

# Heavy Quark Diffusion coefficients in Magnetised Medium

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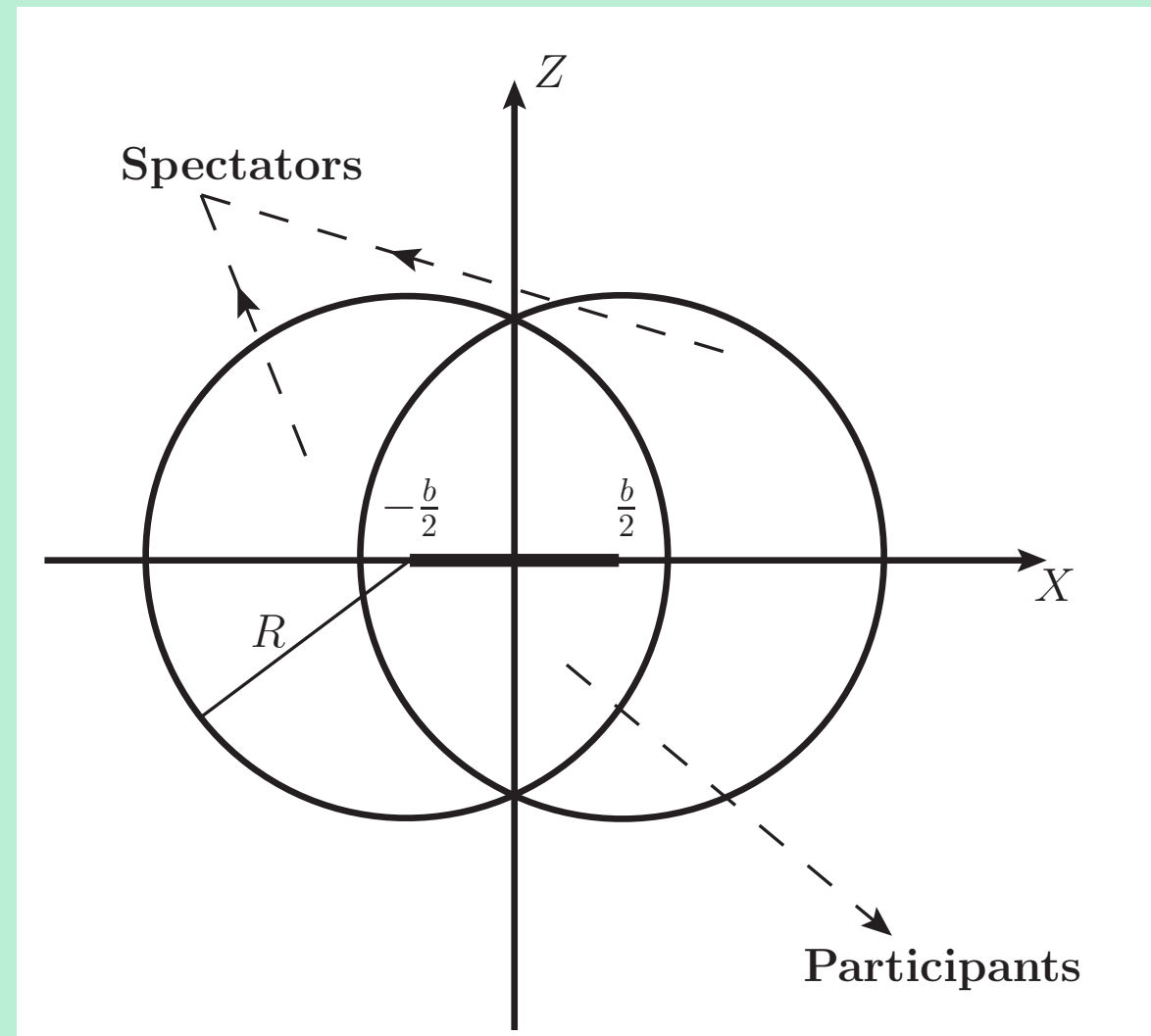
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# Magnetised medium



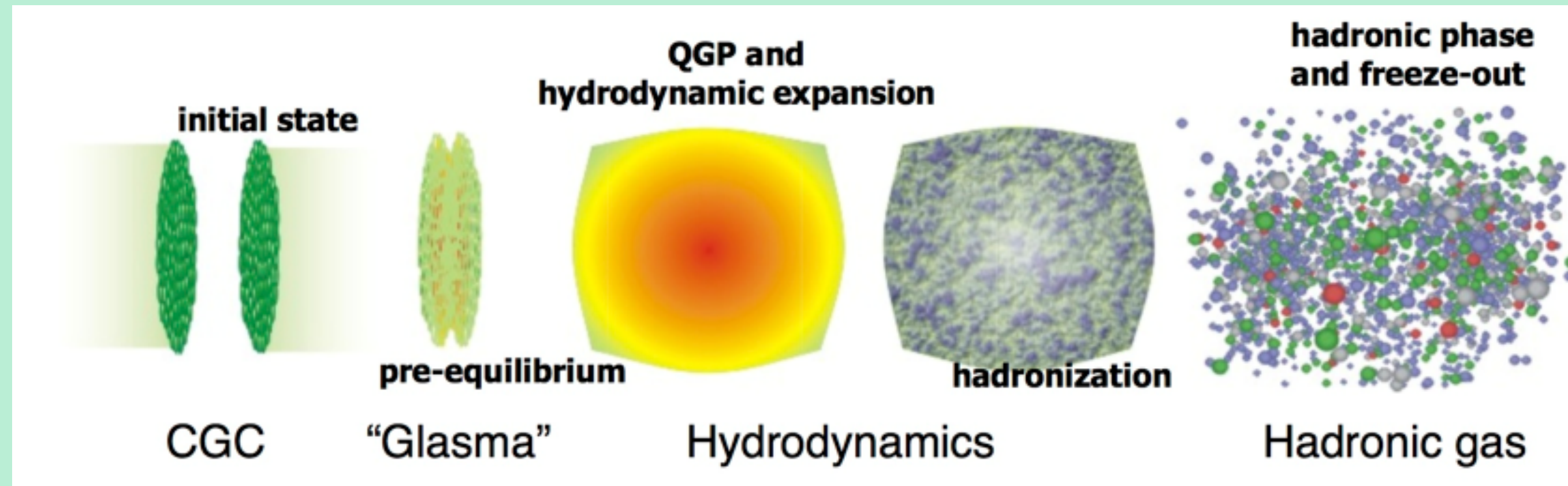
- Strong magnetic fields are present in some stellar objects and non-central heavy ion collisions (e.g.  $eB \sim \hat{O}(10)m_\pi^2$  at LHC).
- Introduces extra scale  $eB$  in the medium in addition to  $T, \mu \rightarrow$  triggers significant interest in theoretical understanding of the properties of a magnetised medium.

## Novel phenomena in magnetised medium

1. Chiral Magnetic Effect [[Kharzeev, McLerran, Warringa - NPA 803](#)]
2. Chiral Magnetic Wave [[Burnier, Kharzeev, Liao, Yee - PRL 107](#)]
3. Charge dependent directed flow [[Gursoy, Kharzeev, Rajagopal - PRC 89](#)]
4. Enhancement in Dilepton production rate [[Das, AB, Islam - PRD 106](#)]
5. Inverse Magnetic Catalysis [[Bali, Bruckmann, Endrodi et al. - JHEP 1202](#)]

