

Coupled Boltzmann Equations for Quarkonia and Heavy Flavor

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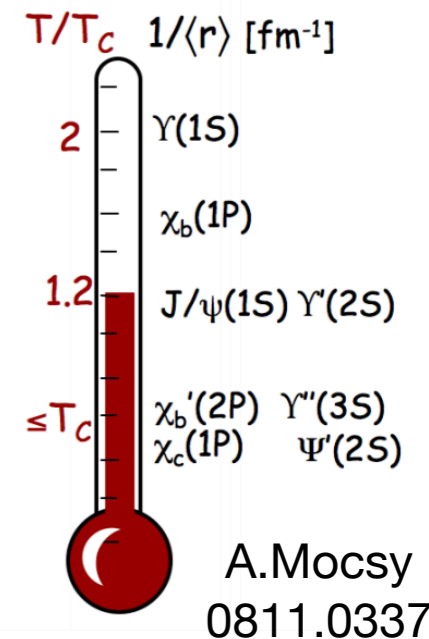
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Quarkonium as Probe of Quark-Gluon Plasma

- **Heavy quarkonium as probe of QGP:**

- **Static screening:** suppression of color attraction \rightarrow melting at high T , states of different sizes have different melting $T \rightarrow$ thermometer



- **Dissociation:** induced by in-medium dynamical processes, can happen even below melting T

- **Recombination:** unbound heavy quark pair forms quarkonium, can happen below melting T , crucial for charmonium phenomenology and theory consistency

- Cold nuclear matter effect, feed-down contributions

Contents

- What are coupled Boltzmann equations? Inputs?
- Why do we use them?
- How do they work compared with experimental data?

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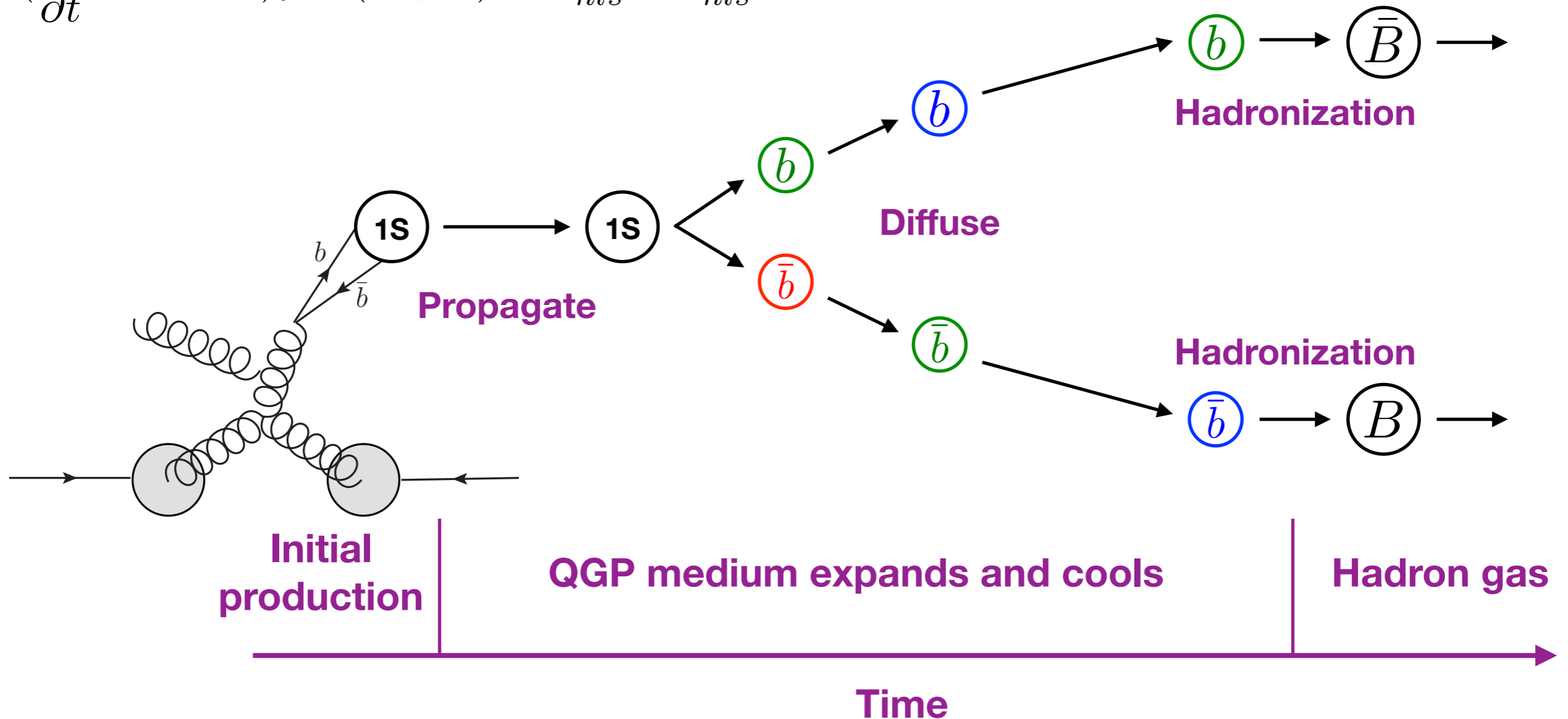
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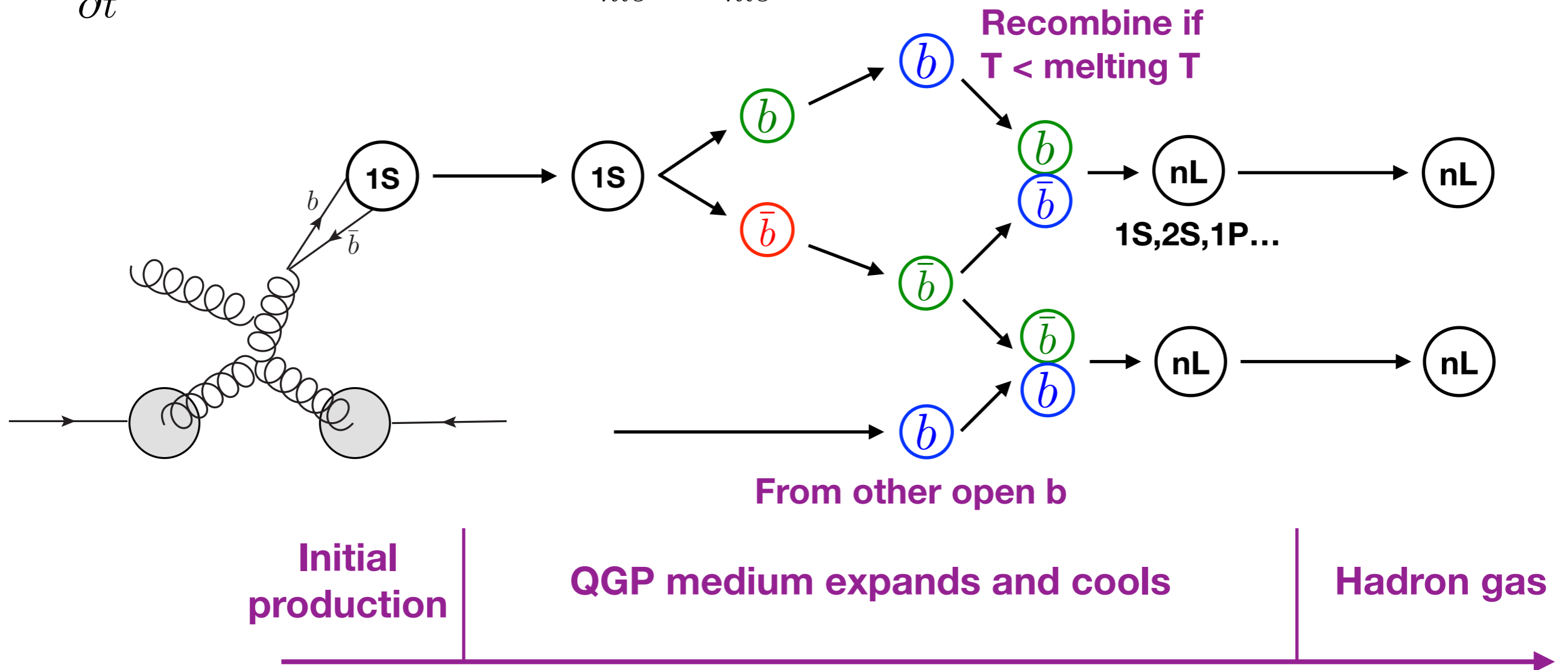
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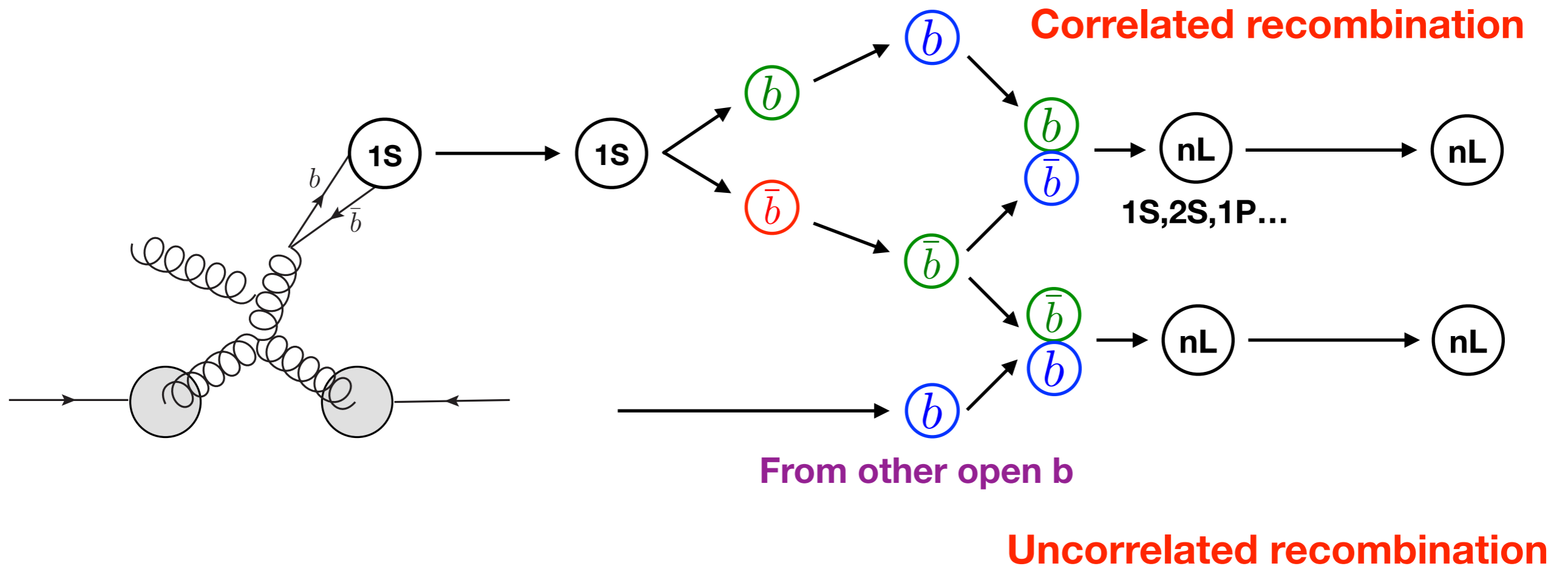
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Correlated v.s. Uncorrelated Recombination

