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QUARKONIUM PRODUCTION IN HADRONIC COLLISIONS

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Abstract:

We summarize the theoretical description of charmonium and bottonium production in hadronic collisions and compare it to the available data from hadron-nucleon interactions. With the parameters of the theory established by these data, we obtain predictions for quarkonium production at RHIC and LHC energies.

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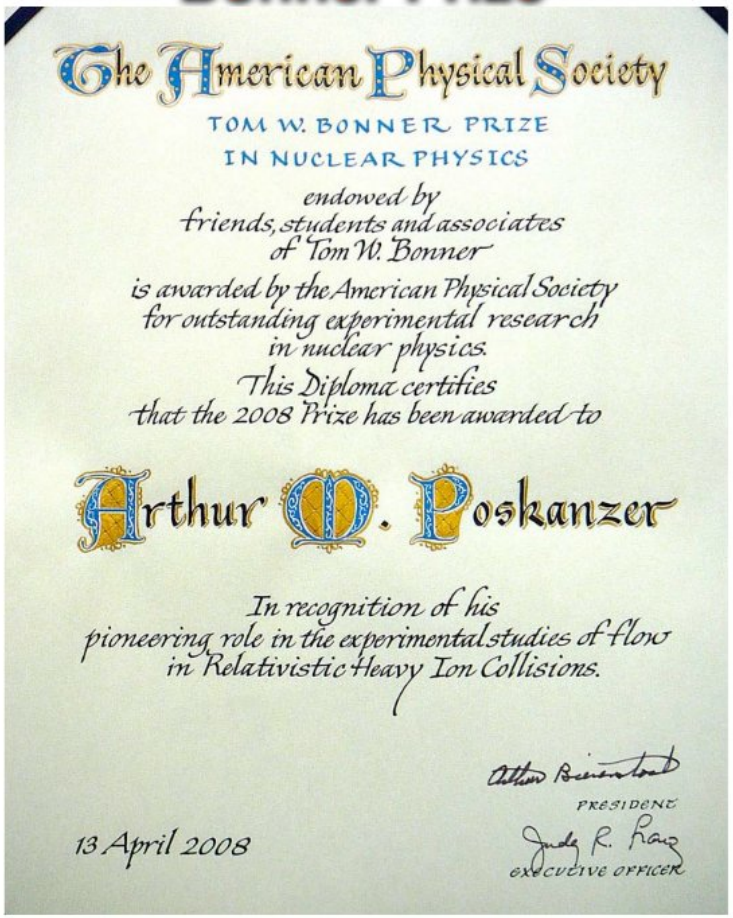

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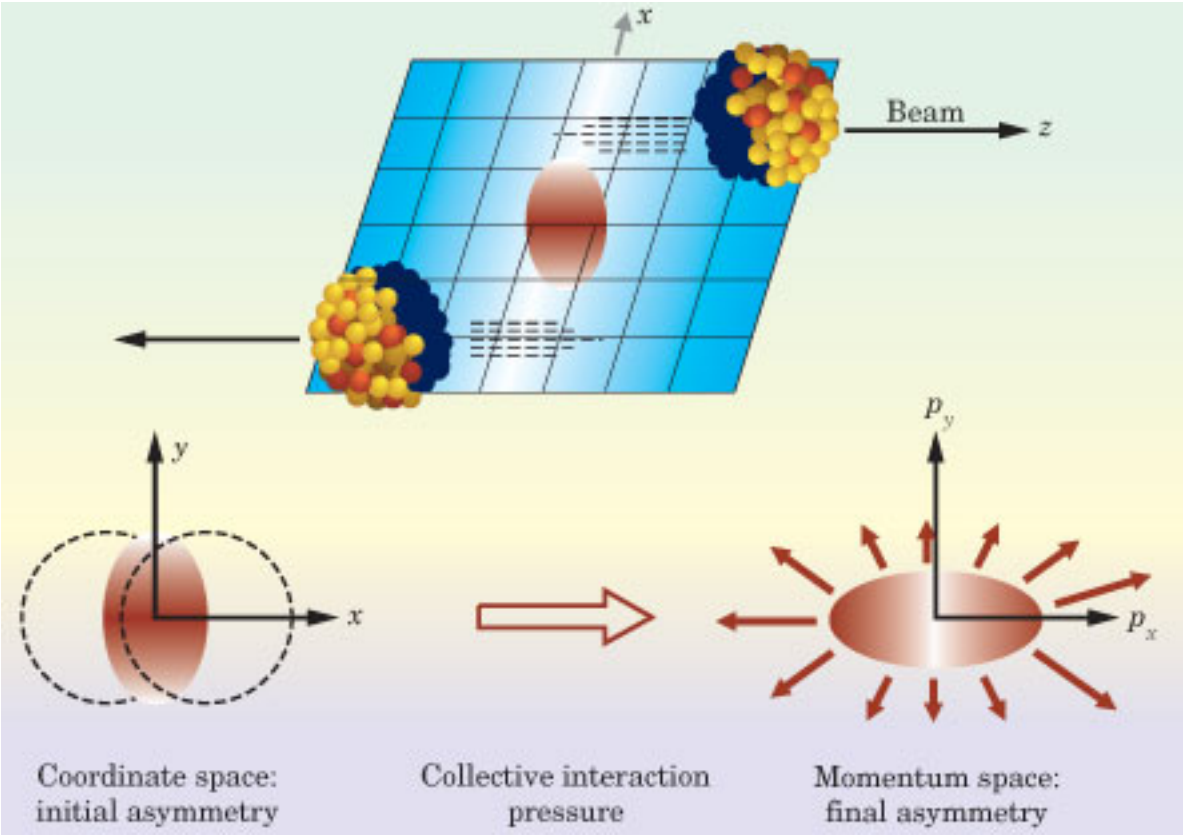

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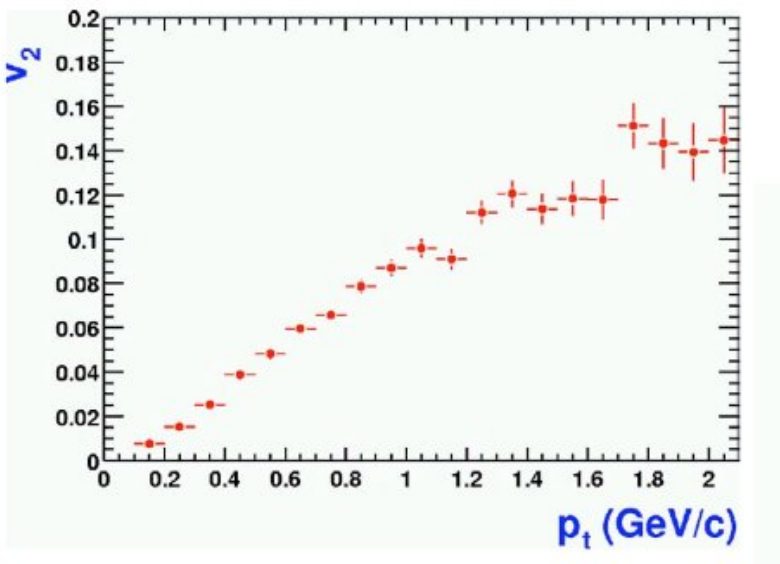

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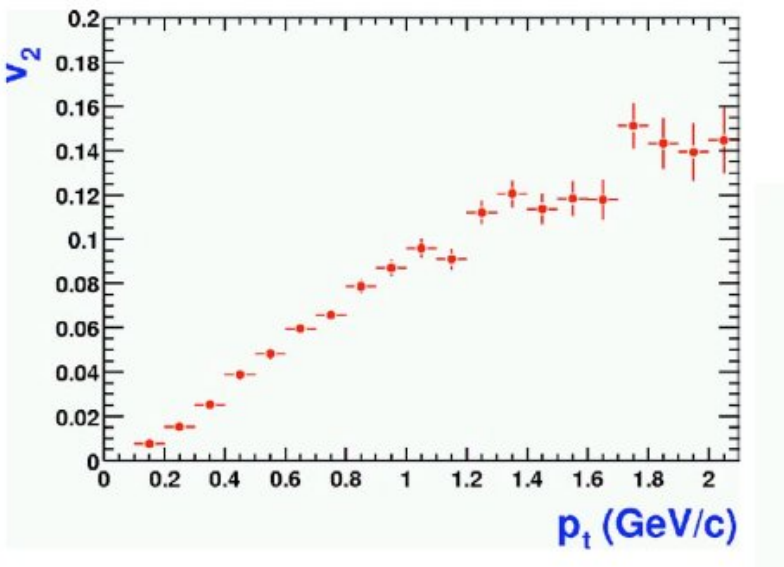

