

Quarkonia's properties at finite temperature from lattice QCD

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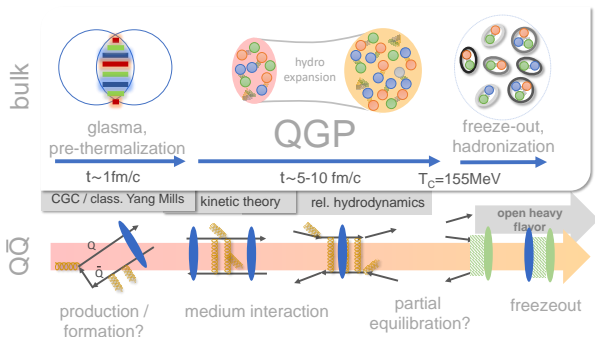
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Outline

- 1 **Hors d'œuvre:** heavy quarkonia in heavy-ion phenomenology
 - Motivation why we study “Heavy quarkonia at $T > 0$ ”
 - Historical perspective on “Heavy quarkonia at $T > 0$ ”
- 2 **Appetizer:** modern, weak coupling picture of “Heavy quarkonia at $T > 0$ ”
- 3 **Salad:** not lettuce, but lattice field theory
- 4 **Main course:** lattice QCD results on “Heavy quarkonia at $T > 0$ ”
 - Relativistic bottomonia on the lattice
 - Nonrelativistic bottomonia on the lattice
 - In-medium static quarkonia
- 5 **Dessert:** bringing “Heavy quarkonia at $T > 0$ ” full circle

Why focus on hard probes in heavy-ion collisions?



source: Rothkopf, Phys.Rept. 858 (2020) 1-117

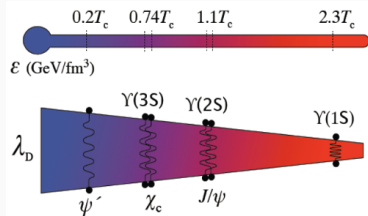
- Hard probes are produced in a few **hard processes** in initial collision, neither created nor destroyed afterwards, but can alter their nature
- Most important probes: *jets*, open heavy flavor & **heavy quarkonia**
- **What happens to quarkonium if we increase the temperature?**

Heavy quarkonia in the hot medium as a local thermometer

- Idea to look at **quarkonia** in the QGP is old and famous

Matsui, Satz, PLB 178 (1986)

- Debye screening** length $1/m_D$ of electric gluons (A_0) limits the radii of hadronic bound states
- Consequence: QGP formation \Leftrightarrow **quarkonia suppression**



source: USQCD whitepaper 2018, EPJ A 55 (2019)

- But what is the **correct in-medium potential** for quarkonia?
- Two different phenomenological scenarios for the in-medium potential predict vastly different **melting points** for all quarkonia:
 - Weak-binding scenario:** Debye-screened potential goes flat as $V \sim F$
 $T(\Upsilon(1S)) \sim 2 T_{pc}$, $T(J/\Psi) \sim T_{pc}$
 - Strong-binding scenario:** Remnant of confinement as $V \sim U = F + TS$
 $T(\Upsilon(1S)) \sim 3 T_{pc}$, $T(J/\Psi) \sim 3/2 T_{pc}$

Screening from Polyakov loop correlators

- Color screening usually studied via **Polyakov loop correlator**

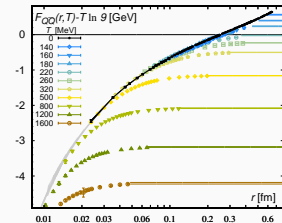
$$C_P(r, T) = \langle P(0)P^\dagger(r) \rangle_T^{\text{ren}} = e^{-F_{00}(r, T)/T}$$

- $rT \ll 1$: **singlet/octet** decomposition

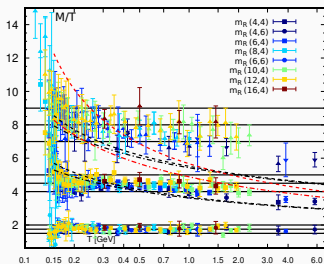
$$C_P(r, T) = 1/9 e^{-F_S(r, T)/T} + 8/9 e^{-F_O(r, T)/T}$$

