

production of hidden heavy-flavor mesons as open quantum systems

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- 1. Background and Motivation**
- 2. Selected results and facts from OQS**
- 3. Quarkonia as OQS**

Just the survival kit due to time constrain; see extra pedagogical material in the back up slides

Provocative question :

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... in a (time evolving) QGP

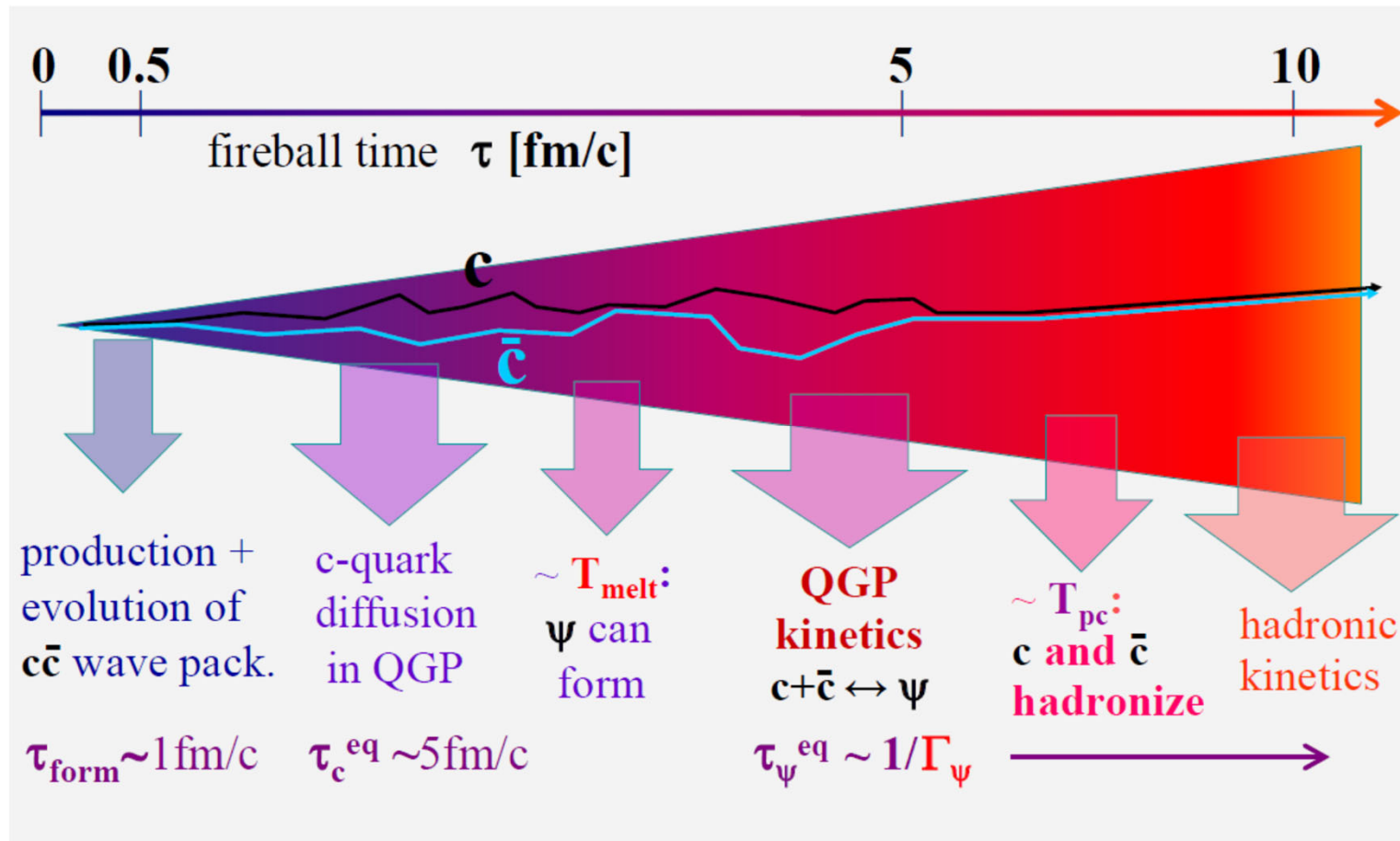
Bonus question:

When is it produced ?

Provocative answer :

If you are able to answer these questions in less than 10'', you don't need to listen to this talk !

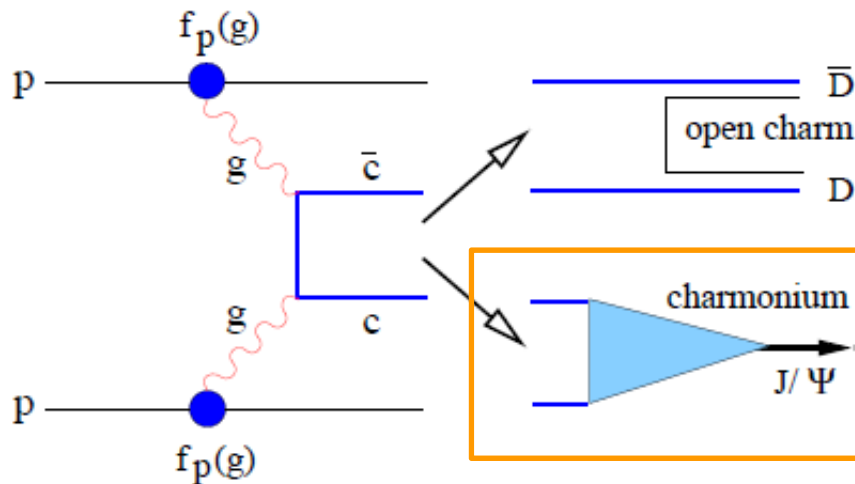
Fate of a $c\bar{c}$ in the QGP (semi-classical transport viewpoint)



Rapp and Du Nucl.Phys.A 967 (2017) 216-224

Quantum coherence

Picture behind transport theory (taken from H. Satz):



Open heavy flavor and quarkonia assumed to be uncorrelated

Formed after some “formation time” $\tau_f \approx 1/\Delta E$ (typically the Heisenberg time), usually assumed to be independent of the surrounding medium

Common belief in the transport community:

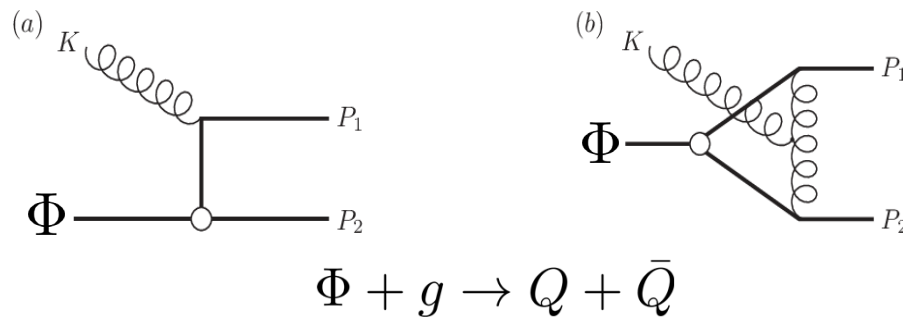
Primordial quarkonia are initially « formed » in QGP and survive with an *individual* survival probability

$$S(t) = e^{-\int_{\tau_f}^t \Gamma_\psi(T(t')) dt'}$$

A central quantity: the dissociation rate Γ

Several approaches

pQCD view (Bhanot & Peskin), later on consolidated by NRQCD (Brambilla & Vairo)



Dissociation cross section σ

$$\Gamma_{\Phi}(T) = \langle \sigma n_g \rangle_T$$

Other mechanisms : $x + \Phi \rightarrow x + Q + \bar{Q}$

QFT/Lattice QCD

Time correlator

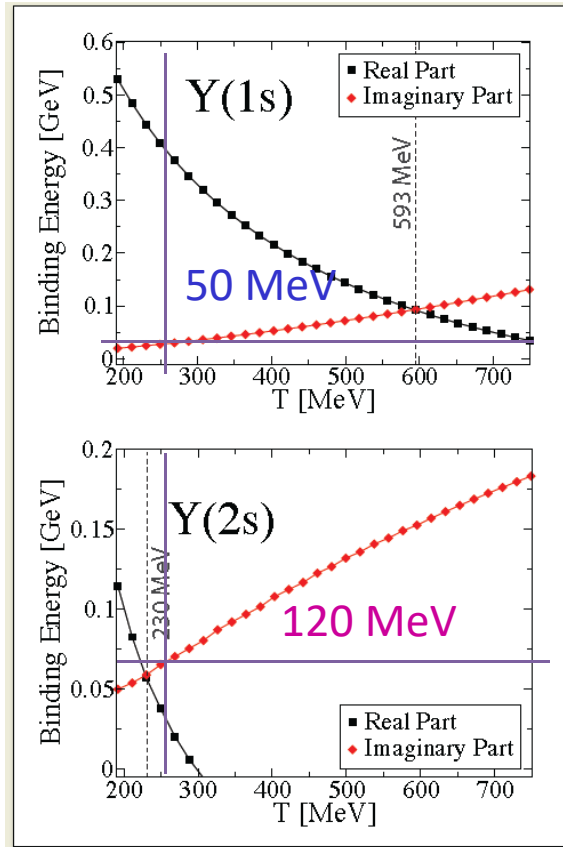
$$\mathcal{C}_{>}(t, \vec{r}) \approx \langle \psi(t, \frac{\vec{r}}{2}) \bar{\psi}(t, -\frac{\vec{r}}{2}) \psi(0, 0) \bar{\psi}(0, 0) \rangle$$

Satisfies Schroedinger equation with imaginary potential iW . Breakthrough by Laine et al. (2006)

$$\Gamma_{\Phi}(T) = -2 \langle \Phi | W | \Phi \rangle$$

Suppression of the bottomonium « candle »

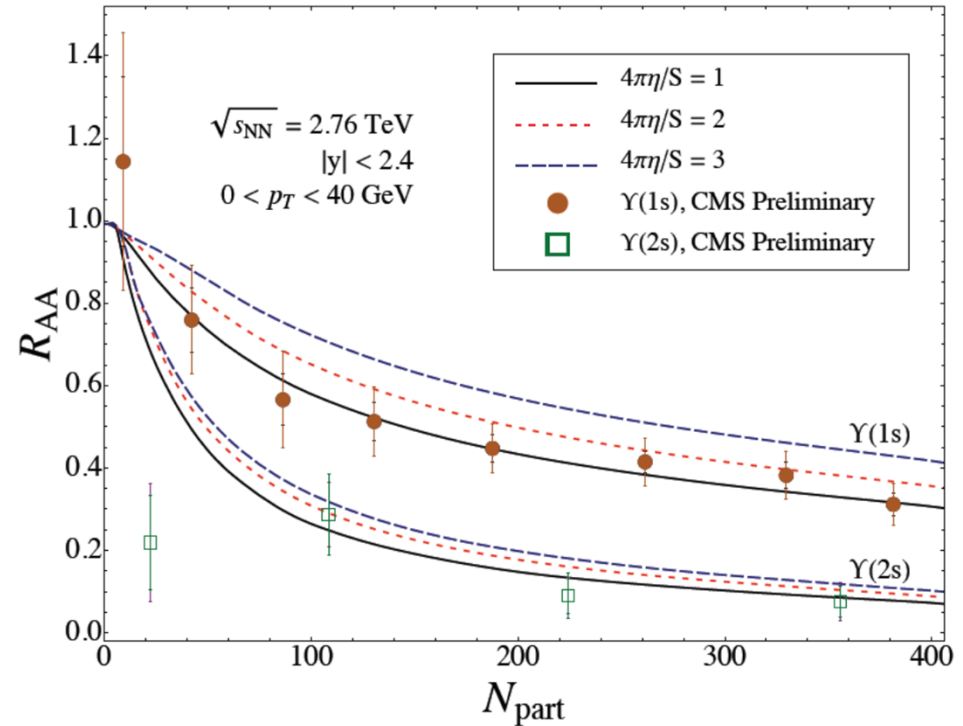
Strickland et al.



Resulting decay rate $\Gamma_T \equiv -2 \text{Im}[E_{\text{bind}}]$

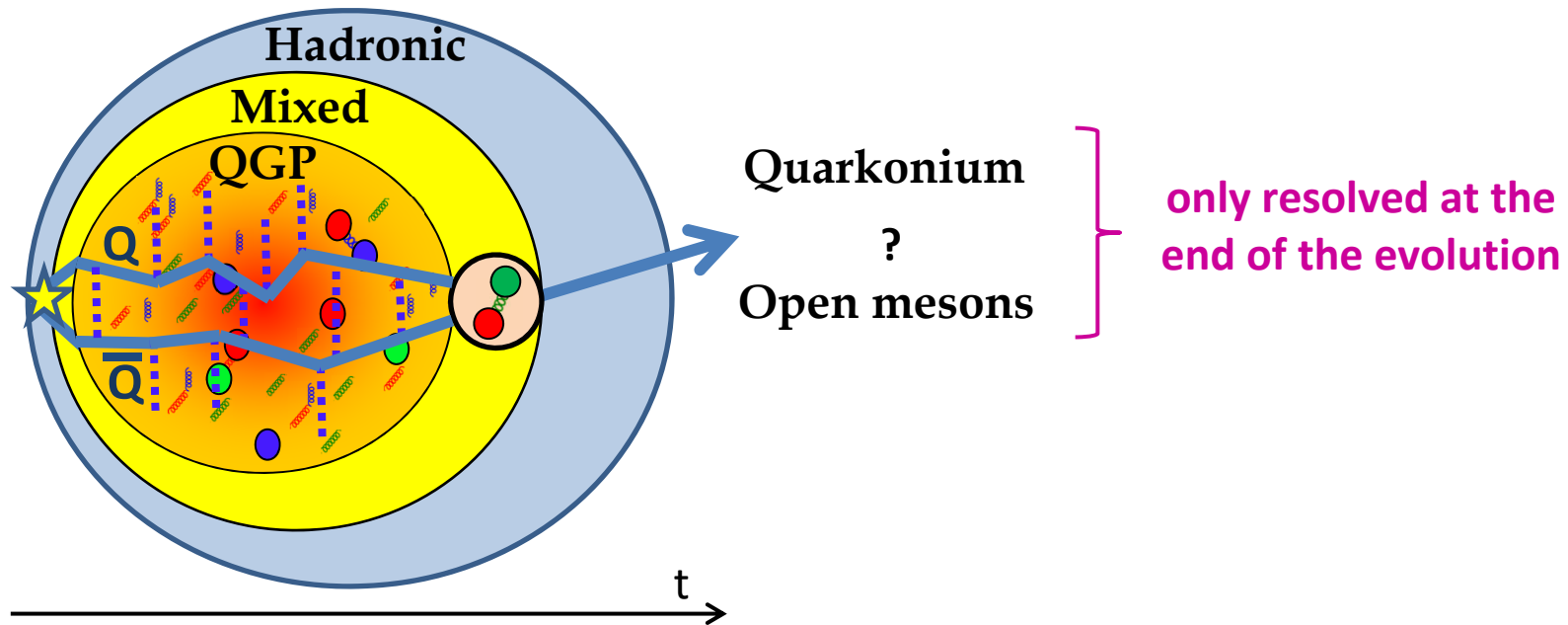
- $b\bar{b} \Rightarrow$
- Less shadowing
 - Less final state effect

B. Krouppa, R. Ryblewski, and M. Strickland, Phys. Rev. C 92, 061901(R) (2015).



... as well as QGP viscosity

Quantum coherence

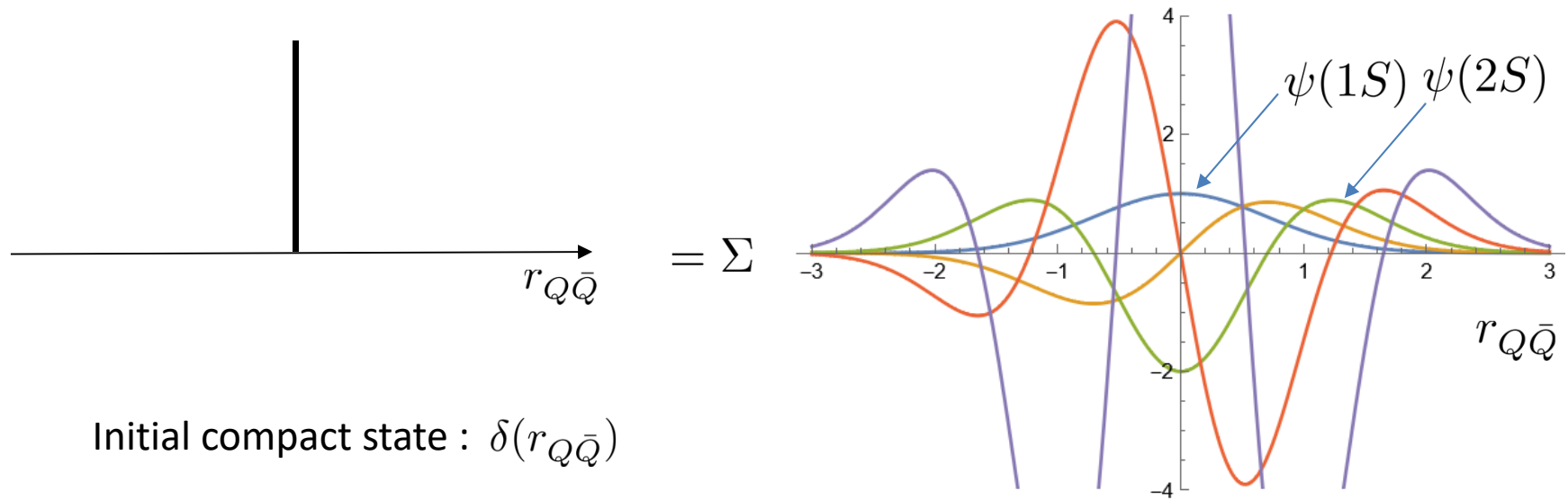


Be aware and beware of quantum coherence, during the whole evolution, but especially at early time...



At, least need for reliable estimates of decoherence time

Quantum coherence at early time



Initial compact state : $\delta(r_{Q\bar{Q}})$

Dissociation rate: $\Gamma(r_{Q\bar{Q}}) \propto \alpha_S T \times \Phi(m_D r_{Q\bar{Q}}) \sim \alpha_S^2 T^3 \times r_{Q\bar{Q}}^2 \quad (r m_D \ll 1)$

Coherence

Neglect of coherence

$$\Gamma(r_{Q\bar{Q}}) \approx 0 \propto \sum c_j^* c_i \langle \psi_j | r^2 | \psi_i \rangle \longrightarrow \Gamma \propto \sum_i |c_i|^2 \langle \psi_i | r^2 | \psi_i \rangle \approx \sum_i |c_i|^2 \Gamma_i \neq 0$$

Correct answer

Crucial to include quantum coherence !

