

QCD Thermodynamics from Gradient Flow

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Yang-Mills Gradient Flow

$$\partial_t A_\mu = D_\nu G_{\mu\nu}$$

A new [flow](#) in lattice community (2010~)

Applications of Gradient Flow

1. Lattice spacing / reference scales

2. Energy-momentum tensor

➤ thermodynamics

➤ correlation functions

topics
covered by
this talk

3. Topology

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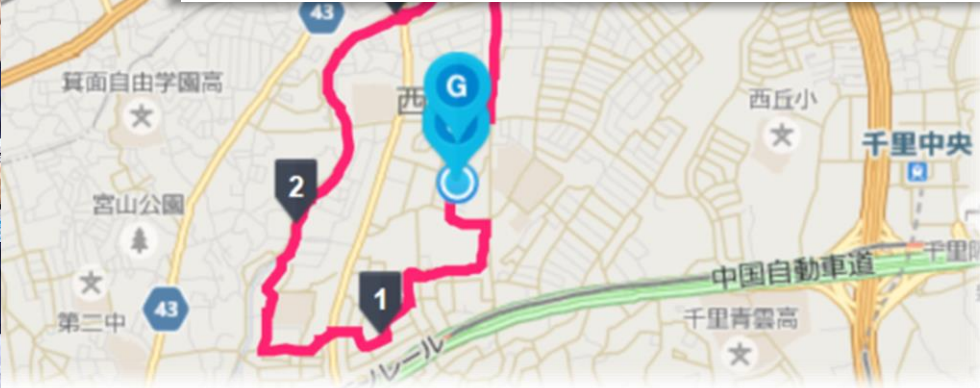
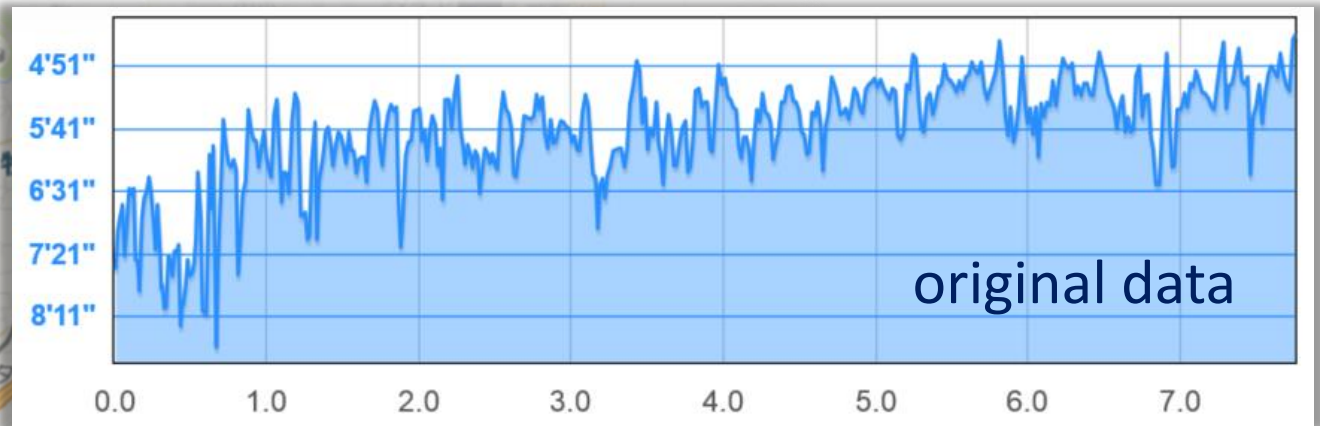
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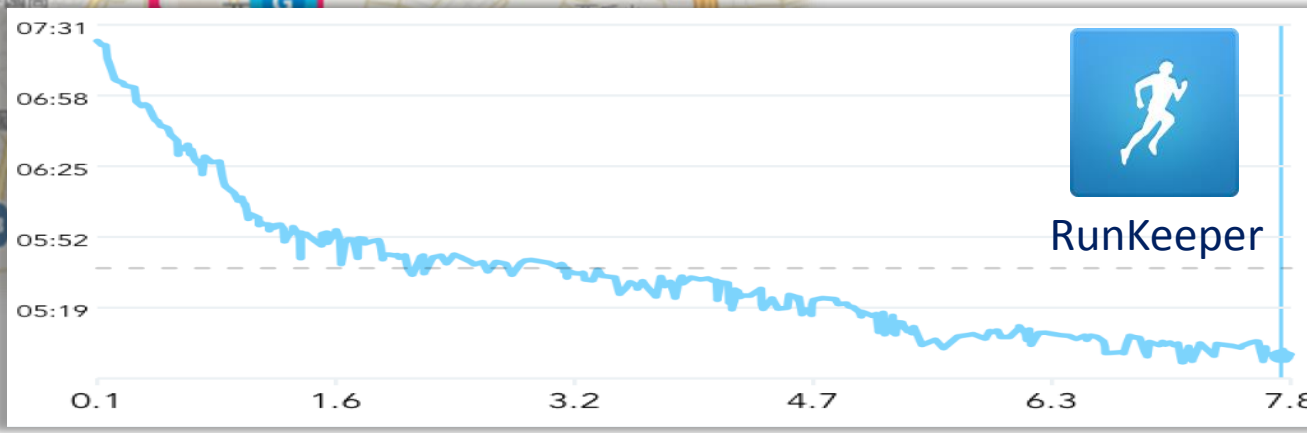
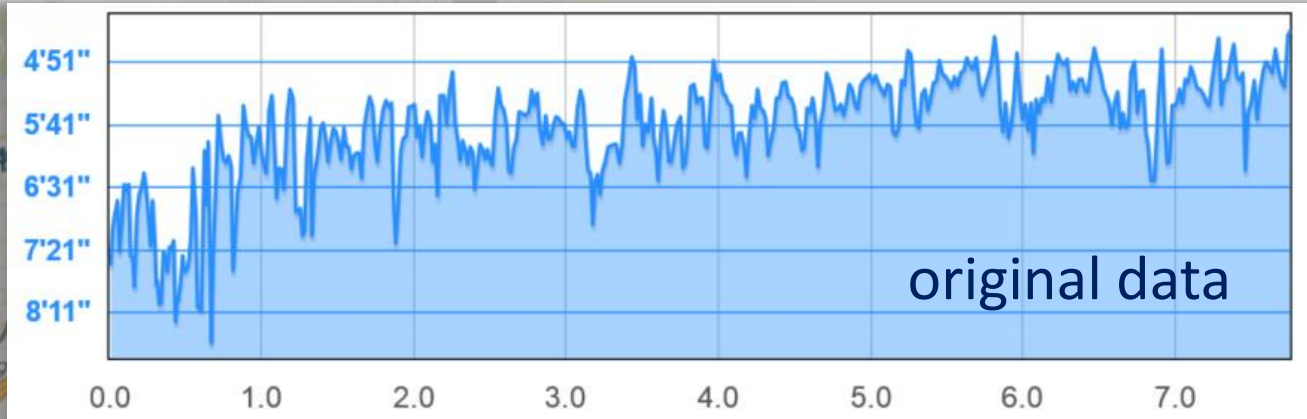
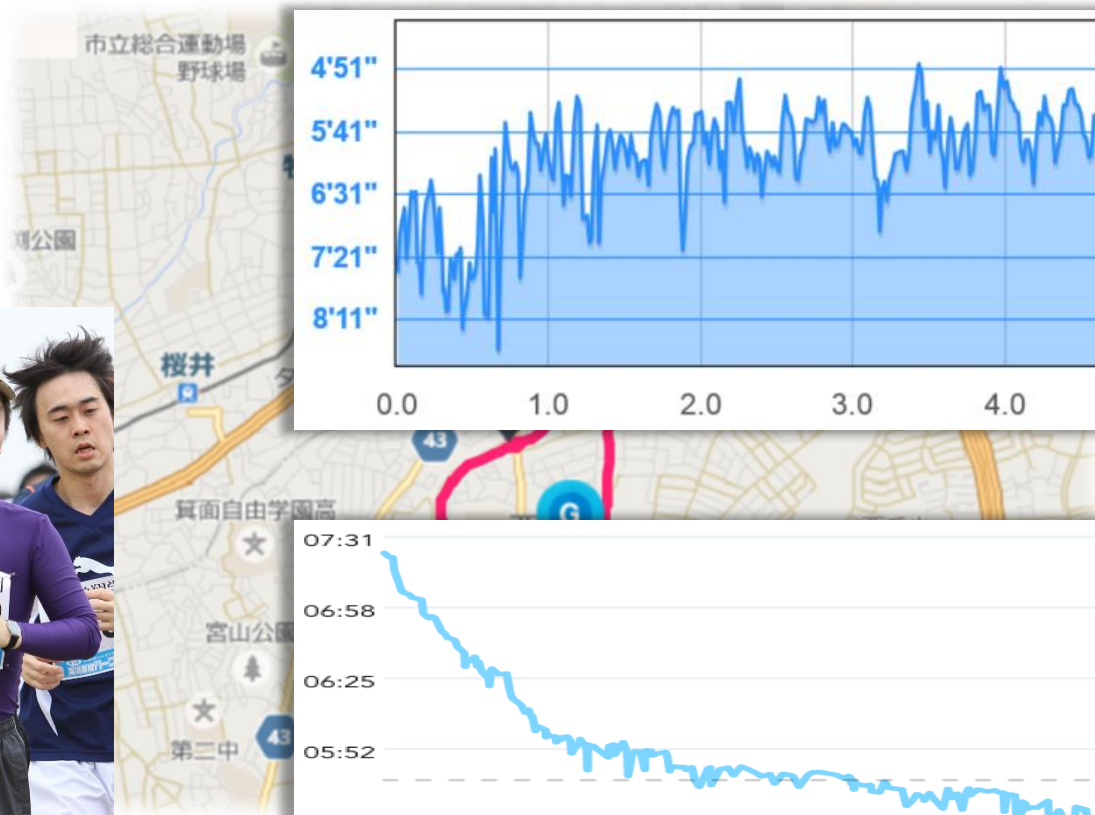
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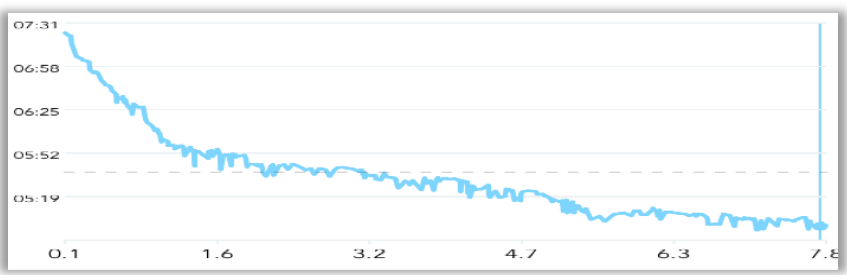
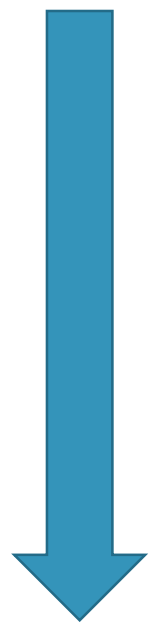
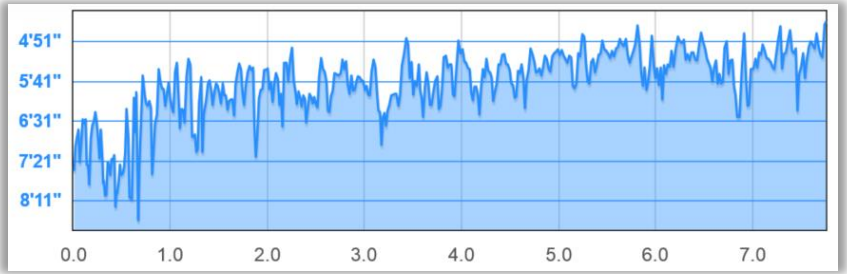


