

# Heavy quark diffusion coefficient with gradient flow

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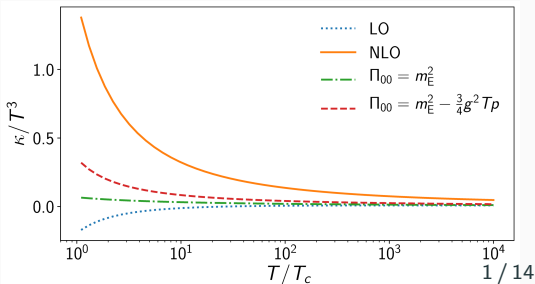
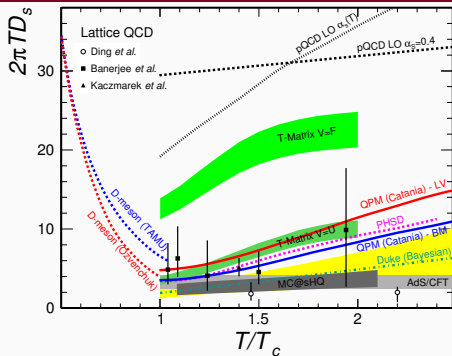
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# Motivation

- The strongly coupled plasma can be described in terms of transport coefficients
- $R_{AA}$  and  $\nu_2$  described by spatial diffusion coefficient  $D_x$
- Different models predicting wide range of values
- Perturbative series unreliable
- HTL has too strict assumption  $m_E \ll T$
- Non-perturbative lattice simulations needed



# Heavy Quark diffusion

- Heavy quark energy changes only little when colliding with medium

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

- 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 also to:

$$\text{Spatial diffusion coefficient } D_s = 2T^2/\kappa,$$

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

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

- Considering full Lorentz force:

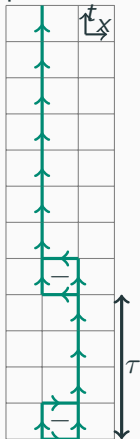
$$F(t) = \dot{p} = q(E + v \times B)(t)$$

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

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

# Heavy quark diffusion from lattice: Euclidean Correlator

periodic



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- Traditional approach uses HQ current-current correlators:

**Problem:** Transport peak at zero

- HQEFT inspired Euclidean correlator is peak free

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

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

- Field strength tensor components need discretization
- Choose corner discretization for this study
- On lattice there is a self-energy contribution that generates a multiplicative renormalization
- For chromomagnetic fields there is also a finite anomalous dimension and renormalization is required

## Heavy quark diffusion from lattice: Spectral function

$$G_E(\tau) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{\pi} \rho(\omega) \frac{\cosh\left(\frac{\omega}{T}\left[\tau T - \frac{1}{2}\right]\right)}{\sinh \frac{\omega}{2T}} \quad \kappa = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{2T}{\omega} \rho(\omega)$$

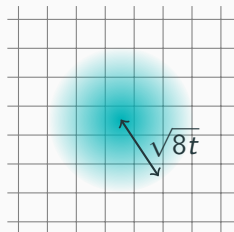
- Euclidean correlator related to spectral function
- Needs inversion of integral equation
- We use simple procedure of modeling  $\rho(\omega)$  and comparing to lattice data
  - $\rho(\omega)$  known at IR and UV
  - Connect IR and UV with i) step ii) line
- Related:  $\gamma$  not measured yet

$$\gamma = -\frac{1}{3N_c} \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \frac{\rho(\omega)}{\omega} = -\int_0^\infty d\tau G_E(\tau)$$

# Lattice simulations

$\frac{T}{T_c}$	$N_t$	$N_s$	$\beta$	$N_{\text{conf}}$	$\frac{T}{T_c}$	$N_t$	$N_s$	$\beta$	$N_{\text{conf}}$
1.5	20	48	7.044	4290	10000	20	48	14.635	1890
	24	48	7.192	4346		24	48	14.792	2280
	28	56	7.321	5348		28	56	14.925	2190
	34	68	7.483	3540		34	68	15.093	1830

