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In medium hadronic  
properties:

QCD in extreme conditions

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- Need to change our preconceptions...

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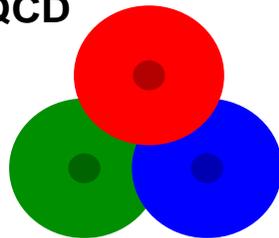
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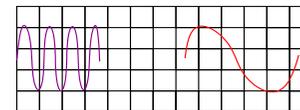


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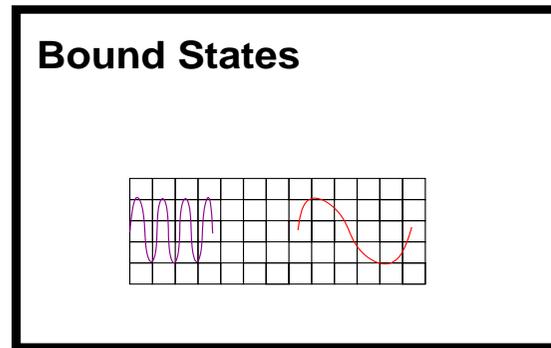
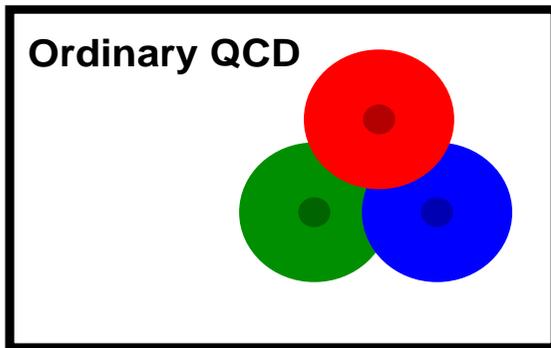
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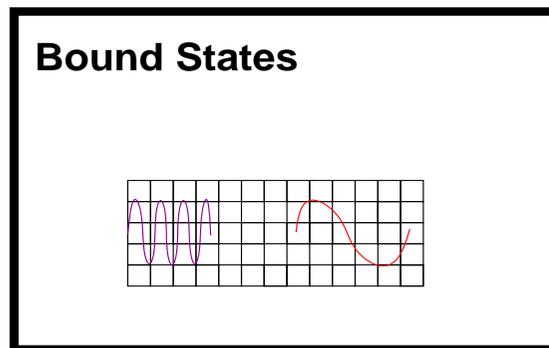
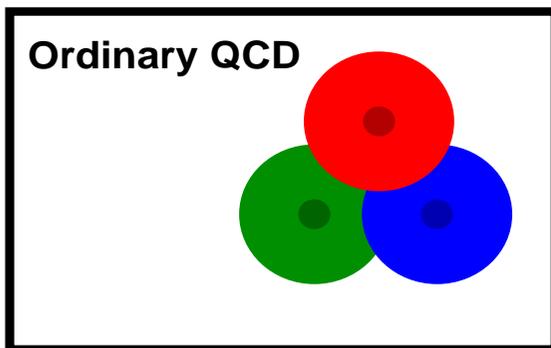
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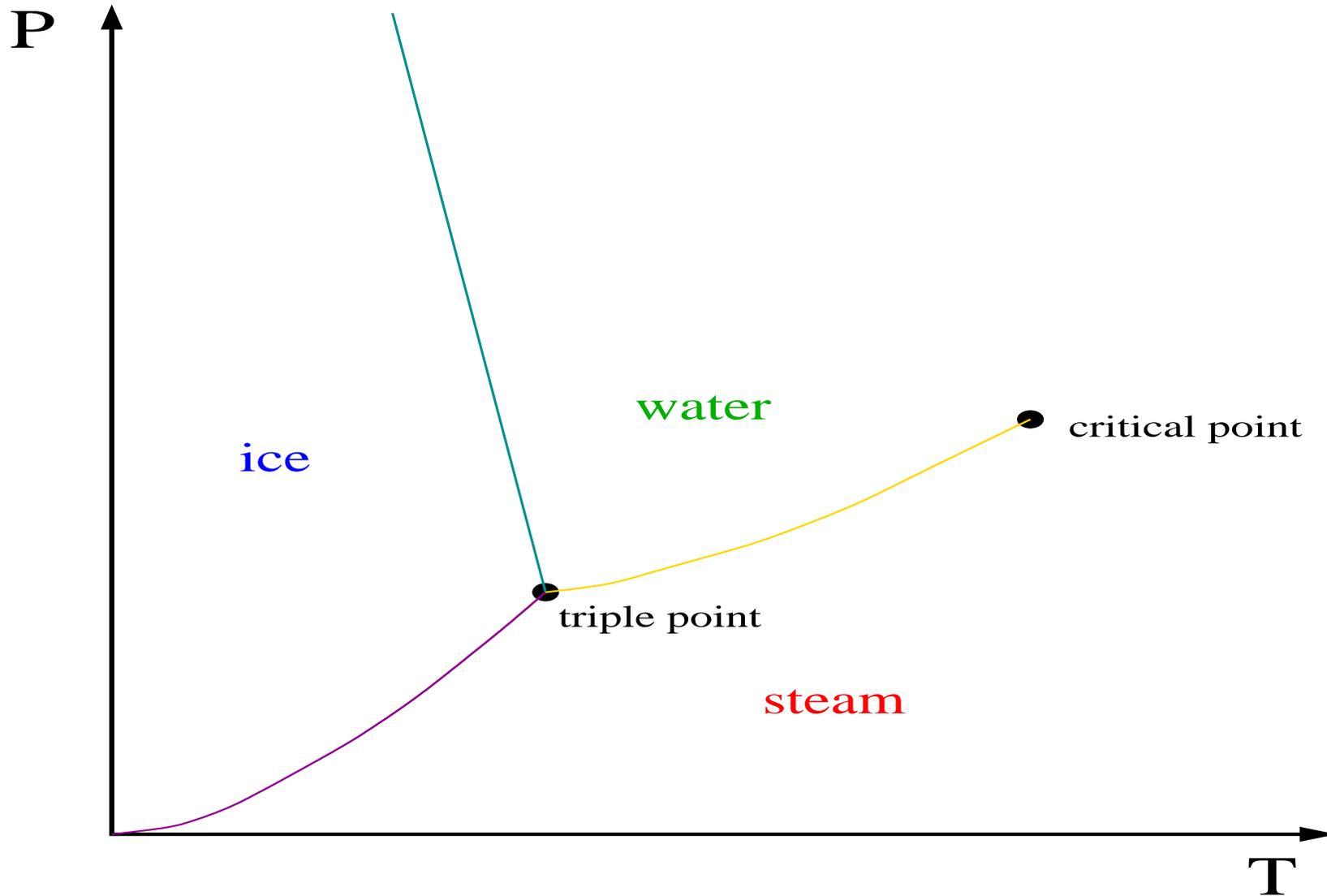
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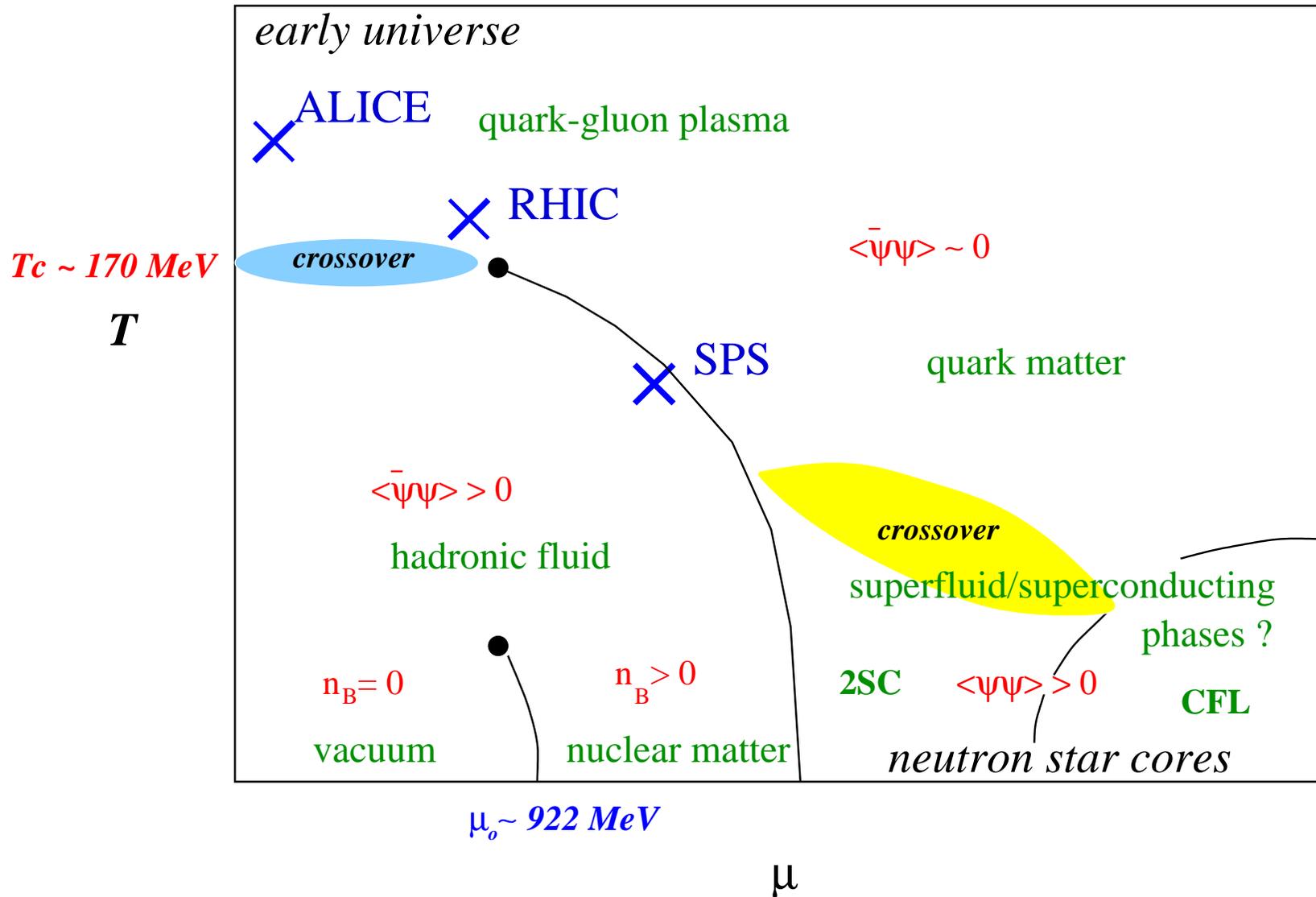
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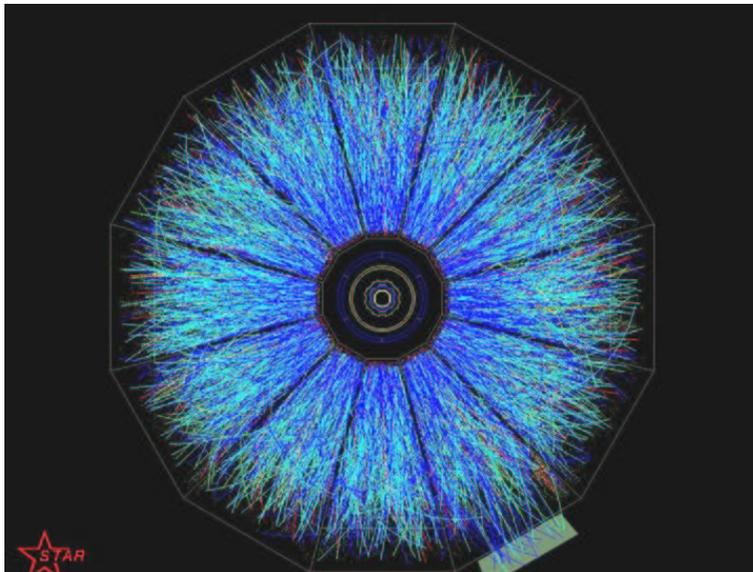
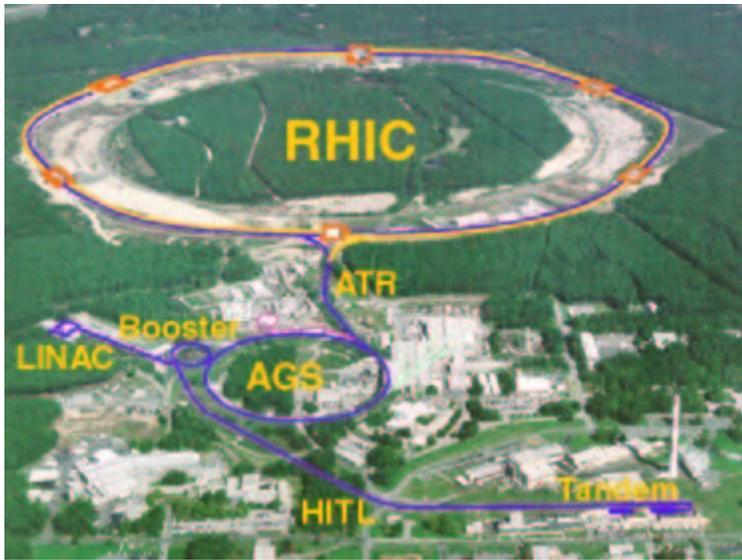


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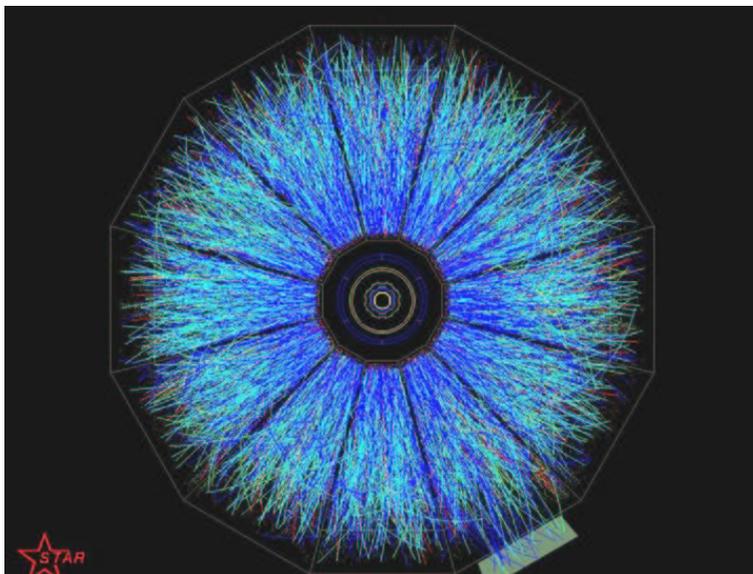
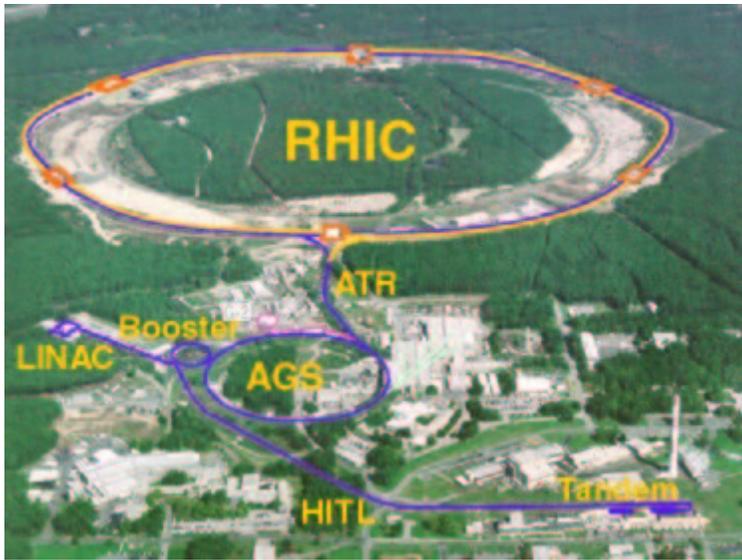
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- First thought that quarks and gluons virtually free
- Now known that they are strongly interacting
  - *Strongly Coupled Quark-Gluon Plasma*

# Hadronic states/resonances

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- $T = 0$  → Bound states (hadrons)
- $T \neq 0$  → resonances/melted states?

