

Charmonium spectral functions in full QCD

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Outline

Background

- Quenched vs dynamical
- Spectral functions

Results

- Temperature dependence
- Reconstructed correlators
- MEM systematics

Nonzero momentum

Summary and outlook

Background

- ▶ J/ψ suppression — a probe of the quark–gluon plasma?
- ▶ Quenched lattice results indicate that S-waves survive well into the plasma phase
- ▶ Sequential charmonium suppression + recombination explains experimental results?
- ▶ Uncertainty about which potential to use in potential models, how to treat continuum
- ▶ How reliable are quenched lattice simulations?

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- ▶ **Only dynamical lattice calculations can give the answer**

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- ▶ Introduces 2 additional parameters
- ▶ Non-trivial tuning problem [PRD **74** 014505 (2006)]

Spectral functions

- ▶ $\rho_{\Gamma}(\omega, \vec{p})$ related to euclidean correlator $G_{\Gamma}(\tau, \vec{p})$ according to

$$G_{\Gamma}(\tau, \vec{p}) = \int \rho_{\Gamma}(\omega, \vec{p}) \frac{\cosh[\omega(\tau - 1/2T)]}{\sinh(\omega/2T)} d\omega$$

- ▶ an ill-posed problem
- ▶ use Maximum Entropy Method to determine most likely $\rho(\omega)$
- ▶ requires a large number of time slices to have any chance of a reliable determination
- ▶ must introduce model function $m_0(\omega)$

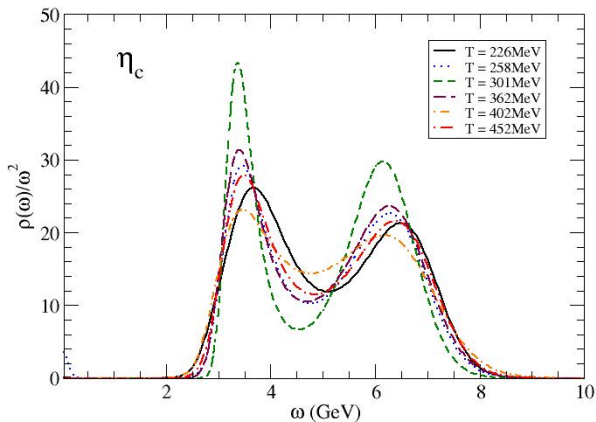
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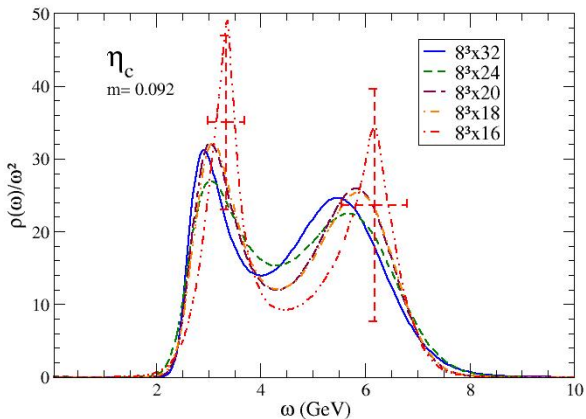
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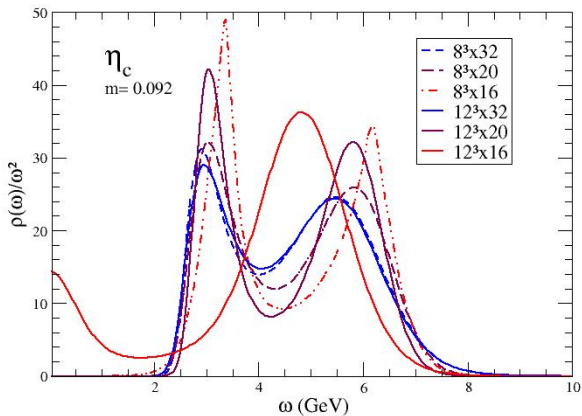
Light quarks	m_π/m_ρ	0.54	
Anisotropy	ξ	6	
Lattice spacing	a_τ	0.025fm	
	a_s	0.17 fm	
Lattice volume	N_s^3	8^3	$\rightarrow 12^3$
Critical Temp	T_c	$1/33.5a_\tau$	$\sim 210\text{MeV}$

