

In-medium Bottomonium Properties from Lattice NRQCD Calculations with Extended Meson Operators

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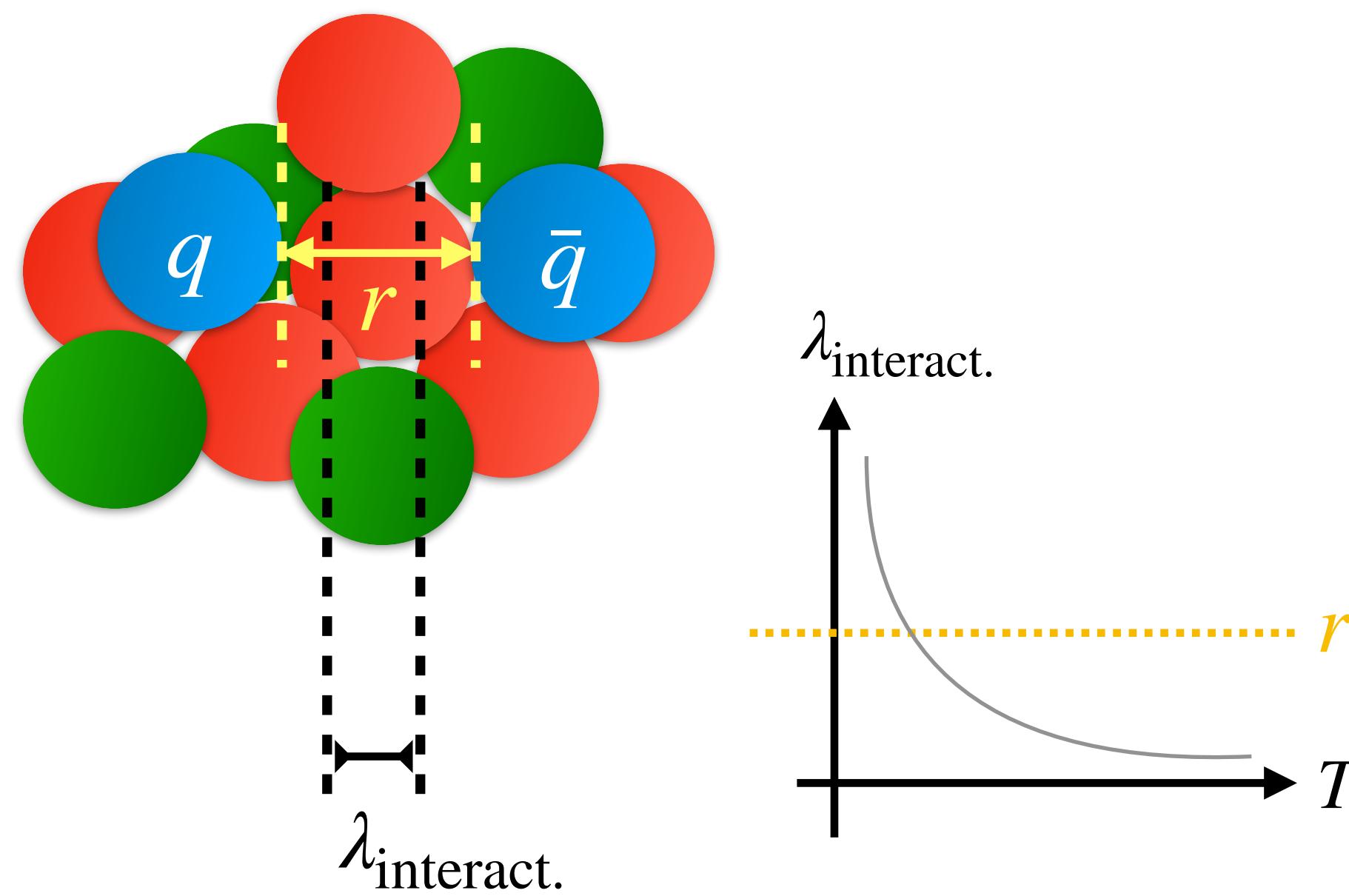


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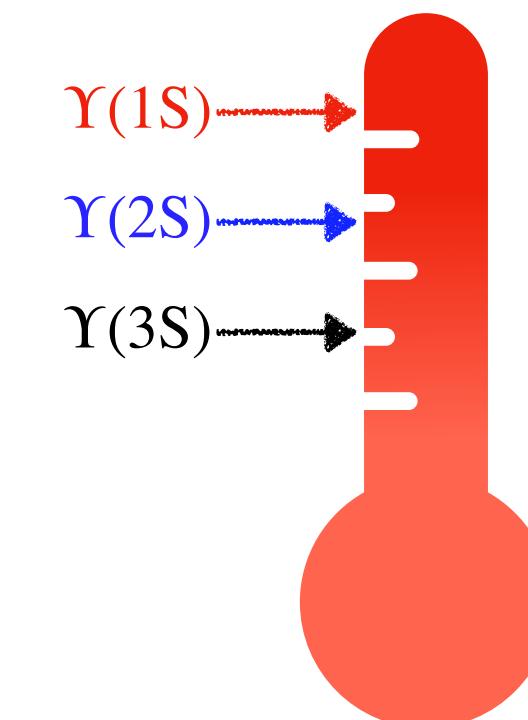
Quarkonium as a probe

Quarkonium suppression via color screening in Quark-Gluon Plasma

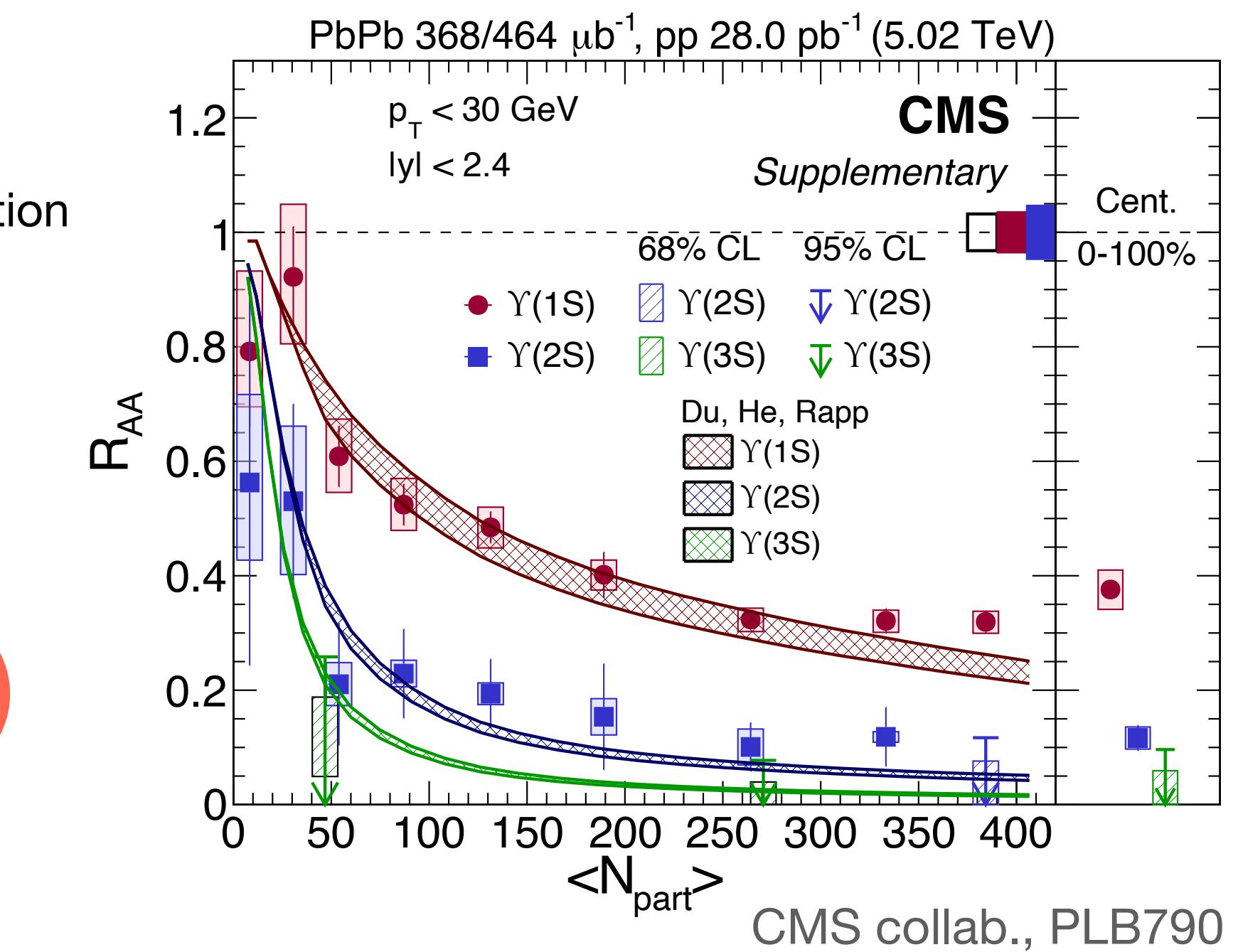
T. Matsui, H. Satz, PLB178 (1986) 416



Sequential dissolution



Sequential in-medium modifications at finite temperatures in experiments



CMS collab., PLB790 (2019) 270

In-medium quarkonium properties are encoded in **spectral function**,
related to **Euclidean correlators** calculable on the lattice:

$$C(\tau, T) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\omega \rho(\omega, T) K(\tau, \omega, T)$$

Motivation: why Lattice NRQCD + extended sources

Relativistic QCD

- ◆ Limited sensitivity in $C(\tau, T)$: $\tau_{\max} = 1/(2T)$
A. Mocsy, P. Petreczky, PRD 77, 014501(2008)
P. Petreczky, EPJC 62, 85 (2009)
- ◆ Large discretization effects $\sim aM_b$

Point source

- ◆ $C(\tau, T)$ at large τ are needed for lack of overlap with specific state
- ◆ Non-optimal overlap with excited states

Non-relativistic QCD

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Extended source

- ◆ Heavy quark mass scale is integrated out
- ◆ Pair creation is not allowed $\Rightarrow \tau_{\max} = 1/T$
N. Brambilla, J. Ghiglieri, et.al., PRD 78, 014017(2008)

- ◆ Better projection onto particular state
R. Larsen, et.al., PRD 100, 074506 (2019)
- ◆ Optimized for excited states
R. Larsen, et.al., PLB 800, 135119 (2020)

More sensitive to thermal effects

Able to study sequential in-medium modifications shown in excited states

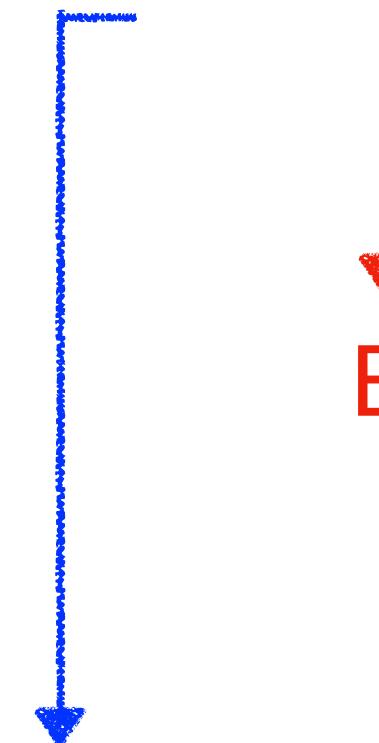
Correlators with extended sources

Correlator: $C(\tau) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \langle O(\mathbf{x}, \tau) O^\dagger(\mathbf{0}, 0) \rangle$

Gaussian-smeared source

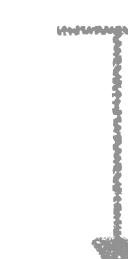
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$$O(\mathbf{x}, \tau) = \tilde{\bar{q}}(\mathbf{x}, \tau) \Gamma \tilde{q}(\mathbf{x}, \tau)$$

