



# Transport coefficients of heavy mesons in a thermal medium



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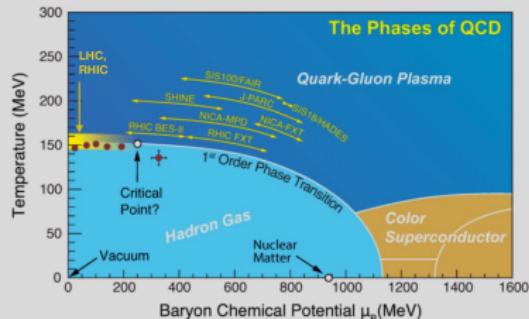
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# Introduction: Heavy flavor

(A. Bazavov *et al.*, 1904.09951)



- ▶ Infer QCD properties at high temperatures through final state of RHICs
- ▶ Find clean and solid observables to connect detections to early stages
- ▶ **Hard Probes:** Jets, hard electromagnetic emission, heavy flavor (quarkonia, open-heavy flavor hadrons...)

**Heavy quarks:** formed at the initial stage of the collision (short formation time) and difficult to equilibrate along their evolution (large relaxation time)



Interactions in a thermal medium?

Transport coefficients?

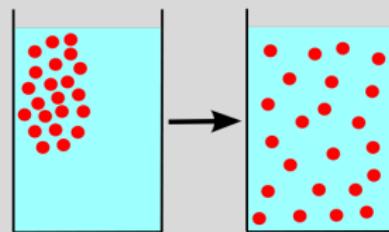
## Introduction: Thermal propagation

- ▶ Heavy mesons ( $D, D^*, \bar{B}, \dots$ ) at  $T < 150 \text{ MeV}/k_B$
- ▶ Interacting with an equilibrated light-meson gas ( $\Phi = \{\pi, K, \bar{K}, \eta\}$ )
- ▶ **Heavy-hadron mass is the dominant scale**

$$M_D \gg m_\Phi, T, \Lambda_{QCD}$$

- ▶ Picture: Brownian particle in a thermal bath  
B. Svetitsky, Phys. Rev. D37, 484 (1988)
- ▶ Transport properties: (Heavy-flavor) **diffusion coefficient,  $D_s$ .**

$$\vec{j} = -D_s(T, \mu_i) \vec{\nabla} n$$

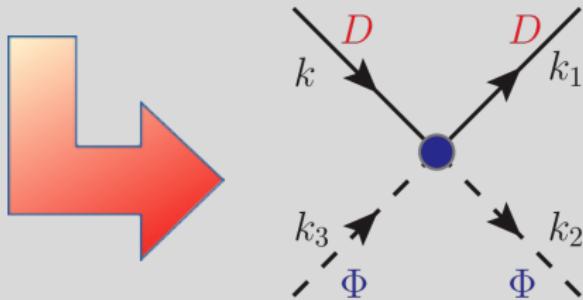


# Effective field theory

Effective Lagrangian based on **chiral** and **heavy-quark spin-flavor** symmetries.

- ▶ **Chiral expansion** up to NLO
  - : also explicitly broken due to light-meson masses ( $\pi, K, \bar{K}, \eta$ ).
- ▶ **Heavy-quark mass expansion** up to LO
  - : broken by heavy meson masses ( $D, D_s, D^*, D_s^*$ ).

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Elastic processes:  
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 $D_s\pi, D_sK, D_s\bar{K}, D_s\eta$   
and their inelastic channels.

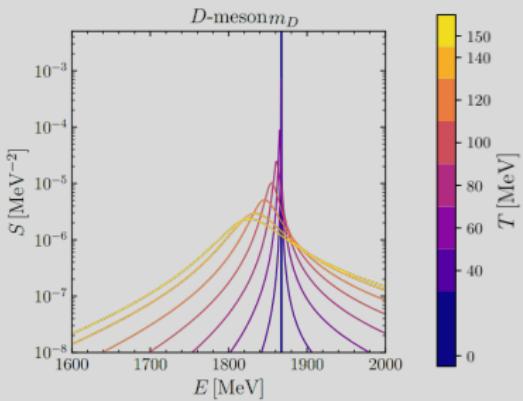
# Self-consistency at finite temperature

