

# Heavy Quark Momentum Diffusion Coefficient from the Lattice

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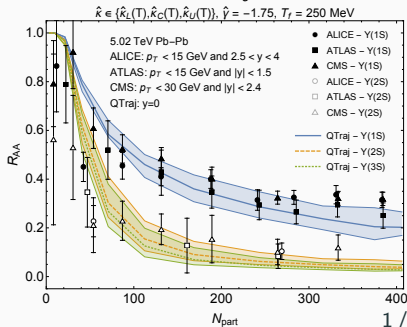
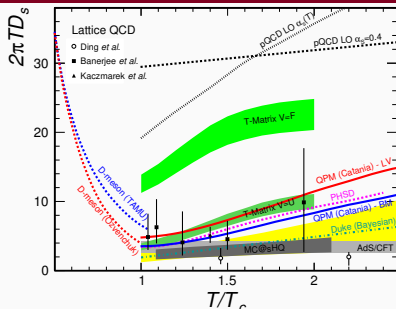


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# Motivation for the Diffusion Coefficient

- Nuclear modification factor  $R_{AA}$  and the elliptic flow  $\nu_2$  described by spatial diffusion coefficient  $D_x$
- Multiple theoretical models predicting wide range of values
- Non-perturbative lattice simulations needed
- $\kappa$  dominant source of variation in  $R_{AA}$



UP: X. Dong CIPANP (2018)

DOWN: N. Brambilla, M. Escobedo, M. Strickland, A. Vairo,  
P. Vander Griend and J. Weber, JHEP 05 (2021) 136

## Heavy Quark in medium

- Heavy quark energy doesn't change much in collision with a thermal quark

$$E_k \sim T, \quad p \sim \sqrt{MT} \gg T$$

- HQ momentum is changed by random kicks from the medium  
→ Brownian motion; Follows Langevin dynamics

$$\frac{dp_i}{dt} = -\frac{\kappa}{2MT} p_i + \xi_i(t), \quad \langle \xi(t) \xi(t') \rangle = \kappa \delta(t - t')$$

- Heavy quark momentum diffusion coefficient  $\kappa$  related to many interesting phenomena

Such as: Spatial diffusion coefficient  $D_s = 2T^2/\kappa$ ,

Drag coefficient  $\eta_D = \kappa/(2MT)$ ,

Heavy quark relaxation time  $\tau_Q = \eta_D^{-1}$

## Quarkonium in medium

- Quarkonium in QGP (environment energy scale  $\pi T$ )

$$M \gg \frac{1}{a_0} \gg \pi T \gg E, \quad \tau_R \gg \tau_E \sim 1/\pi$$

- HQ mass  $M$ , Bohr radius  $a_0$ , binding energy  $E$ , correlation time  $\tau_E$
- Quarkonium in fireball can be described by Limblad equation

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} = -i[H, \rho] + \sum_{n,m} h_{nm} \left( L_i^n \rho L_i^{m\dagger} - \frac{1}{2} \{L_i^{m\dagger} L_i^n, \rho\} \right)$$

- All terms depend on two free parameters  $\kappa$  and  $\gamma$
- $\kappa$  turns out to be the heavy quark diffusion coefficient and related to thermal width  $\Gamma(1S) = 3a_0^2 \kappa$
- $\gamma$  is correction to the heavy quark-antiquark potential and related to mass shift  $\delta M(1S) = 2a_0^2 \gamma / 3$
- Unquenched lattice measurements of  $\Gamma(1S)$  and  $\delta M(1S)$  available

## $\kappa$ from perturbation theory

- From kinetic theory we can derive

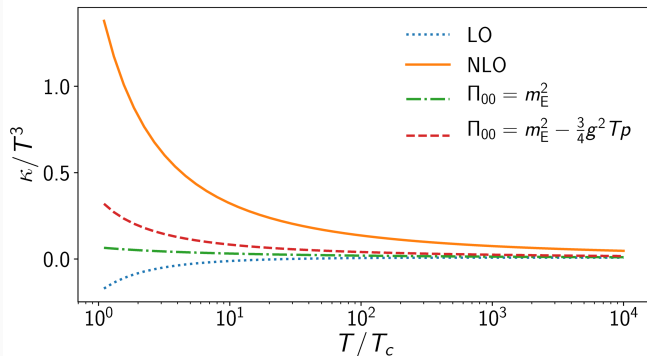
$$\kappa^{\text{LO}} = \frac{g^4 C_F}{12\pi^3} \int_0^\infty q^2 dq \int_0^{2q} \frac{p^3 dp}{(p^2 + \Pi_{00}^2)^2} \times N_c n_B(q)(1+n_B(q)) \left( 2 - \frac{p^2}{q^2} + \frac{p^4}{4q^4} \right)$$

