

Spatial diffusion of heavy quarks in background magnetic field

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Spatial Diffusion of heavy quarks at $B = 0$

- Heavy quarks (charm & bottom quarks) are one of the fine probes of Quark Gluon Plasma (QGP).
- Mass of heavy quarks is significantly higher than the QCD energy scale ($\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} = 200 \text{ MeV}$) and the temperature at which QGP is created.
- Do not thermalize quickly and witness the entire evolution of the fireball.

Einstein's relation for diffusion in condensed matter physics ([Romatschke \[4\]](#)):

$$D = \frac{\sigma}{\chi}$$

where σ is the electrical conductivity & χ is the susceptibility.

For a relativistic fluid (QGP) ([Mikkio Laine \[6\]](#)) :

$$D = \frac{1}{3\chi} \lim_{q_0 \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\rho^{ii}(q_0, \vec{0})}{q_0} = \frac{\sigma}{\chi}$$

where

$$\rho^{ii}(q_0, \vec{q}) = \text{Im } i \int d^4x e^{i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{x}} \langle J^i(x) J^i(0) \rangle_\beta .$$

One loop Kubo formula expression of σ is the same as Relaxation Time Approximation expression in the absence of magnetic field. Motivation for studying heavy quark diffusion using this formula.

Relaxation times for D^0 mesons and comparing results at zero magnetic field

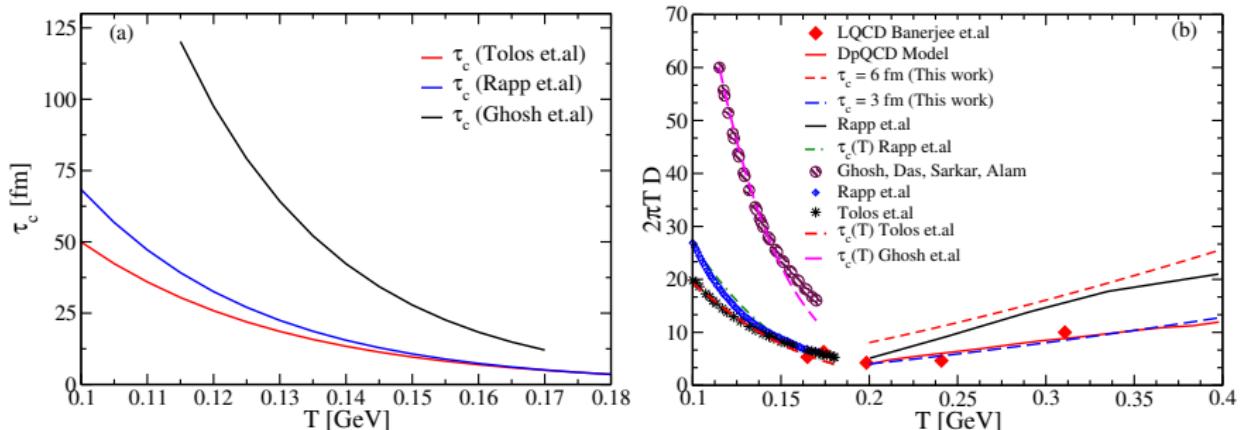


Figure: (a) Relaxation time parameterized as a function of T shown by $\tau_c(T)$ vs T . Black solid line : results from Das. [1], blue solid line : results of He et.al. [2], red solid line : results of Tolos et.al. [3] and (b) Spatial diffusion coefficient (D) for D^0 mesons and charm quarks multiplied by $2\pi T$ plotted as $2\pi T D$ vs T .

- In Hadrons has been plotted between $T = 0.1 - 0.18$ GeV and charm quarks have been plotted for $T = 0.2 - 0.4$ GeV.
- Results for charm quarks calibrated between $\tau_c = 3$ and 6 fm.
- Existing results for charm quarks obtained via LQCD(Banerjee et.al) [7], DpQCD model(Berreherrah et.al) [8] and T -matrix approach(Riek & Rapp) [9] span our results.

