

# Quantum thermometer of the Quark-Gluon Plasma

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# Probing deconfinement ?

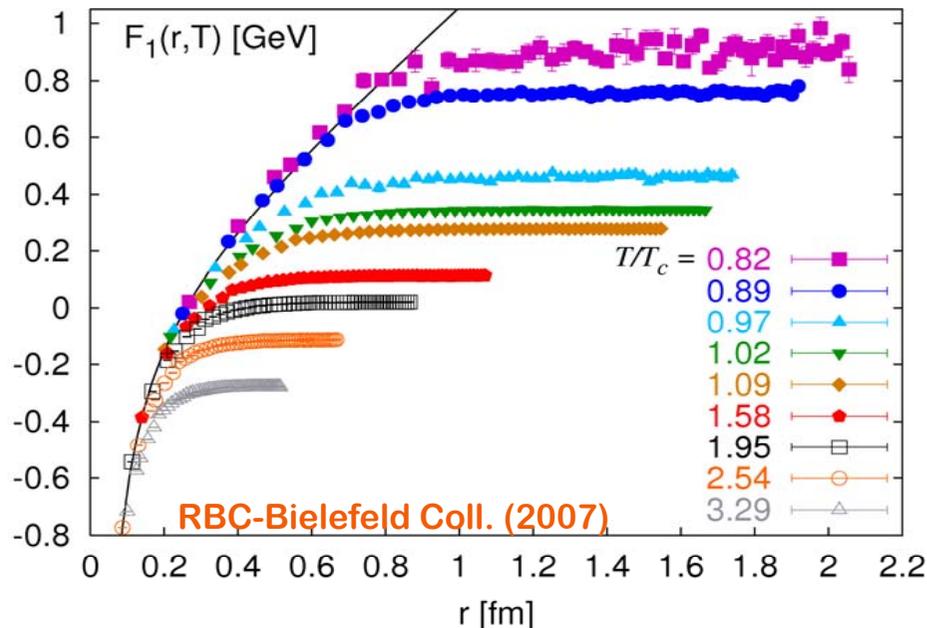
How can we prove that we have really achieved a *deconfined* state of matter in ultra-relativistic heavy ions collisions ?

Challenge

“deconfinometer”  $\equiv$

- Color fluctuations
- Propagation of individual quarks over large distances

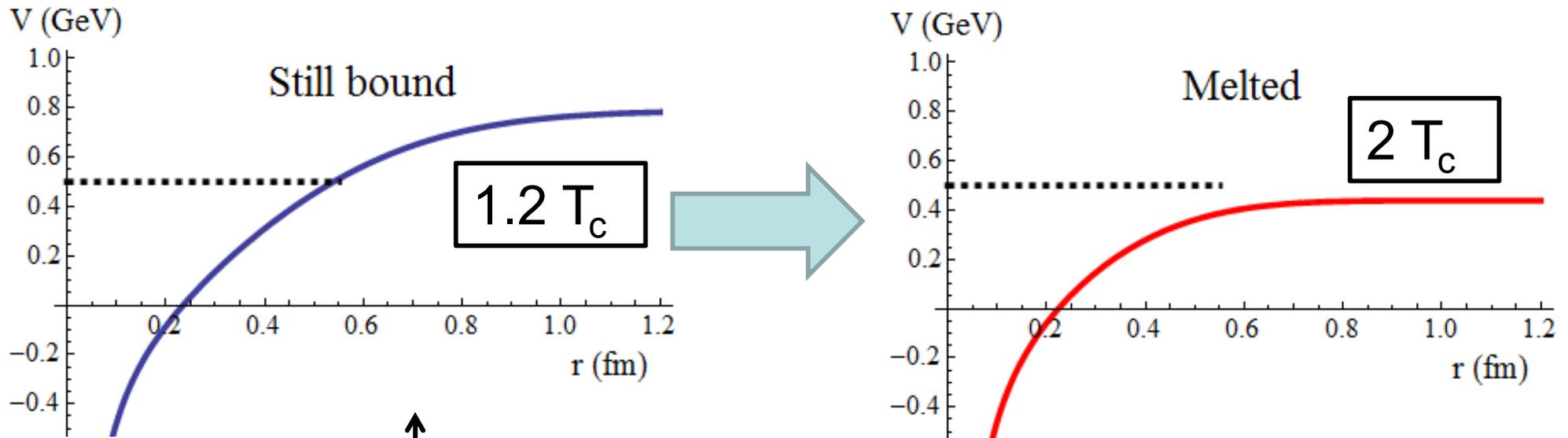
Looking at the QQbar potential on the lattice



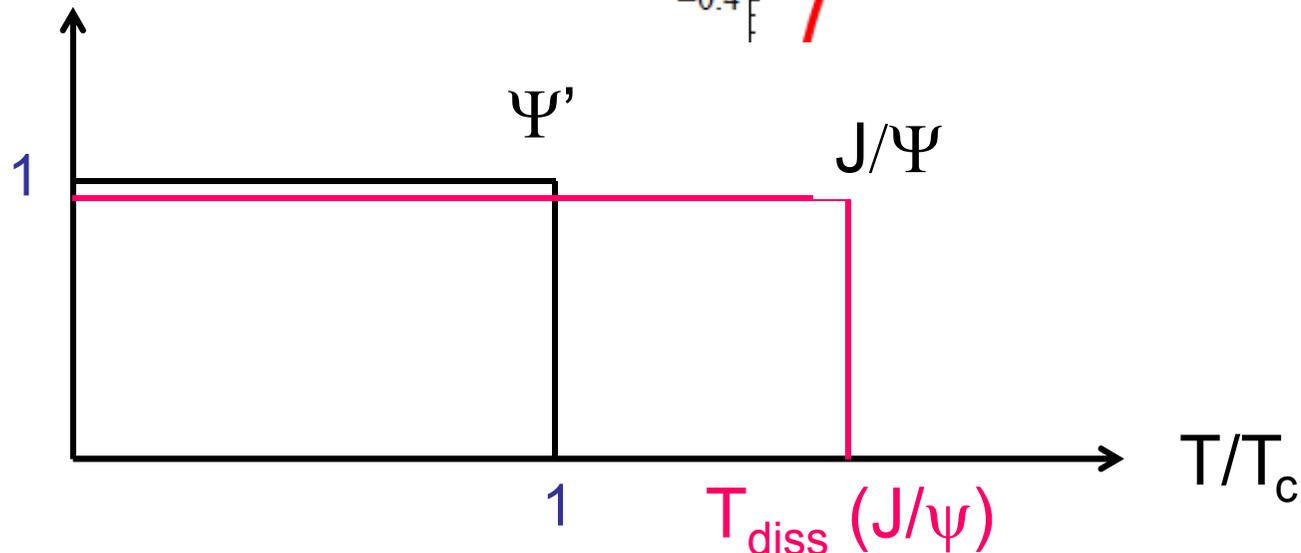
Increased screening at larger temperatures

# Quarkonia in Stationary QGP

Consequence for Q-Qbar states (Q: heavy quark):

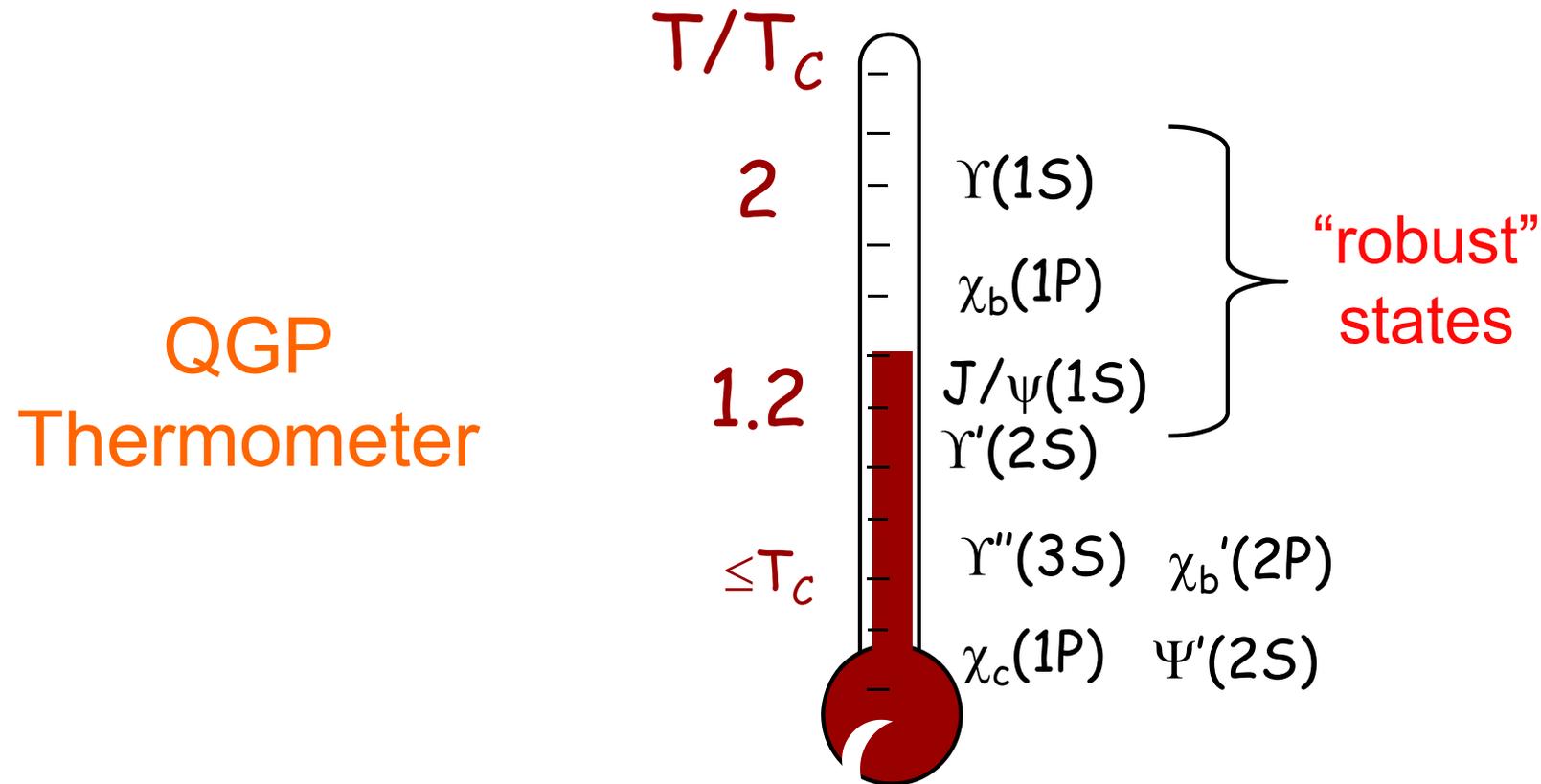


Survivance as a function of  $T$ : abrupt pattern



Best candidate: Quarkonia sequential “suppression”, i.e. melting and/or dissociation (Matsui & Satz 86)

# Quarkonia in Stationary QGP



Indeed observed at SPS (CERN) and RHIC (BNL) experiments. However:

- alternative explanations, lots of unknown (also from theory side)
- less suppression at LHC

# Schematic view

Sequential Suppression in the  
Thermal-Stationary assumption  
(Matsui & Satz 86)

Sequential Suppression  
in a thermal quasi-  
stationary assumption  
(SPS)

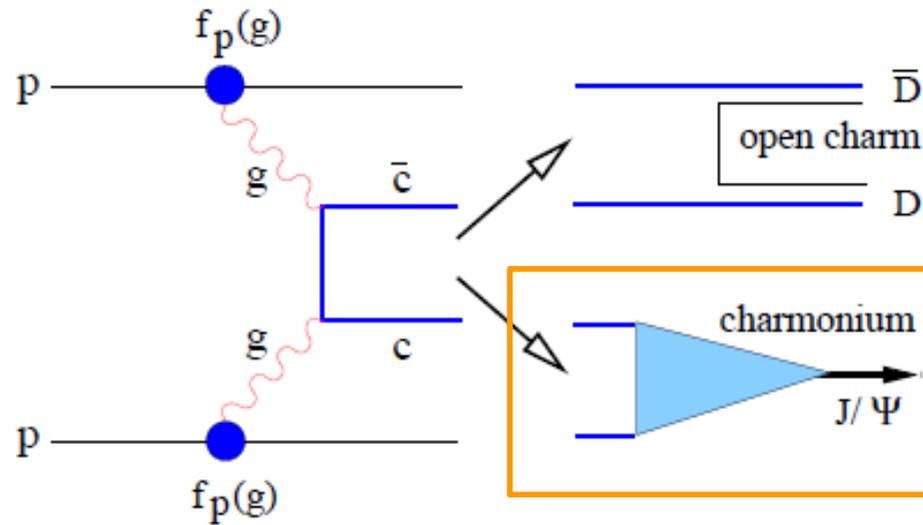
Thermal and chemical  
stationary assumption at  
the freeze out (Andronic,  
Braun-Munzinger & Stachel)

Dynamical Models,  
implicit hope to  
measure  $T$  above  $T_c$

Recombination (Andronic, Braun-Munzinger &  
Stachel ; Thews early 2000)

???

# Dynamical version of the sequential suppression scenario



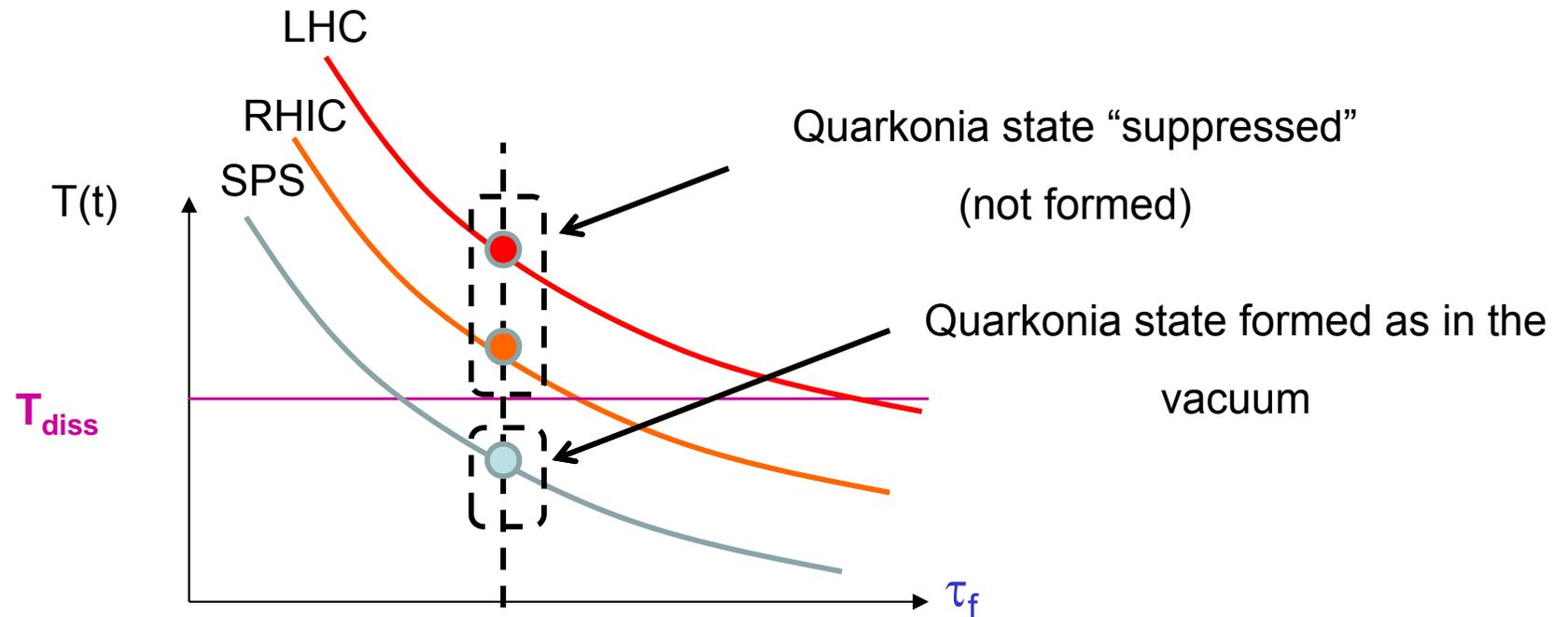
**From H Satz**

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

Standard folklore of sequential suppression: The quarkonia which should be formed at  $(\tau_f, x_0)$  is not if  $T(\tau_f, x_0) > T_{diss} \Rightarrow$  Q-Qbar pair is “lost” for quarkonia formation

**Pictorially**

Local temperature at formation time



# Common ingredients in (most of the) state of the art *dynamical* models (see f.i. G. Wolschin at this conference)

Early decoupling btwn various states in the initial stage (as in H. Satz)

## Mean field (screening)



- Vetoing at the time of production if  $T > T_{\text{dissoc}}$
- Evaluation of the wave functions  $\psi_n$  at finite  $T$

## Fluctuations (dissociation)



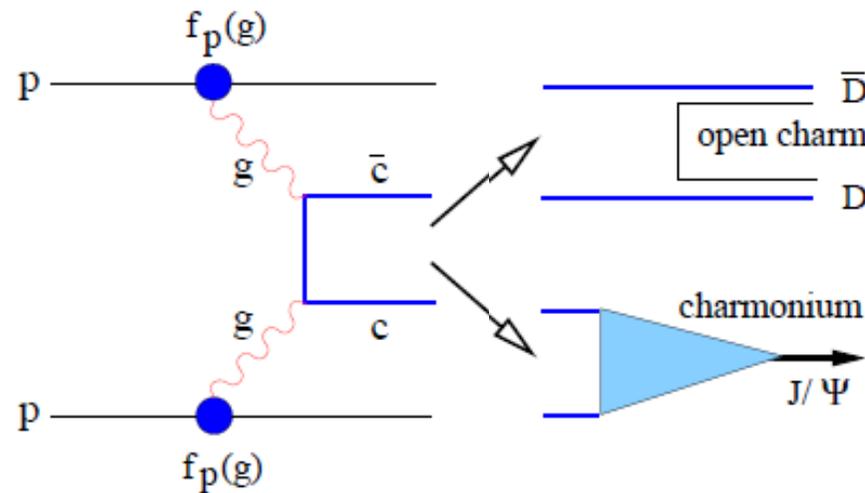
- Evaluate dissociation cross sections using transition operators +  $\psi_n$
- or**
- Evaluation of the width  $\Gamma$  using some imaginary potential  $\Rightarrow$  survival a  $\exp(-\Gamma t)$

**+ recombination (using detailed balance of)**



# Back to the concepts

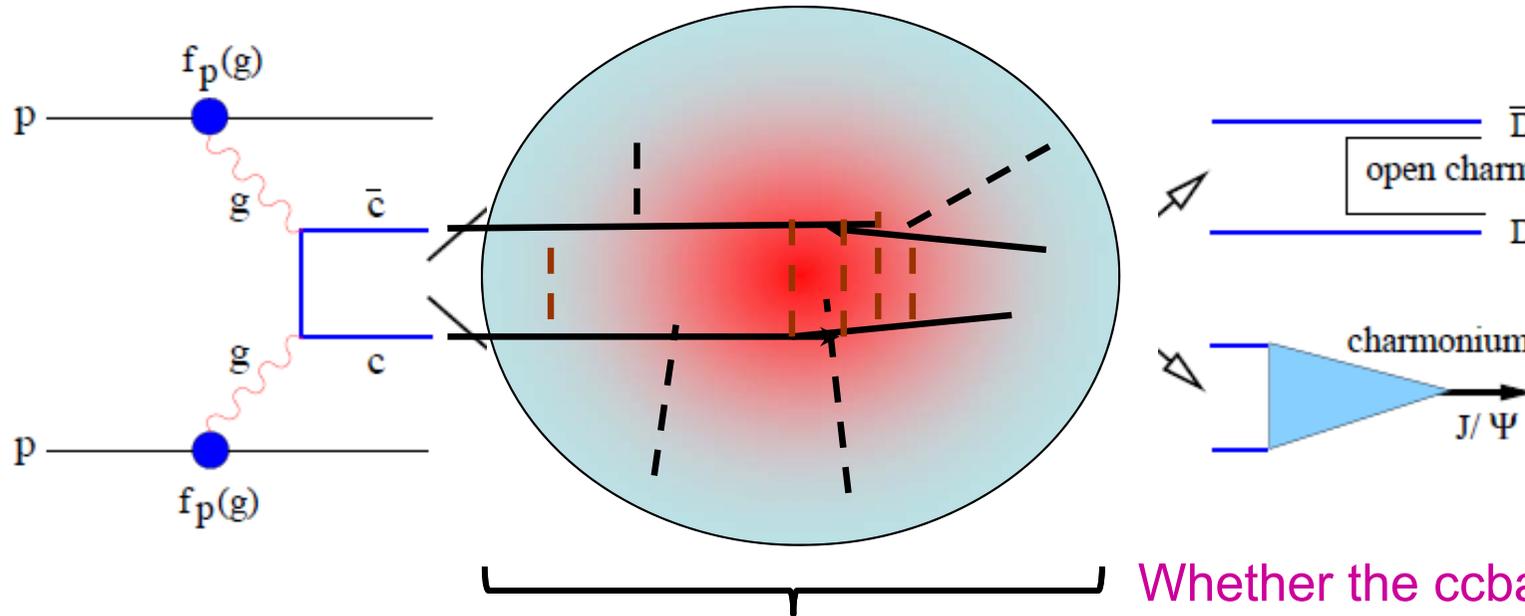
Picture



Early decoupling  
between various  
states

# Back to the concepts

## Reality



Very complicated QFT  
problem at finite  $T(t)$  !!!

