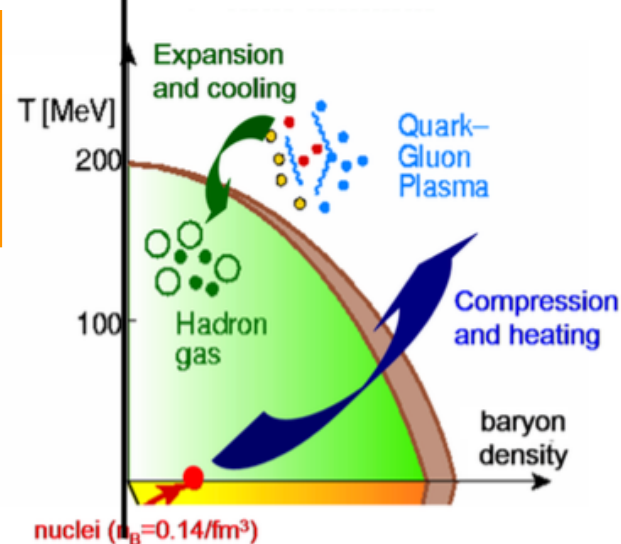
Wantz, Shellard 2010

Temperature

Hubble parameter  
 $H(T) \simeq T^2/M_P$

$$m_a(T) = \sqrt{\chi(T)}/f_a$$

Quark Gluon Plasma:  
Topology



Main input:  $\chi_{\text{top}} \simeq A T^{-d}$

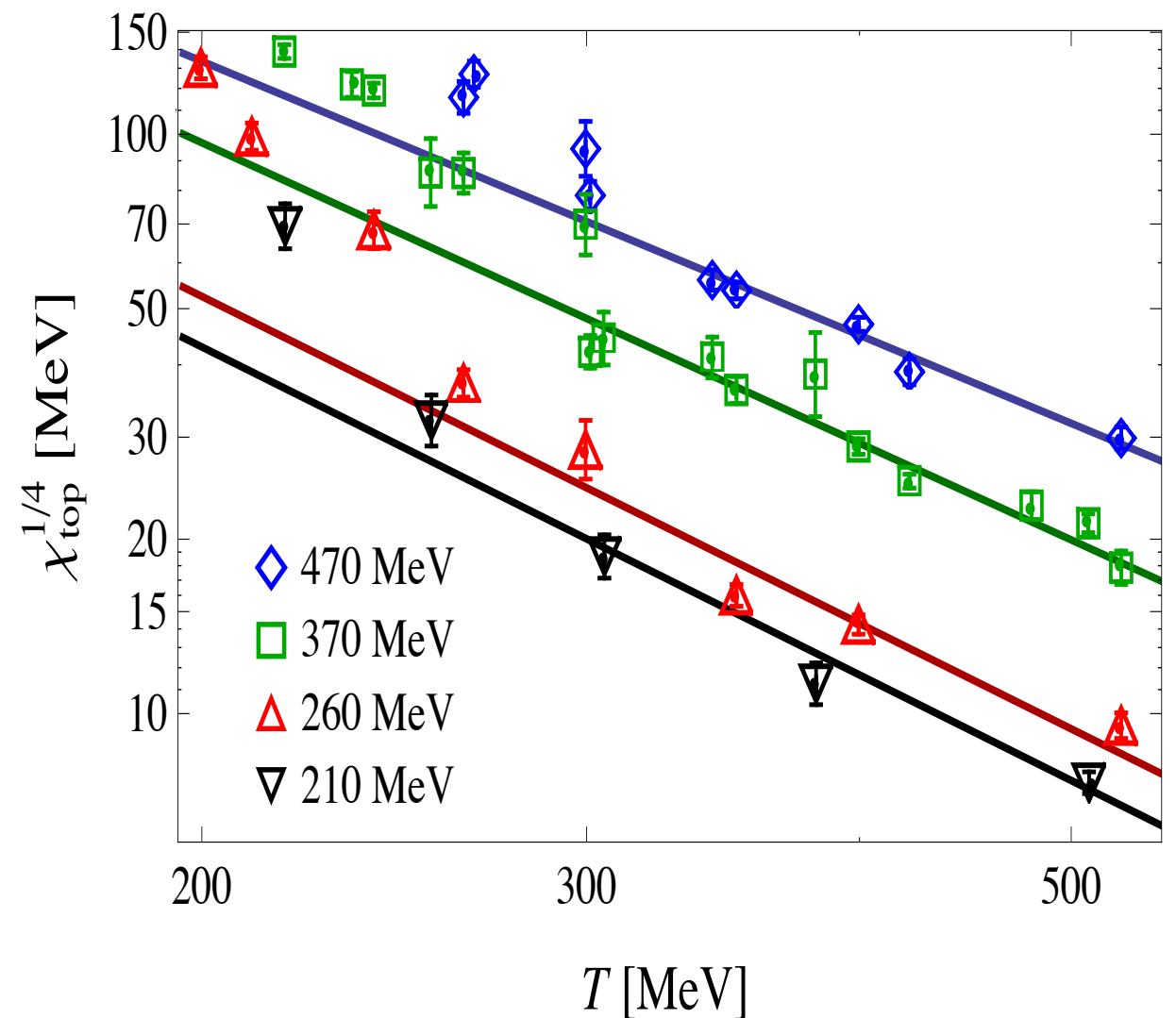
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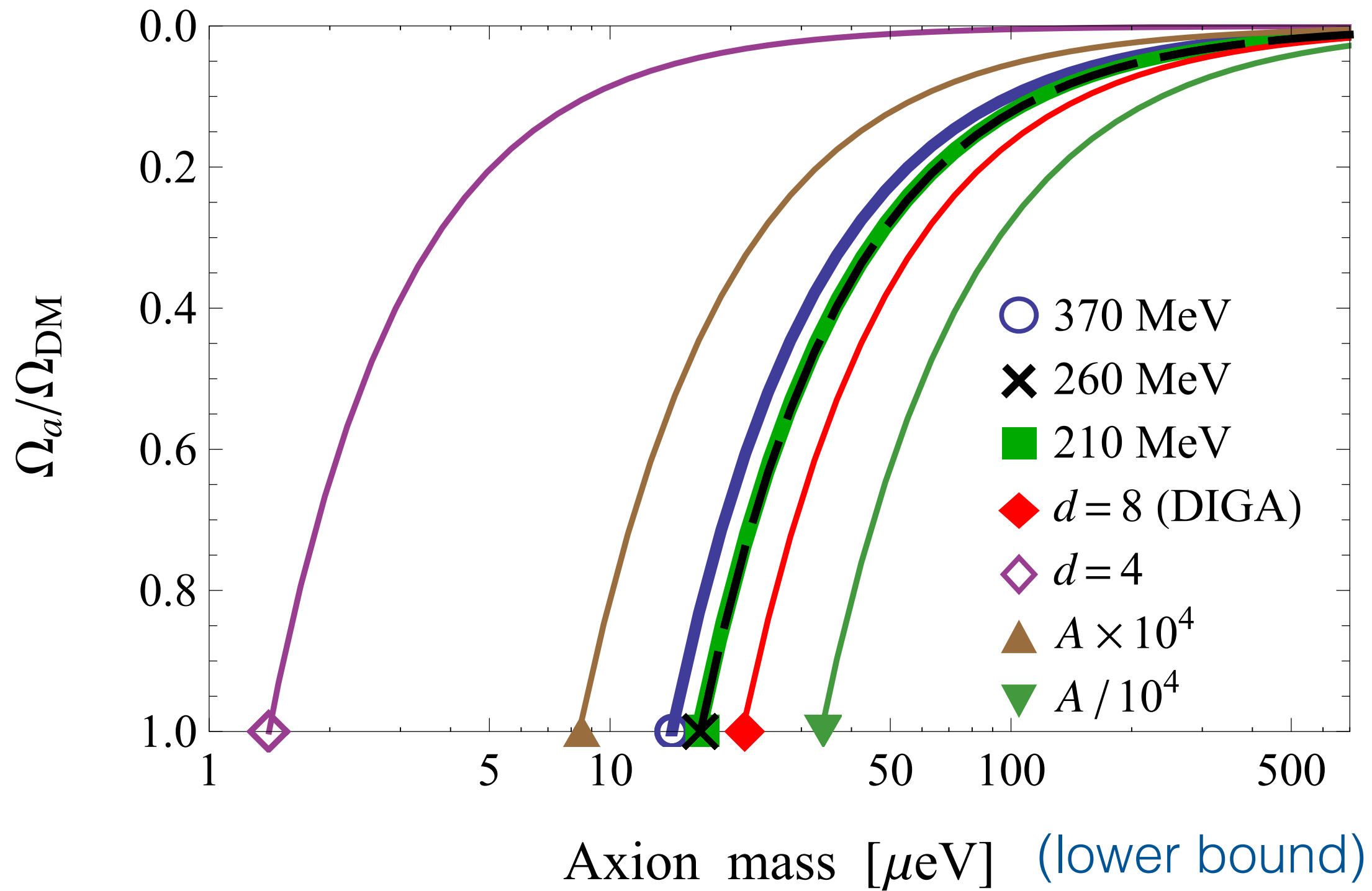
$$m_{\pi} = (470, 370, 260, 210) \text{ MeV}$$

