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Testing the compatibility of IQCD spatial diffusion coefficient by mean of
experimental open heavy flavor observables: R_{AA} , v_2 , and v_3

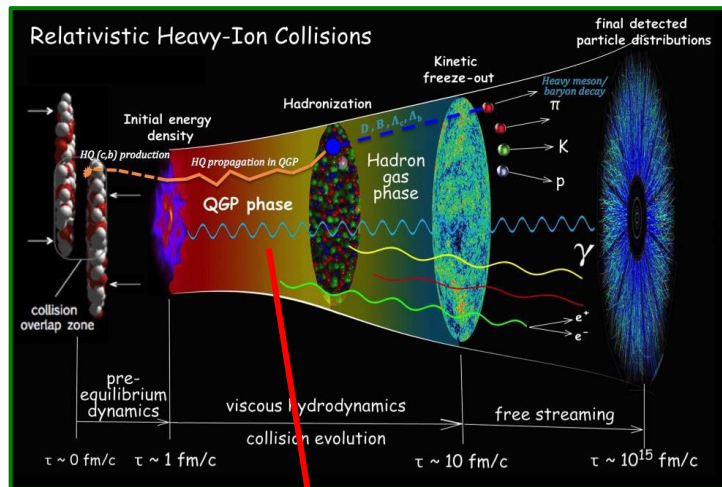
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Basic scales of charm and bottom quarks

Charm $M_c \approx 1.3$ GeV and Bottom $M_b \approx 4.2$ GeV



One of the main probes to signal the Quark-Gluon Plasma properties:
Heavy Quarks

- $m_{c,b} \gg \Lambda_{QCD}$
pQCD initial production \rightarrow Initial dN/dp_T known
- $m_{c,b} \gg T_{RHIC,LHC}$
negligible thermal production
- $\tau_0 < 0,08$ fm/c $\ll \tau_{QGP}$
- $\tau_{th} \approx \tau_{QGP} \gg \tau_{g,q}$

They experience the full evolution of the QGP.

They carry more informations with respect to their light counterparts.

Initial production $\tau_0 < 0.1$ fm/c

Dynamics in QGP

B, D, Λ_c
 $\underline{B}, \underline{D}, \underline{\Lambda}_c$
Adapted from Rapp & Greco

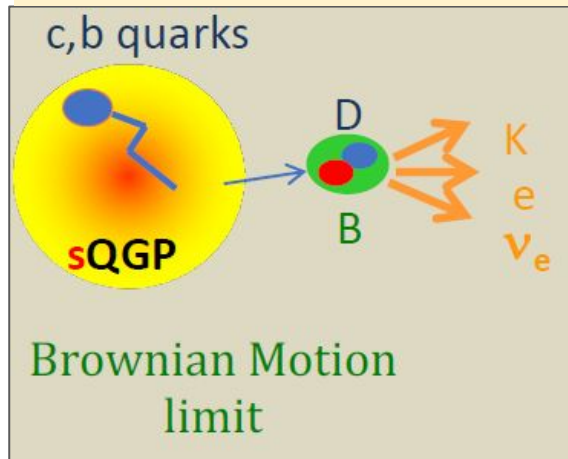
Hadronization:
Final hadron Spectra and observables

Reviews:

1. - F. Prino and R. Rapp, JPG (2019)
2. - X. Dong and VG, Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. (2019)
3. - Jiaying Zhao et al., Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. (2020)

Standard Dynamics of Heavy Quarks in the QGP

$m_{HQ} \gg gT$ soft scattering \rightarrow Brownian motion **Fokker-Planck approach**



$$\frac{\partial f_{c,b}}{\partial t} = \underbrace{\gamma}_{\text{drag}} \frac{\partial (p f_{c,b})}{\partial p} + \underbrace{D_p}_{\text{diffusion}} \frac{\partial^2 f_{c,b}}{\partial p^2}$$

$$\langle p \rangle = p_0 e^{-\gamma t}$$

$$\langle \Delta p^2 \rangle = 3D_p / \gamma (1 - e^{-2\gamma t})$$

$$\gamma = \int d^3k |M(k, p)|^2 p$$

$$D = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3k |M(k, p)|^2 p^2$$

$|M|^2$ scattering matrix from: pQCD, Quasi particle model (QPM), T-Matrix, etc.

$$D_s = \frac{T}{M\gamma} = \frac{T^2}{D_p} = \frac{T}{M} \tau_{th}$$

Space diffusion coefficient

Fluctuation-dissipation theorem: $D_p = T E \gamma$

- ★ Brownian motion challenged for charm ($m_c \sim 3 T \sim gT$) \rightarrow Relativistic Boltzmann dynamics
- ★ This is the main set up at least at $p_T < 6-8$ GeV ($p_T > 10$ GeV radiative E loss, jet physics)

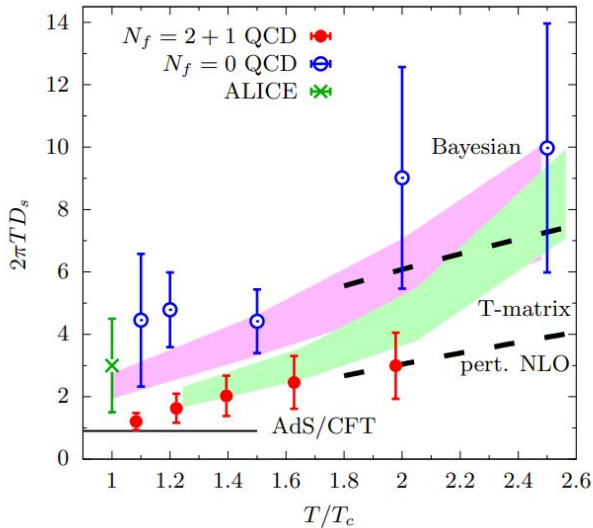
Diffusion Transport Coefficient from IQCD

Spatial diffusion coefficient from lattice QCD:

Extract Spectral function ρ_E corresponding to the E field correlation functions

→ Kubo formula in the $\mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$ limit:

$$\frac{D_p}{T^3} = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{T \rho_E(\omega)}{\omega} \quad \longrightarrow \quad D_s = \frac{T^2}{D_p} = \frac{T}{M_Q \gamma} = \frac{T}{M_Q} \tau_{th}$$



From quenched N_f=0 to not quenched (N_f=2+1) QCD (2023-24)

- ❖ $2\pi T D_s$ smaller compared to previous quenched (N_f=0) IQCD estimates (about 30 times smaller than LO pQCD estimation)
- ❖ For $T/T_c \approx 1$ close to AdS/CFT. Agreement with pQCD (NLO) at high T

$(2\pi T) D_s \approx 4$ at $T_c \rightarrow \tau_{th} \approx 5-6$ fm/c for quenched

$(2\pi T) D_s \approx 1$ at $T_c \rightarrow \tau_{th} \approx 1.5$ fm/c for unquenched

New data: faster thermalization of HQs wrt phenomenological models
 → gives predictions for HF observables in agreement with data?

**CATANIA MODEL: QUASI-PARTICLE MODEL
AND TRANSPORT THEORY**

Quasi Particle Model (QPM) fitting IQCD

Non perturbative dynamics → M scattering matrices (q,g → Q) evaluated by Quasi-Particle Model fit to **IQCD thermodynamics**

