

Classical and Quantum Computing of Shear Viscosity

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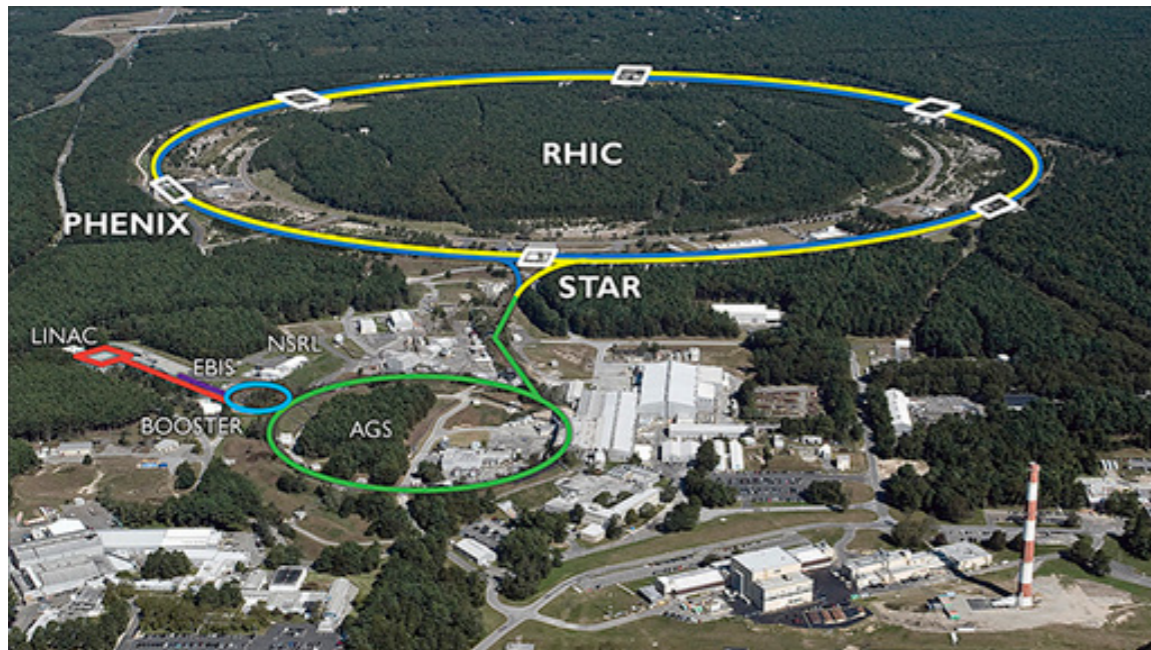
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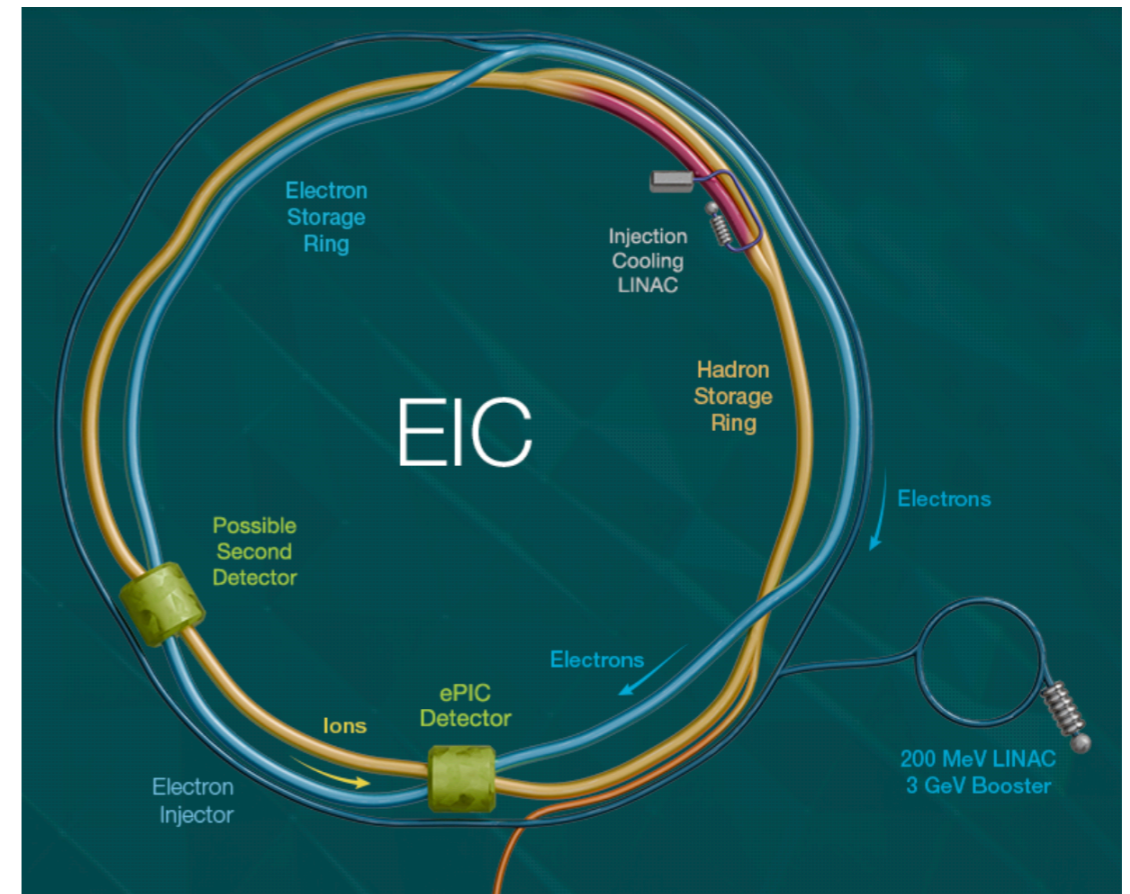
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Quantum Computing for High Energy QCD



Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) at Brookhaven National Laboratory



Electron-Ion Collider (EIC) built upon RHIC

- **High energy collider physics of QCD: mixture of perturbative & nonperturbative**

Perturbative scales: jet energy, heavy quark mass, high temperature, gluon saturation

Nonperturbative inputs: PDF, TMD, fragmentation, **transport coefficient**, equation of state

- **Quantum computing useful for nonperturbative calculations where Euclidean lattice QCD suffers from sign problem: real time and high density**

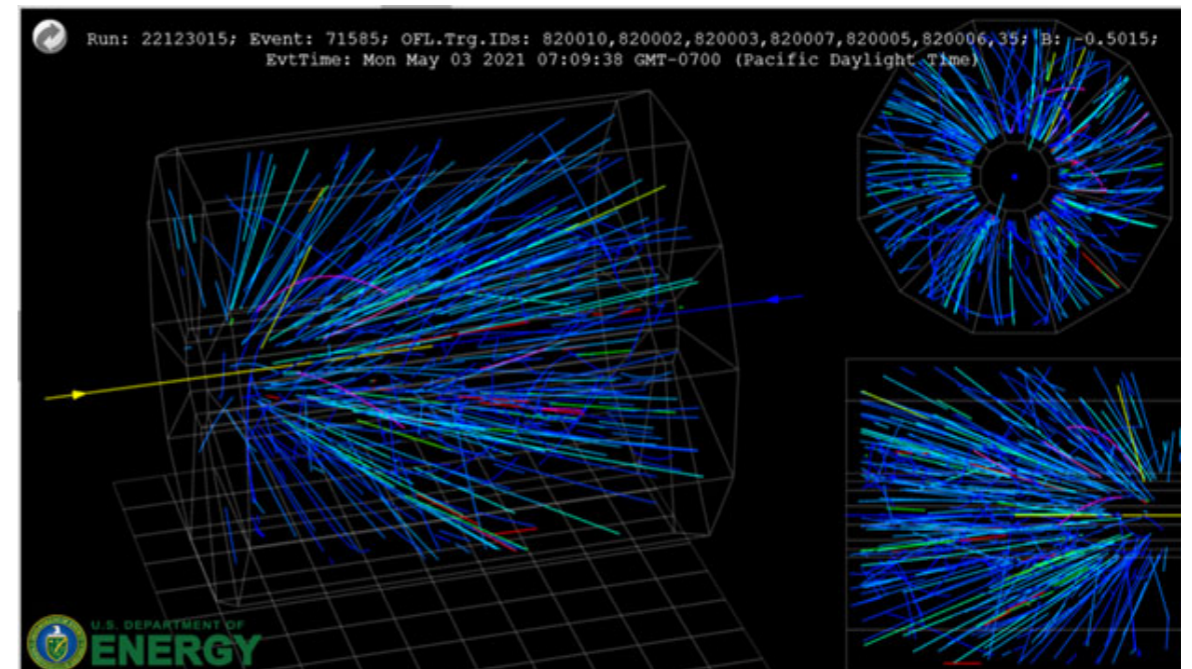
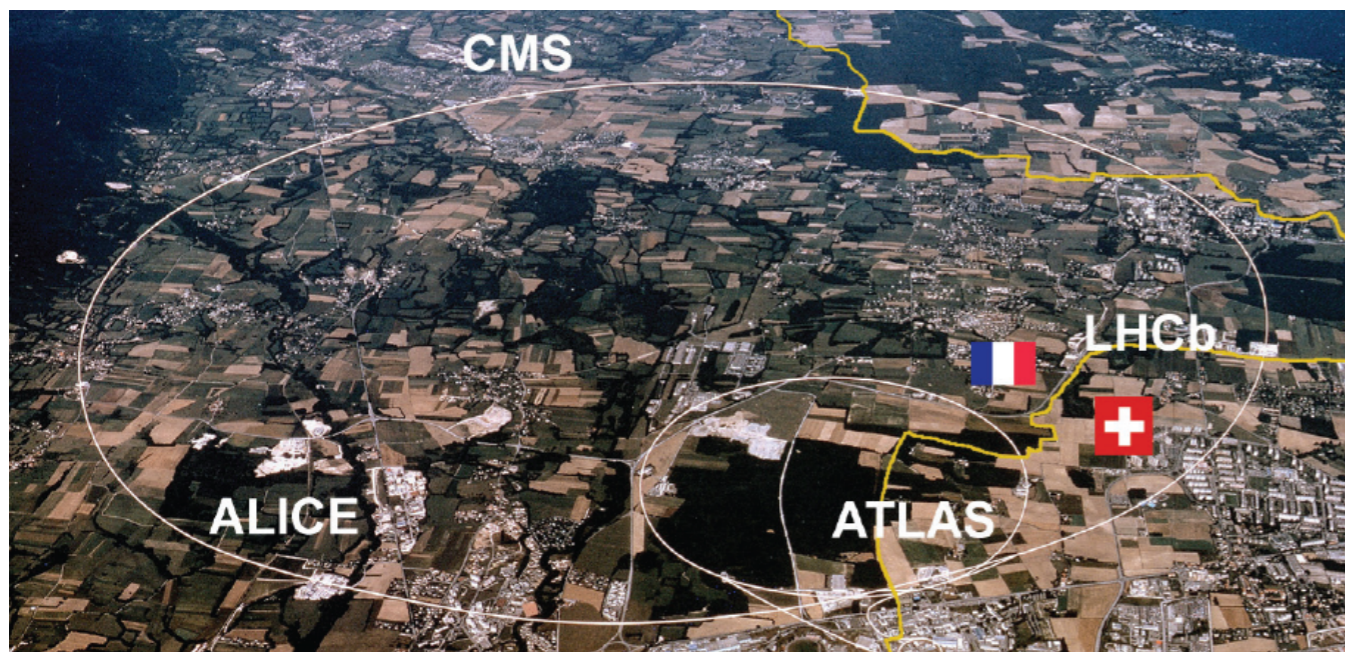
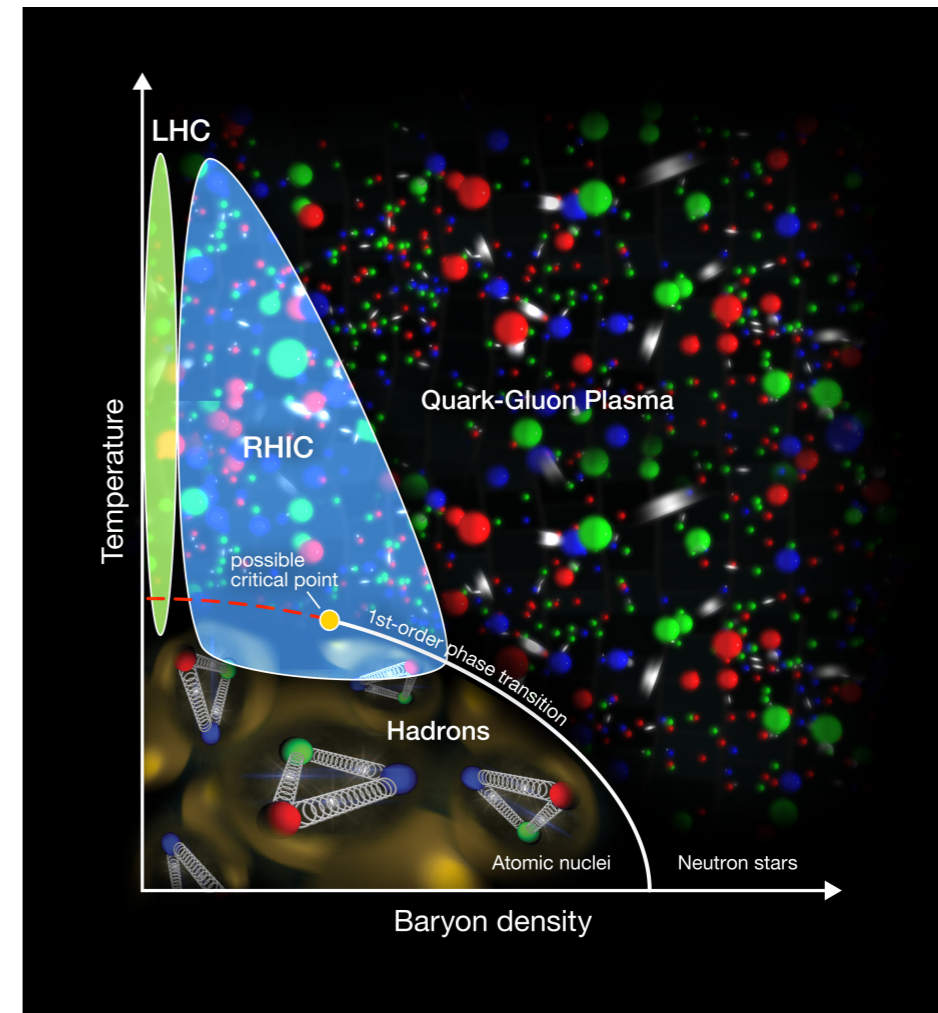
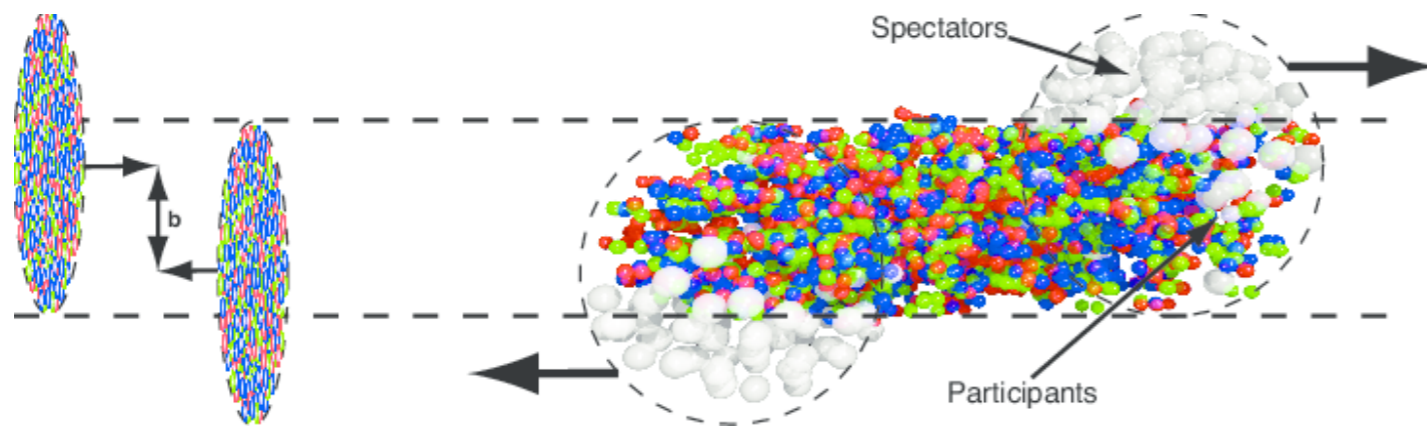
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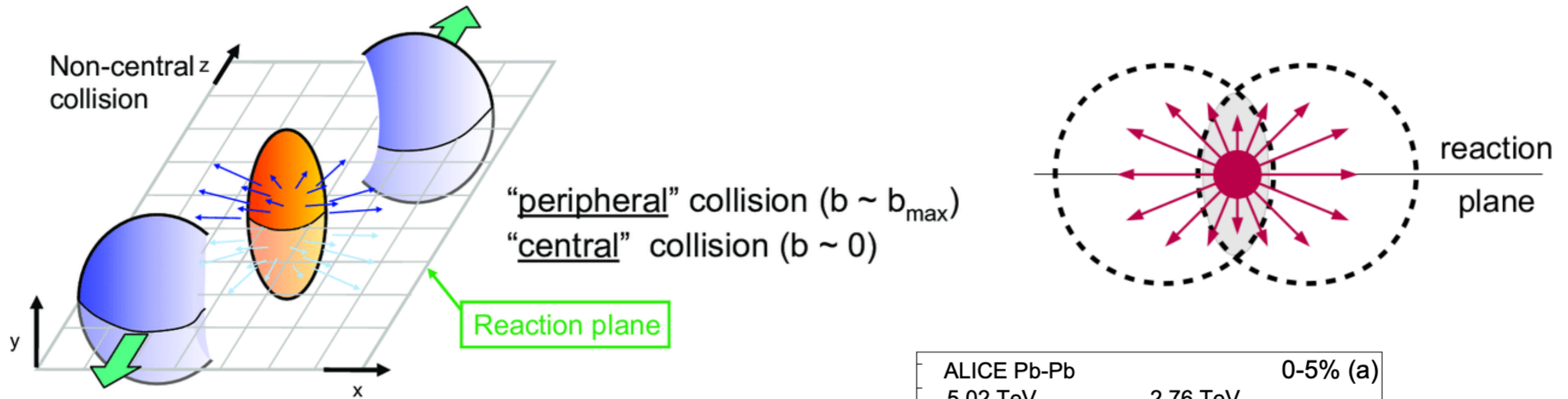
Motivation

