

DATA ON  
NUCLEUS-NUCLEUS  
COLLISIONS AT HIGH ENERGY

MODELS → STATISTICAL AND  
HYDRODYNAMICAL  
MODELS

PHASE DIAGRAM OF  
STRONGLY INTERACTING MATTER

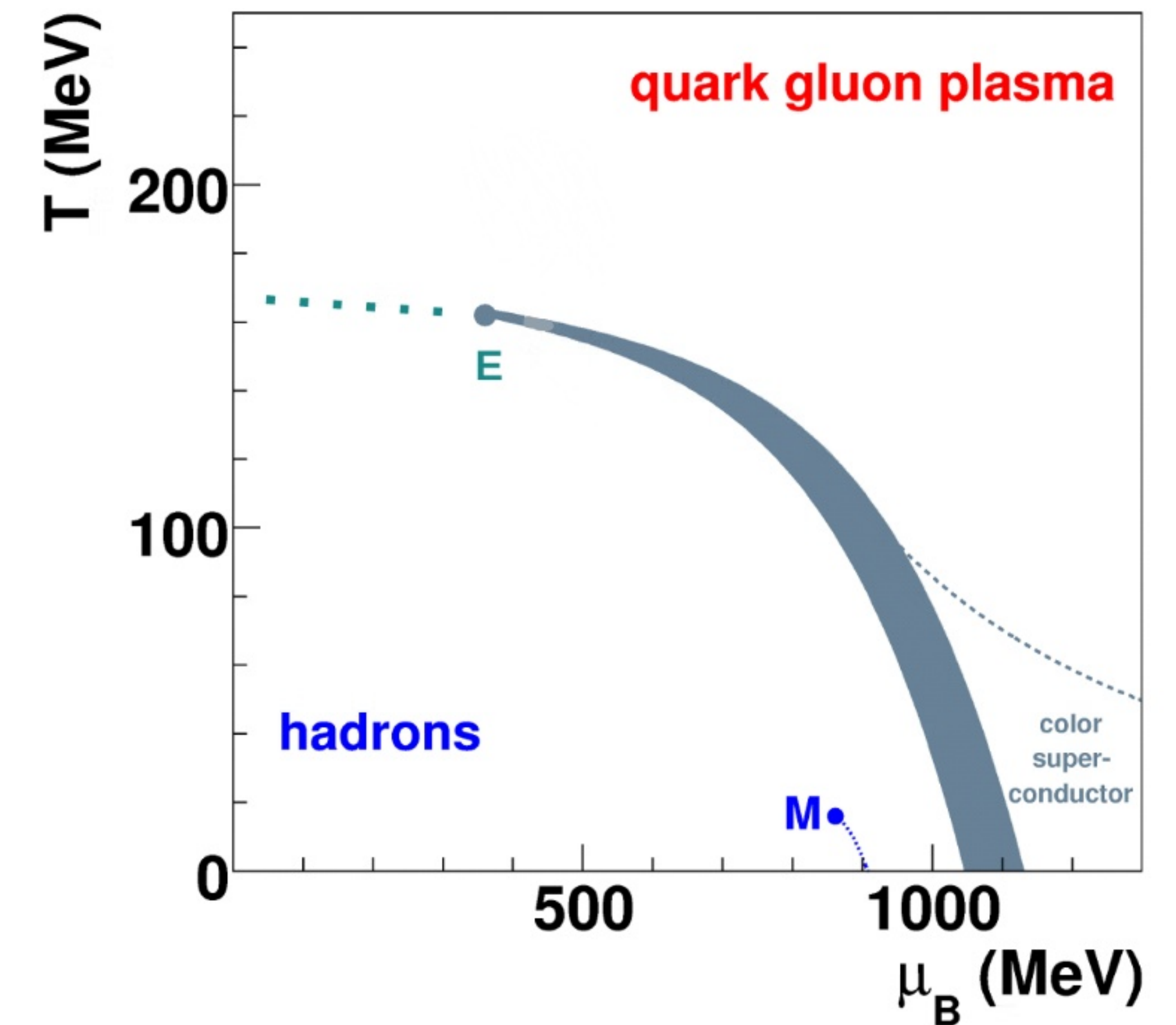
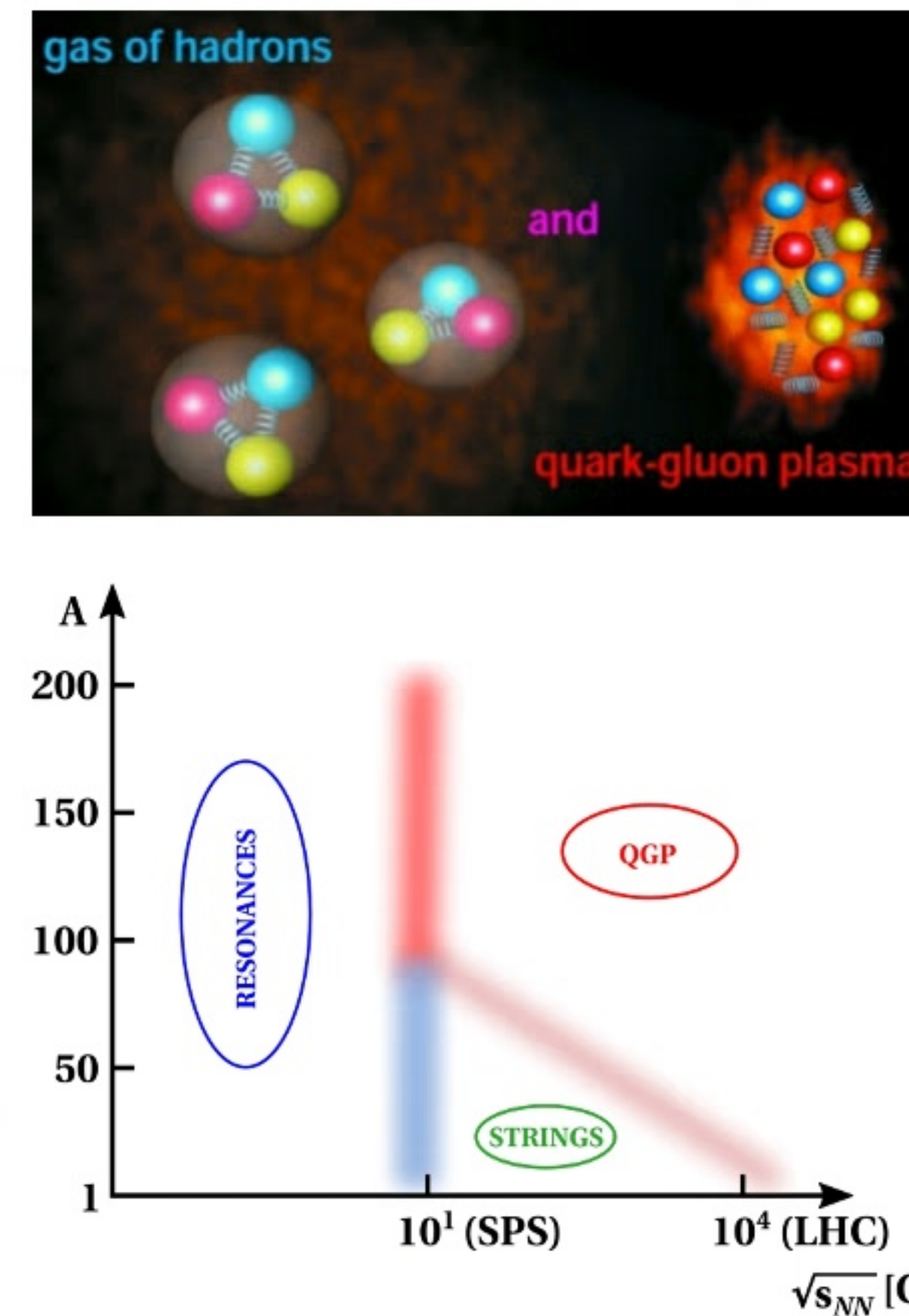
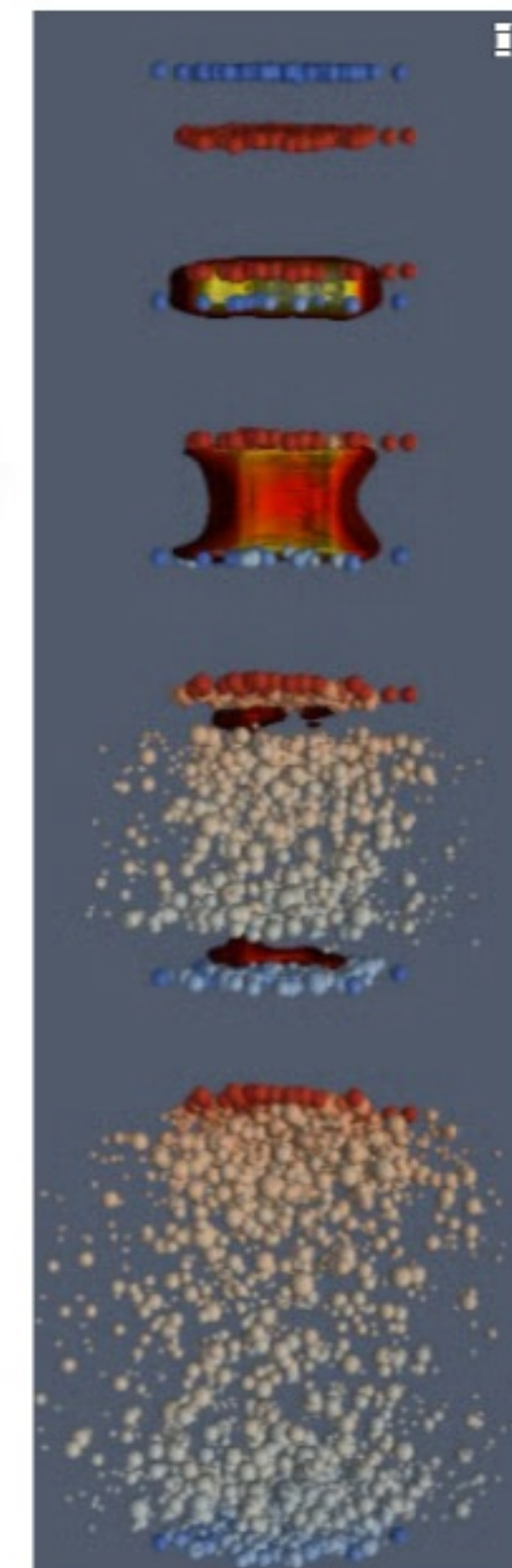
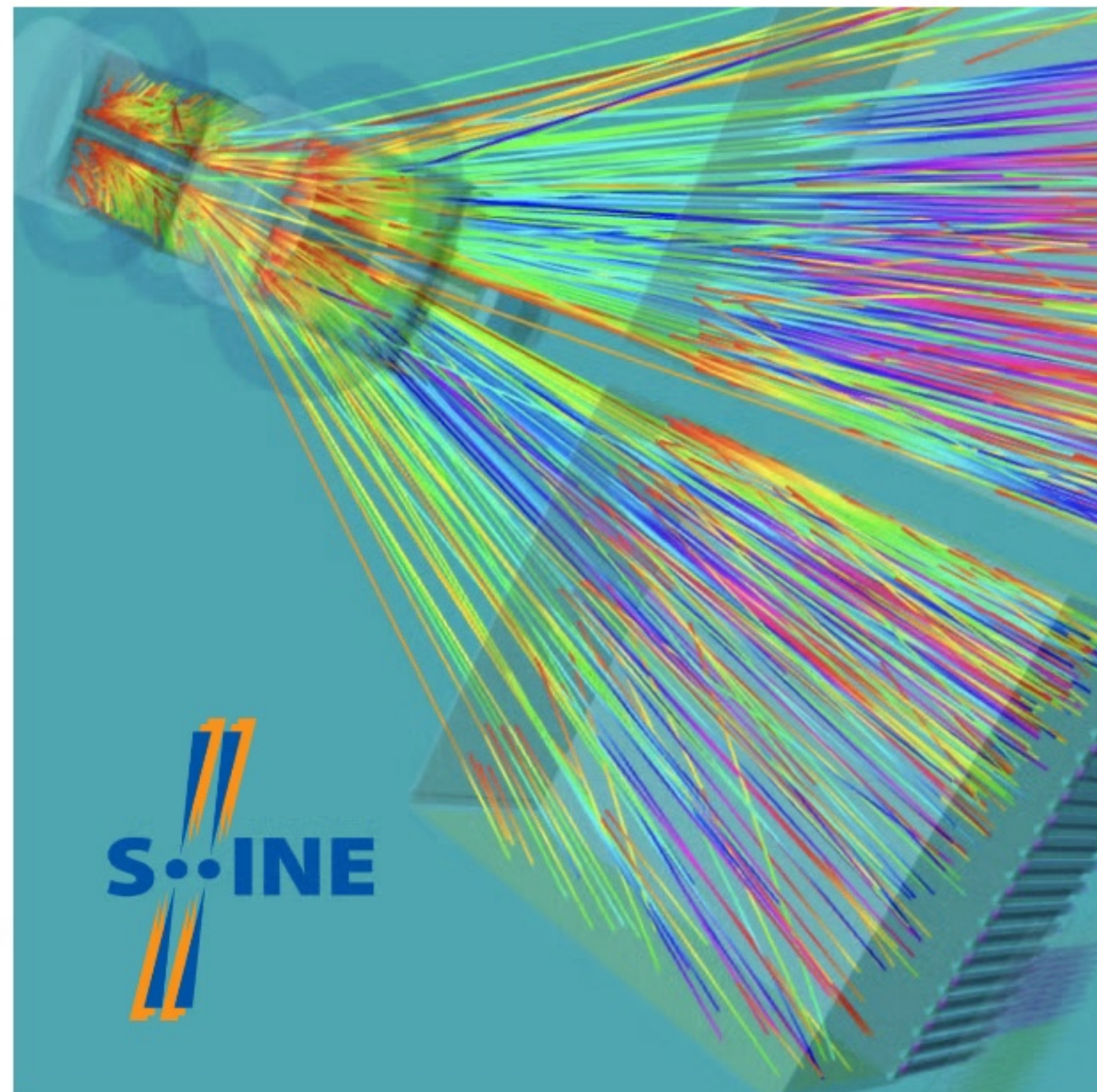