Whether the  $c\bar{c}$  pair emerges  
as a bound quarkonia or as  
 $D\bar{D}$  pair is only resolved at the  
end of the evolution



But one should aim at solving it, especially as the  
quarkonia content of a  $Q\bar{Q}$  quantum state is at  
most of the order of a few % (continuous transitions  
under external perturbations)

Beware of quantum coherence  
during the evolution

# Need for full quantum treatment

# Quantum evolution in the mean field

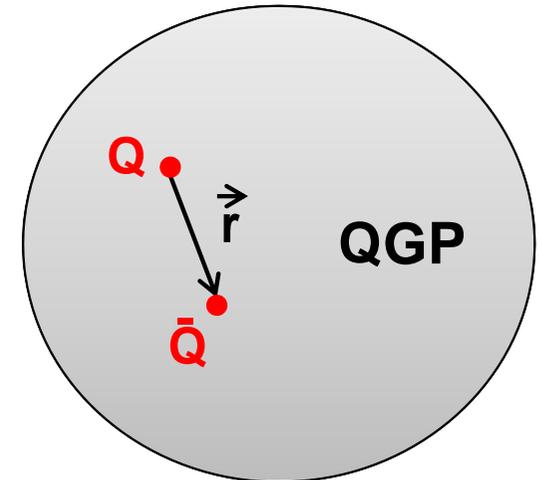
Dating back from Blaizot & Ollitrault, Cugnon and Gossiaux; early 90's

- **Time-dependent Schrödinger equation for the QQ pair**

Where

$$\hat{H} = 2m_q - \frac{(\hbar c)^2}{m_q} \nabla^2 + V(r, T_{red})$$

$$\Psi_{Q\bar{Q}}(\mathbf{r}, t) = R_{Q\bar{Q}}(r, t) \times \cancel{Y_{Q\bar{Q}}(\theta, \phi)}$$

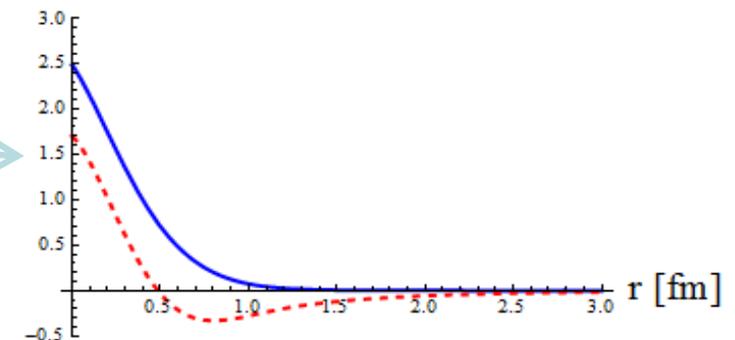


- **Projection onto the S states: the S weights**

$$W_S(t) = \left( 4\pi \text{Abs} \left[ \int_0^\infty R_{Q\bar{Q}}(r, t, T_{red}) \times \underline{R_S(r, T_{red}^{had})} r^2 dr \right] \right)^2$$

Charmonium radial S states

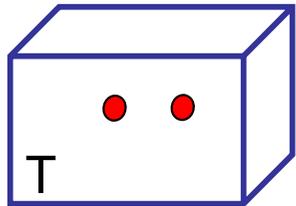
Radial eigenstates of the hamiltonian



# Additional ingredients

## The color potentials $V(\text{Tred}, r)$ binding the $Q\bar{Q}$

Static IQCD calculations (maximum heat exchange with the medium):



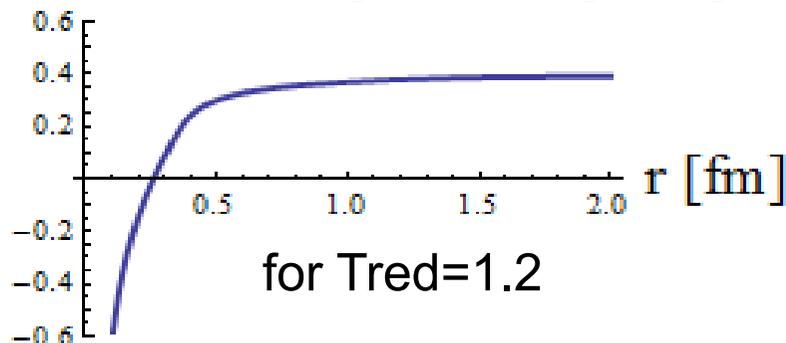
$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} F : \text{free energy} \\ S : \text{entropy} \end{array} \right.$



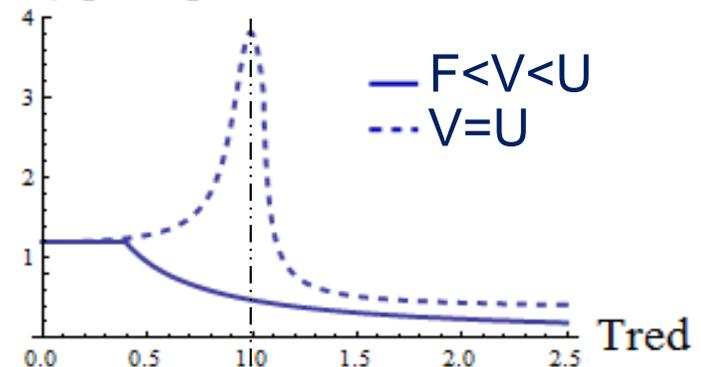
$U = F + TS$  : internal energy  
(no heat exchange)

- “Weak potential”  $F < V < U$  \*  $\Rightarrow$  some heat exchange
- “Strong potential”  $V = U$  \*\*  $\Rightarrow$  adiabatic evolution

Color screened potential [GeV]



$V(r \rightarrow \infty)$  [GeV]



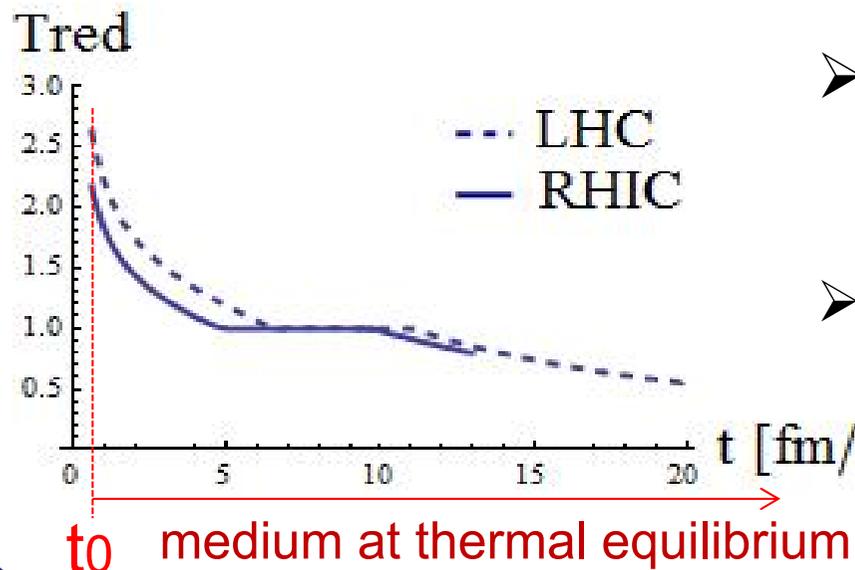
Evaluated by Mócsy & Petreczky\* and Kaczmarek & Zantow\*\* from IQCD results

\* Phys.Rev.D77:014501,2008

\*\*arXiv:hep-lat/0512031v1

# Additional ingredients

## The QGP homogeneous temperature scenarios



- Cooling over time by Kolb and Heinz\* (hydrodynamic evolution and entropy conservation)
- At LHC ( $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$  TeV ) and RHIC ( $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV ) energies

## Initial $Q\bar{Q}$ pair radial wavefunction

- Assumption:  $Q\bar{Q}$  pair created at  $t_0$  in the QGP core
- Gaussian shape with parameters (Heisenberg principle):

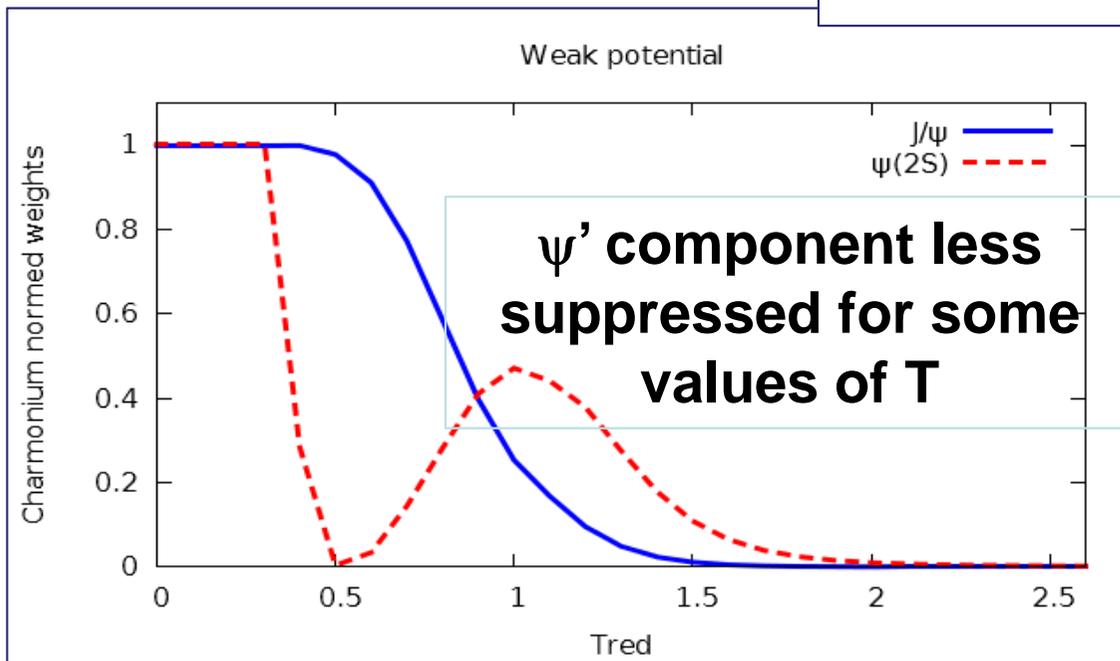
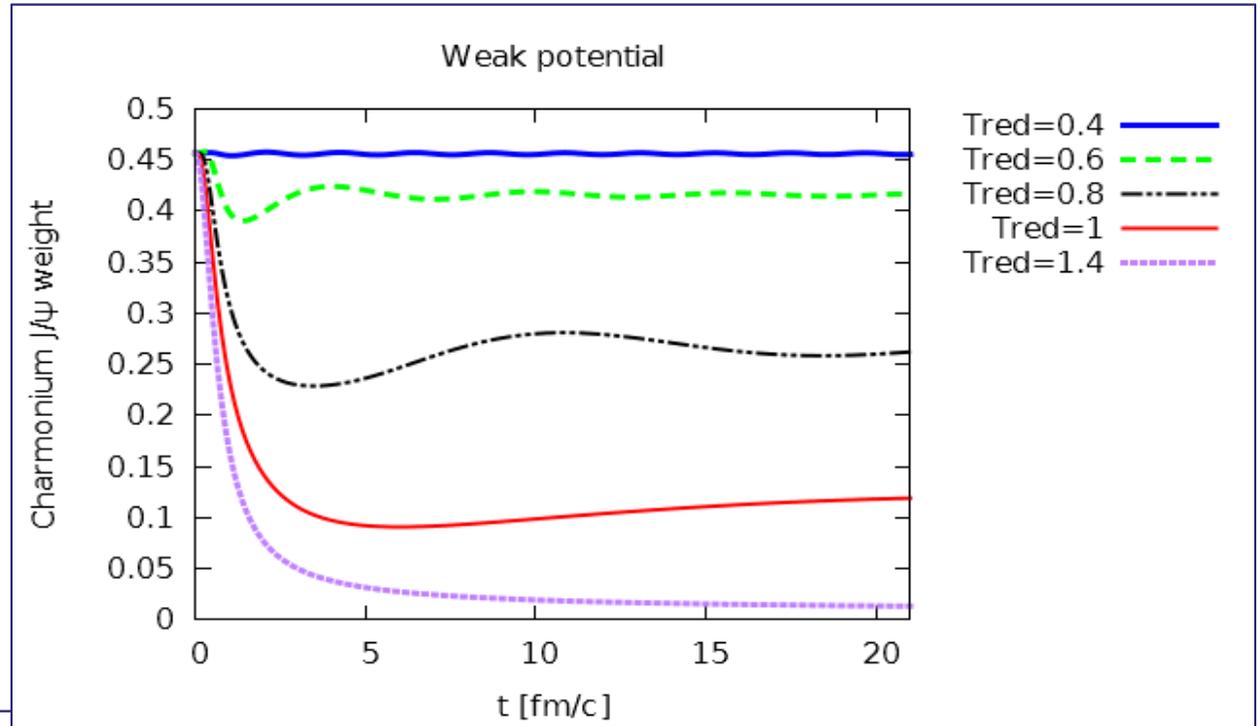
$$a_{c\bar{c}} = 0.165 \text{ fm}$$

$$a_{b\bar{b}} = 0.045 \text{ fm}$$

# Evolution at fixed temperature

**Charmonia and weak color potential ( $F < V < U$ )**

The normed weights at  $t \rightarrow \infty$  function of the temperature

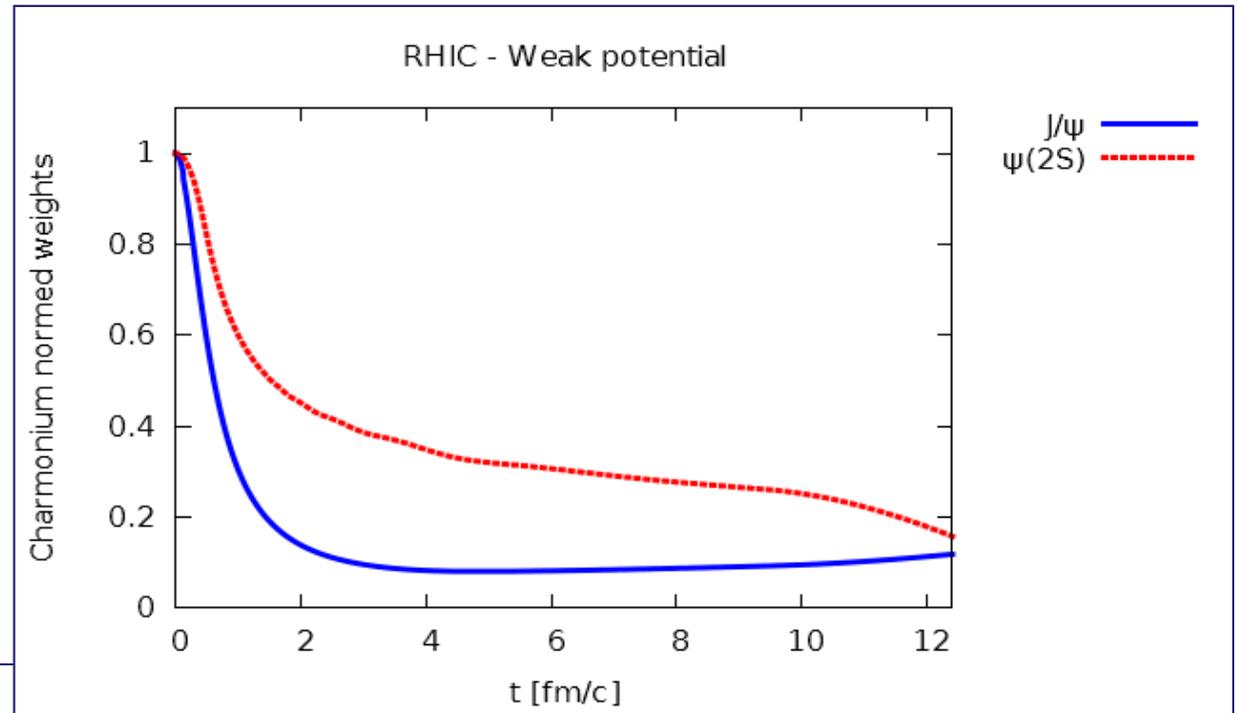
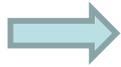


Smooth evolution and no discontinuity in the parameter space

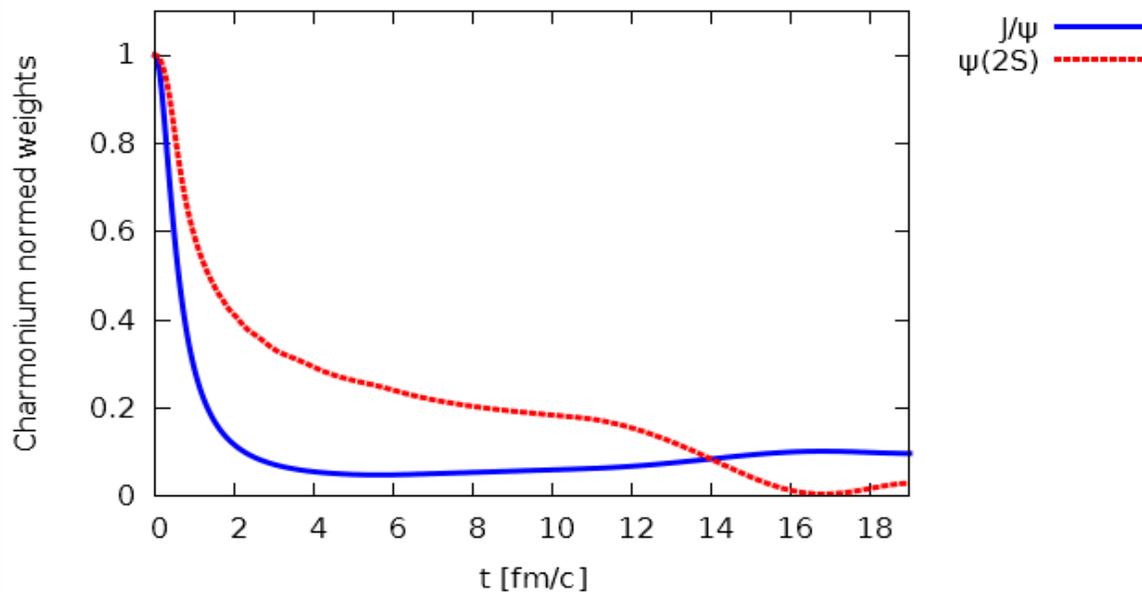
# Evolution in realistic T scenarios

**Charmonia and weak color potential ( $F < V < U$ )**

**RHIC temperature scenario**



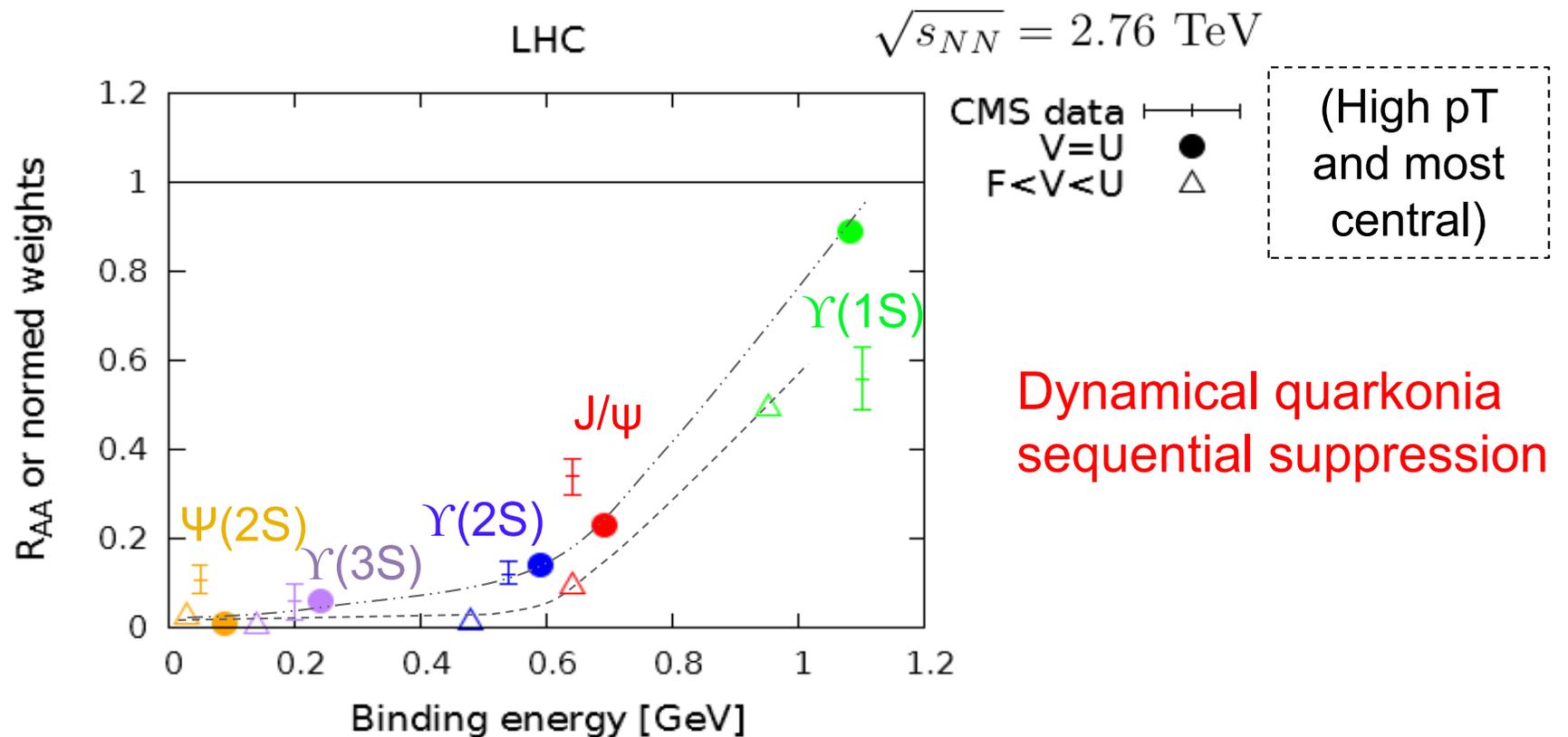
LHC - Weak potential



**LHC temperature scenario**

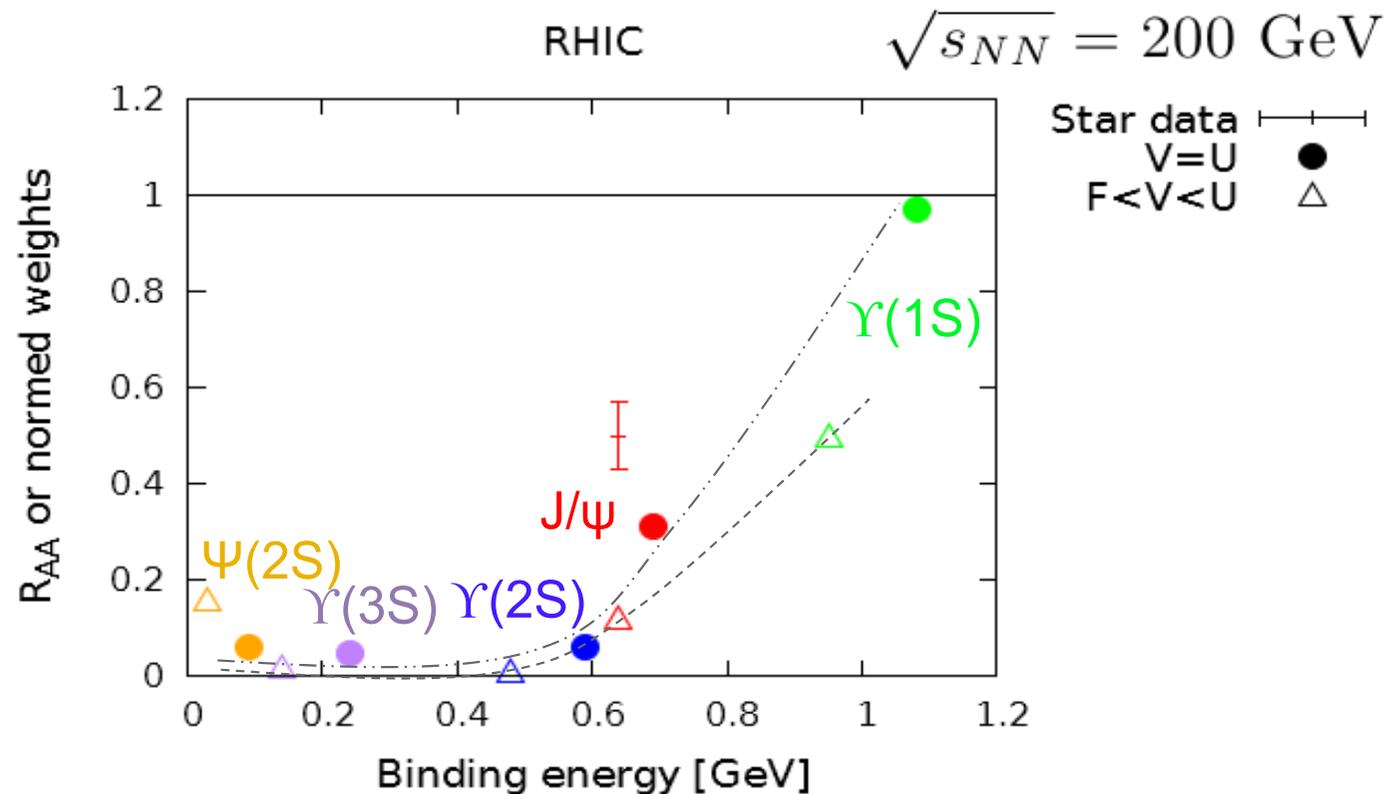
**Inversion of the  $\psi'$  vs  $\psi$  suppression pattern at longer time**

# Sum up of LHC results



- The results are quite encouraging for such a simple scenario !
- $J/\psi$  and  $\psi(2S)$  are underestimated (room for regeneration) and  $Y(1S)$  overestimated
- Feed downs from excited states and CNM to be implemented

# Sum up of RHIC results



- Similar suppression trends obtained for both RHIC and LHC.
- Less J/ψ suppression at RHIC than at LHC.
- Y(1S+2S+3S) suppression can be estimated with Star data to  $\sim 0.55 \pm 0.10$ , we obtain  $\sim 0.48$  for V=U and  $\sim 0.24$  for F<V<U.

