

# Spectral and transport properties from Lattice QCD

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- I) Light quark vector meson spectral function  
- thermal photon, dilepton rates, electrical conductivity  
[J.Ghiglieri, OK, M.Laine, F.Meyer, PRD94(2016)016005]  
[H-T.Ding, F.Meyer, OK, PRD94 (2016) 034504]
- II) Heavy quark momentum diffusion coefficient  
[A.Francis, OK, et al., PRD92(2015)116003]
- III) Thermal quarkonium physics in the pseudoscalar channel  
[Y. Burnier, H.-T. Ding, OK et al. JHEP11 (2017) 206]

Quark Confinement and the Hadron Spectrum  
Maynooth, 31.07.-06.08.2018

## Spectral and transport properties in the QGP

Thermal dilepton rate

$$\frac{dW}{d\omega d^3p} = \frac{5\alpha^2}{54\pi^3} \frac{1}{\omega^2 (e^{\omega/T} - 1)} \rho_V(\omega, \mathbf{T})$$

Thermal photon rate

$$\omega \frac{dN_\gamma}{d^4x d^3q} = \frac{5\alpha}{6\pi^2} \frac{1}{e^{\omega/T} - 1} \rho_V(\omega = |\vec{k}|, T)$$

Transport coefficients are encoded  
in the same spectral function

→ Kubo formulae

Diffusion coefficients:

$$DT = \frac{T}{2\chi_q} \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{\rho_{ii}(\omega)}{\omega}$$

On the lattice only correlation functions can be calculated

→ spectral reconstruction required

This talk: continuum extrapolated lattice correlation functions compared to perturbation theory

for Bayesian reconstruction techniques and lattice NRQCD see talks by A. Rothkopf

for a comparison of Bayesian and stochastic reconstructions of spectral functions see

[H.-T. Ding, OK, S. Mukherjee, H. Ohno, H.-T. Shu, PRD97(2018)094503]

$$G(\tau, \vec{p}, T) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \rho(\omega, \vec{p}, T) K(\tau, \omega, T)$$

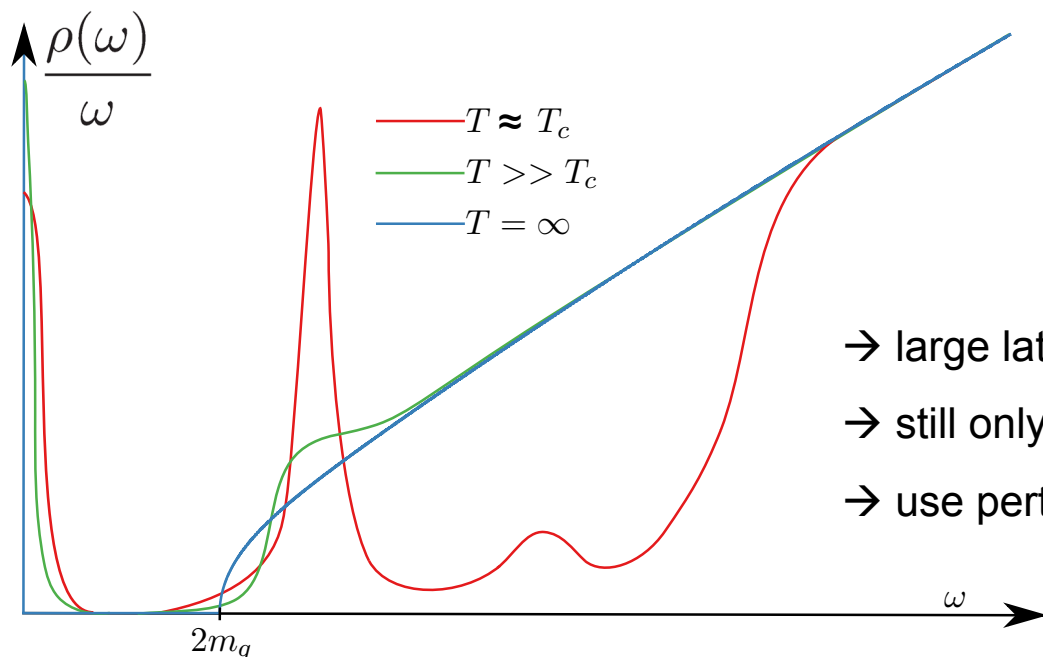
$$K(\tau, \omega, T) = \frac{\cosh\left(\omega\left(\tau - \frac{1}{2T}\right)\right)}{\sinh\left(\frac{\omega}{2T}\right)}$$

Different contributions and scales enter  
in the spectral function

- **continuum at large frequencies**
- **possible bound states at intermediate frequencies**
- **transport contributions at small frequencies**
- **in addition cut-off effects on the lattice**

## Spectral functions in the QGP

notoriously difficult to extract from correlation functions



$$G_{\mu\nu}(\tau, \vec{x}) = \langle J_\mu(\tau, \vec{x}) J_\nu^\dagger(0, \vec{0}) \rangle$$

$$J_\mu(\tau, \vec{x}) = 2\kappa Z_V \bar{\psi}(\tau, \vec{x}) \Gamma_\mu \psi(\tau, \vec{x})$$

- large lattices and continuum extrapolation needed
- still only possible in the quenched approximation
- use perturbation theory to constrain the UV behavior

(narrow) transport peak at small  $\omega$ :  $\rho(\omega \ll T) \simeq 2\chi_{00} \frac{T}{M} \frac{\omega\eta}{\omega^2 + \eta^2}, \quad \eta = \frac{T}{MD}$

**Photonrate** directly related to vector spectral function (at finite momentum):

$$\omega \frac{dN_\gamma}{d^4x d^3q} = \frac{5\alpha}{6\pi^2} \frac{1}{e^{\omega/T} - 1} \rho_V(\omega = |\vec{k}|, T)$$

**pQCD spectral function used to constrain the UV**

interpolation between different (perturbative) regimes:

$3T < \omega < 10T$ : [J.Ghiglieri, G.D.Moore, JHEP 1412 (2014) 029]

$\omega > 10T$ : [I. Ghisoiu, M.Laine, JHEP 10 (2014) 84]

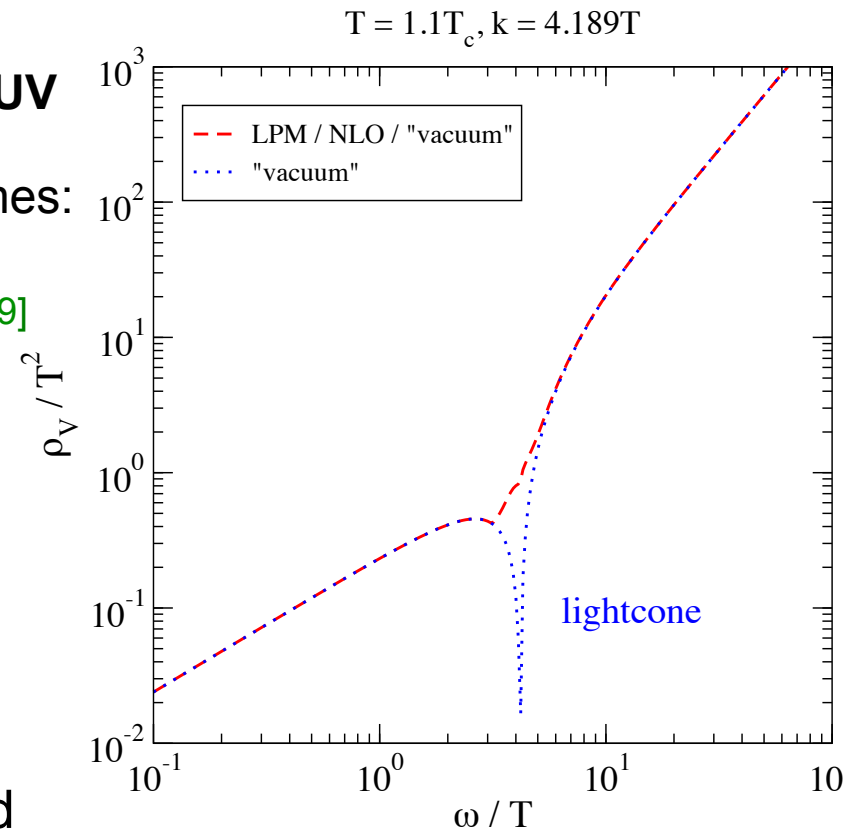
$\omega \gg 10T$ : [M.Laine, JHEP 1311 (2013) 120]

to allow for non-perturbative effects

and to analyze how far pQCD can be trusted

we model the infrared behavior assuming smoothness at the light cone

and fit to continuum extrapolated lattice correlators



Vector spectral function in the hydrodynamic regime for  $\omega, k \lesssim \alpha_s^2 T$ :

$$\frac{\rho_V(\omega, \mathbf{k})}{\omega} = \left( \frac{\omega^2 - k^2}{\omega^2 + D^2 k^4} + 2 \right) \chi_q D$$

with the quark number susceptibility:  $\chi_q \equiv \int_0^\beta d\tau \int_{\mathbf{x}} \langle V^0(\tau, \mathbf{x}) V^0(0) \rangle$

and the diffusion coefficient:  $D \equiv \frac{1}{3\chi_q} \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0^+} \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\rho^{ii}(\omega, \mathbf{0})}{\omega}$

which relate to the electric conductivity:  $\sigma = e^2 \sum_{f=1}^{N_f} Q_f^2 \chi_q D$

In this limit the (soft) photon rate becomes:  $\frac{d\Gamma_\gamma(\mathbf{k})}{d^3\mathbf{k}} \stackrel{k \lesssim \alpha_s^2 T}{\approx} \frac{2T\sigma}{(2\pi)^3 k}$

In the AdS/CFT framework the vector spectral function has the same infrared structure and here numerical result can make predictions beyond the hydro regime

[S.Caron-Huot, JHEP12 (2006) 015]

Although not QCD, it may give qualitative insight into the structures at small  $\omega$  and  $k$

$(5+2 n_{\max})^{\text{th}}$  order polynomial Ansatz at small  $\omega$ :

$$\rho_{\text{fit}} \equiv \frac{\beta \omega^3}{2\omega_0^3} \left( 5 - \frac{3\omega^2}{\omega_0^2} \right) - \frac{\gamma \omega^3}{2\omega_0^2} \left( 1 - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_0^2} \right) + \sum_{n=0}^{n_{\max}} \frac{\delta_n \omega^{1+2n}}{\omega_0^{1+2n}} \left( 1 - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_0^2} \right)^2$$

with the constraints to match smoothly with pQCD at  $\omega_0$

$$\rho_{\text{v}}(\omega_0, \mathbf{k}) \equiv \beta, \quad \rho'_{\text{v}}(\omega_0, \mathbf{k}) \equiv \gamma,$$

and  $n_{\max}+1$  free parameters

starting with a linear behavior at  $\omega \ll T$

smoothly matched to the perturbative spectral function at  $\omega_0 \simeq \sqrt{k^2 + (\pi T)^2}$