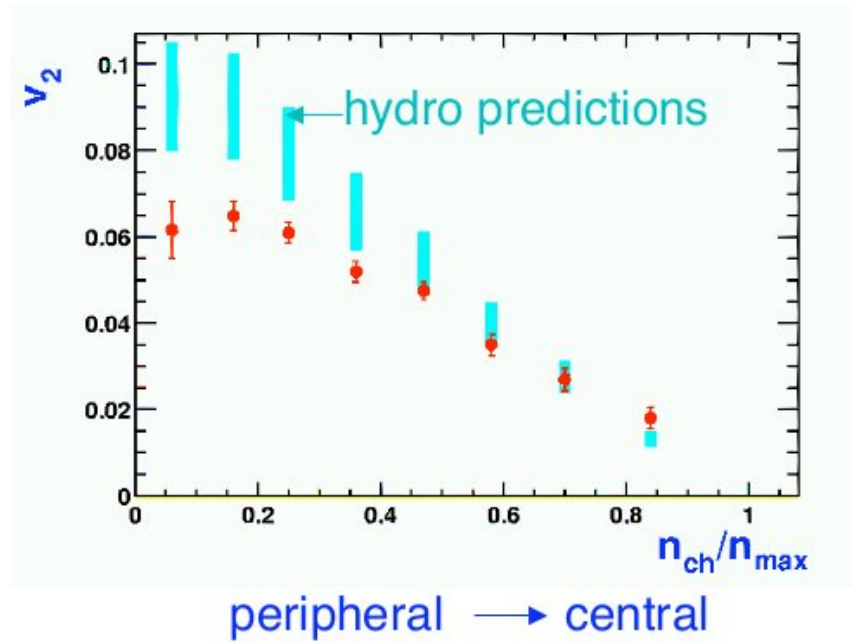

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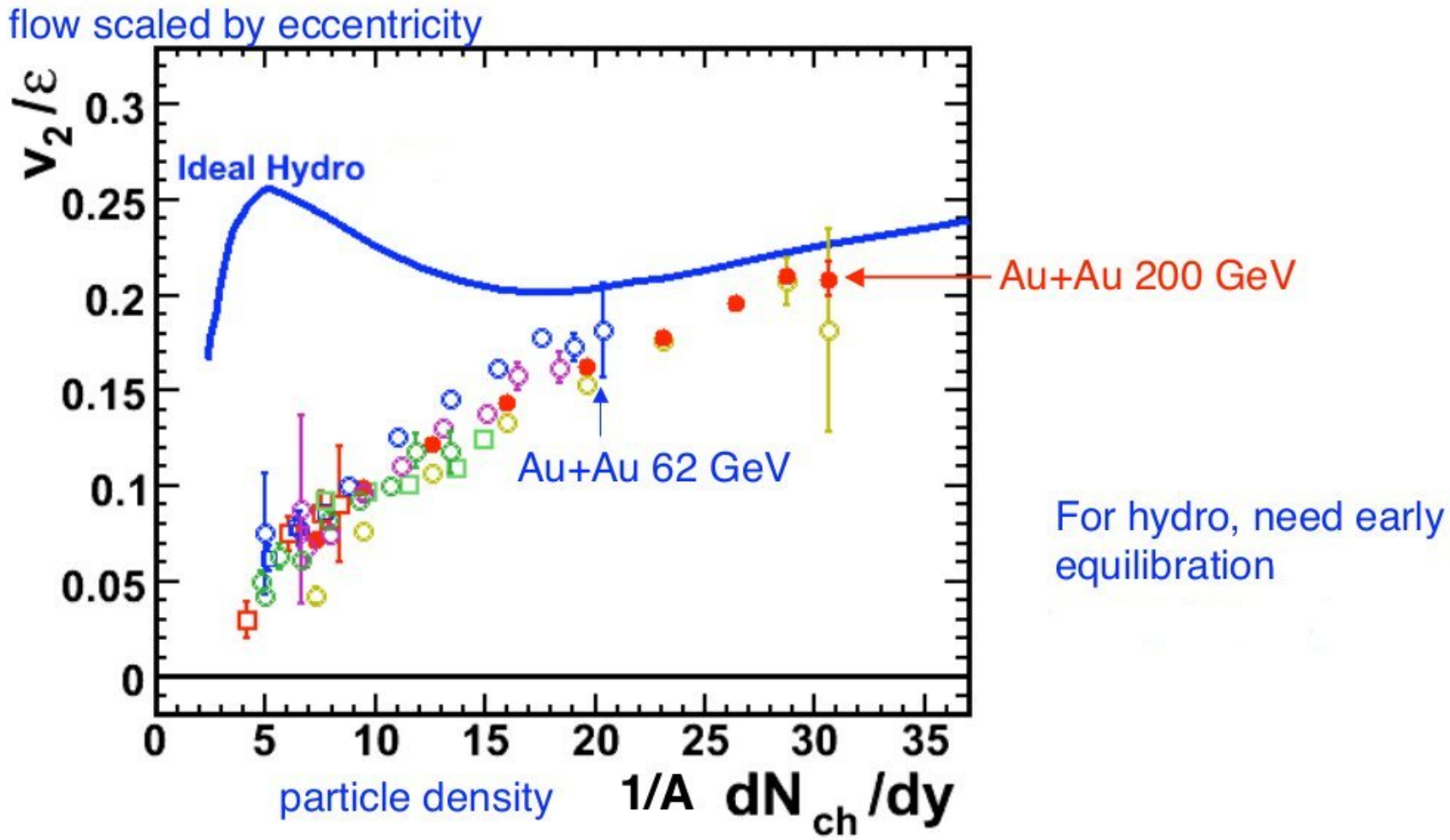
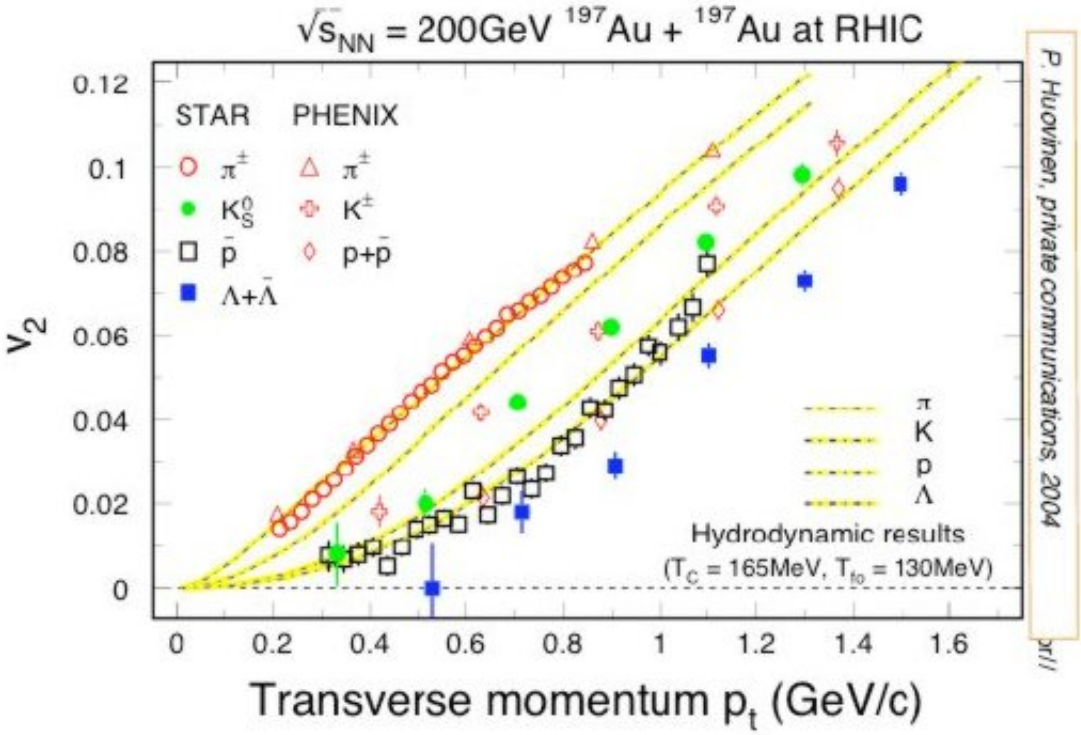


For hydro, need early equilibration

(S. Voloshin, QM06, JPG 31 (2007) S883 & Hydro Curve: Kolb-Sollfrank-Heinz, PRC 62 (2000) 054909.)

v_2 at Low p_T Region



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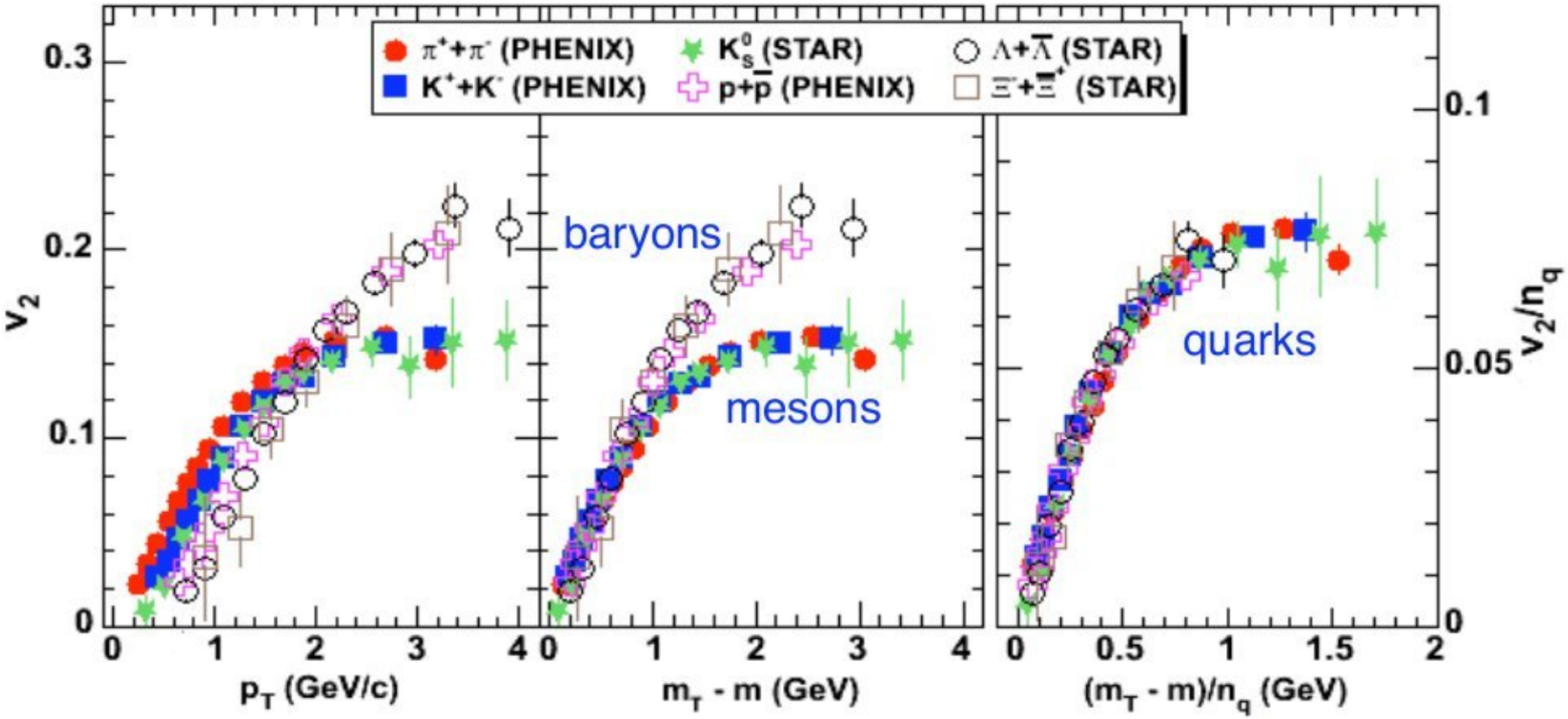
- Mass Pattern as expected by Hydrodynamics Models. Quantitative agreement depends on the equation of state.