DIAGRAM OF HIGH-ENERGY  
NUCLEAR COLLISIONS



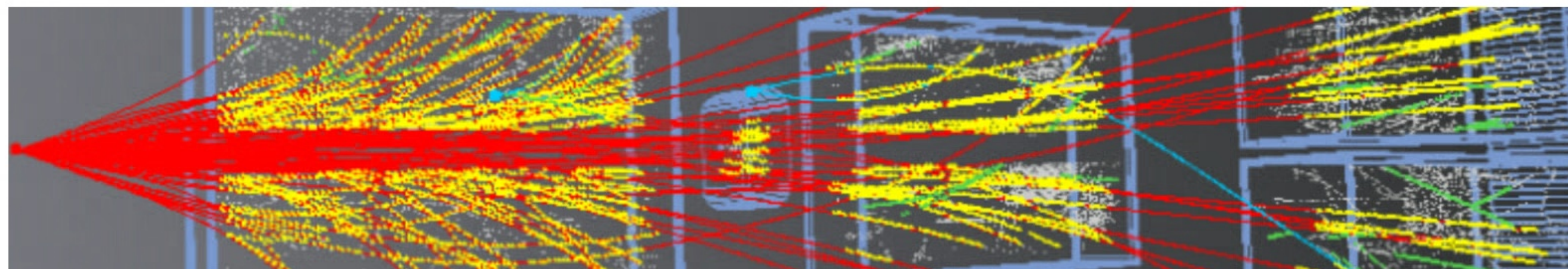
# DIAGRAM OF HIGH-ENERGY NUCLEAR COLLISIONS FROM NA61/SHINE

