

The Antimatter and Hypernuclei at RHIC

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(for the STAR Collaboration)

- Heavy and Exotic Antimatter
- What RHIC can discover?
 - ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$ and ${}^3_{\Lambda}\bar{\text{H}}$ signal (for **discovery**)
 - Anti-alpha and how we discovered it
- What can we do with the discovery?
 - Production Rates for antimatter
 - Even Heavier antimatter?
- Outlook

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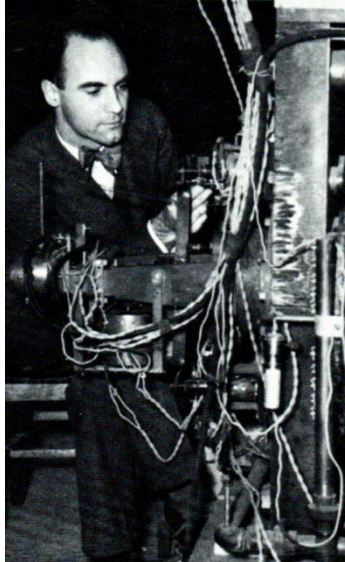
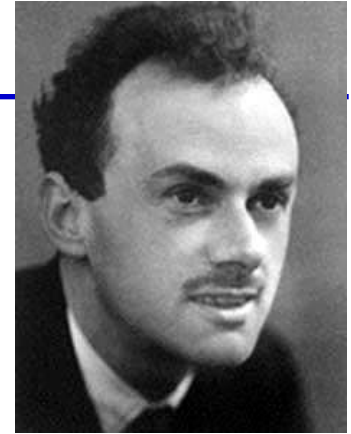
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History of Antimatter

In 1928, Paul Dirac theorized possibility of antimatter as one of his equations for quantum mechanics had two “solutions” (regular matter and antimatter)

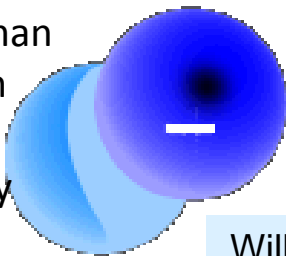


In 1932, Carl Anderson discovered positrons while studying cosmic rays

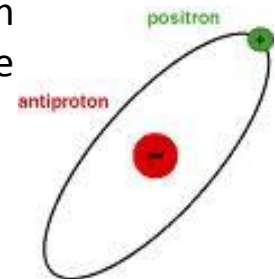
Two teams working at the Bevatron in Lawrence Berkeley National Lab discovered antiprotons and antineutrons in 1955 and 1956



In 1965, Antoni Zichichi of CERN and Leon Lederman of Brookhaven National Lab simultaneously discovered antideuteron



In 1995, CERN created antihydrogen atoms at the LEAR by slowing the antiprotons and attaching positrons

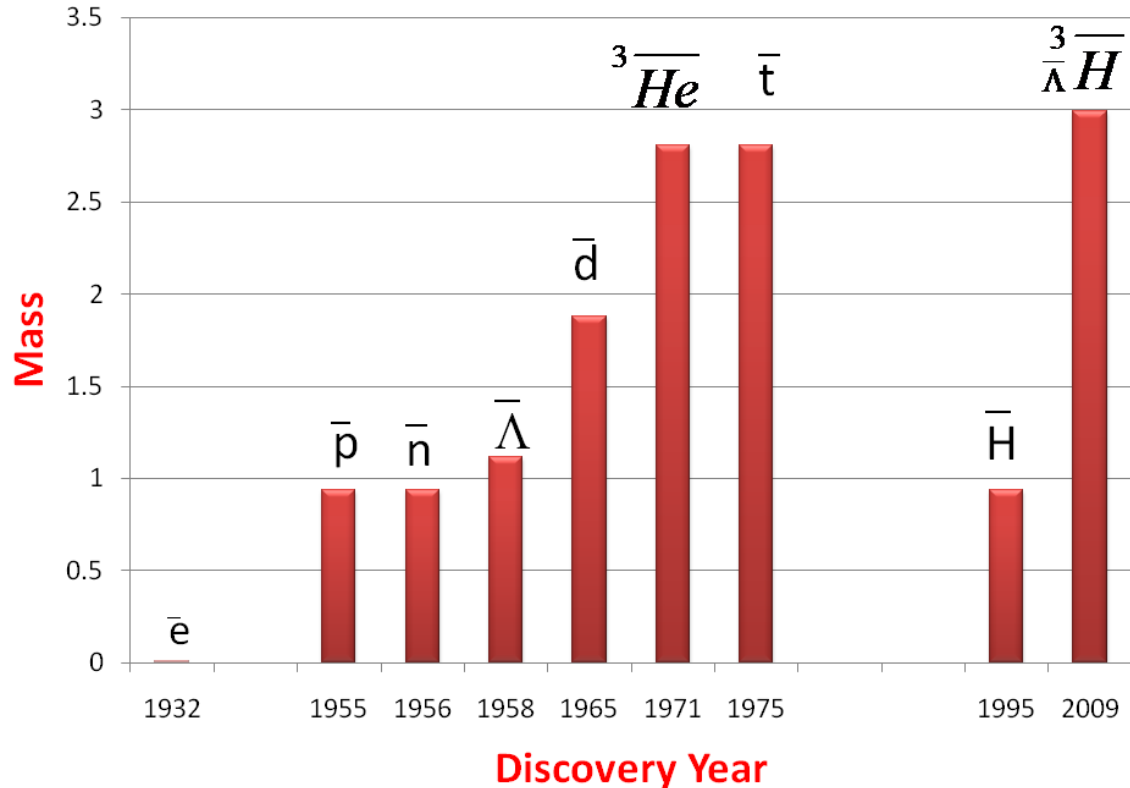


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What is Antimatter?

Antimatter



“Those who say that antihydrogen is antimatter should realize that we are not made of hydrogen and we drink water, not liquid hydrogen”

-- Dirac

Quoted from A. Zichichi (2008)

*Antiparticles and antimatter:
the basic difference*

1. Annihilate with normal matter
 π^+, π^- are each other's antiparticle
2. Nuclear force
3. Relatively long lifetime



Observation of an Antimatter Hypernucleus

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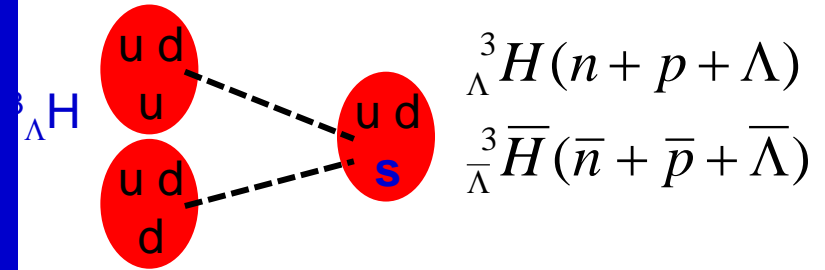
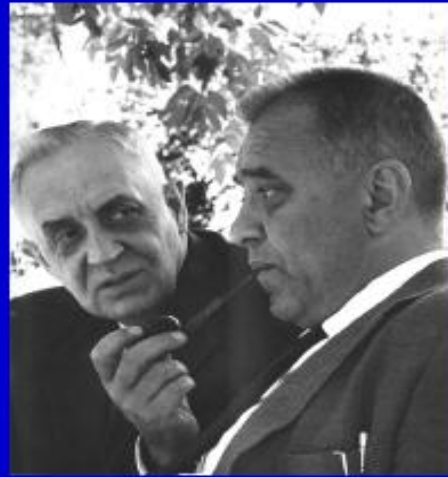
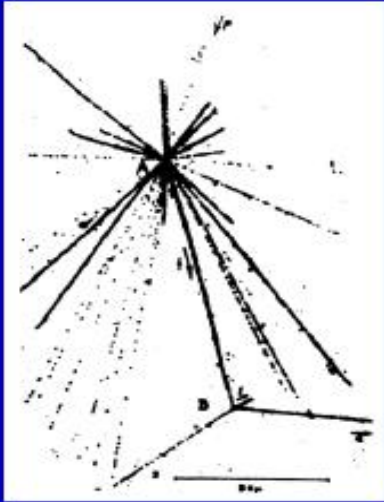
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What are Hypernuclei (超核) ?

Nucleus which contains at least one hyperon in addition to nucleons.

Hypernuclei of lowest A



- Y-N interaction: a good window to understand the baryon potential
- Binding energy and lifetime are very sensitive to Y-N interactions
- Hypertriton: $\Delta B = 130 \pm 50$ KeV; $r \sim 10$ fm
- Production rate via coalescence at RHIC depends on overlapping wave functions of $n+p+\Lambda$ in final state
- Important first step for searching for other exotic hypernuclei (double- Λ)

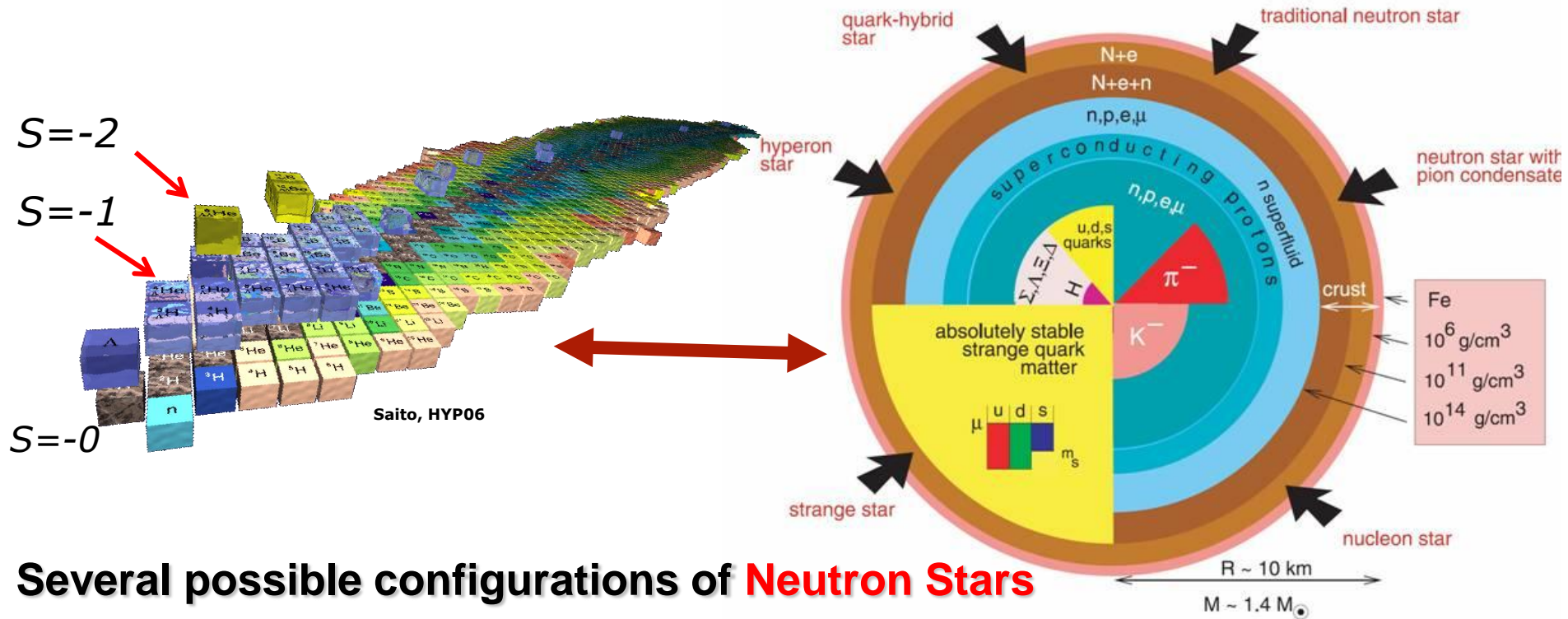
The first hypernucleus was discovered by Danysz and Pniewski in 1952. It was formed in a cosmic ray interaction in a balloon-flown emulsion plate.
M. Danysz and J. Pniewski, Phil. Mag. 44 (1953) 348

No one has ever observed **any** antihypernucleus before RHIC



from Hypernuclei to Neutron Stars

hypernuclei \leftarrow Λ -B Interaction \rightarrow Neutron Stars



Several possible configurations of Neutron Stars

- Kaon condensate, hyperons, strange quark matter

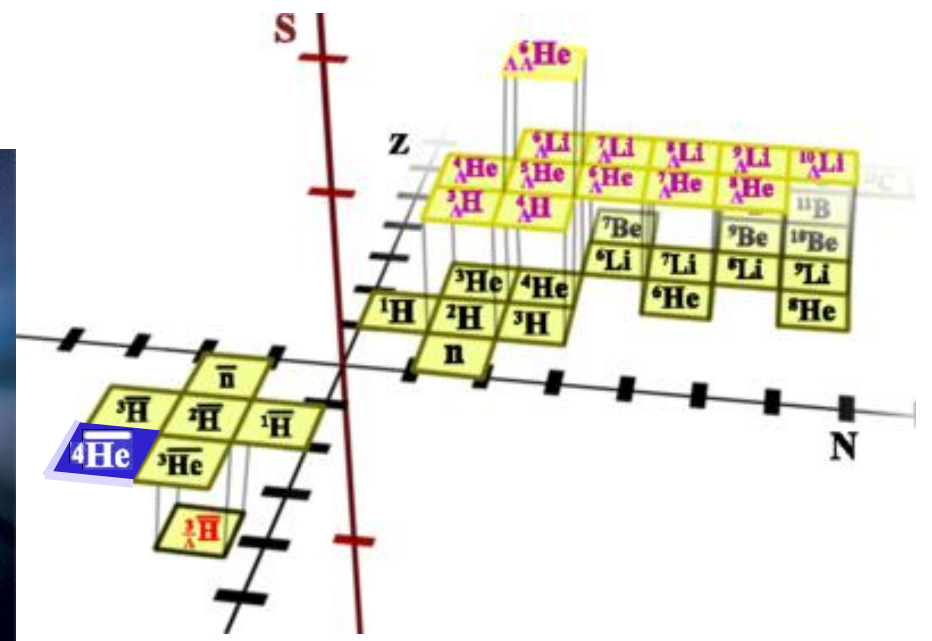
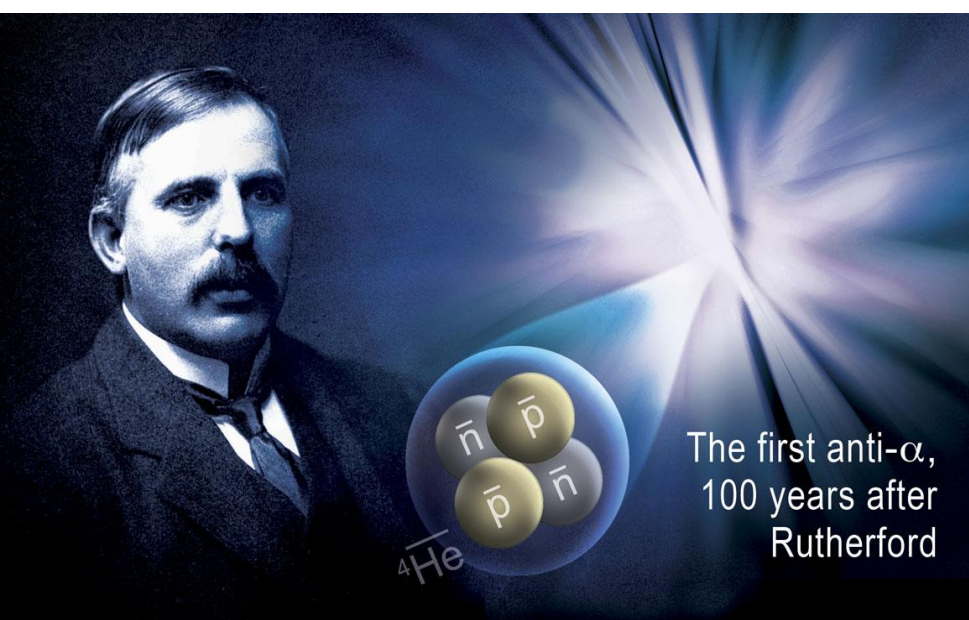
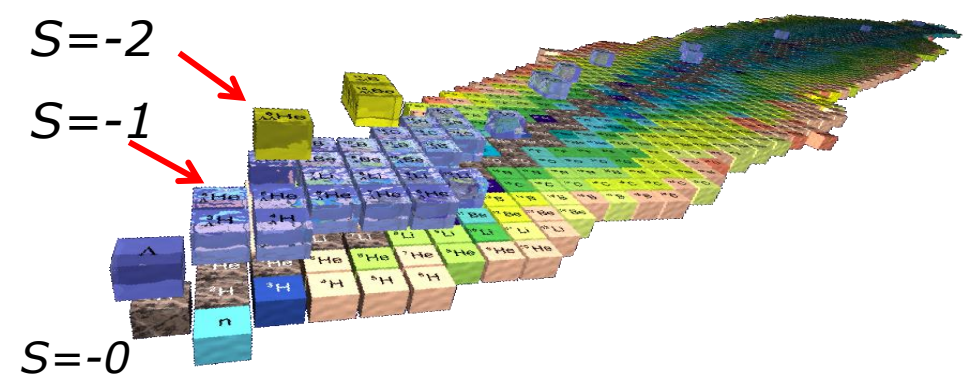
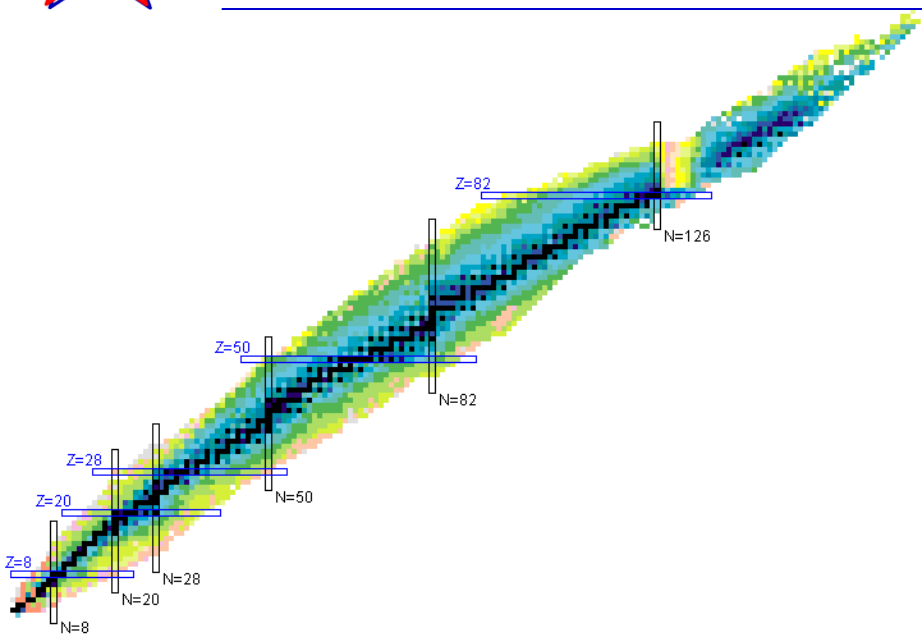
Single and **double** hypernuclei in the laboratory:

- study the **strange sector** of the baryon-baryon interaction
- provide info on EOS of neutron stars

J.M. Lattimer and M. Prakash,
 "The Physics of Neutron Stars", Science 304, 536 (2004)
 J. Schaffner and I. Mishustin, Phys. Rev. C 53 (1996):
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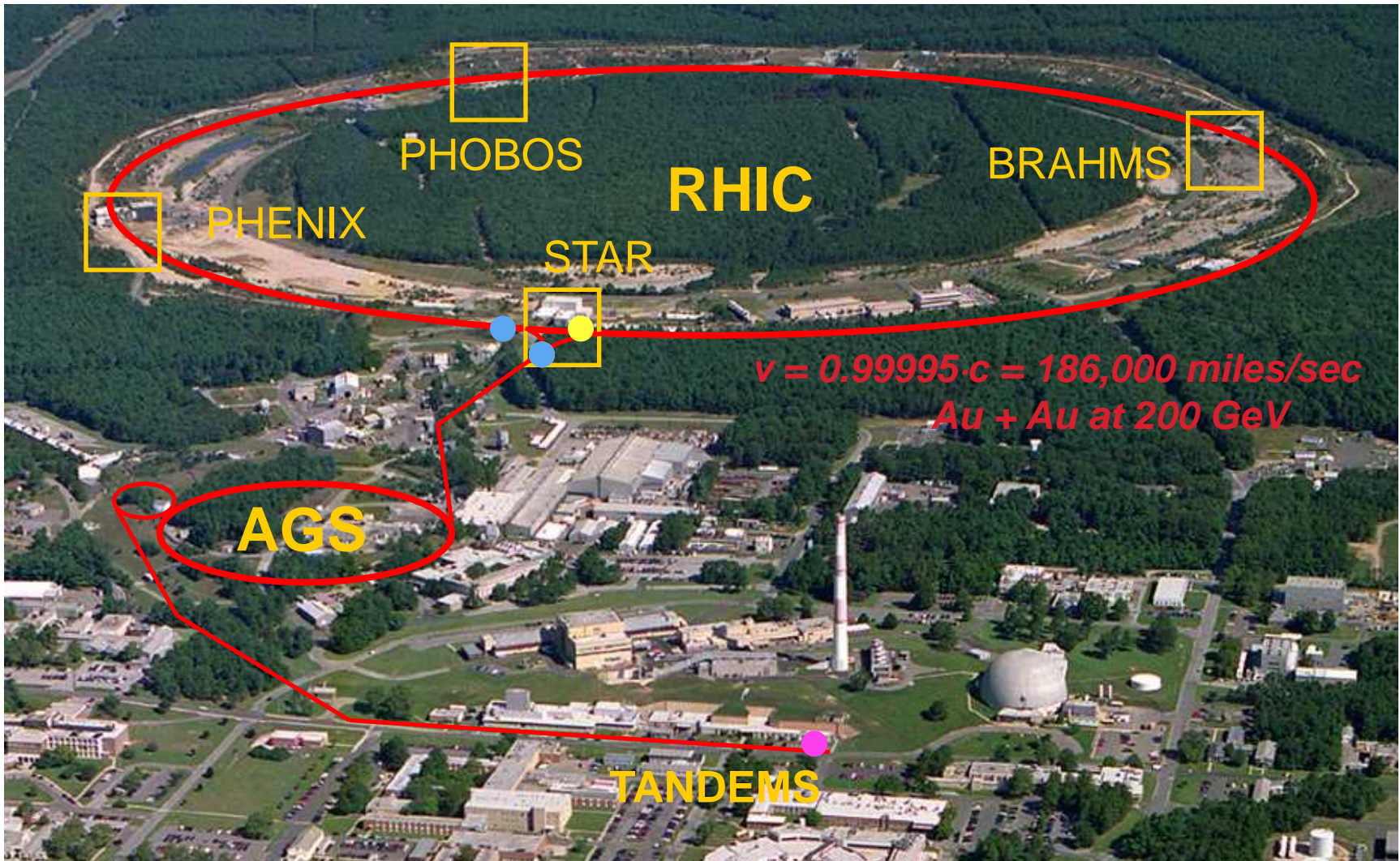


3-D Chart of Nuclides





Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC)



Animation M. Lisa

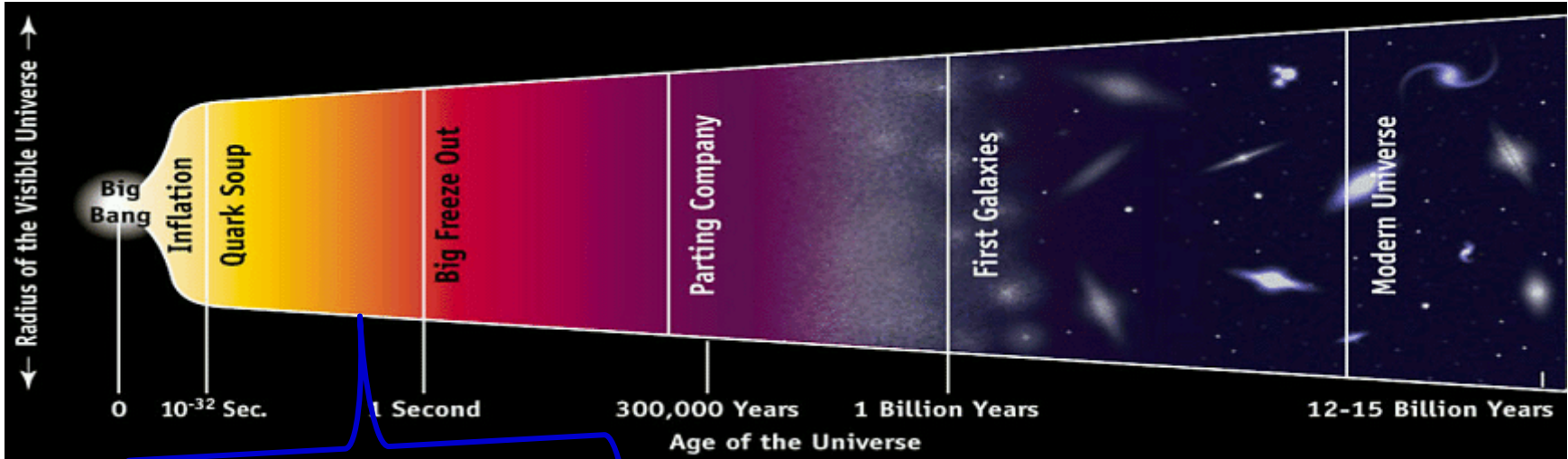


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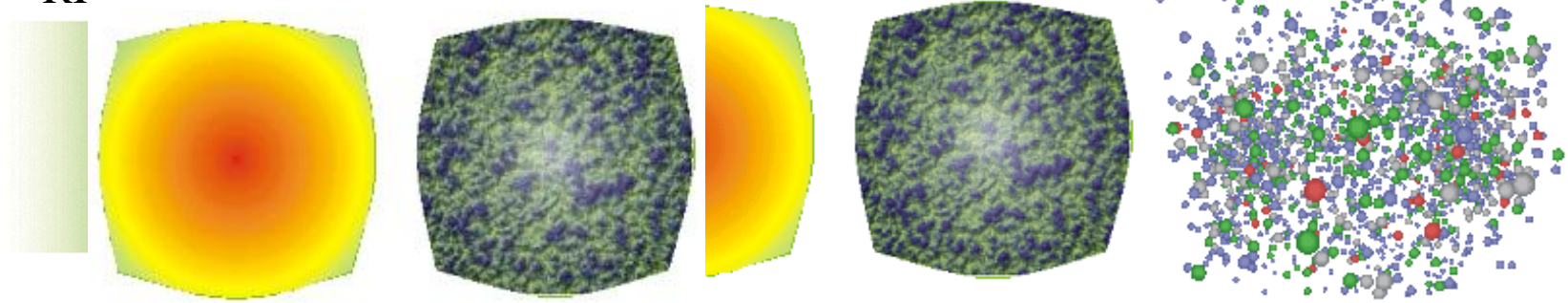


Little Big Bang

BIG; All 4 forces at work; Gravitation dominates; QGP @ 10^{-6} s; Slow expansion; Antimatter-matter annihilate;



RE...



TIME

Little; Strong force at work; QGP @ 10^{-23} s; Fast expansion; Antimatter-matter decouple; repeat trillion times



Can we observe hypernuclei at RHIC?

◆ Low energy and cosmic ray experiments (wikipedia):

hypernucleus **production** via

- Λ or K capture by nuclei
- the direct strangeness exchange reaction

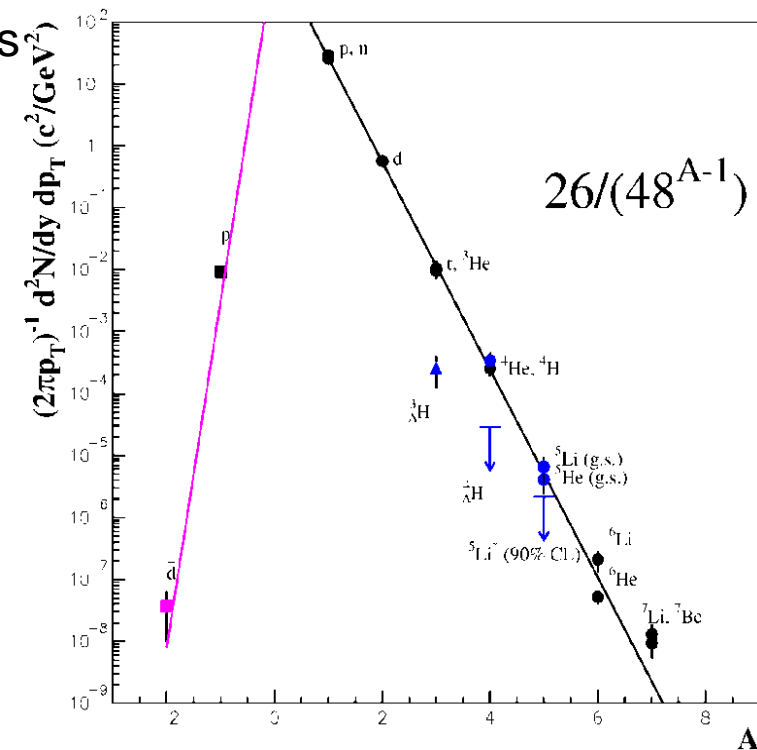
hypernuclei **observed**

- energetic but delayed decay,
- measure momentum of the K and π mesons

◆ In high energy heavy-ion collisions:

- nucleus production by coalescence, characterized by **penalty factor**. **聚并**
- AGS data^[1] indicated that hypernucleus production will be further suppressed.
- What's the case at RHIC?

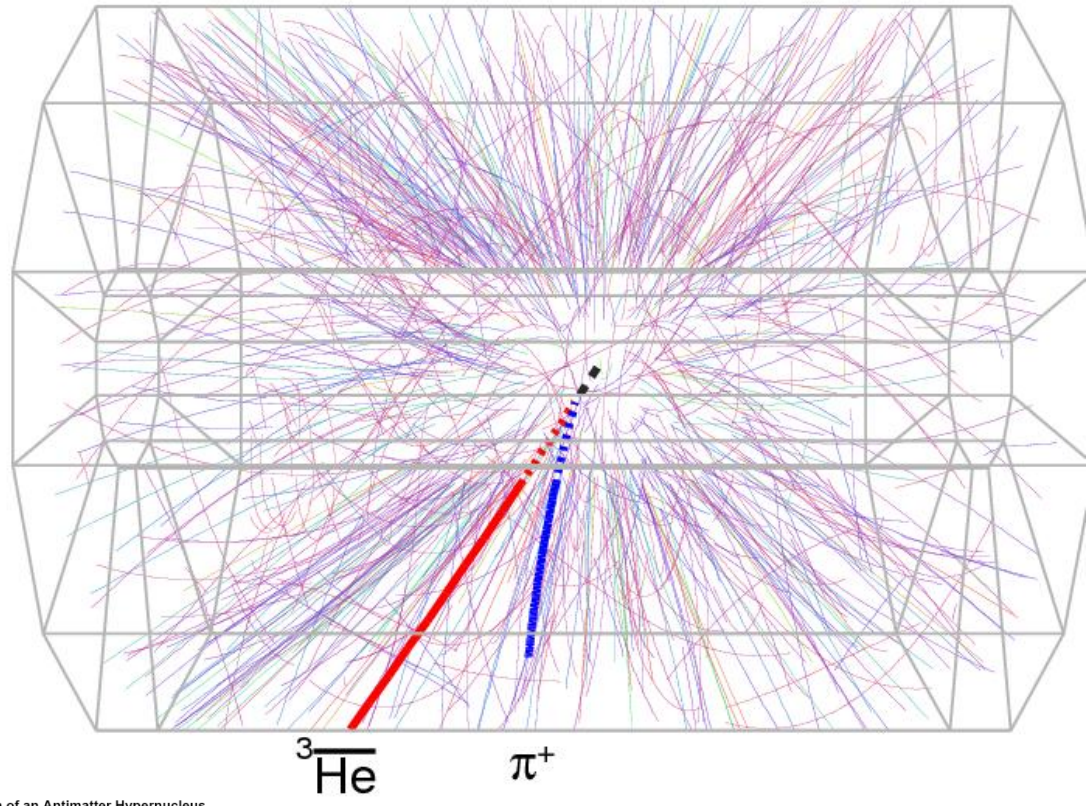
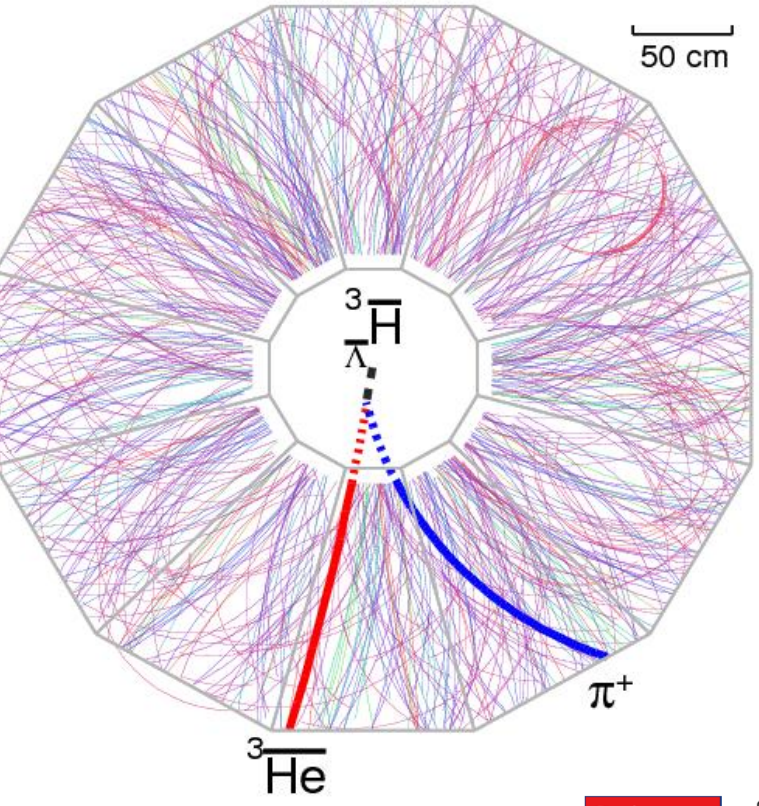
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A candidate event at STAR

Run4 (2004)
200 GeV Au+Au collision



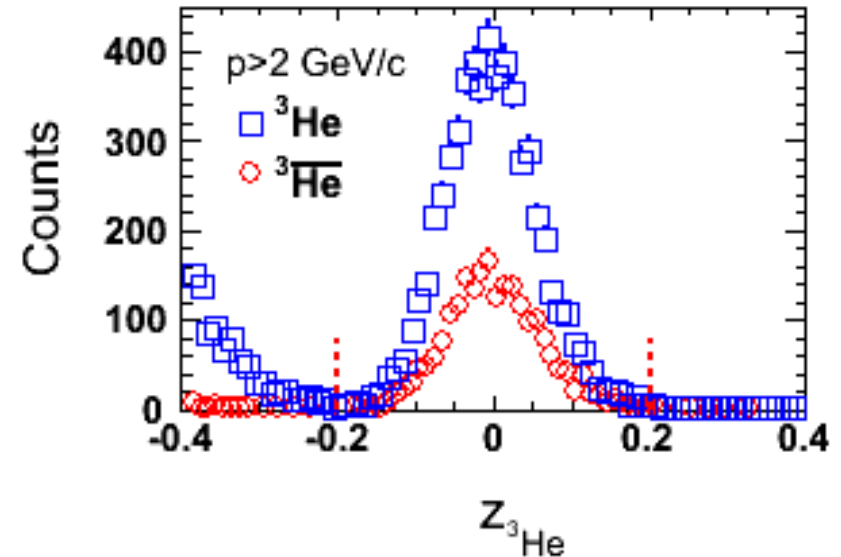
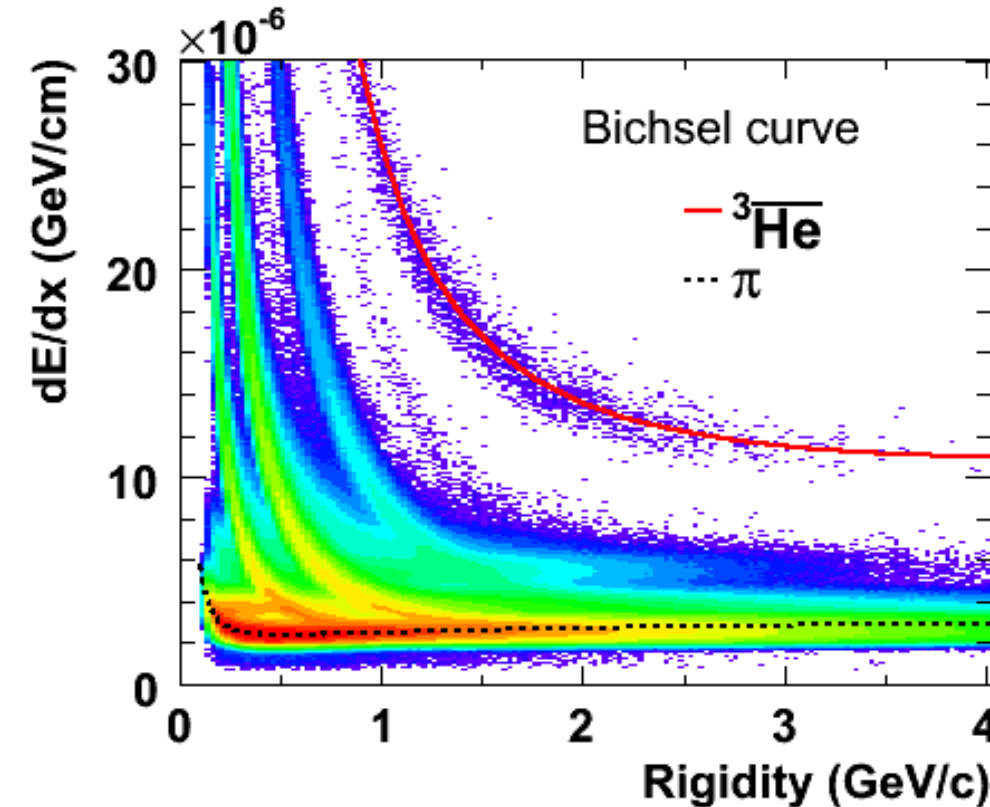
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^3He & anti- ^3He selection



