

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

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- Photons and dileptons produced from QGP are important probes to study Quark-Gluon-Plasma.
- Photons and dileptons will directly come out of the plasma without further interaction with the plasma.
- The photon production rate (Γ_γ) and di-lepton production rate (Γ_{l+l^-}) from a thermalized QGP can be calculated in terms of the spectral function [L.D. McLerran and T. Toimela, Phys. Rev. D 31 \(1985\) 545](#).

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

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

- Need to estimate $\rho_{\mu\nu}$ from lattice.
- We need correlation function of the current operator $J_\mu(\vec{x}, \tau) = \bar{\psi}(\vec{x}, \tau)\gamma_\mu\psi(\vec{x}, \tau)$ on the lattice.

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

- 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 ρ .

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

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

T/L=Transverse/Longitudinal component of the spectral function.

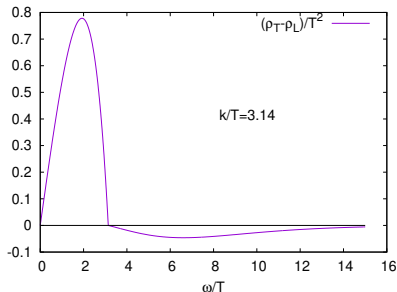
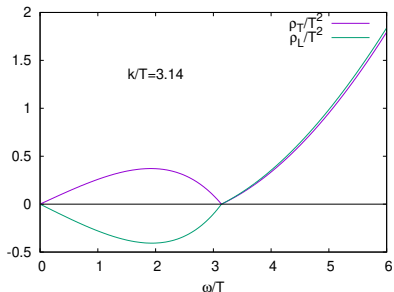
$$\rho_V(\omega, \vec{k}) = \rho_\mu^\mu(\omega, \vec{k}) = 2\rho_T(\omega, \vec{k}) + \rho_L(\omega, \vec{k})$$

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

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

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

- Free result for ρ_T and ρ_L , G. Aarts and J.M. Resco, Nucl. Phys. B 726 (2005) 93

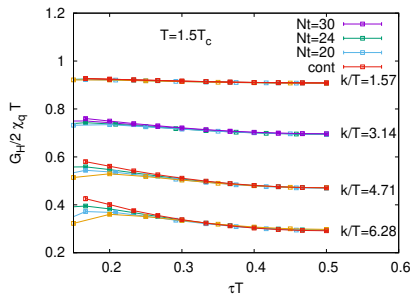
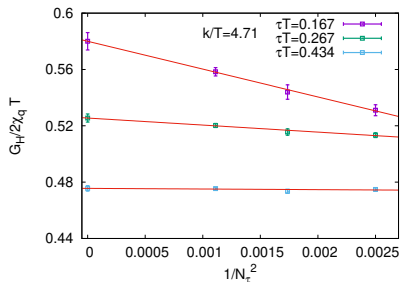


- $\rho_V = 2\rho_T + \rho_L$ has large UV part. G_V^E has large UV contribution.
- $\rho_H = 2(\rho_T - \rho_L)$ has small UV part. G_H^E has less UV contribution.
- Sum rule $\int_0^\infty d\omega \omega \rho_H(\omega) = 0$ and from OPE at large ω , $\rho_H(\omega) \sim \frac{1}{\omega^4}$
M. Ce, T. Harris, H. B. Meyer, A. Steinberg, and A. Toniato, Phys. Rev. D 102, 091501(R)

- We calculated the $T - L$ correlator in pure gluonic theory at $T = 470\text{MeV}$ and in $N_f = 2 + 1$ flavor QCD 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 functions.
- The quark masses $\ll T$.

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

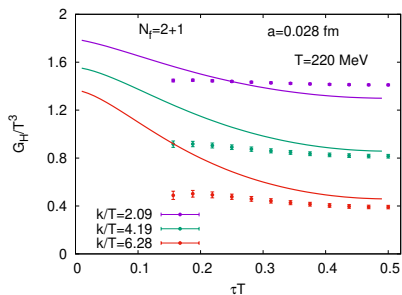
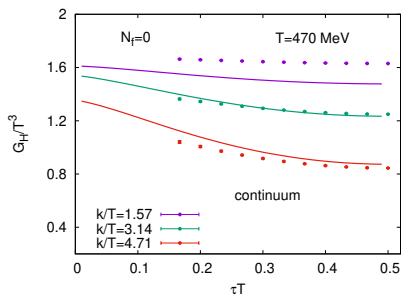
$$\frac{G_H}{2\chi_q T}(a) = \frac{G_H}{2\chi_q T}(a=0) + \frac{b}{N_\tau^2}$$



- Smaller cut-off dependence for G_H .
- The infrared part is the dominant contribution to G_H .
- For full QCD, we have results from finite lattice spacing.