- Pure gauge simulations, two temperatures
- Gradient flow with Lüscher-Weisz action
  - Smears the initial gauge field with radius  $\sqrt{8t}$
  - + Automatically renormalizes gauge invariant observables
  - + Can be used un-quenched (This work: quenched)
  - Generally needs zero flowtime limit



## Renormalization and spectral function: $G_E$

- Normalize the data with perturbative LO result (also tree-level improve)

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

- 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))
- In practice LO perturbative  $Z_E$  not enough, we normalize at a single point instead
- Model the spectral function by connecting known IR and UV behavior with ansatz:

$$\rho_{\text{IR}}(\omega) = \frac{\kappa \omega}{2T}$$
$$\rho_{\text{QCD,naive}}(\omega) = \frac{g^2 C_F \omega^3}{6\pi} \left\{ 1 + \frac{g^2}{(4\pi)^2} \left[ N_c \left( \frac{11}{3} \ln \frac{\mu^2}{4\omega^2} + \frac{149}{9} - \frac{8\pi^2}{3} \right) \right] \right\}$$

- Set scale such that NLO UV contribution vanishes

## Renormalization and spectral function: $G_B$

- $\kappa_B$  more complicated, requires renormalization

$$G_B^{\text{flow,UV}}(\tau, \tau_F) = (1 + \gamma_0 g^2 \ln(\mu \sqrt{8\tau_F}))^2 Z_{\text{flow}} G_B^{\overline{\text{MS}},\text{UV}}(\tau, \mu) + h_0 \cdot (\tau_F/\tau),$$

- Normalize at finite flow time with  $G^{\text{flow}}$
- Assuming  $h_0 = 0$  for simplicity. We see very little flow time dependence even with this assumption.
- We know  $Z_E$  wasn't enough, so we determine  $Z_{\text{flow}}$  similarly, i.e, just normalize at a point.
- Use same tree-level improvement as for E-correlator
- IR model the same:

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

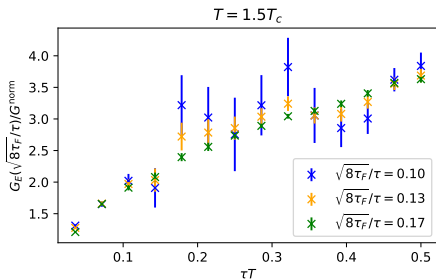
- UV now depends on flow time

$$\rho_B^{\text{UV}}(\omega, \tau_F) = Z_{\text{flow}} \frac{g^2(\mu)\omega^3}{6\pi} (1 + g^2(\mu)(\beta_0 - \gamma_0) \ln(\mu^2/(A\omega^2)) + g^2(\mu)\gamma_0 \ln(8\tau_F\mu^2))$$

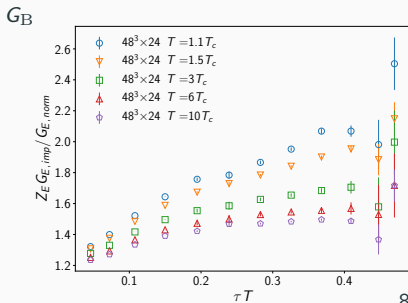
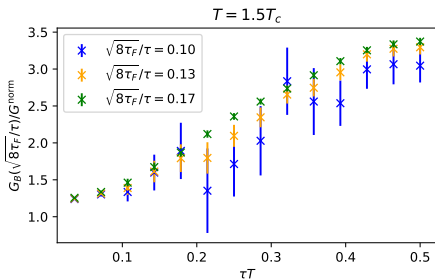
- Again, set the scale such that the second term vanishes