$$m_g^2(T) = \frac{2N_c}{N_c^2 - 1} g^2(T) T^2$$

$$m_q^2(T) = \frac{1}{N_c} g^2(T) T^2$$



Thermal masses of gluons and light quarks

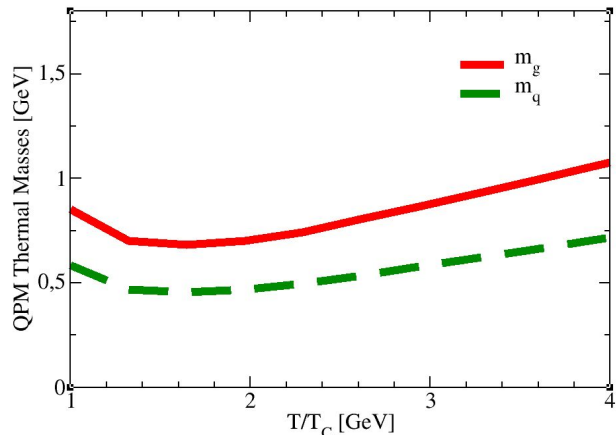
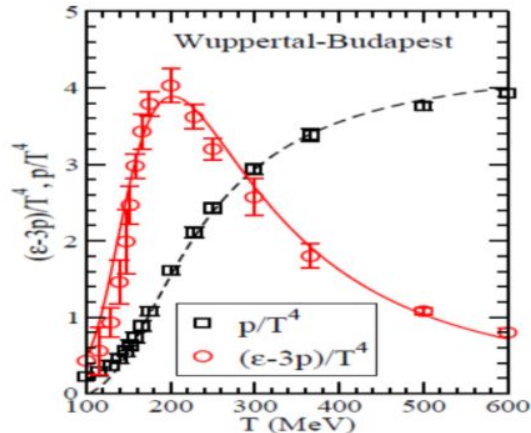
$g(T)$ from a fit to ϵ from IQCD data → good reproduction of P , $\epsilon-3P$

$$g^2(T) = \frac{48\pi^2}{(11N_c - 2N_f) \ln \left[\lambda \left(\frac{T}{T_c} - \frac{T_s}{T_c} \right) \right]^2}$$

$\lambda=2.6$
 $T_s=0.57 T_c$

$T \rightarrow T_c$ enhancement of the coupling

$N_f=2+1$
Bulk:
u,d,s



Relativistic Boltzmann equation at finite η/s

Bulk evolution

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f_q(x, p) + m(x) \partial_\mu^x m(x) \partial_p^\mu f_q(x, p) = C[f_q, f_g]$$

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Free-streaming

field interaction
 $\varepsilon - 3p \neq 0$

Collision term
gauged to some $\eta/s \neq 0$

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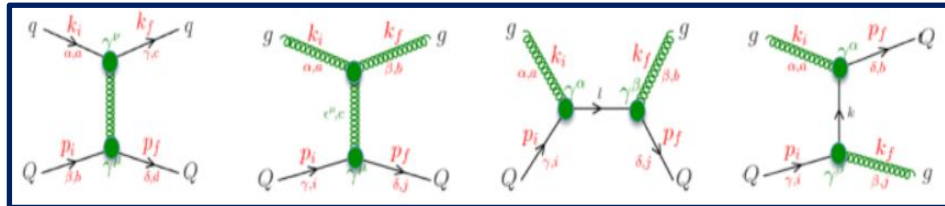
$$C[f_q, f_g, f_Q] = \frac{1}{2E_1} \int \frac{d^3 p_2}{2E_2 (2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3 p_1'}{2E_1' (2\pi)^3}$$

$$\times [f_Q(p_1') f_{q,g}(p_2') - f_Q(p_1) f_{q,g}(p_2)]$$

$$\times |M_{(q,g) \rightarrow Q}(p_1 p_2 \rightarrow p_1' p_2')|$$

$$\times (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_1 + p_2 - p_1' - p_2')$$

Feynman diagrams at first order pQCD for HQs-bulk interaction:



Scattering matrices $M_{g,q}$ by QPM fit to IQCD thermodynamics

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Coalescence + fragmentation hadronization ($\varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon_c$)

$$\frac{dN_h}{d^2 p_h} = \sum_f \int dz \frac{dN_f}{d^2 p_f} D_{f \rightarrow h}(z)$$

fragmentation function

$$\frac{dN_{Hadron}}{d^2 p_T} = g_H \int \prod_{i=1}^n p_i \cdot d\sigma_i \frac{d^3 p_i}{(2\pi)^3} f_q(x_i, p_i) f_w(x_1, \dots, x_n; p_1, \dots, p_n) \delta(p_T - \sum_i p_{iT})$$

Wigner function

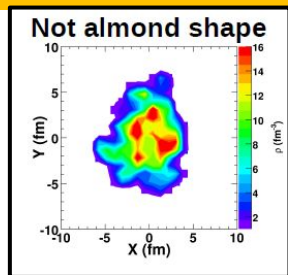
$P_{coal} = 1$ for $p = 0$

For more details see V. Minissale talk (Wed 25 at 8.45)

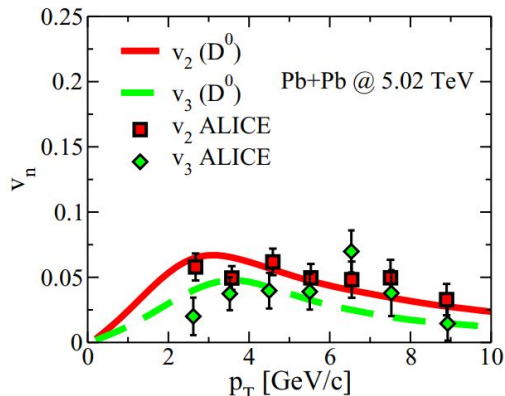
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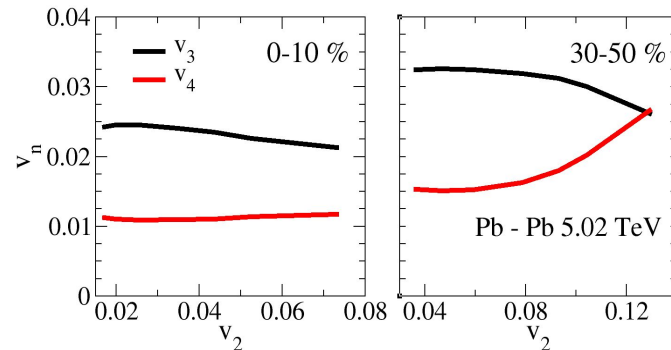
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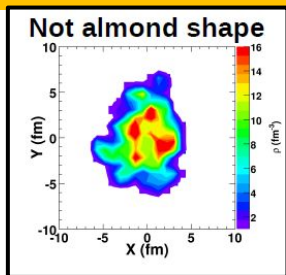


ALICE collaboration, *Phys.Lett.B* 813 (2021) 136054

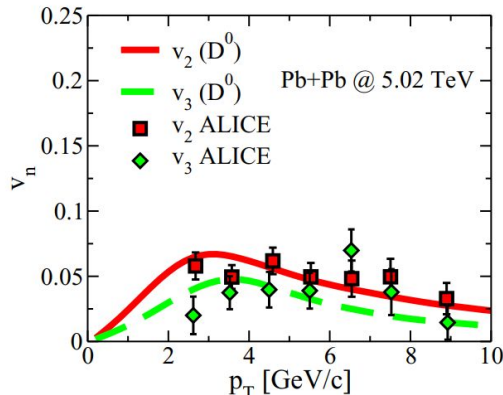
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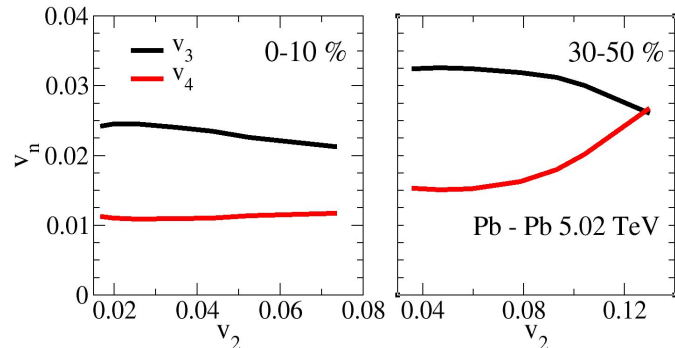
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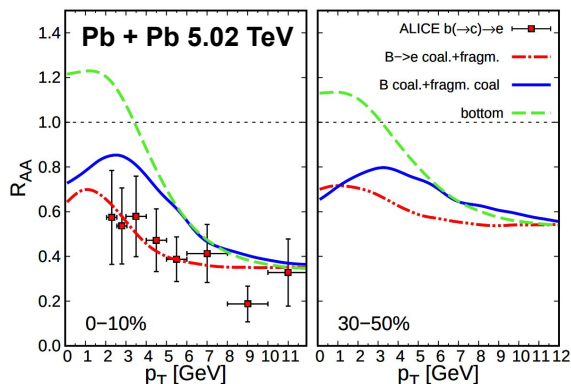
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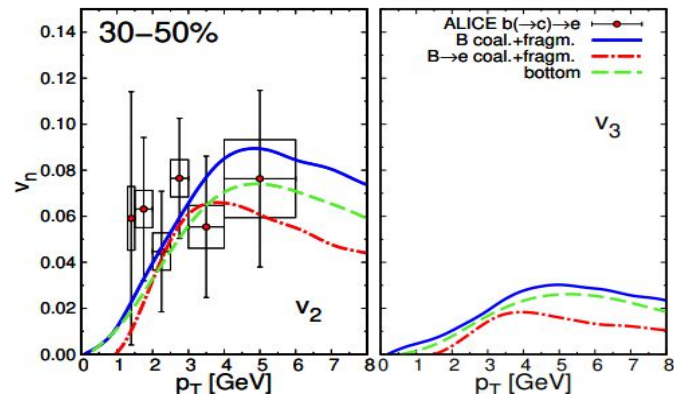
and bottom...

