### HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSE

RHIC &

LHC

ions

heavy

q q

V

g

e

(H)

τ

10° 01

Accelerators

LHC

**OSSIBLE DARK** 

MATTER RELICS

W

V

protons

Dark energy accelerated expansion

**TODA** 

\*MA

v

v

t = 13.8×10°

E = 2.3×10-13 GeV

Structure

formation

 $\frac{f=10^{9}}{I^{0-12}G_{eV}}$ 

v

**Cosmic Microwave** 

is visible

v

e

Size of visible universe

V

2

 $E = \frac{1}{10^{-4} O_s^2}$ 

**Background** radiation

t = Time (seconds, years)

E

10.36 1 = 10,00

E = Energy of photons (units GeV =  $1.6 \times 10^{-10}$  joules)

**Particle era** 

High-energy cosmic rays

Inflation

Big

Bang



The concept for the above figure originated in a 1986 paper by Michael Turner.

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E = 1 = 3x10°5

### heavy ion collisions

November 2018



### Di-muon pairs: a robust signature in pp & in PbPb collisions!



## the guark-gluon plasma (QGP)



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## probing a hot soup of quarks and gluons



### hadrons melt ! (sequentially)

### flagship LHC observation!

#### N.LEONARDO ET AL'2012



#### w/J.Lourenço, LIP2'2018



- 3Y(nS) states reconstructed for the first time in ion collisions
- Excited states (2S,3S) suppressed in PbPb compared to pp

### a thermometer of the medium



CMS observes melting New temperature probe of QGP  all onia states are suppressed in the medium, sequentially the least tightly bound states are suppressed the most

hadrons loose energy! (sequentially)



partons loose energy as they traverse the QGP medium ... but heavier quarks loose less!

### beauty in QGP

3 new observations !



- B mesons (b-quark) observed for first time in nuclear collisions
- novel probes of the QGP
  - investigate flavor dependence of energy loss mechanisms
  - probe strangeness enhancement (also predicted as QGP signature)

# top in QGP

- top detected in PbPb collisions
  - significance:  $4\sigma$  obs.,  $6\sigma$  exp.
  - used signature:  $e^{\pm}$  or  $\mu^{\mp}$  plus >=4 jets
- previously observed in p+Pb collisions by CMS
- yet another novel probe of the QGP
- may be used to resolve time dependence of jet quenching effects



observation in pPb evidence in PbPb !

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QGP

### and something more exotic !



X(3872): observed by BELLE (2003) but its nature not yet understood



• the latest novel probe of the QGP !

### exotic particles



since the discovery of the X(3872) almost 2 decades ago, a **zoo of exotic hadron states** has been revealed, understanding of their nature is still lacking but improving with each new measurement,



### the latest exotic particles from the LHC



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new pentaquark(s) LHCb'2019



### extra: 'collectivity' in 'small systems' ?



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