

# Heavy $QQ\bar{b}$ potential

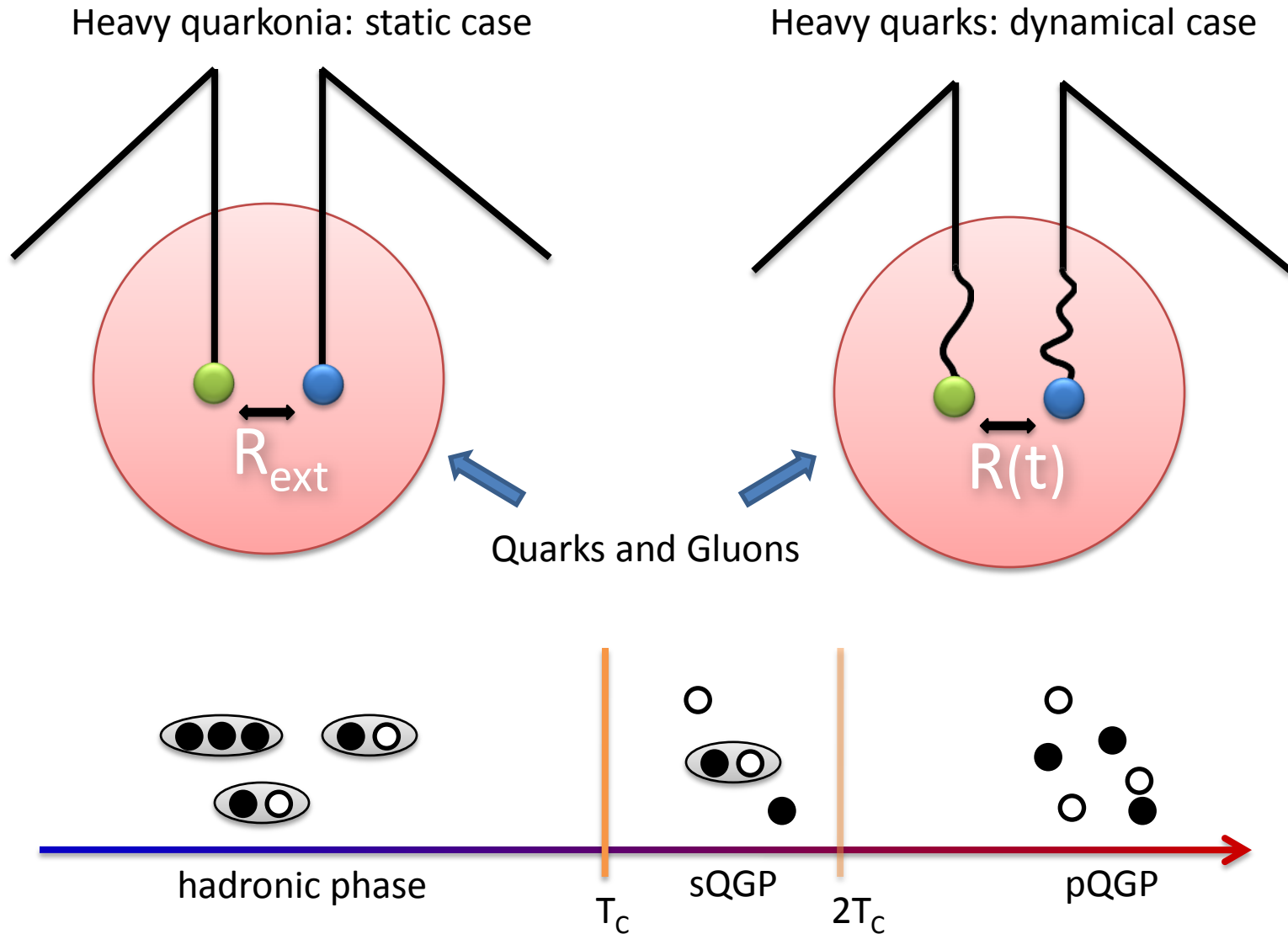
from a spectral decomposition of the thermal Wilson loop

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# Motivation: Probing the QGP



