

The impact of **glasma** on heavy quark spectra and correlations

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Outline

Initial stage

Glasma

Color glass condensate • Features of the glasma

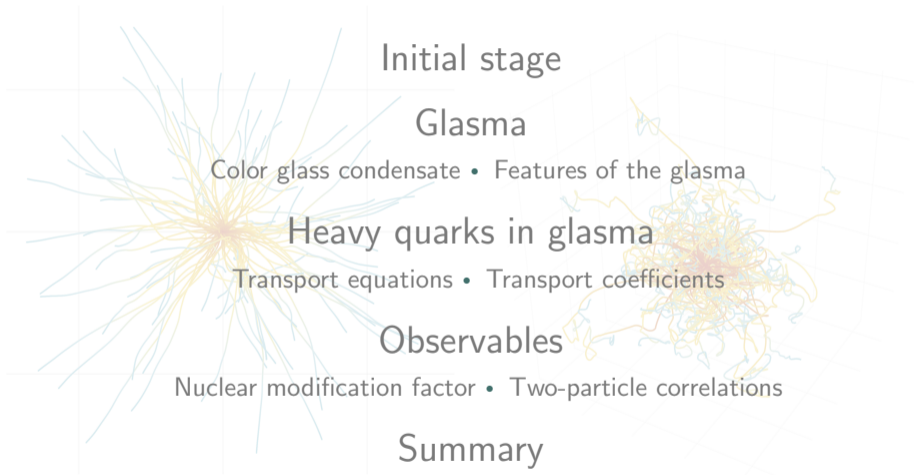
Heavy quarks in glasma

Transport equations • Transport coefficients

Observables

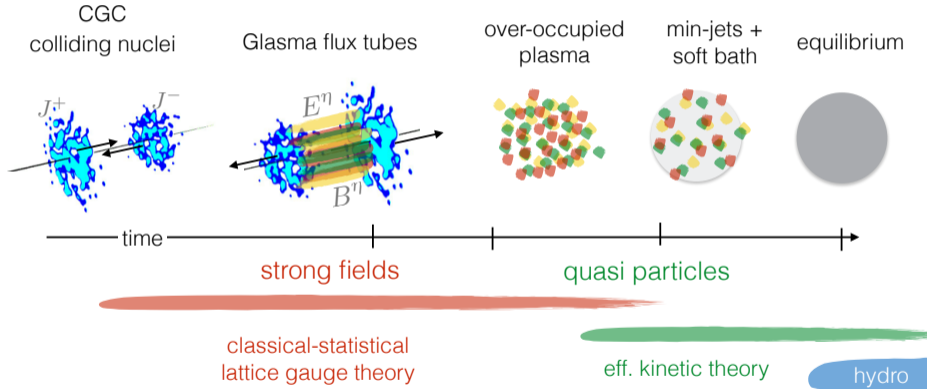
Nuclear modification factor • Two-particle correlations

