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# PRODUZIONE E TRASPORTO DI QUARK PESANTI NEL QGP

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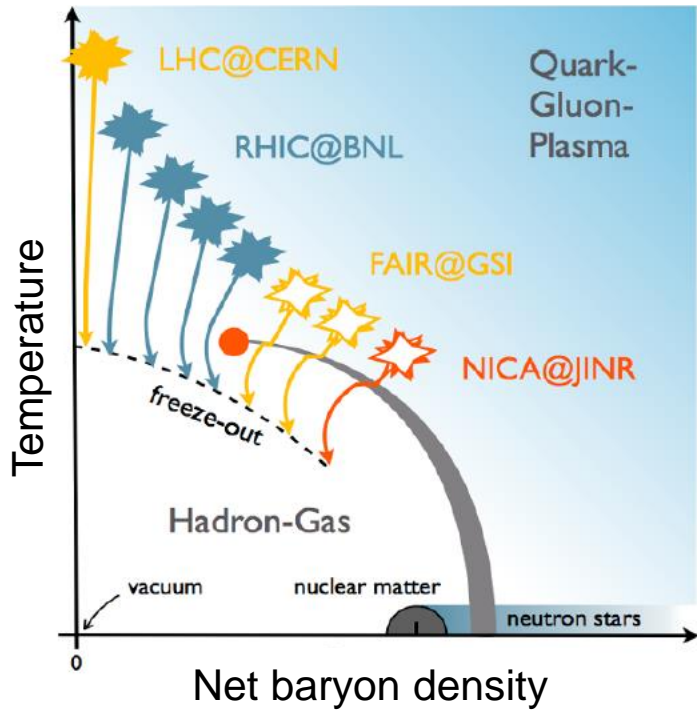
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# RELATIVISTIC HEAVY-ION COLLISIONS

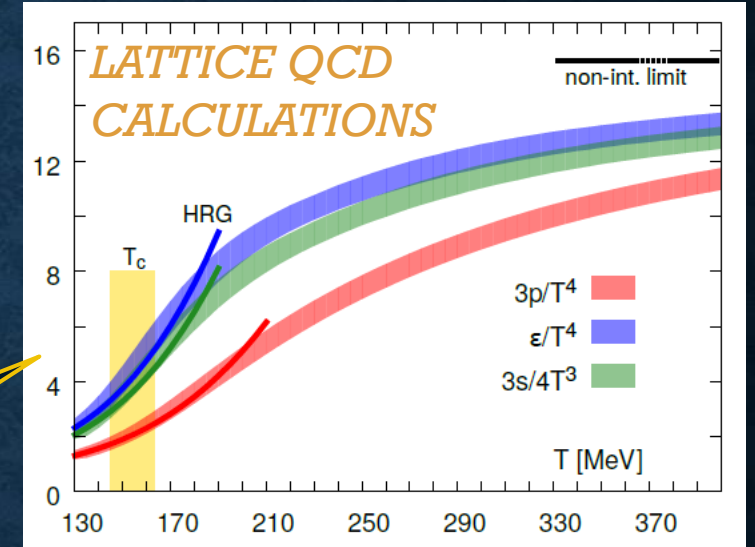
## QCD PHASE DIAGRAM



## Heavy-Ion Collisions (HICs) at high energy

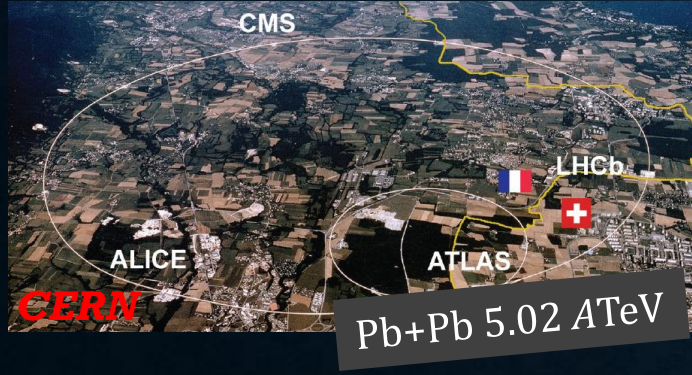
- allow to experimentally investigate the QCD phase diagram
- recreate the extreme condition of temperature and density required for the formation of the **Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP)**

at  $\mu = 0$   
**CROSSOVER**  
 $T_c \approx 155 \text{ MeV}$

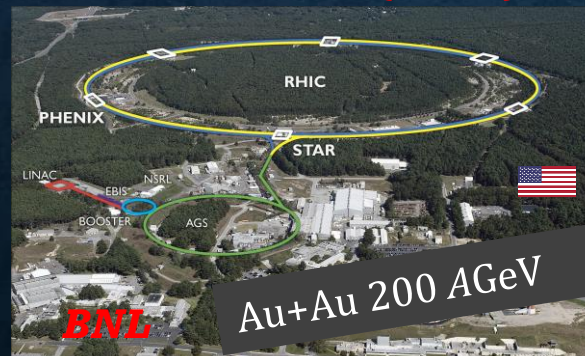


HotQCD Coll., Phys. Rev. D 90 (2014) 094503

## Large Hadron Collider (LHC)



## Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC)



## Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research (FAIR)

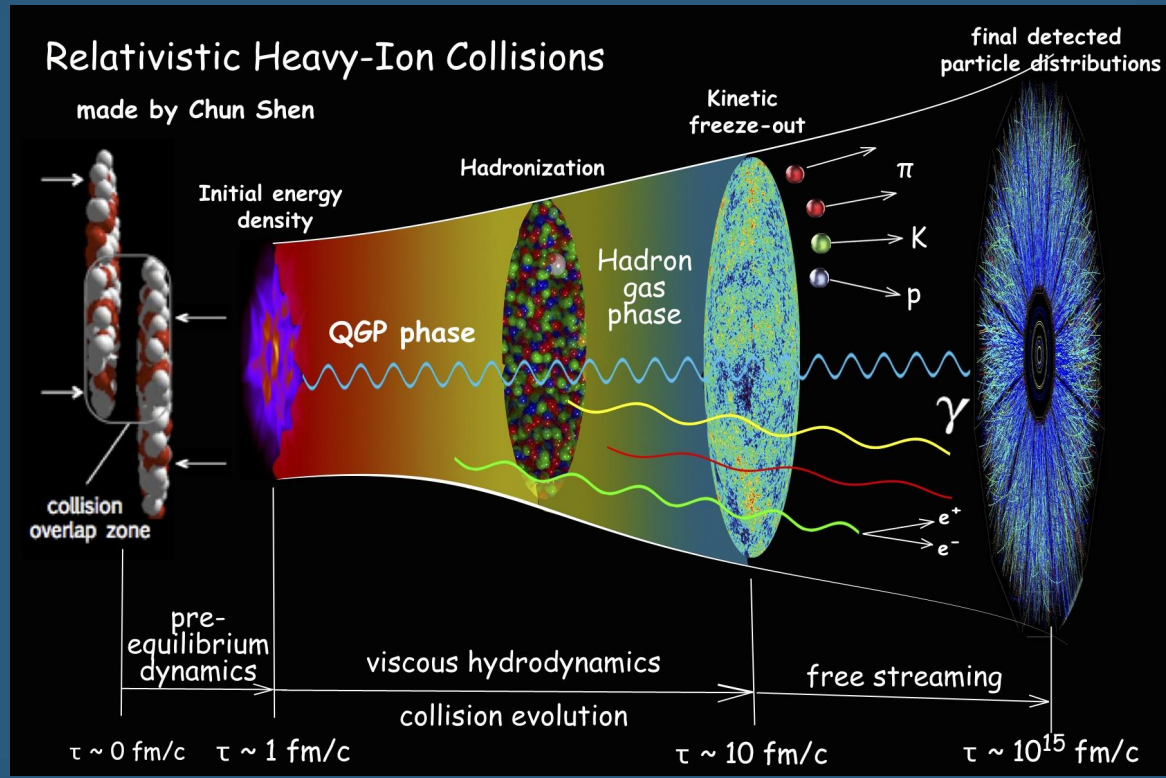
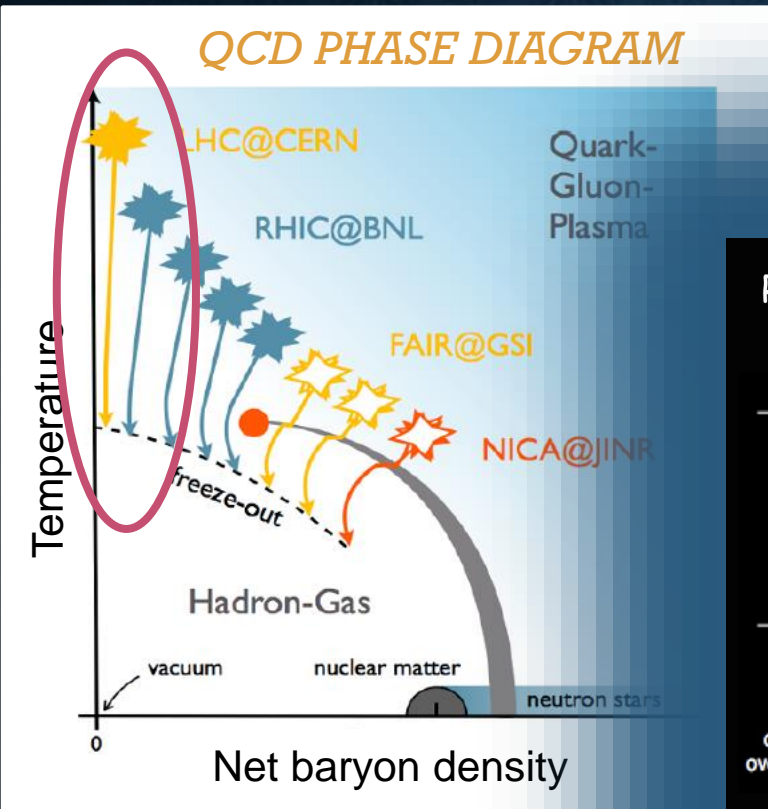


## Nuclotron-based Ion Collider facility (NICA)



# RELATIVISTIC HEAVY-ION COLLISIONS

## EVOLUTION OF A ULTRA-RELATIVISTIC HEAVY-ION COLLISION

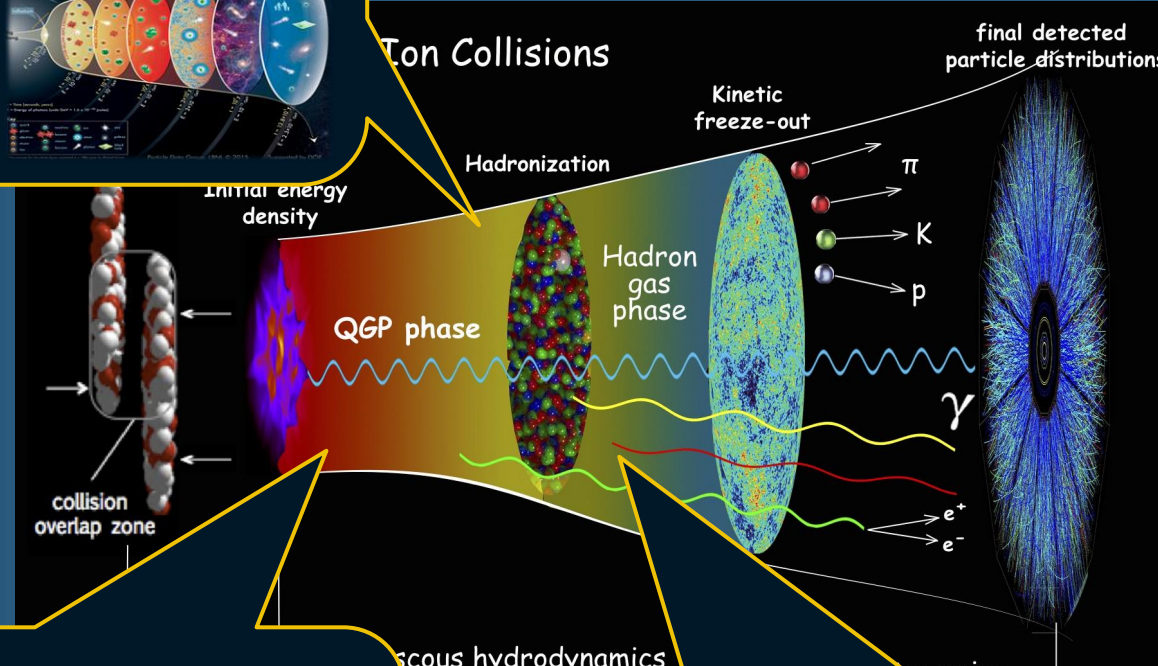
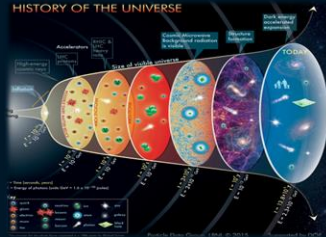


# RELATIVISTIC HEAVY-ION COLLISIONS

**EXPANDING  
QUARK-GLUON PLASMA  
FIREBALL**

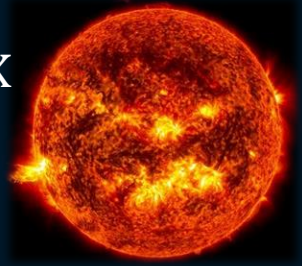
## TRANSIENT

$t \sim 10 \text{ fm}/c \sim 10^{-23} - 10^{-22} \text{ s}$   
 $10^{18}$  times shorter than  
 the QGP lifetime in the  
 early Universe



## HOT

$T \sim 300 - 600 \text{ MeV} \sim 10^{12} \text{ K}$   
 $10^5$  times hotter than  
 the center of the sun



## TINY

$x \sim 10 \text{ fm} \sim 10^{-14} \text{ m}$   
 $10^{11}$  times smaller than  
 a typical water droplet



# TWO MAIN OBSERVABLES IN HICS

## ❖ NUCLEAR MODIFICATION FACTOR $R_{AA}$

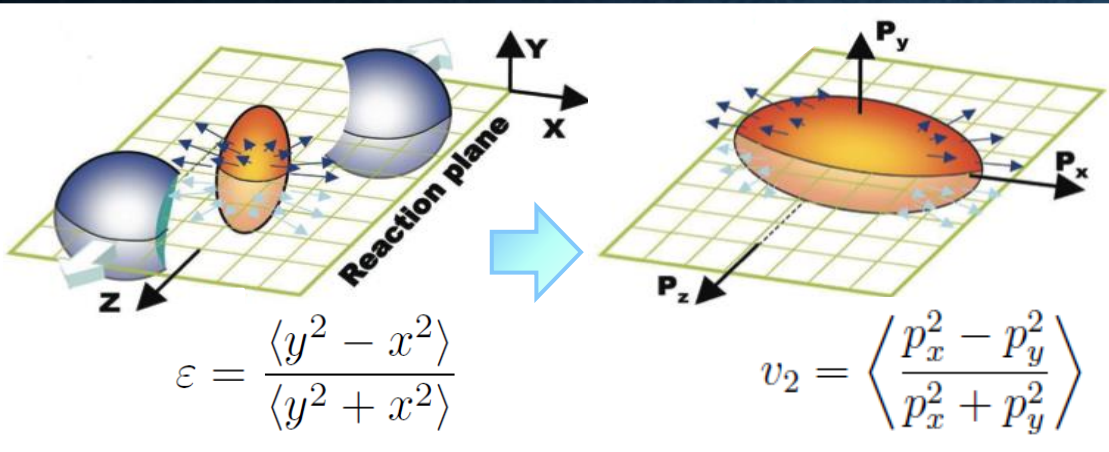
Modification of particle  $p_T$  spectra in AA collisions w.r.t. to pp collisions

$$R_{AA}(p_T) = \frac{d^2 N^{AA} / dp_T d\eta}{N_{coll} d^2 N^{pp} / dp_T d\eta}$$

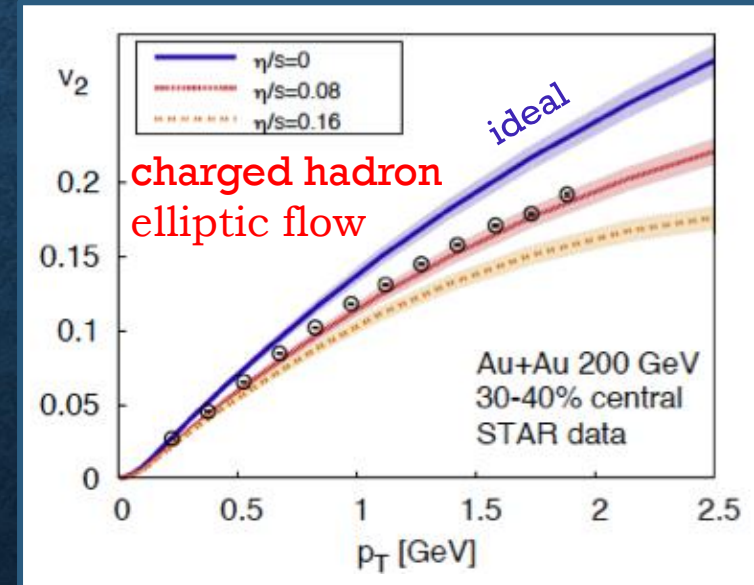
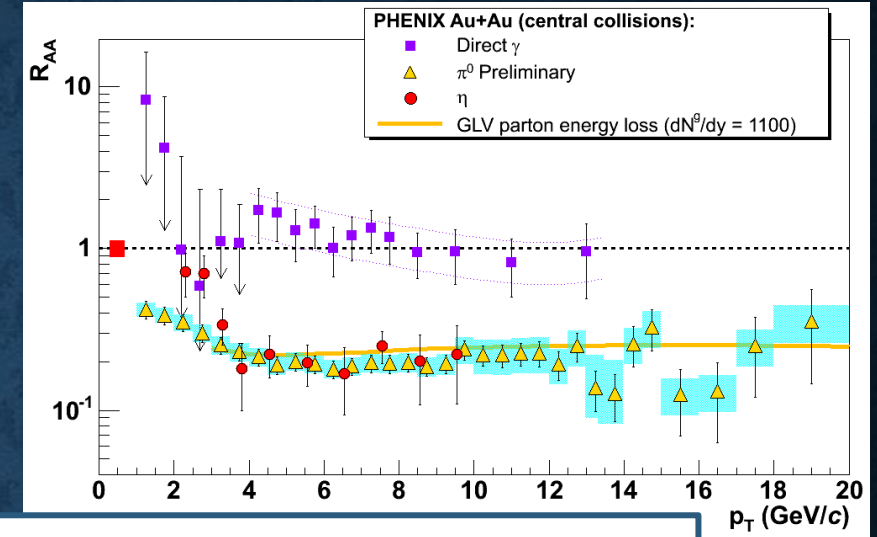
## ❖ ELLIPTIC FLOW $v_2$

Anisotropic radial flow described by the **Fourier coefficients** of the azimuthal particle distributions

$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} \propto 1 + \sum_n 2 v_n \cos[n\phi]$$