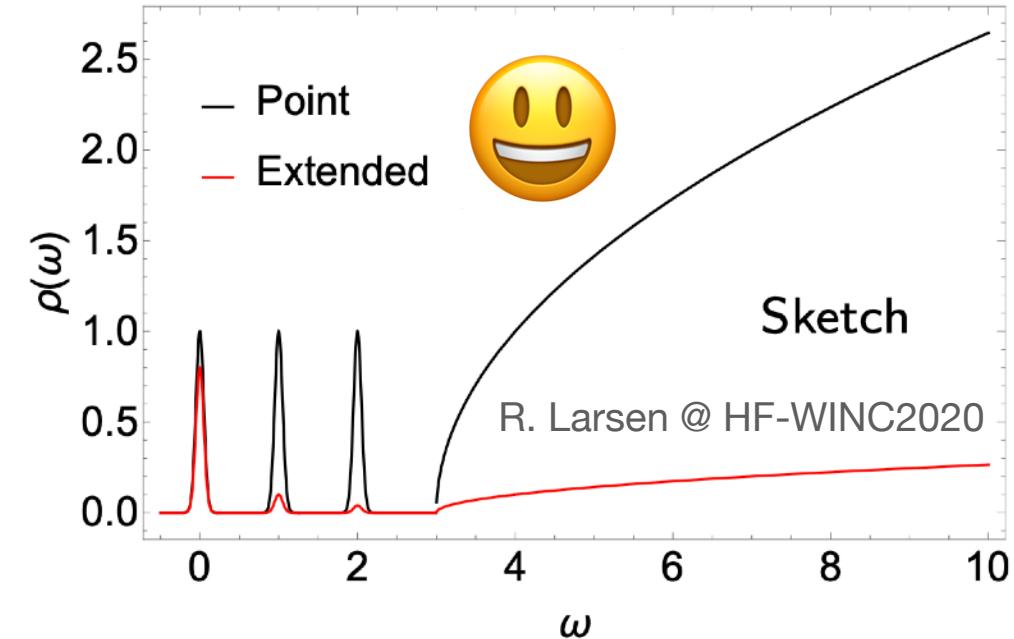


Bottomonium interpolators

$$\text{Smeared quark and antiquark fields: } \tilde{q} = W q$$



Gaussian-shaped factor



Wave-function optimized source

R. Larsen, et.al., PLB 800, 135119 (2020)

$$O_\alpha(\mathbf{x}, \tau) = \sum_{\mathbf{r}} \Psi_\alpha(\mathbf{r}) \bar{q}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}, \tau) \Gamma q(\mathbf{x}, \tau)$$

From the discretized 3-d Schrodinger equation:

$$\left[-\frac{\Delta}{m_b} + V(\mathbf{r}) \right] \Psi(\mathbf{r}) = E \Psi(\mathbf{r})$$

$O(a^4)$ -improved
discretized Laplacian

Cornell potential

S. Meinel, PRD 82, 114502 (2010)

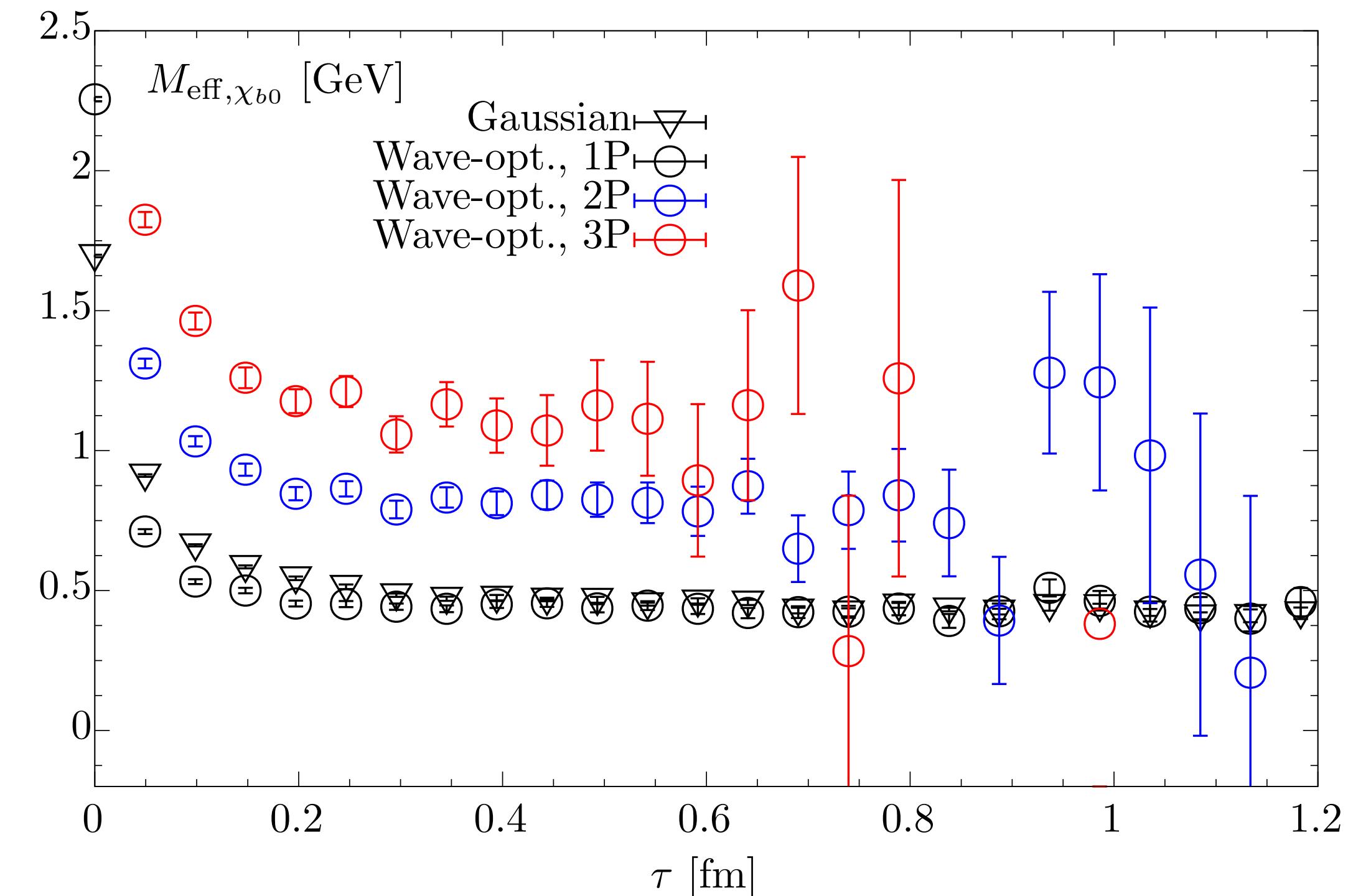
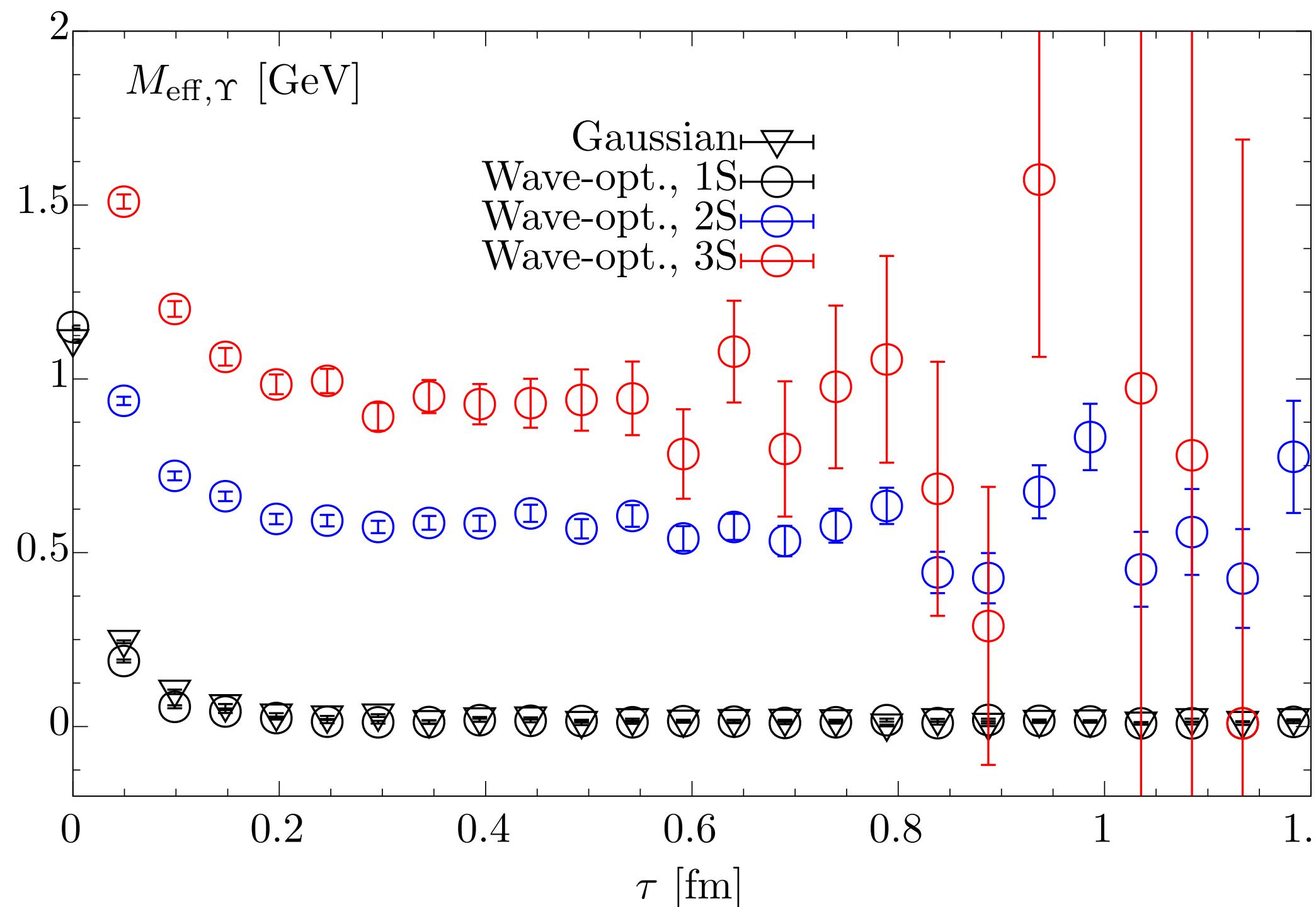
Simulation Details

- Bottom quark on the lattice:
 - Tree-level tadpole-improved NRQCD action, with $\mathcal{O}(\nu^6)$ corrections S. Meinel, PRD 82, 114502 (2010)
R. Larsen, et.al., PRD 100, 074506 (2019)
R. Larsen, et.al., PLB 800, 135119 (2020)
 - Bare bottom mass tuning: matching kinetic mass M_{kin,η_b} to its PDG value, leading to $aM_b = 0.955(17)$
- Background gauge fields with (2+1)-flavor dynamical sea quarks:
 - HISQ/tree action
 - Quark mass: $m_s^{\text{phy}}/m_l = 20$ ($m_\pi \approx 160$ MeV)
 - Two fixed finer lattice spacings: $a = 0.0493$ fm and 0.0602 fm
 - Temperature is increased by reducing the temporal extent: $N_\tau \in [16, 30]$, $T \in (133, 250)$ MeV

Results in Vacuum: effective mass

$$M_{\text{eff}}(\tau) = \frac{1}{a} \log \left[\frac{C(\tau, T)}{C(\tau + a, T)} \right]$$

All vertical scales are calibrated with the spin-averaged mass of 1S bottomonium hereafter

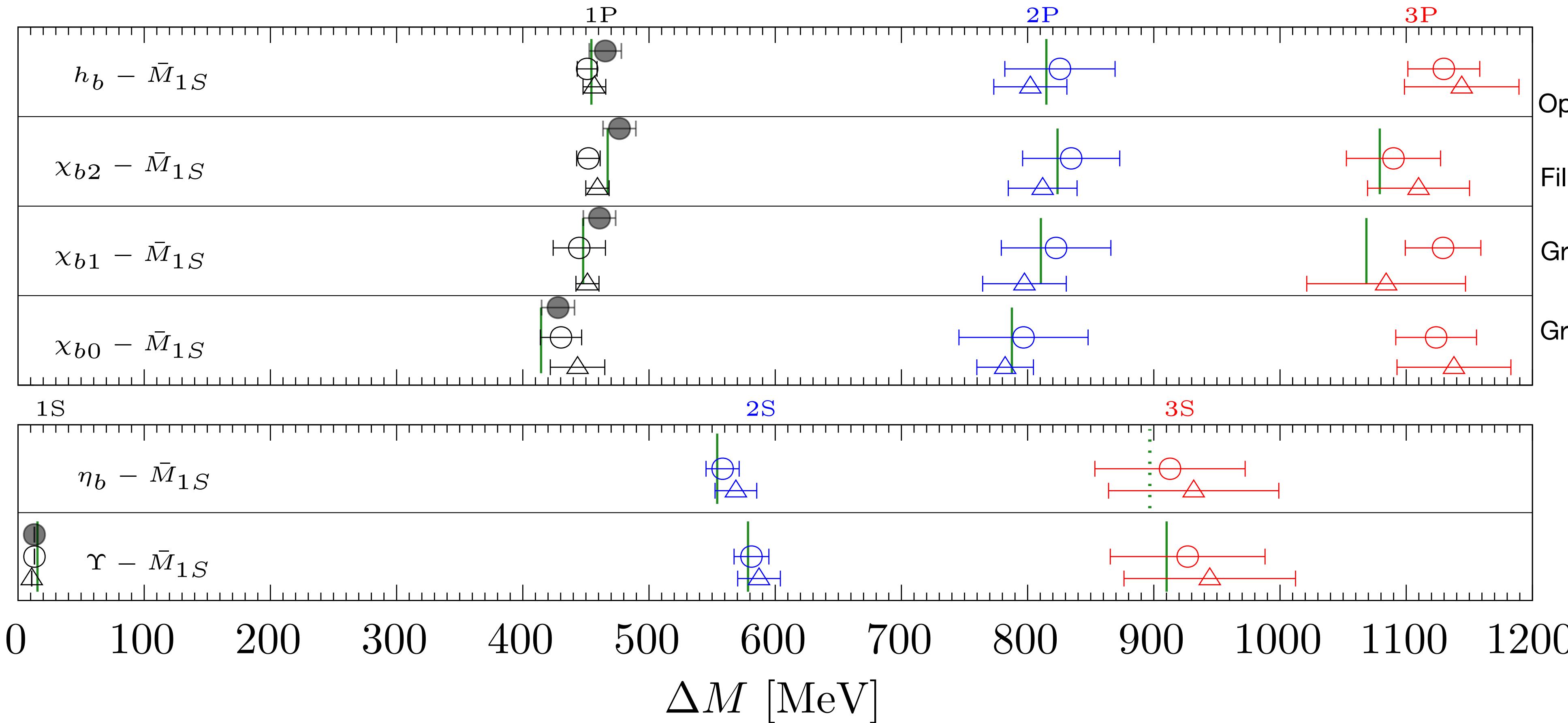


- Mild effects from different extended sources for ground states
- Plateau region from $\tau \sim 0.25$ fm, shorter for excited states with worse SNR

