

# Probing the properties of strongly interacting QGP by jet partons

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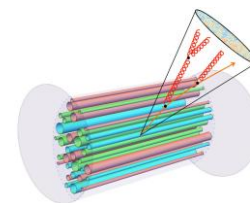
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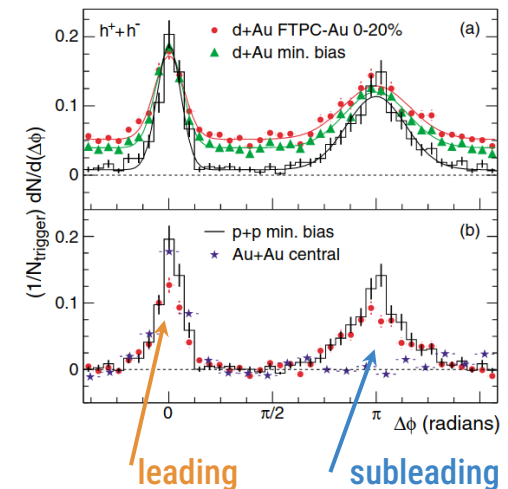
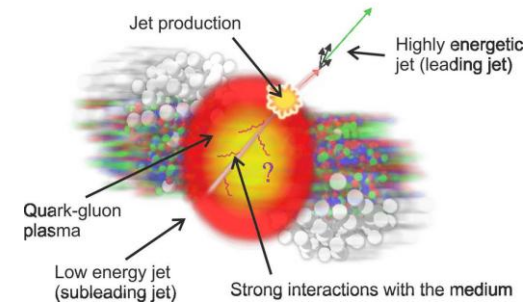
# Why to study jets?

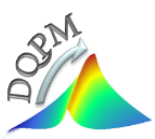
Jets provide a powerful tool for studying the properties of the QGP:

1. **Early** formation time → follow the **entire evolution** of the system
2. **Not thermalized** in the medium  
→ can serve as an “**external**” probe
3. Formed by **hard** partonic scattering  
→ cross section **calculable** in pQCD

**The goal:**

- to study the attenuation of jet partons in the **strongly interacting non-perturbative QGP** (sQGP in HIC) with a focus on the medium response
- **effective models of QGP**





# Dynamical QuasiParticle Model (DQPM)

**DQPM** – effective model for the description of **non-perturbative** (strongly interacting) QCD based on **IQCD EoS**

**Degrees-of-freedom:** strongly interacting **dynamical quasiparticles** - quarks and gluons

**Theoretical basis :**

□ ,resummed‘ single-particle Green’s functions → quark (gluon) propagator (2PI) :

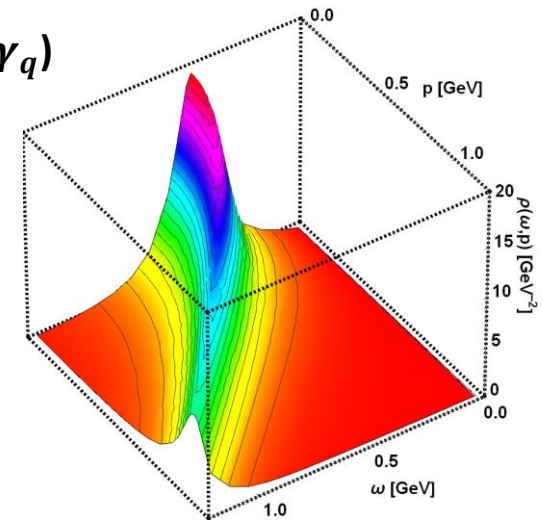
$$\begin{aligned} \text{gluon propagator: } \Delta^{-1} &= P^2 - \Pi & \& \quad \text{quark propagator } S_q^{-1} &= P^2 - \Sigma_q \\ \text{gluon self-energy: } \Pi &= M_g^2 - i2\gamma_g\omega & \& \quad \text{quark self-energy: } \Sigma_q &= M_q^2 - i2\gamma_q\omega \end{aligned}$$

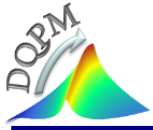
**Properties of the quasiparticles** are specified by scalar **complex self-energies**:

$Re\Sigma_q$  : **thermal masses** ( $M_g, M_q$ );  $Im\Sigma_q$  : **interaction widths** ( $\gamma_g, \gamma_q$ )

→ spectral functions  $\rho_q = -2ImS_q$  → Lorentzian form:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_j(\omega, \mathbf{p}) &= \frac{\gamma_j}{\tilde{E}_j} \left( \frac{1}{(\omega - \tilde{E}_j)^2 + \gamma_j^2} - \frac{1}{(\omega + \tilde{E}_j)^2 + \gamma_j^2} \right) \\ &\equiv \frac{4\omega\gamma_j}{(\omega^2 - \mathbf{p}^2 - M_j^2)^2 + 4\gamma_j^2\omega^2} \quad \tilde{E}_j^2(\mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{p}^2 + M_j^2 - \gamma_j^2 \end{aligned}$$





# DQPM: parton properties

Realization concept:

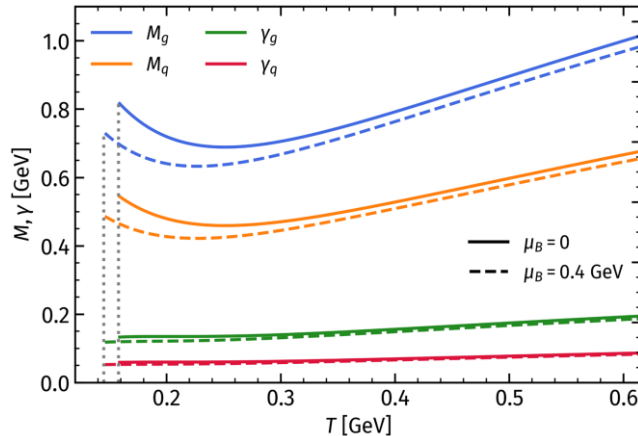
- introduce an **ansatz** (HTL; with few parameters) for the  $(T, \mu_B)$  dependence of masses/widths
- evaluate the **QGP thermodynamics** in equilibrium using the Kadanoff-Baym theory
- fix DQPM parameters by comparison of the DQPM entropy density to **IQCD** at  $\mu_B=0$

- Masses** and **widths** of quasiparticles depend on  $T$  and  $\mu_B$

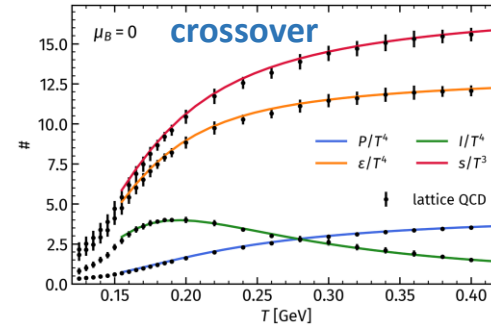
$$m_g^2(T, \mu_B) = C_g \frac{g^2(T, \mu_B)}{6} T^2 \left( 1 + \frac{N_f}{2N_c} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sum_q \mu_q^2}{T^2 \pi^2} \right)$$

$$m_{q(\bar{q})}^2(T, \mu_B) = C_q \frac{g^2(T, \mu_B)}{4} T^2 \left( 1 + \frac{\mu_q^2}{T^2 \pi^2} \right)$$

$$\gamma_j(T, \mu_B) = \frac{1}{3} C_j \frac{g^2(T, \mu_B) T}{8\pi} \ln \left( \frac{2c_m}{g^2(T, \mu_B)} + 1 \right)$$

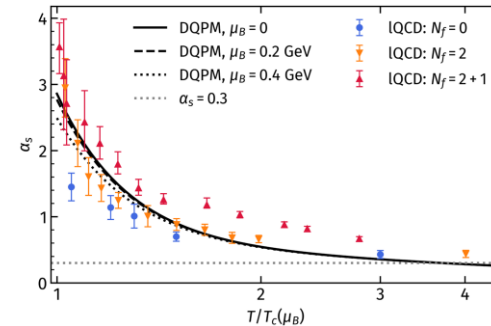


- Strong coupling**  $(g)$  is defined from **IQCD** entropy density at  $\mu_B=0$ , using  $\frac{\partial}{\partial T} \left( \frac{S_{DQPM}}{T^3} \right) = 0$



$$g^2(s/s_{SB}) = d((s/s_{SB})^e - 1)^f$$

$$s_{SB}^{QCD} = 19/9 \pi^2 T^3$$



$$\alpha_s = g^2(T, \mu_B)/(4\pi)$$

→ DQPM allows to explore QCD in the **non-perturbative regime** of the  $(T, \mu_B)$  phase diagram

# Partonic interactions: matrix elements

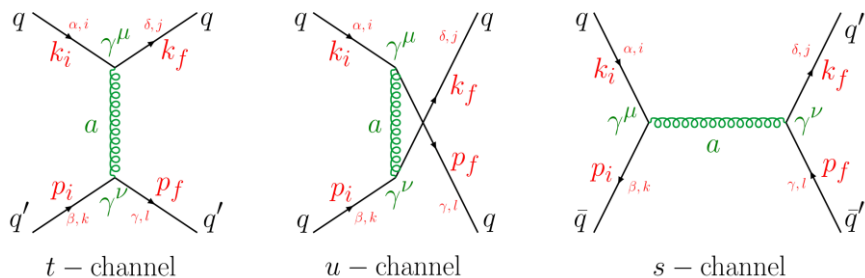
DQPM partonic cross sections → **leading order diagrams**

