

Heavy quarkonium at finite temperature (from lattice QCD)

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Bottomonium ... using ... quantum trajectories ...:

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Bottomonium melting from screening correlators at high temperature,

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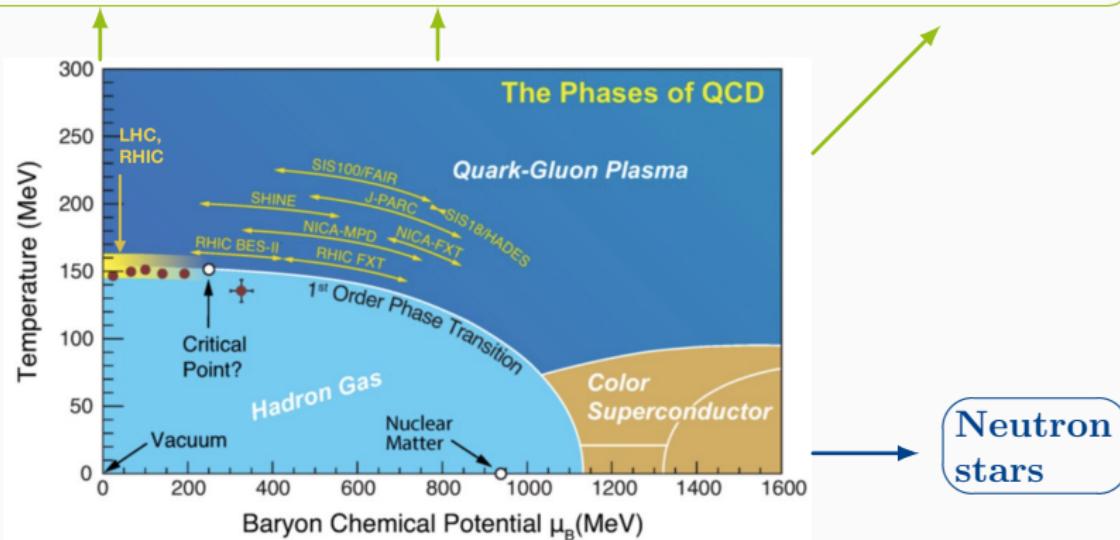
Static quark anti-quark interactions at non-zero temperature from lattice QCD, arXiv:2110.11659[hep-lat]

Outline

- ① **Appetizer:** link to heavy-ion phenomenology
 - Motivation
 - Historical perspective on “Heavy quarkonium at $T > 0$ ”
- ② **Main course:** modern perspective on “Heavy quarkonium at $T > 0$ ”
 - In-medium quarkonium at weak coupling
 - Lattice QCD
 - Relativistic bottomonium
 - Nonrelativistic $q\bar{q}$ pair on the lattice
 - In-medium static quarkonium
- ③ **Dessert:** bringing “Heavy quarkonium at $T > 0$ ” full circle