Diffusion at $B \neq 0$

Magnetic field renders transport coefficients anisotropic :

- Electrical conductivity splits into three components : longitudinal (σ^{\parallel}) and transverse (σ^{\perp})
- Spatial Diffusion coefficient : longitudinal (D^{\parallel}) and transverse (D^{\perp})

Anisotropic factors in electrical conductivities ($\sigma^{\parallel}, \sigma^{\perp}$) is from the relaxation times ($\tau_c^{\parallel}, \tau_c^{\perp}$) :

$$\text{longitudinal : } \tau_c^{\parallel} = \tau_c \quad \& \quad \text{transverse : } \tau_c^{\perp} = \tau_c / \left(1 + \frac{\tau_c^2 e^2 B^2}{\omega^2} \right)$$

Similar anisotropic factors in spatial diffusion calculated in AdS/CFT (D. Dудal et.al [5])¹

$$D_{\parallel} = \frac{T}{\gamma m} \quad \& \quad D_{\perp} = \frac{D_{\parallel}}{1 + \frac{q^2 B^2}{m^2 \gamma^2}}, \quad \text{where } \gamma \equiv \tau_c^{-1}.$$

¹D. Dудal and T. G. Mertens, "Holographic estimate of heavy quark diffusion in a magnetic field," Phys. Rev. D **97**, no.5, 054035 (2018).

Electrical conductivities and susceptibility at $B \neq 0$

At $B \neq 0$

$$\tau_c^{\parallel} = \tau_c, \quad \tau_c^{\perp} = \frac{\tau_c}{1 + \frac{\tau_c^2 e^2 B^2}{\omega^2}}$$

$$\sigma_{\parallel}^{\text{RTA}} = \frac{gq^2\beta}{3} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{(k_z)^2}{\omega_k^2} \tau_c f [1 - f] \quad (1)$$

$$\sigma_{\perp}^{\text{RTA}} = \frac{gq^2\beta}{3} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{(k_{x,y})^2}{\omega_k^2} \frac{\tau_c}{1 + \frac{\tau_c^2}{\tau_B^2}} f [1 - f] \quad (2)$$

$$\sigma_{\perp}^{\text{QM}} = \frac{2e^2}{T} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} g_l \frac{qB}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dk_z}{2\pi} \frac{lqB}{\omega_l^2} \tau^{\perp} f (1 - f) \quad (3)$$

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$$\chi_{\text{RTA}} = \beta \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} f (1 - f), \quad \chi_{\text{QM}} = \beta \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{g_l qB}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dk_z}{2\pi} f (1 - f) \quad (5)$$

Longitudinal electrical conductivity as a function of temperature

$$\tau_c^{\parallel} = \tau_c, \quad \tau_{c, D^0 \text{ Meson}}^{\parallel} = 2794.15 e^{-37T} \text{ fm}, \quad \tau_{c, \text{ charm}}^{\parallel} = 6 \text{ fm}$$

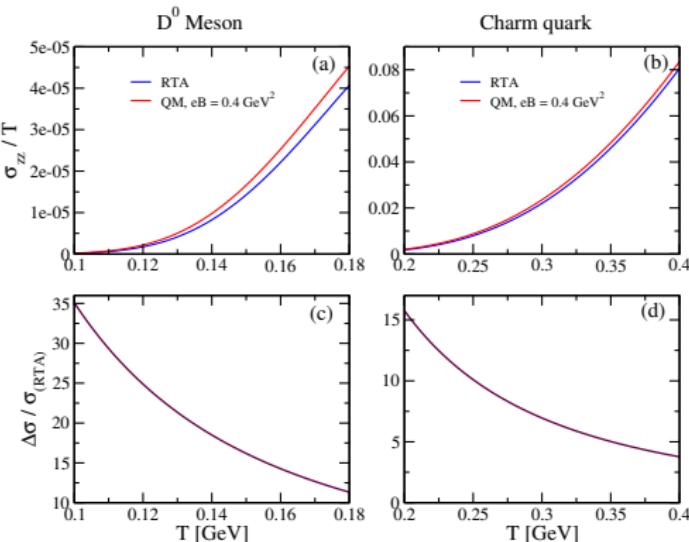


Figure: Parallel component of conductivity (scaled) σ_{zz}/T vs T .

- Here $\Delta\sigma = (\sigma_{\text{QM}} - \sigma_{\text{RTA}}) \times 100$.
- Increasing temperature contributes to kinetic energy and hence σ increases.