- Prediction for B meson R_{AA} and V_n
- R_{AA} and V_n of electrons from semileptonic B meson decay



M.L. Sambaturo et al., *Phys.Lett.B* 849 (2024) 138480

M.L. Sambaturo, et al., *Eur.Phys.J.C* 82 (2022)



Data from: ALICE coll., arxiv:2211.13985

QPM extension: QPMp vs QPM

QPM → no masses evolution wrt the momentum → quark susceptibilities **underestimated**

QPMp → following the model developed by PHSD group

H. Berrehrah, W. et al., Phys.Rev.C 93, 044914 (2016).

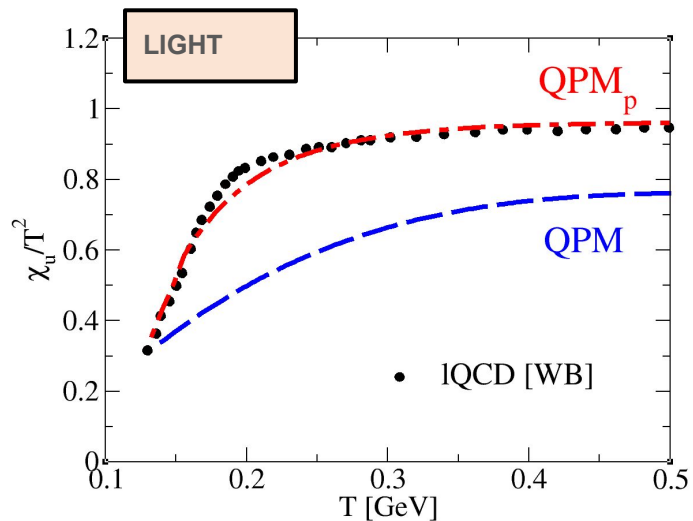
C. S. Fischer, J. Phys. G 32, R253 (2006).

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$$M_g(T, \mu_q, p) = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \left(\frac{g^2(T^*/T_c(\mu_q))}{6} \left[\left(N_c + \frac{1}{2} N_f \right) T^2 + \frac{N_c}{2} \sum_q \frac{\mu_q^2}{\pi^2} \right] \left[\frac{1}{1 + \Lambda_g(T_c(\mu_q)/T^*) p^2} \right] \right)^{1/2} + m_{\chi g}$$

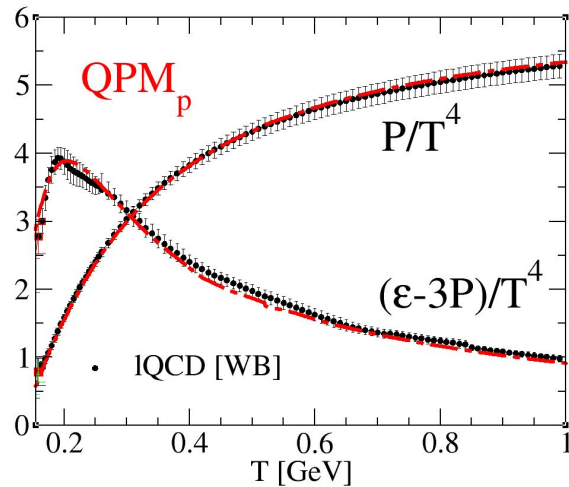
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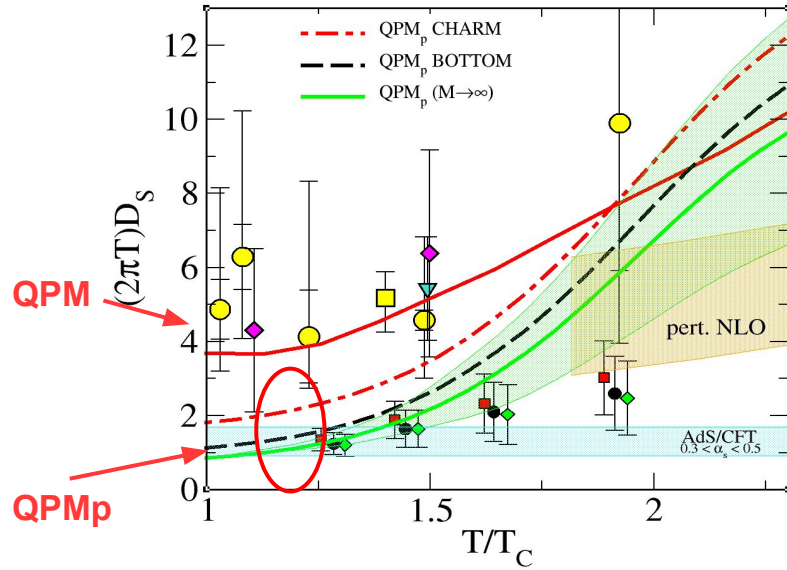


QPMp describes both **EoS** and **quark susceptibilities χ_q , χ_s** which are underestimated in the standard QPM approach.

Pressure, trace anomaly **including charm**
Nf=2+1+1



QPMp – spatial diffusion coefficient D_s



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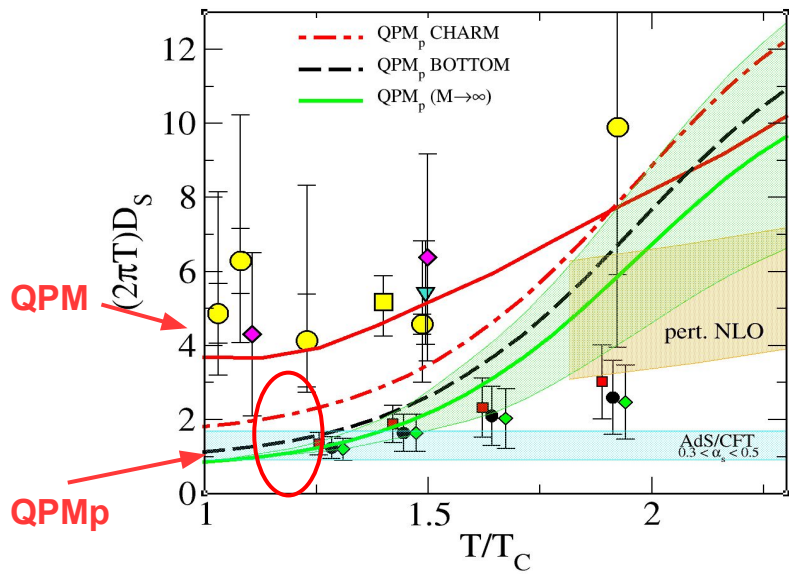
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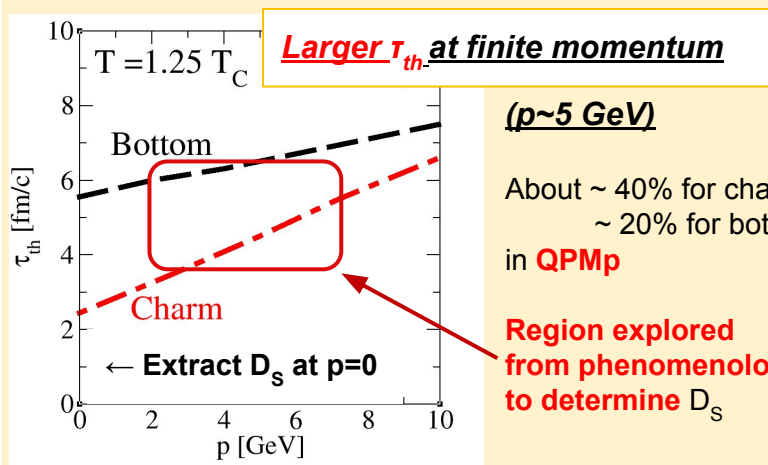
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in the $p \rightarrow 0$ limit