- $rT \lesssim 0.4$: via $T = 0$ potentials and **adjoint Polyakov loop: no screening!**

$$C_P(r, T) = 1/9 e^{-V_s(r)/T} + L_A(T) 8/9 e^{-V_o(r)/T} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$$



source: *Brambilla, et al., PRD 98 (2018)*



⇒ *Petreczky, et al., PoS(LATTICE2021) 471*

- $rm_D \gtrsim 1$: screening regime; decompose

$$C_P(r, T) = C_R(r, T) + C_I(r, T)$$

$$C_R(r, T) = \langle \text{Re } P(0) \text{Re } P(r) \rangle_T^{\text{ren}} \rightarrow \mathcal{C} \text{ even}$$

$$C_I(r, T) = \langle \text{Im } P(0) \text{Im } P(r) \rangle_T^{\text{ren}} \rightarrow \mathcal{C} \text{ odd}$$

- Asymptotically 1PE: $C_{R,I}(r, T) \sim e^{-m_{R,I} r}/rT$

- EQCD: $m_R \sim 2m_D$, $m_I \sim 3m_D$ (m_D per A_0)

$$\text{LQCD: } \frac{m_R}{T} \approx 4.5, \quad \frac{m_I}{T} \approx 8, \quad \frac{m_I}{m_R} \approx 1.75$$

$$\Rightarrow 1/m_D \approx 2/m_R \approx 3/m_I = \{0.38 - 0.44\}/T$$

$$r_{\Upsilon(1S)} \approx 0.21 \text{ fm survives until } T \sim 380 \text{ MeV}$$

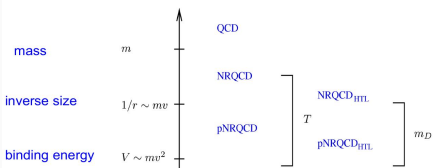
$$r_{J/\psi} \approx 0.43 \text{ fm survives until } T \sim 190 \text{ MeV}$$

Screening is not the whole story... (at weak coupling)

Matsui & Satz's idea of the **quarkonium suppression mechanism** was turned inside out by **weak-coupling EFT results** emerging 15 years ago

NR hierarchy:

$$V \sim \alpha_s$$



Thermal hierarchy:

$$m_D \sim gT$$

- For $1/r \sim m_D \ll T$: $\text{Re}[V_s] = F_S + \mathcal{O}(g^4)$ and $\text{Im}[V_s] \sim \mathcal{O}(g^2 T)$

$$V_s(T, r) = -C_F \alpha_s \left\{ \frac{e^{-rm_D}}{r} + m_D + iT \phi(rm_D) \right\}, \quad \phi(x) = 2 \int_0^\infty \frac{dz z}{(z^2 + 1)^2} \left\{ 1 - \frac{\sin(zx)}{zx} \right\}$$

Laine, et al., JHEP 03 (2007)

- For $\Delta V \ll 1/r \ll m_D \ll T$: $\text{Re}[V_s] = V_s + \mathcal{O}(g^4)$ and $\text{Im}[V_s] \sim \mathcal{O}(g^4 r^2 T^3, g^6 T)$

$$V_s(T, r) = \frac{-C_F \alpha_s}{r} + r^2 T^3 \left\{ \mathcal{O}(g^4) + i \mathcal{O} \left(g^4, \frac{g^6}{(rT)^2} \right) \right\}$$

Brambilla, et al., PRD 78 (2008)

But an imaginary part leads to **dissociation** – is **screening** even relevant?

QCD regularized on a lattice

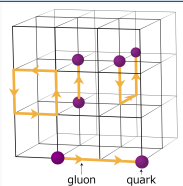
- QCD path integral needs **regularization**, e.g. dim. reg. or **lattice**
- Dim. reg. can only be applied perturbatively, i.e. order by order
- **Lattice** is a systematically improvable, non-perturbative regulator; breaks translation & rotation invariance, no space-time derivatives

$$U_\mu(x) = \exp[iag_0 A_\mu(x)] \quad \text{gauge link}$$

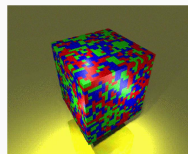
$$U_{\mu,\nu}(x) = U_\mu(x) U_\nu(x + a\hat{\mu}) U_\mu^\dagger(x + a\hat{\nu}) U_\nu^\dagger(x) \quad \text{plaquette}$$

