

# Continuum Results of the Heavy Quark Momentum Diffusion Coefficient $\kappa$

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[[arXiv:1409.3724](#), [1311.3759](#) and [arXiv:1109.3941](#)]

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# Motivation - Transport Coefficients

Transport Coefficients are important ingredients into hydro/transport models for the evolution of the system.

Usually determined by matching to experiment (see right plot)

**Need to be determined from QCD using first principle lattice calculations!**

here heavy flavour:

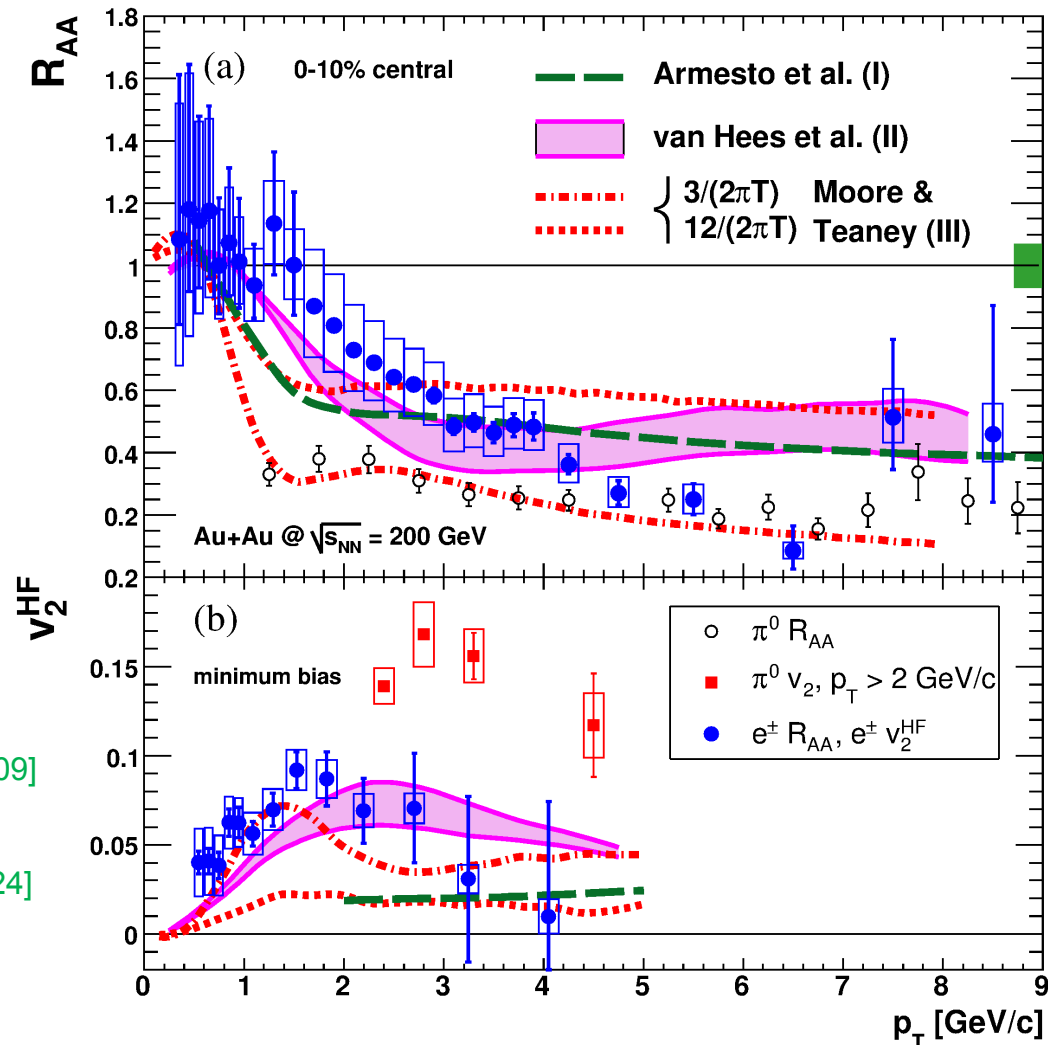
Heavy Quark Diffusion Constant  $D$   
 [H.T.Ding, OK et al., PRD86(2012)014509]

Heavy Quark Momentum Diffusion  $\kappa$   
 [OK, arXiv:1409.3724]

or for light quarks:

Light quark flavour diffusion

Electrical conductivity  
 [A.Francis, OK et al., PRD83(2011)034504]



[PHENIX Collaboration, Adare et al., PRC84(2011)044905 & PRL98(2007)172301]

# Transport coefficients from Lattice QCD – Flavour Diffusion

Transport coefficients usually calculated using correlation function of conserved currents

$$G(\tau, \mathbf{p}, T) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \rho(\omega, \mathbf{p}, T) K(\tau, \omega, T)$$

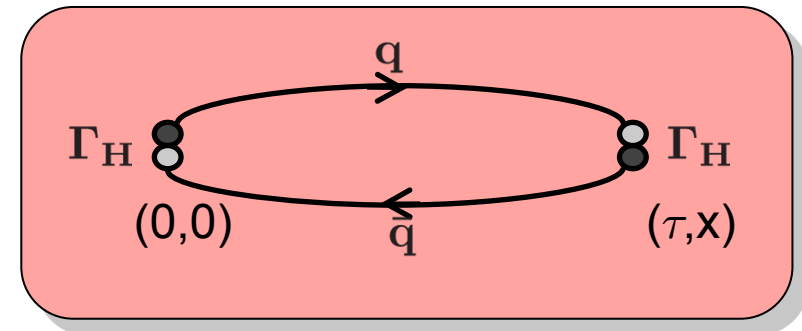
$$K(\tau, \omega, T) = \frac{\cosh\left(\omega\left(\tau - \frac{1}{2T}\right)\right)}{\sinh\left(\frac{\omega}{2T}\right)}$$

