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# Exploring QGP properties through high- $p_{\perp}$ theory and data

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# Outline of the talk

- I. Introduction of DREENA framework and testing its ability to adequately reproduce high- $p_{\perp}$  observables
  1. high- $p_{\perp}$  parton-medium interactions modeled by dynamical energy loss formalism
  2. QGP medium evolution:
    - Constant (average) temperature DREENA-C
    - 1D Bjorken DREENA-B
    - smooth (3(2)+1)D temperature evolution DREENA-A (Adaptive)
    - event-by-event fluctuating hydro background ebe-DREENA
- II. DREENA as a high- $p_{\perp}$  tomography tool for inferring bulk QGP properties?
- III. Specific improvement: The effect of including a finite number of scattering centers on high- $p_{\perp}$  observables

# Motivation (I. and II.)

Traditionally, **low- $p_{\perp}$  probes** ( $p_{\perp} \leq 2$  GeV) are used to study **bulk medium** (99.9% of particles formed in HIC) **properties**



Some important bulk QGP properties difficult to constrain by low- $p_{\perp}$  theory/simulations

[NJP 13, 075004](#); [PRC 97, 044905](#); [PRC 102, 044911](#)



Commonly, rare (0.1%) **high- $p_{\perp}$  probes** ( $p_{\perp} \geq 5$  GeV) are utilized for studying the nature of jet-medium interaction



A decisive role in the QGP discovery.

[NPA 750, 30](#)



**High- $p_{\perp}$  QGP tomography:** Constraining bulk QGP parameters jointly, by **low-** and **high- $p_{\perp}$**  approaches.

- I. Introduction of DREENA framework and testing its ability to adequately reproduce high- $p_{\perp}$  observables

# The basis: the dynamical energy loss formalism

Describes high- $p_{\perp}$  parton-medium interactions

## Features:

- QCD medium of finite size and finite temperature
- The medium consists of dynamical (i.e., moving) partons
- Based on finite T field theory and generalized HTL approach [M. Djordjevic, PRC 74, 064907; PRC 80, 064909](#), [M. Djordjevic, U. Heinz, PRL 101, 022302](#)
- The same theoretical framework for both radiative and collisional energy loss
- Applicable to both light and heavy flavor [M. Djordjevic and M. Gyulassy, NPA 733, 265](#)
- Finite magnetic mass effects [M. Djordjevic and M. Djordjevic, PLB 709, 229](#)
- Running coupling [M. Djordjevic and M. Djordjevic, PLB 734, 286](#)
- Relaxed soft-gluon approximation [BB, M. Djordjevic, M. Djordjevic, PRC 99, 024901](#)

- ✓ All these ingredients important for adequately addressing the data [BB and M. Djordjevic, JPG 42, 075105](#)
- ✓ No fitting parameters
- ✓ Temperature as a natural variable in the model (only input)

# Numerical framework

- Comparison with a wide range of **high- $p_{\perp}$**  experimental data – ultimate test of **dynamical energy loss formalism** reliability

- We developed a numerical framework, which includes:

- Light and heavy flavor production

[PLB 718, 482 \(2012\)](#); [PRC 80, 054902 \(2009\)](#)

- Dynamical energy loss

[M. Djordjevic and M. Djordjevic, PLB 734, 286](#)

- Multi-gluon fluctuations

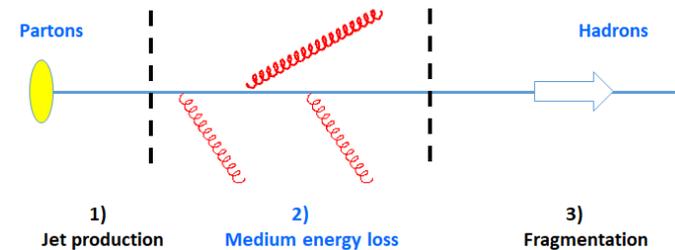
[PLB 538, 282 \(2002\)](#)

- Path-length fluctuations, hard sphere restriction  $r < R_A$  introduced in WS nuclear density distribution

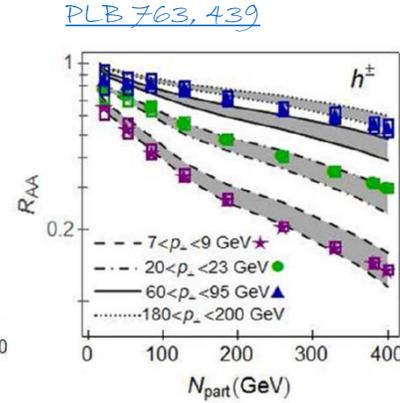
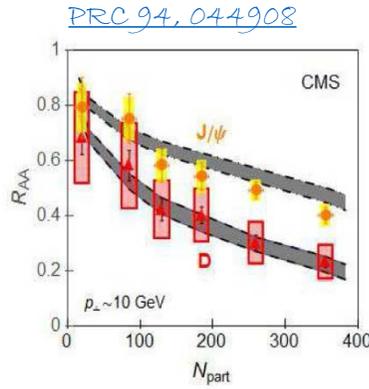
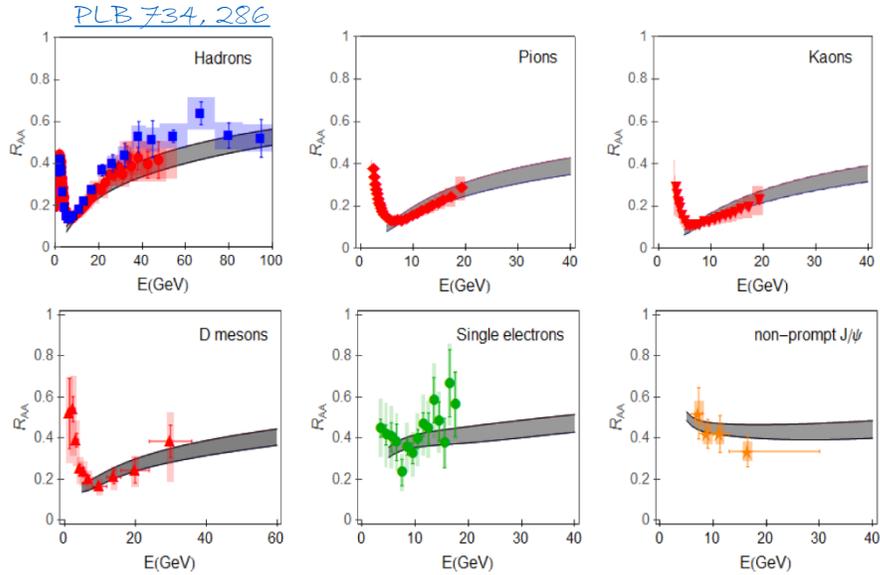
[EPJ C33 : 495 \(2004\)](#); [D. Zigic, I. Salom, J. Auvinen, M. Djordjevic and M. Djordjevic, JPG 46, 085101 \(2019\)](#)

- Fragmentation for light and heavy flavor

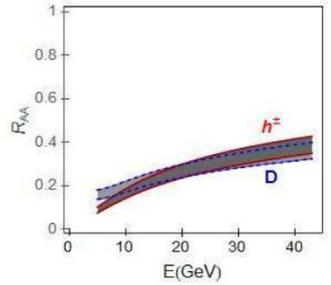
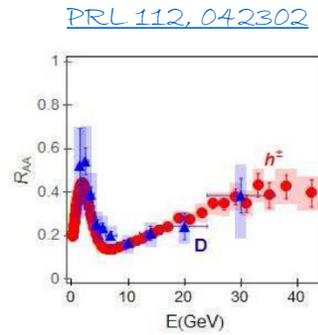
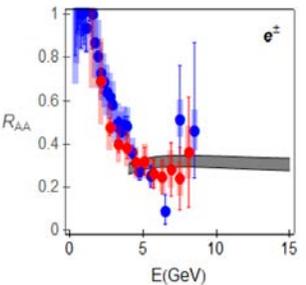
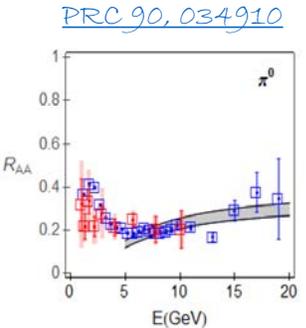
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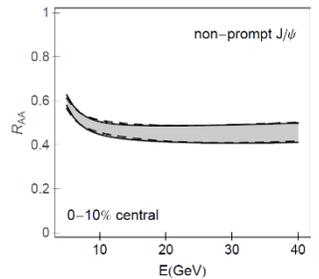
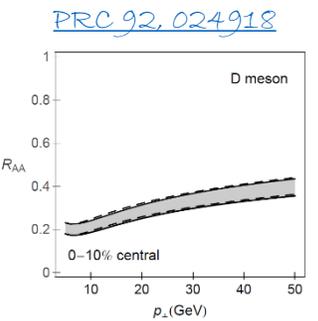
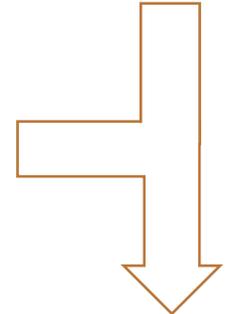
# Experimental validation of dynamical energy loss formalism



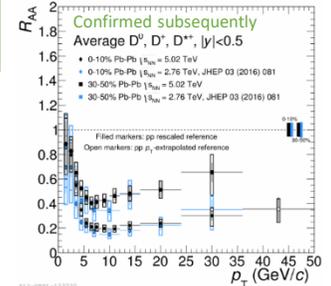
Explains high- $p_{\perp}$   $R_{AA}$  data for different probes, collision systems (Au+Au, Pb+Pb, Xe+Xe) (experiments), energies and centralities!



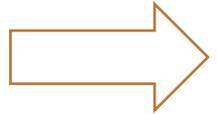
Addresses heavy-flavor puzzle.



2.76 TeV vs 5.02 TeV



Clear predictive power.



Accurately addresses high- $p_{\perp}$  parton-medium interactions → Suitable for these studies!

# DREENA framework (Dynamical Radiative and Elastic ENergy loss Approach)

✓ For using high- $p_T$  theory/data to study the bulk QGP properties:

- Include arbitrary medium evolution (T profile) as the only input (both averaged and ebe)
- Preserve all dynamical energy loss model ingredients
- Develop an efficient (timewise) numerical procedure
- Produce a wide set of light and heavy flavor suppression predictions
- Compare predictions with the data (same numerical procedure and parameter set)
- (Iterate comparison for different combinations of QGP parameters)
- Constrain medium properties consistent with both low- and high- $p_T$  sector

✓ Introducing more complex/realistic temperature evolutions:

- DREENA-C: constant temperature medium

[D. Žigic, I. Salom, J. Auvinen, M. Djordjevic and M. Djordjevic, J. Phys. G 46, no. 8, 085101 \(2019\)](#)

- DREENA-B: 1D Bjorken expansion

[D. Žigic, I. Salom, J. Auvinen, M. Djordjevic and M. Djordjevic, Phys. Lett. B 791, 236 \(2019\)](#)

- DREENA-A: smooth (3(2)+1)D temperature evolution

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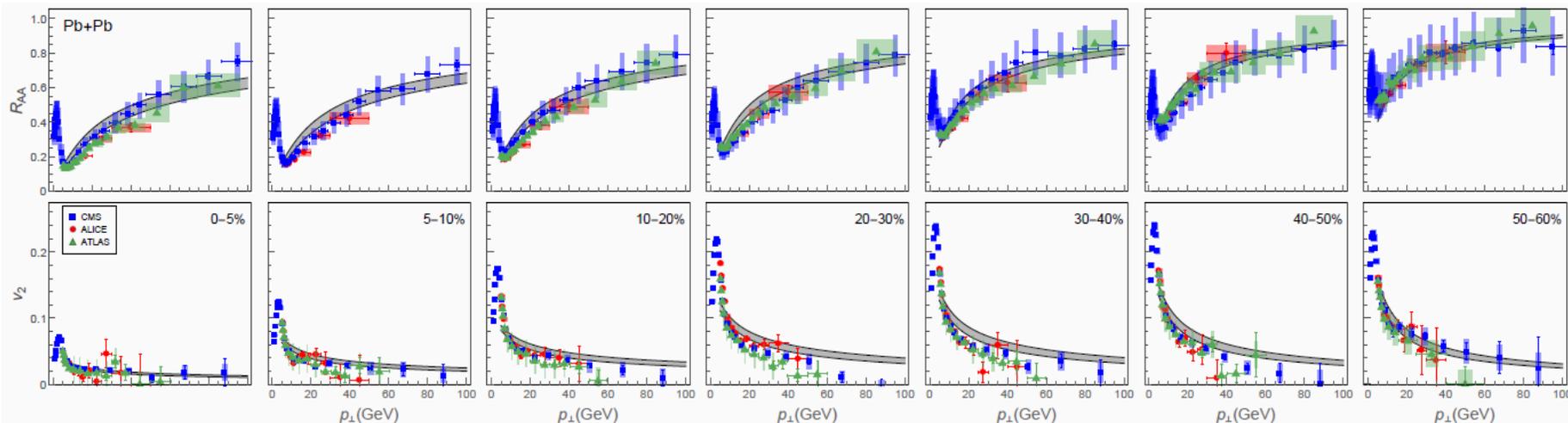
- ebe-DREENA: event-by-event fluctuating hydro background

[D. Žigic, J. Auvinen, I. Salom, P. Huovinen and M. Djordjevic, Phys. Rev. C 106, no.4, 044909 \(2022\)](#)

$h^\pm$  Pb+Pb  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=5.02$  TeV

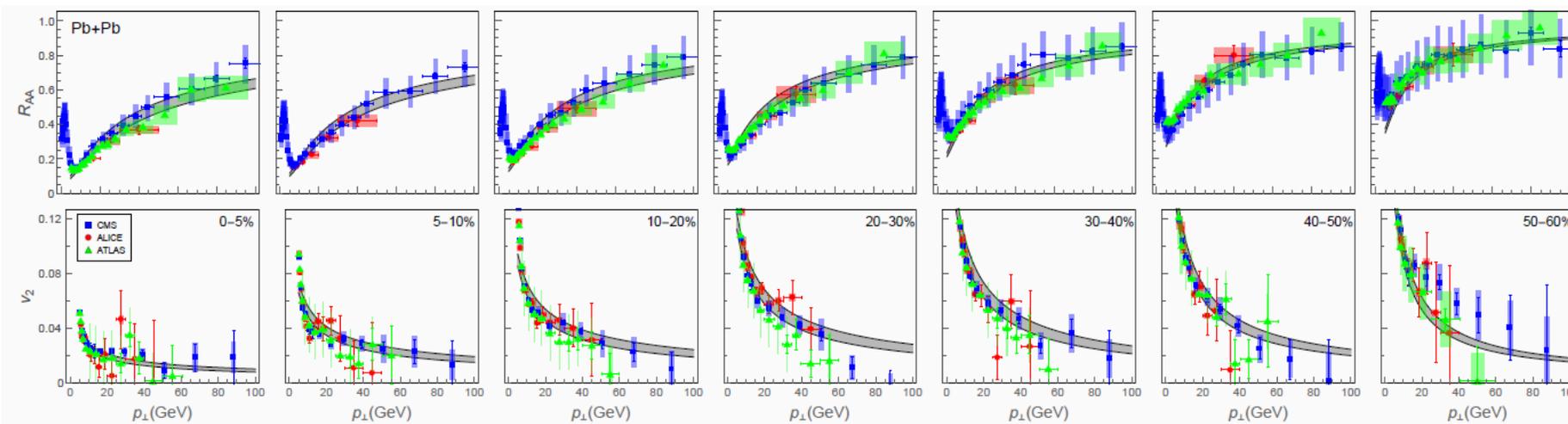
# DREENA-C and DREENA-B overview

**DREENA-C: constant temperature medium** [D. Zigic, I. Salom, J. Auvinen, M. Djordjevic and M. Djordjevic, J. Phys. G 46, no. 8, 085101 \(2019\)](#)



Qualitatively good agreement with high- $p_T$   $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$  but **overestimation** of  $v_2$ .

**DREENA-B: 1D Bjorken expansion** [D. Zigic, I. Salom, J. Auvinen, M. Djordjevic and M. Djordjevic, Phys. Lett. B 791, 236 \(2019\)](#)

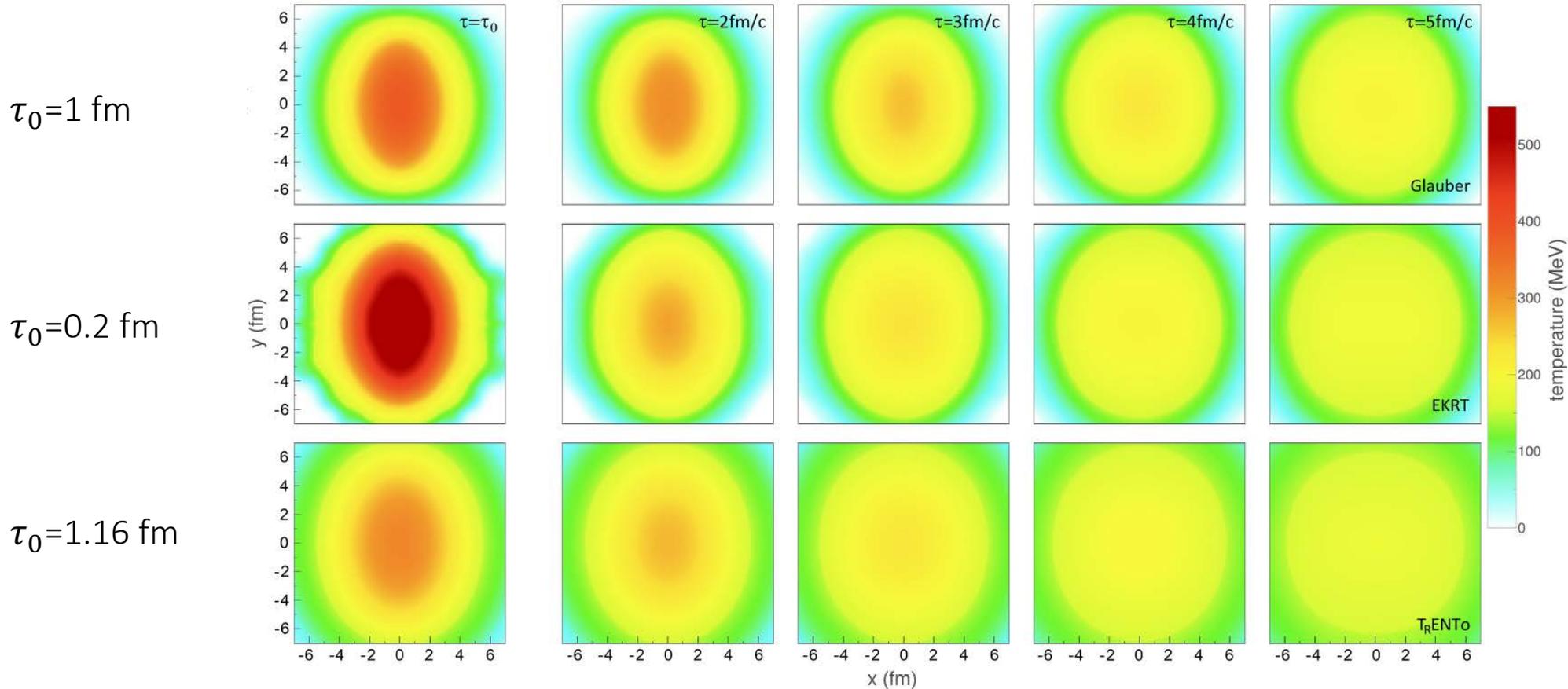


Very good agreement with both  $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$ .

Solves  $v_2$  puzzle.  $R_{AA}$  remain robust and suitable for calibrating parton-medium interaction model.

# DREENA-A: Could high- $p_T$ theory/data provide a constraint on different medium evolution models?

DREENA-A (Adaptive temperature profile)



All three evolutions agree with low- $p_T$  data.

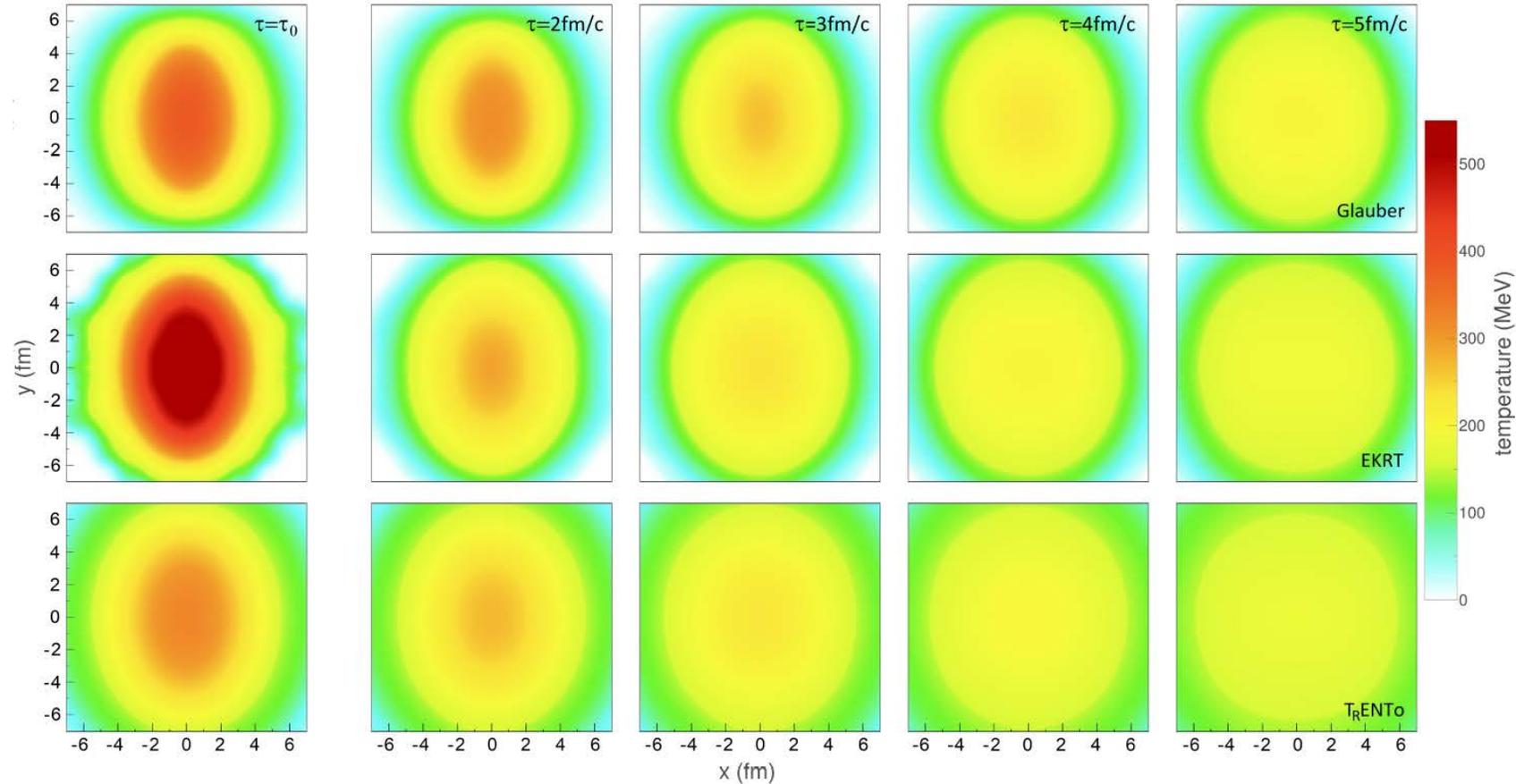


Could high- $p_T$  sector additionally constrain these evolutions?