- Solution depends on assumptions
  - Is  $m_E \ll T$
  - How to expand the temporal gluon self-energy  $\Pi_{00} \simeq m_E$
- Alternatively from Kubo formula:

$$\frac{\kappa}{T^3} = \frac{g^4 C_f N_c}{18\pi} \left[ \left( \ln \frac{2T}{m_E} + \xi \right) + \frac{m_E}{T} C \right], \quad \xi \simeq -0.64718$$

- Truncated LO:  $C = 0$ , NLO:  $C \simeq 2.3302$
- $N_f = 0$  assumed here

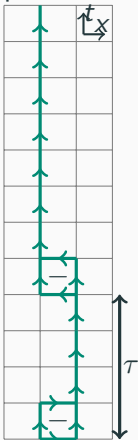
## $\kappa$ from perturbation theory



- Clearly  $m_E \ll T$  is too strict assumption on small  $T$
- Huge perturbative variation  
 $\Rightarrow$  needs non-perturbative measurements
- Also huge scale dependence through  $m_E = g(\mu)T$
- Here we have scale from NLO EQCD  $\mu \sim 2\pi T$

# Heavy quark diffusion from lattice: Euclidean Correlator

periodic



- Traditional approach uses HQ current-current correlators:

**Problem:** Transport peak at zero

- HQEFT inspired Euclidean correlator is peak free

$$G_E(\tau) = -\frac{1}{3} \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\langle \text{Re Tr} [U(\beta, \tau) gE_i(\tau, 0) U(\tau, 0) gE_i(0, 0)] \rangle}{\langle \text{Re Tr} [U(\beta, 0)] \rangle}$$

- Chromoelectric field  $E$  needs discretization
- On Lattice  $E$  has non-physical self-energy contribution

$$Z_E = 1 + g_0^2 \times 0.137718569 \dots + \mathcal{O}(g_0^4)$$

(Christensen and Laine PLB02 (2016))

- To get momentum diffusion coefficient  $\kappa$ , a spectral function  $\rho(\omega)$  needs to be reversed:

$$G_E(\tau) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{\pi} \rho(\omega, T) K(\omega, \tau T), \quad K(\omega, \tau T) = \frac{\cosh\left(\frac{\omega}{T} \left(\tau T - \frac{1}{2}\right)\right)}{\sinh\left(\frac{\omega}{2T}\right)}$$

$$\kappa = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{2T\rho(\omega)}{\omega}$$

# Heavy quark diffusion from lattice: Spectral function

- Euclidean correlator related to spectral function
- Needs inversion of integral equation
- Compare to ansatz: Trivial IR behavior ( $\omega \ll T$ )

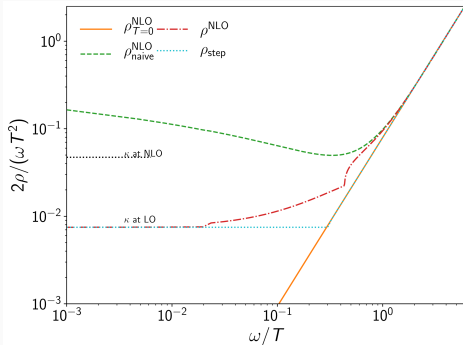
$$\rho_{\text{IR}}(\omega) = \frac{\kappa\omega}{2T}$$

- Perturbative behavior (N)LO in UV ( $\omega \gg T$ ):
- NLO  $\rho(\omega)$  known from (Burnier et.al.JHEP08 (2010))
- Full HTL resummed NLO  $\rho$  over corrects and gives negative  $\kappa$  at small  $T$
- Naive QCD NLO  $\rho(\omega)$  diverges logarithmically:

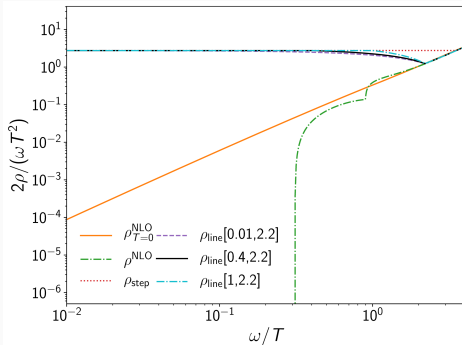
$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{\text{QCD,naive}}(\omega) = & \frac{g^2 C_F \omega^3}{6\pi} \left\{ 1 + \frac{g^2}{(4\pi)^2} \left[ N_c \left( \frac{11}{3} \ln \frac{\mu^2}{4\omega^2} + \frac{149}{9} - \frac{8\pi^2}{3} \right) \right] \right\} \\ & + \frac{g^2 C_F}{6\pi} \frac{g^2}{2\pi^2} \left\{ N_c \int_0^\infty dq n_B(q) \left[ (q^2 + 2\omega^2) \ln \left| \frac{q+\omega}{q-\omega} \right| + q\omega \left( \ln \frac{|q^2 - \omega^2|}{\omega^2} - 1 \right) \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \frac{\omega^4}{q} \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{1}{q+\omega} \ln \frac{q+\omega}{\omega} + \frac{1}{q-\omega} \ln \frac{\omega}{|q-\omega|} \right) \right] \right\}, \end{aligned}$$



# Spectral function behavior



$$T = 10T_c$$



$$T = 1.1T_c$$

- NLO spectral function works only at very high temperatures
- Try different models for  $\omega \sim T$  behavior
- Instead of inverting integral equation, compare to ansatz

# Lattice parameters

$T/T_c$	$N_t \times N_s^3$	$\beta$	$N_{\text{conf}}$	$T/T_c$	$N_t \times N_s^3$	$\beta$	$N_{\text{conf}}$	$T/T_c$	$N_t \times N_s^3$	$\beta$	$N_{\text{conf}}$
1.1	$12 \times 48^3$	6.407	1350	3	$12 \times 48^3$	7.193	1579	10	$12 \times 48^3$	8.211	1807
	$16 \times 48^3$	6.621	2623		$16 \times 48^3$	7.432	1553		$16 \times 48^3$	8.458	2769
	$20 \times 48^3$	6.795	2035		$20 \times 48^3$	7.620	1401		$20 \times 48^3$	8.651	2073
	$24 \times 48^3$	6.940	2535		$24 \times 48^3$	7.774	1663		$24 \times 48^3$	8.808	2423
1.5	$12 \times 48^3$	6.639	1801	6	$12 \times 48^3$	7.774	1587	$10^4$	$12 \times 48^3$	14.194	1039
	$16 \times 48^3$	6.872	2778		$16 \times 48^3$	8.019	1556		$16 \times 48^3$	14.443	1157
	$20 \times 48^3$	7.044	2081		$20 \times 48^3$	8.211	1258		$20 \times 48^3$	14.635	1139
	$24 \times 48^3$	7.192	2496		$24 \times 48^3$	8.367	1430		$24 \times 48^3$	14.792	1375
2.2	$12 \times 48^3$	6.940	1535	$2 \times 10^4$	$12 \times 48^3$	14.792	1948				

- Quenched multilevel simulations

Code from: [Banerjee et.al. PRD85 \(2012\)](#)

- 4 sublattices with 2000 updates

- Temperatures between  $1.1 T_c - 10^4 T_c$

- Scale setting with

([Francis et.al. PRD91 \(2015\)](#))

- Other lattice results

[Meyer NJP13 \(2011\)](#),

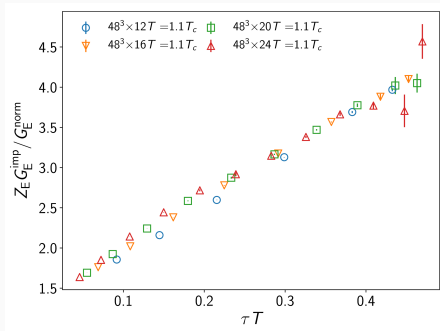
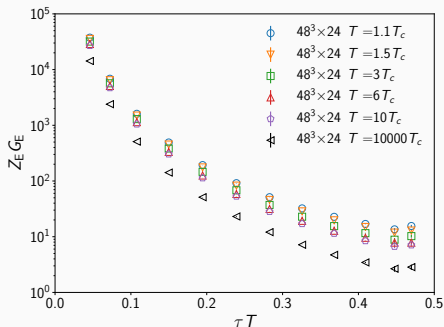
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# Lattice correlator