Introduction of Heavy Ion Collisions

- Relativistic heavy ion collisions: study deconfined phase of nuclear matter governed by strong interaction (QCD): quark-gluon plasma (QGP), $T > 150 \text{ MeV}$



Particle Distribution in Azimuthal Plane



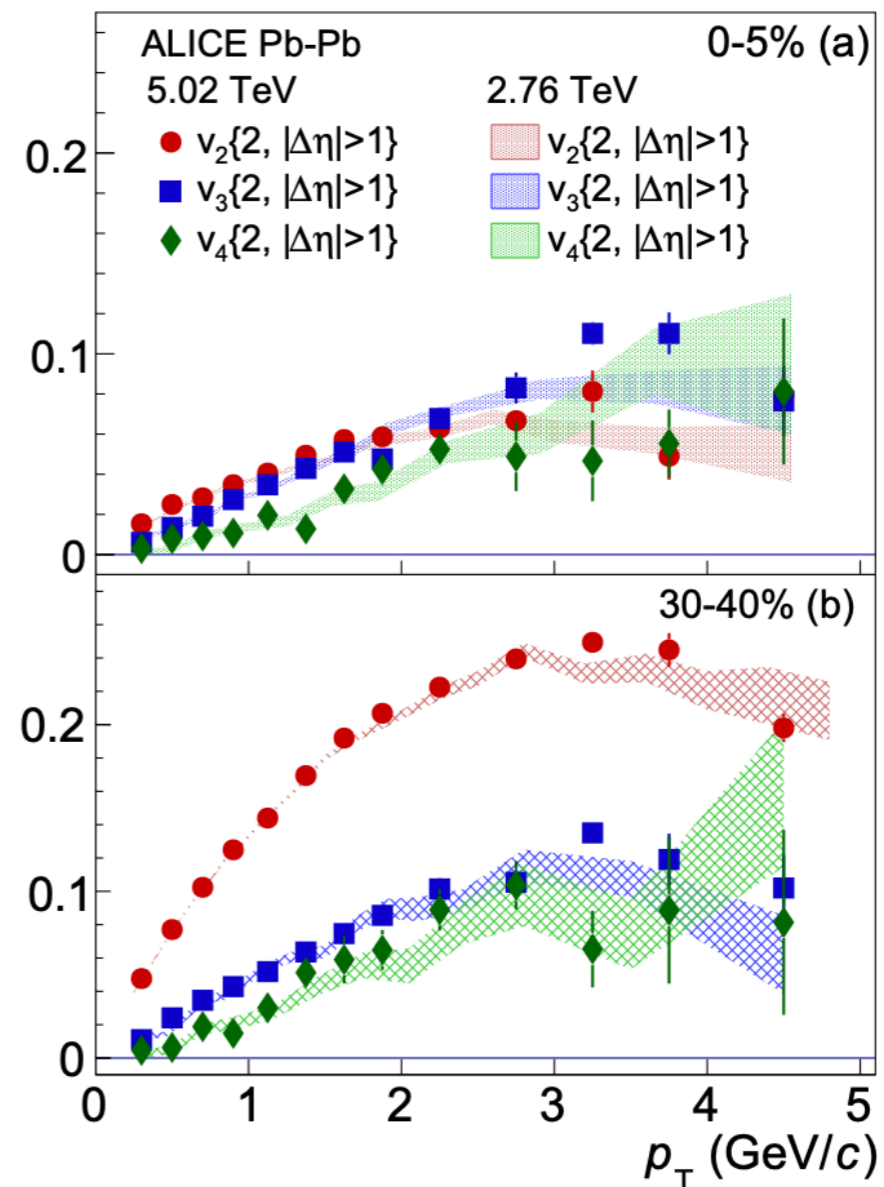
- Anisotropic distribution \rightarrow collective flow

$$\rho(\phi) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n \cos(n\phi) \right]$$

Flow coefficients

v_2 : elliptic flow,

v_3 : triangular flow



Hydrodynamics and Shear Viscosity

- Use relativistic hydrodynamics to describe collective behavior

$$\nabla_{\mu} T^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

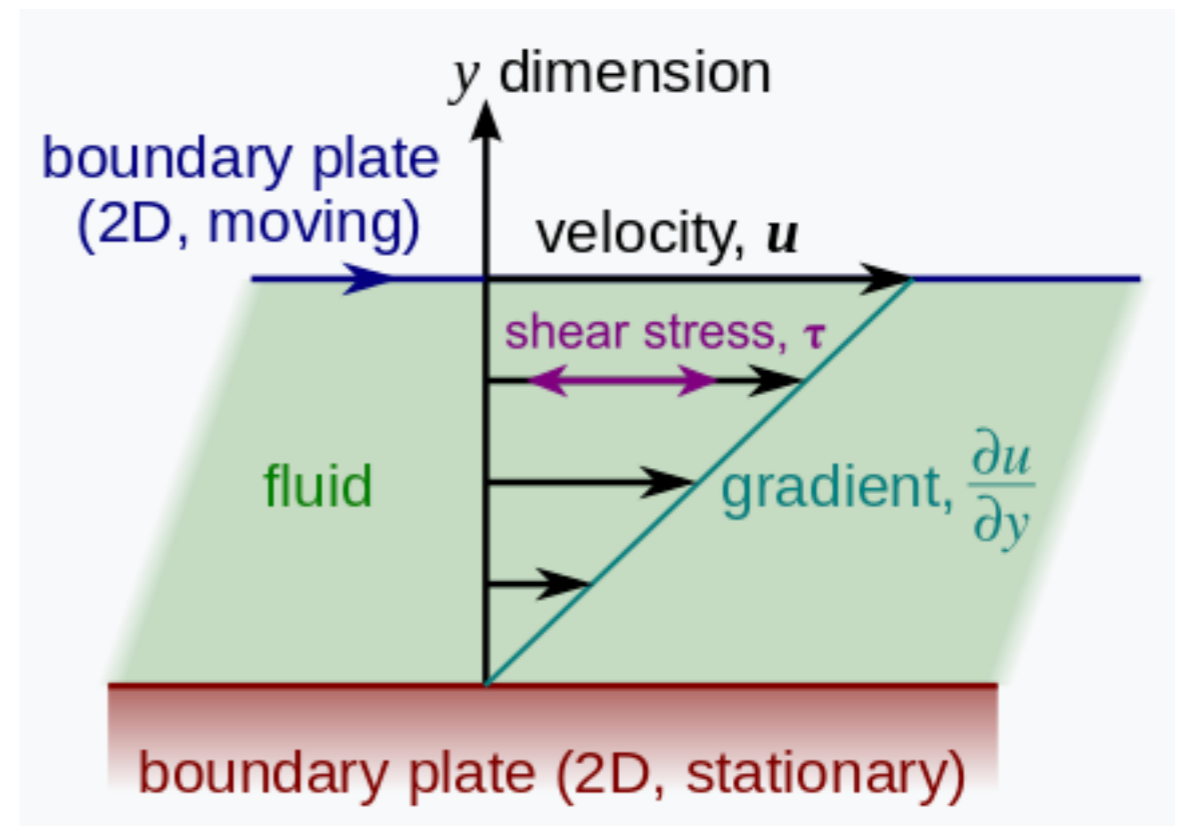
$$T^{\mu\nu} = (\varepsilon + P)u^{\mu}u^{\nu} - Pg^{\mu\nu} + 2\eta\nabla^{\langle\mu}u^{\nu\rangle}$$

$$2\nabla^{\langle\mu}u^{\nu\rangle} = \Delta^{\mu\rho}\nabla_{\rho}u^{\nu} + \Delta^{\nu\rho}\nabla_{\rho}u^{\mu} - \frac{2}{3}\Delta^{\mu\nu}\nabla_{\rho}u^{\rho} \quad \Delta^{\mu\nu} \equiv g^{\mu\nu} - u^{\mu}u^{\nu}$$