Results in Vacuum: mass spectra

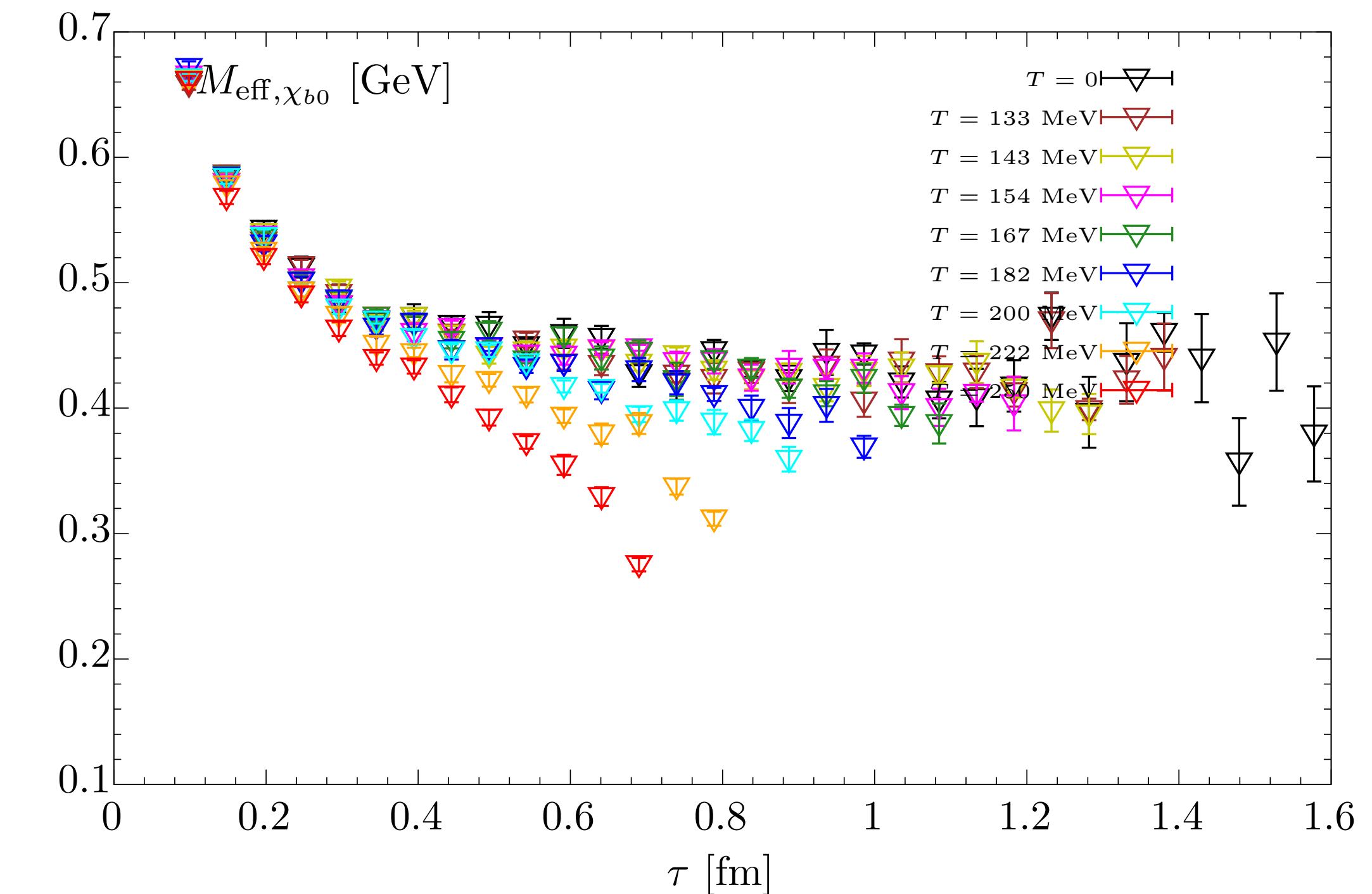
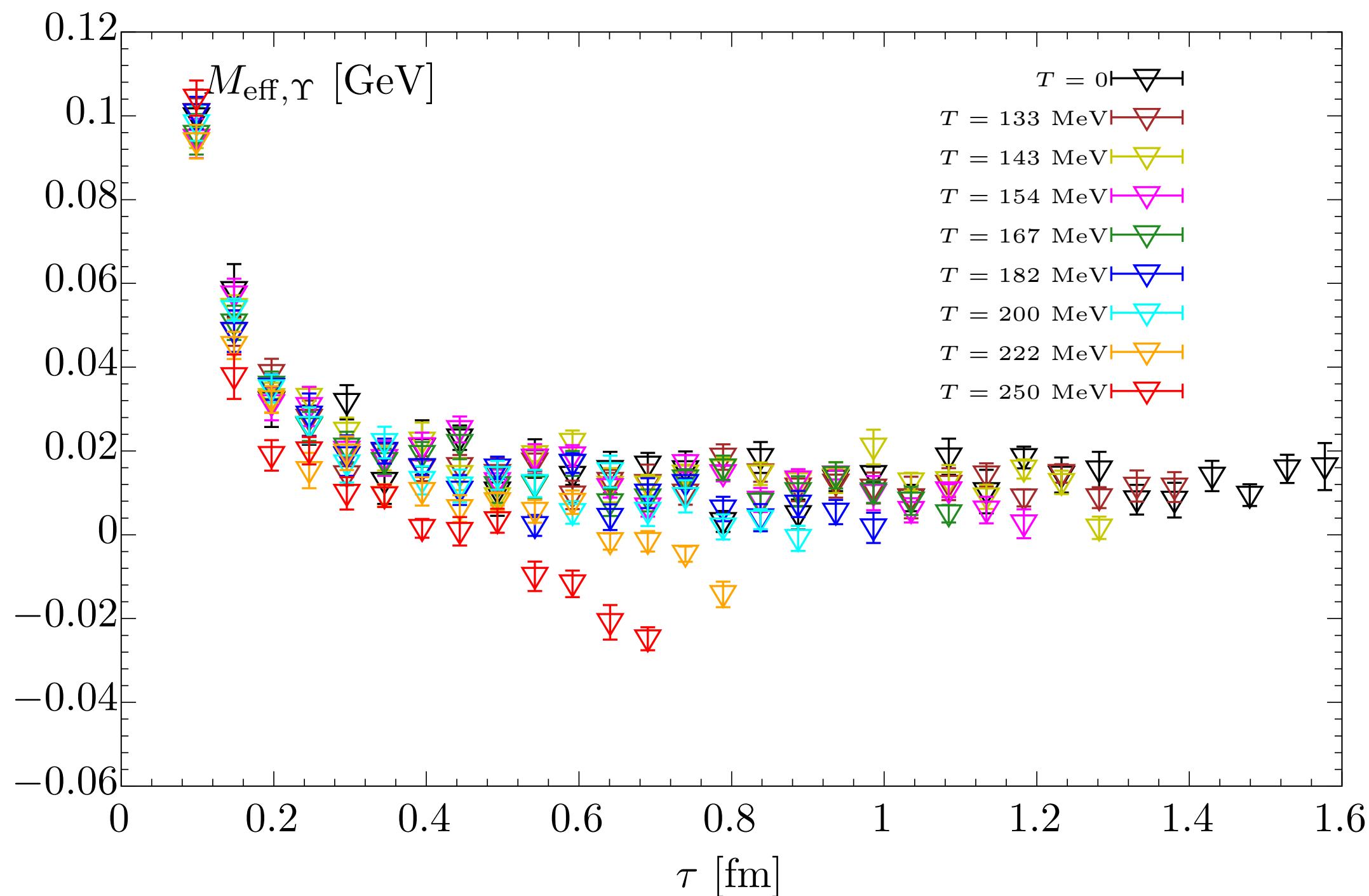
Mass difference: $\Delta M = M - (M_{\eta_b} - 3M_\gamma)/4$