- $\tau_{th}(c, p=0) \sim 4 \text{ fm}/c$ (QPM) $\rightarrow 2.5 \text{ fm}/c$ (QPMp)
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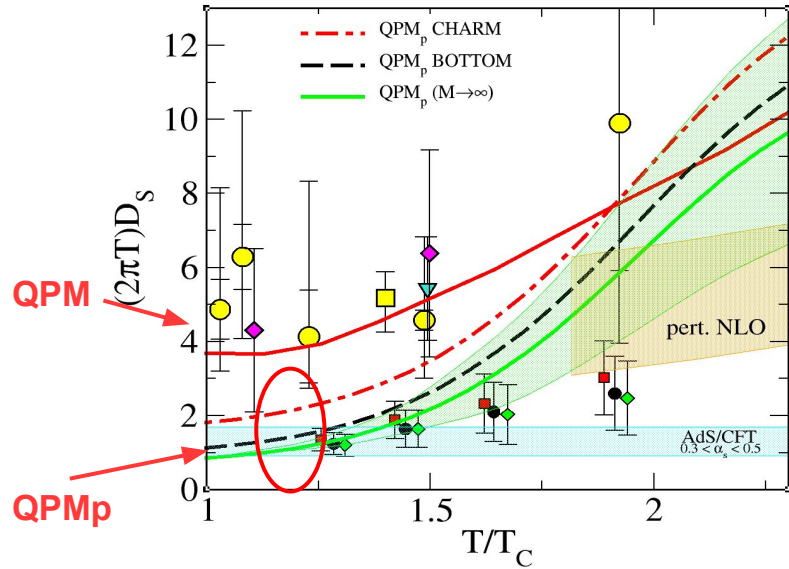


($p \sim 5 \text{ GeV}$)

About $\sim 40\%$ for charm
 $\sim 20\%$ for bottom
 in **QPMp**

Region explored from phenomenology to determine D_s

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Can this new $D_s(T)$ generate predictions for R_{AA} , v_n
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Event-by-event Langevin : R_{AA} and v_2 from $D_s(p, T)$

$$dx_j = \frac{p_j}{E} dt$$

$$dp_j = -\Gamma p_j dt + \sqrt{dt} C_{jk} \rho_k$$

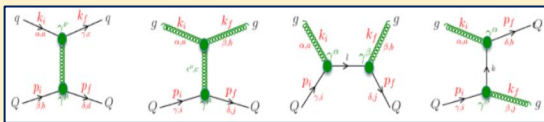
Fluctuation-dissipation theorem :

$$D_p(p) = A(p)E(p)T$$

$$\tau_{th}(p) \approx A(p)^{-1}$$

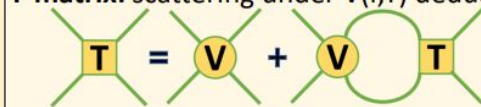


QPMp: $g(T)$ from a fit to IQCD-EoS + tree level diagrams to evaluate $A(p) = \int d^3k |M(k, p)|^2 p$



IQCD + pTAMU:

T-matrix: scattering under $V(r, T)$ deduced from IQCD (*TAMU*)



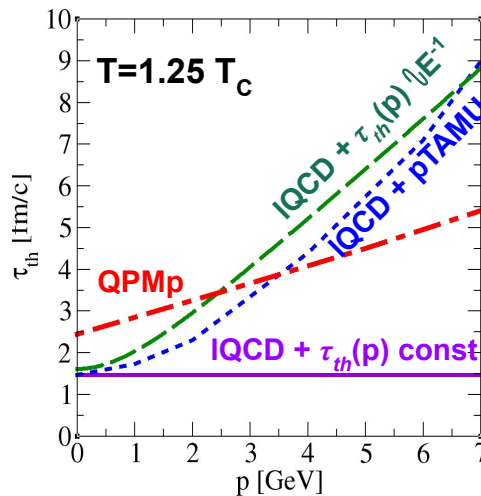
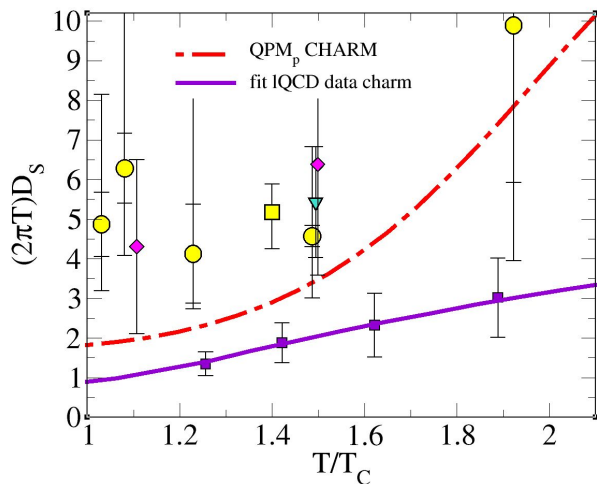
harder p dep.
similar to
 $\tau_{th}(p) \propto E^{-1}$ (FDT)

or **IQCD + $\tau_{th}(p)$ const**

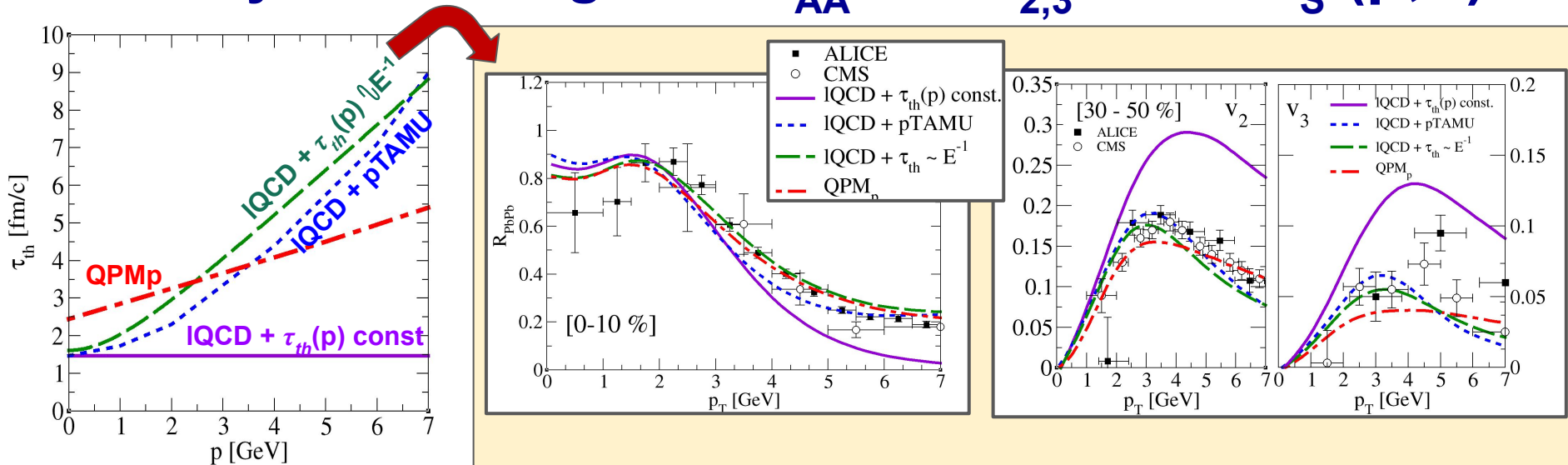
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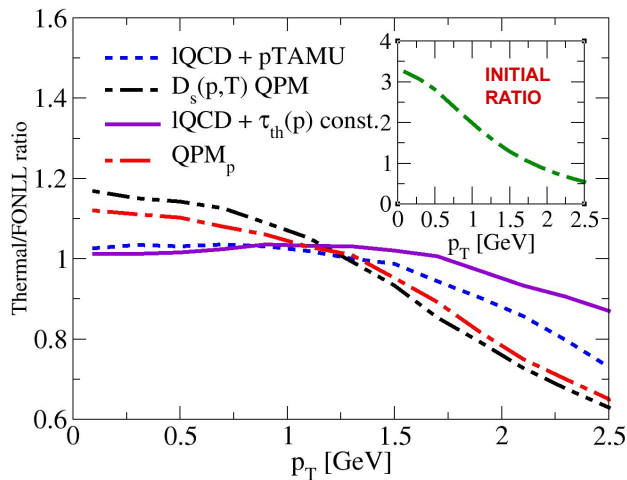
- $D_s(T)$ from IQCD without p dependence → fails to describe the experimental data!

