## in-medium properties of mesons experimental results and perspectives

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#### Outline:

- theoretical predictions for in-medium modifications of hadron properties
- $\blacklozenge$  exp. approaches and results on the real part of the  $\omega,\eta$ '- nucleus potential
- $\bullet$  exp. approaches and results on the imaginary part of the  $\omega$ ,  $\eta$ '- nucleus potential
- search for meson-nucleus bound states
- summary & outlook

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## how strong is the strong interaction ??

### the running coupling strength: $\alpha_s(Q)$

S. Bethge, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 58 (2007) 351



for high momenta α<sub>s</sub> ≪ 1:
 asymptotic freedom;
 ⇒ perturbative QCD

for low momenta  $\alpha_s \lesssim I$ (large distances:  $\approx Rp \approx 0.8$  fm) I.) lattice QCD

2.) QCD inspired models

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- if chiral symmetry were at least partially restored in the nuclear medium - as predicted in several theoretical approaches - $\Delta m \rightarrow 0$ , hadron mass distributions in the medium should change !!

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#### NJL-model



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experimental task: search for { mass shift ? broadening? } of hadronic spectral functions structures? }

detector acceptance down to very small meson momenta needed !!!

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transport calculations (GiBUU, HSD, UrQMD, ...) are needed for comparison with experiment !!!



- initial state effects: absorption of incoming beam particles
- non equilibrium effects: varying density and temperature
- absorption and regeneration of mesons
- fraction of decays outside of the nuclear environment
- final state interactions: distortion of momenta of decay products

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J. Weil, U. Mosel, V. Metag, PLB 723 (2013) 120

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- due to  $\pi^0$  absorption ( $\pi^0$ -FSI)  $\omega \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma$ decays in the center of the nucleus are suppressed; only  $\omega \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma$  decays in the surface region can be reconstructed

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#### mass and lifetime (width) may be changed in the medium

experimental approaches to determine the meson-nucleus optical potential



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transparency ratio measurement

$$\Gamma_A = \frac{\sigma_{\gamma A \to \eta' X}}{A \cdot \sigma_{\gamma N \to \eta' X}}$$

D. Cabrera et al., NPA 733 (2004)130

## CBELSA/TAPS experiment

### E<sub>Y</sub>=1.2 - 2.9 GeV



solid target: <sup>12</sup>C and <sup>93</sup>Nb

 $4\pi$  photon detector: ideally suited for identification of multi-photon final states

$$ω \rightarrow π^0 γ \rightarrow 3 γ$$
 BR 8.5%  
η'→π<sup>0</sup>π<sup>0</sup>η→6γ BR 8.5%

#### detector performance:

invariant mass spectra; acceptances



# High acceptance Dielectron spectrometer (HADES@GSI)

beams from SIS18: protons, nuclei, pions 2.0 GeV <  $\sqrt{s}$  < 3.2 GeV



spectrometer with good particle identification and high invariant mass resolution:  $\approx 2\%$  at  $\rho/\omega$ 

versatile detector for rare probes:

dielectrons e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>

• strangeness: 
$$\Lambda$$
 ,  $K \pm$  ,  $\Sigma$  ,  $\Xi$ ,  $\Phi$ 



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# the real part of the meson-nucleus optical potential

in-medium  $\rho$ -spectral function from  $\rho \rightarrow e^+e^-$ 

$$m(
ho,ec{p}) = \sqrt{(p_1+p_2)^2}$$

JLAB-CLAS:  $\gamma A \rightarrow e^+e^-X$ ; E<sub>y</sub>= 0.6-3.8 GeV

R. Nasseripour et al., PRL 99 (2007) 262302





## detector performance: acceptance



in-medium  $\Phi$ -spectral function from  $\Phi \rightarrow e^+e^-$ 

 $m(\rho, \vec{p}) = \sqrt{(p_1 + p_2)^2}$ 

KEK-E325: p (12 GeV)  $A \rightarrow \rho$ ,  $\omega + X$ ;  $\Phi \rightarrow e^+e^-$ 