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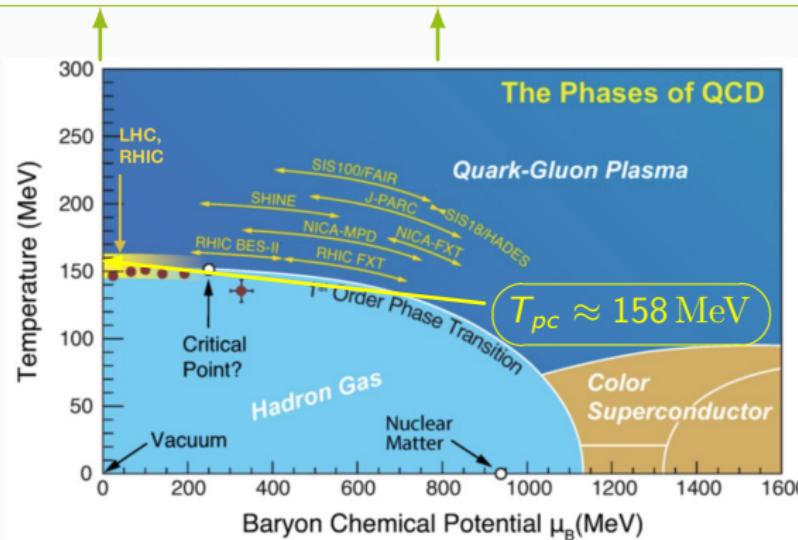
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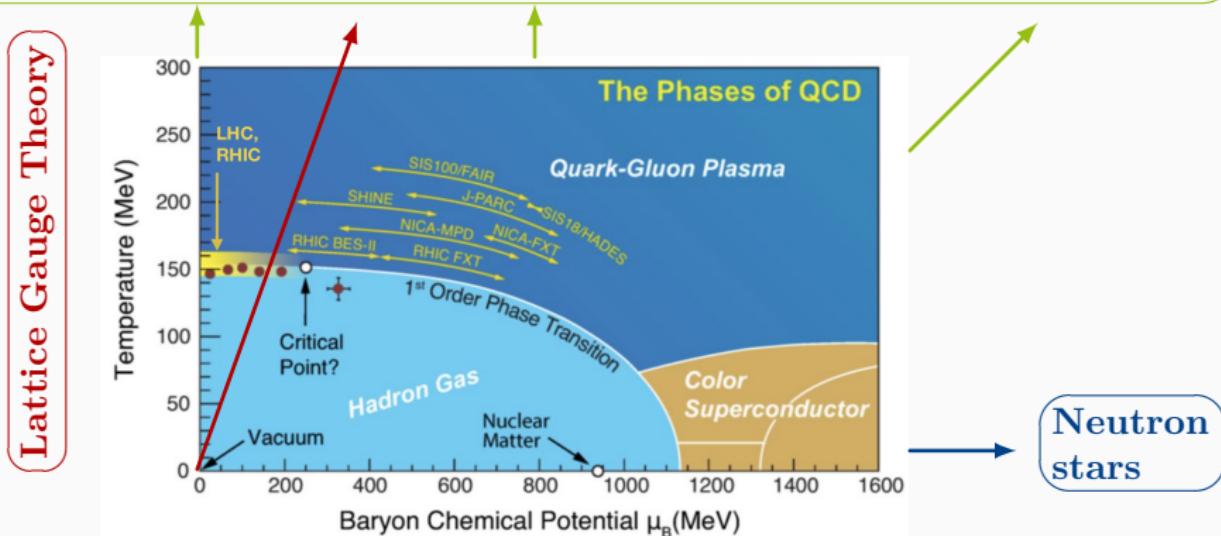
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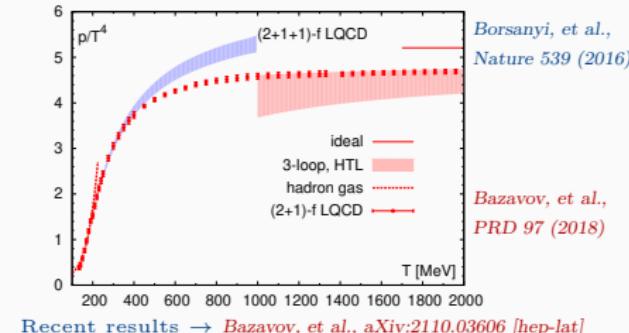
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- High temperature phase of nuclear matter: quark-gluon plasma (QGP)
 - Primordial state of nuclear matter before the hadronic freezeout
 - QGP can be produced in **heavy-ion collision (HIC) experiments**
 - How to define thermodynamic state variables for such dynamic media?

Interplay between lattice gauge theory and heavy-ion collisions

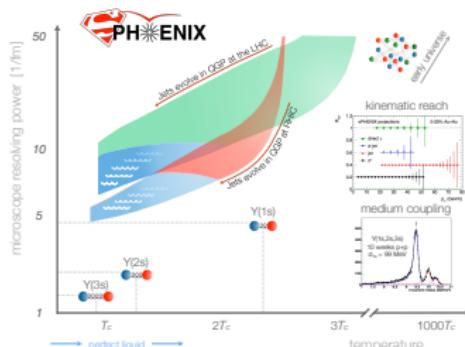
- Fruitful interplay of lattice gauge theory & **heavy-ion collisions**
 - Search for the critical point and scan of the QCD phase diagram
 - or **equation of state**, QNS, ...
 - But: many **heavy-ion collision experiments** shift their focus



Questions @ ALICE, CMS, sPhenix, ...

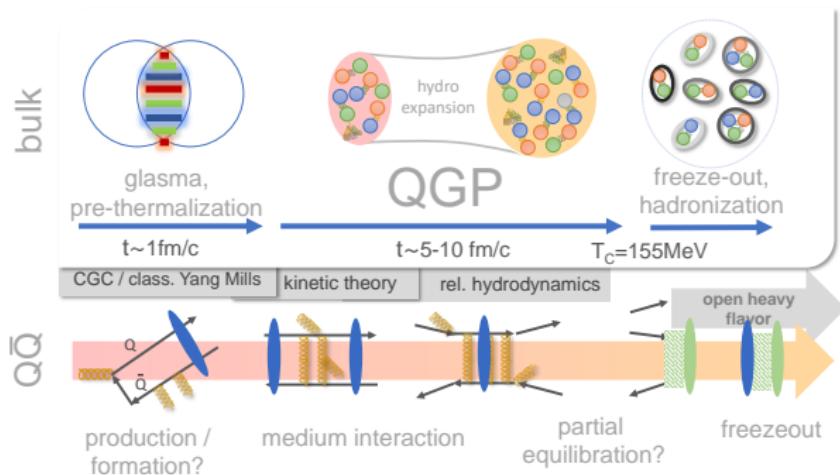
- How do **parton showers** develop and propagate in QGP?
 - How to reconcile asymptotic freedom and observed strongly-coupled QGP
 - Which **dynamical degrees of freedom** play a role in QGP?

