

# Thermal photon production rate from Transverse-Longitudinal (T-L) mesonic correlator on the lattice

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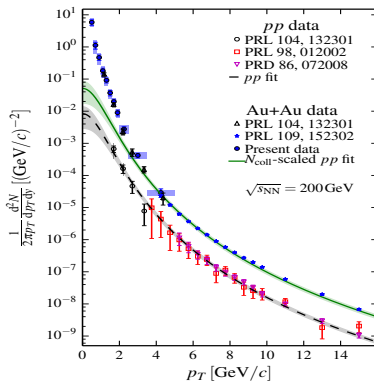
# Outline

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- Photon and Di-lepton produced from QGP is an important probe to study Quark-Gluon-Plasma.

- Direct photon measurements at RHIC and LHC clearly show excess of photon yield at low  $p_T$  region.
- In addition it shows a large azimuthal anisotropy (Direct-photon puzzle).
- Theoretical understanding requires space-time integration of photon production rate from each stage of the plasma evolution.

$$\frac{dN}{d^3k} \propto \int d^4X \frac{d\Gamma}{d^3k}(k, T(X), \dots)$$



A. Adare et al, PRC 91,064904

J. Paquet et al, PRC 93, 044906

- The photon production rate ( $R_\gamma$ ) and di-lepton production rate ( $R_{l+l-}$ ) from a thermalized QGP can be calculated in-terms of spectral function  
L.D. McLerran and T. Toimela, Phys. Rev. D 31 (1985) 545.

$$\frac{d\Gamma_\gamma}{d^3\vec{k}} = \frac{\alpha_{em} n_b(\omega)}{2\pi^2 k} g^{\mu\nu} \rho_{\mu\nu}(\omega = |\vec{k}|, \vec{k})$$

$$\frac{d\Gamma_{l+l-}}{d\omega d^3\vec{k}} = \frac{\alpha_{em}^2 n_b(\omega)}{3\pi^2(\omega^2 - k^2)} g^{\mu\nu} \rho_{\mu\nu}(\omega, \vec{k})$$

- $\rho_{\mu\nu}$  is defined in terms of Electromagnetic current  
 $J_\mu(X) = \bar{\psi}(X)\gamma_\mu\psi(X)$ .

$$\rho_{\mu\nu}(K = (\omega, \vec{k})) = \int d^4X \exp\{iK \cdot X\} \langle [J_\mu(X), J_\nu(0)] \rangle_T$$

- On the lattice we calculate the correlation function in Euclidean time.

$$G_{\mu\nu}^E(\tau, \vec{k}) = \int d^3\vec{x} \exp(i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}) \langle J_\mu(\vec{x}, \tau) J_\nu(\vec{0}, 0) \rangle$$

- Relation with spectral function,

$$G_{\mu\nu}^E(\tau, \vec{k}) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{\pi} \rho_{\mu\nu}(\omega, \vec{k}) \frac{\cosh[\omega(\tau - \frac{1}{2T})]}{\sinh[\frac{\omega}{2T}]}$$

- Numerically unstable problem.
  - 1) Difference in the number of degrees of freedom.
  - 2) Small error in  $G^E$  become very large error in  $\rho$ .

- $\rho_{\mu\nu}$  can be decomposed,

$$\rho_{\mu\nu}(\omega, \vec{k}) = P_{\mu\nu}^T \rho_T(\omega, \vec{k}) + P_{\mu\nu}^L \rho_L(\omega, \vec{k})$$

$$\rho_V(\omega, \vec{k}) = \rho_\mu^\mu(\omega, \vec{k}) = 2\rho_T(\omega, \vec{k}) + \rho_L(\omega, \vec{k})$$

- At the photon point  $\rho_L(|\vec{k}|, \vec{k}) = 0$ .

$$\frac{d\Gamma_\gamma}{d^3\vec{k}} \propto 2\rho_T(|\vec{k}|, \vec{k})$$

$$\frac{d\Gamma_\gamma}{d^3\vec{k}} \propto 2(\rho_T(|\vec{k}|, \vec{k}) - \rho_L(|\vec{k}|, \vec{k}))$$

