

Energy loss and transport in the medium and in small systems

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Large systems: experimental status, charm

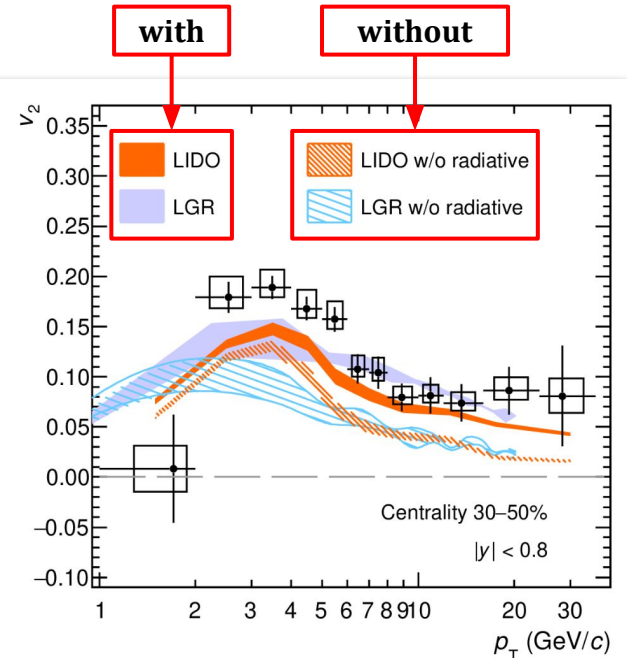
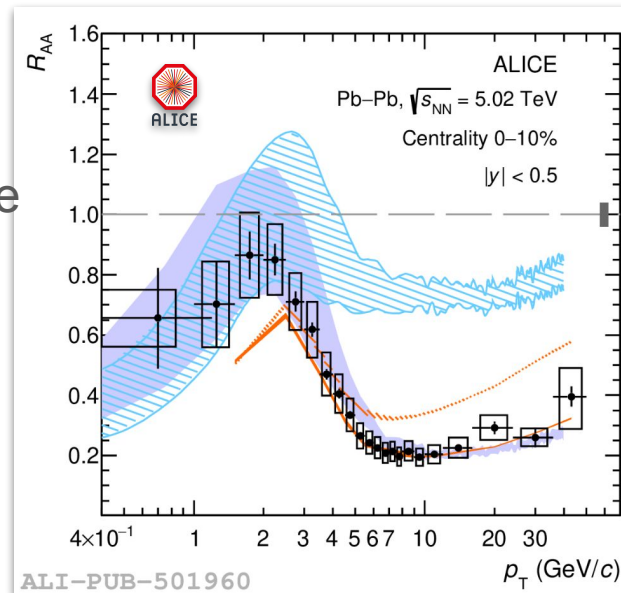
Non-strange prompt D mesons R_{AA} , v_2 , v_3 measured with good precision

High p_T : role of radiative processes clearly evidenced (well understood?), data precision comparable or better than theoretical uncertainties.

New measurements in peripheral collisions?

may allow constraining the system-size dependence of energy loss

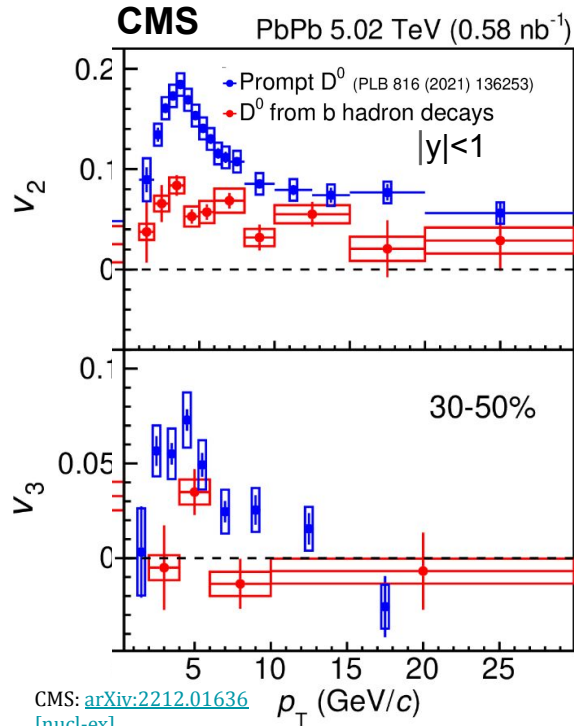
+bridge to small systems including O-O



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Low p_T : constrain transport models and transport coefficient Ds but hadronization...



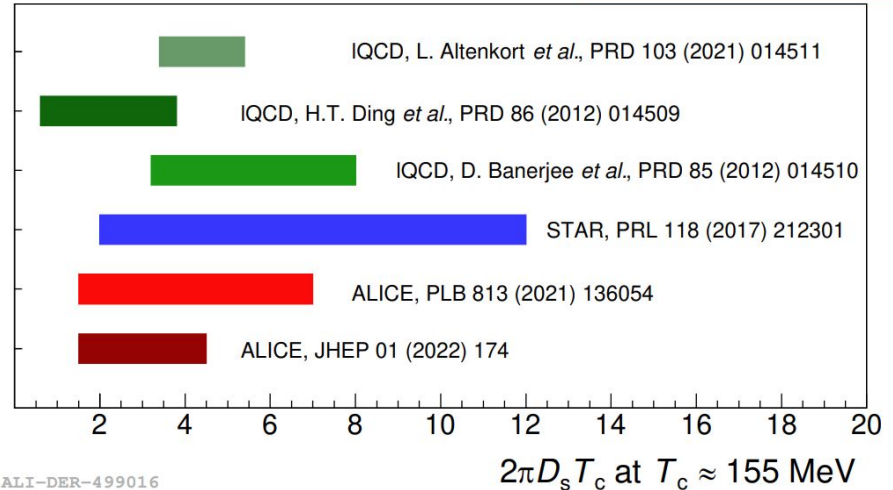
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Constraining the spatial diffusion coefficient via the **data-to-model agreement**

- Using R_{AA} (with $\chi^2/\text{ndf} < 5$) and v_2 (with $\chi^2/\text{ndf} < 2$) non-strange D measurements
- TAMU, MC@shQ, LIDO, LGR, and Catania "selected"

→ $1.5 < 2\pi D_s T_c < 4.5$
 → $\tau_{\text{charm}} \approx 3-8 \text{ fm}/c$

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Remarks from the WS: better discuss κ , not Ds
 Remember κ depends on momentum!

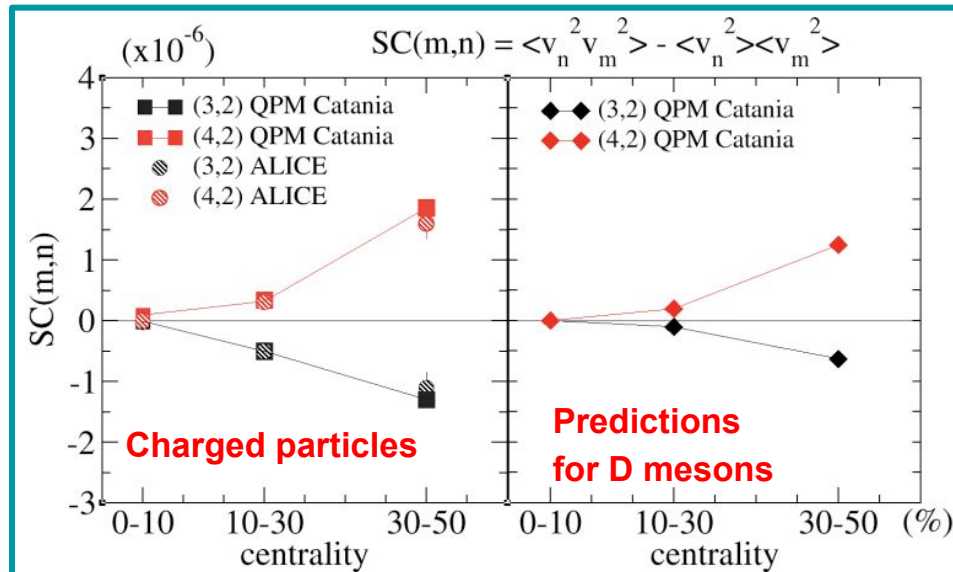
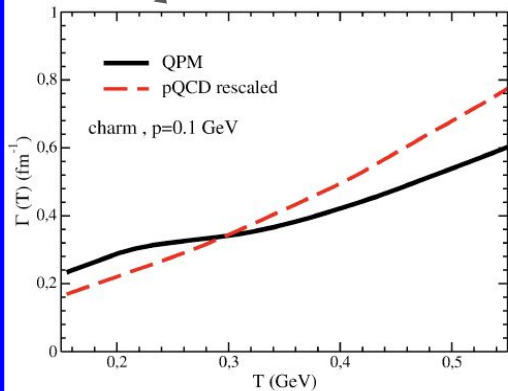
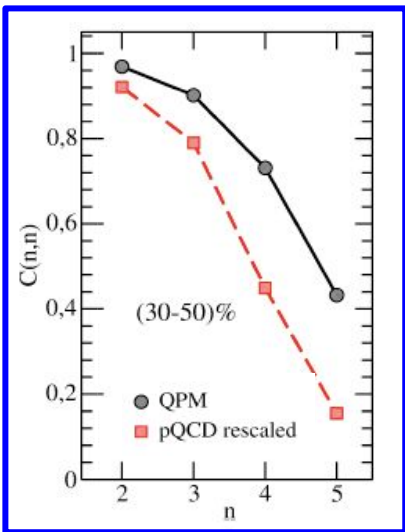
Charm: further, more “differential” view?