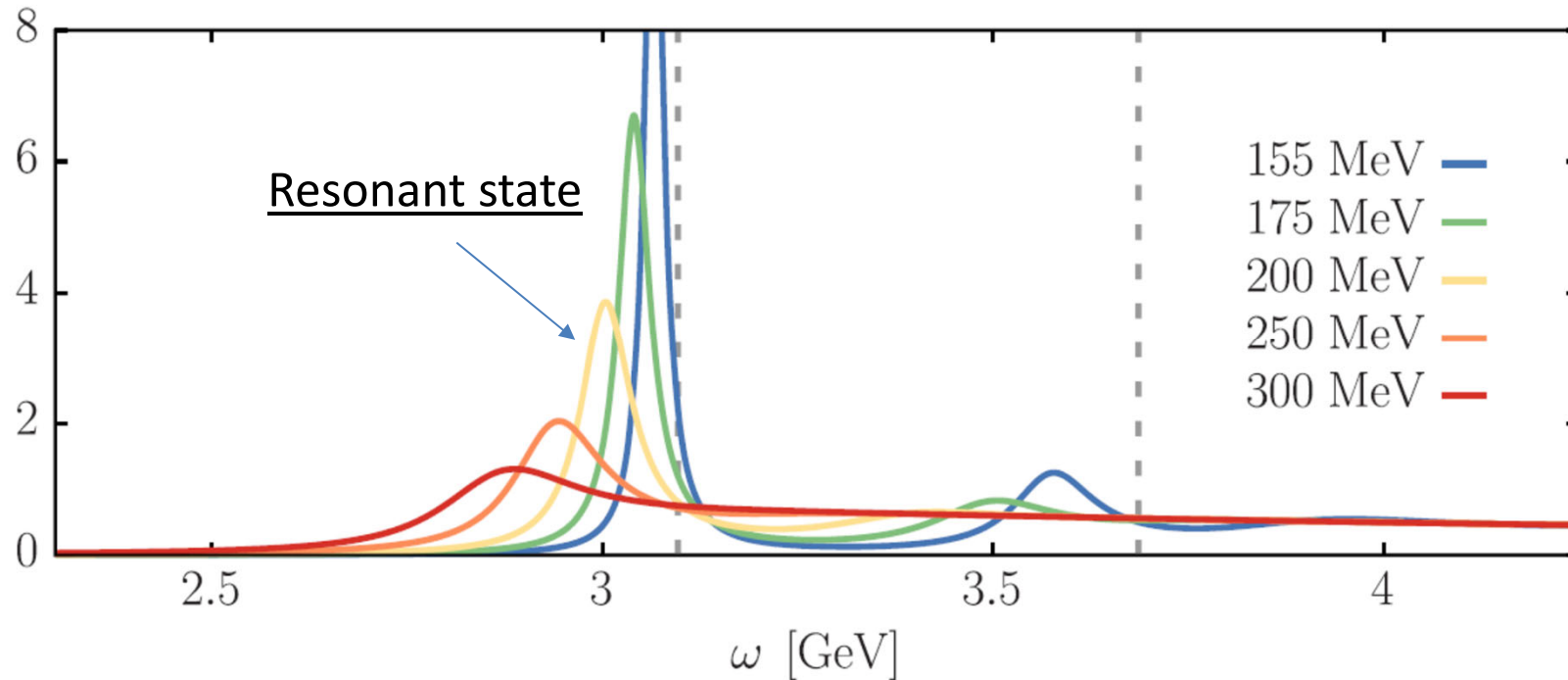
Wrong answer

Comment on formation time then incoherent evolution : role of QGP in decoherence

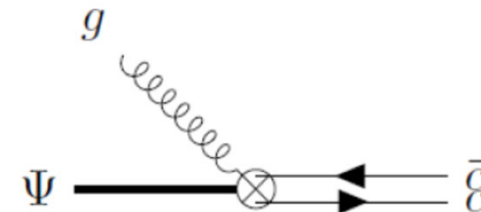
Extra Motivation

Spectral density

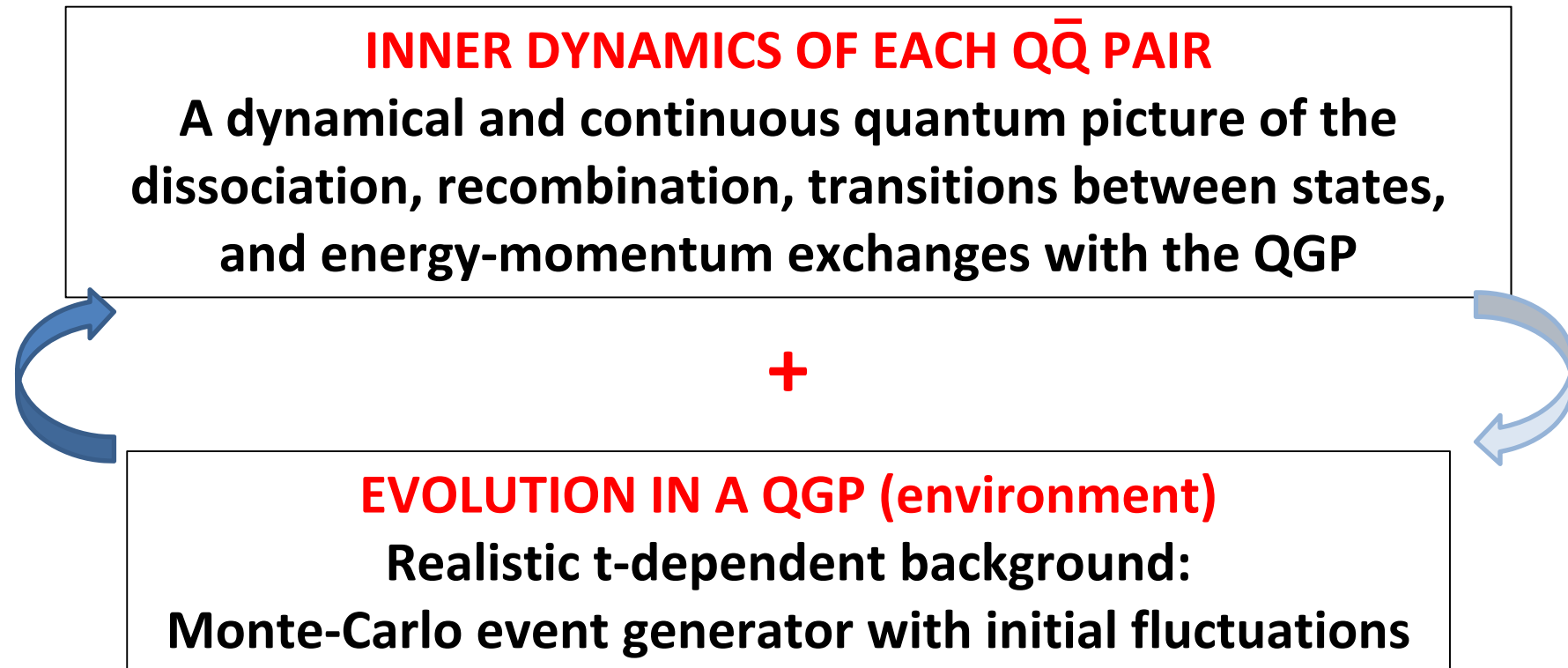
David Lafferty, Alexander Rothkopf, Phys. Rev. D 101, 056010 (2020)



How justified is it to deal with the quantum evolution of such « resonant states » with cross sections, meant to describe the reactions of asymptotic states ?



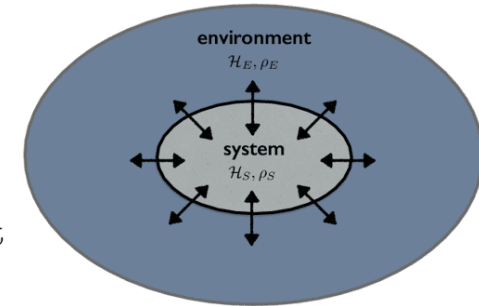
New motto: Q-Qbar real-time dynamics with the Open Quantum System framework



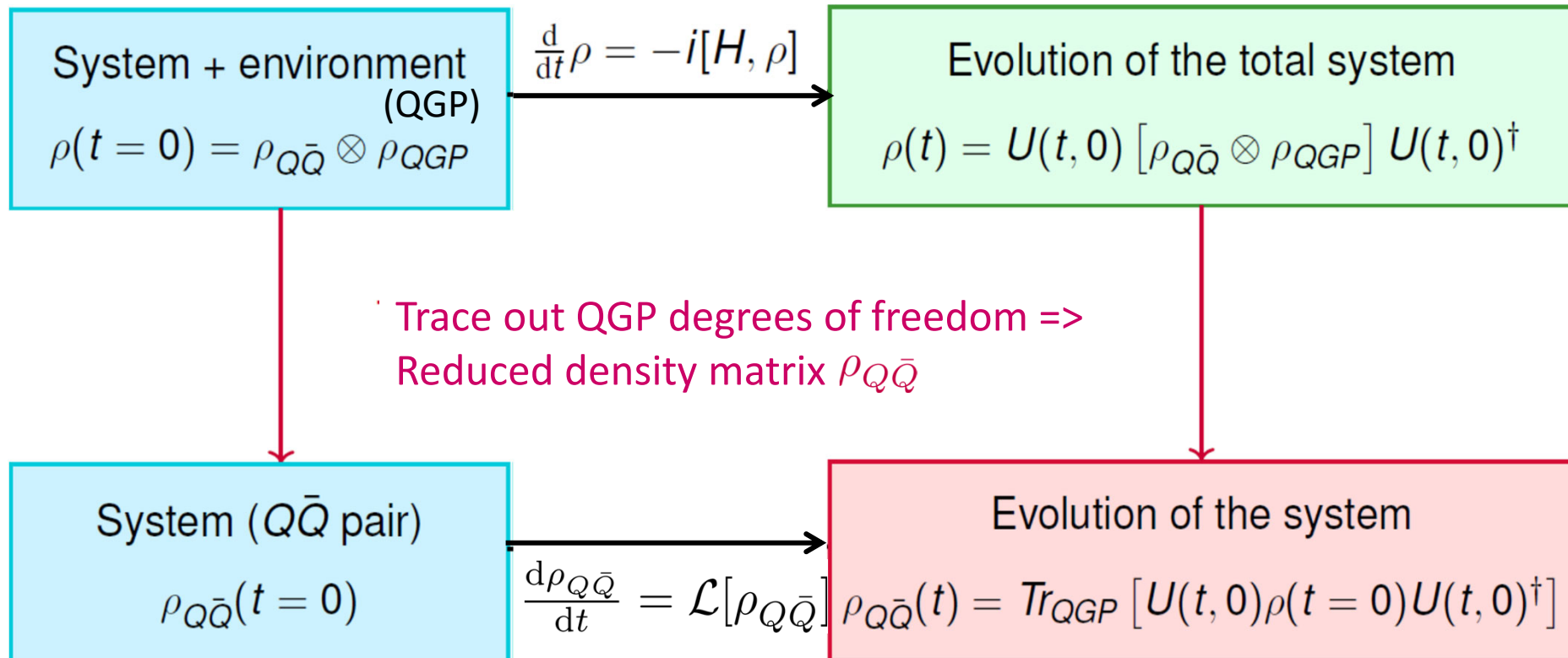
=> *Quarkonia as QGP continuous thermometers*

Quantum Master Equations

Quite generally, system (Q-Qbar pair) builds correlation with the environment thanks to the Hamiltonian $\hat{H} = \hat{H}_{Q\bar{Q}}^{(0)} + \hat{H}_E + \hat{H}_{\text{int}}$



Von Neumann equation for the total density operator ρ



However, $\mathcal{L}[\cdot]$ is generically a non local super-operator in time

A special QME: The Lindblad Equation

$$\frac{d}{dt}\rho_{Q\bar{Q}}(t) = -i[H_{Q\bar{Q}}, \rho_{Q\bar{Q}}(t)] + \sum_i \gamma_i \left[L_i \rho_{Q\bar{Q}}(t) L_i^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \{ L_i L_i^\dagger, \rho_{Q\bar{Q}}(t) \} \right]$$

$$H_{Q\bar{Q}} : \{Q, \bar{Q}\} \underbrace{\text{kinetics + Vacuum potential } V}_{\hat{H}_{Q\bar{Q}}^{(0)}} + \text{Lamb shift / screening}$$

L_i : Collapse (or Lindblad) operators, depend on the properties of the medium

3 important conservation properties :

$$\rho_{Q\bar{Q}}^\dagger = \rho_{Q\bar{Q}}$$

(Hermiticity)

$$\text{Tr}[\rho_{Q\bar{Q}}] = 1$$

(Norm)

$$\langle \varphi | \rho_{Q\bar{Q}} | \varphi \rangle > 0, \forall |\varphi\rangle$$

(Positivity)

γ_i Characterize the coupling of the system (Q-Qbar) with the environment

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Non unitary / dissipative evolution \equiv decoherence

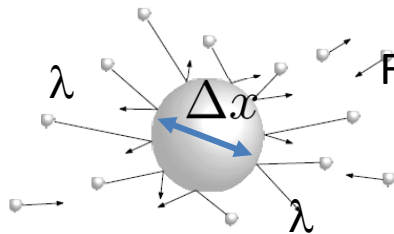
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Genuine transitions :
 ✓ Singlet \leftrightarrow octet
 ✓ Octet \leftrightarrow octet

Can be reshuffled into non
Hermitic effective hamiltonian

$$H_{\text{eff}} = H_{Q\bar{Q}} - i \sum_j \frac{L_j L_j^\dagger}{2} \equiv \text{Dissociation width}$$

For **infinitely massive single Q** and environment wave length $\lambda \gg$ wave packet size Δx :



Fluctuations from env. \longleftrightarrow

$$\frac{\partial \rho_Q(x_Q, x'_Q)}{\partial t} = -F(x_Q - x'_Q) \rho_Q(x_Q, x'_Q)$$

Decoherence factor: $F \approx \kappa (x_Q - x'_Q)^2$

In Q world: smaller objects live longer !

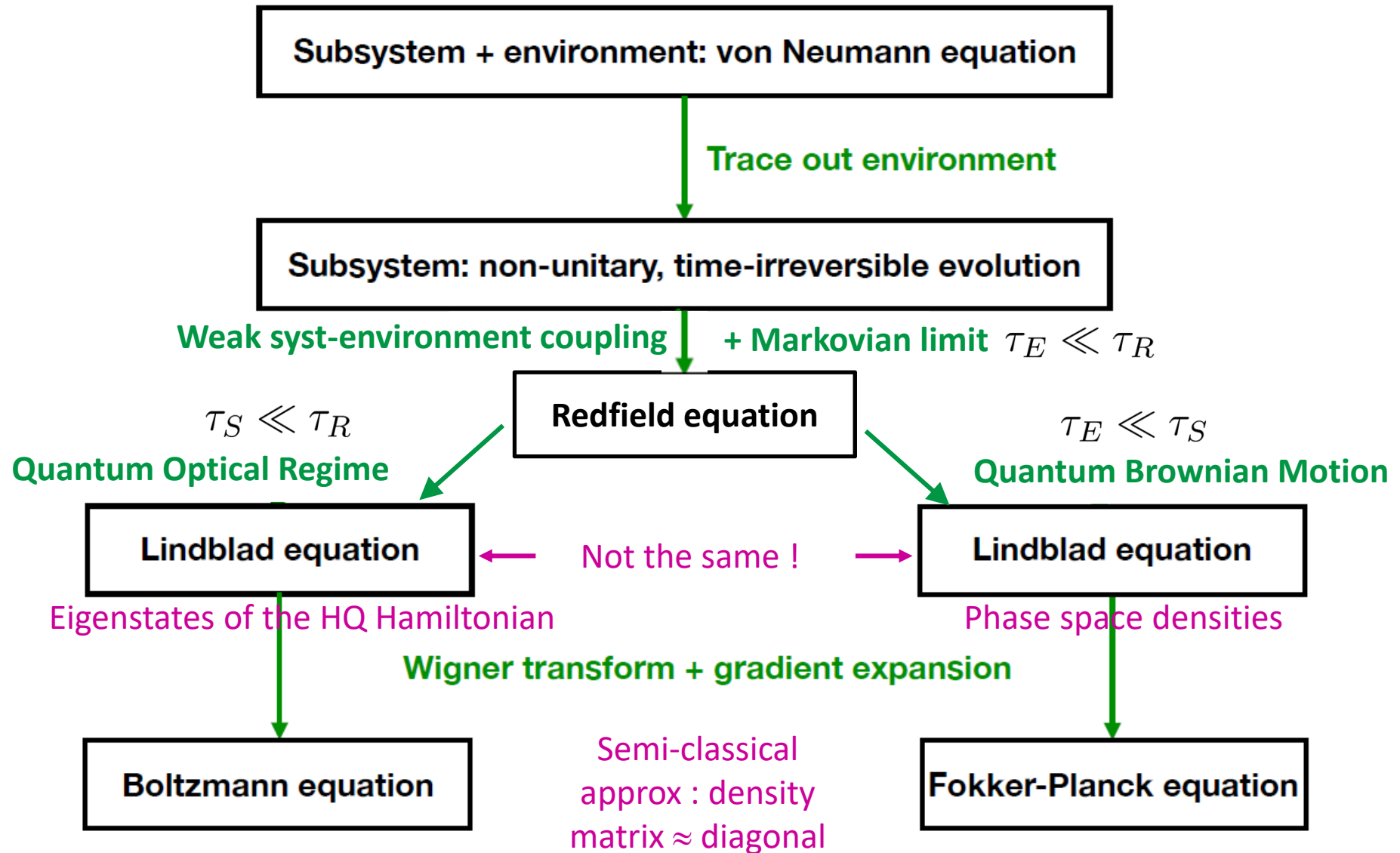
HQ momentum
diffusion coefficient

At 1st order in $1/m_Q$: recoil corrections \longleftrightarrow friction / dissipation

Pictorial summary

Inspired from Yao Int. J. of Mod. Phys. A, Vol. 36, No. 20, 2130010 (2021)

