

# Improved approach of gradient flow for thermodynamic quantities in lattice QCD

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# Introduction

## Lattice QCD

SU(N) gauge theory on the discrete space-time lattice

Advantage : a good way to approach the non-perturbative dynamics

Disadvantage : some difficulties to construct

lattice energy momentum tensor (EMT)  $T_{\mu\nu}$

Yang-Mills fields at finite T

Thermodynamics  $\langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle$   $\longleftrightarrow$   $\epsilon(T), P(T), s(T)$

Fluctuations  $\langle (T_{\mu\nu})^n \rangle$   $\longleftrightarrow$   $C_V(T)$  etc

Transports  $\langle T_{\mu\nu}(x) T_{\lambda\rho}(0) \rangle$   $\longleftrightarrow$   $\eta(T), \zeta(T)$

There is an indirect method using thermodynamical partition function

Integral method 
$$\frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial \beta} = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}U \left( -\frac{\partial S_g}{\partial \beta} \right) (\det M)^{N_f} e^{-S_g(\beta)} = \left\langle \frac{\partial S_g}{\partial \beta} \right\rangle$$

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Lattice Energy Momentum Tensor from the Yang-Mills gradient flow

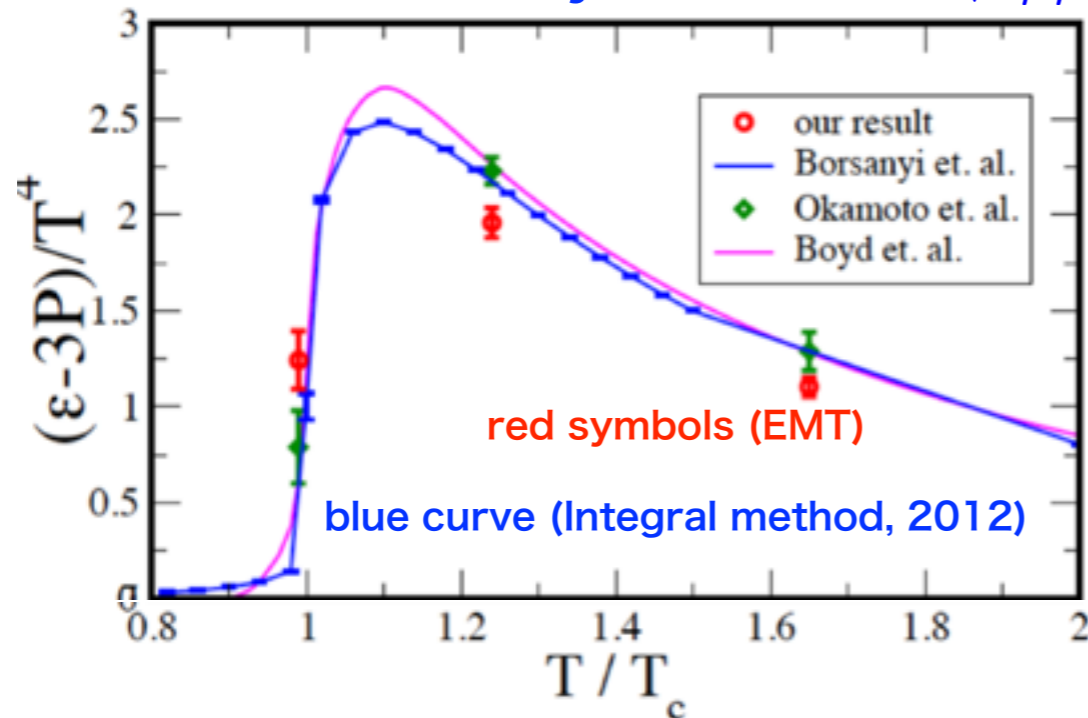
H. Suzuki (2013)

$$T_{\mu\nu}^R = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \alpha_U^{-1}(t) U_{\mu\nu}(t, x) + \frac{\delta_{\mu\nu}}{4} \alpha_E^{-1}(t) [E(t, x) - \langle E(t, x) \rangle_0] \right\}$$

