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**QCD and symmetries related to  
nucleon structure  
and strongly interacting matter**

1- OVERVIEW OF QCD

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Units      $\hbar = c = 1$       $[Energy] = [Momentum] = [Length]^{-1} = [Time]^{-1}$

System of size R:      $E = k \frac{1}{R}$       $\longrightarrow$       $E = k \frac{\hbar c}{R}$

$\hbar c = 197.3 \text{ MeV} \cdot \text{fm}$       $\longrightarrow$       $E (\text{MeV}) = k \frac{200}{R (\text{fm})}$

$$1 \text{ fm}^{-1} = 200 \text{ MeV}$$

# I-OVERVIEW OF QCD

# 1-QCD as a SU(3) gauge theory

## Historical introduction: the rationale for QCD

- In the standard model, there are 6 species (flavors) of quarks.

In the 60th:quark model: Baryon=QQQ, Mesons= Q $\bar{Q}$ , but conceptual problems

$$\Delta^{++} = u \uparrow u \uparrow u \uparrow \quad \text{violates Pauli principle}$$

- Introduce 3 colors: each quark exists with three color states (1,2,3)=(r,y,b)

Hadrons are « white »= « color singlet »

Mathematically: H invariant under permutation of quark color

$$q_i \rightarrow V_{ik} q_k \quad \left| \quad V^\dagger V = 1 \quad \left| \quad \text{Det } V=1 \right. \right. \longrightarrow$$

$$V = e^{i\theta_a T_a}$$

V : SU(3) matrix generated by eight generators:

$$T_a = \lambda_a / 2 \quad a=1, \dots, 8$$

$$\begin{aligned} M &= \sum q_i \bar{q}_i = J\bar{J} + B\bar{B} + R\bar{R} \\ B &= \sum_{i,j,k=1}^3 \epsilon_{ijk} q_i q_j q_k \end{aligned} \quad \longrightarrow$$

$$\Delta^{++} = \sum_{i,j,k} \epsilon_{ijk} u_i \uparrow u_j \uparrow u_k \uparrow \quad \left| \right.$$

- Dynamical theory for color: SU(3) gauge field theory

Fondamental object: Dirac field for each color

Gauge principle: invariance of the theory (lagrangian) under a local transform

$$\psi(x) \rightarrow V(x) \psi(x)$$

$$V(x) = e^{i\theta_a(x) T_a}$$

$$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \\ \psi_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\bar{\psi} = \psi^\dagger \gamma^0 = (\bar{\psi}_1, \bar{\psi}_2, \bar{\psi}_3)$$

$$(1, 2, 3) = (r, y, b)$$

## SU(3) group

SU(3) transformation:

$$V = e^{i\theta_a T_a}$$

Generator of the  
SU(3) group

$$t_a = \lambda_a/2$$

$$\lambda_{a=1,2,3} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \lambda_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \lambda_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \lambda_7 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \lambda_8 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Generator of the  
SU(2) group

$$\sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

They satisfy the Lie algebra

$$[t_a, t_b] = i f_{abc} t_c$$

$f_{abc}$  are the structure constants of SU(3),  
fully antisymmetric under permutation

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= f_{123} = 2 f_{147} = 2 f_{246} = 2 f_{257} = 2 f_{345} \\ &= -2 f_{156} = -2 f_{367} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} f_{458} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} f_{678} \end{aligned}$$

# Building of the gauge theory

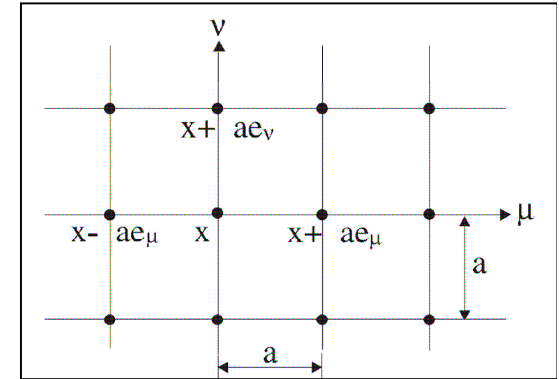
- Start with a free fermion theory  $\mathcal{L} = i \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi - m \bar{\psi} \psi$

Discretize the theory on a lattice (spacing a)

$$\mathcal{L}_c = i \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi = \frac{i}{a} \sum_{\mu} \left( \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma^\mu \psi(x + a e_\mu) - \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma^\mu \psi(x) \right)$$

But not « gauge invariant » due to « non locality » !

$$\bar{\psi}(x) \gamma^\mu \psi(x + a e_\mu) \rightarrow \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma^\mu V^\dagger(x) V(x + a e_\mu) \psi(x + a e_\mu)$$



- To cure the problem introduce **link variables** (SU(3) matrices)

$$U(x; y) \quad \text{with} \quad U(x; x) = 1 \quad U^{-1}(x; y) = U(y; x)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_c = \frac{i}{a} \sum_{\mu} \left( \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma^\mu U(x; x + a e_\mu) \psi(x + a e_\mu) - \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma^\mu \psi(x) \right)$$

**Invariant if**

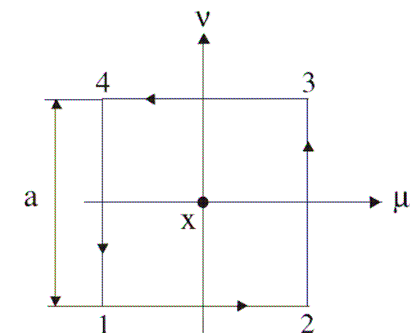
$$U(x; y) \rightarrow V(x) U(x; y) V^\dagger(y)$$

$$U(x; x + dx) = e^{i B^\mu(x) dx_\mu} \quad \text{8 Gauge fields}$$

$$B^\mu(x) = B_a^\mu(x) T^a$$

- Dynamic of the link variables: gauge invariant « **Plaquette** term »

$$\mathcal{L}_J = \frac{\beta}{N} \frac{1}{a^4} \sum_{(\mu, \nu)} \text{tr}(U_{12} U_{23} U_{34} U_{41})$$



# The QCD Lagrangian

Back to continuum limit:  $a \rightarrow 0$

From link to gluon field gauge transformation

$$U(x; y) \rightarrow V(x) U(x; y) V^\dagger(y)$$

$$B_\mu(x) \rightarrow V(x) B_\mu(x) V^\dagger(x) - iV(x) \partial_\mu V^\dagger(x)$$

Lagrangian

$$g = \sqrt{N_c/\beta}$$

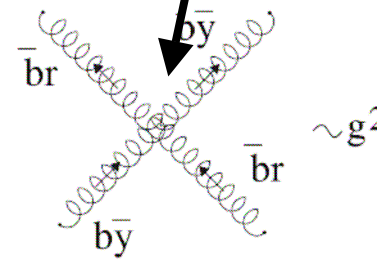
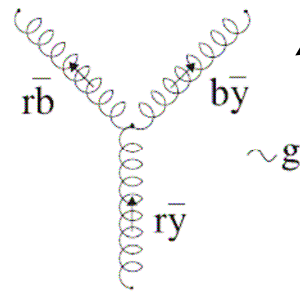
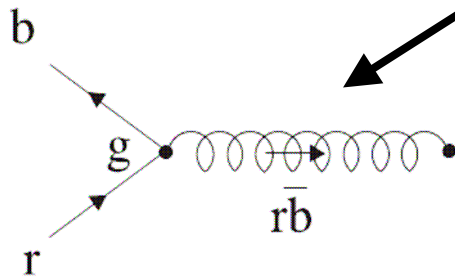
$$B^\mu = g A^\mu = g \sum_{a=1}^{N_c^2-1} t_a A_a^\mu$$

$$G^{\mu\nu} = \partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu + ig[A^\mu, A^\nu] \equiv t_a G_a^{\mu\nu}$$

$$G_a^{\mu\nu} = \partial^\mu A_a^\nu - \partial^\nu A_a^\mu - g f_{abc} A_b^\mu A_c^\nu$$

f=u,d,s,...

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \sum_f \bar{\psi}_f \gamma_\mu (i\partial^\mu - g t_a A_a^\mu) \psi_f - \sum_f m_f \bar{\psi}_f \psi_f - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu}$$



8 gluons:  $(r, y, b) \otimes (\bar{r}, \bar{y}, \bar{b}) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (r\bar{r} + y\bar{y} + b\bar{b})$

$m_u = 4 \text{ MeV}, m_d = 8 \text{ MeV}, m_s = 150 \text{ MeV}, m_{c,b,t} \gg 1 \text{ GeV}$

## 2- Symmetries of QCD

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \sum_f \bar{\psi}_f \gamma_\mu (i\partial^\mu - g t_a A_a^\mu) \psi_f - \sum_f m_f \bar{\psi}_f \psi_f - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu}$$

### Observational facts

- All the **observed hadrons** are compatible with  $QQQ$  and  $Q\bar{Q}$  **color singlet states** (color confinement)
  - $M_H \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $R_H \sim 1 \text{ fm}$
  - Exception  $m_\pi$
- Light hadrons classified in **isospin multiplets with no degenerate parity partners**
- Nuclei are made of « packages of nucleons »
- At high  $T$ : **Deconfinement and chiral restoration** (Lattice + RHIC)

### Symmetries

- Gauge (color) symmetry**
- Light quark sector ( $m_u, m_d$  small)
  - **No scale in the QCD Lagrangian** (scale invariance)
- Invariance under global « **chiral** » transformations

$$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_u \\ \psi_d \end{pmatrix} \left| \begin{array}{l} \psi \rightarrow e^{i\alpha_k \frac{\tau_k}{2}} \psi \\ \psi \rightarrow e^{i\alpha_k \frac{\tau_k}{2} \gamma_5} \psi \end{array} \right|$$

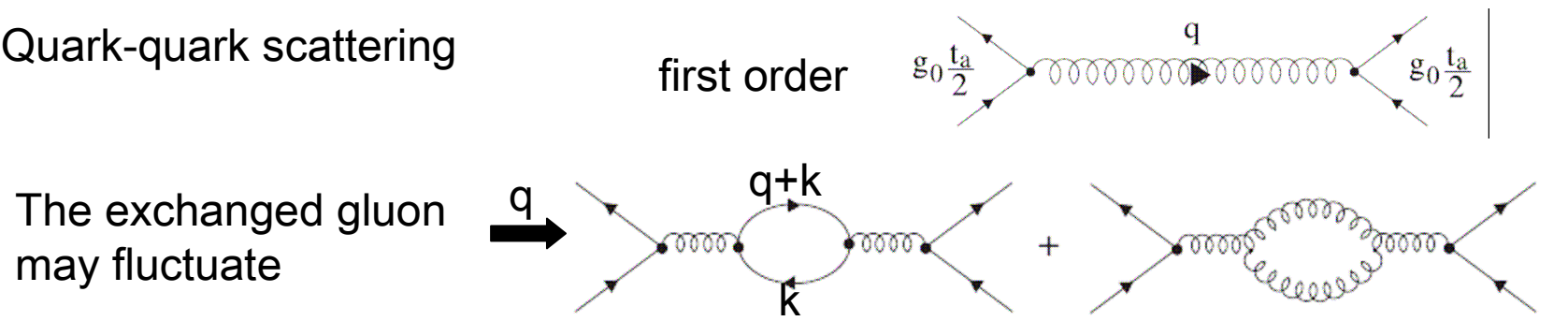
- Center symmetry** (pure gauge)



# Breaking of scale invariance: running coupling constant

- In the light quark sector the QCD lagrangian is « classically » scale invariant
- However in a QFT the existence of **quantum fluctuations** of arbitrary size breaks scale invariance
- The QFT must be formulated **at each scale  $\mu$**  or at each resolution  $a=1/\mu$

- Quark-quark scattering



- Formulate the theory at scale  $\mu$ : **all the high momentum fluctuations  $k > \mu$  are included in the definition of the degrees of freedom (field variables) and parameters (coupling constant)**

$g(\mu + \delta\mu) \longrightarrow g(\mu)$ : the fluctuations between  $\mu$  and  $\mu + \delta\mu$  are now included in the definition of  $g(\mu)$

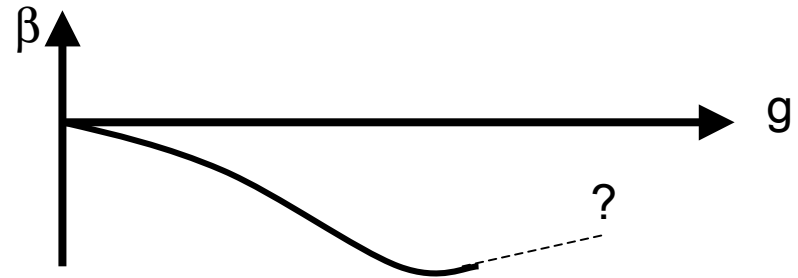
- The evolution of  $g(\mu)$  can be calculated if we know

$$\beta(g) = \mu \frac{dg}{d\mu} \equiv \frac{dg}{d \ln \mu}$$

- $\beta(g)$  is an intrinsic property of the theory: it can be calculated in the small  $g$  domain perturbative QCD

$$\beta(g) = -\beta_0 g^3 + \beta_1 g^5 + \dots$$

$$(4\pi)^2 \beta_0 = \frac{11}{3} N_C - \frac{2}{3} N_f > 0$$



- Increasing  $\mu$ ,  $g$  decreases to a minimum value  $g=0$  obtained for large momentum scale.  $g=0$  is an attractive ultraviolet fixed point

QCD is an asymptotically free theory: **ASYMPTOTIC FREEDOM**

$$\beta(g) = \mu \frac{dg}{d\mu} \equiv \frac{dg}{d \ln \mu} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mu = \Lambda \exp\left(\frac{1}{2\beta_0 g^2}\right) (\beta_0 g^2)^{-\beta_1/2\beta_0}$$

- Lets us calculate an observable  $O$  with dimension  $D$  (hadron mass  $D=1$ )

$$O = \mu^D f(g(\mu)) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{df}{f} = -D \frac{dg}{\beta(g)} \quad \longrightarrow \quad O = C \mu^D \exp\left(\frac{-D}{2\beta_0 g^2}\right) (\beta_0 g^2)^{D\beta_1/2\beta_0}$$

**$\Lambda_{QCD}$  is the fundamental scale of QCD**

- The QCD pb is to find the numerical constants  $C$
- Lattice calculation:  $\mu=1/a$ : check the scaling law and extract  $C$
- From data  $\Lambda_{QCD}=200$  MeV

$$O = C \Lambda_{QCD}^D$$

- **$Q \gg \Lambda_{QCD}$  Perturbative QCD**

$$g^2(Q^2) = \frac{1}{\beta_0 \ln(Q^2/\Lambda_{QCD}^2)}$$

$$\Lambda_{QCD} \simeq 200 \text{ MeV}$$

$$R_H = 1/\Lambda_{QCD} \simeq 1 \text{ fm}$$

**$Q < \Lambda_{QCD}$  NON Perturbative QCD**

# Trace anomaly and gluon condensate

•QCD action  $S = \int d^4x \mathcal{L} = \int d^4x \left[ \bar{\psi} i \gamma^\mu (i \partial_\mu - t_a \bar{A}_{a\mu}) \psi - m \bar{\psi} \psi - \frac{1}{4g^2} \bar{G}_a^{\mu\nu} \bar{G}_{a\mu\nu} \right] \Big|_{\bar{A}_a^\mu = g A_a^\mu}$

•Scale transformation

$$x \rightarrow (1 - \delta\lambda)x$$

$$\psi \rightarrow (1 + D_\psi \delta\lambda)\psi$$

$$\bar{A}_a^\mu \rightarrow (1 + D_A \delta\lambda)\bar{A}_a^\mu$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_\psi &= 3/2 \\ D_A &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

•The variation of the action and trace of the **stress tensor**

$$\delta S = \int d^4x \delta\lambda \partial_\mu D_{dil}^\mu \quad \text{with} \quad \partial_\mu D_{dil}^\mu \equiv \partial_\mu (x_\nu T^{\nu\mu}) \rightarrow T_\mu^\mu$$

•Explicit variation of the (effective) action taken at scale  $\mu$

$$\delta S = \int d^4x \delta\lambda \sum_i (D_i - 4) \mathcal{L}_i + \delta\lambda \frac{\delta\mu}{\delta\lambda} \frac{1}{2g^3} \frac{dg}{d\mu} (g^2 G_a^{\mu\nu} G_{a\mu\nu})$$

$$\mu \rightarrow (1 + \delta\lambda)\mu.$$

$$\longrightarrow T_\mu^\mu = m \bar{\psi} \psi + \frac{\beta(g)}{2g^3} (g^2 G_a^{\mu\nu} G_{a\mu\nu})$$

•QCD vacuum

$$\langle T^{\mu\nu} \rangle = \epsilon g^{\mu\nu}$$



$$4\epsilon = 4\pi^2 \frac{\beta(g)}{2g^3} \left\langle \frac{g^2}{4\pi^2} G_a^{\mu\nu} G_{a\mu\nu} \right\rangle$$

Gluon condensate:

QCD sum rule

(hadron spectral Function)

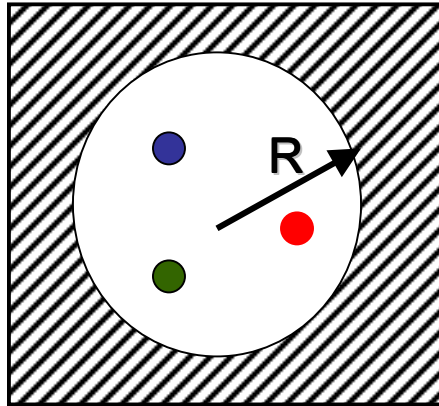
$$\langle (\alpha_S/\pi) GG \rangle \simeq 0.012 \text{ GeV}^4$$