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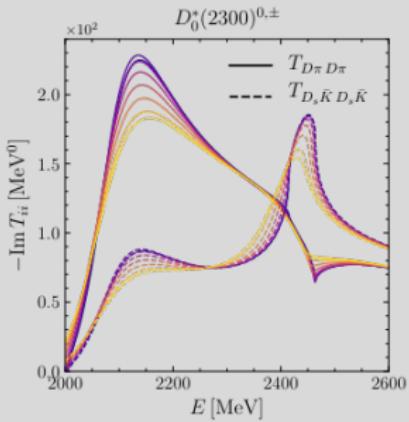
## T-matrix equation

$$D_i \begin{array}{c} \nearrow \\ \searrow \end{array} D_j = D_i \begin{array}{c} \nearrow \\ \searrow \end{array} \Phi_j + D_i \begin{array}{c} \nearrow \\ \searrow \end{array} \Phi_k \begin{array}{c} \nearrow \\ \searrow \end{array} D_j$$
$$D = D + D \begin{array}{c} \nearrow \\ \searrow \end{array} \Phi_k \begin{array}{c} \nearrow \\ \searrow \end{array} D \pi$$

## Spectral function



## T-matrix elements



# $D$ -meson kinetic theory

## Kinetic theory with off-shell effects



### Kadanoff-Baym equations

L. Kadanoff, G.Baym, "Quantum statistical mechanics" 1962, P. Danielewicz, Annals Phys. 152, 239 (1984), W. Botermans and R. Malfliet, Phys. Rept. 198, 115 (1990), J.-P. Blaizot and E. Iancu, Nucl. Phys. B557, 183 (1999), J. Rammer "Quantum field theory of non-equilibrium states" (2007), W. Cassing, Eur. Phys. J.168, 3 (2009)

$$\overbrace{\left( k^\mu - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial \text{Re } \Pi^R(X, k)}{\partial k_\mu} \right) \frac{\partial iG_D^<(X, k)}{\partial X^\mu}}^{\text{Advective term}} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} i\Pi^<(X, k) iG_D^>(X, k)}_{\text{Gain term}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} i\Pi^>(X, k) iG_D^<(X, k)}_{\text{Loss term}}$$

*Kadanoff-Baym ansatz:*

$$iG_D^<(X, k) = 2\pi S_D(X, k) f_D(X, k^0)$$

$$iG_D^>(X, k) = 2\pi S_D(X, k) [1 + f_D(X, k^0)]$$

# Fokker-Planck equation

Using  $m_D \gg m_\Phi, T$ :

Off-shell Fokker-Planck equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} G_D^<(t, k) = \frac{\partial}{\partial k^i} \left\{ \hat{A}(k; T) k^i G_D^<(t, k) + \frac{\partial}{\partial k^i} \left[ \hat{B}_0(k; T) \Delta^{ij} + \hat{B}_1(k; T) \frac{k^i k^j}{\mathbf{k}^2} \right] G_D^<(t, k) \right\}$$

$$\text{where } \Delta^{ij} = \delta^{ij} - k^i k^j / \mathbf{k}^2$$

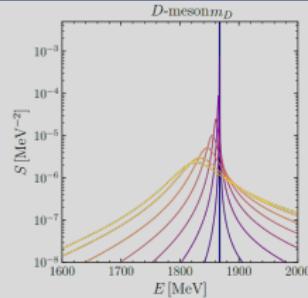
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**Off-shell  
Transport  
Coefficients**

$$\begin{cases} \hat{A}(k^0, \mathbf{k}; T) & \equiv & \left\langle 1 - \frac{\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k}_1}{\mathbf{k}^2} \right\rangle \\ \hat{B}_0(k^0, \mathbf{k}; T) & \equiv & \frac{1}{4} \left\langle \mathbf{k}_1^2 - \frac{(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k}_1)^2}{\mathbf{k}^2} \right\rangle \\ \hat{B}_1(k^0, \mathbf{k}; T) & \equiv & \frac{1}{2} \left\langle \frac{[\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_1)]^2}{\mathbf{k}^2} \right\rangle \end{cases}$$