Answers in terms of models or PQCD,...



source: [sPhenix proposal, arXiv:1501.06197 \[nucl-ex\]](#)

Why focus on hard probes in heavy-ion collisions?

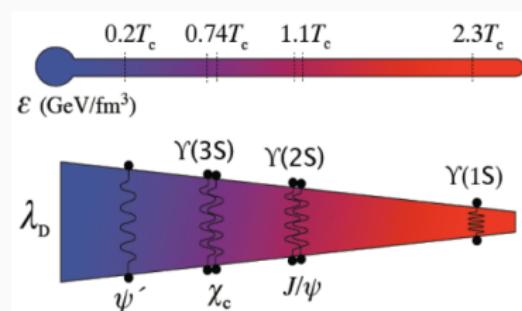


source: Rothkopf, Phys.Rept. 858 (2020) 1-117

- Hard probes are produced in a few **hard processes** in initial collision, neither created or destroyed afterwards, but can alter their nature
 - Most important probes: jets, open heavy flavor & **heavy quarkonium**
 - **What happens to quarkonium if we increase the temperature?**

Heavy quarkonium in the hot medium as a local thermometer

- Idea to look at **quarkonium** in the QGP is old and famous
Matsui, Satz, PLB 178 (1986)
- Debye screening** of electric gluons (A_0) dictates a limit of the radius of hadronic bound states
- Consequence: QGP formation \Leftrightarrow quarkonium suppression



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

- Color screening** usually studied via Polyakov loop correlator

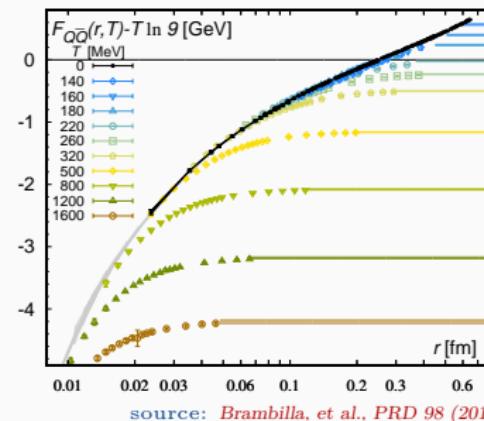
$$C_P(r, T) = \langle P(0)P^\dagger(r) \rangle_T^{\text{ren}} = e^{-F_{QQ}(r, T)/T}$$
- $rT \ll 1$: **singlet/octet** decomposition

$$C_P(r, T) = \frac{1}{9}e^{-F_S(r, T)/T} + \frac{8}{9}e^{-F_O(r, T)/T}$$
- $rm_D \gtrsim 1$: screening regime; decompose

$$C_P(r, T) = \langle \text{Re } P(0)\text{Re } P^\dagger(r) \rangle_T^{\text{ren}}$$

$$+ \langle \text{Im } P(0)\text{Im } P^\dagger(r) \rangle_T^{\text{ren}}$$

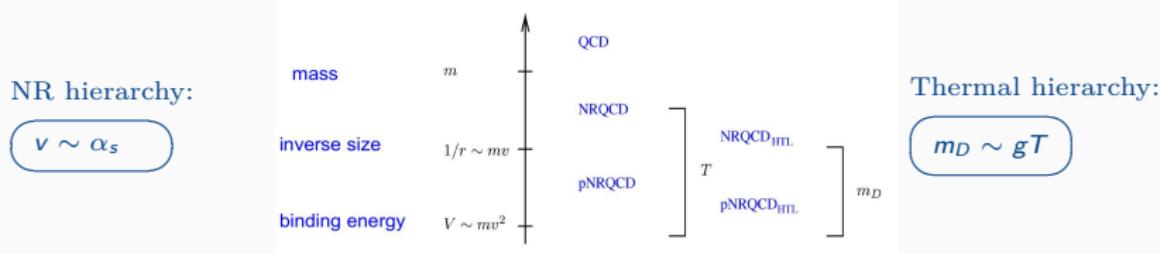
into **C even** or **odd** contributions
- QCD**: $F_{Q\bar{Q}, S, O}(r, T)$ **screened** @ $T = 0$



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

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



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

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

Laine, et al., JHEP 03 (2007)

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- 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?