$\tau_0$  = initial time – onset of fluid-dynamical expansion

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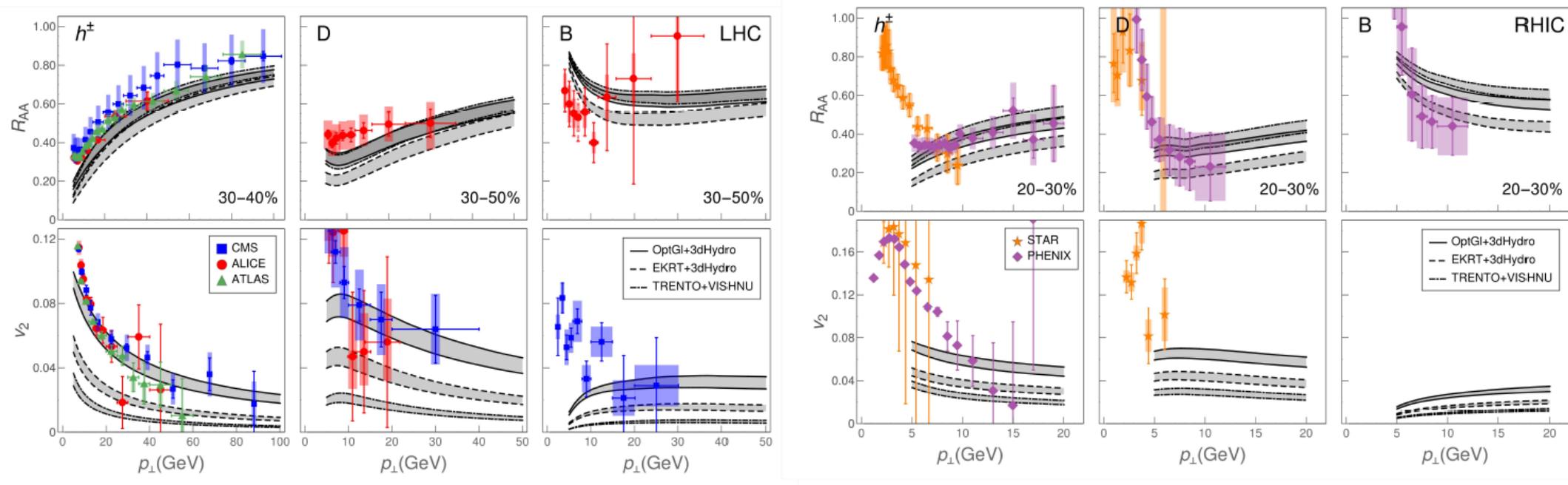
# Qualitative observations



'EKRT' shows the largest  $T \rightarrow$  expected the smallest  $R_{AA}$

Asymmetry: 'Glauber' > 'EKRT' > ' $T_R\text{ENT}o$ '  $\rightarrow$  expected  $v_2(\text{Glauber}) > v_2(\text{EKRT}) > v_2(\text{ENT}o)$

# Test of DREENA-A predictions (quantitative observations)



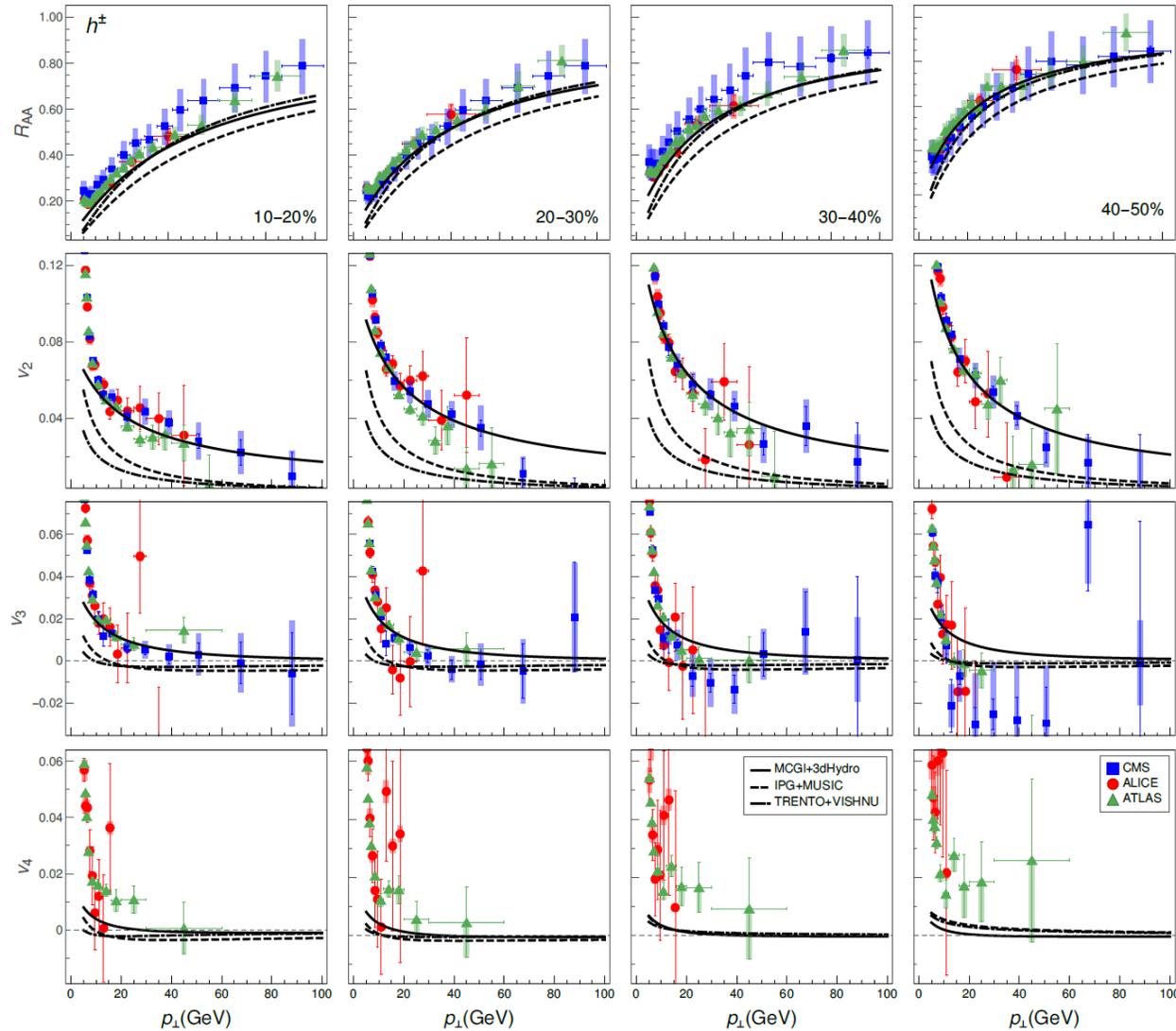
Heavy flavor even more sensitive to different T profiles.

‘EKRT’ results in the smallest  $R_{AA}$

The same  $v_2$  ordering as the system anisotropy (‘Glauber’ the largest  $v_2$ , ‘T<sub>R</sub>ENTo’ the lowest  $v_2$ )

Different T profiles: DREENA-A can distinguish between them → complement constraint to low- $p_T$  sector.

# ebe-DREENA: The role of higher harmonics in QGP tomography



Later thermalization time favored and  $v_2$  ordering as for averaged profiles.



Higher harmonics: qualitatively and quantitatively differentiate between medium evolutions!  
More sensitive!



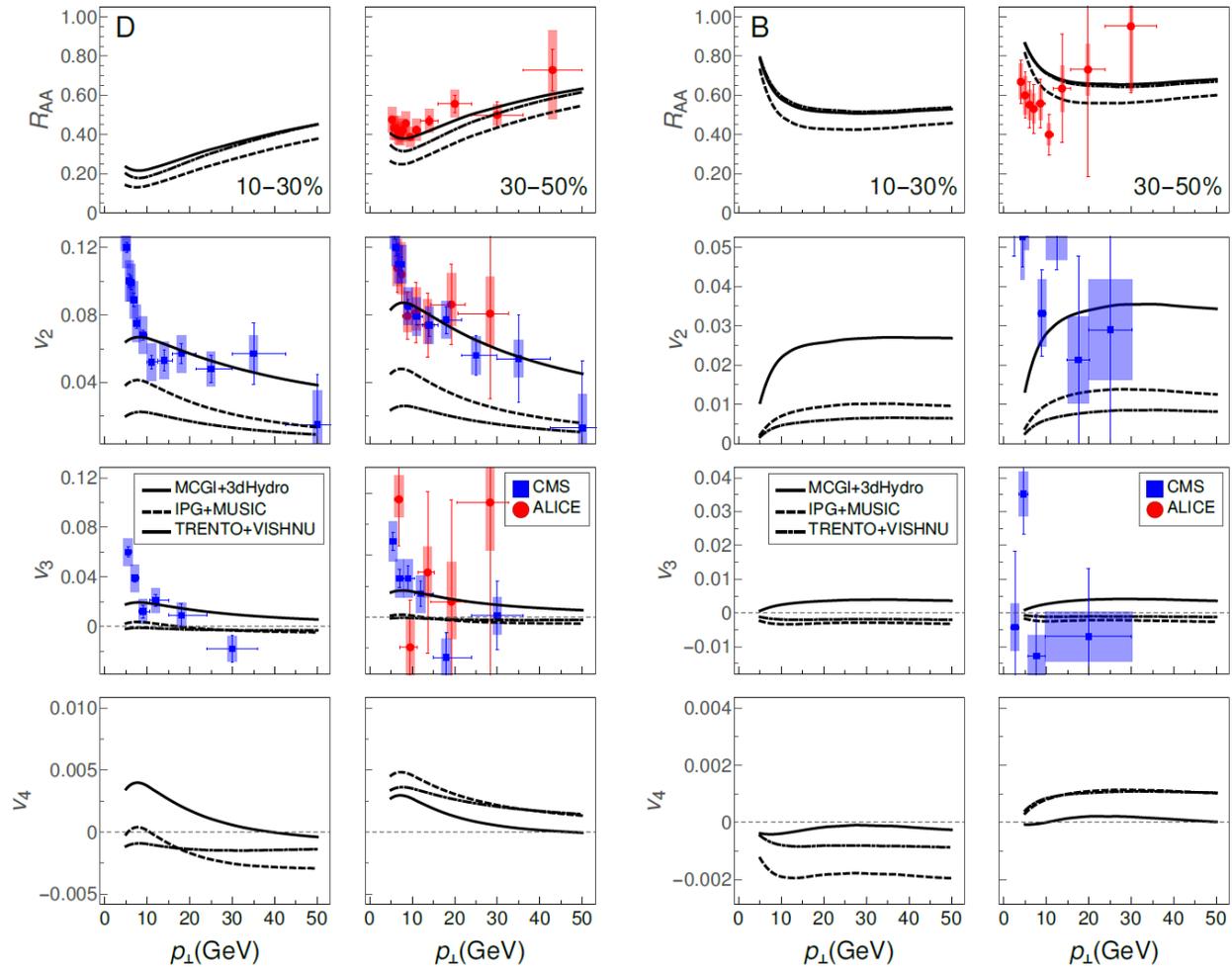
$v_4$  puzzle!



Good observables for imposing additional constraints on bulk QGP parameters!

MC-Glauber  $\tau_0=1$  fm  
IP\_Glasma  $\tau_{switch}=0.4$  fm  
T<sub>R</sub>ENTo  $\tau_0=1.16$  fm

# ebe DREENA: Heavy flavors



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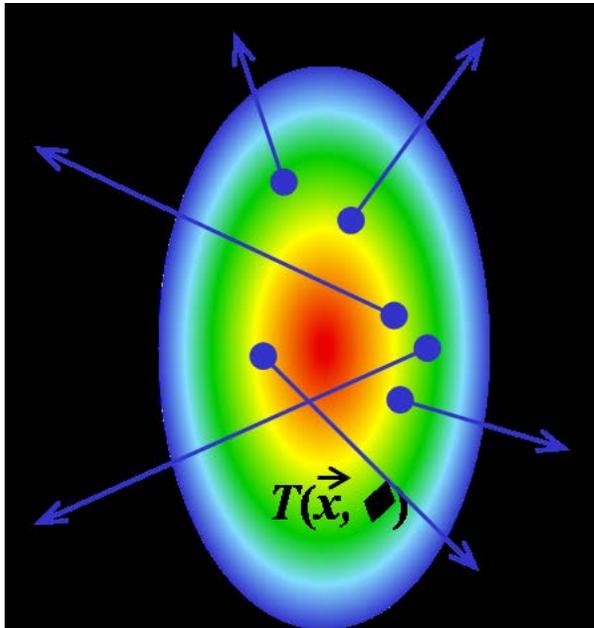


Higher harmonics: qualitatively and quantitatively differentiate between medium evolutions!  
More sensitive!



More sensitive than light flavors!

## II. DREENA as a high- $p_{\perp}$ QGP tomography tool for inferring bulk QGP properties?



### 1. Early evolution

[S. Stojku, J. Auvinen, M. Djordjevic, P. Huovinen, and M. Djordjevic, Acta Phys. Polon. Supp. 16, 156 \(2023\); S. Stojku, J. Auvinen, M. Djordjevic, P. Huovinen, and M. Djordjevic, PRC 105, L021901 \(2022\)](#)

### 2. QGP anisotropy

[S. Stojku, J. Auvinen, L. Zivkovic, P. Huovinen, M. Djordjevic, Phys.Lett.B 835 \(2022\) 137501](#)

### 3. $\eta/s(T)$ parameterization

[B. Karmakar, D. Z, I. Salom, J. Auvinen, P. Huovinen, M. Djordjevic and M. Djordjevic, arXiv:2305.11318 \[hep-ph\]](#)

DREENA on GitHub: <https://github.com/DusanZigic/DREENA-A>

# 1. Constraining initial time ( $\tau_0$ ) by high- $p_\perp$ QGP tomography

*S. Stojku, J. Auvinen, M. Djordjevic, P. Huovinen, and M. Djordjevic, Acta Phys. Polon. Supp. 16, 156 (2023)*

$\tau_0$  = initial time – onset of fluid-dynamical expansion

- Low  $p_\perp$  sector: Bayesian analysis provides only weak limits  $\tau_0 = 0.59 \pm 0.41$  fm ([NPA 967, 67-73](#))

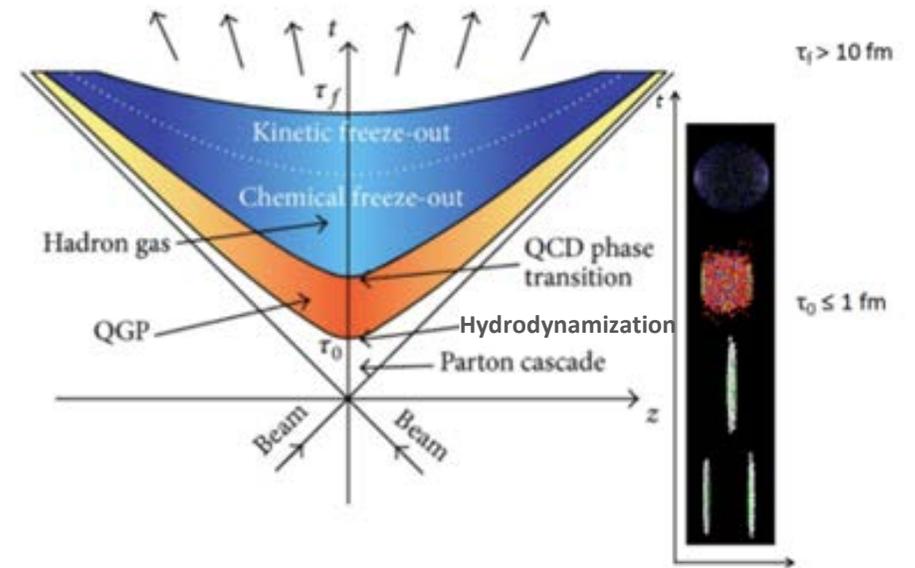


Could **high- $p_\perp$**  theory and data provide more rigorous constraints?



Within **DREENA-A** framework upon  $\tau_0$ :

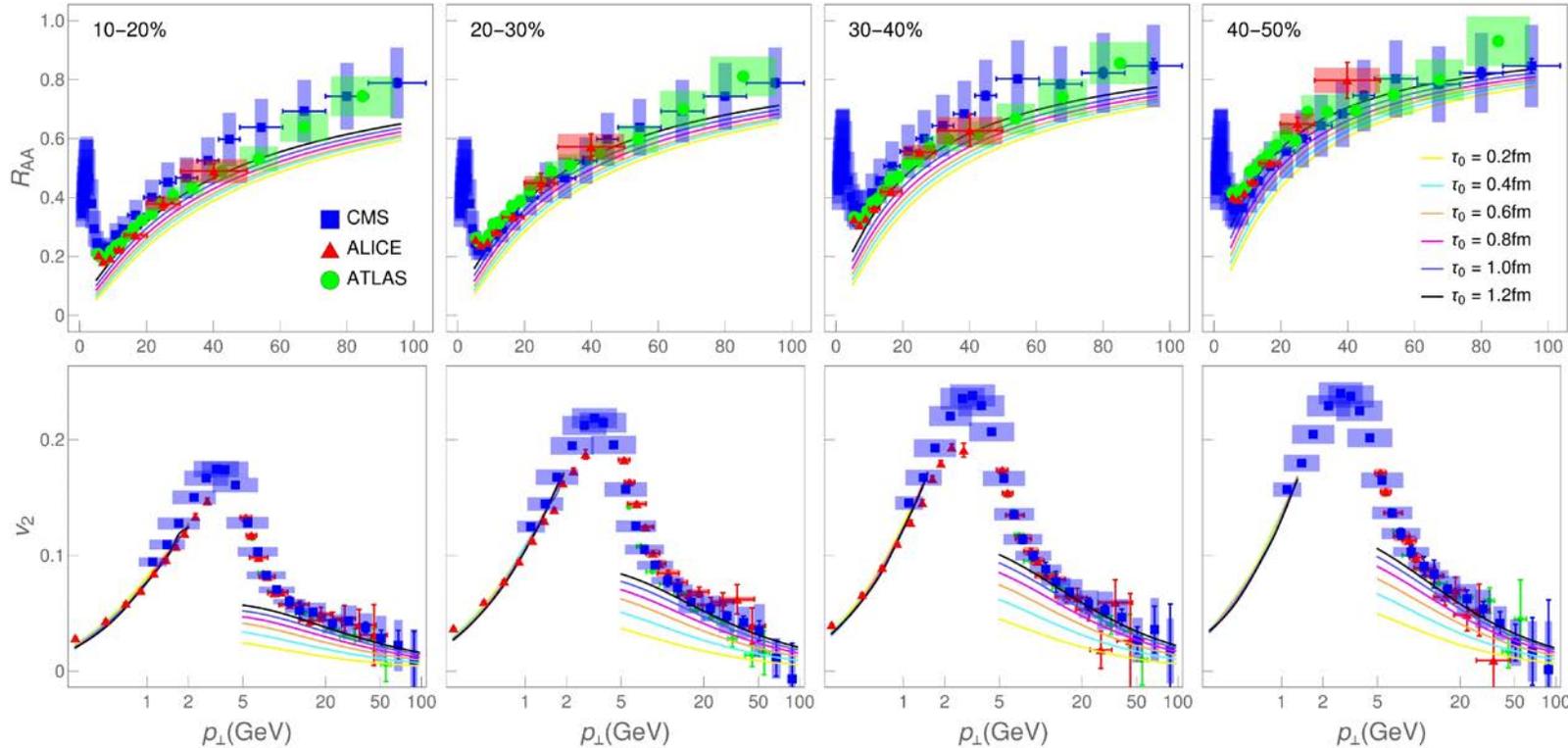
- High- $p_\perp$  probes: state-of-the-art dynamical energy loss ([M. Djordjevic and M. Djordjevic, PLB 734, 286](#)) ( $\tau_0 = \tau_q$  no interactions before  $\tau_0$ )  $\tau_q$  – quenching start time (start of high- $p_\perp$  parton energy loss, i.e., interaction with medium)
- Bulk QGP medium: 3+1D viscous hydrodynamics ([E. Molnar, H. Holopainen, P. Huovinen, H. Niemi, PRC 90, 044904 \(2014\)](#))



# Sensitivity of high- $p_{\perp}$ light probes to initial time ( $\tau_0$ )

Light particles:  $h^{\pm}$  Pb+Pb  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=5.02$  TeV

$\tau_0 \in \{0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0, 1.2\} \text{ fm}$



■ CMS [JHEP04 \(2017\) 039; PLB 776 \(2018\) 195](#)  
▲ ALICE [JHEP11 \(2018\) 013; JHEP 07 \(2018\) 103](#)  
● ATLAS [EPJC 78, 997 \(2018\)](#)

Optical Glauber, 3+1D hydro [PRC 90, 044904](#)

[S. Stojku, J. Auvinen, M. Djordjevic, P. Huovinen, and M. Djordjevic, Acta Phys. Polon. Supp. 16, 156 \(2023\)](#)

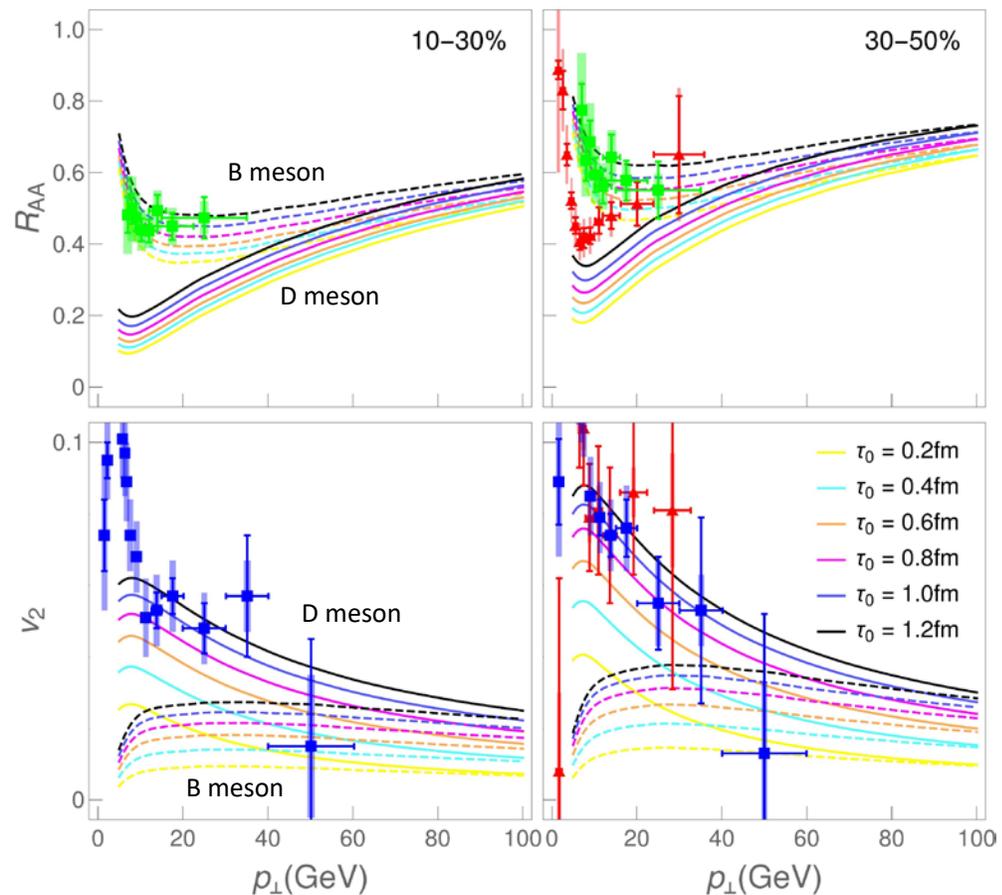
High- $p_{\perp}$  theory/data  
can distinguish  
between different  $\tau_0$ .

Delayed onset of fluid  
dynamics is preferred  
by both  $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$   
(more pronounced in  $v_2$ ).

Resolution is better at higher centralities ( $v_2$ ).

# Sensitivity of high- $p_{\perp}$ heavy probes to initial time ( $\tau_0$ )

Heavy particles: D and B mesons, Pb+Pb  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=5.02$  TeV



D meson  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \blacksquare \text{ CMS} \\ \blacktriangle \text{ ALICE} \end{array} \right.$  [PRL 120, 202301 \(2018\)](#)  
 Non-prompt J/ $\psi$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bullet \text{ CMS} \end{array} \right.$  [JHEP 10, 174 \(2018\); PRL 120, 102301 \(2018\)](#)  
[EPJC 78, 509 \(2018\)](#)



Delayed onset of fluid dynamics is preferred.



High- $p_{\perp}$  D and B mesons are even more sensitive to  $\tau_0$ .

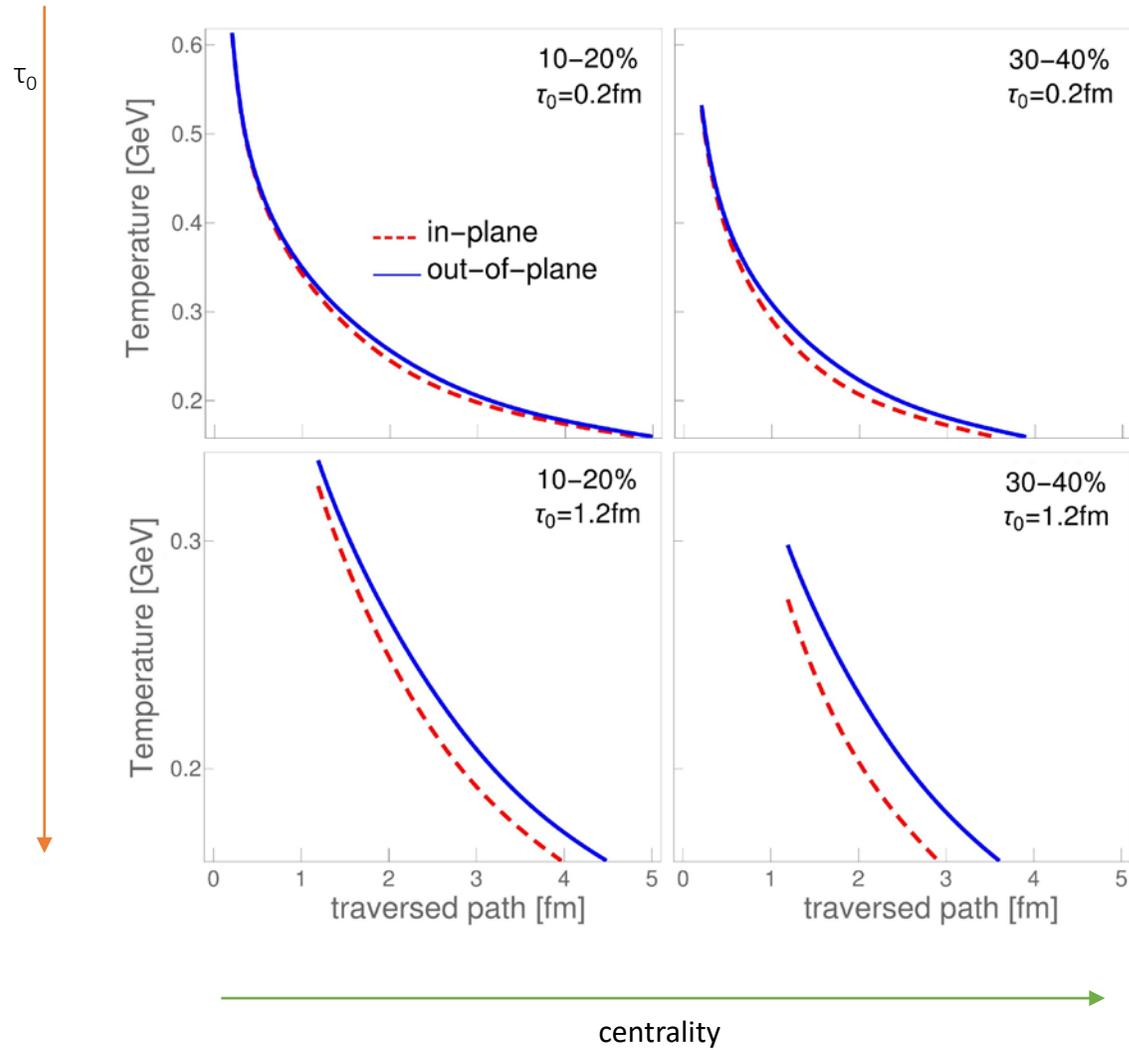


What is the origin of high- $p_{\perp}$  observables sensitivity to  $\tau_0$ ?

