

Anisotropic flow in the few collisions regime

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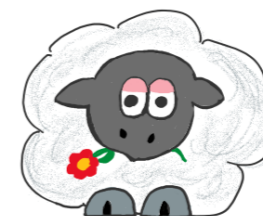
- Motivation
- Our set up
- Theoretical background
 - Anisotropic flow coefficient
 - Kinetic, relativistic Boltzmann equation
 - Single particle distribution function
- Results & discussion
 - Scaling behaviour
 - Bottomononia



**denotes, that we can
change something,
e.g. modify
our assumptions**



**throws light on
terms
and definitions**



**denotes a few
papers on the
respective topic**

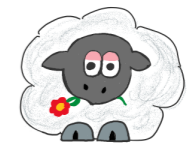
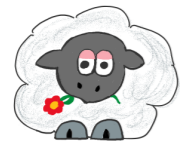


Hey Nina,
why should I listen?

Motivation Do something different.

Would even one collision in average per particle lead to sizeable anisotropic flow coefficients v_n ?

Few-hit-dynamics
Kinetic theory
instead of hydrodynamics $Kn >> 1$
 $Kn << 1$



Heiselberg & Levy, PRC 59 (1999) 2716

Kurkela, Wiedemann & Wu, arXiv:1805.04081

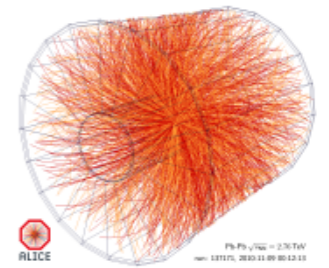
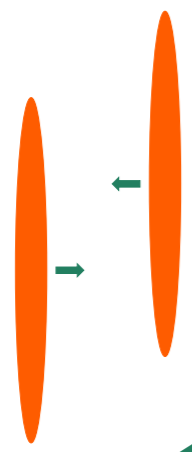
Borghini & Gombeaud, EPJC 71 (2011) 1612

Romatschke, EPJC 78 (2018) 636

Old stuff with
new interest

initial

final(ly)



One of
these observables are
the harmonic flow coefficients

Introduce theoretical observables
which are measurable

Comparison of experimental data and theoretical descriptions

Understanding of the HIC and A+p- and p+p-collisions



Few collisions in HICs?
Is that realised in nature?

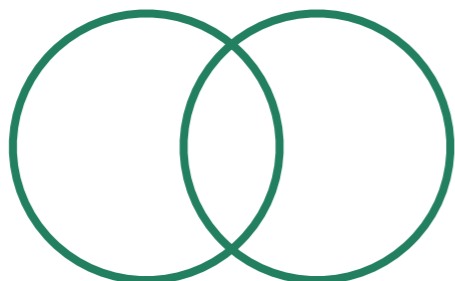


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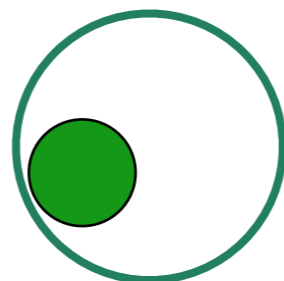
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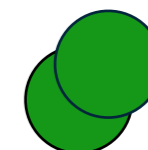
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 $A + A$



$A + p$

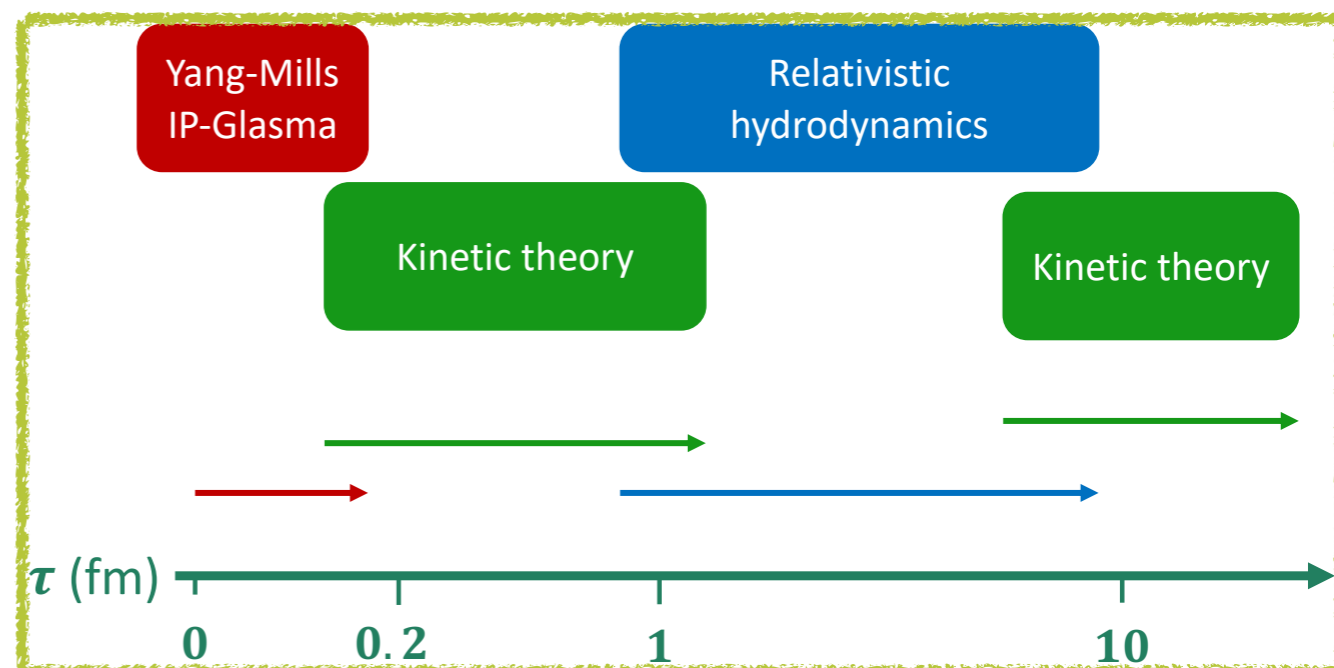


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Like $p+p$, $p+Pb$ and peripheral HIC

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(before equilibration)
&
Late stage of all HIC's
(around kinetic freeze-out)
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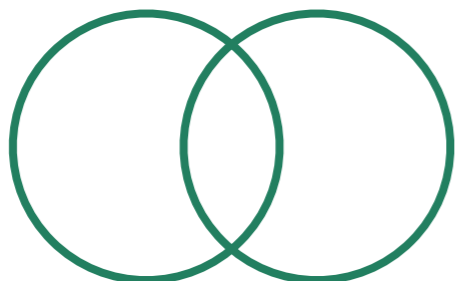