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$$Z = \ln\left(\frac{\langle dE/dx \rangle}{\langle dE/dx \rangle^{\text{Bichsel}}}\right)$$

Select pure ^3He sample: $-0.2 < Z < 0.2$ & $dca < 1.0\text{cm}$ & $p > 2$ GeV

^3He : 2931(MB07) + 2008(central04) + 871(MB04) = 5810

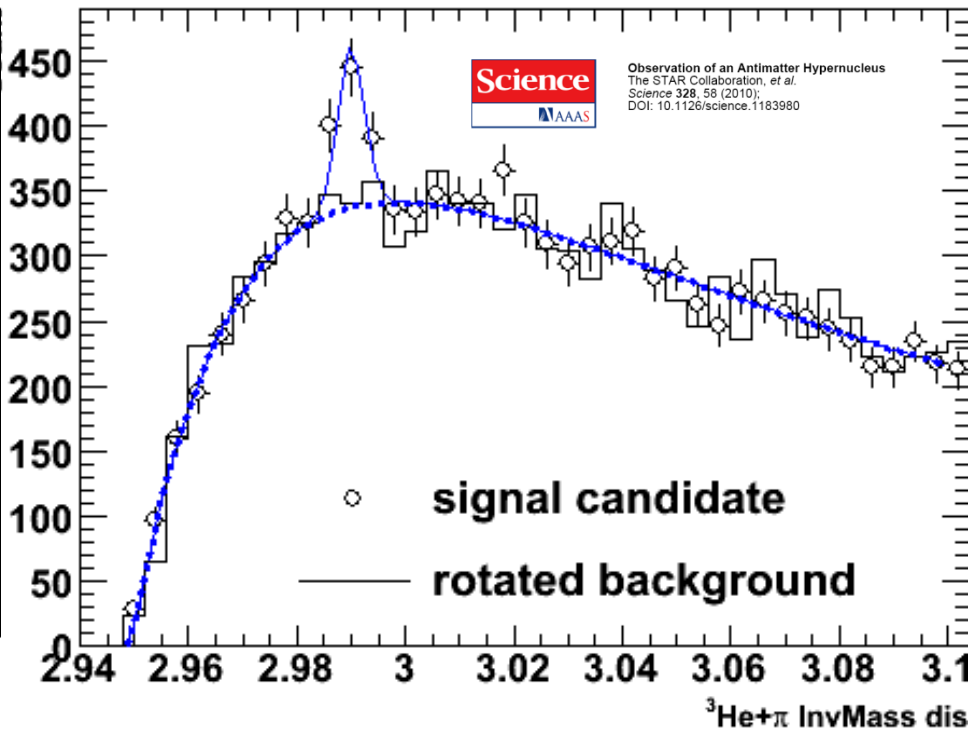
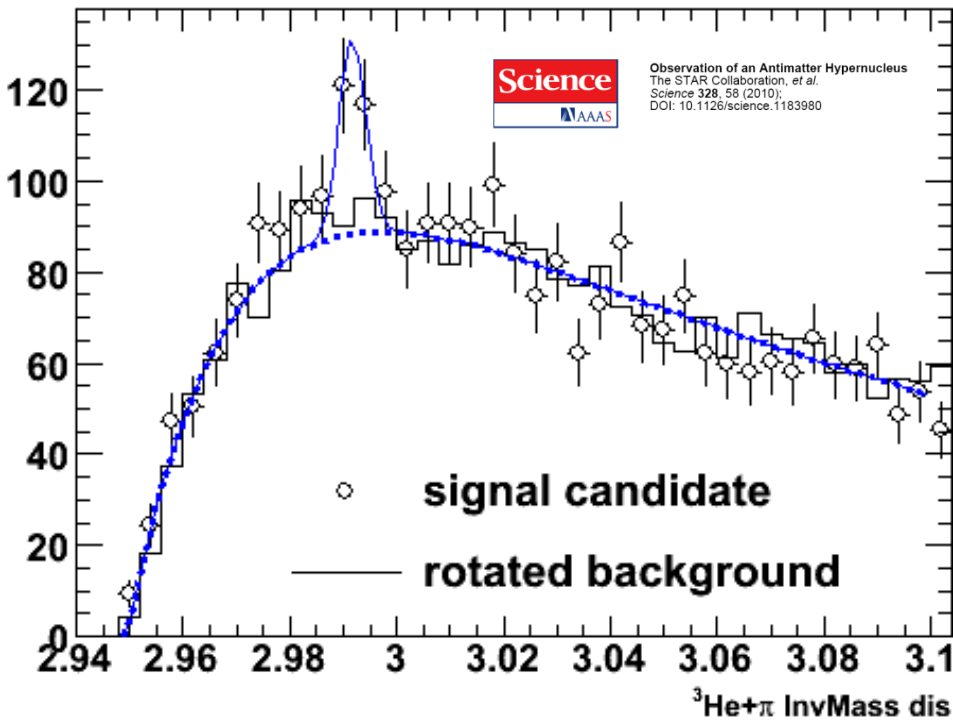
Anti- ^3He : 1105(MB07) + 735(central04) + 328(MB04) = **2168**



$\bar{\Lambda}^3\bar{H}$ and Combined signals



Combine hypertriton and antihypertriton signal:
 225 ± 35



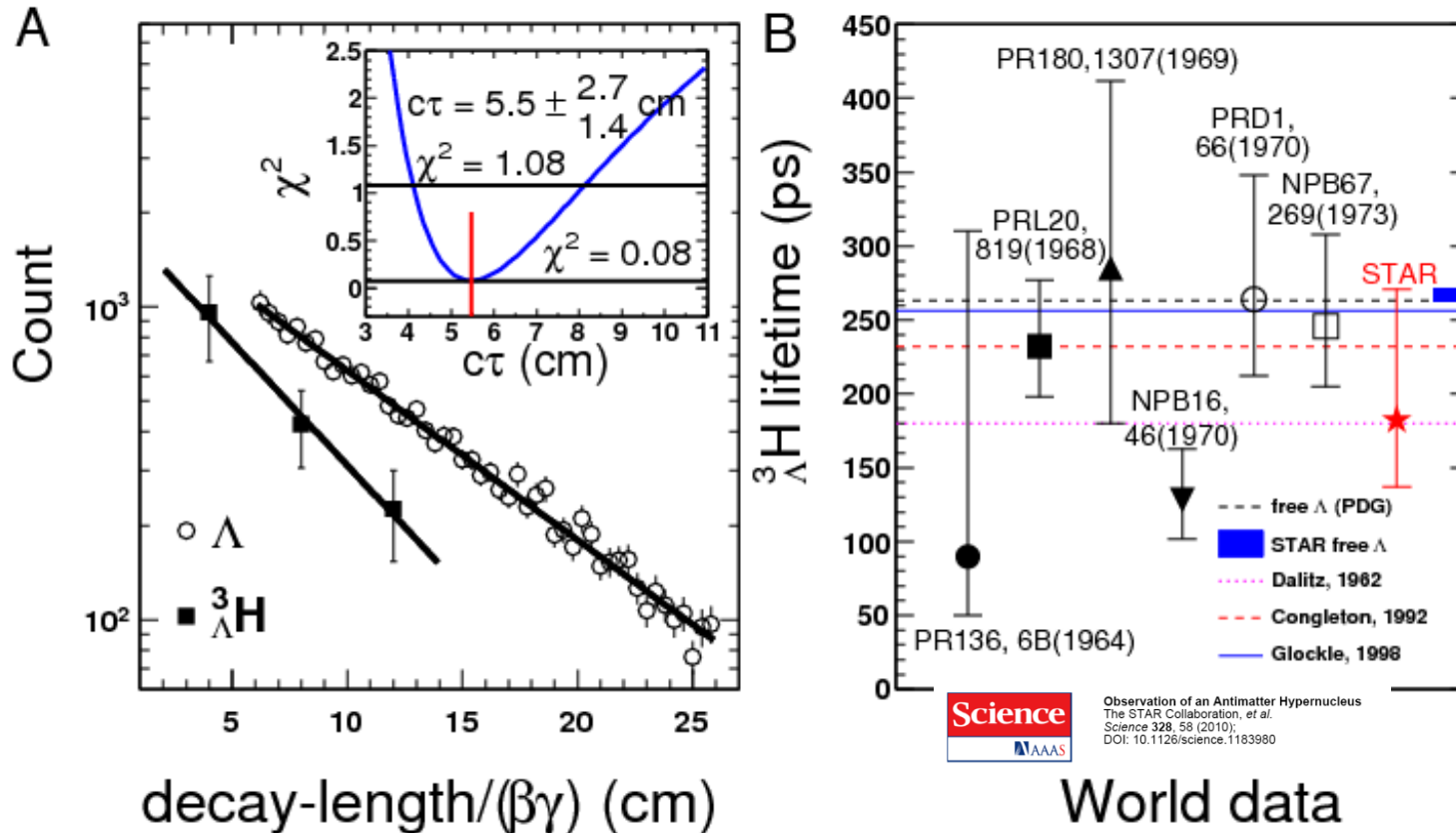
◆ Signal observed from the data (bin-by-bin counting):

70 ± 17 ;

Mass: 2.991 ± 0.001 GeV; Width (fixed): 0.0025 GeV;

This provides a $>6\sigma$ signal for discovery

Lifetime of a hypertriton



- ◆ Lifetime related to binding energy
- ◆ Theory input: the Λ is lightly bound in the hypertriton

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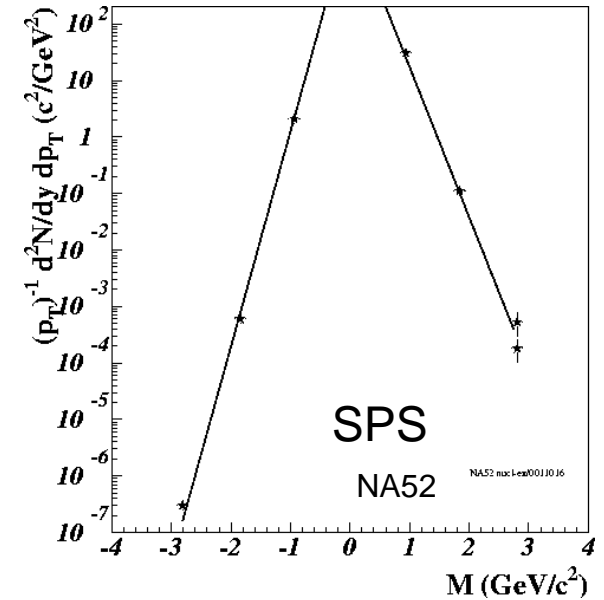
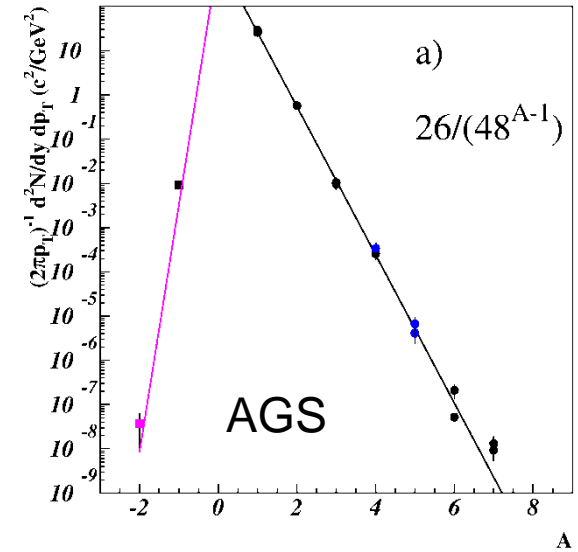
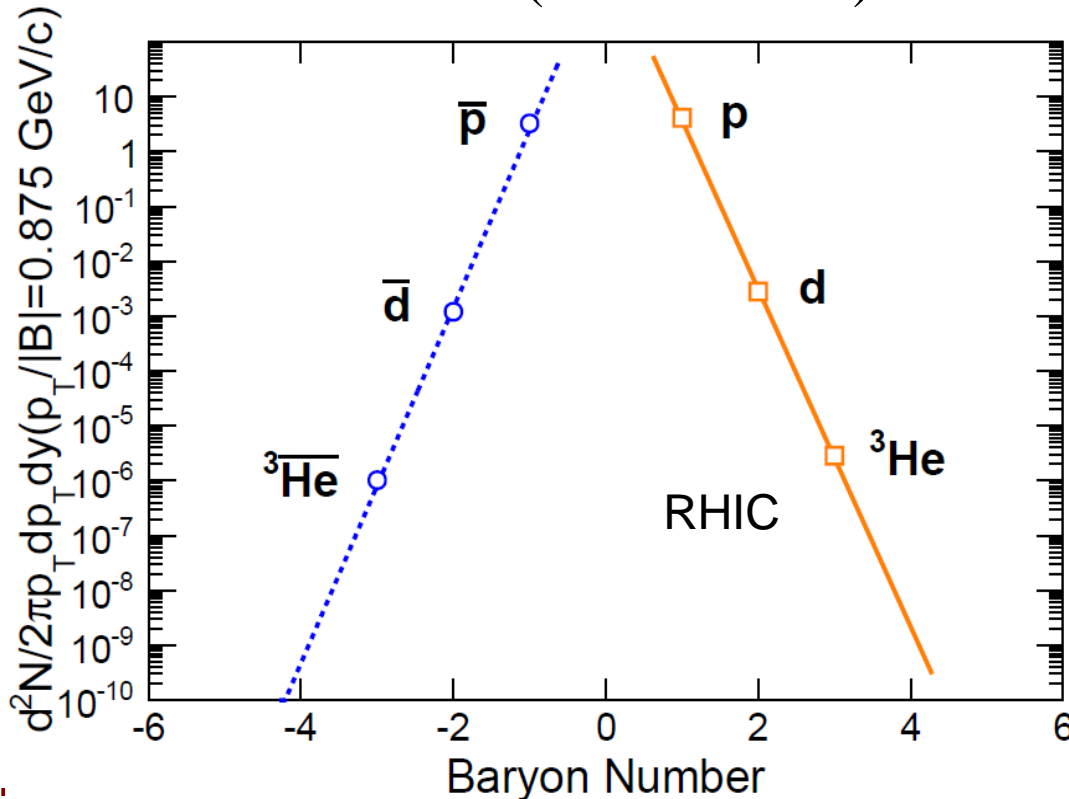
Matter and antimatter are not created equal

But we are getting there !