$$\rho_{a,0} = \frac{\bar{n}_a}{s} m_a s_0$$

$$m_a = \sqrt{\chi(T)} / f_a$$

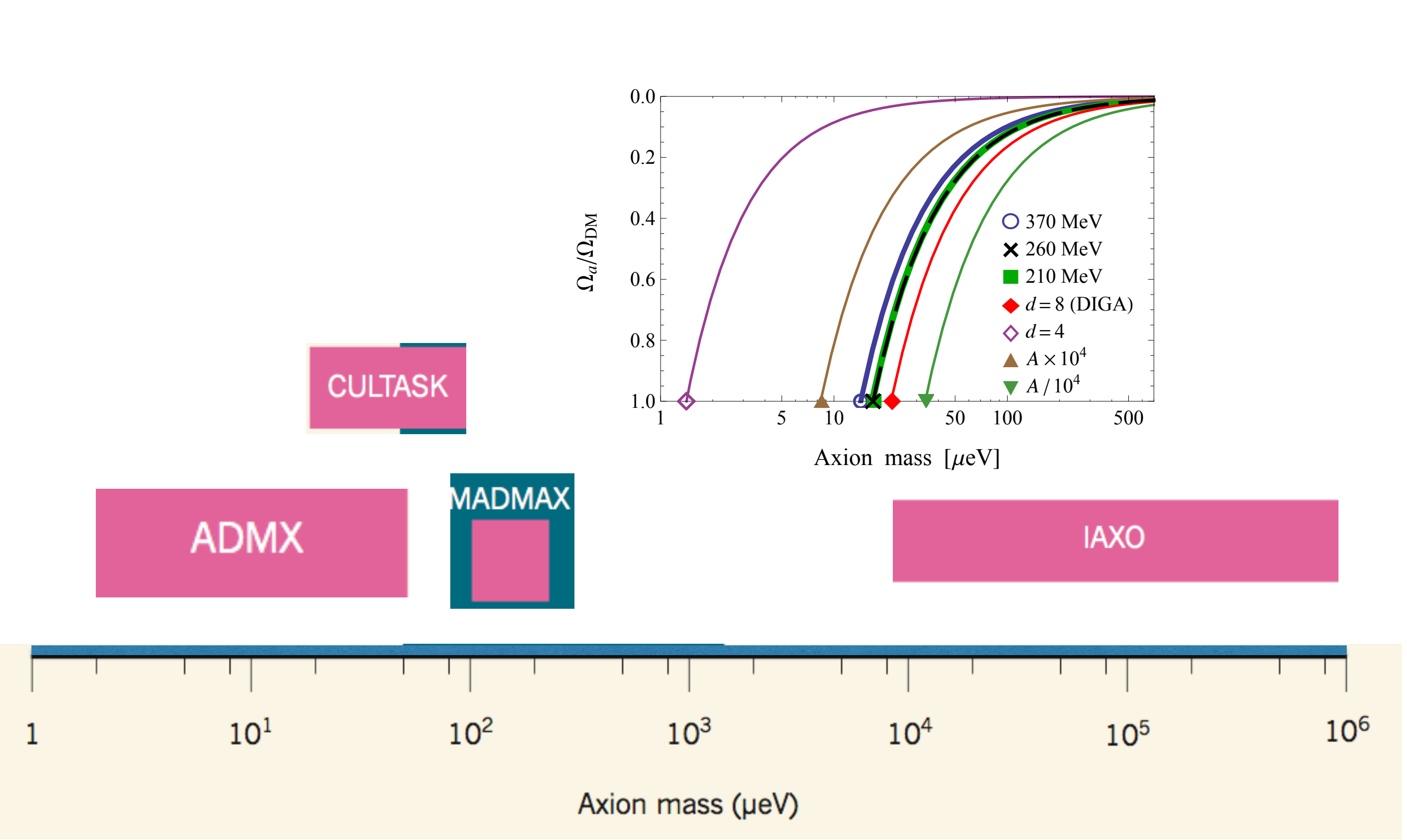
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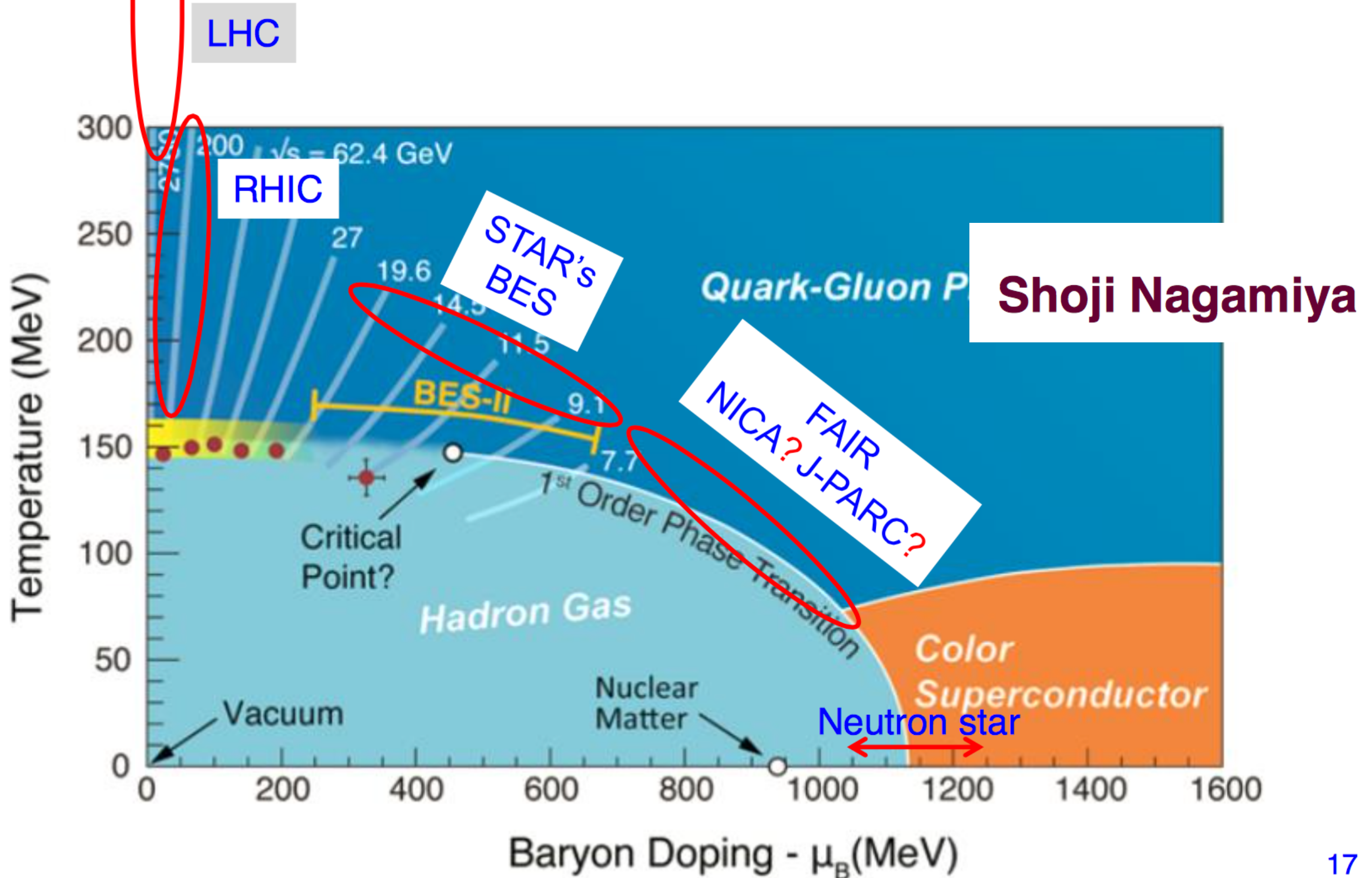
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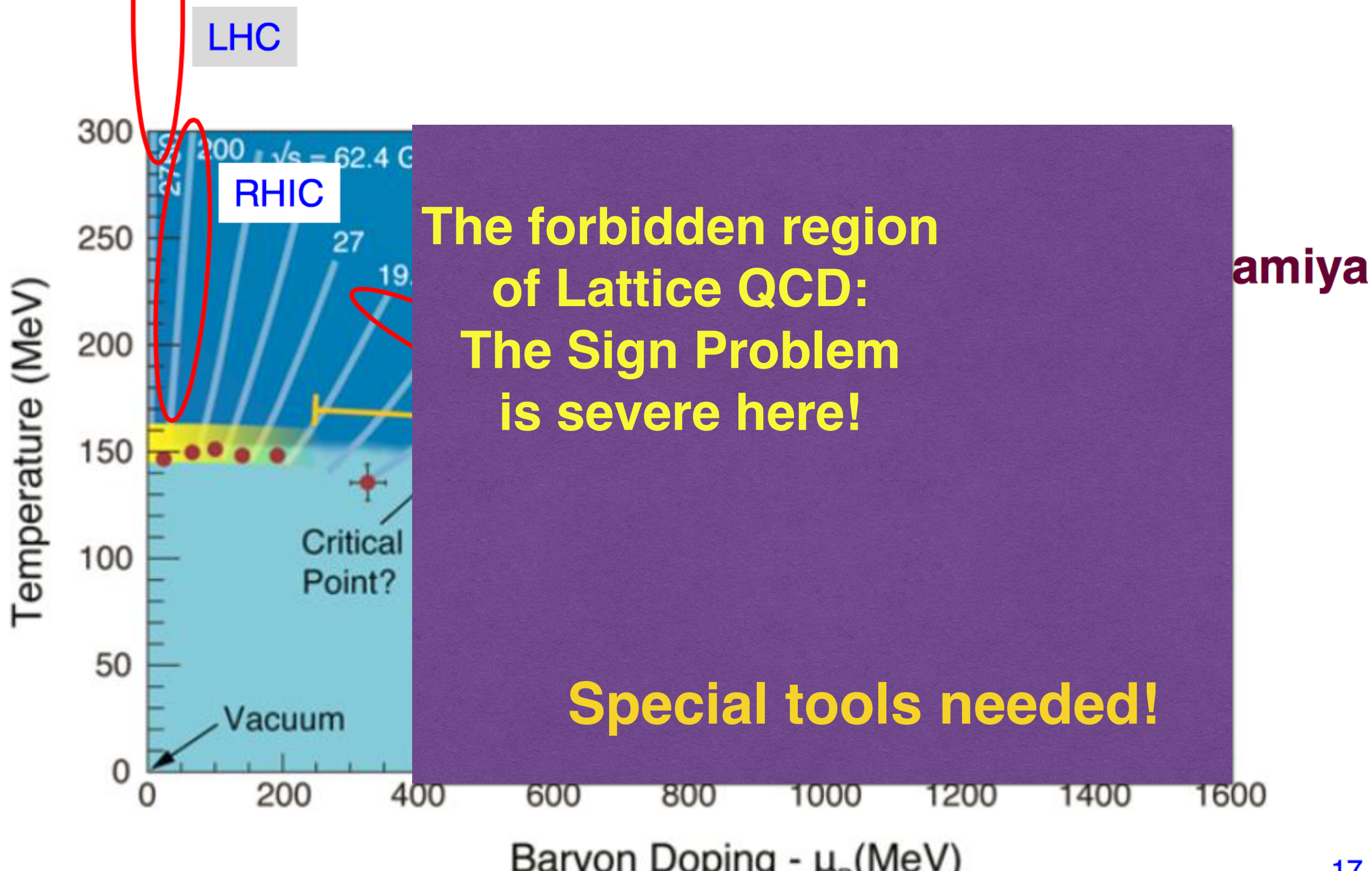


