

Dynamical evolution of heavy quarks: Boltzmann vs Langevin

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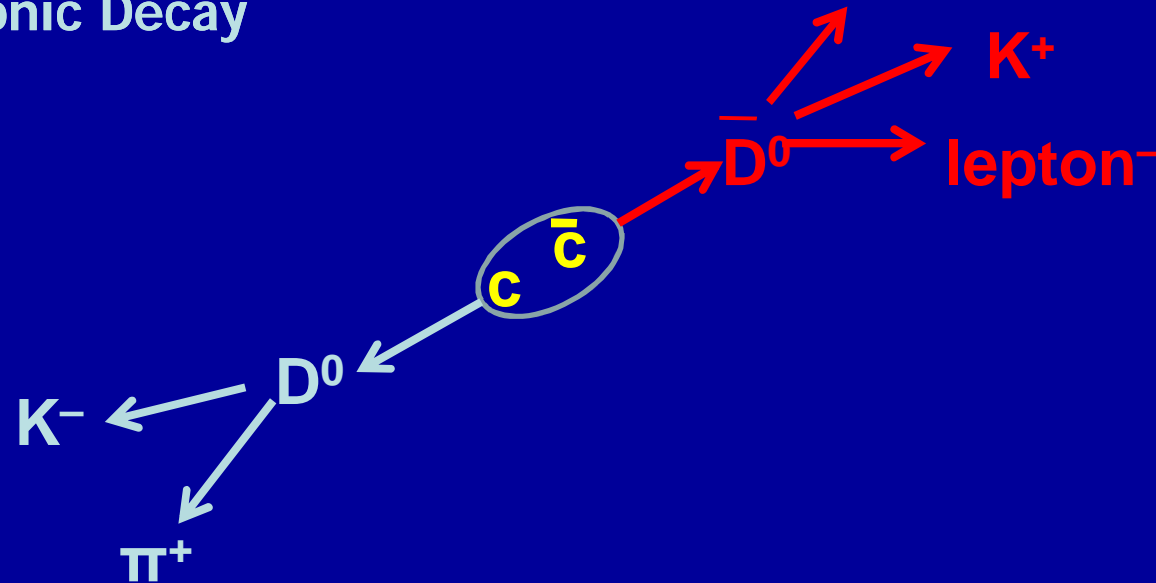
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Outline

- **Heavy Flavors**
- **Transport approach**
- **Fokker Planck approach**
- **Comparison**
- **Conclusions and future developments**

Introduction Heavy Quarks

- ✓ Large mass $M_{HQ} \gg \Lambda_{QDC}$ ($M_{charm} \cong 1.3 \text{ GeV}$; $M_{bottom} \cong 4.2 \text{ GeV}$)
- ✓ They are produced in the early stage
- ✓ They interact with the bulk and can be used to study the properties of the medium
- ✓ There are two way to detect charm:
 - 1) Single non-photonic electron and muon
 - 2) Hadronic Decay

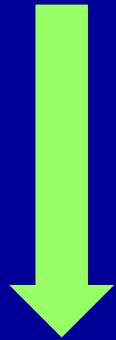


R_{AA} of Heavy Quarks

QCD-based models describing collisional and radiative energy loss in the medium predict:

[Dokshitzer et al., PLB 519 (2001) 199], [Armesto et al., PRD 69 (2004) 114003],
[Djordjevic et al., NPA 783 (2007) 493]

$$E_{loss}(light\ quark) > E_{loss}(Charm) > E_{loss}(Bottom)$$

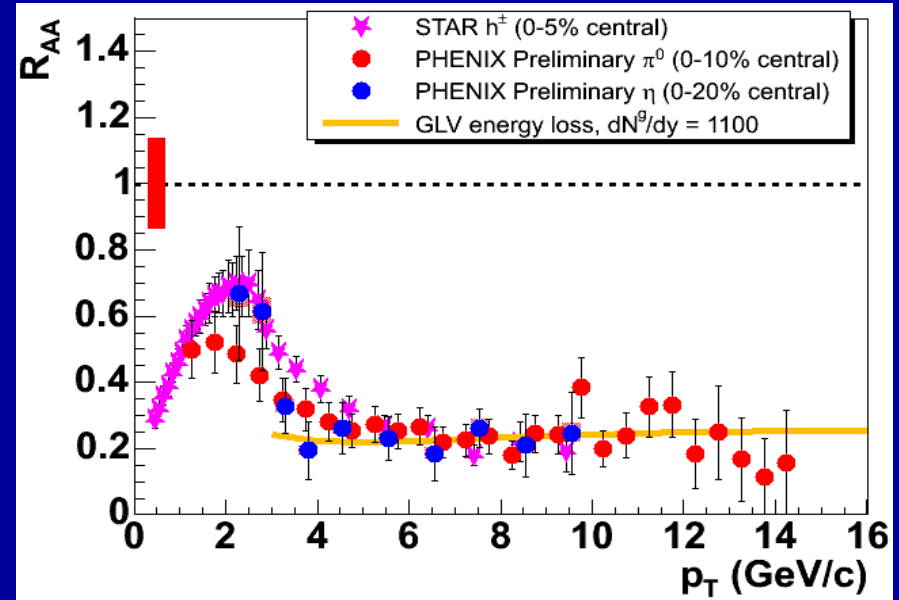
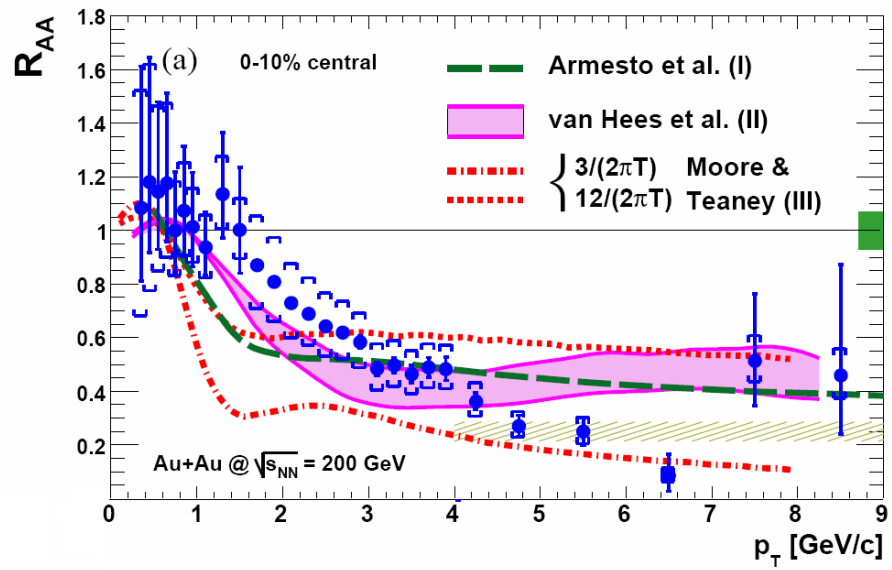


Nuclear Modification factor:

$$R_{AA}(p_T) = \frac{1}{N_{coll}} \frac{d^2 N^{AA} / dp_T dy}{d^2 N^{pp} / dp_T dy}$$

$$R_{AA}(light\ quark) < R_{AA}(Charm) < R_{AA}(Bottom)$$

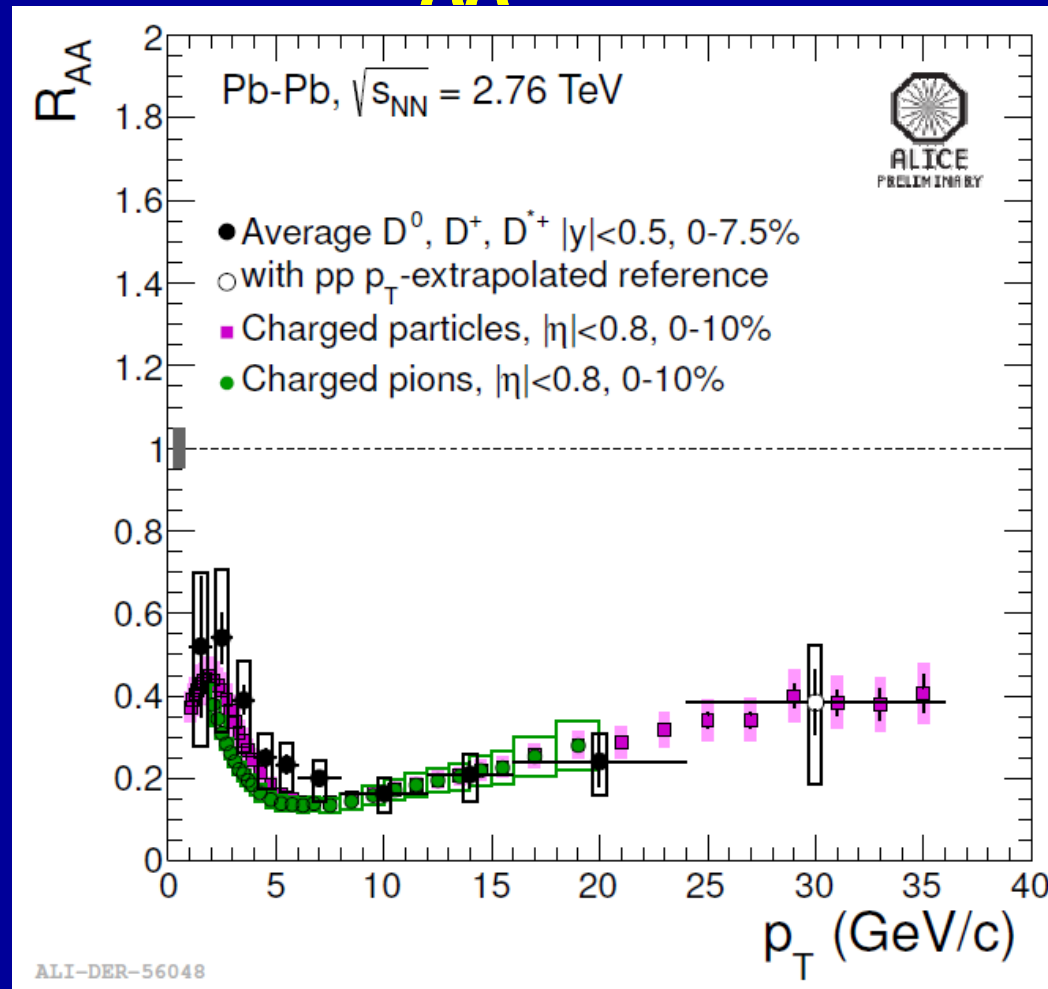
R_{AA} at RHIC



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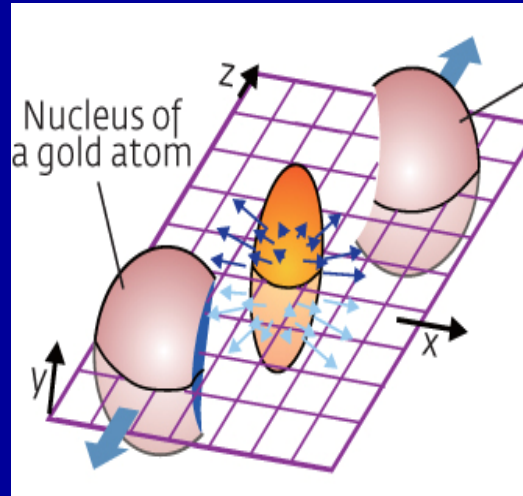
In spite of the larger mass at RHIC energy heavy flavor suppression is not so different from light flavor

R_{AA} at LHC



Again at LHC energy heavy flavor suppression is similar to light flavor especially at high p_T

Elliptic flow



$$\varepsilon = \frac{\langle y^2 - x^2 \rangle}{\langle y^2 + x^2 \rangle}$$

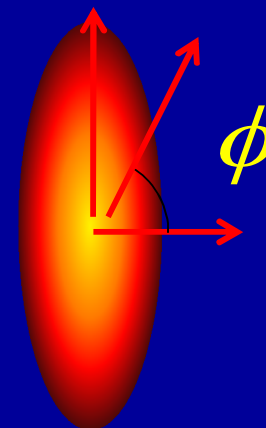
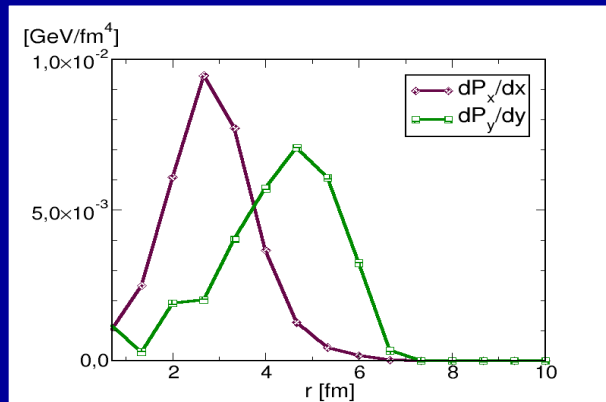
$$\frac{d^3 N}{dy p_T dp_T d\phi} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d^2 N}{dy p_T dp_T} [1 + 2v_2(y, p_T) \cos 2\phi]$$

$$v_2 = \left\langle \frac{p_x^2 - p_y^2}{p_x^2 + p_y^2} \right\rangle$$

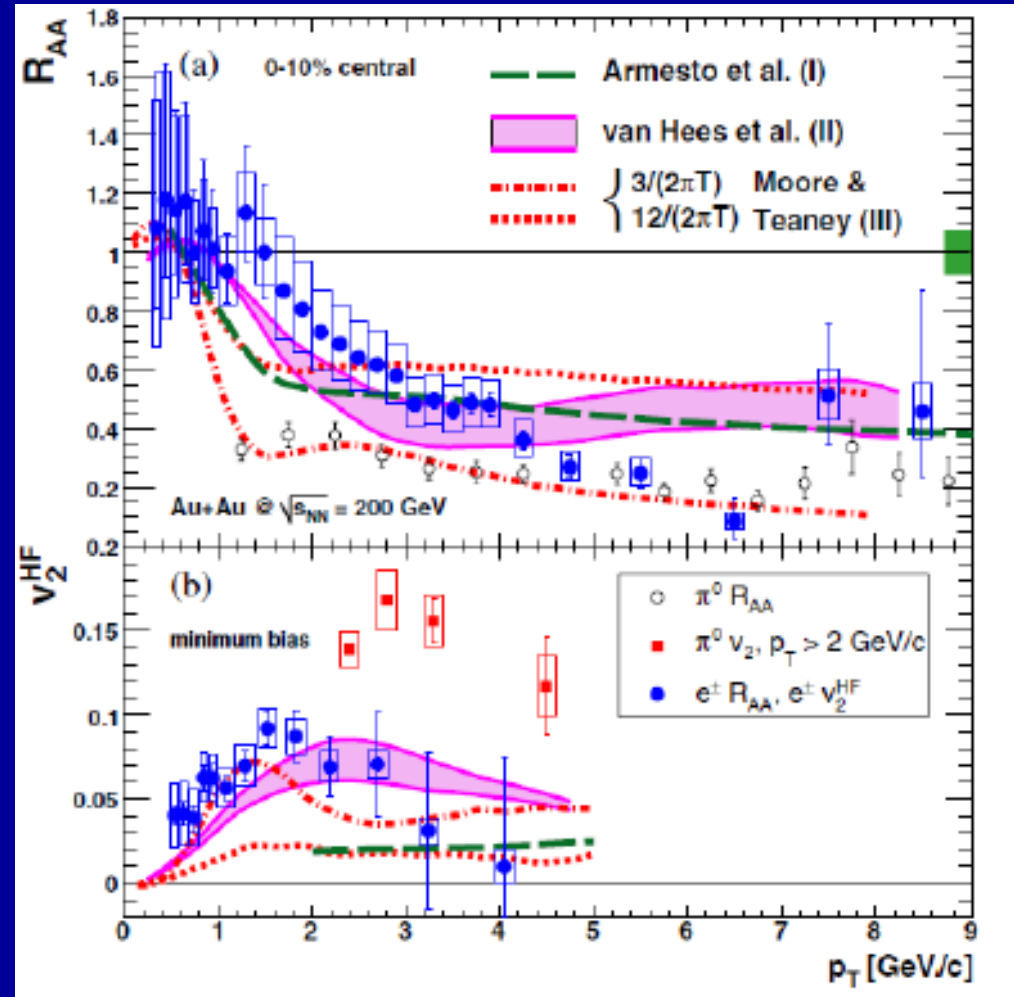
Different origin of the v_2 of HQ with respect to v_2 of the bulk

Bulk: v_2 is generated by the different gradient pressure along x direction with respect to the y direction

HQ: v_2 is by the different path covered by heavy quark in the anisotropic medium