# Properties of $T - L$ correlator

- At  $T = 0$ ,  $\rho_{\mu\nu} = (k_\mu k_\nu - g_{\mu\nu} k^2) \rho(k^2)$   
Possible when  $\rho_T = \rho_L$  at  $T = 0$
- $\rho_H = 2(\rho_T - \rho_L)$  displays pure thermal contribution.
- $\rho_H$  is UV suppressed,

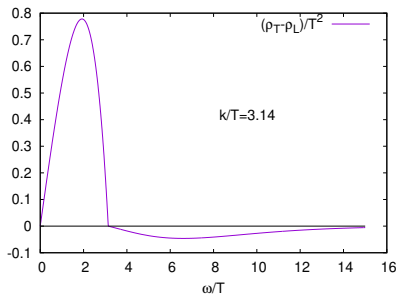
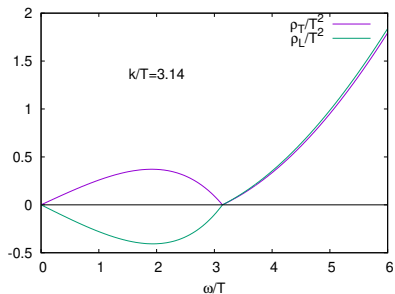
$$\rho_H \sim \frac{k^2 O_4}{\omega^4}$$

- Sum rule,

$$\int_0^\infty d\omega \omega \rho_H(\omega) = 0$$

M. Ce, T. Harris, H. B. Meyer, A. Steinberg, and A. Toniato, PRD 102, 091501

- Free result for  $\rho_T$  and  $\rho_L$ , G. Aarts and J.M. Resco, Nucl. Phys. B 726 (2005) 93



- $\rho_V = 2\rho_T + \rho_L$  has large UV part.  $G_V^E$  has large UV contribution.
- $\rho_H = 2(\rho_T - \rho_L)$  has small UV part.  $G_H^E$  has less UV contribution.

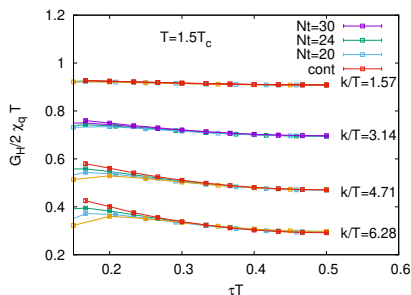
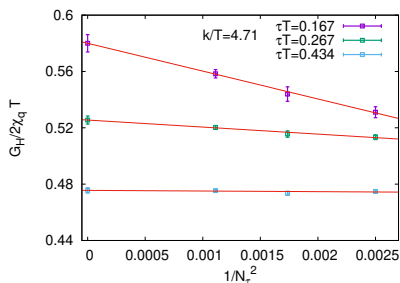


- We calculated  $T - L$  correlator in pure gluonic theory at  $T = 470\text{MeV}$  and in  $N_f = 2 + 1$  flavor QCD ( $m_\pi = 320\text{MeV}$ ) at  $T = 220\text{MeV}$ .
- Lattice size:  
 Gluonic theory:  $120^3 \times 30,96^3 \times 24$  and  $80^3 \times 20$   
 Full QCD:  $96^3 \times 32$
- The available momentum for gluonic theory  $\frac{k}{T} = \frac{\pi n}{2}$  and for full QCD  $\frac{k}{T} = \frac{2\pi n}{3}$ .
- We use clover improved Wilson fermion for the calculation of these correlation function.
- The quark masses  $\ll T$ .

$$G_H^E(\tau, \vec{k}) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{\pi} 2(\rho_T(\omega, \vec{k}) - \rho_L(\omega, \vec{k})) \frac{\cosh[\omega(\tau - \frac{1}{2T})]}{\sinh[\frac{\omega}{2T}]}$$

- Lattice data has cut-off effects and need continuum extrapolation.

$$\frac{G_H}{2\chi_q T}(a) = \frac{G_H}{2\chi_q T}(a=0) + \frac{b}{N_\tau^2}$$

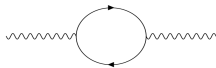


- Smaller cut-off dependence for  $G_H$ .
- Dominant contribution to  $G_H$  comes from the infrared part.