- The perturbative estimate is at NLO.
Leading order LPM resummation has been incorporated at the light cone.

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



- Non-perturbative effects are important.

- The polynomial fit ansatz for spectral function,

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

- For $\omega \leq \omega_0$

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

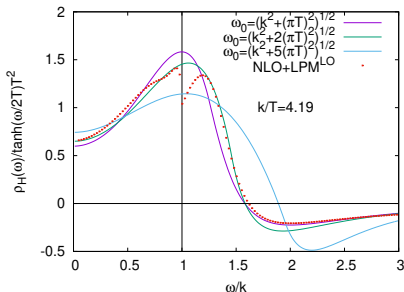
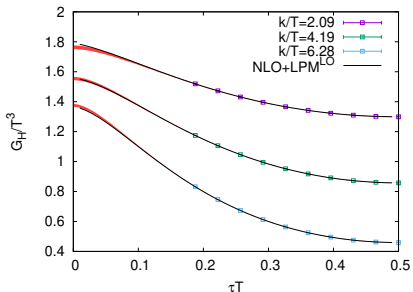
J. Ghiglieri, O. Kaczmarek, M. Laine, and F. Meyer, Phys. Rev. D 94, 016005. and

$\omega \geq \omega_0$

$$\rho_H(\omega) = \frac{a}{\omega^4} + \frac{b}{\omega^6} + \frac{c}{\omega^8}$$

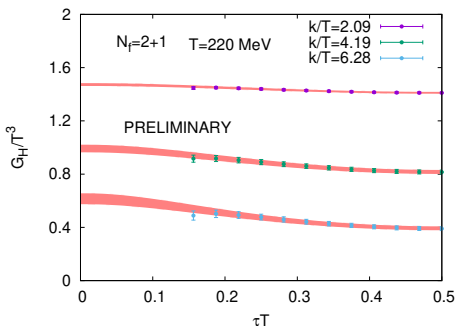
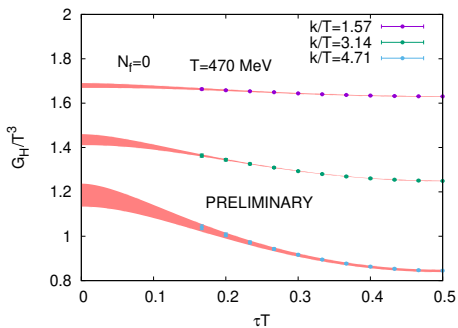
- $\beta = \rho_H(\omega_0)$ and $\gamma = \rho'_H(\omega_0)$
- a, b, c are determined from the smoothness condition at $\omega = \omega_0$ along with the sum rule $\int_0^\infty d\omega \omega \rho_H(\omega) = 0$.
- Constrained fit with $\delta_0 \geq 0, \rho_H(k, \vec{k}) \geq 0$ and $\frac{\partial G_H}{\partial \tau} \leq 0$

- Ten perturbative data points between 0.1875 to 0.5 in τT .
- An artificial error was introduced to the order $\delta G/G = 0.001$ and tried to reconstruct the spectral function.

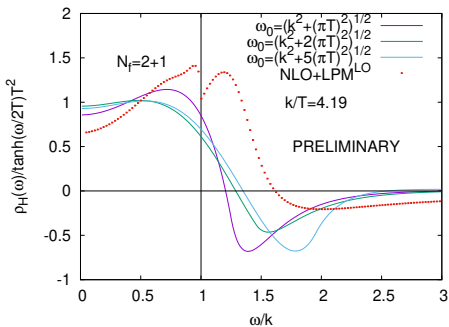
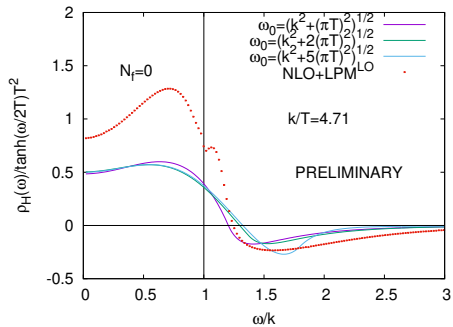


- The exact spectral function can be captured within a systematic uncertainty between $\omega_0 = \sqrt{k^2 + \pi^2 T^2}$ and $\omega_0 = \sqrt{k^2 + 5\pi^2 T^2}$

- The fit of lattice data.