- **Correlated recombination:** heavy quark pair from **same** initial hard vertex / dissociation
- **Uncorrelated recombination:** heavy quark pair from **different** initial hard vertices; crucial contribution to charmonium production; important for charmonium but negligible for bottomonium
- Recombination in most transport calculations: uncorrelated $\propto f_Q f_{\bar{Q}}$
 $\propto f_{\text{onia}}^{(\text{eq})}$
- **How to incorporate correlated recombination in semiclassical transport? Need 2-particle distribution**

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$$f_{Q\bar{Q}}(\mathbf{x}_Q, \mathbf{p}_Q, \mathbf{x}_{\bar{Q}}, \mathbf{p}_{\bar{Q}}, t) \neq f_Q(\mathbf{x}_Q, \mathbf{p}_Q, t) f_{\bar{Q}}(\mathbf{x}_{\bar{Q}}, \mathbf{p}_{\bar{Q}}, t)$$

Can handle both correlated and uncorrelated recombination

$$C_{Q\bar{Q}} = C_Q + C_{\bar{Q}}$$

Each independently interact with medium:

(1) Potential between pair screened

(2) Potential depends on color, average over

We use “Lido” for open heavy flavor transport: diffusion + radiation

W.Ke, Y.Xu, S.A.Bass, PRC 98, 064901 (2018)

Derivation of Quarkonium Boltzmann Equation from Open Quantum System

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Static screening

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Recombination Dissociation

Dissociation & Recombination Terms

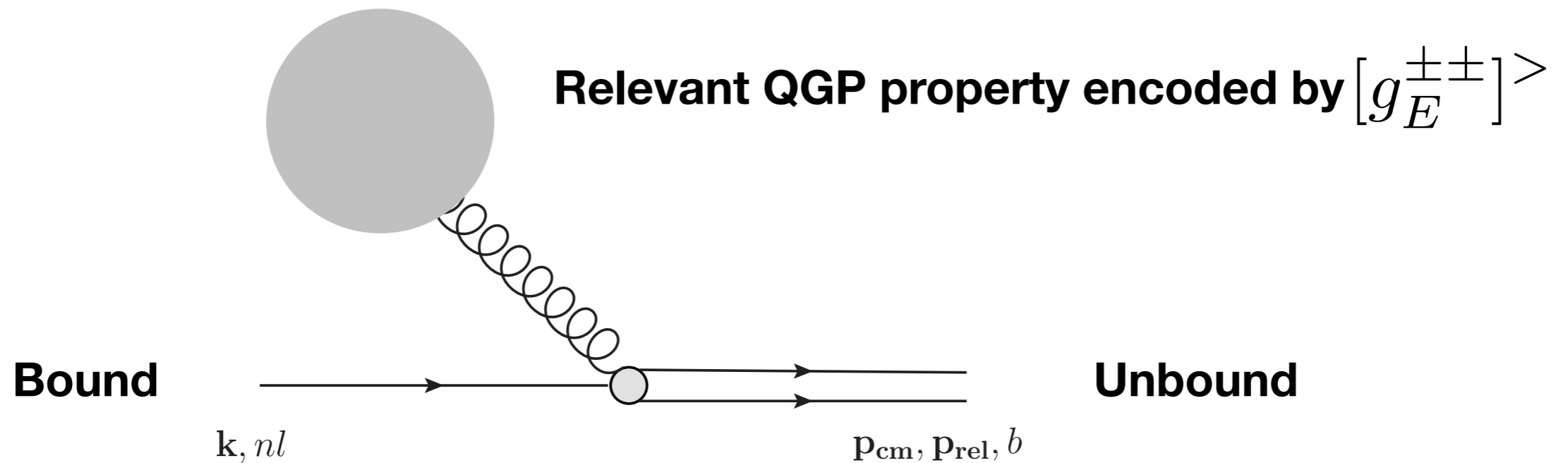
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$$C_{nl}^-(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}, t) = g^2 \frac{T_F}{N_c} \sum_{i_1, i_2} \int \frac{d^3 p_{\text{cm}}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3 p_{\text{rel}}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} (2\pi)^4 \delta^3(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{p}_{\text{cm}} + \mathbf{q}) \delta\left(E_{nl} - \frac{p_{\text{rel}}^2}{M} - q_0\right)$$

$$\times \langle \psi_{nl} | r_{i_1} | \Psi_{\mathbf{p}_{\text{rel}}} \rangle \langle \Psi_{\mathbf{p}_{\text{rel}}} | r_{i_2} | \psi_{nl} \rangle [g_E^{++}]_{i_1 i_2}^>(q_0, \mathbf{q}) f_{nl}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}, t)$$