Discussion on new observables possibly in reach in the future

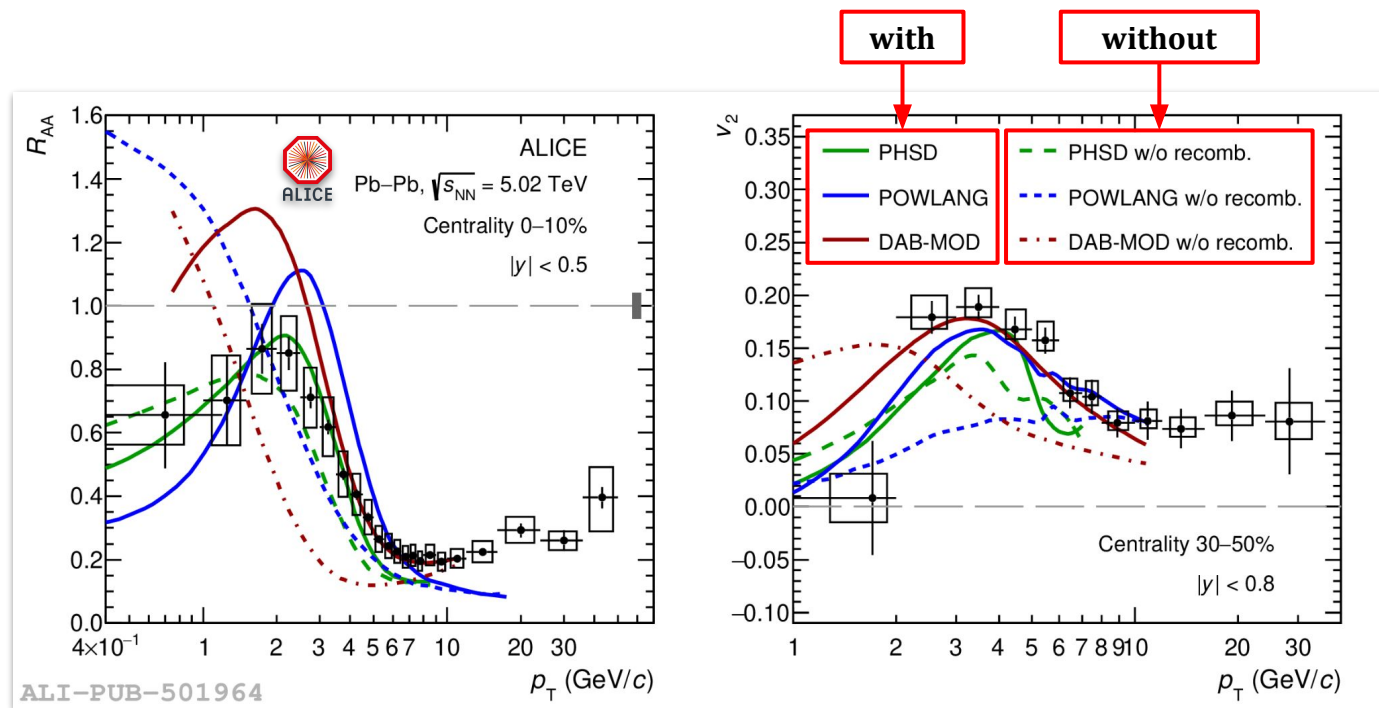
Light-heavy v_n -fluctuation correlations

$v_n - v_m$ correlations

gain sensitivity to temperature (and momentum?)
dependence of drag coeff.?



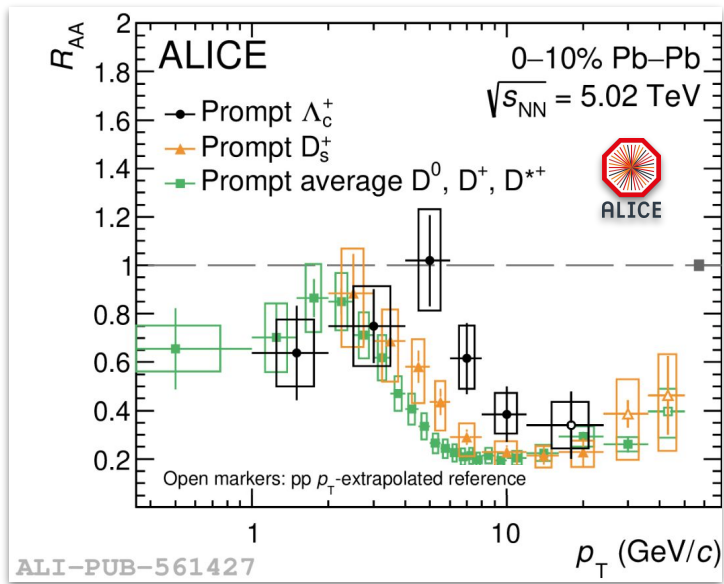
Charm hadronization



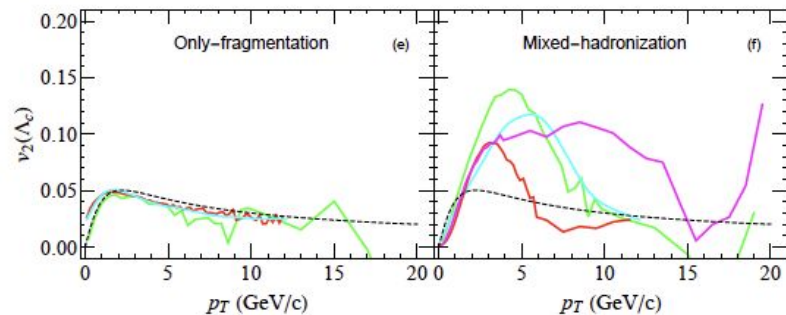
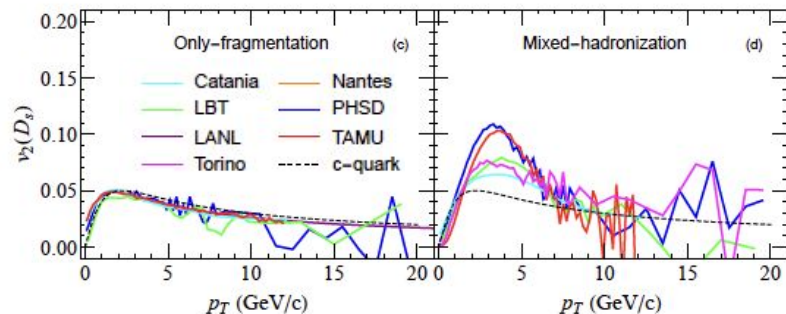
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Modelling of hadronization crucial for reproducing data → confounding effect for the goal of understanding partonic dynamics and extracting transport coefficients

Charm hadronization



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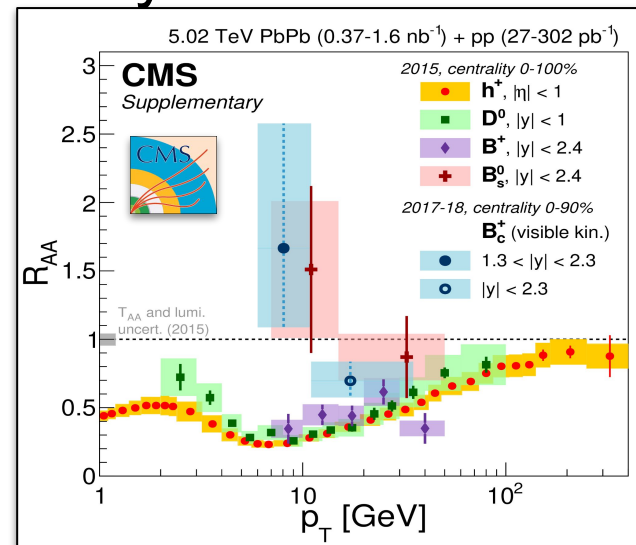
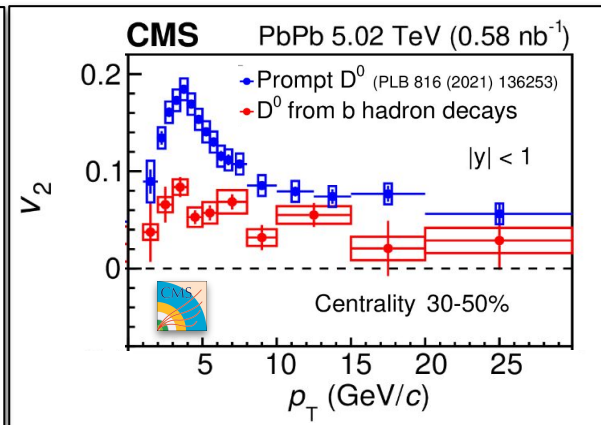
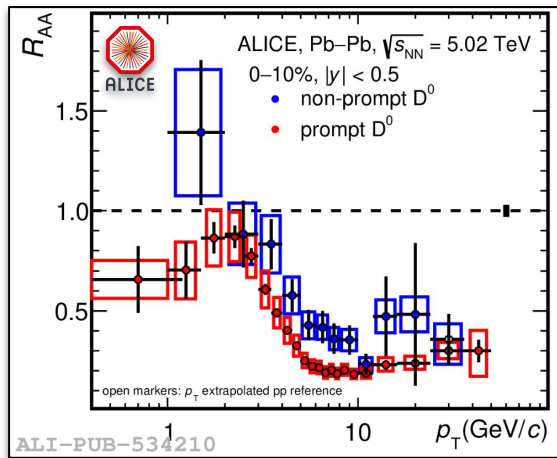
Effort on both experimental and theoretical sides ongoing

Measurements of different hadron species needed

- baryons in Pb-Pb: run 2 measurements of Λ_c limited precision. Other missing: Ξ_c, \dots

- D_s vs. D also require better precision

Large systems: experimental status, beauty



LHC run 2 measurements provided important indications but still limited

- precision
- p_T reach
- “smearing” of physical effects due to decay kinematics

Run 3,4 at LHC: era of precise beauty measurements?

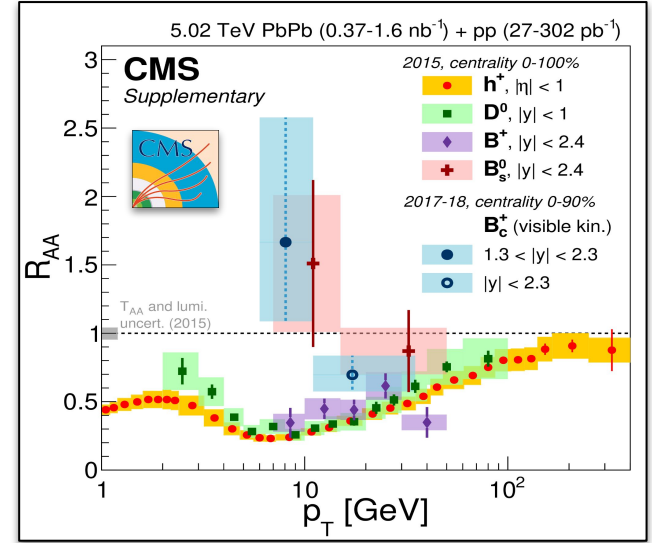
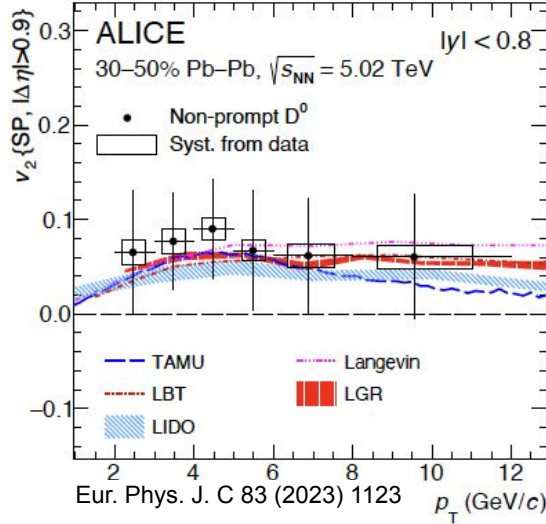
Beauty more “ideal” than charm for transport models. But precise measurement of fully reconstructed B mesons or Λ_b down to low p_T remains very challenging.