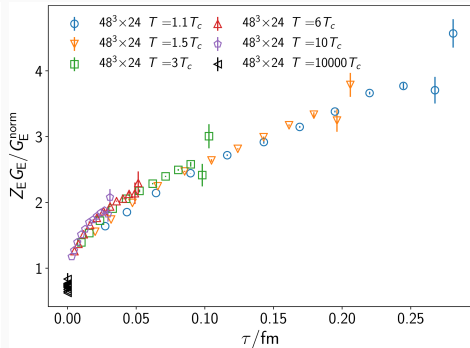
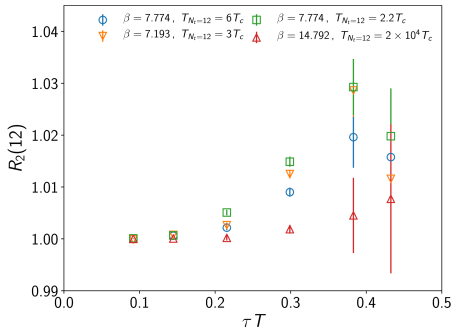


- Normalize lattice data with the LO Perturbative result:

$$G_E^{\text{norm}} = \pi^2 T^4 \left[ \frac{\cos^2(\pi \tau T)}{\sin^4(\pi \tau T)} + \frac{1}{3 \sin^2(\pi \tau T)} \right]$$

- Perform tree-level improvement by matching lattice and continuum perturbation theories

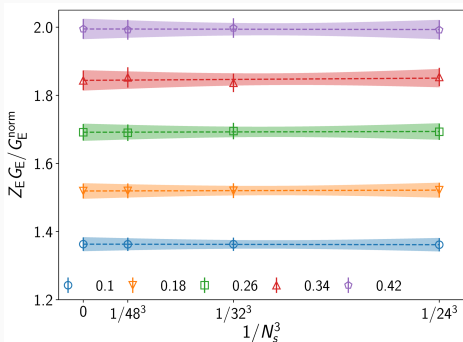
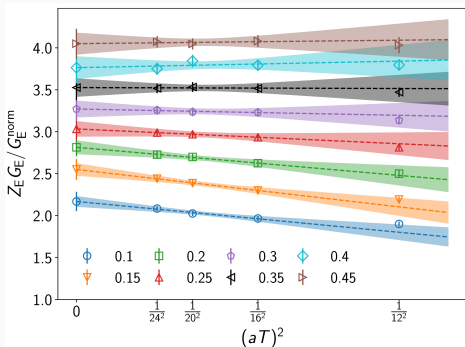
# When do thermal effects start



$$R_2(N_t) = \frac{G_E(N_t, \beta)}{G_E^{\text{norm}}(N_t)} \bigg/ \frac{G_E(2N_t, \beta)}{G_E^{\text{norm}}(2N_t)}.$$

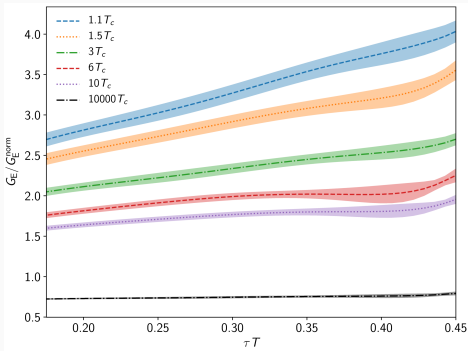
- On small physical separation every  $T$  shares a scaling (apart from finite size effects)
- Thermal effect nonexistent for  $\tau < 0.10$ , then grow