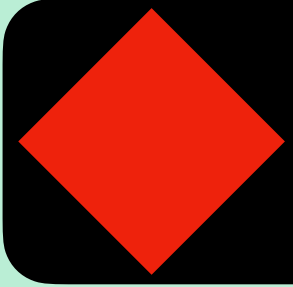
*And many more .....*

# Heavy quark as a QGP signature



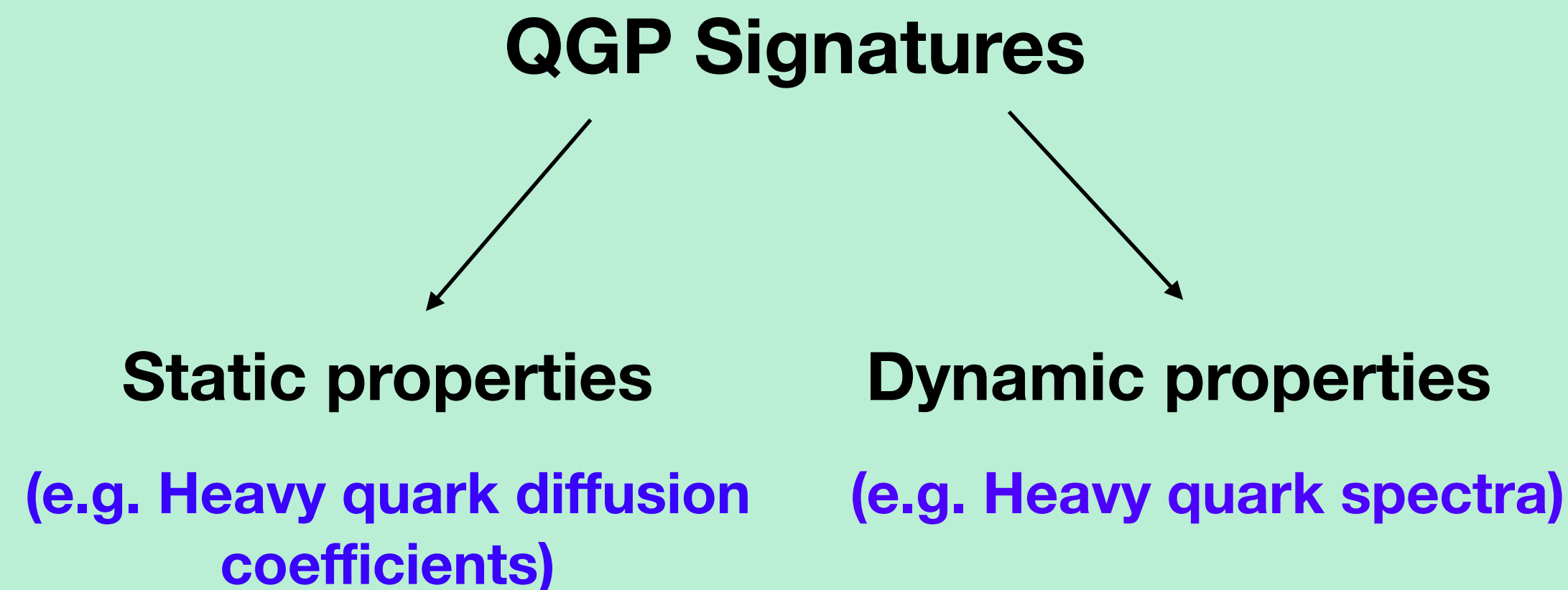
- Large mass compared to  $T$
  - External to the bulk medium.
- } → **Less Contamination**
- Generated at the early stage
- **More Information**

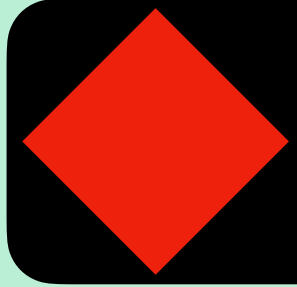
In this talk: Heavy quark momentum diffusion coefficients



# Heavy quark diffusion

- HQs experience drag forces as well as **random kicks** from the bulk medium.
- A widely adopted approach is to use the **Langevin equations** for describing HQ in-medium evolution.
- Essential theoretical inputs : **HQ momentum diffusion coefficients**  $\rightarrow$  influence phenomenological modelings of predictions for experimental observables. (  $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$  )





# Approaches

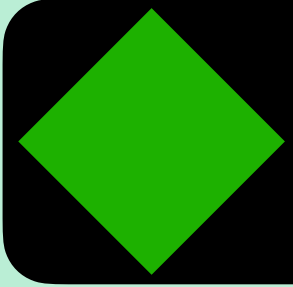
Usually two approaches are taken in the literature to incorporate the theoretical modifications due to a magnetised medium

## A. Through modification of the Debye mass :

- Debye mass is related to the temporal part of the gluon self energy  $\Pi_{00}$
- $B = 0 \rightarrow$  Most of the HQ observable can be expressed in such a way where the sole medium effect lies within the Debye mass  $m_D(T)$
- $B \neq 0 \rightarrow$  Replace  $m_D(T)$  by magnetised medium modified  $m'_D(T, eB)$

## B. Through structural changes of the correlation functions :

- Employing general structure of the gluon self energy  $\Pi_{\mu\nu}$  for  $B \neq 0$
- Evaluating the corresponding coefficients / form factors required
- Computing the HQ observable with the  $eB$  modified gluon CFs



# Static and Dynamic limits of Heavy Quark

$$B = 0$$

- **Static limit :**  $M \gg T$

$$\langle \xi_i(t) \xi_j(t') \rangle = \kappa \delta_{ij} \delta(t - t')$$

**Single diffusion coefficient  $\kappa$**

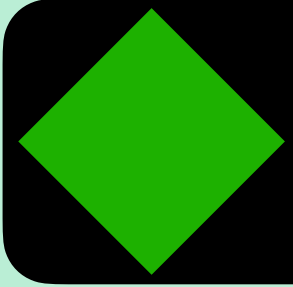
- **Dynamic limit :**  $\gamma v \lesssim 1 \rightarrow p \lesssim M, M \gtrsim p \gg T$

$$\langle \xi_i(t) \xi_j(t') \rangle = \kappa_{ij}(\vec{p}) \delta(t - t')$$

**where**  $\kappa_{ij}(\vec{p}) = \kappa_L(p) \hat{p}_i \hat{p}_j + \kappa_T(p) \left( \delta_{ij} - \hat{p}_i \hat{p}_j \right)$

**Longitudinal (  $\kappa_L$  ) and Transverse (  $\kappa_T$  ) diffusion coefficients.**





# Static and Dynamic limits of Heavy Quark

$$B \neq 0$$

- Static limit :  $M \gg (\sqrt{eB}, T)$

Anisotropy given by  $\vec{v}$  is now replaced by  $\vec{B}$

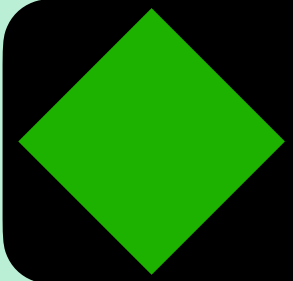
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- Dynamic limit :  $M \gtrsim p > (\sqrt{eB}, T)$

Two anisotropic directions -  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{B}$

Case 1 :  $\vec{v} \parallel \vec{B}$  Diffusion coefficients  $\rightarrow \kappa_L, \kappa_T$

Case 2 :  $\vec{v} \perp \vec{B}$  Diffusion coefficients  $\rightarrow \kappa_1, \kappa_2, \kappa_3$