- QPM_p/IQCD + pTAMU significant difference in τ_{th} → different D_s in the two models → but comparable R_{AA} and v_2
 at $1.8 T_C$: $(2\pi T)D_s \approx 2.5$ (TAMU)
 $(2\pi T)D_s \approx 5.5$ (QPM_p)

- Based on R_{AA} and v_2 no significant discrimination QPM_p vs IQCD + pTAMU → additional observables, light ion systems...

- v_3 needs high precision data

Does small D_s imply equilibrium for charm in PbPb?



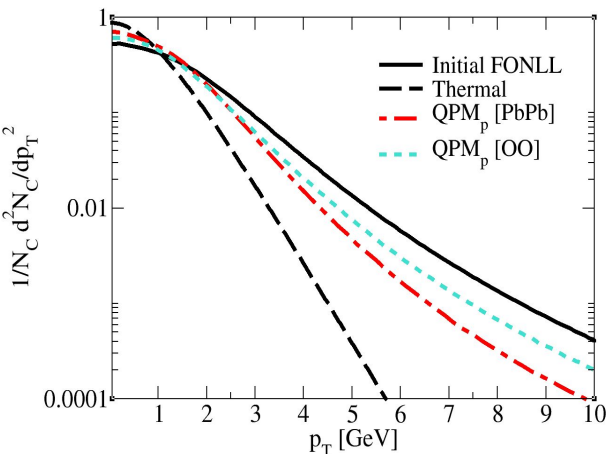
In PbPb:

RATIO \rightarrow $\frac{\text{final charm } dN/dp_T \text{ starting from non-equilibrium FONLL}}{\text{final charm } dN/dp_T \text{ starting from thermal distribution}}$

D_s from QPM \approx factor 3 greater wrt D_s from IQCD

- ❖ Deviation of the order of 20 % in the low p_T region for $(2\pi T)D_s \approx 3$ from QPM
- ❖ At low p_T ratio close to unity for $(2\pi T)D_s \approx 1 \rightarrow$ loss of sensitivity for D observables
 \rightarrow **dynamical attractor** may be reached
BUT even in IQCD+pTAMU at $p_T > 1.5$ GeV significant deviation from equilibrium

QPMp – moving to smaller collision system



- **Smaller system:** larger thermalization time wrt fireball lifetime
→ high pt distribution close to non-equilibrium pQCD initial distribution.
- From PbPb to OO → **flattening of the charm quark spectra.**

Heavy vs Light Ion:

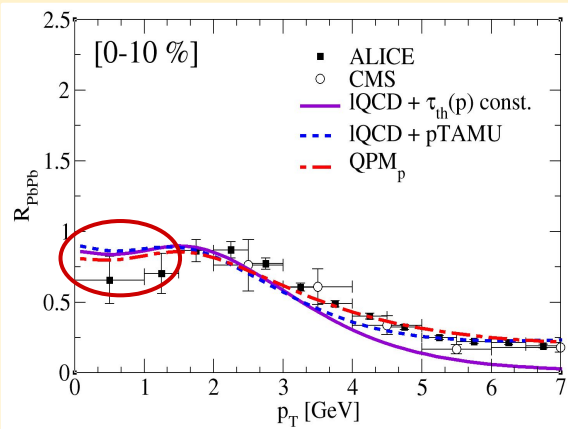
→ **In PbPb:** at $p_T < 2$ GeV

loss of information on initial condition for D_s (IQCD)

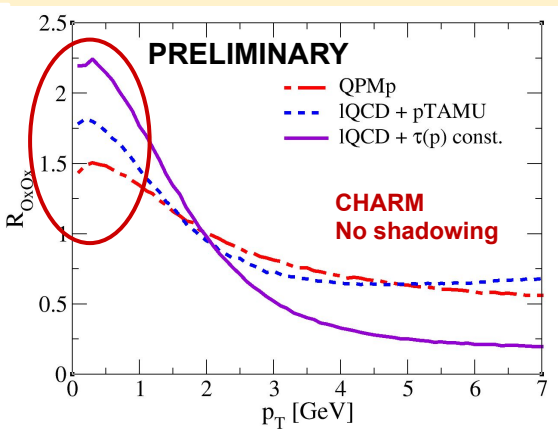
No discrimination **QPMp/IQCD**

→ **In OxOx:** Stronger sensitivity to interaction in the low p_T region.

Pb + Pb Heavy Ion



O + O Light Ion



Conclusions

- **QPMp**

Good agreement with experimental R_{AA} , v_2 and v_3 .

→ Decrease of D_s at small T wrt QPM but still larger than IQCD D_s for charm

Comparison D_s from model/phenomenology : p-dependence very relevant

→ $D_s(T)$ from IQCD w/o p dependence totally out of phenomenology

- No significant discrimination between **QPMp** and **IQCD + pTAMU** based only on R_{AA} , v_2 in PbPb (v_3 need data with smaller uncertainties)

→ Moving to light Ion → shorter lifetime → more non-equilibrium

- From IQCD $\tau_{th} \approx 1$ fm/c at T_C smaller than typical lifetime of the fireball in PbPb

→ Loss of information on initial condition at small p_T , but at $p_T > 2$ GeV even **IQCD+pTAMU** deviation from equilibrium

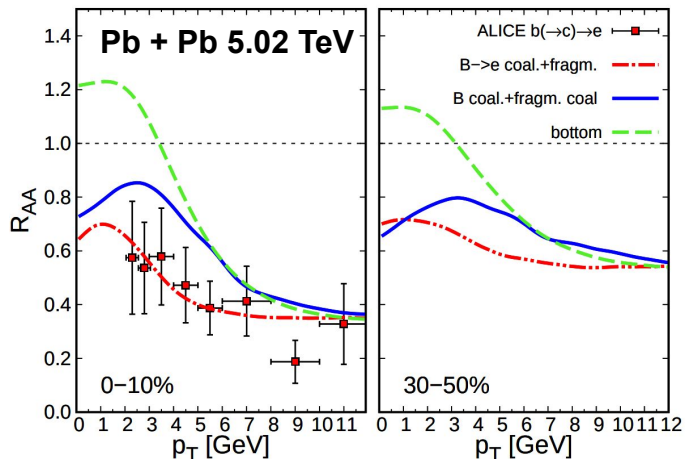
Thanks for the attention!

Back-up slides

...and bottom [R_{AA} and $v_{(n=2,3)}$]

Hadronization with coalescence + fragmentation model

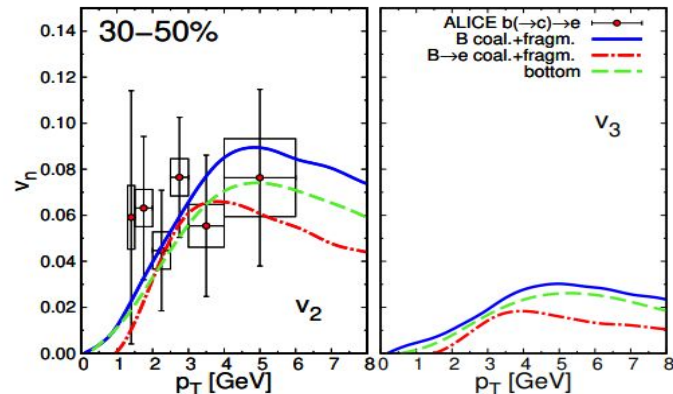
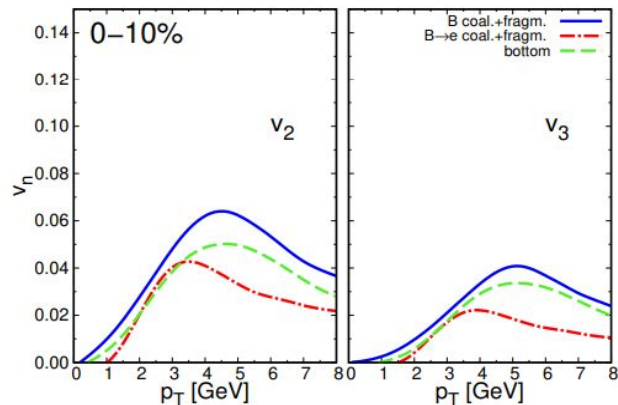
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No parameters changed with respect to charm dynamics (only M_b)

Compared to charm quark:

- Efficiency of conversion of ϵ_2 :
15% smaller for v_2 in most central collisions.
40% smaller for v_2 at 30-50% centrality.
- Efficiency of conversion of ϵ_3 :
30% smaller for v_3 at both 0-10% and 30-50% centralities.

