

## Finite volume effects on the quarkonium dissociation temperature in an impenetrable QGP sphere

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The system of a quarkonium confined by an impenetrable spherical cavity filled with a hot quantum chromodynamics (QCD) medium is studied by solving the Schrödinger equation. This is the first time this issue has been raised for discussion. The Schrödinger equation with an appropriate boundary condition of a quarkonium in an impenetrable cavity filled with a hot medium is derived. The numerical results are obtained with the help of the Gaussian expansion method. Binding energies and radii of the ground and low-excited states are obtained as a function of the medium temperature and the cavity radius. We find the behavior of the quarkonium in this cavity is different from that in infinite space. Our results show that the quarkonium dissociation temperature decreases as the cavity radius decreases and the finite volume effects on the ground state are more obvious than on the excited states. We also find that the less mass of the constituents and the bigger radius of the quarkonium lead the finite volume effects to become more obvious.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

The quantum chromodynamics (QCD) predicts that at high temperature and/or density there is a phase transition from hadron to quark gluon plasma (QGP) [1]. The QGP is generally believed to be produced during the relativistic heavy ion collisions. In statistical QCD, deconfinement and the properties of the resulting QGP can be investigated by studying the behavior of heavy quark bound states in a hot medium [2]. In 1986, Matsui and Satz pointed out the suppression of  $J/\psi$  can be recognized as a signal of QGP formation in the relativistic heavy ion collisions [2]. Since then, the suppression of quarkonium production in a QGP has been a subject with intensive interest. There have been many theoretical researches [3–16] and experimental studies at the Super Proton Synchrotron (SPS) [17–20], Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) [21–23] and Large Hadron Collider (LHC) [24–26]. In the past thirty years, the work on quarkonium dissociation temperatures has also attracted great interest [7,27–32], because they are related to the suppression of quarkonium production. All these theoretical studies calculate the dissociation temperatures of quarkonium in an infinite space, while

the quarkonium produced by relativistic heavy ion collisions is actually in a finite-size fireball [33–40], formed by the relativistic heavy ion collisions. Recently, researchers have begun to notice the effects on quarkonium production arising from the volume of fireball [37,40]. They discussed the finite volume effects on the suppression of quarkonia at early time after the collision.

At high temperature and/or density, the interactions between the heavy quark and antiquark pairs are screened [41] and the binding energy will decrease. As a result, the heavy quark bound states will start to dissociate when the binding energy becomes low enough (and its radius becomes large enough). In Refs. [7,28–31], the dissociation of quarkonium has been studied in the Schrödinger equation formalism. In our previous work [32], we also calculate the dissociation temperature of quarkonium by solving Schrödinger equation with the help of the Gaussian expansion method (GEM), an efficient and powerful method for a few-body system [42]. All of these works are based on an assumption that quarkonium lies in an infinitely large medium, while the volume of the hot medium (QGP) is finite in experiment, especially at early time after the collision [40]. The volume of QGP is about at the same scales as that of a nucleus. In order to understand the results of relativistic heavy ion collision experiments better, considering the effect of the finite-size fireball volume on the dissociation temperature of the heavy quark

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bound states is necessary. In this work, we will study the finite volume effects on quarkonium dissociation temperature based on the previous work [32].

In our previous work, the temperature-dependent potential between the heavy quark and antiquark was obtained by fitting the free energy of a heavy quark-antiquark system  $F_{Q\bar{Q}}(r, T)$  which can be calculated in lattice QCD [43,44]. The analytical form of  $F_{Q\bar{Q}}(r, T)$  was constructed based on the Debye-Hückel theory [45], and its temperature-dependent parameters were determined by fitting the lattice data. To study the finite volume effects on quarkonium dissociation temperature, we present a simplified model that the quarkonium produced in the relativistic heavy ion collisions is treated as being confined in an impenetrable spherical cavity filled with a hot QCD medium. The reason why our model is a simplified model is that the real fireball produced in heavy ion collisions is not impenetrable and particles (such as unbound heavy quarks) that reach the boundary of the QGP just hadronize and fly out of the QGP, as hadrons. This real case is difficult to solve. But our model can help us to get a first insight to the finite volume effects on quarkonium dissociation temperature. In fact, this model involves a fundamental question of quantum mechanics, namely how to solve a bound state constrained in a finite space region. Since 1937, studies on the properties of a hydrogen atom confined in the impenetrable spherical cavity have received much attention. It was first investigated by Michels *et al.* [46], followed by many authors [47–52]. And the work was extended to a helium atom confined in the impenetrable spherical cavity [53]. Recently, the authors of Ref. [54] proposed a new model for hydrogen atom by solving Schrödinger equation with a correct boundary condition. In this paper, with the help of this new model, we will study the finite volume effects on quarkonium dissociation temperature. The numerical results are obtained with the help of GEM, whose validity and reliability on calculating dissociation temperature has been verified in our previous work [32]. By solving the Schrödinger equation, we obtain the temperature dependence of binding energy and radius for the ground and low-lying excited states. For infinite space, we usually use the binding energy and/or radius to define the dissociation temperature and the dissociation temperature is the point where the binding energy decreases to zero and the radius increases to infinite. However, the quarkonium here is confined in an impenetrable cavity and its radius is impossible to become infinite. So we determine the dissociation temperature according to the binding energy, rather than the radius.

This paper is organized as follows: In Sec. II, we explain our model in detail and the corresponding nonrelativistic Hamiltonian is presented. In Sec. III, the method is explained. In Sec. IV, we show the numerical results. Section V contains discussions and conclusions.