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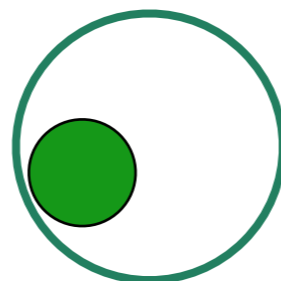
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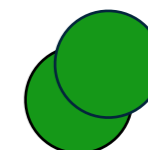
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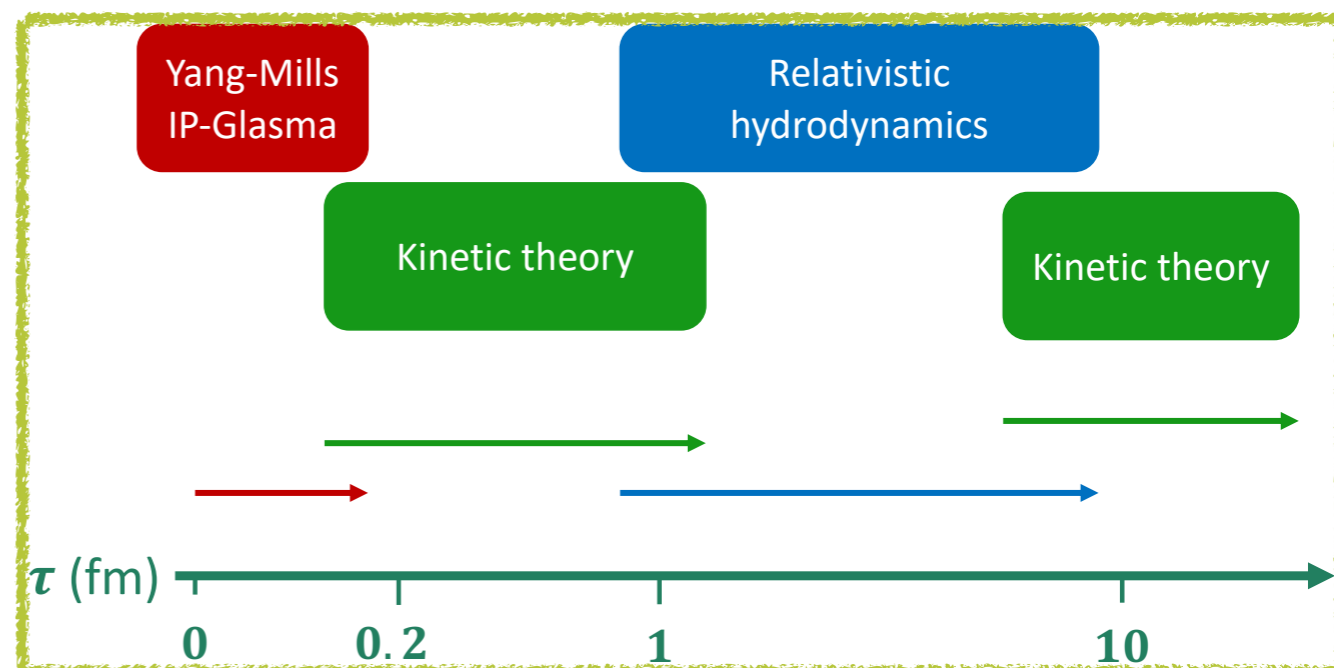


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Link between eccentricities ϵ_n and anisotropic flow coefficients $v_n(p_T)$

Position space

- Initial $t = 0$
- Eccentricities

~~Collective behaviour (Hydrodynamics)~~

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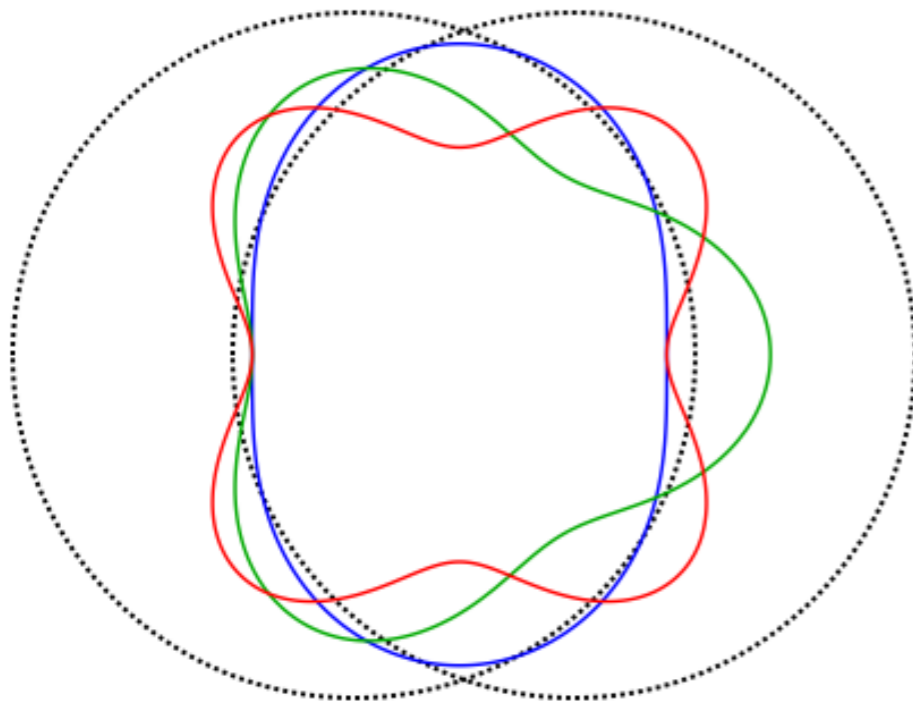
Few-hit-dynamics (kinetic theory) ✓