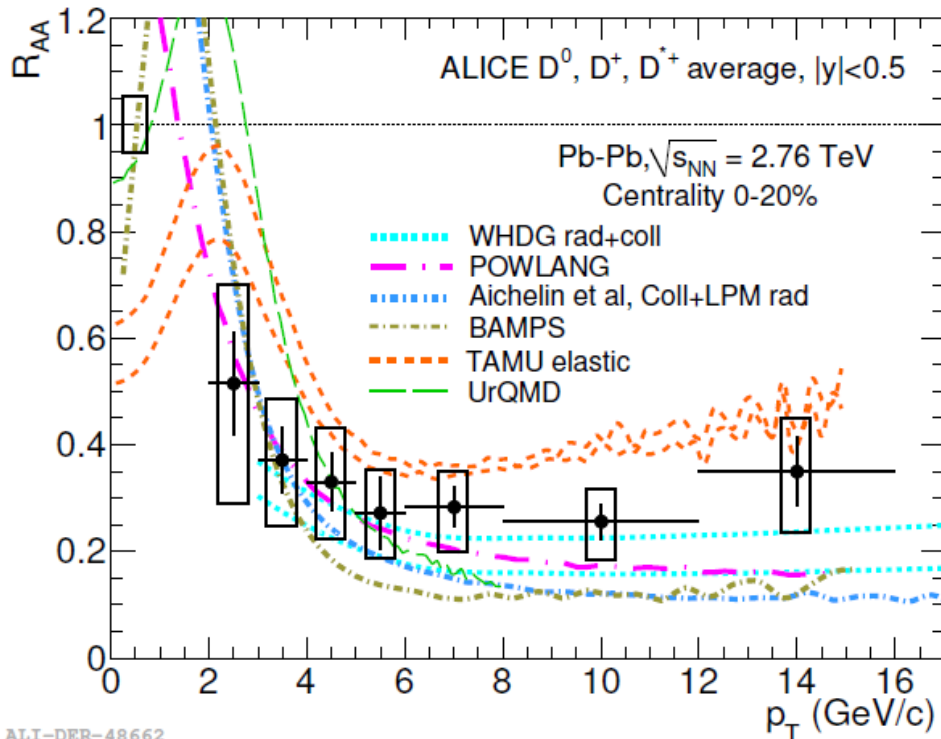
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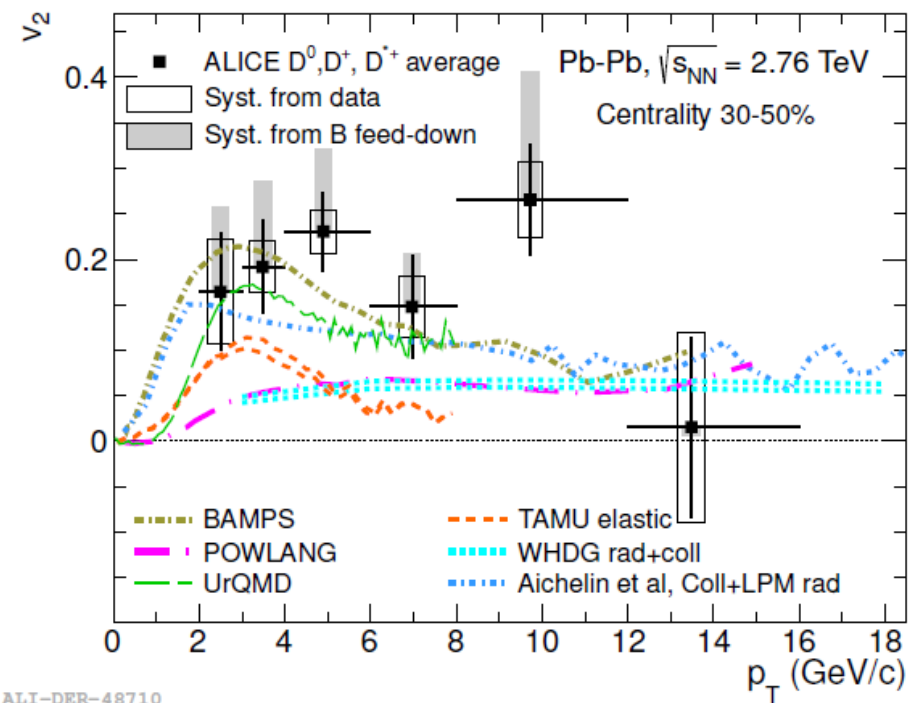
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Elliptic flow at LHC

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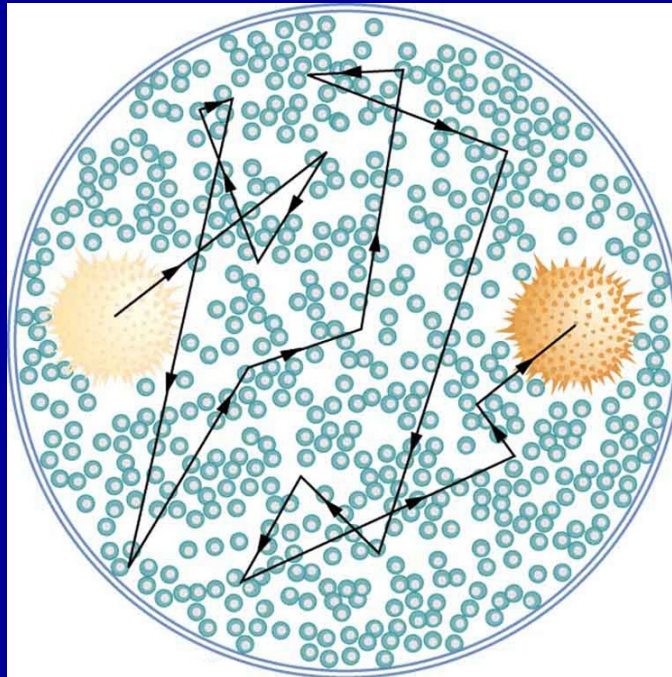
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Description of HQ propagation in the QGP

Brownian Motion



It is described by the Fokker-Planck equation

Transport theory

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f(x, p) + M(X) \partial_\mu M(X) \partial_p^\mu f(X, p) = C_{22}$$

Free-streaming

Mean Field

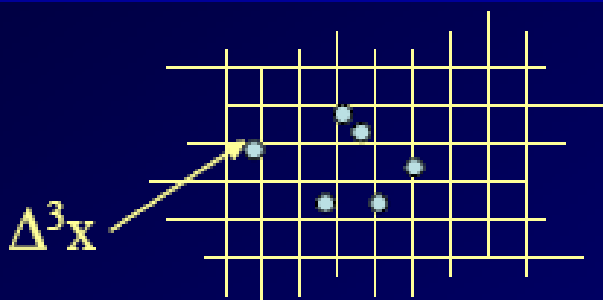
Collisions

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla_r f + \vec{F} \cdot \nabla_p f = C_{22}$$

Classic Boltzmann equation

It is valid to study the evolution of both bulk and Heavy quarks

Describes the evolution of the one body distribution function $f(x, p)$



To solve numerically the B-E we divide the space into a 3-D lattice and we use the standard test particle method to sample $f(x, p)$

[Z. Xhu, et al... PRC71(04)], [Ferini, et al. PLB670(09)],
[Scardina, et al PLB724(13)], [Ruggieri, et al PLB727(13)]

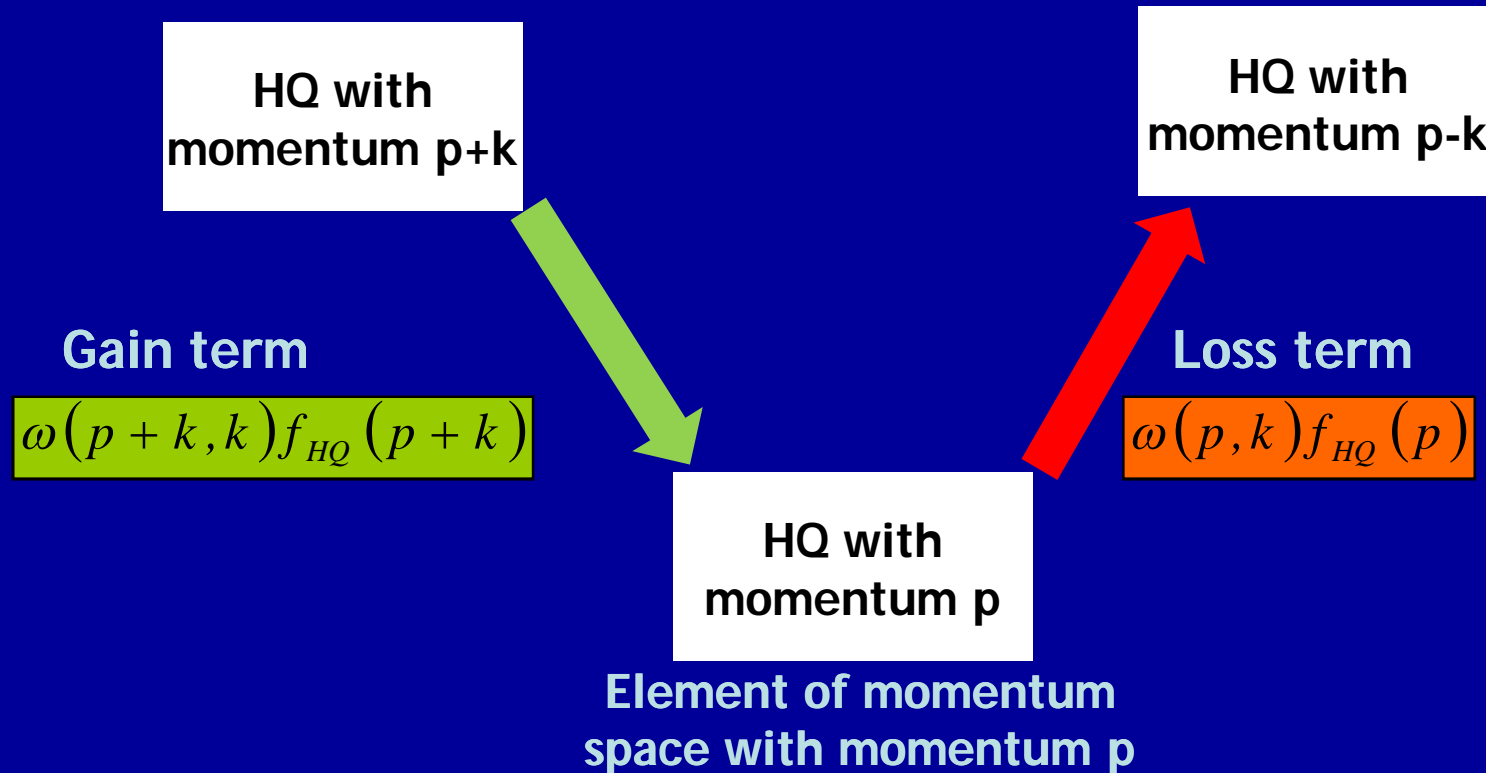
Transport theory

✓ Collision integral

$$C_{22} = \int d^3 k \left[\omega(p+k, k) f_{HQ}(p+k) - \omega(p, k) f_{HQ}(p) \right]$$

$$\omega(p, k) = g \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} f'(q) v_{rel} \sigma_{p, q \rightarrow p-k, q+k}$$

$\omega(p, k)$ is the transition rate for collisions of HQ with heath bath changing the HQ momentum from p to p-k



Transport theory

✓ Collision integral (stochastic algorithm)

Assuming two particle

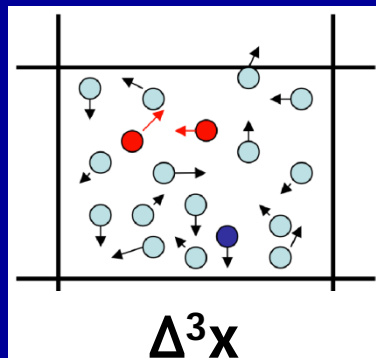
- In a volume Δ^3x in space
- momenta in the range $(P, P+\Delta^3P)$; $(q, q+\Delta^3q)$

$$\frac{(2\pi)^3 \Delta N_{coll}}{\Delta t \Delta^3x \Delta^3p} = \frac{\Delta^3q}{(2\pi^3)} f_{HQ}(P) f_g(q) v_{rel} \sigma_{p,q \rightarrow p-k, q+k}$$

collision rate per unit phase space for this pair

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$$P_{22} = \frac{\Delta N_{coll}}{\Delta N_{HQ} \Delta N_g} = v_{rel} \sigma_{p,q \rightarrow p-k, q+k} \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta^3x}$$



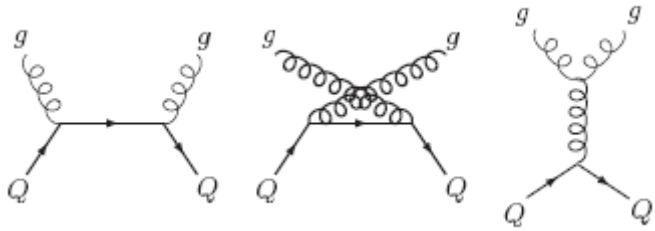
$$\Delta t \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Delta^3x \rightarrow 0$$



Exact solution

Cross Section gc -> gc



The infrared singularity is regularized introducing a **Debye-screening-mass m_D**

