

# Shear viscosity of parton matter under 2-body scatterings

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Based on  
Noah MacKay & ZWL,  
Eur Phys J C 82, 918 (2022)



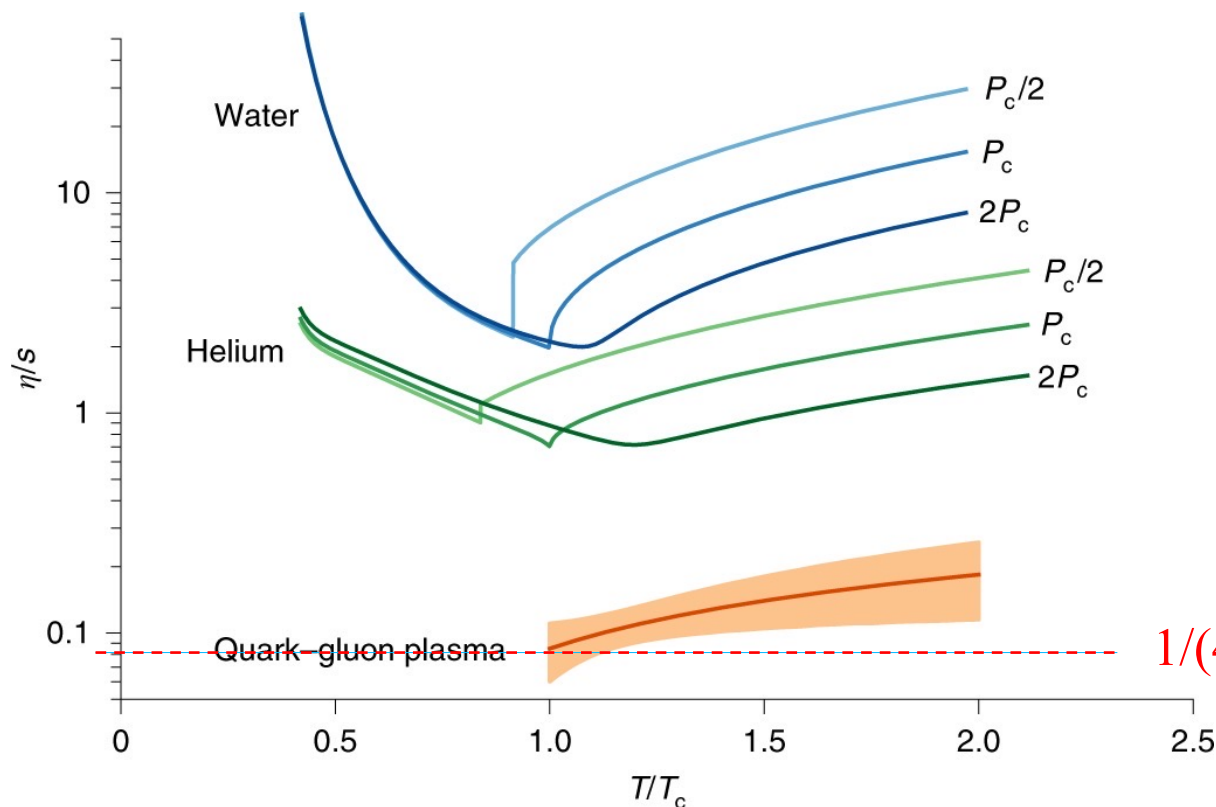
# Motivation

Shear viscosity  $\eta$  is an important property of the quark–gluon plasma:

$$T^{\mu\nu} = eu^\mu u^\nu - (p + \Pi)\Delta^{\mu\nu} + \pi^{\mu\nu}$$

$\eta$  or  $\eta/s$ : is an input function to viscous hydrodynamics;  
is generated by interactions in transport models: relation?

$\eta/s$  can be extracted from data/model comparisons:



Bernhard, Moreland & Bass,  
Nature Phys (2019)

1/(4π) bound from AdS/CFT

Kovtun, Son & Starinets,  
Phys Rev Lett (2005)

# Isotropic versus forward-angle two-body scatterings

In this study, we only consider a massless parton matter in thermal equilibrium under 2-to-2 elastic scatterings.

- Isotropic scattering:  $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \text{constant} = \frac{\sigma}{4\pi}$

- Forward-angle scattering:

As the example, we take the parton cross section used in AMPT/ZPC/MPC:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\hat{t}} = \frac{9\pi\alpha_s^2}{2} (1 + a) \frac{1}{(\hat{t} - \mu^2)^2}$$

$a \equiv \frac{\mu^2}{\hat{s}}$  is added to obtain a  $\hat{s}$ -independent cross section  $\sigma = \frac{9\pi\alpha_s^2}{2\mu^2}$

Based on the pQCD gg-gg cross section:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\hat{t}} \propto 3 - \frac{\hat{t}\hat{u}}{\hat{s}^2} - \frac{\hat{s}\hat{u}}{\hat{t}^2} - \frac{\hat{s}\hat{t}}{\hat{u}^2} + \text{screening mass } \mu$$

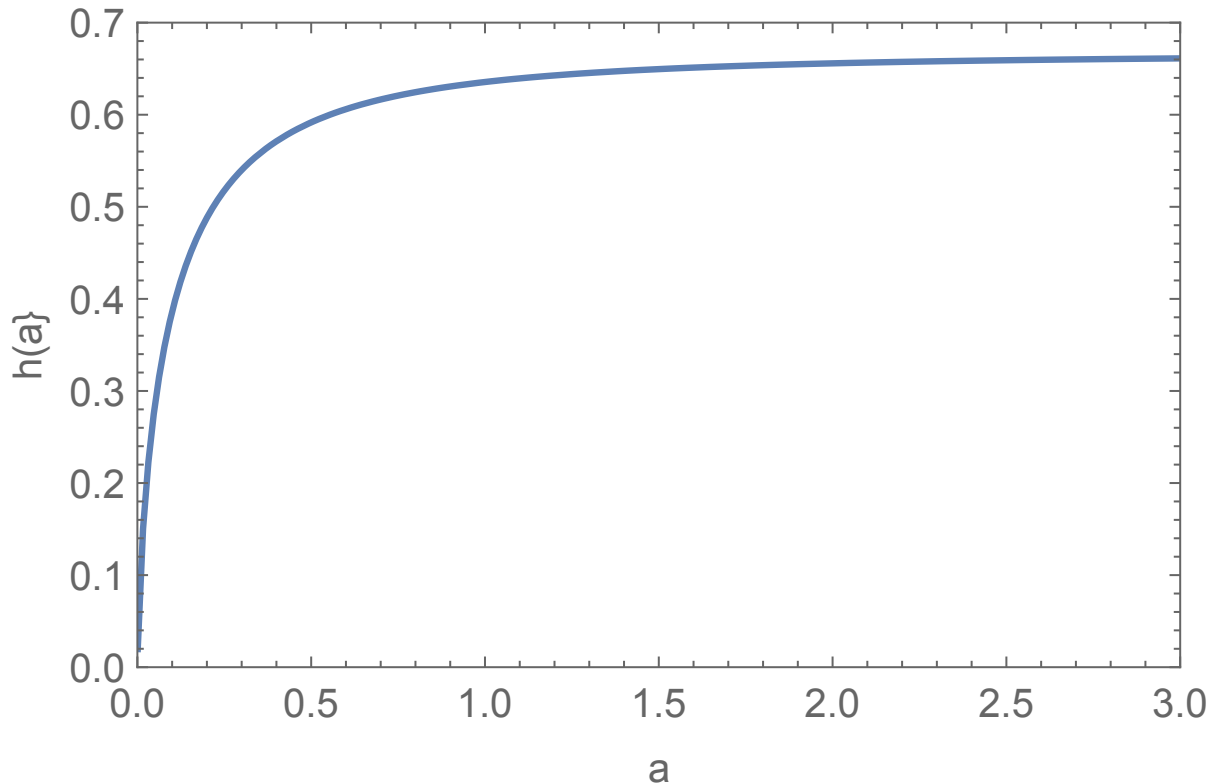
# Isotropic versus forward-angle two-body scatterings

Transport cross section  $\sigma_{tr}$  often appears in shear viscosity expressions:

$$\sigma_{tr} = \int d\sigma \sin^2 \theta_{cm}$$

- Isotropic scattering:  $\sigma_{tr} = \frac{2}{3} \sigma$
- Forward-angle scattering:  $\sigma_{tr} = 4a(1+a) \left[ (1+2a) \ln \left( 1 + \frac{1}{a} \right) - 2 \right] \sigma$   
 $\equiv h(a) \sigma$

*the anisotropy function*



$$a \equiv \frac{\mu^2}{\hat{s}} :$$

$\gg 1$   $\sim$ isotropic,  $h(a) \rightarrow 2/3$

$\ll 1$  very forward  
 $h(a) \rightarrow 0$ : scatterings  
are less effective

# Isotropic versus forward-angle two-body scatterings

Thermal average:

even if  $\sigma$  is a constant,  $\sigma_{tr}$  is not since it depends  $a \equiv \frac{\mu^2}{\hat{s}}$ .