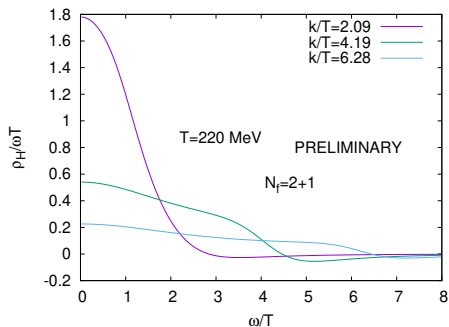
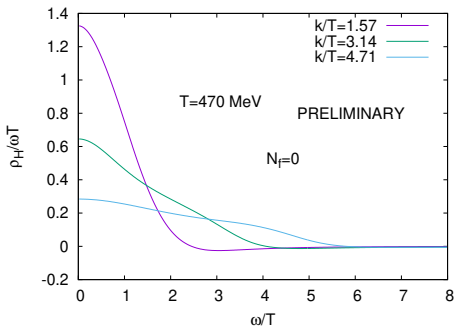
- Non-perturbative spectral function is very different from the perturbative spectral function.



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

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- The sum rule relate B with a , ω_0 and b .
- The fit has been performed on A, a, ω_0 , and b .
- Consistent with OPE prediction $\frac{1}{\omega^4}$.



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

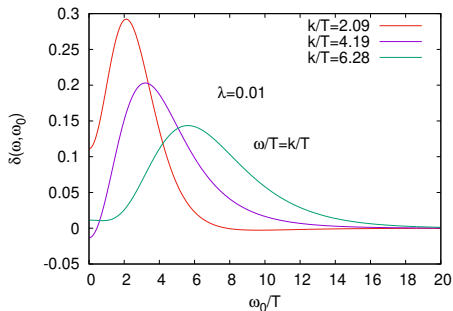
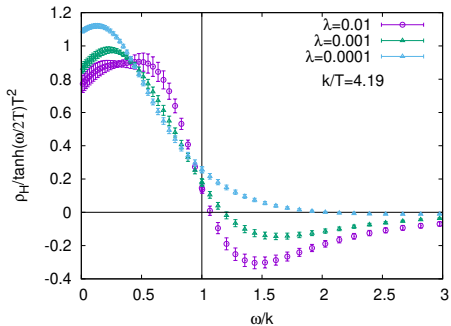
$$\delta(\omega, \bar{\omega}) = \sum_i q_i(\omega) K(\bar{\omega}, \tau_i) f(\bar{\omega}).$$

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

$$f(\omega) = \frac{\tanh(\omega/T)}{(1 + (\omega/\omega_0)^2 + (\omega/\omega_0)^4)}$$

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

- $N_f = 2 + 1$



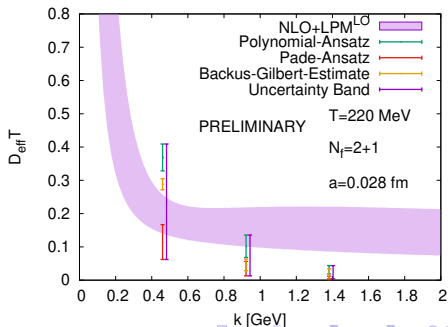
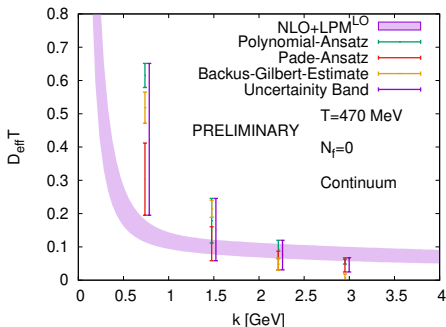
- The resolution function peaked around $\omega_0 \sim k$

- Photon production rate,

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

- The effective diffusion coefficient,

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



- We calculated the T-L correlator in Full QCD.
- Polynomial spectral function with smoothly connected OPE expected expansion at large ω fit the lattice correlator.
- We have used the PADE ansatz of the spectral function.
- The Backus-Gilbert method has also been used.
- Photon production rate estimated from all these methods has been compared.