

Quantum mechanical description of heavy quark transport

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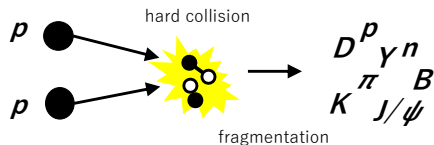
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Introduction

Quarkonium production in experiments

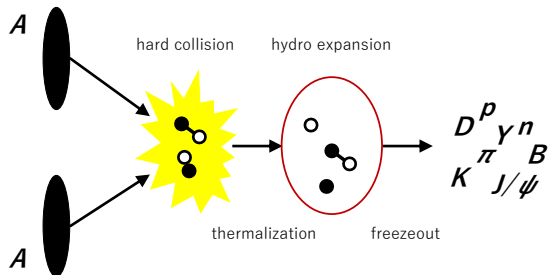
Proton collisions

- ▶ Pair production in parton collisions
- ▶ Some are bound



Nuclear collisions

- ▶ Pair production in parton collisions
- ▶ Bound states formed **after traversing hot environment**

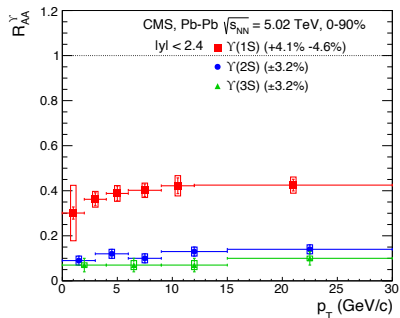
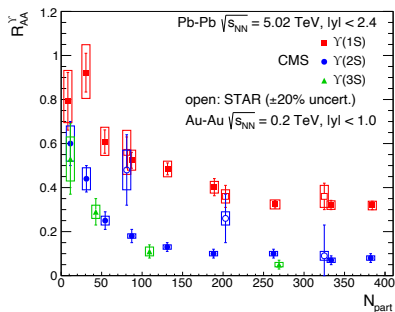


Experimental test of how color forces are modified in the QGP

Experimental data of Υ

Sequential melting is observed

- ▶ Almost no p_T dependence
- ▶ Υ (1S) suppression at STAR \simeq CMS ?

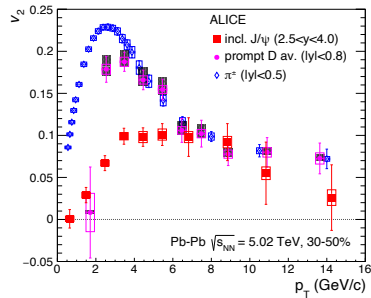
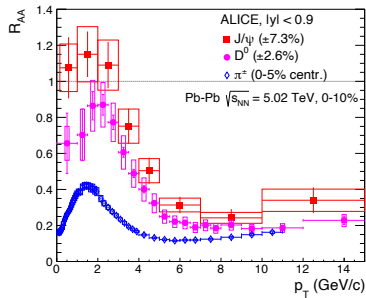
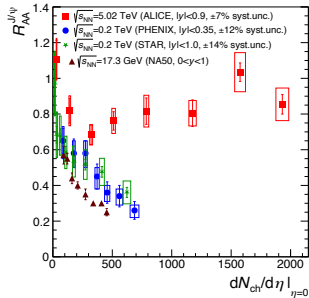


One-body problem of bottomonium

Experimental data of J/ψ

Recombination begins to dominate at LHC

- ▶ Recombination of (initially independent) charm quark pairs at low p_T
- ▶ Collective flow at low to intermediate p_T supports this picture

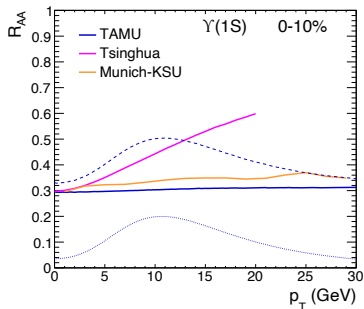
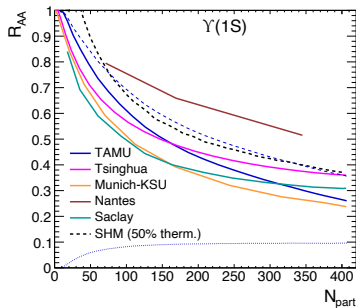