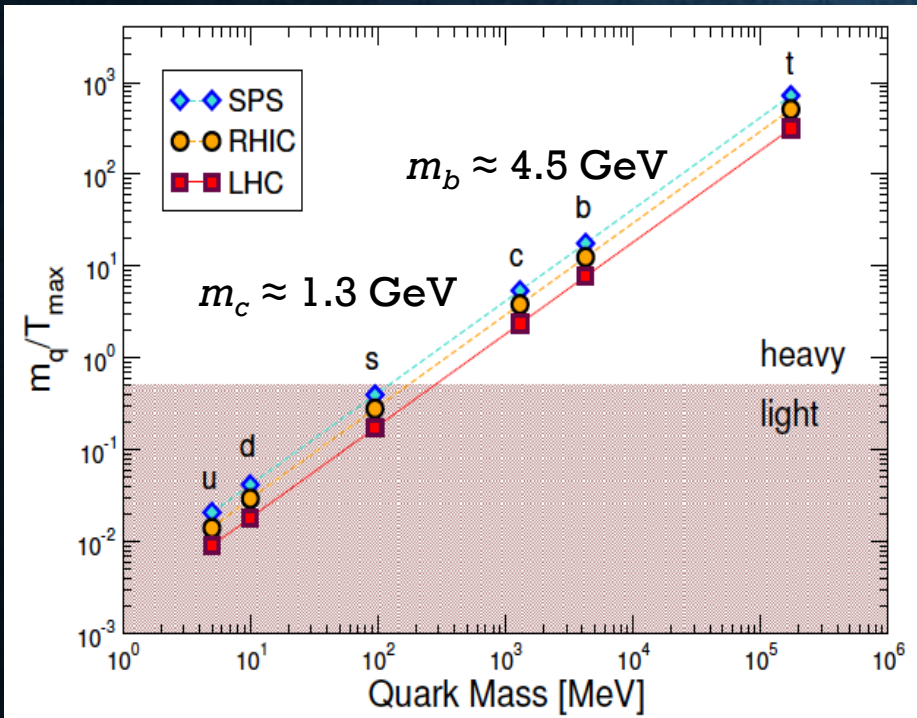
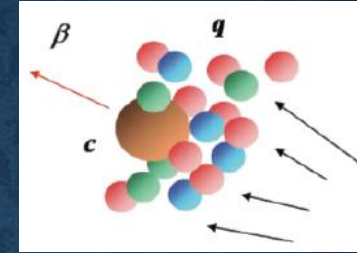
No interaction means  $R_{AA} = 1$  and  $v_2 = 0$   
 More interaction decreases  $R_{AA}$  and increases  $v_2$



QGP flows like an almost “perfect fluid”  
 $4\pi\eta/s \approx 1 - 2$  at  $T \sim T_c$

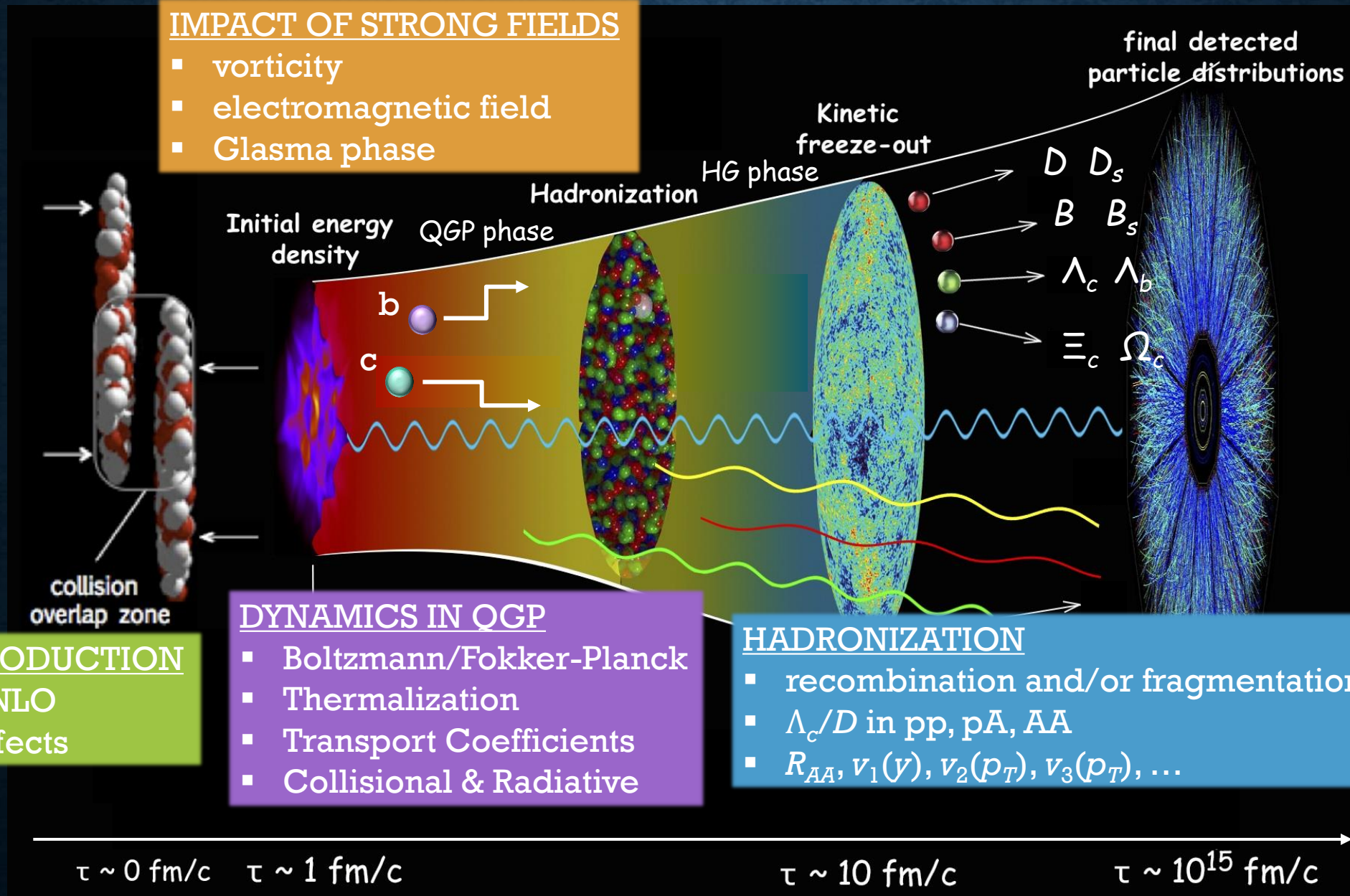
# HEAVY QUARKS IN QGP: BASIC SCALES

few heavy charm and bottom quarks produced in relativistic heavy-ion collisions



- $m_{HQ} \gg \Lambda_{QCD} \rightarrow$  HQ produced in pQCD initial hard scatterings
  - $m_{HQ} \gg T_{HICs} \rightarrow$  negligible thermal production of HQs  
HQ production points symmetric in the forward-backward hemispheres
  - $\tau_0^{HQ} < 0.08 \text{ fm/c} \ll \tau_0^{QGP} \rightarrow$  HQ production much earlier than QGP formation
  - $\tau_{th}^{HQ} \approx \tau^{QGP} \approx 5-10 \text{ fm/c} \gg \tau_{th}^{QGP} \rightarrow$  HQ thermalization time comparable to QGP life
- HQ final states keep a better memory of both initial stage and QGP evolution
- $q < m_{HQ}, p_{HQ}; m_{HQ} \ll gT_{HICs}$  ( $b$  or low momentum  $c$ )  $\rightarrow$  Brownian motion of HQs in QGP

# HEAVY FLAVORS IN RELATIVISTIC HICS



- IMPACT OF STRONG FIELDS**
- vorticity
  - electromagnetic field
  - Glasma phase

- INITIAL PRODUCTION**
- pQCD-NLO
  - CNM effects

- DYNAMICS IN QGP**
- Boltzmann/Fokker-Planck
  - Thermalization
  - Transport Coefficients
  - Collisional & Radiative

- HADRONIZATION**
- recombination and/or fragmentation
  - $\Lambda_c/D$  in pp, pA, AA
  - $R_{AA}, v_1(y), v_2(p_T), v_3(p_T), \dots$

$\tau \sim 0$  fm/c     $\tau \sim 1$  fm/c     $\tau \sim 10$  fm/c     $\tau \sim 10^{15}$  fm/c

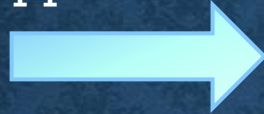
# HEAVY QUARKS IN QGP: TRANSPORT APPROACHES

## BOLTZMANN (BM) EQ.

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

[Catania, PHSD, BAMPS, Nantes, Duke, CCNU-LBNL (LBT), ...]

soft-scattering approximation



## FOKKER-PLANCK (FP) EQ.

$$\frac{\partial f_{HQ}}{\partial t} = \gamma \frac{\partial (pf_{HQ})}{\partial p} + D_p \frac{\partial^2 f_{HQ}}{\partial p^2}$$

DRAG and DIFFUSION coefficients

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

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

$D_p = MT\gamma$   
Fluctuation-Dissipation Theorem

FP eq. solved through a LANGEVIN (LV) EQ.

[TAMU, Torino (POWLANG), Duke, Nantes, Catania, ...]

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

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

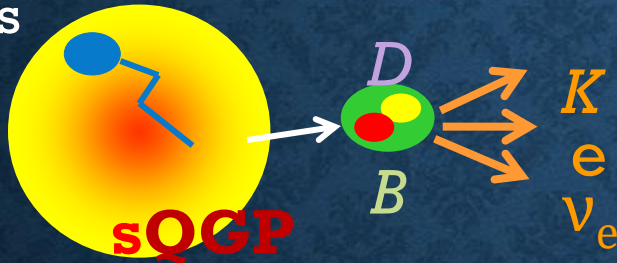
$|M|^2$  scatt. matrix from some theory (HTL, pQCD coll., rad., T-matrix)

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

SPATIAL DIFFUSION coefficient  $D_s$  from lattice QCD

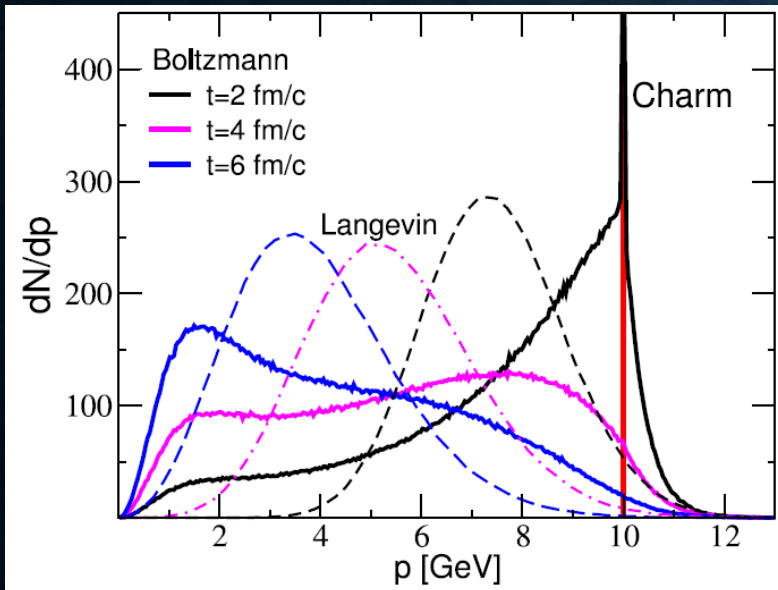
c, b quarks

BROWNIAN MOTION



sQGP

K  
e  
v<sub>e</sub>



BM eq. gives a non gaussian energy loss

Das et al.,  
Phys. Rev. C 90,  
044901 (2014)



# RELATIVISTIC BOLTZMANN EQUATION AT FINITE $\eta/s$

## CATANIA APPROACH

### 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

Collision kernel

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

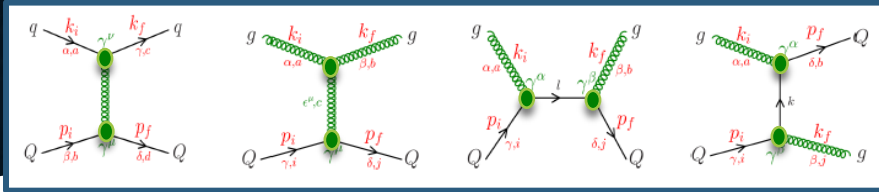
gauged to some  $\eta/s \neq 0$

Scardina et al., Phys. Rev. C 97 (2017)

Boltzmann transport equivalent to viscous hydro at  $\eta/s \approx 0.1$

### HQ evolution

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



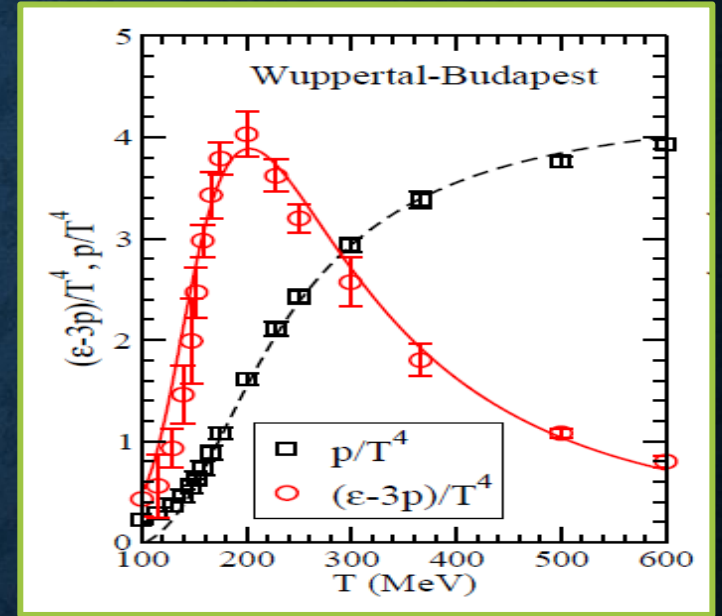
$$C[f_Q] = \frac{1}{2E_1} \int \frac{d^3 p_2}{2E_2 (2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3 p'_1}{2E_1' (2\pi)^3} \times [f_Q(p'_1) f_{q,g}(p_2) - f_Q(p_1) f_{q,g}(p_2)] \times |\mathcal{M}_{(q,g)+Q}(p_1 p_2 \rightarrow p'_1 p'_2)|^2 \times (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_1 + p_2 - p'_1 - p'_2)$$

Non perturbative dynamics: M scattering matrices ( $q, g \rightarrow Q$ ) evaluated by Quasi-Particle Model fit to **lQCD thermodynamics**

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

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

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

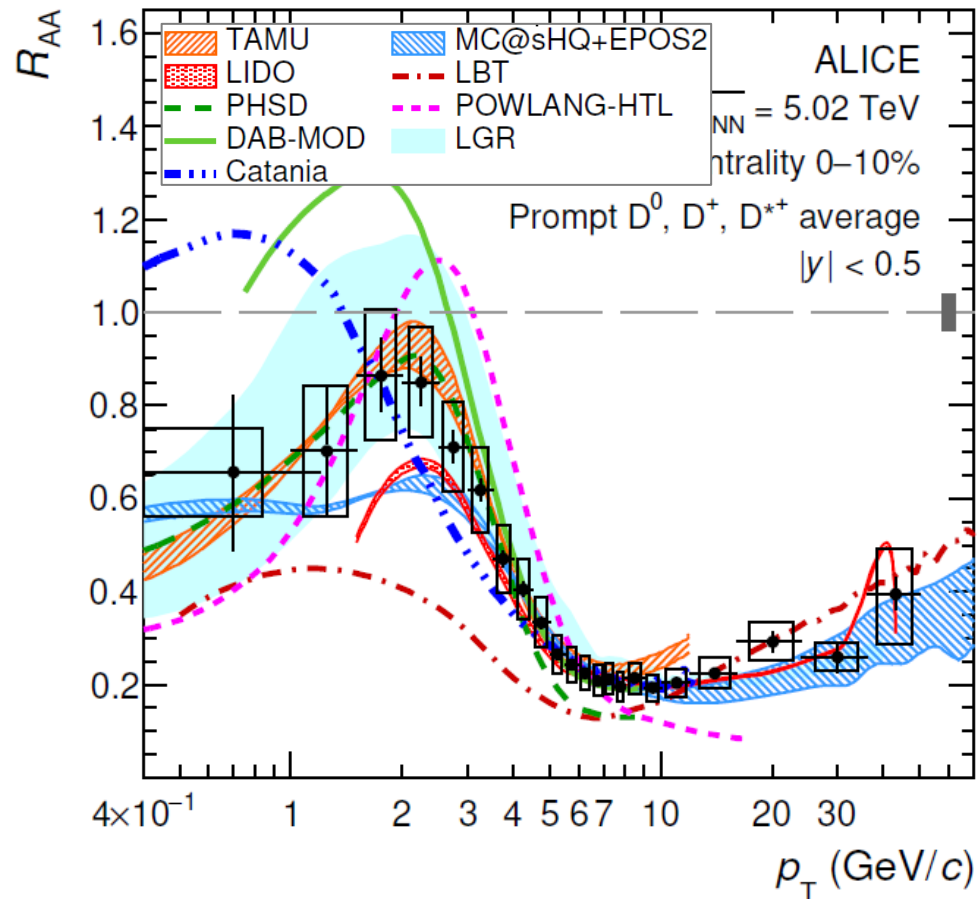


Impact of off-shell dynamics: Sambataro et al., Eur. Phys. J. C 80, 1140 (2020)

# TWO MAIN OBSERVABLES FOR HEAVY QUARKS

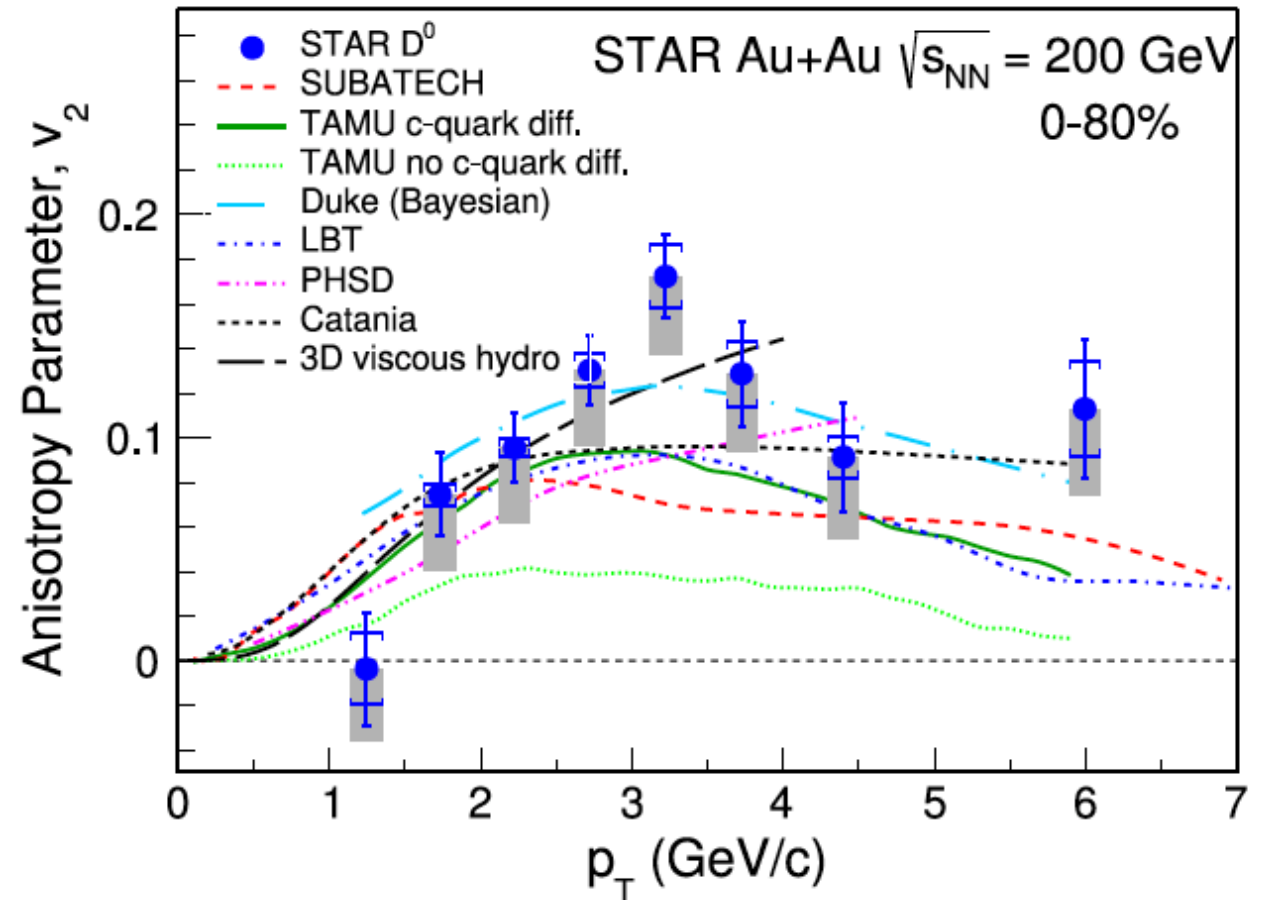
Predictions for  $R_{AA}(p_T)$  and  $v_2(p_T)$  of D mesons at top RHIC and LHC energies