$J/\psi$  suppression [Matsui and Satz 1986]

i.e.  $c - \bar{c}$  pairs created early in collision can move apart before being able to form  $J/\psi$

*Motivates the study of hadronic states/resonances*

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*RHIC serves the Perfect Fluid*

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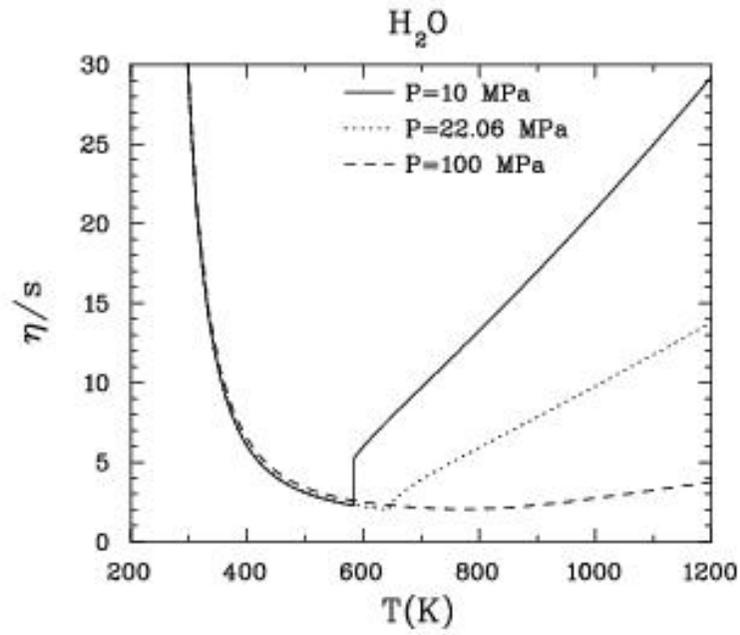
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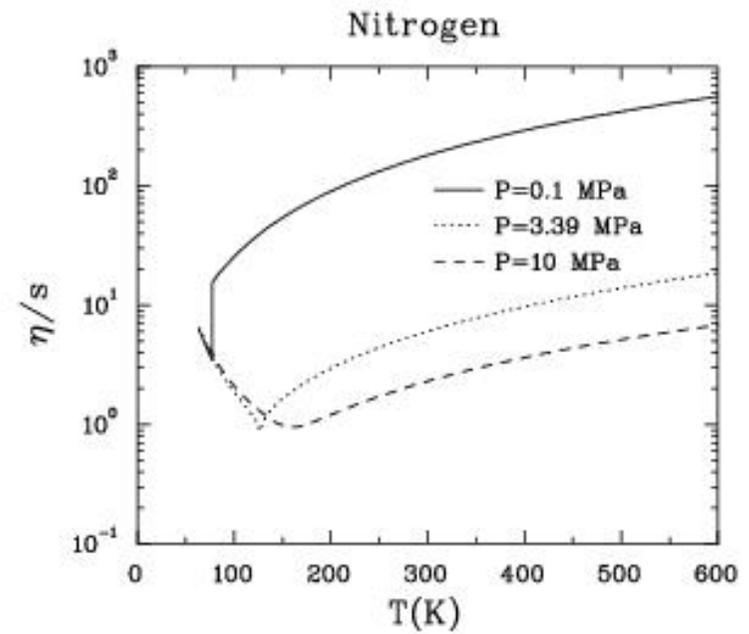
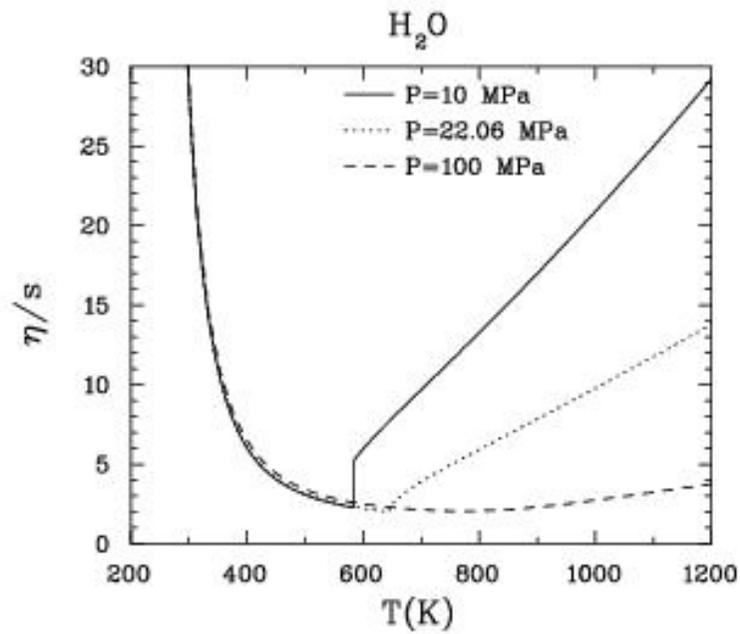
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*Finally string theory makes contact with nature...*

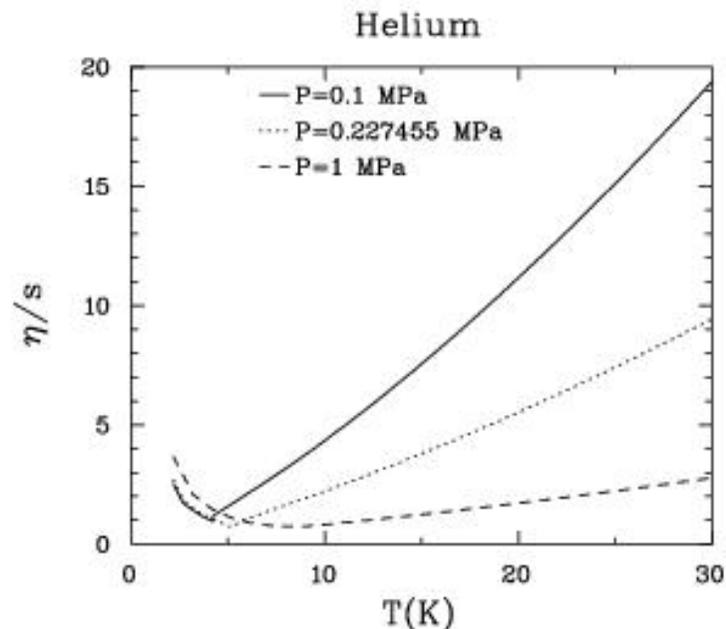
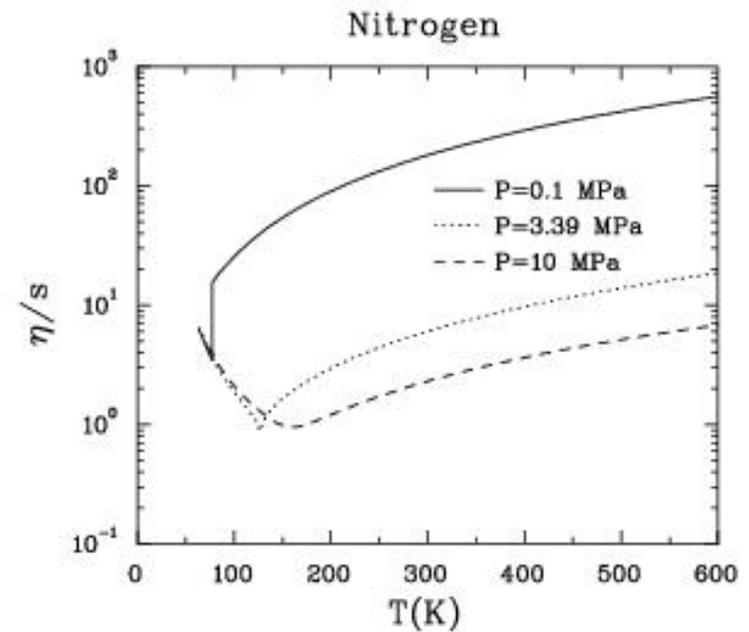
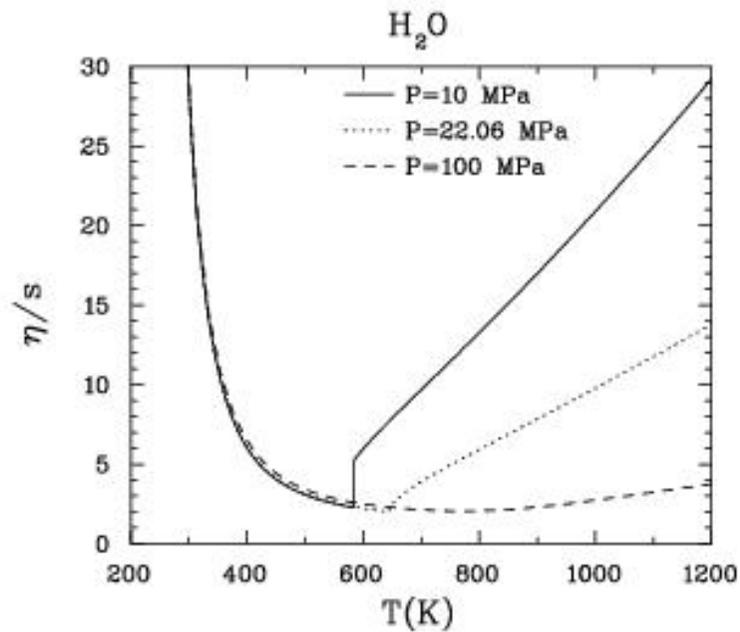
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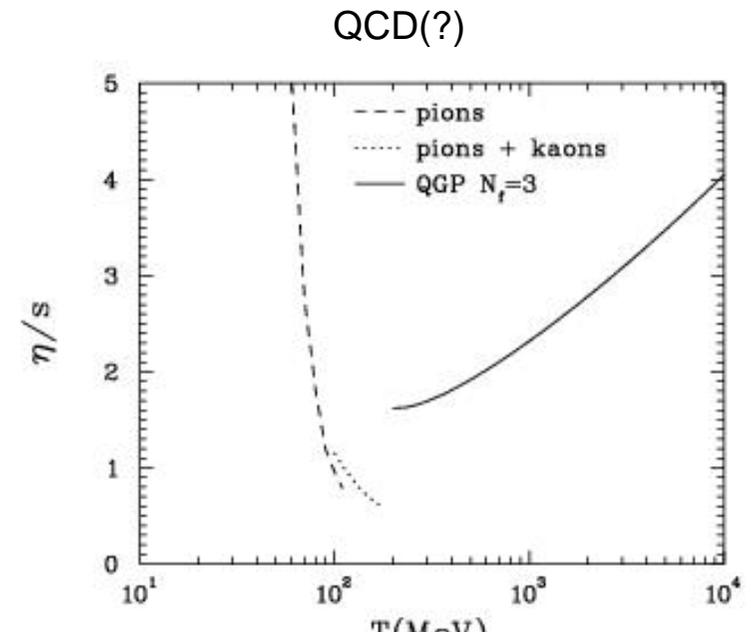
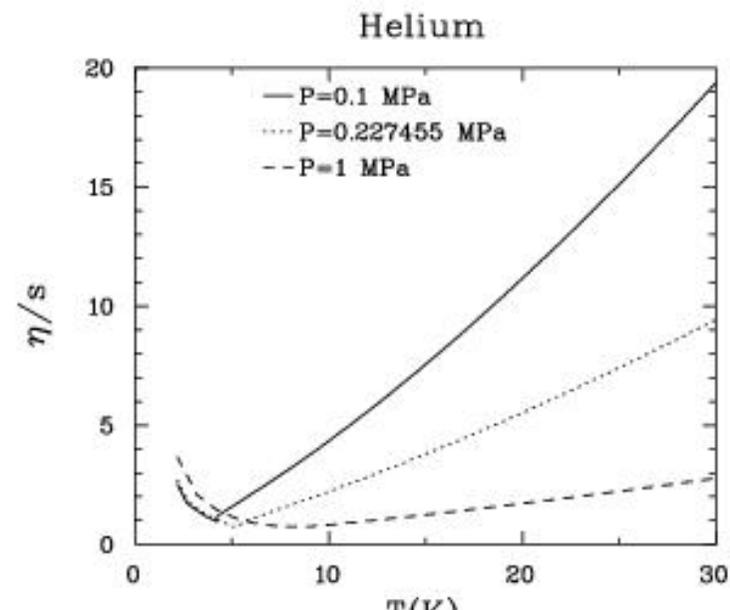
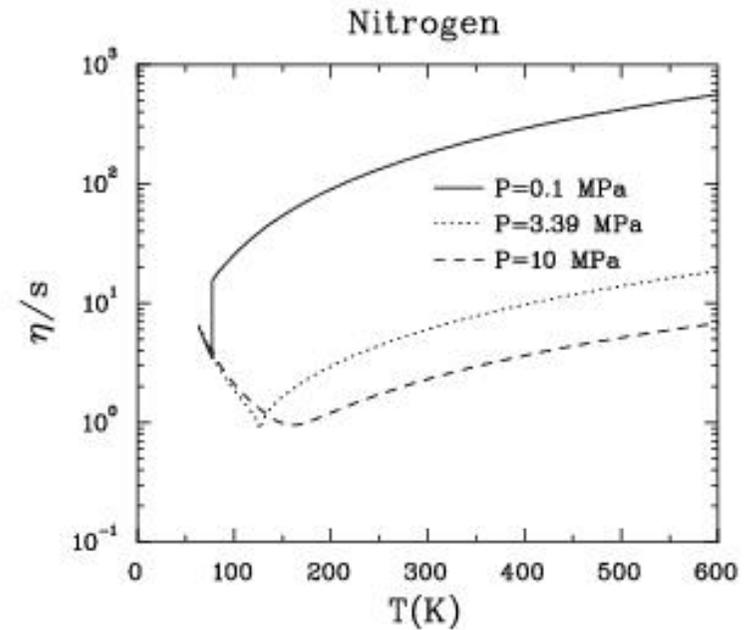
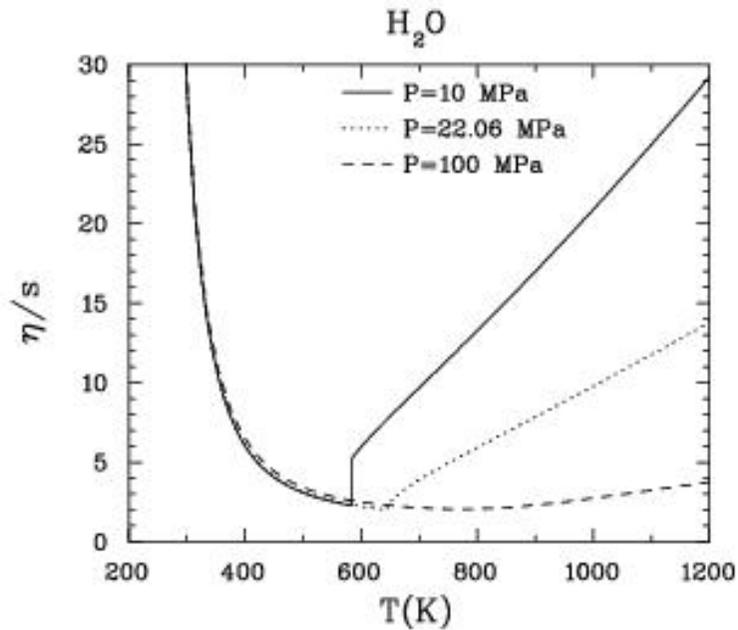
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# Other transport coefficients

transport coefficients from behaviour of *spectral functions* at  $\omega \rightarrow 0$ .

- **shear viscosity  $\eta$** 
  - *off-diagonal* energy-momentum tensor
    - (gluonic correlators)
- **bulk viscosity  $\zeta$** 
  - *diagonal* energy-momentum tensor
    - (gluonic correlators)
- **electrical conductivity  $\sigma$** 
  - vector correlators
    - $(\psi \gamma_i \psi)$

$\eta, \zeta, \sigma \sim$  **LOW ENERGY CONSTANTS**

# Kubo Relations

electrical conductivity:

$$\sigma = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \frac{\rho_{x,x}(\omega)}{2\omega}$$

shear viscosity:

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spectral densities:

$$\rho_{\mu\nu}(\omega) = \int d^4x \langle [j_\mu(x), j_\nu(0)] \rangle_{\text{eq}}$$

$$\rho_{\mu\nu,\sigma\tau}(\omega) = \int d^4x \langle [T_{\mu\nu}(x), T_{\sigma\tau}(0)] \rangle_{\text{eq}}$$

where  $j_\mu = \bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\psi = \text{EM current}$ ,  $j_\mu = \bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\psi = \text{EM current}$

i.e. transport coefficients  $\sim$  intercept of  $\rho(\omega)/\omega$  at  $\omega = 0$

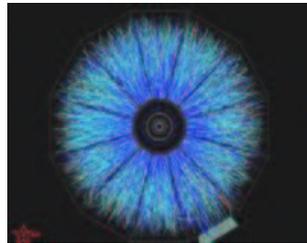
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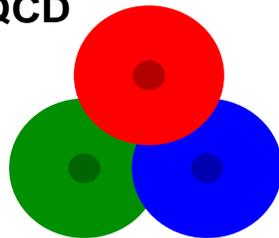
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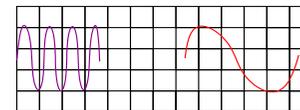


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**Bound States**



■ cores of neutron stars & early universe physics

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*Spectral functions* can answer both:

- Do hadronic states persist in “quark-gluon” plasma phase?
- What are the transport coefficients?