## II. THE MODEL

Due to the large mass of heavy quarks, the nonrelativistic potential model is successfully applied to the study of charmonium and bottomonium states. The most frequently used potential for a  $Q\bar{Q}$  system is the Cornell potential

$$V_{Q\bar{Q}}(r) = -\frac{\alpha}{r} + \sigma r, \quad (1)$$

where  $\alpha$  is the gauge coupling constant and  $\sigma$  is the string tension. In this equation, the first term corresponds to the Coulomb interaction between static charges and the second term is due to the formation of flux tube or string between the quark and the antiquark when they are pulled apart. Substituting the potential into the Schrödinger equation of quarkonium, we can determine the potential parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\sigma$ , the charm quark mass  $m_c$  and the bottom quark mass  $m_b$  by fitting the spectroscopy of quarkonium. According to the work in Ref. [30], these parameters are listed in Table I.

At high temperature and/or density, the interaction between the constituents of quarkonium is screened. We shall consider the case of vanishing baryon-number density (baryons and antibaryons in equal numbers). In previous work, the temperature dependent potential has been extracted from the free energy of a heavy quark-antiquark system  $F_{Q\bar{Q}}(r, T)$  which is calculated in lattice QCD [43,55]. The analytical form of  $F_{Q\bar{Q}}(r, T)$  can be obtained based on studies of screening in Debye-Hückel theory. It is [41]

$$F_{Q\bar{Q}}(r, T) = -\frac{\alpha}{r} [e^{-\mu r} + \mu r] + \frac{\sigma}{\mu} \left[ \frac{\Gamma(1/4)}{2^{3/2}\Gamma(3/4)} - \frac{\sqrt{\mu r}}{2^{3/4}\Gamma(3/4)} K_{1/4}[(\mu r)^2 + \kappa(\mu r)^4] \right], \quad (2)$$

where the screening mass  $\mu$  and the parameter  $\kappa$  are temperature-dependent, and  $K_{1/4}[x]$  is the modified Bessel function. The T-dependent  $\mu$  and  $\kappa$  can be determined by fitting  $F_{Q\bar{Q}}(r, T)$  to the lattice results obtained in 2-flavor QCD [55]. In Ref. [41], the authors obtained the fitting results for the temperature dependence of  $\mu(T)$  and  $\kappa(T)$  and showed the fitting curves together with the lattice results. Their results showed that the analytical form of  $F_{Q\bar{Q}}(r, T)$  fitted the lattice data quite well for all  $r$  and in a broad range of temperatures from  $0.8T_c$  to  $2T_c$ . According to the argument in Ref. [56], we assume that the interquark potential is just the internal energy, i.e.,  $V = F + ST$  where  $S$  is the entropy  $S = -\partial F/\partial T$  in our model. So the

TABLE I. Parameters in the potential model and quark mass.

	$m_c$ [GeV]	$m_b$ [GeV]	$\alpha$	$\sqrt{\sigma}$ [GeV]
Ref. [30]	1.25	4.65	$\frac{\pi}{12}$	0.445

potential between quark and antiquark in a hot QCD medium is written as

$$V_{Q\bar{Q}}(r, T) = F_{Q\bar{Q}}(r, T) - T \frac{\partial F_{Q\bar{Q}}(r, T)}{\partial T}. \quad (3)$$

Then we obtain the mass of charmonium (or bottomonium) state  $i$ , i.e.,  $M_i$ , at temperature  $T$  by solving the Schrödinger equation

$$\left[ \sum_{j=1}^2 \left( \frac{\mathbf{p}_j^2}{2m_j} + m_j \right) - T_{cm} + V_{Q\bar{Q}}(r, T) \right] \Psi_i = M_i \Psi_i, \quad (4)$$

where  $m_j$  is the constituent quark mass of the  $j$ th quark and  $T_{cm}$  is the center-of-mass kinetic energy.  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2$  is the relative motion coordinate. We define the binding energy of charmonium (or bottomonium) state  $i$  as

$$\Delta E_i(T) = -\varepsilon_i(T) = -(M_i - 2m_Q - V_{Q\bar{Q}}(\infty, T)). \quad (5)$$

Combining Eq. (4) with Eq. (5), we can obtain

$$\left[ \sum_{j=1}^2 \frac{\mathbf{p}_j^2}{2m_j} - T_{cm} + V_{Q\bar{Q}}(r, T) - V_{Q\bar{Q}}(\infty, T) \right] \Psi_i = \varepsilon_i(T) \Psi_i. \quad (6)$$

Solving this Schrödinger equation, we obtain the binding energy  $\Delta E_i(T)$  and the corresponding wave function at temperature  $T$ . We define the radius as

$$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle} = \left[ \int \Psi^* r^2 \Psi d\tau \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (7)$$

where the  $d\tau$  represents the volume element of the integral, i.e.,  $d^3\mathbf{r}$ . Then we can use the resulting wave function to calculate the  $T$ -dependent radius. When the binding energy vanishes, the bound state  $i$  no longer exists. So  $\Delta E_i(T) = 0$  determines the dissociation temperature for state  $i$ . This is what we have done in Ref. [32]. The model mentioned above is just suitable for the case that the hot QCD medium is infinitely large. If the volume of the hot medium (QGP) is finite, we have to modify this model.

Here, we present a simplified model. Taking the finite volume of a hot medium into account, the model we are considering is described as the quarkonium confined in an impenetrable spherical cavity which is filled with a hot QCD medium. We need notice that this model is just a simplified model because the cavity is not impenetrable in experiment. In Refs. [46–52], various methods are introduced to solve a hydrogen atom confined in the impenetrable spherical cavity, such as perturbation method, variational methods, phase integral method, etc. It is always assumed that the proton in the hydrogen is fixed in the cavity because of the large mass of proton. In this case, the

nonrelativistic Hamiltonian of this system is (in atomic unit)

$$H_{\text{atom}} = H_{\text{atom}}^0 + V'(r), \quad (8)$$

$$H_{\text{atom}}^0 = -\frac{\nabla^2}{2} - \frac{1}{r}, \quad (9)$$

$$V'(r) = \begin{cases} 0, & r < r_0; \\ \infty, & r \geq r_0, \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