1. Motivation: Heavy Quark potential
2. Potential from the Spectral function
3. Lattice Reconstruction
4. Conclusion and Outlook

Apriori: At the phase transition tightly bound states do not have to vanish  
See e.g. Hatsuda, Kunihiro (PRL 55, 1985)

However: Matsui & Satz predicted J/Psi melting at critical T

comparison  $V_{\text{coulomb+lin.}}(r,T)$  vs.  $V_{\text{Debye}}(r,T)$

“J/Psi Suppression by Quark-Gluon plasma formation” (Phys.Lett. 178, 1986)

Heavy Quarks allow separation of scales: Non-relativistic ( $1/m_Q$ )

$$\left[ i\partial_t - \left( \boxed{\phantom{0}} 2m_Q - \frac{\nabla^2}{m_Q} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{m_Q^3}\right) \right) \right] G^>(t, x) = 0$$

$$G^>(t, x) \equiv \left\langle J^\mu(t, x) J_\mu(0, 0) \right\rangle$$

see e.g. Laine et al. JHEP03, 2007

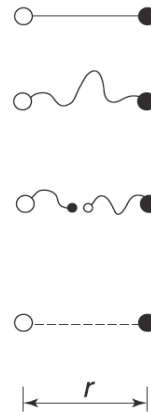
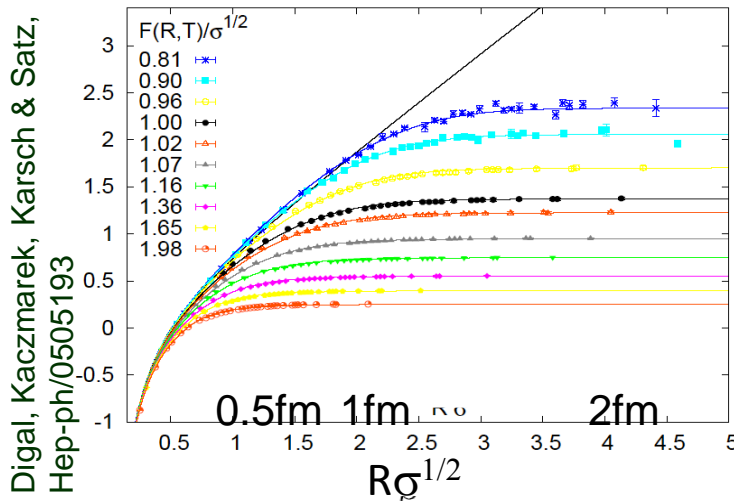
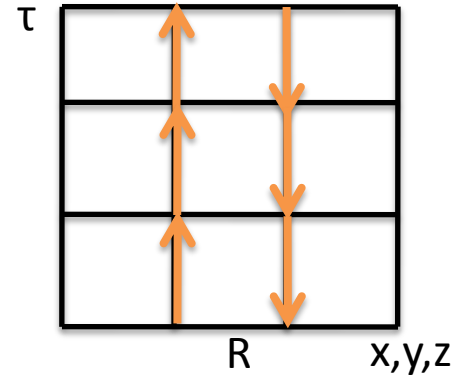
How do we find the potential to use in that Schrödinger Equation?

Use Lattice QCD since non-perturbative:  $U_\mu(x) \sim e^{iagA_\mu}$

First approach: Free Energy as static potential

Free Energy from Polyakov correlator

McLerran, Svetitsky  
"Quark liberation at high temperature" (Phys. Rev. D 24, 1981)



$$e^{-\beta \Delta F_{Q\bar{Q}}} = \langle L(x_Q) L^\dagger(x_{\bar{Q}}) \rangle$$

$$L(x) = \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} \left[ \prod_{\tau=0}^{\tau=\beta} U_4(x, \tau) \right]$$

Different approaches: Internal Energy, Linear combination Internal/Free energy  
(Shuryak, Petreczky, Wong)

However: No direct relation to potential available!