Lattice observables:

$$G_{\mu\nu}(\tau, \vec{x}) = \langle J_\mu(\tau, \vec{x}) J_\nu^\dagger(0, \vec{0}) \rangle$$

$$J_\mu(\tau, \vec{x}) = 2\kappa Z_V \bar{\psi}(\tau, \vec{x}) \Gamma_\mu \psi(\tau, \vec{x})$$

$$G_{\mu\nu}(\tau, \vec{p}) = \sum_{\vec{x}} G_{\mu\nu}(\tau, \vec{x}) e^{i\vec{p}\vec{x}}$$



related to a conserved current

only correlation functions calculable on lattice but

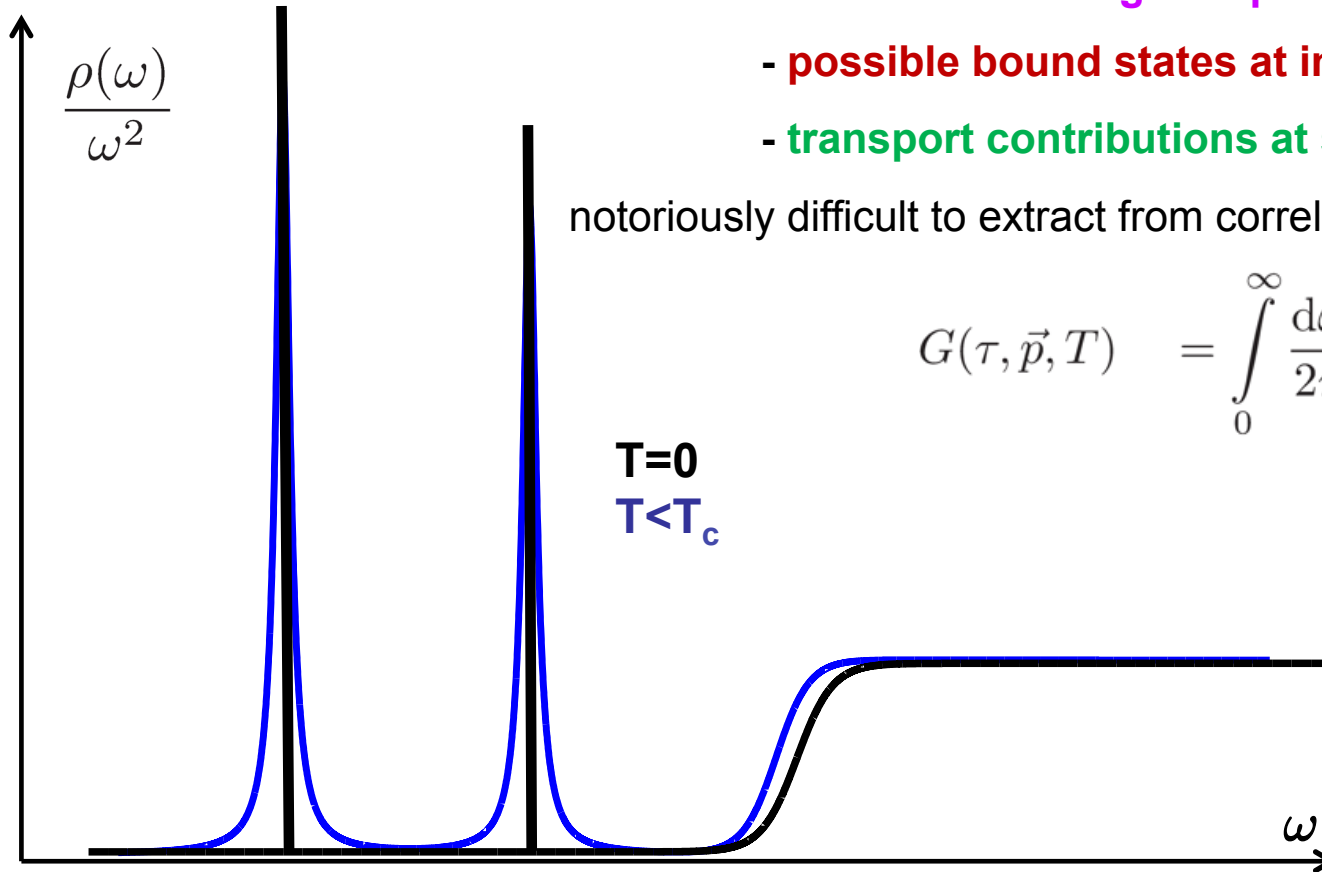
**Transport coefficient** determined by slope of spectral function at  $\omega=0$  (Kubo formula)

$$D = \frac{\pi}{3\chi_{00}} \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{\rho_{ii}(\omega, \vec{p} = 0, T)}{\omega T}$$

# Quarkonium spectral function – What do we expect!?

Different contributions and scales enter in the spectral function

- continuum at large frequencies
- possible bound states at intermediate frequencies
- transport contributions at small frequencies



notoriously difficult to extract from correlation functions

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$T=0$   
 $T < T_c$

+ zero-mode contribution at  $\omega=0$ :  $\rho(\omega) = 2\pi\chi_{00} \omega\delta(\omega)$

+ transport peak at small  $\omega$ :  $\rho(\omega \ll T) = 2\chi_{00} \frac{T}{M} \frac{\omega\eta}{\omega^2 + \eta^2}$ ,  $\eta = \frac{T}{MD}$