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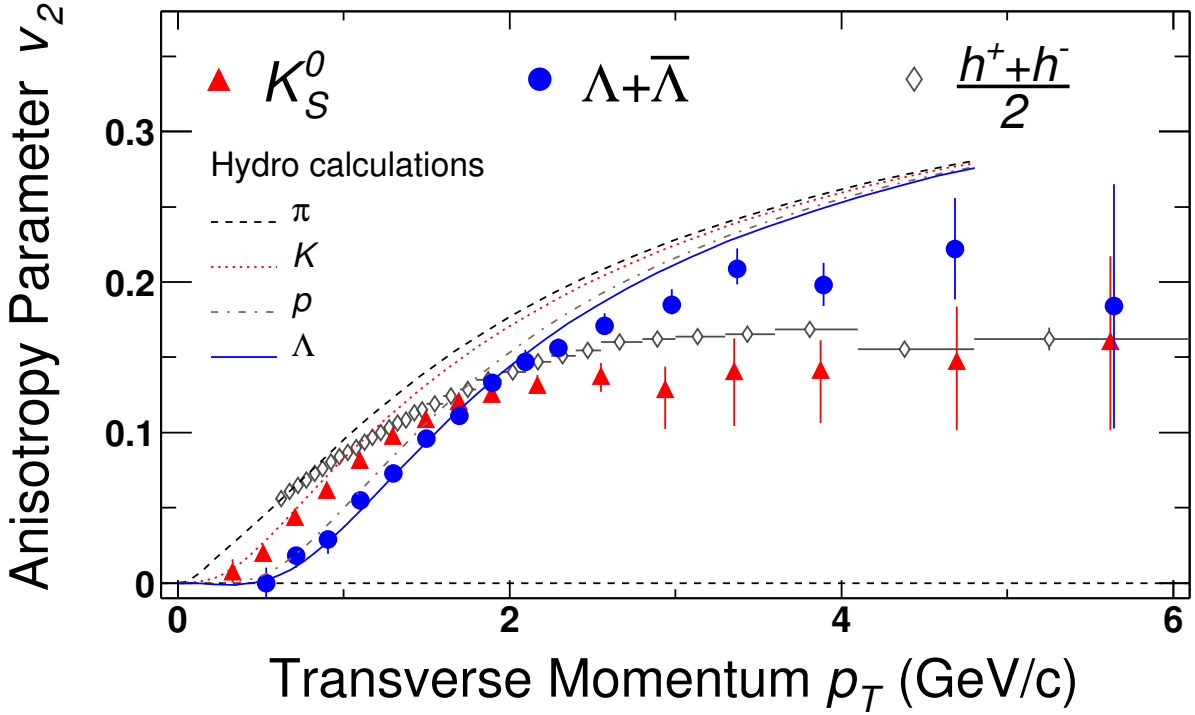
- v_2 scales as number of quarks. Thus, hadrons appear to follow the 'underlying' quark flow as Recombination Model would suggest.



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♡ Minimum Bias Au+Au Collisions at 200 GeV/c : Strangeness flows like normal hadrons.

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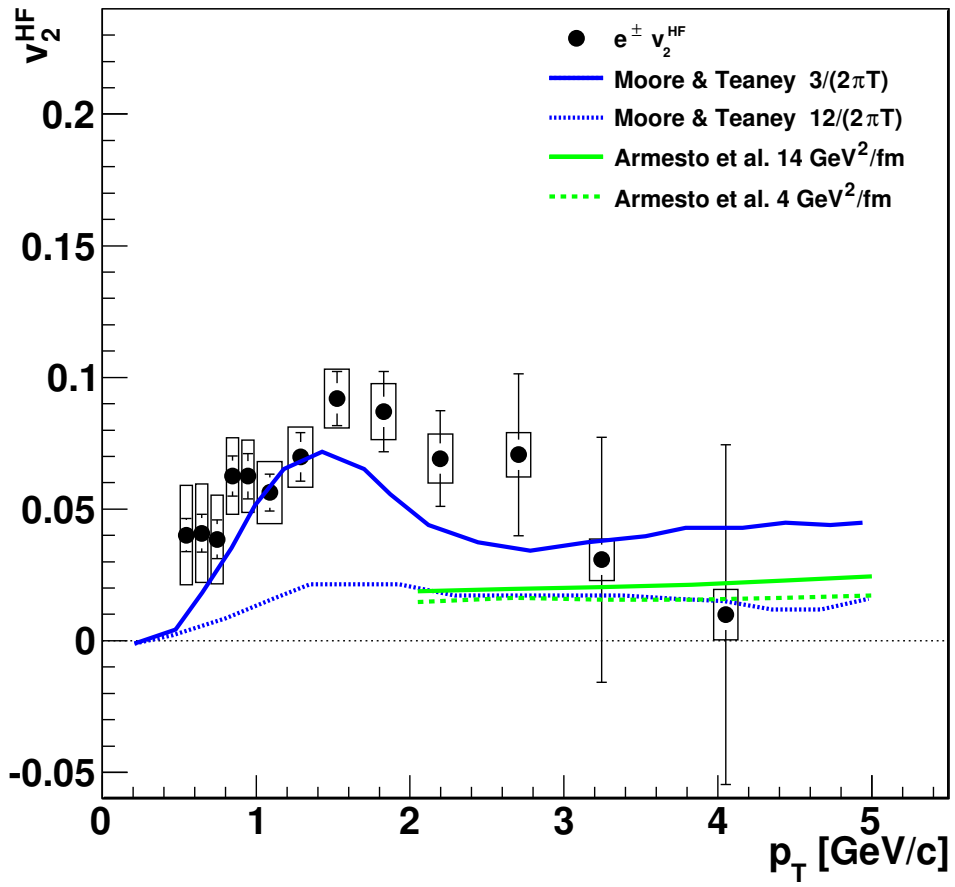

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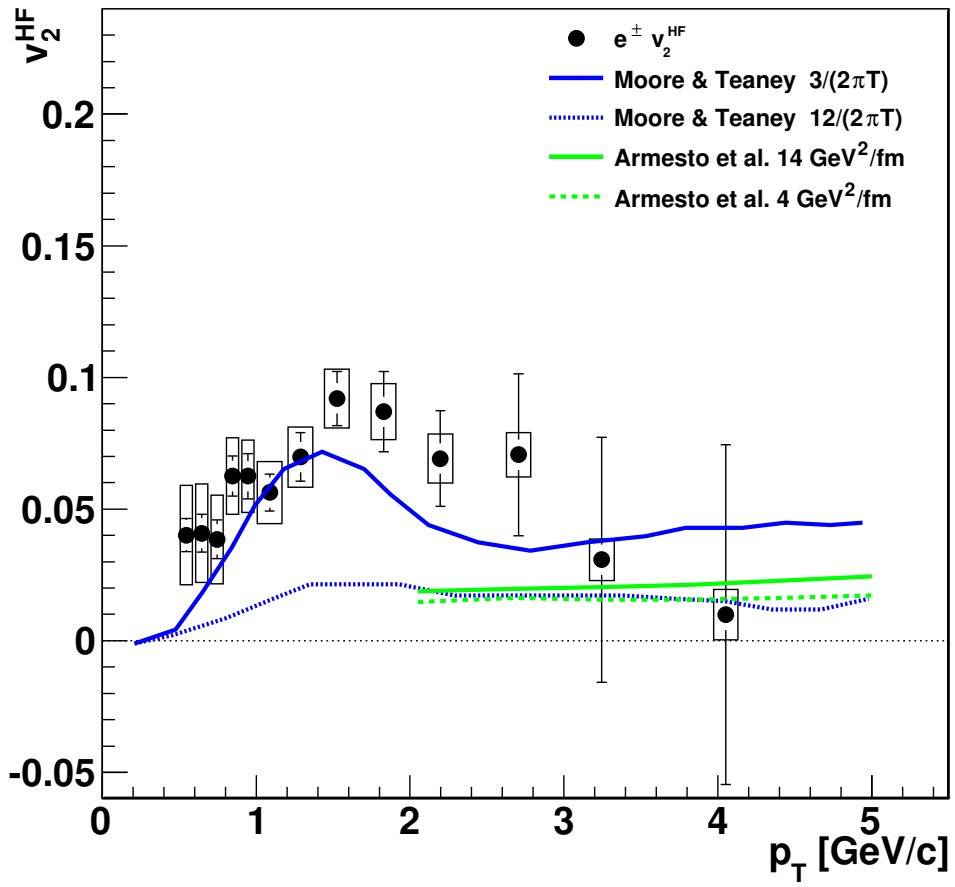

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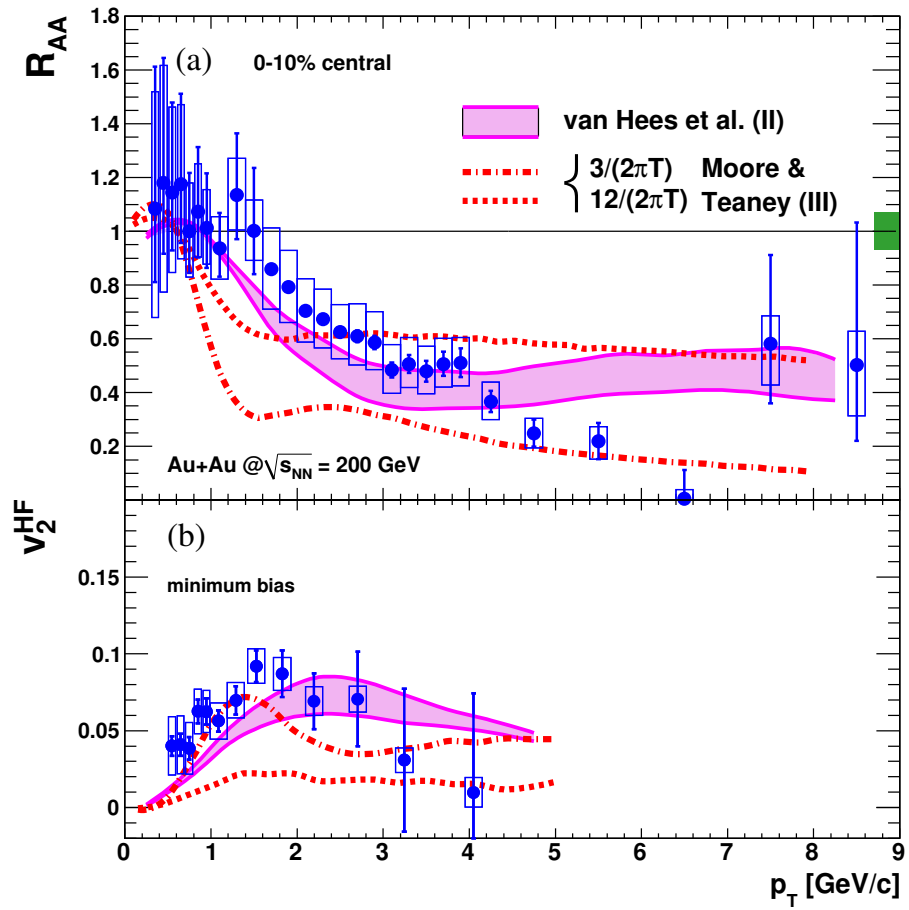
- Similar value also explains the suppression in the PHENIX R_{AA} for heavy quarks at RHIC.

- Other models, e.g. van Hees-Greco-Rapp, seem to suggest the same.



