

# Heavy quark quenching from RHIC to LHC: MC@sHQ generator compared to experiments

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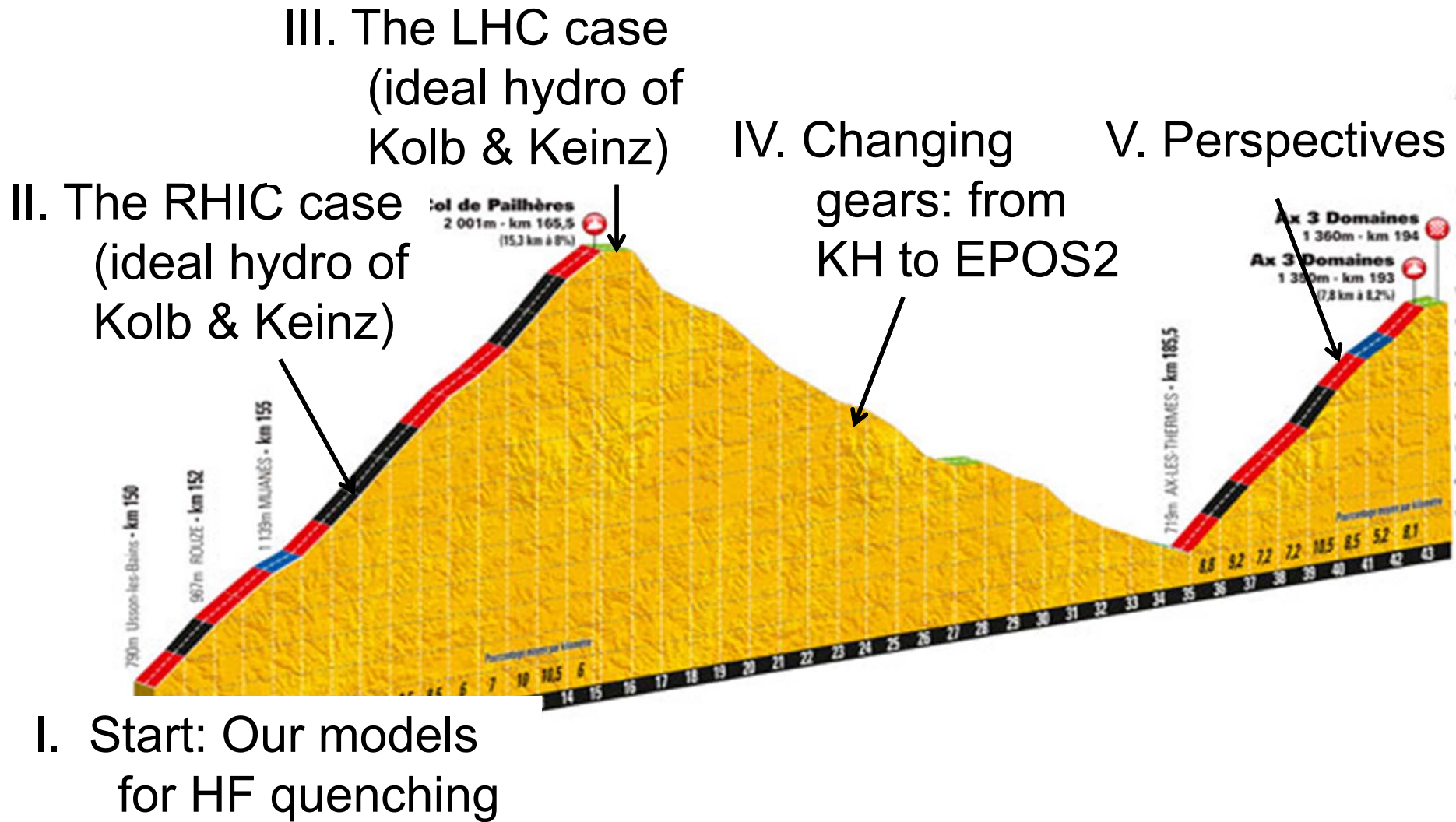
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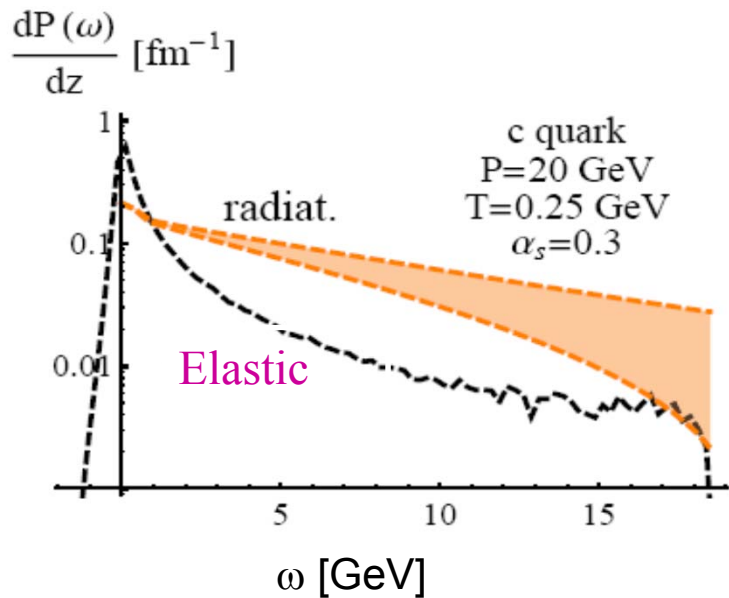
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# Road Map

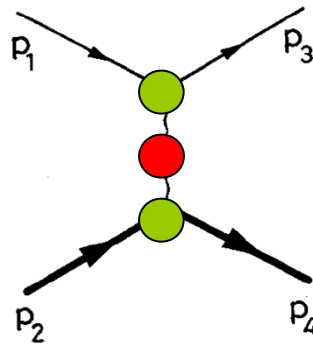


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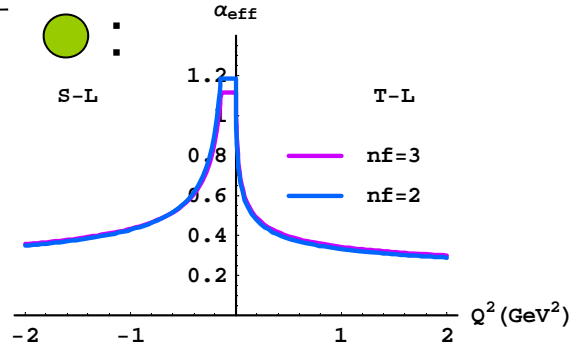
Probability P of energy loss w per unit length (T,M,...):



## Elastic



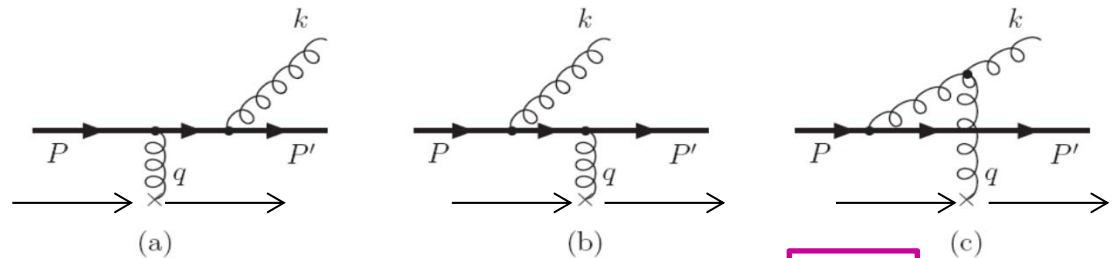
+ u and s channels



● : OGE effective propagator

$$m_{\text{Dself}}^2(T) = (1+n_f/6) 4\pi\alpha_{\text{eff}}(m_{\text{Dself}}^2) T^2$$

## Incoherent Induced Radiative



Generalized Gunion-Bertsch for finite mass

Talk by Th Gousset;  
arxiv 1307.5270

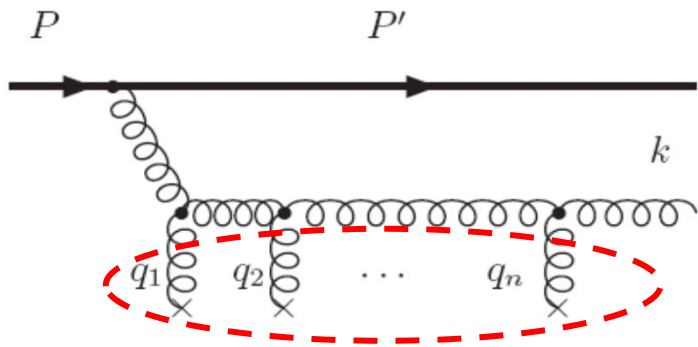
$$\omega \frac{d^3 \sigma_{\text{rad}}^{x \ll 1}}{d\omega d^2 k_{\perp} dq_{\perp}^2} = \frac{N_c \alpha_s}{\pi^2} (1-x) \times \frac{J_{\text{QCD}}^2}{\omega^2} \times \frac{d\sigma_{\text{el}}^{Qq}}{dq_{\perp}^2}$$

$$\frac{J_{\text{QCD}}^2}{\omega^2} = \left( \frac{\vec{k}_{\perp}}{k_{\perp}^2 + x^2 M^2 + (1-x)m_g^2} - \frac{\vec{k}_{\perp} - \vec{q}_{\perp}}{(\vec{k}_{\perp} - \vec{q}_{\perp})^2 + x^2 M^2 + (1-x)m_g^2} \right)^2$$

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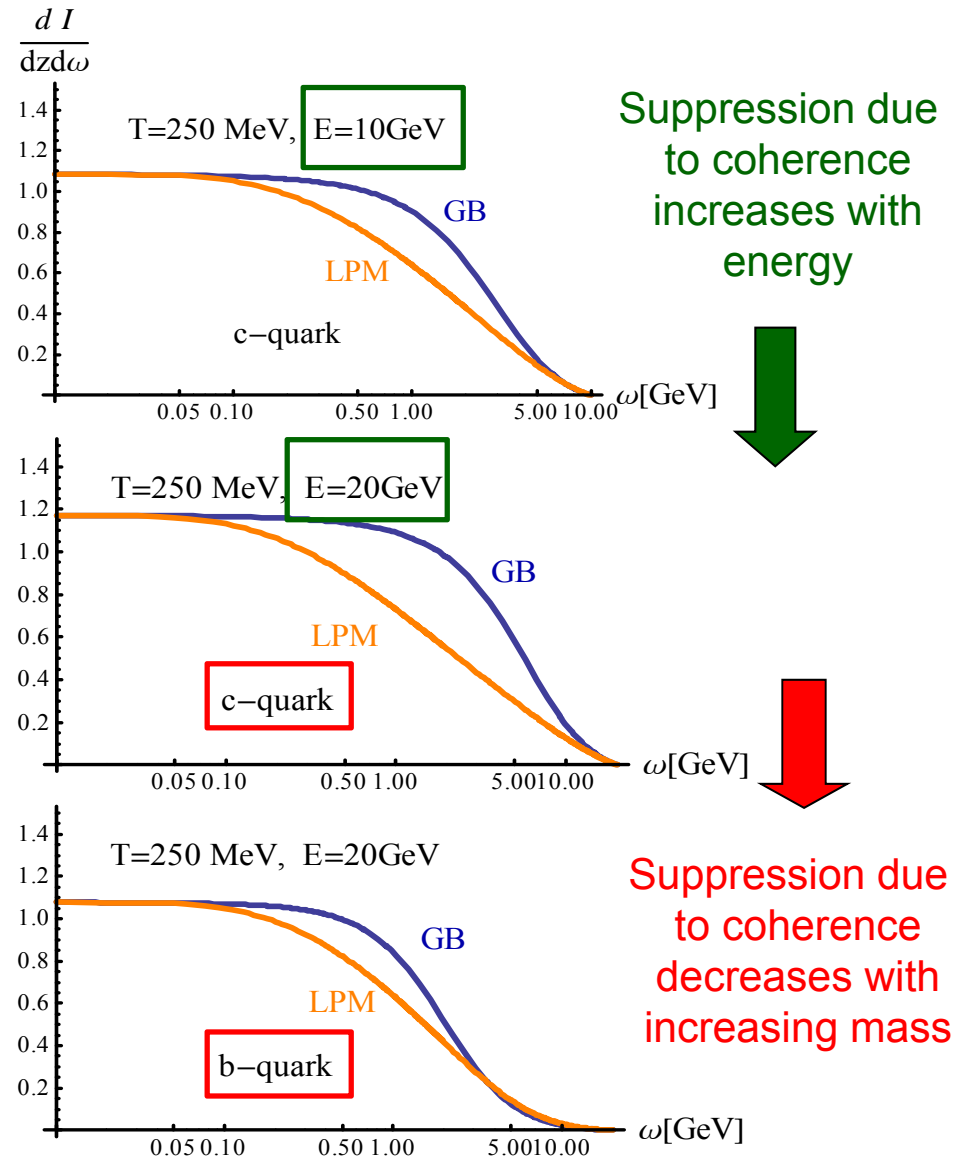
## Coherent Induced Radiative

Formation time picture: for  $l_{f,mult} > \lambda$ , gluon is radiated coherently on a distance  $l_{f,mult}$



Model: all  $N_{coh}$  scatterers act as a single effective one with probability  $p_{N_{coh}}(Q_{\perp})$  obtained by convoluting individual probability of kicks

$$\frac{d^2 I_{eff}}{dz d\omega} \sim \frac{\alpha_s}{N_{coh} \tilde{\lambda}} \ln \left( 1 + \frac{N_{coh} \mu^2}{3 (m_g^2 + x^2 M^2 + \sqrt{\omega \hat{q}})} \right)$$



# Schematic view of « Monte Carlo @ Heavy Quark » generator

**MC@<sub>s</sub>HQ**

$\Psi$  suppression

**Bulk Evolution: non-viscous hydro (Heinz & Kolb)  $\rightarrow$  T(M) & v(M)**

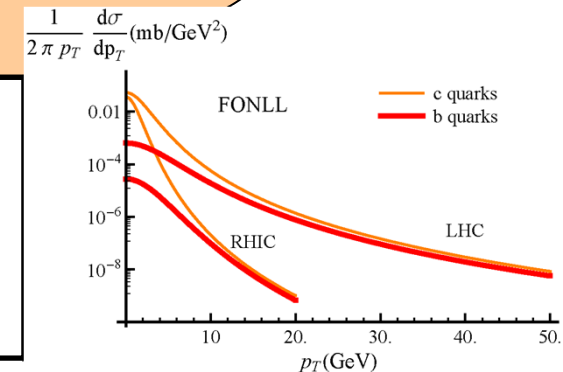
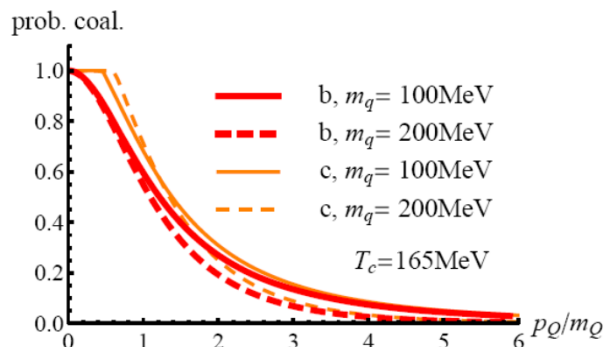
QGP  $\rightarrow$  MP  $\rightarrow$  HG

**Evolution of HQ in bulk : Fokker-Planck or reaction rate + Boltzmann (no hadronic phase)**

D/B formation at the boundary of QGP (or MP) through coalescence of c/b and light quark (low  $p_T$ ) or fragmentation (high  $p_T$ )

Quarkonia formation in QGP through  $c+c \rightarrow \Psi + g$  fusion process

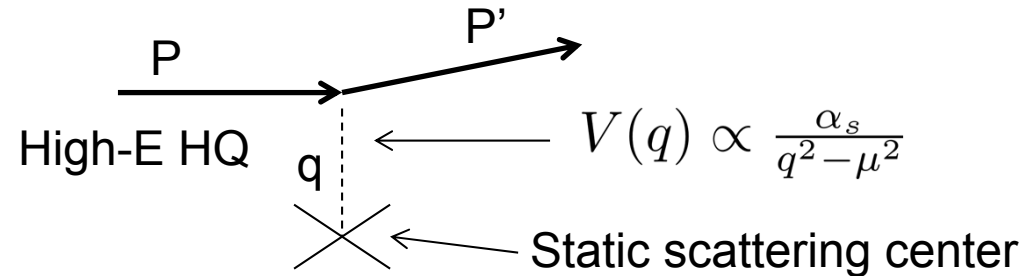
(hard) production of heavy quarks in initial NN collisions +  $k_T$  broad. (0.2  $\text{GeV}^2/\text{coll}$ )