Summary



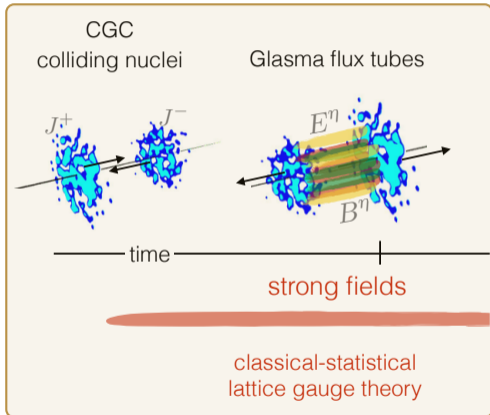
Heavy-ion collisions

Stages at weak coupling



Heavy-ion collisions

The very early stage



over-occupied
plasma

min-jets +
soft bath

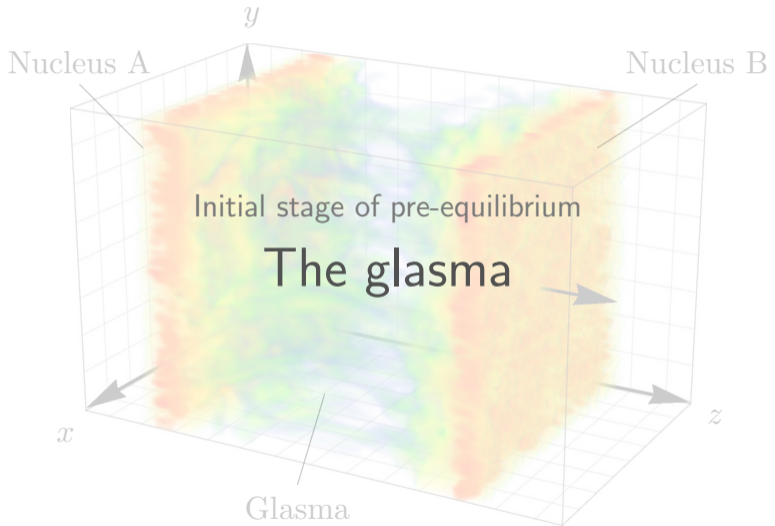
equilibrium

Glasma initial stage

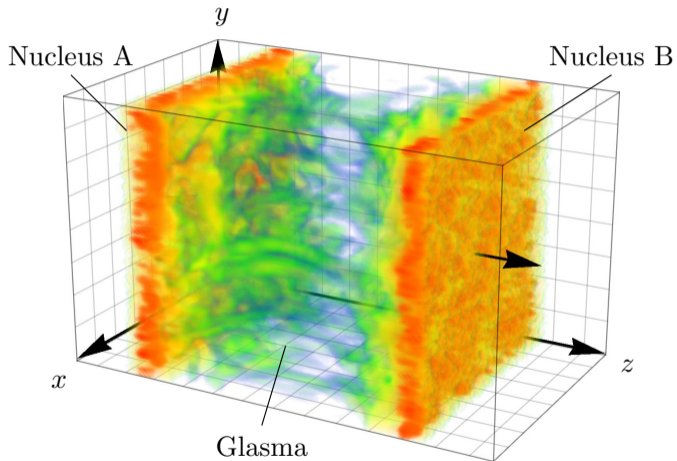
- ▶ **Color glass condensate**
- ▶ Weakly coupled $\alpha_s \ll 1$
- ▶ **Gluon fields** with occupation number $\sim 1/\alpha_s \gg 1 \Rightarrow$ **classical**
- ▶ Real-time **lattice gauge theory**
- ▶ **Out-of-equilibrium** medium

eff. kinetic theory

hydro



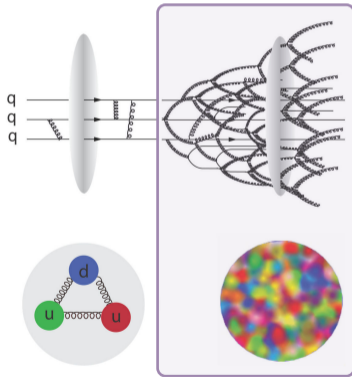
Glasma color fields



Color glass condensate

Effective field theory of QCD at high energies

- ▶ High-energy nucleus \rightarrow mostly soft gluons



Color glass condensate

- ▶ Soft partons \rightarrow gauge fields A^μ
- ▶ Hard partons \rightarrow color current J^μ

- ▶ Classical gluon fields \rightarrow produced by color nucleus current

- ▶ Classical Yang-Mills equations

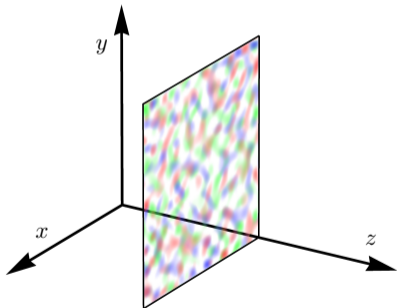
$$\mathcal{D}_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = J^\nu \rightarrow \text{need input } J^\nu$$

$\frac{\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu - ig[A_\mu, A_\nu]}{\uparrow}$
 $\frac{\partial_\mu - igA_\mu}{\uparrow}$

Color glass condensate

MV model for large nuclei

- ▶ Color charge distribution in a nucleus at high energy \rightarrow thin color sheet



McLerran Venugopalan model

- ▶ **Color charge** ρ \rightarrow Gaussian probability

- ▶ **Color current** of nucleus \rightarrow generated by **color charge** density