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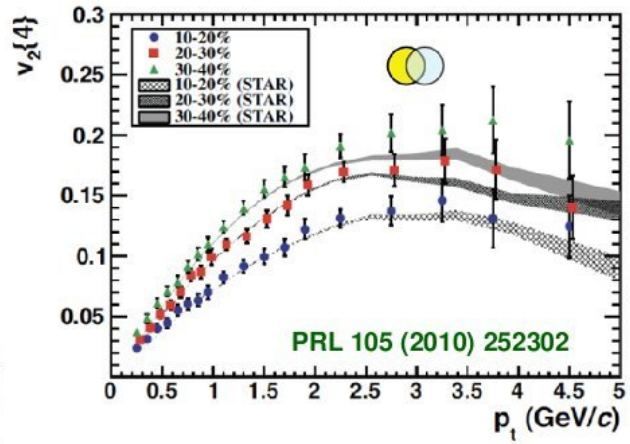
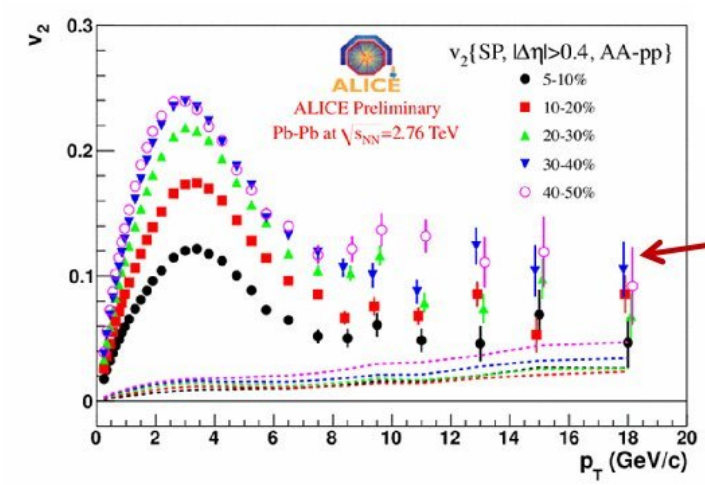
p_t differential elliptic flow

- v_2 vs. p_T does not change within uncertainties between $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$=200 GeV and 2.76 TeV
  - ⇨ 30% increase of p_T integrated flow explained by higher mean p_T due to stronger radial flow at higher energies



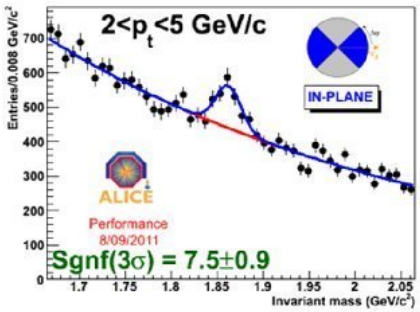


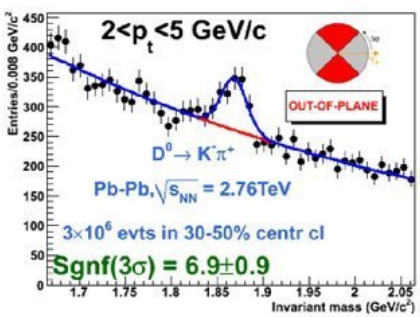
- Significant values of v_2 for p_T>8 GeV/c
  - ⇨ Due to path length dependence of parton energy loss

ALICE overview at SQM11, Krakow, Poland by Francesco Prino.

D^0 elliptic flow

- First direct measurement of D flow in heavy-ion collisions
- Yield extracted from invariant mass spectra of Kπ candidates in 2 bins of azimuthal angle relative to the event plane





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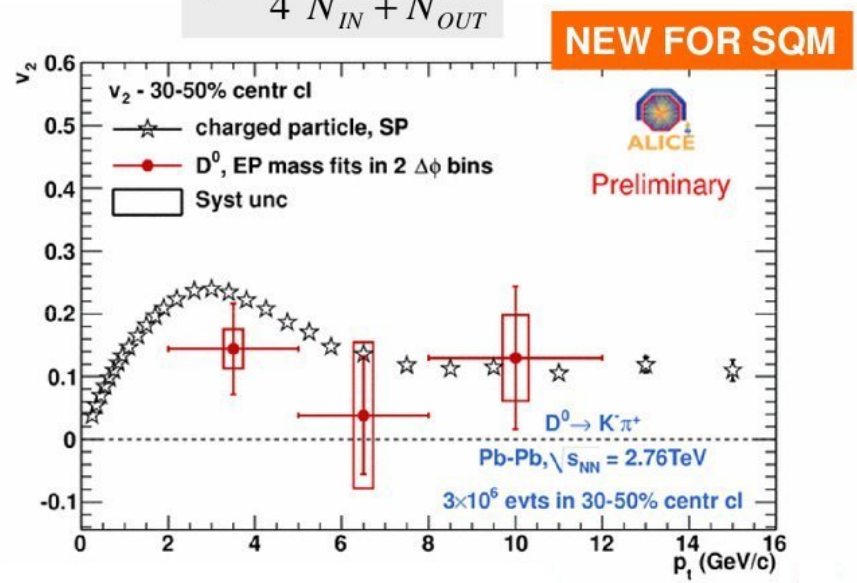

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- Can Lattice QCD shed some light on the Charm Flow ?

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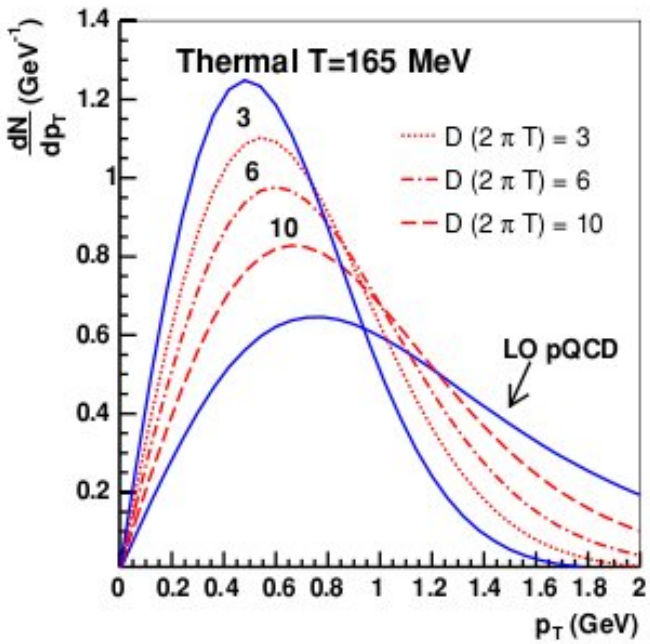
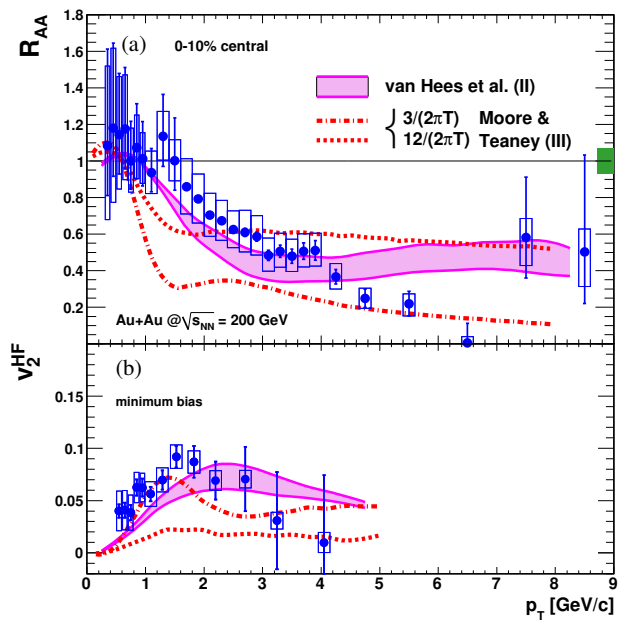
- Moore-Teaney assumed an initial power-law (LO pQCD) transverse momentum distribution of a heavy Q in an expanding QGP at $T_0 = 300$ MeV. Assuming an ideal Bjorken expansion of the plasma, they showed that by $T_f = 165$ MeV the charm distribution approximates a thermal one **provided** $D \leq 3/2\pi T$.

- Their comparison, including a more realistic hydro-simulation, which I showed earlier also, supports such a conclusion.





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- The spectral function, $\rho(\omega)$, is obtained from the $G_E(\tau)$, as usual, by

$$G_E(\tau) \ = \ \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{\pi}\ \rho(\omega)\ \frac{\cosh\omega(\tau-\frac{1}{2T})}{\sinh\frac{\omega}{2T}}\,. \tag{3}$$

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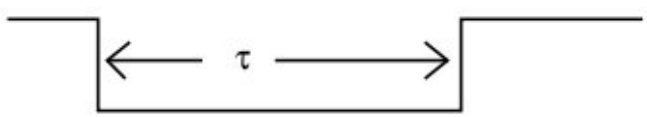
$C^i(\tau) = \prod_{x_4=0}^{t-1} U_4(x_4) \cdot U_i(t) \cdot \prod_{x_4=t}^{t+\tau-1} U_4(x_4) \cdot U_i^\dagger(t+\tau) \cdot \prod_{x_4=t+\tau}^{\beta-1} U_4(x_4)$.



Graphical Representation of $C(\tau)$.

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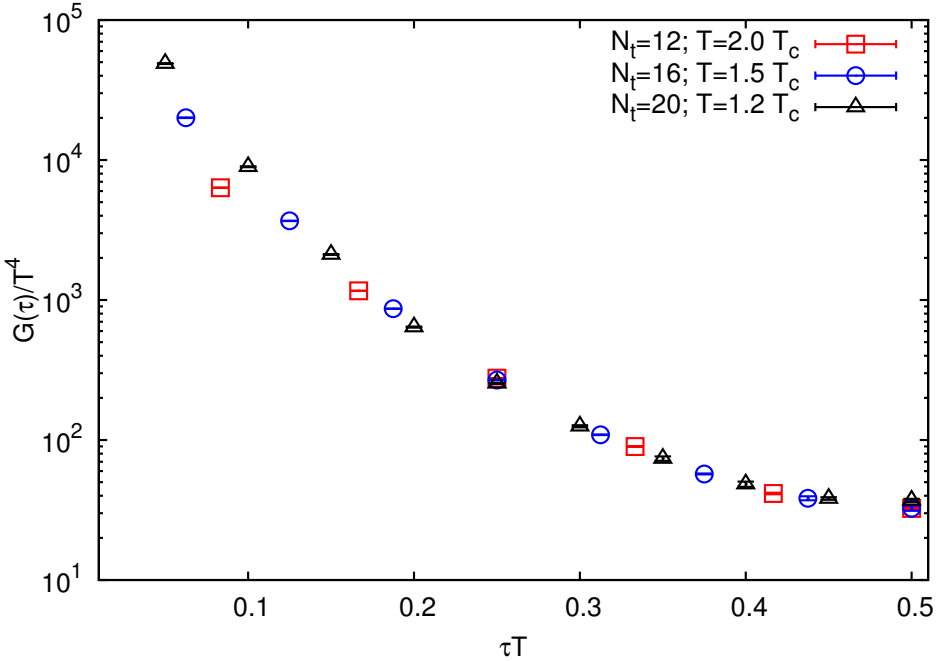
- Spatial volumes are such that $N_s \geq 2N_\tau$.

- Couplings were chosen suitably to make simulations at $T/T_c = 1.04$, 1.09, 1.24, 1.5 and 1.96 for the two largest N_τ.