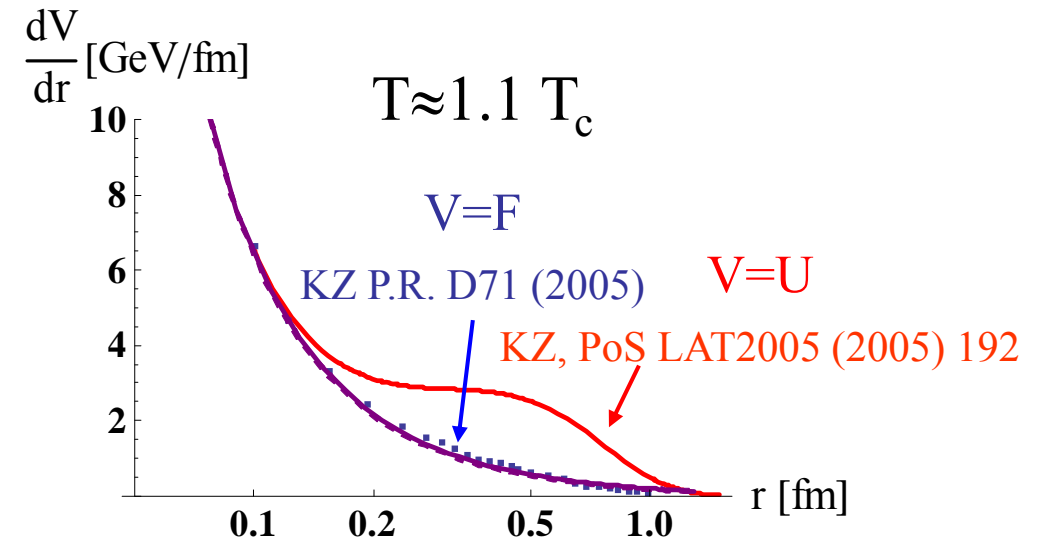
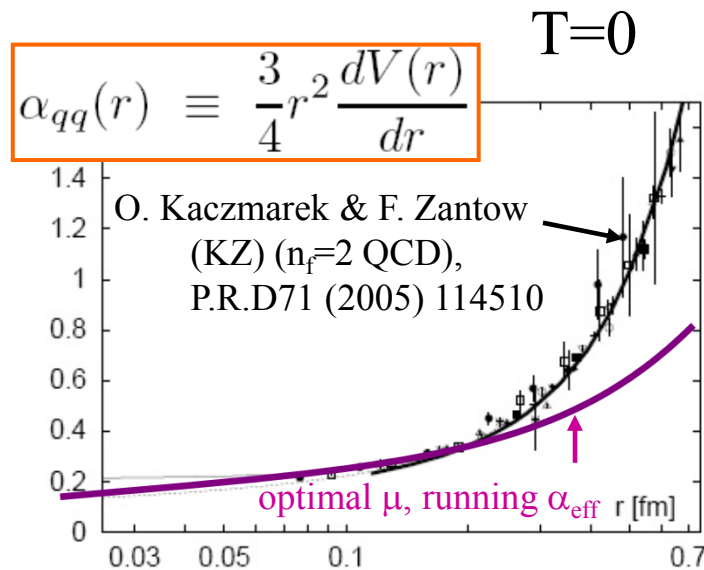
# Insufficient control on energy loss theory

Non perturbative « corrections » even at large HQ energy

In most models:



Lattice QCD :

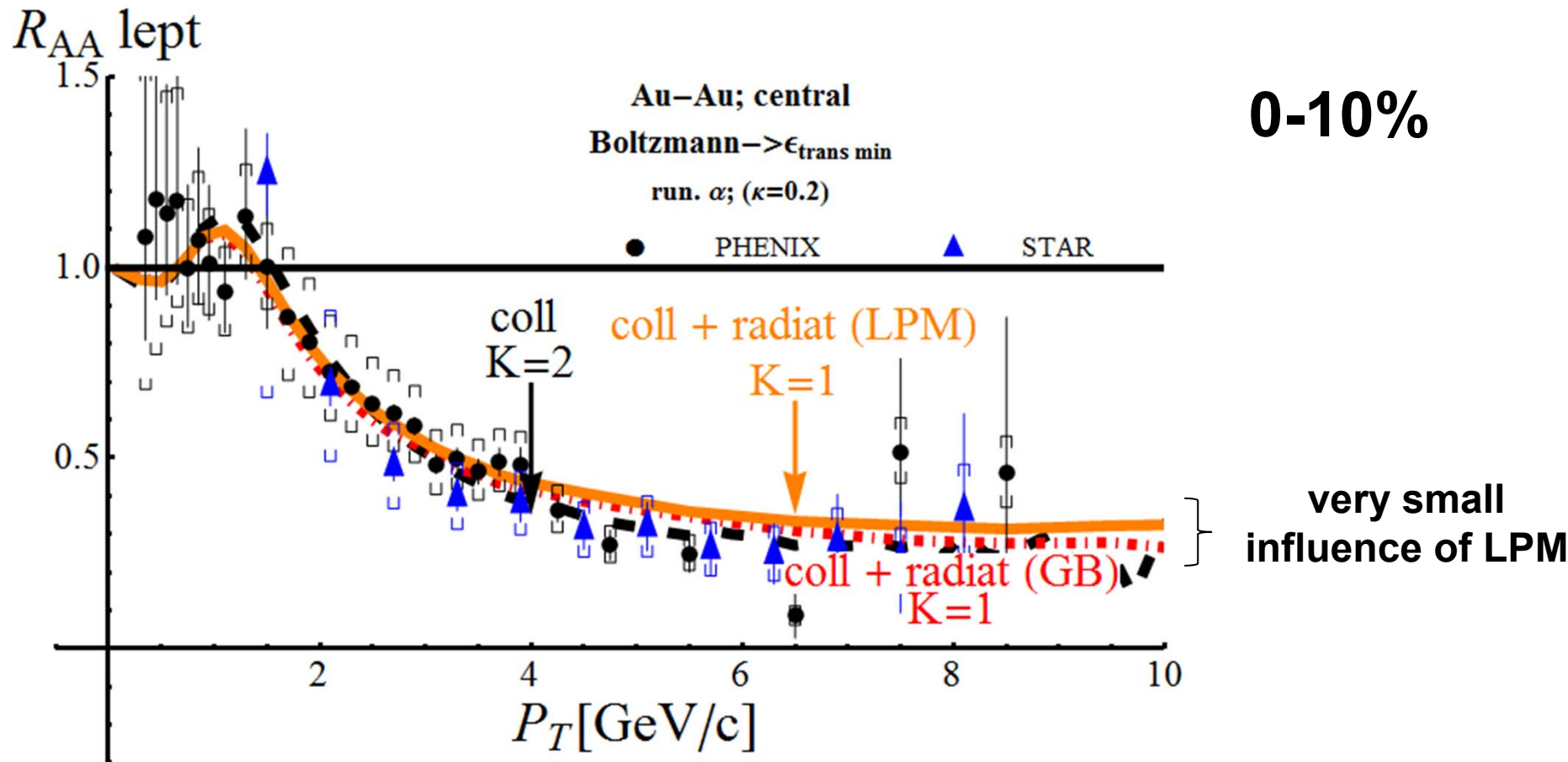


Significant  $r$ -tail in the transverse force acting on the high E HQ

=> Allow for some global rescaling of the rates: “K” fixed on experiment 6

# {Radiative + Elastic} vs Elastic for RAA NPSE @ RHIC

El. and rad. Eloss exhibit very different energy and mass dependences. However...



$\sigma_{\text{el}}$  alone rescaling:  $K=1.8-2.2$

$\sigma_{\text{el}}$  &  $\sigma_{\text{rad}}$  cocktail: **NO RESCALING**

**We tune K on RAA, while BAMPS does it on  $v_2$**

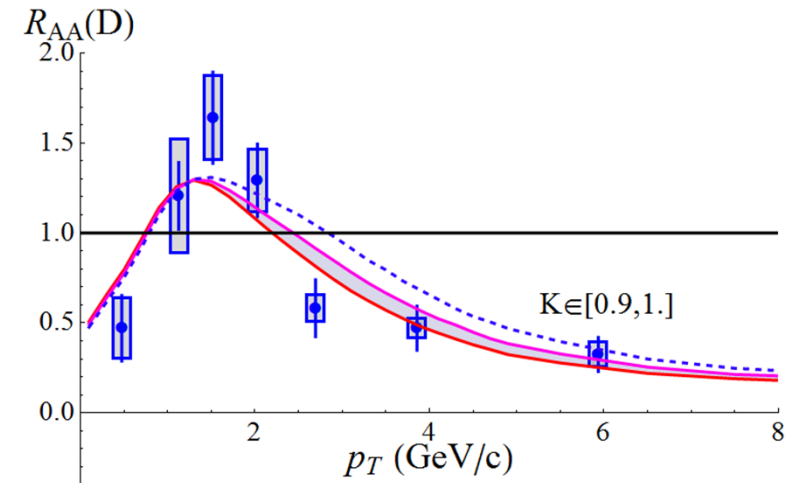
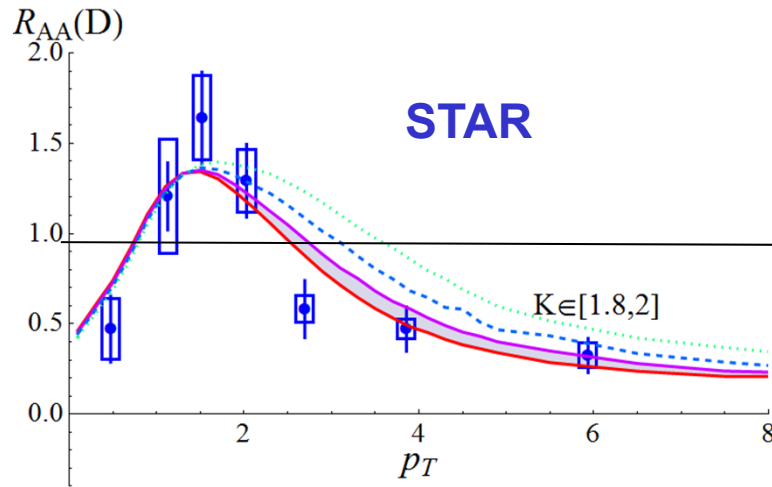
(since last QM: improvement in the phase space boundary for gluon emission; was too permissive  $\rightarrow K \approx 0.6$  needed)

# {Radiative + Elastic} vs Elastic D mesons @ RHIC

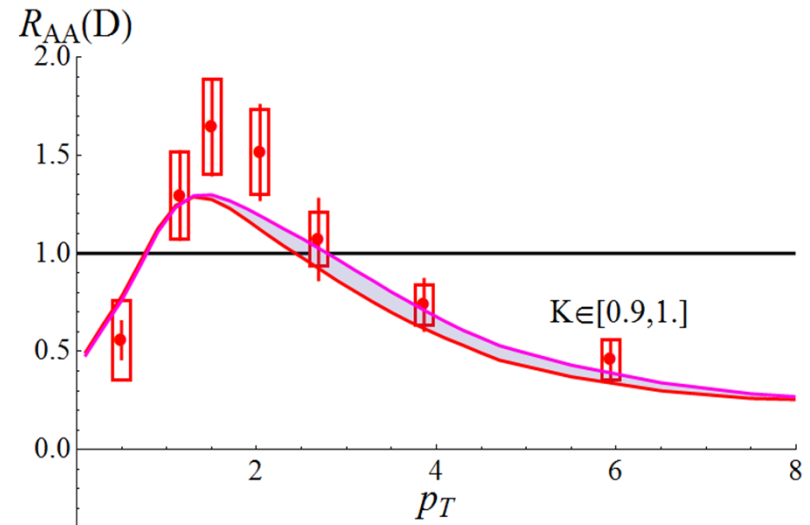
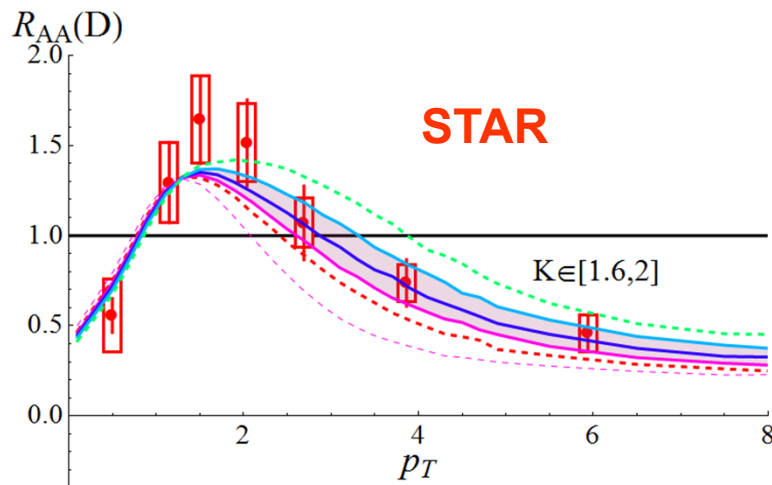
**Elastic**

**Elastic + radiative LPM**

**0-10%**

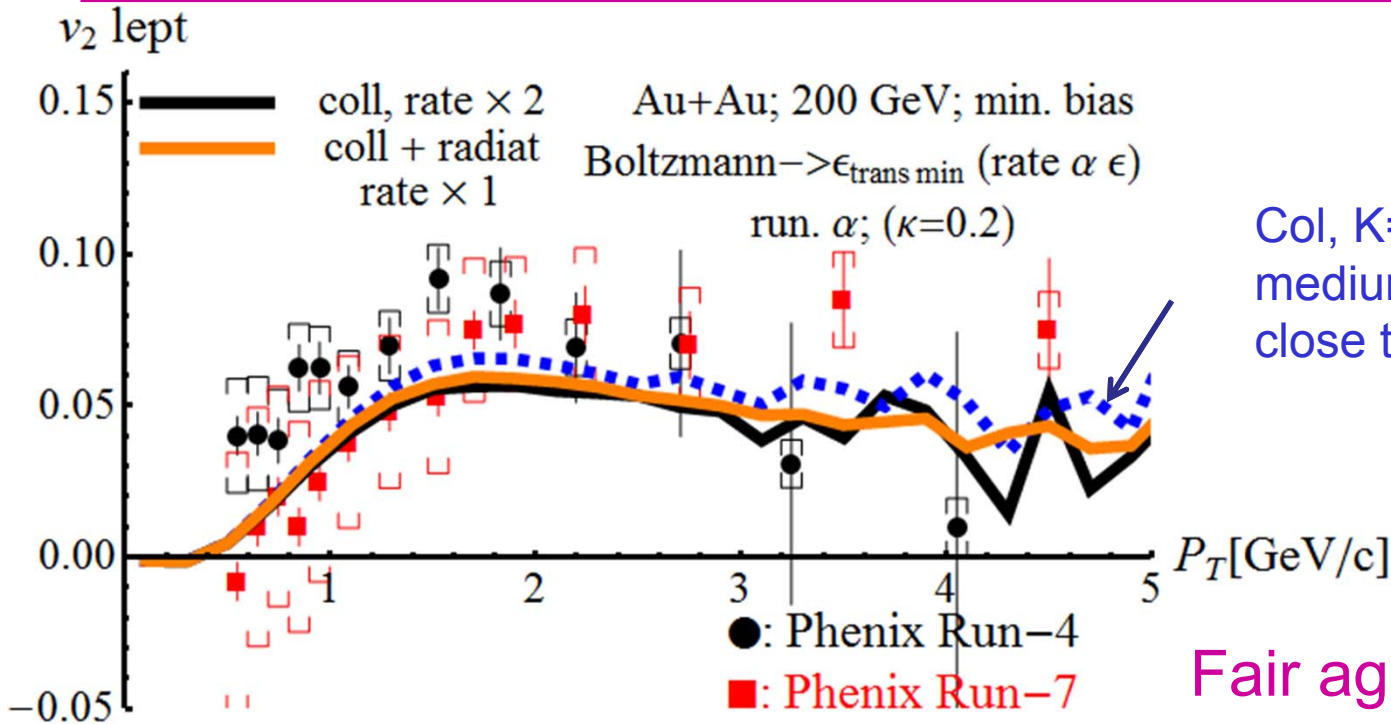


**0-80%**



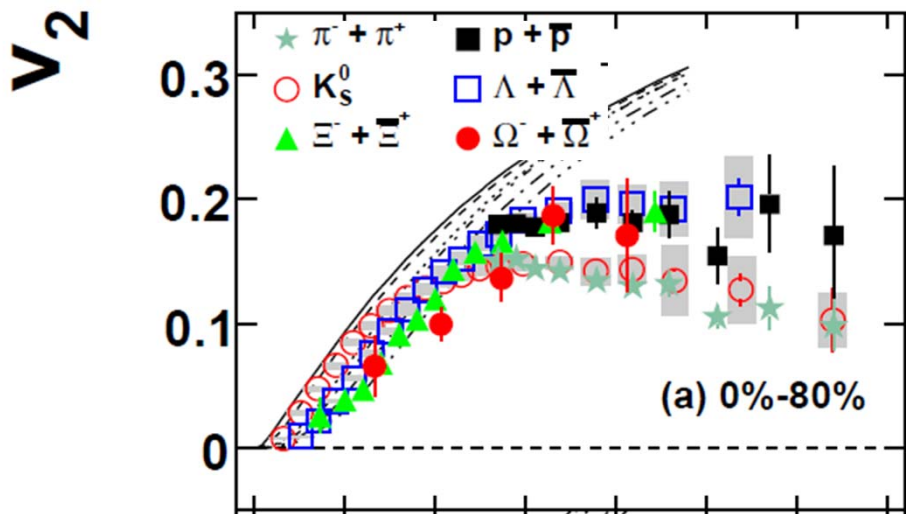


# And the $v_2$ ? (@ RHIC)



Col,  $K=3$  (More coupling to the medium does not help, as HQ are close to thermalized at small  $p_T$ )

Fair agreement with the same  $K$  values, the ideal hydro probably helps a bit



Ideal hydro vs STAR data (2008), calculation by P. Huaovinen

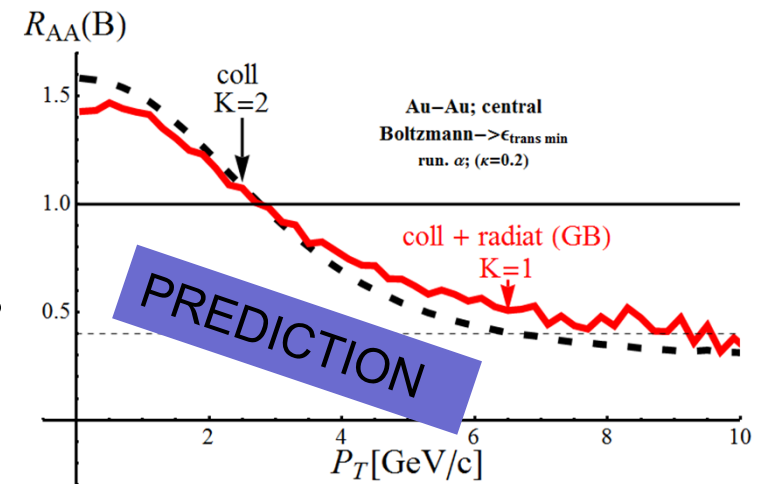
# Conclusions from RHIC

➤ Present data at RHIC cannot decipher between the 3 local microscopic E-loss models (el., el. + rad GB, et. + rad. LPM) ⇒ **Not sensitive to the large- $\omega$  tail of the Energy-loss probability.**

➤ One “explains” all open heavy flavor physics with  $\Delta E \propto L$  (that is, with probabilities per unit length).