# Off-shell and thermal effects

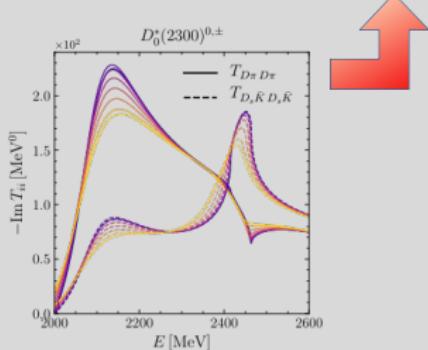
Spectral function



Energy-momentum  
conservation

$$\langle \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}_1) \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{2k^0} \sum_{\lambda, \lambda'=\pm} \lambda \lambda' \int dk_1^0 \int \prod_{i=1}^3 \frac{d^3 k_i}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_2 2E_3} \mathcal{S}_D(k_1^0, \mathbf{k}_1) (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}_3 - \mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2) \\ \times \delta(k^0 + \lambda' E_3 - \lambda E_2 - k_1^0) |T(k^0 + \lambda' E_3, \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}_3)|^2 f^{(0)}(\lambda' E_3) \tilde{f}^{(0)}(\lambda E_2) f^{(0)}(k_1^0) \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}_1)$$

Interaction



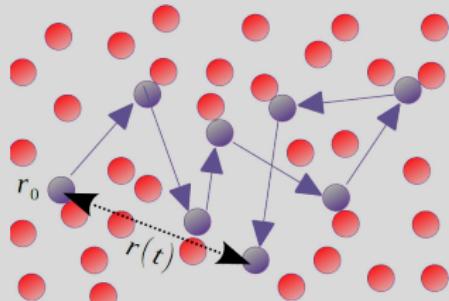
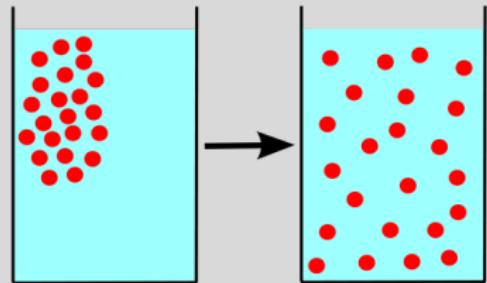
Equilibrium  
distribution functions

# Diffusion Coefficient

Fick's diffusion law

$$\vec{j}_i = -D_s \vec{\nabla} n_i$$

$D_s$  depends on interaction and medium properties ( $T, \mu_i$ )



Brownian motion  
Mean squared displacement

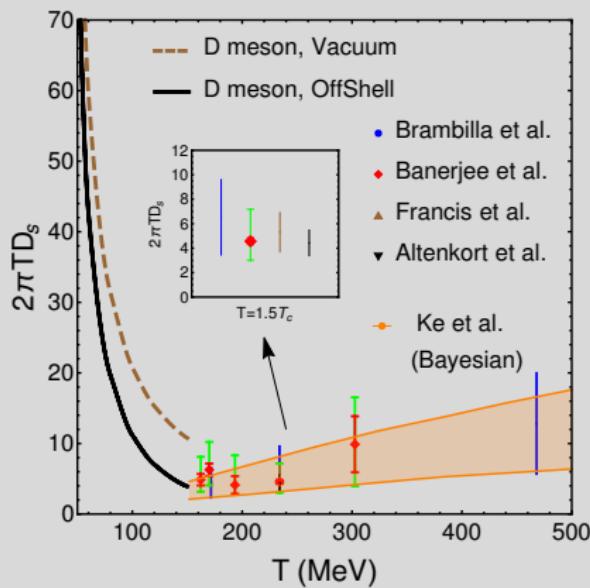
$$\langle [r(t) - r_0]^2 \rangle = 6D_s t$$