In-medium quarkonium as an open quantum system

- Treat in-medium quarkonium in **OQS+pNRQCD** approach

Brambilla, et al., PRD 96 (2017) + PRD 97 (2018)

- Density matrix $\rho \equiv \rho_{\text{QGP}} \otimes \rho_{q\bar{q}}$: trace out environment \Rightarrow OQS
 - Tower of EFTs: QCD $\xrightarrow{\alpha_s M} M$ NRQCD $\xrightarrow{\alpha_s/r} \ll^{1/r}$ pNRQCD

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{PNRQCD}} = & \int d^3 r \text{ tr} \left\{ S^\dagger \left[i\partial_0 - \left(\frac{D^2}{2M} + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{V_s^{(j)}(r)}{M^{j-1}} \right) \right] S + O^\dagger \left[iD_0 + \frac{D^2}{2M} + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{V_o^{(j)}(r)}{M^{j-1}} \right] O \right\} \\ & + V_A(r) \text{ tr} \left\{ O^\dagger \gamma_5 E S + S^\dagger \gamma_5 E O \right\} + V_B(r) \text{ tr} \left\{ O^\dagger \gamma_5 E O + O^\dagger \gamma_5 O E \right\} \\ & + \mathcal{O}\left(r^2, \frac{1}{M^2}\right) + \mathcal{L}_{light} \end{aligned}$$

- Coupled master equations for the two-component density matrix

$$\dot{\rho}_s(t;t) = -i[h_s, \rho_s(t;t)] - \Sigma_s(t)\rho_s(t;t) + \rho_s(t;t)\Sigma_s^\dagger(t) + \Xi_{so}(\rho_o(t;t), t)$$

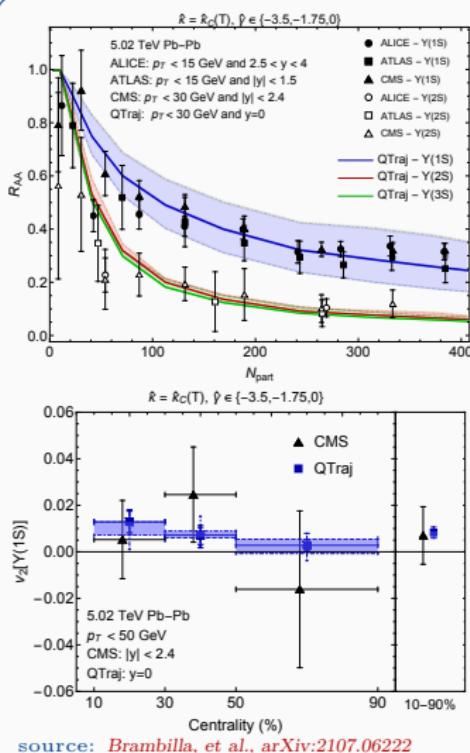
$$\dot{\rho}_o(t;t) = -i[h_o, \rho_o(t;t)] - \Sigma_o(t)\rho_o(t;t) + \rho_o(t;t)\Sigma_o^\dagger(t) + \Xi_{os}(\rho_s(t;t), t) + \Xi_{oo}(\rho_o(t;t), t)$$

thermal self-energies Σ , dipole transitions by QGP via $\Xi..(\rho)$)

- The dilute limit (bottomonium) – $\Xi_+(\rho)$ is linear in ρ .
 - If Markovian + quantum Brownian motion \Rightarrow Lindblad equation

Lindblad; GMP 48 (1976); V. Gerini et al.; JMP 17 (1976)

Modern understanding of quarkonium melting from lattice+EFT



$$\text{If } M \gtrsim 1/a_0 \gg \pi T \sim m_D \gg E$$

⇒ master equation has a Lindblad form, is discretized and solved stochastically^a → QTraj

- Temperature dependence from hydrodynamics evolution using lattice QCD **equation of state**
 - For strongly-coupled plasma: T dependence via **heavy-quark transport coefficients** κ, γ
 - Lattice transport coefficients & EoS in OQS+pNRQCD approach: **quarkonium suppression**

^a Brambilla, et al., JHEP 05 (2021) + arXiv:2107.06222 [hep-ph]; Ba Omar, et al., arXiv:2107.06147 [physics.comp-ph]

