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one might expect that line-shapes are not longer identical...

In the molecular picture, $T_{cc}^+(3875) \Rightarrow D^*D$ state $T_{cc}^-(3875) \Rightarrow \overline{D}^*\overline{D}$ state

 $D^{(*)} \sim c\overline{\ell}$ $\overline{D}^{(*)} \sim \overline{c\ell}$

the nuclear environment would induce different modifications to charmed D^*D than to anti-charmed $\overline{D}^*\overline{D}$ pairs of interacting mesons because the **different strength of the** $D^{(*)}N$ and $\overline{D}^{(*)}N$ interactions, which should lead to visible changes among the medium properties of the $T_{cc}^+(3875) \& T_{cc}^-(3875)$

 $\Delta_Y(q;\rho) = \frac{1}{(q^0)^2 - \omega_Y^2(\vec{q}^2) - \Pi_Y(q^0, \vec{q}; \rho)}$ meson in the nuclear medium acquires a density-dependent self-energy $= \int_{0}^{\infty} d\omega \left(\frac{S_{Y}(\omega, |\vec{q}|)}{a^{0} - \omega + i\varepsilon} - \frac{S_{\bar{Y}}(\omega, |\vec{q}|)}{a^{0} + \omega - i\varepsilon} \right)$ with $\omega_Y(\vec{q}^2) = \sqrt{m_Y^2 + \vec{q}^2}$. From the above equation, it fol-**Källen-Lehmann** representation lows that for $q^0 > 0$ $S_{D^{(*)},\overline{D}^{(*)}}(q^{0},\vec{q}\,;\,\rho) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \ \Delta_{D^{(*)},\overline{D}^{(*)}}(q^{0},\vec{q}\,;\,\rho)$ T = V + VGT, Bethe-Salpeter equation: $= -\mathrm{Im}\Pi_{D^{(*)},\overline{D}^{(*)}}(q^0,\vec{q}\,;\,\rho)$ restores elastic unitary $\times \frac{|\Delta_{D^{(*)},\overline{D}^{(*)}}(q^0,\vec{q}\,;\rho)|^2}{}.$ poles FRS & SRS: bound states, resonances spectral function is determined by the self-energy $G_{UW}(s) = i \int \frac{d^4q}{(2\pi)^4} \Delta_U(P-q) \Delta_W(q),$

$$T^{-1}(s; \rho) = \begin{bmatrix} V_0^{-1}(s) \\ V_0^{-1}(s) \\ V_0^{-1}(s) \end{bmatrix} - \overline{\Sigma}(s; \rho), \quad \overline{D}\overline{D}^* \text{ scattering amplitude}$$

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$$\sum(s = E^2; \rho) = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \left\{ \mathcal{P} \int_0^\infty d\Omega \left(\frac{f_{D^*D}(\Omega; \rho)}{E - \Omega + i\varepsilon} - \frac{f_{\overline{D}^*D}(\Omega; \rho)}{E + \Omega - i\varepsilon} \right) - i\pi f_{D^*D}(E; \rho) \right\},$$
identical *DD**
and $\overline{D}\overline{D}^*$
potentials
$$\overline{\Sigma}(s = E^2; \rho) = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \left\{ \mathcal{P} \int_0^\infty d\Omega \left(\frac{f_{\overline{D}^*\overline{D}}(\Omega; \rho)}{E - \Omega + i\varepsilon} - \frac{f_{D^*D}(\Omega; \rho)}{E + \Omega - i\varepsilon} \right) - i\pi f_{\overline{D}^*\overline{D}}(E; \rho) \right\},$$
where \mathcal{P} stands for the principal value of the integral and, in addition,
$$f_{UW}(\Omega; \rho) = \int_0^\Lambda dq \, q^2 \int_0^\Omega d\omega \, S_U(\omega, |\vec{q}|; \rho) S_W(\Omega - \omega, |\vec{q}|; \rho).$$

 DD^* and $\overline{D}\overline{D}^*$ loop functions inside of the nuclear environment

$$\Sigma(s; \ oldsymbol{
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 in the vacuum!