Many-body problem of charm and anticharm quarks

Simulations

Υ is simpler, but there exist many models, some of which are based on open quantum systems

- ▶ Not all the models use the same initial conditions or hydro backgrounds
- ▶ Detailed descriptions are given in [Andronic et al 2402.04366]



I will talk about how open quantum system descriptions are developed

Minimum of open quantum system

[reviewed in Akamatsu (22), §2]

Basics of open quantum system

System + environment setup $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_S \otimes \mathcal{H}_E$

$$\rho_S(t) = \text{Tr}_E [\rho(t)], \quad \dot{\rho}(t) = -i[H, \rho] \quad : \quad \text{von-Neumann equation}$$

Gorini-Kossakowski-Sudarshan-Lindblad (or Lindblad) equation for $\rho_S(t)$

- ▶ If the evolution is **Markovian, trace-preserving, and completely positive**

$$\dot{\rho}_S(t) = -i[H'_S, \rho_S] + \underbrace{\sum_{\mu} L_{\mu} \rho_S L_{\mu}^{\dagger} - \frac{1}{2} \{L_{\mu}^{\dagger} L_{\mu}, \rho_S\}}_{\text{dissipator } \mathcal{D}[\rho_S]}$$

- ▶ It can also be written by

$$\dot{\rho}_S(t) = \underbrace{-iH_{\text{eff}}\rho_S + i\rho_S H_{\text{eff}}^{\dagger}}_{\text{non-Hermitian evolution}} + \sum_{\mu} \underbrace{L_{\mu} \rho_S L_{\mu}^{\dagger}}_{\text{quantum jump}}, \quad H_{\text{eff}} = H'_S - \frac{i}{2} \sum_{\mu} L_{\mu}^{\dagger} L_{\mu}$$

Derivation of the Lindblad equation when system-environment coupling is weak

Born-Markov approximation

0. Notations and assumptions

$$H = H_S \otimes I_E + I_E \otimes H_E + \underbrace{\sum V_S^{(i)} \otimes V_E^{(i)}}_{\equiv V}, \quad \underbrace{\rho(0) = \rho_S(0) \otimes \rho_E(0)}_{\text{no initial correlation}}$$

1. Formally solve the von Neumann equation in the interaction picture

$$\rho(t) = \rho(0) - i \int_0^t ds [V(s), \rho(s)],$$
$$\frac{d}{dt} \rho(t) = -i[V(t), \rho(t)] = -i[V(t), \rho(0)] - \int_0^t ds [V(t), [V(s), \rho(s)]]$$

2. Trace out environment + Born approx. (weak coupling) + Markov approx. (see any textbook)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \rho_S(t) = \int_0^\infty ds \underbrace{\langle V_E(s) V_E(0) \rangle}_{\text{env. correlator}} \left[V_S(t-s) \rho_S(t) V_S(t) - V_S(t) V_S(t-s) \rho_S(t) \right] + h.c. + \mathcal{O}(V^3)$$

- If one point function $\text{Tr}_E(\rho_E(0) V_E(t)) = c(t)$ exists, reshuffle $c(t) V_S(t)$ in H

Derivative expansion in quantum Brownian regime

3. Derivative expansion

$$\frac{d}{dt}\rho_S(t) = \int_0^\infty ds \underbrace{\langle V_E(s)V_E(0) \rangle}_{\text{fast decay}} \underbrace{\left[V_S(t-s)\rho_S(t)V_S(t) - V_S(t)V_S(t-s)\rho_S(t) \right]}_{\text{slow}} + h.c. + \mathcal{O}(V^3)$$

$$V_S(t-s) \simeq V_S(t) - s\dot{V}_S(t) + \dots = V_S(t) - is[H_S, V_S(t)] + \dots$$

4. Lindblad operator (c.f. Caldeira-Leggett model $L \propto x + \frac{i}{4T}\dot{x}$)

$$\gamma = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \langle V_E(t)V_E(0) \rangle > 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \underbrace{L = \sqrt{\gamma} \left(V_S + \frac{i}{4T}\dot{V}_S + \dots \right)}_{\text{approximate detailed balance}}$$