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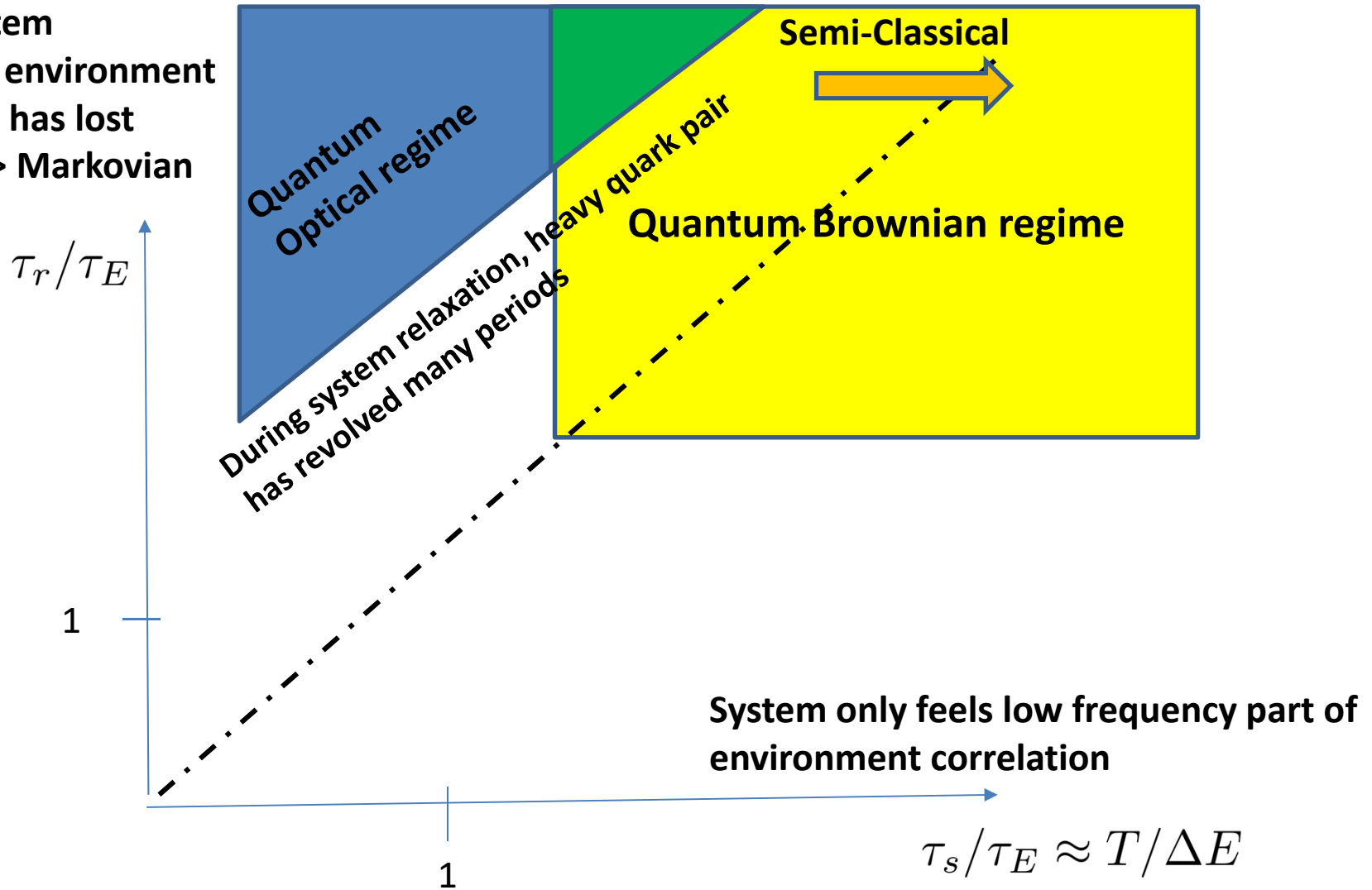


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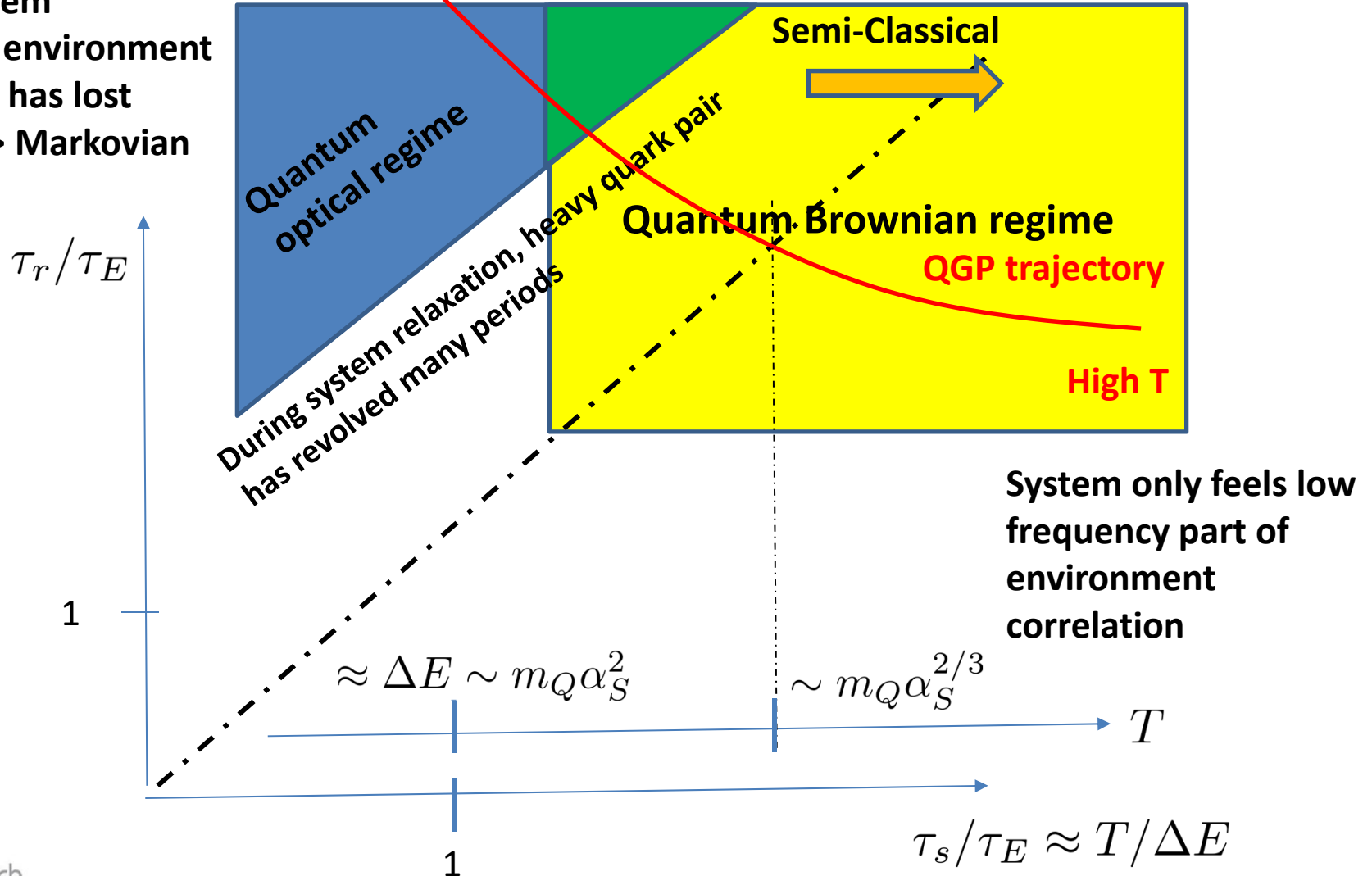
$$\tau_S \approx \frac{1}{\Delta E} \approx \frac{1}{m_Q v^2}$$

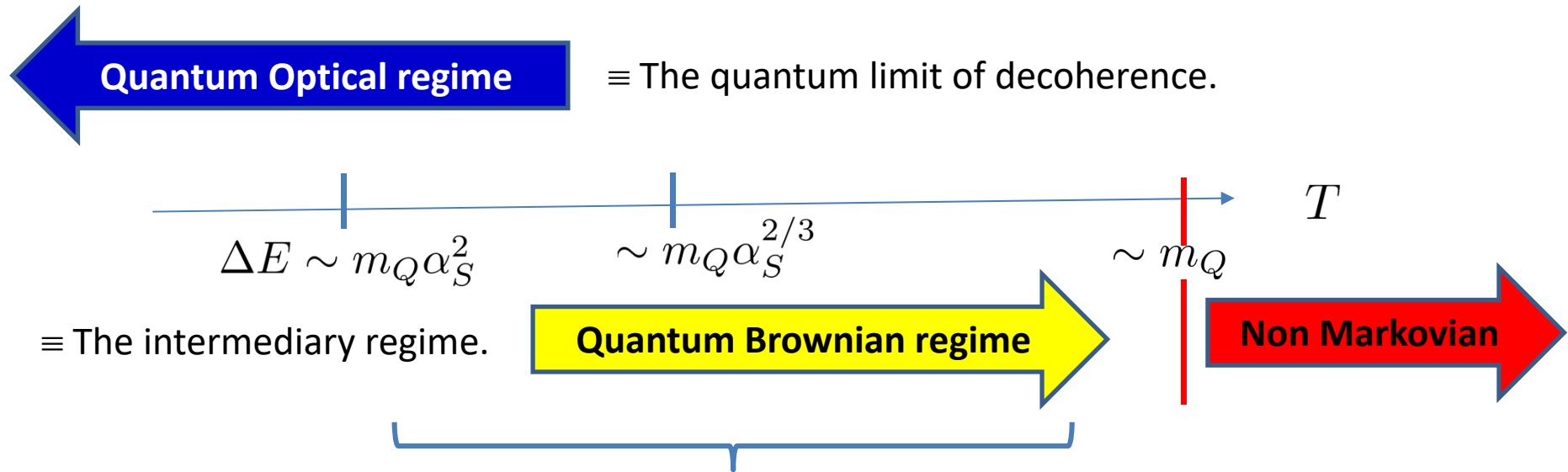
with $v \approx \alpha_S$

$$\tau_R \approx \frac{1}{\kappa \Delta x^2} \approx \frac{m_Q^2}{T^3} \gg \tau_E$$

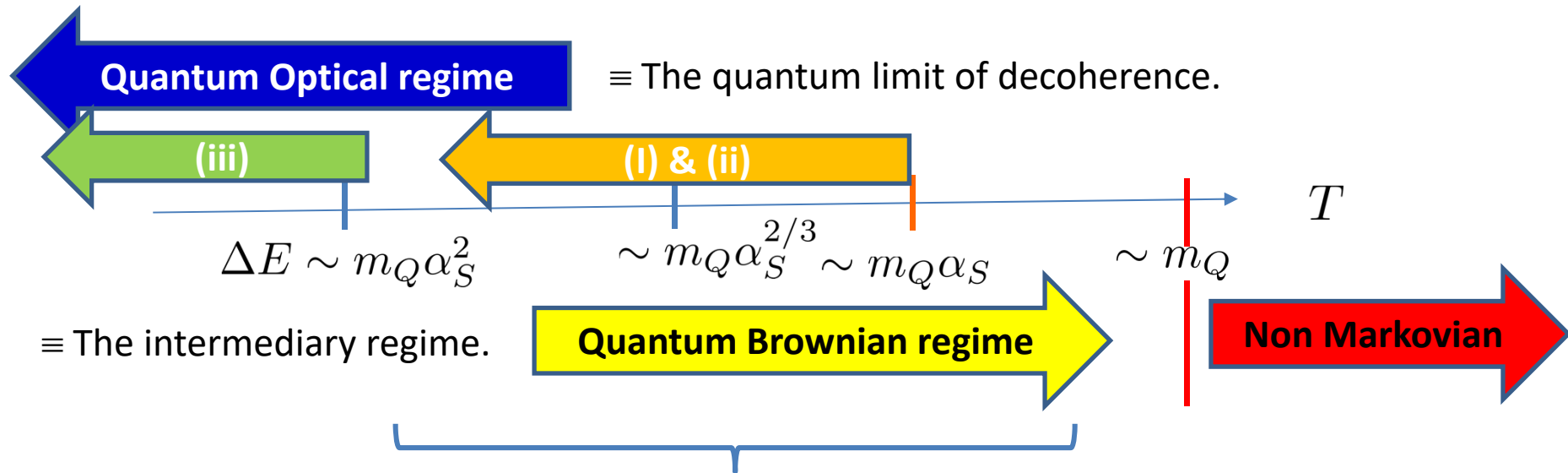
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Markovian : OK !

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Refined subregimes when playing with the scales of NRQCD / pNRQCD (series of recent papers by N. Brambilla, M.A. Escobedo, A. Vairo, M Strickland et al, Yao and Mehen,...)

NRQCD: $Mv, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}, T \ll \mu_{\text{NR}} \ll M$: most general scheme for markovian OQS !

pNRQCD:
(Singlet and octet quarkonium fields)

- (i) $1/r \gg T \sim m_D \gg E$: « strongly coupled » QME same as small dipole limit of NRQCD (applies for small time evolution)
- (ii) $1/r \gg T \gg E \gg m_D$: « weakly coupled » : $g T \ll T$: essential contribution is gluo – dissociation from hard mode T
- (iii) $1/r \gg T \sim E \gg m_D$: Quantum optical regime ? (ongoing debate due to discrete \leftrightarrow continuum transitions)

Recent OQS implementations (single $Q\bar{Q}$)

(Year > 2015) Not exhaustive

See as well table in 2111.15402v1

regime	SU3 ?	Dissipation ?	3D / 1D	Num method	year	remark	ref
NRQCD ↔ QBM	No	No	1D	Stoch potential	2018		Kajimoto et al. , Phys. Rev. D 97, 014003 (2018), 1705.03365
	Yes	No	3D	Stoch potential	2020	Small dipole	R. Sharma et al Phys. Rev. D 101, 074004 (2020), 1912.07036
	Yes	No	3D	Stoch potential	2021		Y. Akamatsu, M. Asakawa, S. Kajimoto (2021), 2108.06921
	No	Yes	1D	Quantum state diffusion	2020		T. Miura, Y. Akamatsu et al, Phys. Rev. D 101, 034011 (2020), 1908.06293
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(iii)	Yes ✓	Yes ✓	Yes ✓	Boltzmann (?)	2019		Yao & Mehen, Phys.Rev.D 99 (2019) 9, 096028, 1811.07027
NRQCD & « pNRQCD »	Yes	Yes	1D	Quantum state diffusion	2022		Miura et al. http://arxiv.org/abs/2205.15551v1
Other	No	Yes	1D	Stochastic Langevin Eq.	2016	Quadratic W	Katz and Gossiaux

Bottomonia... the 50 shades of pNRQCD

TUM + Kent State + ... : most of the studies performed in the « strongly coupled » pNRQCD hierarchy :

$1/r \gg T \sim m_D \gg E \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ regime (Strongly coupled \Leftrightarrow Quantum Brownian Regime)

Quarkonium fields : S & O + dipole approximation for g-quarkonium coupling (best for bottomonia, but can be questionable for higher states as b and bbar diffuse away)

Bonus from this simplification : only 2 parameters describing the QGP-quarkonium coupling:

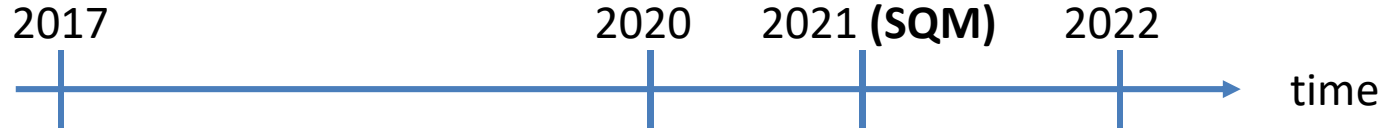
κ : HQ momentum diffusion coefficient & γ : \approx dipole Lamb-shift energy

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Sigma_s(t) &= \frac{r^2}{2} [\kappa(t) + i\gamma(t)] , \\ \Sigma_o(t) &= \frac{N_c^2 - 2}{2(N_c^2 - 1)} \frac{r^2}{2} [\kappa(t) + i\gamma(t)] , \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Dipole self energy (complex } \Rightarrow \text{ relaxation)}$$

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Lattice QCD estimates: $1.8 \lesssim \frac{\kappa}{T^3} \lesssim 3.4$; presently no direct estimate for γ .

TUM + Kent State: Strongly coupled pNRQCD

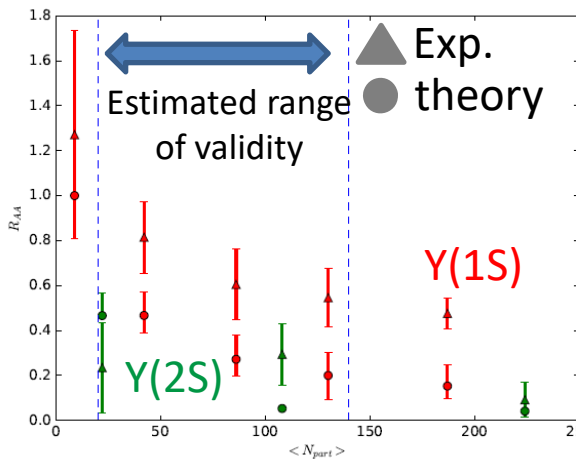


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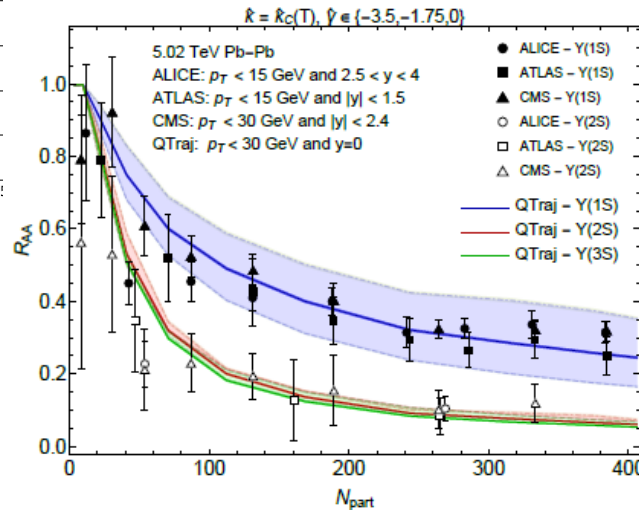
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Numerical improvement due to the use of Quantum Jump algorithm (QTRAJ)

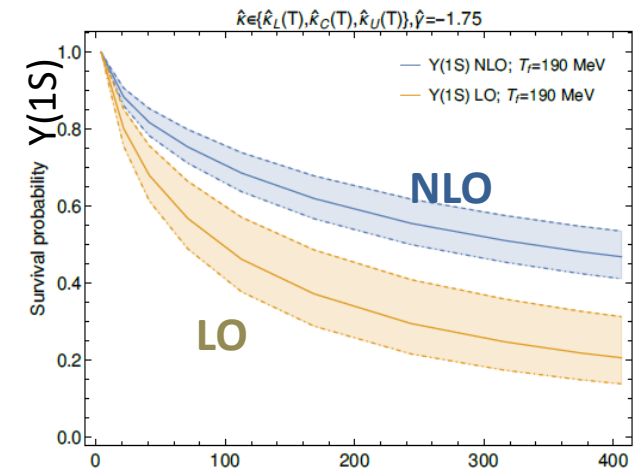
- No limit on ang. harmonics
- More realistic $T(t)$ sampling
- QGP hydro-evolution
- => **constrains on the DLS γ**



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2020

2021 (SQM)

2022

time

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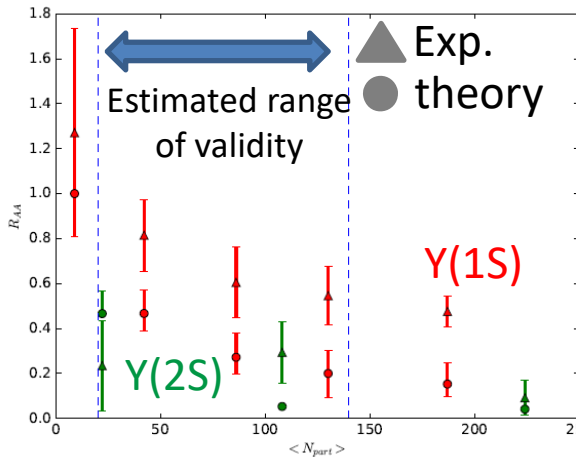
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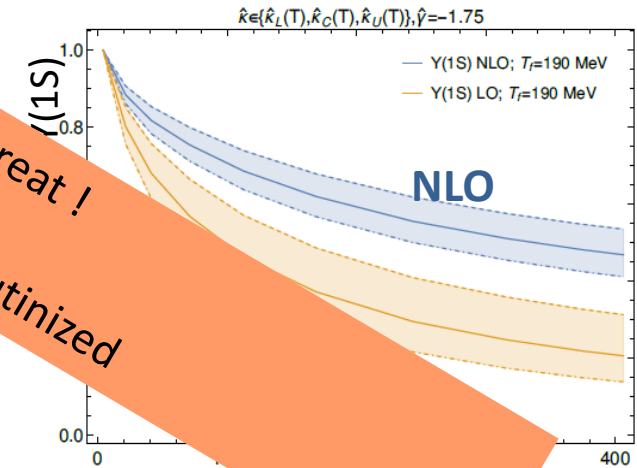
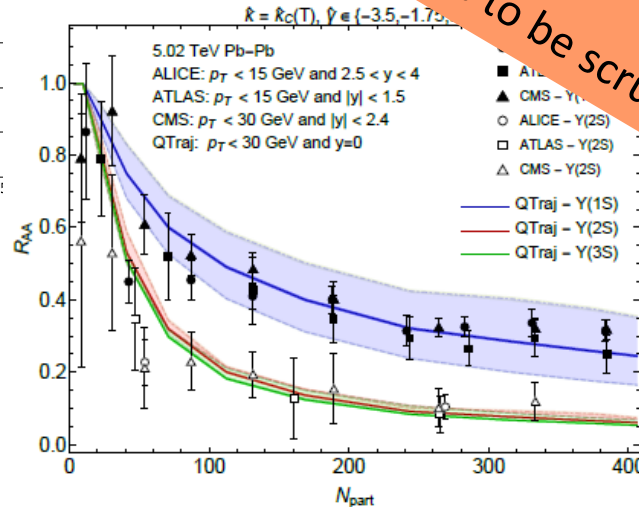
Improvement due to Program nearly completed, great!

