# Euclidean correlators and spectral functions in lattice QCD

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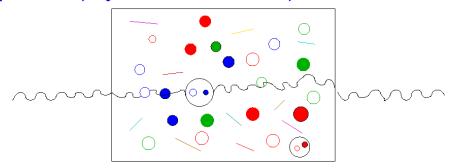
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- Euclidean correlators, spectral functions and Maximum Entropy Method
- Quarkkonium correlators an spectral functions in lattice QCD and potential models
- Light meson correlators and spectral functions

# Meson correlators and spectral functions

#### Spectral (dynamic structure) function



#### Example: virtual photon

$$R(\omega) = \frac{\sigma_{e^+e^- \to hadrons}}{\sigma_{e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^-}} = \sigma(\omega)/\omega^2$$

$$\frac{dW}{d\omega d^3 p} = \frac{5\alpha_{em}^2}{27\pi^2} \frac{1}{\omega^2 (e^{\omega/T} - 1)} \sigma(\omega, \vec{p}, T)$$

$$\frac{D^{>}(\omega) - D^{<}(\omega)}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Im} D_{R}(\omega) = \sigma(\omega) \quad \Longrightarrow$$

What are the excitations (dof) of the system?

$$G(\tau, \overrightarrow{p}, T) = \int d^3x \, e^{i\overrightarrow{p}\cdot\overrightarrow{x}} \left\langle J_H(\tau, \overrightarrow{x}) J_H^{+}(0, 0) \right\rangle, \ J_H(\tau, \overrightarrow{x}) = \overline{\psi}(\tau, \overrightarrow{x}) \Gamma_H \psi(\tau, \overrightarrow{x})$$

$$\Gamma_H = 1, \ \gamma_{5}, \ \gamma_{\mu}, \ \gamma_5 \cdot \gamma_{\mu}$$

$$G(\tau, T) = D^{>}(-i\tau)$$

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Imaginary time

Real time

$$G(\tau,T) = \int_0^\infty d\omega \sigma(\omega,T) \frac{\cosh(\omega(\tau - 1/(2T)))}{\sinh(\omega/(2T))}$$

## Reconstruction of the spectral functions: MEM

$$G(\tau, T) = \int_0^\infty d\omega \sigma(\omega, T) \cdot K(\omega, T)$$

 $\mathcal{O}(10)$  data and  $\mathcal{O}(100)$  degrees of freedom to reconstruct



Bayesian techniques: find  $\sigma(\omega,T)$  which maximizes  $P[\sigma|DH]$  data  $\Box$ 

H:

Prior knowledge

 $\sigma(\omega, T) > 0$   $\Longrightarrow$  Maximum Entropy Method (MEM)

Asakawa, Hatsuda, Nakahara, PRD 60 (99) 091503, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 46 (01) 459

$$P[\sigma|DH] = \exp(-\frac{1}{2}\chi^2 + \alpha S)$$
 Likelihood function Shannon-Janes entropy:

$$S = \int_0^\infty d\omega [\sigma(\omega) - m(\omega) - \sigma(\omega) \ln \frac{\sigma(\omega)}{m(\omega)}]$$

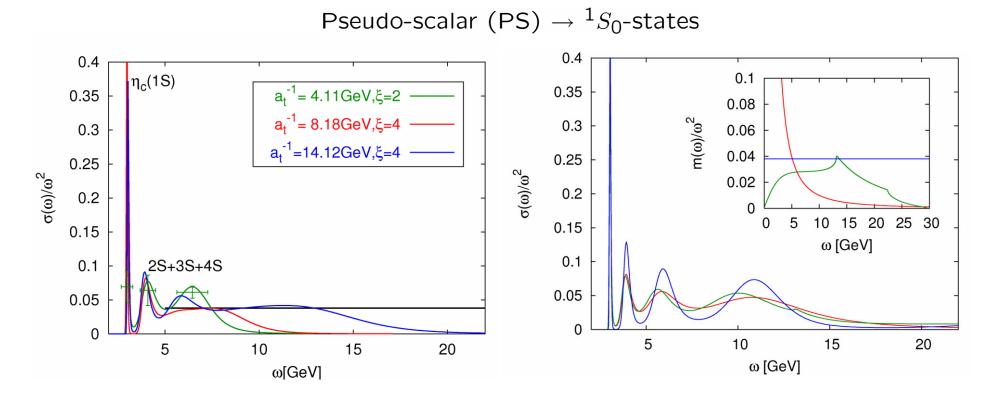
$$m(\omega)$$
 - default model  $m(\omega \gg \Lambda_{QCD}) = m_0 \omega^2$  -perturbation theory