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Should be treated consistently with quantum properties of the  $QQ\bar{c}$  subsystem

# A taste of quantum thermalisation

## Background?

- RHIC and LHC experimental results => quarkonia thermalise partially in the QGP
- But how to thermalise our wavefunction ? Quantum friction/stochastic effects have been a long standing problem because of their irreversible nature (“old frontier in  $\Phi$ ”)

The open quantum approach: ❌

Considering the whole system, quarkonia and environment, the latter being finally integrating out

Y. Akamatsu [arXiv:1209.5068]  
Laine et al. JHEP 0703 (2007) 054

2<sup>nd</sup> possible approach: ✔

Mock the open quantum approach by using a **stochastic operator** and a **dissipative non-linear potential**

A. Rothkopf et al. Phys. Rev. D 85, 105011 (2012)  
N. Borghini et al. Eur. Phys. J. C 72 (2012)  
S. Garashchuk et al. Jou. of Chem. Phys. 138, 054107 (2013)

## • Stochastic Schrödinger equation

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi_{Q\bar{Q}}(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} = \left( \underbrace{\hat{H}(\mathbf{r})}_{\text{MF}} - \underbrace{\mathbf{F}(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}}_{\text{Fluctuation}} + \underbrace{A(S(\mathbf{r}, t) - \langle S(\mathbf{r}, t) \rangle_{\mathbf{r}})}_{\text{Friction}} \right) \Psi_{Q\bar{Q}}(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

Derived from the Heisenberg-Langevin equation\*, in Bohmian mechanics\*\* ...

\* Kostin The J. of Chem. Phys. 57(9):3589–3590, (1972)

\*\* Garashchuk et al. J. of Chem. Phys. 138, 054107 (2013)

# Schrödinger-Langevin (SL) equation

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dissipative non-linear potential  
(wavefunction dependent)

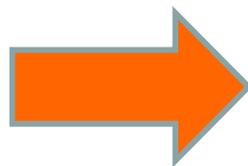
where  $S(\mathbf{r}, t) = \arg(\Psi_{Q\bar{Q}}(\mathbf{r}, t))$

- ✓ Brings the QQ to the lowest state (0 node)
- ✓ Friction (assumed to be local in time)

➤ Solution for  $V=0$  (free wave packet):  $\psi(\vec{x}, t) \propto e^{i\vec{p}_{cl}(t) \cdot \vec{r} + i\alpha(t)(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{cl}(t))^2 - i\varphi(t)}$

where  $\vec{p}_{cl}(t)$  and  $\vec{x}_{cl}(t)$  satisfy the classical laws of motion

➤  $\vec{p}_{cl}(t) = \vec{p}_{cl}(0)e^{-At} \Rightarrow$  A is the drag coefficient (inverse relaxation time)



A can be fixed through the modelling of single heavy quarks observables and comparison with the data **OR** using lattice QCD calculations

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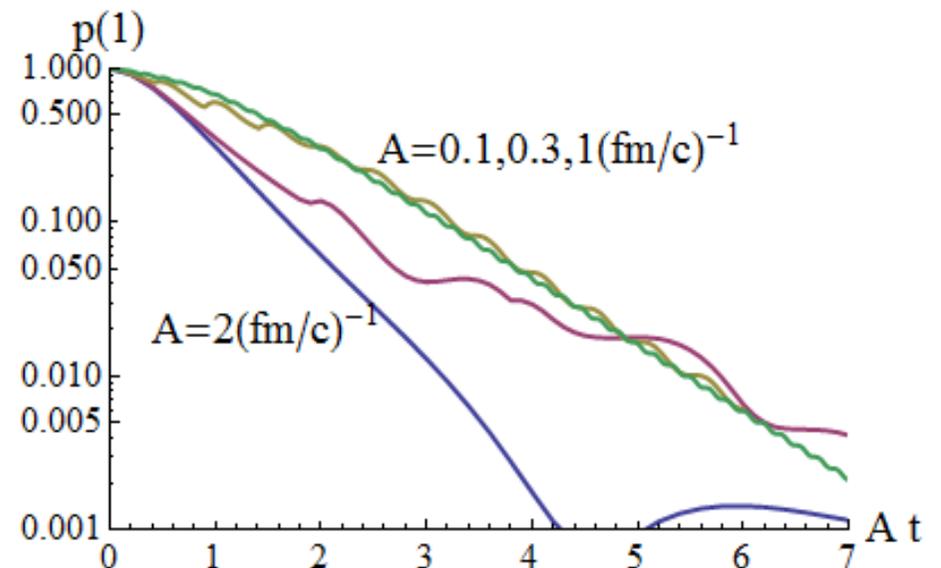
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➤ Solution for harmonic potential as well:  $\psi(\vec{x}, t) \propto e^{i\vec{p}_{c1}(t) \cdot \vec{r} + i\alpha(t)(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{c1})^2 - i\varphi(t)}$

Illustration: probability of finding the first excited state in a 1D-harmonic potential, as function of time, for various values of A ...

Scaling relation found for  $A < \omega$



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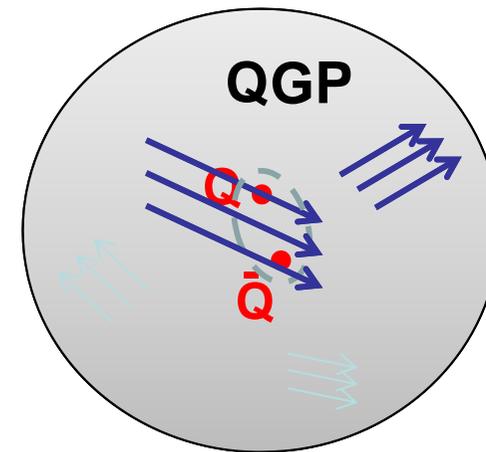
Stochastic operator; “warming”

$$\langle \mathbf{F}(t) \rangle = 0, \quad \langle \mathbf{F}(t) \mathbf{F}(t') \rangle = \Gamma(t, t') \quad ?$$

Brownian hierarchy:  $m \gg T \Rightarrow \sigma \ll \tau_{\text{relax}}$

- ✓  $\sigma$  = autocorrelation time of the gluonic fields
- ✓  $\tau_{\text{relax}}$  = quarkonia relaxation time

$\Gamma(t, t')$ : gaussian correlation of parameter  $\sigma$  and norm  $B$




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3 parameters:  $A$  (the drag coef),  $B$  (the diffusion coef) and  $\sigma$  (autocorrelation time)

# Properties of the SL equation

- Unitarity (no decay of the norm as with imaginary potential)
- Heisenberg principle satisfied at any T
- Non linear => Violation of the superposition principle (=> decoherence)
- Evolution from pure to mixed states
- Mixed state observables:

$$\left\langle \langle \psi_S(t) | \hat{A} | \psi_S(t) \rangle \right\rangle_{\text{stat}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{r=1}^n \langle \psi_S^{(r)}(t) | \hat{A} | \psi_S^{(r)}(t) \rangle$$

- Easy to implement numerically (especially in Monte-Carlo generator)

➤ For an harmonic potential:

❑ Asymptotic distribution of states proven to be  $\propto e^{-\frac{E_n}{kT}}$

❑ Fluctuation dissipation theorem:

$$\frac{B}{2m} = A \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{(\nabla S)^2}{m} |\psi|^2 dr \quad \rightarrow \quad B = m\hbar\omega \left( \coth\left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{2kT}\right) - 1 \right) A \quad \xrightarrow{kT \gg \hbar\omega} \quad 2mkTA$$

Classical Einstein law

NB: for quantum noise acting on operators in the Heisenberg representation

$$B = m\hbar\omega \left\{ \left[ \coth\left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{2kT}\right) - 1 \right] + 1 \right\}$$

Same as in SL

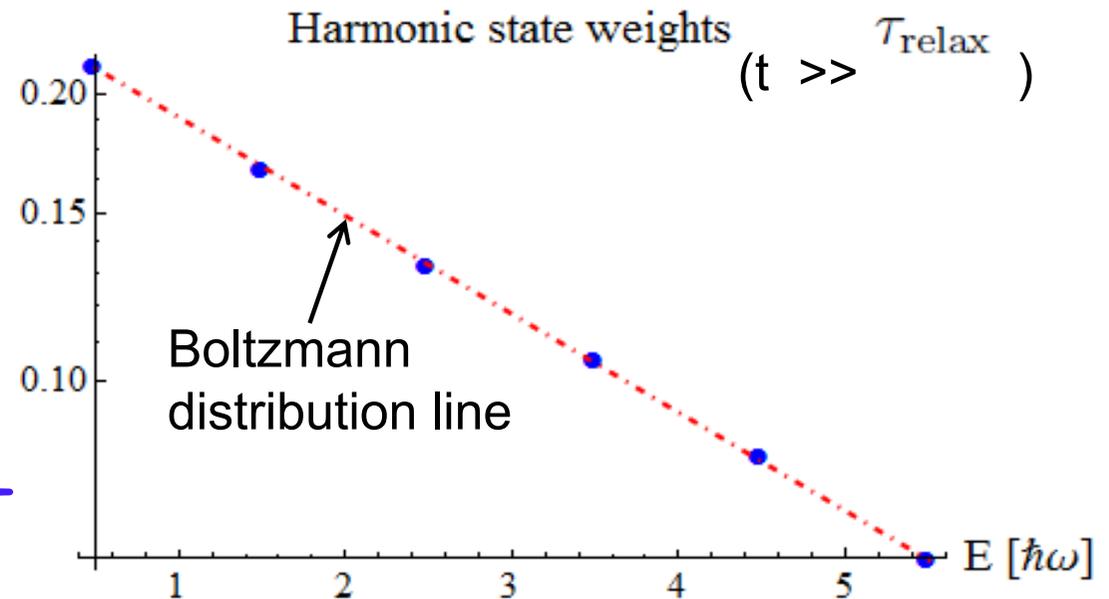
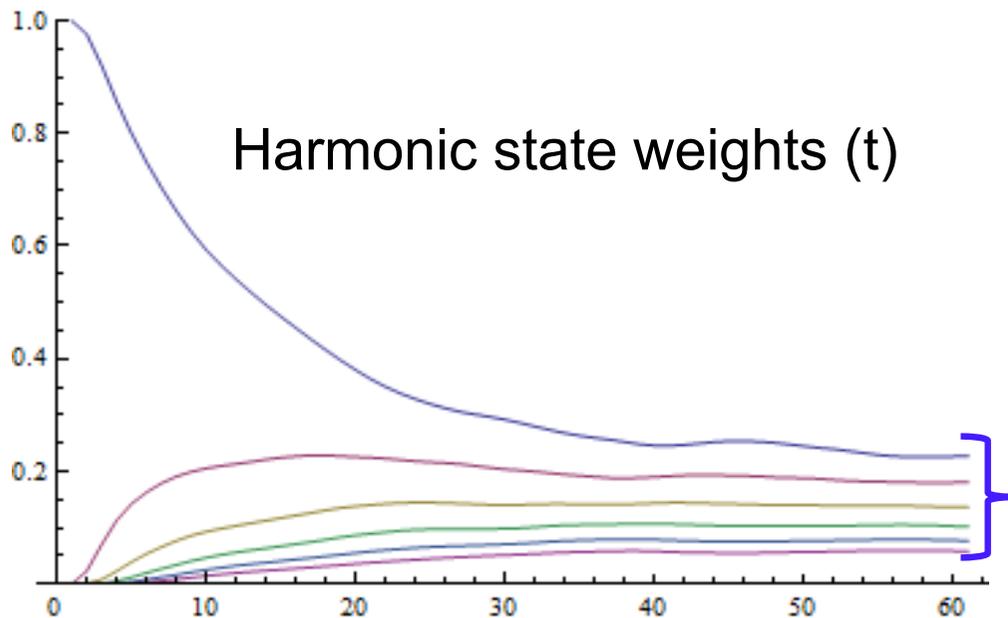
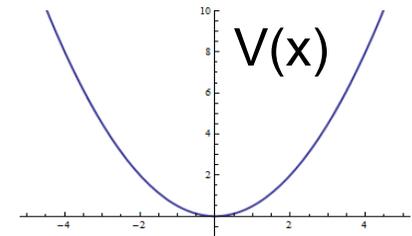
Ground state energy... included in the width of the wave packet in the Schroedinger representation

➤ Asymptotic convergence shown for a wide class of potentials, but distribution of states less understood => **numerical approach instead !**

# numerical tests of thermalization

## Harmonic potential

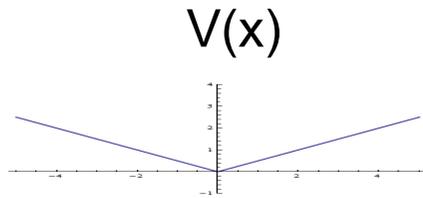
**Asymptotic thermal equilibrium**  
for any  $(A, B, \sigma)$  and from any initial state



# numerical tests of thermalization

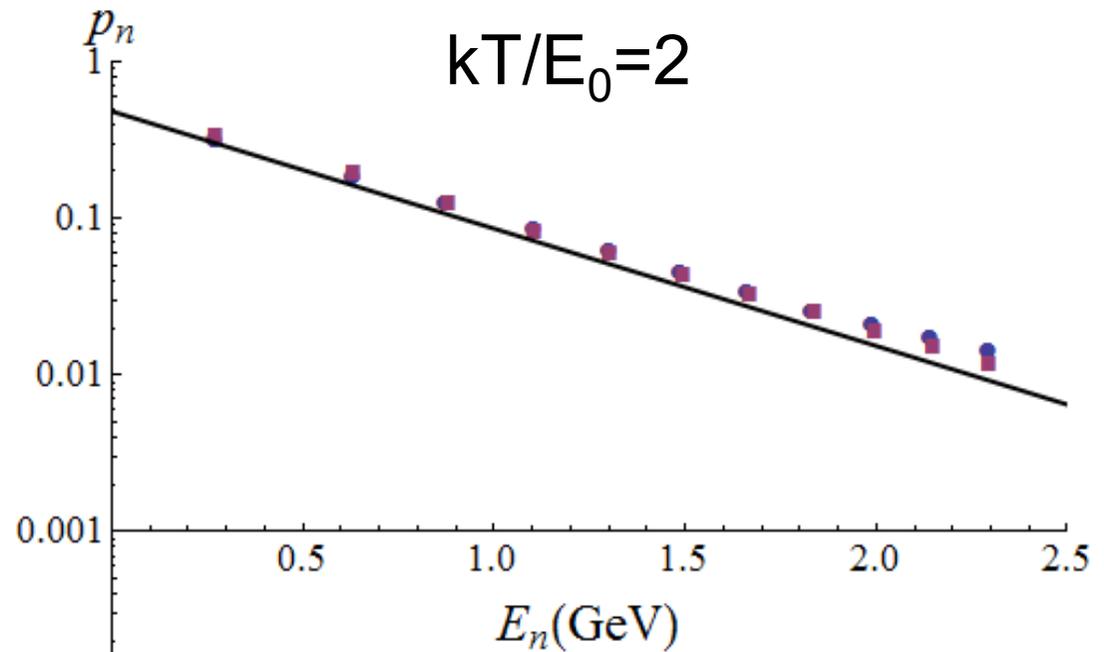
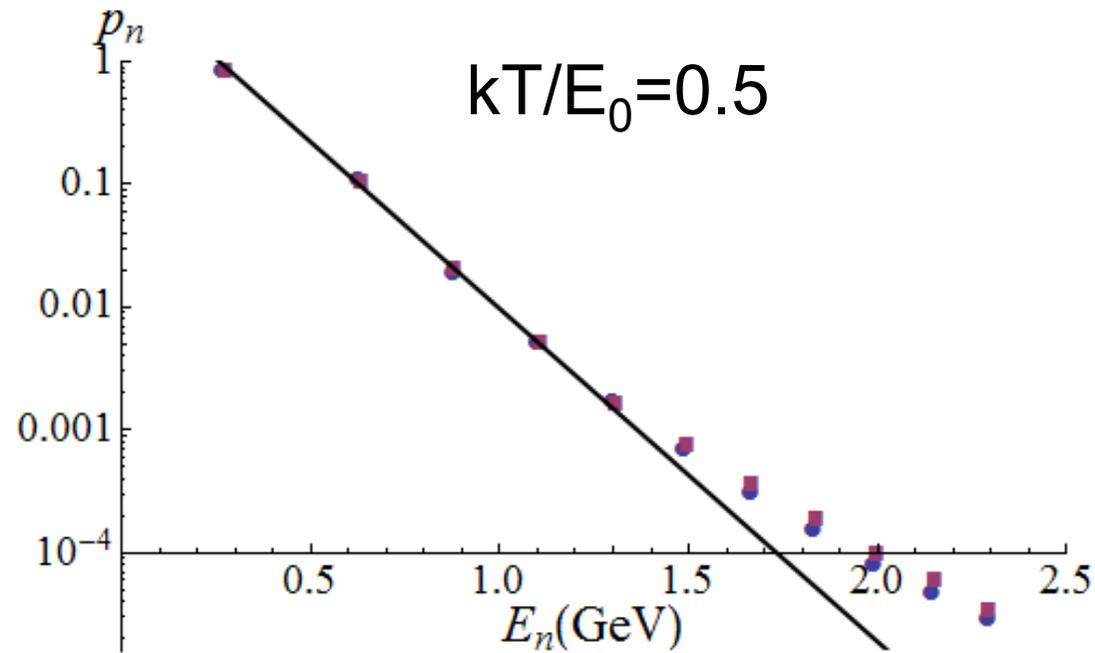
## Other potentials

Linear Abs[x]



Asymptotic Boltzmann distributions ?

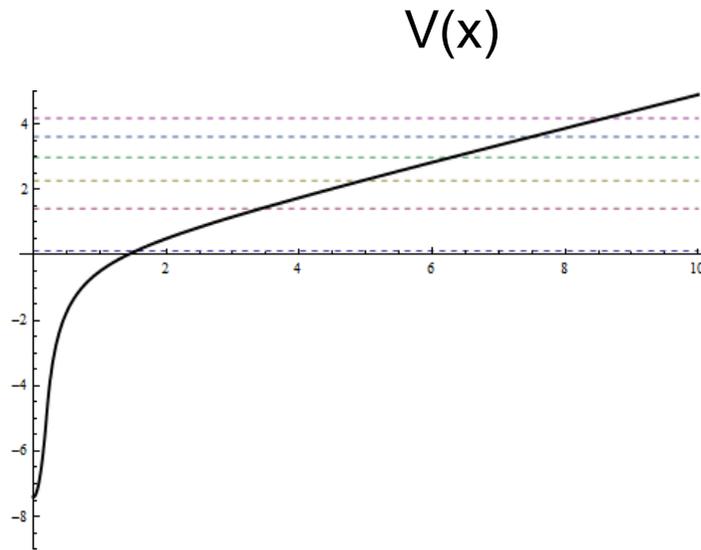
Yes; deviations from Boltzmann seen for higher states for  $kT \ll E_0$



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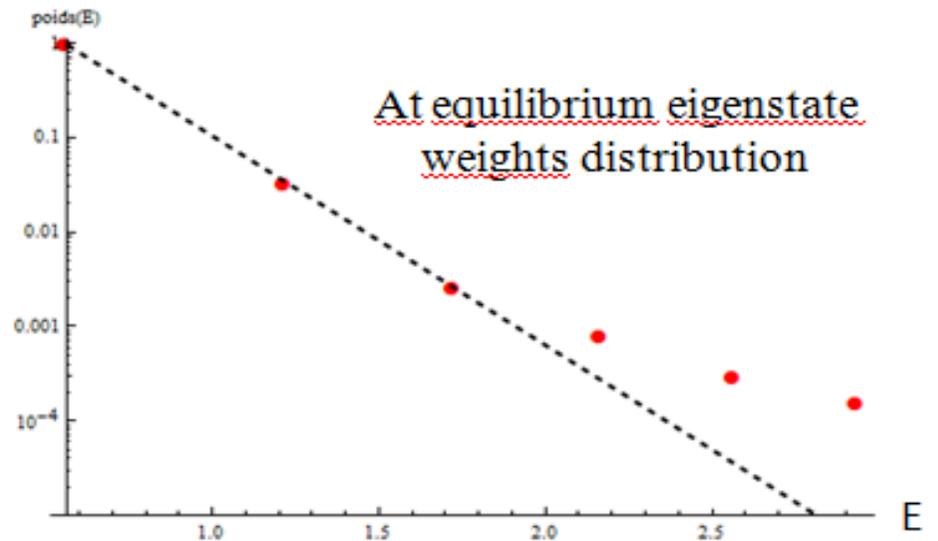
Quarkonia approx



Yes; Light discrepancies from 3rd excited states for states at small  $T$  of the order of  $T_c$

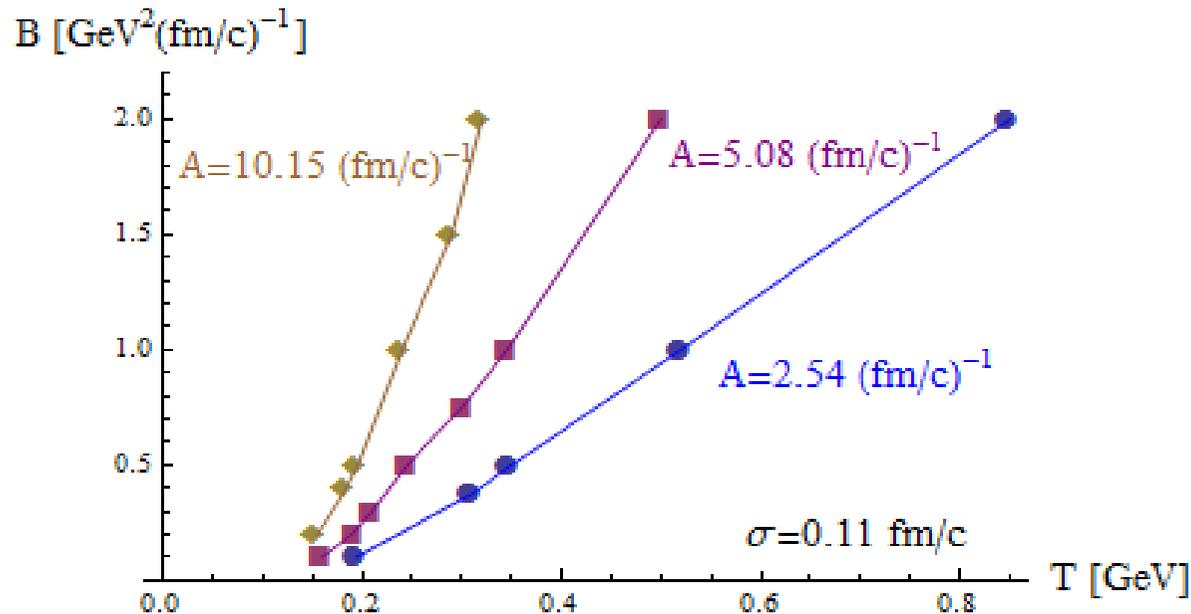
Tsallis distribution ?