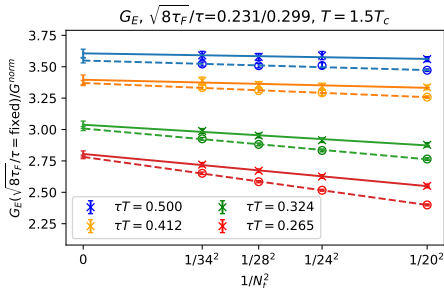
# Raw (normalized\*, tree-level improved) lattice data



- $\kappa$  dominant cause for the shape, not flow time
- Very similar shapes for electric and magnetic correlators
- Can see agreement between GF and multilevel (cross-check)



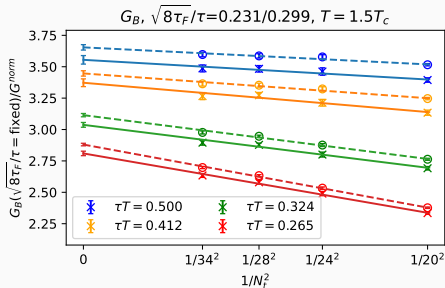
# Continuum limit



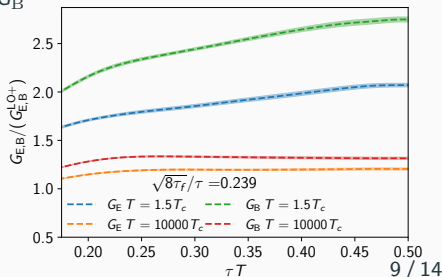
$G_E$

- Good limits for valid ranges of  $\tau T$  and  $\tau_F$

$$\frac{a}{\tau} \leq \frac{\sqrt{8\tau_F}}{\tau} \leq \frac{1}{3}$$

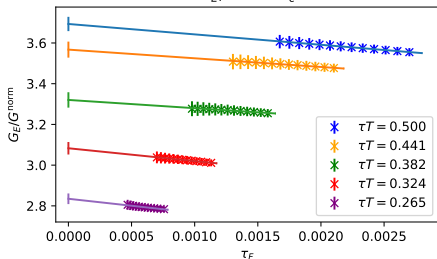


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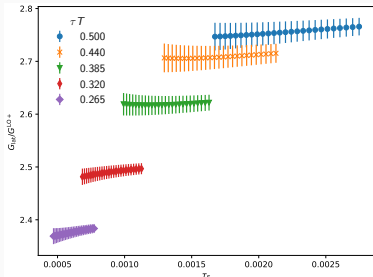
# Flow time dependence of $G_E$ and $G_B$

$G_E, T = 1.5T_c$

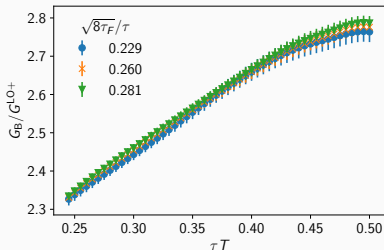


$G_E$

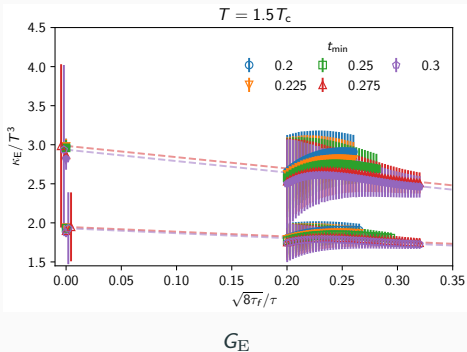
- We observe different small flow time scaling between  $G_E$  and  $G_B$
- Flow dependent spectral function seems to remove most of flow dependence from  $G_B$



