

# QGP France 2021

## Heavy Flavor review / overview

« ... un petit survol des enjeux... »

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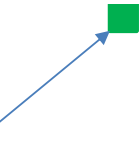
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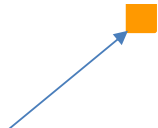
### Disclaimer: This ultra short presentation...

- is NOT intended to enter in any technical aspect
- is NOT intended for the specialists in the field (they'd better visit the cliffs)
- is NOT intended to resolve ambiguities or express my personal opinion Or just a little bit
- is NOT intended to cover all the fascinating topics

I'll try to cover



interesting, but I'll not to cover (look  
later by yourself between 2 emails)

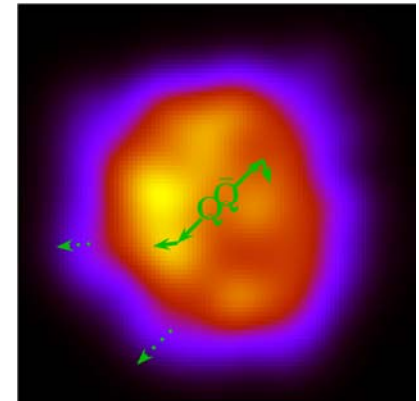


## Hard probing QGP in URHIC with the help of HF ?

1.  $\Phi$ : Heavy quarks are produced early, number conserved through time evolution (even at LHC)  $\Rightarrow$  signature of early (hot) phase
2.  $\Phi$ : Weakly affected by late time evolution (heavy, colour transparency)
3.  $\Phi$ : *Strongly (even too strongly ?) affected by the QGP phase*
4. Theory: Heavy mass  $\rightarrow$  Allows *some* pQCD calculations for the initial production and annihilation, as well as for the dynamics.
5. Exp: Quarkonia suppression: clear decay channel  $\rightarrow$  leptons

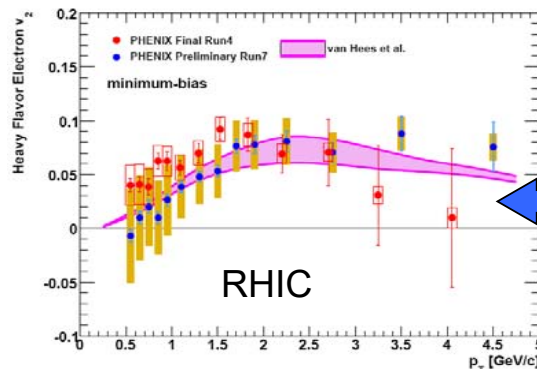
Usually advocated as an ideal *probe* of dense matter

QGP tomography with Q-Qbar pairs



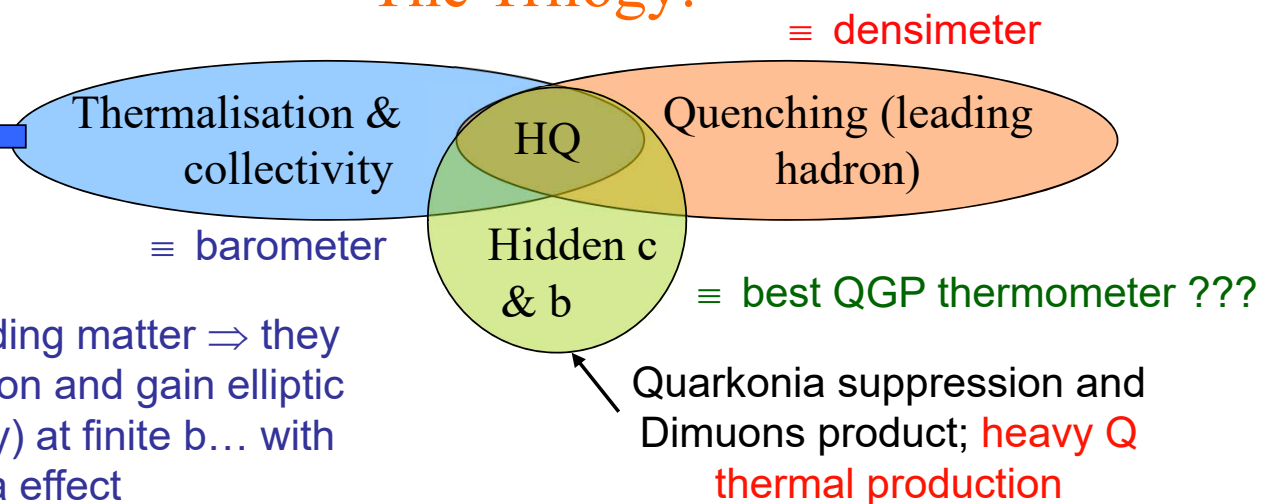
# Why open heavy flavors in A-A ?

- Those are for sure sensitive to the early stages
- Much simpler than quarkonia and also sensitive to the medium properties ( $t_{\text{equil}} \propto M_Q/T^2$ )  $\Rightarrow$  clear hierarchy for s, c and b).
- Mandatory to understand Q-Qbar evolution in QGP & quarkonia production



HQ are imbedded in expanding matter  $\Rightarrow$  they participate to collective motion and gain elliptic flow ( $v_2$ : azimuthal asymmetry) at finite b... with additional inertia effect

## The Trilogy:



## Challenge:

Description of HQ E-loss / equilibration from fundamental theory. In fact we are at the same time probing the system but also using the results to better understand our probe (and the coupling to QGP) at the same time !

## Some open heavy flavor history

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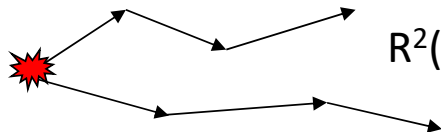
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$$R^2(t) \propto t$$

33 years of J/Psi enhancement !!!

# Why Fokker – Planck (AKA Langevin forces) ?

Bona fide answer: because HQ are heavy => long relaxation times => accumulate many collisions before thermalization => the “details” are averaged (central limit theorem) .

μ-model

$$R(\mathbf{p}, t) = \frac{1}{2E_{\mathbf{p}}} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{\mathbf{q}}} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{q}'}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{\mathbf{q}'}} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}'}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{\mathbf{p}'}} \\ \times \frac{1}{\gamma_c} \sum \boxed{|\mathcal{M}|^2} (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p + q - p' - q') \\ \times [f(\mathbf{p}')g(\mathbf{q}')\tilde{g}(\mathbf{q}) - f(\mathbf{p})g(\mathbf{q})\tilde{g}(\mathbf{q}')],$$



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A_i = \langle\langle (p - p')_i \rangle\rangle \\ \kappa_{i,j} = \langle\langle (p - p')_i (p - p')_j \rangle\rangle \end{array} \right.$$

Recovers the averages  
from the μ-model

mesoscopic model (FP equation)

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \vec{\nabla}_p \cdot \left[ \vec{A}f + \frac{1}{2} \vec{\nabla}_p (\hat{\kappa} f) \right]$$



distribution f in phase space... which fulfills

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \vec{p} \rangle_f = - \langle \vec{A}(T) \rangle_f \\ \frac{d}{dt} \langle \vec{p}_i \vec{p}_j \rangle_f = \langle \kappa_{ij}(T) \rangle_f$$

... also because it is much easier to solve than sampling the rate !

MC simulation then writes:

$$\Delta \vec{p} = - \vec{A} \Delta t + \underbrace{\vec{\xi}}_{\text{Random force (fluctuations)}} \quad \text{for each } \Delta t$$

# Why Fokker – Planck (AKA Langevin forces) ?

Other transport coefficients:

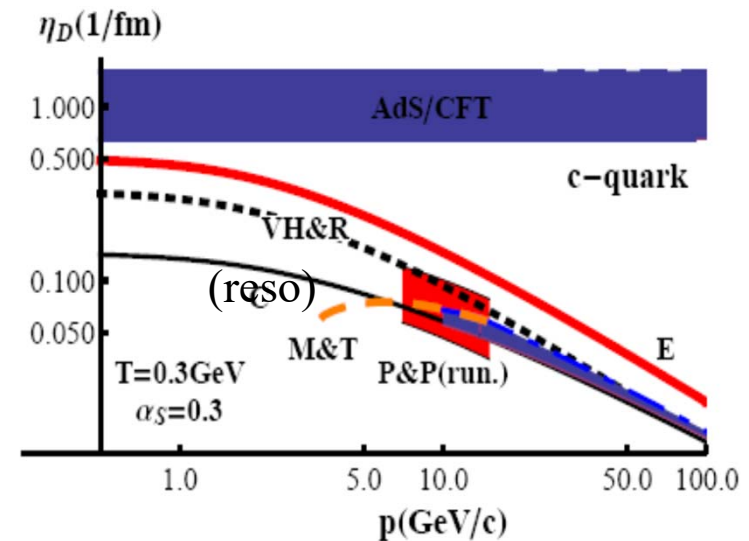
I) Isotropic medium =>  $\vec{A}(\vec{p}, T) = \eta_D(\vec{p}, T) \times \vec{p} \quad \frac{d}{dt} \langle \vec{p} \rangle_f = -\langle \vec{A}(T) \rangle_f$

$$\langle \vec{p} \rangle_f \approx \langle \vec{p} \rangle_f(t=0) \times e^{-\eta_D t}$$

$\eta_D [\text{fm}^{-1}]$  : drag (friction) coefficient; relaxation rate  
(typical inverse relaxation time)

... also because it allows to access physical quantities of interest more “directly” than in the microscopic model

... also because it is not quite clear what the dof of the QGP are (at large T, QGP is made of Q and G of course)





# Why Fokker – Planck (AKA Langevin forces) ?

II) Isotropic medium =>  $\hat{\kappa}(\vec{p}) = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Long. diffusion coefficient}}}{\kappa_L(p)} \hat{\Pi}_L(\vec{p}) + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Transverse. diffusion coefficient}}}{\kappa_T(p)} \hat{\Pi}_T(\vec{p})$

with  $\left(\hat{\Pi}_L(\vec{p})\right)_{ij} := \frac{p_i p_j}{p^2}$   
 $\uparrow$   
 Projector along HQ  
 instantaneous momentum

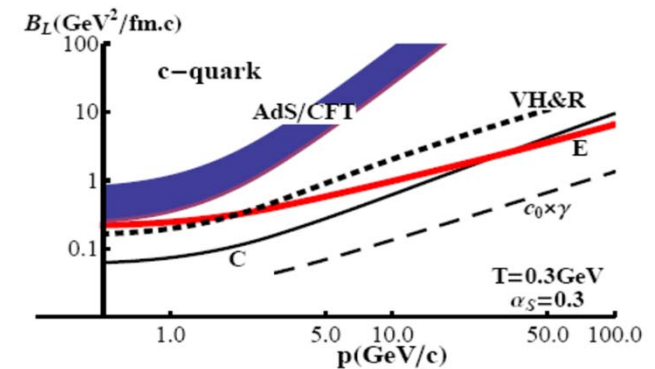
with  $\left(\hat{\Pi}_T(\vec{p})\right)_{ij} := I_{i,j} - \frac{p_i p_j}{p^2}$   
 $\uparrow$   
 Projector  $\perp$  HQ instantaneous  
 momentum

$\kappa_T [\text{GeV}^2 \text{fm}^{-1}]$  : Transverse diffusion coef. (p space)



Link with well known qhat coefficient

$$\hat{q} = \frac{1}{v} \frac{d\langle p_{\perp}^2 \rangle_f}{dt} \approx 2\kappa_T$$



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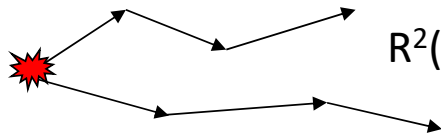
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30 years of J/Psi enhancement !!!

94-96 (Vogt et al, Fein et al, Gavin et al): dominant «high- $p_T$  lepton » source comes from heavy flavour decay  $\Rightarrow$  HQ will obscure the thermal leptons (HQ = bad guys !)

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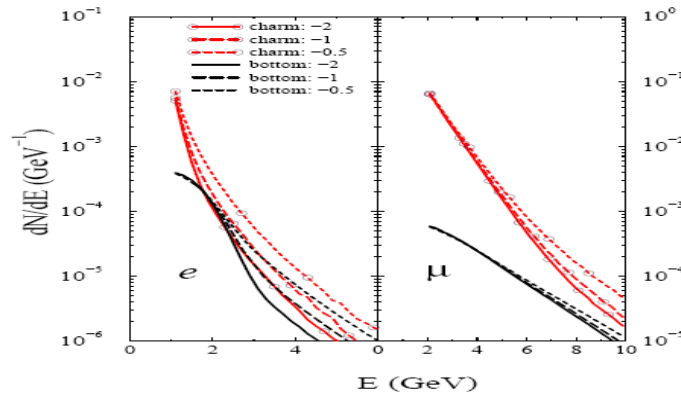
But: No Energy loss !

## Some open heavy flavor history

97 (Shuryak): not the dominant (high- $p_T$ ) lepton source anymore if one includes a constant  $dE/dx$  of 2 GeV/fm (good for thermal leptons)

98 (Lin et al.): “Energy loss effects on charm and bottom production in high energy heavy-ion collisions”: first paper on HQ tomography. Idea: access  $dE/dx$  via  $R_{AA}$ . Mostly «Realistic» ingredients for global scenario. 3 values of energy loss tested: 0.5, 1 & 2 GeV/fm

*Massless*  
BDMPS  
(radiative  
Eloss)



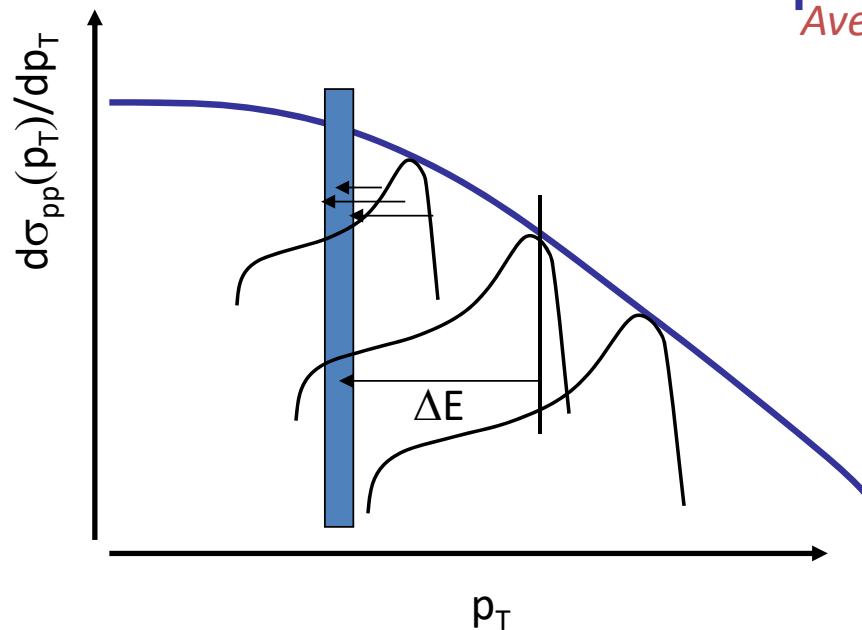
23 years of HQ tomography

98 (Mustafa et al): solves Fokker-Planck equation (with no diffusion, i.e. no fluctuations) with coefficient depending on time dependent fugacity  $\lambda(t)$ ; infinite medium  $\Rightarrow \Delta E/E=10\%$  (RHIC) and  $40\%$  (LHC) for charm ( $\alpha_s=0.3$ ).

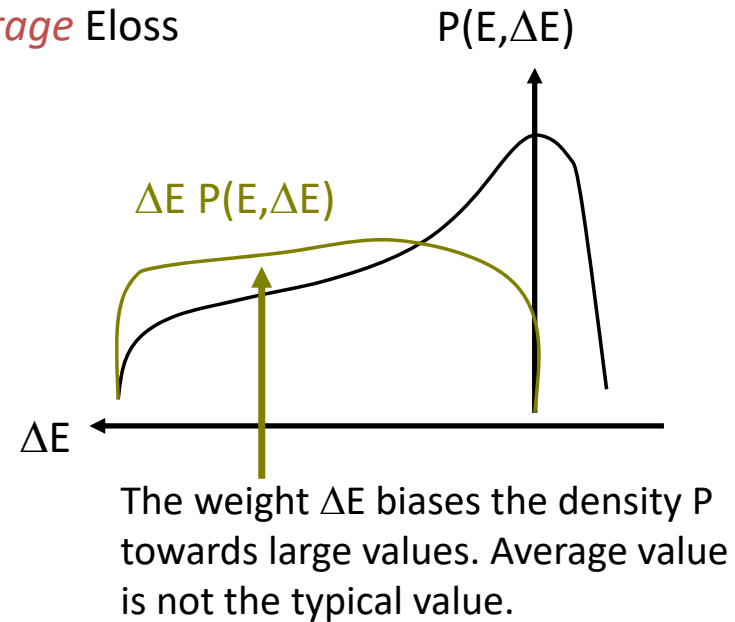
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# Some open heavy flavor history

01 (BDMS):  $R_{AA}(p_T)$  is *not*  $d\sigma_{pp}(p_T+\Delta E)/dp_T / d\sigma_{pp}(p_T)/dp_T$



Average Eloss



Eloss Fluctuations do matter ! (beware of FP)

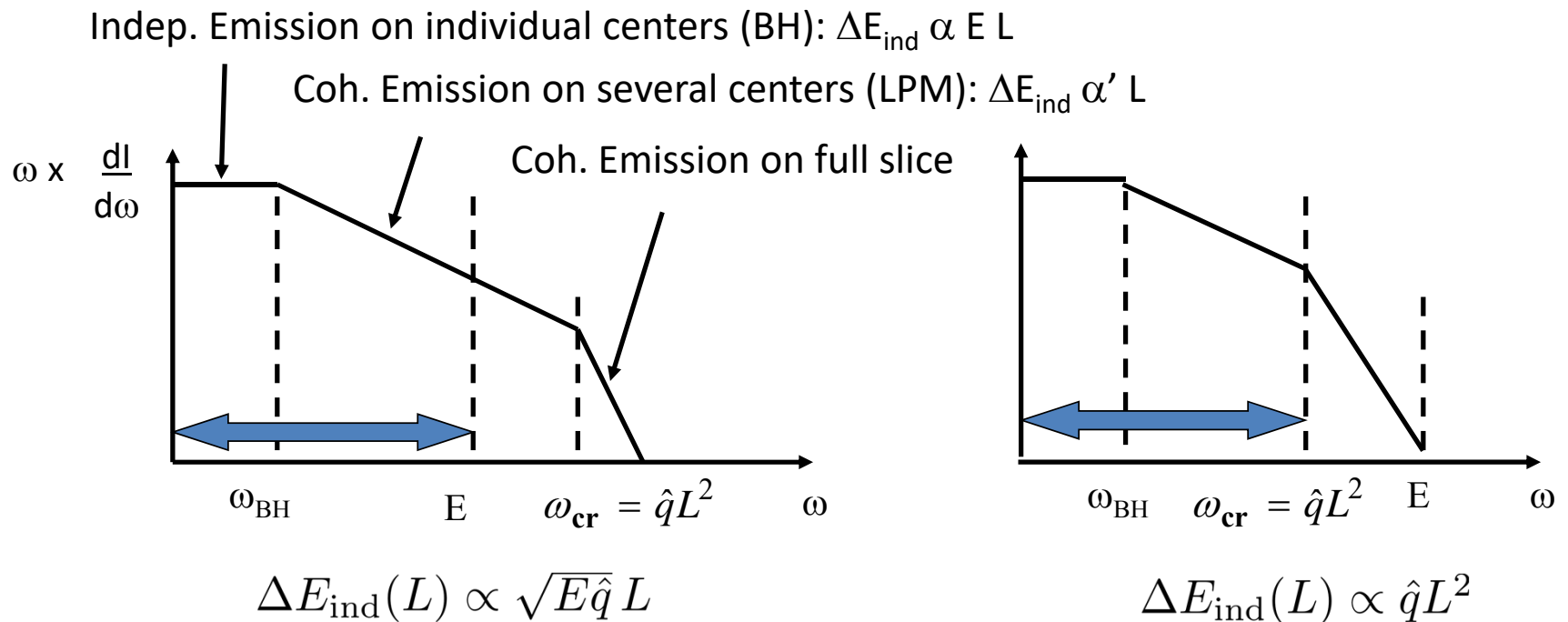
Better: Shift parameter  $S$ :  $R_{AA}(p_T) = d\sigma_{pp}(p_T+S(n,p_T,...))/dp_T / d\sigma_{pp}(p_T)/dp_T$

Effective radiation for the quenching:  $\omega$  from  $E \rightarrow E/n$

# Some open heavy flavor history

01 (DK): contrarily to previous, HQ induced radiation is suppressed w.r.t. light quark: DEAD CONE EFFECT

gluon radiation from *massless* parton



# Some open heavy flavor history

Soft gluon emission in hard process

$$\frac{d\theta}{\theta} \rightarrow \frac{d\theta}{\theta} \times \frac{1}{\left(1 + \left(\frac{M}{E\theta}\right)^2\right)^2}$$

gluon radiation from *massive* parton (initial Bremsstrahlung)

Suppression factor  $DC(\theta)$

taken at

$$\theta^2 \rightarrow \langle \theta^2 \rangle_{\text{BDMPS}} \approx \sqrt{\frac{\hat{q}}{\omega^3}} \quad \text{for} \quad t_f \sim \sqrt{\frac{\omega}{\hat{q}}}$$

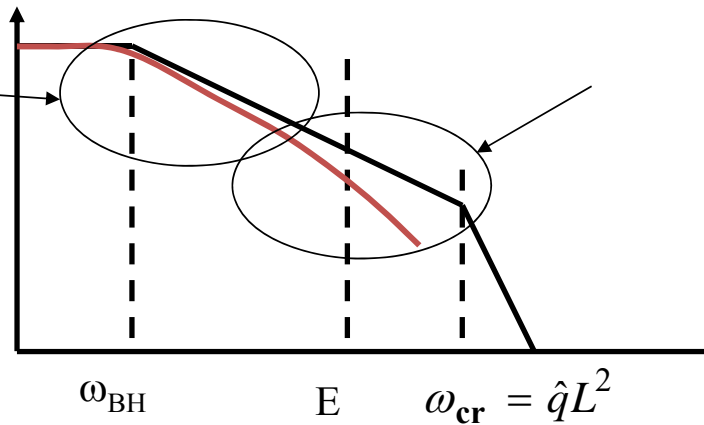
Suppression factor  $DC(\omega)$

$$DC(\omega) = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_{\text{DC}}}\right)^{3/2}\right)^2}$$

New scale  $\omega_{\text{DC}} = \left(\frac{E^4 \hat{q}}{M^4}\right)^{1/3}$

$$\frac{dI}{d\omega} \rightarrow \frac{dI}{d\omega} \times DC(\omega)$$

Moderate for quenching

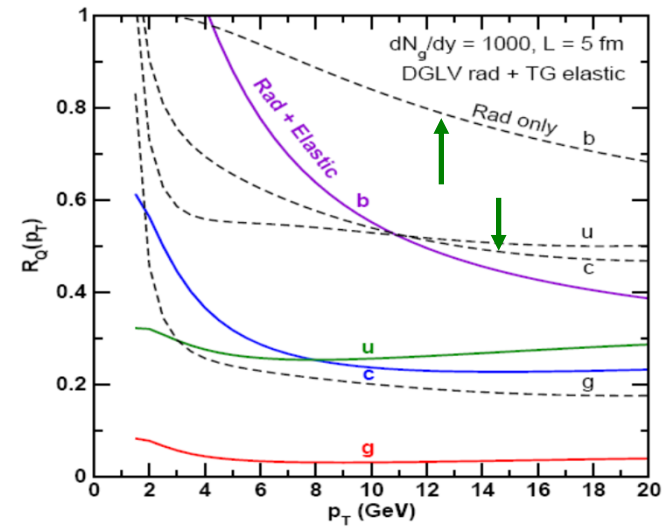
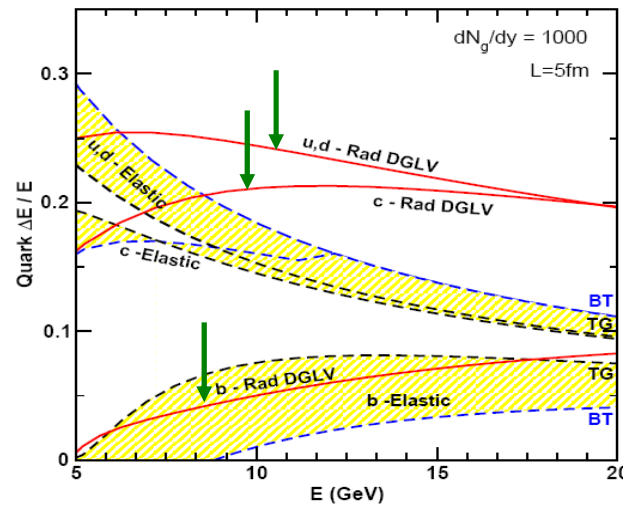


Important for  $\Delta E$

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More rigorous implementations