$${}^3\bar{He}/{}^3He \approx 10^{-11} \quad (\text{AGS, Cosmic})$$

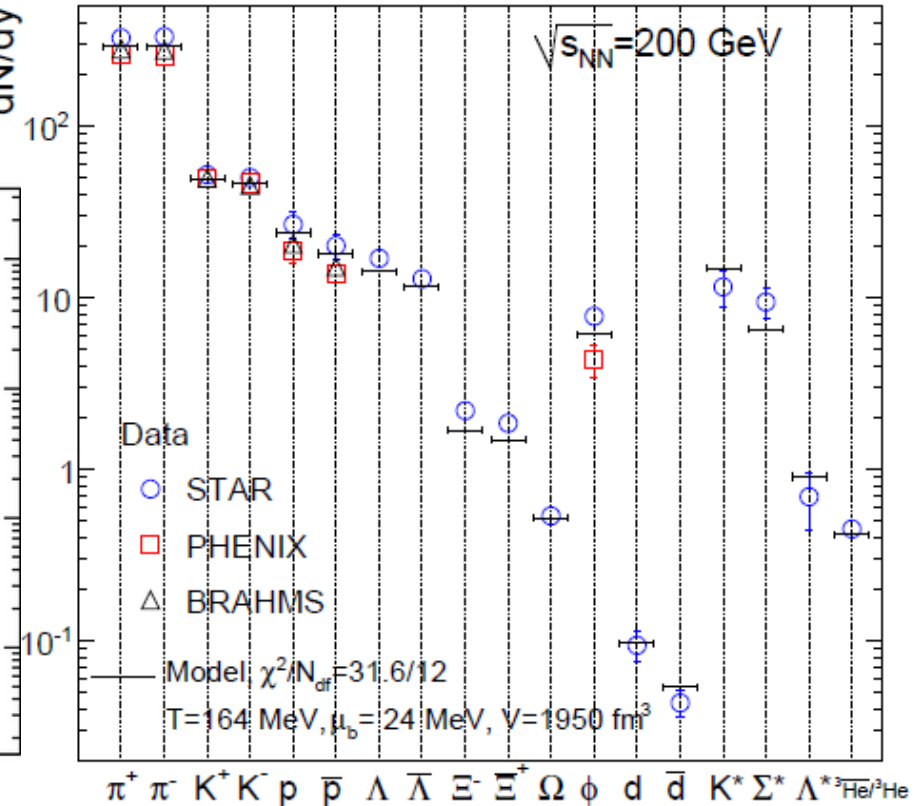
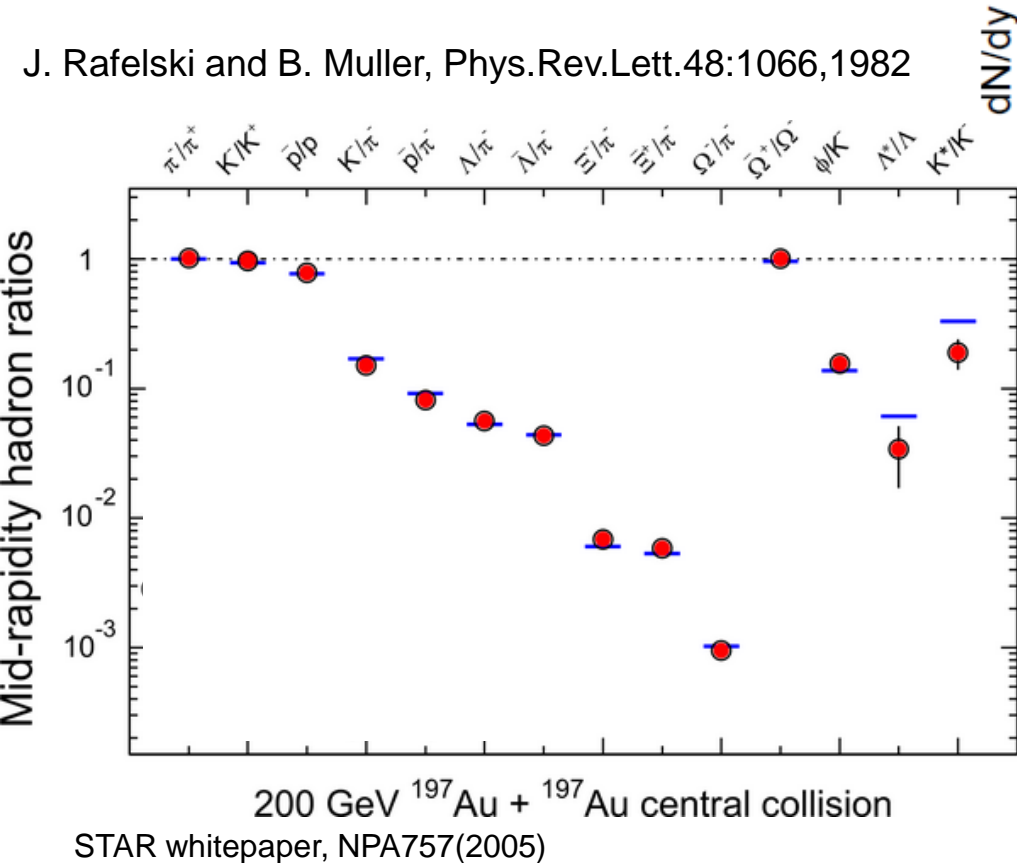
$${}^3\bar{He}/{}^3He \approx 10^{-3} \quad (\text{SPS / CERN})$$

$${}^3\bar{He}/{}^3He \approx 0.5 \quad (\text{RHIC / BNL})$$





Flavors (u,d, s) are not created equal except in possible QGP



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Antinuclei in nature (new physics)

To appreciate just how rare nature produces antimatter (strange antimatter)

RHIC: an antimatter machine

Antimatter Galaxies

Where is all the antimatter in the universe? The Universe appears to have been created 13.7 billion years ago, in an explosion called the "Big Bang". This explosion actually created all of the Universe's particles out of a burst of energy. Now, particle physicists have been studying how particles behave when subjected to this sort of energy, and after decades of work, we understand high-energy particles very well. There is one nagging unanswered question, though: our best particle-physics studies show that matter and antimatter are always created in equal amounts. You can't make a proton without making an antiproton. You can't make an electron without making an antielectron.

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So, AMS will search for anti-helium nuclei. First we try to very cleanly identify particles with the right charge (+2); then we examine these particles' tracks and see how they bend in the magnetic field. Ordinary helium will bend to the left, antimatter helium will bend to the right. A single really clean detection would be really exciting!

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AMS antiHelium/Helium sensitivity: 10^{-9}

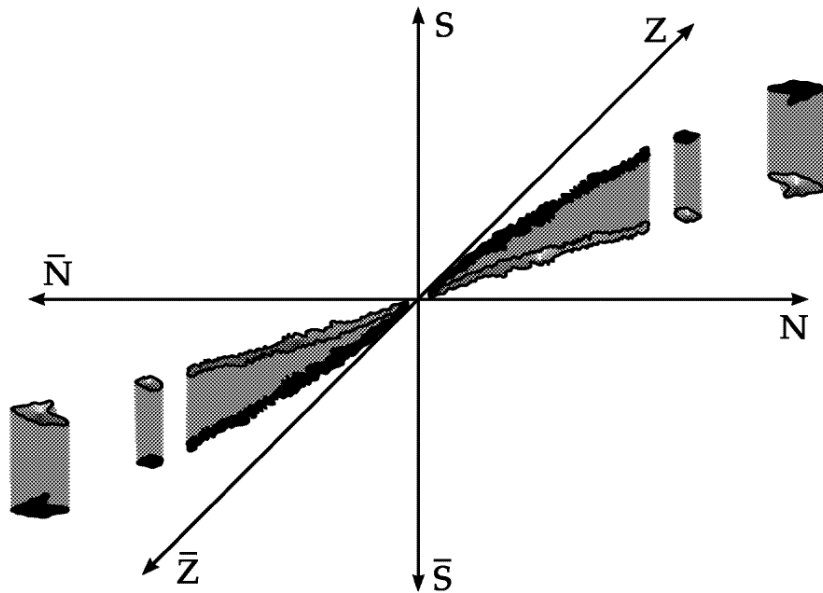
Dark Matter, Black Hole → antinucleus production via coalescence



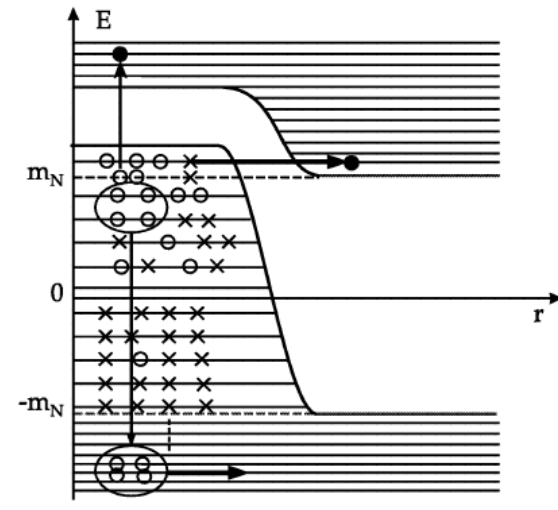
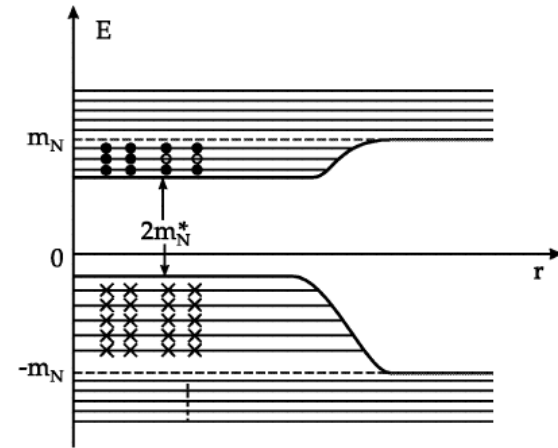
hypernuclei and antimatter from correlations in the Vacuum

Fundamental Issues in the Physics of Elementary Matter:
Cold Valleys and Fusion of Superheavy Nuclei -
Hypernuclei – Antinuclei – Correlations in the Vacuum

Walter Greiner



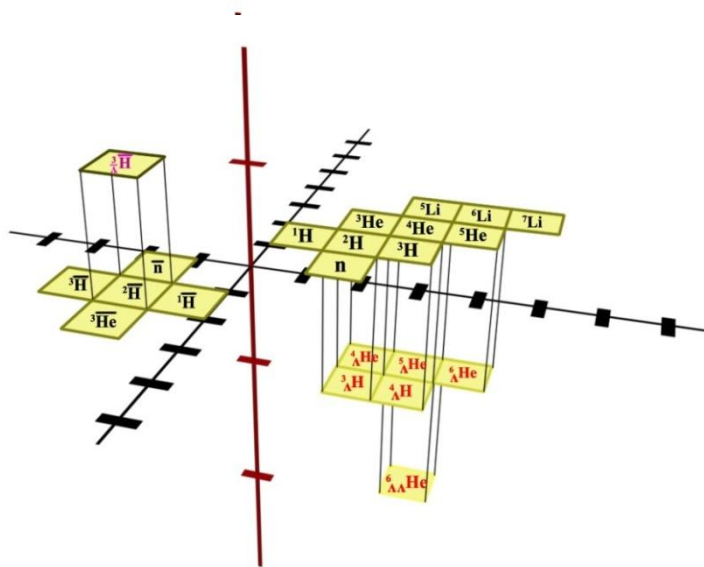
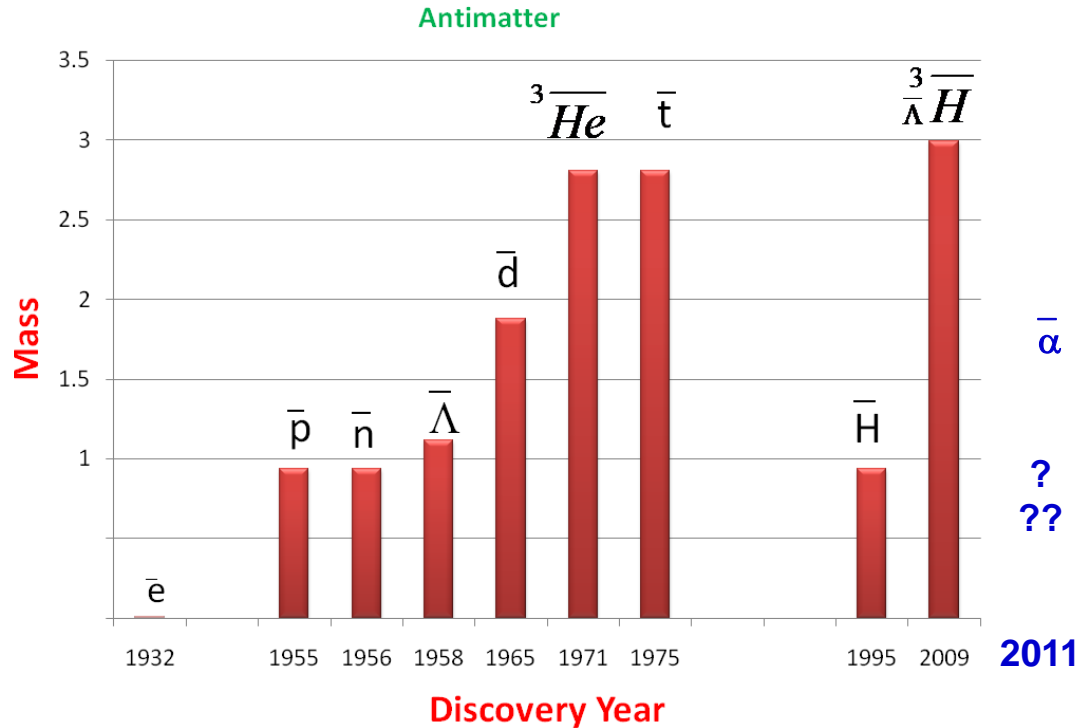
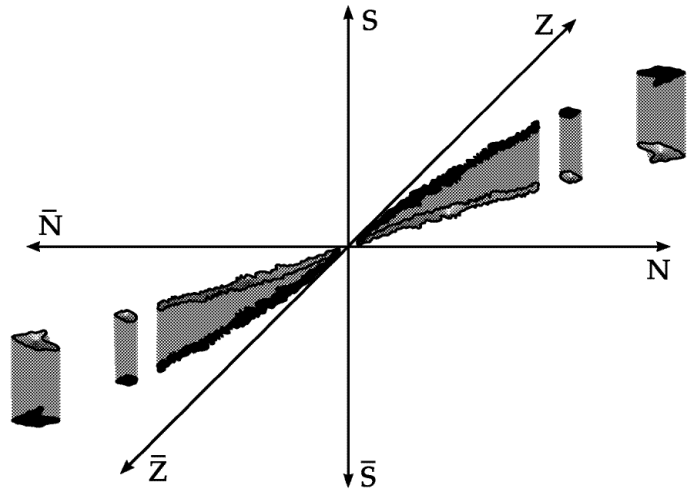
Real 3-D periodic table



Pull α from vacuum (Dirac Sea)



Antimatter Project: 40 years per step



The extension of the periodic system into the sectors of hypermatter (strangeness) and antimatter is of general and astrophysical importance. ... The ideas proposed here, the verification of which will need the **commitment for 2-4 decades of research, could be such a vision with considerable** attraction for the best young physicists... I can already see the enthusiasm in the eyes of young scientists, when I unfold these ideas to them — similarly as it was 30 years ago,...

---- Walter Greiner (2001)

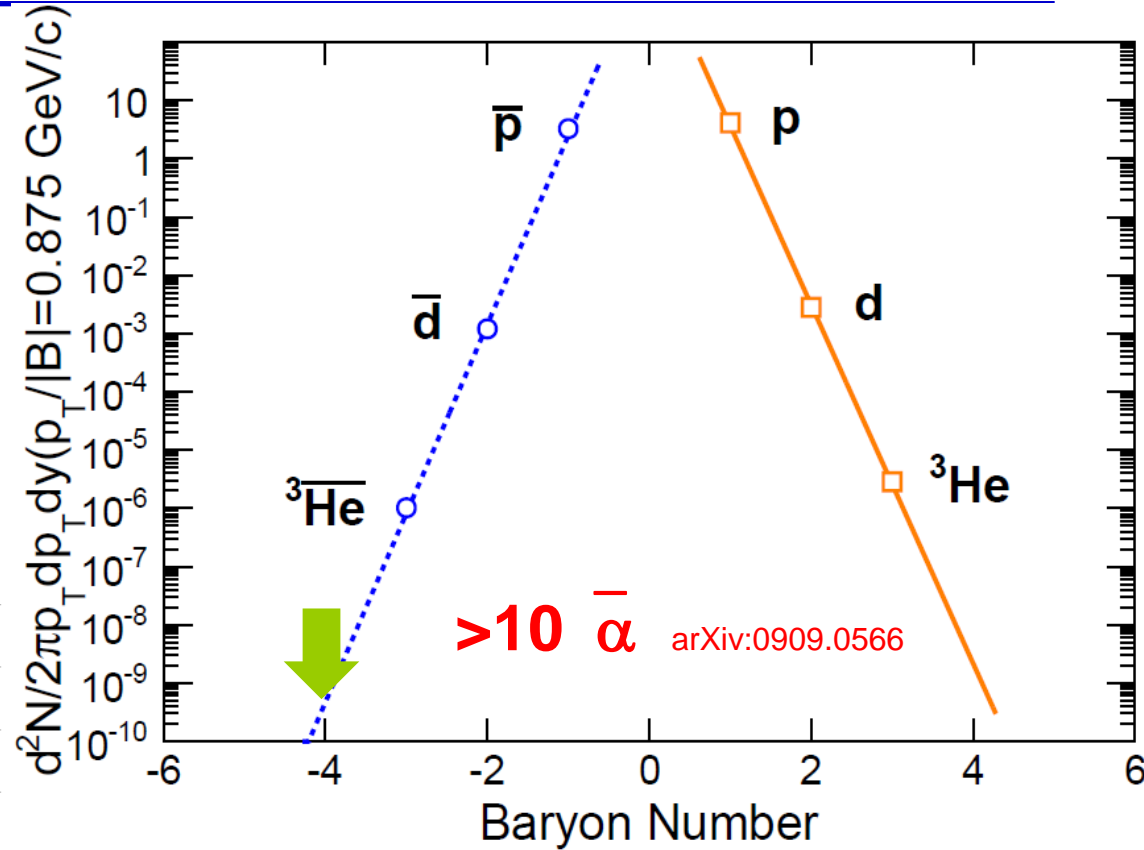
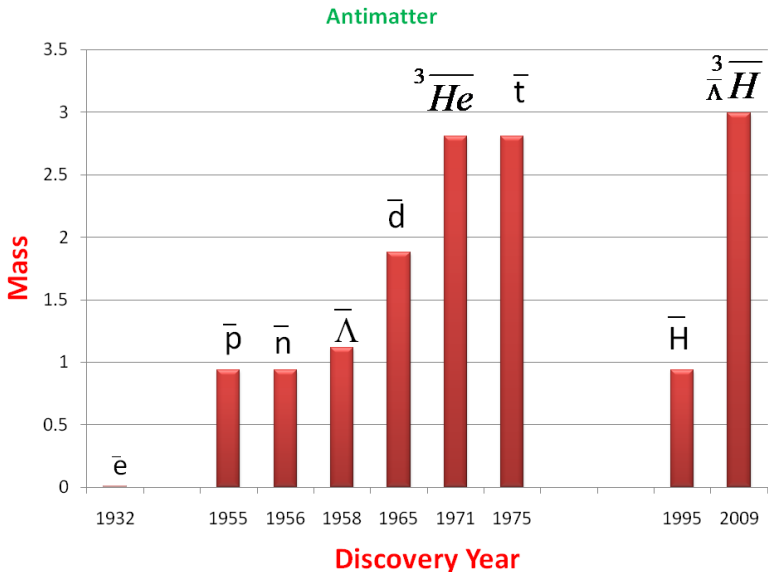


Projected Discovery of antimatter Helium-4 nucleus from STAR

How many possible antimatter nuclei can we discover?

Anti-hypertriton, anti-alpha;
Anti-hyperH4?