- ▶ **MV model** for color charges ρ

$$\langle \rho(\vec{x}_\perp) \rho(\vec{y}_\perp) \rangle \propto g^2 \mu^2 \delta^{(2)}(\vec{x}_\perp - \vec{y}_\perp)$$

$$\uparrow g^2 \mu \propto Q_s$$

- ▶ **Saturation momentum** Q_s

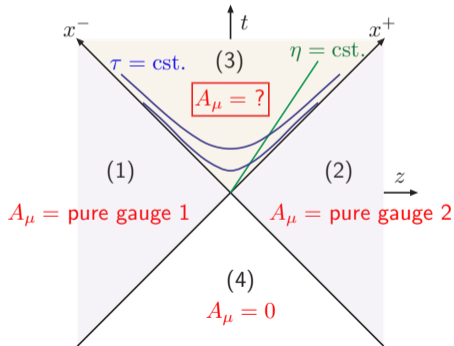
$Q_s \approx 2 \text{ GeV}$ at LHC central collisions

Collision of two nuclei

How to construct the glasma fields

► Light-cone diagram of collision

Light-cone coordinates $x^\pm = t \pm z$



CGC fields (regions 1, 2)

- Analytical **pure gauge** fields before collision

Initial condition (along light-cone)

- Match CGC fields on the light cone
- Impose boost-invariance

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

Glasma fields (region 3)

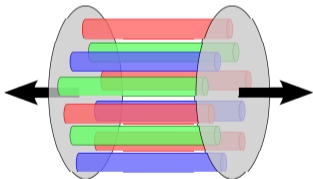
- Solve numerically YM equations
- Code gitlab.com/openpixi/curraun

Features of the glasma

- ▶ Heavy quarks and jets are sensitive to the properties of the glasma fields

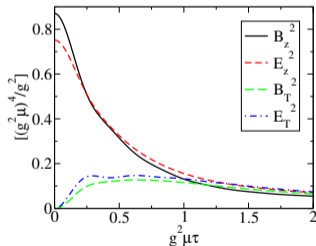
Flux tubes

- ▶ Initially only longitudinal electric and magnetic fields



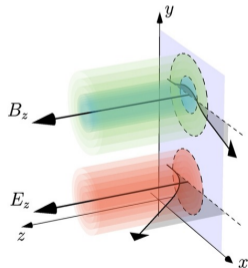
Strong fields

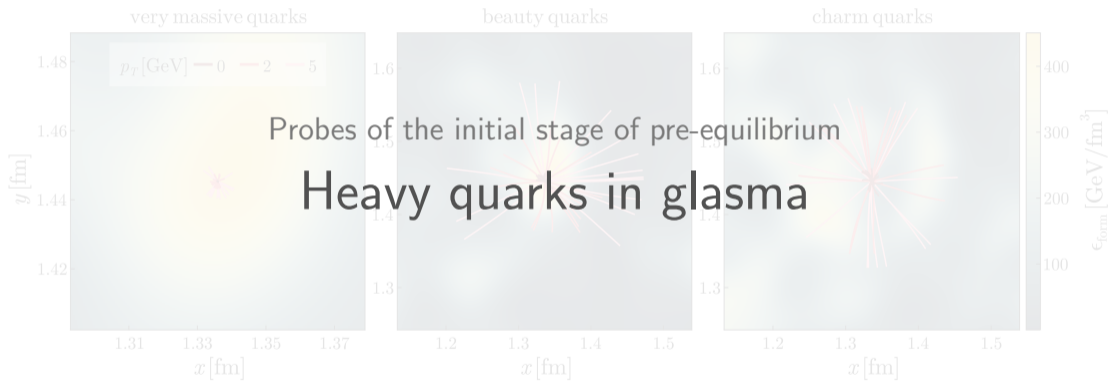
- ▶ Strong longitudinal fields, dilute after $\tau \sim 1/Q_s$



