New microscopic model for production of J/psi and other charmonia in heavy ion collisions

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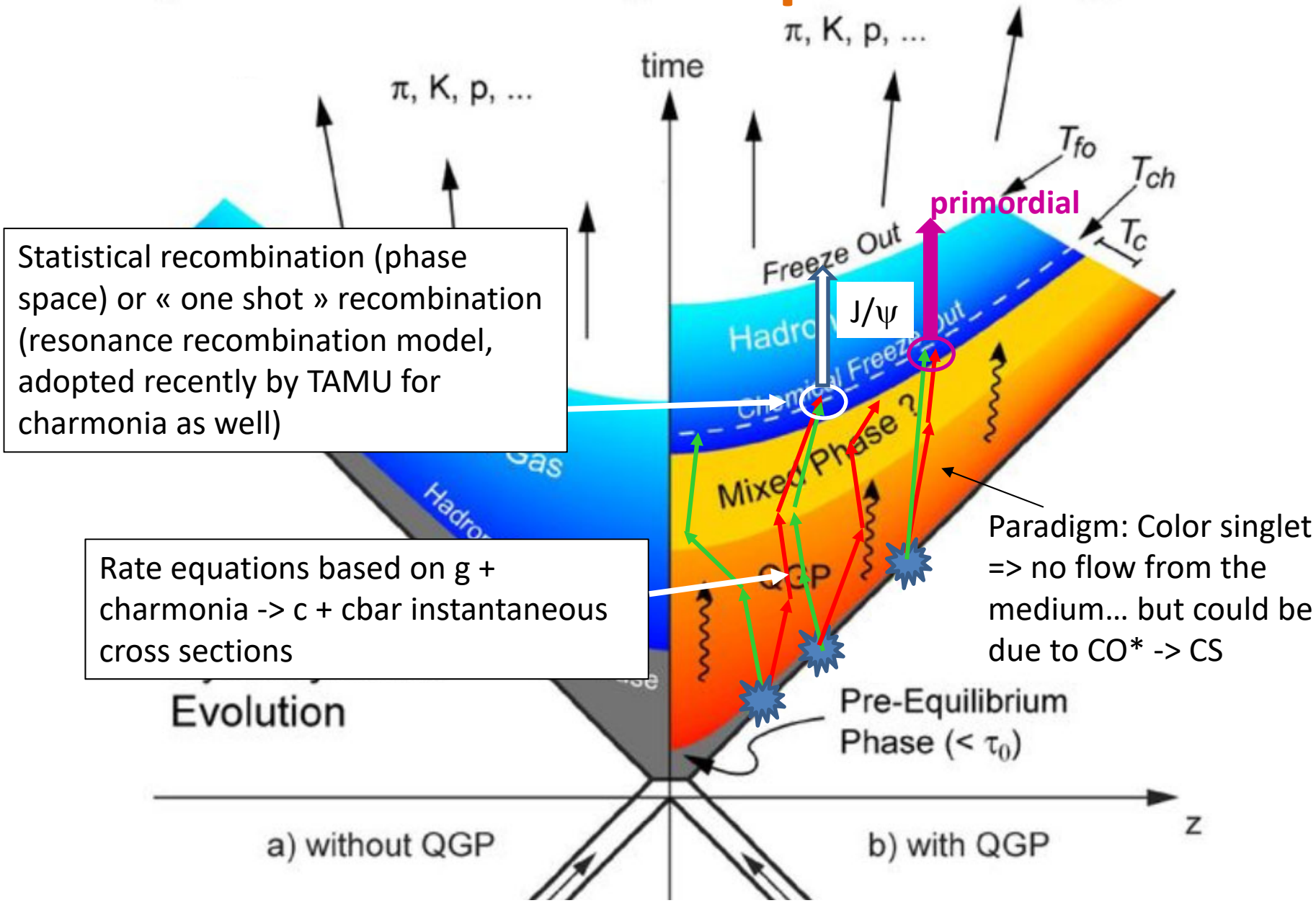
Charmonia in transport models

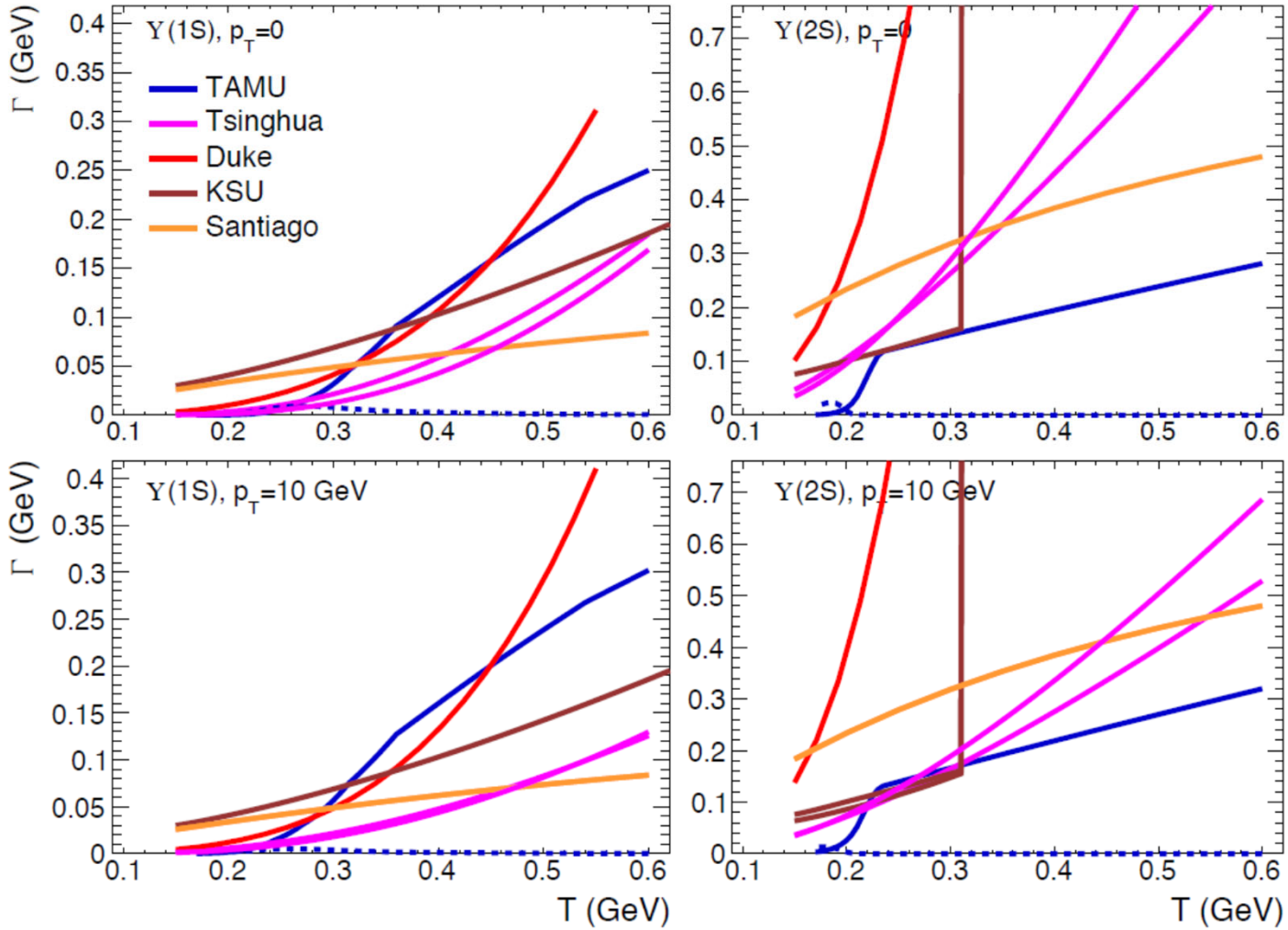


Statistical recombination (phase space) or « one shot » recombination (resonance recombination model, adopted recently by TAMU for charmonia as well)

Rate equations based on g + charmonia -> c + cbar instantaneous cross sections

Paradigm: Color singlet => no flow from the medium… but could be due to CO* -> CS

Diversity in the dissociation rate

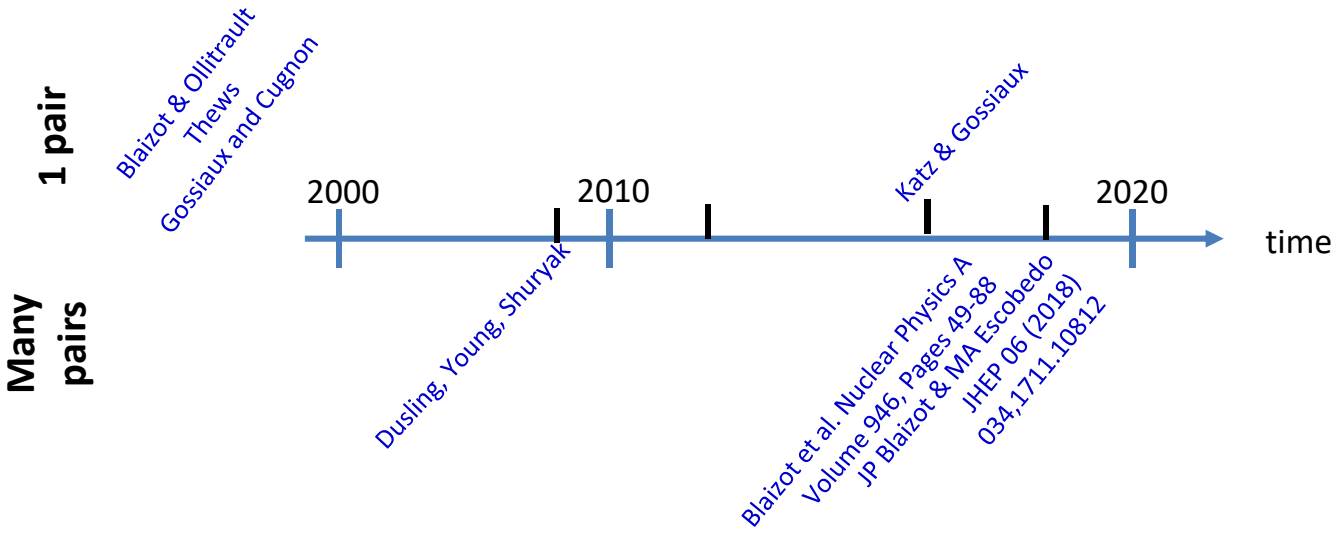


EMMI RRTF on QUARKONIA (Dec 2019)

See https://indico.gsi.de/event/9314/overview and manuscript in preparation

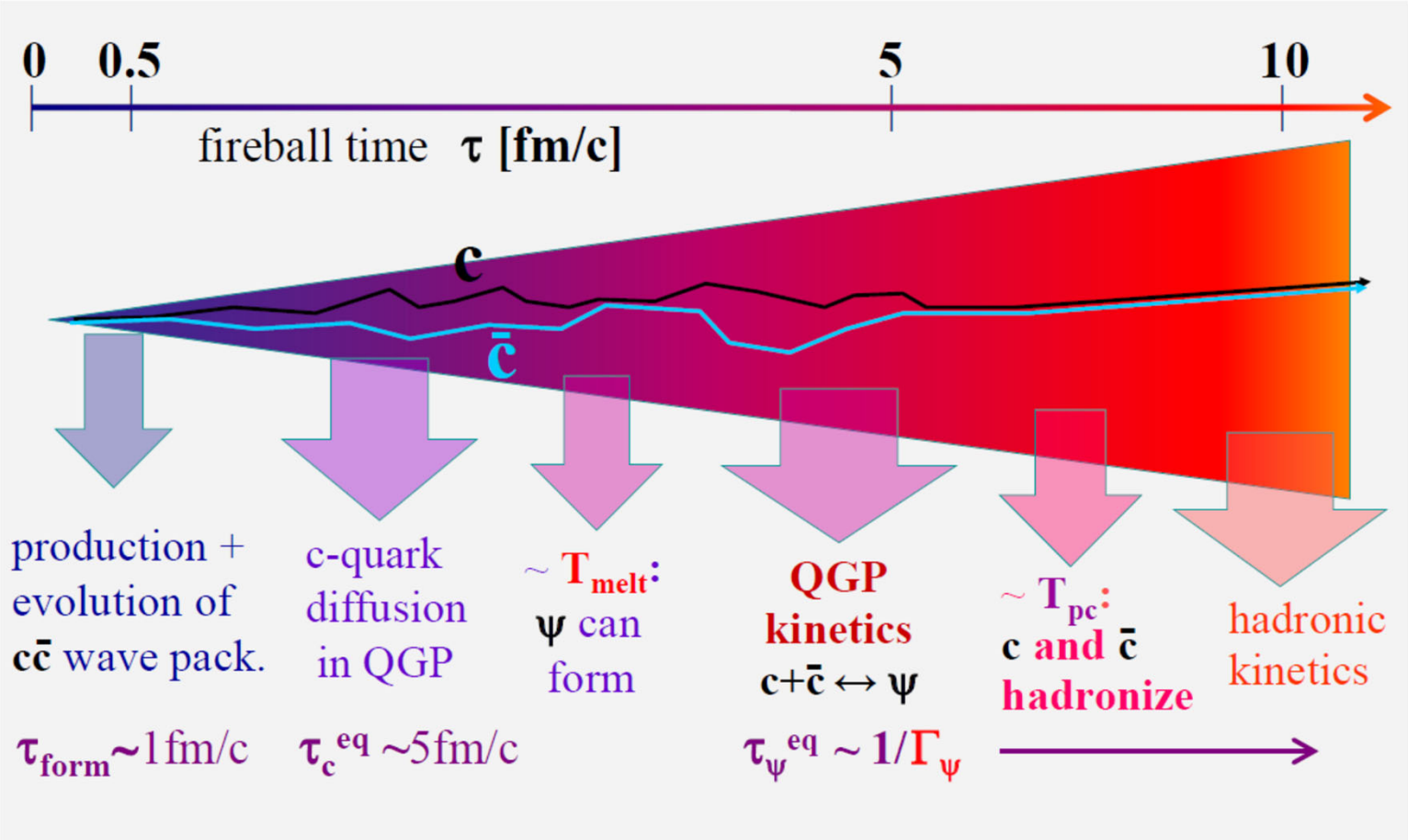
Several motivations to go microscopic

- The in-medium quarkonia are not born as such. One needs to develop an initial compact state to fully bloomed quarkonia
- The dissociation-recombination reactions affecting quarkonia are not instantaneous.
- In dense medium, the notion of cross section should be replaced by the more rigorous open-quantum system approach
.
- Better suited for **« from small to large »**
- Extra complication: For RHIC and LHC : many c-cbar pairs !



