

Heavy-meson scattering off hadrons in hot and dense matter: benefits from unitarity, chiral and heavy-quark symmetries



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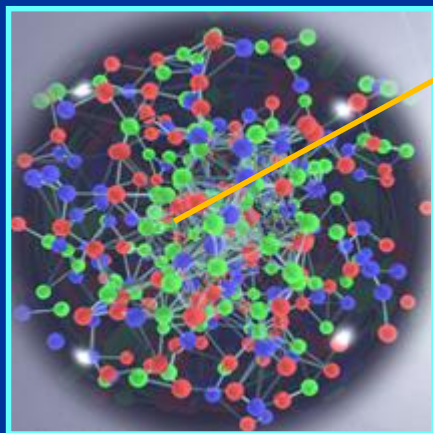
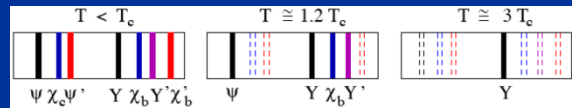
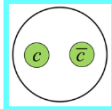
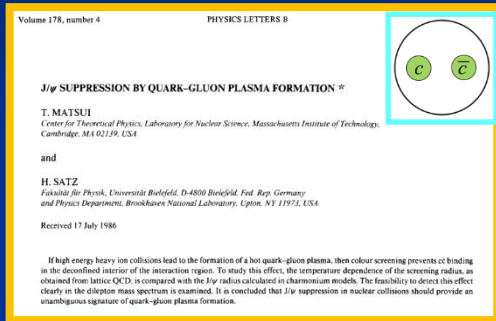


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Introduction and motivation

Why charm in dense matter

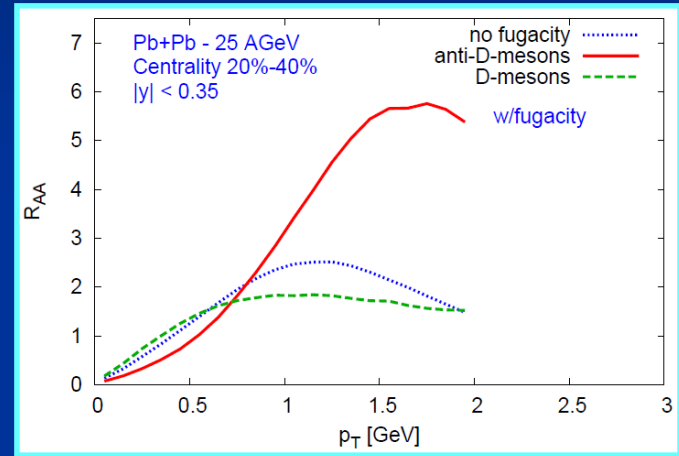
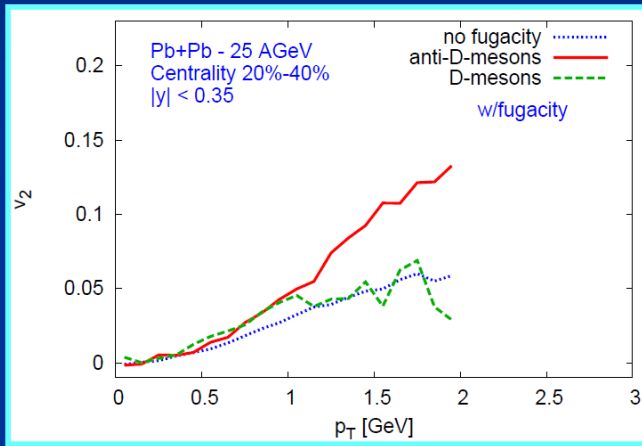


D, B

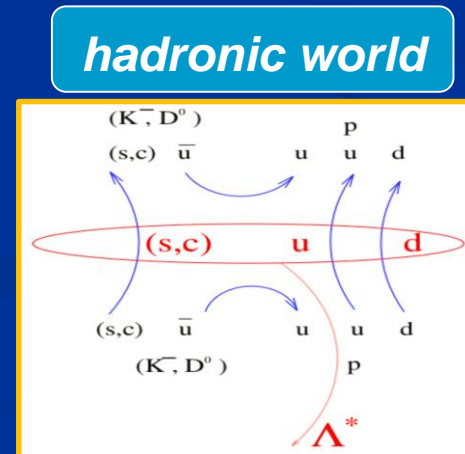
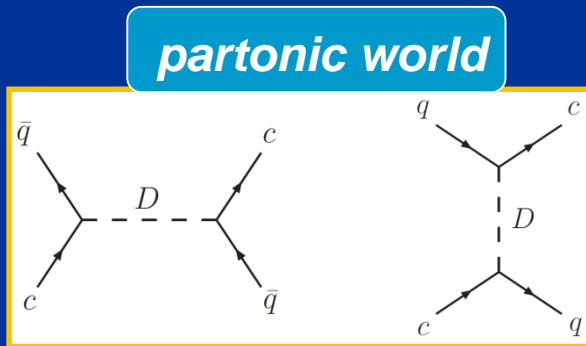
- Initial motivation: J/ψ suppression in HICs
- Dynamics in hadronic phase relevant!
- Sector not constrained by Ch.Symmetry
- Heavy flavor relaxation in hadronic phase

Introduction and motivation

- Recent results from transport theory at FAIR: (UrQMD Hybrid) *Lang, van Hees, Steinheimer, Bleicher, arXiv:1305.1797*



- Interaction: *Heavy-light resonant interaction* + “quark-hadron” duality



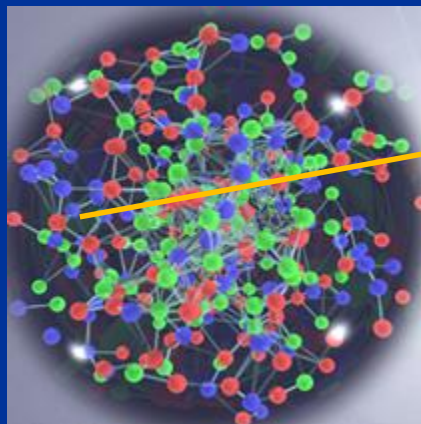
Introduction and motivation

Heavy mesons through hadronic matter

- Produced in *early stages*: witness full evolution
- In the *hadronic phase*: cannot be thermally excited
- *Interactions with medium* can distort their properties

$$D = (c \bar{q})$$

$$B = (q \bar{b})$$



D, B

HEAVY MESON transport
phenomena (diffusion)

Introduction and motivation

QUESTION: *how much “memory of the initial state” do heavy quarks lose in their way through the hadronic phase of a heavy-ion collision?*



- **Or, in other words:**
 - How much do they “relax”, do they become “thermal”?
 - What is their relaxation length / time?
 - How quickly does their momentum distribution evolve towards that of a gas in thermal equilibrium?