## NUCLEAR MODIFICATION FACTOR



ALICE Collaboration, JHEP 01, 174 (2022)

## ELLIPTIC FLOW

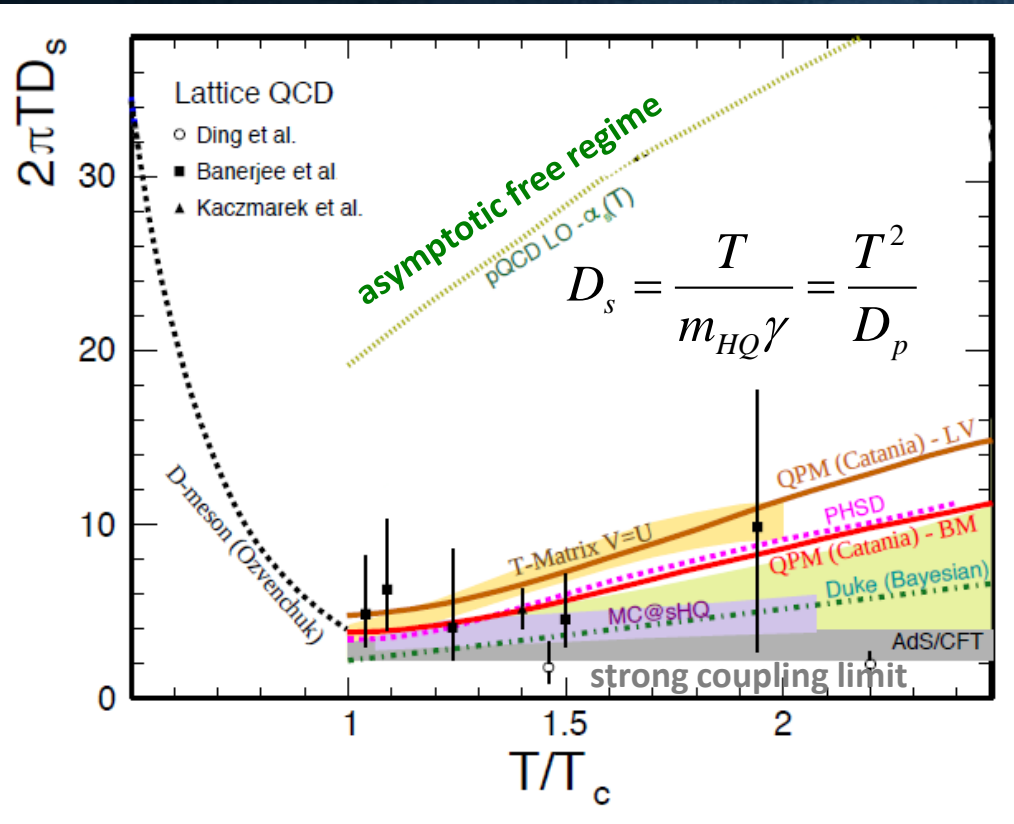


Dong and Greco, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 104 (2019)

# CHARM SPATIAL DIFFUSION COEFFICIENT

$R_{AA}(p_T)$  and  $v_2(p_T)$  of D mesons have been the main observables for determining the **transport properties of HQs in hot QCD matter: drag and diffusion coefficients**

Greco, PoS HardProbes2020, 018 (2020)



QGP diffuses charm quarks like an almost “perfect fluid”  
 $2\pi T D_s \approx 2 - 5$  at  $T \sim T_c$

HQ interaction in QGP largely  
**NON-PERTURBATIVE**

Not a model fit to lQCD data!

Extracted independently by phenomenological models

The sources of uncertainties in the  $D_s$  determination may be clarified through

- access to low  $p_T$  and precision data
- more exclusive observables
- better insight into hadronization
- predictions and measurements for B mesons

## CHARM-QUARK SPATIAL DIFFUSION COEFFICIENT

Prino and Rapp, J. Phys. G 43, 093002 (2019)

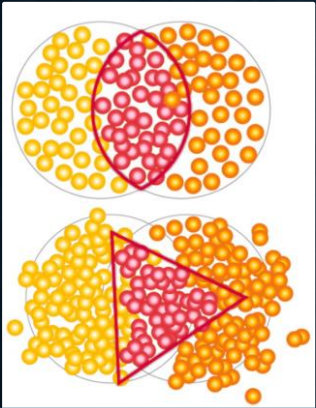
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reviews

# HIGHER ORDER FLOW COEFFICIENTS

Sambataro et al., in preparation

Event-by-event fluctuations in the initial nucleon positions give rise to odd flow harmonics

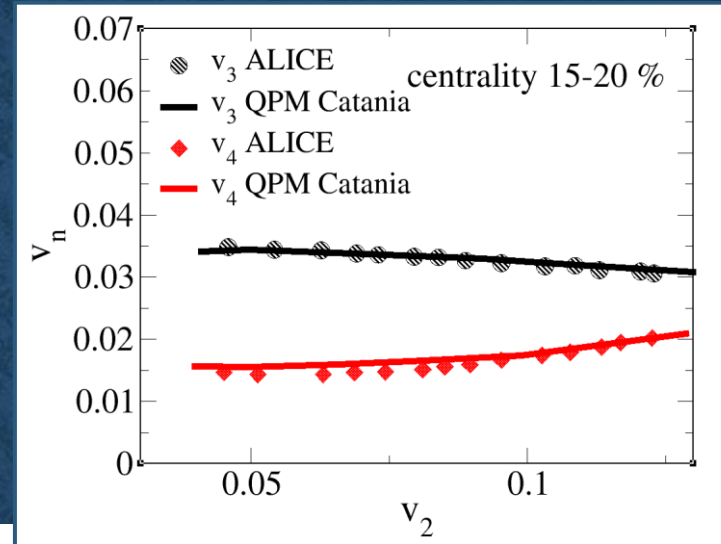


elliptic flow

$$v_2 = \langle \cos[2(\varphi - \Psi_2)] \rangle$$

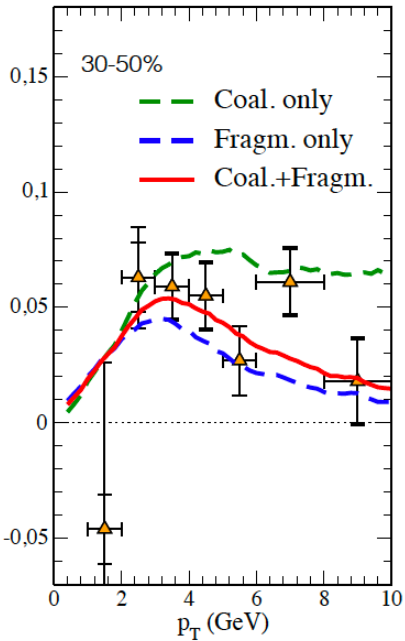
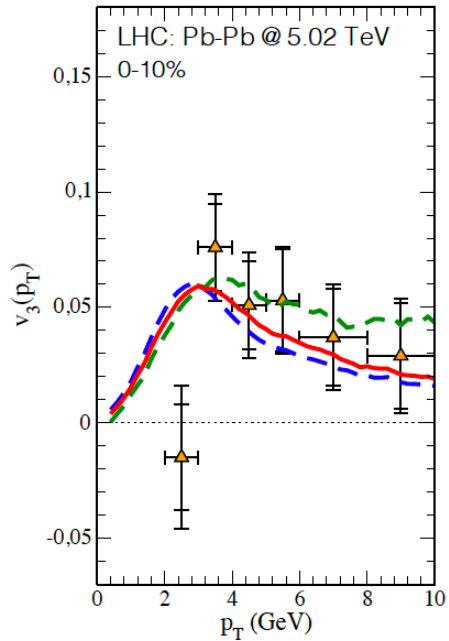
$$v_3 = \langle \cos[3(\varphi - \Psi_3)] \rangle$$

triangular flow

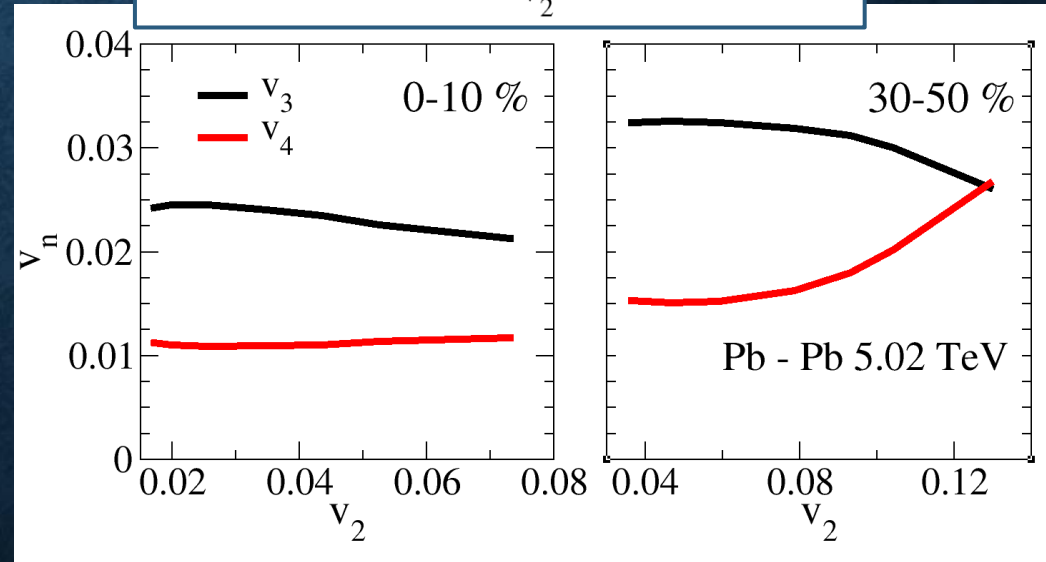


CHARGED PARTICLES

$v_n - v_m$   
CORRELATIONS



D MESON TRIANGULAR FLOW



D MESONS

Same approach and  $D_s(T)$  describing  $R_{AA}(p_T)$  &  $v_2(p_T)$

# EVENT-SHAPE ENGINEERING (ESE)

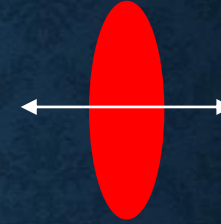
Selection of events with **same centrality**  
but **different initial geometry**  
on the basis of the magnitude of the  
2°-order harmonic reduced flow vector  $q_2$

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

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

20% small  $q_2$

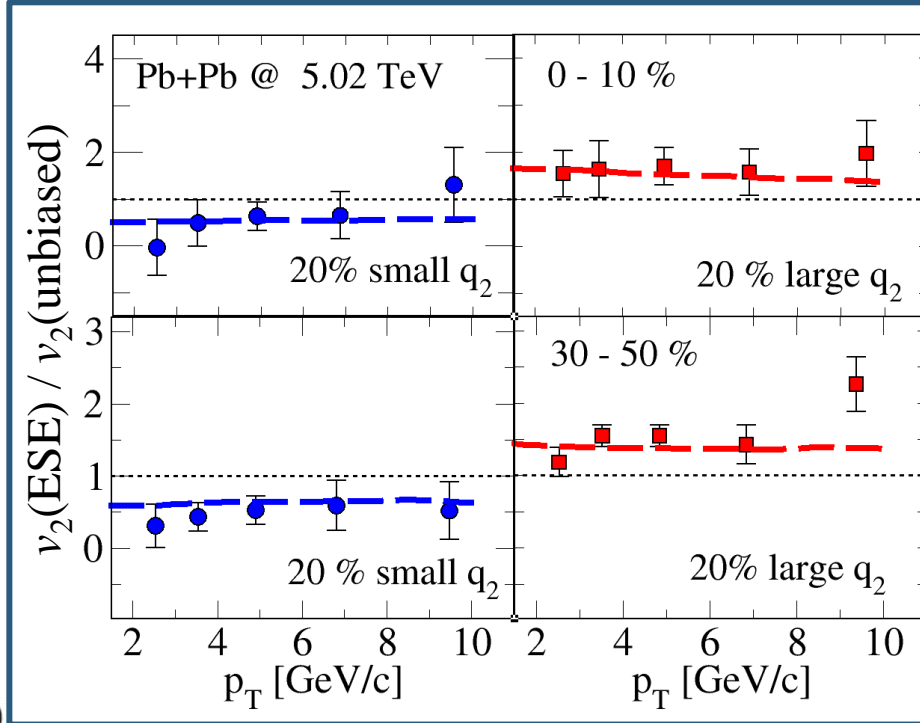
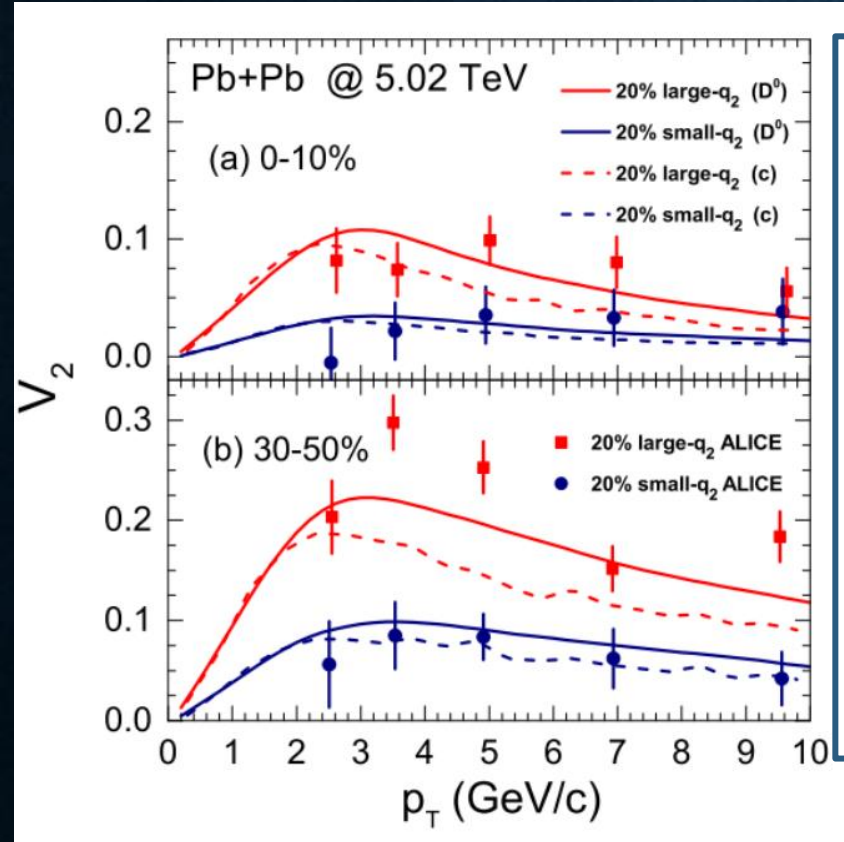
20% large  $q_2$



large  $q_2 \rightarrow$  large  $\varepsilon_2$

$q_2$ -SELECTED D-MESON  $v_2(p_T)$

D-MESON  $v_2(p_T)$  RATIO



$v_2$  (small  $q_2$ ) <  $v_2$  (unbiased)  
 $v_2$  (large  $q_2$ ) >  $v_2$  (unbiased)

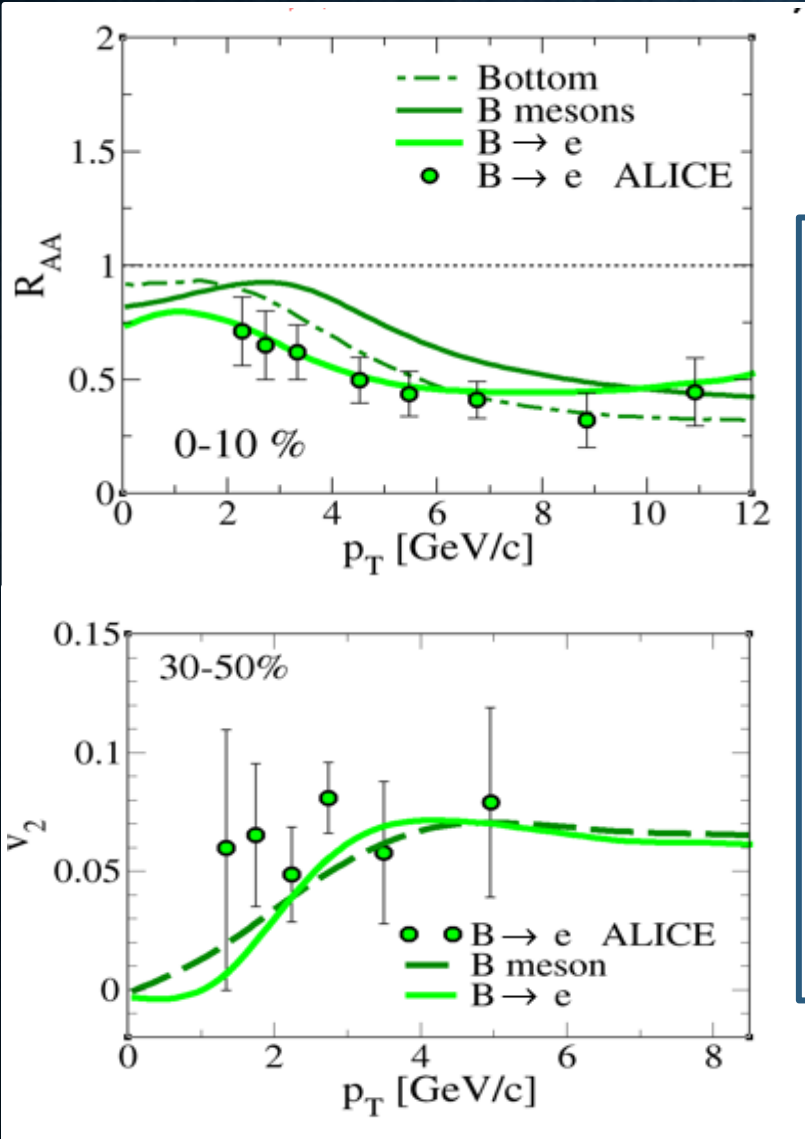
more pronounced difference  
for more peripheral collisions