5. Hamiltonian part (omitted in this talk)

Heavy quark as an open quantum system

[reviewed in Akamatsu (22), §3.2]

Effective field theory for a heavy quark in medium

Heavy quark effective theory with $v^\mu = (1, 0, 0, 0)$ in a thermal rest frame

- ▶ Lagrangian with $1/M$ expansion

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{HQET}} = \psi^\dagger \left[iD_t + \frac{\vec{D}^2}{2M} - \frac{g\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{B}}{2M} + \mathcal{O}(M^{-2}) \right] \psi$$

- ▶ Power counting near equilibrium $A \sim T$ and $\partial_t \sim T, \nabla \sim \sqrt{MT}$ for ψ

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{HQET}} \simeq \psi^\dagger \left[i\partial_t + \frac{\vec{\nabla}^2}{2M} - gA_0 + \dots \right] \psi$$

Born-Markov approximation requires weak coupling $g \ll 1$

Lindblad equation for a heavy quark [Akamatsu (15, 20)]

Non-relativistic quantum mechanics

$$H(x, p) = \frac{p^2}{2M} + gA_0(x) = \frac{p^2}{2M} + \underbrace{\int_k e^{ikx} t^a \otimes g\tilde{A}_0^a(k)}_{= \sum_a \int_k V_S^a(k) \otimes V_E^a(k)}$$

Environmental correlator

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \underbrace{\langle g\tilde{A}_0^a(t, k) g\tilde{A}_0^b(0, k') \rangle}_{\text{perturbatively with HTL}} = \tilde{\gamma}(k) (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(k - k') \delta_{ab}$$

Lindblad operator

$$L_k^a = \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{\pi g^2 T m_D^2}{k(k^2 + m_D^2)^2}}}_{= \sqrt{\tilde{\gamma}(k)}} \underbrace{e^{ikx/2} \left(1 - \frac{kp}{4MT}\right) e^{ikx/2} t^a}_{\text{scattering with color rotation}} + \dots$$

Evolution in color space

Simplified in the $M \rightarrow \infty$ limit

$$\rho_S^{ij}(t, x, y) \equiv \langle x, i | \rho_S(t) | y, j \rangle \quad : \quad N_c \times N_c \text{ matrix}$$
$$\partial_t \rho_S(t, x, y) = -\gamma(x - y) t^a \rho(t, x, y) t^a + C_F \gamma(0) \rho(t, x, y)$$

Equivalent to random color rotation

$$\rho_S(t, x, y) \equiv \langle \psi(t, x) \psi^*(t, y) \rangle_\theta \quad : \quad \psi = \text{wave function with } N_c \text{ components}$$
$$\psi(t + dt, x) = e^{-i\theta^a(t, x) t^a dt} \psi(t, x), \quad \langle \theta^a(t, x) \theta^b(t', x') \rangle = \gamma(x - y) \delta(t - t') \delta^{ab}$$

Time scale of color relaxation

$$\gamma(0) = \frac{g^2 T}{4\pi} \quad \rightarrow \quad \underbrace{\tau_{\text{color}} \sim \frac{1}{g^2 T} \gg \tau_{\text{electric}} \sim \frac{1}{gT}}_{\text{\(\partial\)-expansion justified when } g \ll 1}$$

Evolution in phase space

Master equation in full space is complicated, so trace out the color space

$$\bar{\rho}_S(t, x, y) \equiv \text{Tr}_c \rho_S(t, x, y)$$

Turns out to be equivalent to

$$L_k^a \rightarrow L_k = \underbrace{\sqrt{C_F \tilde{\gamma}(k)} e^{ikx/2} \left(1 - \frac{kp}{4MT}\right) e^{ikx/2}}_{\text{(color averaged) scattering}}$$

Master equation for quantum Brownian motion (truncating from the full Lindblad equation)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \bar{\rho}_S(t, x, y) = i \frac{\nabla_x^2 - \nabla_y^2}{2M} \bar{\rho}_S(t, x, y) - C_F \left[\underbrace{\gamma(0) - \gamma(x-y)}_{\text{decoherence}} - \underbrace{\frac{\nabla \gamma(x-y)}{4MT} \cdot (\nabla_x - \nabla_y)}_{\text{dissipation}} \right] \bar{\rho}_S(t, x, y)$$