Correlation domains

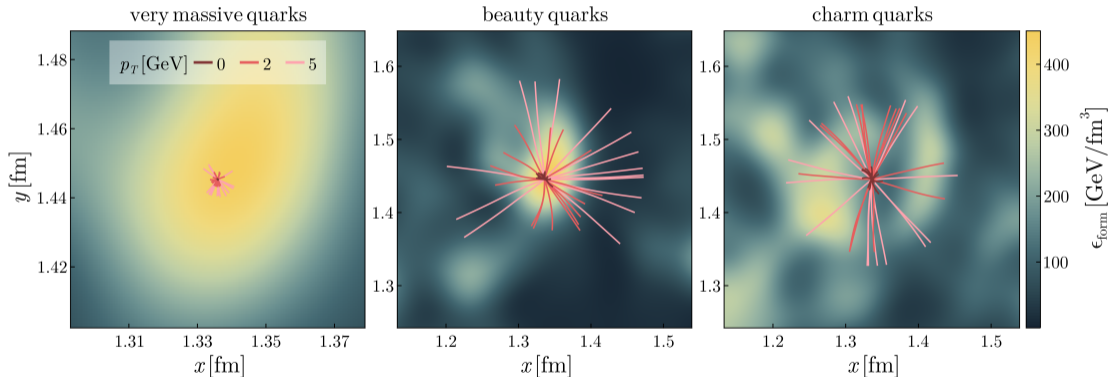
- ▶ Fields correlated inside flux tubes of size $\sim 1/Q_s$





Heavy quarks in glasma

Probing the glasma correlation domains



Avramescu, Băran, Greco, Ipp, Müller, Ruggieri [2303.05599]

HP24 talk about charm quarks in IP-Glasma + next stages by Mayank Singh

Particles in Yang-Mills fields



Wong's equations of motion

Classical transport equations

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

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

coordinate
proper time
mass

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

momentum
covariant derivative
coupling constant
gauge field

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

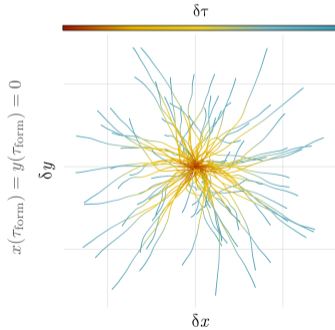
color charge
color rotation $\rightarrow U \in \text{SU}(3)$
 $Q(\tau) = U(\tau, \tau') Q(\tau') U^\dagger(\tau, \tau')$

- ▶ Solve the classical transport equations with A^μ the glasma field
- ▶ Simulation code github.com/avramescudana/curraun/tree/wong

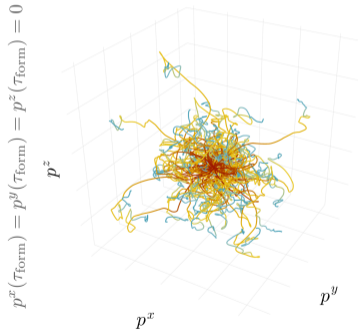
Particles in glasma fields

Visualizing the trajectories

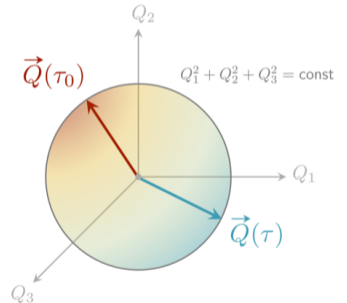
- Change in **coordinates** due to momentum kicks



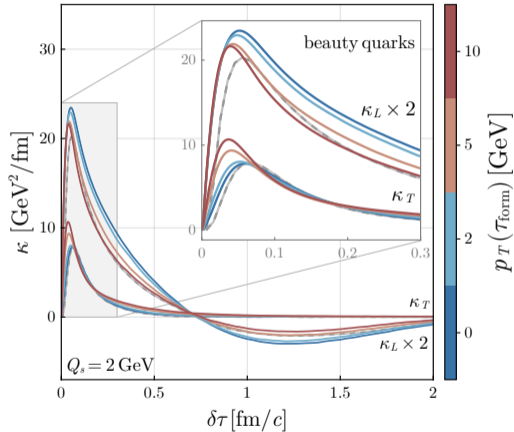
- **Momentum** broadening due to color Lorentz force



