

# Heavy quark potentials in effective string theory

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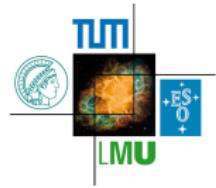
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## Confinement in QCD [Wilson, PRD (1974)]

- Definition and characteristics
  - No single color charged object isolated at low-energy (i.e.,  $E \leq \Lambda_{QCD}$ )
  - Detect only hadrons in the form of jets
  - Perturbative approach breaks down at low-energy ( $\Lambda_{QCD} \sim 200\text{MeV}$ )
- Any (analytical) solution?
  - Not in the form of perturbative method
  - Phenomenologically treat hadrons as DOFs (e.g.,  $\chi$ PT, CQM, etc)
  - Non-perturbative approach: Lattice Gauge Theory (Lattice QCD)
- Another approach:

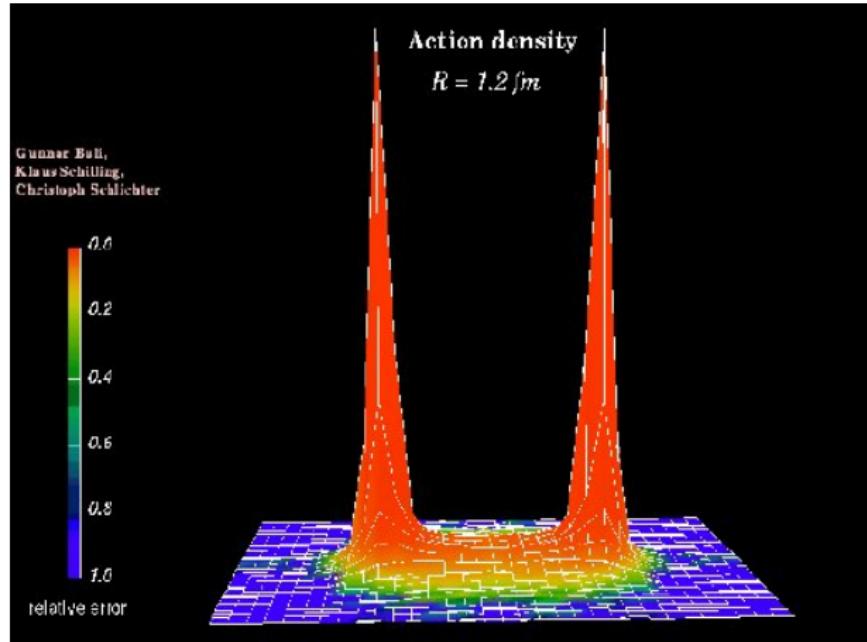
QCD flux tube model for heavy meson [Nambu, Phys. Lett. B (1979)]

# QCD flux tube model

[Bali, Schilling, Schlichter, PRD (1995)]



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$R$ : distance between  $Q\bar{Q}$  rescaled by lattice spacing

## Brief guide towards analytic calculation of long-distance heavy quark potentials in EFT framework

- ① Non-relativistic EFTs of QCD and Heavy quark potentials
- ② Effective string theory (EST)
- ③ Heavy quark potentials in EST at LO
- ④ Heavy quark potentials in EST at NLO
- ⑤ Summary and outlook

① NRQCD: Non-relativistic description of QCD for the **heavy quark-antiquark pair** [Caswell, Lepage, Phys. Lett. B (1986), Bodwin, Braaten, Lepage PRD (1995)]

- Hierarchy of scales:  $M \gg Mv, \Lambda_{QCD}$
- Integrate out  $M$  from QCD
- Heavy DOFs: Pauli spinors for heavy quarks/antiquarks

② Potential NRQCD: effective theory for **heavy quarkonium**

[Brambilla, Pineda, Soto, Vairo, Nucl. Phys. B (2000)]

- Hierarchy of scales:  $M \gg Mv \gg Mv^2$
- Integrate out momentum transfer  $Mv \sim 1/r$  from NRQCD
- Heavy DOFs: Color singlet  $S(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R})$  and octet  $O^a(t, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R})$
- Appearance of potentials

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{pNRQCD}} \ni & \int d^3r \left\{ \text{Tr}[S^\dagger(i\partial_0 - \mathbf{V}_s(\mathbf{r}) + \dots)S + O^\dagger(iD_0 - \mathbf{V}_o(\mathbf{r}) + \dots)O] \right. \\ & \left. + g \mathbf{V}_A(\mathbf{r}) \text{Tr}[O^\dagger \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{E} S + S^\dagger \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{E} O] + g \frac{\mathbf{V}_B(\mathbf{r})}{2} \text{Tr}[O^\dagger \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{E} O + O^\dagger O \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{E}] \right\}\end{aligned}$$