- $\rho_{\mu\nu}(\omega, \vec{k}) = \text{Im}[\pi_{\mu\nu}(\omega, \vec{k})]$

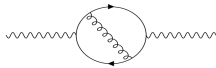
- $M^2 \sim T^2$

LO

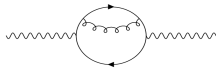


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NLO (Compton Scattering + Pair Anihilation)

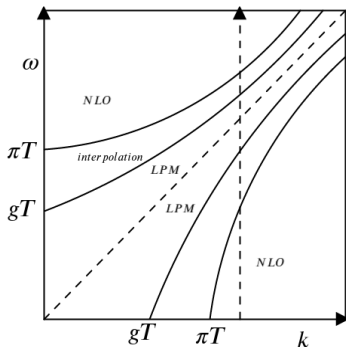
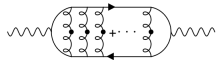


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- $M^2 \ll T^2$

LPM

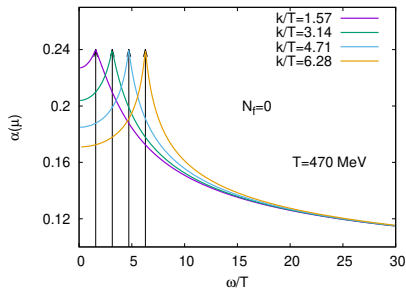
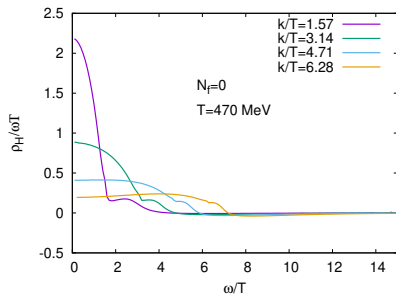


$$\rho = \rho_{NLO} + \rho_{LPM} - \text{common terms}$$

G. Jackson and M. Laine, JHEP 11, (2019) 144

G. Jackson, PRD 100, 116019

- For LPM resummation LO light cone potential has been used.
- Renormalization scale  $\mu = \sqrt{|\omega^2 - k^2| + (2\pi T\zeta)^2}$



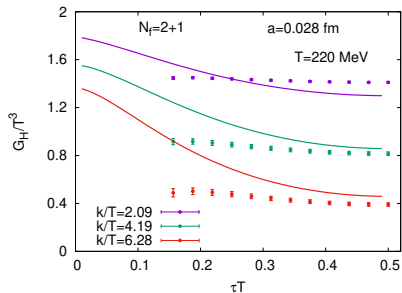
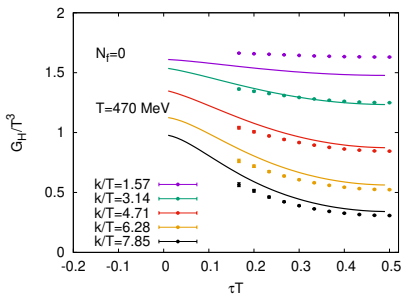
Coupling is maximum at the light cone.  
 S. Caron-Huot, PRD 79, 065039

- Scale setting:

$$T_c/\Lambda_{\overline{MS}} = 1.24 \text{ for } N_f = 0$$

$$T_c/\Lambda_{\overline{MS}} = 0.521 \text{ for } N_f = 3$$

- $\chi_q = 0.897 T^2$  for  $N_f = 0$  (using non-perturbative parametrization)  
 H-T Ding, O. Kaczmarek, and F. Meyer, PRD 94, 034504  
 $\chi_q = 0.872 T^2$  for  $N_f = 3$  (from  $g^6 \log(g)$ )  
 A. Vuorinen, PRD 67, 074032



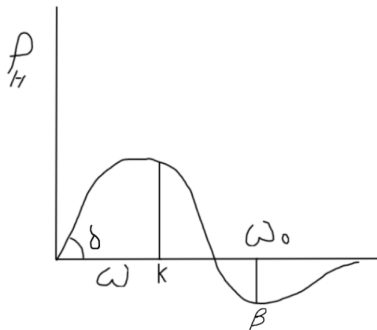
- Non-perturbative effects are important.

