

# Langevin Dynamics in a Finite Box

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Langevin in a box

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Spectral functions and Eucl. correlator

- Introduction of the diffusion constant and its connection to the spectral function
- Methods of computing the diffusion constant via MEM, HQET and Langevin Dynamics
- Review of a number of recent lattice QCD results
- Motivation and set-up of Langevin dynamics in a finite size system
- Computation of the Wightmann correlation function
- Connection to the relevant spectral functions and Euclidean correlators
- The observable effects are highlighted and discussed

# Introduction

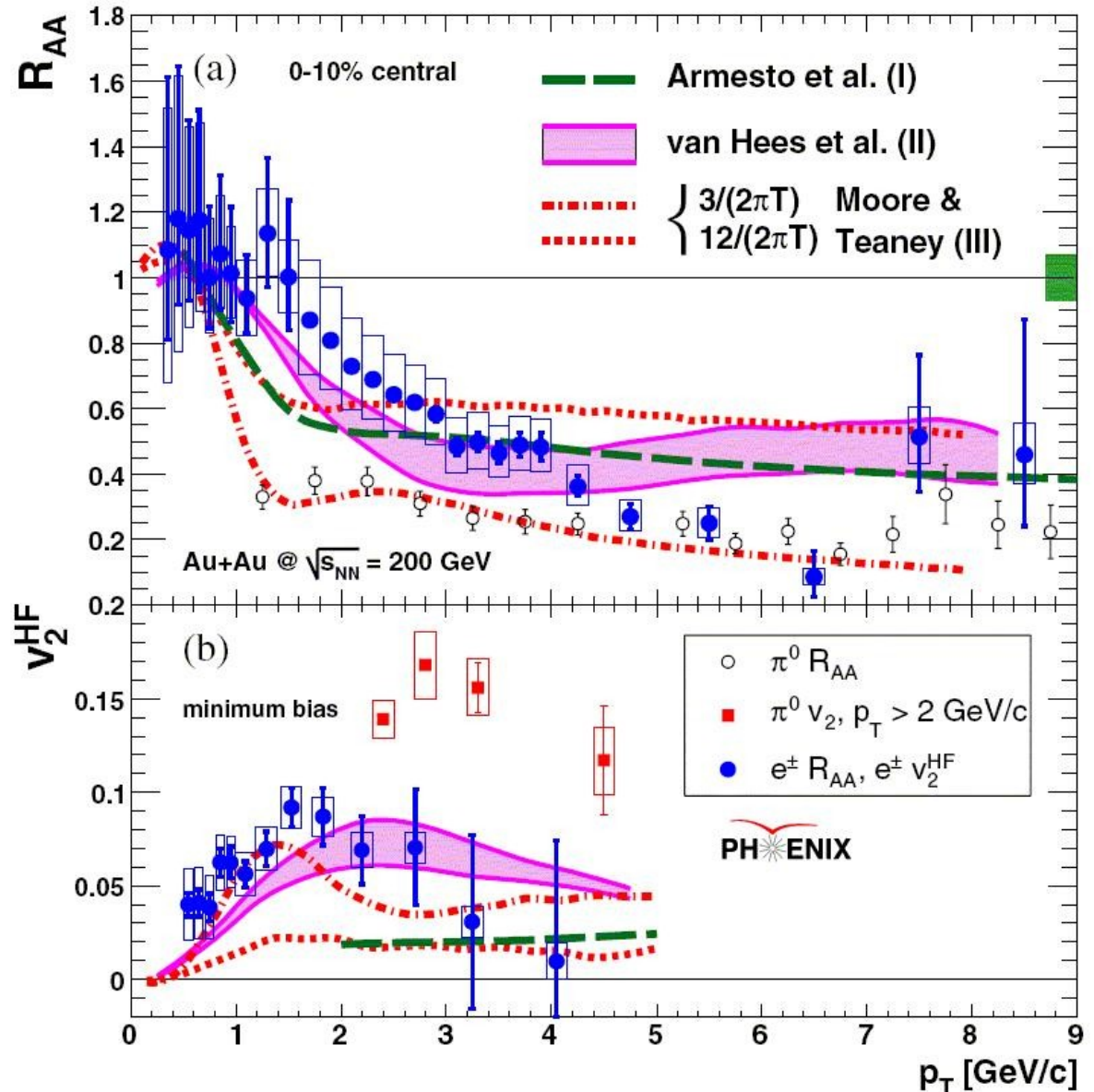
- In heavy ion collision experiments, e.g. @RHIC or @Alice, one can study heavy quark dynamics through ...

... the elliptic flow

$$v_2^{HF}$$

... and the medium modification factor

$$R_{AA}$$



# The Diffusion Coefficient

- On the theory side the observed  $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2^{HF}$  can be related to the diffusion coefficient  $D$ :

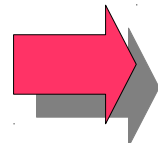
$$D = \frac{T}{M\eta} = \frac{2T^2}{\kappa}$$

$M$  = Mass of the heavy quark

$\eta$  = Drag coefficient

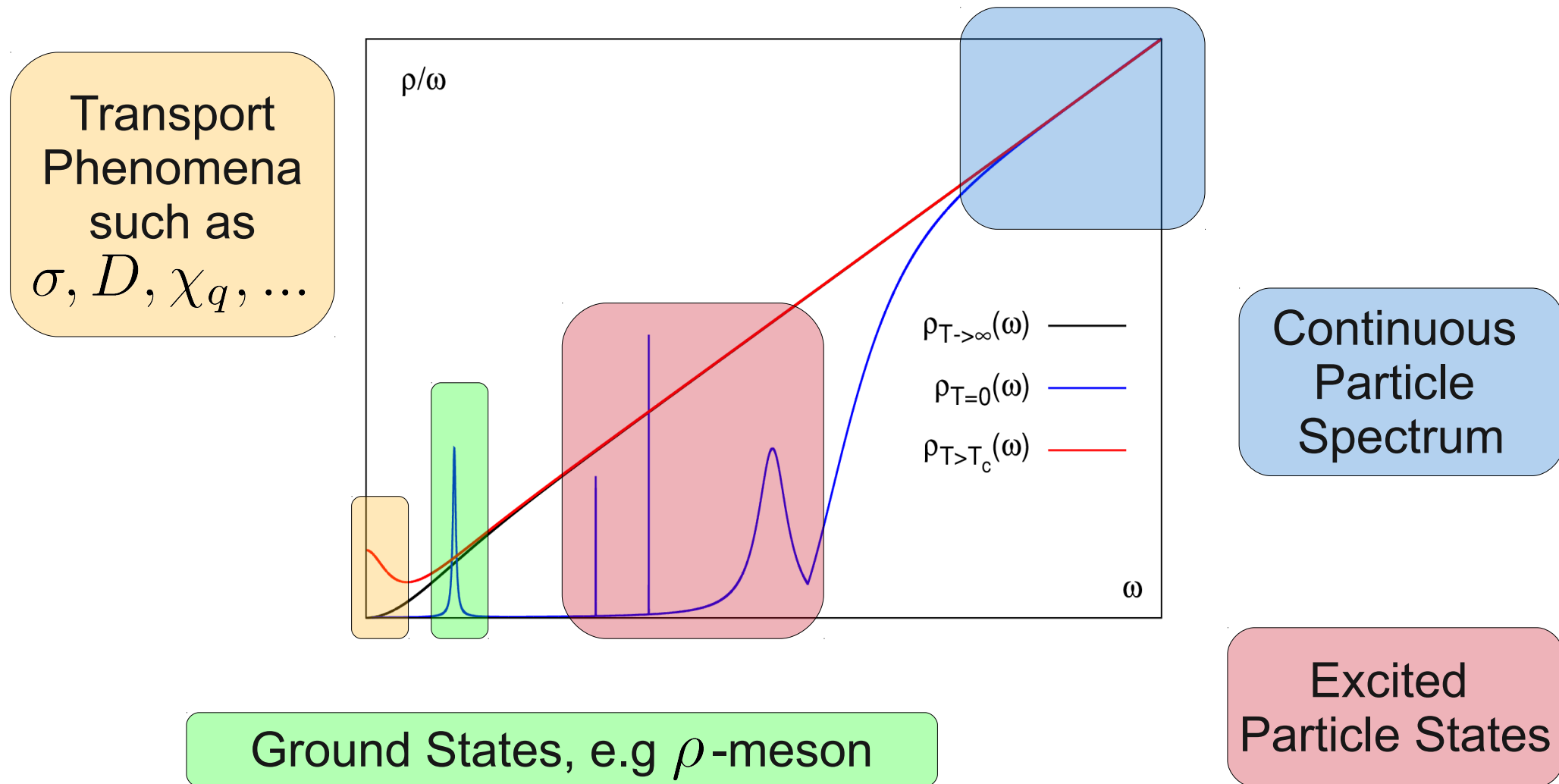
$\kappa$  = Momentum diffusion

- To compute  $D$  one generally exploits a Kubo formula to obtain it from a certain spectral function:


$$D = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} c \cdot \frac{\rho(\omega)}{\omega}$$