$$D_\mu[U_\mu(x)]\psi^f(x) = \frac{U_\mu(x)\psi^f(x + a\hat{\mu}) - U_\mu^\dagger(x - a\hat{\mu})\psi^f(x - a\hat{\mu})}{2a} + \mathcal{O}(a^2)$$

$$S_{QCD}[U, \bar{\psi}, \psi] = a^4 \sum_x \sum_f \bar{\psi}^f(x) \left(\not{D}[U(x)] + m_f \right) \psi^f(x) \\ - a^4 \sum_x \sum_{\mu < \nu} \frac{2}{g_0^2} \text{Re tr} \left\{ 1 - U_{\mu,\nu}(x) + \mathcal{O}(a^2) \right\}$$



HPC
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Stochastic lattice QCD simulations in a box on a computer

Stochastically sample the (**Euclidean**) QCD path integral

$$\langle O \rangle_{\text{QCD}} = \frac{1}{Z} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\{U\}}^N O[U] \prod_f \det(\not{D}[U] + m_f) \exp(-S_g[U]) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}\right)$$

using MCMC algorithm with **importance sampling**

- QCD on a lattice with spacing a in a box of $N_\sigma^3 \times N_\tau$ points
- **space**: periodic for gluons and quarks
 always in a finite volume (must be large enough)
- **imaginary time**: periodic for gluons, antiperiodic for quarks
 always at finite temperature: $aN_\tau = 1/T$
- **quark flavors**: usually $N_f = 2 + 1$ or $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$, or $N_f = 0$
 non-degenerate light quarks only in QCD+QED setup
- **quark masses**: light quarks at the physical point are expensive
 control the quark mass dependence through χPT
- **scale setting**: spacing a determined a posteriori from $(g_0, \{m_f\})$
line of constant physics: one observable per quark mass
- **continuum limit**: $a \rightarrow 0$ realized **for each LCP** through $g_0 \rightarrow 0$
some matrix elements may require renormalization

Real-time dynamics from lattice QCD

- Importance sampling requires an imaginary-time formalism
⇒ **Dissociation** due to real-time dynamics not directly accessible

- Same **spectral functions** yield real- or imaginary-time correlators via different, analytically known integral kernels

$$G_T \begin{pmatrix} t \\ \tau \end{pmatrix} = \int d\omega \begin{pmatrix} K^M(T, \omega; t) \\ K^E(T, \omega; \tau) \end{pmatrix} \rho_T(\omega)$$

- **Spectral functions** encode the entire dynamics
 - Stable bound states ⇒ Delta functions
 - Unstable quasiparticles ⇒ regularized peaks, locally Breit-Wigner
 - On top of a UV continuum due to scattering or merged excited states
 - At $T > 0$ potentially a substantial IR tail below the “ground state”

⇒ Strategy for lattice QCD:

- ① Compute imaginary-time correlators on the lattice
 - ② Reconstruct **spectral functions** by inverting spectral representation
 - ③ Directly read off some state's properties from $\rho_T(\omega)$
- Spectral reconstruction is challenging: at best N_τ resp. $N_\tau/2$ data
 - Usually, the best we can do at $T > 0$ is study **the lowest peak**

At which T are there either bound states or melted $q\bar{q}$ pairs?

- **Euclidean Correlators** are towers of exponential decays $G(\tau) = \sum_i A_i e^{-E_i \cdot \tau}$

For mesons: same E_i in temporal or spatial directions

- **Spatial $q\bar{q}$ pair correlators** are a **model-independent analysis tool**
charm sector \Rightarrow *Bazavov, et al., PRD 91 (2015)*

