

Photons and Transport at NLO

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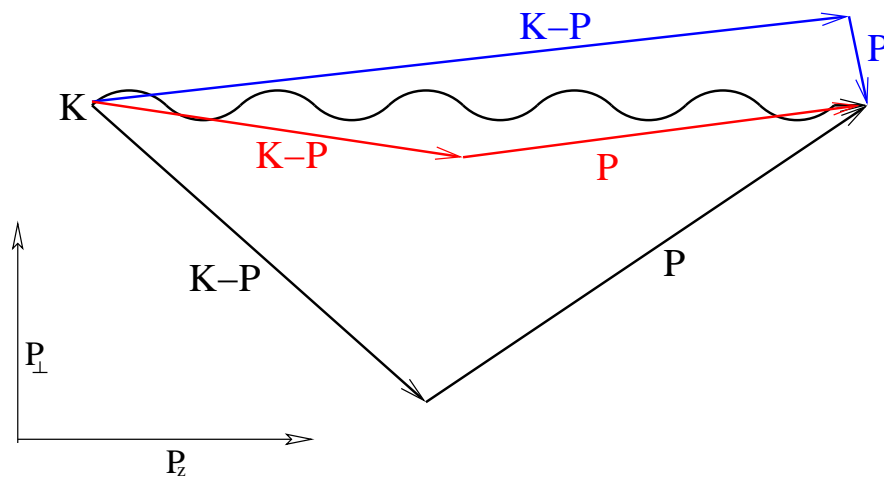
- Photon calculation “guts:” emergence of condensates
- Photon results
- Condensates from the lattice?
- $\hat{q}_{||}$ and transport
- Viscosity and diffusion: the complication

Phase space again

$$\overline{\mathcal{M}} \quad \mathcal{M}$$

$$\gamma \text{ produc: } \sum_{\psi_f} \langle \psi_i | A^\mu \bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \psi | \psi_f \rangle \langle \psi_f | A^\nu \bar{\psi} \gamma_\nu \psi | \psi_i \rangle$$

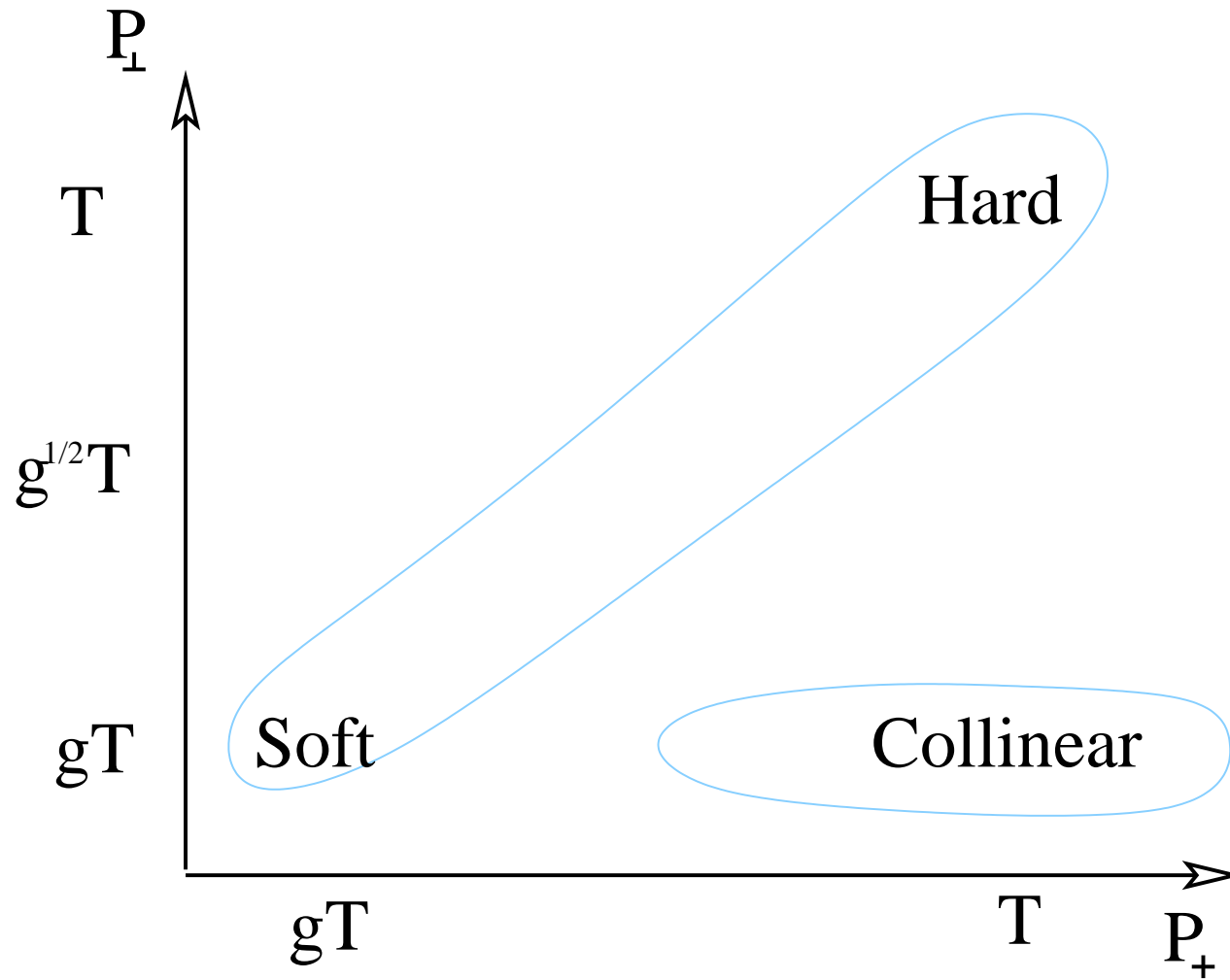
In \mathcal{M} , $\psi, \bar{\psi}$ momenta $p, k - p$ must add to k of photon:



Black: way off-shell,
but big phase space
Blue: less phase sp,
but soft enhancement
Red: both can be
almost on-shell.

Call these regions Hard, **Soft**, and **Collinear**.

The P_{\perp}, P_{+} plane:



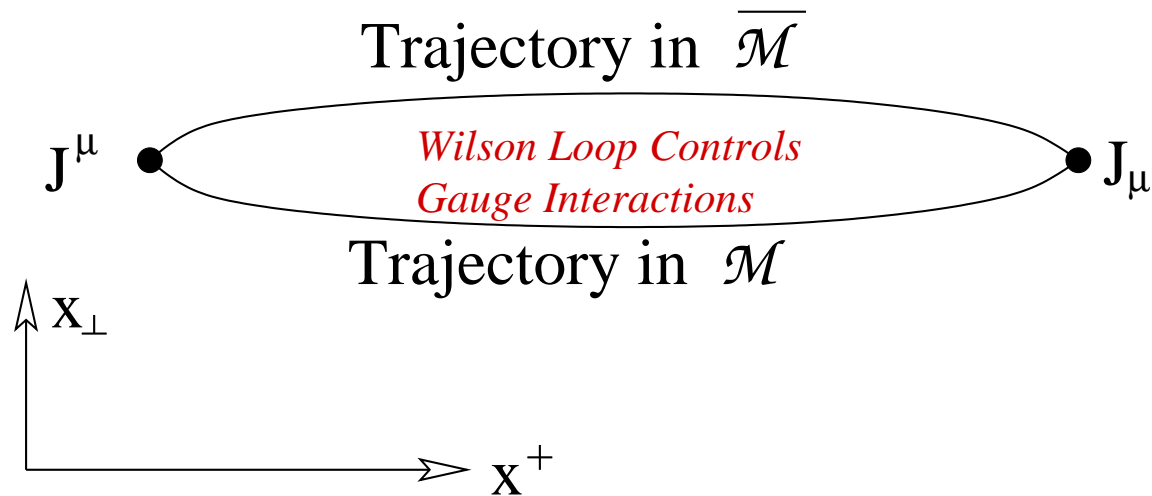
Collinear case

Since $P, K - P$ collinear, move in approx. same direction.

J^μ in \mathcal{M} and J_μ in $\overline{\mathcal{M}}$ not at same x -point.

Collinear \Rightarrow almost on-shell \Rightarrow can have large x separation;

$x^- \ll x_\perp \ll x^+$:



Involves condensate $\mathcal{C}(x_\perp)$.