## IV. Towards neutron stars

# Temperature vs. Baryon Density



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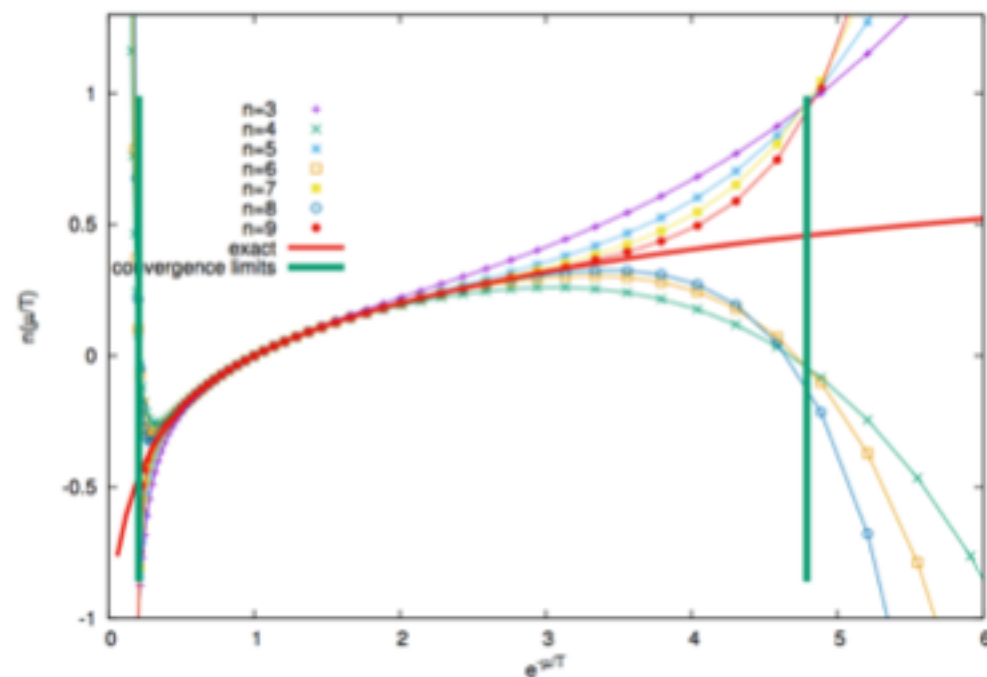
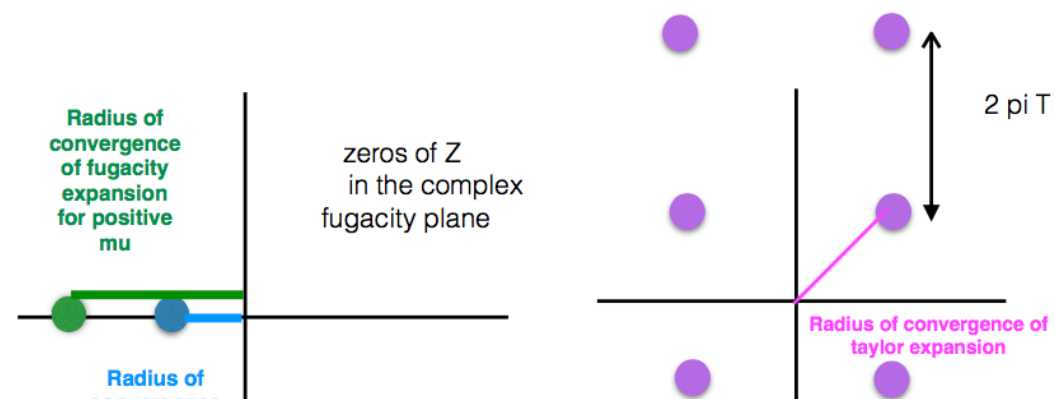