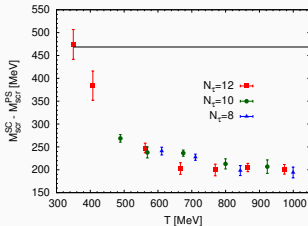
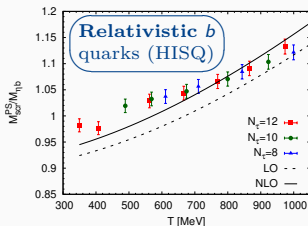
$$G_T(z) = \int_0^{1/\tau} d\tau \int d^2x_{\perp} \langle \mathcal{J}(\tau, \mathbf{x}_{\perp}, z) \mathcal{J}^{\dagger}(0) \rangle$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{2d\omega}{\omega} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp_z e^{ip_z z} \rho_T(\omega, p_z)$$

with spectral function $\rho_T(\omega, p_z)$

$$\sim \begin{cases} \delta[\omega^2 - p_z^2 - M_0^2] & \text{mesons} \\ \delta\left[\omega - \sum_{q_i} \sqrt{m_{q_i}^2 + [\pi T]^2}\right] & \text{free quarks} \end{cases}$$

- Survival of η_b & $\Upsilon(1S)$ until $T \approx 400$ MeV; cf. η_c & J/ψ until $T \approx 200$ MeV
- Survival of χ_{b0} & h_b until $T \approx 350$ MeV; cf. χ_{c0} & χ_{c1} until $T \sim T_{pc}$
- How can we understand the **melting mechanism** at work?



source: *Petreczky, et al., PRD 104 (2021)*

Nonrelativistic bottomonium with extended sources (HotQCD)

- Lattice NRQCD: no continuum limit
 \Rightarrow upper limit on T due to $N_\tau = 1/a\tau$
- NRQCD correlator study on $T = 0$ or $N_\tau = 12$ lattices: **extended sources**

Larsen, et al., ...

- 1 Point source vs Gaussian smearing, new scheme for removing UV part: **thermal width**, small mass shift

PRD 100 (2019)

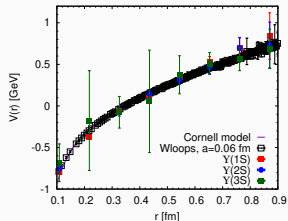
- 2 Cornell pot. eigenstates \rightarrow GEVP
 \Rightarrow lattice **NBS amplitudes** $\phi_\alpha(r)$
- 3 Recover potential from NBS amp.

$$\left(\frac{-\Delta}{m_b} + V(r)\right) \phi_\alpha(r) = E_\alpha \phi_\alpha(r)$$

PLB 800 (2020) + PRD 102 (2020)

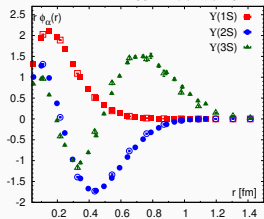
- 4 **Small** τ : NBS amplitudes at $T = 0$ and $T > 0$ almost **T -independent**
- 5 **Large** τ : 3S NBS amp. at $T > 0$ visibly **modified** \Leftrightarrow thermal width

$T = 0, a = 0.06$ fm: NRQCD vs static $q\bar{q}$



source: *Larsen, et al., PRD 102, (2020)*

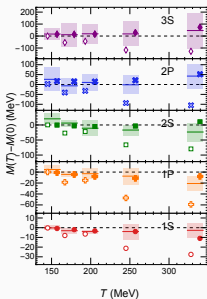
$N_\tau = 12, \tau \sim 0.4$ fm
 $T = 334$ MeV vs 151 MeV



Machine learning the potential from NRQCD amplitudes

Is there room for another interpretation? Let an algorithm figure it out...

Machine learning (DNN) applied to lattice NBS amp.: $T > 0$ potential

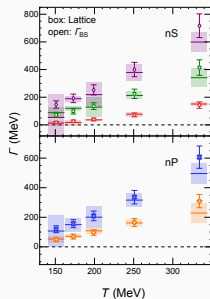


Lattice NBS amplitudes fed into DNN \Rightarrow can reconstruct a nonperturbative potential V^{ML}

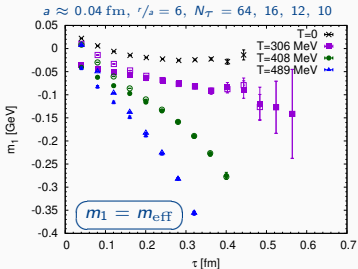
Clearly smaller thermal mass shift and larger width than in **Hard Thermal Loop** (HTL) perturbation theory ($\text{Re}(V_s^{\text{HTL}}) \sim F_S$):