Nontrivial analysis [AMY hep-ph/0109064, hep-ph/0111107](#) (see Peter's talk?)

$$\frac{dN_\gamma}{d^3\mathbf{k}d^4x} = \frac{\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{\pi^2 k} \int_{-k/2}^{\infty} \frac{dp^+}{2\pi} \frac{n_f(k+p) [1-n_f(p)]}{2[p(p+k)]^2} [p^2 + (p+k)^2] \times$$

$$\times \lim_{\mathbf{x}_\perp \rightarrow 0} 2 \text{Re} \partial_{\mathbf{x}_\perp} \mathbf{f}(x_\perp)$$

$$2\nabla_\perp \delta^2(x_\perp) = \left[\mathcal{C}(x_\perp) + \frac{ik}{2p^+(k+p^+)} (m_\infty^2 + \nabla_{x_\perp}^2) \right] \mathbf{f}(x_\perp)$$

To evaluate this at NLO I need:

- $\mathcal{C}(x_\perp)$ at NLO [[Condensates!!](#)]
- small $p^+ \sim gT$ behavior: $\lim_{p^+ \ll T} [\text{integrand}] \rightarrow (p^+)^0$
- higher-order-in-Eikonal corrections

Some condensates are Euclidean!

$\mathcal{C}(x_\perp)$: Wilson loop with space-separated lightlike lines. All points at spacelike or lightlike separation.

Soft contribution is *Euclidean*!! [S. Caron-Huot, 0811.1603](#)

Calculate it with *simple* perturbation theory (EQCD)

Calculate it on the lattice?!

NLO corrections to $\mathcal{C}(x_\perp)$ computed. NNLO would be nonperturbative; but may be possible via lattice.

How Things Get Euclidean S. Caron-Huot

Consider correlator $G^<(x^0, \mathbf{x})$ with $x^z > |x^0|$. Fourier representation

$$G^<(x^0, \mathbf{x}) = \int d\omega \int dp_z d^2 p_\perp e^{i(x^z p^z + \mathbf{x}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{p}_\perp - \omega x^0)} G^<(\omega, p_z, p_\perp)$$

Use $G^<(\omega, \mathbf{p}) = n_b(\omega)(G_R(\omega, \mathbf{p}) - G_A(\omega, \mathbf{p}))$ and define $\tilde{p}^z = p^z - (t/x^z)\omega$:

$$G^< = \int d\omega \int d\tilde{p}^z d^2 p_\perp e^{i(x^z \tilde{p}^z + \mathbf{x}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{p}_\perp)} n_b(\omega) \left(G_R(\omega, \tilde{p}^z + \omega \frac{x^0}{x^z}, \mathbf{p}_\perp) - G_A \right)$$

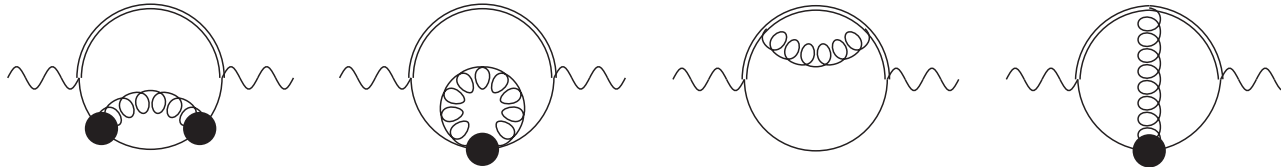
Perform ω integral: upper half-plane for G_R , lower for G_A , pick up poles from n_b :

$$G^<(x^0, \mathbf{x}) = T \sum_{\omega_n = 2\pi nT} \int dp^z d^2 p_\perp e^{i\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{x}} G_E(\omega_n, p_z + i\omega_n(x^0/x^z), p_\perp)$$

Large separations: $n \neq 0$ exponentially small. $n = 0$ contrib. is x^0 independent!

Soft momenta

Diagrams:



Cut diagrams: hard momentum is on-shell, $p^- = 0$.

