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Understanding quantum corrections to momentum broadening in a weakly coupled QGP

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In heavy-ion collisions, the transverse momentum broadening coefficient, \hat{q} plays an integral role in characterising how a high-energy parton loses energy to the quark-gluon plasma (QGP) through which it passes. Over the last few years, it has been shown [1,2] that \hat{q} starts to receive radiative corrections at $\mathcal{O}(g^2)$, featuring potentially large logarithms. Indeed, better understanding the nature of these logarithmic corrections is extremely relevant for the goal of obtaining a precise theoretical description of parton energy loss. During this talk, I will begin by presenting our results from [3], where we investigate how the inclusion of thermal effects impacts these radiative corrections. I will then report on our progress in understanding how the logarithmic phase space is deformed, once one relaxes the so-called harmonic oscillator approximation. In this direction, we make use of the improved opacity expansion [4], which has recently found success in

analytically describing, at leading order, the interface of the single and multiple-scattering regimes.

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