Spin-averaged mass of 1S bottomonium



Results at finite temperatures: effective mass

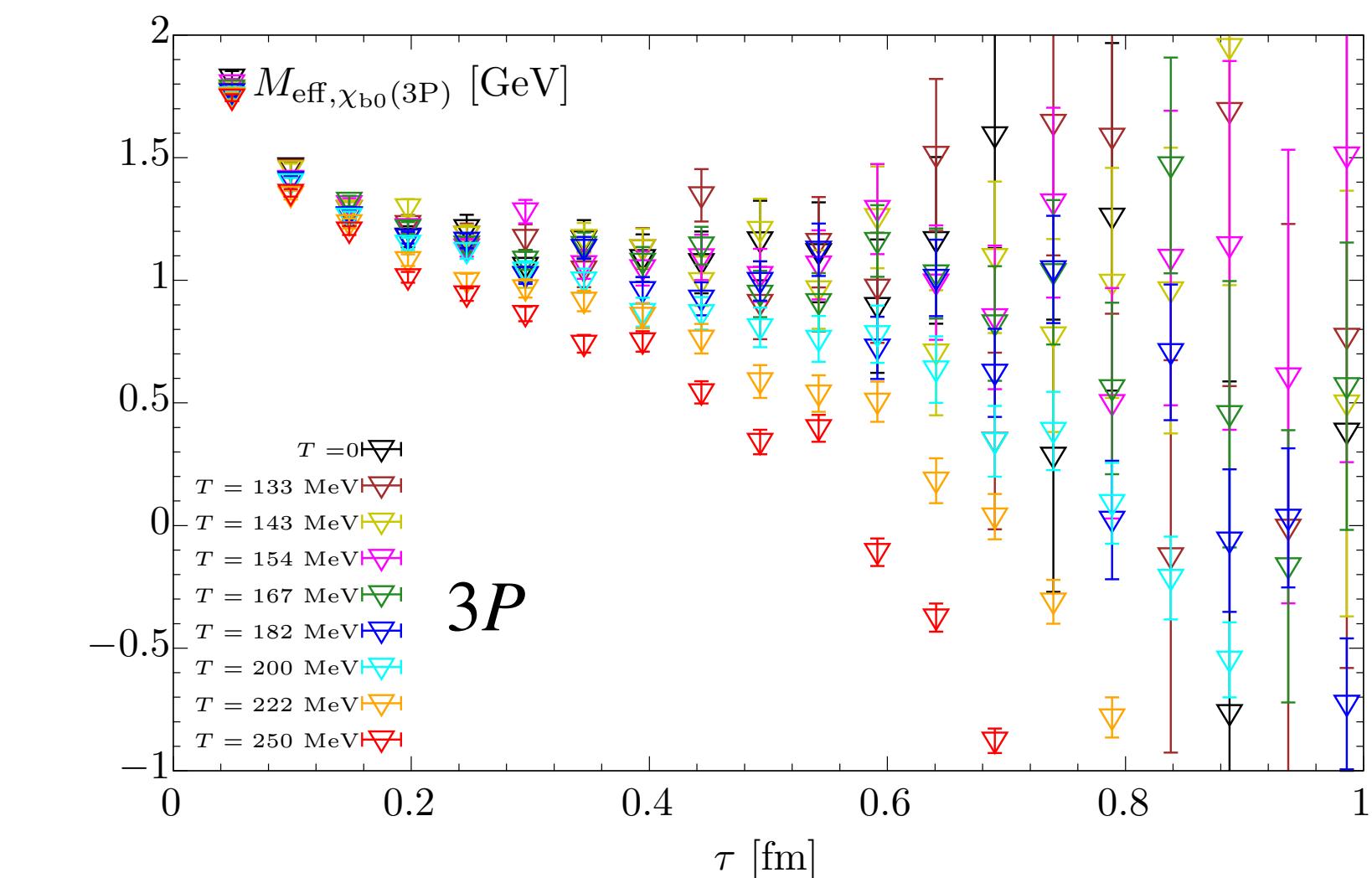
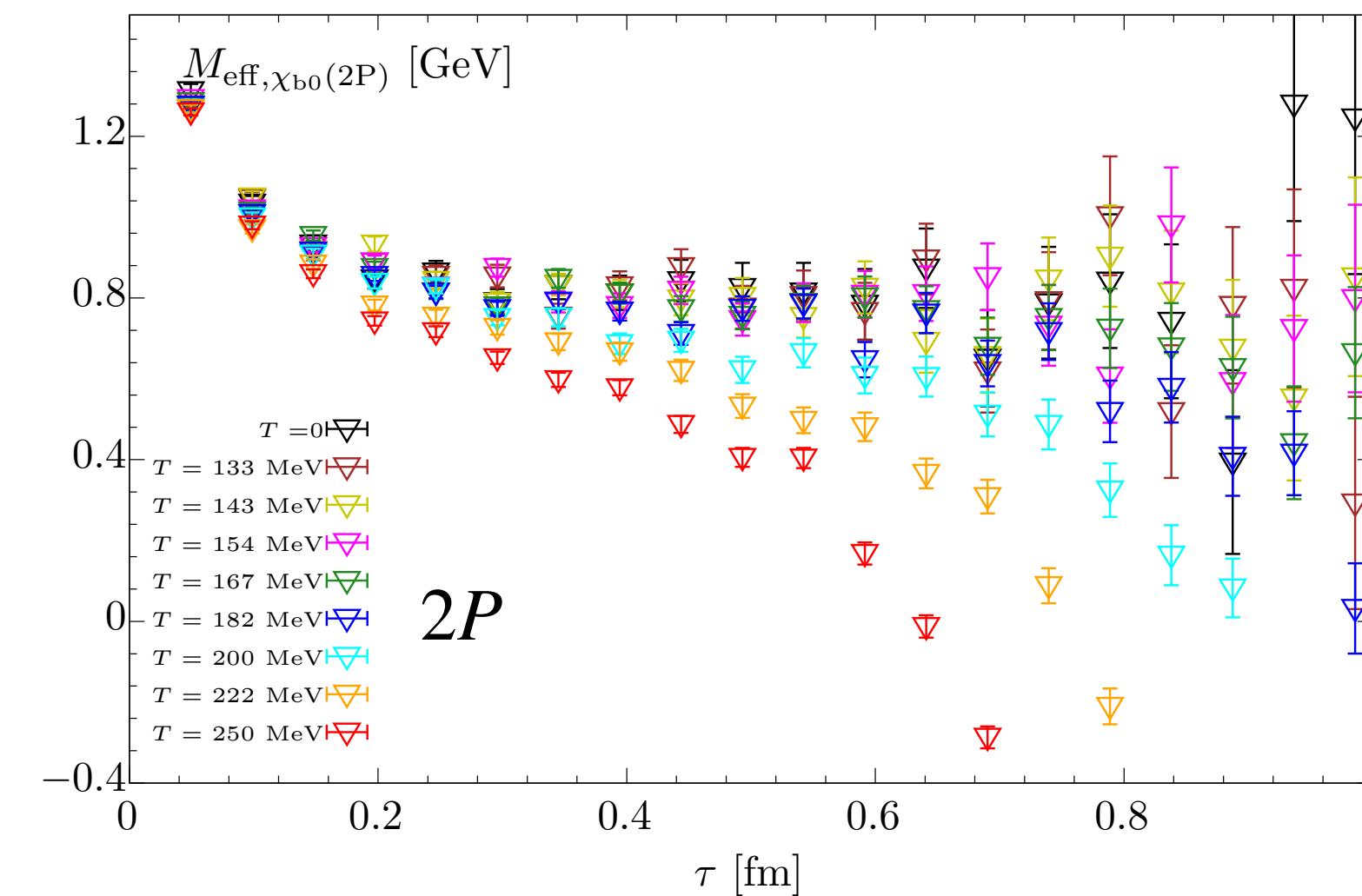
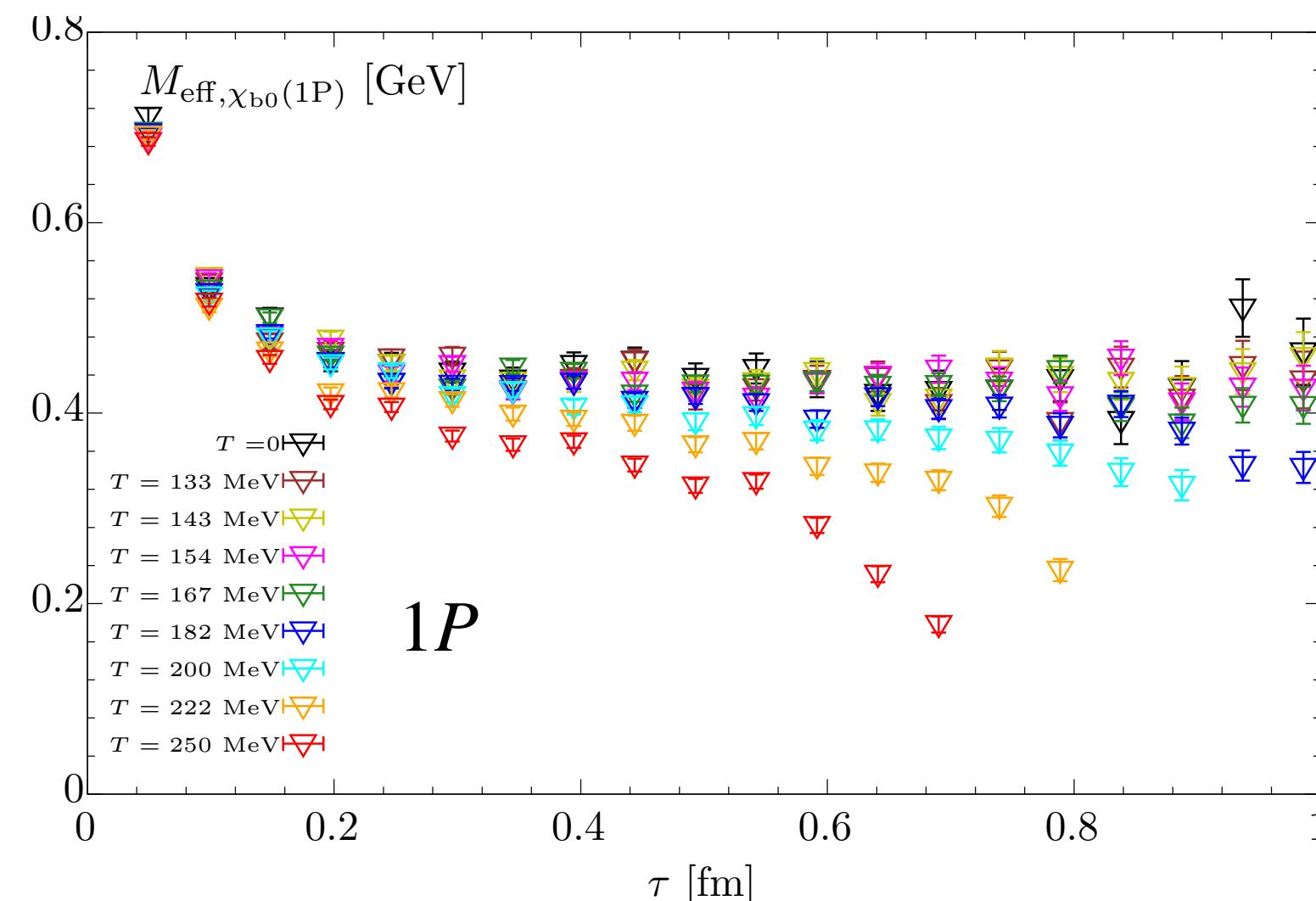
Measured with Gaussian-smeared sources



- Overlaps within small τ : mild temperature dependence
- As T increases: plateau ends at shorter τ , followed by a faster drop at the tail
- Earlier onset of fall-off and steeper slope: P-wave channels are more sensitive to thermal effects

Results at finite temperatures: effective mass

Measured with wave-function optimized sources



- 📌 Steeper slope at tail for higher excited state, with shorter and shorter plateau
- 📌 High excited states are more sensitive to thermal modifications

Continuum-subtracted correlator

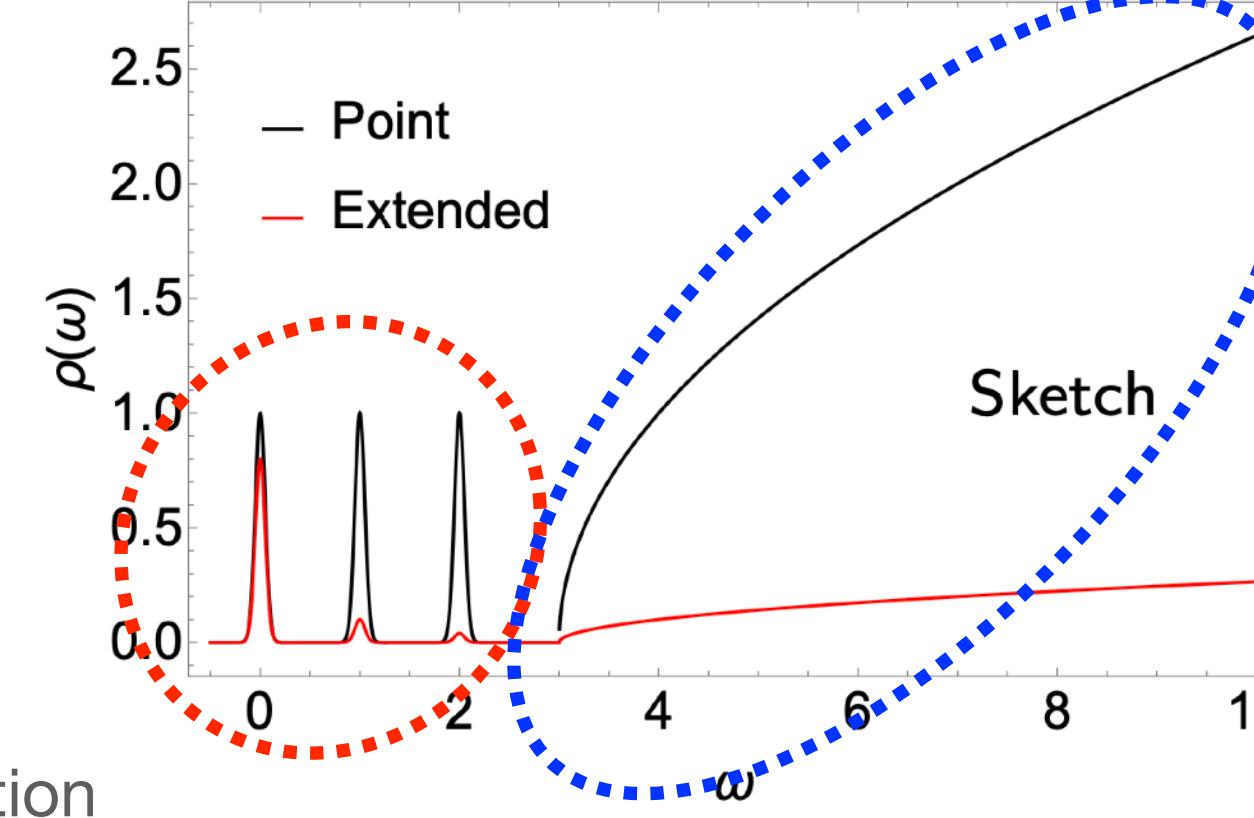
$$C(\tau, T) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\omega \rho(\omega, T) e^{-\tau\omega}$$