For a parton matter in thermal equilibrium at temperature  $T$ ,  
the thermal average for Boltzmann statistics is Kolb & Raby, Phys Rev D (1983)

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \sigma_{tr} \rangle &= \frac{\sigma}{32} \int_0^\infty du [u^4 K_1(u) + 2u^3 K_2(u)] h\left(\frac{w^2}{u^2}\right) & w &\equiv \frac{\mu}{T} \\ &\equiv \sigma h_0(w) & u &\equiv \frac{\sqrt{\hat{s}}}{T} \end{aligned}$$

$h_0(w)$  is just an average of the anisotropy function  $h(a)$

# Comparison of $\eta$ and $\eta/s$ from different methods

## Analytical:

- Israel–Stewart (IS) method:  $\eta^{IS} = \frac{6T}{5\sigma}$  for isotropic scatt.   
Huovinen & Molnar, Phys Rev C (2009)
- Navier–Stokes (NS) method:  $\eta^{NS} \approx 1.2654 \frac{T}{\sigma}$  for isotropic scatt.   
de Groot, van Leeuwen & Weert book (1980)
- Relaxation time approximation (RTA) & modified version (RTA\*):  
 $\eta^{RTA} = \frac{4T}{5\sigma}$        $\eta^{RTA*} = \frac{6T}{5\sigma}$  for isotropic scatt.   
Anderson & Witting, Physica (1974)      Plumari, Puglisi, Scardina & Greco, Phys Rev C (2012)
- Chapman–Enskog (CE) method:  $\eta^{CE} = \frac{T \gamma_0^2}{10 c_{00}}$ , ...      Wiranata & Prakash, Phys Rev C (2012)

## Numerical:

- Green–Kubo relation:  $\eta = \frac{V}{T} \int_0^\infty dt \langle \bar{\pi}^{xy}(t+t') \bar{\pi}^{xy}(t') \rangle = \frac{4}{15} \varepsilon \tau$

$\tau$ : relaxation time extracted from correlation  $\langle \dots \rangle$

# Comparison of $\eta$ and $\eta/s$ from different methods

## Analytical:

- Israel–Stewart (IS) method:  $\eta^{IS} = \frac{4T}{5\langle\sigma_{tr}\rangle} = \frac{4T}{5\sigma h_0(w)}$  **generalized to anisotropic scatt.**  
Huovinen & Molnar, Phys Rev C (2009)
- Navier–Stokes (NS) method:  $\eta^{NS} \approx 0.8436 \frac{T}{\langle\sigma_{tr}\rangle}$
- Relaxation time approximation (modified version RTA\*):  
$$\eta^{RTA^*} = \frac{4T}{5\langle\sigma_{tr}v_{rel}\rangle}$$
Plumari, Puglisi, Scardina & Greco, Phys Rev C (2012)
- Chapman–Enskog (CE) method:  $\eta^{CE} = \frac{T \gamma_0^2}{10 c_{00}}, \dots$  Wiranata & Prakash, Phys Rev C (2012)

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# Comparison of $\eta$ and $\eta/s$ from different methods

## More on analytical methods:

MacKay & ZWL, Eur Phys J C (2022)

- Relaxation time approximation (modified version RTA\*):

$$\eta^{RTA^*} = \frac{4T}{5\langle\sigma_{tr}v_{rel}\rangle} \rightarrow \frac{4T}{5\sigma h_1(w)}$$

$$\langle\sigma_{tr}v_{rel}\rangle = \frac{8z}{K_2^2(z)} \int_1^\infty dy y^2 (y^2-1) K_1(2zy) \int d\sigma \sin^2 \theta_{cm} \quad \text{in general (} z=m/T \text{)}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\sigma}{16} \int_0^\infty du u^4 K_1(u) h\left(\frac{w^2}{u^2}\right) \equiv \sigma h_1(w) \quad \text{for massless partons \& AMPT } \frac{d\sigma}{d\hat{t}}$$

- Chapman–Enskog (CE) method:  $\eta^{CE} = \frac{T \gamma_0^2}{10 c_{00}} \rightarrow \frac{4T}{5\sigma h_2(w)}$

$$\frac{8c_{00}}{\gamma_0^2} = \frac{32z^3}{25K_3^2(z)} \int_1^\infty dy (y^2-1)^3 \left[ \left( y^2 + \frac{1}{3z^2} \right) K_3(2zy) - \frac{y}{z} K_2(2zy) \right] \int d\sigma \sin^2 \theta_{cm} \quad \text{in general}$$

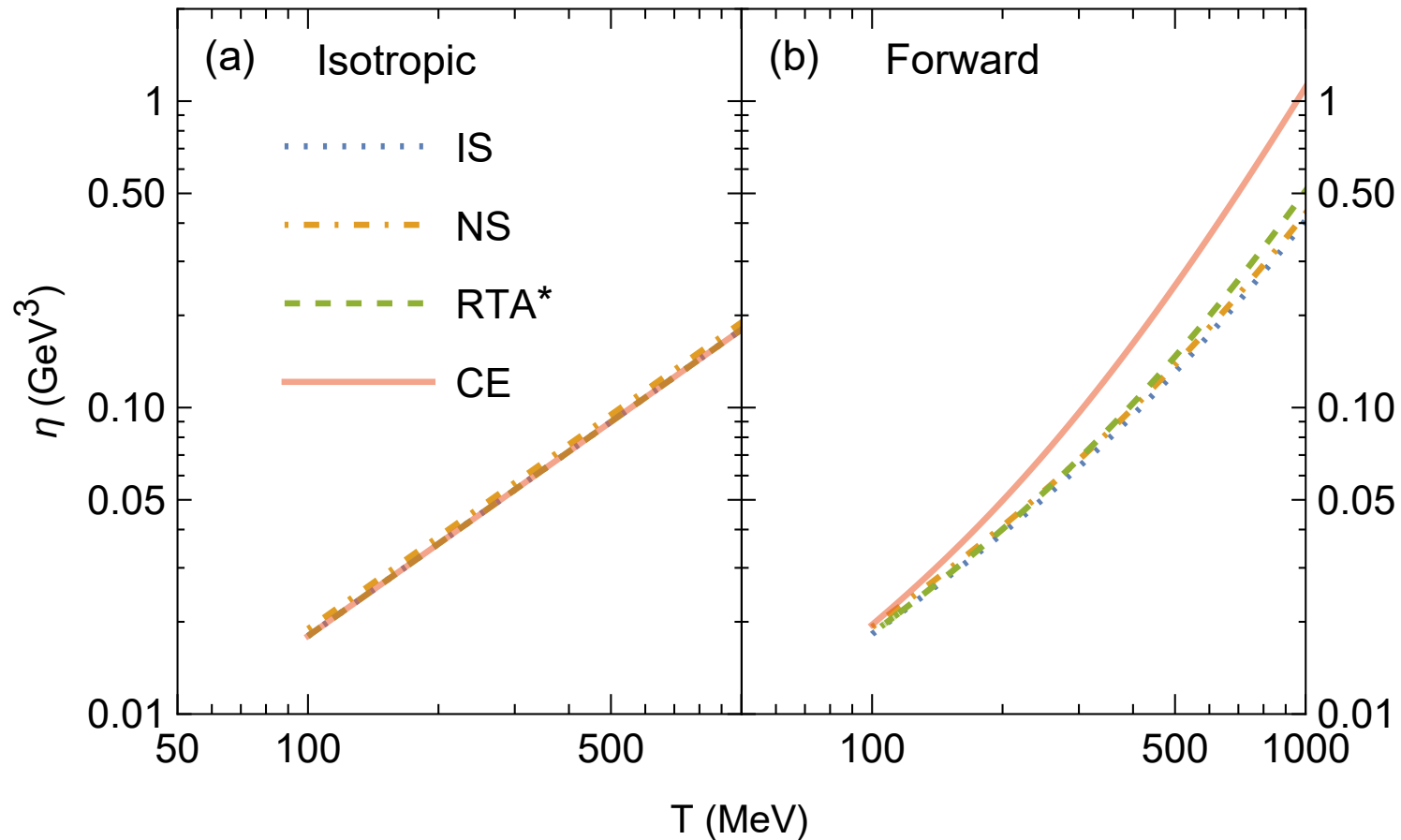
$$\rightarrow \frac{\sigma}{6400} \int_0^\infty du u^6 \left[ \left( \frac{u^2}{4} + \frac{1}{3} \right) K_3(u) - \frac{u}{2} K_2(u) \right] h\left(\frac{w^2}{u^2}\right) \equiv \sigma h_2(w) \quad \text{for massless partons \& AMPT } \frac{d\sigma}{d\hat{t}}$$