φ: cτ ≈ 46 fm



mass shift of  $\Phi$  meson for low recoil momenta in Cu:  $m_{\Phi} = m_0 (1-0.04 \ \rho/\rho_0)$ increase in width by a factor 3.6;  $\Gamma_{\Phi}(\rho=\rho_0) \approx 15 \text{ MeV}$ 

improved experiment (E16) in preparation at JPARC

dilepton invariant mass spectra

HADES@GSI p + p, Nb 3.5 GeV

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G. Agakishiev et al., Phys. Lett. B 715 (2012) 304



shape of m<sub>ee</sub> spectrum in p+Nb identical to reference spectrum in p+p dilepton invariant mass spectra



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- strong e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> excess yield below ω peak attributed to ρ-like channels;
- $\bullet$  no hint for change in  $\omega$  line shape;
- $\bullet$  strong  $\omega$  absorption

18

e

ρ

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## comparison to GiBUU simulations



#### comparison to different in-medium modification scenarios

HADES data

G.Agakishiev et al., Phys. Lett. B 715 (2012) 304 p+Nb at 3.5 GeV



- difficult to distinguish between different in-medium scenarios:
- difficult to disentangle  $\rho$ ,  $\omega$  contributions and to extract individual in-medium properties

 $\omega$  line shape from  $\omega \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma$  in photo-nuclear reaction

M.Thiel et al., EPJA 49 (2013) 132

advantage: no  $\rho \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma$  $\omega \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma$  br: 8.3%

# • line shape analysis: $m(\rho, \vec{p}) = \sqrt{(p_1 + p_2)^2}$



- sensitivity limited by 5 effects:
- I) mass resolution  $\sigma \approx 3\%$ ; only mass shifts  $\gg 3\%$  observable
- 2) only 30% of all  $\omega \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma$  decays occur within the Nb nucleus
- W decays occur over a wide range of densities, thereby smearing out any density-dependent signal

4)  $\omega \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma$  signal smeared out and reduced due to large in-medium width ( $\Gamma_{med} \approx 16 \cdot \Gamma_{vac}$ )

5.) due to  $\pi^0$  absorption ( $\pi^0$ -FSI)  $\omega \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma$ decays in the center of the nucleus are suppressed the real part of the  $\omega$ -nucleus potential

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#### • momentum distribution of the meson:

in case of dropping mass - when leaving the nucleus hadron has to become on-shell; mass generated at the expense of kinetic energy

#### $\Rightarrow$ downward shift of momentum distribution



 $\pi^0\gamma$  momentum distribution



vac (0.616

# excitation function for $\omega$ photoproduction off C comparison with GiBUU calculation

CB/TAPS @ MAMI

V. Metag et al., PPNP, 67 (2012) 530

M. Thiel et al., EPJA 49 (2013) 132



 $V(\rho = \rho 0) = -(42 \pm 17(\text{stat}) \pm 20(\text{syst})) \text{ MeV}$ 

data not consistent with strong mass shift scenario ( $\Delta m/m \approx -16\%$ )
# excitation function and momentum distribution for $\eta'$ photoproduction off C



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# excitation function and momentum distribution for RELIMINAR $\eta$ photoproduction off Nb

CBELSA/TAPS @ ELSA

calc.: E. Paryev, priv. communication



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# compilation of results for the real part of the $\omega$ - and $\eta$ '-nucleus optical potential



 $V_{\omega A}(\rho = \rho_0) =$ -(29±19(stat)±20(syst))MeV

 $V_{\eta'A}(\rho = \rho_0) =$ -(40±5(stat)±15(syst)) MeV

# the imaginary part of the meson-nucleus optical potential: momentum dependence

momentum differential cross section for  $\omega, \eta'$  produced off C, Nb



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#### momentum dependence of transparency ratio for $\omega$ , $\eta'$



absorption of  $\eta$ ' mesons much weaker than for  $\omega$  mesons !!

