Some 5 years ago, when discussing RHIC heavy ion experiments during the ERICE ISSP, the idea was proposed by Prof. A. Zichichi to study with different particle probes the “Quark–Gluon–Colored–World” (QGCW), which is totally different from our world made of QCD colorless baryons and mesons.

**How to study the New World**

![Diagram showing QGCW process](image)

This idea was further outlined in his contribution paper presented during the 80th birthday celebration for Murray Gell-Mann in Singapore in spring 2010.

And then also presented by me during the

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in a talk entitled:

THE QGCW PROJECT:
Technological Challenges to Study the New World
« status report »

At that occasion I used a slide from Paul Sorensen (RHIC) to illustrate different phases and the time scales of heavy ion collisions: order $10^{-22} - 10^{-24}$ seconds.

We then concluded that one might start using probes produced together with the system they probe: i.e.: QCD matter probes such as jets and heavy quarkonia but in parallel we start a development work at 2 levels on detectors and on beam timing / synchronisation to prepare the future.
Since 2010 the results from RHIC and LHC heavy ion experiments have shown many interesting properties of the QGCW. The important contribution to the results obtained with instruments such as the LAA - MRPC (base of Bologna TOF) – which allowed to measure precisely the properties of sub-nuclear particles coming out from the QGCW in ALICE is shown in slides by Roberto Preghenella from the Centro Fermi – Roma.

While the time-resolution achievable by particle detectors is continuously being improved new development in MRPC technology are looking very promising: now 15ps already achieved, more work has to go into the topic of timing and synchronisation.

Advanced R&D on the topic of beam synchronisation has started also for FAIR (Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research) at GSI. The “Bunch-phase Timing System (BuTiS)” for FAIR concentrates on the research of thermal stability properties of optical fibres. The work is done by the communications institute of TU Darmstadt under contract with GSI. The term “bunch phase” shall emphasize the kind of timing precision that is dealt with in the system.

The FAIR - Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research overview of R&D for the new FAIR detectors and accelerator systems provide also interesting opportunities for young talents of this ISSP school, as it is an international project, co-financed by its member-states. At present a merger of the FAIR project into the GSI laboratory is prepared.

In the following slides I presented the detectors prepared by the 4 communities which will share the beams of the new FAIR laboratory.
Final Remarks

• FAIR offers unique opportunities

• The process of building has now been started in a first reduced version offering already a viable program for all four communities

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• Stay tuned! New website:  http://www.fair-center.eu/

I end by reminding us of the statement from Prof. A. Zichichi in his OPENING LECTURE:

  We should be prepared with powerful experimental instruments, technologically at the frontier of our knowledge, to discover
  Totally Unexpected Events