□ **Propagators** for massive bosons and fermions:

$$\text{boson propagator} = -i\delta_{ab} \frac{g^{\mu\nu} - q^\mu q^\nu / M_g^2}{q^2 - M_g^2 + 2i\gamma_g q_0}$$

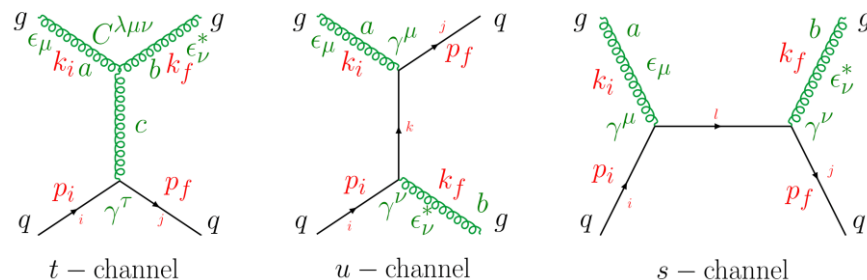
□ **(Quasi-) elastic channels:**

**qq' → qq' scattering**

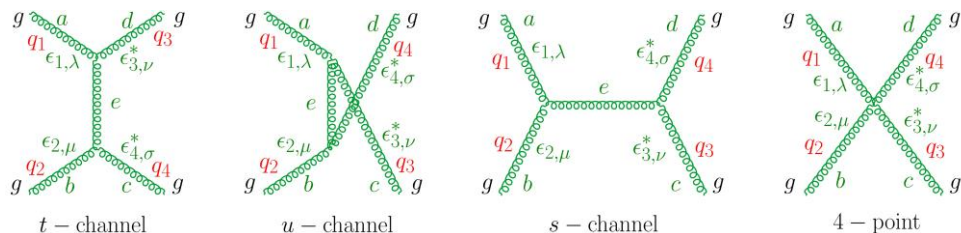


$$\text{fermion propagator} = i\delta_{ij} \frac{\not{q} + M_q}{q^2 - M_q^2 + 2i\gamma_q q_0}$$

**gg → gg scattering**



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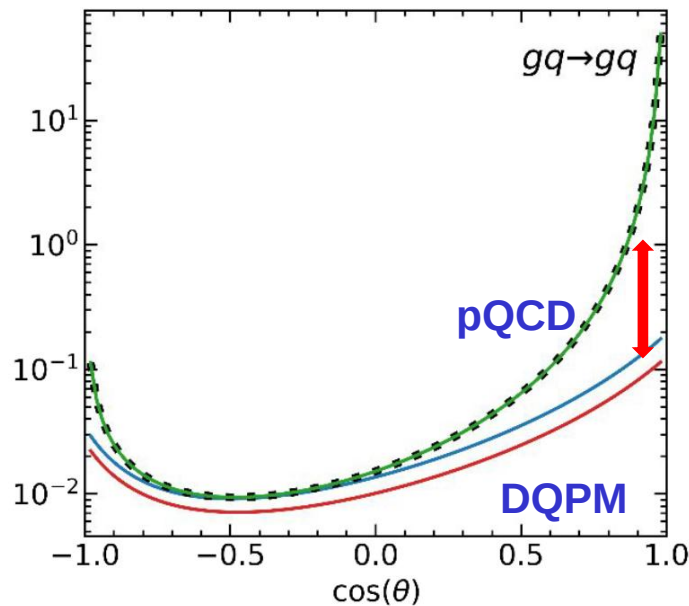
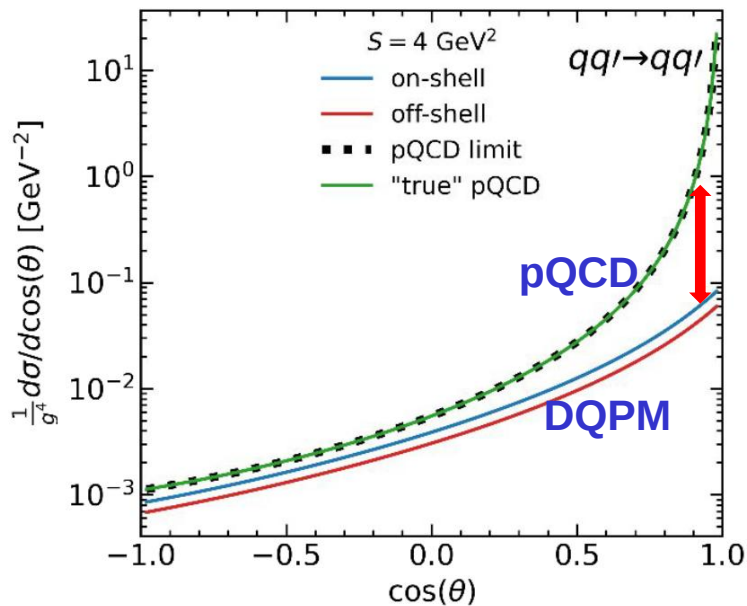
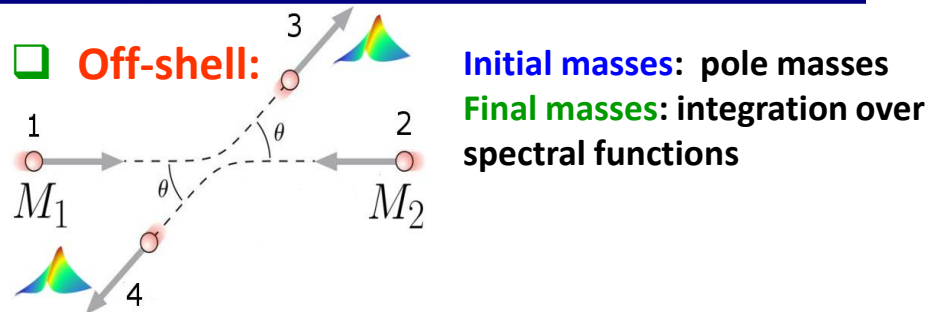
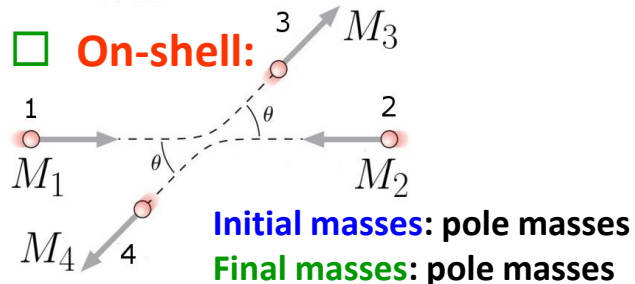
□ **Inelastic channels:**

$$q + \bar{q} \rightarrow g$$

$$g \rightarrow q + \bar{q}$$

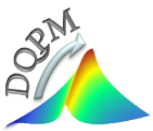


# Differential cross sections

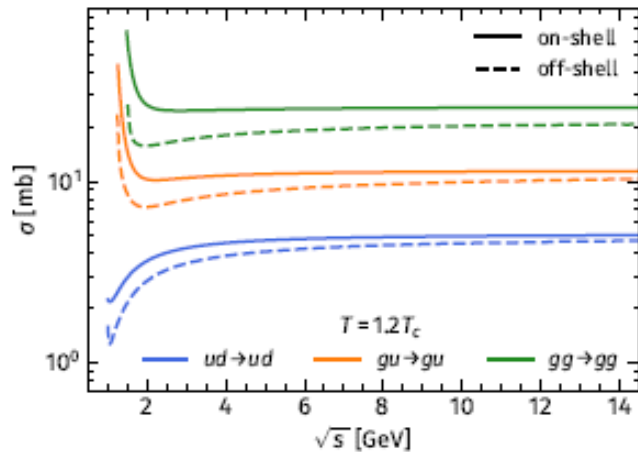


Plot by Ilia Grishmanovskii

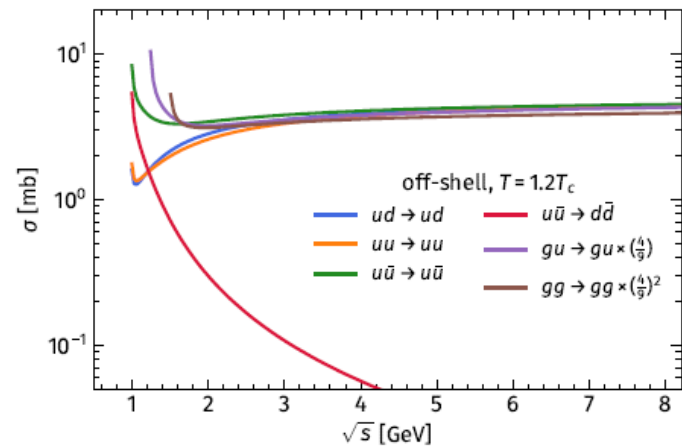
- DQPM:  $M \rightarrow 0, \gamma \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow$  reproduces pQCD limits**
- Differences between DQPM and pQCD : less forward peaked angular distribution leads to more efficient momentum transfer**