Write out Q , remaining P integrals and use KMS:

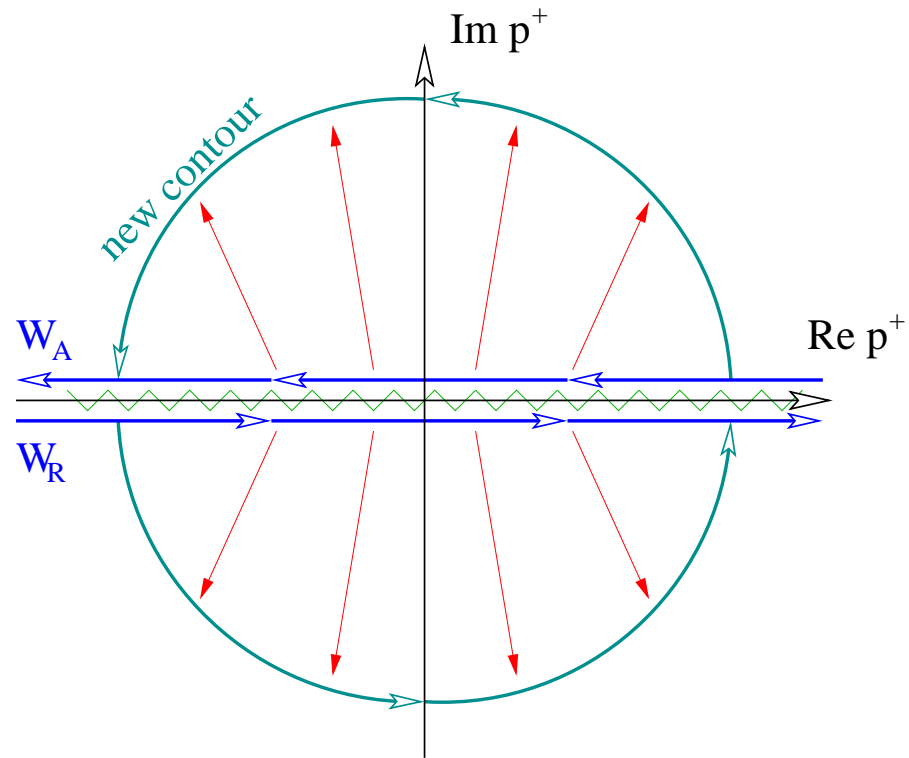
$$\int_{\sim gT} d^2 p_{\perp} dp^+ \int_{\sim gT} d^4 Q n_b(k^0) (G_R - G_A)$$

G_R : retarded function of sum of all 4 diagrams' guts.

Momentum p^+ is **null**. Any R/A function is analytic in upper/lower half plane for time-like or **null** p -variable.

Analytically continue in $p^+!!$

Deform p^+ contour
into complex plane



Now $p^+ \gg p_\perp, Q$. (On mass-shell) Expand in $p^+ \gg p_\perp, Q$

$$G_R[4 \text{ diagrams}] = C_0(p^+)^0 + C_1(p^+)^{-1} + \dots$$

C_0 is on-shell width, gives linear in p^+ divergence.

C_1 is on-shell dispersion correction, dp^+/p^+ gives const.

We can do this continuation because the J^μ correlators are null-separated. It becomes simple because null-separated correlators are simple.