For B mesons true predictions are displayed.

[S. Stojku, J. Auvinen, M. Djordjevic, P. Huovinen, and M. Djordjevic, Acta Phys. Polon. Supp. 16, 156 \(2023\)](#)

# Explanation of high- $p_{\perp}$ observables sensitivity to $\tau_0$



With increasing  $\tau_0$  the difference between  $T_{\text{out}}$  and  $T_{\text{in}}$  increases.

$$v_2 \approx \frac{1}{2} \frac{R_{AA}^{\text{in}} - R_{AA}^{\text{out}}}{R_{AA}^{\text{in}} + R_{AA}^{\text{out}}}$$

$$R_{AA} \approx 1 - \xi TL$$

[D. Zigić, I. Salom, J. Auvinen, M. Djordjevic and M. Djordjevic, JPG 46, 085101 \(2019\).](#)



Explains  $v_2$  dependence on  $\tau_0$ .



With increasing  $\tau_0$  average  $T$  decreases.

$$R_{AA} \approx 1 - \xi TL$$

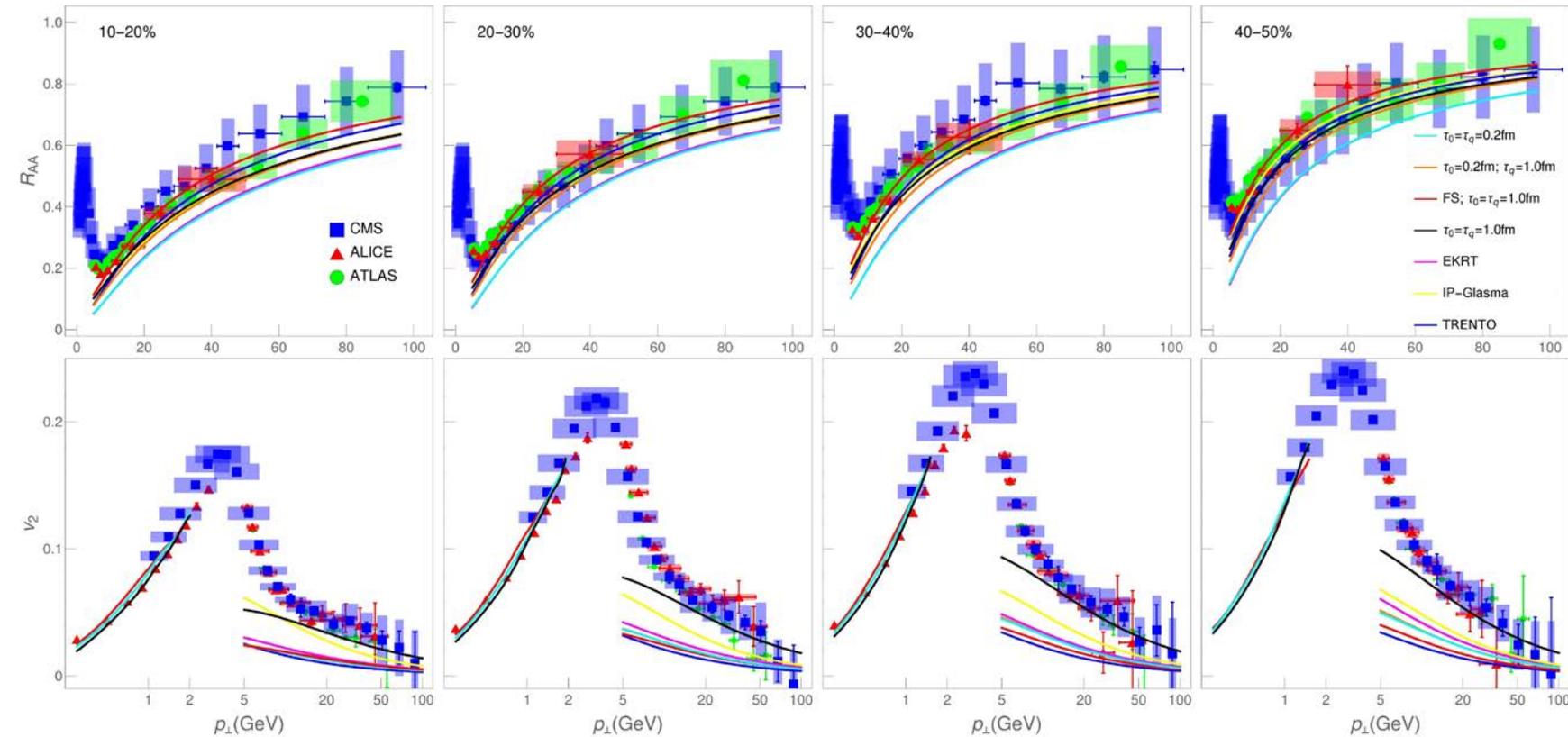


Explains  $R_{AA}$  dependence on  $\tau_0$ .

[S. Stojku, J. Auvinen, M. Djordjevic, P. Huovinen, and M. Djordjevic, Acta Phys. Polon. Supp. 16, 156 \(2023\)](#)

# Various pre-equilibrium evolution scenarios ( $\tau_0$ )

$h^\pm$  Pb+Pb  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=5.02$  TeV



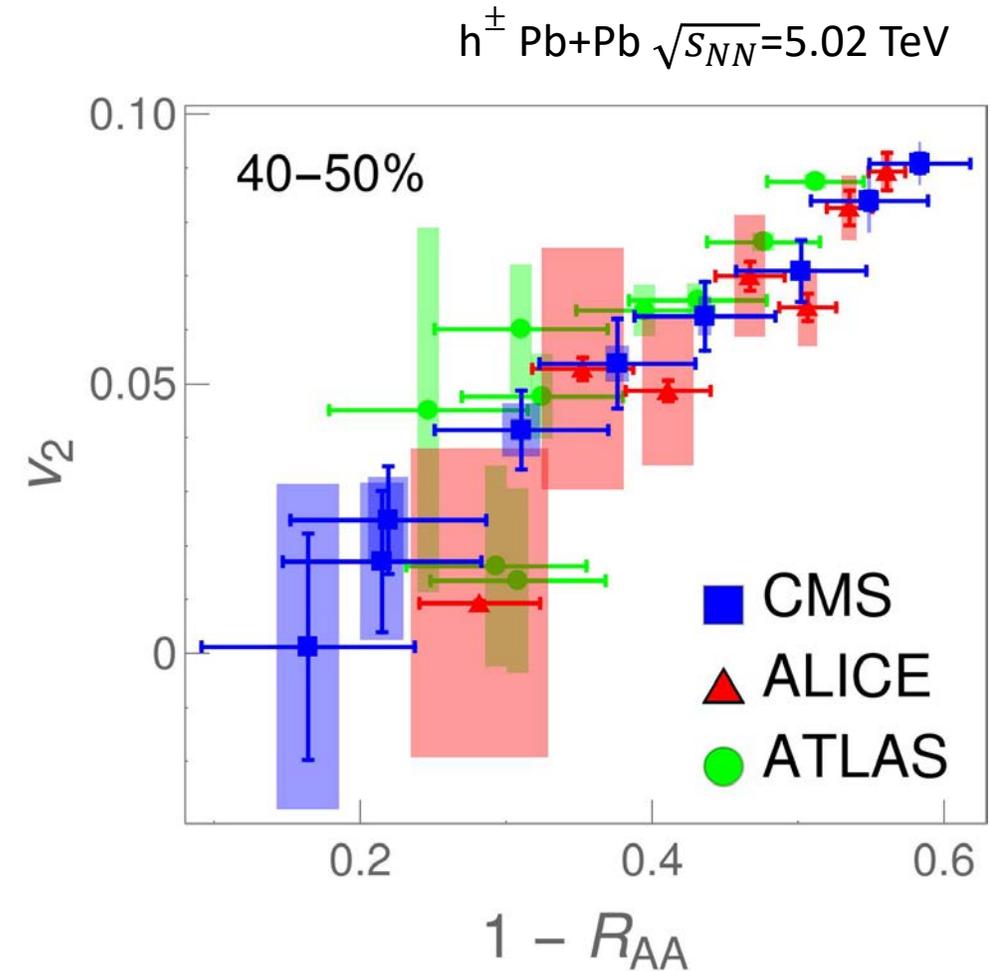
High- $p_\perp$   $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$  are sensitive to different initializations and early expansion dynamics.

High- $p_\perp$  data prefer later onset of transverse expansion and energy loss!

[S. Stojku, J. Auvinen, M. Djordjevic, P. Huovinen, and M. Djordjevic, PRC 105, L021901 \(2022\)](#)

## 2. Could high- $p_{\perp}$ QGP tomography reflect the anisotropy of QGP

- Initial spatial anisotropy – important QGP property
- Still not possible to directly infer the initial anisotropy from experimental measurements
- Experimental observation: high- $p_{\perp}$   $v_2$  and  $1 - R_{AA}$  directly proportional  $\rightarrow \frac{v_2}{1 - R_{AA}}$  is  $p_{\perp}$  independent
- Could fluid dynamical calculation reproduce this proportionality? Connection to anisotropy?



[S. Stojku, J. Auvinen, L. Zivkovic, P. Huovinen, M. Djordjevic, Phys.Lett.B 835 \(2022\) 137501](#)

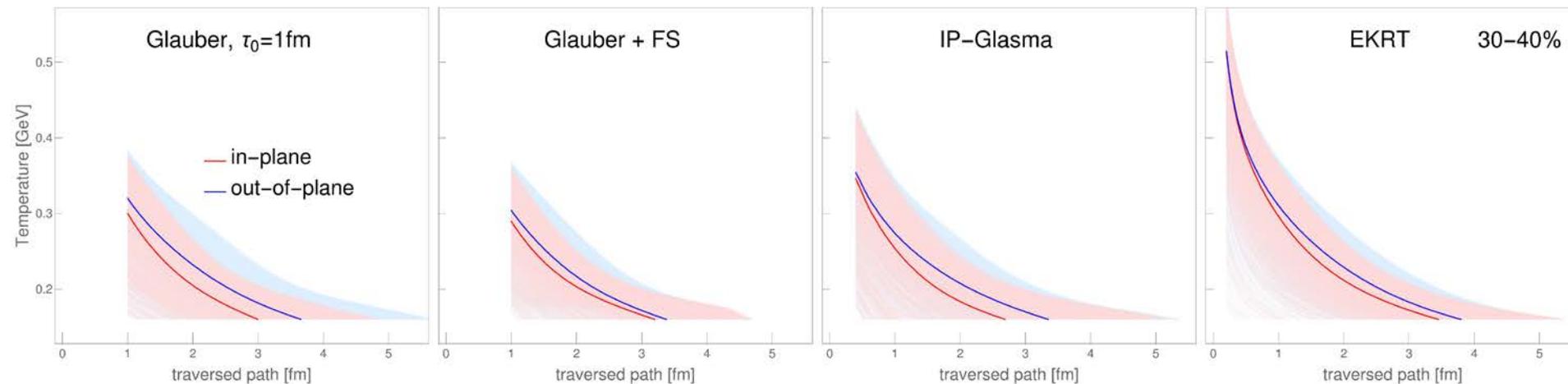
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# Different evolution scenarios: high- $p_{\perp}$ observables -intuitive expectations

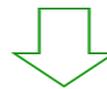
- DREENA-A framework: different T profiles as the only input

[\(D. Zigić, I. Salom, J. Auvinen, P. Huovinen and M. Djordjević, Front. Phys. 10:957019 \(2022\)\)](#)



$$R_{AA} \approx 1 - \xi T L$$

$$v_2 \approx \Delta T$$



The  $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$  ordering different for different scenarios.



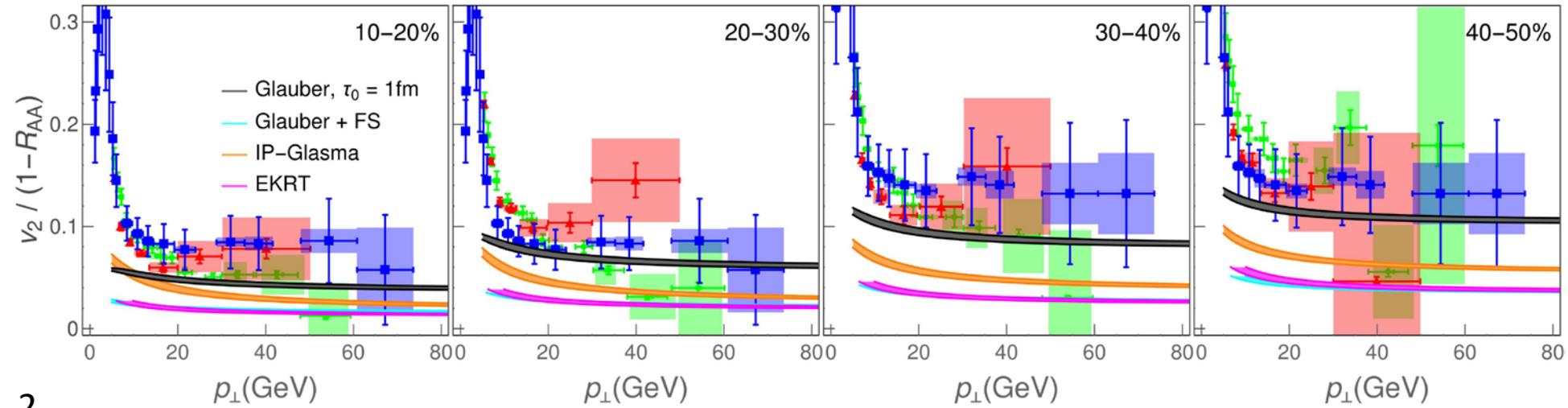
Cannot anticipate  $v_2/(1-R_{AA})$  ordering.

1. Is saturation in  $v_2/(1 - R_{AA})$  at high- $p_\perp$  observed for these different T profiles? *M. Djordjević, S. Stojku, M. Djordjević, P. Huovinen, Phys. Rev. C 100, 031901 (2019)*
2. If yes, does this saturation carry information about the anisotropy of the system?
3. What kind of anisotropy measure corresponds to the high- $p_\perp$  data?

# $v_2/(1-R_{AA})$ DREENA-A predictions for different T profiles

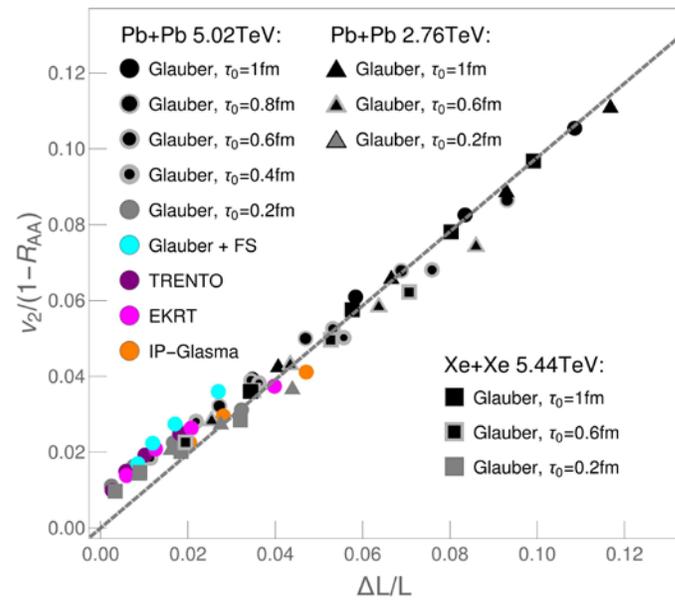
1.

$h^\pm$  Pb+Pb  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=5.02$  TeV



Phenomenon of  $v_2/(1-R_{AA})$  saturation is robust to different evolutions!

2.



Path-length anisotropy:

$$\frac{\Delta L}{\langle L \rangle} = \frac{\langle L_{out} \rangle - \langle L_{in} \rangle}{\langle L_{out} \rangle + \langle L_{in} \rangle}$$

Surprisingly simple linear dependence, with slope  $\approx 1$ .

Saturation value dominated by system's geometry.

# New observable: Jet-perceived anisotropy

3.

We need a more direct measure of anisotropy, with explicit dependence on time evolution

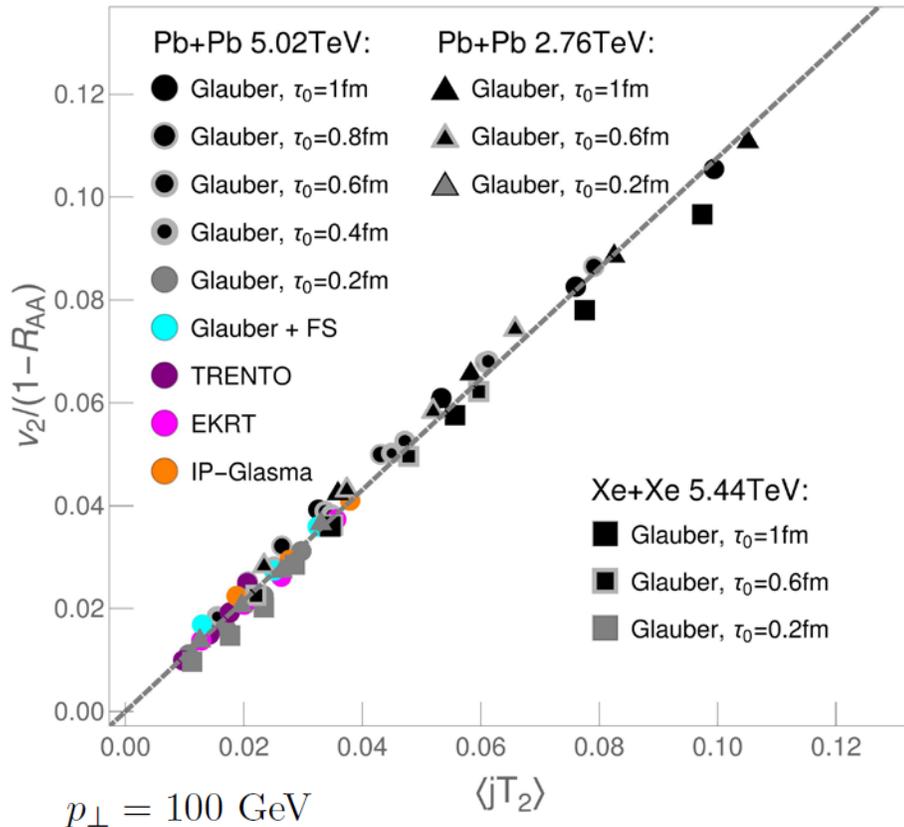
$$jT(\tau, \phi) \equiv \frac{\int dx dy T^3(x + \tau \cos \phi, y + \tau \sin \phi, \tau) n_0(x, y)}{\int dx dy n_0(x, y)}$$

$$jT_2(\tau) = \frac{\int dx dy n_0(x, y) \int d\phi \cos 2\phi T^3(x + \tau \cos \phi, y + \tau \sin \phi, \tau)}{\int dx dy n_0(x, y) \int d\phi T^3(x + \tau \cos \phi, y + \tau \sin \phi, \tau)}$$

Jet-perceived anisotropy:

$$\langle jT_2 \rangle = \frac{\int_{\tau_0}^{\tau_{\text{cut}}} d\tau jT_2(\tau)}{\tau_{\text{cut}} - \tau_0}$$

$\tau_{\text{cut}}$  time when the center of the fireball has cooled down to  $T_c$



$v_2/(1-R_{AA})$  displays linear dependence on  $\langle jT_2 \rangle$  with slope  $\approx 1$ .

High- $p_{\perp}$   $v_2/(1-R_{AA})$  carries direct information on a bulk-medium property.

$$v_2/(1 - R_{AA}) = \langle jT_2 \rangle$$

$\langle jT_2 \rangle$  can be evaluated from bulk-medium simulations, independently of high- $p_{\perp}$  data.

$\langle jT_2 \rangle$  new observable, to constrain bulk-medium simulations.

### 3. Could high- $p_{\perp}$ QGP tomography constrain $\eta/s(T)$ ?

Soft-to-hard medium hypothesis

- QGP is weakly interacting gas? (asymptotic freedom and color screening [Physics Today 63, 29](#))
- $\eta/s \approx \frac{1}{4\pi}$  QGP is perfect fluid? (AdS/CFT: [PRL 94, 111601](#); fluid-dynamical: [ARNPS 63, 123](#))
- At LHC:  $T_c < T < 4T_c$
- **Soft-to-hard QGP hypothesis:**
  - Near  $T_c$  perfect - fluid (strongly coupled, **soft regime**)
  - At higher  $T$  – gas (weakly coupled, **hard regime**):  $\eta/s$  may increase with  $T$
- Low- $p_{\perp}$  sector:  $\eta/s$  is well constrained by Bayesian analysis for  $T_c < T < 1.5T_c$  **but weakly constrained at higher  $T$**  ([NP 15, no.11, 1113-1117](#); [PRC 102, 044911](#))



✓ We propose

Complementary approach (high- $p_{\perp}$  sector): utilize ebe DREENA-A (**dynamical energy loss formalism**) framework to further constrain  $\eta/s(T)$  at **high  $T$** , and test soft-to-hard hypothesis.

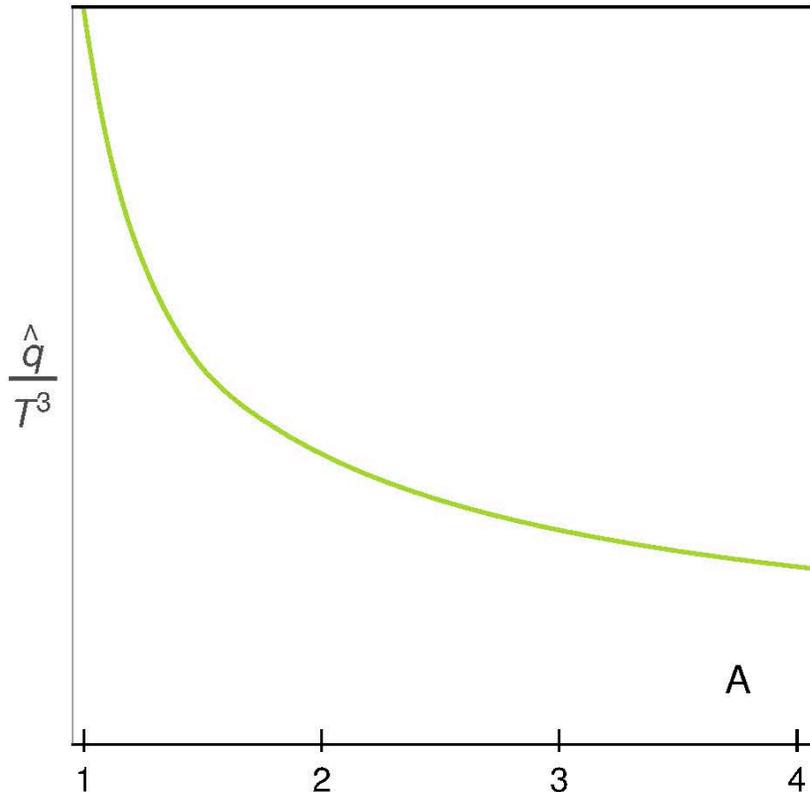
# Jet quenching parameter $\frac{\hat{q}}{T^3}$ vs. $\eta/s$

$\hat{q}$   $\equiv$  squared average transverse momentum exchange between high- $p_{\perp}$  parton and QGP medium per unit path length

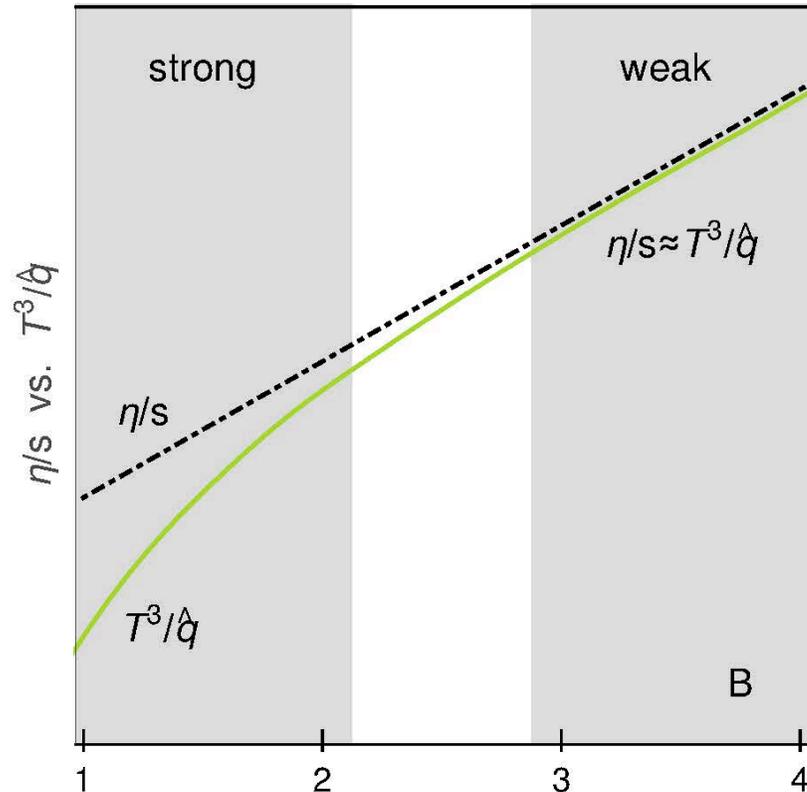
$\frac{\hat{q}}{T^3}$  quantifies the parton coupling strength in QGP: the higher it is the lower  $\eta/s$  should be

In weakly coupled limit:  $\eta/s \approx 1.25 \frac{T^3}{\hat{q}}$

[PRL 99, 192301](#); [PRD 104, L071501](#)



[PLB 102, 202302](#)  $T/T_c$



$T/T_c$  [PRL 99, 192301](#)

Dynamical energy loss formalism applicable in weakly coupled regime.