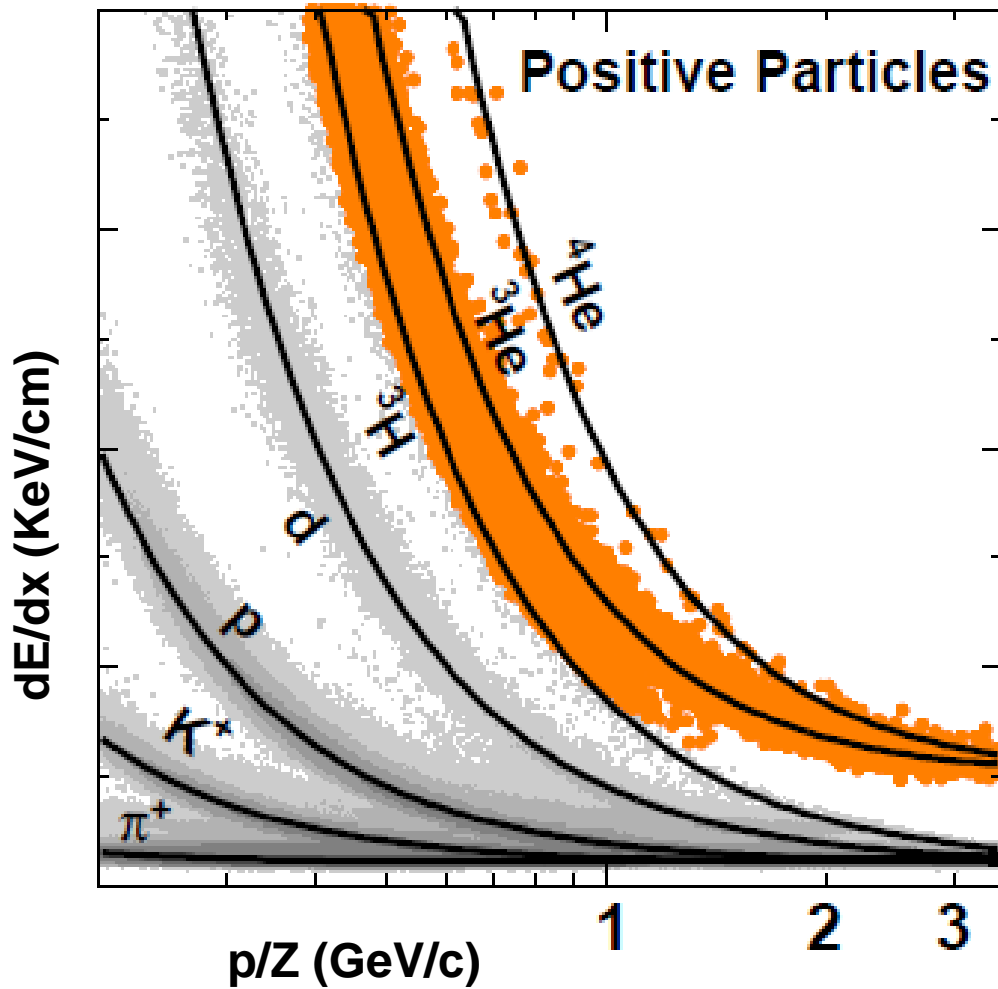
Can we get to antimatter ${}^6\text{He}$?
Unless technology and Physics change dramatically, **NO!**



2009 prediction



How to identify Helium-4



dE/dx in Time Projection Chamber

Separation at low p_T

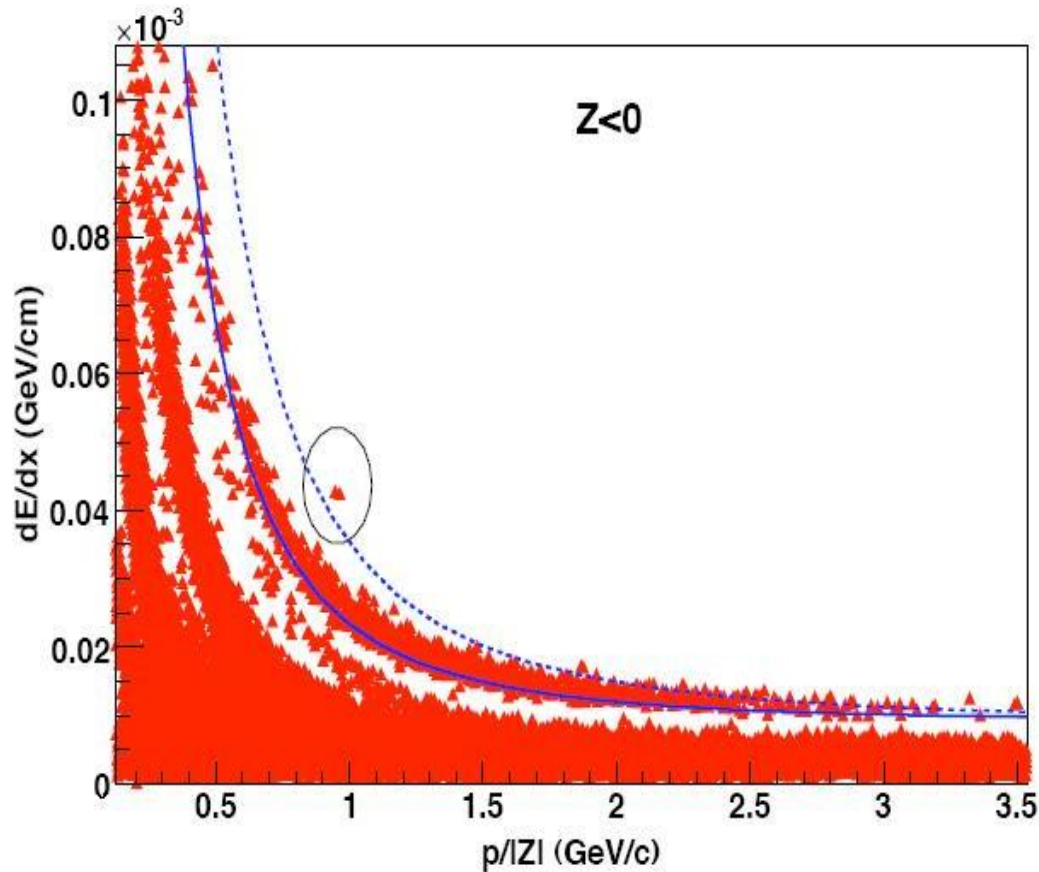
Merged with Helium-3 at $p > 3.5 \text{ GeV}/c$

Most of the statistics at that range

Need a different detector

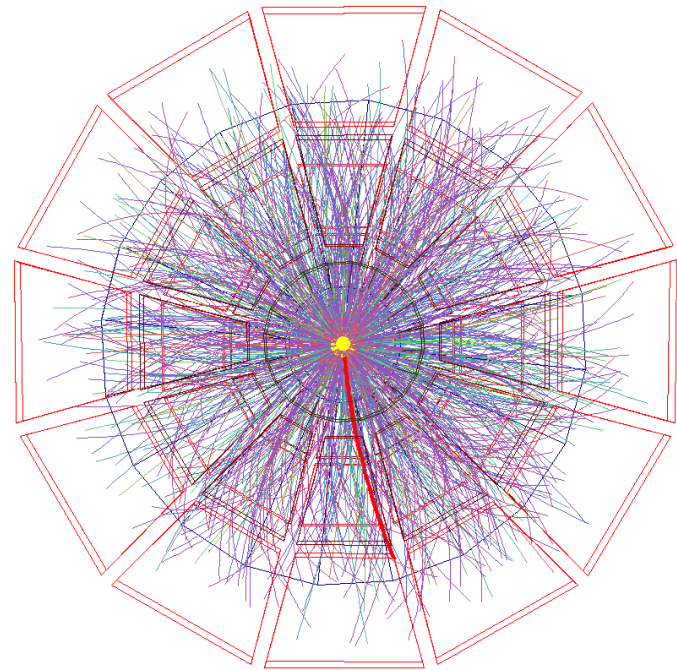


Candidates identified by TPC (2007)



Two candidates;
Clean separation;

To confirm the discovery:
need more statistics and
confirmation using new detector

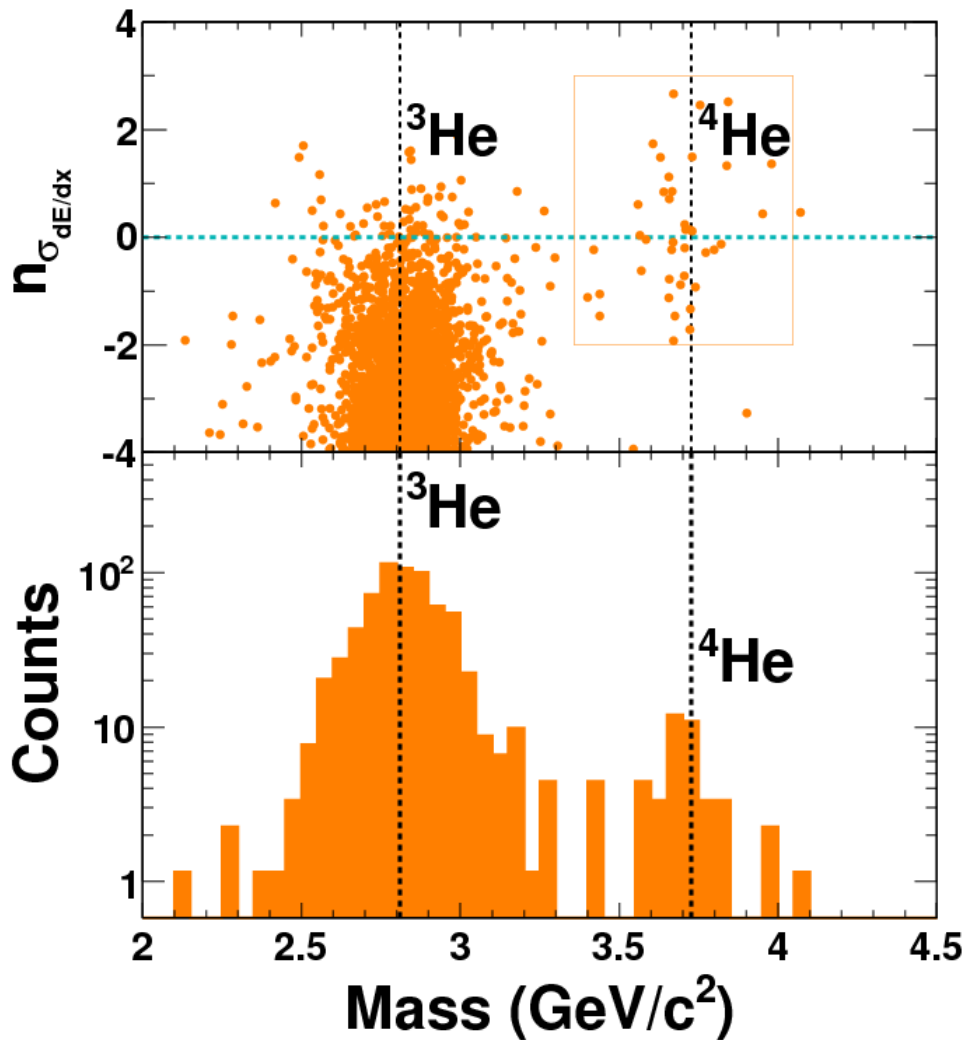


Jianhang Zhou (Rice) PHD thesis 2009

Light (Anti-)Nuclei Production in the STAR Experiment at RHIC



The Power of Time-of-Flight Detector



$$m^2 = p^2 (1/\beta^2 - 1)$$

Two detectors confirm each other
With different methods:
dE/dx vs mass

Clean separation of Helium isotopes

Data Acquisition 10→100→1000Hz

TOF 100% installed in 2009:
A US-China joint Project for STAR

High-Level Trigger for express output

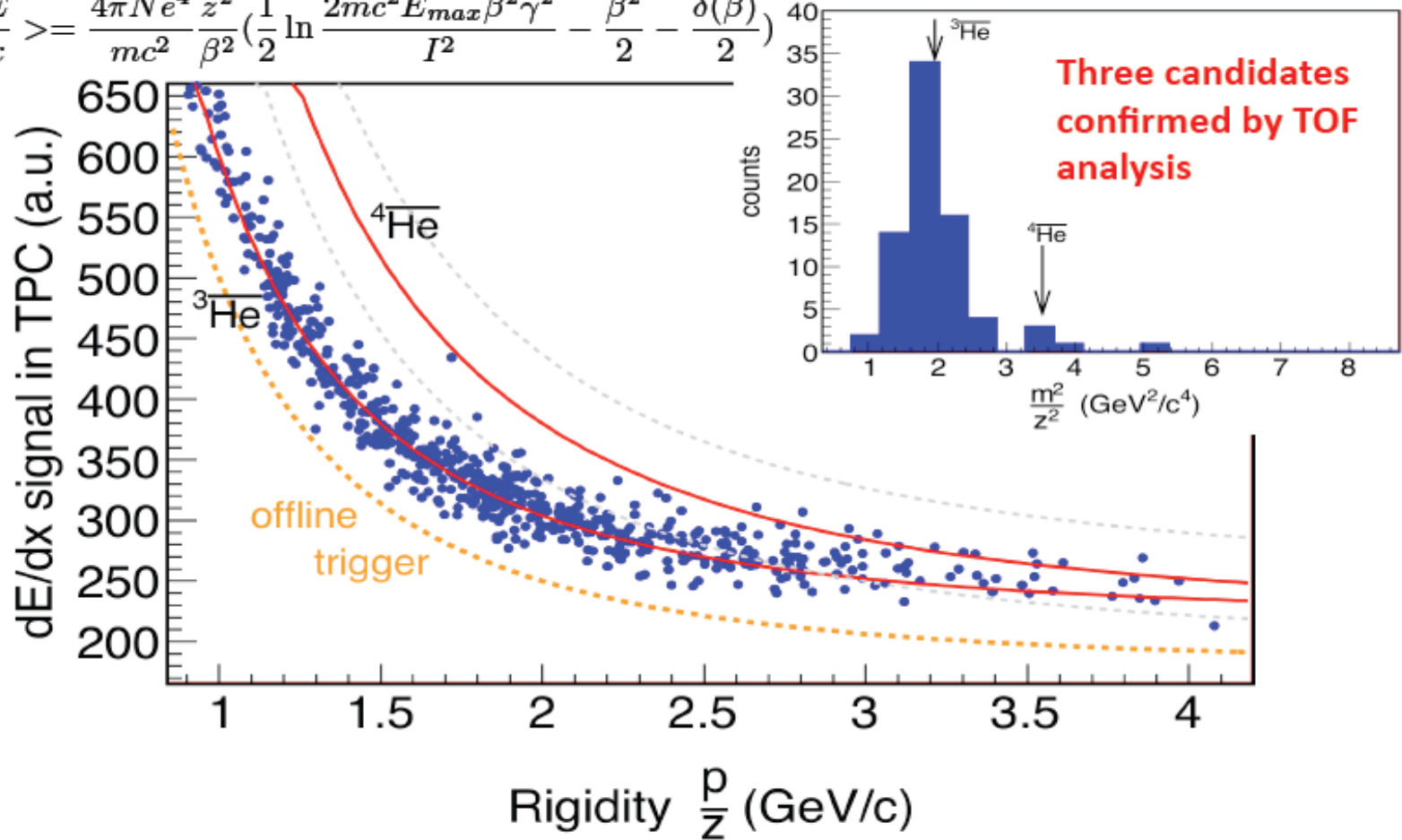
More details on Sunday in talk
by Hao Qui (H7.00007)



Anti-Alpha candidates in Pb-Pb

Time of flight (sensitive to m/z -ratio): $m = \frac{z \cdot R}{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}}$

$$\left\langle \frac{dE}{dx} \right\rangle = \frac{4\pi N e^4 z^2}{mc^2 \beta^2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2mc^2 E_{max} \beta^2 \gamma^2}{I^2} - \frac{\beta^2}{2} - \frac{\delta(\beta)}{2} \right)$$





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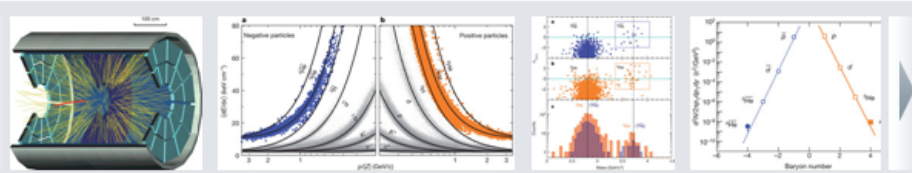
High-energy nuclear collisions create an energy density similar to that of the Universe microseconds after the Big Bang¹; in both cases, matter and antimatter are formed with comparable abundance.

However, the relatively short-lived expansion in nuclear collisions allows antimatter to decouple quickly from matter, and avoid annihilation. Thus, a high-energy accelerator of heavy nuclei provides an efficient means of producing and studying antimatter. The antimatter helium-4 nucleus (⁴He⁻), also known as the anti- α ($\bar{\alpha}$), consists of two antiprotons and two antineutrons (baryon number $B = -4$). It has not been observed previously, although the α -particle was identified a century ago by Rutherford and is present in cosmic

radiation at the ten per cent level². Antimatter nuclei with $B < -1$ have been observed only as rare products of interactions at particle accelerators, where the rate of antinucleus production in high-energy collisions decreases by a factor of about 1,000 with each additional antinucleon^{3, 4, 5}. Here we report the observation of ⁴He⁻, the heaviest observed antinucleus to date. In total, 18 ⁴He⁻ counts were detected at the STAR experiment at the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC; ref. 6) in 10⁹ recorded gold-on-gold (Au+Au) collisions at centre-of-mass energies of 200 GeV and 62 GeV per nucleon–nucleon pair. The yield is consistent with expectations from thermodynamic⁷ and coalescent nucleosynthesis⁸ models, providing an indication of the production rate of even heavier antimatter nuclei and a benchmark for possible future observations of ⁴He⁻ in cosmic radiation.

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Nuclear Experiment

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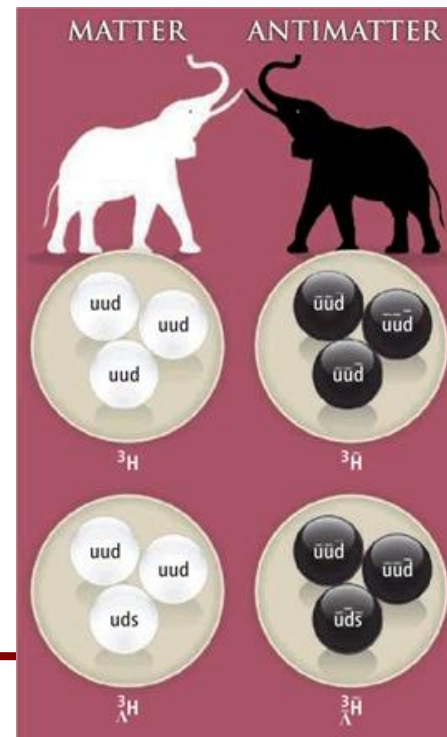
It's still unclear whether finding the antihypertriton will have practical implications for physics, said Frank Close, a physicist at the University of Oxford and author of the book *Antimatter*. "One way of saying it is it's **stamp collecting**. Some stamps are more exciting than others," he said. "The fact that this particle has been found **confirms our general belief** that antimatter should exist just as much as matter exists," Close added. --- February 2011, National Geographic

"It is an enormous technical achievement that they can extract these rarely produced objects," says Tom Cohen, a nuclear physicist at the University of Maryland, College Park. "But everybody believed—I should almost say knew—that anti-alpha particles could exist." Cohen compares the feat with climbing the world's tallest mountain: "It's really impressive that you can do it, but the fact that there's **a summit to Mount Everest is not a big surprise**."

