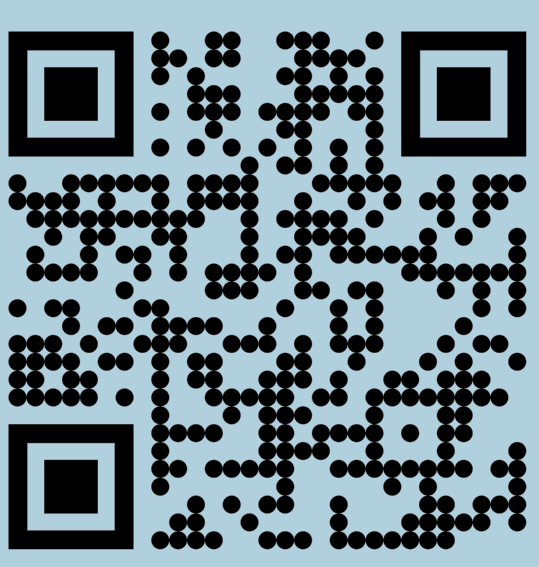




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Energy-Momentum Correlation Functions for Transport Coefficients from Lattice QCD

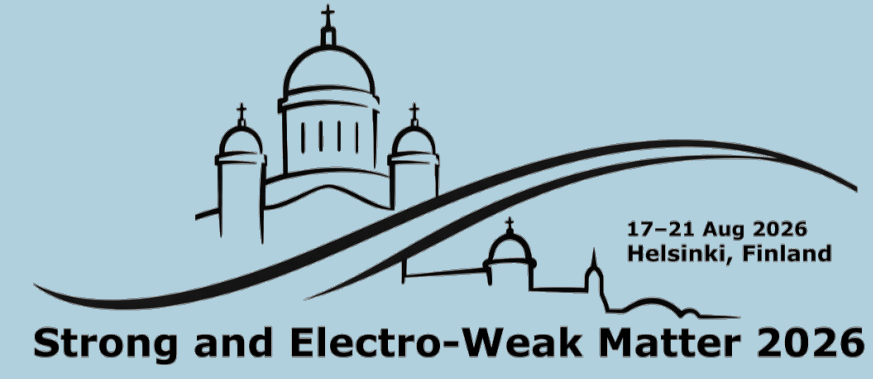
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Motivation: Transport Coefficients

Hydrodynamics:

- Quark-Gluon Plasma modeled by Hydrodynamics
- Used for Early-Universe Physics, Neutron Star Mergers and Heavy-Ion Collisions
- Solve Conservation Law of the Energy-Momentum Tensor (EMT)