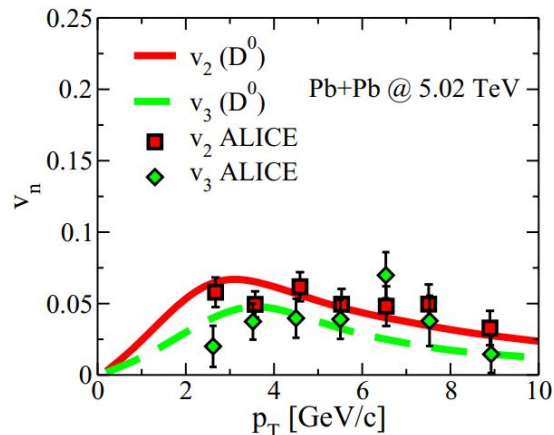
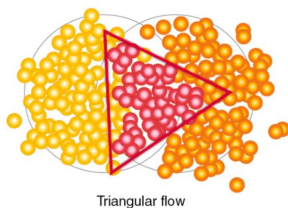
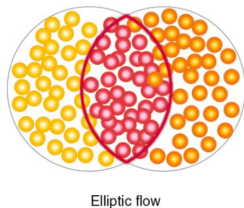
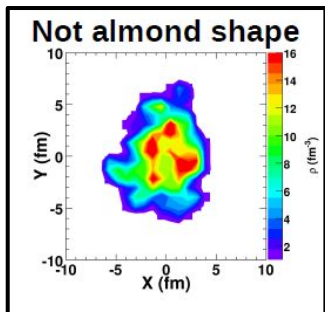


Catania QPM: some prediction for charm...

In an event-by-event approach

Monte Carlo Glauber for initial condition of partons

S.Plumari et al, *Phys.Rev.C* 92 (2015) 5

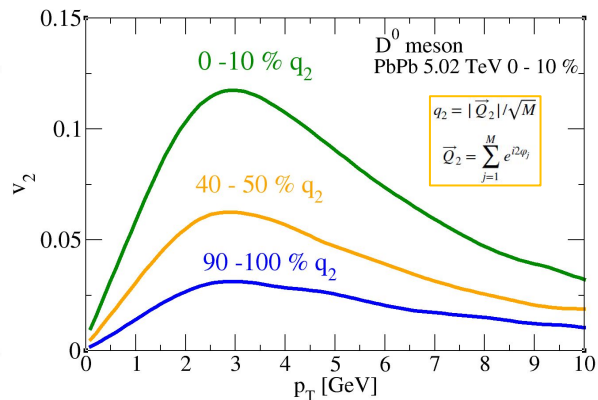
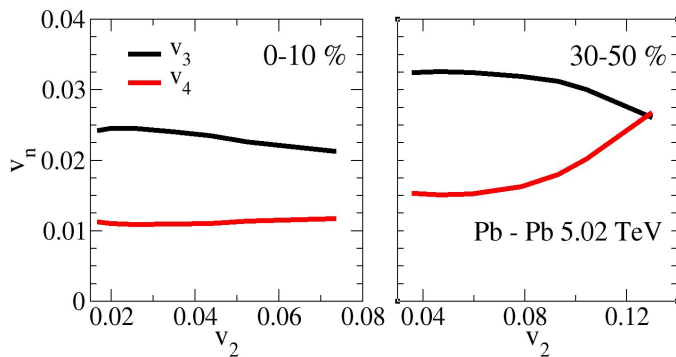


ALICE collaboration, *Phys.Lett.B* 813 (2021) 136054

Event-Shape Engineering Technique:

Prediction for similar correlation for hard particles wrt bulk

Predictions for D mesons correlations



Relativistic Boltzmann equation at finite η/s

Bulk evolution

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f_q(x, p) + m(x) \partial_\mu^x m(x) \partial_p^\mu f_q(x, p) = C[f_q, f_g]$$

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f_g(x, p) + m(x) \partial_\mu^x m(x) \partial_p^\mu f_g(x, p) = C[f_q, f_g]$$

Free-streaming

field interaction

$$\varepsilon - 3p \neq 0$$

HQ evolution

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f_Q(x, p) = C[f_q, f_g, f_Q]$$

$$C[f_q, f_g, f_Q] = \frac{1}{2E_1} \int \frac{d^3 p_2}{2E_2 (2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3 p_1'}{2E_1' (2\pi)^3}$$

$$\times [f_Q(p_1') f_{q,g}(p_2') - f_Q(p_1) f_{q,g}(p_2)]$$

$$\times |M_{(q,g) \rightarrow Q}(p_1 p_2 \rightarrow p_1' p_2')|$$

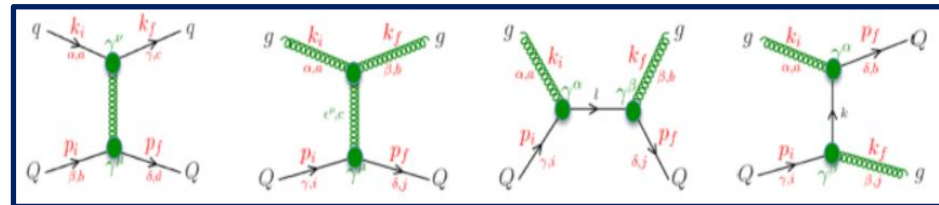
$$\times (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_1 + p_2 - p_1' - p_2')$$

Collision Integral gauged to reproduce viscous Hydro at fixed η/s by means of Chapman-Enskog

$$\sigma(n(\vec{x}), T) = \frac{1}{15} \frac{\langle p \rangle_0}{g(a)n(\vec{x})} \frac{1}{\eta/s}$$

Equivalent to viscous hydro at $\eta/s \approx 0.1$

Feynmann diagrams at first order pQCD for HQs-bulk interaction:



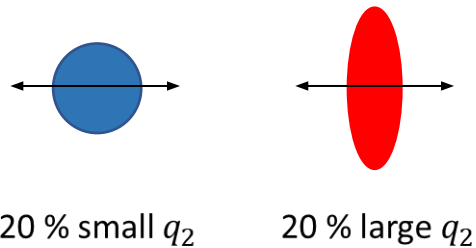
Scattering matrices $M_{g,q}$ by QPM fit to IQCD thermodynamics

Event-Shape-Engineering (ESE) technique

Selection of events with the **same centrality** but different **initial geometry** on the basis of the magnitude of the second-order harmonic reduced flow vector q_2 .