In the following we will use  $n_{\max} = 0$  and  $n_{\max} = 1$  for the fits to the lattice data

and to estimate the systematic uncertainties

# Continuum lattice correlators vs. perturbation theory

[J.Ghiglieri, OK, M.Laine, F.Meyer, PRD94(2016)016005]

Fixed aspect ratio used to perform continuum extrapolation at finite  $p$

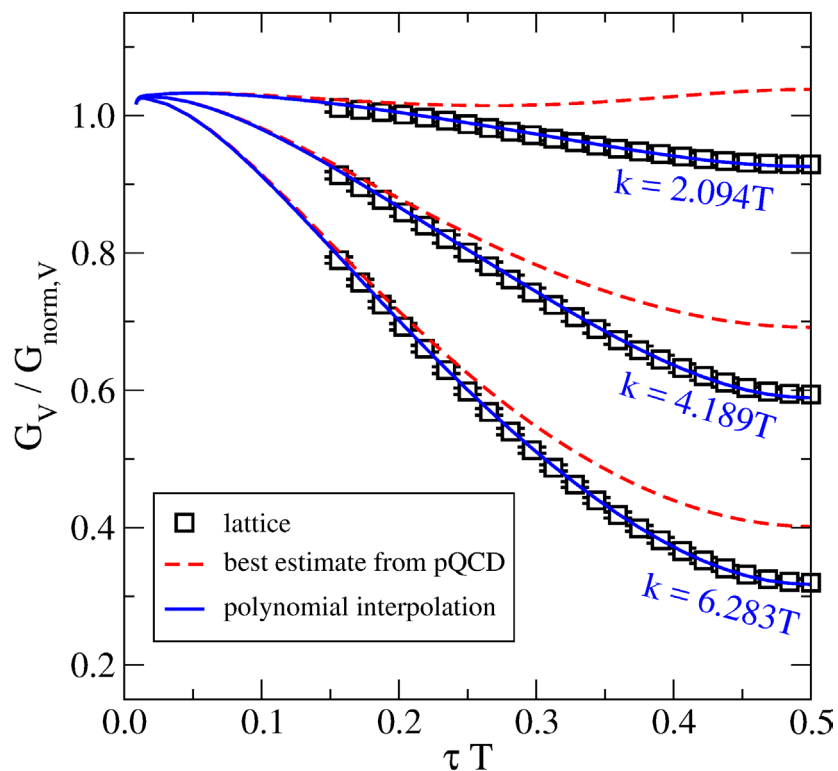
$$\frac{\vec{p}}{T} = 2\pi \vec{k} \frac{N_\tau}{N_\sigma}$$

use perturbation theory at large  $\omega$

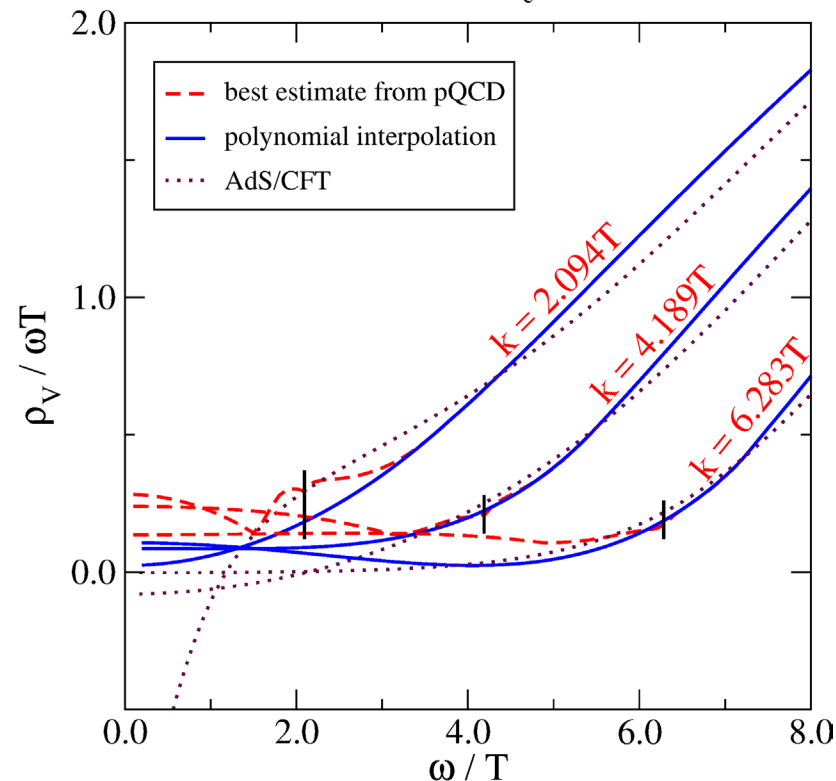
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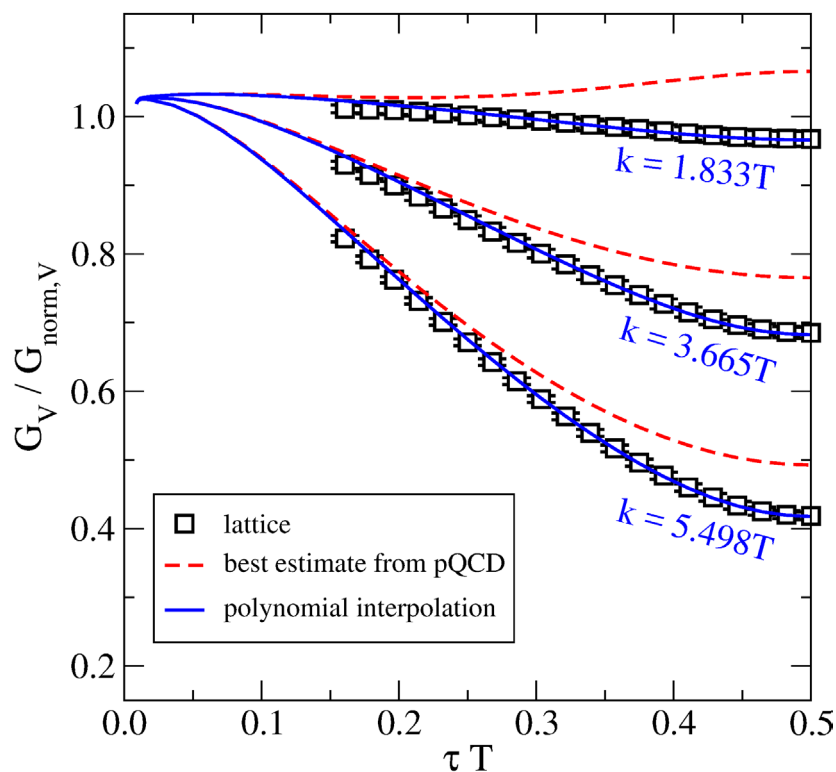
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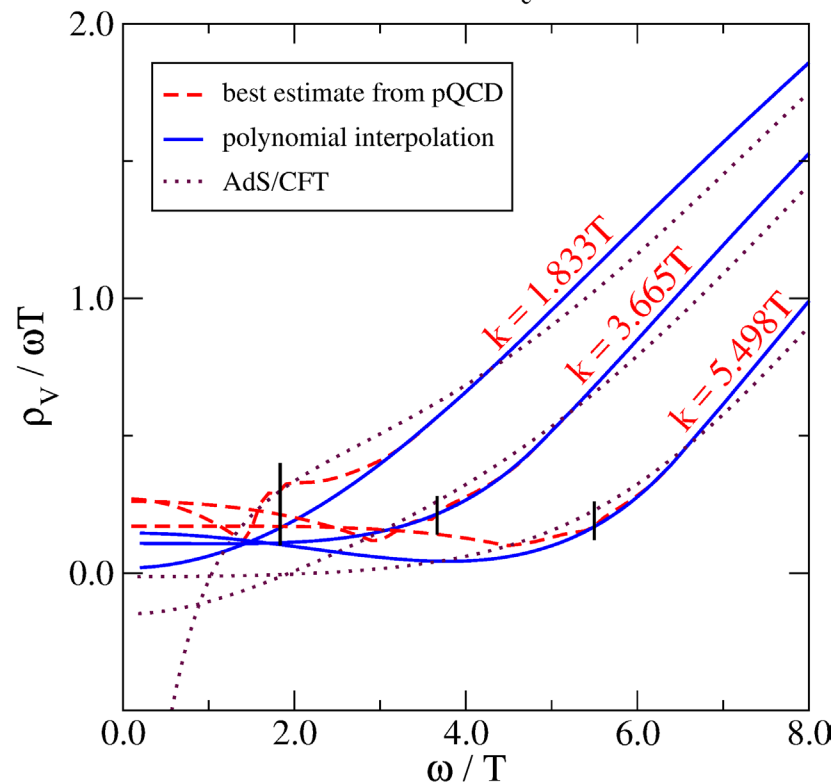
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# Lattice constraints on thermal photon rates

[J.Ghiglieri, OK, M.Laine, F.Meyer, PRD94(2016)016005]

The spectral function at the photon point  $\omega = k$

$$D_{\text{eff}}(k) \equiv \begin{cases} \frac{\rho_V(k, \mathbf{k})}{2\chi_q k} & , \quad k > 0 \\ \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\rho^{ii}(\omega, \mathbf{0})}{3\chi_q \omega} & , \quad k = 0 \end{cases} .$$

can be used to calculate the photon rate

$$\frac{d\Gamma_\gamma(\mathbf{k})}{d^3\mathbf{k}} = \frac{2\alpha_{\text{em}}\chi_q}{3\pi^2} n_B(k) D_{\text{eff}}(k) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{em}}^2)$$

becomes more perturbative at larger  $k$ , approaching the NLO prediction (valid for  $k \gg gT$ )