# The Spectral Function

- Spectral functions (SPF) encode the physics of a system:



# SPF via lattice QCD

- To compute  $D$  from lattice QCD one has to analyze the correlation function of heavy vector currents:

$$J_\mu(\tau, \vec{x}) = \bar{q}(\tau, \vec{x}) \gamma_\mu q(\tau, \vec{x})$$

$$G_V(\tau, \vec{p}) = \int d^3x \langle J_\mu(\tau, \vec{x}) J_\mu(0, 0) \rangle$$

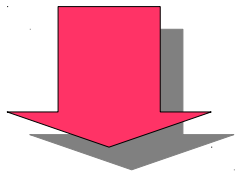
- The diffusion coefficient can then be read off the corresponding spectral function via

$$D = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{6\chi_{00}} \frac{\rho_V(\omega, \vec{p} = 0)}{\omega}$$

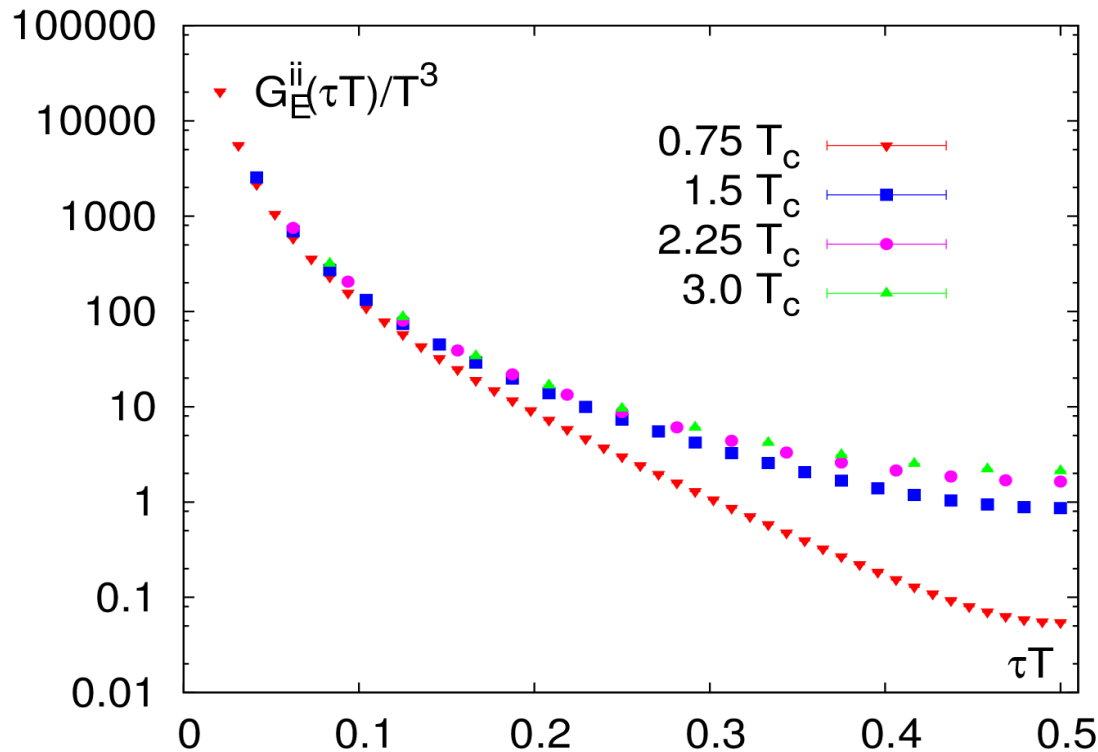
# SPF via lattice QCD

- The vector-current correlator is connected to the SPF via:

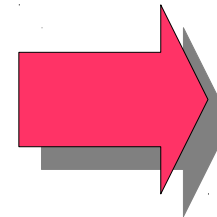
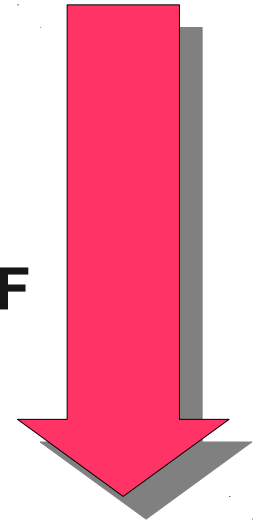
$$G_V(\tau, \vec{p}, T) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \frac{\cosh(\omega(\tau - 1/2T))}{\sinh(\omega/2T)} \rho_V(\omega, \vec{p}, T)$$



Discrete number of points  
from the lattice



Continuous SPF



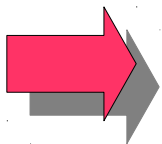
Ill-posed problem

# SPF via lattice QCD (MEM)

- Possibility: Use Bayesian analysis in the form of the “maximum entropy method” (MEM) to construct...

... the most probable SPF given the correlator data with errors  
AND user specified prior information.

- Note: The details of  $D$  depend on the shape of a transport peak in the low- $\omega$  region.
- But: The correlator encodes basically only the area under the transport peak