Sambataro et al., in preparation

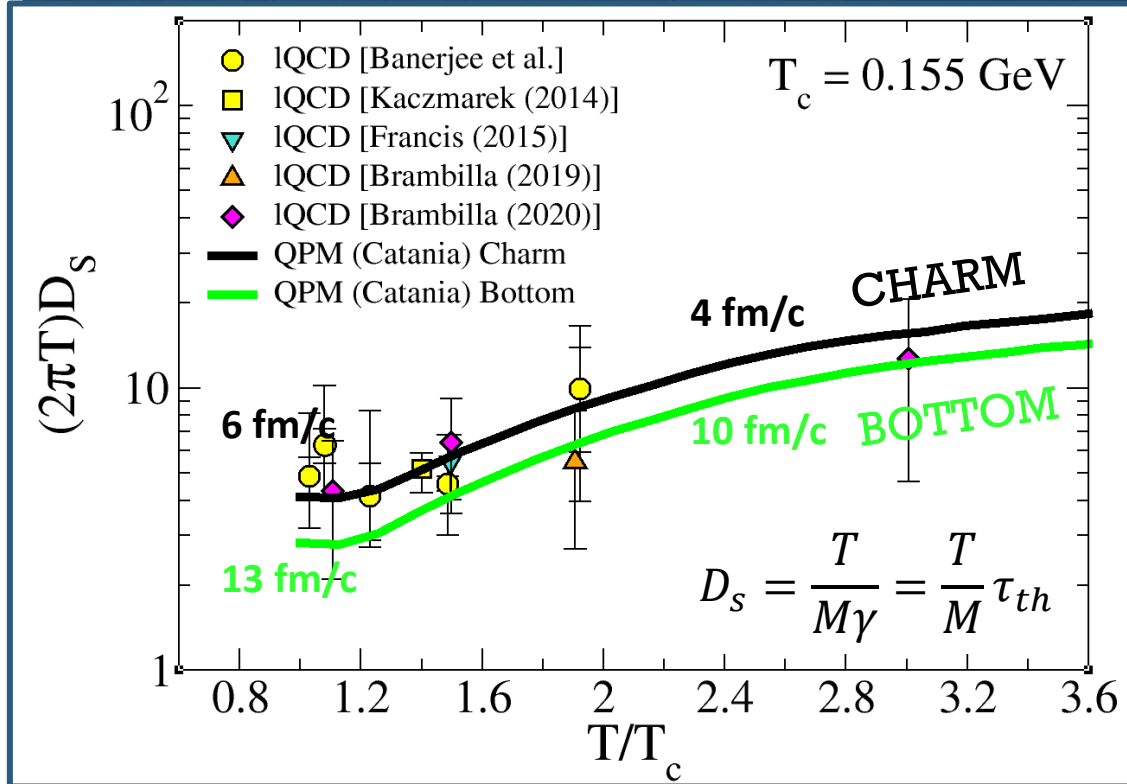
Same approach and  $D_s(T)$  describing  $R_{AA}(p_T)$  &  $v_2(p_T)$

# EXTENSION TO BOTTOM DYNAMICS

## NUCLEAR MODIFICATION FACTOR



- $D_s$  is ideally M independent ( $M \rightarrow \infty$ ) since from kinetic theory:  $\tau_{th}^b / \tau_{th}^c \approx \gamma_c / \gamma_b \approx M_b / M_c$
- $\tau_{th} \approx 1.3 M \frac{2\pi T D_s}{(T/T_c)^2} \text{ fm/c}$  a measure of thermalization time



**CHARM vs BOTTOM SPATIAL DIFFUSION COEFFICIENT**

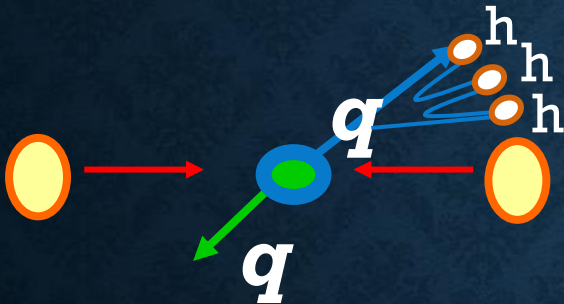
- In QPM approach  $D_s(c)$  is 30-40% larger than  $D_s(b)$
- Bottom quarks expected to be fully thermalized @ FCC

# HADRONIZATION: HEAVY SECTOR

## FRAGMENTATION

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

Peterson fragmentation function



Picture credit:  
Vincenzo Greco

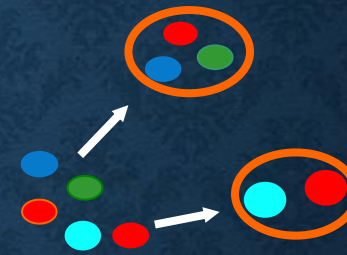
## COALESCENCE

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

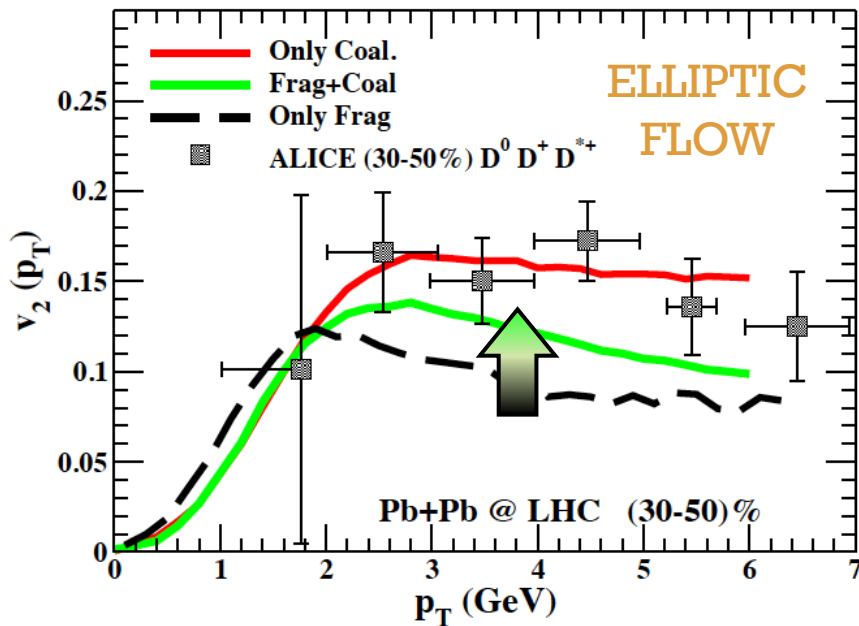
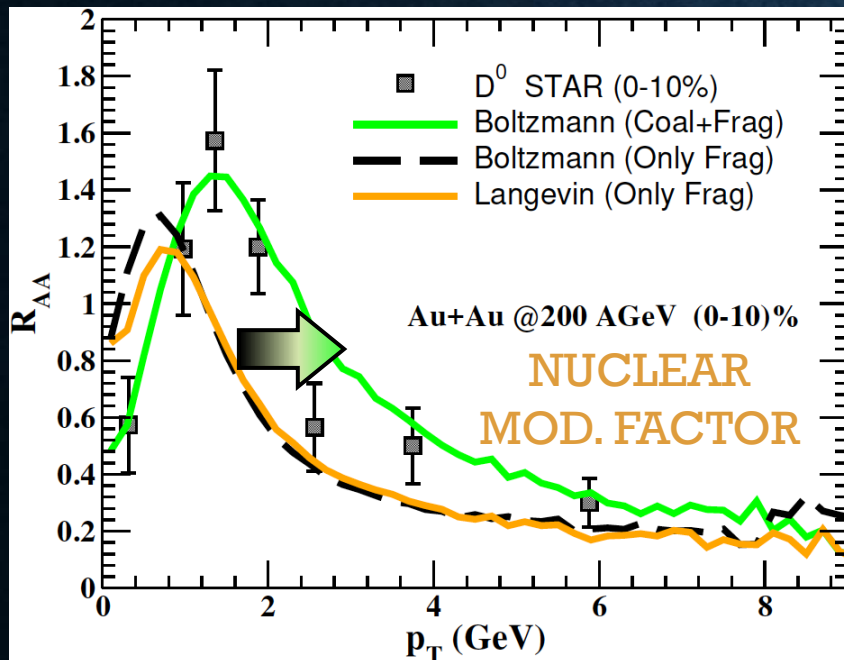
S. Plumari, V. Minissale et al.,  
Eur. Phys. J. C 78, 348 (2018)

Wigner function

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



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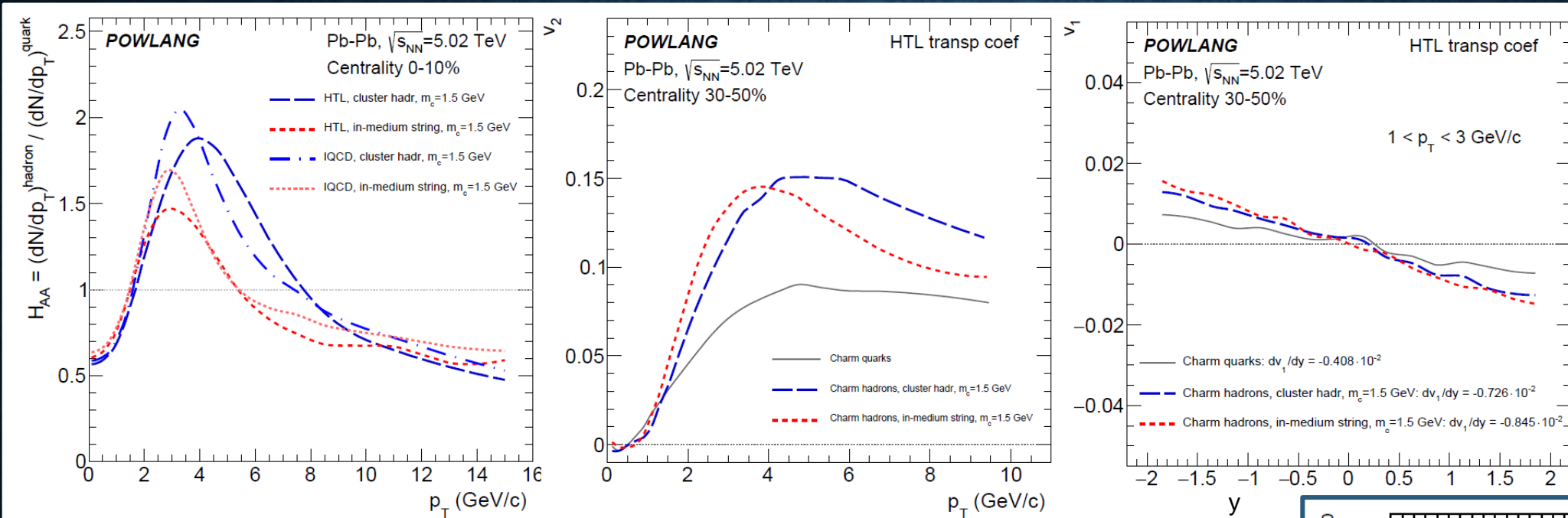


Coalescence for  $D$  mesons  
brings up  $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$  toward data

Scardina et al.,  
Phys. Rev. C 96, 044905 (2017)

Coalescence predicts the  
large enhancement of baryon  
charm production measured  
by ALICE in pp collisions

# HADRONIZATION: HEAVY SECTOR



$$v_1 = \langle p_x/p_T \rangle$$

**DIRECTED FLOW**

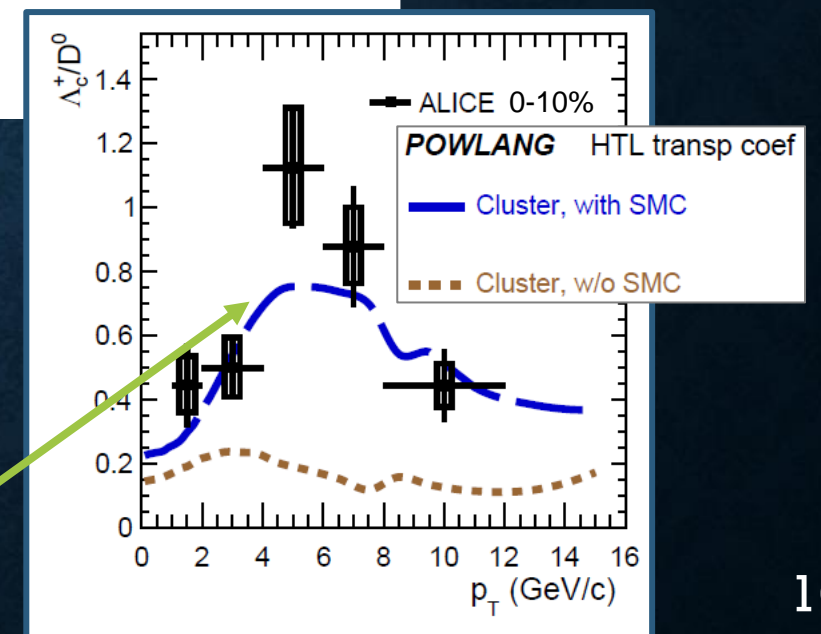
$y = \tanh^{-1} \frac{v_z}{c}$

RAPIDITY relativistic analog of velocity

( $v_z$ : longitudinal particle velocity)

## POWLANG APPROACH

- Hadronization via **in-medium recombination with string-breaking** enhances the  $v_2(p_T)$  and for  $1 < p_T < 3$  GeV the  $v_1(y)$  of  $D$  mesons  
Beraudo, De Pace, Monteno, Nardi and Prino, JHEP 05, 279 (2021)
- **Cluster-hadronization** scheme enhances the radial flow of charmed hadrons w.r.t. string fragmentation; peak of  $v_2$  is moved to higher  $p_T$ ; enhancement of  $\Lambda_c^+/D^0$  due to **space-momentum correlations (SMC)**  
Beraudo, De Pace, Monteno, Nardi and Prino, 2202.08732





# INTENSE FIELDS AND HEAVY FLAVOR TRANSPORT

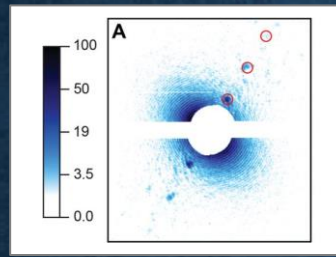
## ✓ HUGE ANGULAR MOMENTUM GENERATING A STRONG VORTICITY



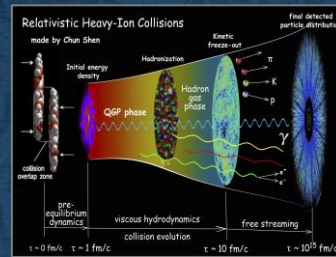
tornado cores  
 $\sim 10^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$



Jupiter's spot  
 $\sim 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$



He nanodroplets  
 $\sim 10^7 \text{ s}^{-1}$



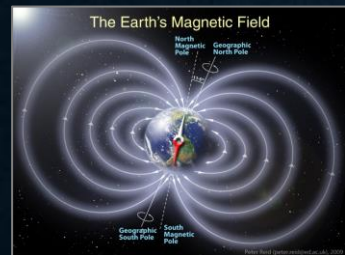
urHICs  
 $\sim 10^{22} - 10^{23} \text{ s}^{-1}$

vorticity  $\omega$

since 2017

impact on HQ transport coefficients and  $D$  meson directed flow

## ✓ INTENSE ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS



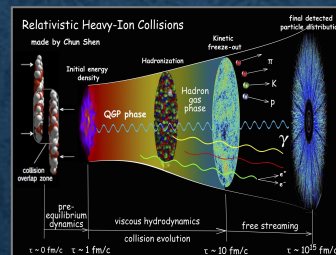
Earth's field  
 $\sim 1 \text{ G}$



laboratory  
 $\sim 10^6 \text{ G}$



magnetars  
 $\sim 10^{14} - 10^{15} \text{ G}$



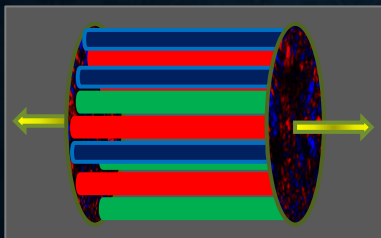
urHICs  
 $\sim 10^{18} - 10^{19} \text{ G}$

magnetic field  $B$

since 2016

impact on  $D$  meson directed flow

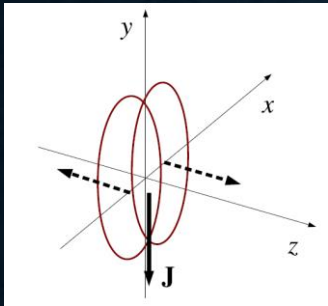
## ✓ INTENSE COLOR FIELDS IN THE EARLY STAGE OF URHICS



since 2018

impact on HQ transport coefficients and  $D$  meson  $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$

# THE VORTICAL QUARK-GLUON PLASMA



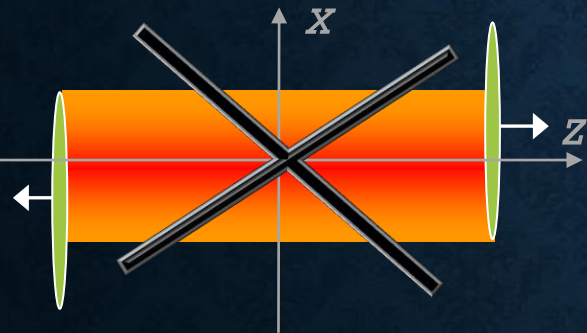
Huge **orbital angular momentum** of the colliding nuclear system

- in ultra-relativistic HICs  $J \approx 10^5 - 10^6 \hbar$
- dominated by the y component perpendicular to the reaction plane
- **partly transferred to the plasma**

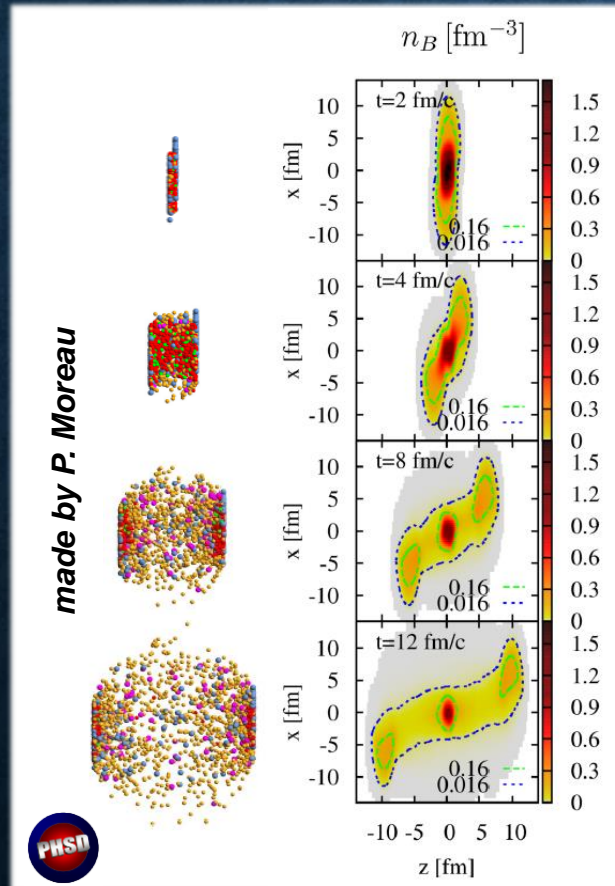
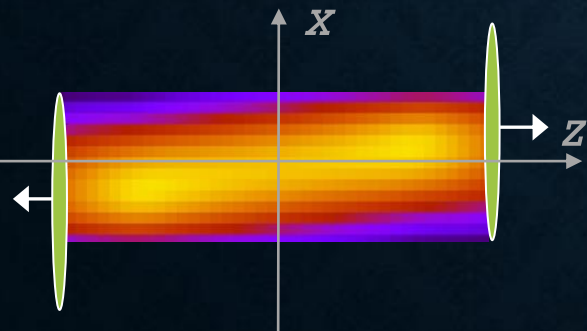
**asymmetry in local participant density from forward and backward going nuclei**

Bozek and Wyslciel, Phys. Rev. C 81, 054902 (2010)

Not a symmetric energy distribution...