$\eta/s \approx \frac{\hat{q}}{T^3}$  should hold.

Soft-to-hard boundary?

# Theoretical approach: Transport coefficient $\hat{q}$ from dynamical energy loss formalism

$\hat{q}$   $\equiv$  squared average transverse momentum exchange between high- $p_{\perp}$  parton and QGP medium per unit path length

HTL resummed elastic collision rate:

$$\frac{d\Gamma_{el}}{d^2q} = 4C_A \left(1 + \frac{n_f}{6}\right) T^3 \frac{\alpha_s^2}{q^2 (q^2 + \mu_E^2)} \quad \text{PRC 90, 014909; PRC 74 (2006) 064907}$$

With running coupling, finite magnetic mass:

$$\frac{d\Gamma_{el}}{d^2q} = \frac{C_A}{\pi} T \alpha(ET) \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(q^2 + \mu_E^2)(q^2 + \mu_M^2)} \quad \text{PRD 77, 114017; M. Djordjevic and M. Djordjevic, PLB 709, 229}$$

In fluid rest frame:

$$\hat{q} = \int_0^{\sqrt{6ET}} d^2q q^2 \cdot \frac{d\Gamma_{el}}{d^2q} = C_A T \frac{4\pi}{(11 - \frac{2}{3}n_f)} \frac{\left(\mu_E^2 \ln \left[\frac{6ET + \mu_E^2}{\mu_E^2}\right] - \mu_M^2 \ln \left[\frac{6ET + \mu_M^2}{\mu_M^2}\right]\right)}{\ln\left(\frac{ET}{\Lambda^2}\right)}$$

$ET \rightarrow \infty$

$$\hat{q} \approx C_A \left(\frac{4\pi}{11 - \frac{2}{3}n_f}\right)^2 \frac{4\pi \left(1 + \frac{n_f}{6}\right)}{W(\xi(T))} (1 - x_{ME}^2) T^3$$

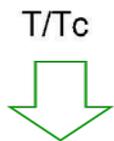
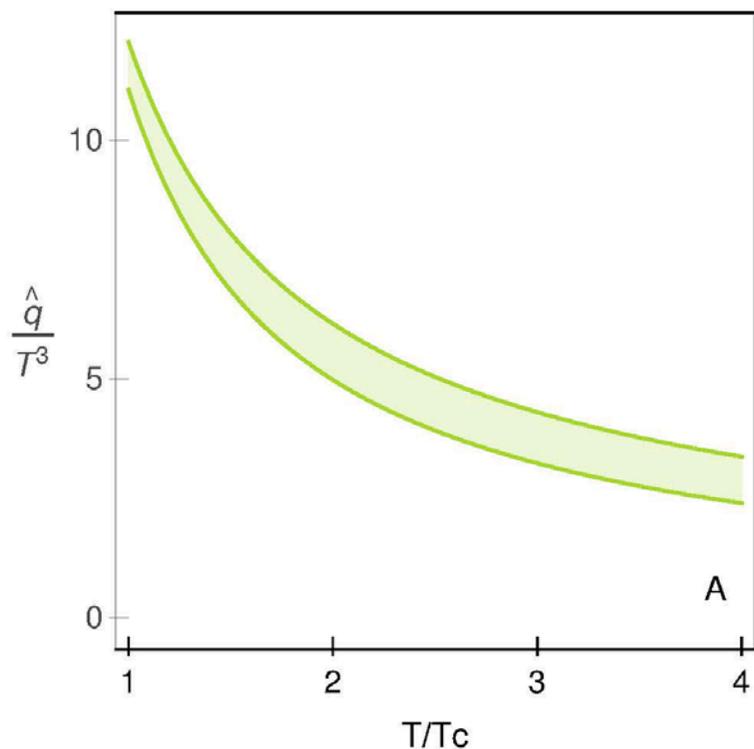


$\hat{q}$  independent on initial parton energy.

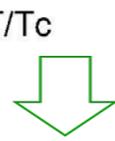
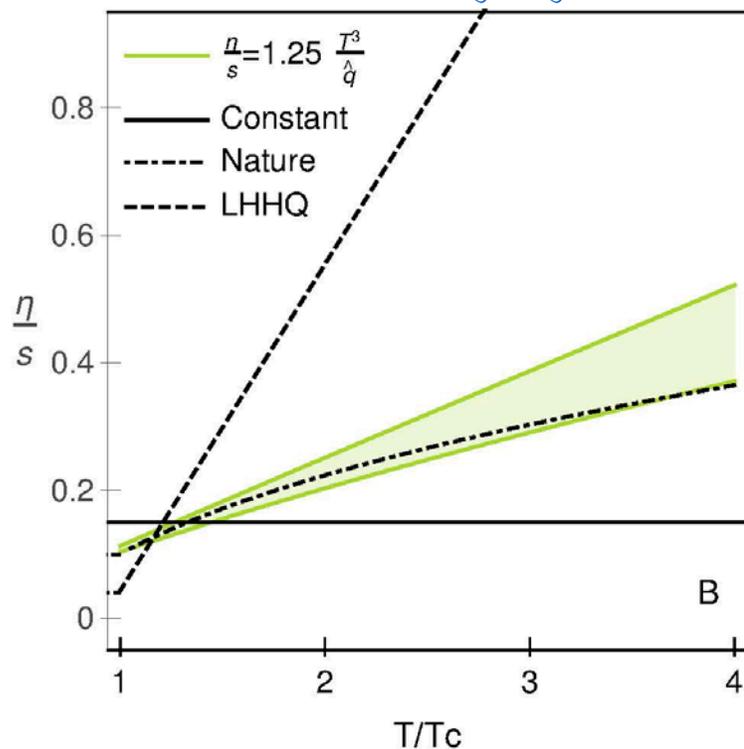
Lambert's W function  $\xi(T) = \frac{1 + \frac{n_f}{6}}{11 - \frac{2}{3}n_f} \left(\frac{4\pi T}{\Lambda}\right)^2 \quad x_{ME} = \mu_M/\mu_E$

# $\eta/s$ from transport coefficient within dynamical energy loss formalism

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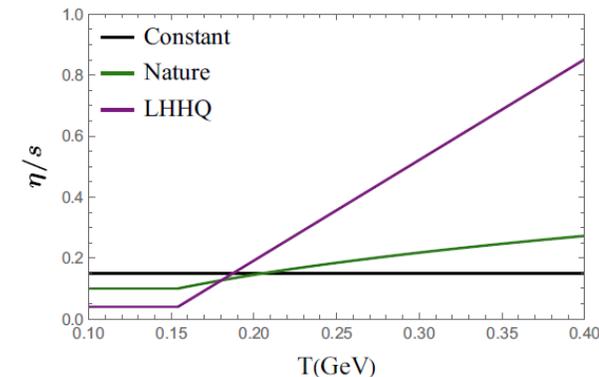


$\frac{\hat{q}}{T^3}$  exhibits the expected behavior, i.e., large increase near  $T_c$ .



Unexpectedly, our high- $p_\perp$   $\eta/s(T)$  constraint is close to the state-of-the-art Bayesian analysis ([NP 15, no.11, 1113-1117](#)).

$$(\eta/s)(T) = \begin{cases} (\eta/s)_{\min}, & T < T_c, \\ (\eta/s)_{\min} + (\eta/s)_{\text{slope}}(T - T_c) \left(\frac{T}{T_c}\right)^{(\eta/s)_{\text{env}}}, & T > T_c. \end{cases}$$

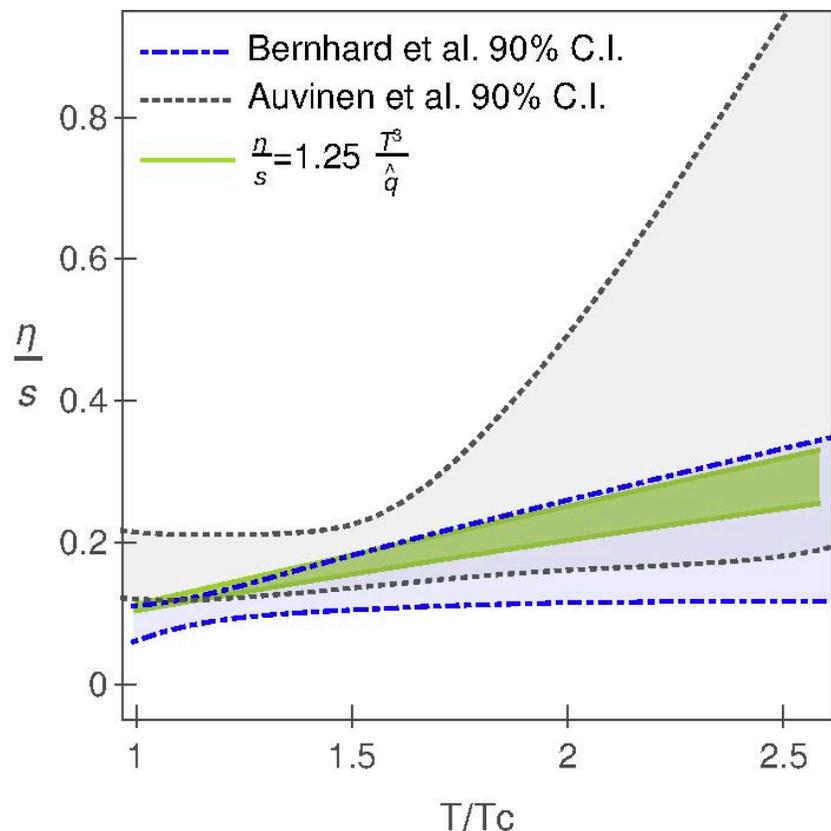


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LHHQ [PRL 106, 212302](#)

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$T/T_c$

Uncertainty from initial parton energy is much smaller than Bayesian.

Surprisingly, our  $\eta/s(T)$ , extracted from our  $\frac{\hat{q}}{T^3}$ , agrees well with both state-of-the-art Bayesian analyses ([NP 15, no.11, 1113-1117](#); [PRC 102, 044911](#)) in entire T range. Does not drop significantly below inferred values near  $T_c$ .

Agreement extends to  $T_c$ , i.e., to the regime corresponding to strong coupling!

Hypothesis: quasiparticle description of jet-medium interactions is consistent at the entire T range.

No guidance on soft-to-hard boundary.

III. Specific improvement: The effect of including a finite number of scattering centers on high- $p_{\perp}$  observables

# Motivation

- pQCD high- $p_{\perp}$  radiative energy loss – **medium assumptions**:
  - Optically thin  $\rightarrow$  One scattering center (SHSA) [GLV NPB 594, 371](#); [DGLV NPA 733, 265](#); [HT NPA 696, 788](#); [Prog. PPNP 66, 41](#)
  - Optically thick  $\rightarrow$  Infinite number of scattering centers (MSSA, Big Bang) [BDMPS-Z NPB 484, 265](#); [NPB 531, 403](#); [JETP Lett. 63, 952](#); [JETP Lett. 65, 615](#); [ASW PRD 69, 114003](#); [AMY JHEP 12, 009](#)
- Realistically, **short finite-size** droplets of QGP are created at RHIC and LHC (several  $fms$ ,  $\lambda \approx 1 fm$ )



Relaxing these approximations to the case of **a finite number of scattering centers** is required!

- Current **theoretical attempts** to address this **highly nontrivial problem** are yet inconclusive or incomplete ([JHEP 2007, 114](#); [JHEP 2103, 102](#); [JHEP 1907, 057](#); [JHEP 2006, 187](#); [PRD 98, 094010](#); [PLB 795, 502](#))
- Lacking **phenomenological studies** (not tested against experimental data)



These corrections need to be implemented in both **analytical calculations** (i.e., radiative energy loss model) and **numerical framework**!

# Higher orders in opacity: analytical calculations

In static QGP (D(GLV)):

$$x \frac{dN^{(n)}}{dx d^2\mathbf{k}} = \int_0^L dz_1 \cdots \int_{z_{n-1}}^L dz_n \int \prod_{i=1}^n \left( d^2\mathbf{q}_i \frac{v^2(\mathbf{q}_i) - \delta^2(\mathbf{q}_i)}{\lambda(z)} \right) \\ \times \frac{C_R \alpha_s(Q_k^2)}{\pi^2} \left( -2 \mathbf{C}_{(1\dots n)} \cdot \mathbf{B}_n \left[ \cos \sum_{k=2}^n \omega_{(k\dots n)} \Delta z_k - \cos \sum_{k=1}^n \omega_{(k\dots n)} \Delta z_k \right] \right)$$

S. Wicks, [arXiv:0804.4704](https://arxiv.org/abs/0804.4704), M. Djordjevic and M. Gyulassy, *NPA* 733, 265

In dynamical QGP:

M. Djordjevic, *PRC* 80, 064909; M. Djordjevic and U. Heinz, *PRL* 101, 022302;  
M. Djordjevic, *PLB* 709, 229

Effective potential  $\left[ \frac{\mu_E^2}{\pi(\mathbf{q}^2 + \mu_E^2)^2} \right]_{\text{stat}} \rightarrow \left[ \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{\pi(\mathbf{q}^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}^2 + \mu_M^2)} \right]_{\text{dyn}}$

Mean free path  $\frac{1}{\lambda_{\text{stat}}} = c(n_f) \frac{1}{\lambda_{\text{dyn}}} = 6 \frac{1.202}{\pi^2} \frac{1 + n_f/4}{1 + n_f/6} 3\alpha_s T$

$$\mathbf{C}_{(i_1 i_2 \dots i_m)} = \frac{(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_{i_1} - \mathbf{q}_{i_2} - \dots - \mathbf{q}_{i_m})}{\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_{i_1} - \mathbf{q}_{i_2} - \dots - \mathbf{q}_{i_m})^2}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_i = \mathbf{H} - \mathbf{C}_i$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{\mathbf{k}}{\chi^2 + \mathbf{k}^2}$$

Inverse of formation time:

$$\omega_{(m\dots n)} = \frac{\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_m - \dots - \mathbf{q}_n)^2}{2xE}$$

$$\chi^2 \equiv M^2 x^2 + m_g^2$$

$$\alpha_s(Q^2) = \frac{4\pi}{(11 - 2/3n_f) \ln(Q^2/\Lambda_{QCD})}$$

$$Q_k^2 = \frac{\mathbf{k}^2 + M^2 x^2 + m_g^2}{x}$$



Obtained explicit analytical expressions up to 4<sup>th</sup> order in opacity within Dynamical energy loss formalism for the first time.

S. Stojku, B. I. Salom, M. Djordjevic, [arXiv:2303.14527](https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.14527), Accepted in *PRC*

# Analytical calculations: examples

1<sup>st</sup> order in opacity:

$$\left(\frac{dN_g^{(1)}}{dx}\right) = \frac{2C_R}{\pi x} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}}{\pi} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_1}{\pi} \alpha_s(Q_k^2) \frac{L}{\lambda_{dyn}} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_1^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_1^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\chi^2(\mathbf{q}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{k})) + (\mathbf{q}_1 \cdot \mathbf{k})(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_1)^2}{(\chi^2 + \mathbf{k}^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_1)^2)} \left(1 - \frac{\sin(L\omega_{(1)})}{L\omega_{(1)}}\right)$$

2<sup>nd</sup> order in opacity:

$$\left(\frac{dN_g^{(2)}}{dx}\right)_1 = \frac{2C_R}{\pi x} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}}{\pi} \iint \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_1}{\pi} \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_2}{\pi} \alpha_s(Q_k^2) \frac{1}{\lambda_{dyn}^2} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_1^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_1^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_2^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_2^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_2^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_2^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\chi^2(\mathbf{q}_2 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2 - \mathbf{k})) + (\mathbf{q}_2 \cdot \mathbf{k})(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_2)^2 + (\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{q}_1)(\mathbf{q}_2 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_2 - 2\mathbf{k})) + \mathbf{k}^2(\mathbf{q}_2 \cdot \mathbf{q}_1)}{(\chi^2 + \mathbf{k}^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_2)^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{q}_2)^2)} \frac{1}{\omega_{(2)}} \left( \frac{\omega_{(2)} \cos(L(\omega_{(2)} + \omega_{(12)}))}{(\omega_{(2)} + \omega_{(12)}) \omega_{(12)}} + L \sin(L\omega_{(2)}) - \frac{(\omega_{(2)} - \omega_{(12)}) \cos(L\omega_{(2)})}{\omega_{(2)} \omega_{(12)}} - \frac{\omega_{(12)}}{\omega_{(2)}(\omega_{(2)} + \omega_{(12)})} \right)$$

3<sup>rd</sup> order in opacity:

$$\left(\frac{dN_g^{(3)}}{dx}\right)_1 = \frac{2C_R}{\pi x} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}}{\pi} \iiint \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_1}{\pi} \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_2}{\pi} \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_3}{\pi} \alpha_s(Q_k^2) \frac{1}{\lambda_{dyn}^3} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_1^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_1^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_2^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_2^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_3^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_3^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\chi^2(\mathbf{q}_3 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2 + \mathbf{q}_3 - \mathbf{k})) + (\mathbf{q}_3 \cdot \mathbf{k})(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_3)^2 + (\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2))(\mathbf{q}_3 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_3 - 2\mathbf{k})) + \mathbf{k}^2(\mathbf{q}_3 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2))}{(\chi^2 + \mathbf{k}^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_3)^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{q}_2 - \mathbf{q}_3)^2)} \left( \frac{\omega_{(3)} \omega_{(123)} + 2\omega_{(23)} \omega_{(123)} - \omega_{(23)}^2 - \omega_{(3)} \omega_{(23)}}{\omega_{(23)}^2 (\omega_{(3)} + \omega_{(23)})^2 \omega_{(123)}} \sin(L(\omega_{(3)} + \omega_{(23)})) - \frac{\omega_{(123)} \sin(L\omega_{(3)})}{\omega_{(3)} \omega_{(23)}^2 (\omega_{(23)} + \omega_{(123)})} + \frac{\sin(L(\omega_{(3)} + \omega_{(23)} + \omega_{(123)}))}{\omega_{(123)} (\omega_{(23)} + \omega_{(123)}) (\omega_{(3)} + \omega_{(23)} + \omega_{(123)})} - \frac{L \cos(L(\omega_{(3)} + \omega_{(23)}))}{\omega_{(23)} (\omega_{(3)} + \omega_{(23)})} \right),$$

4<sup>th</sup> order in opacity:

$$\left(\frac{dN_g^{(4)}}{dx}\right)_1 = \frac{2C_R}{\pi x} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}}{\pi} \iiint \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_1}{\pi} \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_2}{\pi} \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_3}{\pi} \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_4}{\pi} \alpha_s(Q_k^2) \frac{1}{\lambda_{dyn}^4} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_1^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_1^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_2^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_2^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_3^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_3^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_4^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_4^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\chi^2(\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2 + \mathbf{q}_3 + \mathbf{q}_4 - \mathbf{k})) + (\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot \mathbf{k})(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_4)^2 + (\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2 + \mathbf{q}_3))(\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_4 - 2\mathbf{k})) + \mathbf{k}^2(\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2 + \mathbf{q}_3))}{(\chi^2 + \mathbf{k}^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_4)^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{q}_2 - \mathbf{q}_3 - \mathbf{q}_4)^2)} \left( - \frac{L \sin(L(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(234)}))}{\omega_{(234)} (\omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(234)}) (\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(234)})} - \frac{\cos(L(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(234)} + \omega_{(1234)}))}{\omega_{(1234)} (\omega_{(234)} + \omega_{(1234)}) (\omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(234)} + \omega_{(1234)}) (\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(234)} + \omega_{(1234)})} + \frac{F_{41}}{\omega_{(234)}^2 (\omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(234)})^2 (\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(234)})^2 \omega_{(1234)}} \cos(L(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(234)})) + \frac{\omega_{(1234)} \cos(L(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(34)}))}{\omega_{(34)} (\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(34)}) \omega_{(234)}^2 (\omega_{(234)} + \omega_{(1234)})} - \frac{\omega_{(1234)} \cos(L\omega_{(4)})}{\omega_{(4)} \omega_{(34)} (\omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(234)})^2 (\omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(234)} + \omega_{(1234)})} + \frac{\omega_{(1234)}}{\omega_{(4)} (\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(34)}) (\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(234)})^2 (\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(234)} + \omega_{(1234)})} \right),$$

$$F_{41} = (\omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(234)}) \left[ (\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(34)}) (\omega_{(234)} - \omega_{(1234)}) + \omega_{(234)}^2 - 3\omega_{(234)} \omega_{(1234)} \right] - \omega_{(4)} \omega_{(234)} \omega_{(1234)}$$

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Highly oscillatory, and difficult to converge!

# Higher orders in opacity: Numerical calculations

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Representative contribution:

$$\left(\frac{dN_g^{(3)}}{dx}\right)_1 = \frac{2C_R}{\pi x} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}}{\pi} \iiint \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_1}{\pi} \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_2}{\pi} \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_3}{\pi}$$

$$\alpha_s(Q_k^2) \frac{1}{\lambda_{dyn}^3} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_1^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_1^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_2^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_2^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_3^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_3^2 + \mu_M^2)}$$

$$\frac{\chi^2(\mathbf{q}_3 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2 + \mathbf{q}_3 - \mathbf{k})) + (\mathbf{q}_3 \cdot \mathbf{k})(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_3)^2 + (\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2))(\mathbf{q}_3 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_3 - 2\mathbf{k})) + \mathbf{k}^2(\mathbf{q}_3 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2))}{(\chi^2 + \mathbf{k}^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_3)^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{q}_2 - \mathbf{q}_3)^2)}$$

$$\left( \frac{\omega_{(3)}\omega_{(123)} + 2\omega_{(23)}\omega_{(123)} - \omega_{(23)}^2 - \omega_{(3)}\omega_{(23)}}{\omega_{(23)}^2(\omega_{(3)} + \omega_{(23)})^2\omega_{(123)}} \sin(L(\omega_{(3)} + \omega_{(23)})) - \frac{\omega_{(123)} \sin(L\omega_{(3)})}{\omega_{(3)}\omega_{(23)}^2(\omega_{(23)} + \omega_{(123)})} \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{\sin(L(\omega_{(3)} + \omega_{(23)} + \omega_{(123)}))}{\omega_{(123)}(\omega_{(23)} + \omega_{(123)})(\omega_{(3)} + \omega_{(23)} + \omega_{(123)})} - \frac{L \cos(L(\omega_{(3)} + \omega_{(23)}))}{\omega_{(23)}(\omega_{(3)} + \omega_{(23)})} \right)$$



Highly oscillatory, and difficult to converge!



Up to 3rd order: required 70 000 CPUh to converge.



Numerical integration w.r.t.  $\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{q} \rightarrow \frac{dN^g}{dx}$  up to 3<sup>rd</sup> order in opacity



Implemented into generalized **DREENA-C** (Dynamical Radiative and Elastic ENergy loss Approach, C-constant T medium) framework to generate predictions for high- $p_\perp R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$ .

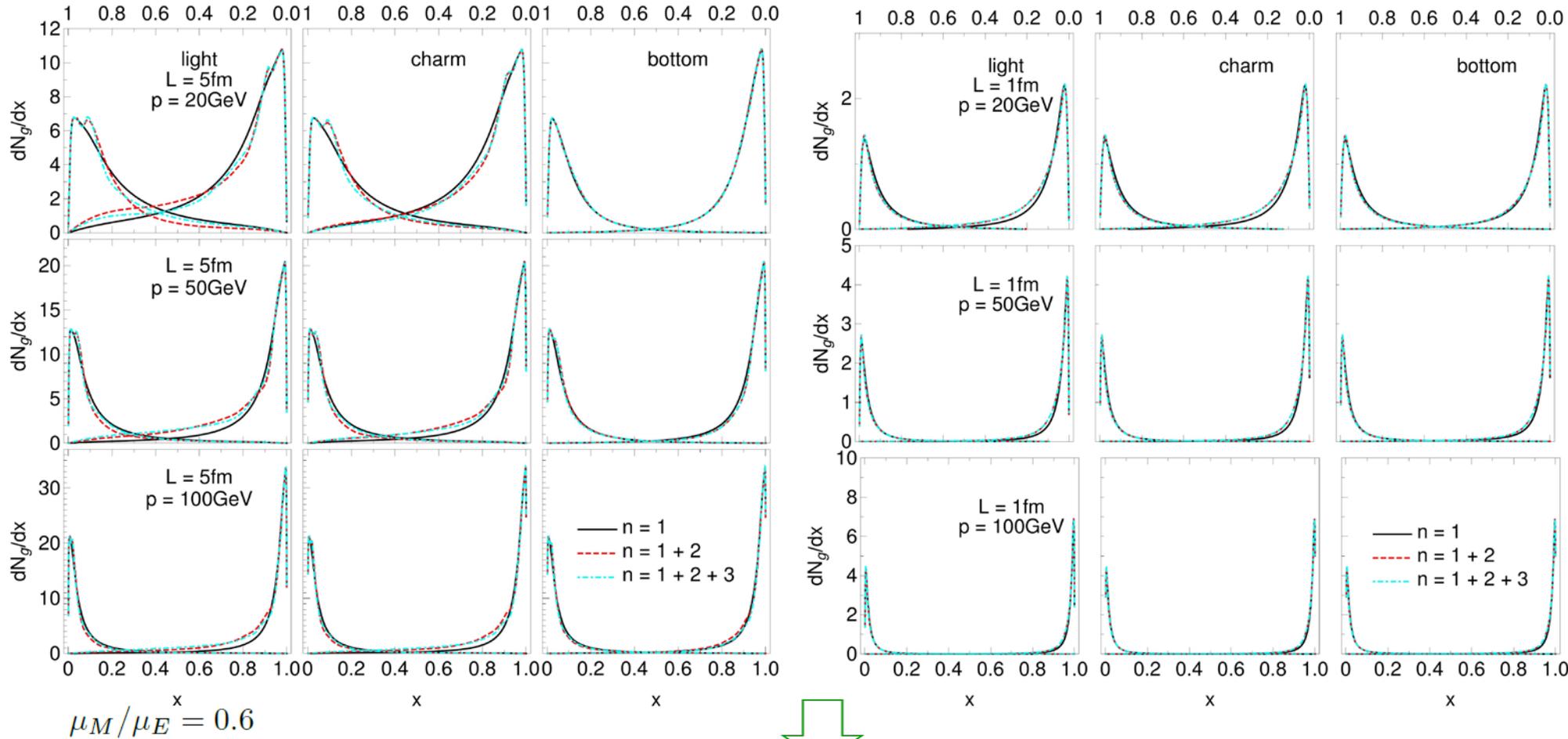


Optimal framework for this analysis.