# Spatial diffusion coefficient

## Spatial diffusion coefficient

$$2\pi T D_s(T) = \frac{2\pi T^3}{B_0(k^0 = E_k, \mathbf{k} \rightarrow 0; T)}$$

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## Lattice-QCD calculations

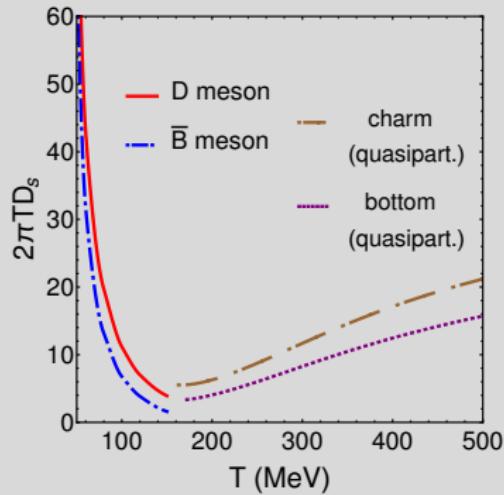
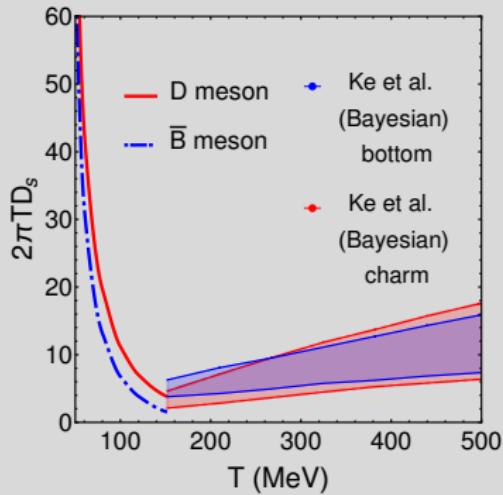
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## Bayesian study of RHICs

- ▶ W. Ke *et al.*  
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# $\bar{B}$ -meson diffusion coefficient

JMT-R, G. Montaña, À. Ramos, L. Tolos (to be published)  
G. Montaña (PhD thesis, July 2022)



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## Quasiparticle model for QGP

- S.K. Das *et al.*  
Phys. Rev. D 94, 114039 (2016)

# Conclusions

## Summary

1.  $D/\bar{B}$ -meson **EFT** extended to **finite temperature** in a self-consistent way
2. Heavy-meson **kinetic theory** studied via the Kadanoff-Baym equations.  
We derived an **off-shell Fokker-Planck** equation
3. Heavy-flavor **transport coefficients** below  $T_c$  including thermal modifications and off-shell effects.  
Apparent matching to lattice-QCD and Bayesian analyses at  $T \sim T_c$

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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{LO}} = Tr[\nabla^\mu \textcolor{red}{D} \nabla_\mu \textcolor{red}{D}^\dagger] - m_D^2 Tr[\textcolor{red}{D} \textcolor{red}{D}^\dagger] - Tr[\nabla^\mu \textcolor{red}{D}^{*\nu} \nabla_\mu \textcolor{red}{D}_\nu^{*\dagger}] + m_{D^*}^2 Tr[\textcolor{red}{D}^{*\mu} \textcolor{red}{D}_\mu^{*\dagger}]$$

$$+ ig Tr \left[ \left( \textcolor{red}{D}^{*\mu} \textcolor{blue}{u}_\mu \textcolor{red}{D}^\dagger - \textcolor{red}{D} \textcolor{blue}{u}^\mu \textcolor{red}{D}_\mu^{*\dagger} \right) \right] + \frac{g}{2m_D} Tr \left[ \left( \textcolor{red}{D}_\mu^* \textcolor{blue}{u}_\alpha \nabla_\beta \textcolor{red}{D}_\nu^{*\dagger} - \nabla_\beta \textcolor{red}{D}_\mu^* \textcolor{blue}{u}_\alpha \textcolor{red}{D}_\nu^{*\dagger} \right) \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \right]$$

$$\textcolor{red}{D} = (D^0, D^+, D_s^+)$$

$$\nabla^\mu = \partial^\mu - \frac{1}{2}(\textcolor{blue}{u}^\dagger \partial^\mu \textcolor{blue}{u} + \textcolor{blue}{u} \partial^\mu \textcolor{blue}{u}^\dagger)$$

$$\textcolor{blue}{u}^\mu = i(\textcolor{blue}{u}^\dagger \partial^\mu \textcolor{blue}{u} - \textcolor{blue}{u} \partial^\mu \textcolor{blue}{u}^\dagger)$$

$$\textcolor{blue}{u} = \exp \left[ \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}F} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\pi^0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{6}} & \pi^+ & K^+ \\ \pi^- & -\frac{\pi^0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{6}} & K^0 \\ K^- & \bar{K}^0 & -\frac{2\eta}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