# QCD and dense matter: work in progress

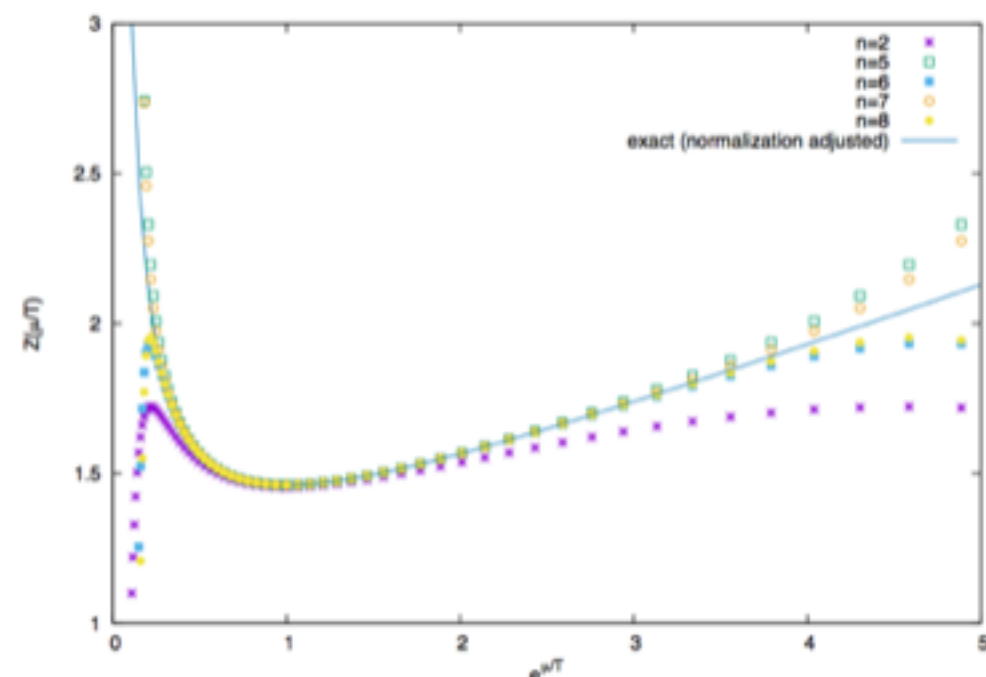
with V. Bornyakov (Protvino), A.Goy(Vladivostok), A.Nakamura(Vladivostok&RIKEN)

A strategy for the search of the QCD critical point based on joint analysis of

- \*Virial expansion,
- \*Taylor expansion ,
- \*Canonical expansion using
- \*Cluster Model as a baseline



limited convergence  
of the viral expansion



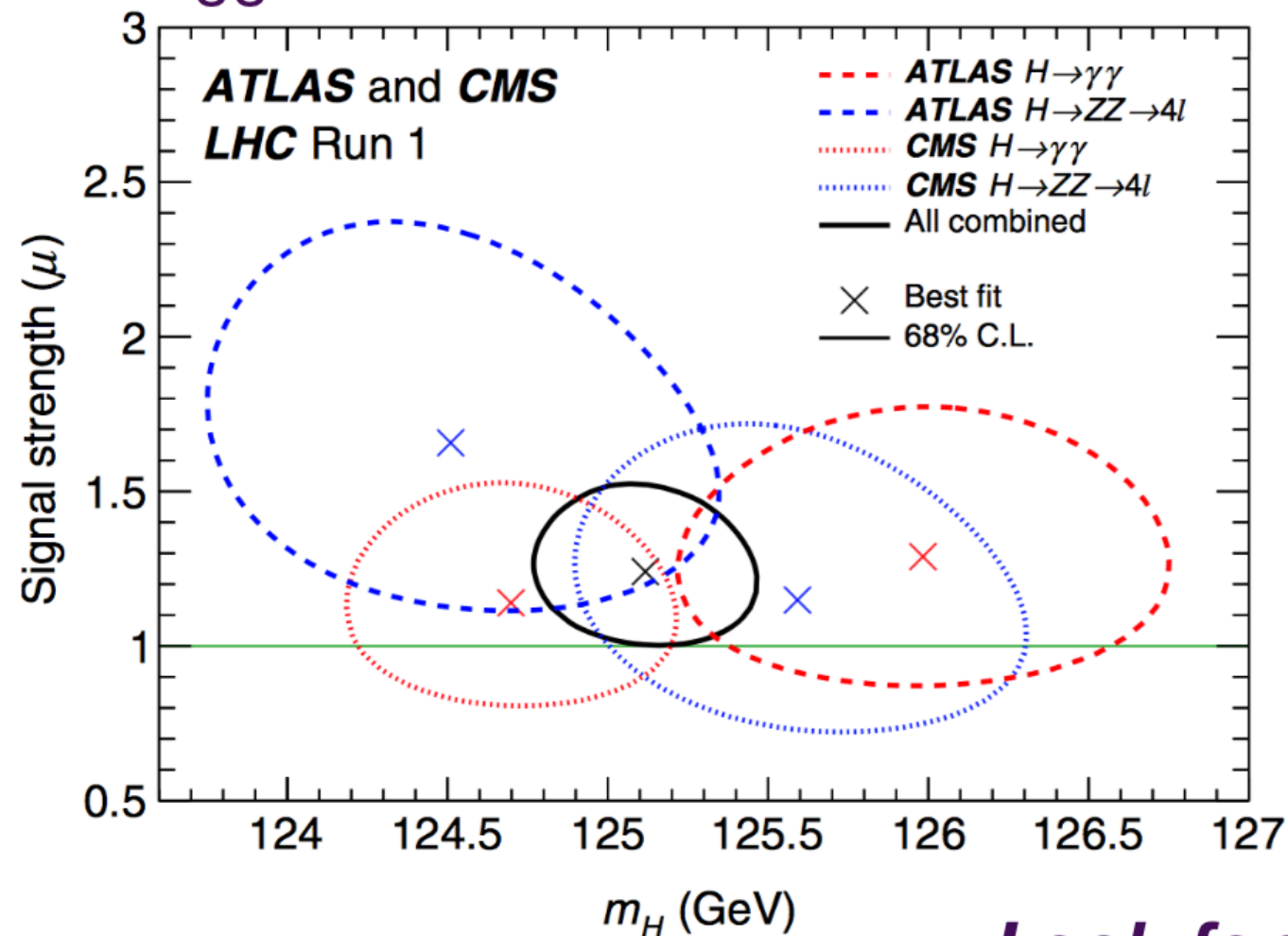
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## V. Strong Interactions BSM

# Composite Higgs

Beyond the Standard Model:

Can we find a theory which produces a narrow Higgs-like status?