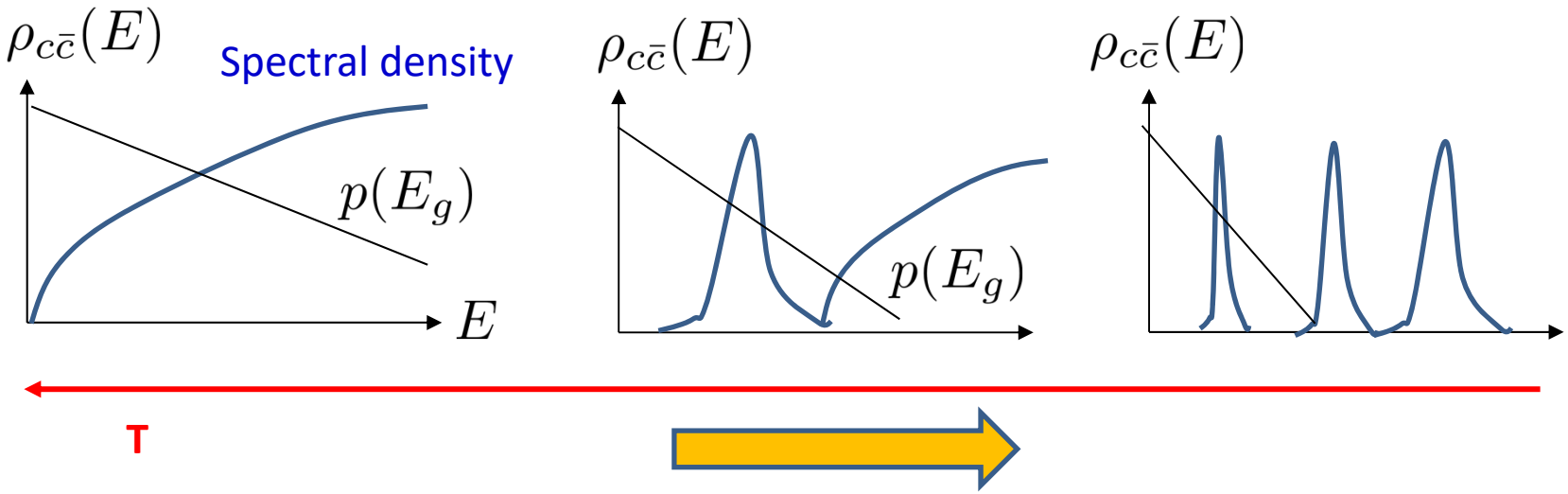
Pioneering work of **Blaizot and Escobedo** for many c-cbar pairs (NRQCD) => mixed Fokker-Planck + gain/loss rates for color transitions; awaits for implementation in realistic conditions

Charmonia in a transport model



Rapp and Du *Nucl.Phys.A* 967 (2017) 216-224

Charmonia in a microscopic theory
Several regimes / effects



Multiple scattering on quasi free states

Gluo-dissociation of well identified levels by scarce "high-energy" gluons (dilute medium => cross section ok)

Well identified formalisms (Quantum Master Equation, Boltzmann transport, Stochastic equations,…) in well identified regimes, but continuous evolution and no unique framework continuously applicable (to my knowledge)

Yet, still a need to define the equivalent of a formation – dissociation rate

Remler's formalism for dynamical coalescence

Generic idea : describe charmonia (Ψ) production using density matrix

$$P^{\Psi}(t) = \mathrm{Tr}\left[\hat{\rho}^{\Psi}_{Q\bar{Q}}\hat{\rho}_N(t))\right]$$

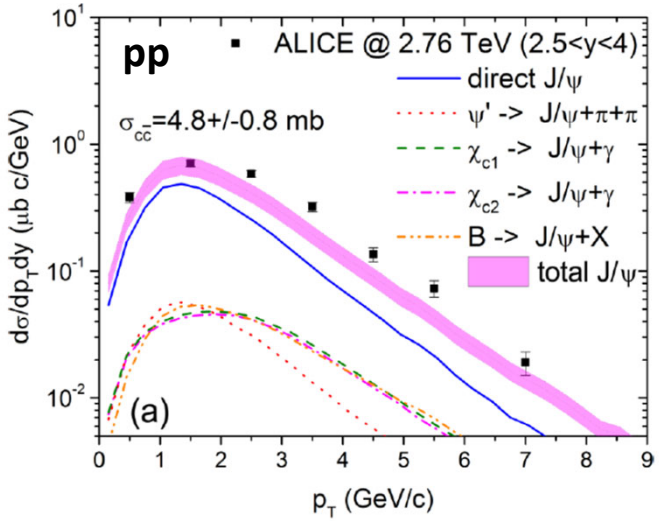
$$\hat{\rho}^{\Psi_i}_{Q\bar{Q}} = \sum_i |\Psi^i_{Q\bar{Q}}\rangle\langle\Psi^i_{Q\bar{Q}}|$$

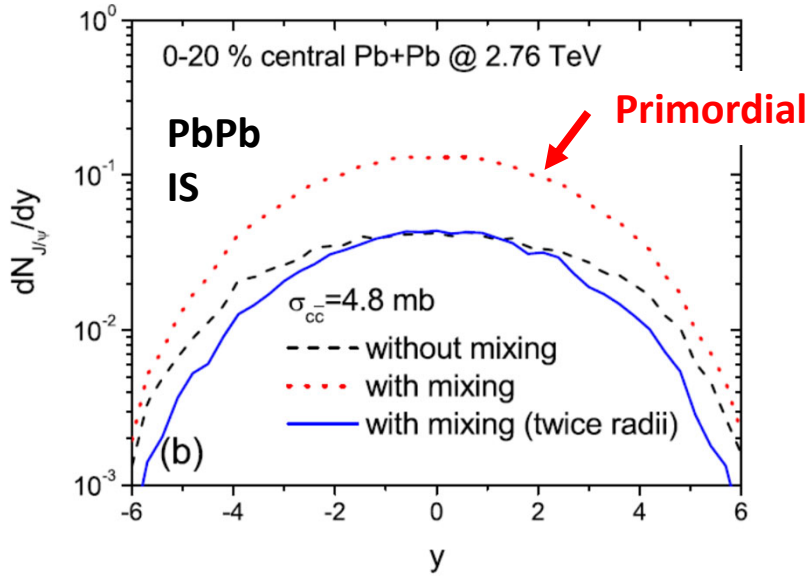
Single quarkonia density operator

N-body density matrix (bulk partons + many c and many cbar)

Taesoo .S, J.Aichelin and E.Bratkovskaya , PRC 96. 014907 (2017)

"Just" looking at the initial stage brings interesting features:





Good reproduction of pp -> J/ψ + x !!!

considerable enhancement of primordial J/ψ (in the **initial** state): **large off-diagonal contributions**

A bit of background

$$P^{\Psi}(t) = \mathrm{Tr}\left[\hat{\rho}^{\Psi}_{Q\bar{Q}}\hat{\rho}_N(t))\right]$$

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$$\frac{\partial \rho_N(t)}{\partial t} = -i[H_N, \rho_N(t)]$$

Dealing with the dynamics ?

- The idea of the formalism goes back to Remler's work
- General scheme connecting composite-particle cross section and rates with time-dependent density operators
- Applied by Remler et al to the deuteron production in (low energy) AA collisions. The formalism is able to deal with many particles (nucleons -> deuterium)

E.A. Remler, ANNALS OF PHYSICS 136, 293-316 (1981)

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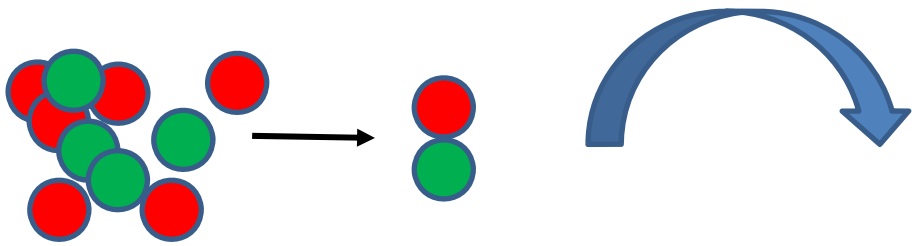


[2020,…

Apply Remler formalism to quarkonia production in heavy ion collisions (Arrebato, Aichelin & Gossiaux, 2206.01308)

Remler formalism at work

Lessons from the past : the direct calculation is not effective for codes based on "cascade approach" (for which members of a genuine fragment are found far apart in the final stage)

Use the identity $P^{\Psi}(t) = P^{\rm prim}(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t} \Gamma^{\Psi}(t')dt'$

- Γ is The effective rate for quarkonia state creation (dissociation) in the medium :

$$\Gamma^{\psi}(t) = \frac{dP^{\Psi}(t)}{dt} = \mathrm{Tr}\left[\hat{\rho}^{\Psi}_{Q\bar{Q}} \frac{d\hat{\rho}_N(t)}{dt}\right]$$

- $P^{\rm prim}(t_0)$ is the production at initial time (*primordial*)

Then : Von Neumann equation + Hamiltonian composed of 2-body interactions

... $\Gamma^{\Psi}(t) = -iTr[\hat{\rho}^{\Psi}[\hat{U}_1 + \hat{U}_2, \hat{\rho}_N(t)]]$

Total interaction of Q and Qbar with all light partons

Can be modelled resorting to Wigner transforms :

$$W^{\Psi}_{Q\bar{Q}}(r_{\rm rel}, p_{\rm rel}) = Ce^{r^2_{\rm rel}\sigma^2} \times e^{\frac{p^2_{\rm rel}}{\sigma^2}}$$ Approx Wigner transform for Ψ(1S)

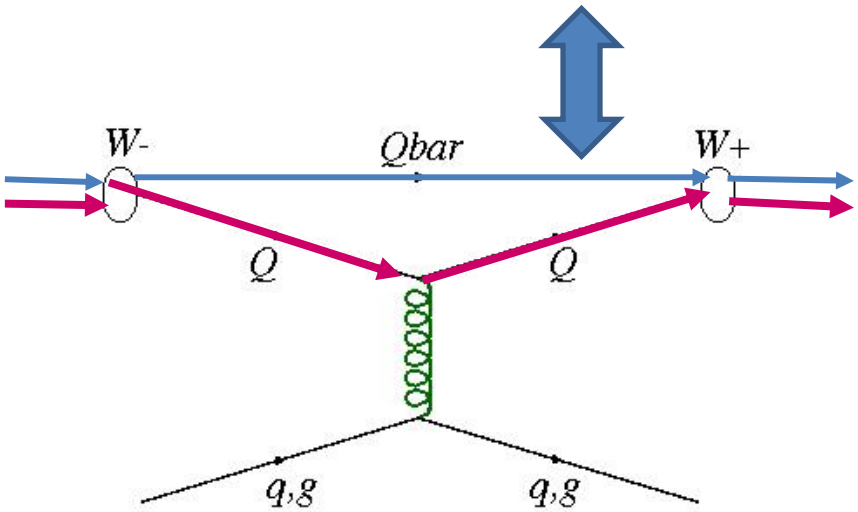
$$W_N = \Pi_i \hbar^3 \delta(x_i - x_{i0}(t))\delta(p_i - p_{i0}(t))$$ Semi-classical approximation for N-body density

Remler formalism at work

Combining the expression of the Wigner's functions and substituting in the **effective rate equation** :

$$\Gamma^{\Psi}(t) = \sum_{i=1,2} \sum_{j\geq 3} \delta(t - t_{ij}) \int \frac{d^3p_i d^3x_i}{h^3} W^{\Psi}_{Q\bar{Q}}(p_1, x_1; p_2, x_2) \left[W_N(t+\epsilon) - W_N(t-\epsilon)\right]$$