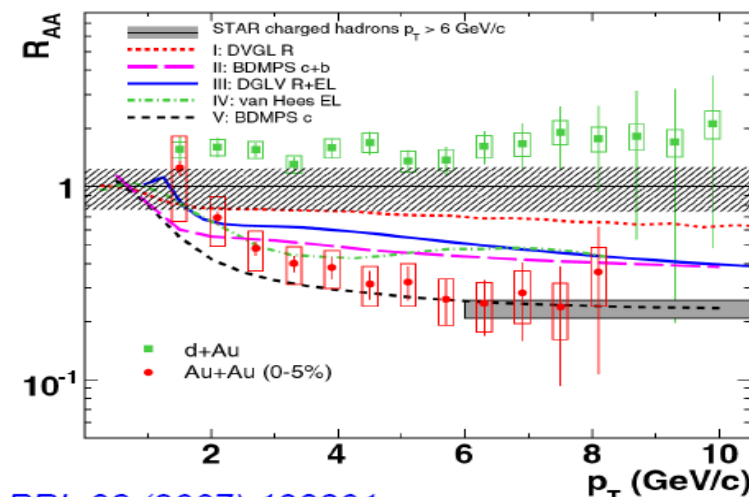
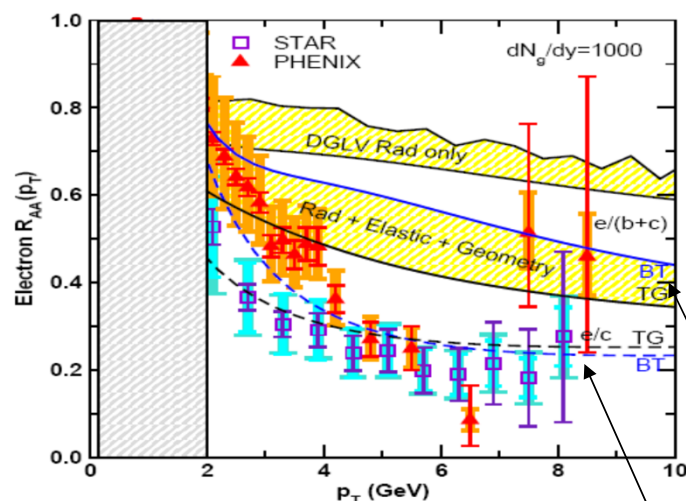
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Mass hierarchy in radiative energy loss

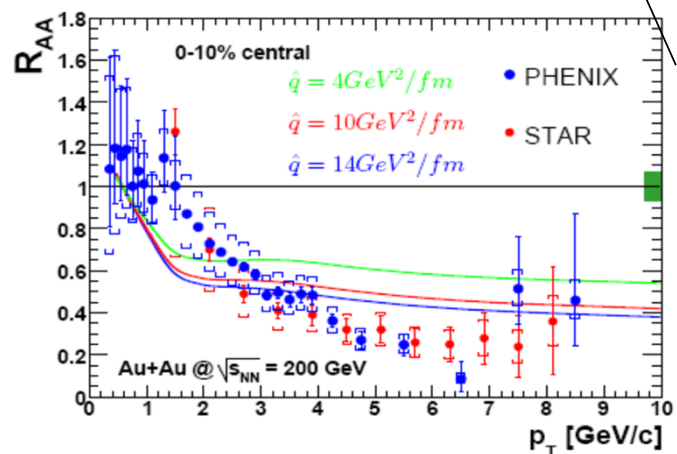
... but it is also present in the « usual » elastic energy loss

... more Eloss than expected from pQCD, even adding elastic part (often neglected up to then)

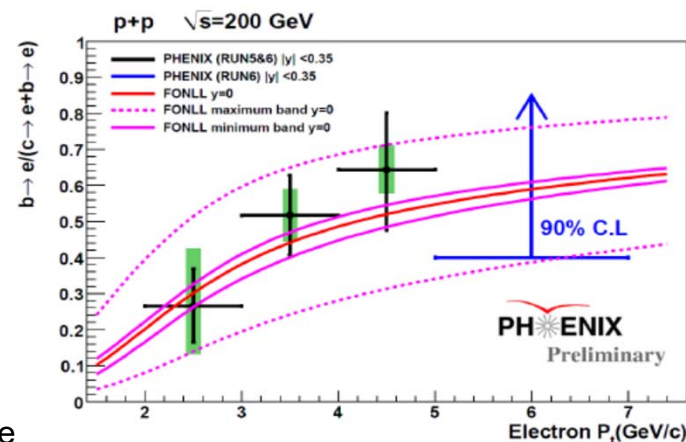


PRL 98 (2007) 192301

Elastic Eloss strikes back (Mustafa 05, Dutt Mazumber 05)



b quark is the puzzle and is definitively there:



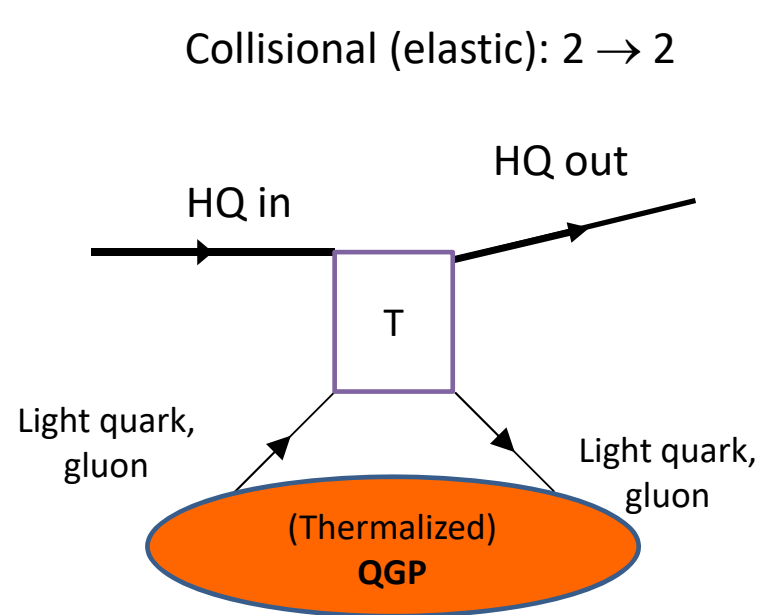
Meanwhile:  $dN/dy(y \approx 0)$  scales like  $N_{\text{bin}}$

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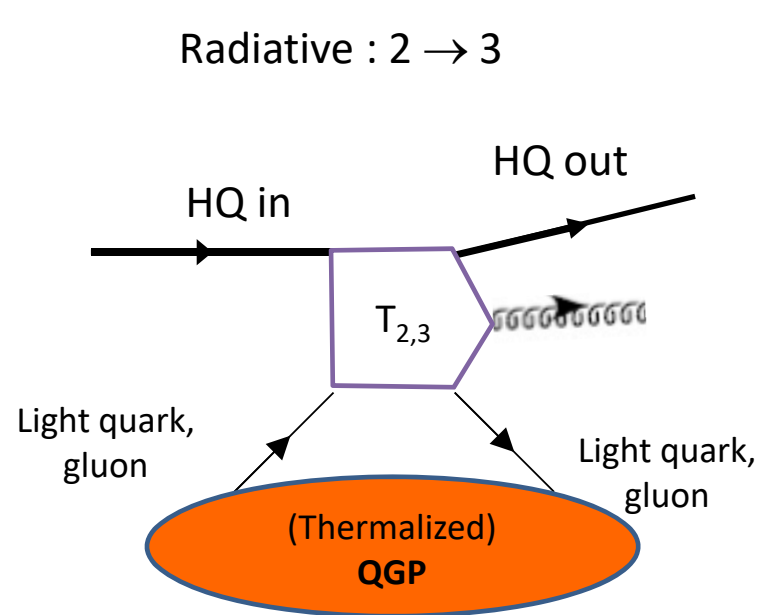
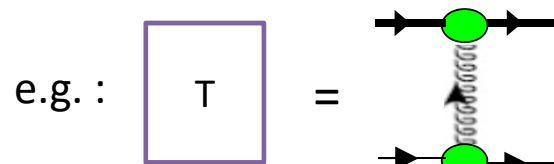


# Collisional (elastic) vs Radiative

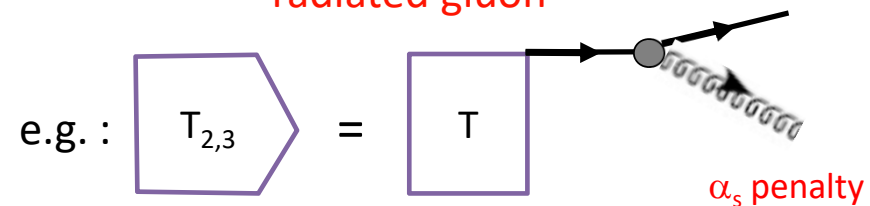
Strictly speaking: Both terms apply to pQCD processes (small and moderate coupling), or to pQCD-inspired processes for which quasi-particles still exists



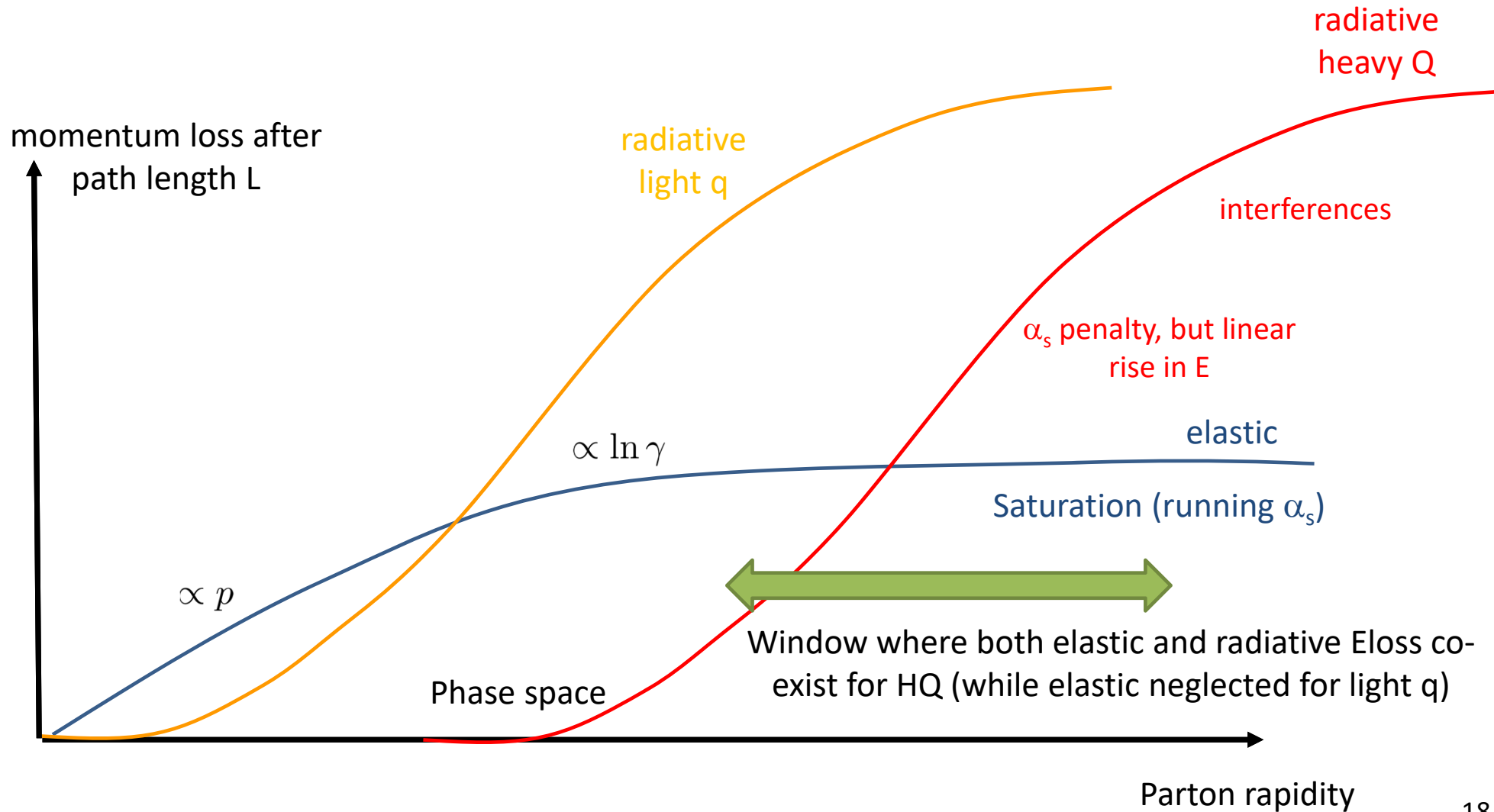
Energy flows from HQ  $\leftrightarrow$  medium



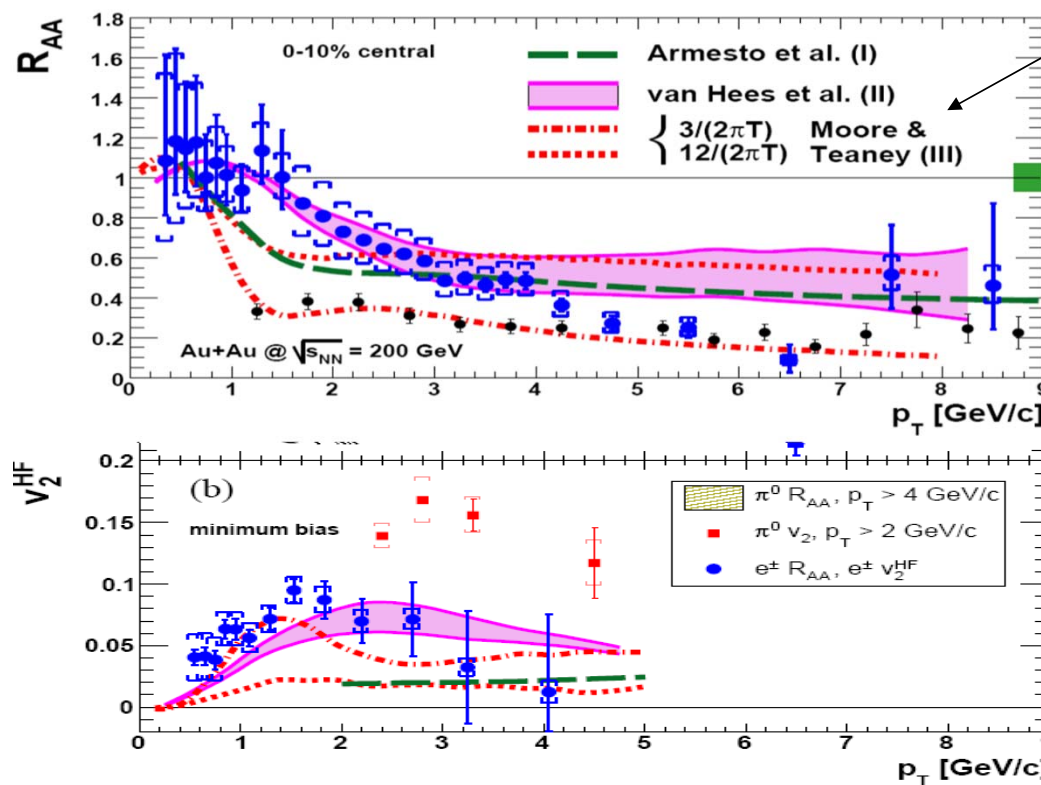
Most of energy flows from HE HQ  $\rightarrow$  radiated gluon



# Collisional (elastic) vs Radiative



*more thermalisation than expected from pQCD, some ways out*

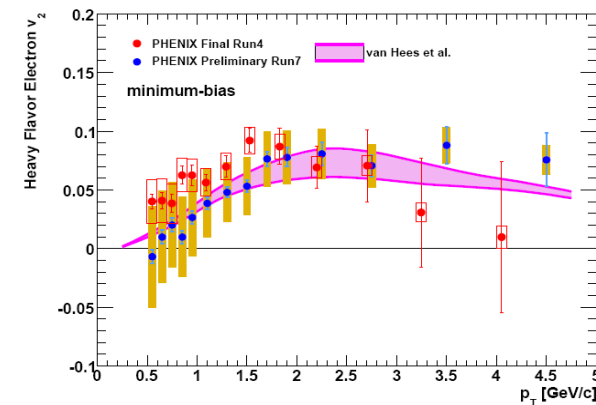


D: spatial diffus coeff (fm<sup>2</sup>/fm/c)

pQCD: 
$$D \approx \frac{6}{2\pi T} \left( \frac{0.5}{\alpha_s} \right)^2$$

$\approx 24/(2\pi T)$

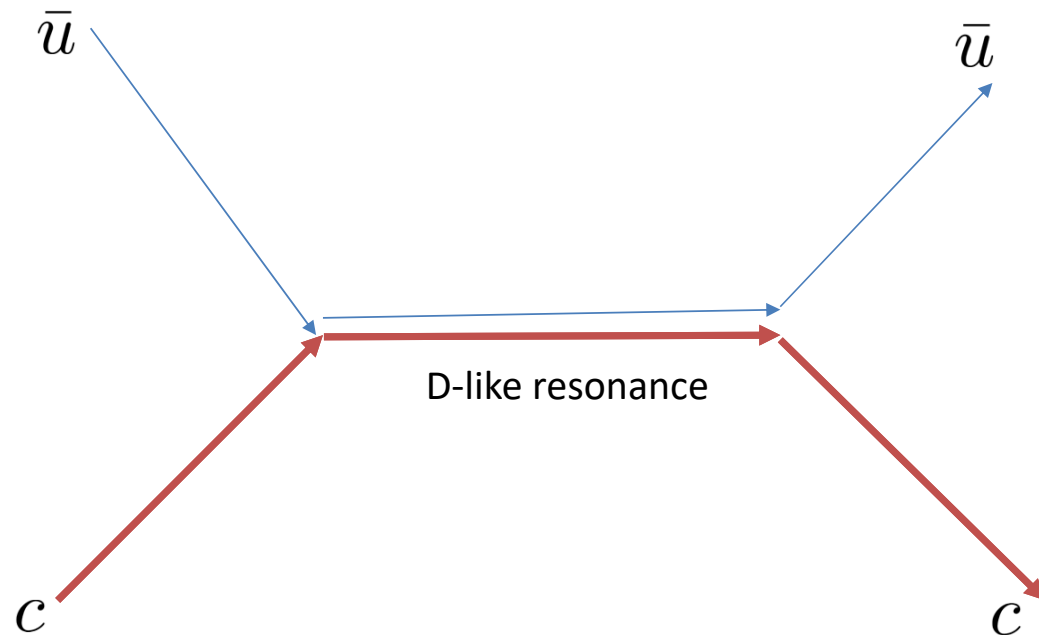
Charm flows !!!



Intermediate- $p_T$  Q marginally lie in the pQCD regime, but this is the bulk of production. For the time, we deal with phenomenology: Strategy: Reproduce maximum of existing experimental data with models (transport theory) inspired from QCD containing at less ingredients as possible... and make predictions for others

## more *thermalisation* than expected from pQCD, some ways out

- Rapp and Van Hees (2004 ->): pQCD collisional + additional « strength » from quasi-bound D-like states, resorting to Langevin Dynamics



$$\Delta \vec{p} = -\vec{A} \Delta t + \underbrace{\vec{\xi}}_{\text{Random force (fluctuations)}} \quad \text{for each } \Delta t$$

# IQCD calculation => Physical Picture around $T_{pc}$

- Several indications that charm is not weakly interacting around  $T_c$  (screening masses, correlators,...)
- Quark susceptibilities on the lattice :

$$\chi_{mn}^{BC} = \left. \frac{\partial^{m+n} p(T, \mu_B, \mu_C)}{\partial \hat{\mu}_B^m \partial \hat{\mu}_C^n} \right|_{\mu_B = \mu_C = 0}$$

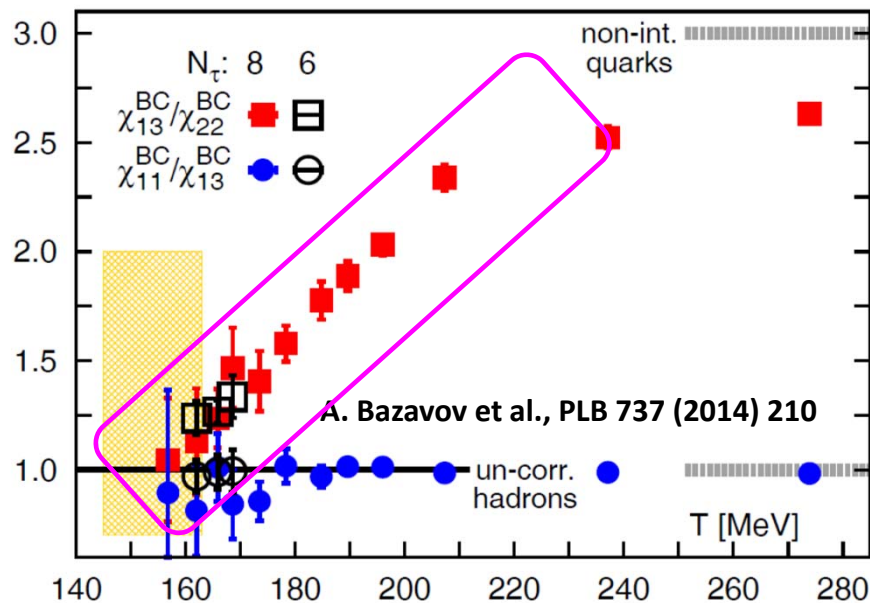
where  $\hat{\mu} = \mu/T$

Minimalistic model :  $P^C = P_q^C(T) \cosh(\hat{\mu}_C + \frac{\hat{\mu}_B}{3}) + P_M^C(T) \cosh(\hat{\mu}_C)$

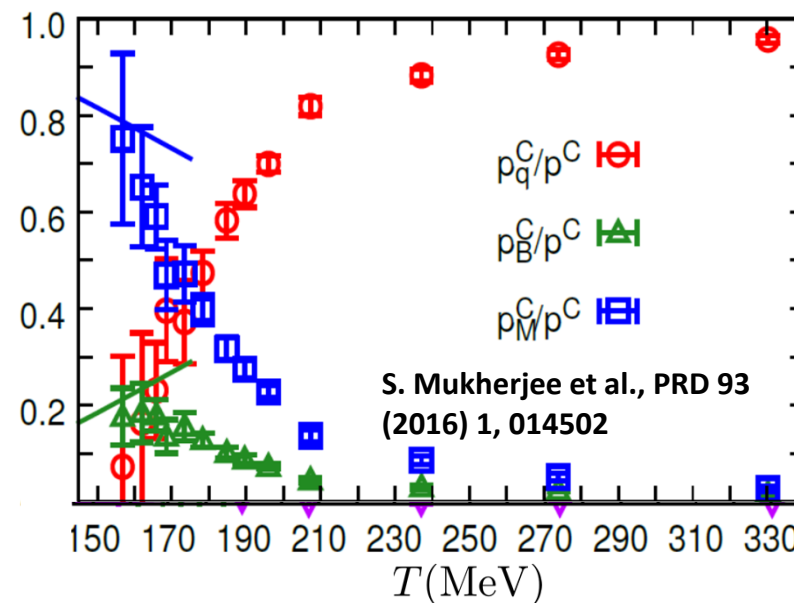


$$P_B^C(T) \cosh(\hat{\mu}_C + \hat{\mu}_B) + \underbrace{\dots}_{C>1 \text{ (small)}}$$

fractional contributions of partial pressures (PP)



Gradual transition from hadronic-like -> non interacting quark values



PP drop: hadronic resonances become broad at high T and do not contribute

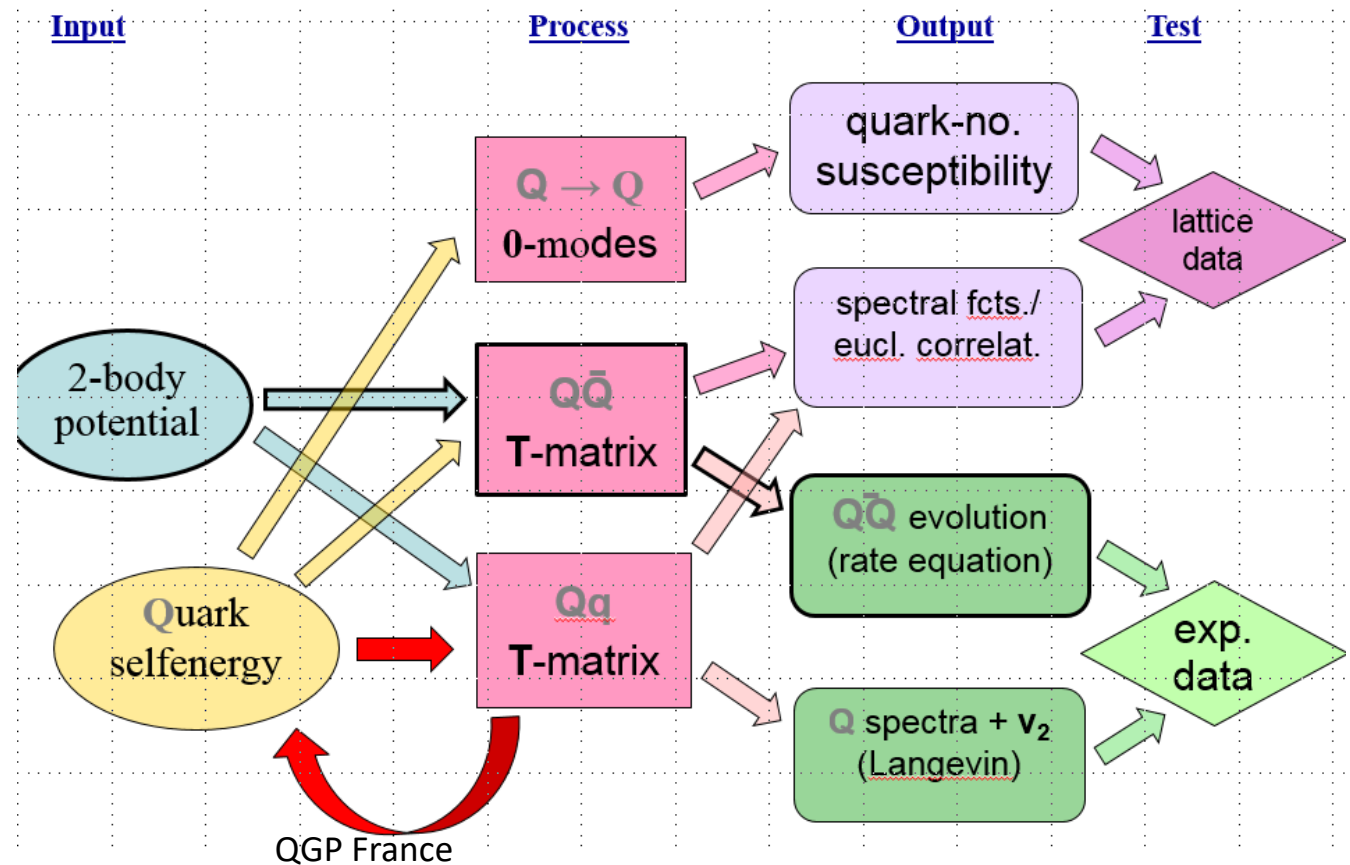
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Confirms the resonance picture of Ravagli and Rapp

L. Ravagli and R. Rapp, Phys. Lett. B 655 (2007)

# Potential models (TAMU)

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# Potential models (TAMU)

- Thermodynamic T-matrix approach,  $T = V + VGT$ , given by a two-body driving kernel  $V$ , estimated from the IQCD internal/free energy for a static Q-Qbar pair; increase of coupling with QGP at small momentum

D. Cabrera, R. Rapp PRD 76 (2007); H. van Hees, M. Mannarelli, V. Greco, R. Rapp PRL 100 (2008)

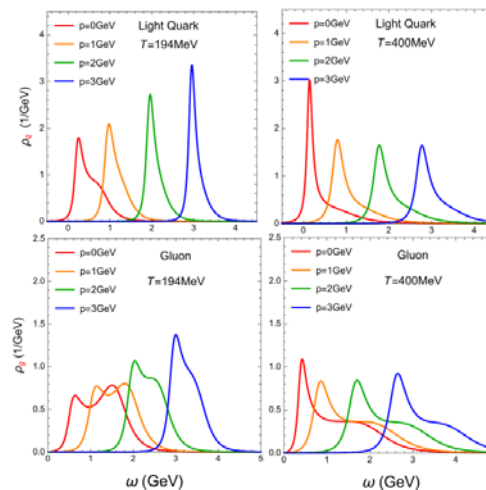
- Comprehensive sQGP approach for the EoS, light quark & gluon spectral functions, quarkonium correlators and HQ diffusion.