Introduction and motivation

Two key points:



Realistic model for heavy-quark interactions with the hadronic gas constituents



Suitable transport theory approach for heavy-quark diffusion

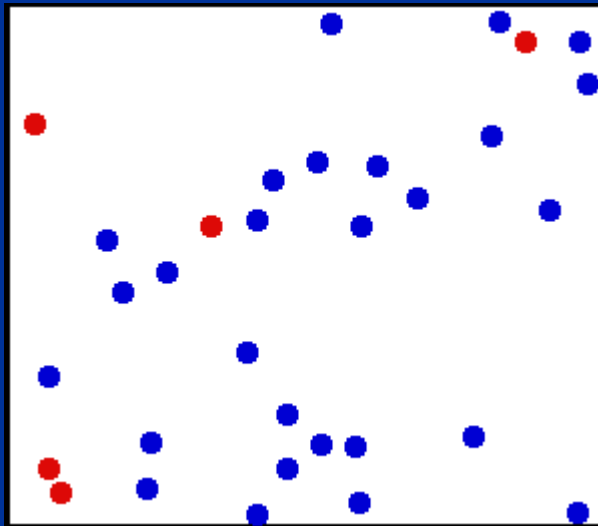
Outline

- *D and B meson interactions in matter*
- *D and B meson relaxation in hadronic gas*
- *Summary*

Modelling heavy-meson interactions in the hadron gas

Set-up of the approach

- Hadronic phase of **HIC** \approx *light hadron gas* [mostly π 's, also K 's, η 's]
- Effective d.o.f.: **HEAVY-FLAVORED MESONS \rightarrow D, B**
- Heavy – light meson interactions \rightarrow *eff. theories of QCD, models*
- Propagate off-equilibrium \rightarrow **Transport approach**



Legend:

- light mesons (**pions**)
- Heavy mesons (**D, B**)

$$D = (c \bar{q})$$

$$M_c = 1.27 \text{ GeV} \leftrightarrow M_D = 1.87 \text{ GeV}$$

$$B = (q \bar{b})$$

$$M_b = 4.67 \text{ GeV} \leftrightarrow M_B = 5.28 \text{ GeV}$$

Modelling heavy-meson interactions in the hadron gas

Two distinct scenarios...

- $\mu_B \simeq 0$ RHIC, LHC conditions

Hadronic phase of HIC \approx *light meson gas* [mostly π 's, also K 's, η 's]

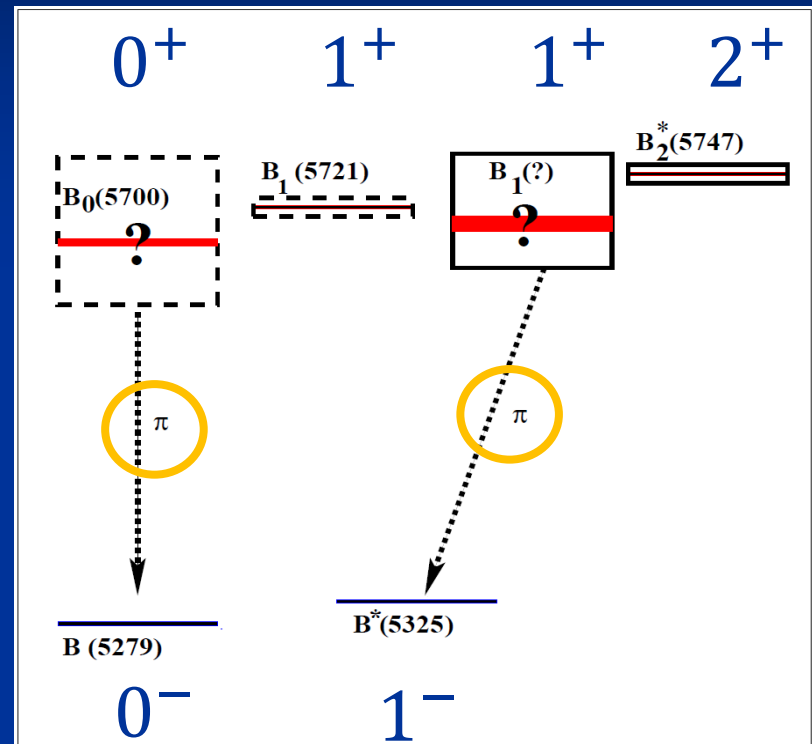
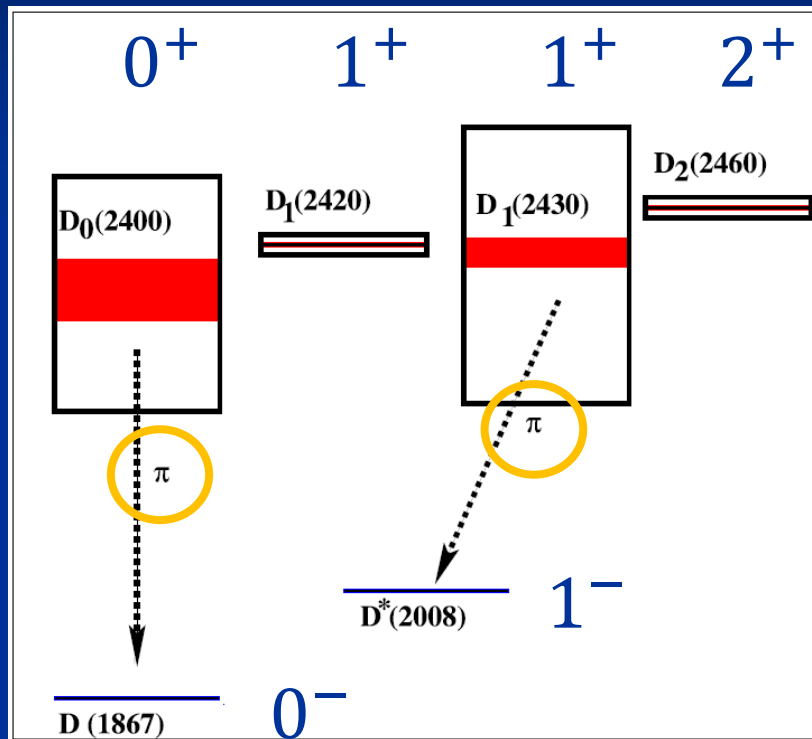
- $\mu_B \neq 0$ FAIR conditions, production reactions in nuclei

Hadronic phase of HIC \approx *hot nuclear matter* [π 's... **AND** N , Δ , N^* ...]

Effect of **baryons**:
See Laura Tolos' talk

Modelling heavy-meson interactions in a hadron gas

D- and B-meson spectra



- D , D^* and B , B^* mesons as fundamental (*stable*) degrees of freedom
- HQ limit: 4 degenerate heavy-quark modes
- S-wave pion decays \longrightarrow πD and πB interaction *is RESONANT!!*

Modelling heavy-meson interactions in a hadron gas

Effective Lagrangian for $D(B)\pi$ and $D^*(B^*)\pi$ interactions

Lutz, Soyeur, NPA813 (2008) 14; Guo, Hanhart, Meissner, EPJA 40 (2009) 171; Geng, Kaiser, Martin-Camalich, Weise, PRD82 (2010) 054022

Chiral symmetry (NLO) + Heavy-quark symmetry (LO)

LO

$$\mathcal{L}^{(1)} = \underbrace{\text{Tr}[\nabla^\mu D \nabla_\mu D^\dagger]} - M_D^2 \text{Tr}[DD^\dagger] - \underbrace{\text{Tr}[\nabla^\mu D^{*\nu} \nabla_\mu D_\nu^{*\dagger}]} + M_{D^*}^2 \text{Tr}[D^{*\mu} D_\mu^{*\dagger}]$$

$$+ ig \text{Tr} \left[\left(D^{*\mu} u_\mu D^\dagger - D u^\mu D_\mu^{*\dagger} \right) \right] + \frac{g}{2M_D} \text{Tr} \left[\left(D_\mu^* u_\alpha \nabla_\beta D_\nu^{*\dagger} - \nabla_\beta D_\mu^* u_\alpha D_\nu^{*\dagger} \right) \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \right]$$