- The quarkonia production in this model is a three body process, the HQ (anti-quark) interact only by collision !!!
- The "details" of H_{int} between HQ and bulk partons are incorporated into the evolution of W_N after each collision / time step (nice feature for the MC simulation)
- $W_N(t+\varepsilon)$ and $W_N(t-\varepsilon)$ are NOT the equivalent of gain and loss terms in usual rate equation
- Dissociation and recombination treated in the same scheme



Interaction of HQ with the QGP are carried out by EPOSHQ (good results for D and B mesons production)

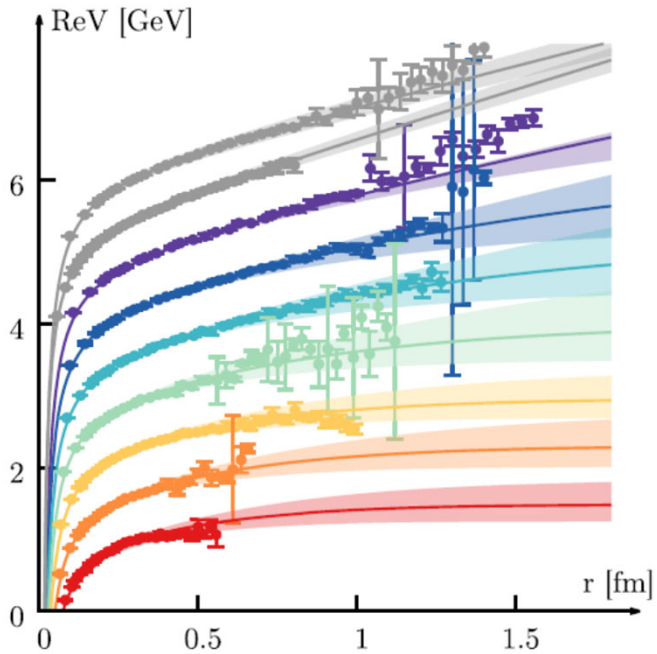
Then: $P^{\Psi}(t) = P^{\Psi}(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t} \Gamma(t')dt'$

NB: Also possible to generate similar relations for differential rates

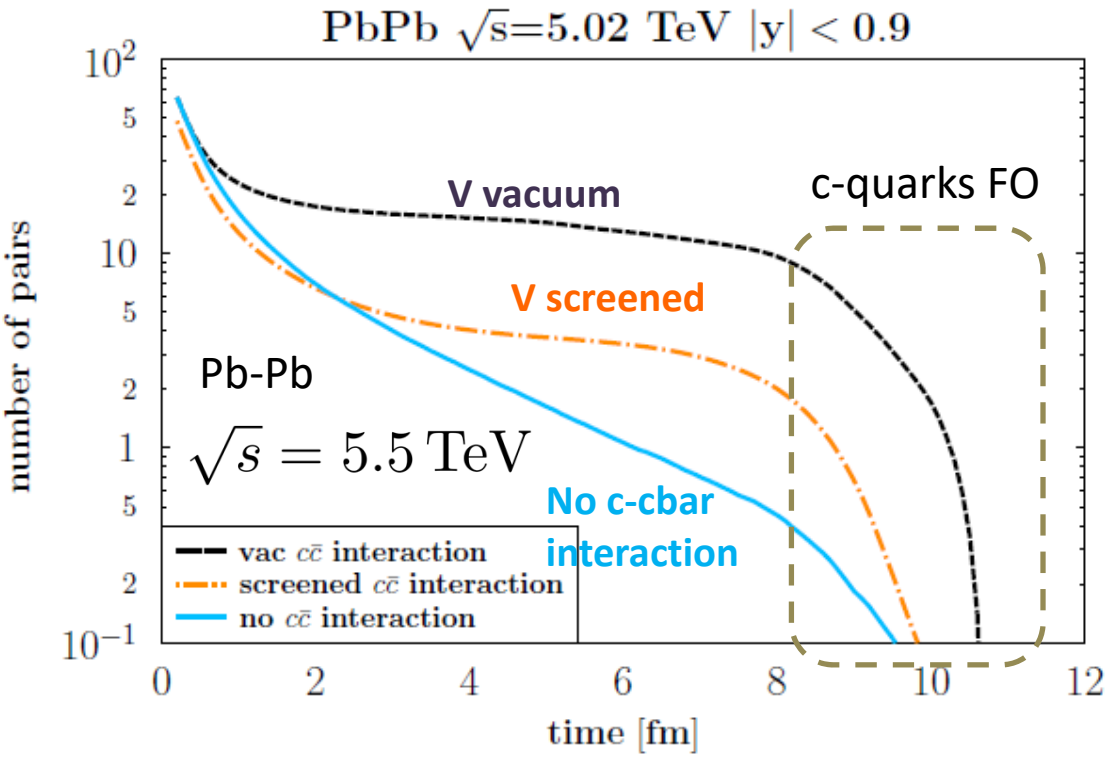
Extension of the Remler formalism

- Generalization to relativistic Wigner density (boosted quarkonium states)
- Extra source of Γ due to "local-T" basis evolution with time : Γ^{loc}
- Confining $Q\bar{Q}$ forces inside the MC evolution ; large impact on the # of close pairs… and correlated trajectories.

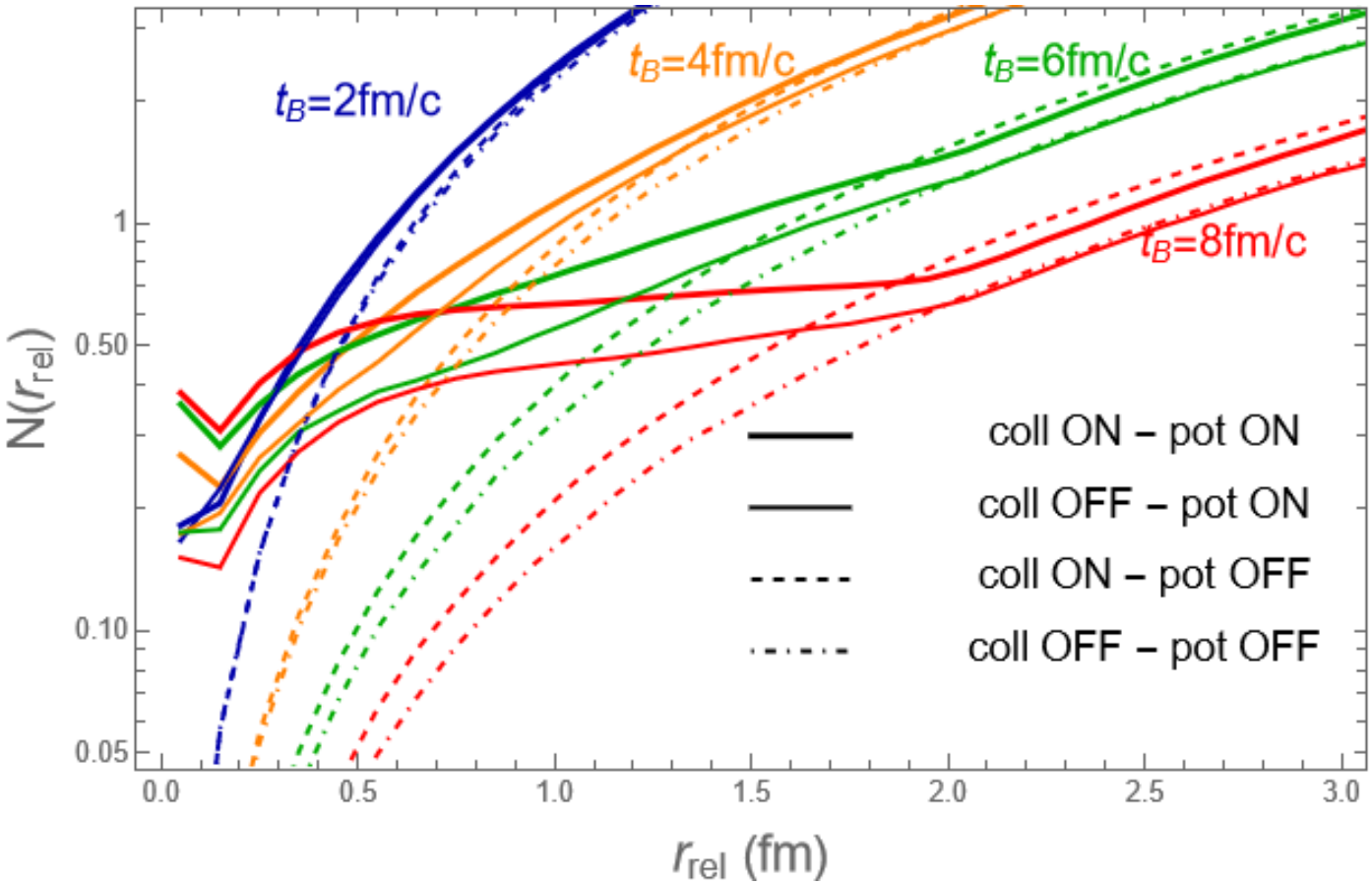
D. Lafferty and A. Rothkopf,
PHYS. REV. D 101, 056010 (2020)



Instantaneous # of Q-Qbar at (invariant) distance < 1fm

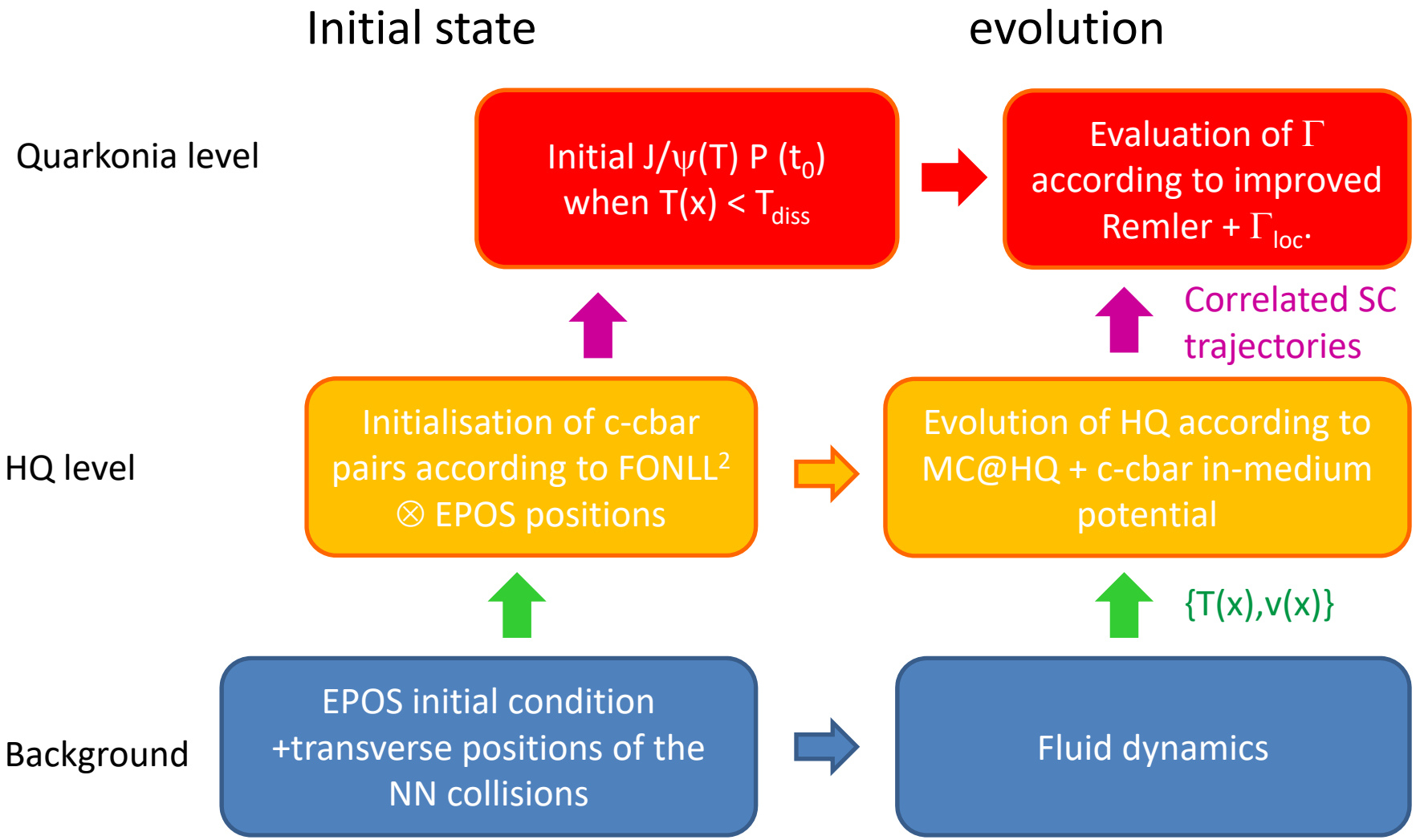


The dynamics of c-cbar correlation



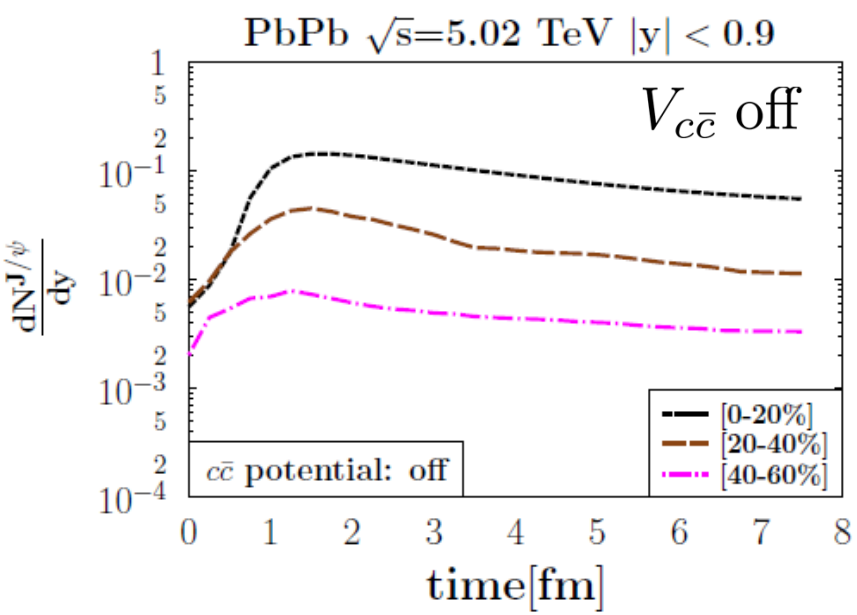
- The c-cbar potential (« pot ») leads to a huge increase of the c-cbar at close distance at large times (not a random Poisson distribution)…
- … Especially when the collisions with the QGP (« coll ») are switched ON as well