Longitudinal electrical conductivity as a function of magnetic field

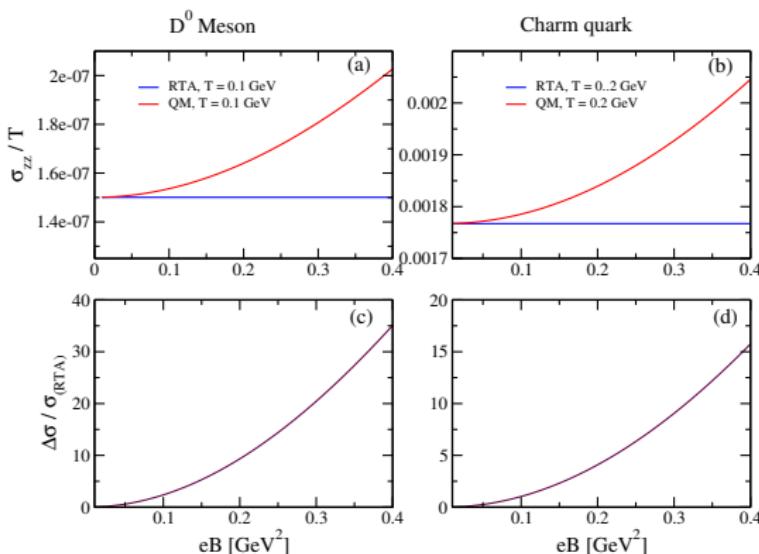


Figure: Parallel component of conductivity (scaled) σ_{zz}/T vs eB .

- RTA results of longitudinal electrical conductivity remains unaffected by magnetic field as Lorentz force does not act along the direction of B .
- Landau quantization induces magnetic field dependence in QM results.
- In strong magnetic field regime RTA and QM results differ.

Longitudinal spatial diffusion as a function of temperature

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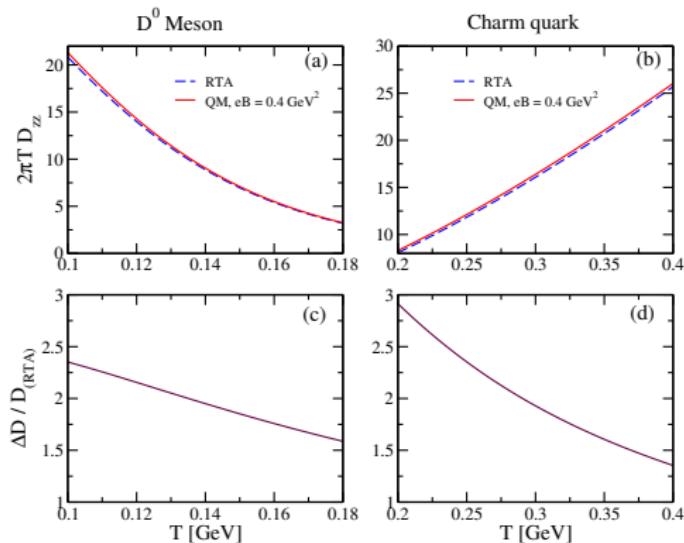


Figure: Parallel component of diffusion (D) (scaled) by $2\pi T$ vs T .

- Here $\Delta D = (D_{\text{QM}} - D_{\text{RTA}}) \times 100$.
- For the D^0 meson case results are consistent with Das. [1], He et.al. [2] and Tolos et.al. [3].

Longitudinal spatial diffusion as a function of magnetic field

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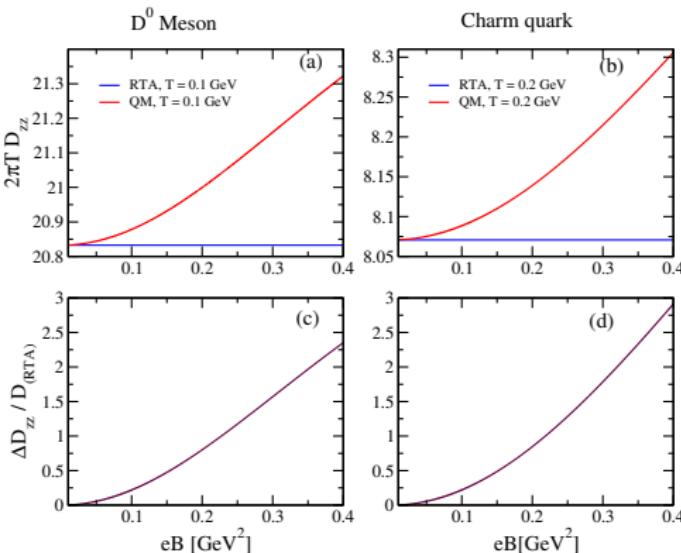


Figure: Parallel component of diffusion (D) (scaled) by $2\pi T$ vs eB .

- RTA results of longitudinal diffusion remains unaffected as Lorentz force does not act along B .
- For the QM case the contribution of all Landau levels (via Landau quantization) renders magnetic field dependent longitudinal diffusion.

