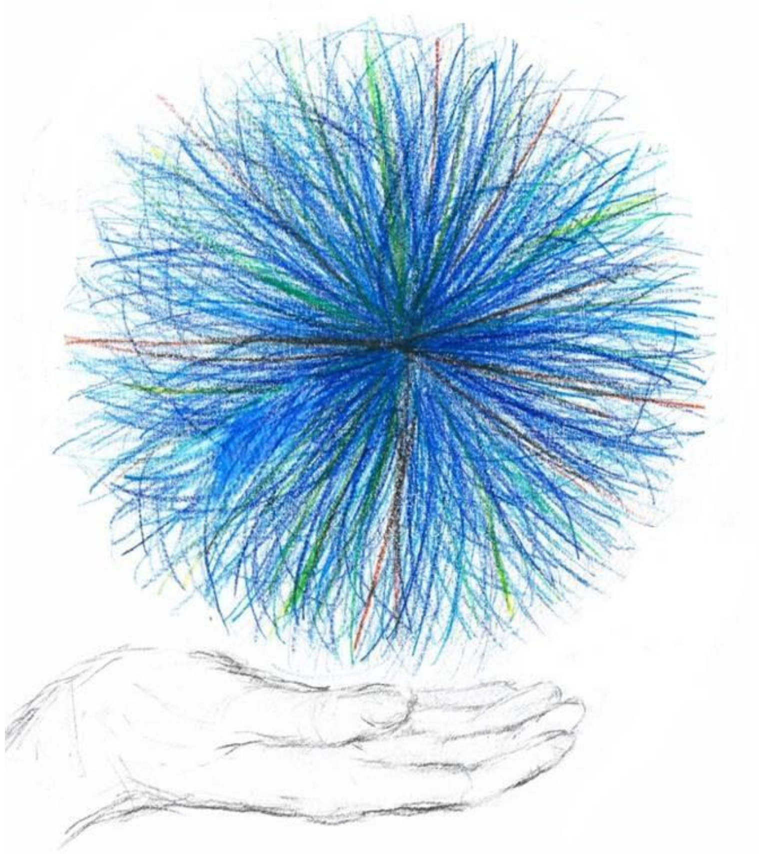

Constraining QGP evolution through hard probes

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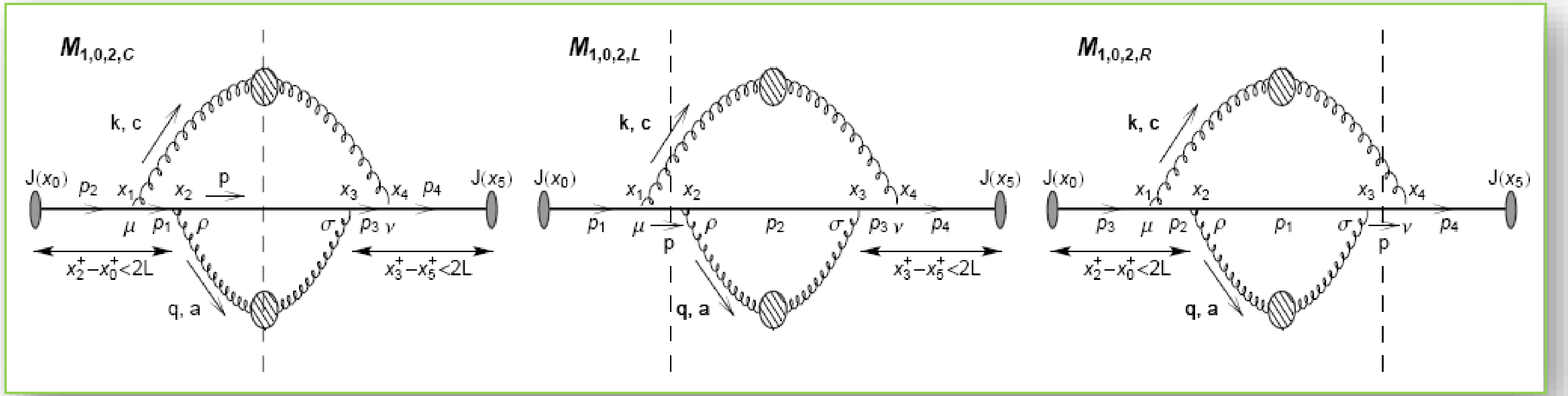
Motivation

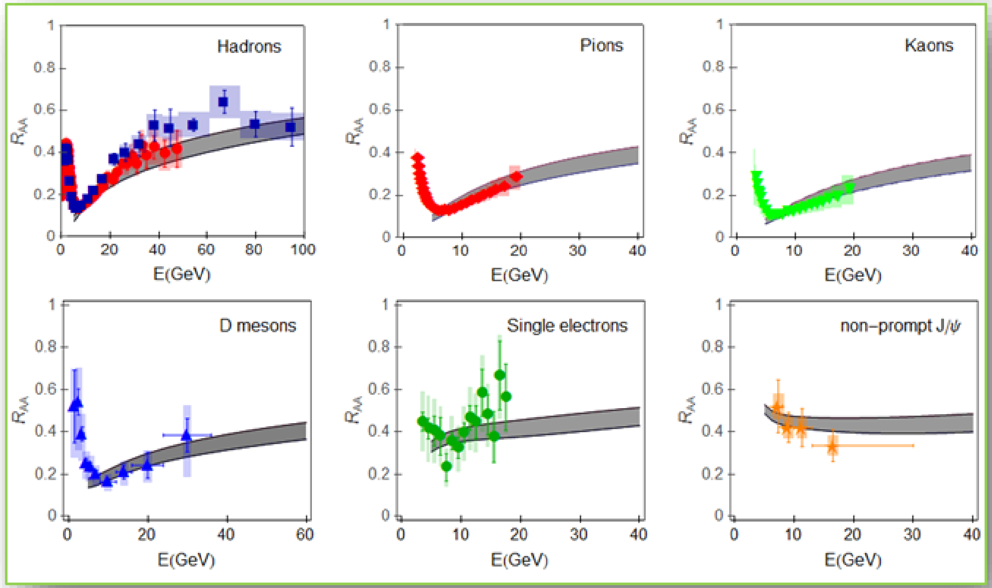
- Energy loss of high-pt light and heavy particles traversing the QCD medium is an excellent probe of QGP properties.
- Theoretical predictions can be compared with a wide range of data from different experiments, collision systems, collision energies, centralities, and observables.
- Can be used with low-pt theory and experiments to study the properties of created QCD medium, i.e., for precision QGP tomography.

The dynamical energy loss formalism

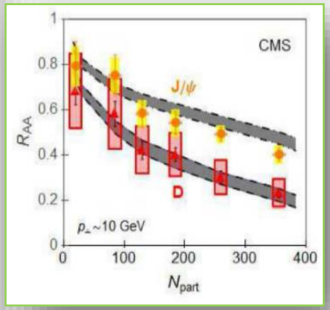
Has the following unique features:

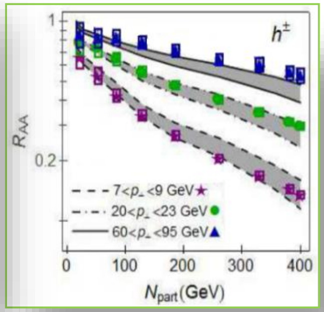
- *Finite size finite temperature* QCD medium of *dynamical* (moving) partons.
- Based on finite T field theory and generalized HTL approach.
- Same theoretical framework for both radiative and collisional energy loss.
- Applicable to both light and heavy flavor.
- Finite magnetic mass effects (M. D. and M. Djordjevic, PLB 709:229 (2012))
- Running coupling (M. D. and M. Djordjevic, PLB 734, 286 (2014)).
- Relaxed soft-gluon approximation (B. Blagojevic, M. D. and M. Djordjevic, PRC 99, 024901, (2019)).
- All these ingredients necessary to accurately explain the data (B. Blagojevic and M.D, J.Phys. G42 (2015) 7, 075105).
- No fitting parameters in the model.
- Temperature as a natural variable in the model.



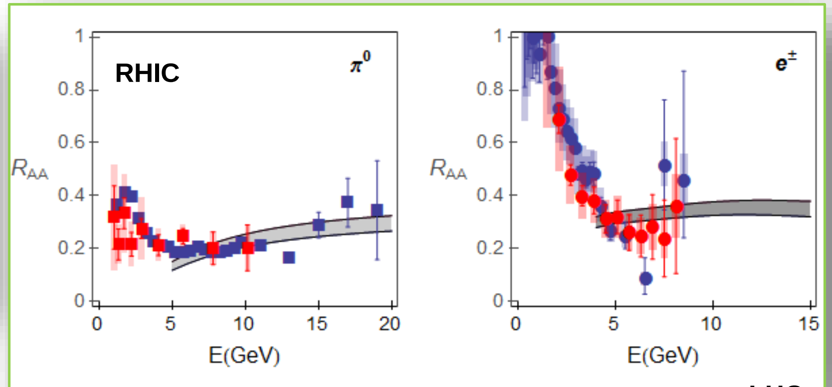


Explains high-pt R_{AA} data for different probes, collision energies, and centralities.