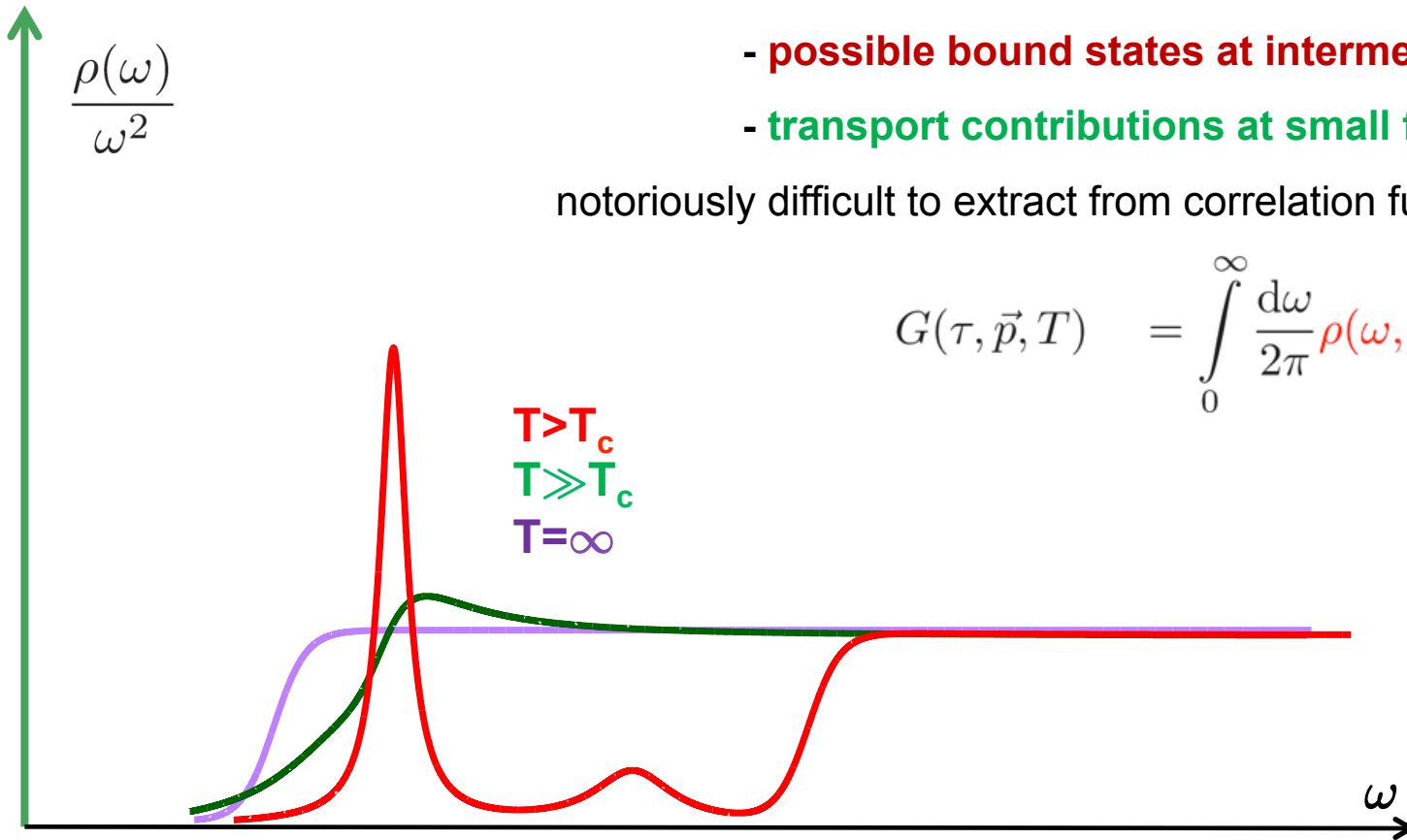
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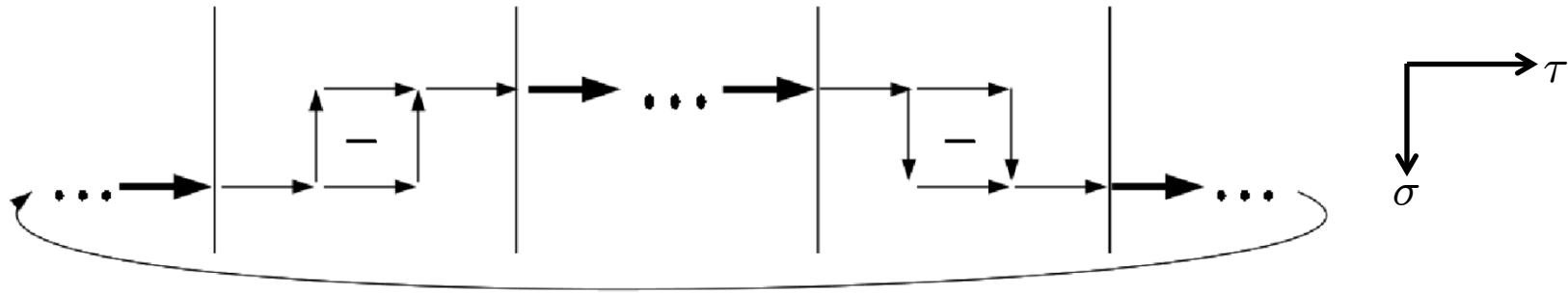
# Heavy Quark Momentum Diffusion Constant – Single Quark in the Medium

Heavy Quark Effective Theory (HQET) in the large quark mass limit

**for a single quark in medium**

leads to a (pure gluonic) “color-electric correlator”

[J.Casalderrey-Solana, D.Teaney, PRD74(2006)085012,  
S.Caron-Huot,M.Laine,G.D. Moore,JHEP04(2009)053]



$$G_E(\tau) \equiv -\frac{1}{3} \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\left\langle \text{Re Tr} \left[ U\left(\frac{1}{T}; \tau\right) gE_i(\tau, \mathbf{0}) U(\tau; 0) gE_i(0, \mathbf{0}) \right] \right\rangle}{\left\langle \text{Re Tr} \left[ U\left(\frac{1}{T}; 0\right) \right] \right\rangle}$$

Heavy quark (momentum) diffusion:

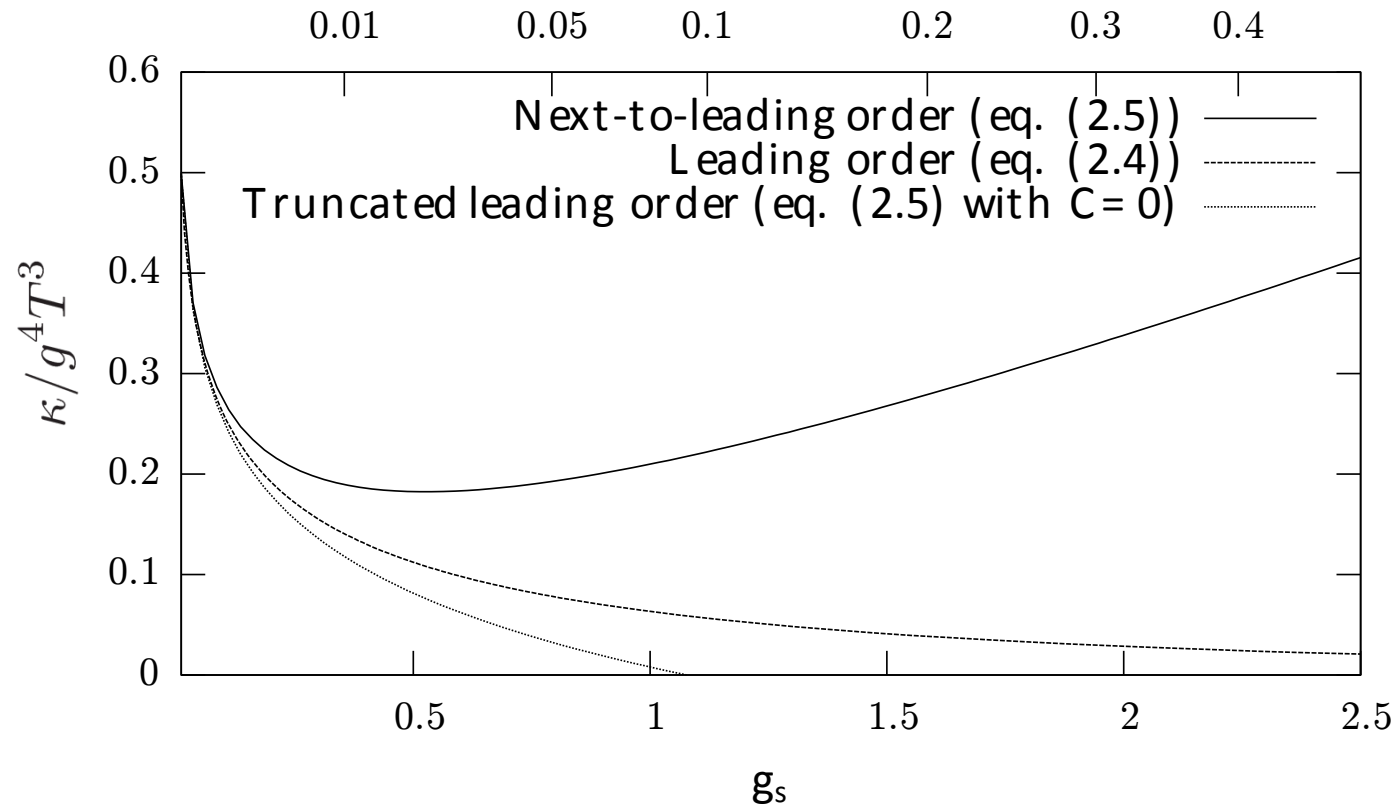
$$\kappa = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{2T \rho_E(\omega)}{\omega}$$