$h_1(w)$  &  $h_2(w)$  are different averages of the anisotropy function  $h(a)$

# Comparison of $\eta$ and $\eta/s$ from different methods

## Analytical results of $\eta$

for massless gluons &  $\sigma=2.6\text{mb}$  (or  $\mu\sim 0.7\text{GeV}$ ):



- For isotropic scatterings:  
 $IS=RTA^*=CE$   
 $\approx NS$  ( $\sim 5\%$  higher)

- For forward scatterings:  
 $IS \approx RTA^* \approx NS < CE$  mostly  
 $T \ll \mu \rightarrow$  almost isotropic

# Comparison of $\eta$ and $\eta/s$ from different methods

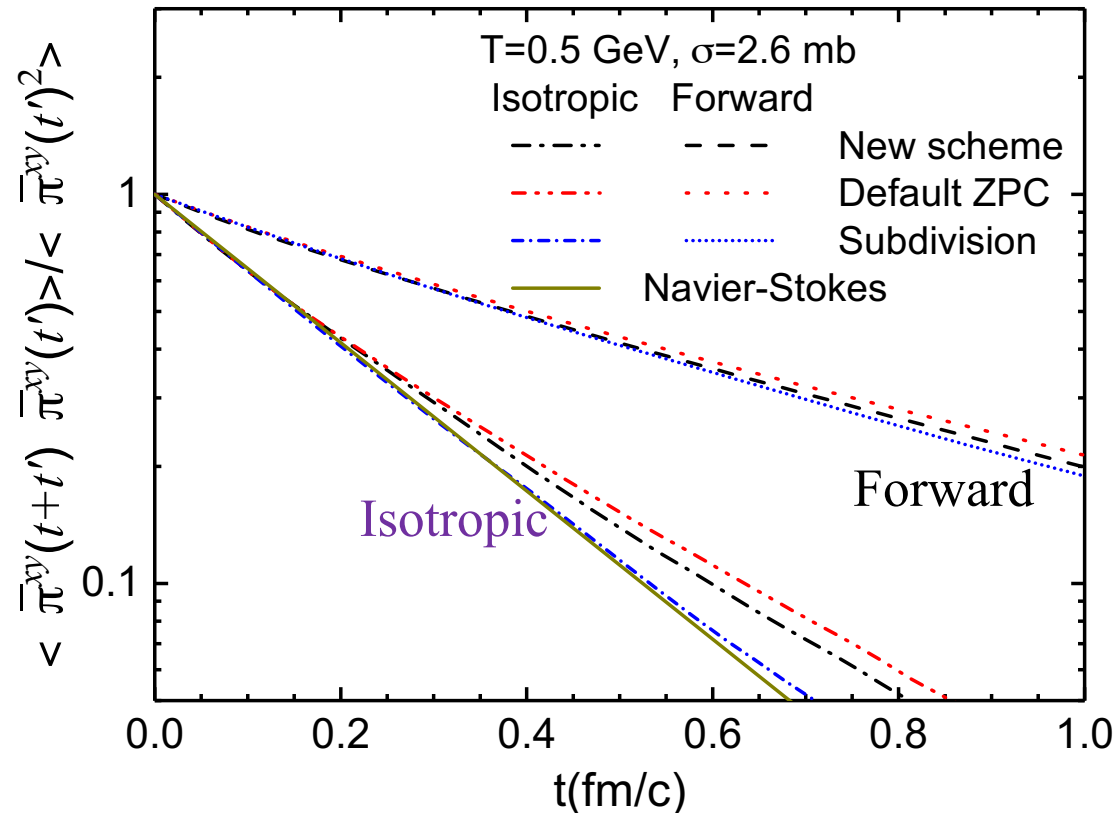
**Q:** which analytical result of  $\eta$  is accurate?

**A:** compare with numerical results from Green-Kubo:

$$\eta = \frac{V}{T} \int_0^\infty dt \langle \bar{\pi}^{xy}(t+t') \bar{\pi}^{xy}(t') \rangle = \frac{4}{15} \varepsilon \tau$$

- With ZPC parton cascade, we calculated  $\eta$  of gluons in a box with the Green-Kubo relation.

- Subdivision method (with  $l=10^6$ ) agrees well with NS expectation for isotropic scatterings.



Zhao, Ma, Ma & ZWL, Phys Rev C (2020)

# Comparison of $\eta$ and $\eta/s$ from different methods

We extracted  $\eta/s$  of gluons in a box versus  $\chi$  with Green-Kubo relation:

$\chi$  (opacity parameter):

= radius of interaction / mean free path

$$\chi = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\pi}} / \lambda = n \sqrt{\frac{\sigma^3}{\pi}}$$

Zhang, Gyulassy & Pang, Phys Rev C (1998)

For fixed  $\alpha_s$ ,

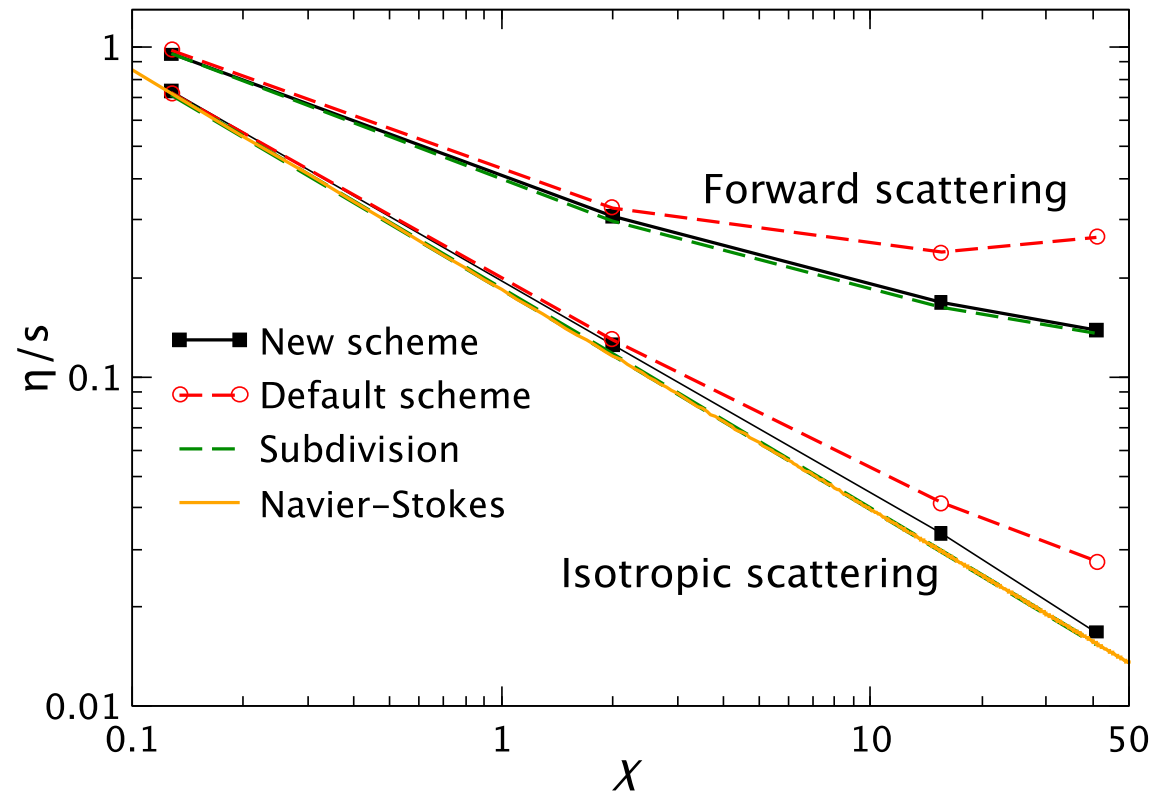
$\eta/s$  is only a function of  $\chi$ .

