

# Aspects of colliding and radiating charm quark in an expanding quark-gluon plasma

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## Why heavy quarks ?

- Heavy quarks (HQs) as effective probes to characterize the QGP properties.
- HQ production: mostly created in the initial moments of the collision
- Thermalization time:  
Charm  $\sim 10\text{-}15$  fm/c;  
Bottom  $\sim 25\text{-}30$  fm/c;  
Greater than QGP lifetime;

## Outline

- Introduction to HQ Brownian motion
- Methodology:
  - (i) HQ transport in expanding QGP
  - (ii) Energy loss in viscous medium
- Impacts on observables

# HQ dynamics

*B. Svetitsky, PRD 1988,  
M.G.Mustafa, D.Pal, D.K.Srivastava, PRC 1998,  
S. K. Das, F. Scardina, S. Plumari, V. Greco, PRC 2014  
R.Rapp and H.van Hees, 0903.1096*

- ❖ HQs dynamics in the QGP can be studied as a Brownian motion: Fokker-Planck equation

$$\frac{\partial f_{HQ}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} \left[ A_i(\mathbf{p}) f_{HQ} + \frac{\partial}{\partial p_j} \left[ B_{ij}(\mathbf{p}) f_{HQ} \right] \right]$$

**Drag**

Thermal average of the  
momentum transfer

**Diffusion**

Square of the  
momentum transfer

- Transport coefficients: Drag and Diffusion
- Simplified Boltzmann Equation
- Soft momentum transfer

- ❖ Several attempts to study the dynamics of HQs and interpret related physical observables *PRL 125, 192301 (2008); PRL 98, 172301 (2007); PRC 99, 054907 (2019)*.

- ❖ **However, many calculations supposed the QGP is a static and thermalized medium**