Resolved the longstanding "heavy flavor puzzles at RHIC and LHC".



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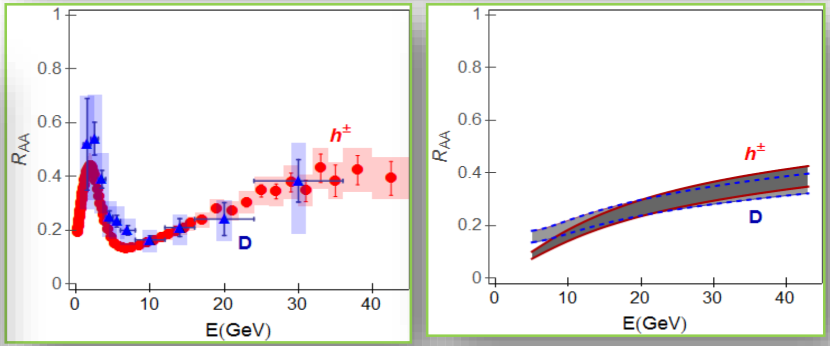
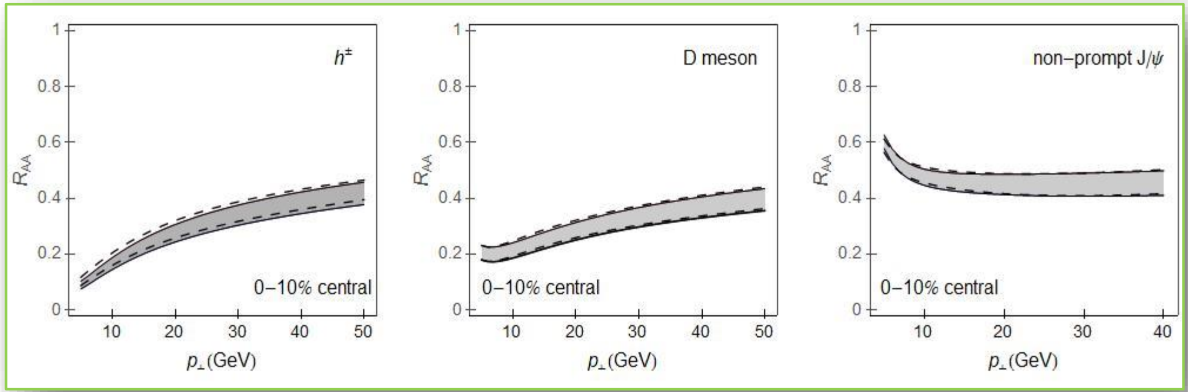
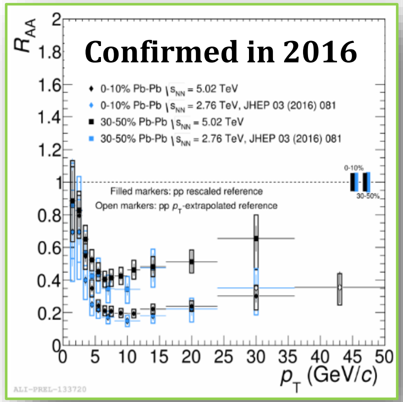


Clear predictive power!

M.D. et al., PRC 92 (2015)



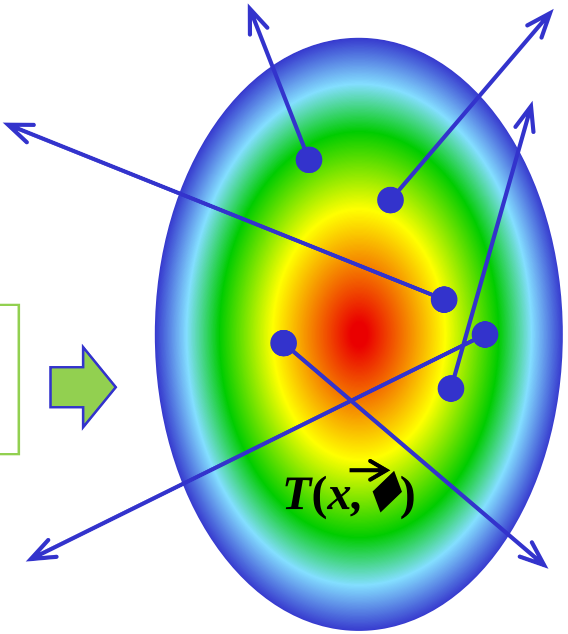


M.D., PRL 112, 042302 (2014)

A realistic description for parton-medium interactions! ⇒ Suitable for QGP tomography!

The main idea behind high-pt QGP tomography

When high-pt particles go through QGP, they lose energy.



This energy loss is sensitive to QGP properties.

We can realistically predict this energy loss.

High-pt probes are powerful tomographic tools.

Use them to infer some bulk QGP properties.

DREENA-A framework as a QGP tomography tool

To use high pt data/theory to explore the bulk QGP:

- Include any, arbitrary, medium evolution as an input.
- Preserve all dynamical energy loss model properties.
- Develop an efficient (timewise) numerical procedure.
- Generate a comprehensive set of light and heavy flavor predictions.
- Compare predictions with the available experimental data.
- If needed, iterate a comparison for different combinations of QGP medium parameters.
- Extract medium properties consistent with both low and high-pt theory and data.

Develop fully optimized DREENA-A framework.

DREENA: Dynamical Radiative and Elastic ENergy loss Approach.
A: Adaptive temperature profile.

