

# Pure $SU(3)$ Topological Susceptibility at Finite Temperature with the Wilson Flow

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## Motivation

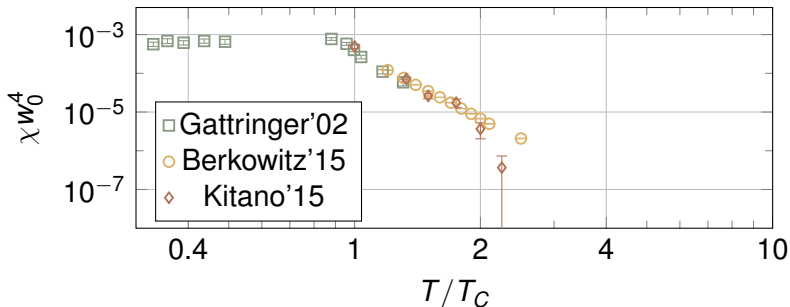
- Missing part of Standard Model: **Dark Matter**
- Candidates: MACHOs, WIMPs, **axions**, ALPs, ...
- Peccei-Quinn mechanism for **strong CP** problem  
byproduct: axions
- PQ axion dynamics depend on **non-perturbative** QCD  
potential at **finite temperature** for CP restoration

Use **Lattice QCD** to constrain **Dark Matter**:

$$\text{Lattice QCD} \Rightarrow \chi(T) = f_a^2 m_a(T)^2 \Rightarrow \text{Dark Matter}$$

## Previous lattice studies

- [Alles:1996nm,Gattringer:2002mr] etc. 1st gen results
- [Berkowitz:2015aua] large volume/statistics up to  $2.5T_C$
- [Kitano:2015fla] reweighting to get  $Q \neq 0$





# Topological Charge

Integral

$$Q = \int_{\mathcal{M}} d^4x q(x)$$

over the topological charge density

$$q(x) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F_{\mu\nu}(x) F_{\rho\sigma}(x)$$

- discretized in finite volume on  $\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{T}^4$
- sectors with different  $Q$  separated by infinite action barrier in continuum
- **problem** for ergodicity of MC algorithms with small "step" size in field space



## Topological Susceptibility

Integral of  $qq$  correlator

$$\chi = \int_{\mathcal{M}} dx \langle q(0)q(x) \rangle$$

With global translation symmetry on  $\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{T}^4$

$$\chi = \frac{1}{V_4} \langle Q^2 \rangle$$

- measurement must sample sectors with  $Q \neq 0$
- difficult for simulations on  $\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{T}^4$



## Renormalization of $\chi$

$\chi$  has **additive** and **multiplicative** renormalization  
[Alles:1997nu]

$$\chi^R = Z\chi + \chi_0$$

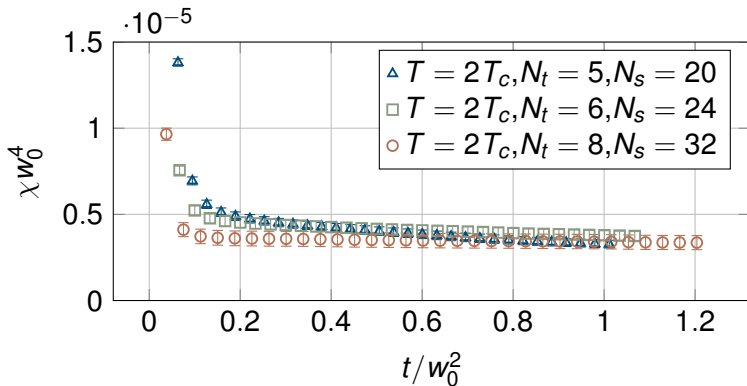
- cooling makes  $Z \rightarrow 1$  and  $\chi_0 \rightarrow 0$

$\chi(t)$  at finite flow time is **already renormalized** [Luscher:2010iy]

- sufficient to perform a continuum limit at **flow time fixed** in physical units, e.g.  $t = w_0^2$
- choice of  $t$  impacts size of **lattice artefacts**

## Flow dependence of $\chi(t)$

- $\chi(t)$  has weak dependence on choice of  $t$
- we choose  $t = w_0^2 \approx (0.176 \text{ fm})^2$







## Lattice Setup

### Pure SU(3)

- Symanzik improved gauge action:  $O(a^2)$  errors
- gluonic  $q(x)$  from clover field strength tensor  $F_{\mu\nu}$ :  $O(a^2)$  errors
- update sweep: 1 heatbath + 4 overrelaxation  $\Rightarrow z = 1$