Relativistic corrections to the static potentials in pNRQCD

- Heuristically:  $V = V^{(0)} + V^{(1/M)} + V^{(1/M^2)} + \dots$
- Static singlet potential up to  $1/M^2$

$$\begin{aligned} V(r) = & V_{\text{LS}}^{(0)}(r) + \frac{2}{M} V_{L_2 S_1}^{(1,0)}(r) + \frac{1}{M^2} \left\{ \left[ 2 \frac{V_{L_2}^{(2,0)}(r)}{r^2} + \frac{V_{L_2}^{(1,1)}(r)}{r^2} \right] \mathbf{L}^2 \right. \\ & + \left[ V_{LS}^{(2,0)}(r) + V_{L_2 S_1}^{(1,1)}(r) \right] \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S} + V_{S^2}^{(1,1)}(r) \left( \frac{\mathbf{S}^2}{2} - \frac{3}{4} \right) + V_{S_{12}}^{(1,1)}(r) \mathbf{S}_{12}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \\ & \left. + \left[ 2 V_{p^2}^{(2,0)}(r) + V_{p^2}^{(1,1)}(r) \right] \mathbf{p}^2 + 2 V_r^{(2,0)}(r) + V_r^{(1,1)}(r) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

- Notations

- $(a, b)$ :  $a$  order of  $1/M_1$  and  $b$  order of  $1/M_2$  ( $1/M_1 = 1/M_2$ )
- $S_i = \frac{\sigma^i}{2}$  ( $i \in \{1, 2\}$ ): spin of the heavy quark/antiquark
- $\mathcal{V}_s$ : Wilson coefficients to be matched to NRQCD

# Wilson loop and heavy quark potential (1/2)

NRQCD and pNRQCD matching [Brambilla, Pineda, Soto, Vairo, PRD (2000)]

- Static potential:

$$V^{(0)}(r) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{i}{T} \ln \langle W_{\square} \rangle$$

- Matching  $Q\bar{Q}$  correlator to singlet propagator
- Wilson loop:  $w_{\square} \equiv P \exp \left\{ -ig \oint_{r \times T} dz^{\mu} A_{\mu}(z) \right\}$
- $\langle \dots \rangle$ : average value over Yang-Mills action
- 1st order relativistic correction:

$$V^{(1,0)}(r) = -\frac{1}{2} \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T dt t \langle \langle g \mathbf{E}_1(t) \cdot g \mathbf{E}_1(0) \rangle \rangle_c$$

- $\langle \langle \dots \rangle \rangle \equiv \langle \dots w_{\square} \rangle / \langle W_{\square} \rangle$
- $\langle \langle O_1(t_1) O_2(t_2) \rangle \rangle_c \equiv \langle \langle O_1(t_1) O_2(t_2) \rangle \rangle - \langle \langle O_1(t_1) \rangle \rangle \langle \langle O_2(t_2) \rangle \rangle$ , for  $t_1 \geq t_2$
- $\mathbf{E}_{1,2}(t) \equiv \mathbf{E}(t, \pm \mathbf{r}/2)$ ; heavy quark/antiquark located at  $(0, 0, \pm r/2)$

# Wilson loop and heavy quark potential (2/2)

- 2nd order corrections [Pineda, Vairo, PRD (2001)]

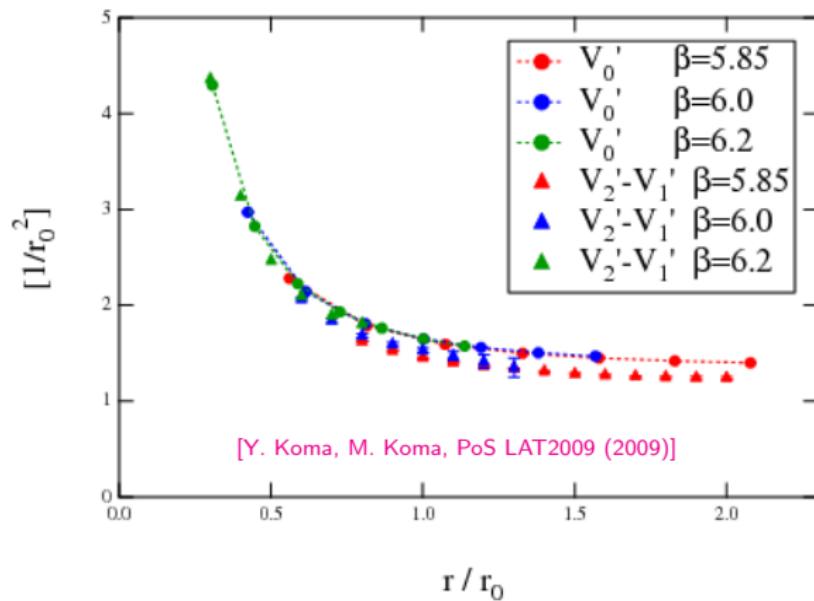
① Spin-independent part:  $V_{\mathbf{p}^2}^{(2,0)}(r), V_{\mathbf{p}^2}^{(1,1)}(r), V_{\mathbf{L}^2}^{(2,0)}(r), V_{\mathbf{L}^2}^{(1,1)}(r), V_r^{(2,0)}(r), V_r^{(1,1)}(r)$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\mathbf{p}^2}^{(2,0)}(r) &= \frac{i}{2} \mathbf{\hat{r}}^i \mathbf{\hat{r}}^j \int_0^\infty dt t^2 \langle\langle g \mathbf{E}_1^i(t) g \mathbf{E}_1^j(0) \rangle\rangle_c \\ V_{\mathbf{p}^2}^{(1,1)}(r) &= i \mathbf{\hat{r}}^i \mathbf{\hat{r}}^j \int_0^\infty dt t^2 \langle\langle g \mathbf{E}_1^i(t) g \mathbf{E}_2^j(0) \rangle\rangle_c \\ &\dots \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