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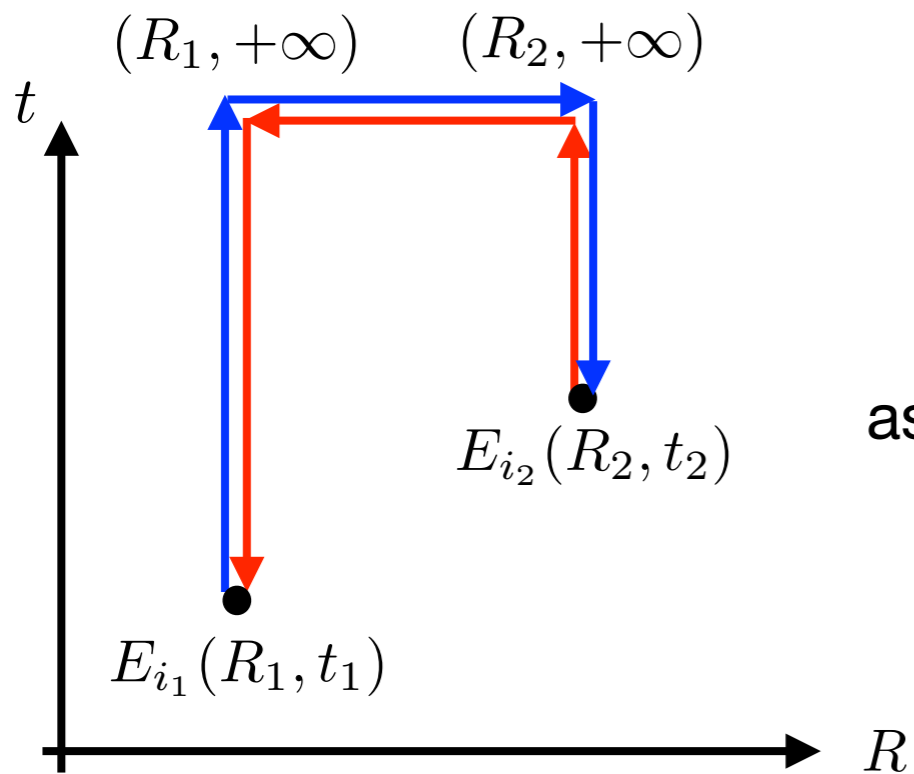
$$\times \langle \psi_{nl} | r_{i_1} | \Psi_{\mathbf{p}_{\text{rel}}} \rangle \langle \Psi_{\mathbf{p}_{\text{rel}}} | r_{i_2} | \psi_{nl} \rangle [g_E^{--}]_{i_2 i_1}^>(q_0, \mathbf{q}) f_O(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_{\text{cm}}, \mathbf{r} = 0, \mathbf{p}_{\text{rel}}, t)$$



Chromoelectric Field Correlator

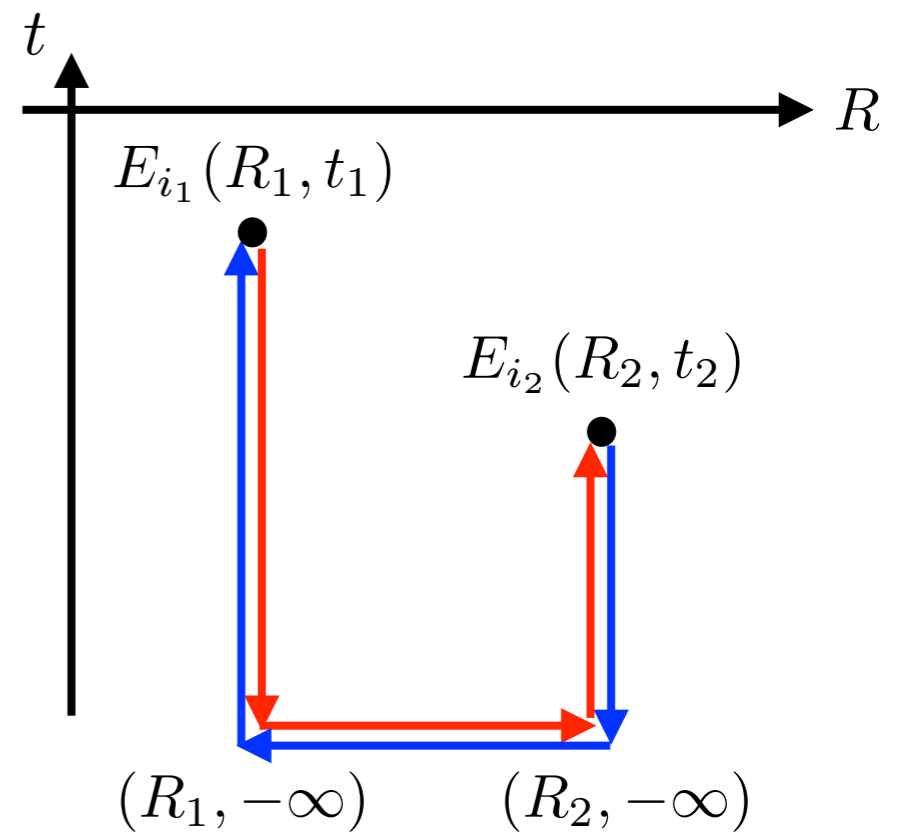
$$[g_E^{++}]_{ji}^>(y, x) \equiv \left\langle [E_j(y) \mathcal{W}_{[(y^0, \mathbf{y}), (+\infty, \mathbf{y})]} \mathcal{W}_{[(+\infty, \mathbf{y}), (+\infty, \infty)]}]^a \times [\mathcal{W}_{[(+\infty, \infty), (+\infty, \mathbf{x})]} \mathcal{W}_{[(+\infty, \mathbf{x}), (x^0, \mathbf{x})]} E_i(x)]^a \right\rangle_T$$

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Dissociation: final-state interaction

PT transformation,
assume state invariant
← KMS relation →



Recombination: initial-state interaction

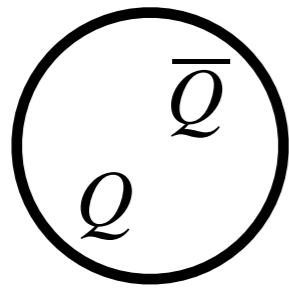
$$[g_E^{\pm\pm}]^>(p) = \int d^4x e^{ip \cdot x} [g_E^{\pm\pm}]^>(x, 0)$$

For total reaction rates, integrating over final momentum leads to setting $R_1 \rightarrow R_2$

This object is what we learn from experimental data, like HQ diffusion coefficient

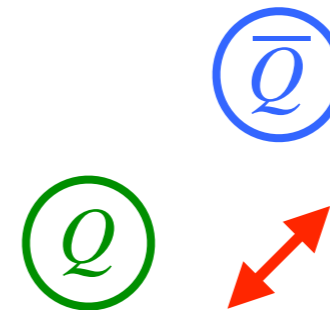
Two Temperature Regimes

- Quantum optical limit (low T)