$$\rho(\omega, T) = \rho_{\text{med}}(\omega, T) + \rho_{\text{cont}}(\omega)$$

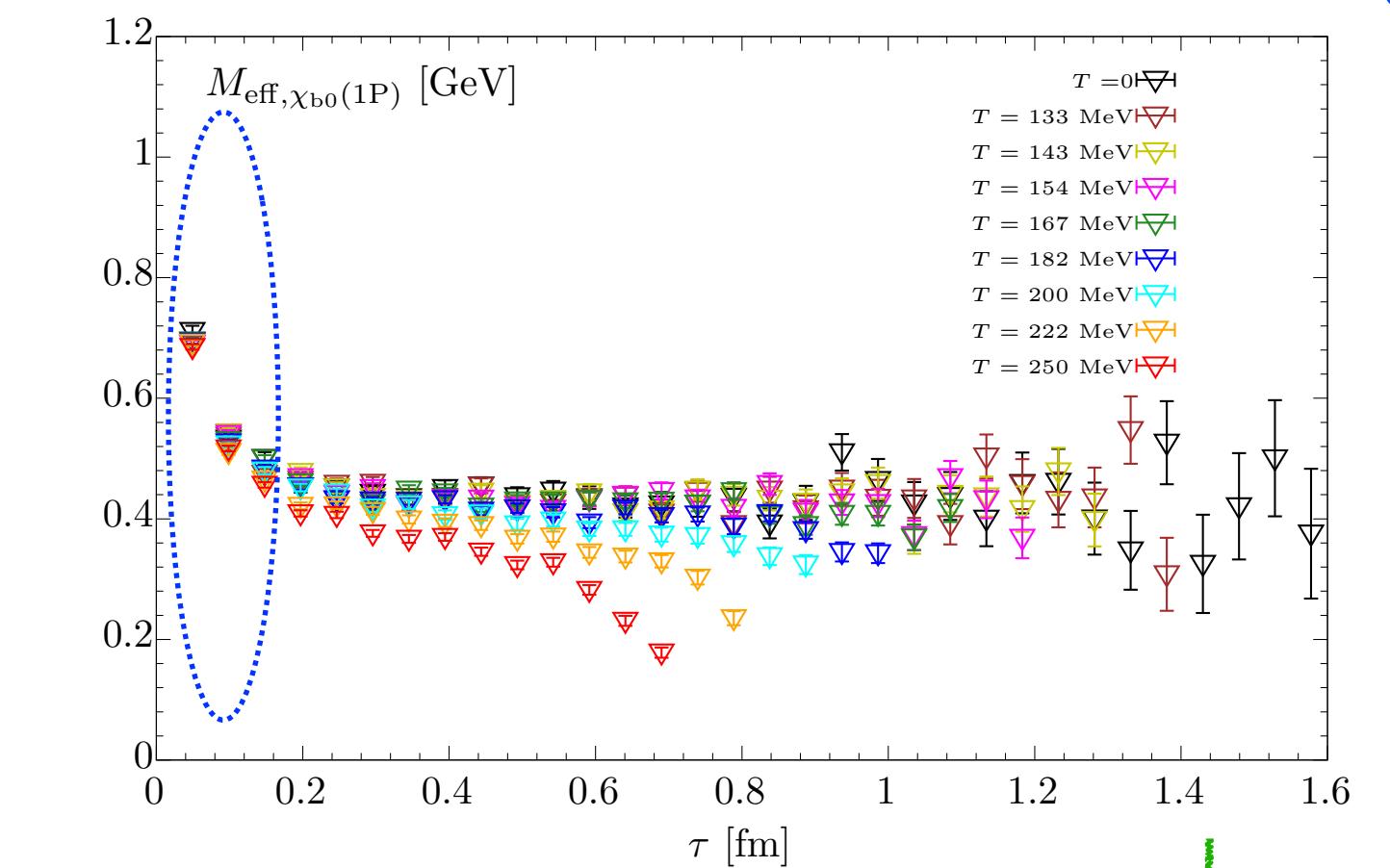
Extended sources lead to selective overlap with particular states:

In vacuum $\rho_{\text{med}}(\omega, T=0) = A\delta(\omega - M)$

Mass of a state targeted for projection



Temperature independent:
consistent with small τ behaviors in M_{eff}

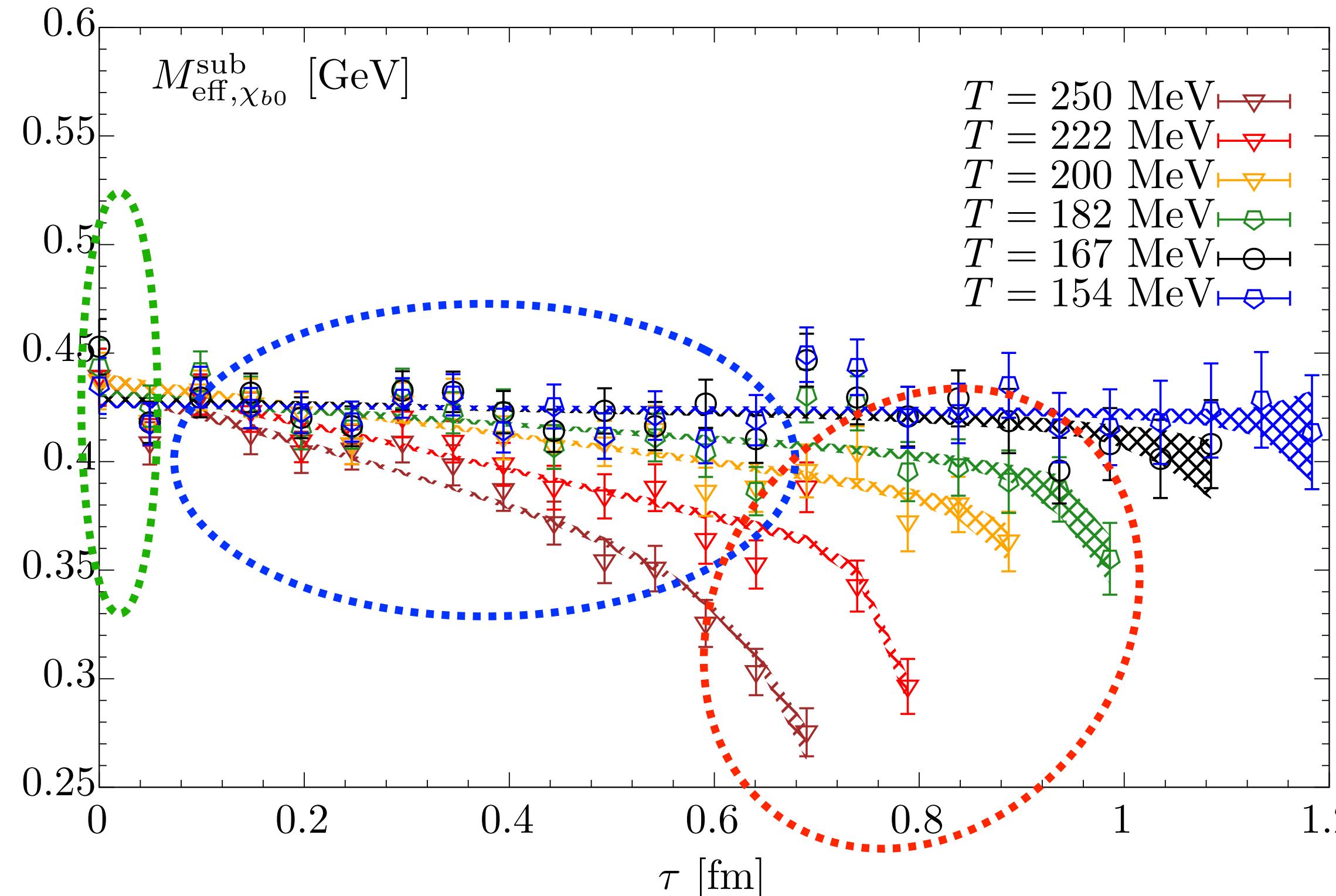


Extract continuum part at zero temperature: $C_{\text{cont}}(\tau) = C(\tau, T=0) - Ae^{-M\tau}$

Define continuum-subtracted correlator: $C_{\text{sub}}(\tau, T) = C(\tau, T) - C_{\text{cont}}(\tau)$

Continuum-subtracted effective mass

Measured with Gaussian-smeared sources
(similar results for wave-function optimized sources)



$$M_{\text{eff}}^{\text{sub}}(\tau) = \frac{1}{a} \log \left[\frac{C_{\text{sub}}(\tau, T)}{C_{\text{sub}}(\tau + a, T)} \right]$$

Small τ region:
close to bottomonium masses in vacuum

Middle τ region:
nearly linear decrease;
steeper slope for higher T

Tail around $\tau \sim 1/T$:
sharp drop

$$\rho_{\text{med}}(\omega, T) = \rho^{\text{peak}}(\omega, T) + A_{\text{cut}}(T) \delta(\omega - \omega_{\text{cut}}(T))$$

Dominant peak,
related to linear behavior of $M_{\text{eff}}^{\text{sub}}$ in middle τ

Small, medium-dependent contribution below the main peak,
related to $M_{\text{eff}}^{\text{sub}}$ at large τ around $1/T$

Next: Extract in-medium parameters from $C^{\text{sub}}(\tau, T)$ via physically-motivated parameterization of $\rho^{\text{peak}}(\omega, T)$

Parameterization of $\rho^{\text{peak}}(\omega, T)$

Gaussian type: $\rho_{\text{med}}(\omega, T) = A_{\text{med}}(T) \exp \left(-\frac{[\omega - M_{\text{med}}(T)]^2}{2\Gamma_{\text{med}}^2(T)} \right) + A_{\text{cut}}(T) \delta(\omega - \omega_{\text{cut}}(T))$

R. Larsen, et.al., PRD 100, 074506 (2019)

NOT physically motivated

R. Larsen, et.al., PLB 800, 135119 (2020)

Cut-Lorentzian type: $\rho_{\text{med}}(\omega, T) = A_{\text{med}}(T) \frac{\Gamma_{\text{med}}(T)}{(\omega - M_{\text{med}}(T))^2 + \Gamma_{\text{med}}^2(T)} \Theta(\text{cut} - |\omega - M|) + A_{\text{low}}(T) \delta(\omega - \omega_{\text{low}}(T))$

A. Bazavov, et.al., PRD 109, 074504 (2024)

physically appealing

Only valid closely around the main peak

Tail behavior is badly described around cut position, leading to vaguely defined cut-dependent width

Smooth cut-Lorentzian type: $\rho_{\text{med}}(\omega, T) = A_{\text{med}}(T) \frac{\Gamma(T)}{(\omega - M_{\text{med}}(T))^2 + \Gamma^2(T)} + A_{\text{low}}(T) \delta(\omega - \omega_{\text{low}}(T)) ,$

$$\Gamma(T) = \frac{1}{4} \left\{ 1 + \tanh \left[\frac{\omega - M_{\text{med}} + n\Gamma_{\text{med}}}{d} \right] \right\} \times \left\{ 1 - \tanh \left[\frac{\omega - M_{\text{med}} - n\Gamma_{\text{med}}}{d} \right] \right\}$$