**Energy density of QCD vacuum**

$$\epsilon = -0.5 \text{ GeV} \cdot \text{fm}^{-3}$$

# Some consequences for the nucleon structure

MIT bag picture: nucleon = bubble of perturbative vacuum with freely moving current quarks ( $m=0$ )



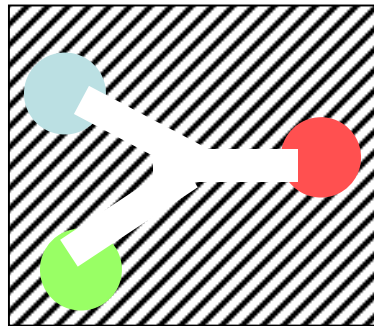
$$M = \frac{3\Omega_0}{R} + \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 B \quad \Omega_0 = 2.04$$

$$\rightarrow R_h = \left(\frac{3\Omega_0}{4\pi}\right)^{1/4} \frac{1}{B^{1/4}} \simeq 1/\Lambda_{QCD} \simeq 1 \text{ fm}$$

$$\rightarrow B \simeq 0.1 \text{ GeV fm}^{-3} \ll \epsilon$$



Alternative picture: non perturbative vacuum fluctuations expelled from a much smaller domain:

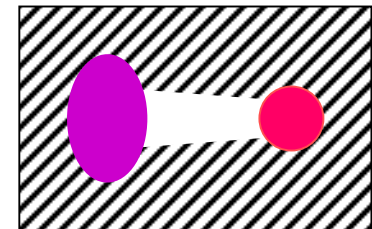


Constituent quark with size

$$R_q = 1/\Lambda_{\chi SB}$$

At the endpoint of strings

$$R_h \simeq 1/\Lambda_{QCD}$$



Evidence for diquark formation

II-  $SU(N_f)_L \times SU(N_f)_R$

CHIRAL SYMMETRY

$N_f=2$  : u, d

$N_f=3$  : u, d, s

$m_{u,d} \sim 5 \text{ MeV}$

$m_s \sim 150 \text{ MeV}$

to be compared with  $M_H \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$

$$m_u = 4 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_d = 8 \text{ MeV}$$

# 1- Vector, axial and chiral symmetry

QCD Lagrangian without glue

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = i\bar{\psi}_u \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi_u + i\bar{\psi}_d \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi_d - m_u \bar{\psi}_u \psi_u - m_d \bar{\psi}_d \psi_d$$

$$= i\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi - \frac{m_u + m_d}{2} \bar{\psi} \psi - \frac{m_u - m_d}{2} \bar{\psi} \tau_3 \psi$$

$$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_u \\ \psi_d \end{pmatrix}$$

Vector symmetry L almost exactly invariant under the SU(2) transformation

$$\psi \rightarrow e^{i\alpha_k \frac{\tau_k}{2}} \psi$$

Very small breaking

- Conserved charge (isospin)

$$Q_k = \int d\mathbf{r} \psi^\dagger \frac{\tau_k}{2} \psi \equiv I_k$$

$$(m_d - m_u)/2 \simeq 2 \text{ MeV} \ll M_H \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$$

- Quantum states transform as

$$U = e^{-i\alpha_j Q_j}$$

$$|\Phi\rangle \rightarrow |\Phi'\rangle = U |\Phi\rangle$$

$$[Q_i, Q_j] = i \epsilon_{ijk} Q_k$$

$$[Q_i, H_{QCD}] = 0$$



**Multiplet structure**  
(with given, P, J)

$$|\alpha IM\rangle = \phi_{\alpha IM} |0\rangle$$

$$U|\alpha IM\rangle = U \phi_{\alpha IM} |0\rangle = U \phi_{\alpha IM} U^\dagger U |0\rangle$$

$$= \sum_{\alpha' I M'} \phi_{\alpha' I M'} U |0\rangle \langle \alpha' I M' | U | \alpha I M \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{\alpha' I M'} |\alpha' I M'\rangle \langle \alpha' I M' | U | \alpha I M \rangle$$

True because

$$U |0\rangle = |0\rangle \iff Q_j |0\rangle = 0$$

Axial symmetry L almost exactly invariant under

$$\psi \rightarrow e^{i\alpha_k \frac{\tau_k}{2} \gamma_5} \psi$$

- Conserved axial charge

$$Q_k^5 = \int d\mathbf{r} \psi^\dagger \gamma_5 \frac{\tau_k}{2} \psi$$

$$m = m_u + m_d/2 \simeq 7 \text{ MeV} \ll M_H$$

$$U_5 = e^{-i\alpha_j Q_j^5}$$

# Chiral symmetry

$$\psi_R = \frac{1 + \gamma_5}{2} \psi \quad \psi_L = \frac{1 - \gamma_5}{2} \psi$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = i\bar{\psi}_L \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi_L + i\bar{\psi}_R \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi_R - m(\bar{\psi}_L \psi_R + \bar{\psi}_R \psi_L)$$

QCD Lagrangian almost exactly invariant (m~7 MeV) under transformations in the light quark sector (u-d) acting **separately on left and right quarks**

$SU(2)_L : \quad \psi_L \rightarrow e^{i\alpha_k \frac{\tau_k}{2}} \psi_L, \quad \psi_R \rightarrow \psi_R$	$Q_L^k = \int d\mathbf{r} \psi_L^\dagger \frac{\tau_k}{2} \psi_L = \frac{1}{2} (Q_k - Q_k^5)$
$SU(2)_R : \quad \psi_R \rightarrow e^{i\beta_k \frac{\tau_k}{2}} \psi_R, \quad \psi_L \rightarrow \psi_L$	$Q_R^k = \int d\mathbf{r} \psi_R^\dagger \frac{\tau_k}{2} \psi_R = \frac{1}{2} (Q_k + Q_k^5)$

$$[Q_L^i, Q_L^j] = i \epsilon_{ijk} Q_L^k \quad [Q_R^i, Q_R^j] = i \epsilon_{ijk} Q_R^k \quad [Q_R^i, Q_L^j] = 0$$

2 degenerate L and R worlds: Two sets of independant identical multiplets

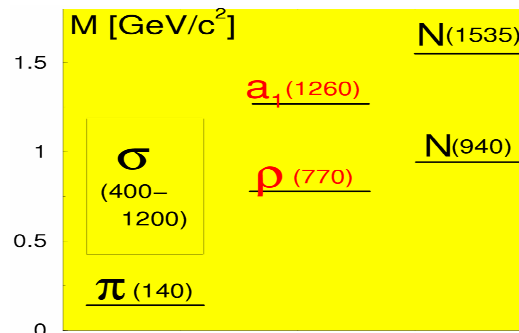
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Vector symmetry (isospin) multiplets +degenerate partners with opposite parity



**kind of « doubling » of isospin symmetry**

**OBVIOUSLY NO !!!**



## 2- Spontaneous breaking of chiral symmetry

Chiral  
limit :  
m=0

$[H, Q_k]=0$  and  $Q_k |0\rangle=0 \longrightarrow$  Isospin multiplets

$[H, Q_k^5]=0$  but  $Q_k^5 |0\rangle \neq 0$  and  $U_5 |0\rangle \neq |0\rangle$

The vacuum does not have the symmetry

This is the **spontaneous breaking of chiral (axial) symmetry**

No Chiral partner multiplet  $U_5 |\alpha IM\rangle = U_5 \phi_{\alpha IM} |0\rangle = U_5 \phi_{\alpha IM} U_5^\dagger U_5 |0\rangle$   
 $= \sum_{M'} \phi_{\alpha IM'} U_5 |0\rangle \langle \alpha IM' | U | \alpha IM \rangle$   
 $\neq \sum_{M'} |\alpha IM'\rangle \langle \alpha IM' | U | \alpha IM \rangle$

### Goldstone theorem

Since the axial charge commutes with H, its action on the vacuum should give states having the same energy.

$$|\pi_j\rangle = Q_j^5 |0\rangle \quad H |\pi_j\rangle = H Q_j^5 |0\rangle = Q_j^5 H |0\rangle = 0$$

This implies the existence of **soft (i.e. massless) modes: THE PION**

Basis for chiral perturbation theory Low energy pion do not (or weakly) interact

$$H |(\pi)^n\rangle = H (Q^5)^n |0\rangle = (Q^5)^n H |0\rangle = 0$$

Explicit chiral symmetry breaking

$$m_\pi = 140 \text{ MeV}$$



**Order parameters** : Charged pion decay  $\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu$   $|\pi^\pm\rangle = \mp \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\pi_1\rangle \pm i |\pi_2\rangle)$

$$\langle 0 | \mathcal{A}_i^\mu(x) | \pi_j(q) \rangle = -i \delta_{ij} f_\pi q^\mu e^{-iqx} \quad f_\pi = 94 \text{ MeV, pion decay constant}$$

$$\langle 0 | Q_5^i(t) | \pi_j(\mathbf{q}) \rangle = \int d\mathbf{r} \langle 0 | \mathcal{A}_i^0(\mathbf{r}, t) | \pi_j(\mathbf{q}) \rangle = -\frac{i}{2} f_\pi e^{-im_\pi t} \langle \pi^i(0) | \pi^j(\mathbf{q}) \rangle$$

$$f_\pi \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow Q_5^i |0\rangle \neq 0$$

### The GOR Relation

- Operatorial identity

$$[Q_5^i, [Q_5^j, H]] = \delta_{ij} \int d\mathbf{r} m \bar{\psi} \psi(\mathbf{r})$$

- Insert a complete set of states  
Energy weighted sum rule

$$\sum_n 2E_n |\langle n | Q_5^i | 0 \rangle|^2 = - \int d\mathbf{r} 2m \langle \bar{q}q \rangle$$

- Single pion dominance

$$m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2 = -2m \langle \bar{q}q \rangle$$

	Microscopic (Quark)	Macroscopic (Hadron)
Explicit breaking	$m$	$m_\pi$
Order parameter	$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle$	$f_\pi$

**Quark condensate**

$m = 6 \text{ MeV}$

$$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle \simeq -(240 \text{ MeV})^3$$

**Scalar density of quarks**

$$-1.76 \text{ fm}^{-3} \approx 10\rho_0$$

Order parameter: not invariant under the symmetry group: it should vanish in the symmetric phase

## Heisenberg ferromagnet

$$H = -J \sum_{i,j} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j - \mu \sum_i \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{B}$$

$B=0$ : H rotational invariant but non vanishing order parameter

$$\vec{M} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \vec{S}_i \neq 0$$

Spontaneous breaking  
Ground state infinitely degenerate

In presence of  $B$ : magnetization along the magnetic field

## Chiral symmetry of QCD

$$H = H_0 + \int d^3r m (\bar{\psi}_L \psi_R + \bar{\psi}_R \psi_L) (\mathbf{r})$$

$m=0$ : H chirally invariant but non vanishing order parameter

$$M^{ij} = \langle 0 | \bar{\psi}_L^j \psi_R^i | 0 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \Sigma \delta^{ij} \neq 0$$

$$\Sigma = \frac{1}{2} \langle 0 | \bar{\psi}_L \psi_R + \bar{\psi}_R \psi_L | 0 \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{2} \langle \bar{u}u + \bar{d}d \rangle \equiv \langle \bar{q}q \rangle$$

Chiral transformation  $|0\rangle \rightarrow |\alpha, \beta\rangle = U_L(\alpha)U_R(\beta)|0\rangle$

$$M^{ij} \rightarrow M'^{ij} = \langle \alpha, \beta, | \bar{\psi}_L^j \psi_R^i | \alpha, \beta \rangle = \left( V_R(\beta) M V_L^\dagger(\alpha) \right)_{ij} = \left( V_R(\beta) V_L^\dagger(\alpha) \right)_{ij} \frac{\Sigma}{2}$$

Vector transf.  $\alpha=\beta$ :  $M$  invariant

Axial transf.  $\alpha=-\beta$ :  $M = \frac{\Sigma}{2} \rightarrow \frac{\Sigma}{2} (\cos\alpha + i\vec{\tau} \cdot \hat{\alpha} \sin\alpha)$  | not invariant

# Correlators and hadron spectral functions

Correlation function: correlators between two currents or two fields with given quantum numbers characteristic of a hadron

$$\Pi_R(q) \equiv \Pi_R(q_0, \vec{q}) = \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \Theta(x_0) \langle 0 | [J(x), J(0)] | 0 \rangle \quad \Bigg|$$

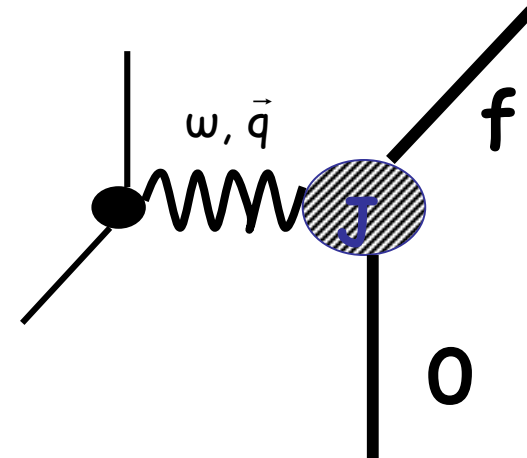
Dispersive analysis  
and spectral functions

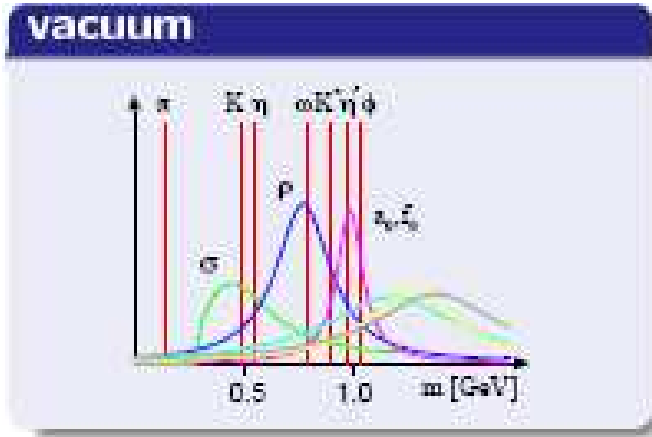
$$\Pi_R(q_0, \vec{q}) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\omega \frac{S(\omega, \vec{q})}{q_0 - \omega + i\eta} \quad \Bigg|$$

$$S(\omega, \vec{q}) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \Pi_R(\omega, \vec{q}) = \sum_f |\langle f | J(0) | 0 \rangle|^2 (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(\vec{q} + \vec{p}_i - \vec{p}_f) \delta(\omega + E_0 - E_f)$$

-Response to a probe which couples to a current  $J(x)$  carrying the quantum numbers of a hadron.