Resolving power of QGP

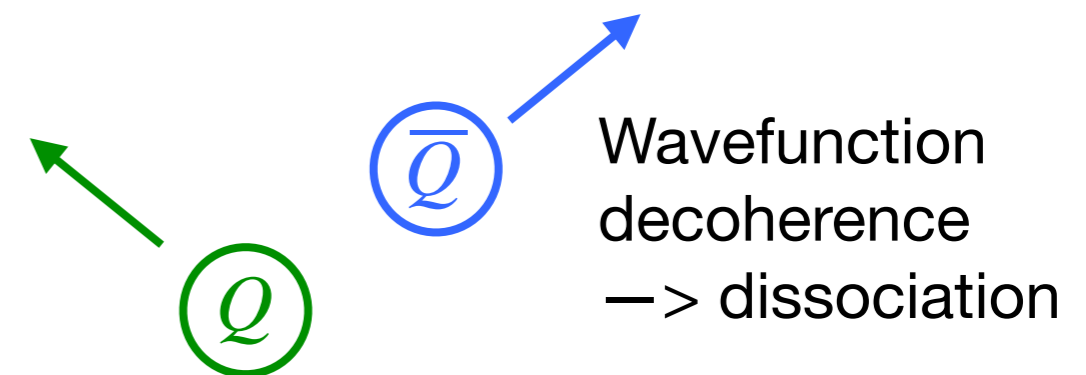
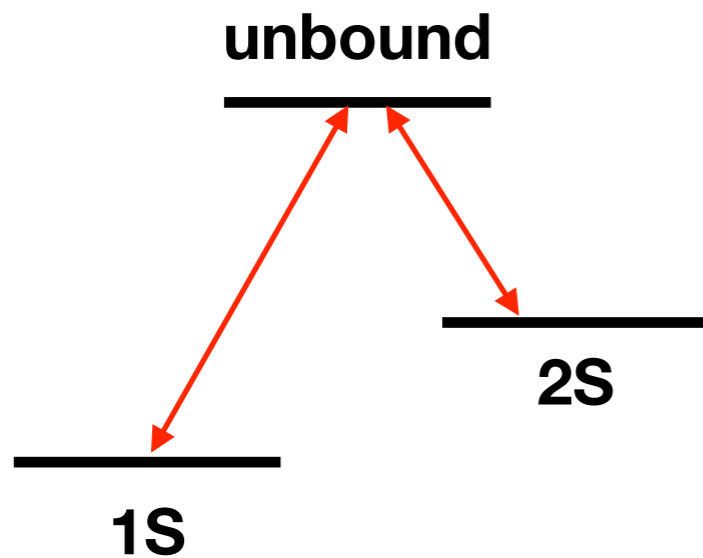
- Quantum Brownian motion (high T)



Resolving power of QGP

Transitions between levels -> Boltzmann

Diffusion of HQ pair -> Langevin



Gapless transition: transport coefficient

Gapped transition: finite energy transferred

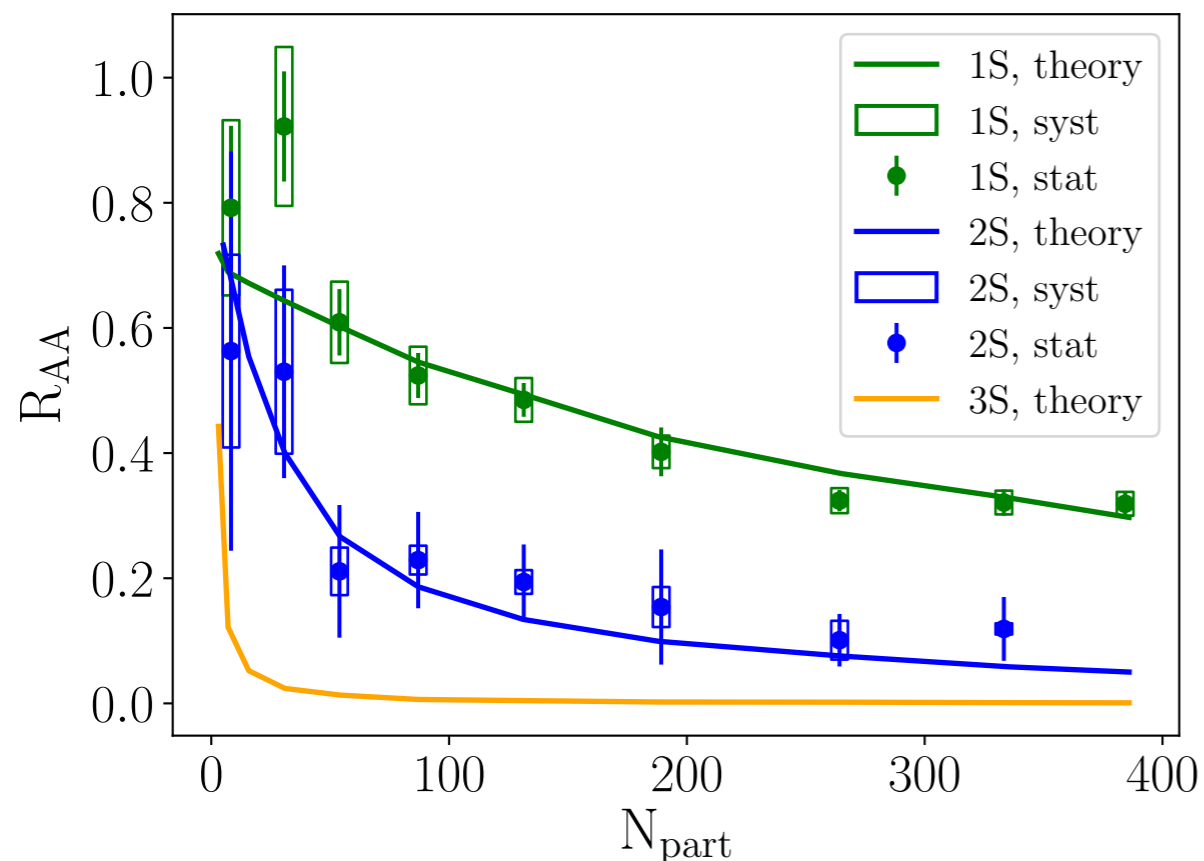
$$[g_E^{\pm\pm}]^> (p_0 > 0)$$

$$[g_E^{\pm\pm}]^> (p_0 = 0) \begin{cases} \kappa_Q & \text{NRQCD} \\ \kappa_{Q\bar{Q}} & \text{pNRQCD} \end{cases}$$

