

Thermal and baryon density modifications of the $\sigma\text{-boson}$ propagator in an HTL-like approximation

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Λ interactions in the corona

The core, where the energy density is high, can be modeled as a QCD plasma.

The corona, where the energy density is low, can be modeled as a hadronic gas.



Then, we have to obtain the thermodynamic correction to the σ propagator.

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One-loop thermodynamic correction to the scalar sigma meson

Considering the corona region as an baryonic gas, the one-loop correction to the σ propagator Δ^* at finite temperature T and baryonic chemical potential μ can be written in the imaginary time formalism as

$$\Delta^*(i\omega,p) = \frac{1}{\omega^2 + p^2 + m_\sigma^2 + \Pi},$$

where Π is the σ self energy at one loop as is depicted in the Feynman diagram showed below.



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Explicity, the σ self energy is

$$\Pi = T \sum_{n} \int \frac{d^{3}k}{(2\pi)^{3}} g_{\sigma}^{2} \operatorname{Tr} \left[(M_{N} - k)(M_{N} - (k - P)) \right]$$

$$\times \tilde{\Delta}(K) \tilde{\Delta}(K - P).$$

Where

$$P = (i\omega, \vec{p}),$$

$$K = (i\omega_n, \vec{k}).$$
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The compute expression (2) we use the standar methods of sumation of frequencies which involve distributions functions and the energy of the particles.

$$E_{1} = \sqrt{M_{N}^{2} + k^{2}}$$

$$E_{2} = \sqrt{M_{N}^{2} + k^{2} + p^{2} - 2pk\cos\theta}$$

$$\tilde{n}_{\pm}(E) = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{E \mp \mu}{T}} + 1}$$
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Approximation for $M_N > T$

We can make the change of variable $\xi^2 = M_N^2 + k^2$, $\xi d\xi = kdk$. This new variable has the information of the nucleon mass and allow us to make the following approximations,

$$\begin{split} E_1 &\approx \sqrt{\xi^2} = \xi \\ E_2 &\approx \sqrt{\xi^2 - 2\sqrt{\xi^2 - M_N^2}p\cos\theta + p^2} \\ &\approx \xi - p\cos\theta + \frac{p^2 - p^2x^2}{2\xi} \\ \tilde{n}_{\pm}(E_1) &\approx e^{-\frac{\xi}{T} \pm \frac{\mu}{T}} \equiv n_{\pm}^1 \\ \tilde{n}_{\pm}(E_2) &\approx n_{\pm}^1 - p\cos\theta \frac{dn_{\pm}^1}{d\xi} \equiv n_{\pm}^2 \end{split}$$

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Leading order contribution to self energy

The leading order contribution term over M can be written as

$$\Pi = M_T p_0 \left((3x^3 - x) \log \left(\frac{x+1}{x-1} \right) + 6x^2 + \frac{2}{3} \right) - \frac{5M_T p_0 x^4 \log \left(\frac{x^2 + \sqrt{3x^2 + 1} + 1}{x^2 - \sqrt{3x^2 + 1} + 1} \right)}{\sqrt{3x^2 + 1}}$$

Where we have defined

$$M_{T} = \frac{2g^{2}M_{N}e^{-M/T}\sinh\left(\frac{\mu}{T}\right)}{\pi^{2}}$$
$$x = \frac{p0}{p}$$
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Propagator with thermodynamic correction

If we notice that
$$\frac{x+1}{x-1} < 0$$
 and $\frac{x^2+\sqrt{3x^2+1}+1}{x^2-\sqrt{3x^2+1}+1} < 0$ when $-1 < x < 1$, we can express the propagator as

$$\Delta^*(q_0) = \frac{1}{p_0^2 - p^2 - m_\sigma^2 - F(p_0, p) + i\pi A(p_0, p)\theta(p^2 - p_0^2)},$$
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Where we have defined

$$F(p_0, p) = M_T p_0 \left((3x^3 - x) \log \left(\left| \frac{x+1}{x-1} \right| \right) + 6x^2 + \frac{2}{3} \right) - \frac{5M_T p_0 x^4 \log \left(\left| \frac{x^2 + \sqrt{3x^2 + 1} + 1}{x^2 - \sqrt{3x^2 + 1} + 1} \right| \right)}{\sqrt{3x^2 + 1}}, \qquad (9)$$

and

$$A(p_0, p) = M_T p_0 \left((3x^3 - x) - \frac{5x^4}{\sqrt{3x^2 + 1}} \right) \right].$$
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Spectral density

We can obtain the spectral density making the analytic continuation and taking the imaginary part of the propagator,

$$\rho_{\sigma}(p_0, p) = 2 \operatorname{Im} \Delta^*(q_0 + i\eta, q). \tag{11}$$