QCD on a lattice

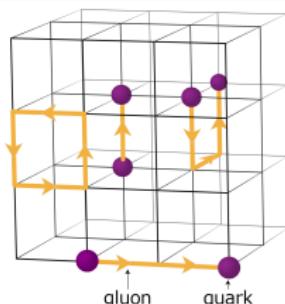
$$S_{QCD}[U, \bar{\psi}, \psi] = a^4 \sum_x \sum_{f=1}^{N_f} \bar{\psi}^f(x) \left(\not{D}[U(x)] + m_f \right) \psi^f(x)$$

$$- a^4 \sum_x \sum_{\mu < \nu} \frac{2}{g_0^2} \text{Re tr} \left\{ 1 - U_{\mu,\nu}(x) + \mathcal{O}(a^2) \right\}$$

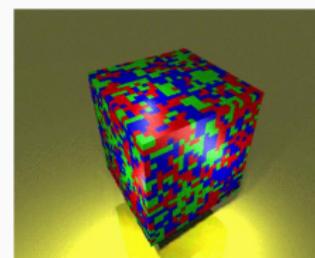
$$D_\mu[U_\mu(x)]\psi^f(x) = \frac{U_\mu(x)\psi^f(x + a\hat{\mu}) - U_\mu^\dagger(x - a\hat{\mu})\psi^f(x - a\hat{\mu})}{2a} + \mathcal{O}(a^2)$$

$U_\mu(x) = \exp[i a g_0 A_\mu(x)]$ gauge link

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



HPC
⇒



Lattice QCD simulations in a box on a computer

Stochastically sample the (Euclidean) QCD path integral

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

using MCMC algorithm with importance sampling

QCD on a lattice with spacing a in a box of $N_\sigma^3 \times N_\tau$ points

- scale setting: lattice spacing a is determined a posteriori
control the approach to the continuum limit $a \rightarrow 0$
- time (Euclidean): periodic for gluons, antiperiodic for quarks
- space: periodic for gluons and quarks
always at finite temperature and in finite volume
 $aN_\tau = 1/T$ (volumes only must be large enough)
- quark masses: light quarks at the physical point are expensive
control the quark mass dependence through χ PT
- quark flavors: usually $N_f = 2 + 1$ or $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$, or $N_f = 0$

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_0 in temporal or spatial directions

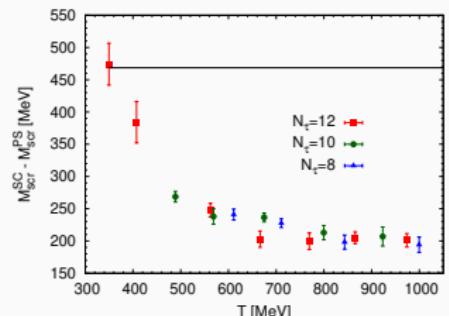
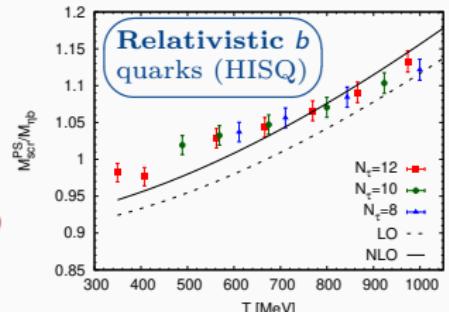
- **Spatial $q\bar{q}$ pair correlators** are a model-independent analysis tool

Bazavov, et al., PRD 91 (2015)

$$\begin{aligned} G(z, T) &= \int_0^{1/T} d\tau \int d^2x_\perp \langle J(\tau, x_\perp, z) J^\dagger(0) \rangle \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{2d\omega}{\omega} \int_{-\infty}^\infty dp_z e^{ip_z z} \rho(\omega, p_z, T) \end{aligned}$$

with spectral function $\rho(\omega, p_z, T)$

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



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

- Lowest pseudoscalar & vector are hardly modified at $T \lesssim 450$ MeV
- Lowest scalar & axialvector are hardly modified at $T \lesssim 350$ MeV
- How can we understand the **melting mechanism** at work?

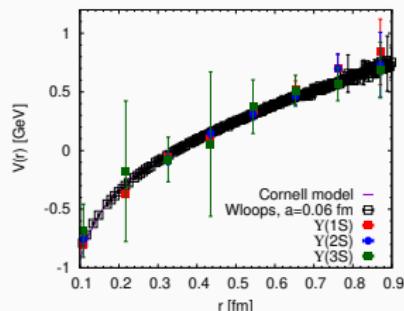
Nonrelativistic bottomonium with extended sources (HotQCD)