"It's really, really very impressive that they're able to do that, to see these rare events and convincingly isolate them," he says. "What they've found is that **there is no shock**; it's where it's predicted to be."

"Some of my colleagues take it for granted that there obviously has to be an anti-alpha. My view, and I am a theorist, is that it **is just an idea** – of course a good idea - **until it is actually seen**. The fact that you encountered the antihypertriton - no one's obvious choice - on the way, is a sign that probing the attainable structure of antimatter is a real scientific adventure. "

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Predictability is a shock

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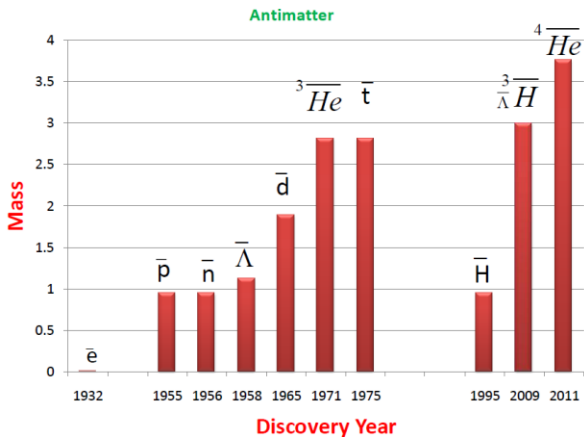
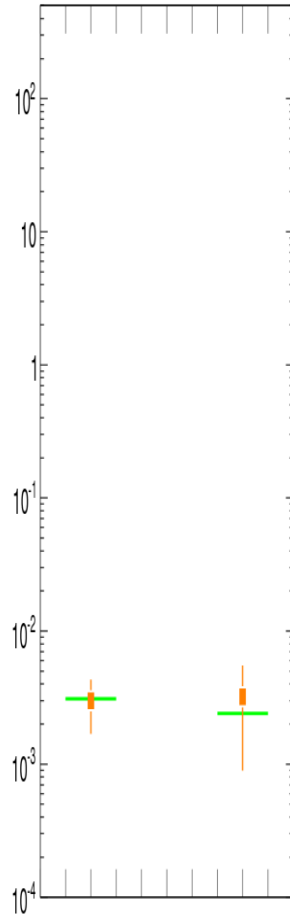
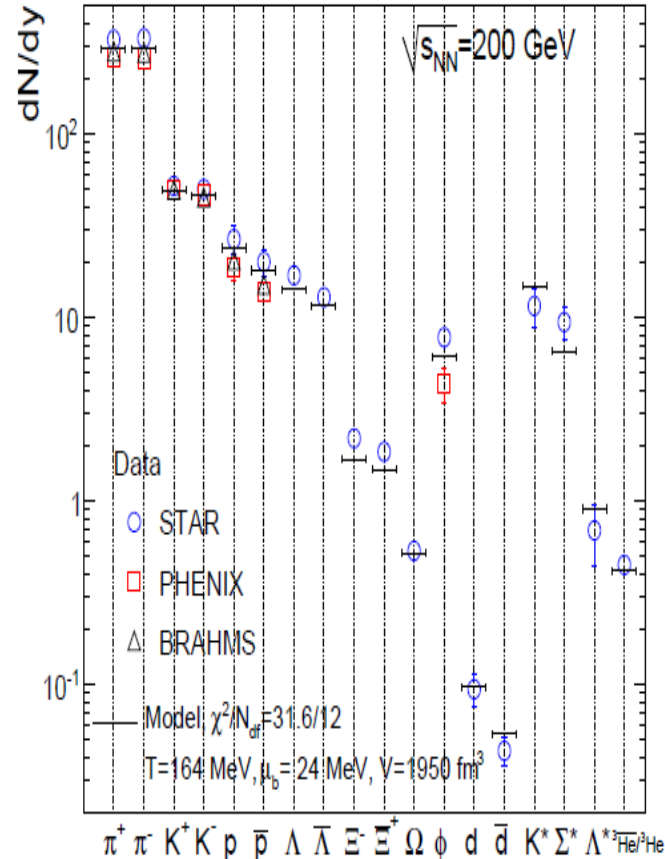
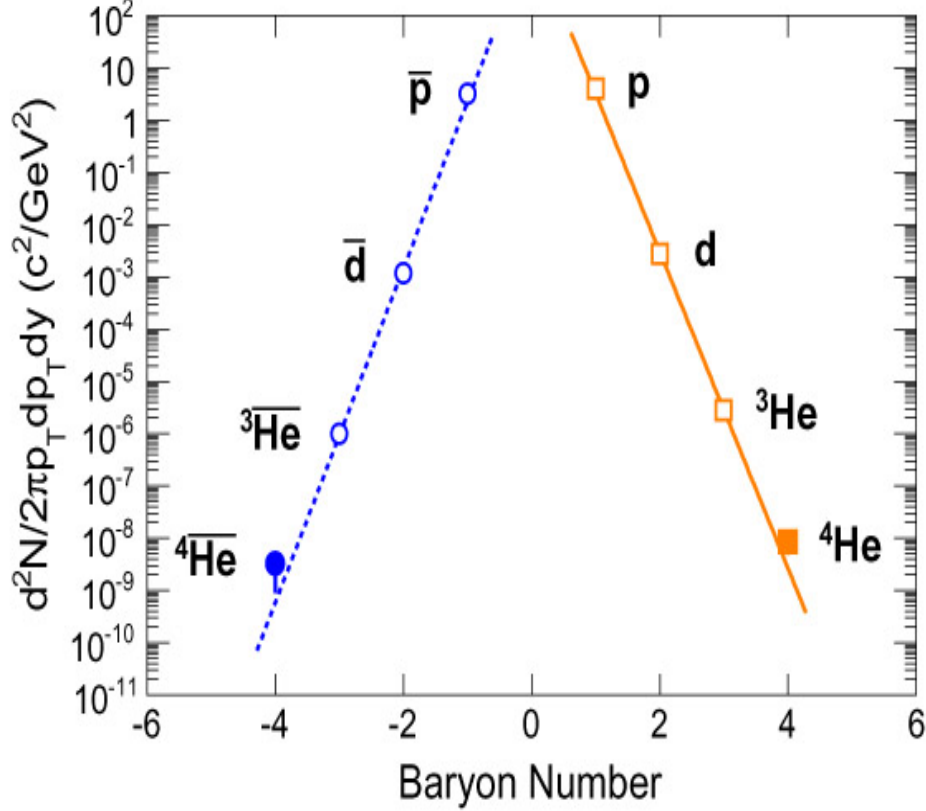
1. create a state of matter at 4×10^{12} degree out of a few thousands of particles
2. Matter and antimatter do not annihilate at energy density 100 times the normal nuclear density
3. Anti-nuclei and nuclei with weak binding energy carry information from the QGP phase transition (Temperature = 160MeV)
4. All particles maintain statistical equilibrium (no sign of annihilation but coalescence)
5. Models that assume thermal equilibrium correctly account for yields spanning 11 orders of magnitude.
 ± 0.000000000001

How many of you would say that “I expect that!”?

That is what we did when we found all these Heavy antimatter nuclei!



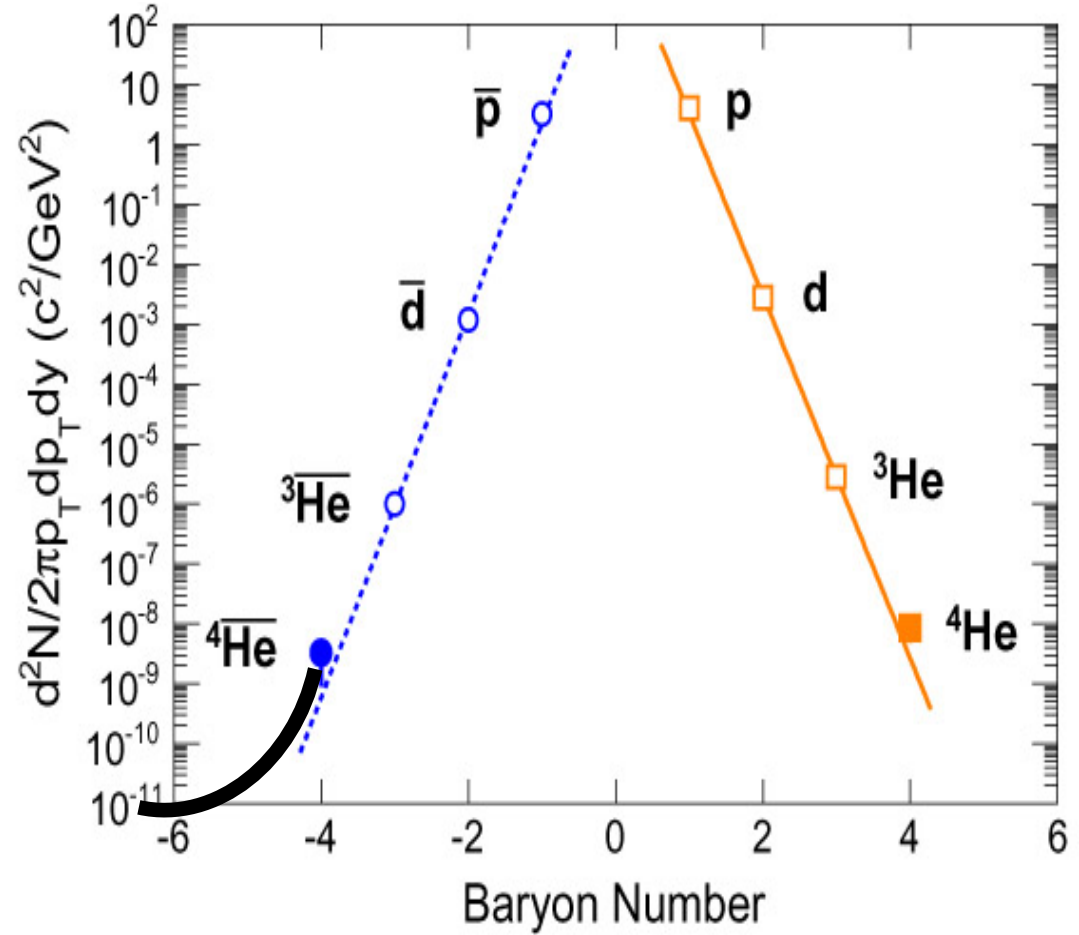
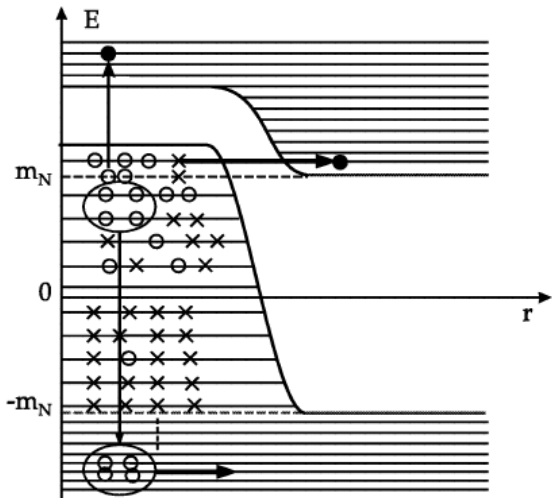
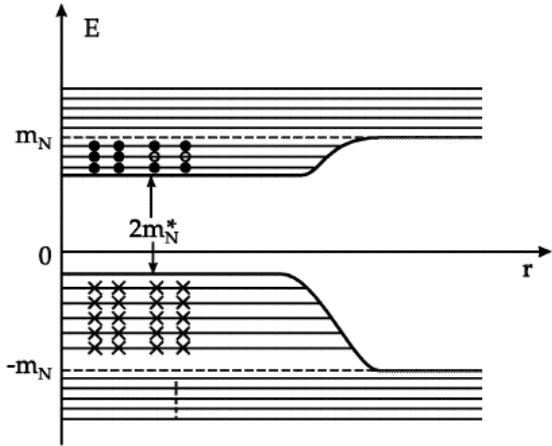
Predictable Production Rate



Why is it so predictable?
 $T=164\text{MeV}$



Even Heavier Antimatter



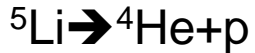
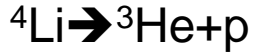
- Pull α from vacuum (Dirac Sea)



Search for antimatter Unstable Nuclei

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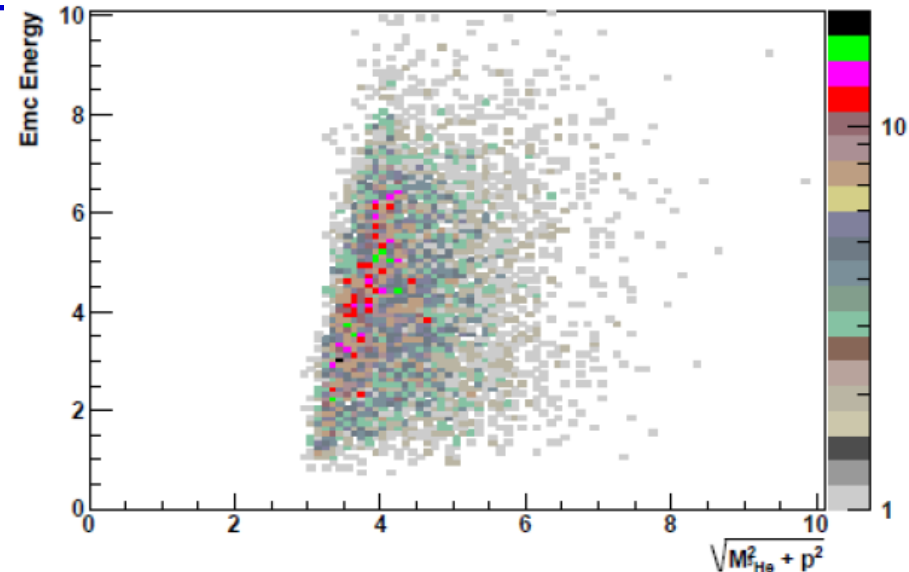
Discover antimatter Unstable Nuclei:



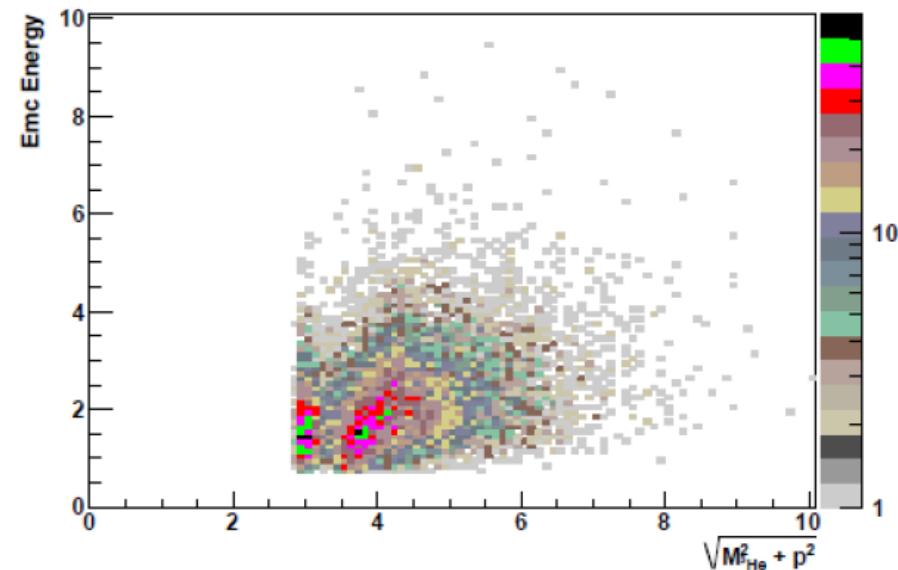
- Clear energy excess:
EMC energy vs TPC Energy
He3bar (top panel) He3 (bottom panel)
Run10, He3bar efficiency with $E_t > 2.5\text{GeV}$
is 62%

Proposed Trigger:

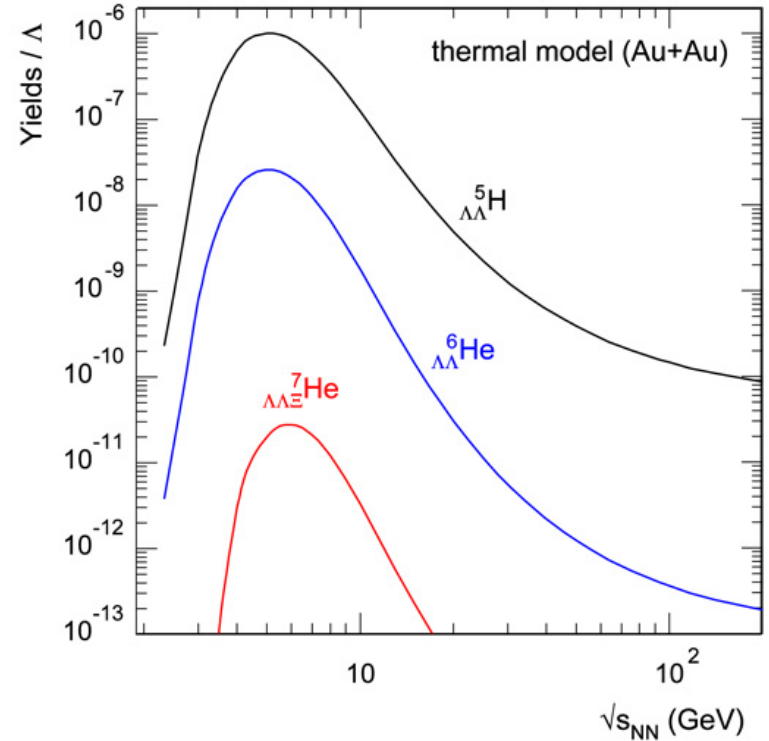
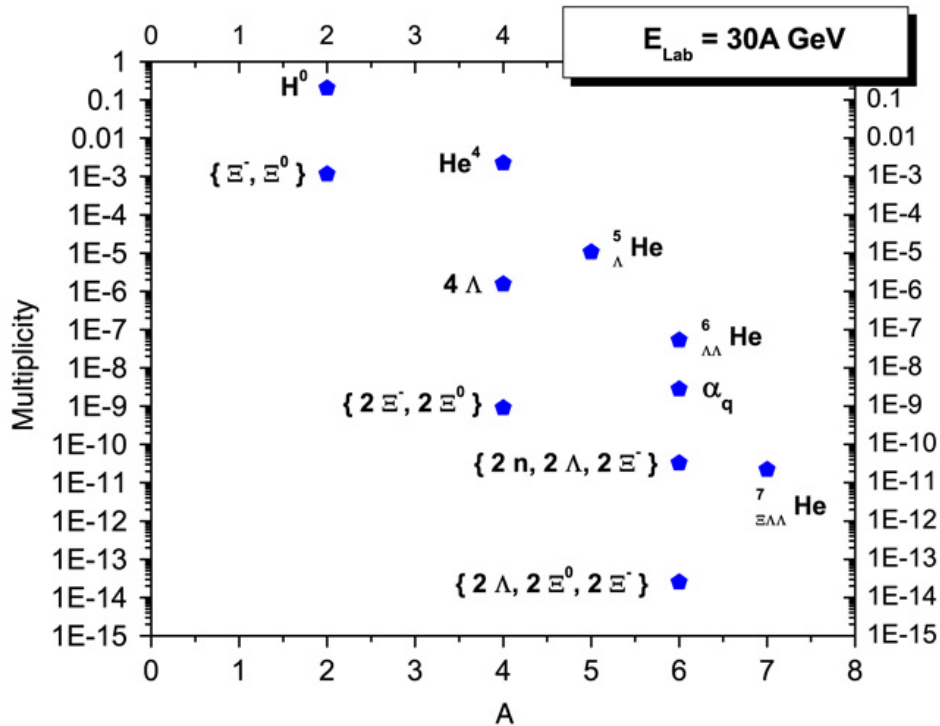
- L0 EMC $HT > 1.8$ or 2.5GeV
- L0 decision on TPC sector readout
- Read events at high rate with 1--2 TPC sectors (He3bar and pbar close in sector)
- Full RHIC II luminosity
- Two order of magnitude enhancement



Anti-He3 and He3 energy deposit in calorimeter



Exotic Hypernuclei



A. Andronic, P. Braun-Munzinger, J. Stachel, Nucl. Phys. A 772 (2006) 167.

P. Braun-Munzinger, J. Stachel, J. Phys. G 21 (1995) L17

A. Andronic: SQM09



Creating first Antinucleus Atomcules

Metastable antiproton-helium atom discovered at KEK:
Iwasaki, **PRL** 67 (1991); **nature** 361 (1993) 238
Mass difference: $p\text{-}p\text{-bar} < 2 \times 10^{-9}$; Hori, **PRL** 96 (2006);
measurement of baryon mass and magnetic moment
for CPT test at LEAR/CERN
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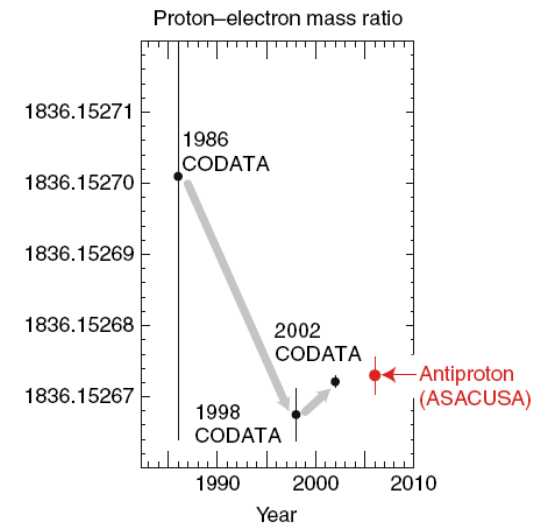
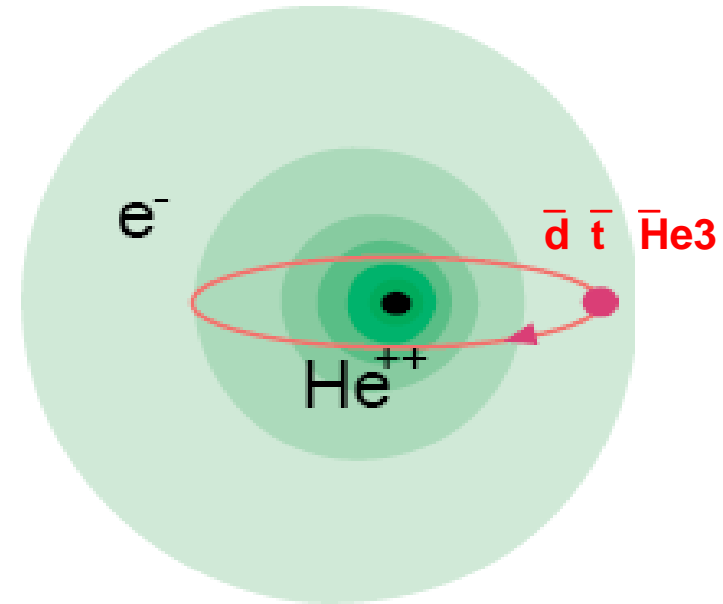
What happens if we replace antiproton
with **antideuteron, antitriton or antiHelium3**

Atomic structure should be the same
for antideuteron and antitriton (-1 charge)
Reduced mass M^* will be different.

Only RHIC can answer this question with
enough antimatter nuclei for such study

Possible Physics Topics:

- Measure antinucleus mass and magnetic moment for CPT test,
- Study the antinucleus annihilation process (sequence)
- antinucleus-nucleus Annihilation
(what do they create? Hot or cold matter)
- Maybe even antiAlpha Atomcule





Muonic Hydrogenlike Atoms

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Production of muon-meson atoms in ultrarelativistic heavy-ion collisions

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Ultrarelativistic heavy-ion collisions should produce hydrogen-atom-like Coulomb bound states of muons and mesons. Such atoms could provide a convenient way to measure the muon momentum distribution. We estimate the production rate of pion-muon atoms expected from heavy-ion colliders.

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Soft leptons produced in the early evolution of an ultrarelativistic heavy-ion collision are a potentially important probe of the collision volume. It is difficult to measure the spectrum of directly produced soft leptons because of the large number of charged particles created in the collision and the need to separate the directly produced leptons from those arising from hadronic decays. However, it has been suggested [1] that the detection of muon-meson atoms, consisting of a muon electromagnetically bound to a π or K meson, provides a method to study the soft lepton spectrum. With magnetic analysis, such neutral atoms can be readily separated from the large flux of charged particles [2]. On the other hand, π - π and K - K atoms annihilate long before detection, and muons produced by most weak hadronic decays are not captured by directly produced mesons to form atoms because they are generally made too late in the evolution of the collision. Pion-muon atoms provide a sample of muons of transverse momentum below 1 GeV/c, a momentum range otherwise experimentally inaccessible due to contamination by muons from hadronic decays and difficulties in particle identification. Measurements in this range are capable of probing thermal electromagnetic emission processes in an initial plasma with a temperature ~ 200 MeV.

$m_{\text{red}} = (m_1^{-1} + m_2^{-1})^{-1}$ is the reduced mass for the relative motion of the constituents (of masses m_1 and m_2). A π - μ atom is ≈ 450 fm in radius, and a K - μ atom ≈ 250 fm. Consequently, atom formation occurs well after freeze-out through coalescence of particles sufficiently close in phase space, and is sensitive only to the particle distributions at freeze-out.

Other atoms such as K - μ , π - π , and K - π will be produced in heavy-ion collisions in addition to π - μ . As probes of the muon spectrum, K - μ atoms are less effective than π - μ atoms, because K - μ atoms primarily include muons only of small transverse momenta. To form a K - μ atom, the kaon must have a transverse momentum larger than that of the muon by a factor m_K/m_μ , and thus the transverse-momentum fraction of the muons is $\approx \frac{1}{6}$ that of K - μ atom. On the other hand, the constituents of π - μ atoms have comparable masses and thus are formed from mesons of comparable transverse momenta. π - π and K - π atoms are of less interest as they contain no leptons. We calculate here only the production rate for π - μ atoms, although the calculation is readily extended to other types of atoms.

In a hydrogenic atom, the relative velocity v_{rel} of the two constituents is $\alpha c/n$, the Bohr velocity, where n is the principal quantum number ($=1$ in the ground state)

Hydrogenlike atoms from ultrarelativistic nuclear collisions

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The number of hydrogenlike atoms produced when heavy nuclei collide is estimated for central collisions at the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider using the sudden approximation of Baym *et al.* As first suggested by Schwartz, a simultaneous measurement of the hydrogen and hadron spectra will allow an inference of the electron or muon spectra at low momentum where a direct experimental measurement is not feasible. [S0556-2813(99)03605-5]

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Measurement of the Rate of Formation of Pi-Mu Atoms in K_L^0 Decay

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Hydrogenlike atoms consisting of a pion and a muon can be formed in $K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi\mu\nu$ decays. In an intense, high-energy K_L^0 beam, 320 pi-mu atoms were detected and simultaneously the K_L^0 flux was monitored by recording ordinary $K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi\mu\nu$ decays. The first measurement is reported of the branching ratio $R = \Gamma(K_L^0 \rightarrow \text{pi-mu atom} + \nu) / \Gamma(K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi\mu\nu) = (3.88 \pm 0.41) \times 10^{-7}$, using a subset of 155 atoms. This ratio may be sensitive to anomalous interactions between the pion and the muon. In the absence of such interactions, theory predicts $R = (4.43 \pm 0.12) \times 10^{-7}$.

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•Exciting possible new discoveries:

K- μ atoms;

antimatter muonic hydrogen: \bar{p} - μ^+

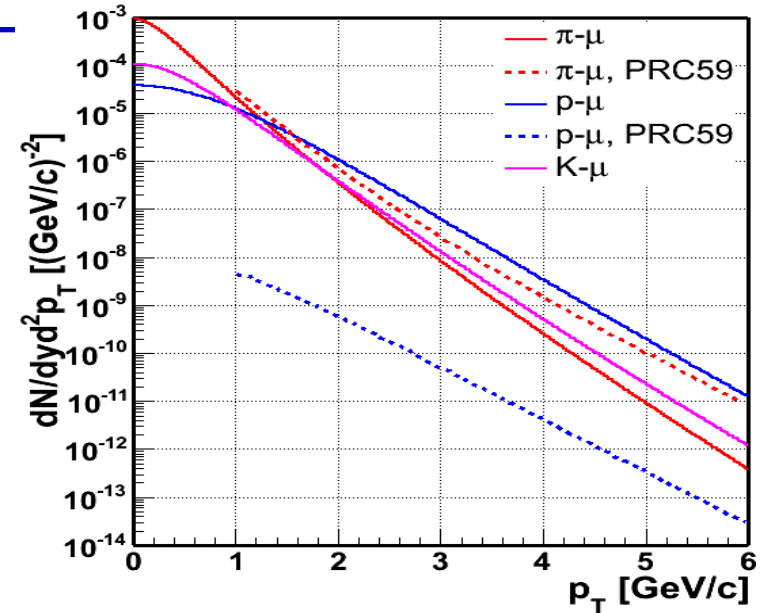
•Direct measure of single lepton spectrum from thermal radiation

$$\frac{dN_{\text{atom}}}{dyd^2p_{\perp,\text{atom}}} = 8\pi^2\zeta(3)\alpha^3 m_{\text{red}}^2 \frac{dN_h}{dyd^2p_{\perp,h}} \frac{dN_l}{dyd^2p_{\perp,l}}. \quad (1)$$



Rate Estimates

- Muon PID using TOF/TPC/MTD
- the antimatter muonic hydrogen:
>1000 candidates in 500M central events
- MTD trigger for π - μ high-pt atoms with single TPC sector readout



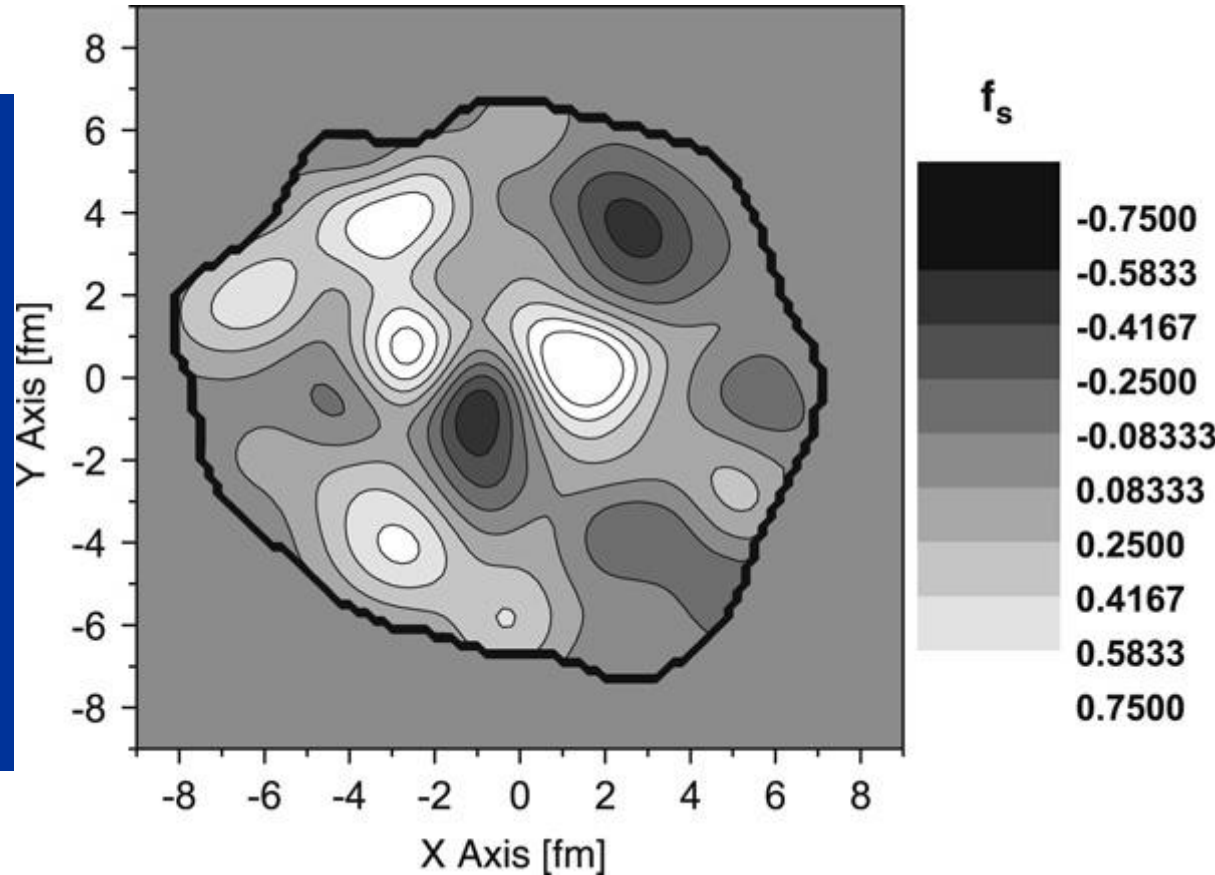
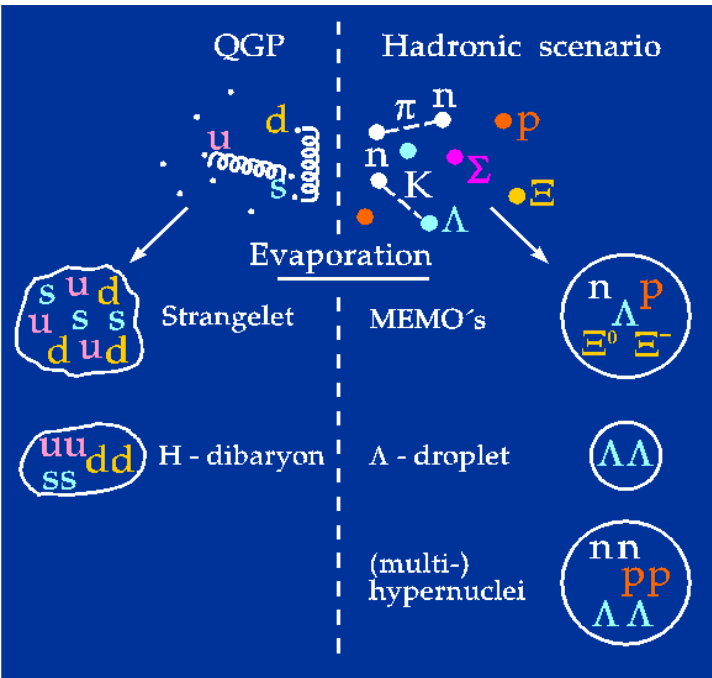
Atom	μ pt (GeV/c)	Hadron pt	Atom pt	dN/dy
π - μ	[0.17,0.3]	[0.22,0.4]	[0.39,0.7]	3e-4
K- μ	[0.17,0.3]	[0.8,1.4]	[0.97,1.7]	3e-5
ρ - μ	[0.17,0.3]	[1.5,2.7]	[1.7,3.0]	1e-5
π - μ	>1.5	>2	>3.5	1e-8



Conclusion and Outlook

- ◆ ${}^3_{\Lambda}\bar{\text{H}}$ has been **observed** for 1st time; significance $\sim 4\sigma$.
- ◆ Discovery of antimatter Helium-4
- ◆ ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H} \rightarrow d+p+\pi$ channel measurement: d and \bar{d} via ToF.
- ◆ Search for other hypernucleus: ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$, double Λ -hypernucleus.
- ◆ heavier antinuclei, antinucleus atomcules, muonic hydrogen
- ◆ **RHIC: best antimatter machine**

Strangeness Fluctuation



UrQMD E-by-E Distribution of the strangeness to baryon fraction in the transverse plane (z=0 fm).

