

## Application: fermion Energy loss in a NR plasma

a) Large velocities ( $V \gg v_{\text{rms}}$ ):

$$\Im \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon_L(\omega, q)} \right) \approx \delta \left( 1 + \frac{q_D^2}{q^2} W_r \left( \frac{\omega}{qv_{\text{rms}}} \right) \right) \quad \text{As } |\omega| \text{ can reach values as large as } qV$$

$$= \frac{\omega_p^2}{v_{\text{rms}}^2 q^2} \approx - \left( \frac{qv_{\text{rms}}}{\omega} \right)^2 - 3 \left( \frac{qv_{\text{rms}}}{\omega} \right)^4$$

$$\approx \omega^2 \delta \left( \omega^2 - \omega_p^2 - 3 \frac{q^2 v_{\text{rms}}^2 \omega_p^2}{\omega^2} \right) \approx \omega^2 \delta \left( \omega^2 - \omega_{L,r}^2(q) \right)$$

$$\frac{dE_{\text{col,L}}^{\text{far}}}{dx} = \frac{\alpha_{\text{QED}}}{V} \int_0^{\approx q_D} \frac{q^2 dq}{\pi} \int_{-qV}^{+qV} \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \frac{\omega^2}{Vq^3} \times \omega^2 \delta \left( \omega^2 - \omega_r^2(q) \right)$$

$$= \frac{\alpha_{\text{QED}}}{\pi V^2} \int_0^{\approx q_D} \frac{dq}{q} \underbrace{\int_0^{(qV)^2} d\omega^2 \omega^2 \delta \left( \omega^2 - \omega_r^2(q) \right)}_{= \omega_r^2(q) \text{ provided } q > \frac{\omega_r(q)}{V} \approx \frac{\omega_p}{V}}$$

We touch the plasmon pole at finite T

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$$\frac{dE_{\text{col,L}}^{\text{far}}}{dx} = \frac{\alpha_{\text{QED}}}{\pi V^2} \int_{\omega_p/V}^{\approx q_D} \omega_r^2(q) \frac{dq}{q} \approx \frac{\alpha_{\text{QED}}}{\pi V^2} \omega_p^2 \ln\left(\frac{q_D}{\omega_p/V}\right)$$

UV divergent !

$$\sim \alpha_{\text{QED}} q_D^2 \times \frac{v_{\text{rms}}^2}{V^2} \ln\left(\frac{V}{v_{\text{rms}}}\right) \sim \frac{n_e \alpha_{\text{QED}}^2}{T} \times \frac{v_{\text{rms}}^2}{V^2} \ln\left(\frac{V}{v_{\text{rms}}}\right)$$

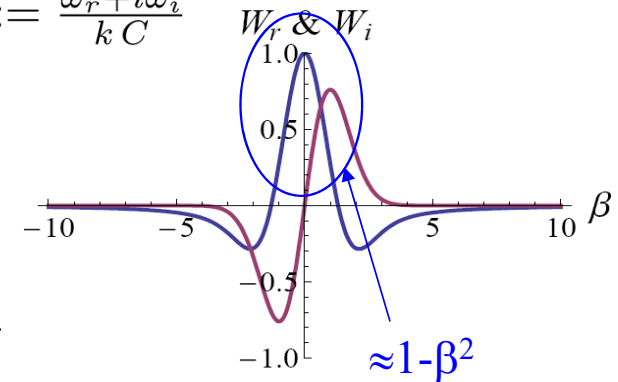
$$\sim \frac{n_e \alpha_{\text{QED}}^2}{m_e} \times \frac{1}{V^2} \ln\left(\frac{V}{v_{\text{rms}}}\right)$$

Old friend from Bohr formula (for NR fermion);  
Mild dependence wrt T

b) At small velocities ( $V \ll v_{\text{rms}}$ ):

We cannot touch the plasmon pole at finite T  $\Leftrightarrow$  we feel W at small  $\beta$      $\beta := \frac{\omega_r + i\omega_i}{kC}$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \epsilon_L(\omega, q) &= 1 + \frac{q_D^2}{q^2} W\left(\frac{\omega}{qv_{\text{rms}}}\right) \approx 1 + \frac{q_D^2}{q^2} \left(1 + i\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\omega}{qv_{\text{rms}}}\right) \\ \frac{1}{\epsilon_L} &\approx \frac{-i\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{q_D^2}{q^2} \frac{\omega}{qv_{\text{rms}}}}{\left(1 + \frac{q_D^2}{q^2}\right)^2 + \frac{\pi}{2} \left(\frac{q_D^2}{q^2} \frac{\omega}{qv_{\text{rms}}}\right)^2} \approx \frac{-i\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{q_D^2}{q^2} \frac{\omega}{qv_{\text{rms}}}}{\left(1 + \frac{q_D^2}{q^2}\right)^2} \approx \frac{-i\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} qq_D^2 \frac{\omega}{v_{\text{rms}}}}{(q^2 + q_D^2)^2} \end{aligned}$$



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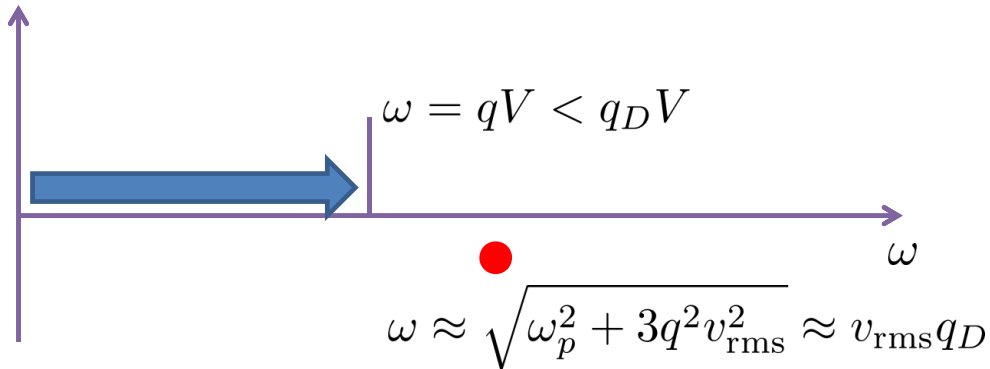
$$= \frac{\alpha_{\text{QED}}}{\sqrt{2\pi} V^2 v_{\text{rms}}} \int_0^{\approx q_D} dq \frac{q_D^2}{(q^2 + q_D^2)^2} \int_{-qV}^{qV} \omega^2 d\omega$$

UV divergent !

$$= \frac{\alpha_{\text{QED}} V q_D^2}{\sqrt{9\pi/2} v_{\text{rms}}} \underbrace{\int_0^{\approx q_D} \frac{q^3 dq}{(q^2 + q_D^2)^2}}_{\approx 0.2}$$

$$\propto \alpha_{\text{QED}} q_D^2 \times \frac{V}{v_{\text{rms}}} \sim \frac{n_e \alpha_{\text{QED}}^2}{T} \times \left( \frac{V}{v_{\text{rms}}} \right)$$

New behavior



As V is too small, plasmon cannot be excited =>

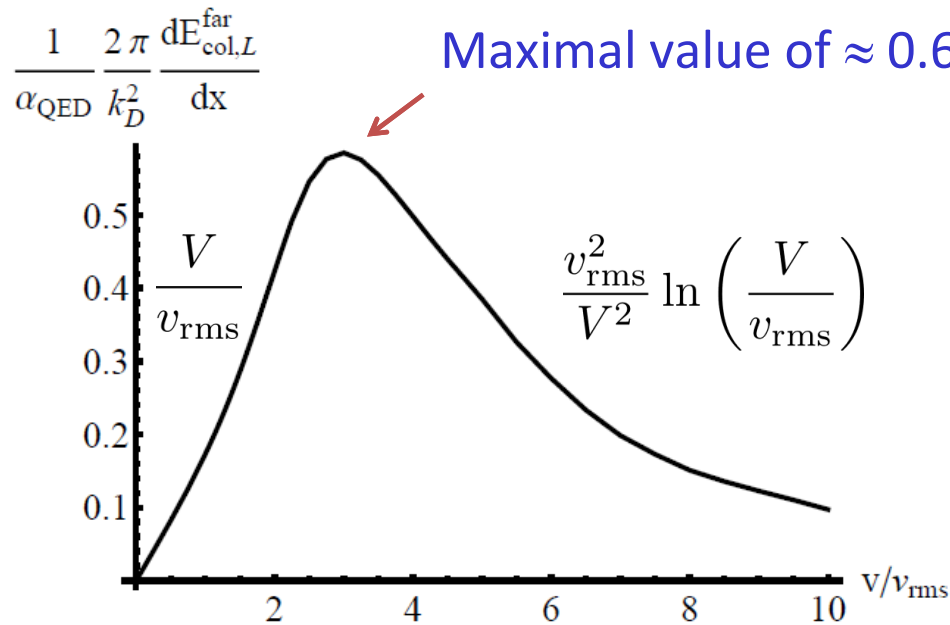
- Energy loss is reduced and increases with V
- Energy loss a area of the soft exchange domain ( $q_D^2$ )
- Energy loss decreases with increasing T

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## Summary for longitudinal contribution

$$\frac{dE_{\text{col,L}}^{\text{far}}}{dx} = \frac{\alpha_{\text{QED}} k_D^2}{2\pi} \times f_L \left( \frac{V}{v_{\text{rms}}} \right) \sim \frac{n_e \alpha_{\text{QED}}}{T} f_L \left( \frac{V}{v_{\text{rms}}} \right)$$

Possible interpretation in terms of collisions ?