NLO

$$\mathcal{L}^{(2)} = -\underbrace{(h_0)} \text{Tr}[DD^\dagger] \text{Tr}[\chi_+] + \underbrace{(h_1)} \text{Tr}[D\chi_+ D^\dagger] + \underbrace{(h_2)} \text{Tr}[DD^\dagger] \text{Tr}[u^\mu u_\mu] + \underbrace{(h_3)} \text{Tr}[Du^\mu u_\mu D^\dagger]$$

$$+ \underbrace{(h_4)} \text{Tr}[\nabla_\mu D \nabla_\nu D^\dagger] \text{Tr}[u^\mu u^\nu] + \underbrace{(h_5)} \text{Tr}[\nabla_\mu D \{u^\mu, u^\nu\} \nabla_\nu D^\dagger] + \{D \rightarrow D^\mu\}$$

$$D^{(*)} = (D^{(*)0}, D^{(*)+}, D_S^{(*)+})$$

$$u_\mu = i(u^\dagger \partial_\mu u - u \partial_\mu u^\dagger)$$

$$\nabla_\mu = \partial_\mu - \frac{1}{2}(u^\dagger \partial_\mu u - u \partial_\mu u^\dagger)$$

$$U = \exp\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}i\Phi}{F}\right)$$

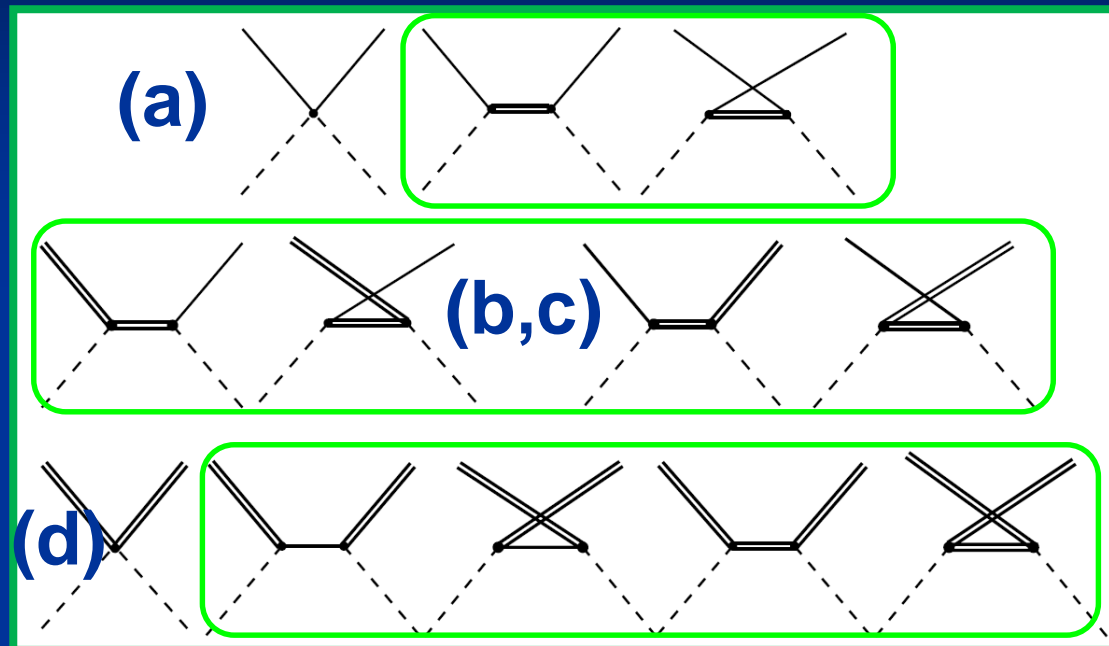
$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\pi^0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\eta & \pi^+ & K^+ \\ \pi^- & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\pi^0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\eta & K^0 \\ K^- & \bar{K}^0 & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\eta \end{pmatrix}$$

Modelling heavy-meson interactions in a hadron gas

Effective Lagrangian for $D(B)\pi$ and $D^*(B^*)\pi$ interactions

- (a) : $D\phi \rightarrow D\phi$
- (b) : $D^*\phi \rightarrow D\phi$
- (c) : $D\phi \rightarrow D^*\phi$
- (d) : $D^*\phi \rightarrow D^*\phi$

($\phi = \pi, K, \eta, \dots$)



• Constraints from HQ symmetry:

- Spin-flip and Born exchange terms subleading in HQ
- LECs: $h_i = \tilde{h}_i, i = 0, \dots, 5$
- Large N_c : only h_1, h_3, h_5

Modelling heavy-meson interactions in a hadron gas

Effective Lagrangian for $D(B)\pi$ and $D^*(B^*)\pi$ interactions

- Amplitude for scattering off a heavy quark in a light meson gas
(NLO in chiral expansion and LO in HQ expansion)

$$V \simeq \frac{C_0}{2F^2} (s - u) + \frac{2C_1}{F^2} h_1 + \frac{2C_2}{F^2} h_3 (p_2 \cdot p_4) + \frac{2C_3}{F^2} h_5 [(p_1 \cdot p_2)(p_3 \cdot p_4) + (p_1 \cdot p_4)(p_2 \cdot p_3)]$$

- C_i : isospin-channel coefficients
- h_j : low-energy constants

**Coupled-channel
dynamics**

C_i	$D\pi(\frac{1}{2})$	$D\pi(\frac{3}{2})$	$D\bar{K}(0)$	$D\bar{K}(1)$	$DK(0)$	$DK(1)$	$D\eta(\frac{1}{2})$	$D\pi \leftrightarrow D\eta(\frac{1}{2})$
C_0	-2	1	-1	1	-2	0	0	0
C_1	$-m_\pi^2$	$-m_\pi^2$	m_K^2	$-m_K^2$	$-2m_K^2$	0	$-m_\pi^2/3$	$-m_\pi^2$
C_2	1	1	-1	1	2	0	1/3	1
C_3	1	1	-1	1	2	0	1/3	1

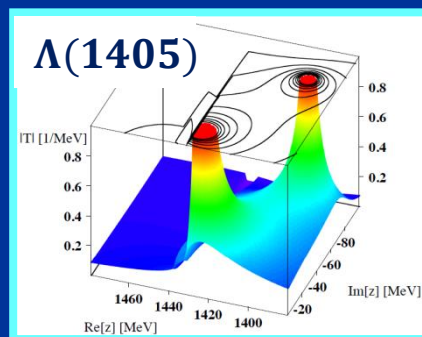
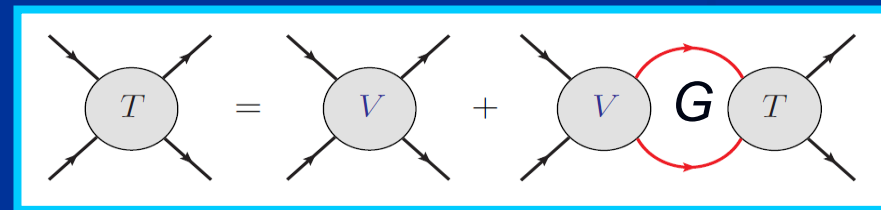
Modelling heavy-meson interactions in a hadron gas

Role of unitarization of NLO scattering amplitudes

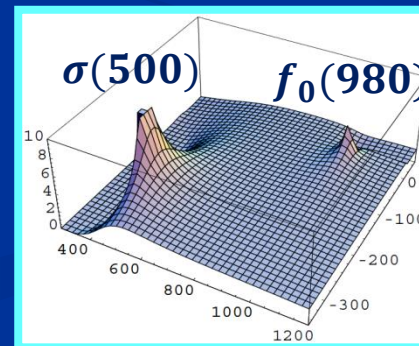
- ChPT amplitudes valid at low energies
- **Resonances:** more efficient diffusion in hot meson gas
- Reach high temperatures (up to ≈ 150 MeV)
- Unitarization is required !