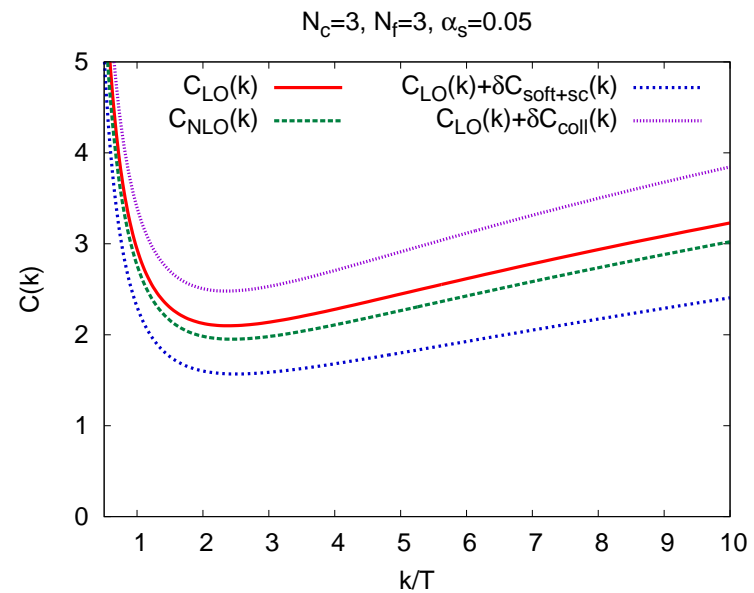
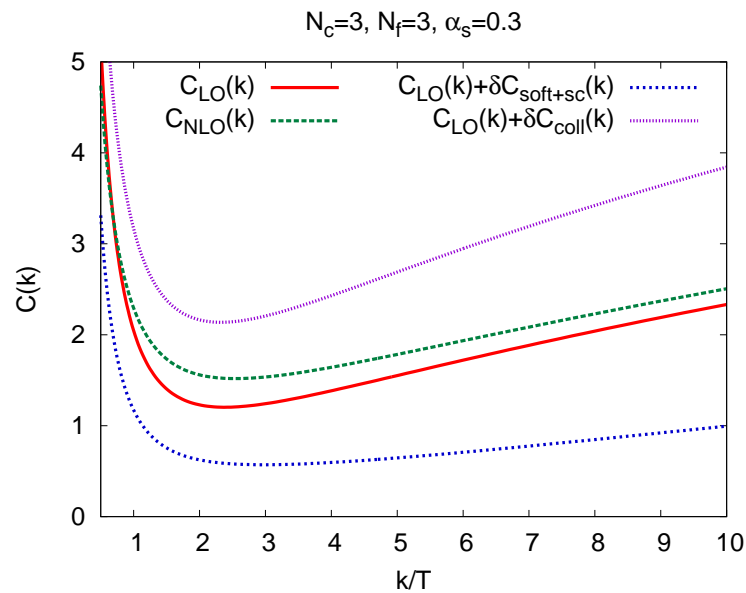
- C_0 term: arises at NLO. equals the small- p^+ limit of the collinear calculation. **completes treatment of that region.**
- C_1 term: real dispersion-correction. Really simple:

$$\gamma\text{-rate} \propto \int \frac{d^2 p_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{m_\infty^2}{p_\perp^2 + m_\infty^2}$$

where m_∞^2 is dispersion correction. Has leading-order piece (hard modes) and subleading piece (dispersion correction of soft modes). *both are known.*

Remaining region—similar story. Null-separation physics, all condensates.

Summing it up: two corrections



Upward correction: more scattering at NLO.

Downward correction: fewer soft gluons, less dispersion corr.

Numerical conspiracy: effects nearly cancel **[Accidental!]**

Main lesson

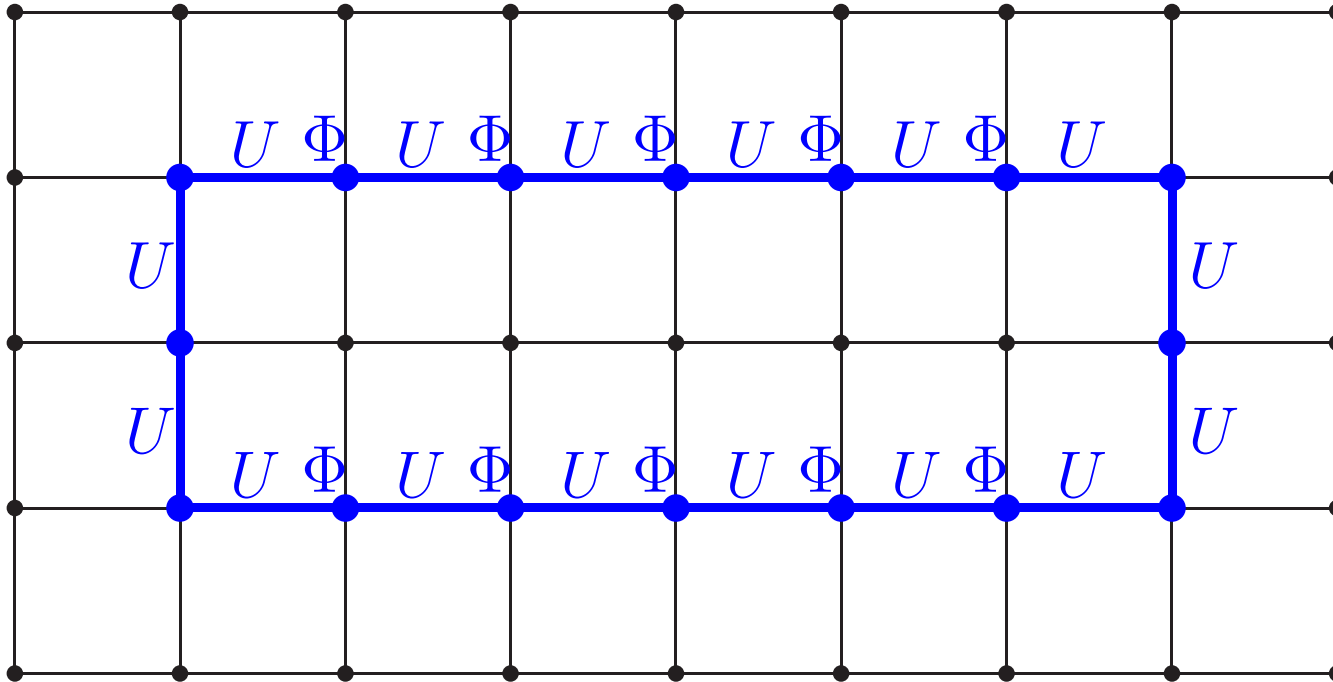
All the sticky IR physics shows up in a few condensates.
Some are dispersion corrections – physically simple.
Some are Euclidean – get directly on the lattice.