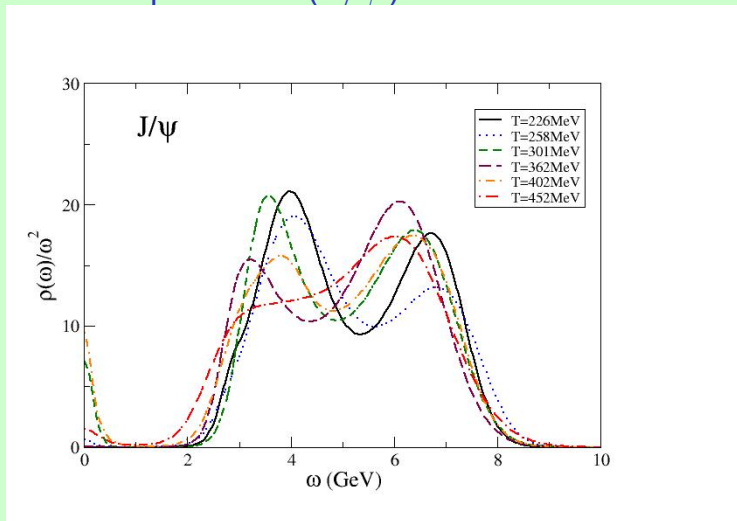
Temperature parameters:

N_t	T (MeV)	T/T_c
16	441	2.1
18	392	1.9
20	353	1.7
24	294	1.4
28	252	1.2
32	221	1.05
80	88	0.4

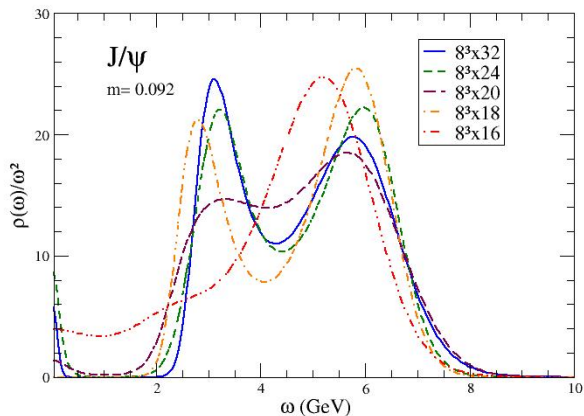
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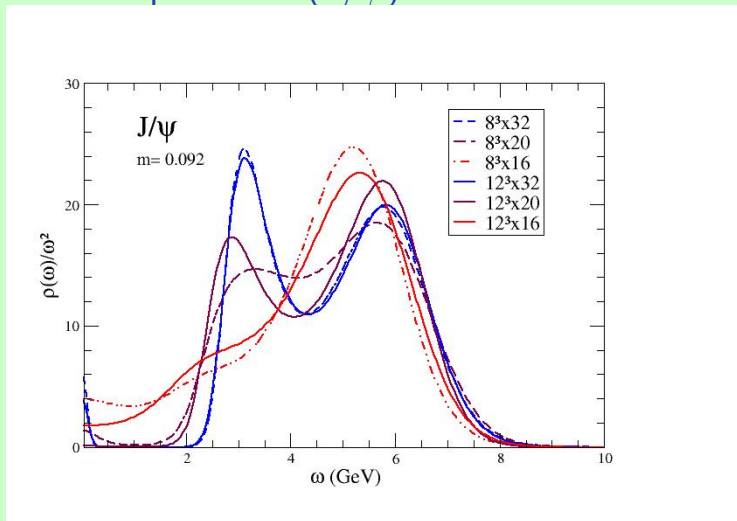
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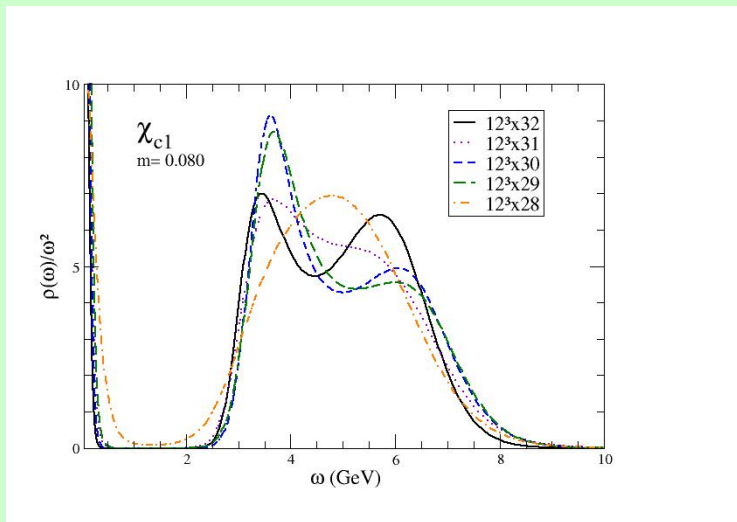
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Reconstructed correlators