[J. Ghiglieri, G.D. Moore, JHEP12 (2014) 029]

but non-perturbative for  $k/T < 3$

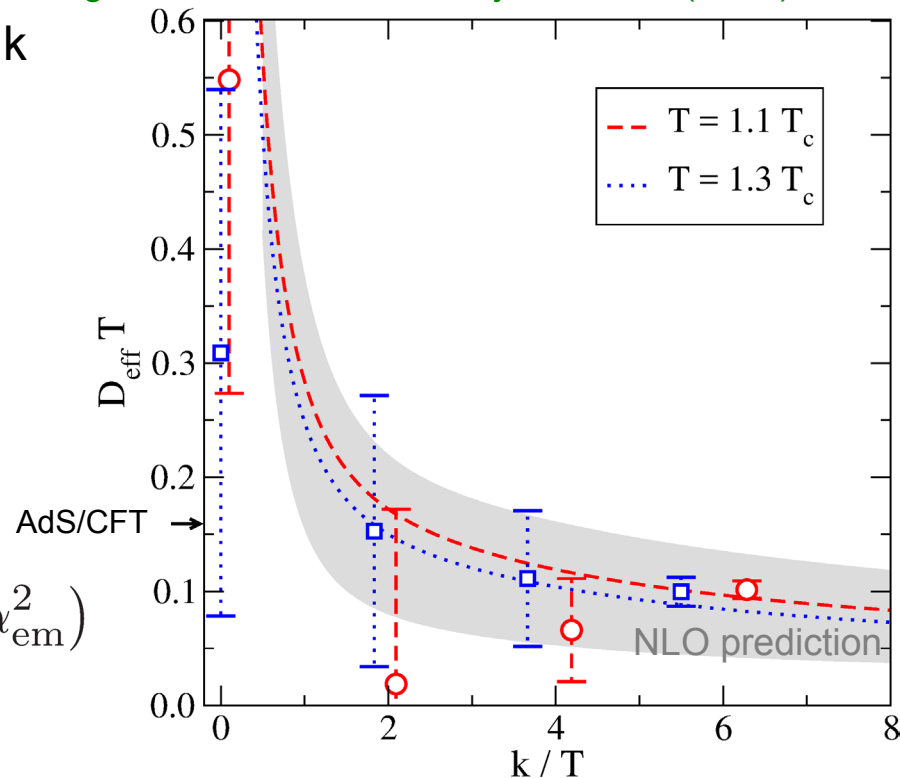
Electrical conductivity obtained in the limit  $k \rightarrow 0$  between the results from

AdS/CFT:  $DT = \frac{1}{2\pi}$

[G.Policastro, D.T.Son, A.O.Starinets, JHEP09(2002)043]

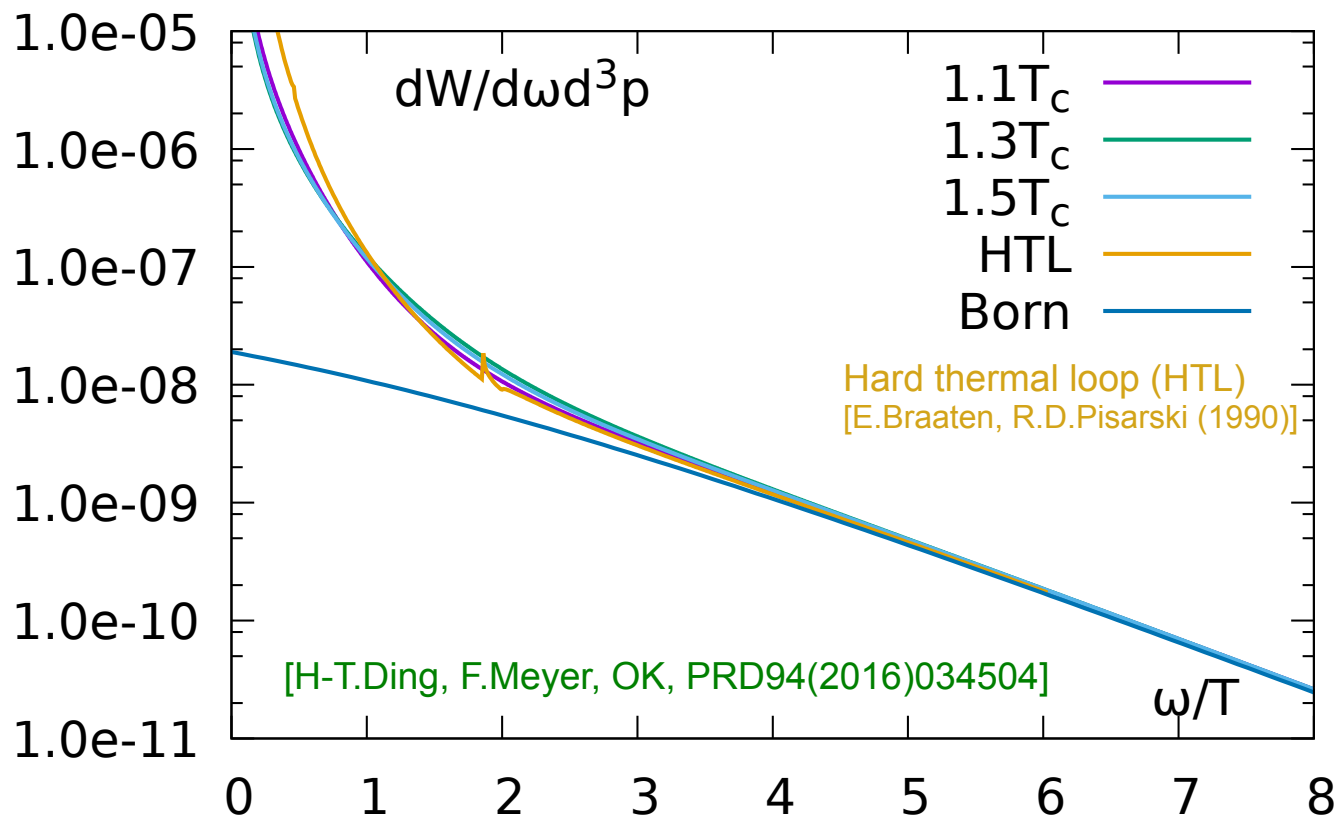
LO perturbation theory [Arnold, Moore Yaffe, JHEP 05 (2003)]

using lattice value for  $\chi_q/T^2$ :  $DT = 2.9 - 3.1$



Dileptonrate directly related to vector spectral function:

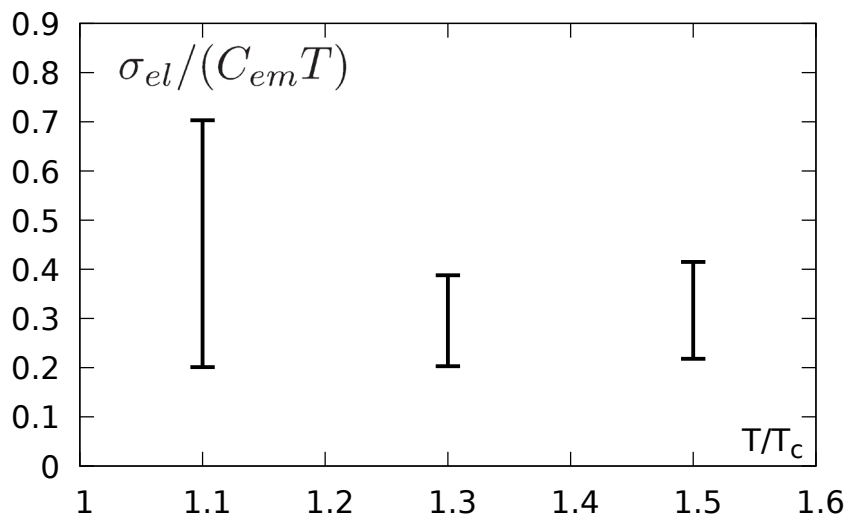
$$\frac{dW}{d\omega d^3p} = \frac{5\alpha^2}{54\pi^3} \frac{1}{\omega^2 (e^{\omega/T} - 1)} \rho_{\mathbf{V}}(\omega, \mathbf{T})$$



## continuum estimate for the of the electrical conductivity

lower and upper limits from analysis of  
different classes of spectral functions:

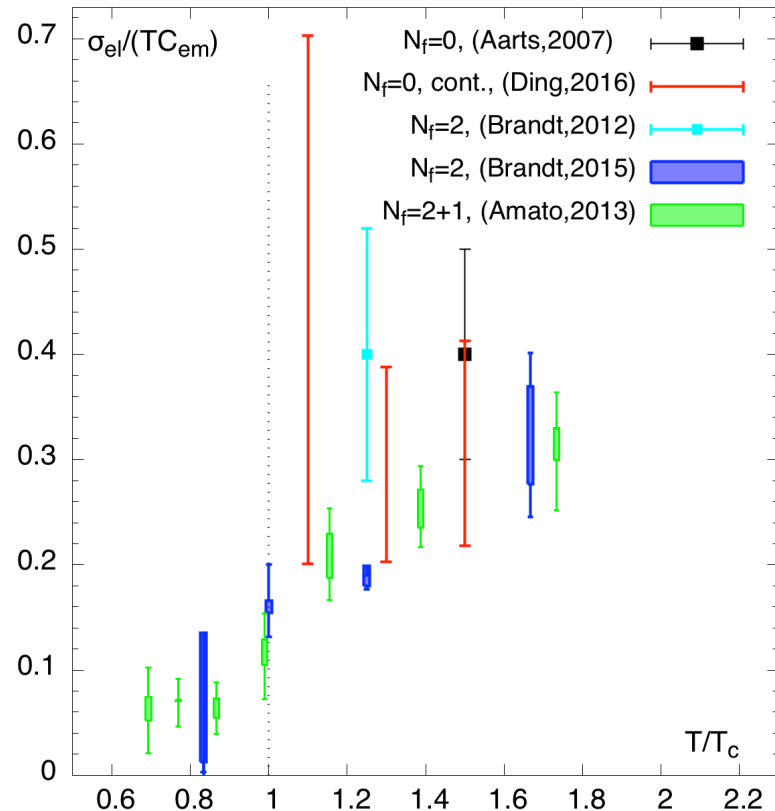
$$\frac{\sigma_{el}}{C_{em}T} = \frac{1}{6} \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{\rho_{ii}(\omega, \vec{p} = 0, T)}{\omega T}$$



[H-T.Ding, F.Meyer, OK, PRD94(2016)034504]

**Progress in determining transport  
coefficients, although systematic  
uncertainties still need to be reduced in the future.**

## comparison of different lattice results (Plot courtesy of A.Francis)



[G.Aarts et al., PRL 99 (2007) 022002,  
H-T.Ding, F.Meyer, OK, PRD94(2016)034504,  
B.B.Brandt et al., JHEP 1303 (2013) 100,  
Brandt et al., PRD93 (2016) 054510,  
A.Amato et al., PRL 111 (2013) 172001]

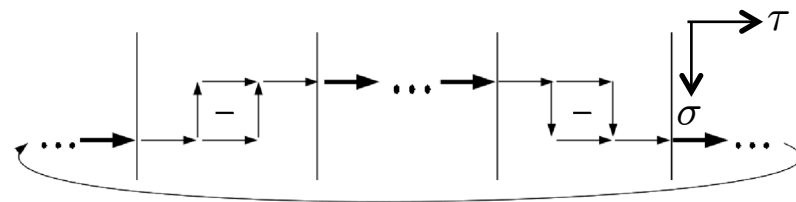
Heavy Quark Effective Theory (HQET) in the large quark mass limit

**for a single quark in medium**

leads to a (pure gluonic) “color-electric correlator”

[J.Casalderrey-Solana, D.Teaney, PRD74(2006)085012,  
S.Caron-Huot,M.Laine,G.D. Moore,JHEP04(2009)053]

