

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

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[[arXiv:1311.3759](https://arxiv.org/abs/1311.3759) and [arXiv:1109.3941](https://arxiv.org/abs/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)

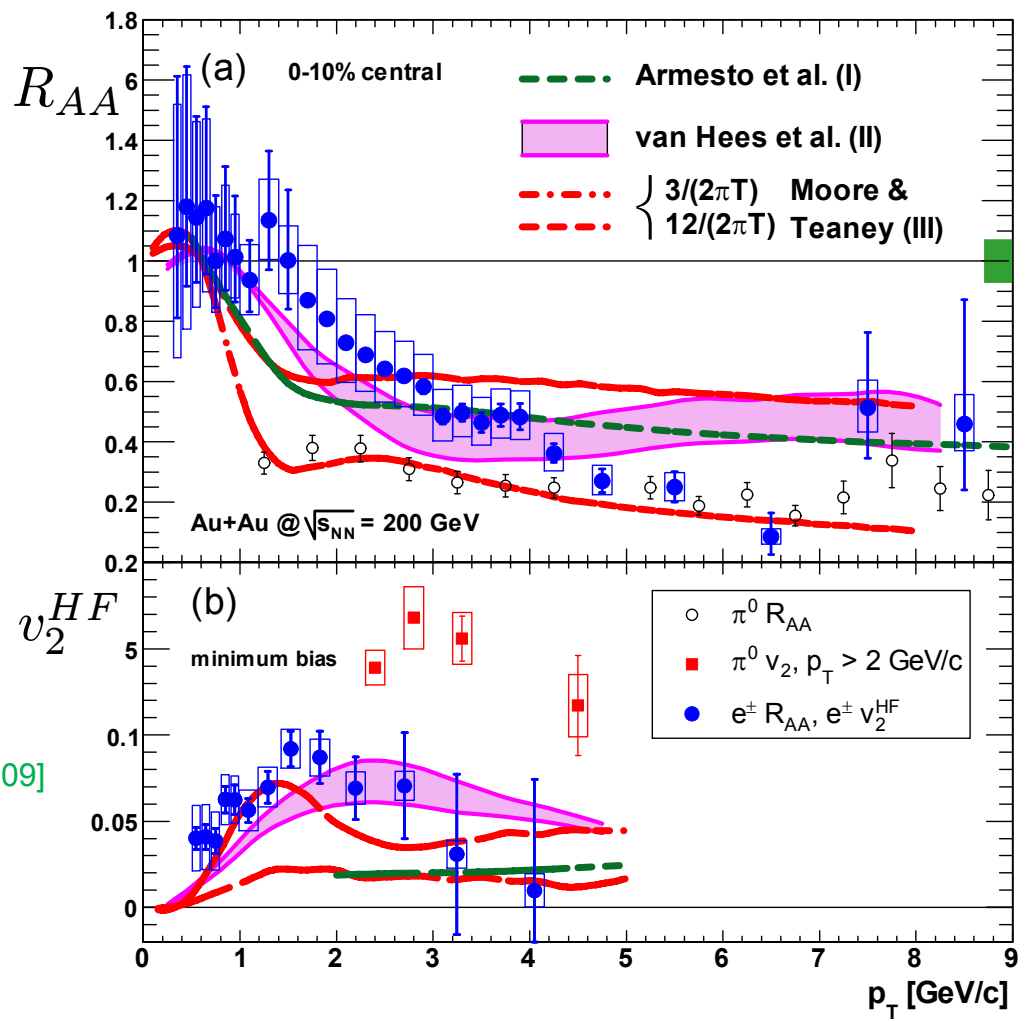
Need to be determined from QCD using first principle lattice calculations!

here heavy flavour:

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

or for light quarks:

- Light quark flavour diffusion
- Electrical conductivity [A.Francis, OK et al., PRD83(2011)034504]



[PHENIX Collaboration, Adare et al., arXiv:1005.1627 & PRL98(2007)172301]

# Transport coefficients from Lattice QCD – Flavour Diffusion

Transport coefficients usually calculated using correlation function of conserved currents

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

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

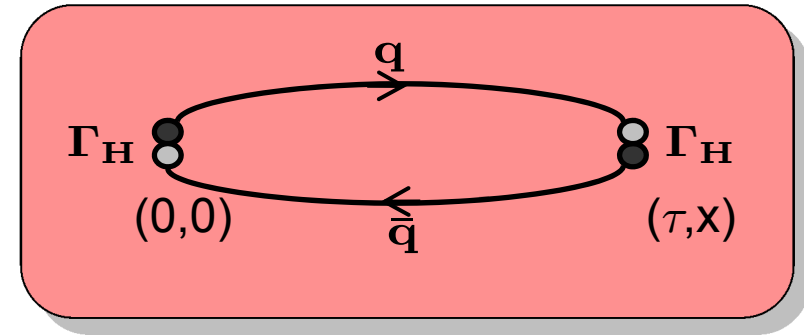
Lattice observables:

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

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

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

only correlation functions calculable on lattice but



related to a conserved current

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

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

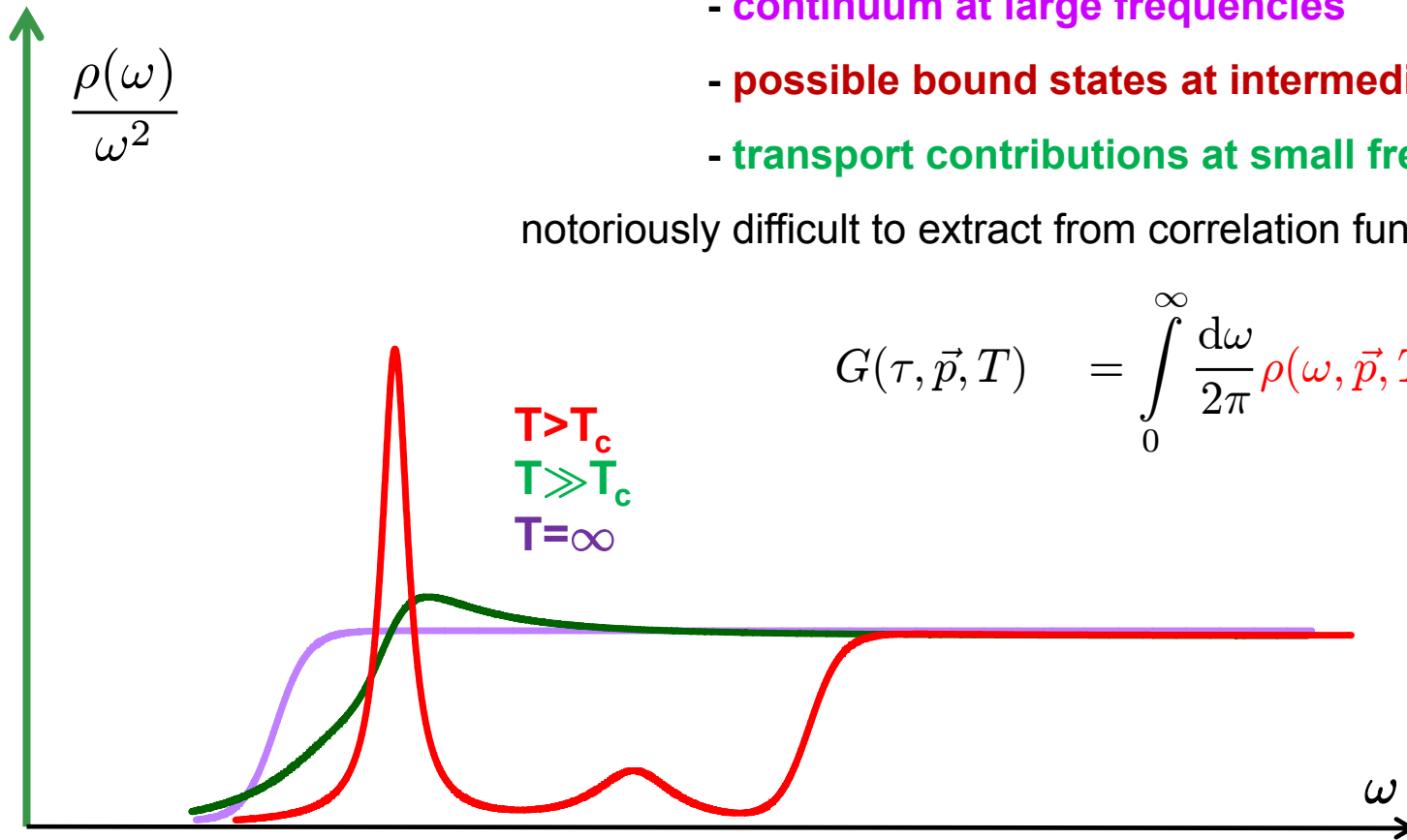
# Quarkonium spectral function – hard to separate different scales