*Maybe  
in the  
preconformal  
region?*

It should be a composite scalar particle, lighter than so-far unobserved composite vector states

**Look for theories  
with scale separation**

**..as possible BSM candidates**



# Adding flavours to strong interactions



Nf  
grows  
large

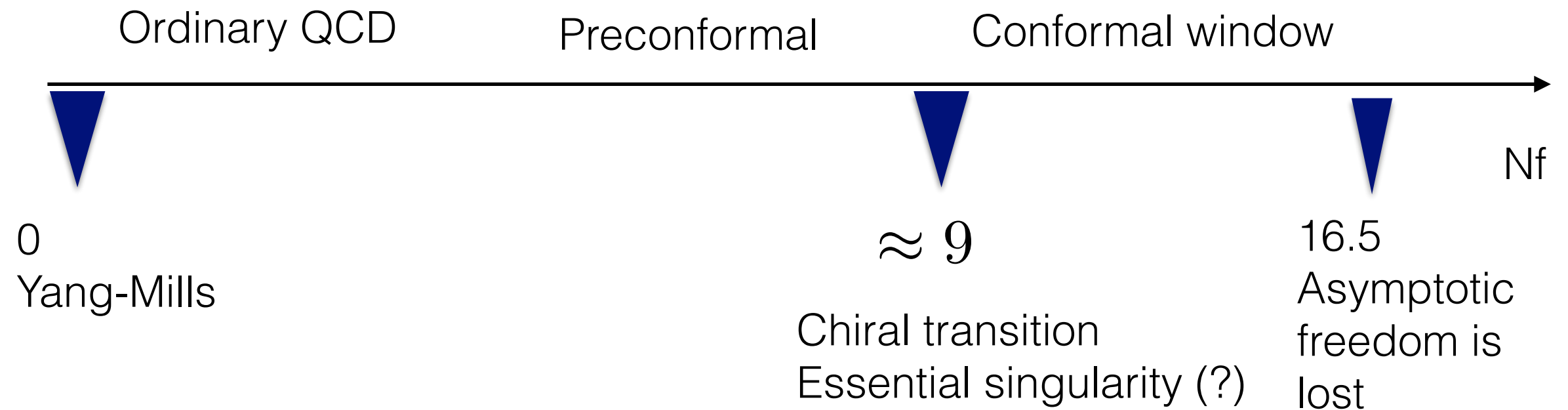


# Work on phases of QCD at large $N_f$

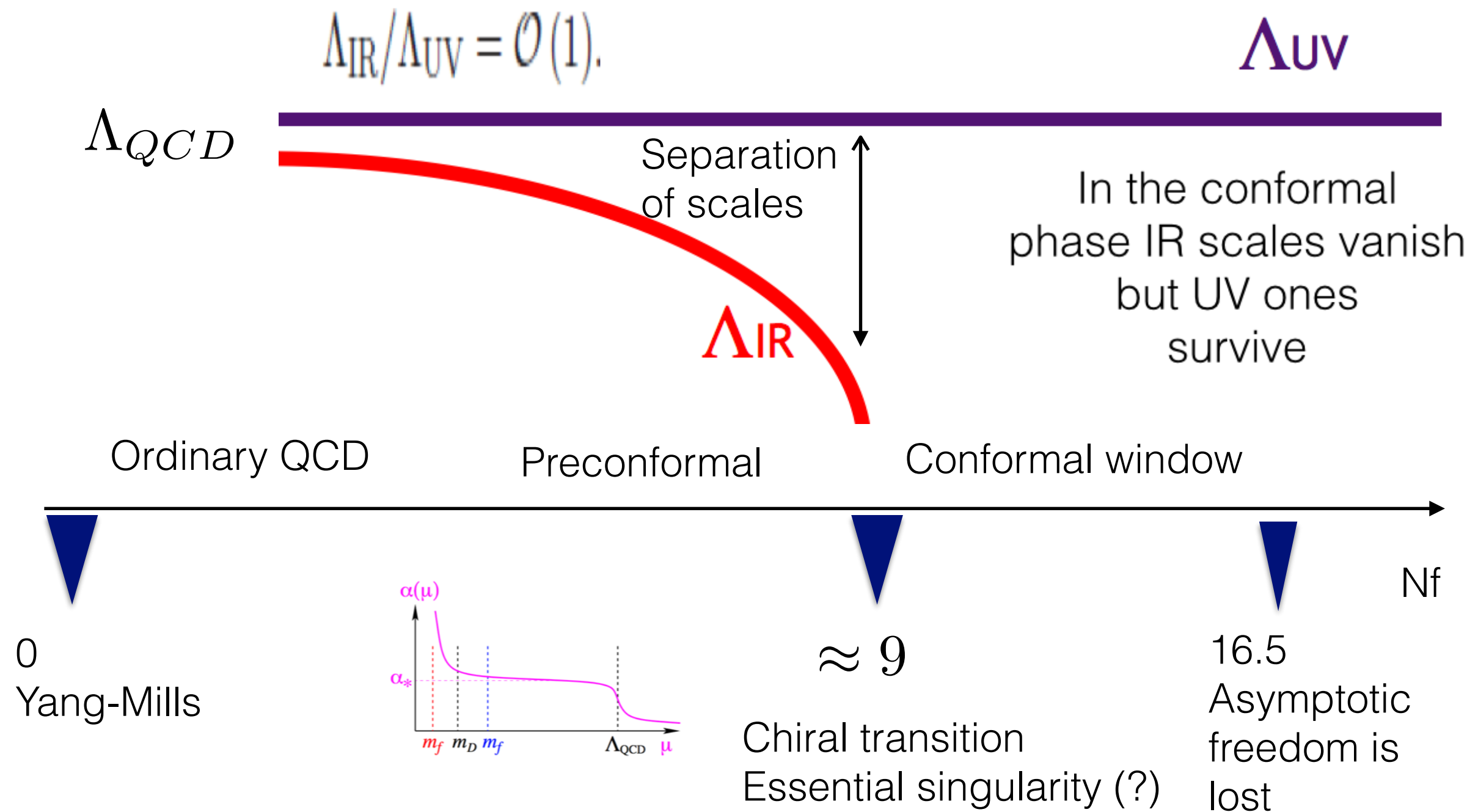
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# Phases of QCD as a function of $N_f$