- For  $\omega \leq \omega_0$

$$\rho_H(\omega) = \frac{\beta\omega^3}{2\omega_0^3} \left(5 - 3\frac{\omega^2}{\omega_0^2}\right) - \frac{\gamma\omega^3}{2\omega_0^2} \left(1 - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_0^2}\right) + \delta_0 \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_0}\right) \left(1 - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_0^2}\right)^2$$

J. Ghiglieri, O. Kaczmarek, M. Laine, and F. Meyer, Phys. Rev. D 94, 016005.

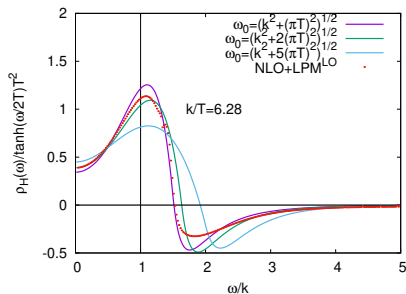
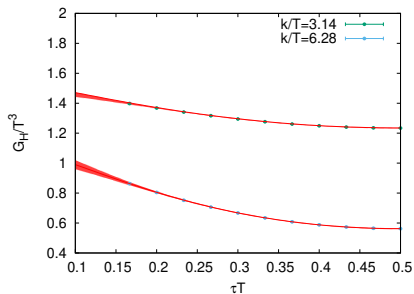
- $\beta = \rho_H(\omega_0)$  and  $\gamma = \rho'_H(\omega_0)$
- For  $\omega > \omega_0$   $\rho(\omega) = \sum_{i=0} \frac{A_i}{\omega^{4+2i}}$
- $\int_0^\infty d\omega \omega \rho_H(\omega, \beta, \gamma, \delta, A_i, \omega_0) = 0$
- $\omega_0 = \sqrt{k^2 + \nu(\pi T)^2}$



- Constrained fit with  $\delta_0 \geq 0, \rho_H(k, \vec{k}) \geq 0$  and  $\frac{\partial G_H}{\partial \tau} \leq 0$

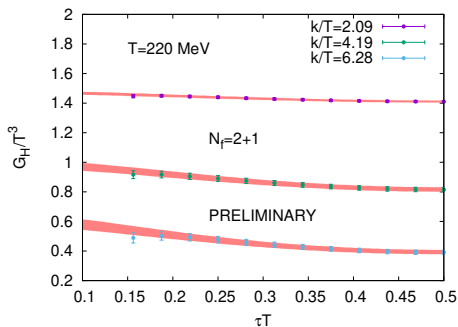
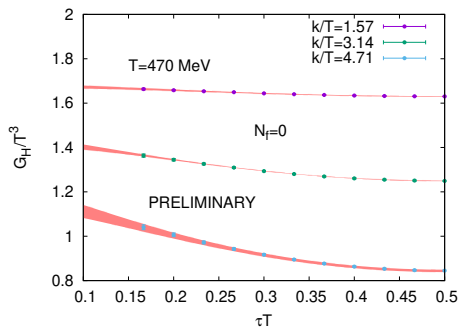
# Fitting of Mock Data

- Ten perturbative data points between 0.1875 to 0.5 in  $\tau T$ .
- Artificial error introduced to the order  $\delta G/G = 0.001$  and trying to reconstruct the spectral function.