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re}[V^{\text{ML}}] &\sim V_s(T=0) \\ \text{Im}[V^{\text{ML}}] &\gg \text{Im}[V_s^{\text{HTL}}] \end{aligned}$$

Shi, et al., arXiv:2105.07862



Static $q\bar{q}$ pair at $T > 0$ on the lattice



source: [Bala, et al., arXiv:2110.11659](#)

- Static $q\bar{q}$ interaction is encoded in (real-time) **Wilson loops**^a

$$W_{[r, \tau]}(t) = \left\langle e^{ig \oint_{r \times t} dz^\mu A_\mu} \right\rangle_{\text{QCD}, T}$$

- Stable (ground) state Ω_r exists if

$$\Omega_{[r, \tau]} \equiv -i \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \partial_t W_{[r, \tau]}(t)$$

^aWe use Wilson line correlators in Coulomb gauge.

- Same spectral functions yield real- or imaginary-time correlators

$$W_{[r, \tau]} \left(\frac{t}{\tau} \right) = \int d\omega \left(\frac{e^{+i\omega t}}{e^{-\omega \tau}} \right) \rho_{[r, \tau]}(\omega)$$

- Motivates generic decomposition

$$\rho_{[r, \tau]}(\omega) = \rho_{[r, \tau]}^{\{\Omega; \mathcal{O}(T)\}}(\omega) + \rho_{[r, \tau]}^{\text{tail}}(\omega) + \rho_{[r, \tau]}^{\text{UV}}(\omega)$$

- UV continuum $\rho_{[r, \tau]}^{\text{UV}}(\omega)$ is far above lowest feature Ω + effects of $\mathcal{O}(T)$

\Rightarrow Guess $\rho_{[r, \tau]}^{\text{UV}}(\omega)$ via $\rho_{[r, 0]}^{\text{UV}}(\omega) \Rightarrow$ subtract

Note: “tail” due to backward propagating UV physics (vacuum excited states) at $\tau \lesssim 1/T$.

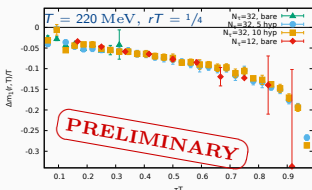
Cumulants of spectral functions – what can we expect?

- Access **cumulants** of $\rho_{[r, T]}(\omega)e^{-\omega\tau}$ via τ (**log**) **derivatives** of $W_{[r, T]}(\tau)$

$$m_1^{[r, T]}(\tau) = -\partial_\tau \ln W_{[r, T]}(\tau) \quad [\equiv m_{\text{eff}}^{[r, T]}(\tau)],$$

$$m_n^{[r, T]}(\tau) = -\partial_\tau m_{n-1}^{[r, T]}(\tau), \quad n > 1$$
- For $N_\tau \leq 16$ obtain up to $m_3^{[r, T]}(\tau)$: supports ≤ 5 parameters for $\rho_{[r, T]}(\omega)$
- Higher cumulants at small τ need at least $N_\tau > 16$: bad signal-to-noise

Fully vacuum-subtracted result

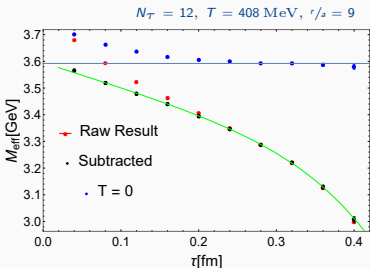


see: [Hoying, et al., arXiv:2110.00565 \[hep-lat\]](#)

Feasibility study with $N_\tau = 32$: $m_n^{[r, T]}$, $n > 2$?

- Fine lattices: $a^{-1} \approx 7 \text{ GeV}$ $m_\pi \approx 0.3 \text{ GeV}$
- UV filtering (HYP) for **noise reduction**
- distortions cancel in vacuum subtraction
- Definitely still work in progress

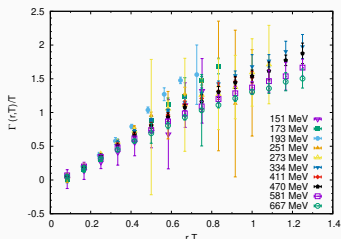
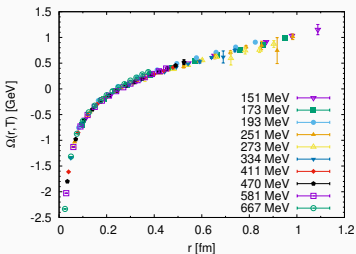
Lowest spectral feature from fits using Gaussian approximation