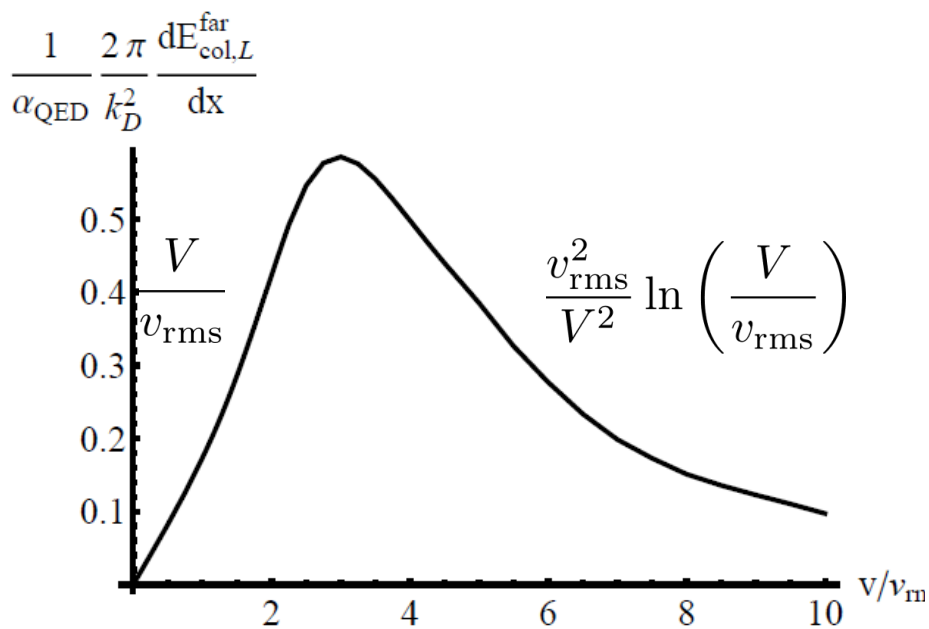


$\omega_0$  scale disappears (of course, no bound state in the QGP)

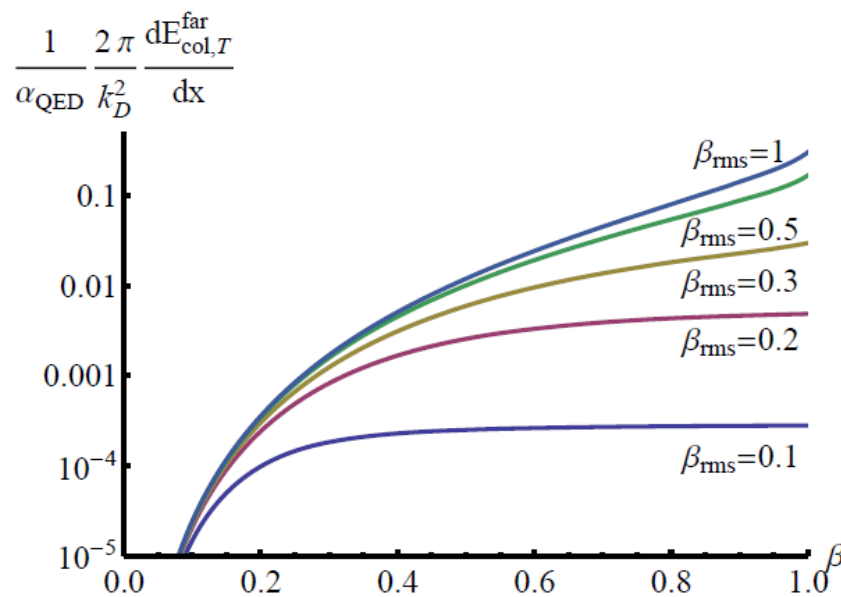
New scale :  $v_{\text{rms}} \sim \sqrt{T/m_e}$

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Longitudinal contribution



Transverse contribution



Negligible as no  
Cherenkov radiation

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Close and far collisions **together** (NR particle)

$V \ll v_{\text{rms}}$

$v_{\text{rms}}$

$V \gg v_{\text{rms}}$

$$\frac{dE_{\text{col,L}}^{\text{far}}(V \ll v_{\text{rms}})}{dx} \sim \frac{n_e \alpha_{\text{QED}}^2}{T} \times \frac{V}{v_{\text{rms}}}$$

$$\frac{dE_{\text{col,L}}^{\text{far}}(V \gg v_{\text{rms}})}{dx} \sim \frac{n_e \alpha_{\text{QED}}^2}{mV^2} \times \ln\left(\frac{V}{v_{\text{rms}}}\right)$$

$$\frac{dE_{\text{col}}^{\text{close}}}{dx} \sim \frac{2n_e \alpha_{\text{QED}}^2}{3T} \frac{V}{v_{\text{rms}}} \left(1 - \frac{3T}{MV^2}\right) \left[\ln\left(\frac{8mT}{k_D^2}\right) - \gamma_E\right]$$

$$\frac{dE_{\text{col}}^{\text{close}}}{dx} \sim \frac{n_e \alpha_{\text{QED}}^2}{2mV^2} \underbrace{\left(\frac{M}{E} - \frac{m}{M}\right)}_{\approx 1} \ln\left(\frac{4m^2 V^2}{k_D^2}\right)$$

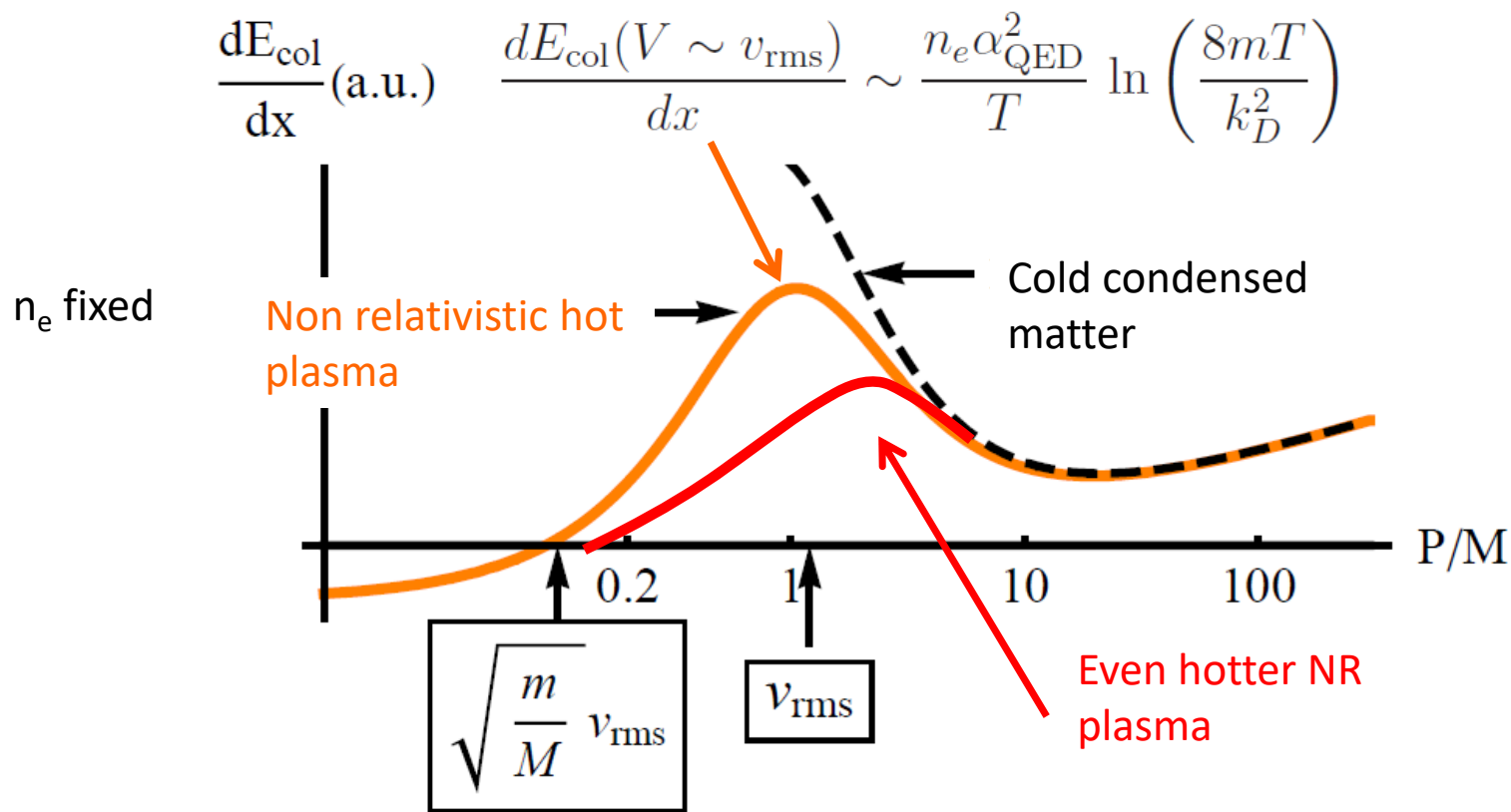
$$\frac{dE_{\text{col}}(V \ll v_{\text{rms}})}{dx} \sim \frac{n_e \alpha_{\text{QED}}^2}{T} \times \frac{V}{v_{\text{rms}}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dE_{\text{col}}(V \gg v_{\text{rms}})}{dx} &\approx 4\pi \frac{n_e \alpha_{\text{QED}}^2}{mV^2} \ln\left(\frac{2mV^2}{k_D v_{\text{rms}}}\right) \\ &\approx 4\pi \frac{n_e \alpha_{\text{QED}}^2}{mV^2} \ln\left(\frac{2mV^2}{\omega_p}\right) \end{aligned}$$

T disappear from physics for  $V > v_{\text{rms}}$  !