$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

- Gradient-in- u expansion [1] for the EMT

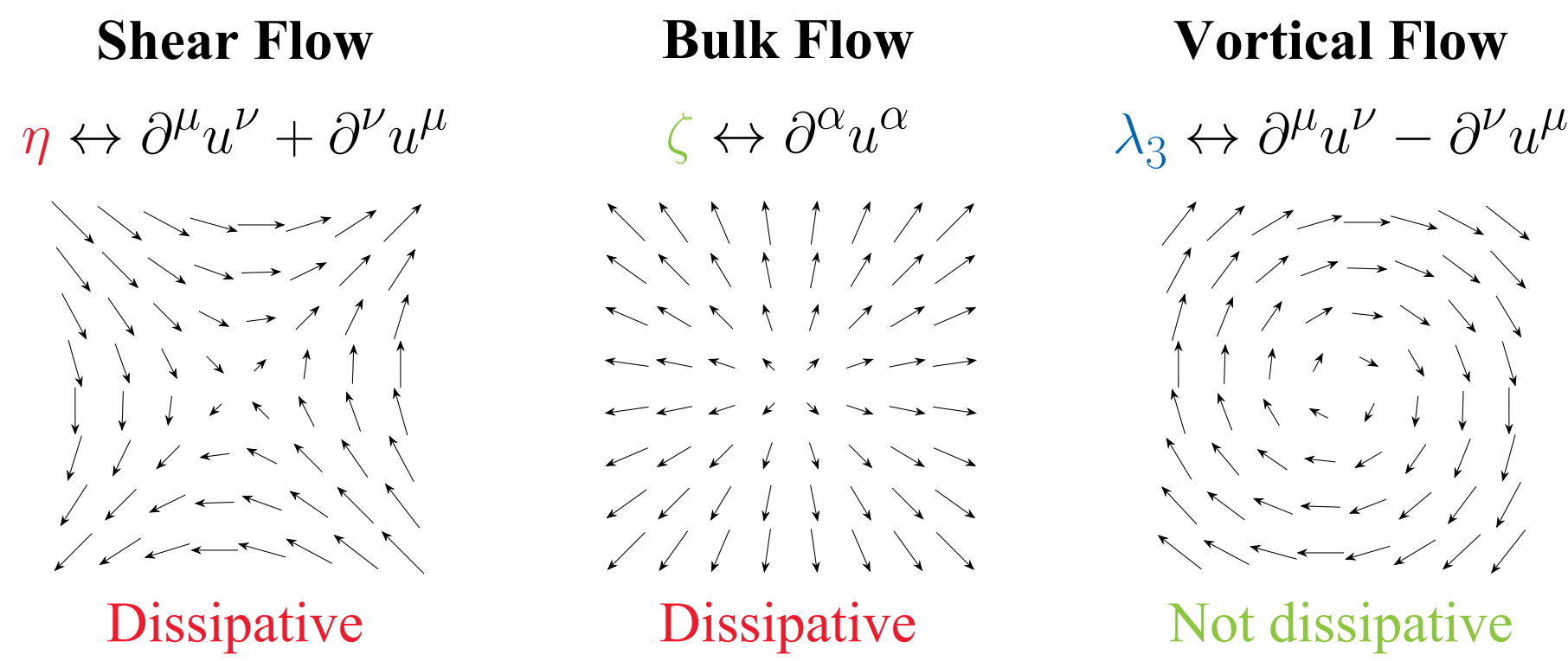
$$T^{\mu\nu} = \underbrace{\epsilon u^\mu u^\nu + P \Delta^{\mu\nu}}_{\text{0th Order}} - \underbrace{\eta \sigma^{\mu\nu}}_{\text{1st Order}} - \underbrace{\zeta \Delta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\alpha u^\alpha - \lambda_3 \Omega_\alpha^{\langle \mu} \Omega_\alpha^{\nu \rangle}}_{\text{2nd and higher Orders}} + \dots$$

with $\Delta^{\mu\nu} := \eta^{\mu\nu} + u^\mu u^\nu$ and

$$\sigma^{\mu\nu} := \Delta^{\mu\alpha} \Delta^{\nu\beta} \left[\partial_\alpha u_\beta + \partial_\beta u_\alpha - \frac{2}{3} \partial_\gamma u^\gamma \right]$$

$$\Omega^{\mu\nu} := \frac{1}{2} \Delta^{\mu\alpha} \Delta^{\nu\beta} \left[\partial_\alpha u_\beta - \partial_\beta u_\alpha \right]$$

Transport Coefficients couple to different types of flow



Connection to Transport Coefficients

Kubo Formulae:

- Interrelate Transport Coefficients (η , ζ , λ_3) to EMT Correlators

- Dissipative Transport Coefficients **via Analytic Continuation**:

$$\eta = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{\rho_\eta(\omega)}{\omega} \quad \rho_\eta(\omega) = \frac{1}{10} \int d\tau \int d^3r \, e^{i\omega\tau} \langle [\pi_{ij}(\tau, \mathbf{r}), \pi_{ij}(0, \mathbf{0})] \rangle$$

with $\pi_{ij} = T_{ij} - \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ij} T_{kk}$

$$\zeta = \frac{1}{9} \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{\rho_\zeta(\omega)}{\omega} \quad \rho_\zeta(\omega) = \int d\tau \int d^3r \, e^{i\omega\tau} \langle [T_{\mu\mu}(\tau, \mathbf{r}), T_{\nu\nu}(0, \mathbf{0})] \rangle$$

⇒ Minkowski-time-dependence needed

⇒ Lattice only offers Euclidean time

- Thermodynamic Coefficients **without Analytic Continuation** [2]:

$$\lambda_3 = 2(f'_1 - 4f_3) \quad f'_1 = T \frac{d}{dT} f_1$$

$$f_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \int d\tau \int d^3r \, z^2 \langle T_{xy}(\tau, \mathbf{r}) T_{xy}(0, \mathbf{0}) \rangle$$

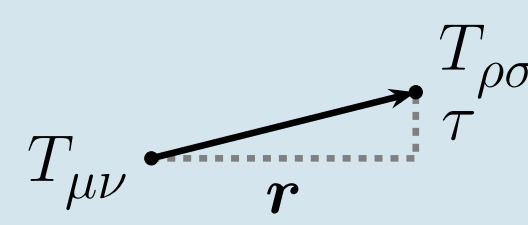
$$f_3 = -\frac{1}{2} f_1 + \frac{1}{4} \int d\tau \int d^3r \, z^2 \langle T_{xt}(\tau, \mathbf{r}) T_{xt}(0, \mathbf{0}) \rangle$$