Then, it is easy to show that

$$\rho_{\sigma}(p_{0}, p) = 2\pi Z(\omega(p)) \left[\delta(p_{0} - \omega_{\sigma}(p)) - \delta(p_{0} + \omega_{\sigma}(p))\right] + \beta(p_{0}, p), \qquad (12)$$

with

$$\beta(p0,p) = \frac{A(p_0,p)\theta(p^2 - p_0^2)}{(p_0^2 - p^2 - m_\sigma^2 - F(p_0,p))^2 - (\frac{A(p_0,p)\pi}{2})^2}.$$
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Now, $\omega_{\sigma}(p)$ is the pole of

$$\frac{1}{p_0^2 - p^2 - m_\sigma^2 - F(p_0, p)},$$

and $Z(\omega_{\sigma}(p))$ the residue. Then

$$\omega_{\sigma}(p)^2 - p^2 - m_{\sigma}^2 - F(\omega_{\sigma}(p), p) = 0.$$

Explicity, this is

$$\omega_{\sigma}(p)^{2} = p^{2} + m_{\sigma}^{2} + M_{T}p_{0}$$

$$\times \left(\left((3x^{3} - x) \log \left(\left| \frac{x+1}{x-1} \right| \right) + 6x^{2} + \frac{2}{3} \right) - \frac{5x^{4} \log \left(\left| \frac{x^{2} + \sqrt{3x^{2} + 1} + 1}{x^{2} - \sqrt{3x^{2} + 1} + 1} \right| \right)}{\sqrt{3x^{2} + 1}} \right)$$
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The discussion and results obtained can be summary as follows:

- \blacktriangleright The RMF model can be used to calculated the σ self energy.
- We aproximate the propagator with HTL-like model wich has the information of the large mass of the nucleons.
- The spectral desity of the propagator has a similar behavior as the HTL model.
- The thermic σ-boson propagator can be used to estimated the Λ polarization contribution from the corona region.

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Different sets of couplings in the RMF model

For the interactions of nucleons and Λ in the RMF model, some couplings are

	NL3	BigApple	TM1	IUFSU
M_{σ} [MeV]	508.194	492.730	511.198	491.5
gσ	10.217	9.6699	10.0289	9.9713
$g_{\sigma\Lambda}/g_{\sigma}$	0.618896	0.616322	0.621052	0.616218

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Traces of the Feynmann diagram

The trace give us

$$\Pi = 4T \sum_{n} \int \frac{d^{3}k}{(2\pi)^{3}} g_{\sigma}^{2} \left[M_{N}^{2} + \omega_{n}^{2} + k^{2} - \omega_{n}\omega - \vec{k}\vec{p} \right]$$
$$\times \tilde{\Delta}(K)\tilde{\Delta}(K - P).$$
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It is convenient to separate the last expression into three integrals,

$$\Pi_{1} = 4T \sum_{n} \int \frac{d^{3}k}{(2\pi)^{3}} g_{\sigma}^{2} \left[M_{N}^{2} + \omega_{n}^{2} + k^{2} \right] \tilde{\Delta}(K) \tilde{\Delta}(K - P),$$

$$\Pi_{2} = -4T \sum_{n} \int \frac{d^{3}k}{(2\pi)^{3}} g_{\sigma}^{2} \left[\vec{k} \vec{p} \right] \tilde{\Delta}(K) \tilde{\Delta}(K - P), \qquad (18)$$

$$\Pi_{3} = -4T \sum_{n} \int \frac{d^{3}k}{(2\pi)^{3}} g_{\sigma}^{2} \left[\omega_{n} \omega \right] \tilde{\Delta}(K) \tilde{\Delta}(K - P).$$

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The term $\left[M_N^2 + \omega_n^2 + k^2\right]$ is the inverse of $\tilde{\Delta}(K)$, then

$$\Pi_{1} = 4T \sum_{n} \int \frac{d^{3}k}{(2\pi)^{3}} g_{\sigma}^{2} \tilde{\Delta}(K - P)$$

$$= 4T \sum_{n} \int \frac{d^{3}k}{(2\pi)^{3}} g_{\sigma}^{2} \tilde{\Delta}(K)$$

$$= \frac{2g_{\sigma}^{2}}{E_{1}} \int \frac{d^{3}k}{(2\pi)^{3}} (1 - \tilde{n}_{+}(E_{1}) - \tilde{n}_{-}(E_{1})). \quad (19)$$

Now we apply the approximations and omit the temperature independent term to obtain

$$\Pi_{1} = -2g^{2} \int \frac{d^{3}k}{(2\pi)^{3}} \frac{1}{\xi} \left(e^{\frac{-\mu-\xi}{T}} + e^{\frac{\mu-\xi}{T}} \right)$$
$$= -2g^{2} \int \frac{d\xi d(\cos\theta)}{(2\pi)^{2}} \sqrt{\xi^{2} - M^{2}} \cosh\left(\frac{\mu}{T}\right) \qquad (20)$$