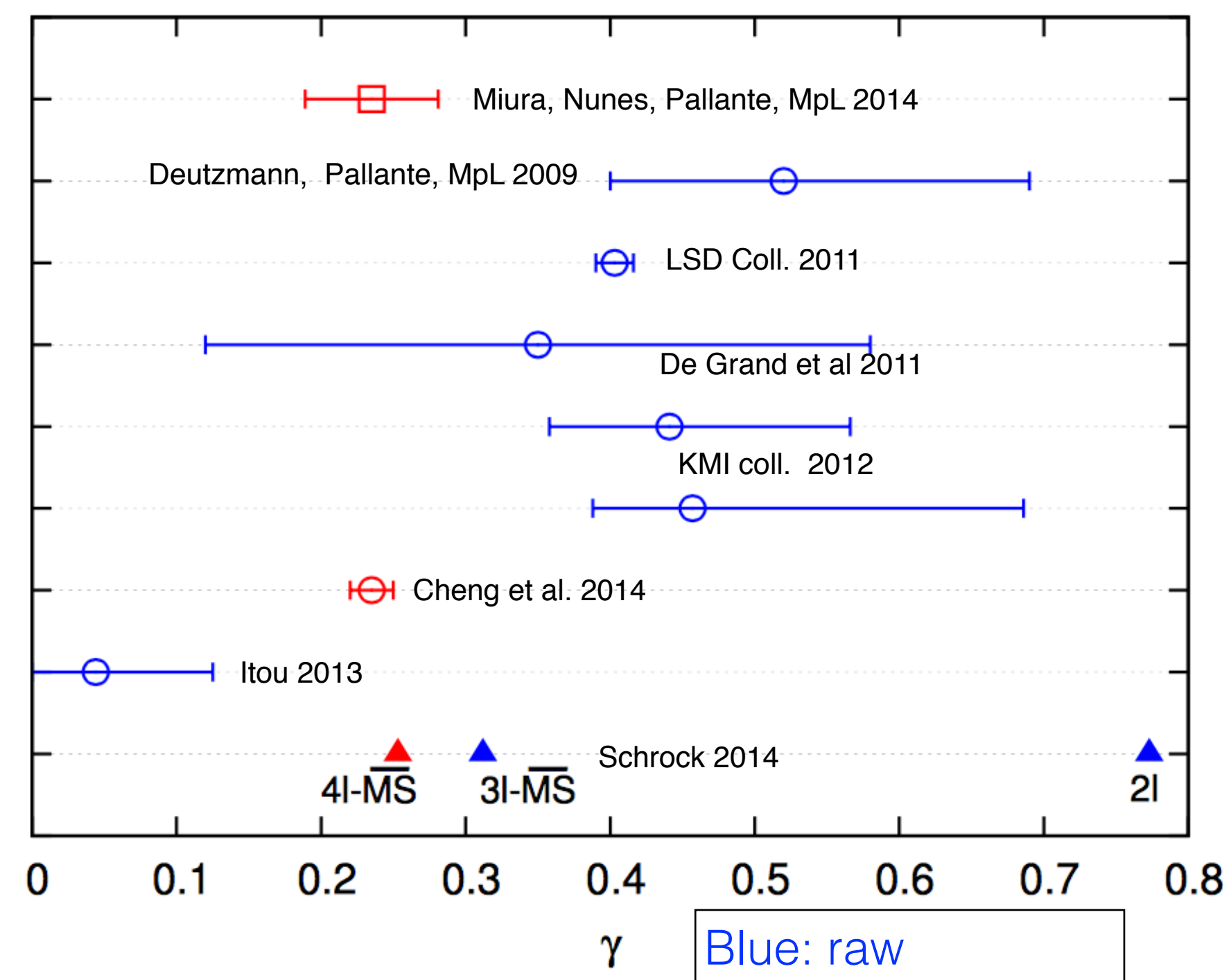


# Phases of QCD as a function of $N_f$



# Is conformality realized? Yes! Anomalous dimension $N_f=12$

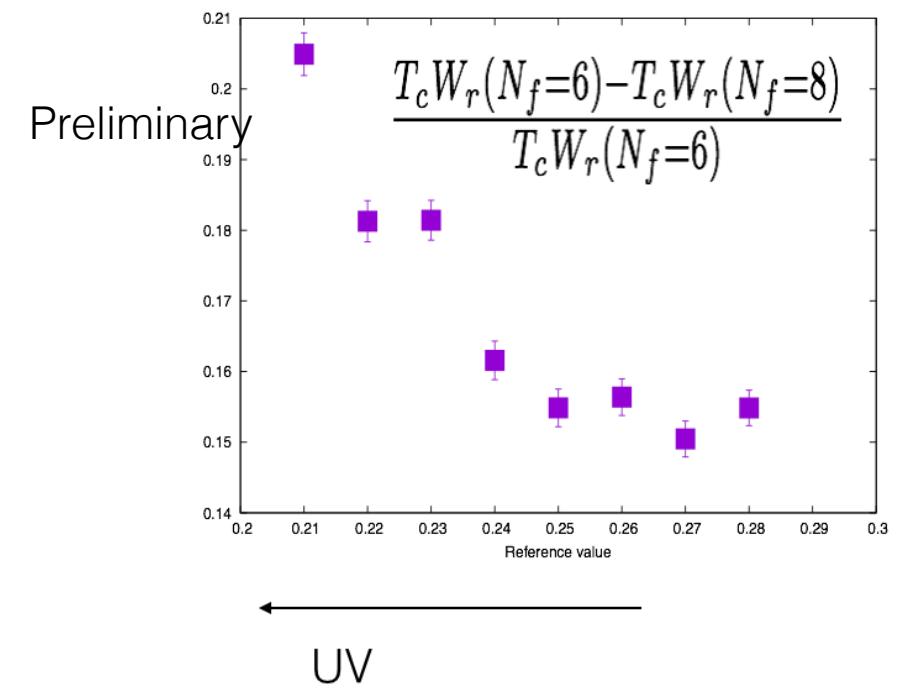
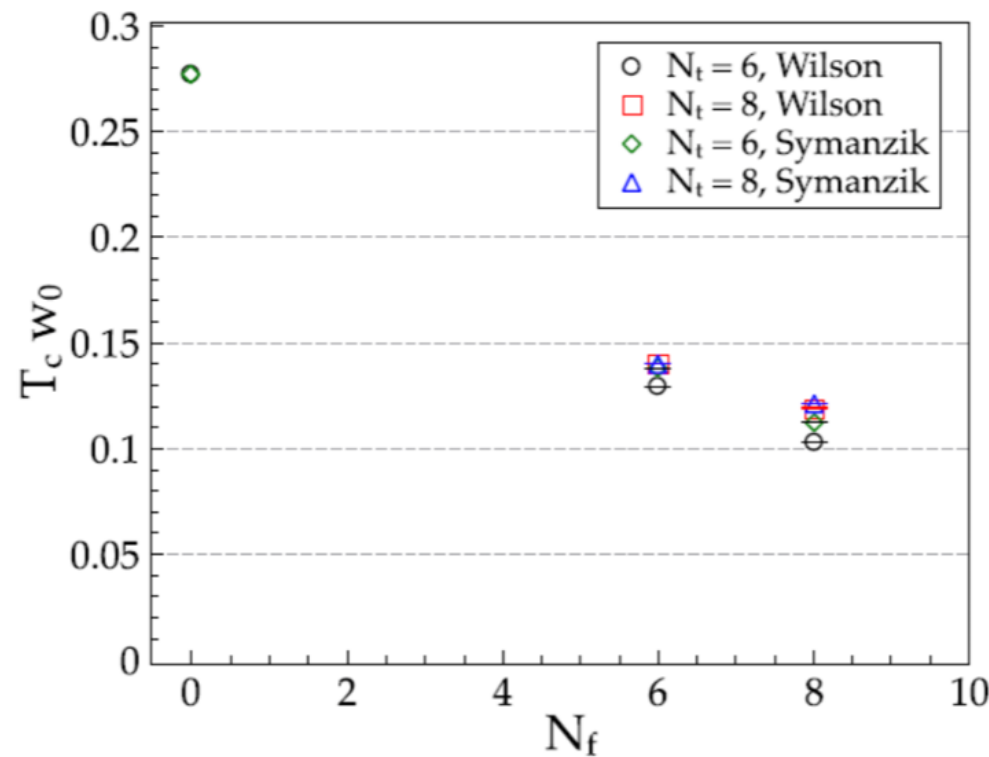
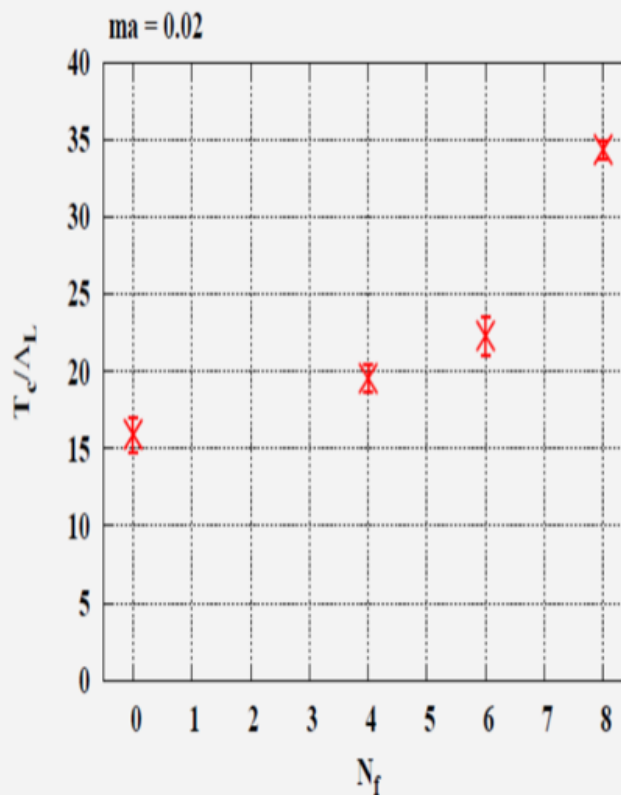
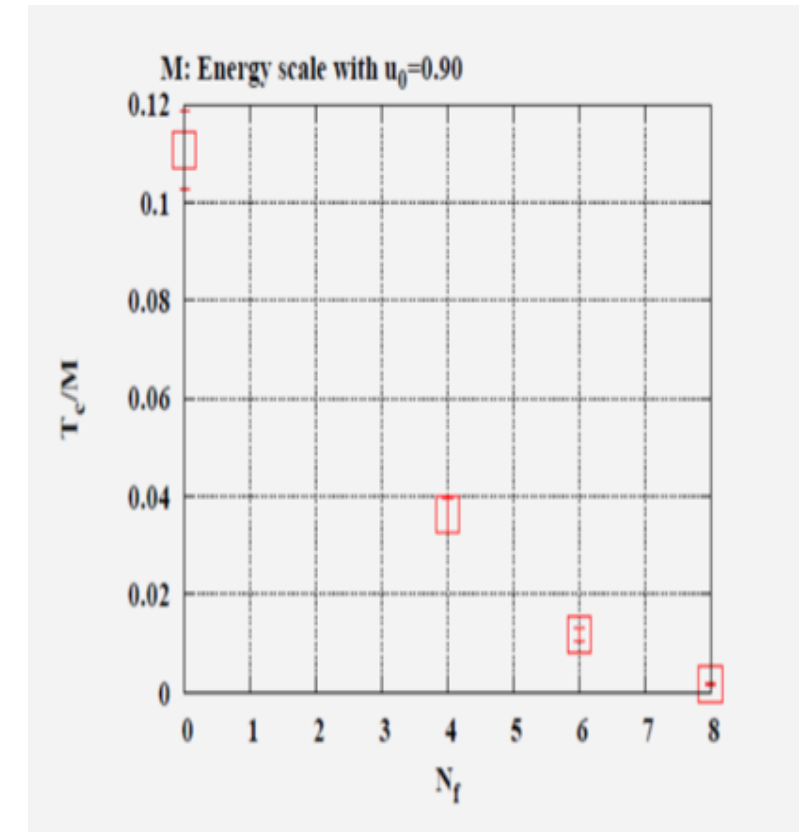
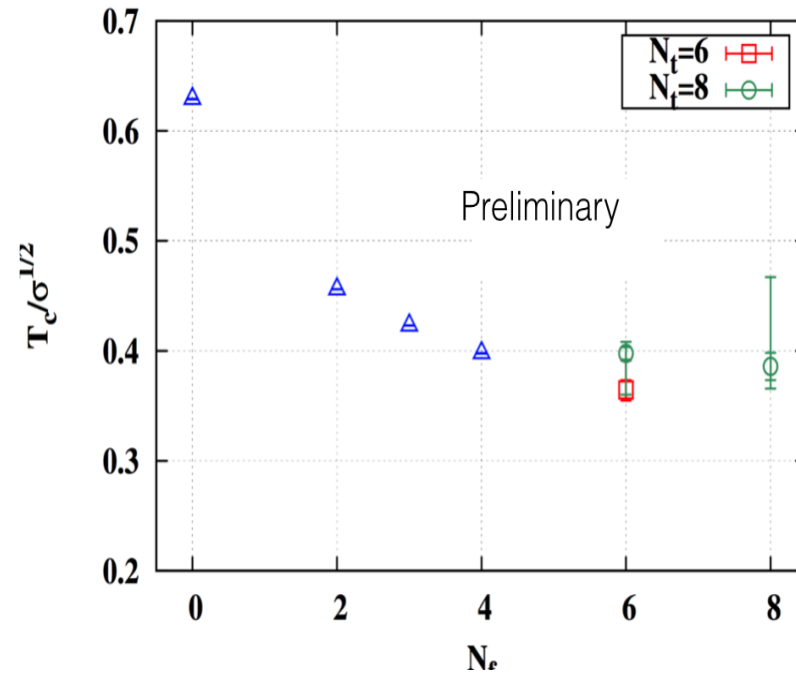
$$M_H = c_H m^{1/y_h}$$