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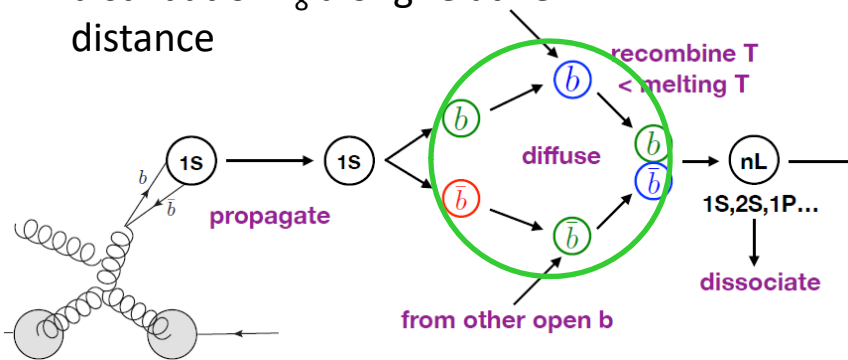
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What, there is nothing quantum in the end ?

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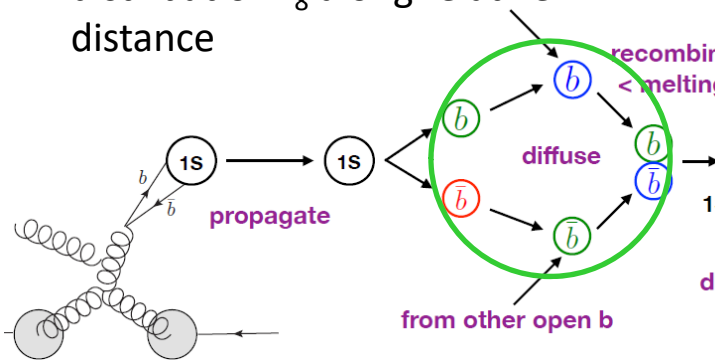


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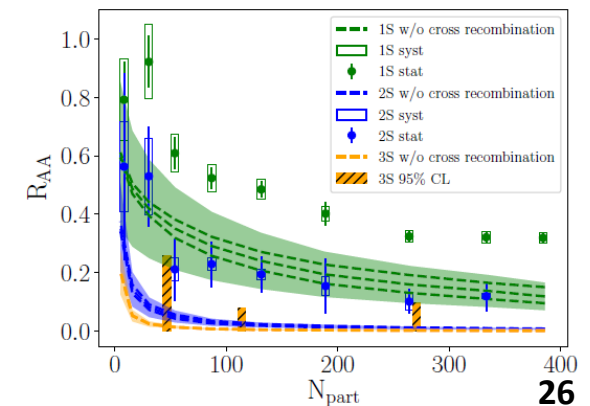
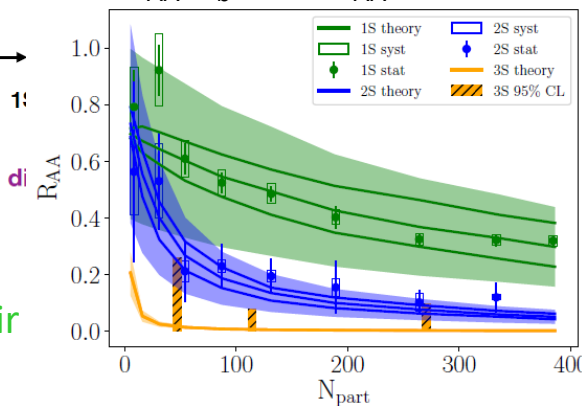
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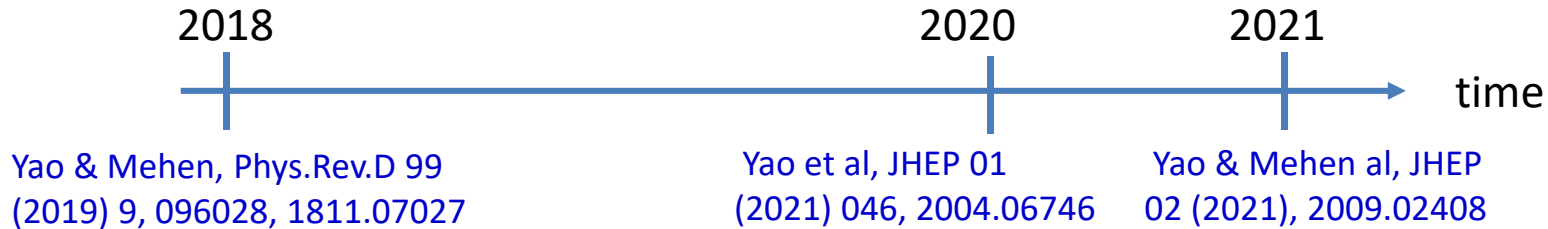
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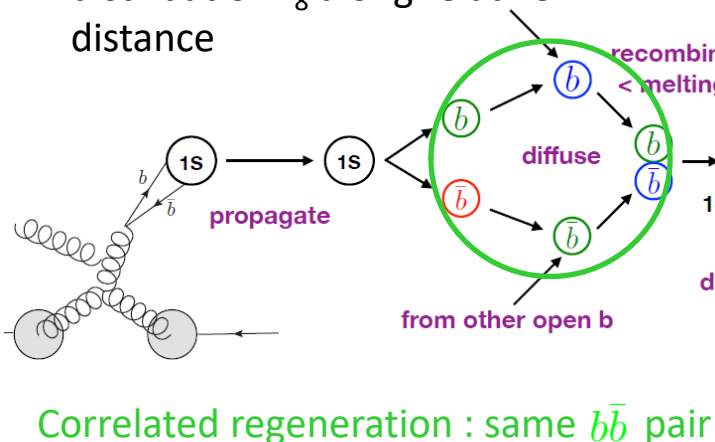
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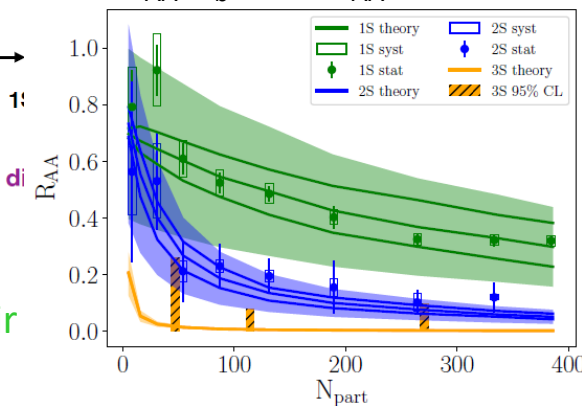
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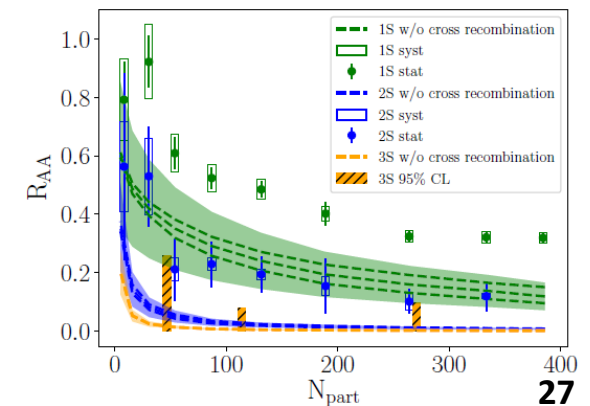
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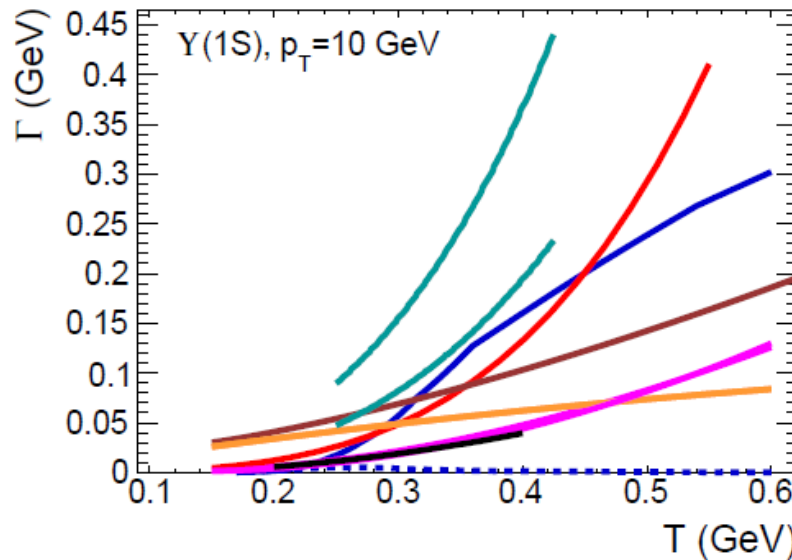
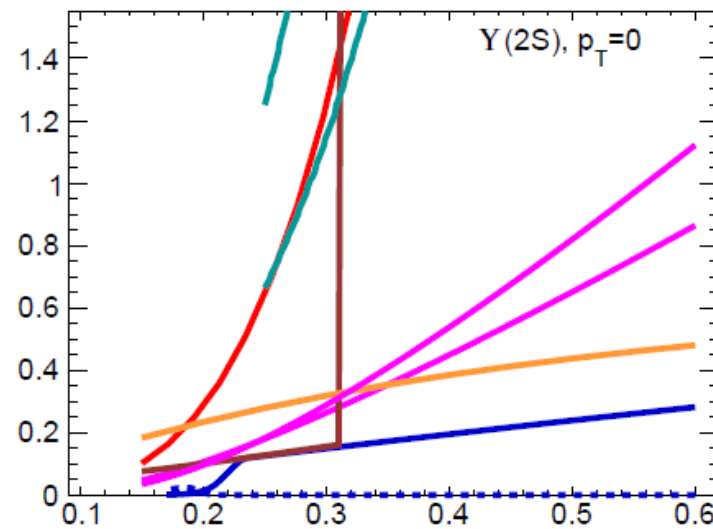
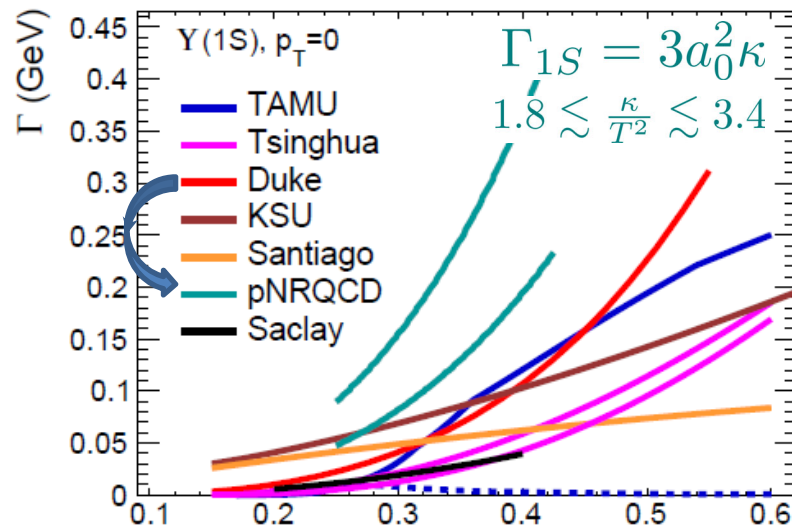


Revisit & extend previous work:

- Boltzmann \leftrightarrow semi-classical gradient expansion of the octet distribution f_8 along relative distance
- Quantum correction derived formally... **Awaits for quantitative estimate**



Comparison TUM+Kent State vs Duke



- QGP is hot... a relative perspective => Equally good description of the data with 2 different hierarchies of pNRQCD !!!
- Could be the sign that these hierarchies are not so strictly defined or that Duke approach still applies for $T \ll$ larger scale than E .
- ... However, the dissociation $Y(1S)$ rate from both versions differ significantly
- => Need to gather and discuss / compare further

EMMI RRTF on QUARKONIA (Dec 2019)

See <https://indico.gsi.de/event/9314/overview> and manuscript in preparation

Fresh News from NRQCD

Akamatsu:
(recent)

2020

2021

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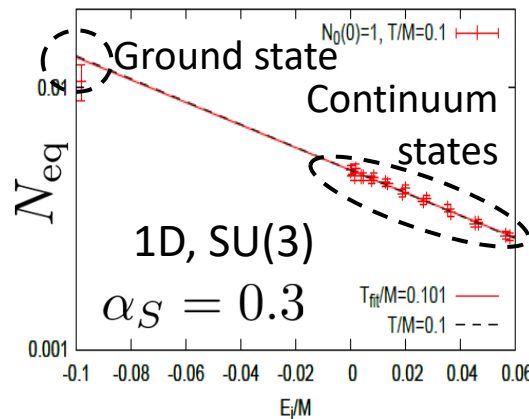
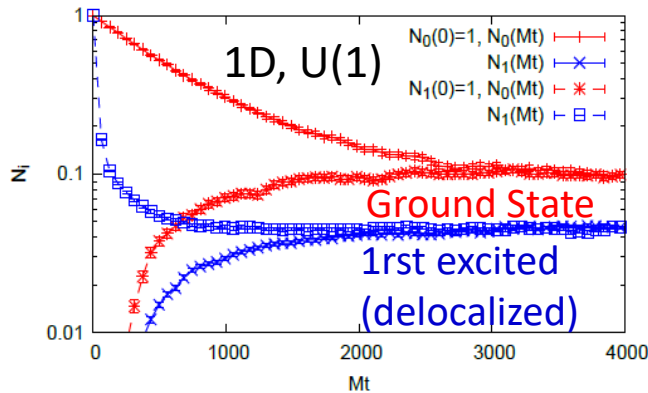
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Fresh News from NRQCD

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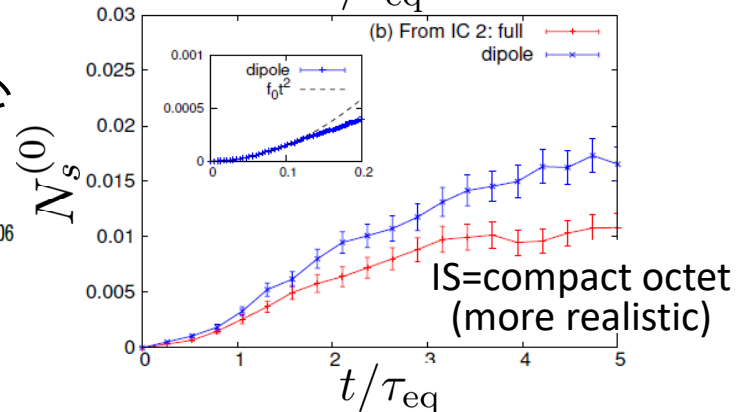
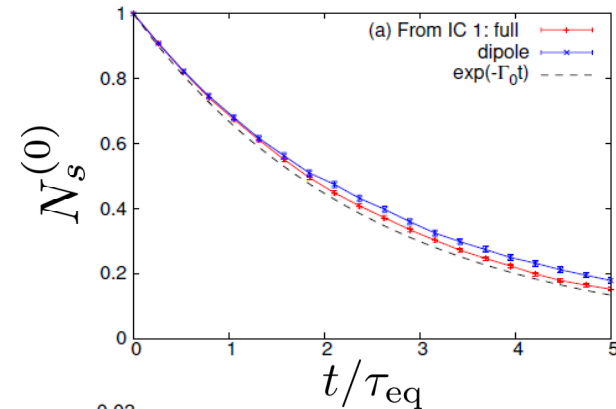
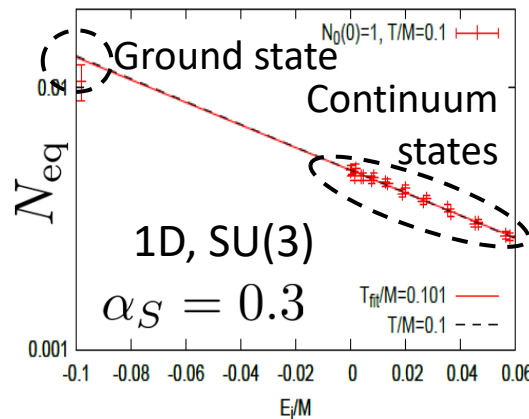
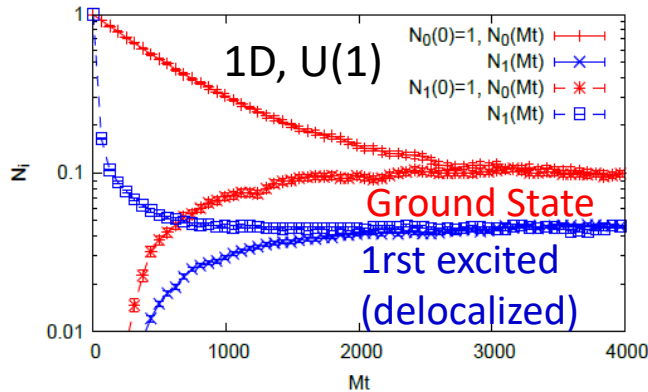
T. Miura et al, <http://arxiv.org/abs/2205.15551v1>
Comparison btwn full scheme & dipole limit (+nice scale analysis)