where  $H_{\text{atom}}^0$  is the Hamiltonian of the hydrogen in infinite space,  $V'(r)$  is the confined potential caused by the impenetrable spherical cavity and  $r_0$  is the radius of the cavity. The proton-electron system (hydrogen) in an impenetrable spherical cavity with radius  $r_0$  is shown in Fig. 1. In Ref. [54], the authors modified the model to make it closer to the actual situation, where we no longer assume the proton is fixed. In addition, the modified model can be used to a confined two-body system, whose two constituents have similar mass, for example quarkonium. According to Fig. 1, the nonrelativistic Hamiltonian of a hydrogen atom confined in a cavity is (in atomic unit)

$$H_{\text{atom}}^H = -\frac{\nabla_1^2}{2} - \frac{\nabla_2^2}{2\bar{m}_p} - \frac{1}{r_{12}} + V'(r_1) + V'(r_2), \quad (11)$$

where  $\bar{m}_p$  is the mass of proton,  $r_{12}$  is the distance between electron and proton and  $V'(r)$  is given in Eq. (10). However, we need to note that removing the overall kinetic energy of the system is necessary for studying the hydrogen atom in a cavity, similar to the c.m. motion in the infinite space, because the energy spectrum we calculate is the internal energy of the system. The overall kinetic energy of the system have the same form as the c.m. motion in infinite space, i.e.  $-\frac{(\nabla_1 + \nabla_2)^2}{2(m_1 + m_2)}$ . So the corresponding Hamiltonian is modified as:

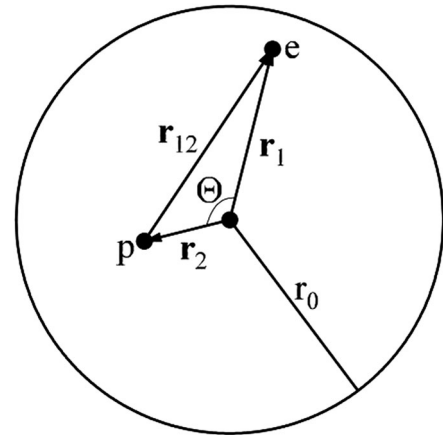


FIG. 1. A hydrogen in an impenetrable spherical cavity [54].

$$H_{\text{atom}}^{\text{mod}} = -\frac{\nabla_1^2}{2} - \frac{\nabla_2^2}{2\bar{m}_p} - T_{\text{over}} - \frac{1}{r_{12}} + V'(r_1) + V'(r_2) \quad (12)$$

with

$$T_{\text{over}} = -\frac{(\nabla_1 + \nabla_2)^2}{2(1 + \bar{m}_p)}. \quad (13)$$

Because the spatial translational invariance of the system is violated, it is meaningless that one separates the motion of the system into center-of-mass motion and relative motion by introducing the Jacobi coordinates. Otherwise it is difficult to interpret the boundary conditions of the wave function. For the model of quarkonium confined in an impenetrable spherical cavity filled with a hot medium, we just need replace the hydrogen atom with the quarkonium and the Coulomb potential with the Debye screening potential, i.e.  $V_{Q\bar{Q}}(r, T)$  in Eq. (3). So, the nonrelativistic Hamiltonian of this system is

$$H_{Q\bar{Q}} = \sum_{i=1}^2 m_i - \frac{\nabla_1^2}{2m_1} - \frac{\nabla_2^2}{2m_2} + \frac{(\nabla_1 + \nabla_2)^2}{2(m_1 + m_2)} + V_{Q\bar{Q}}(r_{12}, T) + V'(r_1) + V'(r_2), \quad (14)$$

where  $r_{12}$  is the distance between quark and antiquark in quarkonium. In this case, the definition of binding energy is different from the case of infinite space and is not understood well. To calculate the binding energy, we present two limits. One is the same as the case of infinite space, i.e.,  $\varepsilon_i^1(T) = M_i - 2m_Q - V_{Q\bar{Q}}(\infty, T)$ . The other assumes the quarkonium to be dissociated when the quark and antiquark in cavity are pulled to the maximum distance, i.e.,  $\varepsilon_i^2(T) = M_i - 2m_Q - V_{Q\bar{Q}}(2r_0, T)$ . So the corresponding Hamiltonian of the first limit is

$$H_{Q\bar{Q}}^1 = H^0 + V_1(r_{12}, T) + V'(r_1) + V'(r_2), \quad (15)$$

$$H^0 = -\frac{\nabla_1^2}{2m_1} - \frac{\nabla_2^2}{2m_2} + \frac{(\nabla_1 + \nabla_2)^2}{2(m_1 + m_2)} \quad (16)$$

with

$$V_1(r_{12}, T) = V_{Q\bar{Q}}(r_{12}, T) - V_{Q\bar{Q}}(\infty, T). \quad (17)$$

The corresponding Hamiltonian of the second limit is

$$H_{Q\bar{Q}}^2 = H^0 + V_2(r_{12}, T) + V'(r_1) + V'(r_2) \quad (18)$$

with

$$V_2(r_{12}, T) = V_{Q\bar{Q}}(r_{12}, T) - V_{Q\bar{Q}}(2r_0, T). \quad (19)$$

### III. METHOD

In the previous section, we obtain the nonrelativistic Hamiltonian for a quarkonium confined in an impenetrable spherical cavity in two limits mentioned above. The Schrödinger equation for the first limit is

$$[H_0 + V_1(r_{12}, T)]\Psi_i^1(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = \varepsilon_i^1(T)\Psi_i^1(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2),$$

for  $r_1, r_2 < r_0$

with boundary conditions

$$\Psi_i^1(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = 0, \quad \text{for } r_1 \geq r_0 \quad \text{or} \quad r_2 \geq r_0. \quad (20)$$

For the second limit, the corresponding Schrödinger equation is

$$[H_0 + V_2(r_{12}, T)]\Psi_i^2(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = \varepsilon_i^2(T)\Psi_i^2(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2),$$

for  $r_1, r_2 < r_0$  (21)

with the same boundary conditions.  $\Delta E_i^1(=-\varepsilon_i^1(T))$  and  $\Delta E_i^2(=-\varepsilon_i^2(T))$  are the binding energies of state  $i$  for the two limits, respectively. In infinite space, the two-body problem can be reduced to one-body problem by introducing the center-of-mass motion and relative motion coordinates. However, this procedure does not work for our problem because the proper boundary condition for the relative motion and the center-of-mass motion is difficult to establish in our model. So we have to solve the Schrödinger equations in independent coordinates  $\mathbf{r}_1$  and  $\mathbf{r}_2$ .