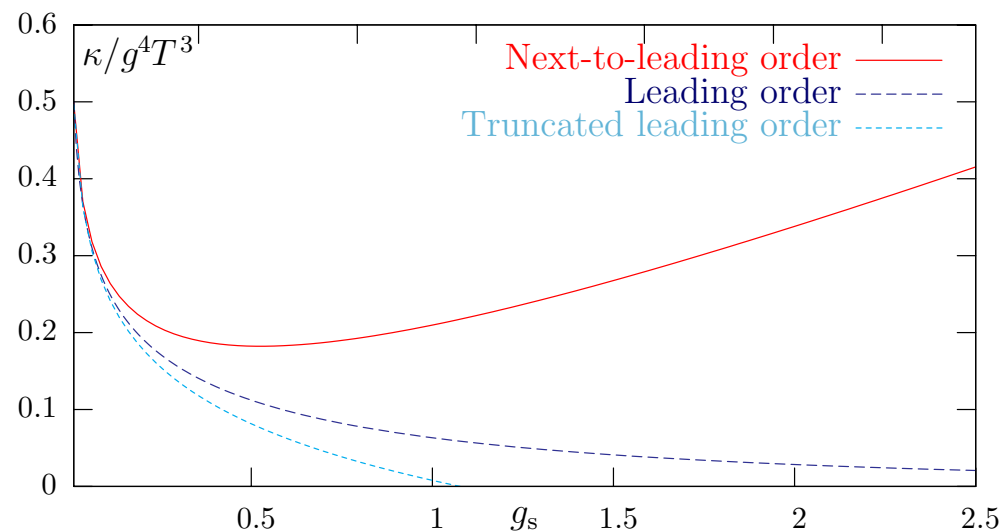
$$G_E(\tau) \equiv -\frac{1}{3} \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\langle \text{Re Tr} [U(\frac{1}{T}; \tau) g E_i(\tau, \mathbf{0}) U(\tau; 0) g E_i(0, \mathbf{0})] \rangle}{\langle \text{Re Tr} [U(\frac{1}{T}; 0)] \rangle}$$



$$\kappa = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{2T \rho_E(\omega)}{\omega}$$

**NLO perturbative calculation:**

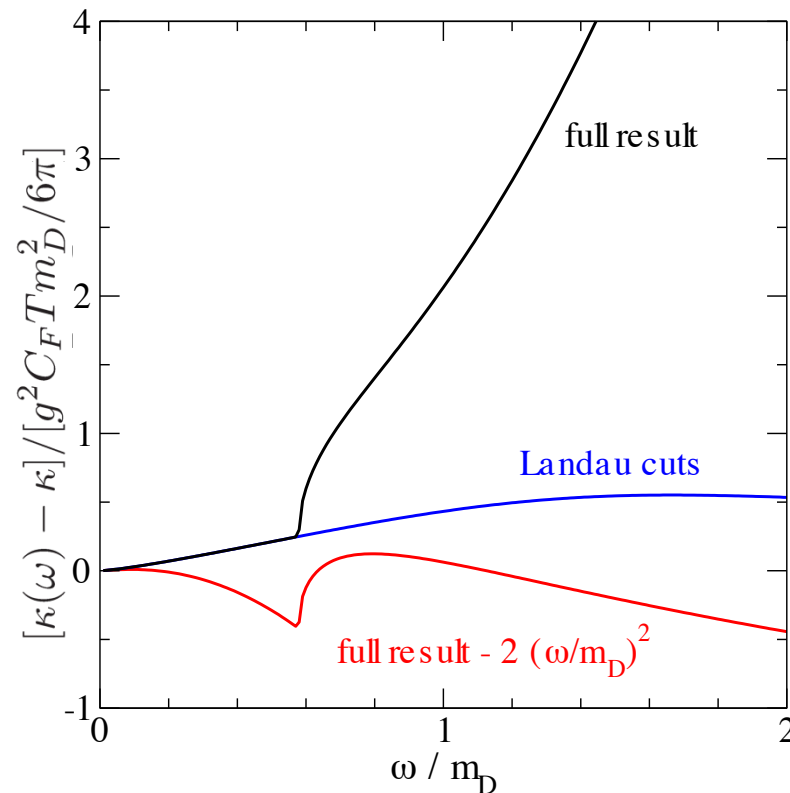
[Caron-Huot, G. Moore, JHEP 0802 (2008) 081]



→ large correction towards strong interactions

→ non-perturbative lattice methods required

NLO spectral function in perturbation theory: [Caron-Huot, M.Laine, G.Moore, JHEP 0904 (2009) 053]



in contrast to a narrow transport peak, from this a smooth limit

$$\kappa/T^3 = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{2T \rho_E(\omega)}{\omega}$$

is expected

qualitatively similar behavior also found in AdS/CFT [S.Gubser, Nucl.Phys.B790 (2008)175]

[A.Francis, OK, M.Laine, T.Neuhaus, H.Ohno, PRD92(2015)116003]

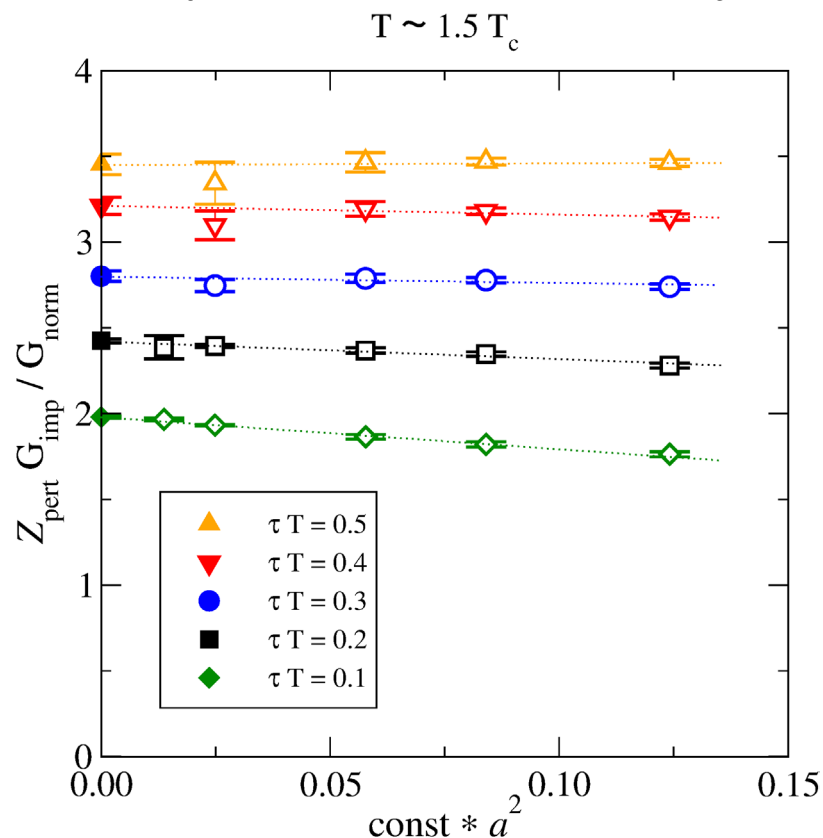
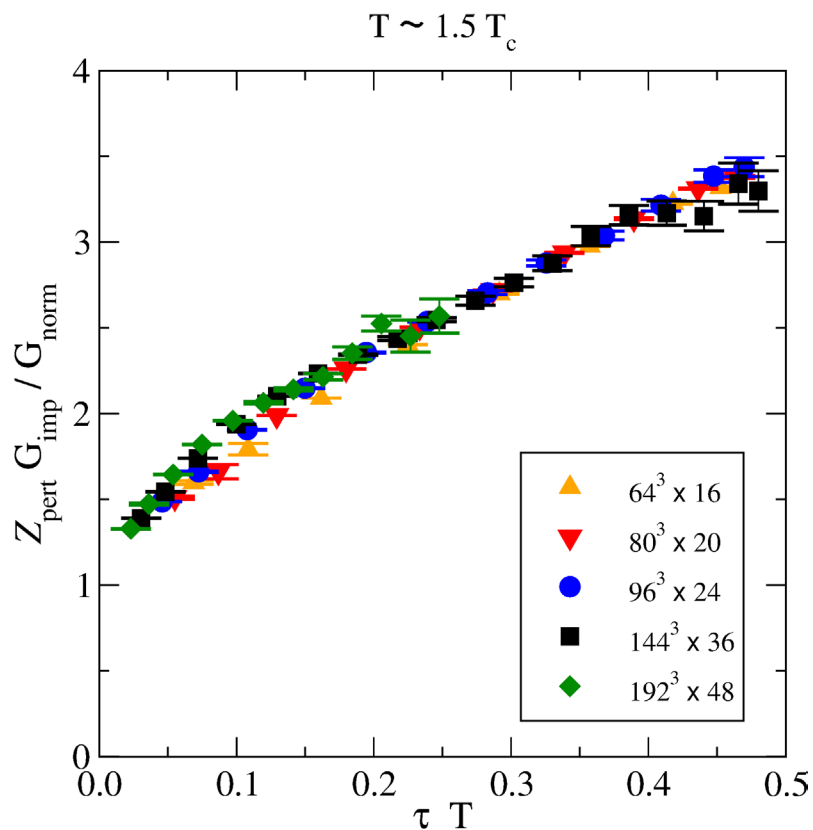
Quenched Lattice QCD on large and fine isotropic lattices at  $T \simeq 1.5 T_c$

- standard Wilson gauge action
- algorithmic improvements to enhance signal/noise ratio
- fixed aspect ratio  $N_s/N_t = 4$ , i.e. fixed physical volume  $(2\text{fm})^3$
- perform the continuum limit,  $a \rightarrow 0 \leftrightarrow N_t \rightarrow \infty$
- determine  $\kappa$  in the continuum using an Ansatz for the spectral fct.  $\rho(\omega)$
- scale setting using  $r_0$  and  $t_0$  scale [A.Francis, OK, M.Laine, T.Neuhaus, H.Ohno, PRD91(2015)096002]

$\beta_0$	$N_s^3 \times N_\tau$	confs	$T\sqrt{t_0}^{(\text{imp})}$	$T/T_c _{t_0}^{(\text{imp})}$	$T\sqrt{t_0}^{(\text{clov})}$	$T/T_c _{t_0}^{(\text{clov})}$	$Tr_0$	$T/T_c _{r_0}$
6.872	$64^3 \times 16$	172	0.3770	1.52	0.3805	1.53	1.116	1.50
7.035	$80^3 \times 20$	180	0.3693	1.48	0.3739	1.50	1.086	1.46
7.192	$96^3 \times 24$	160	0.3728	1.50	0.3790	1.52	1.089	1.46
7.544	$144^3 \times 36$	693	0.3791	1.52	0.3896	1.57	1.089	1.46
7.793	$192^3 \times 48$	223	0.3816	1.53	0.3955	1.59	1.084	1.45

similar studies by [Banerjee, Datta, Gavai, Majumdar, PRD85(2012)014510]  
 and [H.B.Meyer, New J.Phys.13(2011)035008]

we performed a continuum extrapolation,  $a \rightarrow 0 \leftrightarrow N_t \rightarrow \infty$ , at fixed  $T = 1/a N_t$