- Quasiparticles are represented as **Breit-Wigner** in $\rho_{[r,T]}(\omega)$
- Ansatz: approximate BW of $\rho_r^{\{\Omega; \mathcal{O}(T)\}}(\omega)$ locally as **Gaussian**, include **delta function** for $\rho_r^{\text{tail}}(\omega)$

$$W_{[r,T]}(\tau) = A_{[r,T]}^{\{\Omega; \mathcal{O}(T)\}} e^{-\Omega_{[r,T]}\tau + (\Gamma_{[r,T]}^G)^2 \tau^2 / 2} + A_{[r,T]}^{\text{tail}} e^{-\omega_{[r,T]}^{\text{tail}} \tau}, \quad \omega_{[r,T]}^{\text{tail}} \ll \Omega_{[r,T]}$$

$N_\tau = 12, \quad \Omega(r, T) \equiv \Omega_{[r,T]}, \quad \Gamma(r, T) \equiv \sqrt{2 \ln 2} \Gamma_{[r,T]}^G, \quad \text{subtracted correlators}$

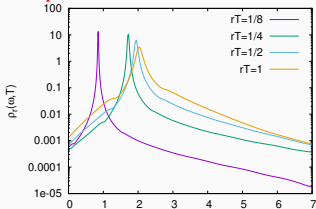


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- Almost no T dependence in $\Omega_{[r,T]}$ (naive correspondence: $\text{Re } V_s(r, T)$)
- Naively expected scaling of $\Gamma(r, T)/T \approx \Gamma(rT)/T$ down to $T \approx T_{pc}$

Comparison: lattice QCD vs HTL

HTL spectral function for $T = 667$ MeV



[NLO, 2-loop $\alpha_s(2\pi T)$, $\Lambda_{\overline{MS}}^{N_f=3} = 332$ MeV]

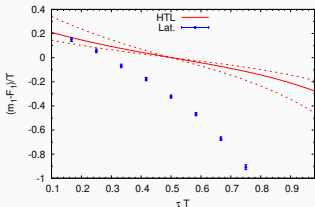
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- **HTL** is an attractive proposition: **motivated & regularized BW**
- **HTL** result is **antisymmetric** around the midpoint $\tau = 1/2T$:

$$\log W_{[r, T]}(\tau) = -\text{Re } V_s(r, T) \times \tau + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \left\{ e^{-\omega\tau} + e^{-\omega(1/\tau - \tau)} \right\} \times \{1 + n_B(\omega)\} \sigma_{[r, T]}(\omega)$$

- Leading **singularity** of $\sigma_{[r, T]}(\omega)$ (transv. gluon spec. fun.) fixes $\text{Im } V_s(r, T)$

$N_\tau = 12$, $r/a = 12$, subtracted correlator
 $T=667$ MeV, $rT=1$

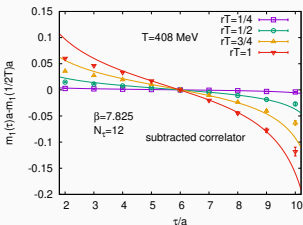


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- **HTL** should work at $r \sim 1/m_D$
- *Subtleties* due to renormalons and regulators: consider $(m_1 - F_5)/T$
Reminder: $\text{Re}[V_s] = F_5 + \mathcal{O}(g^4)$ in **HTL**
- **No large UV component** in HTL, compare UV-subtracted result
- m_1 at midpoint lower than **HTL**, and m_2 is much more negative

Lowest spectral feature from fits using HTL-motivated Ansatz

$N_\tau = 12, T = 408 \text{ MeV}, r/a = 9$



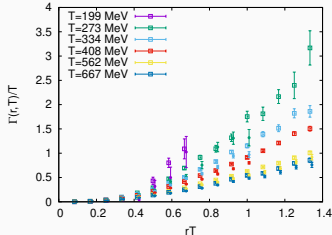
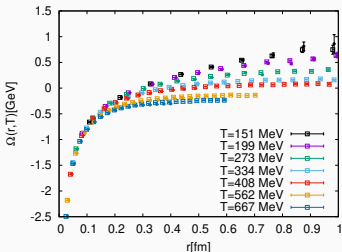
- Fit via HTL-motivated Ansatz