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

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



+ zero-mode contribution at  $\omega=0$ :

$$\rho(\omega) = 2\pi\chi_{00} \omega\delta(\omega)$$

+ (narrow) transport peak at small  $\omega$ :

$$\rho(\omega \ll T) = 2\chi_{00} \frac{T}{M} \frac{\omega\eta}{\omega^2 + \eta^2}, \quad \eta = \frac{T}{MD}$$

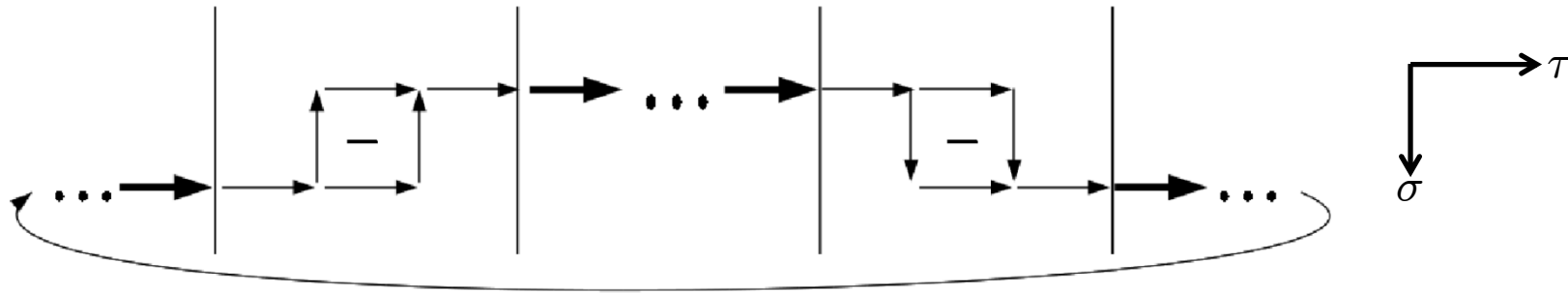
# Heavy Quark Momentum Diffusion Constant – Single Quark in the Medium

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:

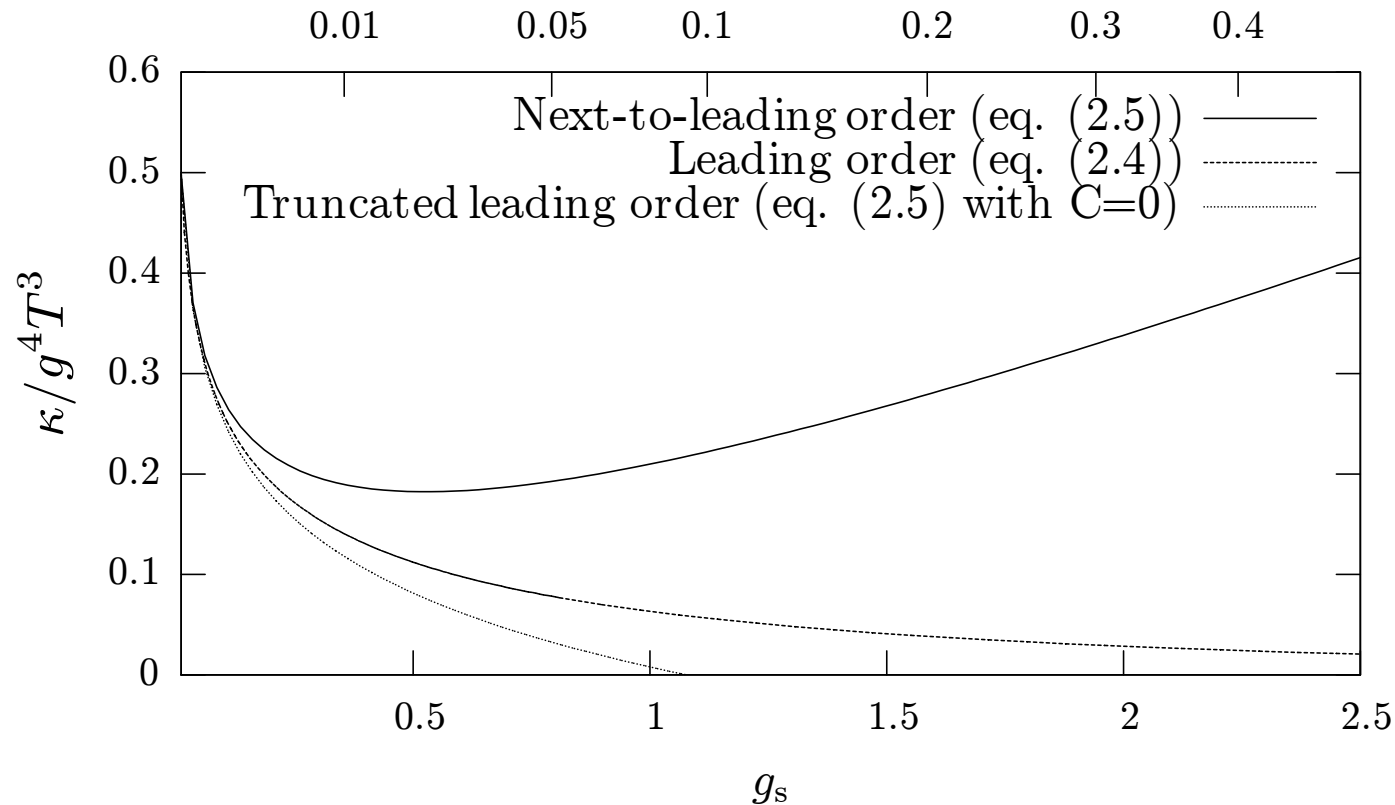
$$\kappa = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{2T \rho_E(\omega)}{\omega}$$