## Charmonia spectral functions at T=0

Anisotropic lattices:  $16^3 \times 64, \xi = 2 \ 16^3 \times 96, \xi = 4, \ 24^3 \times 160, \xi = 4$  $L_s = 1.35 - 1.54$ fm, #configs=500-930;

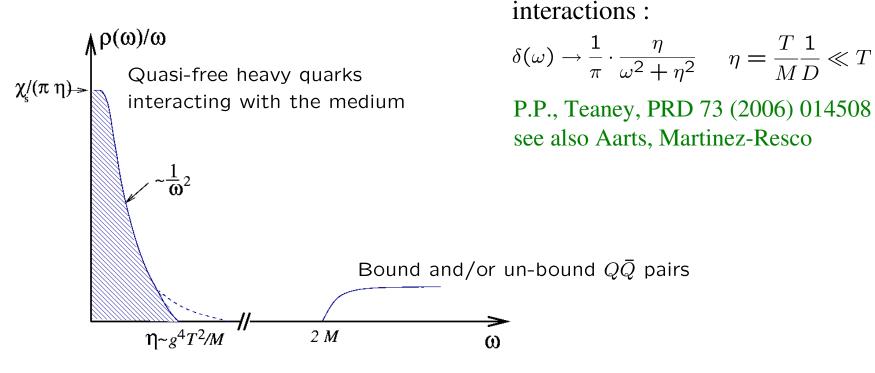
Wilson gauge action and Fermilab heavy quark action

Jakovác, P.P., Petrov, Velytsky, PRD 75 (07) 014506



For  $\omega >$  5 GeV the spectral function is sensitive to lattice cut-off; Strong default model dependence in the continuum region

# Quarkonium spectral functions at T>0



E.g. free theory:

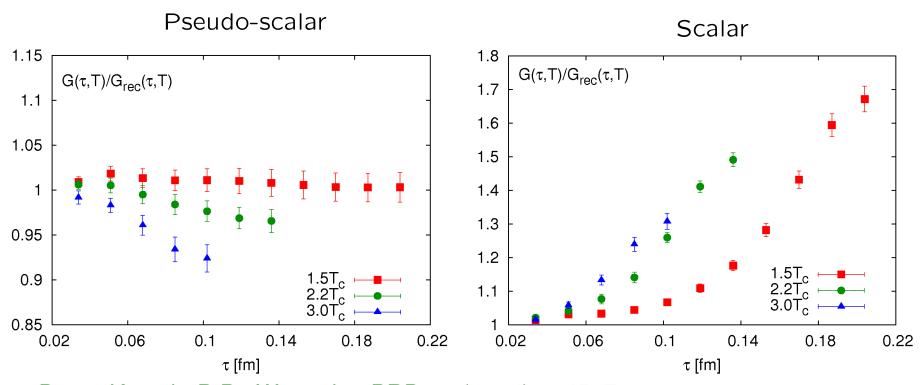
E.g. free theory : 
$$\sigma_V^{ii}(\omega) = \theta(\omega^2 - 4M^2) \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \omega^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{4M^2}{\omega^2}} + \chi(T) \left(\frac{T}{M}\right) \omega \delta(\omega)$$
$$\sigma^{\text{high}}(\omega, T) + \sigma^{\text{low}}(\omega, T)$$
$$\chi(T) = \frac{6}{\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dp p^2 \left(-\frac{\partial n_F}{\partial E_p}\right), \quad E_p^2 = p^2 + M^2, \quad n_F = 1/(\exp(E_p/T) + 1)$$
equark number susceptibility