D. Zigic, I. Salom, J. Auvinen, P. Huovinen and MD, arXiv:2110.01544

Monte Carlo

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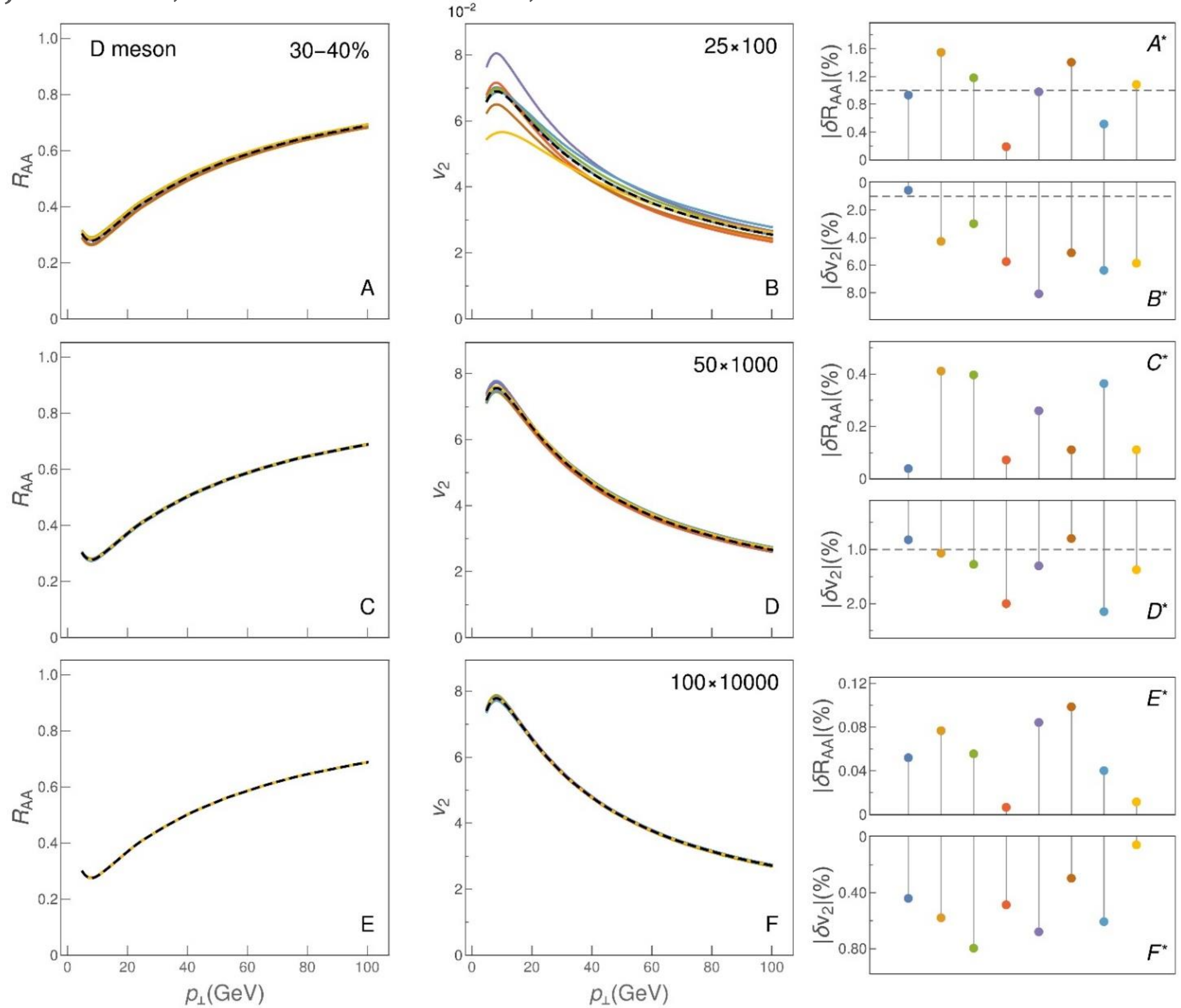
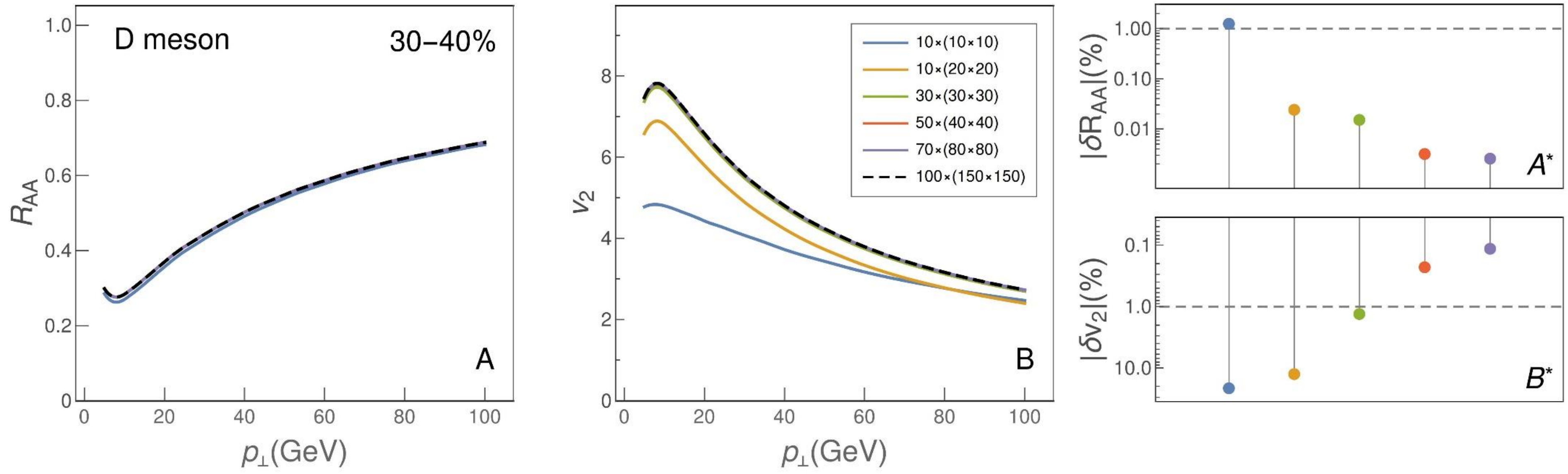


Not very efficient!

For v_2, one million trajectories needed to achieve a precision below 1%.

Equidistant sampling



Two orders of magnitude increase in the efficiency!

For v_2, only 10000 trajectories needed to achieve ~ 1% precision.

Can efficiently generate predictions for all types of probes for arbitrary temperature profiles!

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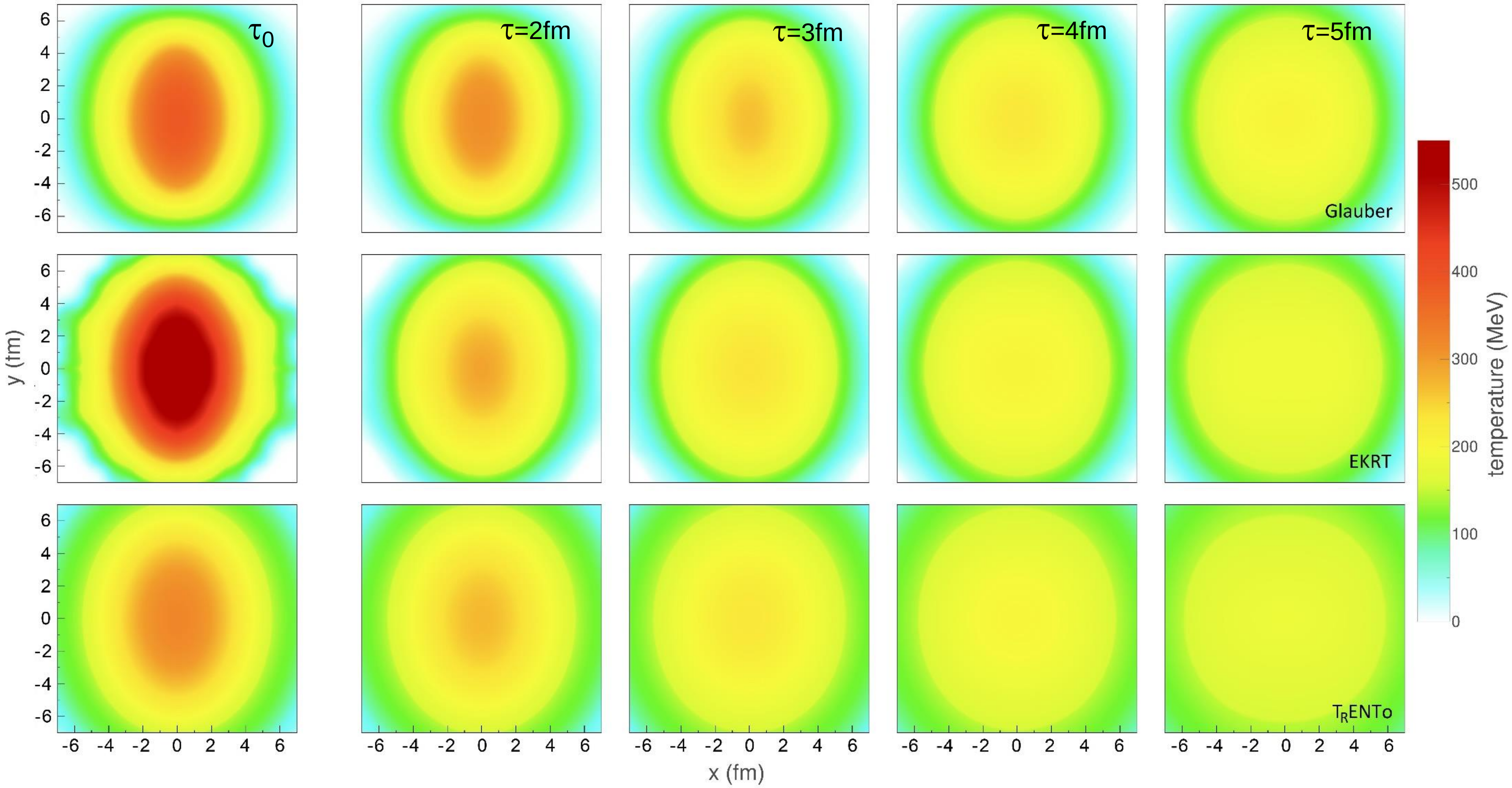
Are high-pt observables indeed sensitive to different T profiles?



All three evolutions agree with low-pt data. Can high pt-data provide further constraint?