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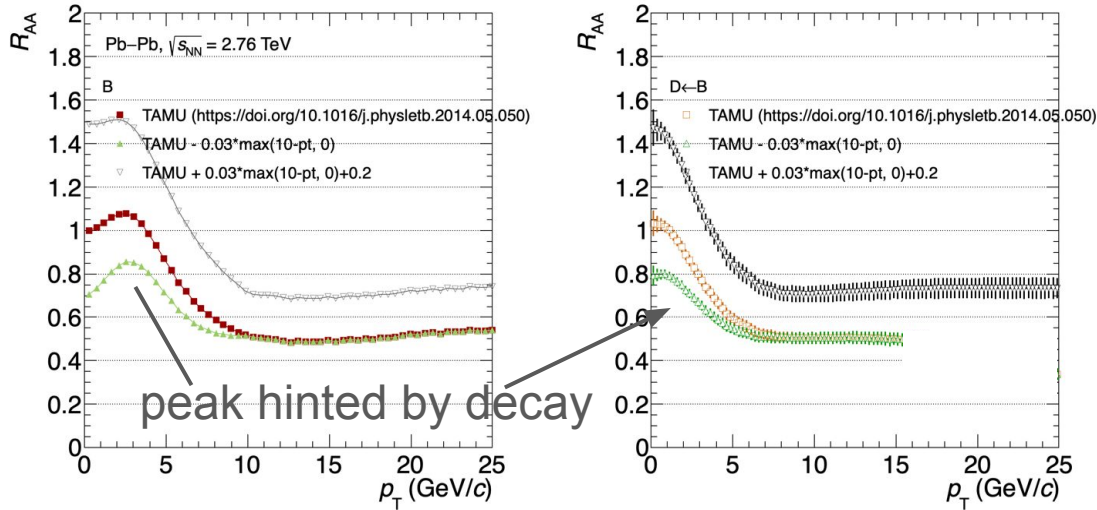
Full b-hadrons and non-prompt signals



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- 2) what is the uncertainty from the decay kinematics on non-prompt signals?
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Full b-hadrons and non-prompt signals



Quick toy test done at the WS.
 Input: FONLL B mesons + RAA
 model + PYTHIA decayer
 Could be repeated for different
 R_{AA} predictions and decayers
 Also for v_2

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Traditional theoretical framework

Brownian motion; Langevin dynamics can be used

$$\frac{dp_i}{dt} = -\frac{\kappa}{2MT} p_i + \xi_i(t), \quad \langle \xi(t)\xi(t') \rangle = \kappa\delta(t-t')$$

Single coefficient κ gives access to multiple interesting quantities:

$$D_s = 2T^2/\kappa \quad \eta_D = \kappa/(2MT) \quad \tau_Q = \eta_D^{-1}$$

Spatial diffusion Drag coefficient Relaxation time

$$P(\Delta x, t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{d/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{\sigma^2}}$$

$$\sigma^2(t) = 2Dt - \frac{2D}{\eta}(1 - e^{-\eta t}).$$

NB kappa is the quantity with a well-defined QFT meaning: **please, use it rather than Ds!**

kappa from lattice-QCD: the basis

kappa arises from force-force correlator:

$$\langle \xi(t)\xi(t') \rangle = \kappa \delta(t - t') \quad F(t) = \dot{p} = q(E + v \times B)(t)$$

Both electric and *magnetic field* (new!) fluctuations contribute:

$$\kappa_{\text{tot}} \simeq \kappa_E + \frac{2}{3} \langle v^2 \rangle \kappa_B$$

Only Euclidean correlators

accessible on the lattice!

kappa to be extracted

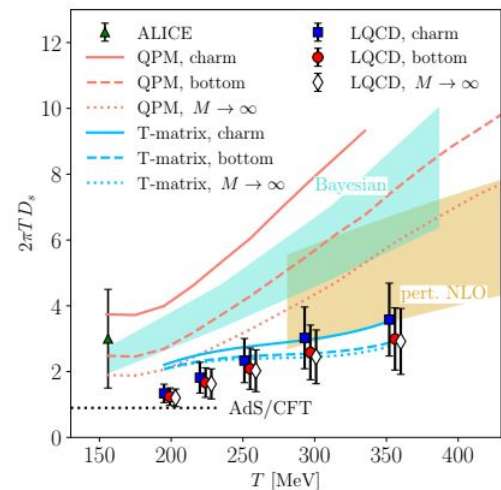
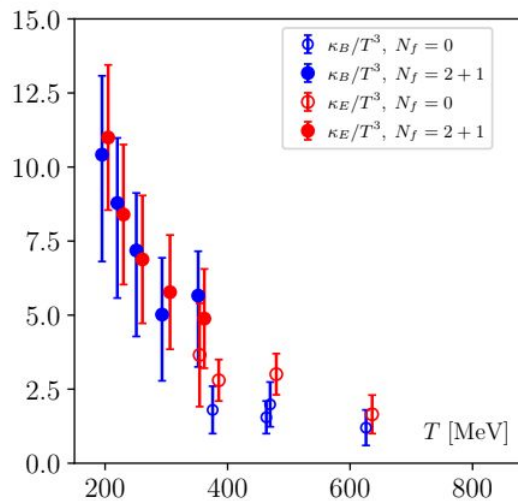
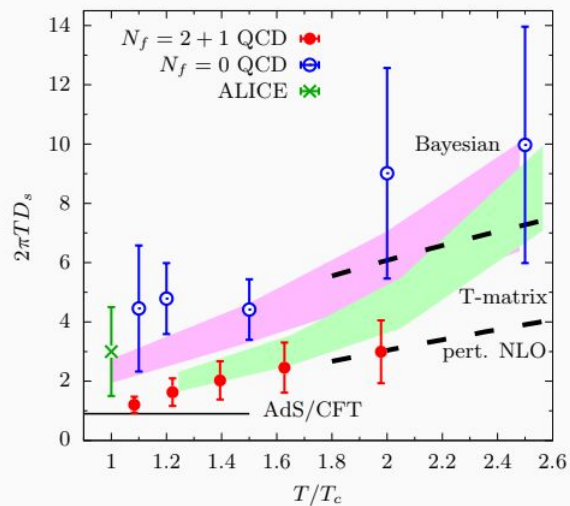
from the spectral function!

$$G_E(\tau) = -\frac{1}{3} \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\langle \text{Re Tr} [U(\beta, \tau) g E_i(\tau, 0) U(\tau, 0) g E_i(0, 0)] \rangle}{\langle \text{Re Tr} [U(\beta, 0)] \rangle},$$

$$G_B(\tau) = \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\langle \text{Re Tr} [U(1/T, \tau) B_i(\tau, 0) U(\tau, 0) B_i(0, 0)] \rangle}{3 \langle \text{Re Tr} U(1/T, 0) \rangle}$$

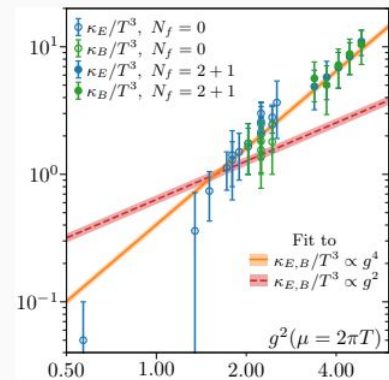
$$\kappa_{E,B} = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{2T}{\omega} \rho(\omega) \quad G_{E,B}(\tau) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{\pi} \rho(\omega) \frac{\cosh\left(\frac{\omega}{T} \left[\tau T - \frac{1}{2}\right]\right)}{\sinh \frac{\omega}{2T}}$$

κ_E dependence on dynamical fermions



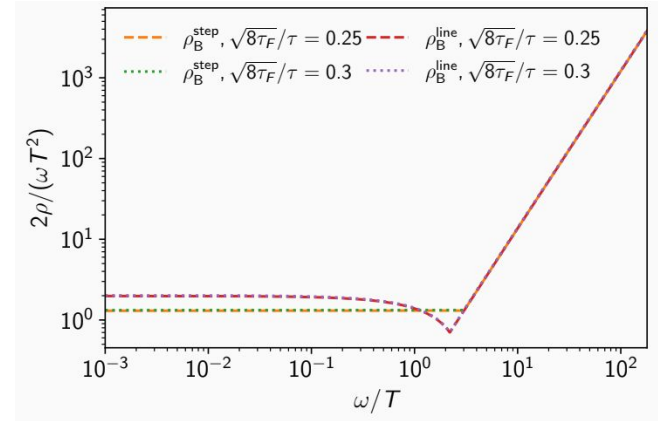
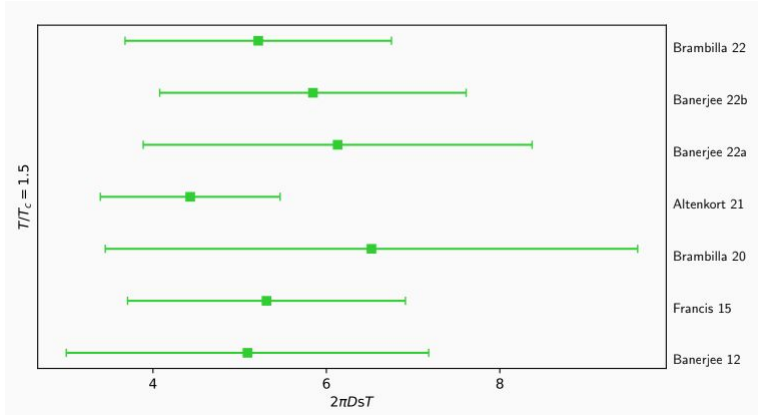
- Most studies have been in pure gauge
- Recent results from HOTQCD
- Main difference to pure gauge is different T_c

HOTQCD: Phys.Rev.Lett. 130 (2023), Phys.Rev.Lett. 132 (2024), Phys.Rev.D 109 (2024)



kappa from lattice-QCD: limitations

Huge systematic uncertainties from **spectral-function extraction**



Most experimental data referring to a relativistic kinematics, where **momentum dependence of transport coefficients, not accessible on the lattice**, can play important role!