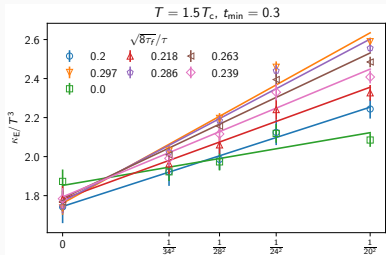
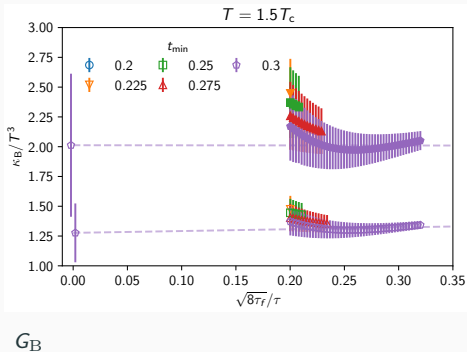
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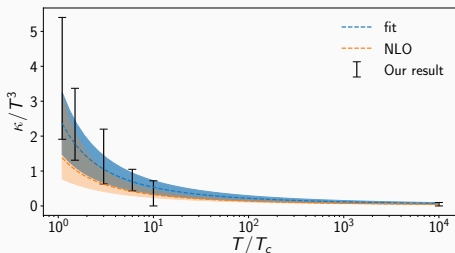
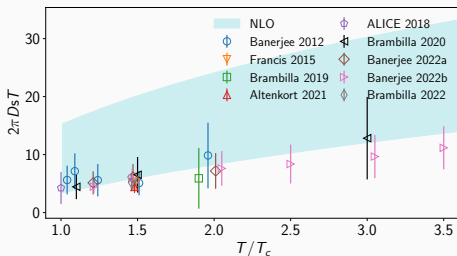


# Flow time $\kappa$ and order of limits



- Very little dependence on flow time
- Ordering of Continuum limit, zero flow time limit, and spectral function inversion doesn't seem to matter much





- Our results:

(Brambilla *et al.* hep-lat/2206.02861)

$$1.7 \leq \kappa_E/T^3 \leq 3.12, \quad T = 1.5$$

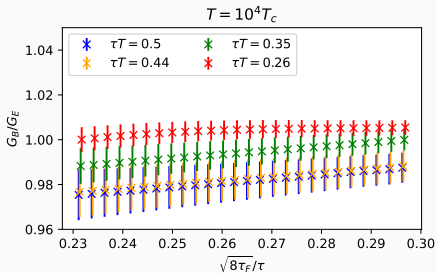
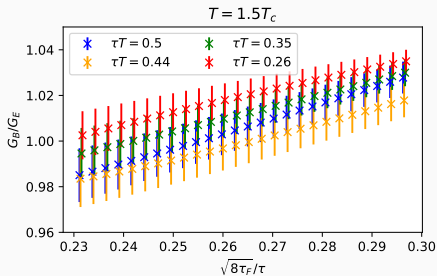
$$0.02 \leq \kappa_E/T^3 \leq 0.16, \quad T = 10^4$$

- Can fit temperature dependence:

$$\frac{\kappa_E^{\text{NLO}}}{T^3} = \frac{g^4 C_F N_c}{18\pi} \left[ \ln \frac{2T}{m_E} + \xi + C \frac{m_E}{T} \right].$$

- Other similar lattice studies

Meyer NJP13 (2011),  
Ding *et al.* JPG38 (2011),  
Banerjee *et al.* PRD85 (2012),  
Francis *et al.* PRD92 (2015)  
Brambilla *et al.* PRD102 (2020)  
Altenkort *et al.* PRD103 (2021)  
Banerjee *et al.* hep-lat/2204.14075  
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- We get  $1.03 \leq \kappa_B/T^3 \leq 2.61$  (In agreement:  $1.0 \leq \kappa_B/T^3 \leq 2.1$ )  
[Brambilla et.al. hep-lat/2206.02861](#) [Banerjee et.al. hep-lat/2204.14075](#)

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

- Using  $\langle v^2 \rangle$  from [\(Petreczky et.al. Eur. Phys. J. C62 \(2009\)\)](#)
- $\langle v_{\text{charm}}^2 \rangle \simeq 0.51$  and  $\langle v_{\text{bottom}}^2 \rangle \simeq 0.3$ , we get that the mass suppressed effects on the heavy quark diffusion coefficient is 34% and 20% for the charm and bottom quarks respectively.

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