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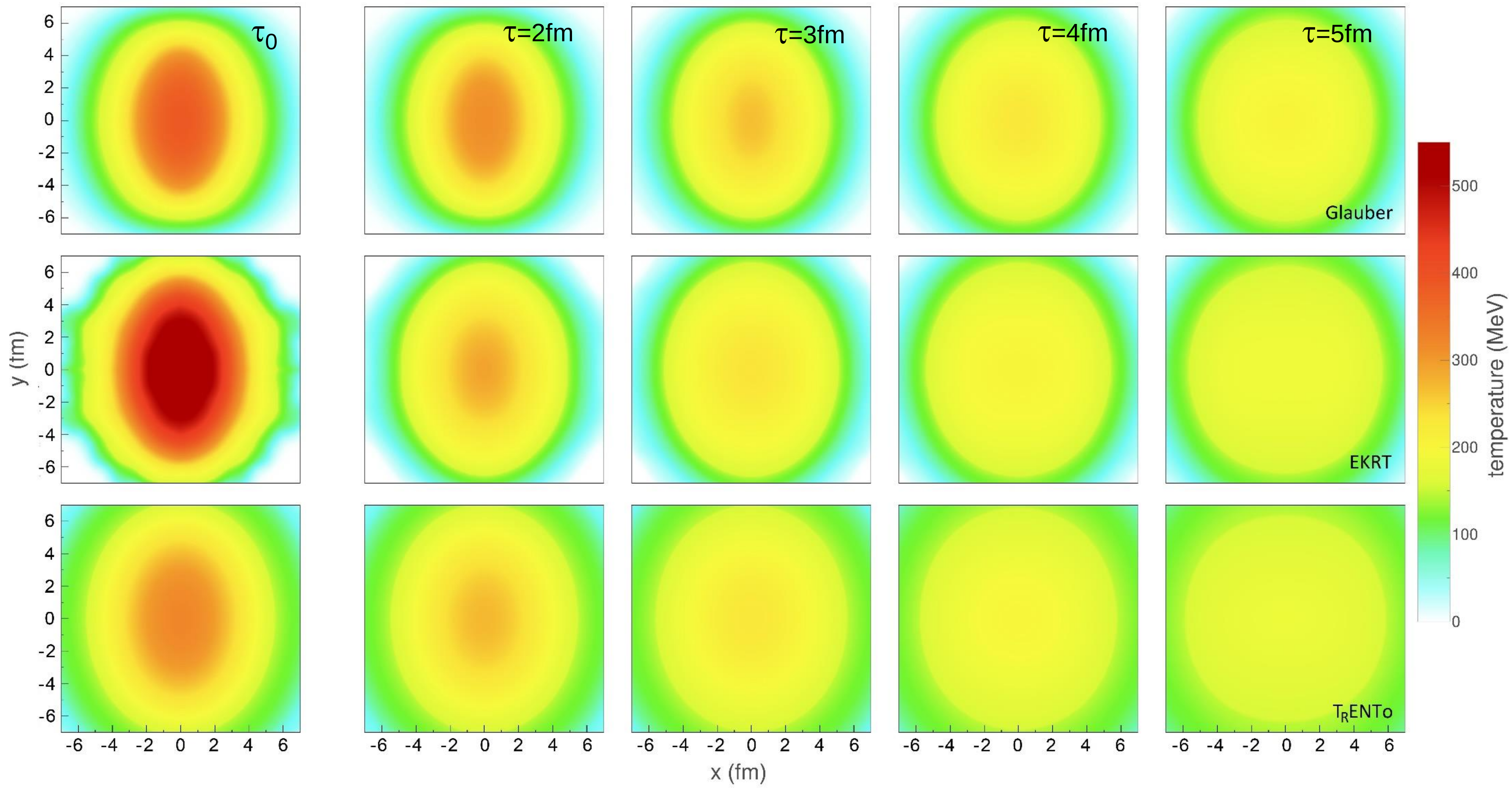
Qualitative differences



- Largest anisotropy for Glauber (τ_0=1fm) – expected differences in high-pt v_2.
- EKRT shows larger temperature - smaller R_{AA} expected.

DREENA-A predictions for light and heavy flavor

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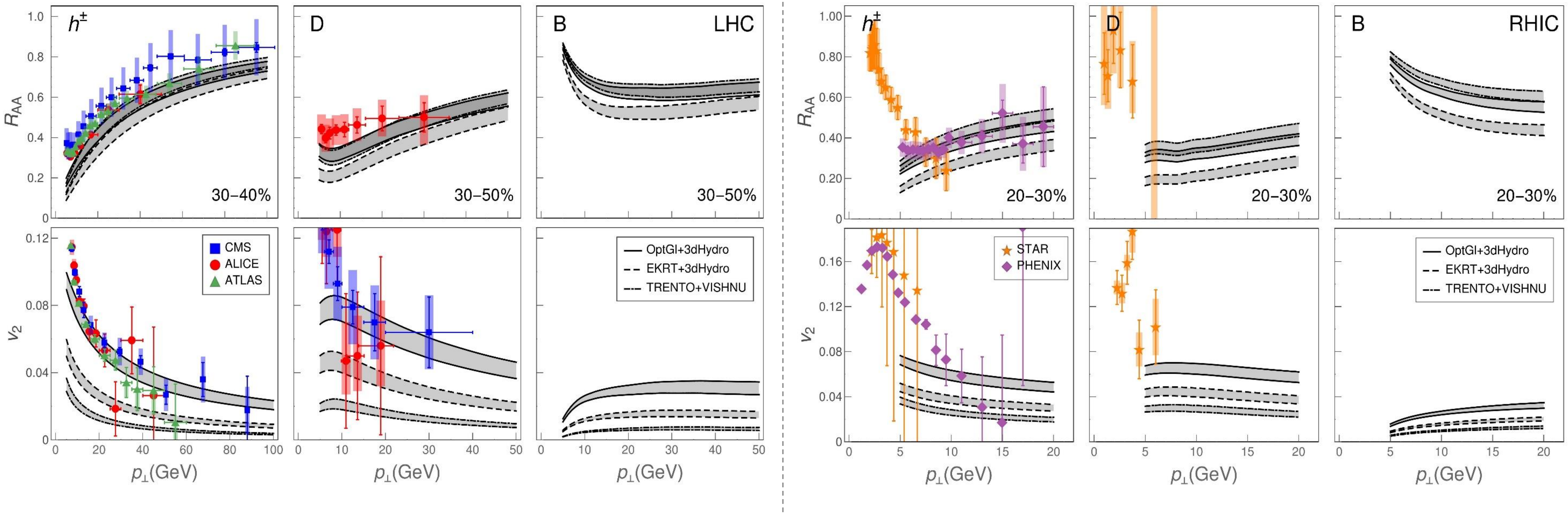
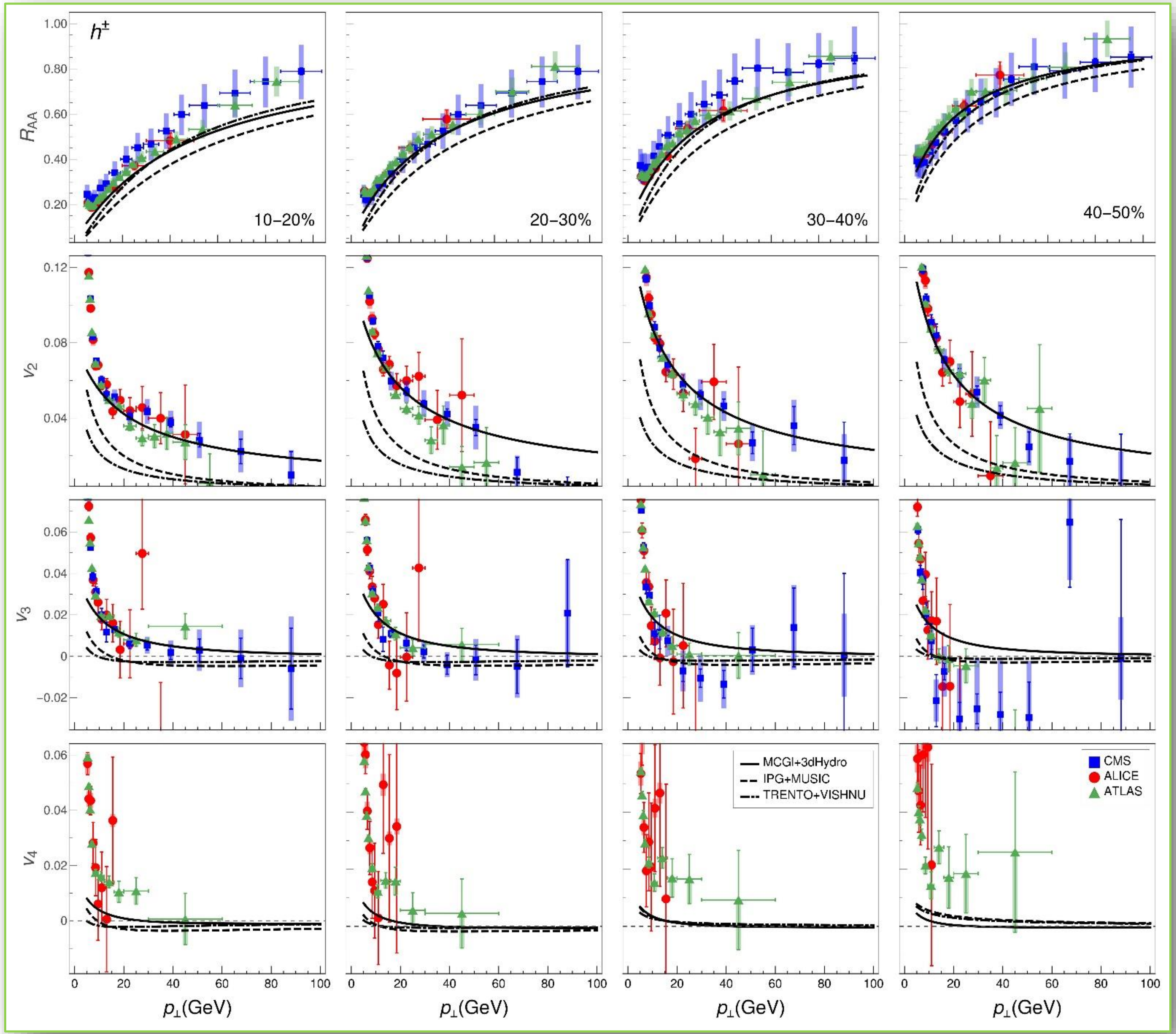


- 'EKRT' indeed leads to the smallest R_{AA}.
- Anisotropy translates to v_2 differences ('Glauber' largest, T_RENTo lowest).
  - DREENA-A can differentiate between different *T* profiles.
    - Additional (independent) constraint to low-pt data.