Relativistic Bethe-Salpeter equation in partial waves (S-wave)

$$T = V + \overline{VGT}$$



Hyodo, Jido, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys 67 (2012) 55



Ollet, Oset, Pelaez, Phys.Rev. D59 (1999) 074001; Phys. Rev. Lett. 80 (1998) 3452

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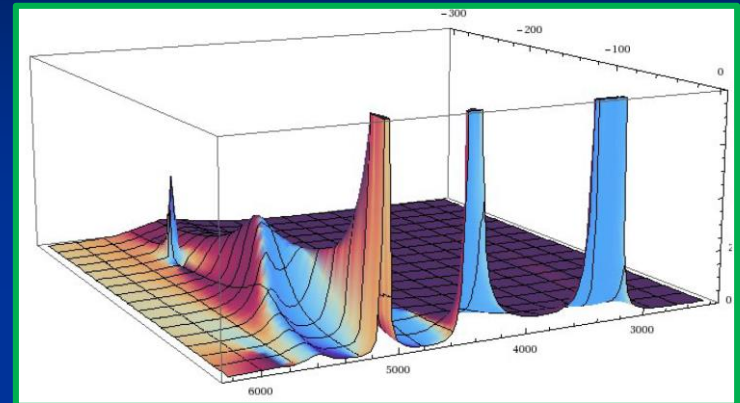
Pole analysis in unphysical sheets

$$T_{ij} \approx \frac{g_i g_j}{z - z_R} \quad z_R = M_R - i \Gamma_R/2$$

- Resonance parameters:

$$(S, I) = (0, 1/2)$$

State	$J = 0$		$J = 1$	
	M_0 (MeV)	Γ_0 (MeV)	M_1 (MeV)	Γ_1 (MeV)
$D_{0,1}$	2300	250	2400	300-350
$B_{0,1}$	5540	210	5590	245



Kolomeitsev, Lutz, PLB 582, 39 (2004)
Guo et al, PLB 641, 27 (2006)
Flynn and Nieves, PRD 75 (2007) 074024
Altenbuchinger et al, PRD 89 (2014) 014026
Tolos et al, PRD 89 (2014) 074042

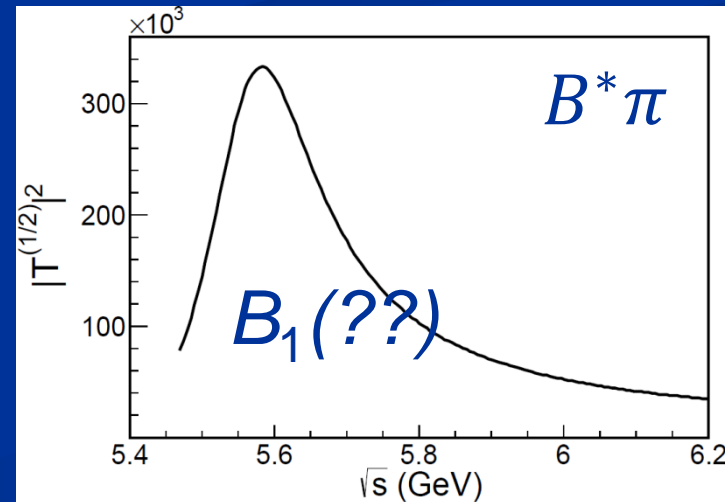
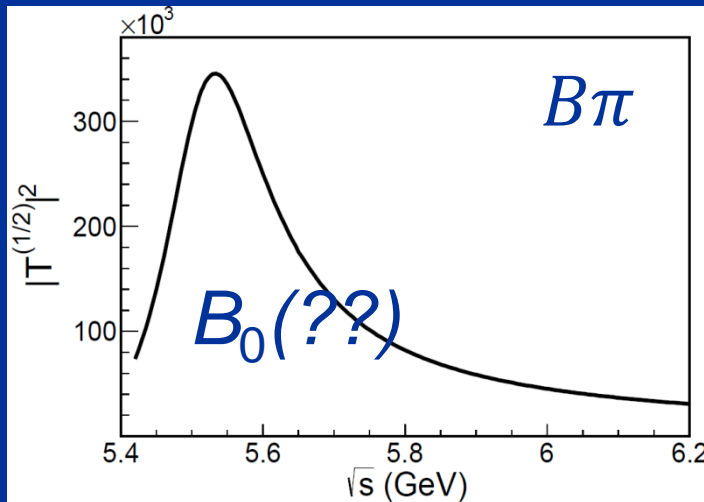
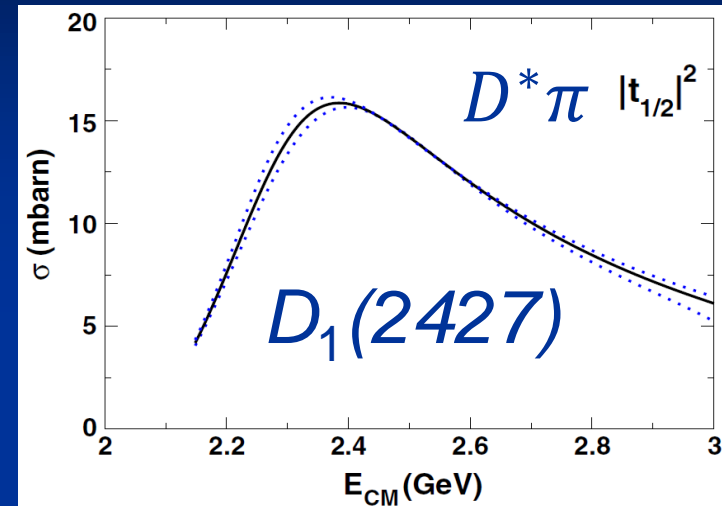
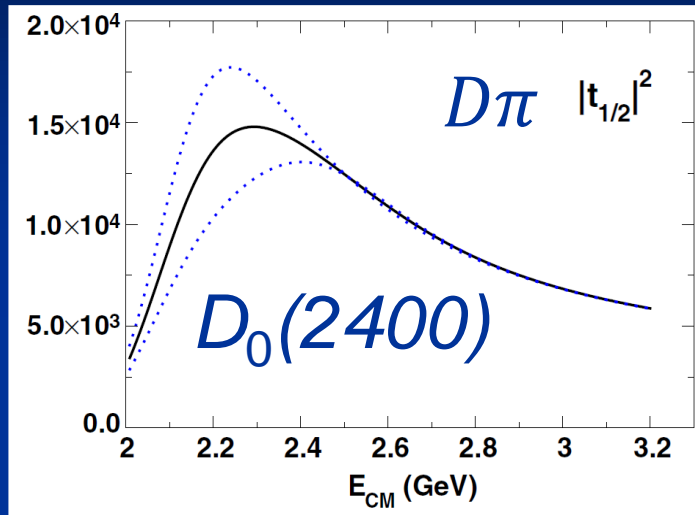
$$(S, I) = (-1, 0)$$