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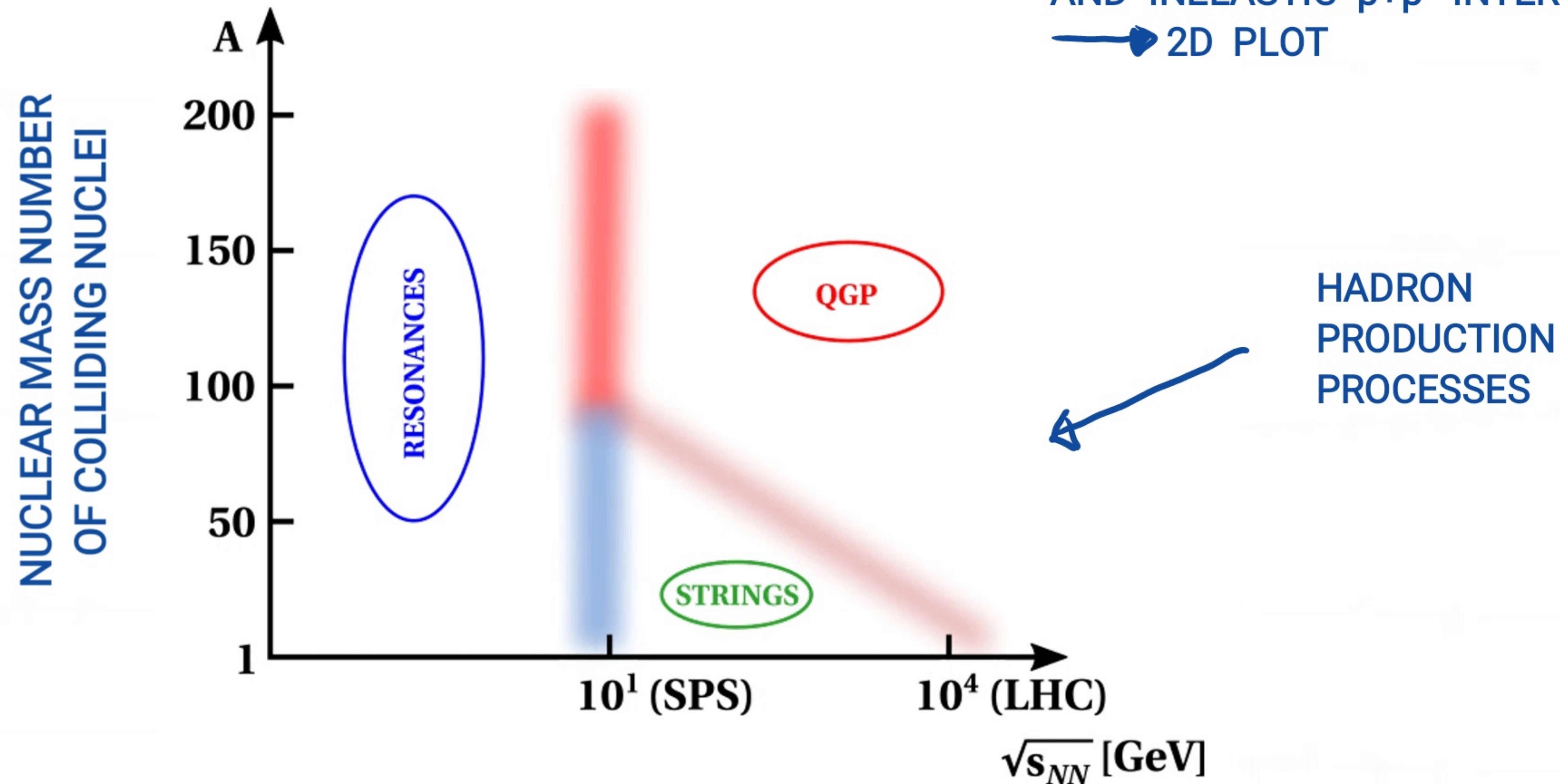


# DEFINITIONS: DIAGRAM OF HIGH-ENERGY NUCLEAR COLLISIONS



CHART SHOWING EXPERIMENTAL CONDITIONS  
(COLLISION ENERGY, NUCLEAR MASS NUMBER, ...)  
AT WHICH DISTINCT HADRON PRODUCTION PROCESSES DOMINATE

THE EXAMPLE DISCUSSED HERE: ONLY CENTRAL A+A COLLISIONS  
AND INELASTIC p+p INTERACTIONS  
→ 2D PLOT







## DEFINITIONS: HADRON PRODUCTION PROCESSES

POPULAR PROCESSES FOR MODELLING HADRON PRODUCTION  
IN PROTON-PROTON AND NUCLEUS-NUCLEUS COLLISIONS:

**RESONANCES** - CREATION, EVOLUTION AND DECAYS OF RESONANCES  
- EXCITED STATES OF STABLE HADRONS

**STRINGS** - FORMATION, EVOLUTION AND FRAGMENTATION OF STRINGS  
- GLUON-FLUX TUBES BETWEEN A PAIR OF COLOUR CHARGES

**QGP** - CREATION, EVOLUTION AND HADRONISATION OF QUARK-GLUON PLASMA





## DEFINITIONS: QUANTITATIVE MODELS

TWO POPULAR MODELS OF HIGH-ENERGY NUCLEAR COLLISIONS  
COVERING THE DATA RANGE IN COLLISION ENERGY AND NUCLEAR-MASS NUMBER:

**PHSD** ~ INCLUDES RESONANCES, STRINGS AND QGP

CASSING, BRATKOVSKAYA  
NPA 831, 215 (2009)

**SMASH** ~ INCLUDES RESONANCES AND STRINGS

MOHS, RYU, ELFNER  
JPG 47, 065101 (2020)





## DEFINITIONS: EXPERIMENTAL PROBE

THE RATIO OF POSITIVELY-CHARGED KAONS AND PIONS  
MEASURED AT MID-RAPIDITY,

$$K^+/\pi^+$$

- APPROXIMATELY PROPORTIONAL TO THE RATIO OF (ANTI-)STRANGE QUARKS TO ENTROPY
- SENSITIVE TO HADRON-PRODUCTION PROCESSES DUE TO MASS AND NUMBER DIFFERENCES BETWEEN STRANGE AND NON-STRANGE PARTICLES - QUARKS AND GLUONS OR HADRONS

RAFELSKI, MULLER  
PRL 48, 1066 (1982)

MG, GORENSTEIN  
APP B 30, 2705 (1999)

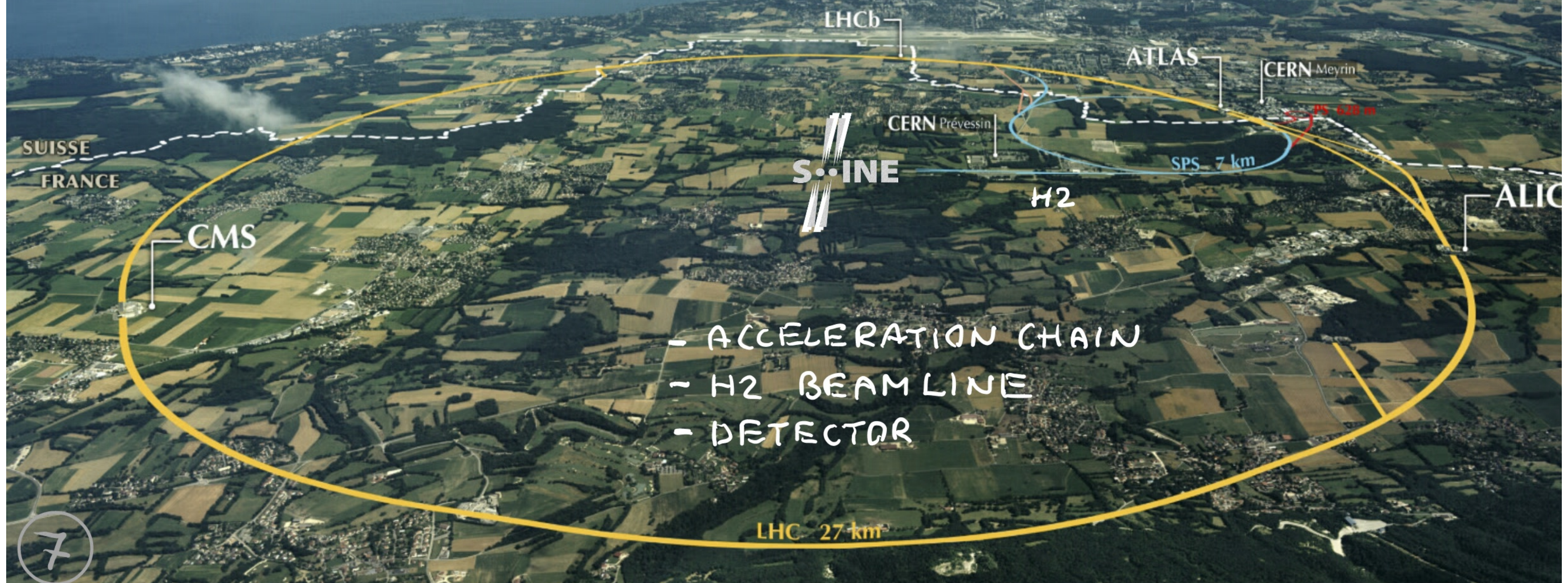
- RICH EXPERIMENTAL DATA IN HIGH-ENERGY NUCLEAR COLLISIONS





