

Quarkonia Spectral function at finite temperature ($\mu_B = 0$)

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HotQCD Collaboration

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- ▶ Quarkonia (bound states of heavy $q\bar{q}$), are an important probe to study QGP.

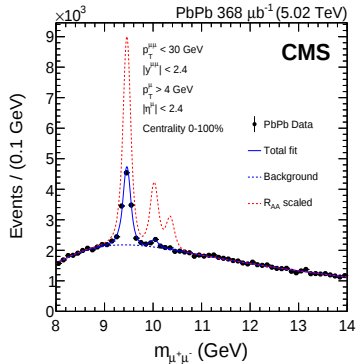
- ▶ In medium properties encoded in the spectral functions.

- ▶ Di-lepton rate

$$\frac{d\Gamma_{\mu^+\mu^-}}{d^4Q} \sim \frac{e^2}{Q^2} n_b \rho_V(Q)$$

- ▶ For current, $J_\Gamma(\vec{x}, t) = \bar{\psi}(\vec{x}, t)\Gamma\psi(\vec{x}, t)$

$$\rho_\Gamma(\omega, \vec{k}) = \int dt d^3\vec{x} \exp[i(\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x} - \omega t)] \langle [J_\Gamma(\vec{x}, t), J_\Gamma(0, 0)] \rangle_T$$

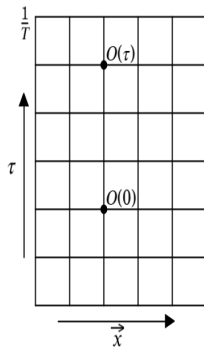


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- ▶ Euclidean-correlation function $G^E(\tau, \vec{k}) = \int \exp(i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}) \langle J_\Gamma(\vec{x}, \tau) J_\Gamma(0, 0) \rangle$
where $J(\vec{x}, t) = \bar{\psi}(\vec{x}, \tau) \Gamma \psi(\vec{x}, \tau)$

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

- ▶ Numerically ill-posed problem. Small number of data points and statistical errors.



We computed for charm and bottom correlation function on the lattice with $m_\pi \sim 320$ MeV.

We consider $\Gamma = \gamma_5$, $\vec{k} = \vec{0}$.

$T \sim 1.2 T_c (N_\tau = 32), 1.3 T_c (N_\tau = 28), 1.62 T_c (N_\tau = 24)$ $T_c = 180$ MeV.

$L = 2.7$ fm

► $\omega \gg 2M$

Thermal effects are suppressed.
Vacuum perturbation theory will work.

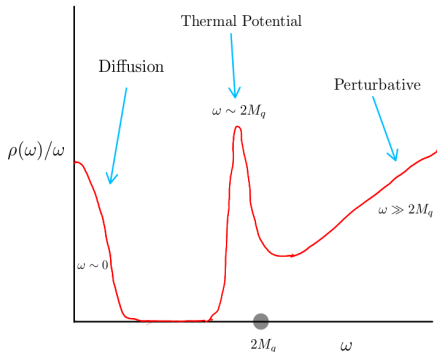
► $\omega \sim 2M$

Thermal effects are important.
Spectral function needs to be calculated using thermal potential.

► $\omega \ll 2M$

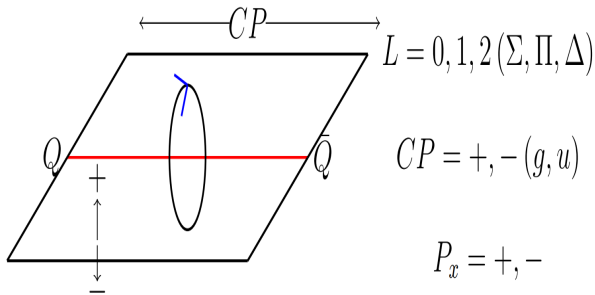
For the pseudoscalar channel, the spectral weights are exponentially suppressed.

For the vector channel, there is a contribution around $\omega \sim 0$ due to transport.