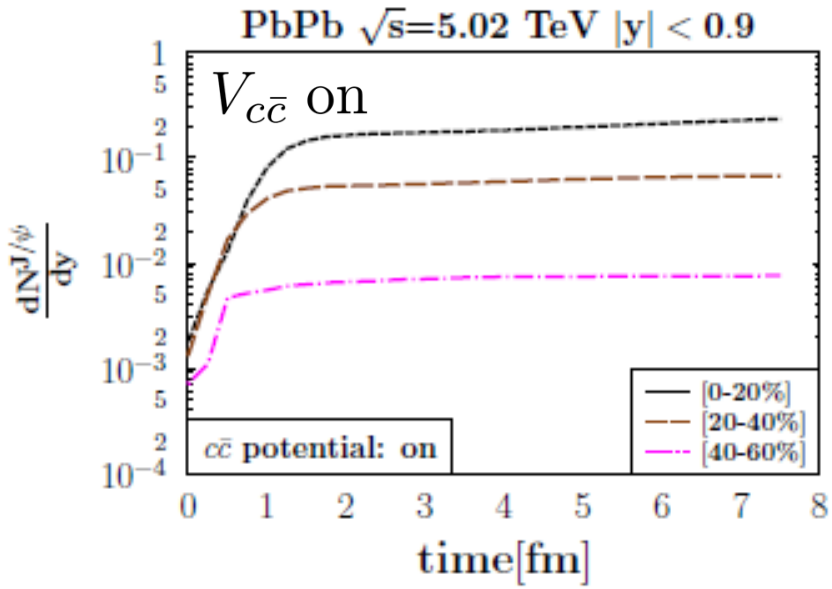
The 3 layers of the numerical modelling



We do not have J/ψ quasi particles in our approach, just correlated c-cbar trajectories

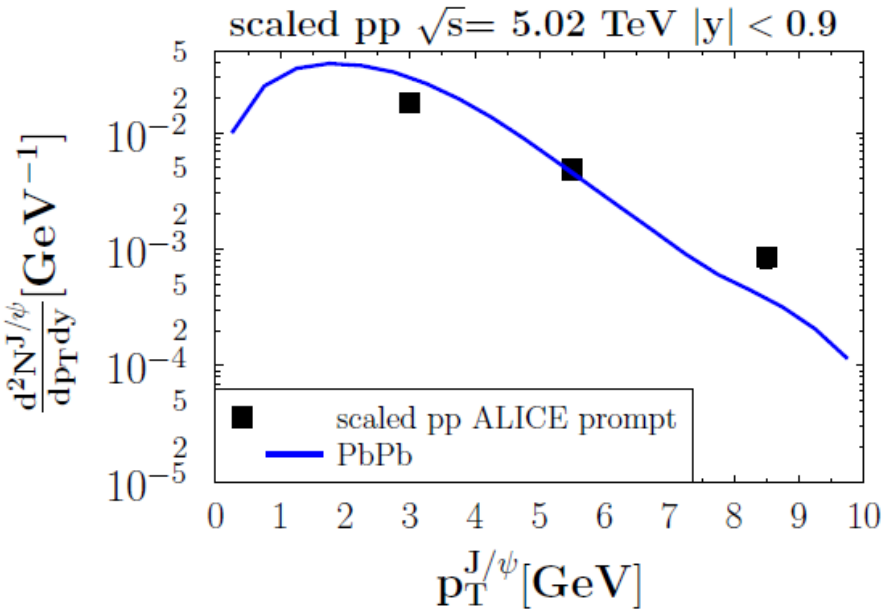
Results : J/ψ production vs time

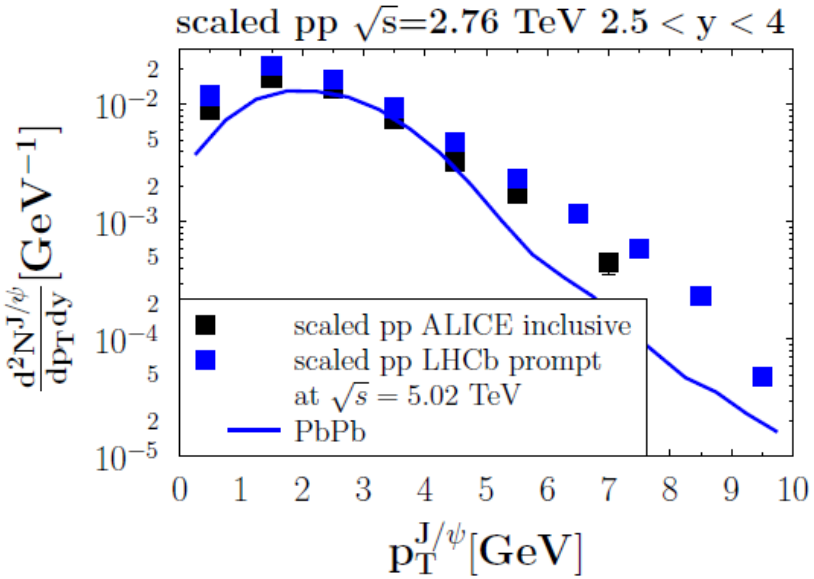




- Without interaction potential between c and cbar, the collisions with the medium manage to destroy the native J/ψ.
- With the interaction potential between c and cbar « on », one observes a steady rate of J/ψ creation (reduction of Γ^{col}, increase of Γ^{local})… No adiabaticity, but **no instantaneous formation** either.

Results : J/ψ production vs p_T





- Equivalent pp production (the denominator of the R_{AA}) : c-cbar according to FONLL[2] without any correlation, then coalescence with the Wigner distribution.
- No feed-down from higher states (to be implemented)
- Acceptable for p_T < 5 GeV/c, but deviations for higher p_T.
- To investigate : more appropriate scheme for c-cbar production, including c-cbar correlation.

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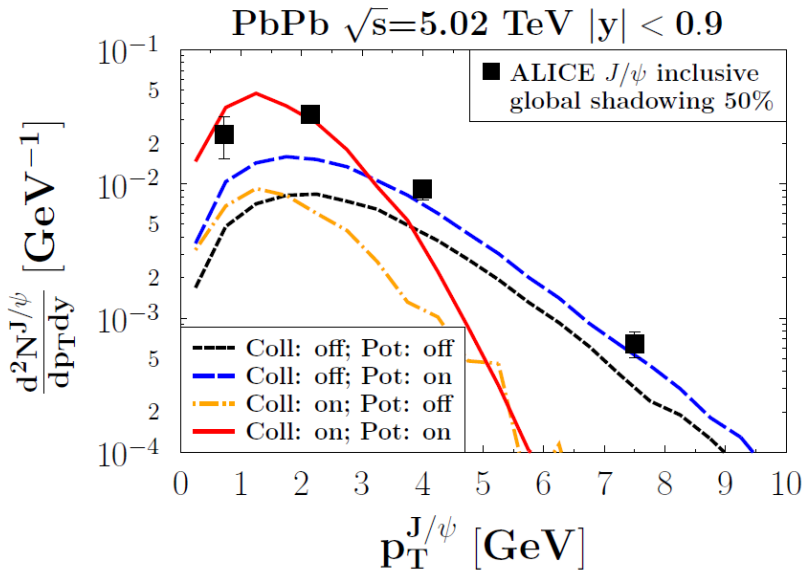

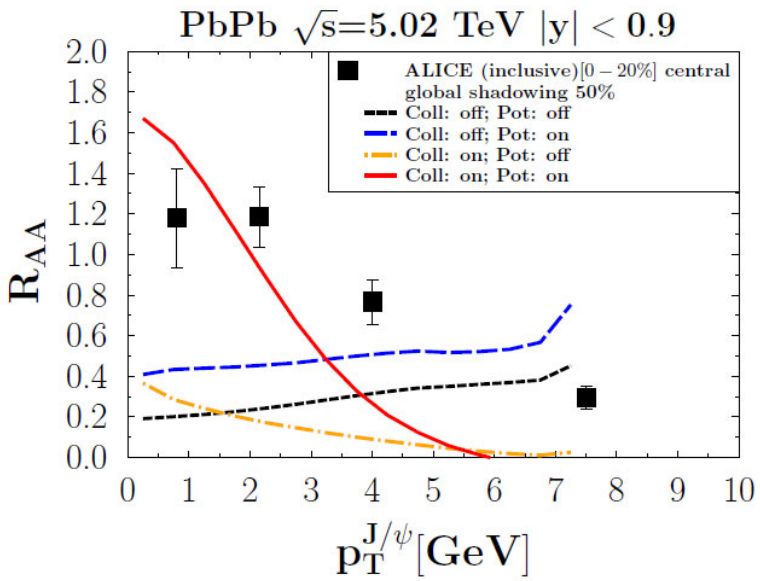

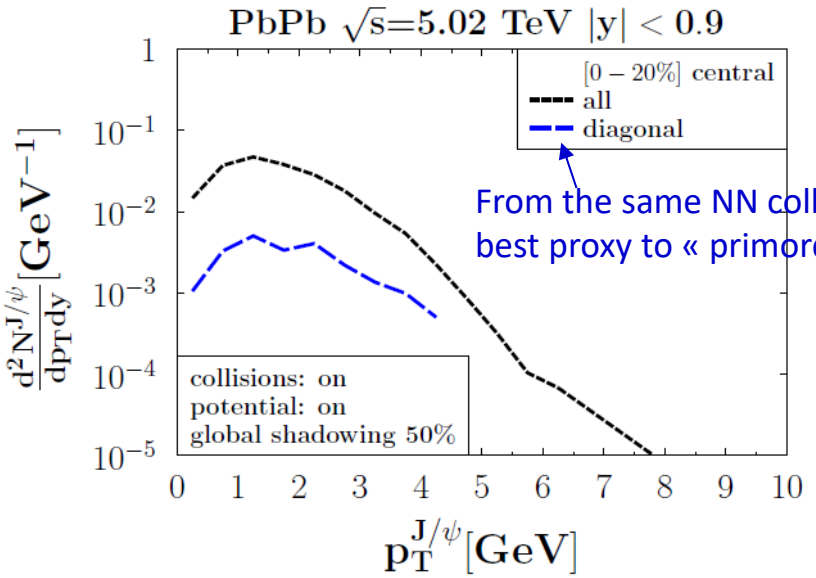

From the same NN collision, best proxy to « primordial »

- Dynamical recombination is quite effective at low p_T
- At higher p_T, we are missing J/ψ as compared to the experimental value.
- Several possible reasons, under investigation… in terms of transport model : « as if the primordial was too much suppressed »

Results : J/ψ v_2

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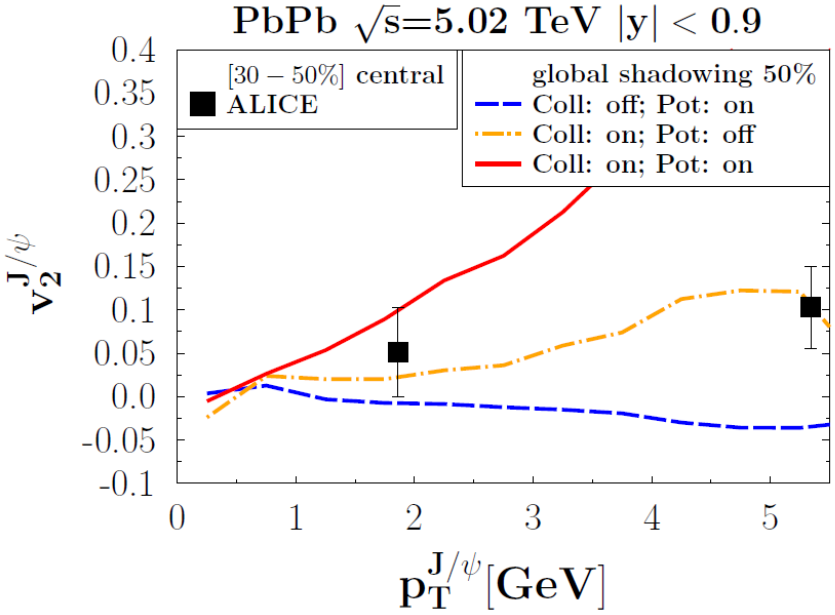