## Temperature dependence of quarkonium

$$G_{rec}(\tau, T) = \int_0^\infty d\omega \sigma(\omega, T^*) \frac{\cosh(\omega \cdot (\tau - \frac{1}{2T}))}{\sinh(\omega/(2T))}, \quad T^* \ll T_c$$

study the T-dependence of:

$$G( au,T)/G_{rec}( au,T)$$

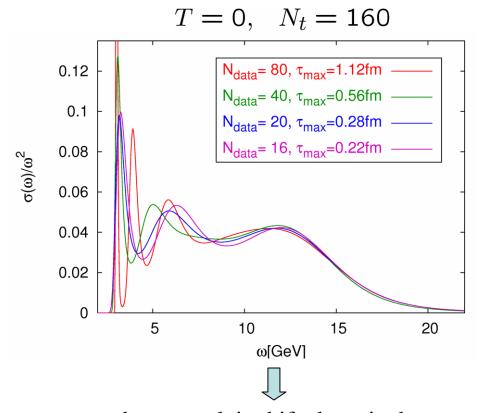


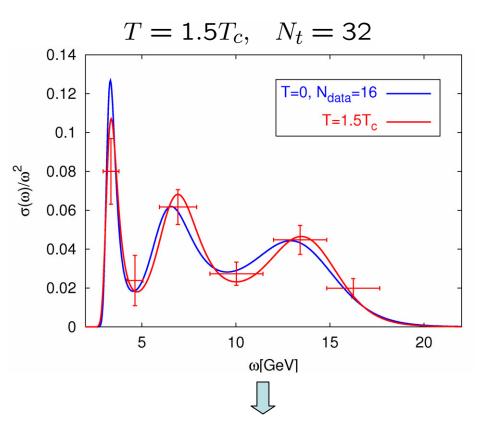
Datta, Karsch, P.P , Wetzorke, PRD 69 (2004) 094507

#### Charmonia spectral functions in PS channel at T>0

$$T = 1/(N_t a) \leftrightarrow \tau_{max} = 1/(2T)$$

PS, 
$$24^3 \times N_t$$
,  $a_t^{-1} = 14.12$  GeV,  $\xi = 4$ ,  $\#conf \simeq 2000$ 





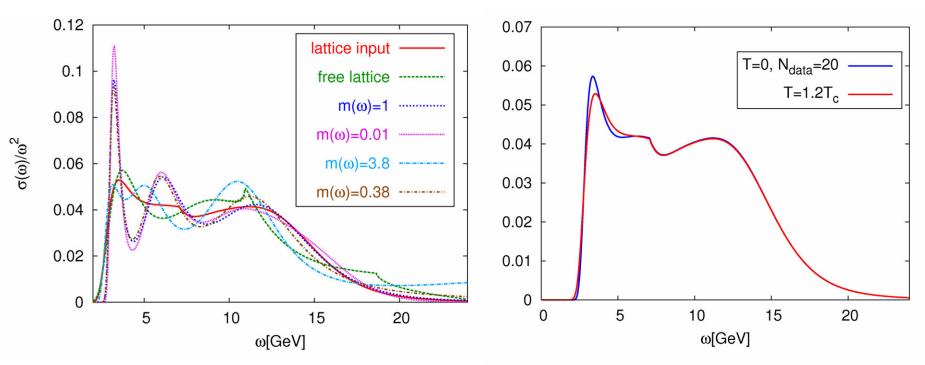
ground state peak is shifted, excited states are not resolved when  $\tau_{max}$ ,  $N_{data}$  become small

no temperature dependence in the PS spectral functions within errors

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## Charmonia spectral functions at T>0 (cont'd)

PS, 
$$24^3 \times 40$$
,  $a_t^{-1} = 14.12$  GeV,  $\xi = 4$ ,  $T = 1.2T_c$ 

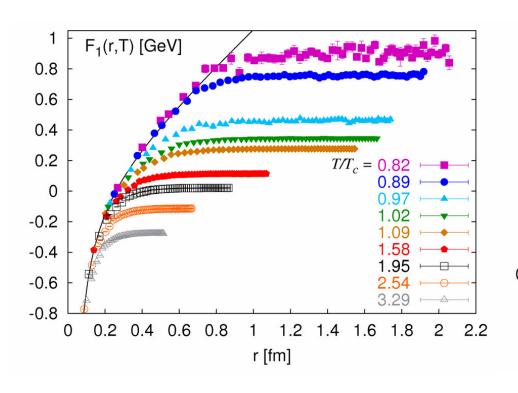


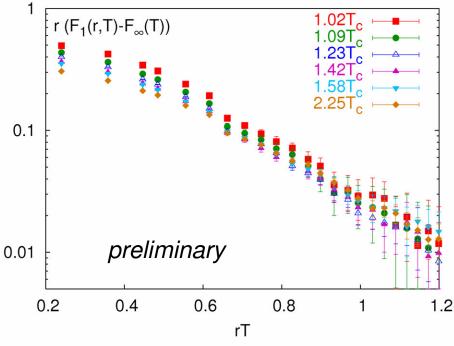
there is a strong dependence on the default model  $m(\omega)$  at finite temperature or for small  $\tau_{max}$ 