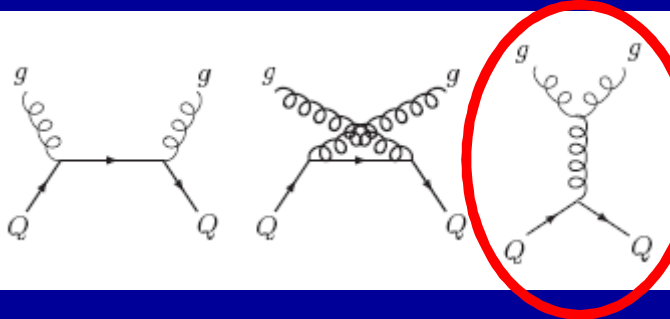
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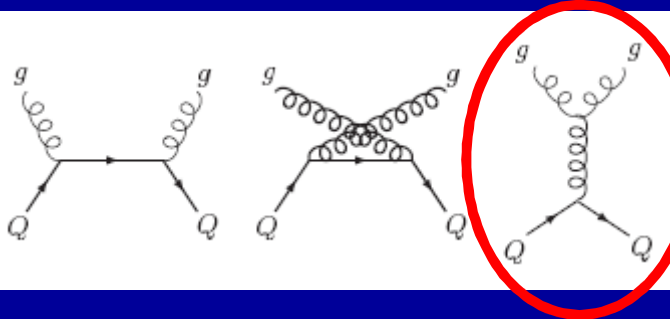
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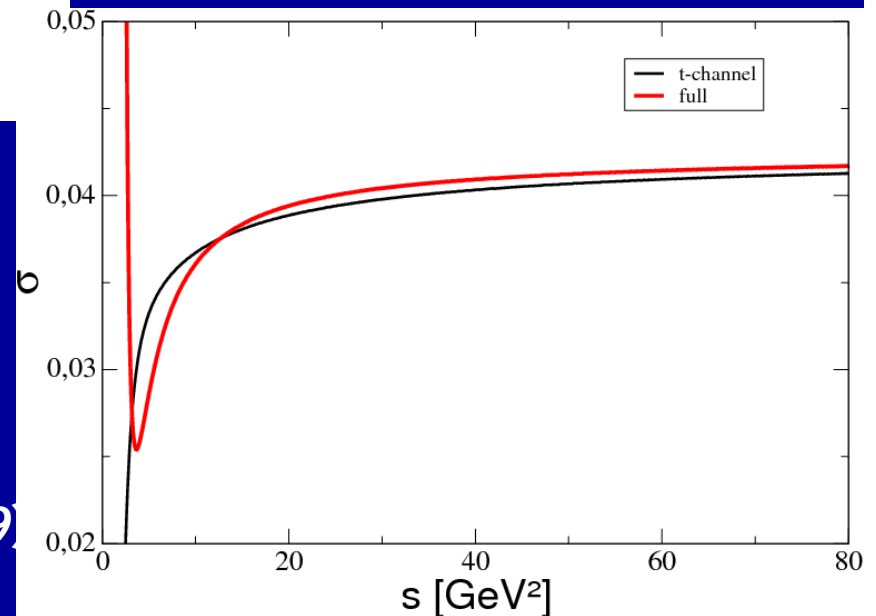
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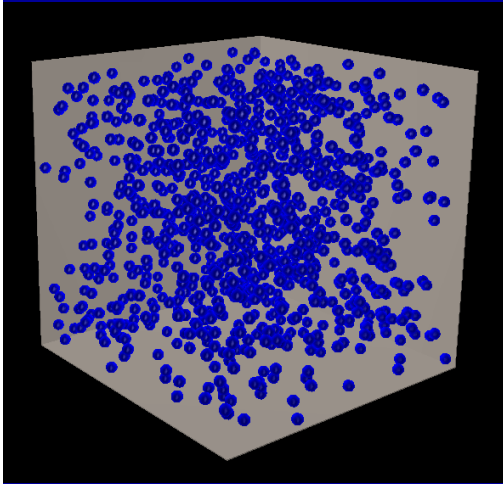
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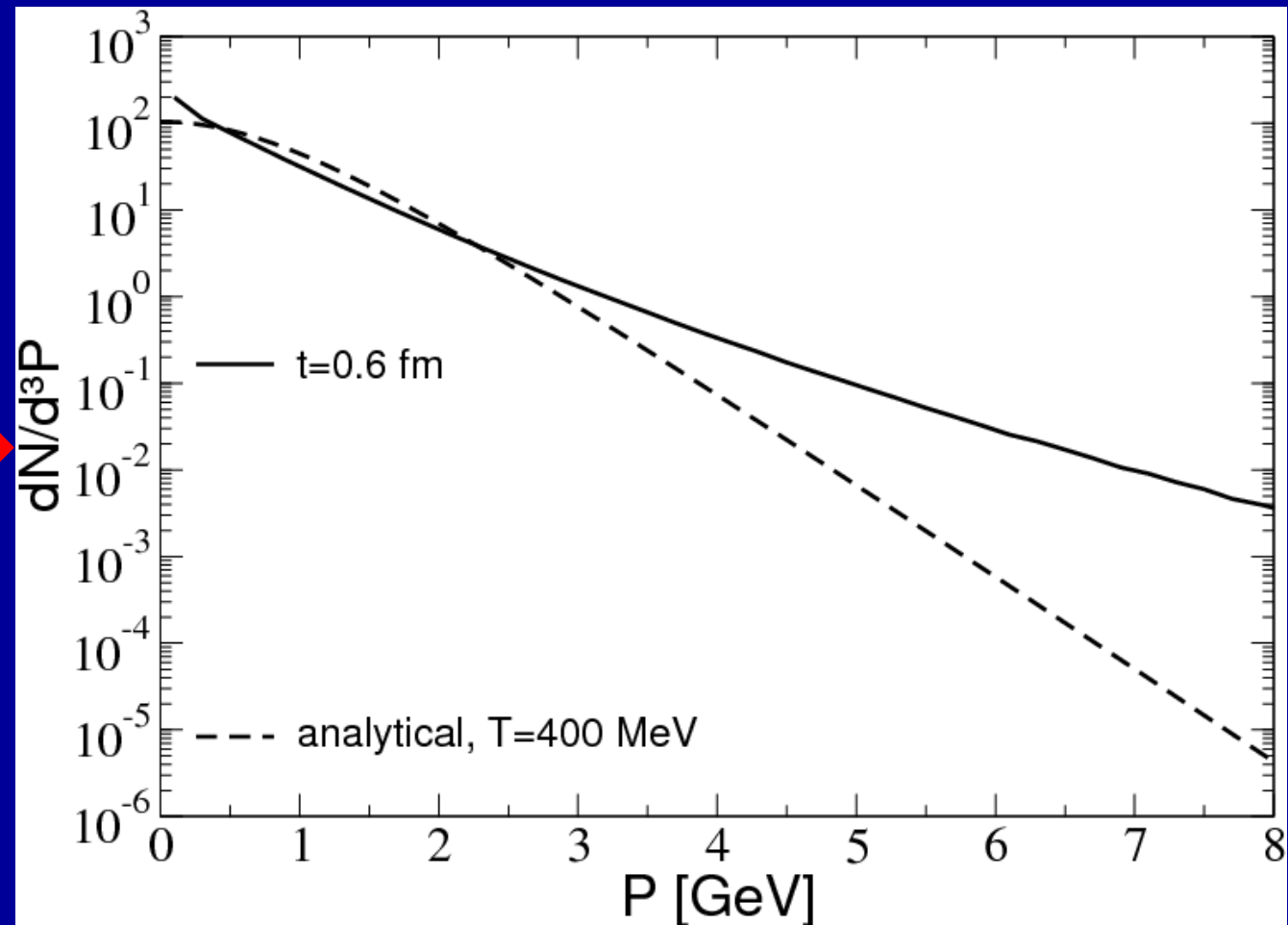
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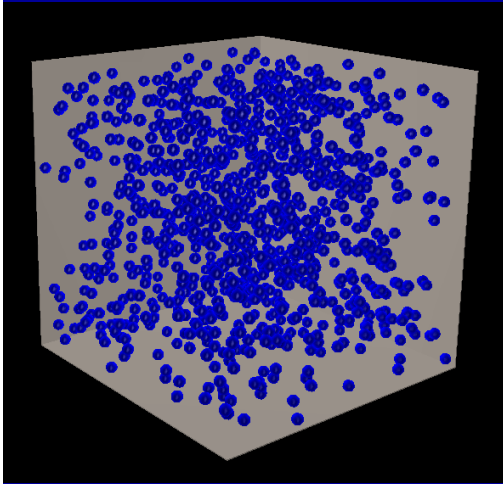
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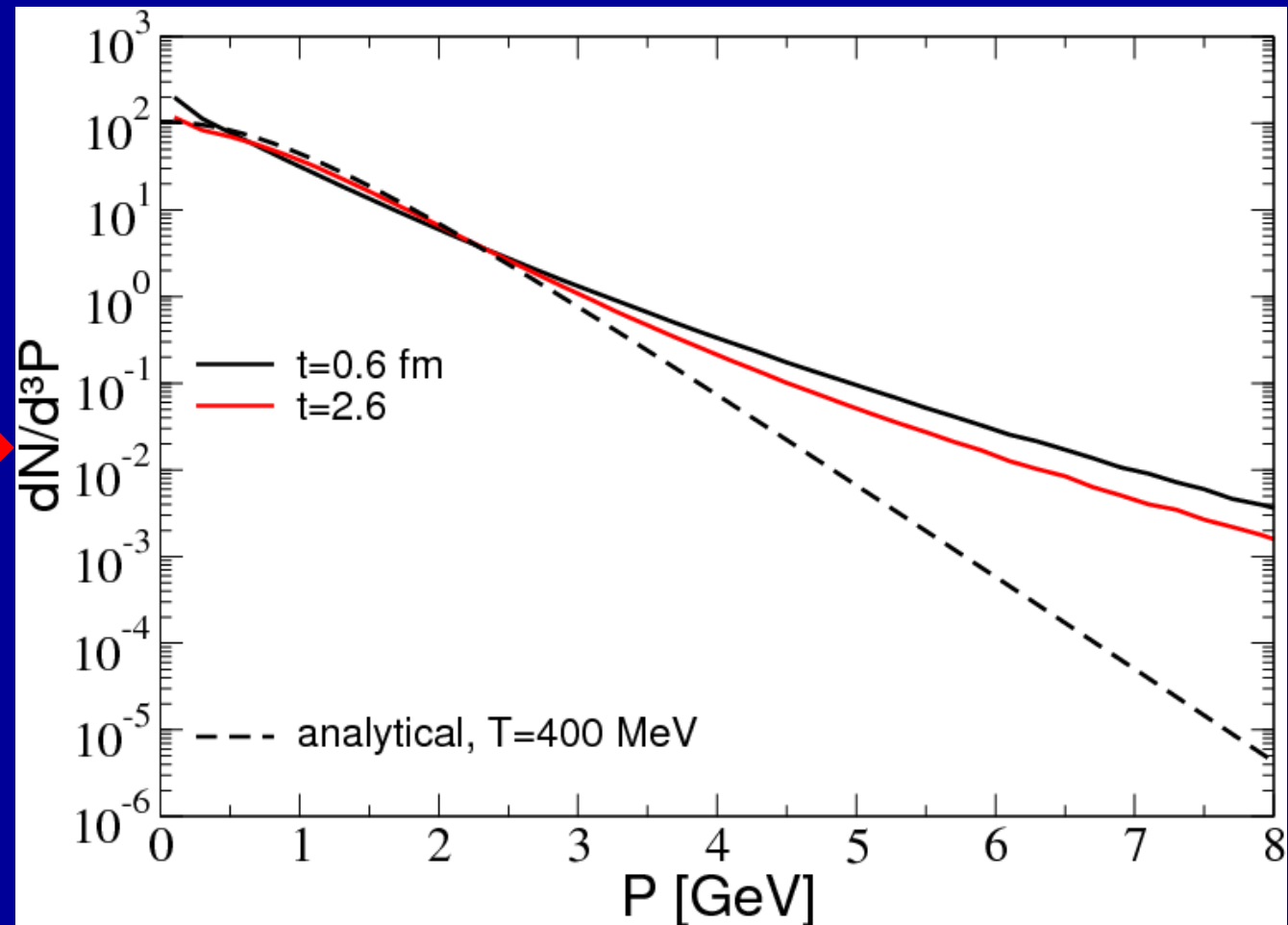
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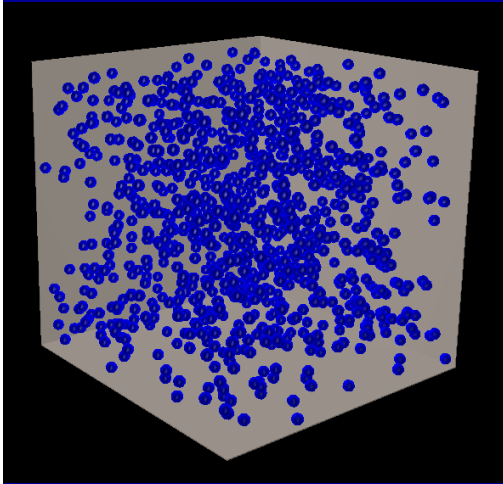
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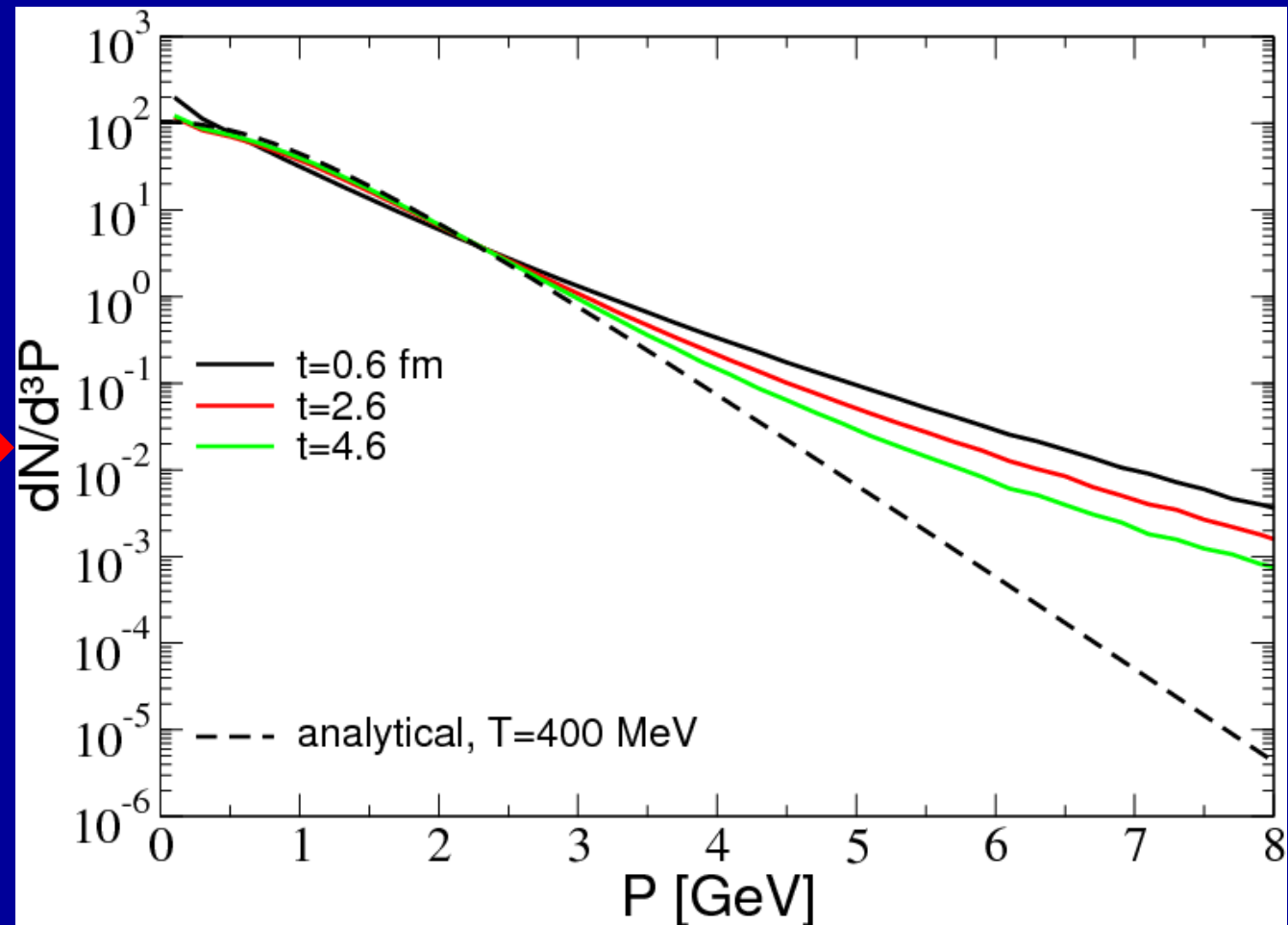
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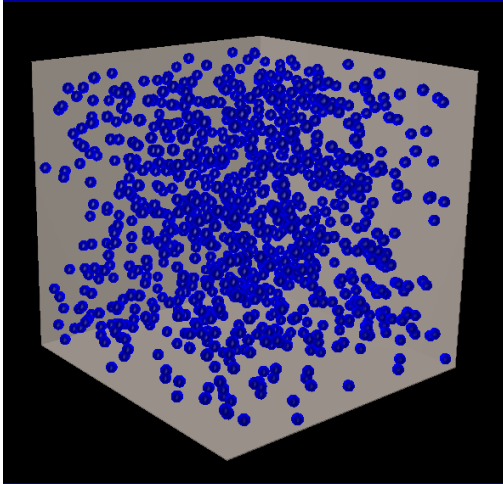
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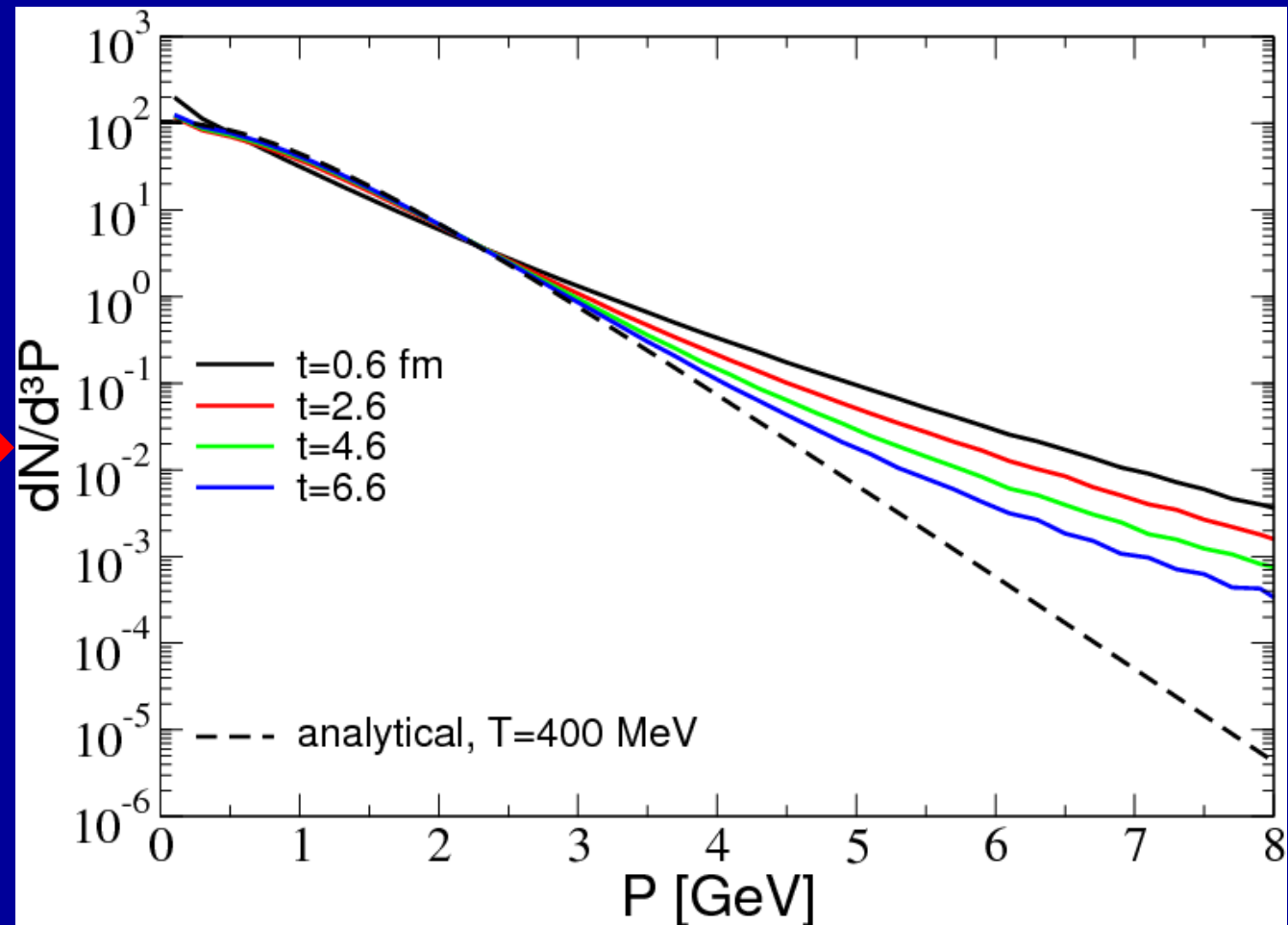
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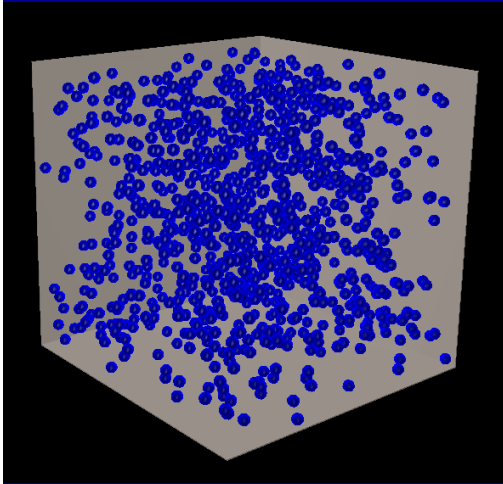
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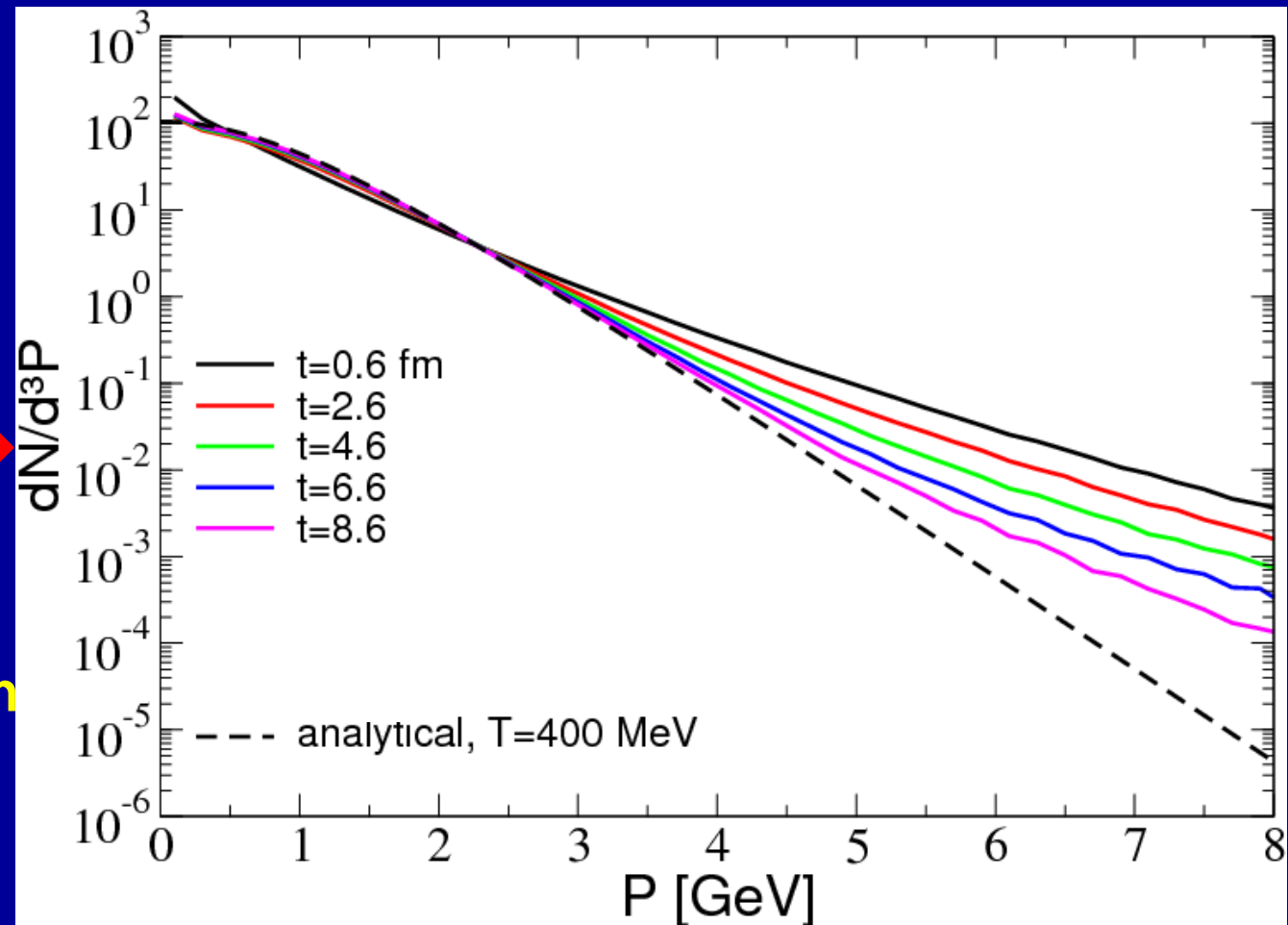