2004: J/Psi survives in the deconfined phase up to  $\approx 2T_C$

Asakawa, Hatsuda

"J/Psi and Eta<sub>C</sub> in the deconfined plasma from Lattice QCD" (PRL 92, 2004)

**Fact:** Spectral function contains all information of the system.

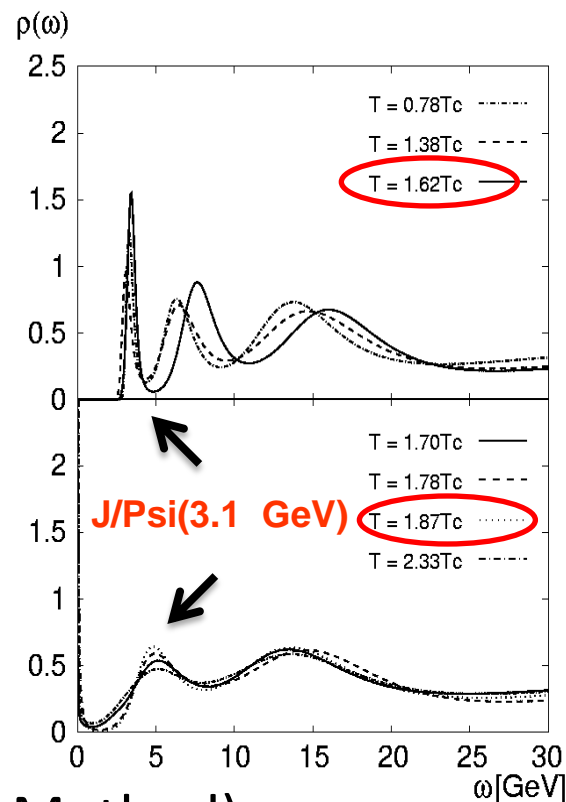
$$\begin{aligned} \rho(\omega, \vec{p}) &= \int d^4x e^{-ip \cdot x} \text{Im}(D_{\mu\mu}^{ret}(t, x)) \\ &= \int d^4x e^{-ip \cdot x} \text{Im}(\langle J_\mu(t, x) J_\mu^\dagger(0, 0) \rangle) \end{aligned}$$

**Fact:** Vector channel SPF directly accessible by experiment:

$$\frac{d^8 N_{l+l-}}{d^4x d^4p} = - \frac{\alpha^2}{3\pi^2 s} \frac{\rho(\omega, \vec{p}; T)}{e^{\omega/T} - 1}$$

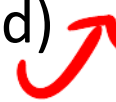
Dilepton production rate Feinberg (1976)

Lattice simulations in Euclidean time  $\tau$ , no direct access to dynamical quantities. Reconstruction is ill-posed problem.



However possible with **MEM** (Maximum Entropy Method)

Asakawa, Nakahara, Hatsuda PRD 60 (1999) & Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 46 (2001)



# What is the true potential?

**Challenge 1:** Free energy potential has no direct theoretical basis (also J/Psi melts too quickly)

**Challenge 2:** Lattice potential does not include realtime dynamics, are we missing something?

Probably: Heavy Quark potential can be complex, i.e. J/Psi is transient  
(using the Hard Thermal Loop approximation, i.e perturbative)

Laine et al.

"Realtime static potential in hot QCD" JHEP 0703 (2007)

Beraudo, Balizot, Ratti

"Real and imaginary-time QQbar correlators in a thermal medium" NPA 806 (2008)

$$\text{HTL Potential: } V_{\text{HTL}}(r) = V_D(r) + V_{LD}(r)$$

Debye screening: (can be derived also from free energy)

$$V_D(r) \propto g^2 \left[ m_D + \frac{e^{-m_D r}}{r} \right], \quad m_D \propto gT$$

Additional effect: Landau damping (scattering with light medium particles)

$$V_{LD}(r) \propto ig^2 T \int_0^\infty dz \frac{z}{(z^2 + 1)^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{\sin(zm_D r)}{zm_D r} \right]$$

Through MEM we can access dynamical information (SPF) directly from the lattice

**What we need:** Definition of the Heavy Quark Potential in terms of the spectral function

From **NRQCD**: 
$$G^>(t, x) \stackrel{t \rightarrow \infty}{\propto} e^{i\text{Re}[V(x)]t} e^{-\text{Im}[V(x)]t} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{m_Q}\right)$$