$$q_2 = |\vec{Q}_2|/\sqrt{M}$$

$$\vec{Q}_2 = \sum_{j=1}^M e^{i2\varphi_j}$$

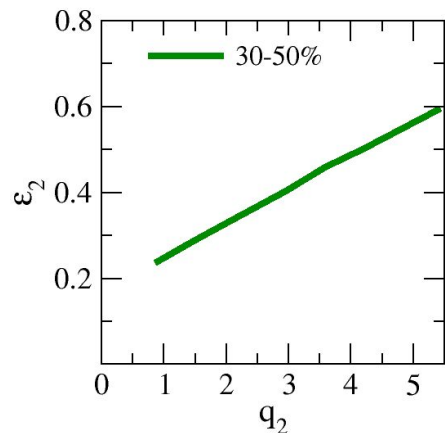


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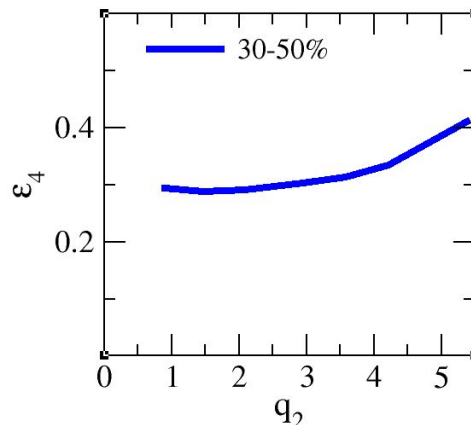
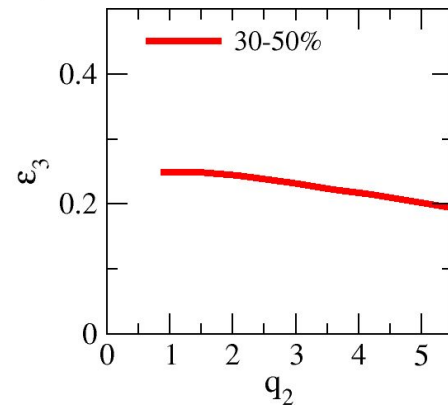
Large $q_2 \rightarrow$ large ϵ_2

$$\epsilon_n = \frac{\langle r_{\perp}^n \cos[n(\varphi - \Phi_n)] \rangle}{\langle r_{\perp}^n \rangle} \quad \Phi_n = \frac{1}{n} \arctan \frac{\langle r_{\perp}^n \sin(n\varphi) \rangle}{\langle r_{\perp}^n \cos(n\varphi) \rangle}$$

$$r_{\perp} = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \quad \varphi = \arctan(y/x)$$



Pb-Pb 5,02 TeV



Anti-correlation between ϵ_2 and ϵ_3

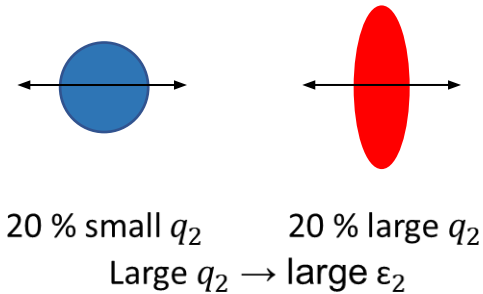
Non-linear correlation between ϵ_2 and ϵ_4

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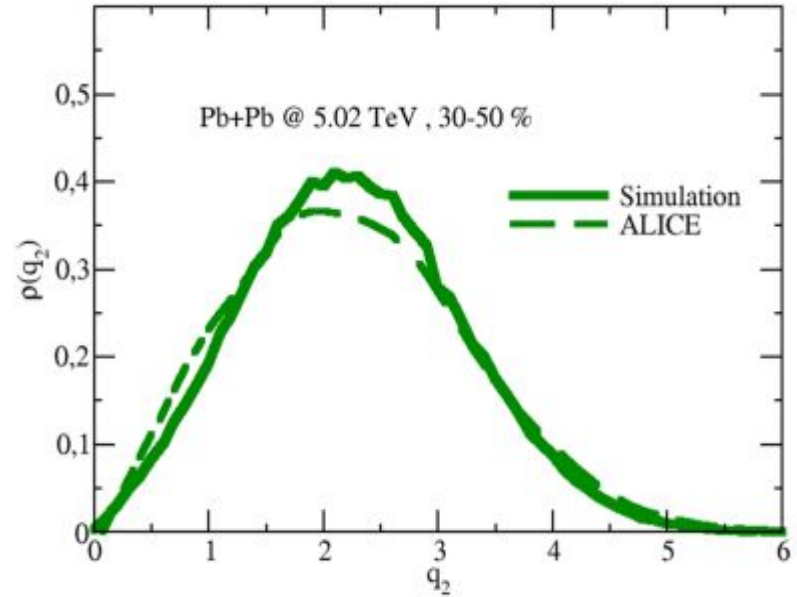
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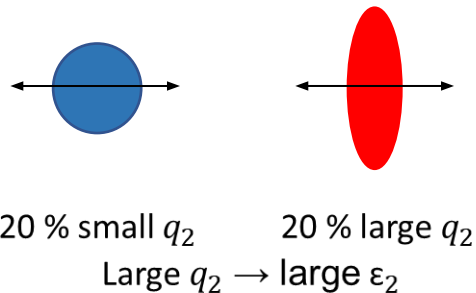
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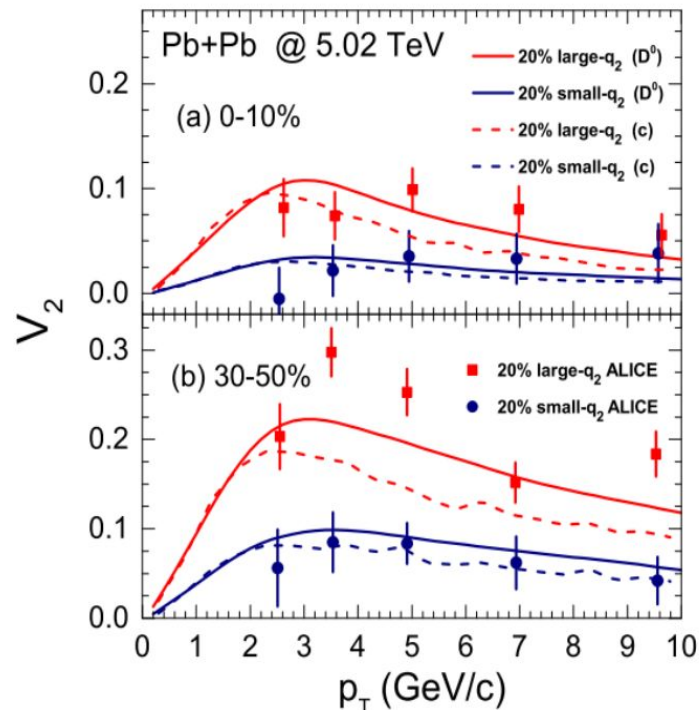
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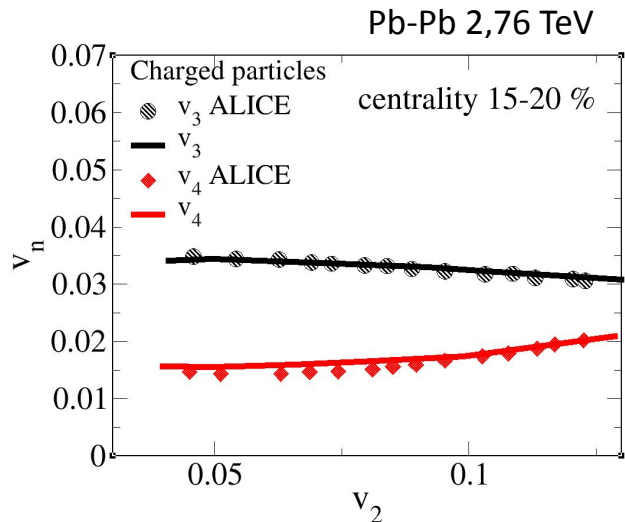
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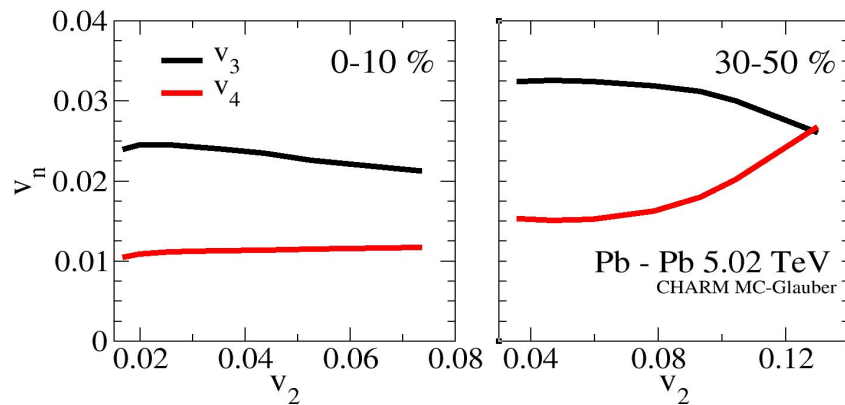
ESE: $v_n - v_m$ correlations

Charged particles



Correlations between the ϵ_n and ϵ_m present in the initial geometry \rightarrow correlations between flow harmonics different orders, i.e. correlations v_n and v_m

Predictions for D mesons



Similar correlation between v_n of soft and hard particles.