Open Quantum Systems: a unified picture of HQ and quarkonia

Open Quantum Systems

- Time evolution by Von-Neumann Equation

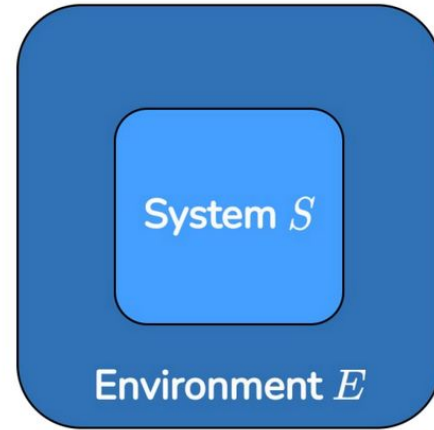
$$\frac{d}{dt}\rho = -i[H, \rho]$$

- Environmental d.o.f. not needed Trace out!

$$\rho_S = \text{Tr}_E[\rho]$$

- “Master equation” for the System: **Lindblad Equation** *non-unitary*

$$\frac{d\rho_S}{dt} = -i[H_S, \rho_S] + \sum_n \left(C_n \rho_S C_n^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \{C_n^\dagger C_n, \rho_S\} \right)$$



Open Quantum Systems: transport coefficients

pNRQCD LO Lindblad equation

$$\frac{d\rho(t)}{dt} = -i[H, \rho(t)] + \sum_n \left[C_i^n \rho(t) C_i^{n\dagger} - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ C_i^{n\dagger} C_i^n, \rho(t) \right\} \right],$$

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} h_s + \frac{r^2}{2}\gamma & 0 \\ 0 & h_o + \frac{N_c^2 - 2}{2(N_c^2 - 1)} \frac{r^2}{2}\gamma \end{pmatrix} \quad C_i^0 = \sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{N_c^2 - 1}} r_i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \sqrt{N_c^2 - 1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C_i^1 = \sqrt{\frac{\kappa(N_c^2 - 4)}{2(N_c^2 - 1)}} r_i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

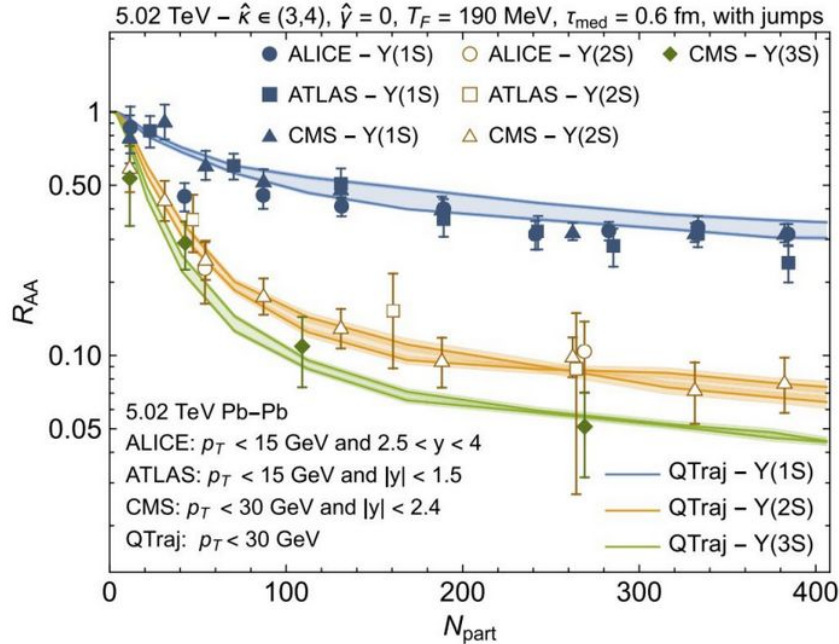
$$h_{s,o} = \vec{p}^2 / M + V_{s,o}$$

Transport
coefficients

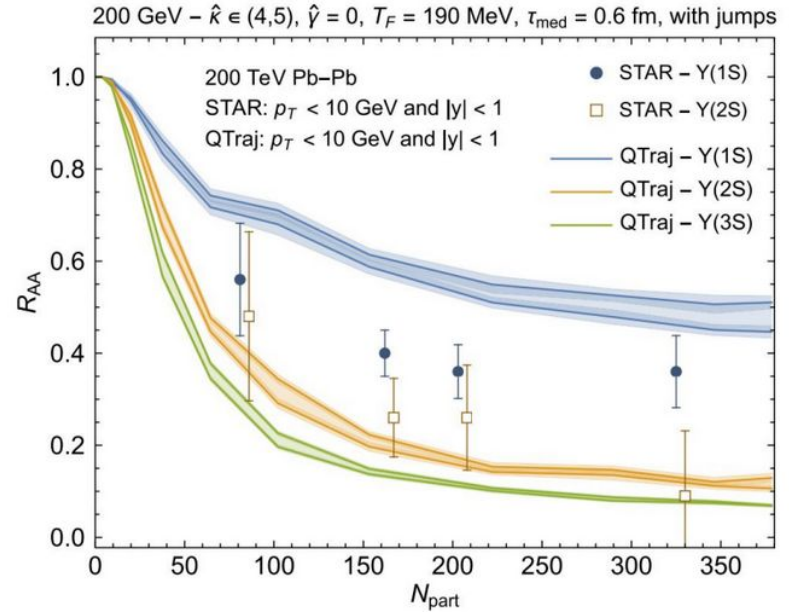


Open Quantum Systems for Upsilon: results

NLO results

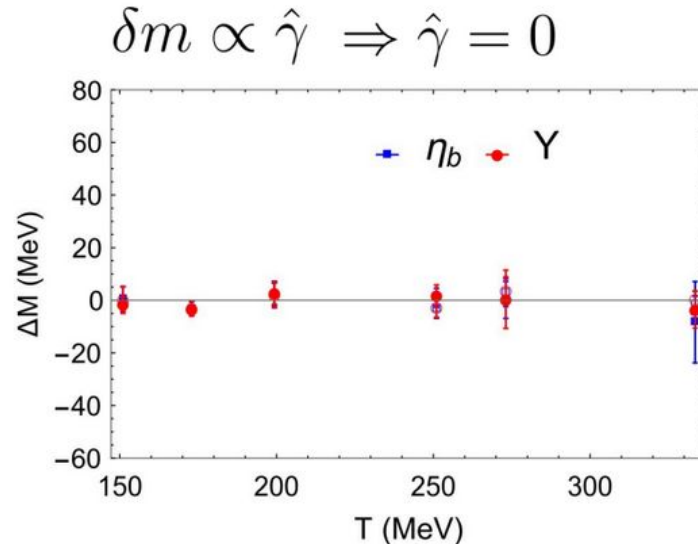
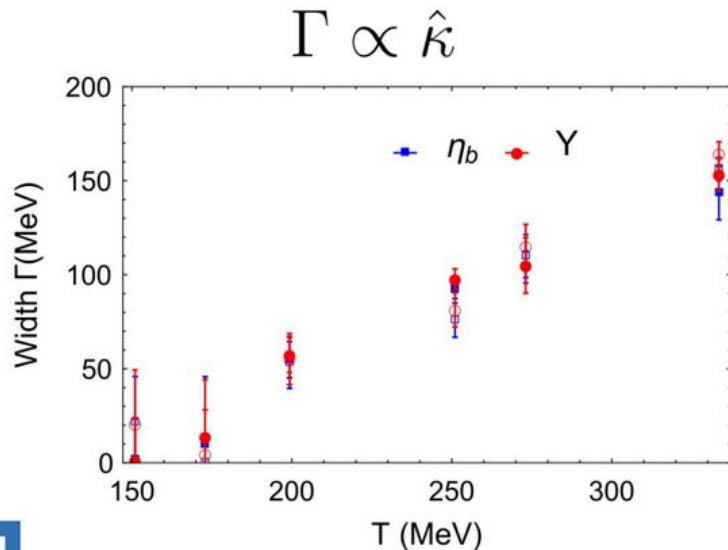


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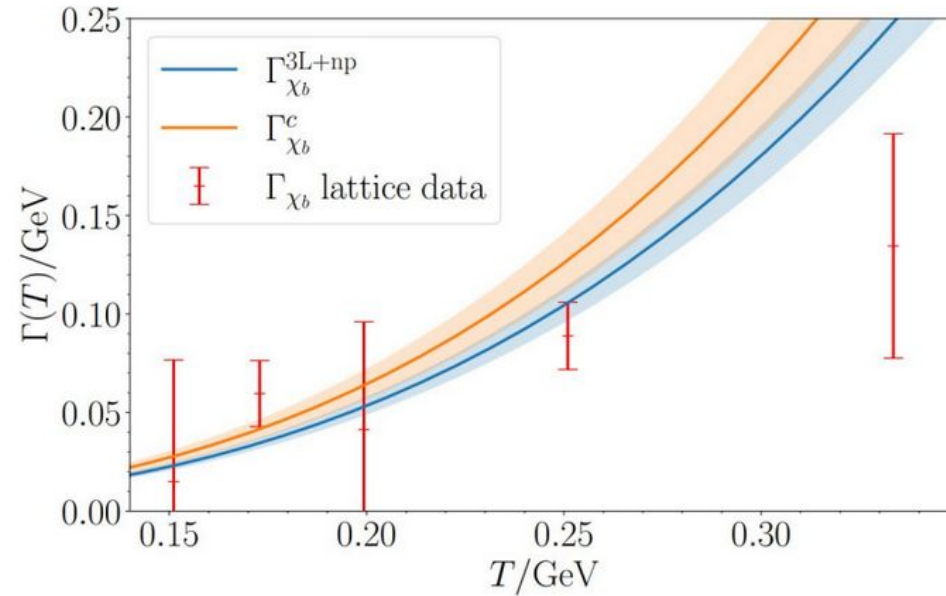
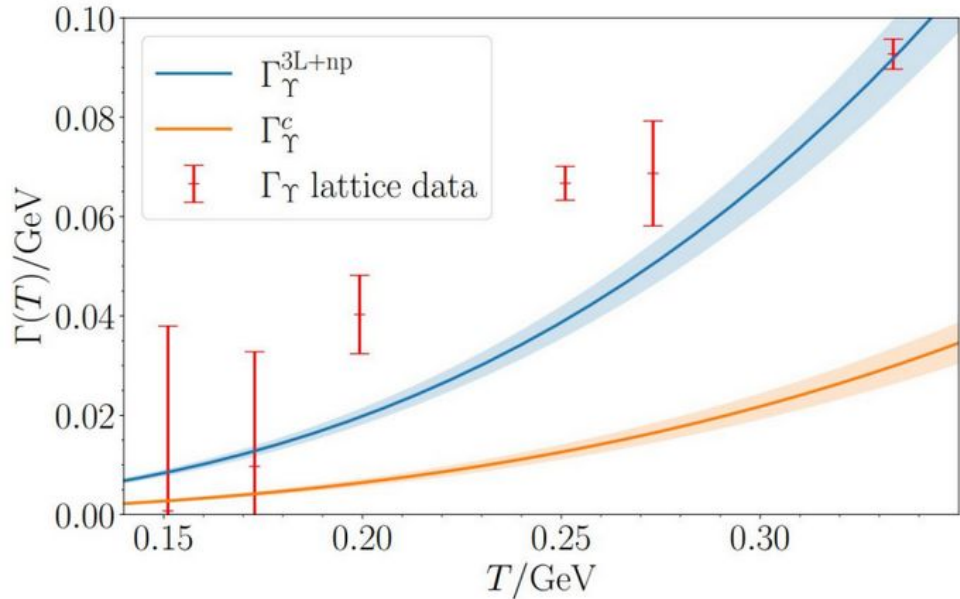
HF transport coefficients and OQS

- Indirectly determine $\hat{\kappa}$ and $\hat{\gamma}$ from lattice measurements of the **in medium width** Γ and **mass shift** δm