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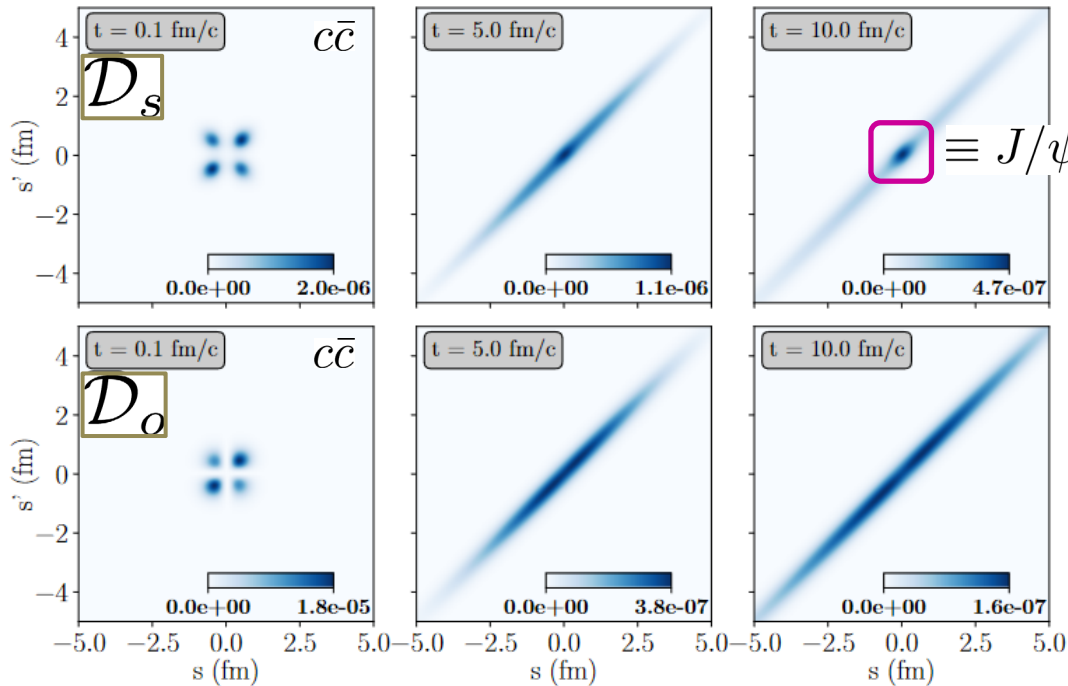
b and \bar{b} are unbound in 8-channel -> density decreases and feeds less the singlet channel. 30

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- S. Delorme (<https://inspirehep.net/literature/2026925> and Ph.D. thesis; manuscript coming soon on arxiv), solving BE equations JP Blaizot & MA Escobedo JHEP 06 (2018) 034,1711.10812

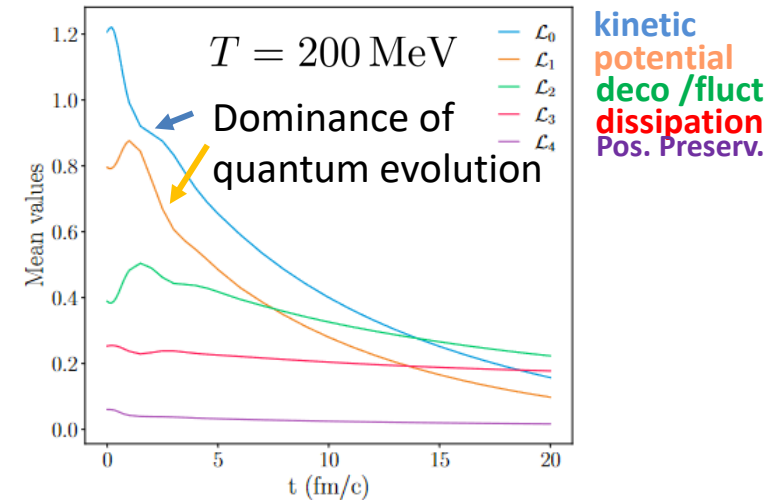
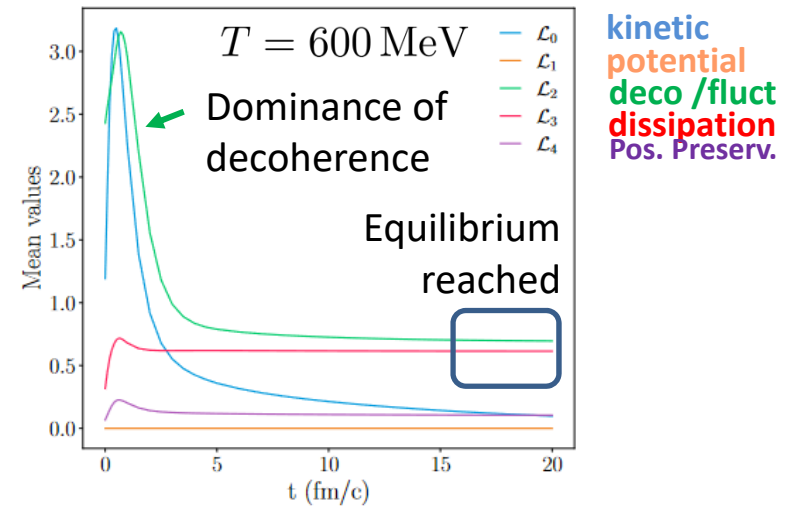
1D potential tuned to 3D : Katz et al. , arxiv2205.05154

Evolution from initial P-like octet state in the T(t) Bjorken scenario :



Evolution -> correlation in S-like singlet channel, surviving at the end of the evolution

various \mathcal{L} contributions at fixed T

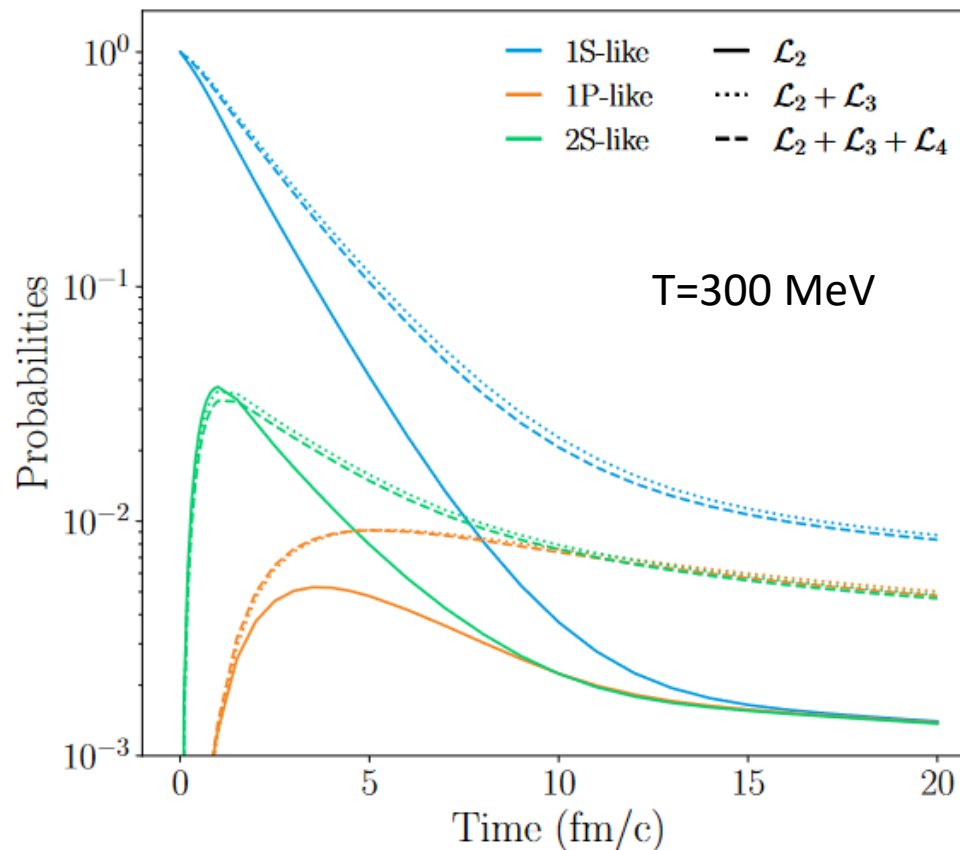


Several subregimes in the Quantum Brownian Motion regime : from classical dominated (high T) -> quantum dominated (« low » T)

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Role of friction / dissipation in the probabilities



Fluctuation / decoherence only
 Fluctuation + dissipation
 Fluctuation + dissipation + positivity preserving

Same trend as the one found for instance in Brambilla et al when including the friction

On the charmonium side

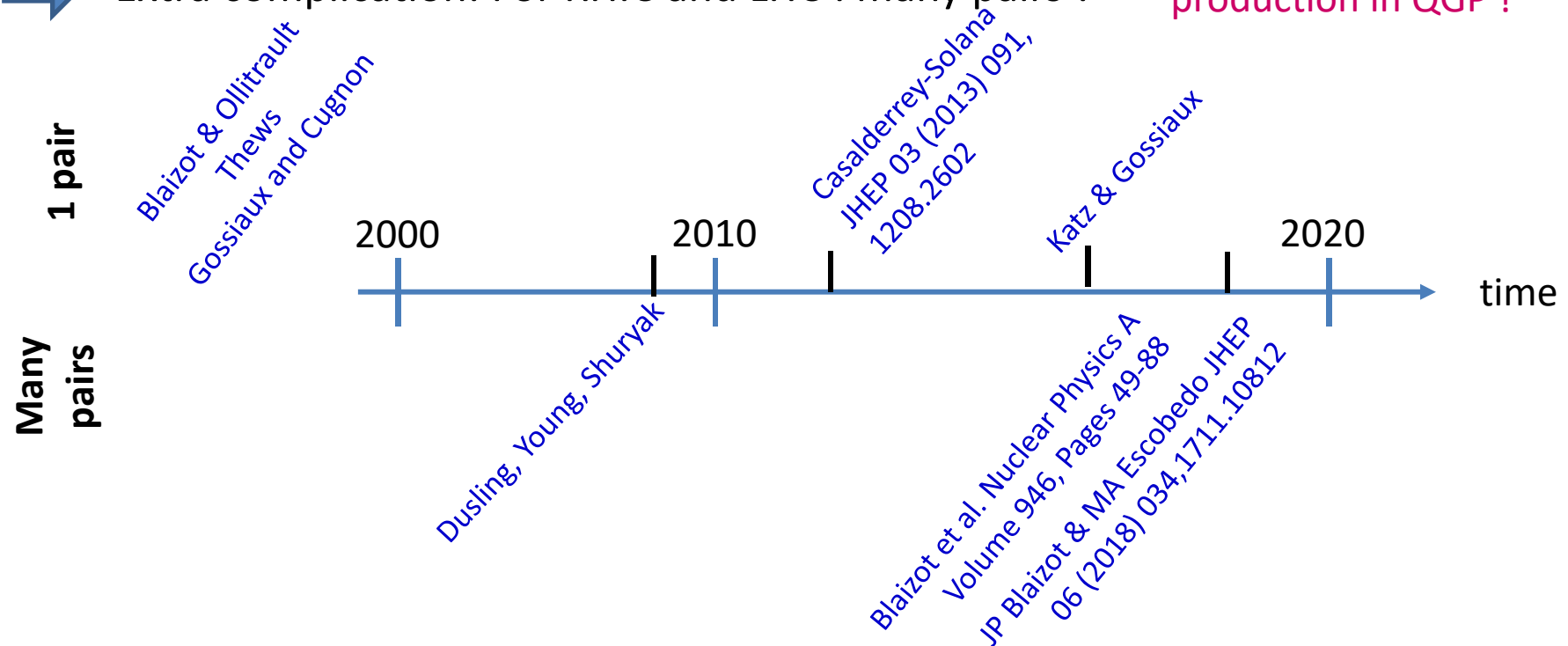
- More on the $T \gg M v^2$ side and even $T \gg Mv$ side \Rightarrow pNRQCD is not right theory
- Besides, $r^* T$ may be $\gg 1 \Rightarrow$ not weak coupling to the QGP either

➡ NRQCD should be privileged over pNRQCD... or inspired models

➡ Go microscopic in c and \bar{c}

➡ Extra complication: For RHIC and LHC : many pairs !

Probes another aspect
of Quarkonium
production in QGP !



Pioneering work of **Blaizot and Escobedo** for many c - \bar{c} pairs (NRQCD) \Rightarrow mixed Fokker-Planck + gain/loss rates for color transitions; awaits for implementation in realistic conditions 33

On the charmonium side

- **Arrebato et al. (2206.01308)** : new microscopic model inspired by OQS principles and Remler method

$$\text{prob}^\Psi(t) = \text{Tr} \left[\hat{\rho}_{Q\bar{Q}}^\Psi \hat{\rho}_N(t) \right]$$

E.A. Remler, *ANNALS OF PHYSICS* 136, 293-316 (1981)

Single quarkonia density operator

$$\hat{\rho}_{Q\bar{Q}}^\Psi = \sum_i |\Psi_{Q\bar{Q}}^i\rangle \langle \Psi_{Q\bar{Q}}^i|$$

N-body density matrix (bulk partons + many c and many cbar)

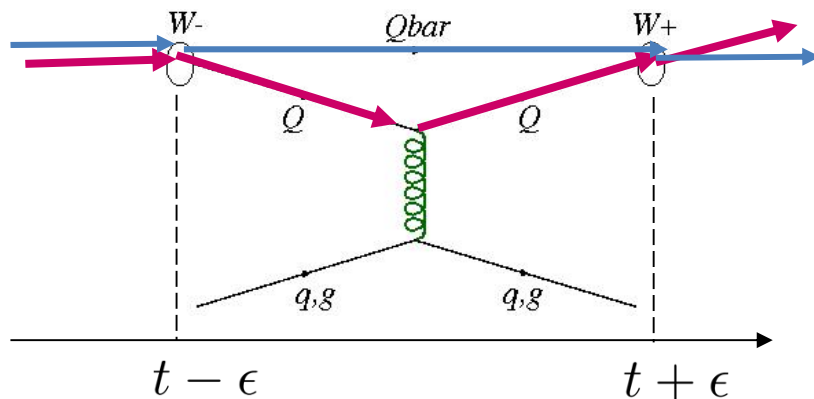
Reformulation : $\text{prob}^\Psi(t) = \text{prob}^{\text{prim}}(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t \Gamma^\Psi(t') dt'$

Von Neumann eq.

With rate of creation/destruction: $\Gamma^\Psi(t) = \frac{d\text{prob}^\Psi(t)}{dt} = \text{Tr} \left[\hat{\rho}_{Q\bar{Q}}^\Psi \frac{d\hat{\rho}_N(t)}{dt} \right]$

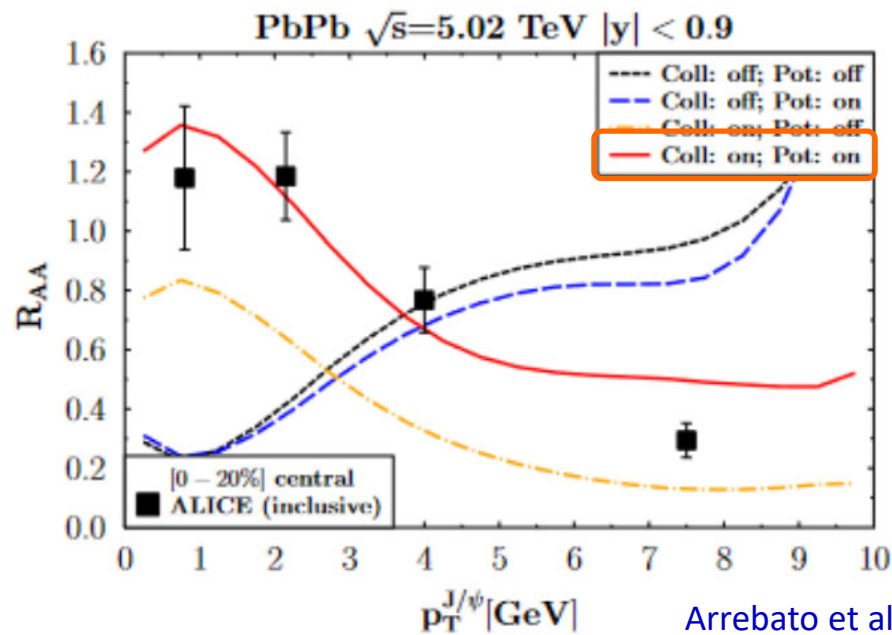
Passing to Wigner representation and using semi-classical trajectories for **Q** :

$$\Gamma^\Psi(t) = \sum_{i=1,2} \sum_{j \geq 3} \delta(t-t_{ij}) \int \frac{d^3 p_i d^3 x_i}{h^3} W_{Q\bar{Q}}^\Psi(p_1, x_1; p_2, x_2) [W_N(t + \epsilon) - W_N(t - \epsilon)]$$