For the sake of simplicity, the equations in Eqs. (20) and (21) are written as  $H_{Q\bar{Q}}^H \Psi_{JM} = \varepsilon(T)\Psi_{JM}$ , where  $\Psi_{JM}$  and  $H_{Q\bar{Q}}^H$  are used to indicate  $\Psi_i^1(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)$  (or  $\Psi_i^2(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)$ ) and  $H_{Q\bar{Q}}^1$  (or  $H_{Q\bar{Q}}^2$ ), respectively. Because of the spherical symmetry, the wave function of quarkonium  $\Psi_{JM}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)$  can be written as  $\Psi_{JM}(r_1, r_2, x = \cos \Theta)$  (see Fig. 1). In Ref. [54], we obtain the form of  $H_0$ , in Eq. (16), in coordinates  $(r_1, r_2, x)$ . So the Hamiltonian in Eqs. (20), (21) can also be written in coordinates  $(r_1, r_2, x)$ . We can see it is very difficult to obtain the analytic solution of the wave function  $\Psi_{JM}(r_1, r_2, x)$ . Here we solve the Schrödinger equation for  $L = 0$  states by using the GEM, a powerful various method with high precision [42]. Its reliability on studying the dissociation problem of quarkonium was tested in Ref. [32]. We expand the wave function  $\Psi(r_1, r_2, x)$ , i.e.,  $\Psi_{00}(r_1, r_2, x)$ , in terms of a set of basis functions as

$$\Psi(r_1, r_2, x) = \sum_{n=1}^{n_{\text{max}}} C_n N_n \Phi_n(r_1, r_2, x), \quad (22)$$

$$\Phi_n(r_1, r_2, x) = \frac{\sin(\frac{\pi r_1}{r_0}) \sin(\frac{\pi r_2}{r_0})}{r_1 r_2} e^{-\nu_n r_{12}^2} \quad (23)$$

with the range parameters taken in geometric progression

$$\nu_n = \frac{1}{b_n^2}, \quad b_n = b_1 a^{n-1} (n = 1, \dots, n_{\max}), \quad (24)$$

$$a = \left( \frac{b_{n_{\max}}}{b_1} \right)^{1/(n_{\max}-1)}. \quad (25)$$

In Eq. (22),  $N_n$  denotes the normalization constant of the Gaussian basis. The coefficients  $C_n$  of the variational wave function in Eq. (22) are determined by Rayleigh-Ritz variational principle. The Rayleigh-Ritz variational principle leads to a generalized matrix eigenvalue problem

$$\sum_{n'=1}^{n_{\max}} (H_{nn'}^H - \varepsilon(T) N_{nn'}) C_{n'} = 0 \quad (n = 1, \dots, n_{\max}), \quad (26)$$

where the energy and overlap matrix elements are given by

$$H_{nn'}^H = \langle \Phi_n | H_{Q\bar{Q}}^H | \Phi_{n'} \rangle, \quad (27)$$

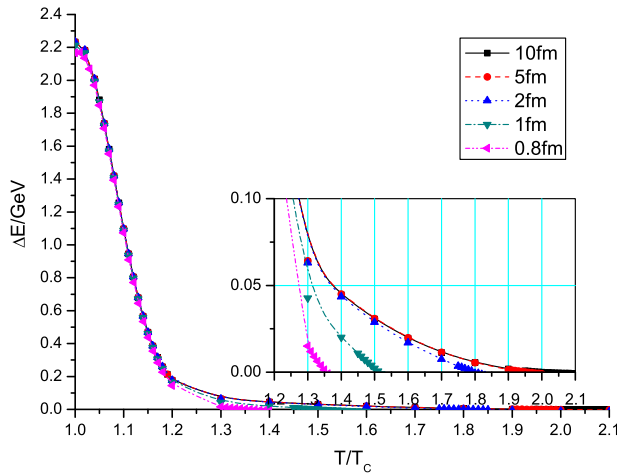
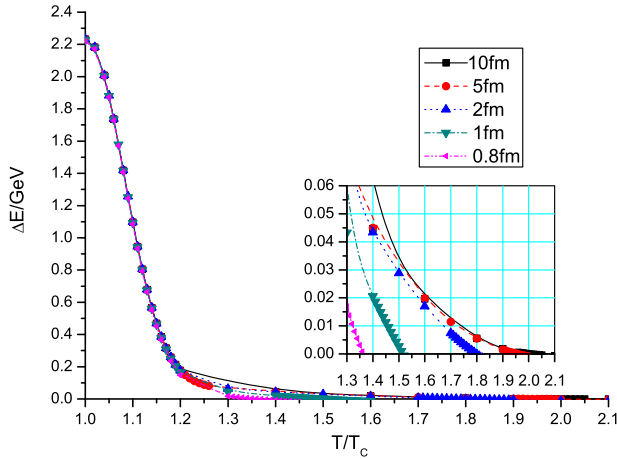


FIG. 2.  $T$ -dependence of binding energy for  $J/\psi(1S)$  in two limits: upper figure for first limit ( $V_1$ ) and lower figure for second limit ( $V_2$ ).

$$N_{nn'} = \langle \Phi_n | 1 | \Phi_{n'} \rangle. \quad (28)$$

By solving the eigenvalue problem, we can obtain the coefficients  $C_n$ , and the corresponding binding energy  $\Delta E(T) (= -\varepsilon(T))$ . The wave function  $\Psi(r_1, r_2, x)$  can be obtained by the resulting coefficients  $C_n$ . Using the resulting wave function, we can obtain the temperature dependence of the average distance according to Eq. (7). In this calculation, we set the width of the range parameters and the number of basis functions to be large enough to ensure the reliability of the calculation:  $n_{\max} = 20$ ,  $b_1 = 0.1 \text{ fm}$  and  $b_{n_{\max}} = 2r_0$ .

