

# Heavy quark dynamics in the pre-equilibrium phase

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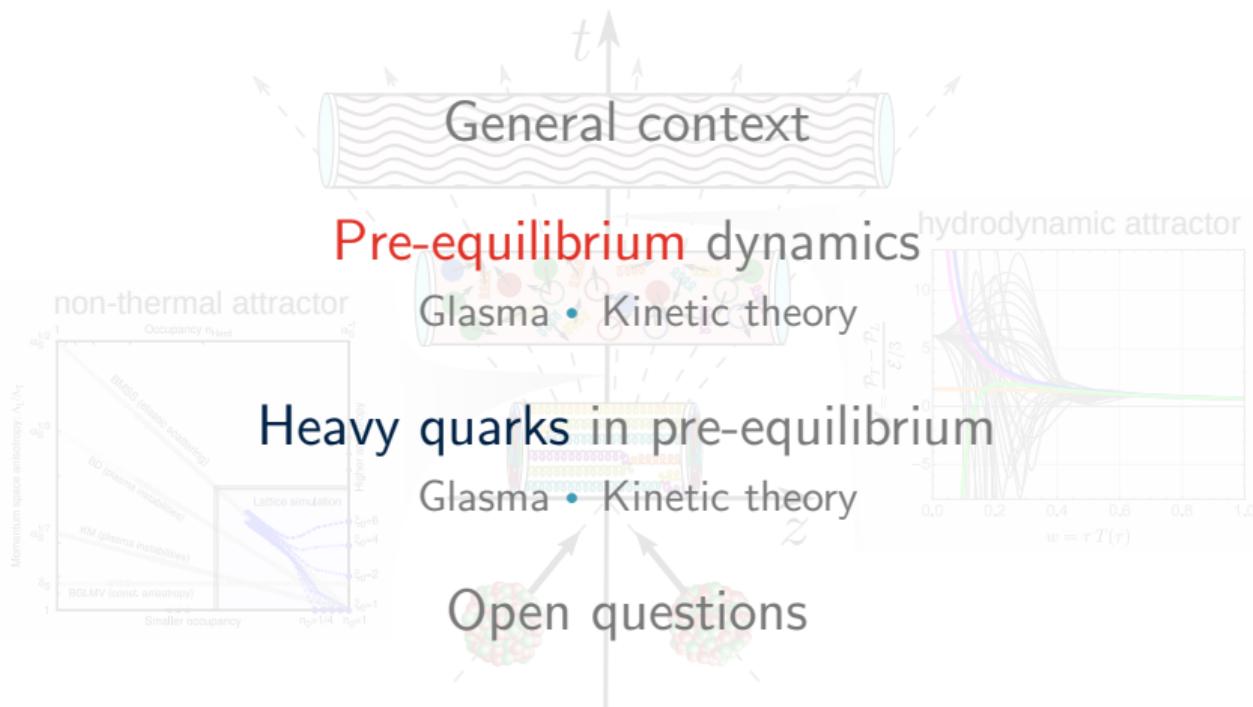


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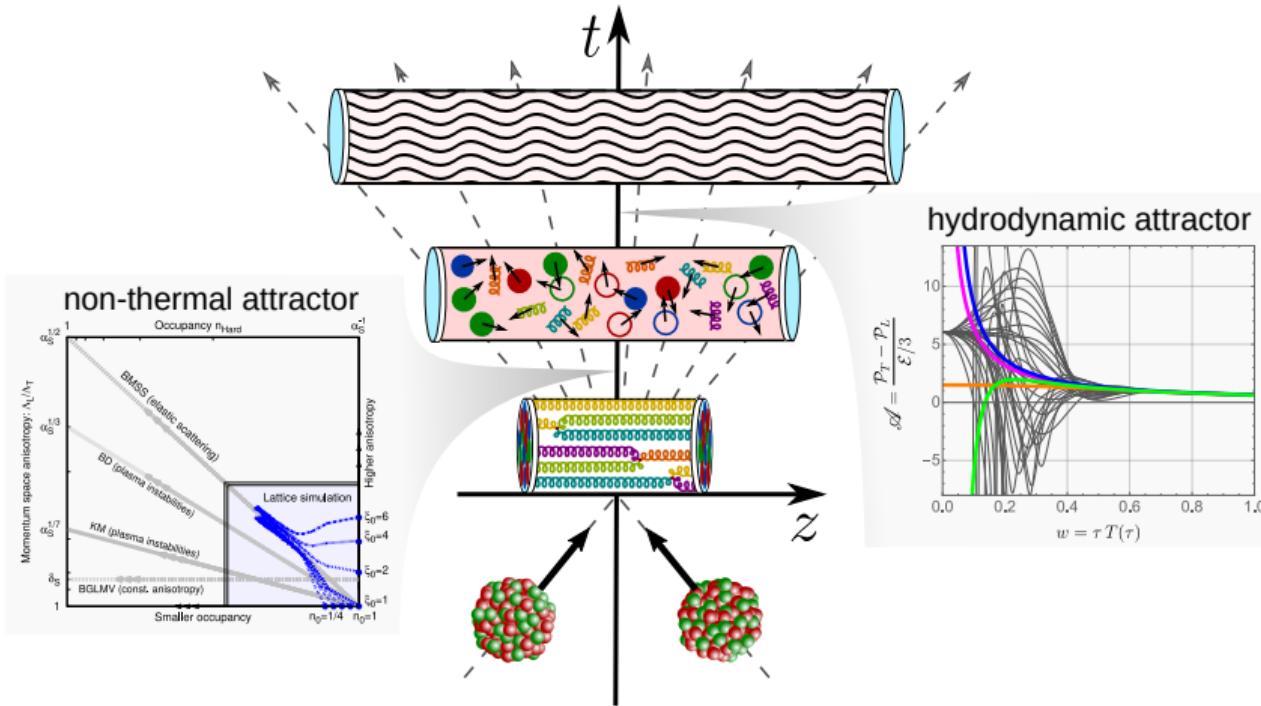


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# Brief outline

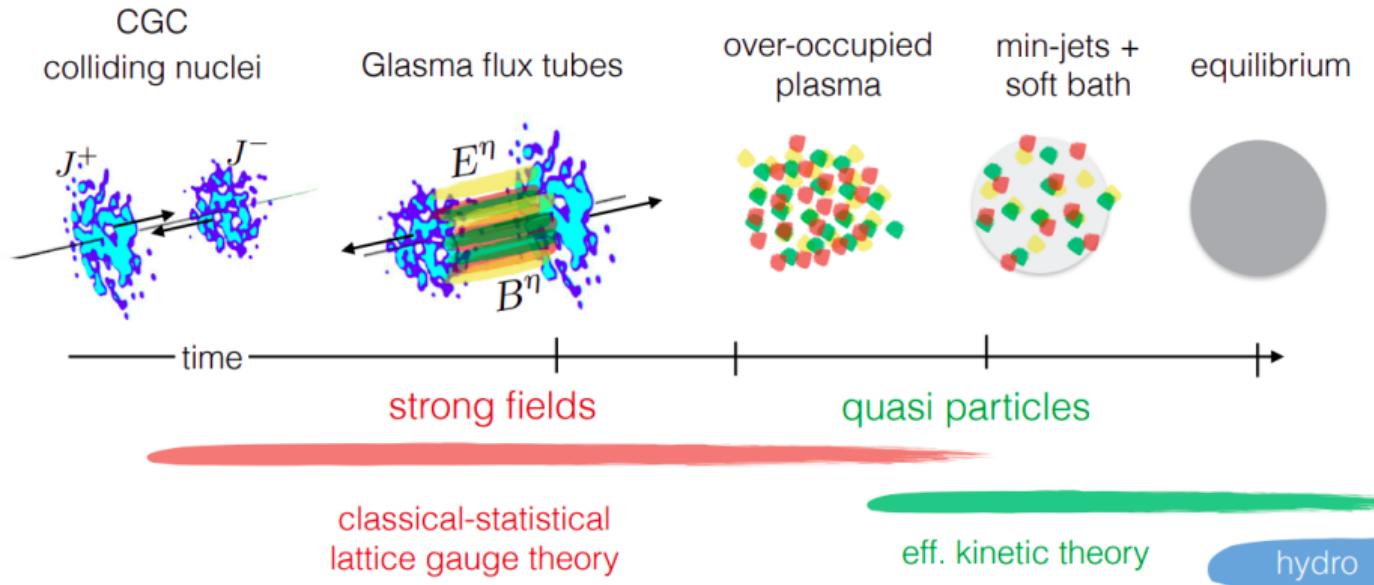


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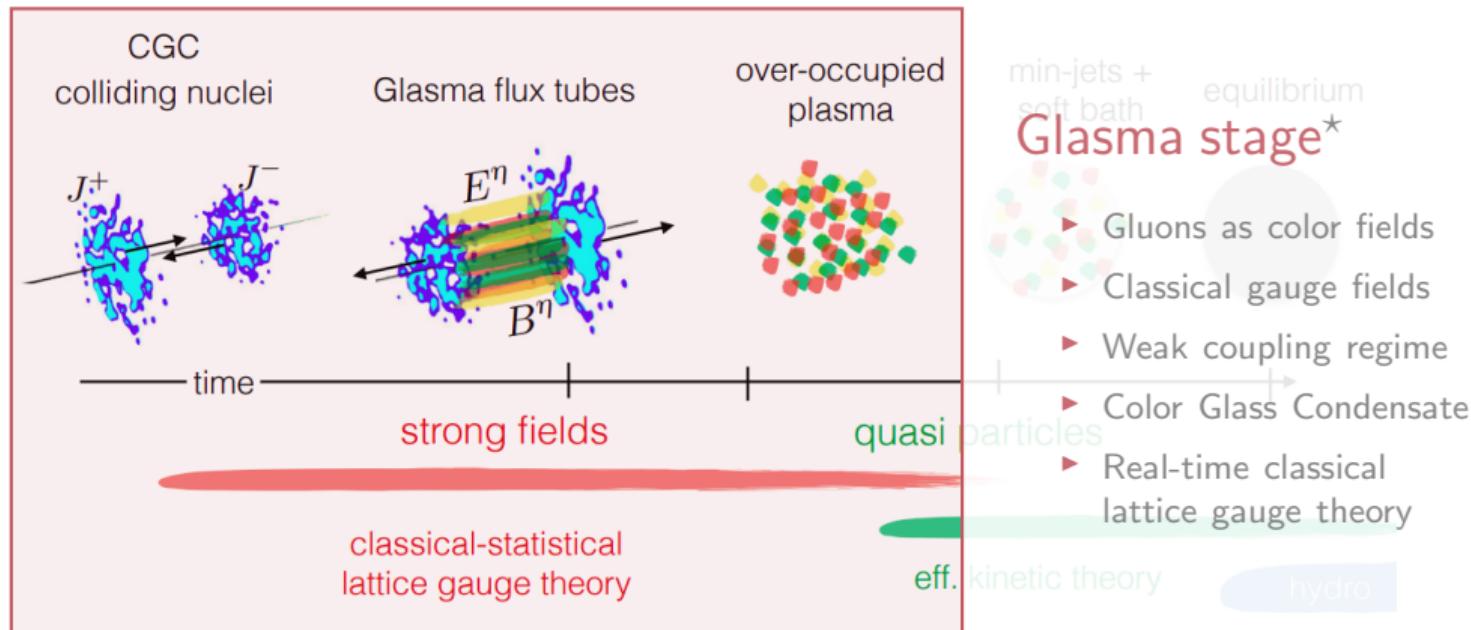
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Stitching together effective theories



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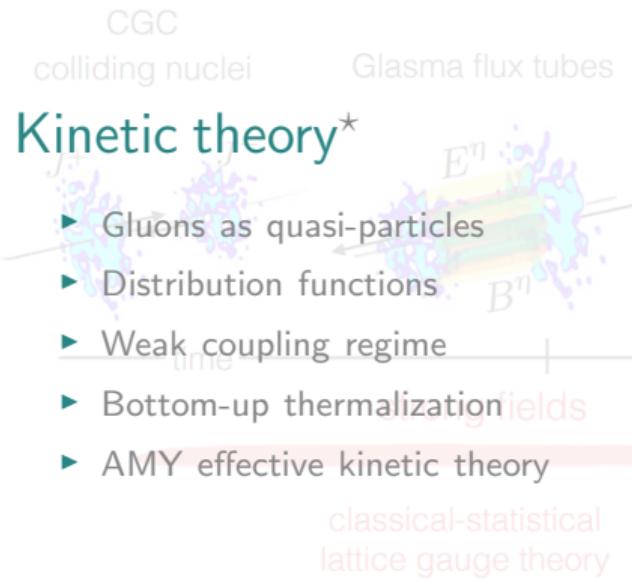
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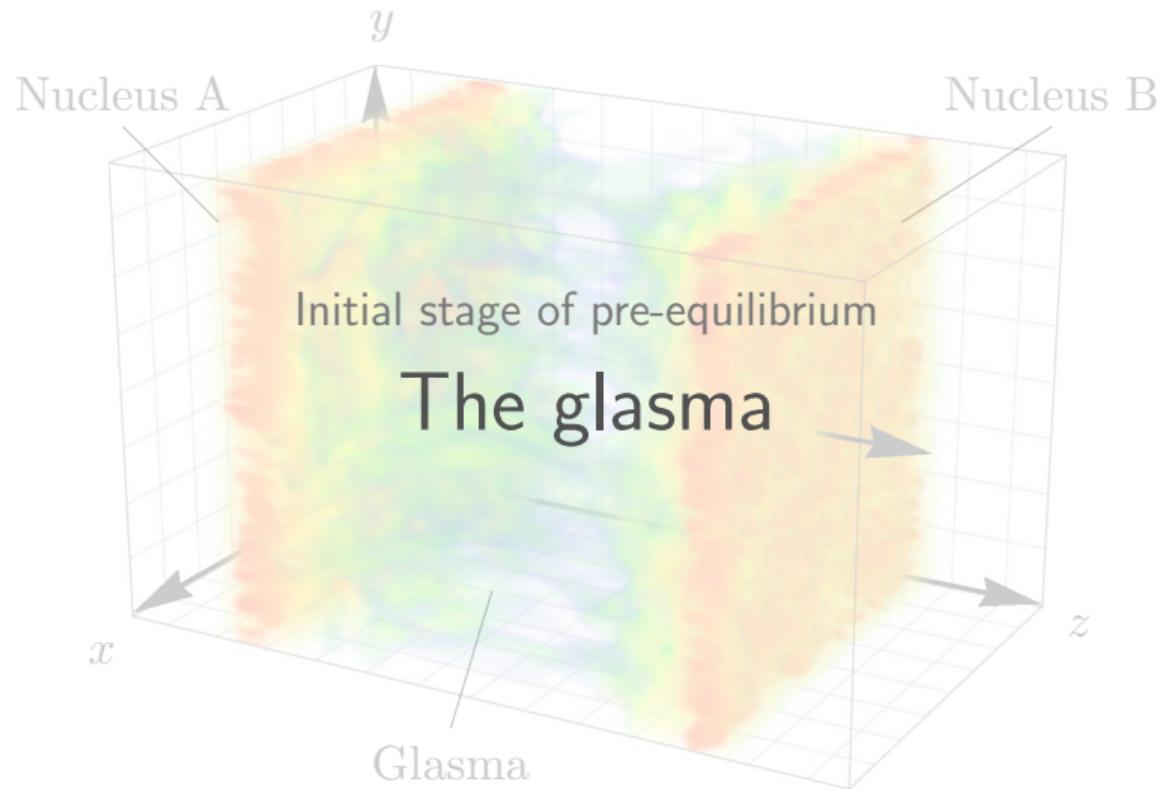
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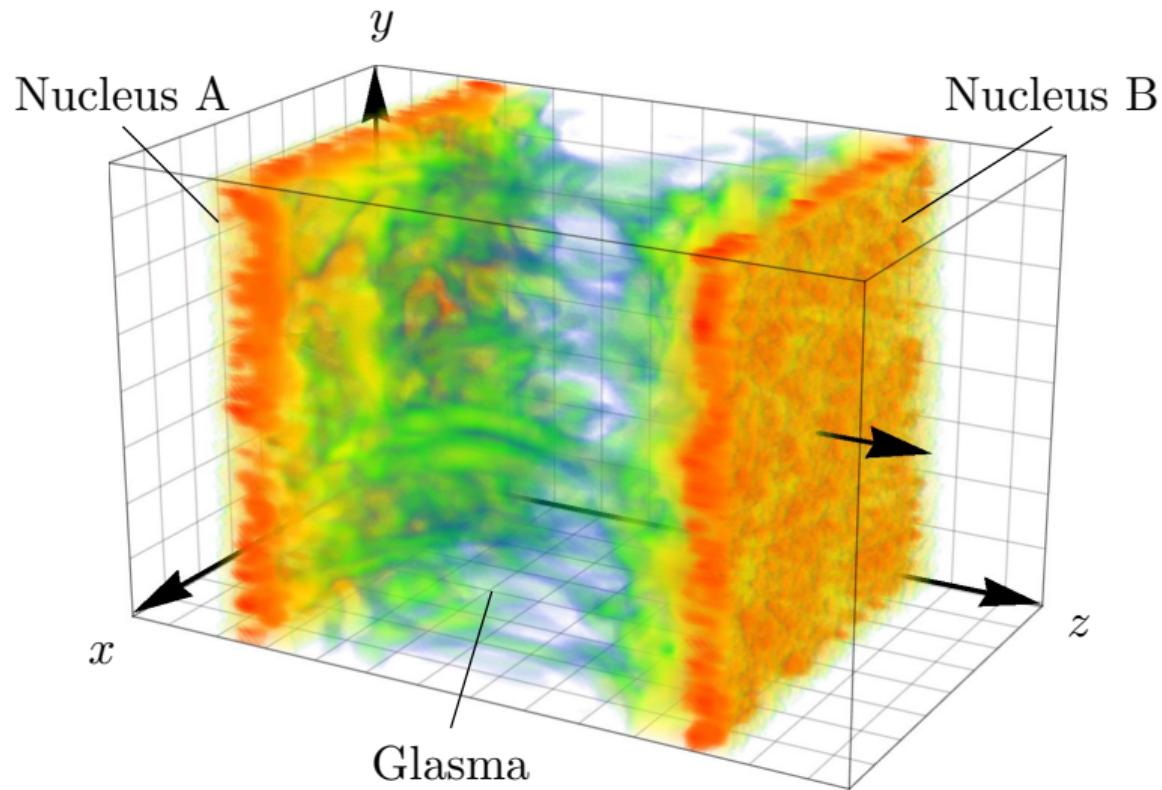
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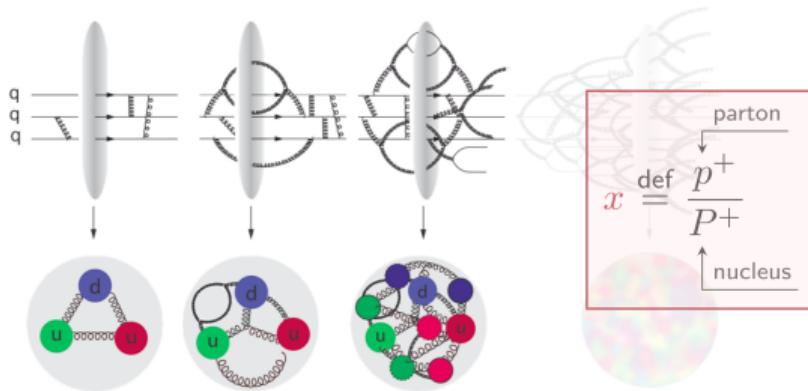