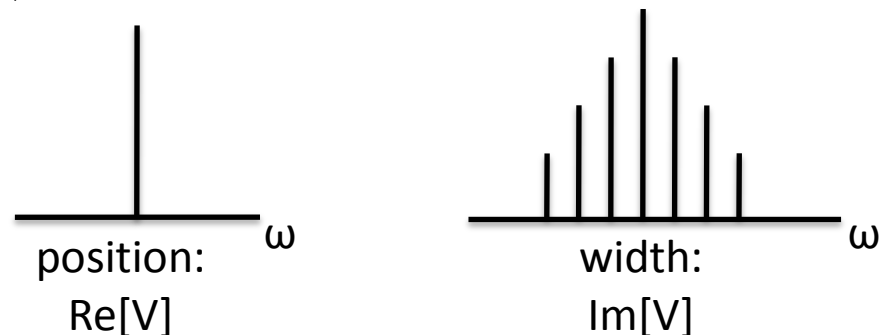
**Heavy mass limit:** 
$$\rho(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\omega t} [G^>(t) - G^<(t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\omega t} G^>(t)$$

Lattice system is finite,  
therefore SPF **discrete**:

$$\rho(\omega) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{n,l} M_{(l,n)} \delta(\omega - (V_l(r) + 2m_Q - E_n)) e^{-\beta E_n}$$

$$E_l = V_l(r) + 2m_Q$$

**What we expect:**





Can we simplify the QQbar correlator?

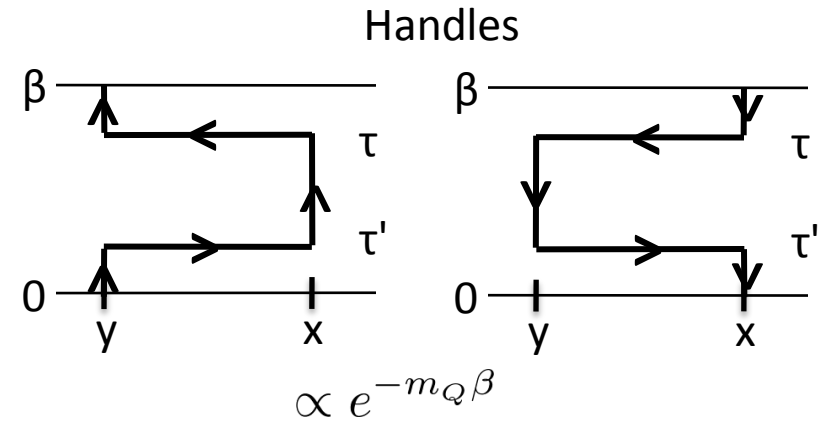
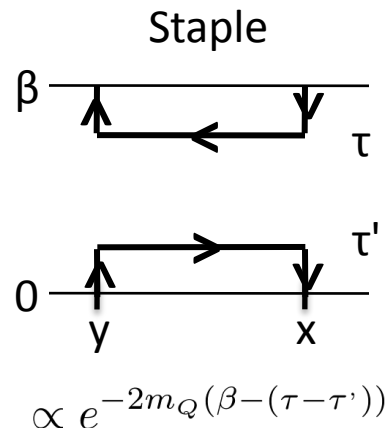
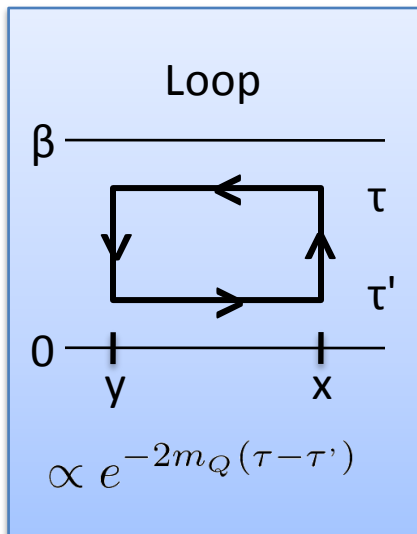
In the heavy mass limit: YES!