② Spin-dependent part:  $V_{LS}^{(2,0)}(r), V_{L_2 S_1}^{(1,1)}, V_{S^2}^{(1,1)}, V_{S_{12}}^{(1,1)}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} V_{LS}^{(2,0)}(r) &= - \frac{c_F^{(1)}}{r^2} i \mathbf{r} \cdot \int_0^\infty dt t \langle\langle g \mathbf{B}_1(t) \times g \mathbf{E}_1(0) \rangle\rangle + \frac{c_s^{(1)}}{2r^2} \mathbf{r} \cdot (\nabla_r V^{(0)}) \\ V_{L_2 S_1}^{(1,1)}(r) &= - \frac{c_F^{(1)}}{r^2} i \mathbf{r} \cdot \int_0^\infty dt t \langle\langle g \mathbf{B}_1(t) \times g \mathbf{E}_2(0) \rangle\rangle \\ &\dots \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

# Lattice fit for spin-orbit potential



Confirmation of the Gromes relation:  $\frac{1}{2r} \frac{dV(0)}{dr} = V_{L1S2}^{(1,1)} - V_{LS}^{(2,0)}$

Lattice only?

- Fits nicely to Poincaré invariance [D. Gromes, Z. Phys. C (1984)]
- But 3- and 4-gauge field insertions **unknown** from lattice
- Need other ways to calculate  $V_r$  (contains 3 and 4 gauge fields insertions)
  - Effective String Theory: an analytic description at long-distance
  - Dynamics of strings instead of gluodynamics between heavy quark-antiquark
  - Effective description below confinement scale (non-perturbative)

## Wilson loop-string partition function equivalence conjecture

[Lüscher, Nucl. Phys. B180, 317 (1981)]

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \langle W_{\square} \rangle = Z \int \mathcal{D}\xi^1 \mathcal{D}\xi^2 e^{iS_{\text{String}}[\xi^1, \xi^2]}$$

- $\xi^1, \xi^2$ : string coordinates
- $Z$ : normalization constant
- $S_{\text{String}}$ : string action

# Effective string theory: construction

- ① Hierarchy:  $r\Lambda_{QCD} \gg 1$ ,  $r$  distance between heavy quark-antiquark
- ② Boundary conditions :  $\xi^I(t, z) = 0$ ;  $z = \pm r/2$ 
  - Transversal string vibrations:  $\xi^I(t, z)$ , for  $I = x, y$  (or 1, 2)
- ③ Power counting:  $\partial_a \sim 1/r$ ,  $\xi^I \sim 1/\Lambda_{QCD}$  (i.e.,  $\partial_a \xi^I \sim (r\Lambda_{QCD})^{-1}$ )
- ④ String action in 4D with static gauge (starting from Nambu-Goto action):

$$\begin{aligned} S &= -\sigma \int dt dz \sqrt{-\det(\eta_{ab} + \partial_a \xi^I \partial_b \xi^I)} \\ &= -\sigma \int dt dz \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} \partial_a \xi^I \partial^a \xi^I + \dots \right) \end{aligned}$$

- $\sigma$ : string tension ( $\sim \Lambda_{QCD}^2$ ), determined by lattice
- Truncation up to  $(r\Lambda_{QCD})^{-2}$
- $a = z, t$
- Static potential:  $V^{(0)} \approx \sigma r$  (leading order)

[Lüscher, K. Symanzik, P. Weisz, Nucl. Phys. B173, 365 (1980)]

# Gauge fields insertion and string mapping

- Correlator in Euclidean time ( $t \rightarrow -it$ ):

$$G(t, t'; z, z') = \frac{\delta^{lm}}{4\pi\sigma} \ln \left( \frac{\cosh[(t-t')\pi/r] + \cos[(z+z')\pi/r]}{\cosh[(t-t')\pi/r] - \cos[(z-z')\pi/r]} \right) \quad (3)$$

- Mapping from gauge fields insertion into Wilson loop to EST:

[Kogut, Parisi, PRL (1981), Perez-Nadal, Soto, PRD (2009), Brambilla, Groher, Martinez, Vairo PRD (2014)]