# Color Glass Condensate

An EFT for high energy QCD

Separation of scales between  
**small- $x$**  and **large- $X$**  degrees of freedom\*



Small- $x$  limit of QCD  $\leftrightarrow$  evolution



Classical Yang-Mills equations

$$\left( \mathcal{D}_\mu \ F^{\mu\nu} \right) [ A^\mu ] = J^\nu$$

covariant derivative

field strength tensor

gluons gauge field

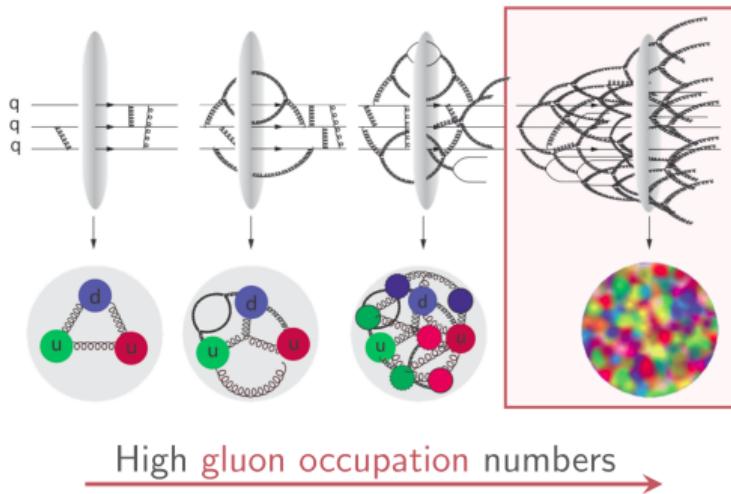
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$$\xrightarrow[\text{small-}x]{\text{cutoff}} \text{large-}x \rightarrow p^+ = xP^+$$

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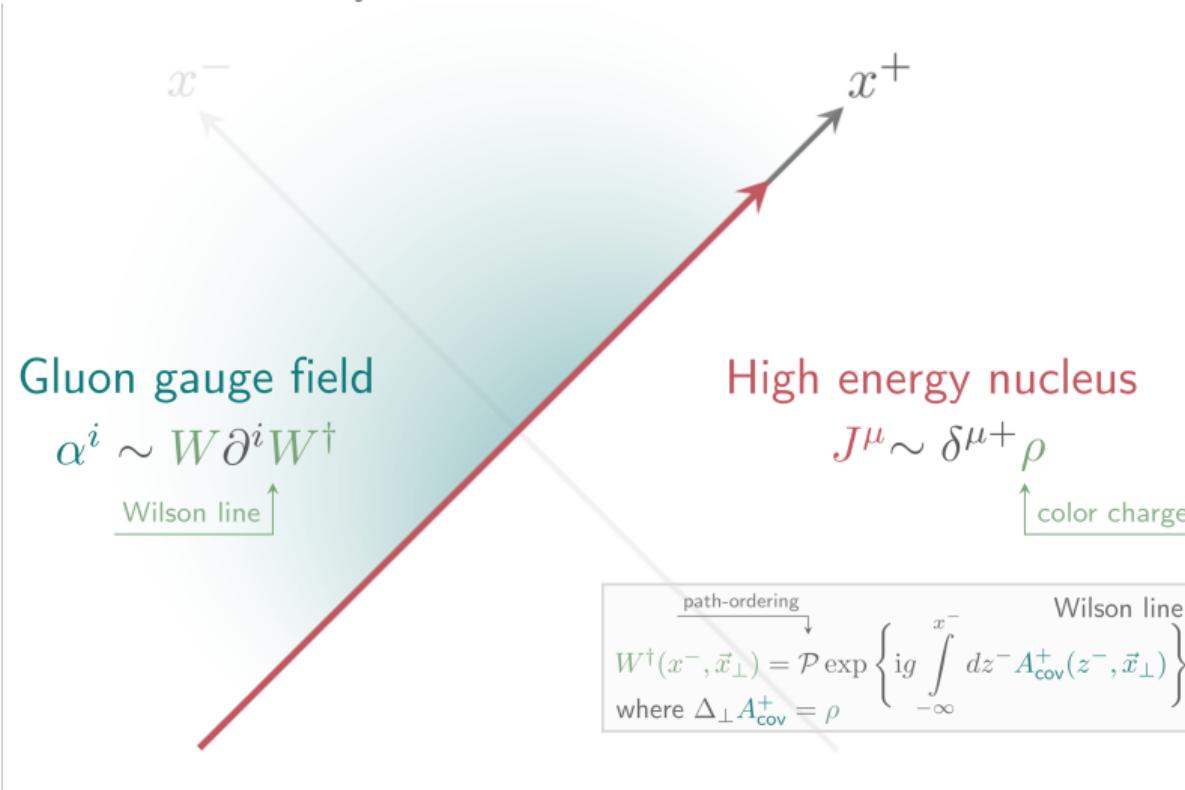
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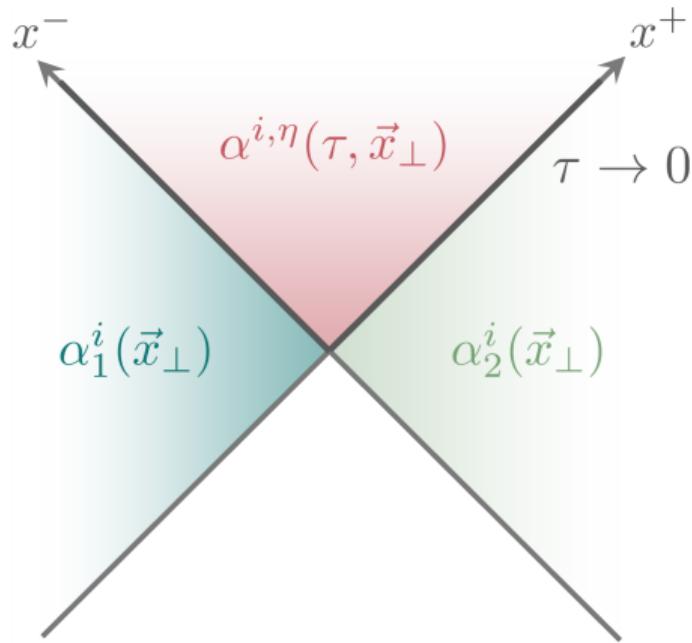
# CGC fields

Analytical fields before the collision



# Glasma fields

Numerical field after the collision



- Known CGC fields at  $\tau < 0$
- Boundary condition at  $\tau = 0$
- Unknown Glasma fields at  $\tau > 0$

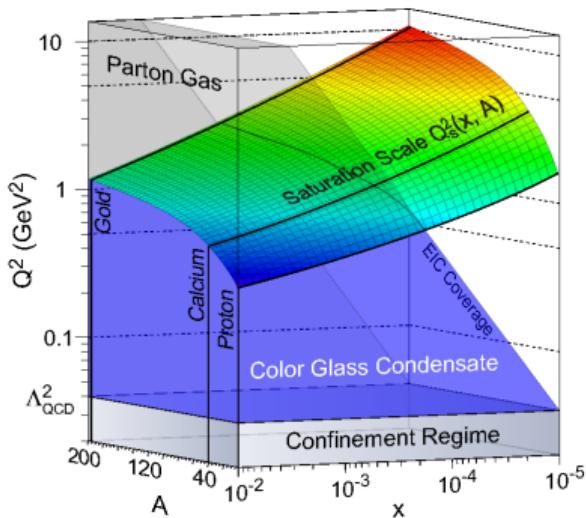
Milne coordinates  $(\tau, \eta)$   
 $\tau = \sqrt{2x^+x^-}$ ,  $\eta = \ln(x^+/x^-)/2$

Boost-invariant approximation fields =  $\text{indep}(\eta)$

Numerical solution of Yang-Mills  
equations  $\Rightarrow$  Glasma\*

# Features of plasma

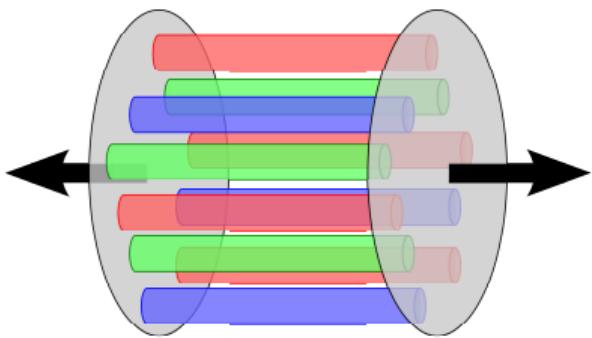
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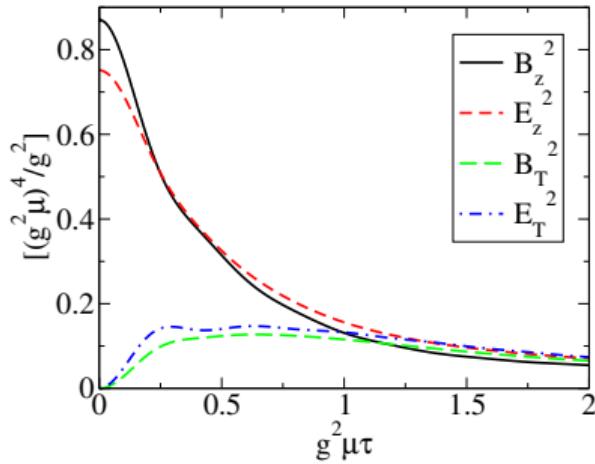
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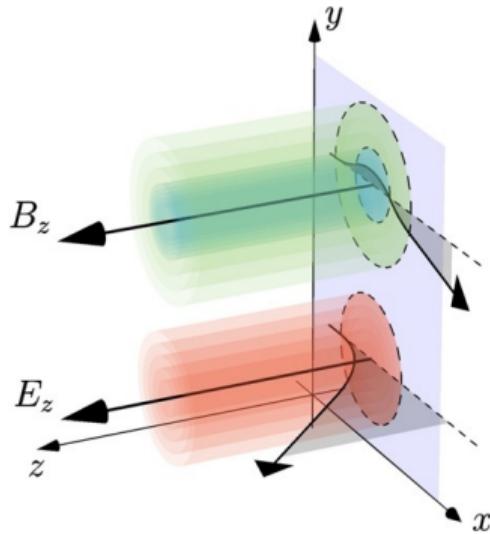
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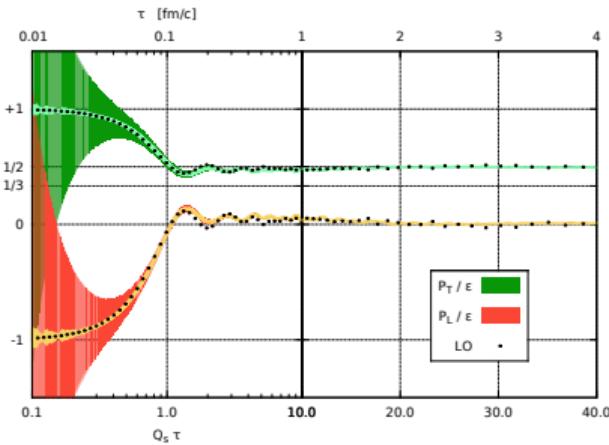
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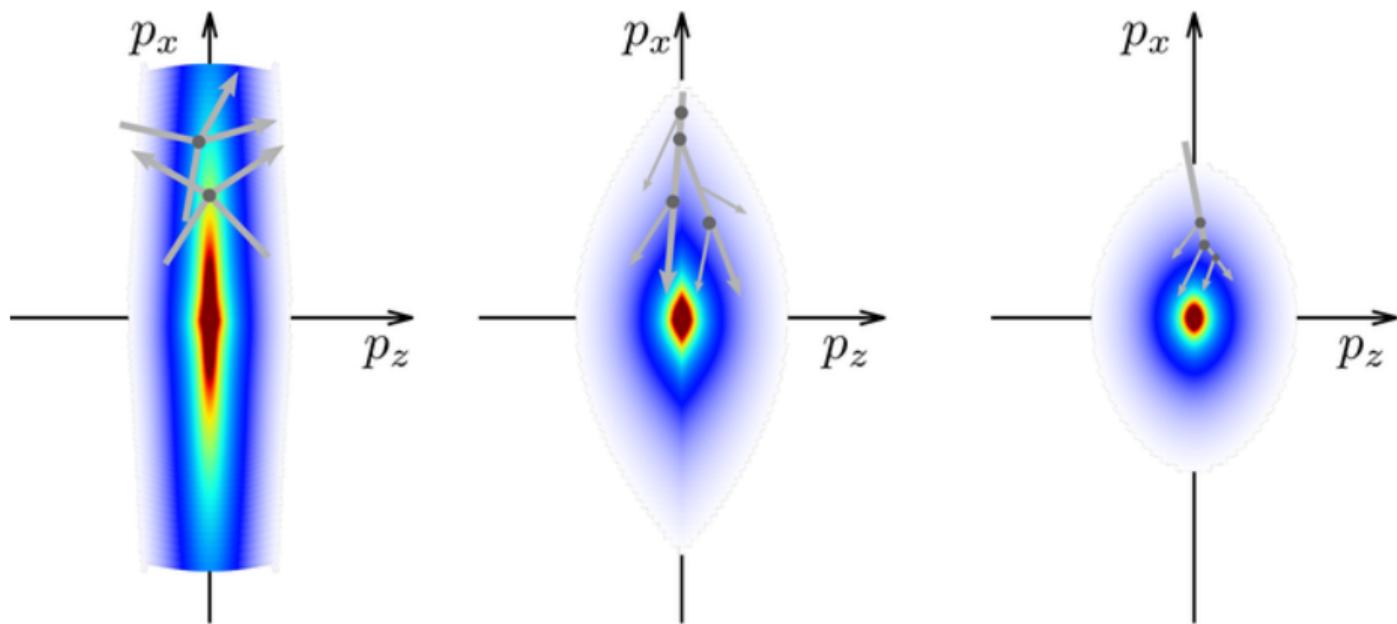
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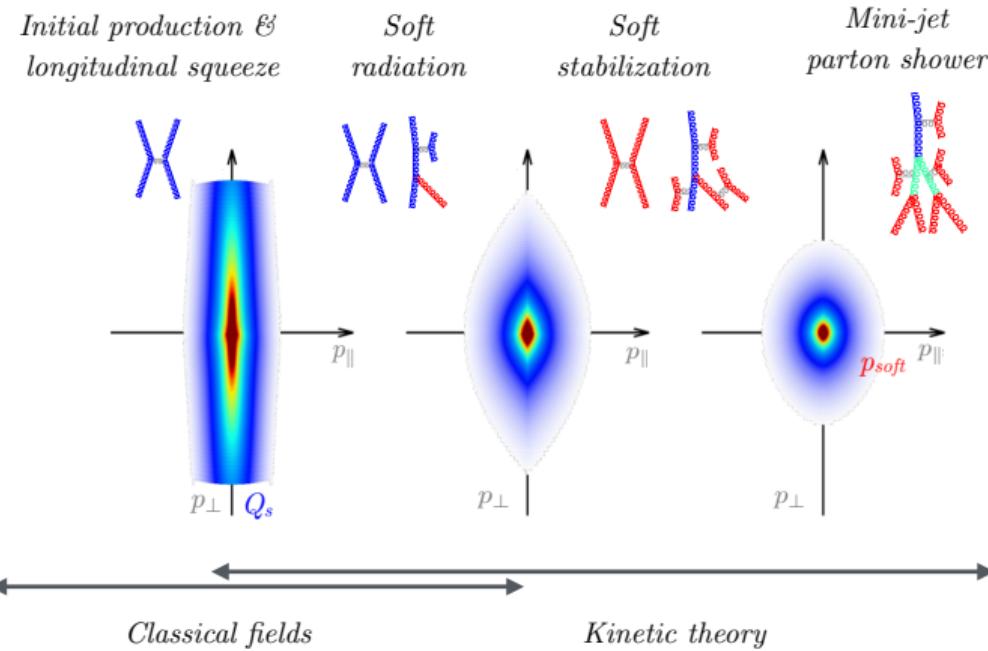
## Effective kinetic theory