- ▶ Wave packet limit $\gamma(x-y) \simeq \gamma(0) + \frac{1}{2}(x-y)^2 \gamma''(0)$ reproduces Caldeira-Leggett master equation

Quarkonium as an open quantum system

[reviewed in Akamatsu (22), §4.2]

Effective field theory for quarkonium

Potential non-relativistic QCD

- ▶ Lagrangian with $1/M$ and dipole expansion ($p_i \sim Mv$, $\omega \sim P_i \sim Mv^2$)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{pNRQCD}} = & \int_r \text{Tr}_c \left[S^\dagger \left(i\partial_t + \frac{\nabla_r^2}{M} + \frac{C_F \alpha_s}{r} + \dots \right) S + O^\dagger \left(iD_t + \frac{\nabla_r^2}{M} - \frac{\alpha_s}{2N_c r} + \dots \right) O \right] \\ & + \text{Tr}_c \left[O^\dagger \vec{r} \cdot g\vec{E}S + S^\dagger \vec{r} \cdot g\vec{E}O \right] + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}_c \left[O^\dagger \vec{r} \cdot g\vec{E}O + O^\dagger O \vec{r} \cdot g\vec{E} \right] + \dots, \\ S(t, R, r) \equiv & \frac{S(t, R, r)}{\sqrt{N_c}} \mathbf{1}, \quad O(t, R, r) \equiv \sqrt{2} O^a(t, R, r) t_F^a\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Gauge interaction of octet quarkonium is absorbed in field redefinition ($D_t \rightarrow \partial_t$)

$$\begin{aligned}O(t, R, r) = & \Omega_F(t, -\infty) O'(t, R, r) \Omega_F^\dagger(t, -\infty), \quad \vec{E}(t, R) = \Omega_F(t, -\infty) \vec{E}'(t, R) \Omega_F^\dagger(t, -\infty) \\ \Omega_F(t, -\infty) \equiv & \text{P exp} \left[-ig \int_{-\infty}^t dt' A_0^a(t', R) t_F^a \right],\end{aligned}$$

Born-Markov approximation requires r to be short, but not necessarily $g \ll 1$

Lindblad equation for quarkonium [Brambilla et al (17,18)]

Non-relativistic quantum mechanics ($s = \text{singlet}$, $a, b, c, \dots = \text{octet}$)

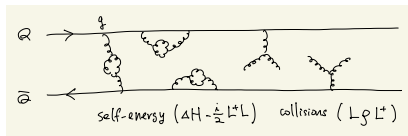
$$H = \frac{p^2}{M} - \frac{C_F \alpha_s}{r} |s\rangle\langle s| + \frac{\alpha_s}{2N_c r} |a\rangle\langle a| - r_i \left[\underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2N_c}} (|a\rangle\langle s| + |s\rangle\langle a|)}_{\text{singlet} \leftrightarrow \text{octet}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} d^{abc} |b\rangle\langle c|}_{\text{octet} \leftrightarrow \text{octet}} \right] gE_i^a(\vec{R})$$

Environmental correlator

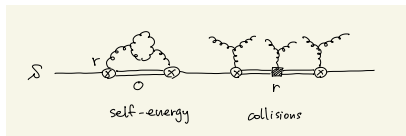
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \underbrace{\langle gE_i^a(t, R) gE_j^b(0, R) \rangle}_{\text{gauge invariant?}} = \gamma \delta_{ij} \delta_{ab}$$

Lindblad operator

$$L_{ai} = \sqrt{\gamma} r_i \left[\sqrt{\frac{1}{2N_c}} (|a\rangle\langle s| + |s\rangle\langle a|) + \frac{1}{2} d_{abc} |b\rangle\langle c| \right] + \dots$$



small dipole



Careful treatment of field redefinition

Gauge invariant correlator for singlet-octet rate [Yao (22)]

$$\gamma_{\text{so}} = \frac{1}{3(N_c^2 - 1)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \langle g E_i^a(t, R) [\Omega_{\mathbf{A}}(t, 0)]_{ab} g E_i^b(0, R) \rangle$$