- ① Symmetries: rotations w.r.t.  $z$ -axis, reflection w.r.t.  $xz$  plane,  $CP$ ,  $T$
- ② Match the mass dimensions
- ③ Truncate up to  $(r\Lambda_{QCD})^{-2}$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle\langle \dots \mathbf{E}_{1,2}^l(t) \dots \rangle\rangle &= \langle \dots \Lambda^2 \partial_z \xi^l(t, \pm r/2) \dots \rangle \\ \langle\langle \dots \mathbf{E}_{1,2}^3(t) \dots \rangle\rangle &= \langle \dots \Lambda'^2 \dots \rangle \\ \langle\langle \dots \mathbf{B}_{1,2}^l(t) \dots \rangle\rangle &= \langle \dots \pm \Lambda' \epsilon^{lm} \partial_t \partial_z \xi^m(t, \pm r/2) \dots \rangle \\ \langle\langle \dots \mathbf{B}_{1,2}^3(t) \dots \rangle\rangle &= \langle \dots \pm \Lambda''' \epsilon^{lm} \partial_t \partial_z \xi^l(t, \pm r/2) \partial_z \xi^m(t, \pm r/2) \dots \rangle\end{aligned}$$

(4)

## Potentials at leading order

[Perez-Nadal, Soto, PRD (2009), Brambilla, Groher, Martinez, Vairo PRD (2014)]

- Wilson loop expectation values by using Eq. (3) and (4):

$$\langle\langle \mathbf{E}_1^i(-it)\mathbf{E}_1^j(0) \rangle\rangle_c = \tilde{\delta}^{ij} \frac{\pi \Lambda^4}{4\sigma r^2} \sinh^{-2}\left(\frac{\pi t}{2r}\right), \quad \langle\langle \mathbf{E}_1^3(-it)\mathbf{E}_1^3(0) \rangle\rangle_c = 0,$$

$$\langle\langle \mathbf{E}_1^i(-it)\mathbf{E}_2^j(0) \rangle\rangle_c = -\tilde{\delta}^{ij} \frac{\pi \Lambda^4}{4\sigma r^2} \cosh^{-2}\left(\frac{\pi t}{2r}\right), \quad \langle\langle \mathbf{E}_1^3(-it)\mathbf{E}_2^3(0) \rangle\rangle_c = 0,$$

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- Relativistic correction to static potential

$$V^{(1,0)}(r) = \frac{g^2 \Lambda^4}{2\pi\sigma} \ln(\sigma r^2) + \mu_1, \quad V_{\mathbf{p}^2}^{(2,0)}(r) = V_{\mathbf{p}^2}^{(1,1)}(r) = 0, \quad V_{\mathbf{l}^2}^{(2,0)}(r) = -V_{\mathbf{l}^2}^{(1,1)}(r) = -\frac{g^2 \Lambda^4 r}{6\sigma},$$

...

Emergence of parameters:  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3, \mu_4, \mu_5, \dots$

- $\mu_i$ : renormalization constants
- Exploit symmetries of the fundamental theory → reduce parameters
- Poincaré invariance
  - Theory independent of the reference frame interaction observed
  - Spatial rotations, **boosts**, as well as spacetime translations
- Poincaré invariance in QCD constrains parameters

[Brambilla, Gromes, Vairo, Phys. Lett. B (2003), Berwein, Brambilla, SH, Vairo, TUM-EFT 74/15]:

- Gromes relation:  $\frac{1}{2r} \frac{dV^{(0)}}{dr} + V_{LS}^{(2,0)} - V_{L_2 S_1}^{(1,1)} = 0 \longrightarrow \mu_2 = \frac{\sigma}{2}$
- Momentum dependent potentials:  $\frac{r}{2} \frac{dV^{(0)}}{dr} + 2V_{L^2}^{(2,0)} - V_{L^2}^{(1,1)} = 0 \longrightarrow g\Lambda^2 = \sigma$
- $-\nabla_1 V^{(0)} = \langle\langle gE_1 \rangle\rangle$  [Brambilla, Pineda, Soto, Vairo, PRD (2000)]:  $g\Lambda'^2 = -\sigma$

# Full result at LO mapping

- In CM, Hamiltonian of the system given,  $H = \mathbf{p}^2/M + V$   
[Brambilla, Groher, Martinez, Vairo PRD (2014)]

$$\begin{aligned}V(r) &= V^{(0)}(r) + \frac{2}{M} V^{(1,0)}(r) + \frac{1}{M^2} \left\{ \left[ 2 \frac{V_{L_2}^{(2,0)}(r)}{r^2} + \frac{V_{L_2}(r)}{r^2} \right] \mathbf{L}^2 + \left[ V_{LS}^{(2,0)}(r) + V_{L_2 S_1}^{(1,1)}(r) \right] \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S}\right. \\&\quad \left. + V_{S^2}^{(1,1)}(r) \left( \frac{\mathbf{S}^2}{2} - \frac{3}{4} \right) + V_{S_{12}}^{(1,1)}(r) \mathbf{S}_{12}(\hat{r}) + 2V_r^{(2,0)}(r) + V_r^{(1,1)}(r) \right\} \\&= \sigma r + \frac{1}{M} \frac{\sigma}{\pi} \ln(\sigma r^2) + \frac{1}{M^2} \left( -\frac{\sigma}{6r} \mathbf{L}^2 - \frac{\sigma}{2r} \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S} - \frac{9\zeta_3 \sigma^2 r}{2\pi^3} \right) + \mathcal{O}(r^{-2})\end{aligned}$$