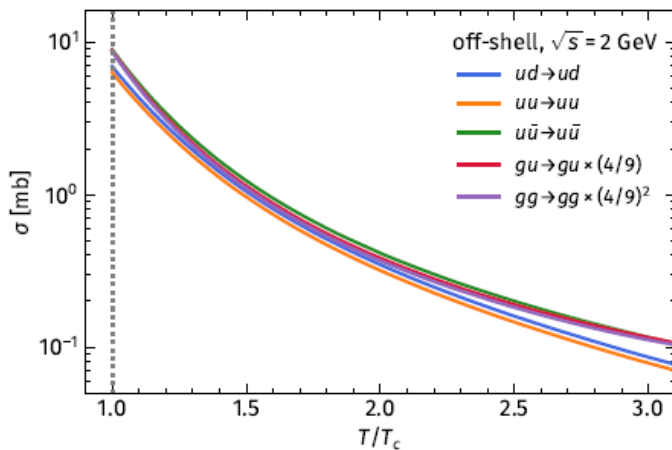
# Total elastic cross sections



□ off-shell effects are stronger at low  $s^{1/2}$

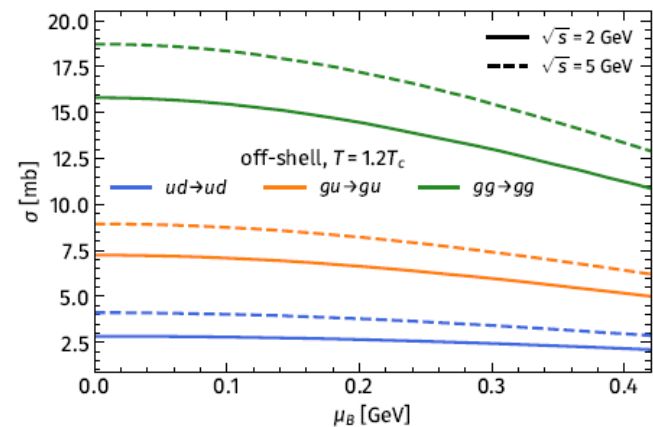


□ strong channel dependence at low  $s^{1/2}$



□ strong  $T$  dependence  
□ ~ scaling with color ratio

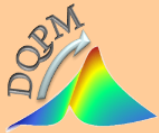
$$|\mathcal{M}_{gg}|^2 \approx \frac{C_g}{C_q} |\mathcal{M}_{gq}|^2 \approx \left(\frac{C_g}{C_q}\right)^2 |\mathcal{M}_{qq}|^2$$



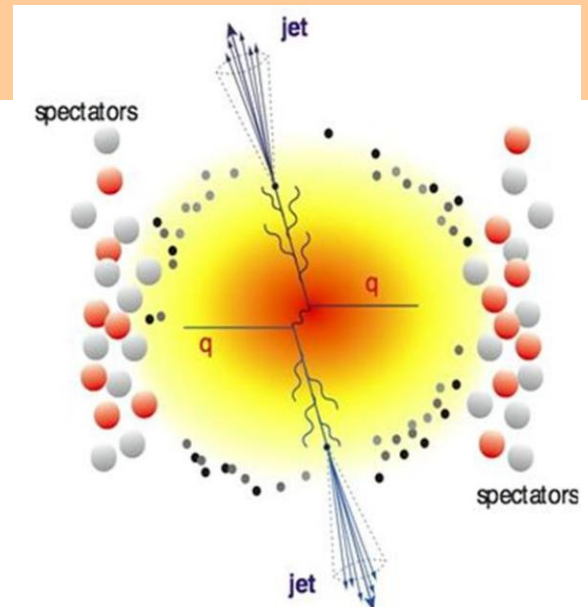
□ weak  $\mu_B$  dependence



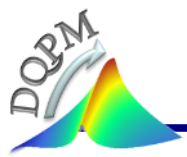
# Probing the properties of the sQGP with **jet partons**



Extension of DQPM ( $T, \mu_q$ )  
**elastic ( $2 \rightarrow 2$ ) + inelastic ( $2 \rightarrow 3$ )**  
**scattering**

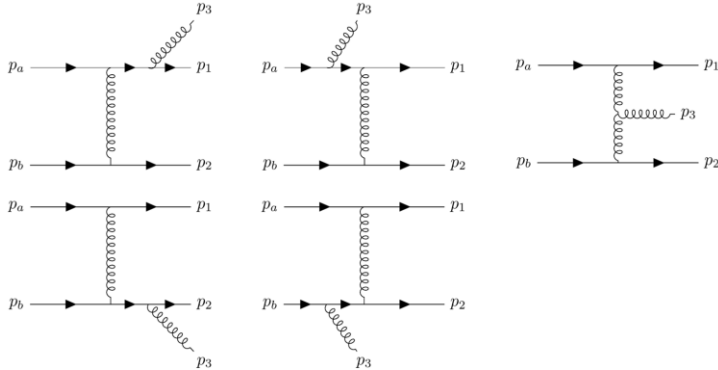




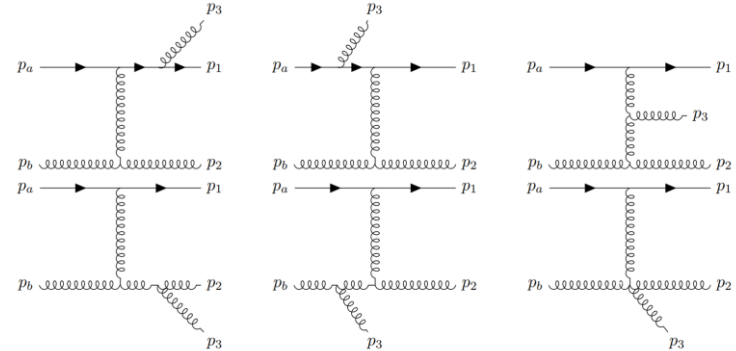


# Partonic inelastic $2 \rightarrow 3$ interactions

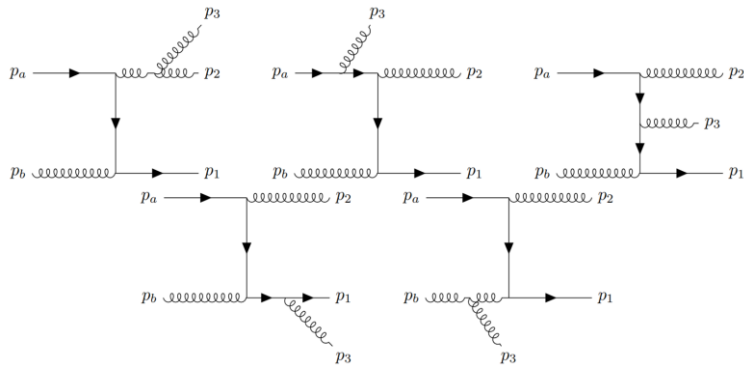
## quark + quark



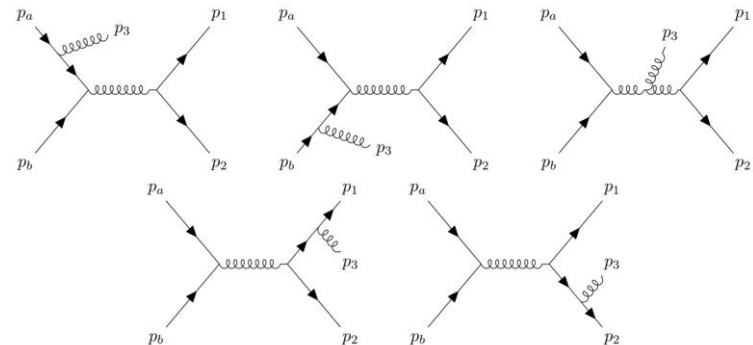
## quark + gluon (t-channel)