...but a **TILTED FIREBALL** on the reaction plane



$$\rho(x_{\perp}, \eta_s) = \rho_0 \frac{W(x_{\perp}, \eta_s)}{W(0,0)} \exp \left[ -\frac{(|\eta_s| - \eta_{s0})^2}{2\sigma_{\eta}^2} \theta(|\eta_s| - \eta_{s0}) \right]$$

$$W(x_{\perp}, \eta_s) = 2 (N_A(x_{\perp}) f_-(\eta_s) + N_B(x_{\perp}) f_+(\eta_s))$$

$$f_{\pm}(\eta_s) = f_{\mp}(-\eta_s) = \begin{cases} 0 & \eta_s < -\eta_m \\ \frac{\eta_s + \eta_m}{2\eta_m} & -\eta_m \leq \eta_s \leq \eta_m \\ 1 & \eta_s > \eta_m \end{cases}$$

tilted initial conditions for the hydrodynamic or transport evolution of QGP

Kolomeitsev, Toneev and Voronyuk, Phys. Rev. C 97, 064902 (2018)

SPACETIME RAPIDITY

$$\eta_s = \tanh^{-1} \frac{z}{t}$$

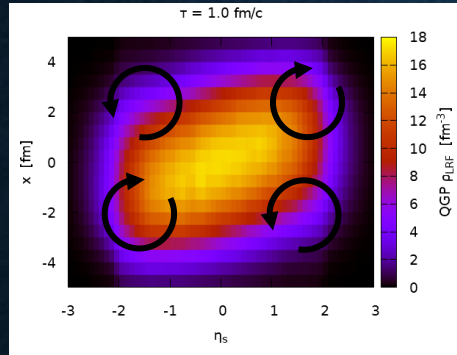
PROPER TIME

$$\tau = \sqrt{t^2 - z^2}$$

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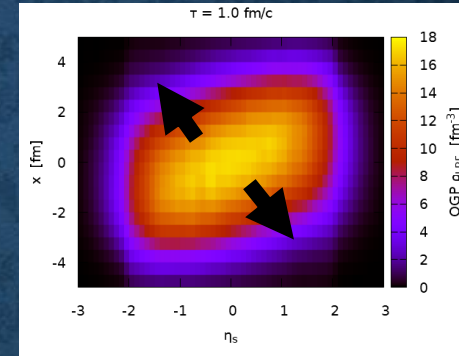
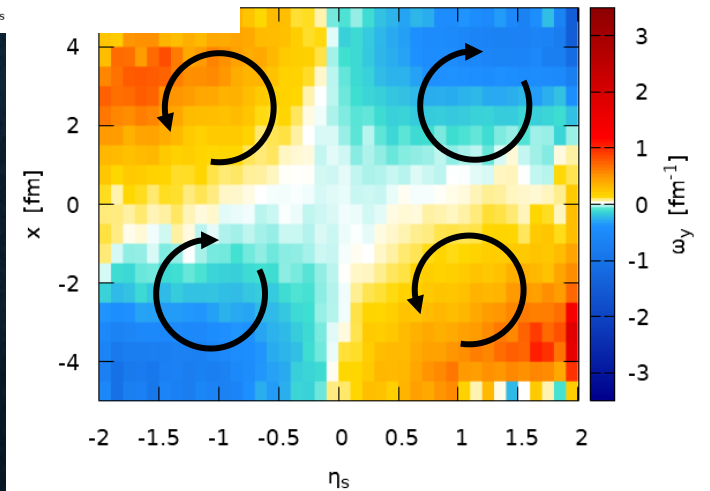
Oliva, Plumari and Greco, JHEP 05, 034 (2021)

The huge angular momentum and the tilt of the fireball induce in the QGP an intense **VORTICITY** a **DIRECTED FLOW**



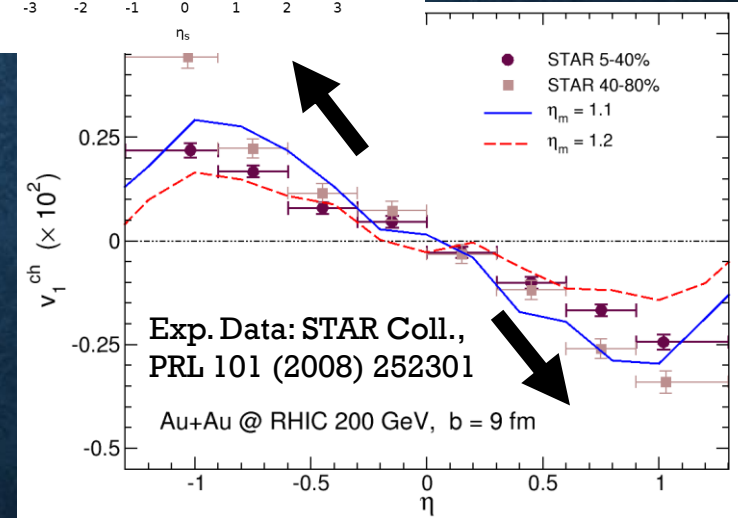
measure of the local angular velocity of the fluid

$$\omega = \nabla \times v$$



collective sideways deflection of particles along the x direction

$$v_1 = \langle p_x / p_T \rangle$$



$\eta = -\ln\left(\tan\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$   
PSEUDORAPIDITY  
( $\theta$ : polar angle of particle momentum)

**NONRELATIVISTIC VORTICITY**

QGP as the most vortical fluid:  $\omega_y \approx 3 \text{ c/fm}$  in agreement with the ongoing research on  $\Lambda$  hyperon polarization

**CHARGED PARTICLES DIRECTED FLOW**

Negative slope in the  $\eta$  dependence of the  $v_1$  of bulk particles due to the "tilt" ( $v_1 = 0$  if the fireball is not tilted)

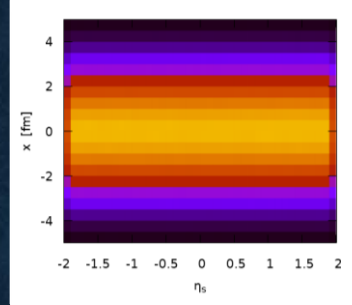
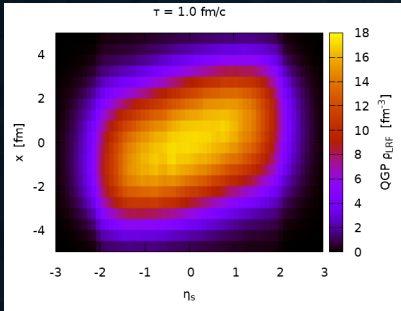


STAR Collaboration, Nature 548, 62 (2017)

# DIRECTED FLOW OF NEUTRAL D MESONS

tilted fireball

HQs production points



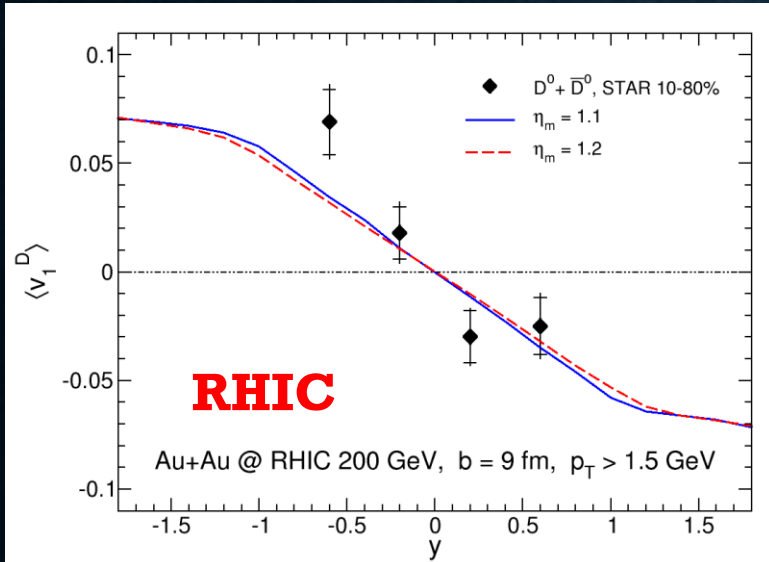
Excellent qualitative prediction with LV approach  
 $dv_1^D/dy \approx 0.02-0.04$  ( $\approx 10-15$  times larger than light charged)  
 Chatterjee and Bozek, Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 192301 (2018)

**RHIC ENERGY**

EXP:  $dv_1^D/dy = -0.080 \pm 0.017(\text{stat}) \pm 0.016(\text{syst})$   
 about 30 times larger than that of kaons

TH:  $dv_1^D/dy = -0.065$  (25-30 times larger than ch.)

Oliva, Plumari and Greco, JHEP 05, 034 (2021)



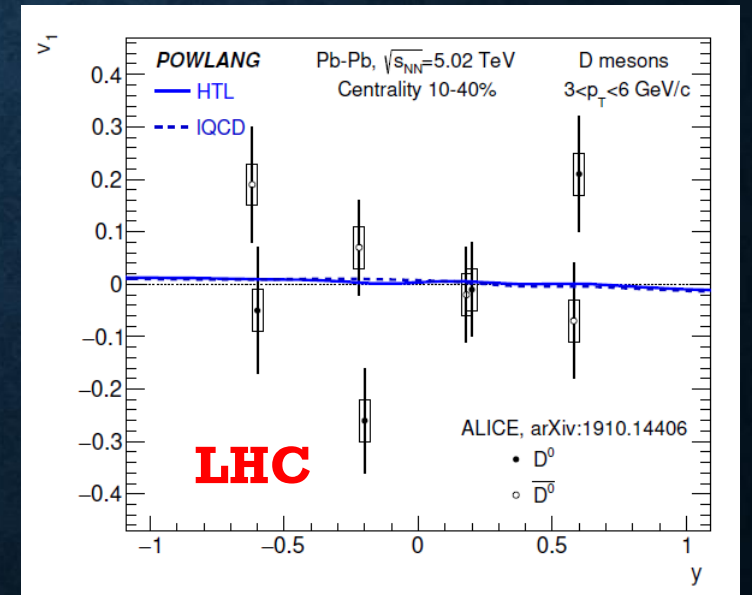
Hadronization via in-medium recombination with string-breaking can enhance the D-meson  $v_1(y)$  (for  $1 < p_T < 3$  GeV)

Exp. data: STAR Coll., Phys. Rev. Lett. 123 (2019) 162301

**LHC ENERGY:**

the slope of  $\langle v_1^D \rangle$  is  $\sim 50$  times smaller than that at RHIC (in line with model predictions) and is consistent with 0

Beraudo et al., JHEP 05, 279 (2021)



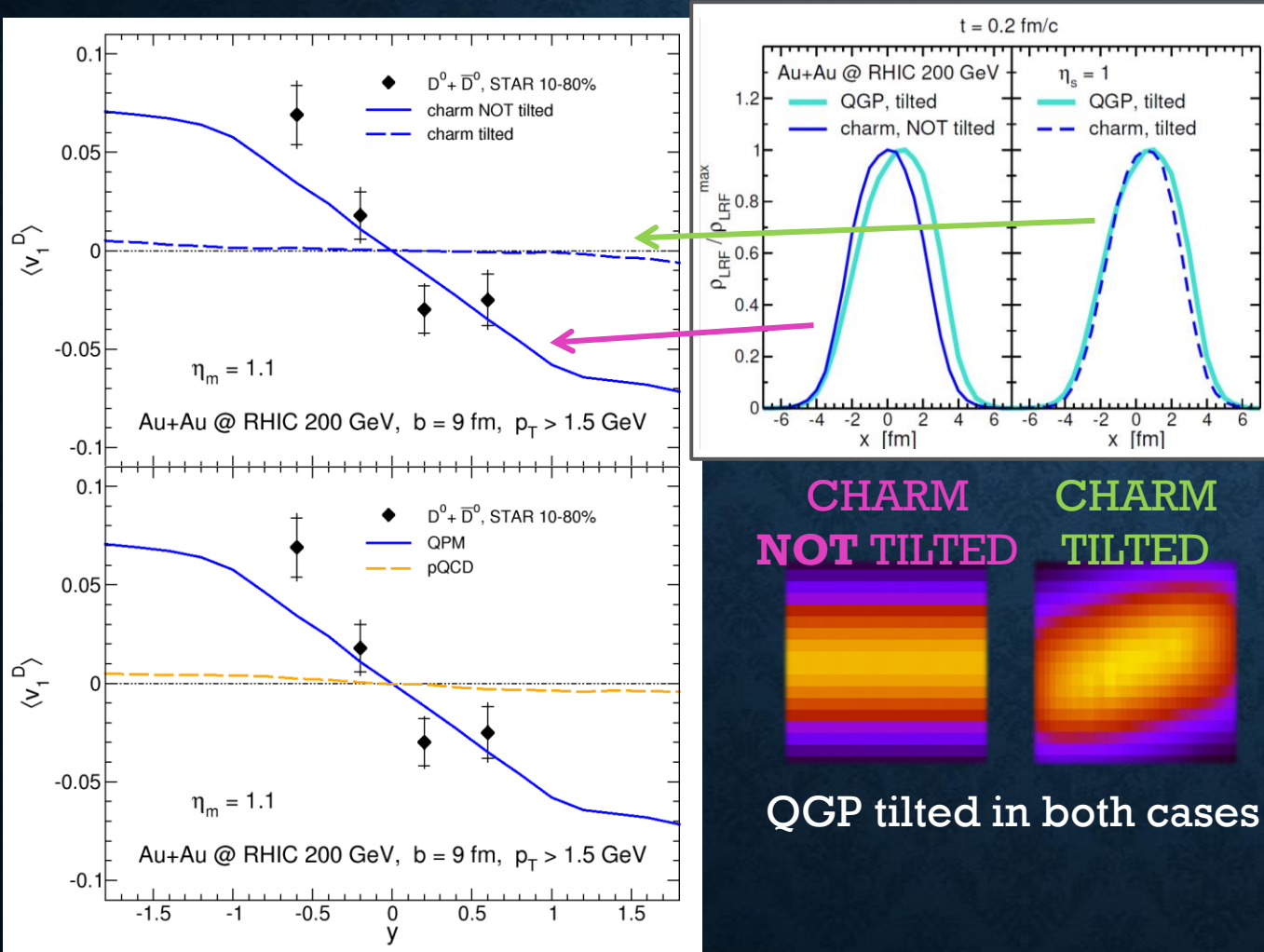
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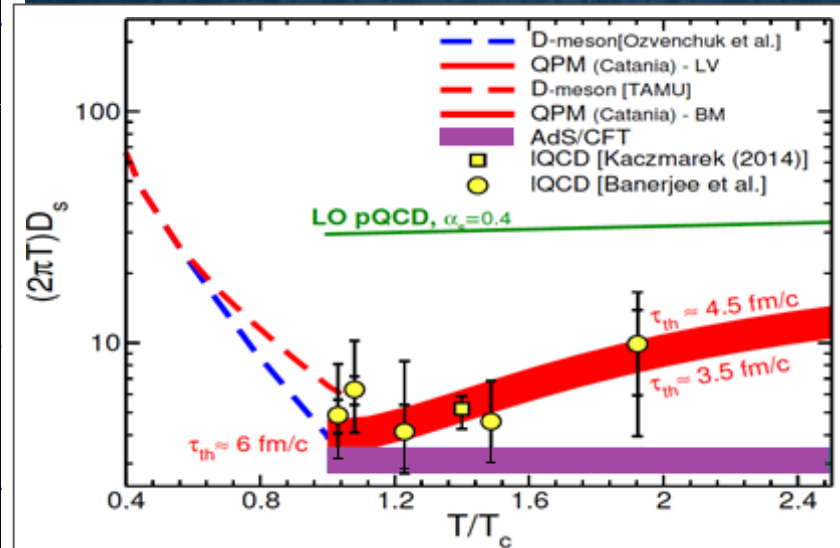
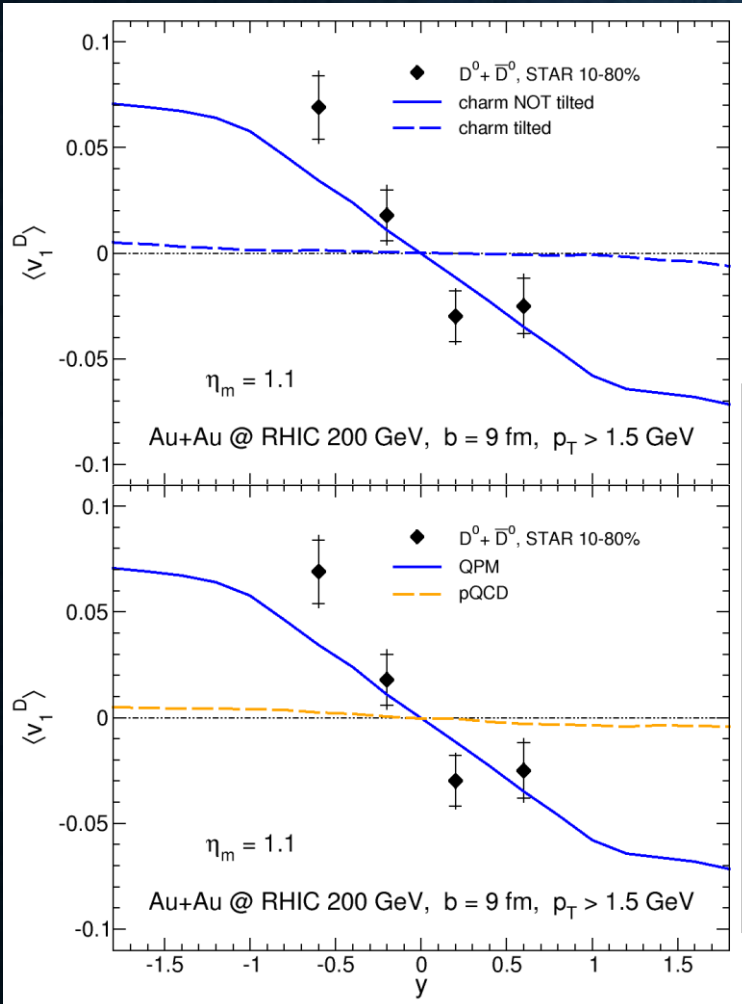
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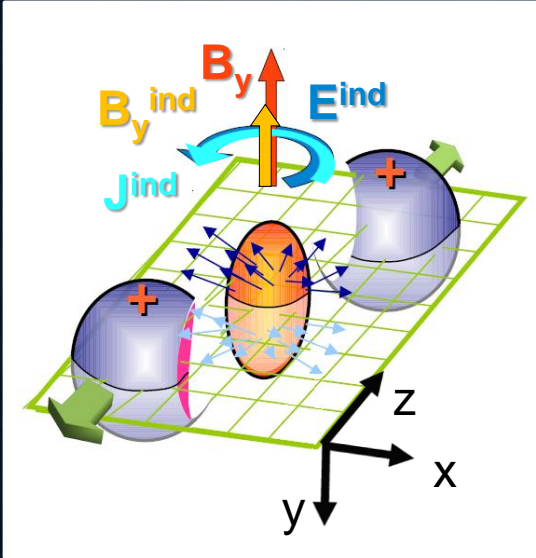
Greco, NPA 967, 200 (2017)