Make it causal: Israel-Stewart hydrodynamics

- Shear stress and viscosity η

$$F = \eta A \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$



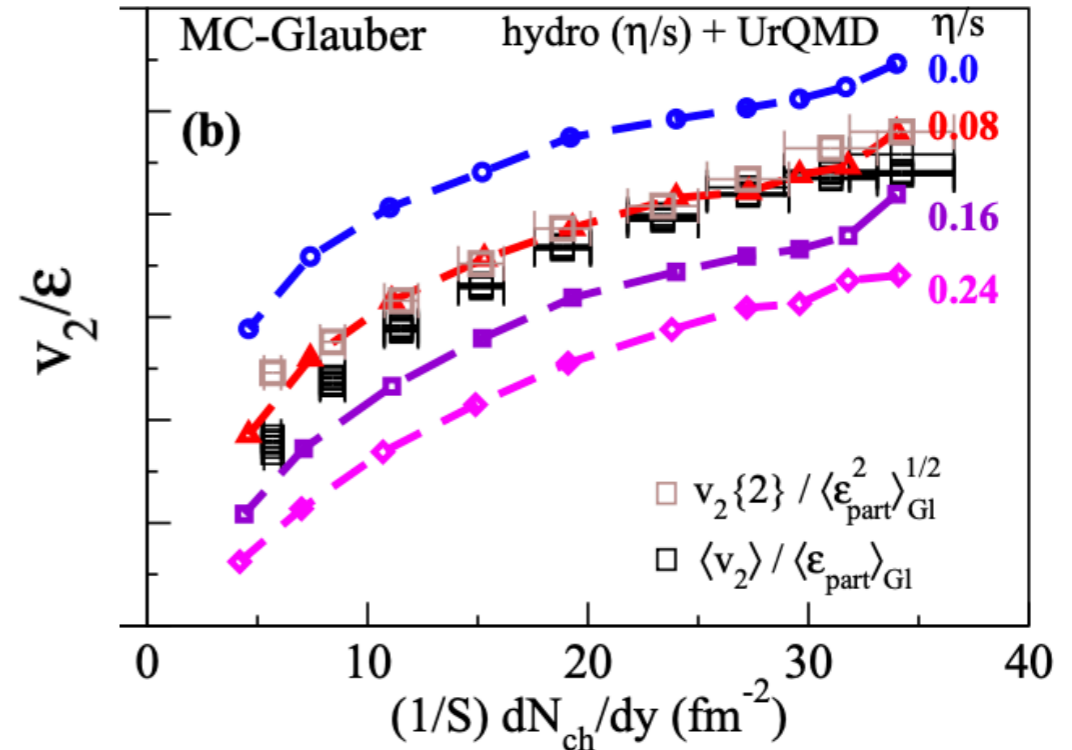
Anisotropic Flow and Shear Viscosity

- Hydrodynamic calculations indicate QGP has small shear viscosity

$\eta/s = 0.08$ best describes data

$\eta/s \sim 1000$ for air

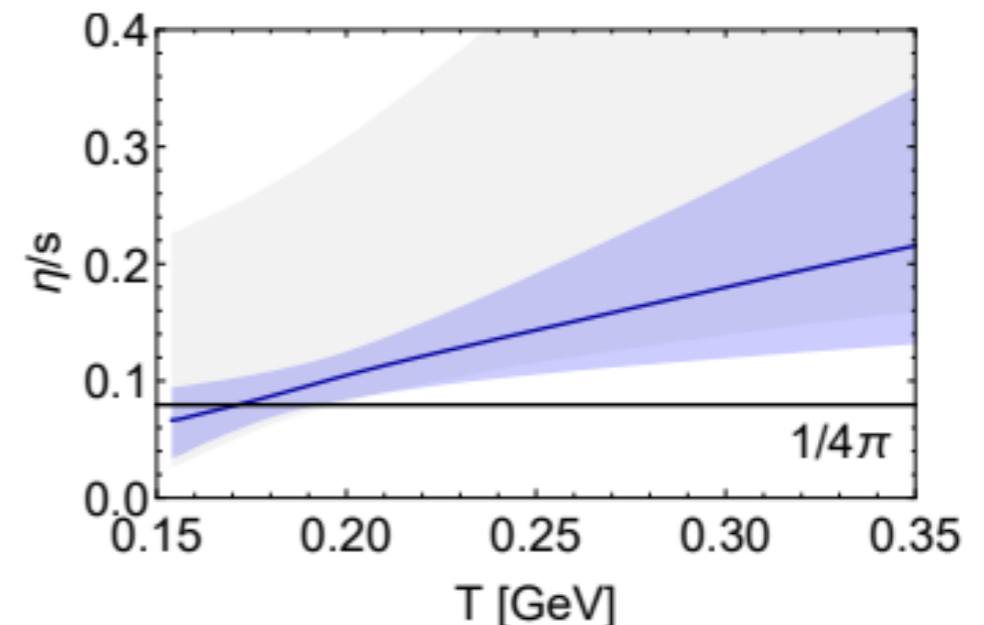
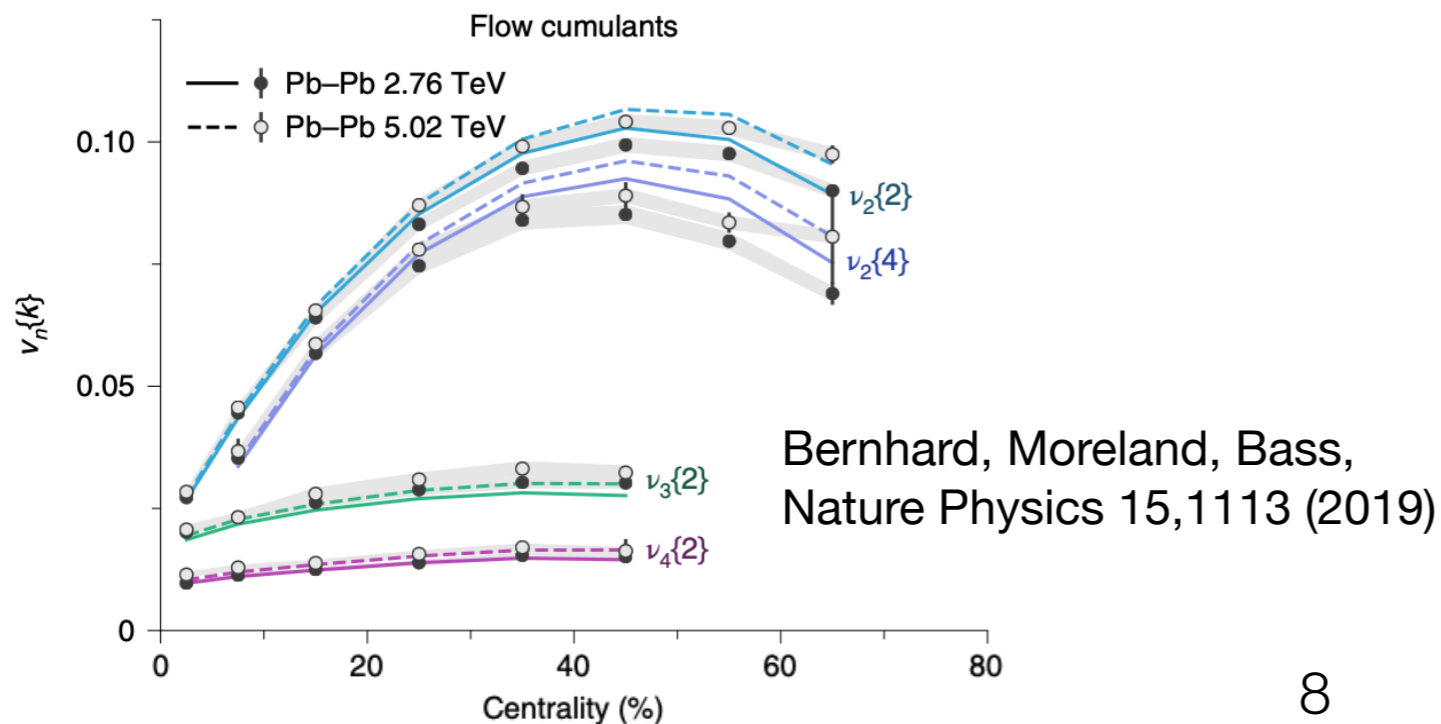
$\eta/s \sim 10$ for water



Song, Bass, Heinz, Hirano, Shen, 1011.2783

- Modern analyses show η/s extracted from data consistent with $1/(4\pi)$ from strongly coupled supersymmetric Yang-Mills theory

Policastro, Son, Starinets, hep-th/0104066



Nijs, van der Schee, Gursoy, Snellings, 2010.15130

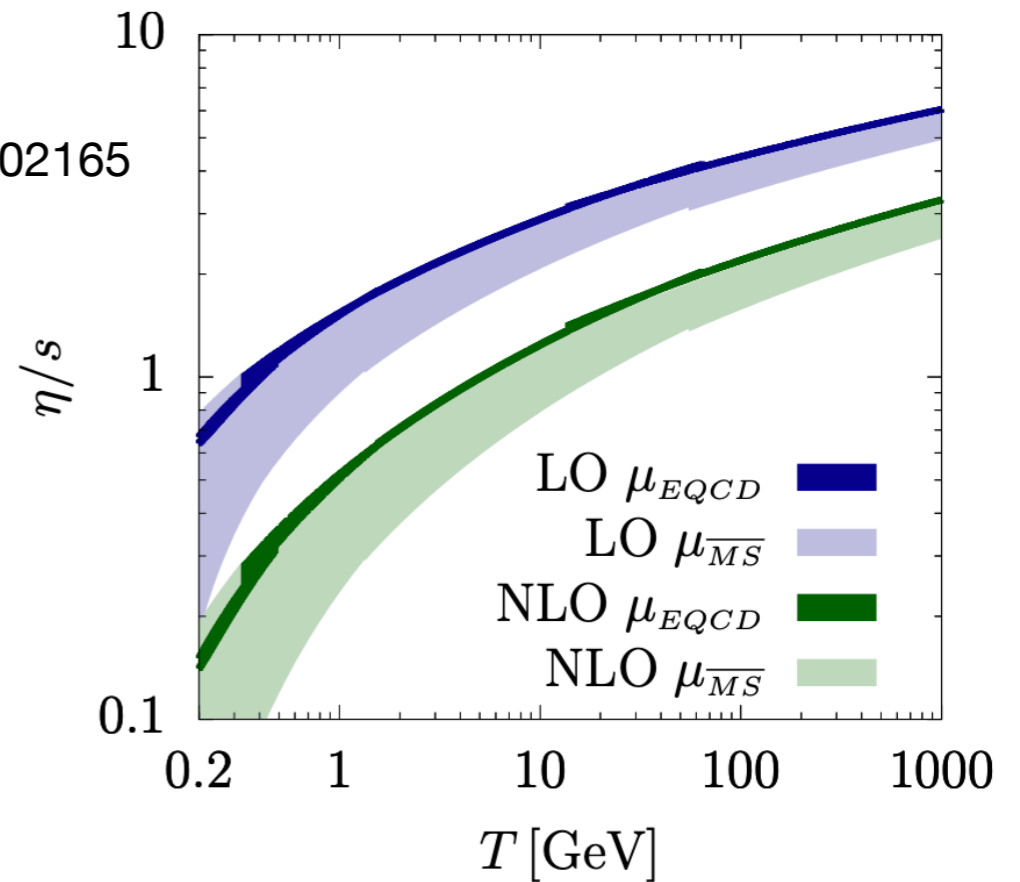
Calculating QCD Shear Viscosity is Challenging

- Perturbation theory, running coupling**

Jeon, Yaffe, Phys. Rev. D 53, 5799 (1996); Arnold, Moore, Yaffe, hep-ph/0302165

At low T , uncertainty band large

At high T , factor of 2 difference between LO and NLO



Ghiglieri, Moore, Teaney, 1802.09535

$$G(\tau) = \int d\mathbf{x} \langle T^{xy}(\mathbf{x}, i\tau) T^{xy}(0, 0) \rangle_T$$

$$G(\tau) = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \frac{\rho(\omega)}{\omega} K(\omega, \tau) \quad K(\omega, \tau) = \frac{\omega \cosh(\omega(\tau - 1/(2T)))}{\sinh(\omega/(2T))}$$

$$\eta = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{\rho(\omega)}{\omega}$$

Problems: (1) ill-defined inverse process, different $\rho(\omega)$ can give same $G(\tau)$
 (2) Insensitive to structure of $\rho(\omega)$ at small ω

Calculation in Real Time

Shear Viscosity from Linear Response

- **Kubo formula: transport determined by real-time correlation function**

“Tree-level” matching $\eta = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} G_r^{xy}(\omega)$

Baier, Romatschke, Son, Starinets, Stephanov, 0712.2451

- **Retarded Green’s function of T^{xy}**

$$G_r^{xy}(\omega) = \int dt e^{i\omega t} G_r^{xy}(t) \equiv \int dt d^2x e^{i\omega t} G_r^{xy}(t, \mathbf{x})$$

$$G_r^{xy}(t, \mathbf{x}) \equiv \theta(t) \text{Tr}([T^{xy}(t, \mathbf{x}), T^{xy}(0, \mathbf{0})] \rho_T)$$

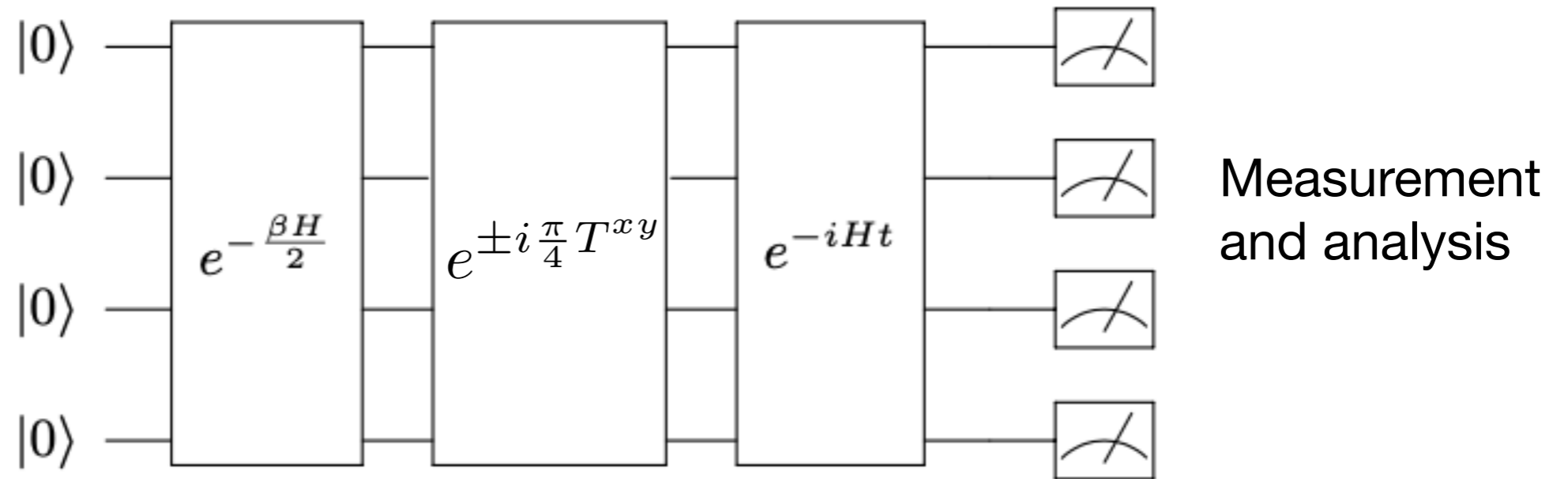
$$T^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{g^2} F^{a\mu\rho} F^{a\nu}_{\rho} + \frac{1}{4g^2} \eta^{\mu\nu} F^{a\rho\sigma} F^a_{\rho\sigma}$$

$$\rho_T = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\beta H}$$

Quantum Algorithm

A Quantum Computing Algorithm

- An overview



Thermal state preparation using quantum imaginary time propagation (QITP)

Evolution for commutator if A is a Pauli string

Real-time evolution using Trotterization

Turro, Roggero, Amitrano, Luchi, Wendt, DuBois, Quaglioni, Pederiva, 2102.12260

$$[A, B] = -i \left(e^{-i \frac{\pi}{4} A} B e^{i \frac{\pi}{4} A} - e^{i \frac{\pi}{4} A} B e^{-i \frac{\pi}{4} A} \right)$$

Thermal State Preparation

- **Initialization:** n_s system qubits + $(n_s + 1)$ ancillas

Hadamard + CNOT + measurements give maximally mixed state

$$\rho_s = \frac{1}{2^{n_s}} \mathbb{1}_{2^{n_s} \times 2^{n_s}}$$

- **Quantum imaginary time propagation**

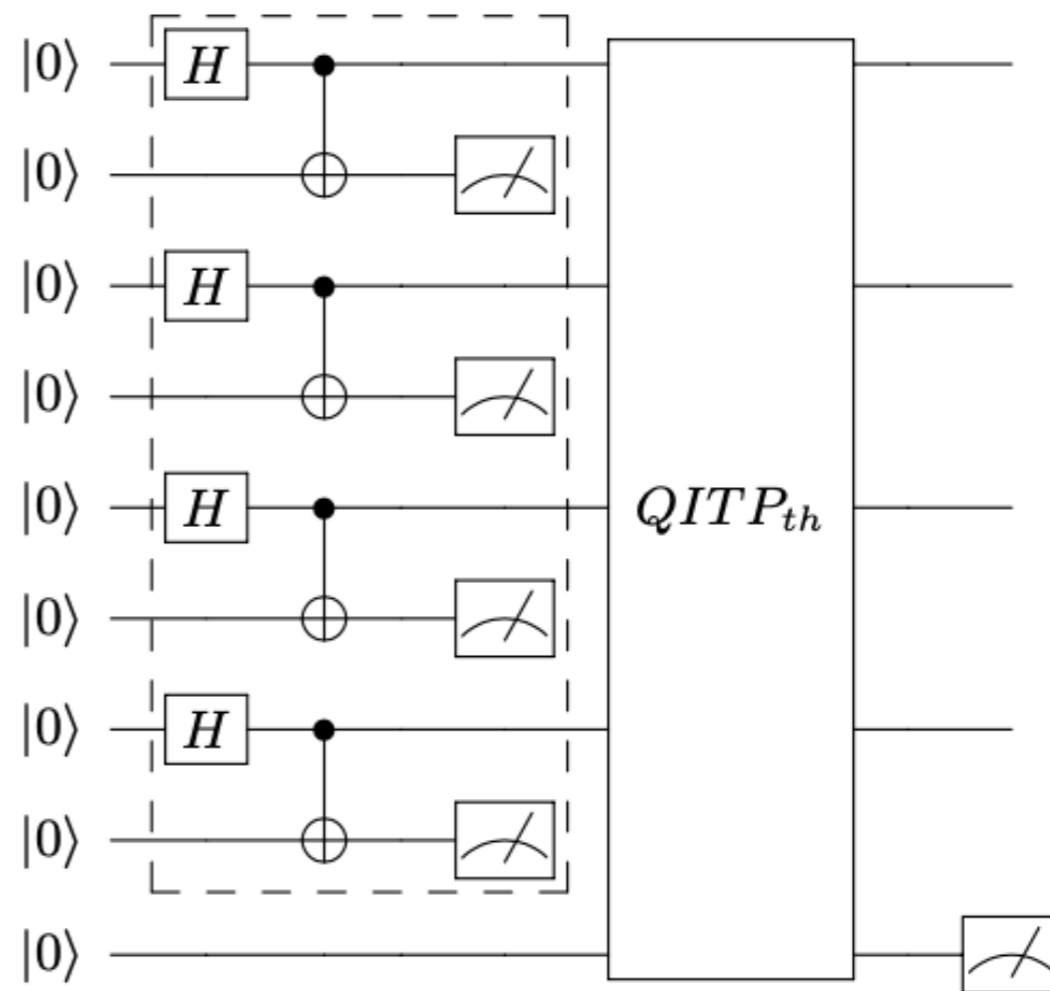
$$QITP_{th} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{p} e^{-\tau(H-E_T)} & \sqrt{1 - p} e^{-2\tau(H-E_T)} \\ -\sqrt{1 - p} e^{-2\tau(H-E_T)} & \sqrt{p} e^{-\tau(H-E_T)} \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Measure the ancilla and if $|0\rangle$ returned**

$$\rho_T = \frac{1}{2^{n_s} p_s} e^{-\beta(H-E_T)} = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\beta H}$$

$$p = 1$$

$$\tau = \frac{\beta}{2}$$



Quantum Computing of Retarded Green's Function

- **Commutator from a unitary circuit (A is a Pauli string)**

$$[A, B] = -i \left(e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}A} B e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}A} - e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}A} B e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}A} \right)$$