## quark + gluon (u-channel)

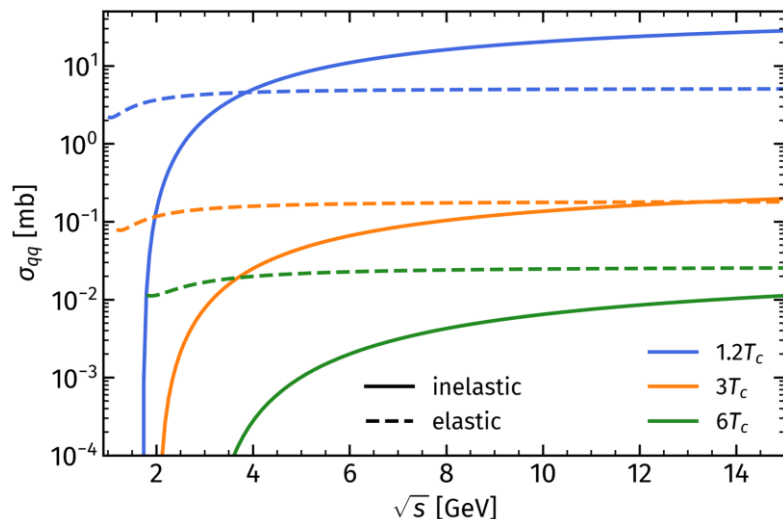


## quark + gluon (s-channel)

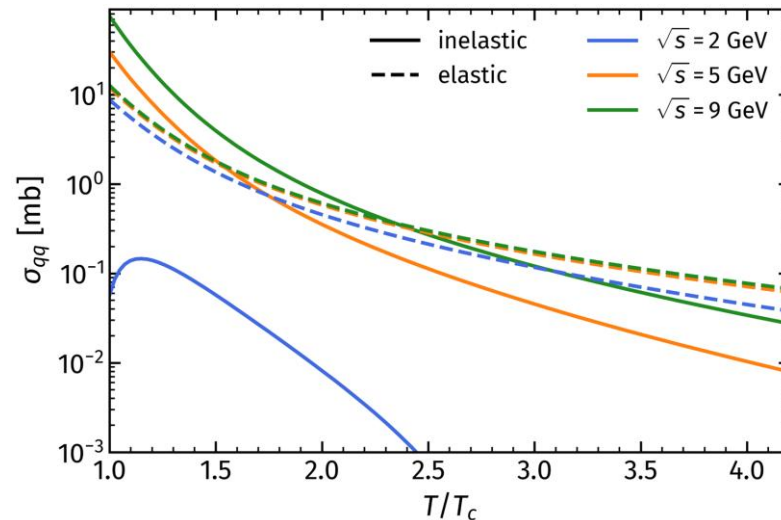


- ❑ **No approximations** applied
- ❑ **All interference terms** included
- ❑ **Emitted gluon is massive in DQPM**

# Partonic cross sections: elastic vs. inelastic



$$|\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{2 \rightarrow 2}|^2 \propto \alpha_s^2$$

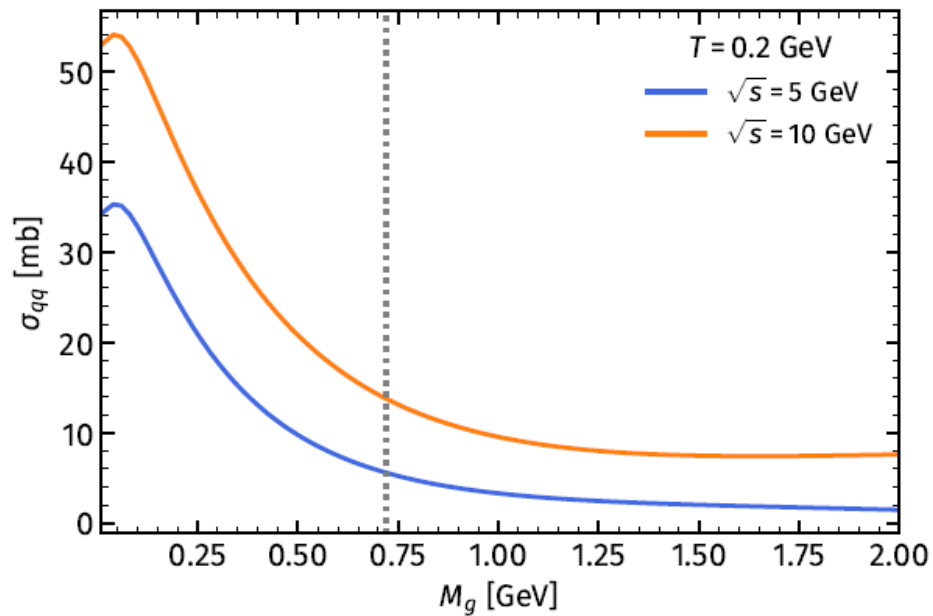


$$|\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{2 \rightarrow 3}|^2 \propto \alpha_s^3$$

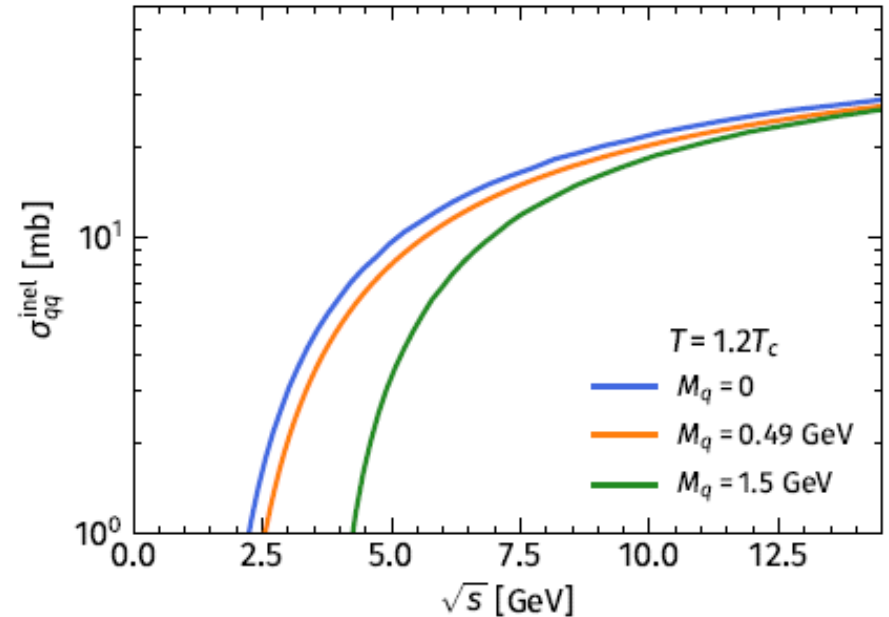
- **Elastic** ( $2 \rightarrow 2$ ) cross sections dominate at **low** energies and **high** temperatures
- **Inelastic** ( $2 \rightarrow 3$ ) cross sections dominate at **high** energies and **low** temperatures
- **Temperature** dependence is stronger for the inelastic reactions and is mainly driven by the DQPM **strong coupling**

\* In calculations - emitted gluon has a thermal pole mass  $m_g^0(T)$

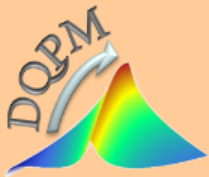
# Inelastic cross sections: emitted gluon $m_g$



- Strong dependence of inelastic total cross section on the mass of emitted gluon  $m_g$

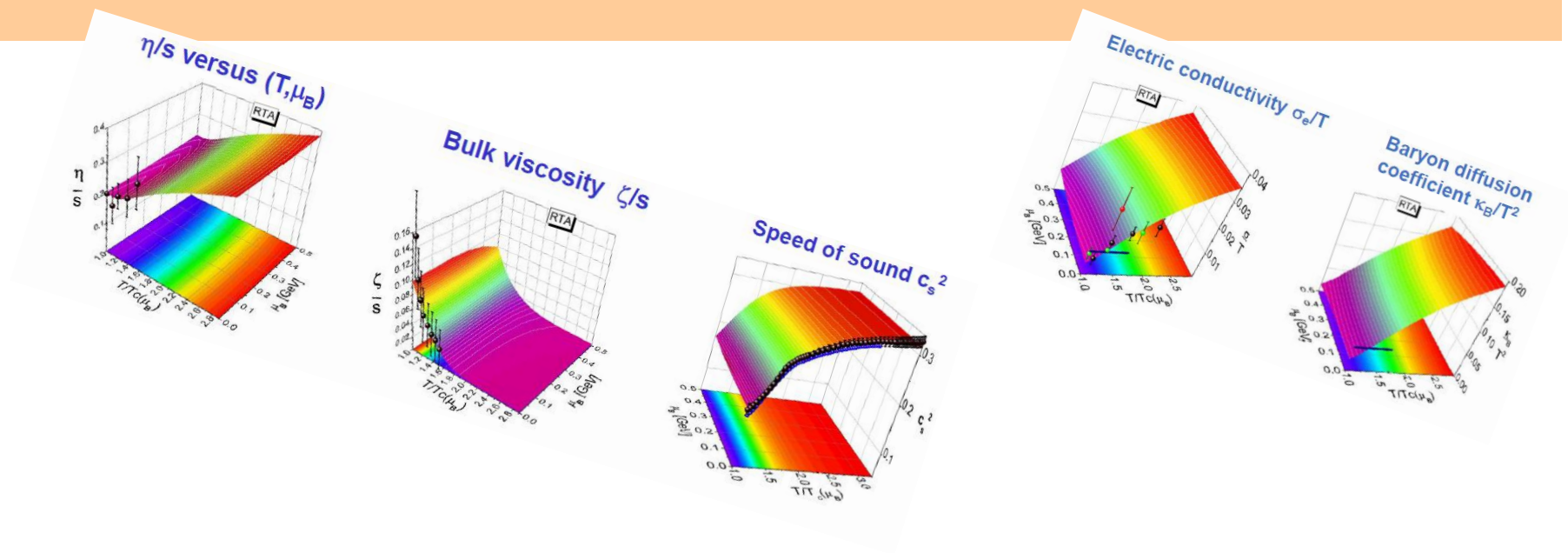


- Shift of the threshold of inelastic  $\sigma_{qq}$  with increasing mass of colliding quarks  $M_q$