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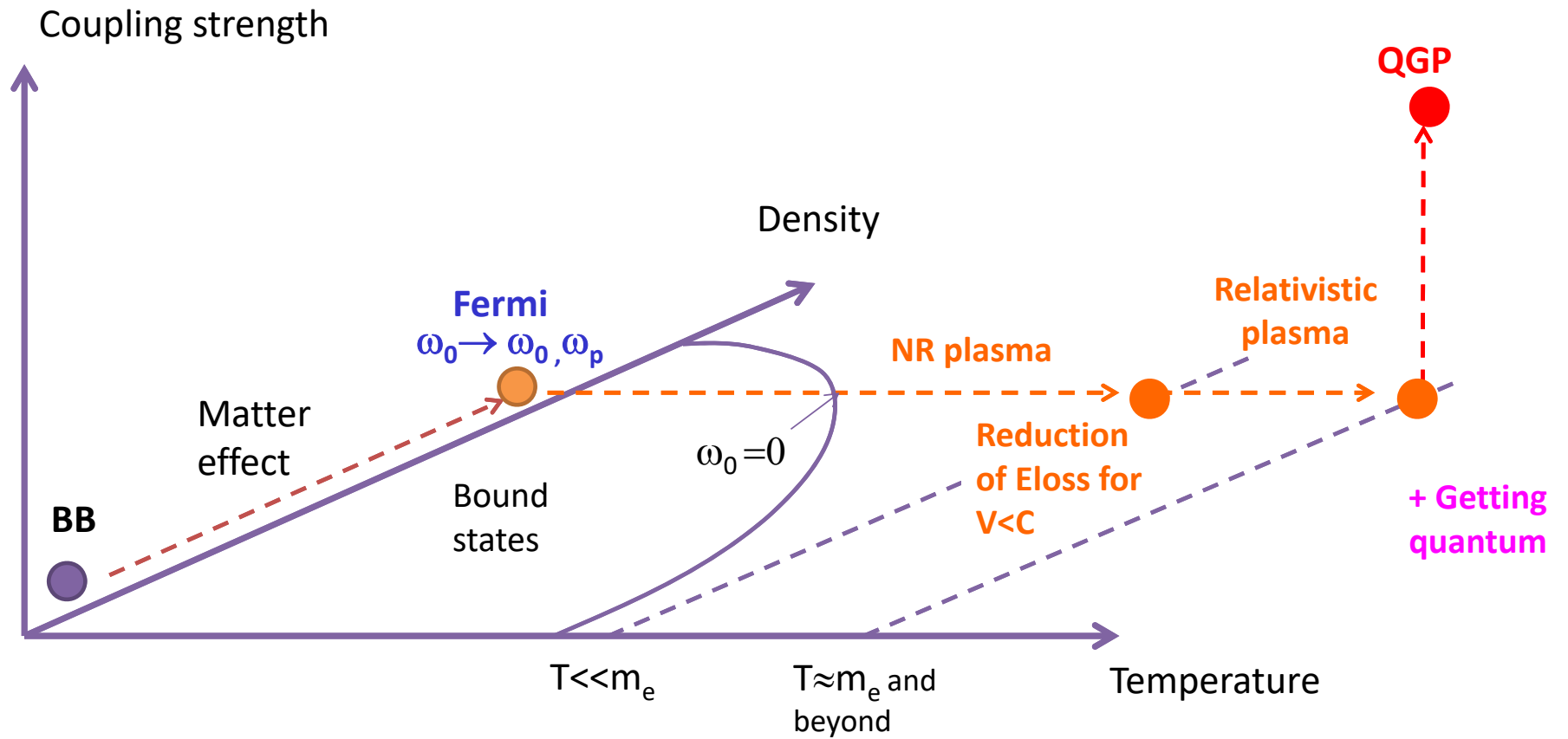
Close and far collisions together



What if  $T$  still increases (until  $m_e$ ) and  $v_{\text{rms}} \approx 1$  ?

# Intermediate summary

What do we want ? Acquire a global understanding of energy loss.



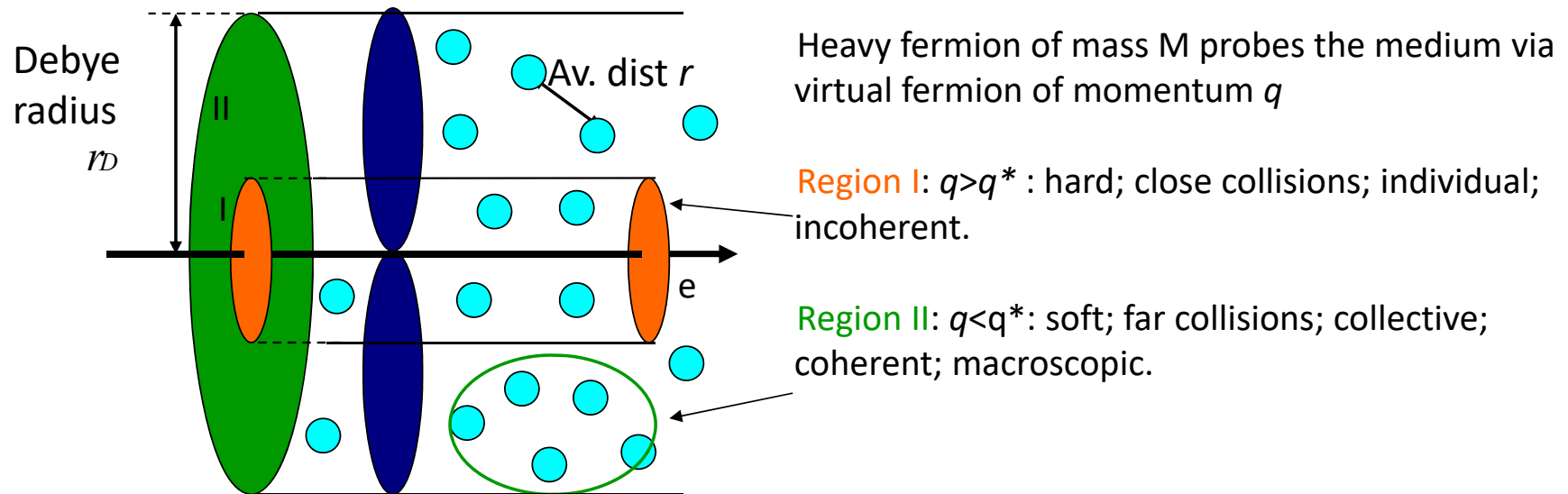


# Heavy fermion Energy loss in a relativistic plasma

## Braaten – Yuan scheme

Relying on the smallness of the coupling constant

$$\frac{1}{M} \ll r = \frac{1}{T} \ll \frac{1}{q^*} \ll r_D \approx \frac{1}{eT} \ll \lambda \approx \frac{1}{e^2 T}$$



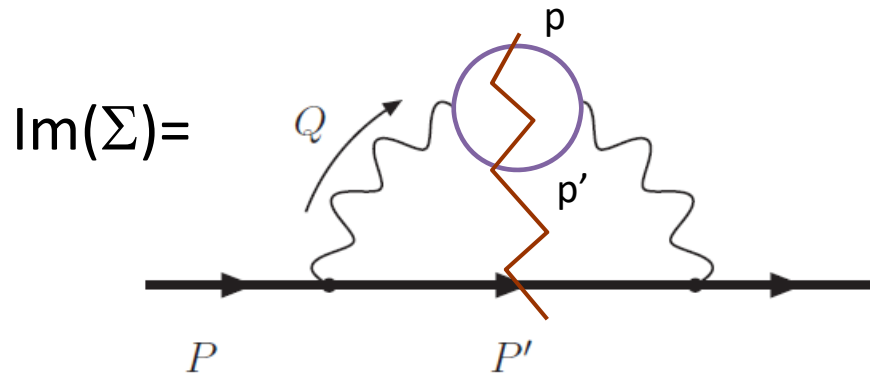
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First evaluated in stationary regime by Braaten & Thoma (91)

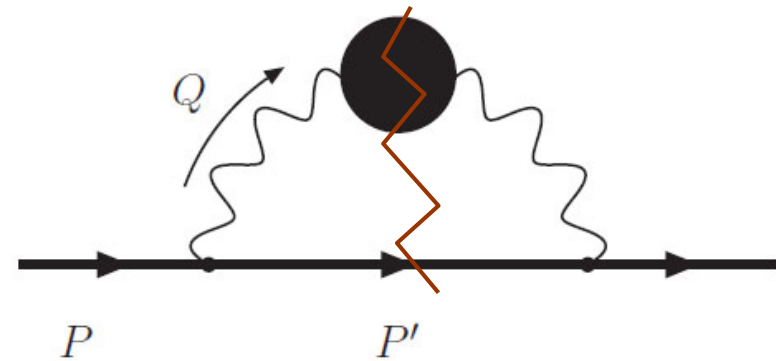
1. Rate (Weldon 83): 
$$\Gamma(E) = -\frac{1}{2E} [1 - n_F(E)] \text{tr} \left[ (P \cdot \gamma + M) \underbrace{\text{Im}\Sigma(E + i\epsilon, \vec{P})}_{\text{Heavy fermion self energy}} \right]$$

Heavy fermion self energy

At lowest order:



More generally:



$$\Sigma(P) = ie^2 \int \frac{d^4Q}{(2\pi)^4} \Delta_{\mu\nu}(Q) \gamma^\mu S(P') \gamma^\nu$$

At T=0

HQ lectures

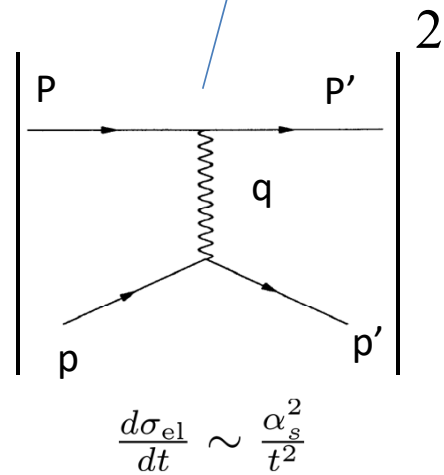
Quite general relation : includes the soft collisions ( $Q < q^*$ ) as well, provided one takes the full photon propagator  $\Delta$  at finite T



# Euristic derivation of the hard part for relativistic particles

Following Bjorken

$$\frac{dE}{dz} \approx \underbrace{\Phi}_{\text{flux}} \int dt \frac{d\sigma_{el}}{dt} \nu \quad \text{With } \nu = E' - E \text{ in the rest frame of the plasma}$$



In the CM :  $(P' - P) \propto \sqrt{s}(0, \sin \theta_{cm}, \cos \theta_{cm} - 1)$   
 $\propto \sqrt{s}(0, \sin \theta_{cm}, -\frac{\theta_{cm}^2}{2})$

With  $\theta_{cm}^2 \sim \frac{-t}{s} \ll 1$

Boost factor from plasma frame -> cm frame :  $\gamma \sim \frac{E}{\sqrt{s}}$

$\Rightarrow \nu \approx \gamma \times (P' - P)_{CM,z} \sim \frac{E}{\sqrt{s}} \times \sqrt{s} \left(-\frac{\theta_{cm}^2}{2}\right) \sim -\frac{E}{s} t$

$\Rightarrow \frac{dE}{dz} \approx - \underbrace{\left\langle \Phi \frac{E}{s} \right\rangle}_{\text{Average on the plasma particles (equil. distribution)}} \int_{|t|_{min}}^{|t|_{max}} d|t| \frac{d\sigma_{el}}{dt} |t|$

Average on the plasma particles  
(equil. distribution)

Important integral :

$$\int_{|t|_{min}}^{|t|_{max}} d|t| \frac{d\sigma_{el}}{dt} |t| \propto \int_{\boxed{|t|_{min}}}^{\boxed{|t|_{max}}} \frac{d|t|}{|t|} \propto \ln \frac{\sqrt{ET}}{q^*}$$