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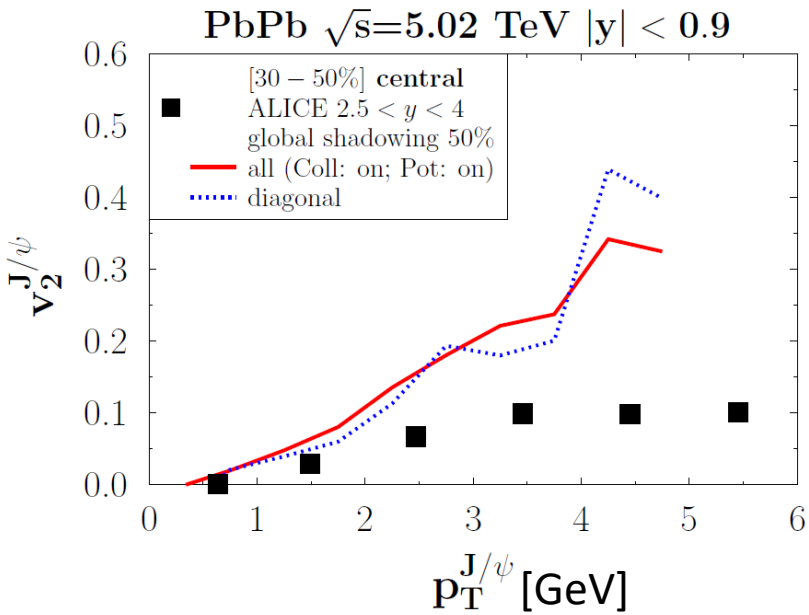
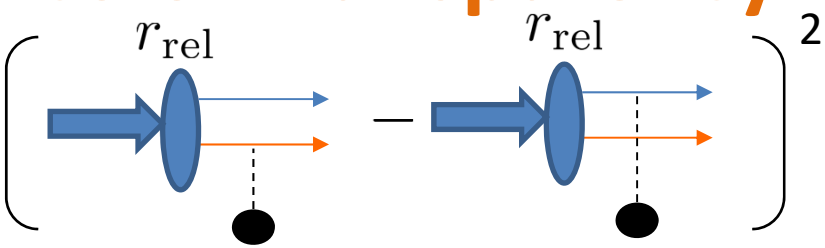


- V_2 excess as compared to experimental data (**late formation** of the J/ψ due to binding potential under restoration)
- The « diagonal » contribution shows no difference wrt the full production, what is a bit conter-intuitive

The two sides of color transparency

Q-Qbar propagation in QGP.

$\sigma \propto$



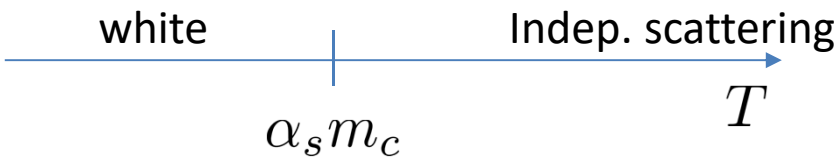
If $r_{rel} << l_{correl}$: **white object** => no Energy loss

If $r_{rel} >= l_{correl}$: 2 HQ interact individually with QGP.

$$l_{\rm correl} \sim \frac{1}{T}$$

Small T : $r_{\rm rel} \approx \frac{1}{\alpha_s m_c}$

Large T : $r_{\rm rel} \gtrsim \frac{1}{m_D} \approx \frac{1}{gT}$



- Most of the transport models have considered up to now that primordial charmonia can just be destroyed (with a small probability), but not deflected.
- In our approach, we have investigated the consequences of considering the opposite limit… with somehow too large v_2 resulting from this prescription…

Conclusions and Perspectives

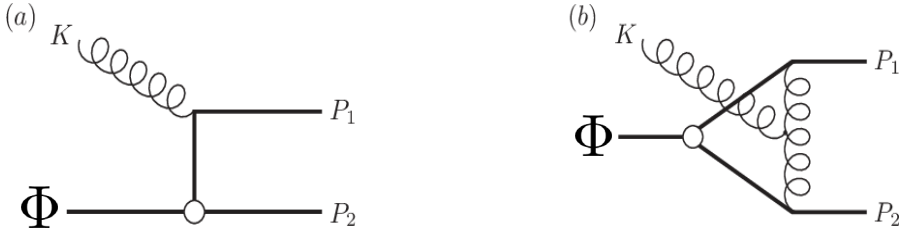
- First move towards a microscopic approach based on individual c and cbar dynamics implementing some of the open quantum systems features for charmonia production in realistic HI conditions : dynamical coalescence
- Encouraging results, but still many issues
- Rooms for improvement :
  - Including color transparency (preliminary results can be shown this afternoon) and more generally color dynamics
  - More reliable treatment of the fully relativistic evolution of a N-body coupled system (under construction)
  - More realistic « initial state » for the c-cbar pairs, including correlations at intermediate p_T.

Back up

A central quantity: the decay rate Γ

Several approaches

pQCD view (Bhanot & Peskin), later on consolidated by NRQCD (Brambilla & Vairo)



$$\Phi + g \to Q + \bar{Q}$$

Dissociation cross section σ

$$\Gamma_\Phi(T) = \langle \sigma n_g \rangle_T$$

Other mechanisms : $x + \Phi \to x + Q + \bar{Q}$

QFT/Lattice QCD

Time correlator

$$\mathcal{C}_>(t, \vec{r}) \approx \langle \psi(t, \tfrac{\vec{r}}{2}) \bar{\psi}(t, -\tfrac{\vec{r}}{2}) \psi(0,0) \bar{\psi}(0,0) \rangle$$

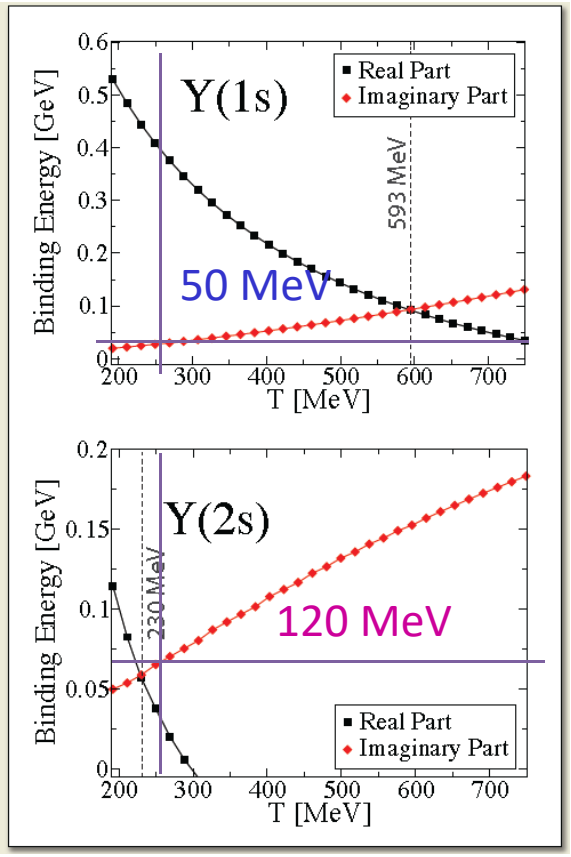
Satisfies Schroedinger equation with imaginary potential iW . Breakthrough by Laine et al. (2006)

$$\Gamma_\Phi(T) = -2 \langle \Phi | W | \Phi \rangle$$

Prob survival $= \exp\left(- \int_{t_0}^{t_{\rm fin}} \Gamma(T(t)) dt \right)$

Suppression of the bottomonium « candle »

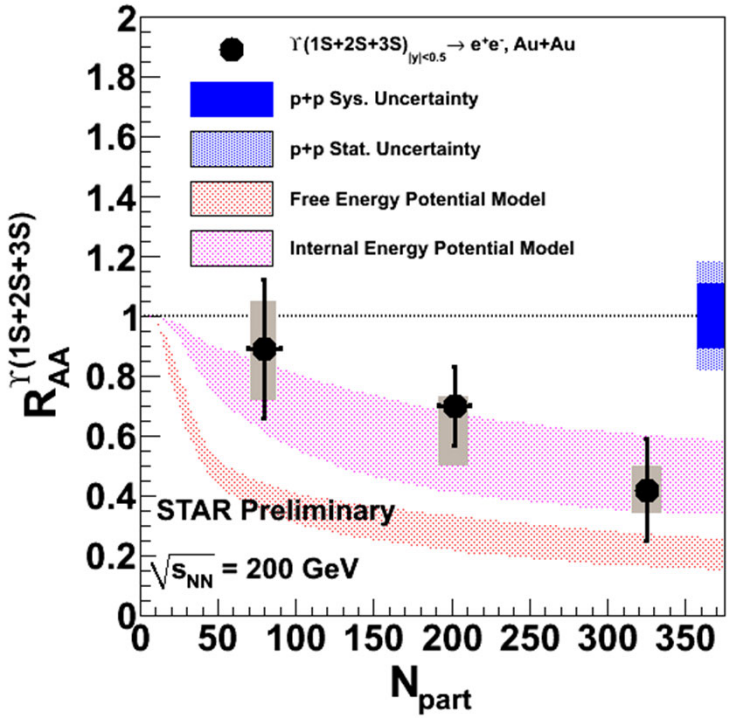
Strickland et al.



Resulting decay rate $\Gamma_T \equiv -2\ \mathrm{Im}[E_{bind}]$

$b\bar{b} \Rightarrow$
- Less shadowing
- Less final state effect

Strickland and Bazow, Nuclear Physics A 879, 25-58 (2012)



Allows to probe the internal potential…

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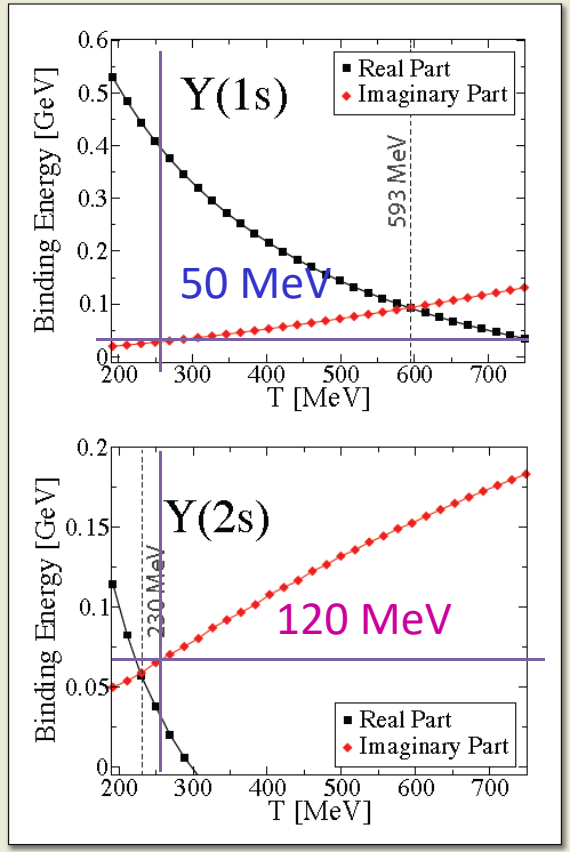

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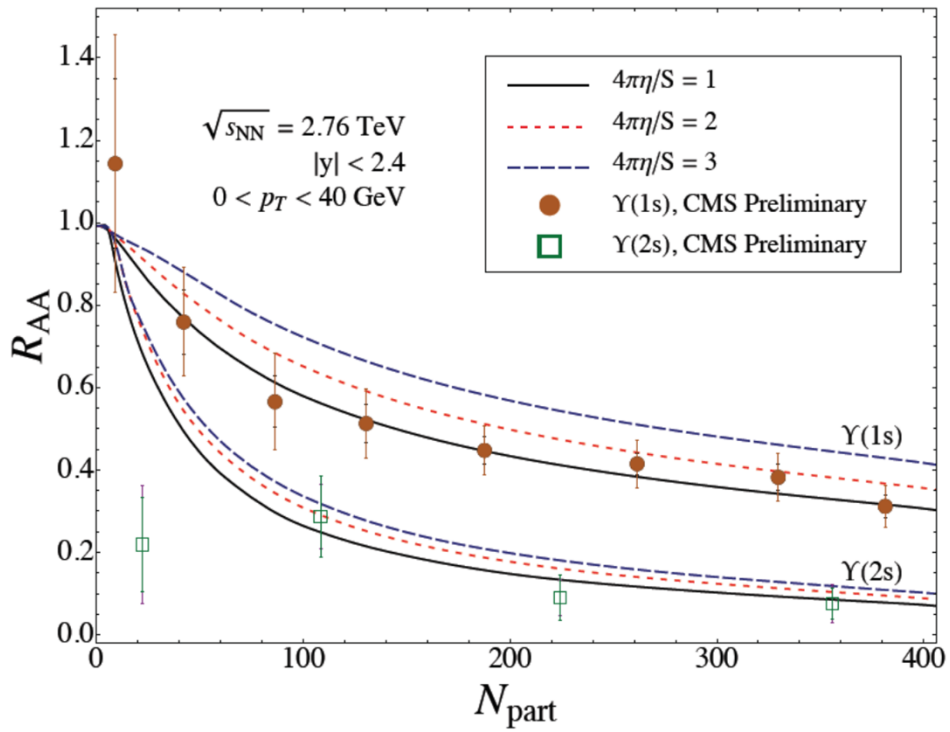