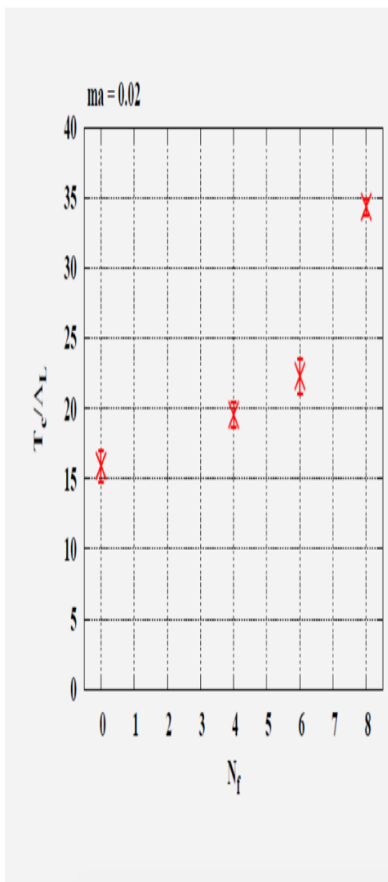
# Hierarchy of scales in the near-conformal phase

Dimensionless quantities behave differently approaching  $N_{fc}$



# Comparison with holographic studies

$$\frac{2\pi T_c}{M_{KK}} = 1 - \frac{1}{126\pi^3} \lambda_4^2 \frac{N_f}{N_c} \left( 1 + \frac{12\pi^{3/2}}{\Gamma(-\frac{2}{3}) \Gamma(\frac{1}{6})} \right)$$