$\sim s \sim ET$

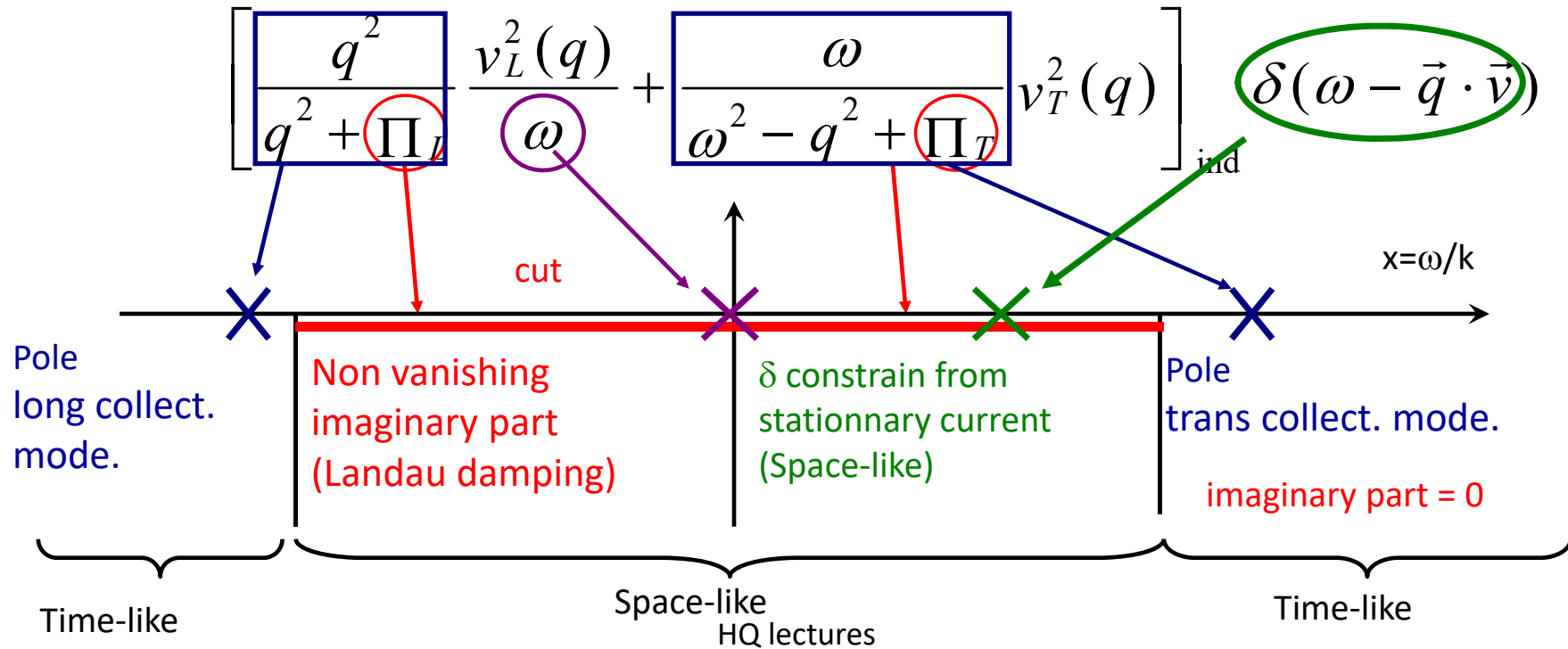
$(q^*)^2$



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Remarks:

- Similar  $\frac{dE_{\text{col}}^{\text{soft}}}{dx}$  to Landau approach as  $\epsilon_L(\omega, q) = 1 + \frac{\Pi_L}{q^2}$  and  $\epsilon_T(\omega, q) = 1 - \frac{\Pi_T}{\omega^2}$
- These dielectric functions can also be obtained from proper statistical distributions  $1 + \frac{\omega_p^2}{k^2} \int \frac{\mathbf{k} \cdot \partial \tilde{f}_0 / \partial \mathbf{v} d\mathbf{v}}{\omega - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{v}}$
- Pole structure (no Cherenkov, no excitation of the collective modes)



# Heavy fermion Energy loss in a relativistic plasma

## 4. Result for $E \ll M^2/T$ ...

$$\frac{dE_{\text{col}}^{\text{soft}}}{dx} = \frac{e^4 T^2}{24\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{V} - \frac{1-V^2}{2V^2} \ln \frac{1+V}{1-V} \right] \times \left[ \ln \frac{q^*}{eT} + A_{\text{soft}}(V) \right]$$

$$\frac{dE_{\text{col}}^{\text{hard}}}{dx} = \frac{e^4 T^2}{24\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{V} - \frac{1-V^2}{2V^2} \ln \frac{1+V}{1-V} \right] \times \left[ \ln \frac{ET}{Mq^*} + A_{\text{hard}}(V) \right]$$

$$\frac{dE_{\text{BT}}}{dx} = \frac{e^4 T^2}{24\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{V} - \frac{1-V^2}{2V^2} \ln \frac{1+V}{1-V} \right] \times \left[ \ln \frac{E}{Me} + A(V) \right]$$

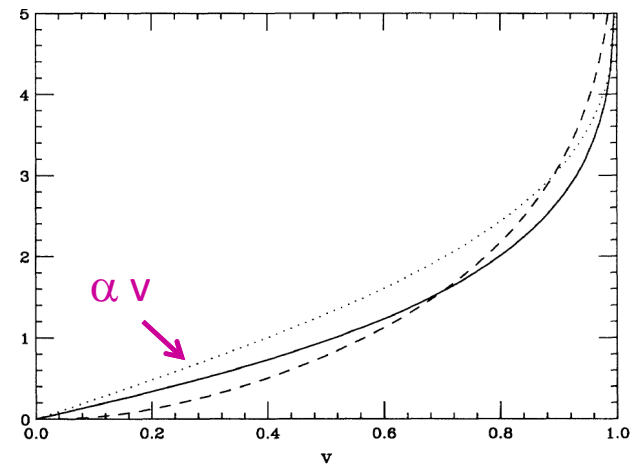
## ... and for $E \gg M^2/T$

$$\frac{dE_{\text{col}}^{\text{hard}, v \rightarrow 1}}{dx} = \frac{e^4 T^2}{24\pi} \left[ \ln \frac{\sqrt{2ET}}{q^*} + \frac{4}{3} + \dots \right]$$

$$\left( \frac{dE_{\text{BT}}}{dx} \right)_{V \sim 1} = \frac{e^4 T^2}{24\pi} \left[ \ln \left( \sqrt{\frac{E}{T}} \frac{1}{e} \right) + \dots \right]$$

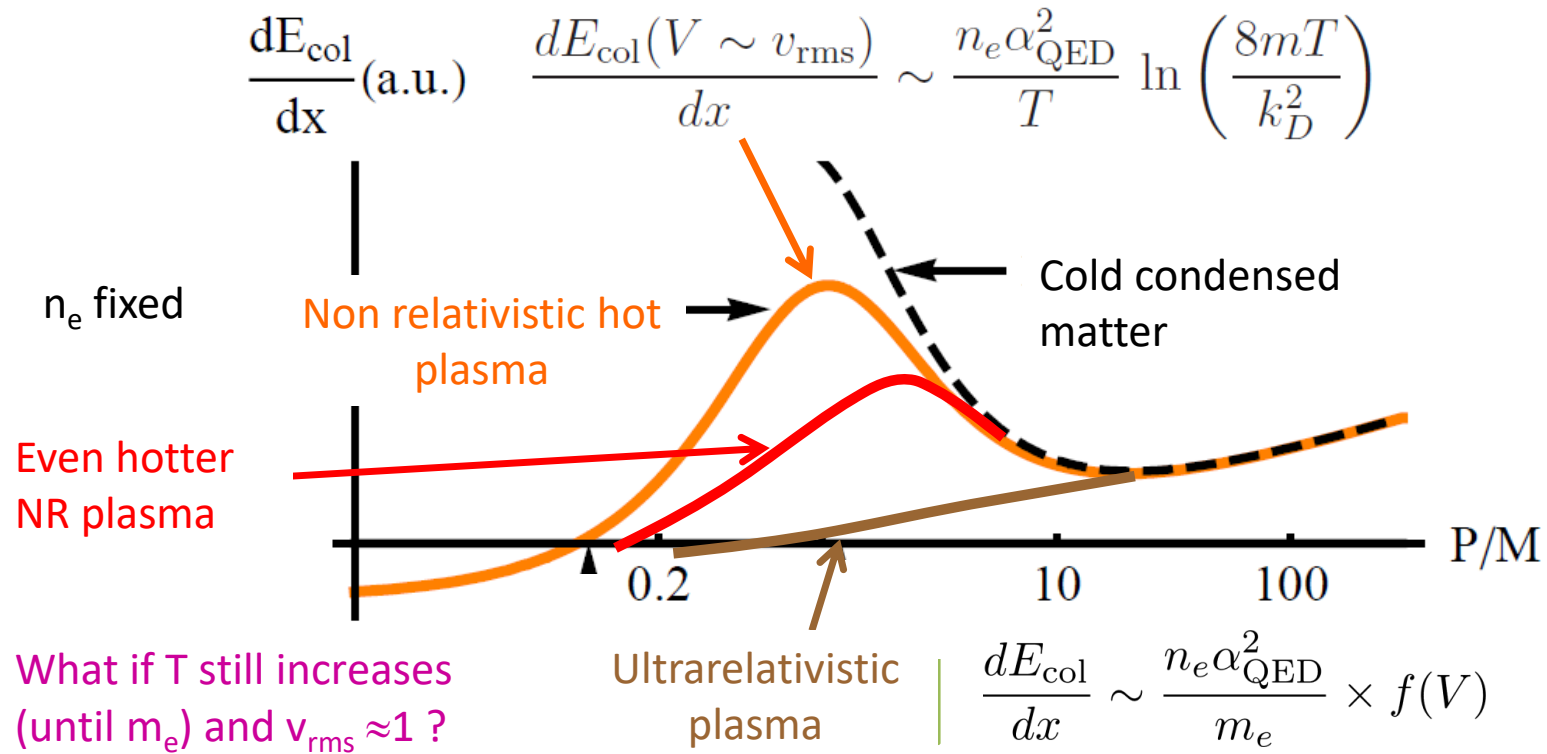
Disappearance of the mass scale

HQ lectures



Increasing function of  $v$

# Pictorial summary of medium effects on collisional E Loss



... and then a miracle appears !!!



