Dynamics of quarks and gluons in a hot and dense medium

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(more realistic) proton structure



valence + sea (quarks and gluons) 100% mass

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→ perturbative QCD

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Same object independently of the "language" one uses (Th/Ph/Ex)





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Isn't a little too limited?



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Heavy-Ion Collisions

- How to study the QGP?
 - Not by building a telescope, but by building an accelerator!



Current ultra-relativistic heavy-ion colliders:

| | RHIC | LHC |
|------------------------|------|----------|
| √s _{cm} (TeV) | 0.2 | 2.75/5.5 |
| Nuclei | AuAu | PbPb |

QCD Phase Diagram



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Jet energy loss, Jet momentum broadening and intra-jet modifications expected (within pQCD approach)

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also QCD related: (9:00) ATLAS, also Heavy-Ions (11:10-11:40) D. Galaviz and C. Quintans

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Backup slides



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First order phase transition (thermodynamic singularities of the system)

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Jets are reconstructed at the level of the final event...

How to distinguish between "medium particles" from "hard scattering particles"?

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Jet Quenching pQCD expectations

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|----------|--------------------------------|
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QCD dynamics but also QGP properties:

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