~~Free-streaming~~ $v_n = v_n(t) = v_n(t_0 = 0)$

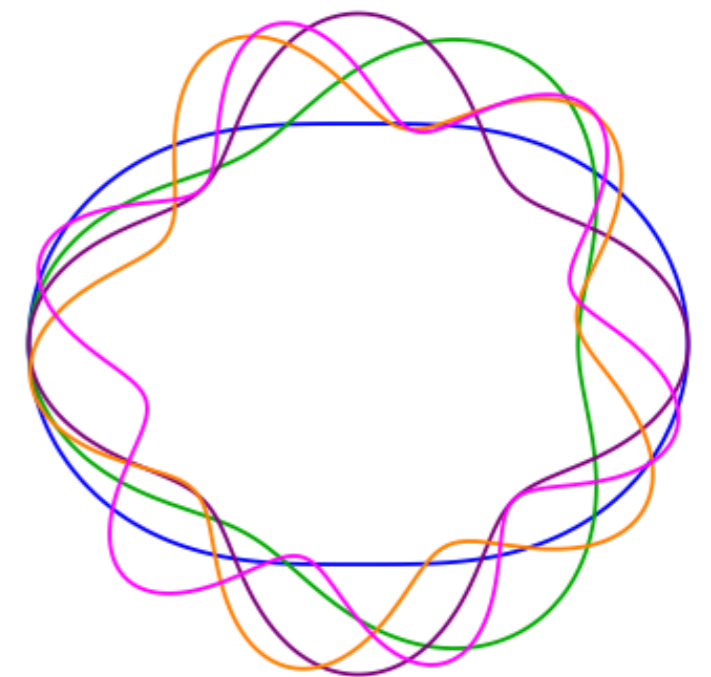


Momentum space

- Final $t \rightarrow \infty$
- Anisotropic flow



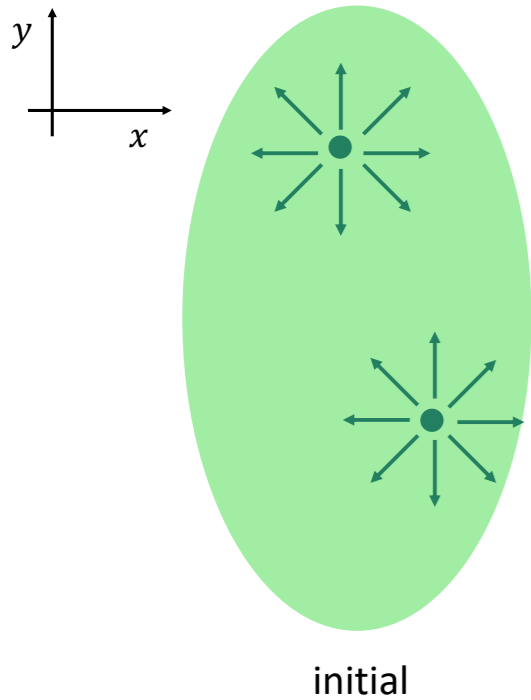
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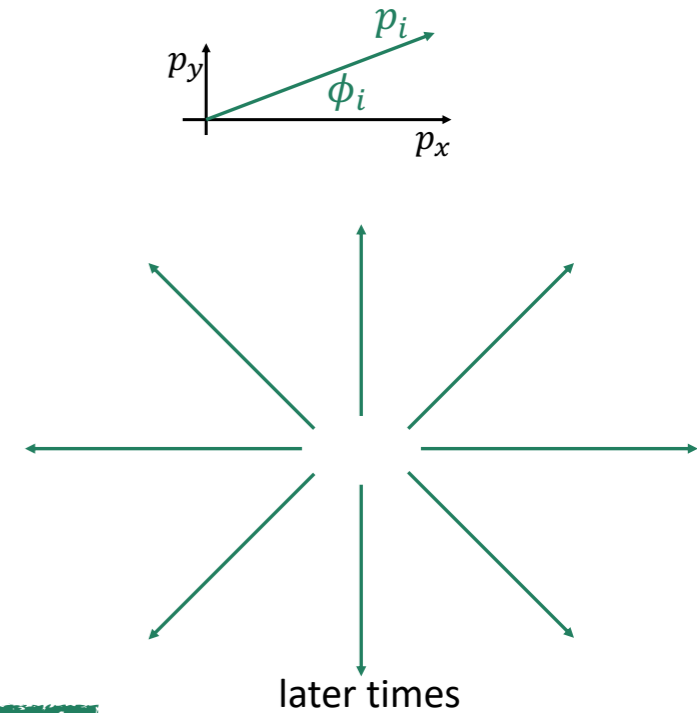
6 $v_2(p_T)$ $v_3(p_T)$ $v_4(p_T)$ $v_5(p_T)$ $v_6(p_T)$...

Set-up

Spatial asymmetry



Anisotropic flow



Evolving system far from equilibrium
Kinetic theory

Very few rescatterings in average per particle
(No continuous medium)

Expanding mixture of several species of relativistic (massive) particles

Start our description already with different particle-types i, k

Restriction to the transverse plane (two-dimensional)

Anisotropic flow for particles of type i

- **Measurements at $t = \infty$ of flow harmonics:**

$$v_{n,i}(p_i) = \frac{\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d^2N_i}{d^2\mathbf{p}_i} \cos\left(n(\phi_i - \Psi_n)\right) d\phi_i}{\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d^2N_i}{d^2\mathbf{p}_i} d\phi_i}$$

- **With the transverse momentum distribution of particles:**

$$\frac{d^2N_i}{d^2\mathbf{p}_i}(t, \mathbf{p}_i) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_i(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) d\mathbf{x}$$

Time rate of change of anisotropic flow coefficients

- Time rate of change

$$\frac{d}{dt}v_{n,i}(t, p_i) = \frac{\int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dt}f_i(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) \cos(n(\phi_i - \Psi_n)) d^2\mathbf{x} d\phi_i}{\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d^2N_i}{d^2\mathbf{p}_i} d\phi_i}$$

- Measured ($t = \infty$) anisotropic flow

$$v_{n,i}(p_i) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d}{dt}v_{n,i}(t, p_i) dt = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dt}f_i(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) \cos(n(\phi_i - \Psi_n)) d^2\mathbf{x} d\phi_i}{\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d^2N_i}{d^2\mathbf{p}_i} d\phi_i} dt$$

- with

$$v_{n,i}(0, p_i) = 0$$



We need an **on-shell**
single particle phase space distribution
for particles of type i

What do we know about $f_i(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i)$?

- Equation of motion is the classical relativistic **Boltzmann equation** (without external force):

$$p_\mu \partial^\mu f_i(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) = C_{collision} [f_i(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i)]$$

- **Distribution function** $f_i(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i)$ **obeys this equation**

What do we know about $f_i(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i)$?


- Without collisions

$$p_\mu \partial^\mu f_i^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) = 0$$

- we find the free-streaming solution $f_i^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i)$
- The **free-streaming distribution function** depends on time in following way

$$f_i^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) = f_i^{(0)}(0, \mathbf{x} - t \mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{p}_i)$$

- with the velocity \mathbf{v}_i


$$\frac{d}{dt} v_{n,i}(t, p_i) = 0 \Rightarrow v_n = v_n(t) = v_n(t_0 = 0)$$



We have to include collisions.

What do we know about $f_i(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i)$?

- We want to include few collisions, such that $f_i(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i)$ may develop anisotropies in momentum space.