1. Medium is vacuum state for Q and Qbar fields: No thermal excitation possible

2. QQbar correlator  $G(x, x', y, y')$  in terms of heavy quark correlators  $S = \langle Qbar Q \rangle$

$$G^>(x, x', y, y') = \langle \bar{Q}(x) \Gamma U Q(y) Q(\bar{y}) \bar{\Gamma} U Q(x') \rangle = -Tr[\Gamma U S(y, y') \bar{\Gamma} U S(x', x)]$$

3. Use  $m \rightarrow \infty$  to simplify the form of S (periodic boundary condition in  $\tau$  direction!)



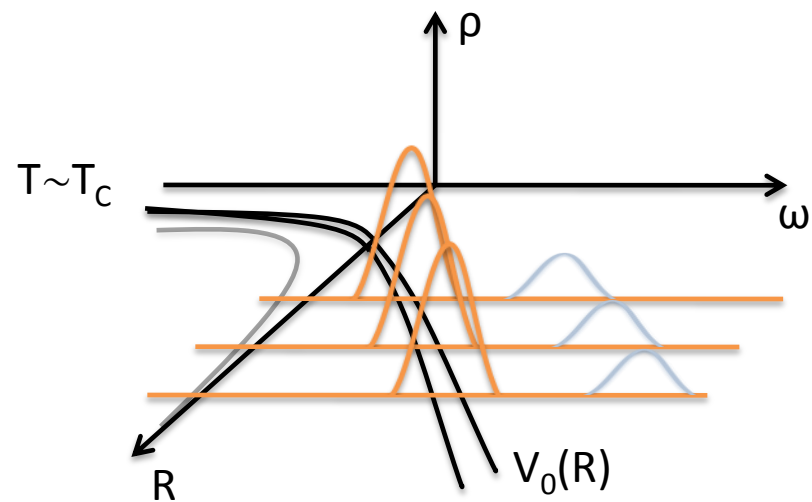
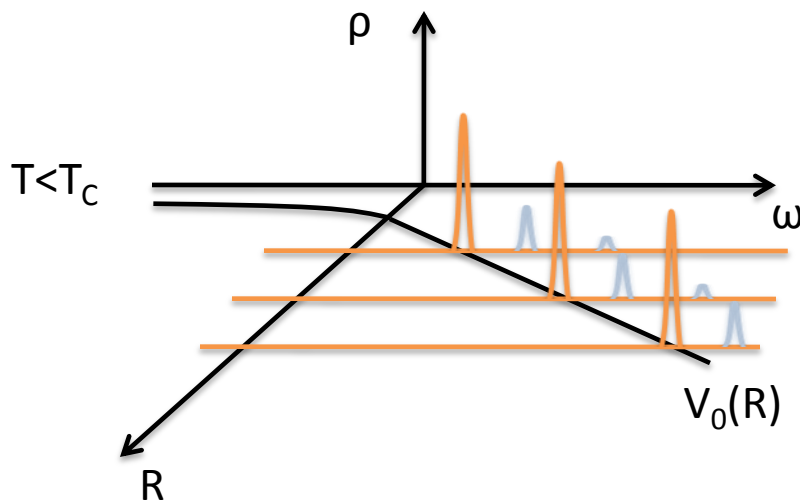
constant:  $\rho \propto \omega \delta(\omega)$  Umeda PRD75 2007

Combining both spectral function and the correlator gives:

$$\frac{D^>(\tau, \tau', R)}{e^{-2m_Q(\tau-\tau')}} = \text{Tr} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \overline{\hspace{1.5cm}} \\ \begin{array}{ccc} \leftarrow & \tau & \rightarrow \\ \downarrow & & \uparrow \\ \leftarrow & \tau' & \rightarrow \\ \downarrow & & \uparrow \\ 0 & \text{---} & \text{---} \\ \text{y} & R & \text{x} \end{array} \\ \hspace{1.5cm} \end{array} \right] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\bar{\omega}(\tau-\tau')} \rho(\bar{\omega}, R)$$