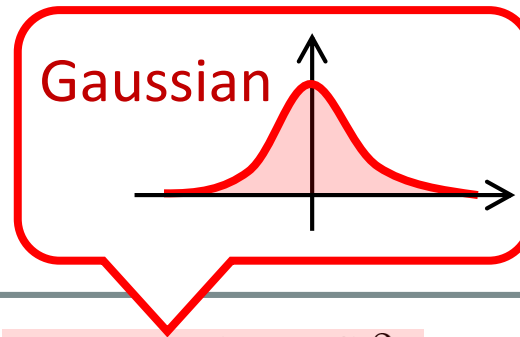
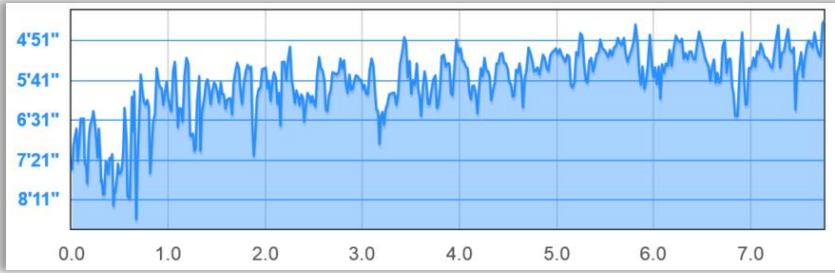
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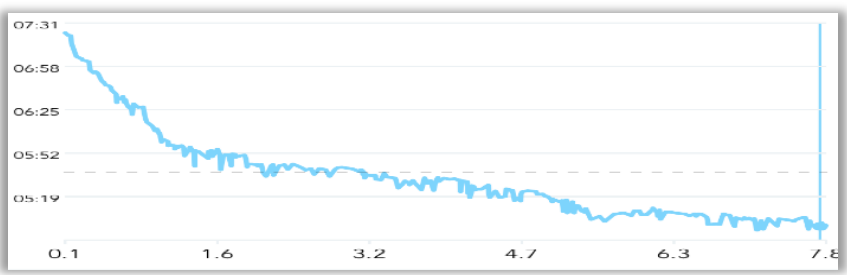
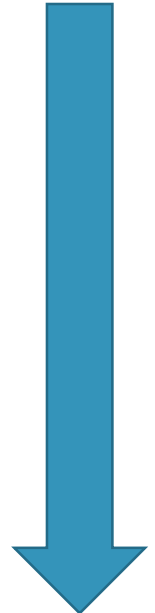
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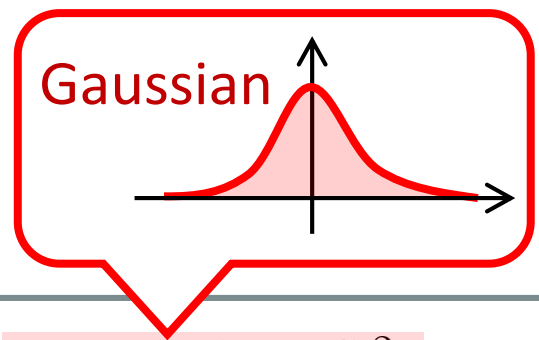
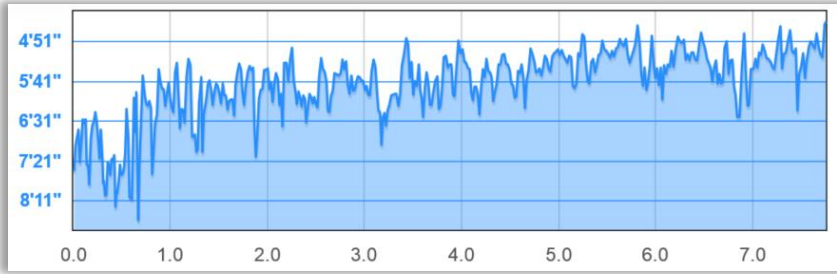






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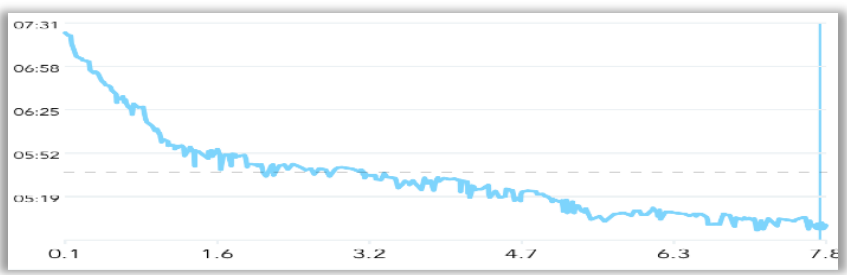


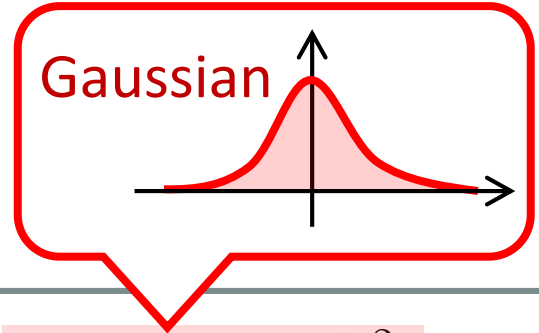
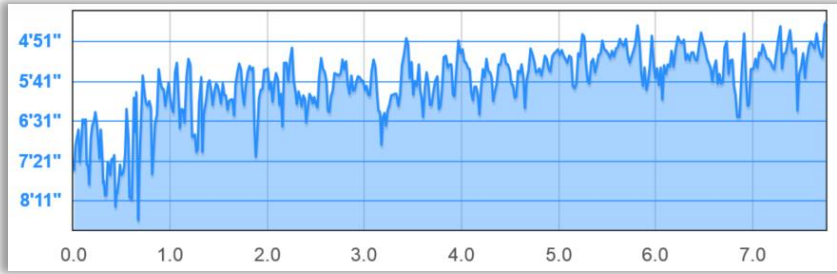


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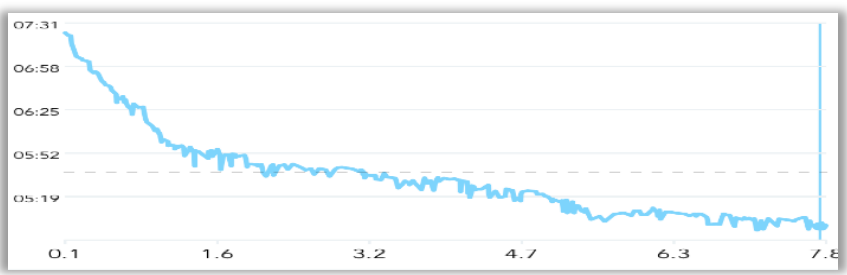
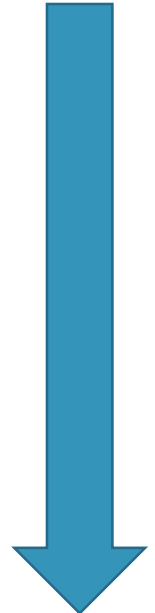




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$$= \partial_\nu \partial_\nu A_\mu + \dots$$

Gauge invariant version of 4-dim. diffusion equation

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= Continuous smoothing transformation of gauge field

- t: “flow time” dim: [E⁻²]
- smearing length $r = \sqrt{8t}$

Remarks:

- All observables are UV finite at t>0. [Luscher, Weiss, 2011](#)
- Smoothed field is no longer the original gauge field!

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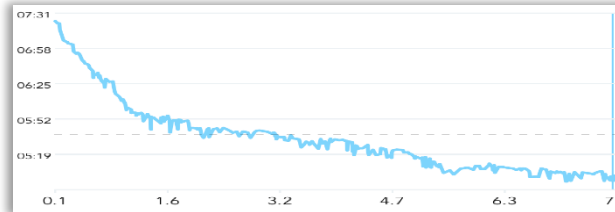
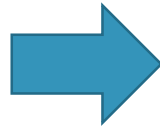
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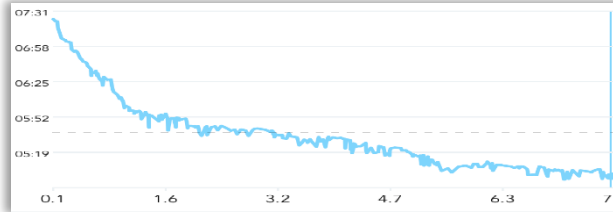
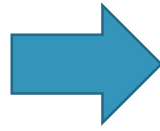
Luescher, Weisz, 2011

independent of lattice spacing
(up to $O(a^2)$ corrections)

The t dep. can be used for the **scale setting** of the lattice.

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Choice 1: $\mathcal{O} = t^2 E(t)$

Luescher, 2010

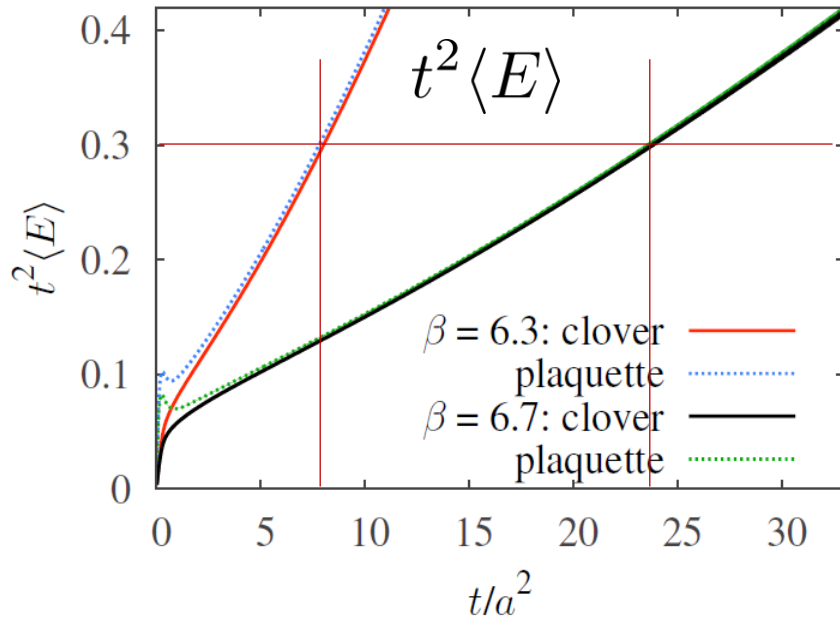
Choice 2: $\mathcal{O} = t \frac{d}{dt} t^2 E(t)$

Budapest-Wuppertal, 2012

$$E = \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_{\mu\nu}^a$$

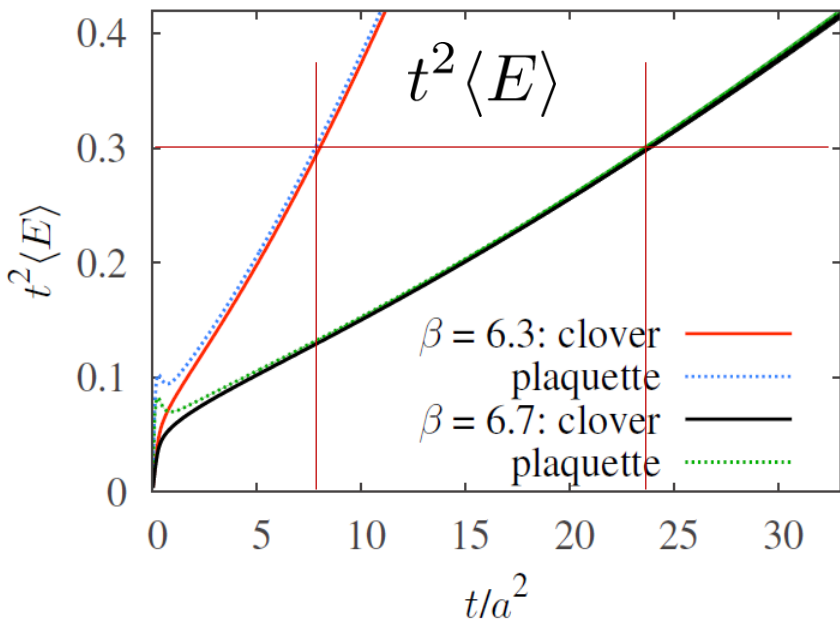
discretization effect suppressed

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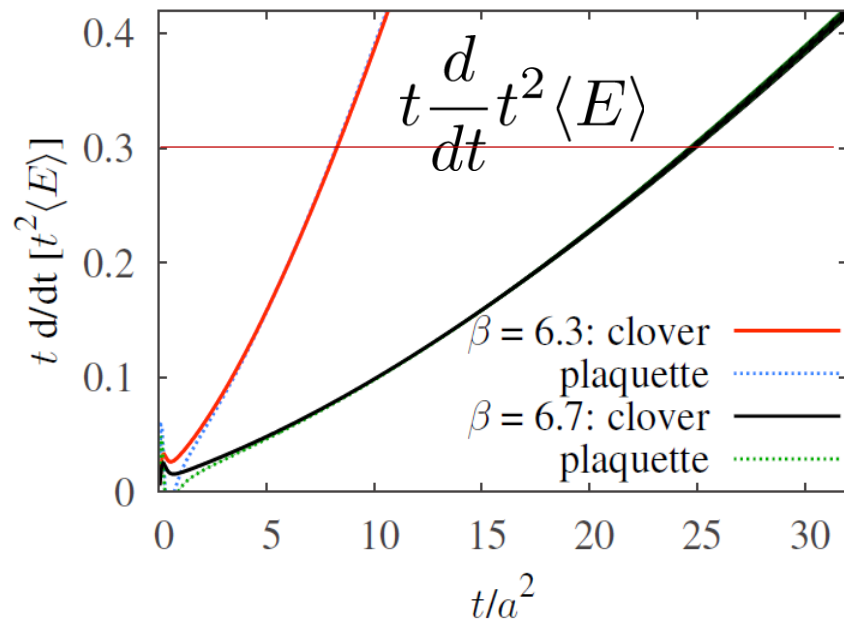