### Parameters

- $0.1 T_c \leq T \leq 4.0 T_c$
- $n_t = 5, 6, 8$
- spatial volume fixed in physical units  $L_{x,y} = 2/T_c$
- $L_z = 2L_{x,y}$  to enable subvolume analysis

Simulations on the QPACE machines in Wuppertal and Jülich



## Subvolume Trick [Brower:2014bqa]

Possible solution

- discretization of  $Q$  is finite volume effect
- continuous  $Q_{sub}$  on finite subvolumes of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  and  $\mathbb{T}^4$
- calculate  $\chi_{sub} = Q_{sub}^2 / V_{sub}$
- make infinite  $V_{sub}$  limit instead of infinite  $V_4$  limit

Quenched and  $T = 0$ : large  $\chi$

- plausible, works

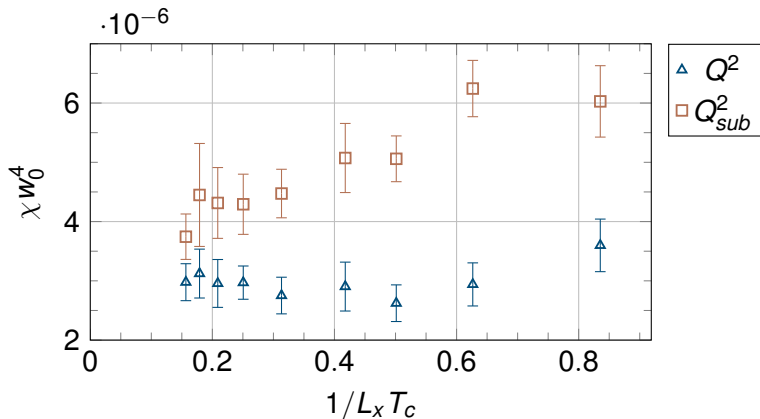
Dynamic or  $T \neq 0$ : small  $\chi$

- finite volume errors are  $T$  independent
- errors larger than  $\chi$  for reasonable volumes

## Subvolume Trick - Finite Volume Errors

$$T = 2T_c, N_t = 5, L_{sub} = L_z/2$$

error scales like  $1/L$





## Subvolume Trick 2

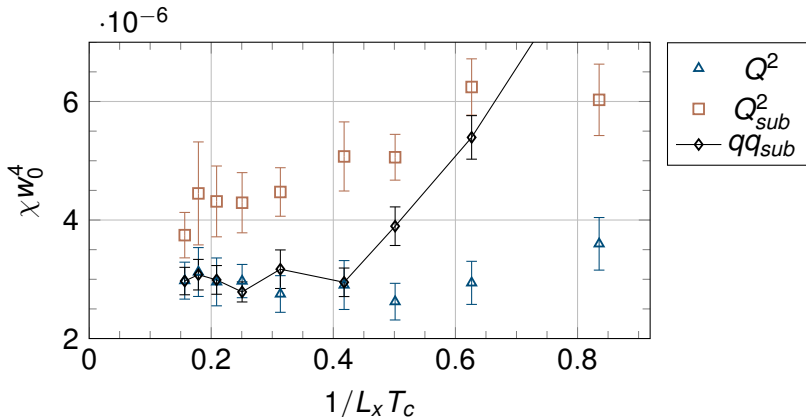
- step from  $\chi = \int_{\mathcal{M}} dx \langle q(0)q(x) \rangle$  to  $\chi = \langle Q^2 \rangle / V_4$  required translation invariance of  $\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{T}^4$
- not valid for subvolume **with boundary**  $\Rightarrow$  finite volume error
- **large** cancellations in integral of correlator  $\Rightarrow$  **large** finite volume error

Alternative:

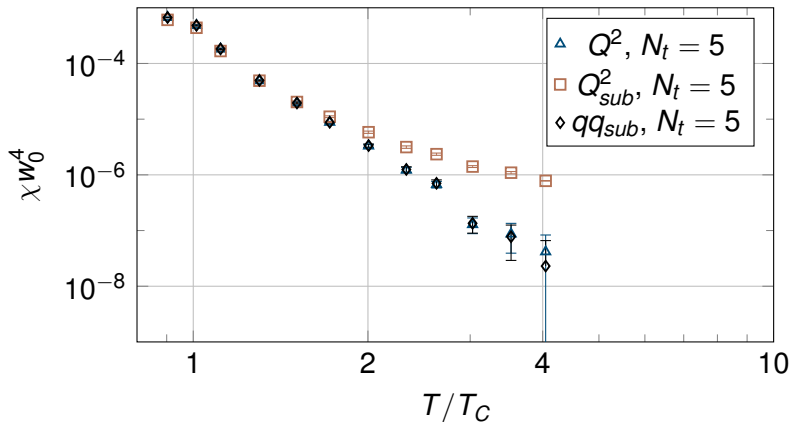
- introduce **largest distance** in  $\chi = \int_{\mathcal{M}} dx \langle q(0)q(x) \rangle$
- reduced finite volume errors
- reduced global/topological effects of discretization of  $Q$