# Effect of higher orders in opacity on $\frac{dN^g}{dx}$

x - fraction of initial parton's energy carried away by radiated gluon

$$\mu_M/\mu_E = 0.4$$



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Bottom quark practically unaffected.

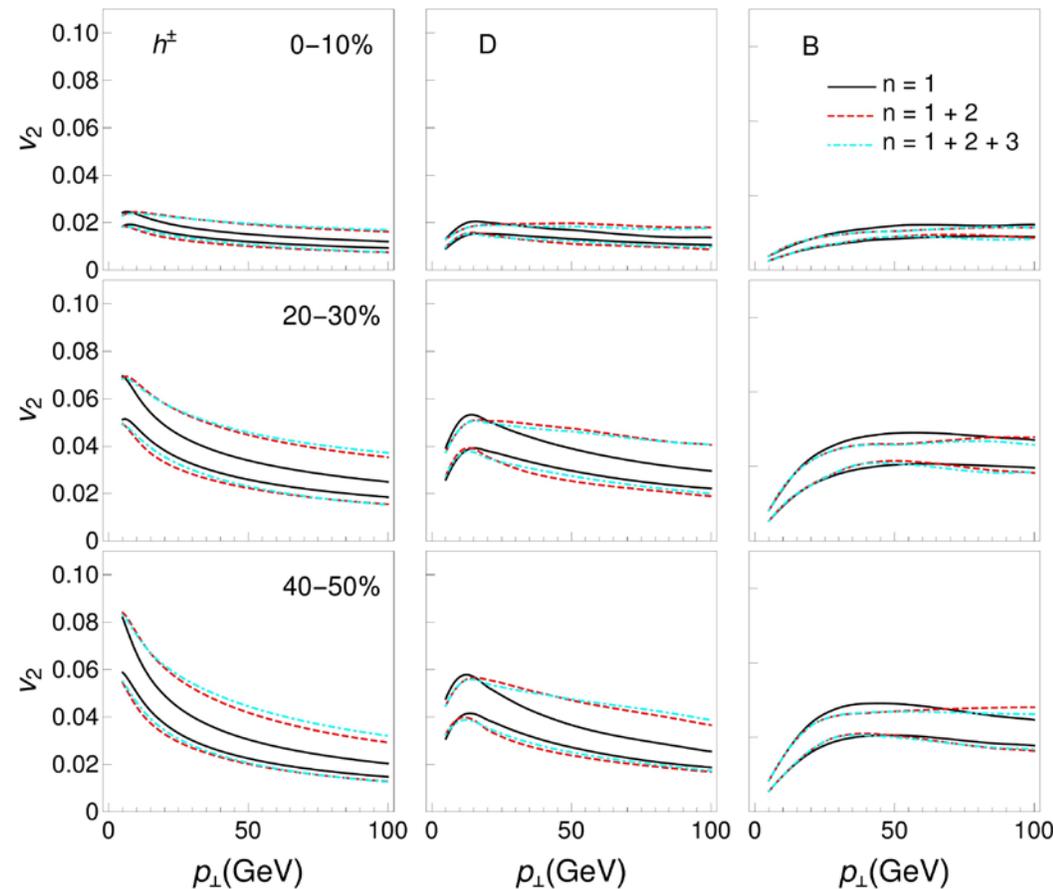
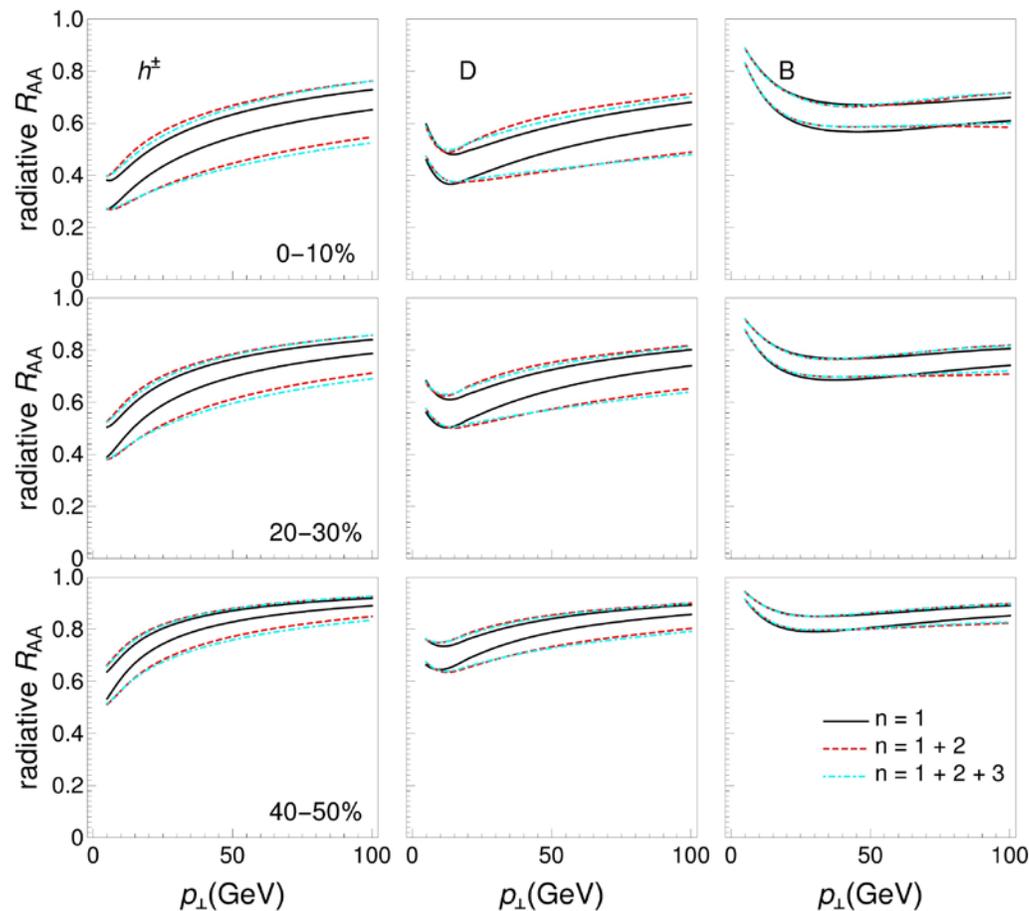
Light and charm quarks moderately affected.

What is the effect on observables?

Diminishes with the increase of high- $p_{\perp}$  partons energy and mass, as well as with the decrease of QCD medium size.

PRD 81 091501;  
PRD 69, 014506

# Effect of higher orders in opacity on radiative $R_{AA}$ and $v_2$



3<sup>rd</sup>  
overlaps  
with 2<sup>nd</sup>  
order.



2<sup>nd</sup> order  
sufficient!



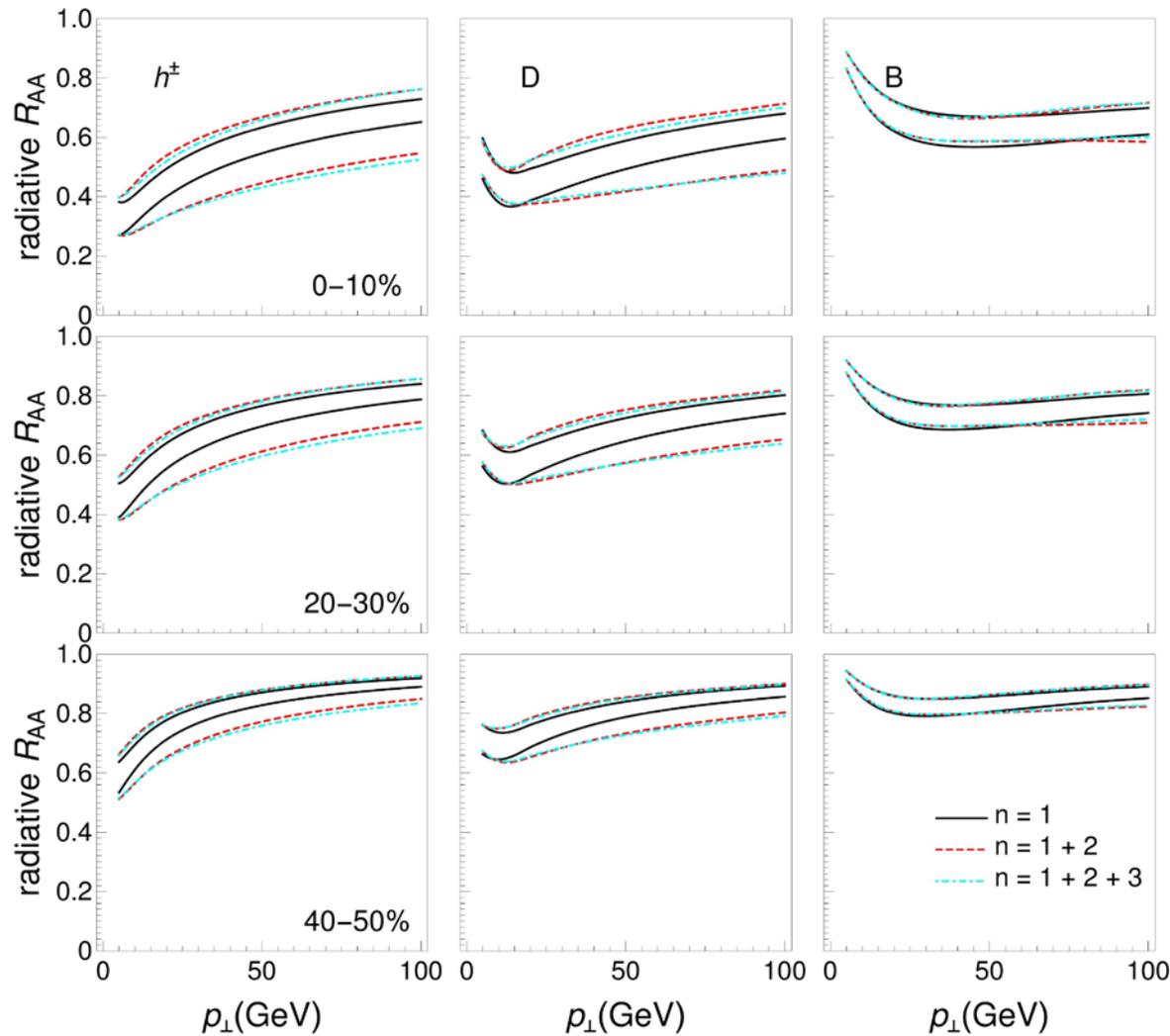
[M. Djordjevic and M. Gyulassy, NPA 733, 265; C. Andres et al., JHEP 07, 114](#)

Qualitatively and quantitatively similar effect on  $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$ : Decreases for more peripheral collisions. Effect on **B meson** insignificant (short formation time; approaches incoherent limit), whereas increases with decreasing mass.

# Effect of higher orders in opacity on radiative $R_{AA}$ (I)

(dependence on magnetic mass)

*S. Stojku, B. I. Salom, M. Djordjevic,*  
[arXiv:2303.14527](https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.14527) Accepted in PRC



Surprisingly, the effect is opposite in sign for limiting values of  $\frac{\mu_M}{\mu_E}$



For  $\frac{\mu_M}{\mu_E} = 0.6$ : negligible and decreases energy loss  
 (increases  $R_{AA}$ )  
 For  $\frac{\mu_M}{\mu_E} = 0.4$ : noticeable and increases energy loss  
 (decreases  $R_{AA}$ )



What is the origin of such behavior?

# Effective potential in dynamical QCD medium: theoretical analysis

S. Stojku, B. I. Salom, M. Djordjevic, arXiv:2303.14527

M. Djordjevic, PLB 709, 229

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$$v(\mathbf{q}) = v_L(\mathbf{q}) - v_T(\mathbf{q})$$

$$v_L(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{(\mathbf{q}^2 + \mu_{pl}^2)} - \frac{1}{(\mathbf{q}^2 + \mu_E^2)} \right), \quad v_T(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{(\mathbf{q}^2 + \mu_{pl}^2)} - \frac{1}{(\mathbf{q}^2 + \mu_M^2)} \right) \quad \mu_{pl} = \mu_E / \sqrt{3}$$

$$\mu_{pl} < \mu_E$$



Longitudinal (electric) contribution to effective potential is always positive.



Radiative energy loss  $> 0$  ( $R_{AA} < 1$ ).



Transverse (magnetic) contribution to effective potential changes sign.



$$\mu_M / \mu_E = 0.6$$

If  $\mu_M > \mu_{pl}$  **decreases** radiative energy loss (increases  $R_{AA}$ )  
 If  $\mu_M < \mu_{pl}$  **increases** radiative energy loss (decreases  $R_{AA}$ )

$$\mu_M / \mu_E = 0.4$$



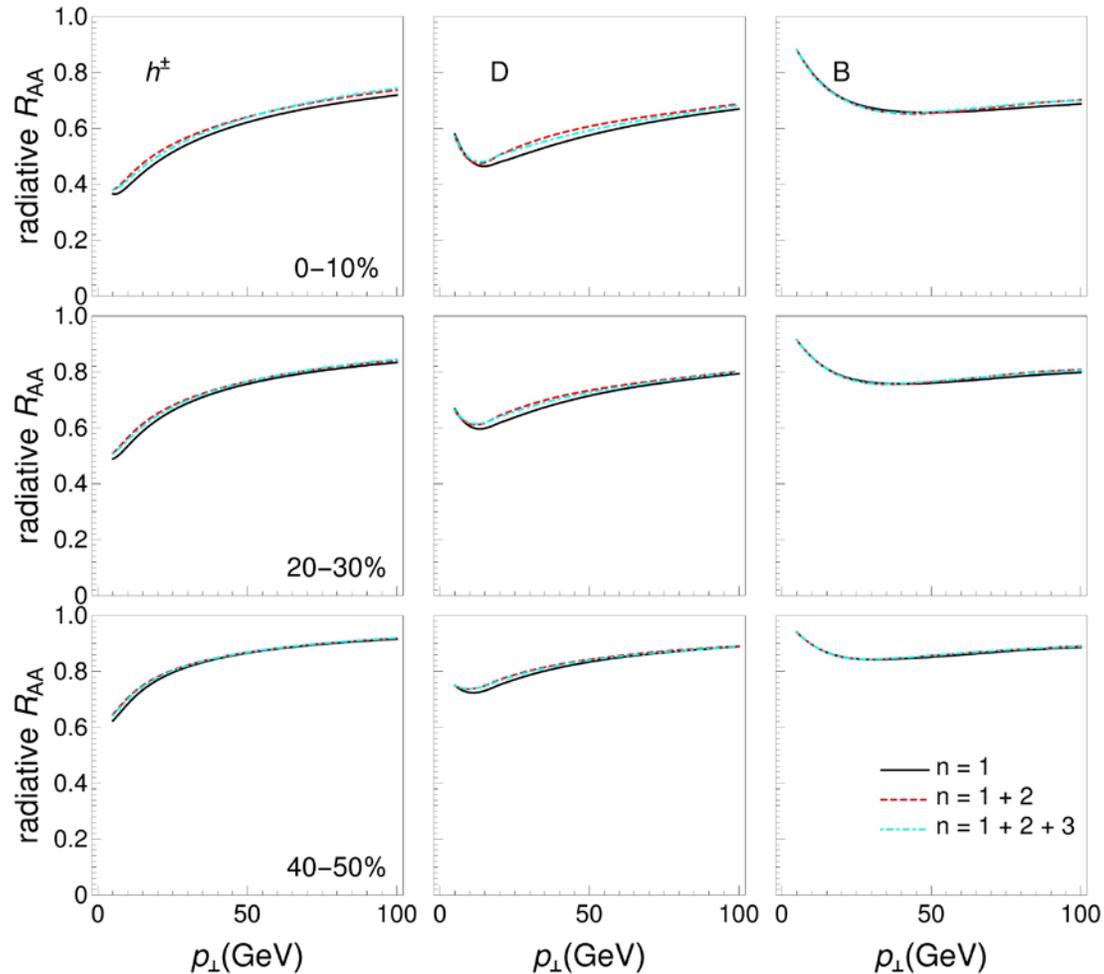
Consistent with previous slide and provides possible explanation of  $R_{AA}$  behavior.

# Effect of higher orders in opacity on **electric contribution** to $R_{AA}$ in dynamical QCD medium:

Electric effective potential is **well-defined** within dynamical QCD medium, as  $\mu_E$  is **set** from lattice QCD, consistently with perturbative calculations.

[A. Peshier, arXiv:0601119](#)

$$v(\mathbf{q}) = v_L(\mathbf{q})$$



Unexpectedly, **electric contribution** to radiative energy loss in a dynamical QCD medium is insignificantly affected.



Higher orders in opacity **dominantly influence magnetic contribution** to radiative energy loss.



Sign and magnitude of the effect is controlled by  $\mu_M$  value.

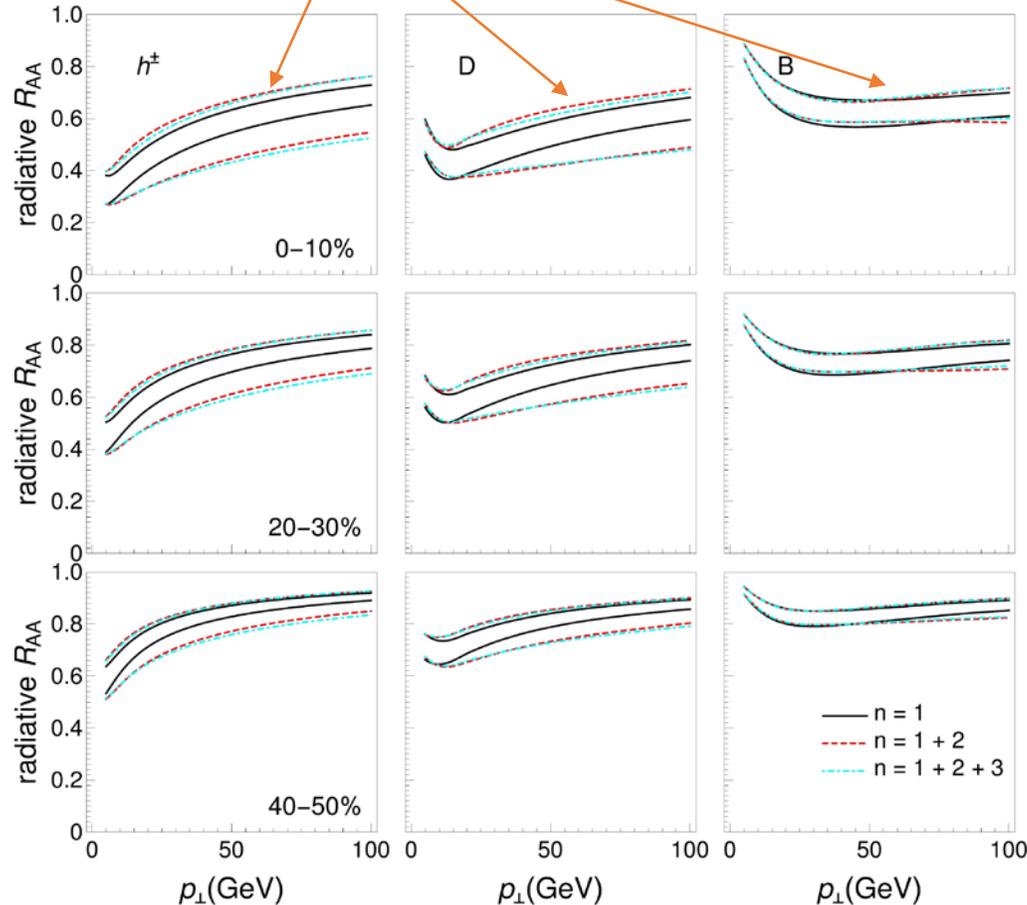
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# Effect of higher orders in opacity on radiative RAA (II)

$$\mu_{pl}/\mu_E = 1/\sqrt{3}$$

The upper set of curves:  $\mu_M/\mu_E = 0.6$



For  $\frac{\mu_M}{\mu_E} = 0.4$  ( $\mu_M$  substantially smaller than  $\mu_{pl}$ ):  
Effect **significant** and **decreases**  $R_{AA}$

For  $\frac{\mu_M}{\mu_E} = 0.6$  ( $\mu_M$  close to, but a bit larger than  $\mu_{pl}$ ):  
Effect **negligible** and slightly **increases**  $R_{AA}$



In agreement with our **analytical arguments.**

2+1 flavor IQCD:

$$0.58 < \mu_M/\mu_E < 0.64$$

*S. Borsanyi et al., JHEP 1504, 138*

The effect of higher orders in opacity on  $R_{AA}$  is **negligible** ( $\lesssim 5\%$ ) in a **dynamical medium!**

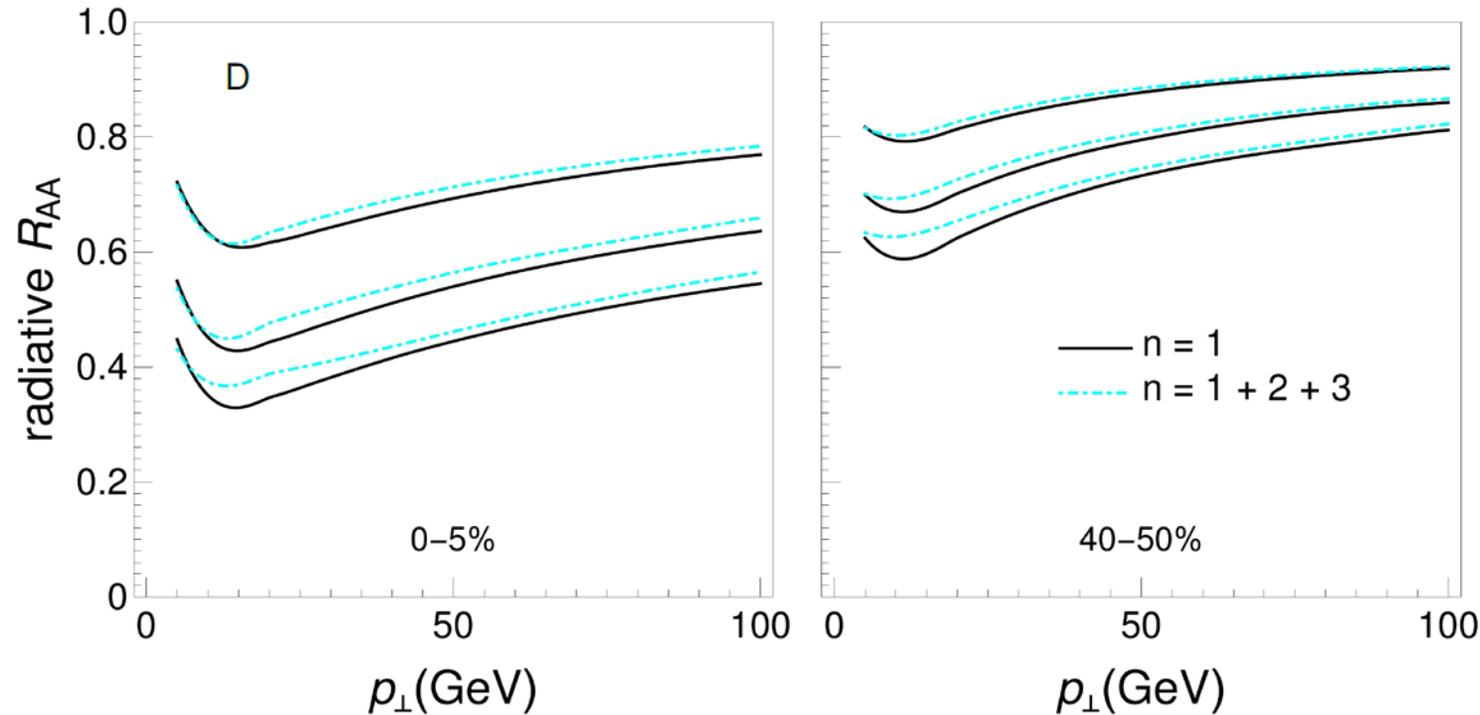
# Effect of higher orders in opacity in evolving medium: a preview

Quite a demanding task, out of the scope of this talk

We mimic medium evolution by assuming different medium T

[S. Stojku, B. I. Salom, M. Djordjevic, arXiv:2303.14527](#)

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Uppermost curves: T=200 MeV  
 Middle curves: T=400 MeV  
 Lowest curves: T=600 MeV

$$\mu_M / \mu_E = 0.6$$



The effect is **nearly the same** and **small** regardless of the medium T.



We expect the conclusions to remain the same for evolving medium.



The higher orders in opacity should be negligible in evolving medium.

# Conclusions

- ✓ We presented DREENA framework, which can accommodate arbitrary T profile within state-of-the-art dynamical loss formalism (as the only input)
- ✓ Traditionally, high- $p_{\perp}$  probes used to explore parton-QGP medium interactions
- ✓ Our approach: Utilize high- $p_{\perp}$  probes to constrain global QGP properties
- ✓ We obtained that high- $p_{\perp}$ :
  - ✓  $R_{AA}, v_2, v_3, v_4$  can differentiate between diverse (early) evolutions
  - ✓  $R_{AA}, v_2$  prefer a later onset of transverse medium expansion and energy loss (1 fm)
  - ✓  $v_2/(1-R_{AA})$  presents a reliable and robust observable for straightforward extraction of spatial anisotropy of QGP: New observable – Jet-perceived anisotropy
  - ✓  $\eta/s(T)$  from dynamical energy loss formalism shows surprisingly good agreement all the way to  $T_c$  with constraints extracted from Bayesian analyses. Provides much smaller uncertainties at high temperature
- ✓ QGP tomography: constraining bulk QGP properties jointly from low- and high- $p_{\perp}$  physics
- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> order in opacity approximation is adequate for a finite size medium created at the RHIC and LHC
  - ✓ The same conclusions should remain valid when an evolving medium is introduced.