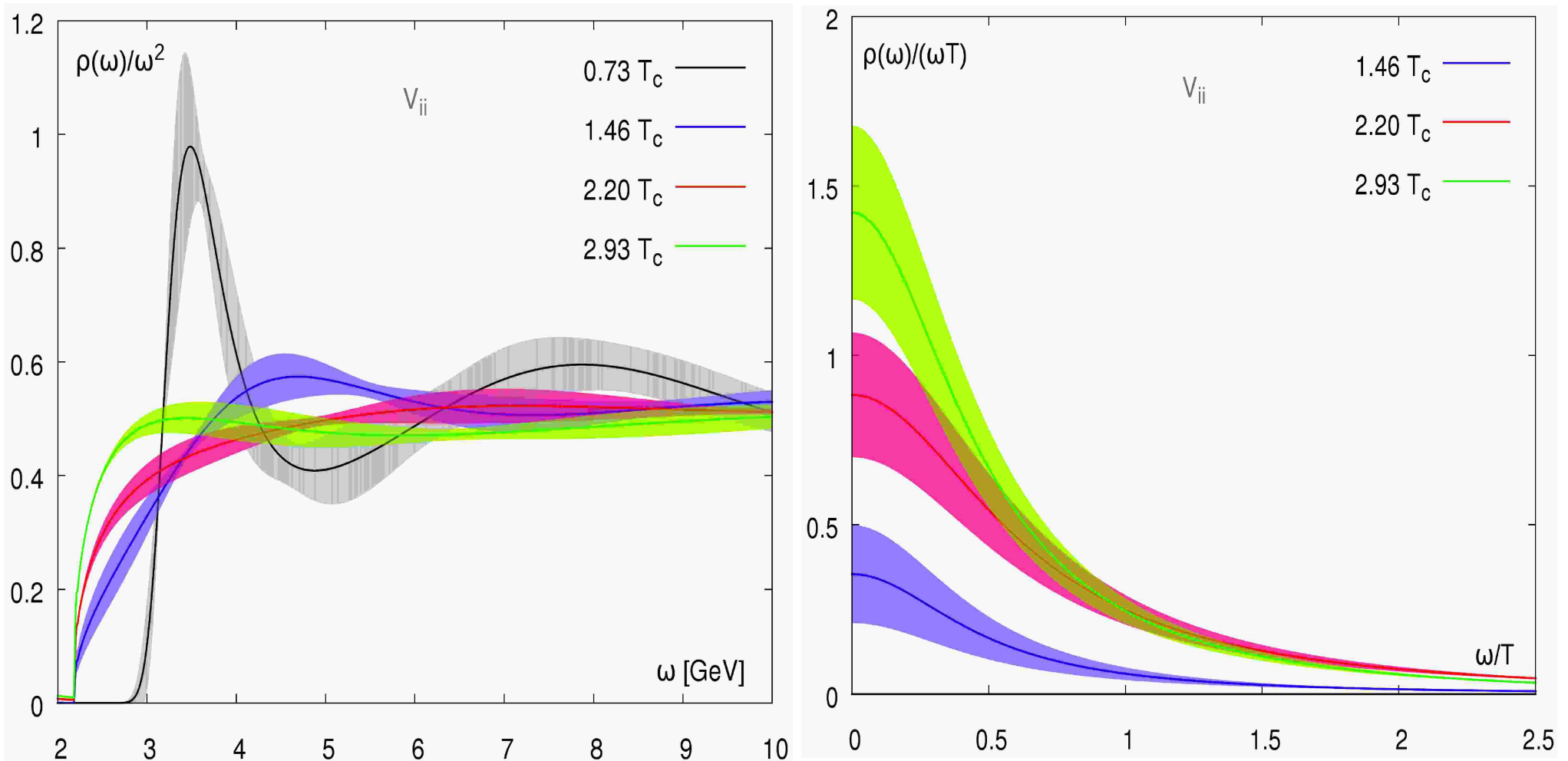


Difficult to extract the transport peak properties

- Additional difficulty: Heavy quarkonium (dissociation) and transport phenomena are both encoded in the same SPF



# SPF via lattice QCD (MEM)



# SPF via lattice QCD (HQET)

- In HQET the relevant SPF may be obtained from a force-force correlator:

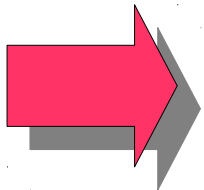
$$G_E(\tau) = \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\chi_{00}} \int d^3x \langle J_F(\tau, \vec{x}) J_F(0, 0) \rangle$$

where the leading force is the chromo-electric force  $gE$

$$J_F = \phi^\dagger gE_i \phi - \theta^\dagger gE_i \theta$$

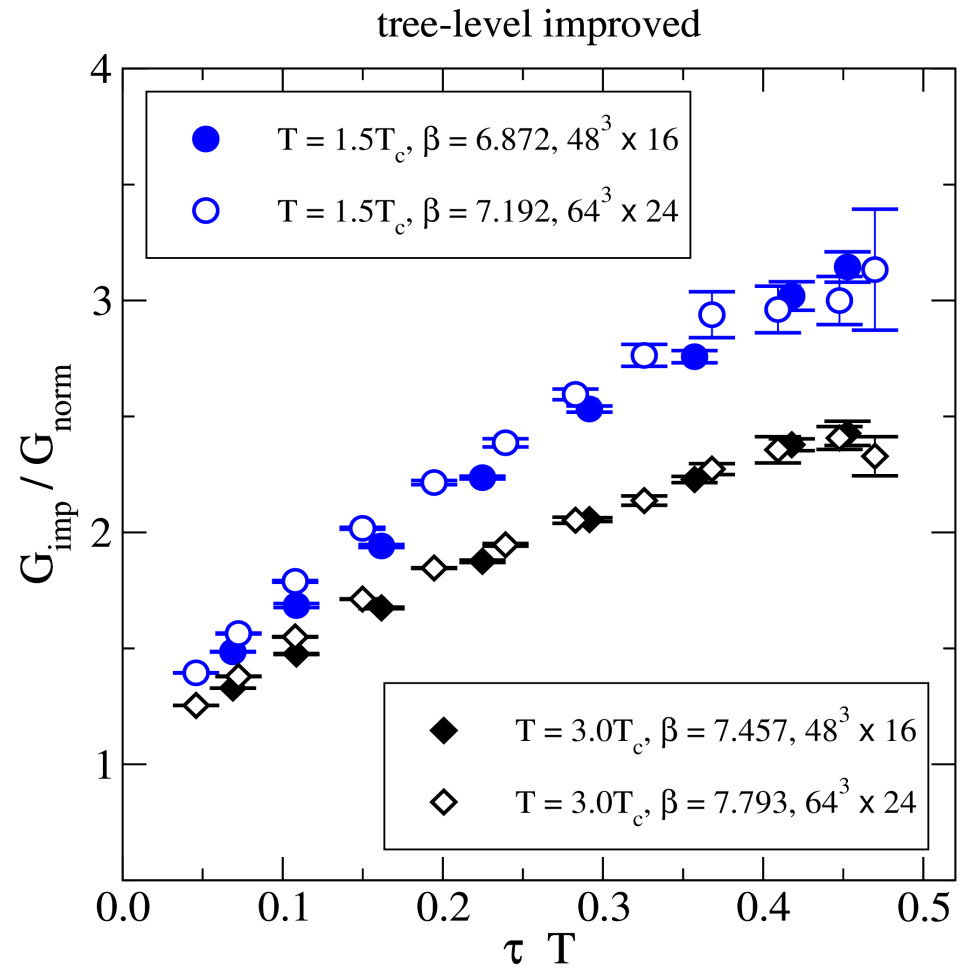
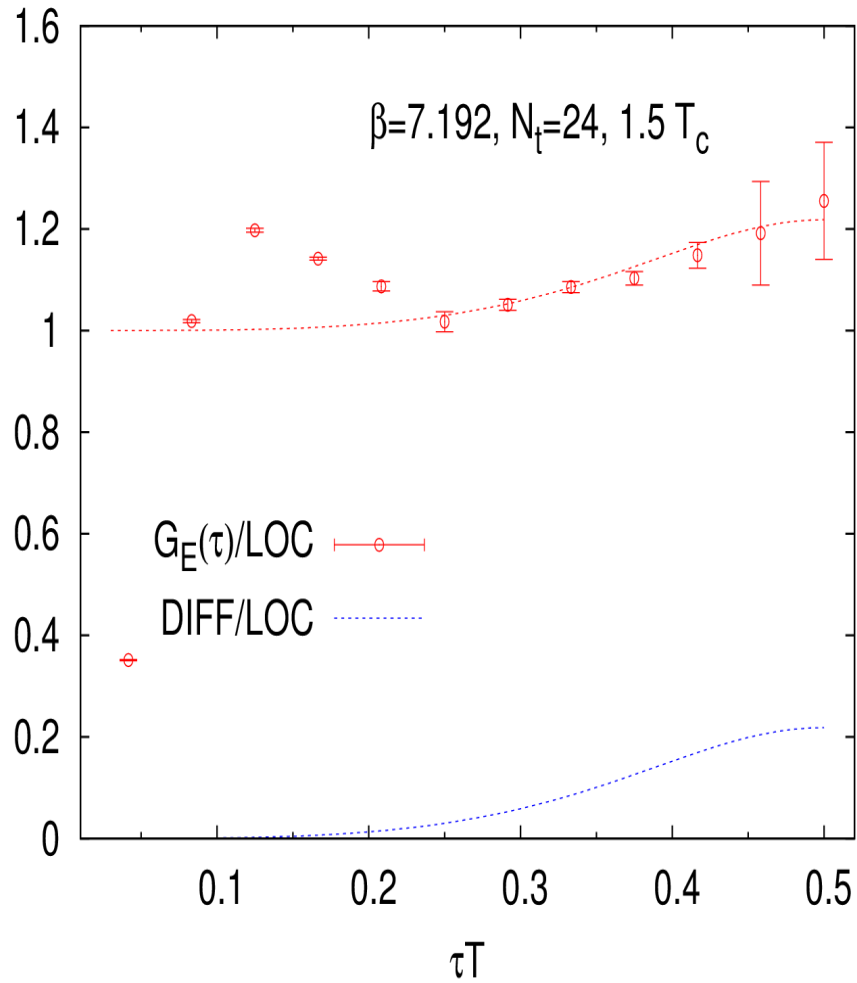
- $D$  is then obtained by:  $D^{-1} = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{\rho(\omega)T}{\omega}$