#### IV. NUMERICAL RESULTS

In Figs. 2–4, we show the binding energies and average distances of first two radial states,  $1S$  and  $2S$ , of charmonium in the two limits mentioned above.

In Figs. 5–8, we show the binding energies and average distances of first three radial states,  $1S$ ,  $2S$ , and  $3S$ , of bottomonium in the two limits. Comparing the results between the two limits, the difference is extremely small.

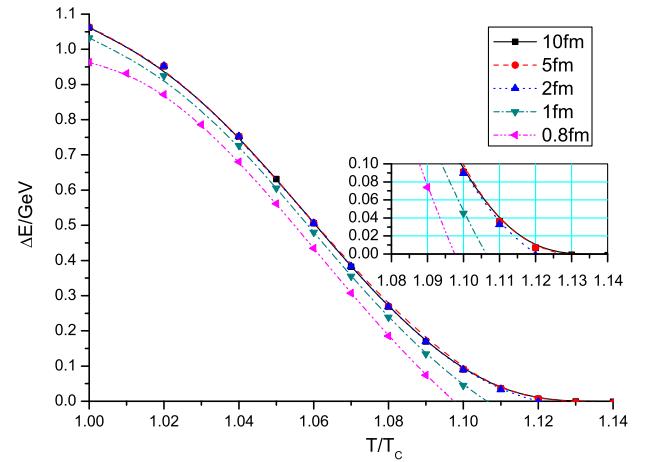
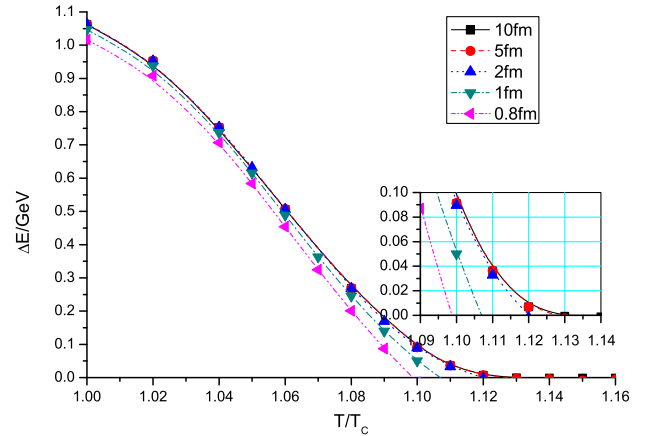


FIG. 3.  $T$ -dependence of binding energy for  $\psi'(2S)$  in two limits: upper figure for first limit ( $V_1$ ) and lower figure for second limit ( $V_2$ ).

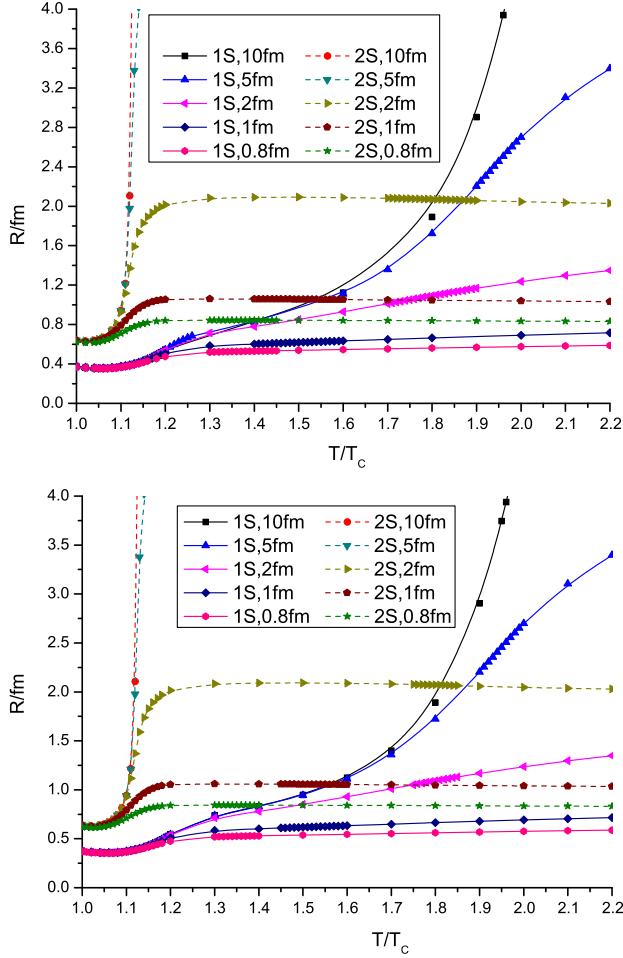


FIG. 4.  $T$ -dependence of average distances for  $J/\psi, \psi'$  in two limits: upper figure for first limit ( $V_1$ ) and lower figure for second limit ( $V_2$ ).