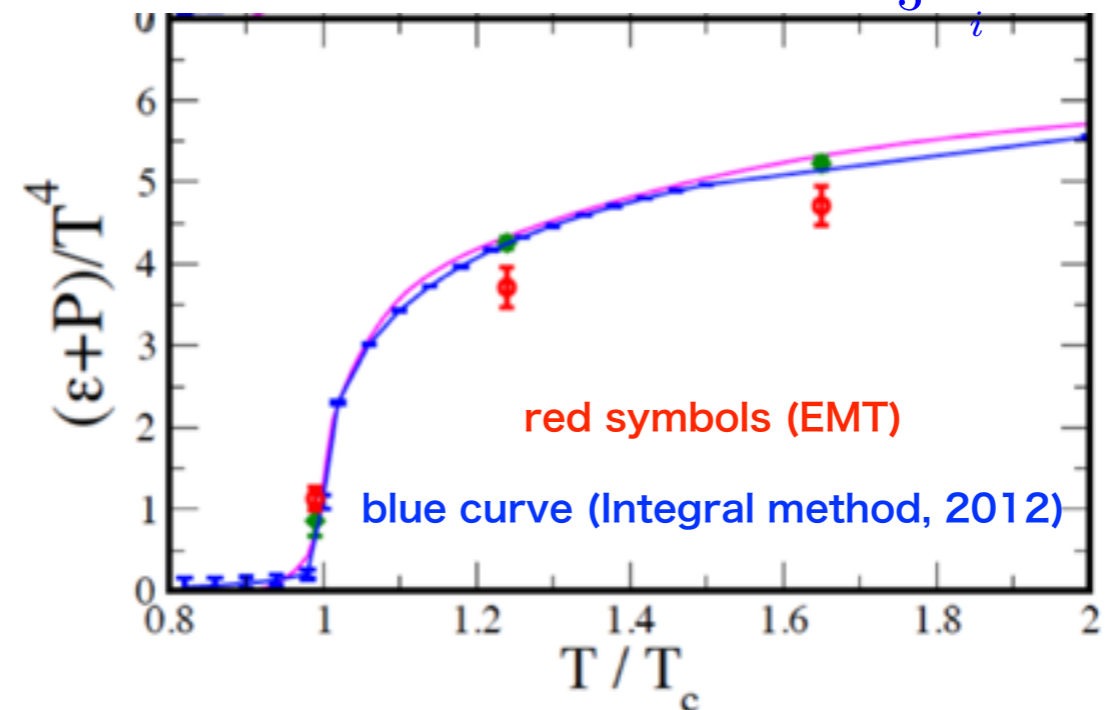
To confirm validity and applicability of this new EMT construction,  
Comparative calculation with the integral method

Asakawa et al (Flow QCD collaboration) (2013)

Trace anomaly  $\epsilon - 3P = \langle T_{\mu\mu} \rangle$



Entropy  $\epsilon + P = \langle T_{00} \rangle - \frac{1}{3} \sum_i \langle T_{ii} \rangle$



**But, full consistency is not yet verified!**

It's a diffusion equation that evolves gauge fields  $A_\mu$  to fictitious time  $t$

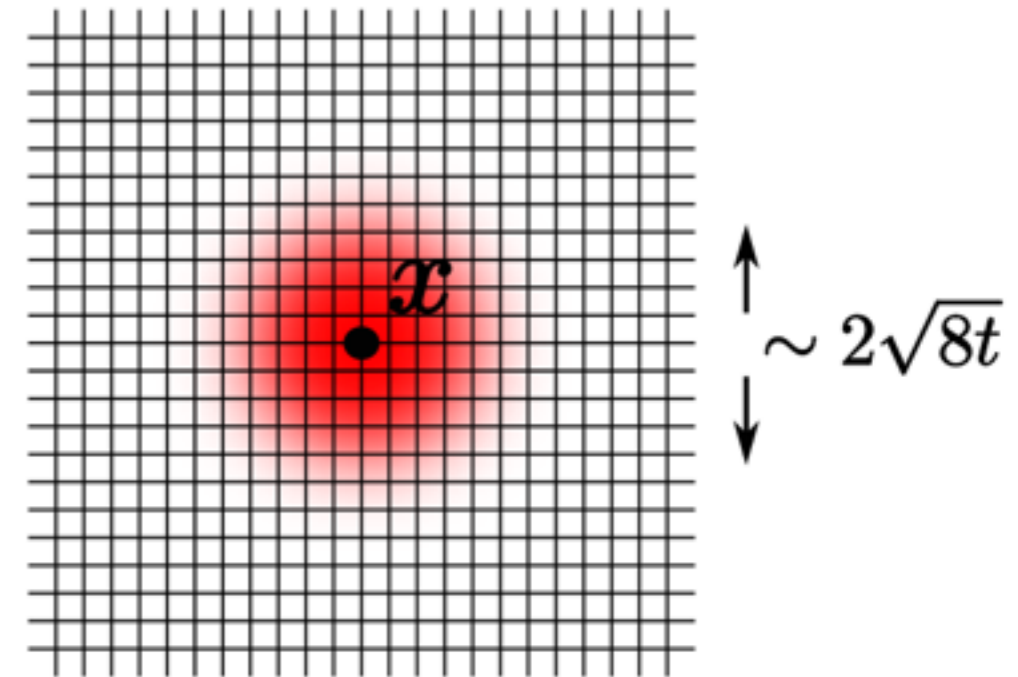
Yang-Mills gradient flow Initial condition

$$\dot{B}_\mu = D_\nu G_{\nu\mu} \quad B_\mu|_{t=0} = A_\mu$$

$B_\mu$  represents the flowed gauge field

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu + [B_\mu, \cdot]$$

$$G_{\nu\mu} = \partial_\mu B_\nu - \partial_\nu B_\mu + [B_\mu, B_\nu],$$



Quantum correlation functions of the flowed gauge field

$$\langle B_{\mu 1}(t_1, x_1) \cdots B_{\mu n}(t_n, x_n) \rangle, \quad t_1 > 0, \dots, t_n > 0$$

are finite without wave function renormalization

$$E = \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}(t, x) G_{\mu\nu}(t, x) \quad \text{dimensional regularization}$$

$$g_0^2 = \mu^{2\epsilon} g^2 Z$$

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{3(N^2 - 1)g^2}{128\pi^2 t^2} \{1 + c_1 g^2 + O(g^4)\} \quad C_1: \text{finite}$$

no dependance of  $\epsilon \rightarrow$  **UV finite (regularization independent)**

proved for any correlation functions at all order, Lüscher, Weisz (2012)