n and d are inputs from T-matrix analysis,

controlling the tail shape of dominant peak of spectral function

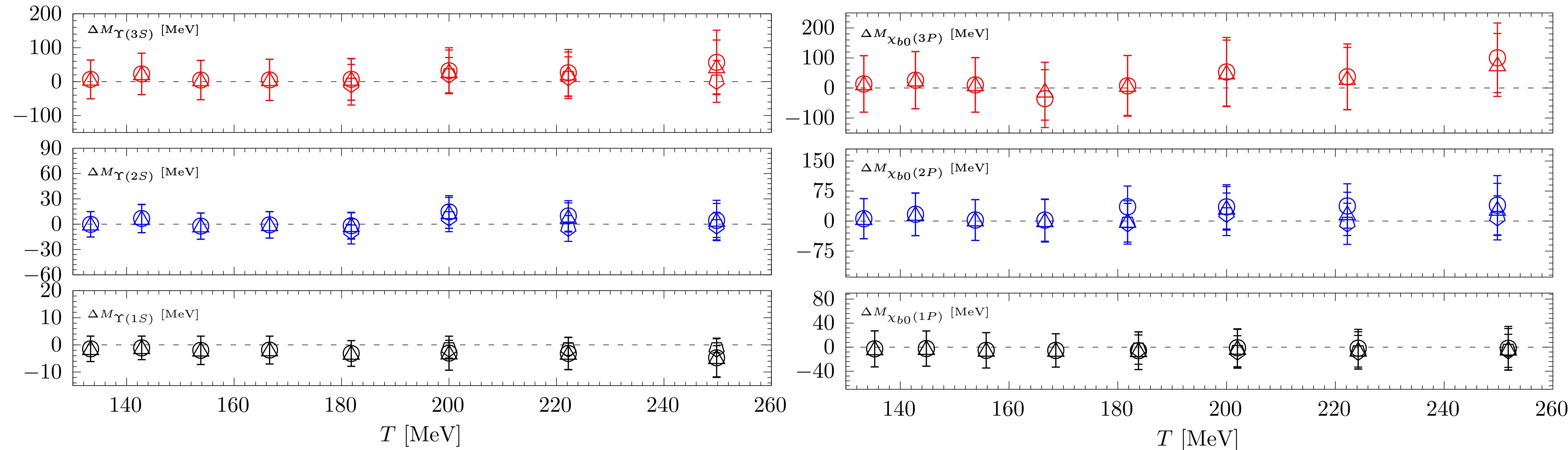
Better described tail of main peak

S. Y. F. Liu&R. Rapp, PRC 97, 034918 (2018)

Z. D. Tang, et.al., arXiv:2411.09132

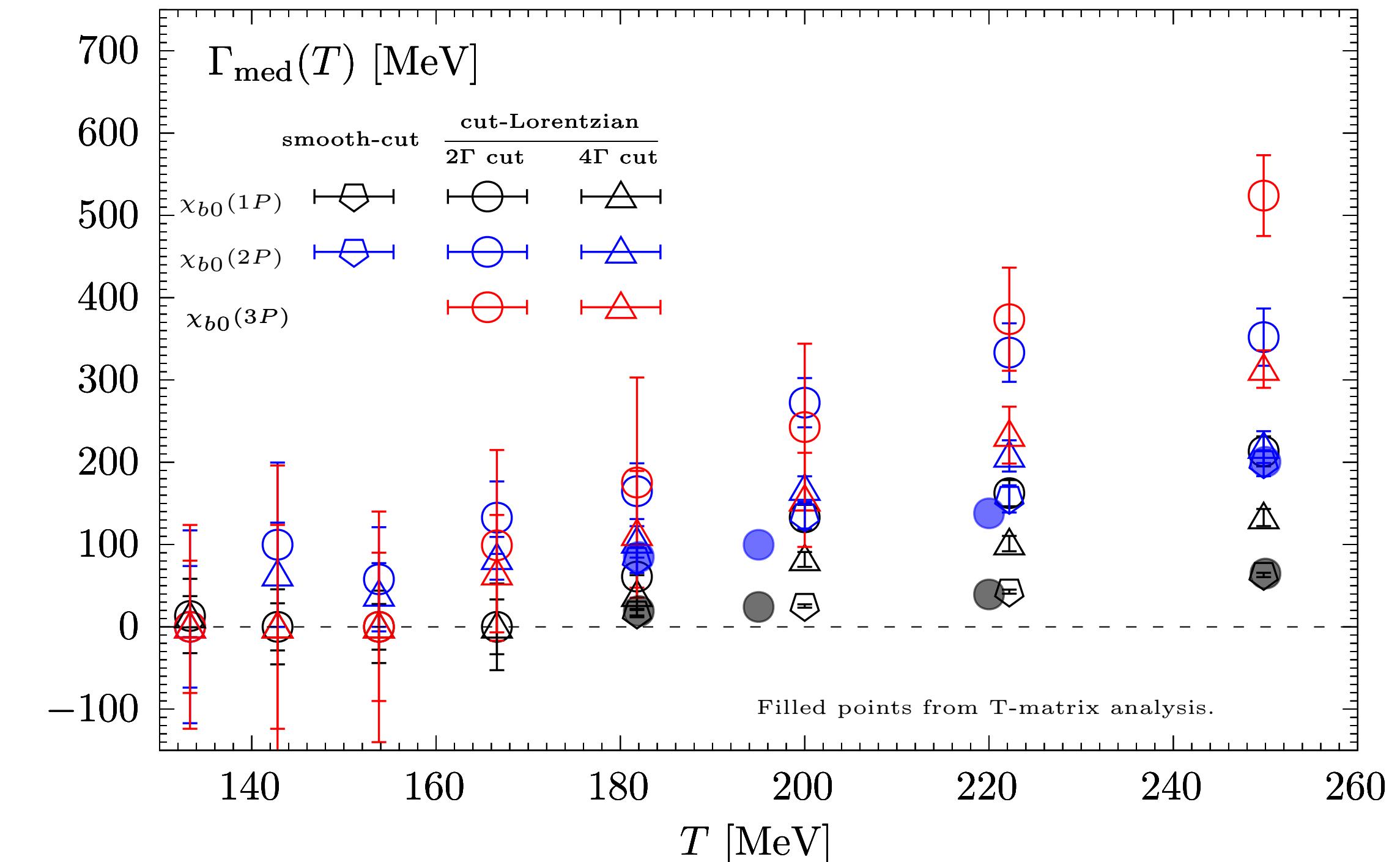
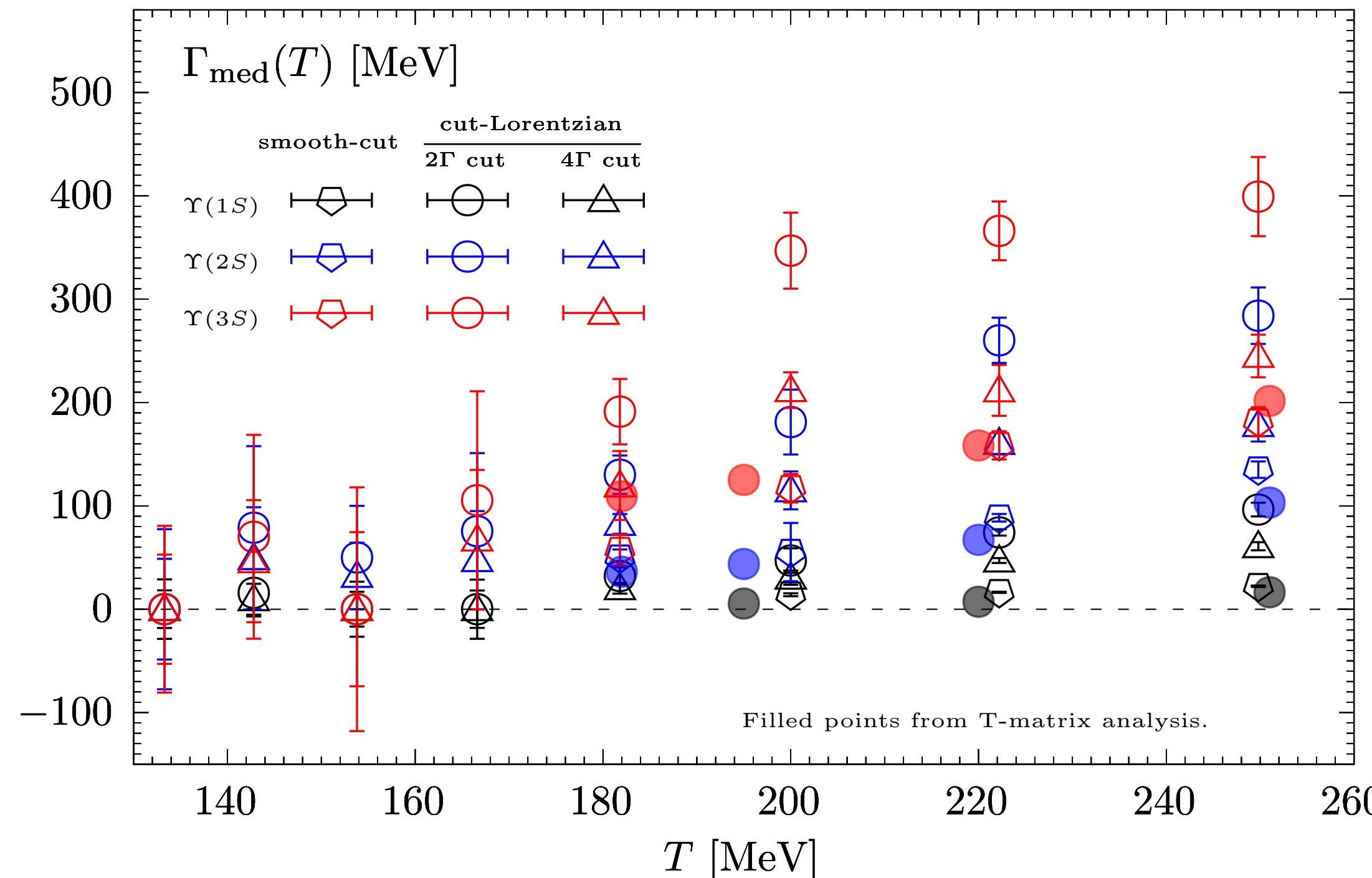
In-medium parameters: mass shift

$$\Delta M = M_{\text{med}}(T) - M(T = 0)$$

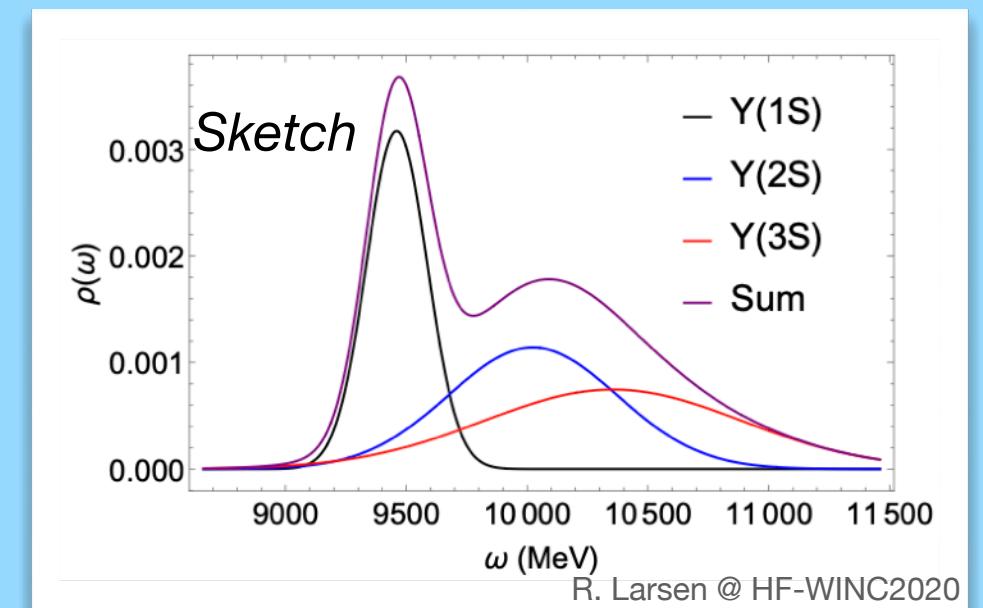


- 📌 ΔM consistent with zero: almost no change in the in-medium masses
- 📌 Unscreened real part of heavy quark-antiquark potential is supported up to $T = 250$ MeV

In-medium parameters: thermal width

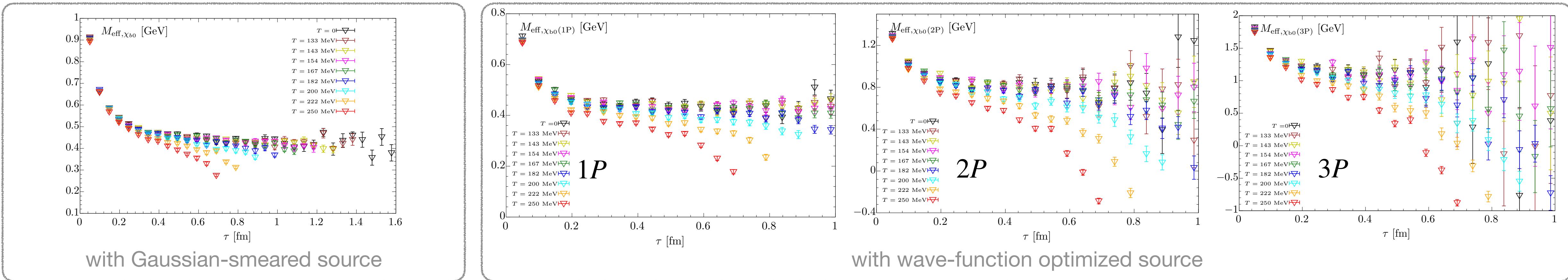


- Significant increase with rising temperatures
- Sequential hierarchy appears in the magnitudes of the thermal widths
- Obvious cut-dependence in widths (tail of main peak matters!); consistency with T-matrix in smooth-cut
- Consistent with zero for $T < 180$ MeV based on current precision; constant fits are preferred
- Broadening spectral width leads to overlap of states and thus harder to be distinguished