- ▶ γ_{so} vanishes in strong coupling limit by AdS/CFT [Nijs-ScheihingHitschfeld-Yao (23)]
- ▶ γ_{so} is similar to but different from heavy quark momentum diffusion constant [CasalderreySolana-Teaney (06), CaronHuot-Moore (08)]

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{3N_c} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \langle \text{Tr}_c \Omega_{\mathbf{F}}(-\infty, t) g E_i(t, R) \Omega_{\mathbf{F}}(t, 0) g E_i(0, R) \Omega_{\mathbf{F}}(0, -\infty) \rangle$$

Octet-octet rate is also different from γ_{so} [Akamatsu, in progress]

$$\gamma_{\text{oo}} = \frac{1}{3(N_c^2 - 1)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \langle \text{Tr}_c \Omega_{\mathbf{A}}(-\infty, t) g(d \circ E_i)(t, R) \Omega_{\mathbf{A}}(t, 0) g(d \circ E_i)(0, R) \Omega_{\mathbf{A}}(0, -\infty) \rangle$$
$$d^{abc} E_i^a =: (d \circ E_i)_{bc}$$

Transitions of quarkonium

Lindblad operators

- ▶ Color dynamics inside octet is fast in a fixed basis \rightarrow trace out the octet sector

$$\rho_S^s = \langle s | \rho_S | s \rangle, \quad \rho_S^o = \langle a | \rho_S | a \rangle, \quad \bar{\rho}_S = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_S^s & 0 \\ 0 & \rho_S^o \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶ Lindblad operators split into three

$$L_{i,s \rightarrow o} = \sqrt{\gamma_{so}} \left[\sqrt{C_F} r_i + \dots \right] \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad L_{i,o \rightarrow s} = \sqrt{\gamma_{so}} \left[\frac{r_i}{\sqrt{2N_c}} + \dots \right] \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$
$$L_{i,o \rightarrow o} = \sqrt{\gamma_{oo}} \left[\frac{r_i}{2} + \dots \right] \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶ Terms “ \dots ” are responsible for satisfying the approximate detailed balance relation

Discussion on heavy quark spin from the open system perspective

[Akamatsu, in progress]

Heavy quark spin as an open quantum system

Heavy quark effective theory with $v^\mu = (1, 0, 0, 0)$ in a thermal rest frame

- ▶ Lagrangian with $1/M$ expansion

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{HQET}} = \psi^\dagger \left[iD_t + \frac{\vec{D}^2}{2M} - \frac{g\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{B}}{2M} + \mathcal{O}(M^{-2}) \right] \psi$$

- ▶ Focus on spin dynamics of a static heavy quark

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{HQET}} \simeq \psi^\dagger \left[iD_t - \frac{g\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{B}}{2M} \right] \psi$$

Gauge interaction of the heavy quark is absorbed in field redefinition

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(t, x) &= \Omega_{\text{F}}(t, -\infty) \psi'(t, x), & \vec{B}(t, x) &= \Omega_{\text{F}}(t, -\infty) \vec{B}'(t, x) \Omega_{\text{F}}^\dagger(t, -\infty) \\ \Omega_{\text{F}}(t, -\infty) &\equiv \text{P exp} \left[-ig \int_{-\infty}^t dt' A_0^a(t', R) t_{\text{F}}^a \right], \end{aligned}$$

Born-Markov approximation requires $M \gg T$, but not necessarily $g \ll 1$

Lindblad equation for heavy quark spin

Only non-relativistic spin remains

$$H = \frac{1}{2M} \sigma_i t^a \otimes g B_i^a(x)$$

Environmental correlator

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \underbrace{\langle g B_i^a(t, x) g B_j^b(0, x) \rangle}_{\text{gauge invariant?}} = \gamma_s \delta_{ij} \delta_{ab}$$

Lindblad operators

$$L_{ai} = \frac{\sqrt{\gamma_s}}{2M} \underbrace{(\sigma_i t^a + \dots)}_{\text{spin \& color rot.}} = \frac{\sqrt{\gamma_s}}{2M} \sigma_i t^a \quad (\because H_S = 0)$$

Careful treatment of field redefinition

Gauge invariant correlator for spin relaxation rate

$$\gamma_s = \frac{2}{3(N_c^2 - 1)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \langle \text{Tr}_c \Omega_{\mathbf{F}}(-\infty, t) g B_i(t, 0) \Omega_{\mathbf{F}}(t, 0) g B_i(0, 0) \Omega_{\mathbf{F}}(0, -\infty) \rangle$$