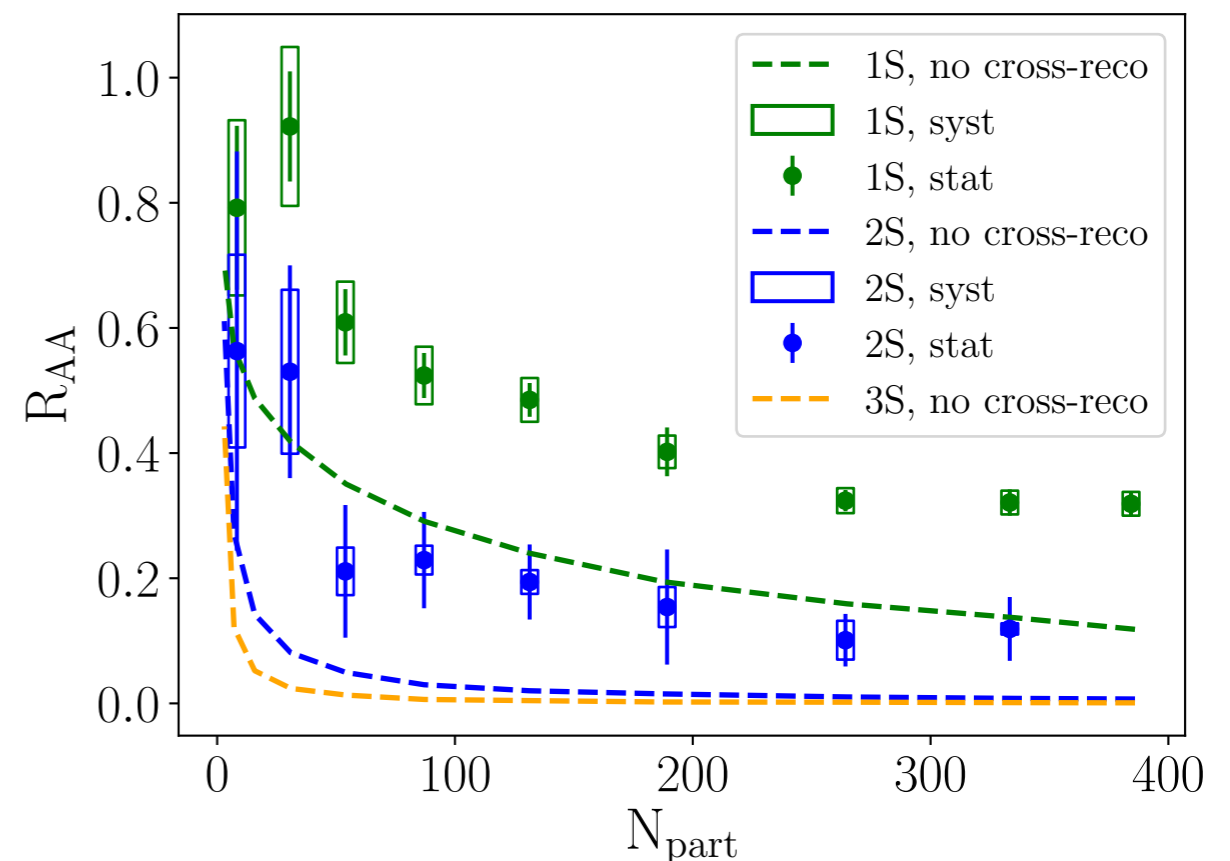
Compare w/ LHC Data on Upsilon at 5.02 TeV

Coulomb potential \rightarrow no bottomonium mass change at finite T (see R. Larsen's talk)
Initial conditions: momentum: Pythia + nPDF EPPS16; position: Trento, binary collision
2+1D viscous hydro calibrated; HQ dynamics calibrated
Bottomonium: 1S, 2S, 3S, 1P, 2P; **no recombination for 3S, 2P**
Feed-down networks

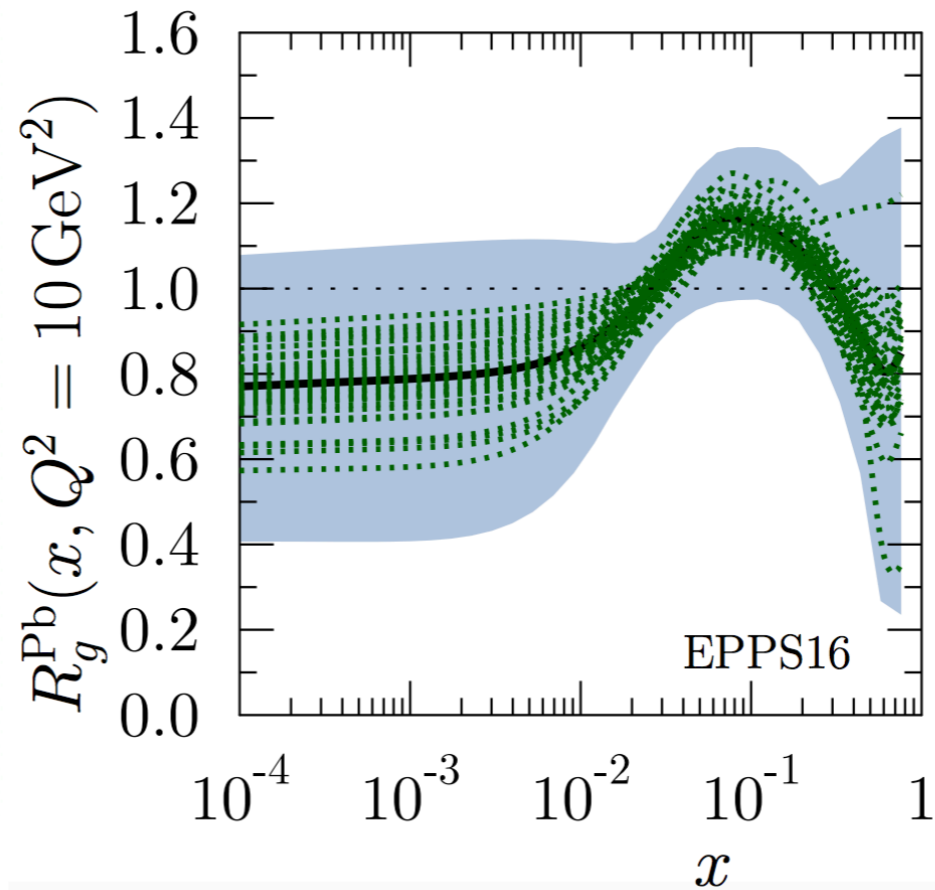
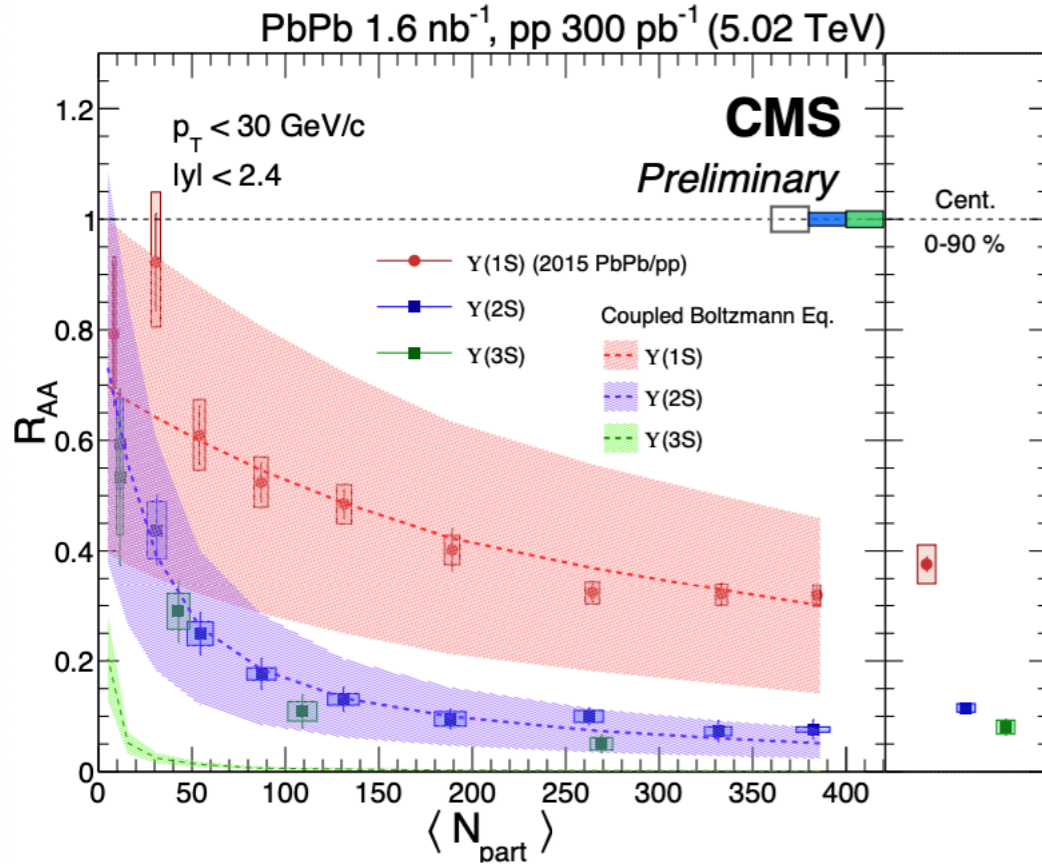
with cross-talk (correlated) recombination



e.g. no $2S \rightarrow 1S$, $1S \rightarrow 1P$ etc
without cross-talk recombination