Transverse electrical conductivity as a function of temperature

$$\tau_c^\perp = \frac{\tau_c}{\left(1 + \frac{\tau_c^2 e^2 B^2}{\omega^2}\right)}, \quad \tau_c, \text{ Hadrons} = 2794.15 \text{ fm}, \quad \tau_c, \text{ charm} = 6 \text{ fm}$$

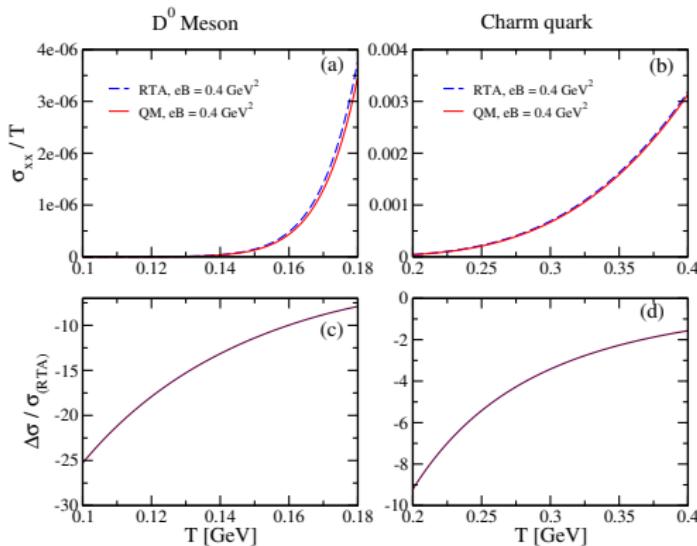


Figure: Perpendicular component of conductivity (scaled) σ_{zz}/T vs T .

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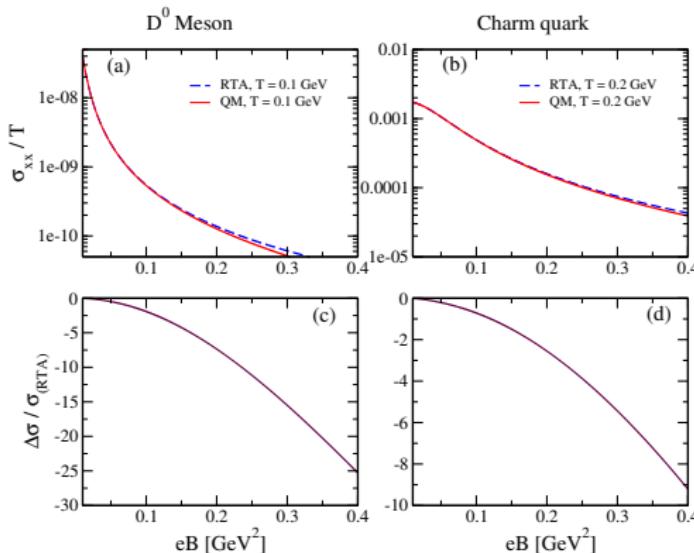


Figure: Perpendicular component of conductivity (scaled) σ_{zz}/T vs eB .

- Opposite effect of B compared to T for transverse case. Temperature increases randomness whereas magnetic field aligns the system.
- In strong magnetic field regime RTA and QM results differ.

Transverse spatial diffusion as a function of temperature

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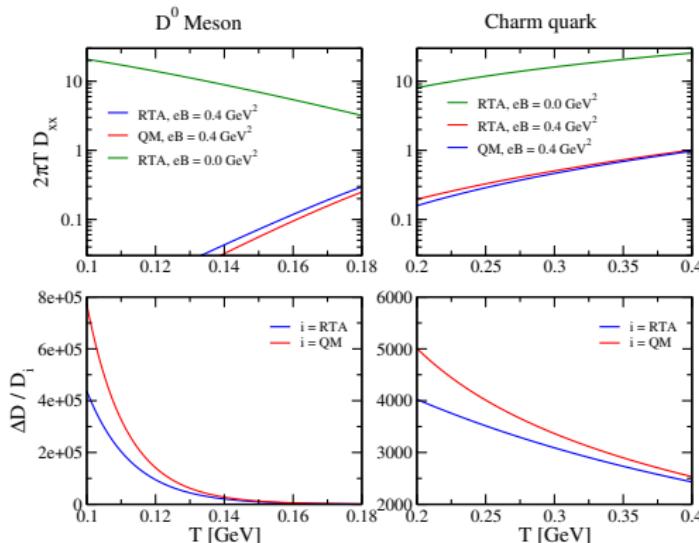


Figure: Perpendicular component of Diffusion (D) (scaled by $2\pi T$) vs T .