F. Riek, R. Rapp PRC 82 (2010); S. Liu, R. Rapp arxiv:1612.09138

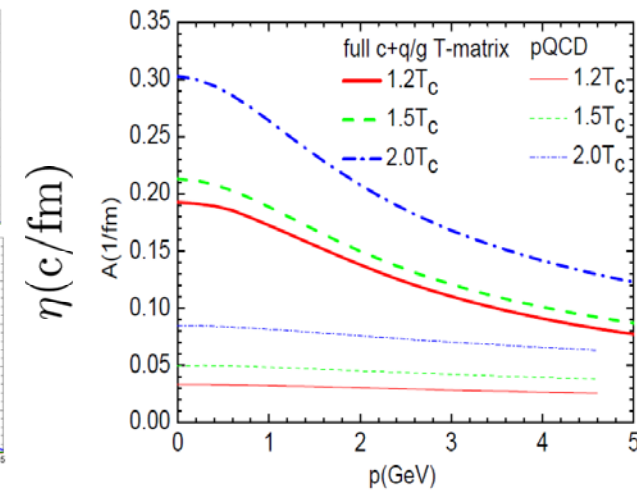
- Resonance correlations in the T-matrix naturally lead to recombination (resonance recombination model) near  $T_c$  from the same underlying interactions!

M. He, R. Fries, R. Rapp PRC 82 (2010), PRC 86 (2012)

- Implementation through Langevin dynamics in hydro evolution or in URQMD also corresponds to the disappearance of well defined quasi particles (for which Boltzmann breaks down while Langevin still holds)



No good q-particle at low  $p$   
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Large coupling at small  $p_Q$

## Open question, some ways out

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- *Running of  $\alpha_s$  could have dramatic consequences (Peshier 06) => effective model and numerical Boltzmann implementation by Peshier (2008), Gossiaux & Aichelin (2008), then Uphoff & Greiner)*

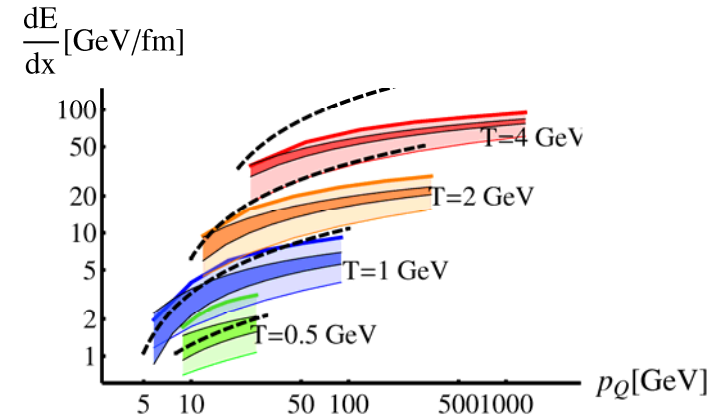


# pQCD inspired models (f.i. Nantes)

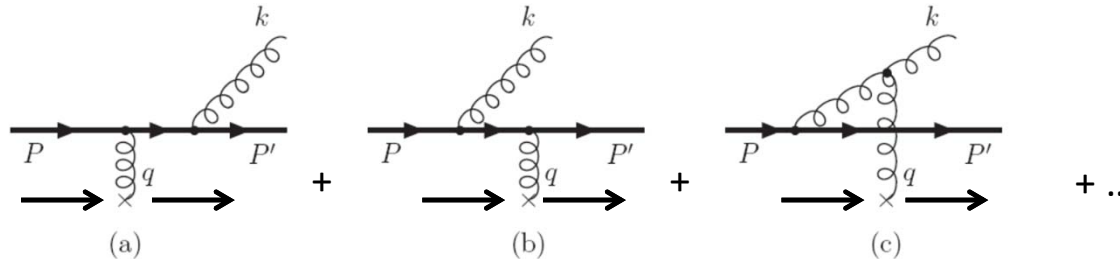
## Collisional component

- One-gluon exchange model: reduced IR regulator  $\lambda m_D^2$  in the hard propagator, fixed on HTL Energy loss
- Running coupling  $\alpha_{\text{eff}}(t)$  and self consistent Debye mass

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



## Radiative component



- Extension of Gunion-Bertsch approximation beyond mid-rapidity and to finite mass  $m_Q$ ) distribution of induced gluon radiation per collision ( $\Delta E_{\text{rad}} \propto E L$ ):

$$P_g(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp, \mathbf{q}_\perp, m_Q) = \frac{3\alpha_s}{\pi^2} \frac{1-x}{x} \left( \frac{\mathbf{k}_\perp}{\mathbf{k}_\perp^2 + x m_Q^2} - \frac{\mathbf{k}_\perp - \mathbf{q}_\perp}{(\mathbf{k}_\perp - \mathbf{q}_\perp)^2 + x m_Q^2} \right)^2$$

- LPM effect for moderate gluon energy

Implemented in MC@HQ + EPOS2(3) through Boltzmann

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But also BAMPS, LBL-CCNU, Duke,... 25

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- *Running* of  $\alpha_s$  (Peshier 06, then Gossiaux & Aichelin 08, then Uphoff & Greiner)
- sQGP: “supersymmetric + AdS/CFT” (application to  $R_{AA}$  by Horowitz and Gyulassy, later implementation by Akamatsu)

# The weak to strong axis for HQ

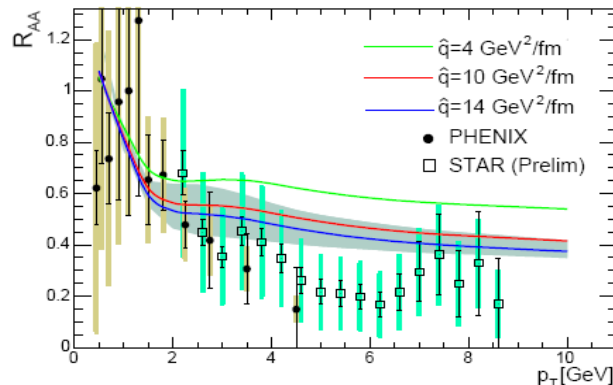
“Naive” pQCD  
(WHDG, ASW,...)  
 $\hat{q} \approx 1 \text{ GeV}^2/\text{fm}$

So-called “Failure of pQCD approach” aka “the non photonic single electron puzzle”

“Optimized” pQCD  
(ok with pions)

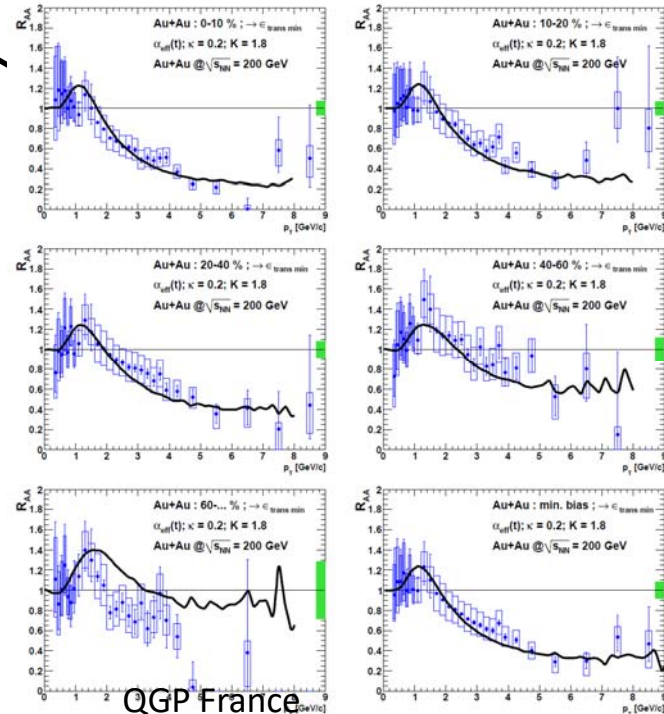
ASW (pure rad. energy loss;  
extended BDMPS)

Collisional model with running  $\alpha_s$  and optimized gluon propagator (Peshier, Gossiaux and Aichelin, BAMPS)

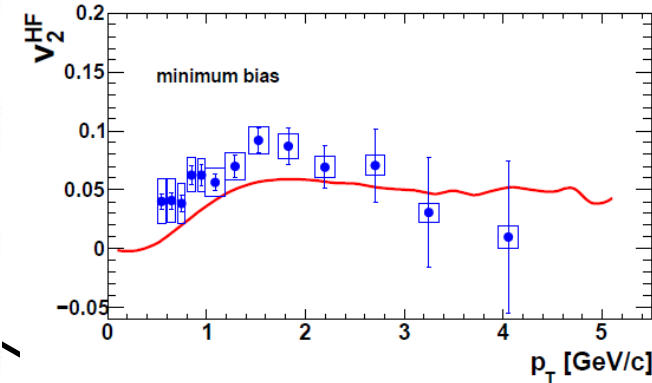


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Conclude to rough agreement, subjected to b/c ratio in p-p



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“Optimized” pQCD

Running  $\alpha_s$  (Peshier, Gossiaux & Aichelin, Uphoff & Greiner)

Distorsion of heavy meson fragmentation functions due to the existence of bound mesons in QGP,  
R. Sharma, I. Vitev & B-W Zhang  
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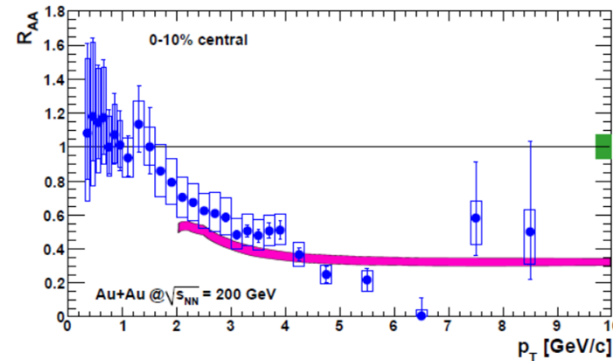


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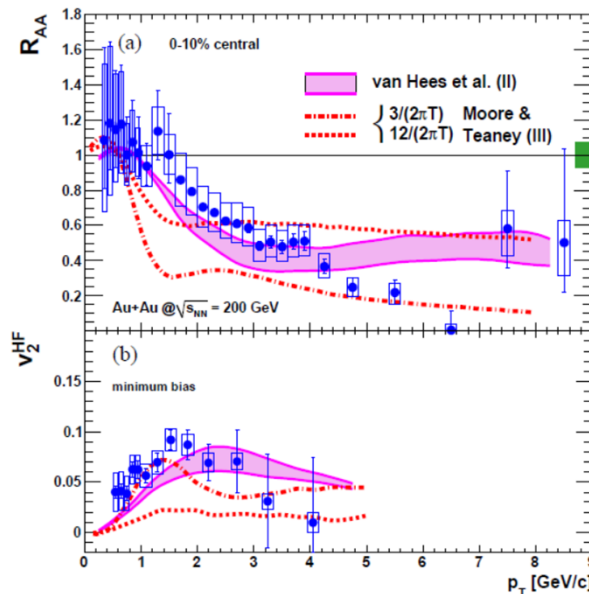
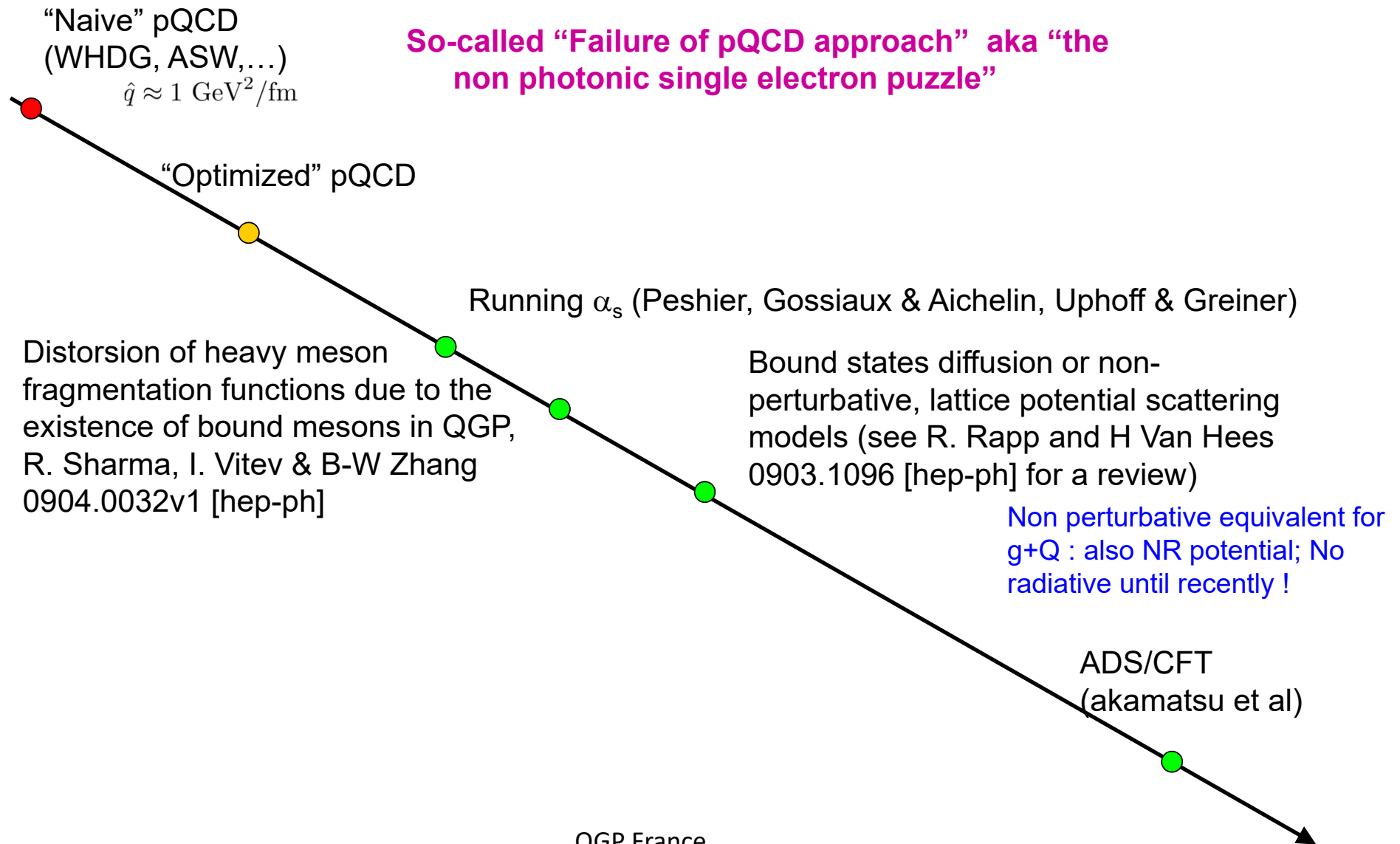


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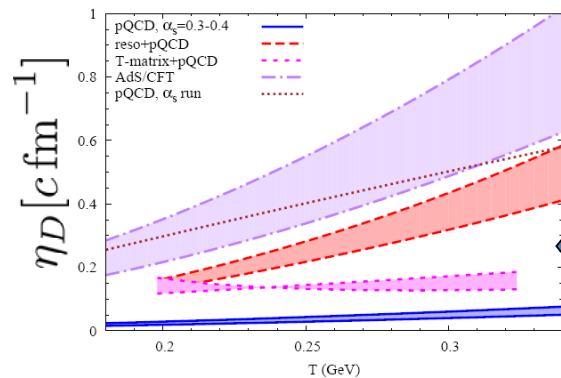
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from Rapp & Van Hees 0903.1096

Lesson n°1 (pre LHC):

Several models containing either non perturbative features or tunable parameters are able to reproduce the HQ data, but many questions remain... and how to reconcile them all stays a challenge

ADS/CFT (akamatsu et al)

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## The LHC Era: 2010 -> Now

- Huge data from LHC constraining the models (at high  $p_T$  as well as in the b sector)
- A last class of model: Quasi Particle Model
- Constrains from the fundamental theory : IQCD estimates
- The way towards more collective work in the theory community
- Alternate observables (correlations)
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- HQ in small systems
- ....



# Quasi particle models (f.i DQPM)

- Nonperturbative effects near  $T_c$  are captured by  $\alpha_s(T)$ , leading to thermal masses/widths, determined from fits to IQCD EoS.

A. Peshier et al. PLB 337 (1994), PRD 70 (2004); M. Bluhm et al. EPJC 49 (2007); W. Cassing et al. NPA 795 (2007)

- Coupling between the effective DOF is then taken as  $\alpha_s(T) \Rightarrow$  Relaxation rates larger than in pQCD for all  $T$  relevant for QGP, slightly smaller than the ones from TAMU

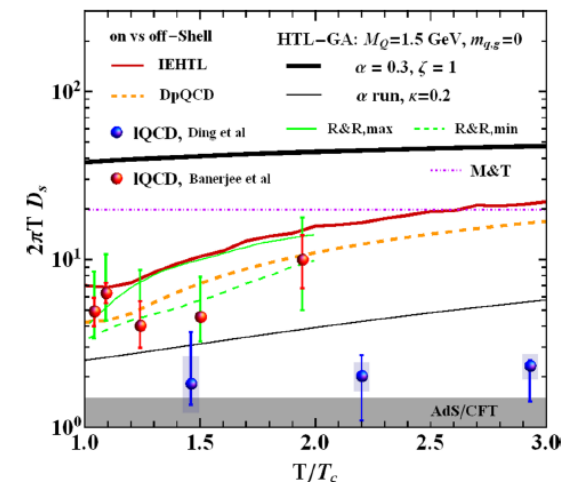
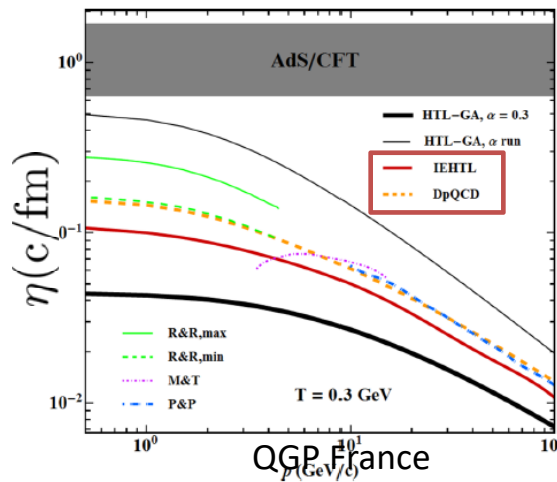
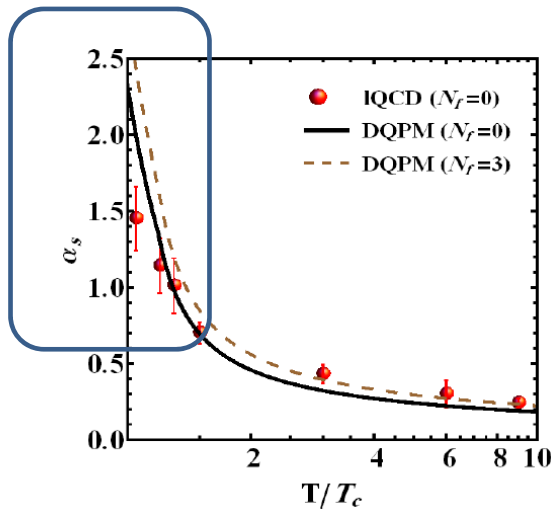
H. Berrehrah et al, PHYSICAL REVIEW C 90, 064906 (2014)

- Implemented for HF dynamics in e.g. PHSD (full off-shell, off-equilibrium transport).

T. Song et al. PRC 92 (2015), PRC 93 (2016)

But also CATANIA

Huge !!!