# Continuum limit and finite size effects

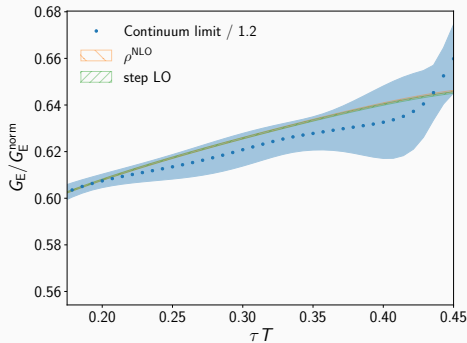


- Use 3 largest lattices for continuum limit
- Check systematics by including the  $N_t = 12$  point
- $\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.} < 5$  for  $\tau T > 0.20$  when using 3 largest lattices ( $< 10$  with  $N_t = 12$ )
- Finite size effects are negligible

# Normalization of Continuum limit



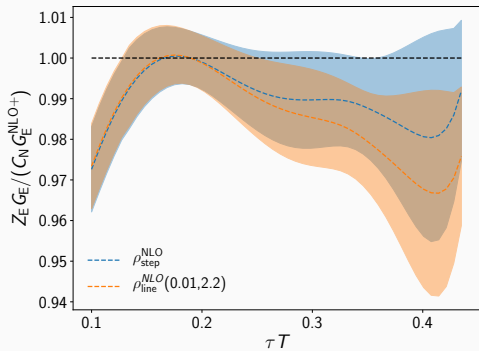
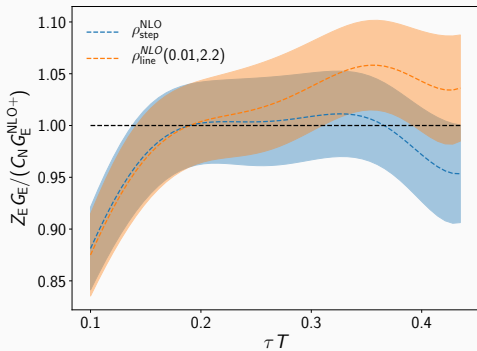
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$$T = 10^4 T_c$$

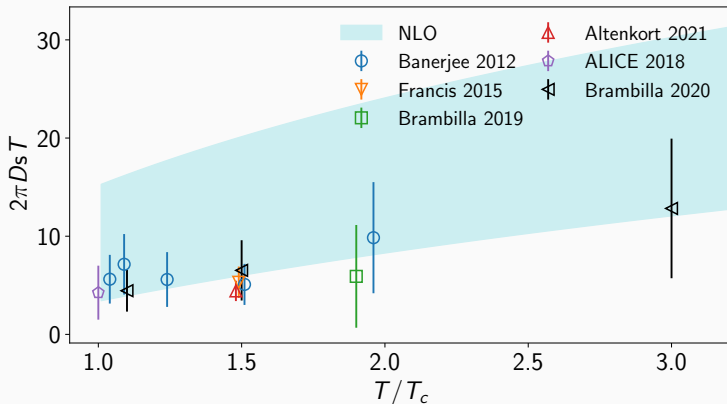
- Data needs additional normalization, do this at  $\tau T = 0.19$
- Great agreement to perturbation theory at very high temperatures

## $\kappa$ extraction



- Take continuum limit of the lattice data
- Normalize with different models for spectral function
- Extract  $\kappa$  as all values that normalize to unity in  $0.19 \leq \tau T \leq 0.45$

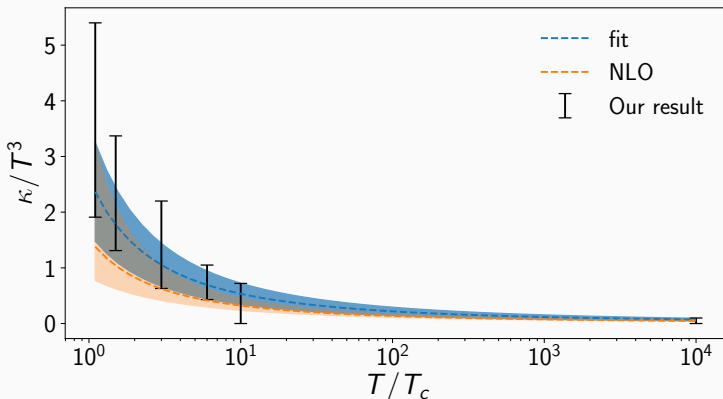
# Lattice results for $D_s$



- On low temperature close to  $T_c$ , agreement with other results, including ALICE