- NRQCD correlator study on $T = 0$ or $N_\tau = 12$ lattices: **extended sources**
Larsen, et al., ...
- Lattice NRQCD: no continuum limit
 ⇒ upper limit on T for fixed N_τ
 - Point source vs Gaussian smearing, new scheme for removing UV part: **thermal width**, small mass shift
PRD 100 (2019)
 - Cornell pot. eigenstates → GEVP
 ⇒ obtain lattice **BS amplitudes**
 - BS amp. allow recovering potential
$$\left(\frac{-\Delta}{m_b} + V(r) \right) \phi_\alpha = E_\alpha \phi_\alpha$$

PLB 800 (2020) + PRD 102 (2020)

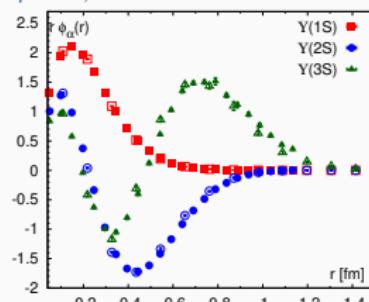
 - Small τ : BS amplitudes at $T = 0$ and $T > 0$ almost indistinguishable
 - Large τ : BS amplitudes at $T > 0$ visibly modified ⇔ thermal width

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



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

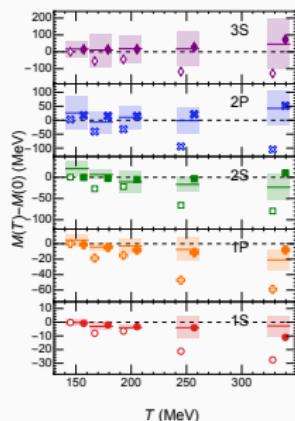
$N_\tau = 12, T = 334 \text{ MeV}$ vs $T = 151 \text{ MeV}$



Machine learning the potential from NRQCD amplitudes

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

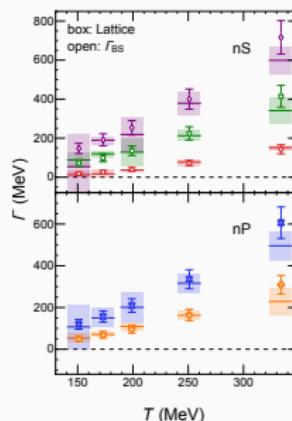
Shi, et al., arXiv:2105.07862



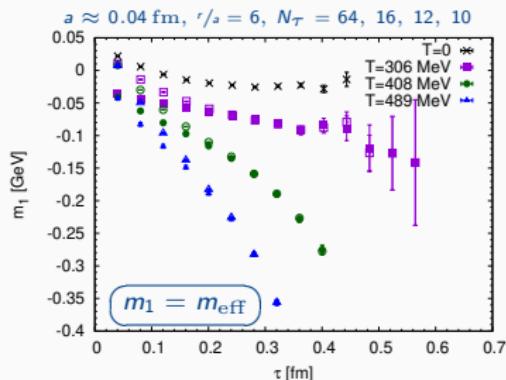
BS amp. fed into DNN
⇒ reconstruct potential

Unscreened real part of
potential, but its imag-
inary part implies a
large thermal width

Clearly smaller thermal
mass shift and larger
width than in **Hard
Thermal Loop (HTL)**
perturbation theory



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

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

- Stable (ground) state Ω_r exists if

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

^aWe use Wilson line correlators in Coulomb gauge.

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

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

- Motivates generic decomposition

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

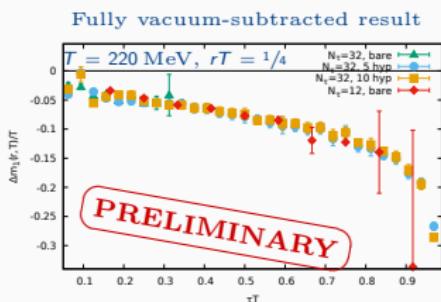
- UV continuum $\rho_{[r, T]}^{\text{UV}}(\omega)$ is far above lowest feature $\Omega + \text{effects of } \mathcal{O}(T)$

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

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

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

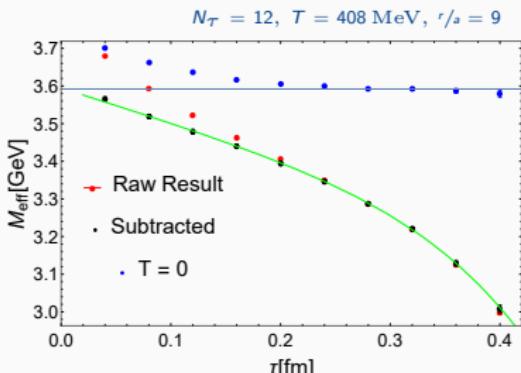


Feasibility study with $N_\tau = 32$: $m_n^{[r,T]}, n > 2$?