Translational invariant regularization

$$\{T_{\mu\nu}\}_R(x)$$

Yang-Mills gradient flow



small flow time expansion

Lattice regularization

Numerical calculation is possible

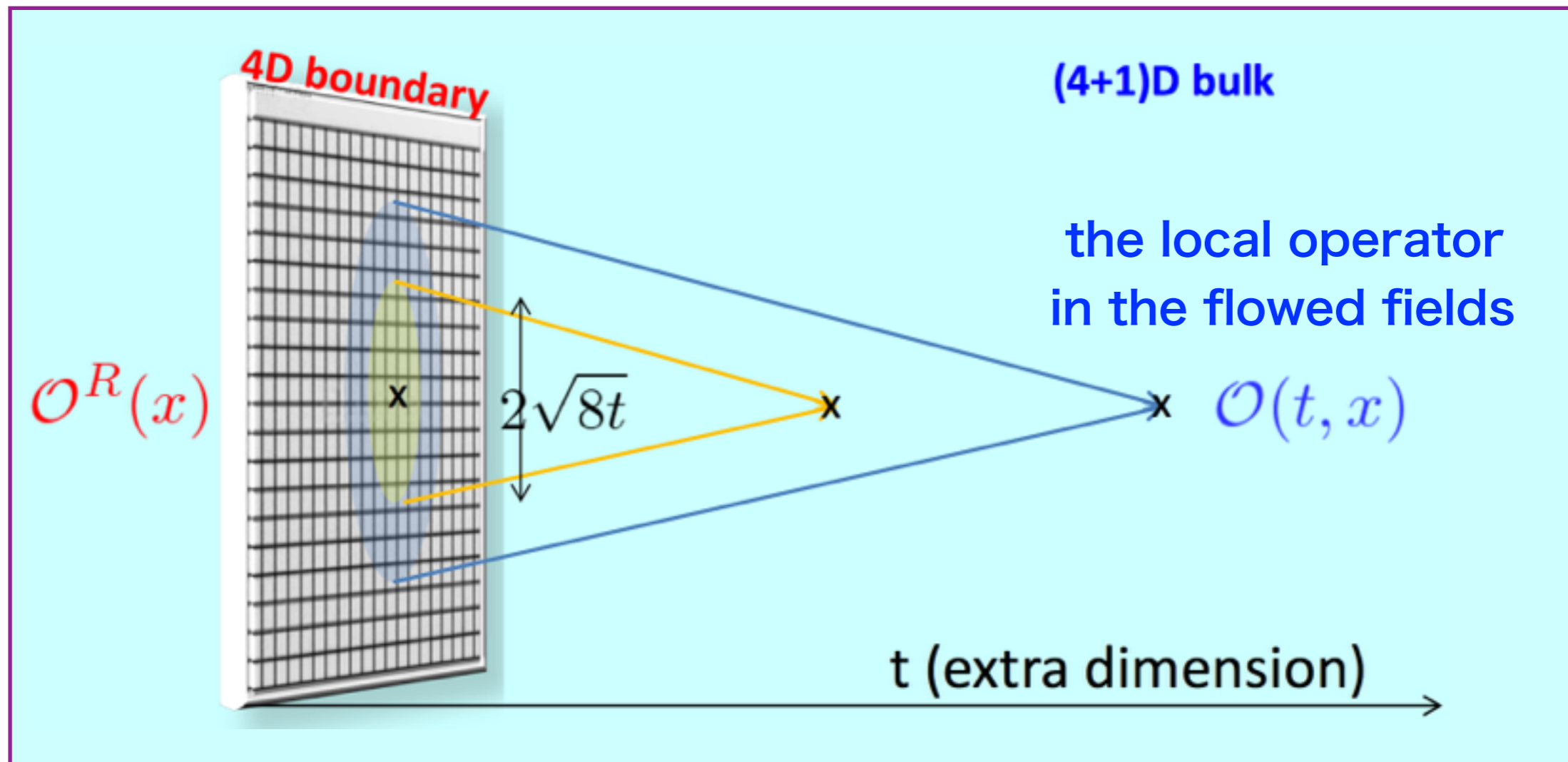
Define a proper EMT on the lattice

H.Suzuki(2013)

small flow time expansion (a kind of operator product expansion)

$$\mathcal{O}(t, x) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow 0} \sum_k c_k(t) \mathcal{O}_k^R(x) + \mathcal{O}(t)$$