Lindblad operators

- ▶ Color dynamics is fast in a fixed basis \rightarrow trace out color space $\bar{\rho}_S \equiv \text{Tr}_c \rho_S$

$$L_{ai} \rightarrow L_i = \frac{\sqrt{C_F \gamma_s}}{2M} \underbrace{\sigma_i}_{\text{spin rot.}}$$

- ▶ Convenient to introduce $\kappa_s \equiv C_F \gamma_s$

$$\kappa_s = \frac{1}{3N_c} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \langle \text{Tr}_c \Omega_{\mathbf{F}}(-\infty, t) g B_i(t, 0) \Omega_{\mathbf{F}}(t, 0) g B_i(0, 0) \Omega_{\mathbf{F}}(0, -\infty) \rangle$$

c.f. $\kappa = \frac{1}{3N_c} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \langle \text{Tr}_c \Omega_{\mathbf{F}}(-\infty, t) g E_i(t, R) \Omega_{\mathbf{F}}(t, 0) g E_i(0, R) \Omega_{\mathbf{F}}(0, -\infty) \rangle$

Can anyone measure κ_s on the lattice? \rightarrow Yes, measured as $1/M$ -correction for κ

Heavy quark spin relaxation rate

Lindblad equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \bar{\rho}_S = \frac{\kappa_s}{4M^2} (\sigma_j \bar{\rho}_S \sigma_j - 3\bar{\rho}_S)$$

Relaxation of the averaged spin

$$\langle S_i \rangle \equiv \text{Tr}_s \left(\bar{\rho}_S \frac{1}{2} \sigma_i \right), \quad \frac{d}{dt} \langle S_i \rangle = -\frac{\kappa_s}{M^2} \langle S_i \rangle$$

Agrees with hydrodynamic derivation [Hongo-Huang-Kaminski-Stephanov-Yee (22)]

$$\Gamma_s = \frac{1}{6T\chi_s} G_{12}^{\Theta_i \Theta_i} (\omega \rightarrow 0, k = 0), \quad \vec{\Theta} \equiv -\frac{g}{2M} \psi^\dagger (\vec{B} \times \vec{\sigma}) \psi$$

Heavy quark spin polarization

Equilibrium environment

- ▶ It is tempting to think that we chose

$$\mathcal{H} = [\mathcal{H}_{\text{spin}} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{\text{color}}]_S \otimes [\mathcal{H}_{\text{QGP}}]_E \quad \rightarrow \quad \langle \vec{B}^a(t, x) \rangle = \vec{0}$$

- ▶ However, we traced out heavy quark color, which is equivalent to

$$\mathcal{H} = [\mathcal{H}_{\text{spin}}]_S \otimes [\mathcal{H}_{\text{color}} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{\text{QGP}}]_E \quad \rightarrow \quad \langle \vec{B}(t, x) \rangle = \vec{0}$$

It is natural because color rotation is determined by temporal Wilson line

Vortical environment $\vec{\omega} \neq \vec{0}$

- ▶ Heavy quark color state and QGP with vorticity are correlated

$$\underbrace{\vec{B}_{\text{eff}}(\vec{\omega})}_{\text{U(1)}} \equiv \langle \vec{B}(t, x) \rangle_{\omega} = \lambda \vec{\omega} + \mathcal{O}(\omega^3),$$

Recall: The effect of one point function $\text{Tr}_E(\rho_E(0)V_E(t)) = c(t)$ in the Born-Markov approximation

Lindblad operator with approximate detail balance

1. Reshuffle the one-point function

$$H = \frac{1}{2M} \vec{\sigma} \otimes g \vec{B}(x) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2M} \vec{\sigma} \cdot g \vec{B}_{\text{eff}}(\vec{\omega}) \otimes I_E}_{= H_S(\vec{\omega})} + \frac{1}{2M} \vec{\sigma} \otimes g \underbrace{(\vec{B}(x) - \vec{B}_{\text{eff}}(\vec{\omega}))}_{\equiv \Delta \vec{B}(x)}$$