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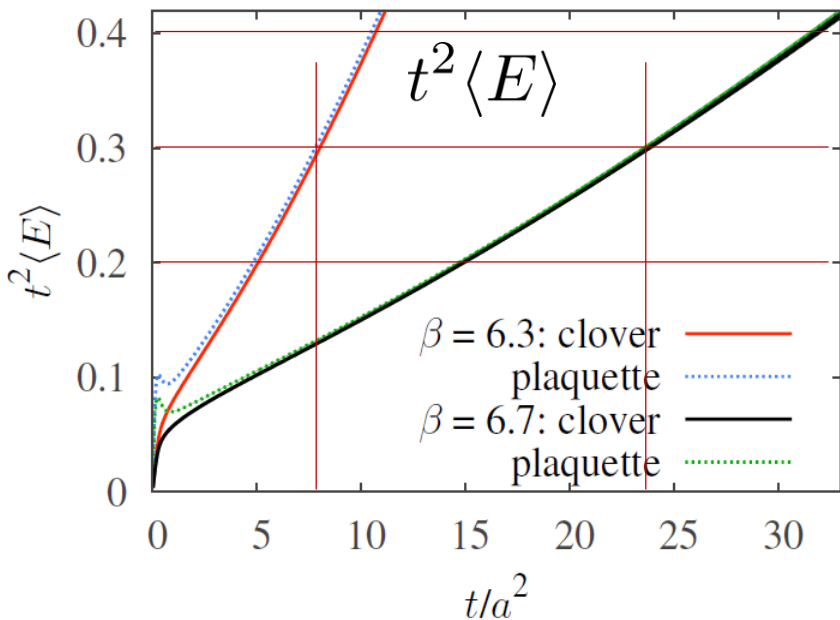
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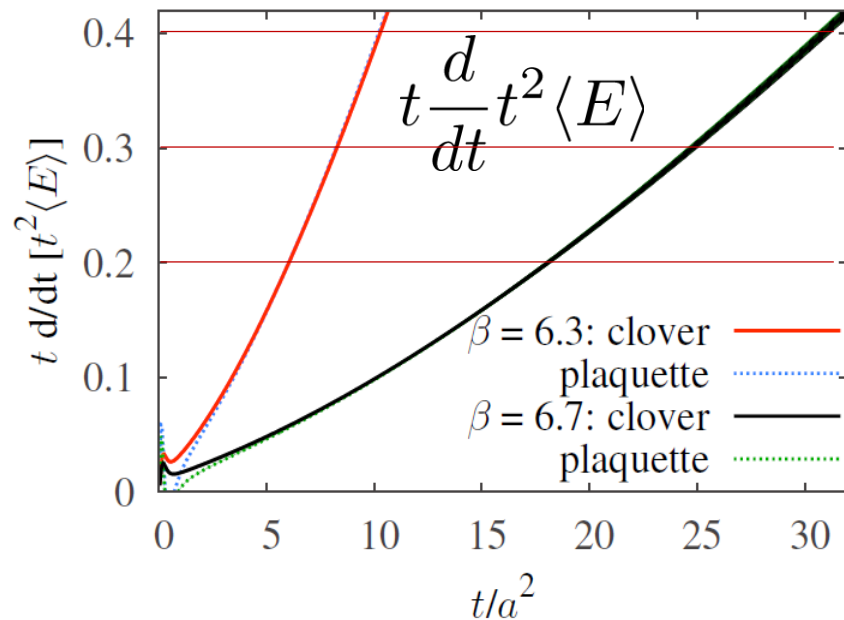
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- Advantages: {
- Less statistical errors
 - No fit analyses
 - No measurement of non-local obs.

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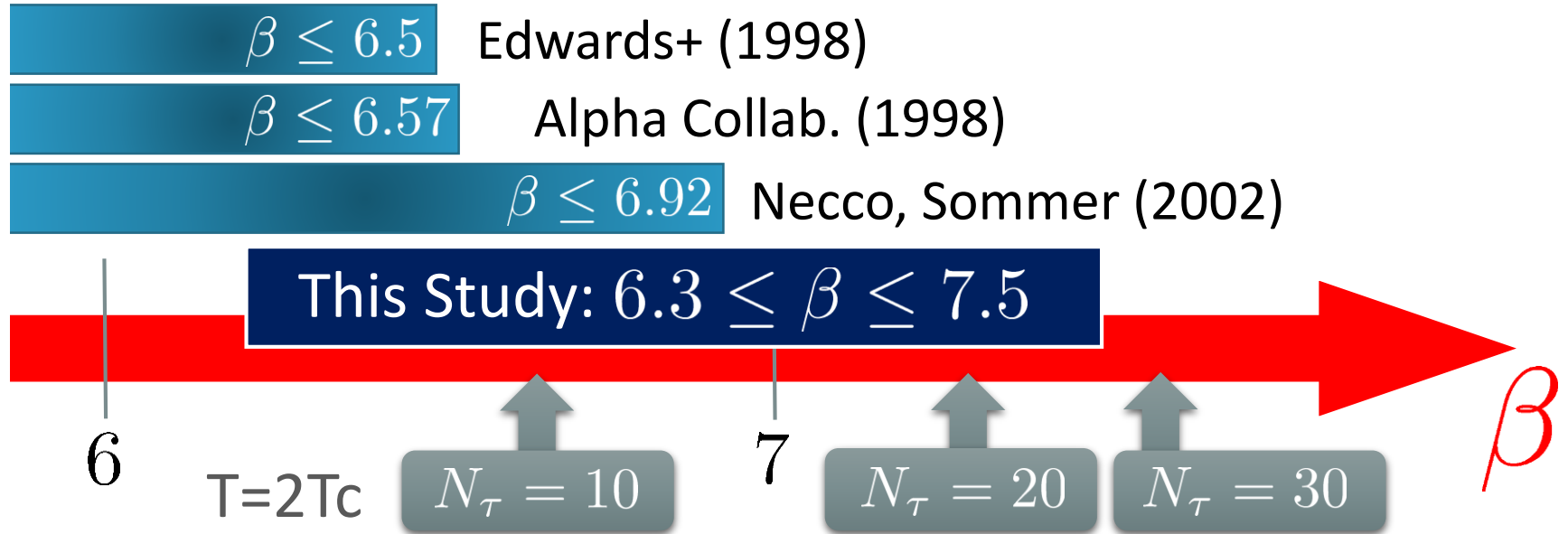
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Our Choice



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Lattice Spacing of SU(3) Wilson Action



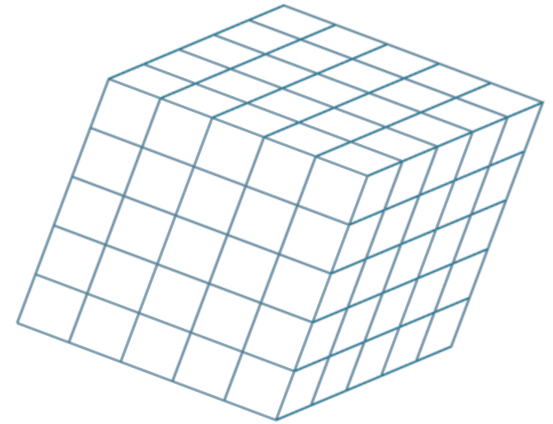
our parametrization for a

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stat. err. < 0.4% / sys. err. < 0.7%

Numerical Setting

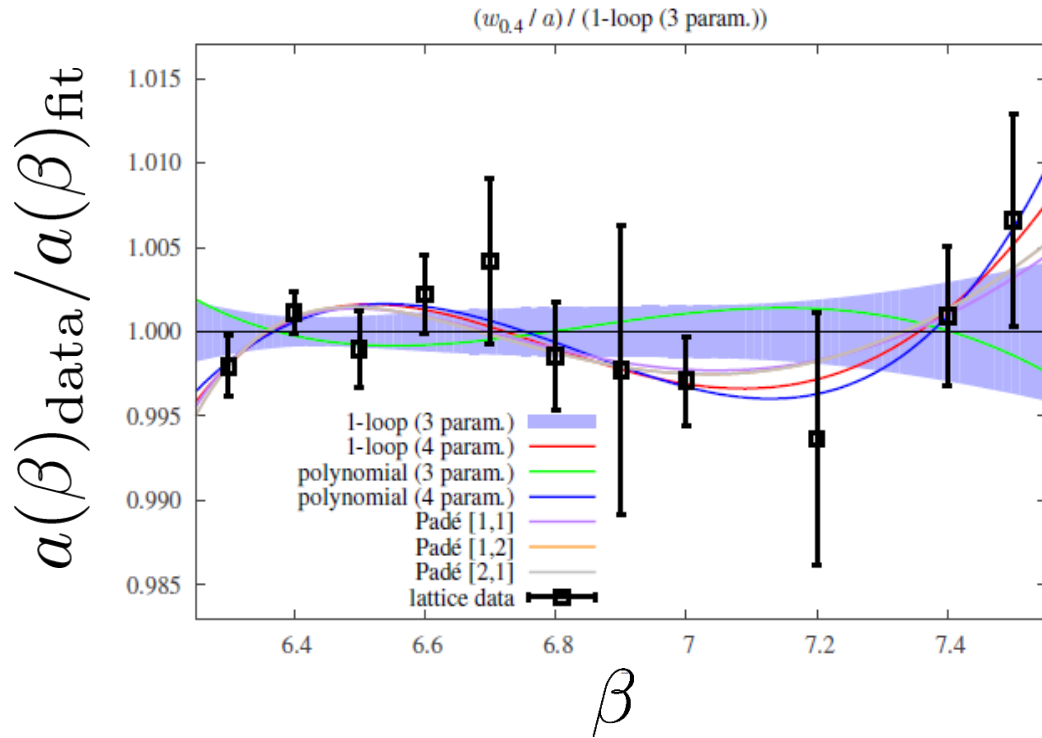
- SU(3) YM theory
- Wilson gauge action
- $w_{0.4} / w_{0.2}$ scaling



b	size	N_{conf}	b	size	N_{conf}
6.3	64 ⁴	30	6.9	64 ⁴	30
6.4	64 ⁴	100	7.0	96 ⁴	60
6.5	64 ⁴	49	7.2	96 ⁴	53
6.6	64 ⁴	100	7.4	128 ⁴	40
6.7	64 ⁴	30	7.5	128 ⁴	60
6.8	64 ⁴	100			

Each configuration is separated by 1000 updates (HB+OR⁵)
BlueGene/Q @ KEK

Parametrization with $w_{0.4}$



□ Use various fitting funcs

➔ estimate sys. err.

□ For $\beta=7.4$ and 7.5 , $w_{0.4}$ is obtained from $w_{0.2}$.

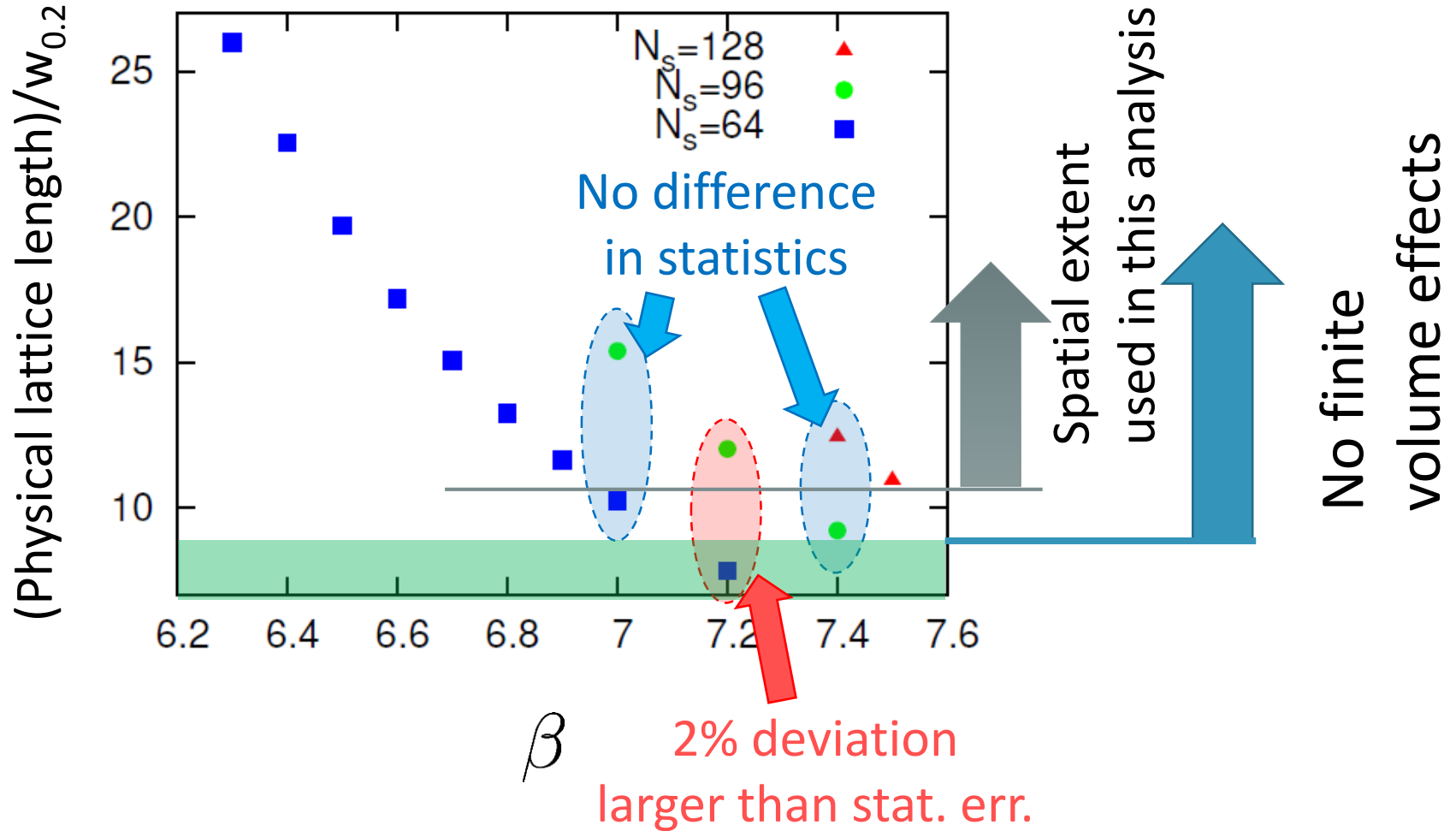
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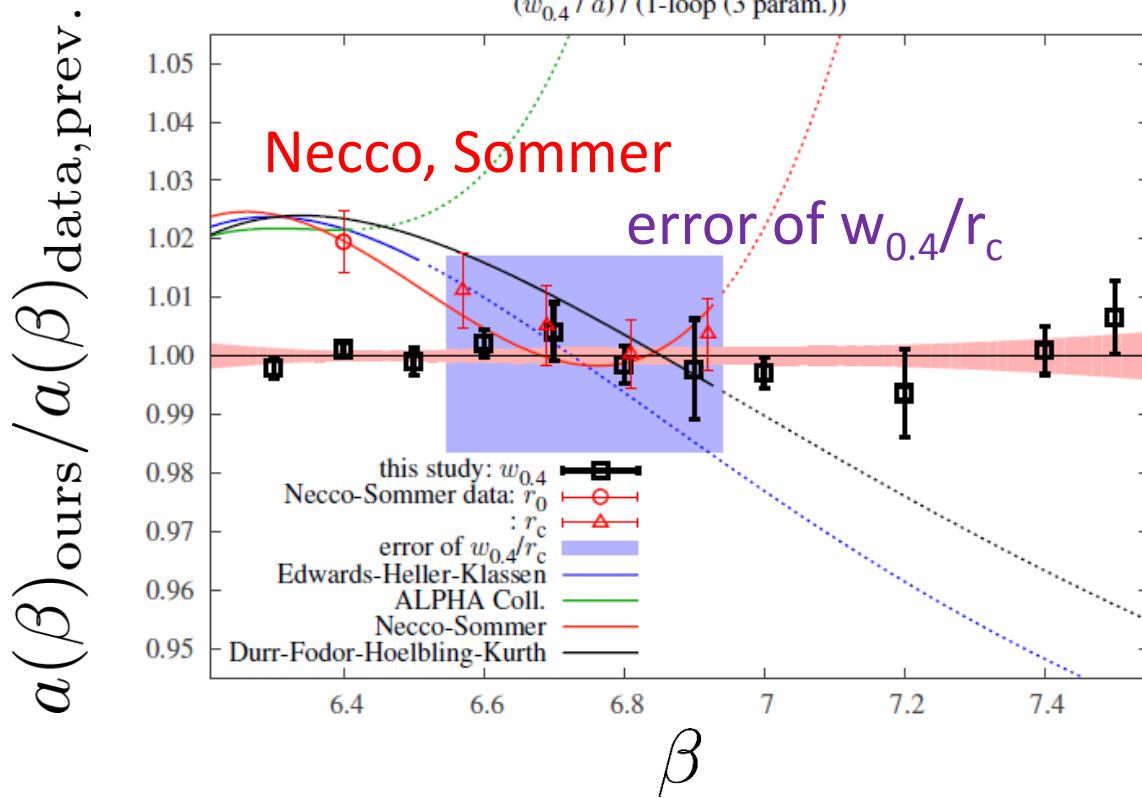
$\chi^2/\text{dof} = 0.92$