$p_z$



# Bottom-up thermalization

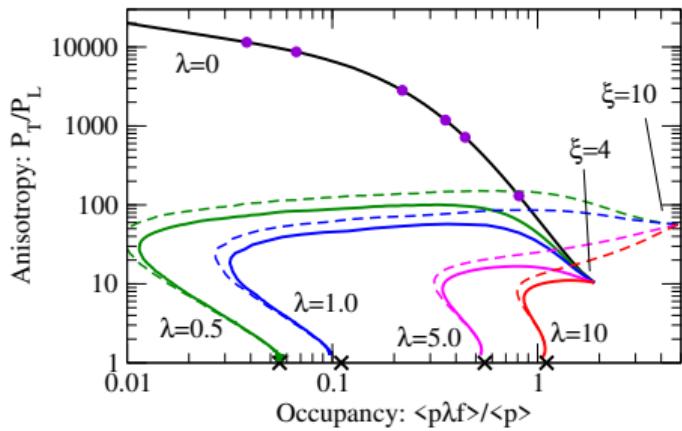
Equilibration at weak coupling



# Effective kinetic theory

À la AMY<sup>†</sup> and KZ<sup>\*</sup>

Trajectories for different initial conditions\*



► Boltzmann equation

$$-\frac{d}{d\tau} f_{\mathbf{p}} = \left( C_{1\leftrightarrow 2} + C_{2\leftrightarrow 2} + C_{\text{exp}} \right) (f_{\mathbf{p}})$$

collision terms  
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 distribution function

longitudinal expansion

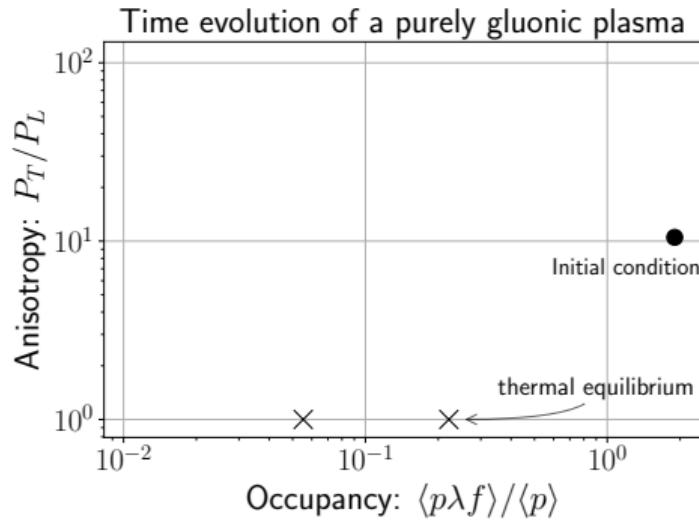
- Soft scale  $m_D \ll$  hard scale  $Q_s$
- Overoccupied  $f \sim 1/\alpha_s$  at  $Q_s\tau \sim 1$
- Boost-invariance  $p_z \ll p_T$

<sup>†</sup>Arnold, Moore, Yaffe [JHEP01(2003)]

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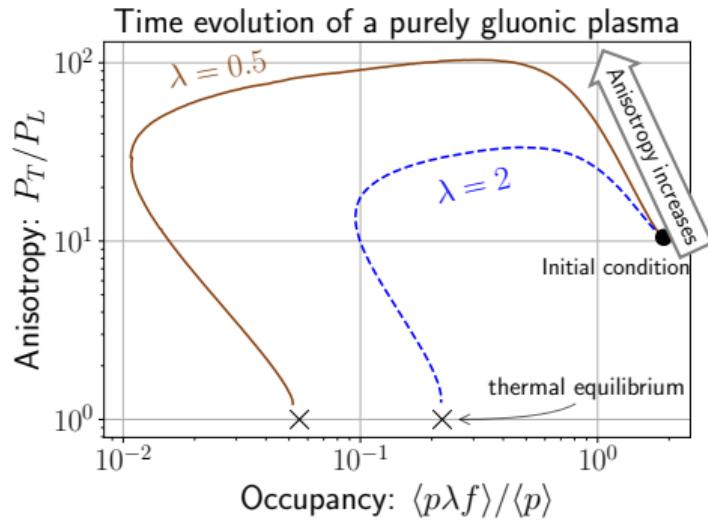
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- ▶ Stage ○  
Overoccupied gluon fields  
Anisotropy  $\xi$ , coupling  $\lambda = 4\pi N_c \alpha_s$
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Maximum anisotropy, hard modes
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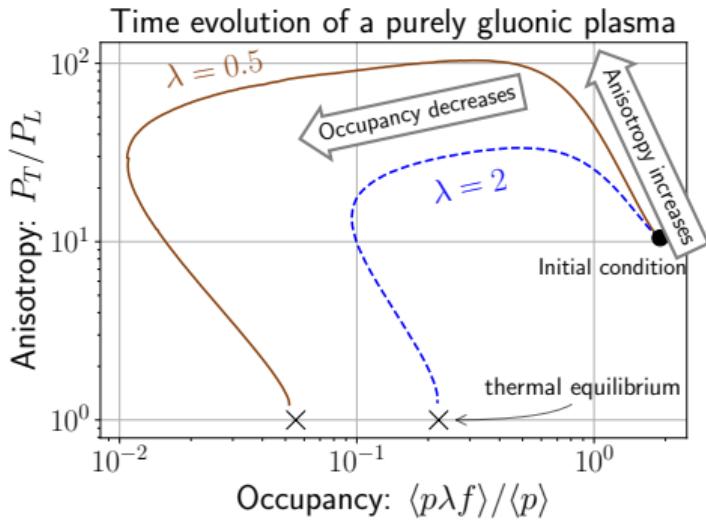
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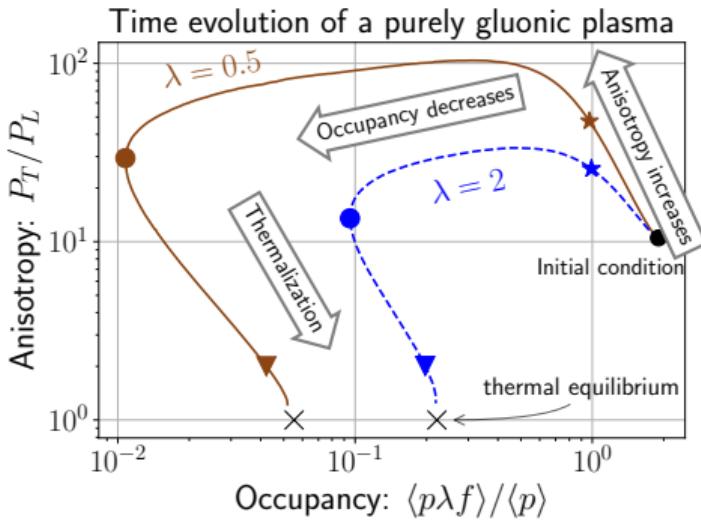
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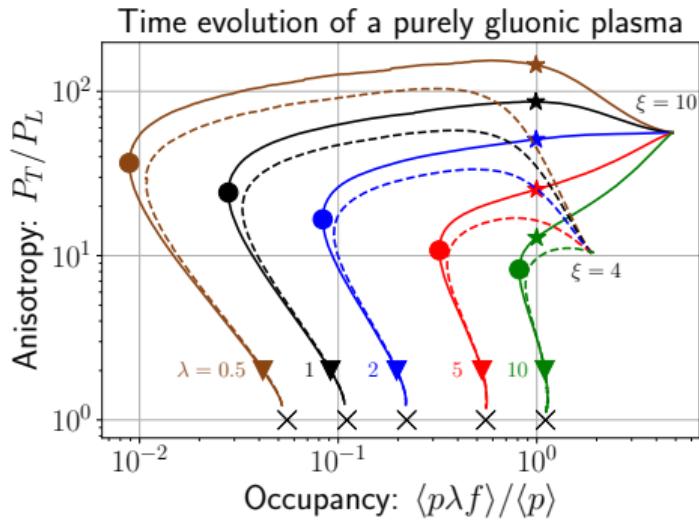
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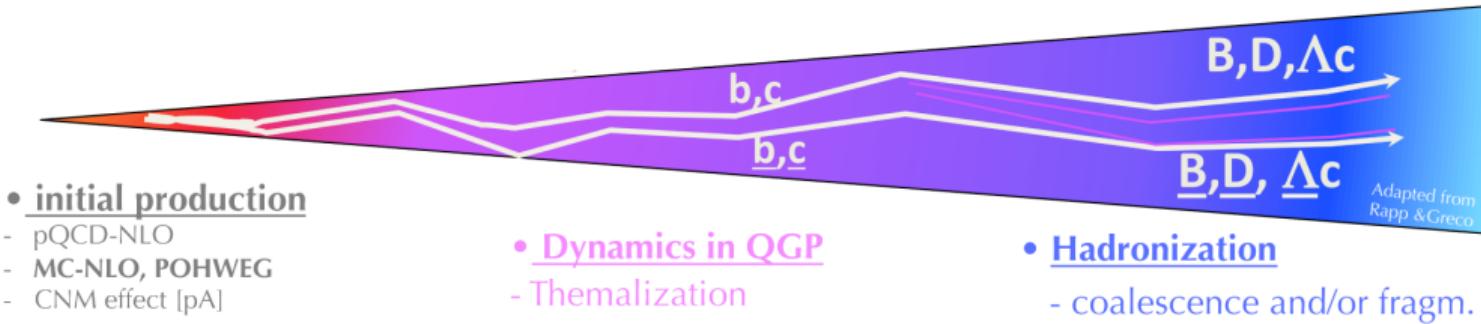
## Heavy quarks in pre-equilibrium

- initial production
  - pQCD-NLO
  - MC-NLO, POHWEG
  - CNM effect [pA]

- Dynamics in QGP
  - Thermalization

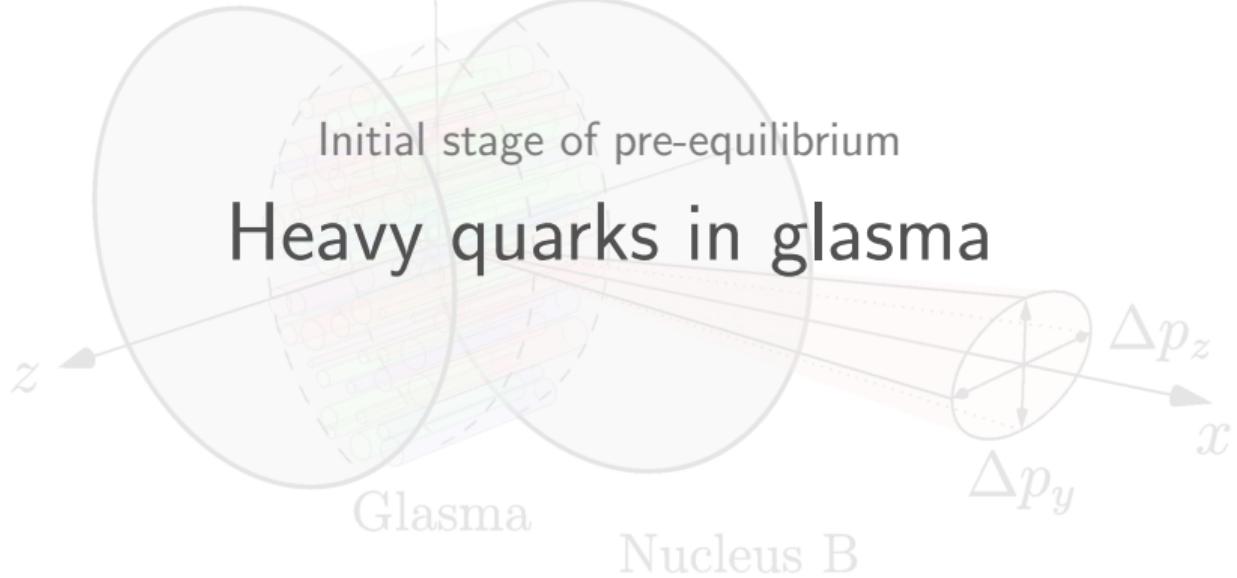
- Hadronization
  - coalescence and/or fragm.

Adapted from  
Rapp & Greco

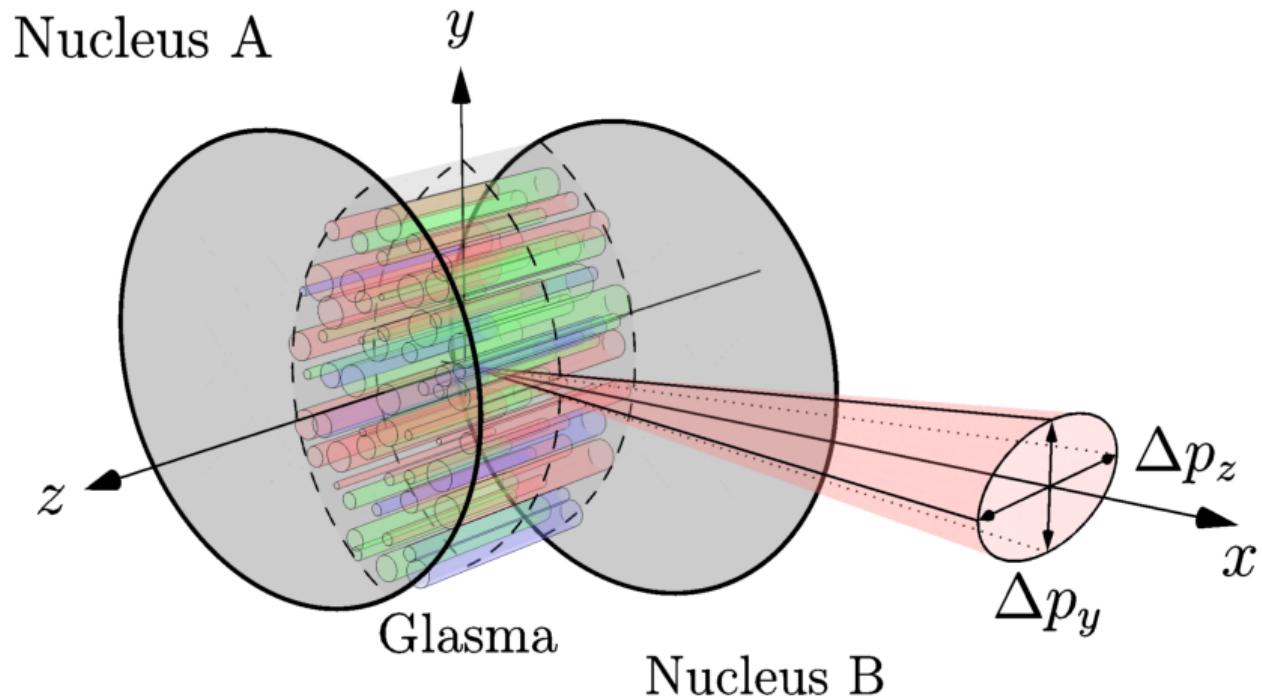


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## Heavy quarks in plasma



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Initial stage of pre-equilibrium

# Heavy quarks in glasma

## Approaches

- ▶ Numerical trajectories
- ▶ Correlator method

Glasma

## Quantities

- ▶ Momentum broadening  $\langle \delta p^2 \rangle$
- ▶ Transport coefficient  $\kappa$
- ▶ Observables  $R_{AA}$ ,  $v_2$ ,  $\mathcal{C}(\Delta\phi)$

Nucleus B

*Figure from A. Ipp, D. Müller, D. Schuh [2009.14206]*

# Particles in Yang-Mills fields

Wong's equations of motion

- Approach: numerical trajectories of classical particles in glasma fields

Wong's equations  $\leftrightarrow$  classical equations of motion for particles ( $x^\mu, p^\mu, Q$ ) evolving in a Yang-Mills background field  $A^\mu$