## Methodology

**Step I:** Hydrodynamic Modelling and HQ transport coefficients in the viscous medium (using MUSIC).

*B. Schenke, S. Jeon, C. Gale, PRC 82, 014903 (2010)*

**Step II:** Radiative and collisional energy losses of HQs in the viscous medium

**Step III:** Estimation of HQ observables within Langevin dynamics using MARTINI

*B. Schenke, S. Jeon, C. Gale, PRC 80, 054913 (2009)*

# Step I: Charm quark drag in an expanding QGP

*M. Kurian, M. Singh, V. Chandra, S. Jeon, and C. Gale, PRC (2020)*

- ❖ 3+1-D viscous hydrodynamics approach-MUSIC

*B. Schenke, S. Jeon, C. Gale, PRC 2010*

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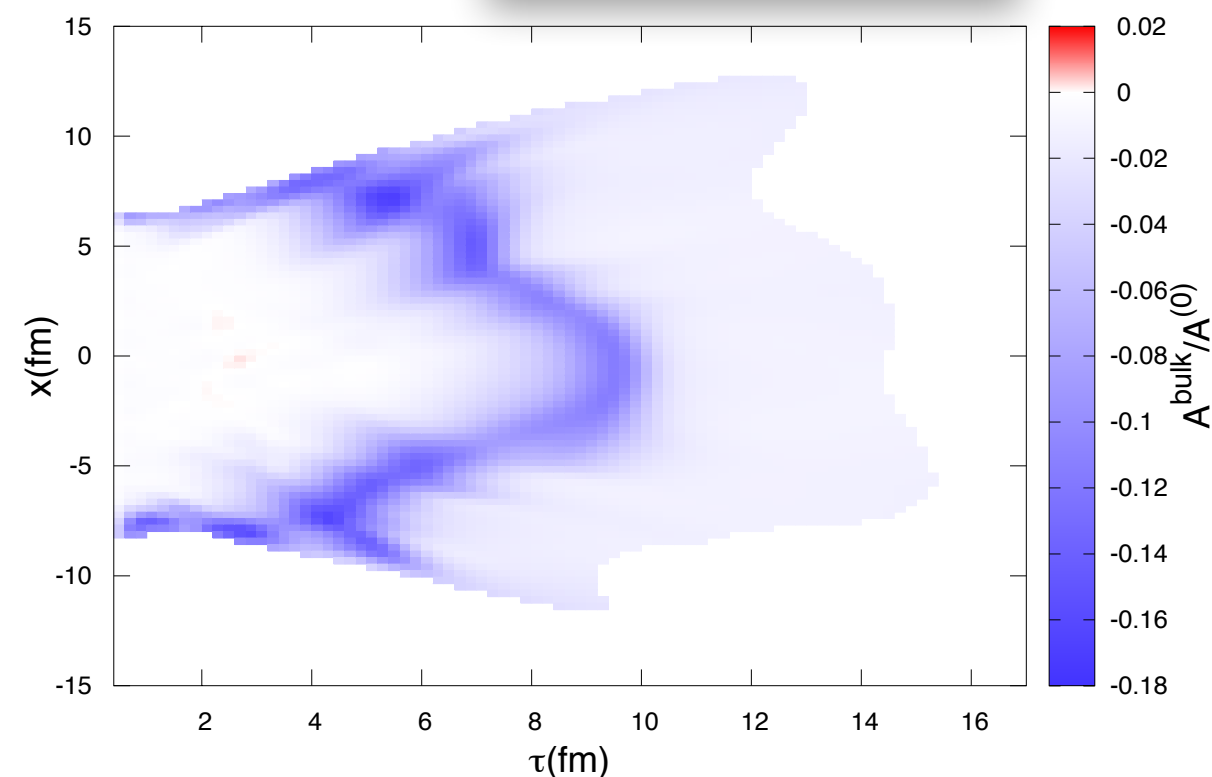
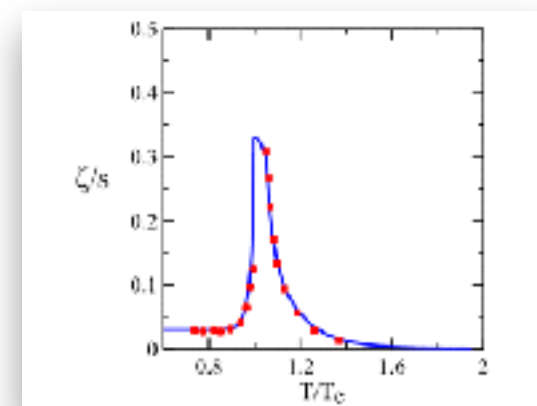
- ❖ Pb+Pb collision at 2.76 TeV
- ❖ HQ drag: thermal average of the momentum transfer

Bulk viscous correction to HQ drag

- Bulk correction to distribution function
- Correction to the thermal average of function in CoM frame
- Bulk correction to HQ drag

