Probing Chiral Symmetry Restoration with Dileptons

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Why chiral mixing?

- Q. Do we see any signal of chiral symmetry restoration in dilepton measurement?
- □Light vector mesons change their properties in hot/dense matter ---- χ -sym. restoration?
- The best way: V spectrum vs. A spectrum
- Axial-vector mesons can show up in vector spectrum in a medium!

<VV> \leftarrow chiral mixing \rightarrow <AA>

My fingers crossed, HIAF/FAIR/J-PARC/NICA/RHIC-BES!



[Domokos, Harvey ('07)] Holographic approach at finite μ B $S_{\text{4dim}} = \int d^4x \left| \frac{1}{2} \left(\partial_\mu \pi \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m_\pi^2 \pi^2 - \frac{1}{4} \left(\rho_{\mu\nu} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{4} \left(a_{\mu\nu} \right)^2 \right|^2$ $+\frac{1}{2}m_{\rho}^{2}\rho_{\nu}^{2}+\frac{1}{2}m_{a}^{2}a_{\mu}^{2}+C\epsilon^{ijk}\left(\rho_{i}\partial_{j}a_{k}+a_{i}\partial_{j}\rho_{k}\right)$ $p_0^2 - |\vec{p}|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[m_\rho^2 + m_{a_1}^2 \pm \sqrt{(m_{a_1}^2 - m_\rho^2)^2 + 16C^2 |\vec{p}|^2} \right]$

 ρ meson

 a_1 meson



Spectral function: Not BW 10⁰ longitudinal transverse longitudinal transv: C=0.5 GeV average 10⁻¹ transv: C=1 GeV ImG_V [GeV²] 2.5 p₀ [GeV] 2 10⁻² 1.5 1 10⁻³ 0.5 0 0.5 1.5 2 0 p [GeV] 10-4 0.5 1.5 2 0 s^{1/2} [GeV]

C = 1 GeV, 3-momentum p = 0.5 GeV
1 bump of transv. rho, 1 bump of transv. a1

[Harada, CS ('09)] Chiral mixing induced by WZW

Wess-Zumino-Witten term [Kaiser, Meissner ('90)]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\omega\rho a_{1}} = g_{\omega\rho a_{1}} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \omega_{\mu} \left[\partial_{\nu} V_{\lambda} \cdot A_{\sigma} + \partial_{\nu} A_{\lambda} \cdot V_{\sigma} \right]$$
$$\langle \omega_{0} \rangle = g_{\omega NN} \cdot n_{B} / m_{\omega}^{2} \qquad C = g_{\omega\rho a_{1}} \cdot g_{\omega NN} \cdot \frac{n_{B}}{m_{\omega}^{2}}$$

 $\Box Mixing strength: C = 0.1 GeV at \rho_{0}$

- AdS/QCD \rightarrow C = 1 GeV at $\rho_0 \rightarrow$ vector cond.!?
- Why so large? --- higher-lying states in large Nc cf. VMD $C_{\rm hQCD} \sim C_{\omega\rho a_1} + \sum C_{\omega^n \rho a_1}$

Weak mixing ... No impact?

A missing piece: χ sym. restoration

 $<AA> \rightarrow <VV>$

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Chiral restoration vs. mixing

Dispersion relations for small 3-momenta

$$p_0^2 \simeq m_{a_1,\rho}^2 + \left(1 \pm \frac{4C^2}{m_{a_1}^2 - m_{\rho}^2}\right) \bar{p}^2$$

The mixing effect will be enhanced as δ m decreases!

- \geq In-medium δ m
- ≻In-medium mixing C

Set-up: rho/omega

Mass difference = order parameter

- Chiral restoration $\rightarrow < \sigma >$
- Density effect $\rightarrow < \omega_0 >$

Chiral MF models

Nucleon parity-doublet model [Zschiesche et al.]



✓ Nuclear ground state
 ✓ Extended with deconf
 to quark matter,
 constrained by NS
 [Marczenko et al. (2019)]
 → Masses & mixing

Mass difference vs. mixing : T=50 MeV



Spectral function at T = 50 MeV



(top) chiral restoration (bottom) no restoration--- longitudinal --- transverse --- average

Set-up: phi

DMasses of Φ meson and f₁(1420)?

Screening mass in LQCD: modification sets in at Tc



 $\delta m(q) \approx 0.26$ at μc Assumptions: > $\delta m(s) \approx 0.26$ at 1.2 μc > Constant mass of vector states









Signals diminished by p-wave states



[in-medium $\phi \rightarrow KK$: Kaiser et al. (95), Ramos & Oset (00)] ϕ remains well-defined resonance!



Summary

Parity doubling of vector mesons



Chiral sym. restoration in cold dense matter

- Clear structural change in the dilepton rates
- Especially, in the phi-sector at T = 50-80 MeV
- Big discovery potential at HIAF/FAIR/NICA!

Backup

[Harada, CS ('09)] Vector-current correlator

$$G_V^{\mu\nu}(p_0, \vec{p}) = P_L^{\mu\nu} G_V^L(p_0, \vec{p}) + P_T^{\mu\nu} G_V^T(p_0, \vec{p}),$$

$$G_V^L = \left(\frac{g_{\rho}}{m_{\rho}}\right)^2 \frac{-s}{D_V}, \quad G_V^T = \left(\frac{g_{\rho}}{m_{\rho}}\right)^2 \frac{-sD_A + 4C^2\bar{p}^2}{D_V D_A - 4C^2\bar{p}^2},$$

$$D_{V,A} = s - m_{\rho,a_1}^2 + i m_{\rho,a_1} \Gamma_{\rho,a_1}(s),$$

$$G_V = \frac{1}{3} \left[G_V^L + 2G_V^T \right]$$

Low-energy theorem

$$\begin{split} G_V^{\mu\nu}(T) &= (1-\epsilon) G_V^{\mu\nu}(0) + \epsilon \, G_A^{\mu\nu}(0) \\ G_A^{\mu\nu}(T) &= (1-\epsilon) G_A^{\mu\nu}(0) + \epsilon \, G_V^{\mu\nu}(0) \\ \epsilon &= \frac{T^2}{6F_\pi^2} \end{split}$$







Chiral EFT for pions, rho and a1 at 1 loop Intrinsic tem. effect in the a1 ρ π interaction

[Hohler, Rapp ('14,'16)]

From low T to high T



Weinberg SRs [Weinberg ('67); Kapusta, Shuryak ('94)]

□Vector SF & ansatz for a1 mass and width

✓ Reduction of a1 mass, width broadening

✓ Role of higher-lying states: ρ' , a1', ...