- Typical Statistics : Few hundred Independent Configurations, with a few thousand multilevel updates.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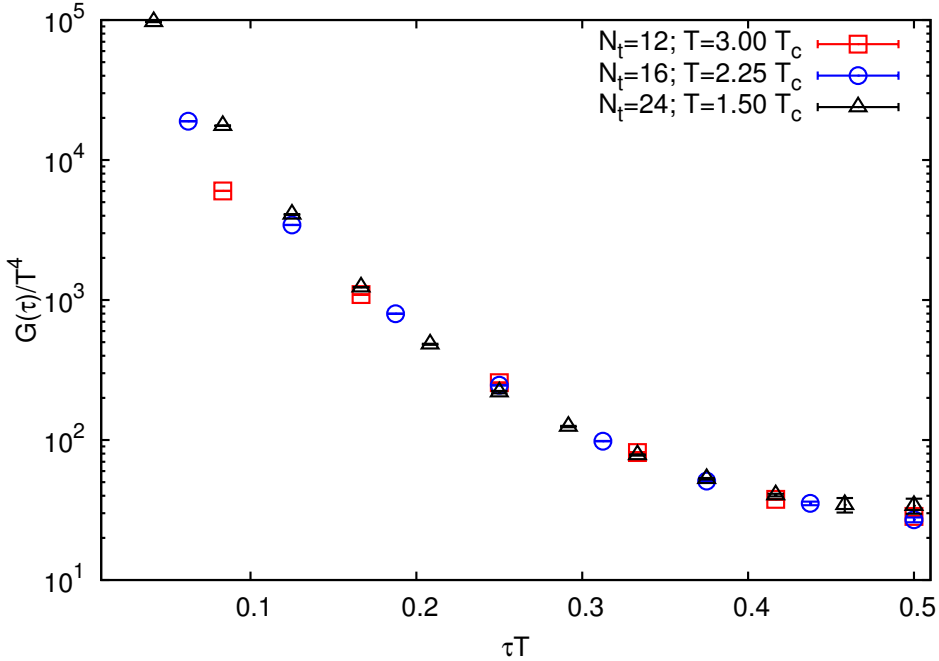
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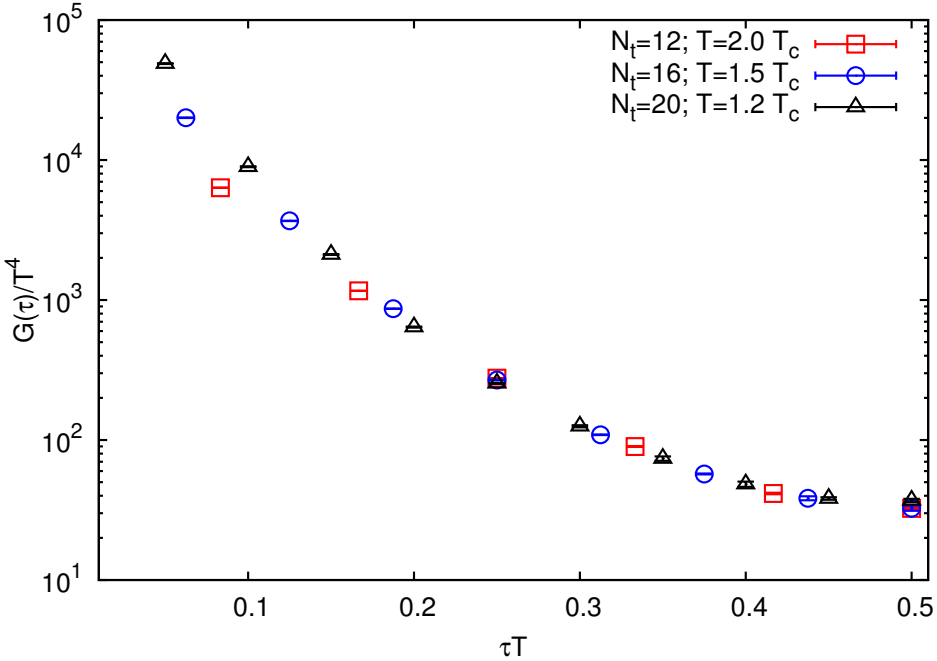

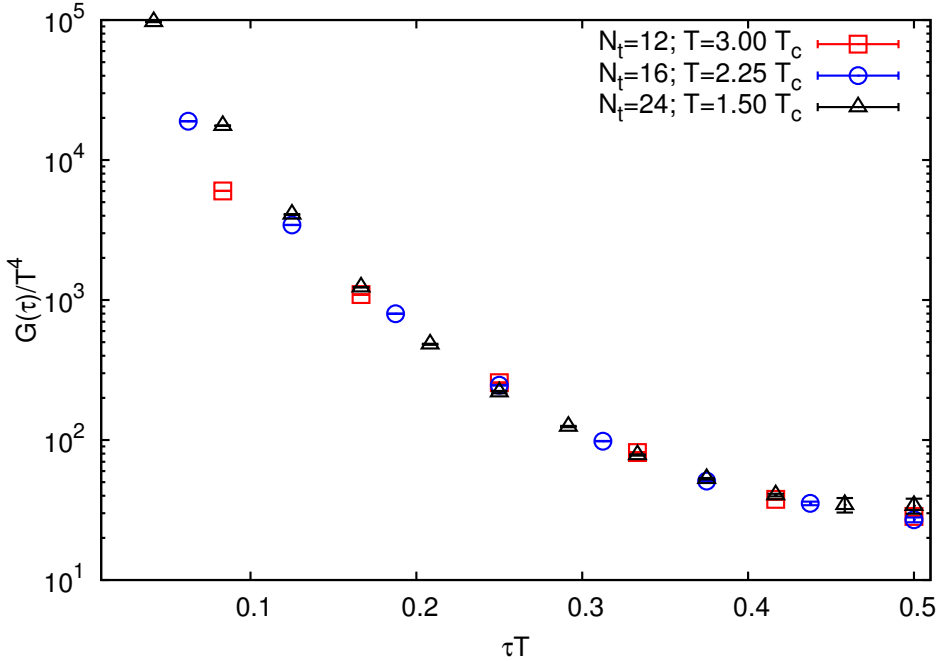

- Large τ region shows scaling.
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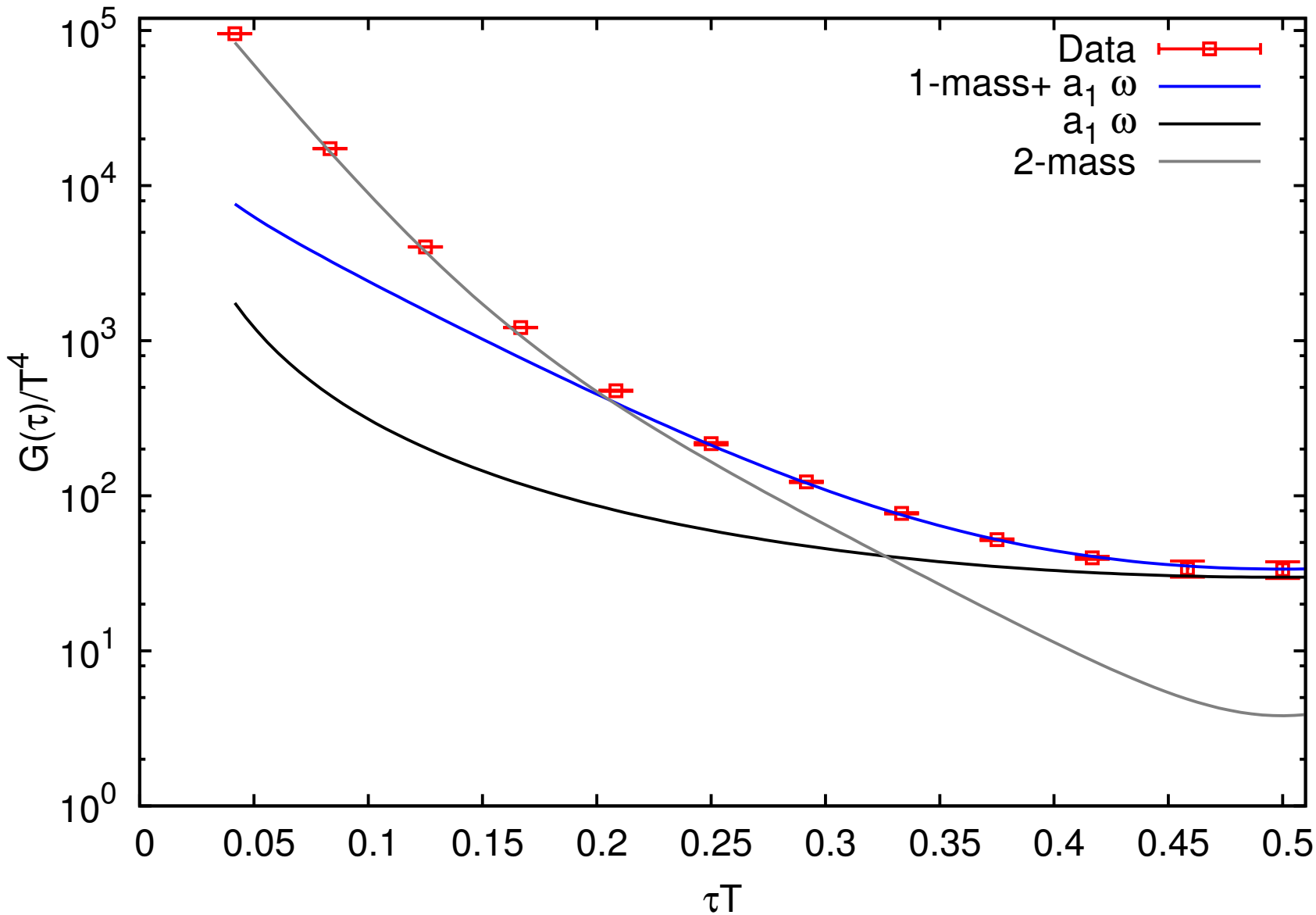
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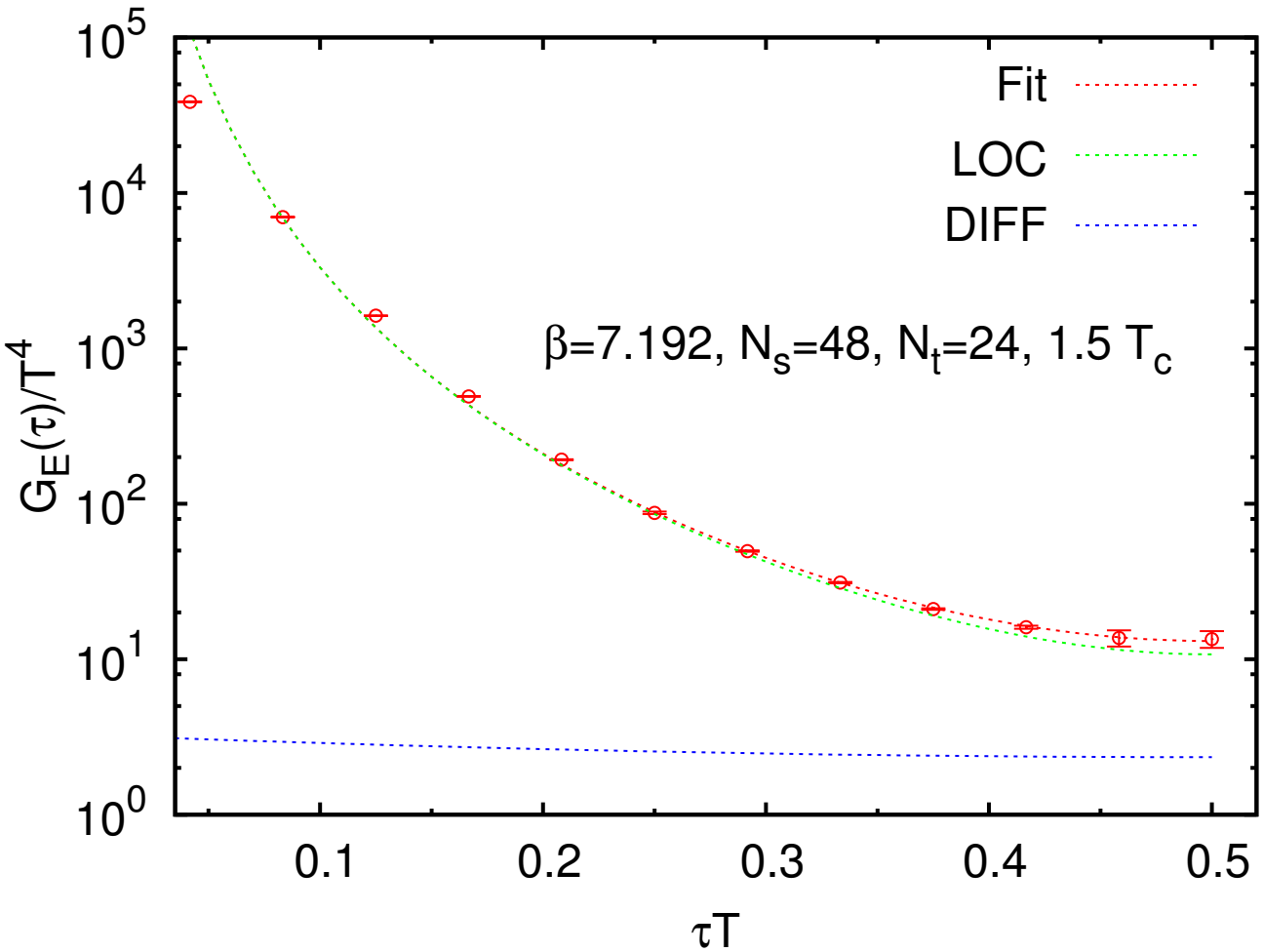
  First term is the due to the expected DIFFusion constant, and the second is motivated by leading perturbation theory (LOC)