Finite Volume Effects



No finite volume effects within statistics

Comparison with Previous Studies



Edwards, Heller, Klassen, 1998
 Alpha-Collaboration, 1998
 Necco, Sommer, 2002
 Durr, Fodor, Hoelbling, 2007

← our parametrization
 by $w_{0.4}$

Recent study:
 Francis+, arXiv:1503.05652

- Agreements in available ranges.
- Need the analysis of the topological freezing effect.

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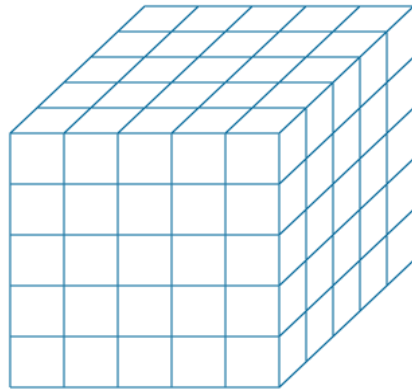
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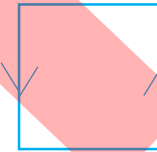
$T_{\mu\nu}$: nontrivial observable
on the lattice

- ① Definition of the operator is nontrivial
because of the explicit breaking of Lorentz symmetry



ex: $T_{\mu\nu} = F_{\mu\rho}F_{\nu\rho} - \frac{1}{4}\delta_{\mu\nu}FF$

$F_{\mu\nu} =$



- ② Its measurement is extremely noisy
due to high dimensionality and etc.

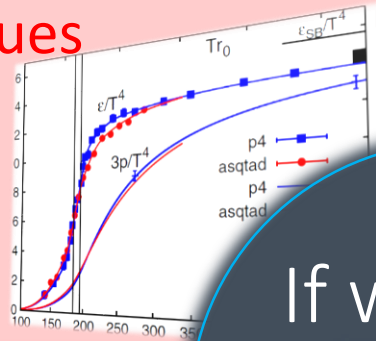
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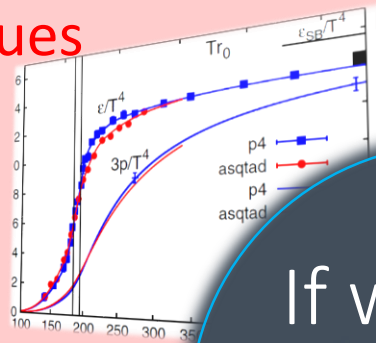
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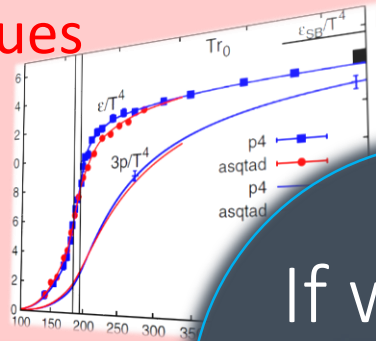
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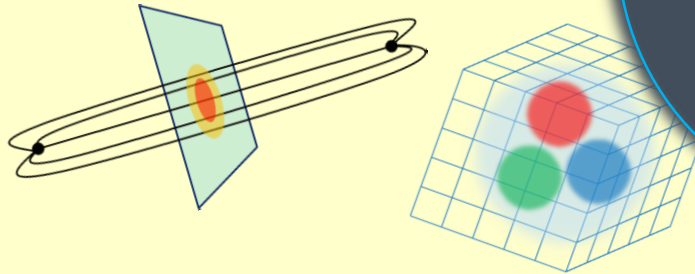
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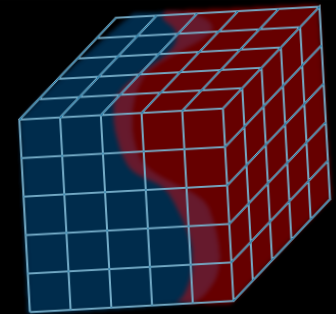
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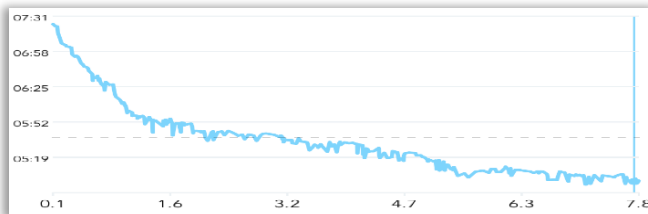
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Small Flow-time Expansion

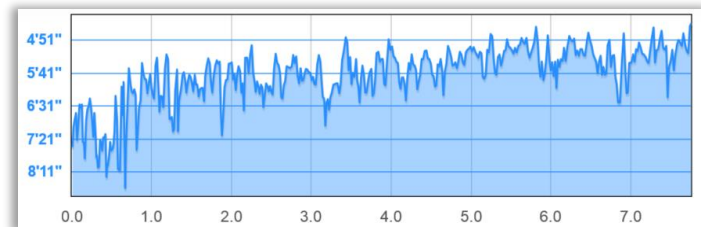
$$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}(t, x) \xrightarrow[t \rightarrow 0]{} \sum_i c_i(t) \mathcal{O}_i^R(x)$$

An operator
in blurred world



less noisy, continuous

Renormalized operators
in original theory



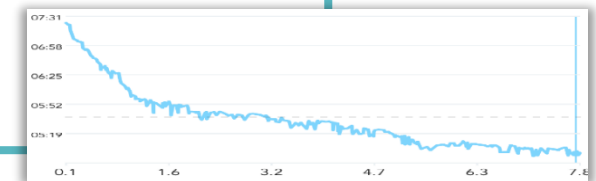
noisy, lattice discretized

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Suzuki, 2013

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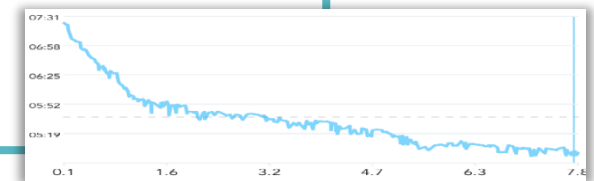


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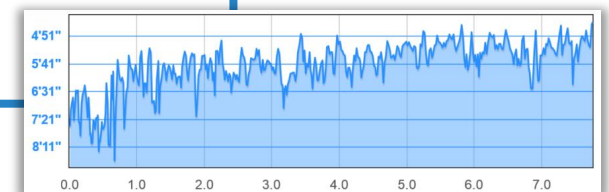
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$$U_{\mu\nu}(t, x) = \alpha_U(t) \left[T_{\mu\nu}^R(x) - \frac{1}{4}\delta_{\mu\nu}T_{\rho\rho}^R(x) \right] + \mathcal{O}(t)$$

$$E(t, x) = \langle E(t, x) \rangle + \alpha_E(t)T_{\rho\rho}^R(x) + \mathcal{O}(t)$$

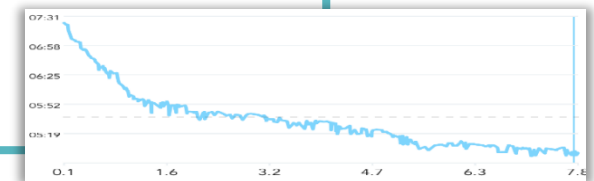


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Remormalized EMT

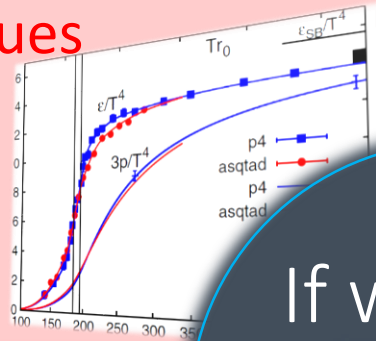
$$T_{\mu\nu}^R(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{1}{\alpha_U(t)} U_{\mu\nu}(t, x) + \frac{\delta_{\mu\nu}}{4\alpha_E(t)} E(t, x)_{\text{subt.}} \right]$$

Suzuki coeffs. $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha_U(t) = g^2 [1 + 2b_0 s_1 g^2 + O(g^4)] \\ \alpha_E(t) = \frac{1}{2b_0} [1 + 2b_0 s_2 g^2 + O(g^4)] \end{array} \right. \quad g = g(\sqrt{8t})$

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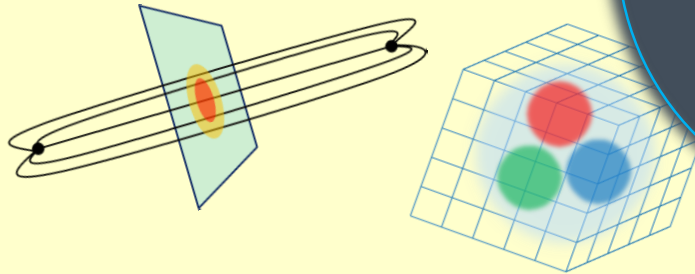
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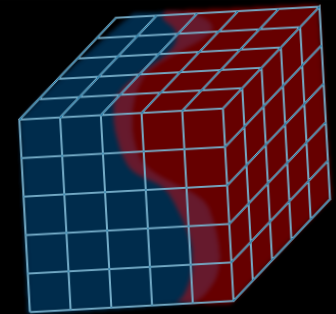
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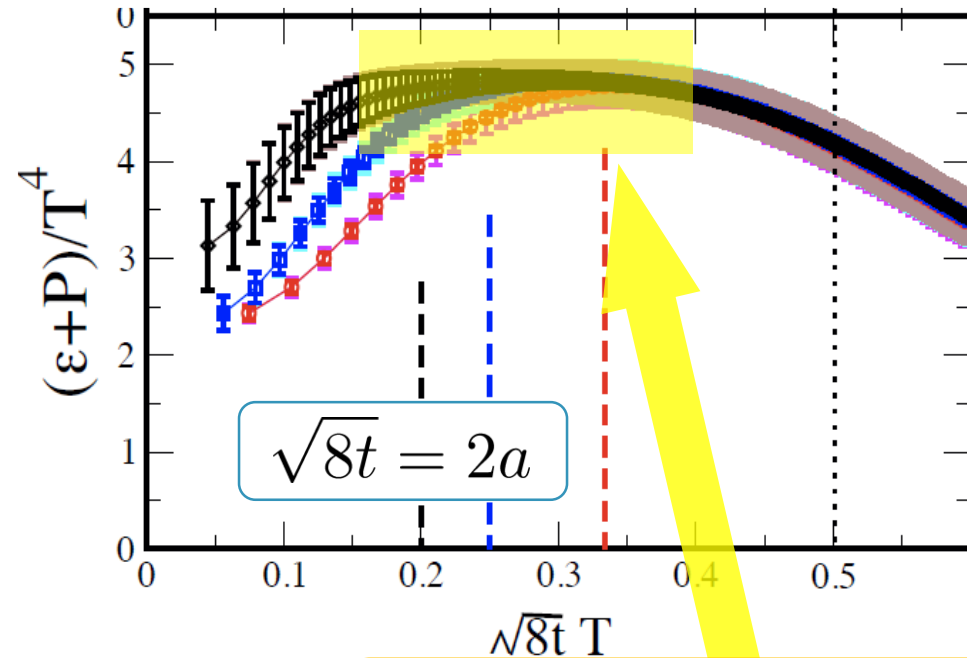
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SU(3) Thermodynamics with $N_t=6, 8, 10$