So the two limits we set give almost the same result. In each figure, we show the comparison in the different sizes of cavity. In Fig. 2, we can see these five lines overlap at low temperature and are separated at high temperature. The difference among these five lines becomes obvious as the temperature increases, which means the finite volume effects on the results become larger with the temperature increasing. All of other figures have the same behavior except Fig. 3. In Fig. 3, these five lines are separated even at low temperature, which means the finite volume effects on  $\psi'$  are obvious at low temperature. The results in Ref. [30] shown the  $Q\bar{Q}$  separation distance of  $\psi'$  was about  $0.9fm$ , very large compared with  $J/\psi$ . In Figs. 4 and 8, we see that the average distances increase as the temperature increases. And we have found the finite volume effects become larger with the temperature increasing. So we can give the conclusion that the finite volume effects become larger as the size of quarkonium becomes larger. The  $\Upsilon(3S)$  radius is closed to the  $\psi'(2S)$  radius, which may lead them to have similar behavior. But here we need to pay attention

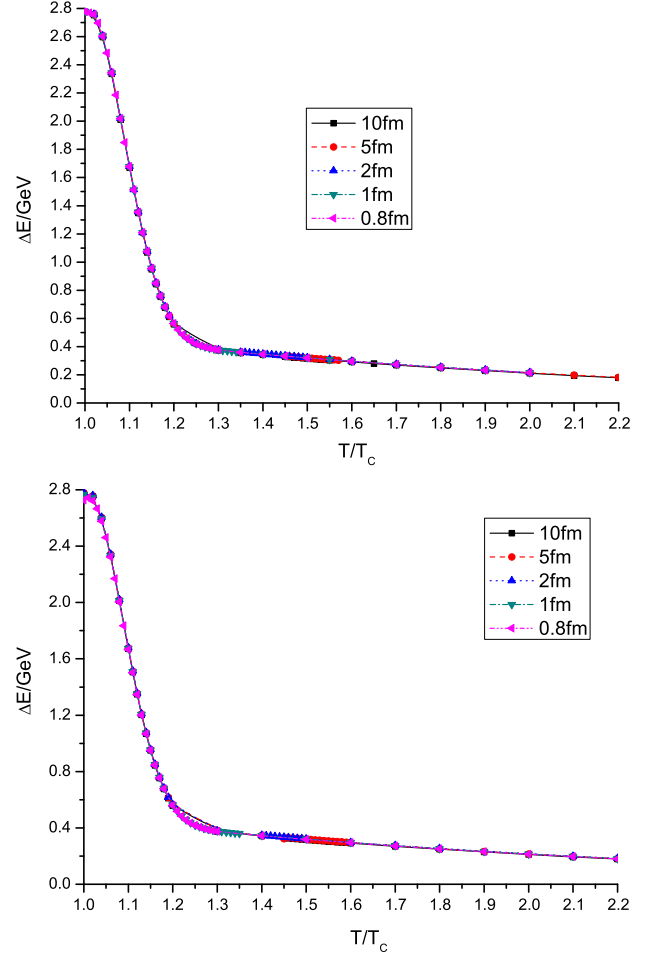


FIG. 5.  $T$ -dependence of binding energy for  $\Upsilon(1S)$  in two limits: upper figure for first limit ( $V_1$ ) and lower figure for second limit ( $V_2$ ).

to the fact that the mass of their constituents are different. The different constituents of  $\psi'(2S)$  and  $\Upsilon(3S)$  may cause the different behaviors between  $\psi'(2S)$  and  $\Upsilon(3S)$ . There are two parts in the Hamiltonian, the kinetic energy and the potential energy. So the finite volume effects on quarkonium arise from the finite volume effects on these two parts. We can see that the kinetic energy is related with the heavy quark mass. So the competition between the kinetic energy and potential energy may cause the finite volume effects on  $\psi'(2S)$  and  $\Upsilon(3S)$  to be different. To check it, we calculate the average kinetic energy and the average potential energy at different cavity size. In Fig. 9, we compare the finite volume effects on the average kinetic energy and the average potential energy between  $\psi'(2S)$  and  $\Upsilon(3S)$  at  $T_c$ .  $E$  represents the average kinetic energy or the average potential energy, and  $E_0$  is the corresponding energy value at  $r_0 = 10fm$ . We can see that the average kinetic energy of  $\psi'(2S)$  is very sensitive to the cavity size, but the average potential energy is not. And the average kinetic energy and average potential energy of  $\Upsilon(3S)$  are not very sensitive to

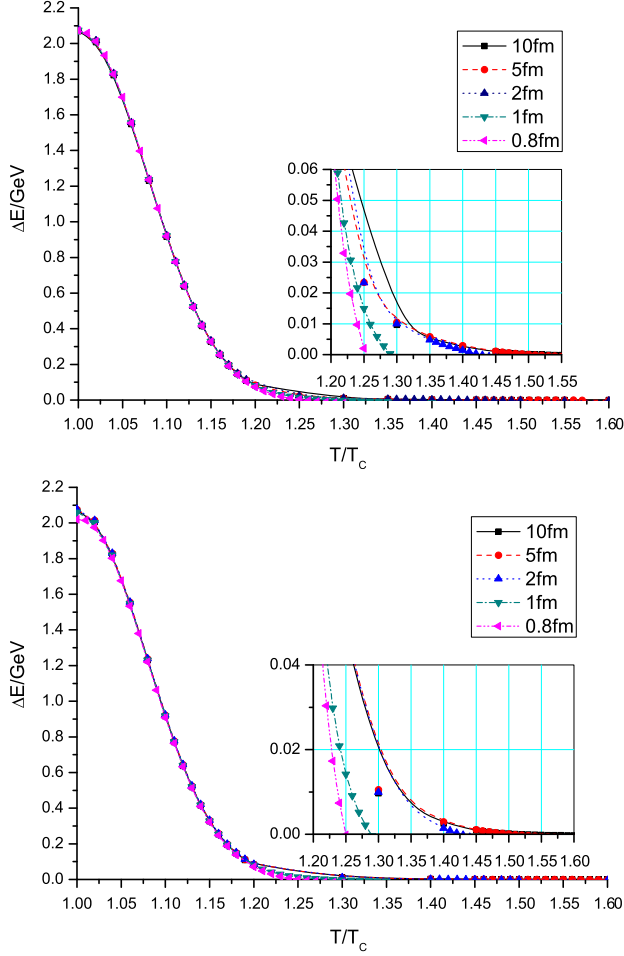


FIG. 6.  $T$ -dependence of binding energy for  $\Upsilon'(2S)$  in two limits: upper figure for first limit ( $V_1$ ) and lower figure for second limit ( $V_2$ ).

the cavity size. Comparing the behaviors between  $\psi'(2S)$  and  $\Upsilon(3S)$ , it is found that, with the increase in the mass of  $c$  quark to  $b$  quark, the average kinetic energy become less sensitive to the cavity sizes. Meanwhile, for  $\psi'(2S)$  and  $\Upsilon(3S)$ , the average potential energy are not very sensitive to the cavity size. As a result, the  $\psi'(2S)$  binding energy is sensitive to the cavity size but  $\Upsilon(3S)$  binding energy is not near  $T_c$ . So we can give a conclusion that the less mass of the constituents of  $\psi'(2S)$  ( $c$  quark) leads the  $\psi'(2S)$  binding energy to be sensitive to the cavity size but  $\Upsilon(3S)$  binding energy to be not at low temperature.