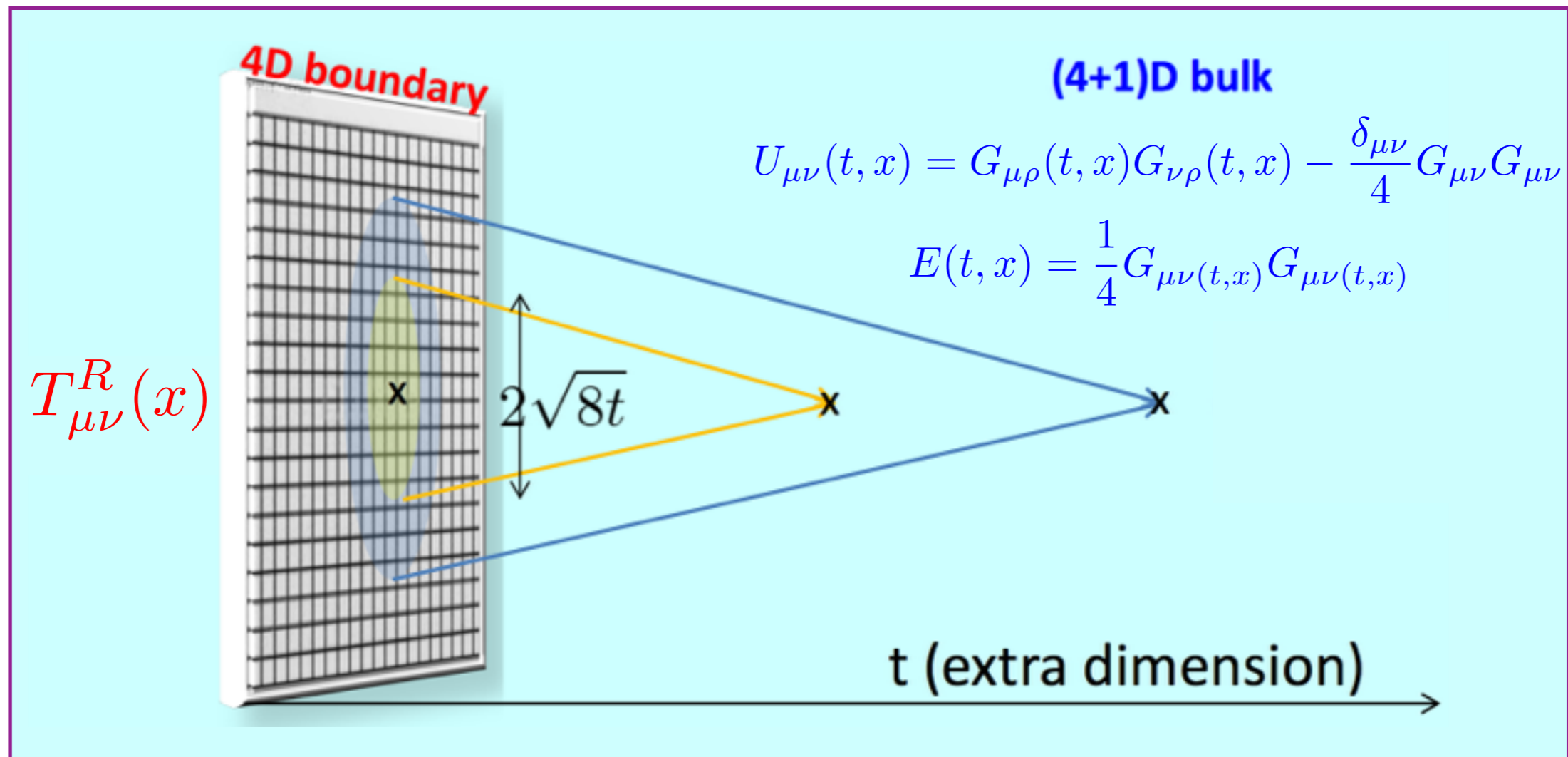
$c_k(t)$  : Wilson coefficients that are perturbatively calculable in the small  $t$  region



T. Hatsuda, FlowQCD Collaboration

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# Lattice QCD

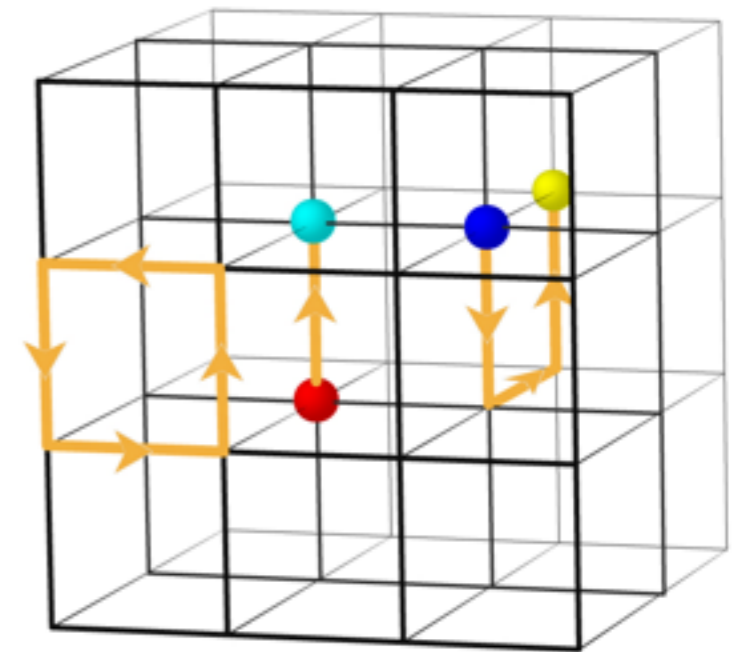
## A unique non-perturbative approach for gauge theory