Thank you for your attention!

BACK UP

# High- $p_T$ observables

Nuclear modification factor  $R_{AA}$  (suppression)

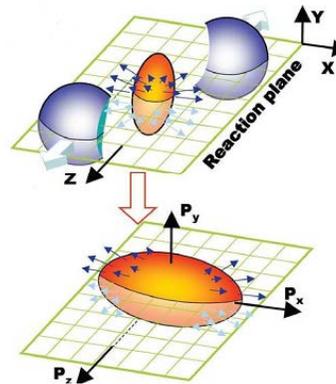
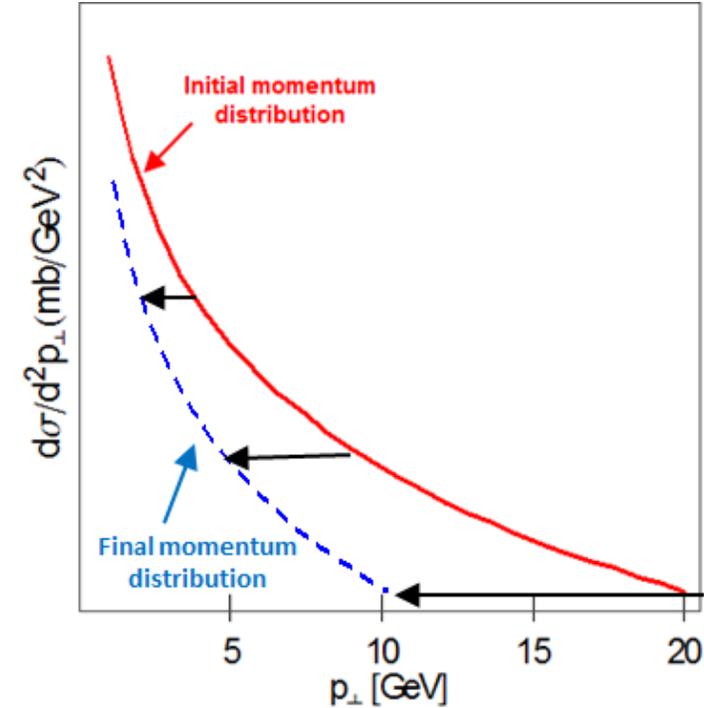
$$R_{AA}^{tr}(p_f, H_Q) = \frac{E_f d^3 \sigma_q(H_Q)}{dp_f^3} / \frac{E_f d^3 \sigma_u(H_Q)}{dp_f^3}$$

$$\frac{E_f d^3 \sigma_q(H_Q)}{dp_f^3} = \frac{E_i d^3 \sigma(Q)}{dp_i^3} \otimes P(E_i \rightarrow E_f) \otimes D(Q \rightarrow H_Q)$$

$$\frac{E_f d^3 \sigma_u(H_Q)}{dp_f^3} = \frac{E_i d^3 \sigma(Q)}{dp_i^3} \otimes D(Q \rightarrow H_Q).$$

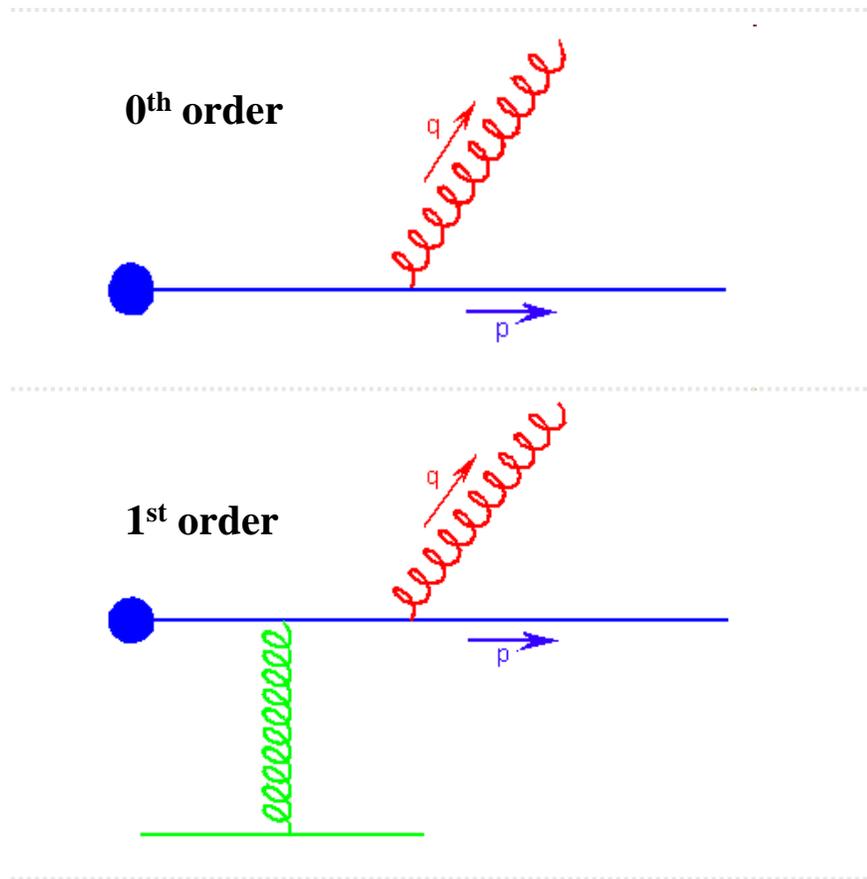
Anisotropic flow (e.g., elliptic  $v_2$ )

$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} \propto 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} v_n \cos[n(\phi - \Psi_n)]$$



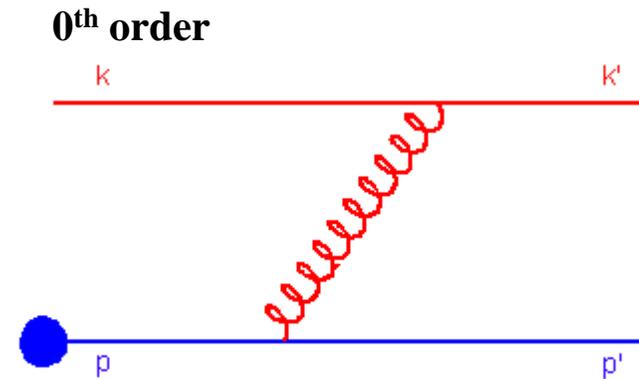
## Radiative energy loss

Radiative energy loss comes from the processes in which there are more outgoing than incoming particles:



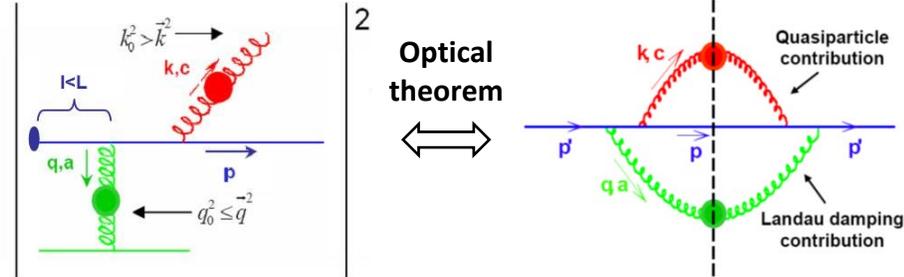
## Collisional energy loss

Collisional (elastic) energy loss comes from the processes which have the same number of incoming and outgoing particles:



# Radiative energy loss in dynamical medium

✓ We assume:



- Dynamical medium of a finite size  $L$ , consisting of thermally distributed massless partons
- 1<sup>st</sup> order in opacity (two Hard-Thermal Loop approach)

M. Djordjevic, PRC 80,064909 (2009) (highlighted in APS physics),

M. Djordjevic and U. Heinz, PRL 101,022302 (2008).

- **Radiated gluon**: transversely polarized with effective mass given by  $m_g = \mu_E / \sqrt{2}$

M. Djordjevic and M. Gyulassy, PRC 68, 034914 (2003).

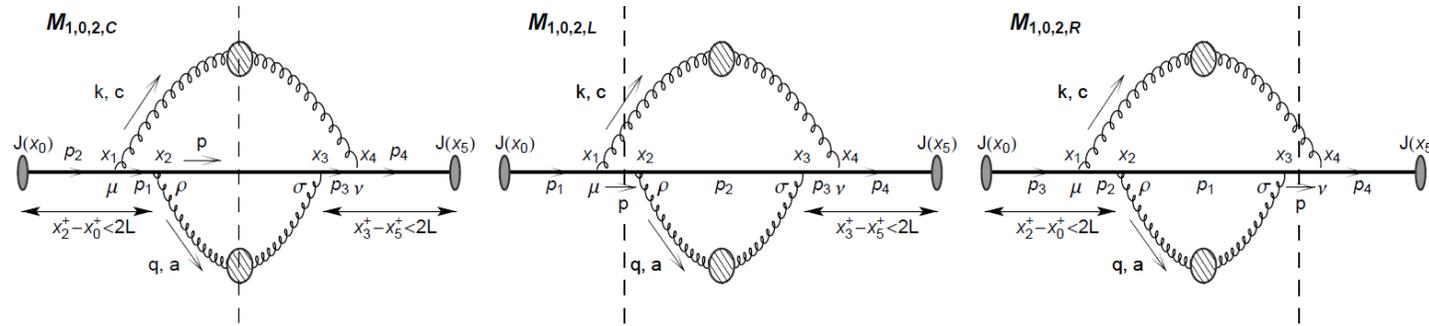
- **Exchanged gluon** cut 1-HTL propagator retains both transverse (magnetic) and longitudinal (electric) parts.

# Radiative energy loss in dynamical medium

In finite size dynamical QGP medium produced quark can be both **on-** and **off-shell**.



Beside central cut, left and right cuts are allowed.



All 24 relevant diagrams are calculated. Each of them is infrared divergent, due to the absence of magnetic screening.



The divergence is naturally regulated when all the diagrams are taken into account.

$$\frac{\Delta E_{dyn}}{E} = \frac{C_R \alpha_s}{\pi} \frac{L}{\lambda_{dyn}} \int dx \int \frac{d^2 q_1}{\pi} \frac{\mu_E^2}{q_1^2 (q_1^2 + \mu_E^2)} \int dk^2 \frac{2}{(k - q_1)^2 + \chi} \left( 1 - \frac{\sin\left(\frac{(k - q_1)^2 + \chi L}{2xE}\right)}{\frac{(k - q_1)^2 + \chi L}{2xE}} \right) \left( \frac{(k - q_1)^2}{(k - q_1)^2 + \chi} - \frac{k \cdot (k - q_1)}{k^2 + \chi} \right)$$

### 1-HTL gluon propagator:

$$iD^{\mu\nu}(l) = \frac{P^{\mu\nu}(l)}{l^2 - \Pi_T(l)} + \frac{Q^{\mu\nu}(l)}{l^2 - \Pi_L(l)}$$



### Cut 1-HTL gluon propagator:

$$D_{\mu\nu}^>(l) = -(1+f(l_0)) \left( P_{\mu\nu}(l) \rho_T(l) + Q_{\mu\nu}(l) \rho_L(l) \right),$$
$$\rho_{L,T}(l) = \underbrace{2\pi \delta(l^2 - \Pi_{T,L}(l))}_{\text{Radiated gluon}} - 2 \underbrace{\text{Im} \left( \frac{1}{l^2 - \Pi_{T,L}(l)} \right) \theta\left(1 - \frac{l_0^2}{l^2}\right)}_{\text{Exchanged gluon}}$$

For **radiated gluon**, cut 1-HTL gluon propagator can be **simplified** to  
(M.D. and M. Gyulassy, PRC 68, 034914 (2003)).

$$D_{\mu\nu}^>(k) \approx -2\pi \frac{P_{\mu\nu}(k)}{2\omega} \delta(k_0 - \omega) \quad \omega \approx \sqrt{\vec{k}^2 + m_g^2}; \quad m_g \approx \mu/\sqrt{2}$$

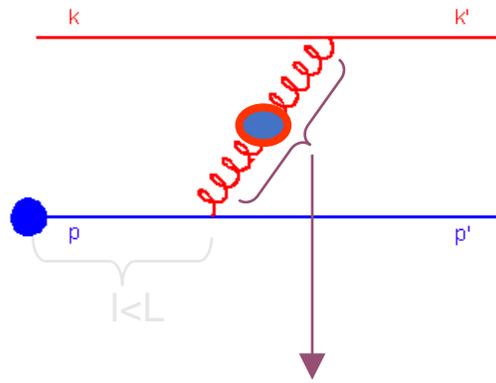
For **exchanged gluon**, cut 1-HTL gluon propagator cannot be simplified, since **both transverse** (magnetic) **and longitudinal** (electric) contributions will prove to be **important**.

$$D_{\mu\nu}^>(q) = \theta\left(1 - \frac{q_0^2}{\vec{q}^2}\right) (1 + f(q_0)) 2 \text{Im} \left( \frac{P_{\mu\nu}(q)}{q^2 - \Pi_T(q)} + \frac{Q_{\mu\nu}(q)}{q^2 - \Pi_L(q)} \right)$$

# Collisional energy loss in a finite size QCD medium

Consider a medium of size  $L$  in thermal equilibrium at temperature  $T$ .

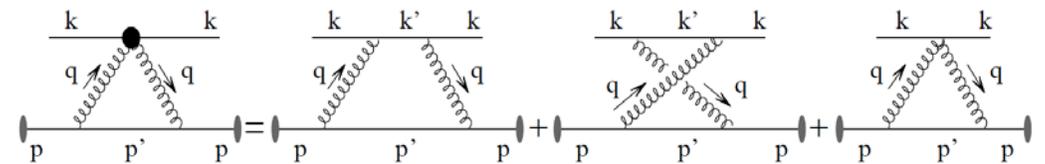
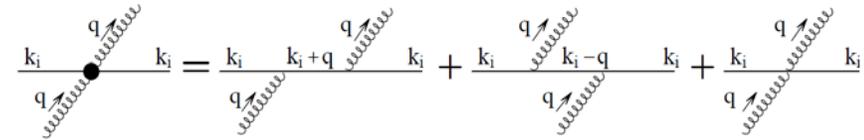
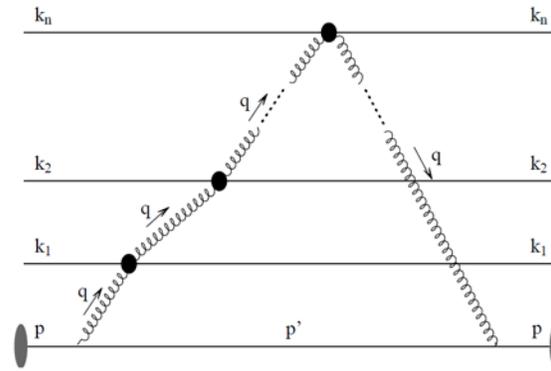
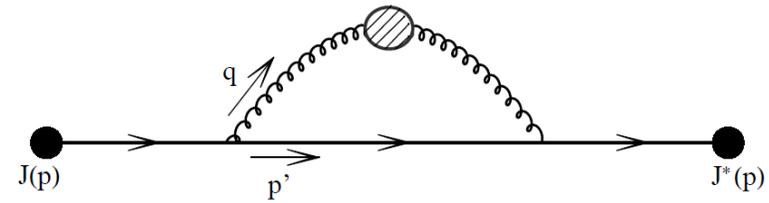
The main order collisional energy loss is determined from:

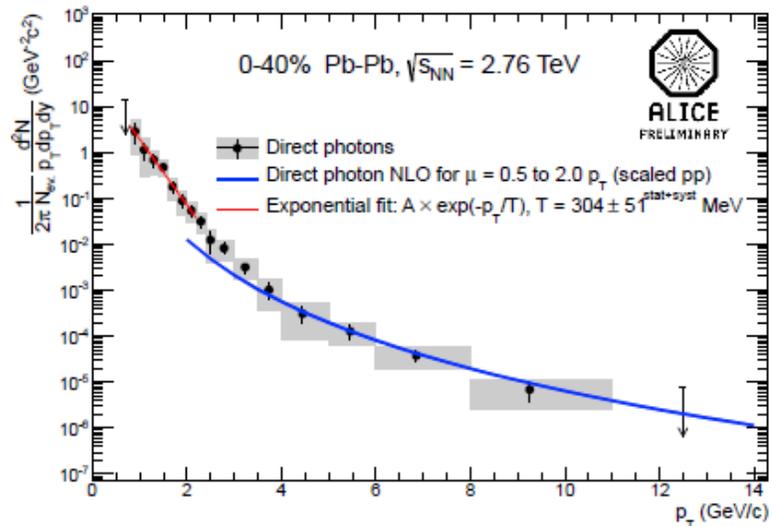


The effective gluon propagator:

$$D^{\mu\nu}(\omega, \vec{q}) = -P^{\mu\nu} \Delta_T(\omega, \vec{q}) - Q^{\mu\nu} \Delta_L(\omega, \vec{q})$$

M. D., Phys.Rev.C74:064907,2006





ALICE: NPA 904-905 573c

$(T_{eff})$  of 304 MeV for 0-40% centrality

2.76 TeV Pb+Pb

$$T^3 \sim \frac{dN_g}{dy} \rightarrow T = c \left( \frac{dN_g}{N_{part}} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$V \sim N_{part} \qquad \frac{dN_g}{N_{part}} \sim \frac{dN_{ch}}{N_{part}/2}$$

For each centrality region.

measured

M. Gyulassy, P. Levai and I. Vitev, NPB 594 371  
 M. Djordjevic, M. Djordjevic and B. Blagojevic, PLB 737, 298

# Analytical calculations: examples

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{dN_g}{dx}\right) &= \left(\frac{dN_g^{(1)}}{dx}\right) + \left(\frac{dN_g^{(2)}}{dx}\right)_1 - \left(\frac{dN_g^{(2)}}{dx}\right)_2 \\ &+ \left(\frac{dN_g^{(3)}}{dx}\right)_1 - \left(\frac{dN_g^{(3)}}{dx}\right)_2 - \left(\frac{dN_g^{(3)}}{dx}\right)_3 + \left(\frac{dN_g^{(3)}}{dx}\right)_4 \\ &+ \left(\frac{dN_g^{(4)}}{dx}\right)_1 - \left(\frac{dN_g^{(4)}}{dx}\right)_2 - \left(\frac{dN_g^{(4)}}{dx}\right)_3 + \left(\frac{dN_g^{(4)}}{dx}\right)_4 \\ &- \left(\frac{dN_g^{(4)}}{dx}\right)_5 + \left(\frac{dN_g^{(4)}}{dx}\right)_6 + \left(\frac{dN_g^{(4)}}{dx}\right)_7 - \left(\frac{dN_g^{(4)}}{dx}\right)_8 \end{aligned}$$

1<sup>st</sup> order in opacity:

$$\left(\frac{dN_g^{(1)}}{dx}\right) = \frac{4C_R}{\pi x} \int_0^L dz_1 \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}}{\pi} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_1}{\pi} \alpha_s(Q_k^2) \frac{1}{\lambda_{dyn}} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_1^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_1^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\chi^2(\mathbf{q}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{k})) + (\mathbf{q}_1 \cdot \mathbf{k})(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_1)^2}{(\chi^2 + \mathbf{k}^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_1)^2)} \sin^2\left(\frac{\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_1)^2}{4xE} z_1\right)$$

2<sup>nd</sup> order in opacity:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{dN_g^{(2)}}{dx}\right)_1 &= \frac{4C_R}{\pi x} \int_0^L \int_{z_1}^L dz_1 dz_2 \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}}{\pi} \iint \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_1}{\pi} \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_2}{\pi} \\ &\alpha_s(Q_k^2) \frac{1}{\lambda_{dyn}^2} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_1^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_1^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_2^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_2^2 + \mu_M^2)} \\ &\frac{\chi^2(\mathbf{q}_2 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2 - \mathbf{k})) + (\mathbf{q}_2 \cdot \mathbf{k})(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_2)^2 + (\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{q}_1)(\mathbf{q}_2 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_2 - 2\mathbf{k})) + \mathbf{k}^2(\mathbf{q}_2 \cdot \mathbf{q}_1)}{(\chi^2 + \mathbf{k}^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_2)^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{q}_2)^2)} \\ &\sin\left(\frac{\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{q}_2)^2}{4xE} z_1\right) \sin\left(\frac{\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{q}_2)^2}{4xE} z_1 + \frac{\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_2)^2}{2xE} z_2\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{dN_g^{(2)}}{dx}\right)_2 &= \frac{2C_R}{\pi x} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}}{\pi} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_2}{\pi} \alpha_s(Q_k^2) \frac{1}{\lambda_{dyn}^2} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_2^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_2^2 + \mu_M^2)} \\ &\frac{\chi^2(\mathbf{q}_2 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_2 - \mathbf{k})) + (\mathbf{q}_2 \cdot \mathbf{k})(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_2)^2}{(\chi^2 + \mathbf{k}^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_2)^2)^2} \frac{\sin(L\omega_{(2)}) (L\omega_{(2)} - \sin(L\omega_{(2)}))}{\omega_{(2)}^2} \end{aligned}$$

3<sup>rd</sup> order in opacity:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{dN_g^{(3)}}{dx}\right)_1 &= \frac{4C_R}{\pi x} \int_0^L \int_{z_1}^L \int_{z_2}^L dz_1 dz_2 dz_3 \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}}{\pi} \iiint \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_1}{\pi} \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_2}{\pi} \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_3}{\pi} \\ &\alpha_s(Q_k^2) \frac{1}{\lambda_{dyn}^3} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_1^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_1^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_2^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_2^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_3^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_3^2 + \mu_M^2)} \\ &\frac{\chi^2(\mathbf{q}_3 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2 + \mathbf{q}_3 - \mathbf{k})) + (\mathbf{q}_3 \cdot \mathbf{k})(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_3)^2 + (\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2))(\mathbf{q}_3 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_3 - 2\mathbf{k})) + \mathbf{k}^2(\mathbf{q}_3 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2))}{(\chi^2 + \mathbf{k}^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_3)^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{q}_2 - \mathbf{q}_3)^2)} \\ &\sin\left(\frac{\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{q}_2 - \mathbf{q}_3)^2}{4xE} z_1\right) \\ &\sin\left(\frac{\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{q}_2 - \mathbf{q}_3)^2}{4xE} z_1 + \frac{\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_2 - \mathbf{q}_3)^2}{2xE} z_2 + \frac{\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_3)^2}{2xE} z_3\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{dN_g^{(3)}}{dx}\right)_2 &= \frac{C_R}{\pi x} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}}{\pi} \iint \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_1}{\pi} \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_3}{\pi} \alpha_s(Q_k^2) \frac{1}{\lambda_{dyn}^3} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_1^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_1^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_3^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_3^2 + \mu_M^2)} \\ &\frac{\chi^2(\mathbf{q}_3 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_3 - \mathbf{k})) + (\mathbf{q}_3 \cdot \mathbf{k})(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_3)^2 + (\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{q}_1)(\mathbf{q}_3 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_3 - 2\mathbf{k})) + \mathbf{k}^2(\mathbf{q}_3 \cdot \mathbf{q}_1)}{(\chi^2 + \mathbf{k}^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_3)^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{q}_3)^2)} \\ &\left( \frac{\left(\frac{3\omega_{(13)}}{2} - \omega_{(3)}\right) \sin(2L\omega_{(3)})}{\omega_{(3)}^3 \omega_{(13)}} - \frac{2\omega_{(13)} \sin(L\omega_{(3)})}{\omega_{(3)}^3 (\omega_{(3)} + \omega_{(13)})} + \frac{\sin(2L(\omega_{(3)} + \frac{\omega_{(13)}}{2}))}{(\omega_{(3)} + \frac{\omega_{(13)}}{2}) \omega_{(13)} (\omega_{(3)} + \omega_{(13)})} - \frac{L \cos(2L\omega_{(3)})}{\omega_{(3)}^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

# Analytical calculations: examples

3<sup>rd</sup> order in opacity:

$$\left(\frac{dN_g^{(3)}}{dx}\right)_3 = \frac{2C_R}{\pi x} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}}{\pi} \iint \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_2}{\pi} \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_3}{\pi} \alpha_s(Q_k^2) \frac{1}{\lambda_{dyn}^3} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_2^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_2^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_3^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_3^2 + \mu_M^2)}$$

$$\frac{\chi^2(\mathbf{q}_3 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_2 + \mathbf{q}_3 - \mathbf{k})) + (\mathbf{q}_3 \cdot \mathbf{k})(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_3)^2 + (\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{q}_2)(\mathbf{q}_3 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_3 - 2\mathbf{k})) + \mathbf{k}^2(\mathbf{q}_3 \cdot \mathbf{q}_2)}{(\chi^2 + \mathbf{k}^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_3)^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_2 - \mathbf{q}_3)^2)}$$

$$\left( \frac{\sin(2L(\frac{\omega(3)}{2} + \omega(23)))}{4\omega_{(23)}^2(\frac{\omega(3)}{2} + \omega(23))} - \frac{\sin(L\omega(3))}{2\omega_{(23)}^2\omega(3)} + \frac{\sin(L(\omega(3) + \omega(23))) - L \cos(L(\omega(3) + \omega(23)))}{\omega(23)(\omega(3) + \omega(23))} \right),$$

$$\left(\frac{dN_g^{(3)}}{dx}\right)_4 = \frac{C_R}{\pi x} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}}{\pi} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_3}{\pi} \alpha_s(Q_k^2) \frac{1}{\lambda_{dyn}^3} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_3^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_3^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\chi^2(\mathbf{q}_3 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_3 - \mathbf{k})) + (\mathbf{q}_3 \cdot \mathbf{k})(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_3)^2}{(\chi^2 + \mathbf{k}^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_3)^2)^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\omega_{(3)}^2} \left( -\frac{\sin(L\omega(3))}{\omega(3)} + \frac{\sin(2L\omega(3))}{2\omega(3)} + \frac{\sin(3L\omega(3))}{3\omega(3)} - L \cos(2L\omega(3)) \right),$$