# Collisional E loss & processes in QCD

Introduced in QCD by Bjorken (82) for light quarks; arbitrary IR regulator for  $|t_{\min}|^{1/2} \approx 0.5-1 \text{ GeV} \approx \text{mass } M \text{ of the particle.}$

$$\frac{dE}{dx} \approx \frac{2\pi\alpha_s^2}{\beta^2} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{\pm 1} \log \frac{2\langle k \rangle E}{M^2} \left(1 + \frac{N_f}{6}\right)$$

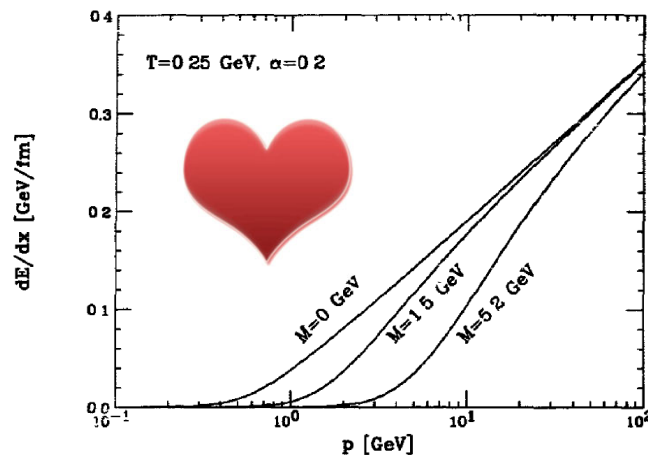
$\beta = T^{-1}$

Used as such by Cleymans and Ray (85) in their derivation of the FP equation (FP... interesting, but nothing really evaluated besides Eloss) ... then Svetitsky (88)

Revisited by Thoma and Gyulassy (91) using Landau's method + gluon polarization function evaluated by Klimov and Weldon (very similar to the photon case)

$$\Pi_L(x) = m_D^2 \left[ 1 - \frac{x}{2} \log \left( \frac{x+1}{x-1} \right) \right]; \quad \Pi_T(x) = \frac{1}{2} m_D^2 x^2 \left[ 1 - \frac{x^2-1}{2x} \log \left( \frac{x+1}{x-1} \right) \right]$$

with  $m_D^2 = 4\pi\alpha_s T^2 (1 + n_f/6)$



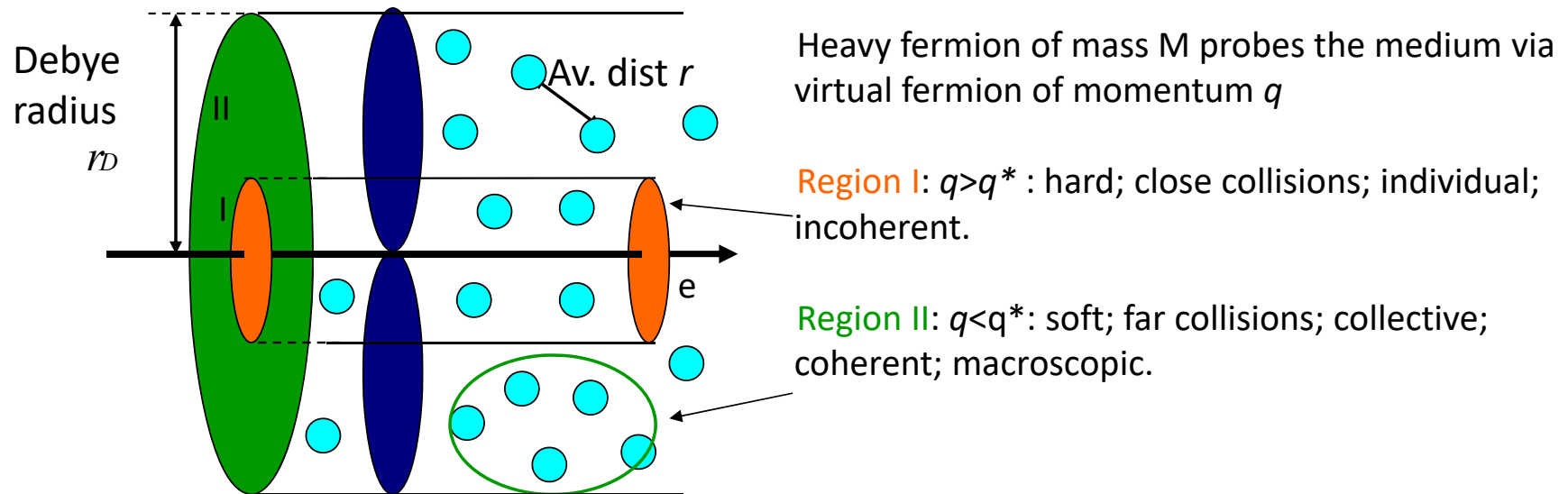
- Correct choice of  $|t_{\max}|$ , but so high that the collective picture does not apply anymore
- Confirm the calculation of Bjorken
- Mass hierarchy of collisional Energy loss
- identified as small as compared to the cold nuclear matter case

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Braaten – Yuan scheme

Relying on the smallness of the coupling constant

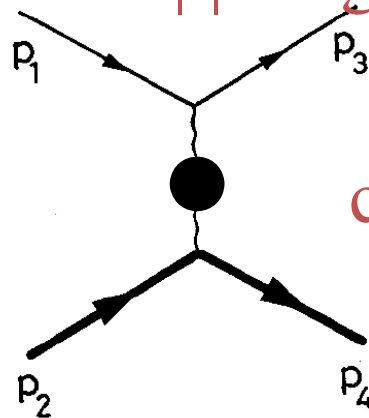
$$\frac{1}{M} \ll r = \frac{1}{T} \ll \frac{1}{q^*} \ll r_D \approx \frac{1}{eT} \ll \lambda \approx \frac{1}{e^2 T}$$



# Braaten-Thoma:

(Peshier – Peigné)

Low  $|t|$ : large distances



HTL:  
collective  
modes

$$G_{\mu\nu}(Q) = \frac{-\delta_{\mu 0}\delta_{\nu 0}}{q^2 + \Pi_{00}} + \frac{\delta_{ij} - \hat{q}_i\hat{q}_j}{q^2 - \omega^2 + \Pi_T}$$

$$\frac{dE_{soft}}{dx} = \frac{2}{3} \alpha m_D^2 \ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{t^*}}{m_D/\sqrt{3}}\right) + \dots$$

**SUM:**  $\frac{dE}{dx} = \frac{2}{3} \alpha m_D^2 \ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{ET}}{m_D/\sqrt{3}}\right)$

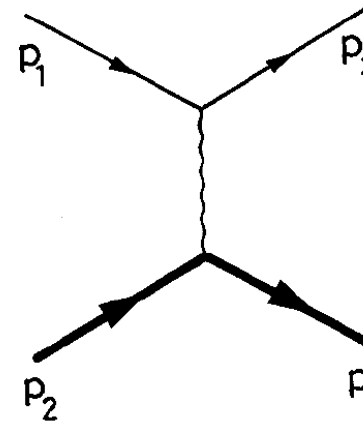
HTL: convergent kinetic

(matching 2 regions)

$|t^*|$

+

Large  $|t|$ : close coll.



Bare  
propagator

$$G_{\mu\nu}(Q) = \frac{-\delta_{\mu\nu}}{q^2 - \omega^2}$$

$$\frac{dE_{hard}}{dx} = \frac{2}{3} \alpha m_D^2 \ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{ET}}{\sqrt{t^*}}\right) + \dots$$

Indep. of  $|t^*|$  !

(provided  $g^2 T^2 \ll |t^*| \ll T^2$ )

# Collisional E loss & processes in QCD

Braaten and Thoma (91): extension of their QED work (incorporating a correct separation both regimes of close and far “collisions”) to the QCD case

Results at the logarithmic accuracy:

$0 < v < 1$ :

$v \approx 1$ :

IR div  $\rightarrow \frac{dE_{hard}}{dx} = \frac{2}{3} \alpha m_D^2 \left[ \frac{1}{v} \frac{1-v^2}{v^2} \ln\left(\frac{1+v}{1-v}\right) \right] \ln\left(\frac{ET}{Mq^*}\right) \xrightarrow{\times} \frac{dE_{hard}}{dx} = \frac{2}{3} \alpha m_D^2 \ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{ET}}{q^*}\right)$

UV div  $\rightarrow \frac{dE_{soft}}{dx} = \frac{2}{3} \alpha m_D^2 \left[ \frac{1}{v} \frac{1-v^2}{v^2} \ln\left(\frac{1+v}{1-v}\right) \right] \ln\left(\frac{q^*}{m_D/\sqrt{3}}\right) \rightarrow \frac{dE_{soft}}{dx} = \frac{2}{3} \alpha m_D^2 \ln\left(\frac{q^*}{m_D/\sqrt{3}}\right)$

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$\frac{dE}{dx} = \frac{2}{3} \alpha m_D^2 \left[ \frac{1}{v} \frac{1-v^2}{v^2} \ln\left(\frac{1+v}{1-v}\right) \right] \ln\left(\frac{ET/M}{m_D/\sqrt{3}}\right) \quad \frac{dE}{dx} = \frac{2}{3} \alpha m_D^2 \ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{ET}}{m_D/\sqrt{3}}\right)$

Poor man's prescription: take  $\frac{dE_{soft}}{dx}$  with some UV regulator  $k_{cut}$ :