… as well as QGP viscosity

Schematic summary of approaches

Initial quasi stationary
Sequential Suppression
assumption
(Matsui & Satz 86)

Final quasi "instantaneous"
Statistical Hadronisation
assumption
(Andronic, Braun-Munzinger & Stachel)

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Dynamical Models (aims at quantifying the degree of equilibration above Tc relying on kinetic rates and/or (in-medium) cross sections

- Prob survival $= \exp\left(-\int_{t_0}^{t_{\rm fin}} \Gamma(T(t))dt\right)$

(Rapp et alS : TAMU, Zhuang, Nantes,…)

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Nowadays, all state-of-the art dynamical models include both suppression and recombinaison, although not always consistently

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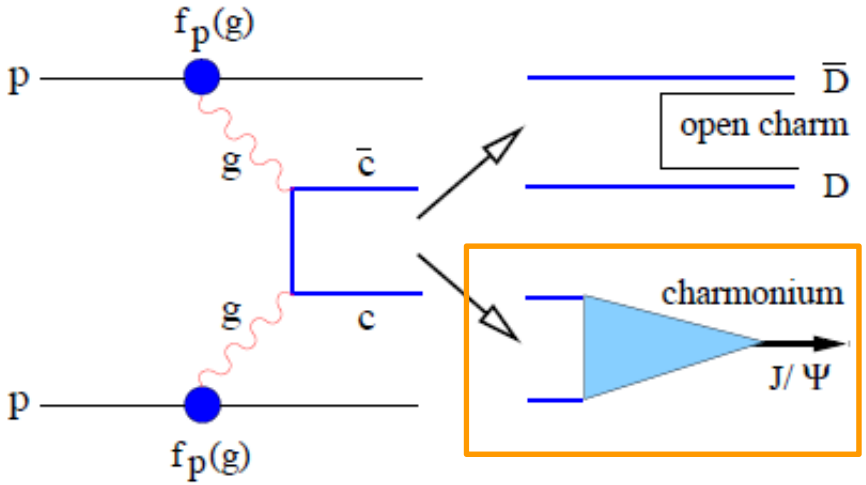
Quantum coherence

Picture behind transport theory :



Open heavy flavor and quarkonia assumed to be uncorrelated

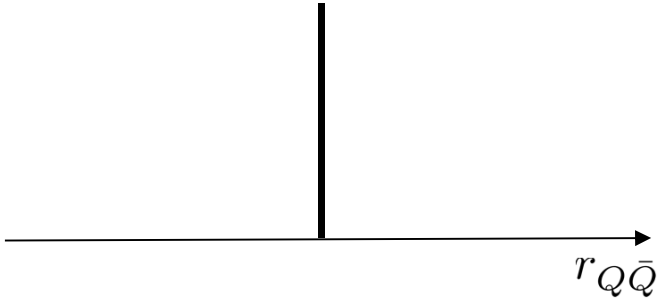
Formed after some "formation time" τ_f (typically the Heisenberg time), usually assumed to be independent of the surrounding medium

Common belief in the transport community:

Quarkonia initially « formed » in QGP and survive with an *individual* survival probability

$$S(t) = e^{-\int_{\tau_f}^{t} \Gamma(T(t'))dt'}$$

Quantum coherence at early time



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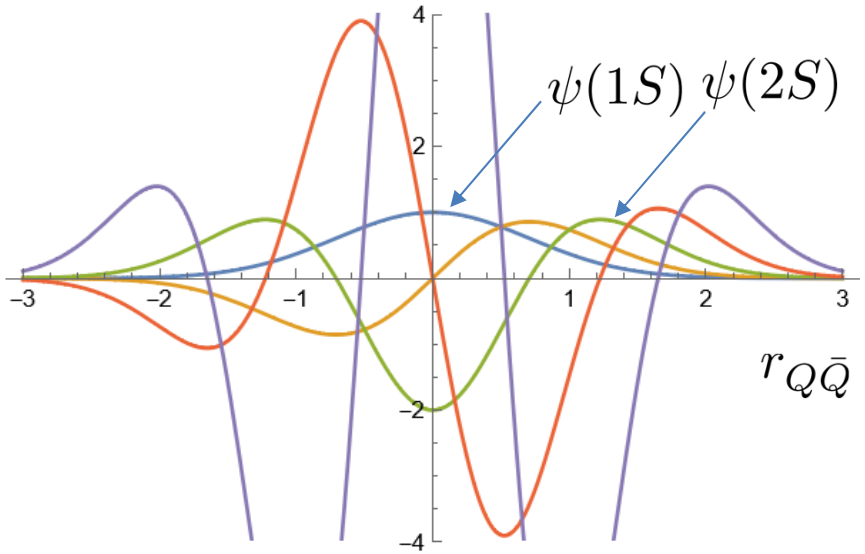


Initial compact state : δ

Dissociation rate: $\Gamma(r_{Q\bar{Q}}) \propto \alpha_S T \times \Phi(m_D r_{Q\bar{Q}}) \sim \alpha_S^2 T^3 \times r_{Q\bar{Q}}^2$

coherence

Neglect of coherence

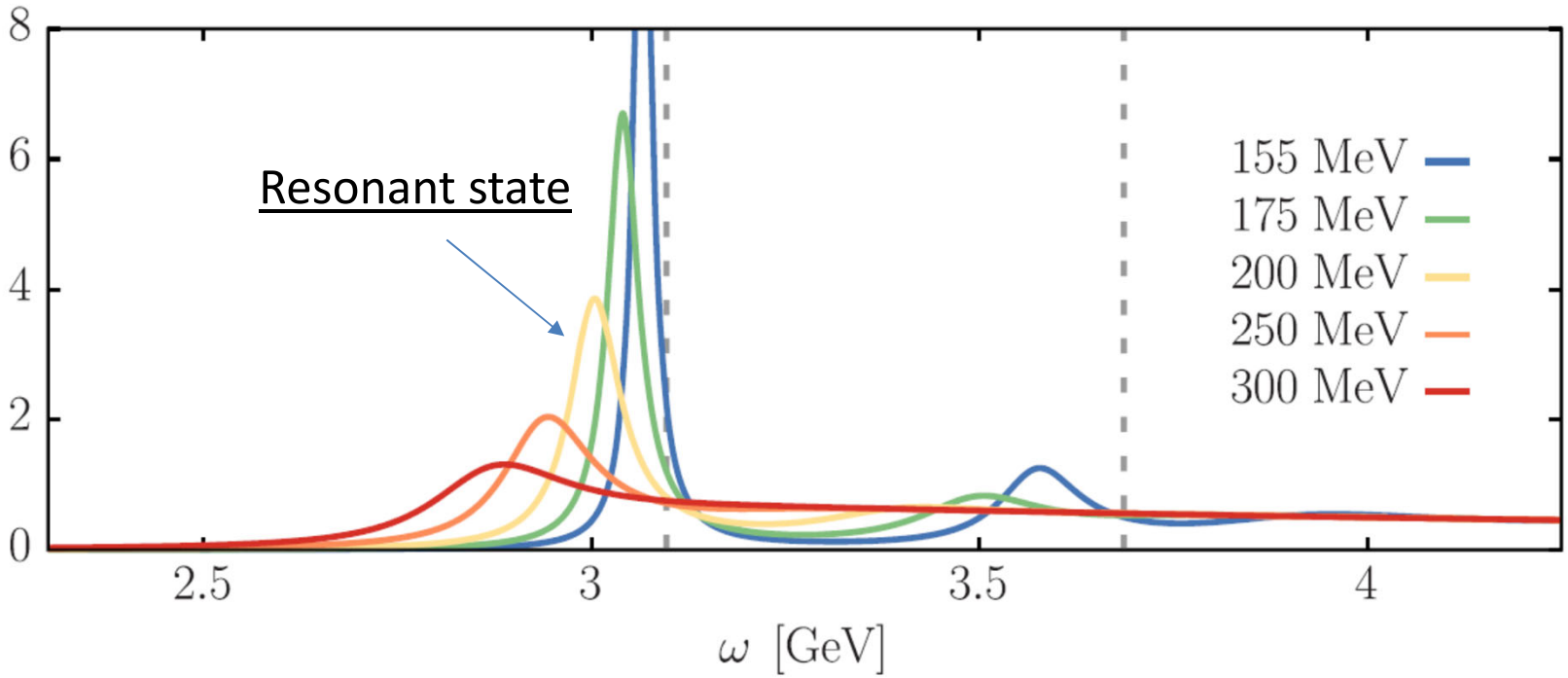
$$\Gamma(r_{Q\bar{Q}}) \approx 0 \propto \sum c_j^\star c_i \langle \psi_j | r^2 | \psi_i \rangle \longrightarrow \Gamma \propto \sum_i |c_i|^2 \langle \psi_i | r^2 | \psi_i \rangle \approx \sum_i |c_i|^2 \Gamma_i \neq 0$$

Crucial to include coherence !

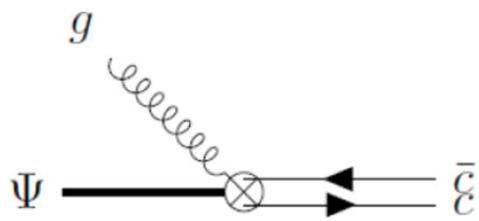
Extra Motivations

Spectral density

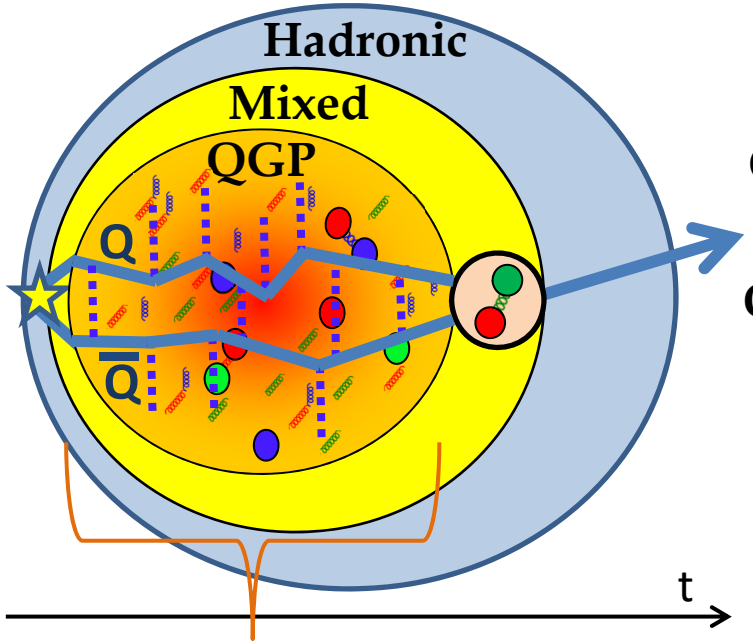
David Lafferty, Alexander Rothkopf , Phys. Rev. D 101, 056010 (2020)



How justified is it to deal with the quantum evolution of such state with cross sections, meant to describe the reactions of asymptotic states ?



Quantum coherence



Quarkonium

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Open mesons

only resolved at the end of the evolution

Beware of quantum coherences during the whole evolution !

~~Very complicated QFT problem at finite T(t) !!!~~

How to proceed ?