# Spectral Functions

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Correlator



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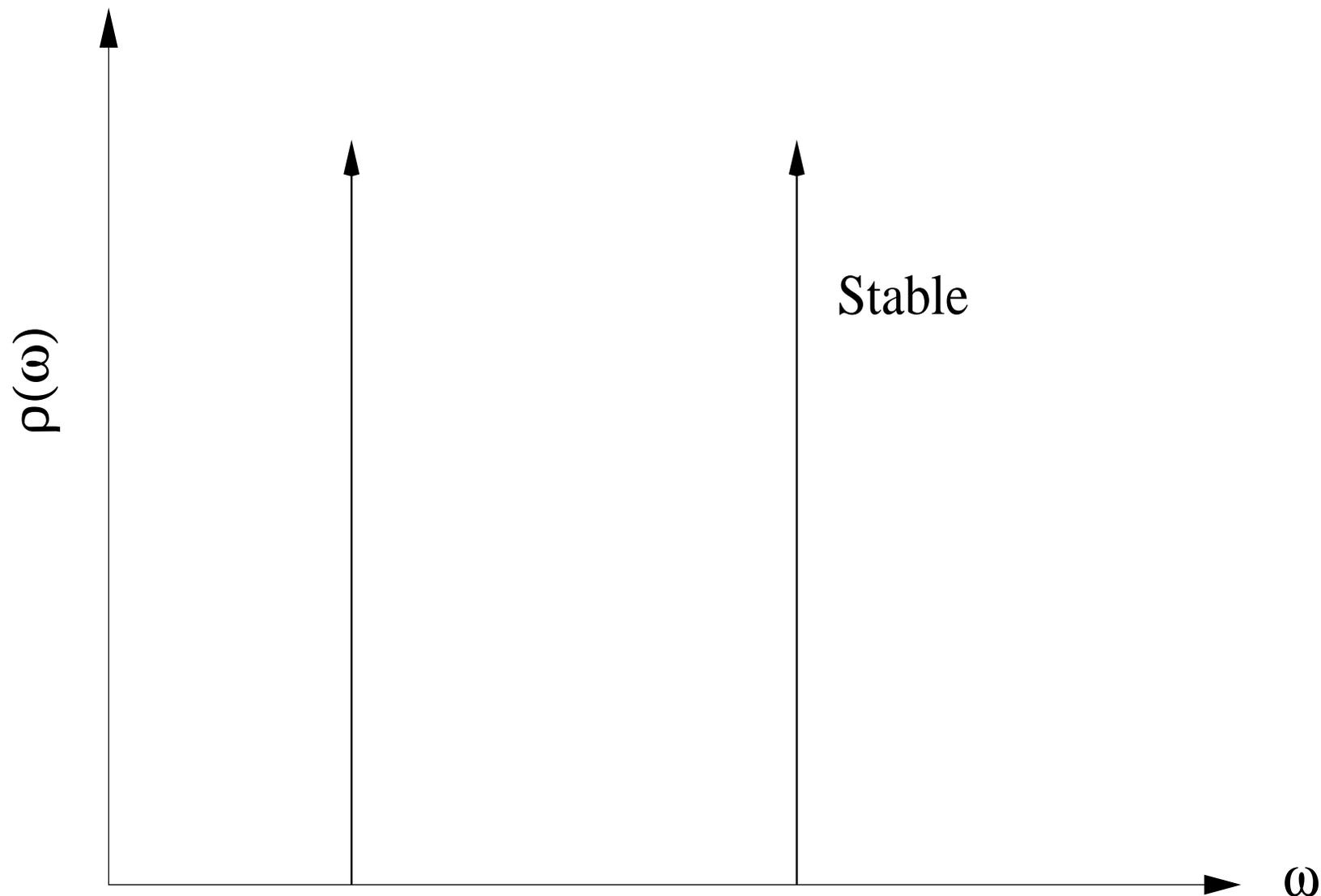


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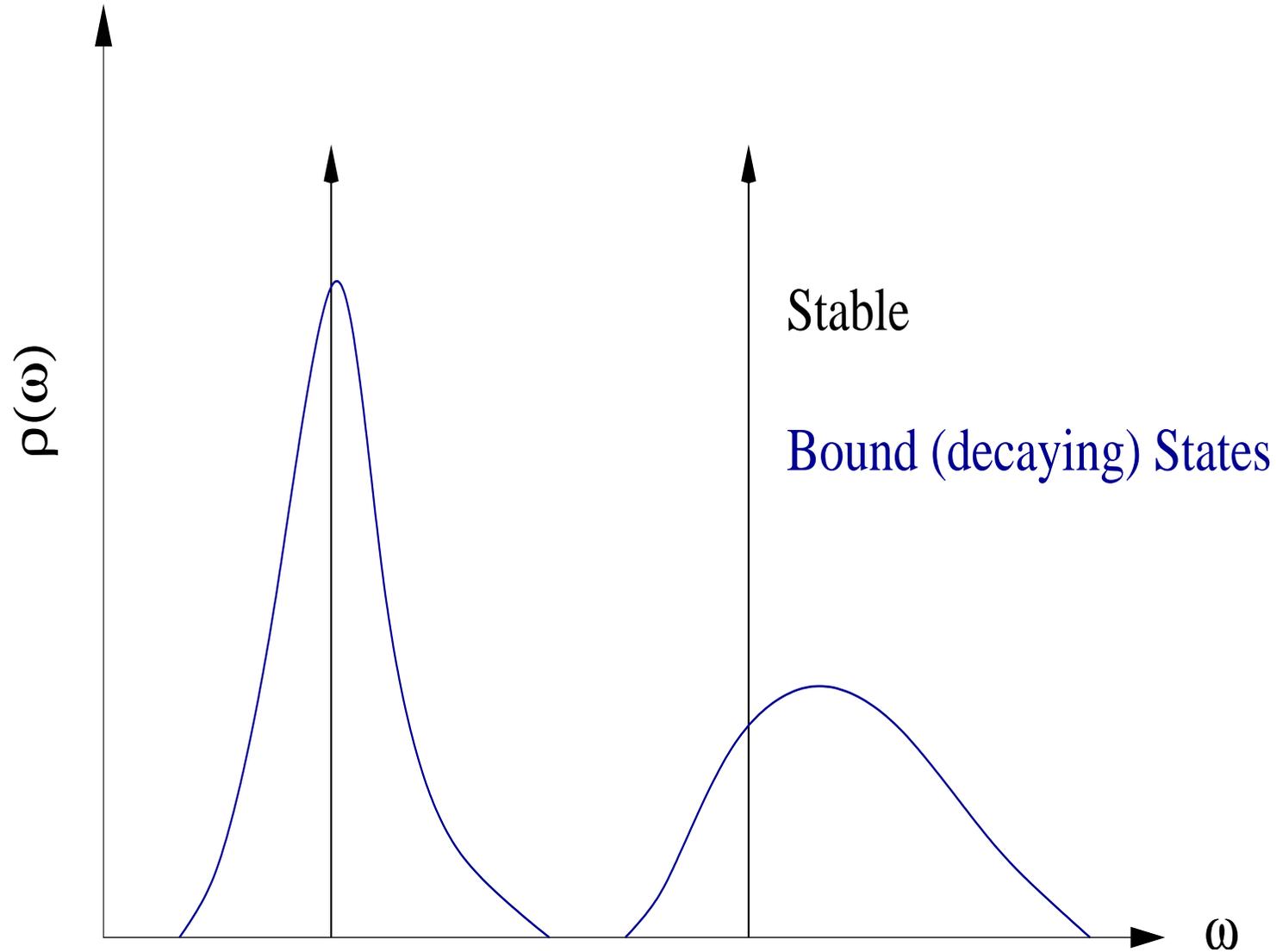
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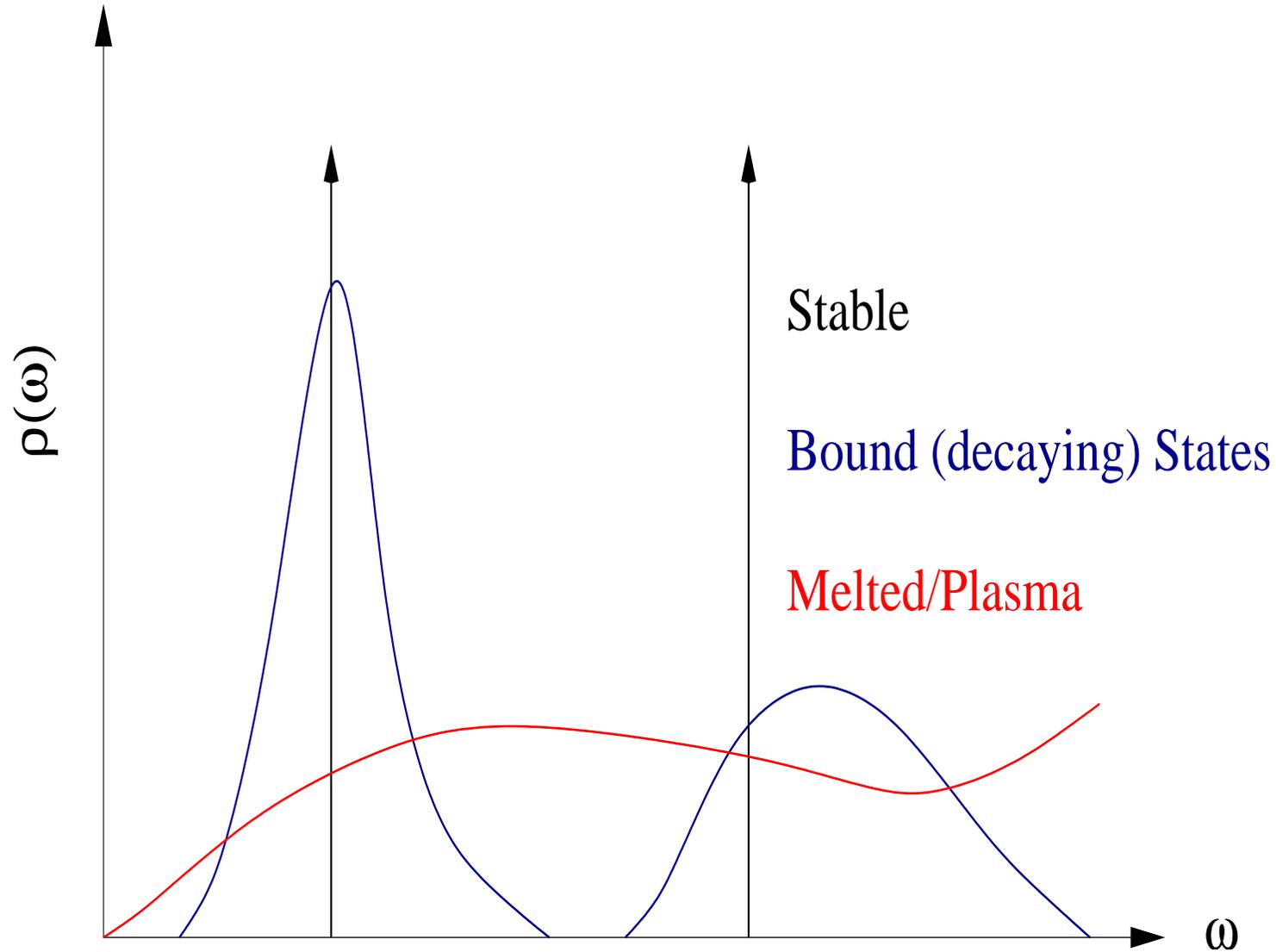
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# Example Spectral Functions: Decaying



# Example Spectral Functions: Melted

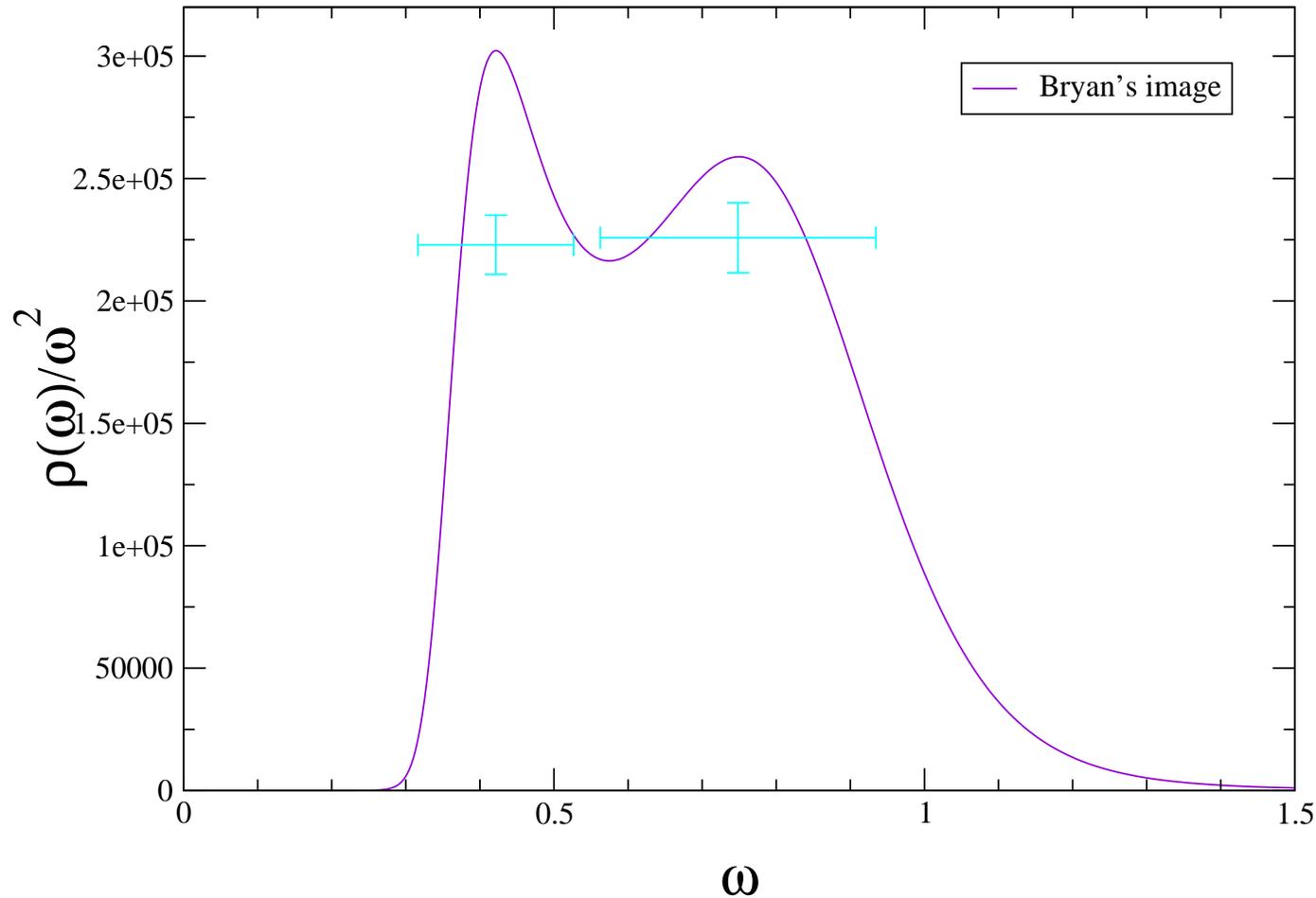


# Spectral Functions via MEM

- Extraction of a spectral density from a lattice correlator is an ill-posed problem:
  - *Given  $G(t)$  derive  $\rho(\omega)$*
  - *More  $\omega$  data points than  $t$  data points!*
  - *uses an **SVD of the kernel** to obtain working basis*
- Requires the use of Bayesian analysis - Maximum Entropy Method (MEM)
  - $P(\rho) = \exp[-(\chi^2(\rho) - \alpha S(\rho))]$
- Takes prior information into account which includes some plausible “**default model**” for the spectral density
  - *used to normalise the entropy*
- The result of the analysis must be stable under:
  - changes in the **default model**
  - sensible variations in time window ...