## Subvolume Trick 2 - Finite Volume Errors

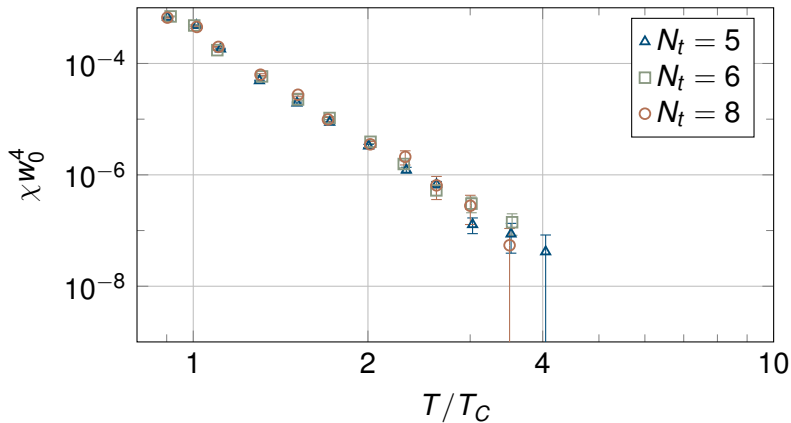
$$T = 2T_C, N_t = 5, L_{sub} = L_z/2 \quad \text{no } 1/L$$



## Results - Full Volume VS Sub Volume

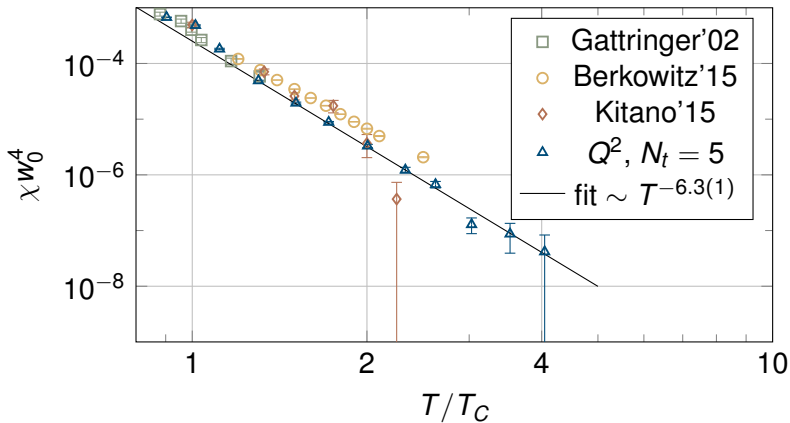


# Result - Lattice Spacing Dependence





## Preliminary Results - Previous Studies







## Discussion and Outlook

Technical:

- $\chi$  up to  $T = 4T_c$
- $O(a^2)$  improved action and operator
- Gluonic charge at finite **Wilson Flow** time
- **new subvolume method** with less finite volume errors

Outlook:

- **Continuum** extrapolated results
- beat down quenched error with **more statistics** at  $T = 4T_c$
- even higher  $T$
- evaluate **subvolume method** at larger  $V/V_{sub}$





## Wilson Flow

flow  $B_\mu(t, x)$  defined by

$$\frac{d}{dt} B_\mu = D_\nu G_{\nu\mu},$$
$$B_\mu|_{t=0} = A_\mu,$$

with field strength tensor  $G$  at finite  $t$   
Generated by stout smearing steps

$$\frac{d}{d\hat{t}} V_\mu = iQ_\mu V_\mu,$$
$$V_\mu|_{t=0} = U_\mu,$$

→ approximation by small stout smearing steps with

$$r_{smear}^2 = 8t = 8N_{stout}\rho_{stout}$$



## Stout Smearing

damp UV fluctuations i.e. high energy part of the spectrum  
generate "fat" links by

$$U'_\mu = e^{iQ_\mu} U_\mu,$$
$$Q_\mu = \frac{i}{2} \left( \Omega_\mu^\dagger - \Omega_\mu - \frac{1}{3} \text{tr}[\Omega_\mu^\dagger - \Omega_\mu] \right),$$
$$\Omega_\mu = \left( \rho_{Stout} \sum_{\nu \neq \mu} C_{\mu\nu} \right) U_\mu^\dagger,$$

with staples  $C_{\mu\nu}$   
effective smearing radius

$$r_{smear} = a \sqrt{8 \rho_{Stout} N_{Stout}}.$$





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