Thermal Potential

$$|\phi_n^H(\vec{r}, t)\rangle = \underbrace{\bar{\psi}(-\vec{r}/2, t) U(-\vec{r}/2, \vec{0}) H U(\vec{0}, \vec{r}/2) \psi(\vec{r}/2, t)}_{O_H(r,t)} |n\rangle$$



$H = 1 \quad (\Sigma_g^+) \quad \text{— Standard Cornell Potential}$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} H = B_z \quad (\Sigma_u^-) \\ H = B_+ = B_x + iB_y \quad (\Pi_u) \end{array} \right\} \text{ Hybrid Potential}$

$$C^H(r, t) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_n e^{-\beta E_n} \langle \phi_n^H(r, t) | \phi_n^H(r, 0) \rangle$$

- ▶ $M_q \rightarrow \infty$, $C^H(t; r) \propto \langle W^H(r, t) \rangle_T$
- ▶ Static potential:

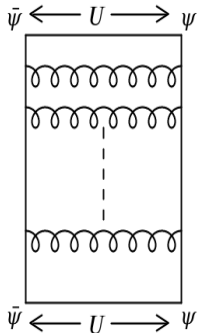
$$V^H(r) = i \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\partial \log W^H(r, t)}{\partial t}$$

- ▶ Non-perturbative formulation:

$$W_E^H(r, \tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \rho^H(\omega, T) \exp(-\omega \tau)$$

$$W^H(r, it) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \rho^H(\omega, T) \exp(-i\omega t)$$

A. Rothkopf et al., PRL. 108 (2012) 162001



Potential at zero temperature

- ▶ From first principle at large τ :
 $W_E^H(r, \tau) = \exp(-V_H \tau)$
- ▶ $i \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\partial \log W^M(r, t)}{\partial t}$ exists trivially,
- ▶ The potential can be extracted from the plateau of effective mass

$$a m_{eff}^H(r, \tau) = \log \left(\frac{W_E^H(r, \tau)}{W_E^H(r, \tau + a)} \right)$$

(standard technique).

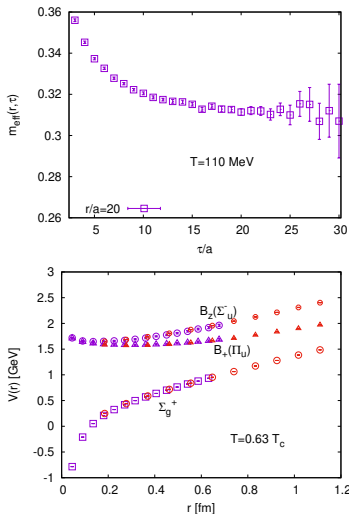
- ▶ In LO

$$V_{H=B_z/B_+}(r) = \frac{\alpha}{6r}$$

$$V_{H=1}(r) = -\frac{4\alpha}{3r}$$

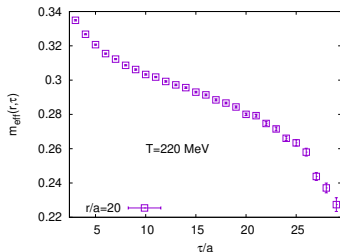
DB and S. Datta, PRD 103, 014512

S.Capitani et al, PRD 99, 034502



Effective Mass

- ▶ The limit $i \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\partial \log W^M(r, \tau \rightarrow it)}{\partial t}$ becomes non-trivial - no pure exponential decay.
- ▶ Needs further physics input.
- ▶ Let's look at the τ structure of HTL because of the existence of the limit.
M. Laine et al., JHEP 0703:054



$$\log W(r, \tau) = -V_{\text{re}}(r) \tau - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dq_0 \sigma(r, q_0) \left[e^{q_0 \tau} + e^{q_0(\beta - \tau)} \right]$$

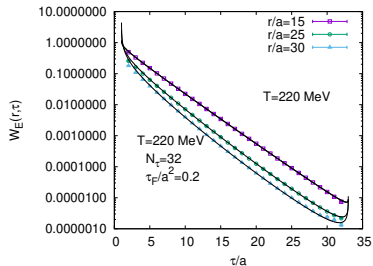
$$V_T^{\text{re}}(r) = -\frac{g^2}{4\pi} C_F \left[m_D + \frac{e^{-m_D r}}{r} \right] \Rightarrow \text{Color Screening}$$

$$V_T^{\text{im}}(r) = \frac{g^2}{4\pi} C_F T \int_0^{\infty} \frac{z dz}{(z^2 + 1)^2} \left[1 - \frac{\sin(z m_D r)}{z m_D r} \right] \Rightarrow \text{Landau Damping}$$

$$\log W(r, \tau) = -V_{\text{re}}(r)\tau - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du \sigma(r, u) \left[e^{u\tau} + e^{u(\beta-\tau)} \right] + \dots$$