MEM is not a reliable for reconstructing spectral functions at finite temperature

# Screening of static color charges in QCD





 $F_1(r,T)$  is temperature independent for  $r < \frac{ ext{0.4fm}}{T/T_c}$ 

r is the dominant scale:

$$\alpha_{eff}(r, T > 1.1T_c) < 0.6$$

$$F_1(r \gg 1/T) = -\frac{4}{3}\alpha_s(T)\frac{e^{-m_D r}}{r} + F_{\infty}$$

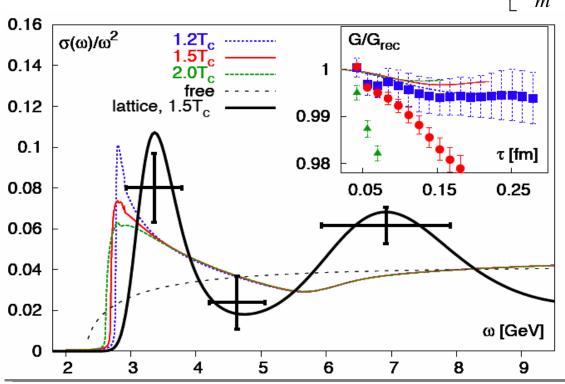
 $F_1(r,T)$  scales with T and is exponentially screened for r>0.8/T

T is the dominant scale:

#### Can 1S charmonia state survive deconfinement?

#### What about color screening?

$$\left[-\frac{1}{m}\nabla^2 + V(\vec{r}) + E\right]G^{NR}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}', E) = \delta^3(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')$$



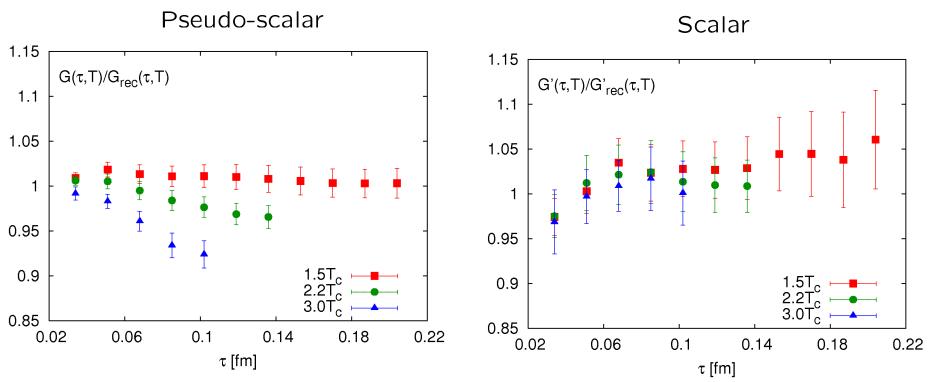
$$\sigma(E) = \frac{2N_c}{\pi} \operatorname{Im} G^{NR}(\vec{r}, \vec{r}', E)_{\vec{r} = \vec{r}' = 0}$$

Mócsy, P.P, PRD 77 (2008) 014501 PRL 99 (2007) 211602

similar conclusions:
Burnier, Laine, Vepsalainen
JHEP 0801 (2008) 04,
Laine et al,
JHEP 0703 (2007) 054

- ·resonance-like structures disappear already by 1.2Tc
- strong threshold enhancement
- ·contradicts lattice results? No!

# Temperature dependence of quarkonium



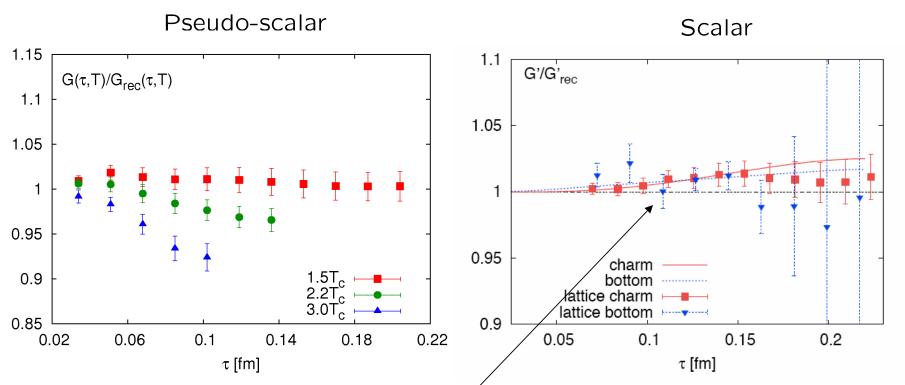
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#### Quarkonium correlators in Euclidean time