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

# Heavy Quark Momentum Diffusion Constant – Perturbation Theory

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

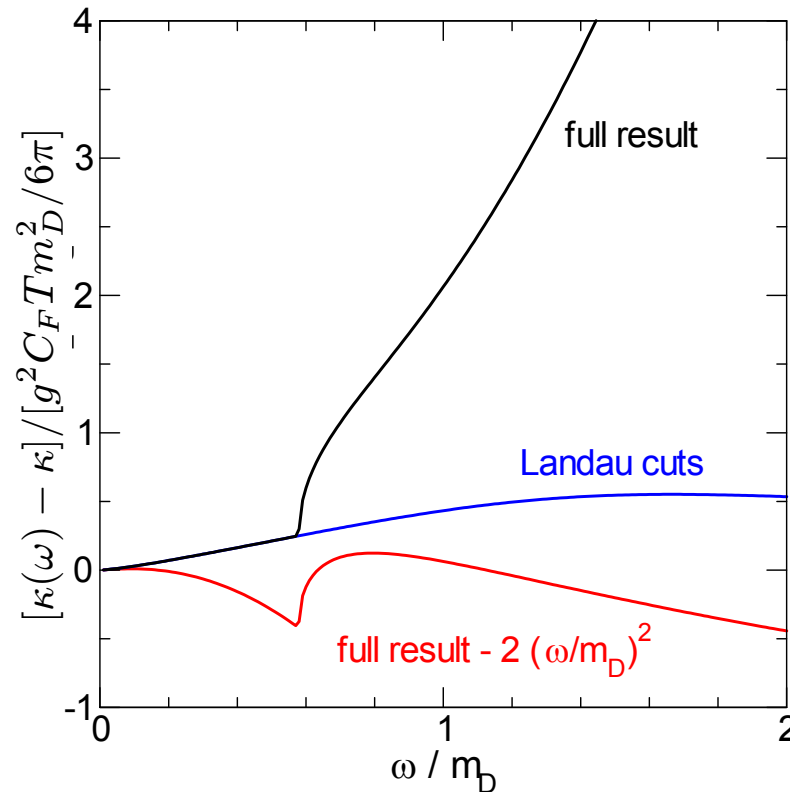
NLO in perturbation theory: [Caron-Huot, G.Moore, JHEP 0802 (2008) 081]



very poor convergence

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

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

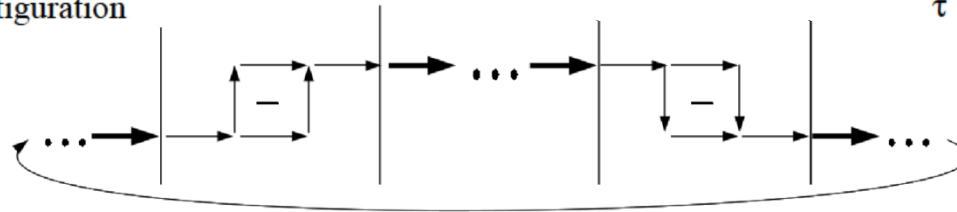
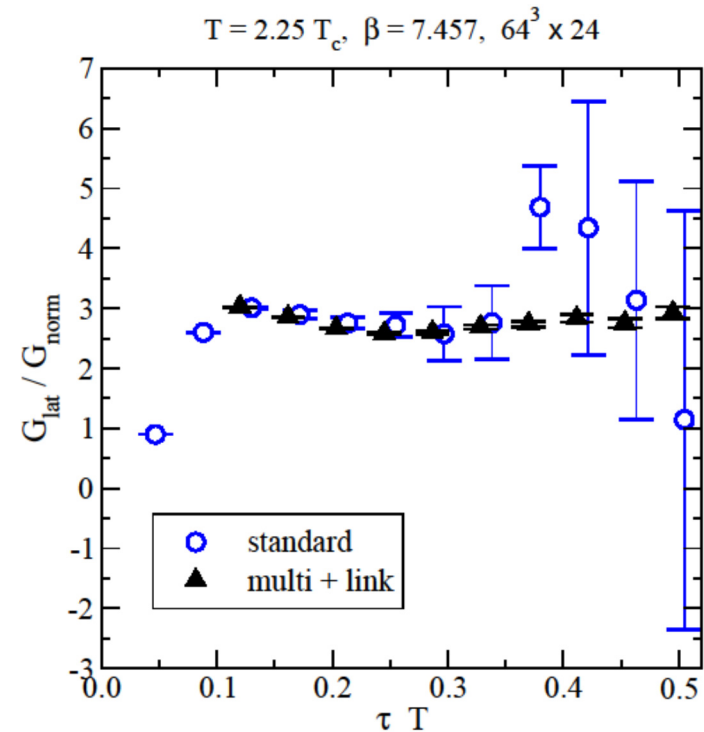
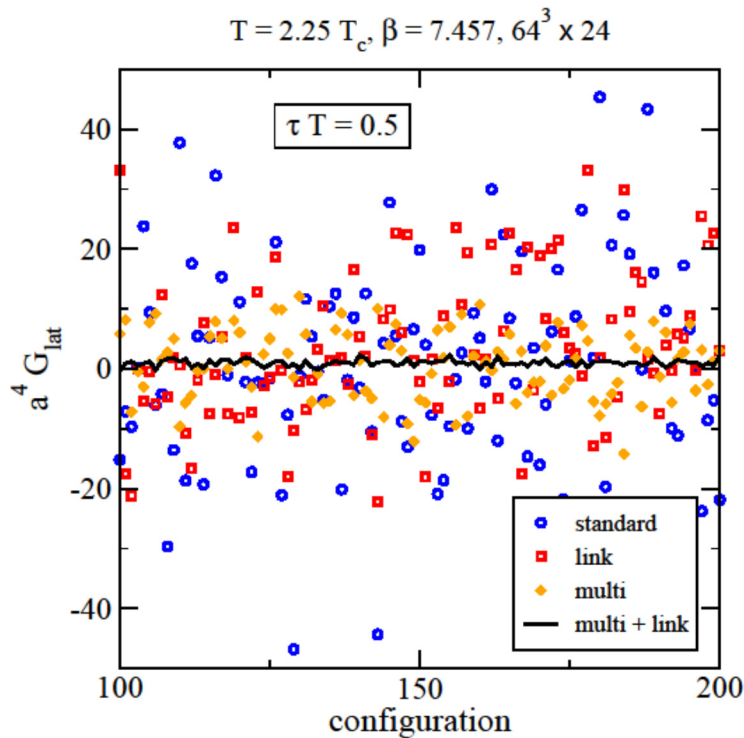
$$\kappa/T^3 = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{2T \rho_E(\omega)}{\omega}$$