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# Transport coefficients at low momentum $p \approx m_Q$

Langevin regime => Einstein relation:  $\kappa = 2TE_Q\eta_D$

$$\langle r^2(t) \rangle = 2dD_s t$$

For historical reasons, physics displayed as a function of  $2\pi T$  x the spatial diffusion coefficient

$$\underbrace{(2\pi T)D_s}_{\text{Gauge for the coupling strength}} = \frac{4\pi T^3}{\kappa} = \frac{2\pi T^2}{E_Q \eta_D} \Rightarrow \tau_{\text{relax}} = \eta_D^{-1} = (2\pi T)D_s \times \frac{E_Q}{2\pi T^2}$$

Gauge for the coupling strength

IQCD results

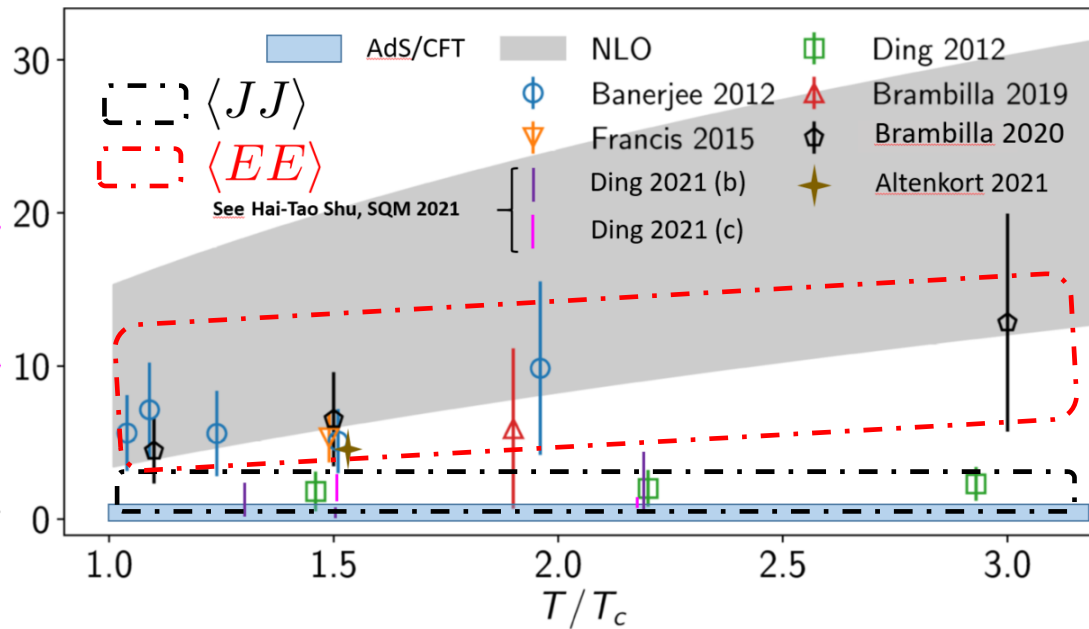
The sole direct rigorous calculation of the transport coeff to my knowledge



$(2\pi T)D_s$

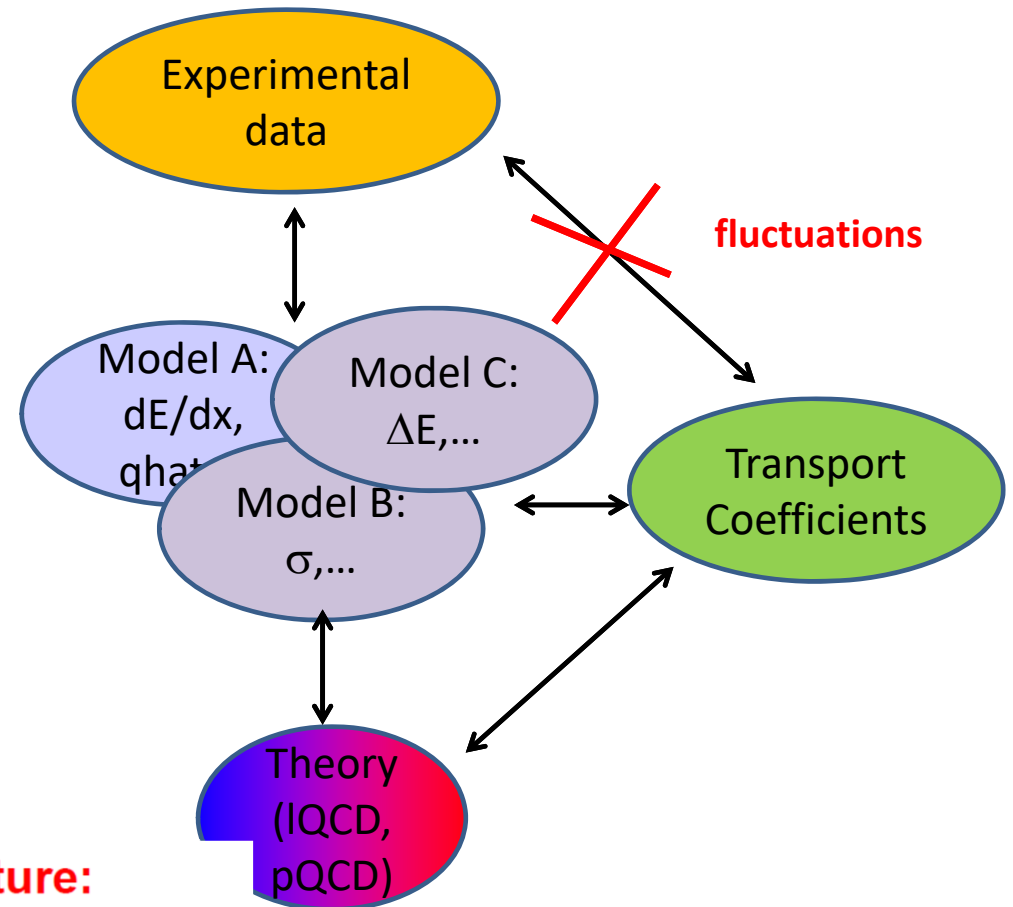
$$\tau_{\text{relax}}(T_c) \approx m_Q [\text{GeV}] \times (3 \pm 1.5) \text{ fm}$$

For b: Indeed a hard probe !



# Today Stakes and Motivation

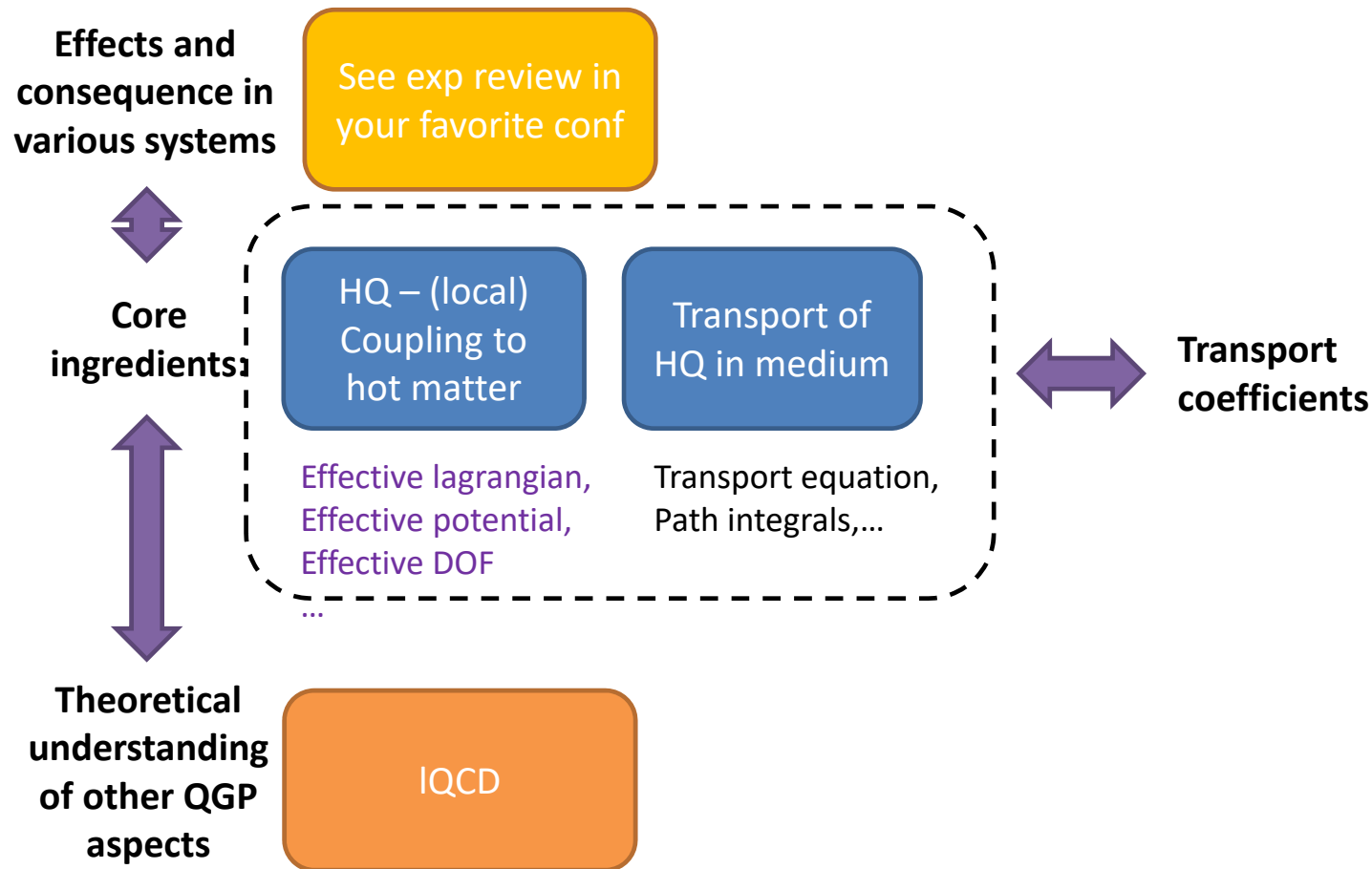
- Very subtle interplay between **fundamental theory** and **experimental data** to build and calibrate / constrain the **models** in order to better understand HF – QGP interaction (including QGP constituents)
- Then maybe one day: probing the bulk !
- On a more phenomenological and data driven level:  
**Are we able to constrain / extract the in – medium transp. coefficients with a « reasonable » precision ?**
  - => What is the impact of various « extra » ingredients ?
  - Do we agree on what « reasonable » means (x 2 ? 50% ?, 10% ?)
- **Need to intercompare the approaches.**



**Major goal for the future:  
from indication to real quantification!**

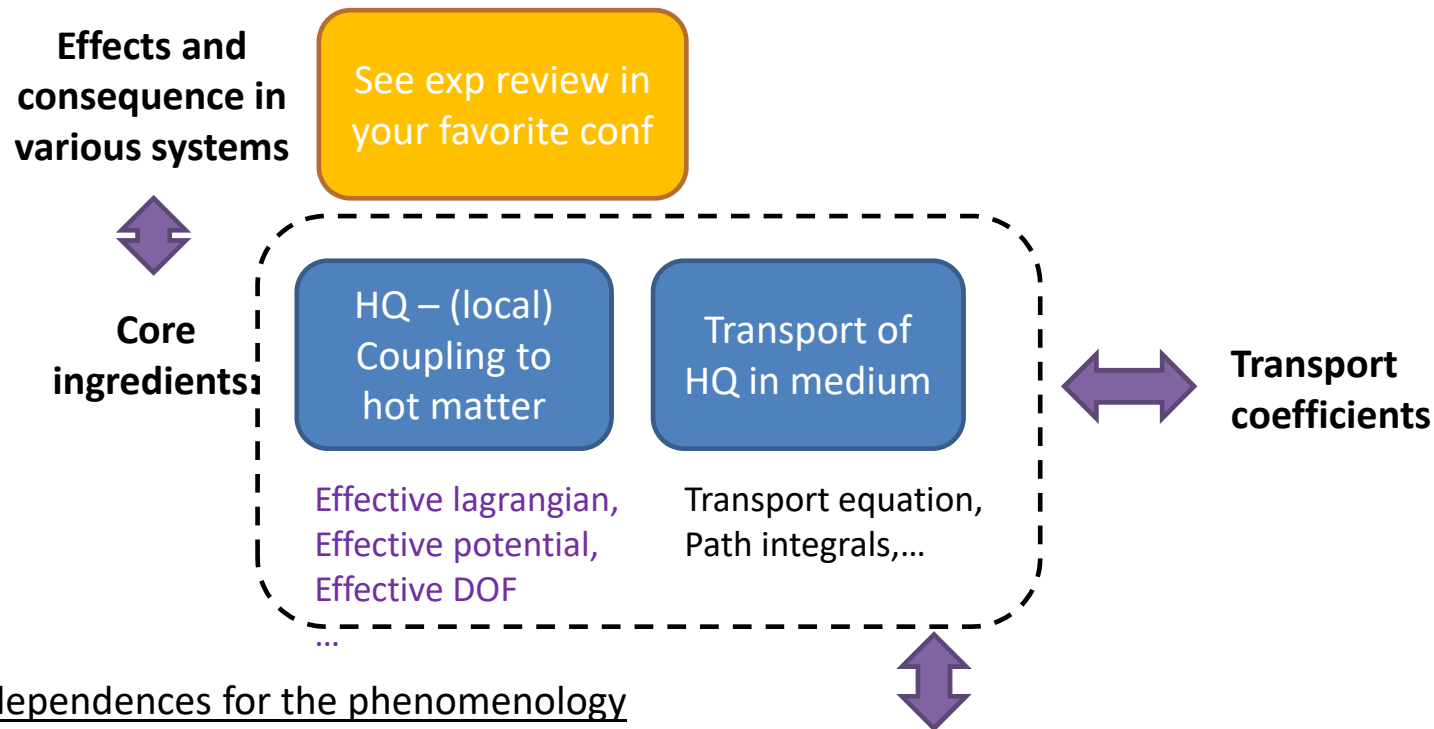
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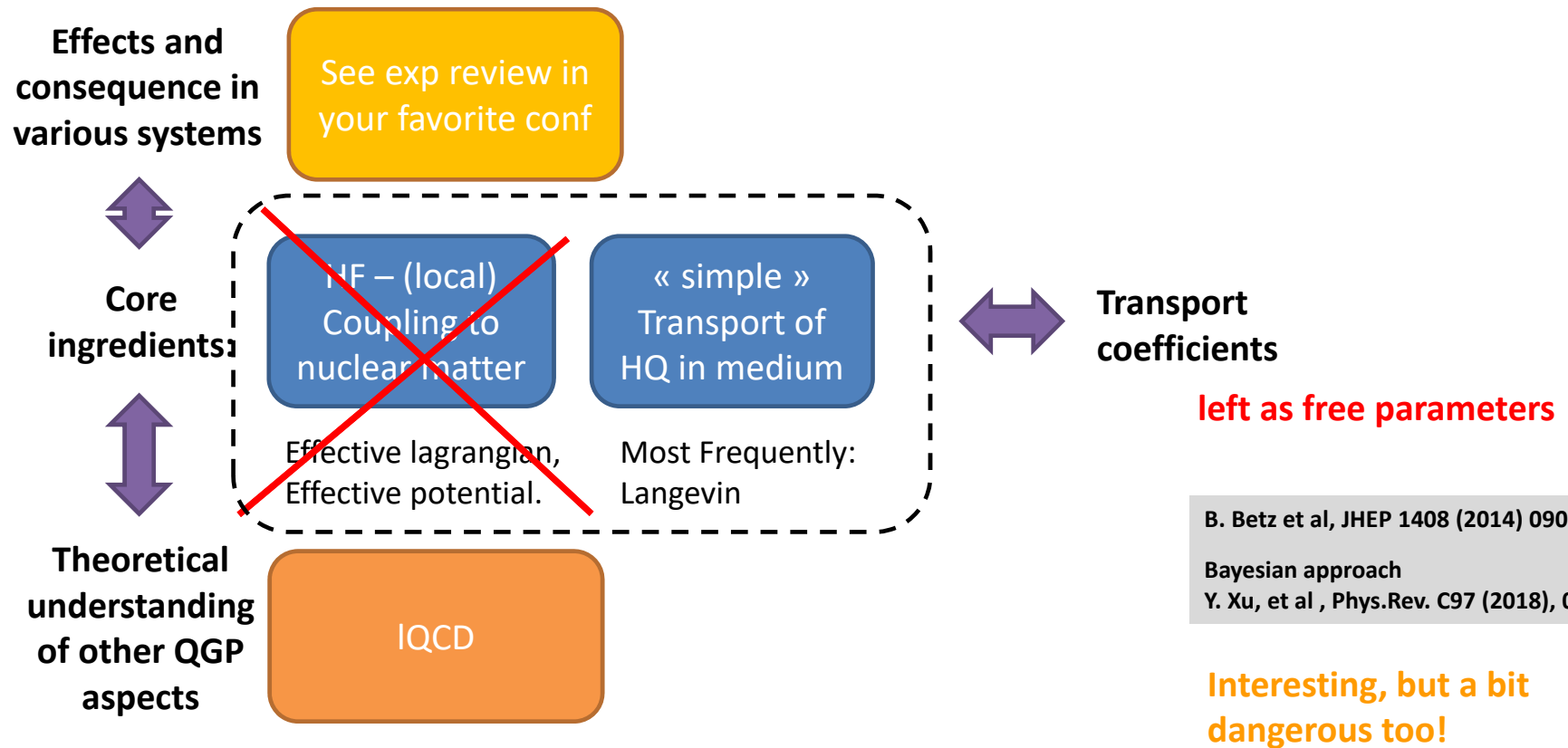


### 4 important dependences for the phenomenology

- Energy dependence : the saturation at large E explain the restoration  $\rightarrow 1$  at large  $p_T$
- Mass dependence  $\Rightarrow$  less thermalization for b quarks
- T dependence weighs differently the initial stage and the late evolution (for which flows have developed)
- Path length dependence  $\Rightarrow$  makes it more transparent to the radiative in small systems ( $\Delta E_{\text{rad}} \propto L^2$ )

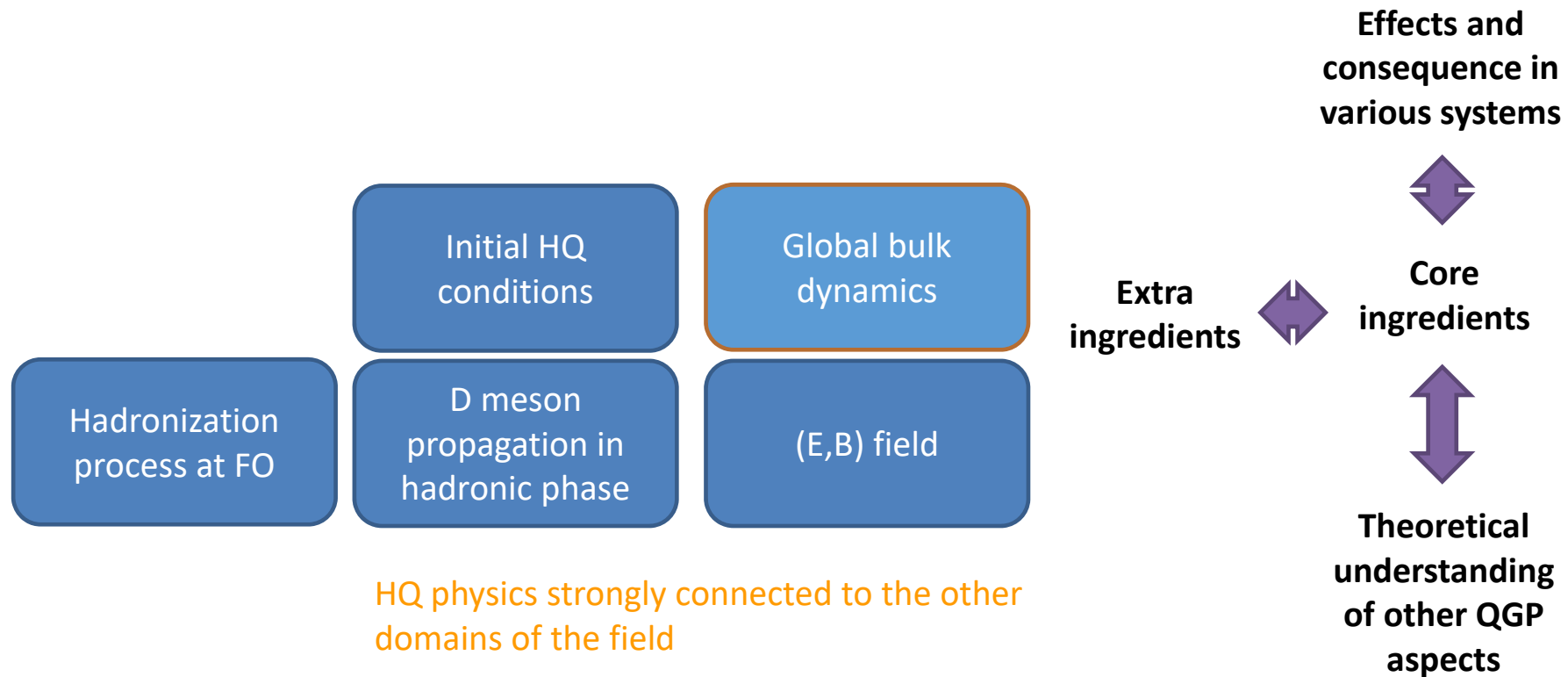
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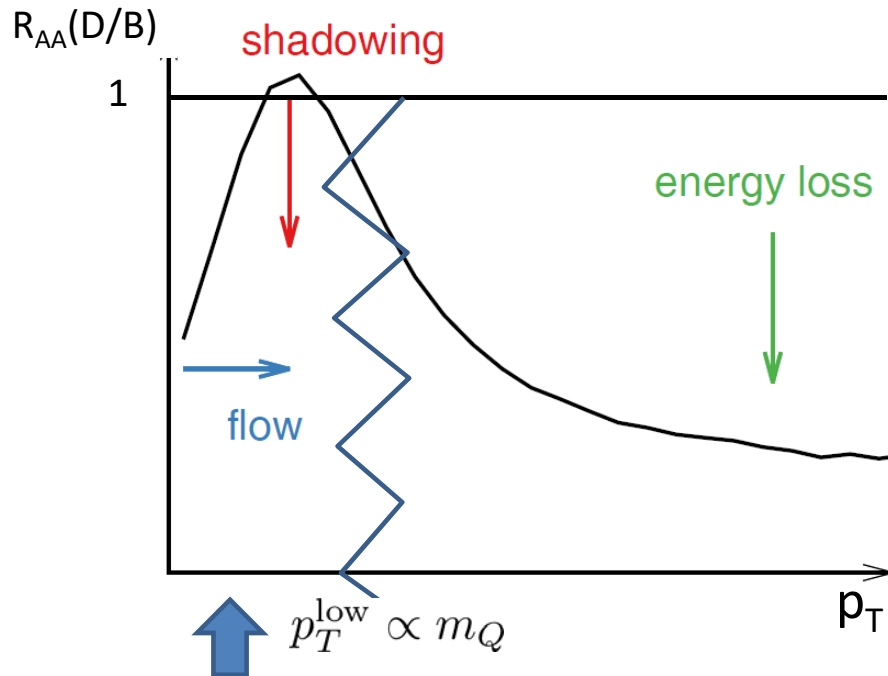


## Models & Effective Theories

	elastic	Elastic + radiative	radiative	Other
Transport coefficient based (LV,...)	TAMU POWLANG HTL Catania LV	Duke	ASW	ADS/CFT POWLANG IQCD <i>DABMOD</i> <i>S. Li et al, arXiv:1803.01508</i>
Cross section (or $ M ^2$ ) based (Boltzmann,...)	AMPT MC@sHQ el URQMD PHSD Catania BM	Djordjevic et al MC@sHQ el + rad BAMPS CUJET3 HYDJET++ Abir and Mustafa LBL-CCNU VNI/BMS LIDO	SCET <sub>G,M</sub>	

# Basic Consequences of HQ interaction with QGP for the $R_{AA}$

## The pattern seen in the data



- Dominated by elastic interactions
- $m_Q \gg T \Rightarrow$  needs « many » collisions to equilibrate
- Physics close to « Langevin »

## The acknowledged effects

**Flow bump:** due to

- *(radial) flow of the medium* and coupling at small  $p_T$
- *recombination with light quarks*

**shadowing:** due to *initial state nuclear effects*

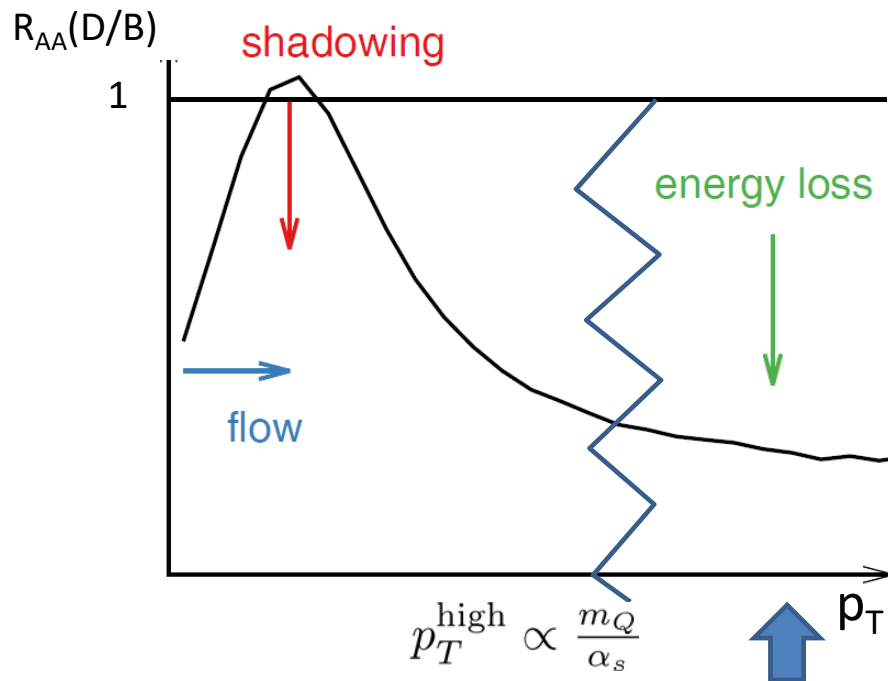
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- *opacity of the medium*

**Italic: extrinsic to the HF coupling with QGP AKA « energy loss model»**

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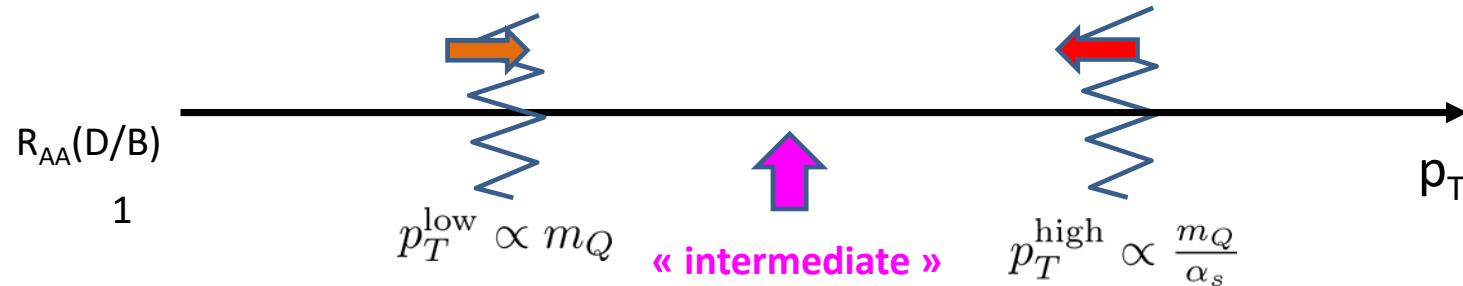
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- **Dominated by radiative energy loss** (with important coherence effects:  $\Delta E_{\text{rad}} \propto C_A \hat{q} L^2$ )
- Eikonal regime (propagation along straight lines)
- 1 single transport coefficient dominates the whole physics:  $\hat{q} \propto \kappa_T$
- HQ do not equilibrate with the medium
- **$m_Q$  becomes a subscale of the physics** ( $m_Q \ll p_T$ )