Similar conclusions with  
POWLANG approach

Beraudo et al., JHEP 05, 279 (2021)

strict connection between the  
magnitude of the D-meson  $v_1$   
and the HQ diffusion coefficient

# ELECTROMAGNETIC (EM) FIELDS IN HICS



Huge **magnetic field** in the overlap area up to  $eB \approx 5-50 m_\pi^2$

- mainly produced by spectators protons
- dominated by the y component
- intense electric field generated by Faraday induction
- charged currents induced in the conducting QGP generates a magnetic field pointing towards the initial one

external charge and current produced by a point-like charge in longitudinal motion

$$J_{ind} = \sigma_{el} E$$

induced current from Ohm's law

$$\rho = \rho_{ext} \quad J = J_{ext} + J_{ind}$$

$$\rho_{ext} = e\delta(z - \beta t)\delta(x_\perp - x'_\perp)$$

$$J_{ext} = \hat{z}\beta e\delta(z - \beta t)\delta(x_\perp - x'_\perp)$$

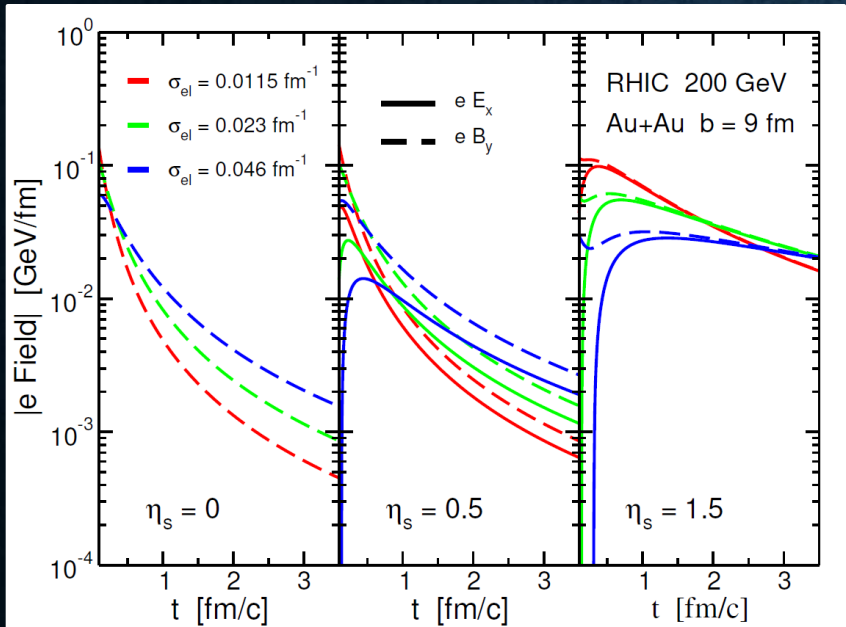
Maxwell equations can be solved analytically for a medium with **constant electric conductivity**

Tuchin, Adv. High Energy Phys. 2013, 1 (2013)

Gursoy, Kharzeev, Rajagopal, Phys. Rev. C 89, 054905 (2014)

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f(x, p) + qF_{ext}^{\mu\nu} p_\nu \partial_\mu^p f(x, p) = C[f]$$

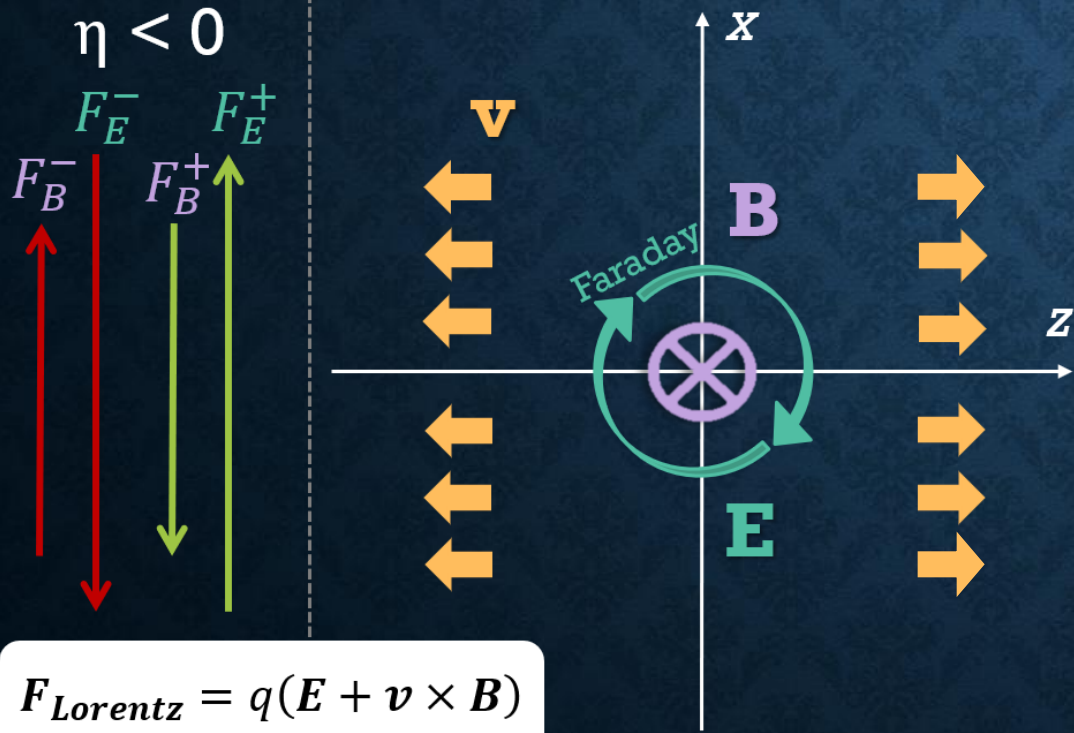
BM eq. with **EM interaction term**



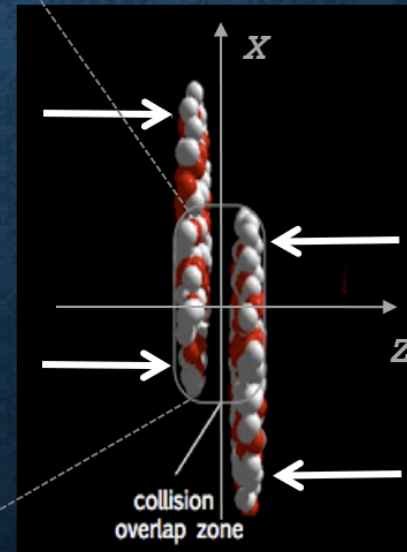
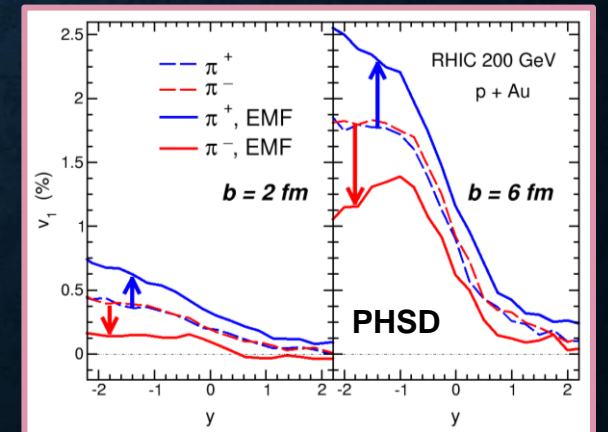
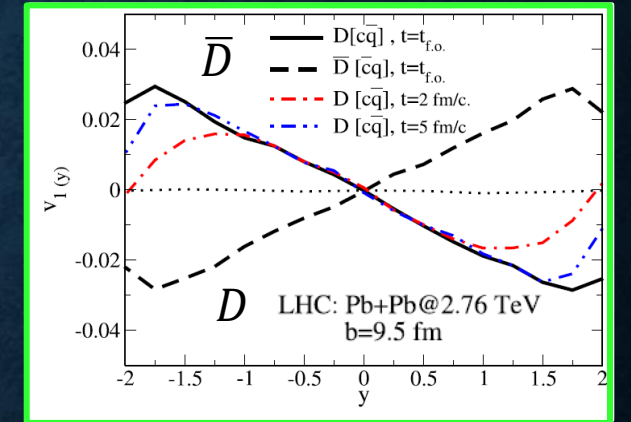
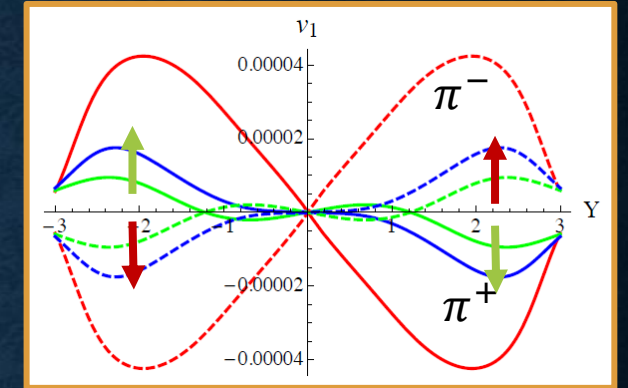
# EMF AND DIRECTED FLOW

The huge EM fields induce a splitting in the DIRECTED FLOW of particles with the same mass and opposite charge

$$\Delta v_1 = v_1^+ - v_1^-$$



- $\Delta v_1$  of light hadrons in AA:  $O(10^{-4}-10^{-3})$   
Gursoy et al., Phys. Rev. C 89, 054905 (2014)
- $\Delta v_1$  of heavy mesons in AA:  $O(10^{-2})$   
Das et al., Phys. Lett. B 768, 260 (2017)
- $\Delta v_1$  of light mesons in pA:  $O(10^{-2})$   
Oliva et al., Phys. Rev. C 101, 014917 (2020)



reviews

Oliva, Eur. Phys. J. A 56, 255 (2020)

Dubla, Gursoy and Snellings, Mod. Phys. Lett. A 35, 2050324 (2020)



# DIRECTED FLOW IN A+A AT RHIC ENERGY

Oliva, Plumari and Greco, JHEP 05, 034 (2021)

The electromagnetic fields induce a large splitting in the directed flow of HEAVY QUARKS

## RHIC ENERGY

$$d(\Delta v_1)/dy|_{\text{exp}} = -0.011 \pm 0.024(\text{stat}) \pm 0.016(\text{syst})$$

$$d(\Delta v_1)/dy|_{\text{th}} = -0.01$$

$\approx 10$  times larger than charged  
in agreement with

Das et al., Phys. Lett. B 768, 260 (2017)

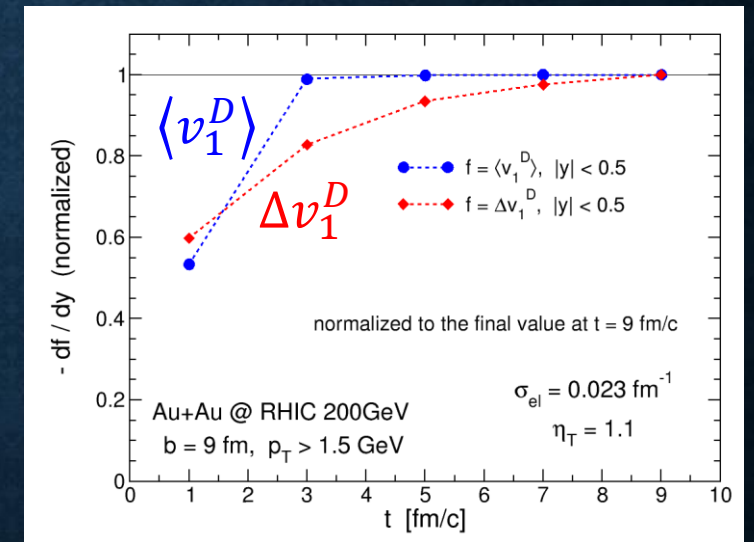
SLOPE TIME  
EVOLUTION

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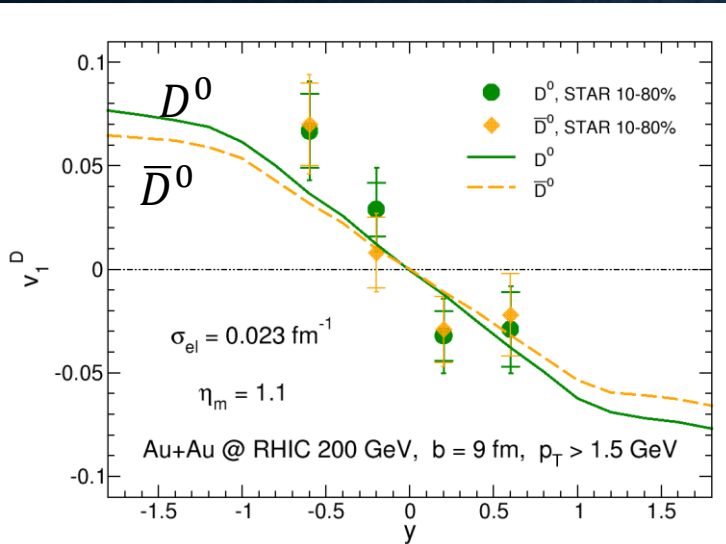
exp.  $\Delta v_1^D$  still consistent with  
zero due to the large errors

$$\Delta v_1(\text{HQ}) \gg \Delta v_1(\text{QGP})$$

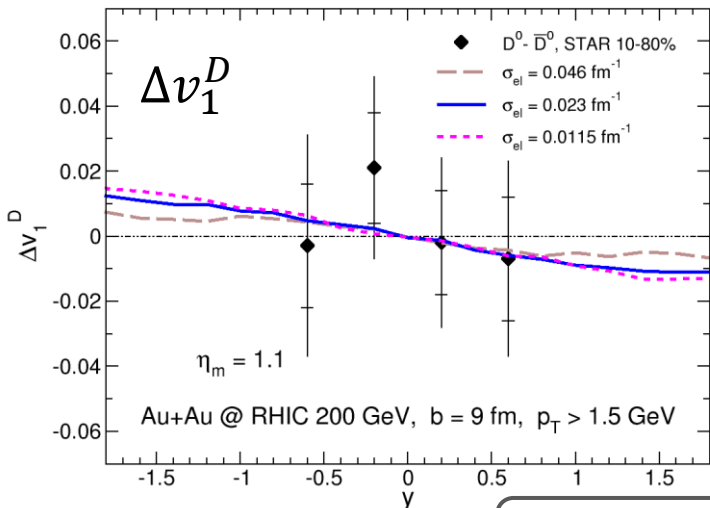
charm quarks are more sensitive to the  
EM fields due to the early production



$v_1^D$  more sensitive to the early  
QGP evolution when  $T$  is higher,  
while  $v_2^D$  probes more  $T \sim T_c$   
→ include  $v_1^D$  in Bayesian fits



Exp. data: STAR Coll., PRL. 123 (2019) 162301



$$\Delta v_1^D = v_1(D^0) - v_1(\bar{D}^0)$$

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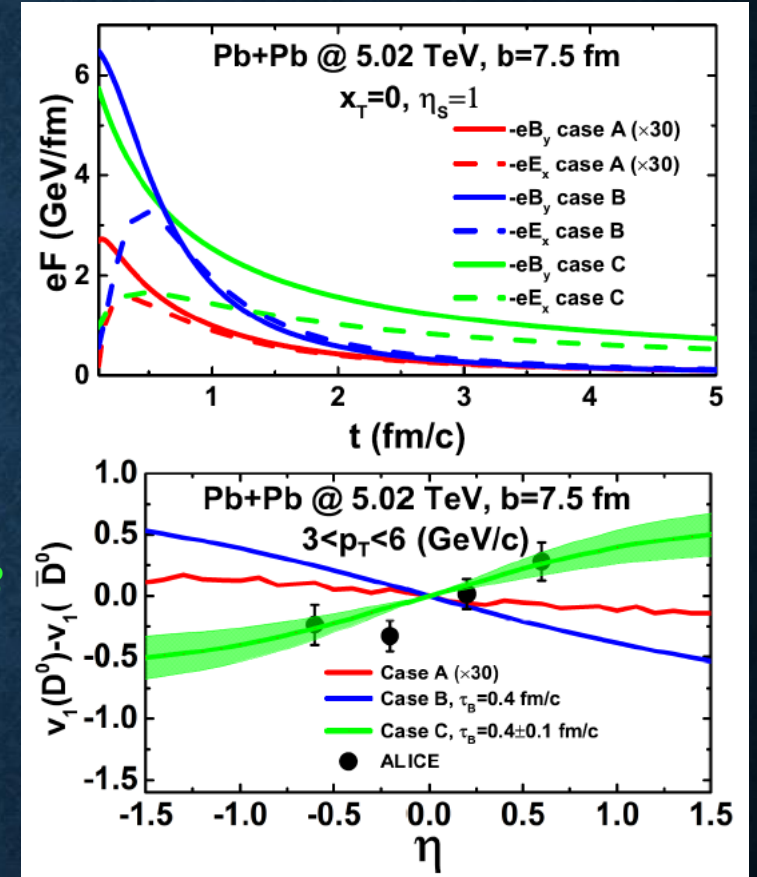
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 $B(\tau) = B_0/[1 + (\tau/\tau_B)^n]$        $n=2$  **case B**       $n=1$  **case C**  
 $E$  from Faraday law

reproduces the ALICE data for  $\Delta v_1(D^0, \bar{D}^0)$   
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Sun, Plumari and Greco, Phys. Lett. B 816, 136271 (2021)

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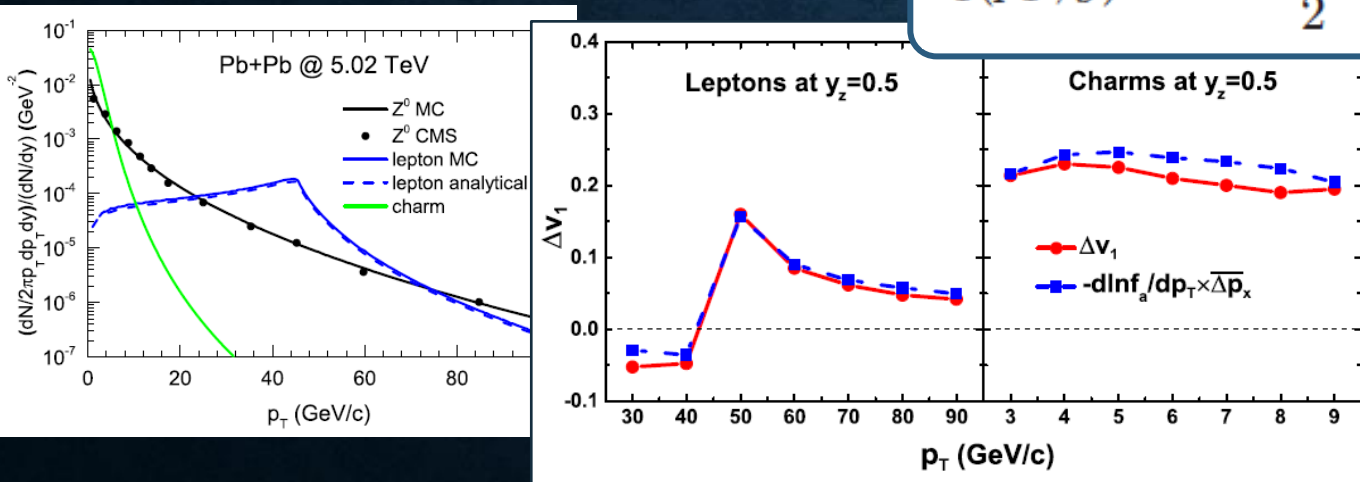
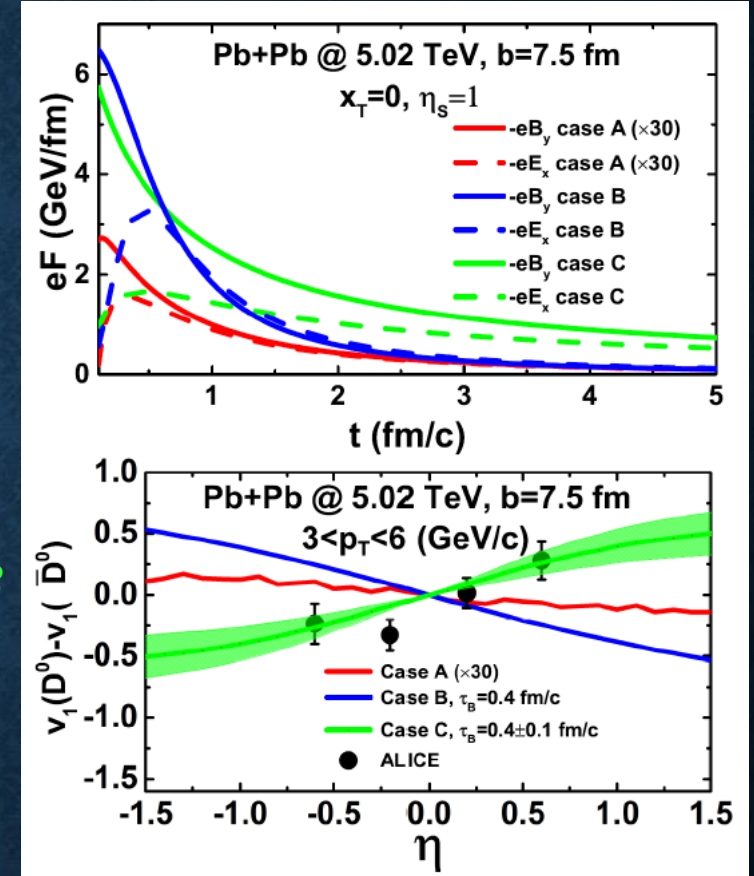
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Probing the EMF with leptons from  $Z^0$  decay:

- charged leptons only EM interaction
- $\tau_{\text{decay}}(Z^0) \approx \tau_{\text{form}}(c) \approx 0.08 \text{ fm}/c$

$$v_1(p_T, y) \approx \frac{\overline{\Delta p_x}(p_T, y)}{2} \frac{-\partial \ln f_a}{\partial p_T}$$



Sun, Plumari and Greco, Phys. Lett. B 816, 136271 (2021)

$\Delta v_1$  of leptons from  $Z^0$  decay can help to clarify the EM origin of  $\Delta v_1$  of  $D^0$  mesons

if  $\Delta v_1$  of neutral  $D$  mesons has EM origin  
 it is a proof of QGP formation

# HEAVY QUARKS IN THE GLASMA

What happens for  $0 < t < 0.3 \text{ fm}/c$ ?  
Imprints of early stage on HQ transport?