QCD is defined on the discrete space-time lattice (lattice spacing  $a$ )

lattice grids : quark fields  $\psi(na)$

links : link variables correspond to the gauge fields

$$U_\mu(na) = e^{iagA_\mu(na)}$$



In order to measure the physical quantity

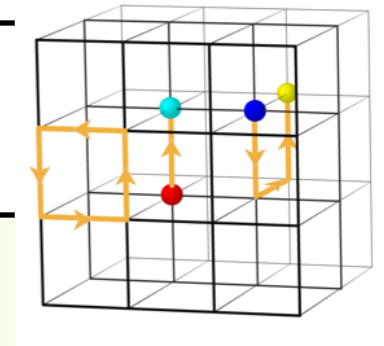
$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{\int \mathcal{D}A \mathcal{O}(A) e^{-S_G}}{\int \mathcal{D}A e^{-S_G}} \rightarrow \frac{\int \mathcal{D}U \mathcal{O}(U) e^{-S_{\text{lat}}}}{\int \mathcal{D}U e^{-S_{\text{lat}}}}$$

The continuum theory is recovered  
by taking the limit of  $a \rightarrow 0$



# Lattice QCD

The choice of lattice action  $S_{\text{lat}}$  is not unique



Simplest action (Wilson action)

$$S_{\text{Wilson}} = \beta \sum \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{N_C} \text{Tr} \square \right\} \quad \beta = \frac{2N_C}{g^2(a)}$$

$$\text{Tr} \square \underset{a \rightarrow 0}{\sim} N_C - \frac{g^2 a^4}{2} \text{Tr} \{ F_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} \} + \underline{\mathcal{O}(a^6)} \quad \text{lattice discretization errors}$$

To reduce discretization errors

$$S_G = \beta \left\{ c_{\text{Plaq}} \sum \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{N_C} \text{ReTr} \square \right] + c_{\text{rect}} \sum \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{N_C} \text{ReTr} \square \right] \right\}$$

Normalization condition

$$c_{\text{plaq}} + 8c_{\text{rect}} = 1$$

- Symanzik action  $c_{\text{rect}} = -\frac{1}{12}$
- Iwasaki action  $c_{\text{rect}} = -0.331$

Yang-Mills gradient flow on lattice

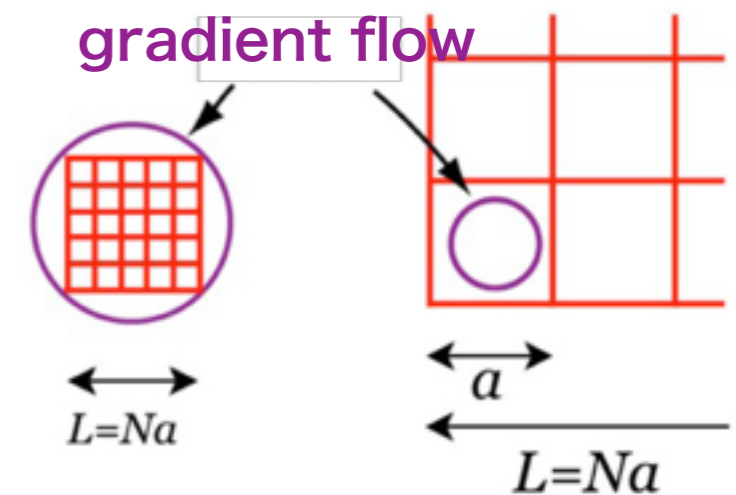
$$\partial_t V(t, x, \mu) V(t, x, \mu)^{-1} = -g_0^2 \partial S_{\text{lat}} \quad V(t, x, \mu)|_{t=0} = U_\mu(x)$$

$$T_{\mu\nu}^R = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \alpha_U^{-1}(t) U_{\mu\nu}(t, x) + \frac{\delta_{\mu\nu}}{4} \alpha_E^{-1}(t) [E(t, x) - \langle E(t, x) \rangle_0] \right\}$$

Define a fiducial window(physical meaning region)