► $i \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\partial \log W(r, t)}{\partial t}$ finite
 $\Rightarrow \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \sigma(r, u) \sim \frac{1}{u^2}$

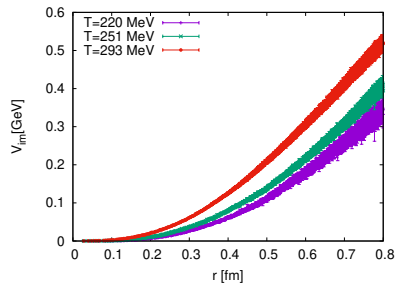
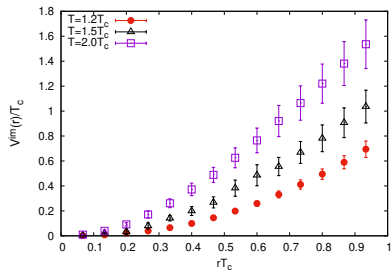
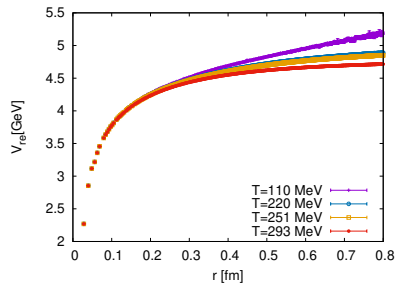
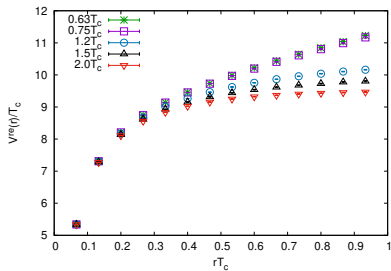
► $\sigma(r, u) =$
 $n_B(u) \left[\frac{V_{\text{im}}}{u} + c_1 u + c_3 u^3 + \dots \right]$



$$W(r, \tau) = A \exp \left[-V_{\text{re}}(r)\tau - \frac{\beta V_{\text{im}}(r)}{\pi} \log \left(\sin \left(\frac{\pi \tau}{\beta} \right) \right) + \dots \right]$$

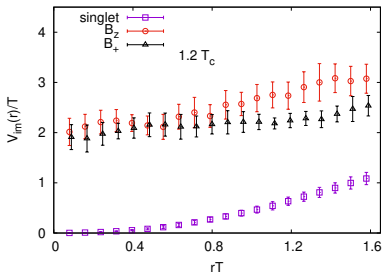
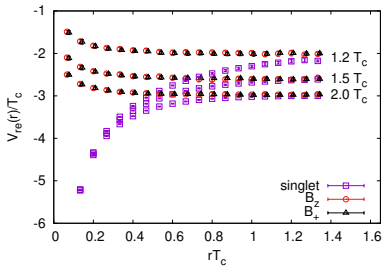
$\chi^2/\text{ndf} \sim 1$ for all distances

D. Bala and S. Datta, Phys. Rev. D 101, 034507



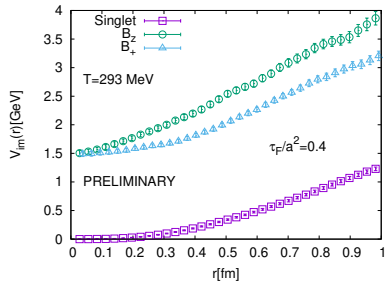
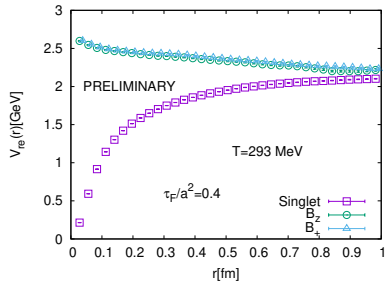
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arXiv:2505.11313 [hep-lat]



$N_f = 0$

DB and S. Datta, PRD 103, 014512



$N_f = 2 + 1$

DB, S. Datta, O. Kaczmarek (work in progress)