- $\Lambda = 3T$ used; varied from 2 to ∞ for systematic error.



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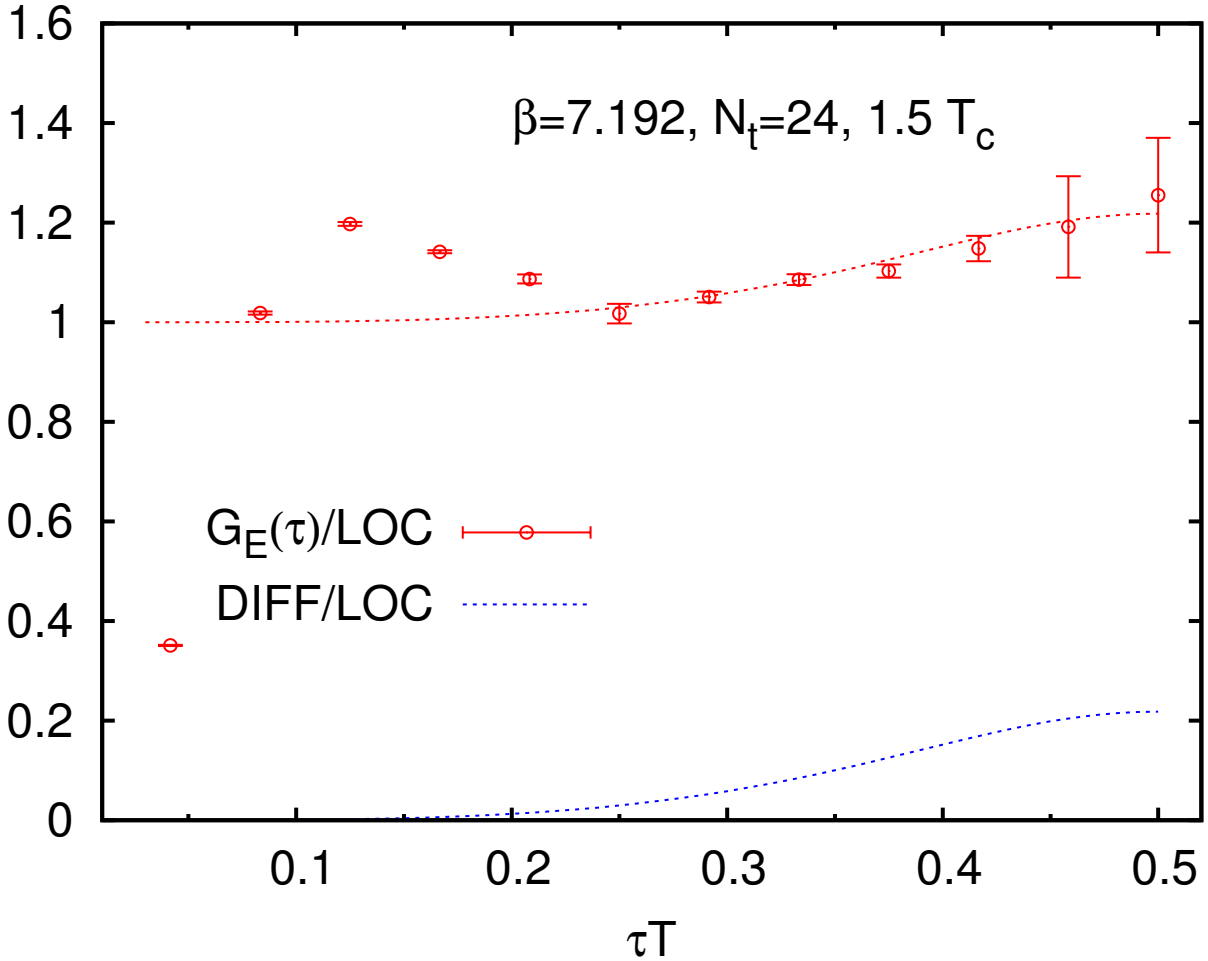

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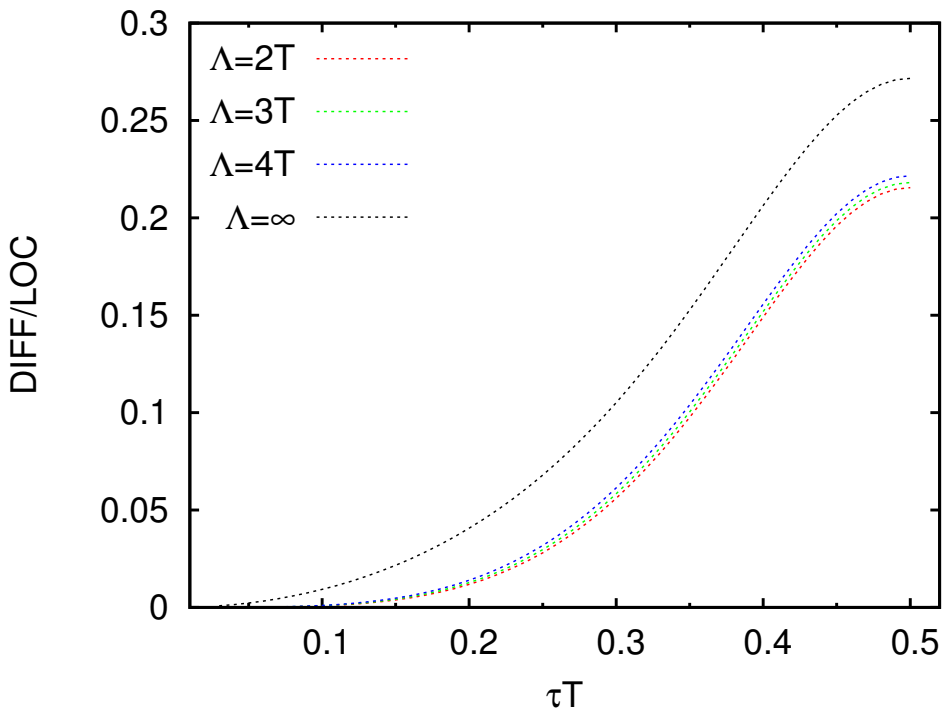