# MEM Orientation

Typical MEM output:

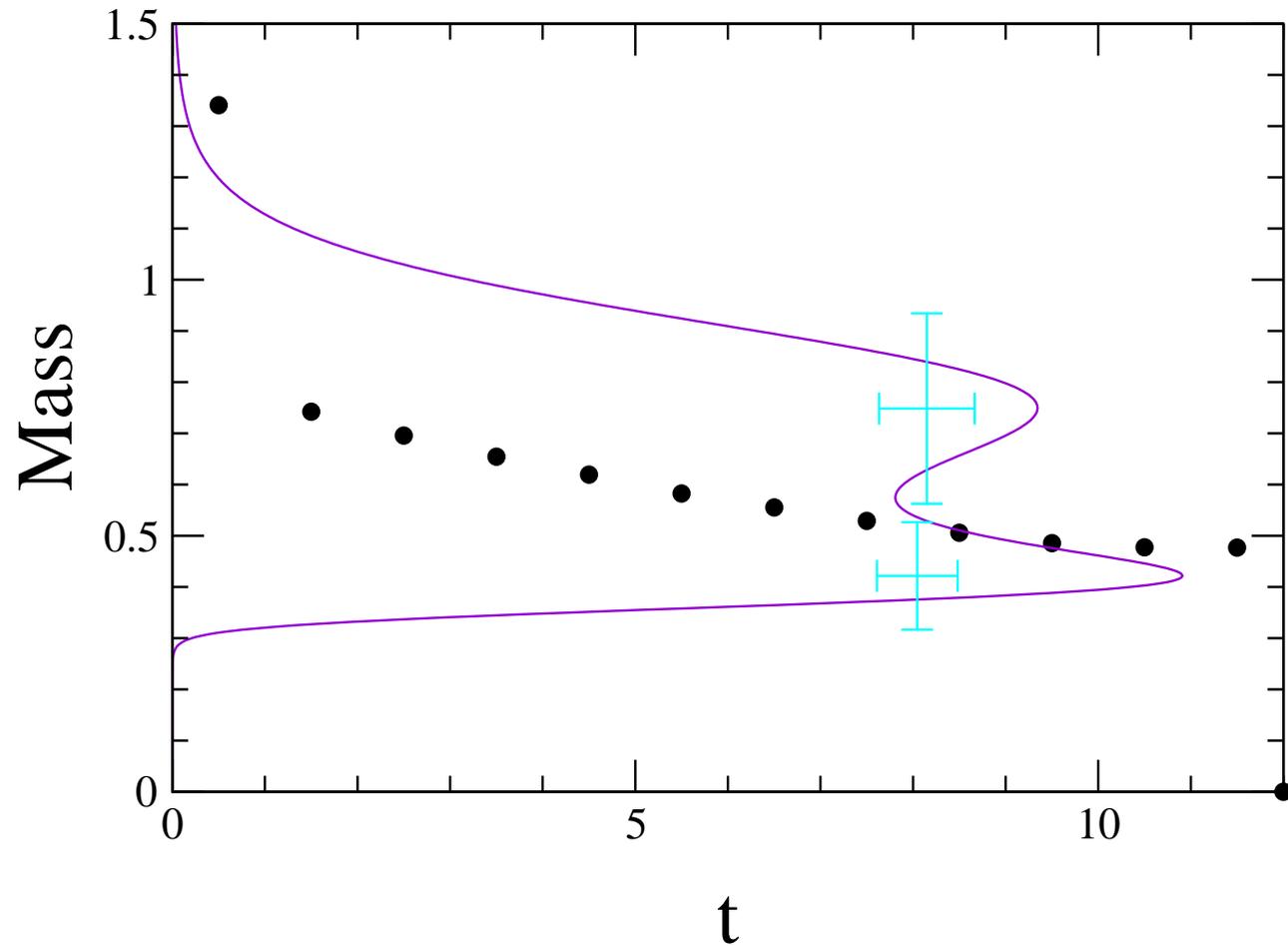


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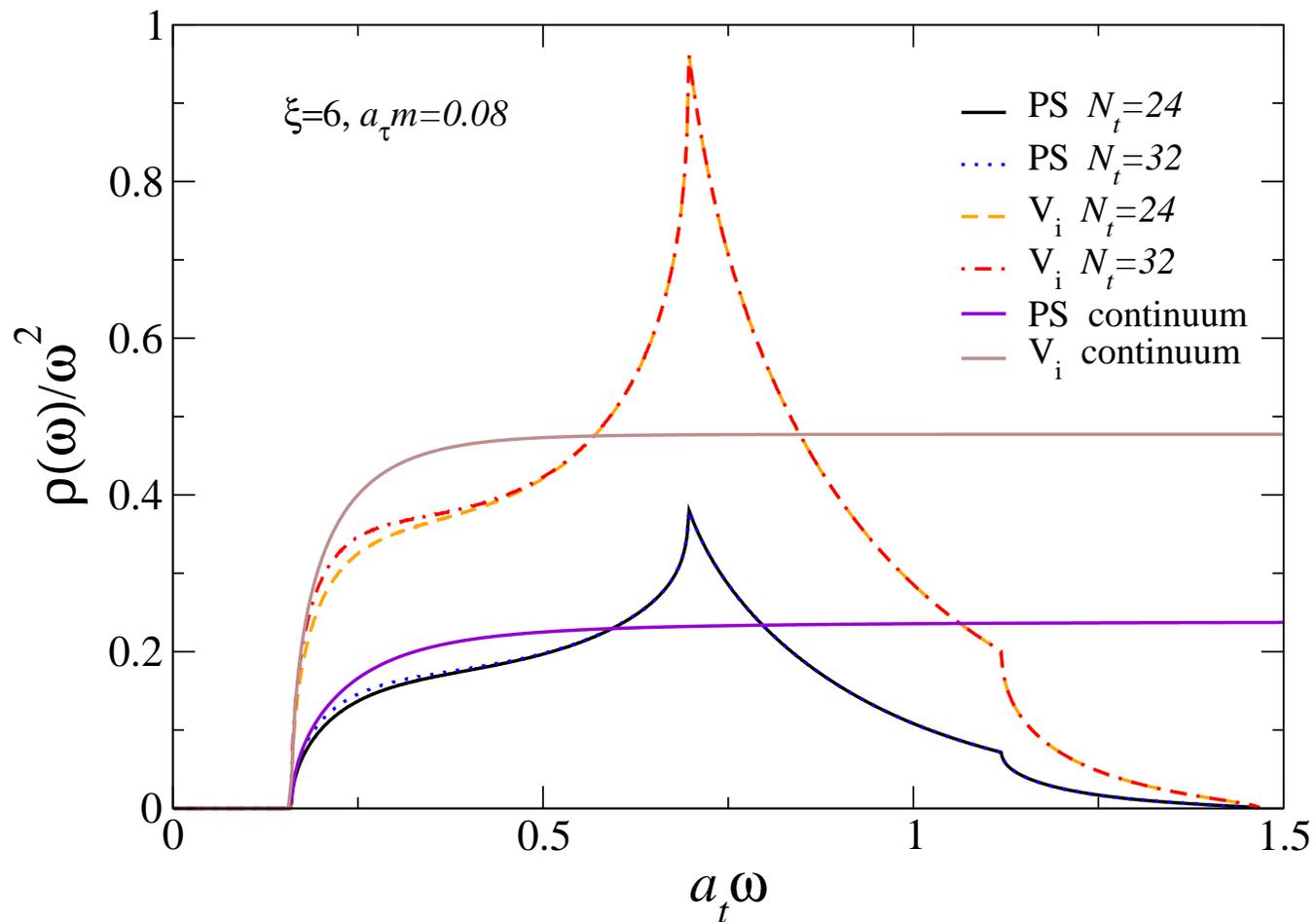
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# MEM Orientation

Can be superimposed on effective mass plot:



# Free Lattice Field Theory



cusp:  $a_t\omega \sim 0.7$  (lattice artefact!)

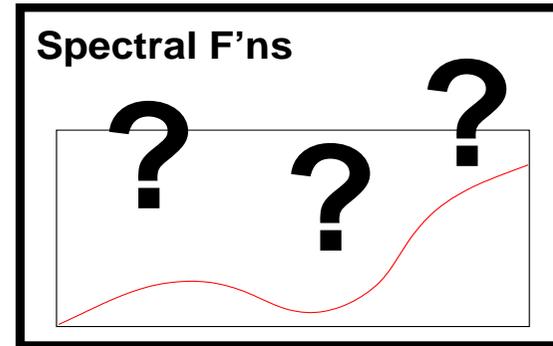
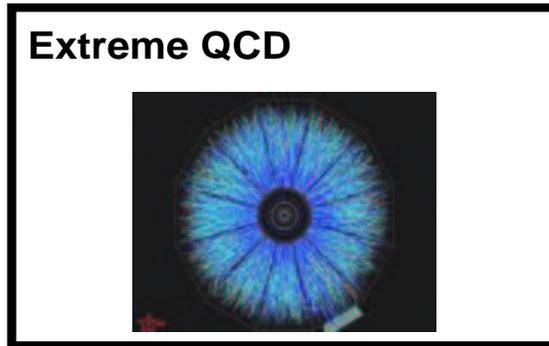
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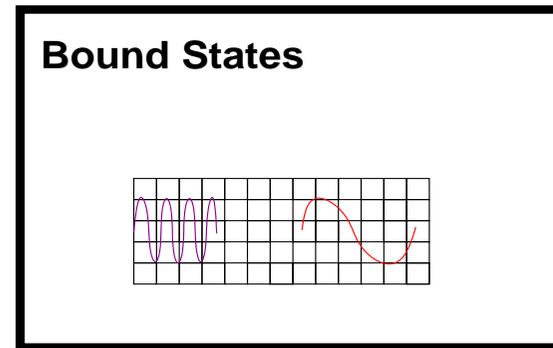
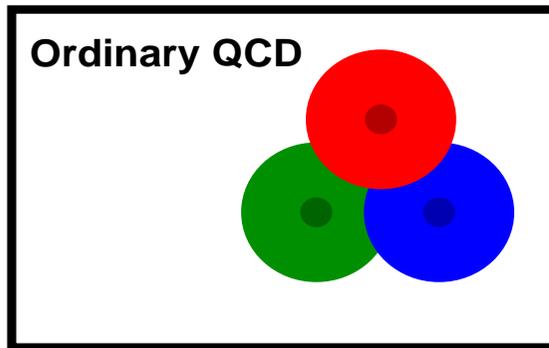
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    - modified MEM
  - shear viscosity - [Meyer]
    - two-step algorithm
  
- $\omega > 0$ , i.e. hadron resonances
  - Quenched - [Swansea]
  - Dynamical - [Swansea-Dublin]

# MEM Modification

SVD of kernel,  $K(t, \omega)$ :

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where  $K(t, \omega) = \frac{\cosh[\omega(t - N_t/2)]}{\sinh[\omega/(2T)]} \sim \exp[-\omega t]$

But  $K(t, \omega) \sim 1/\omega$  divergent as  $\omega \rightarrow 0$ .

Define modified kernel & spectral function:

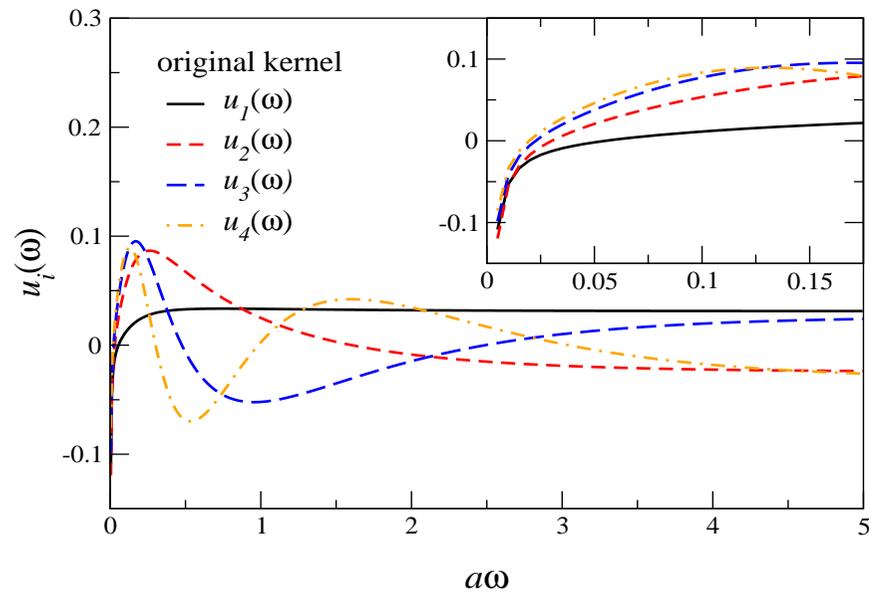
$$\bar{K}(t, \omega) = \frac{\omega}{2T} K(t, \omega), \quad \bar{\rho}(\omega) = \frac{2T}{\omega} \rho(\omega)$$

Note  $\int \rho(\omega, \vec{p}) K(t, \omega) d\omega \equiv \int \bar{\rho}(\omega, \vec{p}) \bar{K}(t, \omega) d\omega$

and  $\bar{K}(t, \omega) \sim 1$  as  $\omega \rightarrow 0$

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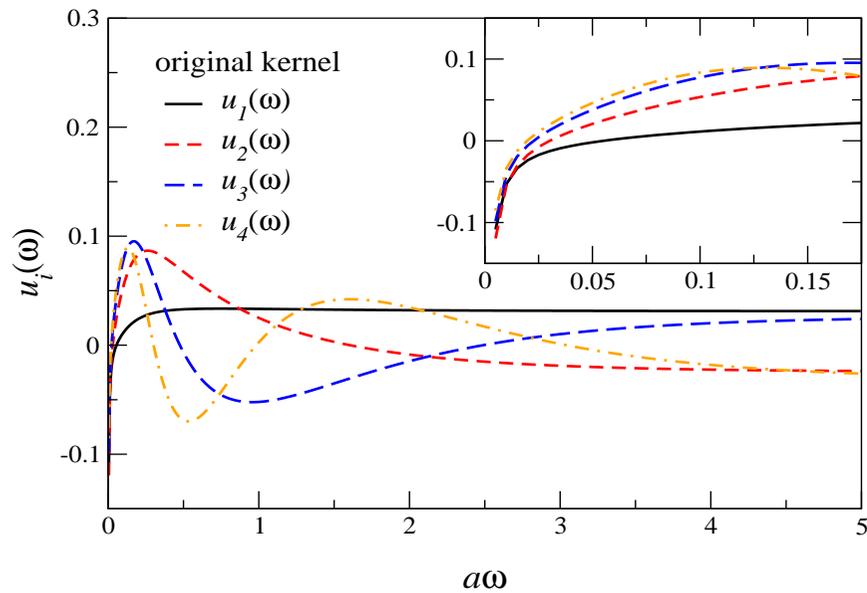
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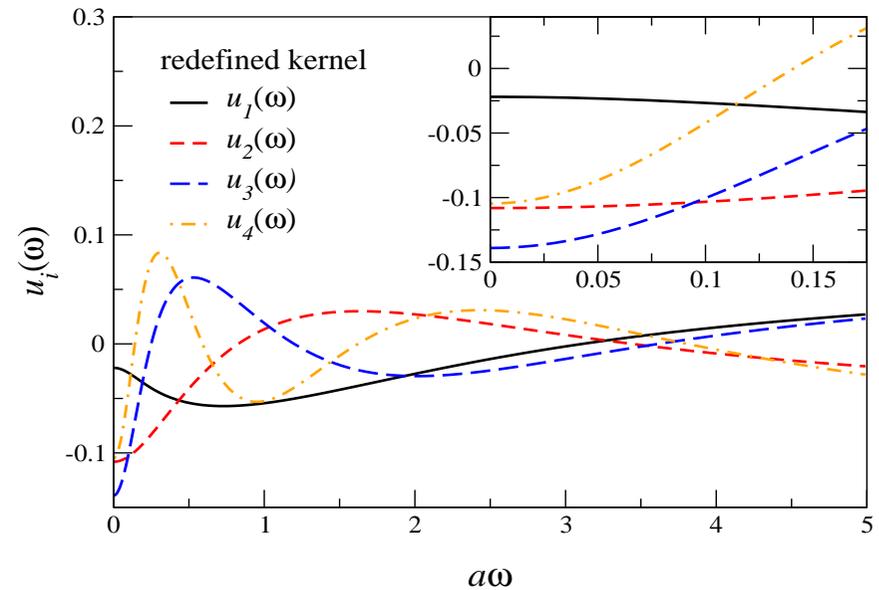
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Modified:



finite as  $\omega \rightarrow 0$

# Lattice results

- Quenched, staggered QCD
- Used *modified MEM* on vector channel →  
 $\sigma = \text{conductivity}$