- 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

see: Hoying, et al., arXiv:2110.00565 [hep-lat]

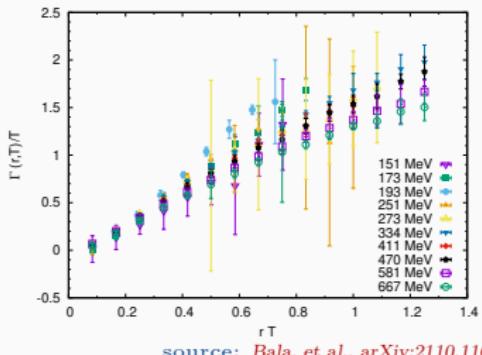
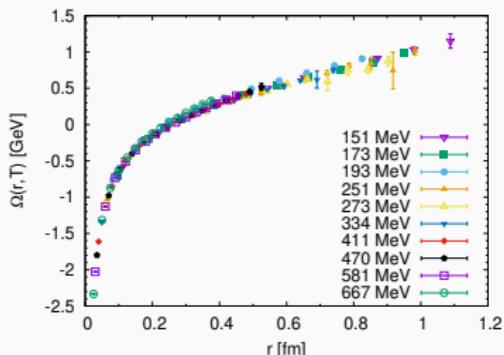
Lowest spectral feature from fits using Gaussian approximation



- 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 $\rho_r^{\text{tail}}(\omega)$

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

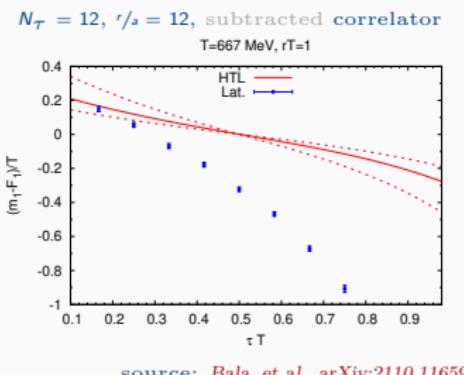
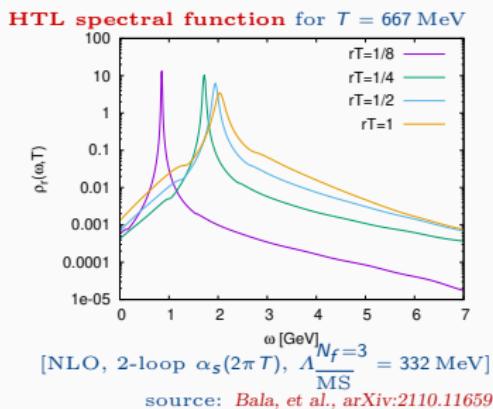
$N_\tau = 12, \Omega(r, T) \equiv \Omega_{[r, T]}, \Gamma(r, T) \equiv \sqrt{2 \ln 2} \Gamma_{[r, T]}^G, \text{ subtracted correlators}$



source: Bala, et al., arXiv:2110.11659

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

Comparison: lattice QCD vs HTL



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

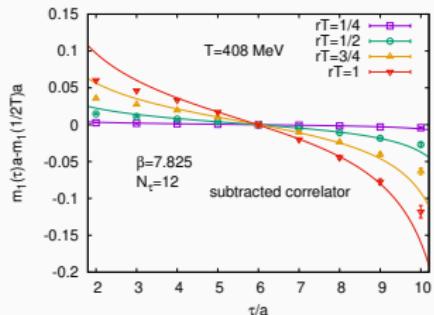
$$\log W_{[r, T]}(\tau) = -\operatorname{Re} V_s(r, T) \times \tau + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \left\{ e^{-\omega\tau} + e^{-\omega(1/\tau-\tau)} \right\} \times \{1 + n_B(\omega)\} \sigma_{[r, T]}(\omega)$$

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

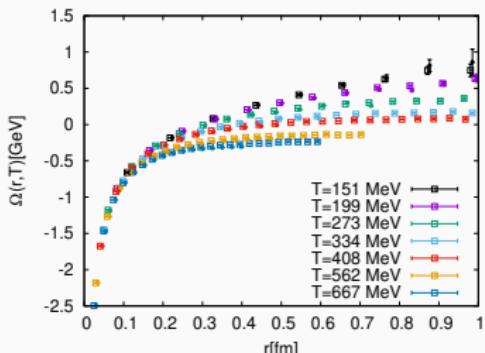
- **HTL** should work at $r \sim 1/m_D$
- Subtleties due to renormalons and regulators: consider $(m_1 - F_S)/T$
Reminder: $\operatorname{Re} [V_s] = F_S + \mathcal{O}(g^4)$ in **HTL**
- No large UV component in **HTL**, compare UV-subtracted result
- **m₁** at midpoint lower than **HTL**, and **m₂** is much more negative