Importance of higher harmonics for QGP tomography



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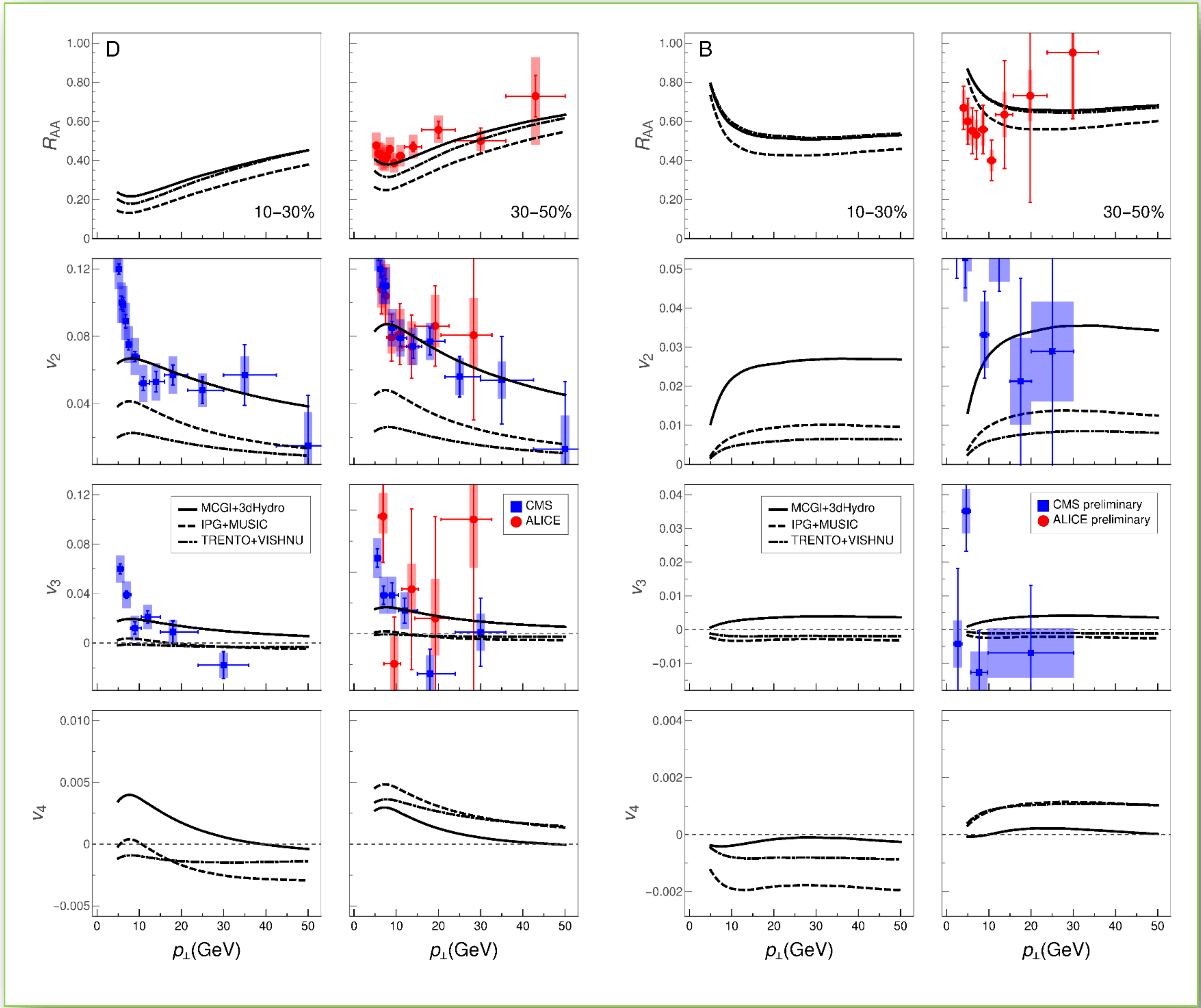
- High-pt data are available up to the 7th harmonic (for ATLAS) and cover the pt region up to 100 GeV (for CMS).
- State of the art in the experimental sector, but theoretically not well explored!
- **Can higher harmonics be used for precision QGP tomography?**

- Higher harmonics can both qualitatively and quantitatively distinguish between different medium evolutions!
- Existent v_4 data are far above all model predictions – a possible v_4 puzzle!

Heavy flavor higher harmonics



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- Heavy flavor - even more sensitive to different medium evolutions!
- Upcoming high-luminosity data at RHIC and LHC will provide higher harmonics data with much larger precision.
- Higher harmonics present a unique opportunity for precision QGP tomography.
- Adequate medium evolution should be able to explain all experimental data simultaneously, for both light and heavy flavor, at different centralities, collision energies, and collision systems.

Summary up to now

DREENA-A is a fully optimized numerical implementation of the dynamical energy loss.

Can include arbitrary temperature profiles, both averaged and event-by-event.

No additional free parameters.

High-pt R_{AA}, v_2, and higher harmonics show qualitative and quantitative sensitivity to details of *T* profile differences.

Intuitive expectations agree with DREENA-A calculations.

Applicable to different types of flavor, collision systems, and energies.

APPLICATION: An efficient QGP tomography tool for constraining the medium properties by both high-pt and low-pt data.

The QGP thermalization time

How do high-pt R_{AA} and v_2 depend on the QGP thermalization time τ_0?

The dynamics before thermalization is not established yet.

As a baseline, we assume free streaming of high-pt particles before thermalization, and neglect the pre-equilibrium evolution.

After thermalization, the QCD medium is described as relativistic viscous fluid, and high-pt probes start to lose energy through medium interactions.

Consequently, the thermalization time is an important parameter that affects both the evolution of the system and interactions of high-pt particles with the medium.

Low-pt physics weakly sensitive to thermalization time

S. Stojku., J. Auvinen, M. Djordjevic, P. Huovinen and MD, Phys.Rev.C **105** (2022) 2, L021901

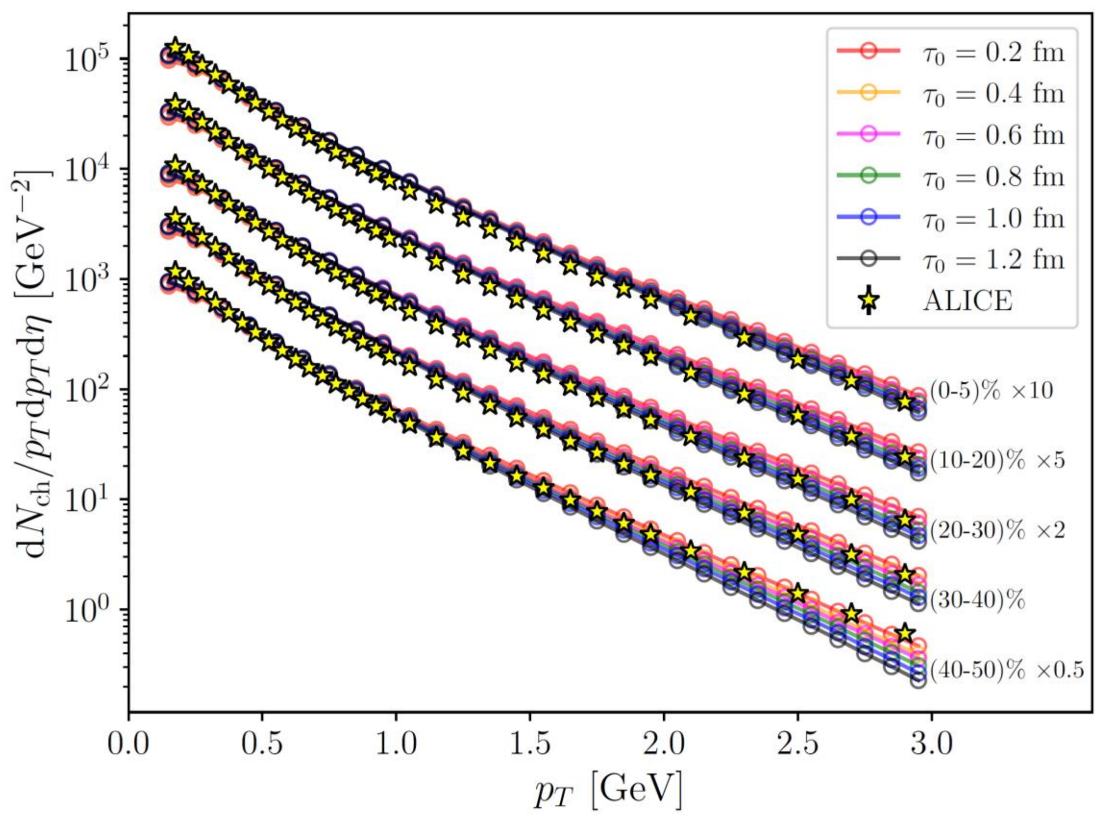
Bass *et al.* (2017) showed that the comparison of relativistic hydrodynamics with low-pt data is insensitive to a wide range of thermalization time ($0.2 < \tau_0 < 1.2$fm).