-Accessible experimentally at energy momentum transfer  $(\omega, q)$





## Fluctuation currents

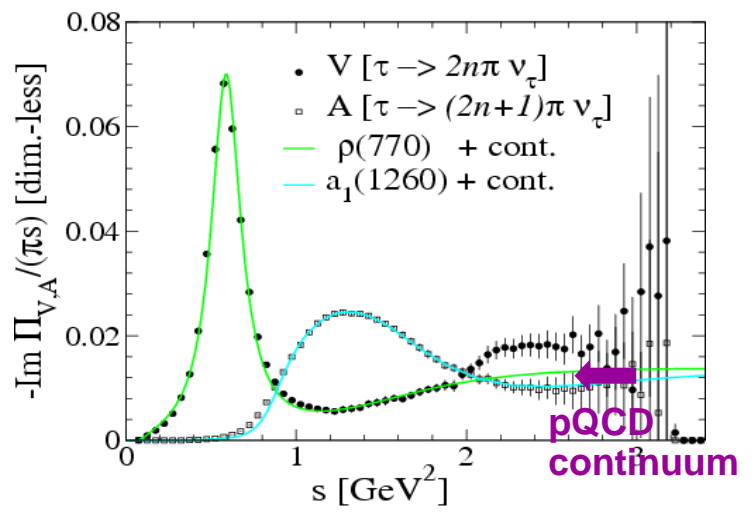
<b>Hadrons</b>	
$\langle\langle J_S(x)J_S(0)\rangle\rangle - \langle\langle J_{ps}(x)J_{ps}(0)\rangle\rangle$	$M_{f_0}(600) \rightarrow M_\pi(138)$
$\langle\langle V_\mu^a(x)V_\mu^a(0)\rangle\rangle - \langle\langle A_\mu^a(x)A_\mu^a(0)\rangle\rangle$	$M_{a_1}(1250) \rightarrow M_\rho(770)$
$\langle\langle \Psi_+(x)\Psi_+(0)\rangle\rangle - \langle\langle \Psi_-(x)\Psi_-(0)\rangle\rangle$	$M_{S_{11}}(1535) \rightarrow M_p(938)$

### Correlation functions associated with chiral partners

$$V_k^\mu = \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \frac{\tau_k}{2} \psi \quad \underline{J^\pi=1^-, \quad l=1 \text{ (rho)}}$$

$$A_k^\mu = \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \frac{\tau_k}{2} \psi \quad \underline{J^\pi=1^+, \quad l=1 \text{ (a}_1\text{)}}$$

### Axialvector / Vector in Vacuum



Vector and axial-vector spectral functions accessible from  $\tau$  decay with even and odd number of pions

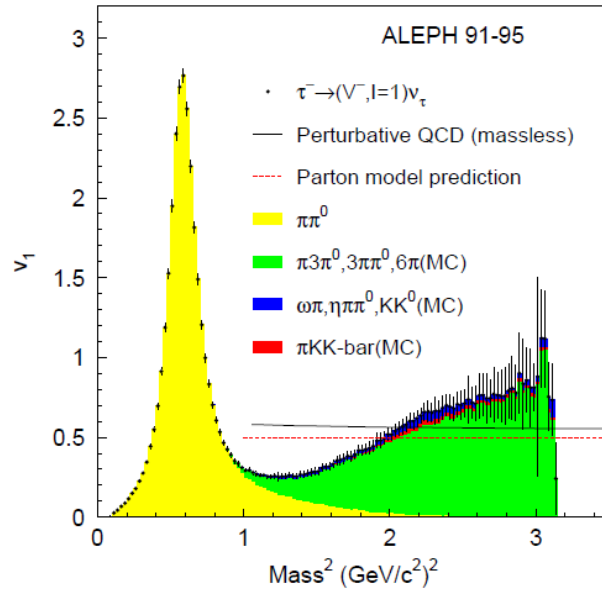
Very different at low energy rho peak and  $a_1$  bump:  
Spontaneous breaking of chiral symmetry

Become identical at high energy: quark hadron duality:  
High momentum quarks decouple from the condensate

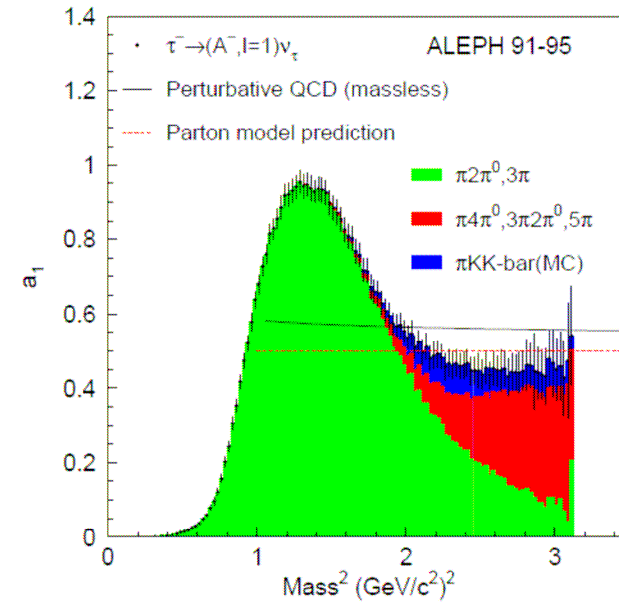
Chiral symmetry breaking is a non perturbative low energy phenomena

# ALEPH data

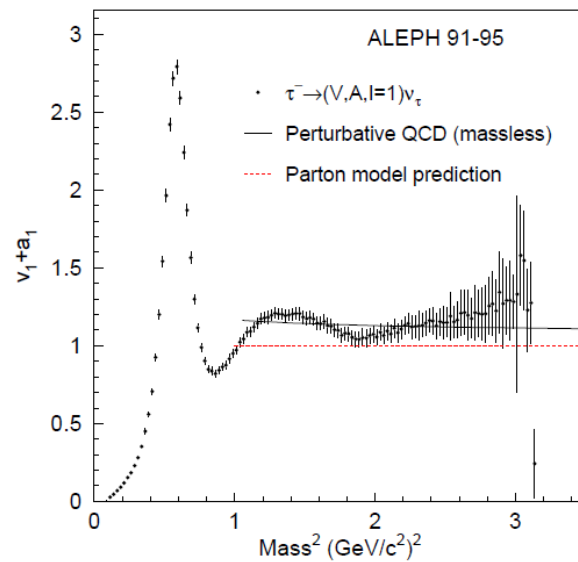
## Vector



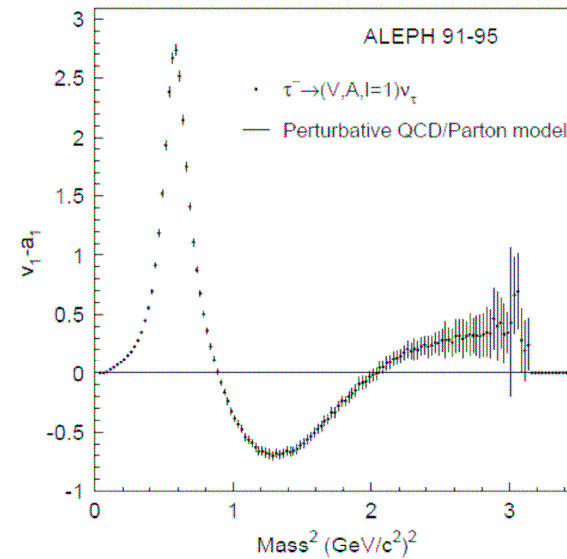
## Axial Vector



## V + AV



## V - AV

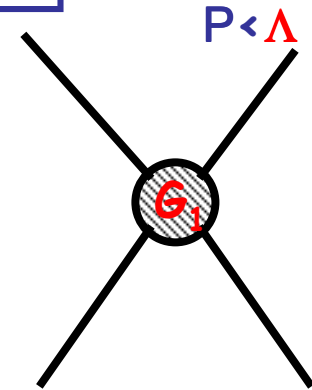


### 3- Explicit realization : the Nambu-Jona-Lasinio model

#### • Basis of the model

Quartic chiral invariant interaction ( $P < \Lambda \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$ ) simulating non perturbative QCD: (3 parameters:  $G_1, \Lambda, m$ )

$$\mathcal{L}_{NJL} = i\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\partial_\mu\psi - m\bar{\psi}\psi + \frac{G_1}{2} \left[ (\bar{\psi}\psi)^2 + (i\bar{\psi}\gamma^5\vec{\tau}\psi)^2 \right]$$



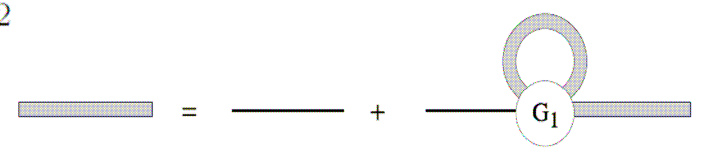
#### • Spontaneous breaking of chiral symmetry: constituents quarks

Mean-field

$$(\bar{\psi}\psi)^2 \simeq 2 (\bar{\psi}\psi) \langle\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle\rangle = 4 (\bar{\psi}\psi) \langle\langle \bar{q}q \rangle\rangle$$

$$M = m - 2G_1 \langle\langle \bar{q}q \rangle\rangle \quad E_p = \sqrt{p^2 + M^2}$$

$$= m + 4N_c G_1 \int_{p < \Lambda} \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{M}{E_p}$$



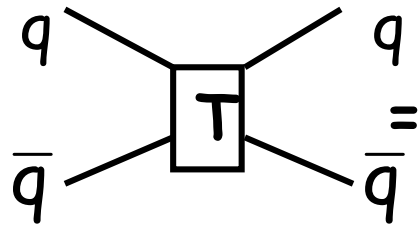
**Spontaneous symmetry breaking**; the quarks acquire a mass  $M \sim 350 \text{ MeV}$

The broken vacuum is made of interacting quark-antiquark pairs; the (BCS type) ground state wave function is:

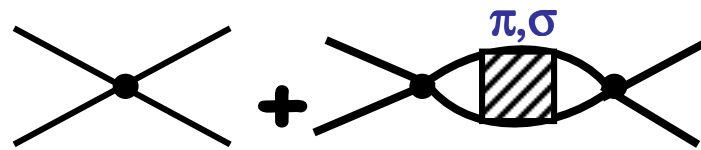
$$|\phi(M)\rangle = C \exp \left( - \sum_{s,p < \Lambda} \gamma_{ps} b_{\mathbf{p}s}^\dagger d_{-\mathbf{p}-s}^\dagger \right) |\phi_0\rangle = \prod_{s,p < \Lambda} (\alpha_p + s\beta_p b_{\mathbf{p}s}^\dagger d_{-\mathbf{p}-s}^\dagger) |\phi_0\rangle$$

# • Mesons; Goldstone theorem

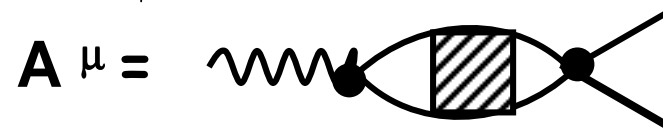
Mesons generated as collective  $\bar{q}q$  excitations, i.e., the unitarized interaction is mediated by the corresponding meson exchange



Pion decay constant



$$\approx \frac{g_B^2}{q^2 - m_B^2}$$



$$= f_\pi q^\mu \frac{1}{q^2 - m_\pi^2} g$$

Adjust  $f_\pi, m_\pi, \langle \bar{q}q \rangle$  :

$$M = g f_\pi, \quad m_\pi^2 = m g^2 / M G_1, \quad m_\sigma^2 = 4M^2 + m_\pi^2$$

• Effective potential: integrate out quarks in the Dirac sea

$$Z \equiv \int D\psi D\bar{\psi} \exp(i \int d^4x L_{NJL}) [D\Sigma D\vec{\Pi} \delta(\Sigma - \bar{\psi}\psi) \delta(\vec{\Pi} - i\bar{\psi}\gamma_5\vec{\tau}\psi)]$$

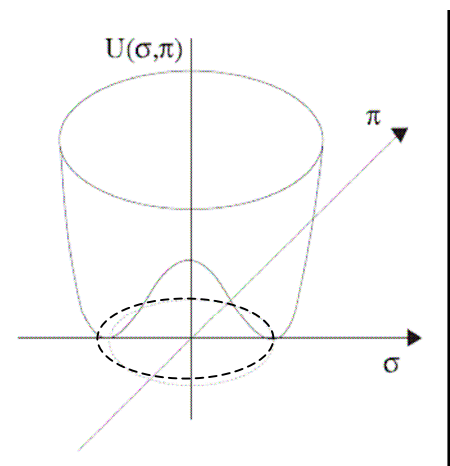
$$Z = \int D\Sigma D\vec{\Pi} \exp(i \int d^4x L_{\text{eff}}(\vec{\Pi}, \Sigma))$$

$$L_{\text{eff}} = \frac{Z(\phi)}{2} (\partial^\mu \Sigma \partial_\mu \Sigma + \partial^\mu \vec{\Pi} \partial_\mu \vec{\Pi}) - U(\phi)$$

$$\phi = m + \Sigma + i\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\Pi} \gamma_5$$

$$U(\phi) = \frac{\Sigma^2 + \vec{\Pi}^2}{4G_1}$$

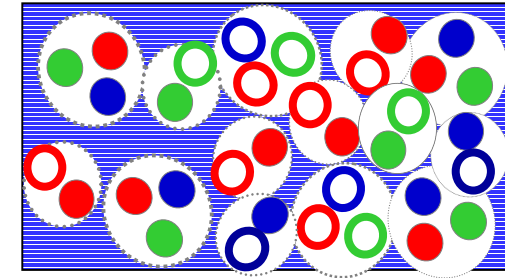
$$- 2N_c N_f \int_0^\Lambda \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^4} \sqrt{k^2 + \phi^2}$$



# 4- Chiral restoration

## Lattice results

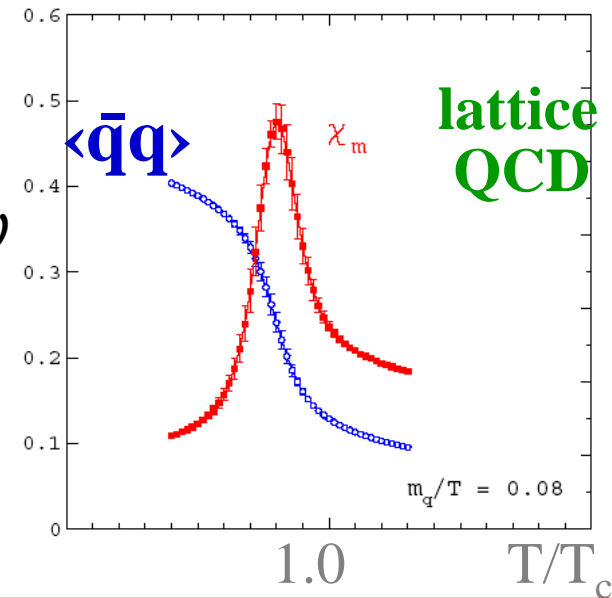
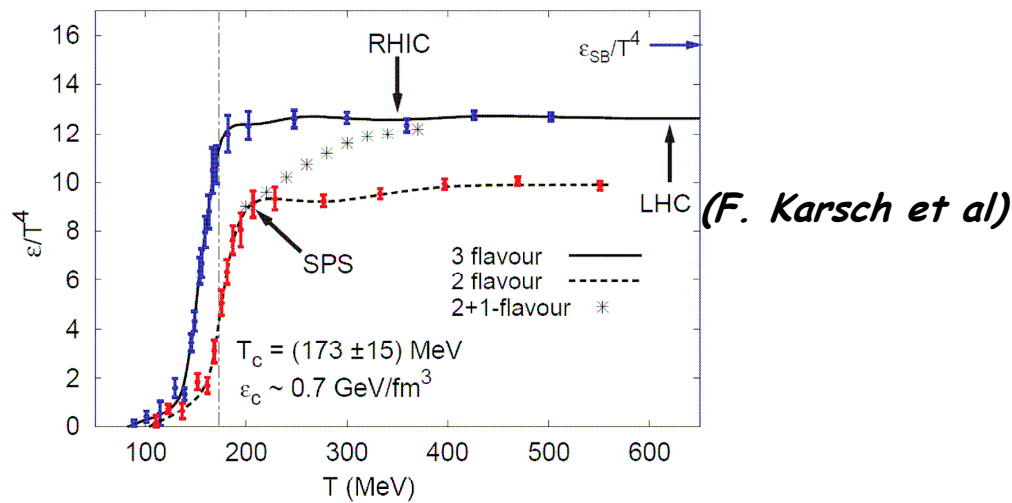
Hadronic matter heated or compressed  
quarks «percolate» / liberated



Sudden change of energy density  
Sharp decrease of the quark condensate  $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle$



DECONFINEMENT  
AND  
CHIRAL RESTORATION



What are the mechanism of chiral restoration, interplay with confinement ?  
What about finite density (finite chemical potential, low T) ?



# Partial restoration of chiral symmetry

## • Dropping of the quark condensate

The quark condensate, i.e., the scalar density of the QCD vacuum is negative. The hadrons have a positive scalar density originating from valence constituent quarks (scalar field) and pion cloud

$$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle = \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_{vac} + \sum_h \rho_h Q_S^h \quad \text{with} \quad Q_S^h = \int d^3r \langle \bar{q}q(\vec{r}) \rangle_h \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{Scalar charge} \\ \text{of the hadron } h \end{array} \right.$$

Introduce the sigma commutator of the hadron

$$\Sigma_h = \langle h [Q_i^5, [Q_i^5, H]] | h \rangle_{conn} = \langle h | H_{\chi SB} | h \rangle \equiv \int dr m \langle h | \bar{\psi}\psi(\mathbf{r}) | h \rangle \equiv m Q_S^h = m \frac{\partial M_h}{\partial m} \quad \left| \right.$$

Assuming the GOR valid

$$\Rightarrow R = \frac{\langle \langle \bar{q}q \rangle \rangle (\rho, T)}{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle} \simeq 1 - \sum_h \frac{\rho_{sh} \Sigma_h}{f_\pi^2 m_\pi^2}$$

## • The quark condensate from the equation of state

$$\Omega(V, T, \mu_B) = -T \ln Z = -T \ln (\text{Tr} [e^{-\beta(H_{QCD} - \mu_B N_B)}]) = \Omega_{vac} - V P(T, \mu_B) \equiv V \omega(T, \mu_B) \quad \left| \right.$$

Feynman-Hellmann theorem

$$\Rightarrow \langle \langle \bar{q}q \rangle \rangle (T, \mu_B) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial m} \right)_{\mu_B} = \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_{vac} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial m} \right)_{\mu_B}$$