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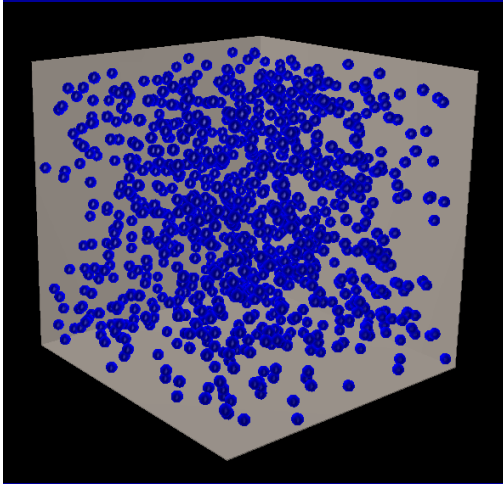
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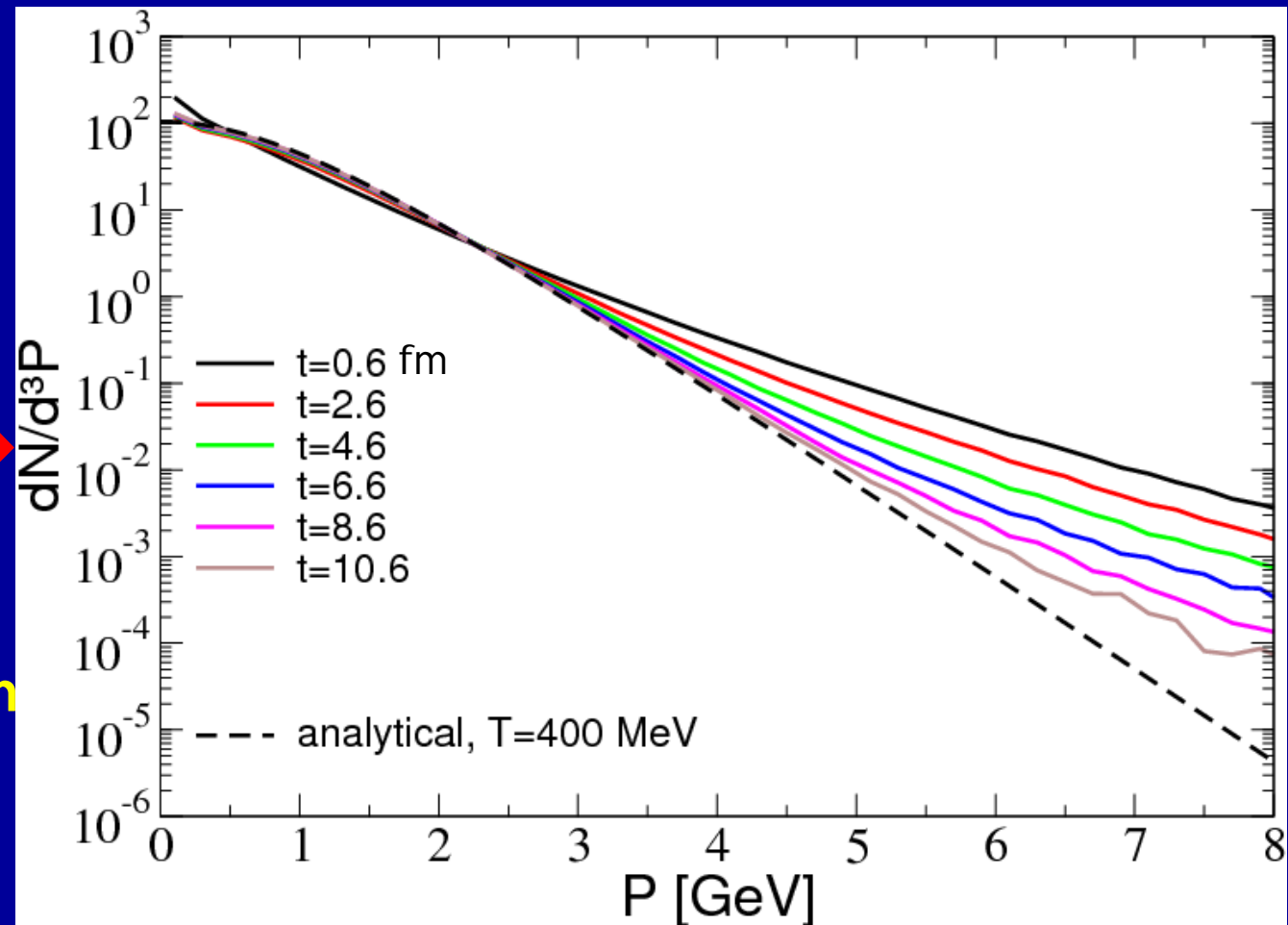


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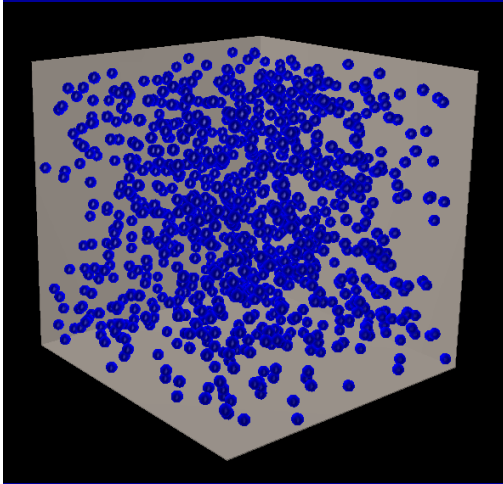
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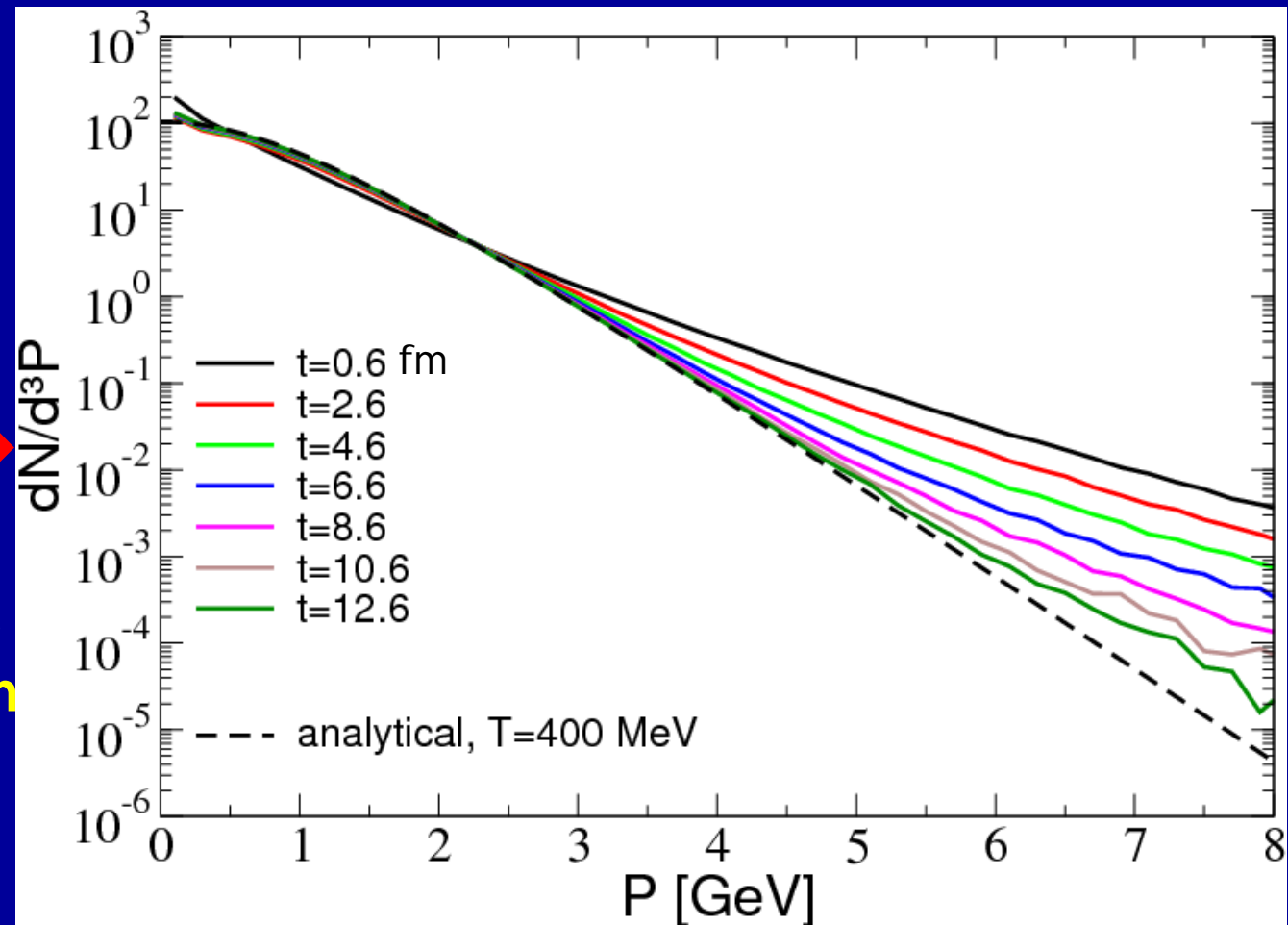


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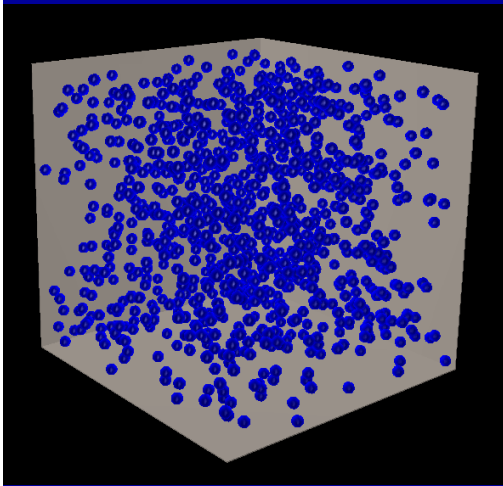
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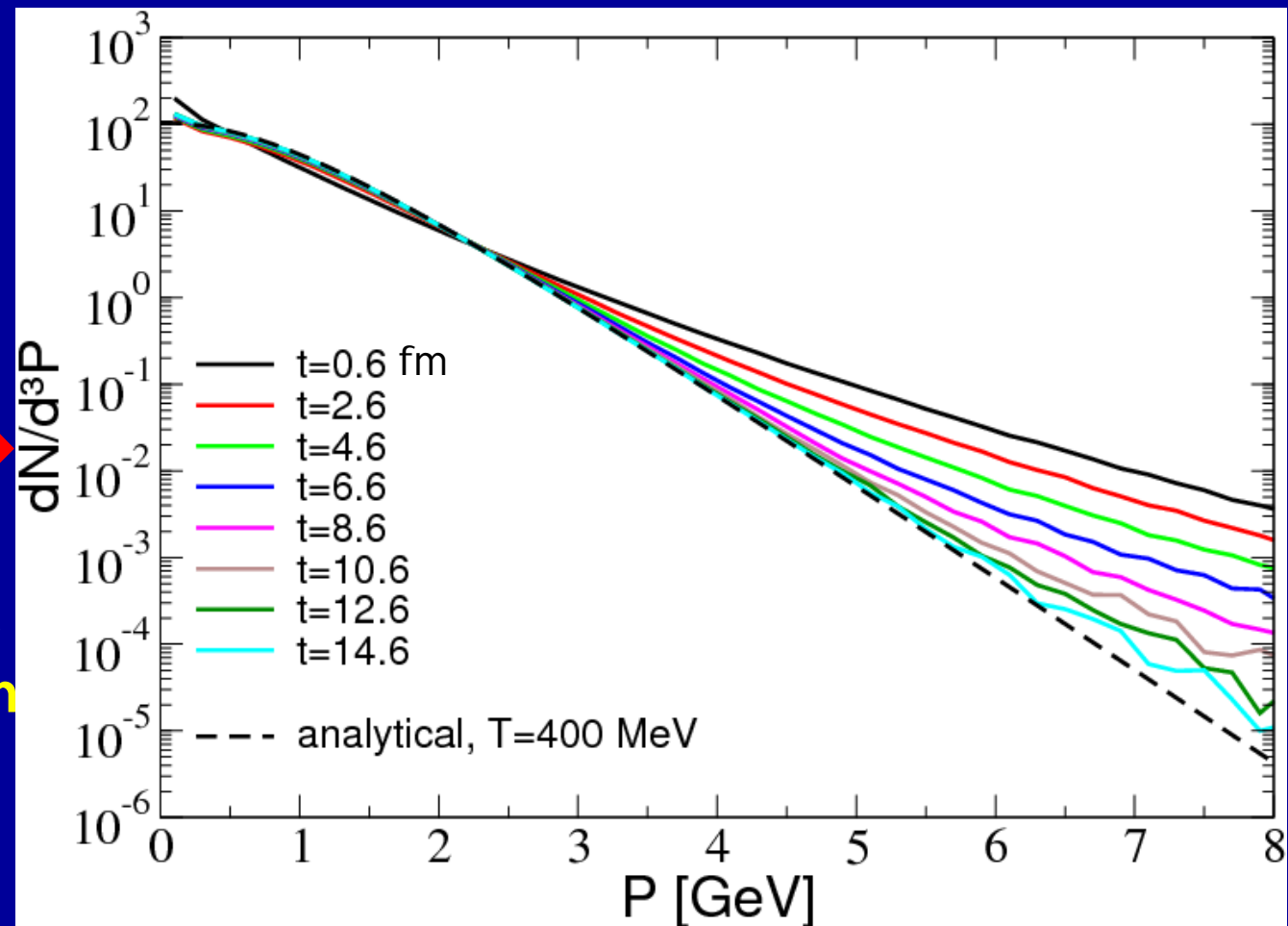


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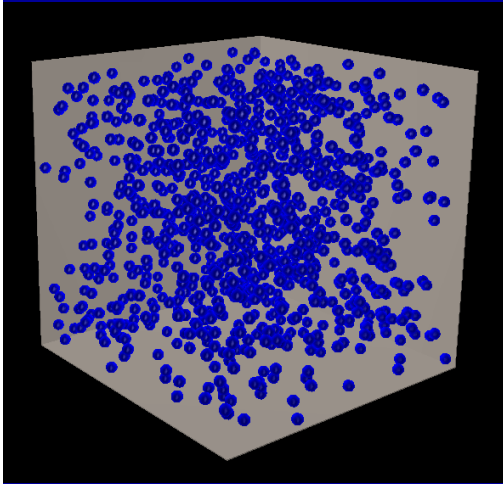
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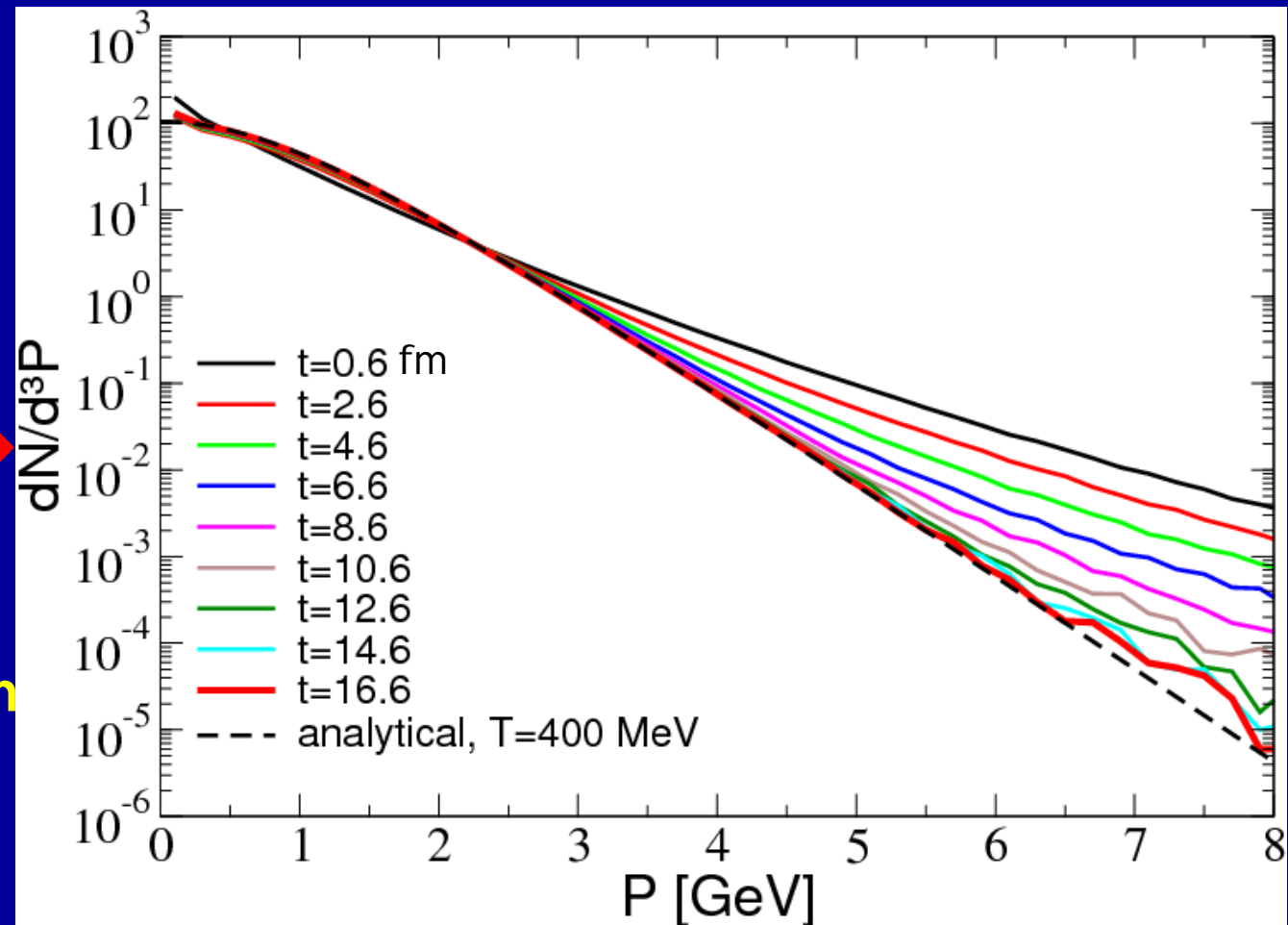