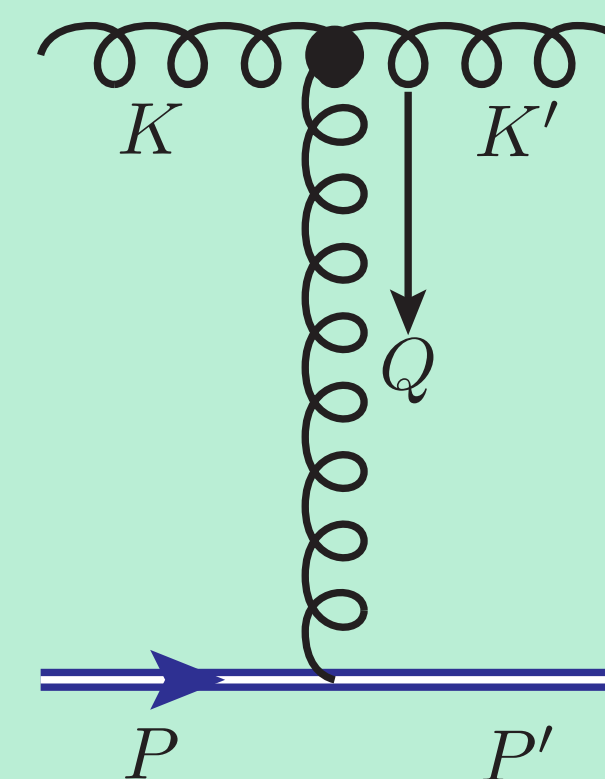
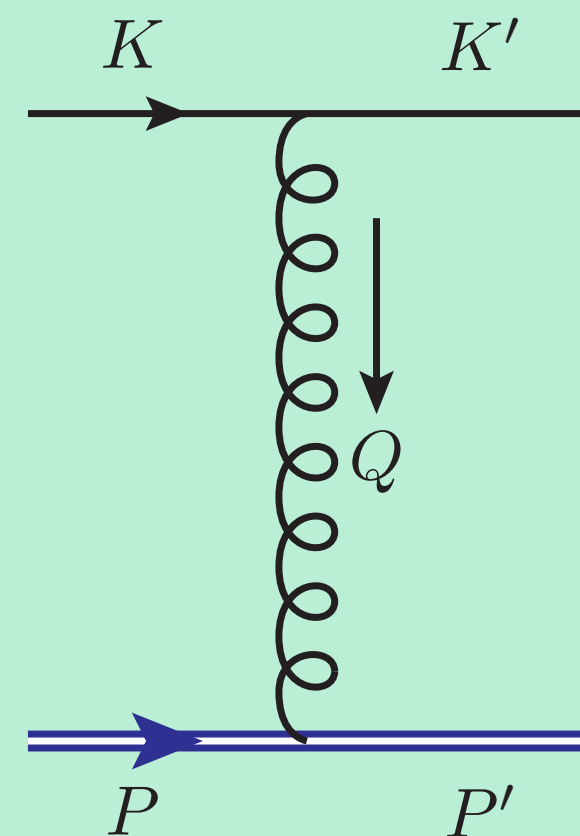
# Scattering / Interaction rate

$$\kappa_i(p) = \int d^3q \frac{d\Gamma(v)}{d^3q} q_i^2$$

- $2 \leftrightarrow 2$  scattering processes in a finite temperature medium

$qH \rightarrow qH$  and  $gH \rightarrow gH$  ( $q \rightarrow$  quark,  $g \rightarrow$  gluon and  $H \rightarrow$  HQ).

- At leading order in strong coupling, these processes are dominated by  $t$ -channel gluon exchange. (Compton scattering is suppressed by a factor  $Q^2/PK \equiv T/M$ )



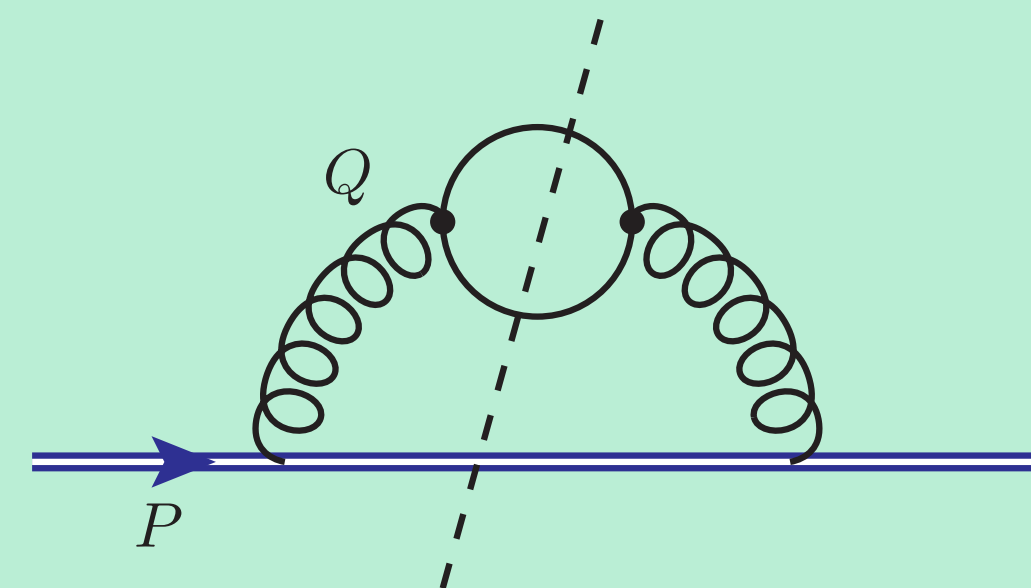




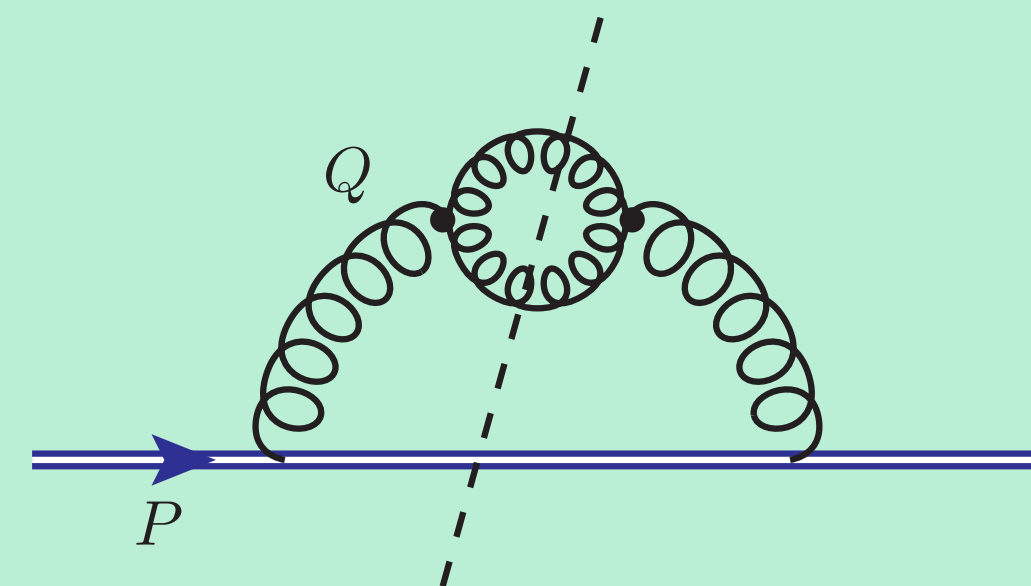
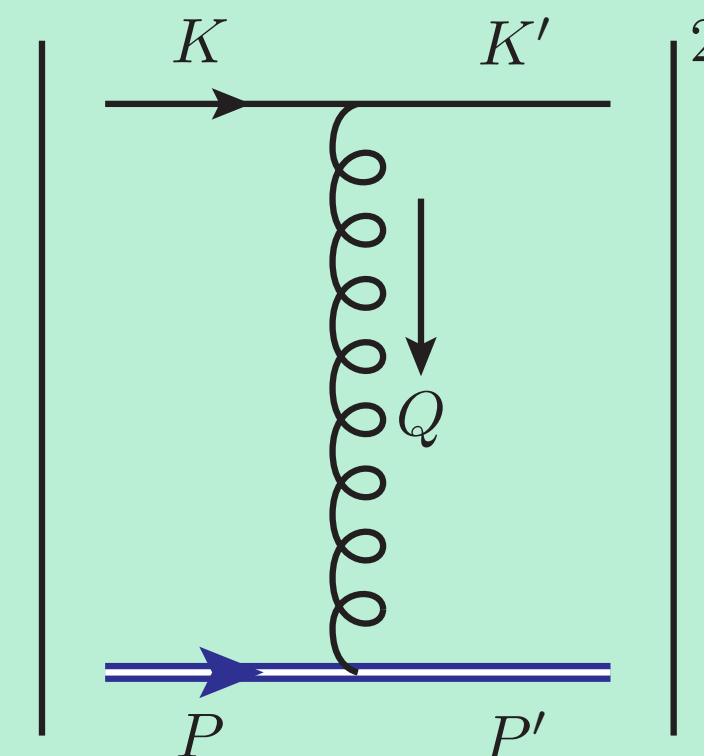
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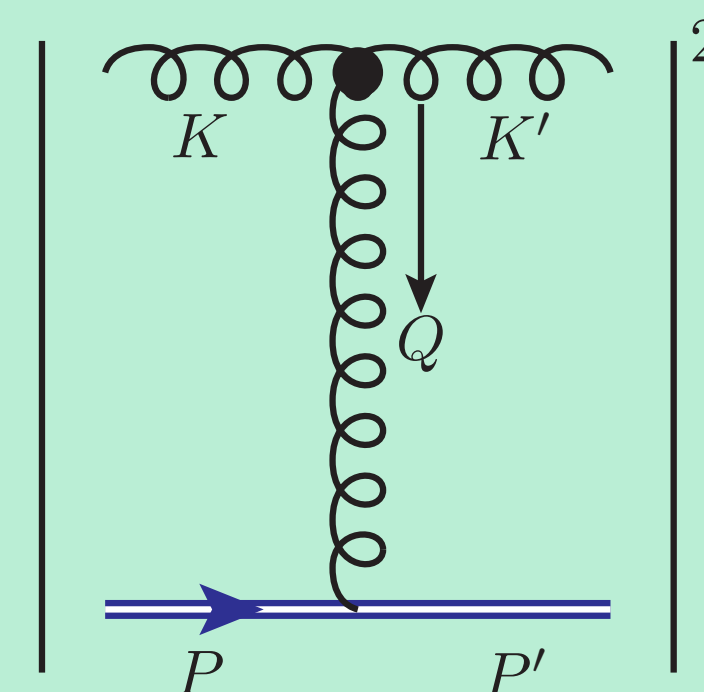
$$\Gamma(P \equiv E, \mathbf{v}) = -\frac{1}{2E} \frac{1}{1 + e^{-E/T}} \text{Tr} \left[ (\gamma_\mu P^\mu + M) \text{Im} \Sigma(p_0 + i\epsilon, \mathbf{p}) \right]$$