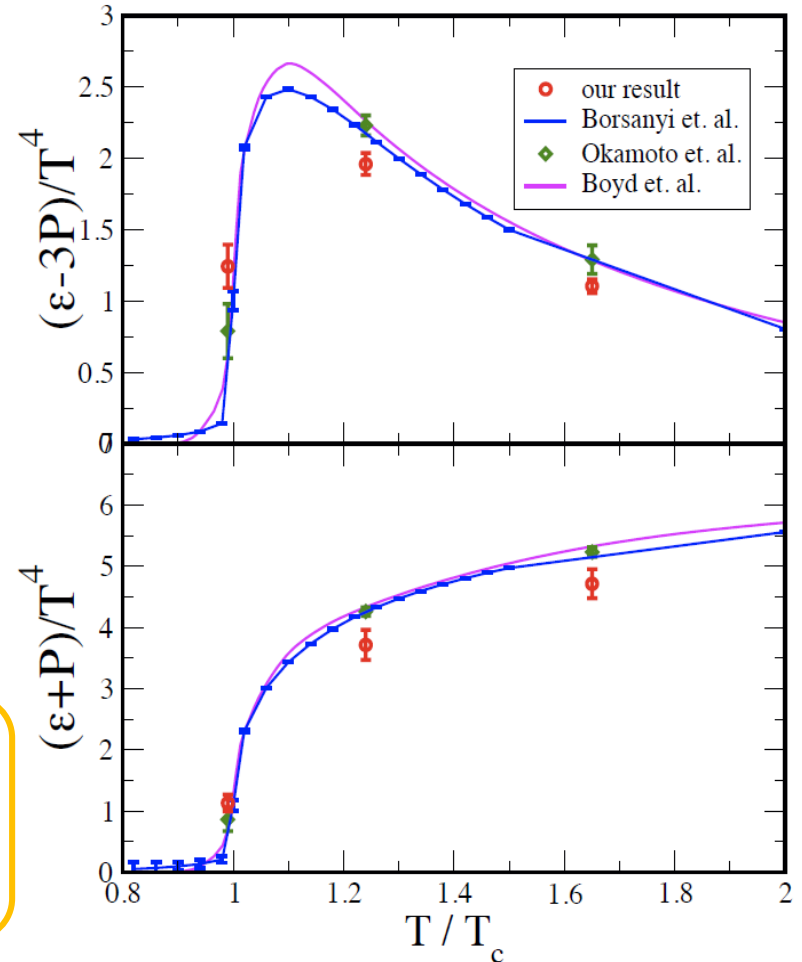
FlowQCD, PRD90,011501 (2014)

Entropy density $T=1.65T_c$



$N_t=6, 8, 10$
 ~ 300 confs.

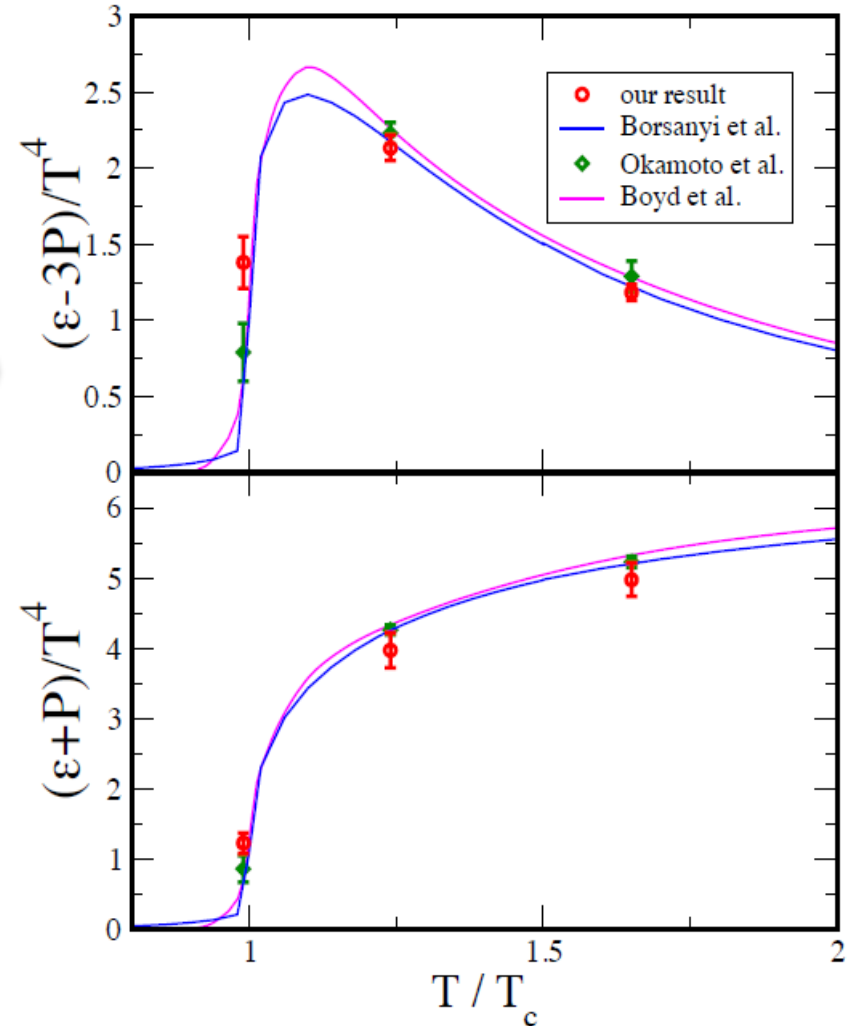
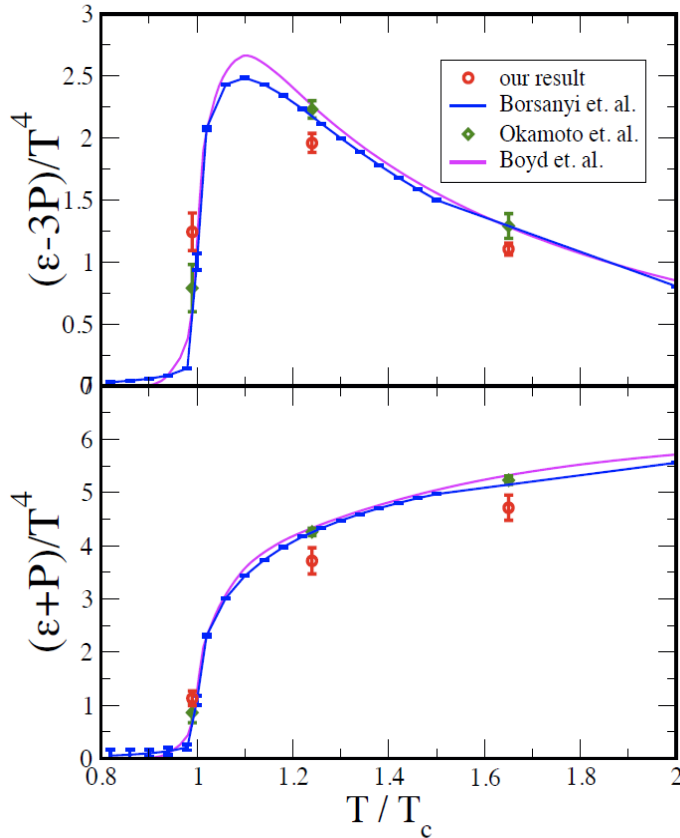
Stable region for
 $2a < \sqrt{8t} < 0.4T^{-1}$



An Erratum: Error in Suzuki Coefficients

FlowQCD, PRD90,011501 (2014)

Modified (in erratum)



$$\begin{cases} \alpha_U(t) = g^2 [1 + 2b_0 s_1 g^2 + O(g^4)] \\ \alpha_E(t) = \frac{1}{2b_0} [1 + 2b_0 s_2 g^2 + O(g^4)] \end{cases}$$

Simulation on Fine Lattices: $N_t = 12 - 32$

Simulation for $T=1.66T_c$

for $(e-3p)/T^4$

for $(e+p)/T^4$

N_t	beta	$N_{\text{conf}}(T>0/\text{vac})$
12	6.719	2000/700
16	6.941	1680/830
20	7.117	2000/1020

N_t	N_s/N_t	beta	Nconf
12	5.33	6.719	2k
16	16	6.941	20k
20	9.6	7.117	22k
24	8	7.265	20k
32	6	7.500	18k

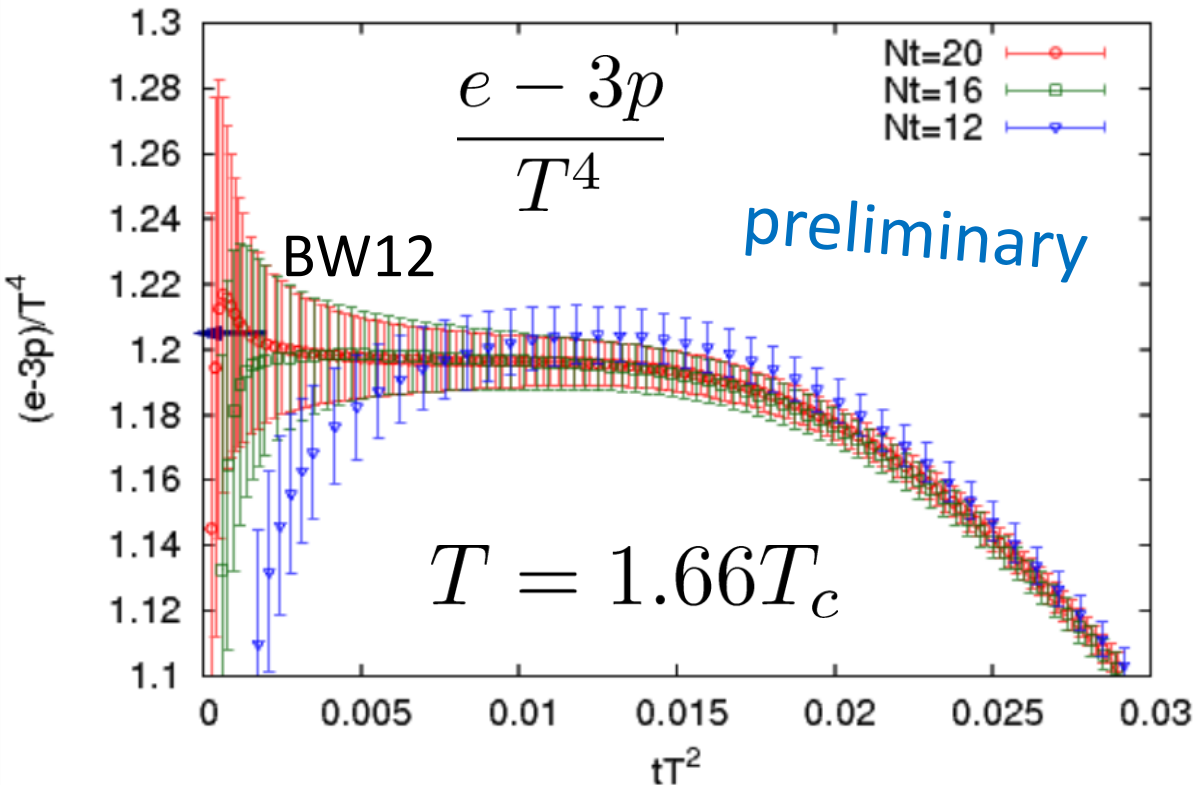
- $5.33 < N_s/N_t < 6.4$
- need vacuum simulation