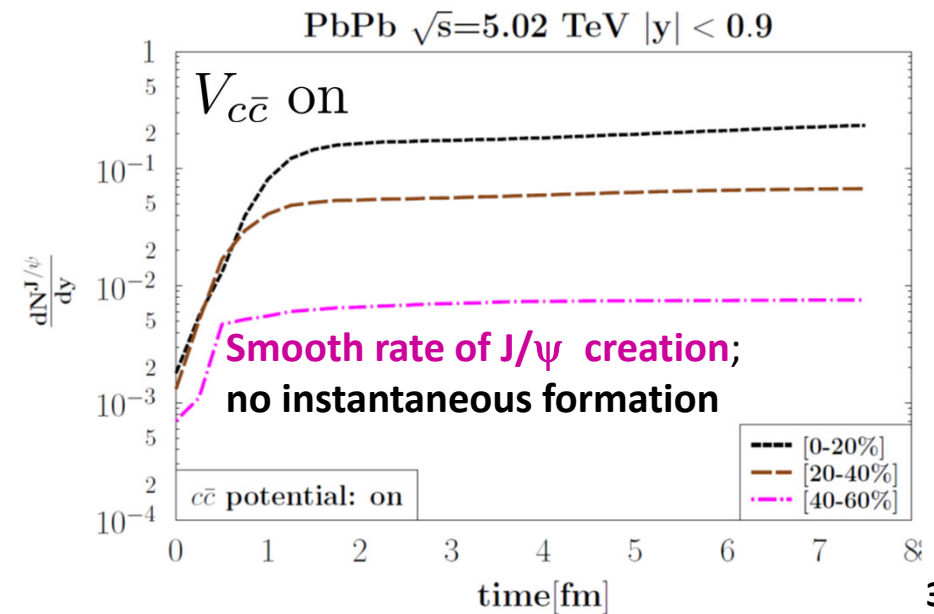
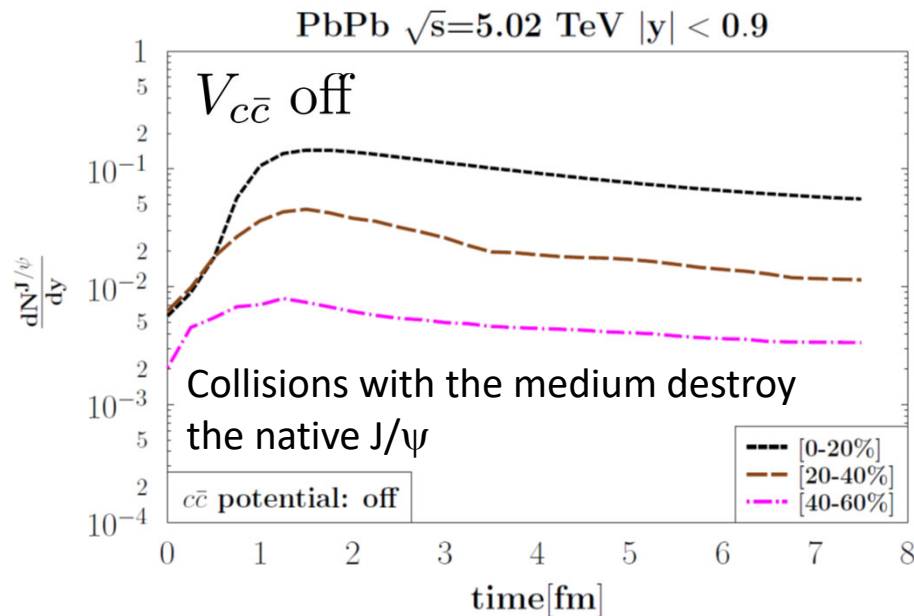
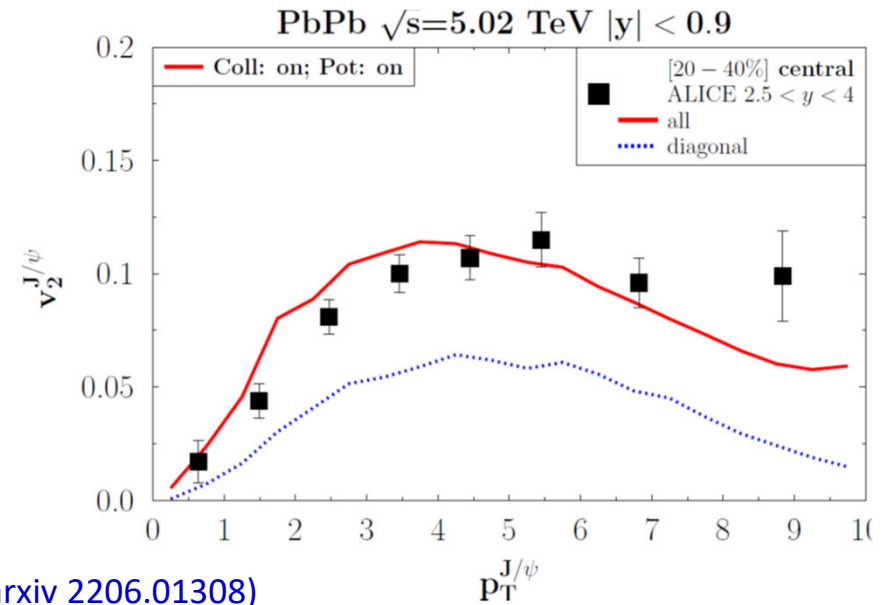


- Quarkonia production in the model is a 3-body process, the c & cbar interact only by collision !
- The “details” of H_{int} between Q and bulk partons are incorporated into the evolution of W_N after each collision / time step (good for the MC simulation)
- Dissociation and recombination treated in the same scheme

Some results from our new microscopic model



Arrebato et al. (arxiv 2206.01308)

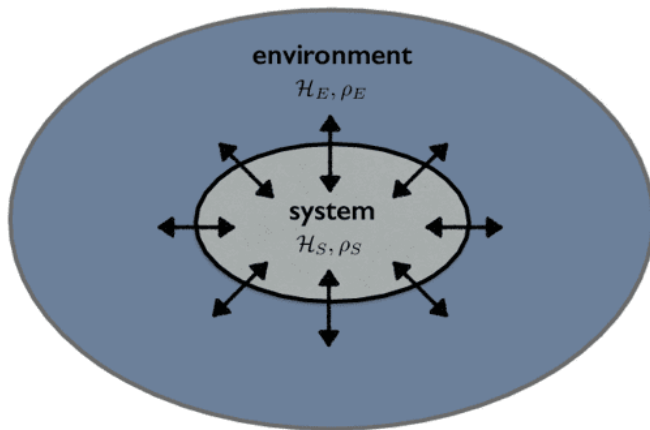


Conclusions and Open Questions for OQS

- For b -bar:
 - ✓ pNRQCD is now close to « full OQS » for some relevant hierarchies
 - ✓ Some fundamental QGP quantities can be constrained using bottomonia production in AA collisions
 - ✓ Need to better understand the domain of applicability of various hierarchies and possibly match them
 - ✓ Need to fully quantify the systematic uncertainties stemming from
 - The dipolar approximation (impacts $Y(3S)$ the most)
 - the « choice » of the initial state
 - the semi-classical approximations if one use them
- For single c - \bar{c} pair:
 - ✓ Full OQS treatment still incomplete for NRQCD (dissipation + SU(3) ok, but just for 1D) but field is progressing fast
 - ✓ Need to better understand the various regimes and the legitimacy of various semi-classical approximations (transport, Fokker Planck)
- For many c - \bar{c} pairs:
 - ✓ Open room for OQS inspired microscopic models properly applied in the relevant regimes
 - ✓ Then, need to make contact with transport theories and SHM.

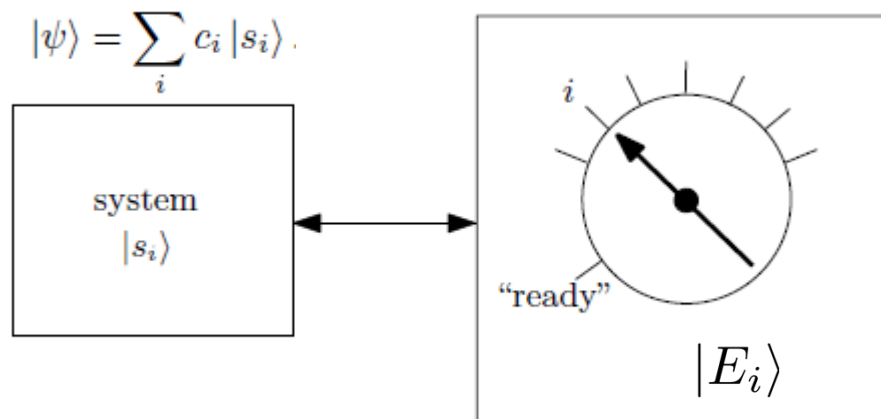
Back up : more on quantum coherence

Decoherence, system-environment interaction, OQS



From B. Vacchini

- Since 1970
- Revisited all longstanding problems of quantum mechanics with a new paradigm : quantum systems are naturally coupled to some external environment whose role cannot be ignored.
- Starting from uncorrelated system – detector / environment state, the interaction between the system and the environment will build some global entangled state



$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_i c_i |s_i\rangle.$$

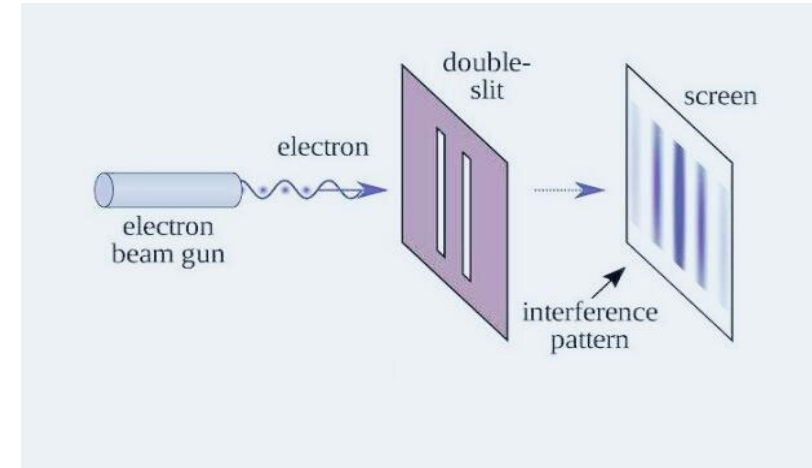
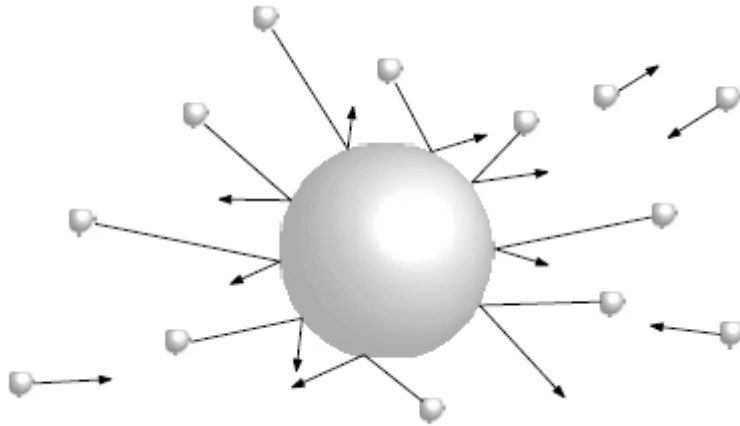
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\psi_1\rangle + |\psi_2\rangle) |E_0\rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\psi_1\rangle |E_1\rangle + |\psi_2\rangle |E_2\rangle)$$

Entangled !

Coherence has been « delocalized » in the larger system ... But this is basis « invariant »

Decoherence, system-environment interaction, OQS

- As postulated by Zurek : by interacting with different states of the quantum System, the environment outcome (in $|E_1\rangle, |E_2\rangle, \dots$) get the information about this system which can be considered as a genuine measurement of this system



Analogy with the 2 slits experiment and the « which state » observer

- Environment « measures » the system.
- There exists a preferred ensemble of states (in $|E_1\rangle, |E_2\rangle, \dots$) such that the interactions with the system leads to progressive (but « fast ») orthogonality $\langle E_1 | E_2 \rangle \sim 0$

Preferred basis or « pointer states » $\langle E_1 | E_2 \rangle \propto e^{-\frac{t}{t_d}}$ t_d : decoherence time

Decoherence, syst-env. interaction, OQS

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\psi_1\rangle + |\psi_2\rangle) |E_0\rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\psi_1\rangle |E_1\rangle + |\psi_2\rangle |E_2\rangle)$$

Consequence on the reduced density matrix

$$\hat{\rho} = |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi| \xrightarrow{\text{Tracing out the environment}} \hat{\rho}_S = \text{tr}_E (|\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|)$$

$$\hat{\rho}_S = \frac{\langle E_0|E_0\rangle}{2} (|\psi_1\rangle\langle\psi_1| + |\psi_2\rangle\langle\psi_2| + |\psi_1\rangle\langle\psi_2| + |\psi_2\rangle\langle\psi_1|) \quad \hat{\rho}_S = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ pure state}$$

$t \gg t_d$

$$\hat{\rho}_S = \frac{1}{2} (|\psi_1\rangle\langle\psi_1| + |\psi_2\rangle\langle\psi_2| + \langle E_2|E_1\rangle |\psi_1\rangle\langle\psi_2| + \langle E_1|E_2\rangle |\psi_2\rangle\langle\psi_1|)$$

- Coherence still present at the global level (entangled state)
- Not observable at the « local » (system) level
- Appears as a « decohered » / classical density (1/2 for « 1 » state and 1/2 for « 2 » state)

$$\hat{\rho}_S \approx \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \approx 0 \\ \approx 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Appears as **quasi classical mixed state**

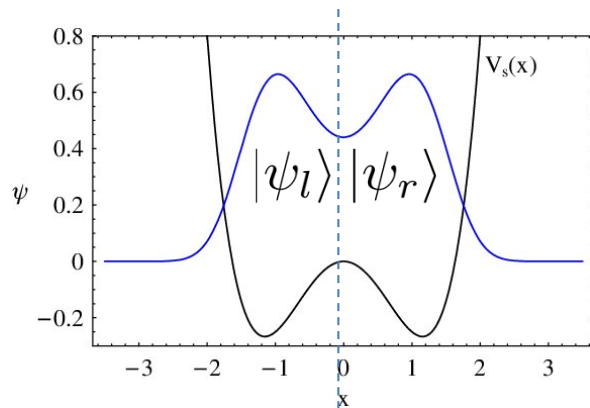
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$$t \gg t_d$$

- Disappearance of interferences
- Measurements (and dynamics) in terms of classical probabilities
- ... **but in the system states that are the best « measured » by the environment the so-called pointer states (preferred basis) !**

Link between decoherence and « suppression »

(superselection rule)



Case A: Ground state of double well potential put in contact with environment...

Assume $|\psi_1\rangle = |\psi_l\rangle$ and $|\psi_2\rangle = |\psi_r\rangle$ are 2 pointer states

$$|GS\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\psi_1\rangle + |\psi_2\rangle) \quad \hat{\rho}_{GS} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{prob}(GS, t = 0) = 1 &\longrightarrow \text{prob}(GS, t \gg t_d) = \text{tr}(\hat{\rho}_S(t) \cdot \hat{\rho}_{GS}) \\ &\approx \text{tr} \left(\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &\approx \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Decoherence \equiv suppression

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Case B: compact state put in contact with environment...

Assumes preferred states : {eigenstates of the system Hamiltonian}

$$|\Psi\rangle = \underbrace{(\sqrt{p_{\text{GS}}}\psi_{\text{GS}} + \sqrt{p_1}\psi_1 + \dots)}_{|\psi\rangle} |E_0\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{prob}(\text{GS}, t = 0) = p_{\text{GS}} &\longrightarrow \text{prob}(\text{GS}, t \gg t_d) = \text{tr}(\hat{\rho}_S(t) \cdot \hat{\rho}_{\text{GS}}) \\ &\approx \text{tr} \left(\begin{pmatrix} p_{\text{GS}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & p_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & p_2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &\approx p_{\text{GS}} \end{aligned}$$

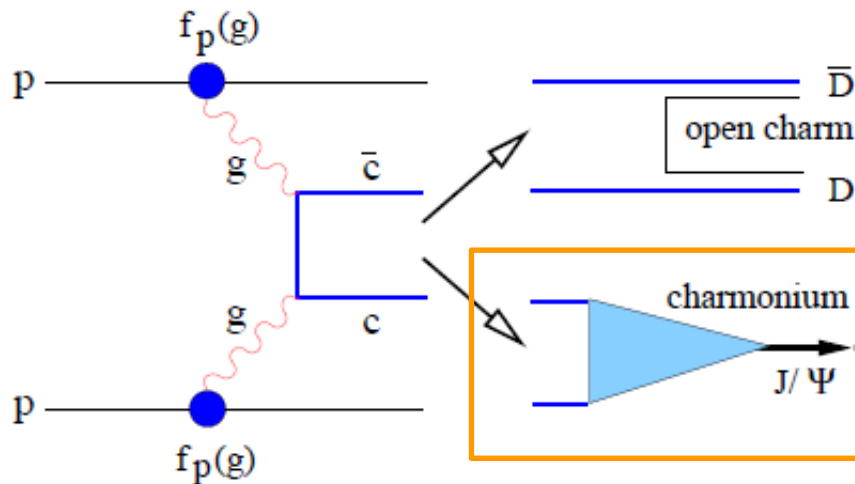
Decoherence : \neq suppression

: just « reveals » the various components of the initial eigenstate

Consequence for Quarkonia :

Iff case B apply :

Picture behind transport theory (taken from H. Satz):



Open heavy flavor and quarkonia assumed to be uncorrelated

~~Formed after some “formation time” τ_f (typically the Heisenberg time), usually assumed to be independent of the surrounding medium~~

Formed after some “decoherence time” τ_d , which is a scale depending both on the the initial state and the surrounding medium

And then, classical transport theory rules !

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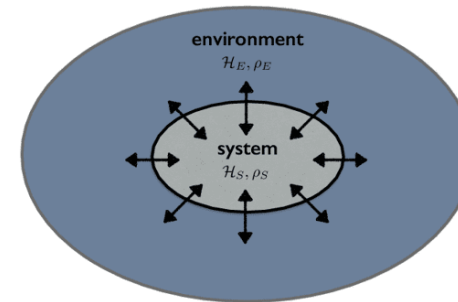
First conclusion from the study of usual decoherence scheme :

- ✓ Essential to characterize the « preferred states » : *maximally robust against decoherence*
- ✓ Need to (semi)-quantify the decoherence time

➔ Hamiltonian $\hat{H} = \hat{H}_S + \hat{H}_E + \hat{H}_{\text{int}}$

Interaction hamiltonian btwn S and E

Usual linear coupling: $\hat{H}_{\text{int}} = g \sum_a \hat{S}_a \otimes \hat{E}_a$



Time scales :

τ_S : Time scale associated to the system (indep. Environment)

$$\tau_S \sim \frac{1}{\Delta E_S} \quad \equiv \text{Heisenberg time (mind if discrete states + continuous)}$$

Energy gap

τ_E : Time scale associated to the environment (indep. System)

$$\tau_E \sim \frac{1}{T} \quad (\text{hard modes}) \quad \tau_E \sim \frac{1}{m_D} \quad (\text{soft modes})$$

Temperature Debye mass



τ_R : System relaxation time scale resulting from interaction with the env. (in general $\neq \tau_d$!)