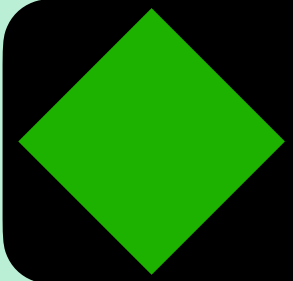


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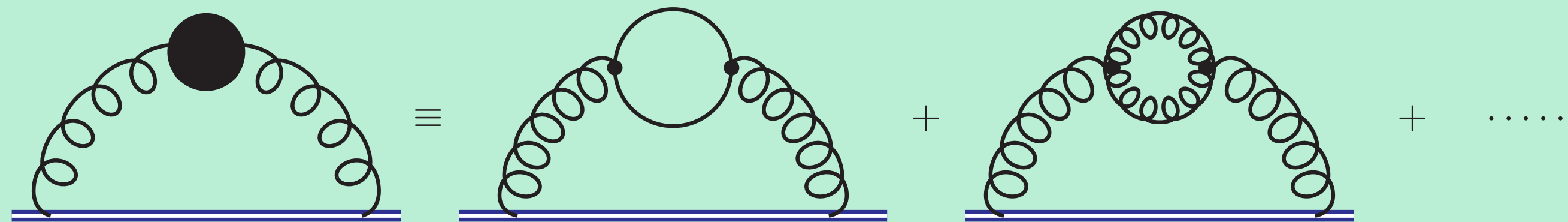




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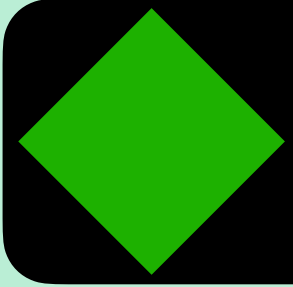
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$$\Sigma(P) = ig^2 \int \frac{d^4 Q}{(2\pi)^4} \mathcal{D}^{\mu\nu}(Q) \gamma_\mu S_m^s(P - Q) \gamma_\nu$$





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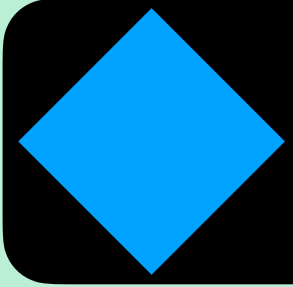
$$S_m(K) = e^{-\frac{k_\perp^2}{|q_f B|}} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l D_l(q_f B, K)}{K_\parallel^2 - M^2 - 2lq_f B}, \quad D_l(q_f B, K) = (\gamma_\mu K_\parallel^\mu + M) \left( (1 - i\gamma^1 \gamma^2) L_l \left( \frac{2k_\perp^2}{q_f B} \right) - (1 + i\gamma^1 \gamma^2) L_{l-1} \left( \frac{2k_\perp^2}{q_f B} \right) \right) - 4(\gamma \cdot k)_\perp L_{l-1}^1 \left( \frac{2k_\perp^2}{q_f B} \right),$$

Karmakar, AB, Haque, Mustafa :  
1804.11336

$$\mathcal{D}^{\mu\nu}(Q) = \frac{\xi Q^\mu Q^\nu}{Q^4} + \frac{(Q^2 - d_3) \Delta_1^{\mu\nu}}{(Q^2 - d_1)(Q^2 - d_3) - d_4^2} + \frac{\Delta_2^{\mu\nu}}{Q^2 - d_2} + \frac{(Q^2 - d_1) \Delta_3^{\mu\nu}}{(Q^2 - d_1)(Q^2 - d_3) - d_4^2} + \frac{d_4 \Delta_4^{\mu\nu}}{(Q^2 - d_1)(Q^2 - d_3) - d_4^2}$$

**where**  $\Delta_1^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{\bar{u}^2} \bar{u}^\mu \bar{u}^\nu$ ,  $\Delta_2^{\mu\nu} = g_\perp - \frac{Q_1^\mu Q_1^\nu}{Q_1^2}$ ,  $\Delta_3^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\bar{n}^\mu \bar{n}^\nu}{\bar{n}^2}$ ,  $\Delta_4^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\bar{u}^\mu \bar{n}^\nu + \bar{u}^\nu \bar{n}^\mu}{\sqrt{\bar{u}^2} \sqrt{\bar{n}^2}}$ ,

**with**  $d_1(Q) = \Delta_1^{\mu\nu} \Pi_{\mu\nu}(Q)$ ,  $d_2(Q) = \Delta_2^{\mu\nu} \Pi_{\mu\nu}(Q)$ ,  $d_3(Q) = \Delta_3^{\mu\nu} \Pi_{\mu\nu}(Q)$ ,  $d_4(Q) = \frac{1}{2} \Delta_4^{\mu\nu} \Pi_{\mu\nu}(Q)$