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} \overset{\text{coordinate}}{x^\mu} = \frac{\overset{\text{momentum}}{p^\mu}}{m},$$

proper time mass

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

coupling constant covariant derivative

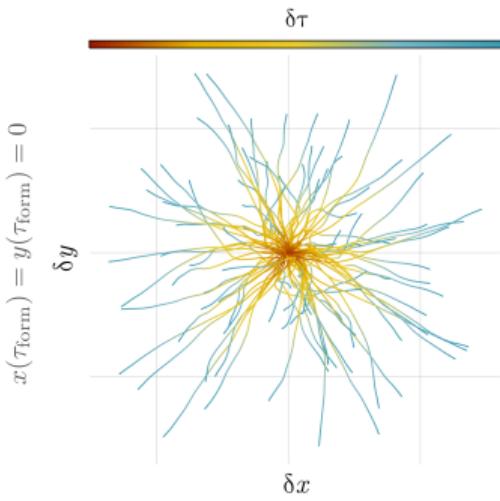
$$\underbrace{\frac{d}{d\tau} \overset{\text{color charge}}{Q} = -ig [A_\mu, Q] \frac{p^\mu}{m}}_{\text{color rotation} \rightarrow \mathcal{U} \in \text{SU}(3)}$$

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

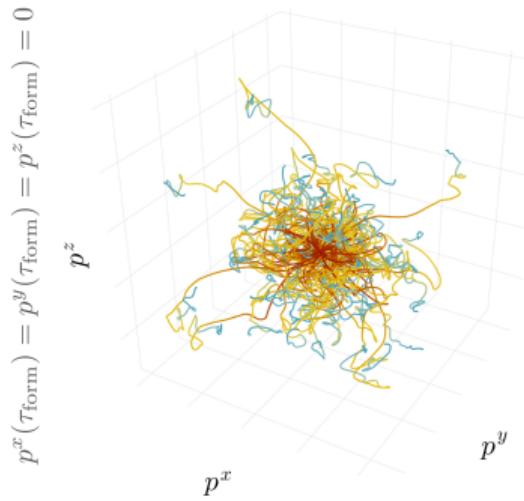
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Vizualizing the trajectories\*

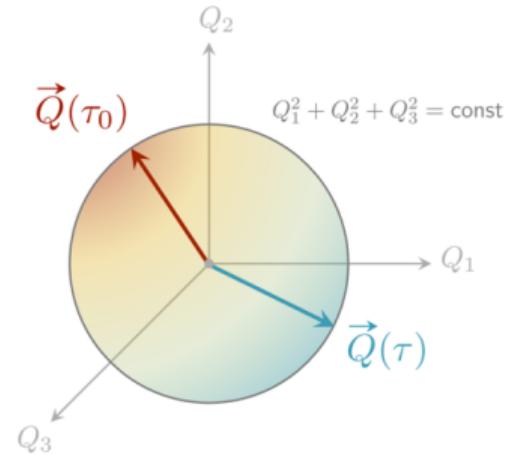
Change of coordinates



Color Lorentz force



Color rotation



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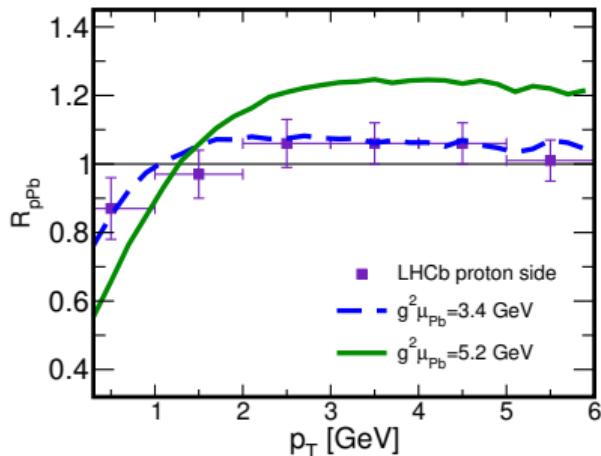
- ▶ **Quantities:** averaged over particle trajectories and glasma events

- ▶ Momentum broadening  $\langle \delta p_i^2 \rangle(\tau) = \langle p_i^2(\tau) - p_i^2(\tau_{\text{form}}) \rangle$
  - ▶ Transport coefficient\*  $\kappa_i = \frac{d}{d\tau} \langle \delta p_i^2(\tau) \rangle$
  - ▶ Transverse momentum spectra  $\frac{dN}{dp_T}(\tau)$  using FONLL input  $\frac{dN}{dp_T}(\tau_{\text{form}})$
  - ▶ Nuclear modification factor  $R_{AA} = \frac{dN^{AA}/dp_T}{A^2 dN^{pp}/dp_T}$
  - ▶ Azimuthal correlation  $\mathcal{C}(\Delta\phi) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{pairs}}} \frac{dN}{d\Delta\phi}$  for  $Q\bar{Q}$  pairs
- } theoretical
- } observables<sup>†</sup>

\*More on transport coefficients in QGP from **Maria-Lucia** and **Salvatore**

<sup>†</sup>More on HF observables from **Mattia**

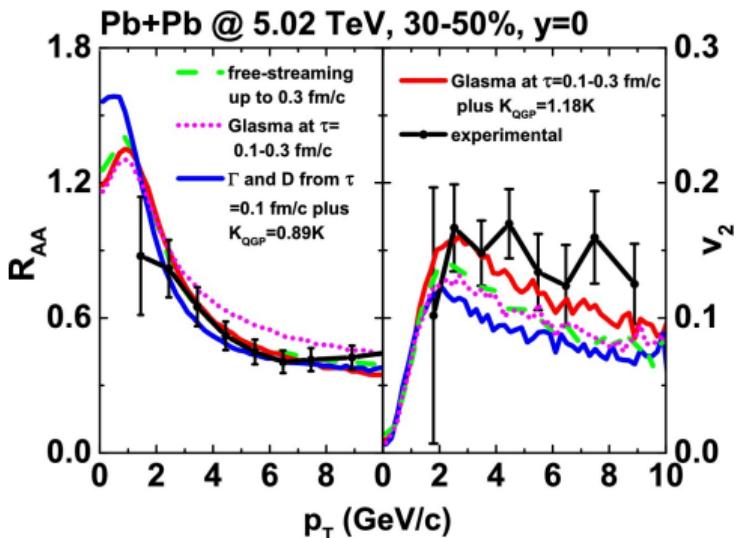
# Numerical trajectories results



## $R_{pA}$ for D-mesons

- ▶ First study of HQs in glasma
- ▶ SU(2) glasma, static box
- ▶ Proton  $Q_s$  from hot spot model
- ▶ FONLL input + fragmentation

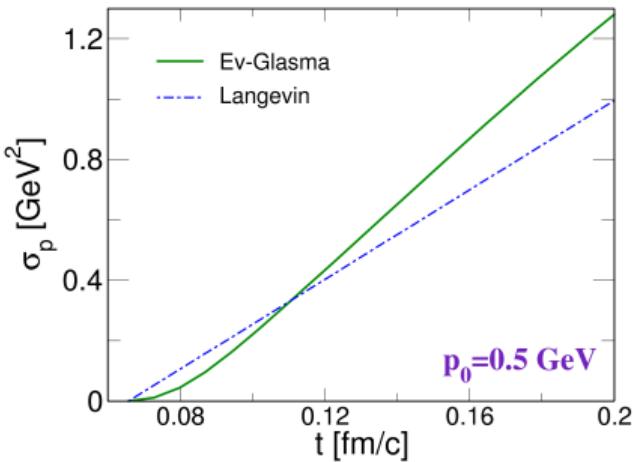
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## Hybrid $R_{AA}$ and $v_2$

- ▶ SU(2) glasma, static box
- ▶ Compared with Fokker-Planck
- ▶ Including glasma increases  $v_2$

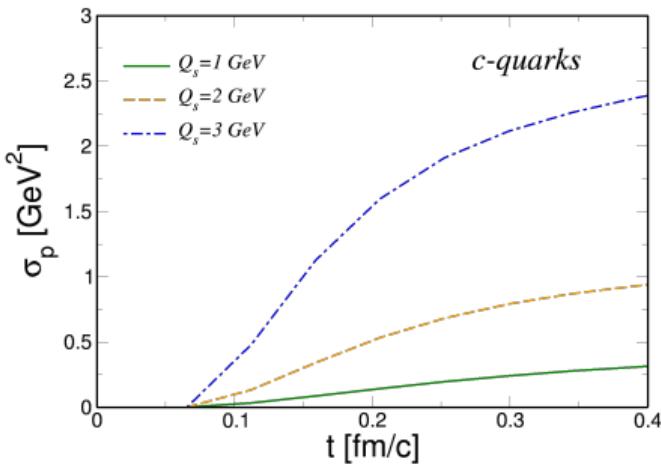
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## Momentum variance $\sigma_p$

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- ▶ Compared with Langevin
- ▶ Glasma correlation domains

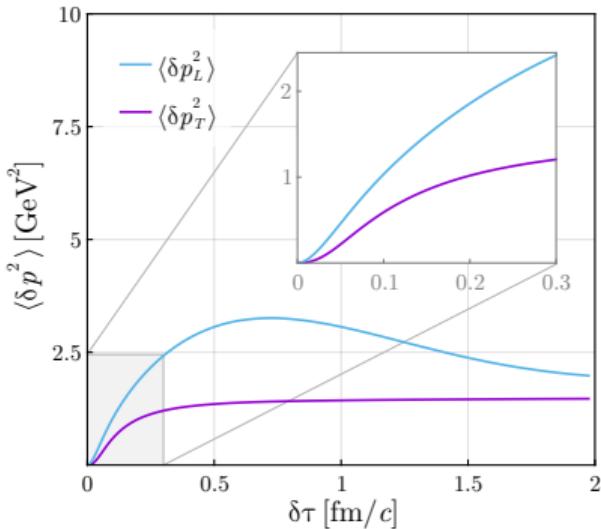
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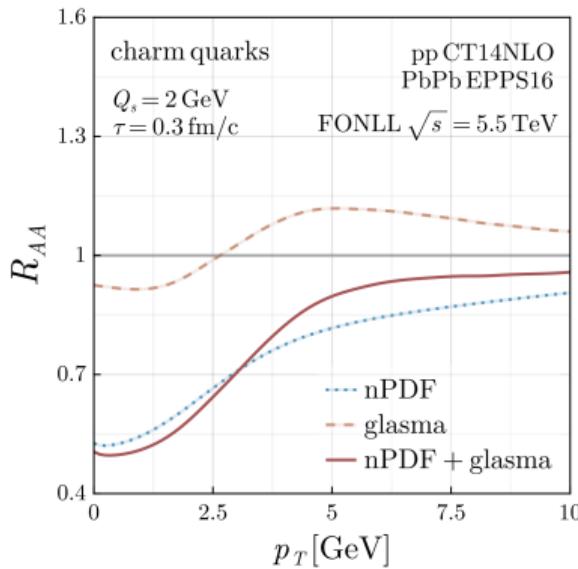
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Momentum broadening  $\langle \delta p^2 \rangle$   
Transport coefficient  $\kappa$

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

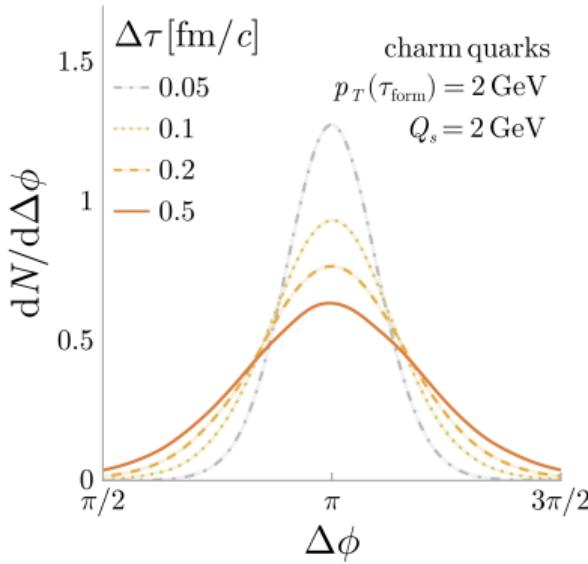
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## $R_{AA}$ with nPDF effects

- SU(3) glasma, longitudinal expansion
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- FONLL + EPPS16 input calculation

# Numerical trajectories results



## 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  $\sigma_{\Delta\phi}$

# Particles in Yang-Mills fields

Correlator method

- **Approach:** infer particle dynamics from background **field correlators**

$$\langle \delta p_i^2(\tau) \rangle = g^2 \int_{\tau_0}^{\tau} d\tau' \int_{\tau_0}^{\tau} d\tau'' \left\langle \text{Tr} [\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_i(\tau') \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_i(\tau'')] \right\rangle$$

gauge invariant force correlator

Lorentz force  $\mathcal{F}_i = F_{i\mu} \frac{p^\mu}{p^\tau}$   $\xrightarrow{\text{gauge invariant}}$  parallel transport on lattice  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_i$

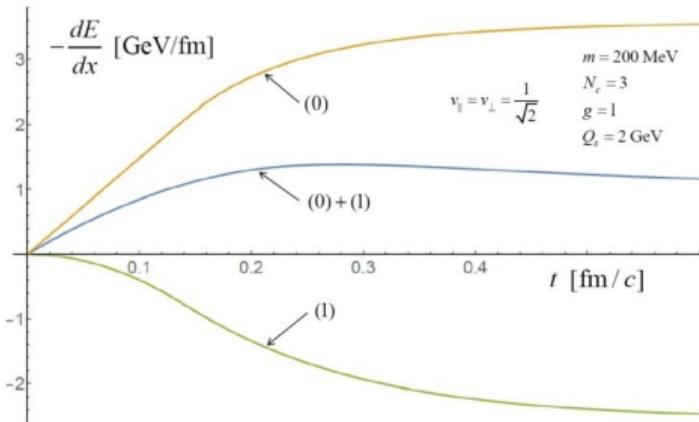
$$\sum_x \left\langle E_{i,x}(\tau') \times E_{i,x}(\tau'') \right\rangle$$

- **Static heavy quarks on lattice\***

$$\langle \delta p_i^2(\tau) \rangle \Big|_{m \rightarrow \infty} \propto \int_{\tau_0}^{\tau} d\tau' \int_{\tau_0}^{\tau} d\tau'' \left\langle \text{Tr} [E_i(\tau') E_i(\tau'')] \right\rangle$$

\*Electric field correlators also used by **Vijami** and **Tom**

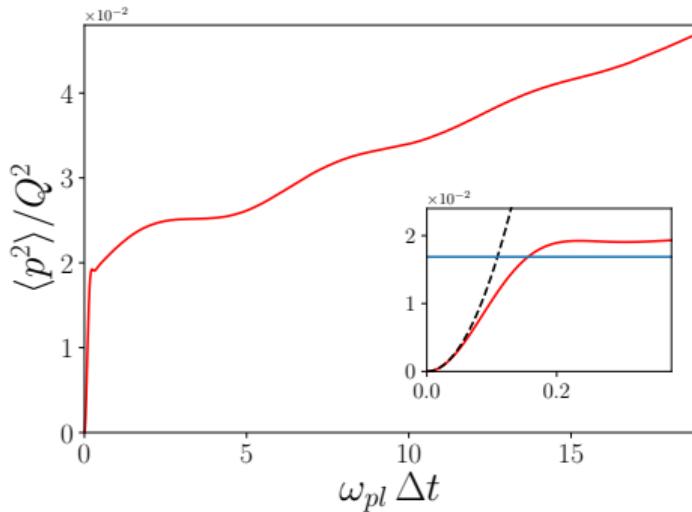
# Field correlators results



Transport coefficient  $\kappa$   
Collisional energy loss  $dE/dx$

- Analytical glasma fields in  $\tau$  expansion
- Glasma  $\langle EE \rangle$  and  $\langle BB \rangle$  correlators
- Fokker-Planck equation for heavy quarks

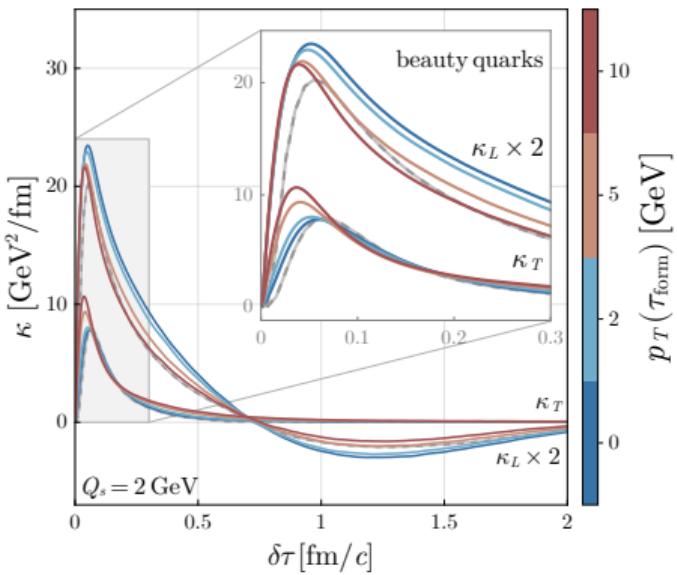
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## Momentum broadening $\langle \delta p^2 \rangle$ Transport coefficient $\kappa$

- ▶ Over-occupied classical Yang-Mills
- ▶ Numerical lattice  $\langle EE \rangle$  correlator
- ▶ Large peak in  $\langle \delta p^2 \rangle$
- ▶ Oscillations of  $\kappa$  with plasmon frequency