For example:

$$\left(\frac{\eta}{s}\right)^{\text{NS}} \simeq \frac{0.4633}{d_g^{1/3} \chi^{2/3}} = \frac{0.1839}{\chi^{2/3}}$$

for gluons ( $d_g=16$ )

under isotropic scatterings



Zhao, Ma, Ma & ZWL, Phys Rev C (2020)

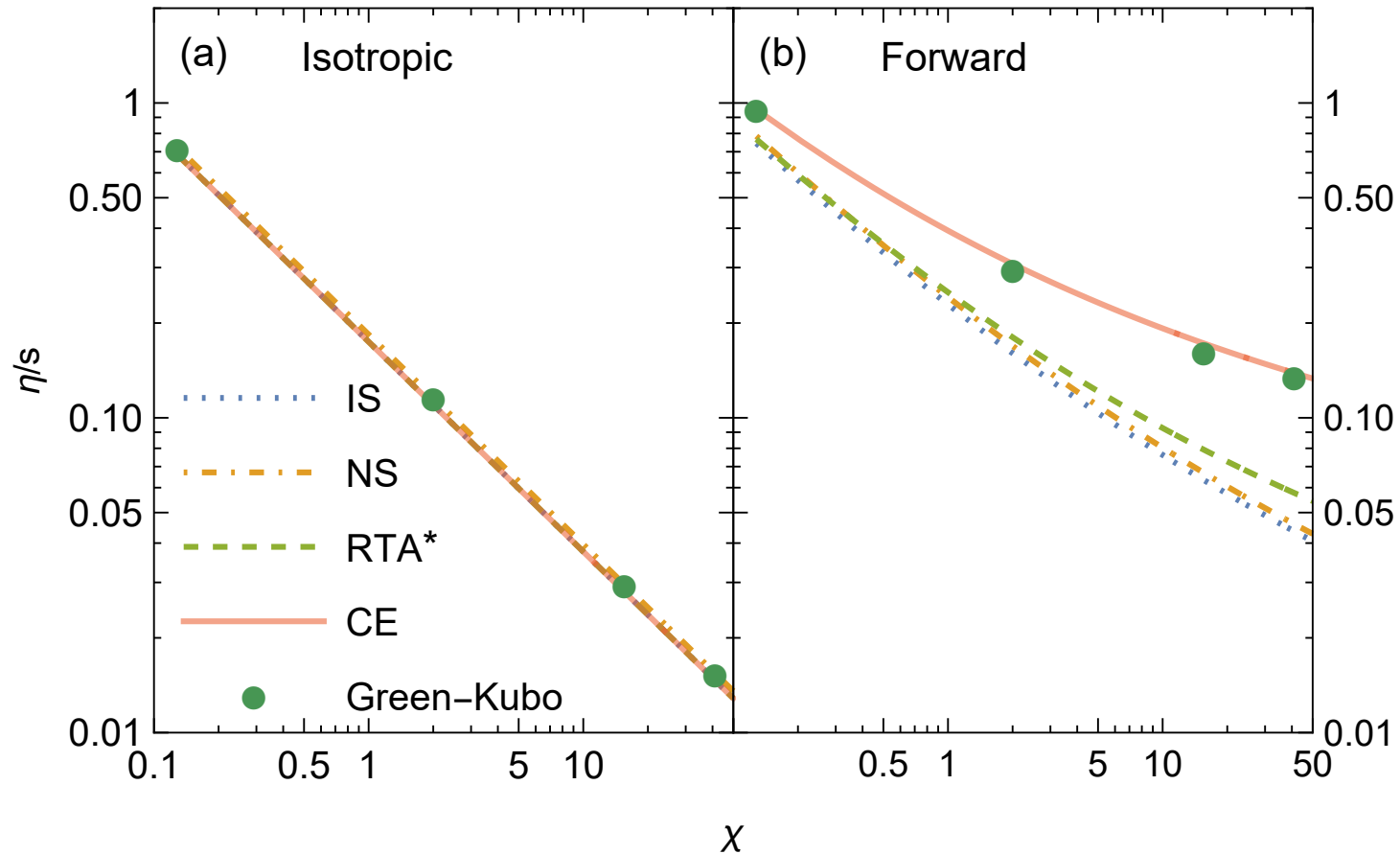


# Comparison of $\eta$ and $\eta/s$ from different methods

4 analytical methods vs Green-Kubo results of

$\eta/s$  versus  $\chi$ :

MacKay & ZWL, Eur Phys J C (2022)



- All methods agree well for isotropic scatterings
- For anisotropic scatterings: CE results agrees well with Green-Kubo; but the other analytical methods are not accurate
- $\eta/s$  decreases with  $\chi$  & T: due to constant  $\sigma$

# Comparison of $\eta$ and $\eta/s$ from different methods

The fact that Green-Kubo agrees with CE (but not RTA\*)

has been shown in

Plumari, Puglisi, Scardina & Greco, Phys Rev C (2012)

- Relaxation time approximation (modified version RTA\*):

$$\begin{aligned} \langle h(a) v_{\text{rel}} \rangle &= \frac{8z}{K_2^2(z)} \int_1^\infty dy y^2 (y^2 - 1) h(2zy \bar{a}) K_1(2zy) \\ &= f(z, \bar{a}), \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

$$\eta_{\text{RTA}}^* = 0.8 \frac{1}{f(z, \frac{T}{m_D})} \frac{T}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}}, \quad (36)$$

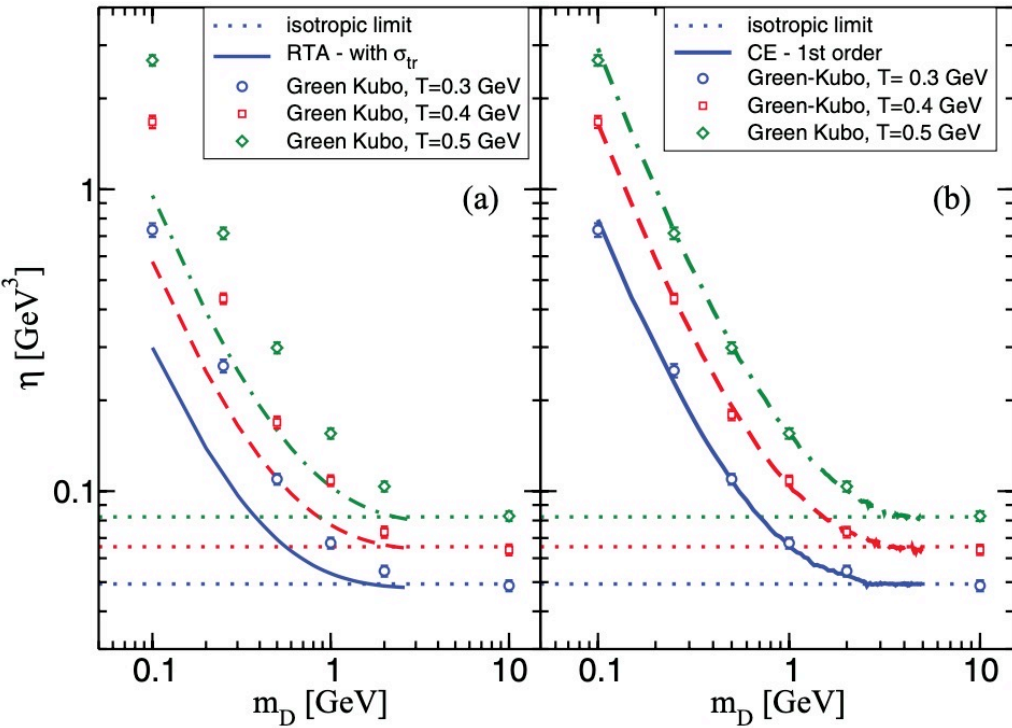
- Chapman–Enskog (CE) method:

$$[\eta_s]_{CE}^I = 0.8 \frac{1}{g(z, \bar{a})} \frac{T}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}}, \quad (37)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} g(z, \bar{a}) &= \frac{32}{25} \frac{z}{K_3^2(z)} \int_1^\infty dy (y^2 - 1)^3 h(2zy \bar{a}) \\ &\times [(z^2 y^2 + 1/3) K_3(2zy) - zy K_2(2zy)]. \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