➤ Good consistency between NPSE and D mesons (10% difference in K values)...

➤ ... within a model with mass hierarchy



**Elastic + radiative LPM: no need for rescaling**

## Elastic

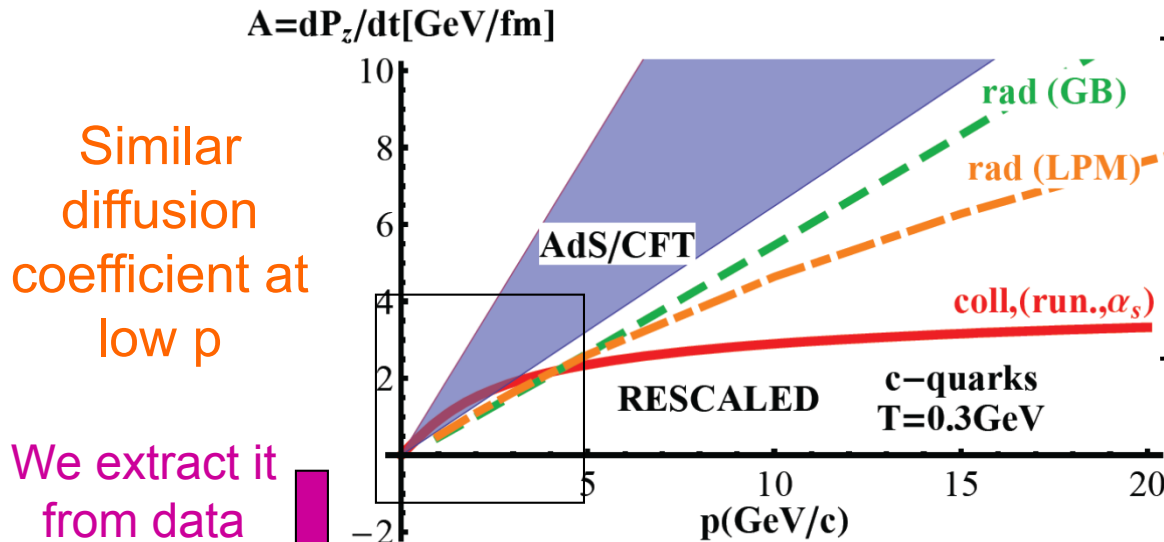
K	NPSE RHIC	D STAR central	D STAR min bias
1.4	Wrong	Wrong	Marginal
1.6	Marginal	Marginal	Acceptable
1.8	Acceptable	Good	Good
2.0	Good	Good	Acceptable
2.2	Acceptable	Marginal	Marginal

K	NPSE RHIC	D STAR central	D STAR min bias
0.7		Wrong	
0.8	Wrong	Marginal	Acceptable
0.9	Acceptable	Good	Good
1	Good	Good	Acceptable
1.1	Acceptable	Marginal	Marginal

**Good**
 **Acceptable**
 **Marginal**
 **Wrong**

# QGP properties from HQ probe at RHIC

Gathering all *rescaled* models (*coll. and radiative*) compatible with RHIC  $R_{AA}$ :



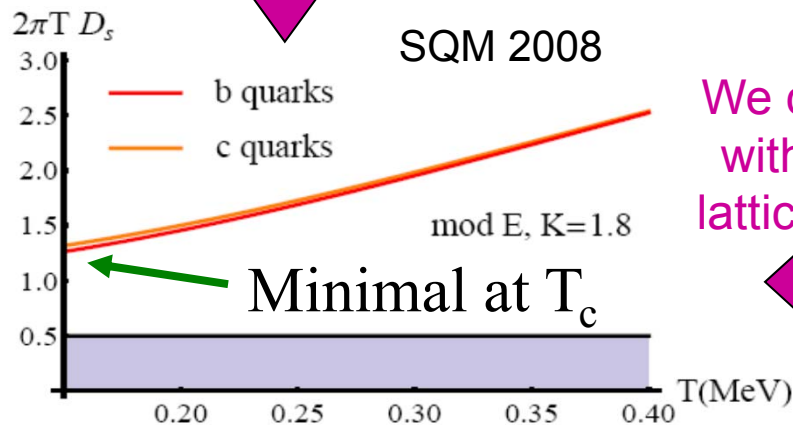
Similar diffusion coefficient at low  $p$

We extract it from data

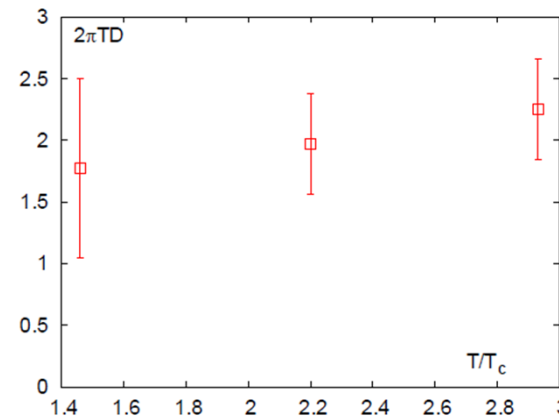
the drag coefficient reflects the average momentum loss (per unit time) => large weight on  $x \sim 1$

Present RHIC experiments cannot resolve between those various trends

Hope that LHC can do !!!



We compare with recent lattice results



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2011

## Lesson

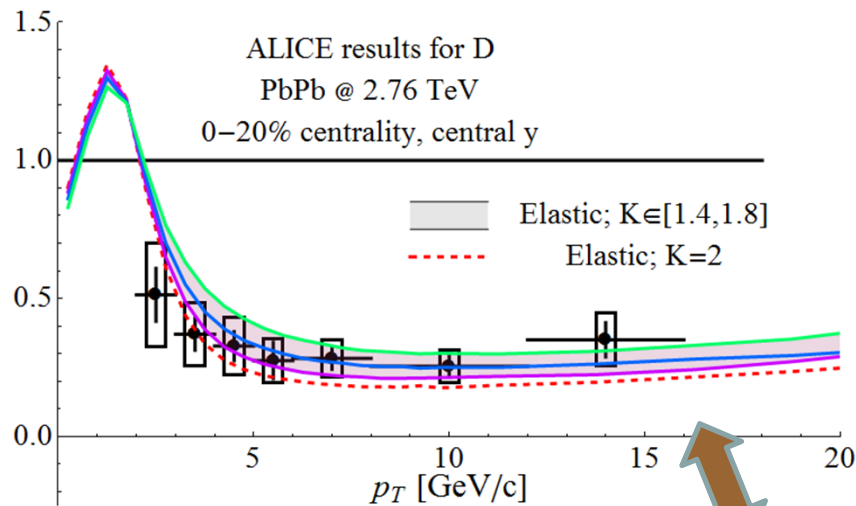
it is possible to reveal some fundamental property of QGP using HQ probes, i.e. to CONTROL the models

# D mesons at LHC (vs ALICE 0%-20%)

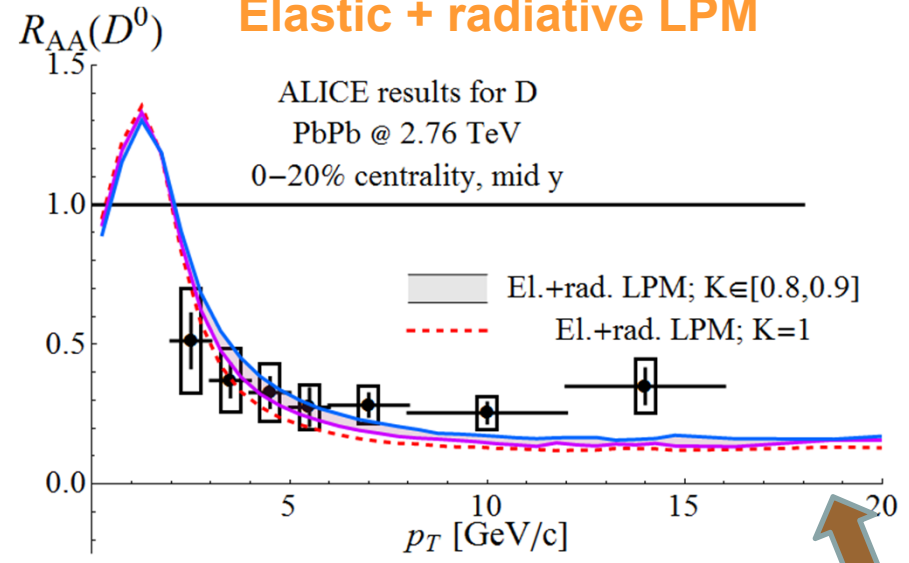
Same microscopic ingredients as for RHIC; **NO SHADOWING** (yet)

Kolb-Heinz Hydro adjusted to  $dN_{ch}/dy = 1600$  ( $s_0=195$ );

**Elastic**



**Elastic + radiative LPM**

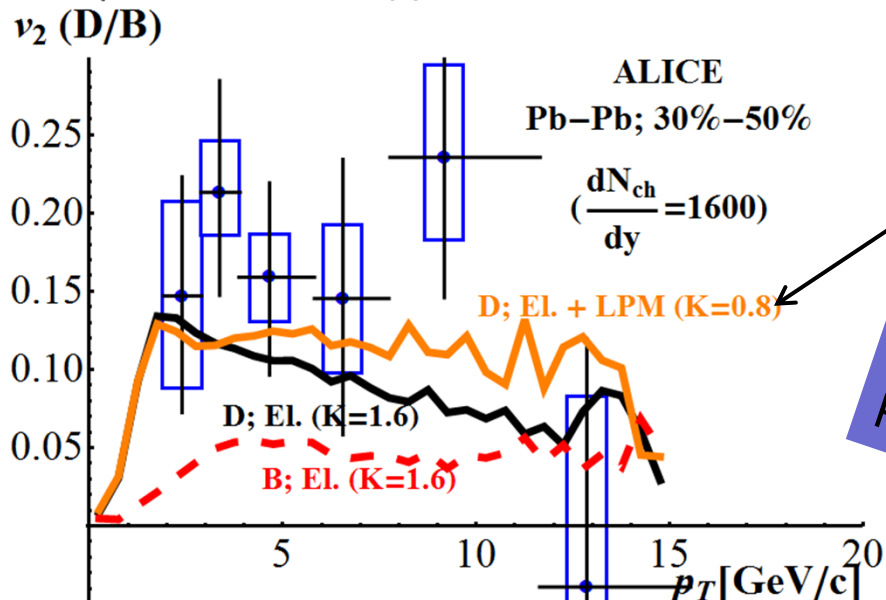
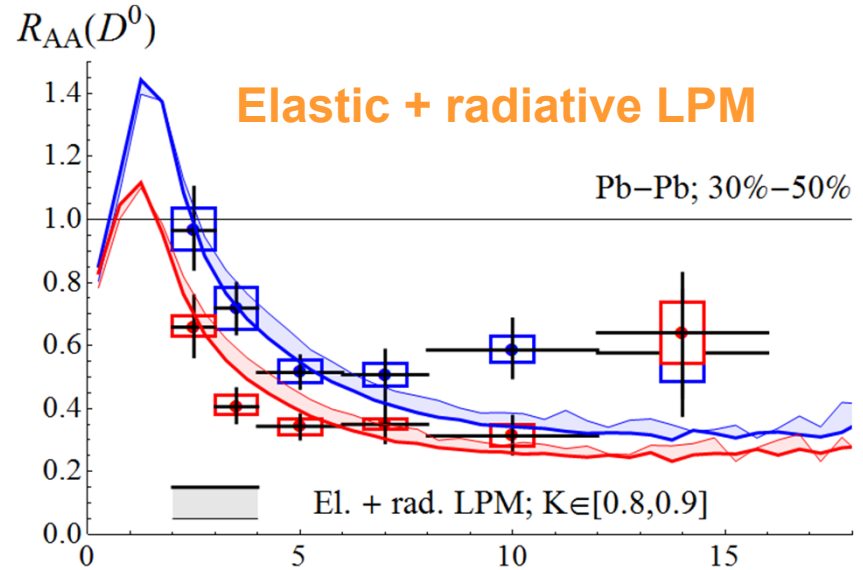
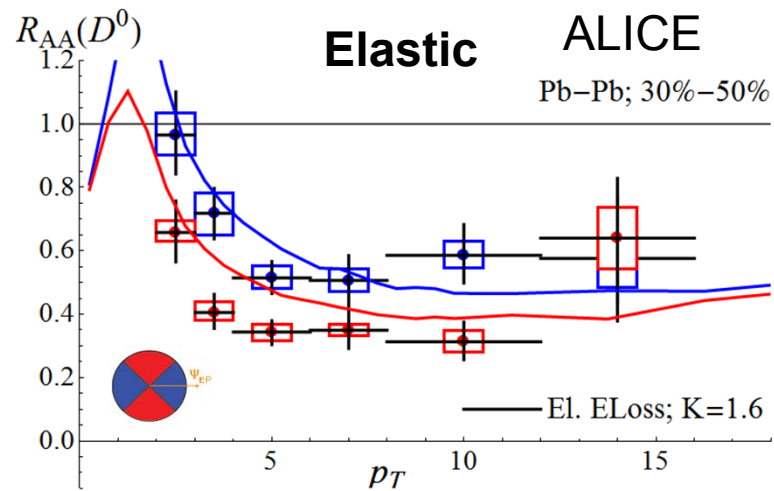


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1.8	Green	Blue	Blue	Green	0.9	Green	Blue	Blue	Green
2.0	Blue	Blue	Green	Yellow	1	Blue	Blue	Green	Yellow
2.2	Green	Yellow	Yellow	White	1.1	Green	Yellow	Yellow	White

**Correct agreement with ALICE data; 10-15% decrease of the rates needed for optimal agreement**

# D mesons at LHC (more differential observables)

“in plane” – “out of plane” analysis

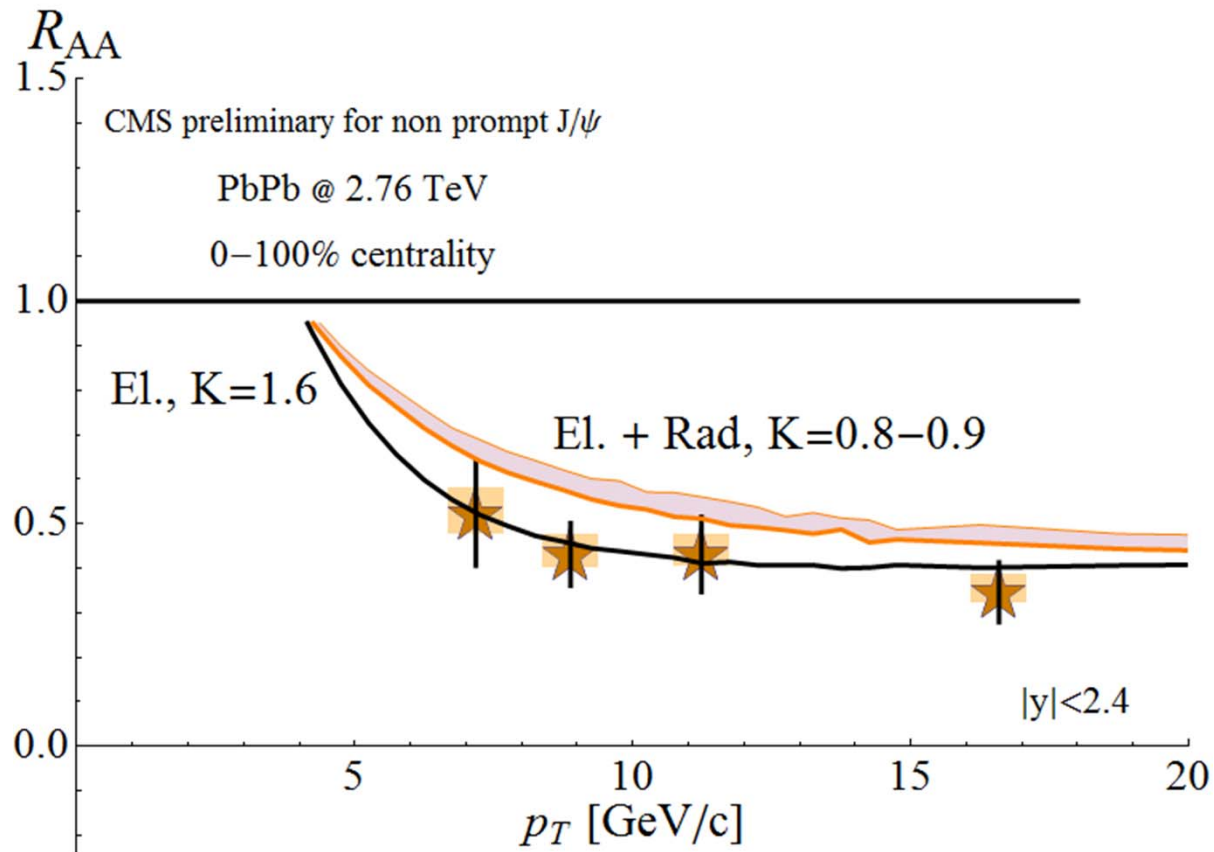


Some systematic trends: el. + rad.  
LPM shows more coupling...  
sensitive to larger  $x$  in the radiation  
spectra

$V_2(B)$ :  
PREDICTION

# B mesons at LHC

Same ingredients as for RHIC    Kolb-Heinz Hydro adjusted to  $dN_{ch}/dy = 1600$ ;  
No shadowing



**Need for genuine implementation of the  $B \rightarrow \psi$  feed-down  
in MC@sHQ**

## Conclusions from LHC

- Data at intermediate  $p_T$  are well reproduced with minimalistic modifications of the model(s).
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... awakening might be bitter!