⋮

State	M_0 (MeV)	Γ_0 (MeV)	M_1 (MeV)	Γ_1 (MeV)
$D_{s0,1}^*$	2317	≈ 0	2457	≈ 0
$B_{s0,1}^*$	5748	≈ 0	5799	≈ 0

Modelling heavy-meson interactions in a hadron gas

Amplitudes and Cross sections



Heavy-meson transport coefficients in a hadron gas

Transport approach for heavy mesons:

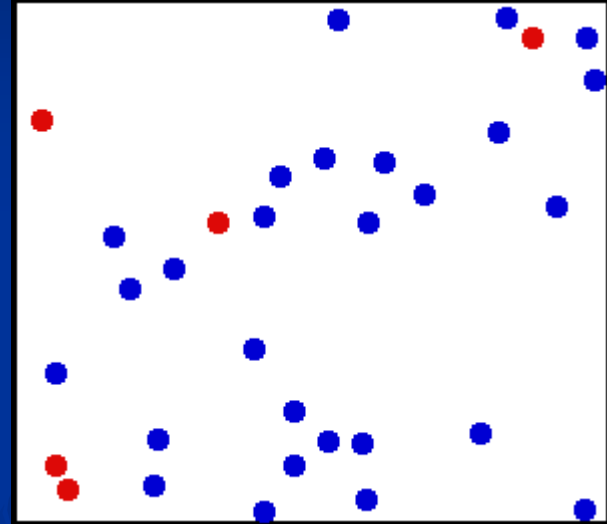
- *D/B distribution not in equilibrium with the hot hadron gas*
- Relax via *Boltzmann-Uehling-Uhlenbeck equation*

$$\frac{df_c(\mathbf{p})}{dt} = C[f_c(\mathbf{p})]$$

- Small number of **heavy mesons**
- $M_{D/B} \gg m_{\pi\dots}$

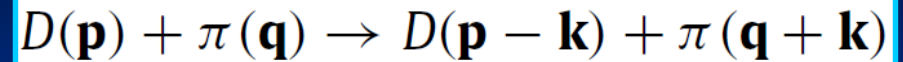


Fokker-Planck equation



Heavy-meson transport coefficients in a hadron gas

Fokker-Planck equation:



Momentum distribution function

$$\frac{\partial f_c(t, \mathbf{p})}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} \left\{ F_i(\mathbf{p}) f_c(t, \mathbf{p}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial p_j} [\Gamma_{ij}(\mathbf{p}) f_c(t, \mathbf{p})] \right\}$$

Friction term
("drag force")

Diffusion
term

Collision rate:

$$w(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}) = g_\pi \int \frac{d\mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^9} f_\pi(\mathbf{q}) [1 + f_\pi(\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{k})] \frac{1}{2E_q^\pi} \frac{1}{2E_p^c} \frac{1}{2E_{q+k}^\pi} \frac{1}{2E_{p-k}^c} \\ \times (2\pi)^4 \delta(E_p^c + E_q^\pi - E_{p-k}^c - E_{q+k}^\pi) \sum |\mathcal{M}_{\pi c}(s, t, \chi)|^2$$

(and similarly for bottomed mesons
and other species in the gas)

Isospin-averaged $D/D^* \pi$ amplitude

Heavy-meson transport coefficients in a hadron gas

Models for D (and B) interaction with hadronic medium

- Phenomenological approaches

He, Fries, Rapp, *Phys. Lett. B* 701, 445 (2001)

“empirical” scattering amplitudes of D/D^* off $\pi, K, \eta, \rho, \omega, K^*, N, \Delta$

- Effective field theory: Heavy-meson ChPT Lutz, Soyeur, NPA813(2008)14;

Guo, Hanhart, Meissner, EPJA 40 (2009) 171; Geng, Kaiser, Martin-Camalich, Weise, PRD82 (2010) 054022

D/D^* off (π, K, η) $SU(3)$ octet + constraints from **HQ symmetry**

- Perturbative expansion of amplitudes (NLO)

Ghosh, Das, Sarkar, Alam, Phys. Rev D 84, 011503 (2011)

Das, Ghosh, Sarkar, Alam, Phys. Rev D 85, 074017 (2012)

- Coupled-channel unitarized approach

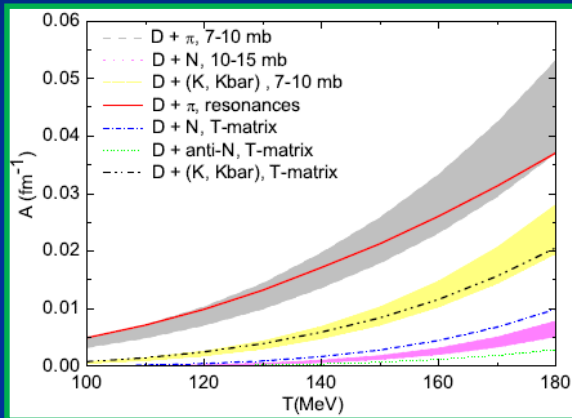
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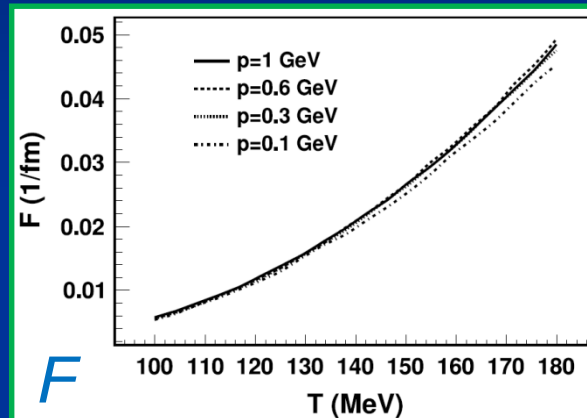
See also: Fuchs, Martemyanov, Faessler, Krivoruchenko, PRC73, 035204 (2006)

Heavy-meson transport coefficients in a hadron gas

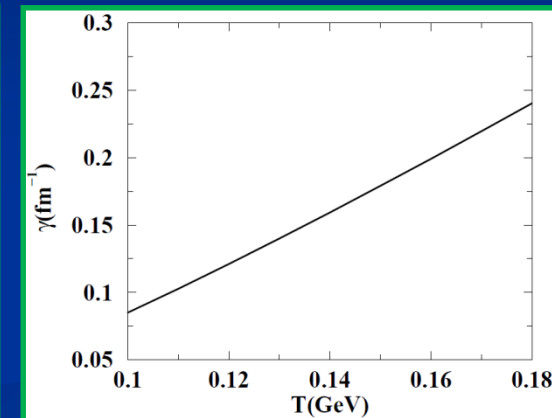
Drag and Diffusion coefficients at $\mu_B \simeq 0$: charmed mesons



Phenomenological
(He, Fries, Rapp)

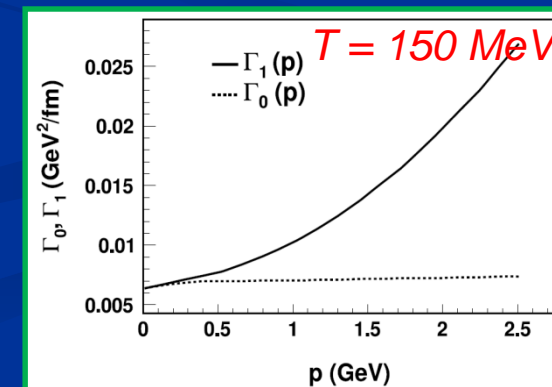


Unitarized ChPT
(Abreu, DC, Llanes, Torres)