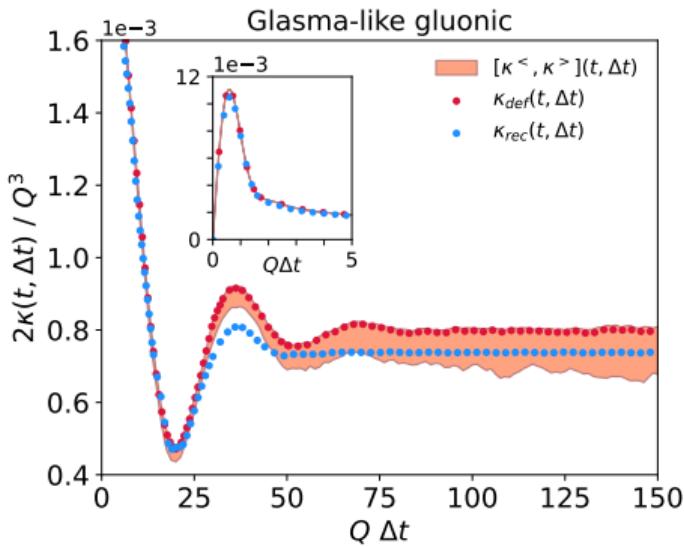
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- SU(3) glasma, longitudinal expansion
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- Comparison with numerical trajectories
- Ordering  $\langle \delta p_L^2 \rangle > \langle \delta p_T^2 \rangle$ , negative  $\kappa_L < 0$

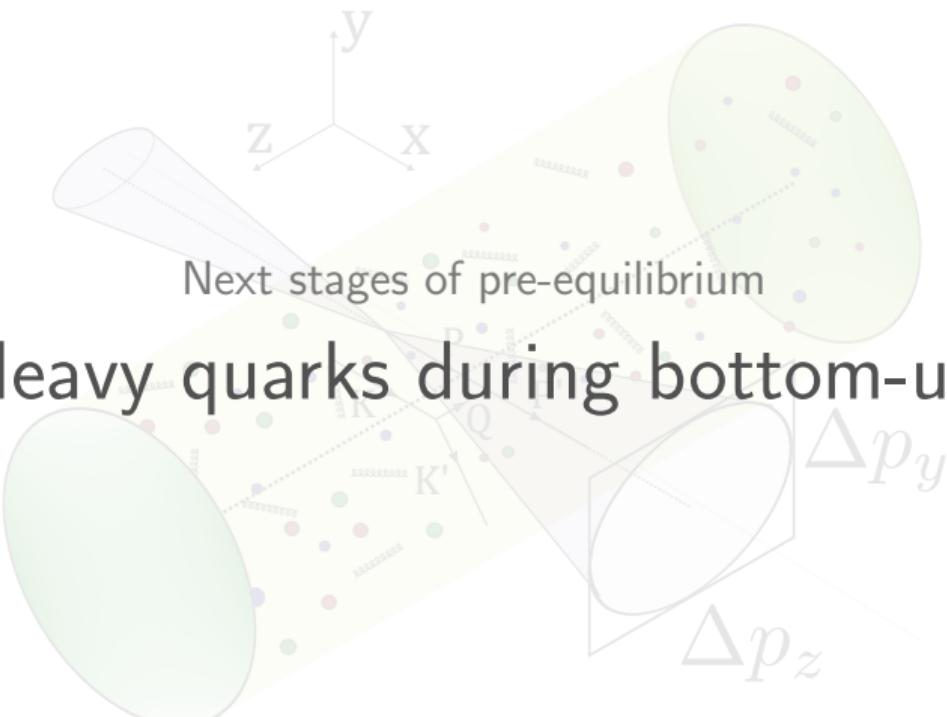
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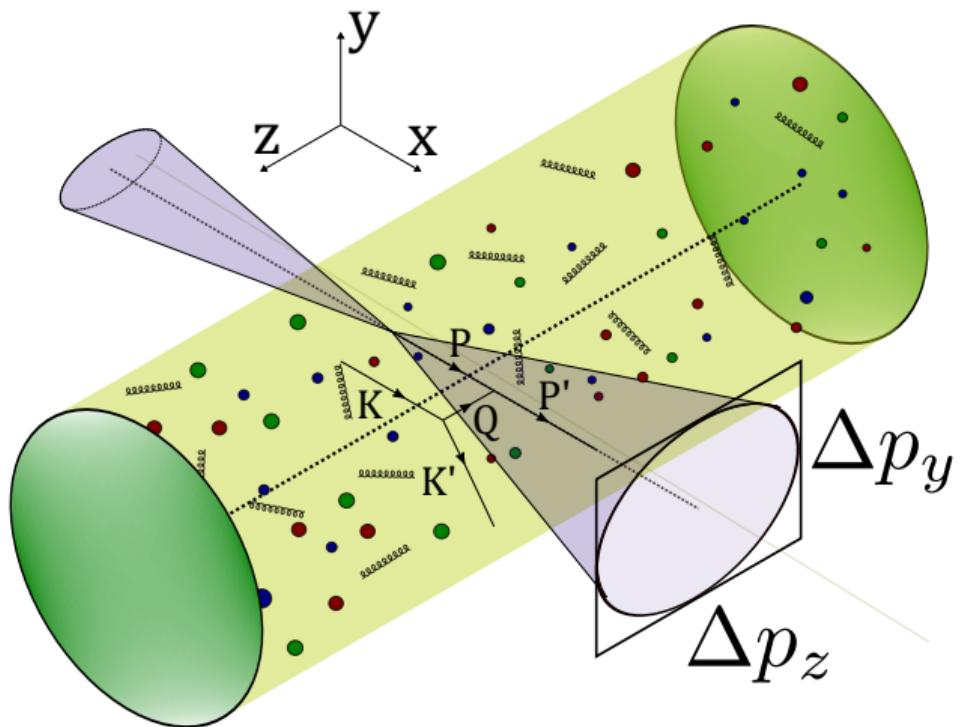


## Transport coefficient $\kappa$

- ▶ Glasma-like classical fields
- ▶ Numerical lattice  $\langle EE \rangle$  correlator
- ▶ Non-perturbative gluonic excitations
- ▶ Explain the peak in  $\kappa$

# Heavy quarks during bottom-up





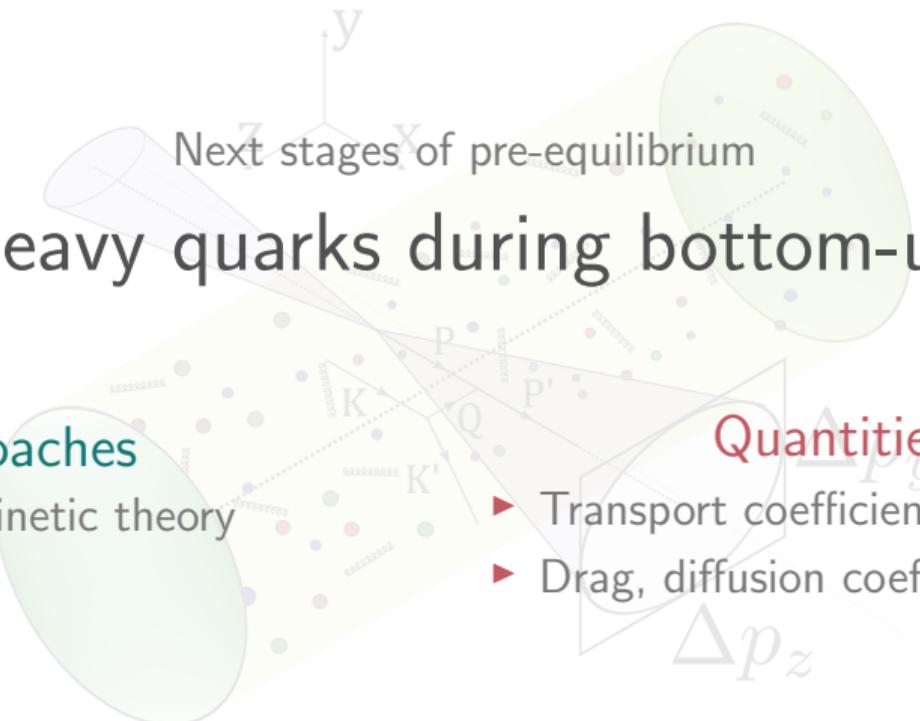
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## Approaches

- ▶ Effective kinetic theory

## Quantities

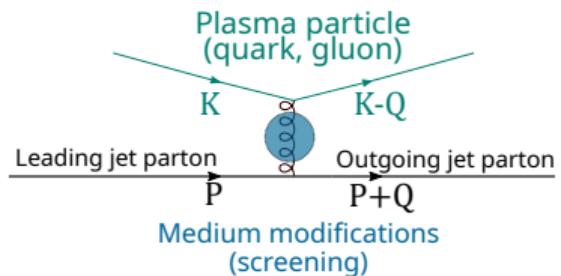
- ▶ Transport coefficient  $\kappa$
- ▶ Drag, diffusion coefficients  $A_i, B_{ij}$



## Heavy quarks in EKT

## Extracting transport coefficients

- Approach: effective kinetic theory to study the gluon distribution function  $f(\mathbf{k})$
  - Quantities: various transport coefficients  $\kappa, A_i, B_{ij}$  extracted from  $f(\mathbf{k})$



$$\kappa \propto \int d\Gamma_{PS} \, \mathbf{q}^2 \left| \mathcal{M} \right|^2 f(\mathbf{k})[1 + f(\mathbf{k}')]$$

phase space measure

matrix element

momentum exchange

incoming

outgoing

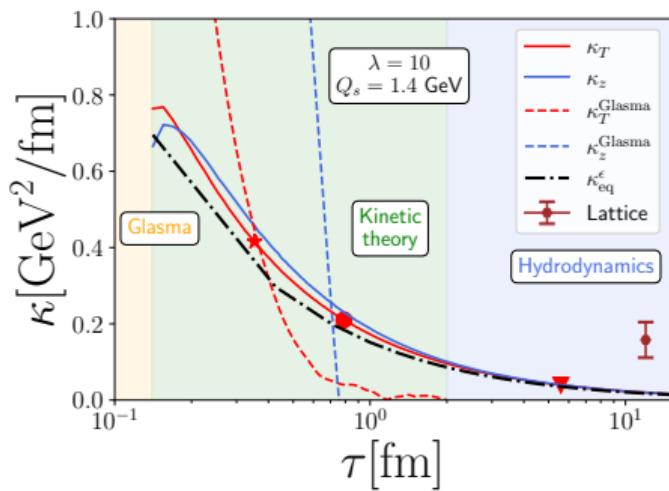
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$$\text{Drag } A_i \propto \int d\Gamma_{\text{PS}} \mathbf{q}_i |\mathcal{M}|^2 f(\mathbf{k}) [1 \pm f(\mathbf{k}')]$$

$$\text{Diffusion } B_{ij} \propto \int d\Gamma_{\text{PS}} q_i q_j |\mathcal{M}|^2 f(\mathbf{k}) [1 \pm f(\mathbf{k}')]$$

# EKT results

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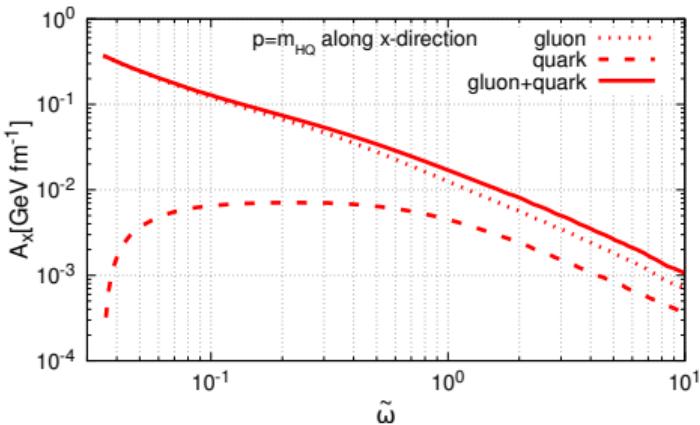


## Transport coefficient $\kappa$

- Energy density  $\varepsilon$  matched to glasma
- Compare to  $\kappa$  in glasma
- Compare with equilibrium  $\kappa_{\text{eq}}$
- Match for the same  $m_D$ ,  $T_*$  and  $\varepsilon$

# EKT results

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## Drag, diffusion $A_i, B_{ij}$

- ▶ Contributions from  $g, q, g + q$
- ▶ Angular dependence
- ▶ Rescaled coefficients, attractor behavior

# My questions

- ▶ Theoretical improvements
  - ▶ First stage of bottom-up thermalization  
How to connect  $\kappa$  from glasma to EKT? Match using gluon distribution function
  - ▶ Heavy quark energy loss in glasma  
Only recently: jet energy loss in glasma from synchrotron radiation\*
- ▶ Experimental observables
  - ▶ Observables sensitive to pre-equilibrium  
What to extract? The most sensitive is the azimuthal correlation
  - ▶ Large initial anisotropy  
How to measure anisotropy? Many studies in anisotropic systems†
- ▶ Compare theory to experiment
  - ▶ How sensitive is data to pre-equilibrium? Simulations of all stages for HQ transport

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\*Barata, Hauksson, López, Sadofyev [[2406.07615](#)]

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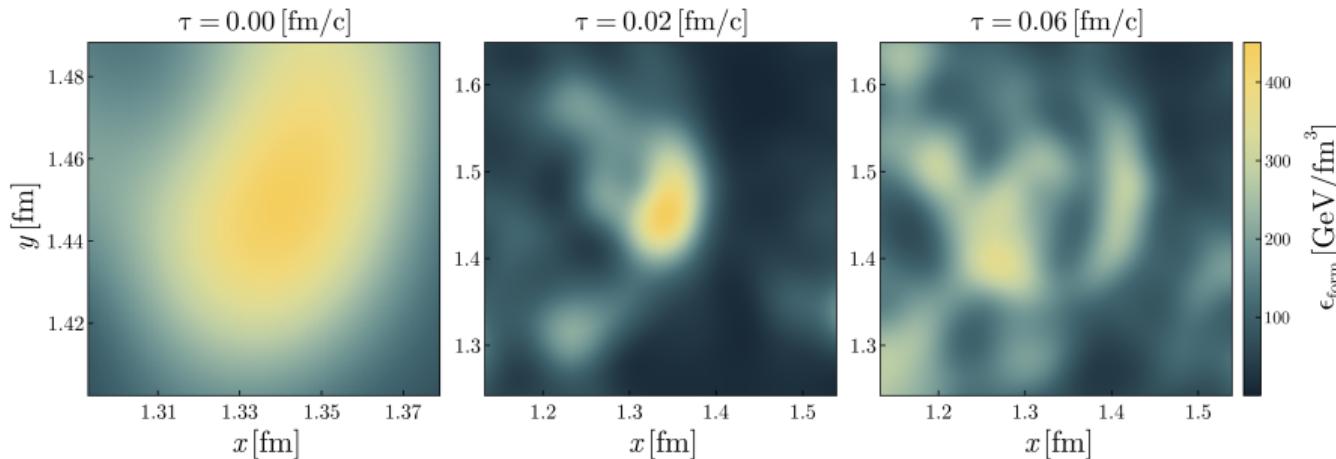
# Back-up

# Hard probes in Glasma

Classical transport in the very-early stage

Prerequisite: Classical lattice gauge theory  $\xrightarrow{\text{solver}}$  Glasma fields

This work: Glasma fields  $\xleftarrow{\text{background}}$  test particles  $\xleftarrow{\text{solver}}$  colored particle-in-cell

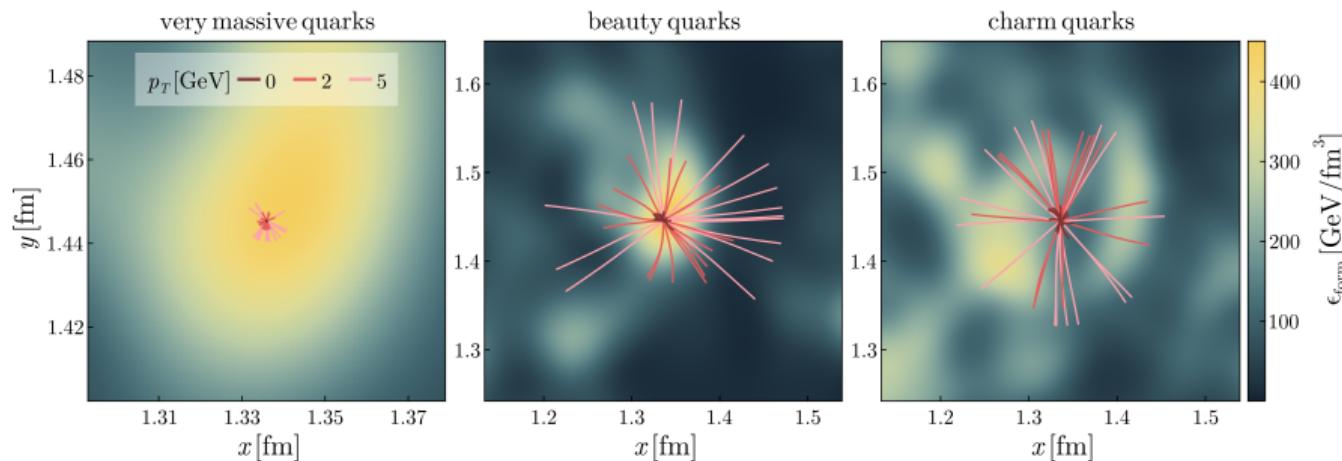


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# CGC as an EFT for high energy QCD