$$\frac{2}{N_t} < \sqrt{8t}T < \frac{1}{2}$$

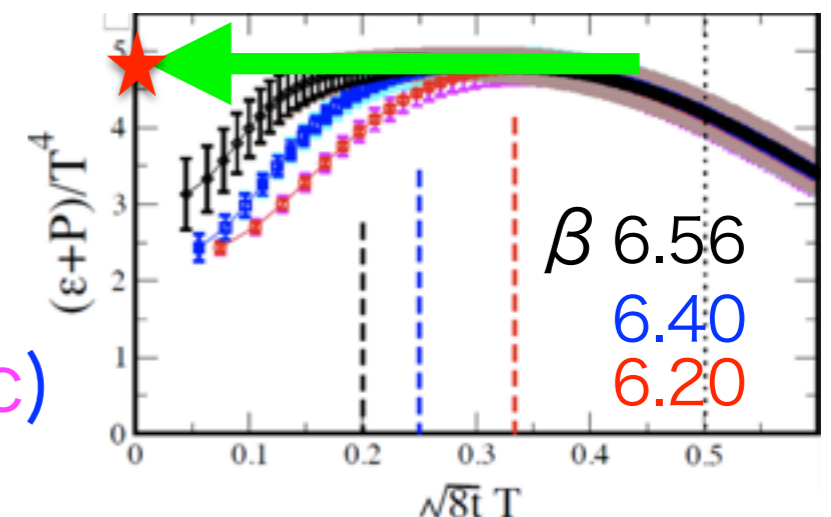
expolate to  $t \rightarrow 0$



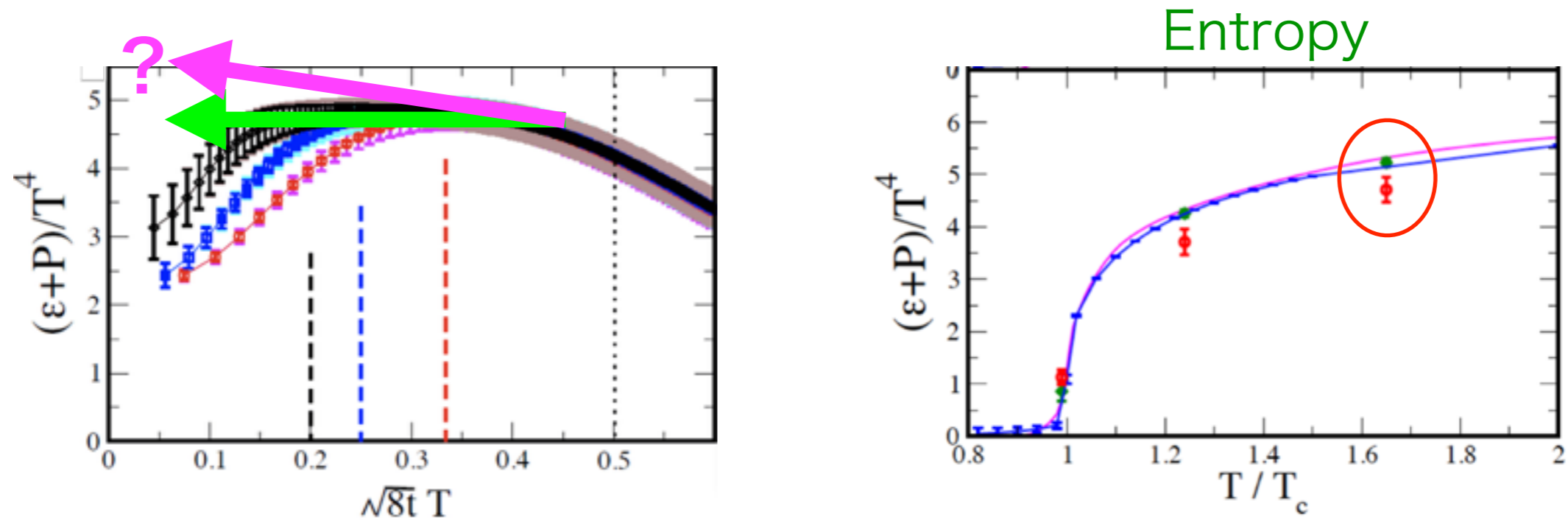
example : previous works for entropy

$$\epsilon + P = \langle T_{00} \rangle - \frac{1}{3} \sum_i \langle T_{ii} \rangle$$

(Wilson action and wilson flow at  $T=1.65T_c$ )



Visible discrepancy with the Integral method (Wilson action)



The possibility of systematic errors due to discretization

$$\partial_t V(t, x, \mu) V(t, x, \mu)^{-1} = -g_0^2 \partial S_{\text{lat}}$$

In this context, we intend to improve previous results by using

$$S_G = \beta \left\{ c_{\text{Plaq}} \sum [1 - \frac{1}{N_C} \text{ReTr} \square] + c_{\text{rect}} \sum [1 - \frac{1}{N_C} \text{ReTr} \square] \right\}$$

# Lattice set-up

Gauge configurations are generated by the Wilson gauge action

Lattice size  $N_V \times N_T$  and input parameter  $\beta$

$N_T$	6	8	10	$N_V = 32^3$
$\beta$	6.20	6.40	6.56	$T = \frac{1}{N_T a} = 1.65T_C$
of cons	300	300	300	

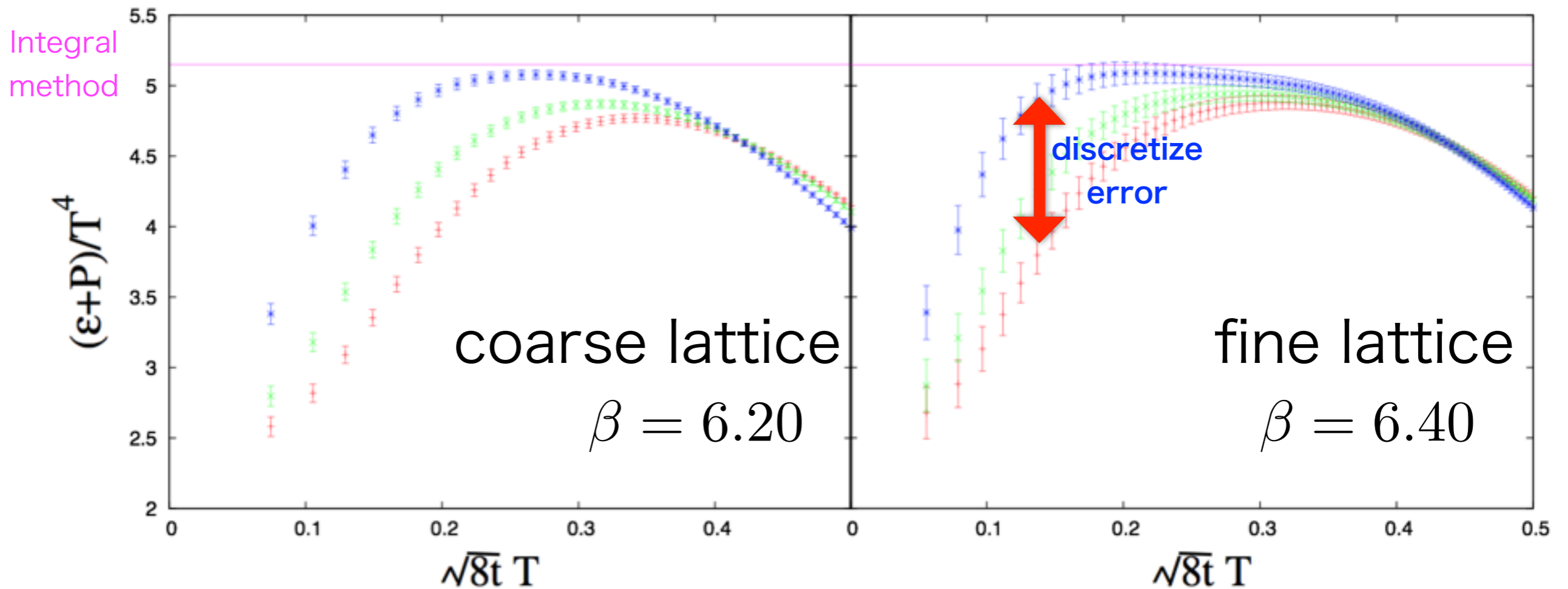
All the parameters are chosen to be the same with the original work