Perturbative ChPT
(Ghosh, Das, Sarkar, Alam)

- Drag and diffusion strengthened in **hotter stages**
- **Resonant interaction!**
- Sizable momentum dependence of Γ_1 vs Γ_0
- Sensitivity of anisotropic observables (elliptic flow)

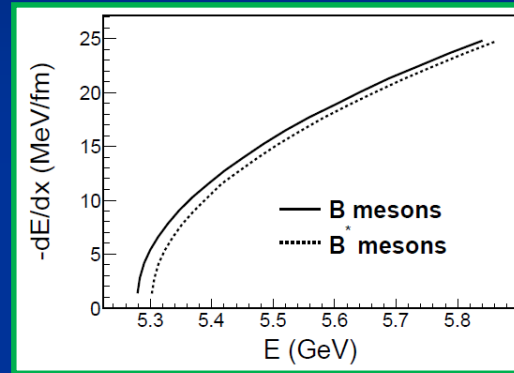
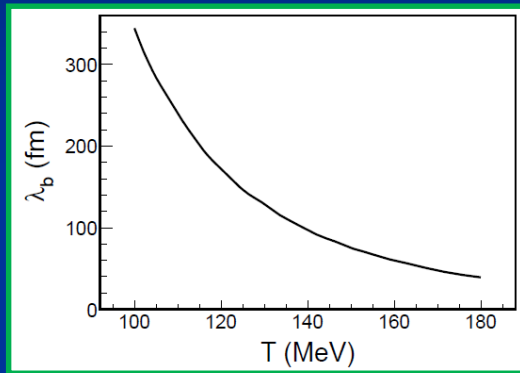


Heavy-meson transport coefficients in a hadron gas

Heavy-quark **relaxation time** and **energy loss** in π gas

$$\lambda = 1/F$$

$$-dE/dx = F * p$$



At $p = 1 \text{ GeV}/c$, $T = 150 \text{ MeV}$

State	$\lambda(\text{fm})$	$-dp/dx$ (MeV/fm)
D	40	≈ 50
B	100	≈ 70

“It is reasonable to expect that the lifetime of the pion gas is smaller than the relaxation time of **D** and **B** mesons, meaning that heavy quarks **DO NOT completely relax** and will carry information from **QGP**”

“Thus, if the pion gas is in existence for, say, 4 fm, a **D meson** measured in the **final state** with a momentum of **800 MeV/c** will have been emitted from the quark–gluon plasma phase with **1 GeV/c**”

Heavy-meson transport coefficients in a hadron gas

Comparison to other approaches

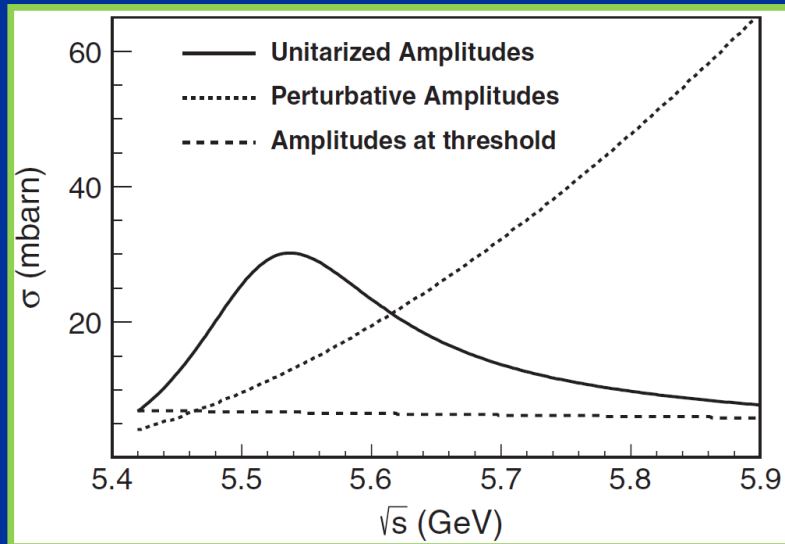
Effect of **baryons**:
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Value of the drag coefficient at $p \rightarrow 0$ and $T = 100$ MeV.

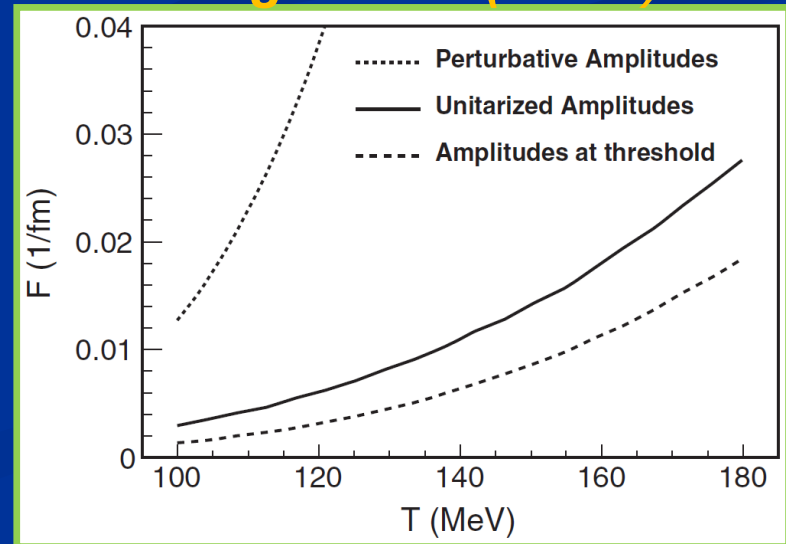
Authors	F (fm^{-1})
Laine	0.05
He, Fries, Rapp	5×10^{-3}
Ghosh et al.	0.11
This work	3.5×10^{-3}

Resonant interactions!

$B\pi$ total cross section



B drag coef. F (static)



On-going and future work...

- Towards implementation in “fully-fledged” microscopic transport simulations: e.g. **PHSD**, **IQMD**

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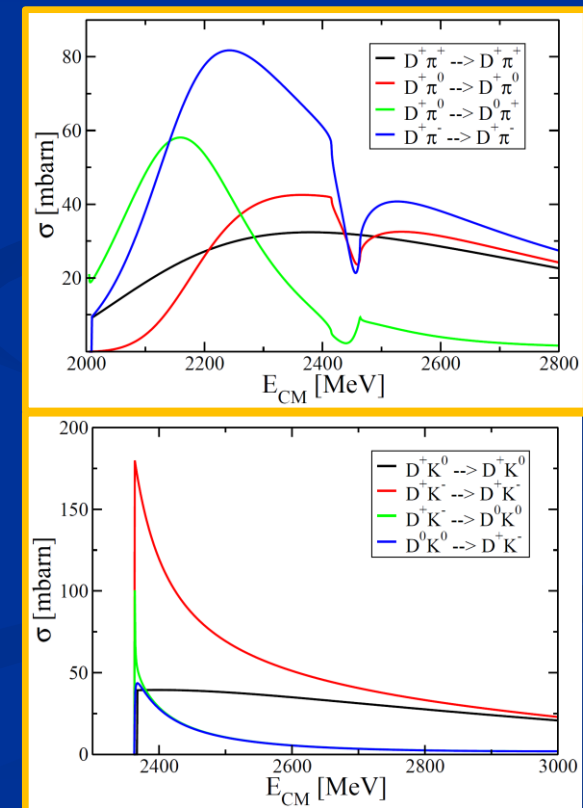
- *Issues to be addressed:*