Asymptotic Boltzmann distributions ?



# Properties of the SL equation

Mastering numerically the fluctuation-dissipation relation for the Quarkonia approximated potential:



**B univoquely  
extracted from  
(A,T) (as in usual  
quantum noise)**

➤ Reducible to a small number of properties encoding the interactions with the heat bath:

- Temperature  $T$
- Drag coefficient  $A$
- Autocorrelation time  $\sigma$

# Dynamics of QQbar with SL equation

Aimed as a proof of principle => simplifying assumptions

➤ 3D -> 1D

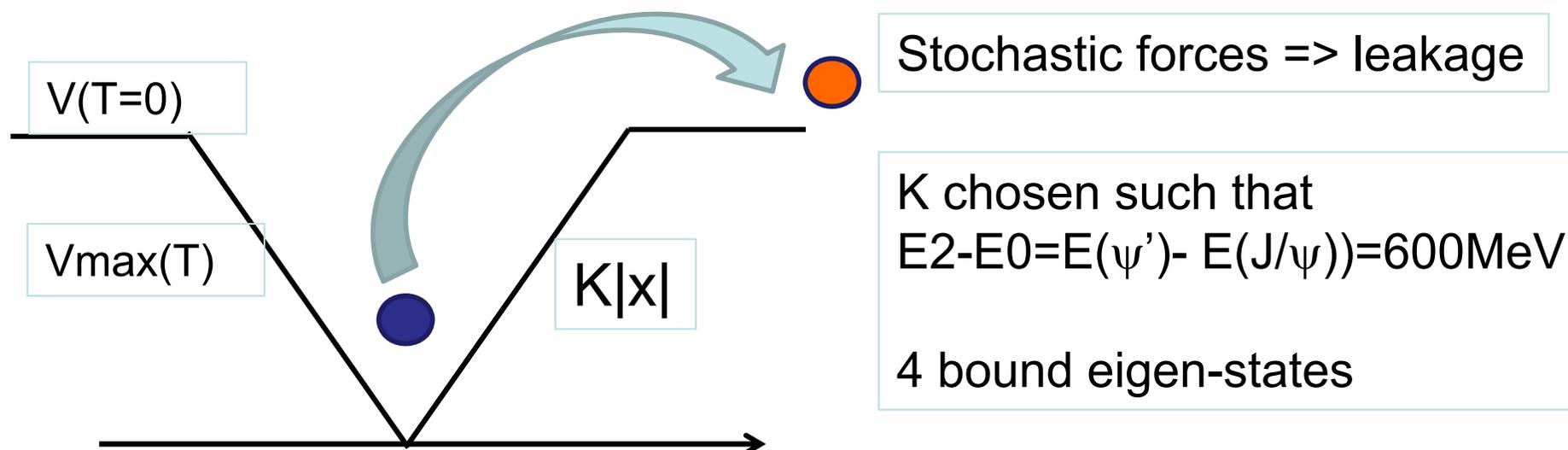
➤ Drag coeff. for c quarks:  $A(T)[(\text{fm}/c)^{-1}] \cong 3T[\text{GeV}] + 2.5T^2$

Typically  $T \in [0.1 ; 0.43] \text{ GeV} \Rightarrow A \in [0.32 ; 1.75] (\text{fm}/c)^{-1}$

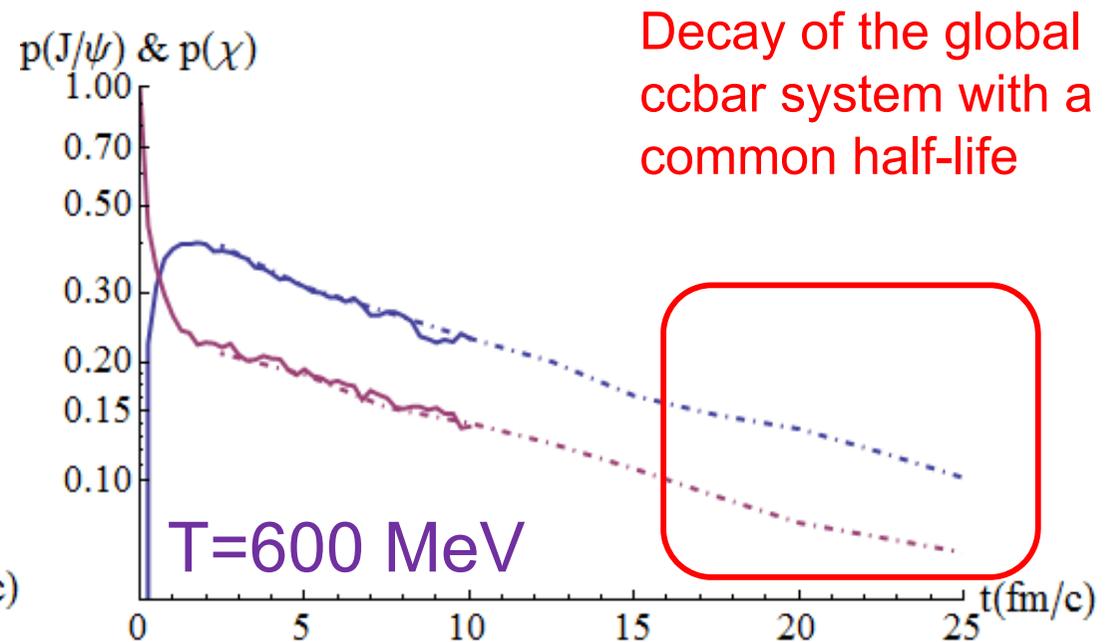
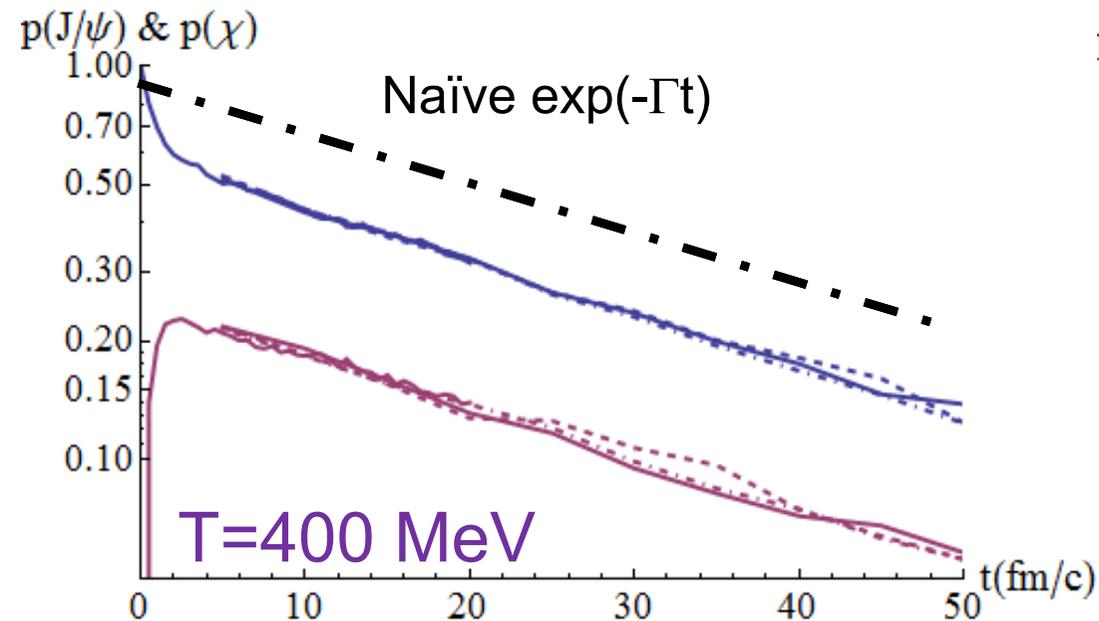
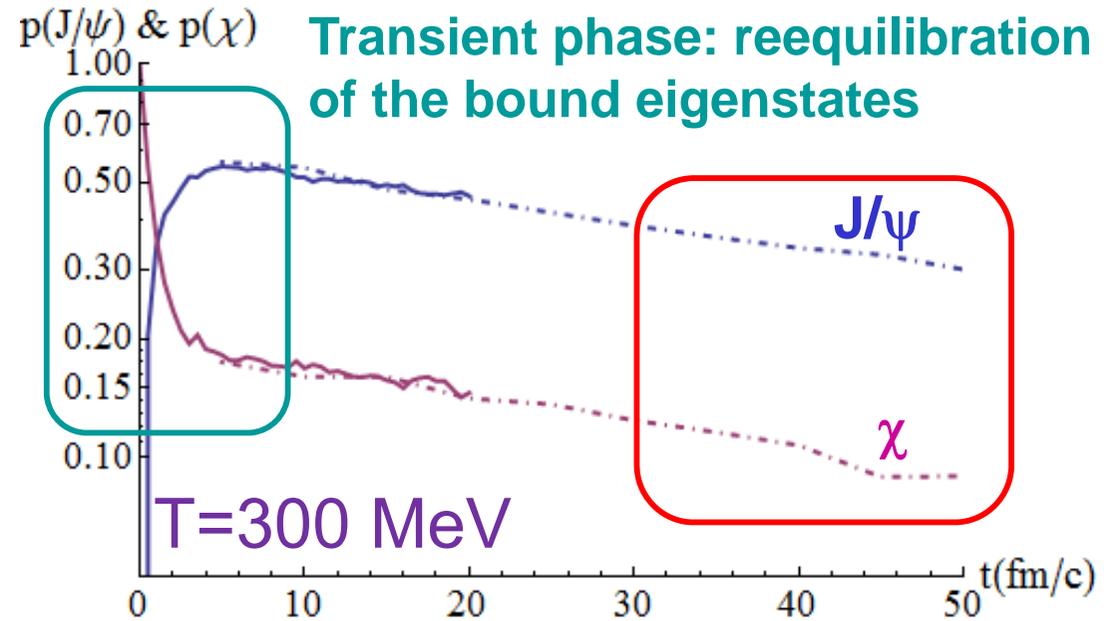
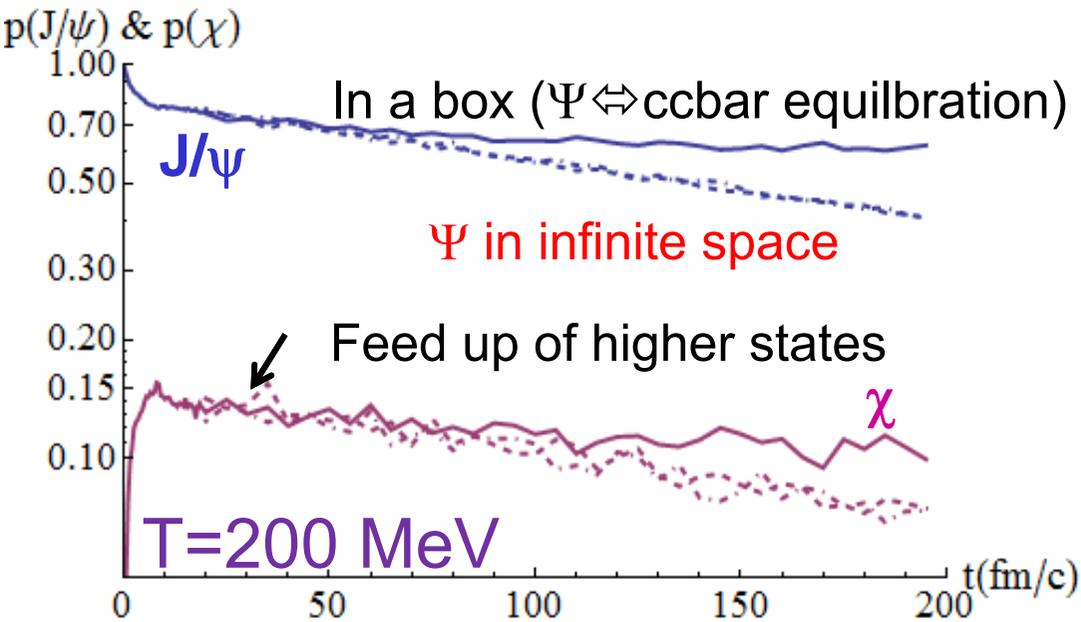
➤  $\sigma=0$

First, considering the effect of the fluctuations-dissipation alone (neglecting the mean field contribution):

➤ Potential:



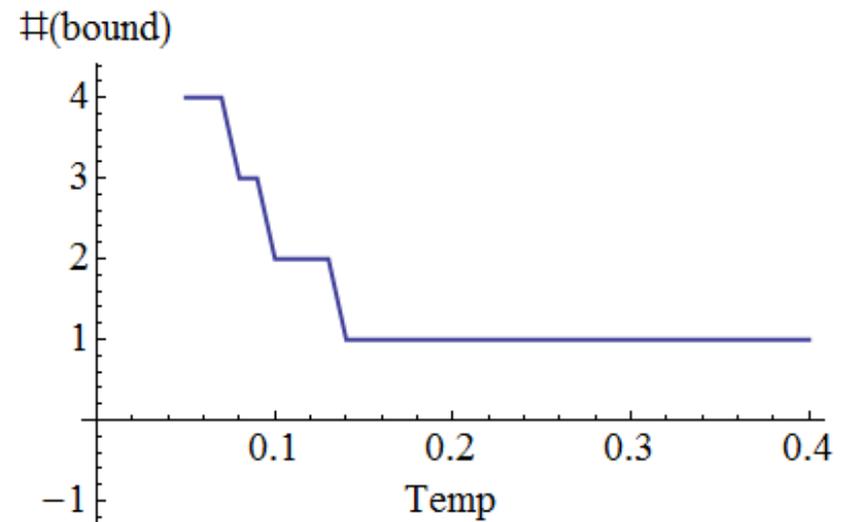
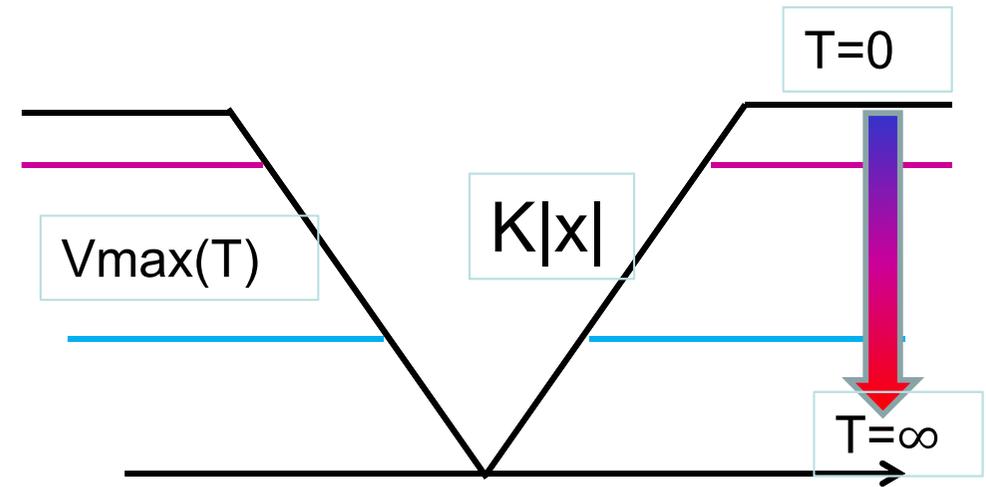
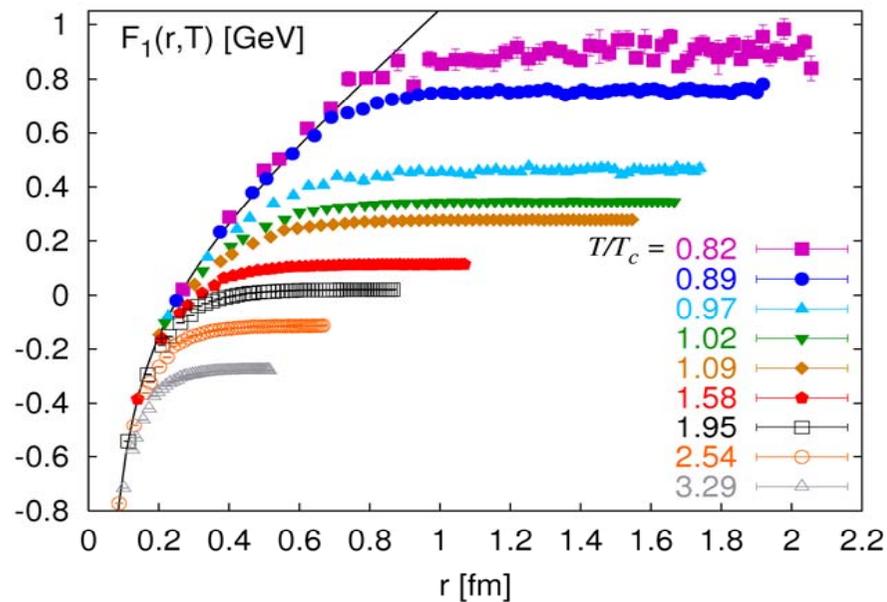
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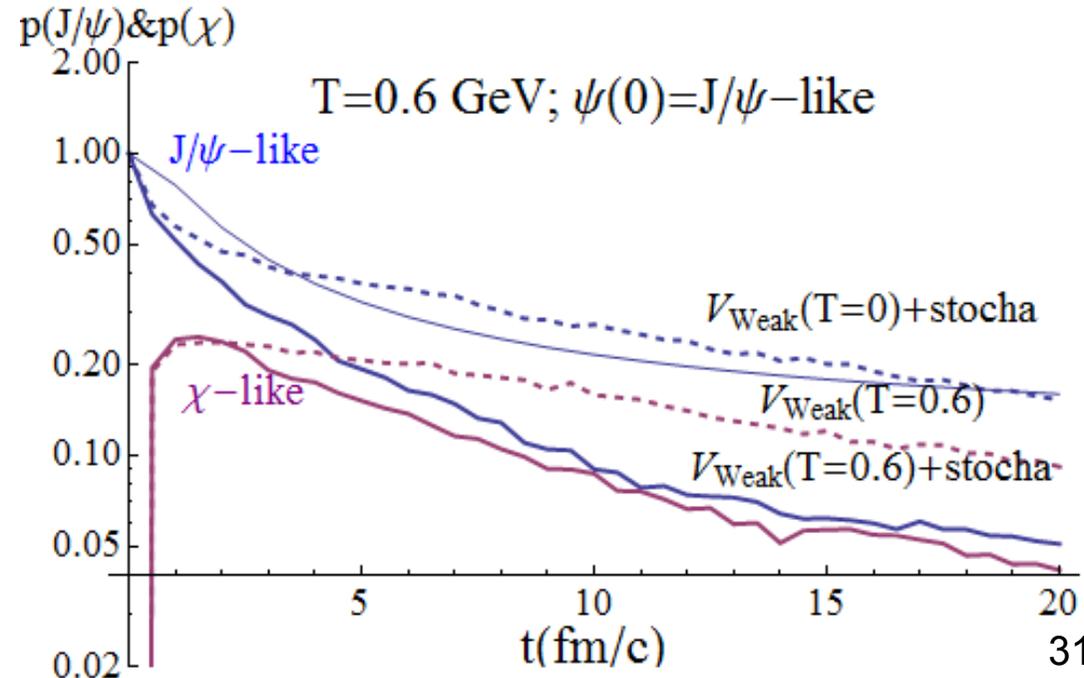
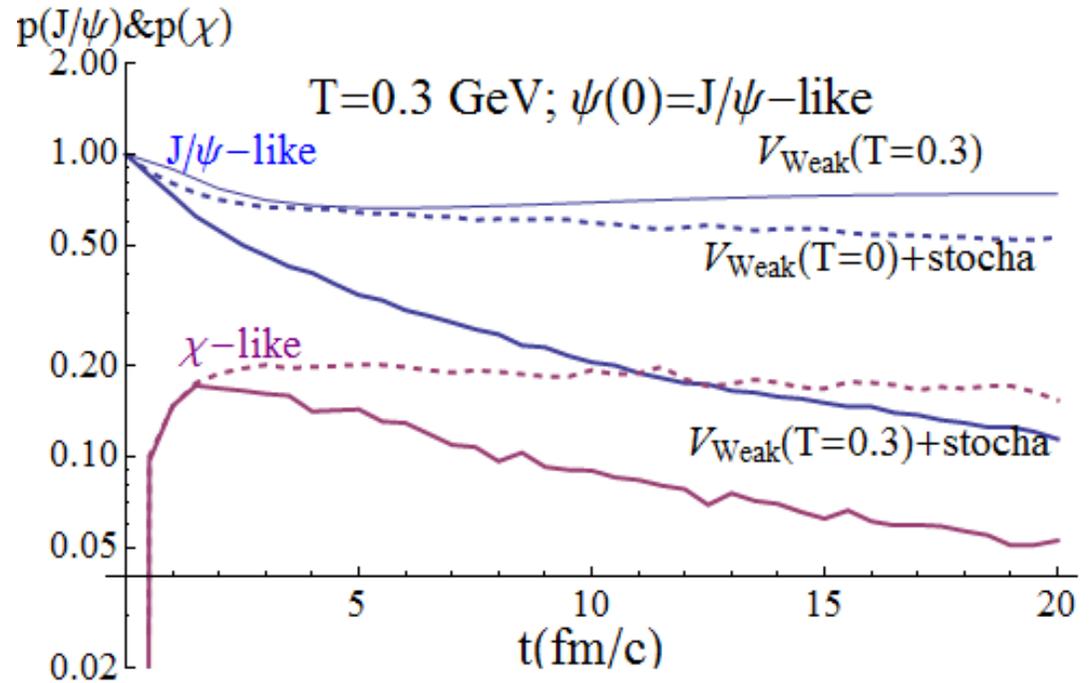
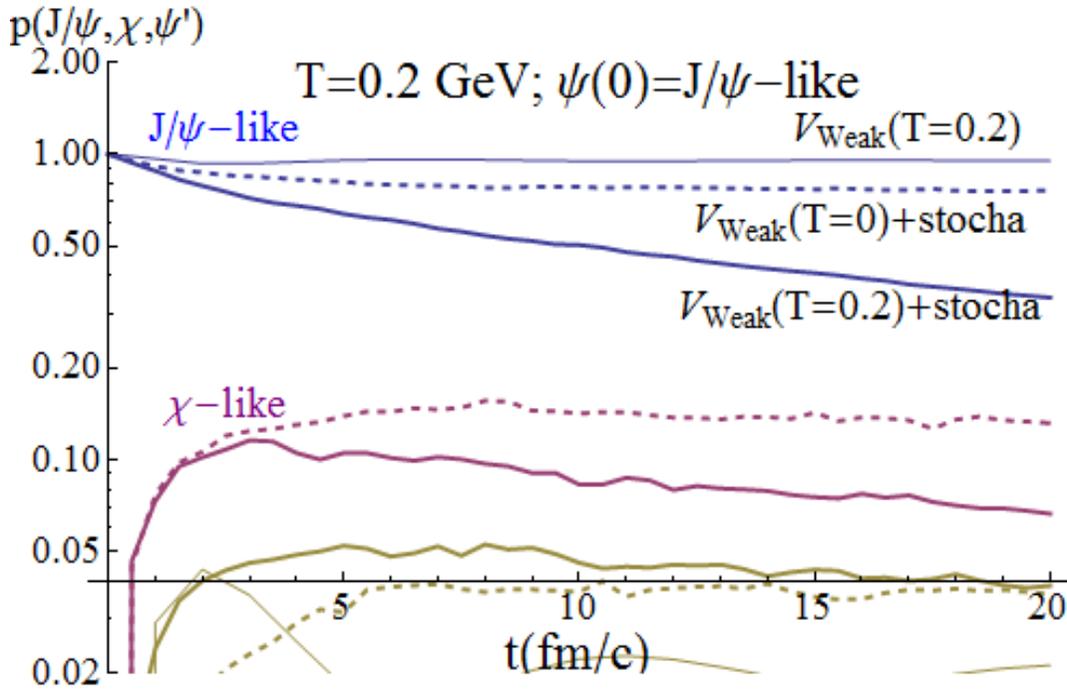
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Now considering the effect of the fluctuations-dissipation combined with the mean field contribution:

➤ Potential:

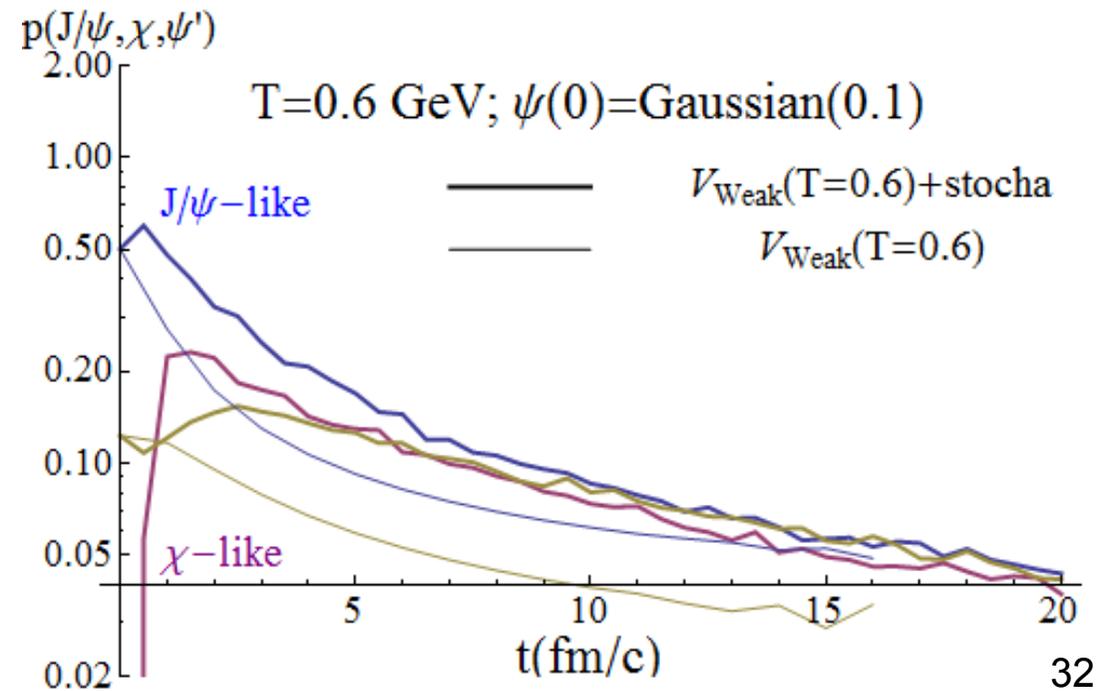
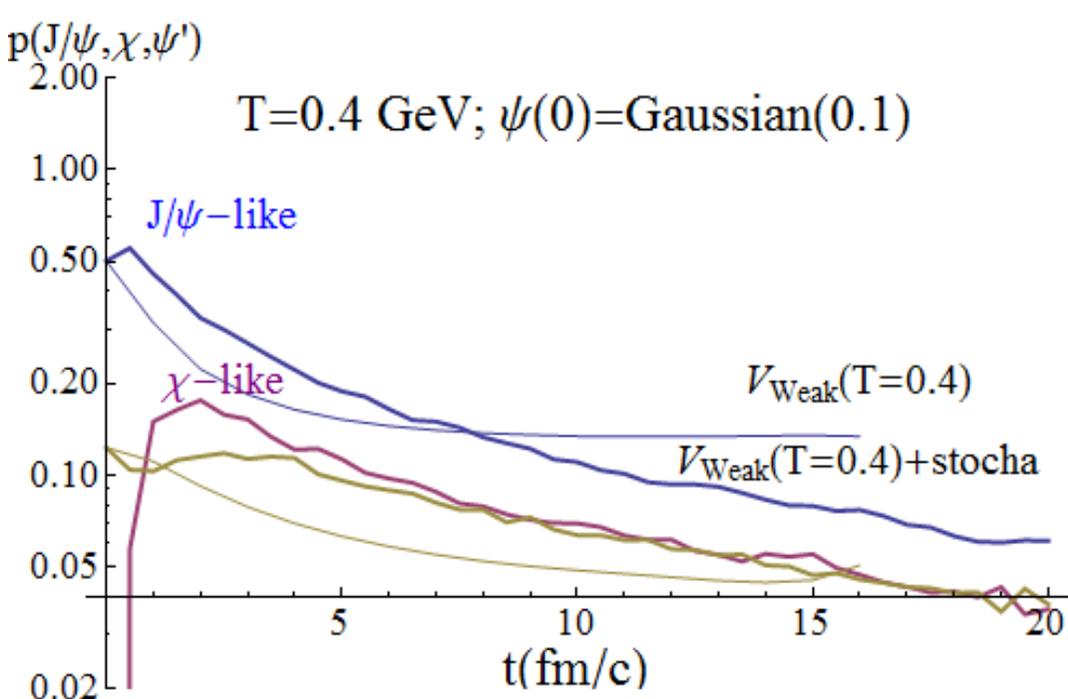
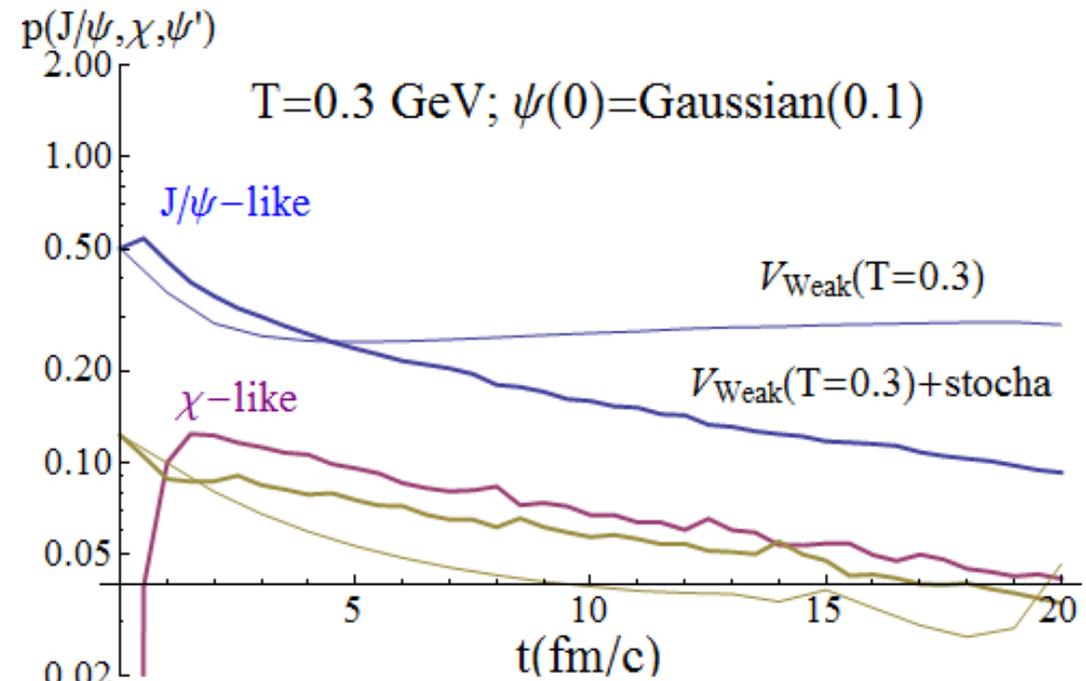
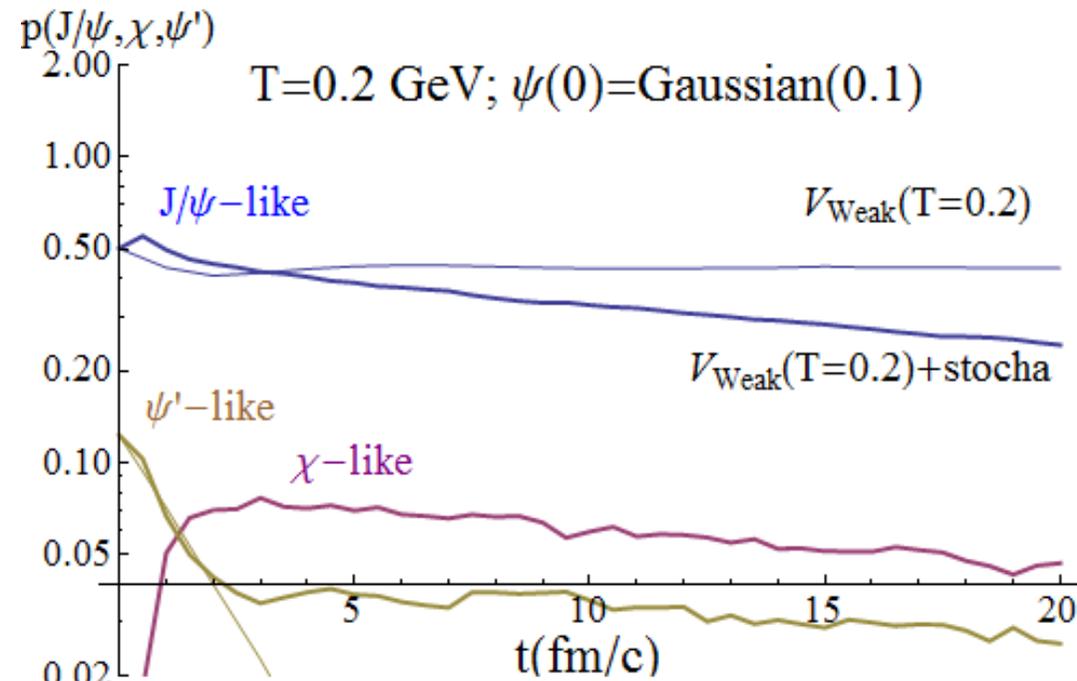


# Evolution of eigenstates with $V=V(T)$ !!! 1 bound state !!!

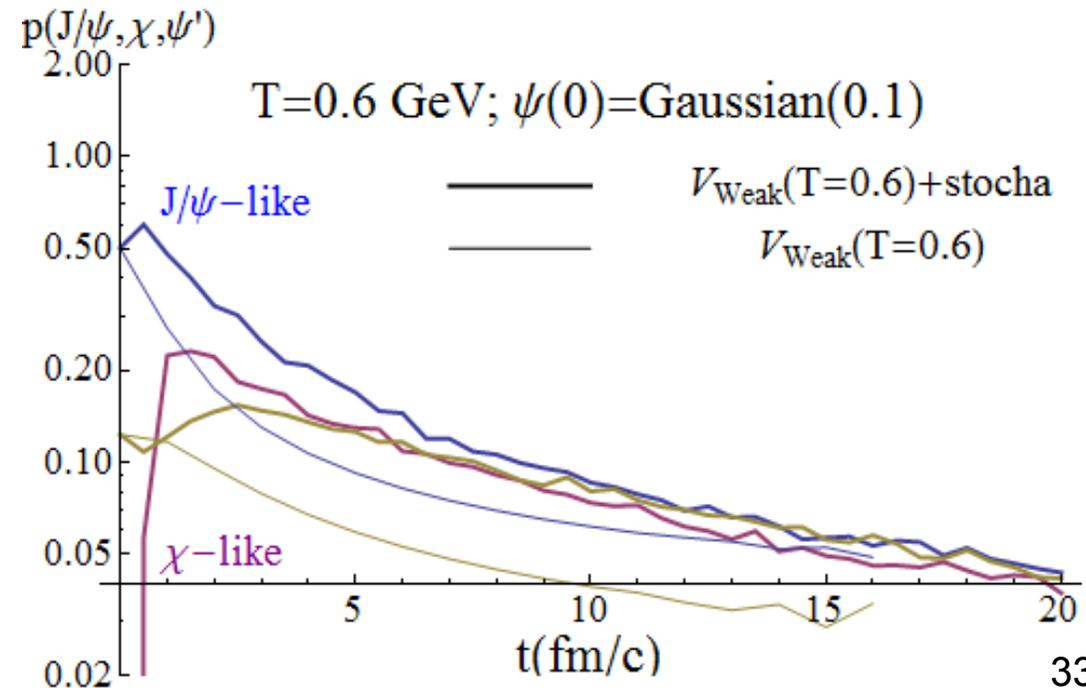
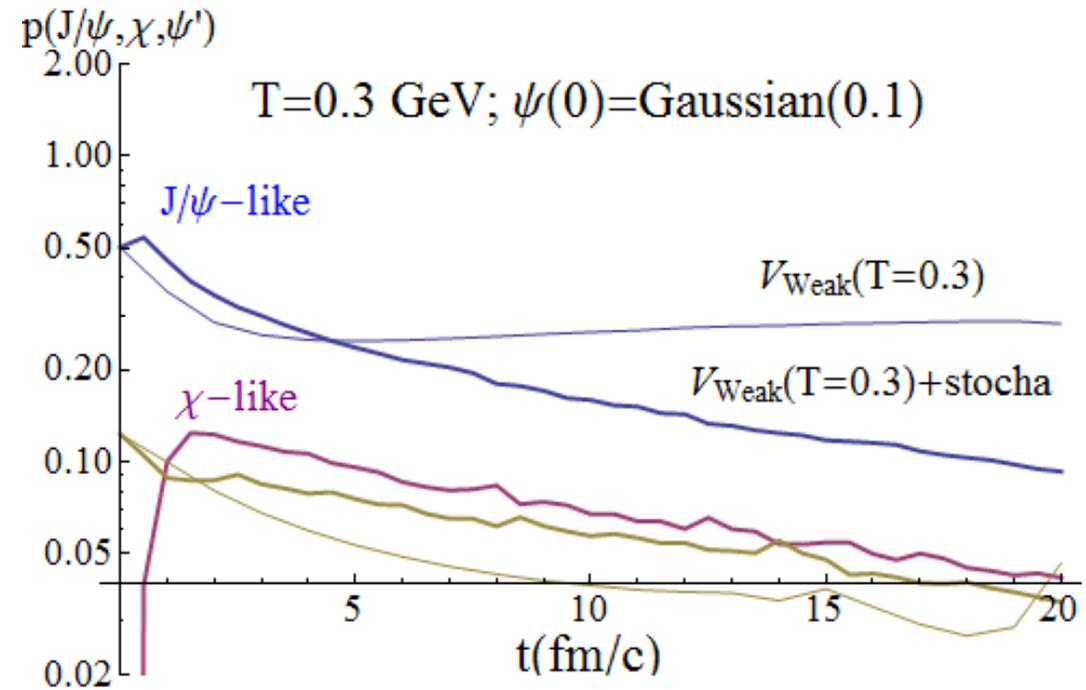
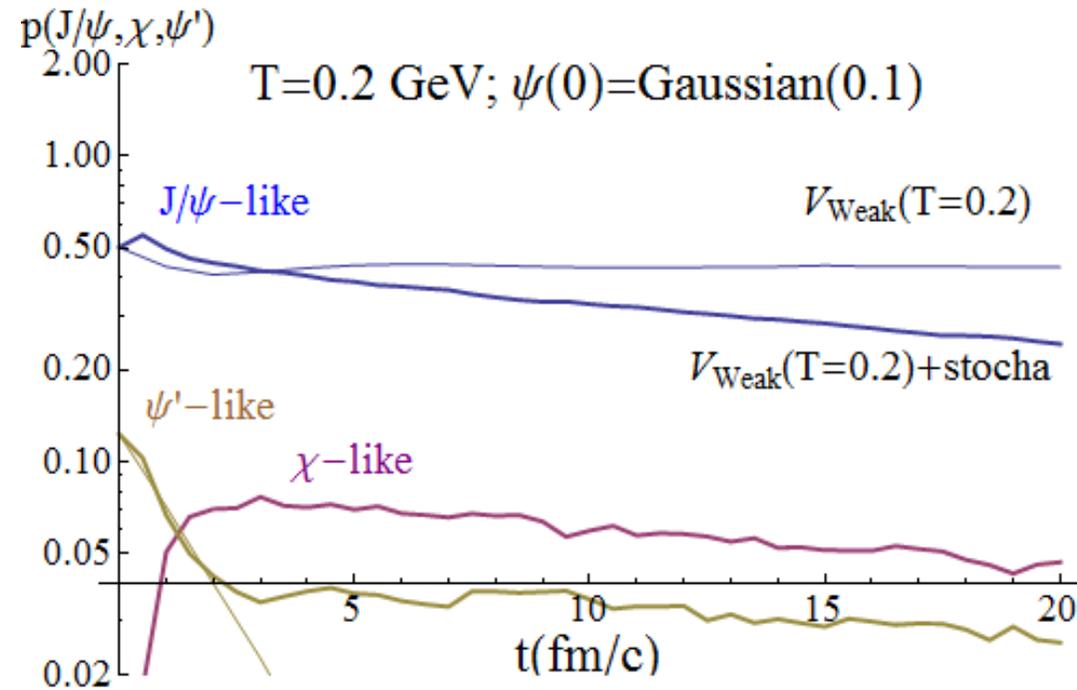


- Same features as with  $V(0)$ , but...
- ...both features combine to lead to higher suppression
- $\Leftrightarrow$  Asymptotic decay proceed with larger “width”  $\Gamma$
- Saturation of  $\Gamma$  for large  $T$  ( $D_s$  decrease at large  $T$ )

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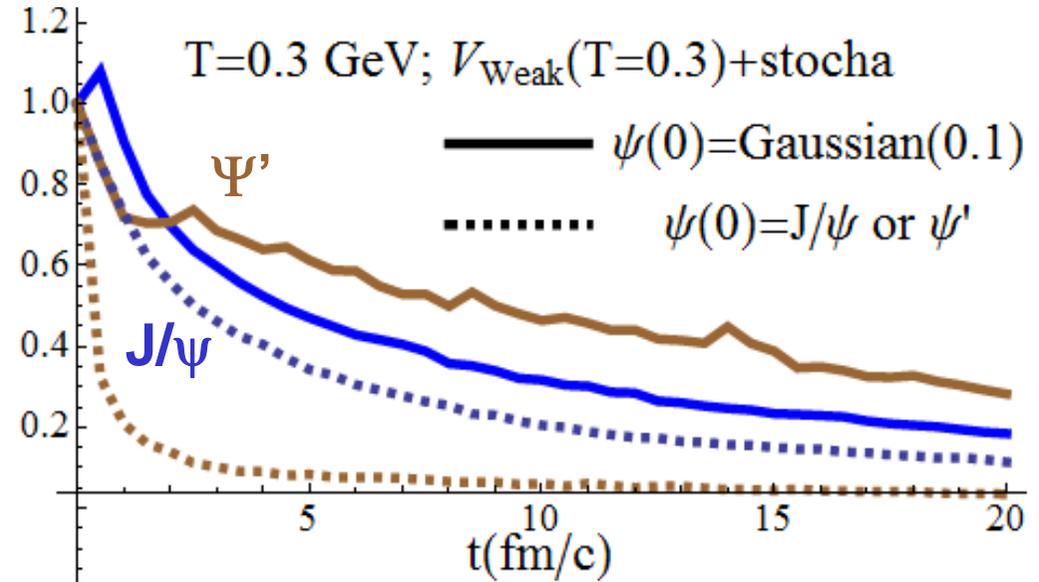
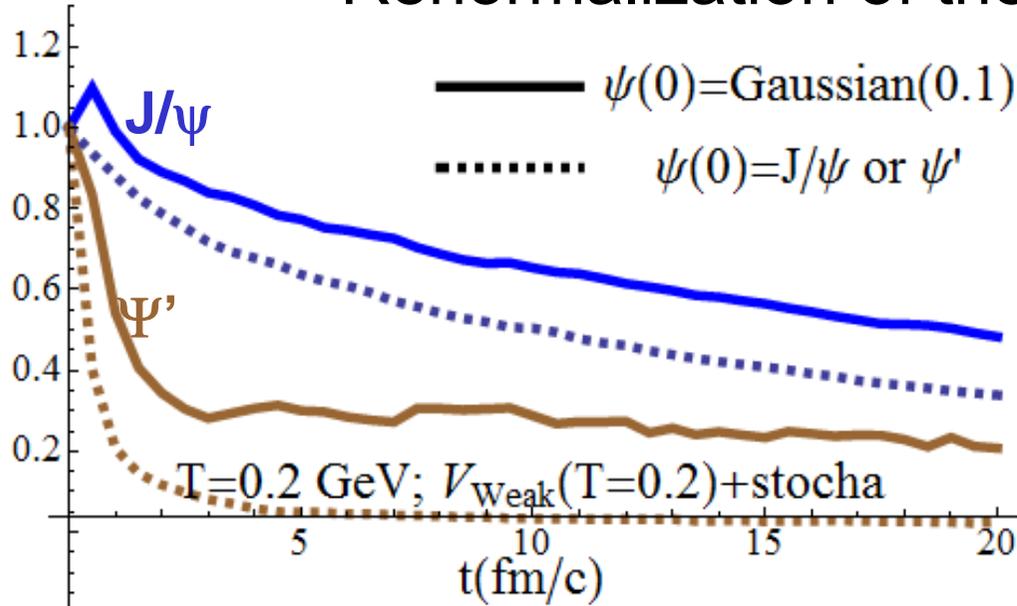


- As compared to the pure mean-field, the thermal forces can lead to an overpopulation of the initial  $J/\psi$  component at intermediate times (also true for other components)
- Universal long-time decay