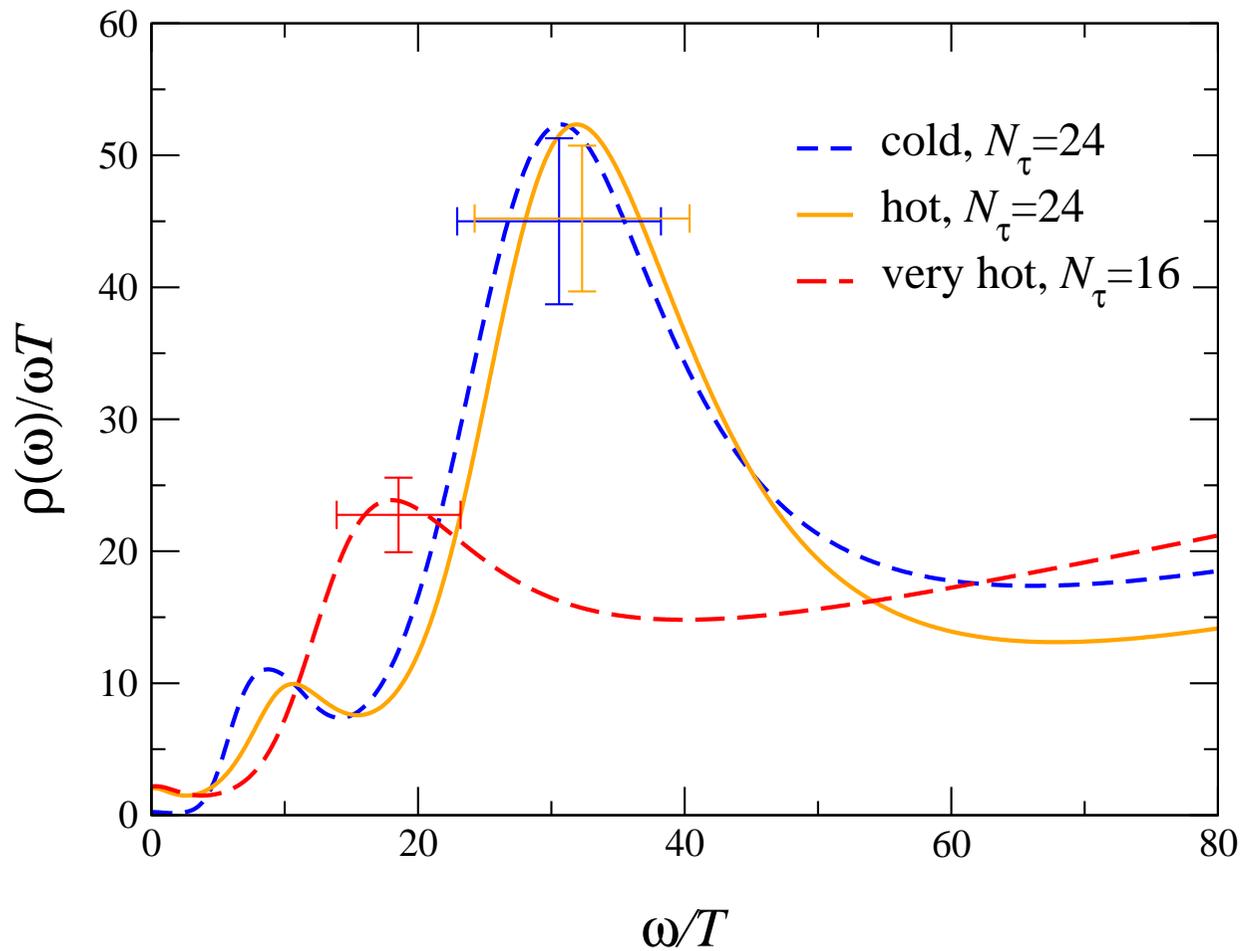
	$\beta$	$a^{-1}$ (GeV)	$N_\sigma^3 \times N_\tau$	$T/T_c$	# conf
cold	6.5	4.04	$48^3 \times 24$	0.62	100
hot	7.192	9.72	$64^3 \times 24$	1.5	100
very hot	7.192	9.72	$64^3 \times 16$	2.25	50

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using cluster made up of undergraduate lab's PC's.

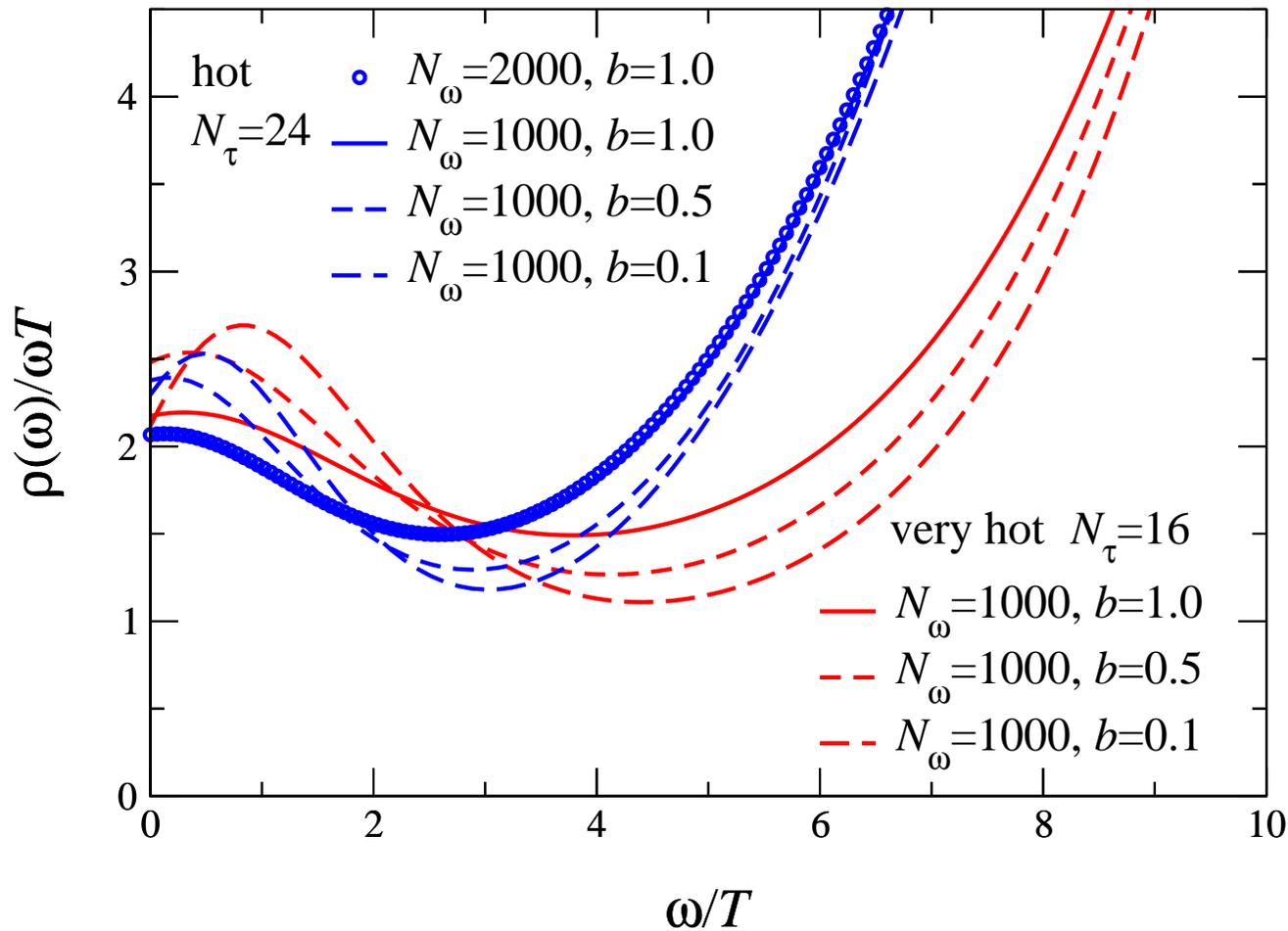
# Spectral Function



■ melting of  $\rho$

■ lattice artefact at  $\omega/T \sim 30$

# Conductivity



default model  
 $= m(\omega)$   
 $\sim \omega(b + \omega)$

■ intercept robust to default model changes

intercept  $\longrightarrow \frac{\sigma}{T} = 0.4 \pm 0.1$

# Shear Viscosity [Meyer]

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- Recall  $\eta$  from  $T_{\mu\nu}$ , i.e. gluonic correlation functions
  - very noisy

Using:

- “two-level” algorithm
- model functions for  $\rho$

Meyer found:

- “robust upper bound:  $\eta/s < 1.0$
- quantitative values at  $T/T_c = 1.24$  &  $1.65$

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# Lattice Choices

	<b>Quenched</b>	<b>Dynamical</b>
<b>Isotropic</b>	Swansea/Seoul	
<b>Anisotropic</b>		Dublin/Swansea

# Quenched, Isotropic Study

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**SELLING POINT: Many Different Momenta ...**

# Twisted Boundary Conditions

- Twisted B.C.'s used to access many different momenta
  - Flynn et al., hep-lat/0506016, etc.

$$\psi(x_i + L) = e^{i\theta_i} \psi(x_i)$$

- Using fermion propagators for different twist angles  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  to construct a meson correlator with momentum

$$\mathbf{p} = \frac{2\pi}{L_s} \mathbf{n} - \frac{\theta - \phi}{L_s}$$

- Each twist requires an additional inversion of the fermion matrix per gauge configuration
  - but 4 different twist angles and fourier transforms  
→ 19 independent momenta

# Annoying Fact of Life: Staggered Fermions

- Correlator has a contribution from unwanted “staggered” partner
- In terms of the spectral functions the correlator is given by

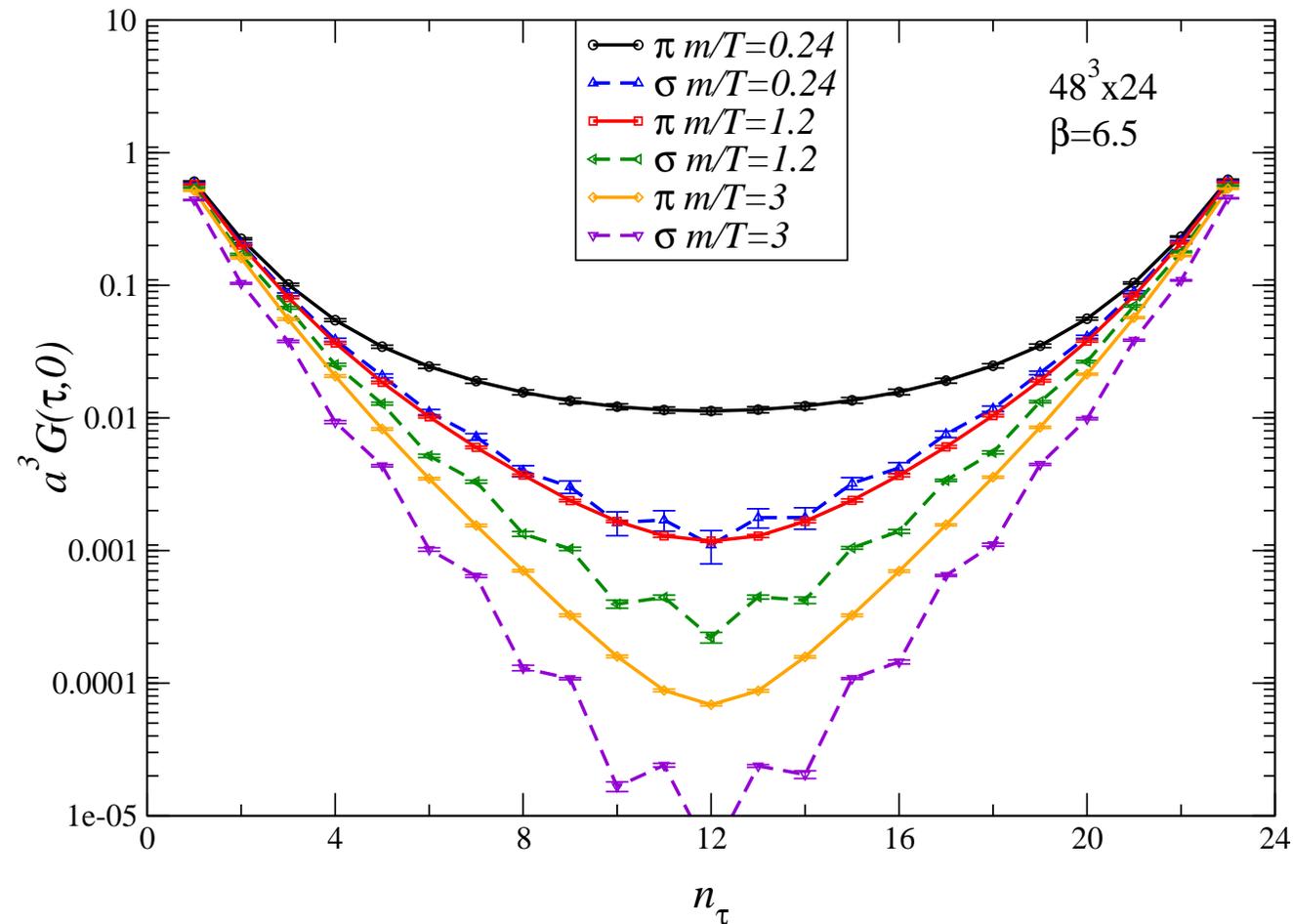
$$G(t, \mathbf{p}) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} K(t, \omega) [\rho(\omega, \mathbf{p}) - (-1)^{t/a} \tilde{\rho}(\omega, \mathbf{p})]$$

- Perform independent MEM analysis on odd and even timeslices
- Add results to obtain the desired spectral function

**Disadvantage** - only half the available timeslices are used in each MEM analysis

# Correlator, $G(t)$ , below $T_c$

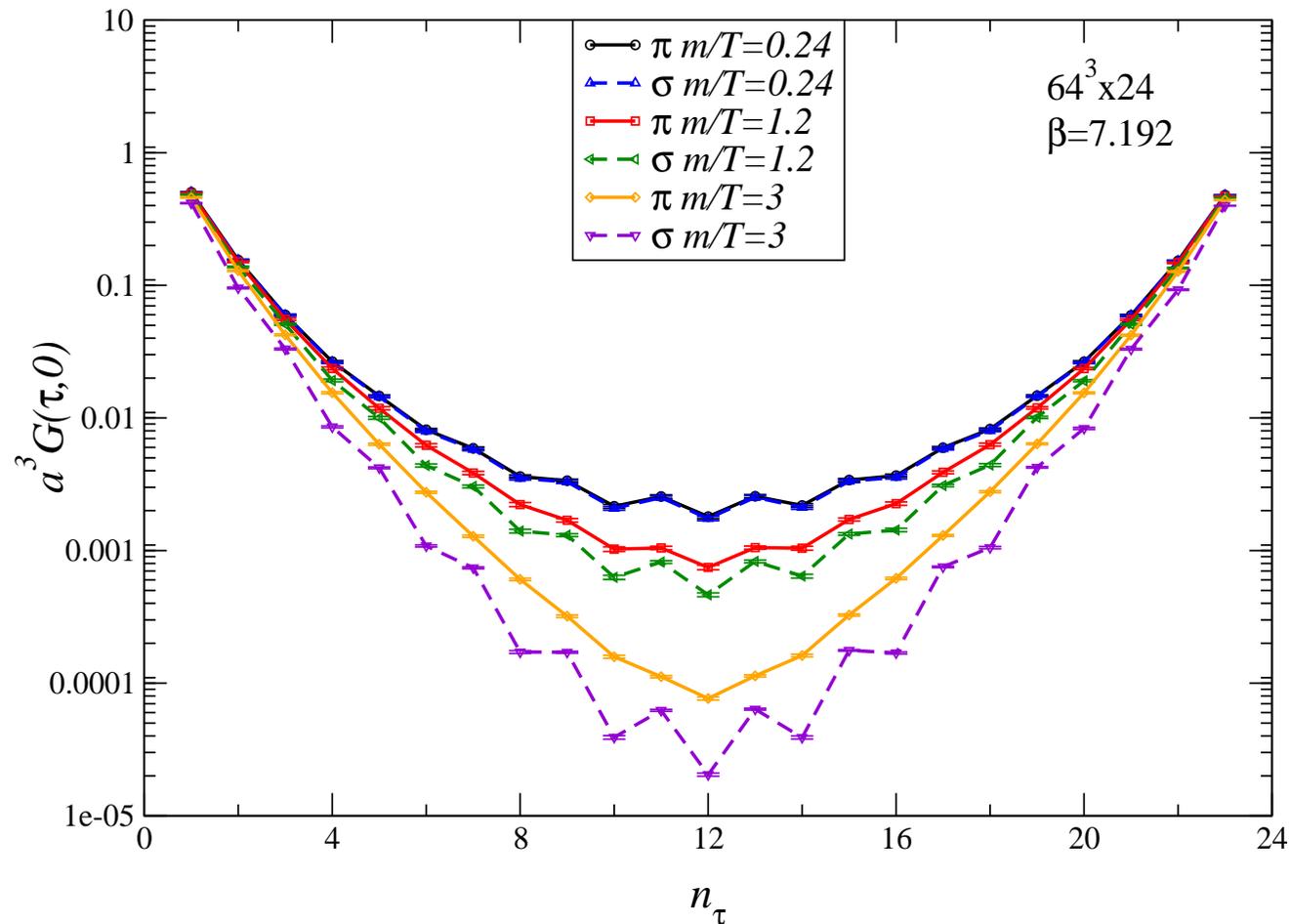
Both PS and Scalar @ 3 quark masses  
(Zero Momentum)