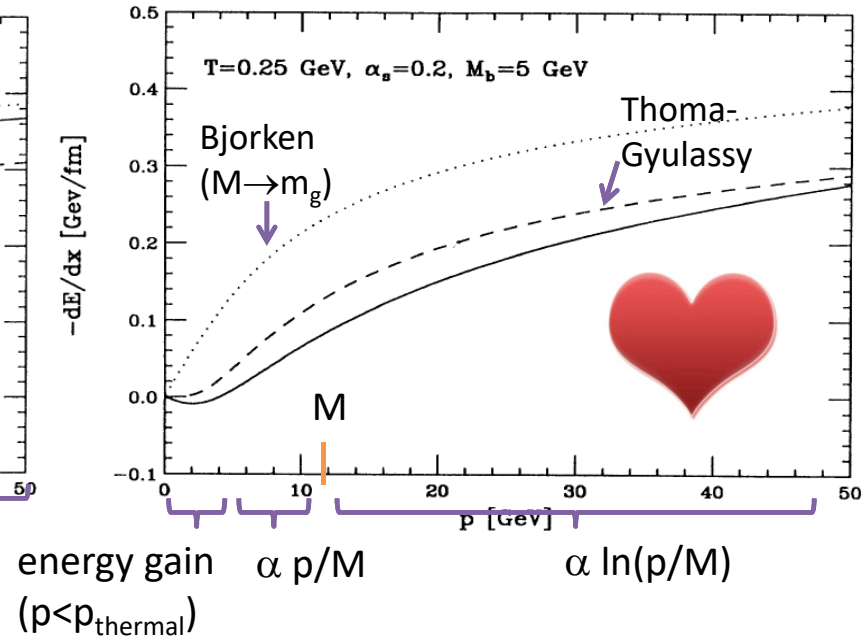
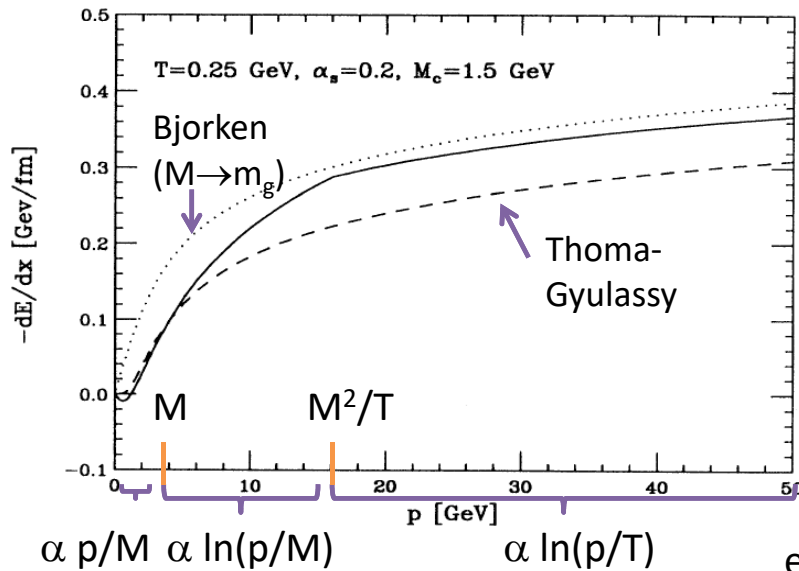
$k_{cut} = \min\left(\frac{ET}{M}, \sqrt{ET}\right)$

Method followed by Thoma & Gyulassy (91)

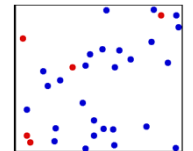


# Collisional E loss & processes in QCD

Braaten and Thoma (91): In approximate agreement with previous calculations for c, but less for b.



2007: Peshier et Peigné: corrected the BT (both in the leading log and in the constant beyond the leading log)



## Refined: *running coupling constant*

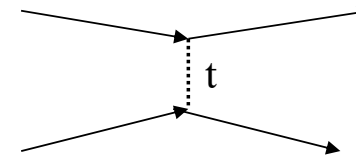
Motivation: Even a fast parton with the largest momentum  $P$  will undergo collisions with moderate  $q$  exchange and large  $\alpha_s(Q^2)$ . The running aspect of the coupling constant has long been “forgotten/neglected” in most of approaches

Crucial question: long range behaviour and renormalisation at finite temperature

# A Peshier: $\alpha_s$ not fixed at the right scale

Running of  $\alpha_s$  (Peshier 06) in collisional E loss

Usually 
$$\frac{dE_j}{dx} = \sum_s \int_{k^3} \rho_s(k) \Phi \int dt \frac{d\sigma_{js}}{dt} \omega$$



with 
$$\Phi \int_{t_1}^{t_2} dt \frac{d\sigma_{js}}{dt} \omega = \frac{\pi C_{js} \alpha^2}{-k} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{dt}{t} = \frac{\pi C_{js} \alpha^2}{k} \ln \frac{t_1}{t_2}$$
 and  $\alpha_s(2\pi T)$

Doing it more cautiously

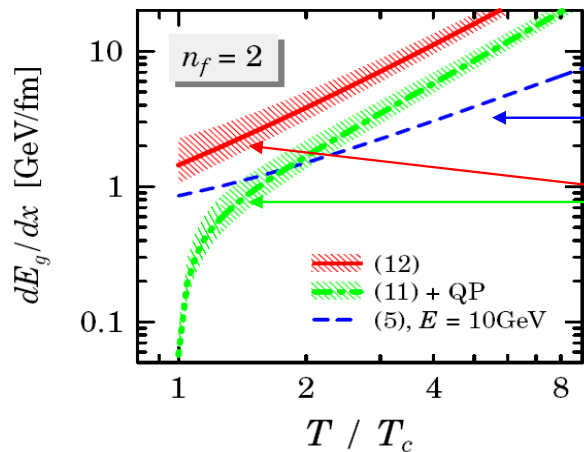
$$\Phi \int_{t_1}^{t_2} dt \frac{d\sigma_{js}}{dt} \omega = -\frac{\pi C_{js}}{k b_0^2} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{dt}{t \ln^2(|t|/\Lambda^2)}$$

← Dominated by the soft scale

$$= \frac{\pi C_{js}}{k b_0^2} \frac{1}{\ln(|t|/\Lambda^2)} \Big|_{t_1}^{t_2} = \frac{\pi C_{js}}{k b_0} [\alpha(\mu^2) - \alpha(|t_1|)]$$

← No log(E) increase. UV conv. for  $t_1 \rightarrow \infty$

↑ Softer scale  $\Rightarrow$  larger E loss !!!



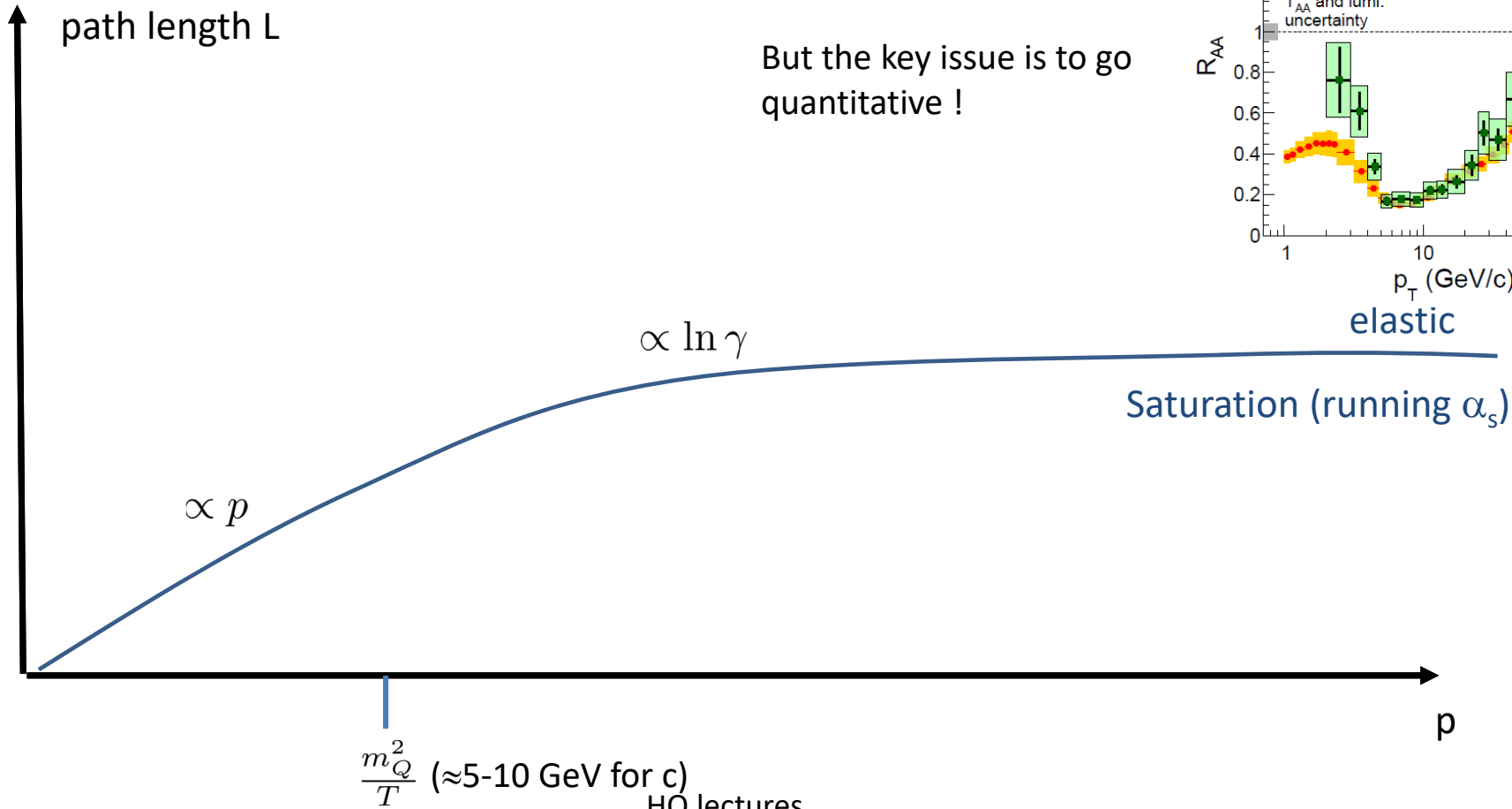
Bjorken

Peshier

"In fact,  $\sigma$  with running coupling ... an order of magnitude larger than expected from the widely used expression  $\sigma_{\alpha \text{ fix}} \propto \alpha^2(Q^2 T)/\mu^2$ . Thus, the present approach gives a consistent and simple explanation of phenomenologically inferred large cross sections found in transport models."