Bala, Datta, PRD 101 (2020)

$$W_{[r,T]}(\tau) = A_{[r,T]}^{BD} e^{-\Omega_{[r,T]}^{BD} \tau - i \frac{\Gamma_{[r,T]}^{BD}}{\pi} \log \sin(\pi \tau T)}$$

- Note: similar result via Gaussian around midpoint $\tau = 1/2T$

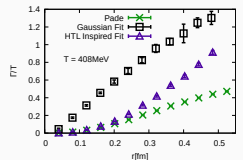
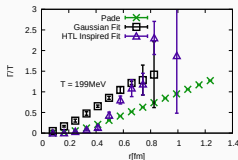
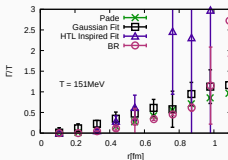
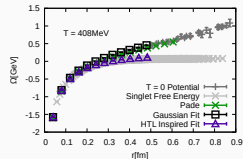
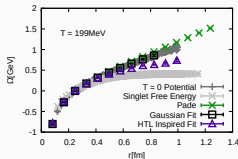
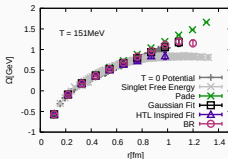
$N_\tau = 12, \Omega(r, T) \equiv \Omega_{[r,T]}^{BD}, \Gamma^{BD}(r, T) \equiv \Gamma_{[r,T]}^{BD},$ (un-)subtracted correlators



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- Significant T dependence in $\Omega_{[r,T]}$ (naive correspondence: $\text{Re } V_s(r, T)$)
- Weaker than naive scaling of $\Gamma(r, T)/T \approx \Gamma(rT)/T$

Comparison: lowest spectral feature from four different methods



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- Applied two further, independent methods (Padé rational approximation, Bayesian reconstruction) not discussed in detail
- $T \approx 150$ MeV conclusive: $\Omega_{[r, T]} \approx F_S(r, T) \approx V_s(r)$ for $r \lesssim 0.8$ fm
- $T \lesssim 250$ MeV: all three methods yield $\Omega_{[r, T]} \gg F_S(r, T)$
- $T \approx 400$ MeV inconclusive: $\Omega_{[r, T]}^{BD} \approx F_S(r, T)$ vs $\Omega_{[r, T]}^G \approx \Omega_{[r, T]}^P \approx V_s(r)$
- All methods find for all T nontrivial $\Gamma_{[r, T]}$ that increases with r or T

Quarkonia's properties at finite temperature from lattice QCD

- **Spatial correlation functions using relativistic heavy quarks**
 - Model-independent study of quarkonia melting/survival in LQCD
 - η_b or $\Upsilon(1S)$ until $T \approx 400$ MeV; χ_{b0} or h_b until $T \approx 350$ MeV
 - η_c or J/ψ until $T \approx 200$ MeV; χ_{c0} or χ_{c1} until $T \approx 150$ MeV
 - **Polyakov loop correlators** (static picture \rightarrow screening length)
 - η_b or $\Upsilon(1S)$ until $T \approx 380$ MeV
 - η_c or J/ψ until $T \approx 190$ MeV
 - **Nonrelativistic bottomonia** in lattice NRQCD
 - Extended sources or BS wave functions boost resolving power of LQCD
 - Indicate **finite thermal widths**, but no significant thermal mass shifts
 - **Static quarkonia ($q\bar{q}$ pair)**
 - Lowest spectral feature $\{\Omega; \mathcal{O}(T)\}$ + tail + UV continuum
 - Model-independent cumulant analysis \rightarrow robust evidence for significant **thermal width being important for quarkonia melting**
 - Consistent with minor (Gaussian fit, Padé) or major (HTL-inspired fit) medium effects in real part $\rightarrow N_\tau \leq 16$ has insufficient resolution
- So far, no conclusive statement about weak vs strong binding.
 - Lattice + EFT are in good shape to deliver more robust and more realistic results needed for HIC phenomenology in the near future.

Merci bien!