- As before, analytical continuation is necessary
- It can be shown that the SPF does not possess a transport peak



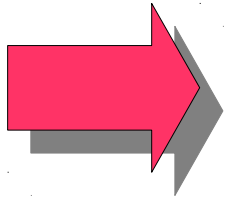
More direct handle on  $D$  from correlator

# SPF via lattice QCD (HQET)



# SPF via Langevin Dynamics

- For heavy quarks the diffusion is of a time-scale  $\sim M/T^2$



Possibility to model the interaction of the heavy quark with the medium as uncorrelated momentum kicks

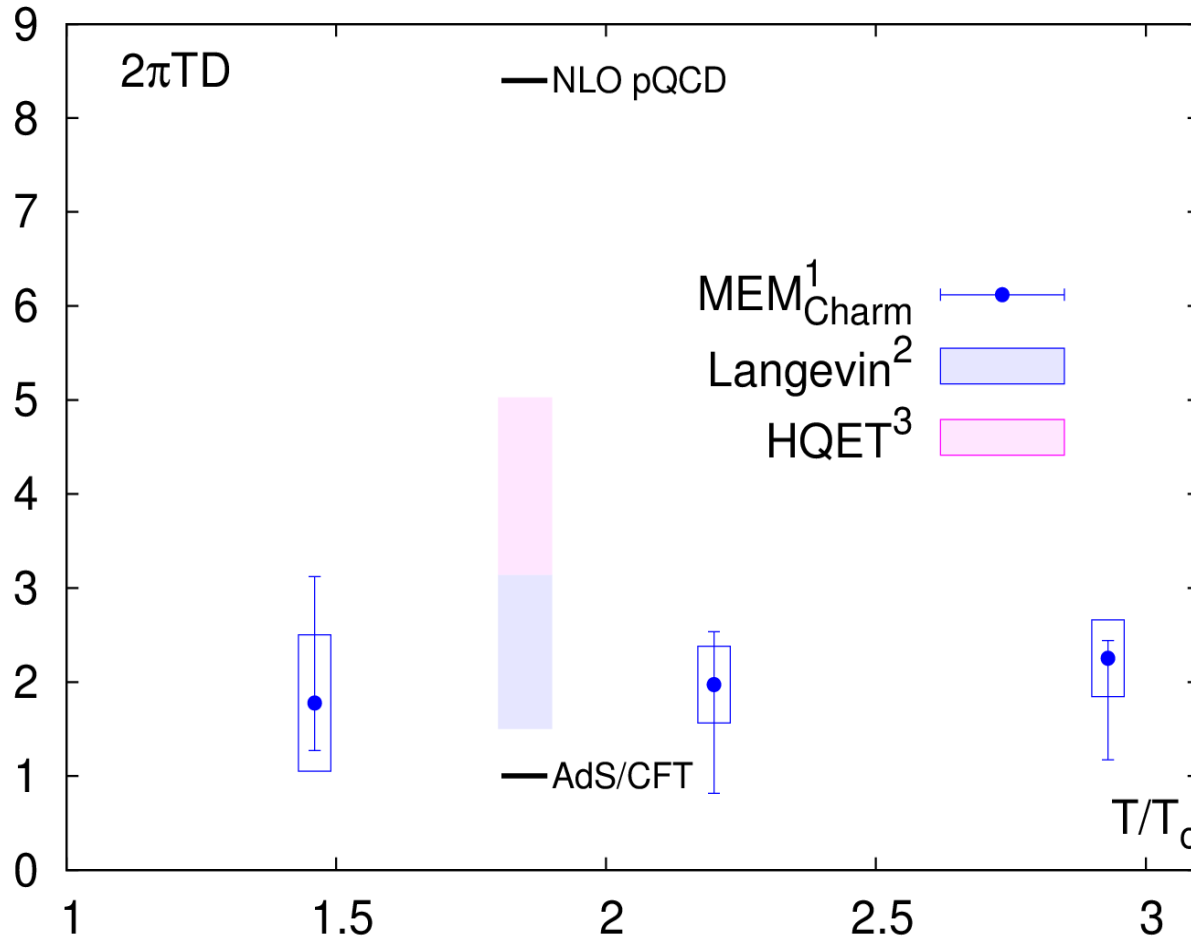
- Langevin equations:

$$\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = \frac{\vec{p}}{M} \quad , \quad \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = \vec{\xi}(t) - \eta\vec{p}(t)$$

$$\langle \xi^i(t) \xi^j(t') \rangle = \kappa \delta^{ij} \delta(t - t')$$

- This description can be extended into a Langevin-Boltzmann model to yield  $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2^{HF}$  as functions of  $D$

# Diffusion from MEM, HQET and Langevin



1) H.T.Ding, A.F., O.Kaczmarek, F.Karsch, H.Satz, W.Soeldner; J.Phys.G G38 (2011) 124070

2) G.D.Moore, D.Teaney; Phys.Rev. C71 (2005) 064904

3) A.F., O.Kaczmarek, J.Langelage, M.Laine; PoS LATTICE2011 (2011) 202

- The results from all approaches indicate  $2\pi TD \simeq 1 - 5$
- For lattice QCD the greatest obstacle is the analytic continuation

# Langevin Dynamics in a Finite Box

- All lattice results are obtained at finite volumes

 Are there de facto finite size effects that must be included?

- Analytic continuation poses the greatest obstacle

 Can we determine features of the SPF from finite size effects?

- Model system to address these questions:

 Langevin dynamics in a finite size system

# Setting up the Box

- To set up the box we assume:
  - The box walls constrain the position of the particle between 0 and  $l$
  - There is an instantaneous reversal of momentum  $p$  when the particle hits the wall
  - The dynamics inside the box can be described in terms of a freely diffusing particle
  - Note: This work is done in  $(1 + 1)$ -dimensions

# Setting up the Box

- In  $1D$  the probability  $w_0(x, p, t|x_0, p_0, t_0)$  of finding a particle at  $x$  and  $p$  starting at  $t_0 = 0 = x_0 = p_0$  is given by the motion of a Brownian particle in the absence of an external field

$$w_0(x, p, t|0) = \frac{1}{2\pi m \sqrt{FG - H^2}} \cdot \exp \left[ -\frac{GR^2 - 2HRS + FS^2}{2(FG - H^2)} \right]$$

$$R = x - x_0 - \eta^{-1} \frac{p_0}{m} (1 - e^{-\eta t})$$

$$S = \frac{p - p_0 e^{-\eta t}}{m}$$

$$F = \frac{T}{m\eta^2} (2\eta t - 3 + 4e^{-\eta t} - e^{-2\eta t})$$

$$G = \frac{T}{m} (1 - e^{-2\eta t})$$

$$H = \frac{T}{m\eta} (1 - e^{-\eta t})^2$$



# Setting up the Box

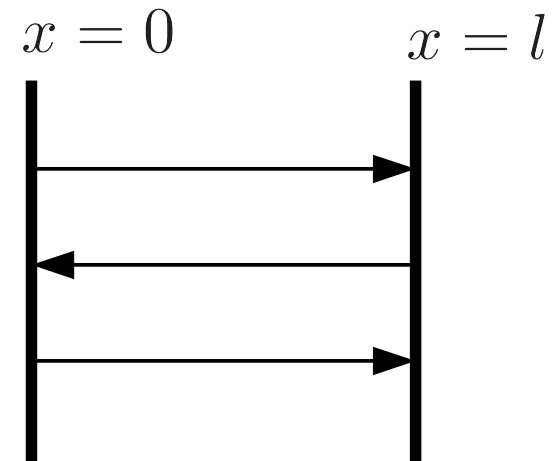
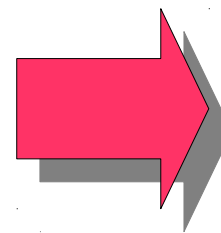
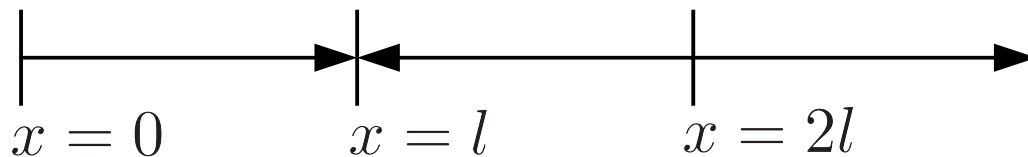
- Implementing the box assumptions then leads to:

$$w(x, p, t|0) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left( w_0(x + 2nl, p, t|0) + w_0(2nl - x, -p, t|0) \right)$$