In Figs. 2 and 3, we show the resulting binding energy behavior for different charmonium states in two limits and different sizes of cavity, respectively. When they vanish, the bound states no longer exist, so that  $\Delta E(T) = 0$  determines the dissociation temperature. The results for dissociation temperatures of charmonium in Ref. [32] and our calculation results are listed in Table II. In Figs. 5–7, we show the resulting binding energy behavior for different bottomonium states in two limits and different sizes of cavity,

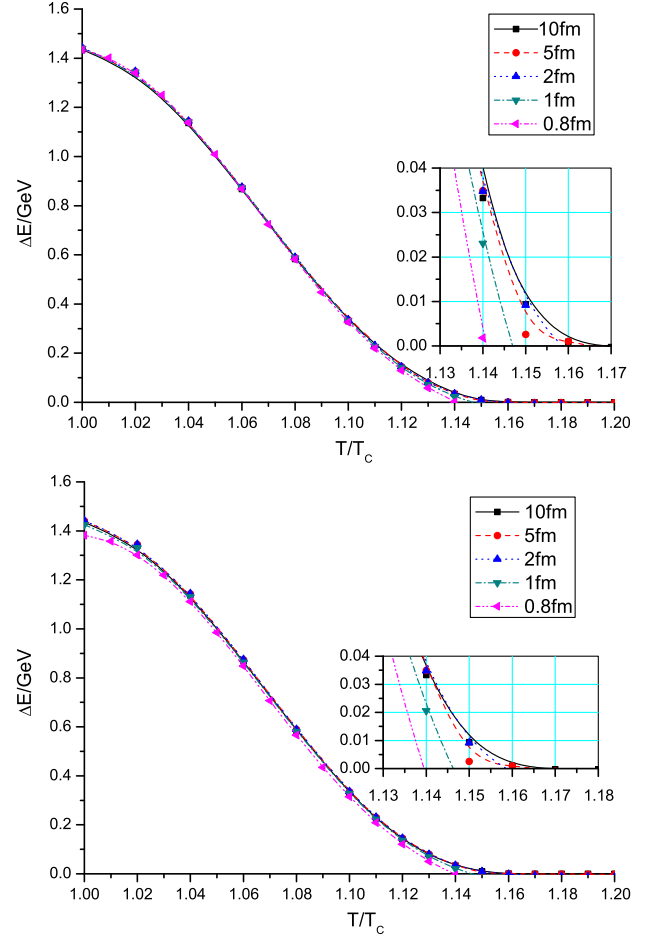


FIG. 7.  $T$ -dependence of binding energy for  $\Upsilon''(3S)$  in two limits: upper figure for first limit ( $V_1$ ) and lower figure for second limit ( $V_2$ ).

respectively. The results for dissociation temperatures of bottomonium in Ref. [32] and our calculation results are listed in Table III. Due to the free energy of quark-antiquark system just fitting the lattice data from  $0.8T_c$  to  $2T_c$ , we only show  $T_d$  of  $\Upsilon(1S)$  is  $> 2.2T_c$ . There have been many lattice improvements since Ref. [41]. For example, Ref. [57] calculates the free energy up to  $T \sim 2$  GeV. We may obtain an approximate value of the  $\Upsilon(1S)$  dissociation temperature based on this work in a future work. We can see the dissociation temperatures of charmonium and bottomonium decrease with the radius of cavity decreasing. For charmonium, the changes in the dissociation temperature of  $J/\psi(1S)$  is more obvious compared with that of  $\psi'(2S)$ . For bottomonium, the changes in the dissociation temperature of  $\Upsilon'(2S)$  is more obvious compared with that of  $\Upsilon''(3S)$ . At  $r_0 \geq 5fm$ , the size of the cavity is much larger than that of the quarkonium. In this case, the quarkonium can be seen as being in infinite space. It can explain why the changes in resulting dissociation temperatures of each states is negligible at  $r_0 \geq 5fm$ . From Figs. 4 and 8, we can see the radius