$$G_{i}(\tau,T) = \int_{0}^{\infty} d\omega \sigma_{i}(\omega,T) \frac{\cosh(\omega \cdot (\tau - \frac{1}{2T}))}{\sinh(\omega/(2T))}$$

$$i = vc, sc, ax$$

$$G_{i}(\tau,T) = G_{i}^{\text{low}}(\tau,T) + G_{i}^{\text{high}}(\tau,T)$$

The high energy part can be estimated from the low T spectral functions:  $G^{high}(\tau,T) \simeq G_{rec}(\tau,T)$ 

Since 
$$\eta = \frac{T}{M} \frac{1}{D} \ll T \Rightarrow \sigma_i^{\text{low}}(\omega) \simeq \chi^i(T) \omega \delta(\omega)$$

 $G^{\mathsf{low}}(\tau) \simeq \chi^i(T)T$  - zero mode contribution

 $\chi^i(T)$  can be calculated for free quarks:

$$\chi^{i}(T) = \frac{6}{\pi^{2}} \int_{0}^{\infty} dp p^{2} \left( a_{i} + b_{i} \frac{M^{2}}{E_{p}^{2}} + c_{i} \frac{p^{2}}{E_{p}^{2}} \right) \left( -\frac{\partial n_{F}}{\partial E_{p}} \right)$$

$$a_{sc} = 0, \ a_{ax} = 1, \ a_{vc} = 0;$$

$$b_{sc} = 1, \ b_{ax} = 2, \ b_{vc} = 0;$$

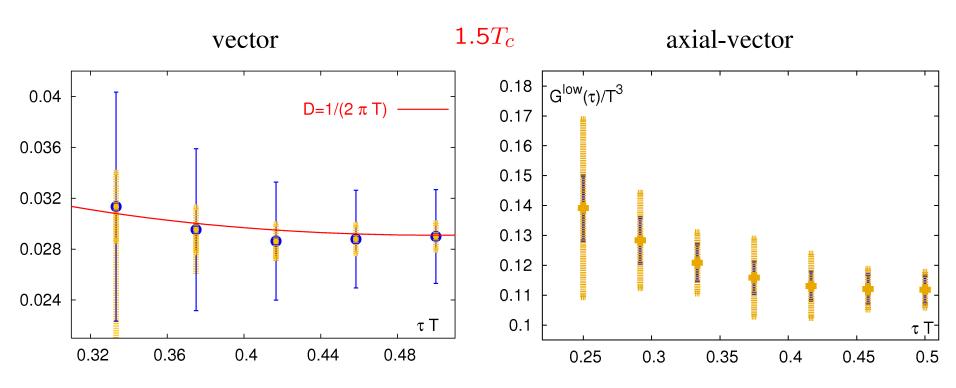
$$E_{p}^{2} = p^{2} + M^{2}, \ n_{F} = 1/(\exp(E_{p}/T) + 1)$$

$$c_{sc} = 0, \ c_{ax} = 0, \ c_{vc} = 1;$$

for temporal component of the vector correlator  $a_0 = -1$ ,  $b_0 = c_0 = 0$  and  $G_{00} = -T\chi(T)$  (exact)

## Estimating the zero mode contribution

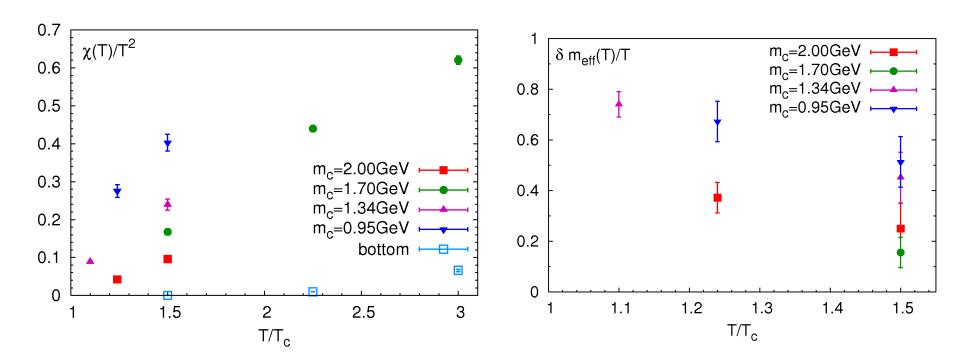
$$G^{\text{low}}(\tau, T) = G(\tau, T) - G_{rec}(\tau, T)$$