**DQPM ( $T, \mu_q$ ) :**

**transport coefficients of sQGP at finite ( $T, \mu_q$ )  
including elastic and inelastic scattering**

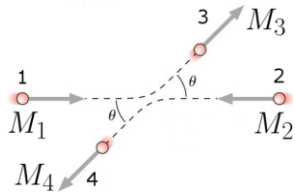


→ cf. talk by Olga Soloveva on Thursday

# Jet transport coefficients

## On-shell:

- integration over momenta
- masses = pole masses

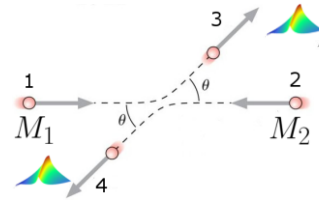


$$E^2 = m^2 + p^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle^{\text{on}} &= \frac{1}{2E_i} \sum_{j=q,\bar{q},g} d_j f_j \int \frac{d^3 p_j}{(2\pi)^3 2E_j} \\ &\times \int \frac{d^3 p_1}{(2\pi)^3 2E_1} \int \frac{d^3 p_2}{(2\pi)^3 2E_2} \\ &\times (1 \pm f_1)(1 \pm f_2) \mathcal{O} |\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2 (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(p_i + p_j - p_1 - p_2) \end{aligned}$$

## Off-shell:

- integration over momenta
- + two additional integrations over medium parton energies



$$\frac{1}{2E} \rightarrow \int \frac{d\omega}{(2\pi)} \rho(\omega, \mathbf{p}) \theta(\omega)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle^{\text{off}} &= \frac{1}{2E_i} \sum_{j=q,\bar{q},g} d_j f_j \int \frac{d^4 p_j}{(2\pi)^4} \rho(\omega_j, \mathbf{p}_j) \theta(\omega_j) \\ &\times \int \frac{d^3 p_1}{(2\pi)^3 2E_1} \int \frac{d^4 p_2}{(2\pi)^4} \rho(\omega_2, \mathbf{p}_2) \theta(\omega_2) \\ &\times (1 \pm f_1)(1 \pm f_2) \mathcal{O} |\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2 (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(p_i + p_j - p_1 - p_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_u = \sum_q \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{uq} + \sum_{\bar{q}} \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{u\bar{q}} + \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{ug} = \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{uu \rightarrow uu} + \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{ud \rightarrow ud} + \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{us \rightarrow us} + \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{u\bar{u} \rightarrow u\bar{u}} + \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{u\bar{d} \rightarrow u\bar{d}} + \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{u\bar{s} \rightarrow u\bar{s}} + \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{ug \rightarrow ug}$$

□ Scattering rate  $\Gamma$  :

$$\mathcal{O} = 1$$

□ Transverse momentum transfer squared per unit length  $\hat{q}$  :

$$\mathcal{O} = |\vec{p}_T - \vec{p}_T'|^2 \rightarrow \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \hat{q}$$

□ Energy loss per unit length  $dE/dx$  :

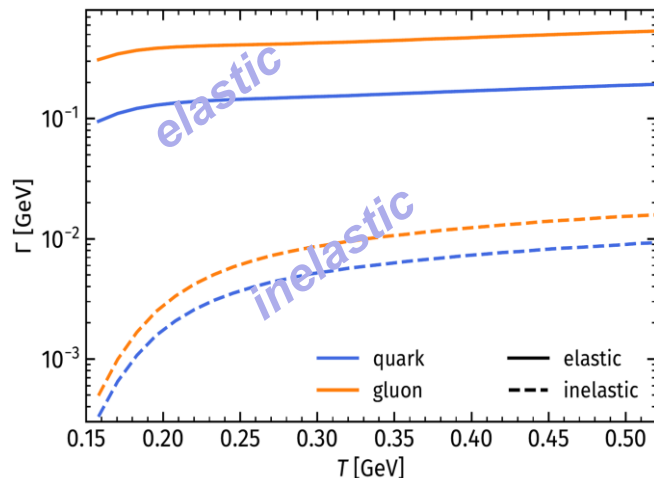
$$\mathcal{O} = (E - E') \rightarrow \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = dE/dx$$

□ Drag coefficient  $A$  :

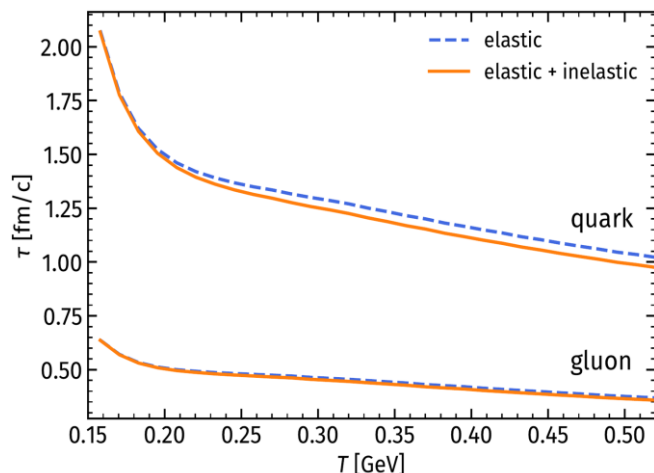
$$\mathcal{O} = p_L - p_L'$$

# Partonic interaction rates in equilibrated sQGP

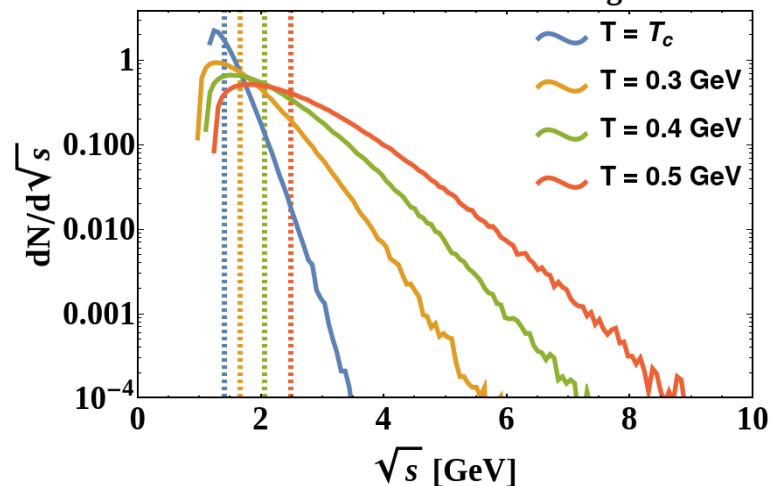
## Interaction rate



## Relaxation time ( $\tau \sim 1/\Gamma$ )

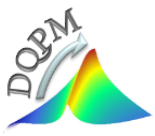


## on-shell u – u scattering

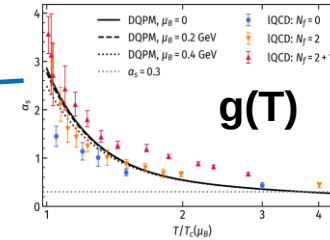
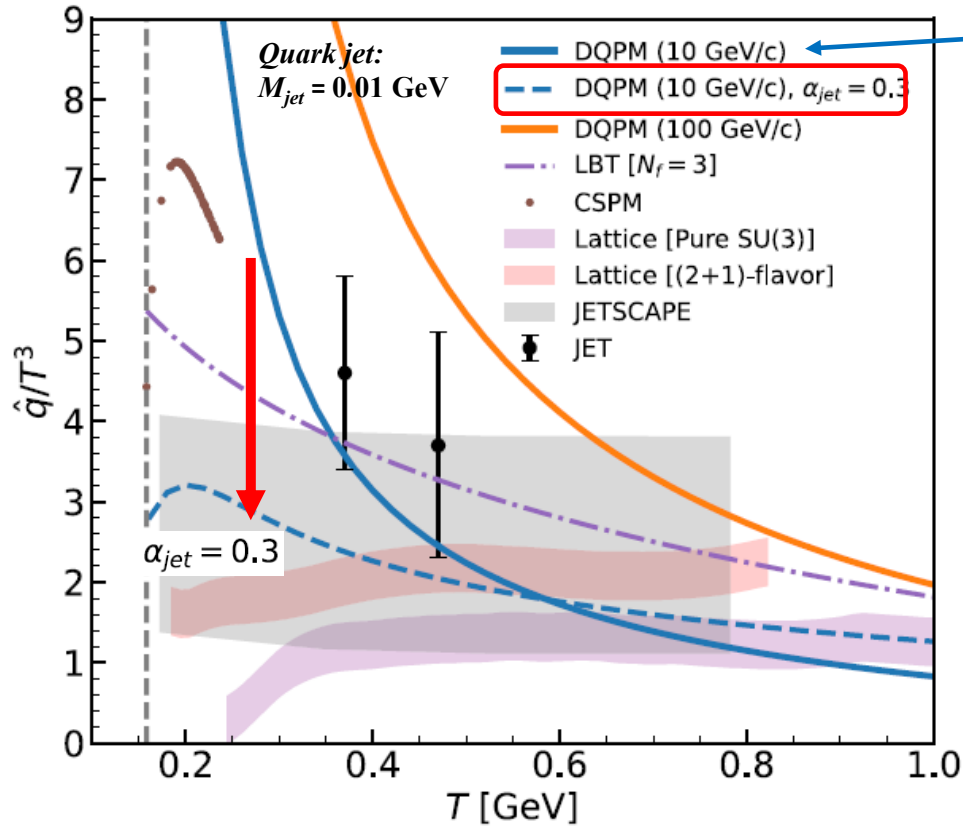