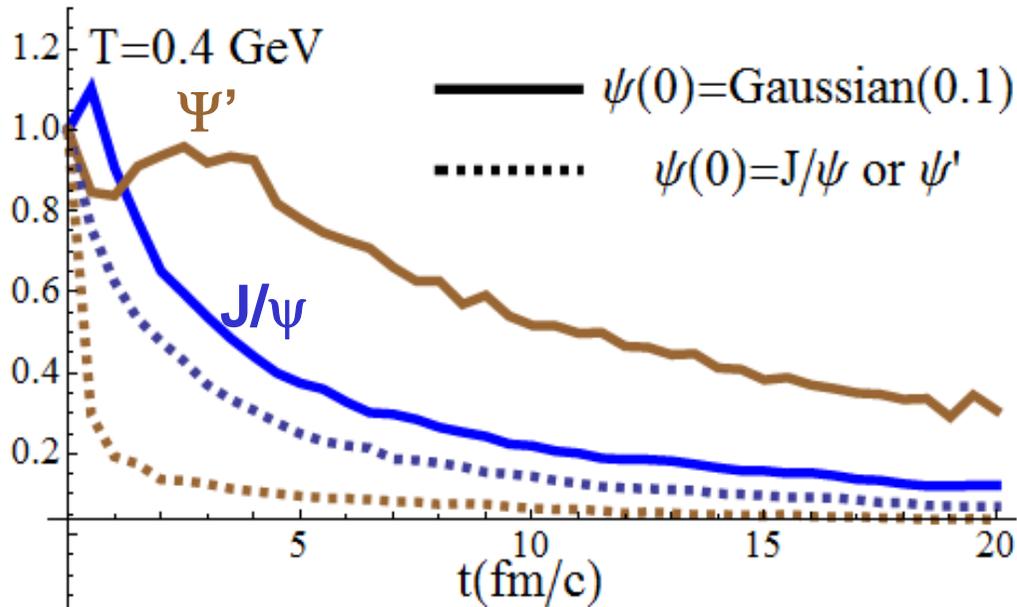
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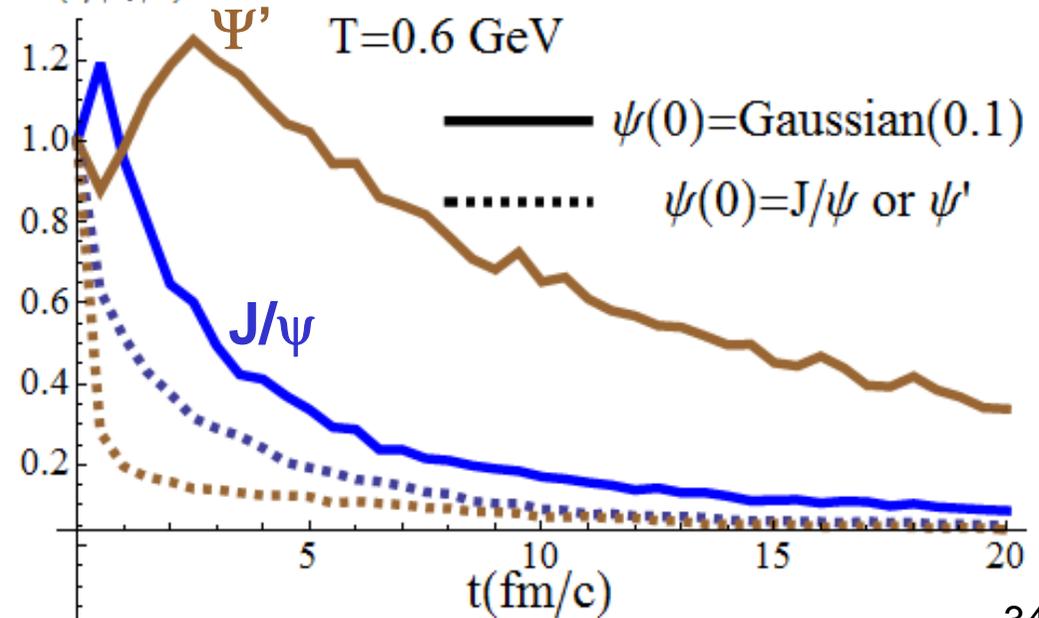
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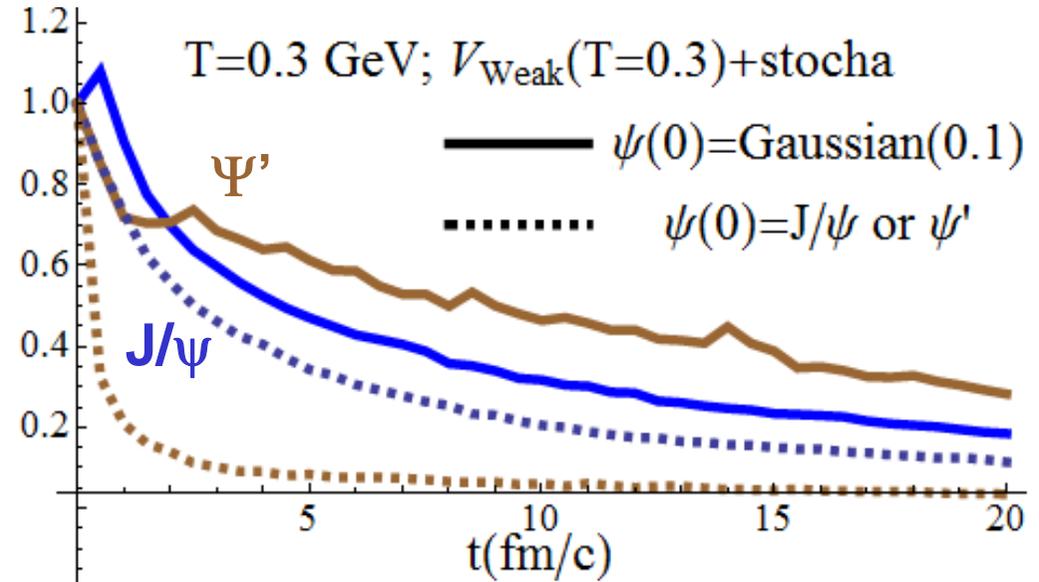
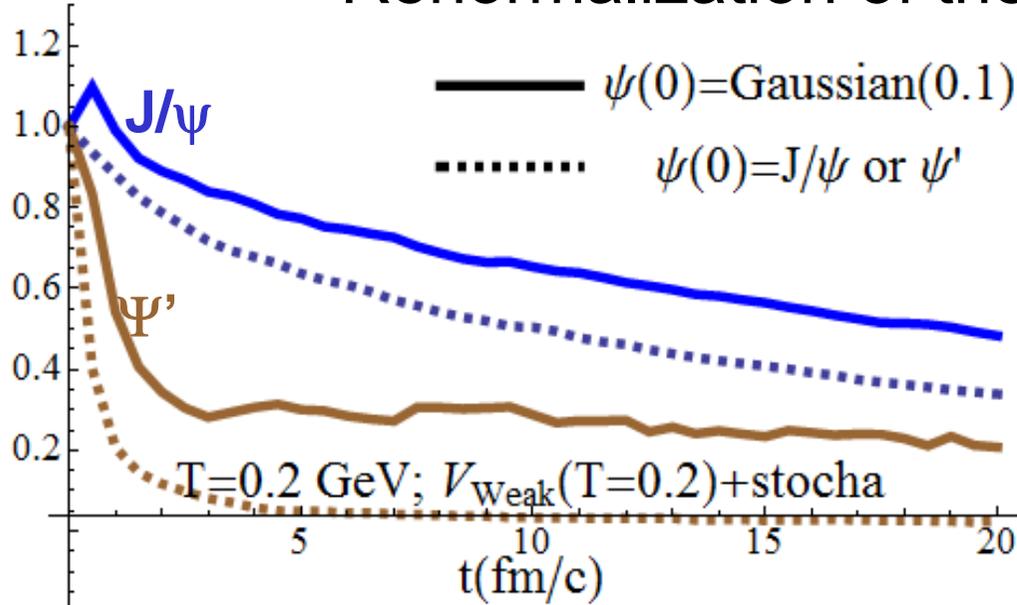
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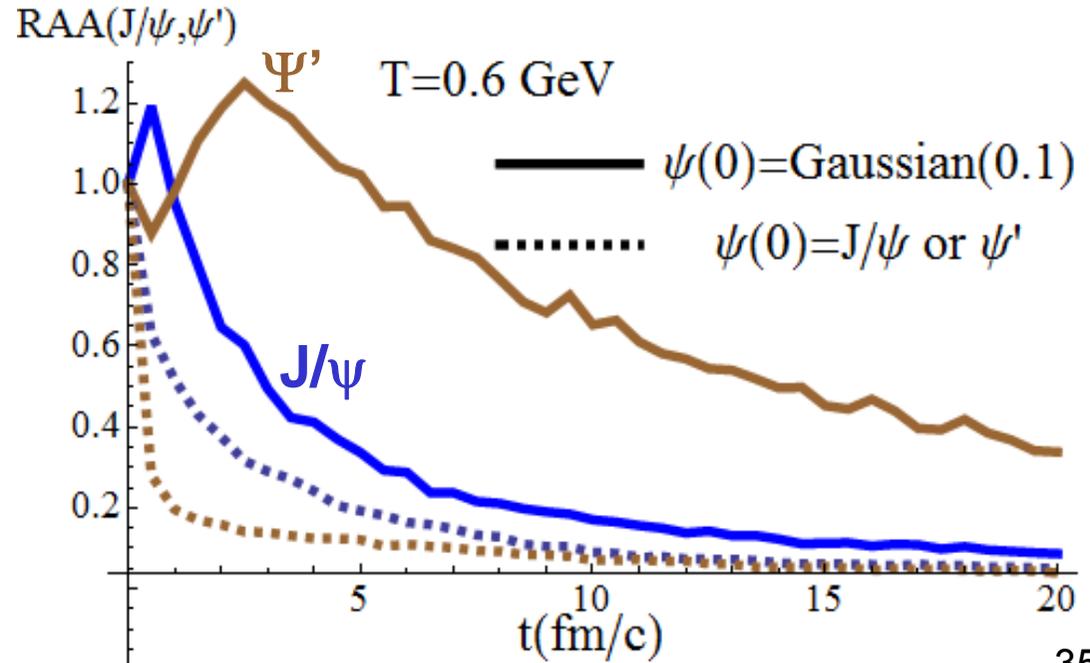
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- Definitely kills the (unjustified assumption of quantum decoherence at  $t=0$ )



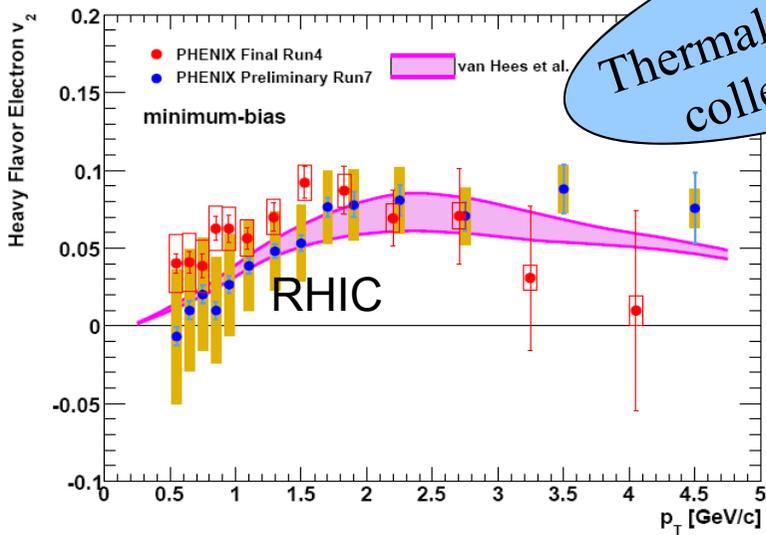
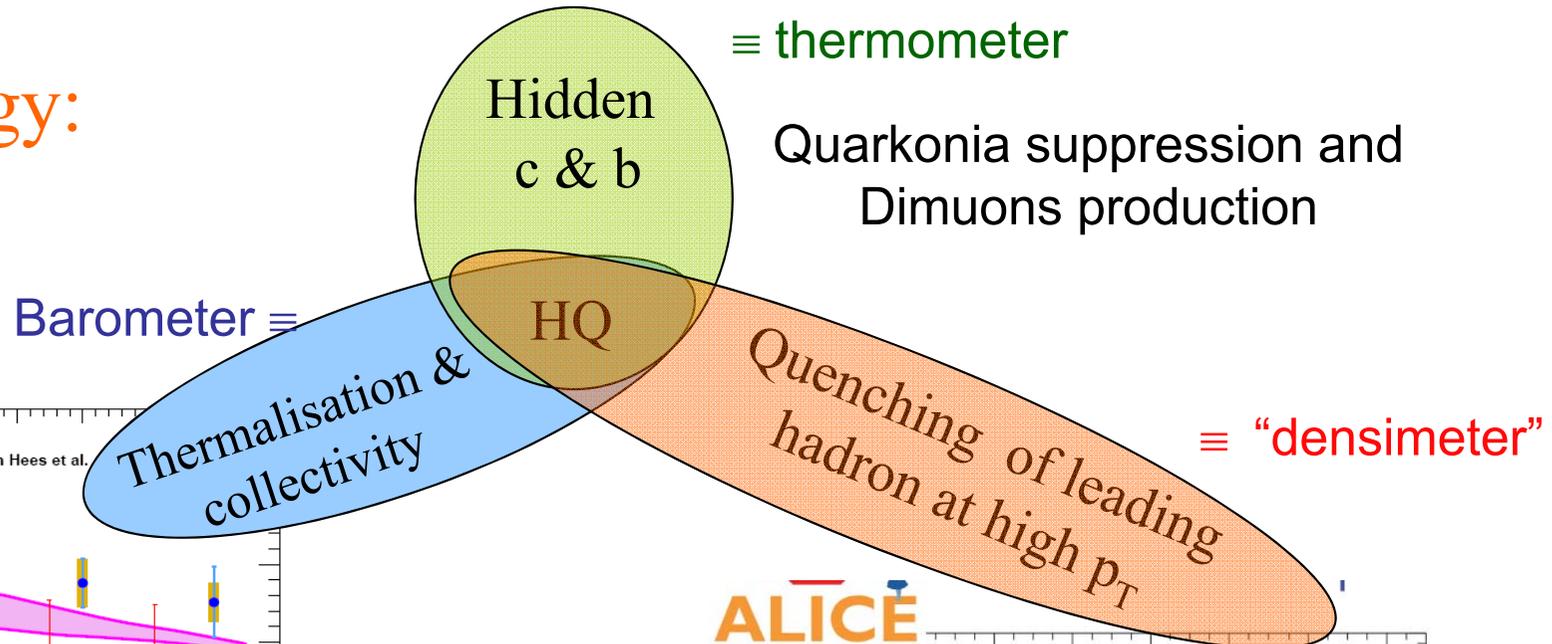
# Conclusions and Future

- Framework satisfying all the fundamental properties of quantum evolution in contact with a heat bath, easy to implement numerically
- First tests passed with success
- Rich suppression pattern found in a stationary environment
- Assumption of early decoherence ruled out.
  
- Future:
  - ❑ Identify the limiting cases and make contact with the other models (a possible link between statistical hadronization and dynamical models)
  - ❑ Implementation in evolution scenario of the QGP
  - ❑ ...

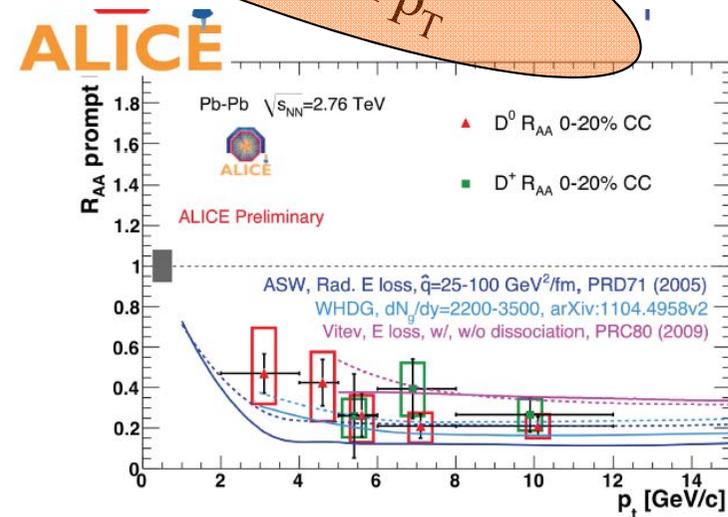
Back up

# Hard Probing QGP with heavy flavors

## The Trilogy:



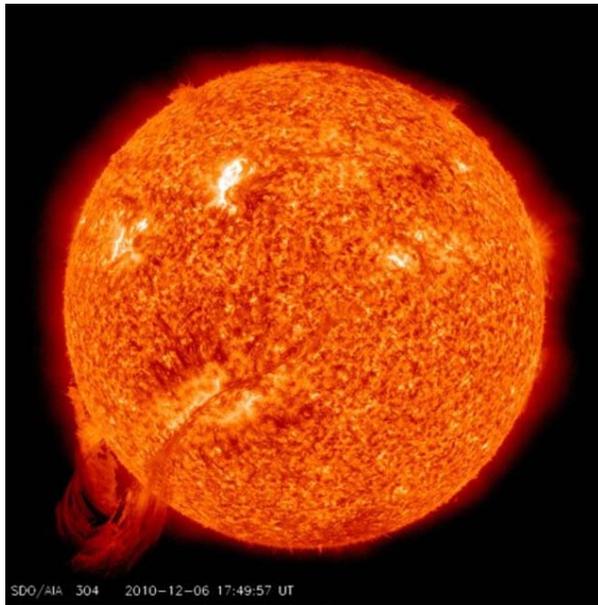
HQ gain elliptic flow from the surrounding medium... with some time delay (inertia)



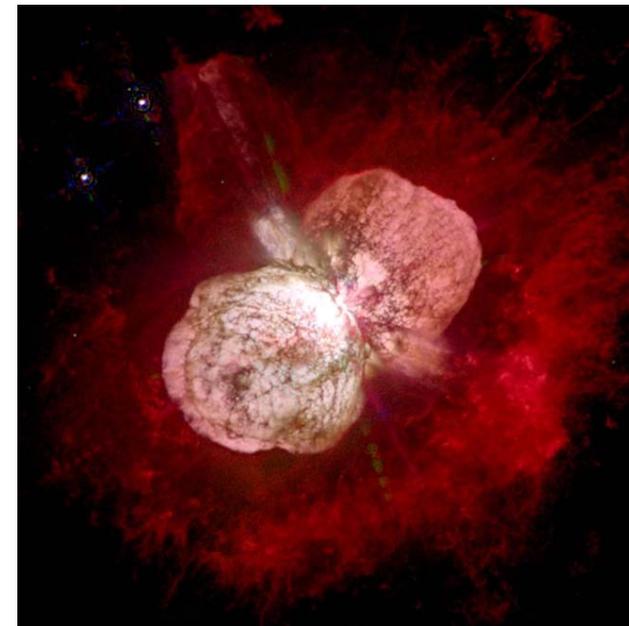
Nuclear modification factor ( $R_{AA}$ ) of D mesons probes c-quark energy loss in QGP (not seen in pA)

# Caviats & Uncertainties

What does the sequential suppression in a stationary QGP has to do with reality anyhow ?



Picture



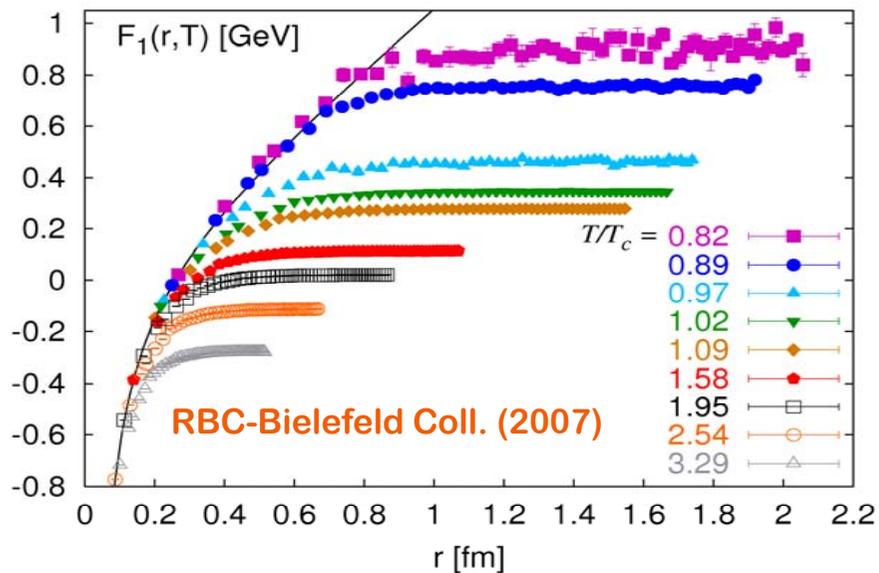
Reality

**Need for a genuine time-dependent scenario**

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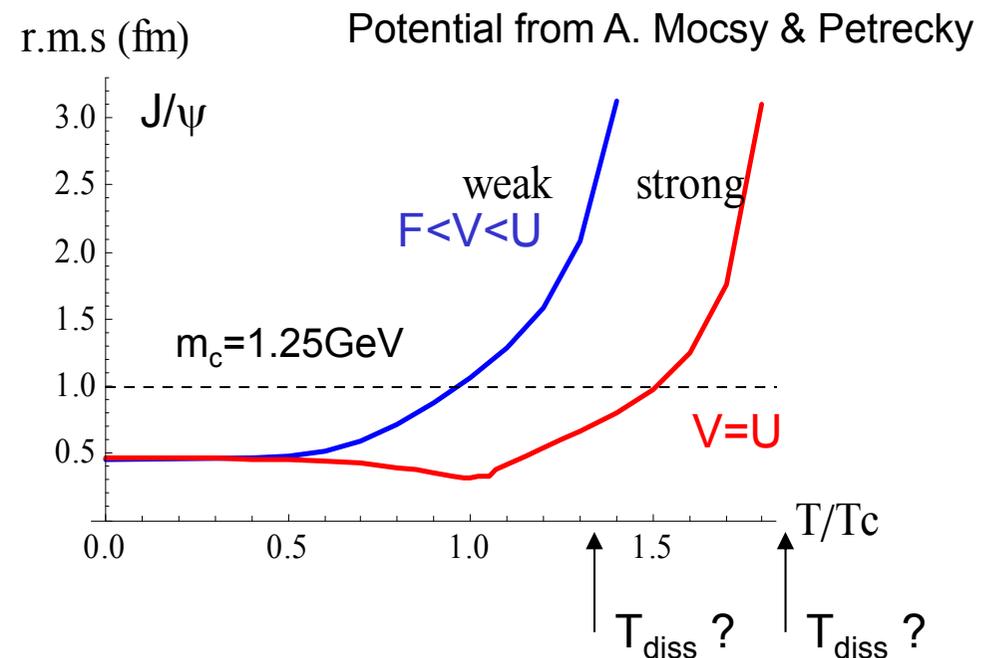


I. Quarkonia in *stationnary* medium are not well understood from the fundamental finite-T LQCD



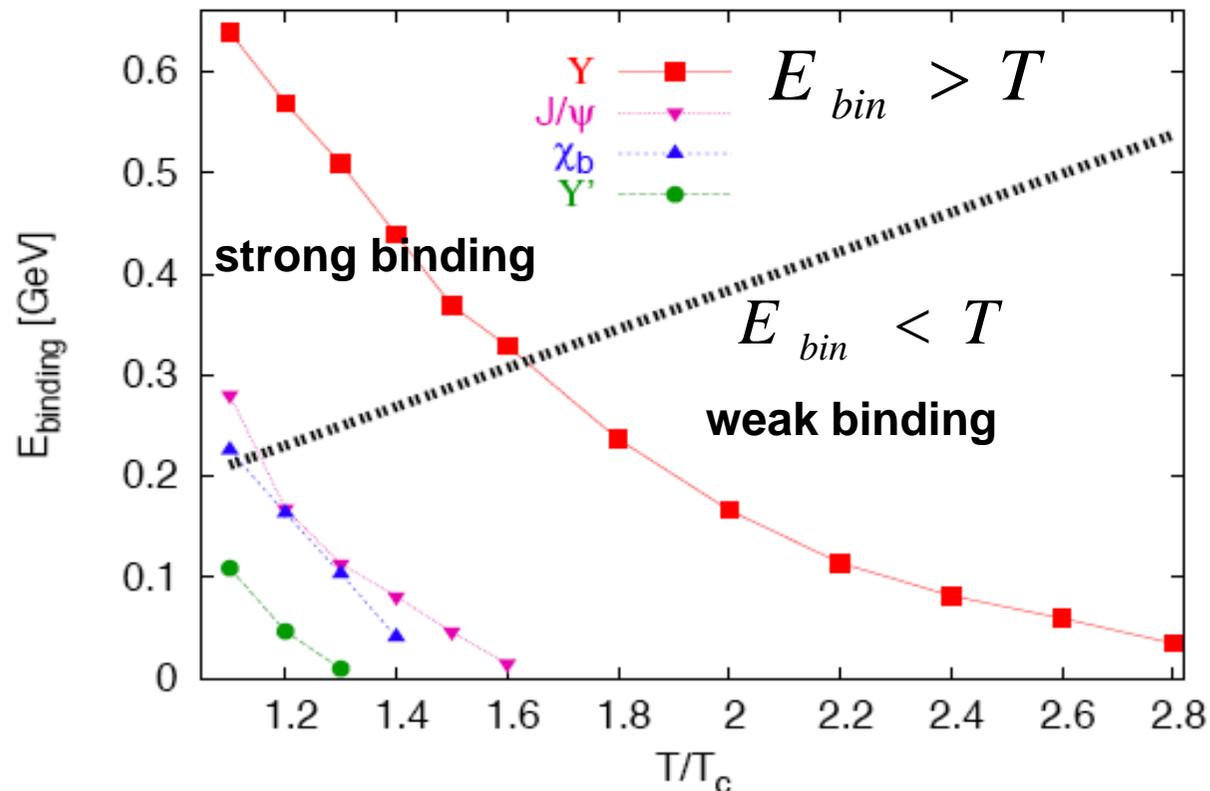
From free energy  $\Rightarrow V(r,T)$  ?

