# Understanding of QGP with soft probes

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## Quark Gluon Plasma (QGP)



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Hadrons



Relativistic Heavy-Ion Collider (RHIC) at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) STAR and PHENIX experiments

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### Elliptic expansion in pre-hadronic phase

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![](_page_7_Figure_0.jpeg)

Source geometry (size, shape and time duration) at the end of freeze-out via two particle quantum interferometry (HBT measurement) side view size  $q_{T-side} : R_{T-side}$   $p_{T2}$ depth + time duration  $q_{T-out} : R_{T-out}$ 

 $\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{T}\text{-side}}, \ \mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{T}\text{-out}} \ \mathsf{vs} \ (\varphi - \Phi_2), \ (\varphi - \Phi_3) \\ \mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{T}\text{-side}} \ ^{\text{oscill.}} < \mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{T}\text{-out}} \ ^{\text{oscill.}} \ \text{for n=2,3 (central)} \end{array}$ 

![](_page_8_Figure_3.jpeg)

#### Thermal photon radiation and collective flow

![](_page_9_Figure_1.jpeg)

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### Ridge structure

Min. bias p+p

no cut on multiplicity

(b) MinBias, 1.0GeV/c<p\_<3.0GeV/c

**Minimum Bias** 

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**R**(Δη,Δφ)

A small but high-temperature/density system might be created in high multiplicity pp and pA collisions... Are they collective/expanding?

![](_page_11_Figure_2.jpeg)

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![](_page_12_Figure_0.jpeg)

## Hard-soft coupling via geometry and expansion

- strong  $\Phi_{2}$  dependence and left/right asymmetry (coupled with energy loss and flow)
- broad out-of-plane correlation enhanced more in central (redistribution and expansion)
- weak  $\Phi_{\rm 3}$  dependence

![](_page_13_Figure_4.jpeg)

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RHIC beam energy scan program to look for critical behaviors --- critical point and 1<sup>st</sup> order phase transition ---

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#### sPHENIX upgrade at RHIC, New York, USA

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FAIR at GSI, Darmstadt, Germany

![](_page_18_Figure_6.jpeg)

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