In thermalized QGP **low** energies are **favoured** where the elastic scatterings dominate

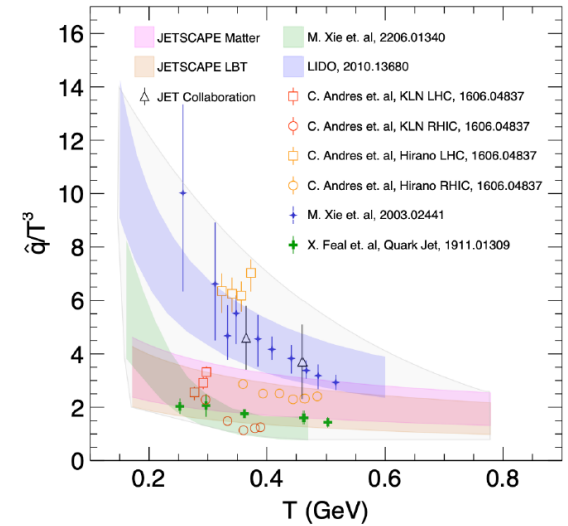
- The partonic **interaction rate** and **relaxation time** are primarily governed by **elastic** scattering
- **Inelastic processes** – with massive gluon emission – are **suppressed** in the **thermalized** QCD medium



# $\hat{q}$ from elastic scattering



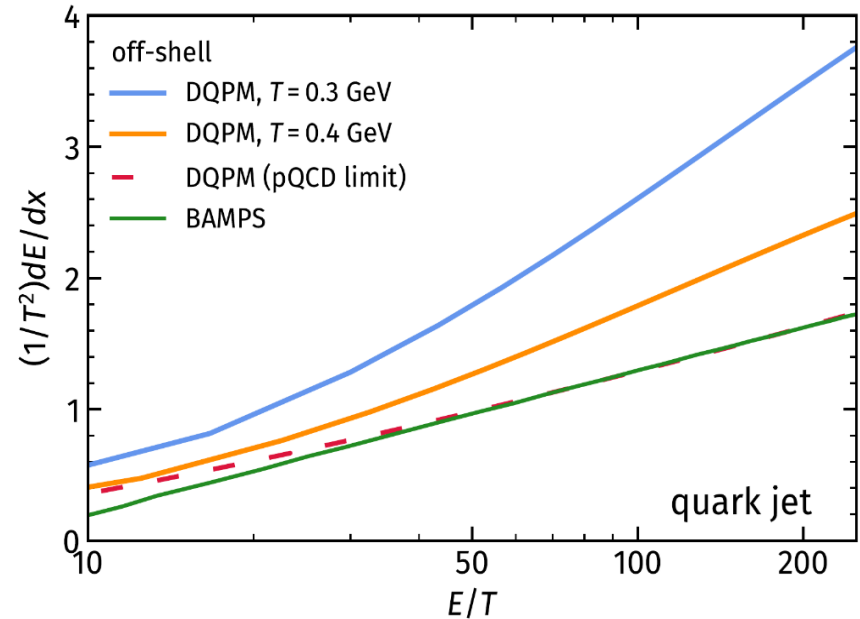
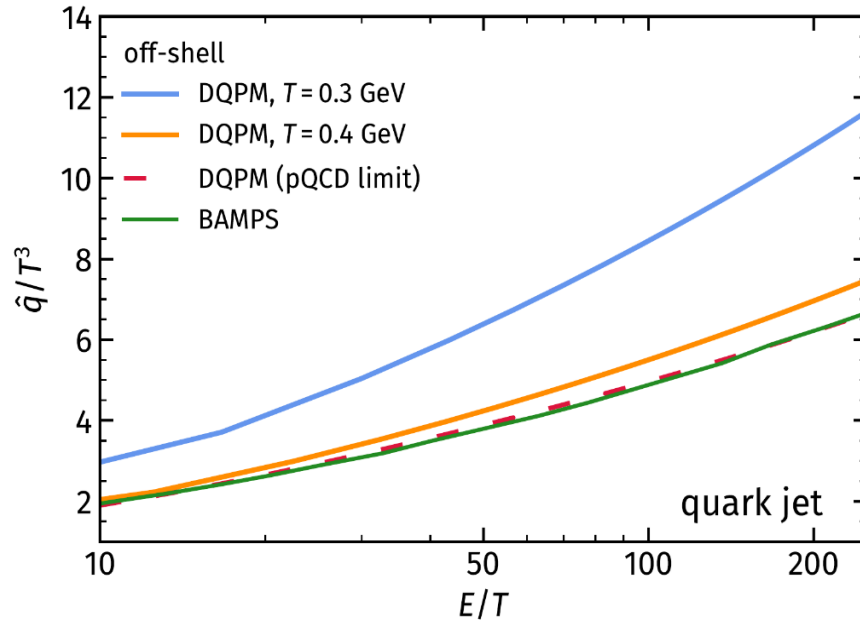
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- **Agreement** with the other models at **low jet energy**
- Rapid **rise** with **decreasing** medium **temperature** due to strong increase of  $g(T)$

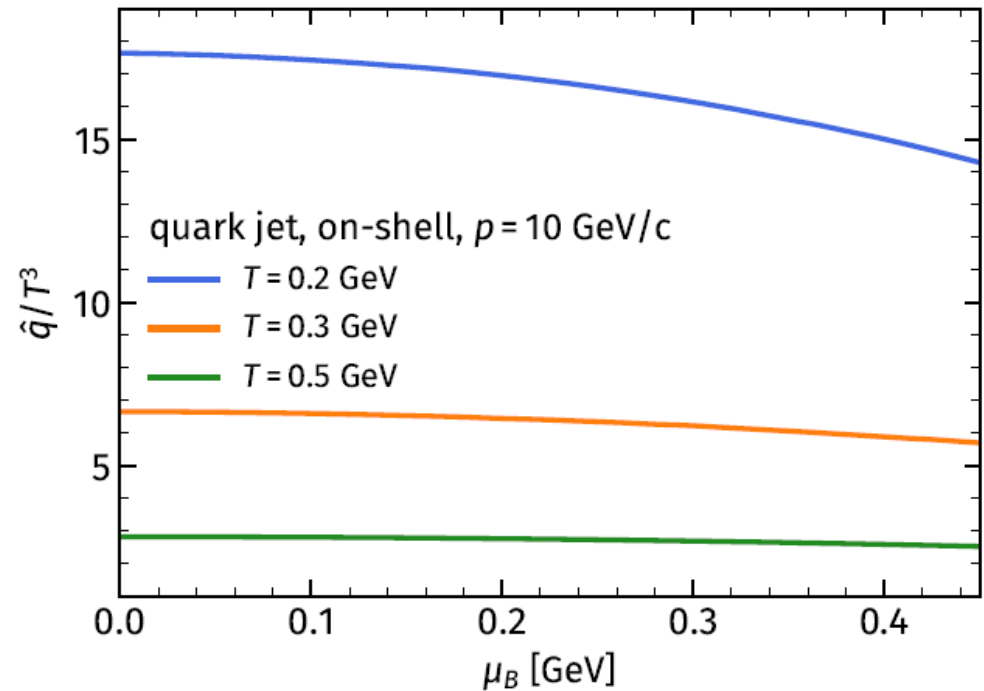
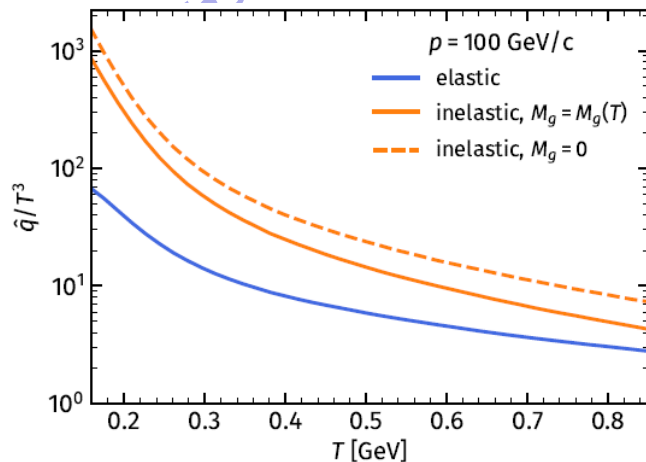
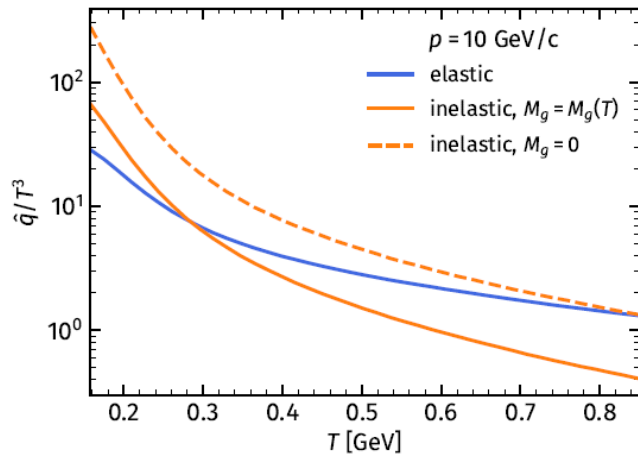