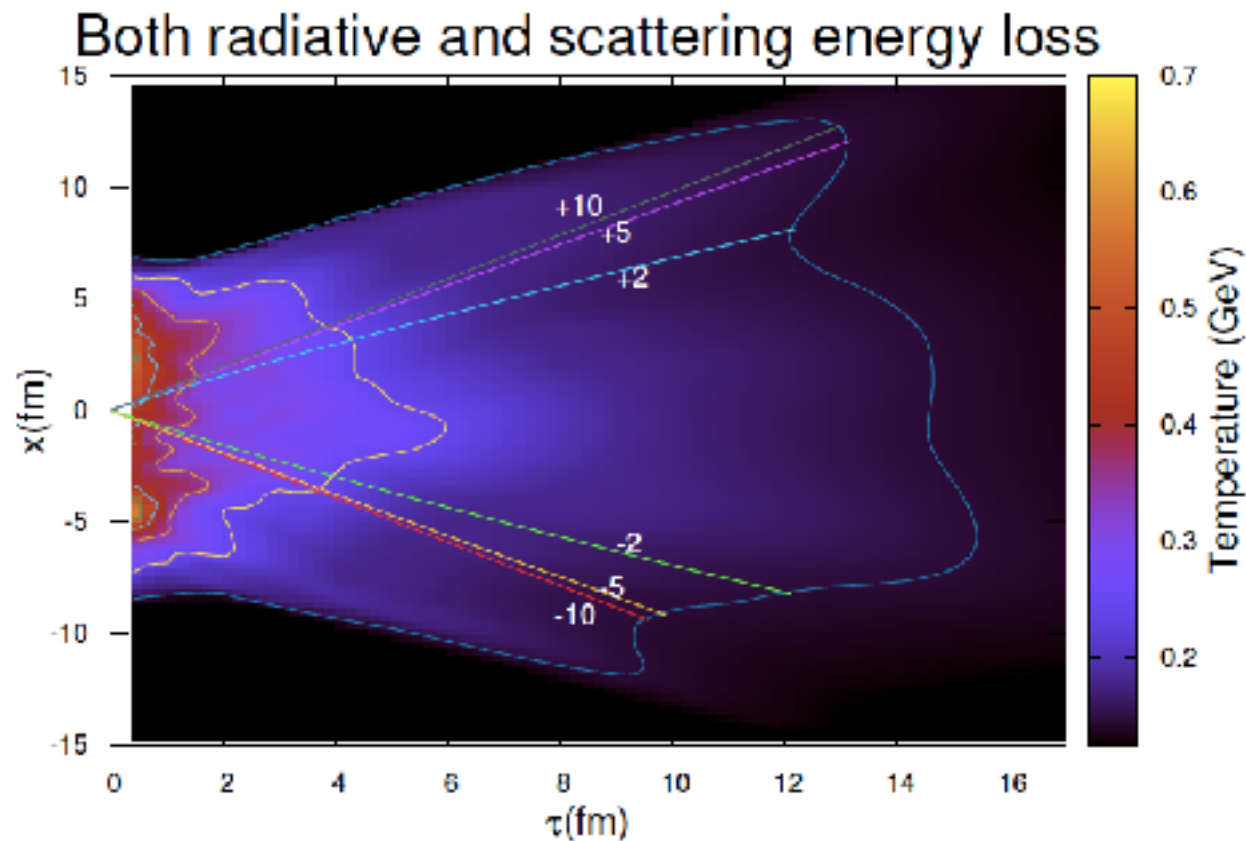
$$A_i \simeq A_i^{(0)} + A_i^{bulk}$$

- ❖ Effects of shear and bulk viscous dynamics to the HQ drag and diffusion are non-negligible and the variation ranges from to 0% – 30% for different temperature regimes.
- ❖ These viscous corrections are essential to maintain consistency in the theoretical description of HQ dynamics in expanding QGP medium.

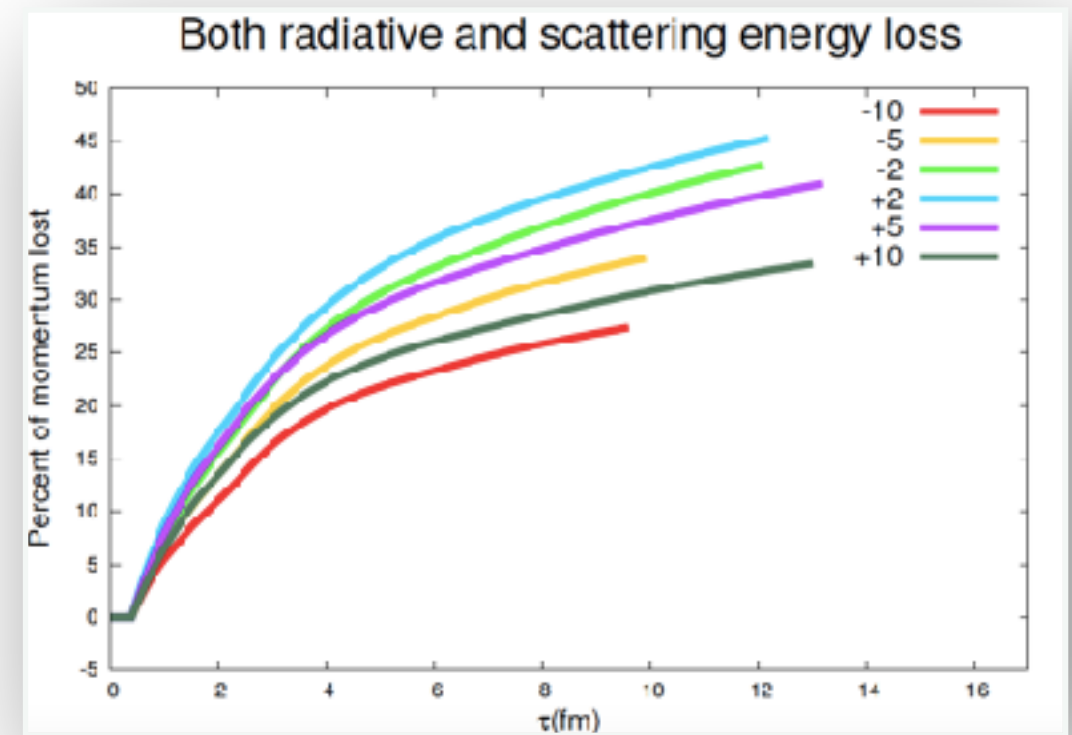


## Step II: Collisional and radiative energy loss

The drag force which accounts for the resistance to the heavy quark motion, leads to its energy loss in the QGP medium.