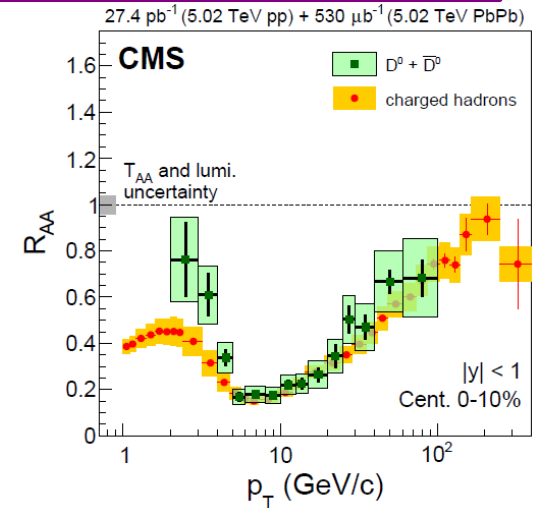
# Collisional (elastic) vs Radiative

momentum loss after path length L



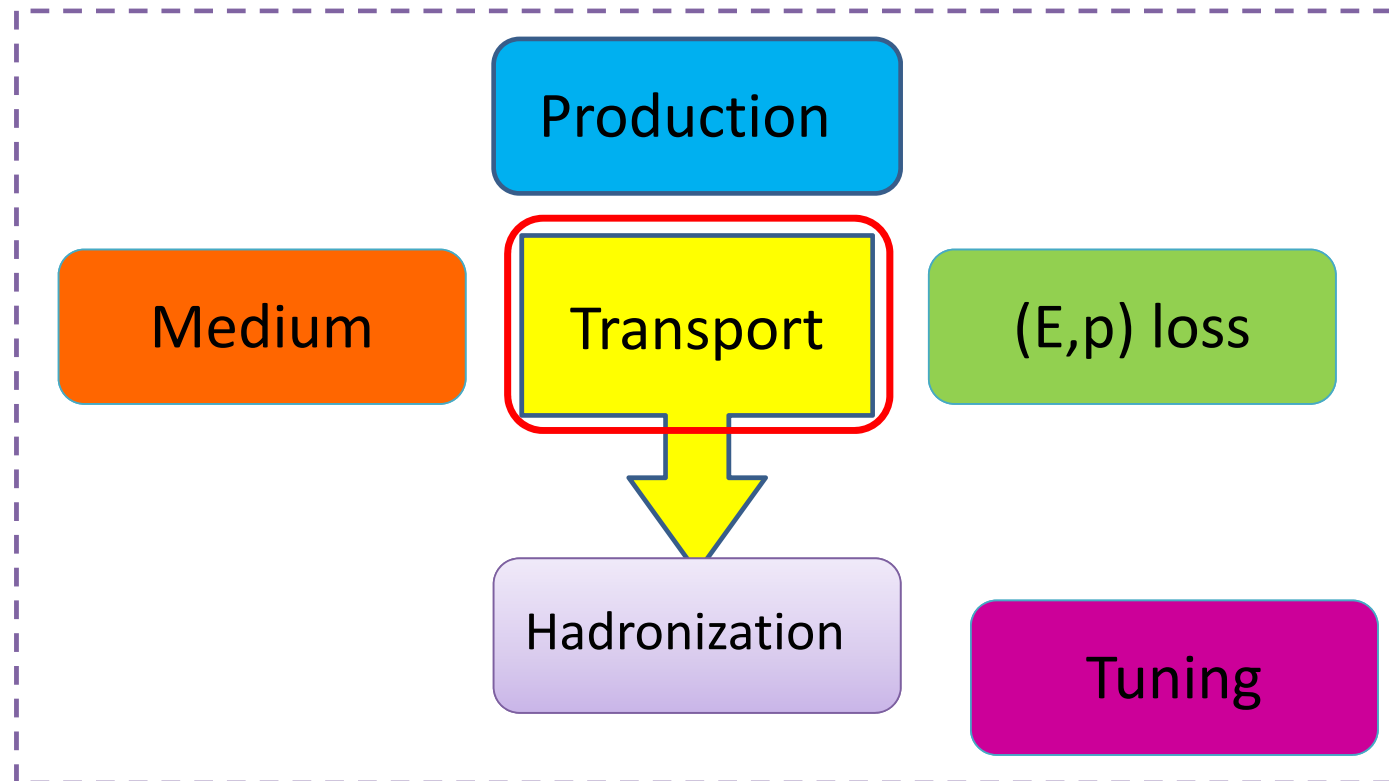
Qualitative agreement with

But the key issue is to go quantitative !





# HQ observable (probe)



# Why Fokker – Planck (AKA Langevin forces) ?

Bona fide answer: because HQ are heavy => long relaxation times => accumulate many collisions before thermalization => the “details” are averaged (central limit theorem) .

$\mu$ -model

$$R(\mathbf{p}, t) = \frac{1}{2E_{\mathbf{p}}} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{\mathbf{q}}} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{q}'}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{\mathbf{q}'}} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}'}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{\mathbf{p}'}} \\ \times \frac{1}{\gamma_c} \sum \boxed{|\mathcal{M}|^2} (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p + q - p' - q') \\ \times [f(\mathbf{p}')g(\mathbf{q}')\tilde{g}(\mathbf{q}) - f(\mathbf{p})g(\mathbf{q})\tilde{g}(\mathbf{q}')],$$



$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} A_i &= \langle\langle (p - p')_i \rangle\rangle \\ \kappa_{i,j} &= \langle\langle (p - p')_i (p - p')_j \rangle\rangle \end{aligned} \right.$$

Or (equivalent)  $B_{i,j} = \frac{1}{2} \langle\langle (p - p')_i (p - p')_j \rangle\rangle$  Recovers the averages from the  $\mu$ -model

... also because it is much easier to solve than sampling the rate !

MC simulation then writes:

mesoscopic model (FP equation)

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \vec{\nabla}_p \cdot \left[ \vec{A}f + \frac{1}{2} \vec{\nabla}_p (\hat{\kappa} f) \right]$$



distribution f in phase space... which fulfills

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \vec{p} \rangle_f = - \langle \vec{A}(T) \rangle_f$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \vec{p}_i \vec{p}_j \rangle_f = \langle \kappa_{ij}(T) \rangle_f$$

$$\Delta \vec{p} = -\vec{A} \Delta t + \underbrace{\vec{\xi}}_{\text{Random force (fluctuations)}} \quad \text{for each } \Delta t$$

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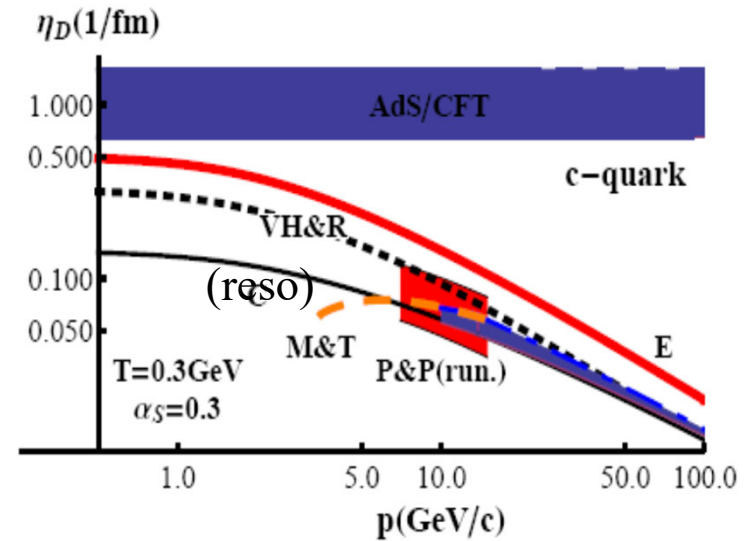
Other transport coefficients:

I) Isotropic medium =>  $\vec{A}(\vec{p}, T) = \eta_D(\vec{p}, T) \times \vec{p}$       $\frac{d}{dt} \langle \vec{p} \rangle_f = -\langle \vec{A}(T) \rangle_f$

$$\langle \vec{p} \rangle_f \approx \langle \vec{p} \rangle_f(t=0) \times e^{-\eta_D t}$$

$\eta_D [\text{fm}^{-1}]$  : drag (friction) coefficient; relaxation rate  
(typical inverse relaxation time)

... also because it allows to access physical quantities of interest more “directly” than in the microscopic model



# Why Fokker – Planck (AKA Langevin forces) ?

II) Isotropic medium =>  $\hat{\kappa}(\vec{p}) = \kappa_L(p) \hat{\Pi}_L(\vec{p}) + \kappa_T(p) \hat{\Pi}_T(\vec{p})$

$\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   
 Long. diffusion coefficient Transverse. diffusion coefficient

with  $\left(\hat{\Pi}_L(\vec{p})\right)_{ij} := \frac{p_i p_j}{p^2}$

$\uparrow$

Projector along HQ  
instantaneous momentum

with  $\left(\hat{\Pi}_T(\vec{p})\right)_{ij} := I_{i,j} - \frac{p_i p_j}{p^2}$

$\uparrow$

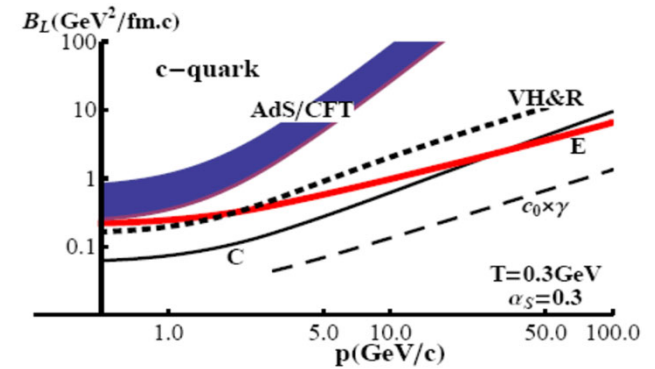
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momentum

$\kappa_T [\text{GeV}^2 \text{fm}^{-1}]$  : Transverse diffusion coef. (p space)



Link with well known qhat coefficient

$$\hat{q} = \frac{1}{v} \frac{d\langle p_{\perp}^2 \rangle_f}{dt} \approx 2\kappa_T \approx 4B_T$$

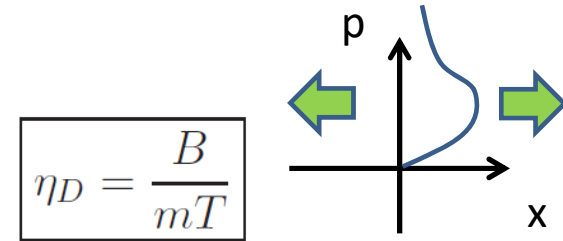


# Why Fokker – Planck (AKA Langevin forces) ?

III) Asymptotic regime  $\vec{A}f_{as} + \nabla \cdot (\hat{B}f_{as}) = \vec{0}$

Leads to Einstein relation between A ( $\eta_D$ ),  $B_L$  and  $B_T$

For constant  $\eta_D$ , constant  $B_L = B_T$  (Rayleigh particle):