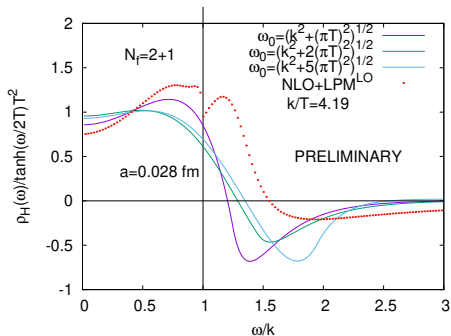
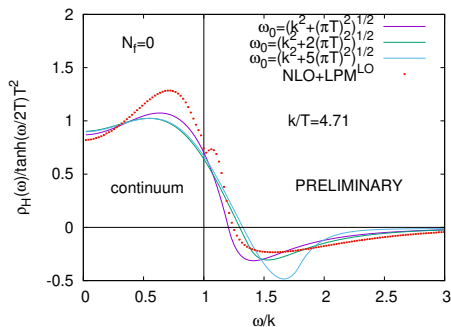
- The exact spectral function can be approximately captured by the systematic uncertainty between  $\omega_0 = \sqrt{k^2 + \pi^2 T^2}$  and  $\omega_0 = \sqrt{k^2 + 5\pi^2 T^2}$

# Fitting of Lattice Data





# Polynomial estimated spectral function



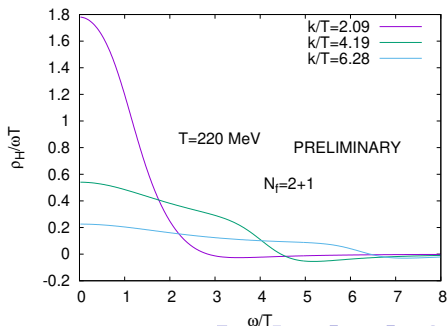
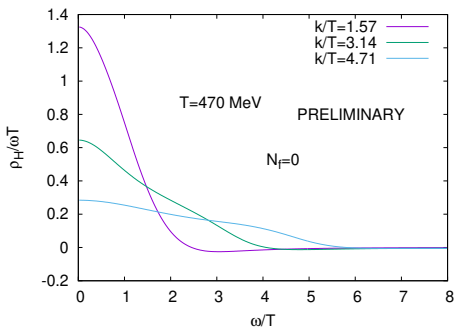
# Pade Ansatz



$$\rho_H^{PADE}(\omega, \vec{k}) = A \frac{\tanh(\omega/2T) (1 + B\omega^2)}{(a^2 + \omega^2)((\omega - \omega_0)^2 + b^2)((\omega + \omega_0)^2 + b^2)}$$

M. Ce, T. Harris, H. B. Meyer, A. Steinberg, and A. Toniato, Phys. Rev. D 102, 091501(R)

- The sum rule relates  $B$  with  $a$ ,  $\omega_0$  and  $b$ .
- The fit has been performed on  $A$ ,  $a$ ,  $\omega_0$  and  $b$ .



- Backus Gilbert estimate of the spectral function,

G. Backus, F. Gilbert, *Geophysical Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society* 16, 169 (1968)

- $$G_H(\tau) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{\pi} \frac{\rho_H(\omega)}{f(\omega)} f(\omega) \frac{\cosh[\omega(\tau - \frac{1}{2T})]}{\sinh[\frac{\omega}{2T}]}$$

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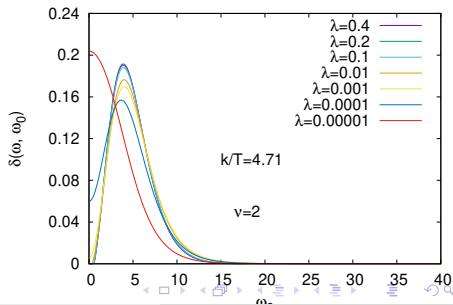
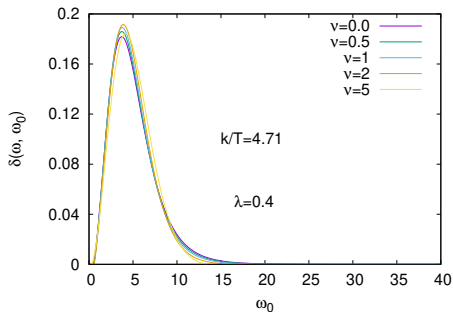
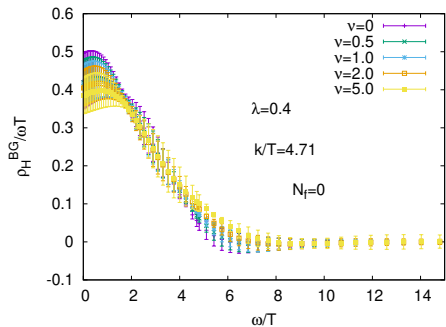
$$\frac{\rho^{BG}(\omega)}{f(\omega)} = \sum_i q_i(\omega) G(\tau_i) = \int_0^\infty d\bar{\omega} \delta(\omega, \bar{\omega}) \frac{\rho(\bar{\omega})}{f(\bar{\omega})}.$$