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$$G_r(\tau; T, T_r) = \int_0^\infty \rho(\omega; T_r) K(\tau, \omega, T) d\omega$$

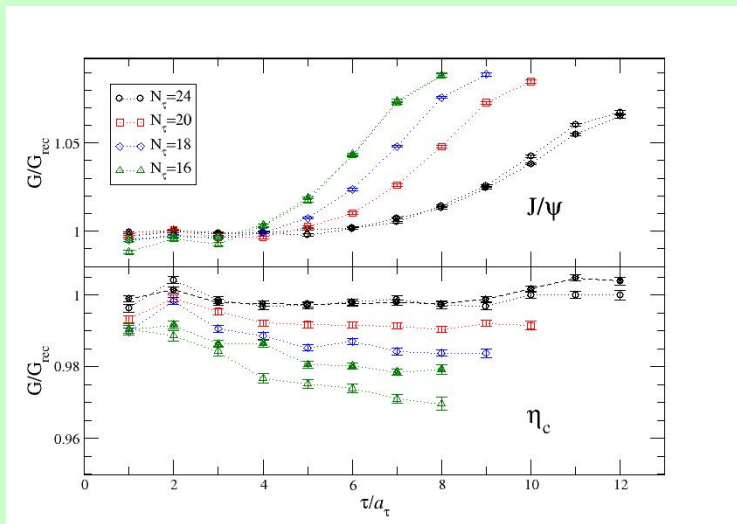
where K is the kernel

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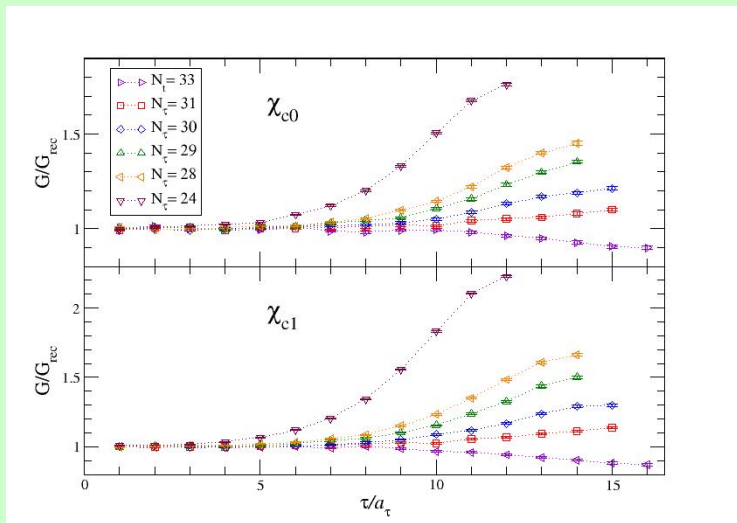
If $\rho(\omega; T) = \rho(\omega; T_r)$ then $G_r(\tau; T, T_r) = G(\tau; T)$