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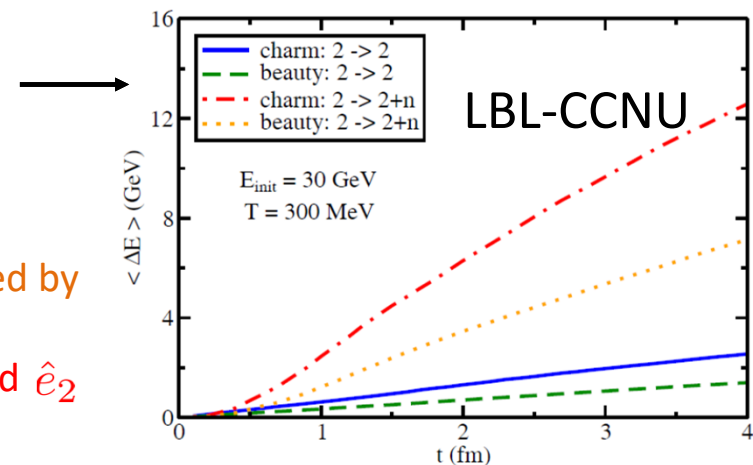


- Interplay between elastic and radiative interactions...
- ... whose dominance depends on the path length
- Fluctuations need to be taken properly into account
- Elastic component: Not clear that Langevin regime still applies (harder and harder collisions)
- 3 transport coefficients in momentum space ( $\eta, \kappa_L, \kappa_T$ ) are « only » constrained by Fluc. Dissip. Th.
- Radiative component acquires NLO in  $m_Q/p$  and starts being sensitive to  $\hat{e}$  and  $\hat{e}_2$



$$\frac{dN_g}{dy dl_{\perp}^2 d\tau} = 2 \frac{\alpha}{\pi} P(y) \frac{1}{l_{\perp}^4} \left( \frac{1}{1+\chi} \right)^4 \sin^2 \left( \frac{l_{\perp}^2}{4l^-(1-y)} (1+\chi) \tau \right) \times \left[ \left\{ \left( 1 - \frac{y}{2} \right) - \chi + \left( 1 - \frac{y}{2} \right) \chi^2 \right\} \hat{q} + \frac{l_{\perp}^2}{l^-} \chi (1+\chi)^2 \hat{e} + \frac{l_{\perp}^2}{(l^-)^2} \chi \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{11}{4} \chi \right) \hat{e}_2 \right]$$

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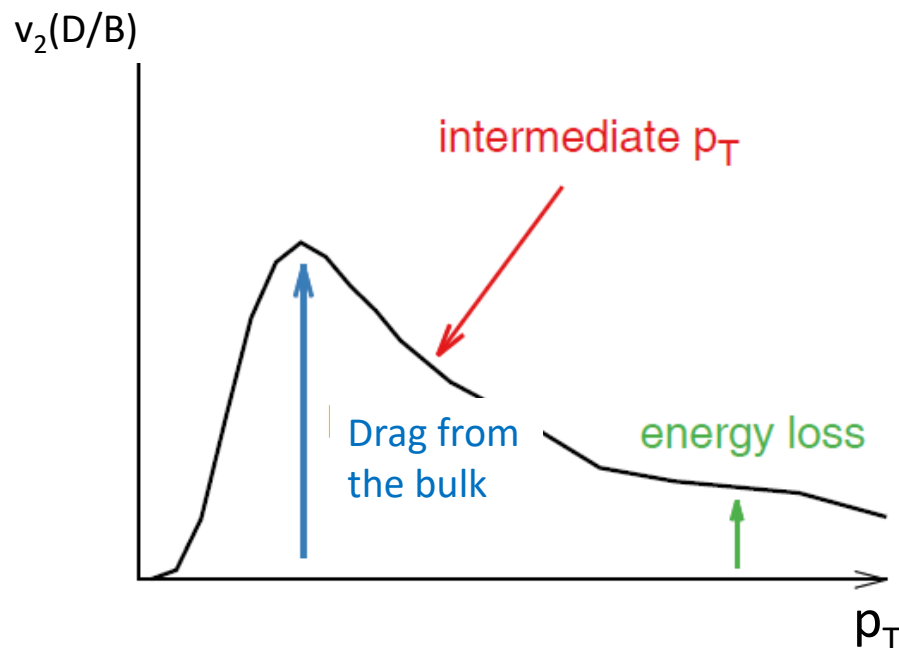


S. Cao et al, Phys. Rev. C 94, 014909 (2016)

Abir and Majumder, Phys. Rev. C 94, 054902 (2016)

See as well Aichelin, Gossiaux & Gousset, PRD (2013)

## Basic Consequences of HQ interaction with QGP for the $v_2$



Small  $p_T$ : height of  $v_2$  at low  $p_T$  sensitive to:

- Bulk anisotropy, mostly at the late times
- The drag force acting locally on HF

high  $p_T$  non-0  $v_2$  is due to anisotropic Eloss (same ingredients as for the RAA + geometrical anisotropy of initial distribution of matter)

intermediate  $p_T$ : onset and offset of many competing effects.

!!! Alternative pointed out recently within transport model (AMPT & MPC) study: so-called « escape mechanism » characterized by a large  $v_2$  component stemming from  $N_{\text{coll}} \approx 1$

L. He et al, Physics Letters B753 (2016) 506

### 2 Important remarks:

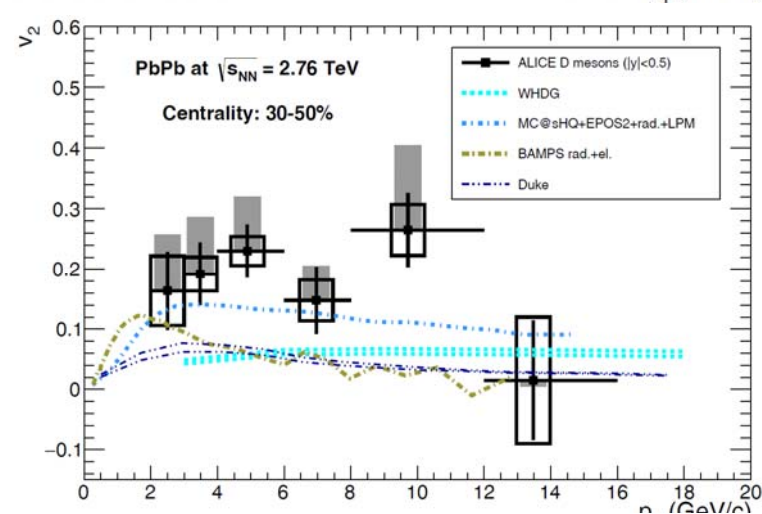
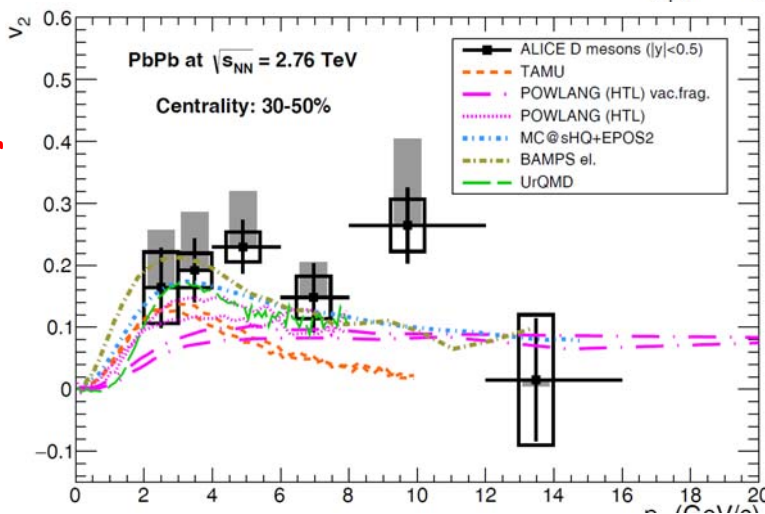
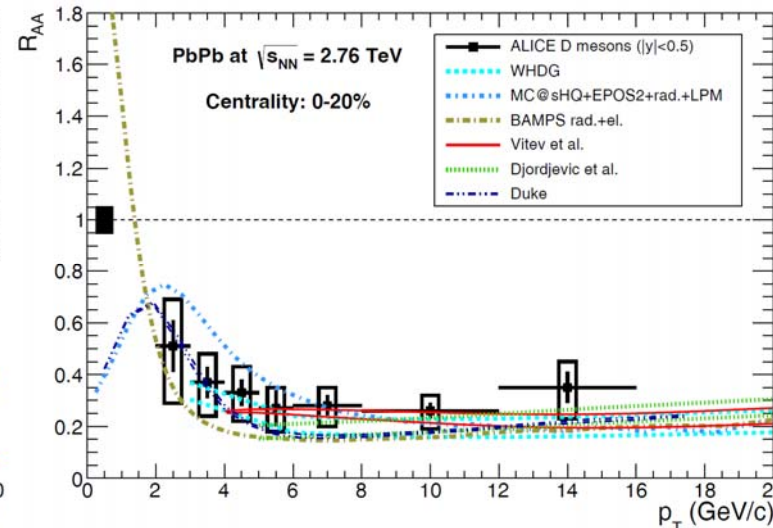
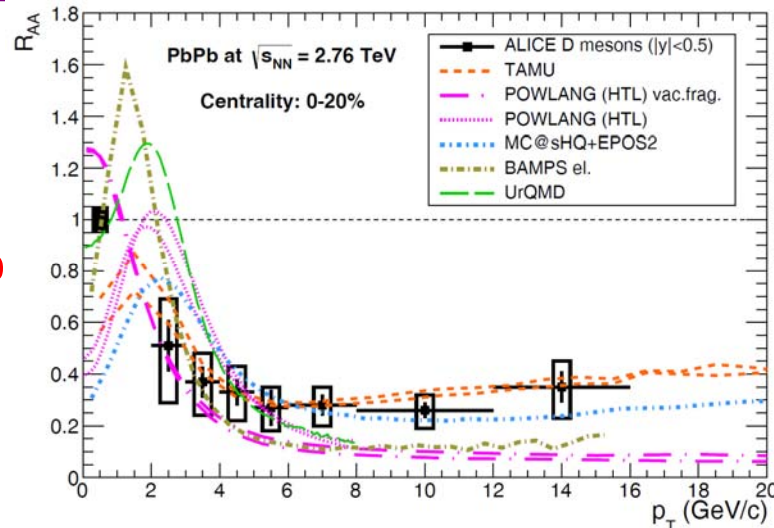
- Any energy loss model, even the roughest one, will generate these typical structures in the  $R_{AA}$  and the  $v_2$ . Getting a correct **quantitative** agreement is much more involved.
- Quantitative predictions also depends on those « extra ingredients »

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# Models vs DATA at LHC (Sapere Gravis Report compilation)

Purely elastic scatterings

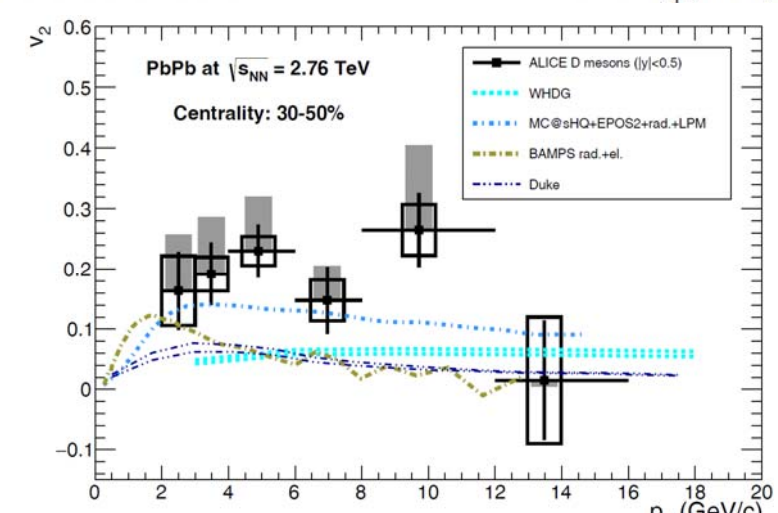
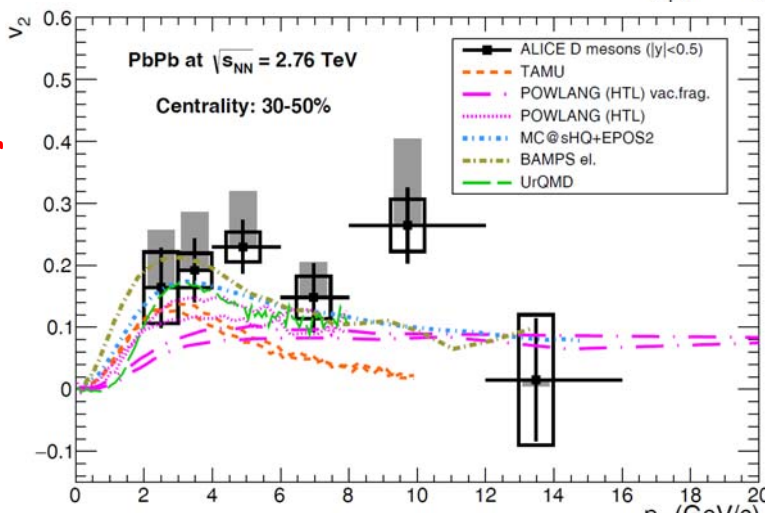
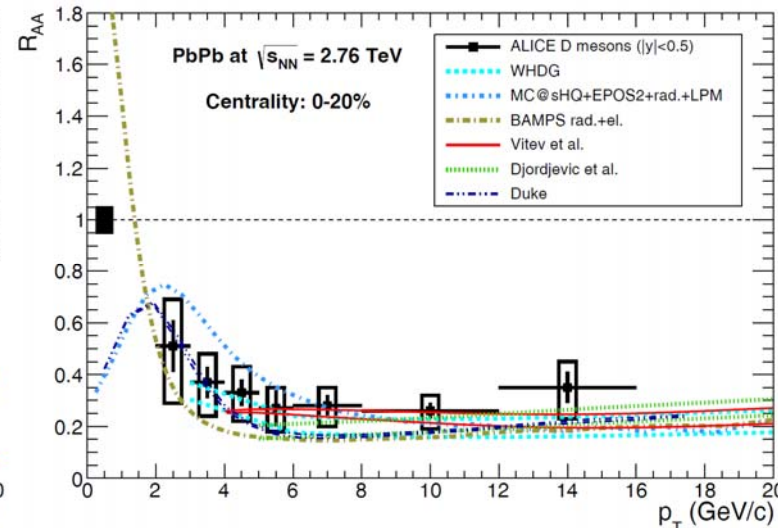
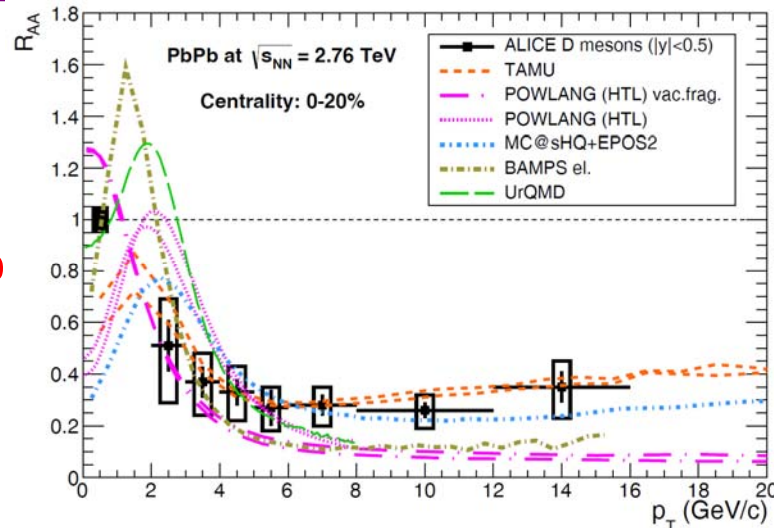


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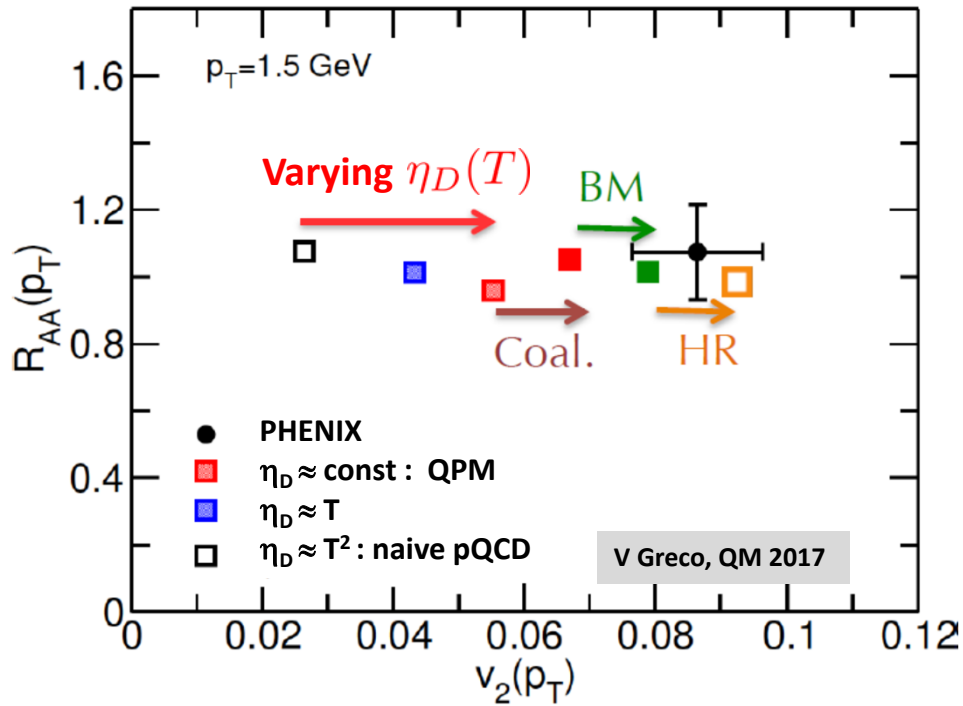
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Some advocated tension between  $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$

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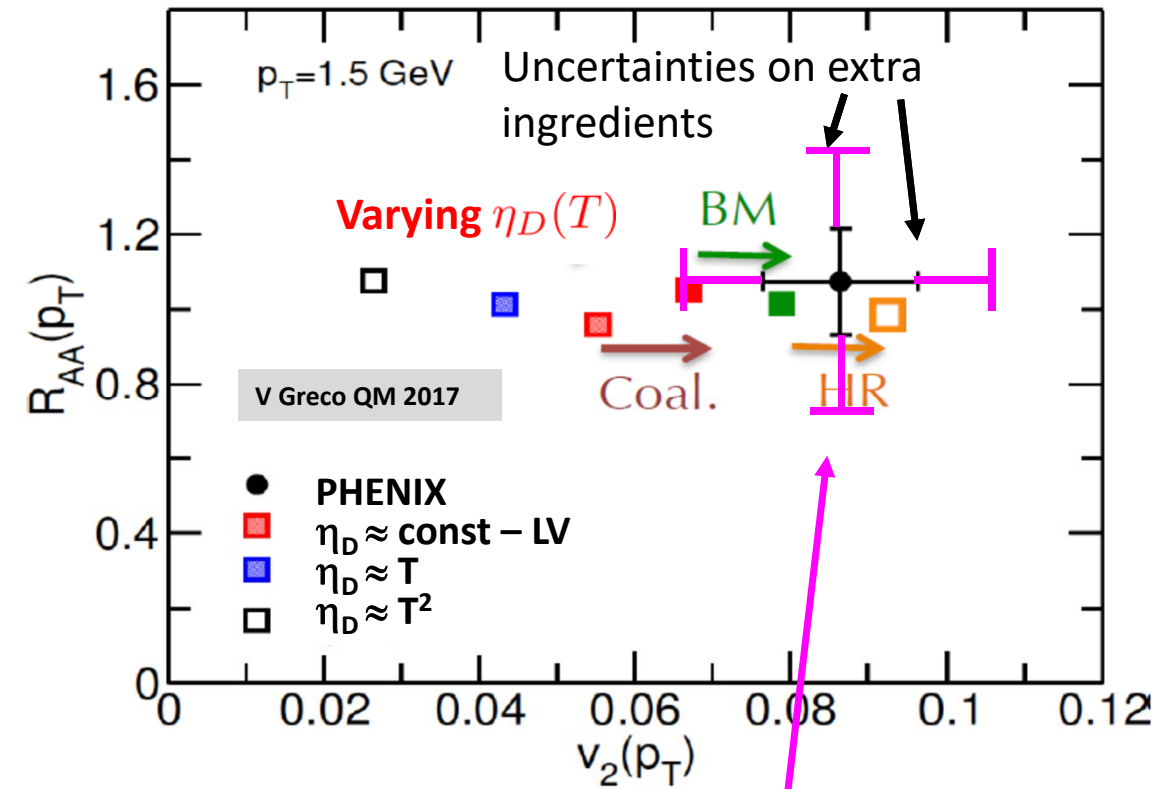


Nice guideline but need:

- To consider extra ingredients (bulk, initial  $v_2, \dots$ )
- To assess the uncertainties on « Coal » and « HR »
- ... before one can think of ruling out other trends for  $\eta_D$ .



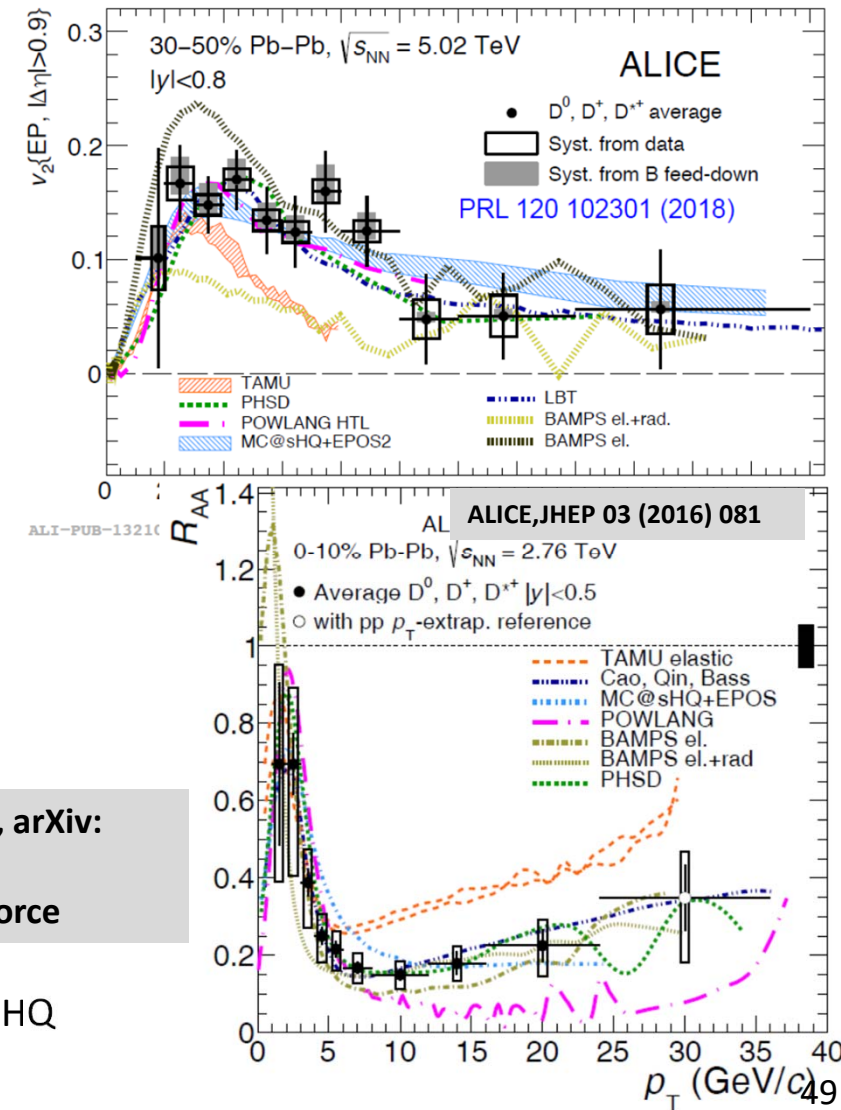
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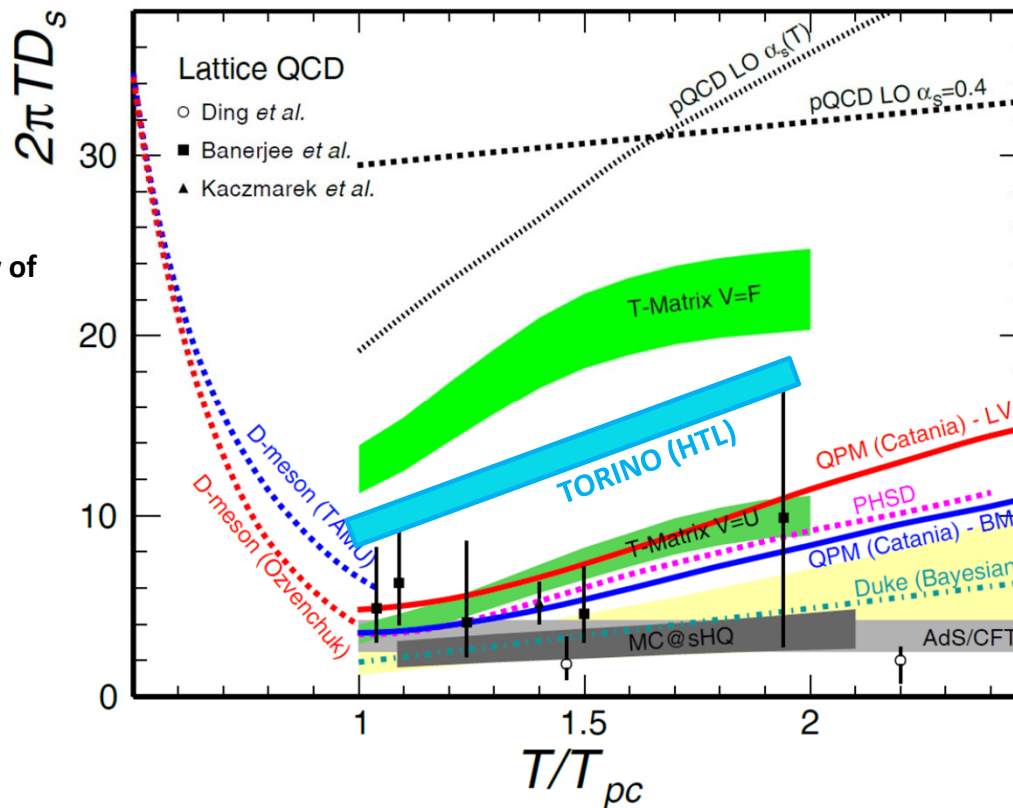
- Extra uncertainties stemming from extra ingredients, analysis in
- Probably one of the reasons why some models – like EPOS2+MC@shQ – with NOT (const.  $\eta_D$ ) can cope both with  $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$ .