Several estimates in the litterature,... in general \gg at least τ_E (weak coupling) : Markovian approx

Decoherence, syst-env. interaction, OQS

Standard textbook (M. Schlosshauer) results for OQS:

✓ 3 regimes :

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_S + \hat{H}_E + \hat{H}_{\text{int}}$$

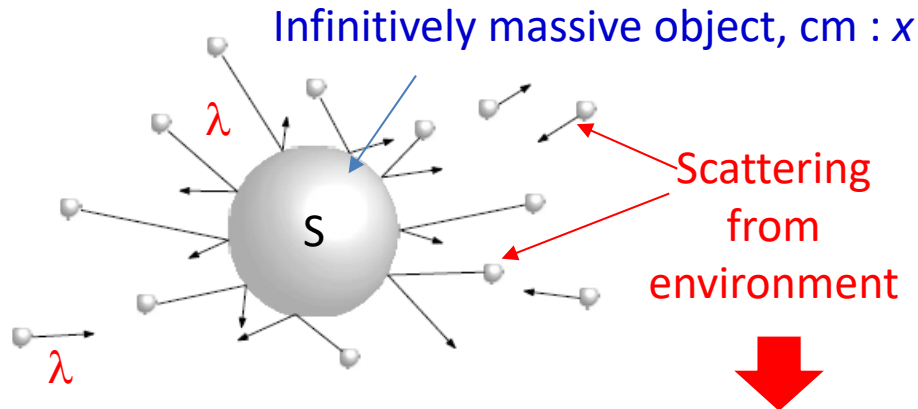
Name	condition	Consequence for Preferred States	Relevance for quarkonia
quantum-measurement limit	Evolution of the system dominated by H_{int}	PS: eigenstates of H_{int} (often : \Leftrightarrow positions)	limited
The intermediary regime	evolution of the system governed by H_{int} and H_S in roughly equal strengths	PS: localized in phase space, i.e., in both position and momentum	High Temperature
The quantum limit of decoherence.	The environment is slow and the Hamiltonian H_S dominates the evolution of the system	PS: Eigenstates of H_S	« Low » Temperature (but still $> T_{\text{SC}}$)

\Leftrightarrow Case B presented before

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✓ Decoherence :



$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_S + \hat{H}_E + \hat{H}_{\text{int}}$$

Reduced density matrix $\rho_S(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$



Wigner density $W_S(\mathbf{X} = \frac{\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}'}{2}, p)$

Fourier conjugate of $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'$

$$\frac{\partial \rho_S(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', t)}{\partial t} = -F(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') \rho_S(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', t)$$

Decoherence factor:

$$F(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') = \int dq \rho(q) v(q) \int \frac{d\hat{n} d\hat{n}'}{4\pi} \left(1 - e^{iq(\hat{n} - \hat{n}') \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') / \hbar} \right) |f(q\hat{n}, q\hat{n}')|$$

← Scattering amplitude

Short wave length ($\lambda \ll \Delta x$)

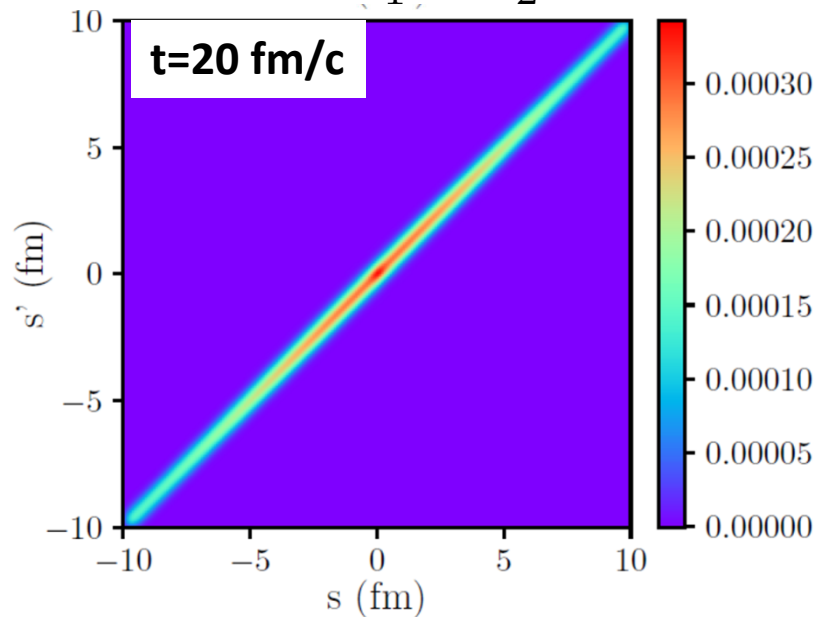
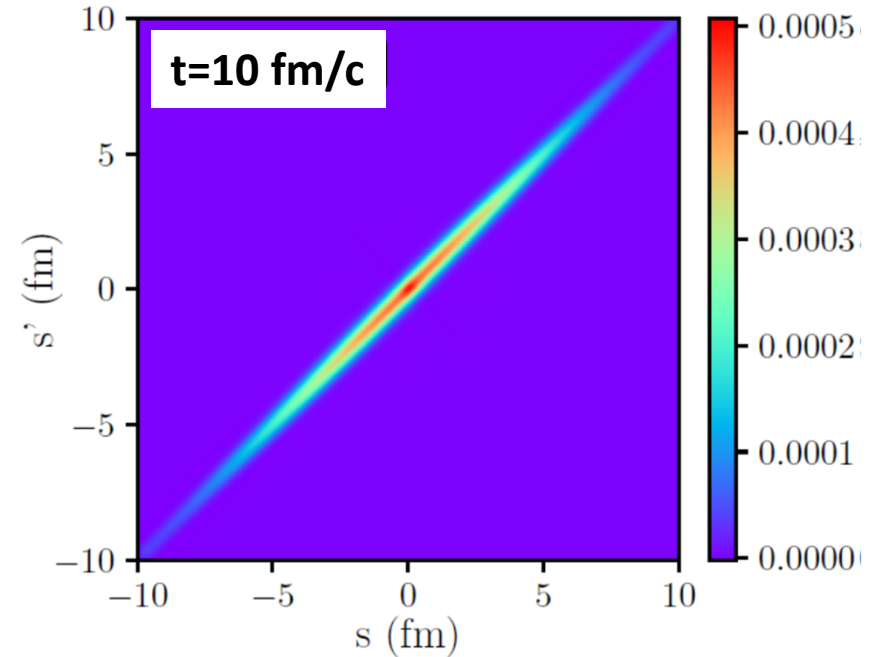
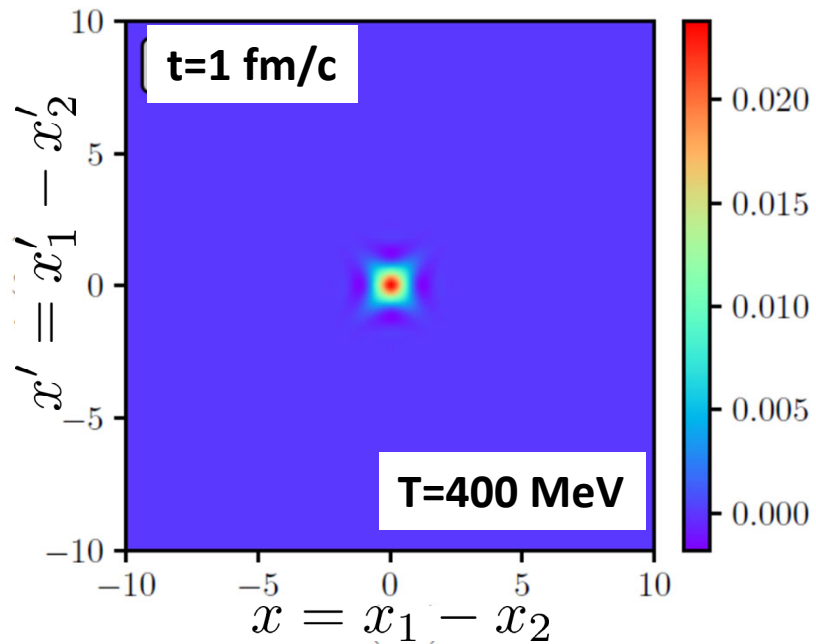
Long wave length ($\lambda \gg \Delta x$)

$$F(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') = \Gamma_{\text{tot}}$$

$$F \approx \int dq \rho(q) v(q) q^2 \sigma_{\text{transp}}(q) \times (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')^2 \approx \kappa(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')^2$$

Standard textbook (M. Schlosshauer) results for OQS:

✓ Decoherence :



$$\rho_S(x, x', t) \sim \rho_S(x, x', 0) e^{-\Lambda(x-x')^2 t}$$

- Compactification along the short diagonal
= « classicalization »
- $t_d \sim \frac{1}{\kappa(\Delta x)^2} \sim \frac{1}{TM\eta_D(\Delta x)^2}$

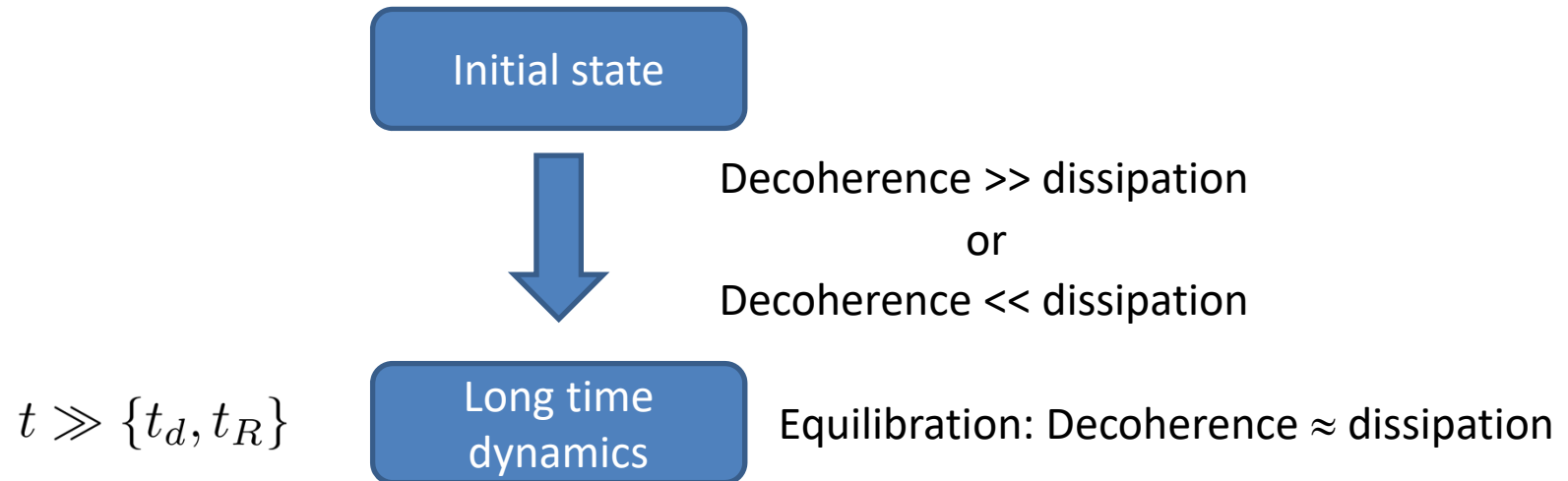
Einstein relation

Single part. relaxation rate

$$t_d \sim \frac{\tau_R^{\text{single}}}{\frac{1}{\lambda_{th}^2}(\Delta x)^2} \sim \tau_R^{\text{single}} \times \left(\frac{\lambda_{th}}{\Delta x}\right)^2$$

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✓ Long time dynamics:



The quantum limit of decoherence.
(« low » T)

Prob of H_S eigenstate $n : p_n \propto e^{-\frac{E_n}{T}}$

Contact with Statistical Hadronization
Model

intermediary regime.
(high T)

Gaussian in phase space with

$$\Delta p^2 \sim M T \quad \Delta x^2 \sim (M T)^{-1} \sim \lambda_{\text{th}}^2$$

One has in general $p_{n+1} < p_n$, but **not**

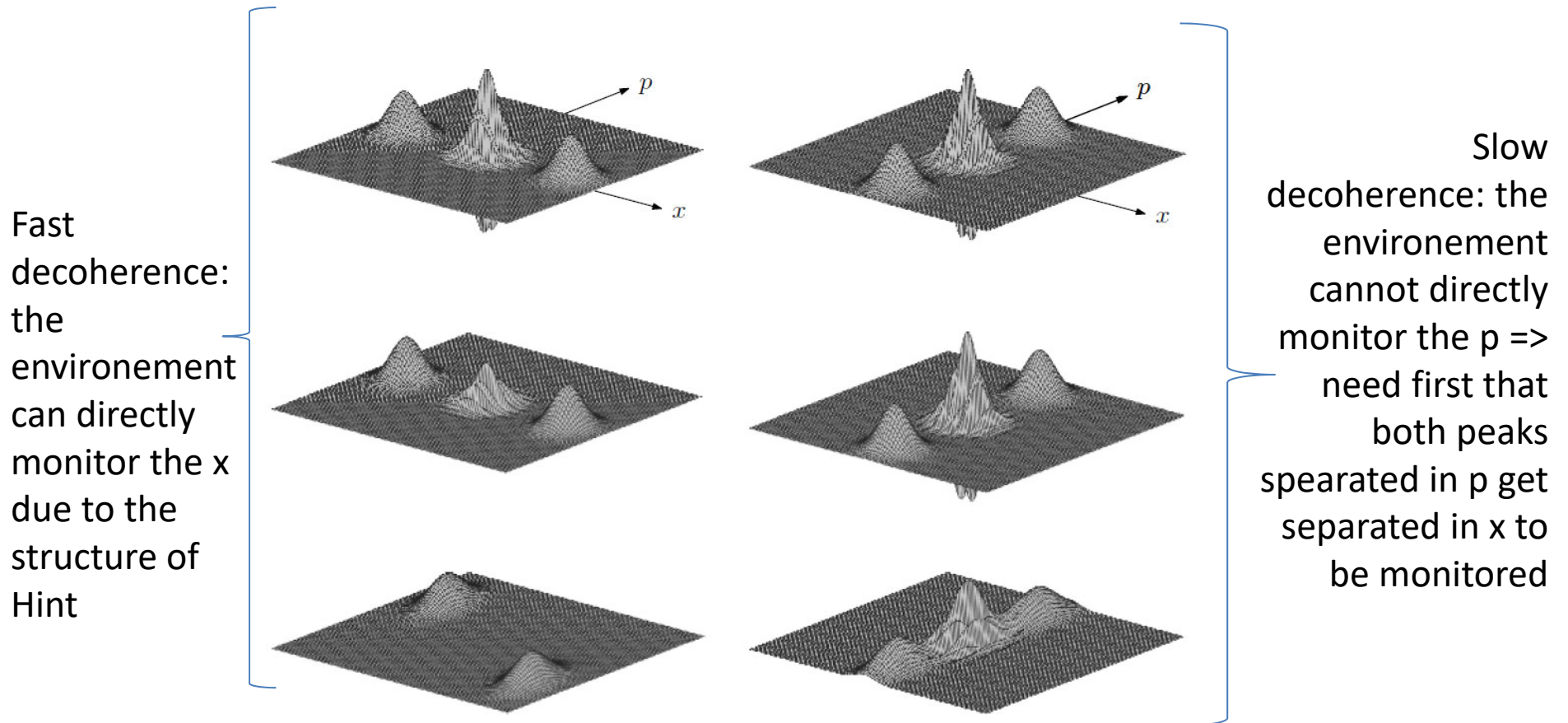
$$p_n \propto e^{-\frac{E_n}{T}} \quad \text{Exception: } \hat{H}_S = \hat{H}_{HO}$$

Temperature range has a drastic influence on the physics representation we have for quarkonia evolution in the QGP medium !

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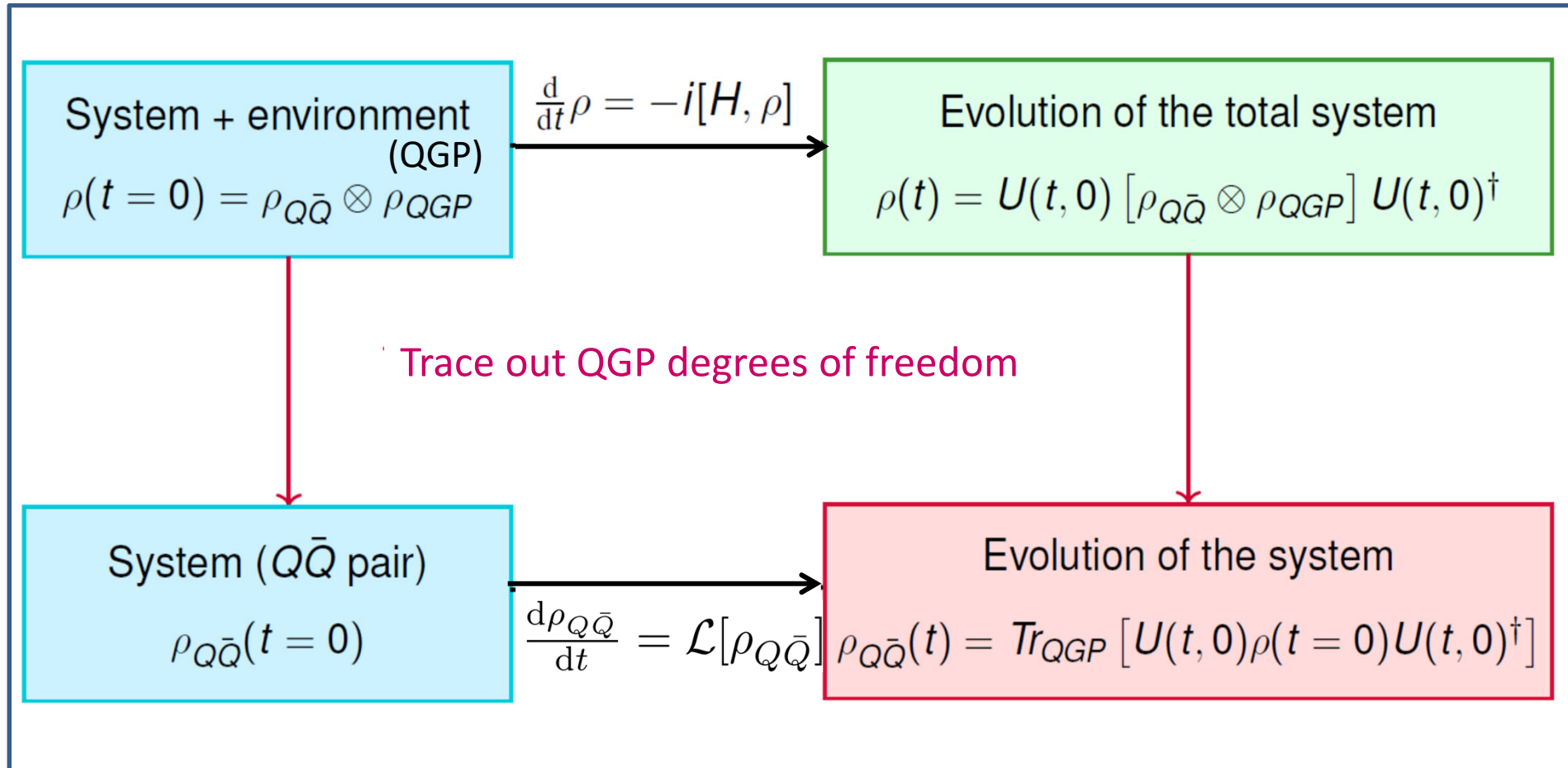
- ✓ Decoherence in the intermediary regime: 2 overlapping gaussians

Need to introduce dissipation terms



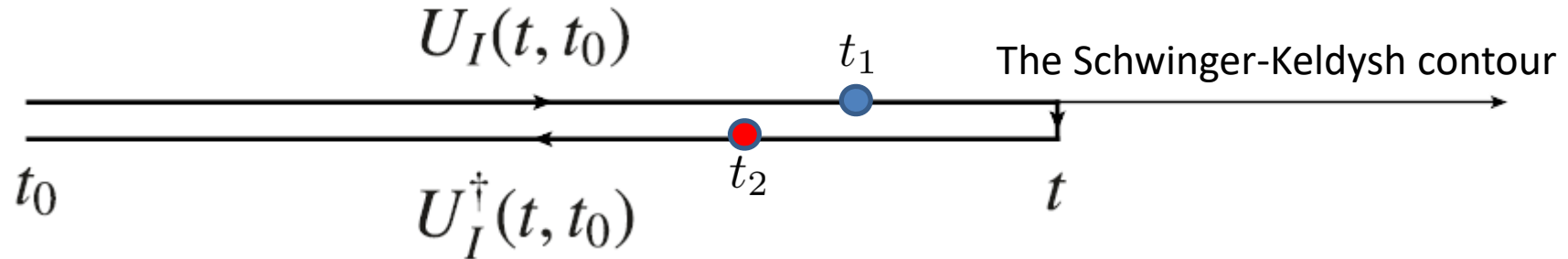
For initial Q-Qbar pair : more the 2nd case \Rightarrow long decoherence

Quantum Master Equations



However, $\mathcal{L}[\cdot]$ is generically a non local super-operator in time

Quantum Master Equations



2 times involved in the propagation of ρ (direct & conjugated) !