The curvature of  $G_i^{\text{low}}(\tau,T)$  is governed by heavy quark diffusion No diffusion  $(D=\infty\leftrightarrow\eta=0)$ :  $G_i^{\text{low}}=const=T\chi_i(T)$ 

 $G_i^{\text{low}}(\tau,T)$  is au-idependent within errors and  $\chi_i(T) \simeq G_i^{\text{low}}( au = 1/(2T),T)$ 

## Temporal component of the vector correlator

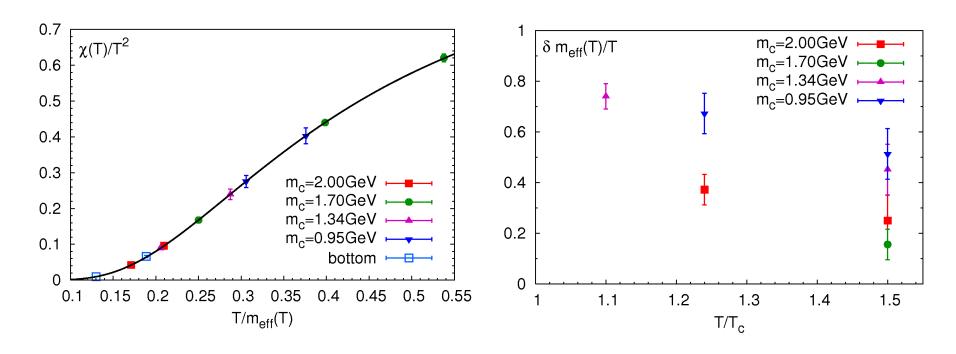


Fit  $\chi(T)$  using quasi-particle model with T-dependent effective quark mass

$$\chi(T) = \frac{6}{\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dp p^2 \left( -\frac{\partial n_F}{\partial E_p} \right), \quad E_p^2 = p^2 + m_{eff}^2(T)$$

$$\delta m_{eff}(T) = m_{eff}(T) - m_c$$
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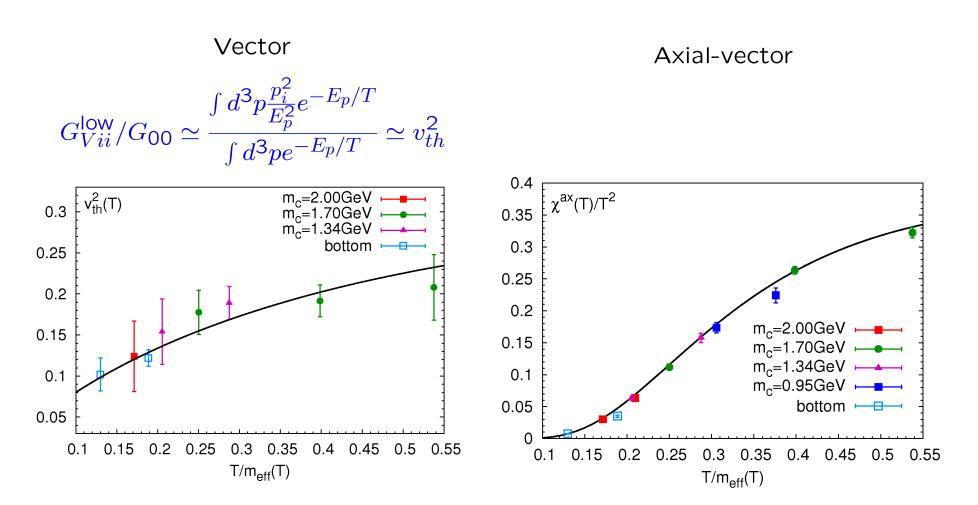