**well behaved continuum extrapolation for  $0.05 \leq \tau T \leq 0.5$**

finest lattice already close to the continuum

coarser lattices at larger  $\tau T$  show almost no cut-off effects

**how to extract the spectral function from the correlator?**

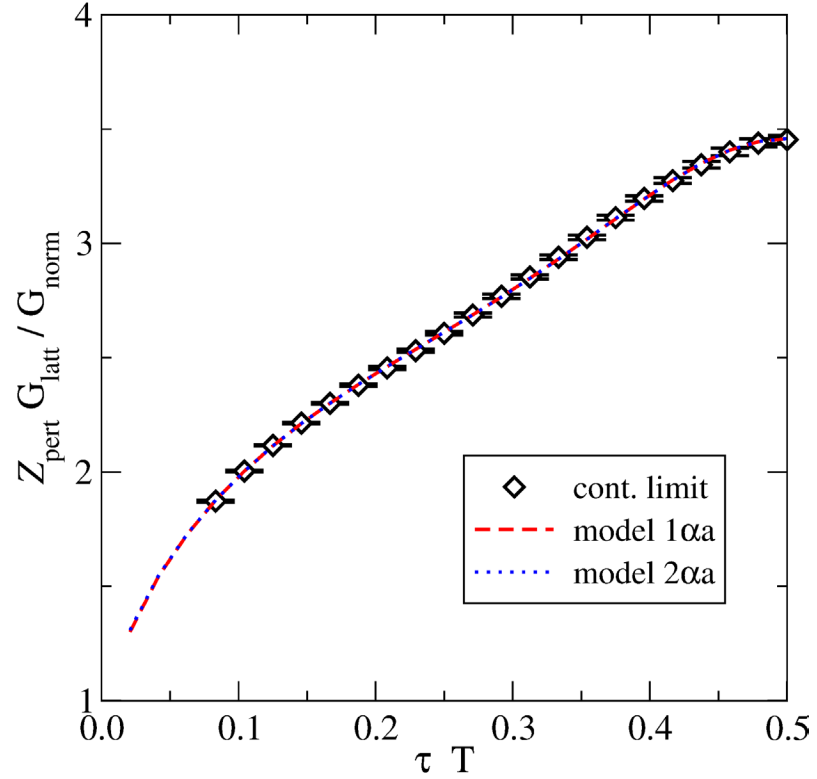
Spectral function models with correct asymptotic behavior

$$\rho_{UV}(\omega) = \frac{g^2(\bar{\mu}_\omega) C_F \omega^3}{6\pi}$$

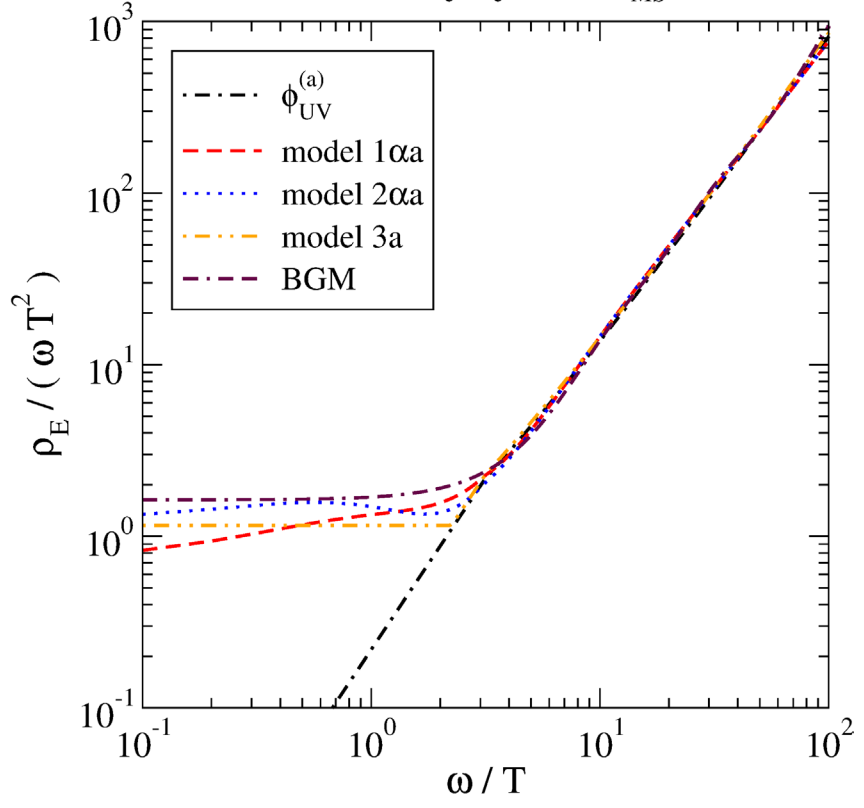
modeling corrections to  $\rho_{IR}$  by a power series in  $\omega$

$$\rho_{IR}(\omega) = \frac{\kappa\omega}{2T}$$

$T \sim 1.5 T_c, T_c = 1.24 \Lambda_{\overline{MS}}$



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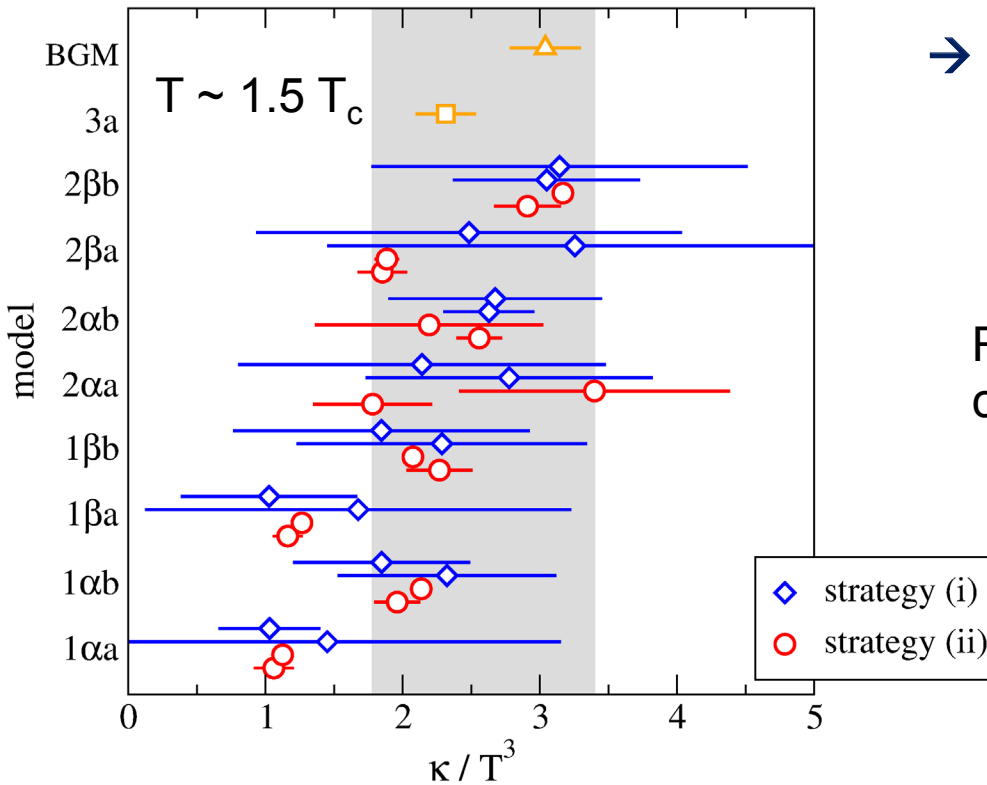


$$G_{\text{model}}(\tau) \equiv \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{\pi} \rho_{\text{model}}(\omega) \frac{\cosh\left(\frac{1}{2} - \tau T\right) \frac{\omega}{T}}{\sinh \frac{\omega}{2T}}$$

$$\kappa/T^3 = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{2T \rho_E(\omega)}{\omega}$$



[A.Francis, OK et al., PRD92(2015)116003]



Detailed analysis of systematic uncertainties

→ **continuum estimate of  $\kappa$**  :

$$\kappa/T^3 = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{2T \rho_E(\omega)}{\omega} = 1.8 \dots 3.4$$

Related to diffusion coefficient  $D$  and drag coefficient  $\eta_D$  (in the non-relativistic limit)

$$2\pi T D = 4\pi \frac{T^3}{\kappa} = 3.7 \dots 7.0$$

$$\eta_D = \frac{\kappa}{2M_{kin}T} \left( 1 + O\left(\frac{\alpha_s^{3/2}T}{M_{kin}}\right) \right)$$

**time scale associated with the kinetic equilibration of heavy quarks:**

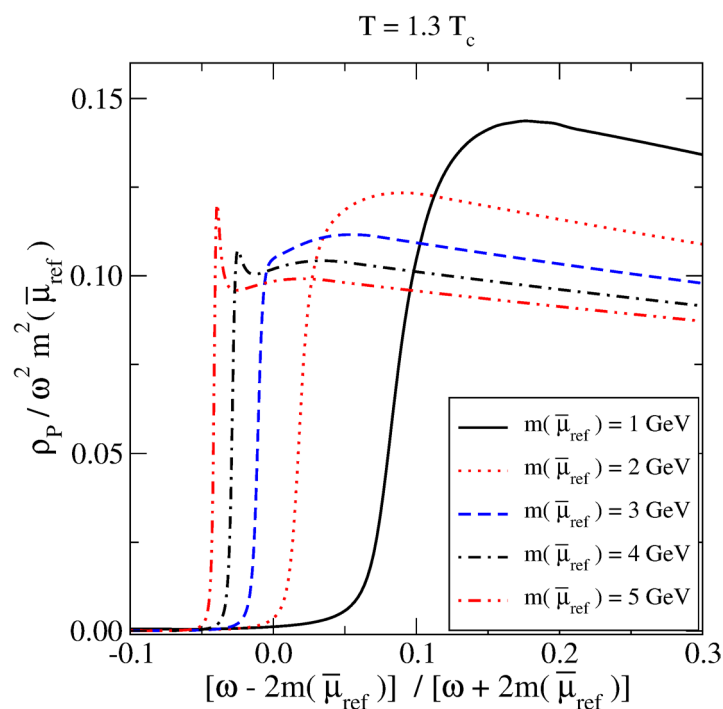
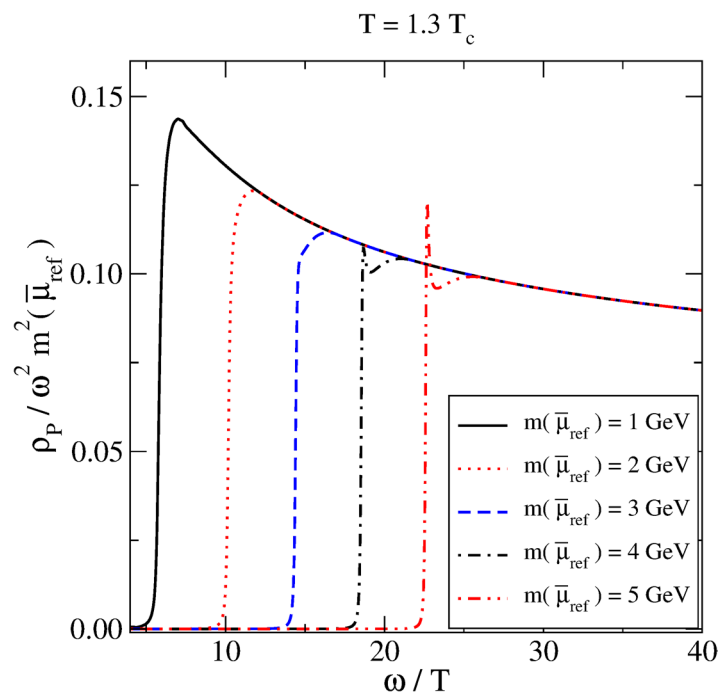
$$\tau_{kin} = \frac{1}{\eta_D} = (1.8 \dots 3.4) \left(\frac{T_c}{T}\right)^2 \left(\frac{M}{1.5 \text{ GeV}}\right) \text{ fm/c}$$

→ close to  $T_c$ ,  $\tau_{kin} \simeq 1 \text{ fm/c}$  and therefore charm quark kinetic equilibration appears to be almost as fast as that of light partons.