- For illustration: In terms of a potential with and without the box

$$V_{\infty}(x + 2nl) = V_{box}(x) \quad n = \text{even}$$

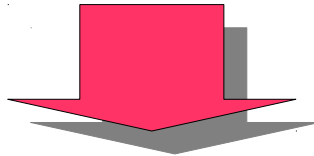
$$V_{\infty}(2nl - x) = V_{box}(x) \quad n = \text{odd}$$



# The Wightmann Correlator

- We can now compute the Wightmann correlation function

$$W_p(t) = \langle p_0 \bar{p}(t) \rangle$$



$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp_0 \int_0^l dx_0 f_0(x_0, p_0) p_0 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp \int_0^l dx w_0(x, p, t|0) p$$

where  $f_0(x_0, p_0)$  is the initial probability distribution

$$f_0(x_0, p_0) = \frac{1}{l\sqrt{2\pi mT}} \cdot \exp \left[ -\frac{p_0^2}{2mT} \right]$$

# The Wightmann Correlator

- The Wightman correlator is made up of three parts

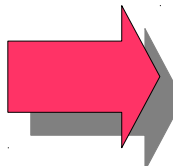
$$W_p(t) = W_p^{(0)}(t) + W_p^{(1)}(t) + W_p^{(2)}(t)$$

- The first is the well known result of the infinite volume case:

$$W_p^{(0)}(t) = MT e^{-\tau} \quad \text{where } \tau = \eta t$$

- In  $W_p^{(1)}(t)$  and  $W_p^{(2)}(t)$  a new dimensionless parameter dependent on the box extent  $l$  appears

$$\lambda = \frac{l^2 \eta^2 M}{2T} = \frac{l^2 \eta}{2D}$$

  $W_p^{(1)}(t)$  and  $W_p^{(2)}(t)$  do not survive the infinite volume limit

# The Wightmann-Correlator

- The second term then is

$$W_p^{(1)}(\tau) = MT \cdot (-1) \left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right) \sqrt{\lambda} \phi(\tau) e^{-\tau} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \cdot$$

$$\int_0^1 d\chi \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\bar{p} \bar{p}^2 e^{-\bar{p}^2} \int_{P_{2n-1}}^{P_{2n}} dP e^{-\lambda P^2 / \phi(\tau)}$$

- This can be approximated to

$$W_p^{(1)}(\tau) \simeq MT \frac{\tau^{11/2}}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$$

for  $\tau \ll 1$

$$W_p^{(1)}(\tau) \simeq -MT \frac{\tau^2}{\sqrt{\lambda}} e^{-\tau}$$

for  $\tau \gg 1$

# The Wightmann-Correlator

- The third is given by

$$W_p^{(2)}(\tau) = MT \cdot (-1) \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{2D\eta^{-1}(1 - e^{-\tau})^3}{\ell \cdot \sqrt{2D\eta^{-1}(\tau - 1 + e^{-\tau})}} \cdot \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^n e^{-n^2 \ell^2 / (4D\eta^{-1}(\tau - 1 + e^{-\tau}))}$$

- This can be approximated to

$$W_p^{(2)}(\tau) \simeq -\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} MT \frac{\tau^2}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$$

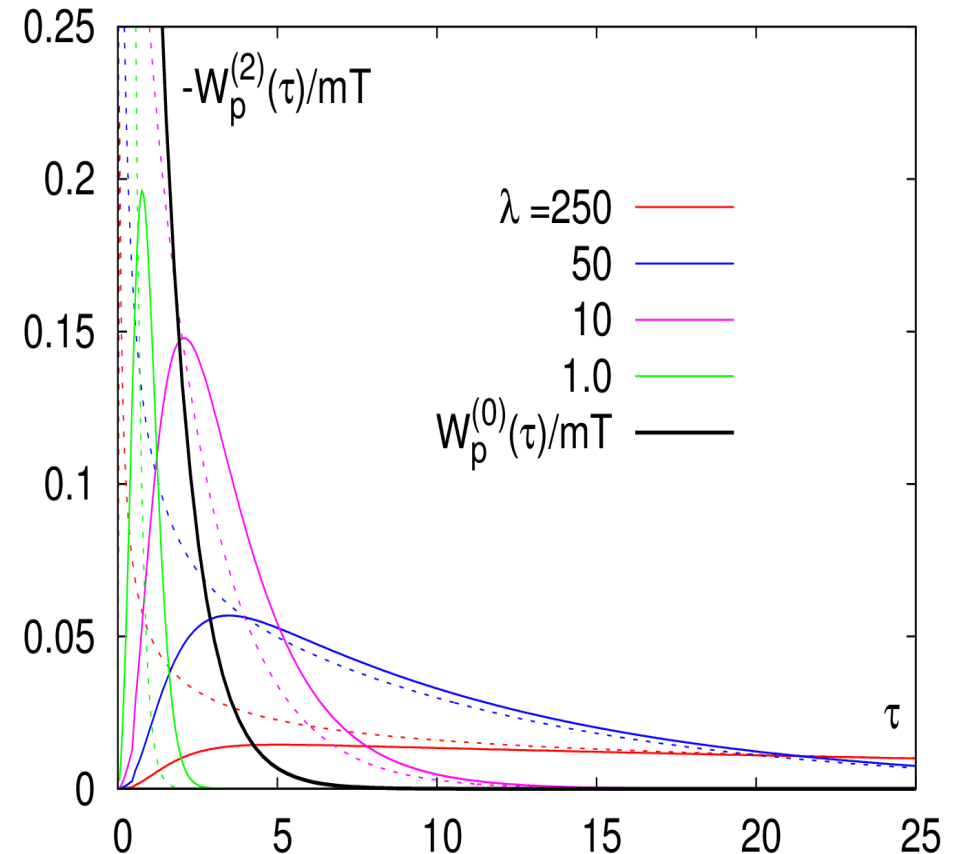
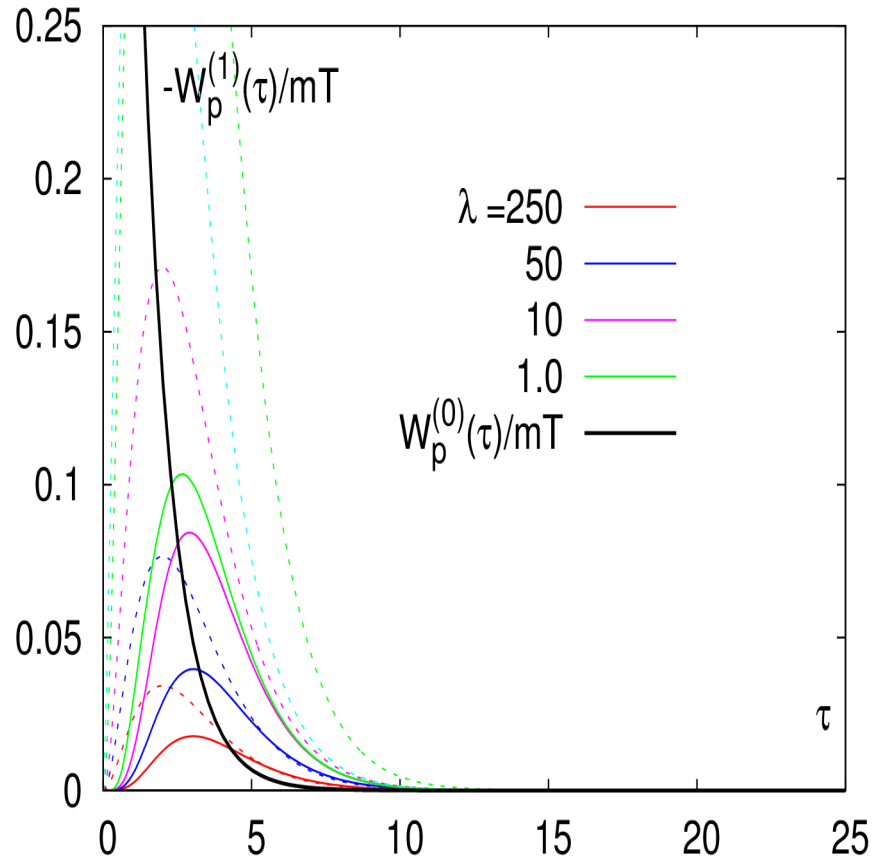
for  $\tau \ll 1$