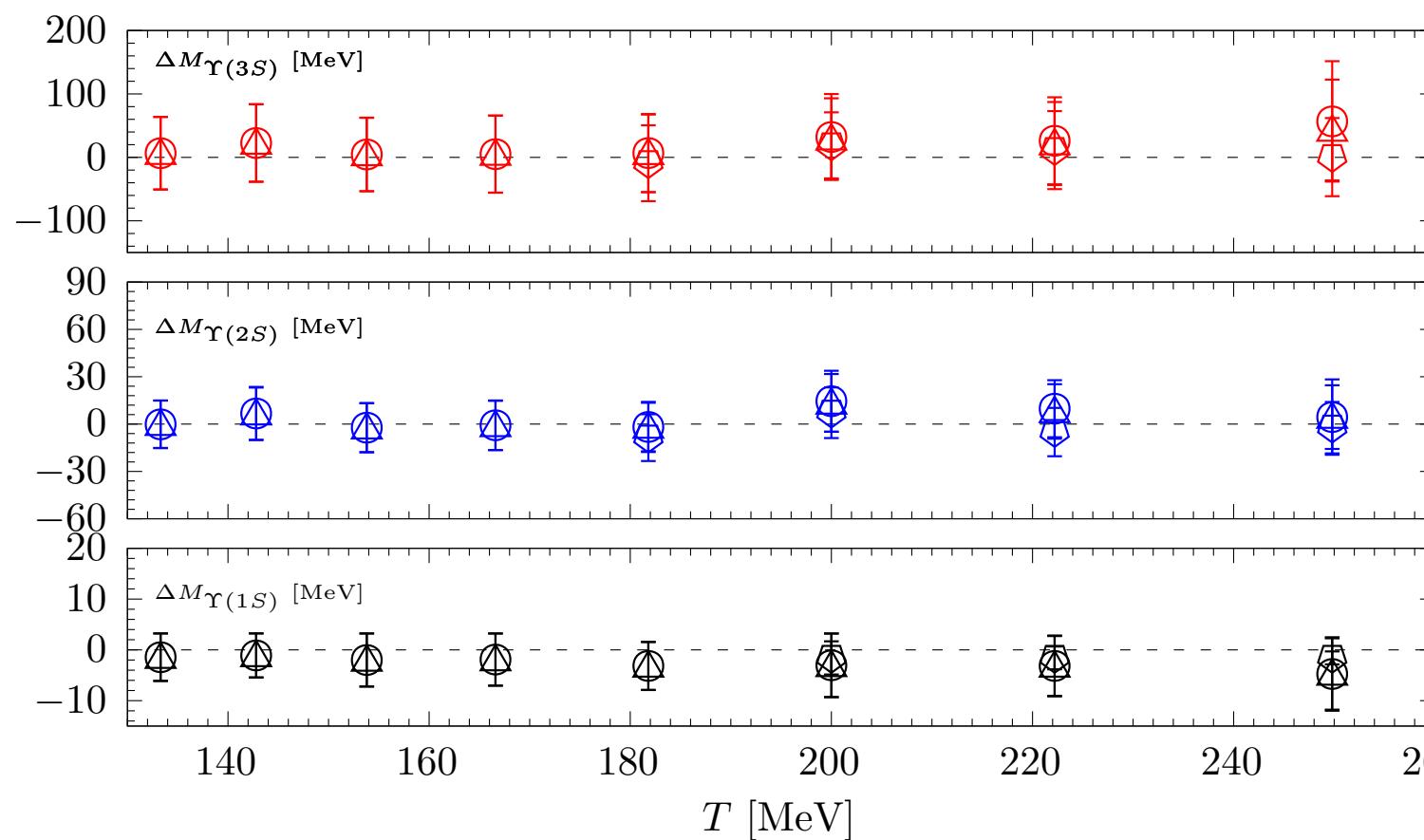


Summary

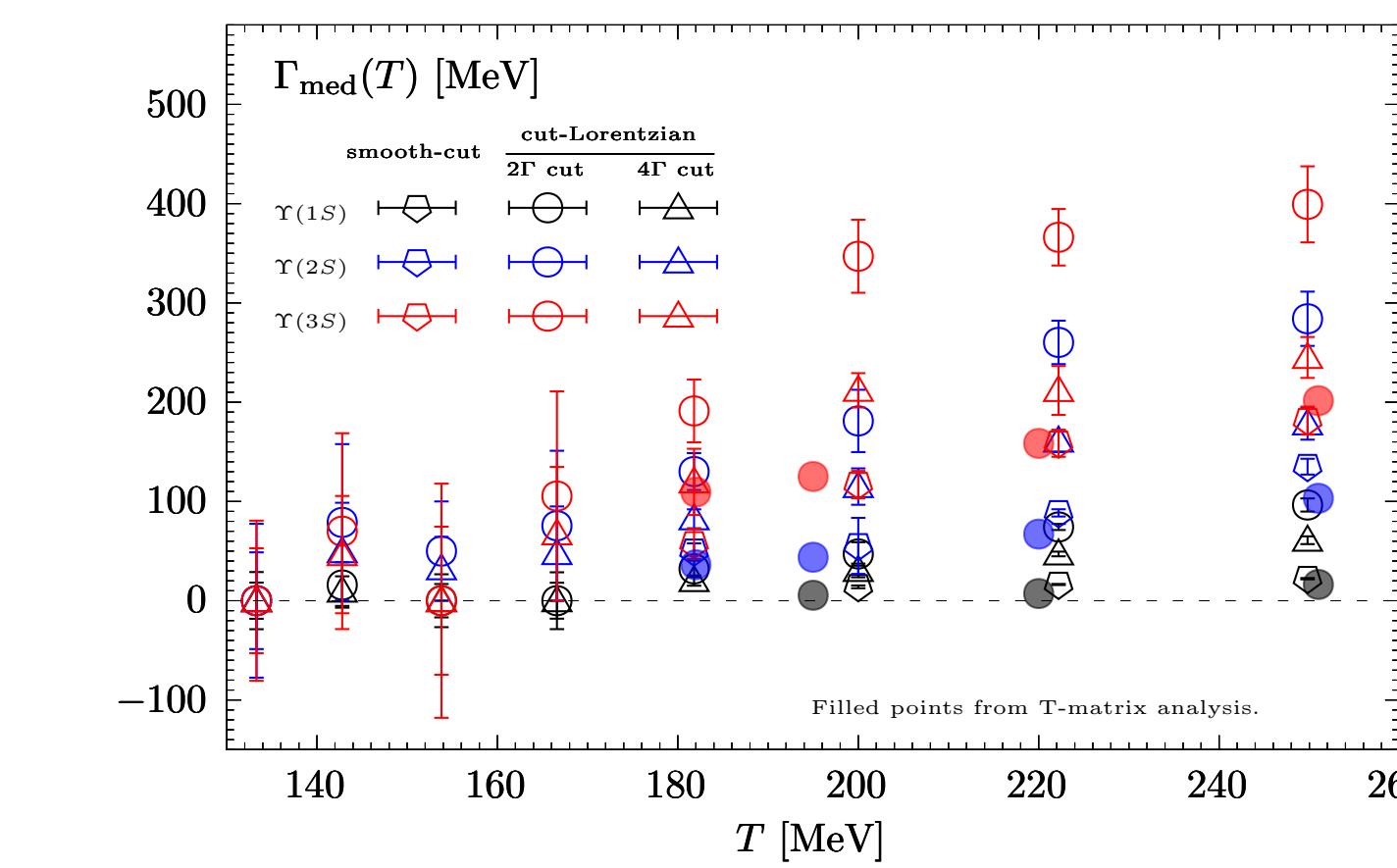
- From Lattice NRQCD calculations with two types of **smeared sources** within $T \in (133,250)$ MeV, temperature dependences in correlators are presented



- No significant changes in in-medium masses



- Sequential thermal broadening

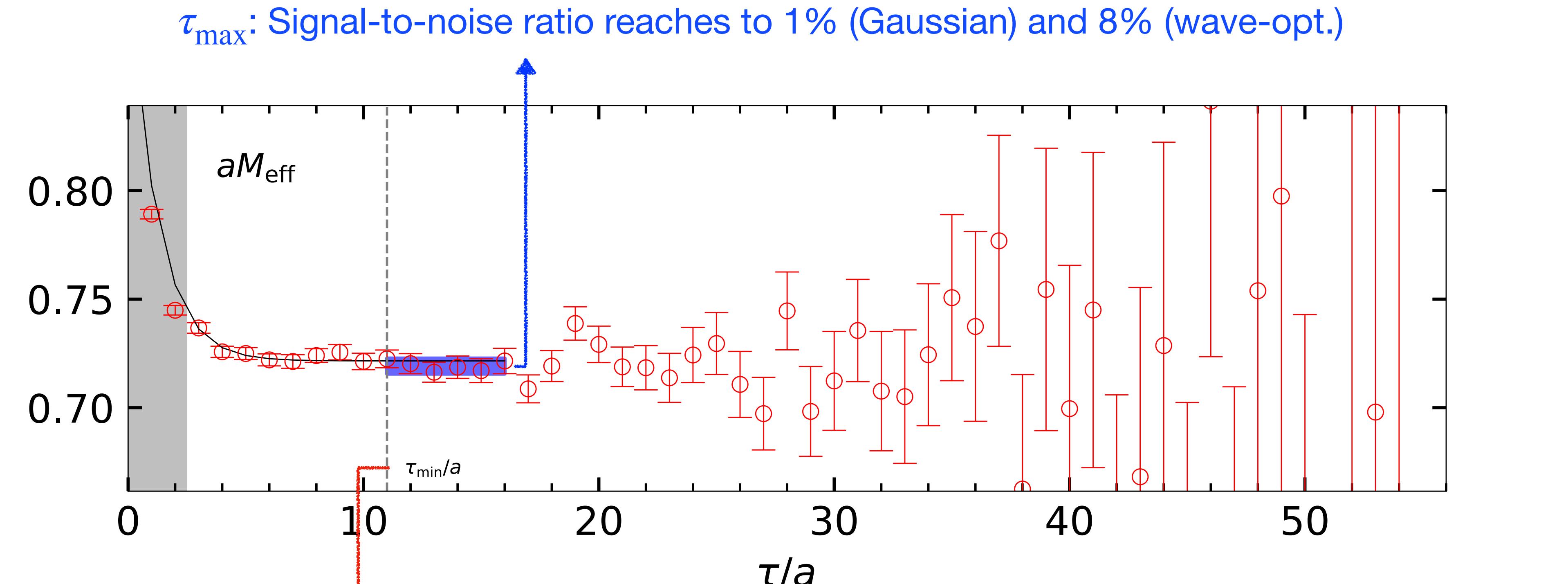


- In-medium modification is not affected by the choices of extended sources

Backup

Ground state extraction

Ground states are extracted by 1-state fits on correlators within $[\tau_{\min}, \tau_{\max}]$

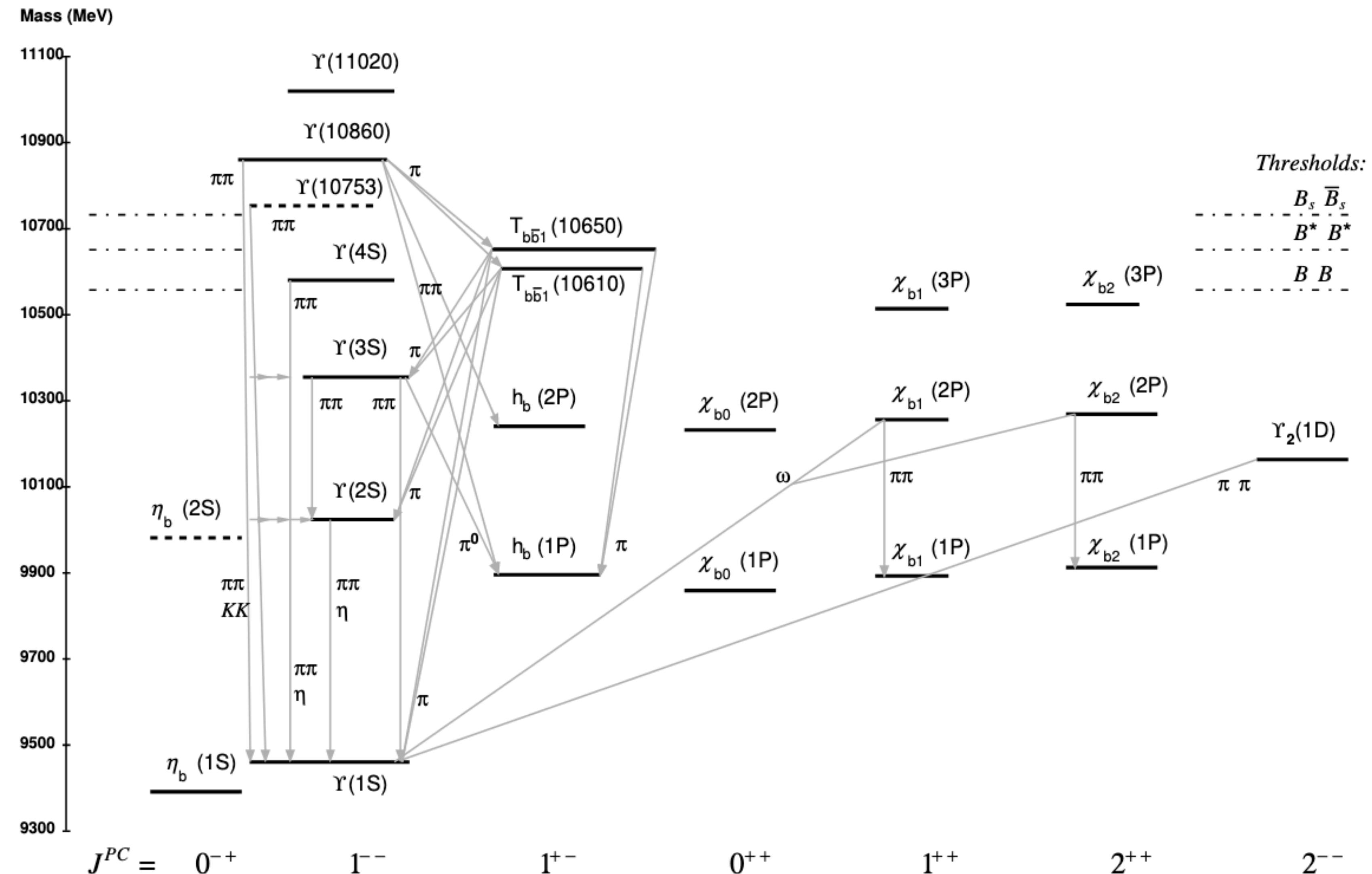


- τ_{\min} : 1. Two-state exponential fit to estimate high state contribution via $f_n(\tau) = \sum_{i=0}^n A_i e^{-E_i \tau}$, $n = 1$
2. Excited-state contribution to the effective mass is under statistical uncertainty:

$$\frac{\log[f_1(\tau)/f_1(\tau + a)] - \log[f_0(\tau)/f_0(\tau + a)]}{E_0} < 25\% \times \frac{\delta_{M_{\text{eff}}}(\tau)}{M_{\text{eff}}(\tau)}$$