PS and Scalar non-degenerate

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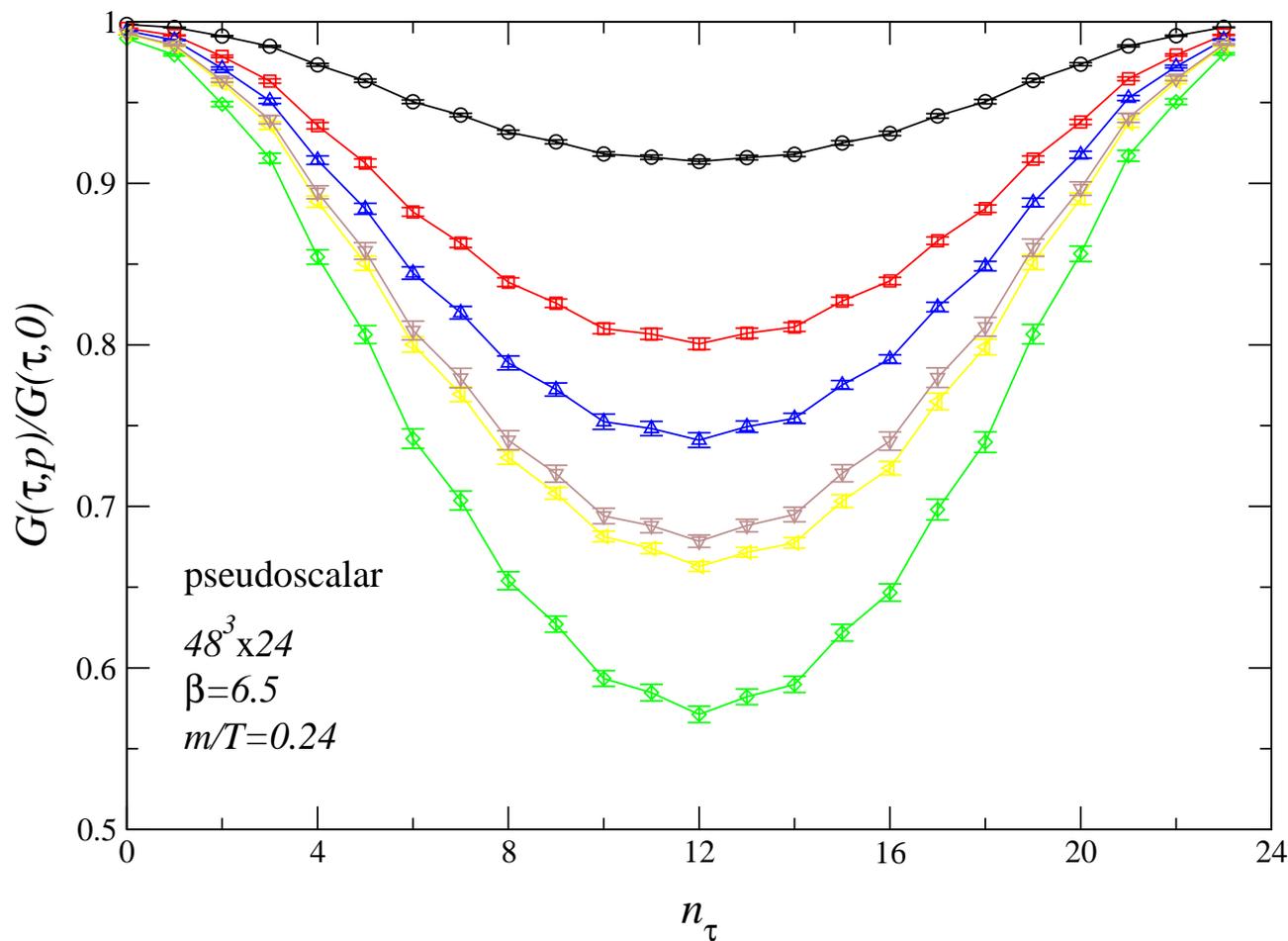
In the deconfined phase, for the lightest quark mass, pseudoscalar and scalar correlators are degenerate



Restoration of Chiral Symmetry

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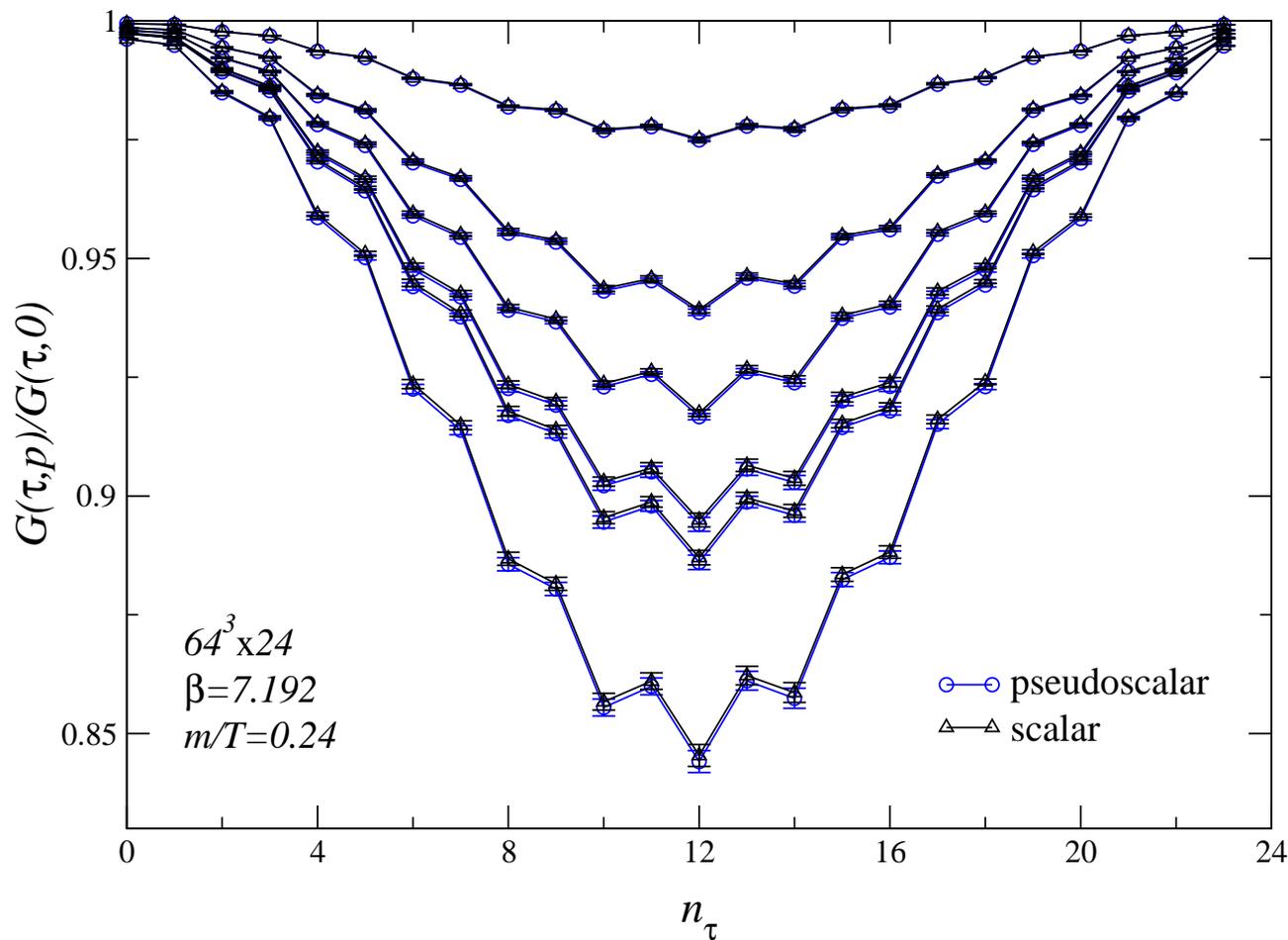
$G(t, \mathbf{p})/G(t, \mathbf{0})$  for PS meson below  $T_c$



$pL = 2.0, 3.14, 3.72, 4.25, 4.36, 5.2$

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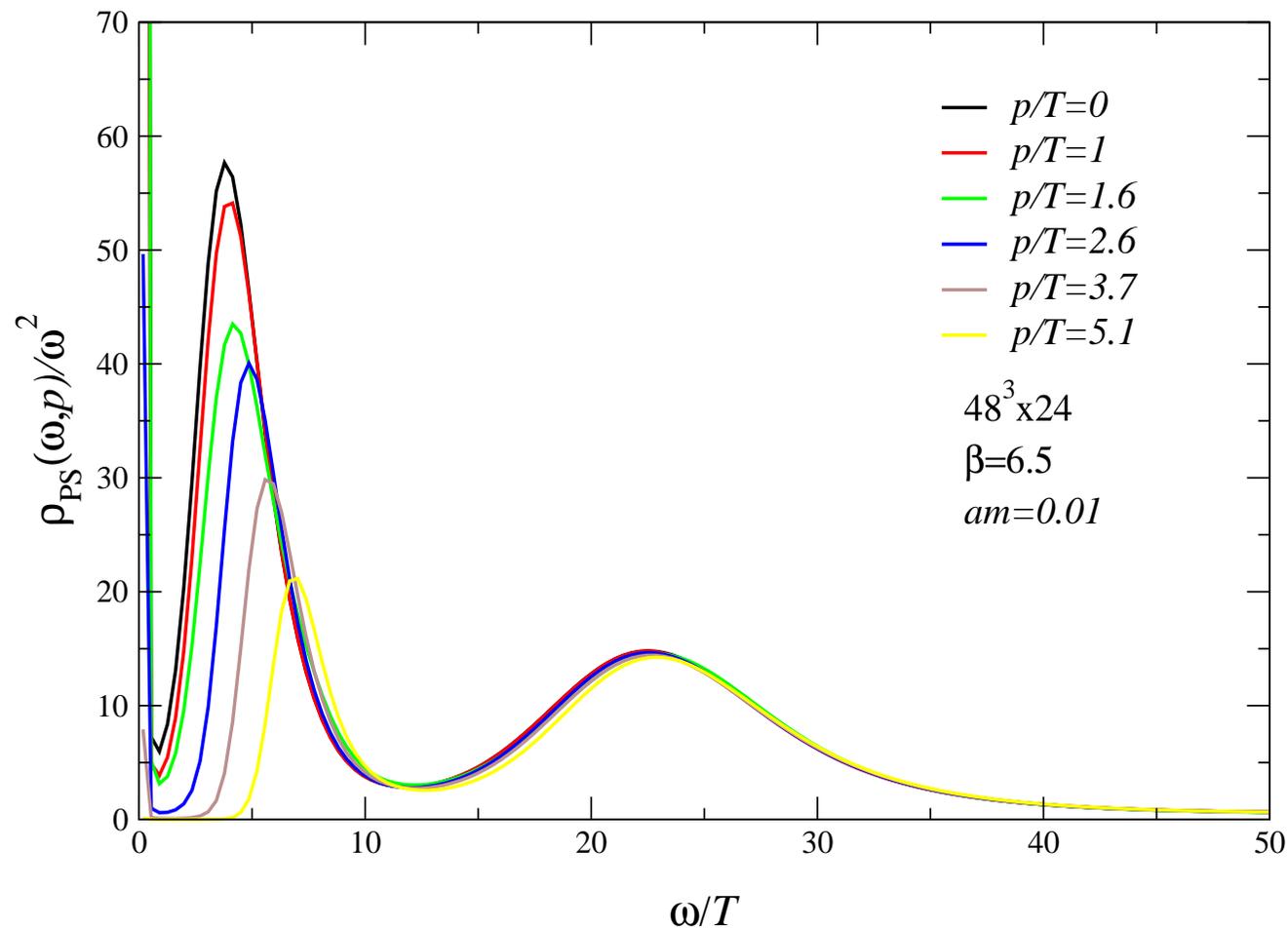
Corresponding plot above  $T_c$



Varying the momentum has a much smaller effect

# MEM results below $T_c$

Momentum dependence of the pseudoscalar spectral function below  $T_c$

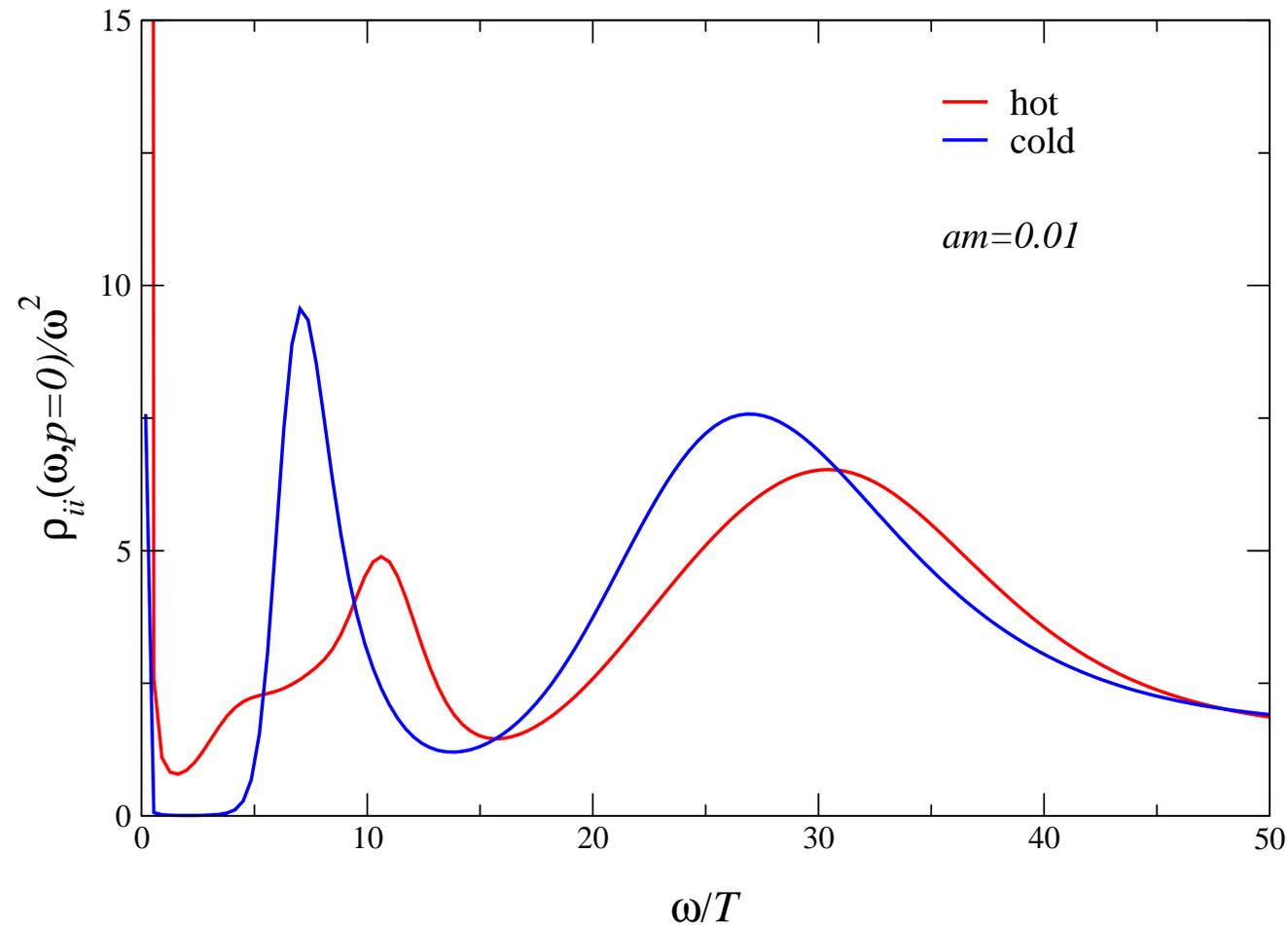


# Interpretation

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- Moving bound state
- Dispersion relation yields a speed of light consistent with unity
- Temporal extent only  $\sim 1.2\text{fm}$
- $\Rightarrow$  Determination of the dispersion relation is not possible using conventional (maximum likelihood) fits to exponentials

# Vector Spectral Functions



Comparison of vector spectral functions at zero momentum above and below  $T_c$

# Dynamical, Anisotropic Study

	Quenched	Dynamical
Isotropic		
Anisotropic		*

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# Tuning anisotropic *dynamical* lattices

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Have to fine-tune couplings so that both quarks and gluons feel the *same* anisotropy in both spatial and temporal directions...