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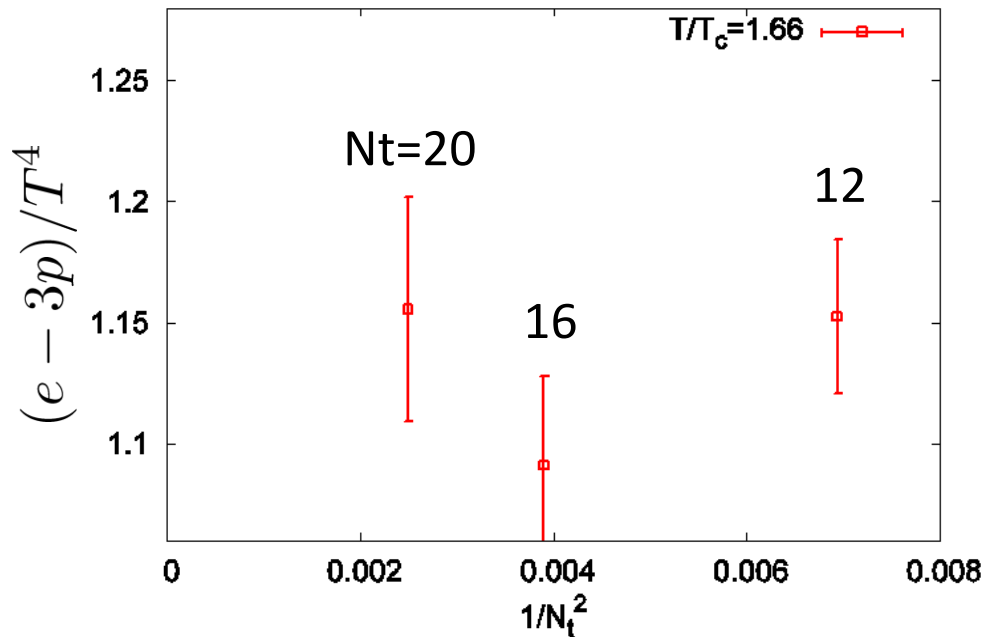


□ Good agreement with previous study

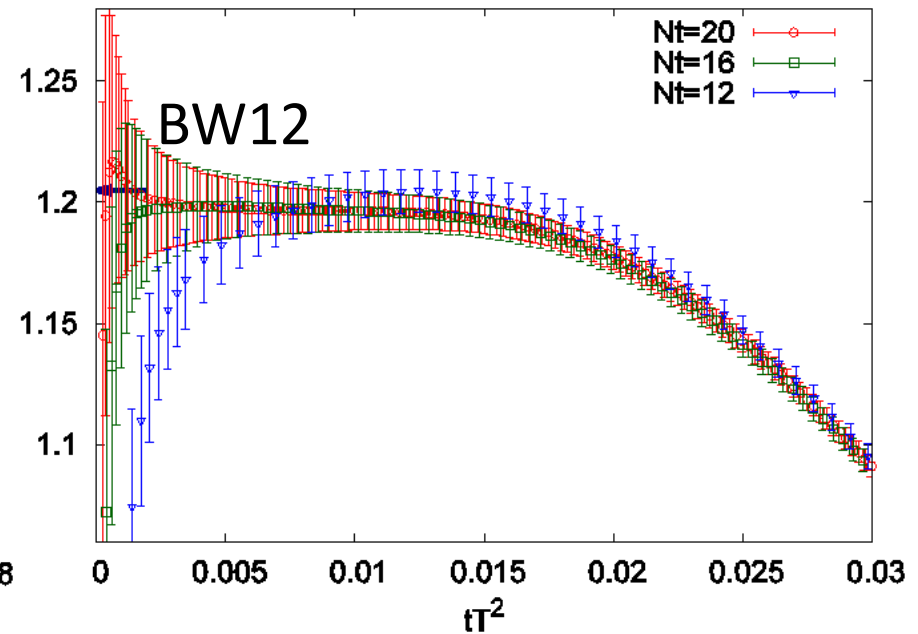
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Differential method
(beta func.: FlowQCD, 2015)



Gradient flow method



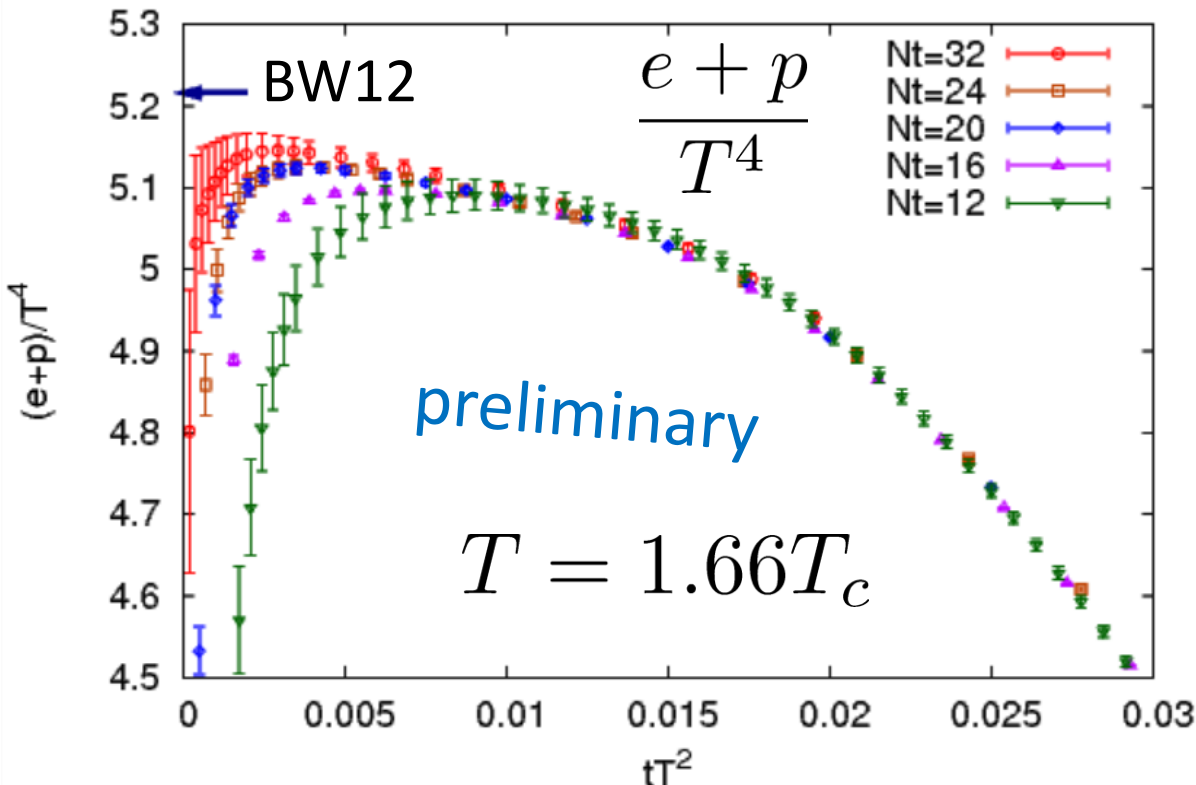
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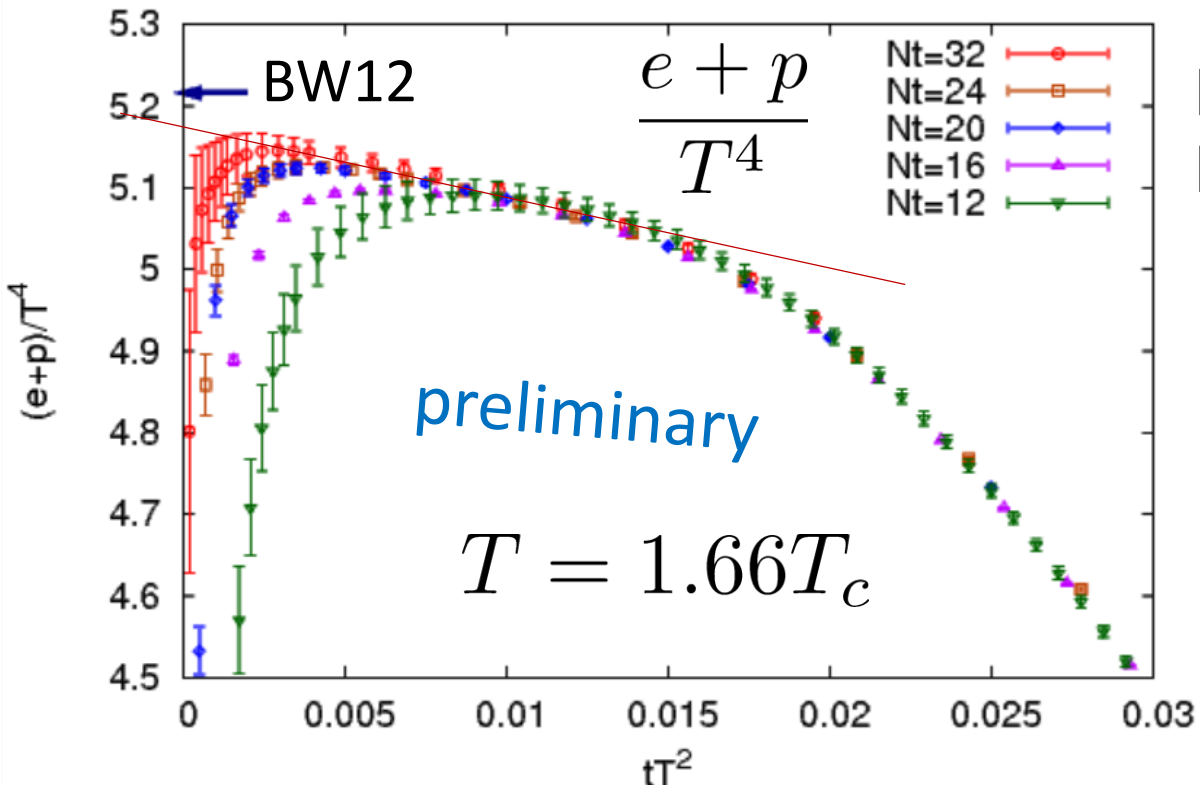
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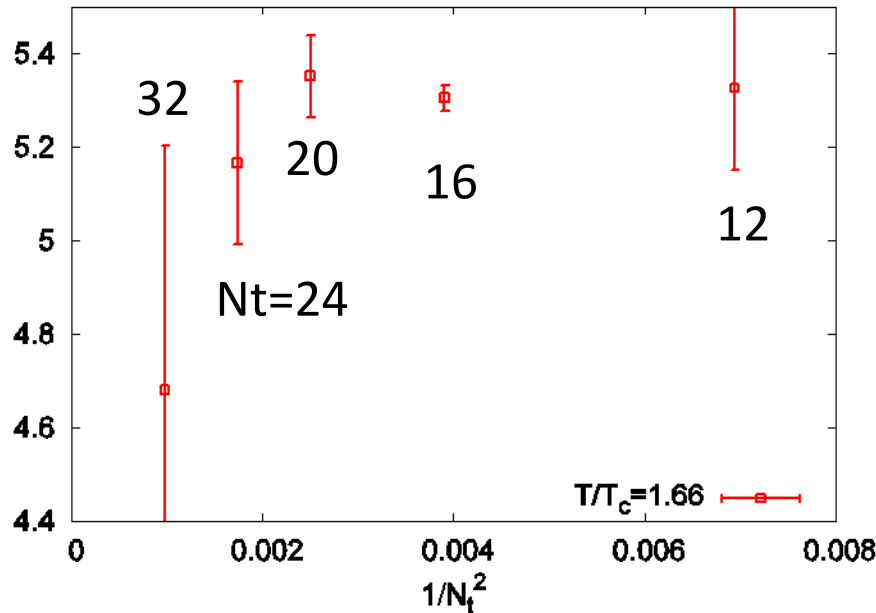
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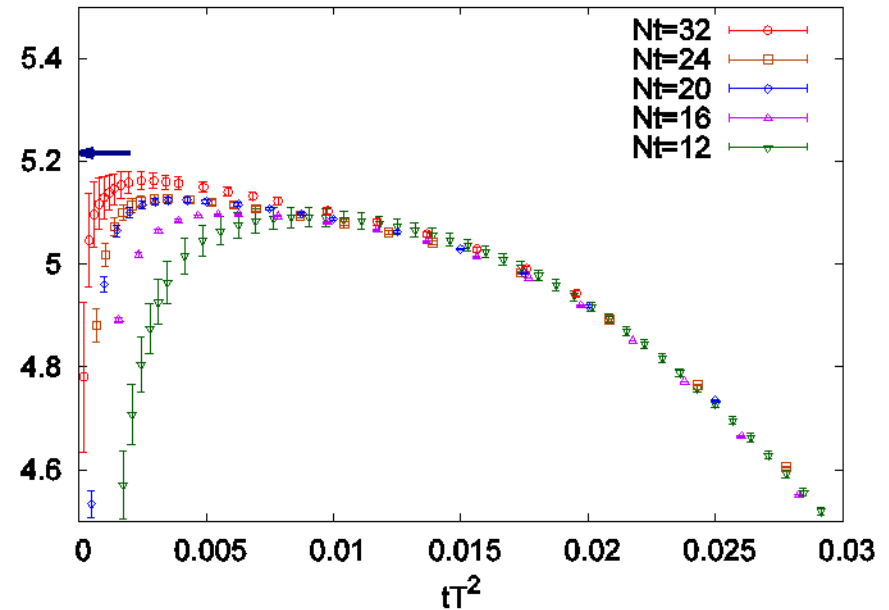
v.s. Differential Method (e+p)

Differential method

(Karsch coeffs.: Karsch+, 2000)



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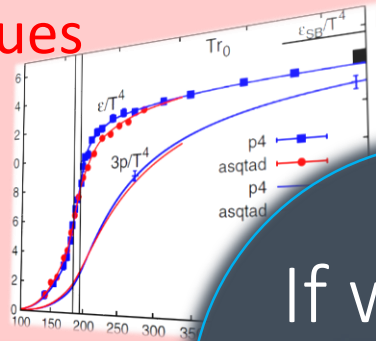