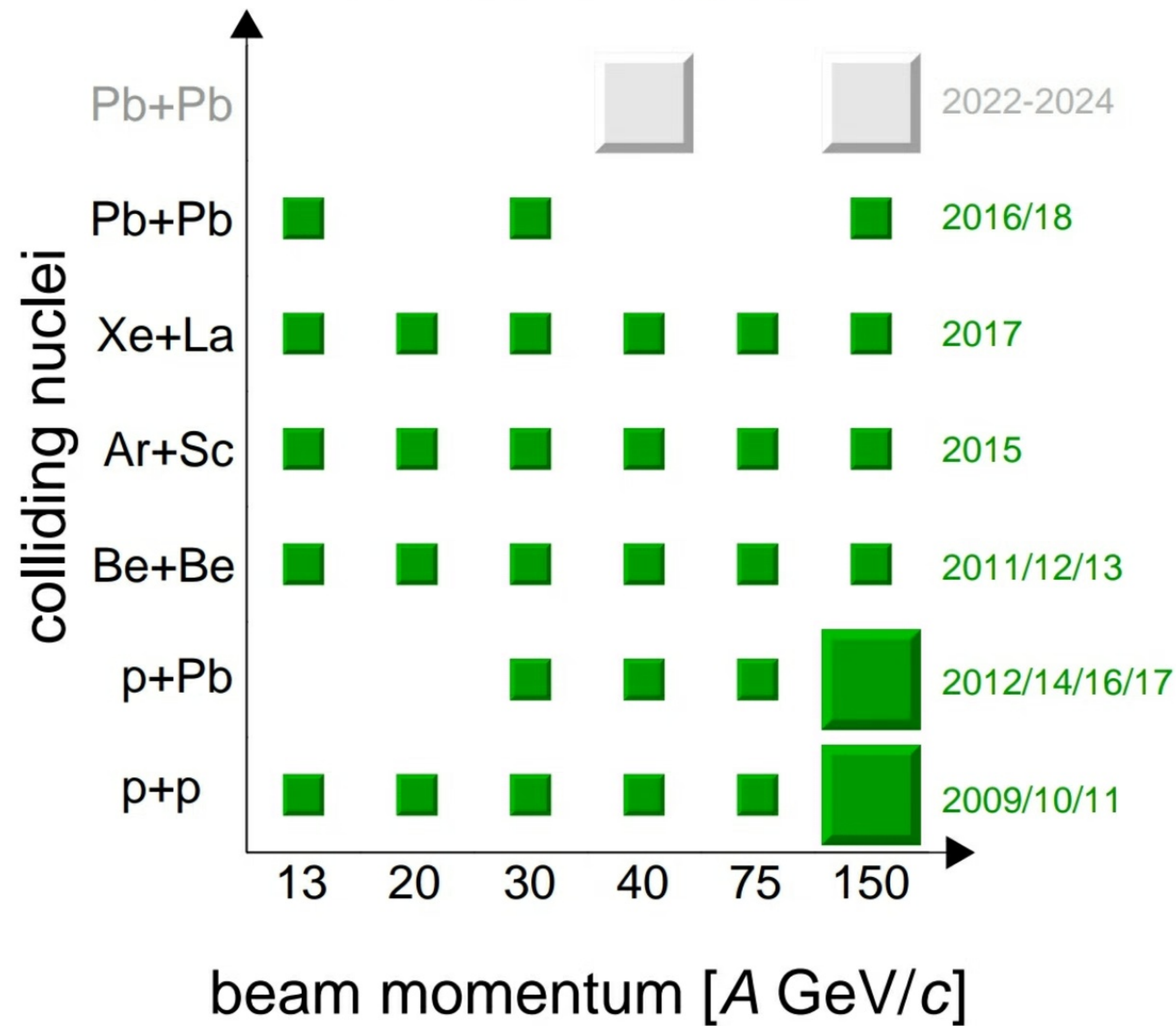
## DEFINITIONS: NA61/SHINE

NA61/SHINE - UNIQUE MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY (JINST 9, P06005, 2014):  
HADRON PRODUCTION IN  $h+p$ ,  $h+A$ ,  $A+A$   
AT 13A - 150A (400) GeV/c





# DEFINITIONS: NA61/SHINE DATA ON HIGH-ENERGY NUCLEAR COLLISIONS

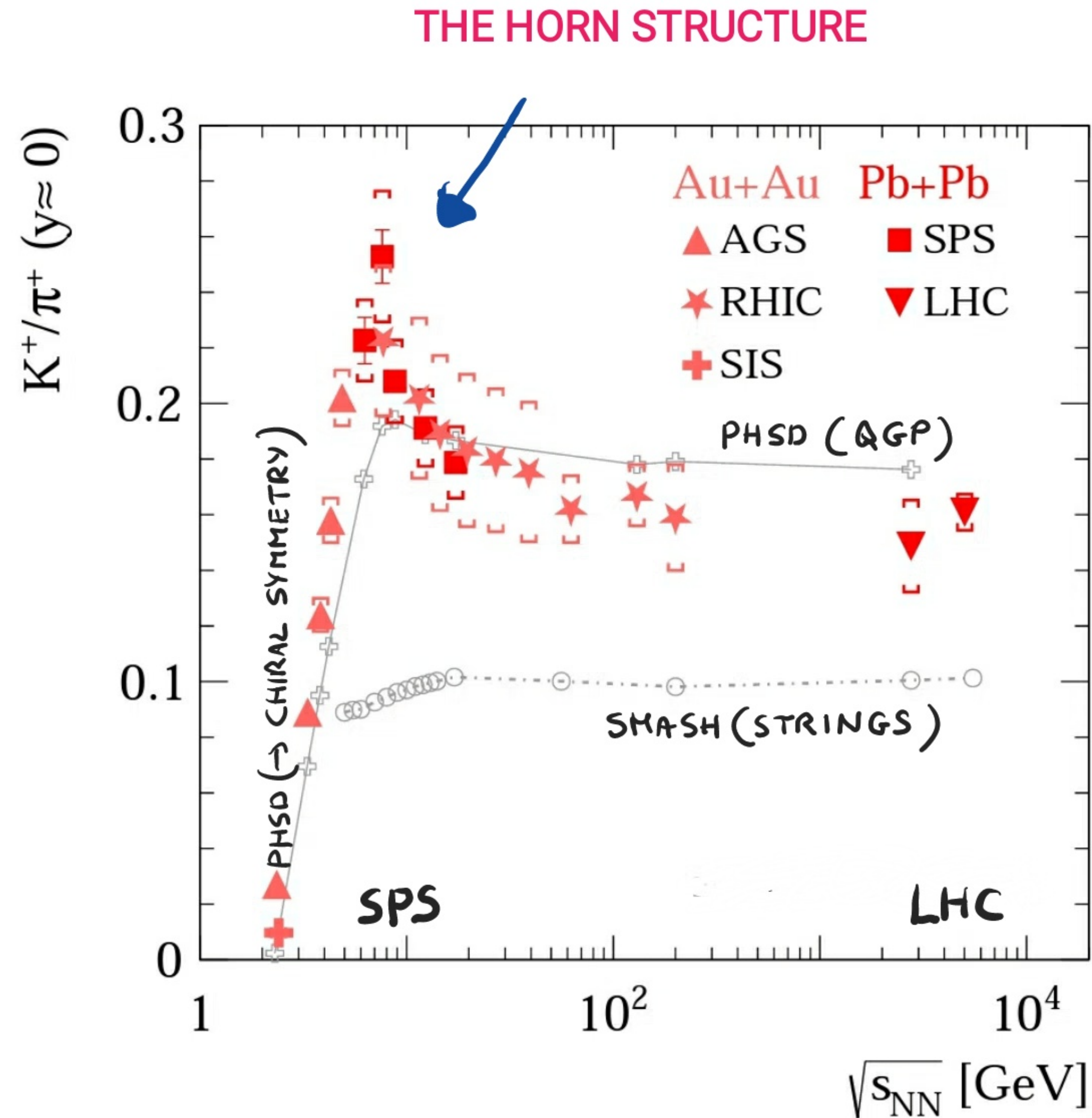


UNIQUE INPUT TO ESTABLISH  
DIAGRAM OF HIGH-ENERGY  
NUCLEAR COLLISIONS

$\sqrt{s_{NN}} \approx 5$   $\longleftrightarrow$  17 GeV



# IDEAS AND DATA: HEAVY-ION COLLISIONS



RESONANCES - QGP CHANGEOVER  
(ONSET OF DECONFINEMENT)

MG, GORENSTEIN  
APP B 30, 2705 (1999)

SUPPORTED BY AGREEMENT OF PHSD  
(DECONFINEMENT + CHIRAL SYMMETRY  
RESTORATION) AND DISAGREEMENT OF  
SMASH (STRINGS)