- **Run different circuits to obtain retarded Green's function of T^{xy}**

$$[T_{\text{sum}}^{xy}(t), T_{ij}^{xy}(0)] = [T_{\text{sum}}^{xy}(t), \sum_{\alpha} \Sigma_{\alpha}]$$

$$[T_{\text{sum}}^{xy}(t), \Sigma_{\alpha}] = i e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}\Sigma_{\alpha}} e^{iHt} T_{\text{sum}}^{xy} e^{-iHt} e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}\Sigma_{\alpha}} \\ - i e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}\Sigma_{\alpha}} e^{iHt} T_{\text{sum}}^{xy} e^{-iHt} e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}\Sigma_{\alpha}}$$

- **Measure in computational basis and post-processing**

$$\text{Tr}([T_{\text{sum}}^{xy}(t), \Sigma_{\alpha}] \rho_T) = i \sum_b \langle b | T_{\text{sum}}^{xy}(0) | b \rangle [P_{\alpha}^{+}(b) - P_{\alpha}^{-}(b)]$$

b



Basis state

Application to 2+1D $SU(2)$ Pure Gauge Theory

Kogut-Susskind Hamiltonian

- On spatial lattice

$$H = \frac{g^2}{2} \sum_{\text{links}} (E_i^a)^2 - \frac{2}{a^2 g^2} \sum_{\text{plaquettes}} \square(\mathbf{n})$$

- Plaquette term consists of four gauge links

$$\square(\mathbf{n}) = \text{Tr}[U^\dagger(\mathbf{n}, \hat{y})U^\dagger(\mathbf{n} + \hat{y}, \hat{x})U(\mathbf{n} + \hat{x}, \hat{y})U(\mathbf{n}, \hat{x})]$$

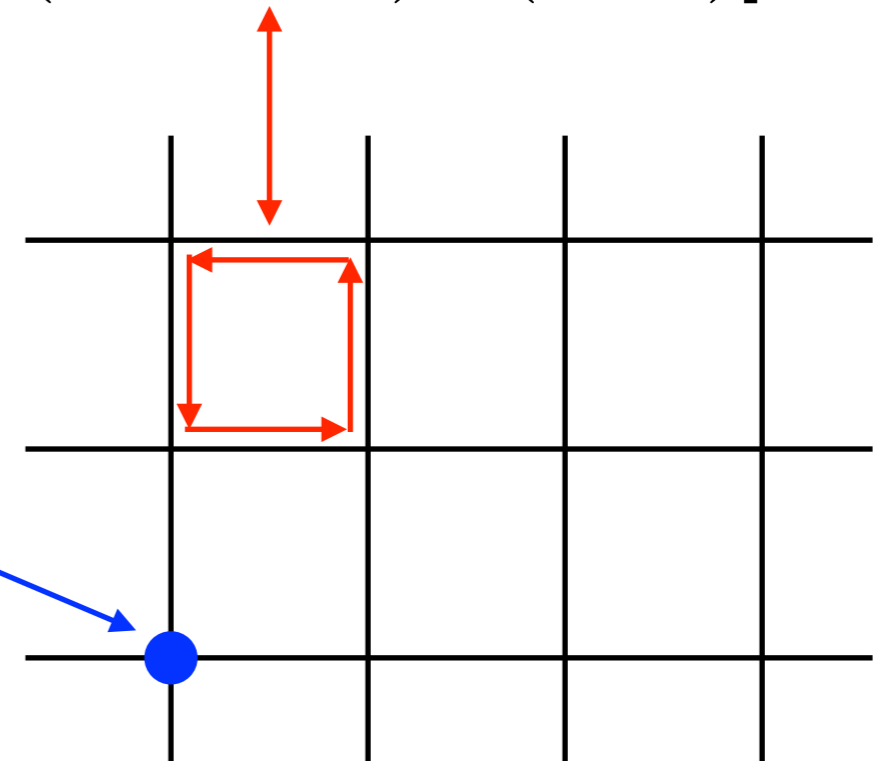
$$U(\mathbf{n}, \hat{i}) = e^{iaA_i(\mathbf{n})}$$

- Electric fields generate gauge transformation

$$[E_i^a, U(\mathbf{n}, \hat{j})] = -\delta_{ij} T^a U(\mathbf{n}, \hat{j})$$

$$[E_i^a, E_i^b] = i f^{abc} E_i^c$$

$$\sum_{i \in \text{vertex}} E_i^a = 0 \quad \text{Gauss's law}$$



Byrnes, Yamamoto, quant-ph/0510027

Electric Basis and Gauss's Law

- **Electric basis on links:** $|j m_L m_R\rangle$ $|j m_L\rangle$ ——— $|j m_R\rangle$

$$E^2 |j m_L m_R\rangle = j(j+1) |j m_L m_R\rangle$$

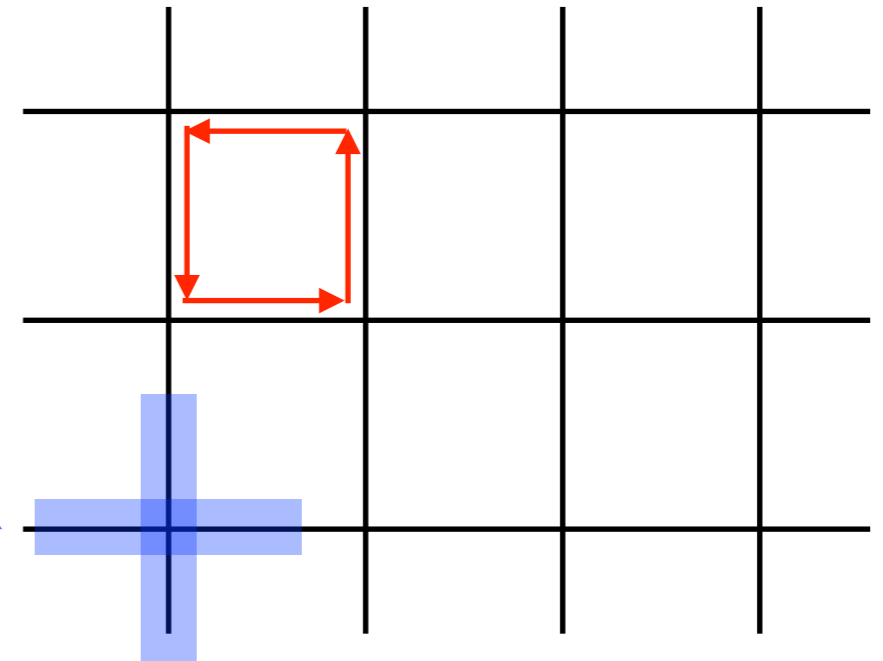
Similar to angular momentum quantum numbers

- **Only gauge invariant states are physical**

Impose Gauss's law: physical states transform as **SU(2) singlet** at each vertex

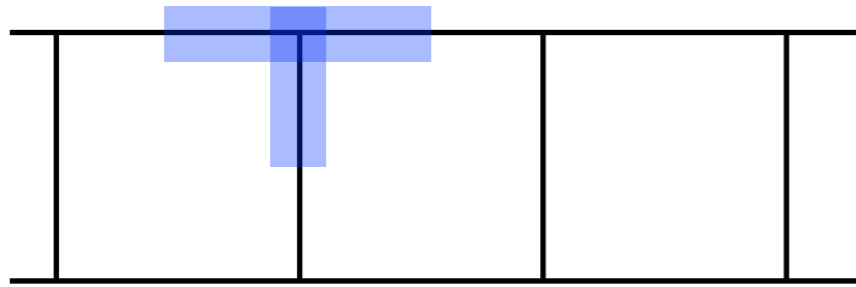
E.g. two links with $j = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\left| \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle - \left| \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right\rangle \left| \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle \rightarrow |0, 0\rangle$$

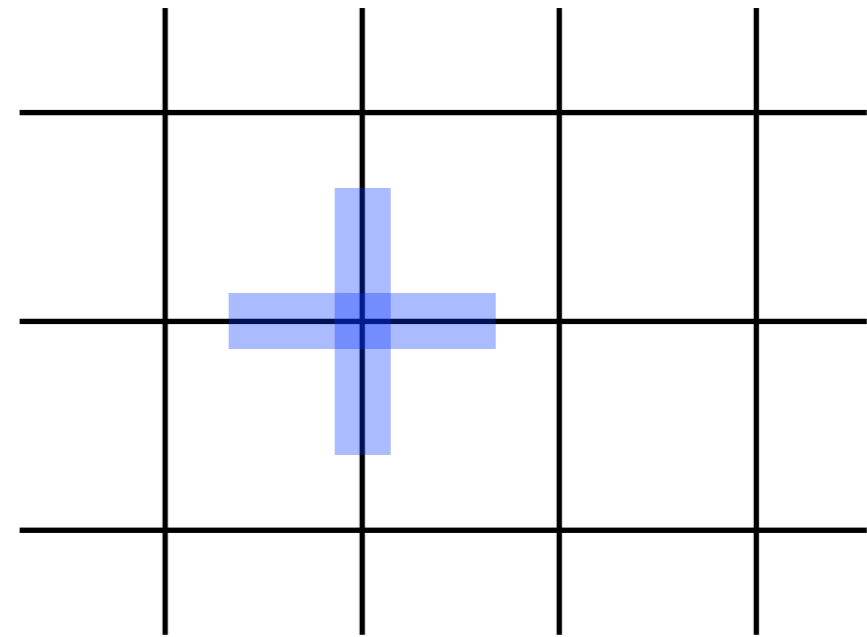


Honeycomb Lattice

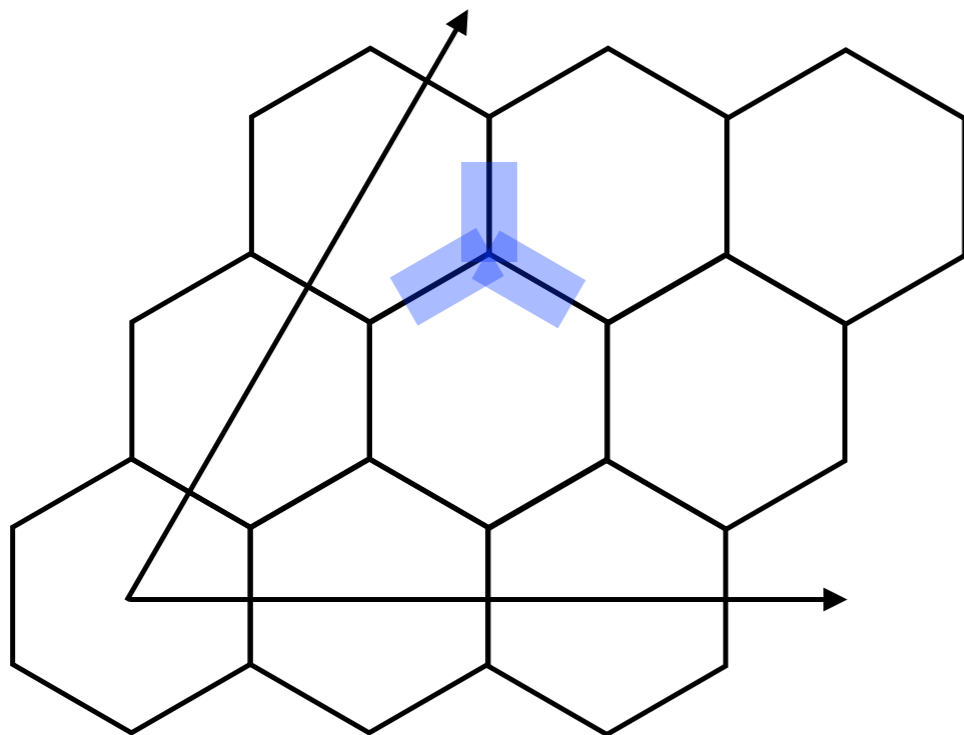
- **Problem on square lattice:** each vertex has four links \rightarrow singlet is **not uniquely** defined by four j values



Klco, Stryker, Savage, 1908.06935



- **Use honeycomb lattice**



Müller, XY, 2307.00045

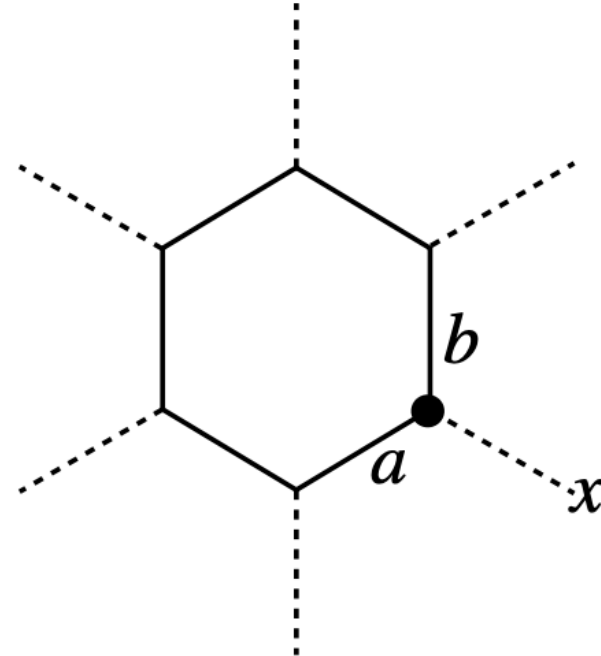
$$H_{\text{el}} = \frac{g^2}{2} \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \sum_{\text{links}} E_i^a E_i^a$$

$$H_{\text{mag}} = -\frac{4\sqrt{3}}{9a^2 g^2} \sum_{\text{plaqs}} \text{Hexagon}$$

Matrix Elements of Hamiltonian and T^{xy}

- Plaquequette matrix element in electric basis

$$\langle \{J\} | \text{Hexagon} | \{j\} \rangle \equiv \langle \{J\} | \prod_{V=1}^6 M_V | \{j\} \rangle$$

$$= \prod_{V=1}^6 (-1)^{j_a + J_b + j_x} \sqrt{(2J_a + 1)(2j_b + 1)} \left\{ \begin{matrix} j_x & j_a & j_b \\ \frac{1}{2} & J_b & J_a \end{matrix} \right\}$$


The diagram shows a hexagonal plaquette with solid lines for internal links and dashed lines for external links. A vertex is marked with a black dot. Two internal links are labeled 'a' and 'b', and one external link is labeled 'x'.