- Expansion:

$$f_i(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) = f_i^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) + f_i^{(1)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) + \mathcal{O}(2)$$

same initial
distribution function
at $t = 0$

→ Collisions are due to $f_i^{(1)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i)$

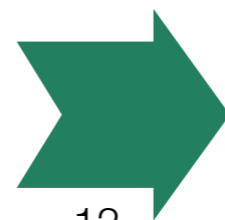
including higher
orders is possible

- With $f_i^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) \gg f_i^{(1)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i)$

- and $p_\mu \partial^\mu f_i^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) = 0$



→ $p_\mu \partial^\mu f_i^{(1)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) = C_{collision} \left[f_i^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) \right]$



We have to choose a collision term

Choose a collision term $C_{collision} \left[f_i^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) \right]$

- Elastic 2-to-2-collisions
- Particles of species i collide with particles of species k

$$C_{collision} \left[f_i^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) \right] = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ik} \right) \int f_i^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_i) f_k^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_k) \underline{w(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_i, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{p}_i, \mathbf{p}_k)} - f_i^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) f_k^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_k) \underline{w(\mathbf{p}_i, \mathbf{p}_k \rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_i, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_k)} d^2\mathbf{p}_k d^2\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_k d^2\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_i$$

circumvent double counting
(if particle of type i is equal to k)

transition rate

- Collision term is **linear** in transition rate
- Collision term is **quadratic** in distribution function

Other collision terms are possible



Back to anisotropic flow coefficients

- Remember:

$$\frac{d}{dt} v_{n,i}(t, p_i) = \frac{\int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dt} f_i(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) \cos(n(\phi_i - \Psi_n)) d^2\mathbf{x} d\phi_i}{\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d^2 N_i}{d^2 \mathbf{p}_i} d\phi_i}$$

- free-streaming and correction due to collisions
- 2-to-2 collision-term

- Consider the nominator.
- Our previous assumptions guide us to:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dt} f_i(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) \cos(n(\phi_i - \Psi_n)) d^2\mathbf{x} d\phi_i &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} C_{collision} [f_i^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i)] \cos(n(\phi_i - \Psi_n)) d^2\mathbf{x} d\phi_i \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ik}\right) \int f_i^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_i) f_k^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_k) w(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_i, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{p}_i, \mathbf{p}_k) \cos(n(\phi_i - \Psi_n)) \\ &\quad - f_i^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) f_k^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_k) w(\mathbf{p}_i, \mathbf{p}_k \rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_i, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_k) \cos(n(\phi_i - \Psi_n)) d^2\mathbf{p}_k d^2\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_k d^2\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_i d^2\mathbf{x} d\phi_i \end{aligned}$$

- Anisotropic flow coefficients are determined by the free-streaming solution.
- Transition rate  cross section



Our free-streaming distribution function in polar coordinates (r, Θ)

$$f_i^{(0)}(0, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) \propto F_i(p_i) \left[1 + \epsilon_2 \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{2R^2}\right) \cos(2\Theta) + \epsilon_3 \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^3 \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{2R^2}\right) \cos(3(\Theta - \Psi_3)) + \dots \right]$$

factorised in position-
and momentum space

isotropic momentum
distribution function

contains only linear
terms in eccentricities

- We assume nearly the same distribution function for particles of type k
- We only exchanged $i \rightarrow k$ ($F_i(p_i) \rightarrow F_k(p_k)$ and $N_i \rightarrow N_k$)

It could also be interesting to assume different R for different species due to production processes

 All we need to calculate our flow harmonics



Results - Scaling behaviour

Borghini & Feld & NK, arXiv:1804.05729



Interesting: Our "forecast"-
hexagonal flow scales with different
powers in σ_d



Our finding:

$$v_2 \propto \sigma_d \epsilon_2$$

$$v_3 \propto \sigma_d \epsilon_3$$

$$v_4 \propto \sigma_d \epsilon_2^2 + \sigma_d \epsilon_4$$

$$v_5 \propto \sigma_d \epsilon_2 \epsilon_3 + \sigma_d \epsilon_5$$

$$v_6 \propto \sigma_d \epsilon_2 \epsilon_4 + \sigma_d \epsilon_3^2 + \sigma_d \epsilon_6 + \sigma_d^2 \epsilon_2^3$$

- Mean number of collision $N_{scat.} \propto \sigma_d \propto Kn^{-1}$



Results - Scaling behaviour and comparison to hydrodynamics

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Hydrodynamics:

$$v_2 \propto \kappa_{2,2} \epsilon_2$$

$$v_3 \propto \kappa_{3,3} \epsilon_3$$

$$v_4 \propto \kappa_{4,22} \epsilon_2^2 + \kappa_{4,4} \epsilon_4$$

$$v_5 \propto \kappa_{5,23} \epsilon_2 \epsilon_3 + \kappa_{5,5} \epsilon_5$$

$$v_6 \propto \kappa_{6,24} \epsilon_2 \epsilon_4 + \kappa_{6,33} \epsilon_3^2 + \kappa_{6,6} \epsilon_6 + \kappa_{6,222} \epsilon_2^2$$