# $\hat{q}$ and $dE/dx$ from elastic scattering vs jet energy



- **Logarithmic growth** of  $\hat{q}$  and energy loss  $dE/dx$  with **jet energy  $E$**
- DQPM predicts **stronger suppression than pQCD**
- **Aligning** with **pQCD-based** calculations in the **pQCD-limit** ( $m_{q,g}=0$ ,  $\gamma_{q,g}=0$ )

# $\hat{q}$ from elastic ( $2 \rightarrow 2$ ) vs. inelastic ( $2 \rightarrow 3$ ) scattering



→ **Weak** dependence of  $\hat{q}$  on  $\mu_B$

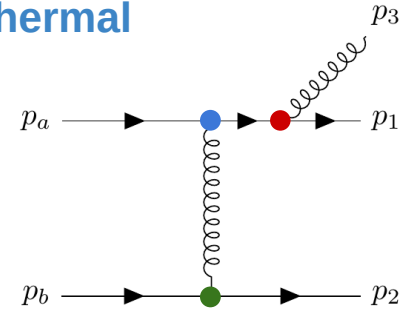
- Temperature and momentum dependence is stronger for **inelastic** reactions
- **Stronger energy loss** at large jet energies and small temperatures
- Emission rate decreases with increasing **gluon mass**

# Different scenarios for strong couplings

- Jet is **not a part** of the QGP medium  $\rightarrow$  strong coupling is **not thermal**

$\rightarrow$  consider **different strong couplings**

in *thermal* (●), *jet* (●), and *radiative* (●) vertices

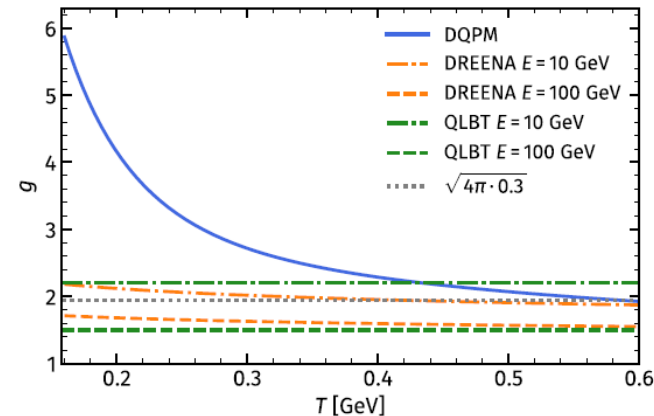


|                | Vertex                       |                      |                 |
|----------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Model          | ● medium parton              | ● jet parton         | ● emitted gluon |
| Scenario 0     | $g^{\text{DQPM}}(T)$         |                      |                 |
| Scenario I     | $g = \sqrt{4\pi \times 0.3}$ |                      |                 |
| Zakharov model | Scenario II                  | $g^{\text{DQPM}}(T)$ | $g(Q^2)$        |
|                | Scenario III                 | $g^{\text{DQPM}}(T)$ | $g(E)$          |
| QLBT model     | Scenario IV                  | $g^{\text{DQPM}}(T)$ | $g(ET)$         |
|                | Scenario V                   | $g^{\text{DQPM}}(T)$ | $g(Q^2)$        |

$\rightarrow$  “default” DQPM (thermal coupling)

$\rightarrow$  constant strong coupling

$$g^2(t) = \frac{48\pi^2}{(11N_c - 2N_f)} \frac{1}{\ln\left(\frac{t}{\Lambda^2}\right)}$$

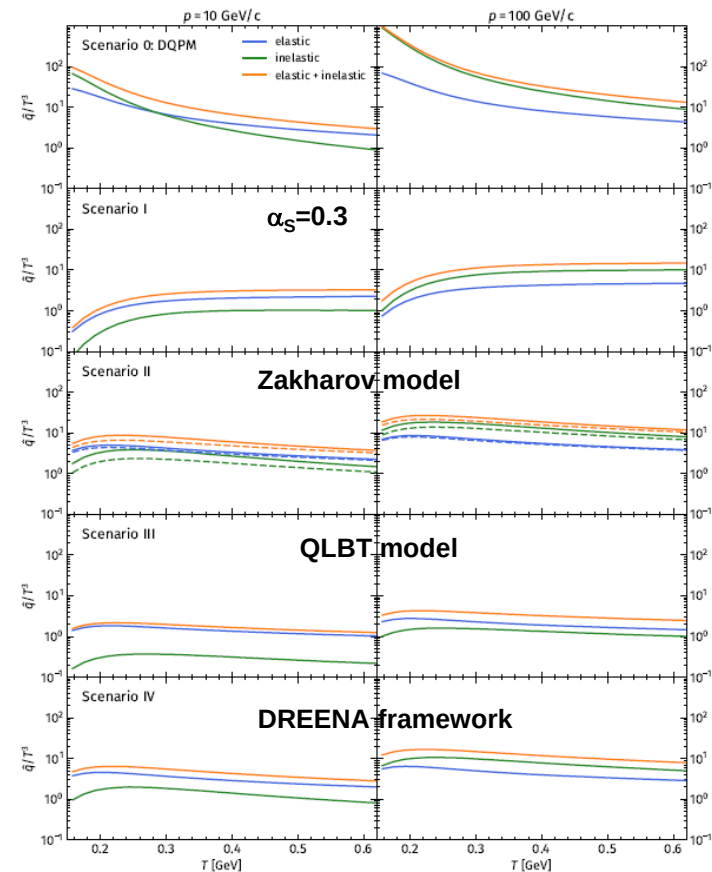
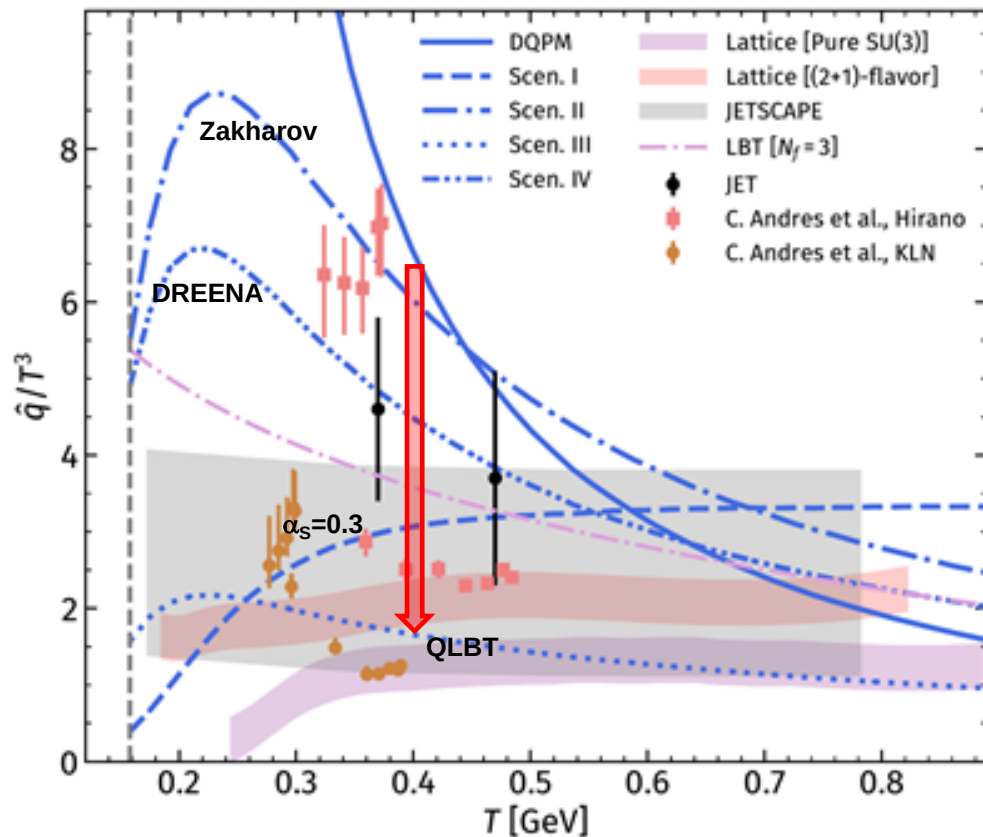