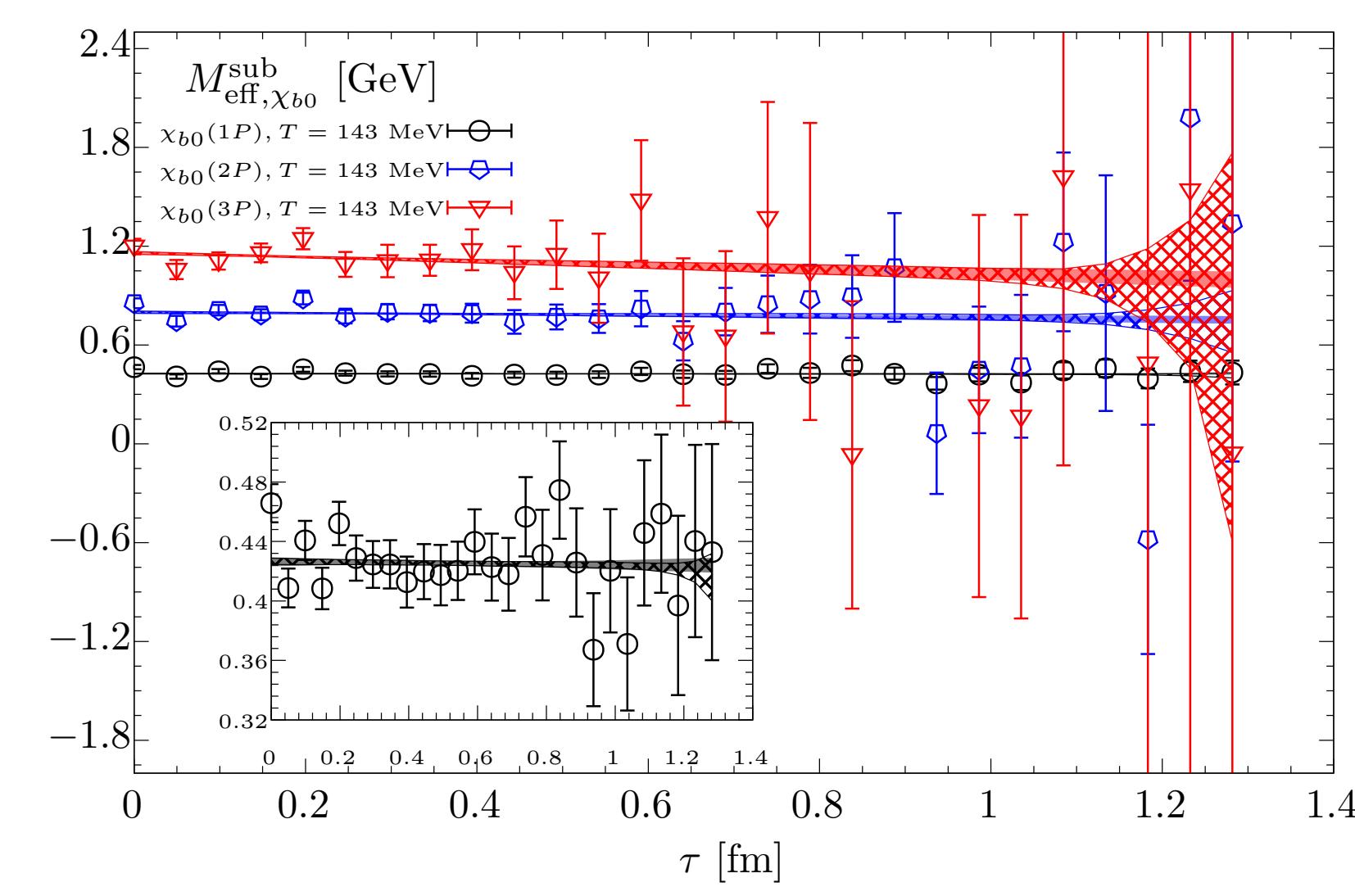
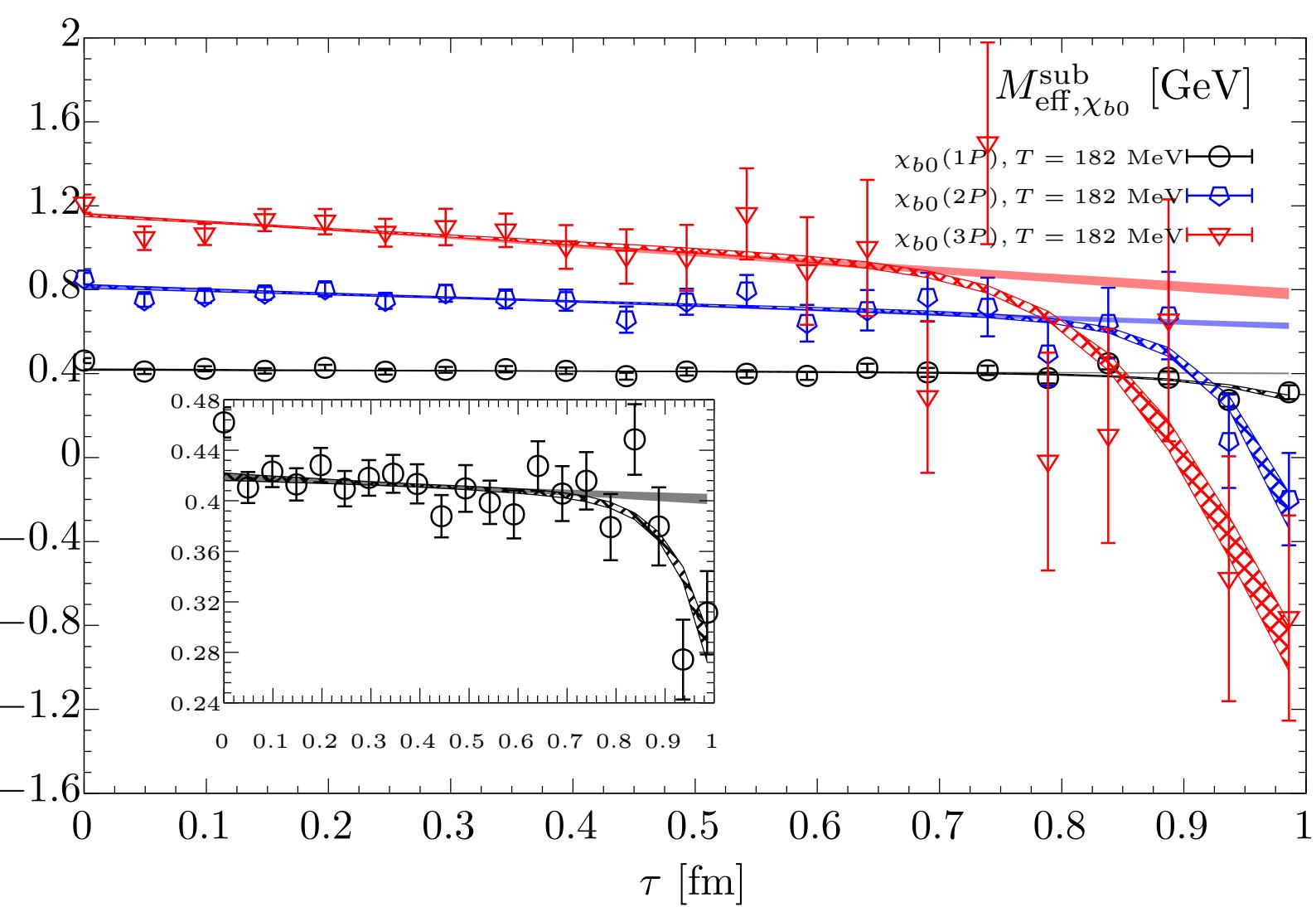
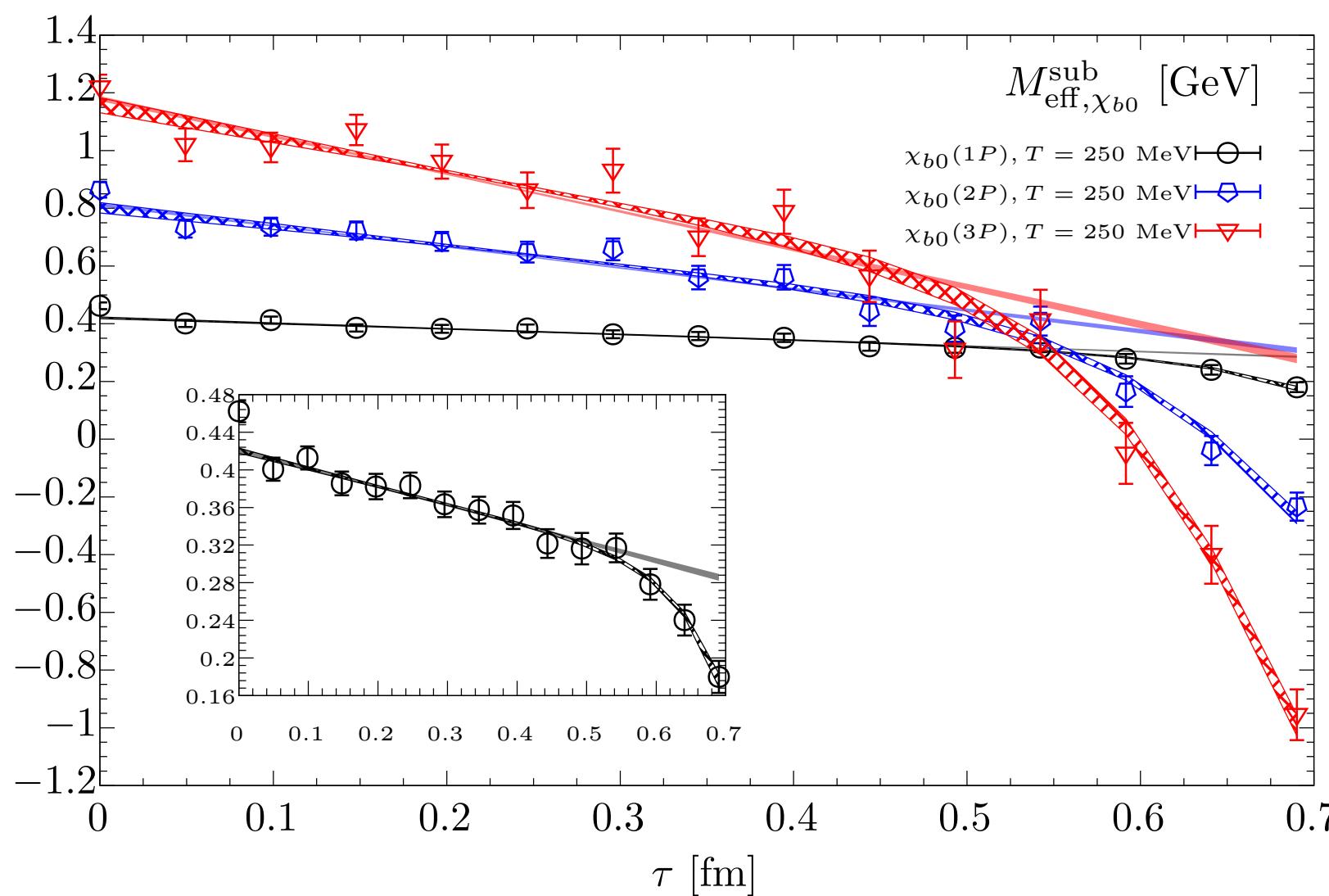
P. Fritzsch, et.al., NPB 865, 397(2012)

Bottomonium system from PDG



Continuum-subtracted effective mass

Measured with wave-function optimized sources



- Larger slopes for higher excited states: High excited states are more sensitive to thermal modifications