Independently confirmed by our systematic analysis.

3+1d viscous hydrodynamics model run with six different thermalization times.

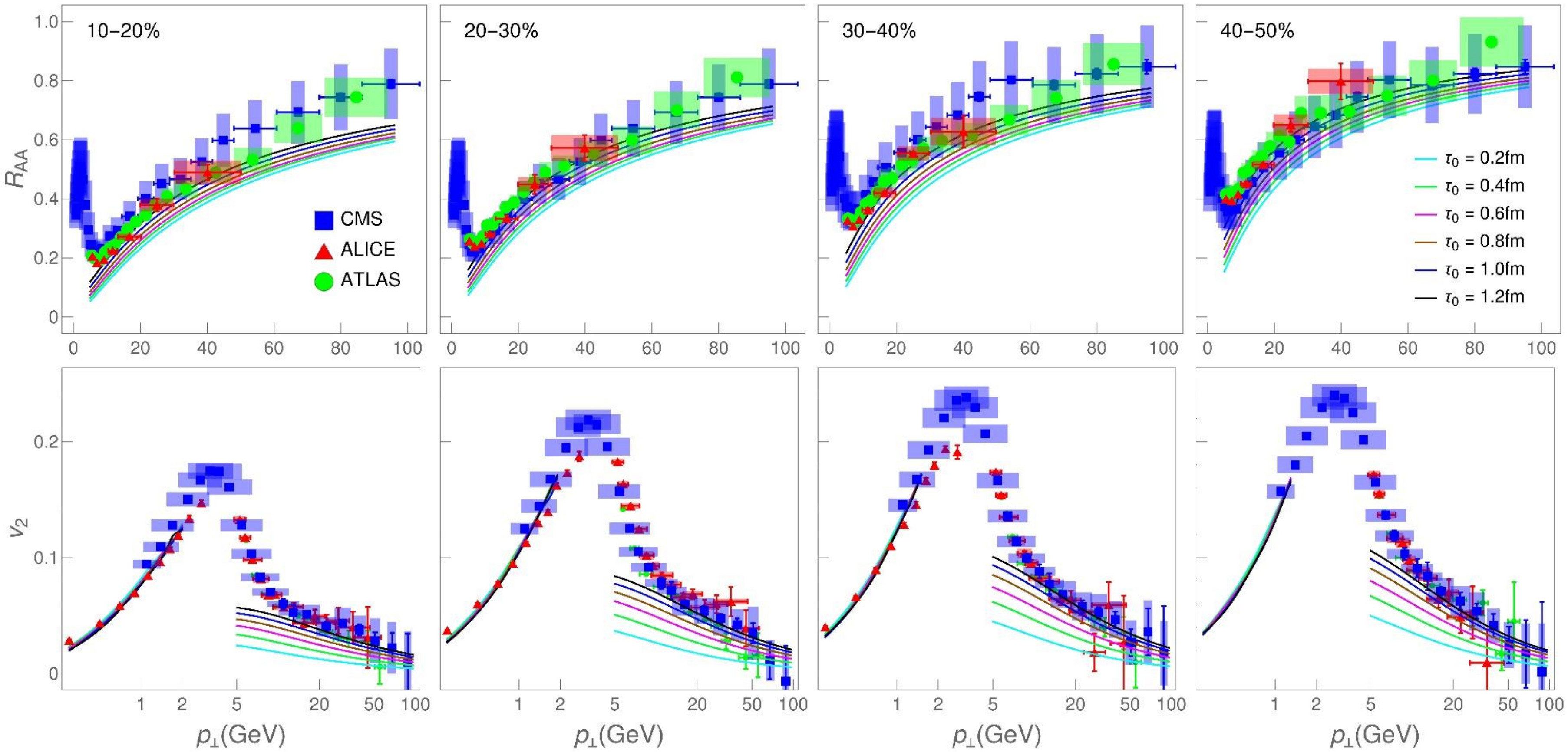
Good agreement with low-pt data, confirming low sensitivity to τ_0!

Can this indeterminacy be further constrained through high-pt theory and data?



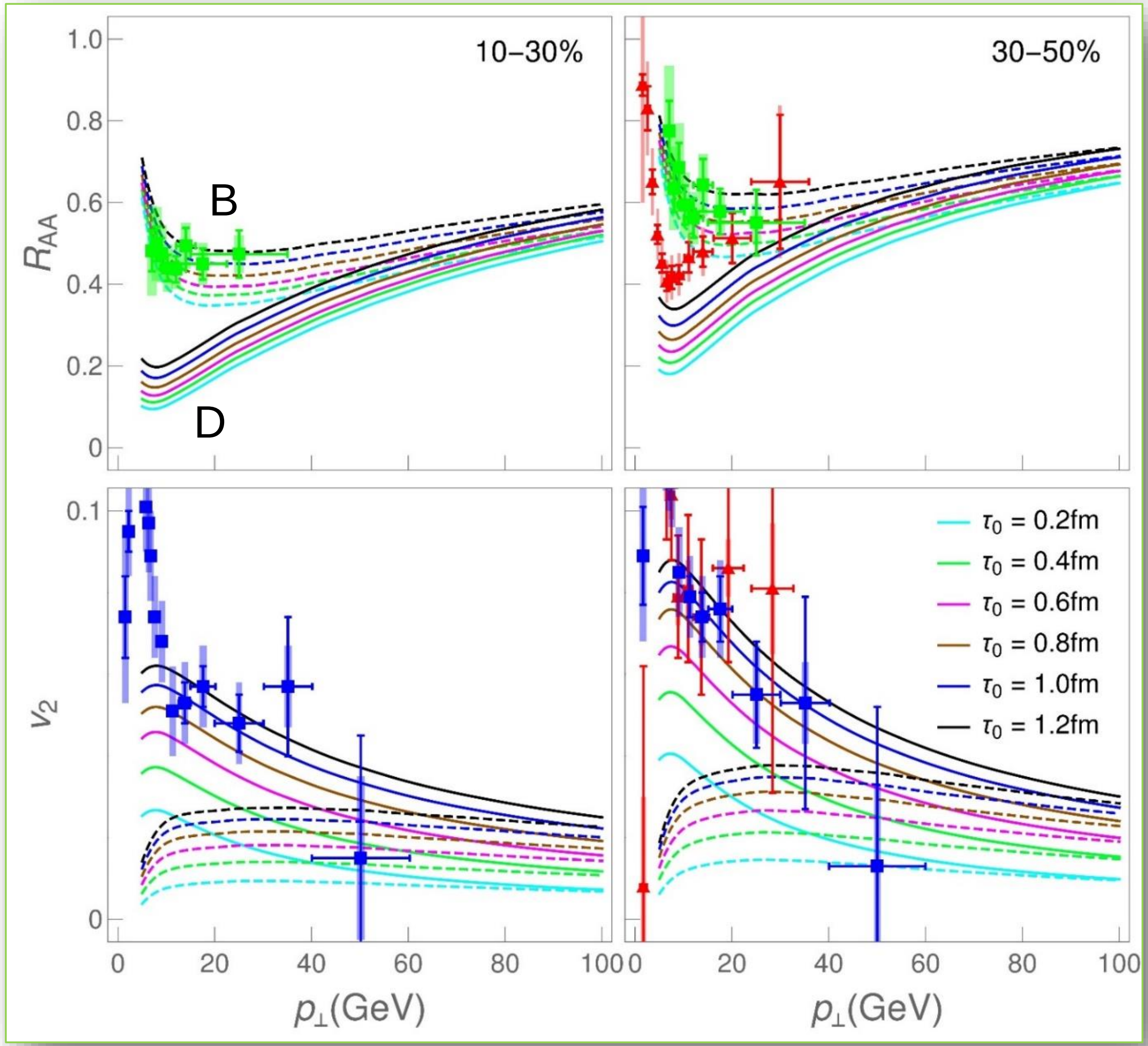
Sensitivity of high-pt theory and data to thermalization time

- Use our DREENA-A framework, which is fully modular, i.e., can include any T profile.
- 3+1d hydro profiles with different τ_0 included in DREENA-A to test the sensitivity.