- For the hadronic case $2\pi T D_{xx}$ increases.
- Previously in η at $B \neq 0$: η^\parallel follows KSS bound ($\eta/s \leq 1/4\pi$), η^\perp violates KSS bound.
- Similar behaviour of transverse diffusion is observed.

Transverse spatial diffusion as a function of magnetic field

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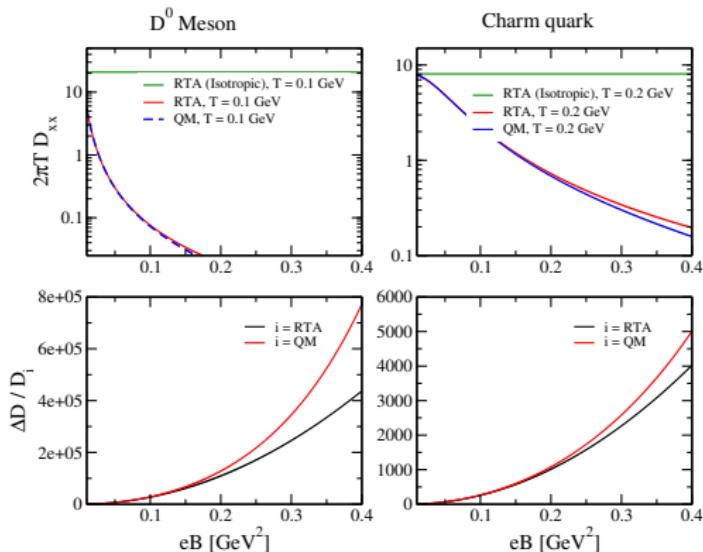


Figure: Perpendicular component of Diffusion (D) (scaled by $2\pi T$) vs eB .

Susceptibilities in magnetic field : χ/T^2 vs $\{T, eB\}$

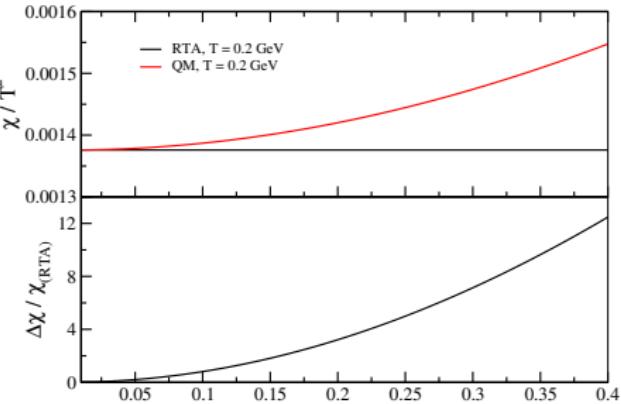
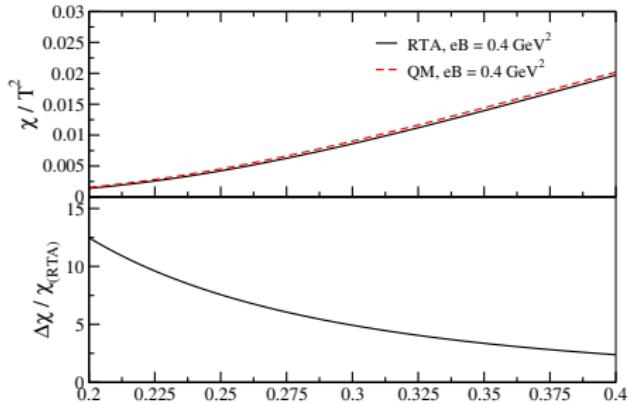


Figure: susceptibilities as a function of T, eB .

- RTA expression of susceptibility remains unchanged as it is independent of magnetic field.
- QM expression induces magnetic field dependence through Landau quantization.

- Spatial diffusion is computed as a ratio of electrical conductivity and susceptibility.
- In the presence of magnetic field spatial diffusion splits into two components : longitudinal and transverse relative to the direction of magnetic field.
- Electrical conductivities and susceptibilities is calculated via RTA and QM method (Landau quantization).
- Spatial diffusion has been studied as a function of temperature and magnetic field.
- Anisotropy comes in through the relaxation time of longitudinal and transverse components of diffusion.

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