Using **continuum extrapolated correlation functions** from Lattice QCD

$$G_P(\tau) \equiv M_B^2 \int_{\vec{x}} \langle (\bar{\psi} i \gamma_5 \psi)(\tau, \vec{x}) (\bar{\psi} i \gamma_5 \psi)(0, \vec{0}) \rangle_c, \quad 0 < \tau < \frac{1}{T},$$

and best knowledge on the spectral function from **perturbation theory and pNRQCD** interpolated between different regimes



we will focus on the pseudo-scalar channel (no transport contribution in this channel)

quenched SU(3) gauge configurations (separated by 500 updates)

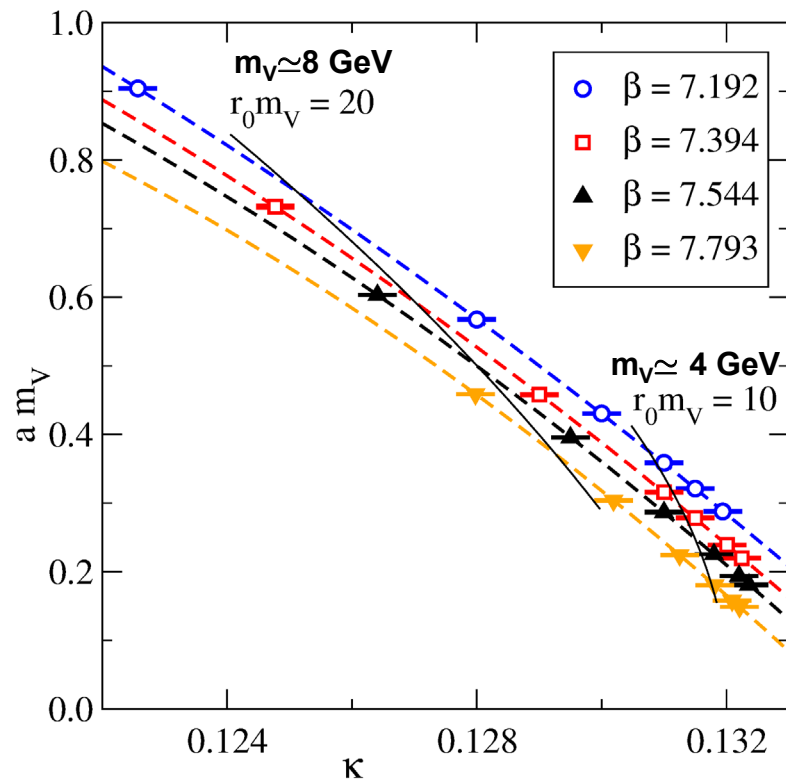
non-perturbatively O(a) clover improved Wilson fermion valence quarks

6 quark masses between charm and bottom  $\rightarrow$  interpolate to physical c and b mass

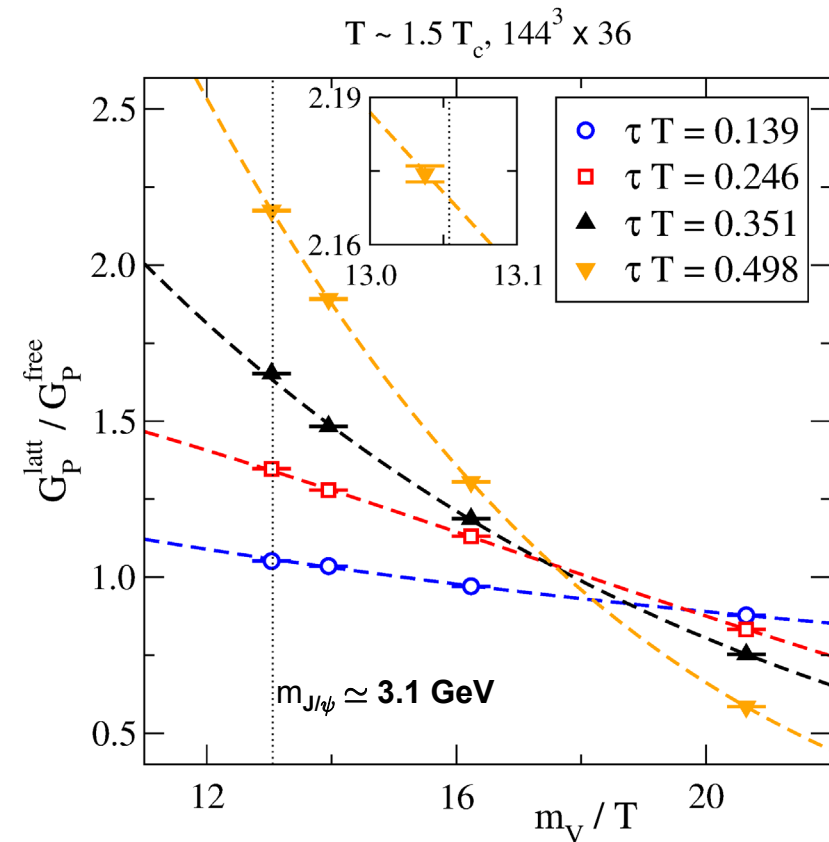
$\beta$	$N_s$	$N_\tau$	confs	$r_0/a$	$T/T_c$	$c_{SW}$	$\kappa_c$	$\kappa$	$\frac{m^2(1/a)}{m^2(\bar{\mu}_{ref})}$
7.192	96	48	237	26.6	0.74	1.367261	0.13442	0.12257, 0.12800, 0.13000, 0.13100, 0.13150, 0.13194	0.6442
		32	476		1.12				
		28	336		1.27				
		24	336		1.49				
		16	237		2.23				
7.394	120	60	171	33.8	0.76	1.345109	0.13408	0.124772, 0.12900, 0.13100, 0.13150, 0.132008, 0.132245	0.6172
		40	141		1.13				
		30	247		1.51				
		20	226		2.27				
7.544	144	72	221	40.4	0.75	1.330868	0.13384	0.12641, 0.12950, 0.13100, 0.13180, 0.13220, 0.13236	0.5988
		48	462		1.13				
		42	660		1.29				
		36	288		1.51				
		24	237		2.26				
7.793	192	96	224	54.1	0.76	1.310381	0.13347	0.12798, 0.13019, 0.13125, 0.13181, 0.13209, 0.13221	0.5715
		64	249		1.13				
		56	190		1.30				
		48	210		1.51				
		32	235		2.27				

Interpolation to physical c + b bare quark masses required to perform continuum extrap.

→ lines of constant physics defined by vector meson mass at  $0.75 T_c$



→ interpolate correlators to the physical lines of constant physics



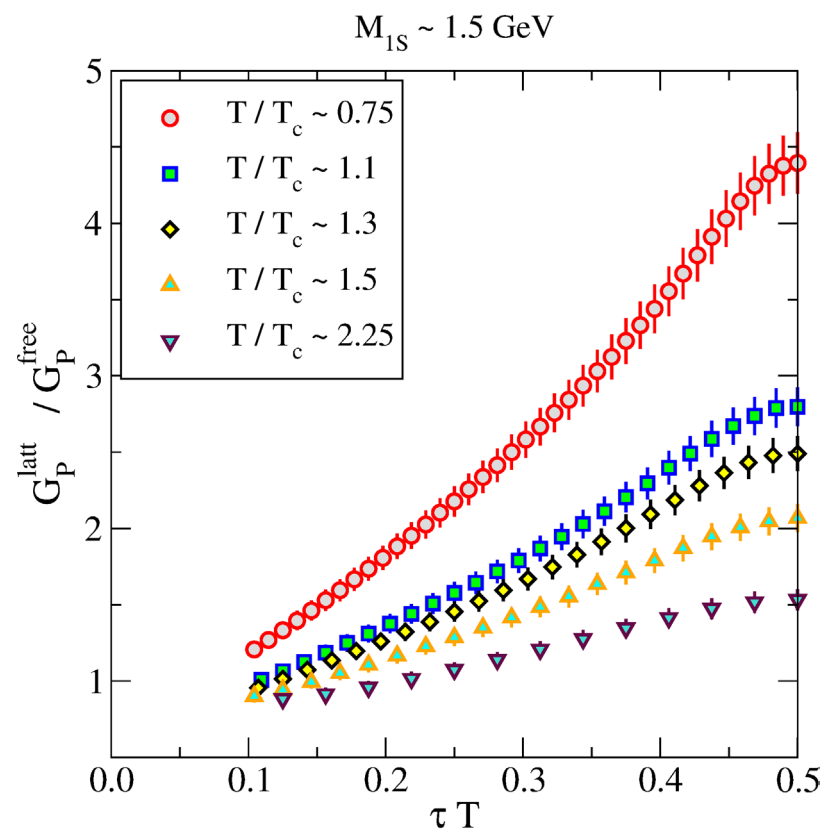
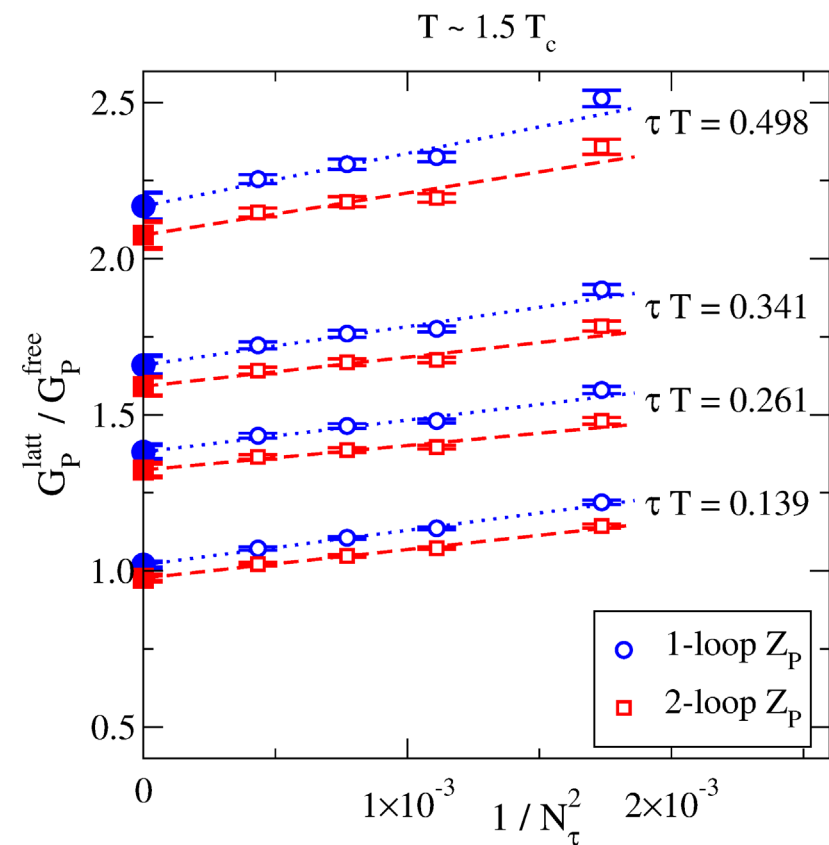
→ continuum extrapolation on lines of constant physics for c and b quark masses