### momentum dependence of imaginary potential for $\omega, \eta'$

ω





 extension to high moment allows for dispersion relation analysis, providing link between real and imaginary part of potential ή

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first (indirect) observation of in-medium mass shift of  $\eta$ ' at  $\rho = \rho_0$  and T=0 in good agreement with QMC model predictions (S. Bass et al., PLB 634 (2006) 368) 30

#### search for $\eta$ '-mesic states in hadronic reactions



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## <u>outlook</u>: search for $\eta$ '-mesic states in photo-nuclear reactions



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#### outlook: charmonium properties in cold nuclear matter

E. Ya. Paryev and Yu. T. Kiselev, arXiv: 1510.00155

$$E_{\gamma} = 6 - II GeV$$

$$T_A = \frac{\sigma_{\gamma A \to \eta' X}}{A \cdot \sigma_{\gamma N \to \eta' X}}$$

transparency ratio  $\Rightarrow \Gamma(\rho = \rho_0) \Rightarrow \text{Im U}$ 



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- study in-medium properties (mass, width) of the J/ $\psi$  meson  $\ref{eq:product}$

## status of experiments in 2016

	LEPS@ SPring-8	CLAS @JLAB	CBELSA/ TAPS	E-325 @KEK	ANKE @COSY	CERES @CERN	NA60 @CERN
reaction	γA I.5-2.4 GeV	γA I.5-2.4 GeV	γA 0.7-2.9 GeV	рА I2 GeV	рА 2.8 GeV	Au+Au I 58 AGeV	In+ In I 58 AGeV
momentum acceptance	p > 1.0 GeV/c	p > 0.8 GeV/c	р > 0.0 GeV/c	р > 0.5 GeV/c	p > 0.6 GeV/c	p <sub>t</sub> > 0.0 GeV/c	p <sub>t</sub> > 0.0 GeV/c
ρ		Δm≈0 Γ(ρ₀/2) ≈ 220 MeV		Δm/m= -9% ΔΓ≈ 0		∆m≈0 broadening	∆m≈0 broadening
ω		Γ(ρ₀) > 200 MeV	Δm≈-30 MeV Γ(ρ <sub>0, P</sub> =0) ≈ 60 MeV	Δm/m= -9% ΔΓ≈ 0			
η'			Δm≈-40 MeV Γ(ρ <sub>0,P</sub> =0) ≈20 MeV				
Φ	Γ(ρ₀)≈ I00 MeV	Γ(ρ₀)≈ 40-200 MeV		Δm/m≈-3.4% Γ(ρ₀/2)≈ I5 MeV	Γ(ρ₀)≈ 30-60 MeV		

#### search for $\omega$ -mesic states



intensity in bound state region consistent with tail due to large imaginary part

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the higher the attraction the lower the kinetic energy of the  $\omega$  meson

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#### real part of $\omega$ -nucleus potential from $\omega$ kinetic energy CBELSA/TAPS @ ELSA ω E<sub>y</sub>=1.25-3.1 GeV $\mathbf{p}_{|0 \le \theta_p \le ||^0}$ the higher the attraction the lower the kinetic energy of the $\omega$ meson H. Nagahiro, priv. com. S. Friedrich, PhD thesis (Univ. Giessen) peak position [MeV] d<sup>2</sup>ଫ୍<sub>ୟ</sub>୍/dE<sub>kin</sub> dΩ [nb/MeV/sr] \_\_\_\_\_; d<sup>2</sup>o,/dE<sub>kin</sub> dΩ [nb/MeV/sr] 2.2 80 Carbon 70



 $W_{\omega} (\rho = \rho_0) = -\Gamma_0/2 = -(70 \pm 10) \text{ MeV}$ 

 $V_{\omega}(\rho = \rho_0) = -(15 \pm 35) \text{ MeV}$ 

#### transparency ratio for $\omega$ and $\eta$ ' mesons for different nuclei

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# model predictions for in-medium mass/width of the $\omega$ , $\Phi$ meson



with increasing nuclear density spect

- lowering of in-medium mass
- broadening of resonance

sity spectral function for  $\omega$  at rest:

- almost no mass shift;
- strong in-medium broadening

 $\Delta m/m < 2\%$ asymmetric broadening  $\Gamma(\rho_0) \approx 45 \text{ MeV}$ 

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