- High-pt predictions can be clearly resolved against experimental data
  - Robustly prefer the latter τ_0 for both R_{AA} and v_2.
- Larger sensitivity of v_2 predictions. Asymptotically approach the high-pt tail of the experimental data, as τ_0 is increased.

High-pt heavy flavor



B mesons – dashed curves

D mesons – full curves

Sensitivity on τ_0 is even larger for heavy than for light flavor!

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What is the reason behind such sensitivity?

Does jet quenching starts later than thermalization?

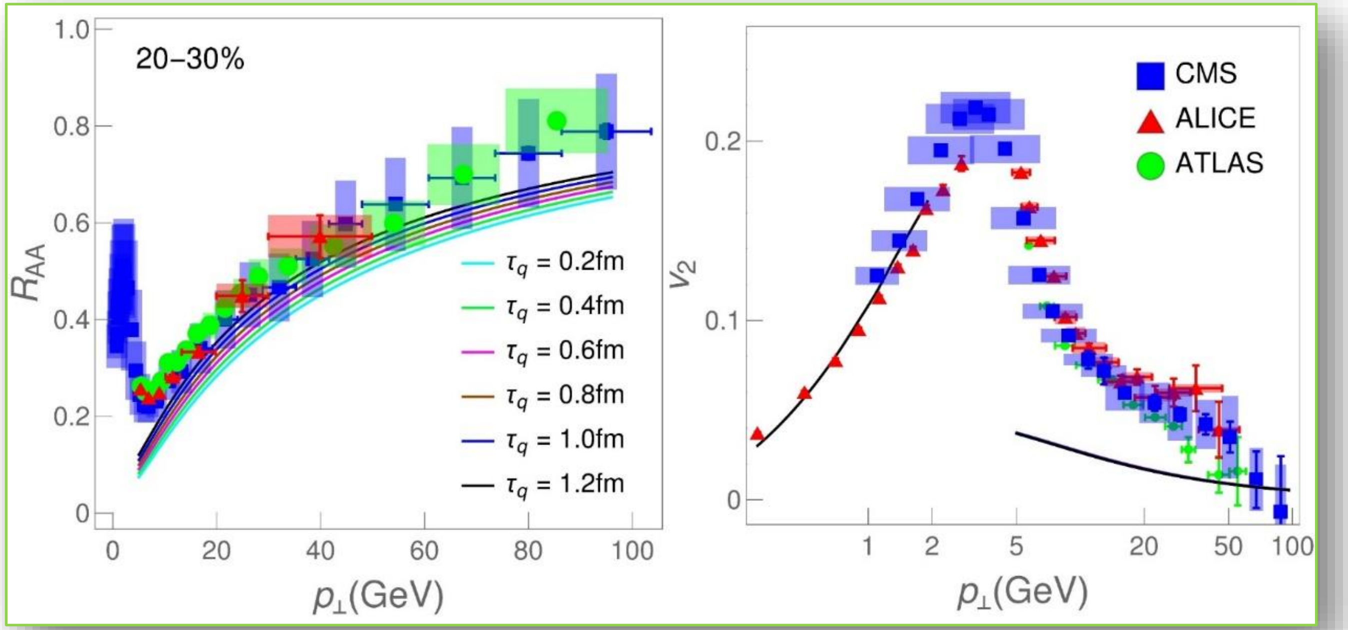
(Andres et al. 2020) proposed that jet quenching may start later than the thermalization of the bulk QCD medium, which may strongly impact high-pt predictions.

To test this, we assume τ_0 = 0.2 fm and generate *T* profile from full 3+1d hydro.

We then introduce the staring quenching time τ_q and generate joint R_{AA} and v_2 predictions for different τ_q.

RAA - weakly sensitive to τ_q
v_2 - surprisingly entirely insensitive to τ_q and does not support the above proposal.

Disputes the idea that jet quenching starts later than hydro evolution!



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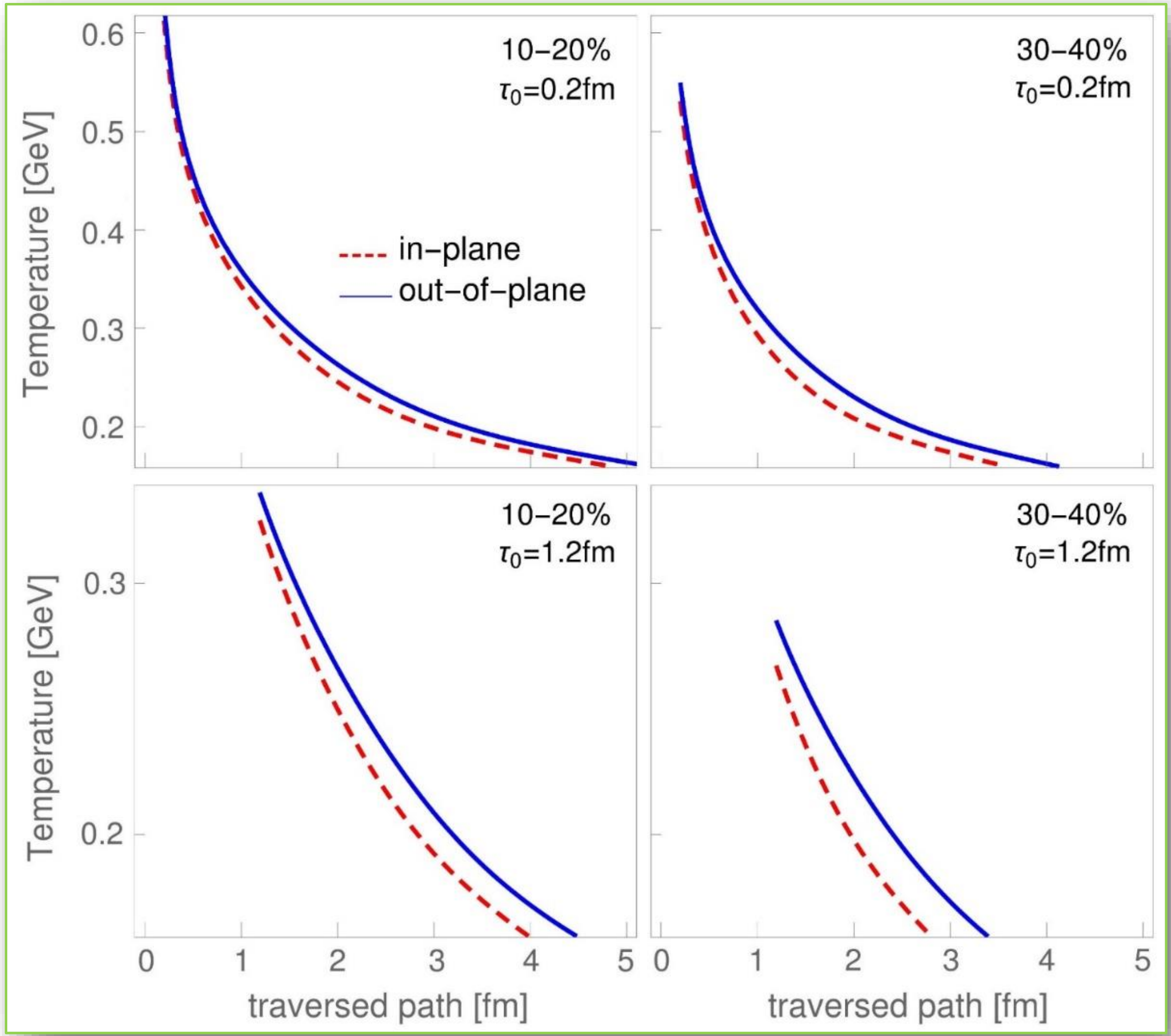
What is the reason behind such sensitivity?

Is it due to the difference in the temperature profiles?



For two different centrality regions and two different τ_0, we compare in-plane and out-of-plane *T* profiles, averaged for all sampled jet paths.

v_2 is proportional to the difference in R_{AA}s along in-plane and out-of-plane directions.
A larger difference in R_{AA}s → larger v_2!