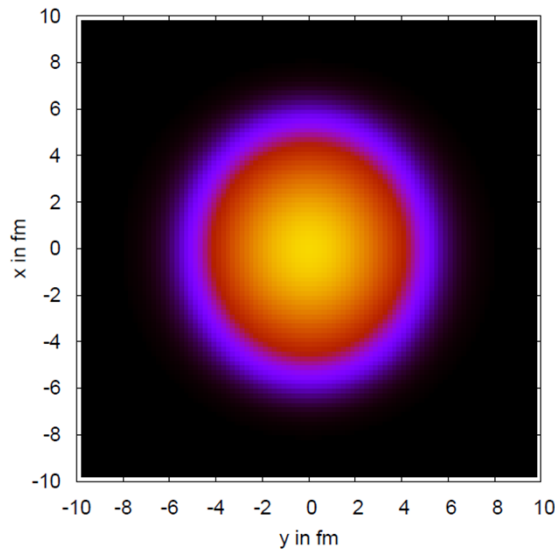


# EPOS as a background for MC@sHQ

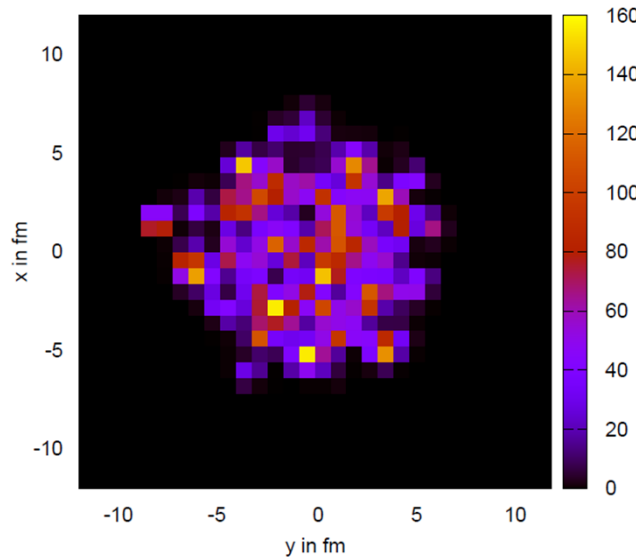
EPOS: state of the art framework that encompass pp, pA and AA collisions

See talk by K Werner

Initial energy density @ RHIC (central Au-Au)



Kolb Heinz



EPOS

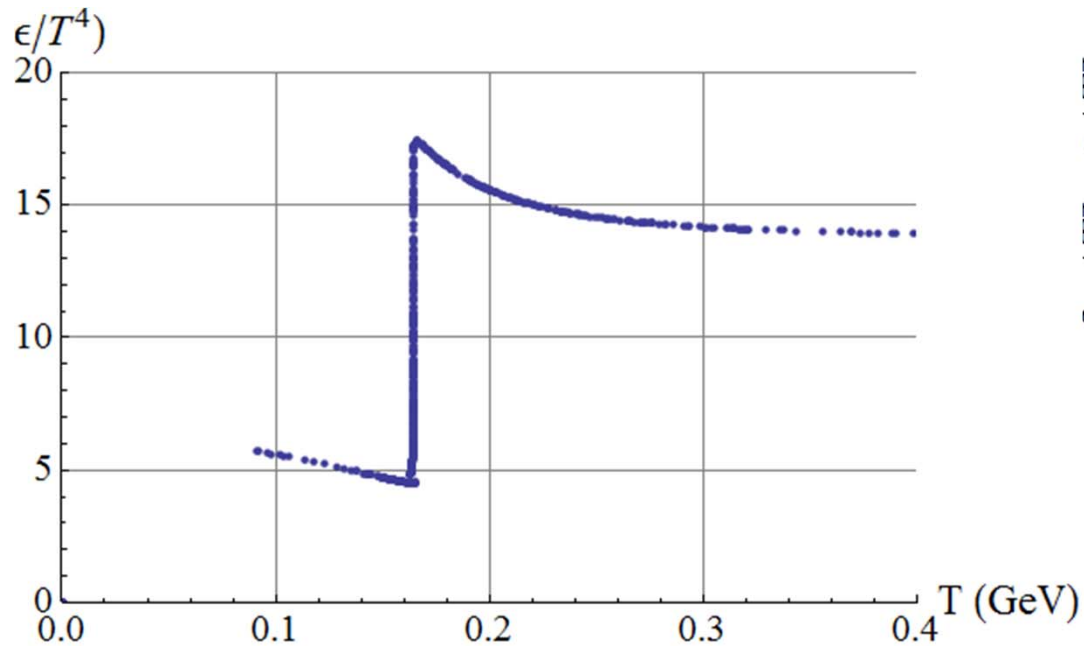
Beware:  $\neq$  color scales

More realistic hydro and initial conditions => original HQ studies as:

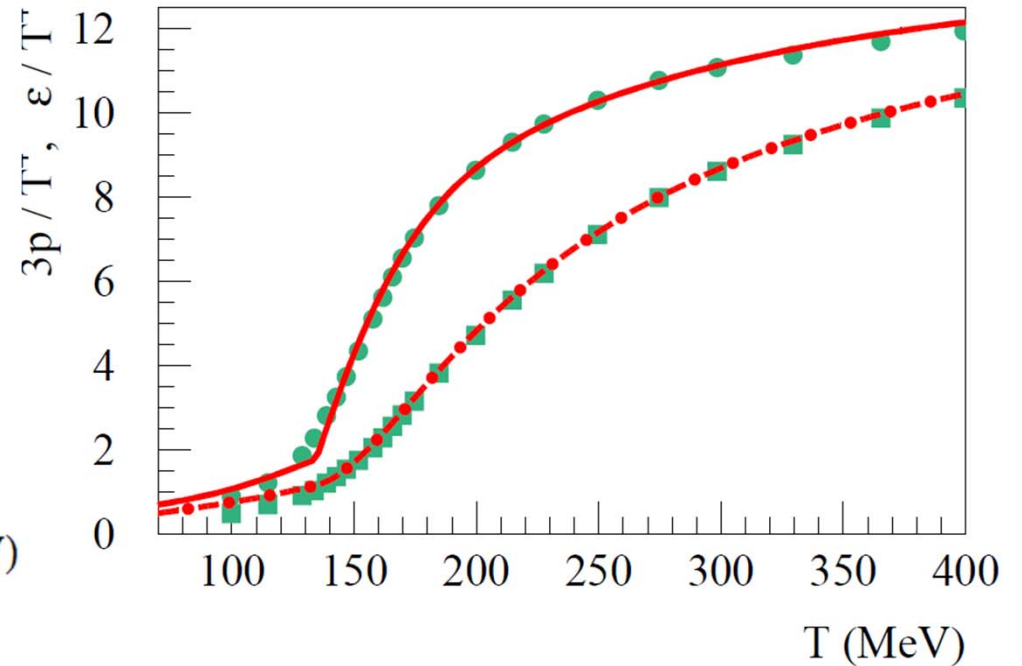
1) fluctuations in HQ observables (some HQ might « leak » through the « holes » in the QGP)

2) correlations between HF and light hadrons

# Large differences in the EOS !

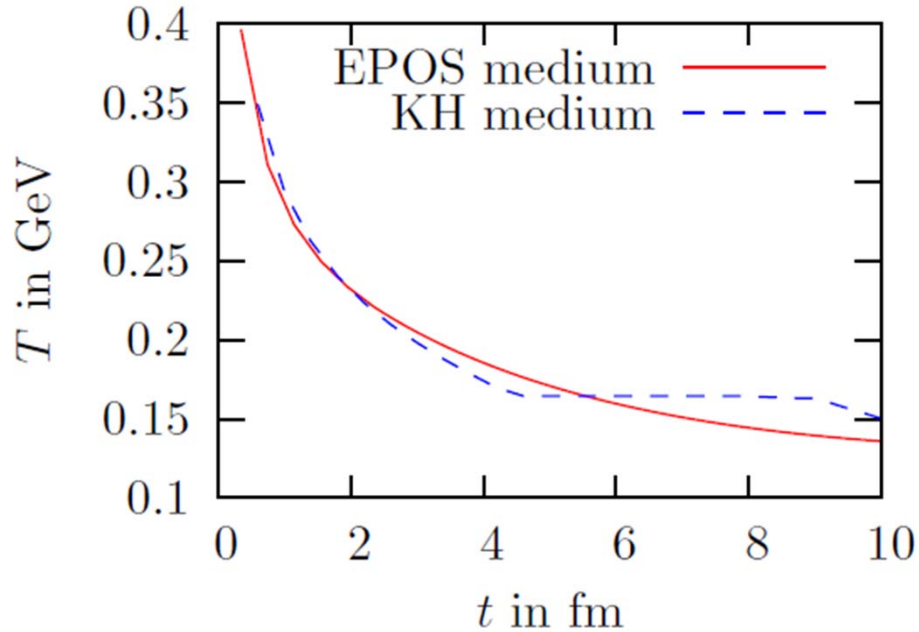


Kolb Heinz: bag model  
(1st order transition  
btwn hadronic phase  
and massless partons)

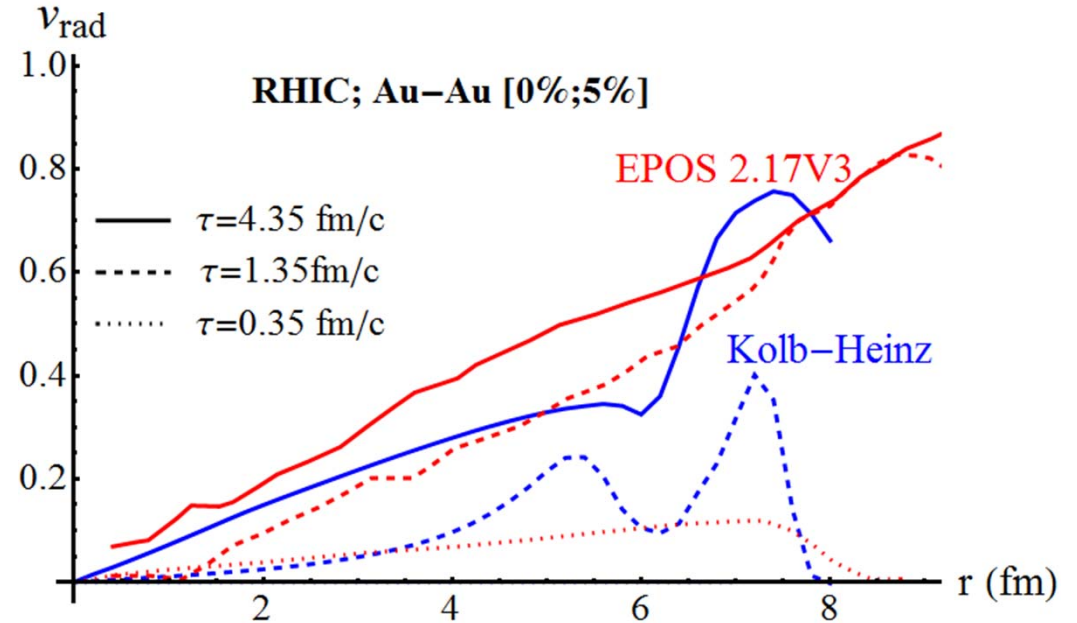


EPOS2: fitted on the  
lattice data from the  
Wuppertal-Budapest  
collaboration

# Medium comparison at RHIC



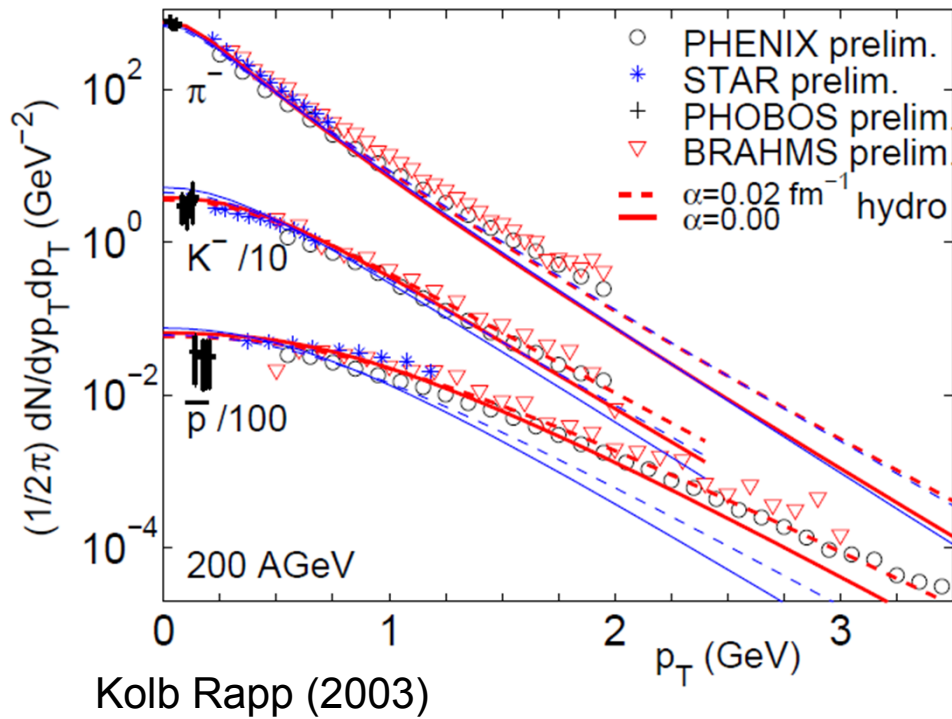
Gross features of T-evolution are identical in the « plasma » phase ( $T > 200$  MeV)



Radial velocities differ significantly, starting from the earliest times in the evolution