should be  $h(1/(2zy\bar{a})^2)$



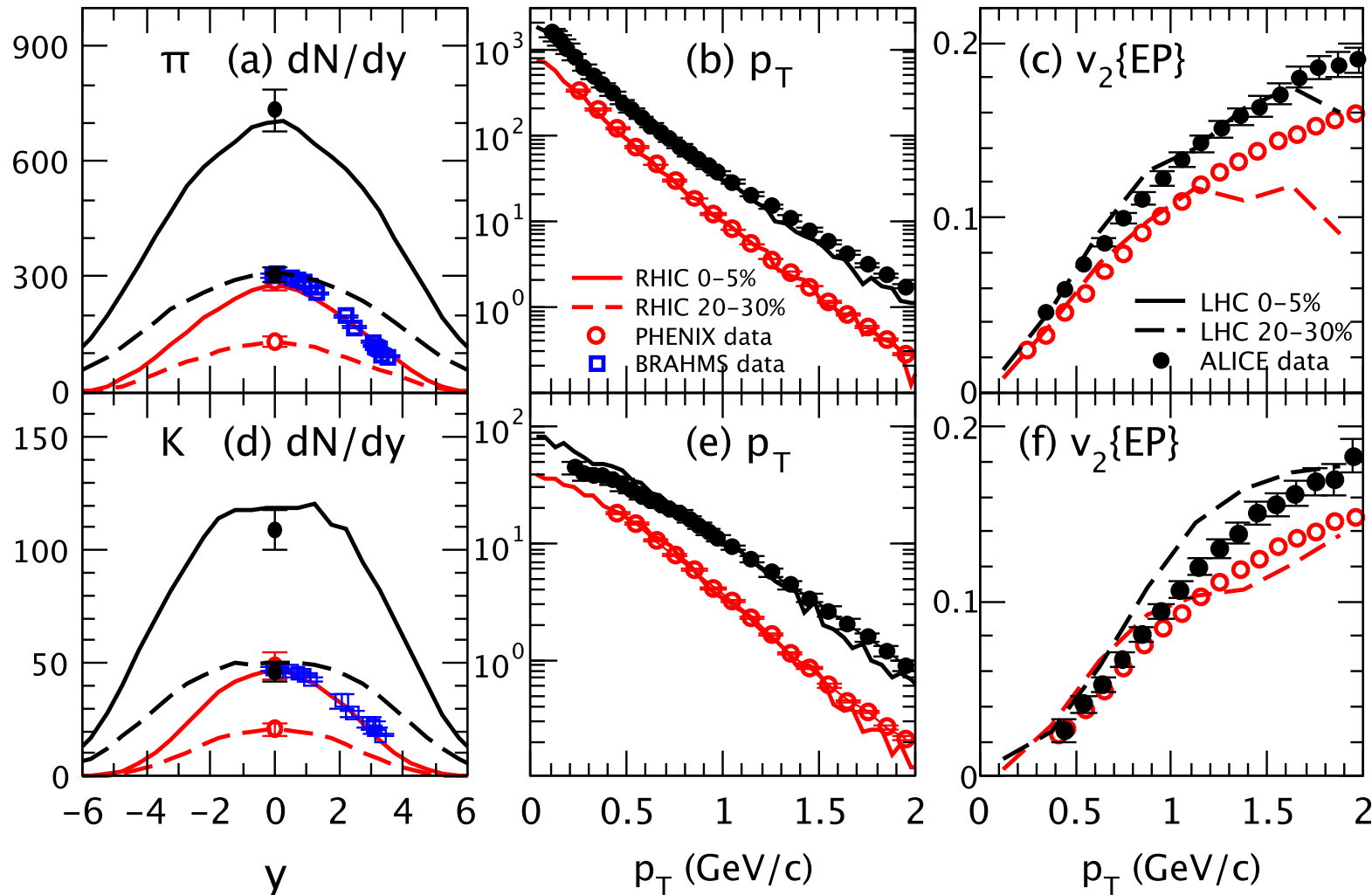
However, there are 2 typos in those  $\eta$  results, as pointed out in MacKay & ZWL, Eur Phys J C (2022):

# Application to parton matter in the AMPT model

We then apply the Chapman–Enskog (CE) method to study  $\eta$  and  $\eta/s$  of the parton matter in string melting AMPT for A+A.

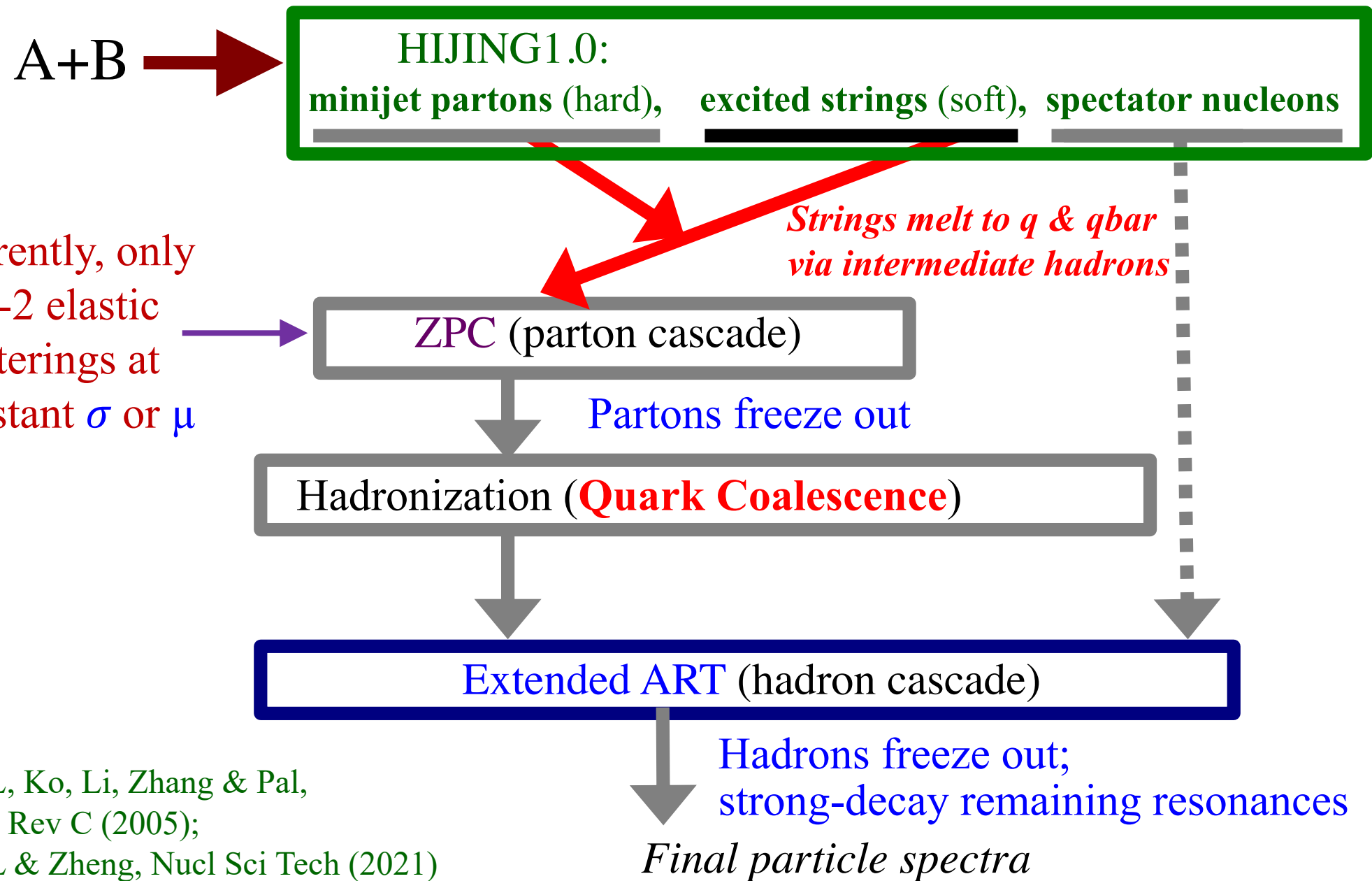
The AMPT model can reasonably describe the bulk matter properties at low  $p_T$  in A+A collisions:

ZWL, Phys Rev C (2014)



# Application to parton matter in the AMPT model

The String Melting version of AMPT:



ZWL, Ko, Li, Zhang & Pal,  
Phys Rev C (2005);

ZWL & Zheng, Nucl Sci Tech (2021)