4<sup>th</sup> order in opacity:

$$\left(\frac{dN_g^{(4)}}{dx}\right)_1 = \frac{4C_R}{\pi x} \int_0^L \int_{z_1}^L \int_{z_2}^L \int_{z_3}^L dz_1 dz_2 dz_3 dz_4 \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}}{\pi} \iiint \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_1}{\pi} \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_2}{\pi} \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_3}{\pi} \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_4}{\pi}$$

$$\alpha_s(Q_k^2) \frac{1}{\lambda_{dyn}^4} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_1^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_1^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_2^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_2^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_3^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_3^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_4^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_4^2 + \mu_M^2)}$$

$$\frac{\chi^2(\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2 + \mathbf{q}_3 + \mathbf{q}_4 - \mathbf{k})) + (\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot \mathbf{k})(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_4)^2 + (\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2 + \mathbf{q}_3))(\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_4 - 2\mathbf{k})) + \mathbf{k}^2(\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2 + \mathbf{q}_3))}{(\chi^2 + \mathbf{k}^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_4)^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{q}_2 - \mathbf{q}_3 - \mathbf{q}_4)^2)}$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{q}_2 - \mathbf{q}_3 - \mathbf{q}_4)^2}{4xE} z_1 + \frac{\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_2 - \mathbf{q}_3 - \mathbf{q}_4)^2}{2xE} z_2 + \frac{\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_3 - \mathbf{q}_4)^2}{2xE} z_3 + \frac{\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_4)^2}{2xE} z_4\right)$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{q}_2 - \mathbf{q}_3 - \mathbf{q}_4)^2}{4xE} z_1\right),$$

4<sup>th</sup> order in opacity:

$$\left(\frac{dN_g^{(4)}}{dx}\right)_2 = \frac{C_R}{\pi x} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}}{\pi} \iiint \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_1}{\pi} \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_2}{\pi} \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_4}{\pi}$$

$$\alpha_s(Q_k^2) \frac{1}{\lambda_{dyn}^4} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_1^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_1^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_2^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_2^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_4^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_4^2 + \mu_M^2)}$$

$$\frac{\chi^2(\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2 + \mathbf{q}_4 - \mathbf{k})) + (\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot \mathbf{k})(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_4)^2 + (\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2))(\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_4 - 2\mathbf{k})) + \mathbf{k}^2(\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2))}{(\chi^2 + \mathbf{k}^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_4)^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{q}_2 - \mathbf{q}_4)^2)}$$

$$\left( \frac{2(\omega_{(24)}(2\omega_{(4)}^2 + 3\omega_{(24)}\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(24)}^2) - (2\omega_{(4)}^2 + 6\omega_{(24)}\omega_{(4)} + 3\omega_{(24)}^2)\omega_{(124)}) \cos(L(2\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(24)}))}{\omega_{(24)}^2(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(24)})^2(2\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(24)})^2\omega_{(124)}} \right.$$

$$\left. - \frac{2 \cos(L(2\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(24)} + \omega_{(124)}))}{\omega_{(124)}(\omega_{(24)} + \omega_{(124)})(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(24)} + \omega_{(124)})(2\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(24)} + \omega_{(124)})} + \frac{\omega_{(124)} \cos(2L\omega_{(4)})}{\omega_{(4)}^2 \omega_{(24)}^2 (\omega_{(24)} + \omega_{(124)})} \right.$$

$$\left. - \frac{2L \sin(L(2\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(24)}))}{\omega_{(24)}(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(24)})(2\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(24)})} - \frac{2\omega_{(124)} \cos(L\omega_{(4)})}{\omega_{(4)}^2(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(24)})^2(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(24)} + \omega_{(124)})} \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{\omega_{(124)}}{\omega_{(4)}^2(2\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(24)})^2(2\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(24)} + \omega_{(124)})} \right),$$

$$\left(\frac{dN_g^{(4)}}{dx}\right)_3 = \frac{C_R}{2\pi x} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}}{\pi} \iiint \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_1}{\pi} \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_3}{\pi} \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_4}{\pi}$$

$$\alpha_s(Q_k^2) \frac{1}{\lambda_{dyn}^4} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_1^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_1^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_3^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_3^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_4^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_4^2 + \mu_M^2)}$$

$$\frac{\chi^2(\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_3 + \mathbf{q}_4 - \mathbf{k})) + (\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot \mathbf{k})(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_4)^2 + (\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_3))(\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_4 - 2\mathbf{k})) + \mathbf{k}^2(\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_3))}{(\chi^2 + \mathbf{k}^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_4)^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{q}_3 - \mathbf{q}_4)^2)}$$

$$\left( -\frac{2L \sin(L(\omega_{(4)} + 2\omega_{(34)}))}{\omega_{(34)}^2(\omega_{(4)} + 2\omega_{(34)})} - \frac{4 \cos(L(\omega_{(4)} + 2\omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(134)}))}{\omega_{(134)}(\omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(134)})(2\omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(134)})(\omega_{(4)} + 2\omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(134)})} \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{(2\omega_{(34)}(\omega_{(4)} + 2\omega_{(34)}) - (3\omega_{(4)} + 8\omega_{(34)})\omega_{(134)}) \cos(L(\omega_{(4)} + 2\omega_{(34)}))}{\omega_{(34)}^3(\omega_{(4)} + 2\omega_{(34)})^2\omega_{(134)}} - \frac{\omega_{(134)} \cos(L\omega_{(4)})}{\omega_{(4)}\omega_{(34)}^3(2\omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(134)})} \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{4\omega_{(134)}}{(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(34)})} \left( \frac{\cos(L(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(34)}))}{\omega_{(34)}^3(\omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(134)})} + \frac{1}{\omega_{(4)}(\omega_{(4)} + 2\omega_{(34)})^2(\omega_{(4)} + 2\omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(134)})} \right) \right),$$

# Analytical calculations: examples

4<sup>th</sup> order in opacity:

$$\left(\frac{dN_g^{(4)}}{dx}\right)_4 = \frac{C_R}{3\pi x} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}}{\pi} \iint \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_1}{\pi} \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_4}{\pi} \alpha_s(Q_k^2) \frac{1}{\lambda_{dyn}^4} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_1^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_1^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_4^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_4^2 + \mu_M^2)}$$

$$\frac{\chi^2(\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_4 - \mathbf{k})) + (\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot \mathbf{k})(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_4)^2 + (\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{q}_1)(\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_4 - 2\mathbf{k})) + \mathbf{k}^2(\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot \mathbf{q}_1)}{(\chi^2 + \mathbf{k}^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_4)^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{q}_4)^2)}$$

$$\frac{1}{\omega_{(4)}^3} \left( -\frac{6\omega_{(4)}^3 \cos(L(3\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(14)}))}{\omega_{(14)}(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(14)})(2\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(14)})(3\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(14)})} + \left(\frac{1}{\omega_{(14)}} - \frac{11}{6\omega_{(4)}}\right) \cos(3L\omega_{(4)}) \right.$$

$$\left. -L \sin(3L\omega_{(4)}) - \frac{3\omega_{(14)} \cos(L\omega_{(4)})}{4\omega_{(4)}^2 + 2\omega_{(14)}\omega_{(4)}} + \frac{3\omega_{(14)} \cos(2L\omega_{(4)})}{(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(14)})\omega_{(4)}} + \frac{\omega_{(14)}}{9\omega_{(4)}^2 + 3\omega_{(14)}\omega_{(4)}} \right),$$

$$\left(\frac{dN_g^{(4)}}{dx}\right)_5 = \frac{C_R}{\pi x} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}}{\pi} \iiint \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_2}{\pi} \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_3}{\pi} \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_4}{\pi}$$

$$\alpha_s(Q_k^2) \frac{1}{\lambda_{dyn}^4} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_2^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_2^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_3^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_3^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_4^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_4^2 + \mu_M^2)}$$

$$\frac{\chi^2(\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_2 + \mathbf{q}_3 + \mathbf{q}_4 - \mathbf{k})) + (\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot \mathbf{k})(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_4)^2 + (\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{q}_2 + \mathbf{q}_3))(\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_4 - 2\mathbf{k})) + \mathbf{k}^2(\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_2 + \mathbf{q}_3))}{(\chi^2 + \mathbf{k}^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_4)^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_2 - \mathbf{q}_3 - \mathbf{q}_4)^2)}$$

$$\frac{1}{\omega_{(234)}^2} \left( \frac{2\omega_{(234)}^3}{\omega_{(4)}(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(34)})(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(234)})^2(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(34)} + 2\omega_{(234)})} + \frac{\cos(L(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(34)}))}{\omega_{(34)}(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(34)})} \right.$$

$$\left. - \frac{2\omega_{(234)}^3 \cos(L\omega_{(4)})}{\omega_{(4)}\omega_{(34)}(\omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(234)})^2(\omega_{(34)} + 2\omega_{(234)})} - \frac{2L\omega_{(234)} \sin(L(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(234)}))}{(\omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(234)})(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(234)})} \right.$$

$$\left. - \frac{\cos(L(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(34)} + 2\omega_{(234)}))}{(\omega_{(34)} + 2\omega_{(234)})(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(34)} + 2\omega_{(234)})} - \frac{2\omega_{(234)}(\omega_{(4)} + 2\omega_{(34)} + 2\omega_{(234)}) \cos(L(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(234)}))}{(\omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(234)})^2(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(34)} + \omega_{(234)})^2} \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{dN_g^{(4)}}{dx}\right)_6 = \frac{C_R}{\pi x} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}}{\pi} \iint \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_2}{\pi} \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_4}{\pi} \alpha_s(Q_k^2) \frac{1}{\lambda_{dyn}^4} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_2^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_2^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_4^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_4^2 + \mu_M^2)}$$

$$\frac{\chi^2(\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_2 + \mathbf{q}_4 - \mathbf{k})) + (\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot \mathbf{k})(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_4)^2 + (\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{q}_2)(\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_4 - 2\mathbf{k})) + \mathbf{k}^2(\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot \mathbf{q}_2)}{(\chi^2 + \mathbf{k}^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_4)^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_2 - \mathbf{q}_4)^2)}$$

$$\left( \frac{\omega_{(24)}}{8\omega_{(4)}^2(\omega_{(4)} + \frac{\omega_{(24)}}{2})^2(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(24)})} - \frac{L \sin(L(2\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(24)})) + \frac{(\frac{3\omega_{(4)}}{2} + \omega_{(24)}) \cos(2L(\omega_{(4)} + \frac{\omega_{(24)}}{2}))}{(\omega_{(4)} + \frac{\omega_{(24)}}{2})(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(24)})}}{(\omega_{(4)} + \frac{\omega_{(24)}}{2})(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(24)})\omega_{(24)}} \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{\left(\frac{\cos(2L\omega_{(4)})}{2\omega_{(4)}} - \frac{\omega_{(4)} \cos(2L(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(24)}))}{4(\frac{\omega_{(4)}}{2} + \omega_{(24)})(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(24)})}\right)}{\omega_{(4)}\omega_{(24)}^2} - \frac{\omega_{(24)} \cos(L\omega_{(4)})}{\omega_{(4)}(\frac{\omega_{(4)}}{2} + \omega_{(24)})(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(24)})^2} \right),$$

$$\left(\frac{dN_g^{(4)}}{dx}\right)_7 = \frac{C_R}{2\pi x} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}}{\pi} \iint \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_3}{\pi} \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_4}{\pi} \alpha_s(Q_k^2) \frac{1}{\lambda_{dyn}^4} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_3^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_3^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_4^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_4^2 + \mu_M^2)}$$

$$\frac{\chi^2(\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_3 + \mathbf{q}_4 - \mathbf{k})) + (\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot \mathbf{k})(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_4)^2 + (\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{q}_3)(\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_4 - 2\mathbf{k})) + \mathbf{k}^2(\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot \mathbf{q}_3)}{(\chi^2 + \mathbf{k}^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_4)^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_3 - \mathbf{q}_4)^2)}$$

$$\frac{1}{\omega_{(34)}^2(\frac{\omega_{(4)}}{2} + \omega_{(34)})} \left( \frac{2\omega_{(34)}^3}{\omega_{(4)}(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(34)})(\omega_{(4)} + 2\omega_{(34)})(\omega_{(4)} + 3\omega_{(34)})} - \frac{(\frac{\omega_{(4)}}{2} + 2\omega_{(34)}) \cos(L(\omega_{(4)} + 2\omega_{(34)}))}{(\omega_{(4)} + 2\omega_{(34)})\omega_{(34)}} \right.$$

$$\left. -L \sin(L(\omega_{(4)} + 2\omega_{(34)})) - \frac{(\frac{\omega_{(4)}}{2} + \omega_{(34)}) \left(\frac{\cos(L\omega_{(4)})}{\omega_{(4)}} - \frac{6 \cos(L(\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(34)}))}{\omega_{(4)} + \omega_{(34)}} + \frac{2 \cos(L(\omega_{(4)} + 3\omega_{(34)})}{\omega_{(4)} + 3\omega_{(34)}}\right)}{3\omega_{(34)}} \right),$$

$$\left(\frac{dN_g^{(4)}}{dx}\right)_8 = \frac{C_R}{3\pi x} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}}{\pi} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{q}_4}{\pi} \alpha_s(Q_k^2) \frac{1}{\lambda_{dyn}^4} \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{(\mathbf{q}_4^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}_4^2 + \mu_M^2)} \frac{\chi^2 \mathbf{q}_4 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_4 - \mathbf{k}) + (\mathbf{q}_4 \cdot \mathbf{k})(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_4)^2}{(\chi^2 + \mathbf{k}^2)(\chi^2 + (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_4)^2)^2}$$

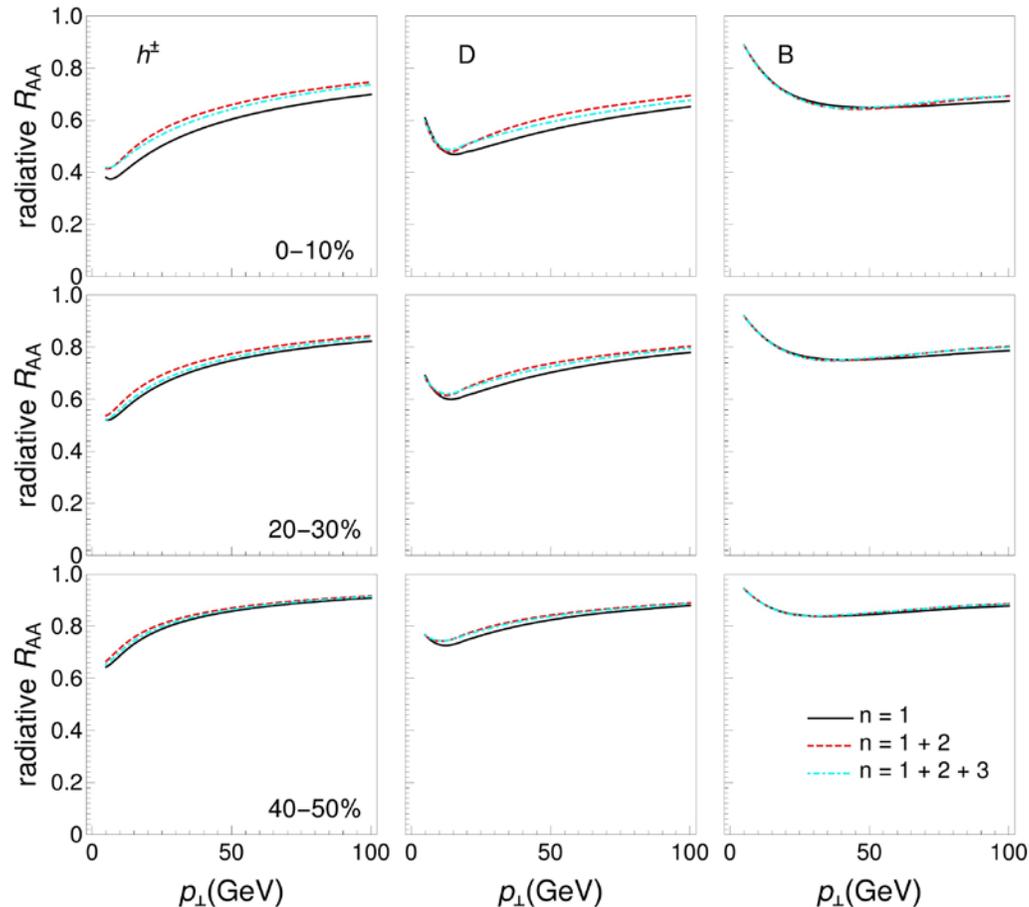
$$\frac{1}{\omega_{(4)}^3} \left( \frac{1}{12\omega_{(4)}} - L \sin(3L\omega_{(4)}) - \frac{\cos(L\omega_{(4)})}{2\omega_{(4)}} + \frac{3 \cos(2L\omega_{(4)})}{2\omega_{(4)}} - \frac{5 \cos(3L\omega_{(4)})}{6\omega_{(4)}} - \frac{\cos(4L\omega_{(4)})}{4\omega_{(4)}} \right)$$

# Effect of higher orders in opacity on radiative $R_{AA}$ in static QCD medium (DGLV)

Static QCD medium approximation  $\rightarrow$  only electric contribution

Static effective potential:  $\frac{\mu_E^2}{\pi(\mathbf{q}^2 + \mu_E^2)^2}$     Static mfp:  $\lambda_{\text{stat}}$

[S. Stojku, B. I. Salom, M. Djordjevic, arXiv:2303.14527](#)



The effect is **slightly larger** than in the dynamical case, but yet **small** ( $\lesssim 6\%$ ).

For **optically thin static** medium models the effect of higher order in opacity on high- $p_{\perp}$  observables is still **insignificant**.

1<sup>st</sup> order in opacity is an adequate approximation for **optically thin static** medium.

# Averaged (smooth) evolution models

- Optical Glauber:
  - Optical Glauber initialization ( $\tau_0=1$  fm, no initial transverse flow)
  - 3+1D viscous fluid code (E. Molnar, H. Holopainen, P. Huovinen and H. Niemi, PRC 90, 044904),  $\eta/s=0.12$ , no bulk viscosity (for RHIC  $\eta/s=0.16$ )
  - EoS parametrisation s95p-PCE-v1 (P. Huovinen and P. Petreczky, NPA 837, 26-53)
- EKRT:
  - EKRT initialization (K. J. Eskola, K. Kajantie, P. V. Ruuskanen and K. Tuominen, NPB 570, 379; PRC 87, 044904; PLB 731, 126)  $\tau_0=0.2$  fm
  - 3+1D viscous fluid code with boost-invariant expansion (E. Molnar, H. Holopainen, P. Huovinen and H. Niemi, PRC 90, 044904)
  - Bayesian analysis  $\eta/s(T)$  (min 0.18), no bulk viscosity
  - EoS parametrization s83s<sub>18</sub> (J. Auvinen, K. J. Eskola, P. Huovinen, H. Niemi, R. Paatelainen and P. Petreczky, PRC 102, 044911)
- T<sub>R</sub>ENTo:
  - T<sub>R</sub>ENTo initialization (J. S. Moreland, J. E. Bernhard and S. A. Bass, PRC 92, 011901), with free streaming until  $\tau_0=1.16$  fm
  - VISH2+1 code (H. Song and U. W. Heinz, PRC 77, 064901; arXiv:1804.06469; NP 15, no.11, 1113-1117 )
  - Bayesian analysis  $\eta/s(T)$  (min 0.081),  $\zeta/s(T)$  (max 0.052)
  - EoS lattice (A. Bazavov et al. [HotQCD], PRD 90, 094503)

$$\frac{E_f d^3 \sigma_q(H_Q)}{dp_f^3} = \frac{E_i d^3 \sigma(Q)}{dp_i^3} \otimes P(E_i \rightarrow E_f) \otimes D(Q \rightarrow H_Q)$$

# DREENA-A

$$T(x_0, x_0, \phi, \tau) = T_{profile}(x_0 + \tau \cos \phi, y_0 + \tau \sin \phi, \tau)$$

$$\frac{E_f d^3 \sigma_u(H_Q)}{dp_f^3} = \frac{E_i d^3 \sigma(Q)}{dp_i^3} \otimes D(Q \rightarrow H_Q).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 N_{rad}}{dx d\tau} &= \int \frac{d^2 k}{\pi} \frac{d^2 q}{\pi} \frac{2 C_R C_2(G) T}{x} \frac{\mu_E(T)^2 - \mu_M(T)^2}{(\mathbf{q}^2 + \mu_M(T)^2)(\mathbf{q}^2 + \mu_E(T)^2)} \frac{\alpha_S(ET) \alpha_S(\frac{\mathbf{k}^2 + \chi(T)}{x})}{\pi} \\ &\times \frac{(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q})}{(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q})^2 + \chi(T)} \left( 1 - \cos \left( \frac{(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q})^2 + \chi(T)}{xE^+} \tau \right) \right) \left( \frac{(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q})}{(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q})^2 + \chi(T)} - \frac{\mathbf{k}}{\mathbf{k}^2 + \chi(T)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{N}_{tr}(E) = \int_{tr} \left( \int \frac{d^2 N_{rad}}{dx d\tau} dx \right) d\tau, \quad \bar{N}'_{tr}(E, x) = \int_{tr} \frac{d^2 N_{rad}}{dx d\tau} d\tau$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_{rad}^{tr}(E_i \rightarrow E_f) &= \frac{\delta(E_i - E_f)}{e^{\bar{N}_{tr}(E_i)}} + \frac{\bar{N}'_{tr}(E_i, 1 - \frac{E_f}{E_i})}{e^{\bar{N}_{tr}(E_i)}} + \\ &+ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\bar{N}_{tr}(E_i)}}{n!} \int dx_1 \cdots dx_n \bar{N}'_{tr}(E_i, x_1) \cdots \bar{N}'_{tr}(E_i, x_{n-1}) \bar{N}'_{tr}(E_i, 1 - \frac{E_f}{E_i} - x_1 - \cdots - x_{n-1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dE_{col}}{d\tau} &= \frac{2C_R}{\pi v^2} \alpha_S(ET) \alpha_S(\mu_E^2(T)) \times \\ &\int_0^\infty n_{eq}(|\vec{\mathbf{k}}|, T) d|\vec{\mathbf{k}}| \left( \int_0^{|\vec{\mathbf{k}}|/(1+v)} d|\vec{\mathbf{q}}| \int_{-v|\vec{\mathbf{q}}|}^{v|\vec{\mathbf{q}}|} \omega d\omega + \int_{|\vec{\mathbf{k}}|/(1+v)}^{|\vec{\mathbf{q}}|_{max}} d|\vec{\mathbf{q}}| \int_{|\vec{\mathbf{q}}|-2|\vec{\mathbf{k}}|}^{v|\vec{\mathbf{q}}|} \omega d\omega \right) \times \\ &\left( |\Delta_L(q, T)|^2 \frac{(2|\vec{\mathbf{k}}| + \omega)^2 - |\vec{\mathbf{q}}|^2}{2} + |\Delta_T(q, T)|^2 \frac{(|\vec{\mathbf{q}}|^2 - \omega^2)((2|\vec{\mathbf{k}}| + \omega)^2 + |\vec{\mathbf{q}}|^2)}{4|\vec{\mathbf{q}}|^4} (v^2 |\vec{\mathbf{q}}|^2 - \omega^2) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{E}_{col}^{tr}(E) = \int_{tr} \frac{dE_{col}}{d\tau} d\tau$$

$$P_{col}^{tr}(E_i, E_f) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_{col}^{tr}(E_i)} \exp \left( - \frac{(E_i - E_f - \bar{E}_{col}^{tr}(E_i))^2}{2 \sigma_{col}^{tr}(E_i)^2} \right)$$

$$\sigma_{col}^{tr}(E) = \sqrt{2T^{tr} \bar{E}_{col}^{tr}(E)}$$

$$R_{AA}^{tr}(p_f, H_Q) = \frac{E_f d^3 \sigma_q(H_Q)}{dp_f^3} / \frac{E_f d^3 \sigma_u(H_Q)}{dp_f^3}$$

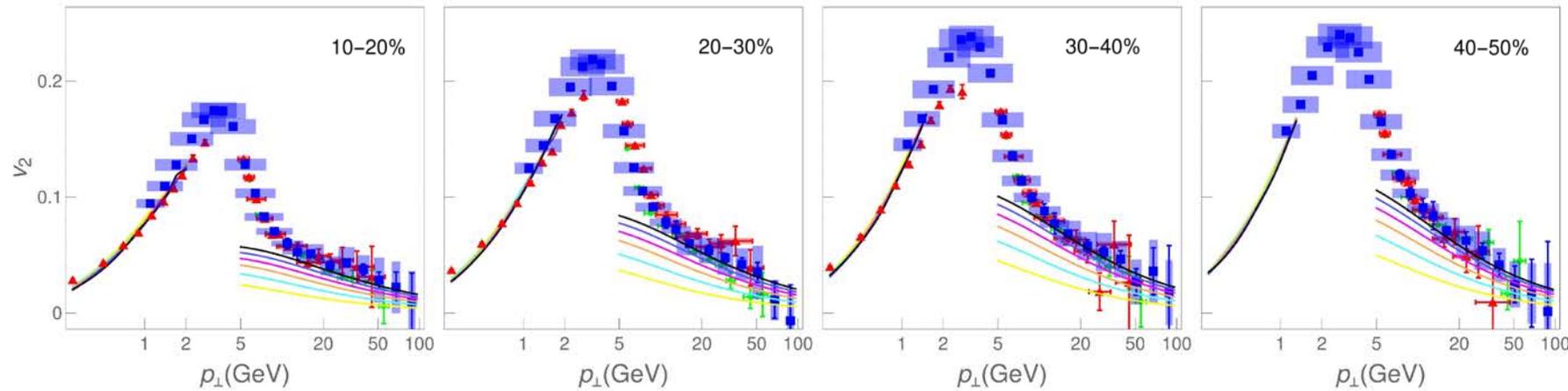
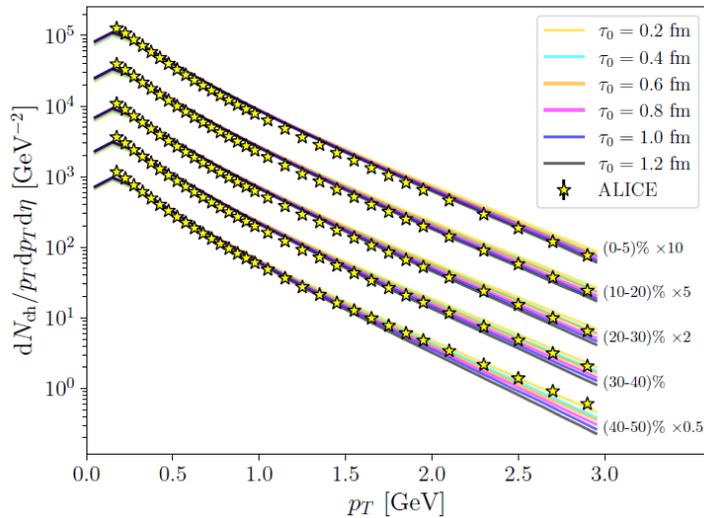
$$R_{AA}(p_\perp) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} R_{AA}(p_\perp, \phi) d\phi,$$

$$v_2(p_\perp) = \frac{\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos(2\phi) R_{AA}(p_\perp, \phi) d\phi}{R_{AA}(p_\perp)}$$

# Constraining initial time ( $\tau_0$ ) by high- $p_\perp$ QGP tomography: Low- $p_\perp$ setup

$$\tau_0 \in \{0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0, 1.2\} \text{ fm}$$

$h^\pm$  Pb+Pb  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=5.02$  TeV



Good agreement with low- $p_\perp$  data.