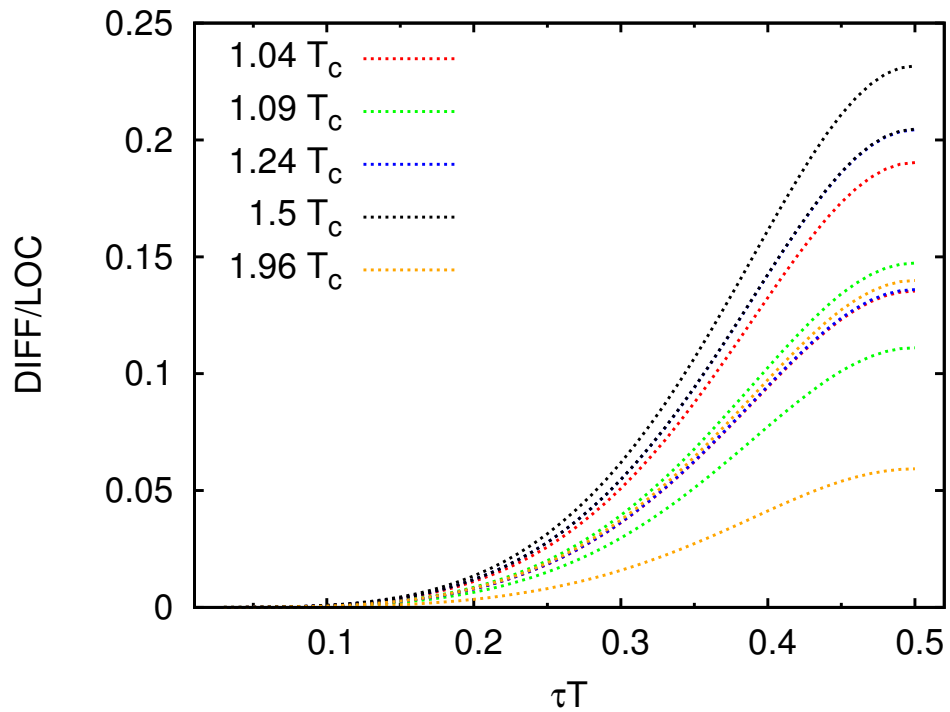

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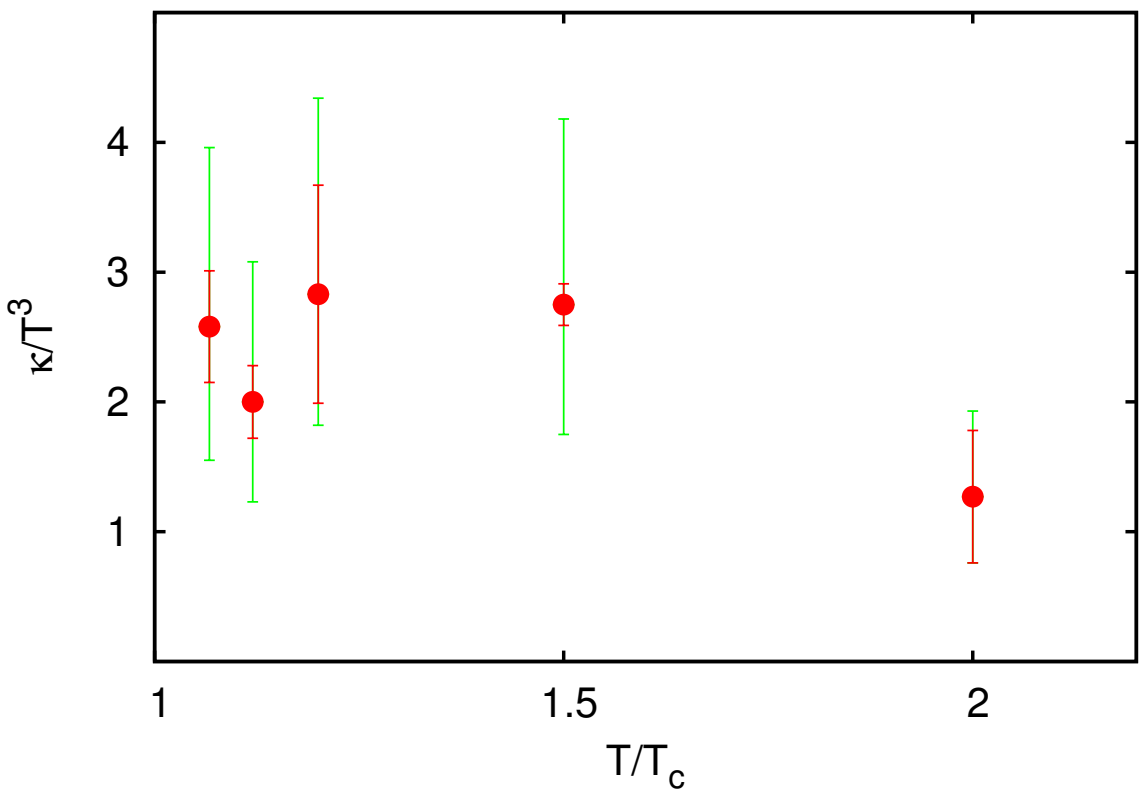

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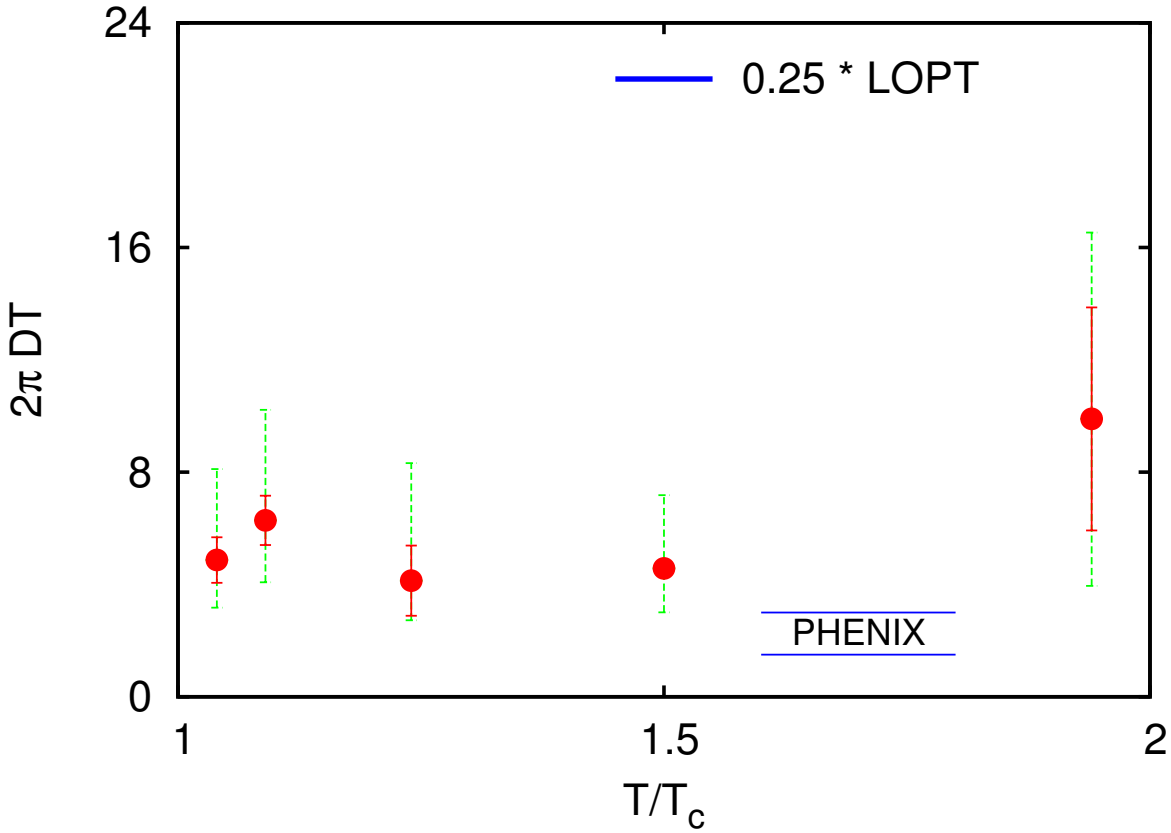

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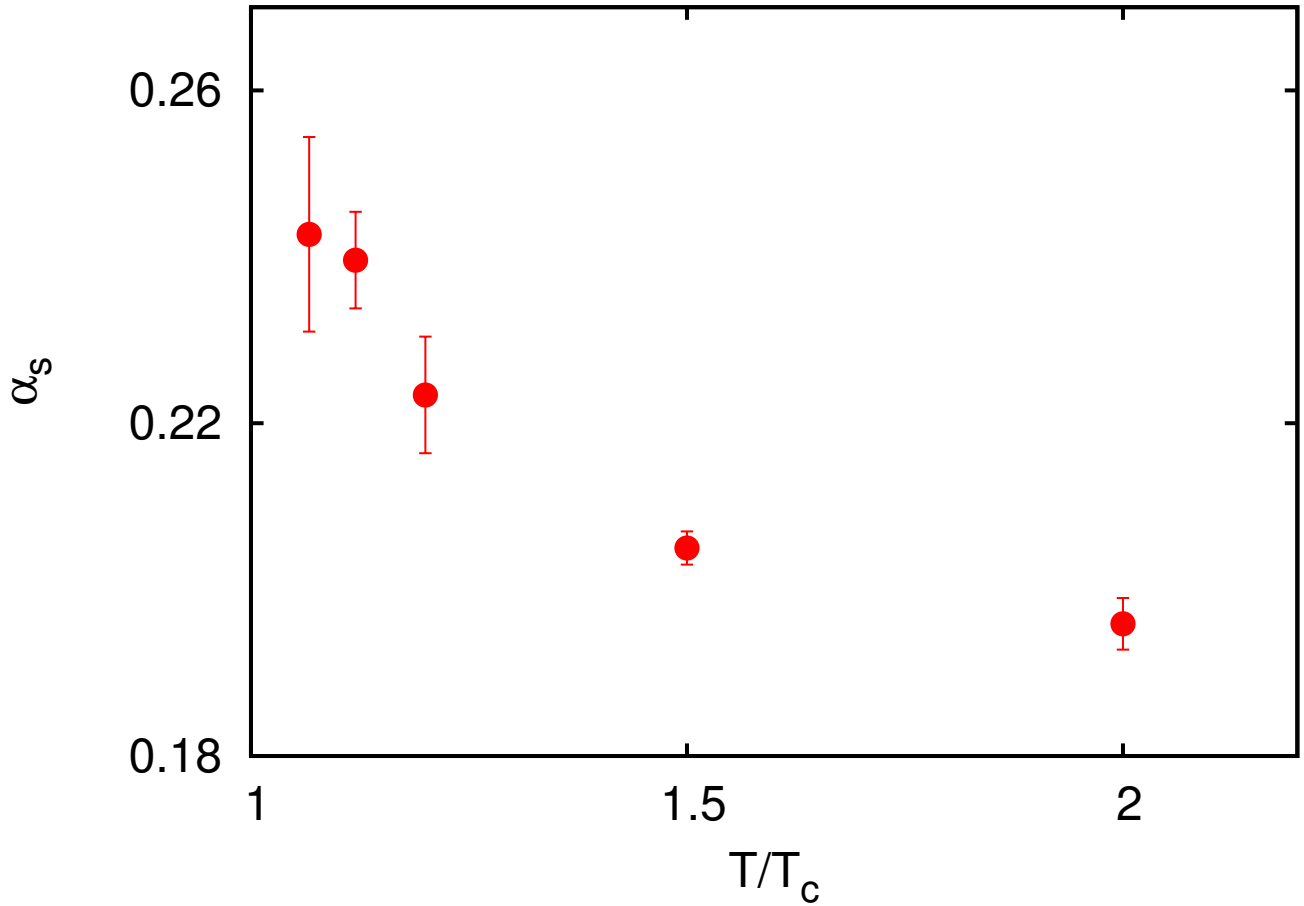