Hybrid Hadronization Model for HQs

- ✓ **COALESCENCE**: Formula developed for the light sector [Greco, Ko, Levai PRL 90 (2003)]

$$\frac{dN_H}{d^2\mathbf{P}_T} = g_H \int \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{d^3 p_i}{(2\pi)^3 E_i} p_i \cdot d\sigma_i f_{q_i}(x_i, p_i) f_W(x_1 \dots x_n; p_1 \dots p_n) \delta\left(\mathbf{P}_T - \sum_i^n p_{T,i}\right)$$

Statistical Factor
Color-spin-isospin

Parton Distribution Functions
(after Boltzmann evolution)

Hadron Wigner Function

(parameters fix according to quark model)

C.-W. Hwang, EPJ C23, 585 (2002)

C. Albertus et al., NPA 740, 333 (2004)

- ✓ **FRAGMENTATION**: HQs that do not undergo to Coalescence

$$\frac{dN_H}{d^2\mathbf{P}_T} = \sum_f \int dz \frac{dN_f}{d^2 p_T} \frac{D_{f \rightarrow H}(z)}{z^2}$$

We use Peterson parametrization: $D_H(z) \propto \left[z \left(1 - \frac{1}{z} - \frac{\epsilon_c}{1-z} \right)^2 \right]^{-1}$ Peterson et al. PRD 27 (1983) 105

Parameter ϵ_c tuned to reproduce D and B meson spectra in pp collisions.

Non-perturbative effects: impact of off-shell dynamics

QPM vs. DQPM

□ Partons are dressed by non-perturbative spectral functions:

$$A_i^{BW}(m_i) = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{m_i^2 \gamma_i^*}{(m_i^2 - M_i^2)^2 + (m_i \gamma_i^*)^2}$$

$$C[f] = \int dm_i A(m_i) \int dm_f A(m_f) \times \frac{1}{2E_p} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{q}}{2E_q (2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{q}'}{2E_{q'} (2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{p}'}{2E_{p'} (2\pi)^3} \times \frac{1}{\gamma_Q} \sum (\mathcal{M}_Q)^2 2\pi^4 \delta^4(p + q - p' - q') \times [f(\mathbf{p}') \hat{f}(\mathbf{q}', m_f) - f(\mathbf{p}) \hat{f}(\mathbf{q}, m_i)]$$

For references: W. Cassing, Nucl.Phys. A831, 215
E. Bratkovskaya, Nucl.Phys. A856, 162
H. Berrehrah, Phys. Rev. C 89(5), 054901
M.L. Sambaturo et al., Eur.Phys.J.C 80 12, 1140

Evaluated in DQPM approach

Off-shell \approx PHSD but also larger widths!

BOX CALCULATION [T=200 MeV] FOR CHARM

Bulk is not with the same energy density

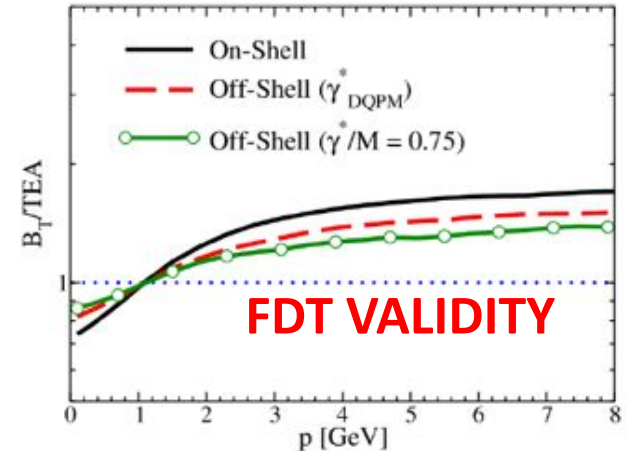
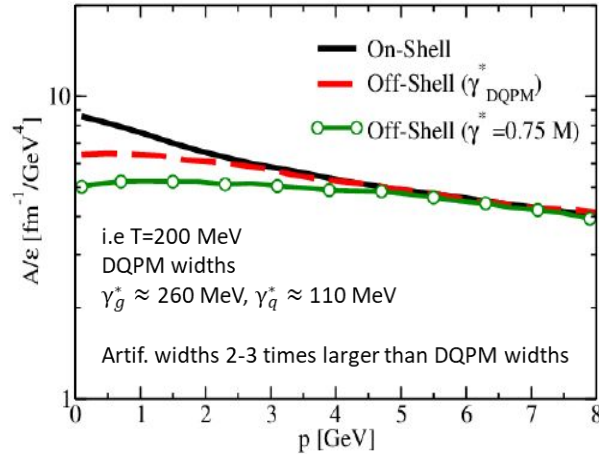
The energy density of off-shell case is smaller

➤ Transport coefficient scales with energy density of the system ϵ

➤ Larger breaking for low p region ($p \lesssim 2-3$ GeV/c)

→ larger off-shell effects

→ 30-40% decreasing drag



QPM extended – QPMp and $m_c(T)$

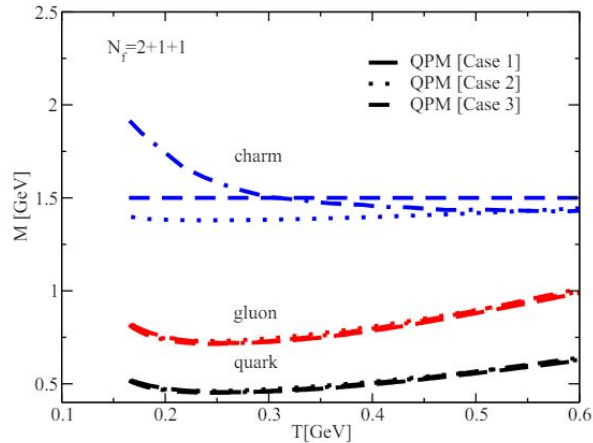
we have also extended our quasi-particle model approach for $N_f = 2+1$ to $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$ where the **charm quark is included**

Temperature parametrization for charm mass

Case 1: $m_c = 1.5 \text{ GeV}$

Case 2: $m_c^2 = m_{c0}^2 + \frac{N_c - 1}{8N_c} g^2 [T^2 + \frac{\mu_c^2}{\pi^2}]$

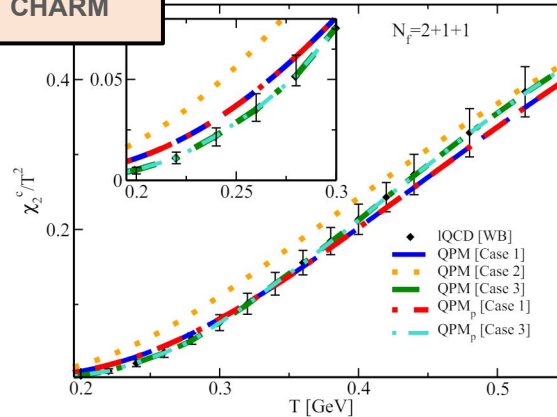
Case 3: m_c fixed by $\chi_2^c = \frac{T}{V} \frac{\partial^2 \ln Z}{\partial \mu_i^2}$



QUARK SUSCEPTIBILITIES

$$\chi_{u,s,c} = \frac{T}{V} \frac{\partial^2 \ln Z}{\partial \mu_{u,s,c}^2}$$

CHARM



- IQCD data overestimated for $T \approx 0.2-0.3 \text{ GeV}$ with constant m_c

- **Disfavored:** increasing $m_c(T)$ and m_c smaller than 1.5 GeV

- Susceptibility implies a decreasing $m_c(T)$ from 1.9 at T_c down to 1.5 at T_c .