Klco, Stryker, Savage, 1908.06935

Zache, González-Cuadra, Zoller, 2304.02527

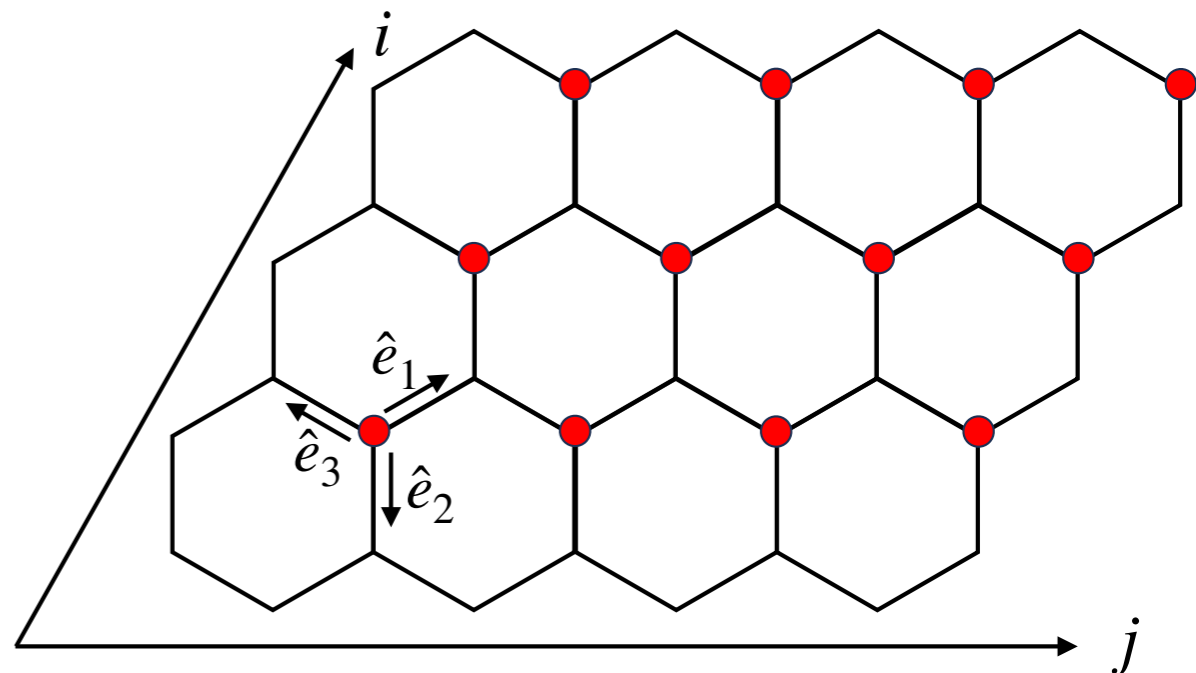
Hayata, Hidaka, 2305.05950

Each vertex (V) has two internal links (a, b) and one external (x)

- T^{xy} operator $T^{xy} = -\frac{g^2}{a^2} E_x^a E_y^a$

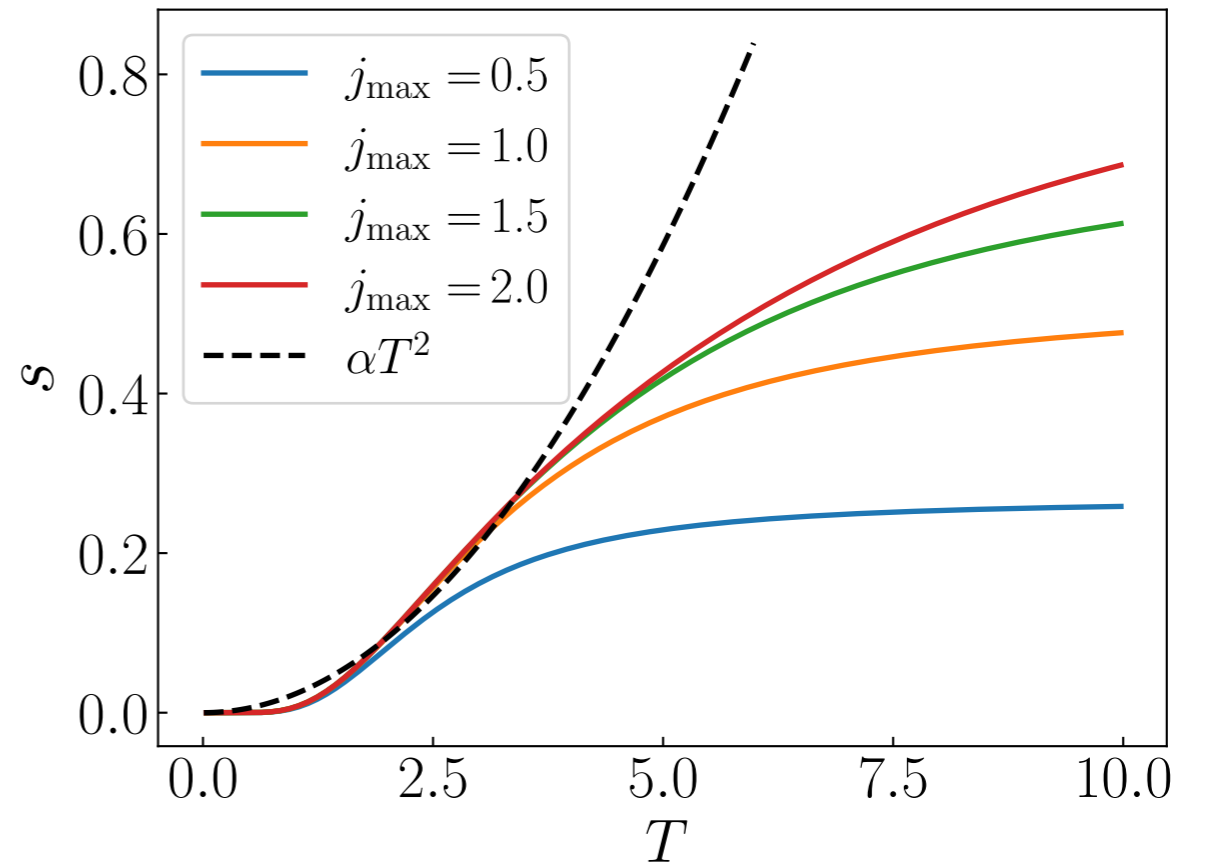
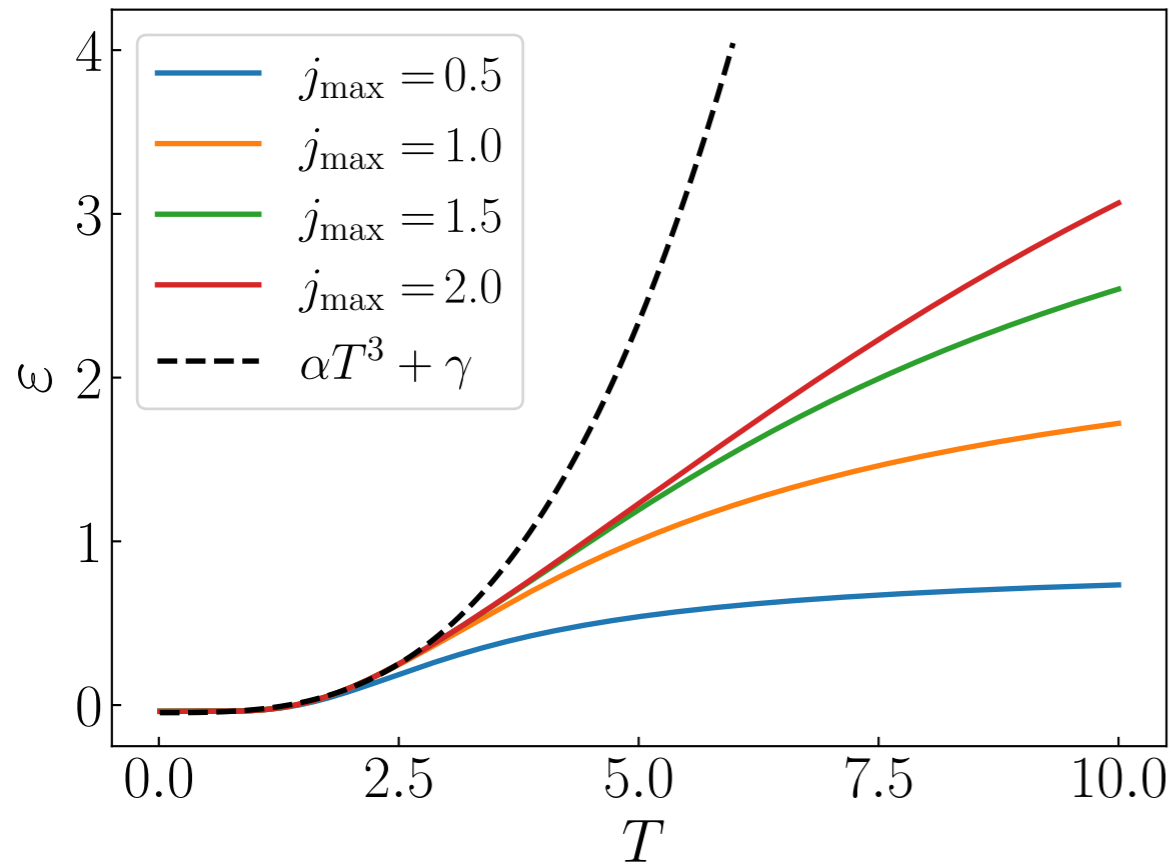
$$E_1^a + E_2^a + E_3^a = 0$$

$$T^{xy} = -\frac{g^2}{\sqrt{3}a^2} \left((E_1^a)^2 - (E_3^a)^2 \right)$$



j_{\max} Cutoff Effect

- Energy and entropy densities on 2×2 lattice with $ag^2 = 1$

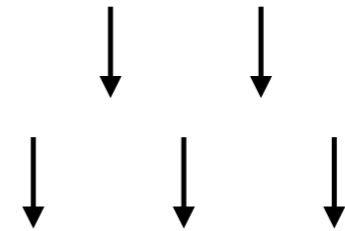
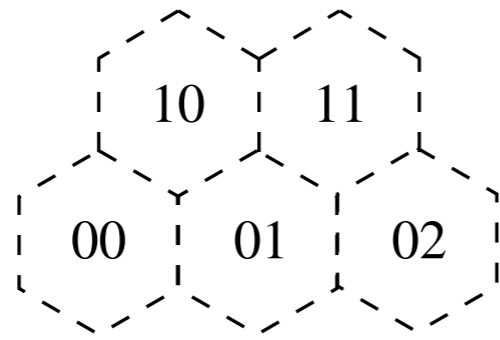


- To describe states up to energy E with error ϵ , we need at most

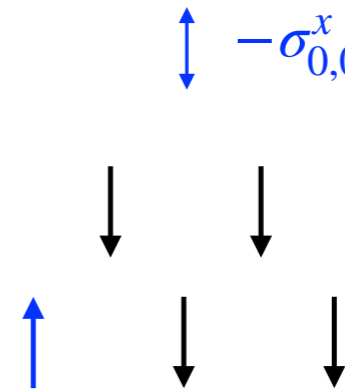
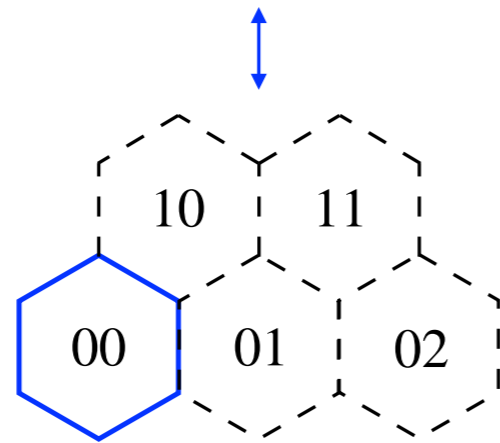
$$j_{\max} = \frac{4N_l \tilde{E}}{3\sqrt{3}g^2\epsilon} \quad \tilde{E} = E + \frac{16\sqrt{3}}{9g^2a^2}N_p$$

Simplify Hamiltonian with $j_{\max} = 1/2$

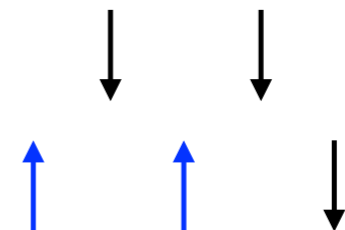
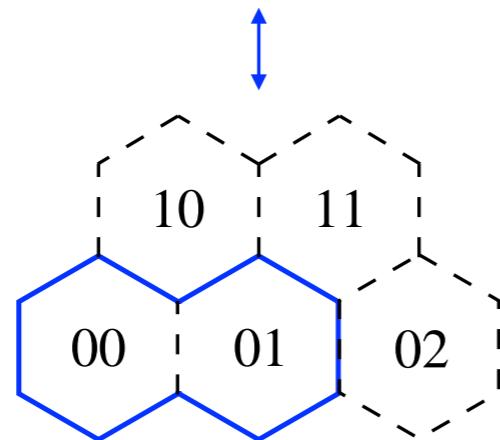
$$\text{SU}(2) \text{ w/ } j_{\max} = \frac{1}{2}$$



Ising plane



$$-\sigma_{0,0}^x$$



$$0.5\sigma_{0,1}^x$$

$$aH = h_+ \sum_{(i,j)} \Pi_{i,j}^+ - h_{++} \sum_{(i,j)} \Pi_{i,j}^+ \left(\Pi_{i+1,j}^+ + \Pi_{i,j+1}^+ + \Pi_{i+1,j-1}^+ \right) + h_x \sum_{(i,j)} (-0.5)^{c_{i,j}} \sigma_{i,j}^x$$

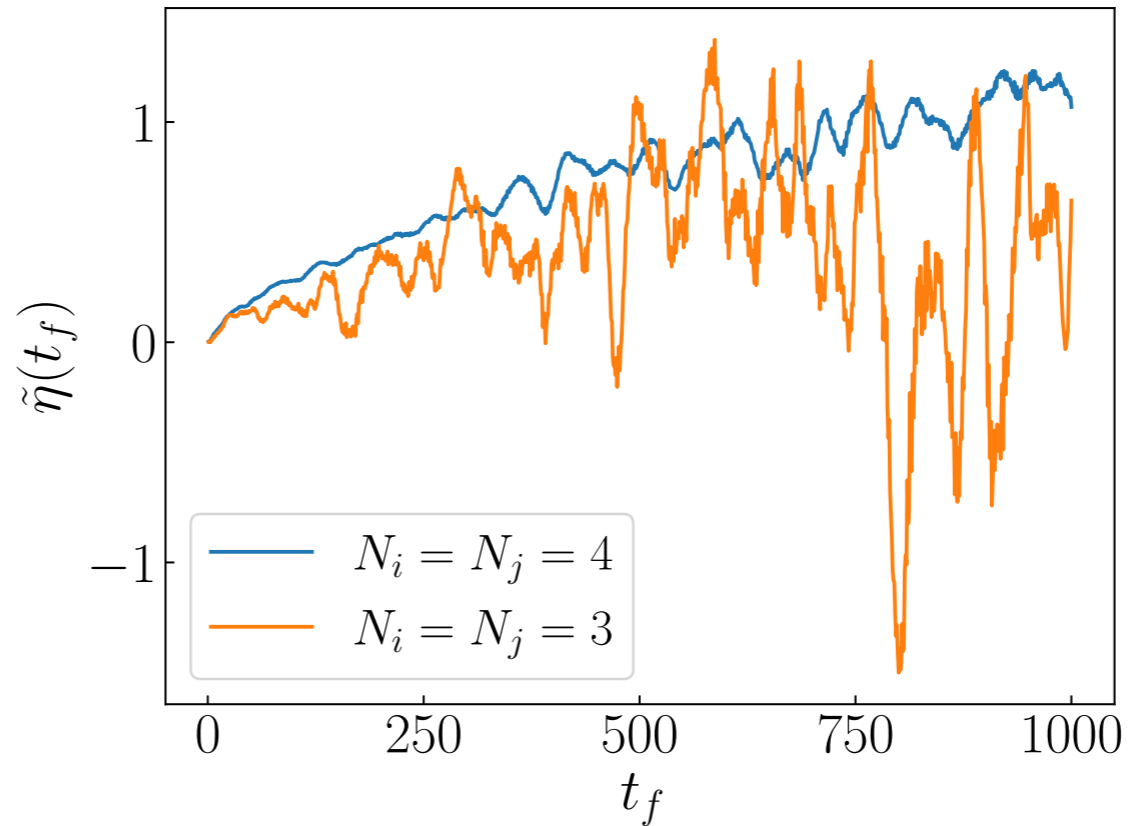
$$\Pi_{i,j}^+ = (1 + \sigma_{i,j}^z)/2 \quad h_+ = \frac{27\sqrt{3}}{8} ag^2, \quad h_{++} = \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{8} ag^2, \quad h_x = \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{9ag^2}$$