Lowest spectral feature from fits using HTL-motivated Ansatz

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



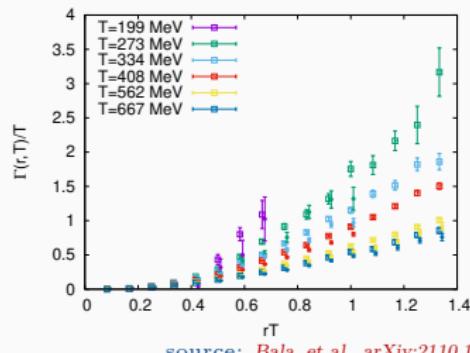
$N_\tau = 12, \Omega(r, T) \equiv \Omega_{[r, T]}^{BD}, \Gamma^{BD}(r, T) \equiv \Gamma_{[r, T]}^{BD}$, (un-)subtracted correlators



- Fit via HTL-motivated Ansatz
Bala, Datta, PRD 101 (2020)

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

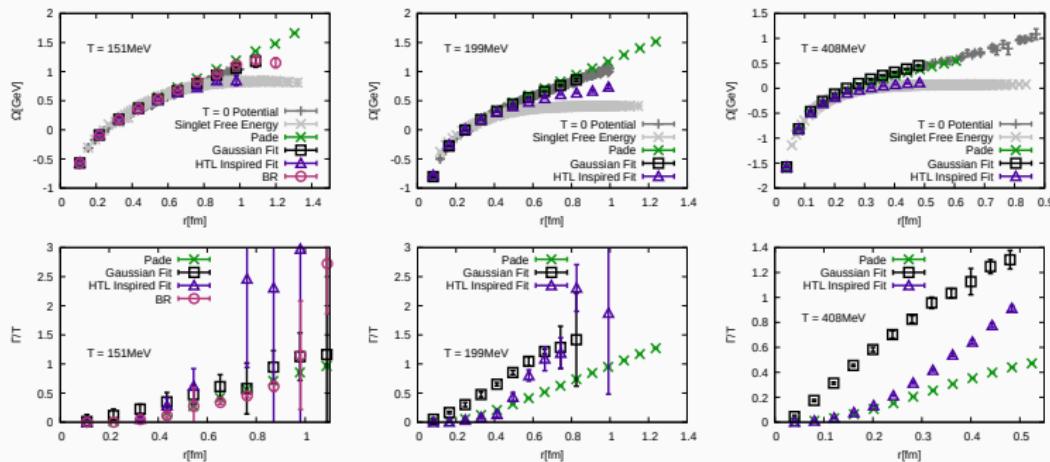
- Note: similar result via Gaussian around midpoint $\tau = 1/2T$



source: *Bala, et al., arXiv:2110.11659*

- Significant τ 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



source: Bala, et al., arXiv:2110.11659

- Applied two further, independent methods (Padé rational approximation, Bayesian reconstruction) not discussed in detail
- $T \approx 150\text{ MeV}$ conclusive: $\Omega_{[r,T]} \approx F_S(r, T) \approx V_s(r)$ for $r \lesssim 0.8\text{ fm}$
- $T \lesssim 250\text{ MeV}$: all three methods yield $\Omega_{[r,T]} \gg F_S(r, T)$
- $T \approx 400\text{ MeV}$ 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

Heavy quarkonium at finite temperature

Modern picture: quarkonium suppression is **NOT** due to screening.

- **OQS+pNRQCD** (\rightarrow QTraj): first-principles, non-Abelian evolution
- Use of gradient flow for **heavy-quark transport coefficients**
- Spatial correlation functions of **relativistic bottomonium**
 - Model-independent study of quarkonium melting in LQCD
 - η_b or $\Upsilon(1S)$ largely unmodified at $T \approx 400$ MeV; χ_{b0} or h_b already gone
- **Nonrelativistic bottomonium**
 - Extended sources or BS wave functions boost resolving power of LQCD
 - Spectral features are fully **consistent with static $q\bar{q}$ pair**
- **Static quarkonium ($q\bar{q}$ pair)**
 - Lowest spectral feature $\{\Omega; \mathcal{O}(T)\} + \text{tail} + \text{UV continuum}$
 - Model-independent cumulant analysis \rightarrow clear evidence for a large **thermal width being the main cause of quarkonium melting**
 - Consistent with minimal (Gaussian fit) or major (HTL-motivated fit) medium modification of real part \rightarrow insufficient resolution with $N_\tau \leq 16$

The lattice + EFT is in good shape to deliver more accurate and more realistic results needed for HIC phenomenology in the coming years.

Thank you for your attention!