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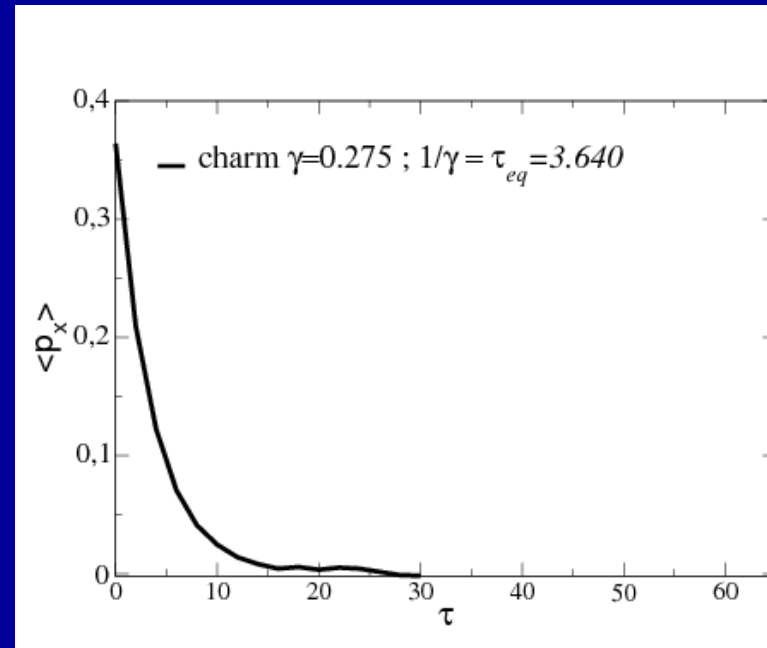
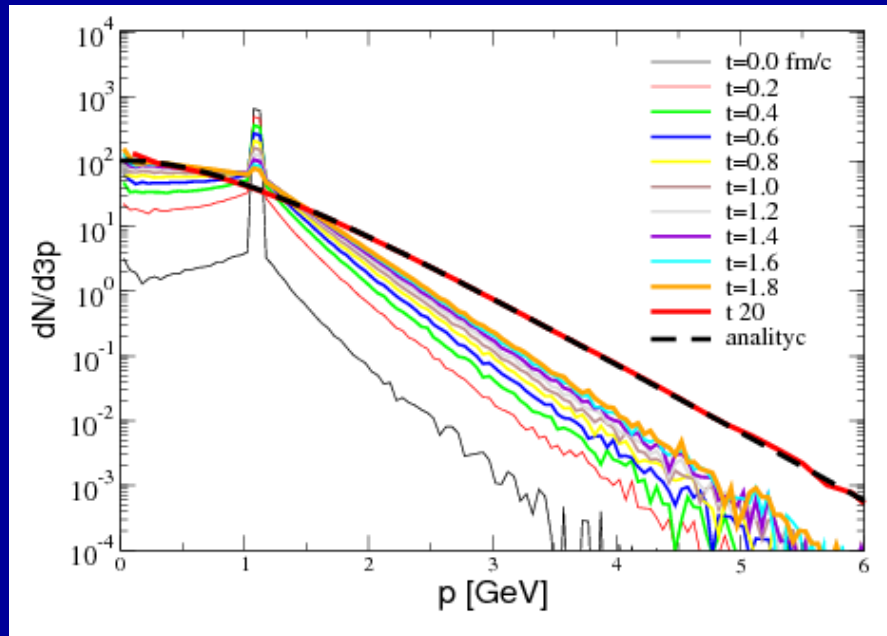
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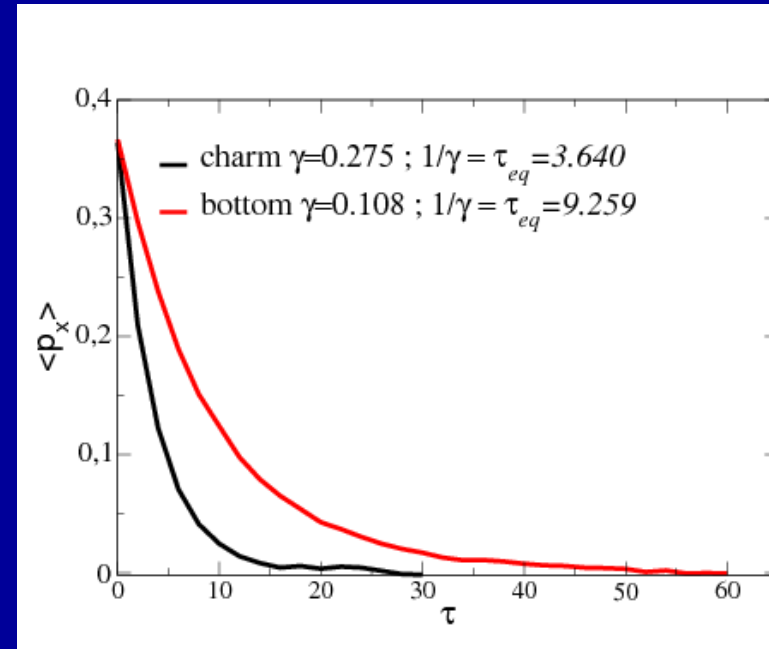
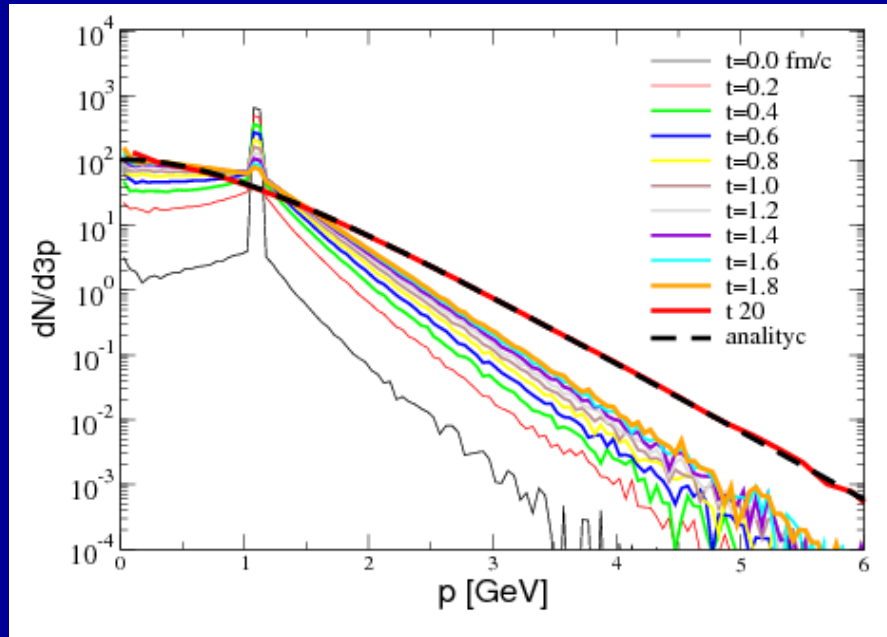
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Each component of average momentum evolves according to $\langle p_i \rangle = p_i^0 \exp(-\gamma t)$ where $1/\gamma$ is the relaxation time to equilibrium (τ)

$$\tau_b/\tau_c = 2.55 \cong m_b/m_c$$

Fokker Planck equation

The HQ propagation is usually described by the Fokker Planck approach where HQ interactions are conveniently encoded in transport coefficients that are related to elastic scattering matrix elements on light partons.

The Fokker Planck eq can be derived from the B-E

B-E

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{P}{E} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right) f(x, p, t) = C_{22} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(p, t) = C_{22}$$

$$C_{22} = \int d^3k [\omega(p+k, k) f(p+k) - \omega(p, k) f(p)]$$

If $|k| \ll |P|$

$$\omega(p+k, k) f(p+k) \approx \omega(p, k) f(p) + k \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial p} (\omega f) + \frac{1}{2} k_i k_j \frac{\partial^2}{\partial p_i \partial p_j} (\omega f)$$

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$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{p}_i} \left[\mathbf{A}_i(\mathbf{p}) \mathbf{f} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{p}_j} \left[\mathbf{B}_{ij}(\mathbf{p}) \mathbf{f} \right] \right]$$

where we have defined the kernels

$$\mathbf{A}_i = \int d^3 k \omega(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}) \mathbf{k}_i \rightarrow \text{Drag Coefficient}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{ij} = \int d^3 k \omega(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}) \mathbf{k}_i \mathbf{k}_j \rightarrow \text{Diffusion Coefficient}$$

Where \mathbf{B}_{ij} can be divided in a longitudinal and in a transverse component B_0, B_1

[B. Svetitsky PRD 37(1987)2484]

Langevin Equation

The Fokker-Planck equation is equivalent to an ordinary stochastic differential equation

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

$$dp_j = -\Gamma p_j dt + \sqrt{dt} C_{jk}(t, p + \xi dp) \rho_k$$

- ✓ Γ is the deterministic friction (drag) force
- ✓ C_{ij} is a stochastic force in terms of independent Gaussian-normal distributed random variable

$$\rho = (\rho_x, \rho_y, \rho_z)$$

$$\langle \rho_i(t) \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle \rho_i(t) \rho_k(t') \rangle = \delta(t-t') \delta_{jk}$$

$$P(\rho) = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \right)^3 \exp\left(-\frac{\rho^2}{2} \right)$$

Interpretation of the momentum argument of the covariance matrix.

$\xi=0$ the pre-point Ito

$\xi=1/2$ mid-point Stratonovic-Fisk

$\xi=1$ the post-point Ito (or H'anggi-Klimontovich)

Langevin Equation

Langevin process defined like this is equivalent to the Fokker-Planck equation:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{p_j}{E} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial}{\partial p_j} \left[\left(p_j \Gamma - \xi C_{lk} \frac{\partial C_{jk}}{\partial p_l} \right) f \right] + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial p_j \partial p_k} (C_{jl} C_{kl} f)$$

the covariance matrix and Γ are related to the diffusion matrix and to the drag coefficient by

$$C_{jk} = \sqrt{2B_0} P_{jk}^\perp + \sqrt{2B_1} P_{jk}^\parallel$$

$$A_i = p_j \Gamma - \xi C_{lk} \frac{\partial C_{ij}}{\partial p_l}$$

For a process in which $B_0=B_1=D$

$$C_{jk} = \sqrt{2D(E)} \delta_{jk}$$

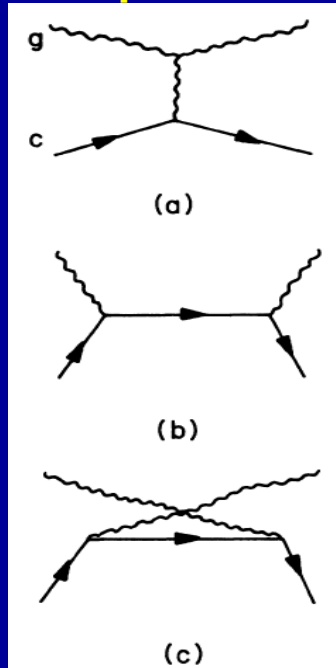
Evaluation of Drag and diffusion

For Collision Process the A_i and B_{ij} can be calculated as following :

$$A_i = \frac{1}{2E_p} \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_q} \int \frac{d^3q'}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_{q'}} \int \frac{d^3p'}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_{p'}} \frac{1}{\gamma_c} \sum |M|^2 (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p+q-p'-q') f(q) [(p-p')_i] = \langle\langle (p-p')_i \rangle\rangle$$

$$B_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \langle\langle (p-p')_i (p'-p)_j \rangle\rangle$$

Elastic processes

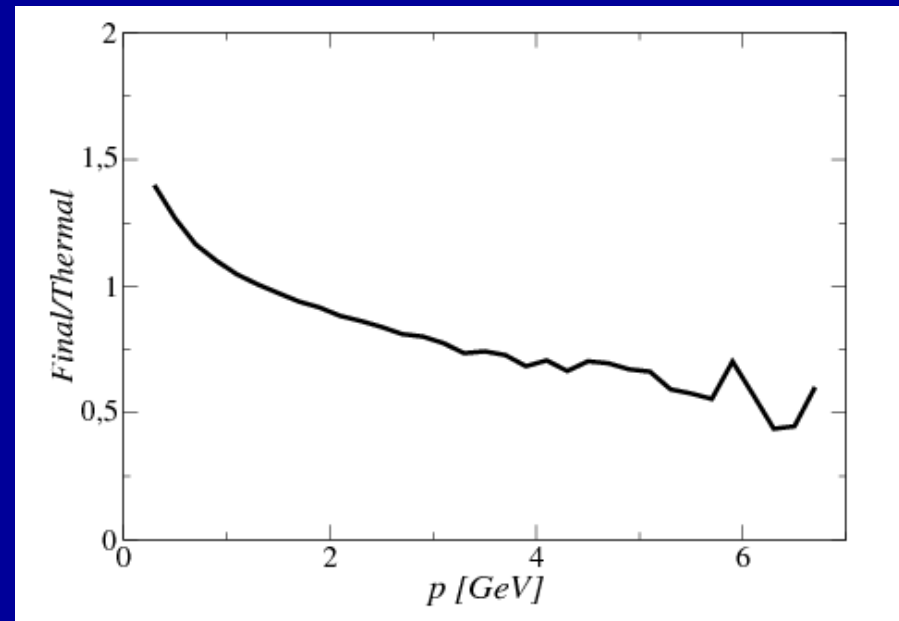
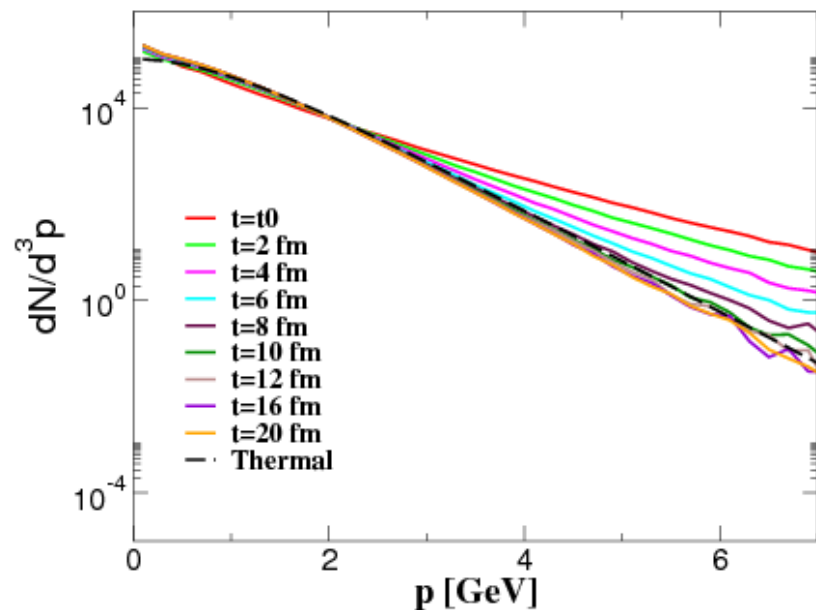


$gc \rightarrow gc$

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Charm propagation with the langevin eq

We solve Langevin Equation in a box in the identical environment of the B-E Bulk composed only by gluon in Thermal equilibrium at $T= 400$ MeV.



The long-time solution of the Fokker Planck equation does not reproduce the equilibrium distribution (we are away from thermalization around 35-40 % at intermediate p_T).