Classical Results

Results at Fixed Coupling for $j_{\max} = 1/2$ Model

- Finite size effect

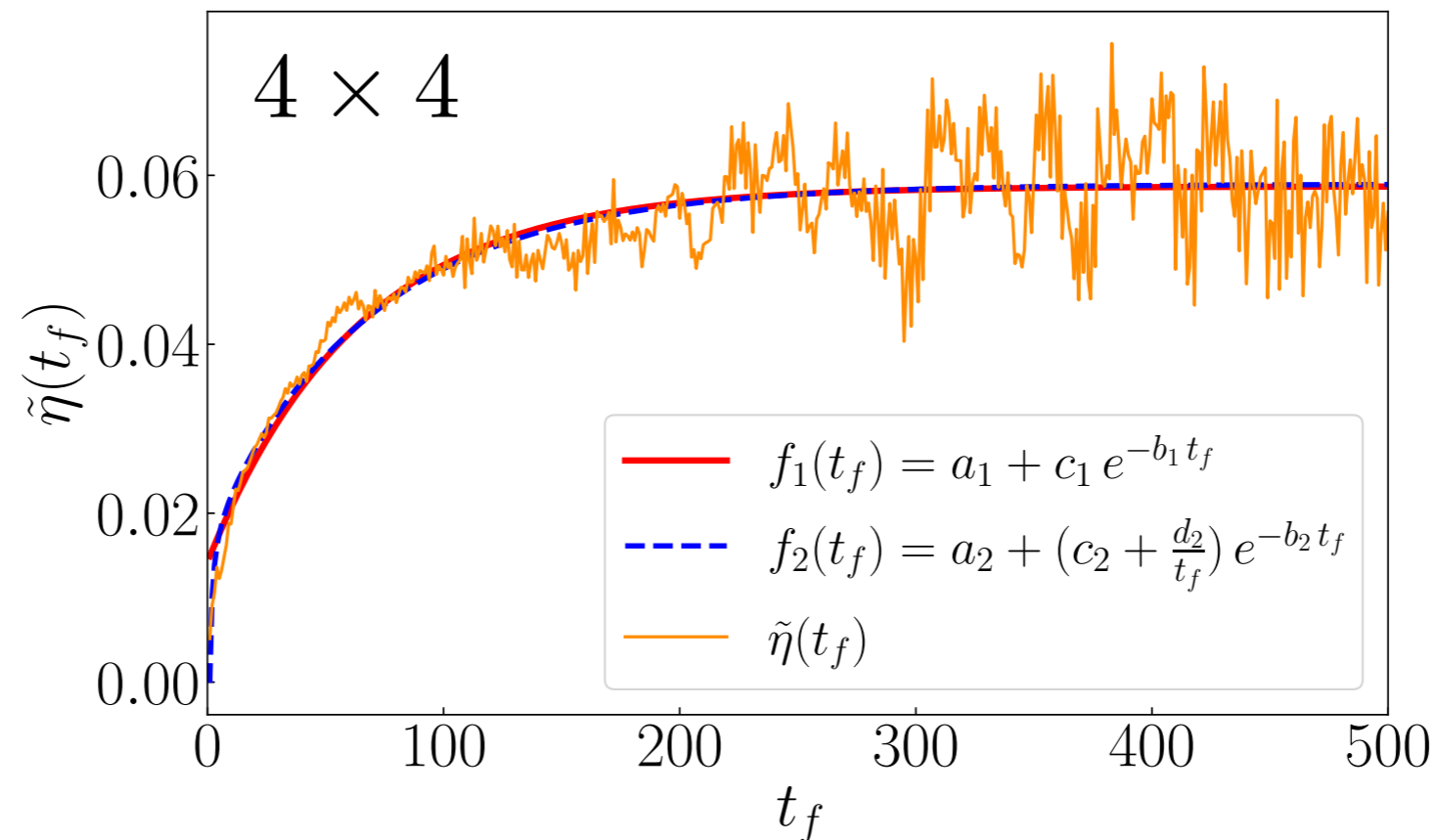
$$|\tilde{T}_{nm}^{xy}|^2 \left(\frac{\sin((E_n - E_m)t_f)}{(E_n - E_m)^2} - \frac{t_f \cos((E_n - E_m)t_f)}{E_n - E_m} \right)$$



$$\beta = 0.3a$$

$$ag^2 = 1$$

- Fit plateau value



$$\beta = 0.2a$$

$$ag^2 = 0.6$$

Running Coupling and “Continuum” Limit

- Renormalization of coupling

$$\frac{d \ln(ag^2)}{d \ln a} = 1$$

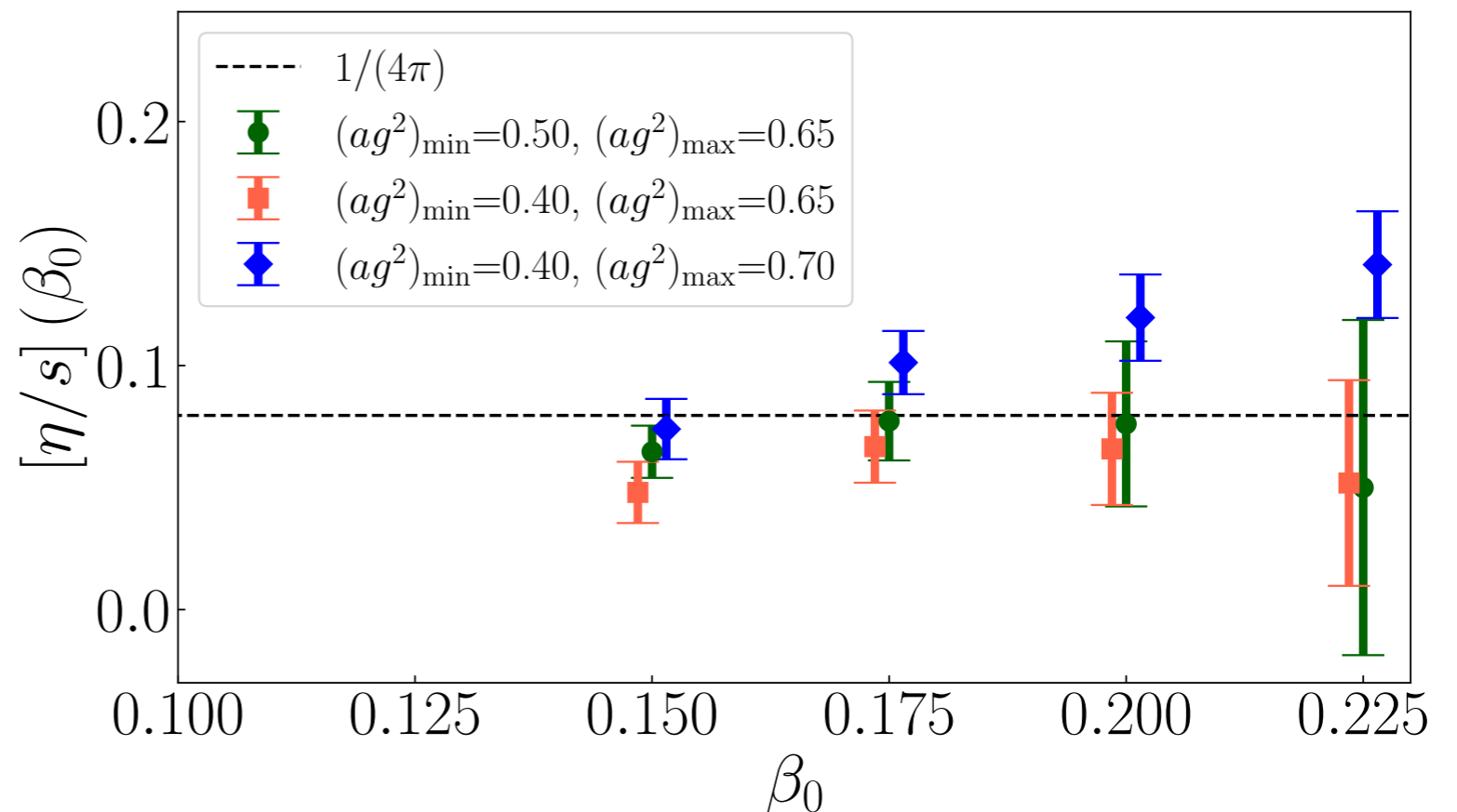
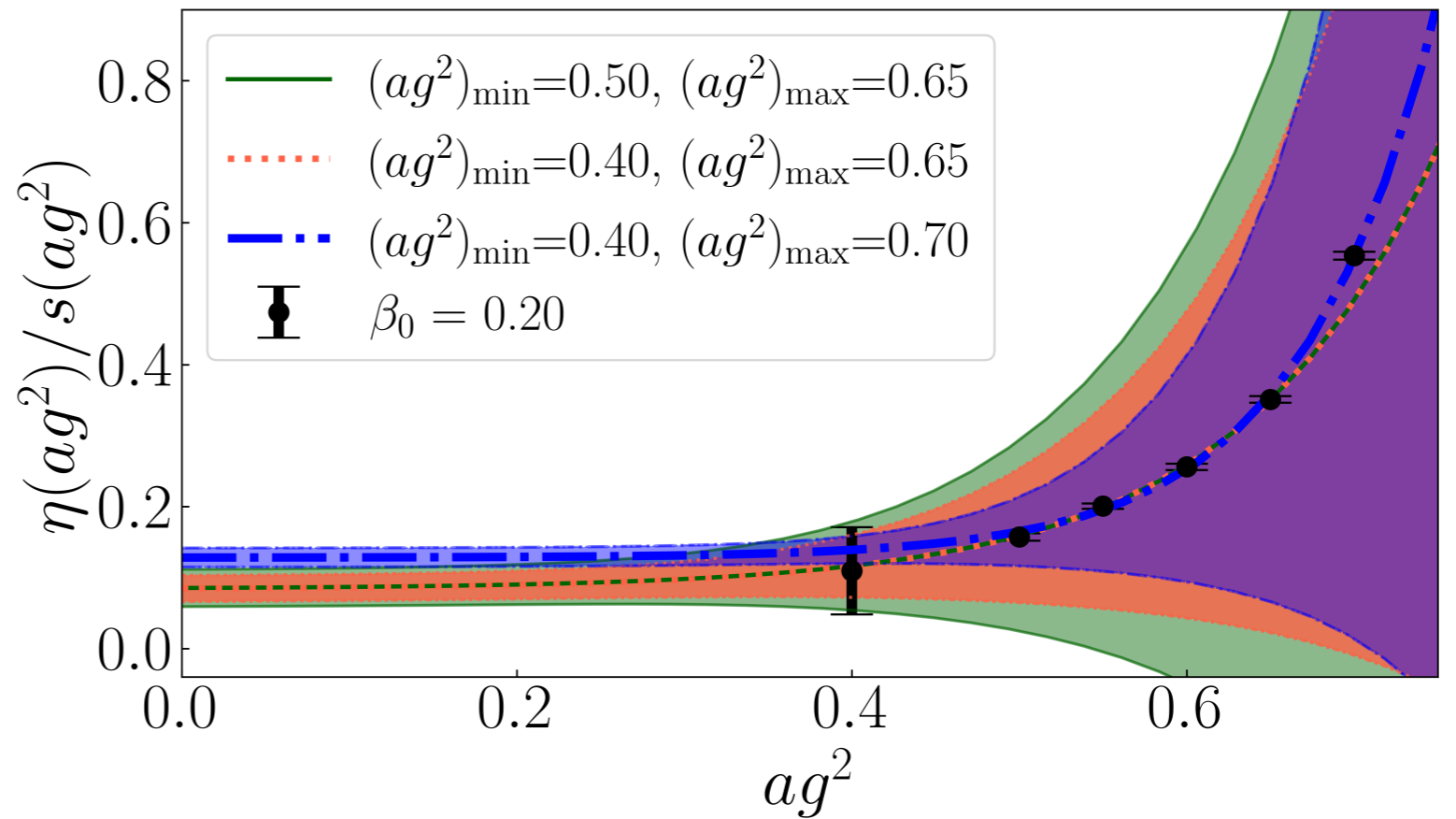
Romatschke, 1910.09550