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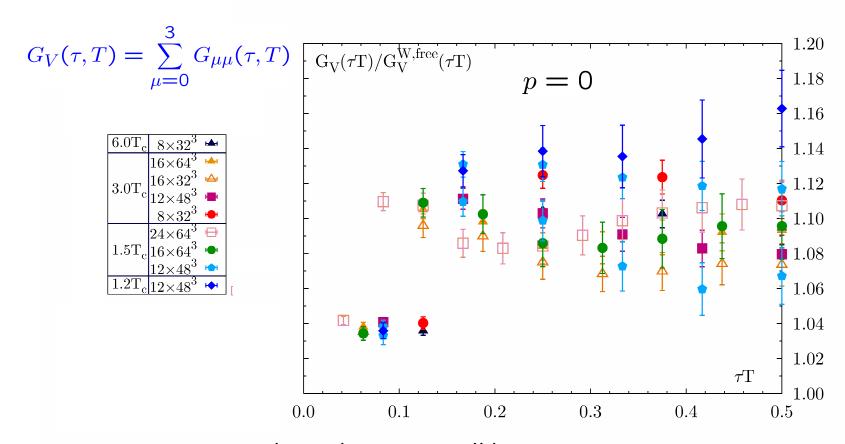
 $\delta m_{eff}(T) = m_{eff}(T) - m_c$  negligable for  $T > 1.5T_c$  decreases with increasing  $m_c$  negligable for bottom quarks

#### Zero mode contribution in the vector and axial-vector correlator



The zero mode contribution is function of  $T/m_{eff}$  only and well described by the free gas limit

## Vector correlators in the light quark sector



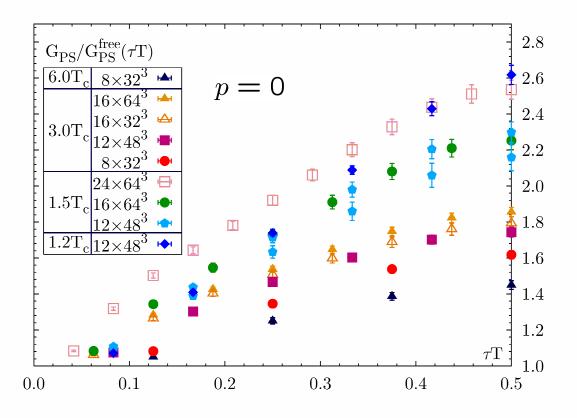
Lattice spacing dependence is small!

$$G(\tau = \frac{1}{2T}, p, T) = \int_0^\infty d\omega \frac{\sigma(\omega, p)}{\sinh(\omega/(2T))}$$



constraints on the spectral functions at small energies

#### Pseudo-scalar correlators in the light quark sector



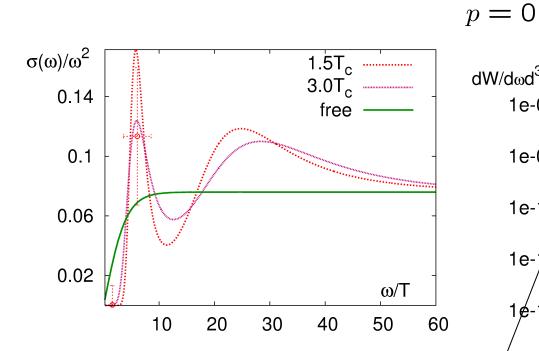
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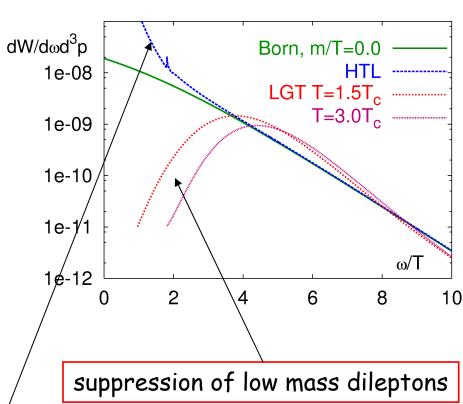


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# Spectral function and thermal dilepton rate