$$D = \frac{2T^2}{\kappa}$$

# Heavy Quark Momentum Diffusion Constant – Perturbation Theory

can be related to the thermalization rate: 
$$\eta_D = \frac{\kappa}{2M_{kin}T} \left( 1 + O\left(\frac{\alpha_s^{3/2}T}{M_{kin}}\right) \right)$$

NLO in perturbation theory: [Caron-Huot, G.Moore, JHEP 0802 (2008) 081]

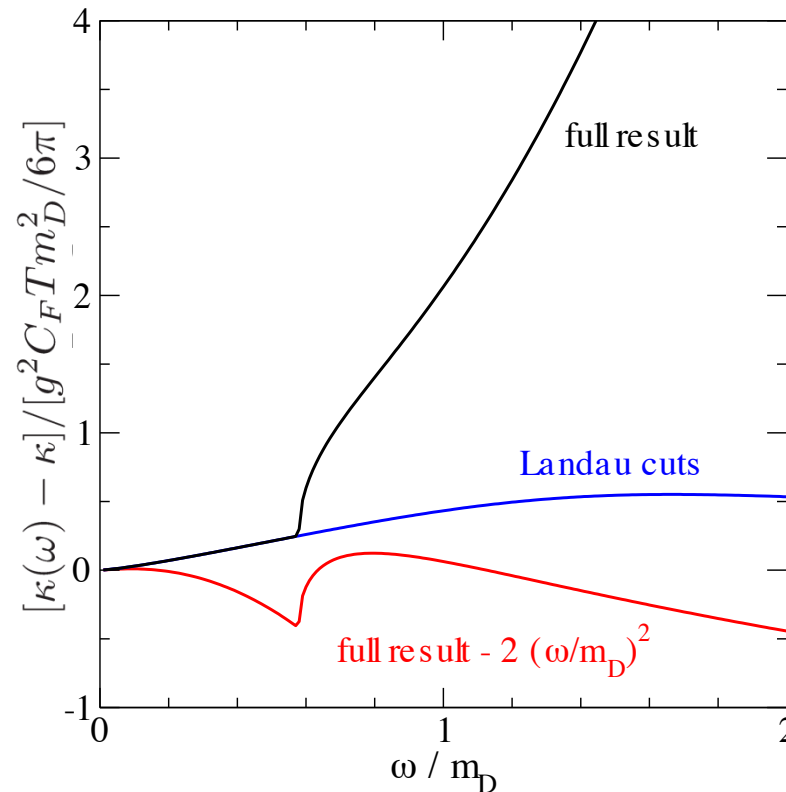


very poor convergence

→ **Lattice QCD study required in the relevant temperature region**

# Heavy Quark Momentum Diffusion Constant – Perturbation Theory

NLO spectral function in perturbation theory: [Caron-Huot, M.Laine, G.Moore, JHEP 0904 (2009) 053]



in contrast to a narrow transport peak, from this a smooth limit

$$\kappa/T^3 = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{2T \rho_E(\omega)}{\omega}$$

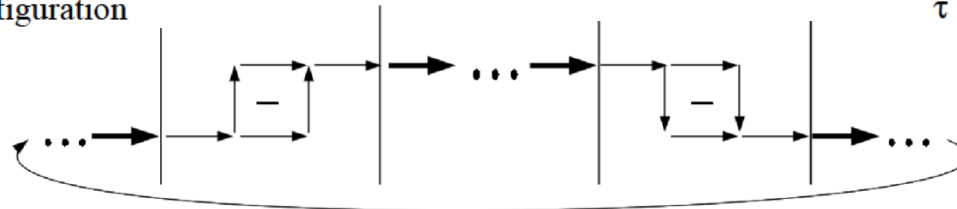
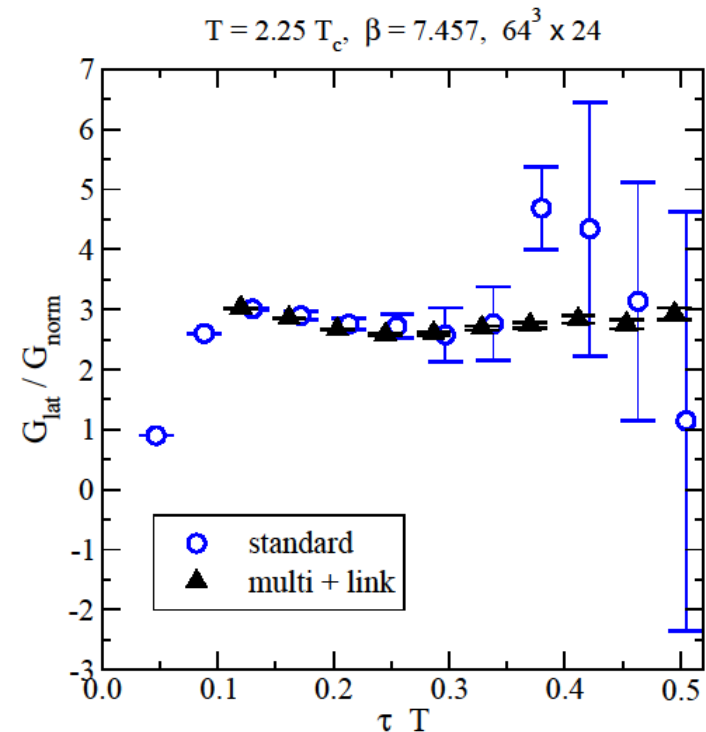
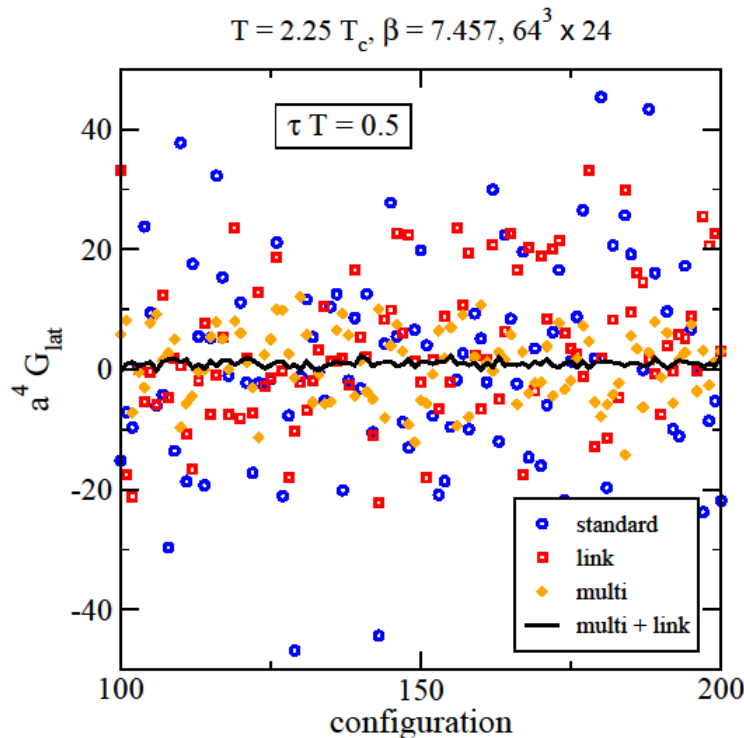
is expected