# Continuum extrapolation

Continuum limit of the correlation functions in  $a^2$

continuum extrapolation well behaved  
 some uncertainty in renormalization

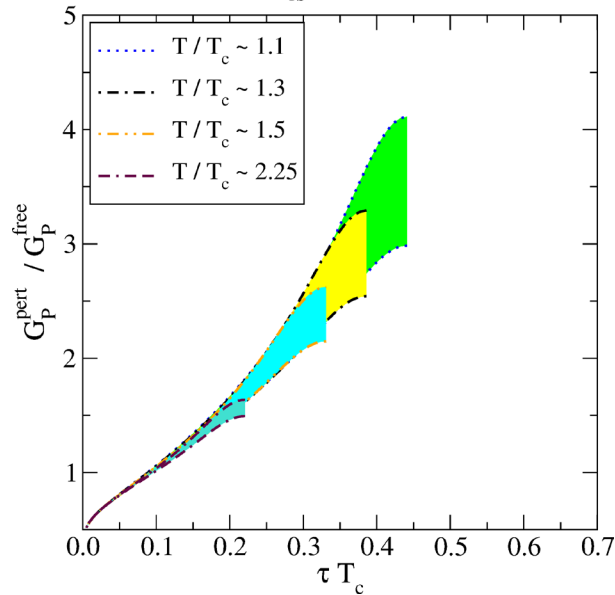
→ well defined continuum correlators



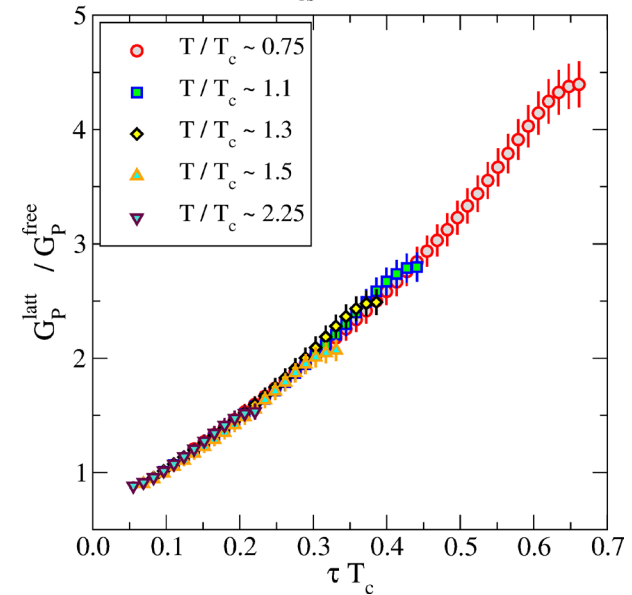
→ comparison to perturbation theory and determination of continuum spectral functions

charm:

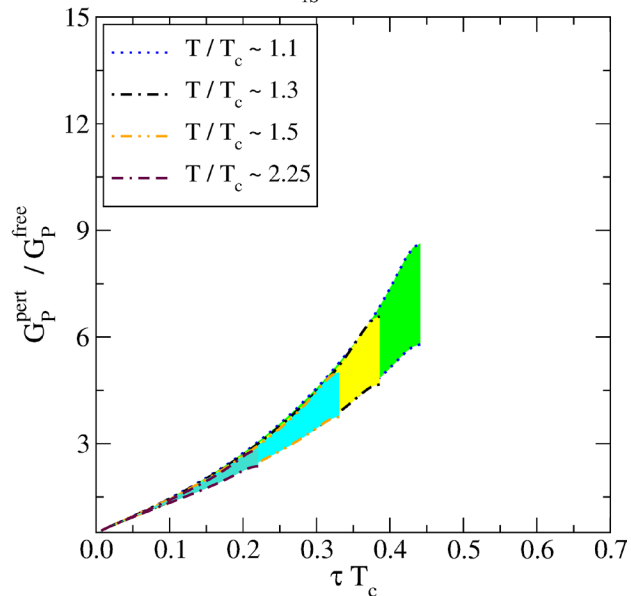
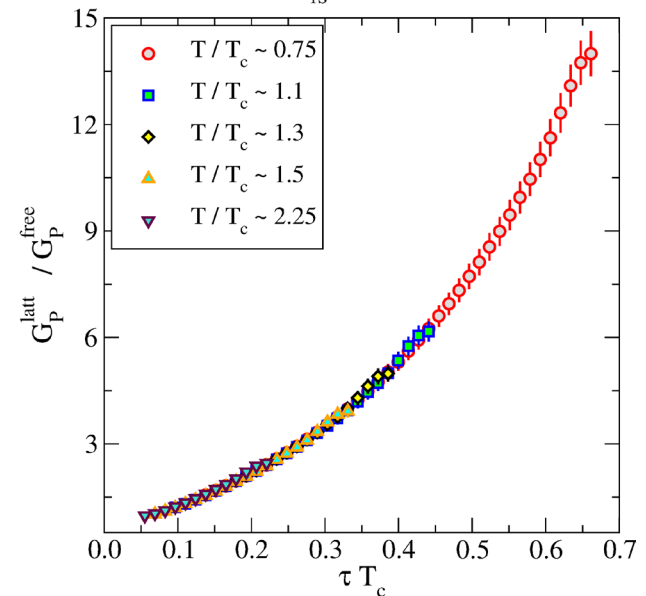
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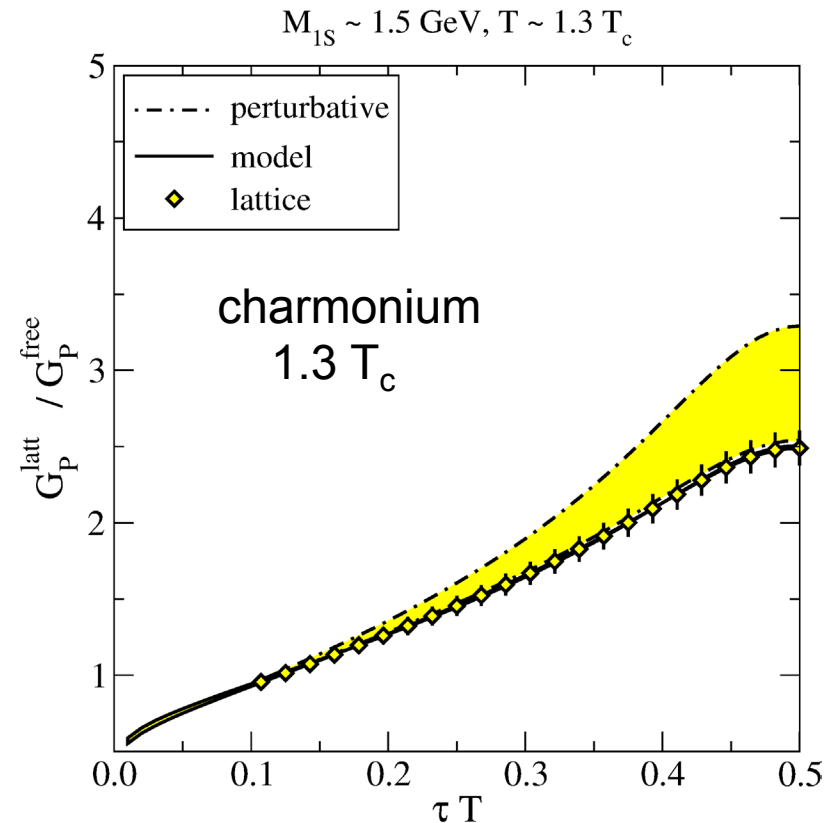
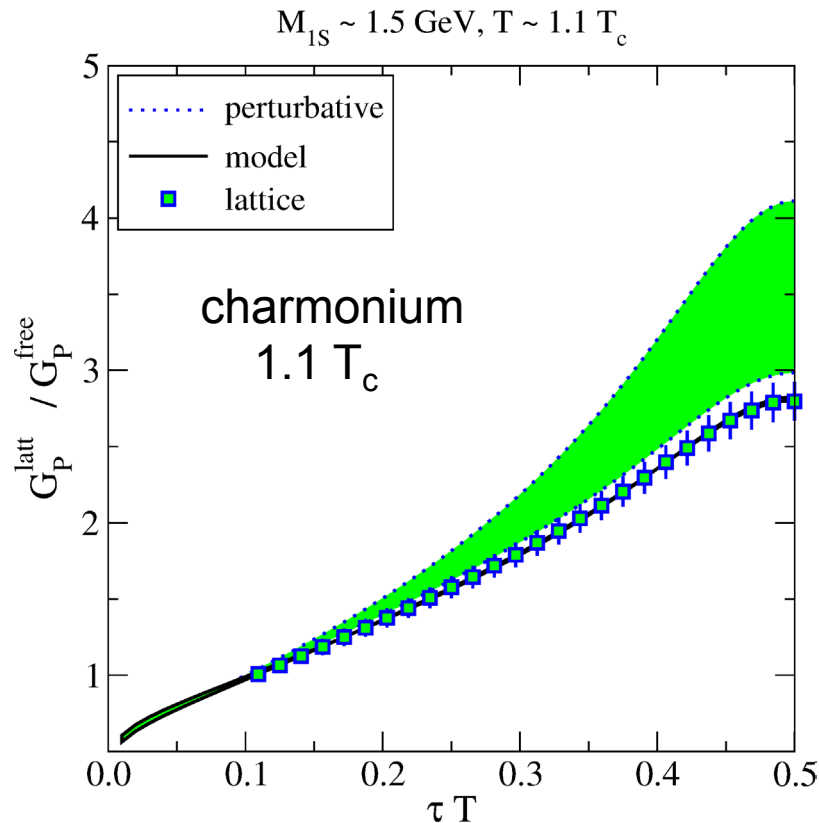
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lattice correlators (continuum extrapol.):