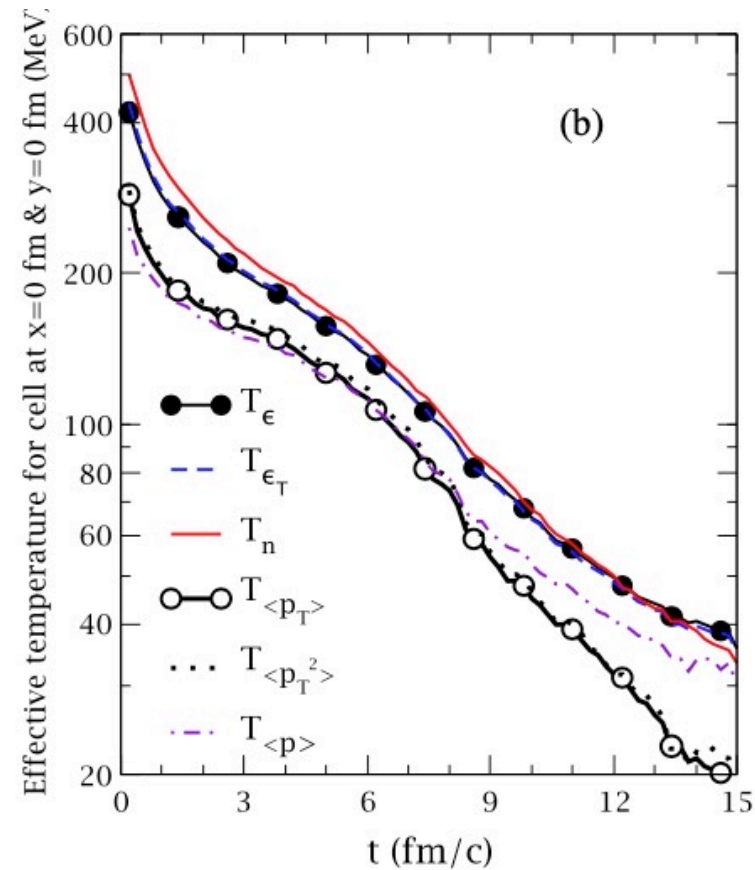
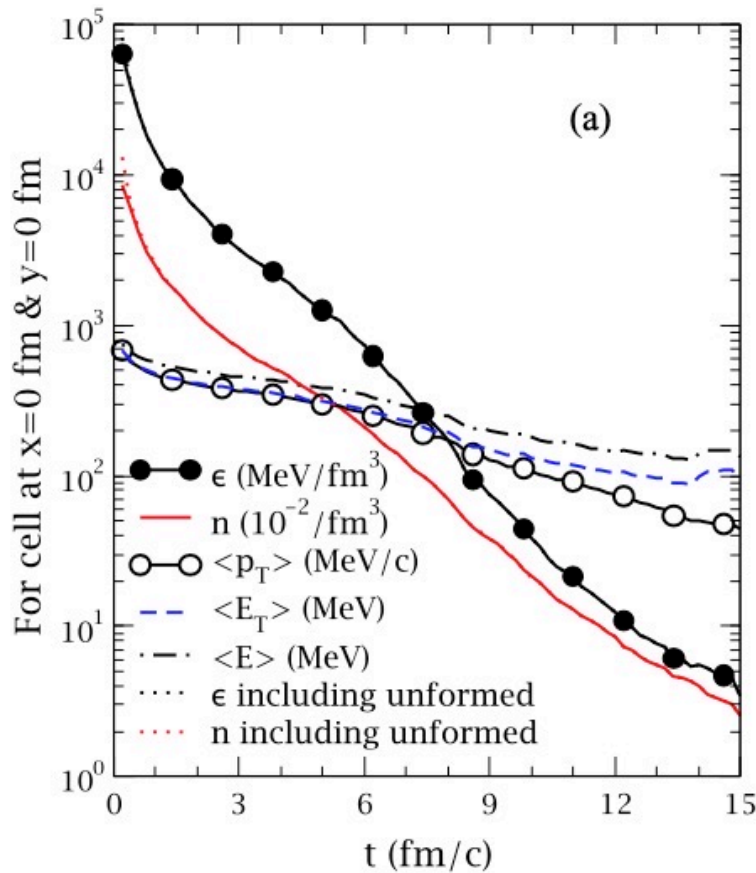


# Application to parton matter in the AMPT model

For the parton matter in the center cell,  
we extracted effective temperatures.

ZWL, Phys Rev C (2014)

For example, central Au+Au at 200A GeV:



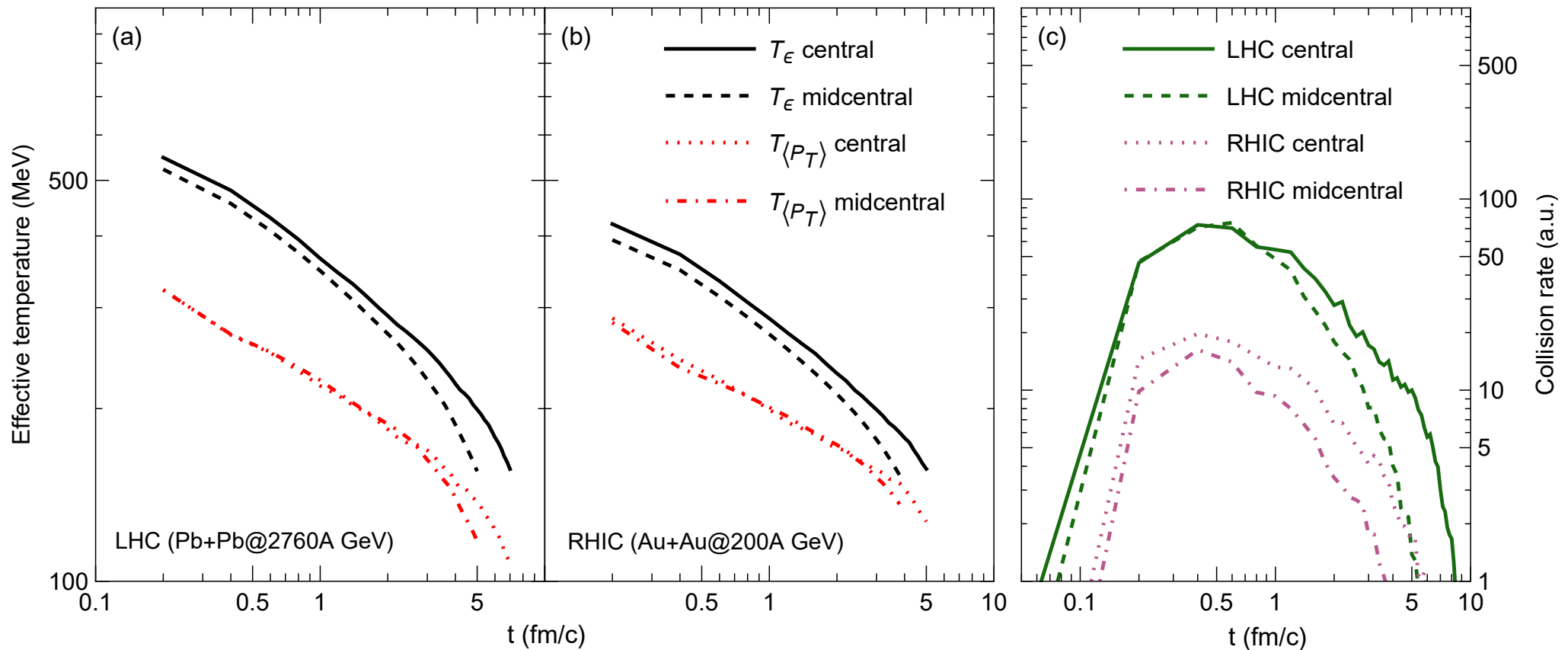
$$\epsilon = \frac{3g_B}{\pi^2} T_\epsilon^4, \quad T_{\langle p_T \rangle} = \frac{4}{3\pi} \langle p_T \rangle, \quad \dots$$

$T_{\langle p_T \rangle} < T_\epsilon \rightarrow$  the parton matter is not in chemical equilibrium

# Application to parton matter in the AMPT model

We have extracted effective temperatures  $T_{\langle p_T \rangle}$  &  $T_\epsilon$   
for 4 different collision systems:

ZWL, Phys Rev C (2014)