- **p-waves** → anisotropic cross sections

- **high-energy of $\sigma(s)$: Regge?**

- **$D^{(*)} - \rho$, $D^{(*)} - K^*$**
Molina et al., PRD 80 (2009) 014025

- **Medium effects on cross sections**



Summary

- **Heavy mesons** stand as unique probes for **testing strong interactions** at FAIR conditions, as long as we understand their dynamics in **vacuum** and in the *hot and dense nuclear medium*
- A lot of **theoretical work** is required, within *realistic approaches* to interactions in the hadronic gas, in connection with **experimental information**
- **Transport simulations** with the input of realistic interactions: understand the **production and propagation** of charm in **HICs**
- **It is a very exciting moment!**

Backup slides

Modelling heavy-meson interactions in a hadron gas

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_a &= \frac{C_0}{4F^2}(s-u) + \frac{2C_1 m_\pi^2}{F^2} h_1 + \frac{2C_2}{F^2} h_3(p_2 \cdot p_4) + \frac{2C_3}{F^2} h_5 [(p_1 \cdot p_2)(p_3 \cdot p_4) + (p_1 \cdot p_4)(p_2 \cdot p_3)] \\
 &\quad + \frac{2i g^2}{F^2} p_2^\mu [C_4 D_{\mu\nu}(p_1 + p_2) + C_5 D_{\mu\nu}(p_2 - p_3)] p_4^\nu, \\
 V_b &= \frac{i g^2}{m_D F^2} \left[C_4 p_2^\alpha (2p_1^\beta + p_2^\beta) p_{4\rho} D^{\nu\rho}(p_1 + p_2) + C_5 p_4^\alpha (p_2^\beta - p_3^\beta - p_1^\beta) p_{2\rho} D^{\nu\rho}(p_2 - p_3) \right] \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta\mu\nu} \epsilon^\mu(p_1), \\
 V_c &= \frac{i g^2}{m_D F^2} \left[C_4 p_4^\alpha (p_1^\beta + p_2^\beta + p_3^\beta) p_{2\rho} D^{\rho\nu}(p_1 + p_2) + C_5 p_2^\alpha (p_2^\beta - 2p_3^\beta) p_{4\rho} D^{\nu\rho}(p_2 - p_3) \right] \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta\mu\nu} \epsilon^{*\mu}(p_3), \\
 V_d &= - \left\{ \frac{C_0}{4F^2}(s-u) + \frac{2C_1 m_\pi^2}{F^2} \tilde{h}_1 + \frac{2C_2}{F^2} \tilde{h}_3(p_2 \cdot p_4) + \frac{2C_3}{F^2} \tilde{h}_5 [(p_1 \cdot p_2)(p_3 \cdot p_4) + (p_1 \cdot p_4)(p_2 \cdot p_3)] \right\} \epsilon^\mu(p_1) \epsilon_\mu^*(p_3) \\
 &\quad + \frac{2i g^2}{F^2} [C_4 D(p_1 + p_2) + C_5 D(p_2 - p_3)] p_2^\mu \epsilon_\mu(p_1) p_4^\nu \epsilon_\nu^*(p_3) \\
 &\quad + \frac{i g^2}{m_D^2 F^2} \left[C_6 p_2^\alpha (2p_1^\beta + p_2^\beta) p_4^\rho (p_1^\sigma + p_2^\sigma + p_3^\sigma) D^{\nu\gamma}(p_1 + p_2) + C_7 p_2^\alpha (p_2^\beta - 2p_3^\beta) p_4^\rho (p_2^\sigma - p_3^\sigma - p_1^\sigma) D^{\nu\gamma}(p_2 - p_3) \right] \\
 &\quad \times \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta\mu\nu} \varepsilon_{\rho\sigma\gamma\delta} \epsilon^\mu(p_1) \epsilon^{*\delta}(p_3),
 \end{aligned}$$

Modelling heavy-meson interactions in a hadron gas

A word on determination of free parameters (LECs)

- **LO**: fixed by Chiral Symmetry breaking

C_i	$B\pi(\frac{1}{2})$	$B\pi(\frac{3}{2})$	$BK(0)$	$BK(1)$	$B\bar{K}(0)$	$B\bar{K}(1)$	$B\eta(\frac{1}{2})$
C_0	-2	1	-1	1	-2	0	0
C_1	$-m_\pi^2$	$-m_\pi^2$	m_K^2	$-m_K^2$	$-2m_K^2$	0	$-\frac{m_\pi^2}{3}$
C_2	1	1	-1	1	2	0	$\frac{1}{3}$
C_3	1	1	-1	1	2	0	$\frac{1}{3}$

$$V \simeq \frac{C_0}{2F^2}(s-u) + \frac{2C_1}{F^2}h_1 + \frac{2C_2}{F^2}h_3(p_2 \cdot p_4) + \frac{2C_3}{F^2}h_5[(p_1 \cdot p_2)(p_3 \cdot p_4) + (p_1 \cdot p_4)(p_2 \cdot p_3)]$$

- **NLO**: $h_1, h_3, h_5 \rightarrow$ fit to experimental data on D (B) resonances

Heavy Spin, J^π	D (quark model)	D (experimental)	(M, Γ) MeV	B (quark model)	B (experimental)	(M, Γ) MeV
1/2, 0^+	D_0	$D_0^*(2400)$	2318, 267	B_0	?	?
1/2, 1^+	D_1	$D_1(2430)$	2427, 384	B_1	?	?
3/2, 1^+	D_1	$D_1(2420)^0$	2421, 27	B_1	$B_1(5721)$	5723, ?
3/2, 2^+	D_2	$D_2^*(2460)$	2466, 49	B_2	$B_2^*(5747)$	5743, 23

- **Resonance parameters**

Kolomeitsev, Lutz, *PLB* 582, 39 (2004)

Guo et al, *PLB* 641, 27 (2006)

Flynn and Nieves, *PRD* 75 (2007) 074024

State	M_0 (MeV)	Γ_0 (MeV)	M_1 (MeV)	Γ_1 (MeV)
D	2300	250	2400	300-350
B	5540	210	5590	245

Heavy-meson transport coefficients in a hadron gas

Fokker-Plank equation approach:

$$\frac{\partial f_c(t, \mathbf{p})}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} \left\{ F_i(\mathbf{p}) f_c(t, \mathbf{p}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial p_j} [\Gamma_{ij}(\mathbf{p}) f_c(t, \mathbf{p})] \right\}$$