As τ_0 increases, the differences between in- and out-of-plane *T* profiles also increase, explaining the observed increase in v_2.

Consequently, the temperature profile differences are a major contributor to such sensitivity.

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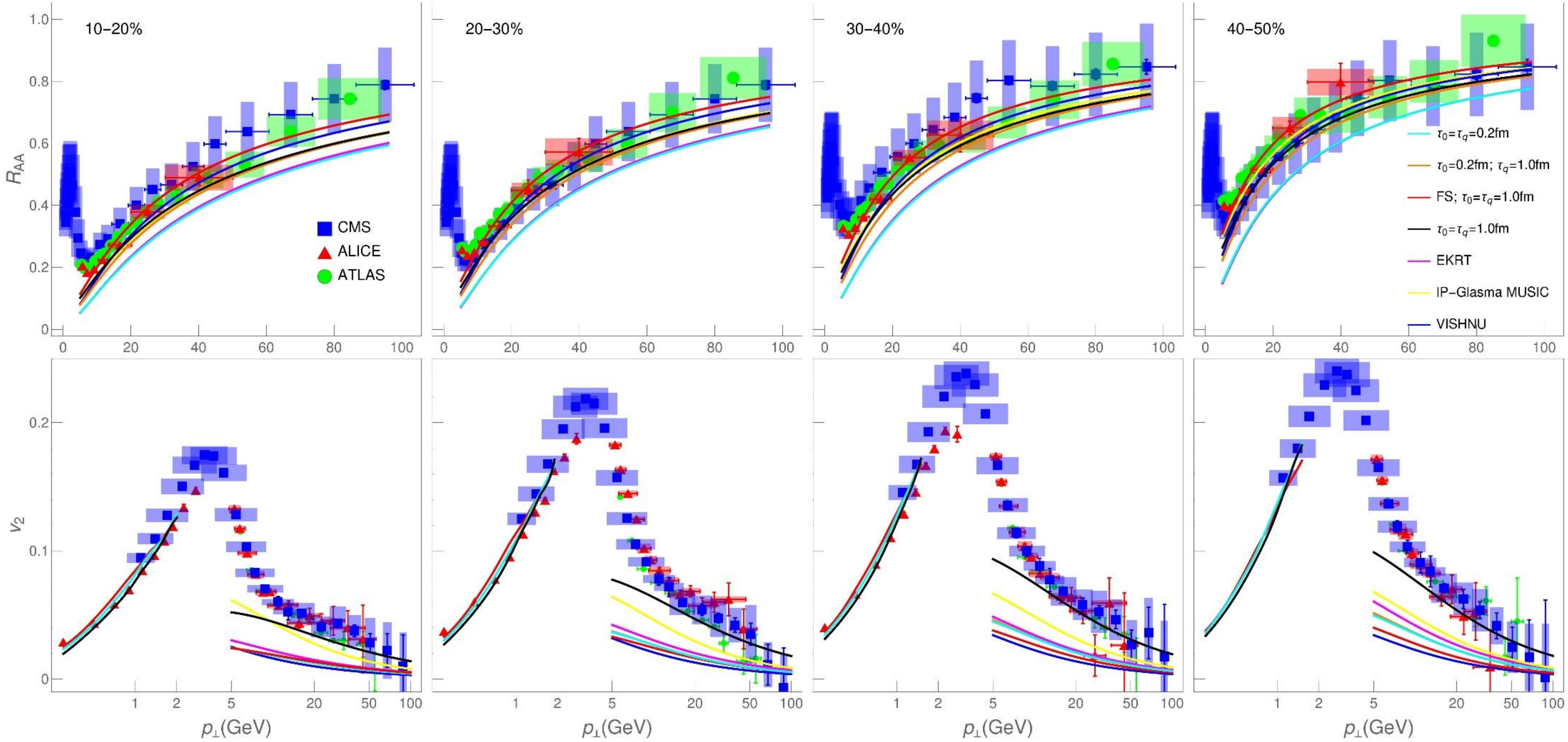
What about more sophisticated hydro initializations?

Include more sophisticated initializations, such as EKRT, IP-Glasma, free streaming.



High-pt R_{AA} and v_2 are sensitive to different initializations and early expansion dynamics, and prefer delayed onset of energy loss and transverse expansion!

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Summary

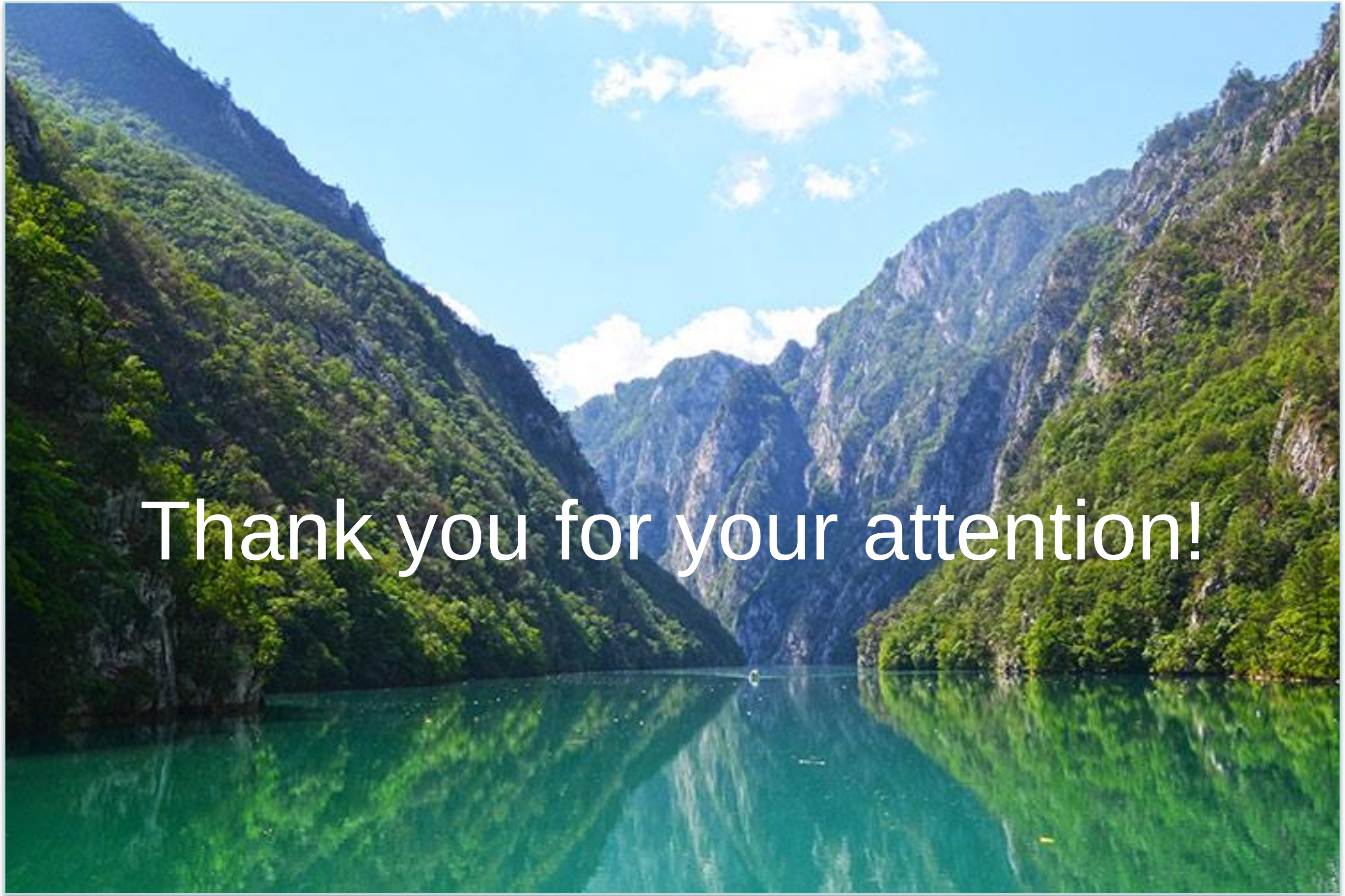
We here presented (to our knowledge) the first example where the parameter critical for simulating bulk QGP evolution, but (to a large extent) insensitive to low-pt physics, is constrained by high-pt theory and data.

Specifically, we here used high-pt R_{AA} and v_2 to infer that late thermalization times are clearly preferred by experimental data!

Heavy flavor show larger sensitivity to τ_0, to be tested by the upcoming high luminosity measurements.

v_2 is more sensitive to τ_0 than R_{AA}, where this sensitivity is due to differences in the in- and out-of-plane T profiles.

This study demonstrates inherent interconnections between low and high-pt physics, strongly supporting the utility of our proposed QGP tomography approach, where bulk QGP properties are *jointly* constrained by low and high-pt data.



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