Qualitatively similar behaviour also found in AdS/CFT [S.Gubser, Nucl.Phys.B790 (2008)175]



# Heavy Quark Momentum Diffusion Constant – Lattice algorithms

[A.Francis,OK,M.Laine,J.Langelage, arXiv:1109.3941 and arXiv:1311.3759]



due to the gluonic nature of the operator, signal is extremely noisy

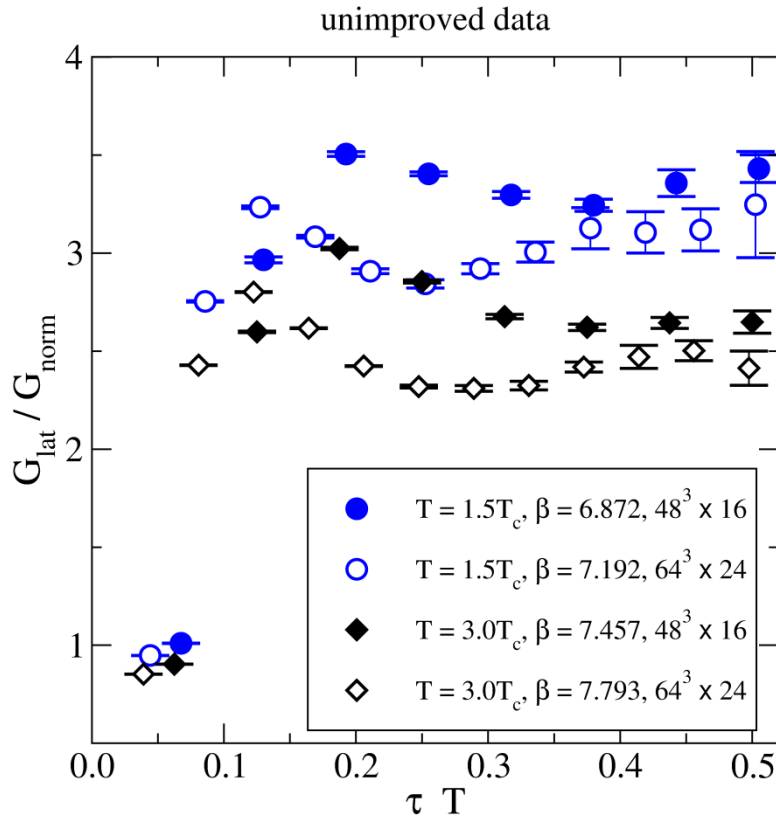
→ **multilevel** combined with **link-integration** techniques to improve the signal

[Lüscher,Weisz JHEP 0109 (2001)010  
and H.B.Meyer PRD (2007) 101701]

[Parisi,Petronzio,Rapuano PLB 128 (1983) 418,  
and de Forcrand PLB 151 (1985) 77]

# Heavy Quark Momentum Diffusion Constant – Tree-Level Improvement

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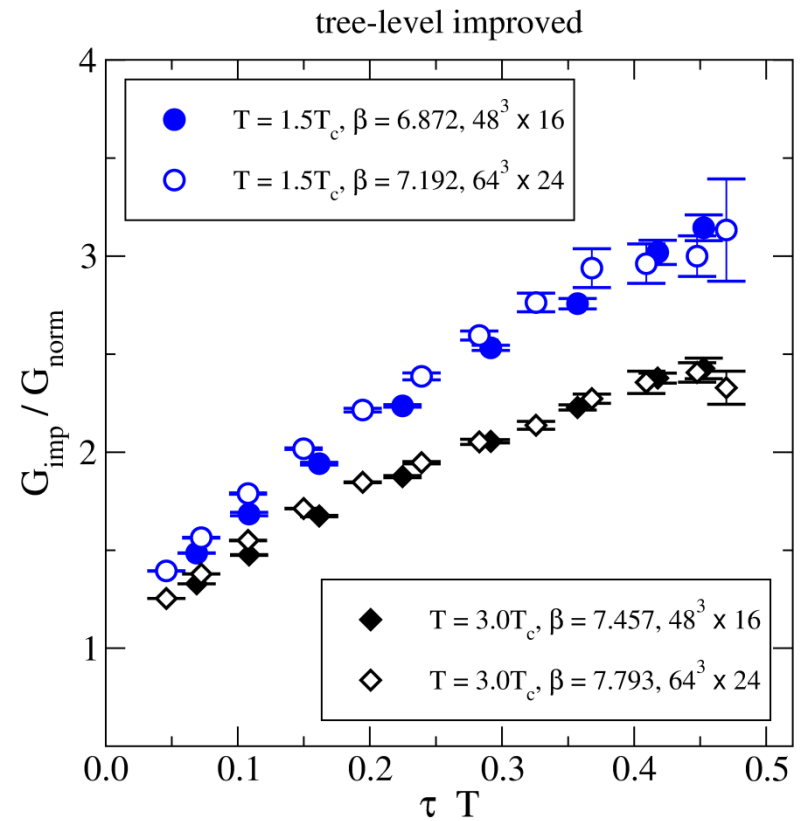
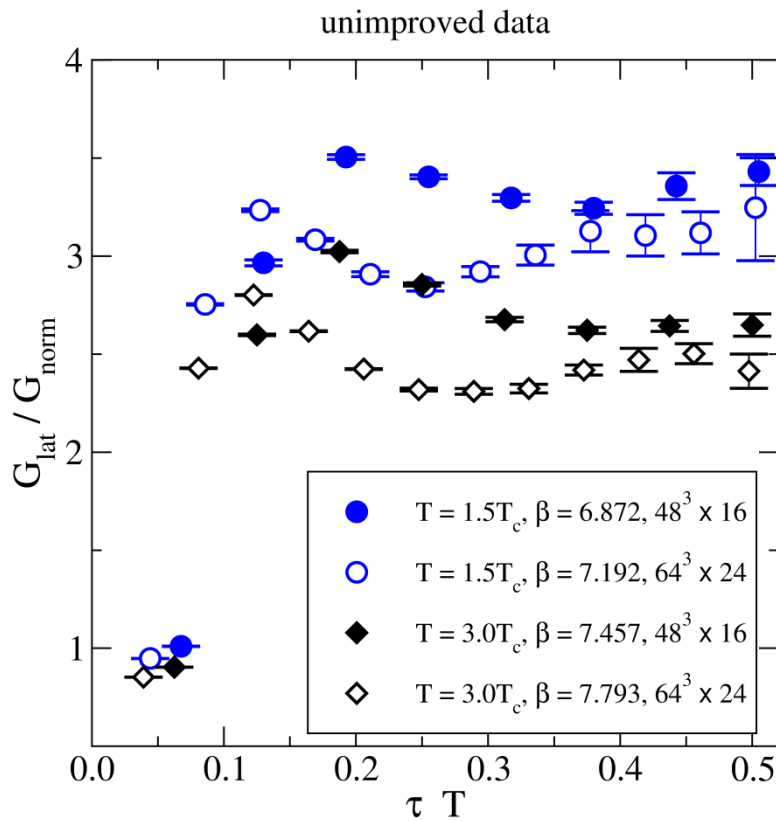
normalized by the LO-perturbative correlation function:

$$G_{\text{norm}}(\tau T) \equiv \frac{G_{\text{cont}}^{\text{LO}}(\tau T)}{g^2 C_F} = \pi^2 T^4 \left[ \frac{\cos^2(\pi \tau T)}{\sin^4(\pi \tau T)} + \frac{1}{3 \sin^2(\pi \tau T)} \right] \quad C_F \equiv \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c}$$

and renormalized using NLO renormalization constants  $Z(g^2)$

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lattice cut-off effects visible at small separations (left figure)

→ **tree-level improvement** (right figure) to reduce discretization effects

$$G_{\text{cont}}^{\text{LO}}(\overline{\tau T}) = G_{\text{lat}}^{\text{LO}}(\tau T)$$

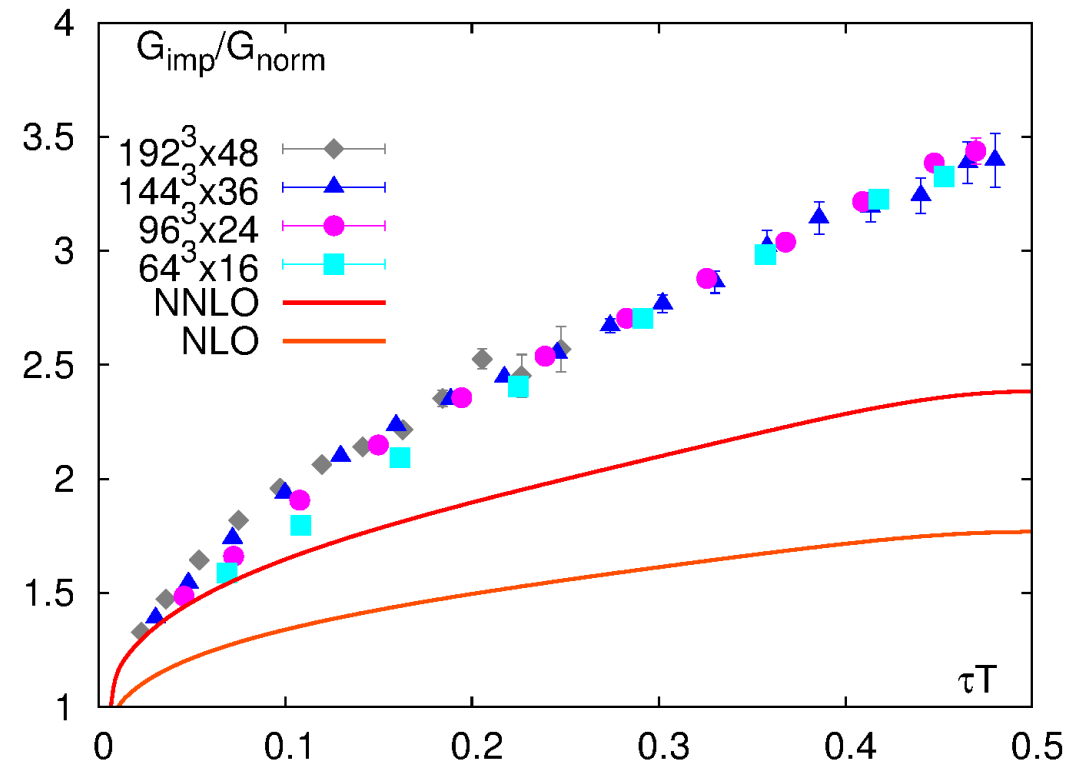
leads to an effective reduction of cut-off effect for all  $\tau T$

Quenched Lattice QCD on large and fine isotropic lattices at  $T \simeq 1.4 T_c$

- standard Wilson gauge action
- algorithmic improvements to enhance signal/noise ratio
- fixed aspect ration  $N_s/N_t = 4$ , i.e. fixed physical volume  $(2\text{fm})^3$
- perform the continuum limit,  $a \rightarrow 0 \leftrightarrow N_t \rightarrow \infty$
- determine  $\kappa$  in the continuum using an Ansatz for the spectral fct.  $\rho(\omega)$

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# Heavy Quark Momentum Diffusion Constant – Lattice results



finest lattices still quite noisy at large  $\tau T$   
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**small cut-off effects at intermediate  $\tau T$**