- **Color charge** rotation in SU(3) with Wilson lines



Transport coefficient κ



Classical transport

► Momentum broadening

$$\delta p_i^2(\tau) = p_i^2(\tau) - p_i^2(\tau_{\text{form}})$$

► Transport coefficient

$$\kappa_i(\tau) = \frac{d}{d\tau} \langle \delta p_i^2(\tau) \rangle$$

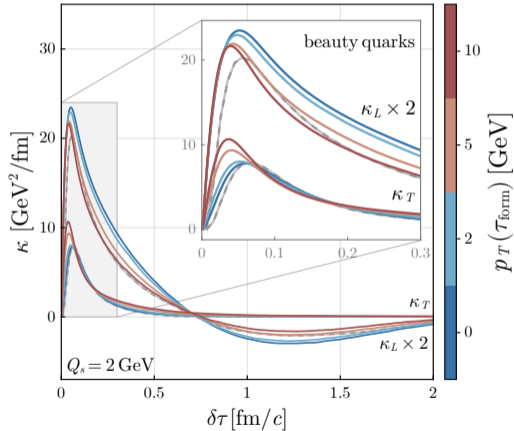
Formation time $\tau_{\text{form}} = 1/2m$

Relative time $\delta\tau = \tau - \tau_{\text{form}}$

Longitudinal $i = L$, transverse $i = T$

- Anisotropic $\kappa_L \neq \kappa_T$
- Rapid increase in κ at early times
- Negative κ_L at late times
- Large κ peak in glasma
- Compatible to κ in EKT

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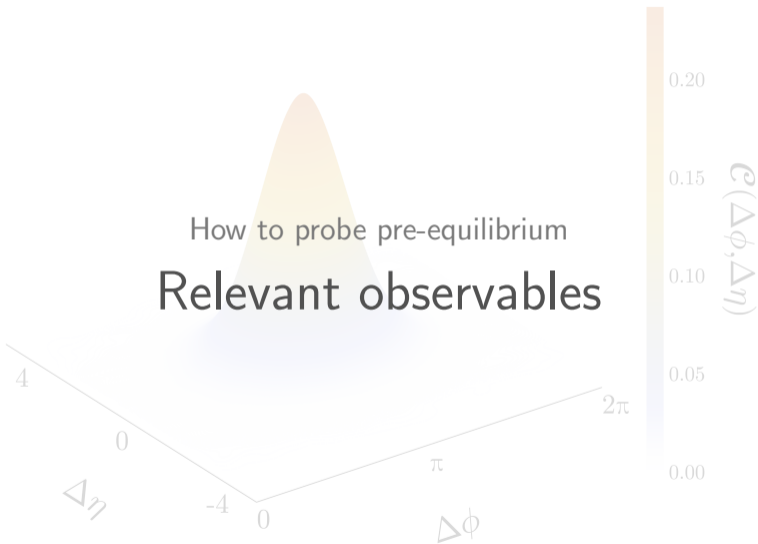
Longitudinal $i = L$, transverse $i = T$

Limitation

- Transport coefficients \neq measurable quantities

How to probe pre-equilibrium

Relevant observables

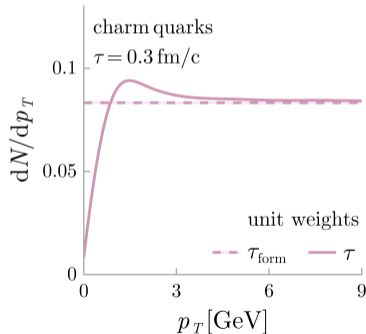


Effect of glasma on spectra



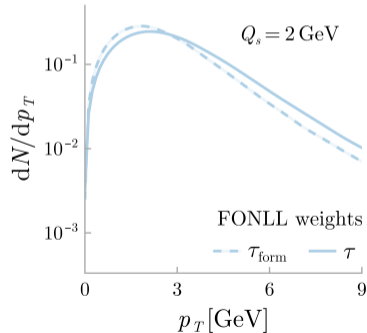
Effect of glasma

- ▶ Initial flat p_T distribution
- ▶ p_T migration from small to large p_T



Effect of initial spectrum

- ▶ Initial pQCD FONLL p_T spectrum
Fixed-Order+Next-to-Leading Logarithm



Nuclear modification factor

Extraction of R_{AA} in glasma

R_{AA} in glasma

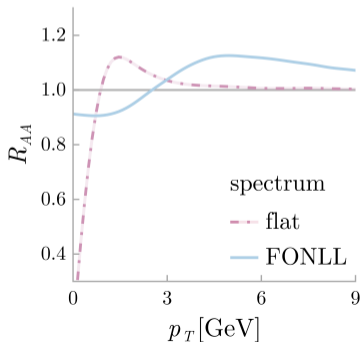
- ▶ Ratio of AA to pp normalized spectra
- ▶ AA evolved in **glasma**, pp from **FONLL**
- ▶ Glasma spectrum initialized with FONLL