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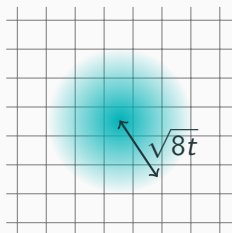
- Unprecedented temperature range:  $T = 1.1 - 10^4 T_c$   
$$\frac{\kappa^{\text{NLO}}}{T^3} = \frac{g^4 C_F N_c}{18\pi} \left[ \ln \frac{2T}{m_E} + \xi + C \frac{m_E}{T} \right].$$
- Can fit temperature dependence  $C = 3.81(1.33)$

## Alternative approach: Gradient flow

$$\partial_t B_{t,\mu} = -\frac{\delta S_{YM}}{\delta B} = D_{t,\mu} G_{t,\mu\nu},$$

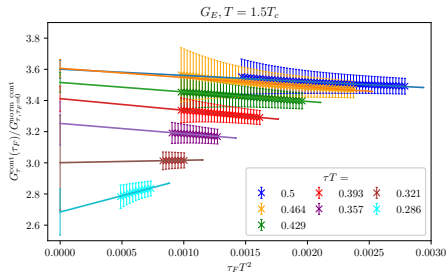
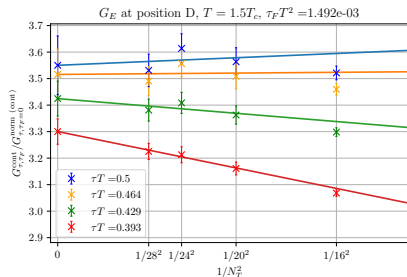
$$G_{t,\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu B_{t,\nu} - \partial_\nu B_{t,\mu} + [B_{t,\mu}, B_{t,\nu}].$$

$$B_{0,\mu} = A_\mu \leftarrow \text{the original gauge field}$$



- Evolve gauge along fictitious time  $t$
- Drives  $B_\mu$  towards minima of  $S_{YM}$
- Diffuses the initial gauge field with radius  $\sqrt{8t}$
- We use Lüscher-Weisz action for  $S_{YM}$
- Automatically renormalizes gauge invariant observables
- Zero flowtime limit  $\mathcal{O}(x, t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow 0} \sum_j c_j(t) \mathcal{O}_j^R(x)$

# Procedure



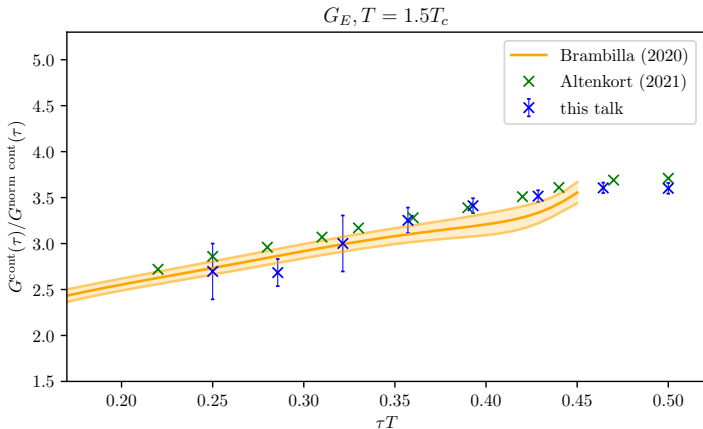
- Measure  $G_E(\tau_F, \tau)$ ,  $\tau_F$ : flowtime,  $\tau$ :  $E$ -field separation
- Take continuum limit
- Take zero flowtime limit.

Must be taken before solving  $\rho(\omega)$ : (Altenkort et.al. PRD103 (2021))

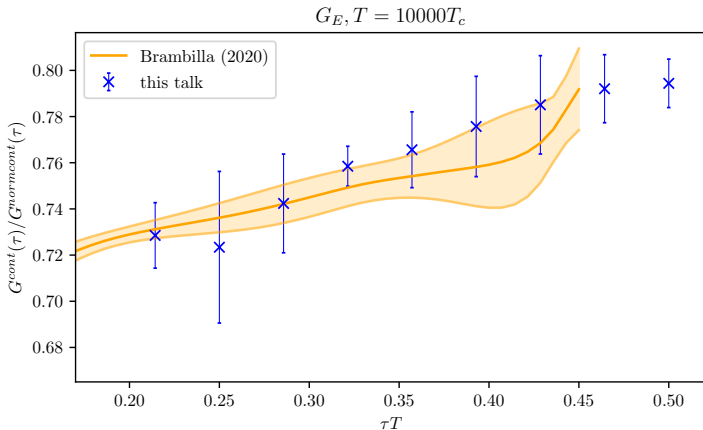
Limit flow regime:

$$a \lesssim \sqrt{8\tau_F} \lesssim \frac{\tau - a}{3}$$

- Find  $\kappa$  trough  $\rho(\omega)$ . (In this talk we focus on Euclidean correlators)