# Chiral restoration and hadron structure

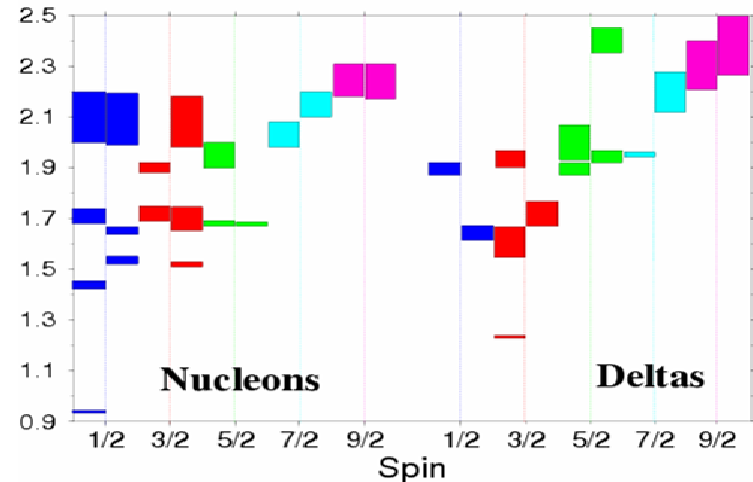
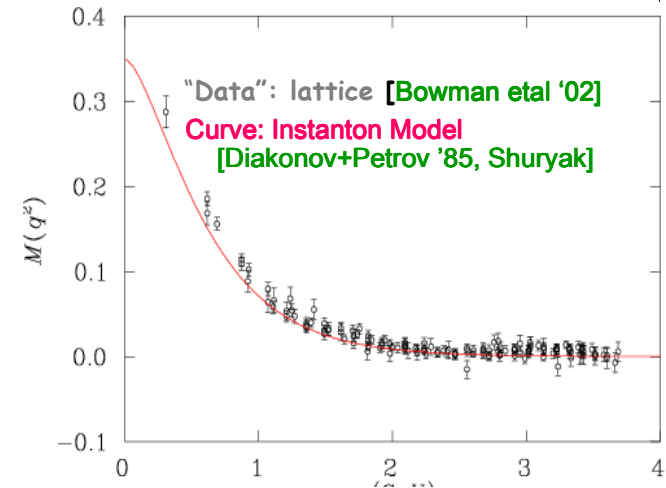
$$\frac{\langle\langle\bar{q}q\rangle\rangle(\mu_B, T)}{\langle\bar{q}q\rangle_{vac}} = 1 - \sum_h \frac{\rho_s(\mu_B, T) \sigma_h}{f_\pi^2 m_\pi^2}$$

Only the lightest hadrons contribute, heavy hadrons (with large momenta valence quarks) decouple from the condensate

- Leading order in T (pion gas)
- Dilute nuclear matter (nucleons)

$$\frac{\langle\langle\bar{q}q\rangle\rangle(\rho)}{\langle\bar{q}q\rangle_{vac}} \simeq 1 - 0.35 \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} - \frac{T^2}{8 f_\pi^2}$$

$$\sigma_h = m \frac{\partial M_h}{\partial m} = m_\pi^2 \frac{\partial M_h}{\partial m_\pi^2}$$



Possibility of quarkyonic matter at high density and low T where chiral symmetry is restored but confinement still there;

# •Annex: the pion-nucleon sigma term from lattice

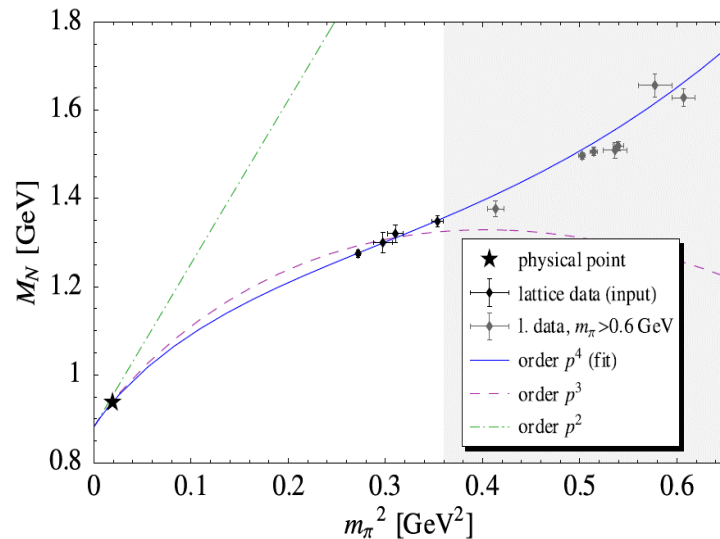
$M_N, \sigma_N$  obtainable in principle from lattice, but lattice data available only for  $m_\pi > 400$  MeV  $\longrightarrow$  Use ChiPT to extrapolate

But extrapolation of ChiPT at order  $m_\pi^3$  fails:

$$M_N^{(3)} = M_0 - 4c_1 m_\pi^2 - \frac{3g_A^2}{32\pi f_\pi^2} m_\pi^3$$

## 1- Use Higher order ChiPT

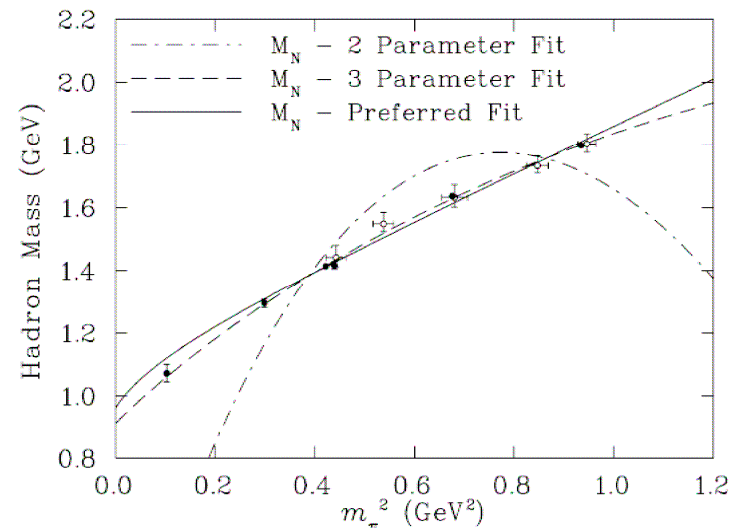
(Procura et al)



## 2- Use chiral model to extrapolate lattice data

(Thomas et al)

$$M_{N,\Delta} = \alpha + \beta m_\pi^2 + \text{Pion loop}(\Lambda)$$



The specific contribution of the pion cloud is very important and depends on a scale : the nucleon size (hidden in  $\chi PT$ )  
 $\sigma_N \simeq 50 \text{ MeV}$ , half of it from the pion cloud

# Fluctuations of the condensate and chiral susceptibilities

- **Scalar susceptibility** : from the scalar correlator *i.e.* the correlator of the scalar quark density fluctuations

$$\chi_S = \frac{\partial \langle \bar{q}q \rangle}{\partial m_q} = 2 \int dt' d\mathbf{r}' \Theta(t - t') \langle -i [\delta \bar{q}q(0), \delta \bar{q}q(\mathbf{r}' t')] \rangle$$

( Obtainable from the EOS )

- **Compare susceptibilities associated with chiral partners**

Scalar (sigma) :  $\bar{q}q$   $\longrightarrow$  Pseudoscalar (pion) :  $\bar{q}i\gamma_5 \frac{\tau_\alpha}{2} q$

## SCALAR SUSCEPTIBILITY

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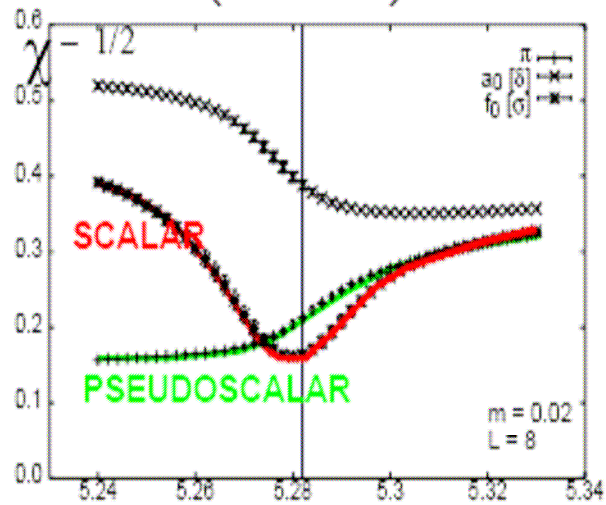
$$\chi_S = \left( \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial m_q^2} \right)_\mu = \text{Re}G_S(\omega = 0, \bar{q} \rightarrow 0) = \int_0^\infty d\omega \left( -\frac{2}{\pi\omega} \right) \text{Im}G_S(\omega, \bar{q} = 0)$$

At finite density a strong contribution of **low energy nuclear excitations** is expected

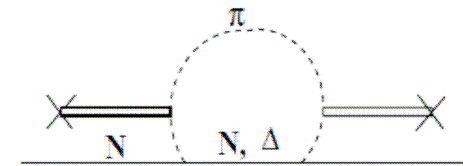
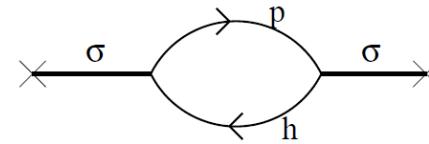
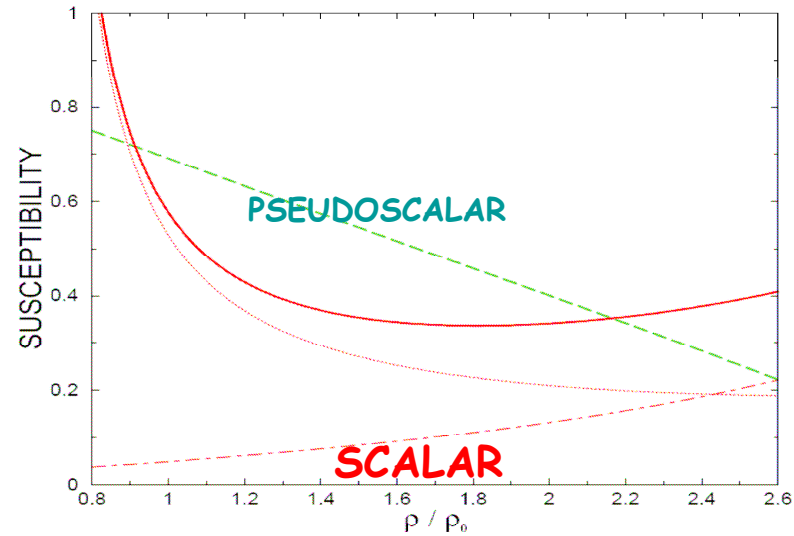
## PSEUDOSCALAR SUSCEPTIBILITY

$$\chi_{PS} = 2 \int dt' d\mathbf{r}' \Theta(t - t') \langle -i \left[ \bar{q}i\gamma_5 \frac{\tau_\alpha}{2} q(0), \bar{q}i\gamma_5 \frac{\tau_\alpha}{2} q(\mathbf{r}' t') \right] \rangle = \frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle(\rho)}{m_q}$$

## Thermal susceptibility on Lattice (Karsch)



## Finite density : effective chiral theory (M. Ericson, G. C)



Chiral Restoration :  $\chi_S \rightarrow \chi_{PS}$

# Correlator mixing

Vector and axial-vector correlators

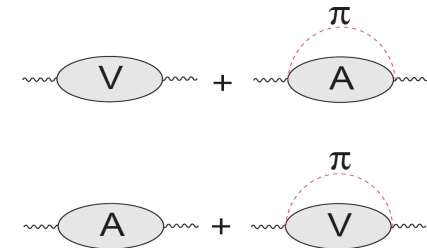
$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_V^{\mu\nu}(q) &= -i \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \langle\langle \mathcal{T} (\mathcal{V}_k^\mu(x), \mathcal{V}_k^\nu(0)) \rangle\rangle \\ \Pi_A^{\mu\nu}(q) &= -i \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \langle\langle \mathcal{T} (\mathcal{A}_k^\mu(x), \mathcal{A}_k^\nu(0)) \rangle\rangle\end{aligned}$$

and the corresponding spectral functions (known from data in the vacuum)

$$\begin{aligned}-\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \Pi_V^{\mu\nu}(q; T=0) &= -(q^2 g^{\mu\nu} - q^\mu q^\nu) \rho_V(q^2) \\ -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \Pi_A^{\mu\nu}(q; T=0) &= q^\mu q^\nu f_\pi^2 \delta(q^2 - m_\pi^2) - (q^2 g^{\mu\nu} - q^\mu q^\nu) \rho_A(q^2)\end{aligned}$$

From chiral symmetry alone to order  $T^2$  (chiral limit), the only medium effect is the « mixing » of the correlators (no mass shift)

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_V^{\mu\nu}(q; T) &= (1 - \epsilon) \Pi_V^{\mu\nu}(q; T=0) + \epsilon \Pi_A^{\mu\nu}(q; T=0) \\ \Pi_A^{\mu\nu}(q; T) &= (1 - \epsilon) \Pi_A^{\mu\nu}(q; T=0) + \epsilon \Pi_V^{\mu\nu}(q; T=0)\end{aligned}$$



The mixing is driven by the pion scalar density

$$\epsilon = \frac{T^2}{6 f_\pi^2} = \frac{2}{f_\pi^2} \int \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{n(\omega_k)}{\omega_k} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{\langle\langle \Phi^2 \rangle\rangle}{f_\pi^2} \quad \frac{f_\pi^*(T)}{f_\pi} = \sqrt{1 - \epsilon} \simeq 1 - \frac{T^2}{12 f_\pi^2} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} \frac{\langle\langle \Phi^2 \rangle\rangle}{f_\pi^2}$$

This **axial-vector mixing** driven by **in-medium pion loop effects** can be generalized for finite density and is at the heart of the interpretation of the **dilepton data (NA60)**

# Weinberg sum rules

Chiral symmetry breaking: a low energy long range phenomena

$$\textit{Vacuum} \quad \int_0^\infty ds \left( \rho_V(s) - \rho_A(s) \right) = f_\pi^2, \quad \int_0^\infty ds s \left( \rho_V(s) - \rho_A(s) \right) = 0$$

$$\textit{In-medium} \quad \left. \begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty d\omega^2 \left[ \left( -\frac{\text{Im} \Pi_V(\omega, \mathbf{q} = 0)}{\pi \omega^2} \right) - \left( -\frac{\text{Im} \Pi_A(\omega, \mathbf{q} = 0)}{\pi \omega^2} \right) \right] &= 0 \\ \int_0^\infty d\omega^2 \omega^2 \left[ \left( -\frac{\text{Im} \Pi_V(\omega, \mathbf{q} = 0)}{\pi \omega^2} \right) - \left( -\frac{\text{Im} \Pi_A(\omega, \mathbf{q} = 0)}{\pi \omega^2} \right) \right] &= 0 \end{aligned} \right|$$

**Pole ansatz**

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\text{Im} \Pi_V(\omega, \mathbf{q} = 0)}{\pi \omega^2} &= \frac{m_\rho^4}{g_\rho^2} \frac{Z_\rho(T)}{\omega^2} \delta(\omega^2 - m_\rho^{*2}(T)) \\ -\frac{\text{Im} \Pi_A(\omega, \mathbf{q} = 0)}{\pi \omega^2} &= \frac{m_A^4}{g_A^2} \frac{Z_A(T)}{\omega^2} \delta(\omega^2 - m_A^{*2}(T)) + f_\pi^{*2}(T) \delta(\omega^2) \end{aligned}$$

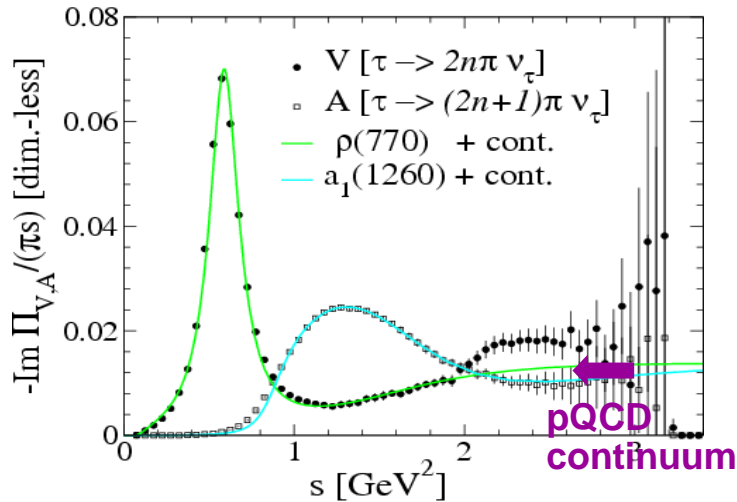
$$\textit{Vacuum:} \quad \frac{m_\rho^4}{g_\rho^2} = \frac{m_A^4}{g_A^2}, \quad m_\rho^2 = a g_\rho^2 f_\pi^2 \quad \text{avec} \quad a = \left( 1 - \frac{m_\rho^2}{m_A^2} \right)^{-1} \quad \left| \quad \text{(KSFR relation)} \right.$$

$$\textit{In-medium} \quad \frac{f_\pi^{*2}(T)}{f_\pi^2} = a Z_\rho(T) \left( \frac{m_\rho^2}{m_\rho^{*2}(T)} - \frac{m_\rho^2}{m_A^{*2}(T)} \right)$$

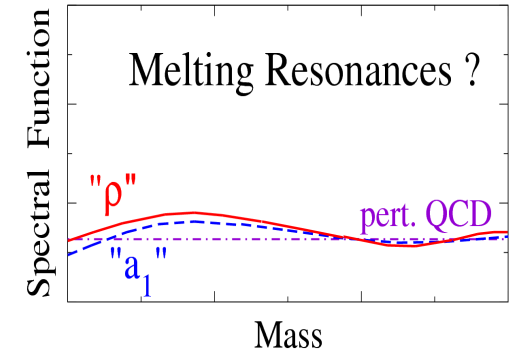
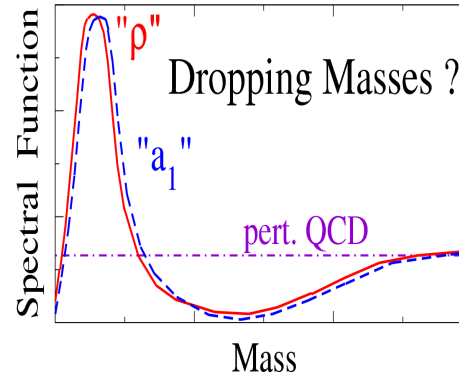
The centroids  $m_\rho^{*2}(T)$  and  $m_A^{*2}(T)$  becomes identical at full restoration

# But we do not know the scenario !

## Axial-vector / Vector in Vacuum

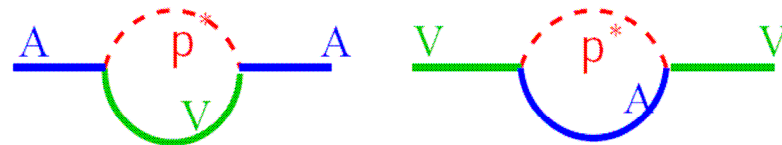


## Axial-vector / Vector near $T_c$



## Axial-vector / Vector at finite density

Axial = Vector + 1 pion from the medium



### • Low-Mass Dilepton Rate:

$$\frac{dN_{ee}}{d^4x d^4q} = \frac{-\alpha^2}{\pi^3 M^2} f^B(T) \text{Im} \Pi_{em} \sim [\text{Im} D_\rho + \text{Im} D_\omega / 10 + \text{Im} D_\phi / 5] \quad \rho\text{-meson dominated!}$$

### • Axialvector Channel: $\pi^\pm \gamma$ invariant mass-spectra $\sim \text{Im} D_{a_1}(M) ?!$



**OPERATIONAL APPROACHES  
AND EFFECTIVE THEORIES  
FOR LOW ENERGY QCD**

# 1 - Chiral perturbation theory

Construct an « exact » copy of QCD in the low energy sector for light particles whereas heavy particles are frozen or taken as static sources.