Quarkonia Spectral function

Quarkonia Spectral function PS channel

$$C_{>}^{PS}(t) = \int d^3\vec{x} \langle \bar{\psi}(t, \vec{x}) \gamma_5 \psi(t, \vec{x}) \bar{\psi}(0, \vec{0}) \gamma_5 U \psi(0, \vec{0}) \rangle_T$$

↓ point split

$$C_{>}^{PS}(t; \vec{r}, \vec{r}') = \int d^3\vec{x} \langle \bar{\psi}(t, \vec{x} + \frac{\vec{r}}{2}) \gamma_5 U \psi(t, \vec{x} - \frac{\vec{r}}{2}) \bar{\psi}(0, -\frac{\vec{r}'}{2}) \gamma_5 U \psi(0, -\frac{\vec{r}'}{2}) \rangle_T$$

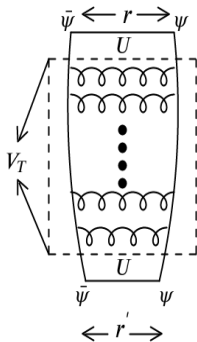
$M_Q \gg \Lambda_{QCD}, T$. Expansion in leading order inverse quark mass leads to, [M.Laine et al, JHEP 0703:054](#)

$$\left\{ i\partial_t - \left[2M + V_T(r) - \frac{\nabla_{\vec{r}}^2}{M} \right] \right\} C_{>}(t; \vec{r}, \vec{r}') = 0$$

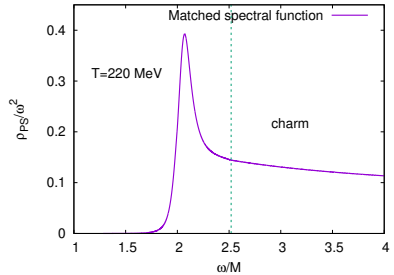
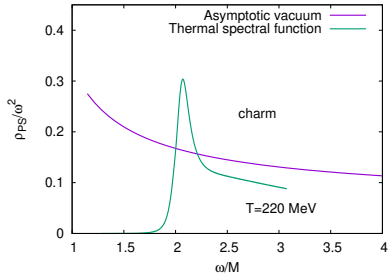
where V_T is defined in static limit. with

$$C_{>}(0; \vec{r}, \vec{r}') = \delta^3(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')$$

$$\rho_p(\omega) \propto \lim_{r \rightarrow 0, r' \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{i\omega t} C_{>}(t; \vec{r}, \vec{r}')$$



$$\rho_{PS}(\omega) = A_0 \rho_{PS}^T(\omega) \theta(\omega_0 - \omega) + \rho_{PS}^{T=0}(\omega) \theta(\omega - \omega_0)$$



► $A_0 \sim 1$ $\omega_0 \sim 2.7 M$

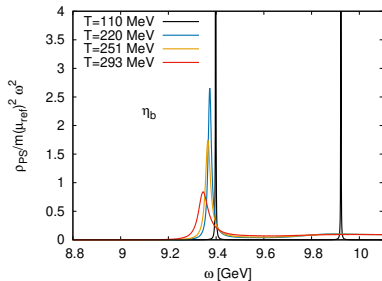
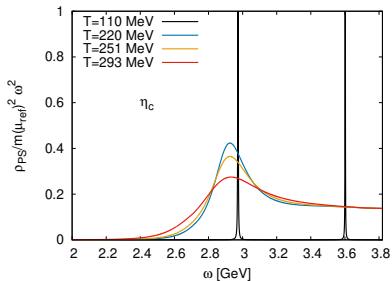
Similar spectral function using perturbative potential.