Classical Yang-Mills fields



$$\text{covariant derivative} \quad \text{field strength tensor}$$


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CYM equations:  $(D_\mu F^{\mu\nu}) [A^\nu] = J^\nu$

MV model and LC kinematics  $\Rightarrow J^{\mu,a}(x) \propto \delta^{\mu+} \rho^a(x^-, x_\perp)$

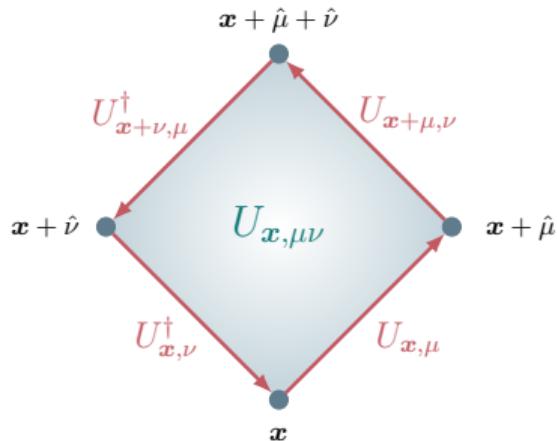
large nuclei ↑

↑ stochastic variable

Two-point function  $\langle \rho^a \rho^a \rangle \propto Q_s^2$  saturation momentum

# Numerical implementation (*technicalities*)

Boost-invariant Yang-Mills equations for  $A_i(\tau, \vec{x}_\perp)$  and  $A_\eta(\tau, \vec{x}_\perp)$



Trace of a plaquette  $\mapsto$  gauge invariant  
Wilson lines on the lattice  $\leftrightarrow$  gauge links

$$U_{x,\mu} = \exp\{igaA_\mu(x)\}$$

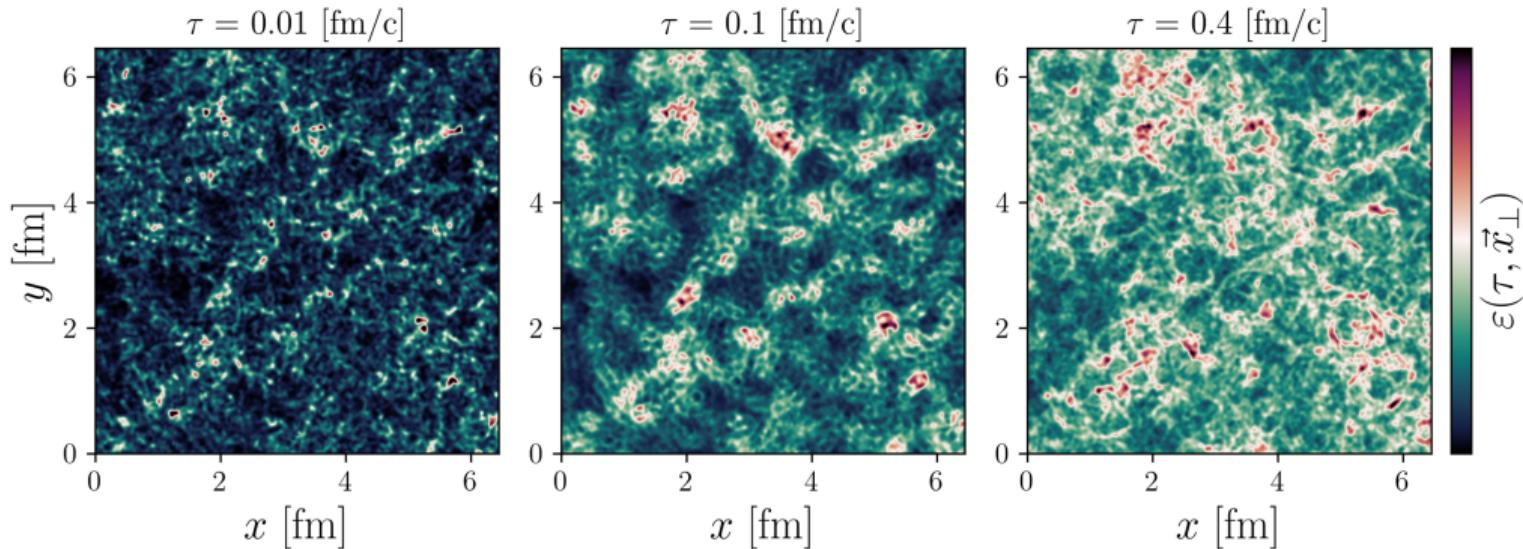
Wilson loops on lattice  $\leftrightarrow$  plaquettes

$$U_{x,\mu\nu} \equiv U_{x,\mu} U_{x+\mu,\nu} U_{x+\mu,\mu}^\dagger U_{x,\nu}^\dagger$$

Glasma  $\xrightarrow{\text{boost invariance}}$  transverse gauge links  $U_i(\tau, \vec{x}_\perp)$ , while  $A_\eta(\tau, \vec{x}_\perp)$

# The Glasma fields

## General features



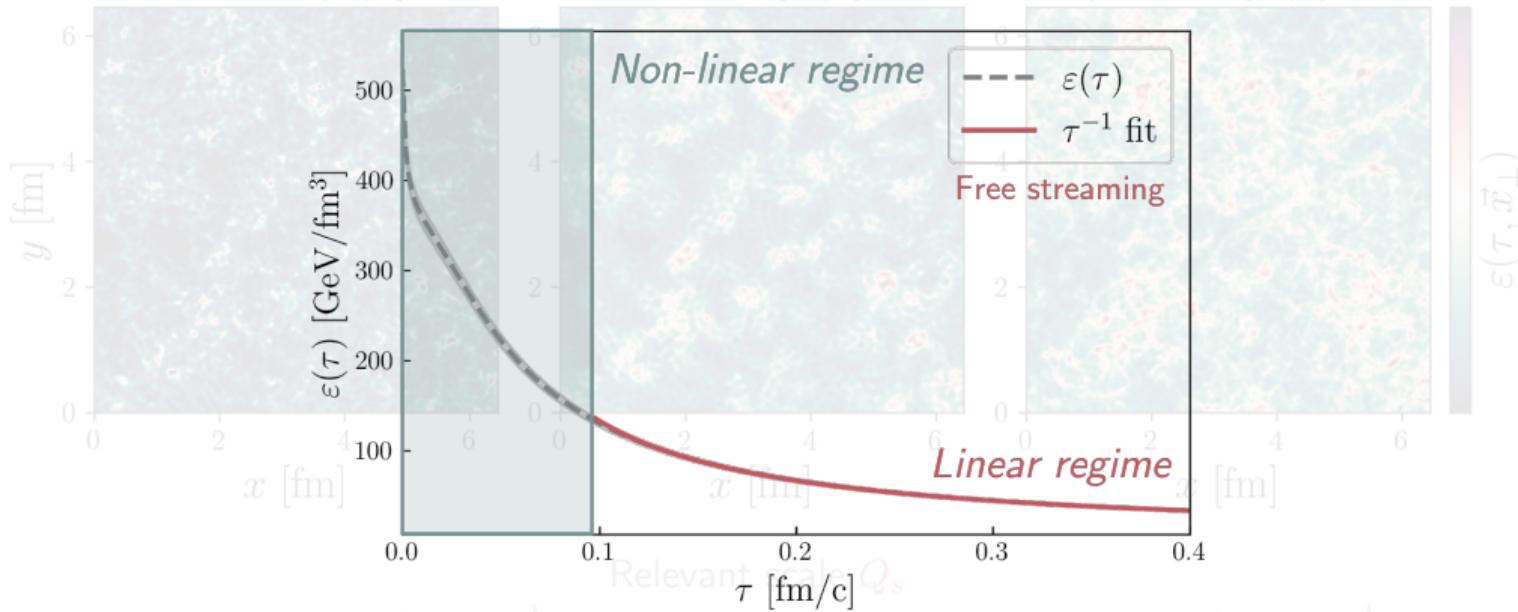
Relevant scale  $Q_s$

Fields **dilute** after  $\delta\tau \simeq Q_s^{-1}$ , arrange themselves in **correlation domains** of  $\delta x_T \simeq Q_s^{-1}$

# The Glasma fields

Bjorken expansion

$\tau = 0.01 \text{ [fm/c]}$  The fields become **dilute** after  $\delta\tau \simeq Q_s^{-1}$   $\tau = 0.4 \text{ [fm/c]}$

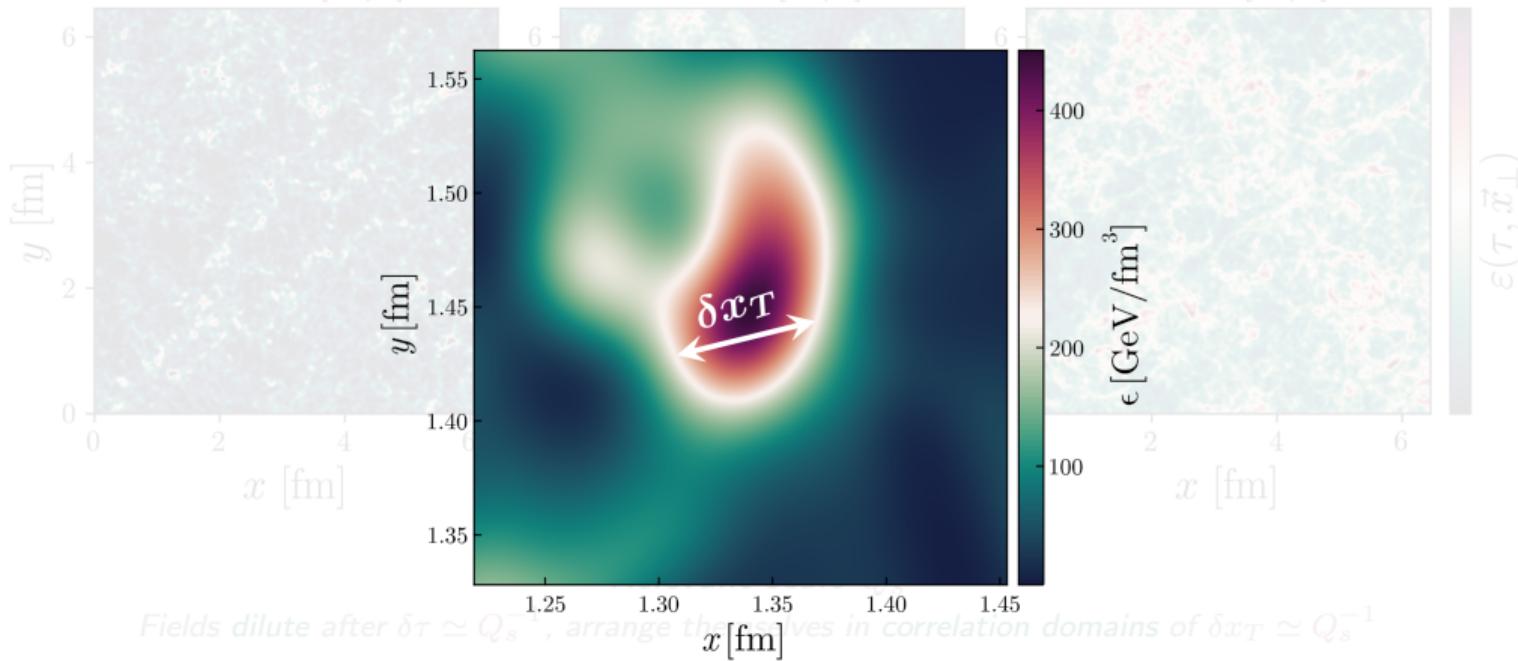


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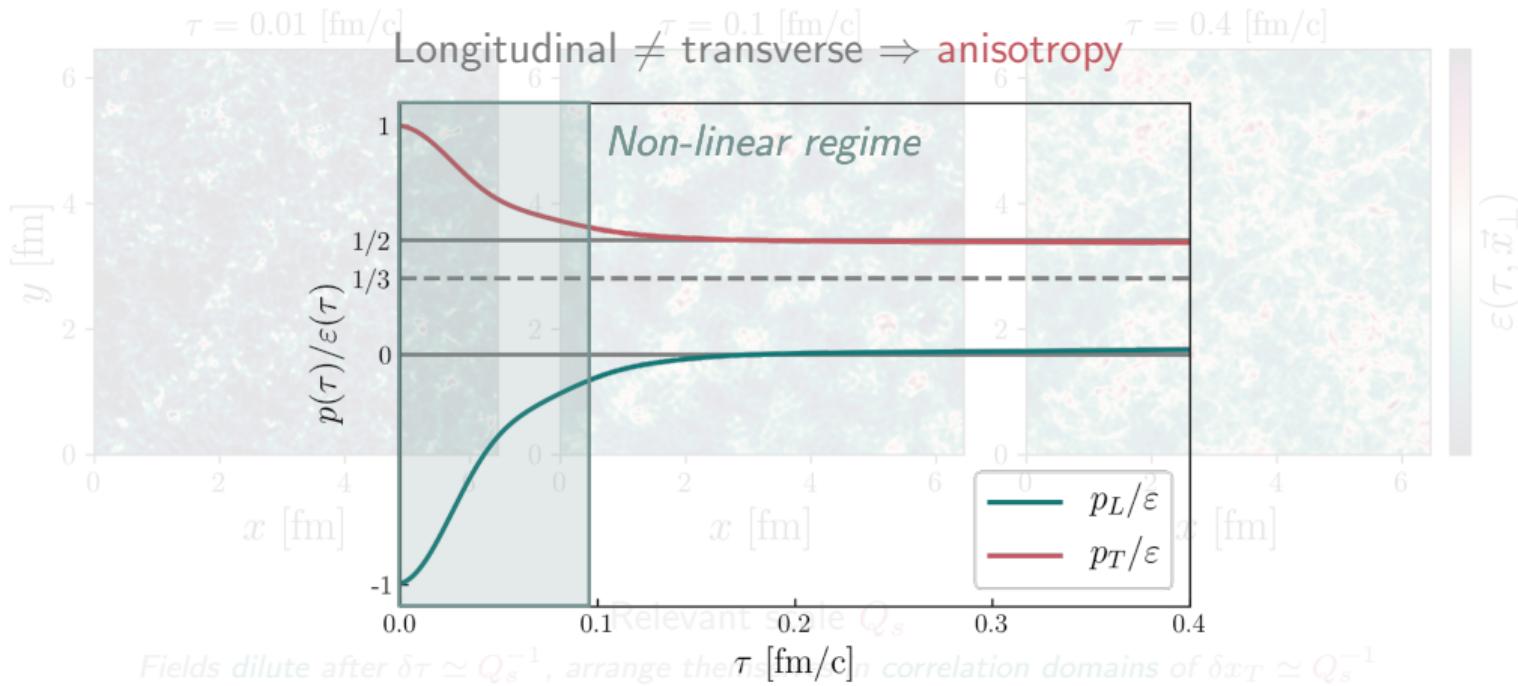
## Flux tubes

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# The Glasma fields

## Anisotropy



# Particles in Yang-Mills fields

Wong's equations of motion

Wong's equations  $\leftrightarrow$  classical equations of motion for particles  $(x^\mu, p^\mu, Q)$   
evolving in a Yang-Mills background field  $A^\mu$

Boltzmann-Vlasov collisionless non-Abelian plasma

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} \begin{matrix} \downarrow \\ x^\mu \end{matrix} = \frac{p^\mu}{m}, \quad \frac{d}{d\tau} \begin{matrix} \text{momentum} \\ p^\mu \end{matrix} = \cancel{2g \text{Tr} \left\{ Q F^{\mu\nu} [A^\nu] \right\}} \frac{p^\mu}{m}, \quad \frac{d}{d\tau} \begin{matrix} \text{color charge} \\ Q \end{matrix} = -ig[A_\mu, Q] \frac{p^\mu}{m}$$

proper time

mass

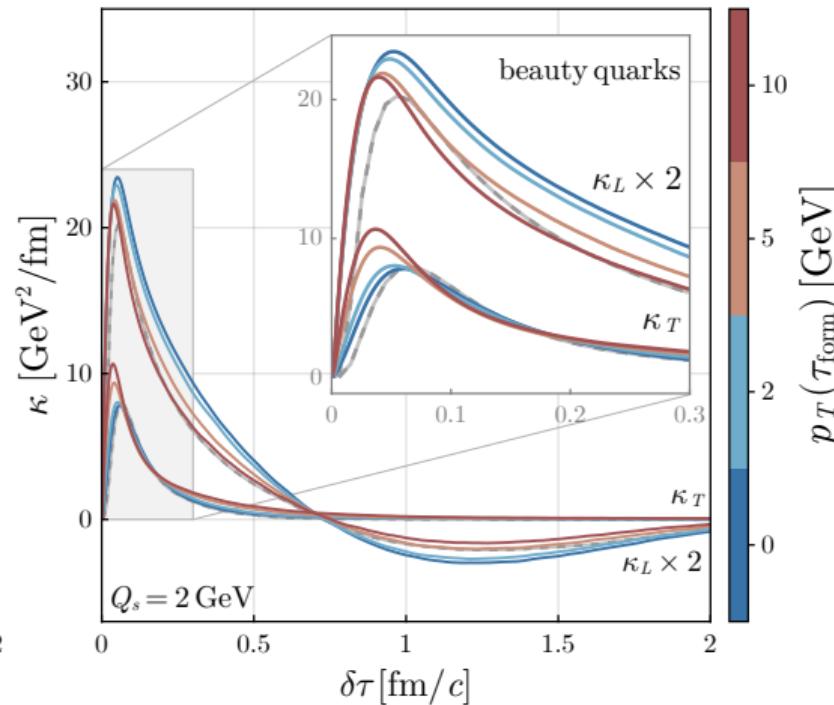
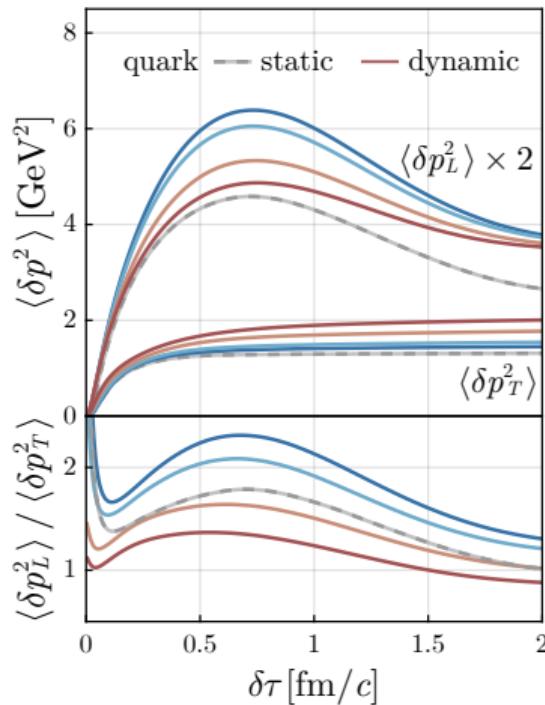
coupling constant