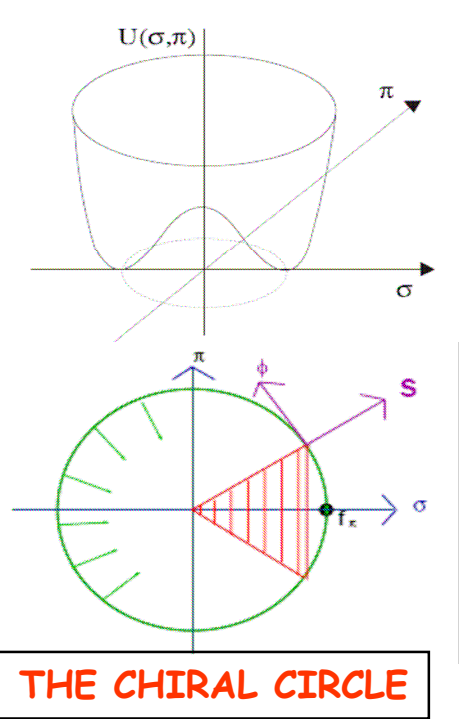
Possible since there is a clear separation (mass gap)  $\Lambda=4\pi f_\pi$  between light particles (Goldstone bosons) and heavy particle ( $\rho, \sigma, \omega, \dots$ ).

- Only colorless state (hadrons) + Chiral symmetry breaking
- Dynamical modes: fluctuations of the chiral condensate in the bottom of the chiral effective potential

$$M = \sigma + i\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\pi} \equiv SU$$

- In ChiPT, S frozen to its vacuum value on the « **chiral circle** »
- U has well defined chiral properties

$$U \rightarrow V_L U V_R^\dagger$$



➔ The QCD lagrangian is replaced by an effective one involving the U matrix representing the pions

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{eff}(U, \partial U, \partial^2 U, \dots)$$

$$U(x) = e^{i\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\phi}(x)/f}$$

Expansion of the lagrangian in powers of derivatives ( $p_\pi/\Lambda$ ) and in power of the quark mass or the pion mass ( $m_\pi/\Lambda$ )

## •Leading term

$$\mathcal{L}^{(2)} = \frac{f^2}{4} \text{Tr}[\partial_\mu U^\dagger \partial^\mu U] + \frac{f^2}{2} B_0 \text{Tr}[m(U + U^\dagger)]$$

The first term is highly constrained by symmetry (QCD LσM, NJL):  $f=f_\pi$ ,  
The « mass » term is not universal and depends on the (chiral symmetry breaking)  
QCD dynamics.

$$\langle \bar{u}u \rangle = \langle \bar{d}d \rangle = -f^2 B_0 \text{ in the chiral limit} \quad m_\pi^2 = (m_u + m_d) B_0 \quad \text{(GOR relation)}$$

## •Fourth order term

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{(4)} = & \frac{l_1}{4} (\text{Tr}[\partial_\mu U^\dagger \partial^\mu U])^2 + \frac{l_2}{4} \text{Tr}[\partial_\mu U^\dagger \partial_\nu U] \text{Tr}[\partial^\mu U^\dagger \partial^\nu U] \\ & + \frac{l_3}{4} B_0^2 (\text{Tr}[m(U + U^\dagger)])^2 + \frac{l_4}{4} B_0 \text{Tr}[\partial_\mu U^\dagger \partial^\mu U] \text{Tr}[m(U + U^\dagger)] + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Collect all Feynman diagrams generated by  $\mathcal{L}_{eff}$ . Classify all terms according to powers of a variable  $Q$  which stands generically for three-momentum or energy of the Goldstone bosons, or for the pion mass  $m_\pi$ . The small expansion parameter is  $Q/4\pi f_\pi$ . Loops are subject to dimensional regularisation and renormalisation.

The unknown coefficients are fixed phenomenologically

(no real matching of the EFT to QCD)

- $\pi\pi$ , KK (SU(3) extension) scatterings  $\longrightarrow$  many successes
- Unitarized  $\chi$ PT
- Confirmation of the strong condensate scenario (validity of GOR)

## • Inclusion of baryons

$$\chi_{\pm} = u^{\dagger} \chi u^{\dagger} \pm u \chi^{\dagger} u, \quad u^2 = U,$$

$$\chi = 2B\mathcal{M}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_N^{(1)} = \bar{\Psi} (i\gamma_{\mu} D^{\mu} - M_0) \Psi + \frac{1}{2} g_A \bar{\Psi} \gamma_{\mu} \gamma_5 u^{\mu} \Psi,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_N^{(2)} = c_1 \text{Tr}(\chi_{+}) \bar{\Psi} \Psi - \frac{c_2}{4M_0^2} \text{Tr}(u_{\mu} u_{\nu}) (\bar{\Psi} D^{\mu} D^{\nu} \Psi + \text{h.c.}) + \frac{c_3}{2} \text{Tr}(u_{\mu} u^{\mu}) \bar{\Psi} \Psi + \dots$$

$g_A=1.27$ ,  $c_1$  related to  $\sigma_N=50$  MeV which is the pion-nucleon sigma term

$$\sigma_N = m_q \frac{\partial M_N}{\partial m_q} = \langle N | m_q (\bar{u}u + \bar{d}d) | N \rangle$$

$$M_N = M_0 + \sigma_N$$

### Many successful applications

- Threshold pion photo et electroproduction, Compton scattering on nucleon
- Pion-nucleon scattering
- KN scattering, coupling to resonances via unitarized coupled channels
- NN interaction

## • Limitations of ChiPT

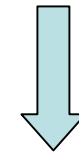
- The structure and the size of the nucleon is hidden: relative role of the pion cloud vs scalar field not known
- The scalar radial field is frozen: ChiPT has little to say for mass evolution, in-medium scalar polarization of the nucleon, mechanisms for chiral restoration
- Unitarization (account of resonances) by hand destroying power counting

## 2- In-medium Chiral perturbation theory

### Three loop approximation (Kaiser et al)

$\pi N$  interaction from ChiPT + expansion in  $m_\pi$  and  $k_F \sim 2 m_\pi \iff$  diag. loop expansion

$$E/A = T + \begin{array}{c} \text{[Diagram 1]} + \text{[Diagram 2]} + \text{[Diagram 3]} \\ + 23.4 + 18.2 \quad \quad \quad -68.3 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{[Diagram 4]} + \text{[Diagram 5]} + \text{[Diagram 6]} + \text{[Diagram 7]} \\ + 11.5 \end{array}$$

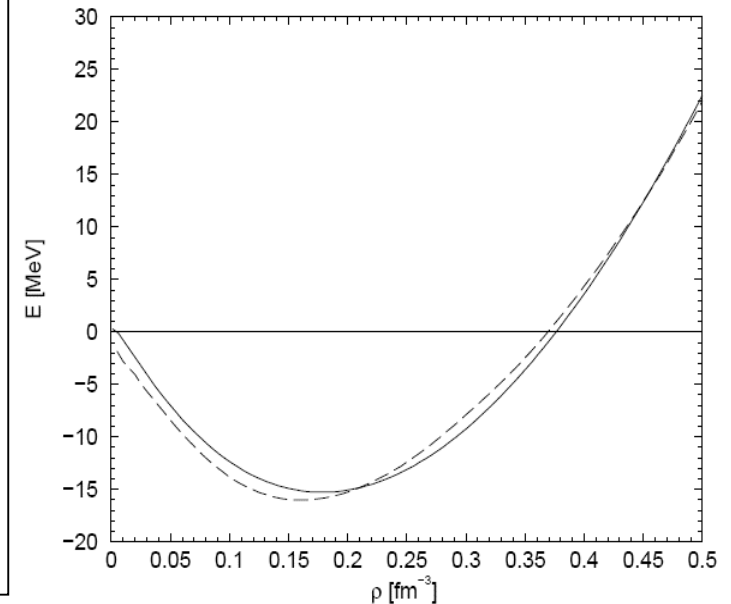


No short-range correlations but depend on one cutoff parameter  $\Lambda$

The bulk of the attraction comes from two-pion exchange through a contact cut-off dependent term

Gives a correct asymmetry  $a_4 = 34$  MeV but inclusion of  $\Delta(1232)$  improves isospin properties

But the spin-orbit not reproduced



# Density functional theory

Relativistic mean field ( $\sigma+\omega$ ) gives the correct (enhanced) spin-orbit

$$U(\vec{r}) = U_V + U_S \approx (+200 - 250) \frac{\rho(\vec{r})}{\rho_0} \text{ MeV} \quad U_{so}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\vec{l} \cdot \vec{s}}{2 M_N r} \frac{d(U_V - U_S)}{dr} \approx \left( \frac{+200 + 250}{+200 - 250} \right) \frac{\vec{l} \cdot \vec{s}}{2 M_N r} \frac{dU}{dr}$$

# Hohenberg-Kohn energy density functional (Finelli et al)

$$F_{\text{HK}}[\rho] = E_{\text{kin}}[\rho] + E_{\text{H}}[\rho] + E_{\text{xc}}[\rho]$$

Pion loops (ChiPT)

From scalar and vector mean fields

Constrained by low energy QCD !  
( QCD sum rules and condensate evolution)

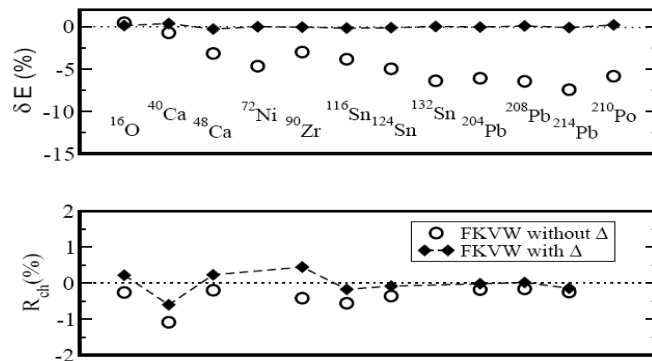
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Sigma_S^{(0)} &= -\frac{\sigma_N M_N}{m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2} \rho_S, \\ \Sigma_V^{(0)} &= \frac{4(m_u + m_d) M_N}{m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2} \rho \end{aligned} \right| \frac{\Sigma_S^{(0)}}{\Sigma_V^{(0)}} = -\frac{\sigma_N}{4(m_u + m_d)} \frac{\rho_S}{\rho} \approx -1$$

But the pion cloud contribution to  $\sigma_N$  should be removed since it cannot contribute to the scalar self-energy, *i.e.*, to the mass !

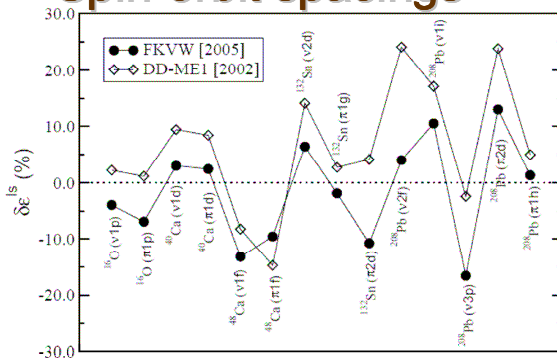
# Practical solution / Kohn Sham DFT

- The Ground state density is build with auxiliary single particle orbitals in a self-consistent local potential built from the functional
- The Kohn-Sham equations are solved in an equivalent point coupling model which reproduces the self-energies resulting from  $E_H(r)$  et  $Exc(r)$

## Influence of the $\Delta$

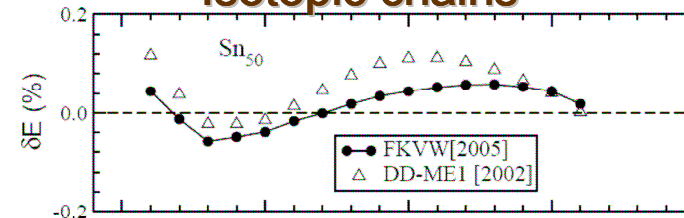


## Spin-orbit spacings

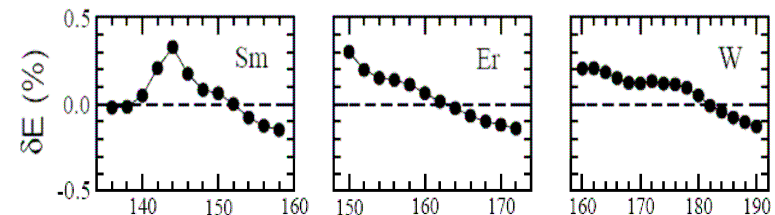
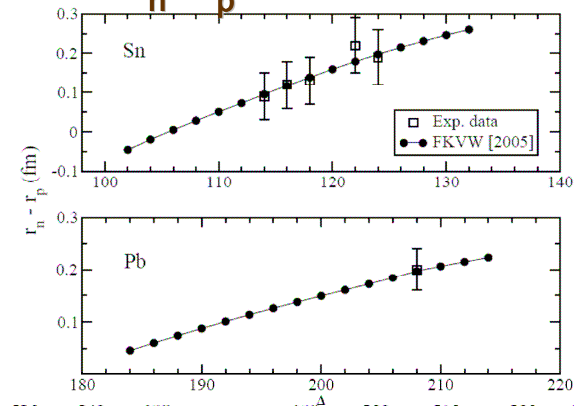


Deformed nuclei

## Isotopic chains



## $R_n - R_p$



# 3- The QCD sum rules (QCDSR)

## Basics of QCDSR

Relate the hadron spectral function ( $\rho, \omega, \phi$ ) to quarks (and gluons) condensates

Current-current correlation function from its spectral representation

$$\Pi(q^2) = \frac{i}{3} \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \langle 0 | \mathcal{T} (J^\mu(x), J_\mu(0)) | 0 \rangle = \Pi(0) + q^2 \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s} \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{\pi}\right) \text{Im} \Pi(s)}{q^2 - s + i\eta}$$

Currents with quantum numbers of the hadron

$$J_\rho^\mu = \frac{1}{2} (\bar{u} \gamma^\mu u - \bar{d} \gamma^\mu d), \quad J_\omega^\mu = \frac{1}{6} (\bar{u} \gamma^\mu u + \bar{d} \gamma^\mu d), \quad J_\Phi^\mu = -\frac{1}{3} \bar{s} \gamma^\mu s$$

For large space-like momenta ( $Q^2 = -q^2 > 0$ ), use « OPE » (FT of Taylor expansion around  $x=0$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Pi(q^2 = -Q^2)}{Q^2} &= \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s} \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{\pi}\right) \text{Im} \Pi(s)}{s + Q^2} \\ &= \frac{d_V}{12 \pi^2} \left[ -c_0 \ln \left( \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2} \right) + \frac{c_1}{Q^2} + \frac{c_2}{Q^4} + \frac{c_3}{Q^6} + \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

Spectral function →  
C<sub>i</sub> ~ condensates →

Problem: OPE valid at large  $Q^2$  where many resonances contribute to the dispersive integrals



The trick: Borel transform:  $Q^2 \rightarrow M_B^2$

$$\frac{1}{M_B^2} \int \frac{ds}{s} e^{-s/M_B^2} \left( -\frac{1}{\pi} \right) \text{Im} \Pi(s) = \frac{d_V}{12\pi^2} \left[ c_0 + \frac{c_1}{M_B^2} + \frac{c_2}{M_B^4} + \frac{c_3}{2M_B^6} + \dots \right]$$

High part of the spectrum exponentially suppressed: favorize low energy resonances

Choice for  $M_B$ : convergence of the integral and OPE:  $1 \text{ GeV} < M_B < 1.5 \text{ GeV}$

Application: vector mesons in vacuum

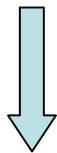
$$R(s) = -\frac{12\pi}{s} \text{Im} \Pi(s) = \rho_{VDM}(s) + d_V \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \right) \Theta(s - s_V)$$

$$c_0^\rho = 1 + \frac{\alpha_S(Q^2)}{\pi}, \quad c_1^\rho = -3(m_u^2 + m_d^2),$$