$N_f = 0$

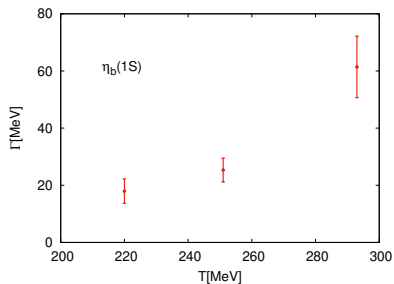
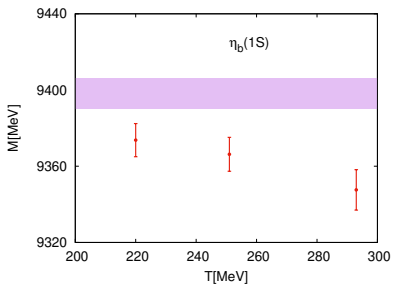
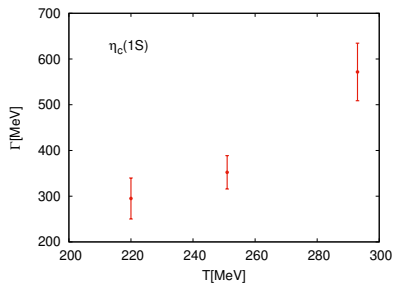
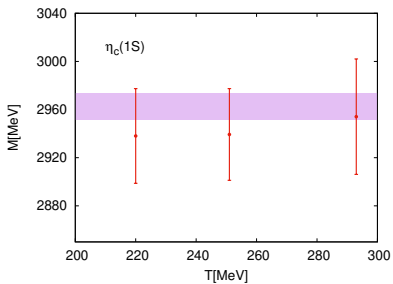
M. Laine et al, JHEP11 (2017) 206

$N_f = 3$

DB, O.Kaczmarek et al, hep-lat,arXiv:2505.11313



- ▶ (1S) state for bottom disappear much after T_c ($T_c = 180\text{MeV}$)
- ▶ Significant thermal effects on charmonium state.

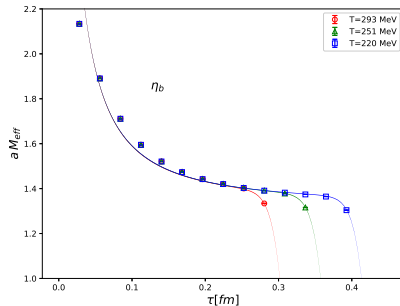
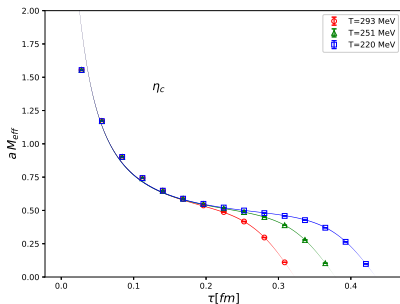


► $\Gamma_c(1S) \gg \Gamma_b(1S)$

Consistency check with Lattice

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

$$m_{\text{eff}}(\tau_i) = \log \left(\frac{G_{PS}^E(\tau_i)}{G_{PS}^E(\tau_{i+1})} \right)$$

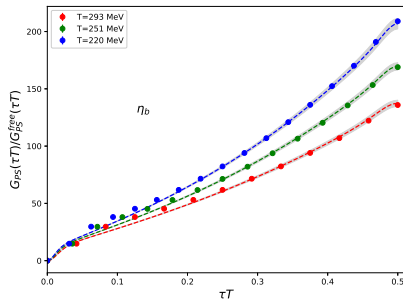
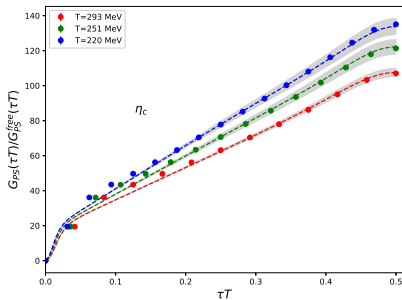


Consistent with lattice data.

Consistency check with Lattice

$$\rho_{PS}^{model}(\omega, A) = A \rho_{PS}(\omega)$$

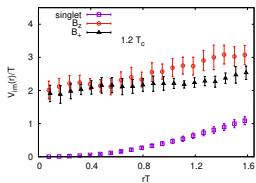
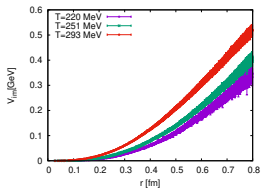
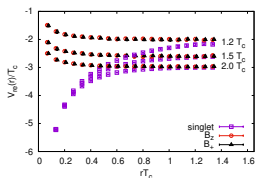
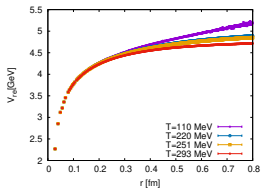
$$G_{PS}^E(\tau, A) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{\pi} \rho_{PS}^{model}(\omega, A) \frac{\cosh[\omega(\tau - \frac{1}{2T})]}{\sinh[\frac{\omega}{2T}]}$$



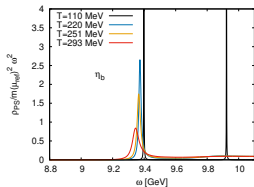
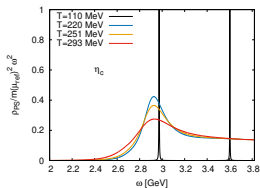
► These spectral functions indeed describe the lattice correlator .