*Trajectory of charm quark motion in the space-time with different initial momentum.*



*The charm quark percentage of momentum lost with proper time in the viscous medium at LHC for the trajectory.*

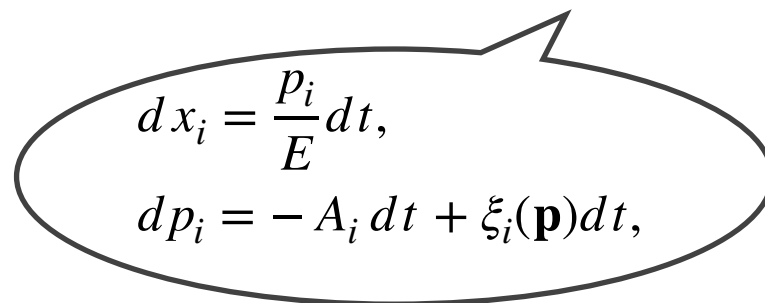
- ❖ The energy loss is sensitive to the initial charm quark momentum.
- ❖ The viscous effects are seen to have weaker dependence on the momentum evolution of the charm quark in the initial stages of the collision.
- ❖ Collisional energy loss is the dominant mode for heavy quark in the low momenta regime whereas radiative energy loss dominates at higher momentum regime.
- ❖ A similar analysis will hold for bottom quarks, and the effects will be less pronounced because of their larger mass.

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## Step III: Consequences on HQ observables

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- ❖ Estimation of HQ observables within Langevin dynamics using MARTINI


$$dx_i = \frac{p_i}{E} dt,$$
$$dp_i = -A_i dt + \xi_i(\mathbf{p}) dt,$$

Drag force

Stochastic force

*(collisional+radiative energy loss)*

- ❖ An up-to-date calculation of HQ experimental signals using the latest developments in the hydrodynamical simulation will shed light on the different observables in the RHIC and LHC data.
- ❖ This exploration will be relevant for the interpretation of the recent observations at the RHIC and LHC of the directed flow of the D mesons.
- ❖ With the upgrades of the tracking detectors in Run 3 and 4 of the LHC, one expects to obtain higher precision statistics to study QGP properties with heavy-flavor probes (<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2661798>)

# Back up: Heavy quark drag in bulk viscous medium

For the process  $HQ(P) + g/q(Q) \rightarrow HQ(P') + g/q(Q')$

$$A_i = \frac{1}{\gamma_c} \frac{1}{2P^0} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^3 2Q^0} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}'}{(2\pi)^3 2P'^0} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{q}'}{(2\pi)^3 2Q'^0} (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(P+Q-P'-Q') \sum |\mathcal{M}_{HQ,g/q}|^2 f_{g/q}(Q) (1 \pm f_{g/q}(Q')) (\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{p}')_i$$

$$\equiv \langle\langle (\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{p}')_i \rangle\rangle$$

Solve the kinematics in the center-of-momentum frame of the colliding particles

$$\langle\langle F(p') \rangle\rangle = \frac{1}{512\pi^4 \gamma_c} \frac{1}{E_p} \int_0^\infty \frac{q^2}{E_q} dq \int_{-1}^1 d\cos\chi f_{g/q}(E_q) \frac{\sqrt{(s+m_c^2-m_{g/q}^2)^2-4sm_c^2}}{s} \int_{-1}^1 d\cos\theta_{cm} \sum |\mathcal{M}_{HQ,g/q}|^2 \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi_{cm} e^{\beta E_q'} f_{g/q}(E_q') F(p')$$

## I: Bulk correction to distribution function

$$\delta f_{g/q}(Q, X) = \Pi B_X(X) B_M(Q, T), \quad B_X(X) = \frac{1}{15(\frac{1}{3}-c_s^2)(\epsilon+\mathcal{P})}, \quad B_M(Q, T) = \frac{1}{T} f_{g/q}^0(Q) \left(1 \pm f_{g/q}^0(Q)\right) \left(E_q - \frac{m_{g/q}^2}{E_q}\right).$$

## II: Correction to the general integral

$$\langle\langle F(p') \rangle\rangle^{\text{bulk}} = \frac{\Pi B_X(X)}{512\pi^4 \gamma_c} \frac{1}{E_p} \left[ \Lambda_1(p, T) \pm \Lambda_2(p, T) \right],$$

## III: Bulk correction to HQ drag

$$A_i \simeq A_i^{(0)} + A_i^{\text{bulk}}$$