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

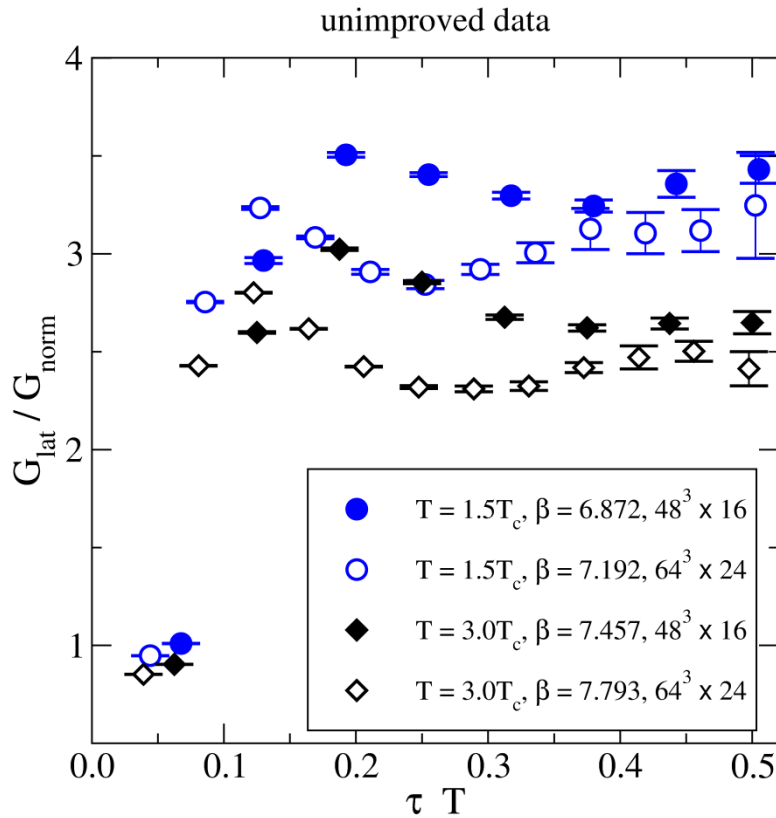
[Lüscher,Weisz JHEP 0109 (2001)010  
and H.B.Meyer PRD (2007) 101701]

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



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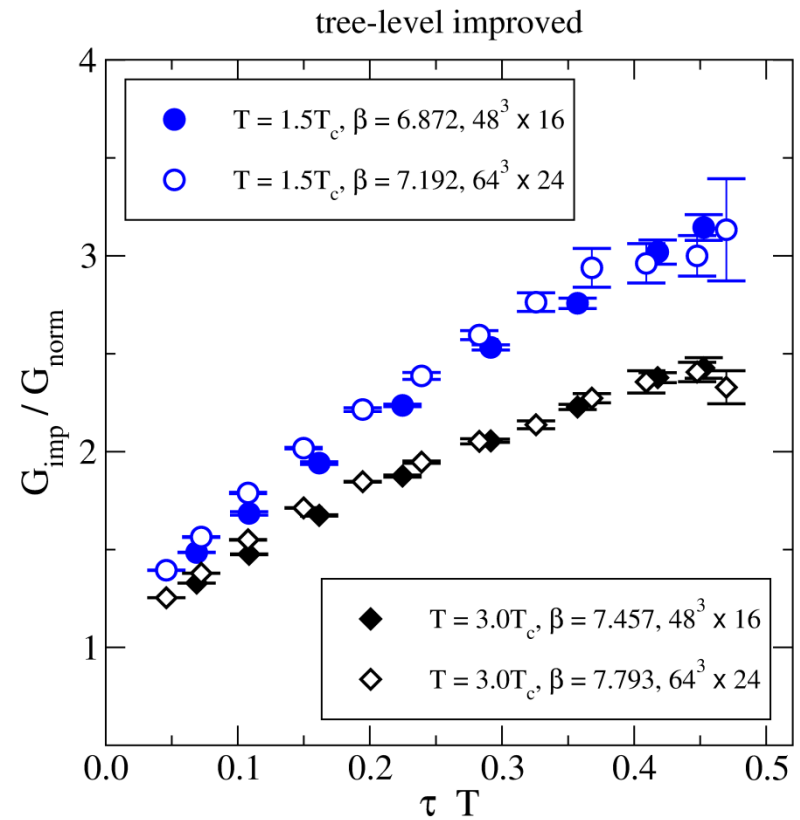
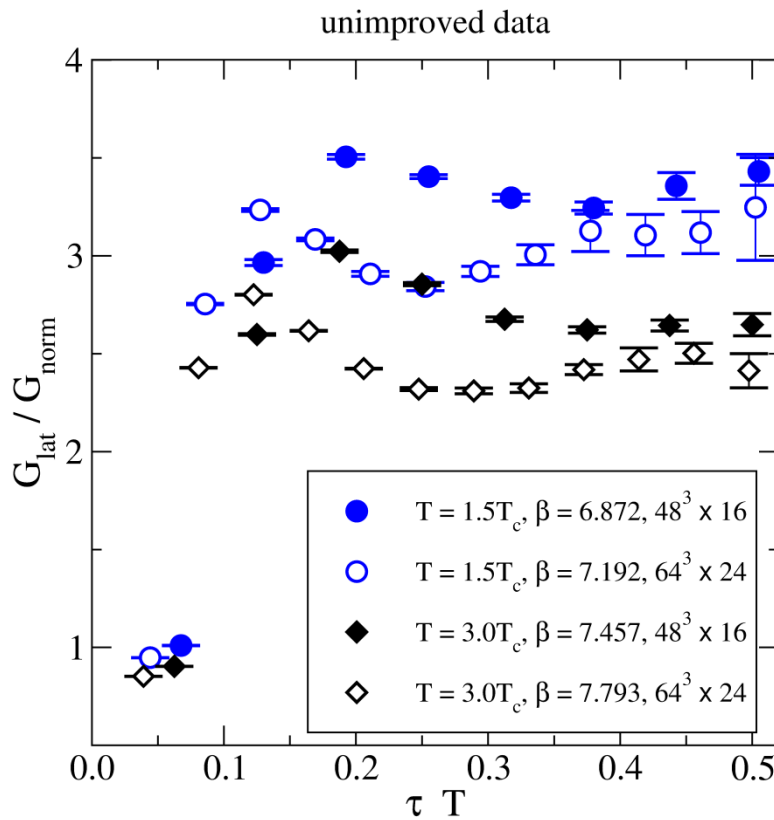
normalized by the LO-perturbative correlation function:

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

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

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

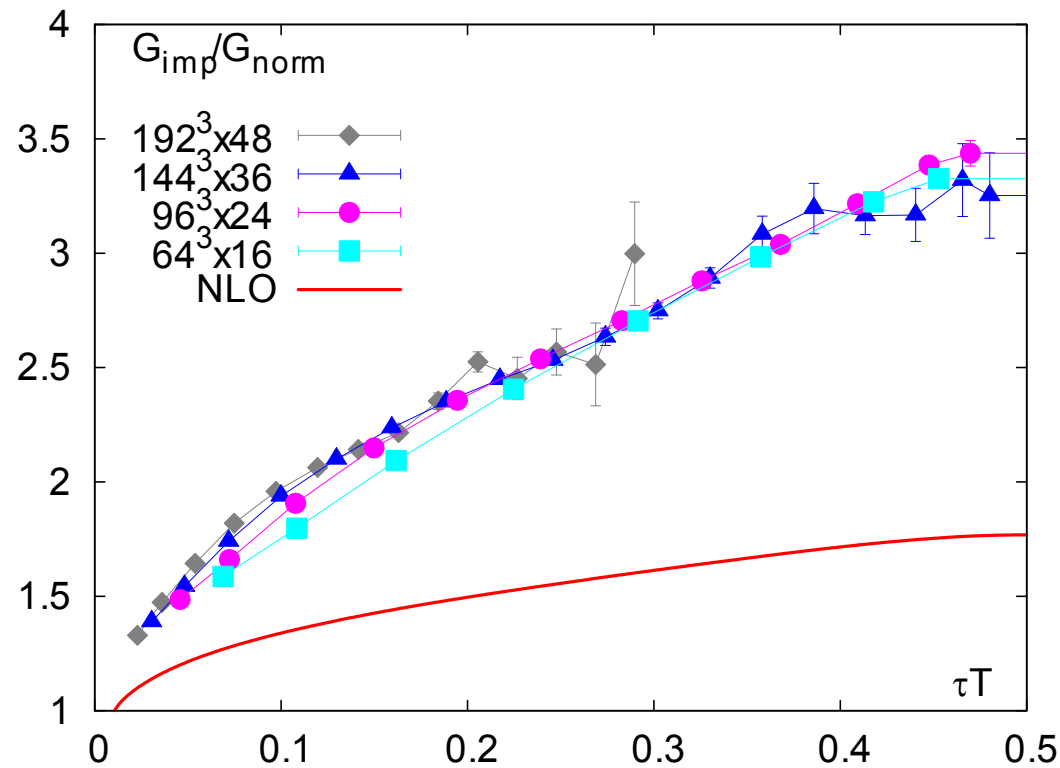
**leads to an effective reduction of cut-off effect for all  $\tau T$**

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 ratio  $N_s/N_t = 4$ , 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.  $\rho(\omega)$

$N_\sigma$	$N_\tau$	$\beta$	$1/a[\text{GeV}]$	$a[\text{fm}]$	#Confs
64	16	6.872	7.16	0.03	100
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# Heavy Quark Momentum Diffusion Constant – Lattice results



finest lattices still quite noisy at large  $\tau T$   
but only

**small cut-off effects at intermediate  $\tau T$**

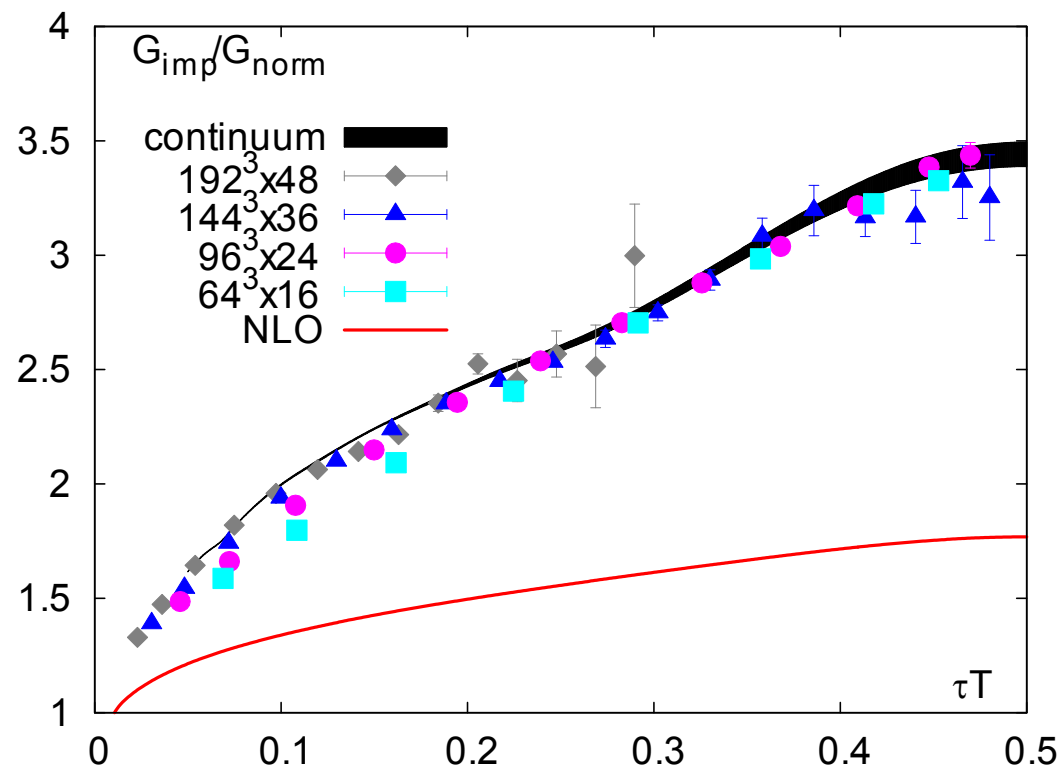
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**allows to perform continuum extrapolation,  $a \rightarrow 0 \leftrightarrow N_t \rightarrow \infty$ , at fixed  $T=1/a N_t$**