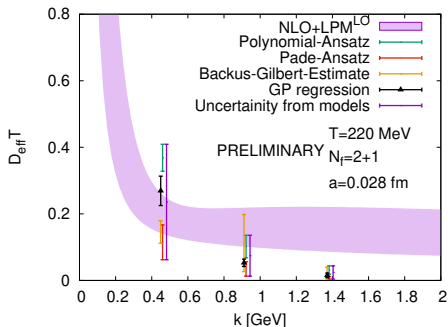
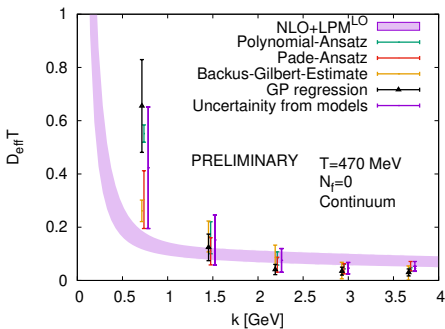
$$\delta(\omega, \bar{\omega}) = \sum_i q_i(\omega) K(\bar{\omega}, \tau_i) f(\bar{\omega}).$$

- Minimize  $F(\omega) = \lambda \text{Width}[\delta(\omega, \bar{\omega})] + (1 - \lambda) \text{var}[\rho_{BG}(\omega)]$

$$f(\omega) = \frac{\tanh(\omega/\omega_0)}{(\omega/\omega_0)^4}$$

where,  $\omega_0 = \sqrt{k^2 + \nu\pi^2 T^2}$ .





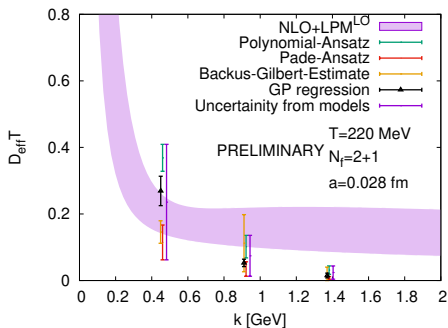
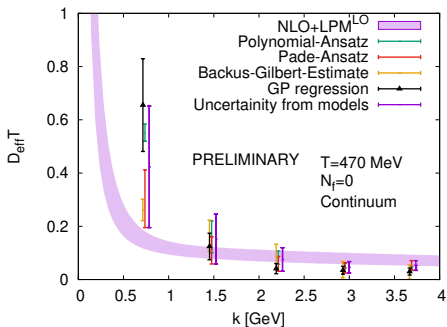
- Photon production rate,

$$\frac{d\Gamma_\gamma}{d^3\vec{k}} = \frac{\alpha_{em} n_b(\omega) \chi_q}{\pi^2} Q_i^2 D_{eff}(k)$$

- Effective diffusion coefficient,

$$D_{eff}(k) = \frac{\rho_H(|\vec{k}|, \vec{k})}{2\chi_q |\vec{k}|}$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow 0} D_{eff}(k) = D$$



- We calculated T-L correlator in Quenched and Full QCD.
- We obtained photon production rate using 4-different methods.
- We use OPE information, at large  $\omega$  and sum rules to constrain the spectral reconstruction.