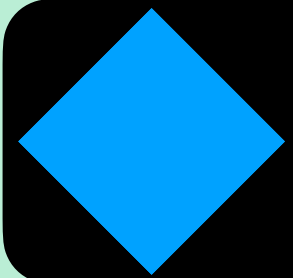


## $B \neq 0$ , static limit result

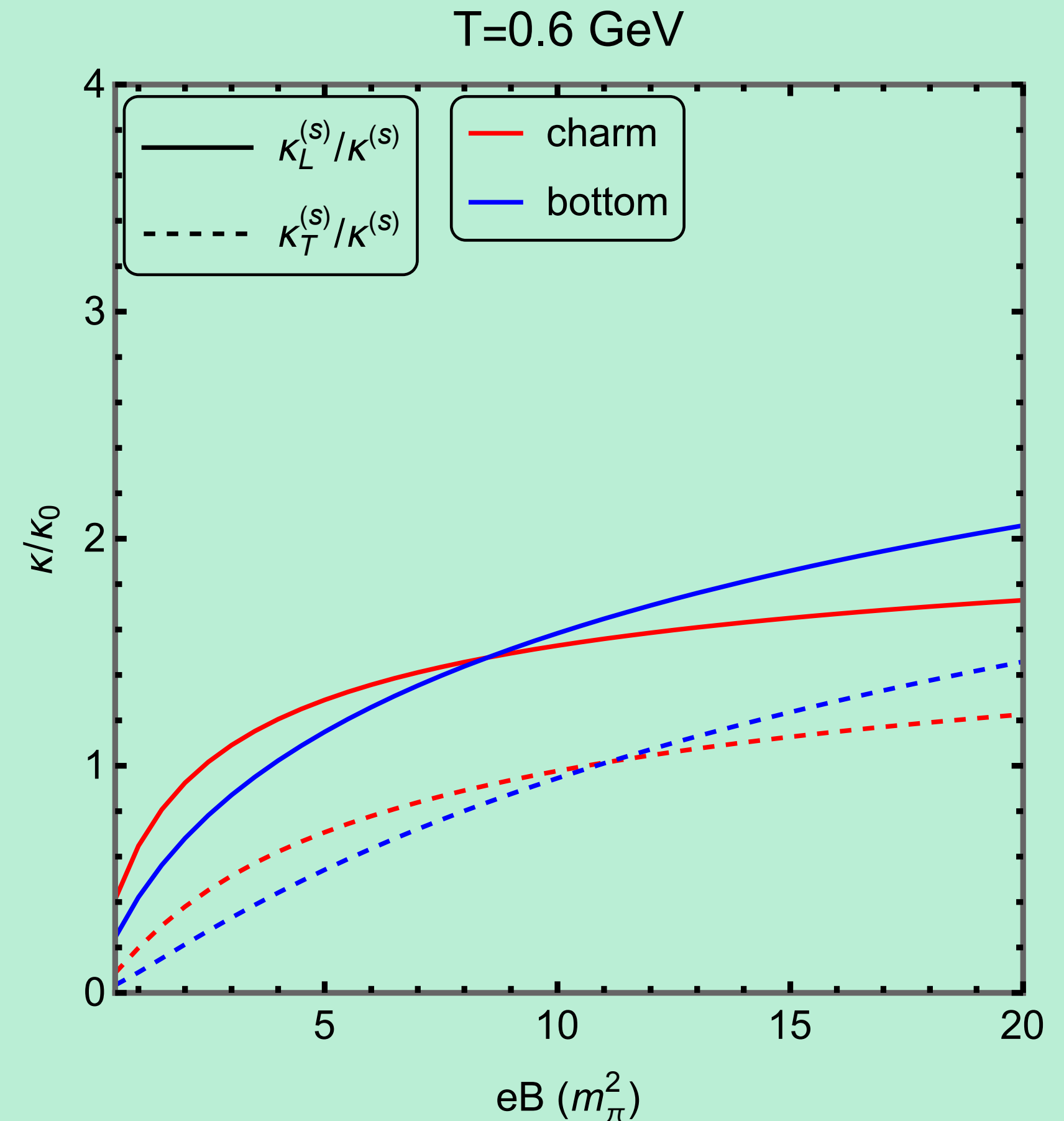
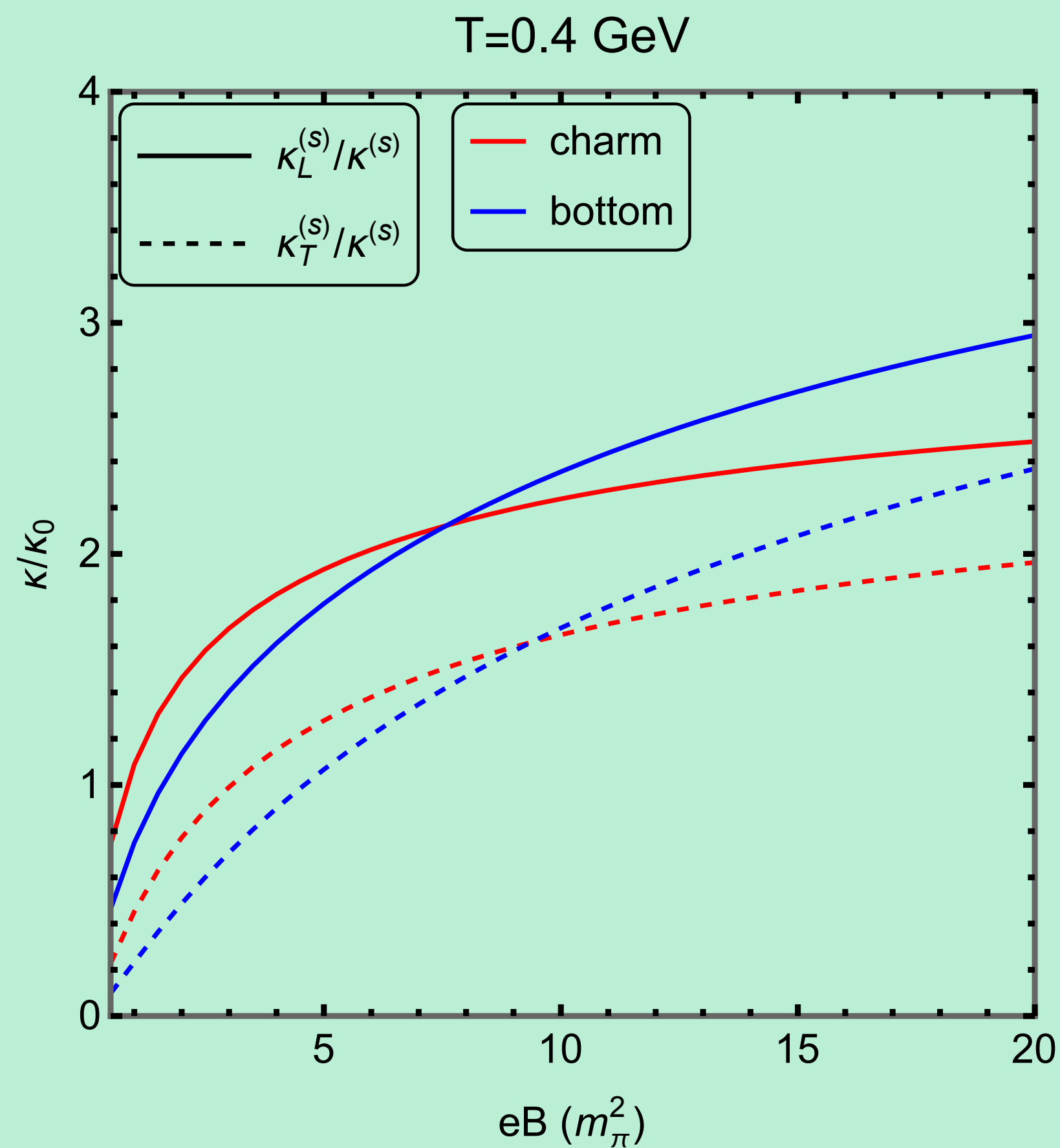
$$\kappa_L^{(s)} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l 2\pi g^2 T M}{\sqrt{M^2 + 2l|q_f B|}} \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} q_3^2 e^{-q_{\perp}^2/|q_f B|} \left[ \frac{(m_D^g)^2 (L_l(\xi_q^{\perp}) - L_{l-1}(\xi_q^{\perp}))}{2q(q^2 + (m'_D)^2)^2} \right]$$

$$\kappa_T^{(s)} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^l \pi g^2 T M}{\sqrt{M^2 + 2l|q_f B|}} \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} q_{\perp}^2 e^{-q_{\perp}^2/|q_f B|} \left[ \frac{\left( \frac{1}{q} (m_D^g)^2 + \delta(q_3) \sum_f \delta m_{D,f}^2 \right) (L_l(\xi_q^{\perp}) - L_{l-1}(\xi_q^{\perp}))}{2(q^2 + (m'_D)^2)^2} \right]$$