# Heavy Quark Momentum Diffusion Constant – Continuum extrapolation



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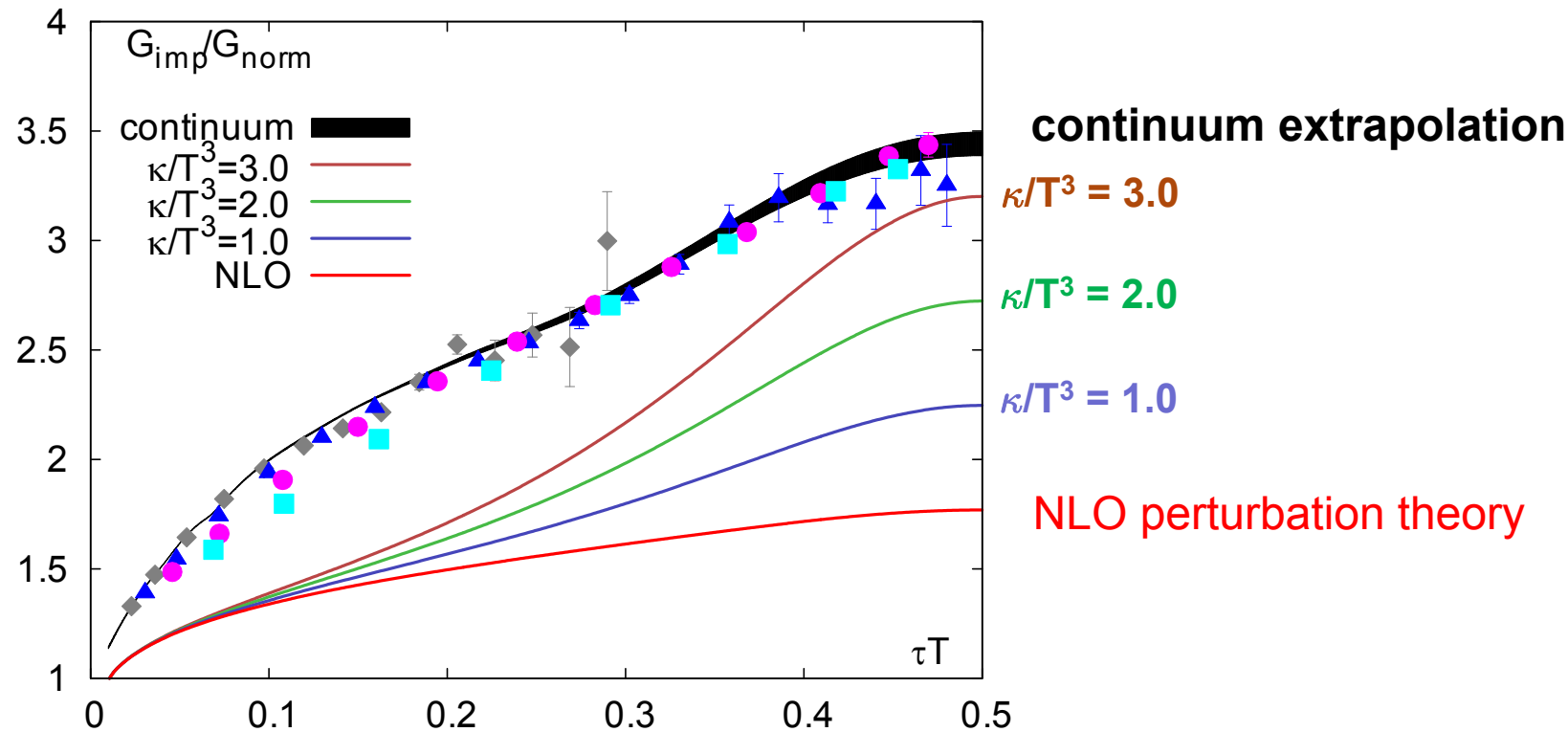
**well behaved continuum extrapolation for  $0.05 \leq \tau T \leq 0.5$**

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



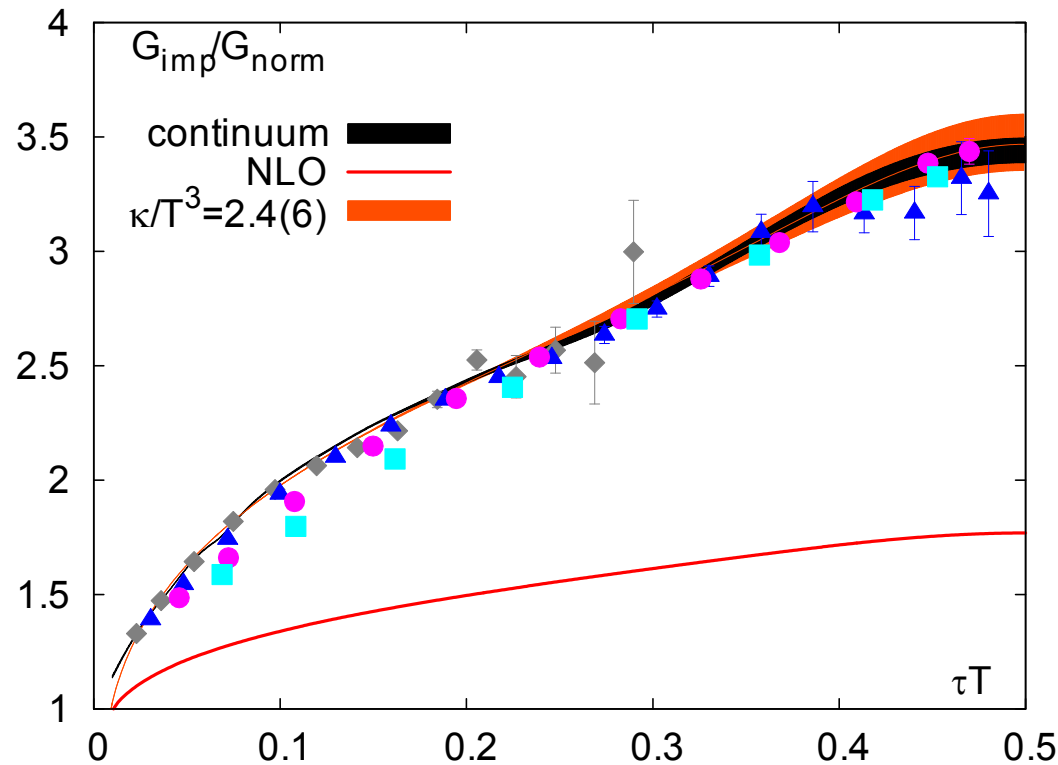
Model spectral function: transport contribution + NLO [Y.Burnier et al. JHEP 1008 (2010) 094]

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

$$G_{\text{model}}(\tau) \equiv \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{\pi} \rho_{\text{model}}(\omega) \frac{\cosh\left(\frac{1}{2} - \tau T\right) \frac{\omega}{T}}{\sinh \frac{\omega}{2T}}$$

**some contribution at intermediate distance/frequency seems to be missing**

# Heavy Quark Momentum Diffusion Constant – Model Spectral Function



**result of the fit to  $\rho_{model}(\omega)$**   
with three parameters:  $\kappa, A, B$

Model spectral function: transport contribution + NLO + correction

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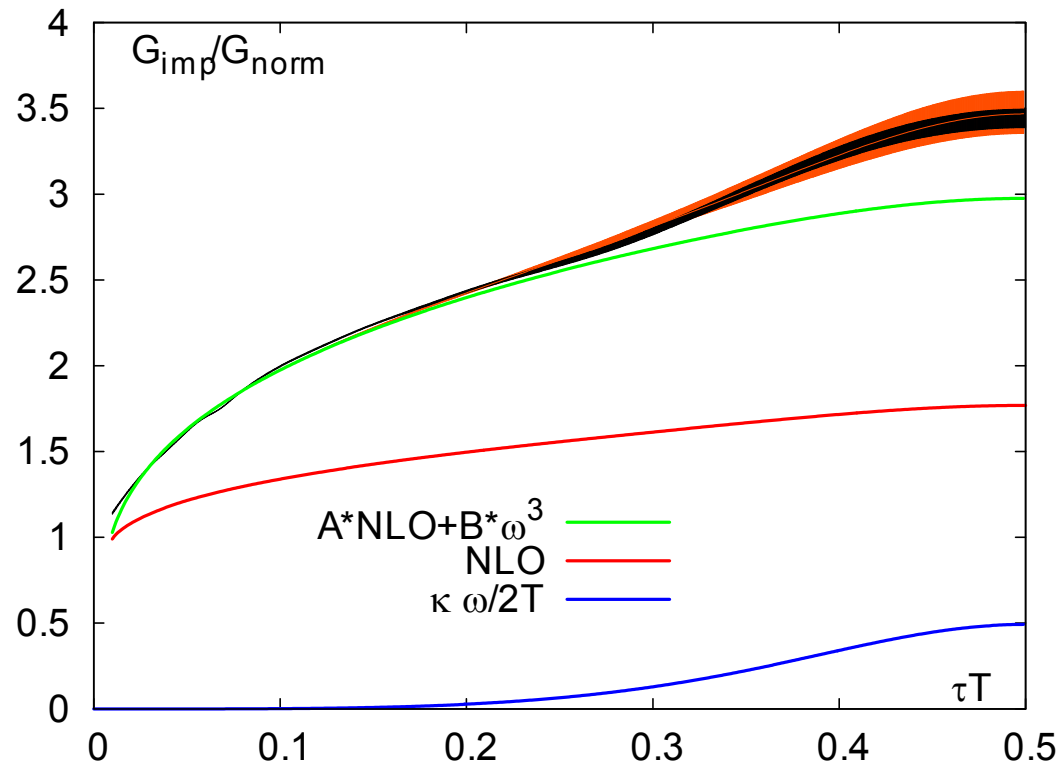
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used to fit the continuum extrapolated data