NA49, PRC 66, 054902

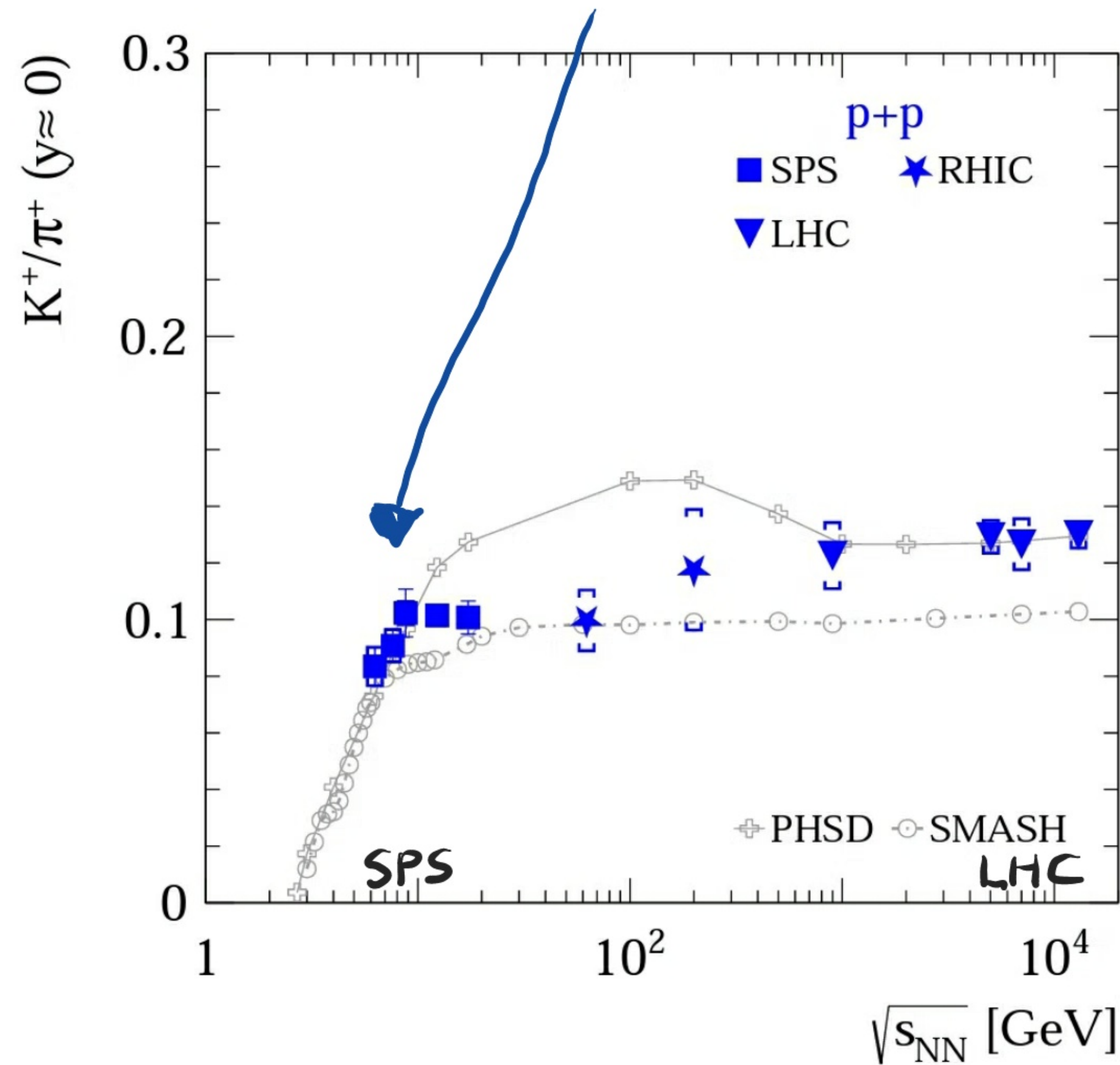


# IDEAS AND DATA: PROTON-PROTON INTERACTIONS

## THE BREAK STRUCTURE



## RESONANCES-STRINGS CHANGEOVER

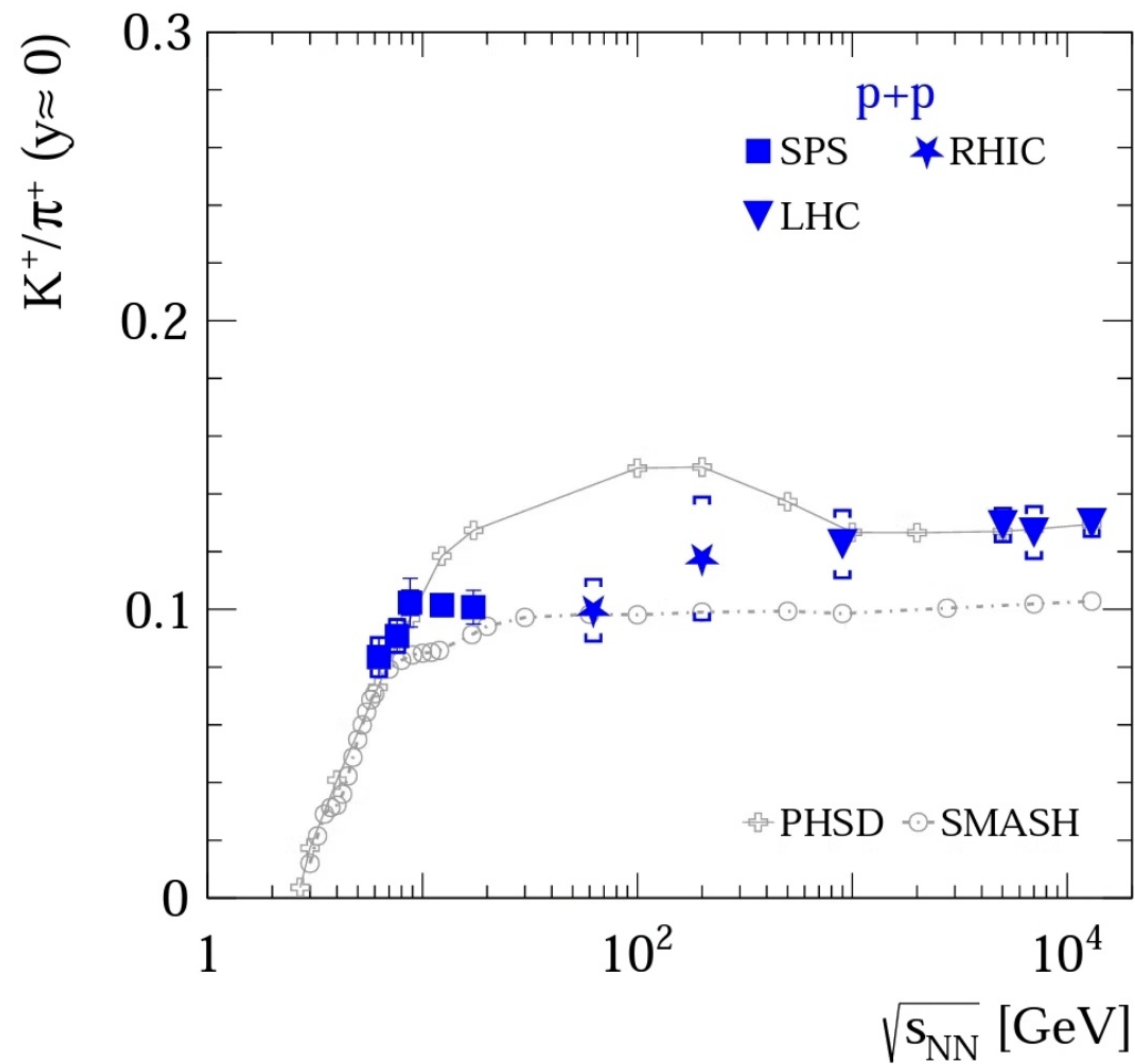
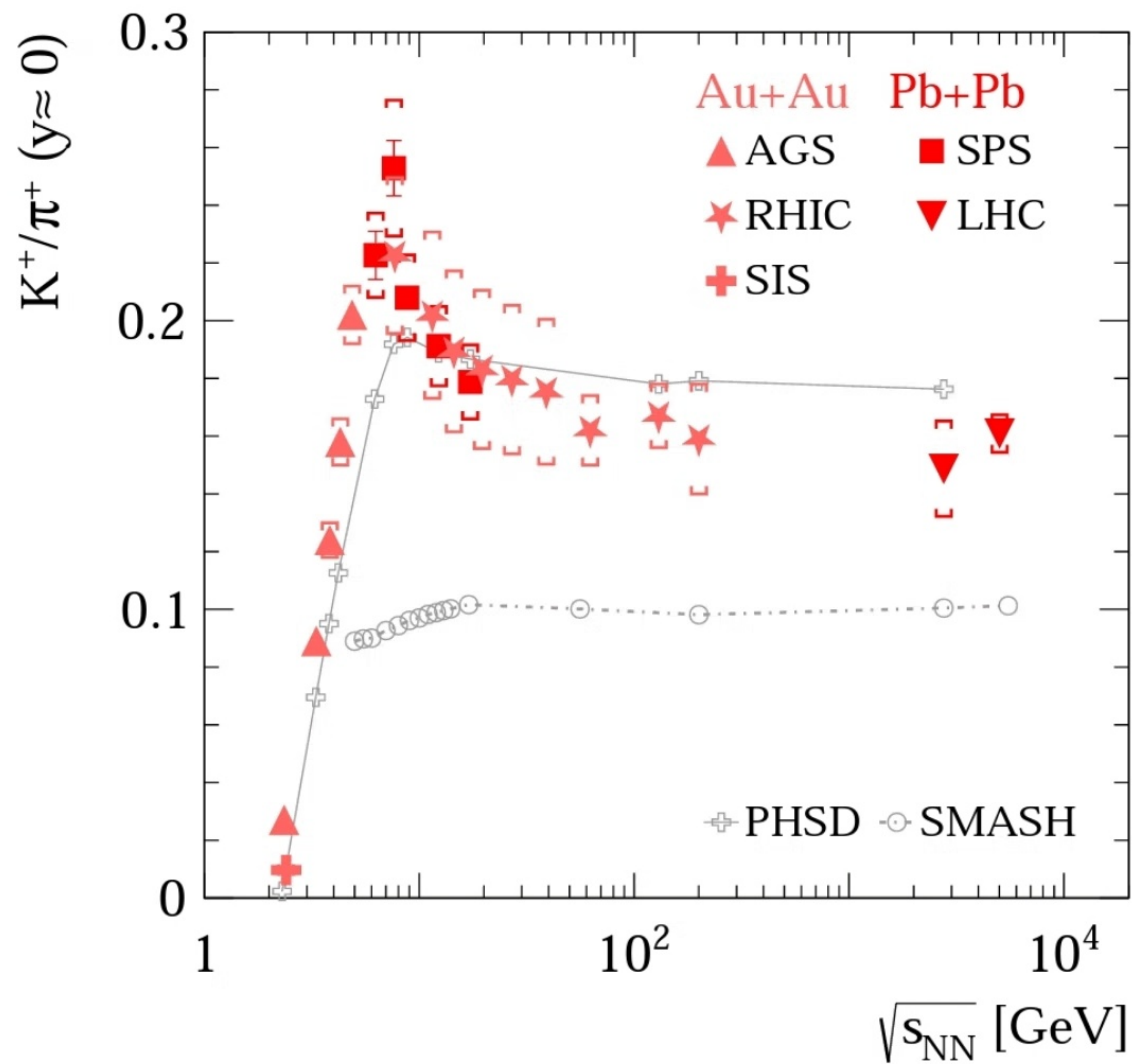