Several prescriptions in literature



# Caviats & Uncertainties

II. Criteria for quarkonia “existence” (as an effective degree of freedom) in *stationnary* medium is even less understood

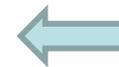
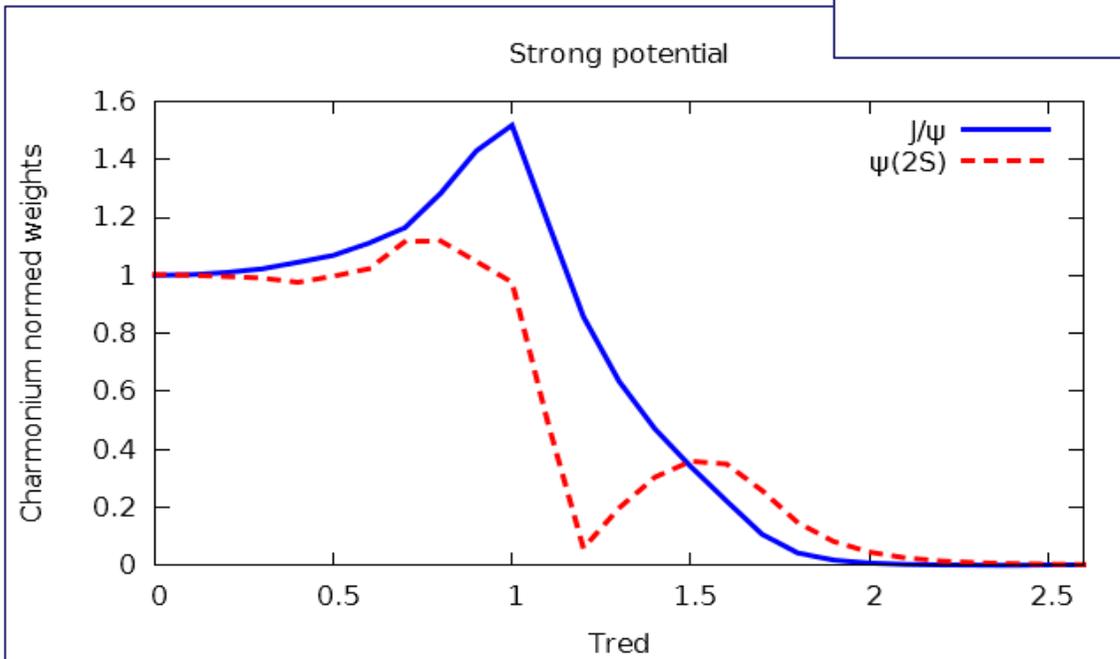
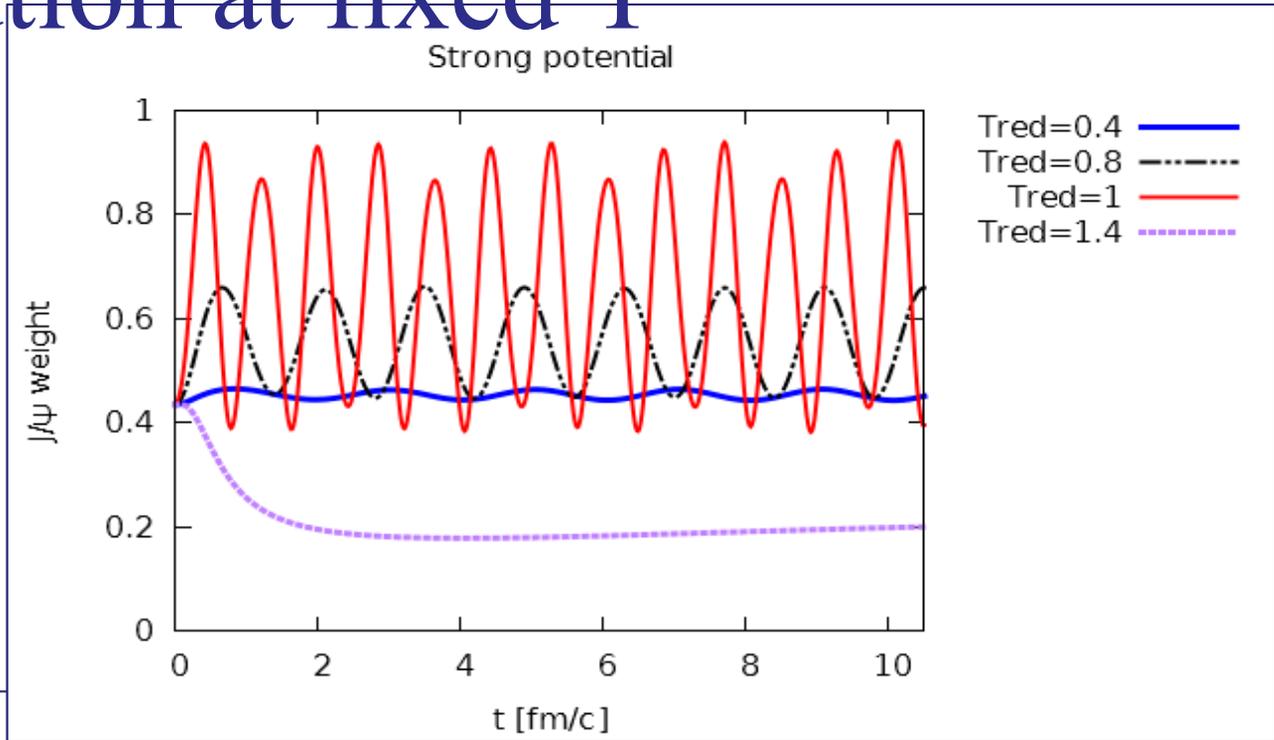


From A. Mocsy (Bad Honnef 2008)

# Evolution at fixed T

Charmonia and strong color potential ( $V=U$ )

At fixed temperatures

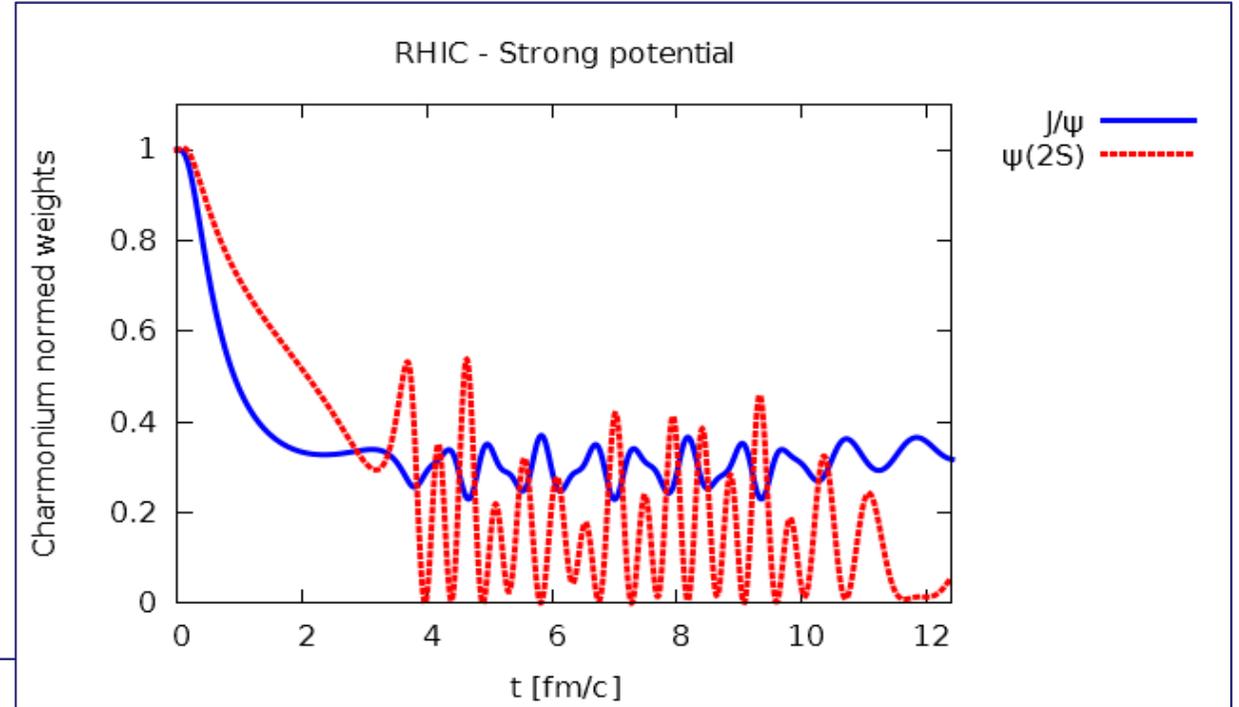


The normed weights at  $t \rightarrow \infty$  function of the temperature

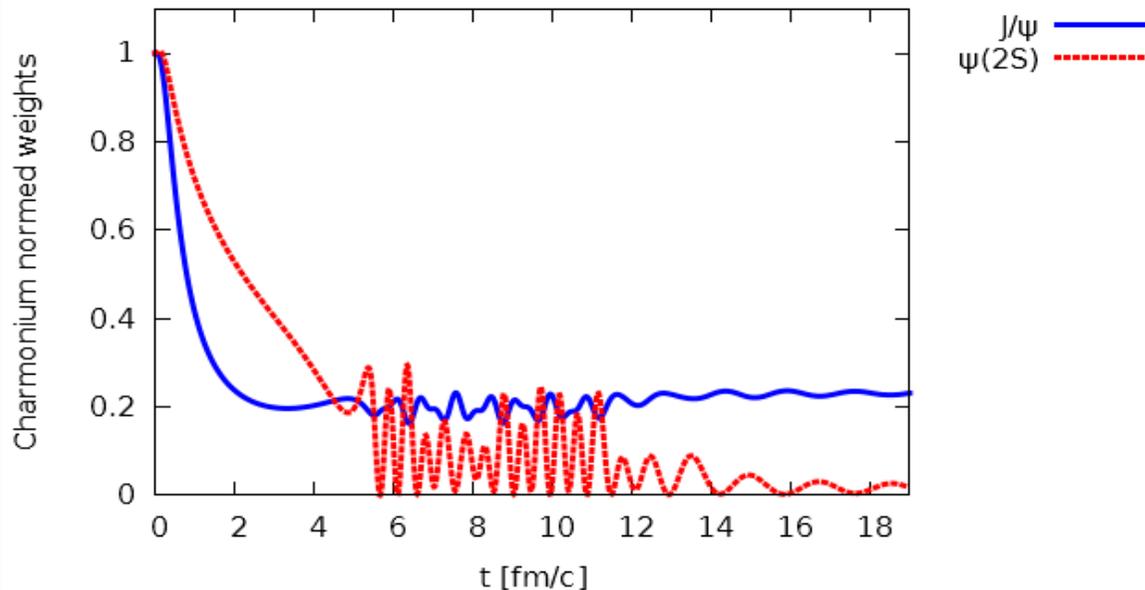
# Evolution in realistic T scenarios

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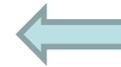
**RHIC** temperature scenario



LHC - Strong potential



**LHC** temperature scenario

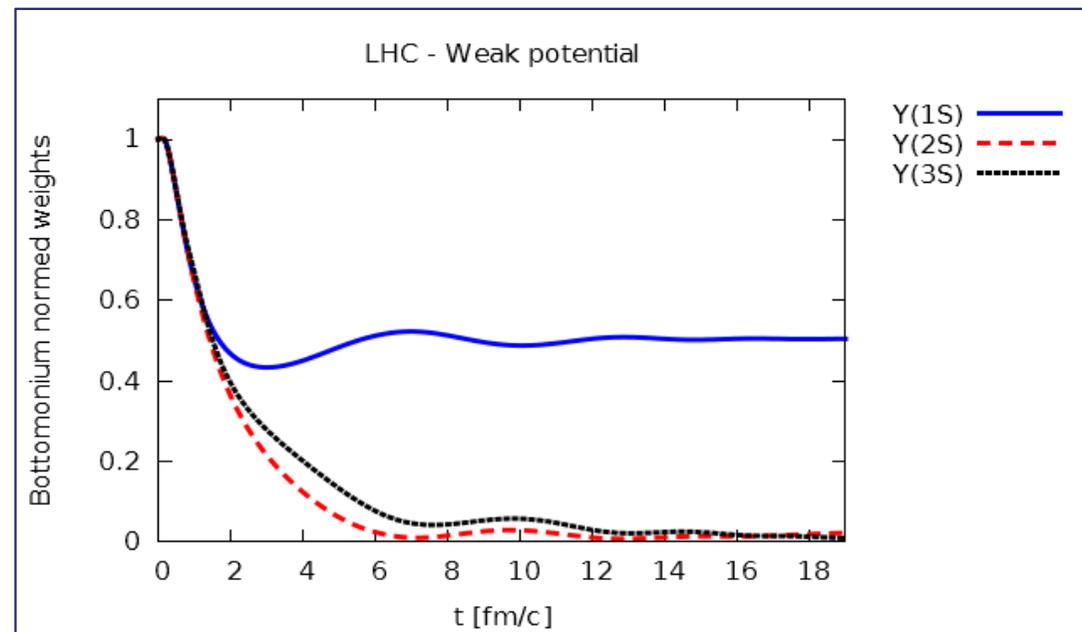
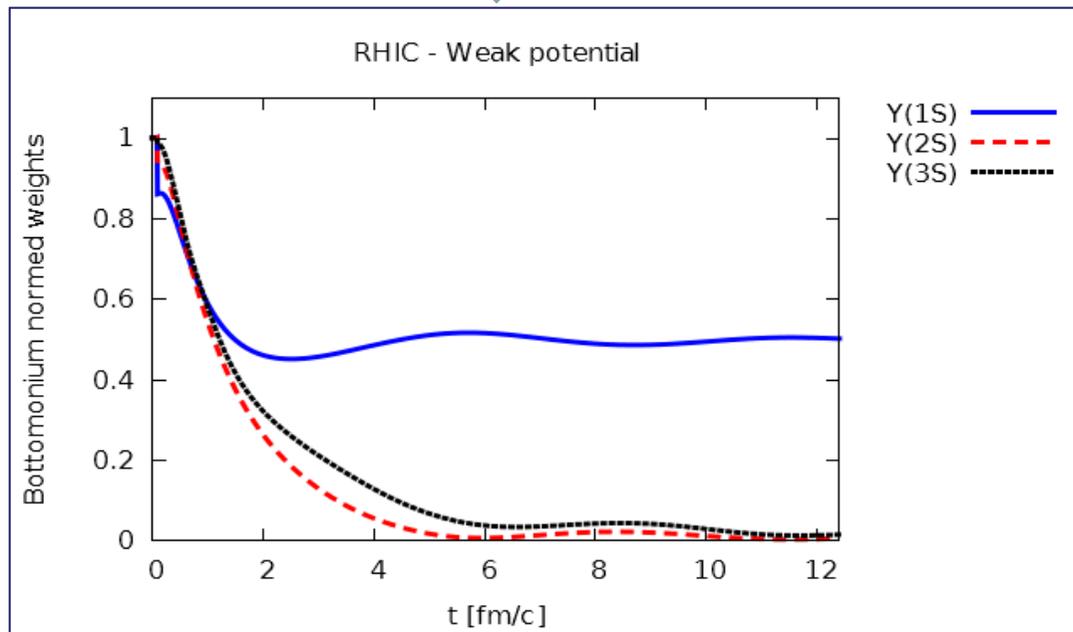
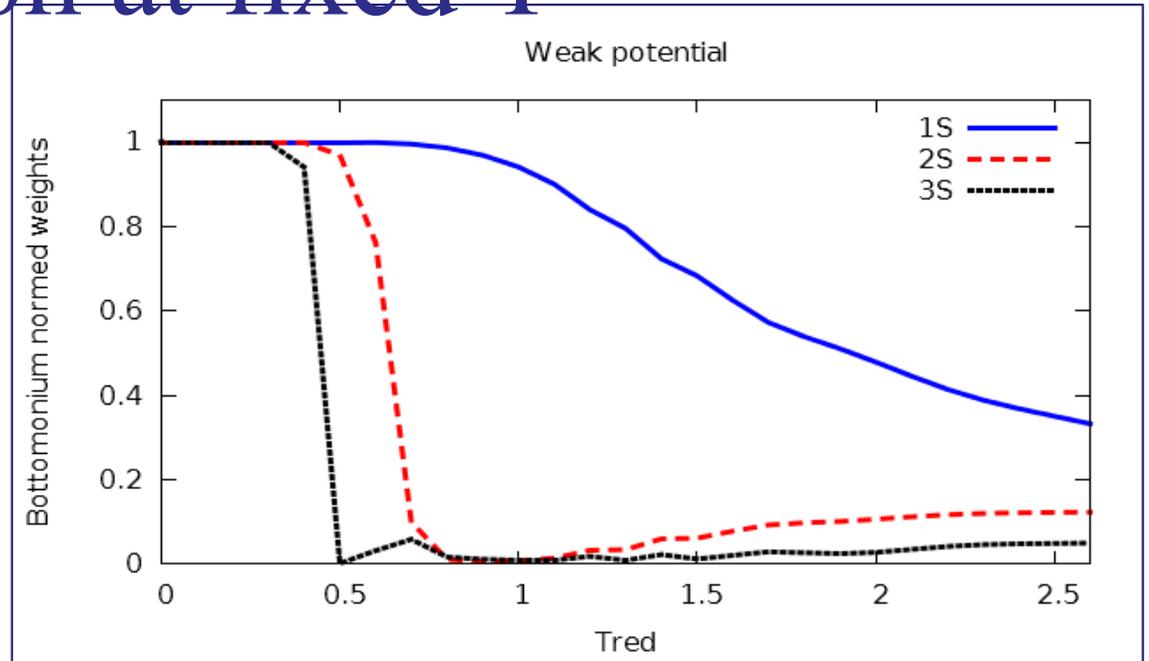


# Evolution at fixed T

**Bottomonia and weak color potential (F<V<U)**

The normed weights at  $t \rightarrow \infty$  function of the temperature

Temperature scenarios

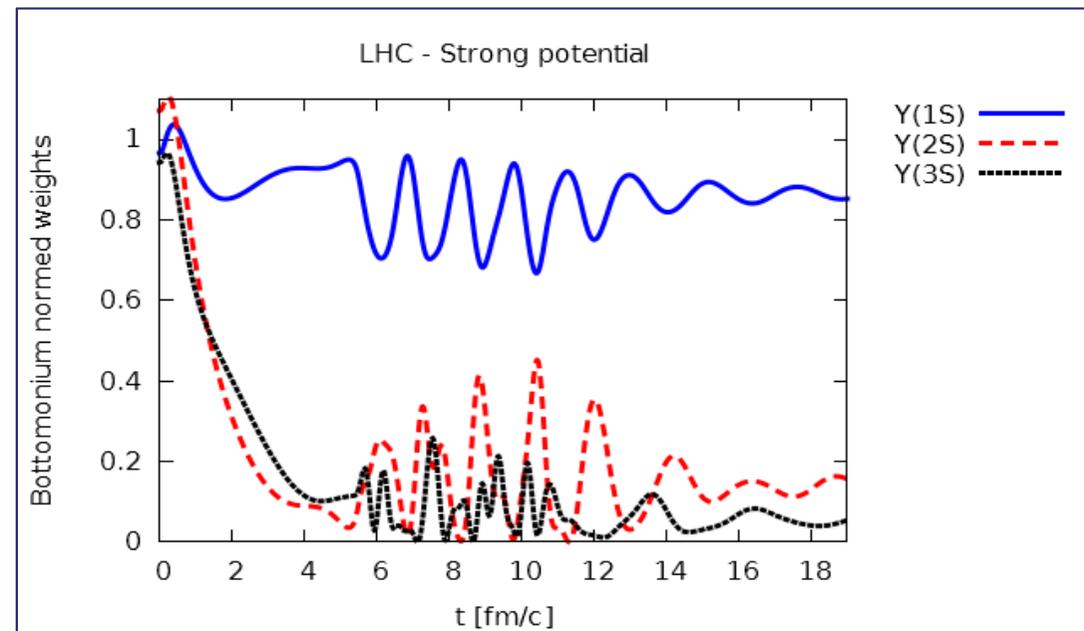
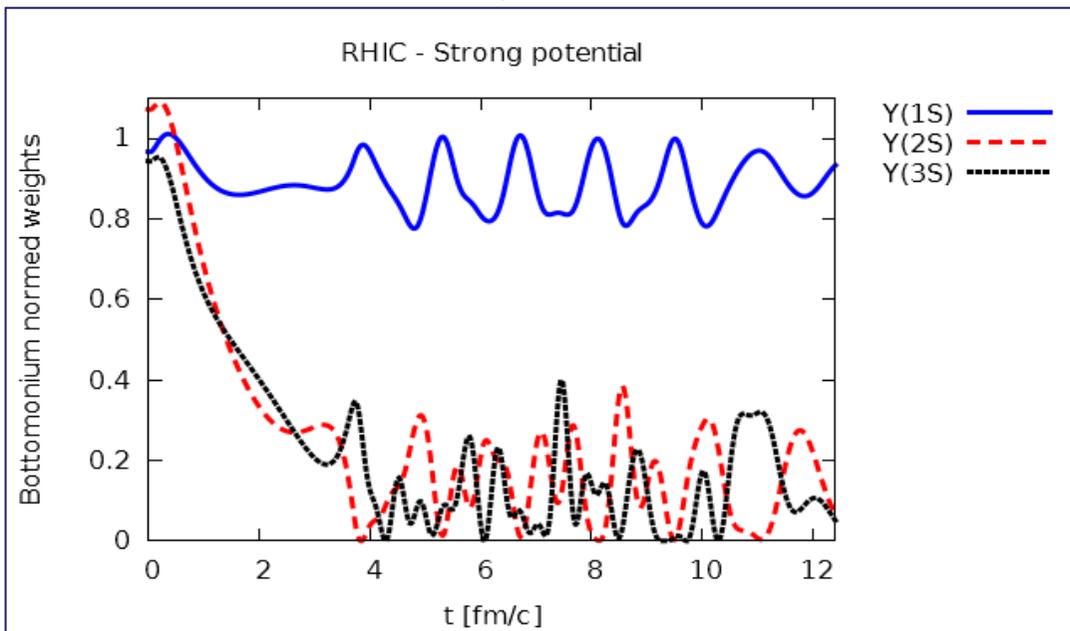
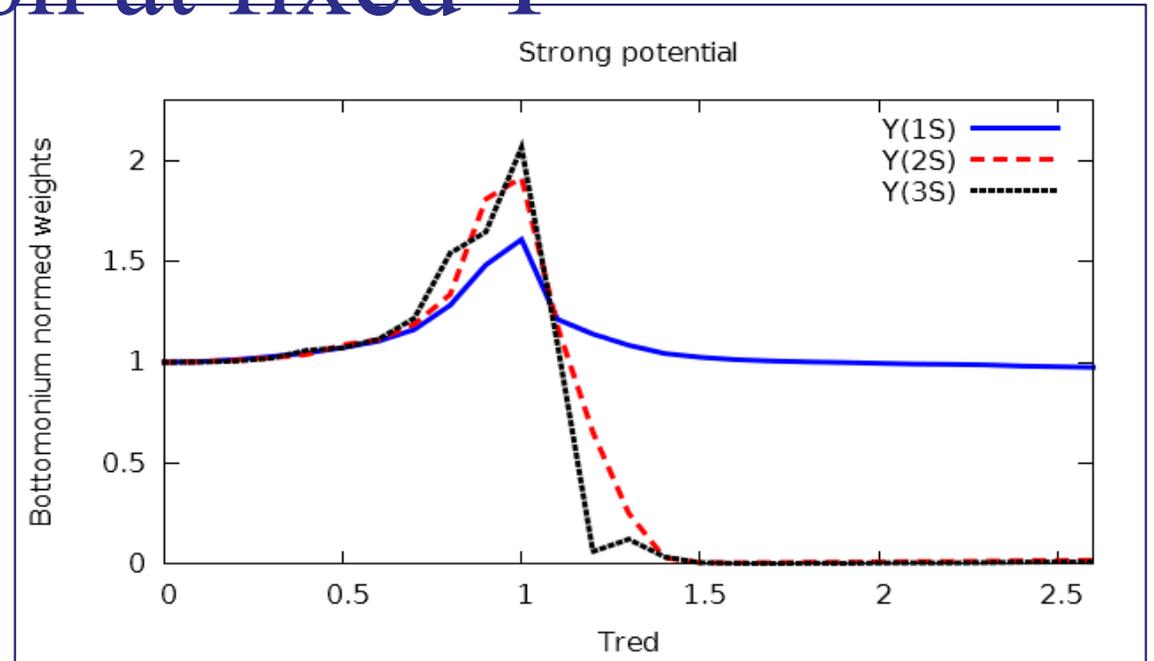