Flow action

$$\partial_t V(t, x, \mu) V(t, x, \mu)^{-1} = -g_0^2 \partial S_{\text{lat}}$$

Wilson flow	$S_{\text{Wilson}} = \beta \sum \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{N_C} \text{Tr} \square \right\}$
Symanzik flow Iwasaki flow	$S_G = \beta \left\{ c_{\text{Plaq}} \sum \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{N_C} \text{ReTr} \square \right] + c_{\text{rect}} \sum \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{N_C} \text{ReTr} \square \right] \right\}$

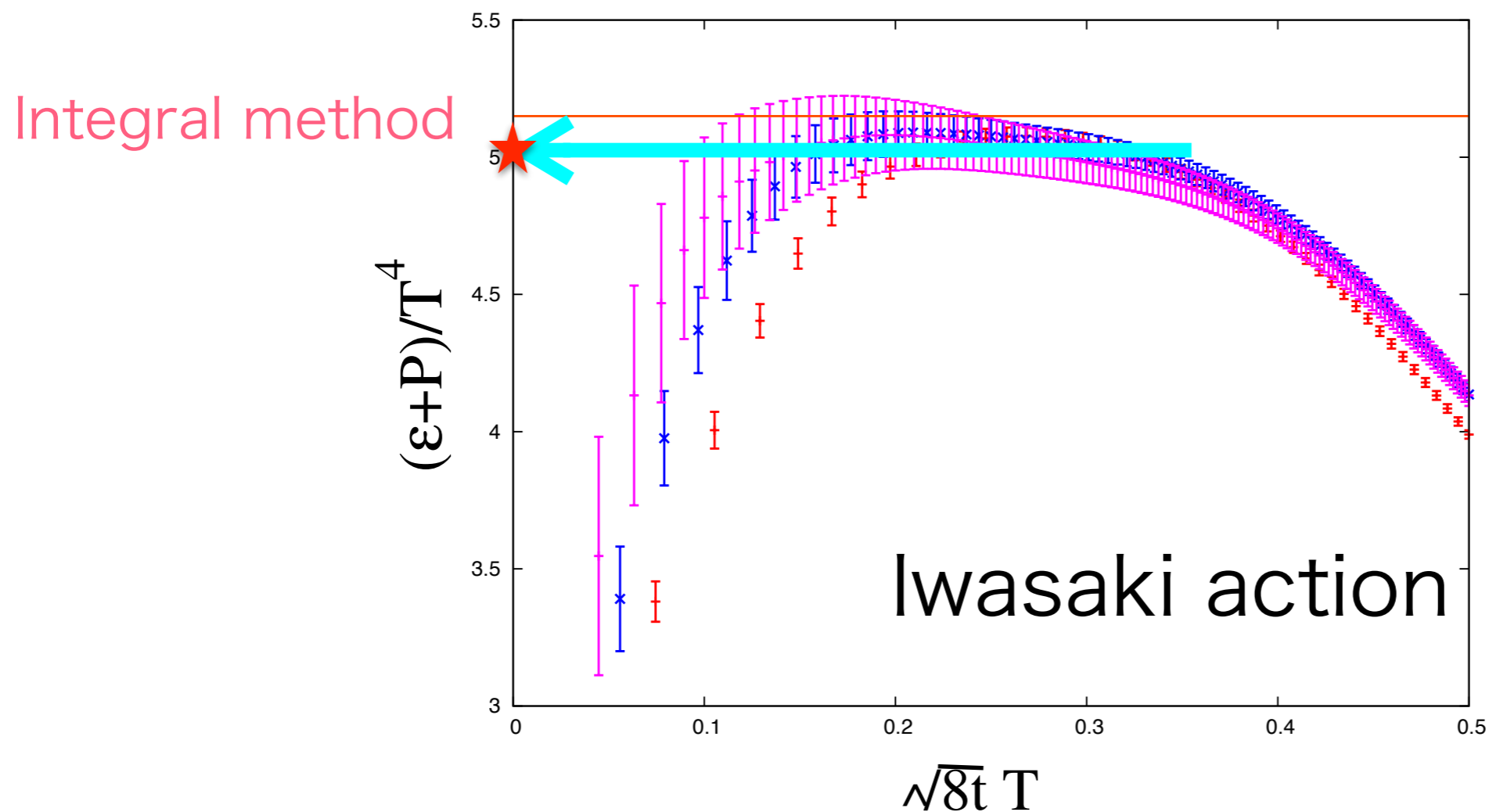
# Results for entropy given by YM gradient flow with various gauge actions