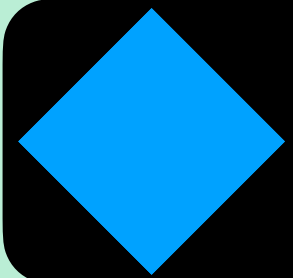




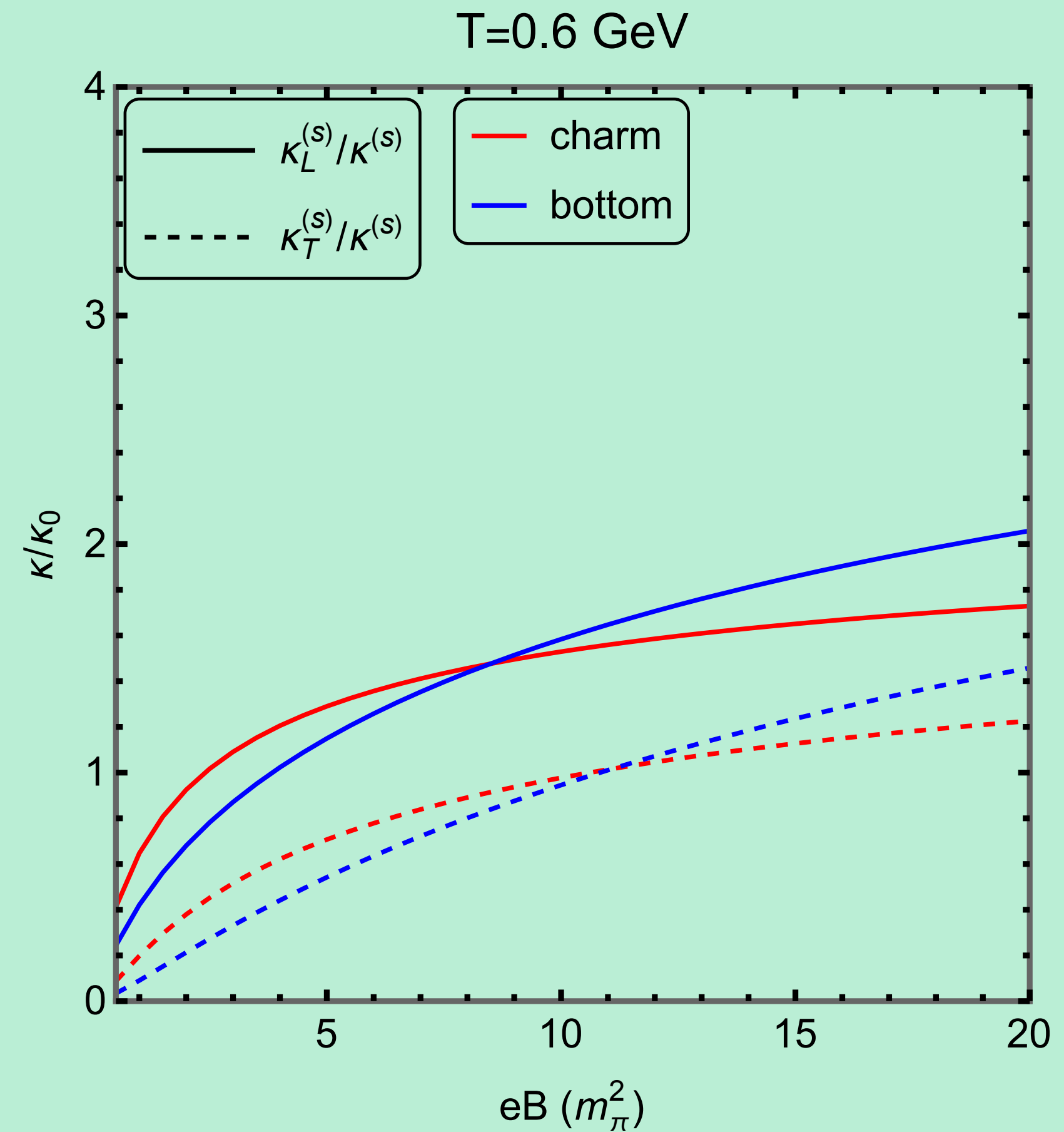
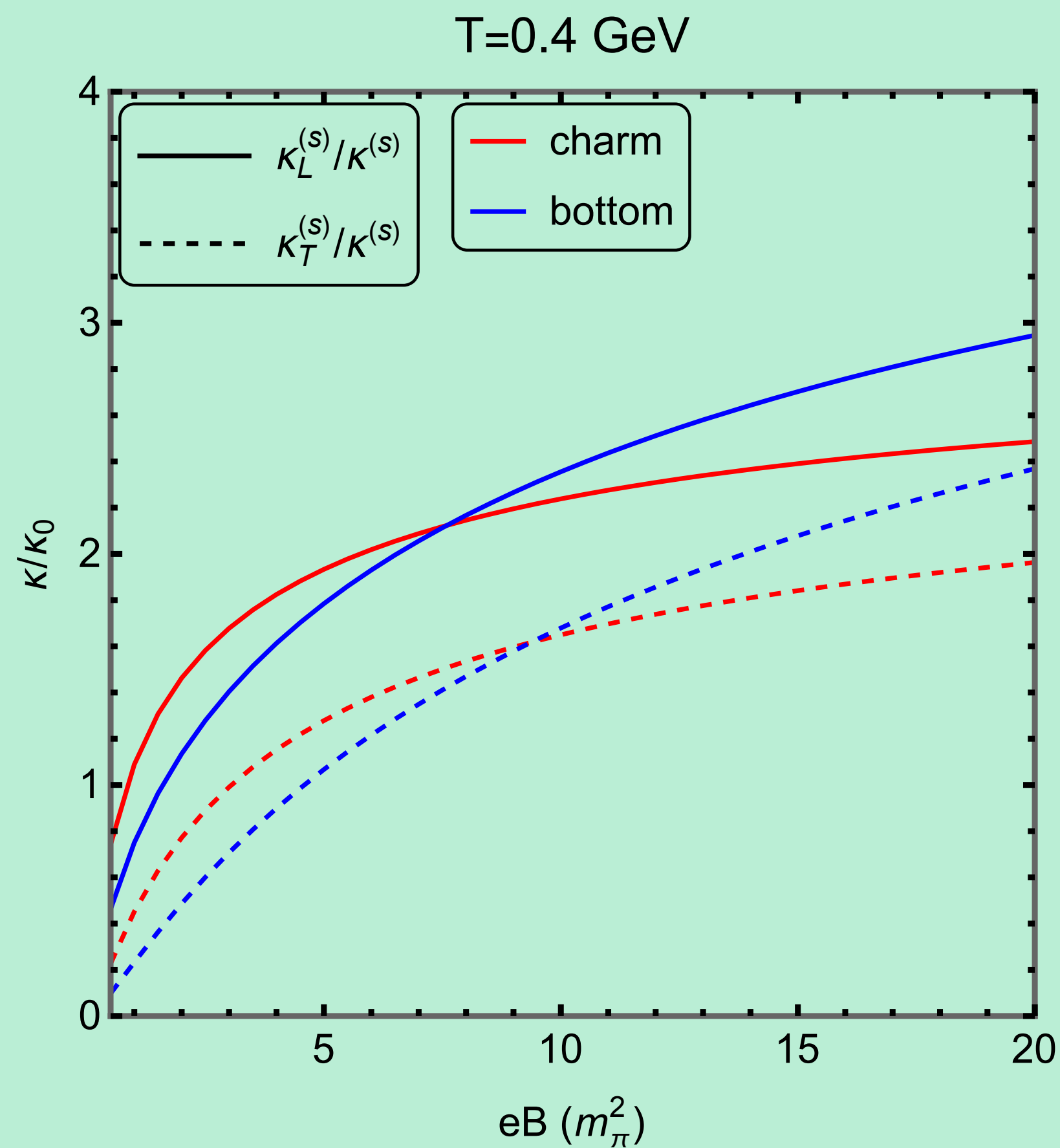
# $B \neq 0$ , static limit result



The magnetised medium modified exact results ( $\kappa$ ) has been scaled with respect to the  $eB = 0$  result ( $\kappa_0$ ), variation of which with respect to  $eB$  has been shown for longitudinal (solid lines) and transverse (dashed lines) HQ momentum diffusion coefficients within the static limit of both charm (red curves) and bottom (blue curves) quarks.