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R. Rapp et al, arXiv:  
1803.03824  
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## Model summary on $2\pi TD_s$ extraction



$\eta_D \propto T^2$ : pQCD (fixed  $\alpha_s$ ), AdS/CFT

$\eta_D \propto T$ : pQCD (running  $\alpha_s$ )

$\eta_D \propto T^0$ : QPM, DQPM, U potential (TAMU)

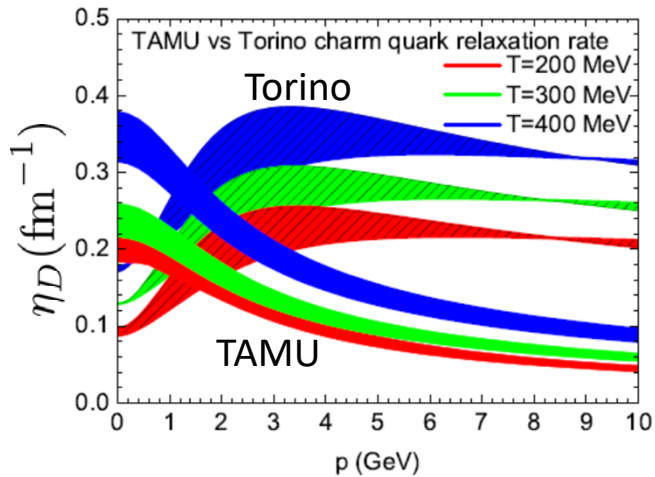
$$(2\pi T)D_s = \frac{2\pi T^2}{E_Q \eta_D}$$

Mild linear increase of  $2\pi D_s T$ ...  $\Leftrightarrow$  physics beyond pQCD (fixed  $\alpha_s$ ).

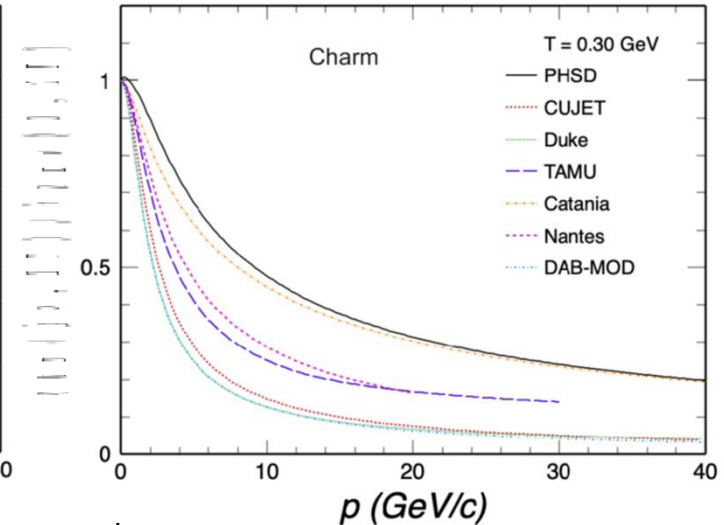
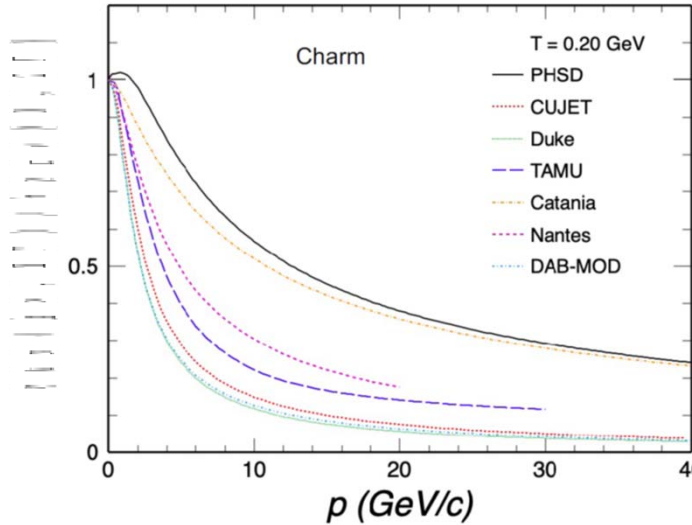
X. Dong et al. Annual Review of Nuclear and Particle Science 69:417-445 (2019)

- Most of the values extracted from model comparison with the data are compatible with IQCD calculations !!!
- All together (IQCD, Bayesian analysis and most recent models) make a strong case for physics beyond « weak pQCD LO » around  $T_c$  » and at « low »  $p_T$  ( $< 2$  GeV/c)
- However, the question whether one needs to include strong non-perturbative features is still debated ... needs to be further addressed in the future.

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Prino and Rapp, J.Phys. G43 (2016), 093002



HF Transport, ECT\* 2021

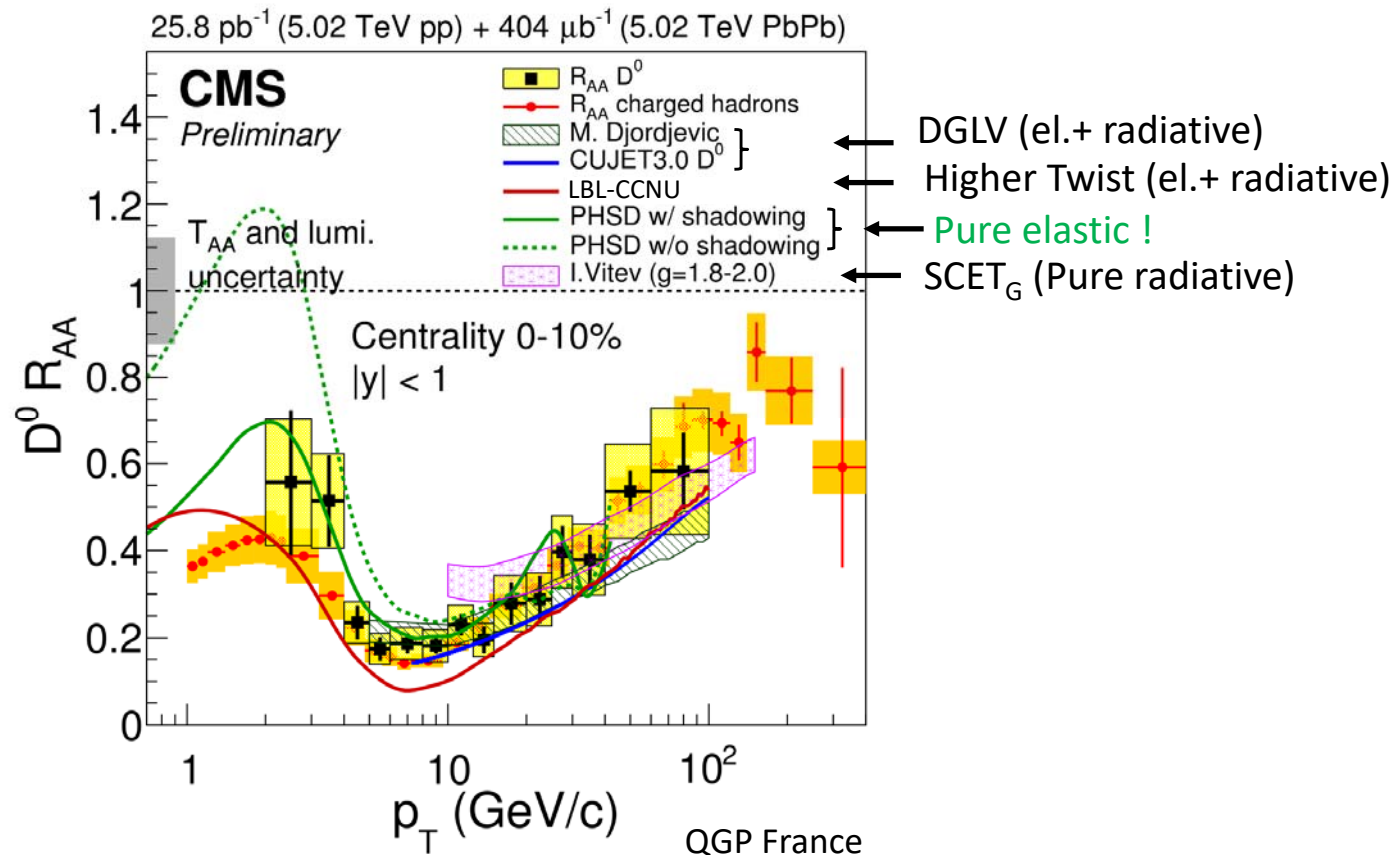
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### Further thoughts...

- $D_s$  ( $p=0$ ) does not represent the full physics (different momentum dependences of  $\eta_D$ ) ...  $R_{AA}$  mostly sensitive to energy loss at *finite* momentum (equilibration at low  $p_T$ )
- This momentum dependence is the direct footprint of physical dof and interactions => **should be better constrained in the future**
- Non trivial role of « extra ingredients » (bulk, hadronisation,...)

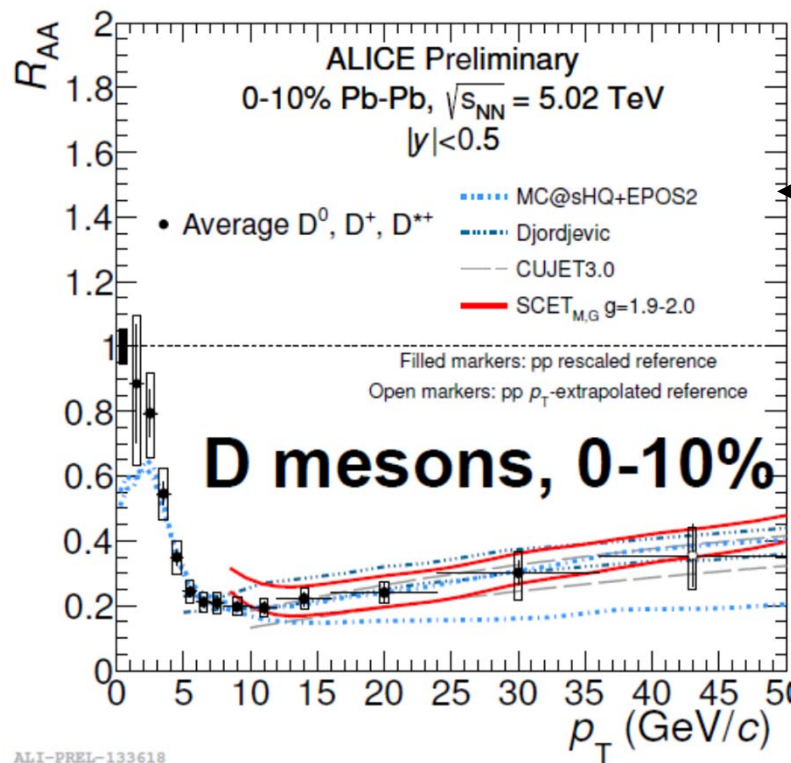
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← BDMPS (« infinite » path length regime)

Although some « extra ingredients » differ...

pQCD e-loss MODELS	Collisional energy loss	Radiative energy loss	Coalescence	Hydro	nPDF
CUJET3.0 JHEP 02 (2016) 169	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Djordjevic PRC 92 (2015) 024918	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓
MC@sHQ+EPOS PRC 89 (2014) 014905	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SCET JHEP 03 (2017) 146	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓

... Overall success of pQCD for describing the gluon radiation from a hot medium.

Beware :  $\hat{q}$  is « just » an indirect result in some of those formalisms

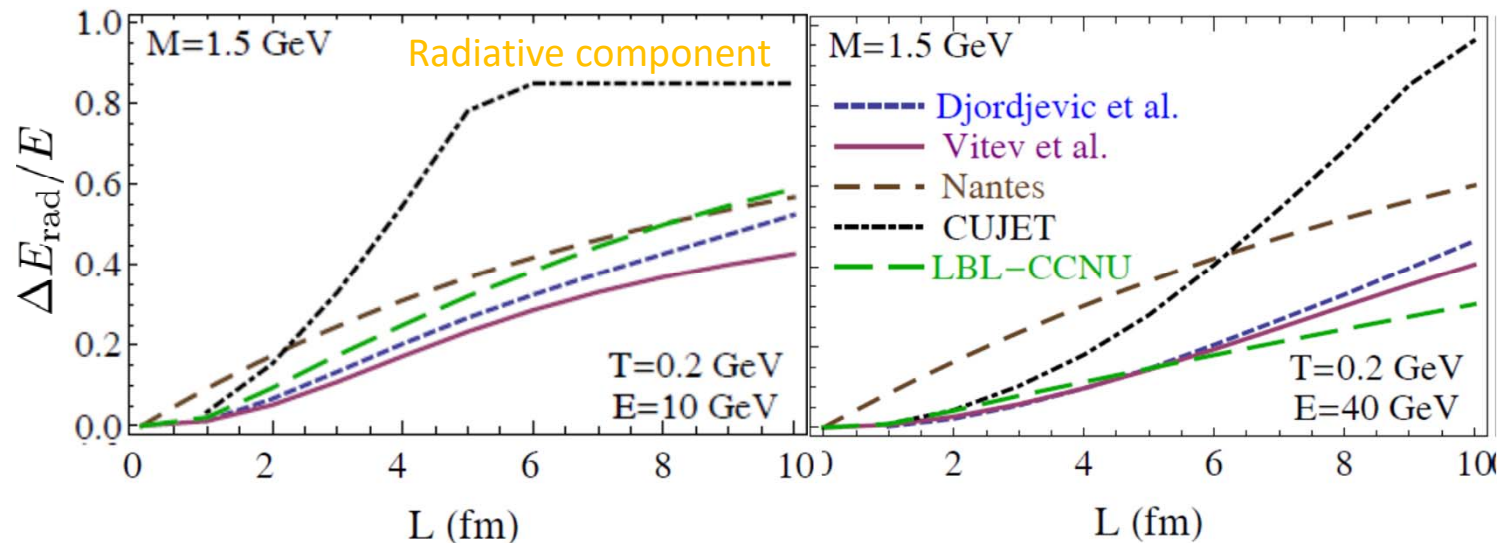
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## Status of high $p_T$ HQ: prospects

... Overall success of pQCD for describing the gluon radiation from a hot medium.... However, in a regime where  $m/p_T$  is small => The genuine mass ordering has still to be quantified and scrutinized more precisely between various approaches

Clear case for  
b-quark physics

Comparing some calibration curve for main approaches:



R. Rapp et al, arXiv:  
1803.03824  
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- Rather good agreement between Djordjevic and SCET<sub>G</sub> (same  $\alpha_s$ ), and also with LBL-CCNU (although smaller value of  $\alpha_s$ ).
- Trend reproduced by Nantes implementation of BDMPS for intermediate  $p_T$  (for which it should apply)
- Much increased value for the CUJET3 stemming from the assumption of magnetic monopoles « around »  $T_c$  => If all other ingredients are under control, **offers a unique opportunity to probe the QGP dof with high  $p_T$  partons**



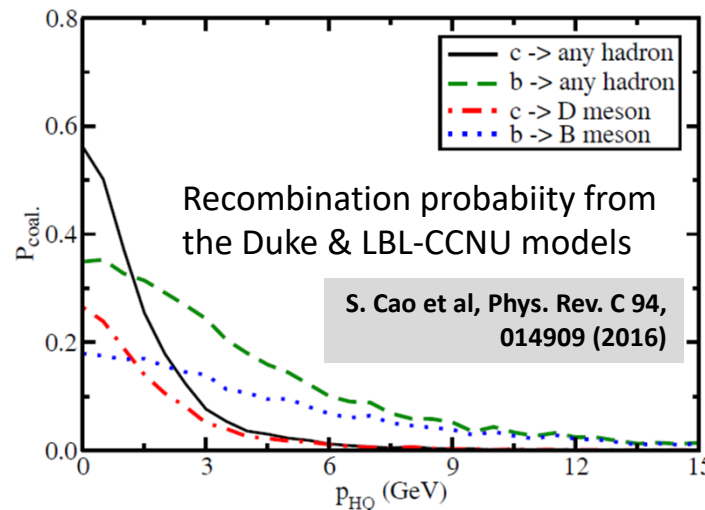
# HQ - Recombination

## Acknowledged:

- towards the end of QGP, hadronization of (of equilibrium) HQ can proceed through a **dual mechanism**:

### Low $p_T$ :

- The quark partner(s) are already present in the hot cooling medium
- New specific recombination mechanism; no obvious calibration**
- The footprint of reconfinement (?!)
- Crucial to explain the flow bump in  $R_{AA}(D)$  and sizable  $v_2(D)$  => **large impact.**



### High $p_T$ :

- The quark partner(s) needed to create the HF-hadron have to be generated from the vacuum
- « usual » fragmentation calibrated on p+p and  $e^+e^-$  data (Petersen,...)

**But also energy density dependent (PHSD) !!!**

## Uncertain (and not disputed enough):

- Genuine physical recombination process:
  - Instantaneous Parton Coalescence** with local  $(x,p)$  correlations (Greco, Ko & Levai 2003), Xor in momentum space (Oh et al 2009): known violation of energy-momentum conservation, advocated to have small effects at finite  $p_T$
  - Resonance Recombination Model** (Ravagli and Rapp, 2009): kinetic  $c+q\bar{q} \rightarrow D$ ; spirit of dynamical recombination around  $T_c$  ( $P_{recomb} = \Delta\tau \times \Gamma_{res}(p)$ ); a way to solve the energy-momentum conservation issue
  - In medium Fragmentation** (Beraudo et al., 2015) : string from HQ + thermal light
- Differences in the « technical implementations », e.g. normalisation

# HQ - Recombination

## Instantaneous coalescence:

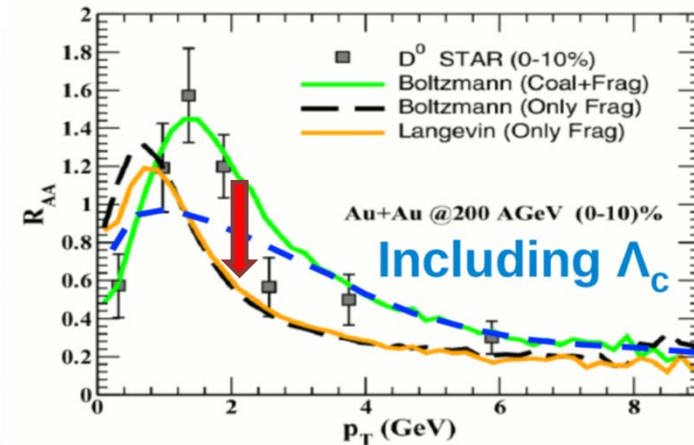
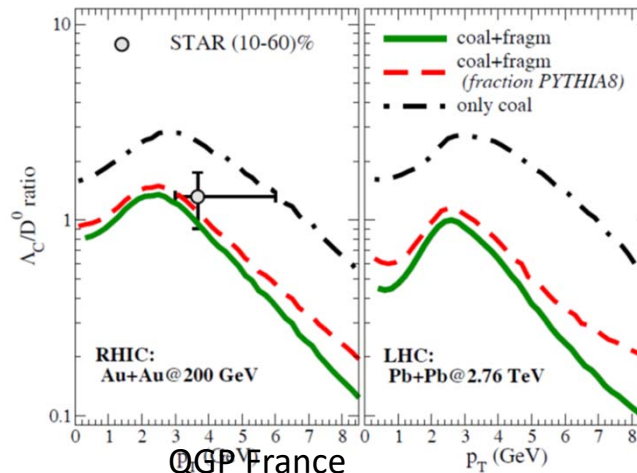
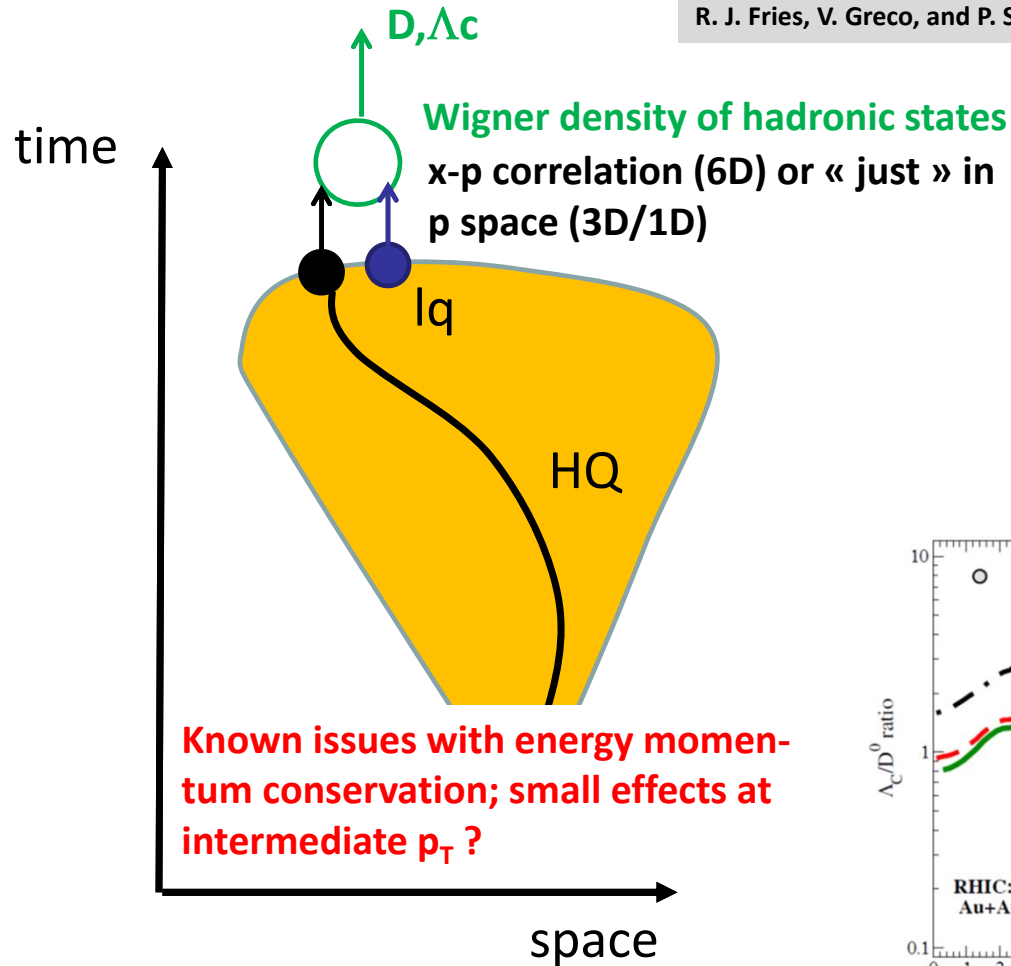
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NEW

S Plumari et al. arXiv:1712.00730

## Latest Catania's coalescence model:

- Full 6D coalescence
- New normalization to impose  $P_{\text{coal}} \rightarrow 1$  for  $p_T \rightarrow 0$
- Resonance decay
- Mini jet contribution
- Inclusion of  $\Lambda_c$  baryonic states
  - $\Rightarrow$  reduction of  $R_{AA}(D)$  at small  $p_T$
  - $\Rightarrow$  increase of  $\Lambda_c/D^0$  wrt pp and pPb.