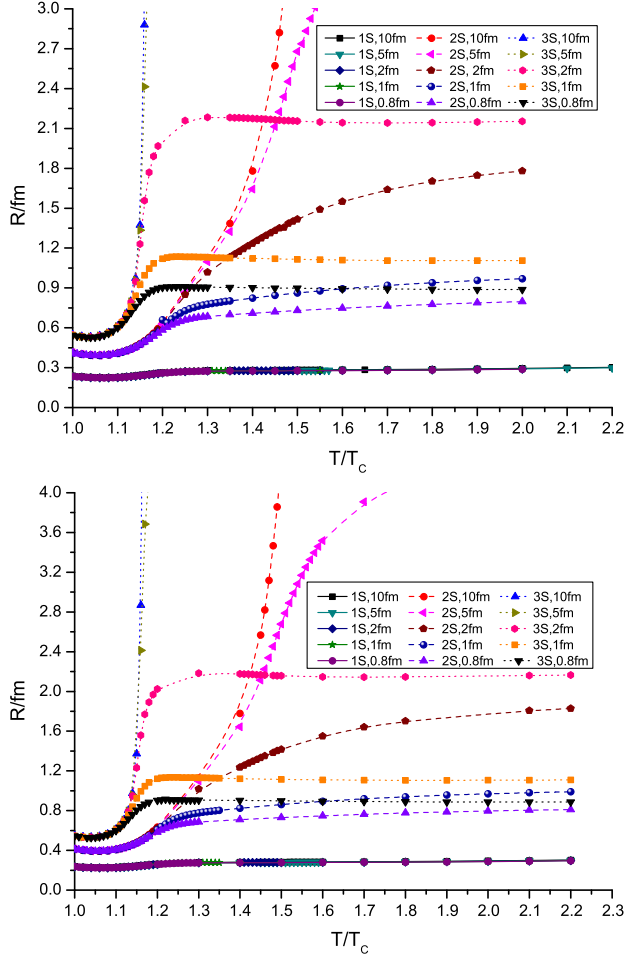


FIG. 8.  $T$ -dependence of average distances for  $\Upsilon(1S)$ ,  $\Upsilon'(2S)$ ,  $\Upsilon''(3S)$  in two limits: upper figure for first limit ( $V_1$ ) and lower figure for second limit ( $V_2$ ).

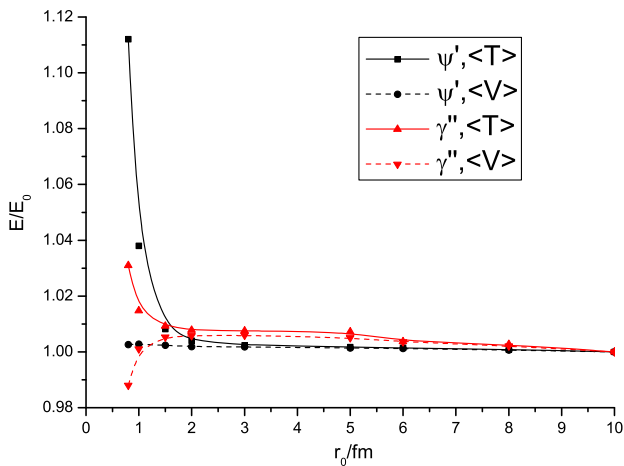


FIG. 9.  $r_0$ -dependence of the average kinetic energy and the average potential energy for  $\psi'(2S)$  and  $\Upsilon(3S)$  at  $T_c$ .

TABLE II. Dissociation temperatures  $T_d/T_c$  of charmonium in different sizes of cavity and two limits.

Potential	$r_0$ [fm]	1S	2S
$V_1$	$\infty$ (Ref. [32])	2.06	1.13
	10	2.01	1.13
	5	1.96	1.13
	2	1.8	1.12
	1	1.52	1.107
$V_2$	0.8	1.36	1.098
	10	2.01	1.13
	5	1.96	1.13
	2	1.8	1.12
	1	1.52	1.107
	0.8	1.36	1.097

TABLE III. Dissociation temperatures  $T_d/T_c$  of bottomonium in different size of cavity and two limits.

Potential	$R_0$ [fm]	1S	2S	3S
$V_1$	$\infty$ (Ref. [32])	5.81	1.56	1.17
	10	>2.2	1.52	1.17
	5	>2.2	1.52	1.17
	2	>2.2	1.43	1.16
	1	>2.2	1.3	1.147
$V_2$	0.8	>2.2	1.26	1.142
	10	>2.2	1.52	1.17
	5	>2.2	1.51	1.17
	2	>2.2	1.43	1.16
	1	>2.2	1.29	1.147
	0.8	>2.2	1.25	1.139

reaches a finite value when the temperature is higher than dissociation temperature, which is different from infinite space. This is because the quarkonium is confined in an impenetrable cavity. After the ground state (or excited state) of quarkonium dissociating, the resulting quark and anti-quark are bounded in the impenetrable cavity. So the distance between the quark and antiquark is finite and less than the diameter of the corresponding cavity. With the cavity radius decreasing, the finite value decreases.

## V. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

In infinite space, the free energy of the quark-antiquark system we construct based on Debye-Hückel theory fits the lattice data quite well for all  $r$  from  $0.8T_c$  to  $2T_c$ . For the system of hydrogen in an impenetrable spherical cavity, the model we proposed is different from other people and closer to the reality. In this model, separating the motion of the system into center-of-mass motion and relative motion by introducing the Jacobi coordinates is meaningless and we solve the equation using independent coordinates  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ . From the temperature dependence of binding energy and average distance for charmonium and bottomonium, we can see that they have almost the same behavior at low



temperature but the different behavior at high temperature except for  $\psi'$ , which means the finite volume effects on these states are negligible at low temperature and become more obvious with temperature increasing. The state  $\psi'$  has different behaviors of the binding energy at different cavity radius even at low temperature. Comparing the behaviors among  $J/\psi, \psi', \psi''$ , we can give a conclusion that the bigger radius of the quarkonium leads the finite volume effect to become more obvious. Comparing the behaviors between  $\Upsilon(3S)$  and  $\psi'$ , we can give a conclusion that the less mass of the constituents leads the finite volume effect to become more obvious.

The results on the dissociation temperatures of quarkonium show that the dissociation temperatures decrease with the cavity radius decreasing. Compared with the state  $\psi'(2S)$  and  $\Upsilon''(3S)$ , the changes in the states  $J/\psi(1S)$  and  $\Upsilon'(2S)$  are more obvious. Because of the quarkonium confined in an impenetrable cavity, the average distance increases to a finite value rather than an infinite value. The behavior of the quarkonium confined in an impenetrable cavity is very different from that in infinite space.

It should be pointed out that the model we present is a simplified model and the real fireball produce in heavy ion collisions is not impenetrable. The reason why we consider a impenetrable cavity is that it is difficult for us to solve the noninfinitely deep potential well if we take a nonimpene- trable cavity into account. In addition, there are some effects, arising from magnetic field, finite baryon density and so on, contributing to quarkonium dissociation. Such work deserves our progressive consideration.

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