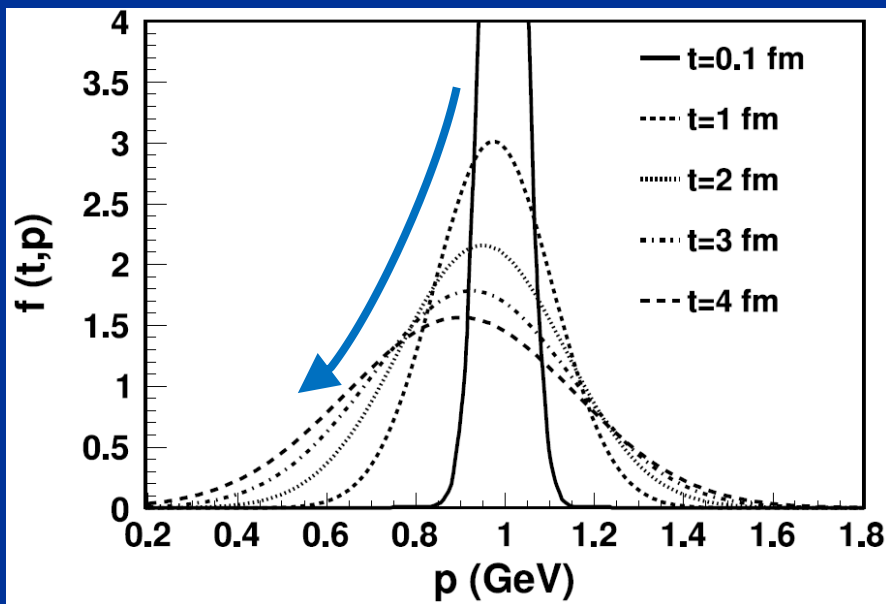


$$F(p^2) = \int d\mathbf{k} w(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}) \frac{k_i p^i}{p^2},$$

$$\Gamma_0(p^2) = \frac{1}{4} \int d\mathbf{k} w(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}) \left[\mathbf{k}^2 - \frac{(k_i p^i)^2}{p^2} \right]$$

$$\Gamma_1(p^2) = \frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{k} w(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}) \frac{(k_i p^i)^2}{p^2}.$$

- F is the “drag force”
- Γ_0, Γ_1 are the diffusion coefficients



With time evolution...

- Initial momentum is “dragged” to zero
- Shape *broadens* towards Boltzmann distribution

Can one extend the range of applicability to *higher energies*?

The problem stems from the lack of unitarity of a perturbative expansion

Non-perturbative methods implementing **unitarity** are needed:

A very important and successful effort: Chiral unitary approach (or Unitarized Chiral Perturbation Theory), **UChPT**

Oller, Oset, Dobado, Pelaez, Meissner, Kaiser, Weise, Ramos, Vicente-Vacas, Nieves, Ruiz-Arriola, Lutz,...

UChPT:

With the only input of the *lowest order ChPT Lagrangians*, the *exploitation of the analytical properties* of the scattering amplitudes and the implementation of *unitarity in coupled channels* obtains a good reproduction of many MM and MB interactions

Three different ways to implement the idea:

- N/D method
- IAM (Inverse Amplitude Method)
- Bethe-Salpeter equation

many resonances appear naturally!

Give equivalent results

Basic idea of UChPT:

Unitarity of the S-matrix implies:

$$\text{Im} T_{i,j} = T_{i,l} \rho_l T_{l,j}^*$$

$$(S = 1 - iT)$$

Different channels for a given L, I
(for instance: for $L=0, I=0$ they are $\pi\pi, \bar{K}\bar{K}, \eta\eta$)

$$\rho_i \equiv q_i / (8\pi W)$$

CM momentum

CM energy

More convenient in terms of the inverse of T :

$$\text{Im} T^{-1}(W)_{ij} = -\rho(W)_i \delta_{ij}$$

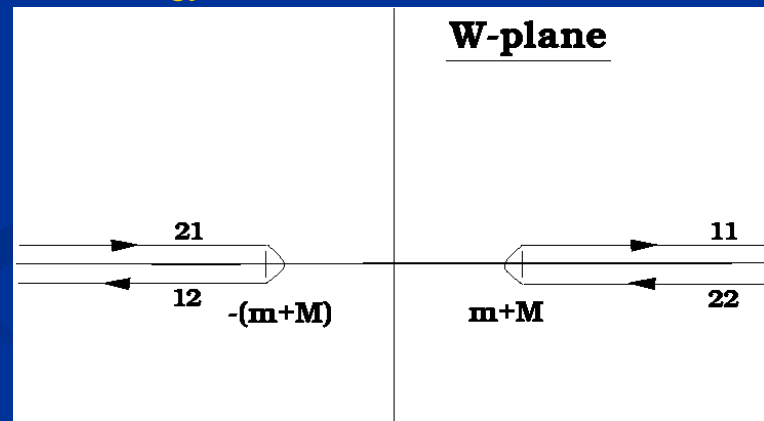
T is real below the lowest threshold and complex above

One can write a **dispersion relation** for T^{-1} :

$$T^{-1}(W)_{ij} = -\delta_{ij} \left\{ \tilde{a}_i(s_0) + \frac{s - s_0}{\pi} \int_{s_i}^{\infty} ds' \frac{\rho(s')_i}{(s' - s)(s' - s_0)} \right\} + \mathcal{T}^{-1}(W)_{ij}$$

$$g(s)_i = \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(q^2 - M_i^2 + i\epsilon)((P - q)^2 - m_i^2 + i\epsilon)}$$

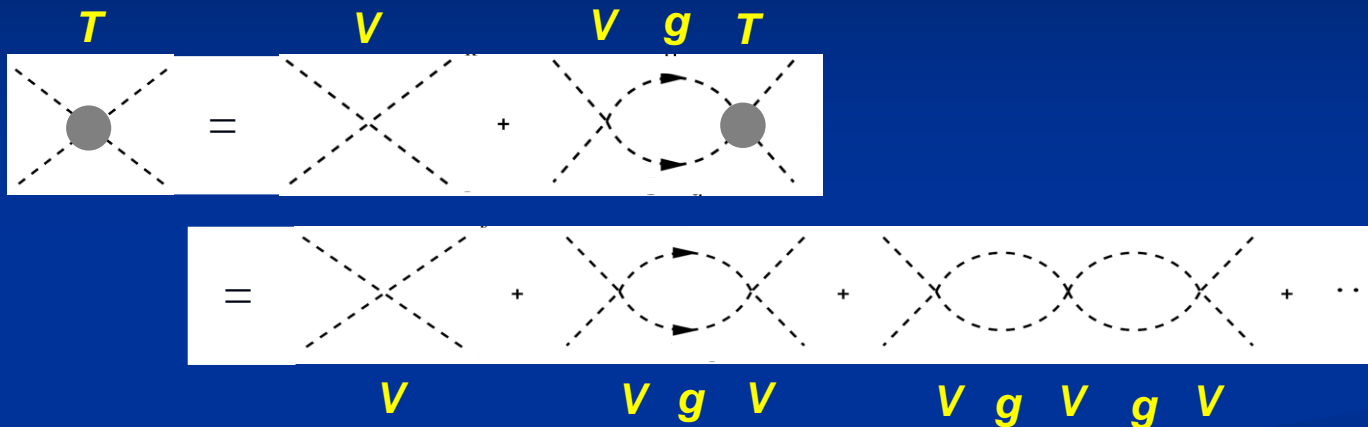
(Note that this is the familiar two meson loop function)



Hence, T can be written as

$$T(W) = [I - \mathcal{T}(W) \cdot g(s)]^{-1} \cdot \mathcal{T}(W) \implies T(W) = \mathcal{T}(W) + \mathcal{T}(W)g(s)T(W)$$

Bethe-Salpeter (BS) equation



The kernel of the BS equation, V , is the lowest order ChPT Lagrangian
Effectively, one is summing this infinite series of diagrams

In summary:

With the only *input* of the *lowest order ChPT Lagrangian* + implementation of *unitarity* in coupled channels one *gets the full scattering amplitude*