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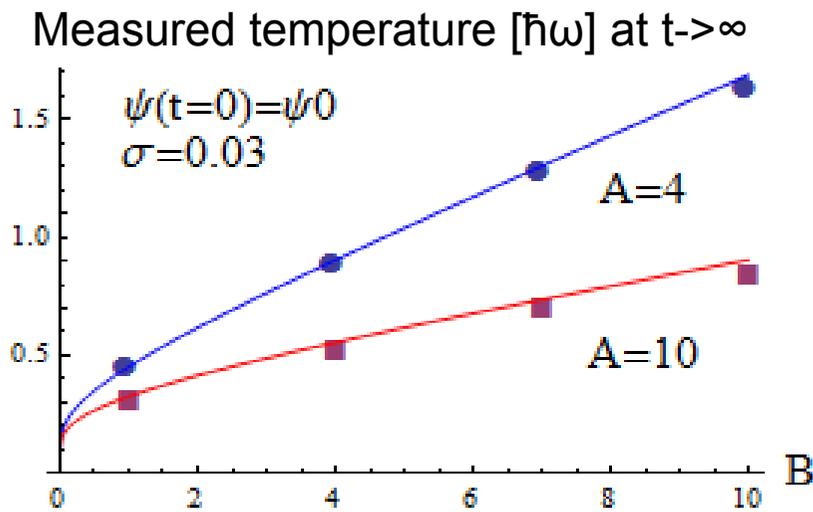
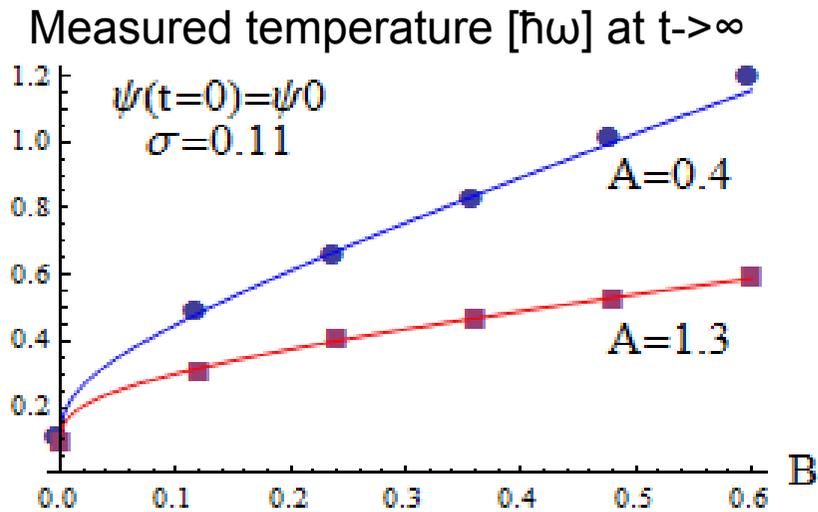
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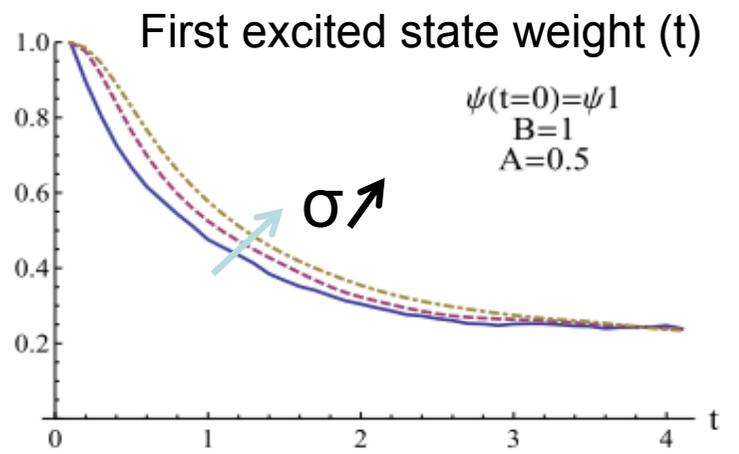
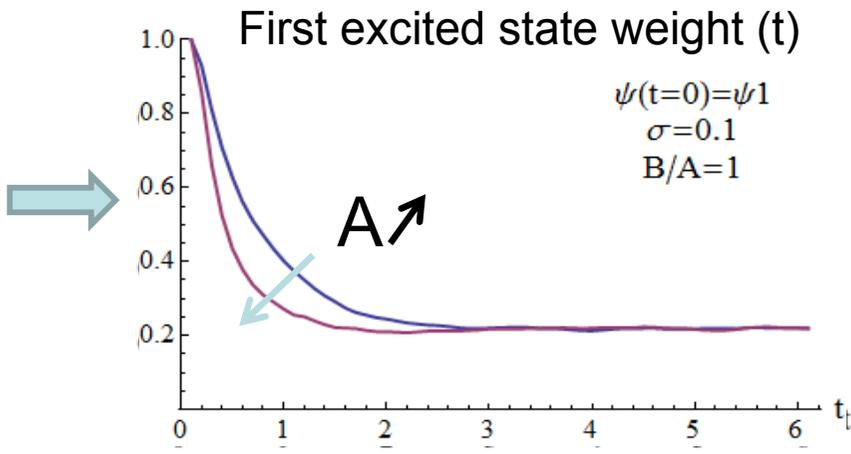


# Effects of the autocorrelation



Ok for  
 $\sigma \ll \tau_{\text{relax}}$

Tune B/A or  $\sigma$   
to adjust the  
relaxation time

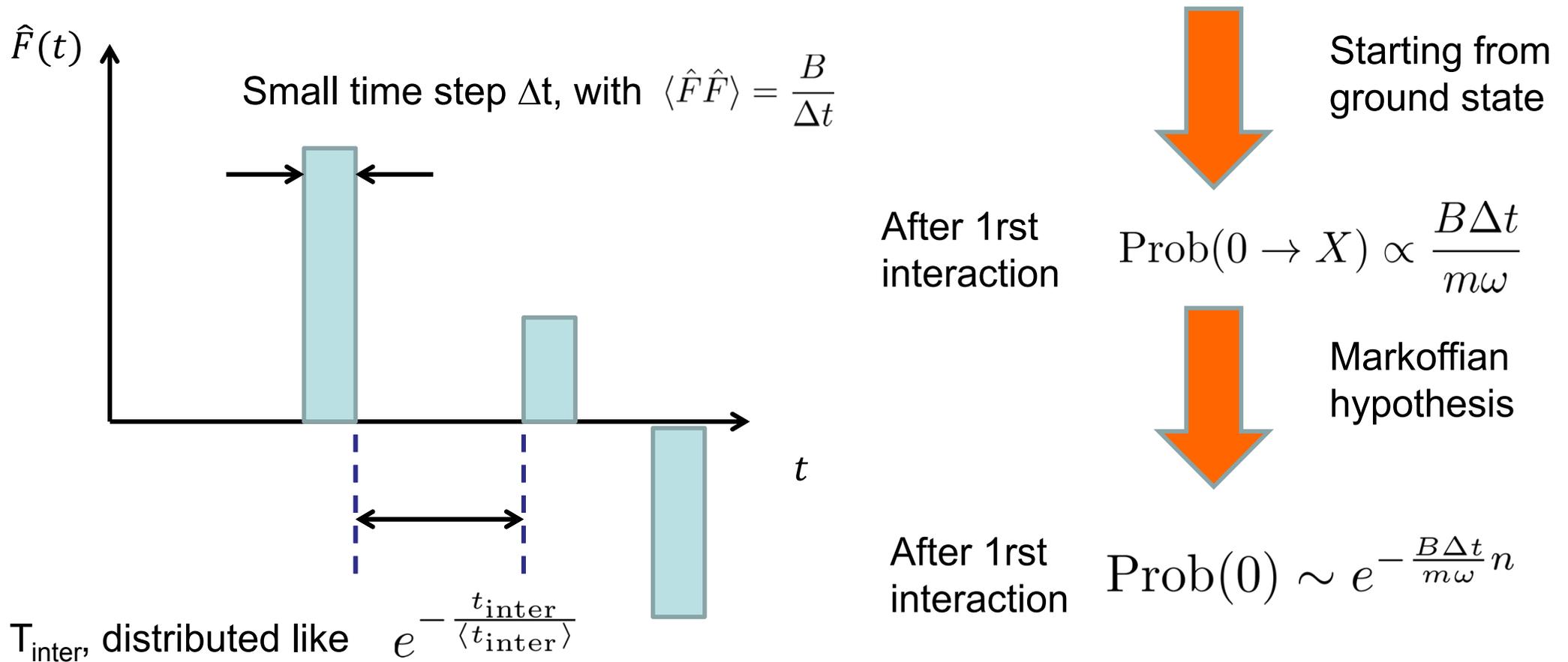


At a finite time:

high pt  $\Rightarrow$  high velocity  $\Rightarrow$  smaller  $\sigma \Rightarrow$  more excited states  $\Rightarrow$  more suppression  
 low pt  $\Rightarrow$  small velocity  $\Rightarrow$  higher  $\sigma \Rightarrow$  less excited states  $\Rightarrow$  less suppression ( $\Rightarrow$  need for regeneration ?)

# How legitimate (and legitimated) is it to use cross sections in *dense* medium ?

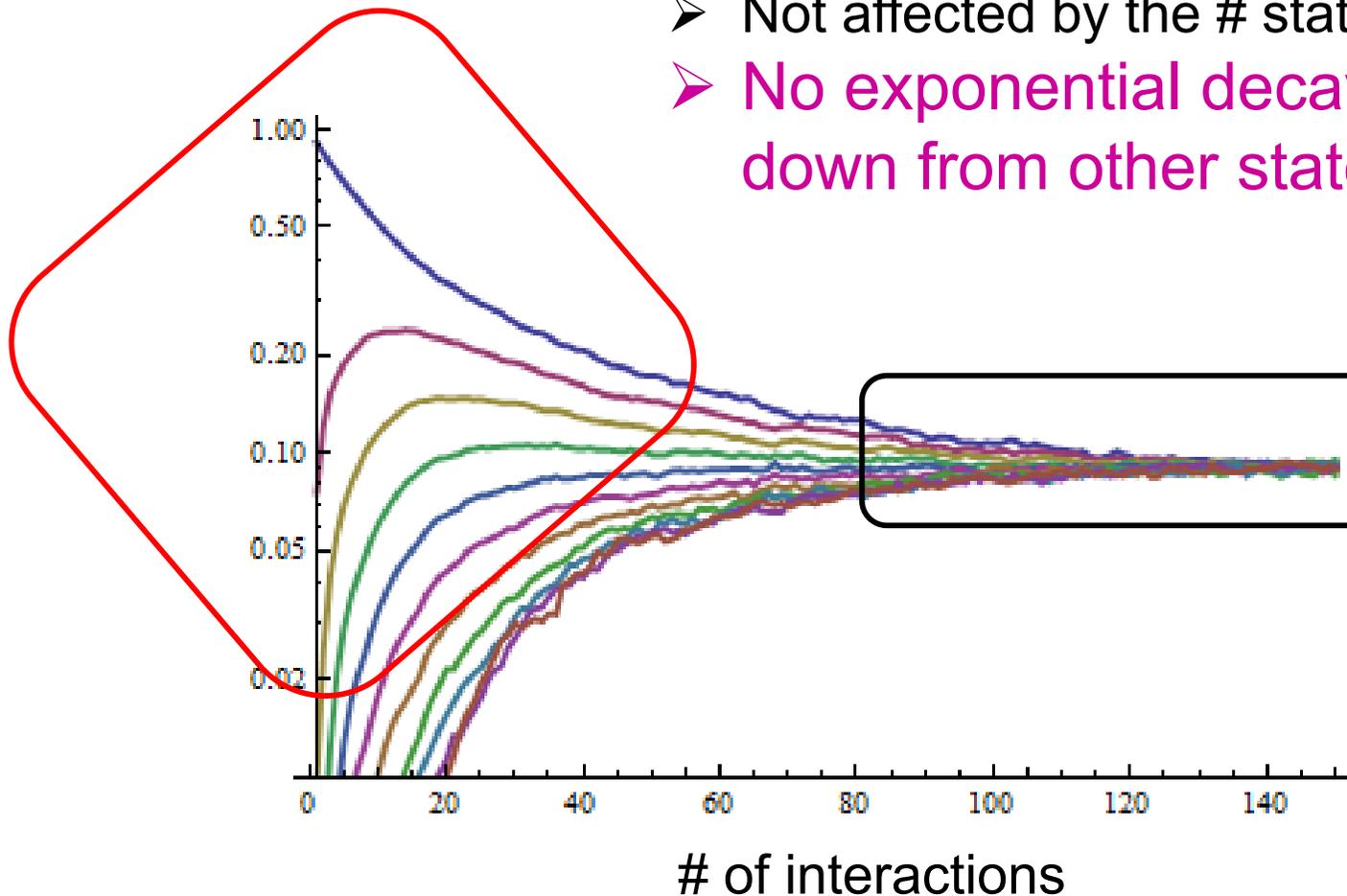
Simple toy model: Harmonic oscillator + external random forces  $\hat{F}(t)$



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Results with  $\langle t_{\text{inter}} \rangle$  not  $\ll 1/\omega$ : (basis of 11 lowest states)

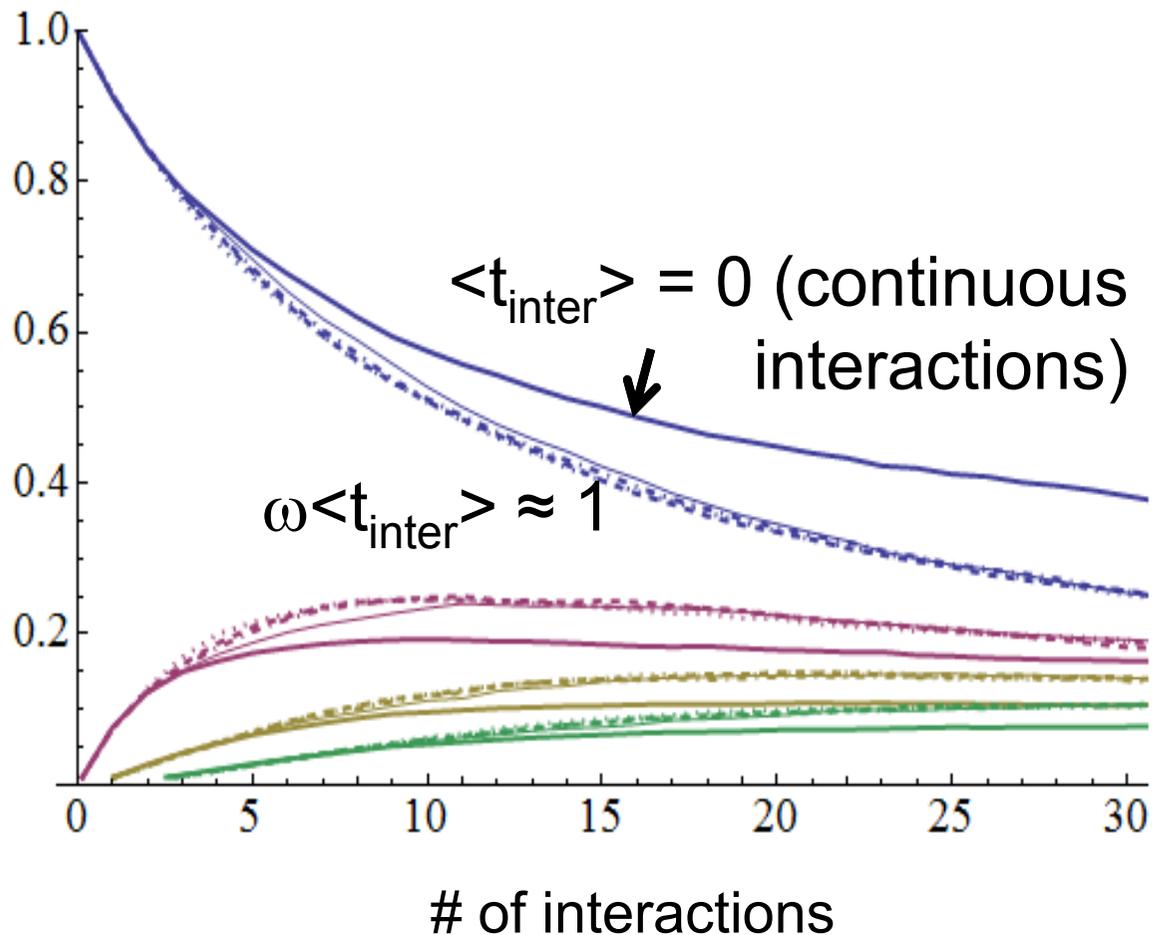
- Not affected by the # states
- No exponential decay (continuous feed down from other states)



Converges towards equilibrated distribution (no dissipation  $\Rightarrow T=\infty$   $\Rightarrow$  all states populated with equal probability)

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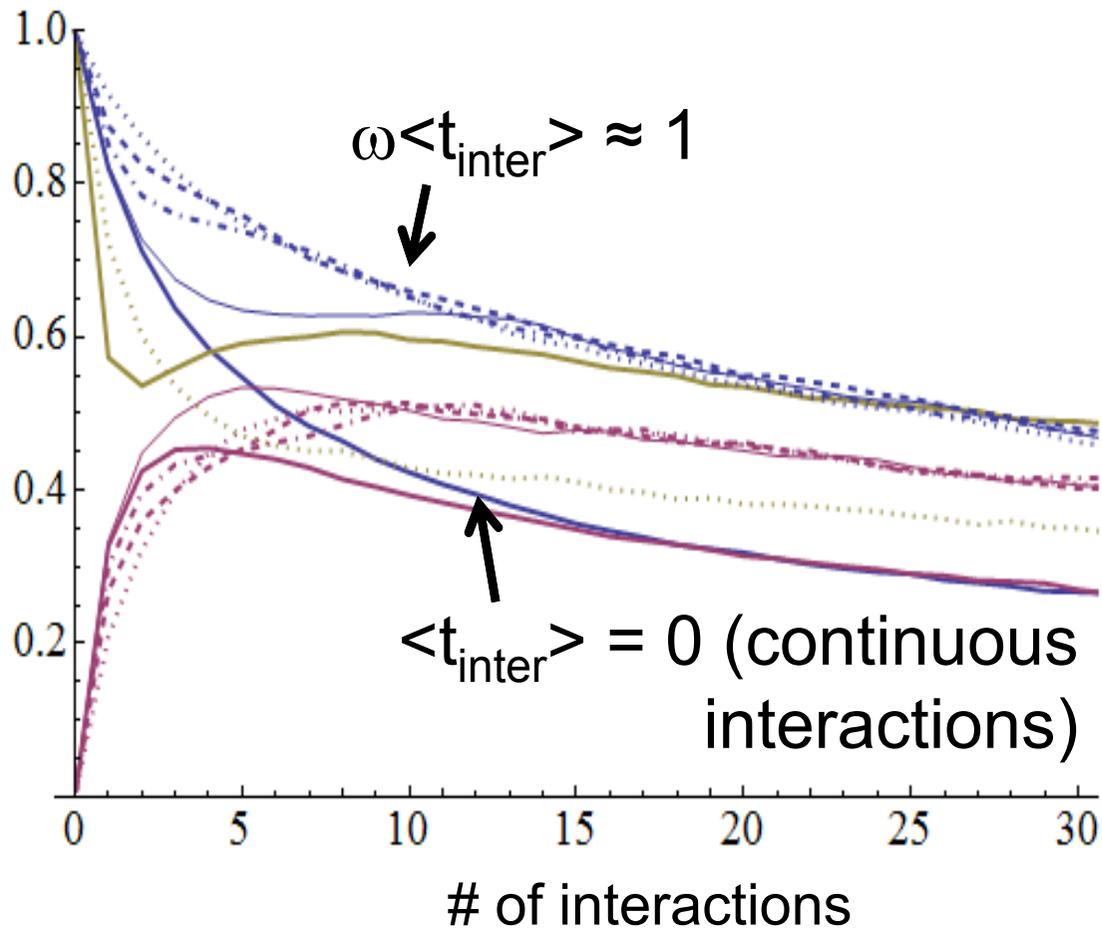
Results with for various  $\langle t_{\text{inter}} \rangle$ , with  $\psi = \psi_0$



- The case  $\omega \langle t_{\text{inter}} \rangle \approx 1$  can be understood in terms of transition probabilities (master equations)
- The case  $\omega \langle t_{\text{inter}} \rangle \ll 1$  requires genuine quantum treatment

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Results with for various  $\langle t_{\text{inter}} \rangle$ , with even  $\psi = \sum a_i \psi_i$



Same conclusions,  
larger effects