J/ψ are *quantum* bound states => need for a formalism that preserves *quantum* properties… and continuous transitions between bound and unbound states

Dating back to Blaizot & Ollitrault, Thews, Cugnon and Gossiaux; early 90's

τ_E: environment correlation time

$$\tau_E \sim \frac{1}{T}$$

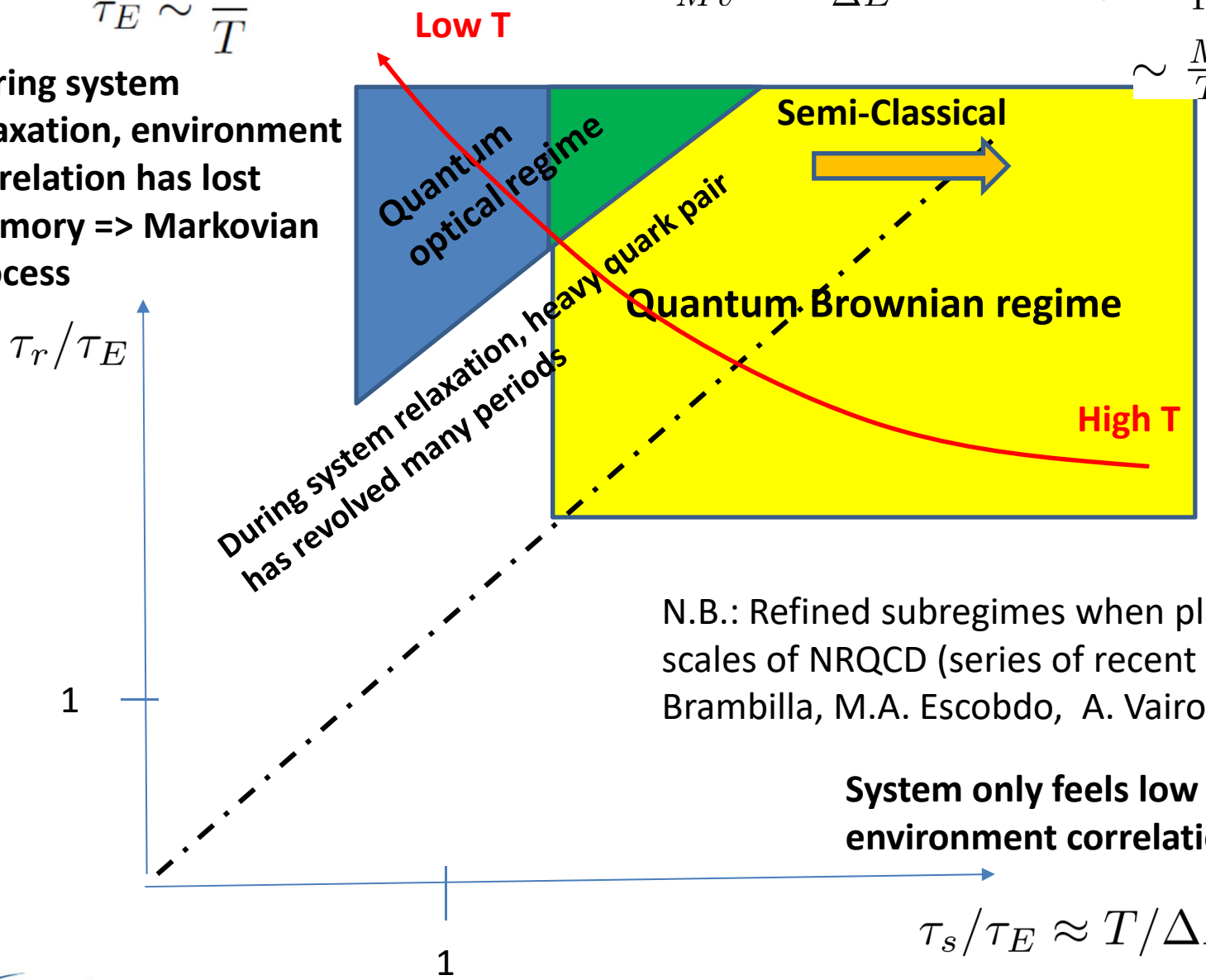
τ_S: system intrinsic time scale

$$\tau_S \approx \frac{1}{Mv^2} \approx \frac{1}{\Delta E}$$

τ_R: system relax time

$$\tau_r \sim \frac{1}{\Gamma} \approx \frac{1}{\alpha T(m_D^2 \langle r^2 \rangle)} \sim \frac{M^2}{T^3} \gg \tau_E$$

During system relaxation, environment correlation has lost memory => Markovian process



$$\frac{\tau_r}{\tau_E} \sim \frac{M^2}{T^2}$$

N.B.: Refined subregimes when playing with the scales of NRQCD (series of recent papers by N. Brambilla, M.A. Escobdo, A. Vairo et al)

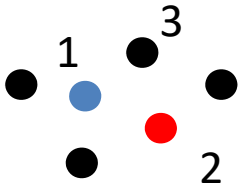
System only feels low frequency part of environment correlation

Not clear all states goes from one regime to the other at the same T

Remler formalism at work

<u>Combining the rate definition + VN equation</u> : $\Gamma^{\Psi}(t) = -iTr[\rho^{\Psi}[H_N, \rho_N(t)]]$

Generic case where $H_N = \Sigma_i K_i + \Sigma_{i>j} V_{ij}$



1 & 2 : $c \;\&\; \bar{c}$

3, 4, …… : light quarks

Strictly speaking, not QCD. Important process partly missing : gluo-dissociation

$$H_N = H_{1,2} + H_{N-2} + U_1 + U_2$$

$c\bar{c}$ Internal Hamiltonian

Light quarks

$\Sigma_{i>2} V_{i1}$ $\Sigma_{i>2} V_{i2}$

Heavy – light interaction

$$\Gamma^{\Psi}(t) = -iTr[\rho^{\Psi}[H_N, \rho_N(t)]] = -iTr[\rho_N(t)[\rho^{\Psi}, H_N]]$$

Only U_1 and U_2 => ≠0 (as $[\rho^{\Psi}, H_{1,2}] = 0$)

$$\Gamma^{\Psi}(t) = -iTr[\hat{\rho}^{\Psi}[\hat{U}_1 + \hat{U}_2, \hat{\rho}_N(t)]]$$

Sub-part of the VN equation, still impossible to deal with exactly at the quantum n-body level

Remler formalism at work

Passing to the Wigner representation:

$$W_N(\{r\},\{p\}) = \int \Pi d^3y e^{ipy} \langle r - \tfrac{y}{2} | \hat{\rho}_N | r + \tfrac{y}{2} \rangle$$

Direct space

$$\partial \rho_N(t)/\partial t = -i\Sigma_j [K_j, \rho_N(t)] - i\Sigma_{j>k}[V_{jk}, \rho_N(t)]$$

Wigner space….

$$\partial W_N(t)/\partial t = \langle \Sigma_i v_i \cdot \partial_r W_N(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{p},t)\rangle + \langle \Sigma_{i\geq j}\Sigma_n \delta(t - t_{ij}(n)) \times (W_N(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{p},t+\epsilon) - W_N(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{p},t-\epsilon))\rangle$$

One to one correspondance

… treated at the semi-classical level :

Wigner distribution ⇔ {trajectories in phase space}

$[\hat{U}_1 + \hat{U}_2, \hat{\rho}_N(t)]$ can be modelized from the trajectories evolution in Wigner space

Remler formalism at work

The effective rate for quarkonia state creation (dissociation) in the medium is

$$\Gamma^{\Psi}(t) = -iTr[\hat{\rho}^{\Psi}[\hat{U}_1 + \hat{U}_2, \hat{\rho}_N(t)]]$$

Working in the phase space through Wigner distribution

$$W^{\Psi_i}_{Q\bar{Q}} = \int d^3y e^{ipy} \langle r - \tfrac{y}{2} | \Psi^i \rangle \langle \Psi^i | r + \tfrac{y}{2} \rangle$$

Quarkonia: Double Gaussian approximation

$$W^{\Psi}_{Q\bar{Q}}(r_{\rm rel}, p_{\rm rel}) = C e^{r^2_{\rm rel}\sigma^2} \times e^{\frac{p^2_{\rm rel}}{\sigma^2}}$$

Parameter: The Gaussian width $\sigma \approx 0.35$ fm

$$[\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu}\nabla^2 + V(r)]\Psi_{QQ}(r) = E_{QQ}\Psi_{QQ} \longrightarrow \langle r^2 \rangle \longrightarrow W^{\Psi}$$

W_N : Semi-classical approach

$$W_N = \Pi_i \hbar^3 \delta(x_i - x_{i0}(t))\delta(p_i - p_{i0}(t))$$

… but no explicit description of W_N required (as it appears in the trace)

and (less trivial) : generalisation at finite 4-velocity u; fully relativistic… to warrant orthogonality of states

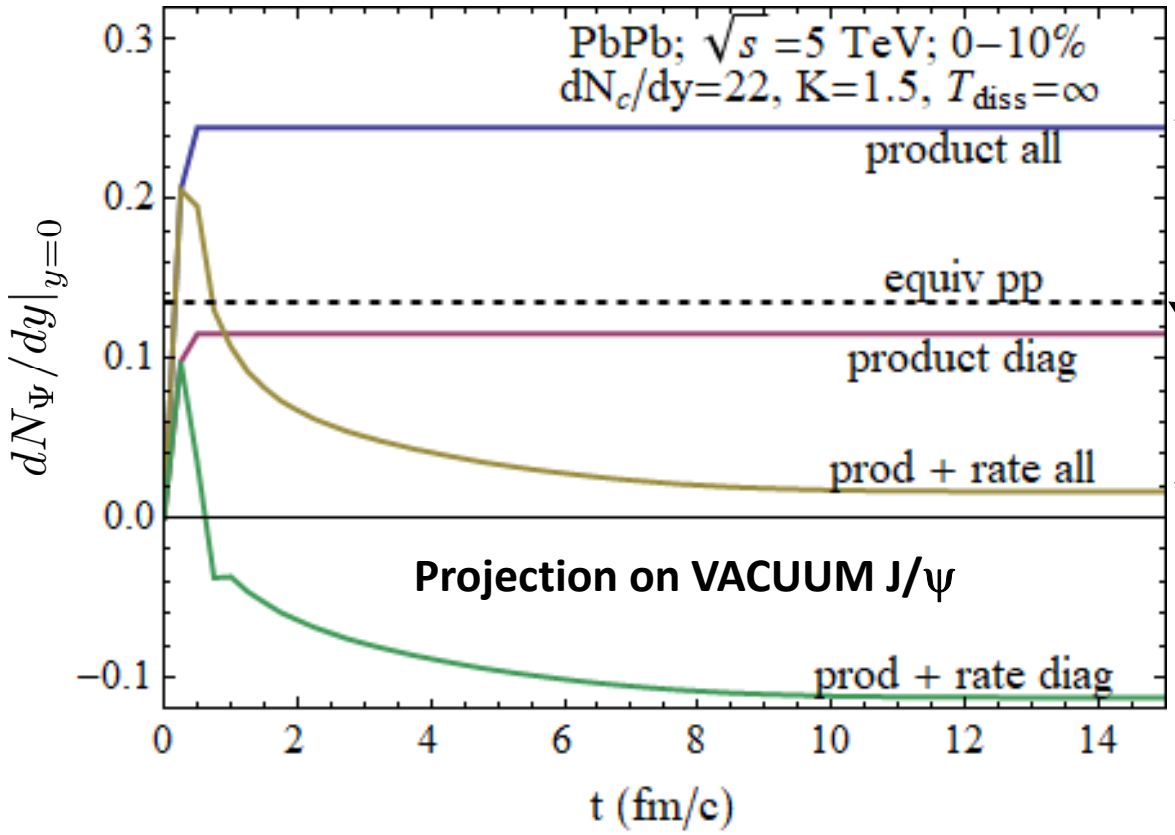
$$\mathrm{Tr}[W^{J/\psi}_u W^{\psi'}_u] = 0$$

Subatech

Preliminary results for J/ψ production in Pb-Pb

Word of caution: Exploratory phase => not meant to have an exact comparison with exp. data

$$P^{\Psi}(t) = P^{\Psi}(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t} \Gamma(t')dt'$$



Cumulated « production » (if no rate equation), indeed oveshoots pp due to off-diagonal contributions

The denominator in the R_{AA}

The full production (i.e. the numenator in the R_{AA})

First answer to puzzle found in Song et al: the primordial production is killed rather fast by the « loss » rate.

Remler formalism for the QGP : last ingredient

Combining the rate definition + VN equation : $\Gamma^{\Psi}(t) = -iTr[\rho^{\Psi}[H_N, \rho_N(t)]]$

$$H_N = H_{1,2} + H_{N-2} + U_1 + U_2$$

$c\bar{c}$ Internal Hamiltonian ... ...

In QGP, 2 body T-dependent effective potential => ....

$$\Gamma^{\Psi}(t) = -iTr[\rho^{\Psi}[H_N, \rho_N(t)]] = -iTr[\rho_N(t)[\rho^{\Psi}, H_N]]$$

$$[\rho^{\Psi}, H_{1,2}(T)] = 0$$

$$= -iTr[\hat{\rho}^{\Psi}(T)[\hat{U}_1 + \hat{U}_2, \hat{\rho}_N(t)]]$$

One only preserves the structure of the Remler « collisional rate » if one works in the « local » basis ρ^{Ψ} (T) !!!
Accessible for T > T_{dissoc}^{Ψ} (=0.4 GeV for J/ψ)

Back to the rate : $\Gamma^{\Psi}(t) = \frac{dP^{\Psi}(t)}{dt} = \mathrm{Tr}\left[\hat{\rho}^{\Psi}_{Q\bar{Q}} \frac{d\hat{\rho}_N(t)}{dt}\right]$

$$\Gamma^{\Psi}(t) = \mathrm{Tr}\left[\hat{\rho}^{\Psi}_{Q\bar{Q}}(T(t)) \frac{d\hat{\rho}_N(t)}{dt}\right] + \underbrace{\frac{dT}{dt}\mathrm{Tr}\left[\frac{\partial \hat{\rho}^{\Psi}_{Q\bar{Q}}(T)}{\partial T}\hat{\rho}_N(t)\right]}$$

New contribution to the rate (so-called « local rate »)