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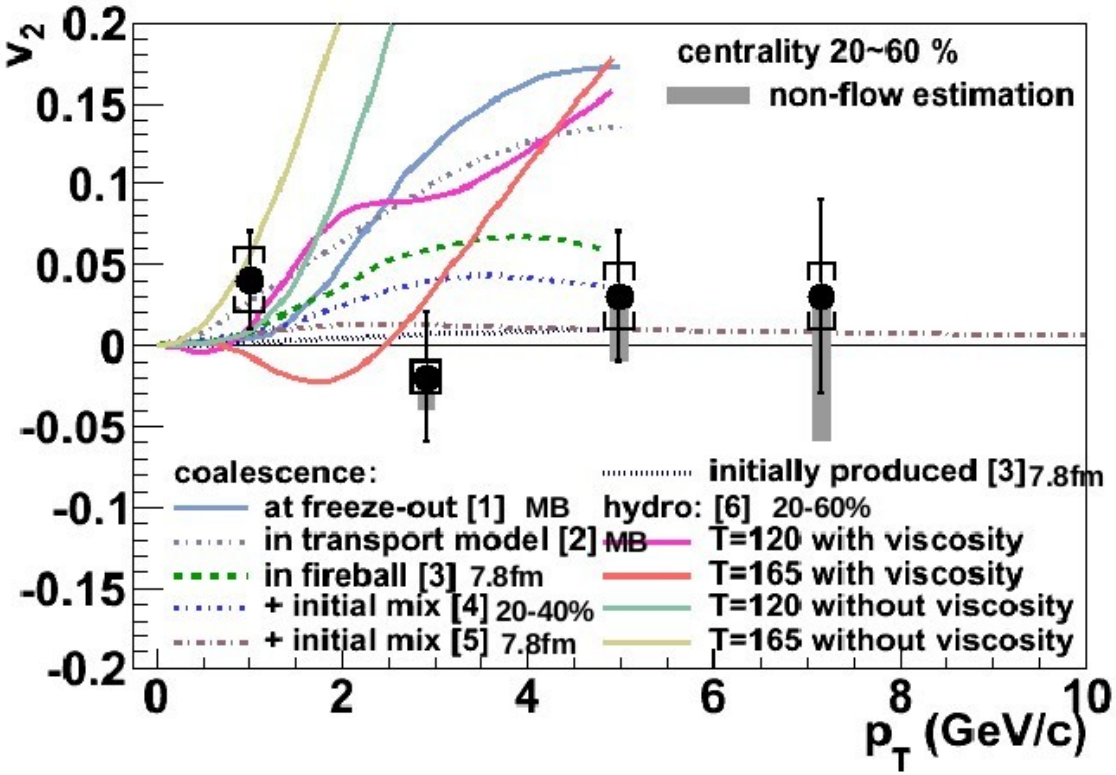

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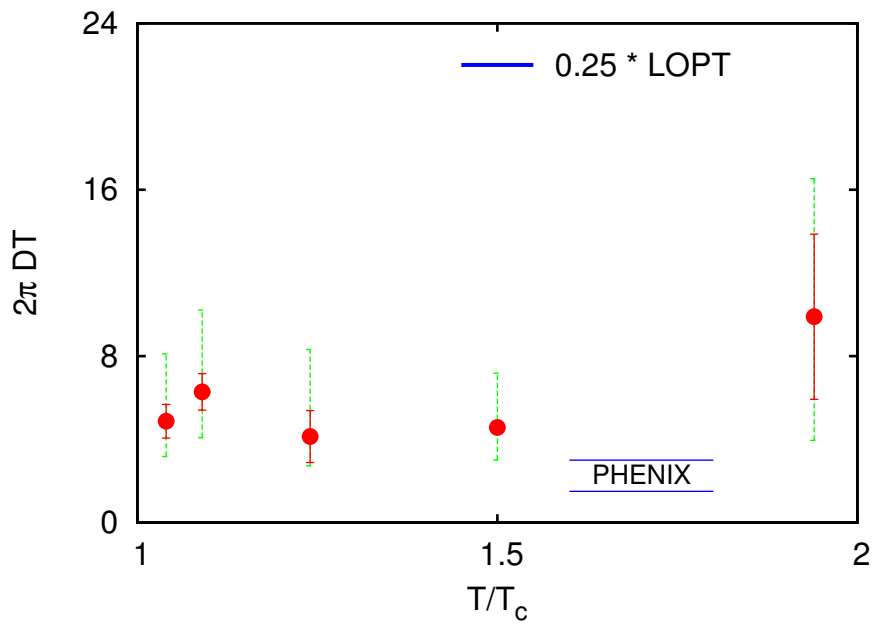

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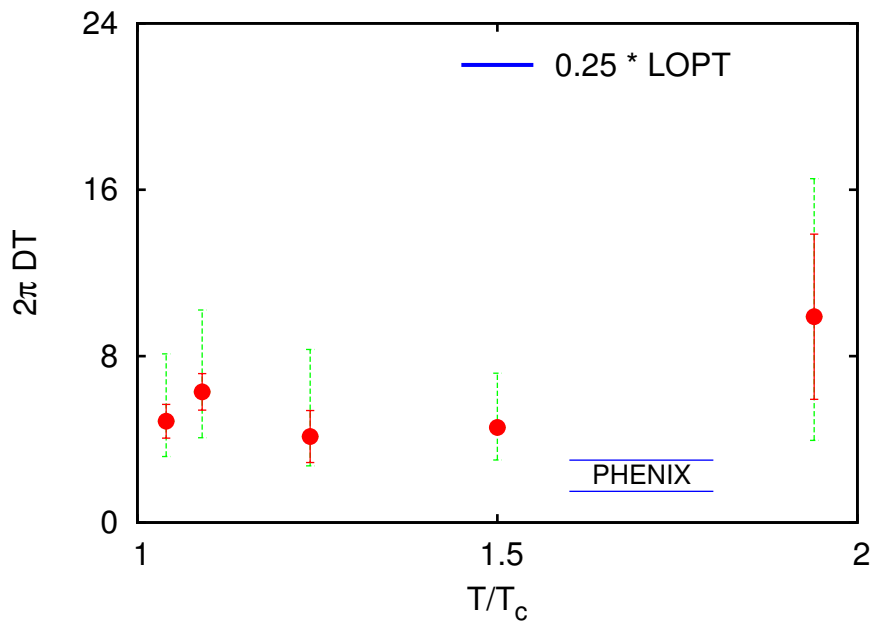

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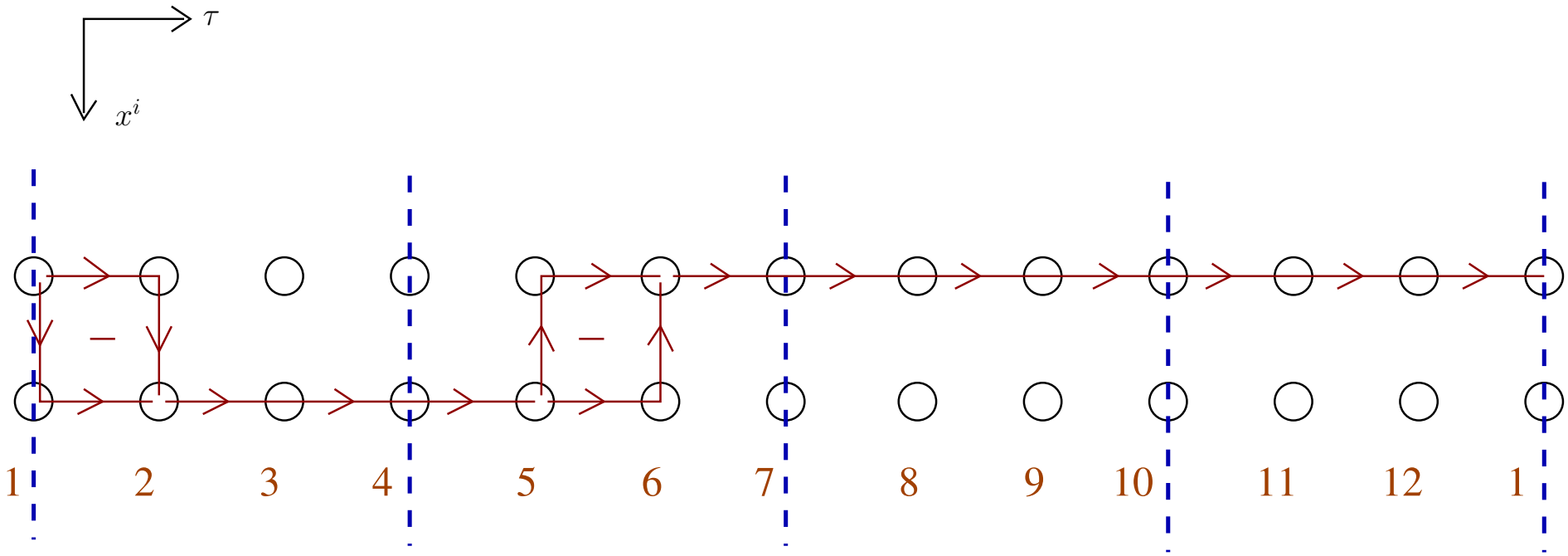
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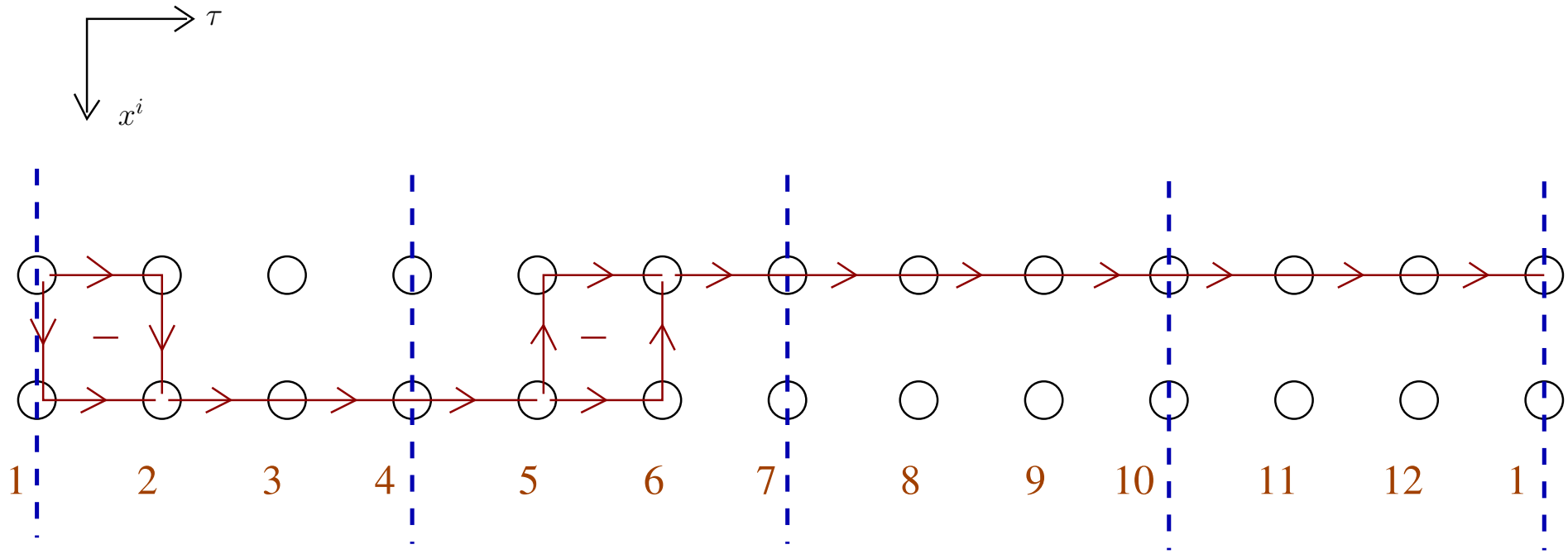

β	6.76	6.80	6.90	7.192	7.255
N_τ	20	20	20	24	20
T/T_c	1.04	1.09	1.24	1.5	1.96

Table 1: List of lattices on which diffusion coefficients were extracted, and the temperatures.