$$f(ag^2) = c_0 + c_1 e^{c_2 ag^2}$$

- Temperature dependence for truncated lattice model

$$4 \times 4, j_{\max} = 1/2$$

β_0 in lattice unit is the temperature when $ag^2 = 1$



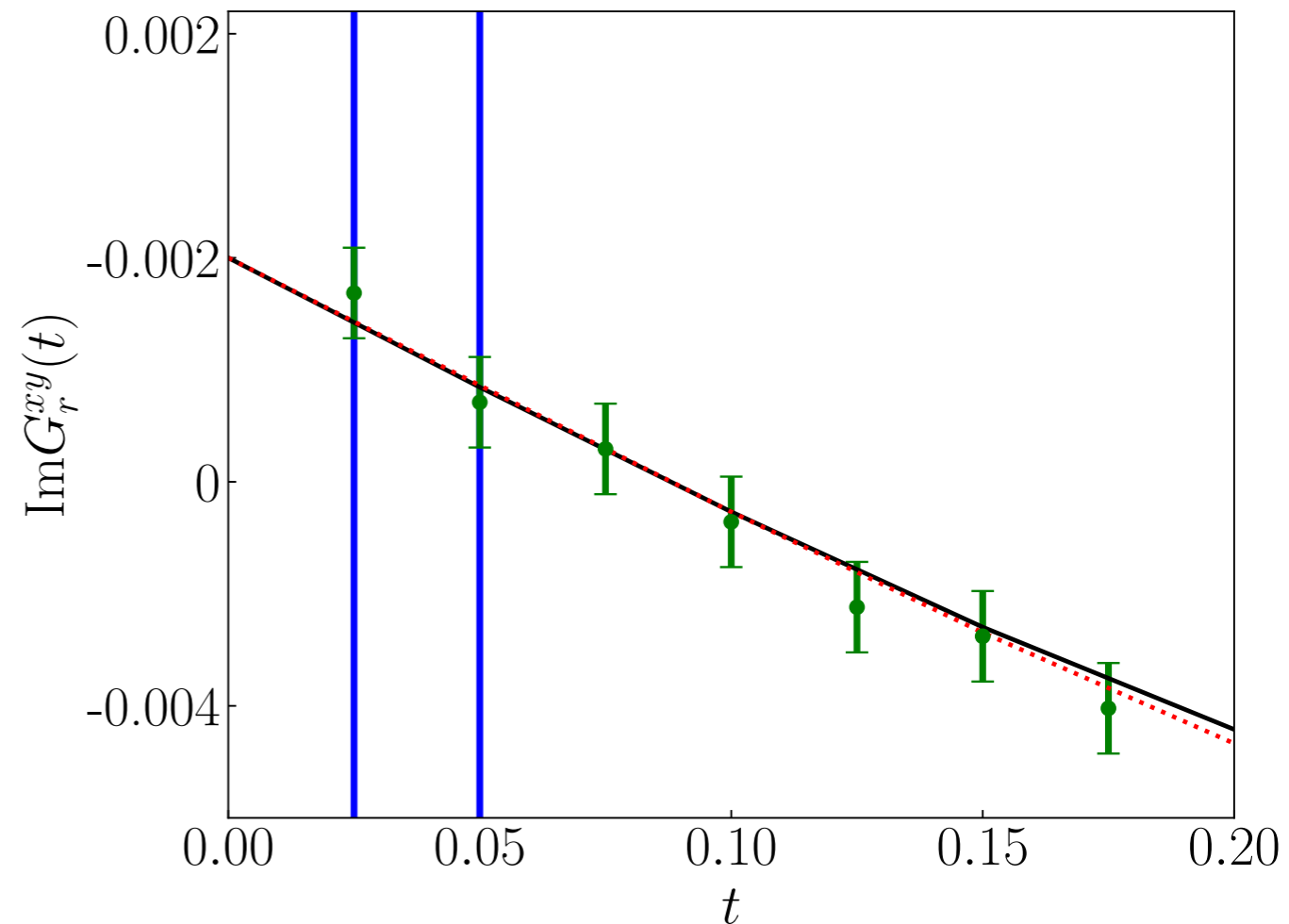
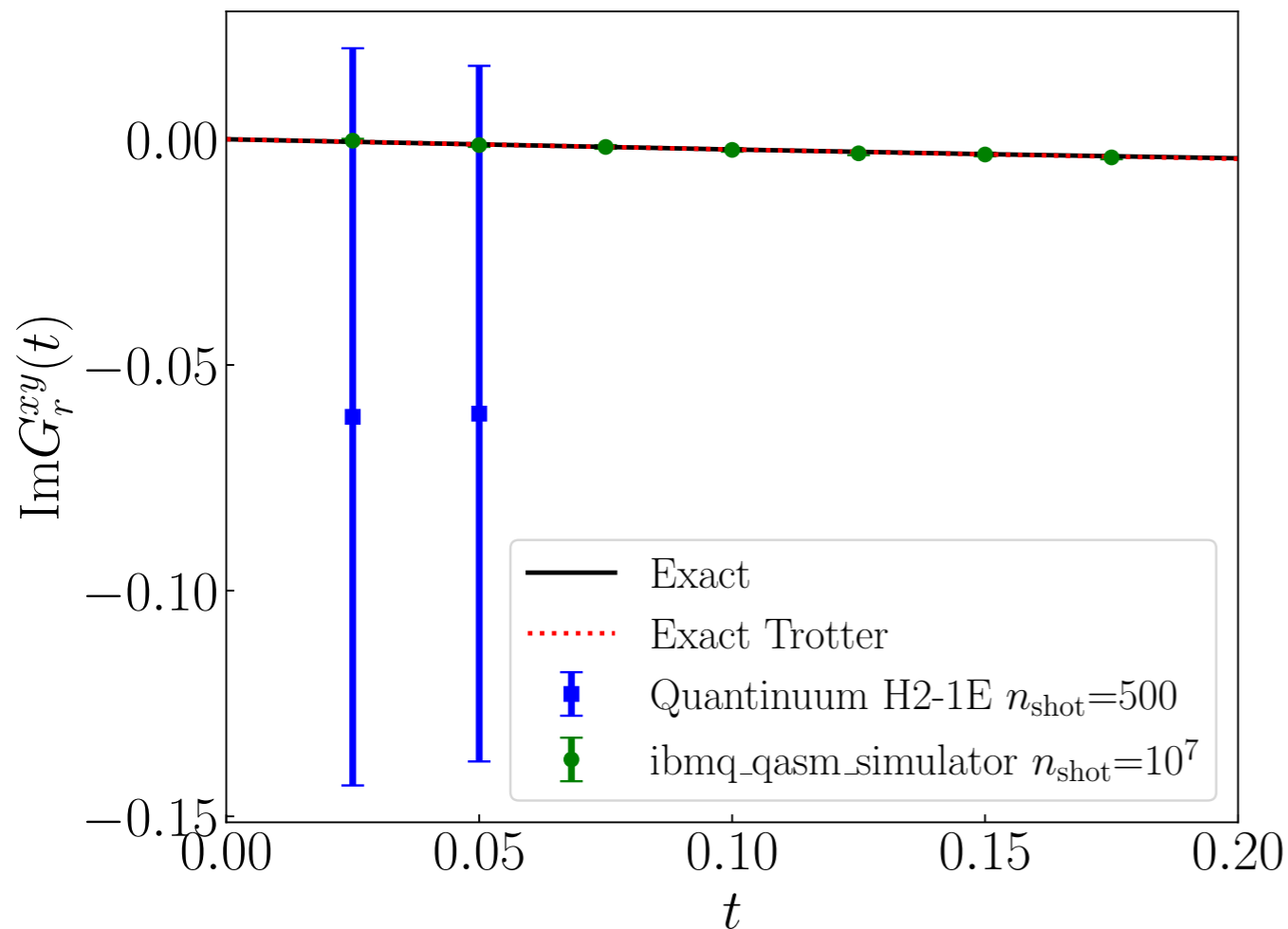
How to Improve the Results

- Hamiltonian lattice formulation allows us to evaluate real-time correlation for shear viscosity extraction
- Physical limit: (1) $a \rightarrow 0$ means $ag^2 \rightarrow 0$, requires $j_{\max} \rightarrow \infty$
 - (2) lattice size $\rightarrow \infty$
 - (3) Operator renormalization
- (1) and (2) are challenging: 4×4 lattice w/ $j_{\max} = 1/2$ has 65536 states
 3×3 lattice w/ $j_{\max} = 1$ has 519233 states
- Exact diagonalization cannot take us too far \rightarrow quantum computing

Quantum Simulator Results

Preliminary Results on Small Lattice

- Quantum simulator results for 2×2 lattice with $j_{\max} = 1/2$, $ag^2 = 1$, $\beta = 0.15$, $\Delta t = 0.025$



Many shots are needed! $n_{\text{shot}} \simeq \frac{4 d_T^2}{\epsilon^2 [G_r^{xy}(t)]^2} \sim \frac{4 \times 10^6 d_T^2}{\epsilon^2}$

$$|\langle b | T_{\text{sum}}^{xy}(0) | b \rangle| \leq d_T$$

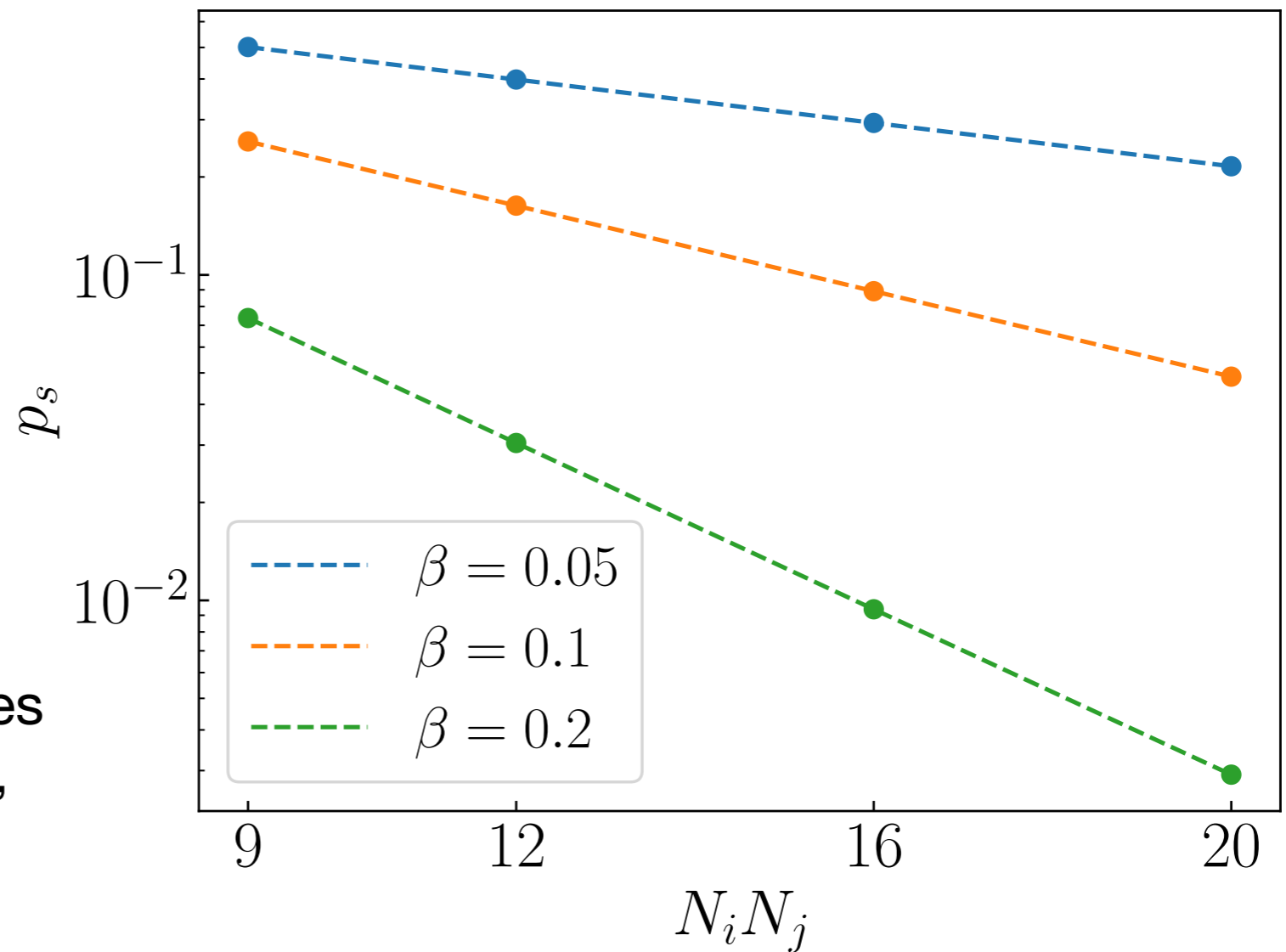
Thermal State Preparation Efficiency

- **Success probability**

$$\text{Fixed } j_{\max} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad ag^2 = 1$$

“Glueball mass”:
 $E_1 - E_0 = 6.2$

Success probability decreases exponentially w/ system size, but for high temperature, coefficient is small



Conclusions

- Shear viscosity: interesting physical quantity but hard to compute in QCD
- Real-time Hamiltonian lattice approach:
 - Classical computing: exact diagonalization up to 4×4 lattice with $j_{\max} = 1/2$; model results show consistency with $\eta/s = 1/(4\pi)$ in naive “continuum” limit
 - A quantum computing algorithm
- Future goal: **approach the physical limit**

Backup: Shear Viscosity from Linear Response

- Express in terms of eigenstates and eigenenergies $H|n\rangle = E_n|n\rangle$

$$\eta = \lim_{t_f \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\eta}(t_f)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\eta}(t_f) &\equiv - \int_0^{t_f} t dt \operatorname{Im} G_r^{xy}(t) \\ &= - \frac{2}{Z\mathcal{A}} \sum_n \sum_{m \neq n} |\langle n | \tilde{T}^{xy} | m \rangle|^2 e^{-\beta E_n} f(t_f) \end{aligned}$$

$$f(t_f) \equiv \frac{\sin((E_n - E_m)t_f)}{(E_n - E_m)^2} - \frac{t_f \cos((E_n - E_m)t_f)}{E_n - E_m}$$

- Assume translational invariance

$$\tilde{T}^{xy}(t) = \int d^2x T^{xy}(t, \mathbf{x})$$

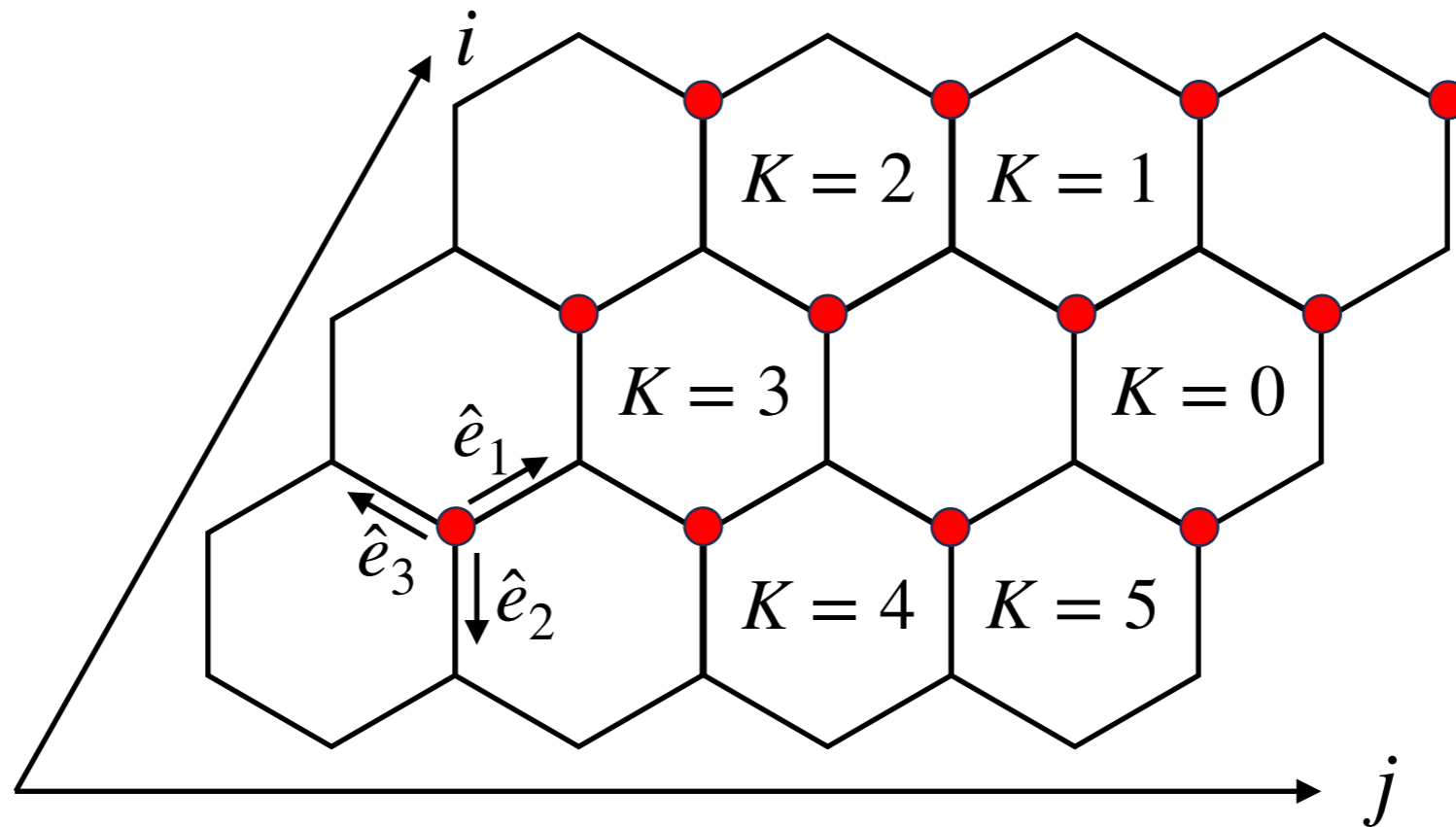
Backup: Quantum Circuit Gives G_r^{xy}

- **What the circuit does:** $\rho_\alpha^\pm(t) = \frac{1}{Z} U_t e^{\pm i \frac{\pi}{4} \Sigma_\alpha} e^{-\beta H} e^{\mp i \frac{\pi}{4} \Sigma_\alpha} U_t^\dagger$
- **What the measurement does:**

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_b \langle b | T_{\text{sum}}^{xy}(0) | b \rangle P_\alpha^\pm(b) &= \text{Tr}[T_{\text{sum}}^{xy}(0) \rho_\alpha^\pm(t)] \\ &= \frac{1}{Z} \text{Tr}[e^{\mp i \frac{\pi}{4} \Sigma_\alpha} U_t^\dagger T_{\text{sum}}^{xy}(0) U_t e^{\pm i \frac{\pi}{4} \Sigma_\alpha} e^{-\beta H}] \\ &= \frac{1}{Z} \text{Tr}[e^{\mp i \frac{\pi}{4} \Sigma_\alpha} T_{\text{sum}}^{xy}(t) e^{\pm i \frac{\pi}{4} \Sigma_\alpha} e^{-\beta H}] \end{aligned}$$