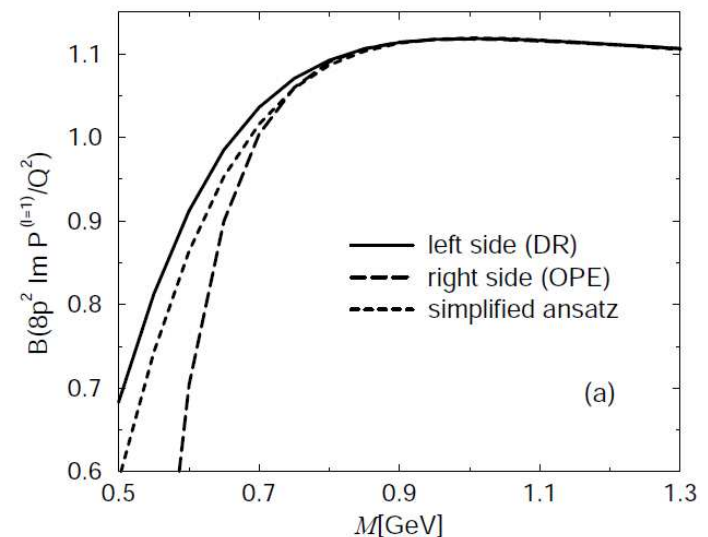
$$c_2^\rho = \frac{\pi^2}{3} \langle G \cdot G \rangle + 4\pi^2(m_u \langle \bar{u}u \rangle + m_d \langle \bar{d}d \rangle)$$

$$c_3^\rho \sim \text{“Condensats à quatre quarks”} \sim \langle (\bar{q}q)^2 \rangle$$

Pole ansatz:  $\rho_{VDM}(s) = \mathcal{F}_V \delta(s - m_V^2)$



$$m_{\rho,\omega} = 0.77 \text{ GeV}, m_\phi = 1.02 \text{ GeV}$$



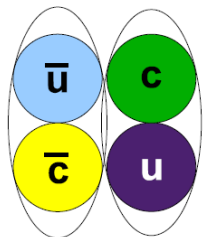
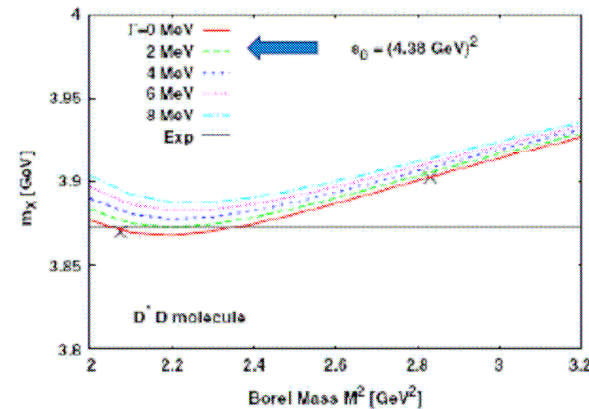
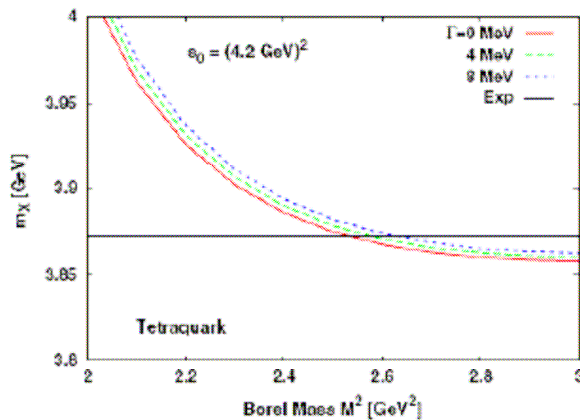
# Analysis of the X(3872): Many new « exotic » charmonium states recently discovered: not (easily) explainable by quark models (BaBar, Belle)

	J <sup>PC</sup>	Special feature	QSR tetraquark	QSR molecule
X(3872) $\Gamma < 2.3$	1 <sup>++</sup>	$B(X \rightarrow J\pi\pi\pi) / B(X \rightarrow \pi\pi) = 1$ $B(X \rightarrow \psi'\gamma) / B(X \rightarrow \psi\gamma) = 3$	[AV][S] m=3.92 (Nielsen ..)	DD* m=3.87 (Nielsen, ..)

$$[S] = q_a^T C \gamma_5 c_b, \quad [PS] = q_a^T C \gamma_5 c_b, \quad [V] = q_a^T C \gamma_5 \gamma_\mu c_b, \quad [AV] = q_a^T C \gamma_\mu c_b,$$

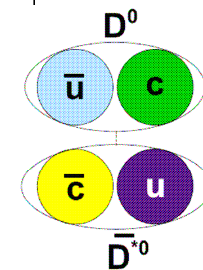
$$D0 = \bar{q}c, \quad D = i\bar{q}\gamma_5 c, \quad D^* = \bar{q}\gamma_\mu c, \quad D1 = \bar{q}\gamma_\mu \gamma_5 c,$$

➤ J=[s][V] Tetraquark current vs. J=DD\* Molecular current



antiquark - diquark

X(3872) most probably a molecular state



D<sup>0</sup>-D<sup>0</sup> “molecule”

Nielsen  
Navarra  
SH Lee

## In-medium hadrons

In the strongly interacting medium (finite  $\rho$  or  $T$ ) **the fundamental QCD condensates are modified:**

The QCD Ground state is modified (change in the symmetry pattern of QCD): we thus expect that the elementary excitations (hadrons) of the changed vacuum are also modified: **change of mass, width, coupling constants,...**

On the other hand in-medium changes of hadron (associated correlation functions) are usually calculated within hadronic many-body approach, i.e; **chiral dynamics**

The central question is thus to make a connection between the (observed or calculated) in-medium changes of hadrons and (precursor) effects of chiral symmetry restoration

Use **QCD sum rules generalized at finite density**

Bottom to top attitude: follow the **evolution of the hadron spectral functions** and relate it to the **evolution of the QCD properties (condensates)**

# Pion propagation in nuclear matter

(Torino, Lyon, ...)

- Pion-nucleon p-wave coupling

$$H_{\pi NN} = - \int d\mathbf{x} \frac{g_A}{f_\pi} \bar{N} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \frac{\vec{\tau}}{2} \cdot \partial_\mu \vec{\Phi} N \simeq - \int d\mathbf{x} \frac{g_A}{2 f_\pi} N^\dagger \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \nabla \vec{\Phi} \cdot \vec{\tau} N$$

Coupling to  $\Delta$  states

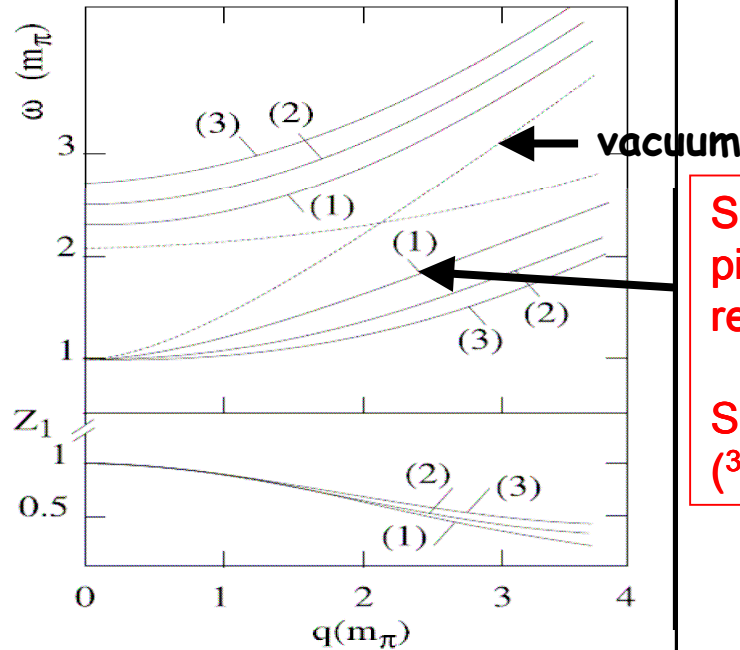
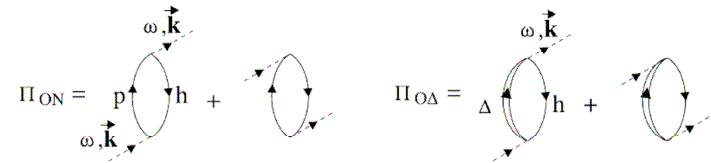
$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{q} \tau_j \longrightarrow (g_{\pi N \Delta} / g_{\pi N N}) \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{q} \mathbf{T}_j$$

- In-medium pion propagator

$$D(\omega, \mathbf{k}) = (\omega^2 - \omega_k^2 - S(\omega, \mathbf{k}))^{-1}$$

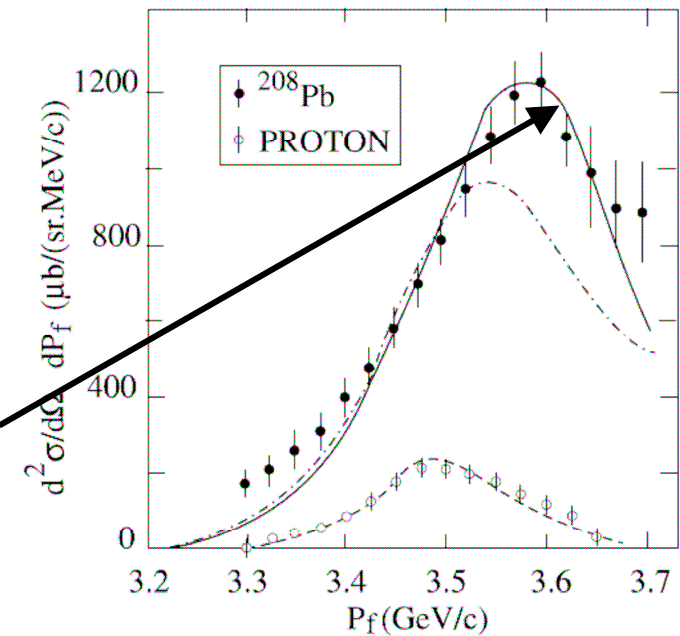
At high energy the strength function is dominated by two (collective) excitations

- The pionic branch  $\Omega_1$
- The Delta branch  $\Omega_2$



Softening of the pion dispersion relation

Shift of the strength ( $^3\text{He}, \text{T}$ ), SATURNE



# Scalar-isoscalar modes (« sigma meson ») at finite density

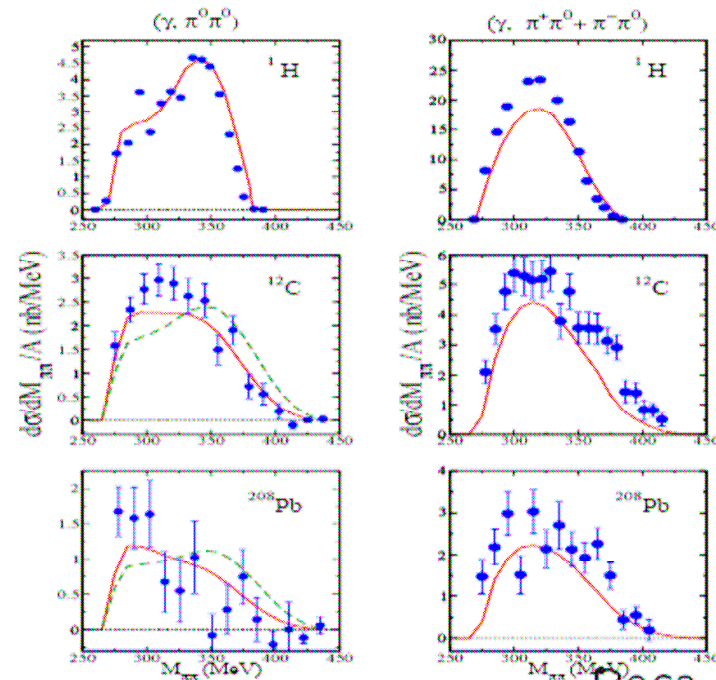
- **Original idea:** Softening of the pion dispersion relation  
 → Modification of the two-pion propagator and the unitarized pion-pion interaction → modification of two pion states : correlator in the sigma meson and rho meson channels

## • Scalar-isoscalar modes

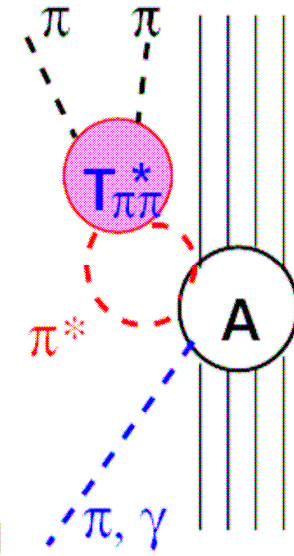
- $A(\pi, \pi\pi)$  (CHAOS, CB),  $A(\gamma, \pi\pi)$  (TAPS)

Downwards shift of the  $\pi\pi$  invariant mass distribution in the scalar-isoscalar channel  $I = J = 0$

- What is the role of
  - Chiral Dynamics
  - Chiral restoration ?



Roca et al



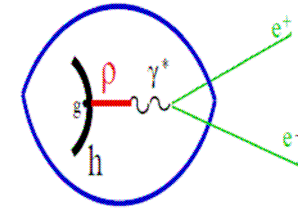
Connection with the pionic enhancement of the scalar (chiral) susceptibility

# The rho meson at finite density

Rho meson propagator from the Vector dominance phenomenology

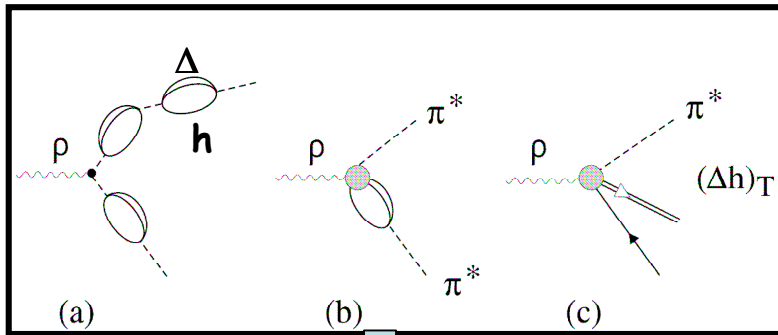
$$V = \rho, \omega, \Phi$$

$$J_V^\mu = \frac{m_V^2}{g_V} \nu^\mu$$

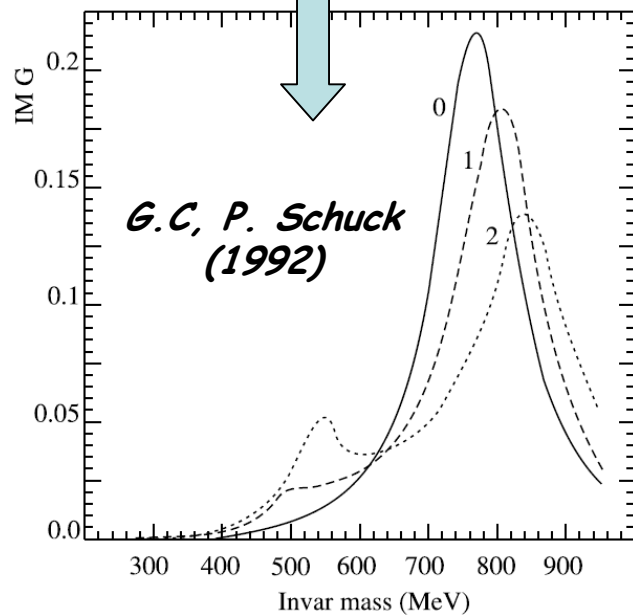


Gauged non linear sigma model Lagrangian

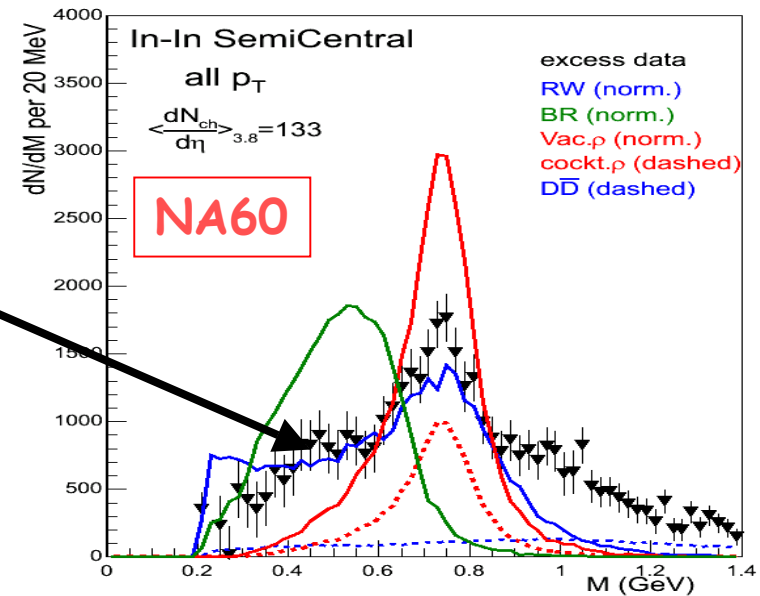
$$\mathcal{L}_{\rho h} = -g \vec{\rho}^\mu (\vec{\Phi} \times \partial_\mu \vec{\Phi}) - g \bar{N} \gamma_\mu \vec{\rho}^\mu \cdot \vec{\tau} N - g \frac{g_{\pi NN}}{M_N} \bar{N} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 (\vec{\rho}^\mu \times \vec{\Phi}) \cdot \vec{\tau} N + \frac{g^2}{2} (\vec{\rho}^\mu \times \vec{\Phi}) \cdot (\vec{\rho}_\mu \times \vec{\Phi})$$