We use $N_\tau = 32$ as our reference temperature

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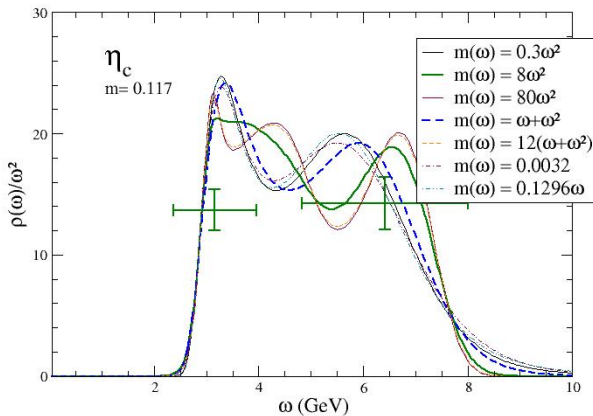
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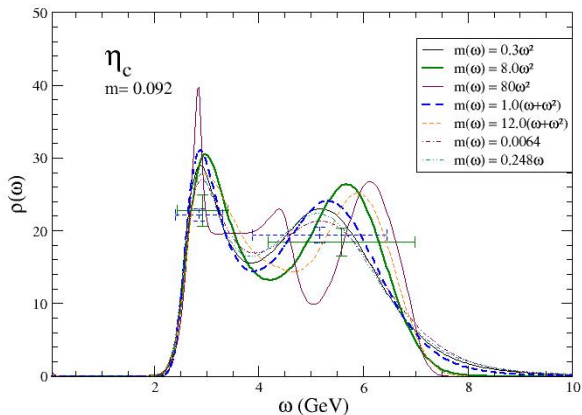
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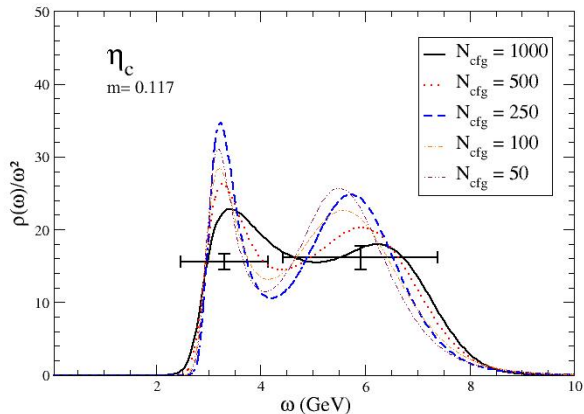
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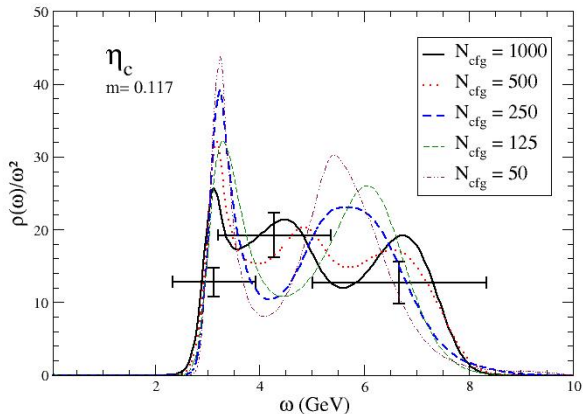
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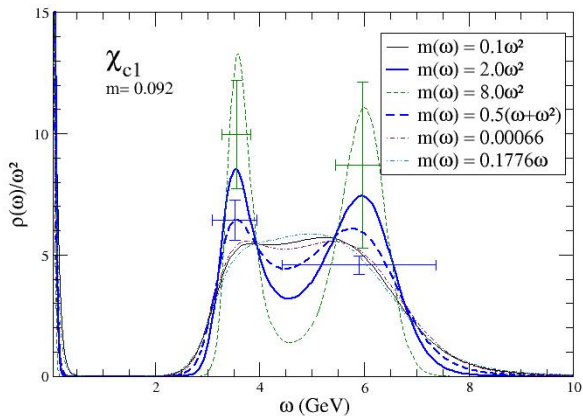