- Significance
  - Potential depends only on string tension and heavy quark mass
  - These parameters determined by lattice simulations
- Next-to-leading order
  - Non-trivial impact of the sub-leading terms to the potentials
  - NLO in the gauge field insertions:  $(r \Lambda_{QCD})^{-2}$  suppressed
  - Subleading contributions to the action might also be needed

Possible contributions at NLO:

## ① Non-gaussian action

- Add  $(\partial_a \xi^I \partial^a \xi^I)^2$ ,  $(\partial_a \xi^I \partial_b \xi^I)(\partial^a \xi^m \partial^b \xi^m)$  [Lüscher, Weisz, JHEP (2004)]
- Solution via perturbative expansion
- **But** the Green's function is at  $\mathcal{O}(\sigma^{-3} r^{-6})$ , counted as NNLO

## ② String Mapping

- Gaussian action
- Symmetries from  $Q\bar{Q}$  bound state ( $CP$ ,  $T$ , rotation, reflection):

$$\langle\langle \dots \mathbf{E}_{1,2}^I(t) \dots \rangle\rangle = \langle \dots \Lambda^2 \partial_z \xi^I(t, \pm r/2) + \bar{\Lambda}^2 \partial_z \xi^I(t, \pm r/2) (\partial_a \xi^m(t, \pm r/2))^2 \dots \rangle$$

$$\langle\langle \dots \mathbf{B}_{1,2}^I(t) \dots \rangle\rangle = \langle \dots \pm \Lambda'^2 \epsilon^{lm} \partial_t \partial_z \xi^m(t, \pm r/2) \pm \bar{\Lambda}'^2 \epsilon^{lm} \partial_t \partial_z \xi^m(t, \pm r/2) (\partial_a \xi^n(t, \pm r/2))^2 \dots \rangle$$

$$\langle\langle \dots \mathbf{E}_{1,2}^3(t) \dots \rangle\rangle = \langle \dots \Lambda''^2 + \bar{\Lambda}''^2 (\partial_a \xi^m(t, \pm r/2))^2 \dots \rangle$$

$$\langle\langle \dots \mathbf{B}_{1,2}^3(t) \dots \rangle\rangle = \langle \dots \pm \Lambda''' \epsilon^{lm} \partial_t \partial_z \xi^l(t, \pm r/2) \partial_z \xi^m(t, \pm r/2)$$

$$\pm \bar{\Lambda}''' \epsilon^{lm} \partial_t \partial_z \xi^l(t, \pm r/2) \partial_z \xi^m(t, \pm r/2) (\partial_a \xi^n(t, \pm r/2))^2 \dots \rangle$$

## 4-string field correlator

- Product of two Green's functions
- Three sources of divergence
  - $\partial_z \partial_{z'} G(t, t'; z, z')|_{t=t', z=z'=\pm r/2}$
  - $\partial_t \partial_z \partial_{z'} G(t, t'; z, z')|_{t=t', z=z'=\pm r/2}$
  - $\partial_t \partial_{t'} G(t, t'; z, z')|_{t=t', z=z'=\pm r/2}$
- Infinite sum over **vibrational modes** and integral over all **momentum space** in the Green's function, Eq. (3)

$$G(t, t'; z, z') = \frac{1}{\pi \sigma r} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{r} z - \frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{r} z' - \frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk \frac{e^{-ik(t-t')}}{k^2 + \left(\frac{n\pi}{r}\right)^2}$$

- Zeta function and dimensional regularization

- $\partial_z \partial_{z'} G|_{t=t', z=z'=\pm r/2} \propto \sum_n n = -1/12$
- $\partial_t \partial_z \partial_{z'} G|_{t=t', z=z'=\pm r/2} \propto \sum_n n^2 = 0$
- $\partial_t \partial_{t'} G|_{t=t', z=z'=\pm r/2} \propto 0 \cdot \int dy [y^2/(y^2 + 1)] = 0 \cdot (-2\pi)$

# NLO result

- Poincaré invariance → reduce parameters

- Additional equality:  $-4V_{p^2}^{(2,0)} + 2V_{p^2}^{(1,1)} - V^{(0)} + r \frac{dV^{(0)}}{dr} = 0$

- Exact result with few free parameters:

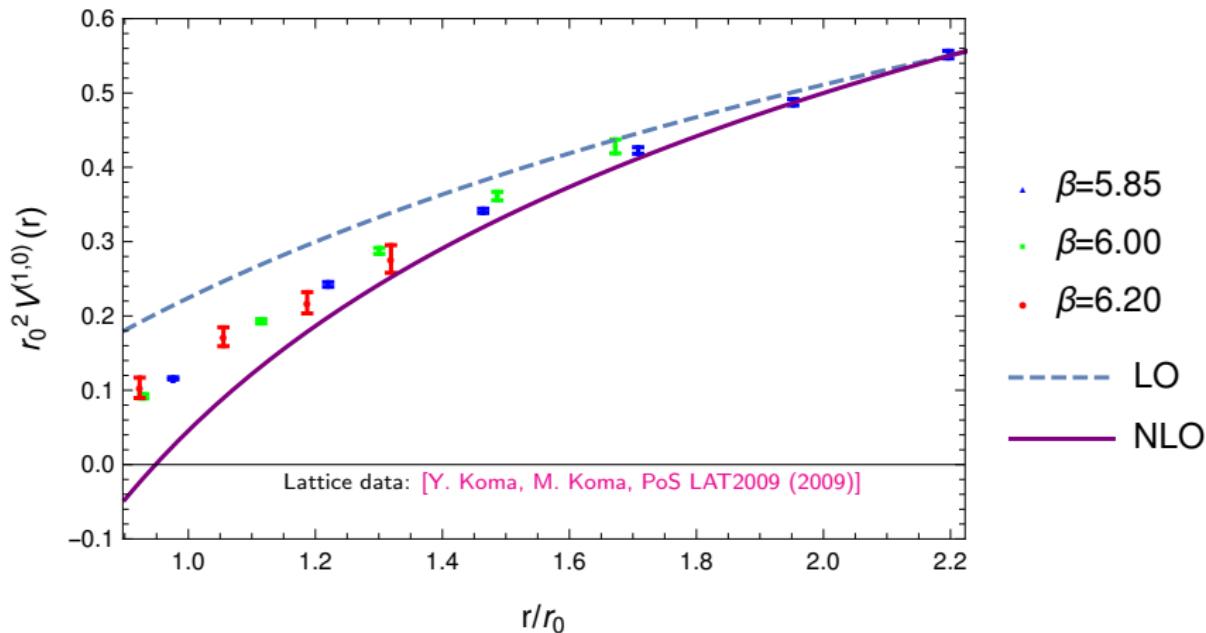
$$V_{p^2}^{(2,0)}(r)|_{NLO} = \left( \frac{1}{12\pi} + \frac{\pi}{36} \right) \frac{1}{r} - \frac{\mu}{4}, \quad V_{L^2}^{(2,0)}(r)|_{NLO} = -\frac{\sigma r}{6} + \left( \frac{11}{36\pi} + \frac{2\pi}{27} \right) \frac{1}{r},$$
$$V_{p^2}^{(1,1)}(r)|_{NLO} = \left( \frac{1}{6\pi} - \frac{\pi}{36} \right) \frac{1}{r}, \quad V_{L^2}^{(1,1)}(r)|_{NLO} = \frac{\sigma r}{6} + \left( \frac{1}{9\pi} + \frac{5\pi}{216} \right) \frac{1}{r},$$

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- Full expression up to  $\mathcal{O}(M^{-2}; r^{-1})$ :

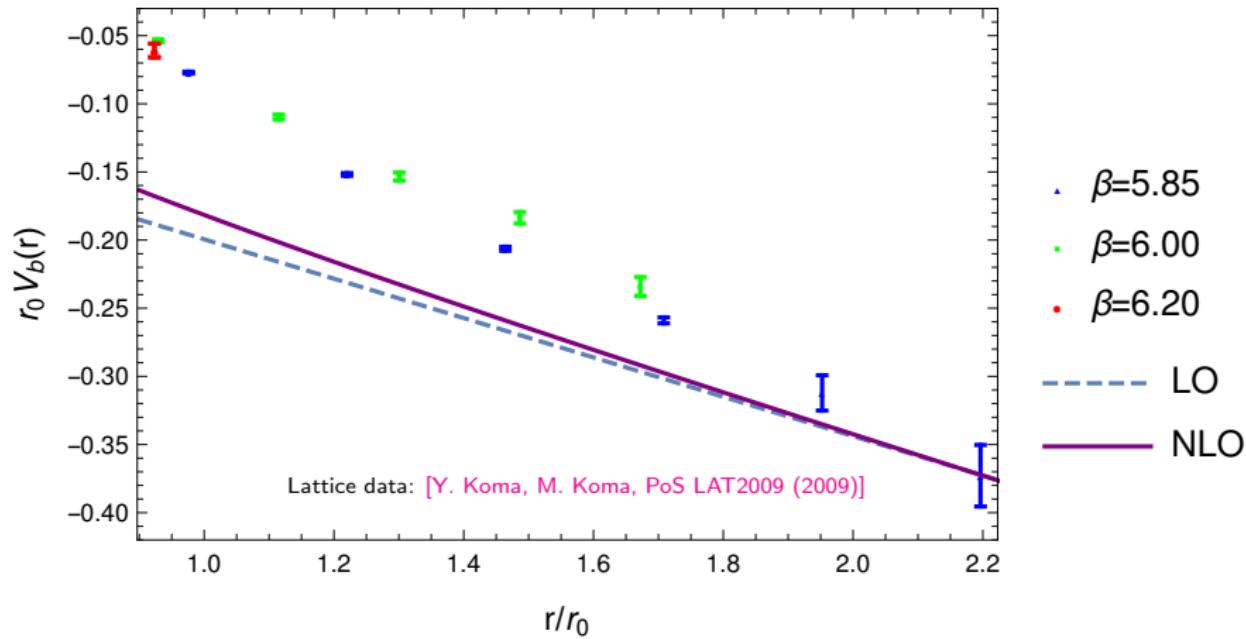
$$\begin{aligned} V(r) = & \left\{ \sigma + \left[ -\frac{9\zeta_3}{2\pi^3} + \frac{\textcolor{blue}{a+b}}{4\pi^3} + \left( \frac{\pi}{540} - \frac{1}{9\pi} \right) \left( \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \right)^2 \right] \frac{\sigma^2}{M^2} \right\} r^1 \\ & + \frac{\sigma}{\pi M} \ln(\sigma r^2) + \left( \mu + \frac{2\mu'_1}{M} - \frac{\mu}{2M^2} \mathbf{p}^2 + \frac{\mu_2}{M^2} \right) r^0 \\ & + \left\{ -\frac{\pi}{12} + \left[ \frac{1}{3\pi} + \frac{\pi}{36} \right] \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{M^2} + \left( -\frac{\mathbf{L}^2}{6} - \frac{\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S}}{2} + \left[ \frac{50}{27\pi^2} - \frac{2}{9\pi^2} - \frac{1}{12\pi^6} \right] \right) \frac{\sigma}{M^2} \right\} r^{-1} + \mathcal{O}(r^{-2}) \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