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Permormig the remaining integrals,

$$\Pi_1 = -\frac{2g^2}{\pi^2} MT \ K_1\left(\frac{M}{T}\right) \cosh\left(\frac{\mu}{T}\right), \qquad (21)$$

where $K_1(x)$ is the modified Bessel function of second kind. Now, if we consider that M >> T, then de Bessel function behaves as

$$K_1(\frac{M}{T}) \approx \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{-\frac{M}{T}} \sqrt{\frac{T}{M}}.$$

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Therefore

$$\Pi_{1} \approx -\frac{\sqrt{2}g^{2}}{\pi^{\frac{3}{2}}}M^{\frac{1}{2}}T^{3/2} \cosh\left(\frac{\mu}{T}\right).$$
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The expression for Π_2 is

$$\Pi_2 = -4T \sum_n \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} g_\sigma^2 \left[\vec{k} \vec{p} \right] \tilde{\Delta}(K) \tilde{\Delta}(K-P).$$

We use the following identity,

$$T\sum_{n} \tilde{\Delta}(i\omega_{n} - \mu, \vec{k})\tilde{\Delta}(i(\omega_{n} - \omega) + \mu, \vec{k} - \vec{p}) = \frac{1}{E_{1}E_{2}} \left[\frac{1 - \tilde{n}_{+}(E1) - \tilde{n}_{-}(E2)}{i\omega - E_{1} - E_{2}} - \frac{1 - \tilde{n}_{-}(E1) - \tilde{n}_{+}(E2)}{i\omega + E_{1} + E_{2}} \right] - (25)$$
$$\frac{1}{E_{1}E_{2}} \left[\frac{\tilde{n}_{-}(E1) - \tilde{n}_{-}(E2)}{i\omega + E_{1} - E_{2}} - \frac{\tilde{n}_{+}(E1) - \tilde{n}_{+}(E2)}{i\omega - E_{1} + E_{2}} \right].$$

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Now let us define

$$\begin{split} \mathsf{I}_1 &= \int \, d\xi \, \left(\xi^2 - M_N^2\right) \xi \, \frac{(n_+^1 + n_-^2)}{E_1 \, E_2(p_0 - \Delta E^+)}, \\ \mathsf{I}_2 &= \int \, d\xi \, \left(\xi^2 - M_N^2\right) \xi \, \frac{(n_-^1 + n_+^2)}{E_1 \, E_2(p_0 + \Delta E^+)}, \\ \mathsf{I}_3 &= \int \, d\xi \, \left(\xi^2 - M_N^2\right) \xi \, \frac{(n_-^1 - n_-^2)}{E_1 \, E_2(p_0 + \Delta E^-)}, \\ \mathsf{I}_4 &= \int \, d\xi \, \left(\xi^2 - M_N^2\right) \xi \, \frac{(n_+^1 - n_+^2)}{E_1 \, E_2(p_0 - \Delta E^-)}. \end{split}$$

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With

$$\Delta E^{+} = E_{1} + E_{2}, \Delta E^{-} = E_{1} - E_{2}.$$
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Then we can write

$$\Pi_2 = -\frac{4g_\sigma^2 p}{(2\pi)^2} \int d(\cos\theta) \cos\theta \left[-(I_1 - I_2) - (I_3 - I_4) \right]$$
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At leading order, we can write

$$\begin{split} \Pi_2 &= \frac{2g^2 p_0 e^{-\frac{M}{T}}}{\pi^2} \left(\frac{\left(48x^4 + 26x^2 + 1\right)}{3x^2 \left(x^2 + 1\right)} \right. \\ &+ \frac{\left(22x^4 + 13x^2 + 1\right) \log\left(\frac{x+1}{x-1}\right)}{2 \left(x^3 + x\right)} \\ &+ \frac{\left(2x^2 + 1\right) \left(19x^2 + 5\right) \log\left(\frac{\sqrt{1+3x^2} + x - 1}{\sqrt{1+3x^2} - x + 1}\right)}{\left(x^2 + 1\right) \sqrt{\left(1 + 3x^2\right)}} \right) \\ &\times \left(p_0 \cosh\left(\frac{\mu}{T}\right) - T \sinh\left(\frac{\mu}{T}\right) \right) \end{split}$$

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We use the following identity,

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$$\frac{i}{E_{2}} \left[\frac{\tilde{n}_{-}(E1) - \tilde{n}_{-}(E2)}{i\omega + E_{1} - E_{2}} + \frac{\tilde{n}_{+}(E1) - \tilde{n}_{+}(E2)}{i\omega - E_{1} + E_{2}} \right]$$

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$$- \frac{5M_{T} p_{0} x^{4} \log \left(\frac{x^{2} + \sqrt{3x^{2} + 1} + 1}{x^{2} - \sqrt{3x^{2} + 1} + 1} \right)}{\sqrt{3x^{2} + 1}}.$$