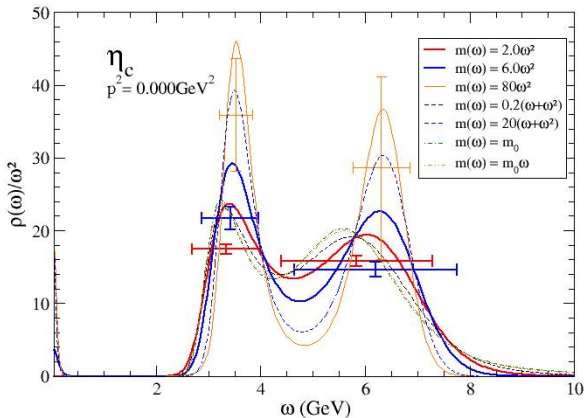
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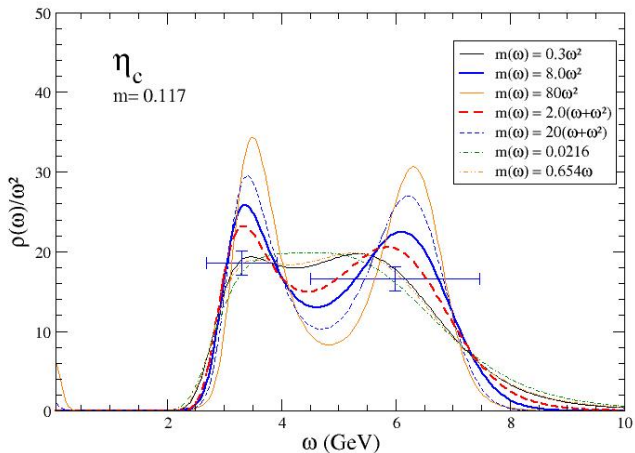


Using $m_0 = 16$ — third peak appears for high statistics??

P-wave systematics



Systematics at $N_\tau = 28$ 

Systematics at $N_T = 24$ 

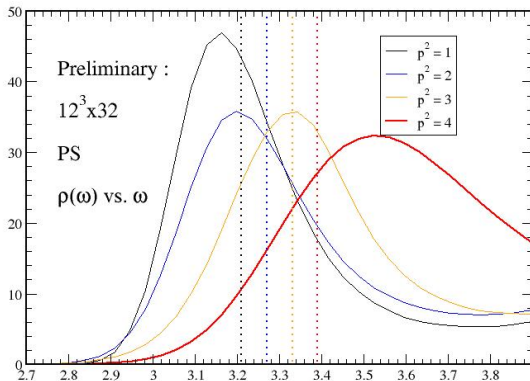
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[With MB Oktay, work in progress]

- ▶ Charmonium is produced at nonzero momentum
- ▶ Transverse momentum (and rapidity) distributions important to distinguish between models
- ▶ Momentum dependent binding?
- ▶ Gives an additional window to transport properties
- ▶ **Work in progress!**

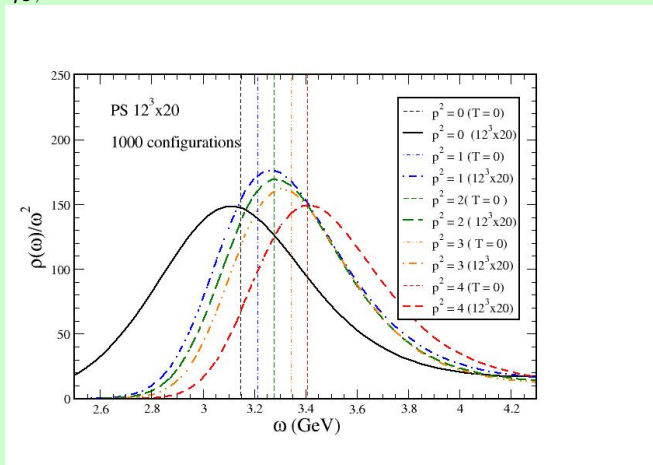
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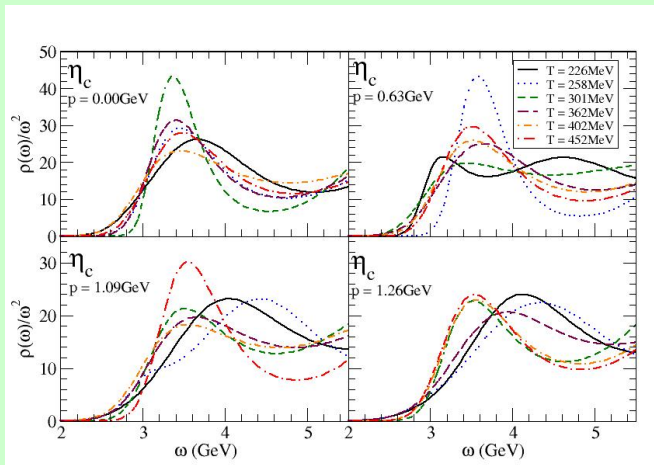