SMASH AND PHSD INCLUDE RESONANCES-STRINGS CHANGEOVER, BUT LOCATE IT AT LOWER ENERGIES (3-4 AND 2.6 GeV)

FOR p+p THE SAME UNDERLYING PHYSICS, BUT DIFFERENT PREDICTIONS OF SMASH AND PHSD



# IDEAS AND DATA: Pb+Pb vs p+p



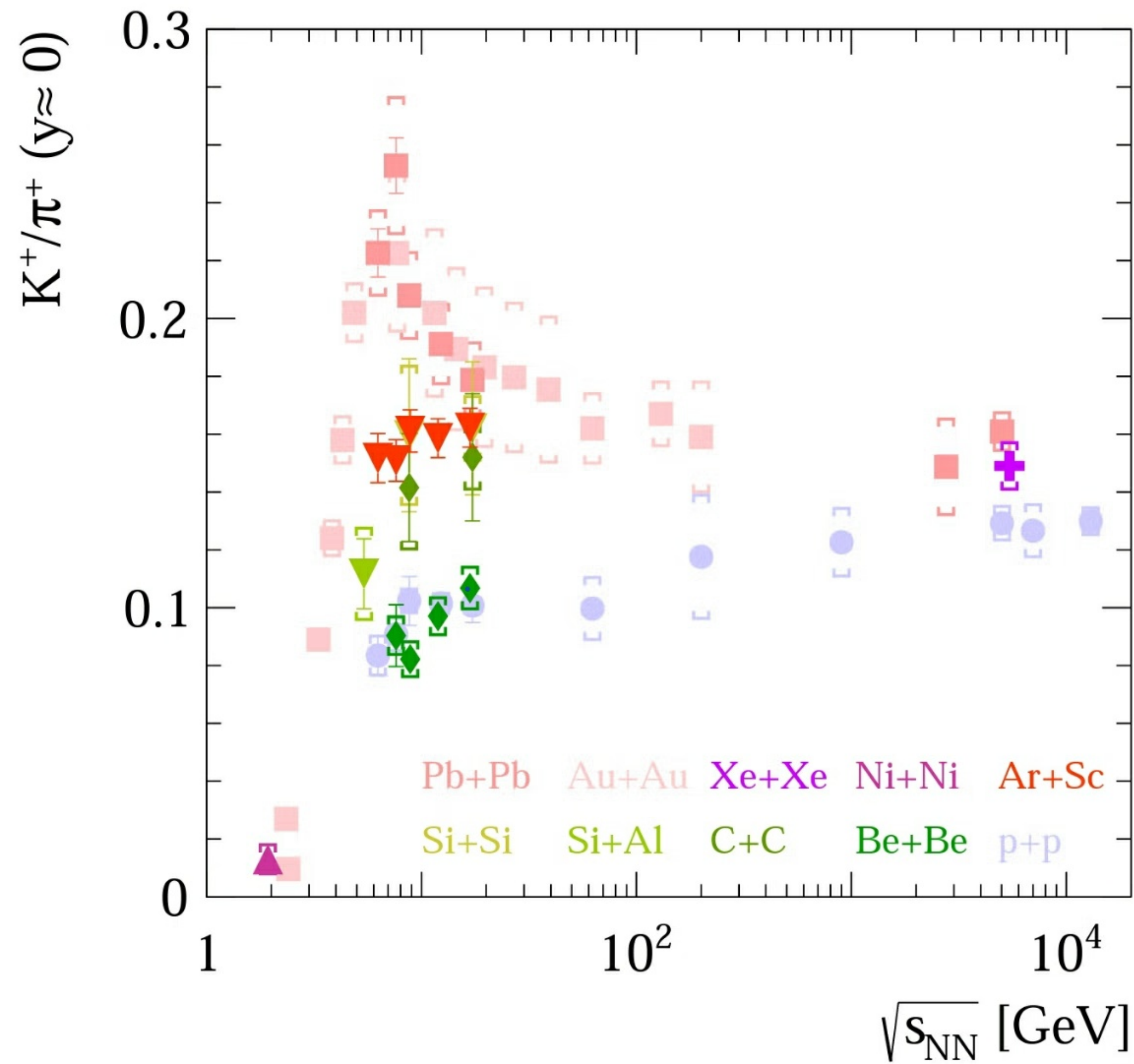
VERY DIFFERENT ENERGY DEPENDENCE

→ COLLISIONS OF INTERMEDIATE-MASS NUCLEI





# IDEAS AND DATA: COLLISIONS OF INTERMEDIATE-MASS NUCLEI



◆ Be + Be  $\approx$  p + p

NA61/SHINE:  
EPJ C80, 961 (2020)  
EPJ C81, 73 (2021)

▼ Ar + Sc  $\approx$  Pb + Pb  
AT THE TOP SPS

NO HORN IN Ar + Sc

NA61/SHINE:  
EPJ C81, 337 (2021)