Red : Wilson flow(previous work), Green : Symanzik flow, Blue : Iwasaki flow

Effects from the discretization error    **Red** > **Green** > **Blue**

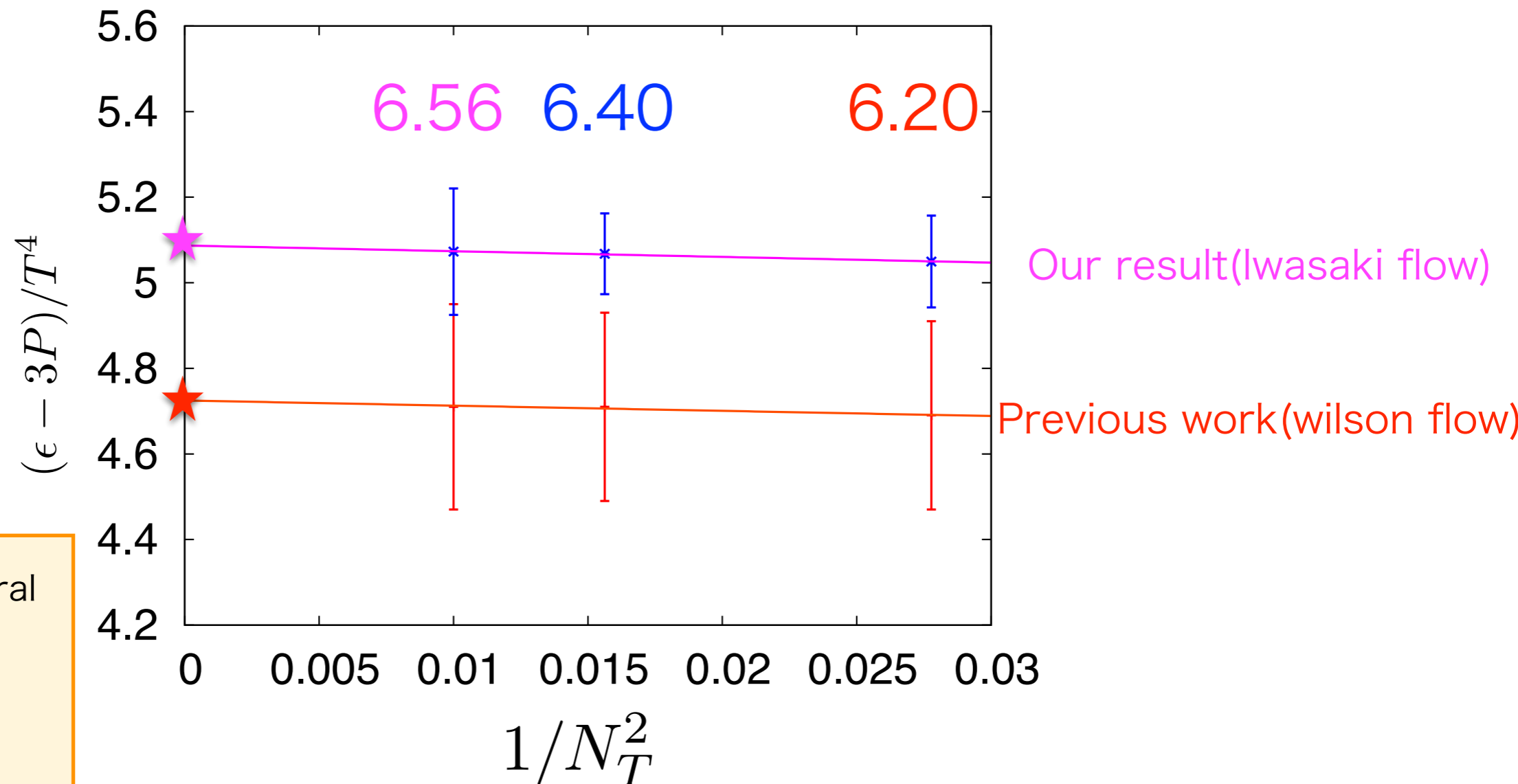
# Results for entropy from the Iwasaki flow



$\beta$  Magenta : 6.56, Blue: 6.40, Red: 6.20

Lattice spacing  $a$  fine  $\leftarrow$  coarse

# Continuum limit



Our work  $5.07 \pm 0.15$

Previous work  $4.72 \pm 0.24$

Asakawa et al (2013)

Integral method 5.15

Borsanyi et al (2012)

# Conclusion and prospects

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## Conclusion

the EMT defined through the Yang-Mills gradient flow is

highly sensitive to discretization errors on the flow action.

the improvement on the flow action is really important

to reduce hidden discretization errors in the new method

We get the much better agreement with results from the integral method.

## Prospects

Study at other temperature

Analysis of trace anomaly

Transport coefficients

$$\eta \sim \langle T_{12}(x)T_{12}(y) \rangle$$



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