Bad news: $\mathcal{O}(g)$ corrections big even for $\alpha_s = 0.1$ or $1000 T_c$.

Good news: A few condensates. Determine them nonperturbatively, maybe get down to $5 T_c$?

Get them on the lattice?

$\mathcal{C}(x_\perp)$ on the lattice



Short side: x_\perp Wilson line $\exp \int i A_\perp \cdot x_\perp \Rightarrow U_\perp U_\perp \dots$

Long side: x^+ Wilson line $\exp \int i (A^z + A^0) dz \Rightarrow U_z e^{a\Phi} U_z e^{a\Phi} U_z \dots$

The latter is a new beast. Lattice renormalization properties?

Under investigation.

The two \hat{q} s

One thing which arises in the calculation is \hat{q}_\perp ,

$$\hat{q}_\perp \equiv \int \frac{d^2 q_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} q_\perp^2 \mathcal{C}(q_\perp) = \lim_{x_\perp \rightarrow 0} \nabla_{x_\perp}^2 \mathcal{C}(x_\perp)$$

\perp -momentum diffusion. Reduces to

$$\hat{q}_\perp = \frac{g^2 C_R}{d_A} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx^+ F_{+\perp}^a(0, 0) U_{ab}(0, 0; x^+, 0) F_{+\perp}^b(x^+, 0)$$

a transverse-force-force correlator.

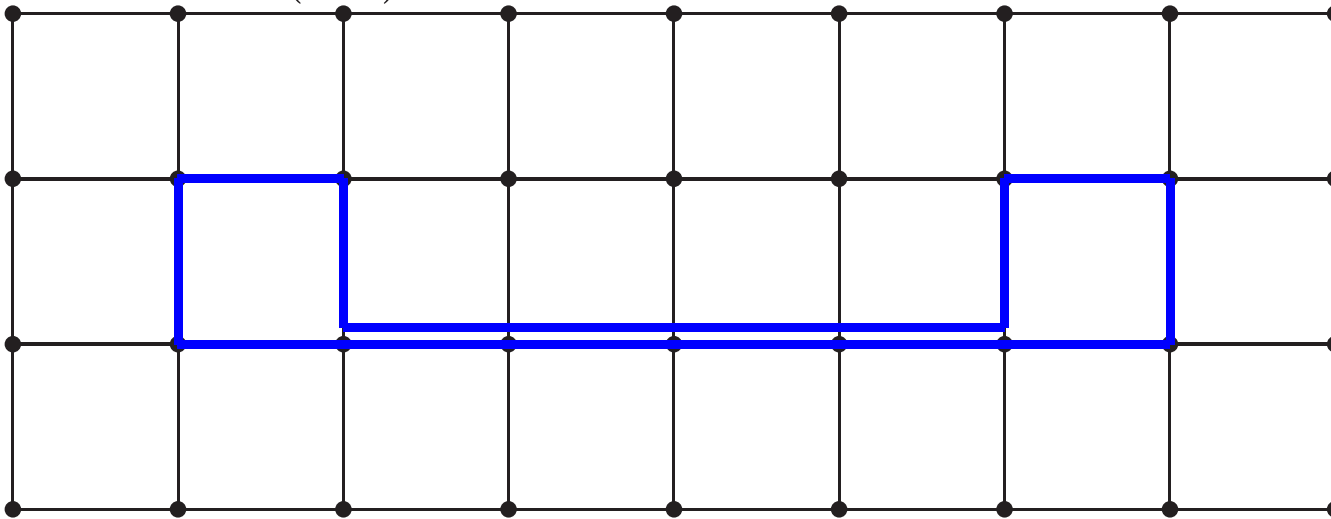
Can also define its cousin (not needed)