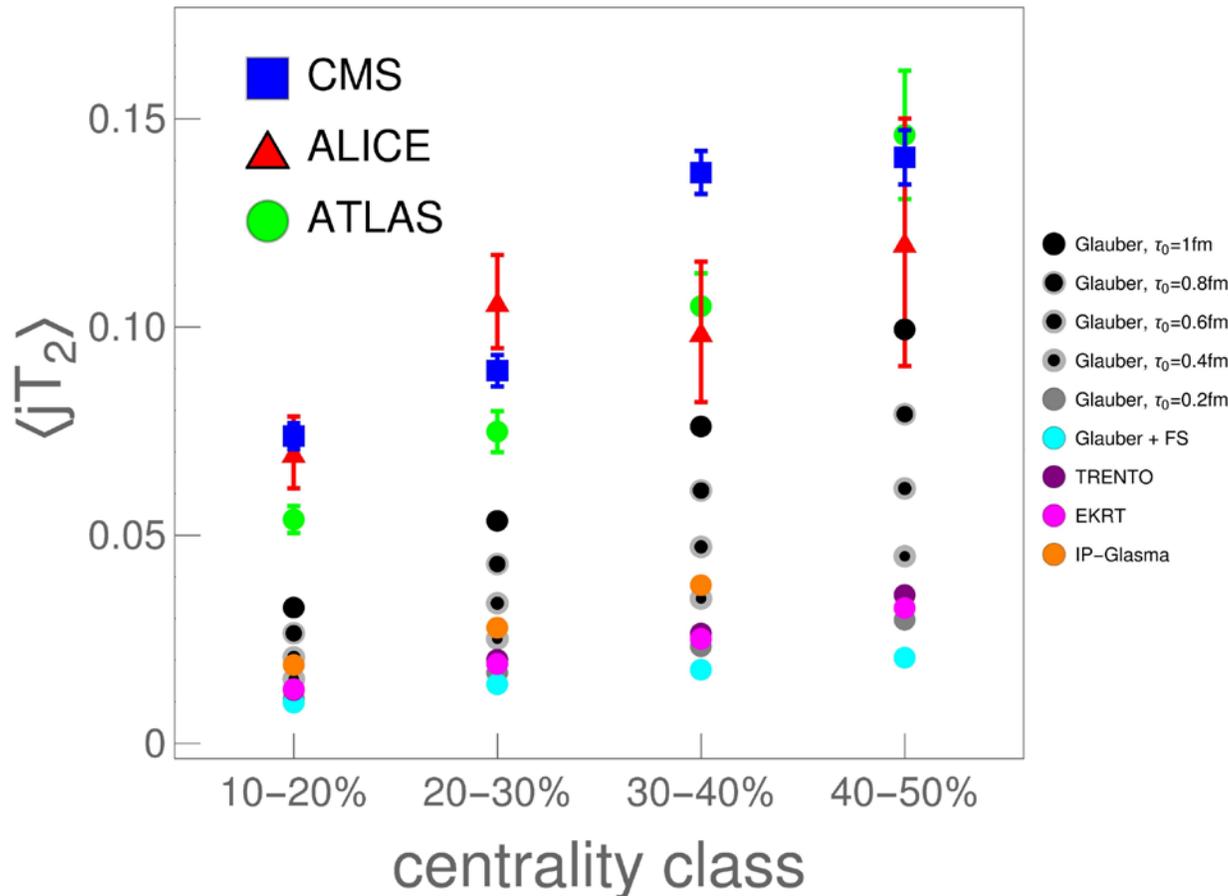
What about high- $p_\perp$  sector?

# Averaged evolution models for anisotropy

- Optical Glauber:
  - Optical Glauber initialization ( $\tau_0=1$  fm)
  - 3+1D viscous fluid code (E. Molnar, H. Holopainen, P. Huovinen and H. Niemi, PRC 90, 044904),  $\eta/s=0.12$ , no bulk viscosity (for RHIC  $\eta/s=0.16$ )
  - EoS parametrisation s95p-PCE-v1 (P. Huovinen and P. Petreczky, NPA 837, 26-53)
- Glauber+Free Streaming:
  - Glauber initialization (free streaming from 0.2 to 1 fm)
  - 3+1D viscous fluid code (E. Molnar, H. Holopainen, P. Huovinen and H. Niemi, PRC 90, 044904),  $\eta/s=0.16$ , no bulk viscosity
  - EoS parametrisation s95p-PCE175
- EKRT:
  - EKRT initialization (K. J. Eskola, K. Kajantie, P. V. Ruuskanen and K. Tuominen, NPB 570, 379; PRC 87, 044904; PLB 731, 126)  $\tau_0=0.2$  fm
  - 3+1D viscous fluid code with boost-invariant expansion (E. Molnar, H. Holopainen, P. Huovinen and H. Niemi, PRC 90, 044904)
  - Bayesian analysis  $\eta/s(T)$  (min 0.18), no bulk viscosity
  - EoS parametrization s83s<sub>18</sub> (J. Auvinen, K. J. Eskola, P. Huovinen, H. Niemi, R. Paatelainen and P. Petreczky, PRC 102, 044911)
- IP-Glasma:
  - IP-Glasma (B. Schenke, P. Tribedy and R. Venugopalan, PRL 108, 252301; PRC 86, 034908; B. Schenke, C. Shen and P. Tribedy, PRC 102, 044905)  $\tau_{switch}=0.4$
  - MUSIC code with boost-invariant expansion (B. Schenke, S. Jeon and C. Gale, PRC 82, 014903; PRL 106, 042301; PRC 85, 024901),  $\eta/s=0.12$ ,  $\zeta/s(T)$  (max 0.13)
  - EoS HotQCD lattice (J. S. Moreland and R. A. Soltz, PRC 93, 044913)
- T<sub>R</sub>ENTo:
  - T<sub>R</sub>ENTo initialization (J. S. Moreland, J. E. Bernhard and S. A. Bass, PRC 92, 011901), with free streaming until  $\tau_0=1.16$  fm
  - VISH2+1 code (H. Song and U. W. Heinz, PRC 77, 064901; arXiv:1804.06469; NP 15, no.11, 1113-1117 )
  - Bayesian analysis  $\eta/s(T)$  (min 0.081),  $\zeta/s(T)$  (max 0.052)
  - EoS lattice (A. Bazavov et al. [HotQCD], PRD 90, 094503)

# New observable: High- $p_{\perp}$ data constraining QGP evolution simulations

$$v_2/(1 - R_{AA}) = \langle jT_2 \rangle$$



High- $p_{\perp}$   
data from 3 experiments  
agree (large error-bars)

On the other hand,  $\langle jT_2 \rangle$   
can be evaluated from  
bulk-medium simulations  
(considered scenarios  
underestimate data).



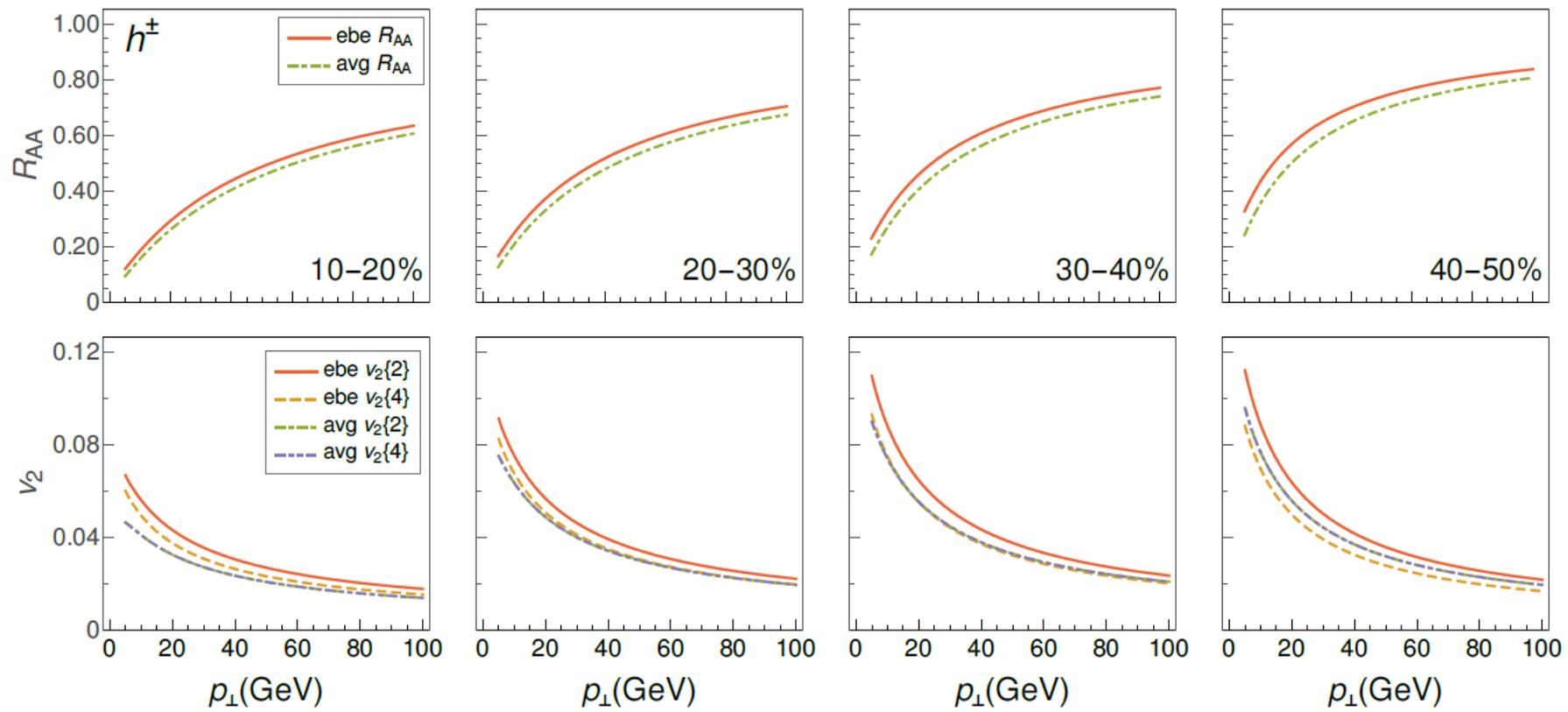
$\langle jT_2 \rangle$  is an important  
constraint on bulk-medium  
simulations.

# Event-by-event evolution models

- MC Glauber:
  - Monte-Carlo Glauber initialization ( $\tau_0=1$  fm, no initial transverse flow)
  - 3+1D viscous fluid code (E. Molnar, H. Holopainen, P. Huovinen and H. Niemi, PRC 90, 044904),  $\eta/s=0.03$ , no bulk viscosity
  - EoS parametrisation s95p-PCE-v1 (P. Huovinen and P. Petreczky, NPA 837, 26-53)
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$$n_{BC}(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_{BC}^2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{BC}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - x_i)^2 + (y - y_i)^2}{2\sigma_{BC}^2}\right)$$

$$\epsilon(x, y) = C_0(n_{BC} + c_1 n_{BC}^2 + c_2 n_{BC}^3)$$



# 1. Early evolution of QGP constrained by high- $p_{\perp}$ QGP tomography

[S. Stojku, J. Auvinen, M. Djordjevic, P. Huovinen, and M. Djordjevic, Acta Phys. Polon. Supp. 16, 156 \(2023\)](#)

1. **Early-time** dynamics and **hydrodynamization** are still open questions ([D. Zigic, B. Ilic, M. Djordjevic and M. Djordjevic, Phys. Rev. C 101, 064909 \(2020\)](#), hydro attractors: [PRL 115, 072501](#); [NPA 1005, 122000](#), effective kinetic theory: [PRL 122, 122302](#), [PRC 99, 034910](#))

2. No adequate methods for **high- $p_{\perp}$  parton energy loss** in **out-of-equilibrium QGP medium**

- Standard approach: comparison of relativistic hydrodynamics to low- $p_{\perp}$  data – weakly sensitive to early evolution parameters
- **Our approach:** Utilizing high- $p_{\perp}$  theory and data ( $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$ ) to constrain  $\tau_0$  and  $\tau_q$ 
  - $\tau_0$  – initial time of fluid-dynamical expansion
  - $\tau_q$  – quenching start time (start of high- $p_{\perp}$  parton energy loss, i.e., interaction with medium)

[D. zigic, I. Salom, J. Auvinen, P. Huovinen, and M. Djordjevic, Front. In Phys. 10, 957019 \(2022\)](#)

$$L(x, y, \phi) = \frac{\int_0^\infty d\lambda \lambda \rho(x + \lambda \cos(\phi), y + \lambda \sin(\phi))}{\int_0^\infty d\lambda \rho(x + \lambda \cos(\phi), y + \lambda \sin(\phi))}$$

$$\langle L_{in} \rangle = \frac{1}{\Delta\phi} \int_{-\Delta\phi/2}^{\Delta\phi/2} d\phi \langle L(\phi) \rangle$$

$$\langle L_{out} \rangle = \frac{1}{\Delta\phi} \int_{\pi/2-\Delta\phi/2}^{\pi/2+\Delta\phi/2} d\phi \langle L(\phi) \rangle$$

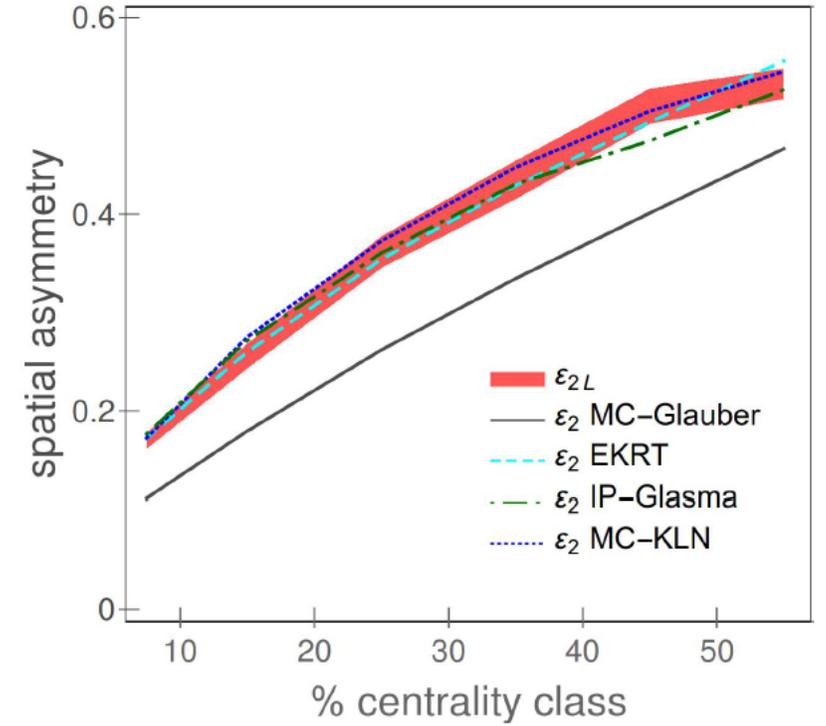
$$\frac{\Delta L}{\langle L \rangle} = \frac{\langle L_{out} \rangle - \langle L_{in} \rangle}{\langle L_{out} \rangle + \langle L_{in} \rangle}$$

$$\frac{v_2}{1 - R_{AA}} \approx 0.57 \Delta L / \langle L \rangle$$

$$\epsilon_{2L} = \frac{\langle L_{out} \rangle^2 - \langle L_{in} \rangle^2}{\langle L_{out} \rangle^2 + \langle L_{in} \rangle^2} = \frac{2\varsigma}{1 + \varsigma^2}$$

$$\varsigma = \frac{\langle L_{out} \rangle - \langle L_{in} \rangle}{\langle L_{out} \rangle + \langle L_{in} \rangle}$$

[Phys.Rev.C 100 \(2019\) 3, 031901](#)



$$\epsilon_2 = \frac{\langle y^2 - x^2 \rangle}{\langle y^2 + x^2 \rangle} = \frac{\int dx dy (y^2 - x^2) \rho(x, y)}{\int dx dy (y^2 + x^2) \rho(x, y)}$$

$$\langle T_x(t) \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N T(x_i + t, y_i, t)$$

$$\langle T_y(t) \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N T(x_i, y_i + t, t)$$

$$\alpha_s(Q^2) = \frac{4\pi}{(11 - 2/3n_f) \ln(Q^2/\Lambda_{QCD})}$$

$$Q_k^2 = \frac{\mathbf{k}^2 + M^2 x^2 + m_g^2}{x}$$

$$Q_v^2 = ET$$

$$\frac{\mu_E^2}{\Lambda_{QCD}^2} \ln \left( \frac{\mu_E^2}{\Lambda_{QCD}^2} \right) = \frac{1 + n_f/6}{11 - 2/3 n_f} \left( \frac{4\pi T}{\Lambda_{QCD}} \right)^2$$

$$\alpha_s^2 \rightarrow \alpha_s(ET)\alpha_s(\mu_E^2)$$

[PRD 77, 114017](#)

$$\mu_E^2 = \left(1 + \frac{n_f}{6}\right) 4\pi\alpha(\mu_E^2) T^2$$

[arXiv:hep-ph/0601119 \[hep-ph\]](#)

$$\alpha(t) = \frac{4\pi}{\left(11 - \frac{2}{3}n_f\right) \ln\left(\frac{t}{\Lambda^2}\right)}$$

$$\left[ \frac{\mu_E^2}{\pi(\mathbf{q}^2 + \mu_E^2)^2} \right]_{\text{stat}} \rightarrow \left[ \frac{\mu_E^2 - \mu_M^2}{\pi(\mathbf{q}^2 + \mu_E^2)(\mathbf{q}^2 + \mu_M^2)} \right]_{\text{dyn}}$$

[M. Djordjevic and M. Djordjevic, PLB 709, 229](#)

$$(\eta/s)(T) = \begin{cases} (\eta/s)_{\min}, & T < T_c, \\ (\eta/s)_{\min} + (\eta/s)_{\text{slope}}(T - T_c) \left(\frac{T}{T_c}\right)^{(\eta/s)_{\text{crv}}}, & T > T_c, \end{cases}$$

- (i) constant  $\eta/s$  (0.15 for Pb+Pb collision at LHC and 0.12 for Au+Au collision at RHIC)
- (ii)  $(\eta/s)_{\min} = 0.1$ ,  $(\eta/s)_{\text{slope}} = 1.11$ ,  $(\eta/s)_{\text{crv}} = -0.48$ , Nature [NP 15, no.11, 1113-1117](#)
- (iii)  $(\eta/s)_{\min} = 0.04$ ,  $(\eta/s)_{\text{slope}} = 3.30$ ,  $(\eta/s)_{\text{crv}} = 0$ . LHHQ [PRL 106, 212302](#)

$T_c = 154$  MeV [PRD 90, 094503](#)

# Phenomenological approach to $\eta/s(T)$ constraining from high- $p_{\perp}$ data

- Modeling the bulk medium:

- Initial state: ebe TRENTO (no pre-equilibrium evolution  $\tau_0=1\text{fm}$ )
- T evolution: VISHNew 2+1D, boost invariant (PRC 77, 064901; PRC 78, 024902)
- EoS: high T lattice QCD-based of HotQCD collaboration below 151 MeV hadron resonance gas (PRD 90, 094503)
- Hadronic stage: UrQMD hadron cascade (PPNP 41, 255-369; JPG 25, 1859-1896)

$$(\zeta/s)(T) = \frac{(\zeta/s)_{\max}}{1 + \left(\frac{T-T_0}{(\zeta/s)_{\text{width}}}\right)^2}$$

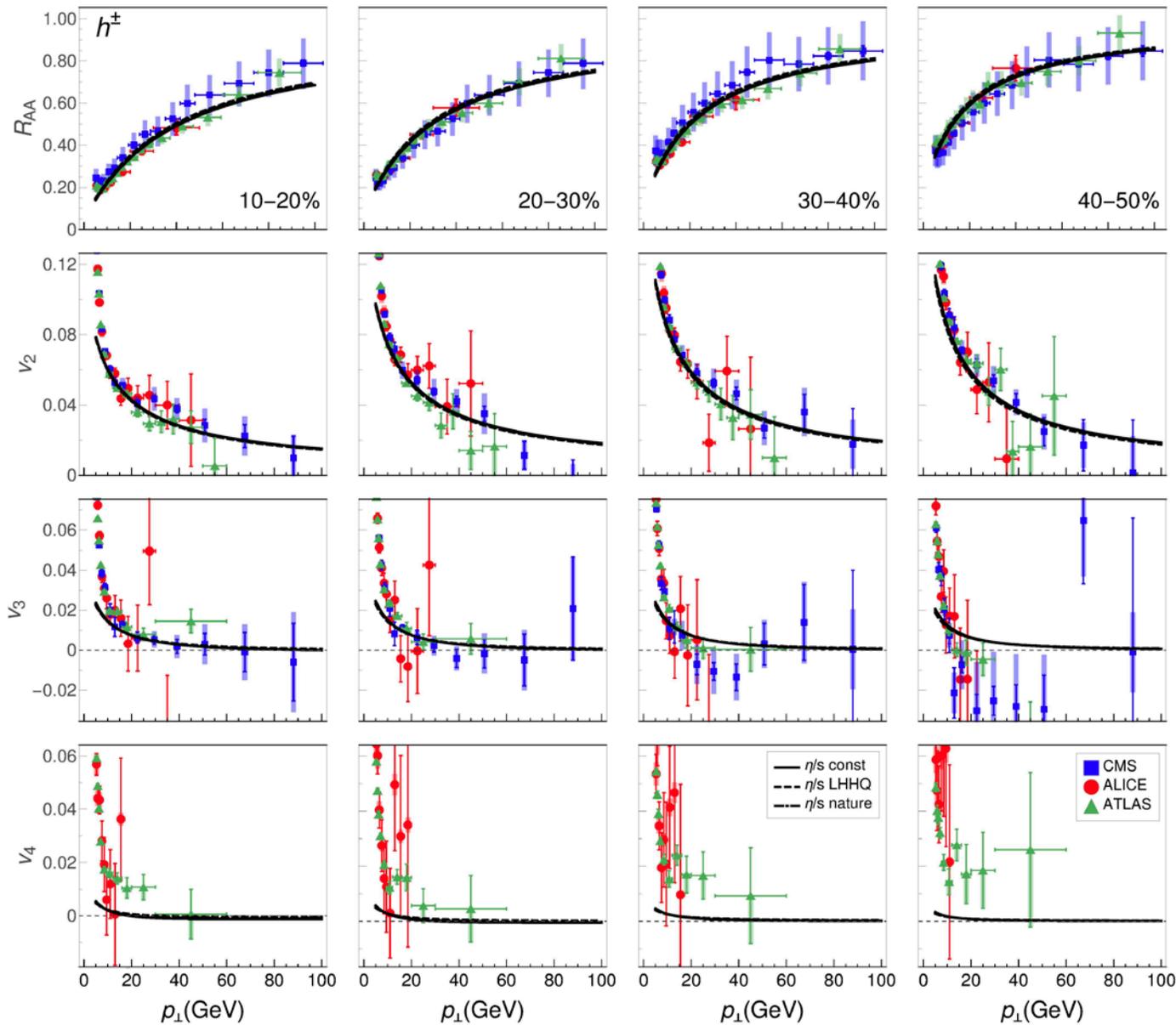
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## Three different scenarios:

- (i) constant  $\eta/s$  (0.15 for Pb+Pb collision at LHC and 0.12 for Au+Au collision at RHIC)
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- Modeling high- $p_{\perp}$  parton-medium interactions: ebe DREENA (PRC 106, 044909)

# Phenomenological approach to $\eta/s(T)$ constraining from high- $p_{\perp}$ data



In all 3 scenarios, all high- $p_{\perp}$  observables are practically indistinguishable.

High- $p_{\perp}$  observables are insensitive to  $\eta/s(T)$  parameterization (at high T) and cannot constrain it.

# Phenomenological approach to $\eta/s(T)$ constraining from high- $p_{\perp}$ data