2. Rate in vortical environment

$$\kappa_s(\vec{\omega}) = \frac{1}{3N_c} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \langle \text{Tr}_c \Omega_{\mathbf{F}}(-\infty, t) g \Delta B_i(t, 0) \Omega_{\mathbf{F}}(t, 0) g \Delta B_i(0, 0) \Omega_{\mathbf{F}}(0, -\infty) \rangle_{\omega} = \kappa_s + \mathcal{O}(\omega^2)$$

3. System-environment coupling

$$L_k(\vec{\omega}) = \frac{\sqrt{\kappa_s(\vec{\omega})}}{2M} \left(\vec{\sigma} + \underbrace{\frac{i}{4MT} g \vec{B}_{\text{eff}}(\vec{\omega}) \times \vec{\sigma}}_{= i\dot{\vec{\sigma}}/4T} \right)_k \simeq \frac{\sqrt{\kappa_s}}{2M} \left(\vec{\sigma} + \frac{ig\lambda}{4MT} \vec{\omega} \times \vec{\sigma} \right)_k + \mathcal{O}(\omega^2)$$

Conclusion and outlook on heavy quark spins

Theoretical description

- ▶ In the static limit, the Lindblad equation can be derived nonperturbatively
- ▶ In the weak rotation, κ_S and λ characterizes the dynamics
- ▶ Renormalization of the Hamiltonian by coupling to environment
- ▶ Need to examine possible interplays with and complications from other $1/M$ effects
- ▶ Matching between QCD and static HQET should be considered
- ▶ Collaborations welcome!

Experimental issues

- ▶ Initial spin polarization of heavy quarks?
- ▶ Hadronic phase?

Back up

Approximate detailed balance in quantum Brownian regime

Ratio of the rates for $E_1 \rightarrow E_2$ and $E_2 \rightarrow E_1$ by Lindblad operator $L = V_S + \frac{i}{4T} \dot{V}_S$

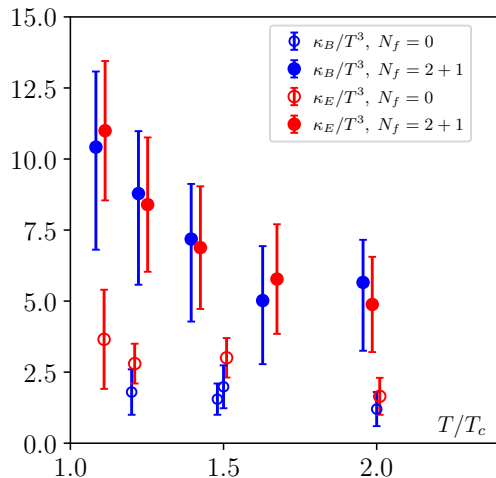
$$\begin{aligned}\langle E_2 | L | E_1 \rangle &\propto \langle E_2 | V_S | E_1 \rangle \left(1 - \frac{E_2 - E_1}{4T} \right), \\ \frac{\Gamma_{1 \rightarrow 2}}{\Gamma_{2 \rightarrow 1}} &= \frac{|\langle E_2 | L | E_1 \rangle|^2}{|\langle E_1 | L | E_2 \rangle|^2} = \left[\frac{1 - \frac{E_2 - E_1}{4T}}{1 - \frac{E_1 - E_2}{4T}} \right]^2 \simeq \exp \left[-\frac{E_2 - E_1}{T} \right], \\ \therefore \left(\frac{1 + x/4}{1 - x/4} \right)^2 &\simeq 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \underbrace{\frac{3}{16}}_{\simeq 1/6} x^3 + \dots \simeq e^x\end{aligned}$$

Numerically, the detailed balance is satisfied with 3% level when $\Delta E \lesssim T$

Lattice simulation for κ_s

$\kappa_E (= \kappa)$ and $\kappa_B (= \kappa_s)$ [HotQCD Collaboration (24) (PRL's supplemental material)]

$$\kappa_{\text{tot}} = \kappa_E + \underbrace{\frac{2}{3} \langle v^2 \rangle \kappa_B}_{\simeq \frac{2T}{M} \kappa_B}$$



See also [Banerjee-Datta-Laine (20), TUMQCD Collaboration (23), Altenkort-delaCruz-Kaczmarek-Moore-Shu (24)]