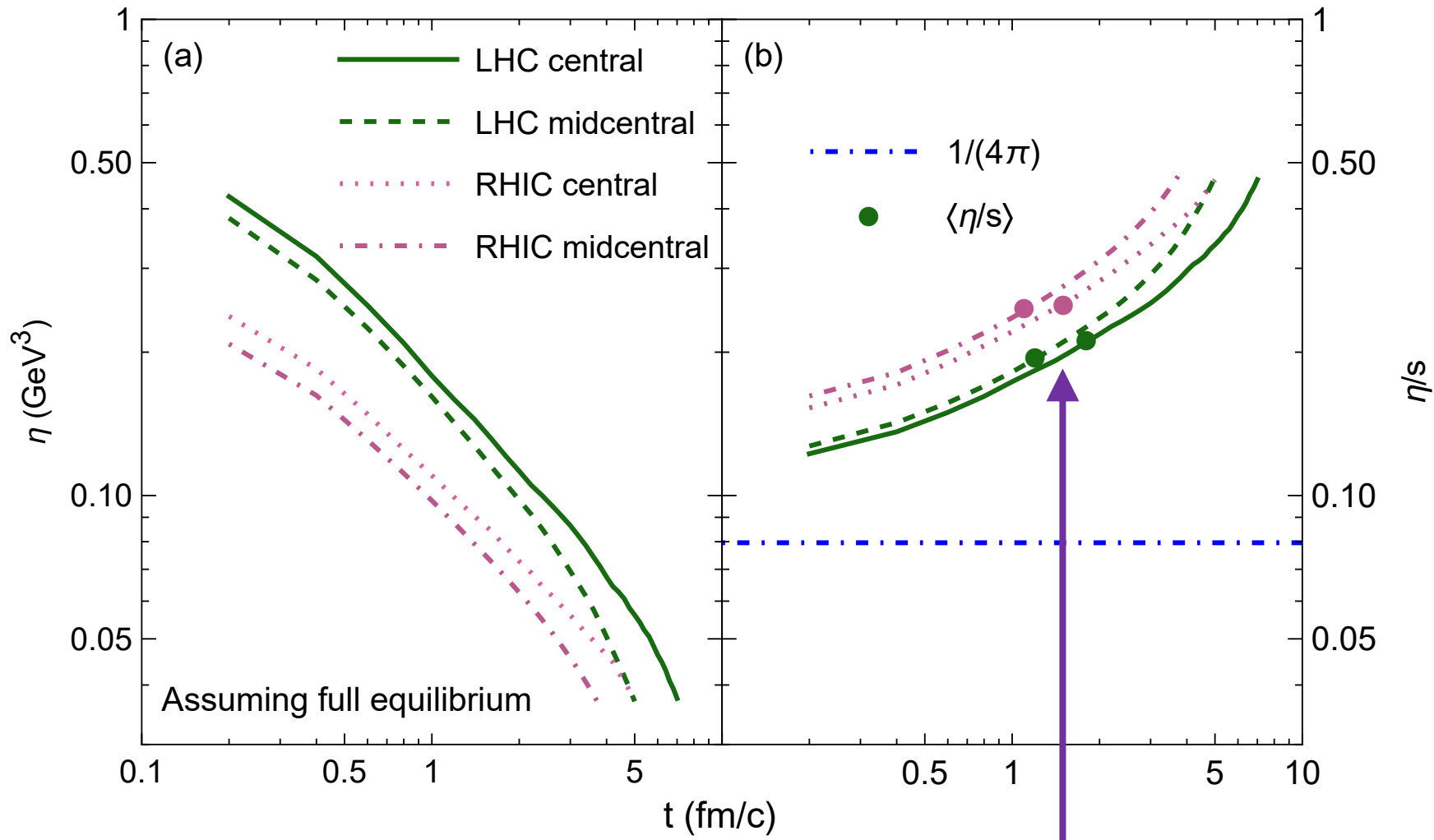


MacKay & ZWL, Eur Phys J C (2022)

We use these temperatures to calculate  $\eta$  and  $\eta/s$  of the center cell.

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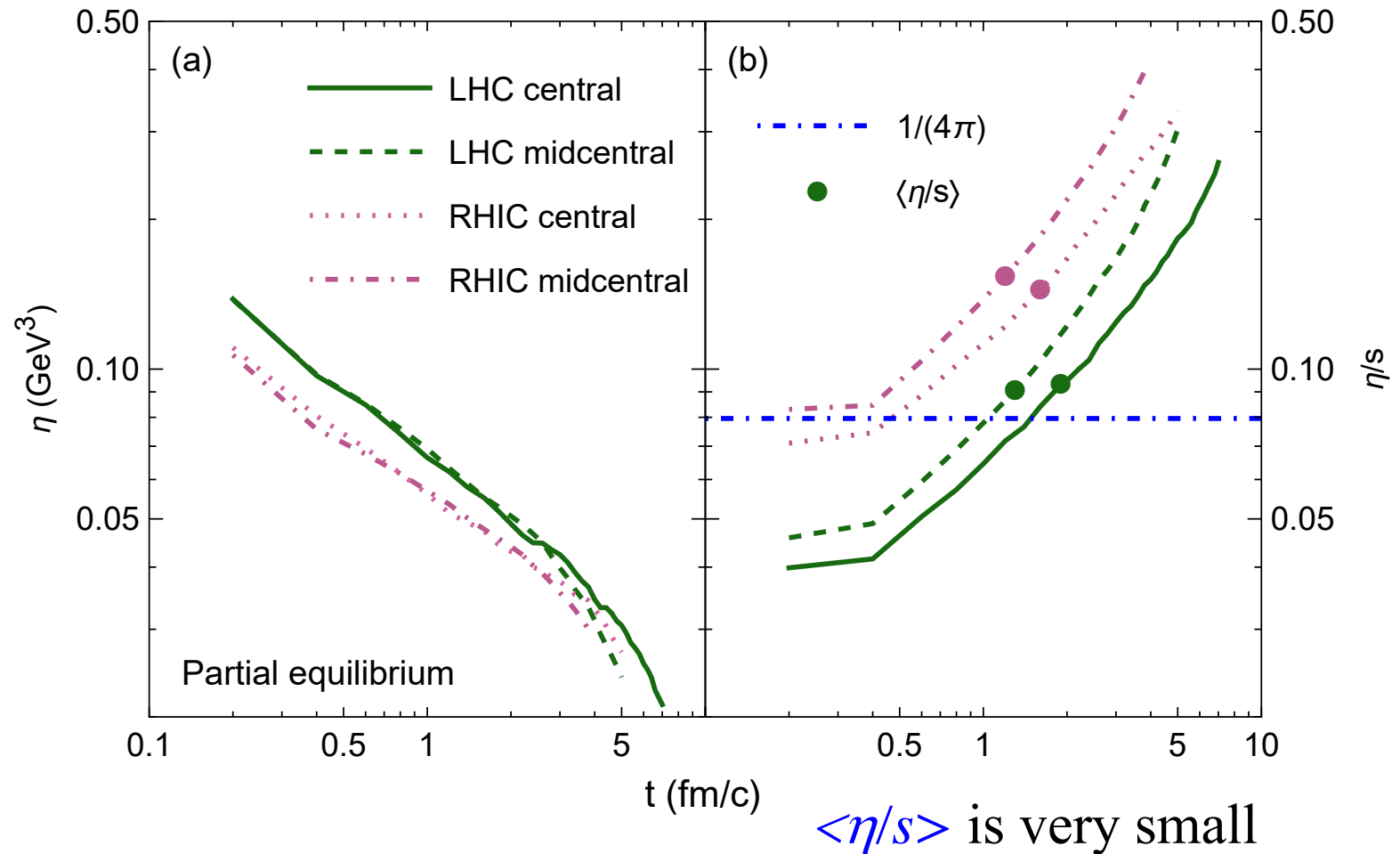
1) When treating the matter as a QGP in full equilibrium ( $N_f=3$ ), we use temperature  $T_\varepsilon$  to calculate both  $\eta$  and  $s$ .



- $\langle \eta/s \rangle$  (time-averaged value weighted by collision rate) is quite small
- Temperature dependence of  $\eta/s$  is “wrong”, due to constant  $\sigma$

# Application to parton matter in the AMPT model

2) When treating the matter as a QGP in partial chemical equilibrium, we use temperature  $T_{\langle p_T \rangle}$  to calculate  $\eta$  but use  $T_\varepsilon$  to calculate  $s$ , since  $\eta$  is determined by momentum transfer but not density:



- $\eta$  is lower in partial equilibrium due to  $T_{\langle p_T \rangle} < T_\varepsilon$ :  
lower  $T$  makes scattering more isotropic and effective