# Perturbative potential

## Perturbative amplitude

$$\begin{aligned} V(s, t, u) = & \frac{C_0}{4f_\pi^2}(s - u) + \frac{2C_1}{f_\pi^2} h_1 + \frac{2C_2}{f_\pi^2} h_3(k_2 \cdot k_3) \\ & + \frac{2C_3}{f_\pi^2} h_5[(k \cdot k_3)(k_1 \cdot k_2) + (k \cdot k_2)(k_1 \cdot k_3)] \end{aligned}$$

$f_\pi$ : pion decay constant

Isospin coefficients: fixed by symmetry

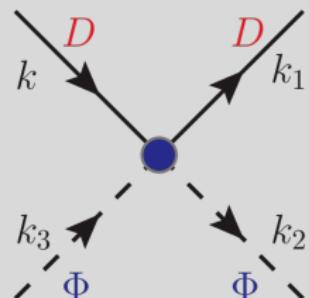
Low-energy constants: fixed by experiment  
or by underlying theory

Z.-H. Guo *et al.* Eur. Phys. J.C79, 1, 13 (2019)

Elastic processes:

$D\pi$ ,  $DK$ ,  $D\bar{K}$ ,  $D\eta$

$D_s\pi$ ,  $D_sK$ ,  $D_s\bar{K}$ ,  $D_s\eta$  and their inelastic channels.



# Resummation at finite temperature

At  $T \neq 0$  **Imaginary Time Formalism** in a self-consistent approximation

$$D_i \quad D_j = D_i \quad D_j + D_i \quad D_k \quad D_j$$

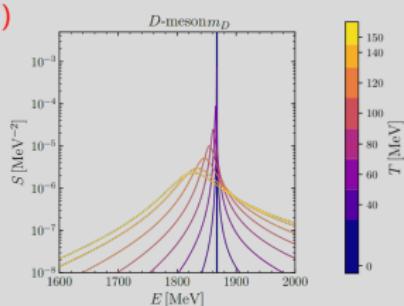
$$T_{ij} = [1 - G_{D\Phi} V]_{ik}^{-1} V_{kj}$$

$$G_{D\Phi}(E, \vec{p}; T) = \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \int d\omega \int d\omega' \frac{S_D(\omega, \vec{k}; T) S_\Phi(\omega', \vec{p} - \vec{k}; T)}{E - \omega - \omega' + i\varepsilon} [1 + f(\omega, T) + f(\omega', T)]$$

$$S_D(\omega, \vec{k}; T) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im } \Delta_D(\omega, \vec{k}; T) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \left( \frac{1}{\omega^2 - \vec{k}^2 - m_D^2 - \Pi_D(\omega, \vec{k}; T)} \right)$$

$$\Pi_D(\omega_n, \vec{k}; T) = T \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_m \Delta_\Phi(\omega_m - \omega_n, \vec{p} - \vec{k}) T_{D\Phi}(\omega_m, \vec{p})$$

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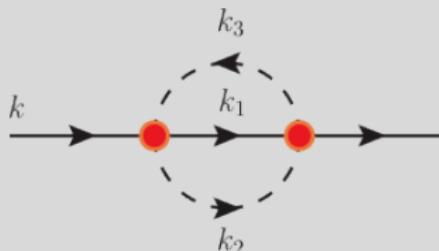
# $T$ -matrix approximation

Close kinetic equation employing the  **$T$ -matrix approximation**

(L. Kadanoff, G. Baym, "Quantum statistical mechanics" 1962, P. Danielewicz, Annals Phys. 152, 239 (1984), W. Botermans and R. Malfliet, Phys. Rept. 198, 115 (1990))