$$W_p^{(2)}(\tau) \simeq -\frac{2}{\lambda} MT \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(2k+1)^2 \pi^2 \tau / 2\lambda}$$

for  $\tau \gg 1$

# The Wightmann Correlator

- The full result has to be computed numerically:



- Both  $W_p^{(1)}(\tau)$  and  $W_p^{(2)}(\tau)$  decay slowly compared to  $W_p^{(0)}(\tau)$

# The Wightmann correlator and the SPF

- Connection to the SPF via the fluctuation-dissipation theorem:

$$\rho_p(\omega) = \tanh\left(\frac{\beta\hbar\omega}{2}\right) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{2\pi} e^{i\omega t} \left\langle \{p(t), p(0)\}_+ \right\rangle$$

- In a classical description of heavy quark dynamics this becomes

$$\frac{\pi\rho_p(\omega)}{\omega} = \beta \int_0^{\infty} dt W_p(t) \cos(\omega t)$$

- As before  $W_p^{(0)}(t)$  leads to the known infinite volume result:

$$\frac{\pi\rho_p^{(0)}(\omega)}{\omega} = M \frac{\eta}{\omega^2 + \eta^2}$$

# The Wightmann correlator and the SPF

- For  $\tau \gg 1$  the expressions simplify considerably and yield

$$\frac{\pi \rho_p^{(1)}(\omega)}{\omega} = -M \frac{2\eta}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \frac{\eta^2 - 3\omega^2}{(\eta^2 + \omega^2)^3}$$

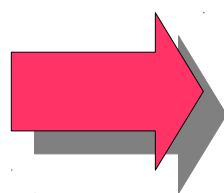
$$\omega \rightarrow 0 \simeq -M \frac{2}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$$

$$\frac{\pi \rho_p^{(2)}(\omega)}{\omega} = -\frac{4m}{\lambda} \sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{\gamma_k}{\gamma_k^2 + \omega^2}$$

$$\omega \rightarrow 0 \simeq -M \frac{1}{\eta}$$

with  $\gamma_k = \frac{(2k+1)^2 \pi^2 \eta}{2\lambda} = (2k+1)^2 \pi^2 \frac{D}{\ell^2}$

- Note  $\rho_p^{(0)}(\omega)$  and  $\rho_p^{(2)}(\omega)$  exactly cancel at  $\omega = 0$  as

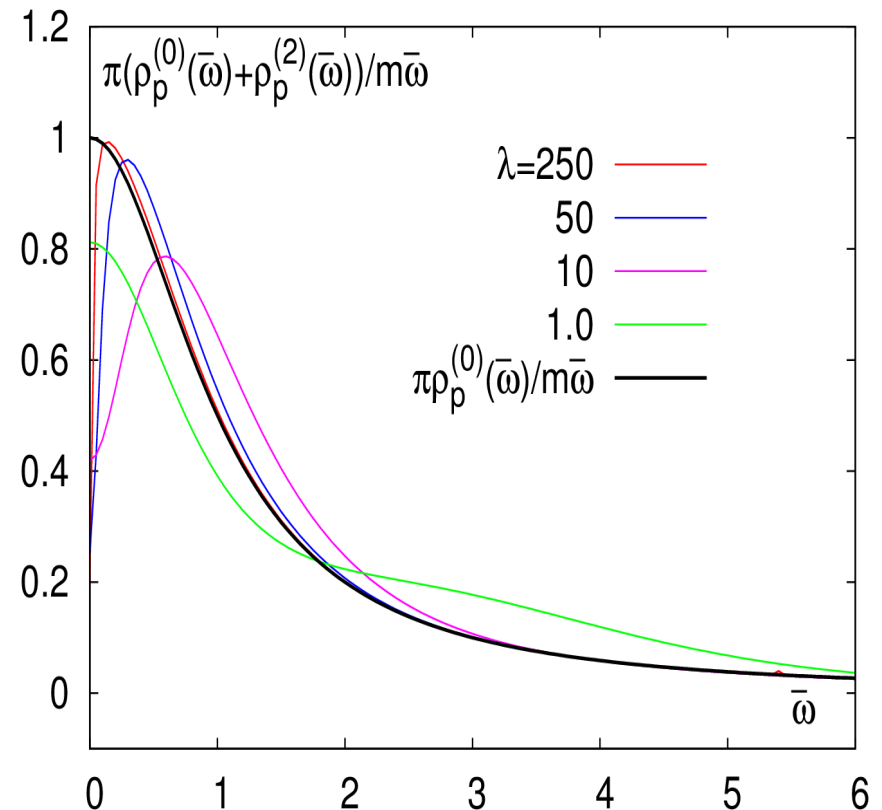
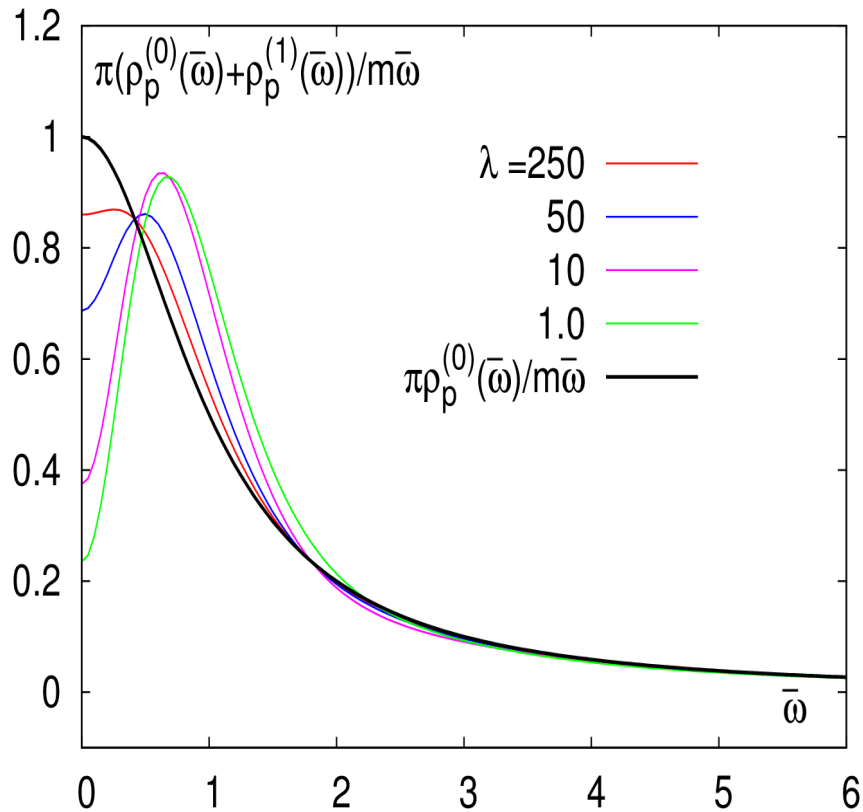


$$\lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{\pi \rho_p^{(0)}(\omega)}{\omega} \simeq M \frac{1}{\eta}$$