Summary

Thermal Potential



Spectral Function



Color screening is supported by Lattice QCD

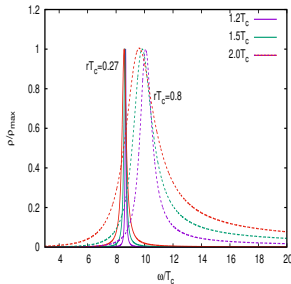
Hybrid quarkonia are unlikely to form

Large medium modification of charm states

HTL Inspired Spectral Function: $\omega \sim V_{re}$:

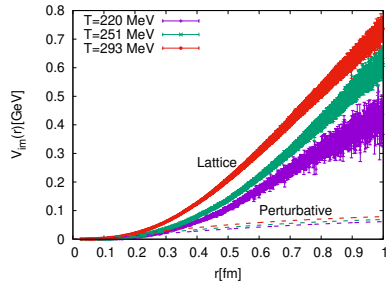
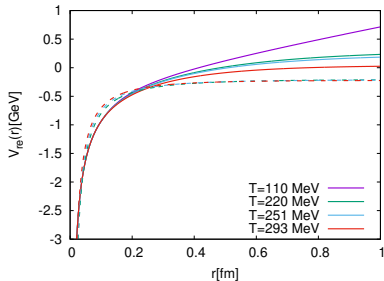
$$\rho_{\text{low}}(r; \omega \sim V_{re}) \approx \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{V_{\text{im}}}{(V_{re} - \omega)^2 + V_{\text{im}}^2}$$

$$\approx \exp(-(V_{re} - \omega)/T)$$



$$\approx \frac{1}{(\omega - V_{re})^\alpha}$$

DB and S. Datta, PRD 103, 014512 DB, O. Kaczmarek et al., PRD 105, 054513

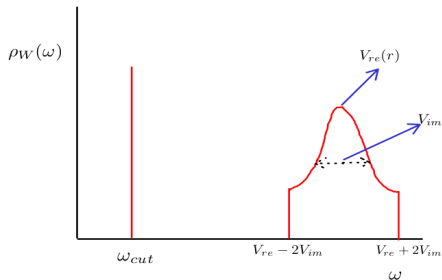


$$V_T^{re}(r) = -\frac{g^2}{4\pi} C_F \left[m_d + \frac{\exp(-m_d r)}{r} \right]$$

$$V_T^{im}(r) = \frac{g^2}{4\pi} C_F T \int_0^\infty \frac{z dz}{(z^2 + 1)^2} \left[1 - \frac{\sin(z m_d r)}{z m_d r} \right]$$

- Non-perturbative thermal potential is very much different from the perturbative potential.

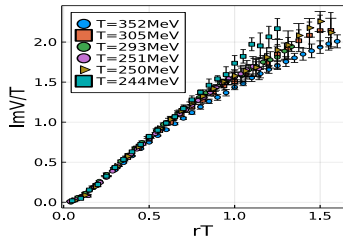
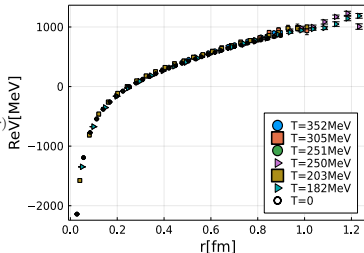
Cut-Lorentzian



- ▶ **Ad-hoc cut-off applied on the Lorentzian.**
- ▶ **Existence of low- ω delta function.**

$$V(r) = i \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\partial \log W^M(r, t)}{\partial t} = \omega_{cut}!$$

- ▶ **Unstable fit.**



R. Larsen et al., PRD. 109, 074504