Determination of transport coefficients

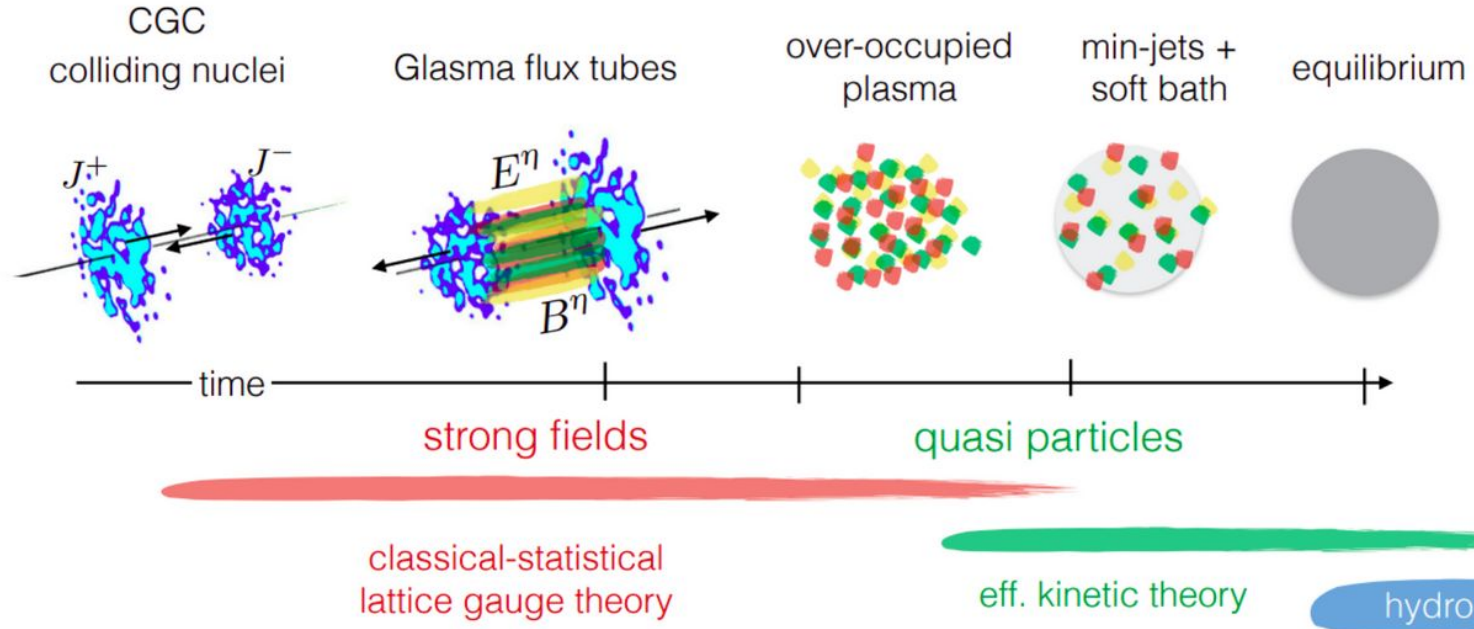
- Obtain $\hat{\kappa}$ from fits to $1S$ and $1P$ data and average



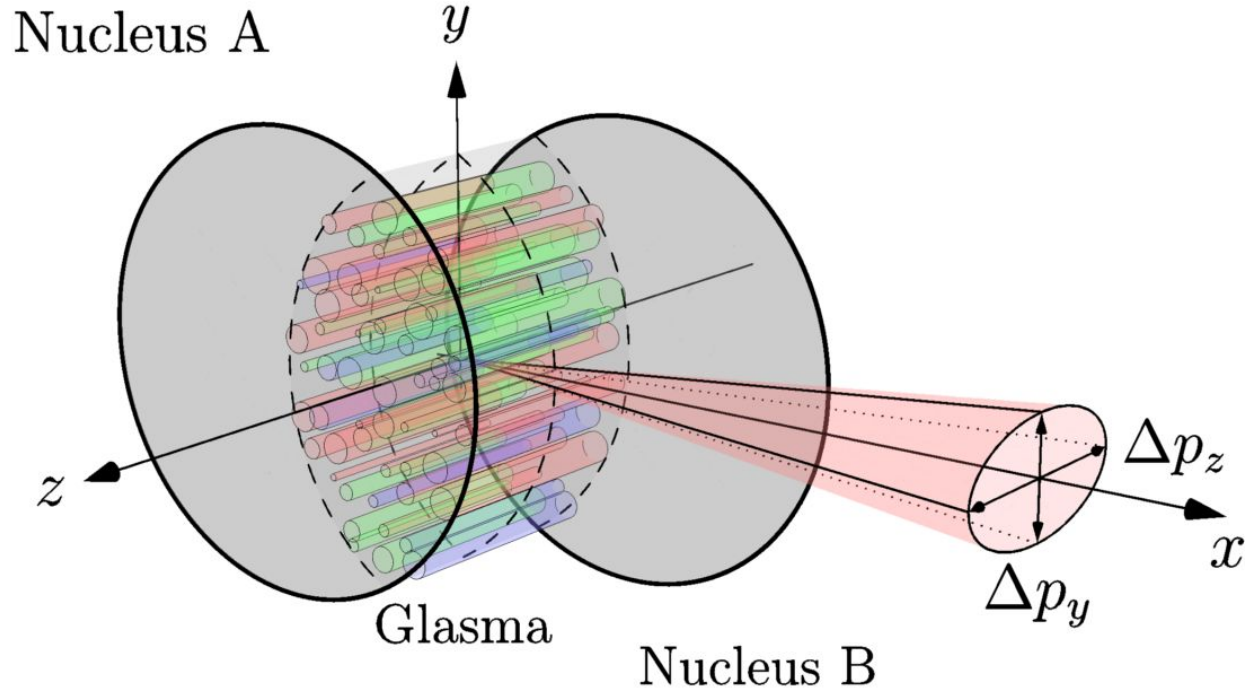
Coulomb: $\hat{\kappa} = 0.33 \pm 0.04$

New potential: $\hat{\kappa} = 1.88 \pm 0.16$

(HQ-)Transport in the pre-equilibrium stage



HQ transport in the Glasma



Wong's equations

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} x^\mu = \frac{p^\mu}{m},$$

coordinate x^μ , mass m , proper time τ

$$D \frac{D}{d\tau} p^\mu = 2g \text{Tr} \left\{ Q F^{\mu\nu} [A^\mu] \right\} \frac{p_\nu}{m},$$

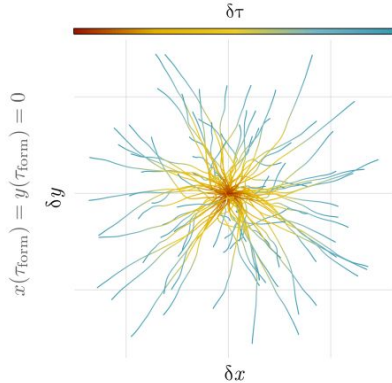
momentum p^μ , gauge field A^μ , coupling constant g , covariant derivative D

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} Q = -ig [A_\mu, Q] \frac{p^\mu}{m}$$

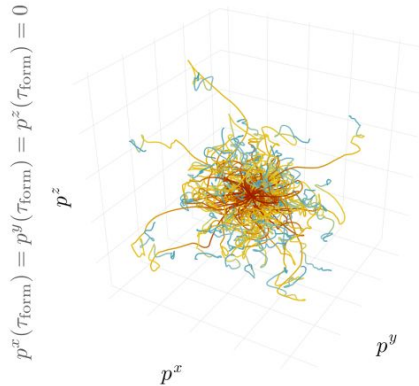
color charge Q , color rotation $\rightarrow U \in \text{SU}(3)$

$$Q(\tau) = U(\tau, \tau') Q(\tau') U^\dagger(\tau, \tau')$$

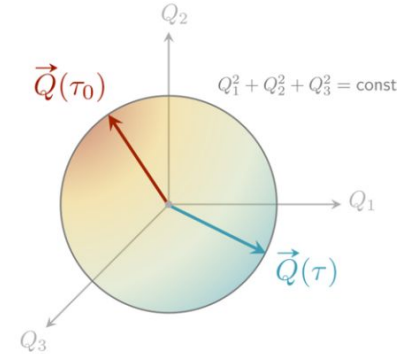
Change of coordinates



Color Lorentz force

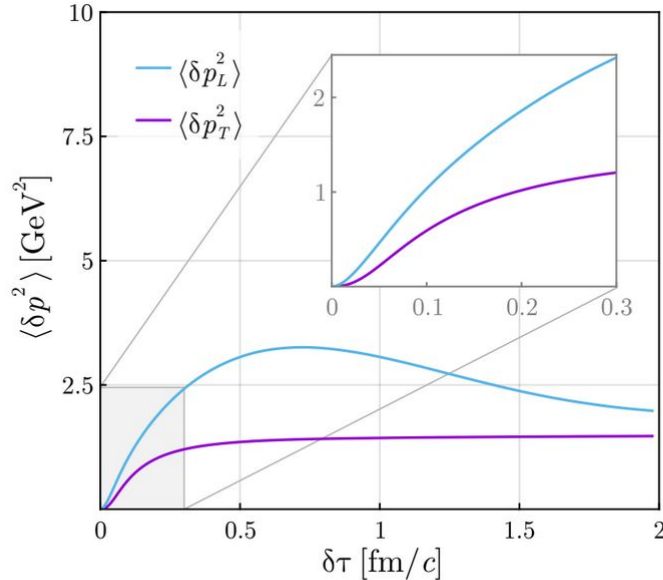


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HQ in the Glasma: results

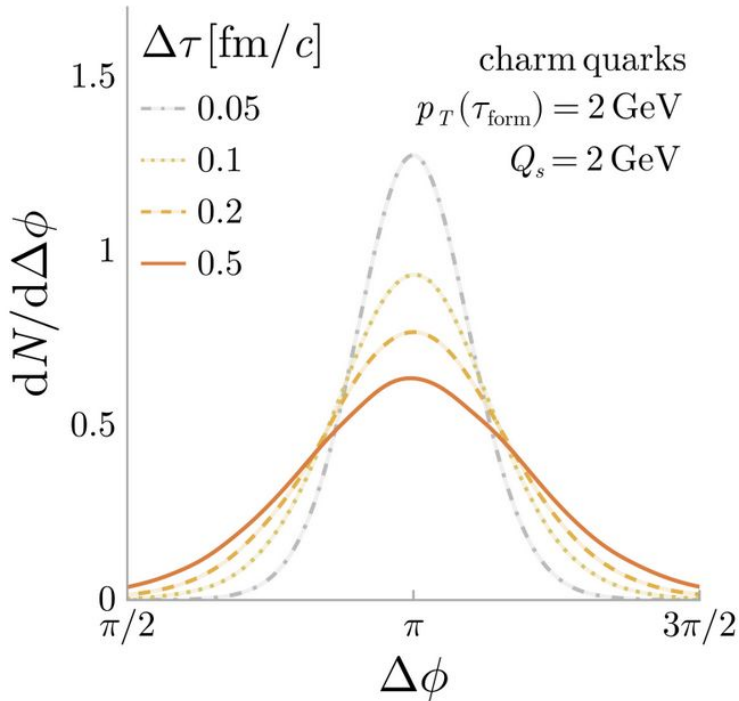


Momentum broadening $\langle \delta p^2 \rangle$
Transport coefficient κ

- ▶ SU(3) glasma, longitudinal expansion
- ▶ Colored-particle-in-cell solver
- ▶ Compared with correlator method