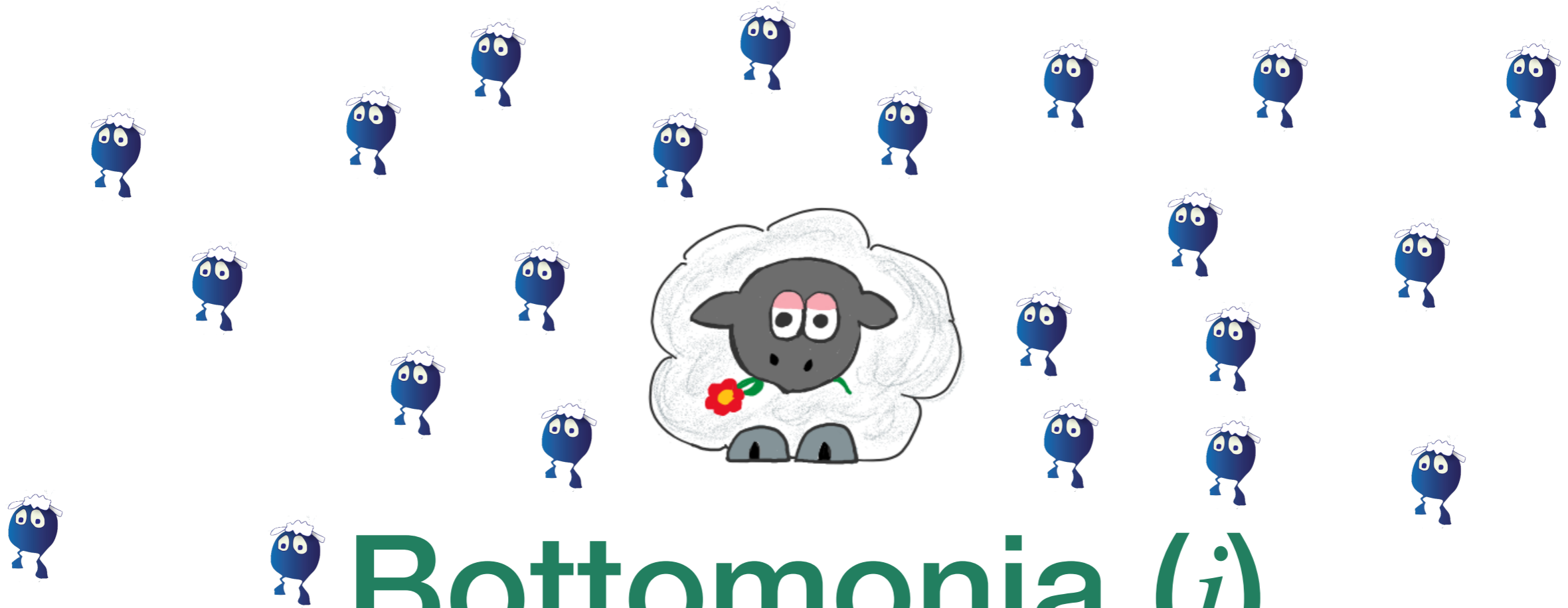
Thanks to
Jasper's talk
yesterday

When we consider e.g.

- 3-to-3 collisions
- additional terms in $f_i(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i)$

- Mean number of collision $N_{scat.} \propto \sigma_d \propto Kn^{-1}$
- Linear response coefficients $\kappa_{n,n}$
- Nonlinear response coefficients $\kappa_{n,lm\dots}$
 - They depend on transport properties like shear viscosity





Bottomonnia (i)

and massless medium particles (k)

Collision term $C_{collision} \left[f_i^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) \right]$ for Bottomonium

- Bottomonium (i) collide with massless medium particles (k)
- Inelastic collisions \longrightarrow restriction to loss term

$$\int \cancel{f_i^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_i) f_k^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_k) w(\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_i, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{p}_i, \mathbf{p}_k)} - f_i^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) f_k^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_k) w(\mathbf{p}_i, \mathbf{p}_k \rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_i, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_k) d^2\mathbf{p}_k d^2\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_k d^2\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_i$$

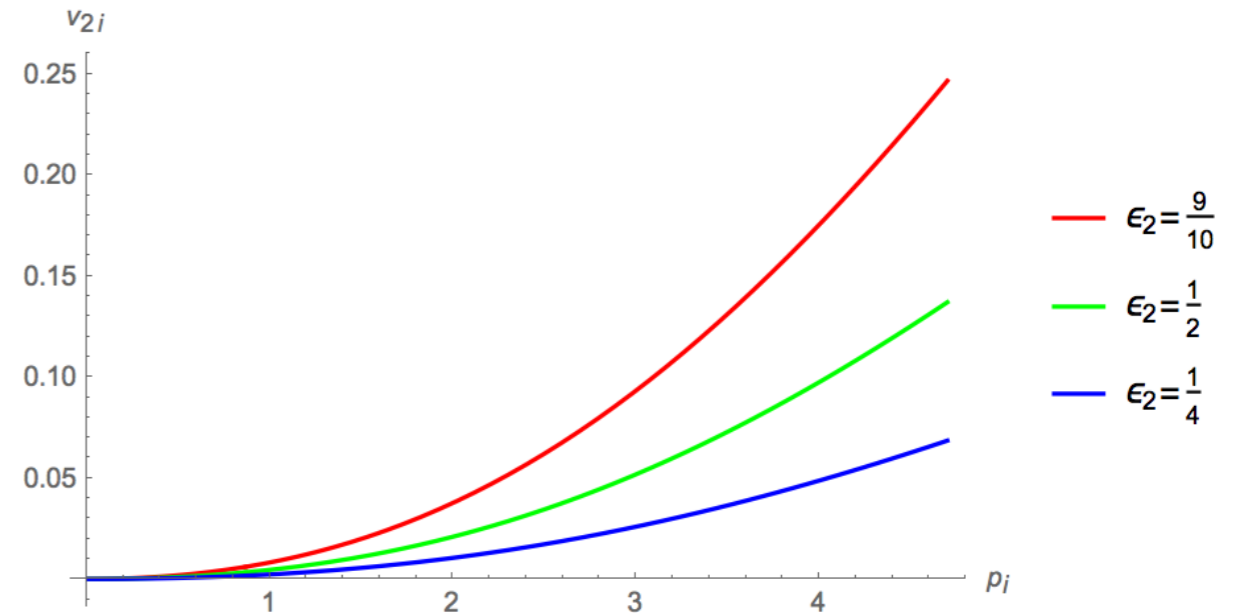
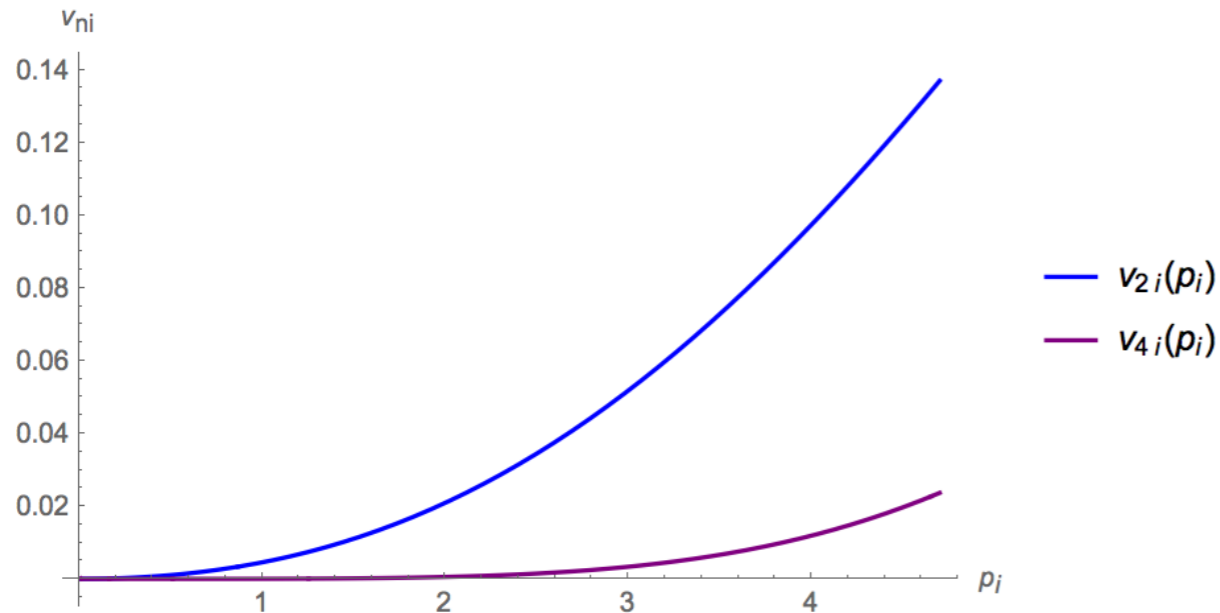
- Transition rate \longrightarrow cross section

$$= -2\pi\sigma_d \int f_i^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) f_k^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_k) v_{ik} d^2\mathbf{p}_k$$

Comment: Bottomonium are destroyed after a collision and cannot be created.