Jan Steinheimer, Horst Stoecker, Ingo Augustin, Anton Andronic, Takehiko Saito, Peter Senger,
 Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics 62 (2009) 313317
 J. Steinheimer: SQM09



Yields as a measure of

Density Fluctuation

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probability $F_d(\mathbf{p})$, which is determined by the deuteron internal wave function ψ_d and the spatial distribution functions D_p and D_n through eq. (9). If the \mathbf{k} -dependences of $P_p(\mathbf{k})$ and $P_n(\mathbf{k})$ are weak compared with the \mathbf{p} -dependence of $F_d(\mathbf{p})$, eq. (8) becomes equivalent to eq. (1) for $Z = N = 1$ with

$$\frac{4}{3} \pi p_0^3 = \int d\mathbf{p} F_d(\mathbf{p}). \quad (10)$$

Using eq. (9), one can express the coalescence volume in terms of ψ_d, D_p and D_n as

$$\frac{4}{3} \pi p_0^3 = 2^3 \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot (2\pi)^3 \int d\mathbf{r} |\psi_d(\mathbf{r})|^2 D_2(\mathbf{r}), \quad D_2(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \int d\mathbf{r}' D_p(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') D_n(\mathbf{r}'). \quad (11,12)$$

$D_2(\mathbf{r})$ gives the distribution of the p-n relative coordinate in the HX and is closely related to the interaction volume introduced by Mekjian [6]. In fact, if the spatial size of the internal wave function ψ_d is much smaller than that of the HX, then eq. (11) gives

$$\frac{4}{3} \pi p_0^3 \simeq 2^3 \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot (2\pi)^3 D_2(0). \quad \text{A=2} \rightarrow \text{Baryon density } \langle \rho_B \rangle \quad (13)$$

$D_2(0)$ thus corresponds to the inverse of the interaction volume. In the actual situation, however, the size of the deuteron is comparable to that of the HX and therefore one has to use eq. (11) to relate the coalescence volume with the spatial size of the HX.

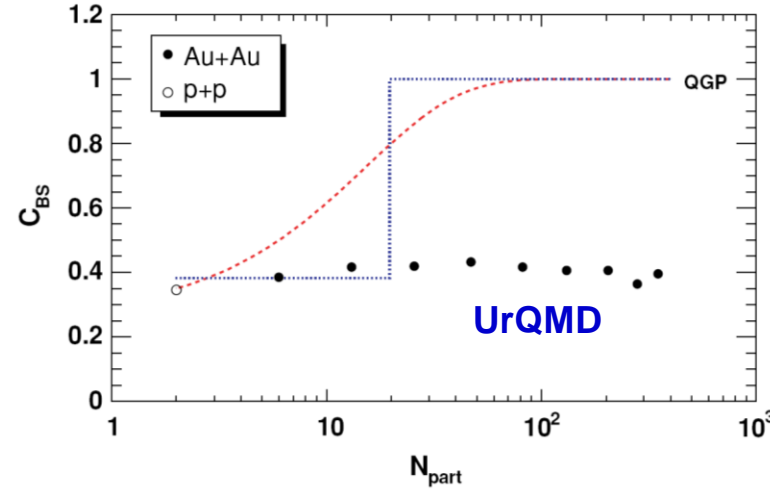
Expressions analogous to eqs. (8–10) can be obtained for the other composite particles such as ^3H , ^3He and ^4He . In the case of triton (^3H) one gets

$$P(1, \mathbf{p}; \mathbf{k}) = \int d\mathbf{p}_1 d\mathbf{p}_2 F_t(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2) P_p(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{p}_1) P_n(\mathbf{k} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2) P_n(\mathbf{k} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2), \quad (14)$$

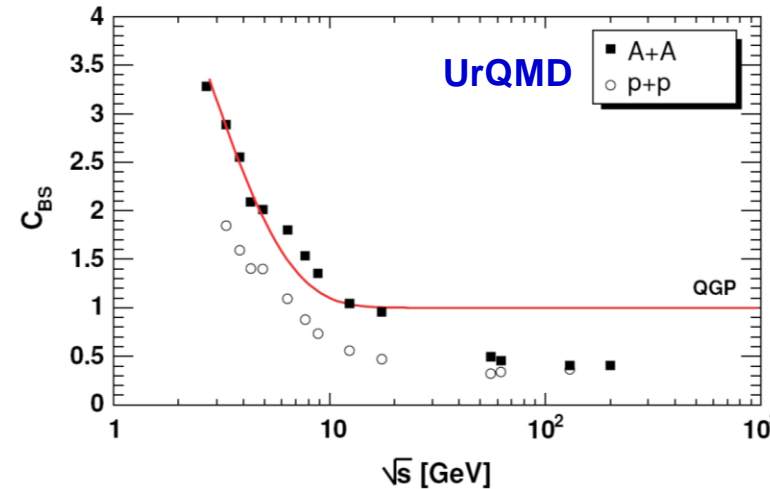
$$F_t(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2) = 3^3 \cdot \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{d\mathbf{q}_1 d\mathbf{q}_2}{(2\pi)^6} \tilde{\psi}_t^*(\mathbf{p}_1 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{p}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{q}_2) \tilde{\psi}_t(\mathbf{p}_1 - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{p}_2 - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{q}_2) \times \tilde{D}_p(\mathbf{q}_1) \tilde{D}_n(-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2) \tilde{D}_n(-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{q}_2), \quad (15)$$

where $\tilde{\psi}_t$ is the Fourier transform of the triton internal wave function ψ_t . The coalescence volume is related to F_t as

$$\frac{1}{2} (\frac{4}{3} \pi p_0^3)^2 = \int d\mathbf{p}_1 d\mathbf{p}_2 F_t(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2). \quad \text{A=3} \rightarrow \langle \rho_B^2 \rangle; \langle \rho_A \rho_B \rangle \quad (16)$$



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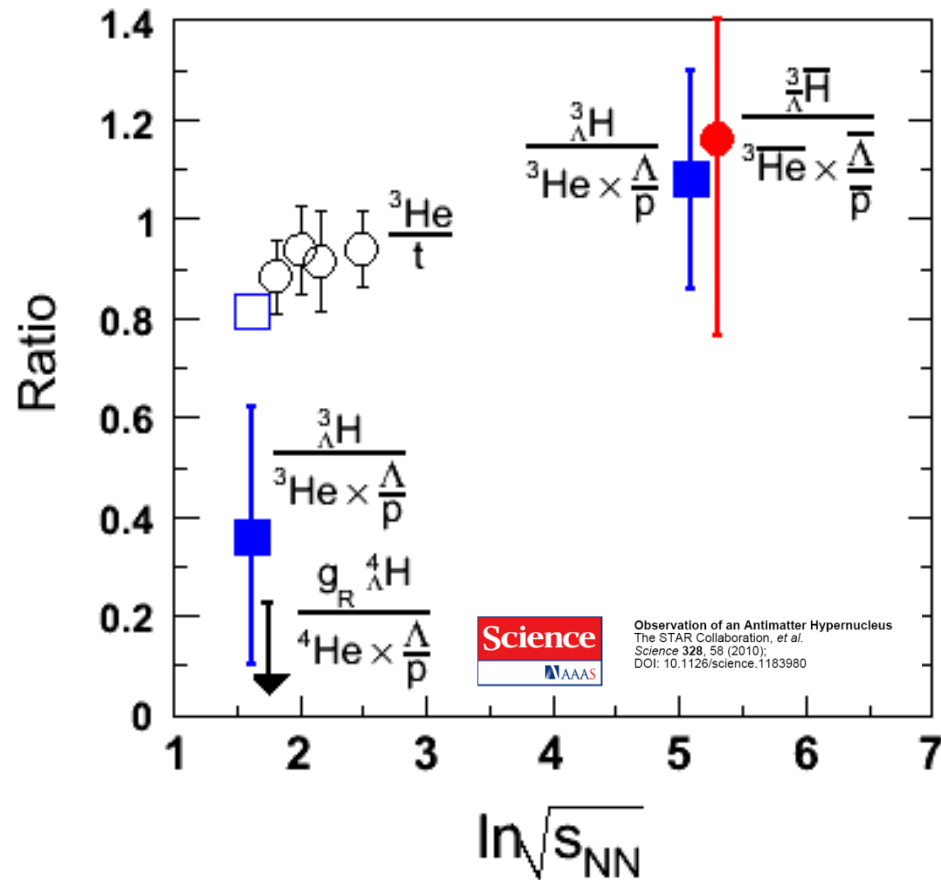


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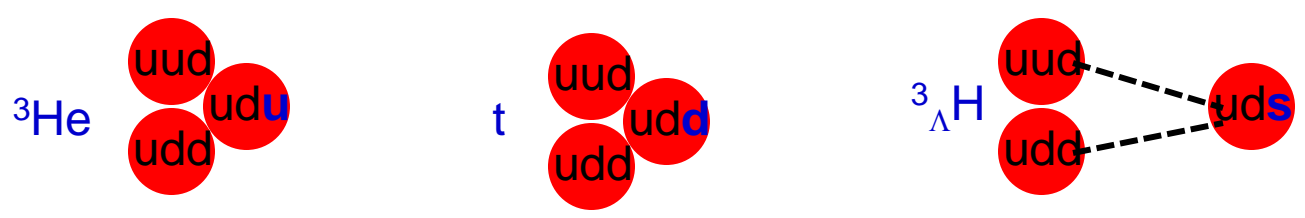
measurements related to local (strangeness baryon)-baryon correlation

Simulations of (all strangeness)—(all baryon) correlation

$(^3\text{He}, t, ^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}) \rightarrow (u, d, s)$



- $A=3$, a **simple** and **perfect** system
9 valence quarks,
 $(^3\text{He}, t, ^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}) \rightarrow (u, d, s) + 4u + 4d$
- Ratio measures **Lambda-nucleon** correlation
- RHIC: Lambda-nucleon similar phase space
- AGS: systematically lower than RHIC
- ➔ Strangeness phase-space equilibrium
- $^3\text{He}/t$ measures **charge-baryon** correlation

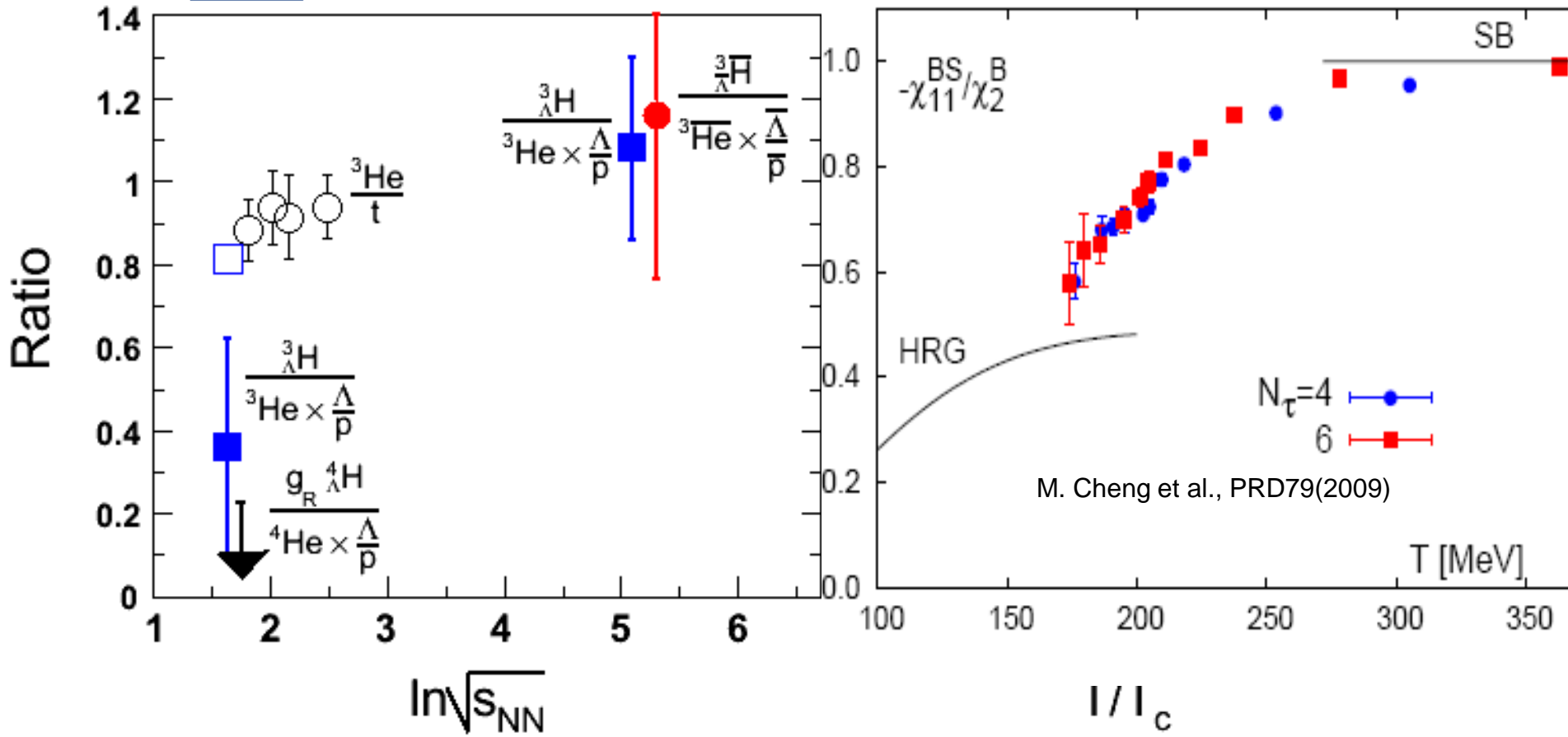




${}^3\Lambda\text{H}/{}^3\text{He}$: Primordial Λ -B correlation



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 The STAR Collaboration, et al.
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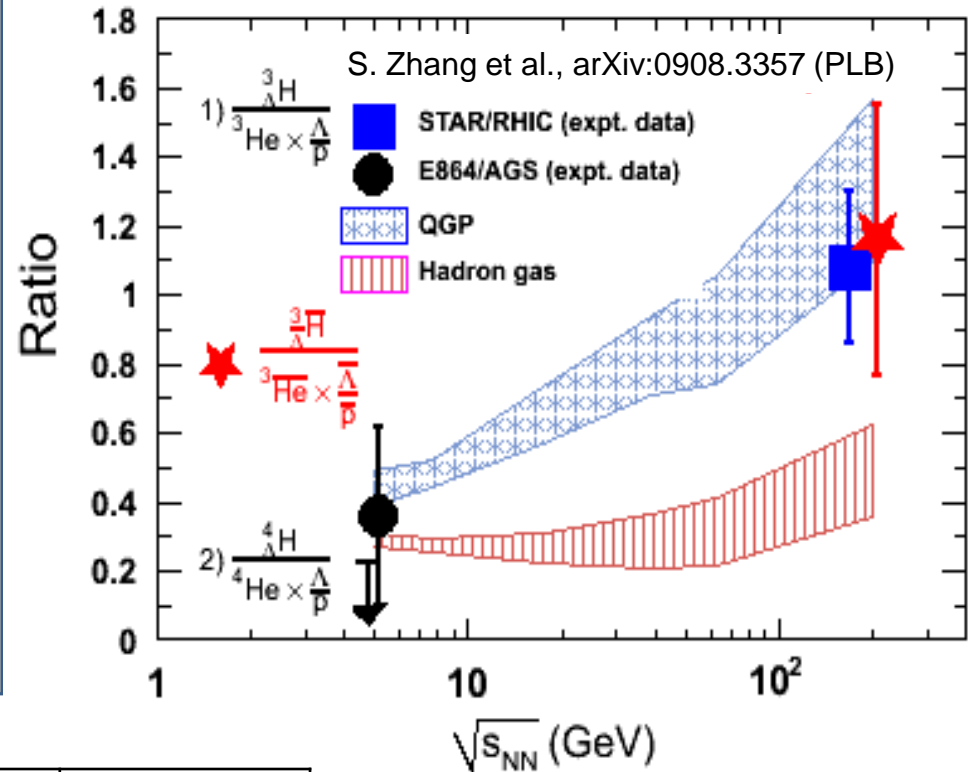
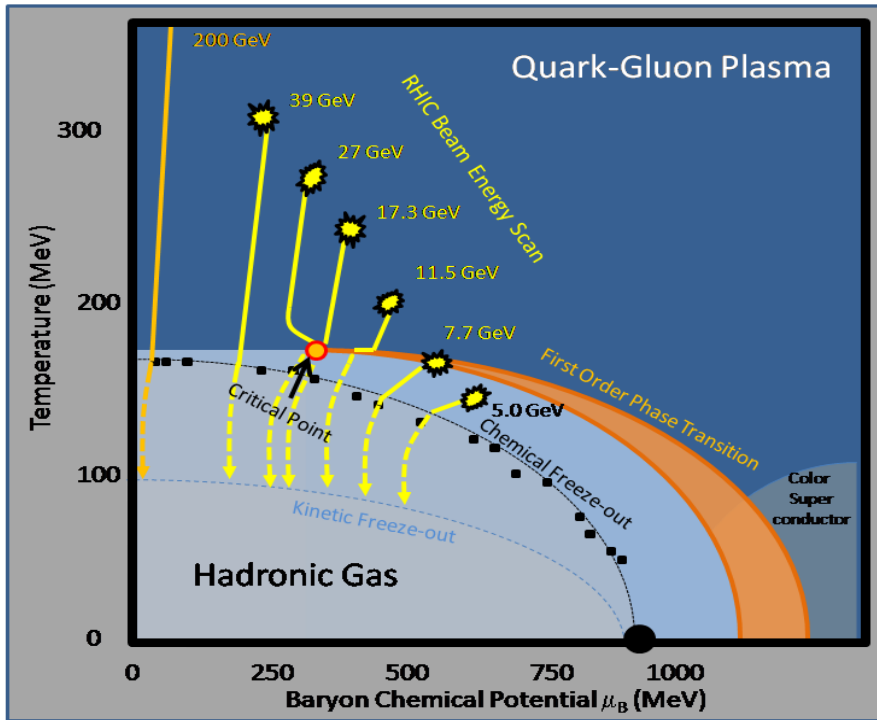
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Lattice Simulations of (all strangeness)—(all baryon) correlation at zero chemical potential



Energy scan to establish the trend



Beam energy	200(30—200) GeV	~17 (10—30) GeV	~5 (5-10) GeV
Minbias events# (5σ)	300M	~10—100M	~1—10M
Penalty factor	1448	368	48
${}^3\text{He}$ invariant yields	1.6×10^{-6}	2×10^{-4}	0.01
${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}/{}^3\text{He}$ assumed	1.0	0.3	0.05

Hypertriton only
STAR: DAQ1000+TOF