$$R_{AA}(\tau) = \frac{1}{A^2} \frac{\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{AA}}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{pp}} \frac{\overset{\text{glasma}}{\downarrow} \frac{dN/dp_T}{dN^{pp}/dp_T}(\tau)}{\underset{\text{FONLL}}{\uparrow}}$$

normalization
↑

R_{AA} in glasma explained

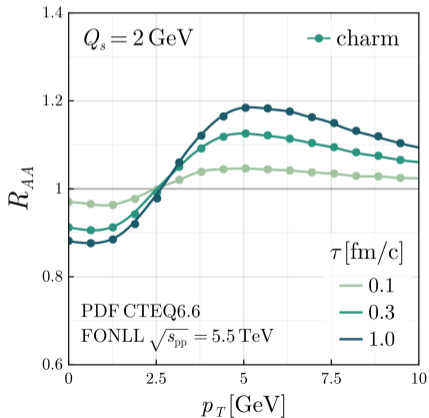
- ▶ Small p_T particles only migrate to larger p_T
- ▶ Depletion at small p_T , enhancement at large p_T



R_{AA} in glasma

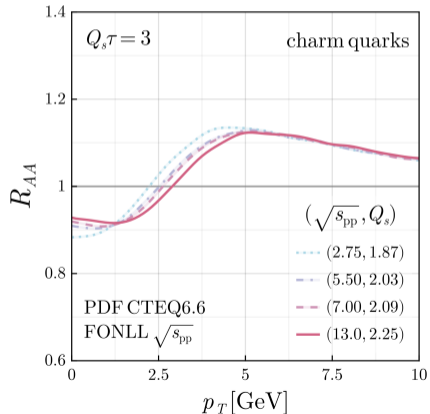
Time τ evolution

- ▶ More enhancement in R_{AA} at later τ



Effect of energy scales

- ▶ Weak dependence on $\sqrt{s_{pp}}$ and glasma Q_s



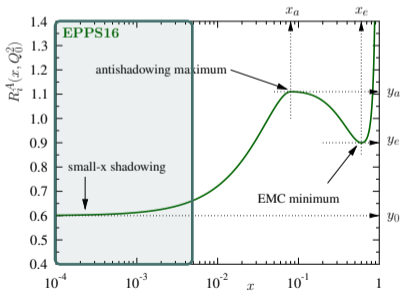
R_{AA} in glasma with nPDFs



Previous studies

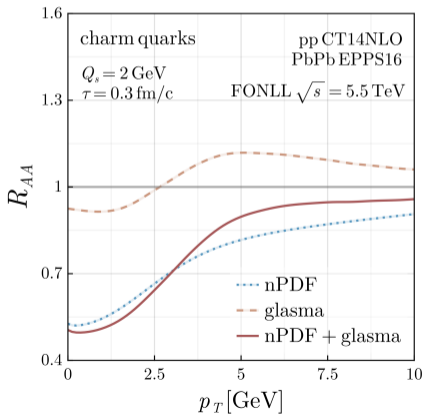
- ▶ AA glasma spectrum initialized with FONLL in pp , no nPDF effect

This study: FONLL + EPPS16



nPDF + glasma

- ▶ Glasma effect modest compared to nPDF



Effect of glasma on correlations

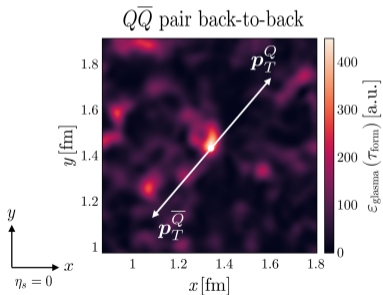
Two-particle correlations of $Q\bar{Q}$ pairs