Results - Bottomonia flow

Doubtful: We assume the maximal value of collisions (one collision per Bottomonia). That means that there is no Bottomonia left and no possibility to look at the v_n 's



$v_{2i}(p_i)$ and $v_{4i}(p_i)$ are shown for $0.01 \frac{GeV}{c} \leq p_i \leq 4.7 \frac{GeV}{c}$

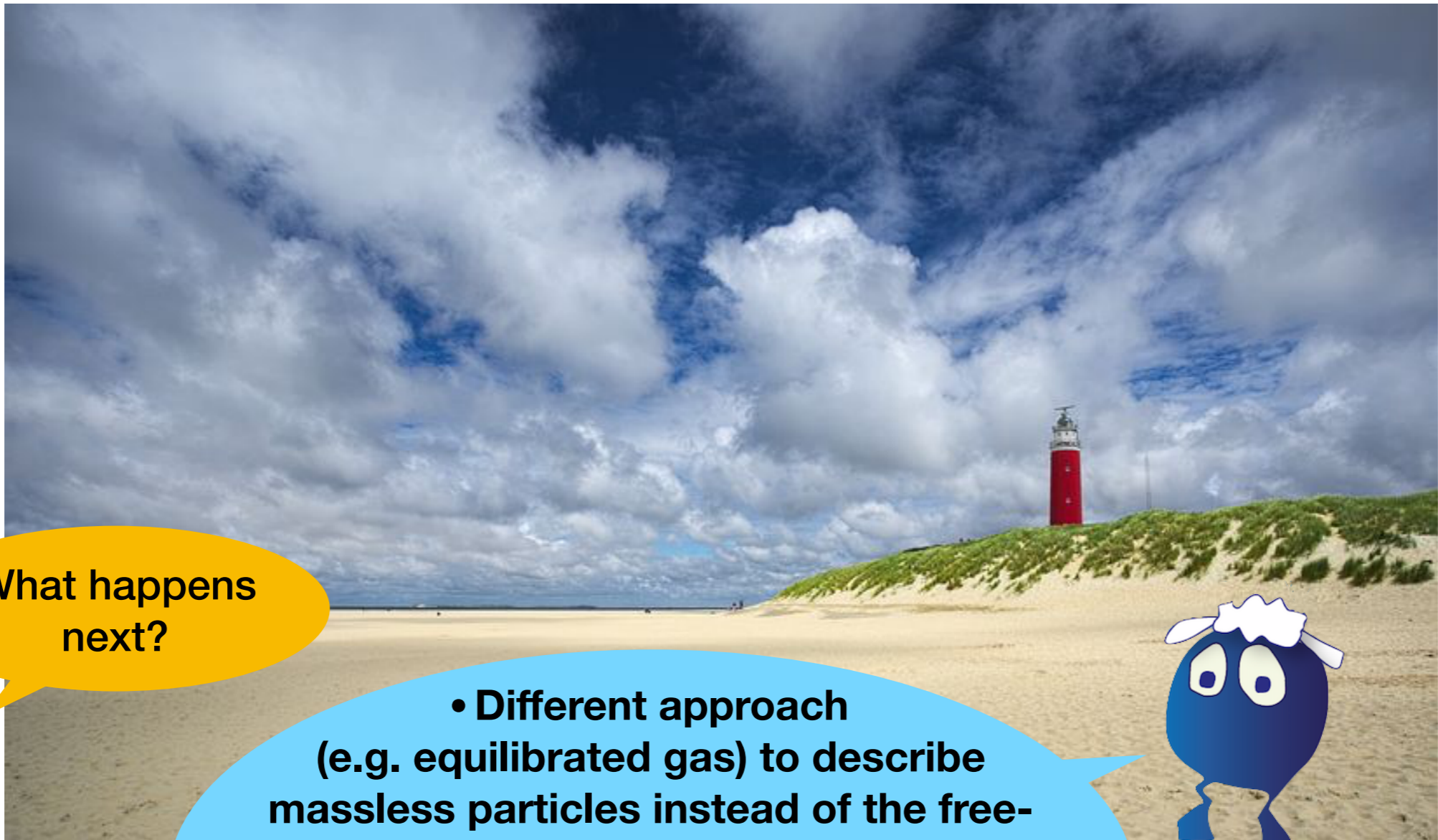
We choose $\epsilon_2 = \frac{1}{2}$

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We choose $\epsilon_2 = \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{9}{10}$

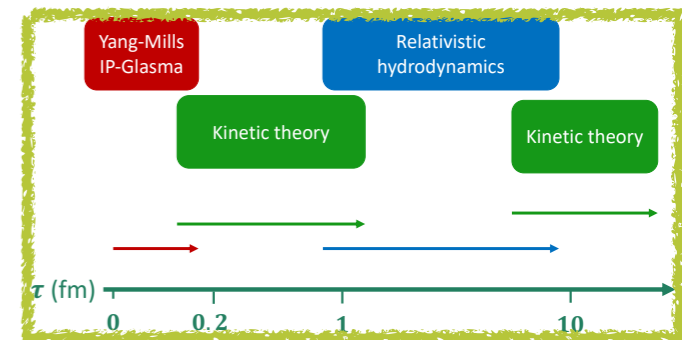
Even for at most 1 collision per Bottomonia we "observe" anisotropic flow