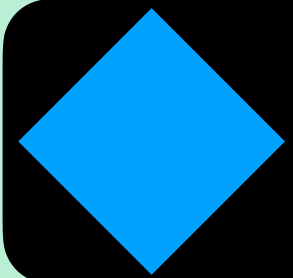


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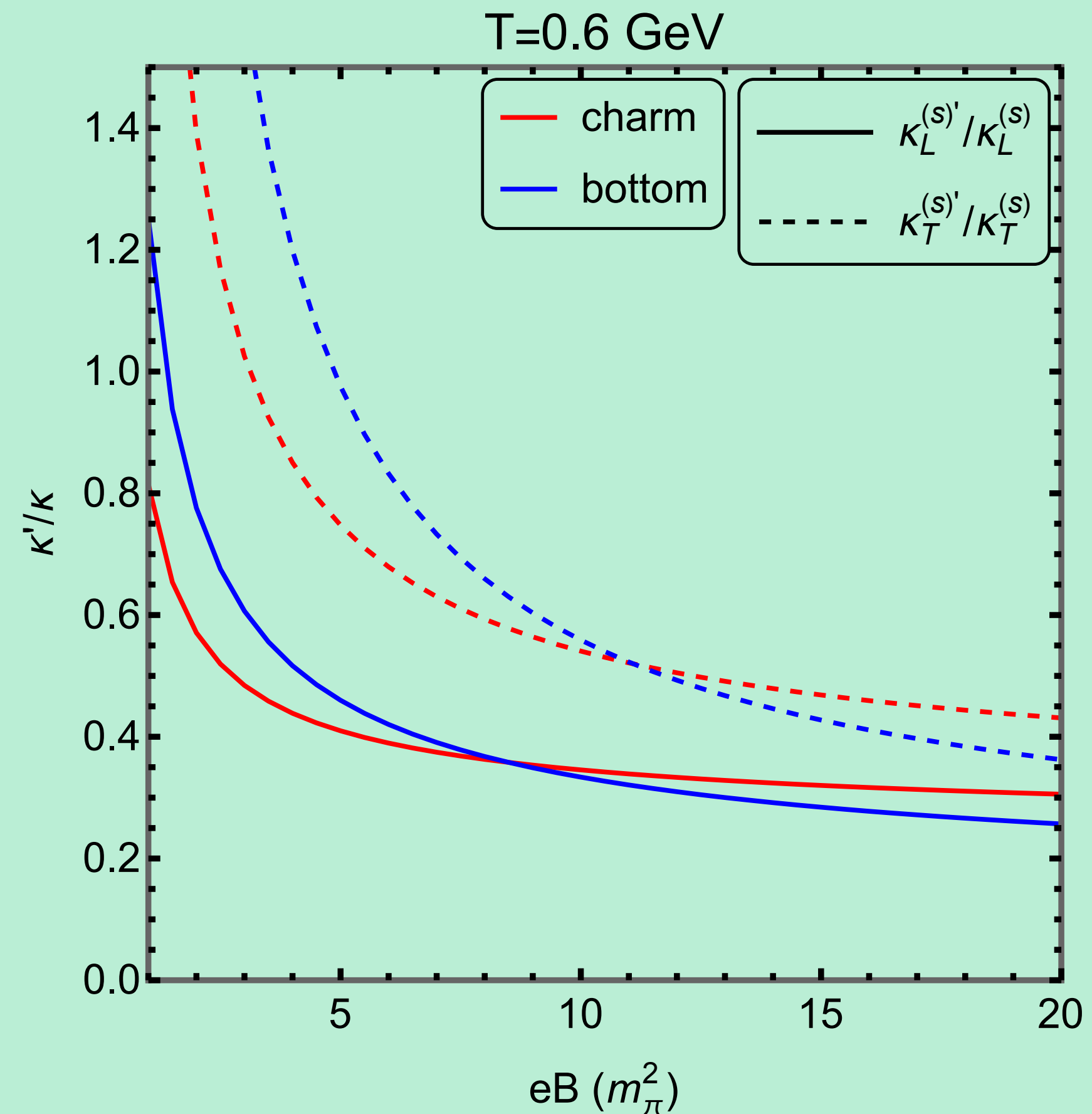
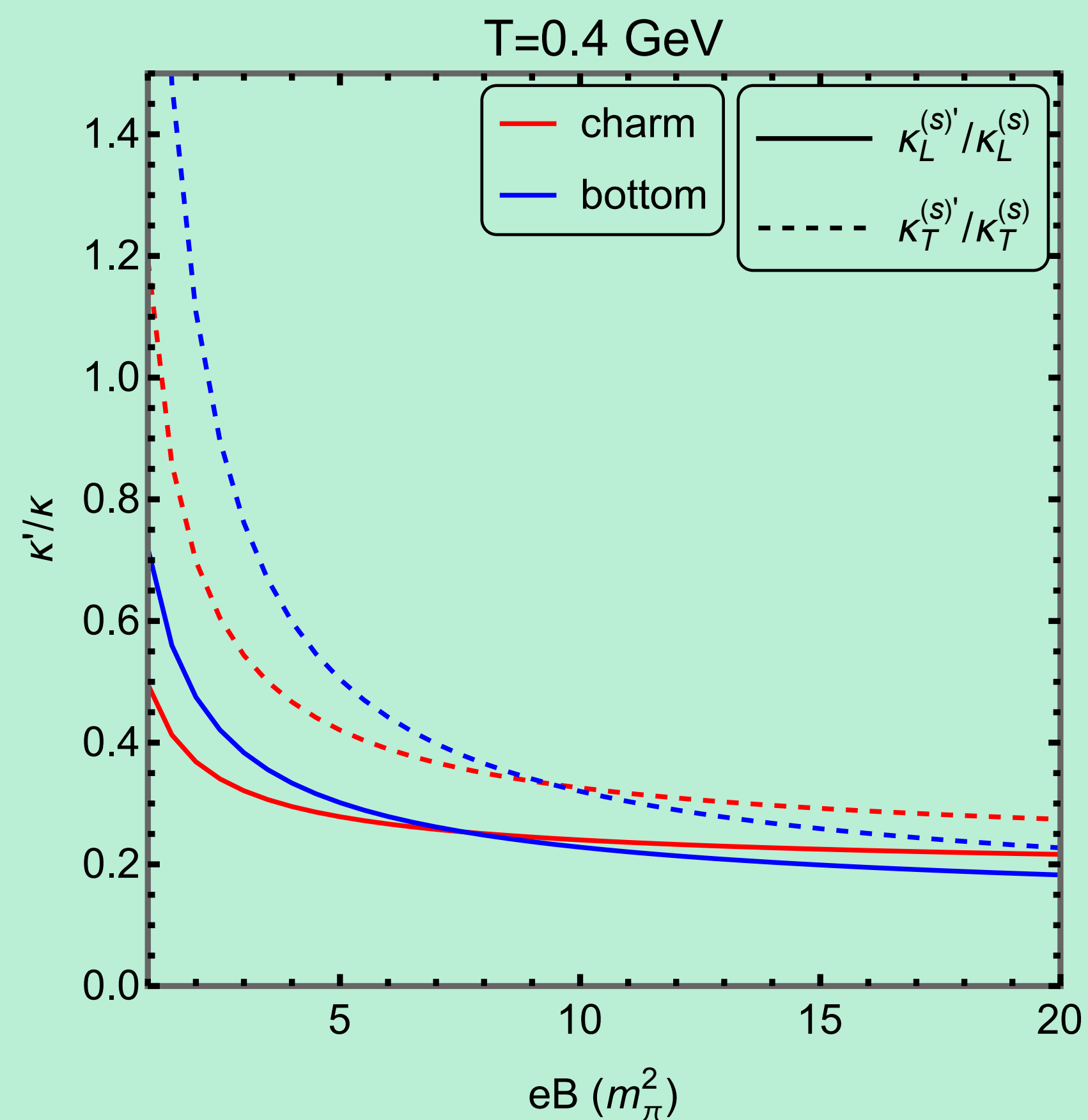


- Rate of increase for  $\kappa_L/\kappa_T \rightarrow$  Low  $eB >$  High  $eB$ . (More evident for charm quarks)
- $\kappa_L > \kappa_T \rightarrow$  dominant gluonic contribution in the  $t$ -channel scatterings