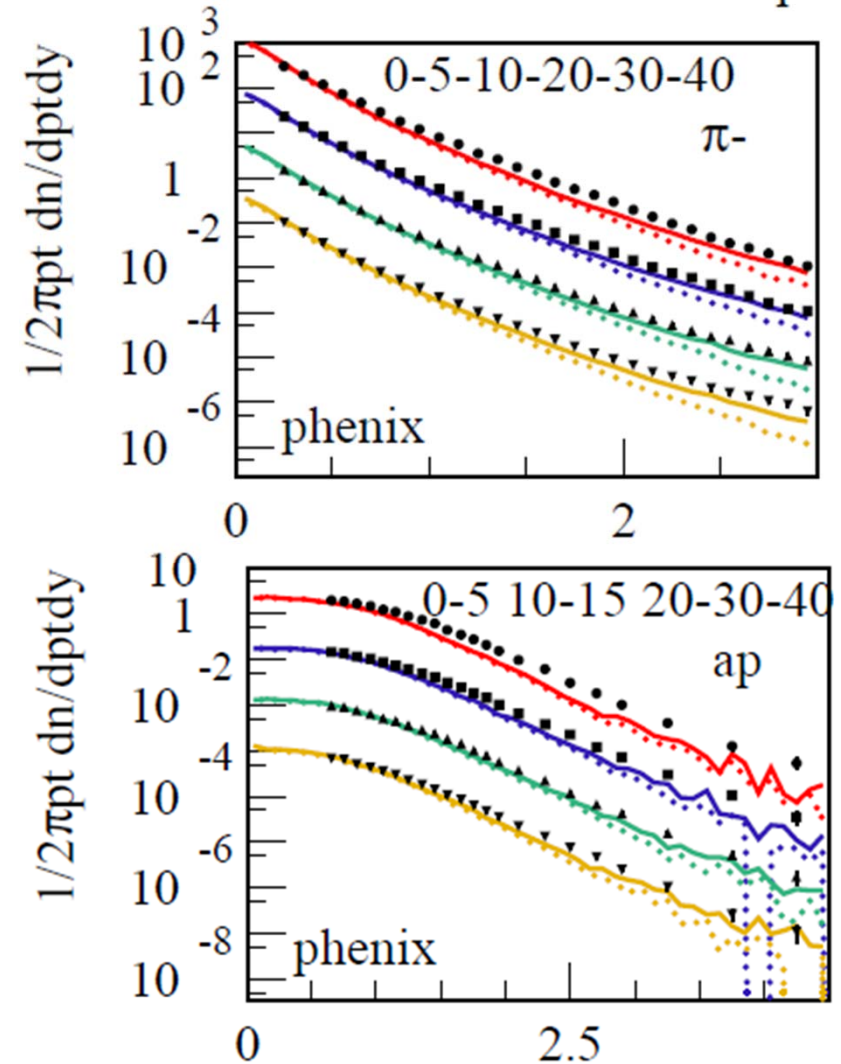
# Identified particles spectra at RHIC

## Kolb-Heinz

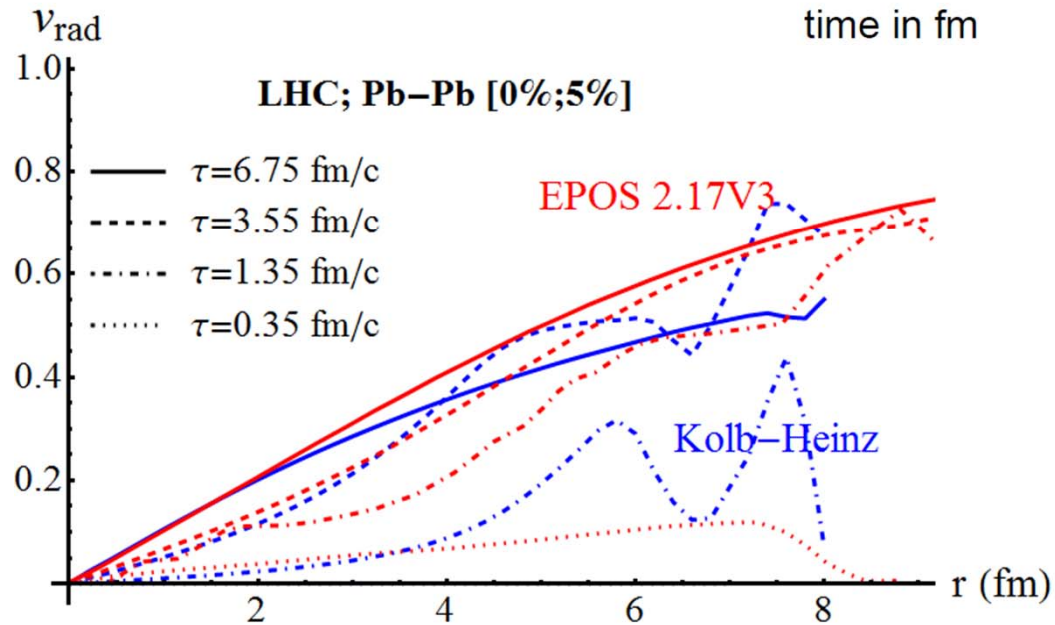
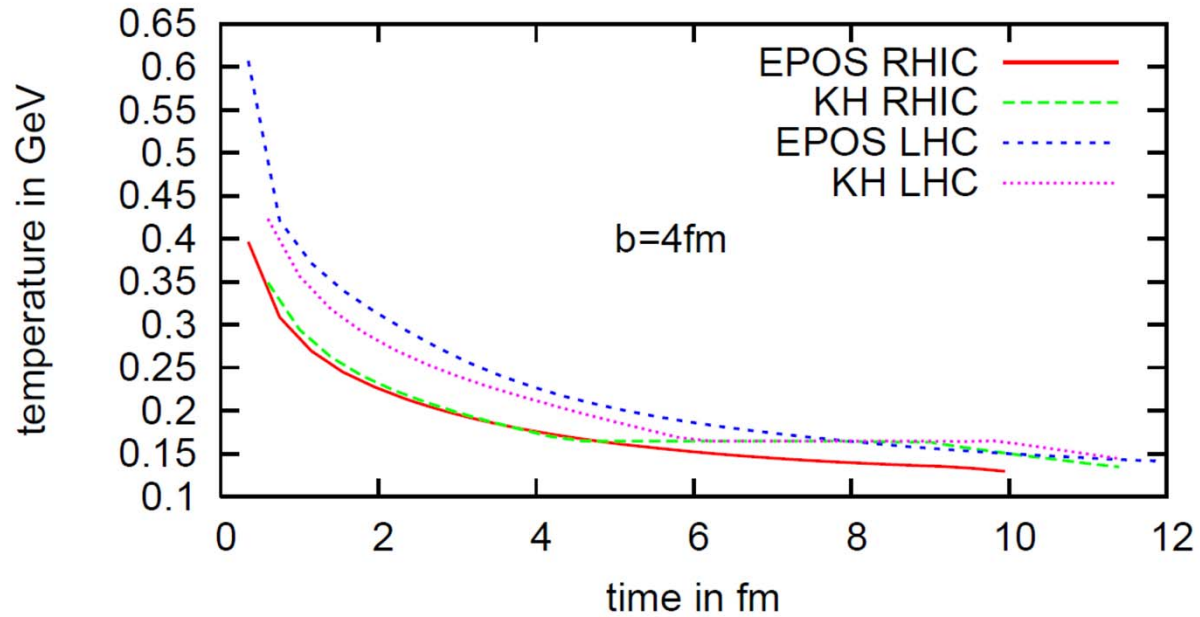


better agreement if  
 initial flow ( $v_r = \tanh(0.02 r)$ )

## EPOS2.17V3



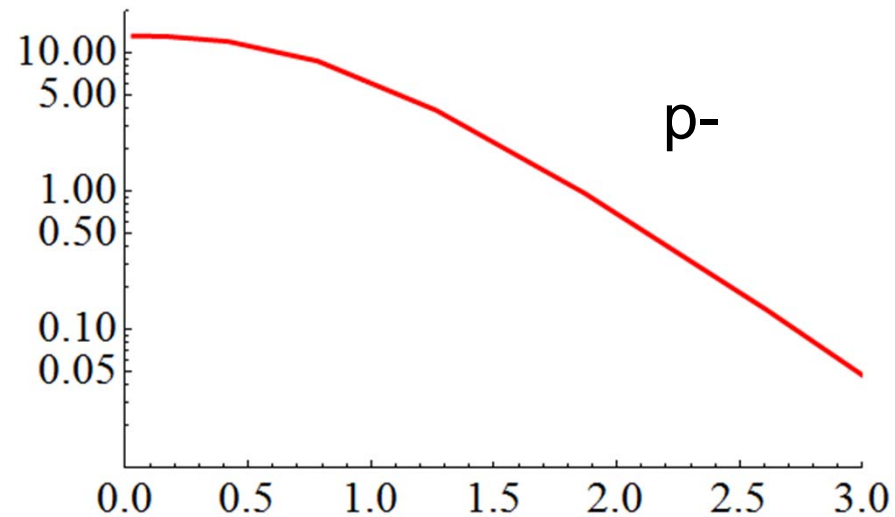
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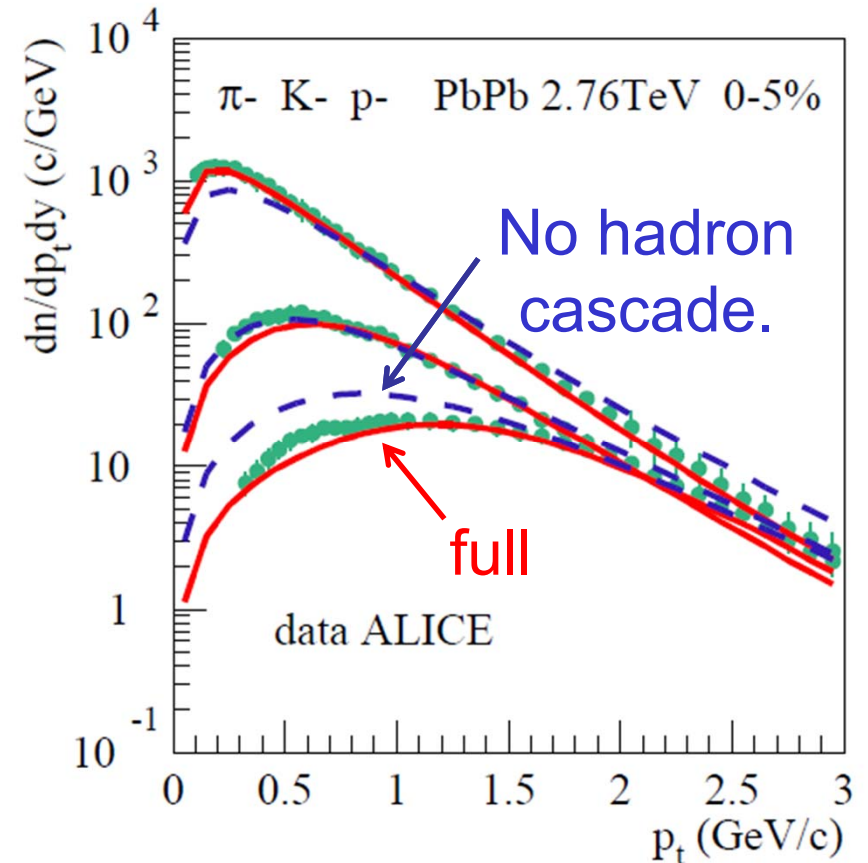
EPOS2 hotter and  
more explosive  
than Kolb-Heinz

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KH,  $b=3\text{fm}$



EPOS2.17V3



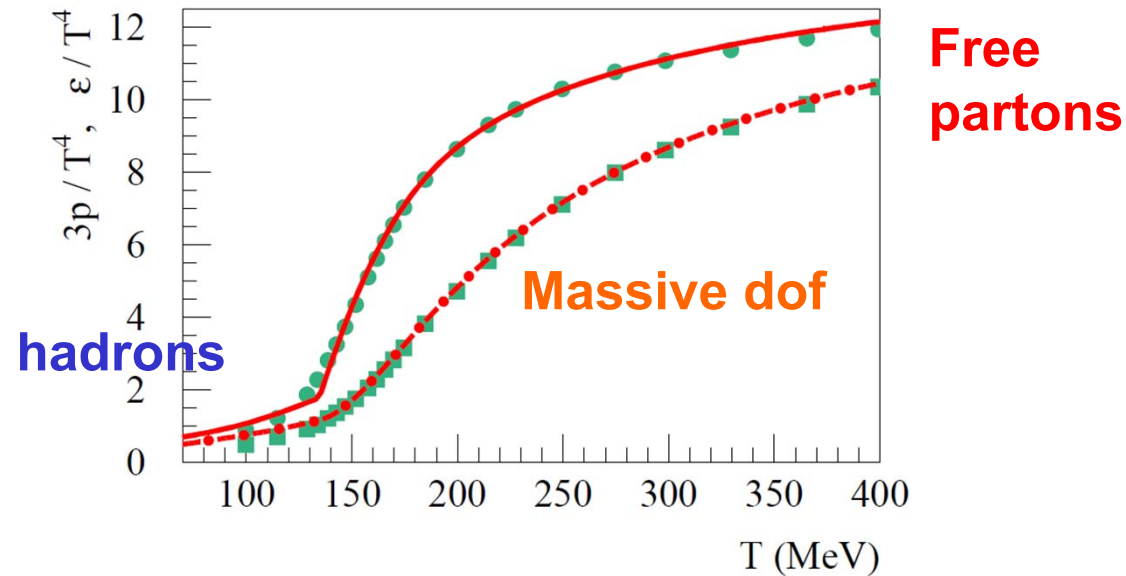
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Lack of radial flow in KH has large consequences on observables

# Coupling EPOS and MC@sHQ

Two main (physical) issues:

- 1) Generating initial HQ consistently with the multipartonic approach in EPOS (ongoing project)
- 2) Dealing properly with the underlying degrees of freedom in a crossover evolution btwn hadronic phase and QGP.



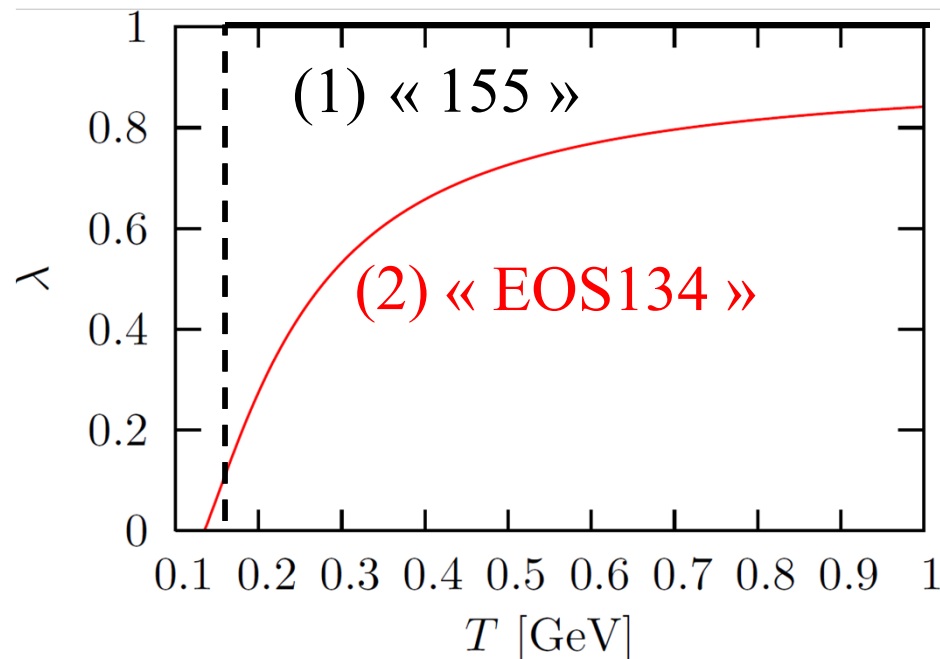
See talk by H Berrehrah

# Coupling EPOS and MC@sHQ

For the time, 2 prescriptions:

- 1) Interactions as in KH medium (evaluated with massless partons) down to  $T_c=155\text{MeV}$  (in the middle of the range for the transition temperatures given from lattice)... **most conservative**
- 2) Reduction of effective dof ( $1 \rightarrow \lambda$ ) using the EPOS parametrization of the EOS in terms of partonic and hadronic dofs... down to  $T_c=134\text{MeV}$  (value at which  $\lambda=0$ )

[See as well: arxiv 1305.6544](#)

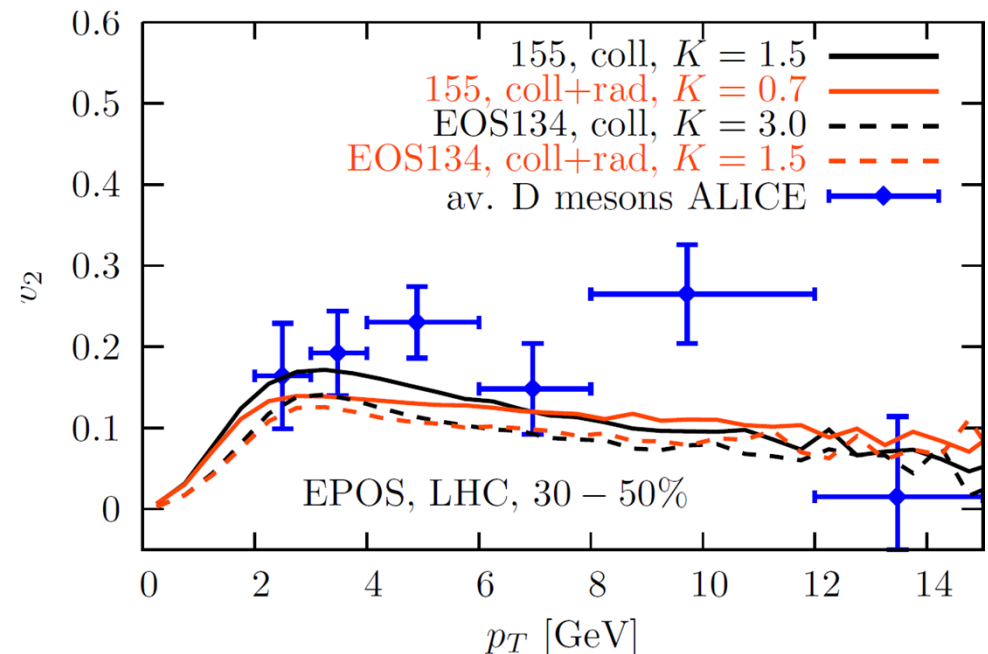
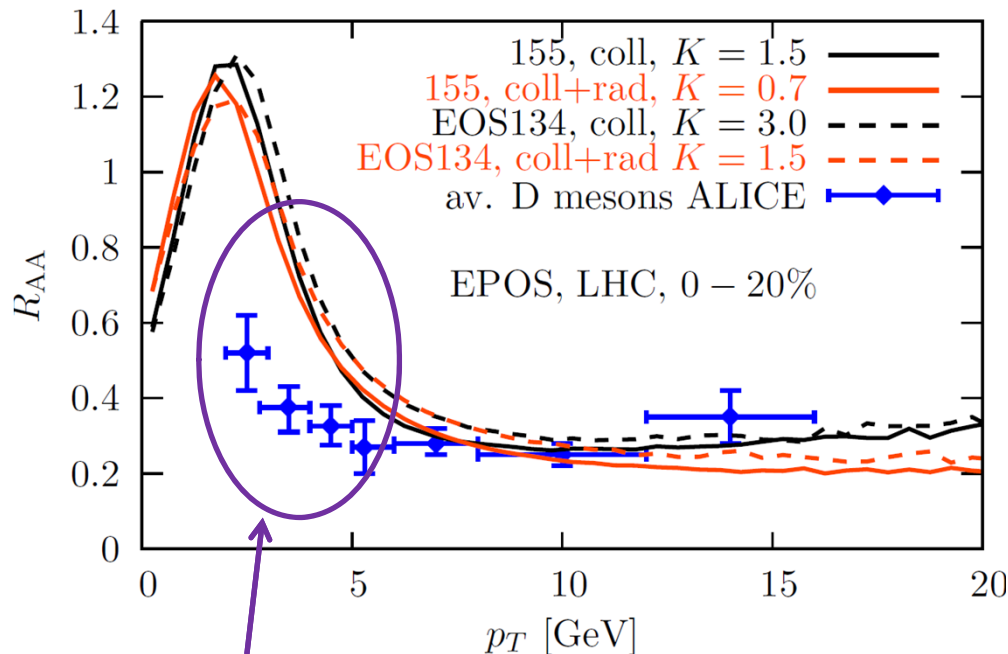




# Some EPOS+MC@sHQ results at LHC

K values fixed at  $p_T=10$  GeV/c, x2 if reduction of dof according to EOS134 !