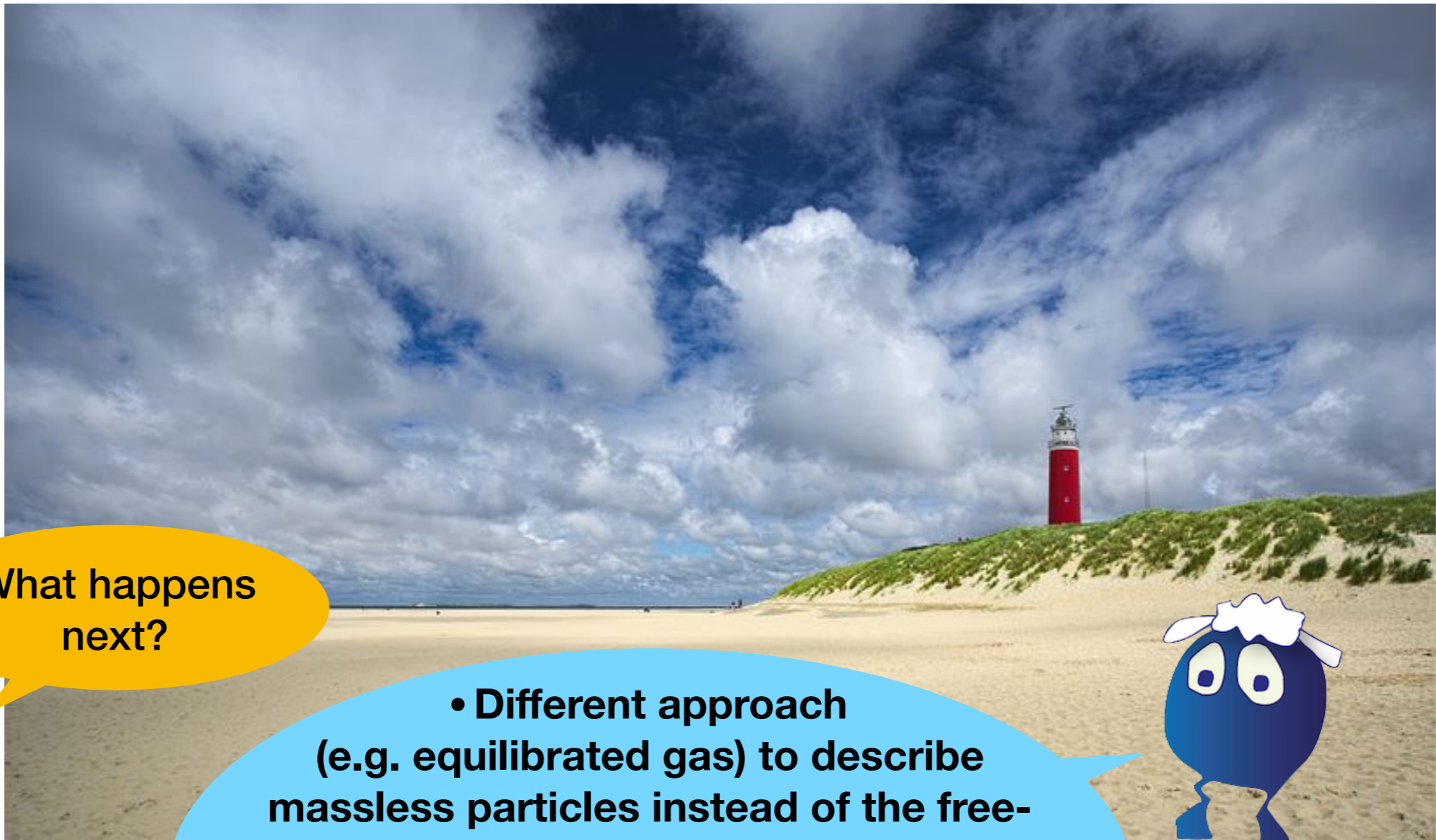
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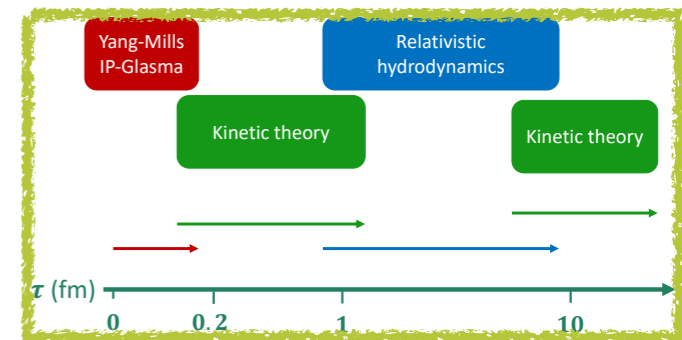
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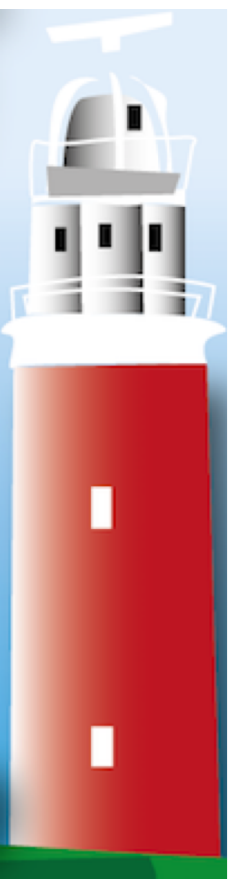
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Thanks for your attention

Backup



Knudsen number Kn

- **Definition of dimensionless Knudsen number** $Kn = \frac{l_{mfp}}{L}$
- **with L typical length scale over which macroscopic system properties vary**
- **Small $Kn \leftrightarrow$ dense system/collisions occur relatively often**
- **Large $Kn \leftrightarrow$ free streaming limit**
- **Inverse Knudsen number** $Kn^{-1} \propto N_{scat.}$
- **is proportional to the number of rescatterings per particle** $N_{scat.} \approx \frac{\sigma_d N_k}{R} \leq 1$

Anisotropic flow coefficients

Measurement at $t = \infty$

$$v_{n,i}(p_i) = \frac{\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d^2 N_i}{d^2 \mathbf{p}_i} \cos \left(n (\phi_i - \Psi_n) \right) d\phi_i}{\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d^2 N_i}{d^2 \mathbf{p}_i} d\phi_i}$$

$$v_{n,i}(p_i) := v_{n,i}(t = \infty, p_i)$$

$$v_{n,i}(t, p_i) = \frac{\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d^2 N_i}{d^2 \mathbf{p}_i} (t, \mathbf{p}_i) \cos \left(n (\phi_i - \Psi_n) \right) d\phi_i}{\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d^2 N_i}{d^2 \mathbf{p}_i} (t, \mathbf{p}_i) d\phi_i}$$

$$\frac{d^2 N_i}{d^2 \mathbf{p}_i} (t, \mathbf{p}_i) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_i(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) d\mathbf{x}$$

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$$\frac{d}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} v_{n,i}(t, p_i) = \frac{\int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dt} f_i(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) \cos \left(n (\phi_i - \Psi_n) \right) d^2 \mathbf{x} d\phi_i}{\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d^2 N_i}{d^2 \mathbf{p}_i} d\phi_i}$$