Exo : prove this and generalize it for arbitrary FP coefficients

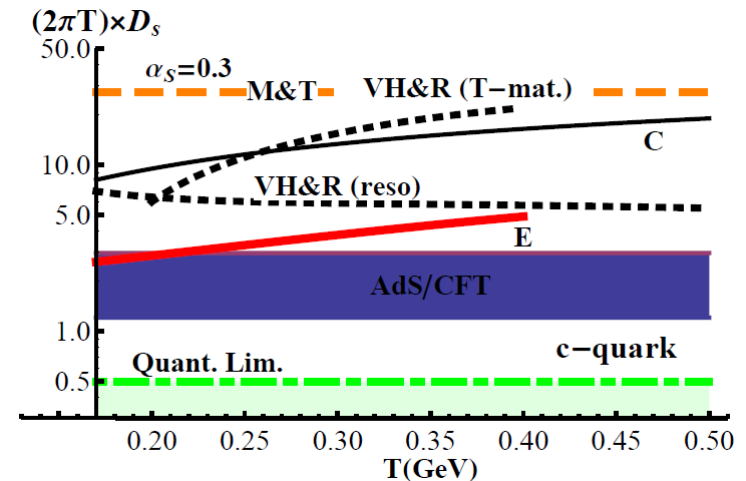
IV) Asymptotic regime:  $\langle x^2(t) \rangle = 2dD_s t$

↑  
spatial diffusion coefficient

Only 1 effective transport coefficient at small momentum

!!!!

with  $D_s = \frac{B}{m^2 \eta_D^2} \Big|_{p \approx 0}$



# More insights on FP dynamics

$$\frac{\partial f(\vec{p}, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} \left[ A_i(\vec{p}) f(\vec{p}, t) + \frac{\partial}{\partial p_j} (B_{ij}(\vec{p}) f(\vec{p}, t)) \right]$$

2 possible derivations following the same spirit : existence of a time gap between relaxation ( $t_{\text{relax}}$ ) and individual collisions ( $t_{\text{coll}}$ ) :  $t_{\text{relax}} \gg t_{\text{coll}}$

## Markovian Process



Kramers-Moyal equation

$$\frac{\partial f(p; t)}{\partial t} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \frac{\partial^n}{\partial p^n} (M_n(p) f(p; t))$$

$n_{\text{th}}$  moment of the transition probability  $w(\Delta p)$



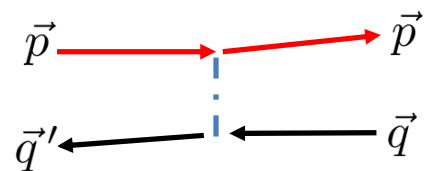
Truncate to retain the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> moments (central limit theorem)

$$\frac{\partial f(p; t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial p} (M_1(p) f(p; t)) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial p^2} (M_2(p) f(p; t))$$

Fokker Planck formulation

## Boltzmann Equation

$$I_{\text{coll}}(f_A; \vec{p}) = \int d^3 q d^3 q' d^3 p' \delta^{(3)}(\vec{p} + \vec{q} - \vec{p}' - \vec{q}') w(\vec{p}, \vec{q}; \vec{p}', \vec{q}') (f_A(\vec{p}') f_B(\vec{q}') - f_A(\vec{p}) f_B(\vec{q})) ,$$



Grazing approximation for  $\|\vec{p} - \vec{p}'\| \ll \|\vec{P}\| := \|\frac{\vec{p} + \vec{p}'}{2}\|$

Several collisions to fully deflect the incoming particle

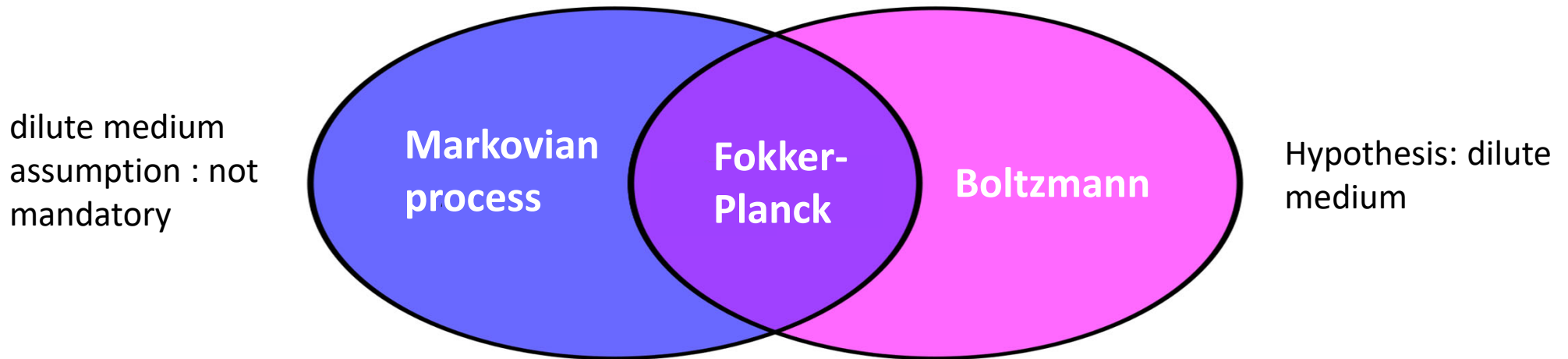


Expansion of the collision kernel wrt  $\vec{p} - \vec{p}'$  (Landau)



Fokker Planck equation

# More insights on FP dynamics



Grazing approximation for Coulomb-like scattering ?

$$R \propto \int_{|t|_{\min}}^{|t|_{\max}} d|t| \frac{d\sigma_{el}}{dt} \propto \frac{1}{|t|_{\min}} \quad \text{Rate}$$

$$A \propto \int_{|t|_{\min}}^{|t|_{\max}} d|t| \frac{d\sigma_{el}}{dt} |t| \propto \int_{|t|_{\min}}^{|t|_{\max}} \frac{d|t|}{|t|} \propto \ln \frac{|t|_{\max}}{|t|_{\min}} \quad \text{Friction}$$

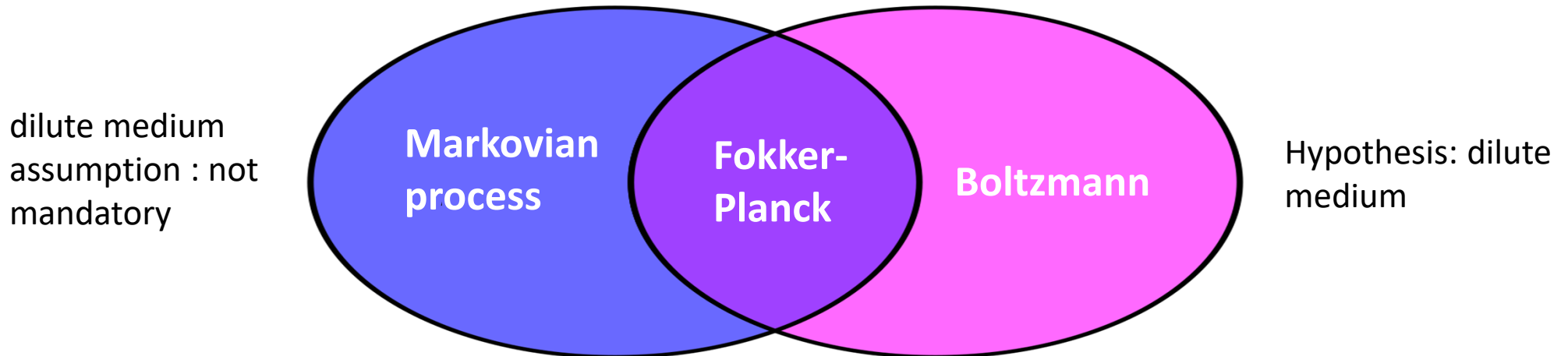
$$B \propto \int_{|t|_{\min}}^{|t|_{\max}} d|t| \frac{d\sigma_{el}}{dt} |t|^2 \propto \int_{|t|_{\min}}^{|t|_{\max}} d|t| \propto |t|_{\max} \quad \text{Fluctuations}$$

Hardest scale shows up in the fluctuations  $\Leftrightarrow$  backward scattering are not so rare  $\Leftrightarrow$  grazing conditions are not systematically met.



Einstein relation is not strictly satisfied

# More insights on FP dynamics



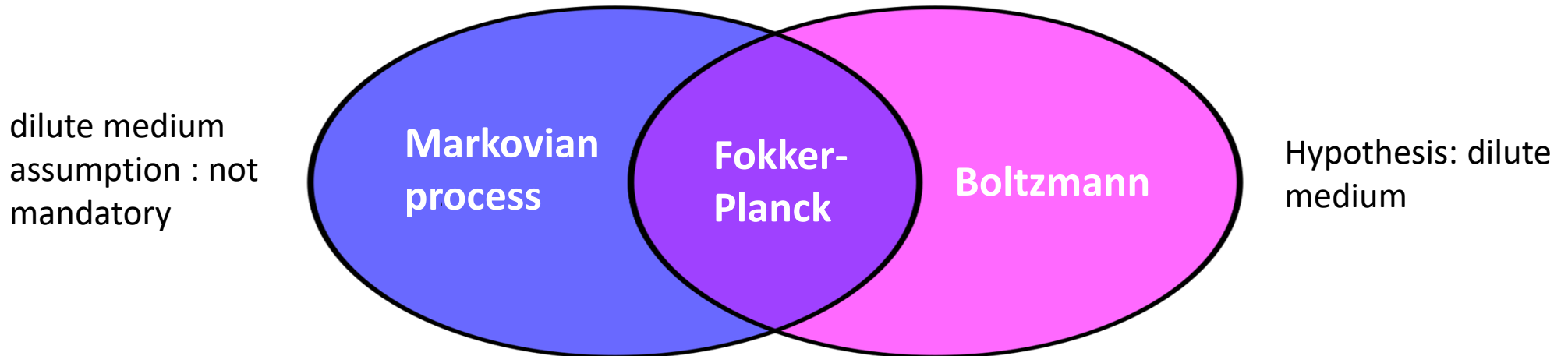
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« You are both right, but do not forget : HQ Energy loss implies both close collisions (which could be described by Boltzmann transport) and far response from QGP which imply smaller momentum transfer => FP may be ok for this 2<sup>nd</sup> contribution »