$$\hat{q}_\parallel = \frac{g^2 C_R}{d_A} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx^+ F_{+-}^a(0, 0) U_{ab}(0, 0; x^+, 0) F_{+-}^b(x^+, 0)$$

correlator of force *along* direction of motion.

\hat{q}_\perp on the lattice

\hat{q} is a limit of $\mathcal{C}(x_\perp)$ at small x_\perp :



plus Φ -difference contribution. Much more UV sensitive:

- Leading-Order: quadratic divergent *cancel if well-designed*
- NLO (1-loop): linear divergence, requires matching
- NNLO (2-loop): log divergence, requires matching

And \hat{q}_{\parallel} ?

Transverse force – “bumps” on Wilson line are to the side.
Longitudinal force – “bump” in x^+, x^- plane.
time direction; *not* all spacelike-separated.

But contour deformation method still works.

Related to hard dispersion-correction of *gluons*

$$\hat{q}_{\parallel} \sim \int \frac{d^2 p_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{m_{\infty,g}^2}{p_{\perp}^2 + m_{\infty,g}^2}$$

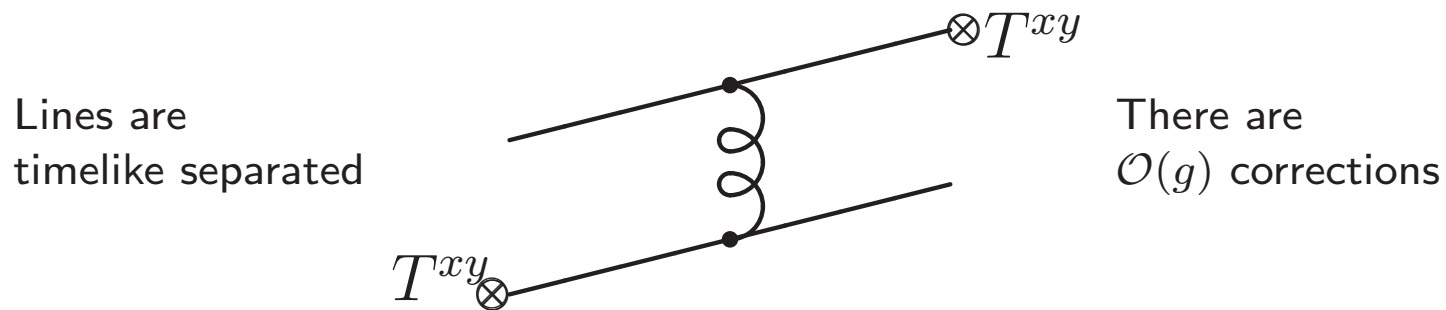
With some matching, useful ingredient in other transport
coeff. and in jet medium-modification

Other transport coefficients?

We want Baryon Diffusion D and (especially) shear η !
Both controlled by high-energy $E =$ several T particles
Lightlike correlators should again dominate:



NLO effects arise along particle's lightlike trajectory.
Problem: transfer of stress to someone else



Conclusions

- NLO corrections to transport are *large but simple*
- Need a few *condensates* at lightlike-separated points
- Most can be extracted from the lattice
- Shear and diffusion will be harder. Stay tuned