QGP France

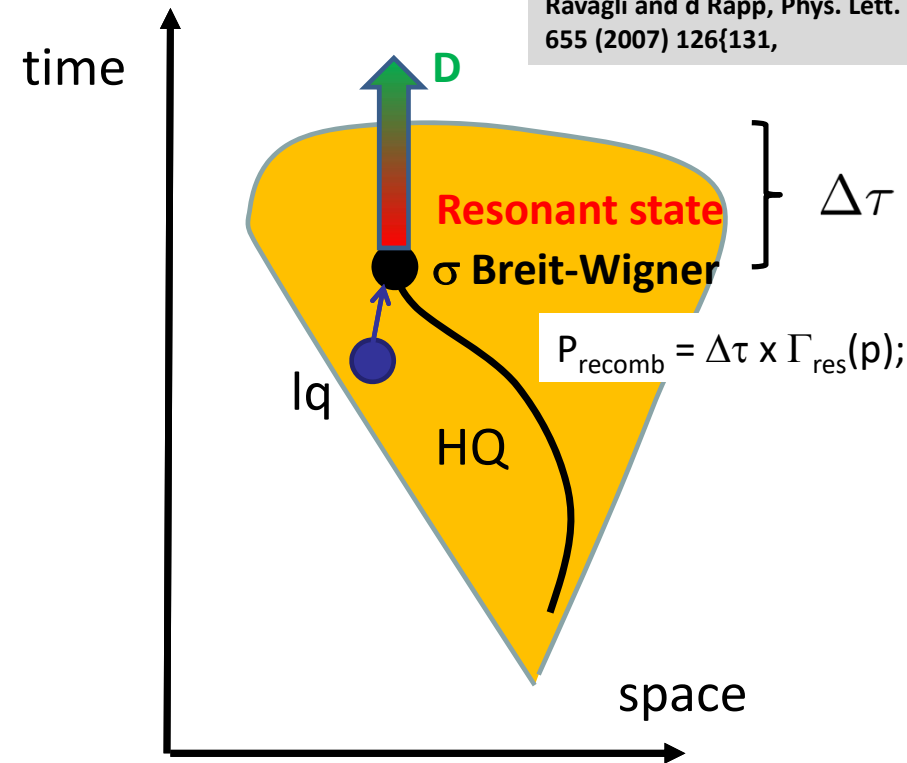


# HQ - Recombination

## Resonance Recombination Model:

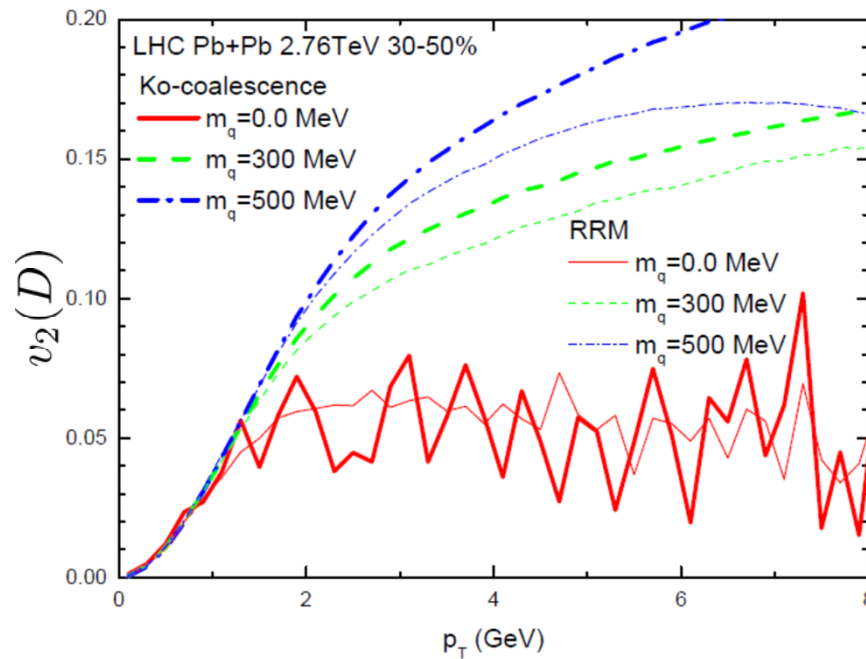
$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \right) F_M(t, \vec{x}, \vec{p}) = -\frac{\Gamma}{\gamma_p} F_M(t, \vec{x}, \vec{p}) + \beta(\vec{x}, \vec{p})$$

Ravagli and d Rapp, Phys. Lett. B 655 (2007) 126{131,



- Dynamical 2->1 process, implemented in the asymptotic limit of the kinetic equation
- A possible way to solve energy-momentum conservation
- Process governed by the interaction of HQ with QGP around  $T_c \Rightarrow$  natural link with the energy loss model.

## In EMMI RRTF, comparison between Instant. Coal. & RRM



starting from the same bulk and from the same c spectrum

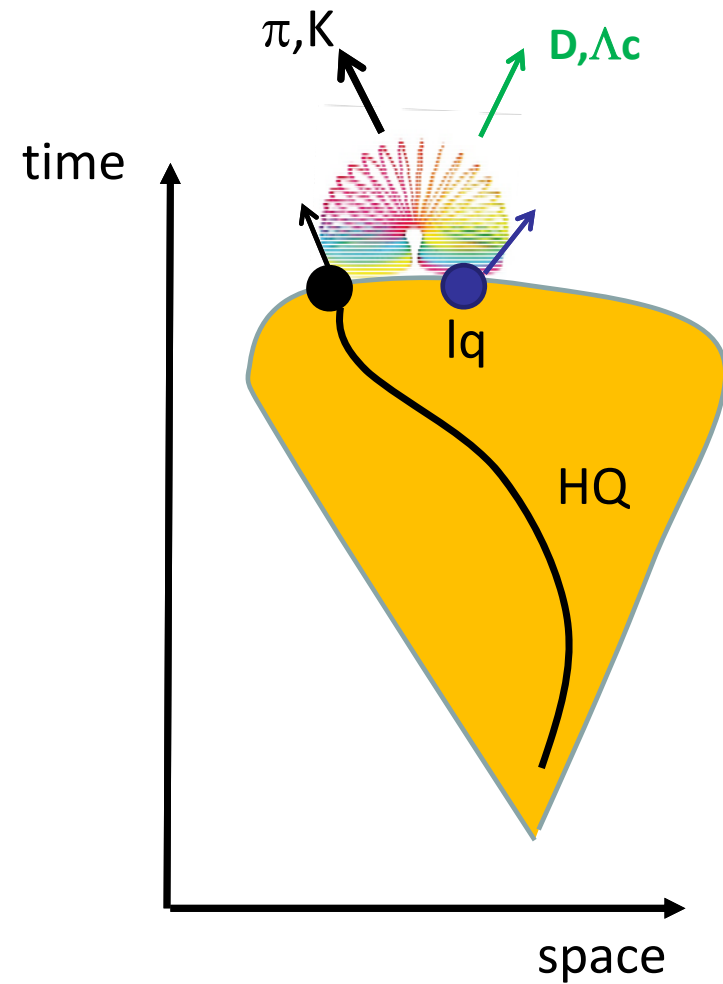
Significant differences found both for D meson  $p_T$  spectrum and  $v_2$ .

R. Rapp et al, arXiv: 1803.03824

# HQ - Recombination

## In-Medium recombination:

A Beraudo et al., Eur. Phys. J. C75  
no. 3, (2015) 121



- String formed at  $T_c$  from HQ and light quark sampled out of thermal bath
- Novel mechanism which allows a natural transition from the low  $p_T$  to the high  $p_T$
- Also leads to large flow bumps and extra  $v_2$  contribution

## The LHC Era: 2010 -> Now

- Huge data from LHC constraining the models (at high  $p_T$  as well as in the  $b$  sector)
- A last class of model: Quasi Particle Model
- Constrains from the fundamental theory : IQCD estimates
- The way towards more collective work in the theory community
- Alternate observables (correlations)
- HQ-jets
- HQ in small systems
- ....

## Recent Collective actions beyond Sapore Gravis

- **EMMI Rapid Reaction Task Force** (organizers: R. Rapp, PB Gossiaux, A. Andronic, R. Averbeck,, S. Maschiocchi):
  - Global strategy to extract the diffusion coefficient from the intercomparison between models and data
  - **Collect and analyse all ingredients from various models**
  - Identify constraints from IQCD
  - Initiate discussions to assess the limitations of some existing models.

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**Goal to attack the problem with a broad view right from the beginning...**

**R. Rapp et al, arXiv: 1803.03824  
Published in NPA (sept)**

(20 months since first meeting)

# Collective investigation : Consequences from various **Hadronization Mechanisms**

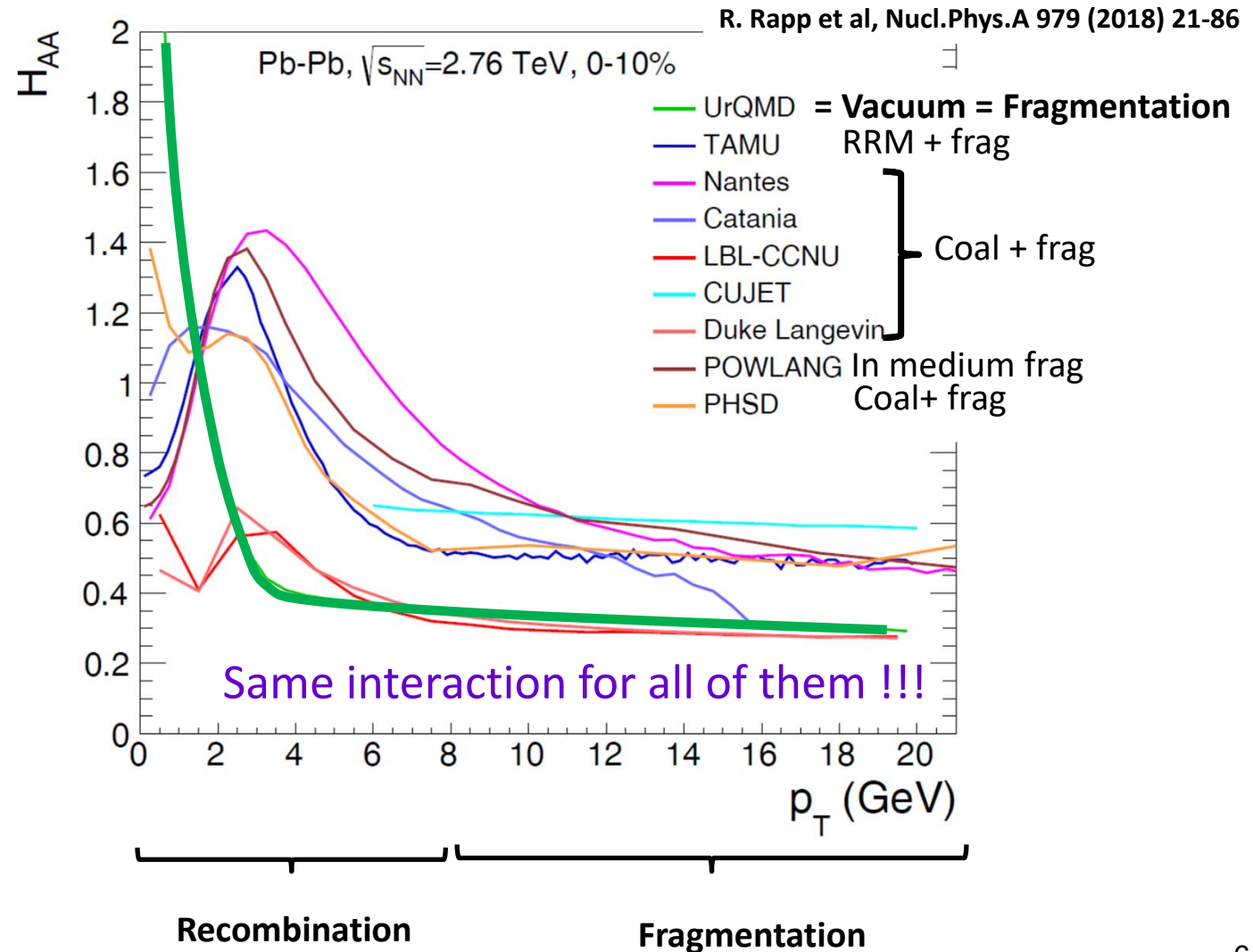
We define and display the  $H_{AA}$  quantity

$$H_{AA} = \frac{\frac{dN_D}{dp_T}}{\frac{dN_{c \text{ final}}}{dp_T}}$$

...which exhibits at best the specific effects of hadronization :

Significant uncertainties !

=> Yes, one can for sure put more constraints with  $D_s$  and  $\Lambda_c$ , but probably one has also to converge on more robust schemes for « basic » D mesons



# Collective investigation: Consequences from the **bulk choice** (and partly transport)

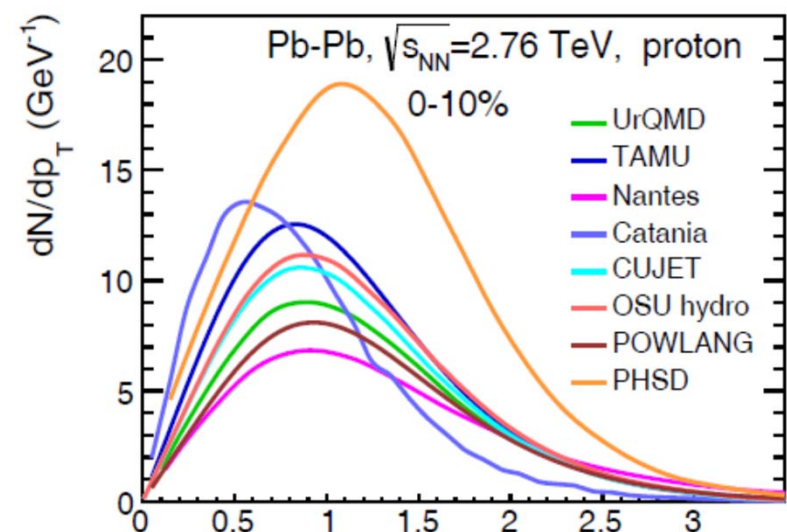
Question: What is the role of the different medium evolution models, and how do different predictions for the bulk cooling and expansion temperature in the current models manifest themselves in HF observables ?

Method: adopt a common  $\alpha_s=0.4$ -pQCD x 5 cross section for thermal light partons acting on c-quarks (or associated FP coefficients for models based on FP) in all frameworks.

One Interaction for all of them; not aimed at reproducing the data !!!

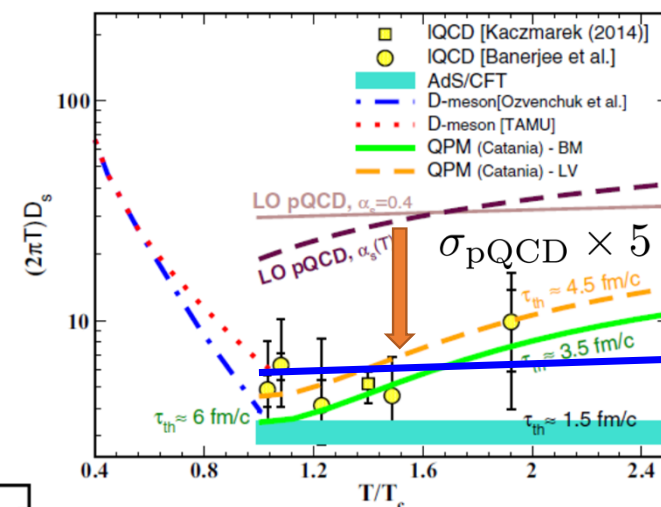
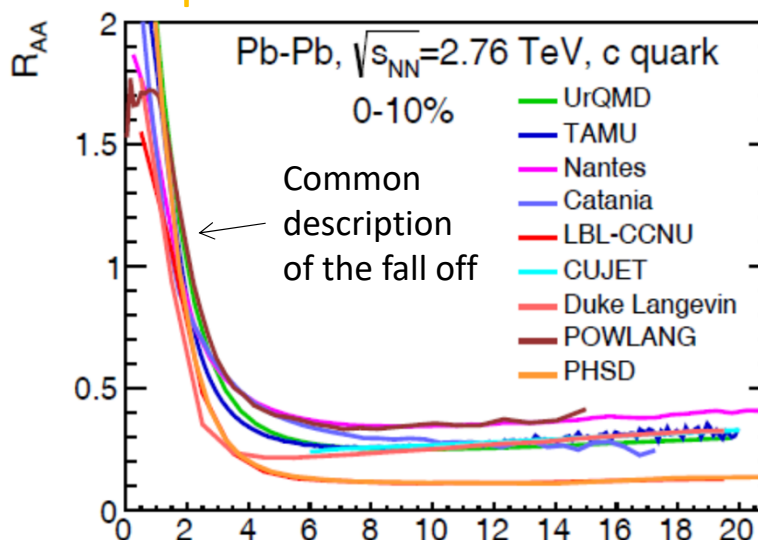
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## Protons from the bulk at FO



No feed down !      Some correlation between  $dN(p)$  and  $R_{AA}(c)$  but not systematic

## c quarks at FO



This allows to probe the effect of the bulk with a mechanism that has a  $D_s$  roughly similar to the one extracted from IQCD

For most bulks:

$$R_{AA}(c, 10 \text{ GeV}) \approx 0.3 - 0.4$$

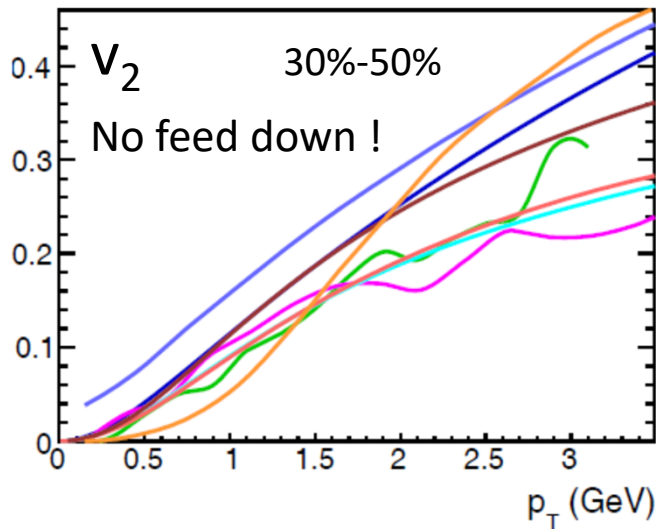
For 30%-50%:

$$R_{AA}(c, 10 \text{ GeV}) \approx 0.4 - 0.6$$

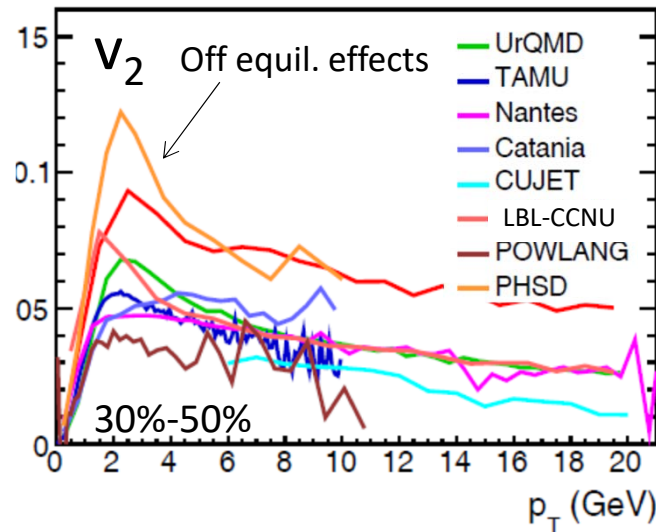
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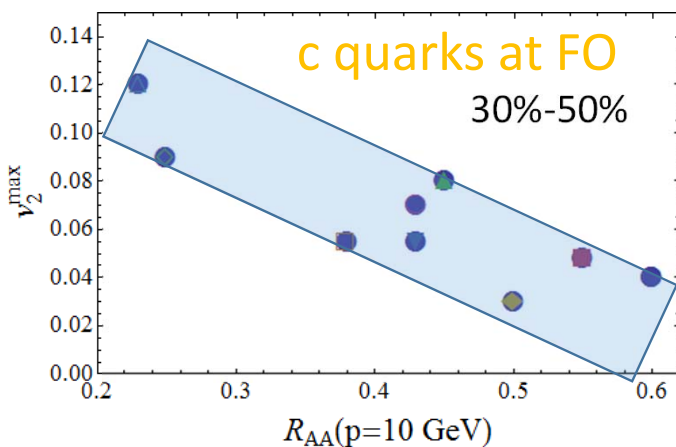


N.B.: LBL-CCNU could not implement scattering on thermal- massive partons

For most bulks:

$$v_2(c, p_T = 4 \text{ GeV}) \approx 0.4 - 0.6$$

Max  $v_2$  reached between 2 and 4 GeV/c



Some correlation between  $v_2(p)$  and  $v_2(c)$  but not systematic

- Some correlation between  $R_{AA}(c)$  and  $v_2(c)$  from various bulks, but rather large residuals => Non « scalable » bulks
- Adopting a (limited number of) common bulk(s) would permit to shrink the residuals in the « extraction » of the optimal transport coefficients.



# Collective investigation : Study in a QGP brick

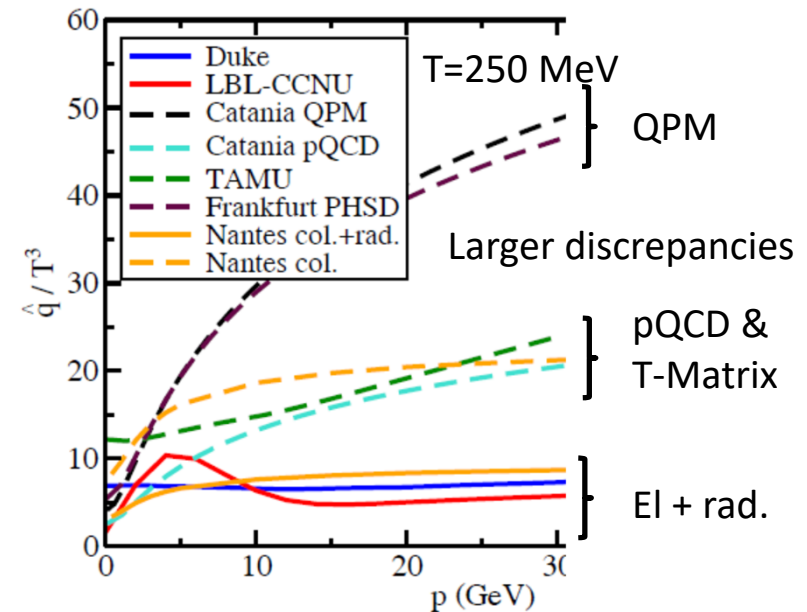
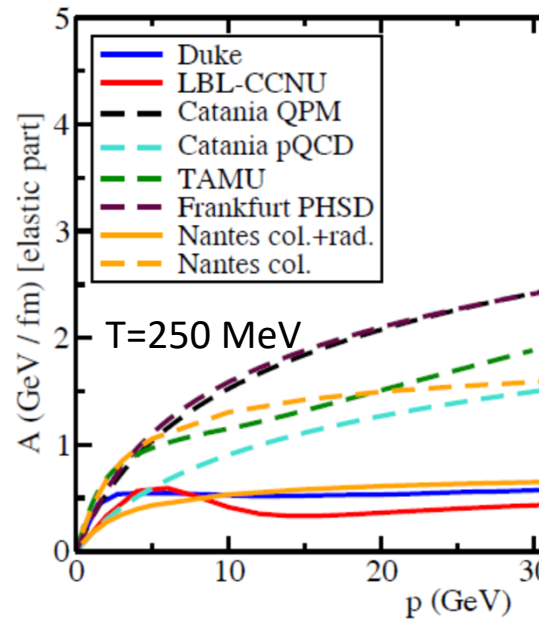
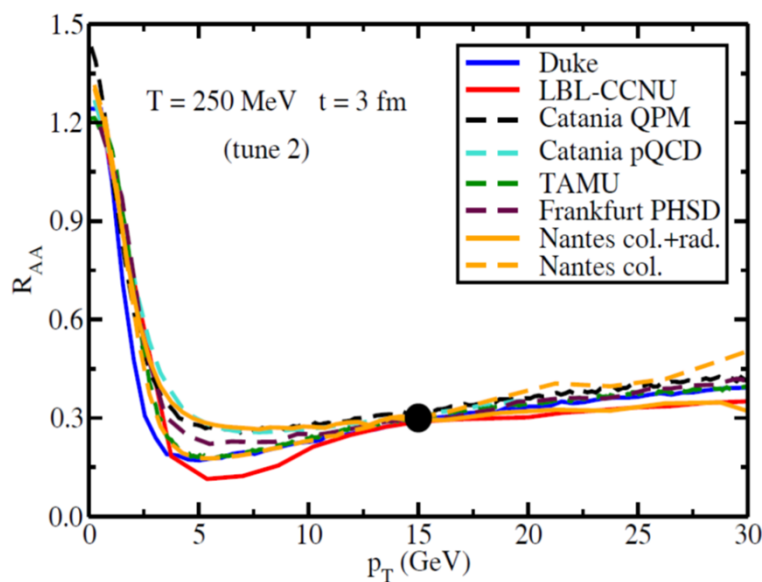
S. Cao et al,  
Phys.Rev.C 99 (2019)  
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- The goal was to :
- Collect and compare the **transport coefficients** from various models,
  - **Measure and understand their consequences by first studying a simpler brick problem**
  - **Estimate some systematics + uncertainties**

**Best controlled QGP ever: uniform fixed temperature for all models** (with same initial condition FONLL-like @ RHIC)

1) Rescale the coefficients to match  $R_{AA}=0.3$  at  $p=15$  GeV & « final time » 3 fm/c

2) Compare them !