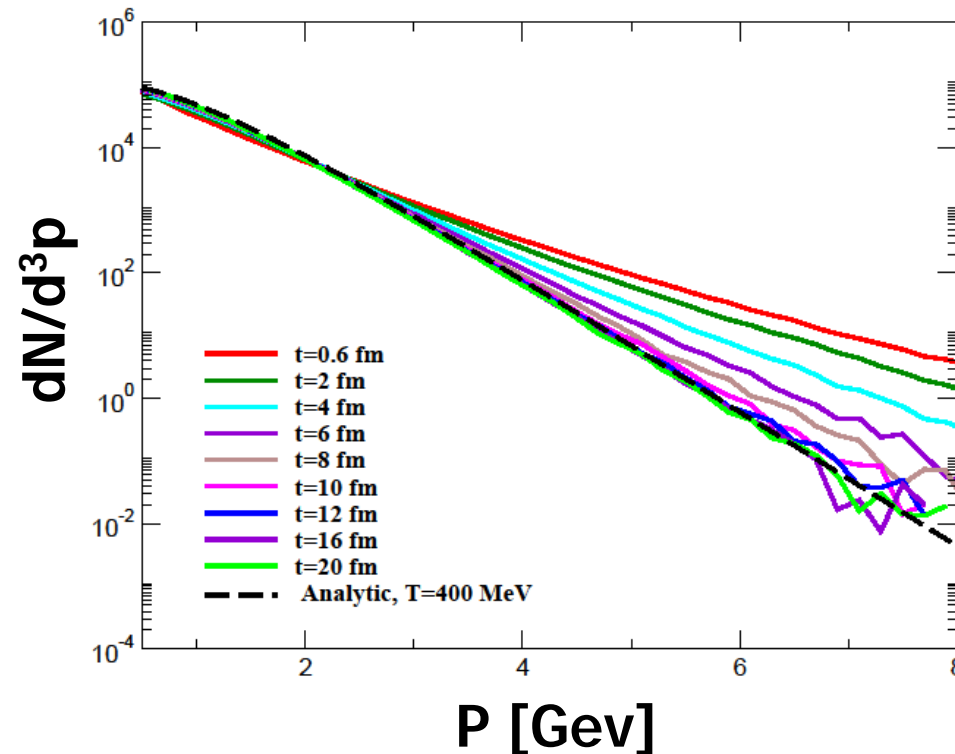
This is however a well-known issue related to the Fokker Planck

Charm propagation with the langevin eq

✓ Imposing the full relativistic dissipation-fluctuation relations

D(E)

$$A(E)ET - D(E) + T(1 - \xi)D'(E) = 0$$



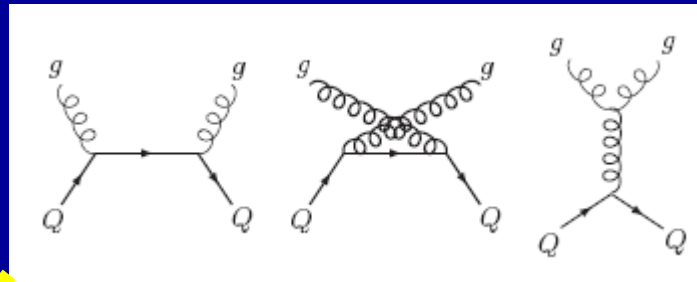
Charm propagation with the langevin eq

We are not interested into recover the long time solutions since the life-time of QGP is smaller then the thermalization time of the HQ

We want instead to relate the Drag and diffusion coefficient to the microscopic details of the collision between HQ and the bulk

Langevin approach

$M \rightarrow A_i, B_{ij}$



Boltzman approach

$M \rightarrow \sigma$

$$A_i = \frac{1}{2E_p} \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3 2E_q} \int \frac{d^3 q'}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{q'}} \int \frac{d^3 p'}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{p'}} \frac{1}{\gamma_c} \sum |M|^2$$

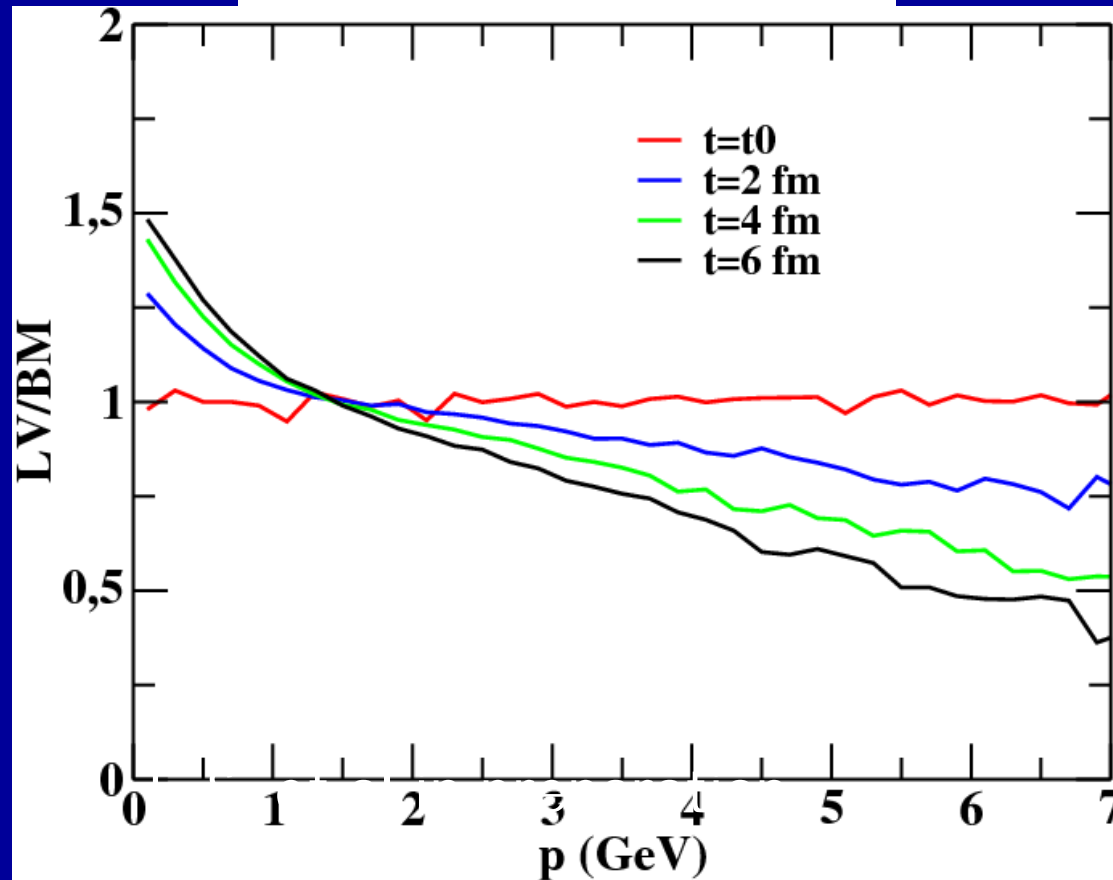
$$(2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p + q - p' - q') f(q) [(p - p')_i] = \langle\langle (p - p')_i \rangle\rangle$$

$$\sigma_{gc \rightarrow gc} = \frac{1}{16\pi (s - M_c^2)^2} \int_{-(s - M^2)^2/s}^0 dt \sum |M|^2$$

$$B_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \langle\langle (p - p')_i (p' - p)_j \rangle\rangle$$

Boltzmann vs Langevin (Charm)

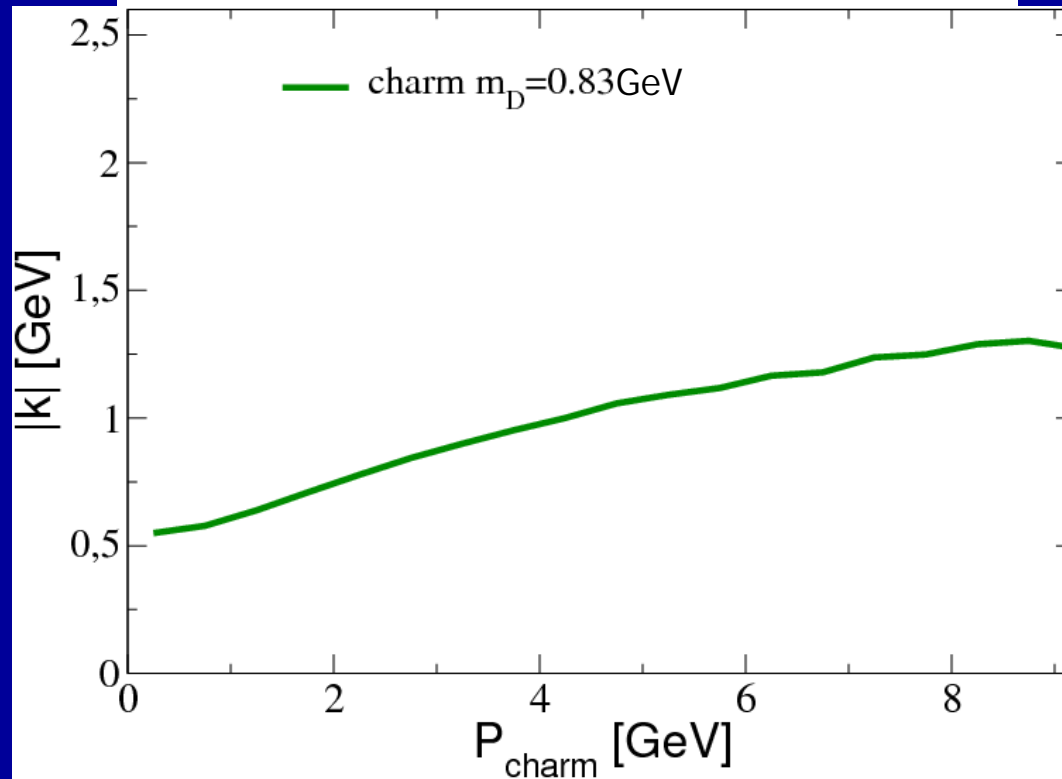
$$\frac{dN^{Langevin}}{d^3 p} \bigg/ \frac{dN^{Boltzmann}}{d^3 p}$$



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Boltzmann vs Langevin (Charm)

Mometum transfer vs P

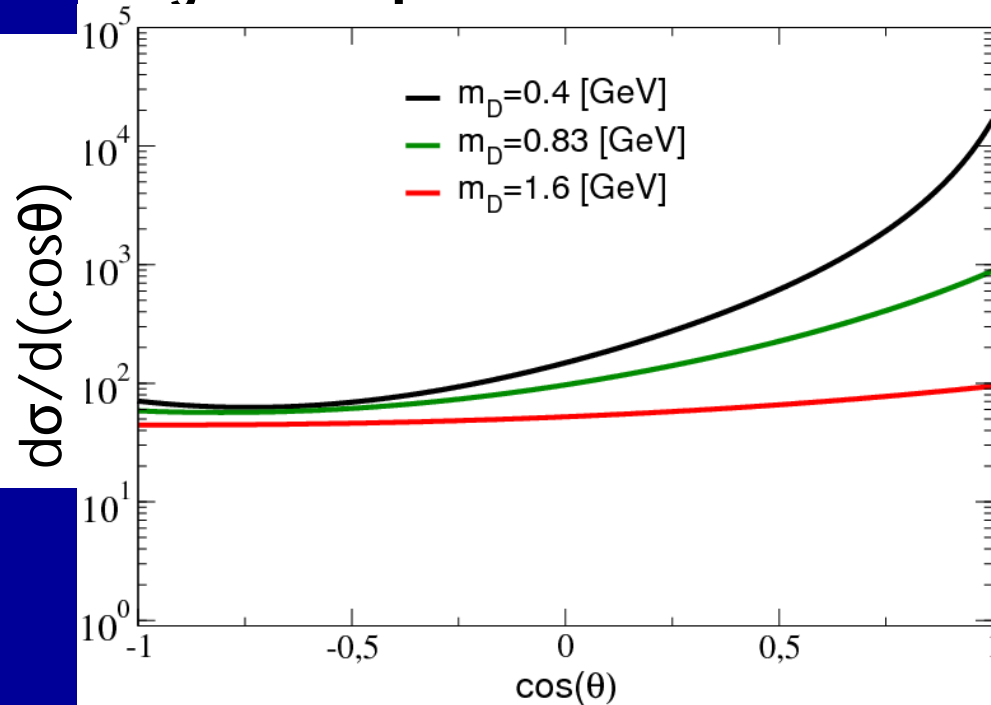


$m_D = 0.83 \text{ GeV}$

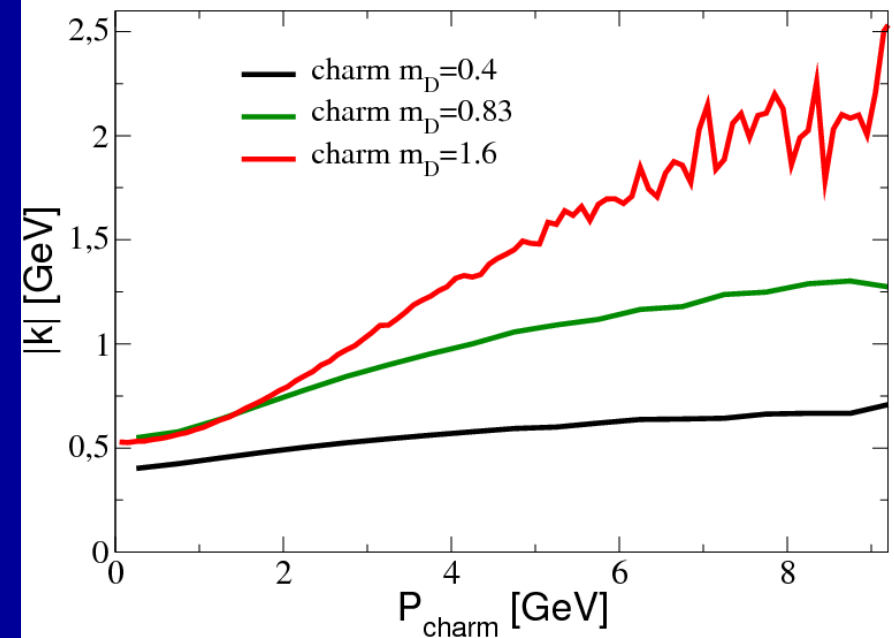
Boltzmann vs Langevin (Charm)

- simulating different average momentum transfer

Angular dependence of σ

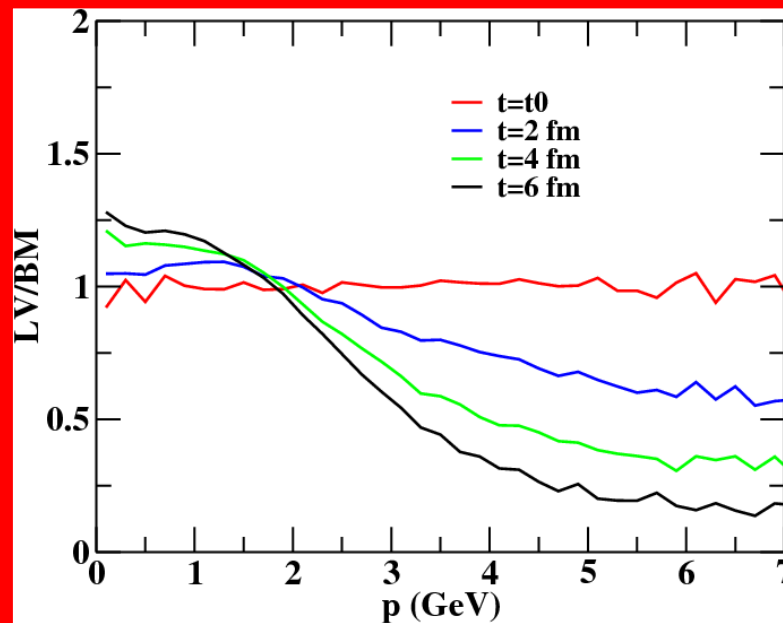
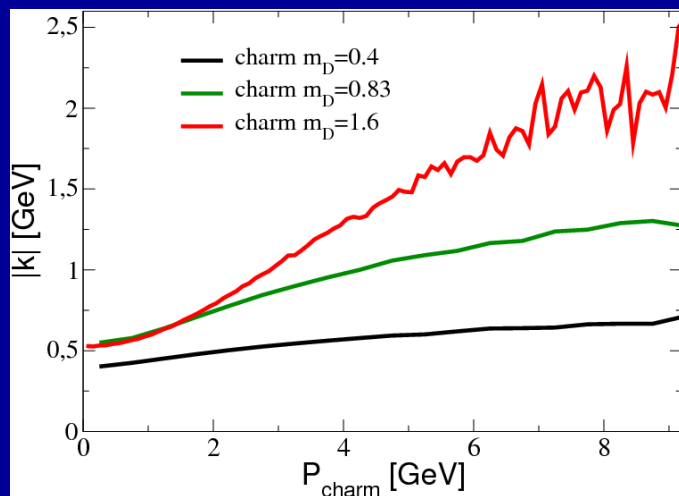
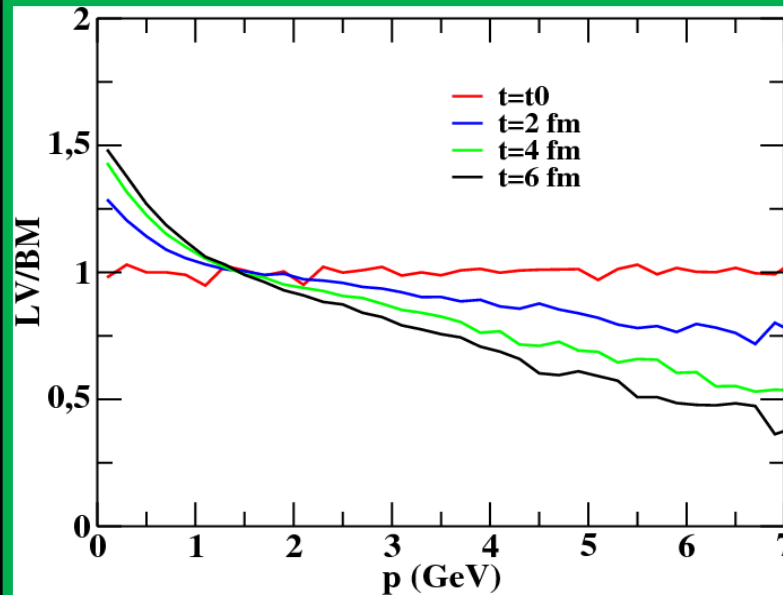
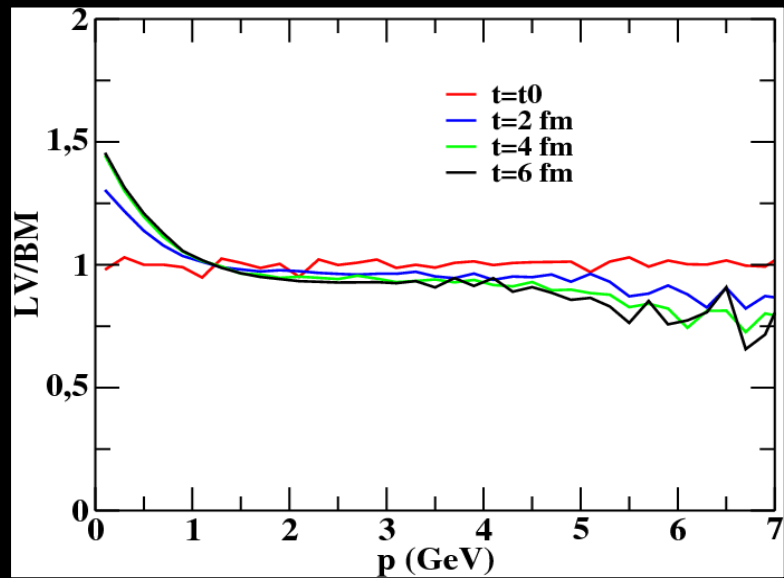