## T-matrix approximation

$$i\Pi^<(X, k) = \sum_{\{a,b,c\}} \int \frac{d^4 k_1}{(2\pi)^4} \int \frac{d^4 k_2}{(2\pi)^4} \int \frac{d^4 k_3}{(2\pi)^4} (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(k_1 + k_2 - k_3 - k) \\ \times |T(k_1^0 + k_2^0 + i\epsilon, \mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2)|^2 iG_{D_a}^<(X, k_1) iG_{\Phi_b}^<(X, k_2) iG_{\Phi_c}^>(X, k_3)$$



# Transport equation

$$\left( k^\mu - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial \text{Re } \Pi^R(X, k)}{\partial k_\mu} \right) \frac{\partial iG_D^<(X, k)}{\partial X^\mu} = \frac{1}{2} i\Pi^<(X, k) iG_D^>(X, k) - \frac{1}{2} i\Pi^>(X, k) iG_D^<(X, k)$$

Kadanoff-Baym Ansätze:

$$iG_D^<(X, k) = 2\pi S_D(X, k) f_D(X, k^0)$$

$$iG_\Phi^<(X, k) = 2\pi S_\Phi^{(0)}(X, k) f_\Phi^{(0)}(X, k^0)$$

Approximation on light sector [Schenk (1993), Toublan (1997)]:

$$S_\Phi^{(0)}(k^0, \mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{2E_k} [\delta(k^0 - E_k) - \delta(k^0 + E_k)]$$

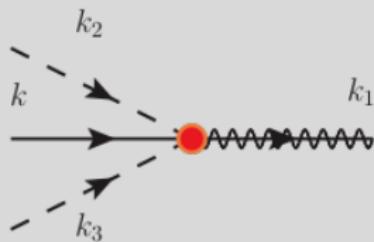
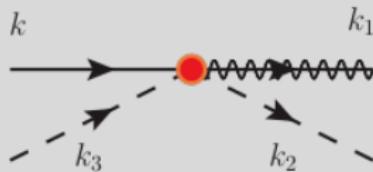
and

$$f_\Phi^{(0)}(k^0) = \frac{1}{e^{k^0/T} - 1}$$

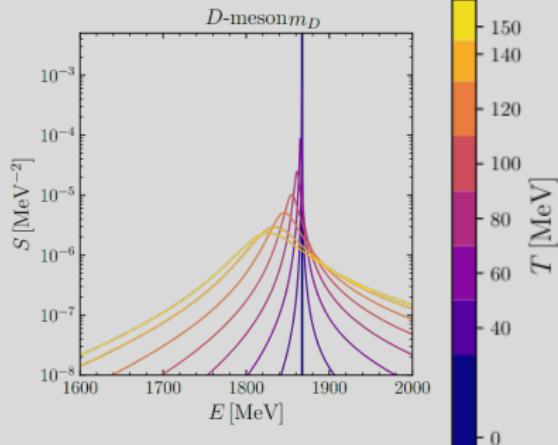
using the faster equilibration of light sector

“Unitary” contribution:  $\lambda' = +$

2 processes evaluated at  $|T(k^0 + E_3, \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}_3)|^2$ :

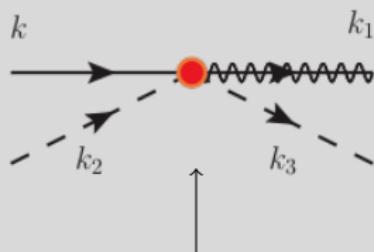
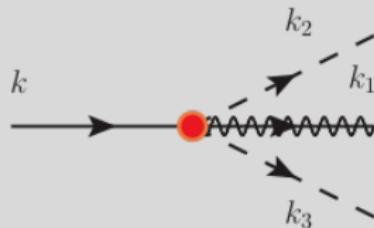


3 → 1 process  
**only effective at  $T \neq 0$**   
for off-shell  $D$  meson



“Landau” contribution:  $\lambda' = -$

2 processes evaluated at  $|T(k^0 - E_3, \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}_3)|^2$ :



**Not suppressed at high temperatures!**

2  $\rightarrow$  2 process **only effective** at  $T \neq 0$  where Landau cut of  $\text{Im } G$  emerges