# Comparison to Lattice QCD (1/5)



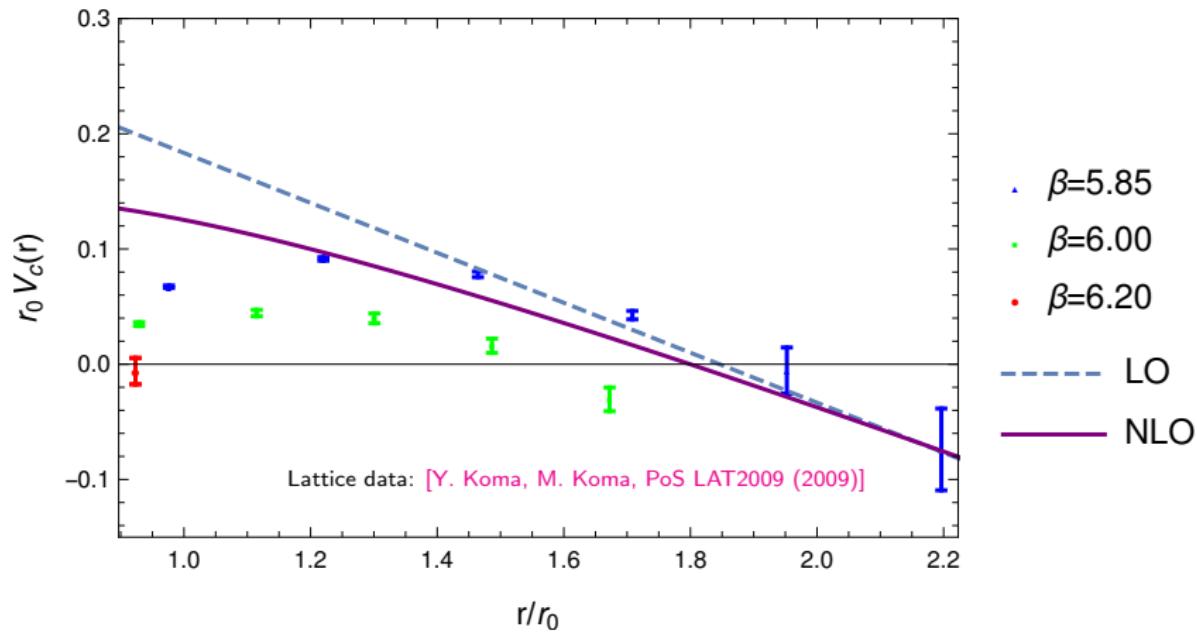
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# Comparison to Lattice QCD (2/5)