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bottom:

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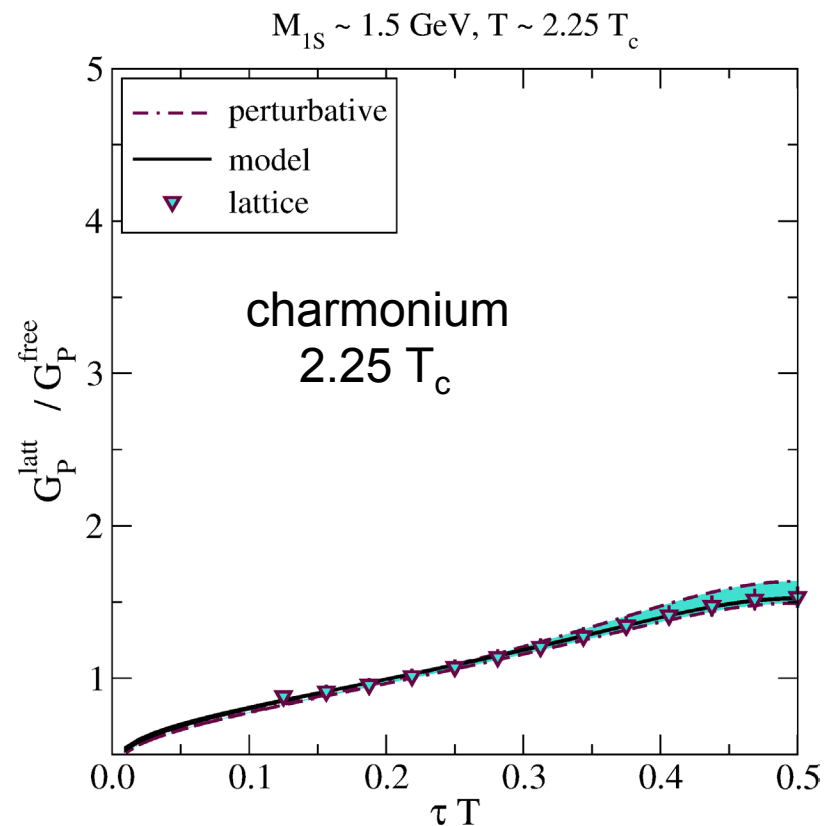
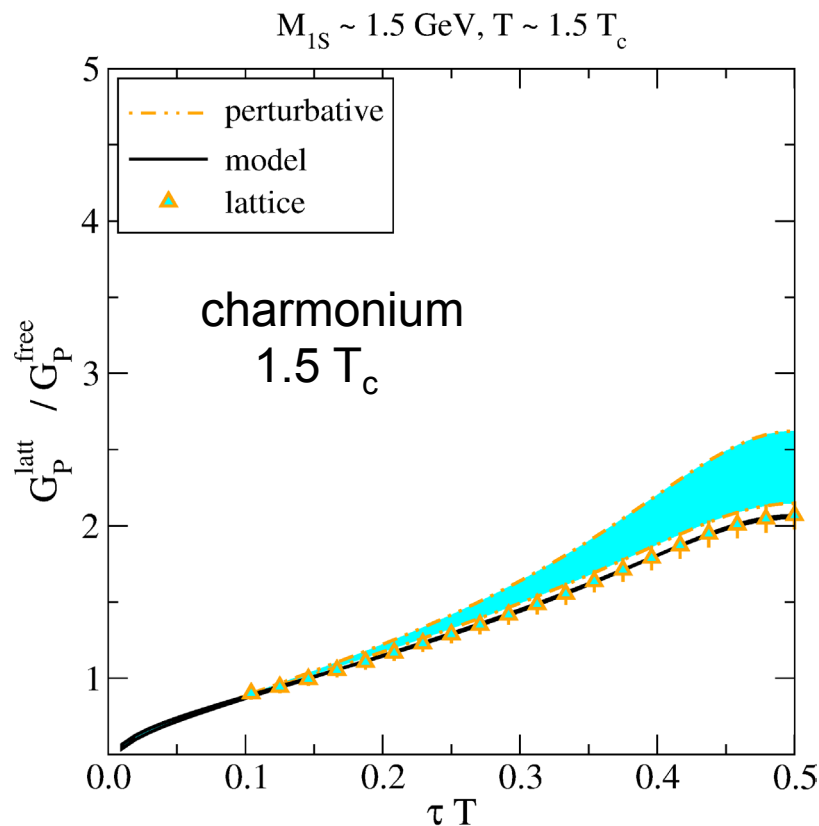
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# Modelling the spectral function



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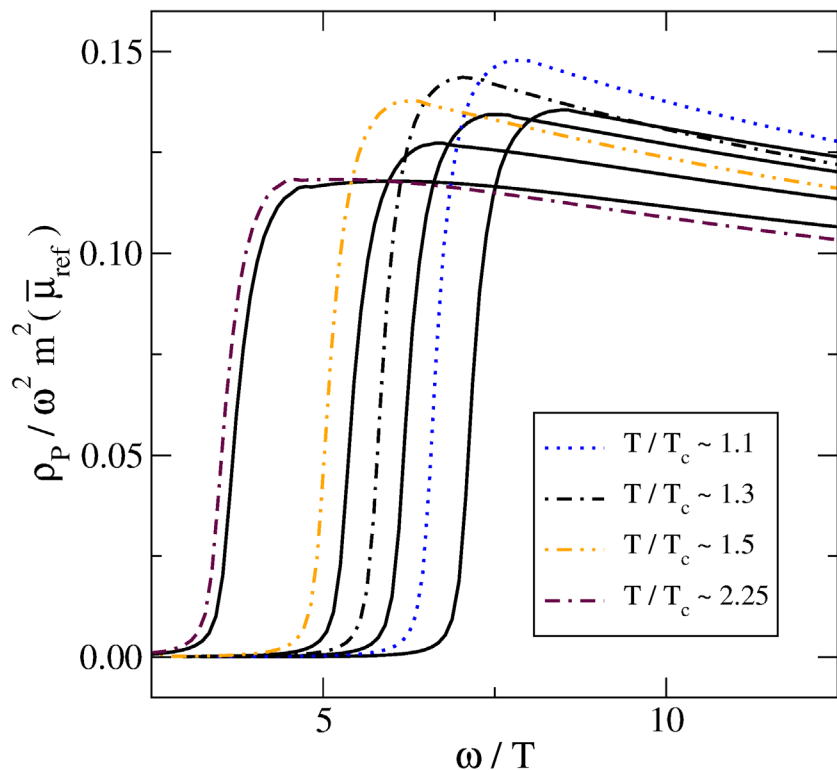
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# Pseudo-scalar spectral functions

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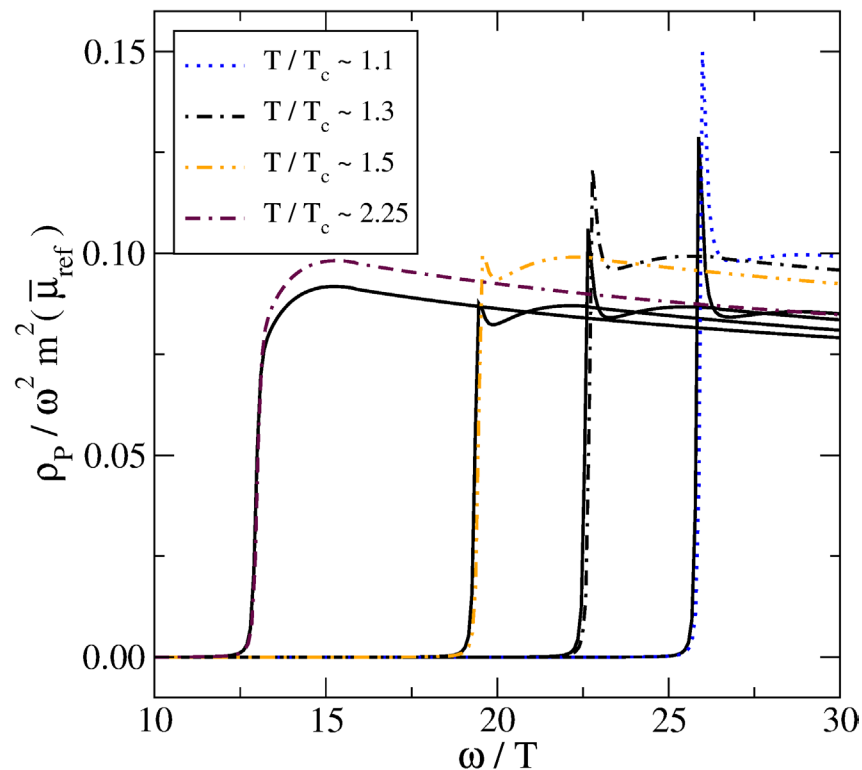
**charmonium:**

no resonance peaks are needed for representing the lattice data even for  $1.1 T_c$   
 modest threshold enhancement sufficient in the analyzed temperature region

**bottomonium:**

thermally broadened resonance peak present  
 up to temperatures around  $1.5 T_c$

**bottomonium:**  $m(\bar{\mu}_{\text{ref}}) = 5 \text{ GeV}$



**next steps:**

analysis of the vector channel  
 heavy quark diffusion coefficient

Continuum extrapolated correlators from quenched lattice QCD are well described by perturbative model spectral functions down to  $T \approx T_c$  for observable with an external scale (mass, momentum)  $\gtrsim \pi T$

**All results in this talk were obtained in the quenched approximation**

**What may change when going to full QCD?**

$$\Lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}|_{N_f=0} \approx 255 \text{MeV}$$

$$\Lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}|_{N_f=3} \approx 340 \text{MeV}$$

$$T_c|_{N_f=0} \approx 1.24 \Lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}|_{N_f=0}$$

$$T_c|_{N_f=3} \approx 0.45 \Lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}|_{N_f=3}$$

$$\alpha_s^{EQCD}|_{T \simeq T_c} \simeq 0.2$$

$$\alpha_s^{EQCD}|_{T \simeq T_c} > 0.3$$

**1<sup>st</sup> order deconfinement transition**

**chiral crossover transition**

**Physics may become more non-perturbative, more interesting, more complicated...**

**Quenched theory is a nice playground but full QCD studies crucial!**