→ **first continuum estimate of  $\kappa$  :**  
**(still preliminary)**

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# Heavy Quark Momentum Diffusion Constant – Model Spectral Function



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

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

NLO perturbation theory

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

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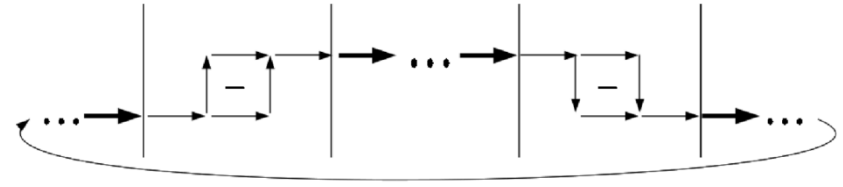
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# Conclusions and Outlook

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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

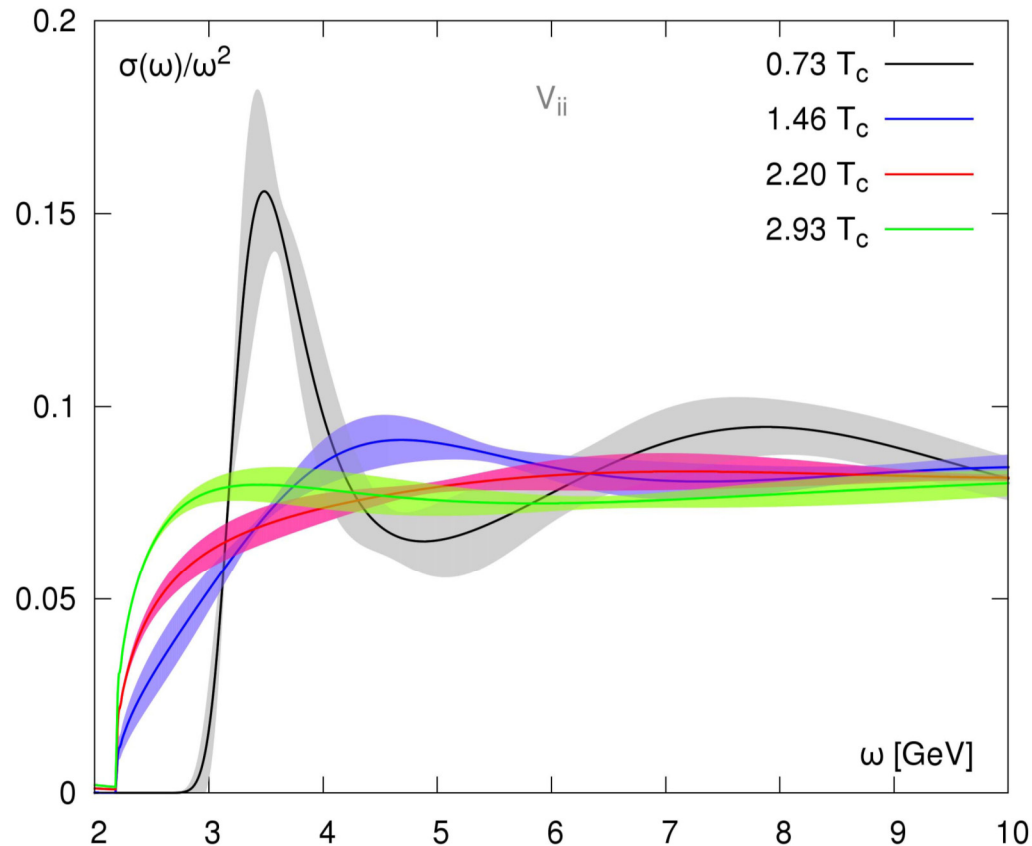
→ first continuum estimate for the Heavy Quark Momentum Diffusion Coefficient  $\kappa$

## 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?

from Maximum Entropy Method analysis on a fine but finite lattice:



**statistical error band from Jackknife analysis**

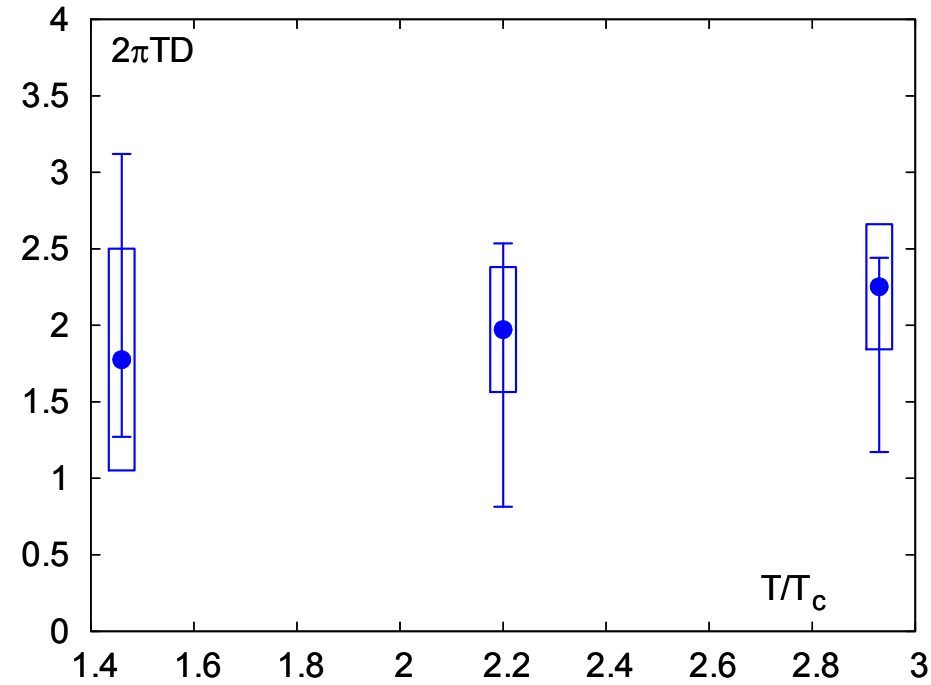
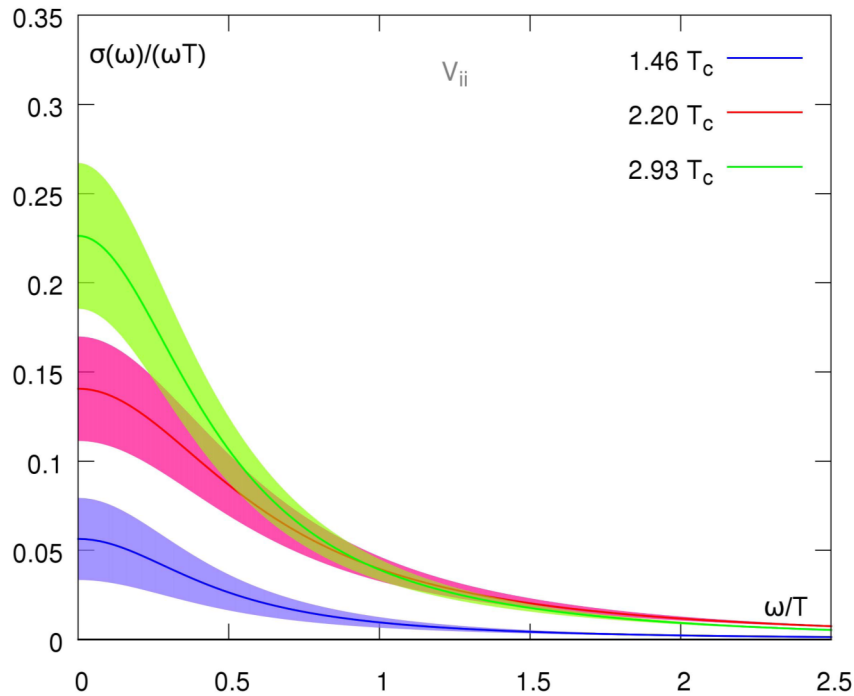
**no clear signal for bound states at and above  $1.46 T_c$**

**study of the continuum limit and quark mass dependence on the way!**

**→ poster by H. Ohno**

# Charmonium Spectral function – Transport Peak

[H.T.Ding, OK et al., PRD86(2012)014509]



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

Perturbative estimate ( $\alpha_s \sim 0.2$ ,  $g \sim 1.6$ ):

LO:  $2\pi TD \simeq 71.2$

NLO:  $2\pi TD \simeq 8.4$

[Moore&Teaney, PRD71(2005)064904,  
Caron-Huot&Moore, PRL100(2008)052301]

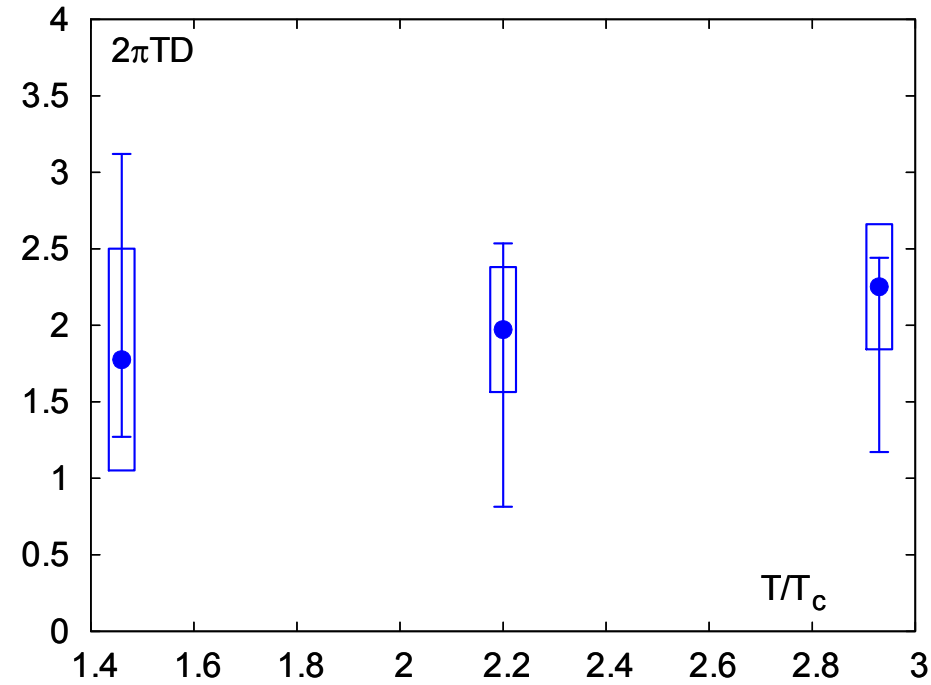
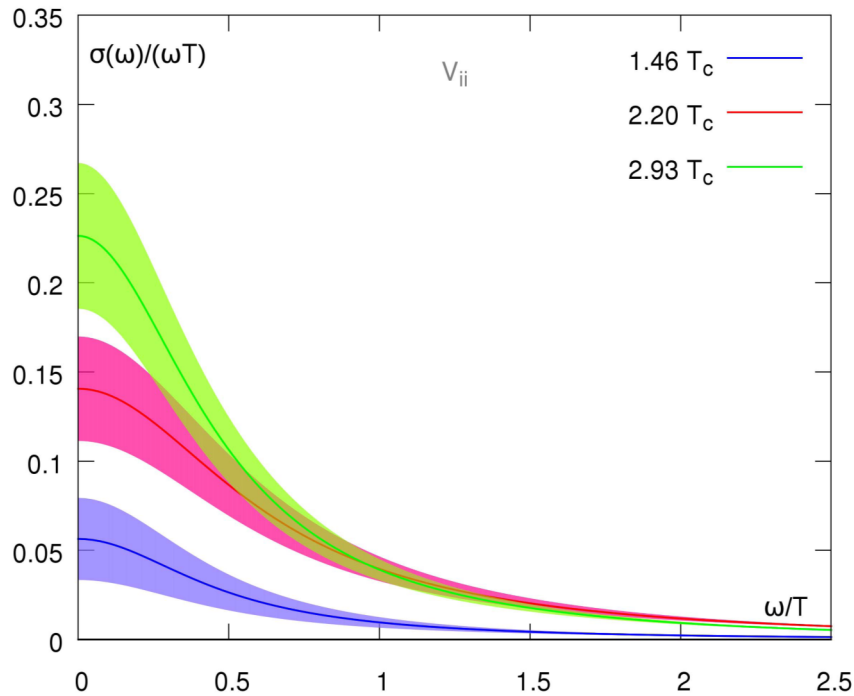
Strong coupling limit:

$2\pi TD = 1$

[Kovtun, Son & Starinets, JHEP 0310(2004)064]

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## Still large systematic uncertainties

- how to extract the spectral function
- cut-off effects become larger with increasing  $m_q$
- quark mass dependence  $\rightarrow$  bottomonium
- continuum limit needed

Is there a better observable that is more sensitive to transport properties?