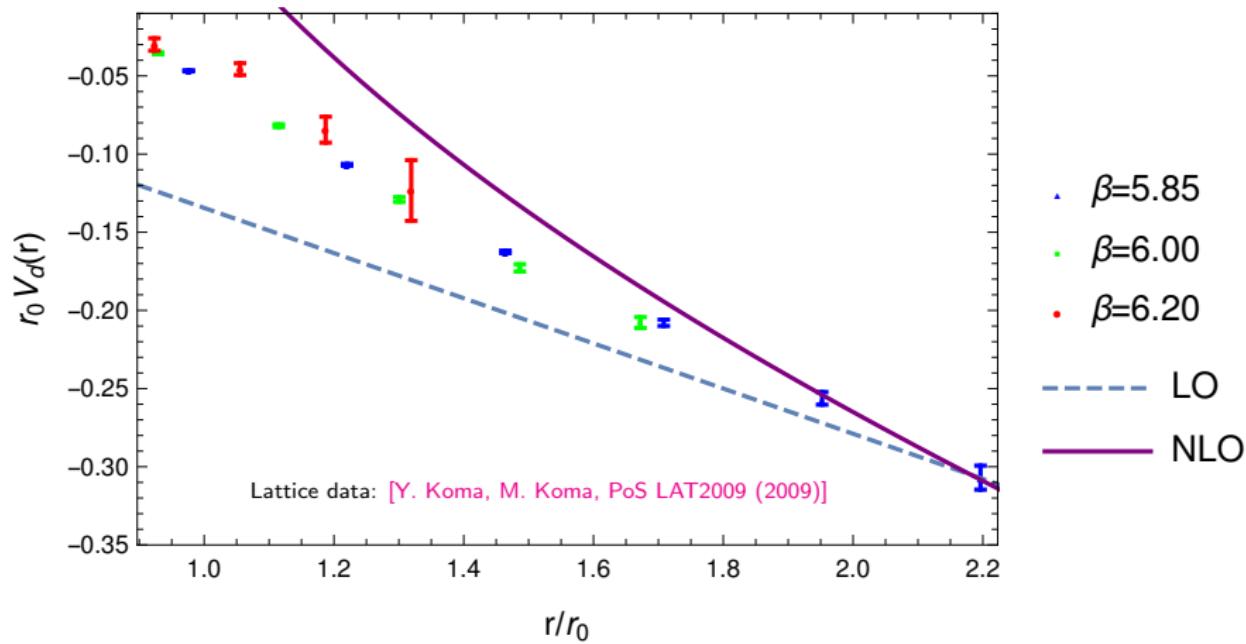
Momentum-dependent potential via analytic prediction at NLO vs. Lattice data (prelim.)

# Comparison to Lattice QCD (3/5)



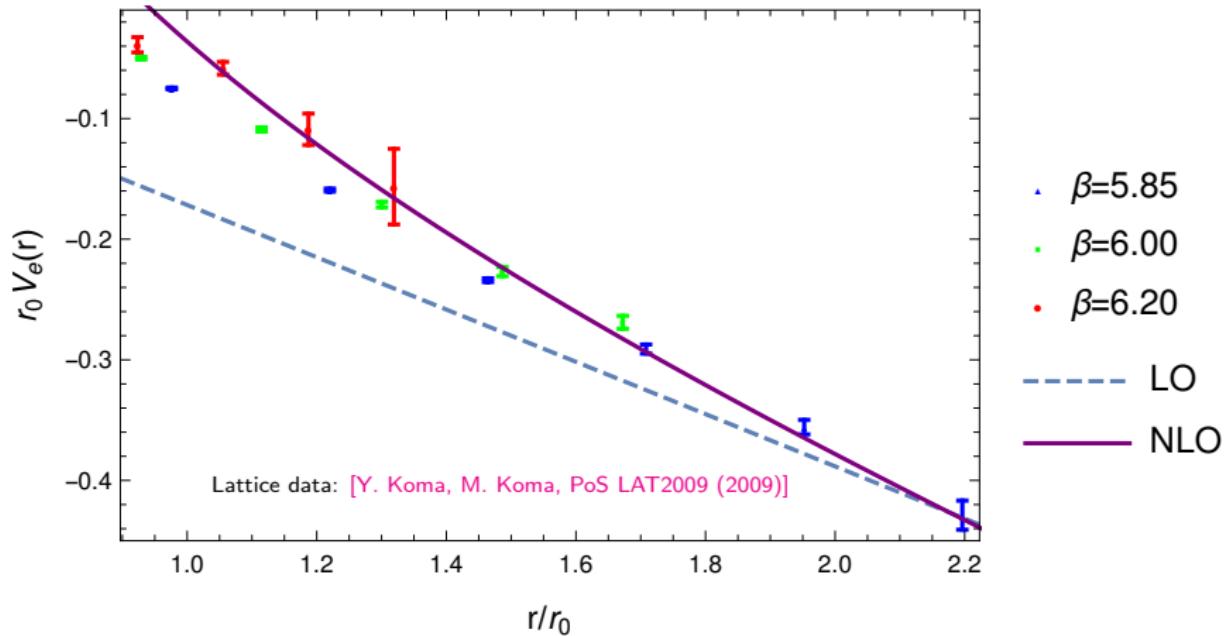
Momentum-dependent potential,  $-V_{L^2}^{(1,1)}$ , via analytic prediction at NLO vs. Lattice data (prelim.)

# Comparison to Lattice QCD (4/5)



Momentum-dependent potential via analytic prediction at NLO vs. Lattice data (prelim.)

# Comparison to Lattice QCD (5/5)



Momentum-dependent potential,  $V_{L^2}^{(2,0)}$ , via analytic prediction at NLO vs. Lattice data (prelim.)

- Summary

- Introduction to low-energy EFTs for QCD
- Heavy quark potentials
- Wilson loop and EST
- Heavy quark potential via EST (at LO)
- Correction via NLO mapping
- Heavy quark potential up to NLO in EST
- Comparison to Lattice data

- Outlook

- Heavy quarkonium mass spectrum (in progress)
- EST to heavy hybrids and baryonic states (in progress)

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