For *Quenched*:  $\xi_g = f(\beta_s, \beta_t) \neq f(\xi_f^0)$

For *Dynamical*:  $\xi_g = f(\beta_s, \beta_t, m_s, m_t) = f(\xi_f^0)$

See [TrinLat](#), [hep-lat/0604021](#)

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**SELLING POINT: DYNAMICAL +  
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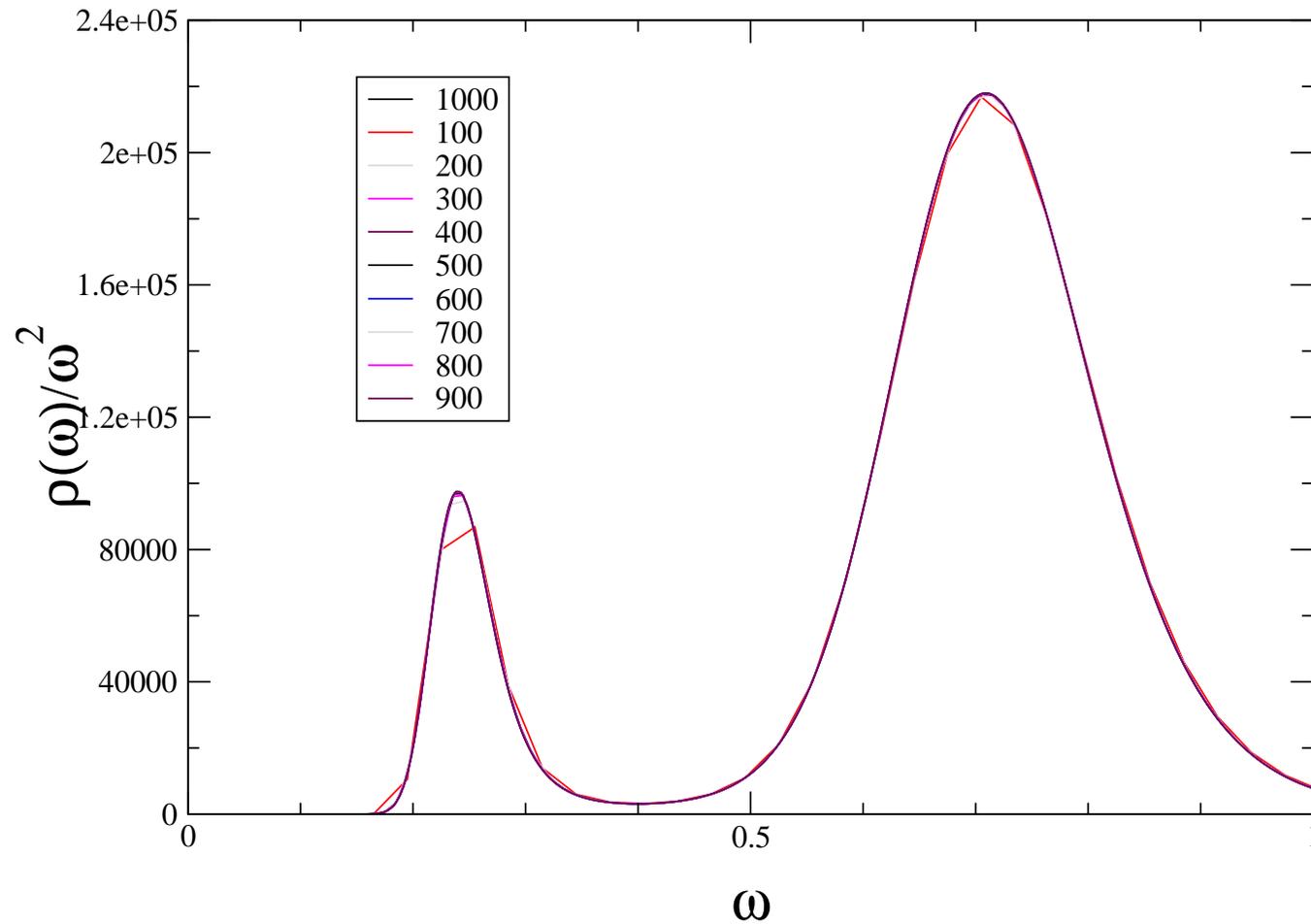
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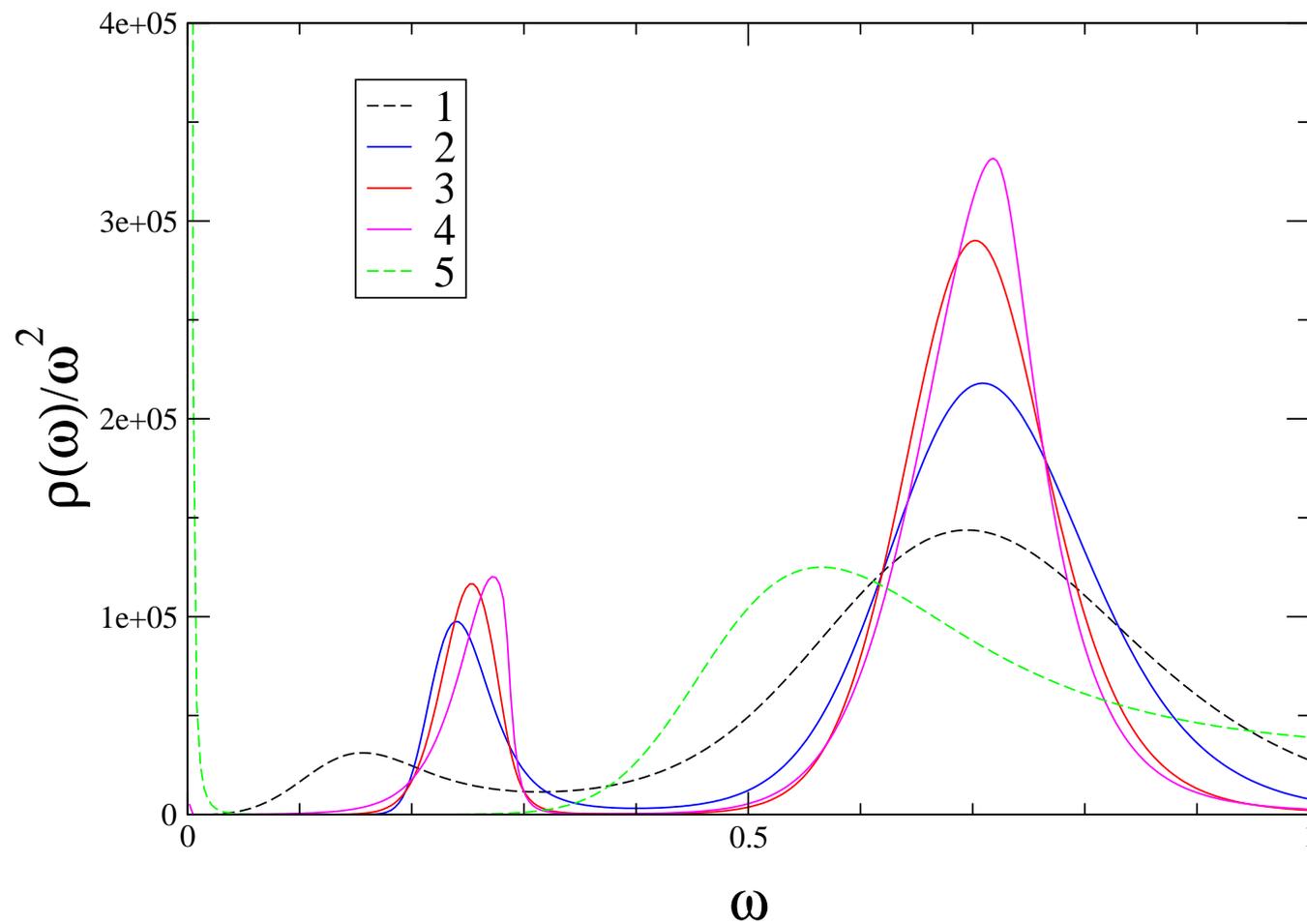
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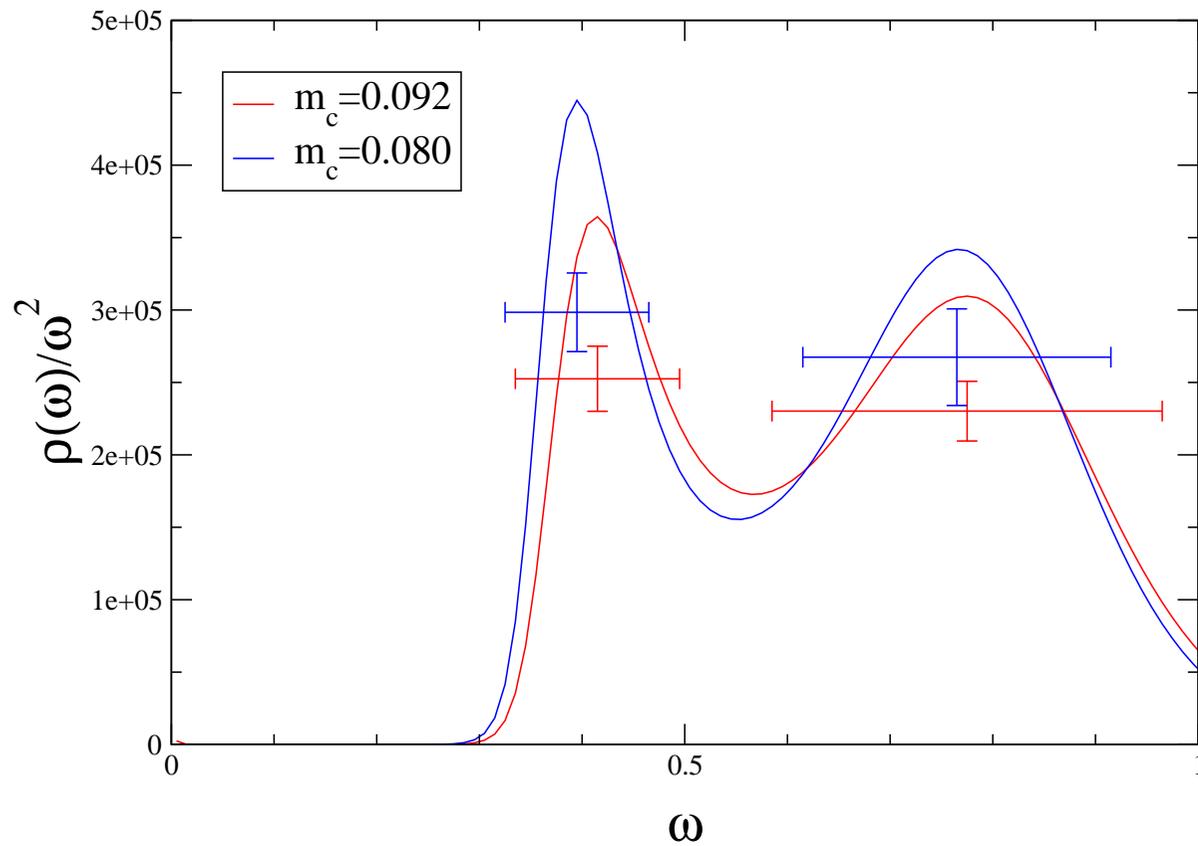
# Varying MEM's start time