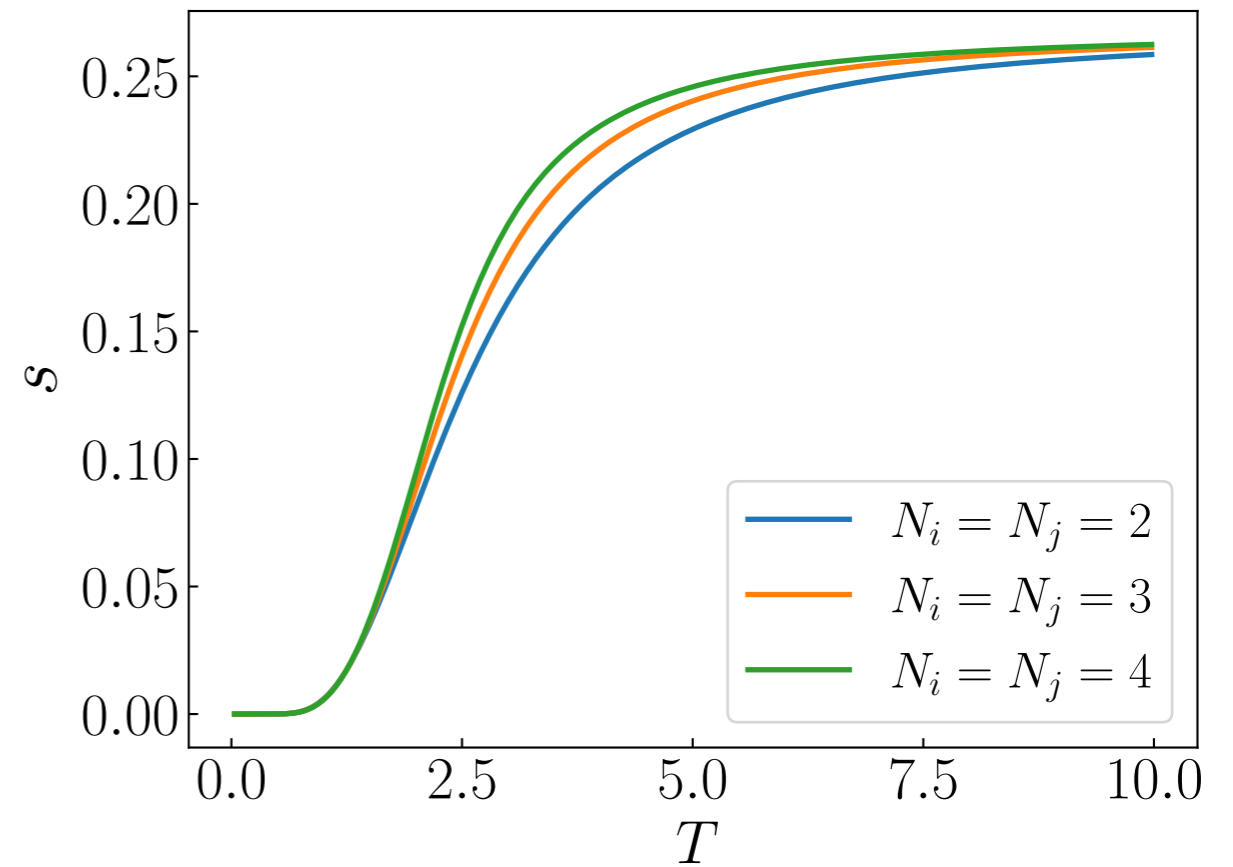
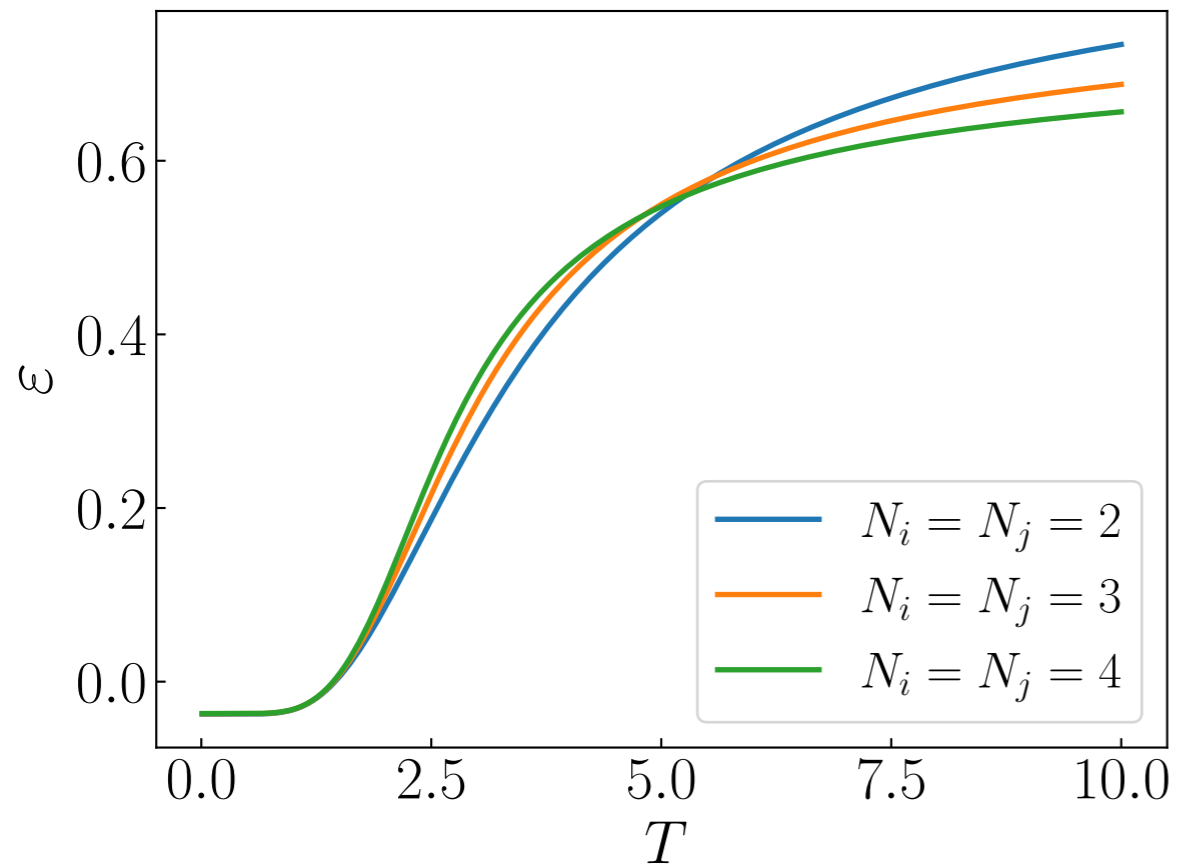
$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Tr}[T_{\text{sum}}^{xy}(0) \rho^+(t)] - \text{Tr}[T_{\text{sum}}^{xy}(0) \rho^-(t)] \\ &= \text{Tr}([e^{-i \frac{\pi}{4} \Sigma_\alpha} T_{\text{sum}}^{xy}(t) e^{i \frac{\pi}{4} \Sigma_\alpha} - e^{i \frac{\pi}{4} \Sigma_\alpha} T_{\text{sum}}^{xy}(t) e^{-i \frac{\pi}{4} \Sigma_\alpha}] \rho_T) \\ &= \frac{-i}{Z} \text{Tr}([T_{\text{sum}}^{xy}(t), \Sigma_\alpha] e^{-\beta H}) \end{aligned}$$

Backup: Magnetic Interaction



$$H^{\text{mag}} = h_x \sum_{(i,j)} \sigma_{i,j}^x \prod_{K=0}^5 \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{i}{2\sqrt{2}} \right) \sigma_K^z \sigma_{K+1}^z + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2\sqrt{2}} \right]$$

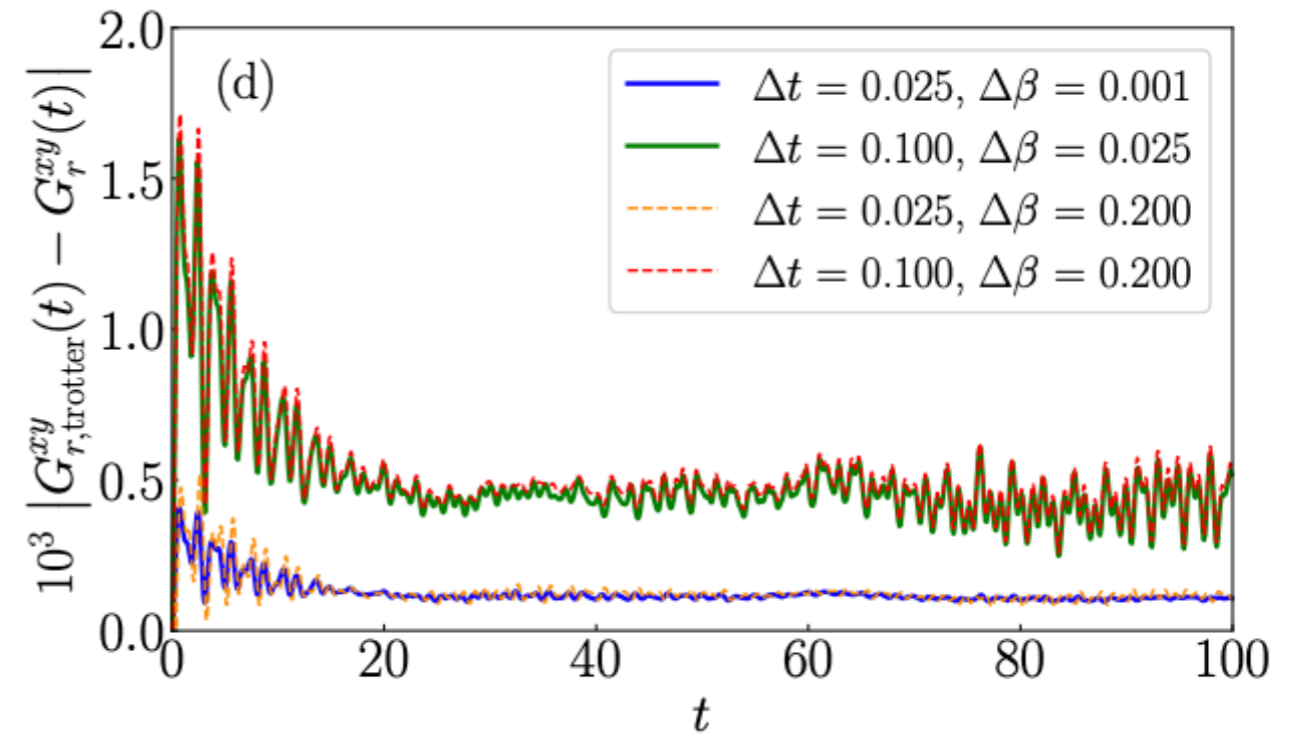
Backup: Volume Dependence of Energy and Entropy Densities



Backup: Systematic Uncertainties

- Trotter errors in real-time and *QITP*

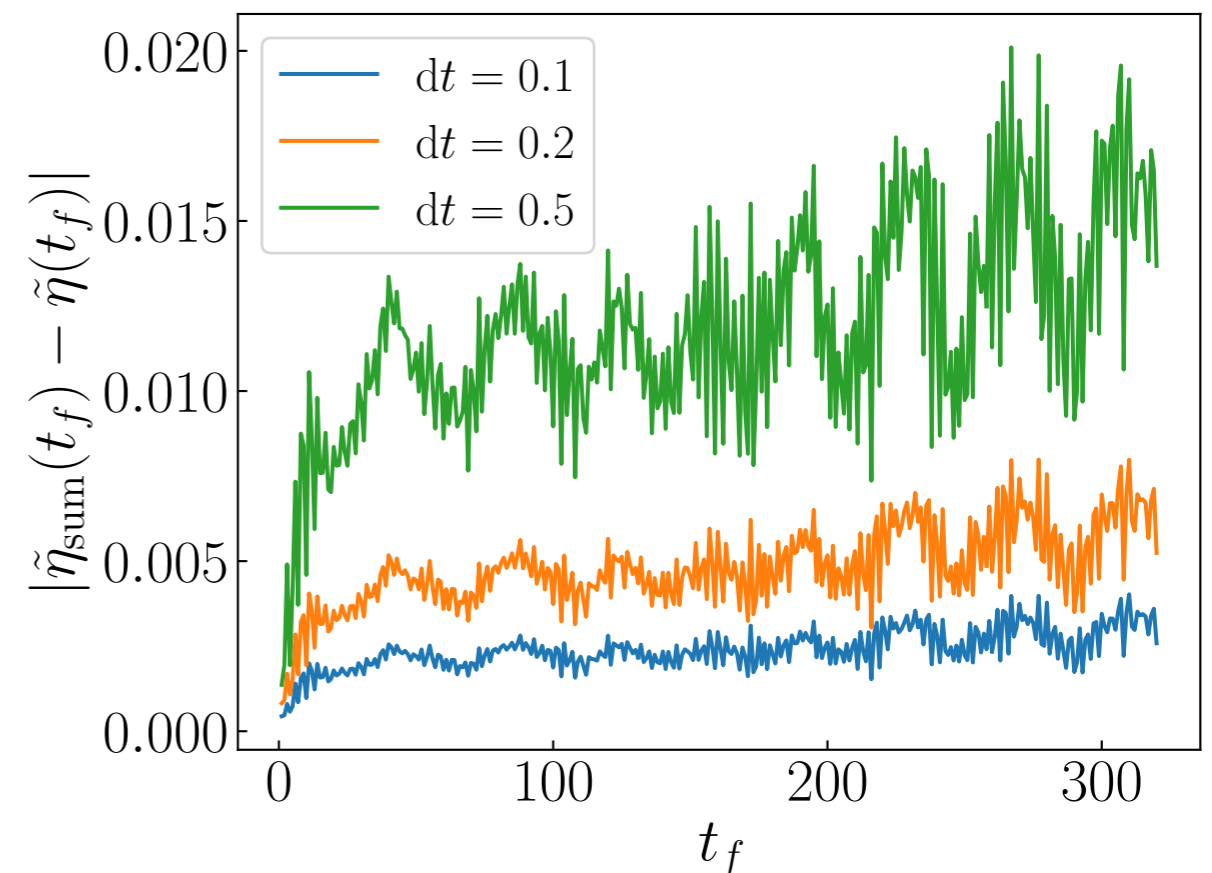
Trotter error in *QITP* is negligible



- Integration error from Riemann sum

$$\tilde{\eta}_{\text{sum}}(t_f) \equiv -(\Delta t)^2 \sum_{k=1}^{N_t} k \text{Im} G_r^{xy}(k\Delta t)$$

Important to determine how often to do measurements in the circuit



Backup: Spectral Function at Small Frequency

- Relation between spectral function and off-diagonal matrix elements

$$\begin{aligned} \rho^{xy}(\omega) &\equiv \frac{1}{\mathcal{A}} \int dt e^{i\omega t} \text{Tr}([\tilde{T}^{xy}(t), \tilde{T}^{xy}(0)]\rho_T) \\ &= \frac{1}{\mathcal{A}Z} \sum_n \sum_m 2\pi\delta(\omega + E_n - E_m) |\langle n|\tilde{T}^{xy}|m\rangle|^2 (e^{-\beta E_n} - e^{-\beta E_m}) \end{aligned}$$

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$$e^{-\beta E_n} [\beta\omega + O(\omega^2)]$$

- $\frac{\rho^{xy}(\omega)}{\omega}$ exhibits peak structure