Karsch, Laermann, Petreczky, Stickan, Wetzorke, PLB 530 (02) 147

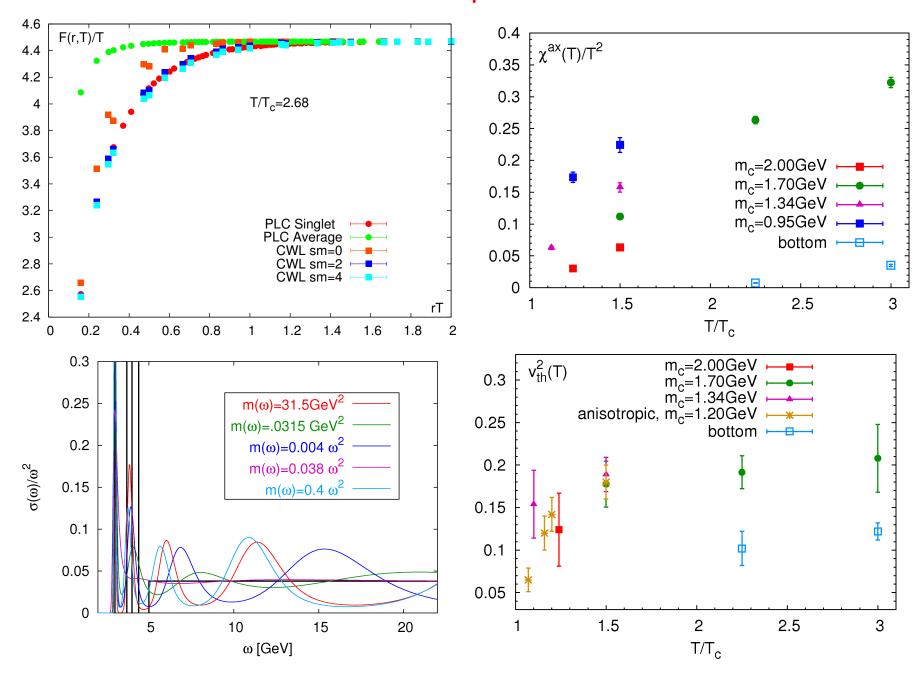


in sharp contradiction with perturbative expectations Braaten, Pisarski, Yuan, PRL 64 (90) 2242 Moore, Robert, hep-ph/0607172

#### Conclusions

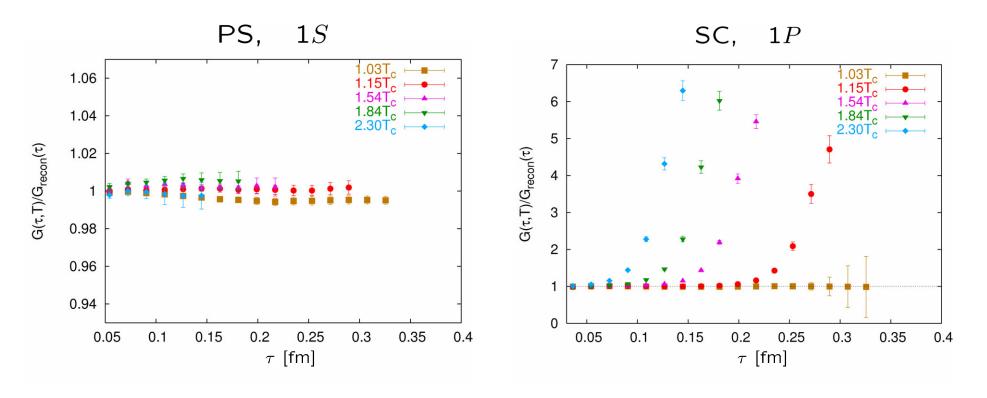
- Euclidean correlators contain information about different parts of the spectral functions but it is very difficult to resolve the details with MEM
- Broadening-melting of heavy quark bound states is not reflected in large change in the Euclidean correlators, lattice data are consistent with potential model predictions ( melting of quarkonia states )
- The zero mode contribution can be identified in the lattice correlators and is the dominant source of the T-dependence of the Euclidean correlators
- The zero mode contribution depends on the effective mass of the heavy quarks in units of the temperature and is well described by the free gas limit
- In the light quark sector the vector correlation functions are close to the free case, while the vector correlation functions shows significant deviation from the free case
- The vector spectral functions extracted from MEM show significant suppression compared to the free spectral functions (problems with MEM? strong residual interactions between quarks?)

# Back-up slide



#### Bottomonium correlators

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T-dependence of the bottomonium correlators is similar to the charmonium ones, but  $\langle r^2 \rangle_{\chi_b} \simeq \langle r^2 \rangle_{\eta_c}$ 

Does the increase in the scalar correlator mean  $\chi_b$  dissolution ?