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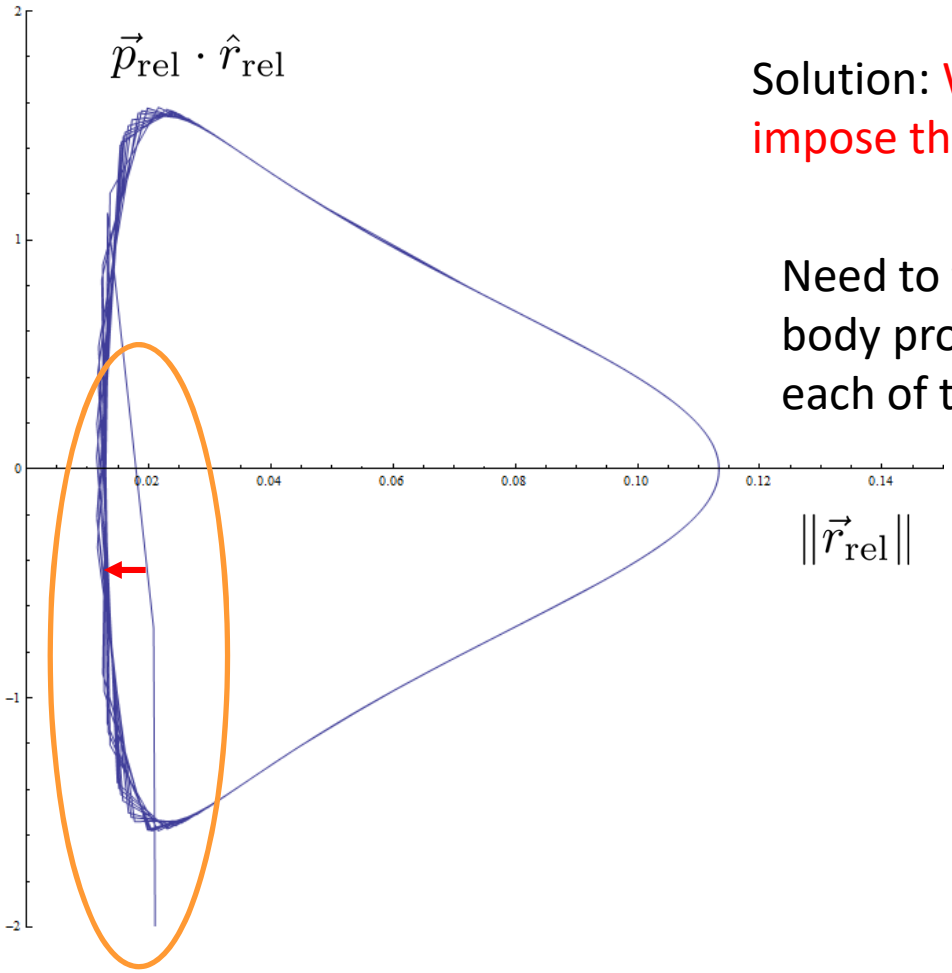

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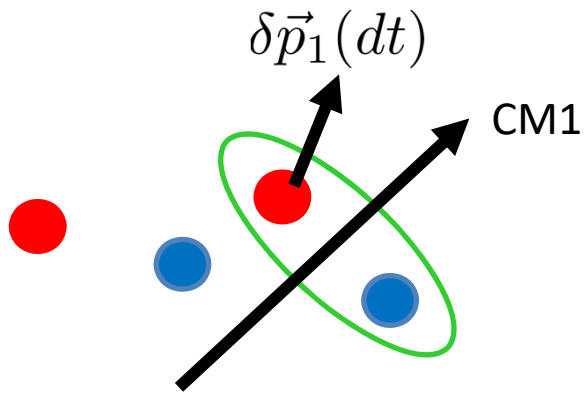

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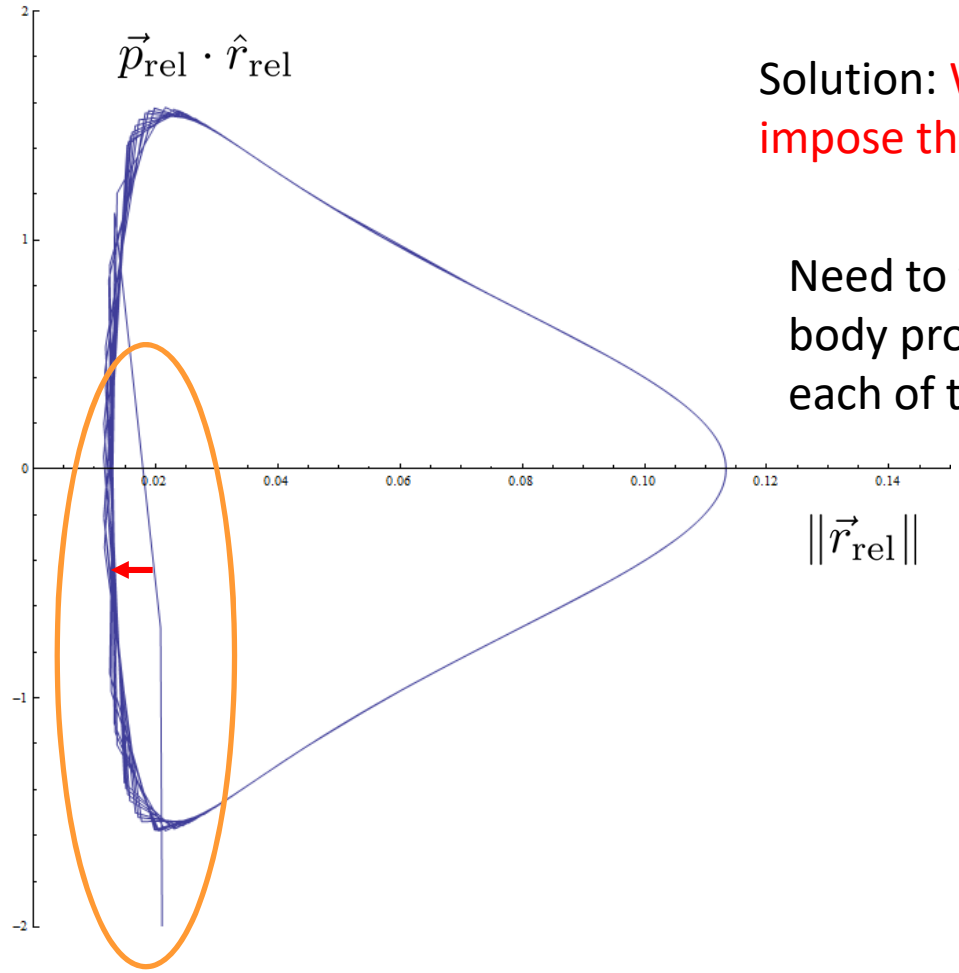

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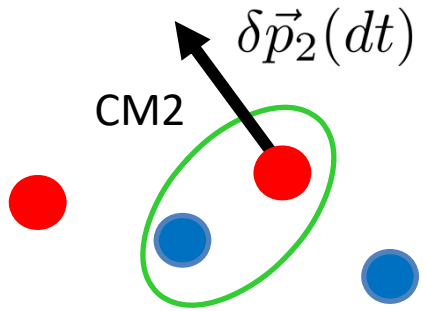

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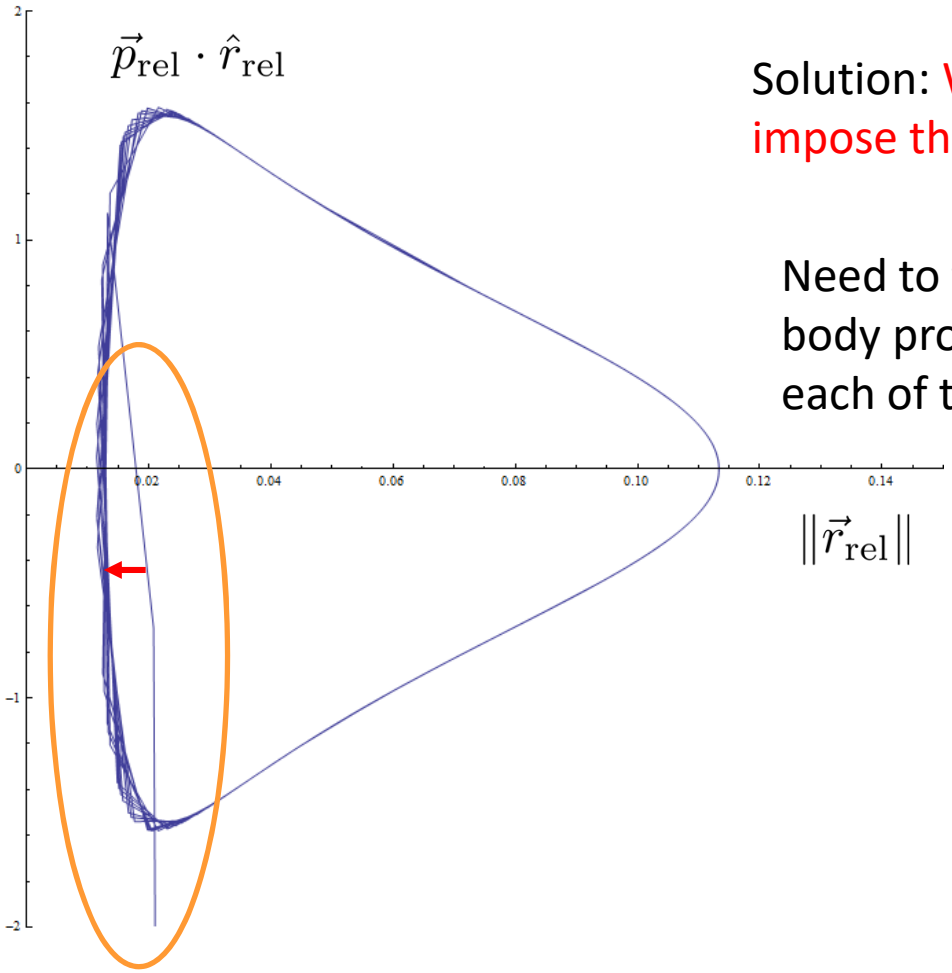

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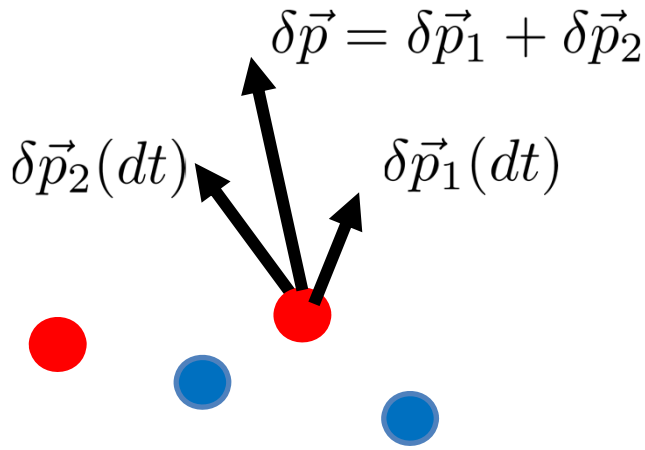
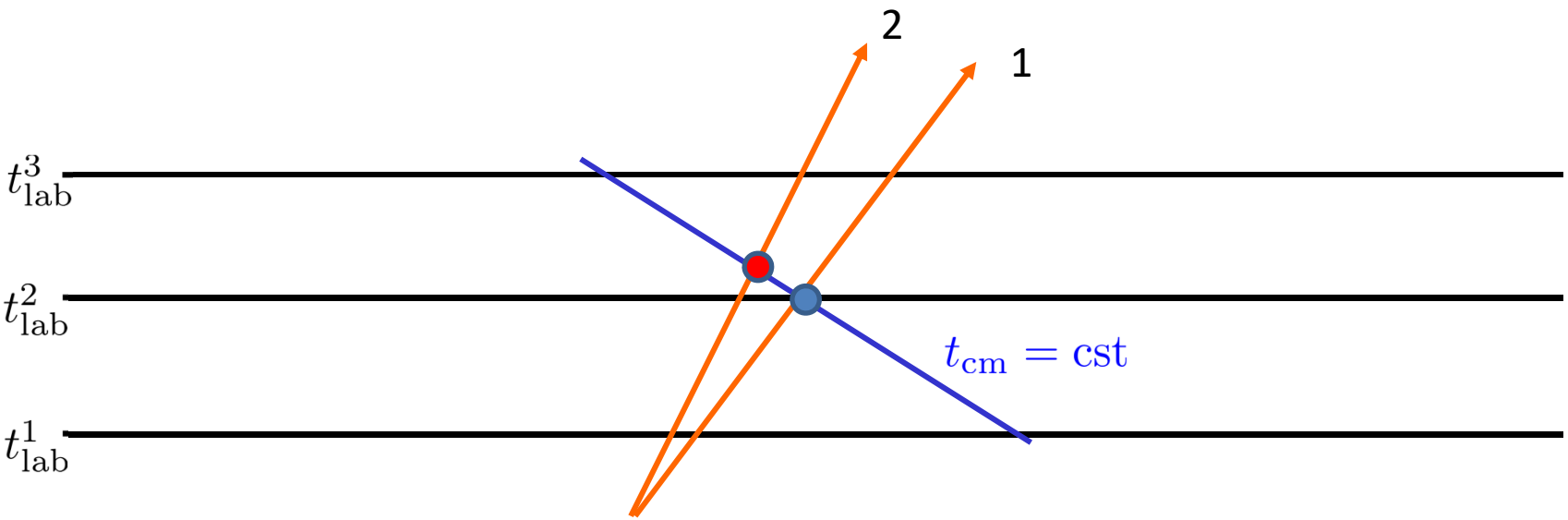


The Q-Qbar dynamics… the CM strategy

- "Issue" : slicing the global time evolution (usual strategy in MC) is not compatible with passing to c.m. frame for each individual pair…



Generic need to store / describe the trajectory of particle 2 at a time $t_{lab} > t_{lab}^2$ if ones propagates particle 1 up to t_{lab}^2 by resorting to evolution in the c.m.