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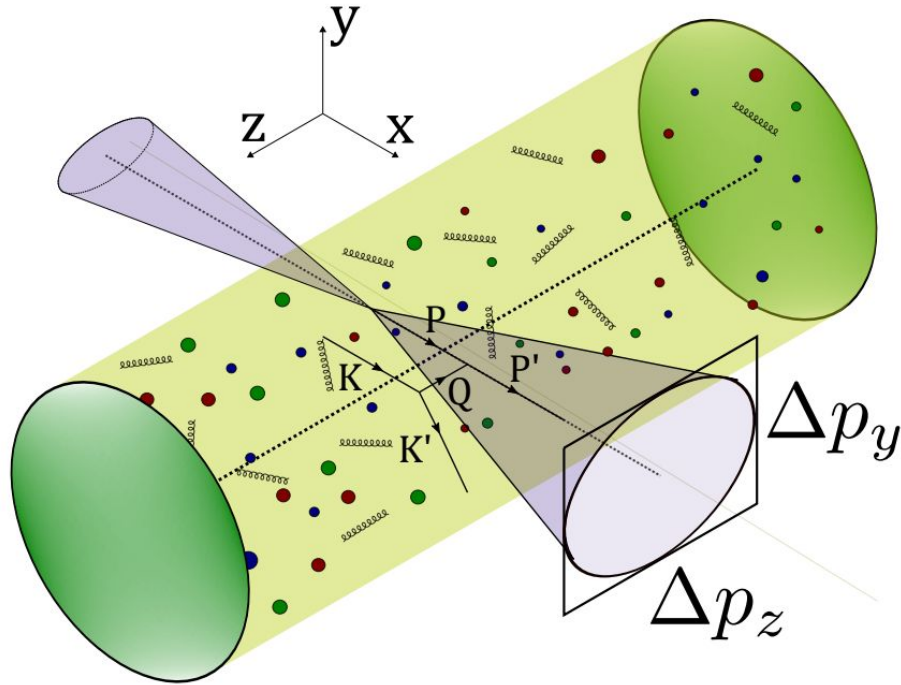
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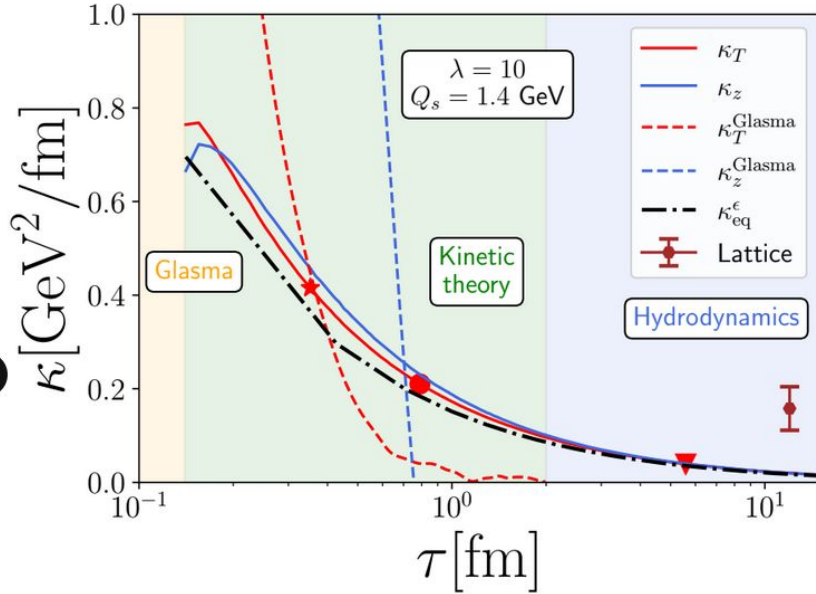
Azimuthal decorrelation $\mathcal{C}(\Delta\phi)$

- ▶ First study of $Q\bar{Q}$ correlations in glasma
- ▶ SU(3) glasma, longitudinal expansion
- ▶ Colored-particle-in-cell solver
- ▶ Extraction of decorrelation widths $\sigma_{\Delta\phi}$

Pre-equilibrium HQ transport in EKT



Problems: Glasma-EKT matching

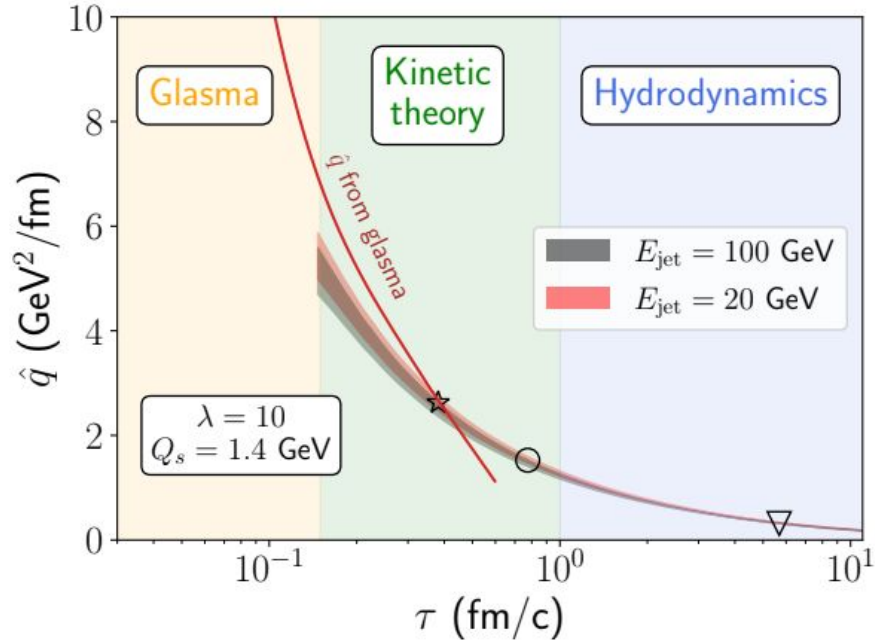


Transport coefficient κ

- ▶ Energy density ϵ matched to glasma
- ▶ Compare to κ in glasma
- ▶ Compare with equilibrium κ_{eq}
- ▶ Match for the same m_D , T_\star and ϵ

Not the same problem for qhat: why?

Kinetic theory* connects the large \hat{q} in **Glasma** to subsequent hydrodynamics



HQ transport near-equilibrium: QPM model

Relativistic Boltzmann equation at finite η/s

Bulk evolution

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f_q(x, p) + m(x) \partial_\mu^x m(x) \partial_p^\mu f_q(x, p) = C[f_q, f_g]$$

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f_g(x, p) + m(x) \partial_\mu^x m(x) \partial_p^\mu f_g(x, p) = C[f_q, f_g]$$

Free-streaming

field interaction
 $\varepsilon - 3p \neq 0$

Collision term
gauged to some $\eta/s \neq 0$

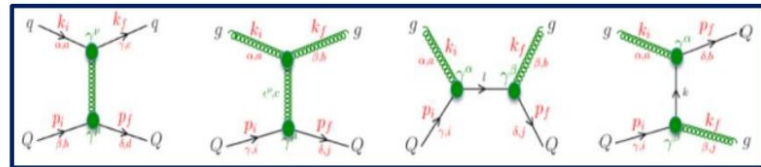
Equivalent to
viscous hydro at $\eta/s \approx 0.1$

HQ evolution

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f_Q(x, p) = C[f_q, f_g, f_Q]$$

$$C[f_q, f_g, f_Q] = \frac{1}{2E_1} \int \frac{d^3 p_2}{2E_2 (2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3 p_1'}{2E_1' (2\pi)^3} \\ \times [f_Q(p_1') f_{q,g}(p_2') - f_Q(p_1) f_{q,g}(p_2)] \\ \times |M_{(q,g) \rightarrow Q}(p_1 p_2 \rightarrow p_1' p_2')| \\ \times (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_1 + p_2 - p_1' - p_2')$$

Feynman diagrams at first order pQCD for HQs-bulk interaction:



Scattering matrices $M_{g,q}$ by QPM fit to IQCD thermodynamics

QPM extension: QPMp($N_f=2+1+1$) and m_c (T)

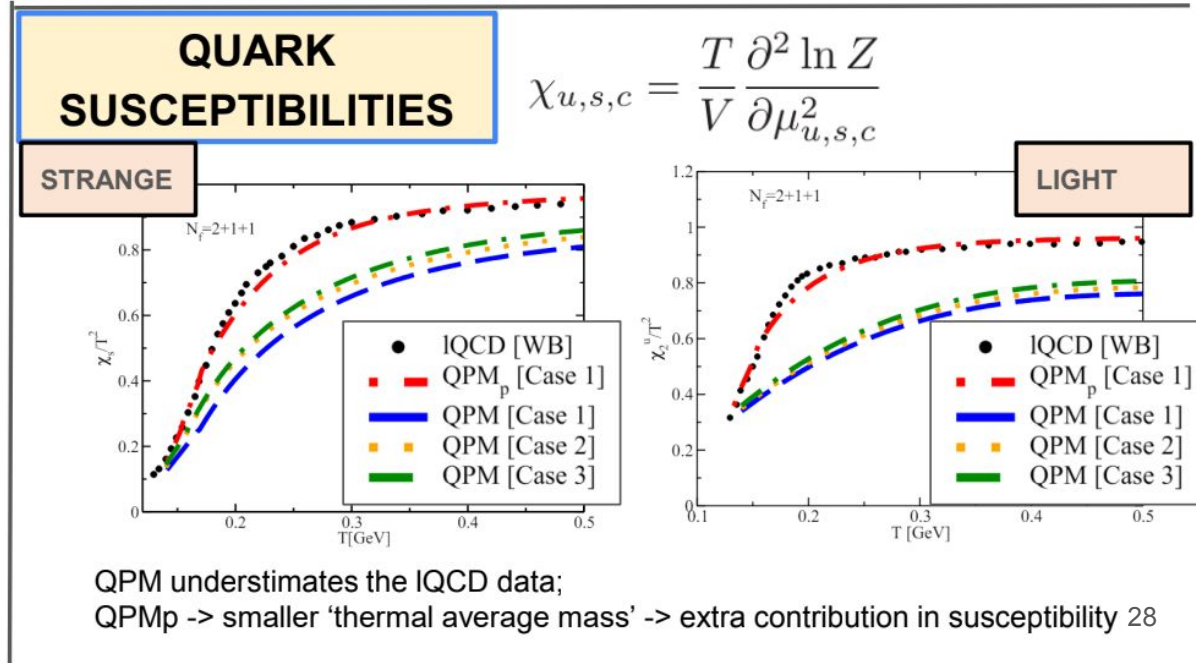
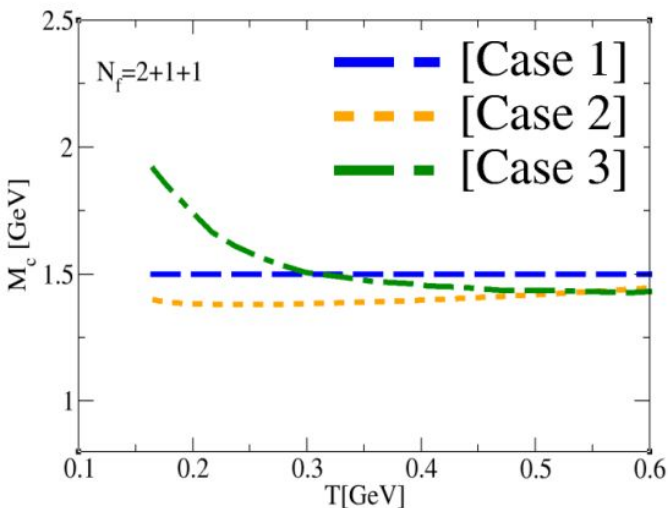
we have also extended our quasi-particle model approach for $N_f = 2+1$ to $N_f = 2+1+1$ where the **charm quark is included**