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$$v_{n,i}(0, p_i) = 0$$

$$v_{n,i}(p_i) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d}{dt} v_{n,i}(t, p_i) dt = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dt} f_i(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) \cos \left(n (\phi_i - \Psi_n) \right) d^2 \mathbf{x} d\phi_i}{\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d^2 N_i}{d^2 \mathbf{p}_i} d\phi_i} dt$$

Left side of Boltzmann equation

$$P_{\mu} \partial^{\mu} f_i(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) = C_{collision}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) = \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} \partial_x + \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} \partial_p \right] f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) \stackrel{\text{no external force}}{=} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_x \right] f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$$

for $f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) = f^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) + f^{(1)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$ follows

$$\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_x \right] f^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) + \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_x \right] f^{(1)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$$

free streaming

vanishes,
when integrating
over space for
our choice of the
distribution function

Detailed evaluation for nominator of $\nu_{n,i}(t, p_i)$ for Bottomonnia

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dt} f_i(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) \cos(n(\phi_i - \Psi_n)) d^2\mathbf{x} d\phi_i \\
 \frac{d}{dt} f_i^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) \stackrel{=}{=} & \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dt} f_i^{(1)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) \cos(n(\phi_i - \Psi_n)) d^2\mathbf{x} d\phi_i \\
 \text{Boltzmann equation} \stackrel{=}{=} & \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} C_{\text{collision}} [f_i^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i)] \cos(n(\phi_i - \Psi_n)) d^2\mathbf{x} d\phi_i \\
 \text{only loss term} \stackrel{=}{=} & - \int f_i^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) f_k^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_k) \cos(n(\phi_i - \Psi_n)) v_{ik} \frac{d\sigma_{ik}}{d\Theta} d\Theta d\phi_k p_k dp_k d^2\mathbf{x} d\phi_i \\
 \text{cross section} \stackrel{=}{=} & -2\pi \sigma_d \int f_i^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) f_k^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_k) \cos(n(\phi_i - \Psi_n)) v_{ik} d\phi_k d^2\mathbf{x} d\phi_i p_k dp_k
 \end{aligned}$$

differential cross section

relative velocity

How to compute the initial eccentricities ϵ_n ?

$$\epsilon_n = - \frac{\int_0^\infty \int_0^{2\pi} G(r, \Theta) r^{n+1} \cos \left(n (\Theta - \Psi_n) \right) d\Theta dr}{\int_0^\infty \int_0^{2\pi} G(r, \Theta) r^{n+1} d\Theta dr}$$

- with $G(\mathbf{r}) = G(r, \Theta)$
- the position dependent part of initial distribution function

$$f_i^{(0)}(t=0, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}_i) = G(\mathbf{r})F(\mathbf{p}_i)$$

Comment: Actually one has to average over the **entropy density** to determine the eccentricities. But computing the eccentricities with the **distribution function** will not lead to a difference. It is only a matter of convention.

How to calculate the number of collisions?

How to insure few collisions?

Part I

- Scattering rate at time t

$$\Gamma(t) = \int f_i(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) f_k(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_k) \sigma_d(\Omega) v_{ik} d\Omega d\mathbf{x} d\mathbf{p}_i d\mathbf{p}_k$$

- With assumptions as before

$$N_{scat.} = \int \Gamma(t) dt = 2 \pi \sigma_d \int \underbrace{f_i^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) f_k^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_k) v_{ik} d\mathbf{x} dt d\phi_i d\phi_k}_{\text{calculated}} p_i dp_i p_k dp_k$$

calculated

$$N_{scat.} = \int \frac{N_i N_k \pi^{\frac{5}{2}} \sigma_d}{R} \left[4 + \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \epsilon_2^2 \right] F_i(p_i) F_k(p_k) F_D^{(2)}\left(\frac{1}{2}, -1, \frac{1}{2}, 1, x_a, x_b\right) p_k dp_k p_i dp_i$$

- With $\int F_k(p_k) p_k dp_k = 1$

- follows further
$$N_{scat.} = \int \frac{N_i N_k \pi^{\frac{5}{2}} \sigma_d}{R} \left[4 + \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \epsilon_2^2 \right] F_i(p_i) F_D^{(2)}\left(\frac{1}{2}, -1, \frac{1}{2}, x_a, x_b\right) p_i dp_i$$

- We know $\frac{2}{\pi} \leq F_D^{(2)}\left(\frac{1}{2}, -1, \frac{1}{2}, x_a, x_b\right) \leq 1$ (in dependence of $x_a \propto p_i$ and $x_b \propto p_i$)

- and therefore

$$\frac{N_i N_k \pi^{\frac{3}{2}} \sigma_d}{2 R} \left[4 + \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \epsilon_2^2 \right] \leq N_{scat.} \leq \frac{N_i N_k \pi^{\frac{5}{2}} \sigma_d}{R} \left[4 + \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \epsilon_2^2 \right]$$

elastic coll.

$$N_i(t) = N_i$$

How to calculate the number of collisions?

How to insure few collisions?

Part II

- **Again**

$$\frac{2 N_i N_k \pi^{\frac{3}{2}} \sigma_d}{R} \left[4 + \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \epsilon_2^2 \right] \leq N_{scat.} \leq \frac{N_i N_k \pi^{\frac{5}{2}} \sigma_d}{R} \left[4 + \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \epsilon_2^2 \right]$$

- **At most one collisions per Bottomonia**

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2 N_k \pi^{\frac{3}{2}} \sigma_d}{R} \left[4 + \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \epsilon_2^2 \right] \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{N_k \sigma_d}{R} \leq \frac{1}{2 \pi^{\frac{3}{2}} \left[4 + \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \epsilon_2^2 \right]}$$

- **Maximal value for $\epsilon_2 = 0$**

- **Therefore** $\Rightarrow \frac{N_k \sigma_d}{R} \leq \frac{1}{8\pi^{\frac{3}{2}}}$

- **Insert this value in the calculations of anisotropic flow coefficients to ensure at most 1 collision per Bottomonia**

Our free-streaming distribution function in polar coordinates (r, Θ)

$$f_i^{(0)}(0, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_i) = \frac{N_i}{2 \pi R^2} F(p_i) \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{2R^2}\right) \left[1 - 4 \epsilon_2 \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{2R^2}\right) \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 \cos(2\Theta)\right]$$

particle number
for particles
of species i

isotropic momentum
space distribution
function

typical system size

spacial eccentricity

cut-off

factorised in position-
and momentum space

isotropic momentum
distribution function

contains only linear
terms in eccentricities

including
 $\epsilon_3, \epsilon_4, \dots$
is possible



Further motivation

Increase the numbers of collisions to be more realistic (except Boltzmann) and to compare results to different theoretical approaches