- A consistent result for two methods
 - deviation may be attributed to c_σ
- Smaller error in gradient flow method
 - the advantage become more prominent on finer lattices

Thermodynamics

direct measurement of
expectation values

$$\langle T_{00} \rangle, \langle T_{ii} \rangle$$



Fluctuations and Correlations

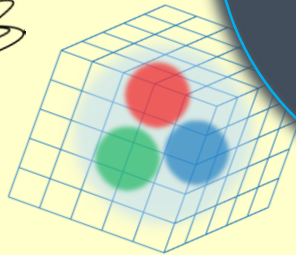
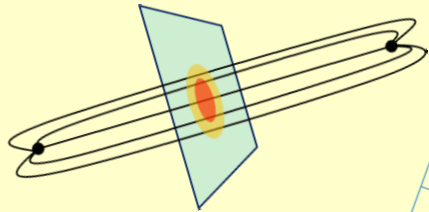
viscosity, specific heat, ...

$$\eta = \int_0^\infty dt \langle T_{12}; T_{12} \rangle$$

$$c_V \sim \langle \delta T_{00}^2 \rangle$$

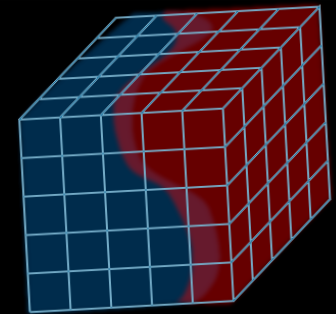
If we have

$$T_{\mu\nu}$$



- confinement string
- EM distribution in hadrons

Hadron Structure



- vacuum configuration
- mixed state on 1st transition

Vacuum Structure

EMT Correlator

□ Kubo Formula: T_{12} correlator \leftrightarrow shear viscosity

$$\eta = \int_0^\infty dt \int_0^{1/T} d\tau \int d^3x \langle T_{12}(x, -i\tau) T_{12}(0, t) \rangle$$

➤ Hydrodynamics describes long range behavior of $T_{\mu\nu}$

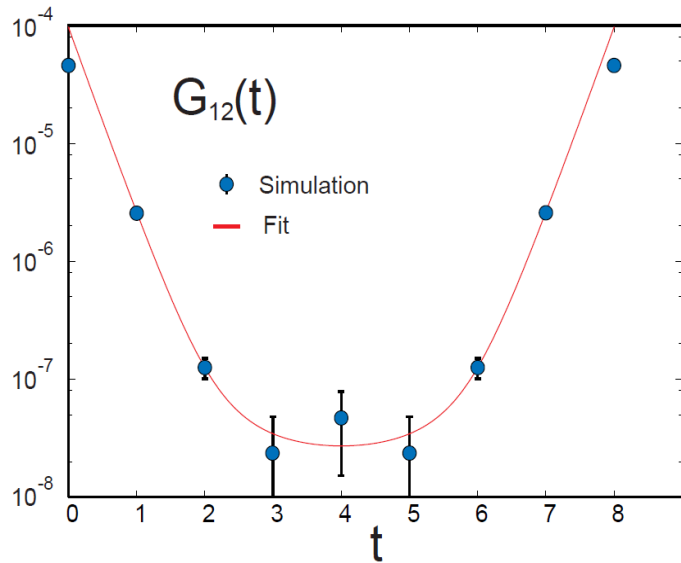
□ Energy fluctuation \leftrightarrow specific heat

$$c_V = \frac{\langle \delta E^2 \rangle}{VT^2}$$

EMT Correlator : Extremely Noisy...

With naïve EMT operators

$$\langle T_{12}(\tau) T_{12}(0) \rangle$$



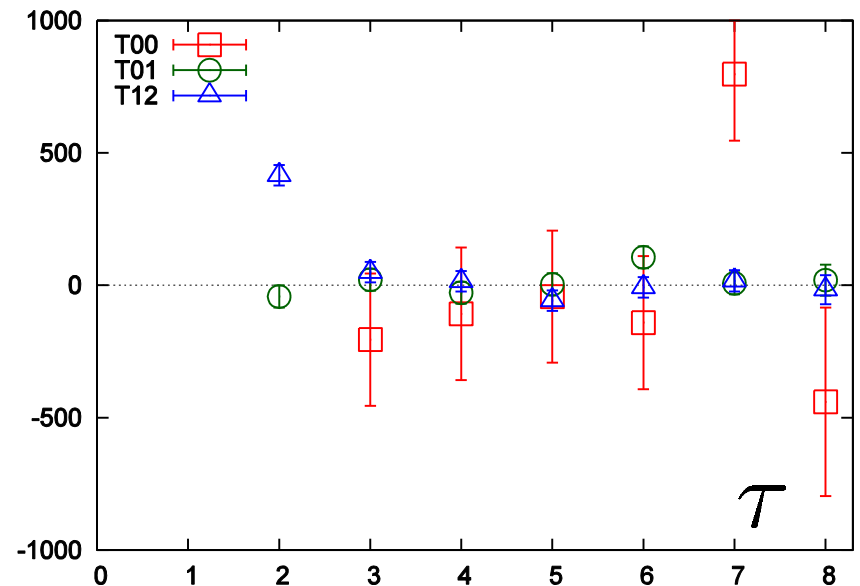
Nakamura, Sakai, PRL, 2005

$N_t=8$

improved action

$\sim 10^6$ configurations

$$\langle \delta T_{\mu\nu}(\tau) \delta T_{\mu\nu}(0) \rangle$$



$N_t=16$

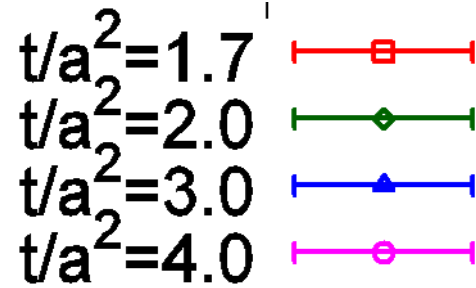
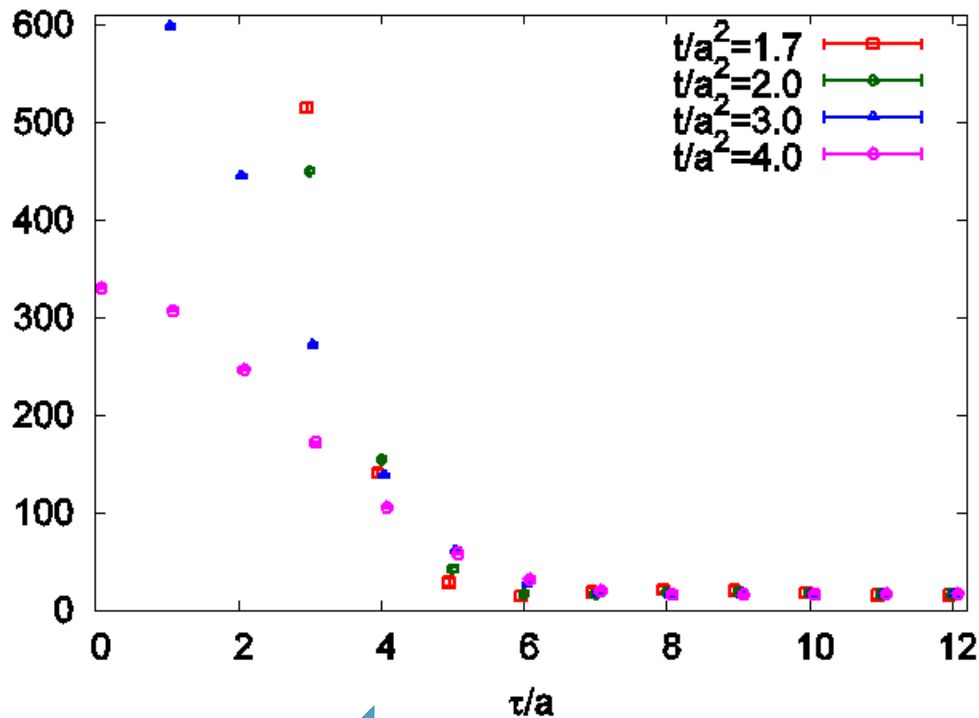
standard action

50k configurations

... no signal

Correlation Functions

$$\langle \delta T_{00}(\tau) \delta T_{00}(0) \rangle / T^5$$



Smeared

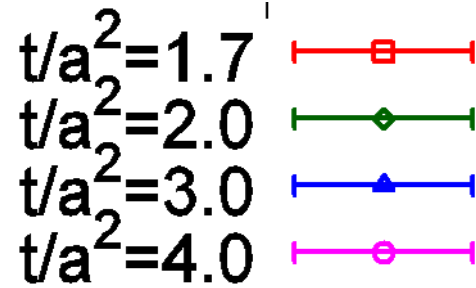
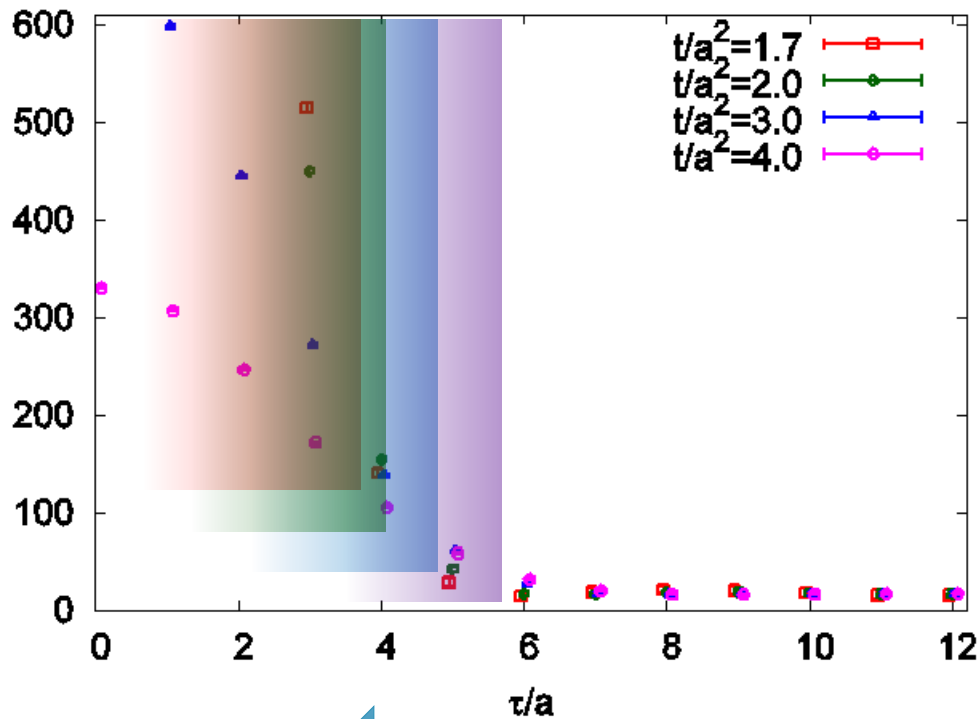