Still close to unity if rad + col considered



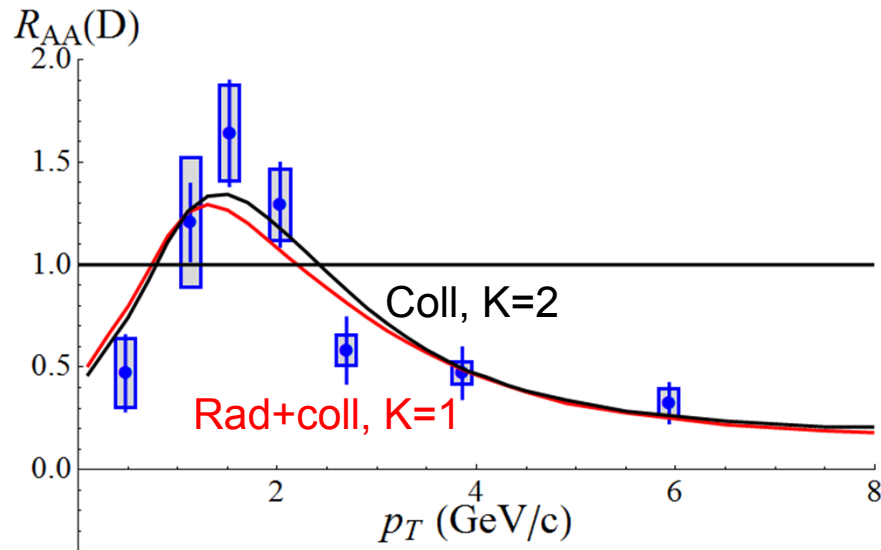
Large push from the radial flow; discrepancy unlikely to be explained by shadowing alone.

Concerns: Need to revisit the model for small  $p$  ? (Bad) consequences for  $v_2$  ?

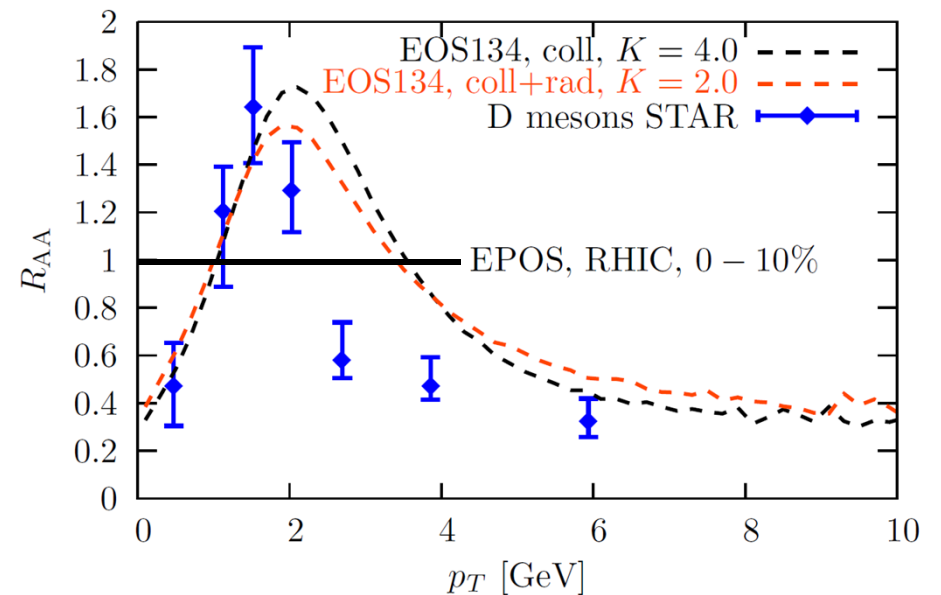
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KH background



EPOS background + reduction of dof



Larger radial flow in EPOS

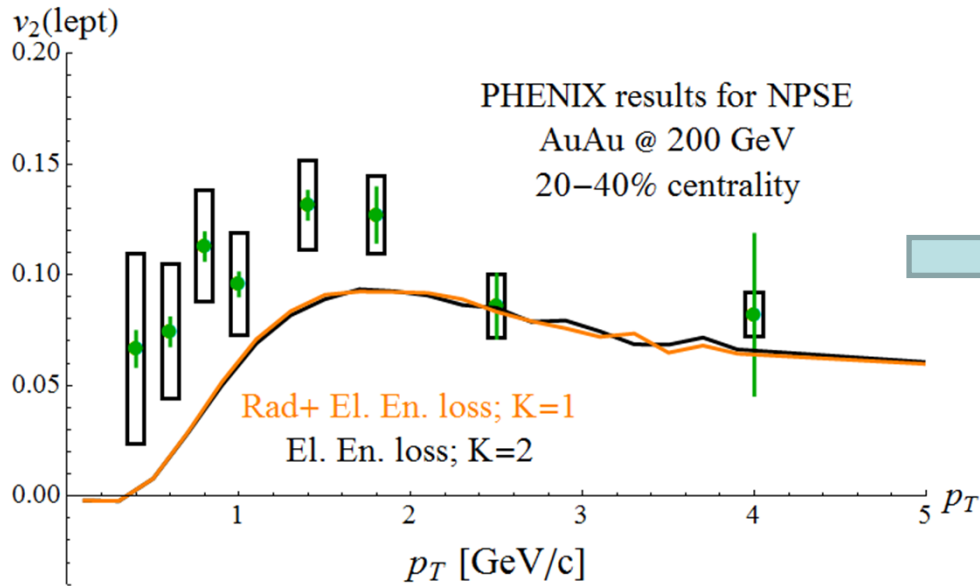
Both « cocktails » (HF energy loss + background + K factor) provide a fair agreement with the data

Data at larger  $p_T$  would help a lot !

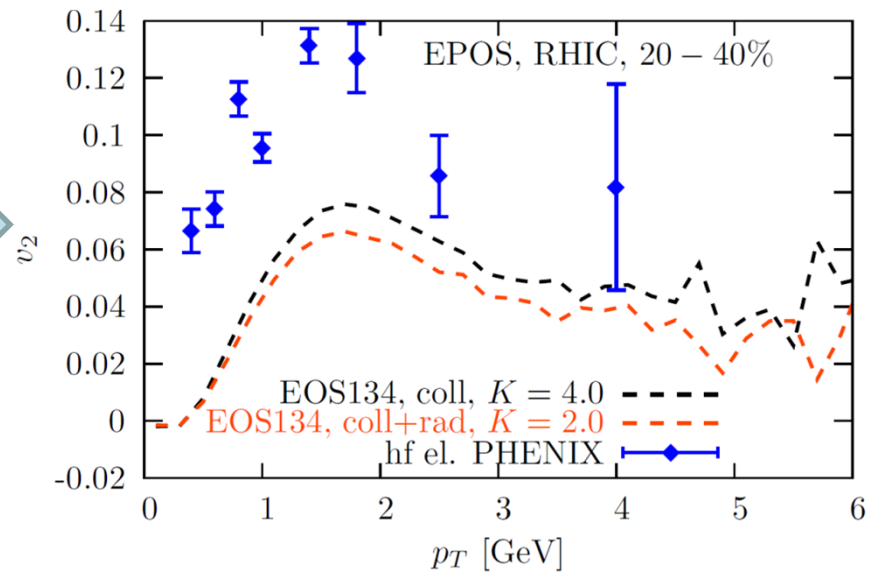
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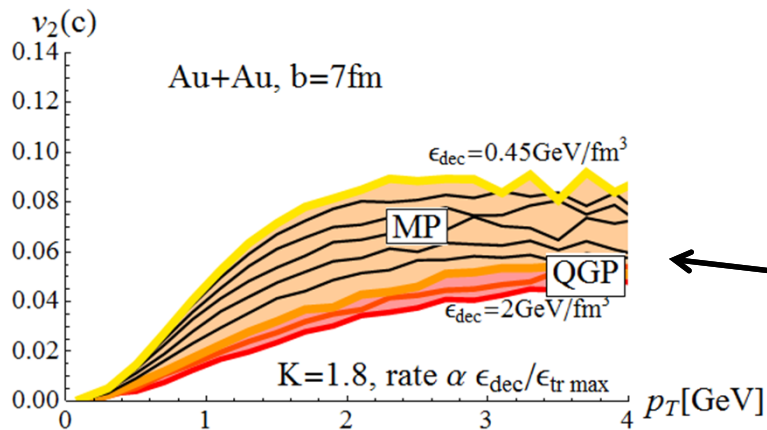
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Elliptic flow is reduced by  $\approx 1\%$



**Systematic underprediction of  $v_2$ , ... which develops continuously in time. Probably need for hadronic afterburner in order to reach experimental values.**

# Conclusions & Perspectives

- Description of HQ quenching and thermalization based on QCD inspired models
- No deviation from linear path length dependence mandatory from RHIC HQ data (that I know of)
- It is possible to extract some fundamental properties of the QGP (such as the diffusion coefficient), with successful comparison to the lattice calculations
- Predictions results are in gross agreement with early LHC (dislike at the RHIC time), and seem to favor models based on pQCD or pQCD + non perturbative ingredients.
- LHC opens the window for disentangling between various models although it requires a) more precision from the experiments as well as b) global approaches
- Focus on the role of the background medium. First steps towards the coupling with one state of the art approach (EPOS) offers many future studies (correlations, quantifying HF energy loss in a strongly coupled plasma,...)

See talk by M. Nahgang

**Main message: the models of HF energy loss and the background medium (including its microscopic content) are bound together. Need to study all these components at the same time !**

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Back up

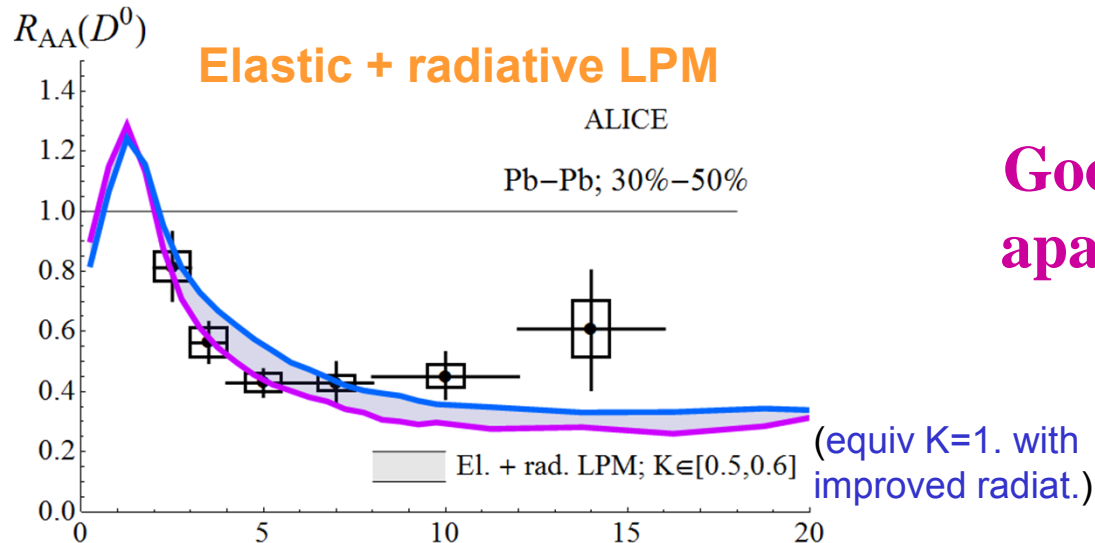
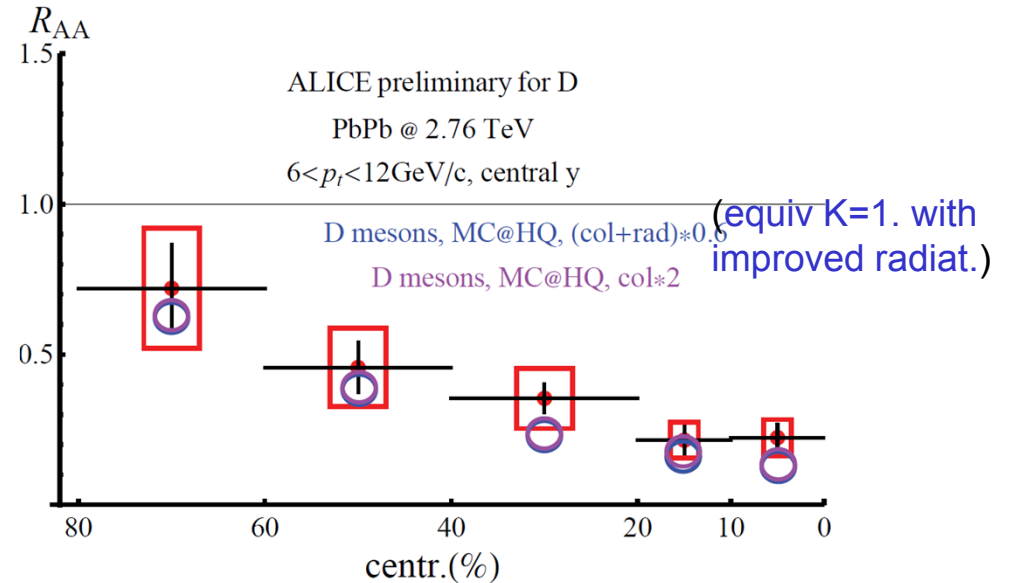
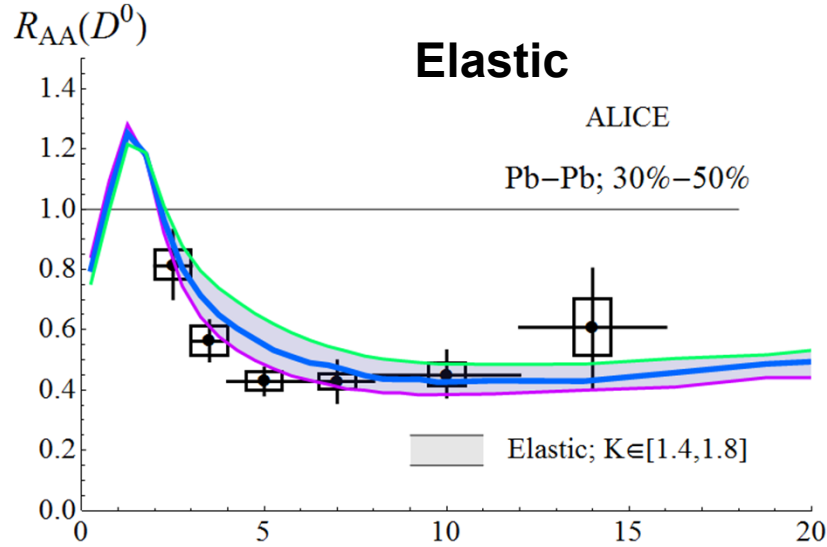
# Extra results for LHC

From previous version of the model, contact [gossiaux@subatech.in2p3.fr](mailto:gossiaux@subatech.in2p3.fr) for actual values