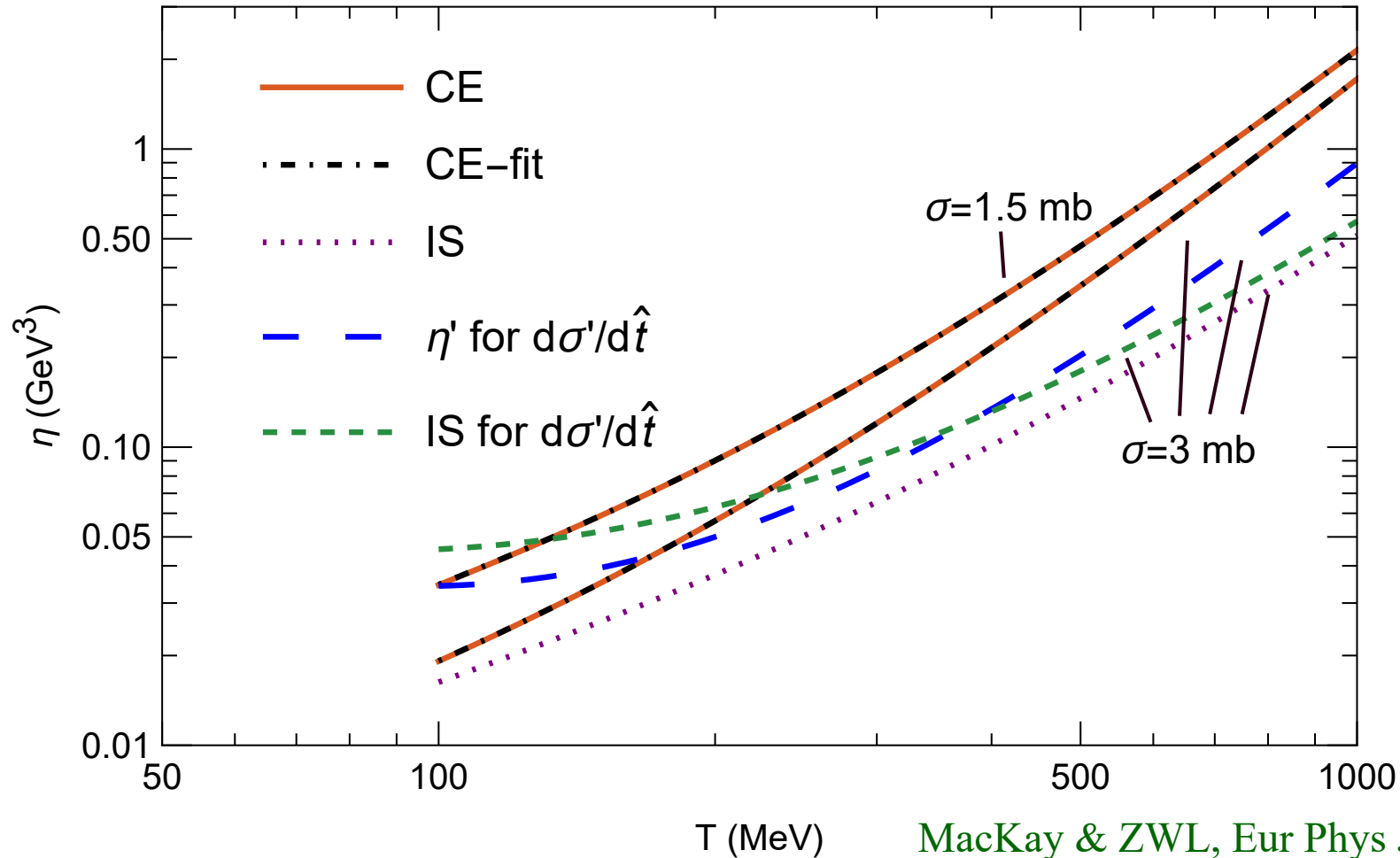


# Application to parton matter in the AMPT model

- Our results improve previous calculations of  $\eta$  for parton matter, such as

$$\eta' = \frac{4 T^3}{5\pi\alpha_s^2 \left[ \left(1 + \frac{\mu^2}{9T^2}\right) \ln \left(1 + \frac{18T^2}{\mu^2}\right) - 2 \right]}$$

based on IS: Magdy et al., Eur Phys J C (2021)



- We can use a  $h_2(w)$  fit function for forward scattering  $\eta^{CE} = \frac{4T}{5\sigma h_2(w)}$

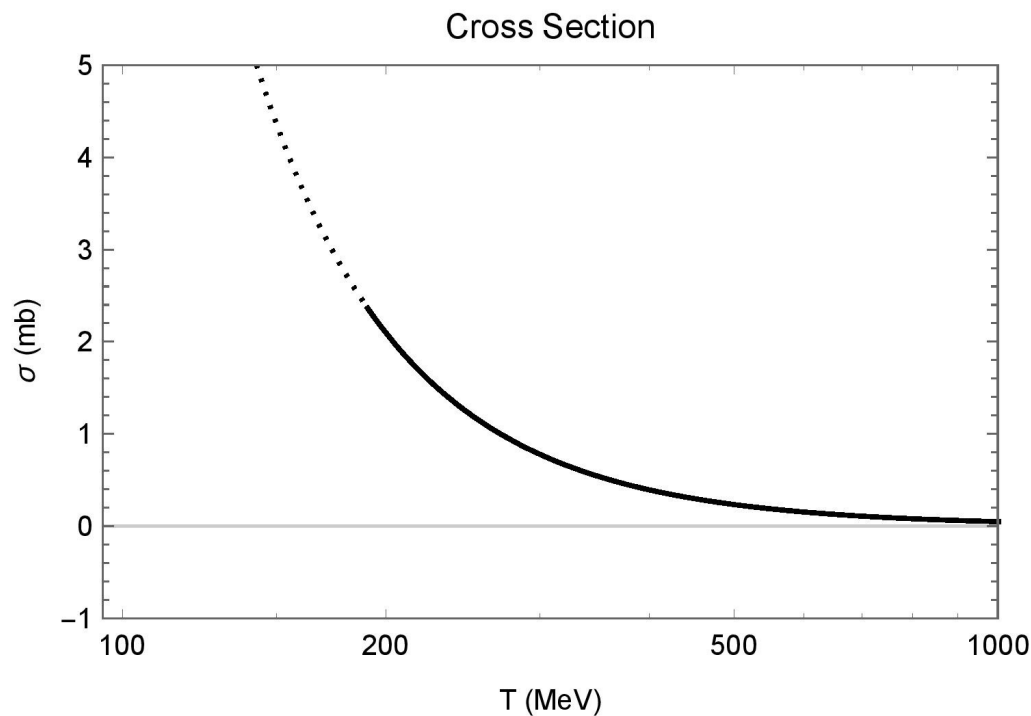
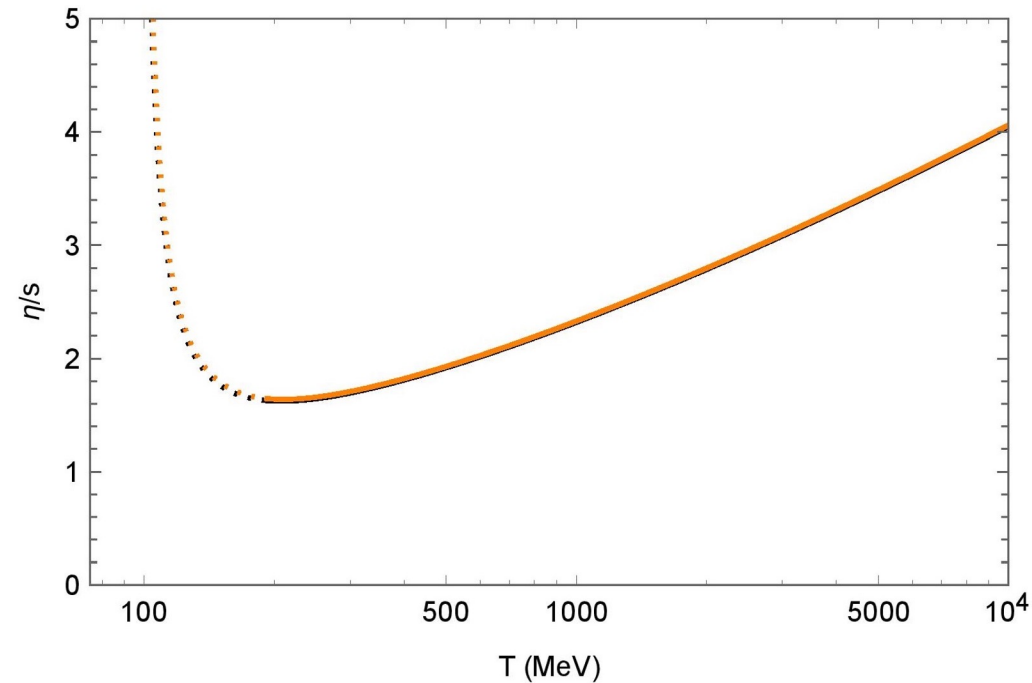
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pQCD

with  $\mu \propto gT$ :

$$\frac{\eta}{s} \approx \frac{5.12}{g^4 \ln(2.42/g)}$$

Arnold, Moore & Yaffe, JHEP (2003);  
Csernai, Kapusta & McLerran, Phys Rev Lett (2006)



When using  $\mu \propto gT$

- $\sigma \propto 1/\mu^2$  will be larger at lower  $T$
- $\eta/s \propto T/\sigma$  will have the expected  $T$ - and  $t$ -dependences
- a direction to improve ZPC/AMPT

# Summary

- The Chapman–Enskog (CE) method gives accurate expression of  $\eta$  for parton matter under 2-to-2 scatterings
- The other analytical methods (IS, NS, RTA & RTA\*) are not accurate for anisotropic scatterings as they disagree with Green-Kubo results
- Applying the CE method,  $\langle \eta/s \rangle$  for parton matter in the center cell of high energy A+A collisions is found to be quite small at  $(1-3)/(4\pi)$
- T-dependence or time-dependence of  $\eta/s$  in AMPT is opposite to pQCD expectation, because of the constant  $\sigma$  or screening mass  $\mu$
- This problem can be resolved by adopting  $\mu \propto gT$ ;  
will lead to a better ZPC/AMPT  
as a dynamical model for non-equilibrium studies