- (a) Decay of the  $\rho$  into two softened collective quasi-pions
- (b) From gauge invariance: kill the accumulation of strength near  $2m_\pi$
- (c) Structure at  $\Omega_\Delta + m_\pi \sim 500$  MeV



+ direct coupling of the rho to resonances



# In-medium QCD sum rules

$$\Pi^{\mu\nu}(q) = -i \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \langle A(\rho) | \mathcal{T}(J^\mu(x), J^\nu(0)) | A(\rho) \rangle$$

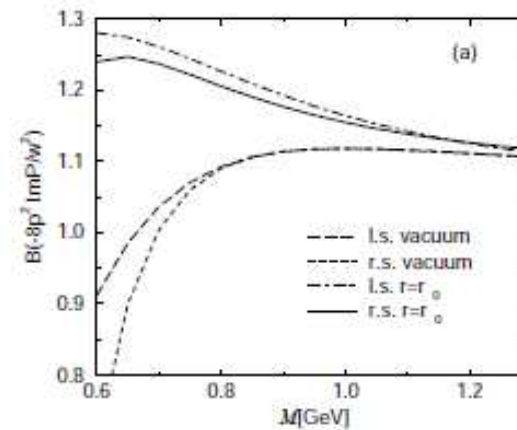
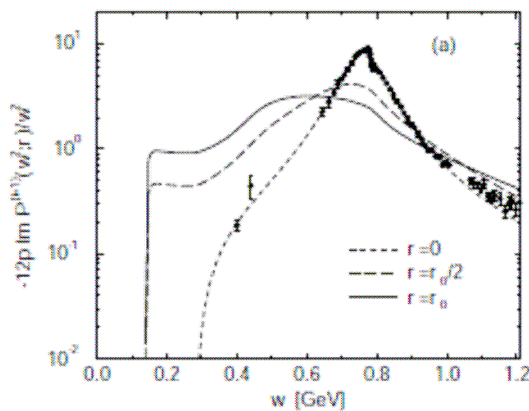
$$\frac{1}{M_B^2} \left[ \Pi(0) + \int \frac{d\omega^2}{\omega^2} e^{-\omega^2/M_B^2} \left( -\frac{1}{\pi} \right) \text{Im} \Pi(\omega, 0) \right] = \frac{d_V}{12\pi^2} \left[ c_0 + \frac{c_1(\rho)}{M_B^2} + \frac{c_2(\rho)}{M_B^4} + \frac{c_3(\rho)}{2M_B^6} + \dots \right]$$

## Early analysis

$\rho$  meson: loses its quasiparticle status : a simple pole ansatz leads to an erroneous dropping mass scenario !

$$\frac{m_\rho^*}{m_\rho} = \frac{m_\omega^*}{m_\omega} = 1 - 0.18 \frac{\rho}{\rho_0}$$

Hadronic calculation: QCDSR analysis compatible with a broadening



*(Klingl et al)*

# The rho meson in a scenario of pure chiral restoration (Leupold et al)

Aim: isolate the role of chiral restoration on rho meson spectral function)

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty ds s^{-1} \text{Im} \Pi(s) e^{-s/M^2} = c_0 M^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{c_i}{(i-1)! M^{2(i-1)}}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} c_0 &= \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right), \\ c_1 &= -\frac{3}{8\pi^2} (m_u^2 + m_d^2), \\ c_2 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} C_F\right) (m_u \langle \bar{u}u \rangle + m_d \langle \bar{d}d \rangle) + \frac{1}{24} \left\langle \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} G^2 \right\rangle + N_2 \\ c_3 &= -\frac{112}{81} \pi \alpha_s \langle \mathcal{O}_4^V \rangle - 4N_4 \end{aligned} \right|$$

**Lhs:**  $\text{Im} \Pi(s \leq s_+) = \frac{F_0}{\pi} \frac{\sqrt{s} \Gamma(s)}{(s - m_0^2)^2 + s \Gamma^2(s)} \Bigg| \Gamma(s) = \Theta(s - 4m_\pi^2) \Gamma_0 \left(1 - \frac{4m_\pi^2}{s}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(1 - \frac{4m_\pi^2}{m_0^2}\right)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$

**Rhs** Drop only « chirally odd » (not chiral invariant) condensates

Four quark condensate:

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_4^V \rangle = \langle \mathcal{O}_4^{\text{sym}} \rangle + \langle \mathcal{O}_4^{\text{br}} \rangle$$

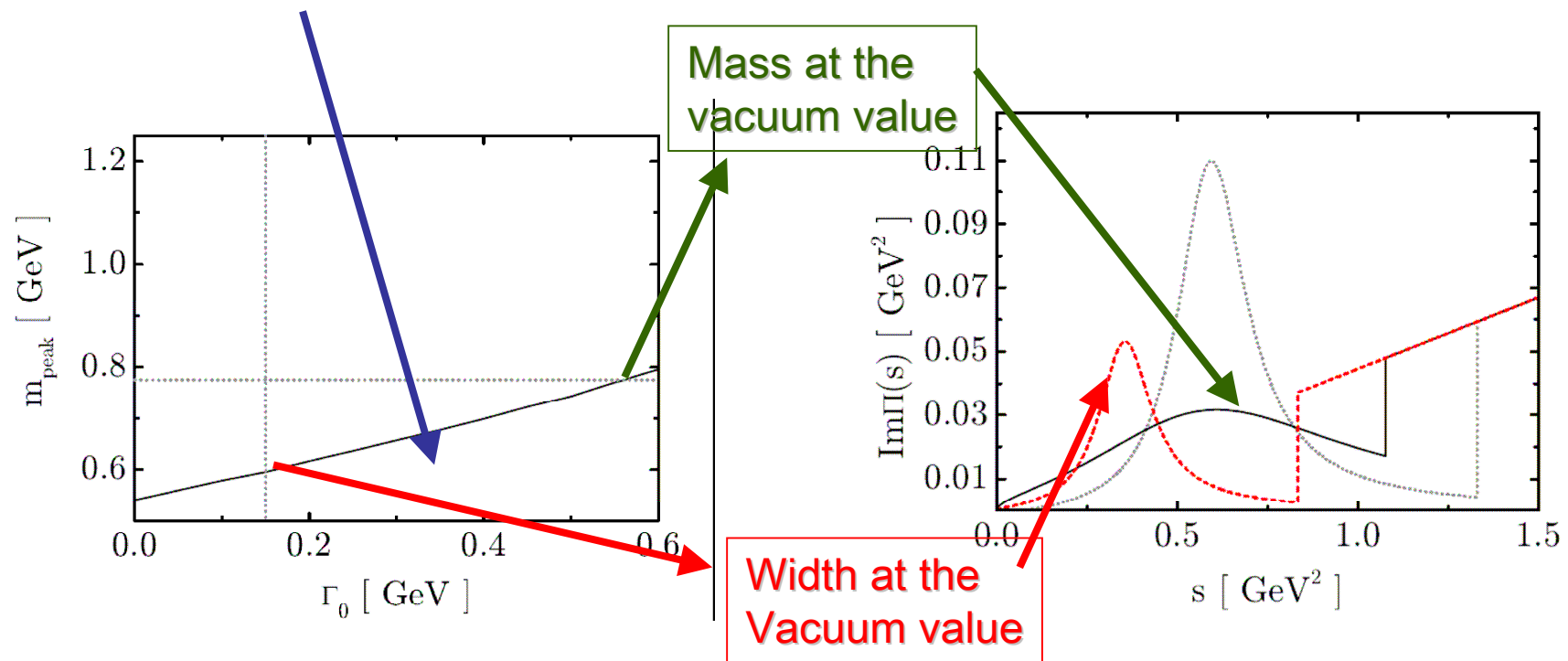
$$\langle \mathcal{O}_4^{\text{br}} \rangle = -\frac{81}{112} \langle (\bar{\psi}_R \gamma_\mu \lambda^a \tau_3 \psi_R) (\bar{\psi}_L \gamma^\mu \lambda^a \tau_3 \psi_L) \rangle$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_4^{\text{br}} \rangle_{\text{vac}} \approx \frac{9}{7} \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_{\text{vac}}^2$$



Fix all the parameters : mass and width of the rho , condensates from a QCDSR in vacuum

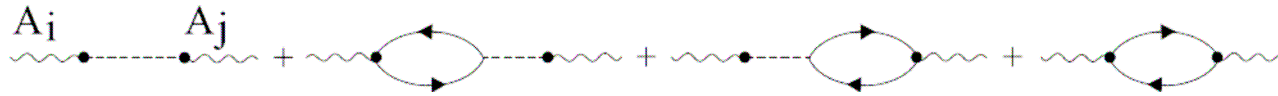
- QCDSR analysis at full restoration (chirally odd four-quark condensate vanishes)
- Extract the (mass, width) of the rho meson at full restoration



- QCD SR analysis compatible with both a dropping mass and and a broadening
- In all the cases , QCDSR requires more strength below the rho peak
- Sizeable broadening favorized by model calculations (chiral dynamics)  
(pion cloud, resonances)

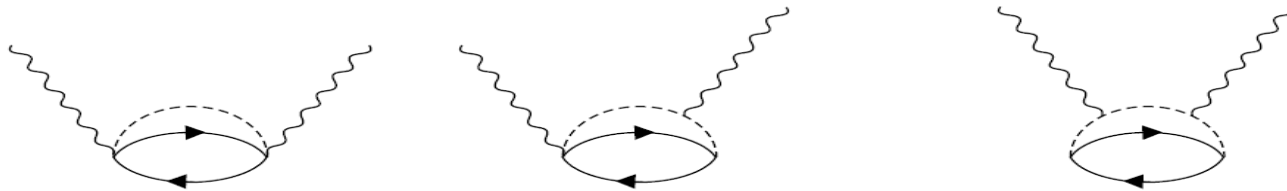
# Connection with chiral restoration *(G.C, J. Delorme, M. Ericson)*

## Axial correlator at finite density



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{f_\pi^2} A_{ij}(k) &= k_i k_j D(k) + 2k_i k_j \tilde{\Pi}_0(k) D(k) + \hat{k}_i \hat{k}_j \Pi_L(k) + (\delta_{ij} - \hat{k}_i \hat{k}_j) \Pi_T(k) \\ &= k_i k_j (1 + \tilde{\Pi}_0(k))^2 D(k) + \hat{k}_i \hat{k}_j \tilde{\Pi}_0(k) + (\delta_{ij} - \hat{k}_i \hat{k}_j) \Pi_T(k) . \end{aligned}$$

Vector correlator at finite density: the pion cloud contribution contains a correlator mixing effect at finite density

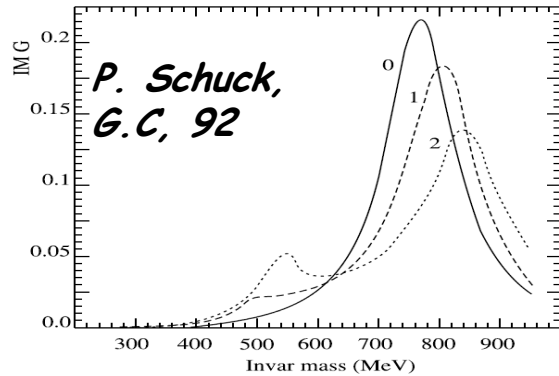


$$\begin{aligned} K_{ij}(q) &= \int \frac{id^4 k_1}{(2\pi)^4} \left( \frac{1}{f_\pi^2} (A_{ij}(k_1) D(k_2) + A_{ij}(k_2) D(k_1)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - (1 + \tilde{\Pi}_0(k_1)) (1 + \tilde{\Pi}_0(k_2)) (k_{1i} k_{2j} + k_{1j} k_{2i}) D(k_1) D(k_2) \right) \end{aligned}$$

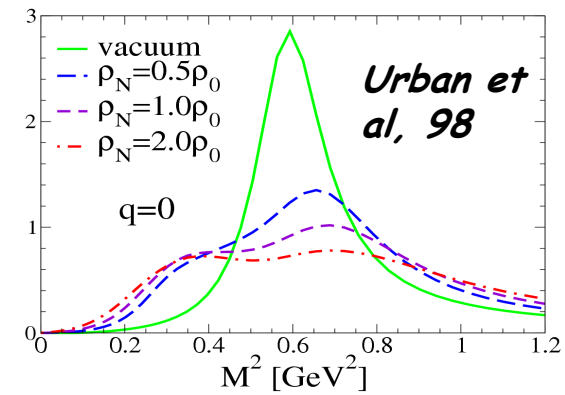
**Axial vector mixing: Vector ↔ Axial vector + In-medium pion**

# The in-medium rho meson within the ages

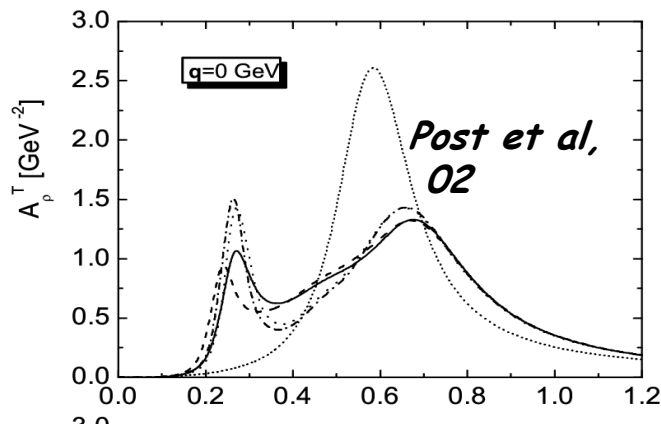
## In-medium $\pi$ cloud



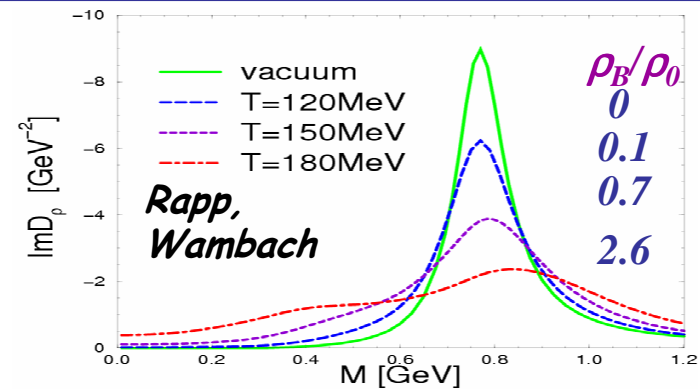
## In-medium $\pi$ cloud + $\rho N \rightarrow B^*$



## $\rho N \rightarrow B^*$

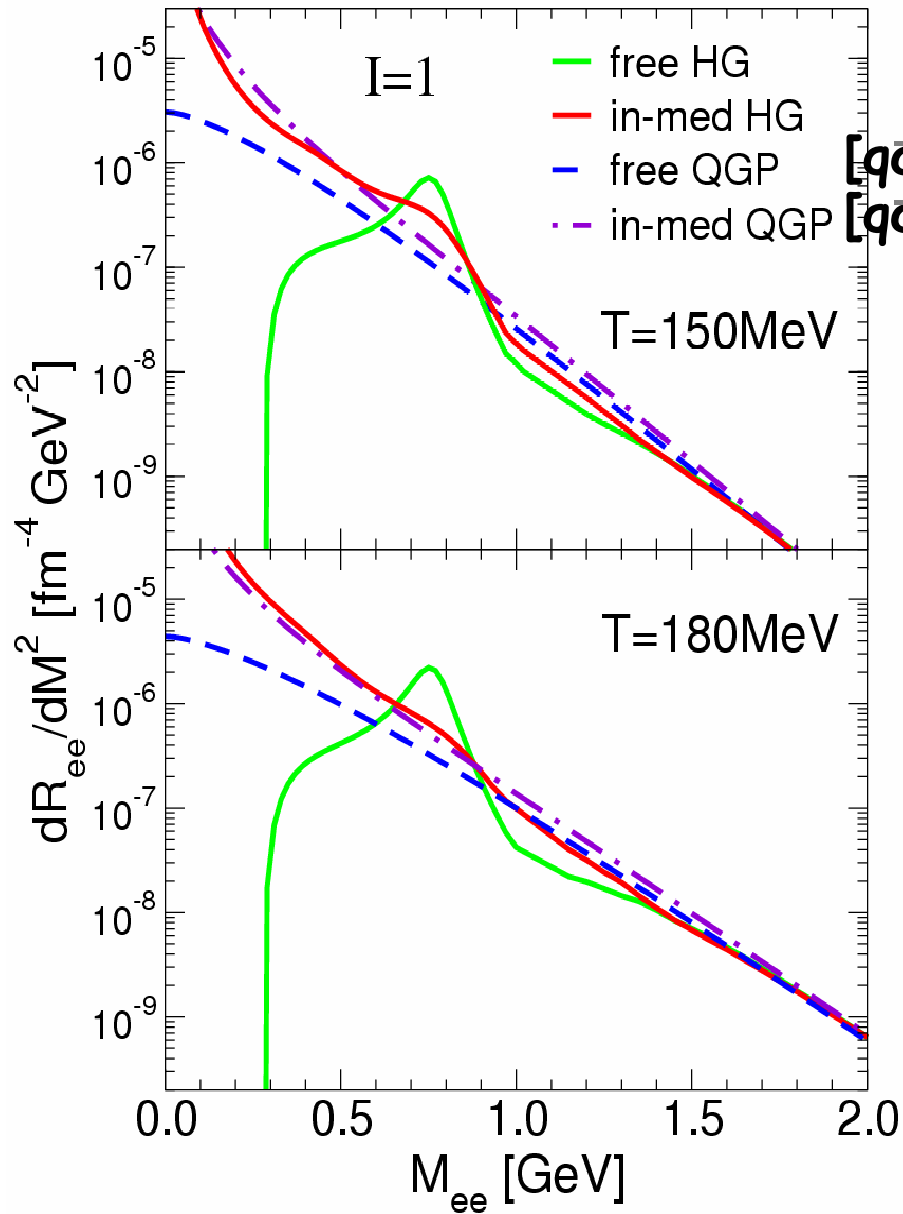


## In-medium $\pi$ cloud + $\rho N \rightarrow B^*$ + meson gas



**Strong broadening/melting of the  $\rho \rightarrow$  pQCD continuum  
Baryon density more important than T**

# Lowering of the quark-hadron duality threshold as a signature of chiral restoration



$[q\bar{q} \rightarrow ee]$   
 $[qq + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s) - HTL]$

[Braaten, Pisarski+Yuan '90]

- Hard-Thermal-Loop result much enhanced over Born rate
- “matching” of HG and QGP automatic!
- Quark-Hadron Duality at low mass ?!
- Degenerate axial and vector correlators?