Nuclear medium spectral functions:

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Real and imaginary parts of the DD^* and $\overline{D}\overline{D}^*$ loop functions inside of the nuclear environment





P₀ : molecular probability (Weinberg)



CHARMED, STRANGE MESONS ($C = \pm 1, S = \pm 1$) (including possibly non- $q \overline{q}$ states) $D_s^+ = c \overline{s}, D_s^- = \overline{c} s$, similarly for D_s^* 's

$$D^*_{s0}(2317)^\pm$$
 $I(J^P)$ = 0(0+) J, P need confirmation

AUBERT 2006P and CHOI 2015A do not observe neutral and doubly charged partners of the $D_{s0}^*(2317)^+$. See the review on "Heavy Non- $q\bar{q}$ Mesons."

$D^*_{s0}(2317)^\pm$ MASS	$2317.8\pm0.5~\text{MeV}$	~
$m_{D^*_{s0}(2317)^{\pm}}-m_{D_{s+-}}$	349.4 ± 0.5 MeV	~
$D^*_{s0}(2317)^\pm$ WIDTH	$< 3.8{ m MeV}$ CL=95.0%	~

$D^*_{s0}(2317)^\pm$ decay modes

 $D^*_{s0}(2317)^-$ modes are charge conjugates of modes below.

Mode		Fraction (Γ_i / Γ)	Scale Factor/ Conf. Level	P(MeV/c)	
Γ_1	$D_s^+\pi^0$	$(100^{+0}_{-20})\%$		298	~
Γ_2	$D_s^+\gamma$	< 5%	CL=90%	323	~
Γ_3	$D_s^*(2112)^+\gamma$	< 6%	CL=90%		~
Γ_4	$D_s^+\gamma\gamma$	< 18%	CL=95%	323	~
Γ_5	$D_{s}^{*}(2112)^{+}\pi^{0}$	< 11%	CL=90%		~
Γ_6	$D_s^+\pi^+\pi^-$	$< 4 imes 10^{-3}$	CL=90%	194	~
Γ_7	$D_s^+\pi^0\pi^0$	not seen		205	~

Now we study the isoscalar $J^P = 0^+$ exotic resonance D_{s0}^* (2317)[±]

- quark content: $c\bar{s}$, $\bar{c}s$
- it cannot be
 - accommodated in CQMs: around 100 MeV lighter than expected
 - Molecular picture $D\overline{K}$ and $\overline{D}K$

KN and $\overline{K}N$ interactions very different!

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Real and imaginary parts of the DK and $\overline{D}\overline{K}$ loop functions inside of the nuclear environment



we dress in the medium both the (anti-)charmed and the (anti-)kaon mesons. Larger charge-conjugation asymmetry \Rightarrow different pattern of density corrections to the line-shapes of D_{s0}^* (2317)⁺ and D_{s0}^* (2317)⁻





CONCLUSIONS

- Particle-antiparticle [D^{*}_{s0,s1}(2317,2460)⁺ & D^{*}_{s0,s1}(2317,2460)⁻] line-shapes are necessarily the same in free space, but we have found different density patterns in matter. This large charge-conjugation asymmetry mainly stems from the very different kaon and antikaon interactions with the nucleons of the dense medium. Medium effects strongly depend on the molecular contents
- With increasing densities and molecular probabilities, the $D_{s0}^*(2317)^+$ peak shifts towards higher energies and becomes less broad than its chargeconjugation partner $D_{s0}^*(2317)^-$, whose wider Breit-Wigner-like shape moves more noticeably at lower energies. At half normal nuclear matter density, the change is already so drastic for high molecular component scenarios that $D_{s0}^*(2317)^+$ and $D_{s0}^*(2317)^-$ line-shapes hardly overlap.
- Effects violating charge-conjugation symmetry are larger than those found for the $T_{cc}(3875)^+ \& T_{c\bar{c}}(3875)^-$ tetraquarks embedded in a nuclear environment.

In summary:

 The nuclear environment breaks charge-conjugation symmetry, and induces different particle-antiparticle line-shapes. If these distinctive density dependencies were experimentally confirmed, it would give support to the presence of important molecular components in these exotic states. This is because if these states were mostly compact fourquark structures, the density behavior of their in-medium lines-shapes, while certainly different, would likely not follow the same patterns found for molecular scenarios

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