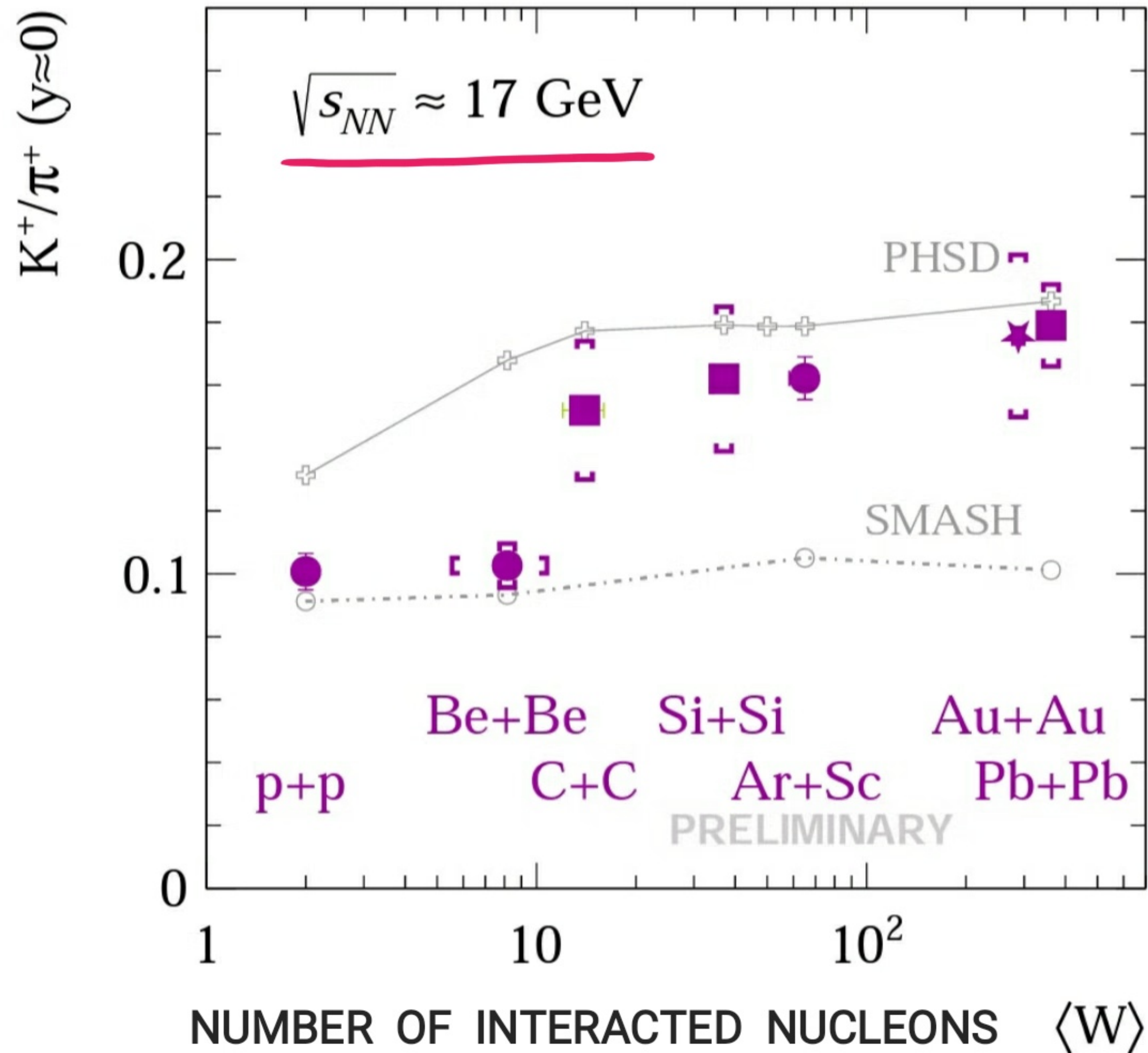
✦ p + p  $\approx$  Xe + Xe  $\approx$  Pb + Pb AT LHC

ALICE  
NATURE PHYS. 13, 535 (2017)

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→ QGP IN p + p AT LHC



# IDEAS AND DATA: COLLISIONS OF INTERMEDIATE MASS NUCLEI



JUMP BETWEEN p + p, Be + Be AND Ar + Sc, Pb + Pb  
AT THE TOP SPS ENERGIES

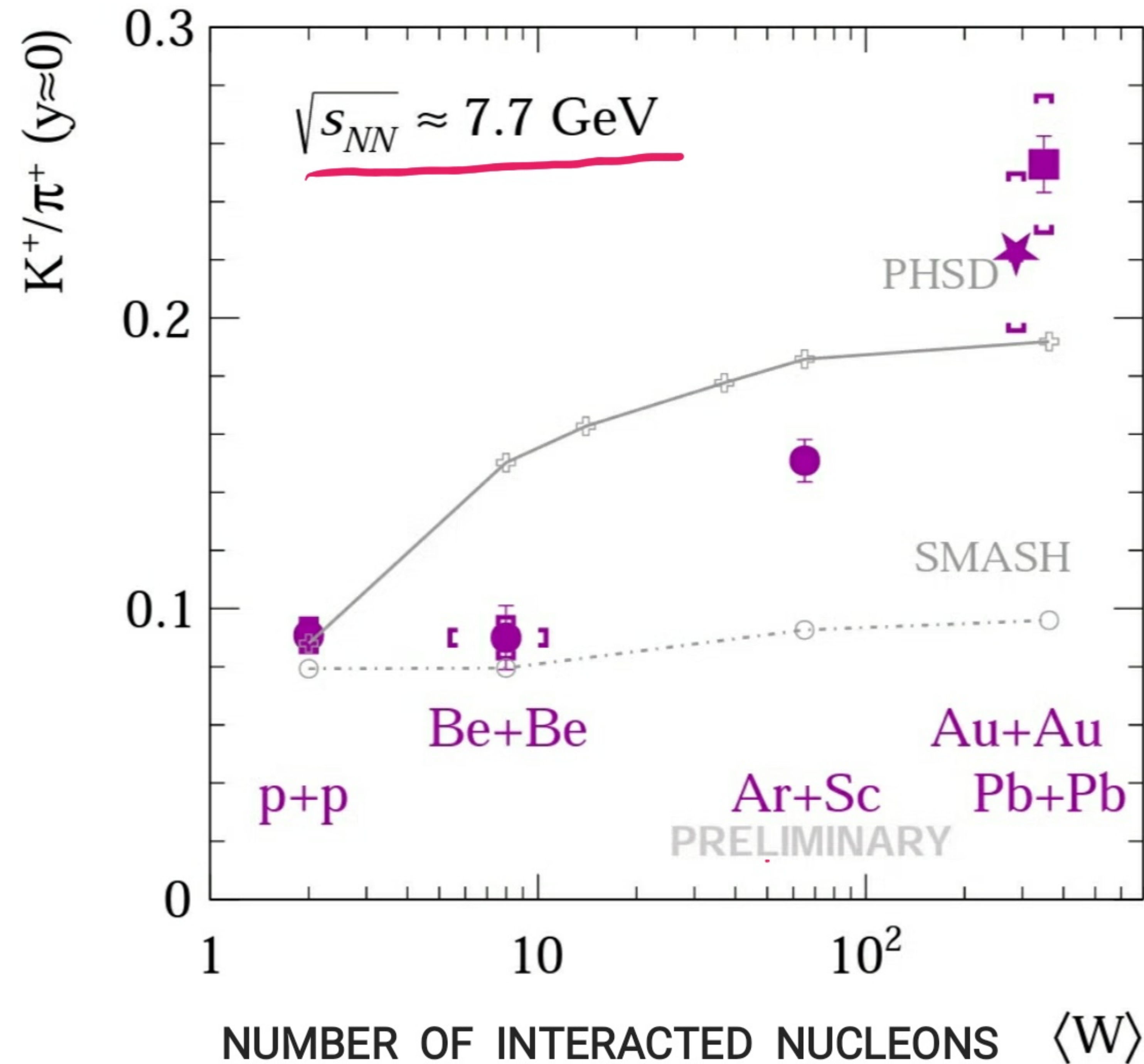
NOT REPRODUCED BY THE MODELS

IDEA: JUMP IS DUE TO STRINGS TO QGP COLLAPSE  
PICTURED AS THE BLACK-HOLE FORMATION USING  
AdS/CFT DUALITY

KALAYDZHYAN, SHURYAK  
PRC 90, 014901 (2014)  
PRD 90, 025031 (2014)