Momentum transfer vs P



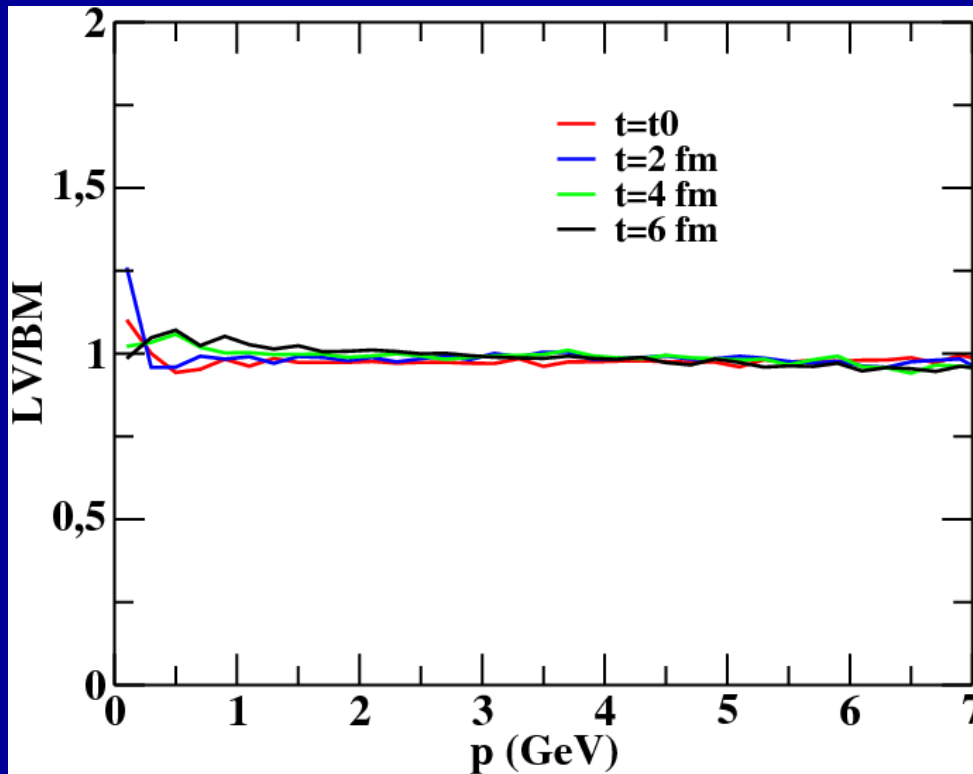
Decreasing m_D makes the σ more anisotropic \rightarrow Smaller average momentum transfer

Boltzmann vs Langevin (Charm)



The smaller $\langle k \rangle$ the better
Langevin approximation works

Boltzmann vs Langevin (Bottom)

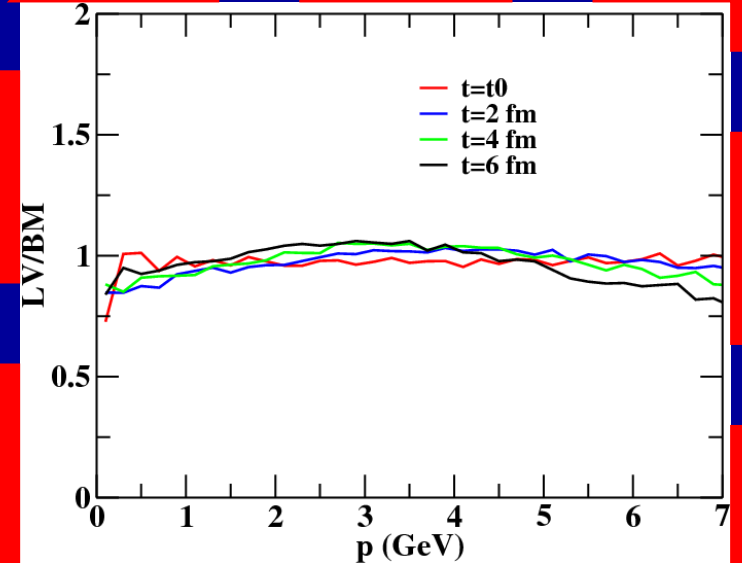
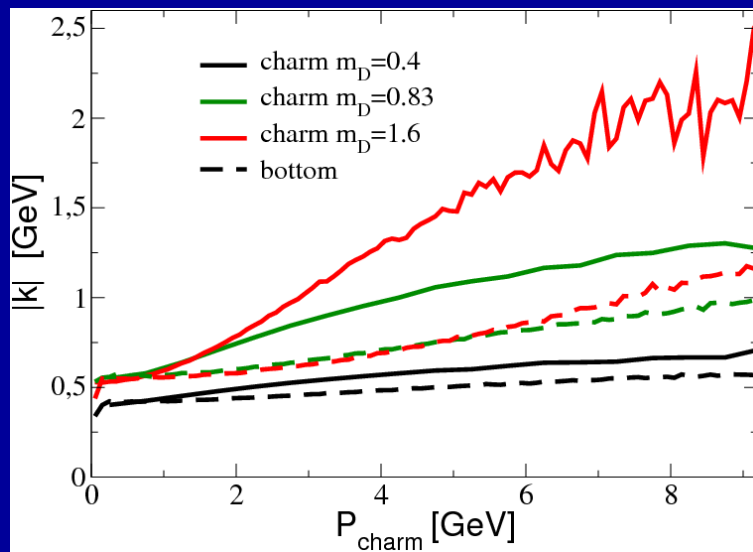
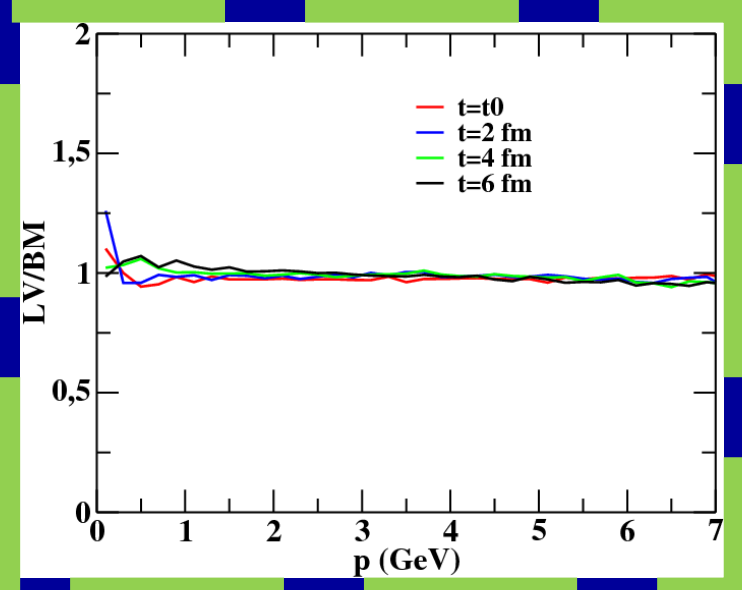
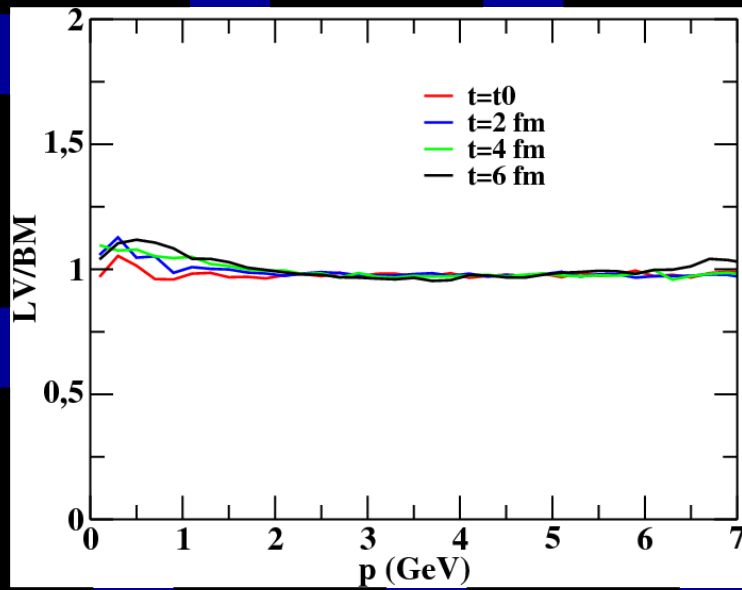


In bottom case
Langevin
approximation gives
results similar to
Boltzmann

The Larger M the
Better Langevin
approximation works

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Boltzmann vs Langevin (Bottom)

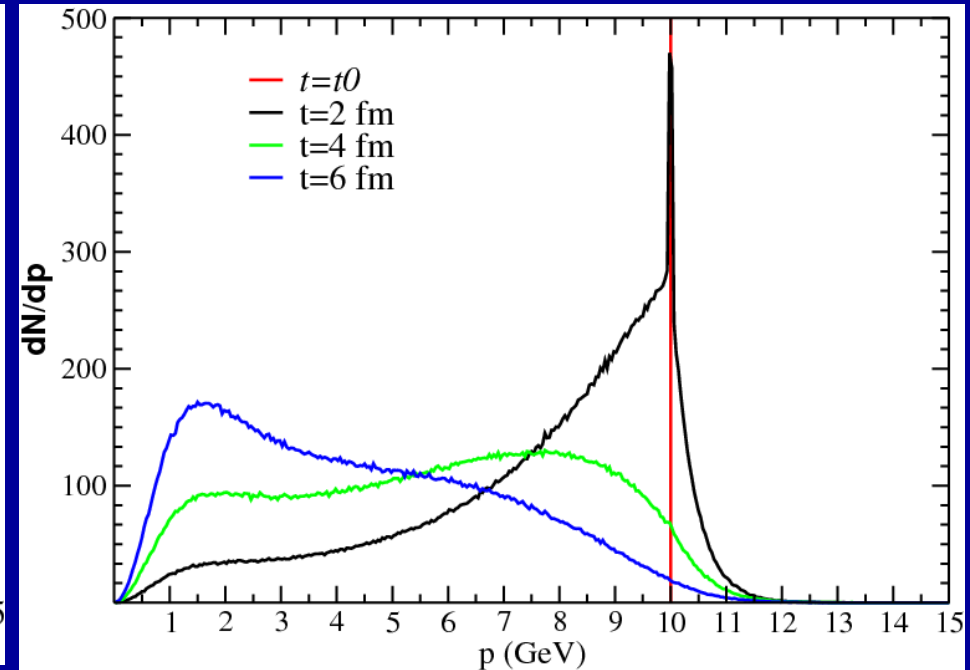
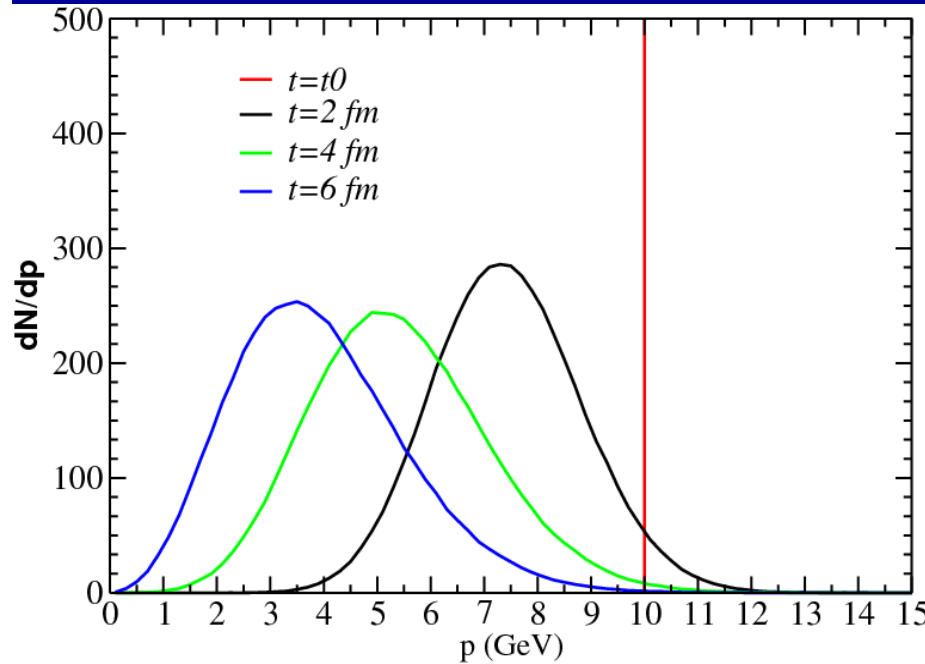


Momentum evolution starting from a δ (Charm)

$$\frac{dN}{d^3 p_{initial}} = \delta(p - 10 \text{ GeV})$$

Langevin

Boltzmann



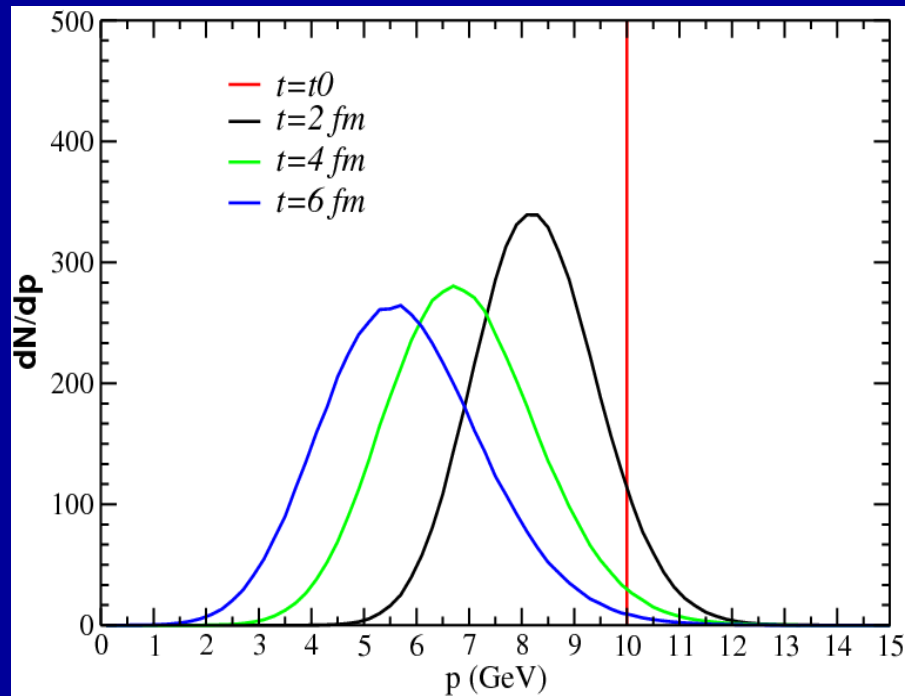
- Clearly appears the shift of the average momentum with t due to the drag force
- The gaussian nature of diffusion force reflect itself in the gaussian form of p -distribution
- Boltzmann approach can throw particle at low p instead Langevin can not
- A part of dynamic evolution involving large moment transferred is discarded with Langevin approach

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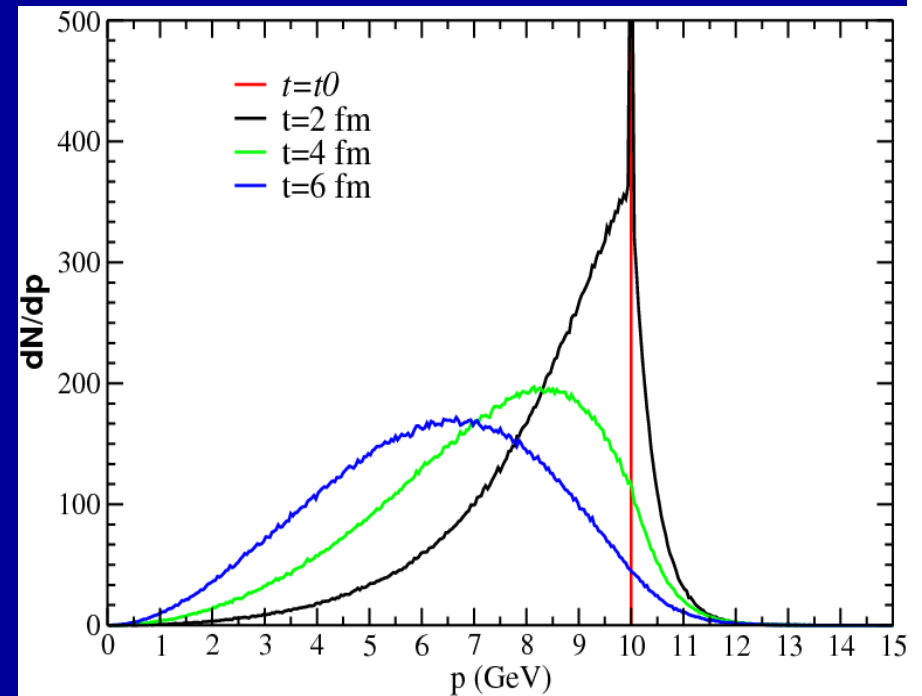
Momentum evolution starting from a δ (Bottom)