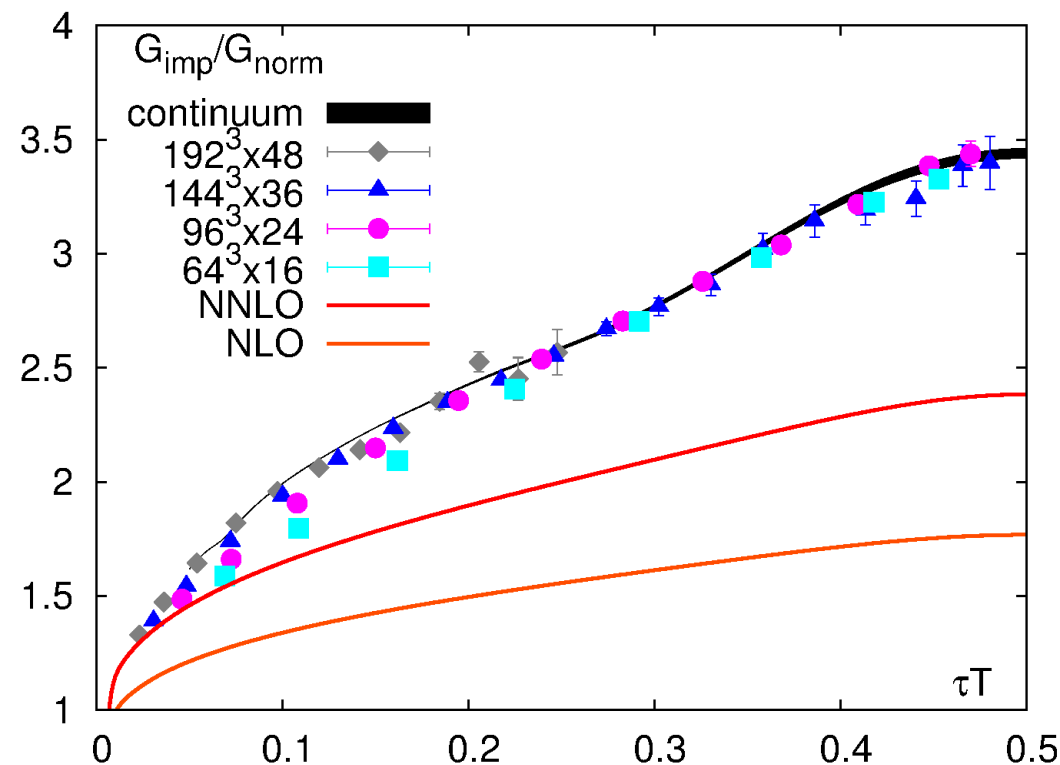
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**allows to perform continuum extrapolation,  $a \rightarrow 0 \leftrightarrow N_t \rightarrow \infty$ , at fixed  $T=1/a N_t$**

# Heavy Quark Momentum Diffusion Constant – Continuum extrapolation



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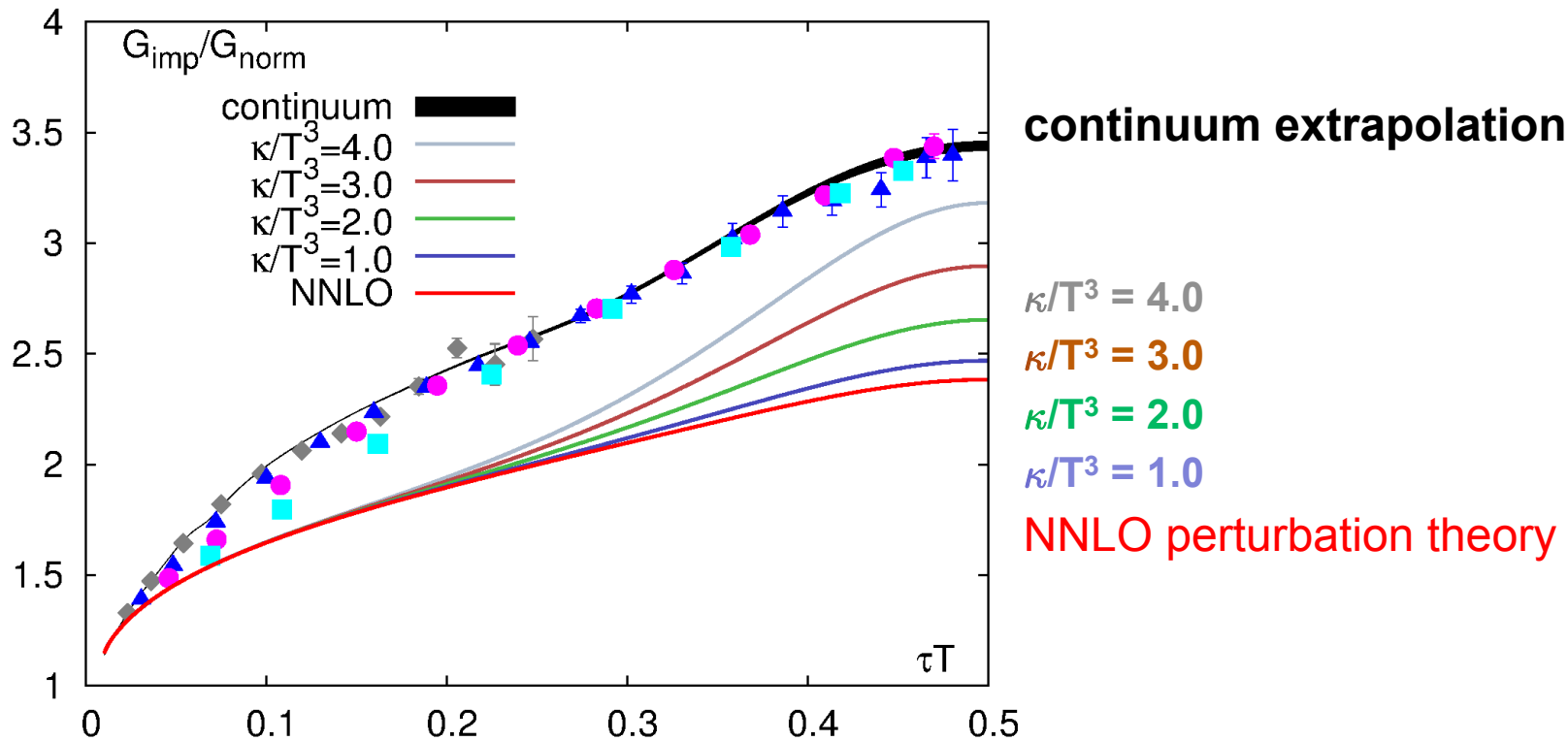
**well behaved continuum extrapolation for  $0.05 \leq \tau T \leq 0.5$**