# D mesons at LHC (at other centrality & vs centrality)

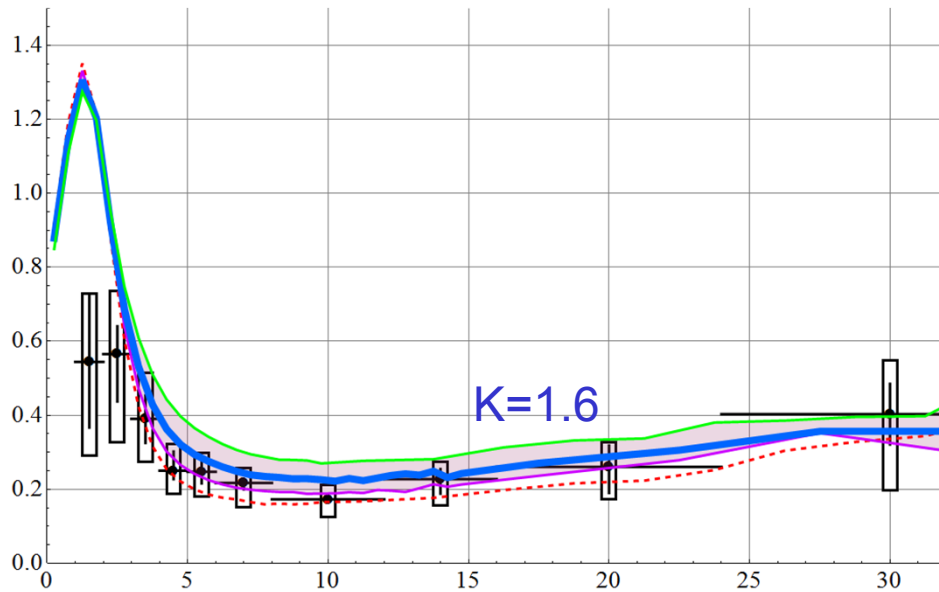
Important test of the path length dependence of Eloss scenario



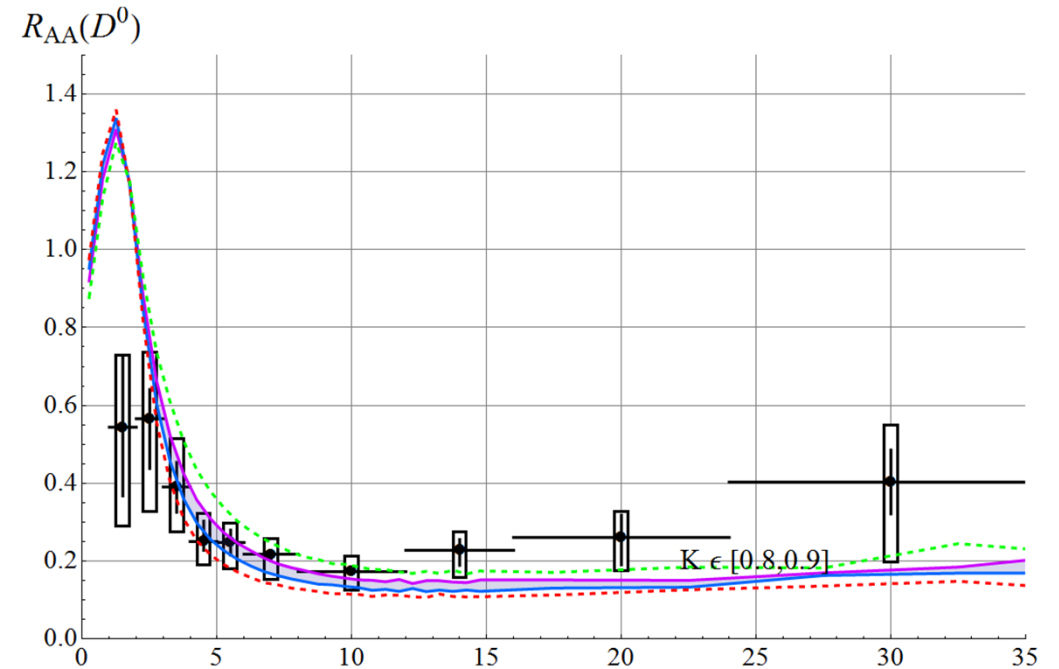
Good quantitative agreement, apart from the last  $p_T$  point in the el. + rad. LPM

# D mesons at LHC (vs ALICE 0%-7.5%)

Coll

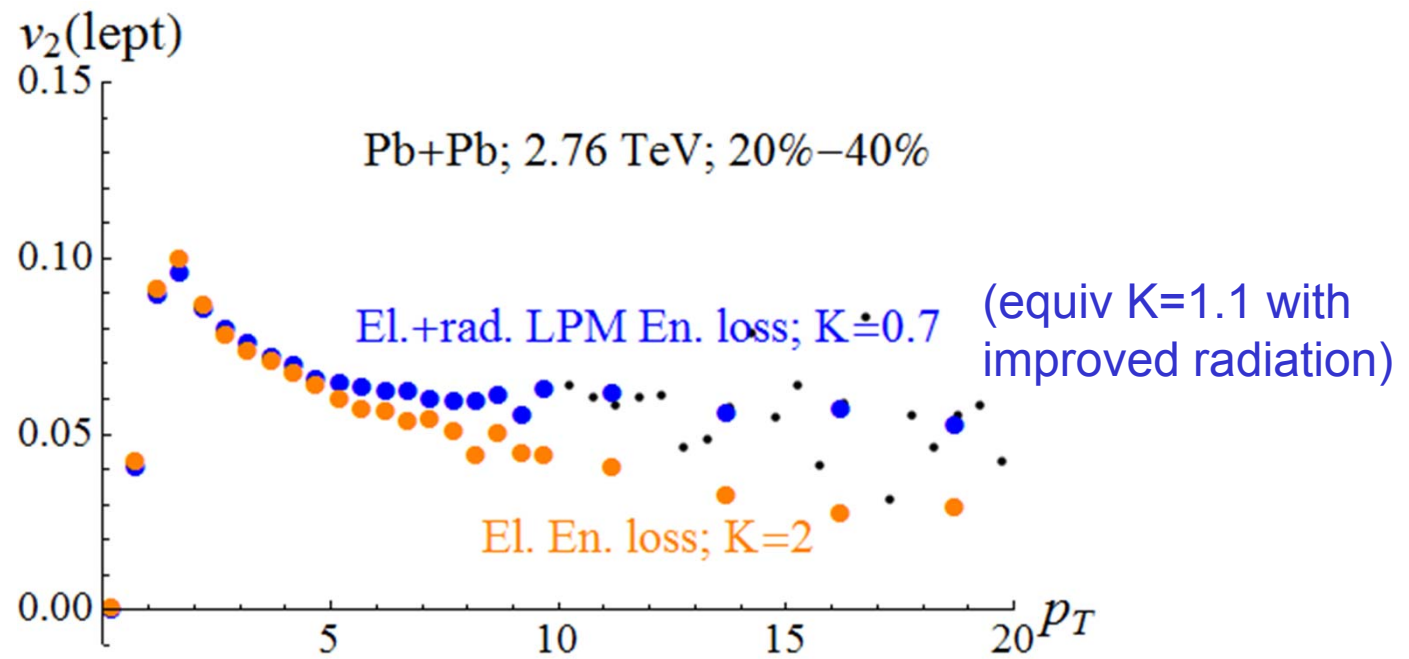


Coll + rad LPM



**Big surprise:** Better agreement with pure elastic Eloss; rather flat radiative Eloss on the 10-30 GeV/c  $p_T$  range

# Leptons



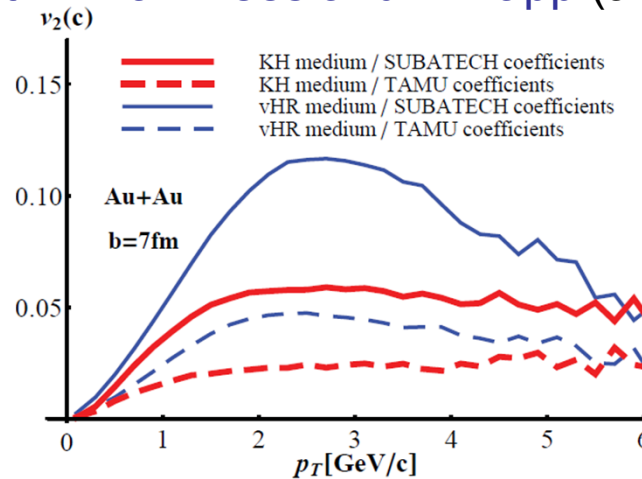
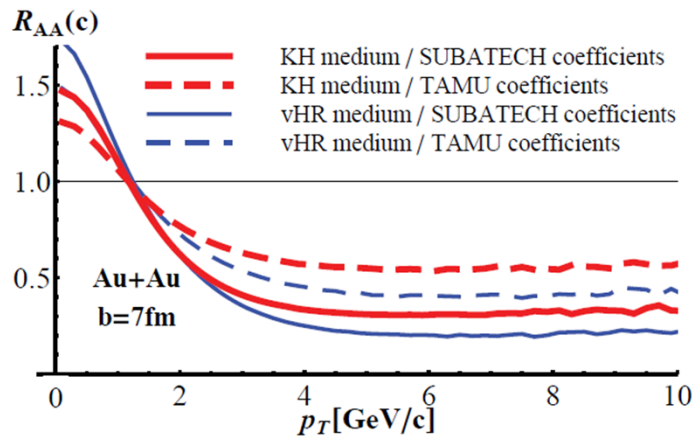
# Some theoretical thoughts

# Improvements needed from the theory side

Key issue: systematic consideration of the dynamical “underlying event” (e.g. the hot medium) on the Energy loss of heavy quarks (see “global fit” approach in Steffen Bass’s talk)

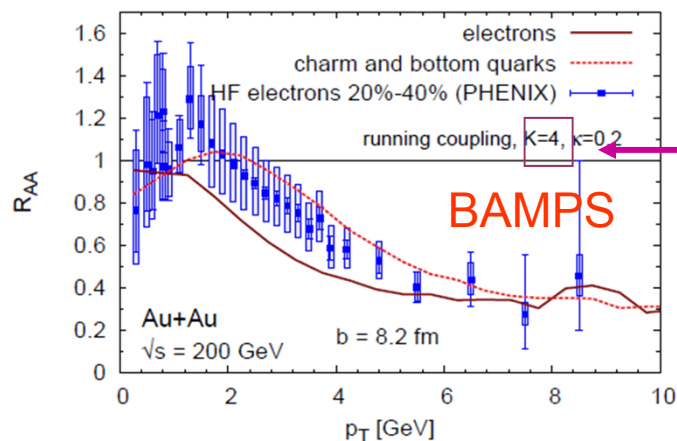
## Exemplification:

a) Systematic analysis performed with H van Hees and R Rapp (arxiv 1102.1114 )

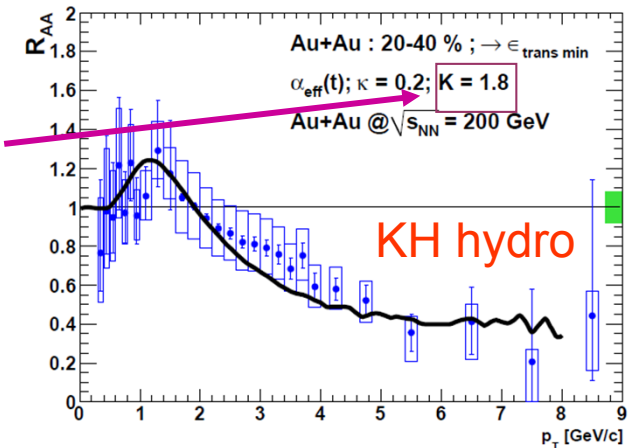


Larger thermalisation in vHR medium than in Kolb-Heinz hydro

b) Running  $\alpha_s$  approach in BAMPS (Uphoff et al. arxiv 1104.2437 )



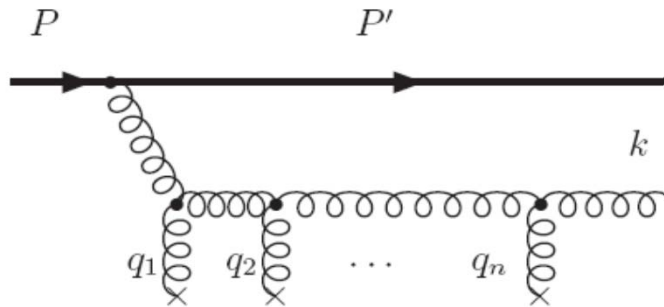
Apparently, 2 times less thermalisation in BAMPS than in Kolb-Heinz hydro



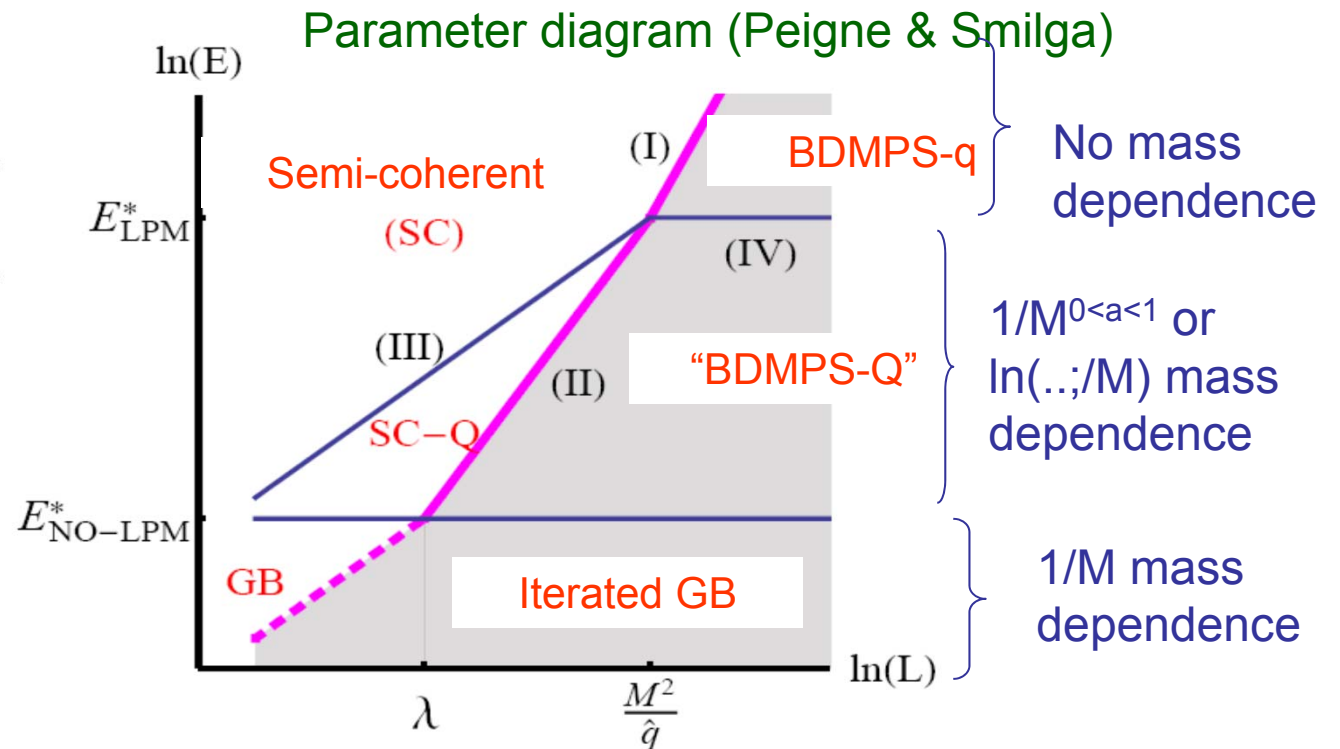
# Insufficient control on energy loss theory

## Expected dominance of radiative energy loss at high energy

When exactly ? Need for correct treatment of coherence (large formation times => LPM-like effect)



Typical contribution to coherent radiative energy loss (Z-BDMPS approach)



Not aware of a tractable theory that encompass all those regimes, especially in the strongly coupled case...