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Langevin



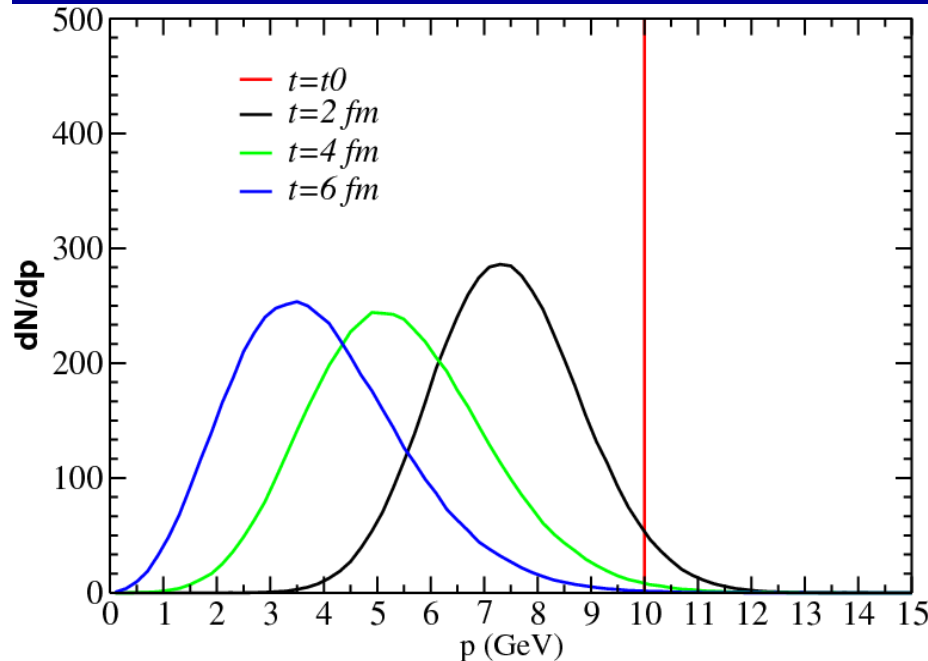
Boltzmann



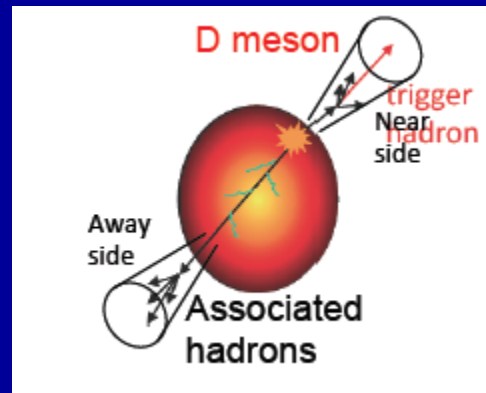
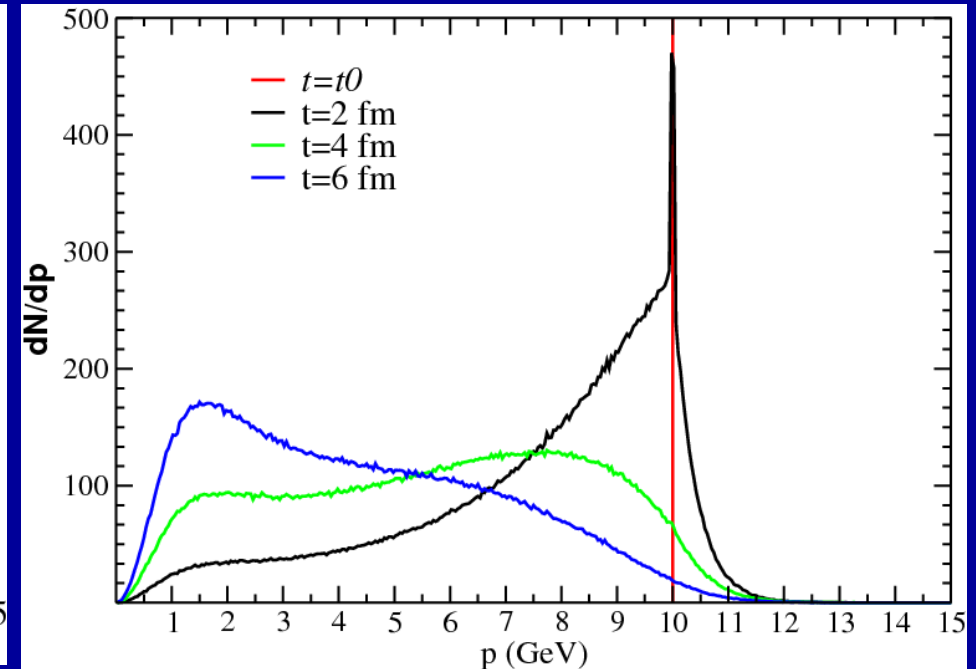
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Back to Back correlation

Langevin



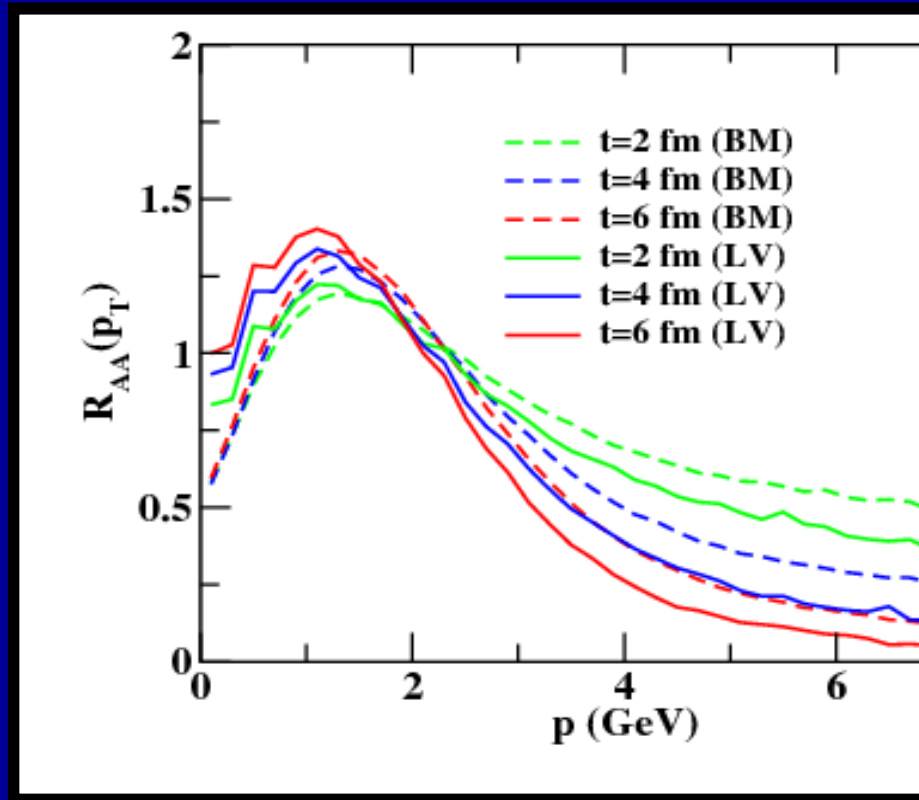
Boltzmann



Such large spread of momentum implicates a large spread in the angular distributions of the charm that could be experimentally observed studying the back to back **Charm-antiCharm** angular correlation

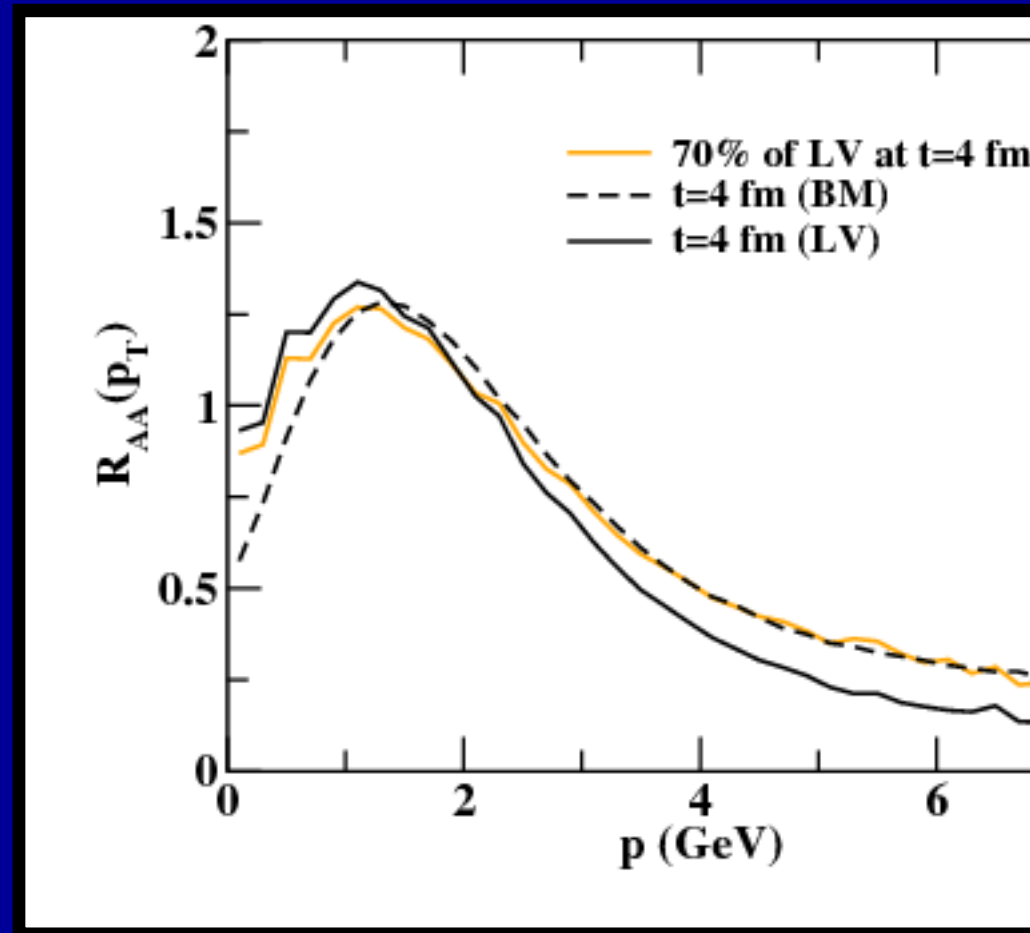
Nuclear Modification factor R_{AA}

$$R_{AA} = \frac{\left(\frac{dN}{d^3p}\right)_{output}}{\left(\frac{dN}{d^3p}\right)_{input}}$$



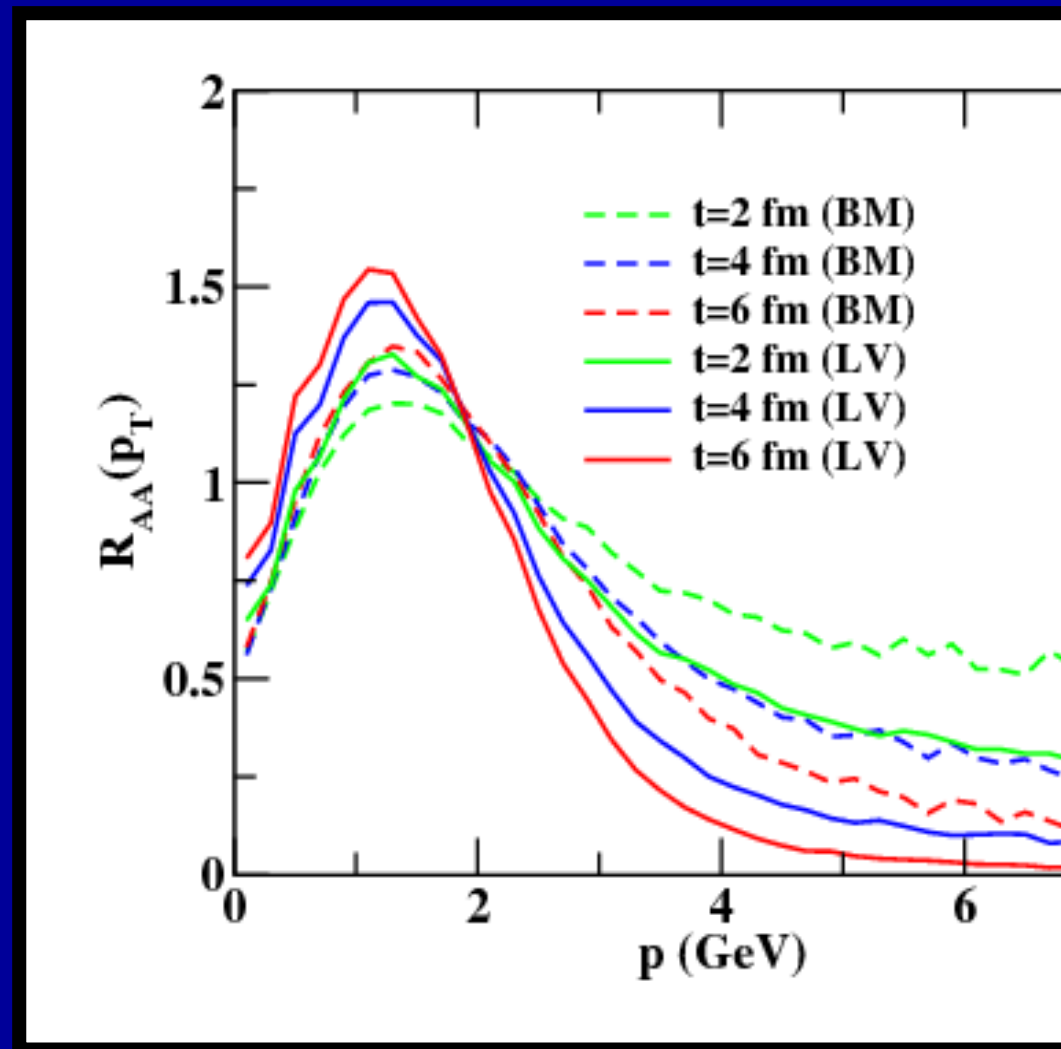
The Langevin approach indicates a smaller R_{AA} thus a larger suppression.

Nuclear Modification factor R_{AA}

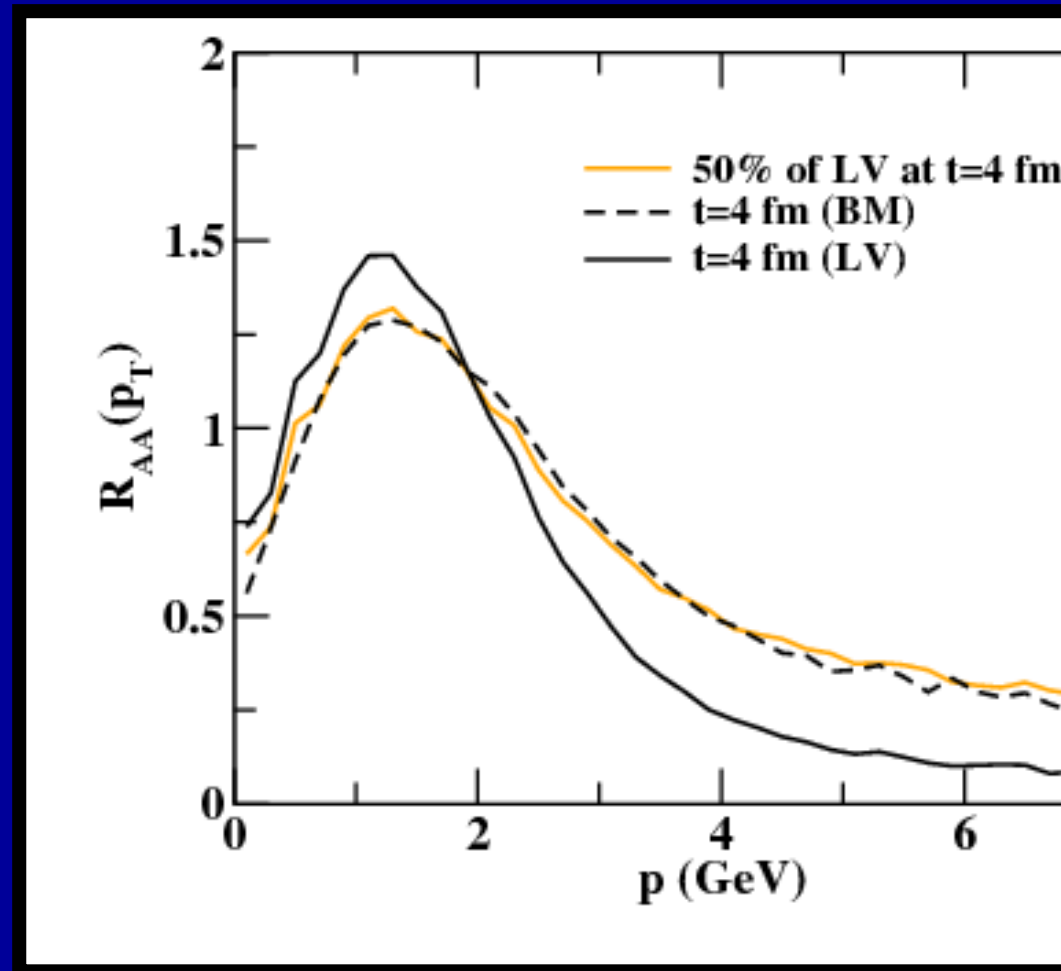


To reproduce the same nuclear suppression factor of Boltzmann equation we need to change D by the 30 %

Nuclear Modification factor R_{AA} $m_D=1.6$



Nuclear Modification factor R_{AA} $m_D=1.6$



To reproduce the same nuclear suppression factor of Boltzmann equation with $m_D=1.6$ we need to change D by the 50 %

Conclusions and perspective

- ✓ We have presented a comparison of the approximations involved by L-E by mean of a comparison with the full collision integral (B-E)
- ✓ **Using Langevin we discard a part of the dynamical evolution**
- ✓ The Langevin approximation is good for bottom whereas for charm it deviates of about 40-50 % at intermediate p . It discards a part of the dynamic
- ✓ **To get the similar RAA for both approaches we need to reduce the interaction of the Langevin approach by around 30%**
- ✓ Calculations in a realistic background are under progress
- ✓ **Comparison of the v_2 generated with Langevin and Boltzmann**