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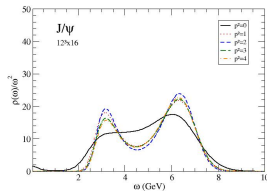
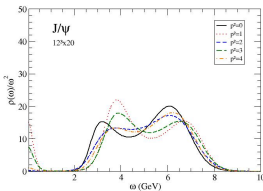
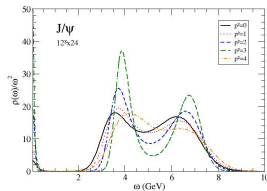
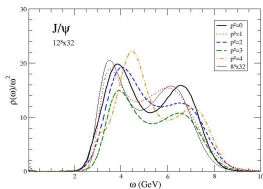
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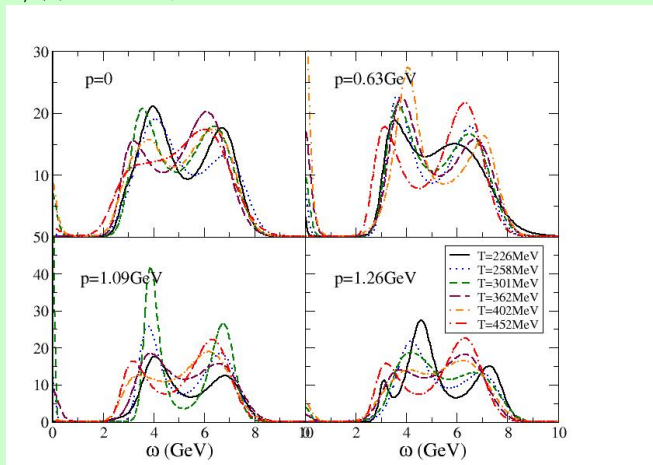
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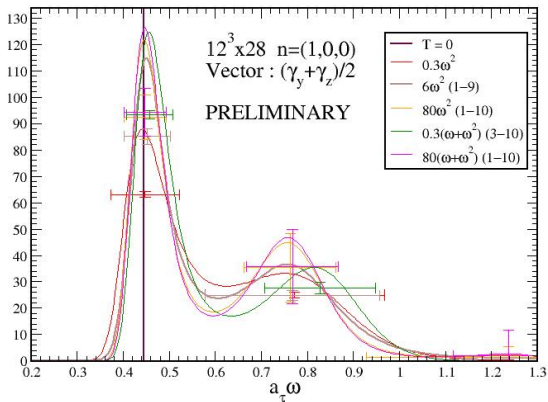


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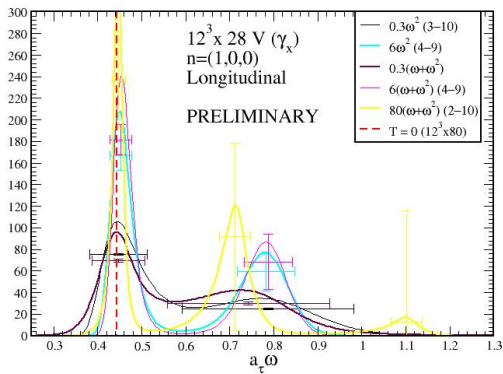


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- ▶ **Systematic uncertainties:**
 - Dependence on default model?
 - Coarse lattice → doubler peak uncomfortably close
 - Cannot distinguish bound state vs threshold (but is this really important?)
 - Coarse lattice → hard to reach high temperatures
- ▶ Simulations on finer lattices underway
- ▶ Simulations with lighter sea quarks planned

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