- After continuum and zero flowtime limits, we replicate the previous studies:
  - [Brambilla et.al. PRD102 \(2020\)](#) Previous multilevel
  - [Altenkort et.al. PRD103 \(2021\)](#) Previous Gradient flow



- We see agreement with our previous multilevel result at large  $\tau$
- Small separations, larger lattices needed for continuum limit (in progress)

# Mass-suppressed effects to HQ diffusion

- Considering full Lorentz force:

$$F(t) = \dot{p} = q(E + v \times B)(t)$$

- $\langle v^2 \rangle \sim \mathcal{O}(\frac{T}{M})$  correction to HQ momentum diffusion

$$\kappa_{\text{tot}} \simeq \kappa_E + \frac{2}{3} \langle v^2 \rangle \kappa_B$$

- $\kappa_B$  related to correlation of chromo magnetic fields:

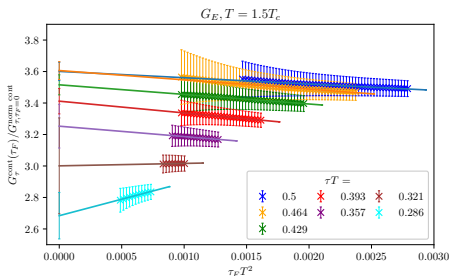
$$G_B(\tau) = \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\langle \text{Re Tr} [U(1/T, \tau) B_i(\tau, 0) U(\tau, 0) B_i(0, 0)] \rangle}{3 \langle \text{Re Tr} U(1/T, 0) \rangle}$$

$$G_B(\tau) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{\pi} \rho_B(\omega, T) K(\omega, \tau T), \quad \kappa_B = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{2T \rho_B(\omega)}{\omega}$$

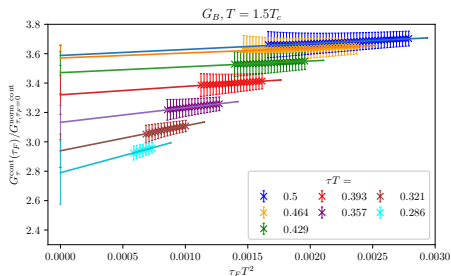
- Same tree level expansion as  $G_E$ , NLO has divergence:

$$\rho_B = \frac{g^2 C_f \omega^3}{6\pi} \left[ 1 - \frac{g^2 C_A}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{2}{\epsilon} + (\text{finite}) \right] + \mathcal{O}(g^6)$$

# Flowtime dependence of $G_E$ and $G_B$ at $1.5T_c$



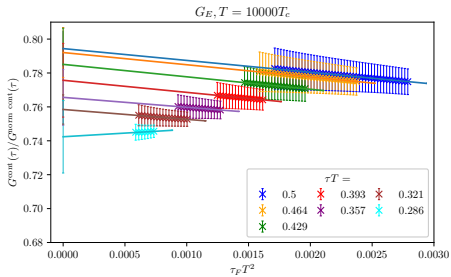
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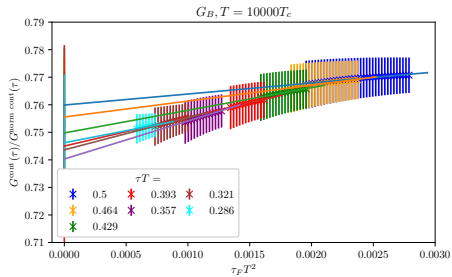
$G_B$

- We observe different small flow time scaling between  $G_E$  and  $G_B$
- Possible indication of divergence or  $\log(\tau_F)$  contributions

# Flowtime dependence of $G_E$ and $G_B$ at $10^4 T_c$



$G_E$



$G_B$

- Similar story at higher temperatures



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