Simulation setup

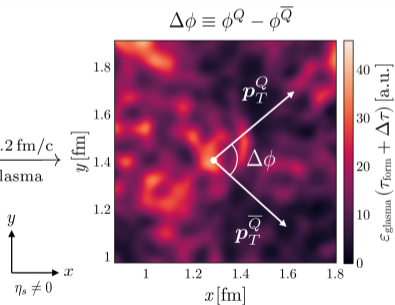
- ▶ $Q\bar{Q}$ pairs produced **back-to-back** (LO) in ϕ

Control parameters

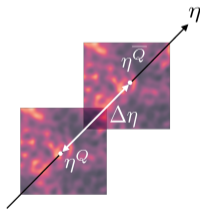
- ▶ Glasma field Q_s + heavy quark initial p_T



after $\Delta\tau=0.2$ fm/c
evolving glasma



$\Delta\eta \equiv \eta^Q - \eta^{\bar{Q}}$

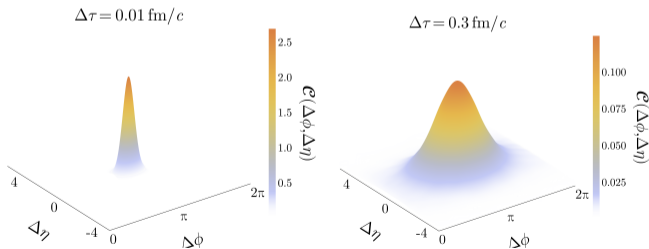


Decorrelation of $Q\bar{Q}$ pairs

Quantifying the decorrelation in glasma

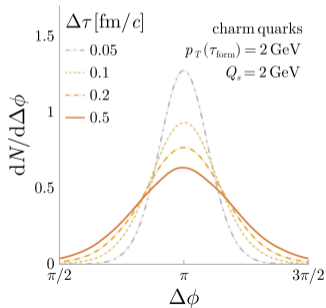
Decorrelation in glasma

- ▶ Two-particle correlations $\mathcal{C}(\Delta\phi, \Delta\eta)$ at $\Delta\tau = \tau - \tau_{\text{form}}$
- ▶ Initial peak $\delta(\Delta\phi - \pi)\delta(\Delta\eta)$ gets broadened by glasma



Azimuthal decorrelation

- ▶ $D\bar{D}$ angular correlations
- ▶ Decorrelation width $\sigma_{\Delta\phi}(\Delta\tau)$

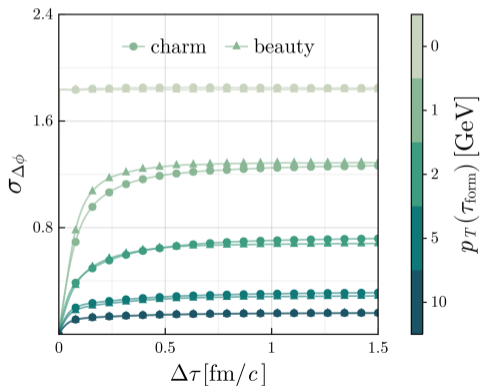


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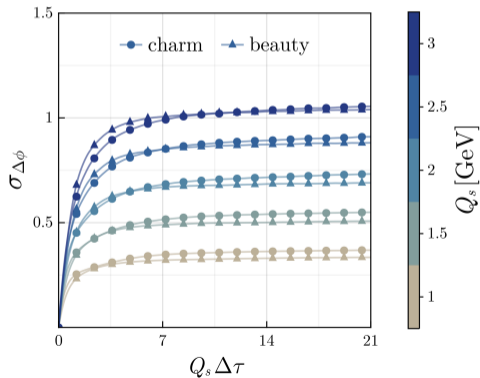
Effect of heavy quark p_T

- ▶ Small p_T pairs decorrelate immediately



Effect of glasma Q_s

- ▶ Large Q_s glasma decorrelates pairs faster



Summary

Framework

- ▶ Classical transport of heavy quarks in glasma
- ▶ **Large** transport coefficient κ

Main results

- ▶ Impact of glasma on R_{AA} weaker than **nPDF** effect
- ▶ Large **azimuthal decorrelation** of $Q\bar{Q}$ pairs in glasma
Relevant for upcoming **$D\bar{D}$ measurements** in AA

Improvements

- ▶ **Energy loss** mechanism in glasma
- ▶ Couple glasma to effective kinetic theory (**EKT**)

Thank you!