# The Wightmann correlator and the SPF

- Still  $\rho_p^{(1)}(\omega)$  and  $\rho_p^{(2)}(\omega)$  generally have to be calculated numerically



- In the low- $\omega$  region there are clearly visible modifications
- Note:  $\bar{\omega} = \omega/\eta$

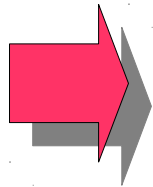
# Connecting to the Euclidean Correlator

- The Euclidean correlator is the analytic continuation of the Wightmann correlator to imaginary times

$$G_E(t, \vec{k}) = W(-it, \vec{k})$$

- However, in the short distance expansion the connection is

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} G_E(t = \hbar\beta/2, 0) = -\frac{d^2}{dt^2} W(t, 0) \Big|_{t=0} (1 + O(\hbar))$$



they are directly related via the second thermal moment

$$G''_E = \frac{d^2}{dt^2} G_E(t = \hbar\beta/2) = \int_0^\infty d\omega \rho(\omega) \frac{\omega^2}{\sinh(\omega/2)}$$

# Connecting to the Euclidean Correlator

- Recall for small  $\tau$  we had

$$W_p^{(1)}(\tau) \simeq MT \frac{\tau^{11/2}}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$$

$$W_p^{(2)}(\tau) \simeq -\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} MT \frac{\tau^2}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$$

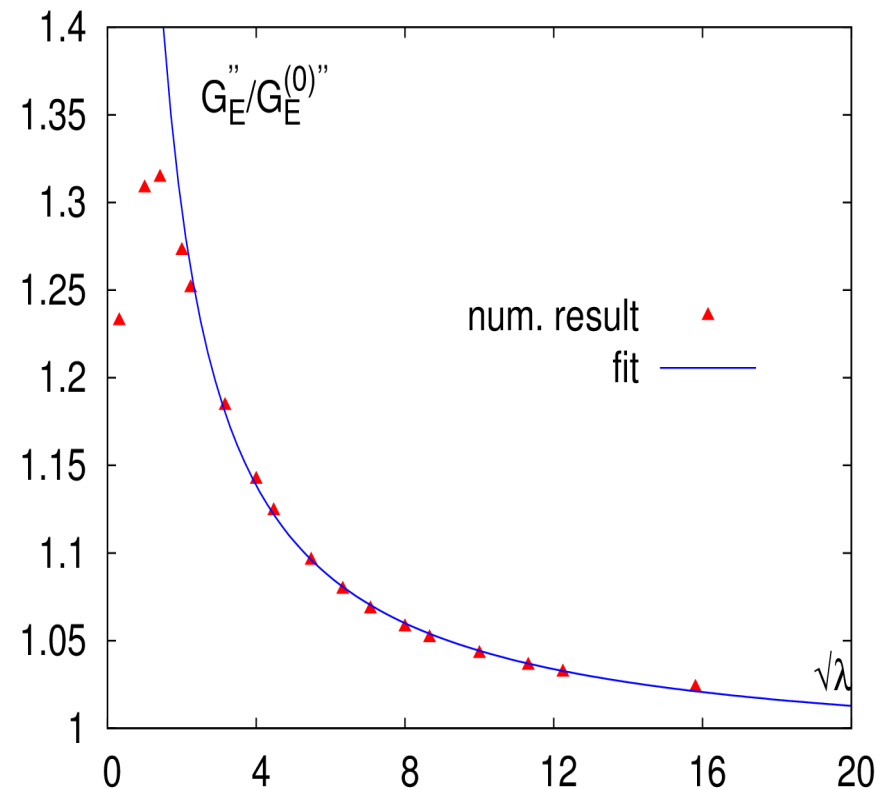
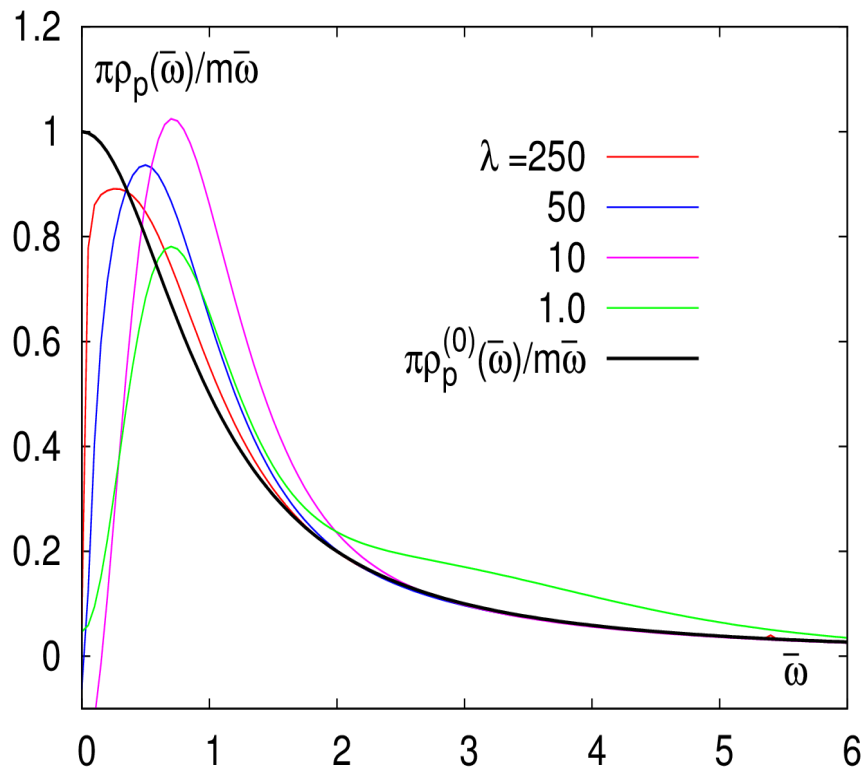
 there is a  $1/\sqrt{\lambda}$  dependent contribution in  $G''_E$

$$G''_E = \frac{d^2}{dt^2} G_E(t = \hbar\beta/2) = \frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} MT \frac{\eta^2}{\sqrt{\lambda}} = 8 \sqrt{\frac{T^3 M \eta}{2\pi}} \frac{1}{l}$$