**Reconstruct** spectral function for **different R**: map the shape of the potential

$$\rho(\bar{\omega}, R) = \sum_{n,l} M_{n,0} \delta(\bar{\omega} - V_0(R) - E_n) + \left[ \text{oscillations}_{l=1} + \text{oscillations}_{l=2} + \dots \right]$$



1. Free energy as heavy quark potential not consistent with Lattice QCD and HTL
2. Nonperturbative definition of the potential possible:  
Wilson contour (loop)  $\xrightarrow{\text{Lattice}}$  Spectral Function  $\xrightarrow{\text{MEM}}$  Potential
3. Obtaining Wilson Loop from Lattice Simulations (quenched)  
 $20^3 \times 46$   $\beta=7.0$   $\xi=3.5$       and       $20^3 \times 40$   $\beta=7.0$   $\xi=3.5$
4. Reconstructing the spectral function from the lattice data using the Maximum Entropy Method (in progress)



5. Extracting the QQbar potential both **Re[V]** and **Im[V]**

Thank you for your attention

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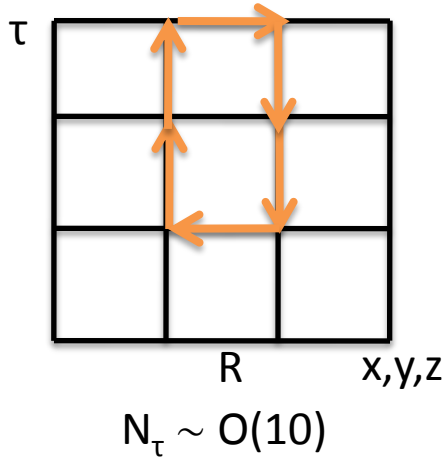
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# Additional Material

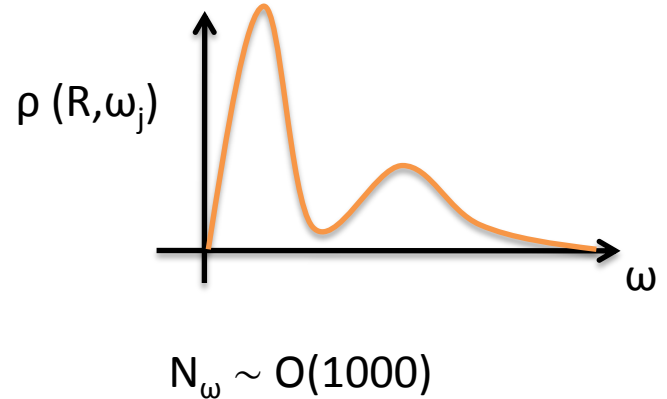
## Maximum Entropy Method:

Deconvolution prescription using Inference:  
What is the most probable image for given data?



$D(R, \tau_i)$

ill - posed  
cannot use  $\chi^2$  fitting



$$D(\tau, p) = \int_0^\infty K(\tau, \omega) \rho(\omega, p)$$

1. No need for low  $\omega$  region parametrization (for  $\omega \rightarrow \infty : \rho(\omega) \sim \omega^2$ )
2. If a solution for  $\rho$  exists it is unique
3. Statistical errors for  $\rho$  can be estimated

Probability of the Data given the solution SPF (fit  $\rho$  onto the data set)

$$\propto \text{Exp} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \left( D(\tau_i) - D_\rho(\tau_i) \right) C_{ij}^{-1} \left( D(\tau_j) - D_\rho(\tau_j) \right) \right]$$

For many lattice measurements, central limit theorem gives gaussian distribution

Probability of the SPF given the prior knowledge. (fit  $\rho$  onto the prior model  $m$ )

Given by Shannon-Janes Entropy

$$\propto \text{Exp} \left[ \alpha \int_0^\infty \left\{ \rho(\omega) - m(\omega) - A(\omega) \log \left( \frac{A(\omega)}{m(\omega)} \right) \right\} d\omega \right]$$

Probability of SPF given the Data  $D$  and prior knowledge  $m$

$$P[\rho|Dm] = \frac{P[D|\rho m] P[\rho|m]}{P[D|m]}$$

Normalization, irrelevant

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta \rho} P[\rho|Dm] \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$