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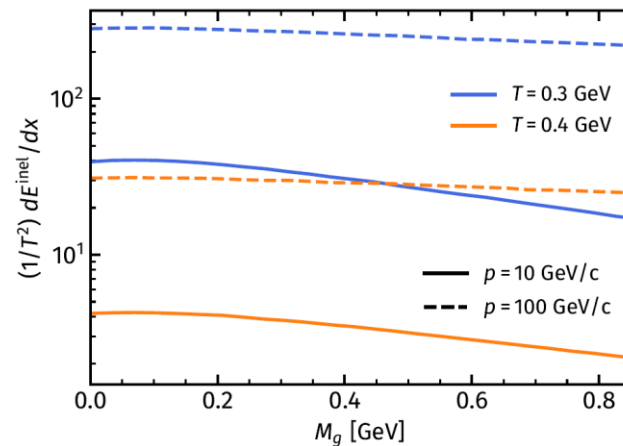
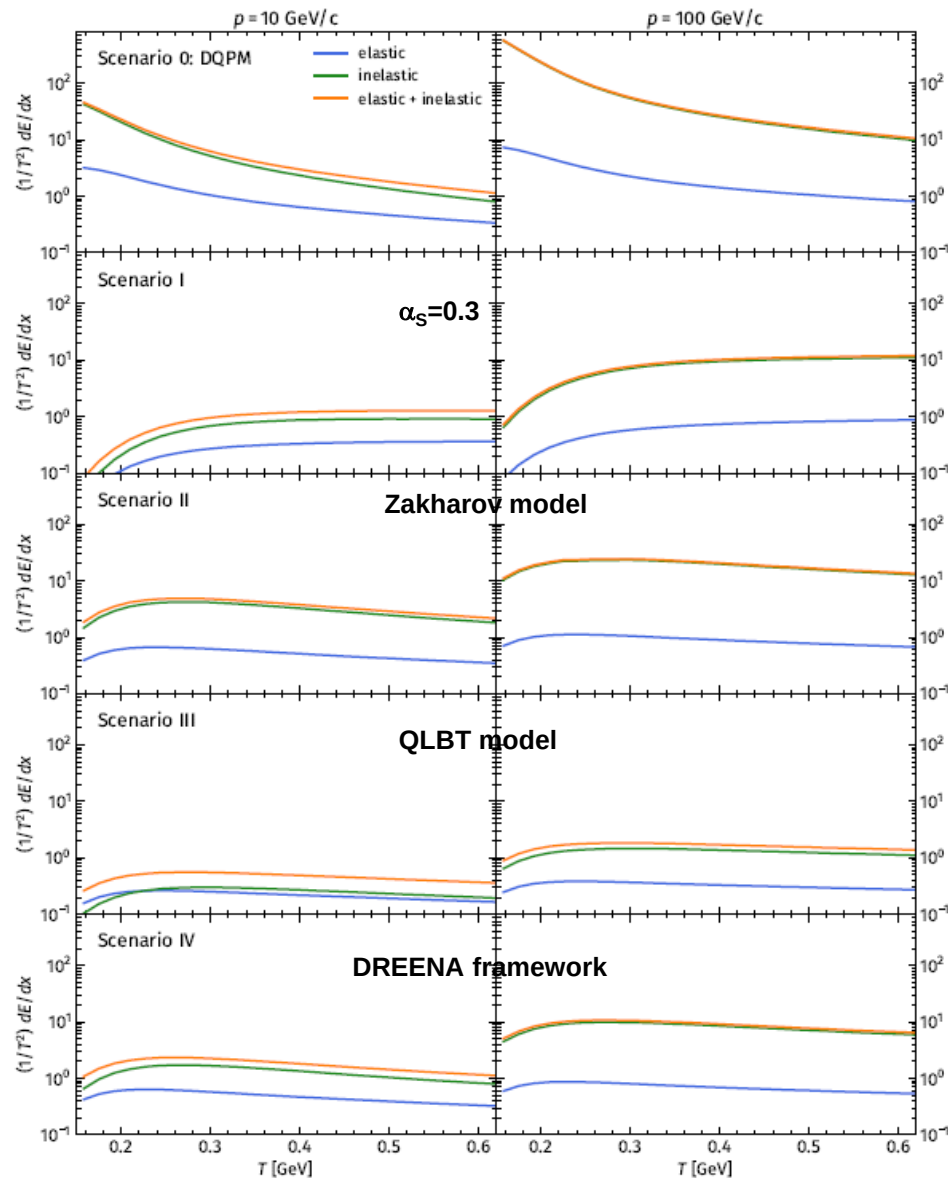
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# $\hat{q}$ from elastic + inelastic scattering

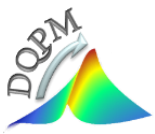


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- The **“default” DQPM** with the thermal couplings produces the **highest values** of the transport coefficients

# $dE/dx$ from elastic + inelastic scattering



- **High sensitivity** to the **choice** of the **strong coupling** (“scenario”)
- The **“default” DQPM** with the thermal couplings produces the **highest energy loss**
- **Energy loss** is decreasing with increasing  **$m_g$**

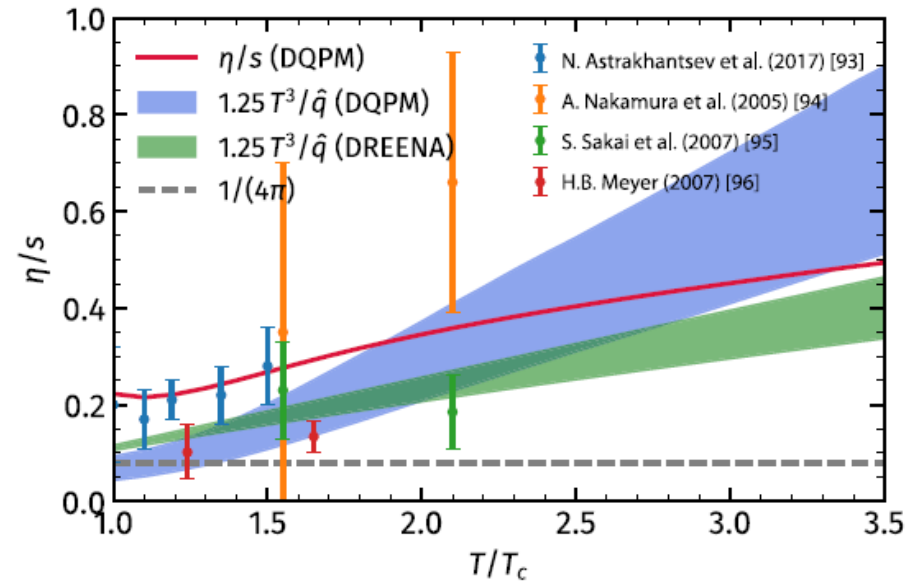
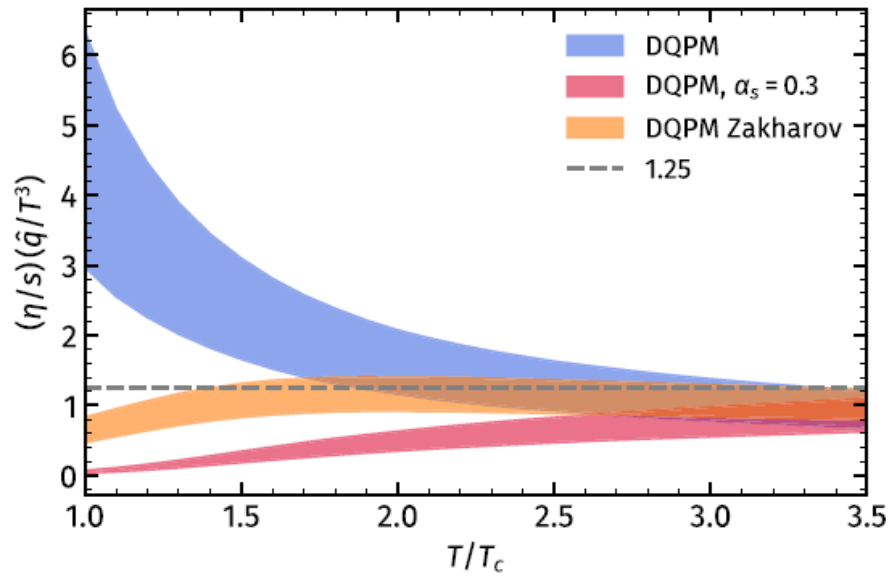


# Relation between $\eta/s$ and $\hat{q}$

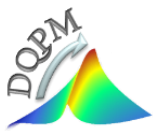
In the **weak coupling limit**:

B. Müller, PRD 104, L071501 (2021)

$$\eta/s \approx 1.25 \frac{T^3}{\hat{q}}$$



- **Sensitive** to the choice of the **strong coupling**
- **Valid** in the **weak coupling regime** (at high temperatures)
- **Violated** in the **strong coupling regime** (at low temperatures)



# Summary

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- ❑ DQPM provides a **self-consistent approach** to study **partonic interactions** and **transport properties** of the sQGP
- ❑ **Inelastic** interactions are **suppressed** in a thermalized QGP medium, but are **crucial** in the context of **jet attenuation**
- ❑ **Jet energy loss** of hard jet partons is **larger** within the DQPM compared to the pQCD-based calculations
- ❑ **Jet transport coefficients** are highly **sensitive** to the choice of the **strong coupling**

## Outlook:

- Study the full jet evolution within microscopic transport approach **PHSD\***
- Implement the LPM effect

→ cf. talk by Olga Soloveva on Thursday







**Thank you for your  
attention!**

**Thanks to Organisers!**