Uncertainty of nPDF and nPDF at RHIC Energy

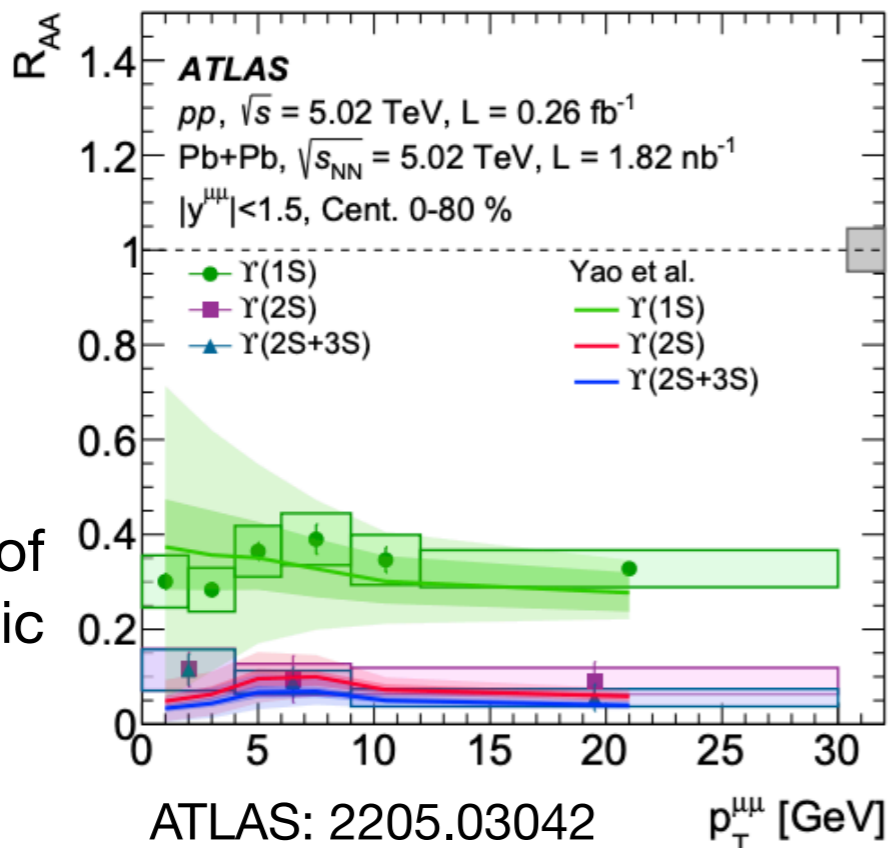


At mid rapidity

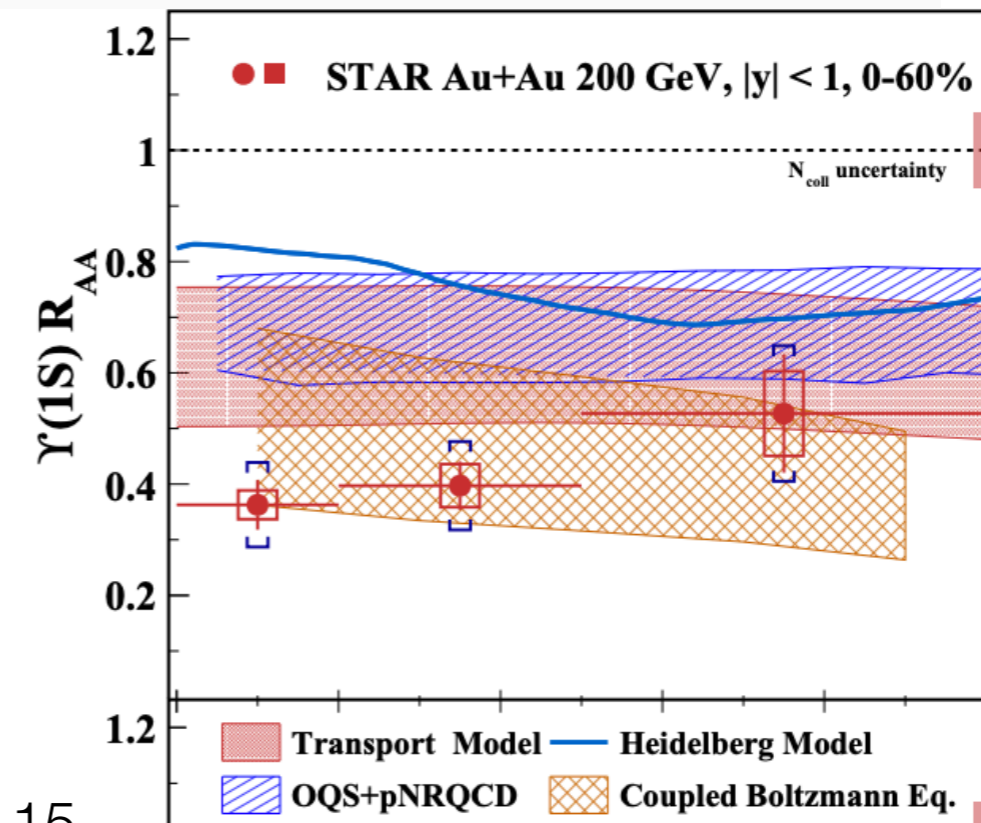
$$x \sim \frac{2m_T}{\sqrt{s}}$$