finest lattice already close to the continuum

coarser lattices at larger  $\tau T$  close to the continuum

**how to extract the spectral function from the correlator?**

# Heavy Quark Momentum Diffusion Constant – Model Spectral Function



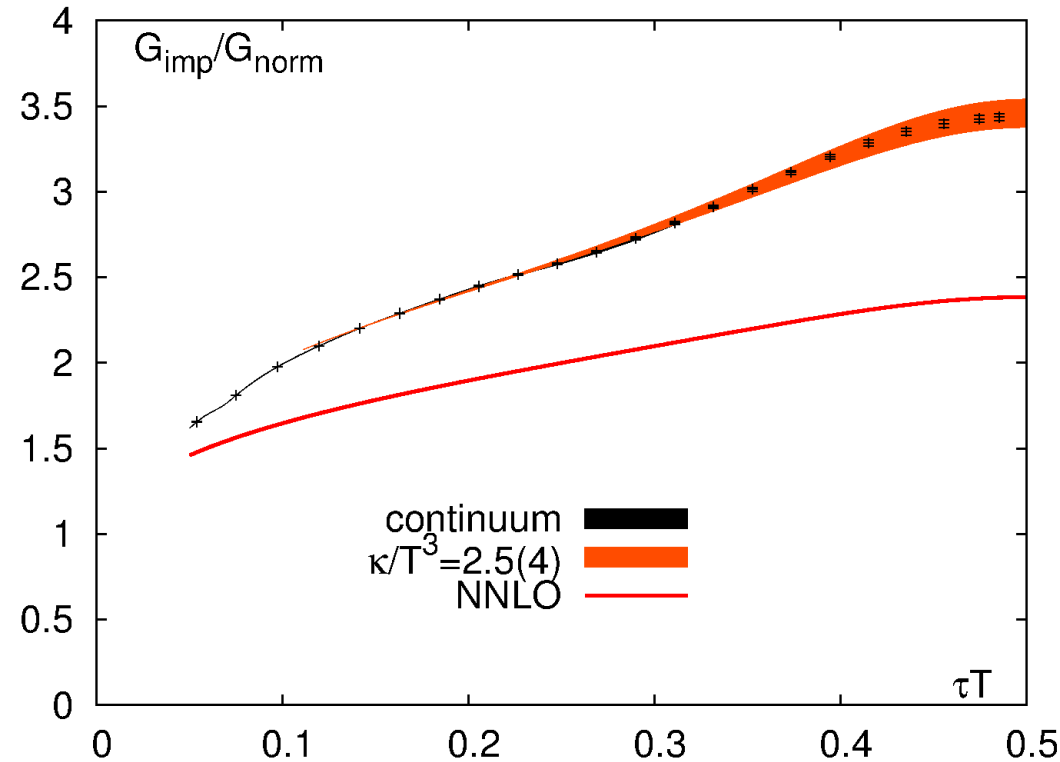
Model spectral function: transport contribution + NLO [Y.Burnier et al. JHEP 1008 (2010) 094]

$$\rho_{\text{model}}(\omega) \equiv \max \left\{ \rho_{\text{NNLO}}(\omega), \frac{\omega \kappa}{2T} \right\}$$

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some contribution at intermediate distance/frequency seems to be missing

# Heavy Quark Momentum Diffusion Constant – Model Spectral Function



result of the fit to  $\rho_{\text{model}}(\omega)$

with three parameters:  $\kappa, A, B$

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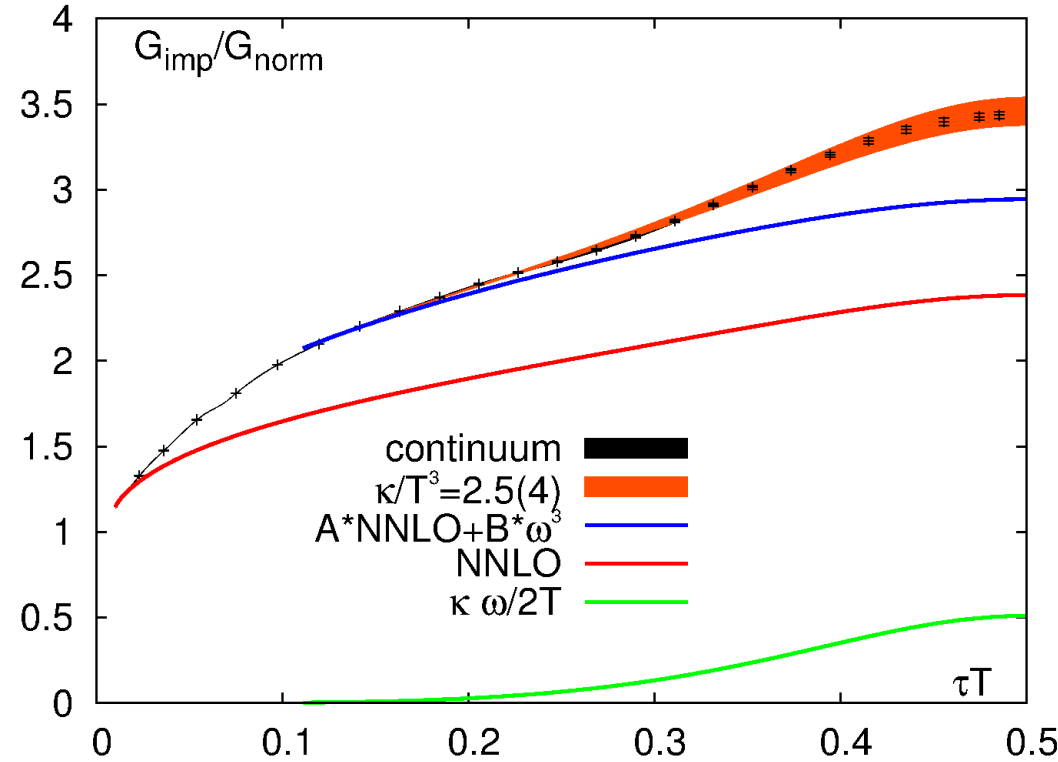
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# Heavy Quark Momentum Diffusion Constant – Model Spectral Function



result of the fit to  $\rho_{\text{model}}(\omega)$

$$A \rho_{\text{NLO}}(\omega) + B \omega^3$$

NNLO perturbation theory

$\frac{\omega \kappa}{2T}$  small but relevant contribution  
 at  $\tau T > 0.2$  !

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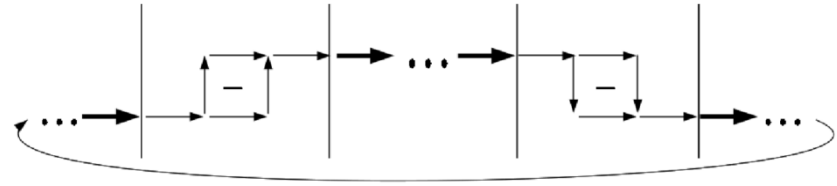
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# Conclusions and Outlook

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## Continuum extrapolation for the color electric correlation function

extracted from Quenched Lattice QCD

- using noise reduction techniques to improve signal
- and an Ansatz for the spectral function

→ first continuum estimate for the Heavy Quark Momentum Diffusion Coefficient  $\kappa$

## More detailed analysis of the systematic uncertainties needed

- Different Ansätze for the spectral function
- Other techniques to extract the spectral function

Other Transport coefficients from Effective Field Theories?