Temperature parametrization for charm mass:

Case 1: $m_c = 1.5 \text{ GeV}$

Case 2: $m_c^2 = m_{c0}^2 + \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{8N_c} g^2 [T^2 + \frac{\mu_c^2}{\pi^2}]$ with $m_{c0} = 1.3 \text{ GeV}$

Case 3: m_c fixed by charm fluctuation $\chi_2^c = \frac{T}{V} \frac{\partial^2 \ln Z}{\partial \mu_i^2}$

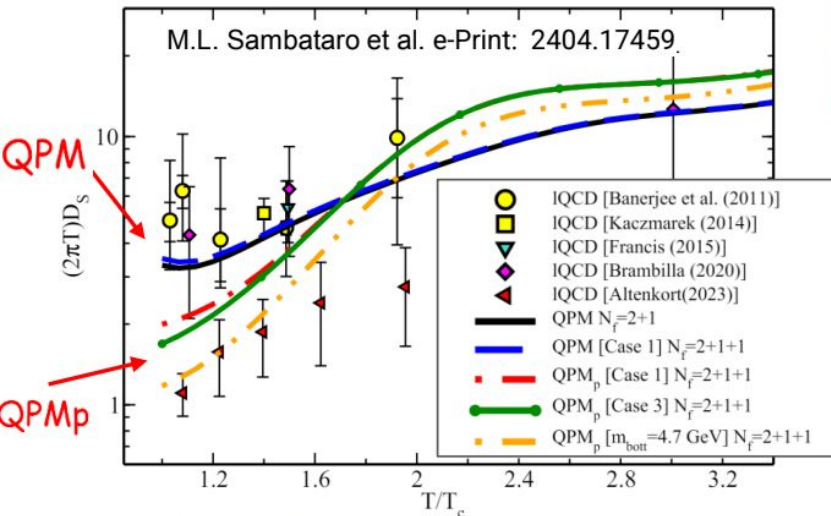


QPMp – spatial diffusion coefficient D_S

Spatial diffusion coefficient $D_S \rightarrow$ standard QPM

standard QPM including charm

extended QPM



QPMp

$T/T_c < 1.6 \rightarrow$ strong non-perturbative behaviour of D_S .

high T region $\rightarrow D_S$ grows toward the pQCD estimate faster than QPM

QPMp for *charm Case 3* and *bottom ($M=4.7$ GeV)*: closer to D_S IQCD which include dynamical fermions

$$D_s = \frac{T}{M \gamma} = \frac{T}{M} \tau_{th}$$

in the $p \rightarrow 0$ limit

From D_s we obtain at T_c :

- $\tau_{th}(c, p=0) \sim 6$ fm/c (QPM) $\rightarrow 4$ fm/c (QPMp)
- $\tau_{th}(b, p=0) \sim 13$ fm/c (QPM) $\rightarrow 7$ fm/c (QPMp)

Which opportunities for ALICE 3?



... actually, just an
unsatisfactory appetizer ...



ALICE 3 LOI: [CERN-LHCC-2022-009](https://cds.cern.ch/record/2811111/files/CERN-LHCC-2022-009)

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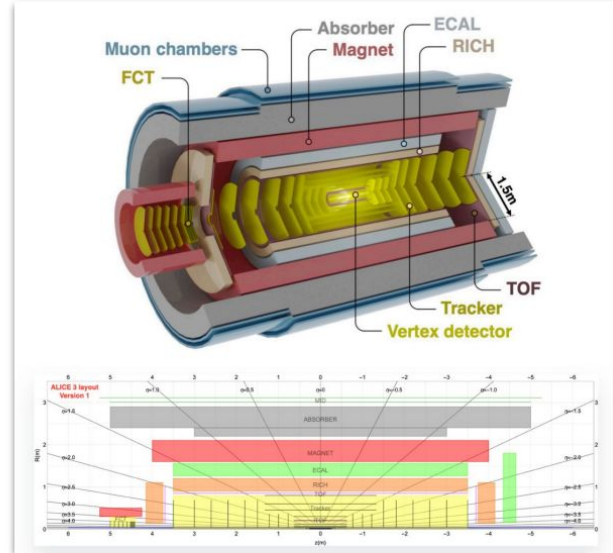
Experiment vs. theory

- **Direct beauty** measurement **more challenging** that **non-prompt charm** (at least fro ALICE)
- **Do we really gain** in physics knowledge by measuring beauty hadrons rather than non-prompt charm?
 - decay kinematics non trivial? (e.g. polarization)

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Future experiments

- Increase of statistics and acceptance (e.g. ALICE 3 up to $|\eta| < 4$)
- Possible measurements: $D\bar{D}$ correlation, ... what else?!
- Can larger acceptance detectors be useful for other observables (e.g. hadronization vs. rapidity)?



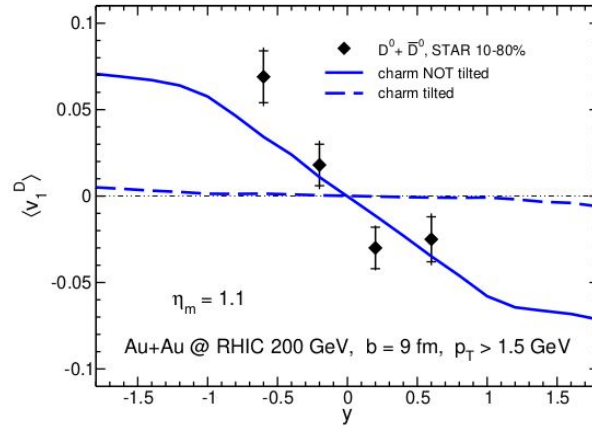
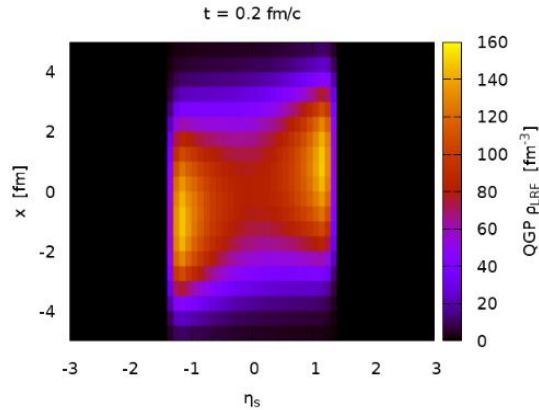
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Directed flow v_1 : a window on spatial diffusion

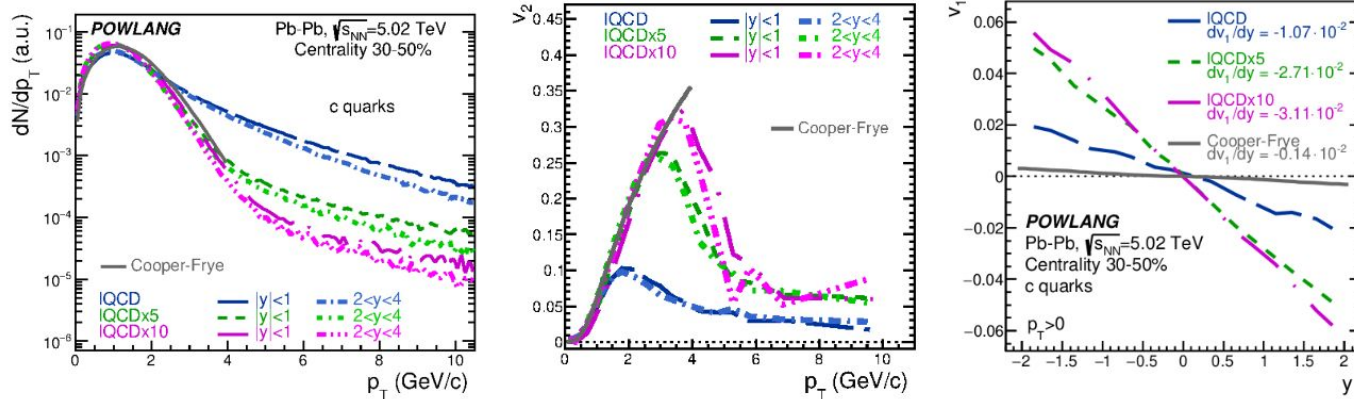


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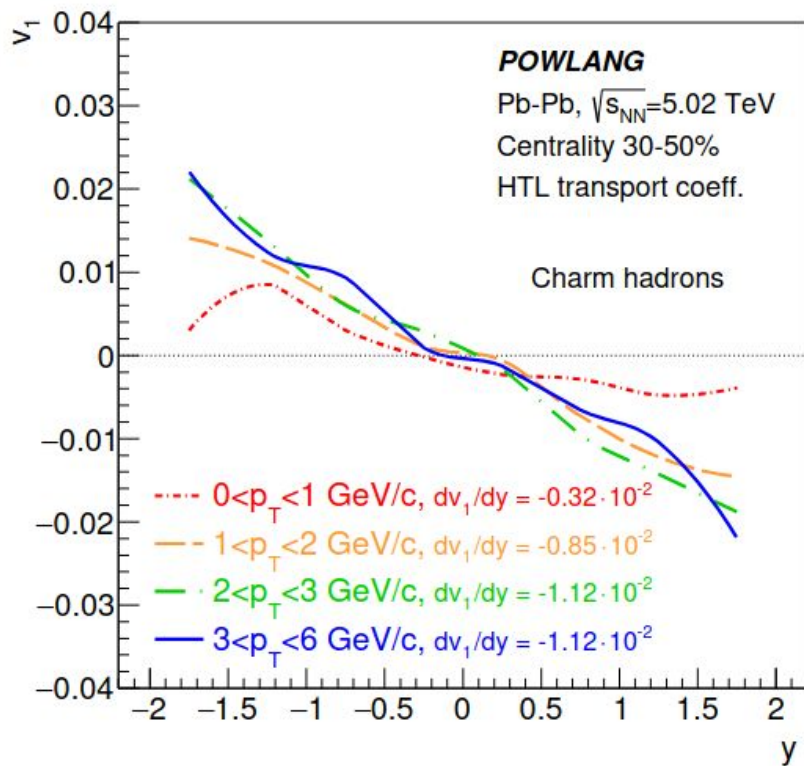
Stronger sensitivity to kappa