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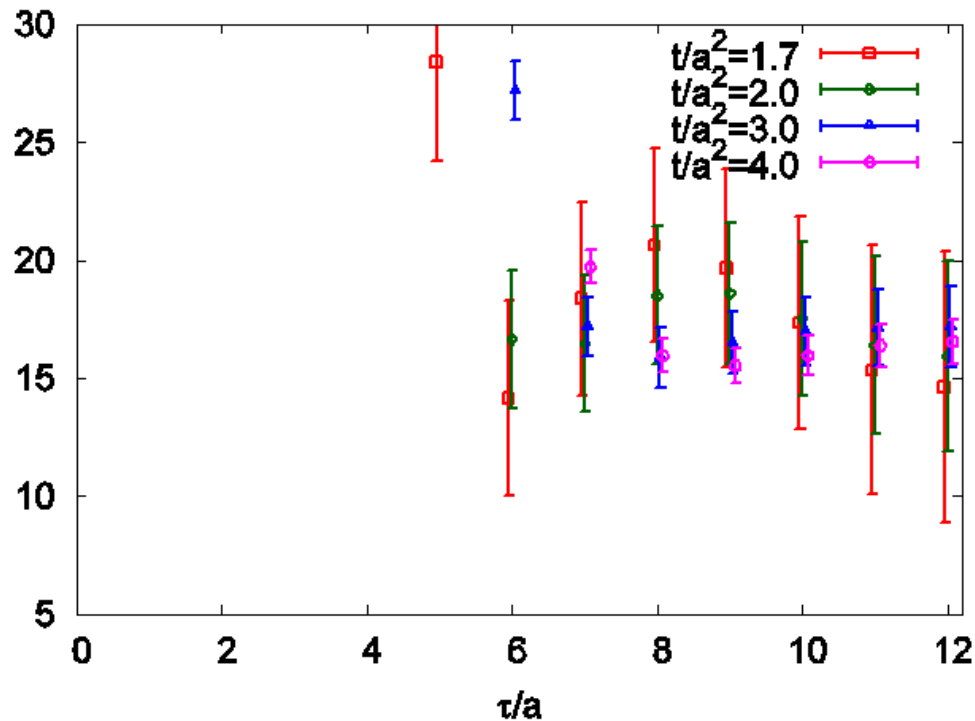
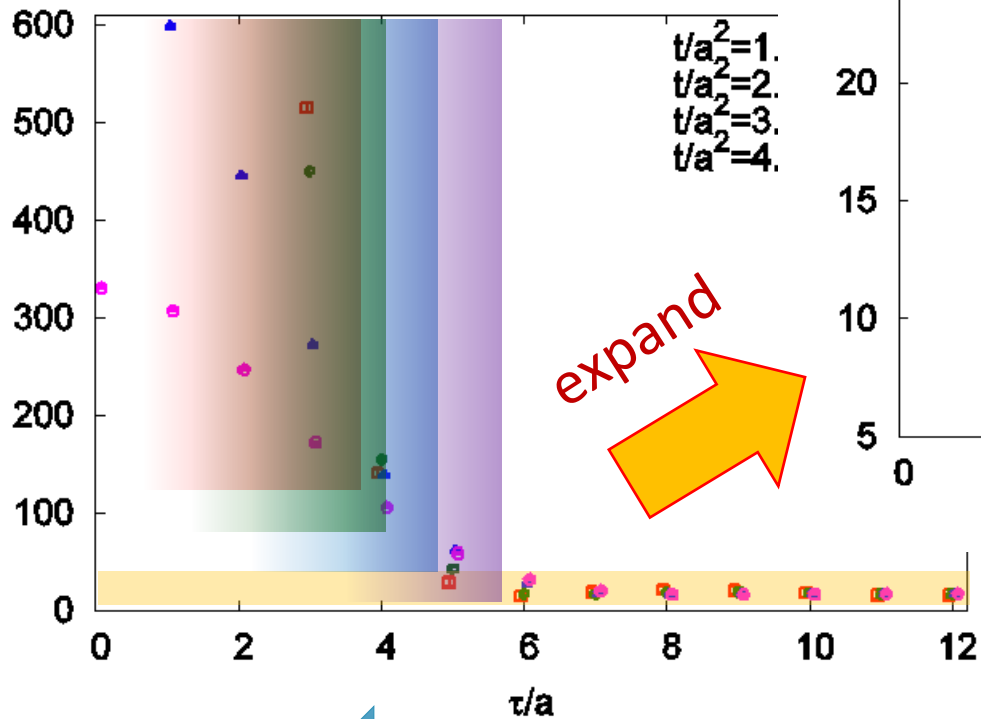
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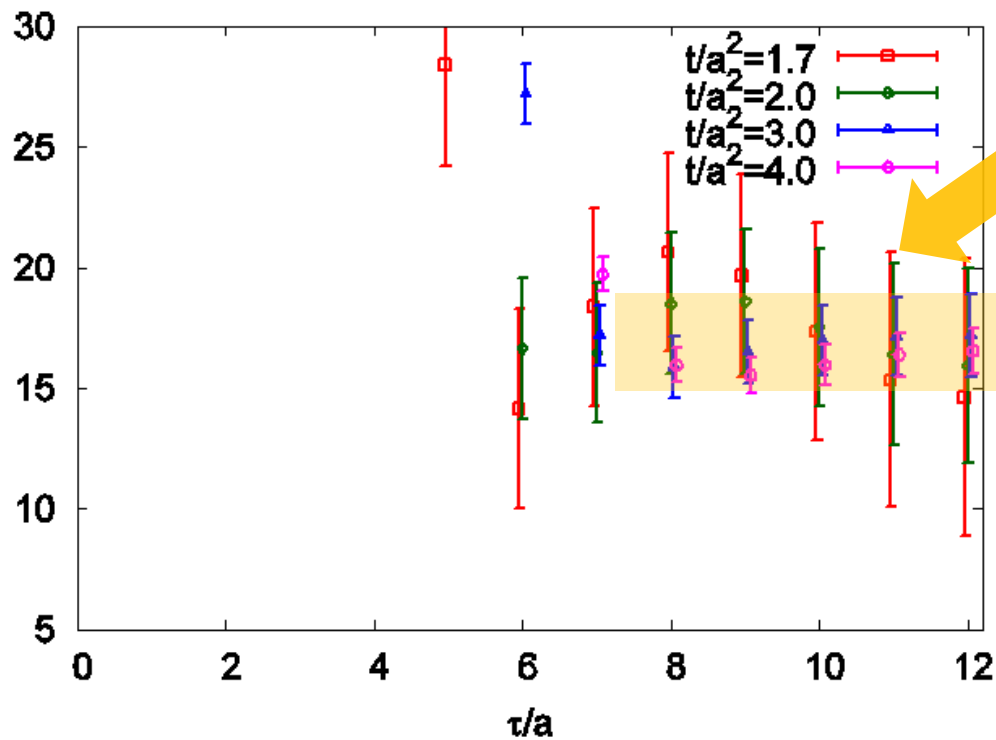
Energy Correlation Function

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□ τ independent const.

→ energy conservation

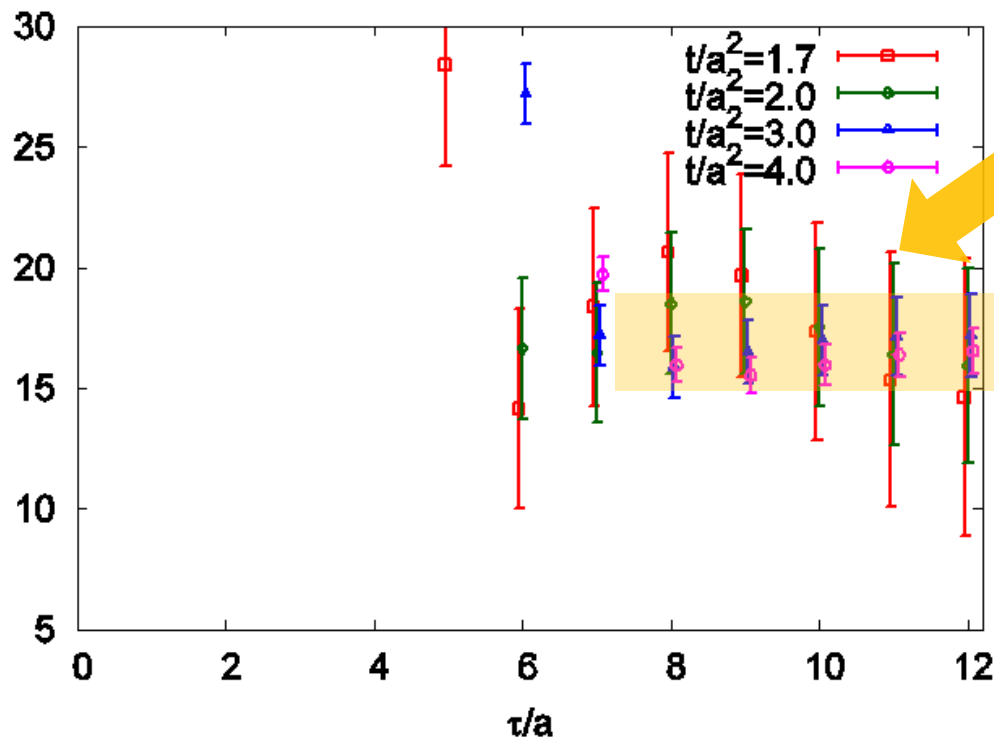
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□ specific heat

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→ Novel approach to measure specific heat!

Gavai, Gupta, Mukherjee, 2005

$$c_V/T^3 = 15(1) \quad T/T_c = 2$$

$$= 18(2) \quad T/T_c = 3$$

differential method / cont lim.

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➤ correlation functions as well as SFTE
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Fermion propagator

$$\langle \psi(t_1, x) \bar{\psi}(t_2, y) \rangle = \int dx' dy' K(t_1, x; 0, x') S(x', y') K(0, y'; t_2, y)$$

- K: “fundamental solution” $(\partial_t - D_\mu D_\mu)K = 0$
- S: propagator at $t=0$

- Study of chiral condensate [Luscher, 2013](#)
- Application to QCD thermodynamics: just started
by FlowQCD + WHOT QCD = FlowWHOT Collaboration

Summary

YM Gradient Flow

$$\partial_t A_\mu = D_\nu G_{\mu\nu}$$

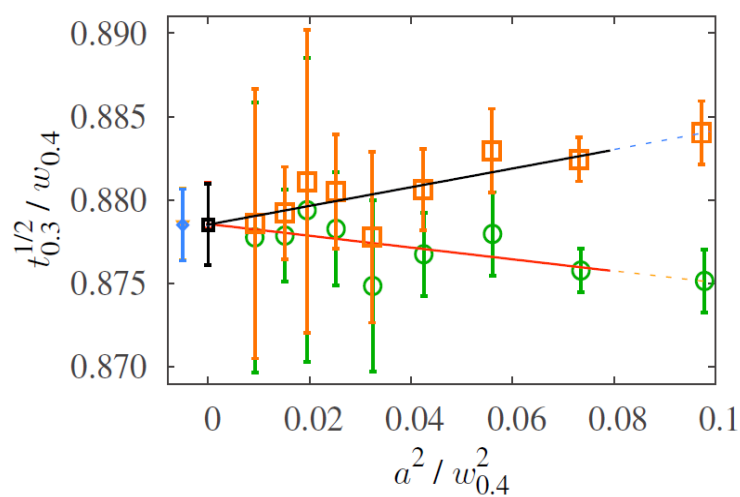
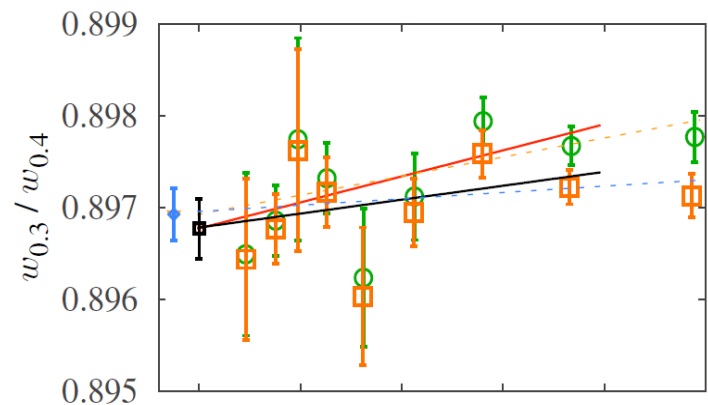
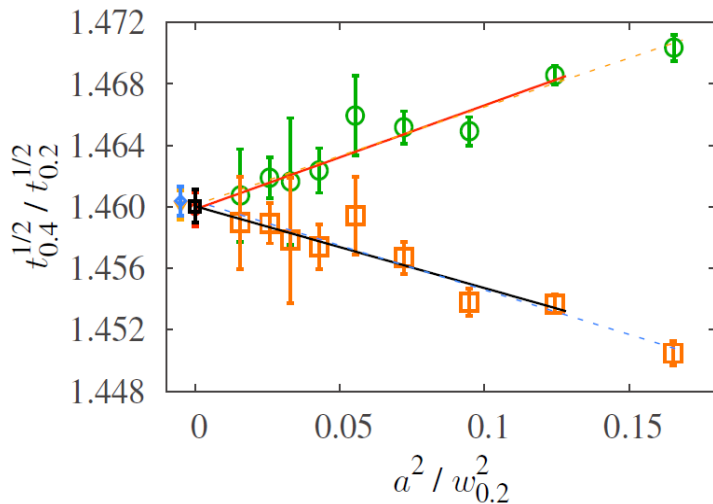
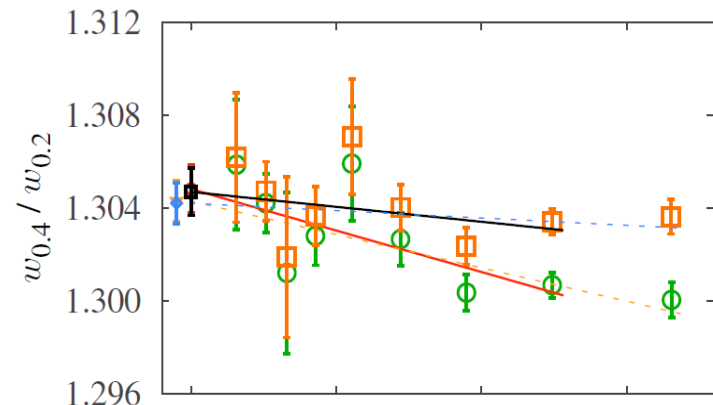
- A smoothing transformation of gauge field
- Many applications: scale setting, thermodynamics, ...

Many future studies

- EMT correlation functions → transport coefficients, etc.
- Topological property of gauge theory
- Flow for fermion field → Full QCD thermodynamics

Backup

Various Reference Scales



plaq.
clover

$\sqrt{t_{0.4}}/w_{0.4}$	$\sqrt{t_{0.3}}/w_{0.4}$	$\sqrt{t_{0.2}}/w_{0.4}$	$w_{0.3}/w_{0.4}$	$w_{0.2}/w_{0.4}$
1.0164(32)(3)	0.8785(24)(0)	0.6952(18)(2)	0.8968(3)(2)	0.7665(6)(2)

$r_c/w_{0.4}$	$r_0/w_{0.4}$	$\sqrt{\sigma}w_{0.4}$	$T_c w_{0.4}$	$w_{0.4}\Lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}$
1.328(21)(7)	2.587(45)	0.455(8)	0.285(5)	0.233(19)