Meson screening masses at finite temperature with Highly Improved Staggered Quarks

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Introduction

In-medium properties of hadronic excitations in hot QCD matter Heavy-Ion Collision Experiments at RHIC and LHC

Charmonium

purely created after collision: direct probe in HIC experiments e.g. dissociation of J/ψ at high temperature

⇒ direct signal that Quark-Gluon plasma is created Matsui and Satz (1986)



in PHENIX experiment at RHIC... Suppression of survival probability of J/ψ

Understanding suppression of hadronic excitation in QGP Theoretical understanding of meson thermal properties: indispensable



Introduction

Lattice QCD at finite temperature

Direct investigation of hadronic excitation: Difficult

Meson correlation function to spatial direction: Screening mass

in thermal medium...

at $T \sim 0$, hadron structure: pole mass at T = 0: $M(T) \sim m_0$ at $T \sim T_c$, sensitive to quark structure: bound states broaden at $T \to \infty$, free meson with two quark propagators

which have the lowest Matsubara mode: $M_{\rm free} = 2 \sqrt{(\pi T)^2 + m_q^2}$

Meson screening mass at finite T

Boundary Condition to temporal direction:

Investigation of hadronic modification due to thermal effect

Anti-periodic BC: $q(\vec{x}, 1/T) = -q(\vec{x}, 0)$

Periodic BC: $q(\vec{x}, 1/T) = q(\vec{x}, 0)$

at low *T*: bosonic bound state \implies no discrepancy

at high T: difference due to Matsubara mode

$$\Rightarrow M(T) \rightarrow \begin{cases} 2\sqrt{(\pi T)^2 + m_q^2} & \text{for APB} \\ 2m_q & \text{for PB} \end{cases}$$

probe of temporal broadening

width of the spectral function

Screening mass in lattice QCD simulations

in p4 action for light and charm sector (2011)



in this study: in HISQ action for charmonium,

open-charm and strangeness sectors



Highly Improved Staggered Quarks

HISQ actionBazavov et al. (2011)Reduction of the taste violationControl of the cutoff effectsImage: University of the cutoff effects<

Lattice setup 2+1 flavor QCD (charm quenched) $m_l/m_s = 0.05 \ (m_{\pi} \sim 160 \text{ MeV}, m_K \sim 504 \text{ MeV})$ $48^3 \times 48 \text{ or } 64 \text{ at } T = 0$ $48^3 \times 12, \beta = 6.664 - 7.280 \ (T = 138 - 245 \text{ MeV}, 15 \text{ points})$ $N_{\tau} = 10, 8, 6, 4 \text{ at } \beta = 7.280, N_s/N_{\tau} = 4 \ (T = 297 - 743 \text{ MeV})$ scale: f_k input meson propagators: point and wall sources (5000-10000 traj.)



T = 0

Meson propagators in HISQ

> Meson spectrum in strange and charm



Meson correlators in staggered action



Artifacts due to the taste violation:

well suppressed at large distance in HISQ action

Meson spectrum at T = 0

Ground states with negative parity

 $M_{-}^{\mathrm{PS}}, \ M_{-}^{\mathrm{V}}$



 \mathbf{PS} AV

Determination of quark mass at T = 0Strange-quark mass:

$$m_{\eta_{\bar{s}s}} = \sqrt{2m_K^2 - m_\pi^2}$$
 Hot-QCD (2011)

Charm-quark mass:

 $\frac{1}{4}m_{\eta_c} + \frac{3}{4}m_{J/\psi}$

 m_s input No significant β dependence:

well improvement of the cutoff effect in HISQ action •

Finite temperature

Screening mass: Anti-periodic BC and periodic BC

- Charmonium
- Open-charm and strangeness
- > At high temperature
 - comparison with thermal perturbation theory



Charmonium screening mass at $T \sim T_c$



Open-charm and strangeness: $T \sim T_c$





at *T* ~ 160 MeV: discrepancy btw APB and PB D_s, D_s^* modified at $T > T_c$ ($\eta_{s\bar{s}}$), ϕ significant modification at $T < 0.8T_c$



Summary

Meson screening masses in Highly Improved Staggered Quarks

for charmonium, open-charm and strangeness at low *T*: corresponding to pole mass at *T* = 0 at high *T*: convergence to $2\sqrt{(\pi T)^2 + m_q^2}$ with Anti-periodic BC $2m_q$ with periodic BC

Modification due to thermal medium

 $\begin{array}{l} \eta_c, \ J/\psi \ \text{survive at } T \sim 1.3 \ T_c \\ D_s, D_s^* \ \text{modified at } T \sim T_c \\ (\eta_{s\bar{s}}), \ \phi \ \text{significant modification even at } T < 0.8 \ T_c \end{array}$

Comparison with thermal perturbation: $S\overline{S}$ V – is similar, but PS – is not

> no convergence: precise investigation at higher *T*