Von Neumann equation (in the interaction picture) $\frac{d}{dt} \hat{\rho}^{(I)}(t) = -i [\hat{H}_{\text{int}}(t), \hat{\rho}^{(I)}(t)]$

Iterative solution up to the second order
+ derivative ./ t :

$$\frac{d}{dt} \hat{\rho}_S^{(I)}(t) = - \int_0^t dt' \text{Tr}_E [\hat{H}_{\text{int}}(t), [\hat{H}_{\text{int}}(t'), \hat{\rho}^{(I)}(t')]]$$

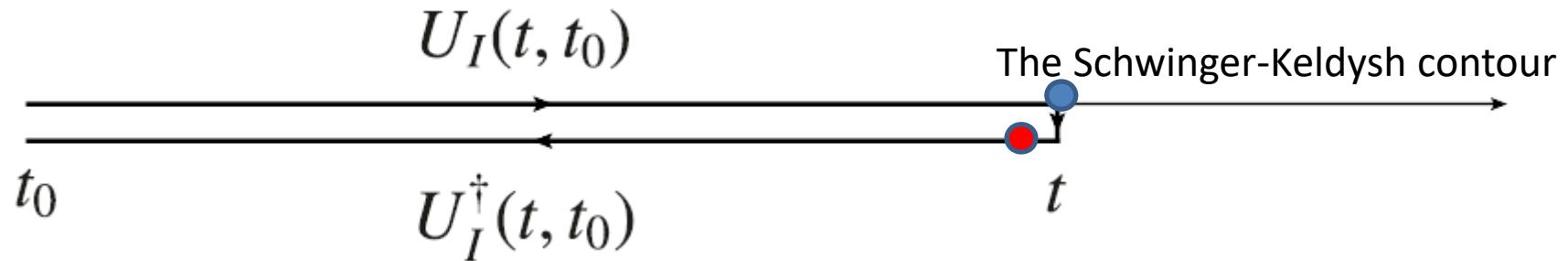
Contains the environment evolution
under the influence of the system

First assumption :

- Born: Weak coupling and large environment => environment can be considered as stationary in the iterated equation : $\hat{\rho}^{(I)}(t') \approx \hat{\rho}_S^{(I)}(t') \otimes \hat{\rho}_E(0) \quad \forall t' \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \hat{\rho}_S^{(I)}(t) = - \int_0^t dt' \text{Tr}_E [\hat{H}_{\text{int}}(t), [\hat{H}_{\text{int}}(t'), \hat{\rho}_S^{(I)}(t') \otimes \hat{\rho}_E]]$$

Quantum Master Equations



$$\frac{d}{dt} \hat{\rho}_S^{(I)}(t) = - \int_0^t dt' \text{Tr}_\mathcal{E} [\hat{H}_{\text{int}}(t), [\hat{H}_{\text{int}}(t'), \hat{\rho}_S^{(I)}(t') \otimes \hat{\rho}_\mathcal{E}]]$$

2nd assumption :

- Markov: Autocorrelation time of Environment operators in $\hat{H}_{\text{int}}(t)$ is τ_E and \ll relaxation time τ_R .

➡ Take t (higher boundary for the integral) as $\tau_E \ll t \ll \tau_R$

➡ $\rho_S(t')$ Does not vary much on $[0, t]$ and can be chosen as $\rho_S(t)$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \hat{\rho}_S^{(I)}(t) = - \int_0^t dt' \text{Tr}_\mathcal{E} [\hat{H}_{\text{int}}(t), [\hat{H}_{\text{int}}(t'), \hat{\rho}_S^{(I)}(t) \otimes \hat{\rho}_\mathcal{E}]] \equiv \mathcal{L}[\hat{\rho}_S^{(I)}(t)]$$

Quantum Master Equations

Explicit linear form of the H_{int} :

$$\hat{H}_{\text{int}} = \sum_{\alpha} O_{\alpha}^{(S)}(t) \otimes O_{\alpha}^{(E)}(t)$$

System operator (density, current, dipole)

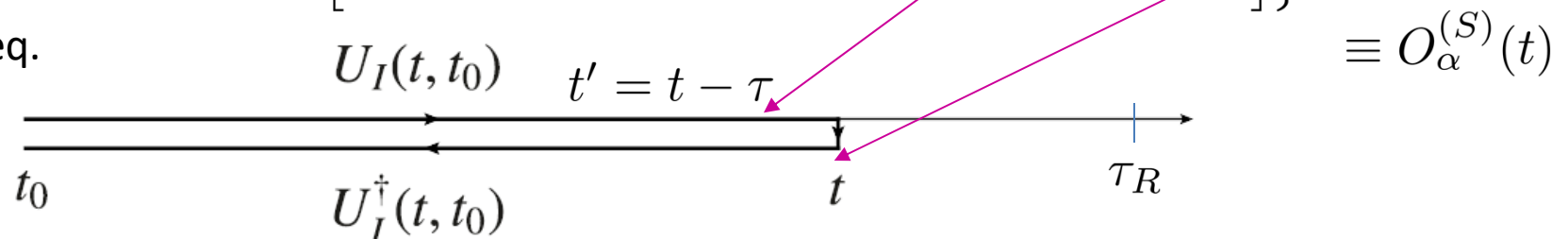
Environment operator (potential, field)

➔
$$- \int_0^t dt' \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{E}} [\hat{H}_{\text{int}}(t), [\hat{H}_{\text{int}}(t'), \hat{\rho}_S^{(I)}(t) \otimes \hat{\rho}_{\mathcal{E}}]]$$

Only implies environment through 2 points functions $D_{\alpha\beta}(t_1, t_2) = \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{E}}(\rho_{\mathcal{E}} O_{\alpha}^{(E)}(t_1) O_{\beta}^{(E)}(t_2))$
(field / potential thermal correlators)

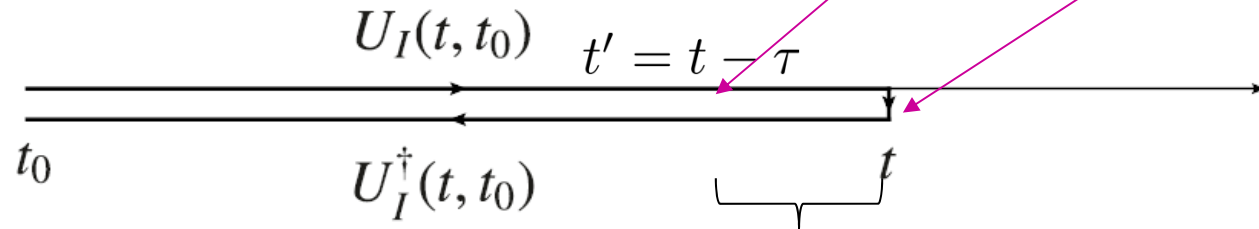
$$\frac{d}{dt} \hat{\rho}_S^{(I)}(t) = - \int_0^{+\infty} d\tau \sum_{\alpha\beta} (\tau) \left\{ D_{\alpha\beta}(\tau) \left[O_{\alpha}(t) O_{\beta}(t-\tau) \hat{\rho}_S^{(I)}(t) - O_{\beta}(t-\tau) \hat{\rho}_S^{(I)}(t) O_{\alpha}(t) \right] \right. \\ \left. + D_{\beta\alpha}(-\tau) \left[\hat{\rho}_S^{(I)}(t) O_{\beta}(t-\tau) O_{\alpha}(t) - O_{\alpha}(t) \hat{\rho}_S^{(I)}(t) O_{\beta}(t-\tau) \right] \right\}$$

Redfield eq.



Going further:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \hat{\rho}_S^{(I)}(t) = - \int_0^{+\infty} d\tau \sum_{\alpha\beta} (\tau) \left\{ D_{\alpha\beta}(\tau) \left[O_\alpha(t) O_\beta(t-\tau) \hat{\rho}_S^{(I)}(t) - O_\beta(t-\tau) \hat{\rho}_S^{(I)}(t) O_\alpha(t) \right] + \dots \right.$$



A)

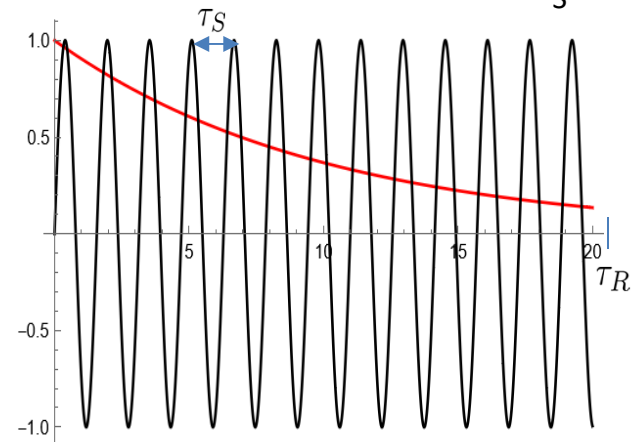
$$\tau_R \gg \tau_S$$

(low T)

Oscillations of $O_\alpha^{(I)}(t) \dots O_\beta^{(I)}(t-\tau)$

With time scale τ_S

The numerous oscillations within τ_R allow to better reformulate the time integral in the ω Fourier space (**Rotating Wave Approx**)



$$\sum_{k,l,m,n} \int d\omega D_{\alpha\beta}(\omega) \delta(\omega - \Delta E_{k,l}) \delta_{\Delta E_{k,l} - \Delta E_{m,n}} \dots$$

$$\langle k | O_\alpha^{(S)} | l \rangle \langle n | O_\beta^{(S)} | m \rangle$$

Discrete energy jumps

Coupled differential equations for density matrix elements expressed in the basis of **system eigenstates**

$$\frac{d\rho_S(t)}{dt} = -i \left[H_S + \sum_{n,k} \sigma_{nk} |n\rangle \langle k|, \rho_S(t) \right] \text{ Yao 21}$$

$$+ \sum_{n,m,k,l} \gamma_{nm,kl} \left(|n\rangle \langle m| \rho_S(t) |k\rangle \langle l| - \frac{1}{2} \{ |k\rangle \langle l| n\rangle \langle m|, \rho_S(t) \} \right)$$

Quantum Optical Regime

$$\sigma_{nk} \ \& \ \gamma_{nm,kl} : \mathcal{F}(D_{\alpha\beta}(\omega))$$

Lindblad Equation

Born Markov + Quantum Optical Regime => Lindblad equation (local in time)

$$\frac{d}{dt}\rho_{Q\bar{Q}}(t) = -i[H_{Q\bar{Q}}, \rho_{Q\bar{Q}}(t)] + \sum_i \gamma_i \left[L_i \rho_{Q\bar{Q}}(t) L_i^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \{ L_i L_i^\dagger, \rho_{Q\bar{Q}}(t) \} \right]$$

$H_{Q\bar{Q}} : \{Q, \bar{Q}\}$ kinetics + Vacuum potential V + Lamb shift

L_i : Collapse (or Lindblad) operators, depend on the properties of the medium

3 important conservation properties :

$$\rho_{Q\bar{Q}}^\dagger = \rho_{Q\bar{Q}}$$

(Hermiticity)

$$\text{Tr}[\rho_{Q\bar{Q}}] = 1$$

(Unitarity)

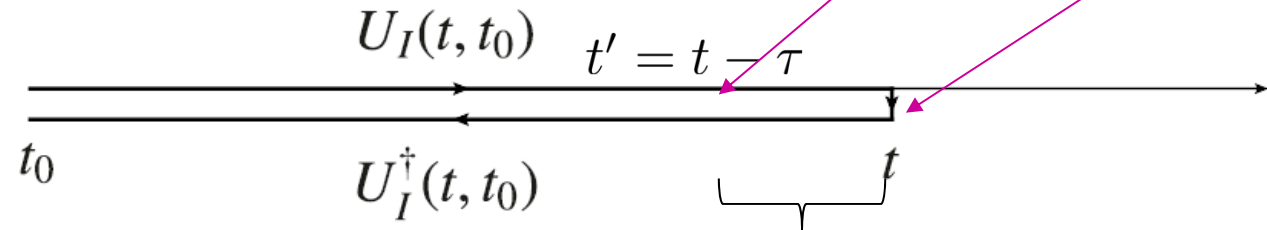
$$\langle \varphi | \rho_{Q\bar{Q}} | \varphi \rangle > 0, \forall |\varphi\rangle$$

(Positivity)

γ_i Characterize the coupling of the system with the environment

Going further:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \hat{\rho}_S^{(I)}(t) = - \int_0^{+\infty} d\tau \sum_{\alpha\beta} \left\{ D_{\alpha\beta}(\tau) \left[O_\alpha(t) O_\beta(t-\tau) \hat{\rho}_S^{(I)}(t) - O_\beta(t-\tau) \hat{\rho}_S^{(I)}(t) O_\alpha(t) \right] + \dots \right.$$



B)

$$\tau_E \ll \tau_S$$

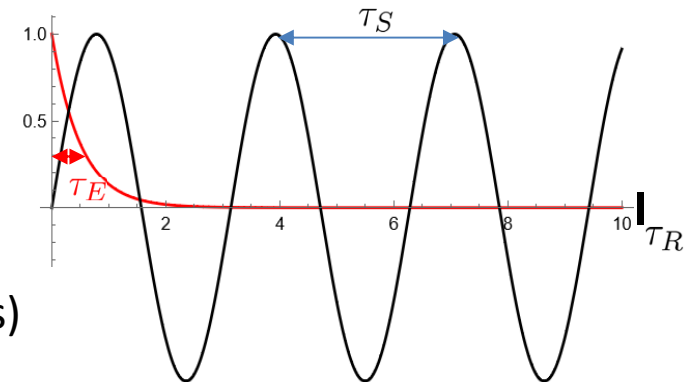
(high T)

Oscillations of $O_\alpha^{(I)}(t) \dots O_\beta^{(I)}(t-\tau)$

The ultra small τ_E allows for expansion wrt τ of $O(t-\tau)$ (\Rightarrow in τ_E/τ_S) around origin (**Gradient Expansion**)



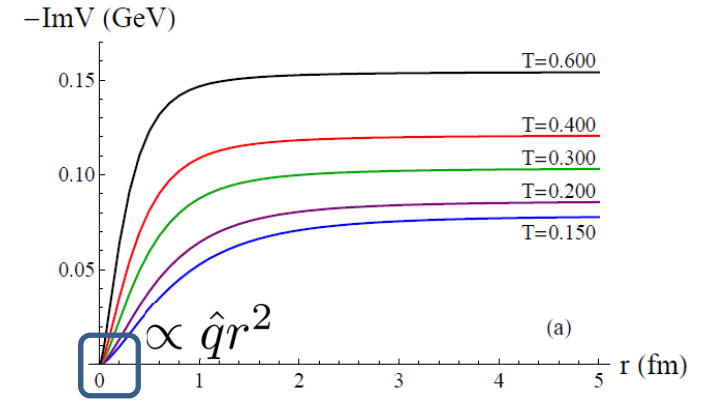
- Implies $O^{(S)}(t)$ (\equiv positions) and $\dot{O}^{(S)}(t)$ (\equiv velocities)
 \Rightarrow formulation in phase space
- Implies correlators D through $\int_0^{+\infty} d\tau D_{\alpha\beta}(\tau)$ and $\int_0^{+\infty} d\tau \tau D_{\alpha\beta}(\tau)$
 \Rightarrow behaviour of $D_{\alpha\beta}(\omega)$ and $\frac{\partial D_{\alpha\beta}(\omega)}{\partial \omega}$ at $\omega \approx 0$
 \Rightarrow potentials (real and imaginary) !



Quantum Brownian Motion (Caldeira Leggett Model)

B) $\tau_E \ll \tau_S$ (high T)

Case of a single $Q\bar{Q}$ pair:



Screening / Lamb shift

Imaginary potential

$$\frac{d}{dt}\rho_S(t) = -i [H_S + \Delta H_S, \rho_S] + \int_{x,y} \gamma(\vec{x} - \vec{y}) \left[\tilde{V}_{S,\Delta}^a(\vec{y}) \rho_S \tilde{V}_{S,\Delta}^{a\dagger}(\vec{x}) - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \tilde{V}_{S,\Delta}^{a\dagger}(\vec{x}) \tilde{V}_{S,\Delta}^a(\vec{y}), \rho_S \right\} \right]$$

$$= -i [H_S + \Delta H_S, \rho_S] + \int_k \gamma(\vec{k}) \left[\tilde{V}_{S,\Delta}^a(\vec{k}) \rho_S \tilde{V}_{S,\Delta}^{a\dagger}(\vec{k}) - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \tilde{V}_{S,\Delta}^{a\dagger}(\vec{k}) \tilde{V}_{S,\Delta}^a(\vec{k}), \rho_S \right\} \right],$$

$$\Delta H_S = \left[-2S(\vec{x}_Q - \vec{x}_{Q_c}) - \frac{1}{8MT} \left\{ \vec{p}_Q - \vec{p}_{Q_c}, \vec{\nabla} \gamma(\vec{x}_Q - \vec{x}_{Q_c}) \right\} \right] t_Q^a t_{Q_c}^{a*},$$

$$\tilde{V}_{S,\Delta}^a(\vec{k}) = e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}_Q/2} \left(1 - \frac{\vec{k}\cdot\vec{p}_Q}{4MT} \right) e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}_Q/2} t_Q^a - e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}_{Q_c}/2} \left(1 - \frac{\vec{k}\cdot\vec{p}_{Q_c}}{4MT} \right) e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}_{Q_c}/2} t_{Q_c}^{a*} + \frac{S(\vec{x}_Q - \vec{x}_{Q_c})}{2T} \left(e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}_Q} - e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}_{Q_c}} \right) i f^{abc} t_Q^b t_{Q_c}^{c*}.$$

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See as well Blaizot & Escobedo 18

Recoilless limit

1st recoil correction for energy conservation

Infinitely massive object

Essential for dissipation