$f(x^\mu, p^\mu, Q^a) \xrightarrow{\text{sample}} \text{test particles } (x^\mu, p^\mu, Q^a)_{\tau, \tau'} Q(\tau') U^\dagger(\tau, \tau')$

Symplectic numerical solver  $\xrightarrow{\text{assures conservation of Casimir invariants}}$  Wong's equations

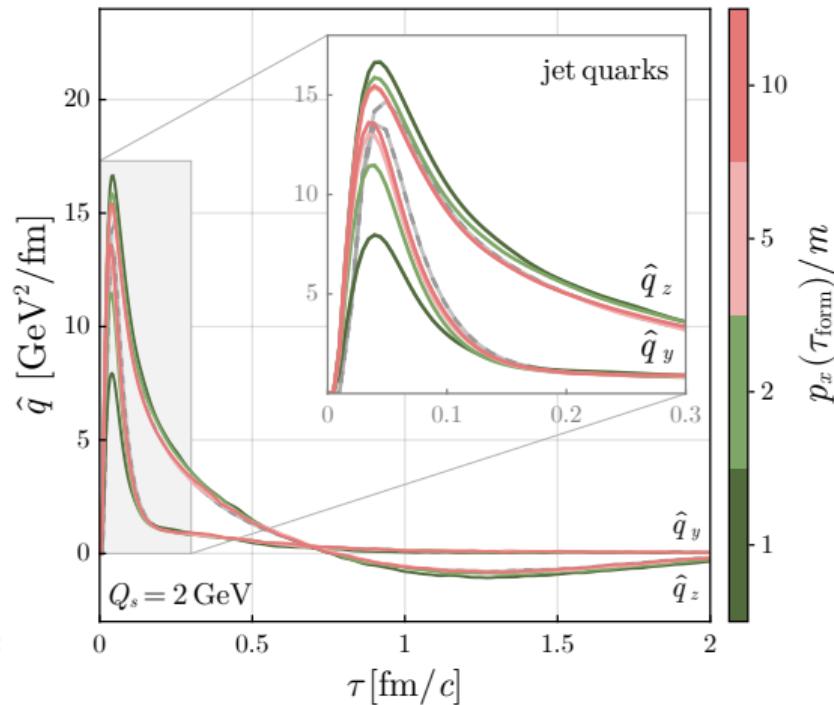
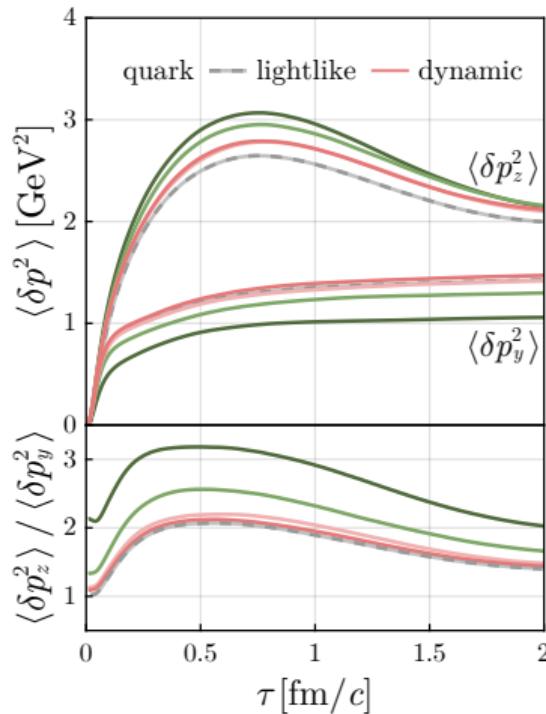
# Heavy quarks in Glasma

Momentum broadening and  $\kappa$



# Jets in Glasma

Momentum broadening and  $\hat{q}$



# Large transport coefficients

Plausible in an EKT framework

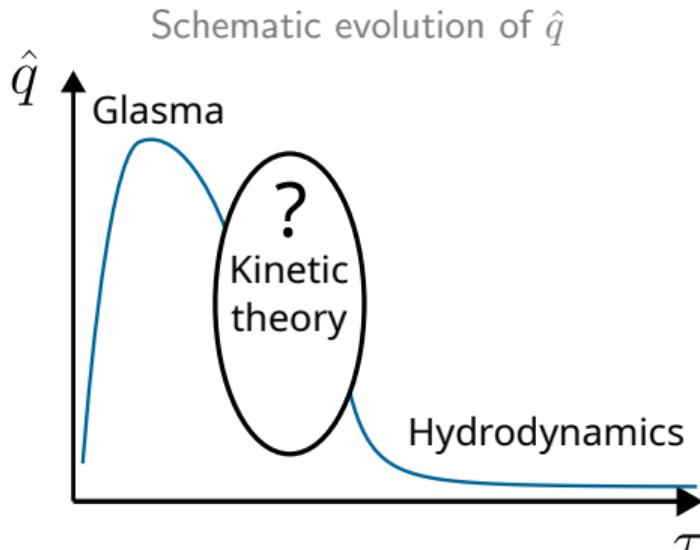
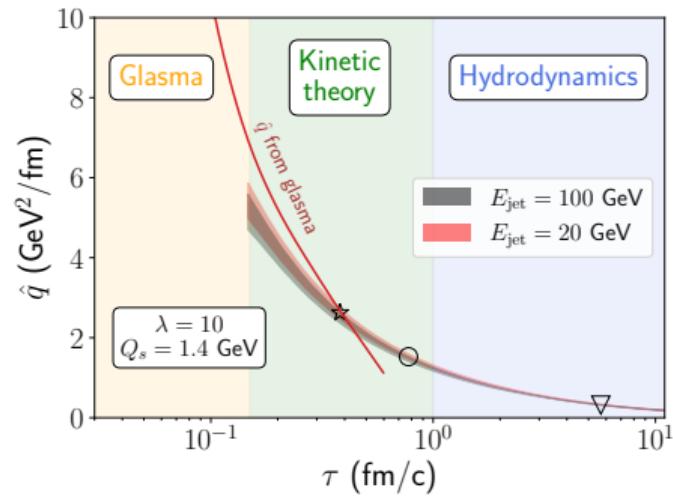


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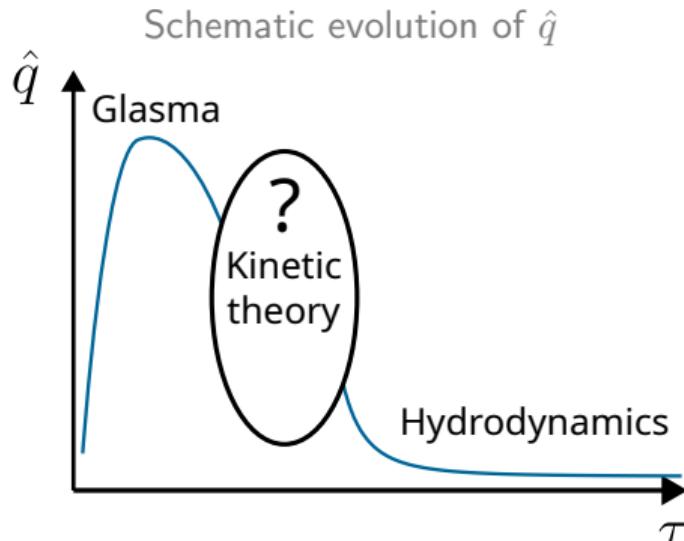
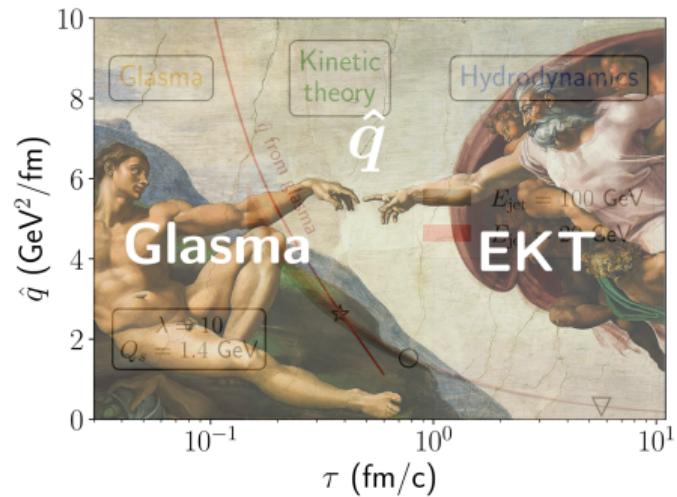


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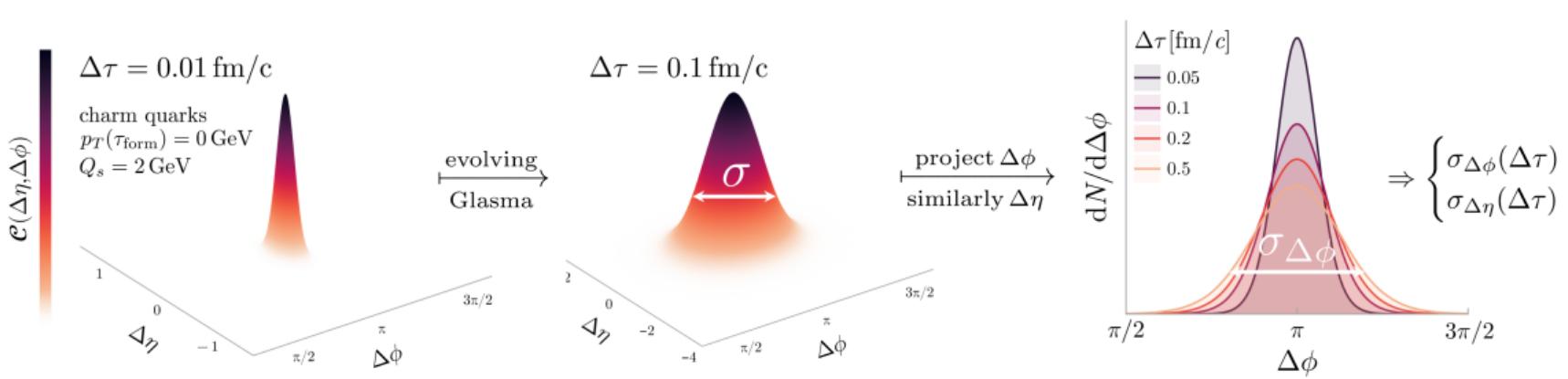


# Two particle correlations

Quantifying the decorrelation

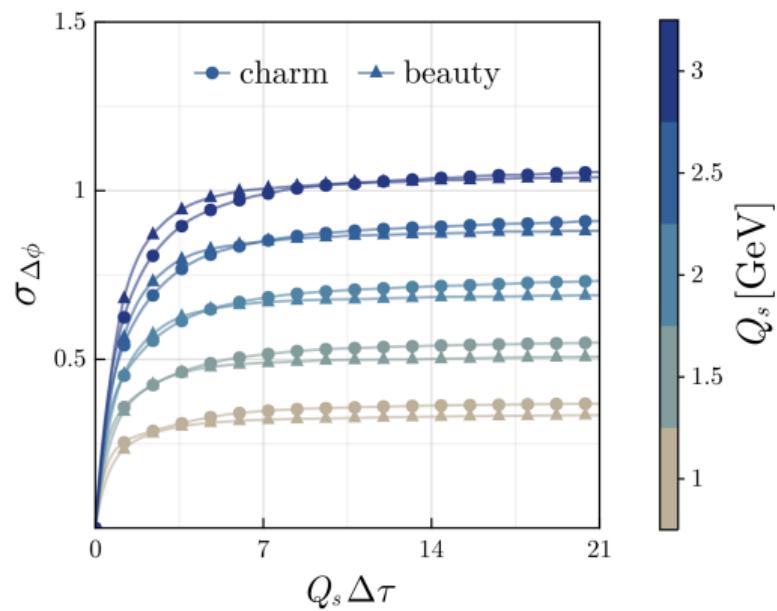
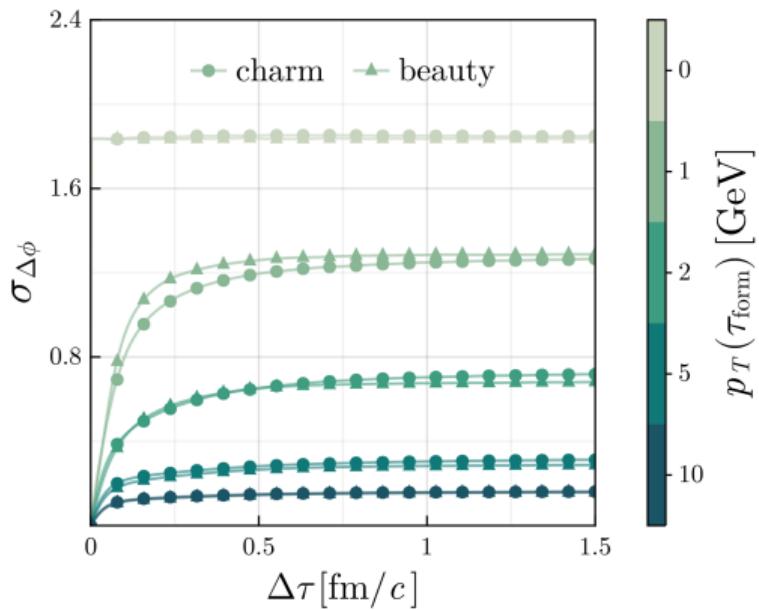
Rapidity and azimuthal correlations  $\mathcal{C}(\Delta\eta, \Delta\phi) \equiv \frac{1}{N_{\text{pairs}}} \frac{d^2 N}{d\Delta\eta d\Delta\phi}$

Initial  $\mathcal{C}(\tau_{\text{form}}) \propto \delta(\Delta\phi - \pi)\delta(\Delta\eta) \xrightarrow{\Delta\tau \text{ in Glasma}} \mathcal{C}(\tau_{\text{form}} + \Delta\tau) \xrightarrow{\text{extract}} \sigma_{\Delta\phi}(\Delta\tau), \sigma_{\Delta\eta}(\Delta\tau)$



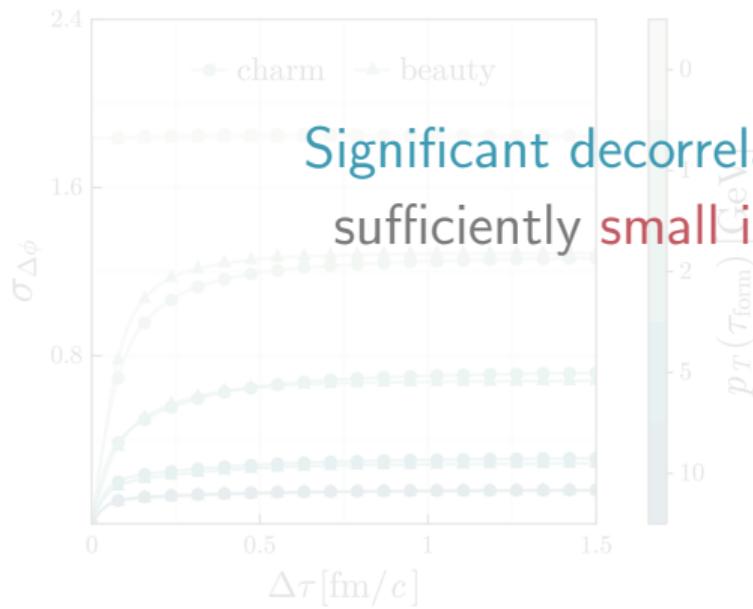
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Effect of heavy quark  $p_T$  and Glasma  $Q_s$