Not much considered up to now: role of dispersion relation in radiative E-loss: gluon "mass" (M. Djordjevic)... but also **gluon width !**

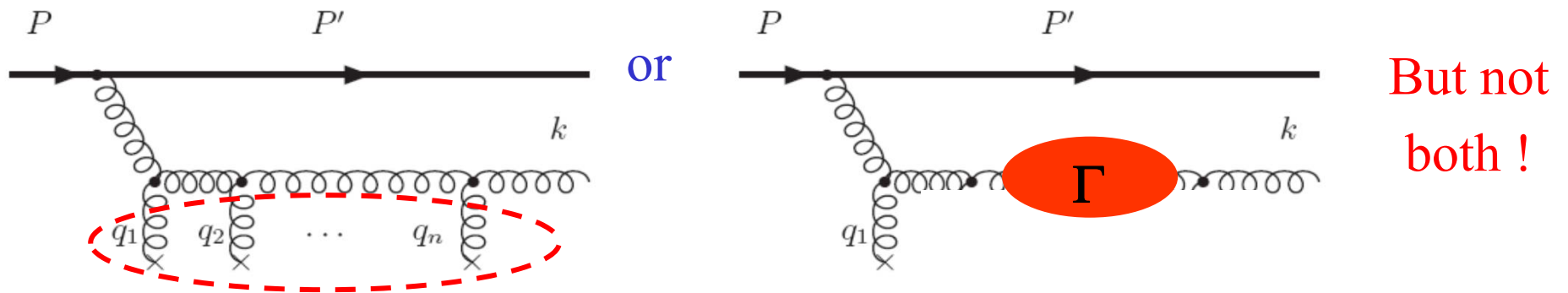
# (High energy) gluon damping in pQCD and estimates for $\Gamma$

High energy:  $\omega \gg T$

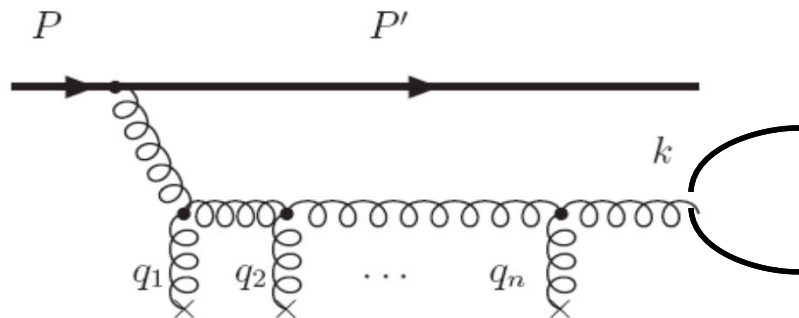
- Elastic process (collisional broadening):  $\Gamma \approx g^2 T (\ln 1/g)$  for  $\omega = O(T)$ ;

R. D. Pisarski, Phys. Rev. D 47 (93); no known result for  $\omega \gg T$

- But double counting with original BDMPS description:



- Genuine gluon absorption

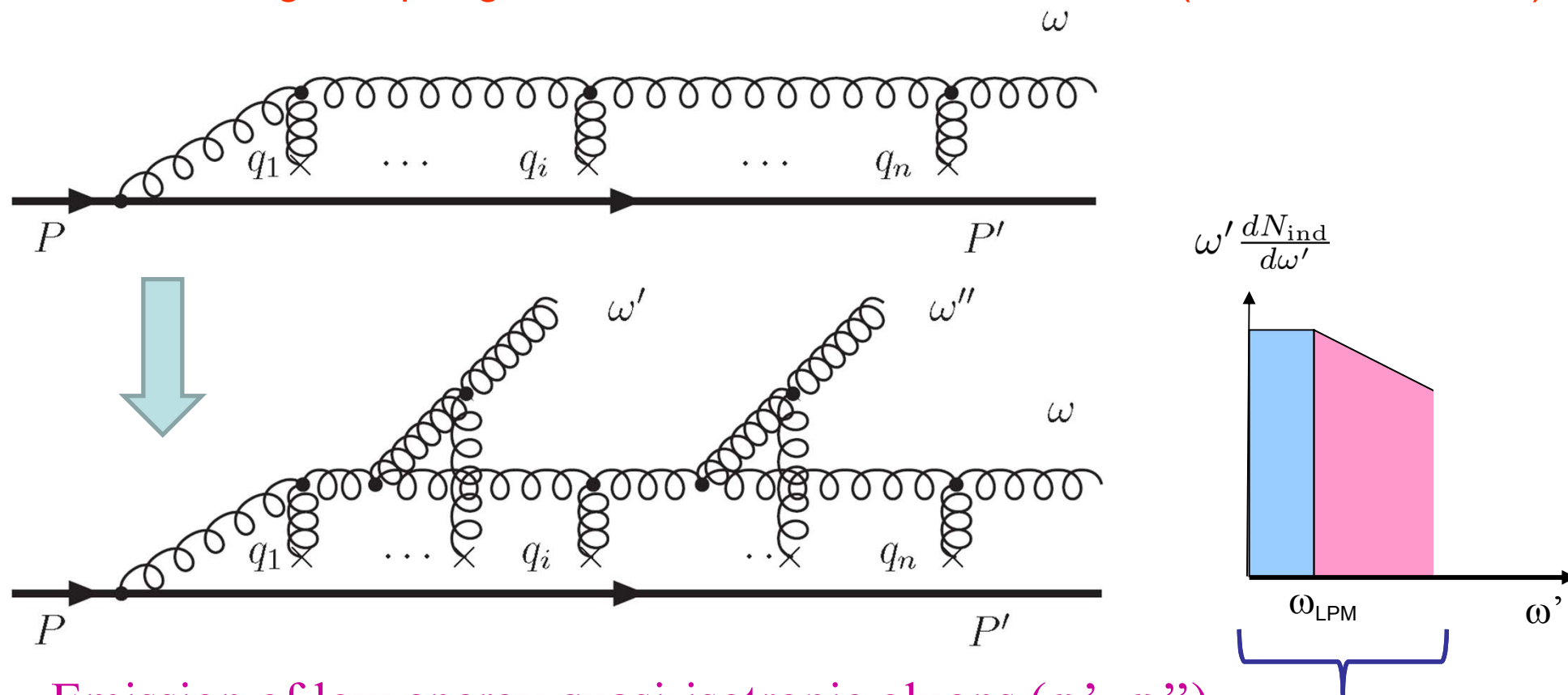


Hints that  $\Gamma(\omega) \propto g^4 T^2/\omega$

« damping rate of hard photon... »

# (High energy) gluon damping in pQCD and estimates for $\Gamma$

- Considering the “pre-gluon” as a radiator itself and iterate (consistent if  $\omega' < \omega$ )



Emission of low energy quasi-isotropic gluons ( $\omega', \omega''$ )

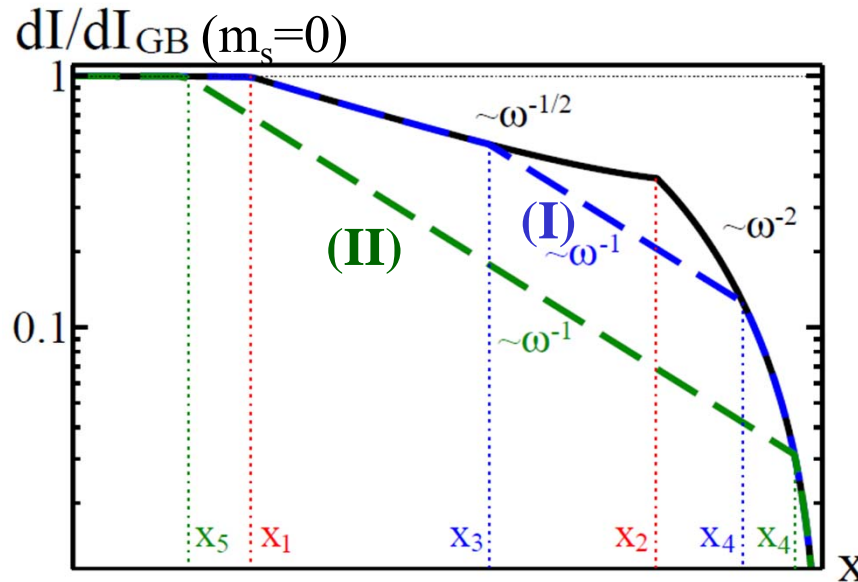
$$\Gamma \approx g^4 T$$

Possible candidate mechanism for di-jets imbalance and jet isotropisation  
observed by CMS !



# Consequences on the power spectra

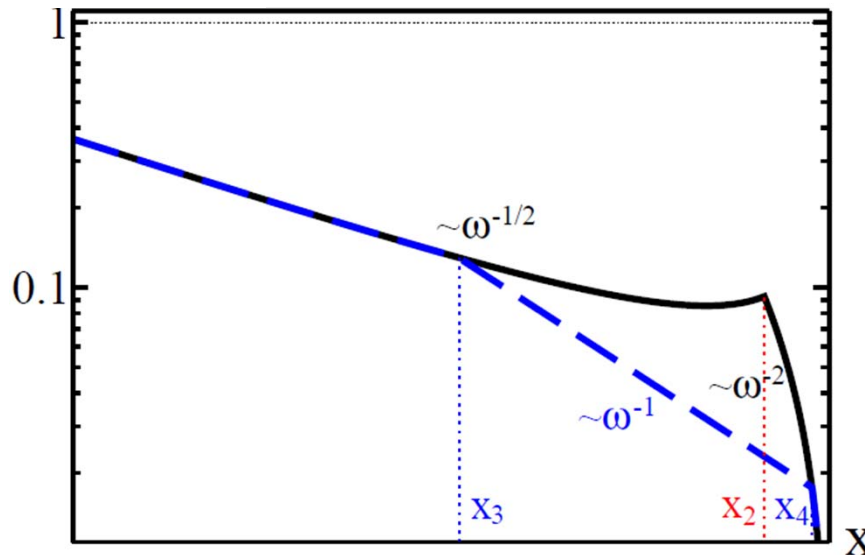
$$\hat{q} < m_g^3$$



(I) and (II): moderate and large damping (see previous slide)

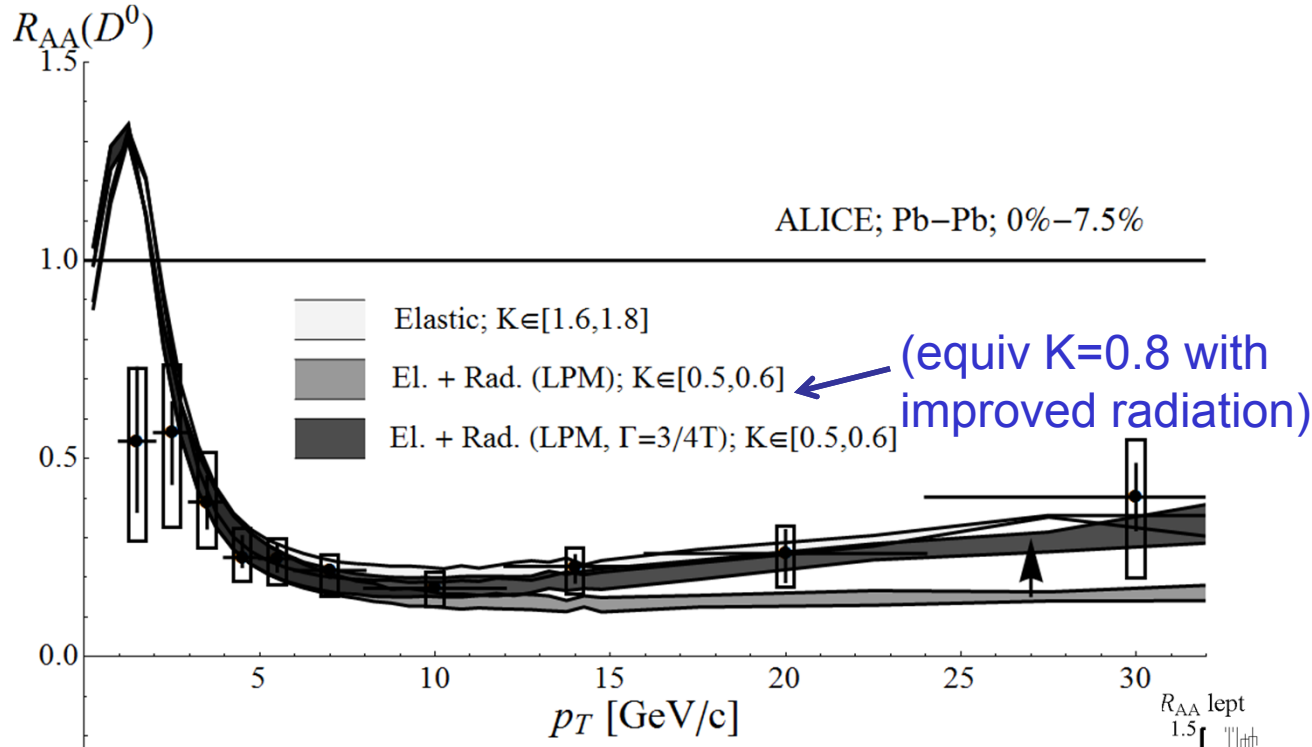
$E = 45 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m_s = 1.5 \text{ GeV}$   
 $m_g = 0.6 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\hat{q} = 0.1 \text{ GeV}^2/\text{fm}$   
 $\Gamma = 0.05 \text{ GeV}$  (I) &  $0.15 \text{ GeV}$  (II)

$$\hat{q} > m_g^3$$



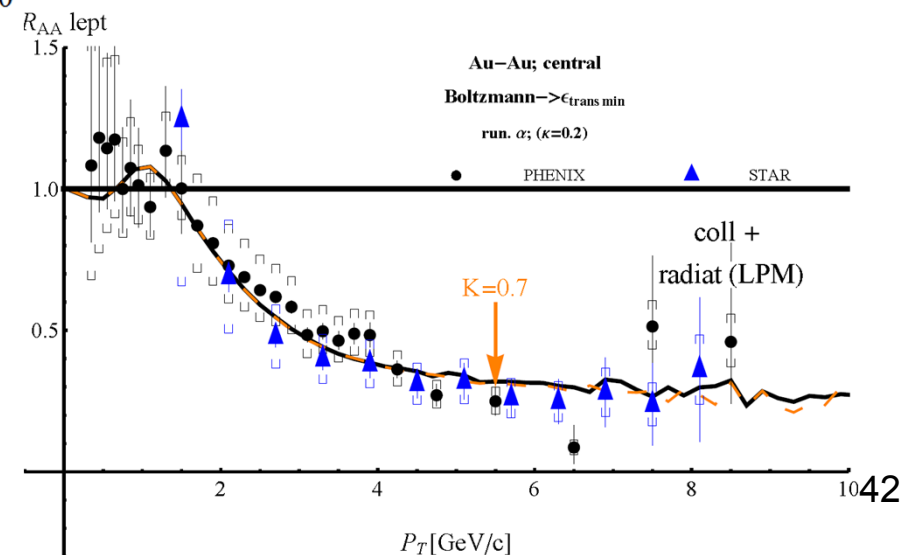
Same but  
 $\hat{q} = 2 \text{ GeV}^2/\text{fm}$   
 $\Gamma = 0.25 \text{ GeV}$

# Consequences on the HQ observables



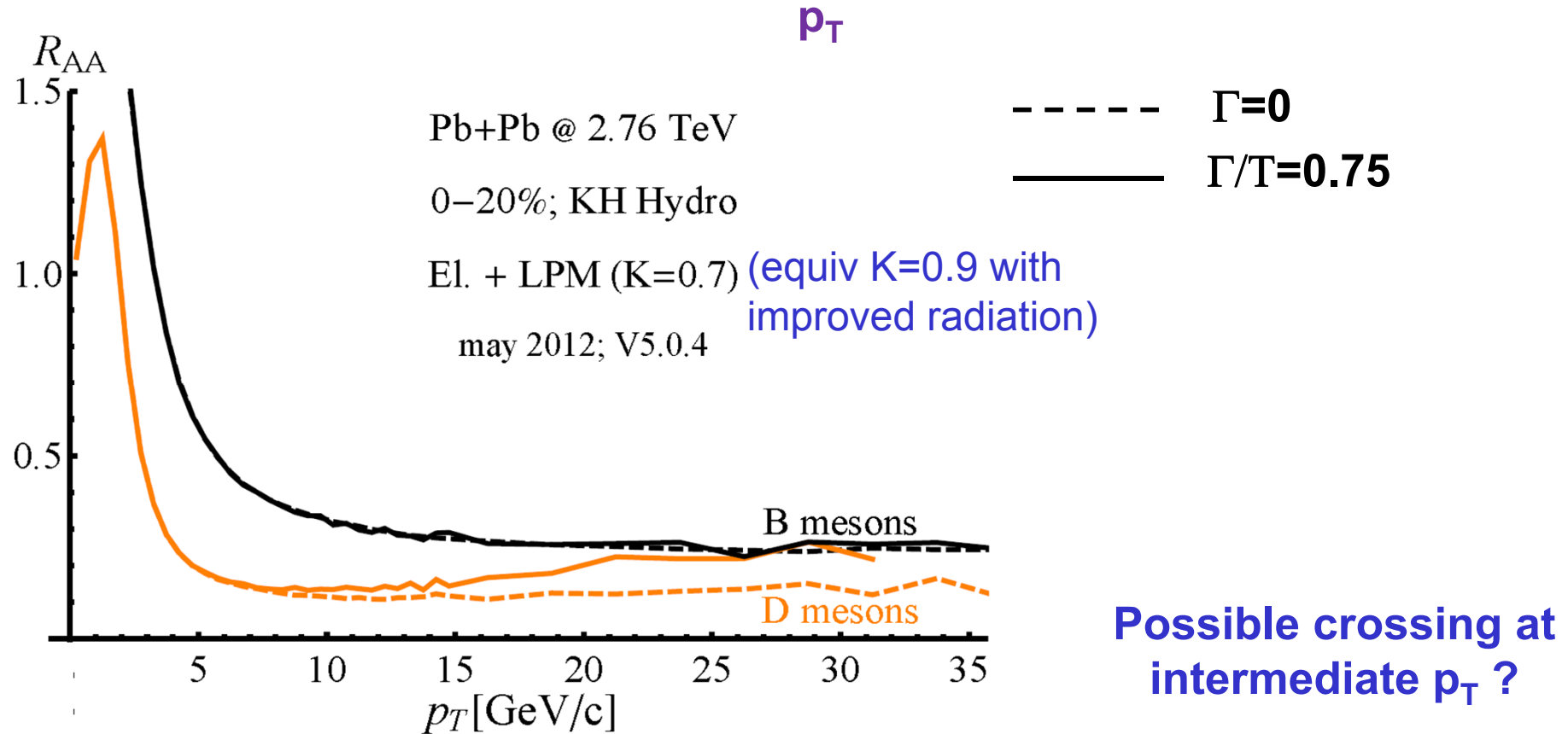
Damping of radiated gluons reduces the quenching of D mesons

RHIC « reference »: no effect seen for  $\Gamma = 0.75T$



# Consequences on the HQ observables

Damping of radiated gluons tempers the mass hierarchy at intermediate  $p_T$



**Ideal situation to « reveal » Eloss mechanism: initiating one HQ in QGP with a fixed  $p_T$ ...**