## IDEAS AND DATA: COLLISIONS OF INTERMEDIATE MASS NUCLEI



SMOOTH INCREASE BETWEEN  
Be + Be, Ar + Sc AND Pb + Pb  
AT THE LOW SPS ENERGIES

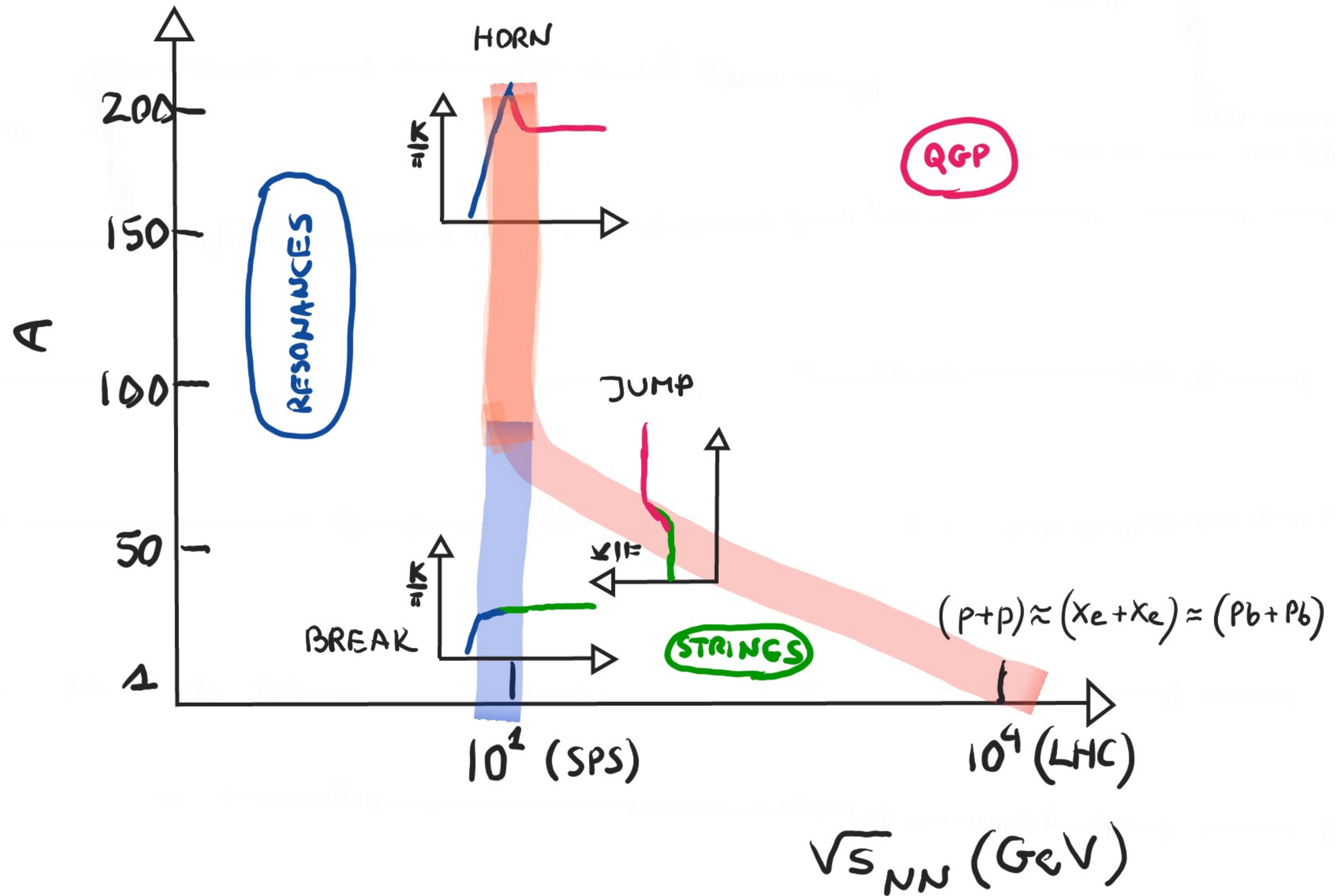
POSSIBLY DUE TO:

- APPROACHING EQUILIBRIUM WITH INCREASING  $\langle W \rangle$  AND SYSTEM LIFE-TIME
- WEAKENING OF CANONICAL STRANGENESS SUPPRESSION WITH INCREASING  $\langle W \rangle$
- INCREASING ROLE OF CHIRAL-SYMMETRY RESTORATION



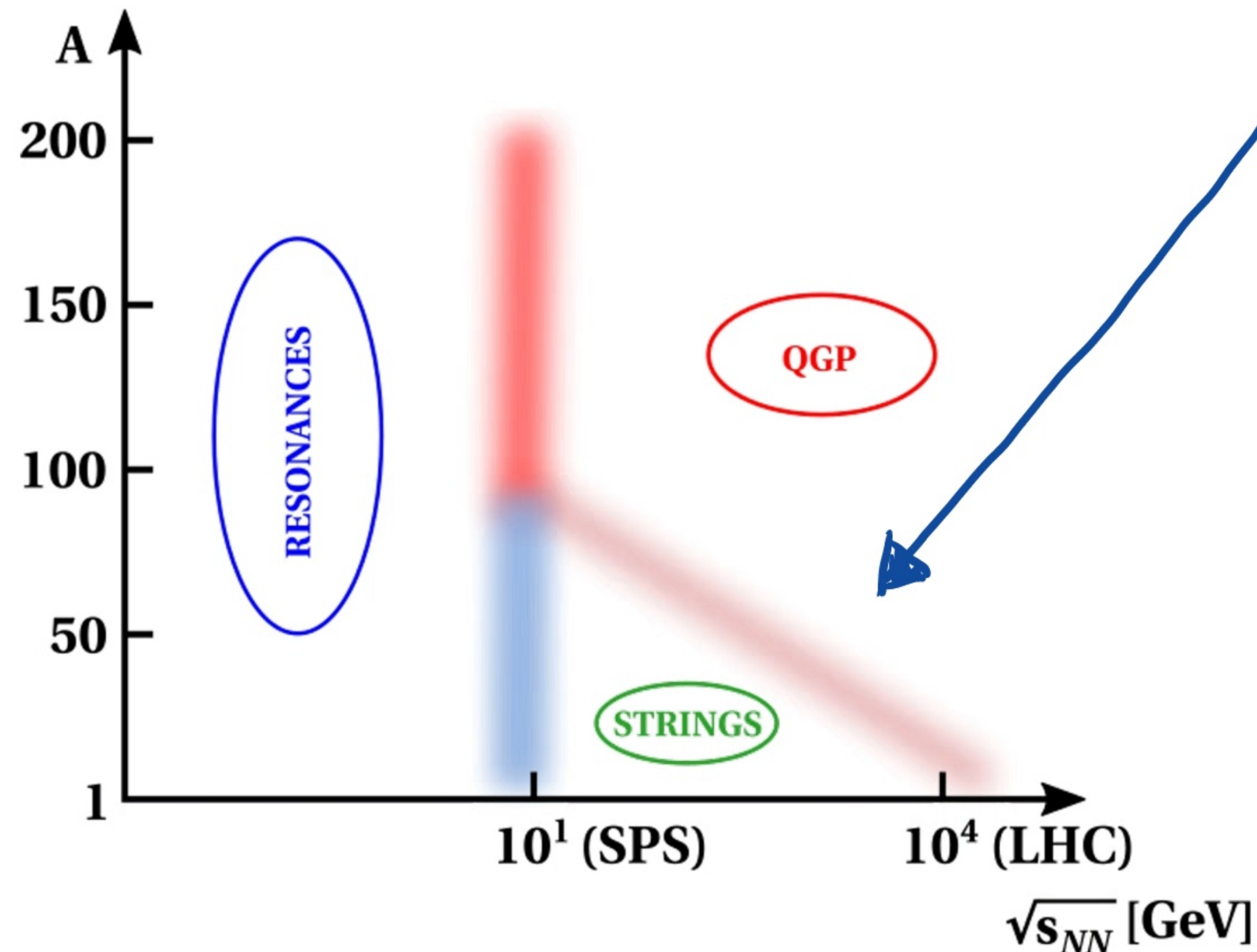
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## DIAGRAM OF HIGH-ENERGY NUCLEAR COLLISIONS ON FUTURE MEASUREMENTS



TO ESTABLISH COLLISION-ENERGY DEPENDENCE OF  
THE STRINGS-QGP CHANGEOVER

PRECISION DATA ON COLLISIONS OF LIGHT AND  
MEDIUM-MASS NUCLEI AT CERN SPS,  
FIXED-TARGET LHC AND LHC ARE NEEDED

MEASUREMENTS WITH OXYGEN BEAM ARE PLANNED IN  
2024 BY LHC EXPERIMENTS AND NA61/SHINE AT SPS

POST-LS3 MEASUREMENTS WITH LIGHT AND  
MEDIUM-MASS NUCLEI ARE DISCUSSED