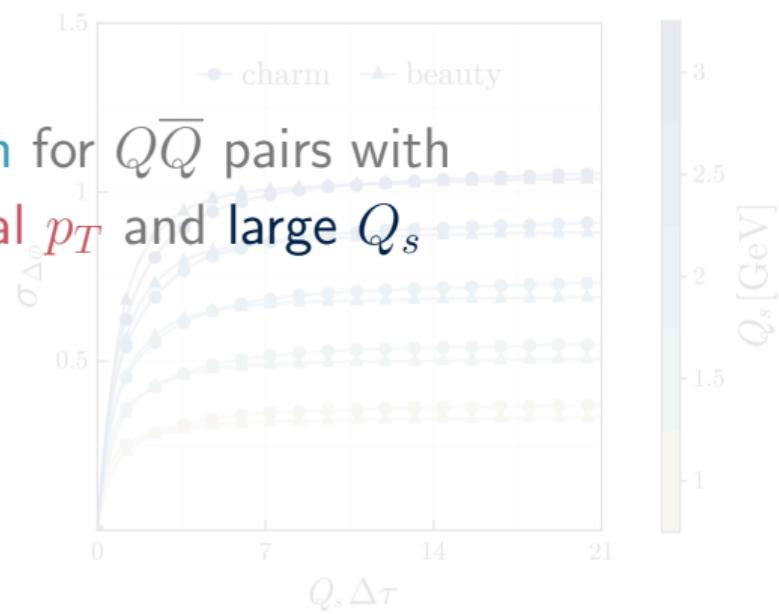


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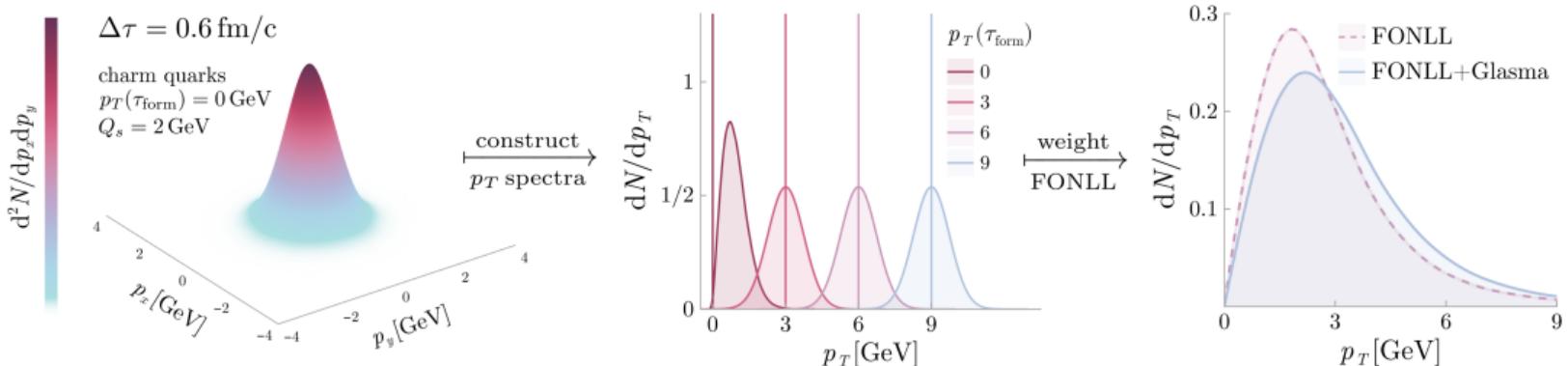
Significant decorrelaton for  $Q\bar{Q}$  pairs with sufficiently small initial  $p_T$  and large  $Q_s$



# Nuclear modification factor

Sketch of  $p_T$  spectra in the Glasma

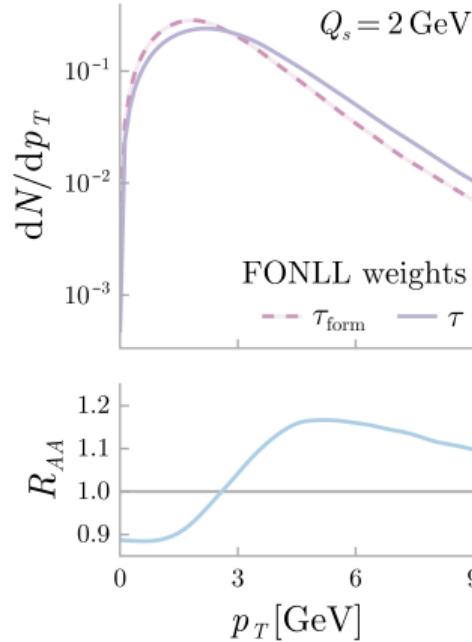
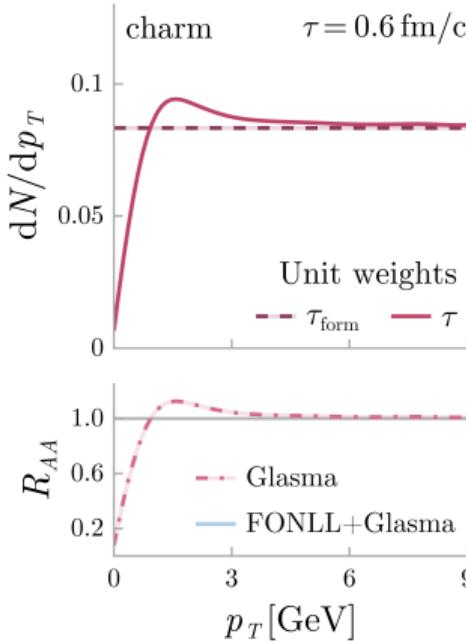
Heavy quarks  $\xrightarrow{\text{FONLL}^*}$  initial  $p_T$  distribution  $\propto d\sigma^{pp/AA}/dp_T(\sqrt{s}, \text{PDF/nPDF})$



\*Fixed Order + Next-to-Leading Logarithms, state-of-the-art resummed heavy quark production

# Nuclear modification factor

Extraction of  $R_{AA}$  in Glasma



Glasma  $p_T$  broadening  $\Rightarrow \frac{dN}{dp_T}(\tau)$

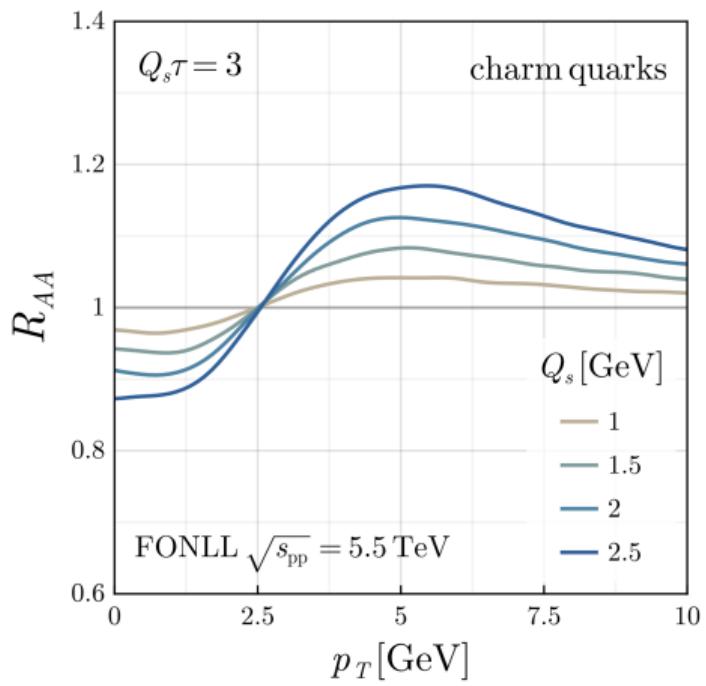
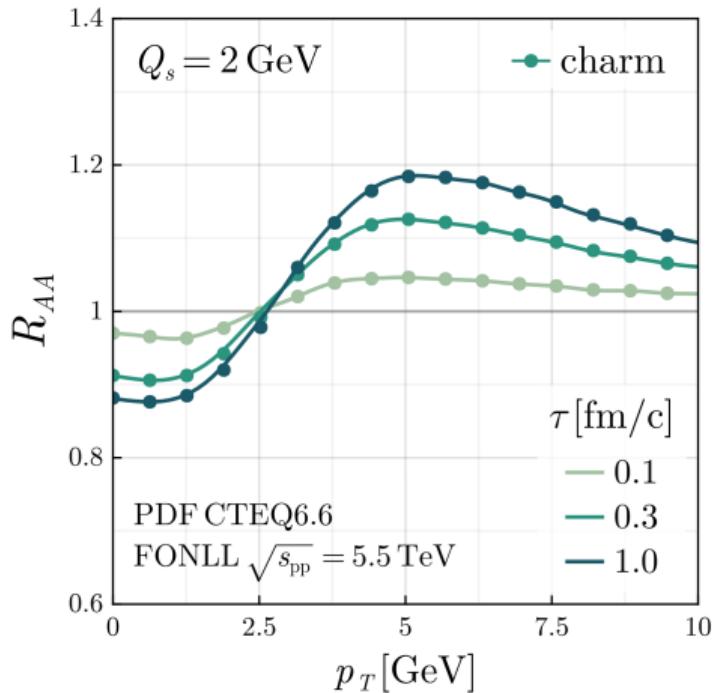
Initialized with FONLL in  $pp/AA$

Nuclear modification factor at  $\tau$

$$R_{AA} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{AA}}{A^2 \sigma_{\text{tot}}^{pp}} \frac{\frac{dN}{dp_T}(\tau; pp/AA)}{\frac{dN^{pp}}{dp_T}(\tau_{\text{form}})}$$

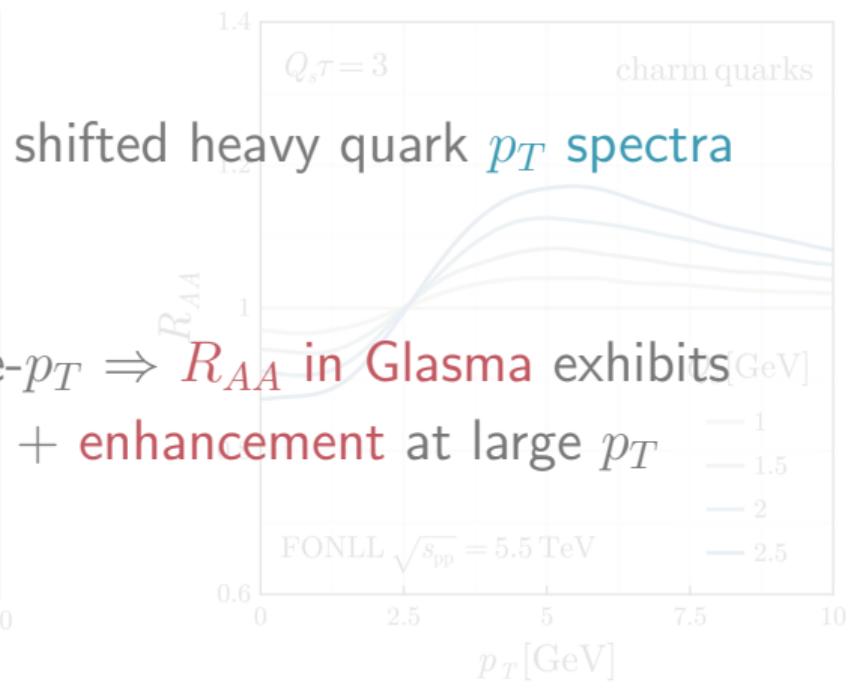
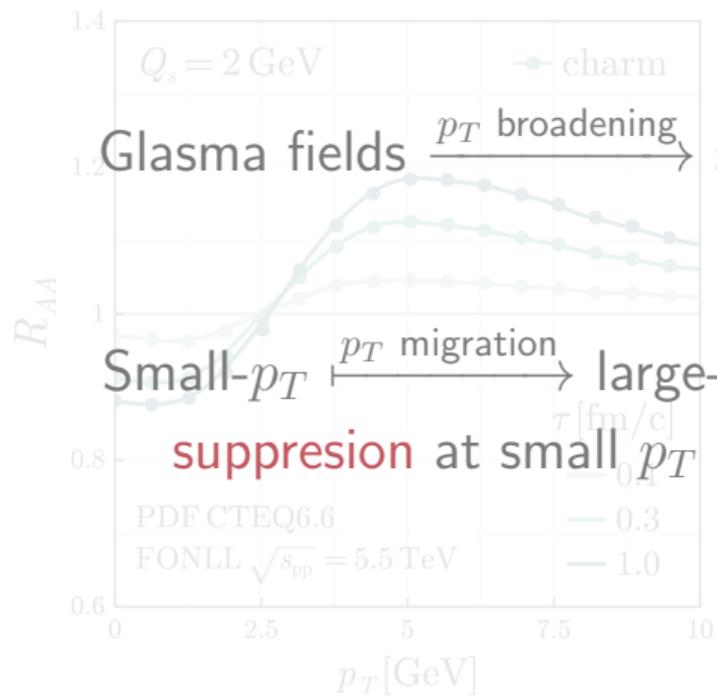
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Temporal evolution and  $Q_s$  dependence



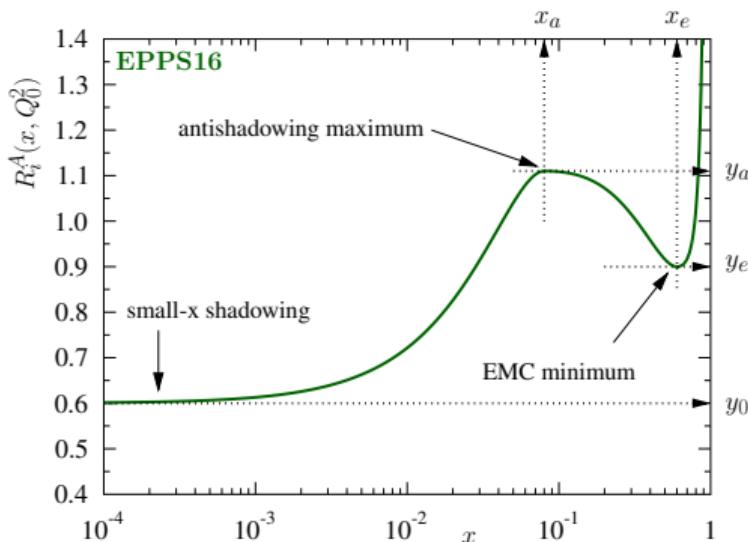
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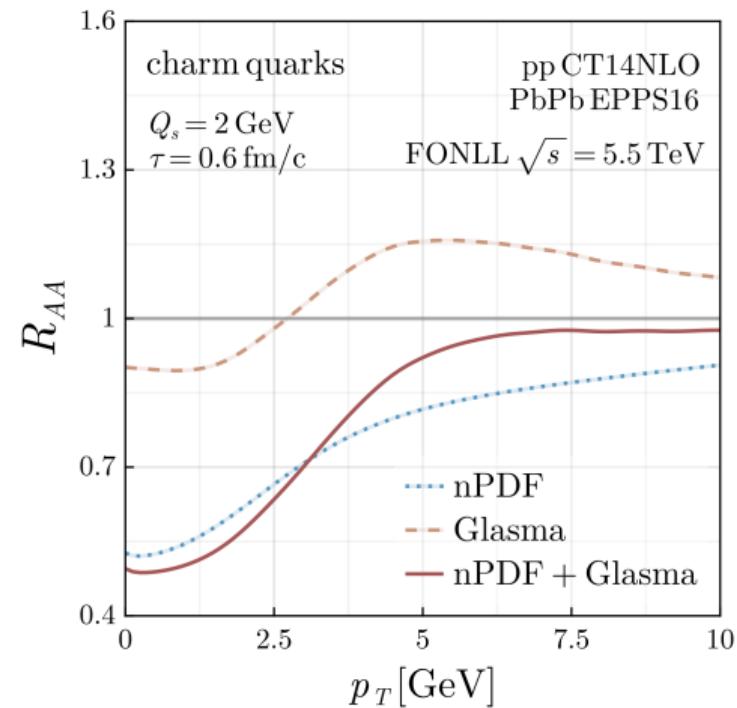


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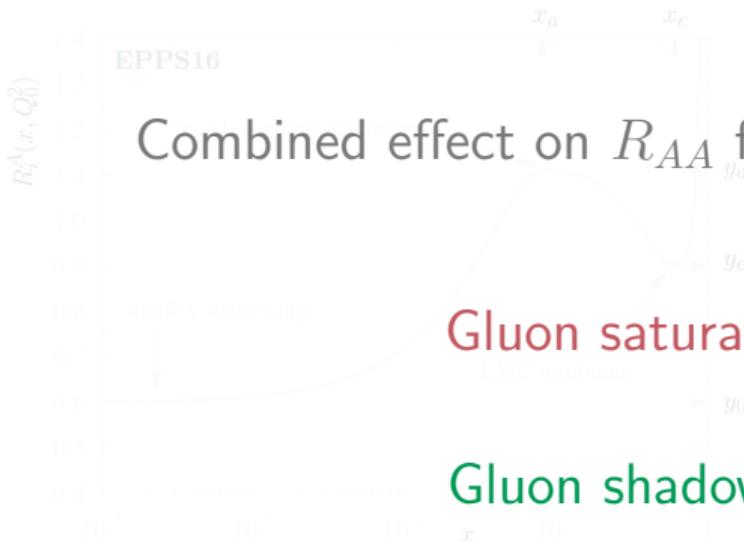


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