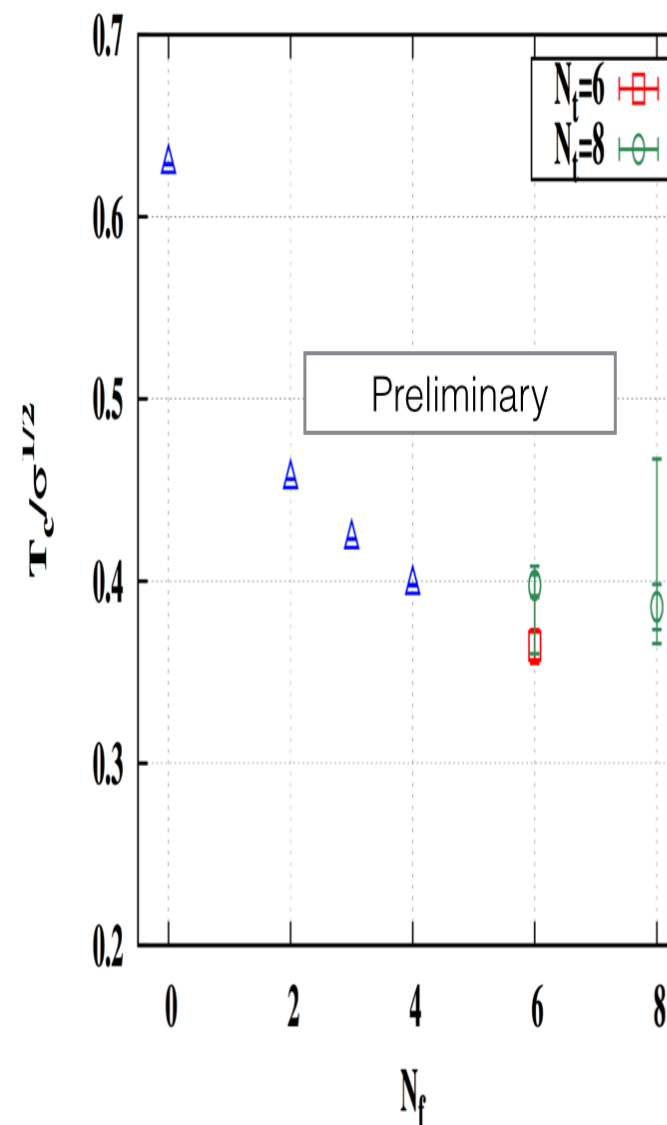


Bigazzi and Cotrone, JHEP 2015



$$\left( 1 + \frac{12\pi^{3/2}}{\Gamma(-\frac{2}{3}) \Gamma(\frac{1}{6})} \right) \approx -1.987$$

T increases with N<sub>f</sub> on the scales used in these two studies



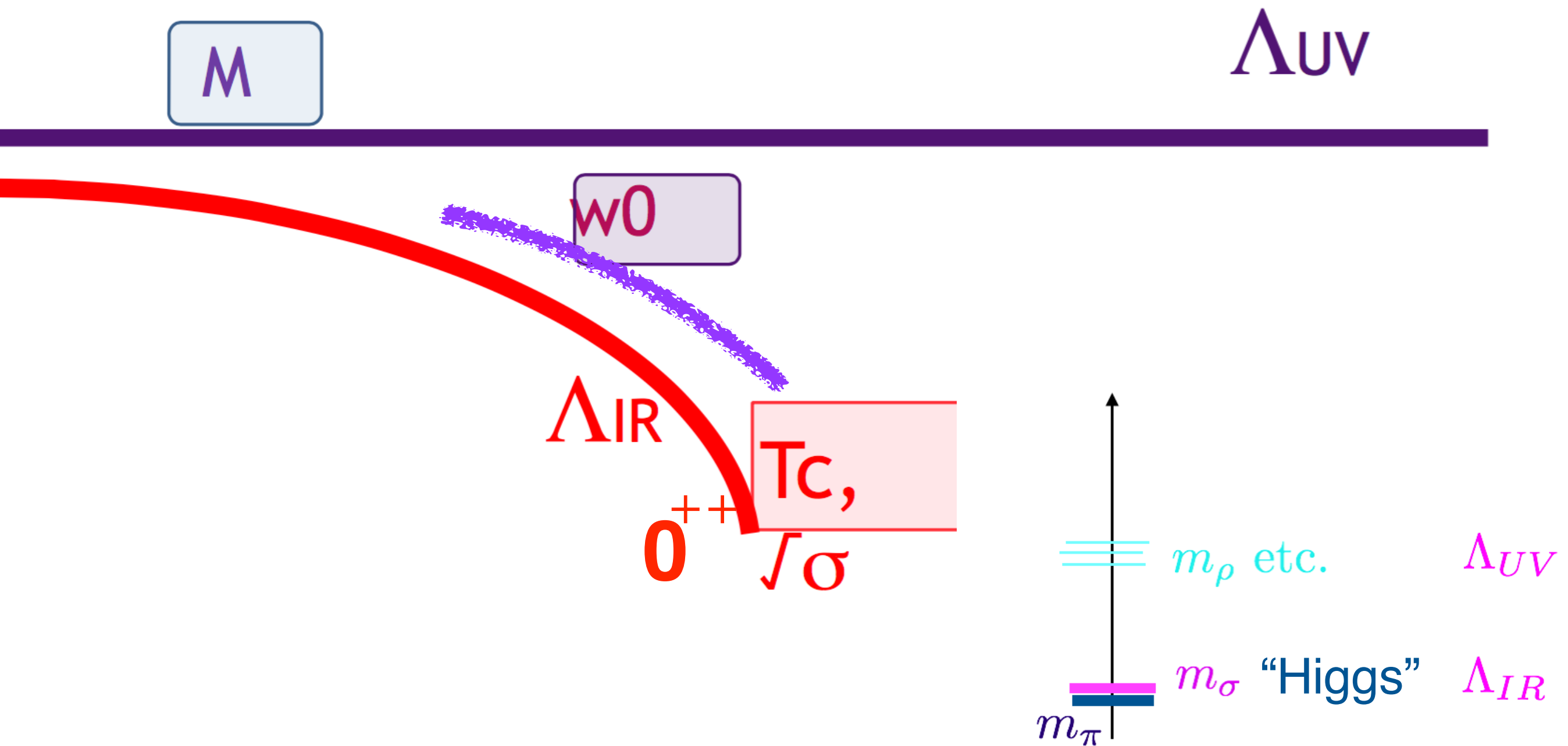
Mild decrease, possibly constant as  $N_f \rightarrow N_f^c$

Again similar to the prediction of the WSS model:

$$\frac{T_c}{\sqrt{\sigma}} \propto (1 - \epsilon N_f / N_c)$$

communicated by F. Bigazzi

# Confirmed: hierarchy of scales at $N_f=8$



*..rather than a summary...*

Numerical simulations of **QCD** hold the key  
to the understanding of  
many aspects of particle physics,  
complementing experiments and  
purely analytic approaches

This presentation sketched a few aspects of my own work:  
**only a subsample of all  
the possible studies in lattice QCD!!**



# The Scientific Case for Computing in Europe 2018-2026

November 2018

## Particle Physics

Computing plays a similarly critical role in high-energy particle physics, from simulating and analysing experimental data, to theoretical predictions of properties of particles and their interactions. At the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), the data requirements are rapidly expanding: In 2017, CERN passed a milestone with 200 petabytes of data permanently archived. The current experiments are producing unprecedented amounts of new data – 73 petabytes in 2016 alone. As these volumes increase, the complexity of storage, access and data analysis must also evolve so that science potential is not limited, and doing so will likely advance the fundamental state-of-the-art in data science too.

One of the largest applications of supercomputing resources in particle physics is quantum chromodynamics (QCD), which is the theoretical framework for the interactions of the fundamental building blocks of all visible matter – called quarks and gluons. These particles are never found free in nature but are inextricably bound inside e.g. protons and neutrons – a process called confinement. This property causes QCD to behave very differently to the

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