CNM

$$\sim [R_g^{Pb}(x)]^2$$



High p_T :
breakdown of
nonrelativistic
treatment



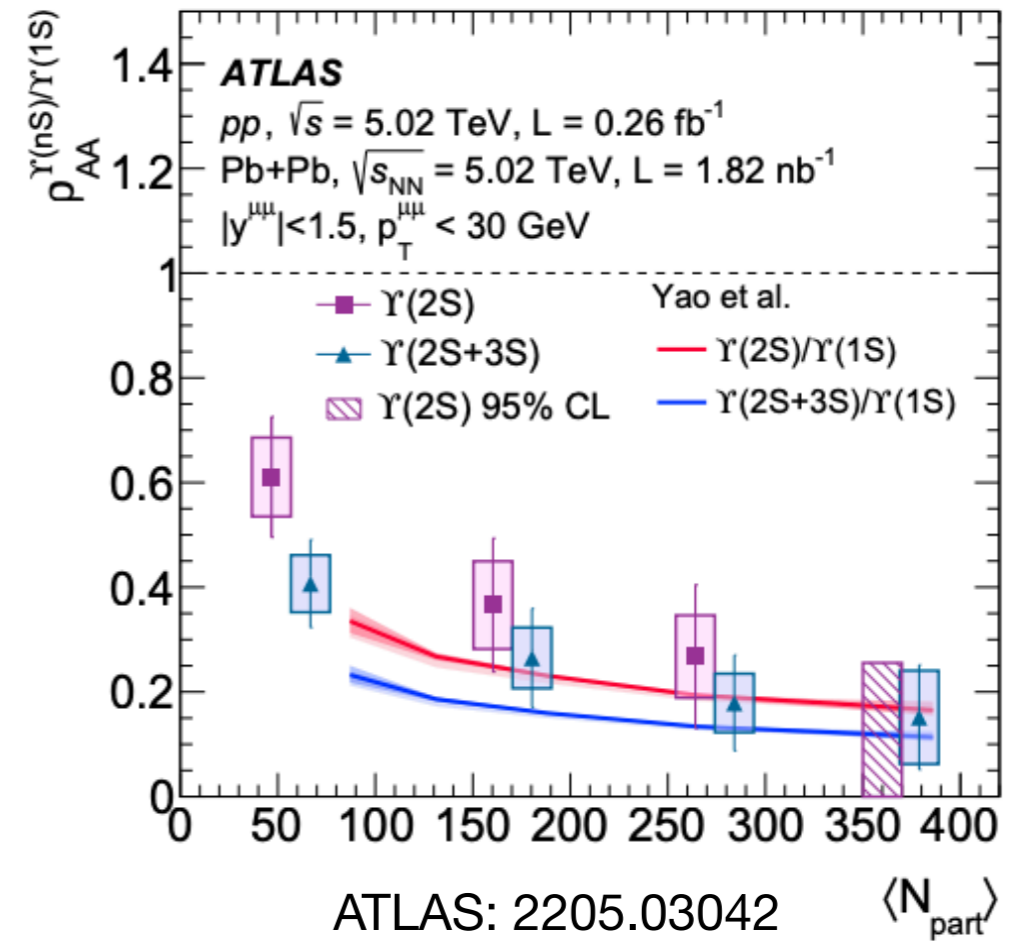
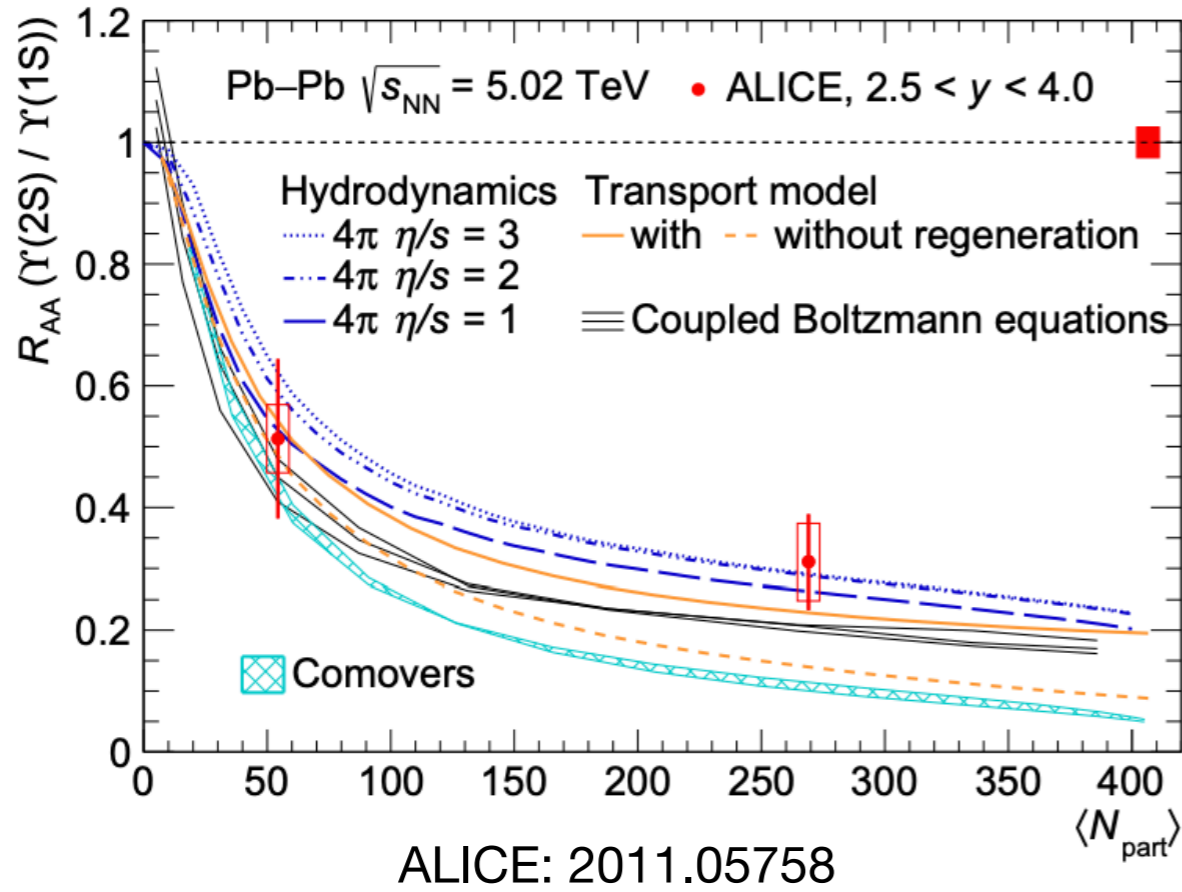
Input of nPDF:

$$R_{pAu} = 0.82$$

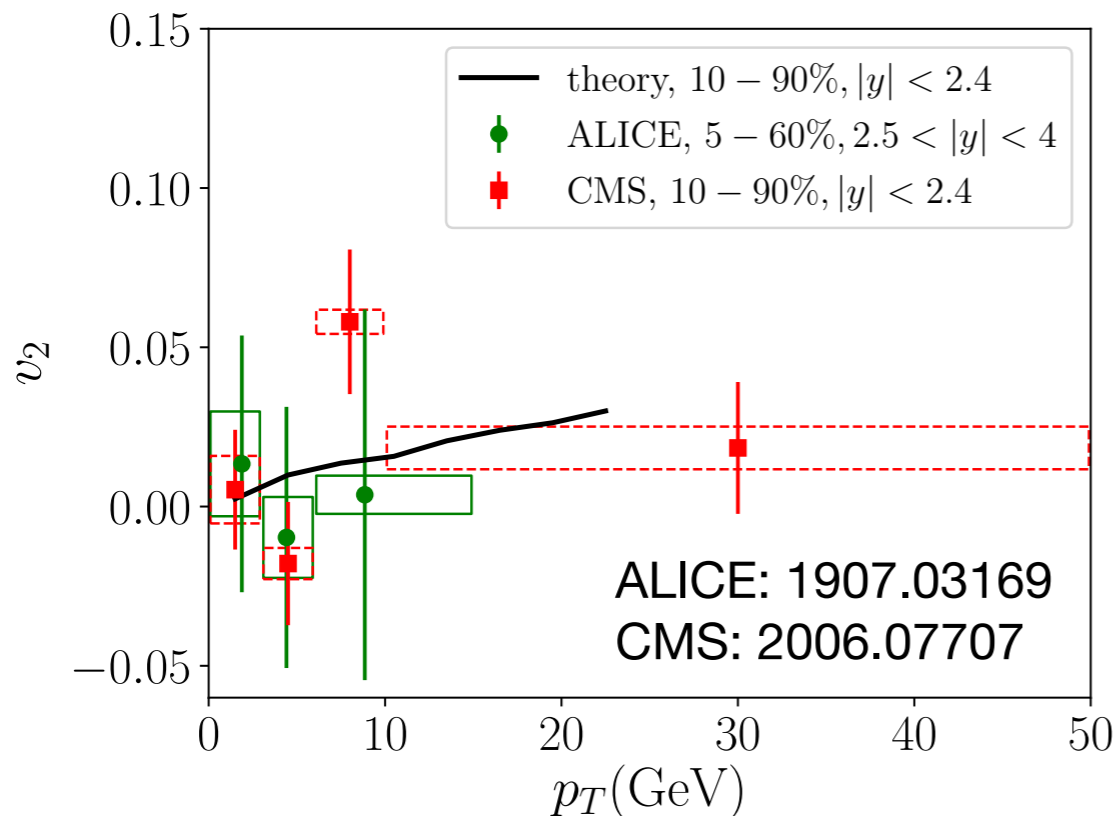
$$\pm 0.10(stat)$$

$$\pm 0.08(syst)$$

Double Ratio and Flow Observables



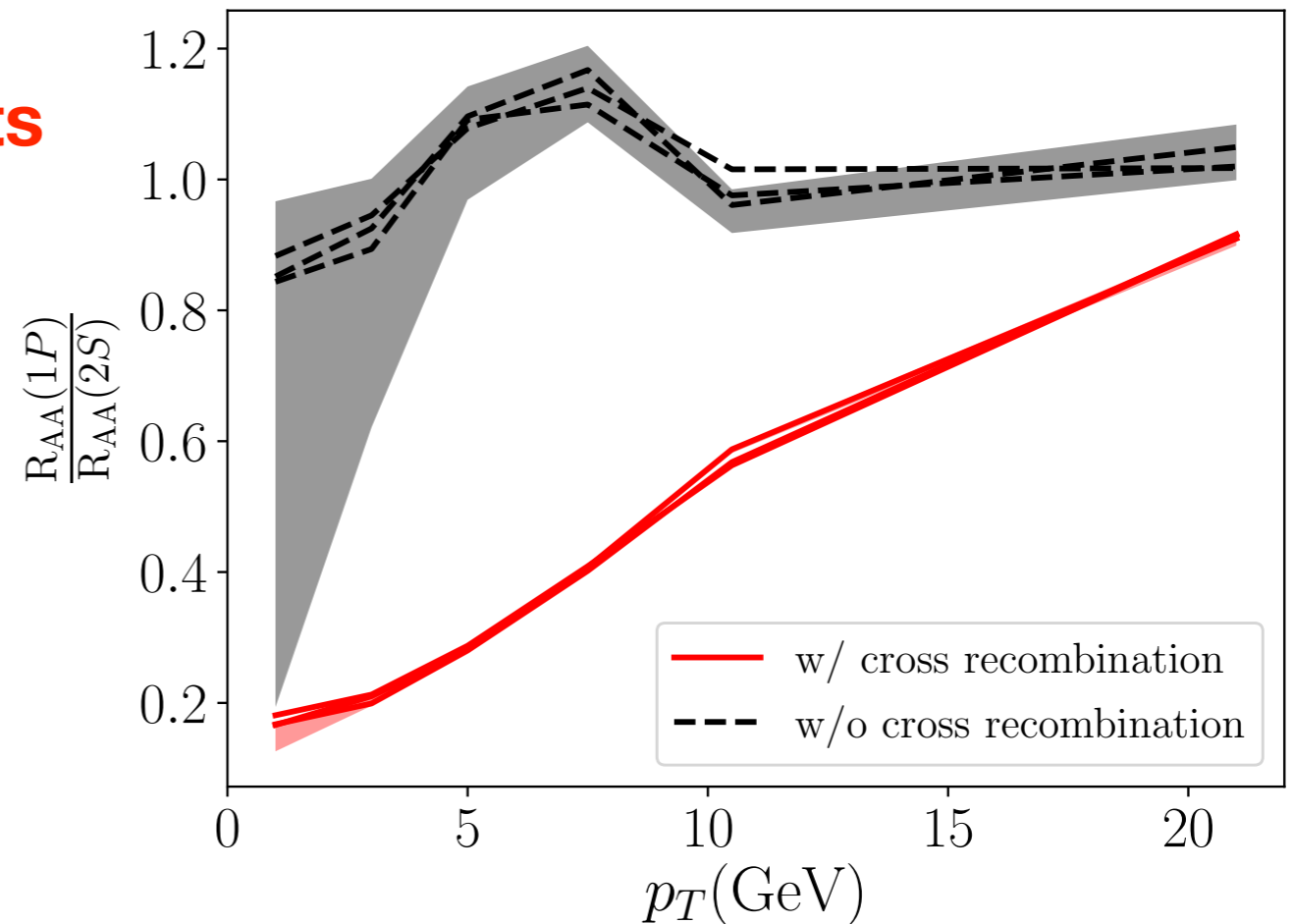
R_{AA} ratios have much smaller nPDF uncertainty



More precise flow observables in LHC Run3

Experimental Test of Correlated Recombination

**Correlated recombination predicts
1P more suppressed than 2S**



Traditional sequential suppression argument based on hierarchy of binding energy or size $\rightarrow R_{AA}(2S) \sim R_{AA}(1P)$, since their binding energies are close

Correlated recombination rates (2S \rightarrow unbound \rightarrow 1P) \sim (1P \rightarrow unbound \rightarrow 2S) because of similar binding energy, but primordial production cross section

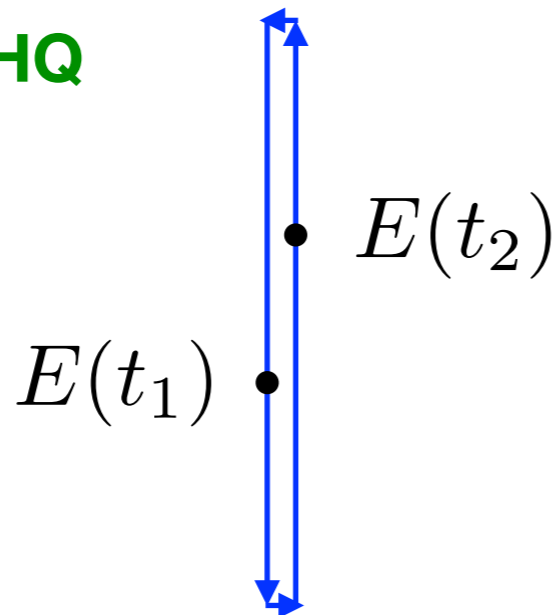
$$\frac{\sigma_{1P}}{\sigma_{2S}} \sim 4.5$$

Conclusions

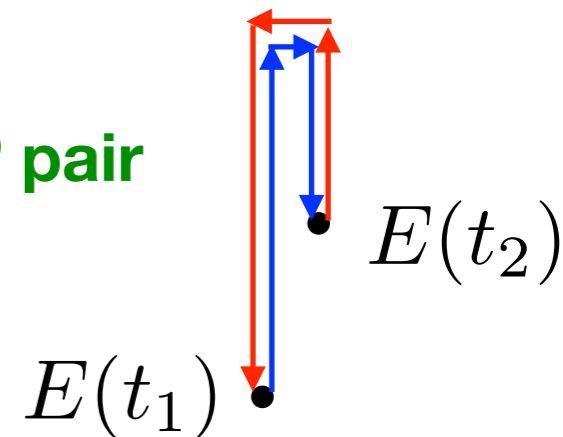
- Coupled Boltzmann equations for open and hidden heavy flavors: Boltzmann equation for quarkonium is derived from open quantum system, valid for both weakly-coupled and strongly-coupled QGPs, see review 2102.01736
- Bottomonium phenomenology: nPDF uncertainty cancels in double ratio observables; importance of correlated recombination \rightarrow experimental test; opportunities at RHIC and LHC; include 3S recombination in future
- **Joint experimental, phenomenological and theoretical (lattice) efforts to understand QGP properties from quarkonium production**
- **Understand chromoelectric field correlators: gauge invariant, encode properties of QGP**
- **Lattice/analytic calculations, phenomenological Bayesian analysis from experimental data (like what is done for HQ diffusion)**

Conclusions

HQ diffusion: single HQ



Quarkonium
transport: $Q\bar{Q}$ pair



- At NLO, they differ by temperature independent constant

Y.Burnier, M.Laine, J.Langelage, L.Mether, 1006.0867

T.Binder, K.Mukaida, B.ScheiHING-Hitschfeld, XY, 2107.03945

- In axial gauge, the two would seem to be the same
—> problem of axial gauge when infinite Wilson lines are involved

B.ScheiHING-Hitschfeld, XY, 2205.04477

- Nonperturbatively, not much is known about the correlator for quarkonium
- Go to Bruno ScheiHING-Hitschfeld's talk for details