Main result: Nice structuration of the transport coefficients in different classes. For each class, the work illustrates the maximal accuracy reachable once all other ingredients are either fixed or chosen commonly



## The LHC Era: 2010 -> Now

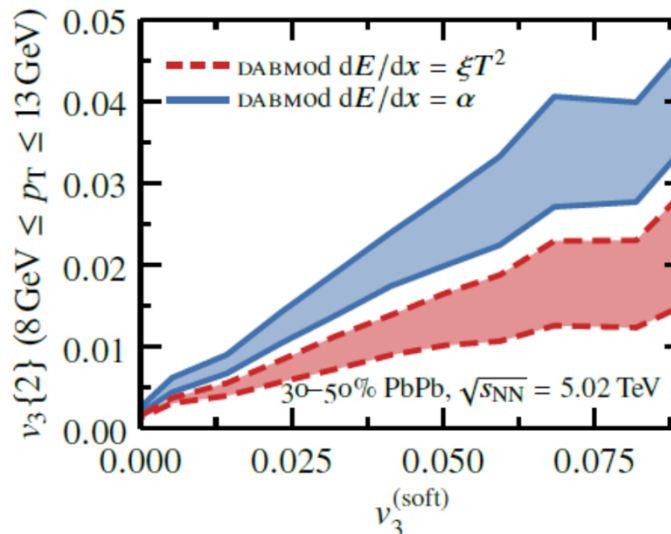
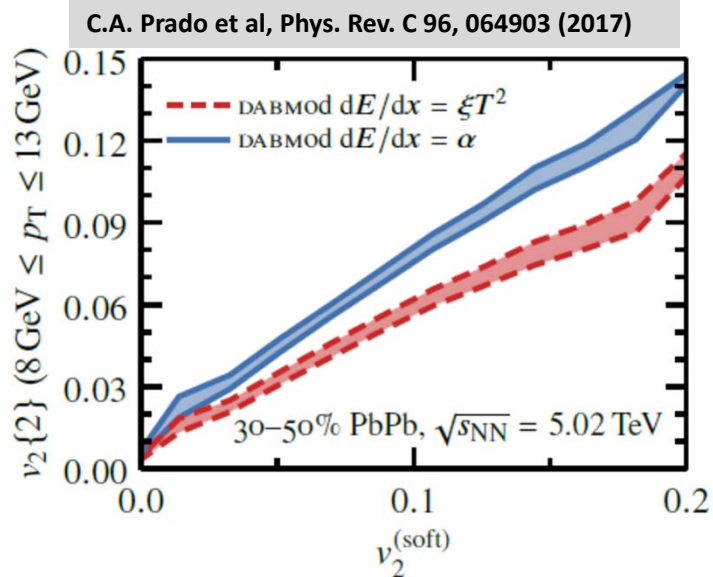
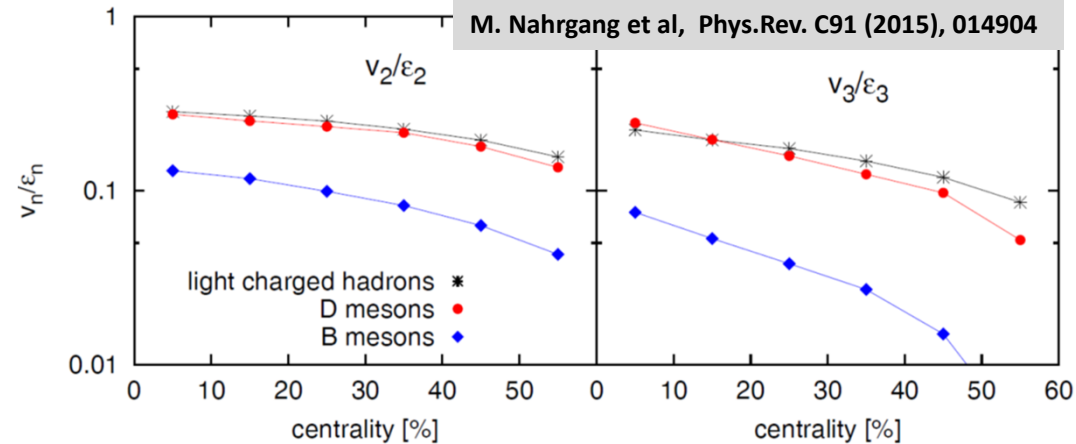
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  - Constrains from the fundamental theory : lQCD estimates
  - The way towards more collective work in the theory community
  - Alternate observables (correlations,...)
  - HQ-jets
  - HQ in small systems
  - ....
- } No time to cover.

## More on $v_2$ and higher flow harmonics

Goal: better understand the **coupling btwn HQ and QGP** by:

- departing from the nearly equilibrated regime
- exploring the consequences of inertia due to large  $m_Q$
- Our observation: **reduction of  $v_n/\epsilon_n$  for a) larger  $n$ , b) larger mass and c) larger centrality...**

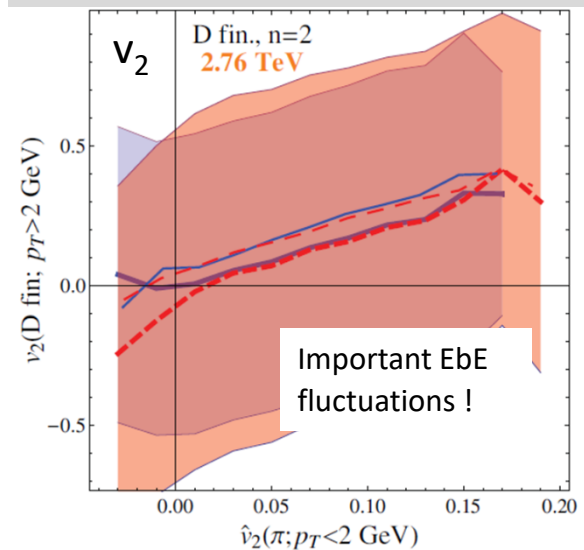
Does the HQ flow follows the light sector ? => EbE analysis



No saturation ./ . Linearity BUT larger flow from  $\frac{dE}{dx} \propto T^0$  and larger reduction for  $v_3$

QGP France

Gossiaux et al EPJ Web Conf. 171 (2018) 18004



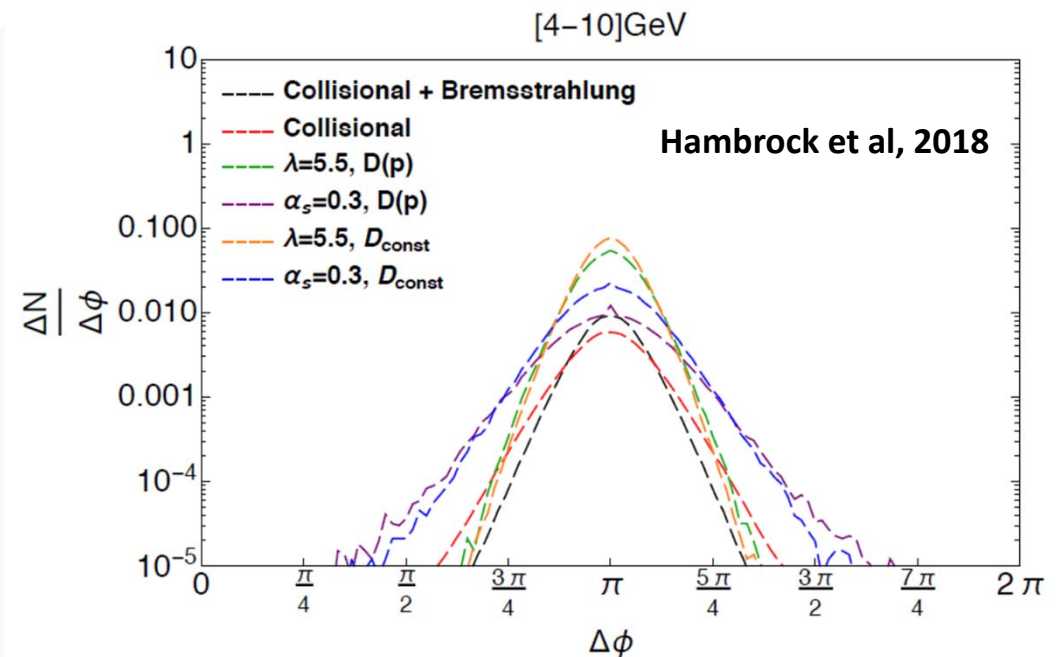
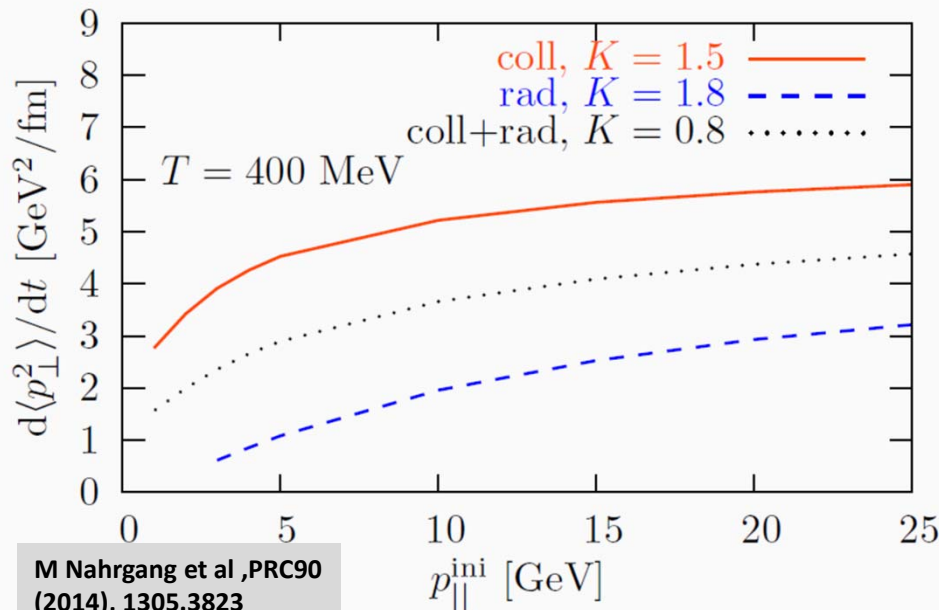
## Alternate observables

The nature of the interaction (Elastic vs Elastic + Radiative vs AdS/CFT) in the intermediate  $p_T$  range

One should exploit both

- Analysis of the path length dependence
- The larger “collinearity” found in radiative collisions, which could be seen in azimuthal correlations...

Much sensitive to  $\hat{q}$



... But not “short term” !!! WE NEED VERY GOOD MEASUREMENTS ON THIS

## New Observables are coming

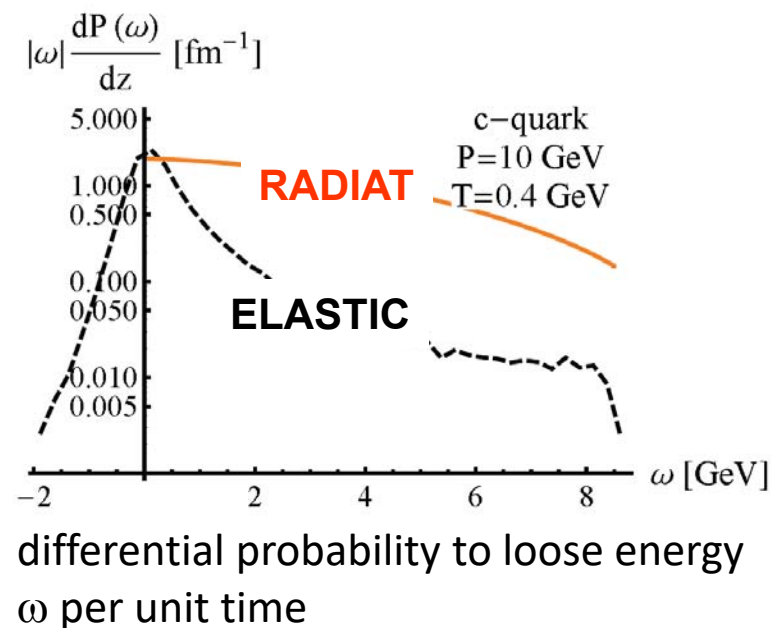
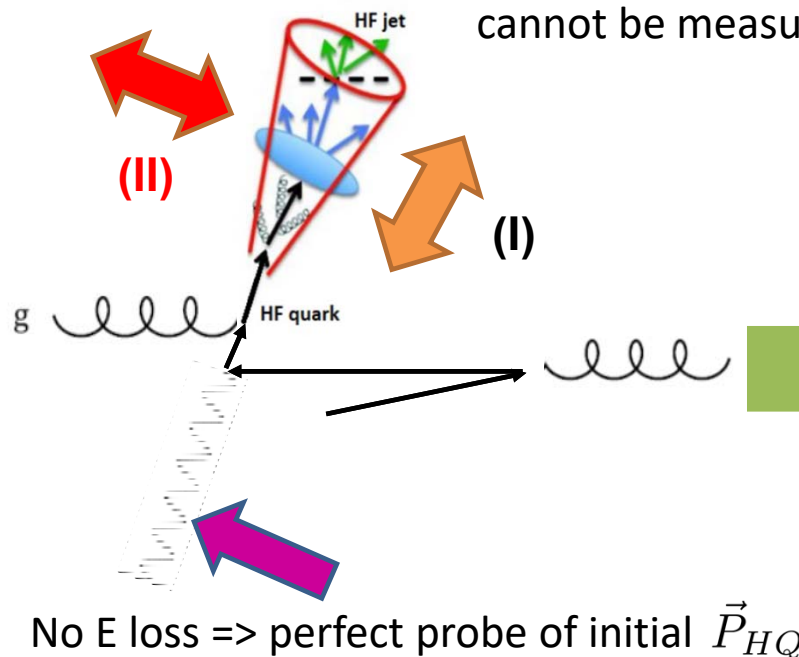
Short term, mid-term, long term,...

What	Good for ?	Caviat
Event shape engineering	Strength and T dependence of the interaction	Might be sensitive to the bulk and initial stage => play collective
Heavy light - correlations	b/c-jet substructure, nature of the interaction	Might be sensitive to various HF creation in pp, to be calibrated
Heavy - photon	Longitudinal fluctuations coefficients	Need very good baseline in pp
$\Lambda_c, D_s, B_s, \dots$	Understanding hadronization esp. Recombination (if generic enough not to require 1 new free parameter per state) or limits of statistical models	Dynamical treatment of confinement ? Inputs from IQCD probably needed
$v_1(y)$	Constrain (E,B), vorticity, initial tilt of matter initial distribution of HQ in transverse plane	Isn't it a bitt too much for this poor observable ?

# $\gamma$ - b/c jet: Best HF Correlation ever ?

➤  $\gamma$  - D/B/c jet / b jet:

In QGP: **Longitudinal and transverse ( $\hat{q}$ ) fluctuations** of the HQ, which crucially depend on the Eloss mechanism and cannot be measured in usual observables like  $R_{AA}$  or  $v_2$



➤ Of course: NLO effect in the production mechanisms makes it not so trivial (not to speak about exp. Issues... RUN3 ? RUN4 ?)

## Recent progresses and future directions

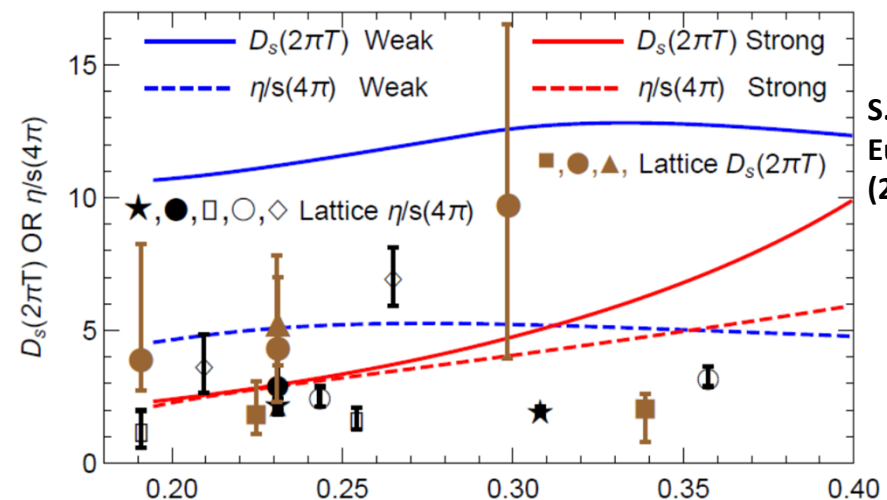
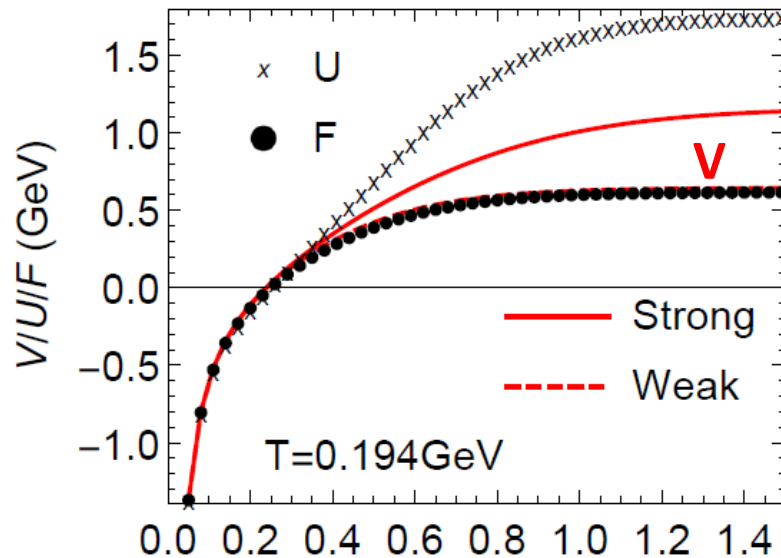
(Selected) Recent trends :

- Generalization of the treatment of (thermal) QGP constituents in the calculation of the transport coefficient :
  - Thermal mass (calibrated on the EOS): QLBT: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/792436/contributions/3548981/>, MC@HQ: Nahrgang et al Phys.Rev.C 93 (2016) 4, 044909
  - Off shell effects (re)considered by the use of spectral function more faithful to the quantum treatment): TAMU: Shuai Y.F. Liu et al, Phys. Rev. C 99, 055201 (2019), CATANIA: ML Sambataro et al. Eur. Phys. J. C 80 (2020) 1140
- Inclusion of radiative energy loss: TAMU: Shuai Y.F. Liu & R. Rapp JHEP 08 (2020) 168
- Effect of initial stages on HF evolution (glasma, B field, vorticity): S. Chatterjee and P. Bozek. PRL120(2018)192301; Y. Sun et al. PLB768(2017) 260-264. PLB 816 (2021) 136271; S. Chen et al Phys.Rev.C 103 (2021) 3; L031902, M. Kurian et al., PRD 101,094024 (2020)
- ...

See as well recent plenary talk of Min He at « Strangeness in Quark Matter » or « Heavy-Flavor Transport in QCD Matter » at ECT\* (<https://indico.ectstar.eu/event/98/overview>)

## Recent progresses and future directions

- **Deeper rooting with theory** : TAMU strategy: S. Y.F. Liu and R. Rapp, PRC97 (2018) 034918
  - Hamiltonian formulation of a non relativistic effective theory based on a 2-body potential
  - Included in the Luttinger-Ward-Baym formalism -> description of the **equation of state** (EoS)
  - EOS is not enough => evaluation of the **free energy** (./ introduction of Q-Qbar pair) + **quarkonium correlators** ...
  - Allows to self-consistently derive 2 optimal solutions for the potential by calibration on the equivalent IQCD quantities (one « weak » close to the free energy and one « strong » with remnants of the long range forces... non spectral light quarks and spectral densities



S. Y.F. Liu and R. Rapp  
Eur. Phys. J. A 56, 44  
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Further comparison with diffusion coefficient favors the « strong » potential

# Recent progresses and future directions

## Future directions :

### Internal « theory » improvement (can discard some models)

- TAMU approach in making the contact with QCD thanks to IQCD calculation and solving of many body theory is a strong incentive for other models to perform an equivalent rooting.
- Calibration on the EOS is a good starting point but other quantities more directly connected to HQ physics should be considered as well (correlators, imaginary potential,...)
- Models based on one (effective) gluon exchange should consider ladder resummation
- Efforts should be maintained from IQCD community to evaluate quantities as close possible to the Fokker-Planck coefficients at finite momentum (easier contact with phenomenology)
- Need for a better connection between hadronisation of heavy quark at the end of the QGP phase, dynamical models, modern understanding of confinement.

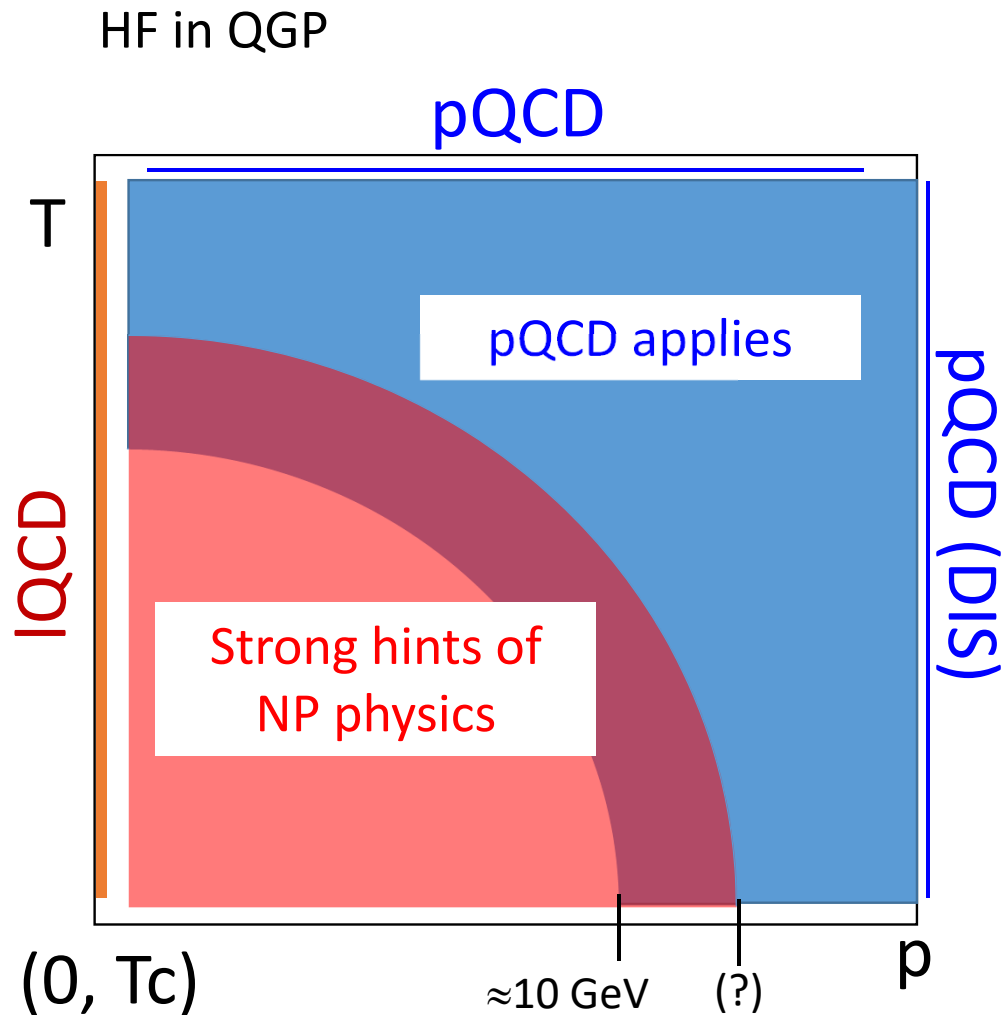
### ... Hand in hand with experiment

- Need for a systematic reduction of the systematic « errors » affecting the predictions => link with precision data
- new observables (correlations)

Reliable application of the methods to small systems (QGP + CGC initial condition for HQ)



Until then ...



- Existing models offer the possibility to describe most of the OHF experimental AA data while being compatible with existing theory constraints...
- ... however with unequal precision and no consensus on the physical NP content
- **Improvements and quantitative understanding is on their way, but it will still take some time and a lot of efforts => need for resources, bright (young) people and collective work.**
- Open Heavy Flavours are maybe not an ideal probe of QGP yet, but they are quite fascinating and offer bright future for the field, with multiple interconnections (see next slide).