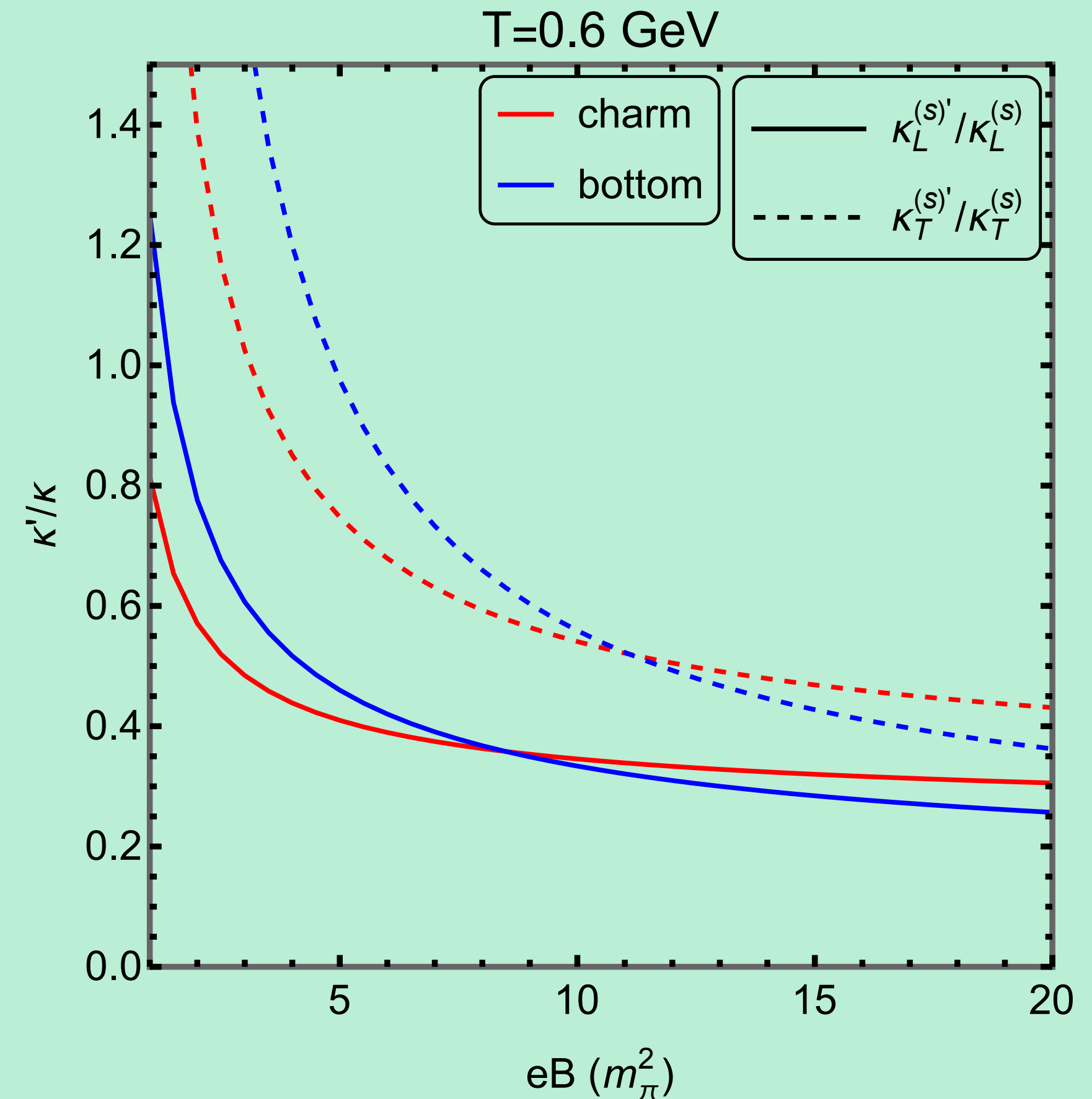
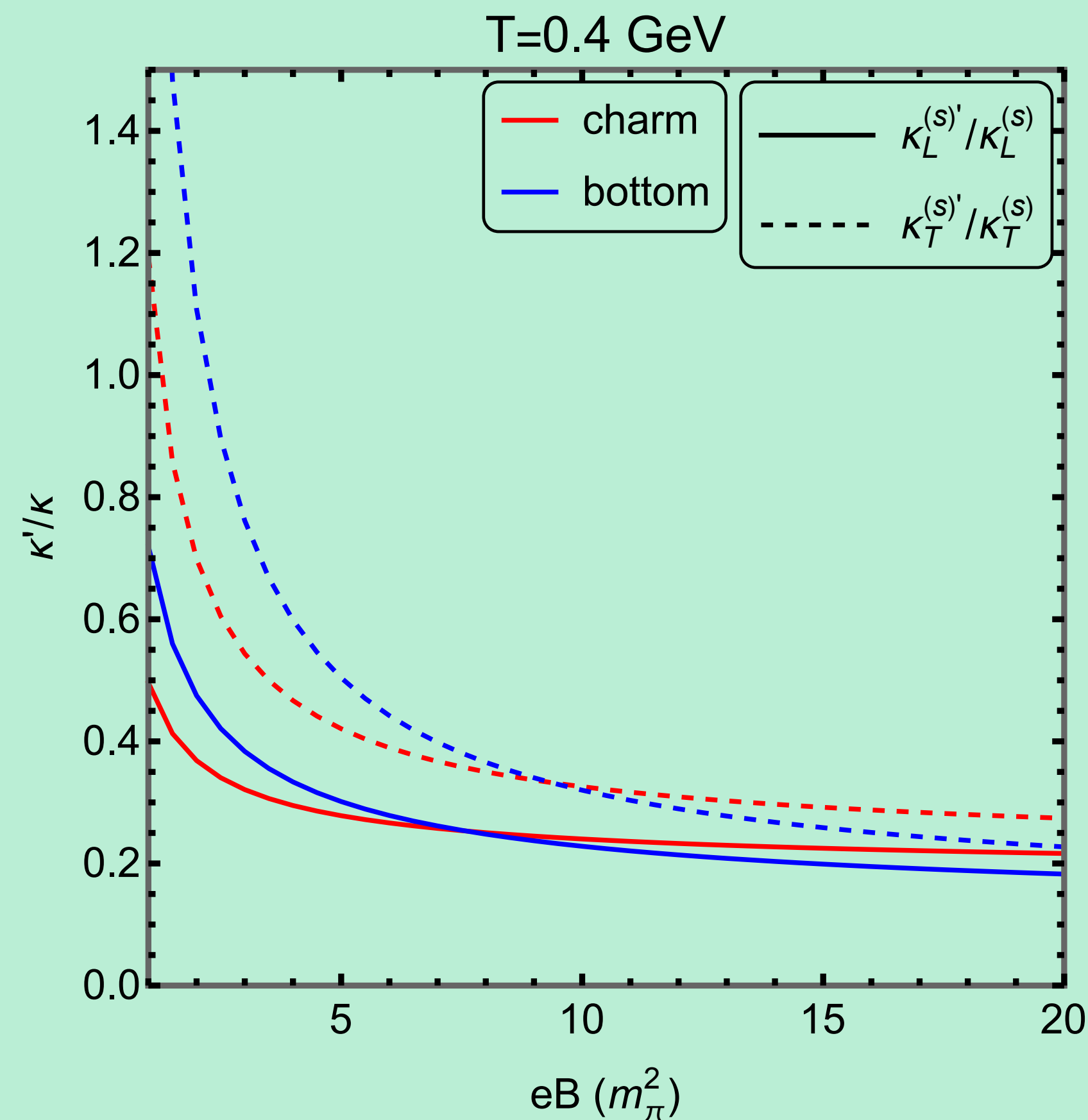


# Comparison between two approaches



Variation of the ratio between the Debye mass approximated results ( $\kappa'$ ) and the exact results ( $\kappa$ ) with respect to  $eB$  has been shown for longitudinal (solid lines) and transverse (dashed lines) HQ momentum diffusion coefficients within the static limit of both charm (red curves) and bottom (blue curves) quarks.

# Comparison between two approaches



- Debye mass approximated results underestimate the exact results for larger values of  $eB$  and overestimate them for smaller values of  $eB$ . (More prominent in the case of bottom quarks)





# Conclusion

- We attempt to study the HQ dynamics with **arbitrary values** of the external magnetic field, for the first time in literature.
- $eB$  dependence of  $\kappa$  is rapidly increasing for lower values of  $eB$ , whereas it becomes saturated for relatively higher values of  $eB$ .
- Even without the quark contributions,  $\kappa_L$  dominates over  $\kappa_T$  within the static limit of HQ.
- By comparing the results of an alternate approximated procedure with our exact results, we clearly emphasise the importance of employing the **general structure** of the gluon two-point correlation functions in a hot magnetised medium.

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