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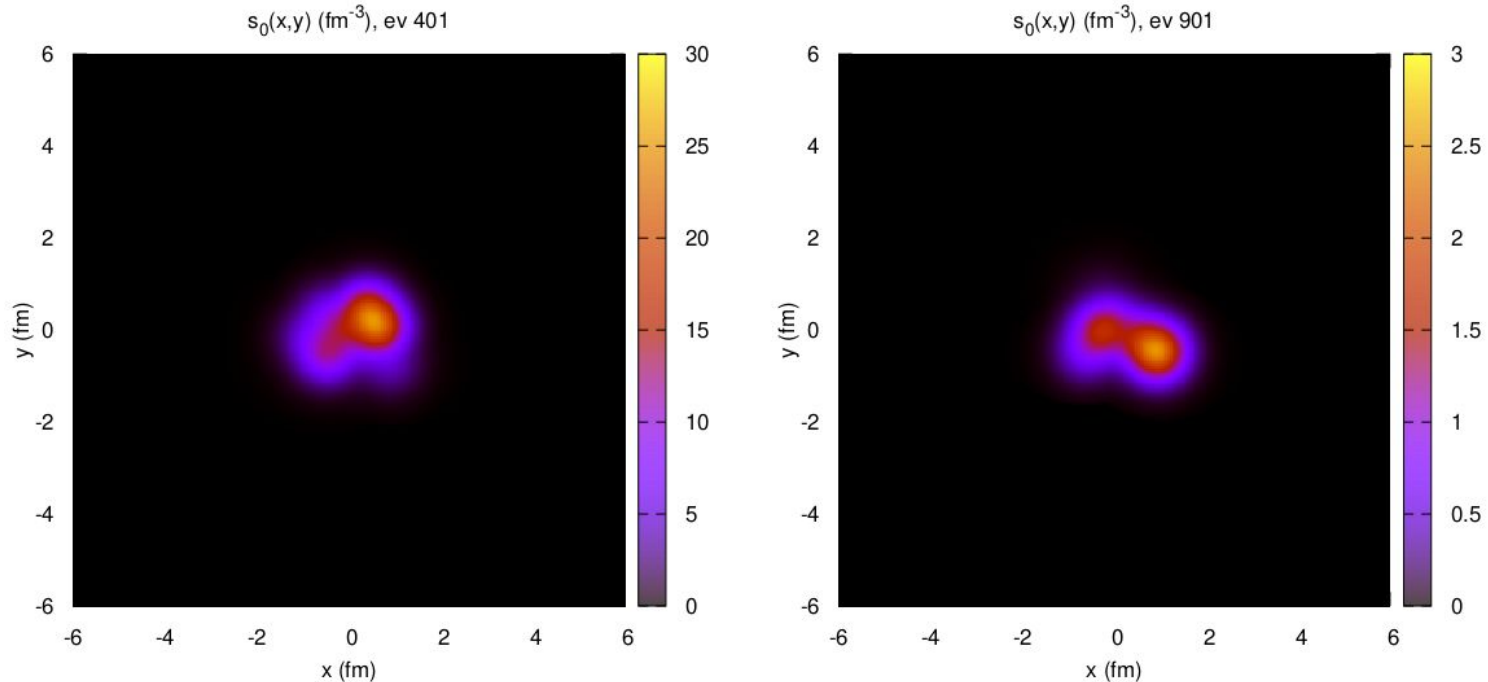
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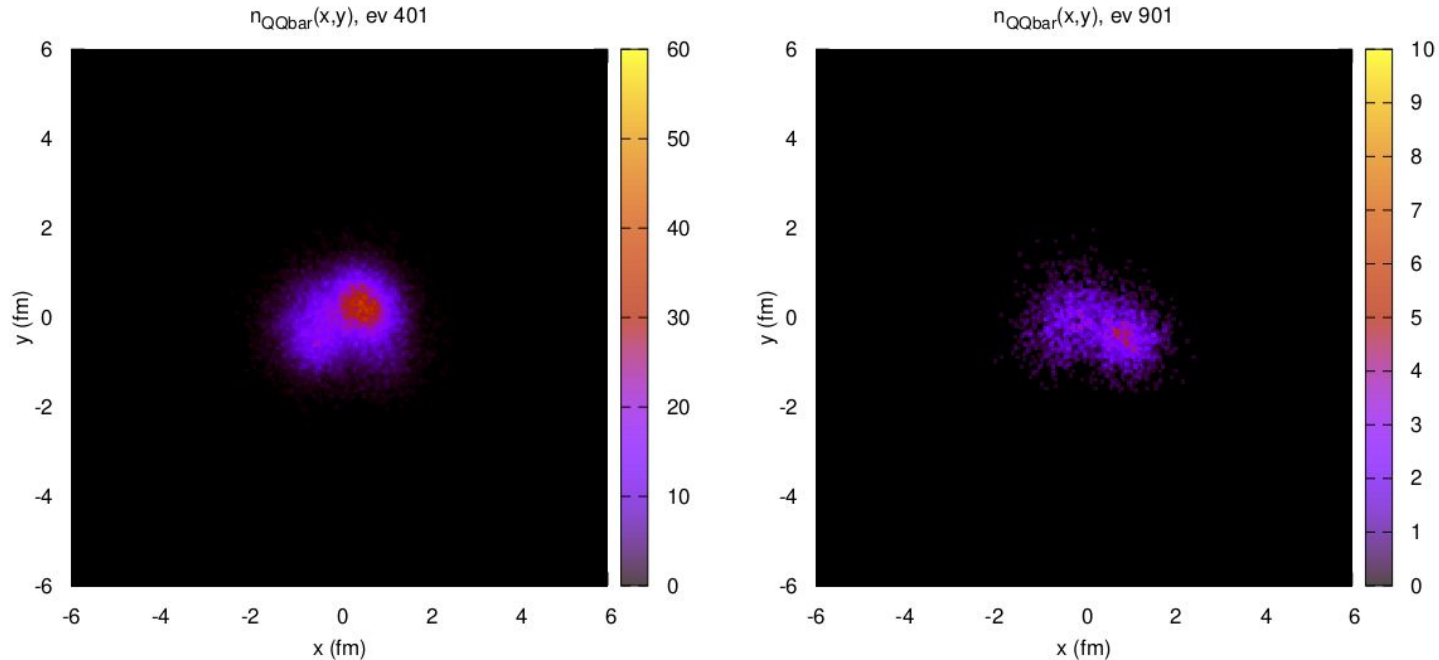
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Towards the solution of the small-system puzzle



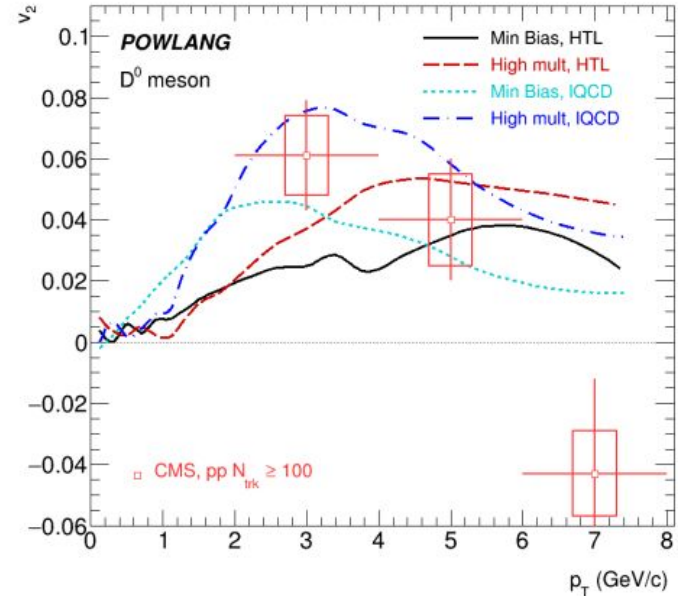
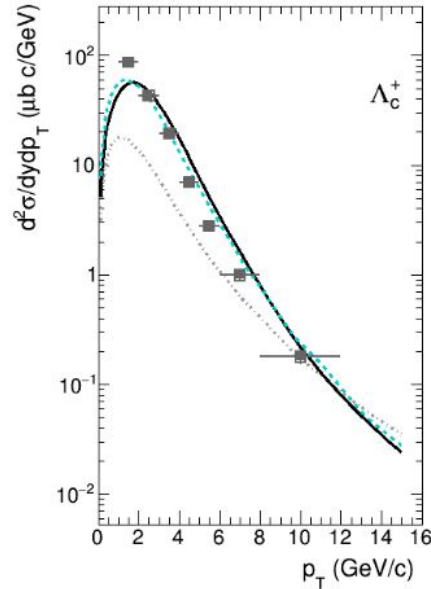
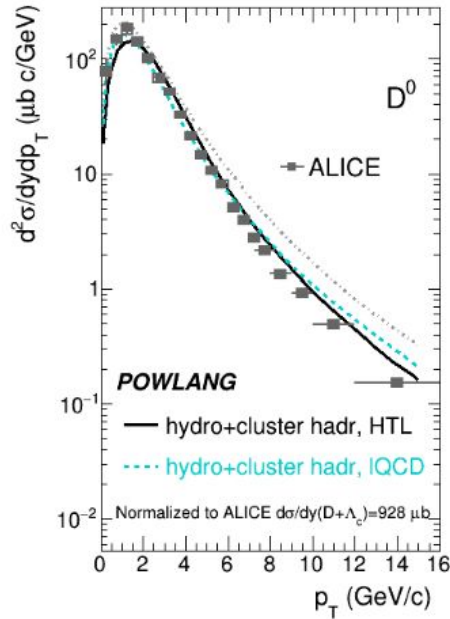
A small fireball produced also in minium-bias pp collisions!

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QQbar production biased towards **hot spots of highest-multiplicity events!**

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In-medium transport+hadronization fundamental to describe **p_T -distribution, hadrochemistry and v_2** . See [A.B. et al, PRD 109 \(2024\), 5 054912](#)

Summary

Nucleus-nucleus: time is of understanding hadronisation for charm and beauty and of (precise) beauty measurements.

More suited kinematics to a data-to-theory comparison.

Discussion of transport cannot be decoupled from the one on in-medium hadronization.

Further independent evidence (Catania, Torino, Nantes...), from a hard observable, that a small fireball is formed also in pp collisions.

Interesting opportunities from future upgrades and detectors, like ALICE 3

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EXTRA

Two challenges (P. Gossiaux)

Can we ask ML to tell us what are the most sensitive observables to constrain various effects / various parts of the theoretical models ?

This could be achieved by requiring from the theory community to come with a “generic” model containing perturbative part dependent on the momentum exchange + NP + radiative component with non 0 gluon mass and extracting the most pertinent correlations between these various ingredients and the present and upcoming experiment. This should be made a tool open to the full community

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