McLerran-Venugopalan (MV) model for the initial conditions of the classical gluon field

McLerran and Venugopalan, Phys. Rev. D 49, 2233 (1994)  
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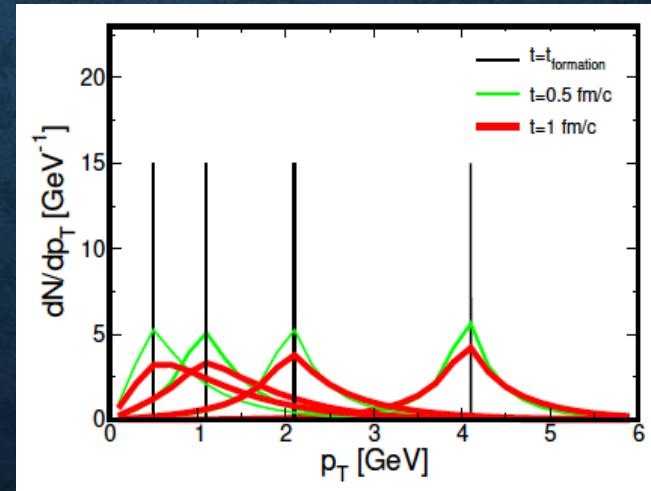
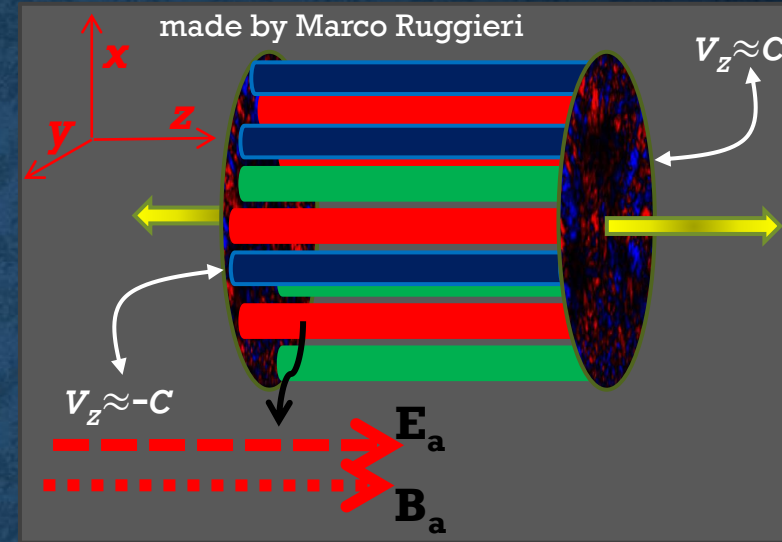
$$\langle \rho_A^a(x_T) \rho_A^b(y_T) \rangle = (g^2 \mu_A)^2 \delta^{ab} \delta^{(2)}(x_T - y_T)$$

Classical Yang-Mills (CYM) equations for the dynamical evolution of glasma

$$\begin{aligned} E^i &= \tau \partial_\tau A_i, & \partial_\tau E^i &= \frac{1}{\tau} D_\eta F_{\eta i} + \tau D_j F_{j i}, \\ E^\eta &= \frac{1}{\tau} \partial_\tau A_\eta, & \partial_\tau E^\eta &= \frac{1}{\tau} D_j F_{j \eta}. \end{aligned} \quad \text{solved in SU(2)}$$

Wong equations for the dynamics of a heavy quark in the evolving glasma

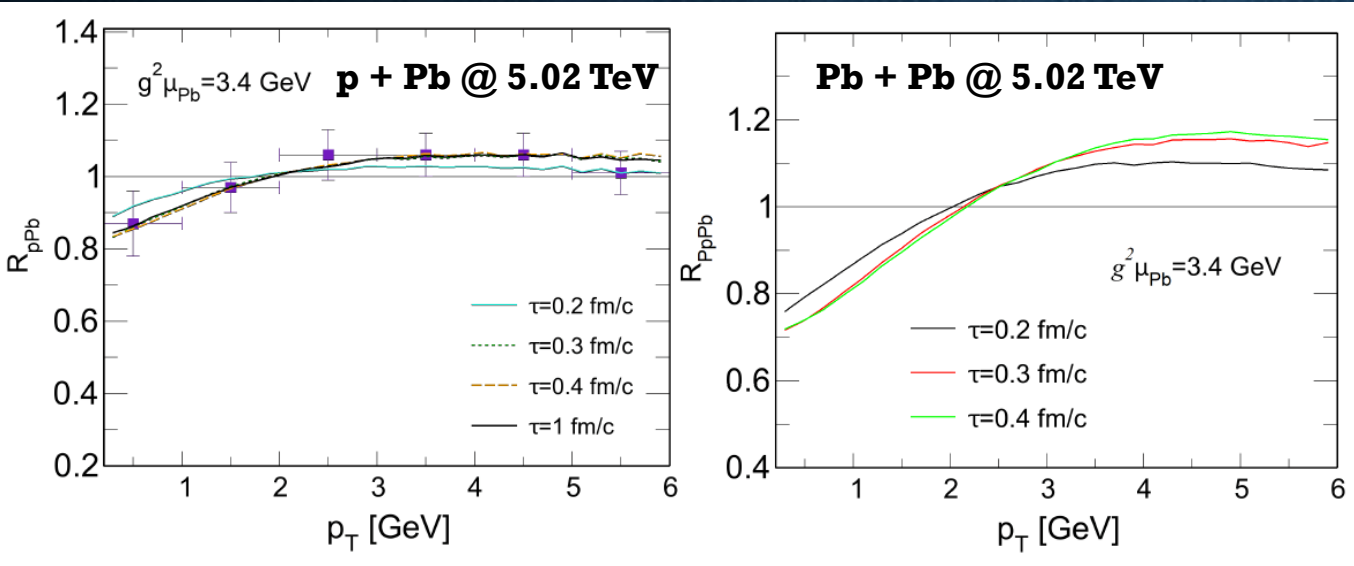
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx_i}{dt} &= \frac{p_i}{E} \\ E \frac{dp_i}{dt} &= Q_a F_{i\nu}^a p^\nu \end{aligned} \quad E \frac{dQ_a}{dt} = -Q_c \varepsilon^{cba} A_b \cdot p$$



interaction with the initial glasma induce strong diffusion of charm quarks

Mrowczynski, Eur. Phys. J. A 54, 43 (2018)  
Ruggieri and Das, Phys. Rev. D 98, 094024 (2018)

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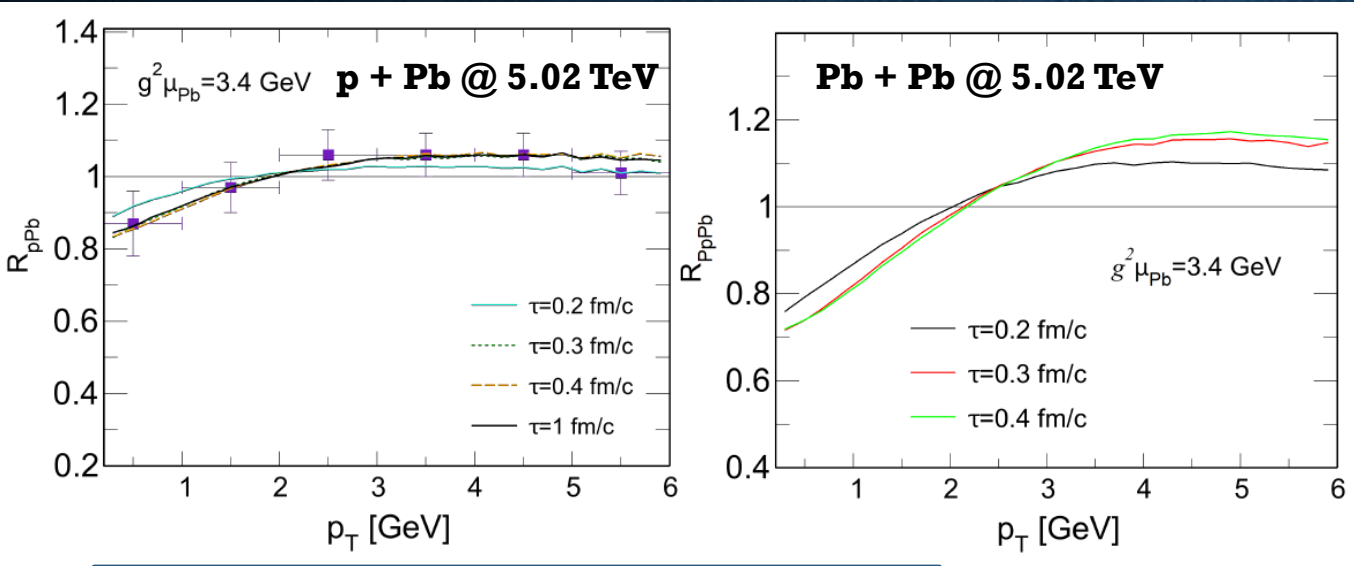


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Liu, Plumari, Das, Greco and Ruggieri,  
Phys. Rev. C 102, 044902 (2020)

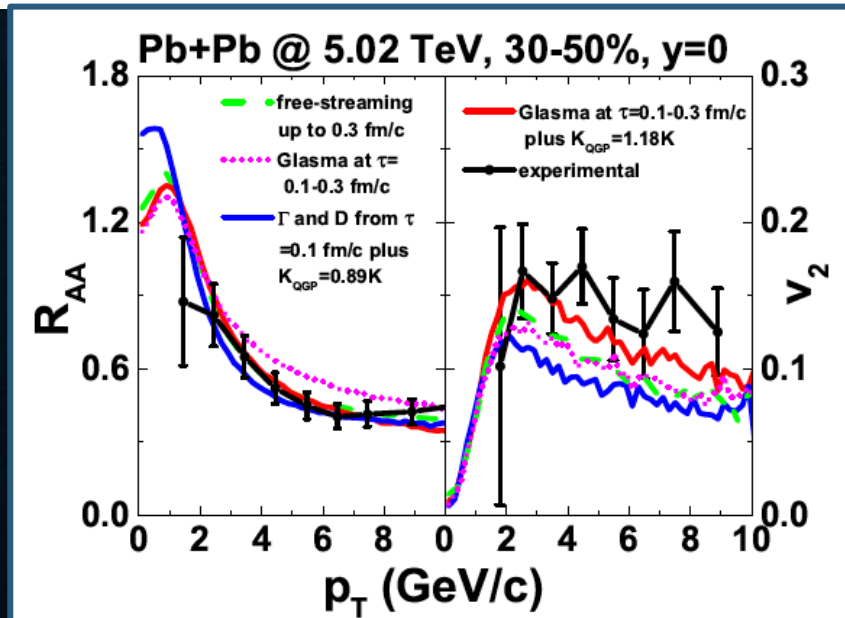
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HQ spectrum in the glasma phase as initialization of HQs in the QGP for studying the impact on D-meson observables in AA collisions

The inclusion of the glasma phase leads to a **gain in  $v_2(p_T)$ : larger interaction in QGP stage to have the same  $R_{AA}(p_T)$**

Sun, Coci, Das, Plumari, Ruggieri and Greco, Phys. Lett. B 798, 134933 (2019)

# CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

Balance among many ingredients for reproducing  $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$  of  $D$  meson at RHIC and LHC energies: cold nuclear matter effects, HQ in-medium interaction, fragmentation and recombination/coalescence hadronization processes, hadronic rescattering.

→ Successful estimate of  $D_s(T)$  of hot QCD medium from  $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$  in comparison to lattice QCD data.

**Future perspectives** on  $D_s(T)$  determination: extension to new observables, system size scan, extension to  $b$  quark, more precision data and low  $p_T$  access.

**Intense fields in ultra-relativistic collisions influence transport coefficients and observables of heavy-flavor particles:** vorticity, EM fields, glasma.

→ The very large  $v_1$  for  $D$  mesons can be generated only if there is a longitudinal asymmetry between the bulk matter and the  $c$  quarks and if the latter have a large non-perturbative interaction in QGP.

→ The  $\Delta v_1$  of neutral  $D$  mesons is well described at RHIC energy but still a challenge at LHC. If confirmed to be of EM origin it is a proof of QGP formation and can constrain EM field evolution.

→ Heavy-flavor particles can play a role in spotting the glasma dynamics and linking pA and AA collisions at ultra-relativistic energy.

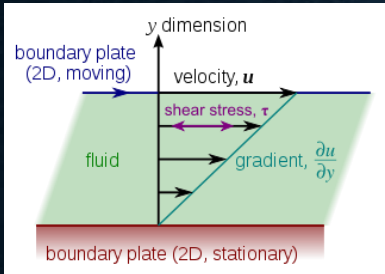
**Future perspectives:** inclusion of  $v_1$  (more sensitive to the initial high temperature) for  $D_s(T)$  estimate, investigate the impact of glasma (link pA and AA collisions)

**Thank you for your attention!**





# QGP AS A NEARLY PERFECT FLUID



$$\frac{F_x}{A_{yz}} = -\eta \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y}$$

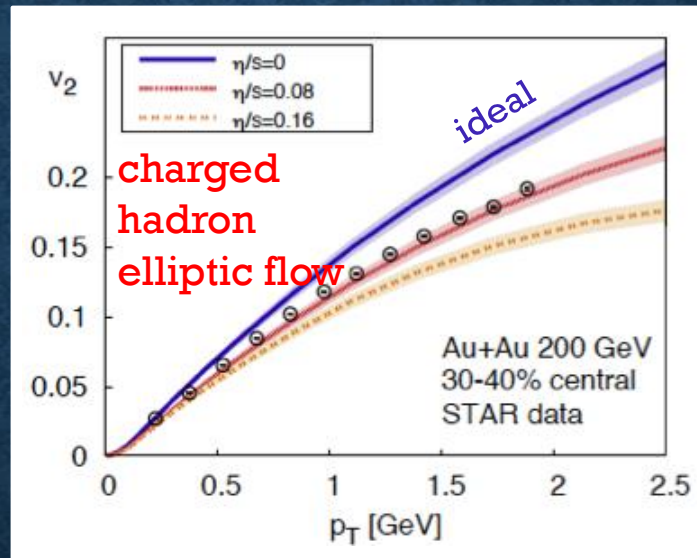
## SHEAR VISCOSITY $\eta$

is a measure of how velocity of fluid changes with depth

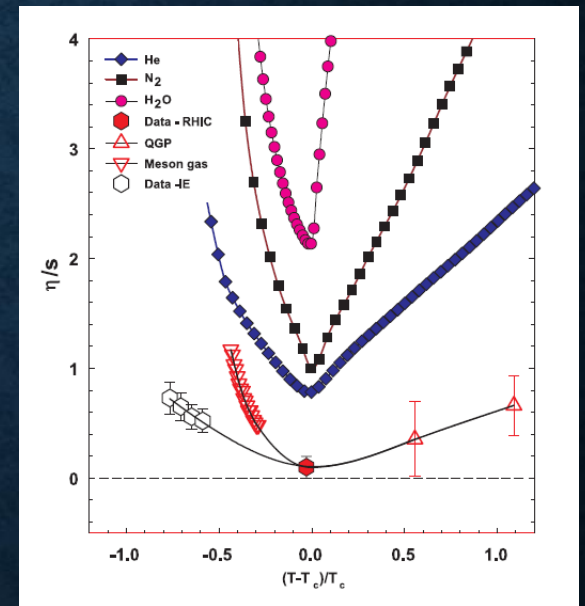
## SHEAR VISCOSITY OVER ENTROPY DENSITY RATIO $\eta/s$

is a measure of how much the system is strongly coupled

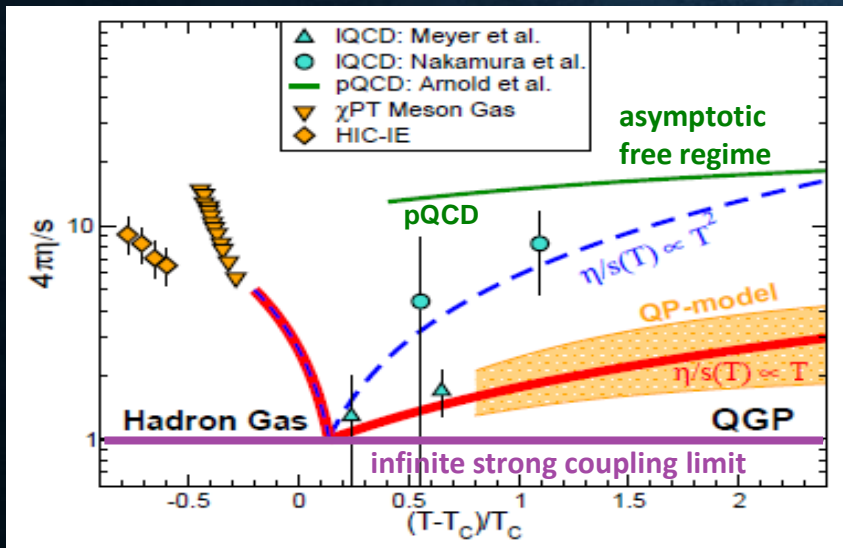
**NON-PERTURBATIVE behaviour of QGP**



Schenke, Jeon and Gale, Phys. Rev. Lett. 106, 042301 (2011)