# Varying $m_c$

1.3  $T_c$  i.e.  $N_t = 24$

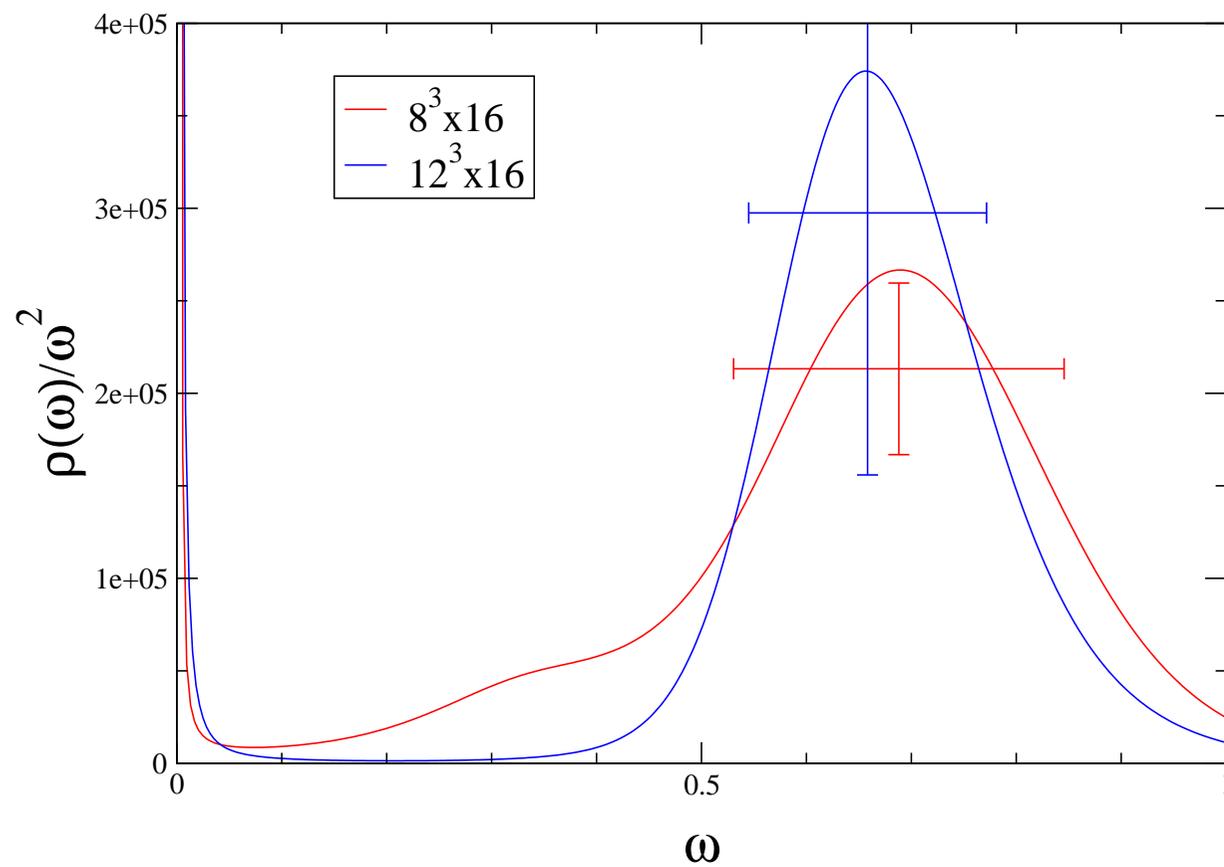
$8^3 \times 24$  Pseudoscalar



# Varying Spatial Volume

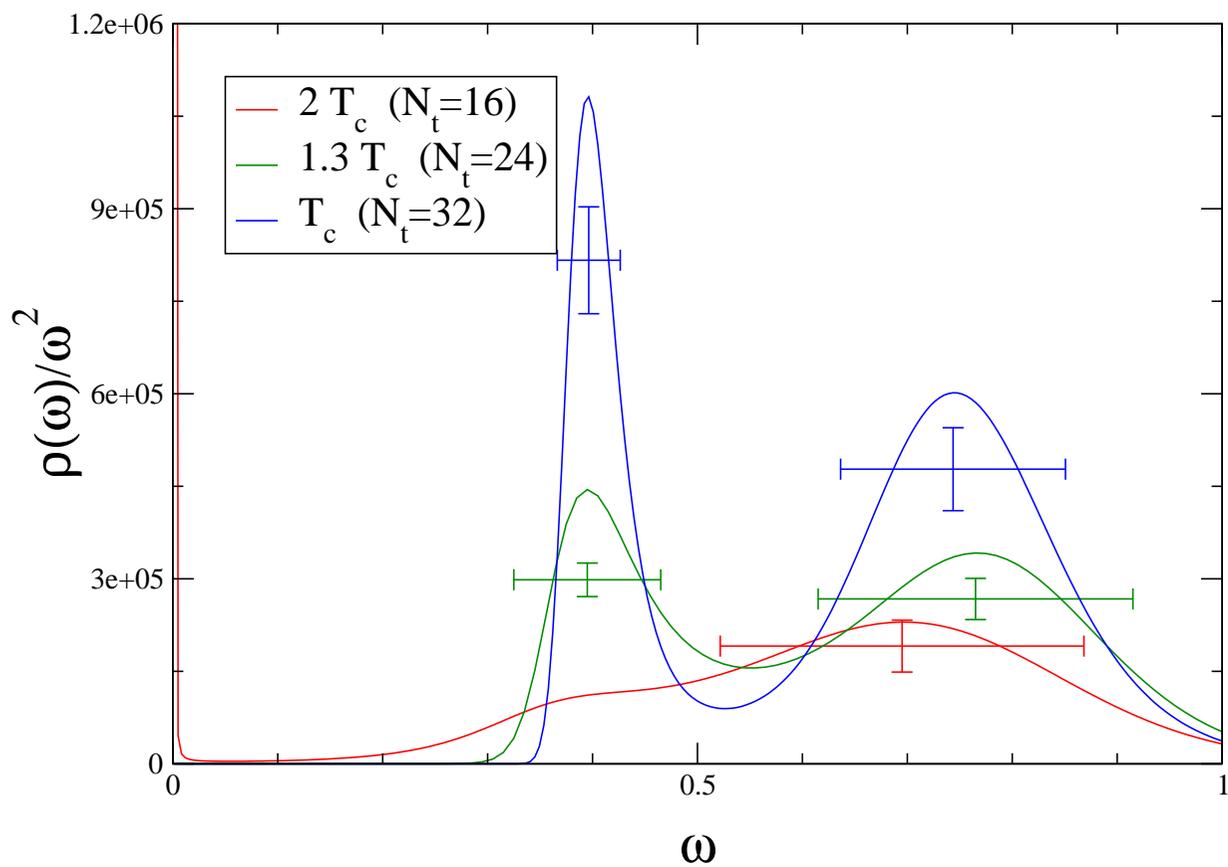
$$N_s = 8 \text{ and } 12$$

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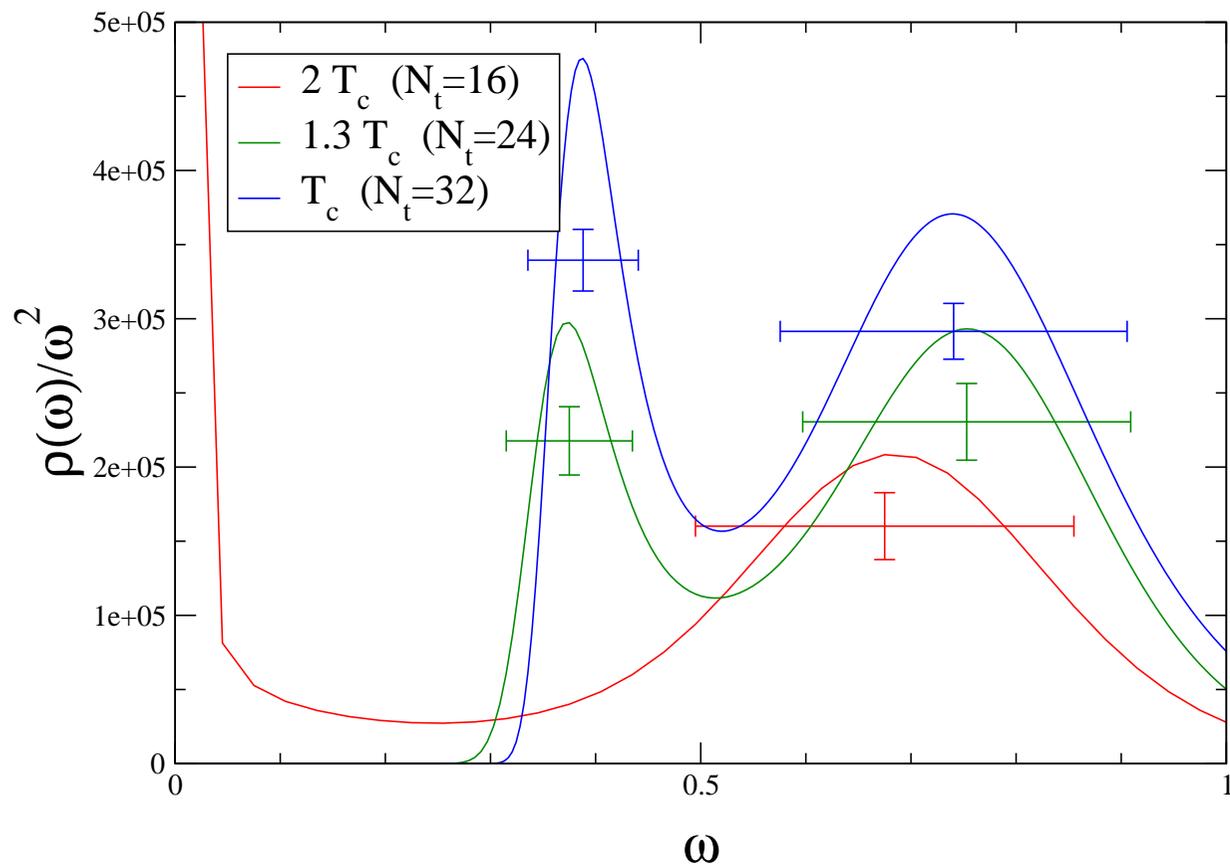
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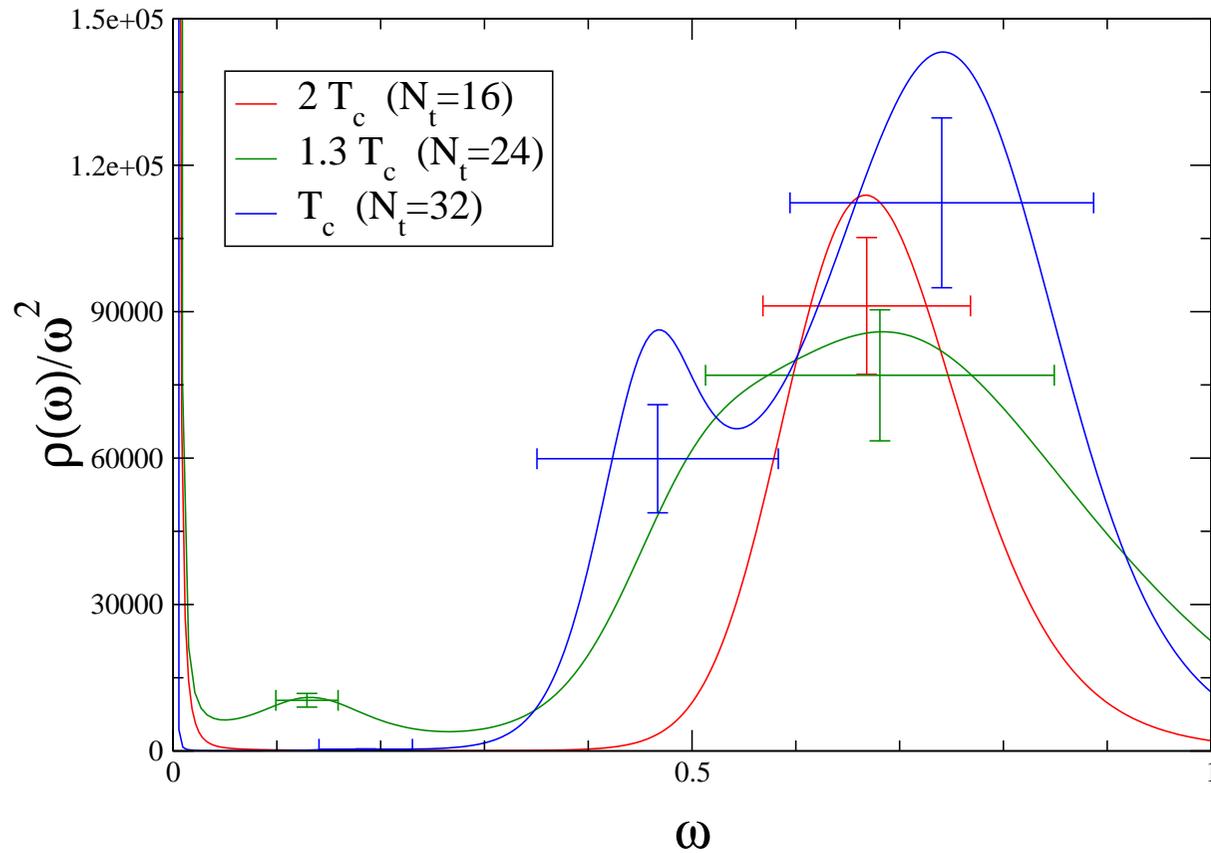
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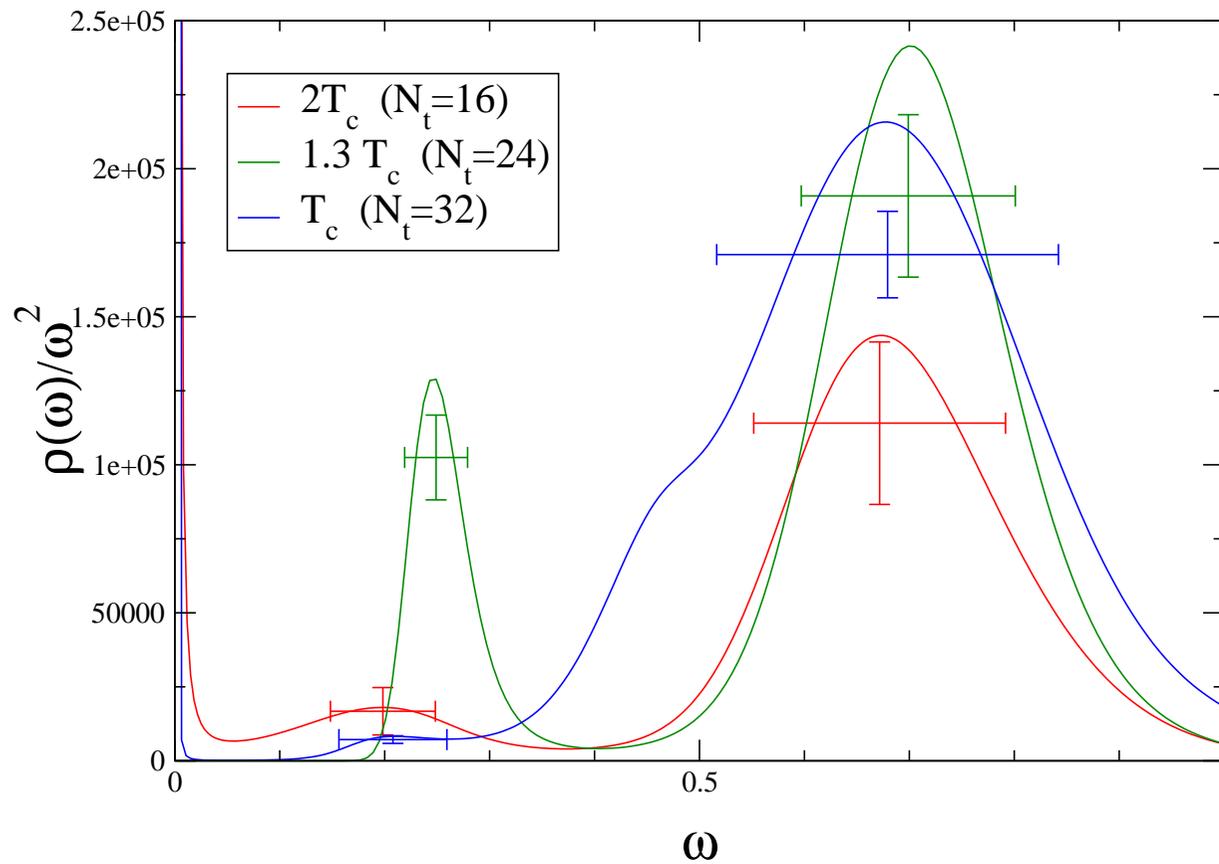
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(Spatial) Axial ( $am_c = 0.080$ ,  $N_s = 8$ )



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Scalar ( $am_c = 0.080, N_s = 8$ )

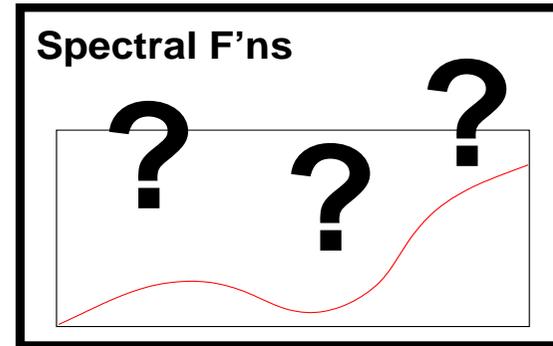
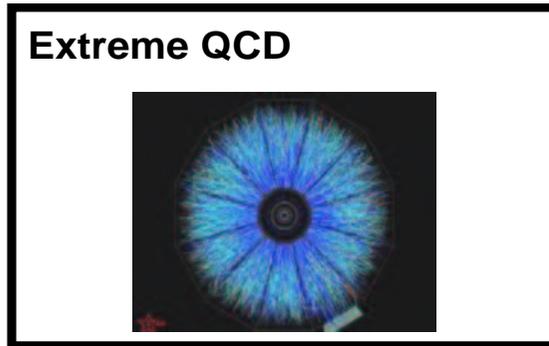


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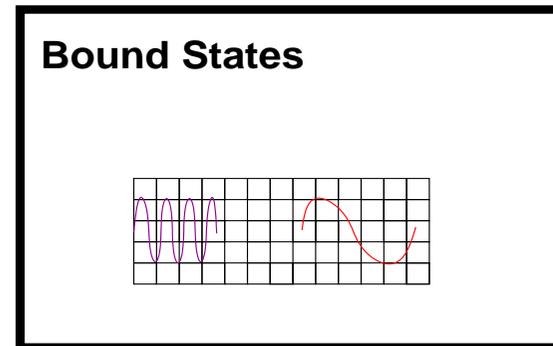
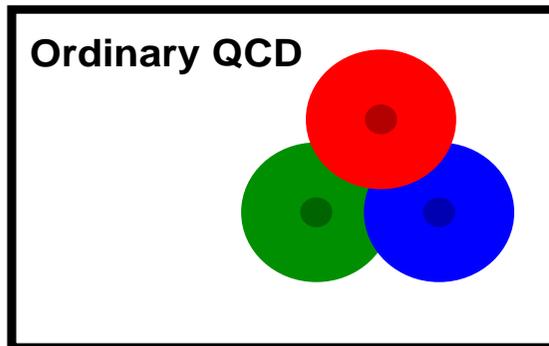
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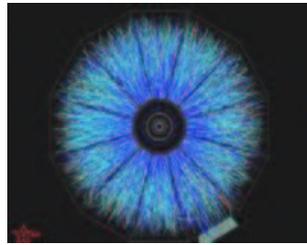
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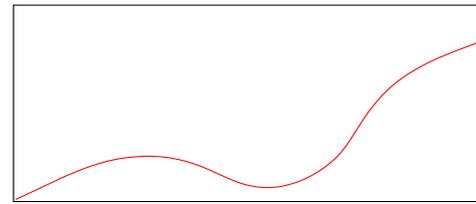
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Extreme QCD

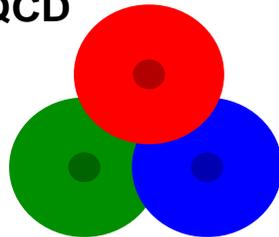


Spectral F'ns

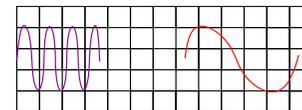


$T = 0$

Ordinary QCD



Bound States



# Summary/Conclusions

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- Improved MEM able to go to  $\omega \rightarrow 0$ 
  - **estimates of conductivity,  $\sigma$**
- Good resolution of spectral functions as  $T$  varied
  - Quenched - momentum variation also studied
  - Dynamical - anisotropic lattice success!
- MEM results stable for sensible variations in MEM parameters
  - unphysical peak at the origin (?)
- Preliminary Results for Melting Temperature:
  - **Pseudoscalar, Vector** states melt between  $1.3 T_c$  and  $2 T_c$
- Still is work in progress ...



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