 we can extract  $\eta$  directly from the finite size effects in  $G''_E$

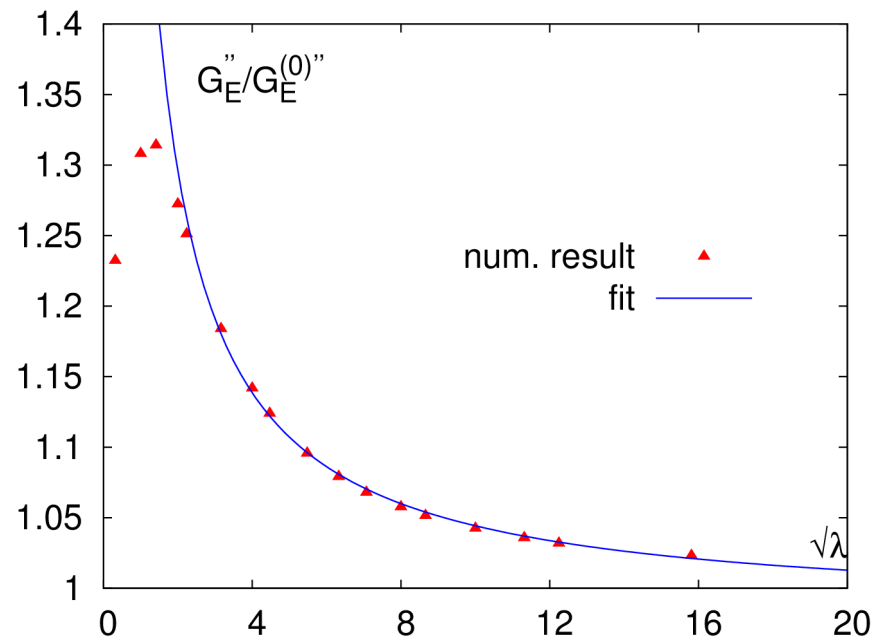
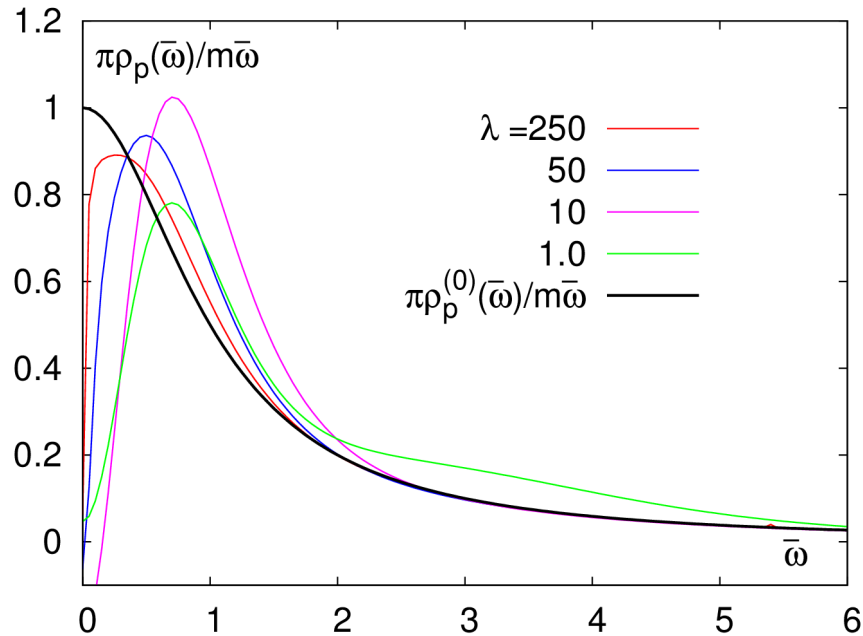
# Connecting to the Euclidean Correlator

- Numerically we compute the thermal moment via the SPF



- Dependence in  $1/\sqrt{\lambda} \sim 1/l$  in  $G_E''/G_E^{(0)''}$

# Conclusion



- We implemented hard wall boundary conditions in Langevin dynamics
- We evaluated their impact on the spectral function and the Euclidean correlator
- We found a  $1/l$ -dependence in the second thermal moment of the Euclidean correlator that is directly proportional to the diffusion constant
- In a next step we hope to observe this type of dependence also in  $(1+1)D$  model(s)

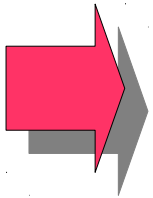
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# Connecting to the Current-Current Correlator

- The Wightmann correlator describes the correlation of the one-particle momentum
- For normalization check the particle densities:

$$\int d^3x \langle \rho_p(t, \vec{x}) \rho_p(0, 0) \rangle = 1$$

$$\int d^3x \langle \rho(t, \vec{x}) \rho(0, 0) \rangle = T \chi_s$$



The connection to the heavy quark current is

$$W_{HQ}(t, \vec{k} = 0) = \frac{T \chi_s}{M^2} W_p(t)$$

# The Wightmann-Correlator

- The second term is

$$W_p^{(1)}(\tau) = MT \cdot (-1) \left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right) \sqrt{\lambda} \phi(\tau) e^{-\tau} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \cdot$$

$$\int_0^1 d\chi \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\bar{p} \bar{p}^2 e^{-\bar{p}^2} \int_{P_{2n-1}}^{P_{2n}} dP e^{-\lambda P^2 / \phi(\tau)}$$

- where

$$\chi = x/l$$

$$\bar{p} = p/\sqrt{2MT}$$

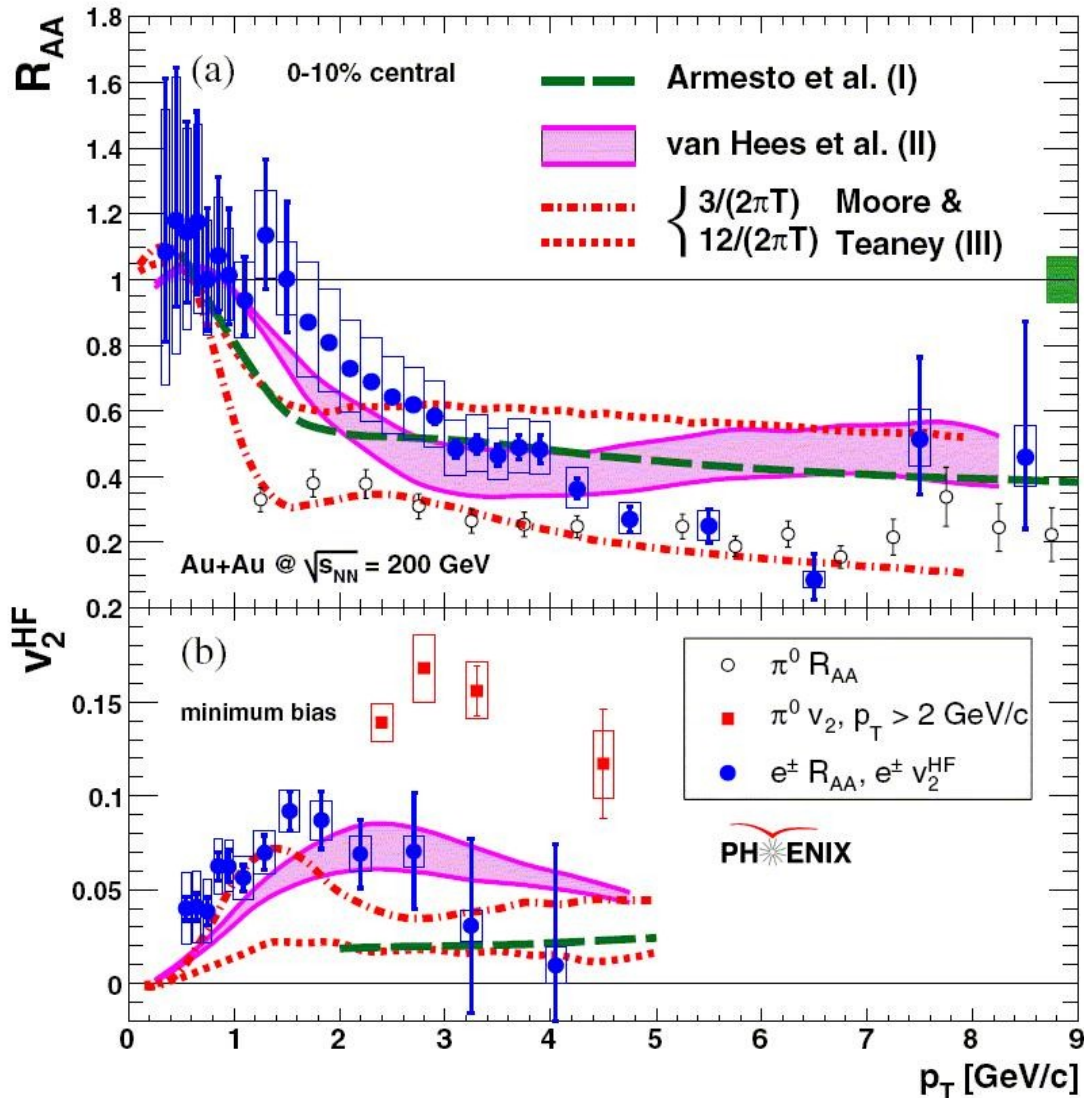
$$P = R/l$$

$$\phi(\tau) = 2\tau - 3 + 4e^{-\tau} - e^{-2\tau}$$

$$P_{2n} = 2n - \chi - \bar{p}(1 - e^{-\tau})/\sqrt{\lambda}$$



# Introduction



Adare et al.; Phys.Rev. C84 (2011) 044905

- Heavy quark dynamics can be studied in experiments, e.g. @RHIC or @Alice
- PHENIX results suggest
  - Radiative energy loss does not explain  $R_{AA}$  by itself.
  - Collisional energy loss must also be included
  - $v_2^{HF}$  is larger than initially expected from kinetic theory