Lacey and Taranenko, PoS CFRNC2006, 021 (2006)



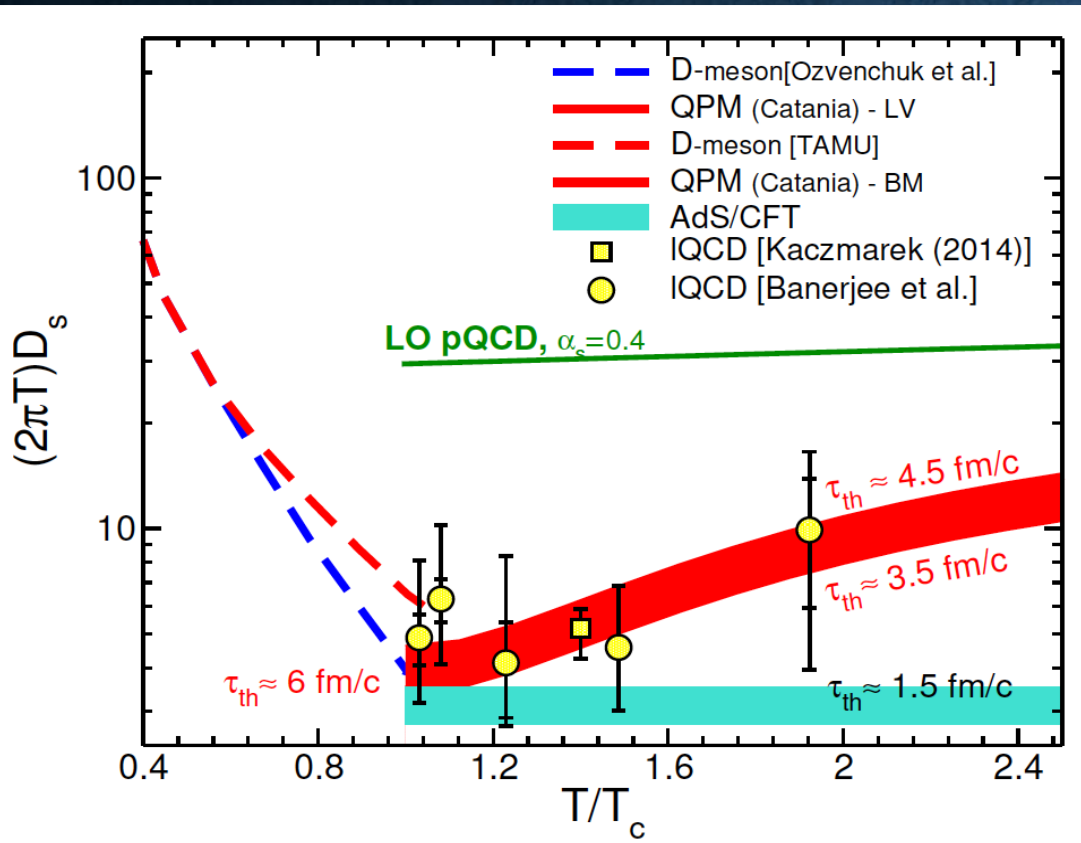
Plumari et al., JPCS 420, 012029 (2013)

$$4\pi\eta/s \approx 1 - 2$$

**QGP flows like an almost perfect fluid with the smallest  $\eta/s$  ever observed in nature**

# CHARM SPATIAL DIFFUSION COEFFICIENT

$R_{AA}(p_T)$  and  $v_2(p_T)$  of D mesons have been the main observables for determining the **transport properties of HQs in hot QCD matter: drag and diffusion coefficients**



QGP diffuses charm quarks like an almost “perfect fluid”  
 $2\pi T D_s \approx 2 - 5$  at  $T \sim T_c$

	Matter State	$D_s$ (cm <sup>2</sup> /s)
Air in Water	liquid	$2.0 \times 10^{-5}$
Hydrogen in Iron	solid	$1.66 \times 10^{-9}$
<b>HQ in QGP</b>	<b>Liquid?</b>	<b><math>(100-500) \times 10^{-5}</math></b>

$$\tau_{th} \approx 1.3 M \frac{2\pi T D_s}{(T/T_c)^2} \text{ fm}/c \quad \text{THERMALIZATION OF HEAVY QUARKS}$$

The smaller  $D_s$ , the faster is the approach to thermalization

## CHARM-QUARK SPATIAL DIFFUSION COEFFICIENT

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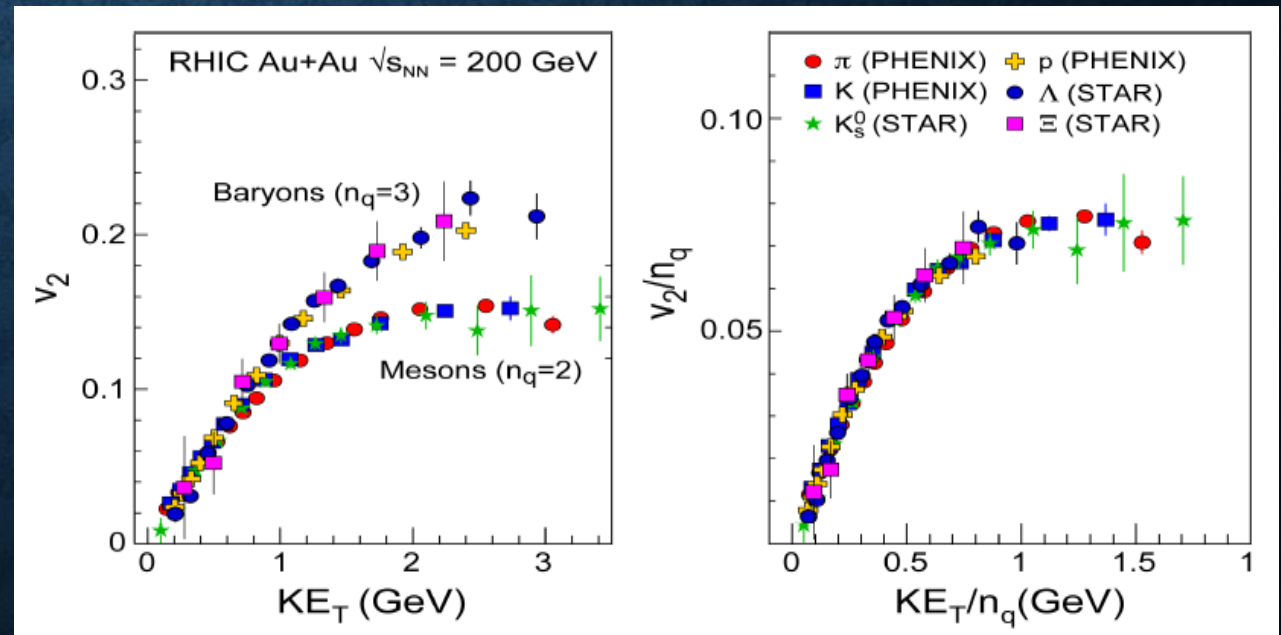
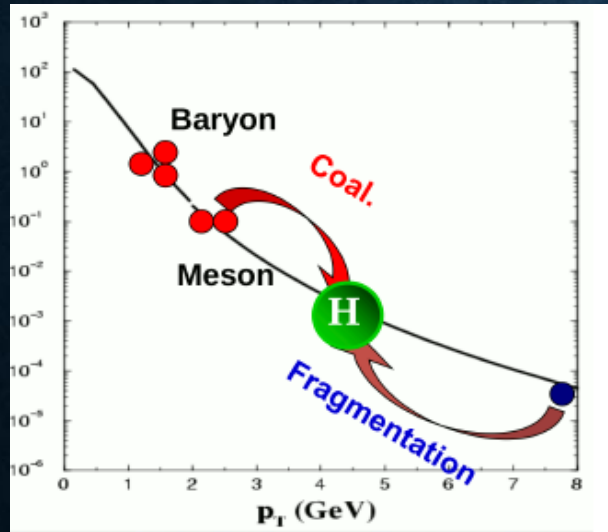
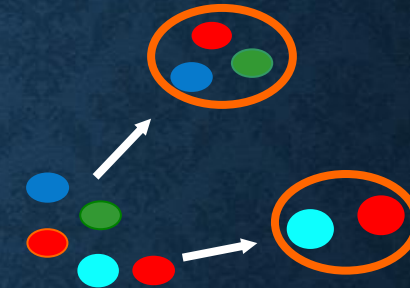
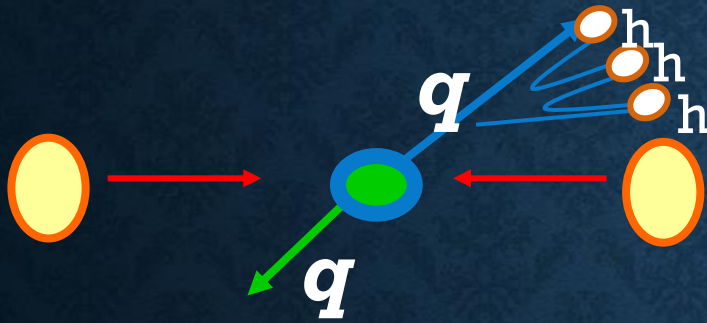
# HADRONIZATION: LIGHT SECTOR

Fragmentation:  $e^+e^-$ , ep, pp

$$f_H(P_H = zp_T) = f_{q,g}(p_T) \otimes D_{q,g \rightarrow H}(z), \quad z < 1$$

Quark recombination

$$f_H(P_H = 2p_T) \approx f_q(p_T) \otimes f_{\bar{q}}(p_T)$$



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Vincenzo Greco

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# CATANIA TRANSPORT APPROACH

The temporal evolution of the fireball produced in relativistic HICs is described by solving the **relativistic Boltzmann equation** for the parton distribution function  $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$

$$(p_\mu \partial^\mu + gQ F^{\mu\nu} p_\mu \partial_\nu^p) f = \mathcal{C}[f] \quad \text{collision integral} \\ \eta/s \neq 0$$

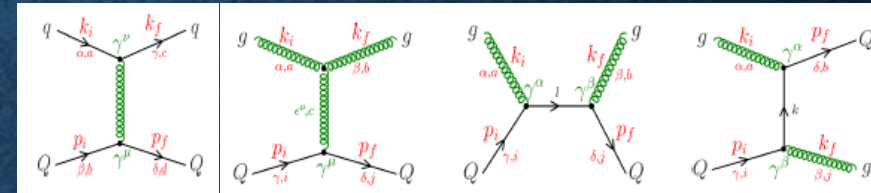
Instead of starting from cross sections we simulate a fluid at **fixed  $\eta/s$**

## CHAPMAN-ENSKOG EQUATION

$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{\langle p \rangle}{g(m_D) \rho \sigma}$$

Plumari, Puglisi, Scardina and Greco, PRC 86 (2012) 054902

Boltzmann transport equivalent to viscous hydro at  $\eta/s \approx 0.1$



$$\mathcal{C}[f_Q] = \frac{1}{2E_1} \int \frac{d^3 p_2}{2E_2 (2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3 p'_1}{2E_1 (2\pi)^3} \\ \times [f_Q(p'_1) f_{q,g}(p'_2) - f_Q(p_1) f_{q,g}(p_2)] \\ \times |\mathcal{M}_{(q,g)+Q}(p_1 p_2 \rightarrow p'_1 p'_2)|^2 \\ \times (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_1 + p_2 - p'_1 - p'_2),$$

Non perturbative dynamics  $\rightarrow$  M scattering matrices ( $q, g \rightarrow Q$ ) evaluated by Quasi-Particle Model (QPM) fit to lQCD thermodynamics

$$m_g^2(T) = \frac{2N_c}{N_c^2 - 1} g^2(T) T^2 \quad g^2(T) = \frac{48\pi^2}{(11N_c - 2N_f) \ln \left[ \lambda \left( \frac{T}{T_c} - \frac{T_s}{T_c} \right) \right]^2} \\ m_q^2(T) = \frac{1}{N_c} g^2(T) T^2$$

# CATANIA TRANSPORT APPROACH

The temporal evolution of the QGP fireball and the heavy quarks (HQ) in relativistic HICs is described by solving the **relativistic Boltzmann transport equation** for the parton distribution function  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$

**QGP**

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

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f_q(x, p) + q F_{ext}^{\mu\nu} p_\nu \partial_\mu^p f_q(x, p) = \mathcal{C}[f_g, f_q]$$

**HEAVY QUARKS**

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f_{HQ}(x, p) + q F_{ext}^{\mu\nu} p_\nu \partial_\mu^p f_{HQ}(x, p) = \mathcal{C}[f_g, f_q, f_{HQ}]$$

**RELATIVISTIC  
BOLTZMANN  
EQUATIONS**

**Field interaction**

change of  $\mathbf{f}$  due to interactions of the partonic plasma with the external electromagnetic field

**Collision integral**

change of  $\mathbf{f}$  due to collision processes responsible for deviations from ideal hydro ( $\eta/s \neq 0$ )

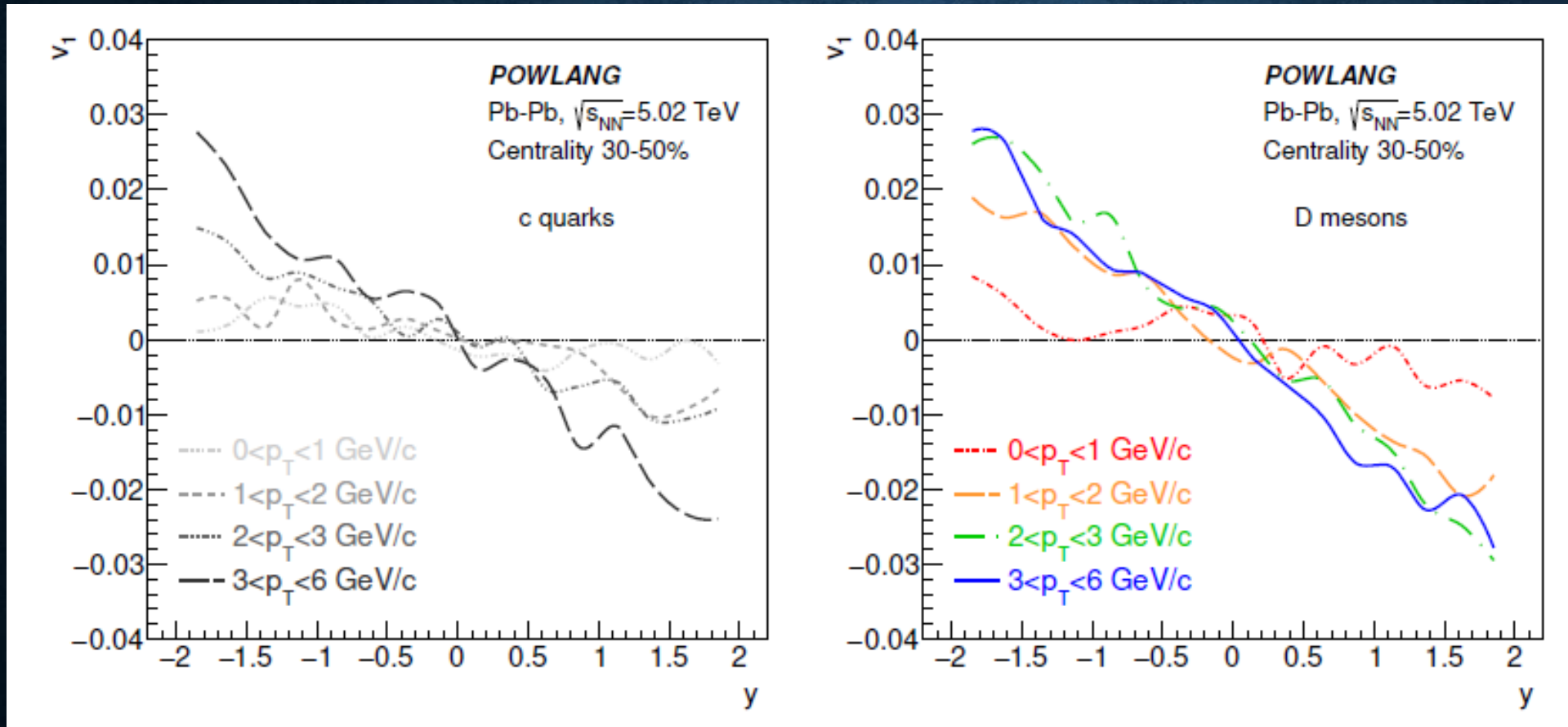
$$\mathcal{C}[f] = \frac{1}{2E_1} \int \frac{d^3 p_2}{(2\pi)^3 2E_2} \frac{1}{\nu} \int \frac{d^3 p'_1}{(2\pi)^3 2E'_1} \frac{d^3 p'_2}{(2\pi)^3 2E'_2} (f'_1 f'_2 - f_1 f_2) \times |\mathcal{M}_{12 \rightarrow 1'2'}| (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(p'_1 + p'_2 - p_1 - p_2),$$

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# IMPACT OF HADRONIZATION ON DIRECTED FLOW

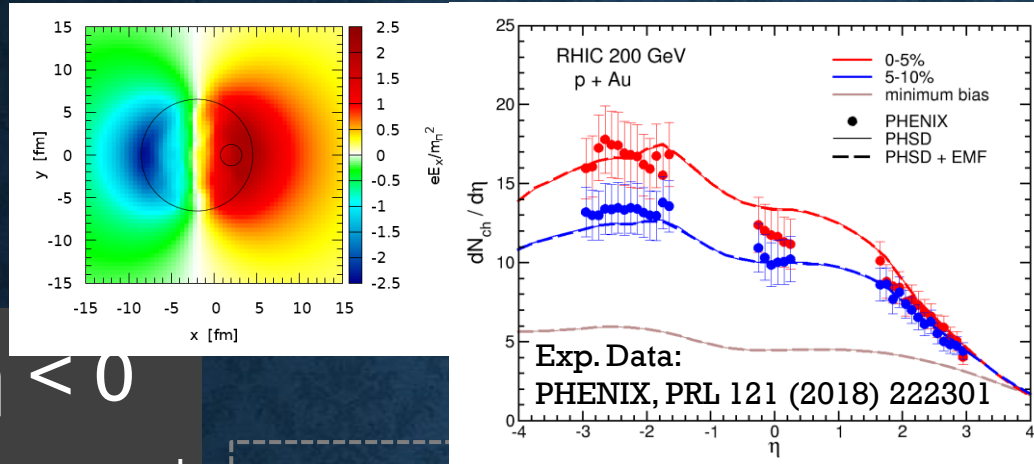
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**Hadronization via in-medium recombination with string-breaking  
can enhance the D-meson  $v_1(y)$  for  $1 < p_T < 3$  GeV**

Even though the  $v_1(y)$  of bulk medium is small, there is a strong correlation between the HQ momentum and position and four-velocity of its fluid cell at hadronization

# EMF AND DIRECTED FLOW IN P+A



## Asymmetry in charged particle and electric field profiles in p+Au

- enhanced particle production in the Au-going direction
- electric field directed from the heavy ion to the proton

Oliva, Moreau, Voronyuk and Bratkovskaya, Phys. Rev. C 101, 014917 (2020)