⇒ Included Euclidean-time Average

⇒ Directly accessible from the Lattice

Relevant Observable: General EMT Correlator

$$G_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}(\tau, \mathbf{r}) = \langle T_{\mu\nu}(\tau, \mathbf{r}) T_{\rho\sigma}(0, \mathbf{0}) \rangle$$



Tensor Decomposition

In the Vacuum

Infinite temporal dimension: $t_E \in \mathbb{R}$

⇒ Equivalent to any spatial dimension

$$T_{\mu\nu} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{r}} T_{\rho\sigma}$$

EMT decomposes into (for $\mathbf{r} \parallel \mathbf{e}_0$)

$$T_{\mu\nu} \begin{cases} \text{Tensor: } 5 \text{ components } T_{xy}, T_{xx} - T_{yy}, \dots \\ \text{Vector: } 3 \text{ components } T_{0x}, \dots \\ \text{Scalar}_1: 1 \text{ component } T_{\mu\mu} \\ \text{Scalar}_2: 1 \text{ component } T_{00} - \frac{1}{3} T_{ii} \end{cases}$$

Correlations only between same representations

$$T_{\mu\nu} \begin{cases} \text{Tensor} \xleftrightarrow{\text{correlate}} \text{Tensor} \\ \text{Vector} \xleftrightarrow{\text{correlate}} \text{Vector} \\ \text{Scalar}_1 \xleftrightarrow{\text{correlate}} \text{Scalar}_1 \\ \text{Scalar}_2 \xleftrightarrow{\text{correlate}} \text{Scalar}_2 \end{cases} T_{\rho\sigma}$$

⇒ Only 1 + 1 + 3 = 5 Component Functions (instead of 55)

Find 5 Projectors

$$P_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^{\text{TT}} := \frac{1}{2} (\delta_{\mu\rho}^{\text{T}} \delta_{\nu\sigma}^{\text{T}} + \delta_{\mu\sigma}^{\text{T}} \delta_{\nu\rho}^{\text{T}}) - \frac{1}{D-1} \delta_{\mu\nu}^{\text{T}} \delta_{\rho\sigma}^{\text{T}}$$

$$P_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^{\text{RT}} := \frac{1}{2} [\hat{r}_\mu \hat{r}_\rho \delta_{\nu\sigma}^{\text{T}} + \hat{r}_\nu \hat{r}_\sigma \delta_{\mu\rho}^{\text{T}} + (\rho \leftrightarrow \sigma)]$$

$$P_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^{\text{ss}} := C_{\mu\nu}^{\text{s}} C_{\rho\sigma}^{\text{s}} \quad P_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^{\text{ll}} := C_{\mu\nu}^{\text{l}} C_{\rho\sigma}^{\text{l}}$$

$$P_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^{\text{sl}} := C_{\mu\nu}^{\text{s}} C_{\rho\sigma}^{\text{l}} + C_{\mu\nu}^{\text{l}} C_{\rho\sigma}^{\text{s}}$$

with

$$C_{\mu\nu}^{\text{s}} := \frac{1}{\sqrt{D}} \delta_{\mu\nu} \quad C_{\mu\nu}^{\text{l}} := \frac{1}{\sqrt{D(D-1)}} (D \hat{r}_\mu \hat{r}_\nu - \delta_{\mu\nu})$$

$$\delta_{\mu\nu}^{\text{T}} := \delta_{\mu\nu} - \hat{r}_\mu \hat{r}_\nu$$

Tail Fitting

Fitting Lattice Data

Procedure:

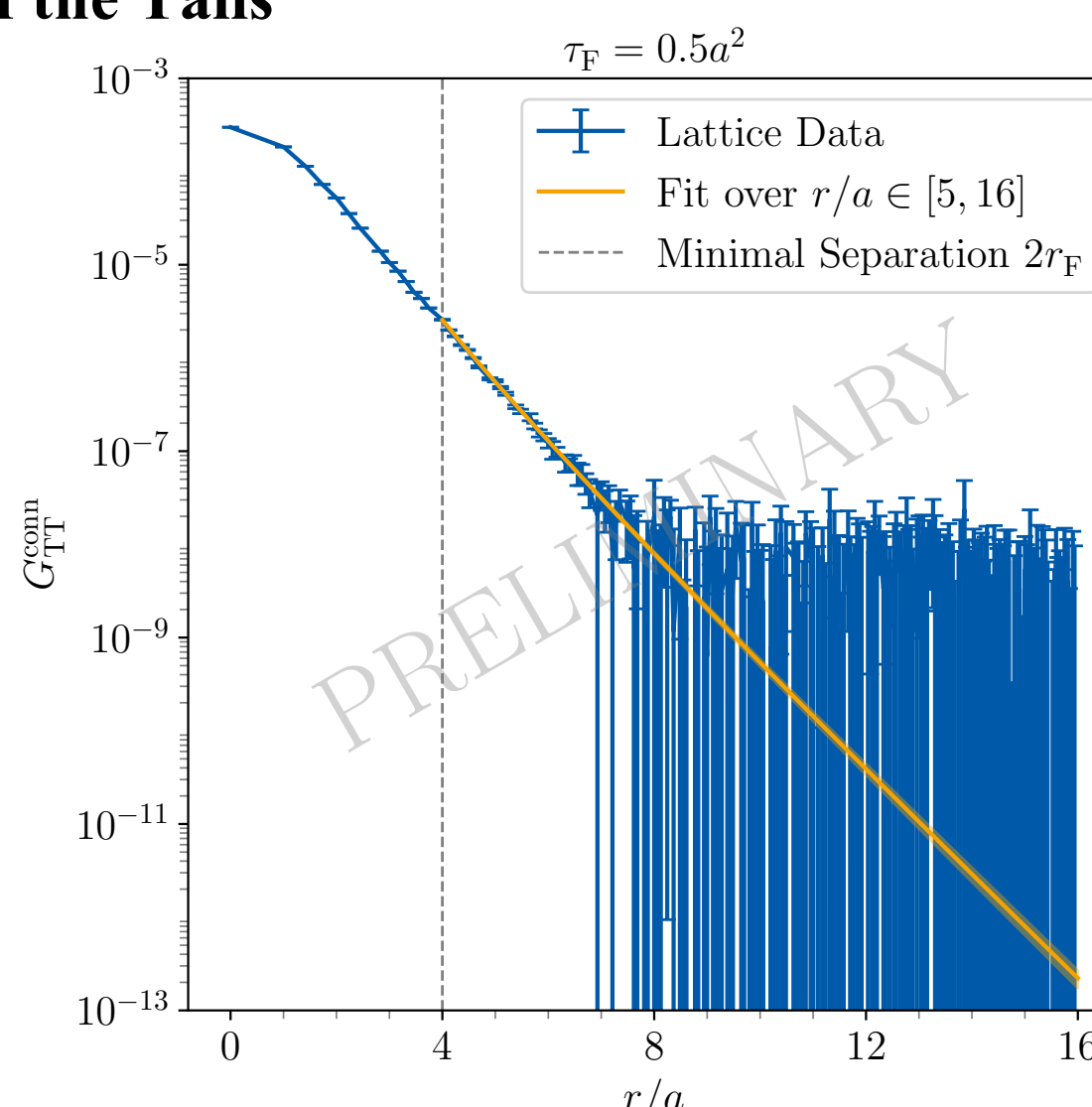
- Perform Gradient Flow on the Fields → Reduced UV Fluctuations
- Measure EMT Correlator on the Lattice via Fourier-Method

$$G_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}(\tau, \mathbf{r}) \propto \sum_{\omega_E, \mathbf{p}} T_{\mu\nu}(\omega_E, \mathbf{p}) T_{\rho\sigma}^*(\omega_E, \mathbf{r}) e^{-i(\omega_E \tau + \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r})}$$

- Perform Tensor Decomposition → Get 10 Functions $G^X(r^2)$
- Subtract disconnected Parts → Consider only connected Parts
- Perform **Correlated Fit of the Tails**

Parameter:

- Lattice: 8×32^3
- $\beta = 7.544$
- $T/T_c \approx 6.77$



Problems of EMT Correlators on the Lattice

Different Treatments for the different Transport Coefficients: ⚠

- τ -Dependence (Averaged τ for λ_3 , general τ for η , ζ)
- EMT Components (Spatial, traceless for η , trace for ζ , mix for λ_3)
- Extra Integrand (Additional z^2 for λ_3 , none for η , ζ)

Properties of EMT Correlators:

- Components of $G_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}(\tau, \mathbf{r})$ are related via spatial rotations around the separation axis $\mathbf{r}$
- Terrible large-distance behavior on the Lattice ⚠

Current two Approaches:

- Either store $G_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}(\tau, \mathbf{r})$ for all indices and separations $(\tau, \mathbf{r})$
 - ⇒ Store more data than needed ⚠
 - ⇒ Complex dependency between $\mathbf{r}$ and (μ, ν, ρ, σ) ⚠
- or store evaluated spatial integrals, e.g. $\int d^3r \langle T_{xy}(\tau, \mathbf{r}) T_{xy}(0, \mathbf{0}) \rangle$
 - ⇒ Data is restricted to the chosen Application ⚠
 - ⇒ Bad Signal-to-Noise at large r distorts the Integral ⚠

Key Questions:

- How to handle the **interrelations between the components** $G_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}(\tau, \mathbf{r})$ due to the remaining rotational symmetry and the **complex dependency** between $\mathbf{r}$ and (μ, ν, ρ, σ) in an approach that is **applicable to multiple transport coefficients**?

⇒ **Tensor Decomposition**

- How to handle the **bad signal-to-noise** for large $\mathbf{r}$?

⇒ **Tail Fitting**

General Idea

Decompose $G_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}$ into all elementary tensors $P_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^X$ that respect the relevant symmetries

$$G_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}(\tau, \mathbf{r}) = \sum_{X \in \mathcal{I}} G^X(\tau, r^2) P_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^X(\hat{\mathbf{r}})$$

Advantages:

- Analyze only the so-called **Component Functions**

$$G^X(\tau, r^2) = \frac{1}{M^X} P_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^X(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) G_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}(\tau, \mathbf{r})$$

⇒ Only 5, 10 or 14 instead of 55 components

- Separated angular dependence in $P_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^X(\hat{\mathbf{r}})$ from radial dependence in $G^X(\tau, r^2)$
 - ⇒ Store only r^2 -dependent (instead of $\mathbf{r}$ -dependent) data
 - ⇒ Allows for an easier large- r treatment

- Component functions G^X are either positive or negative semi-definite due to reflection-positivity-like arguments

Connection to previous Relations:

- Every desired integral can be expressed in terms of component functions and projectors and reduced to a one-dimensional integral after evaluating the angular integral, e.g.:

$$\lambda_3 \leftarrow \int d\tau \int d^3r \, z^2 \langle T_{xy}(\tau, \mathbf{r}) T_{xy}(0, \mathbf{0}) \rangle$$

$$= \int d^3r \, z^2 \left[\sum_{X \in \mathcal{I}_\tau} P_{xyxy}^X(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) G^X(r^2) \right]$$

$$= 4\pi \int dr \, r^4 \left[\frac{11}{105} G^{\text{TT}}(r^2) + \frac{1}{21} G^{\text{RT}}(r^2) + \frac{1}{70} G^{\text{ll}}(r^2) \right]$$

The Fit Function

Position-Space Energy-Momentum Conservation implicates *differential* Relations between Component Functions:

- In the Vacuum: 3 Relations for 5 Component Functions
- Finite T , averaged τ : 5 Relations for 10 Component Functions
- Finite T , general τ : 10 Relations for 14 Component Functions

→ Remaining D.o.F.s imply Spectral Decomposition

Spectral Decomposition (Finite T , averaged τ as an Example):

$$G^X(r^2) = \int_0^\infty dm \, m \sum_{S \in \mathcal{S}_\tau} \rho^S(m) \sum_{i=1}^3 c_i^{S,X} f_i(m, r)$$

- 5 Spectral Functions ρ^S for 10 Component Functions G^X
- Three functions f_i

$$f_1(m, r) = \frac{m e^{-mr}}{4\pi \, mr}$$

$$f_2(m, r) = \frac{m e^{-mr}}{4\pi (mr)^3} \left((mr)^2 + 2mr + 2 \right)$$

$$f_3(m, r) = \frac{m e^{-mr}}{4\pi (mr)^5} \left((mr)^4 + 4(mr)^3 + 12(mr)^2 + 24mr + 24 \right)$$

- Coefficients $c_i^{S,X}$ worked out in [3]

Conclusions

Transport Coefficients:

- Needed for Hydrodynamical Studies for Heavy-Ion Collisions, Neutron-Star Merges, Early Universe Physics
- Their Calculation requires precise EMT Correlators

Tensor Decomposition → Efficient EMT Correlator Calculation:

- Calculate fewer Component Functions (5, 10 or 14 vs. 55)
- Radial dependence r^2 instead of vectorial dependence $\mathbf{r}$
- Component Functions are positive or negative semi-definite

Lattice Results exist preliminarily:

- Vacuum Subtraction to be performed
- Zero-Flow-Time Limit to be performed
- Continuum Limit to be performed

⇒ Work in Progress

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