# QCD PHASES AND SYMMETRIES

## CHIRAL RESTORATION AND DECONFINEMENT

# Thermodynamics and phase structure

We use preferentially a description in terms of intensive variables

Temperature:  $T$

Chemical potential associated with conservation law: baryonic chemical potential:  $\mu$

Pressure:  $P = P(T, \mu)$  (equation of state)

- Why ?
- System in thermodynamic equilibrium:  $P, T, \mu$  uniform (phase coexistence)
  - Lattice calculation done with  $T, \mu$  as control parameters (Grand canonical)
  - Particle production in HIC from a thermal source and fireball evolution constrained by conservation laws

Uniform system

$$dP = \sigma dT + \rho d\mu$$

Density of extensive quantities from the first derivatives of the pressure

$$\sigma = \frac{S}{V} = \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial T} \right)_{\mu} \quad \rho = \frac{N}{V} = \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial \mu} \right)_T \quad \epsilon = \frac{E}{V} = T\sigma + \mu\rho - P$$

These quantities can differ from one phase to another phase

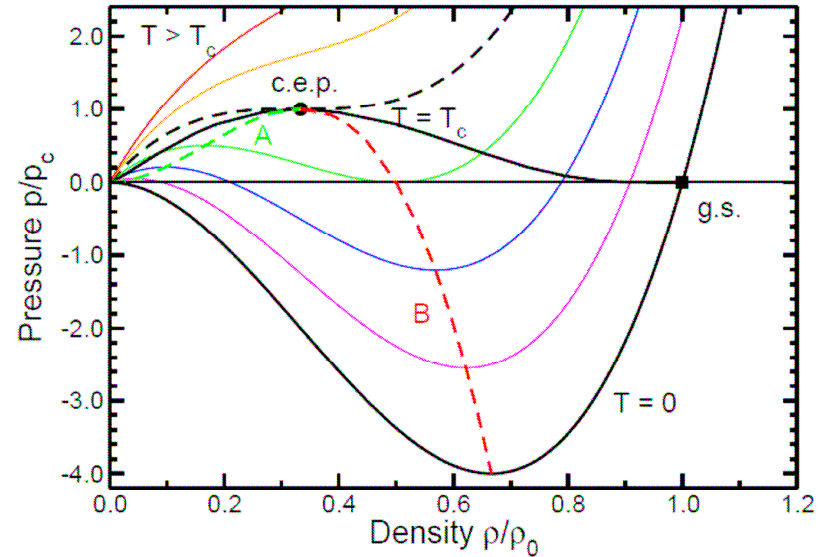
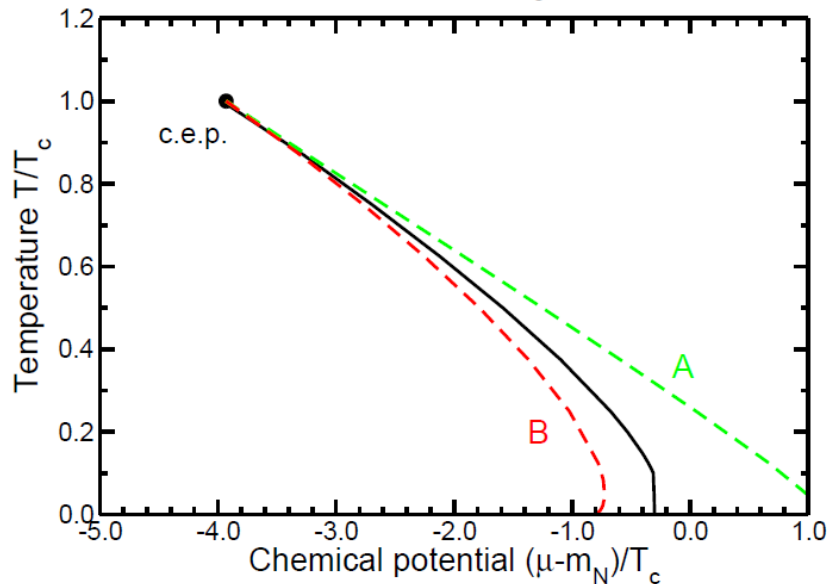
# First order phase transition

Given  $T, \mu$ : coexistence of two phases with two different « mechanical » densities

$$(\rho_1, \epsilon_1)$$

$$(\rho_2, \epsilon_2)$$

Ex: Nuclear Liquid-gas transition



Phase coexistence terminates at a certain critical point ( $T_c, \mu_c$ ) where there is no longer discontinuity in  $(\rho, \epsilon)$  but the susceptibilities may diverge

$$C = T \left( \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial T} \right)_{\mu} \sim |T - T_c|^{-\alpha}$$

$$\chi_B = \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \mu} \right)_T$$

Second order transition  
 $\alpha$ : critical exponent  
 (universality class)

# QCD phase transition and chiral symmetry

In some systems (spin system, **QCD in the chiral limit**) it may happen that there is an **underlying exact symmetry**: different phases with different symmetry realization

- Trivial case, symmetry restored: the chiral transform maps the ensemble on itself
- Spontaneously broken symmetry: chiral transformation creates another ensemble with the same  $(\varepsilon, \rho)$ . Another variable is needed: **ORDER PARAMETER**

$$\langle H_{\chi_{SB}} \rangle = \int d^3r 2m \langle \bar{q}q \rangle \Big| \longrightarrow P(T, \mu, m) \longrightarrow \langle \bar{q}q \rangle = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial P(T, \mu, m)}{\partial m} \right)_{T, \mu}$$

- The symmetry breaking transition may very well be of **first order**: the **order parameter**, as the other first derivatives of the pressure  $(\sigma, \rho)$ , **is discontinuous**
- It may happen that the **first derivatives of the pressure**  $(\sigma, \rho, \langle \bar{q}q \rangle)$  are **continuous**. But since the transition connects two states with different symmetry pattern, thermodynamic quantities should exhibit singularities.  
**Susceptibilities (second derivatives of the pressure) may diverge**

$$C = T \left( \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial T} \right)_{\mu} \quad \chi_B = \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \mu} \right)_{T, \mu}$$

$$\chi_S = \left( \frac{\partial \langle \bar{q}q \rangle}{\partial m} \right)_{T, \mu}$$

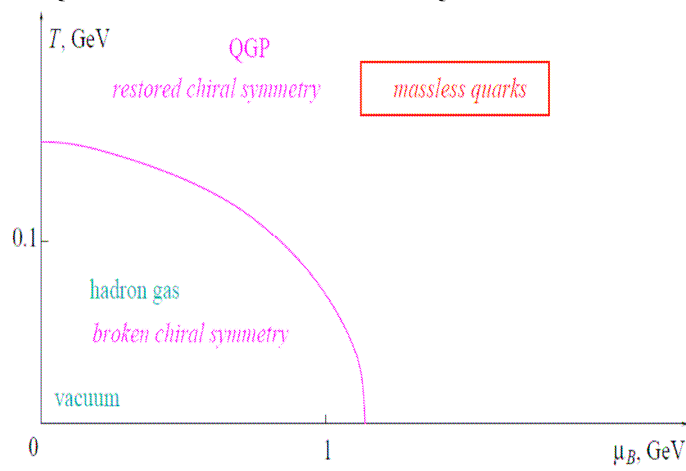
$$\sim |T - T_c|^{-\alpha}$$

## Second order phase transition

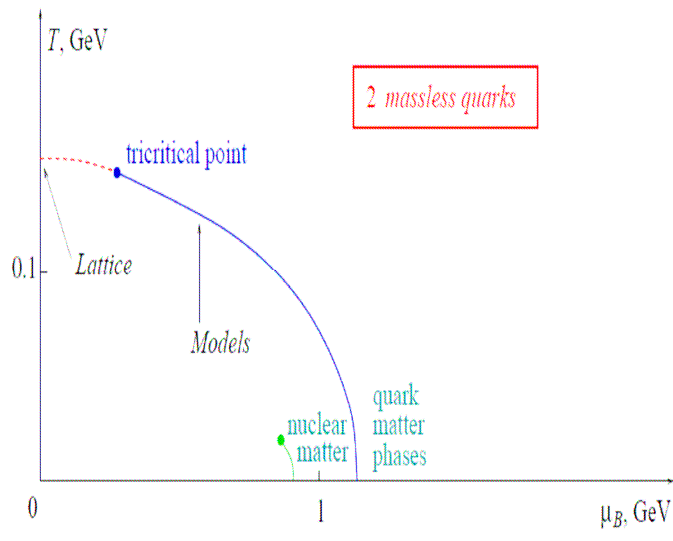
Universality class:  
 SU(2)XSU(2) |  $\sigma m$   $\sim$  O(4)  
 O(4) ferromagnet



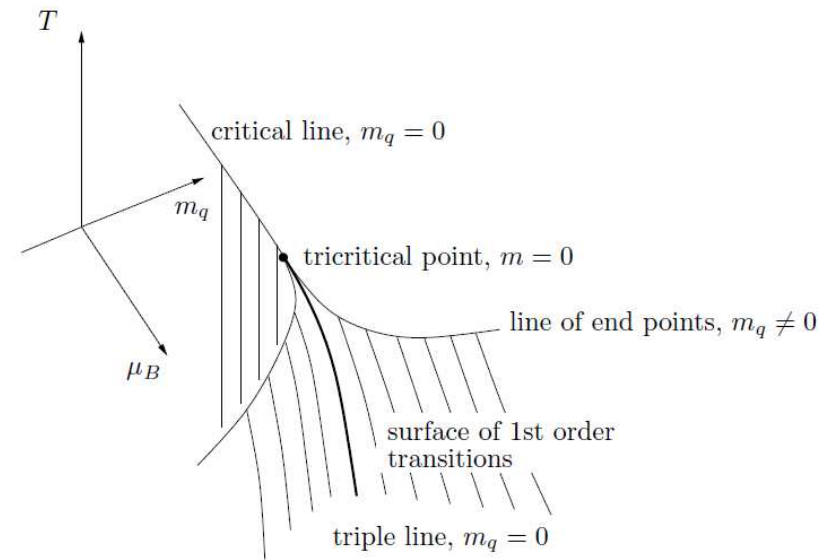
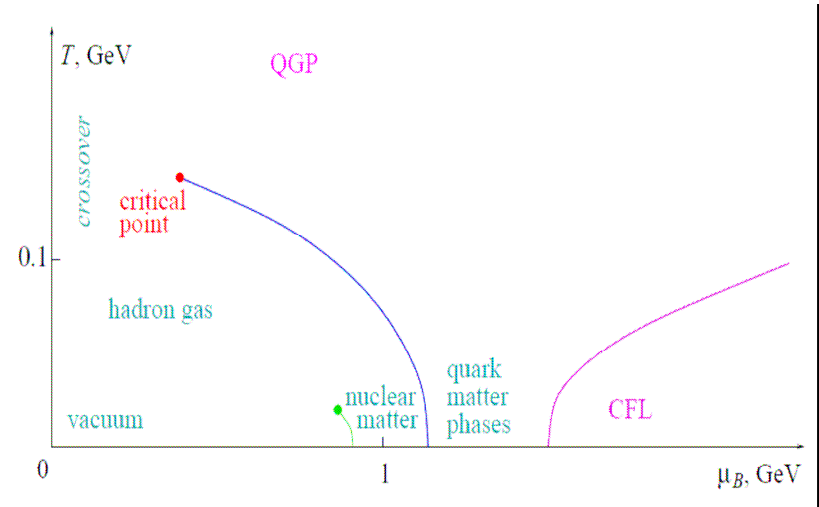
# Universality argument (Pisarski-Wilczek)



## $N_f=2$ chiral limit

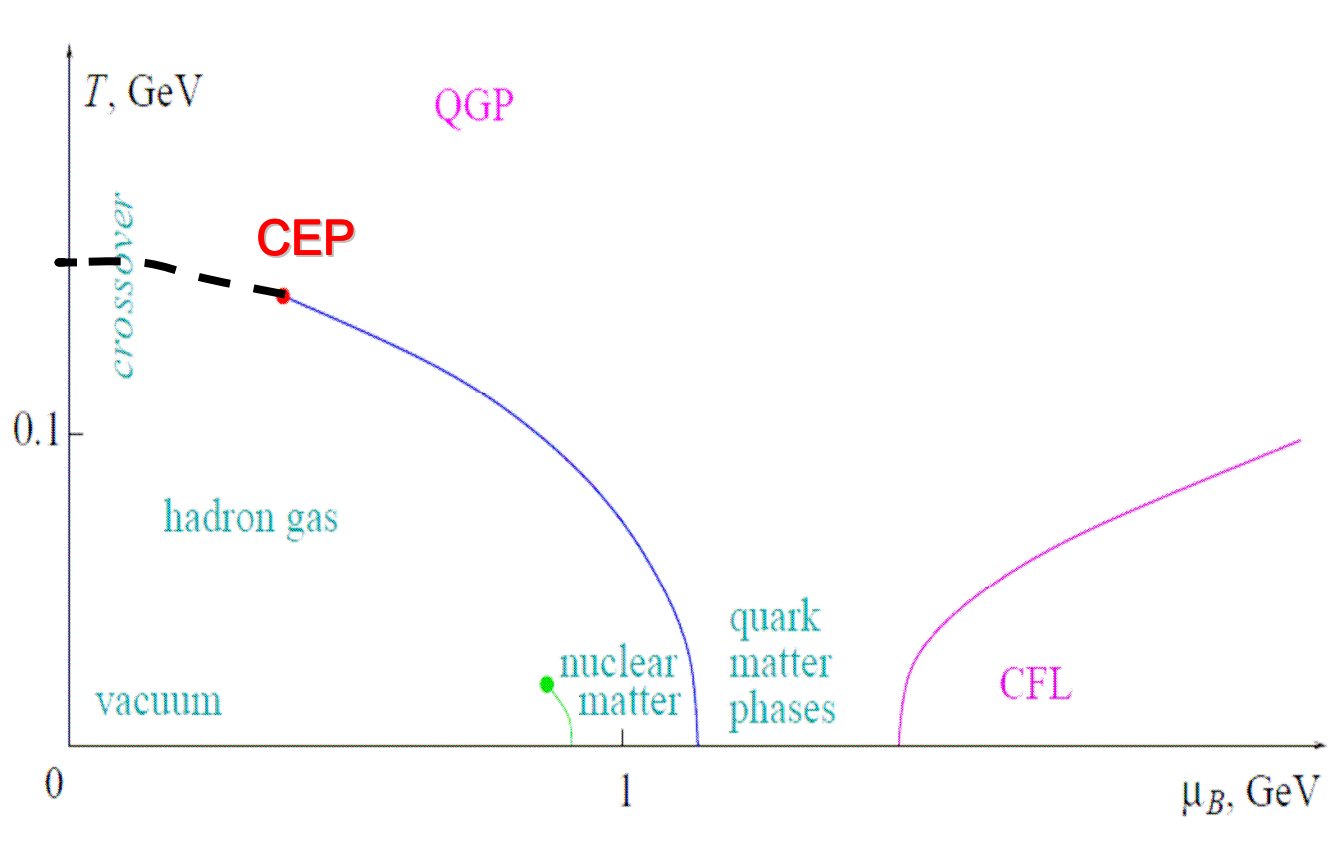


# Real QCD: physical quark masses



# Real QCD: first order transition which terminates at the Critical End Point (CEP)

- Low  $\mu$ , high  $T$ : continuous (although sudden) crossover
- Many similarities with the phase diagram of water



$\mu = 0$  crossover :  $T = 175-185$  MeV  
(Bielefield)

CEP:  $T_E = 162$  MeV,  $\mu_E = 360$  MeV  
(Fodor et al)

# QCD phase diagram and heavy ion collisions

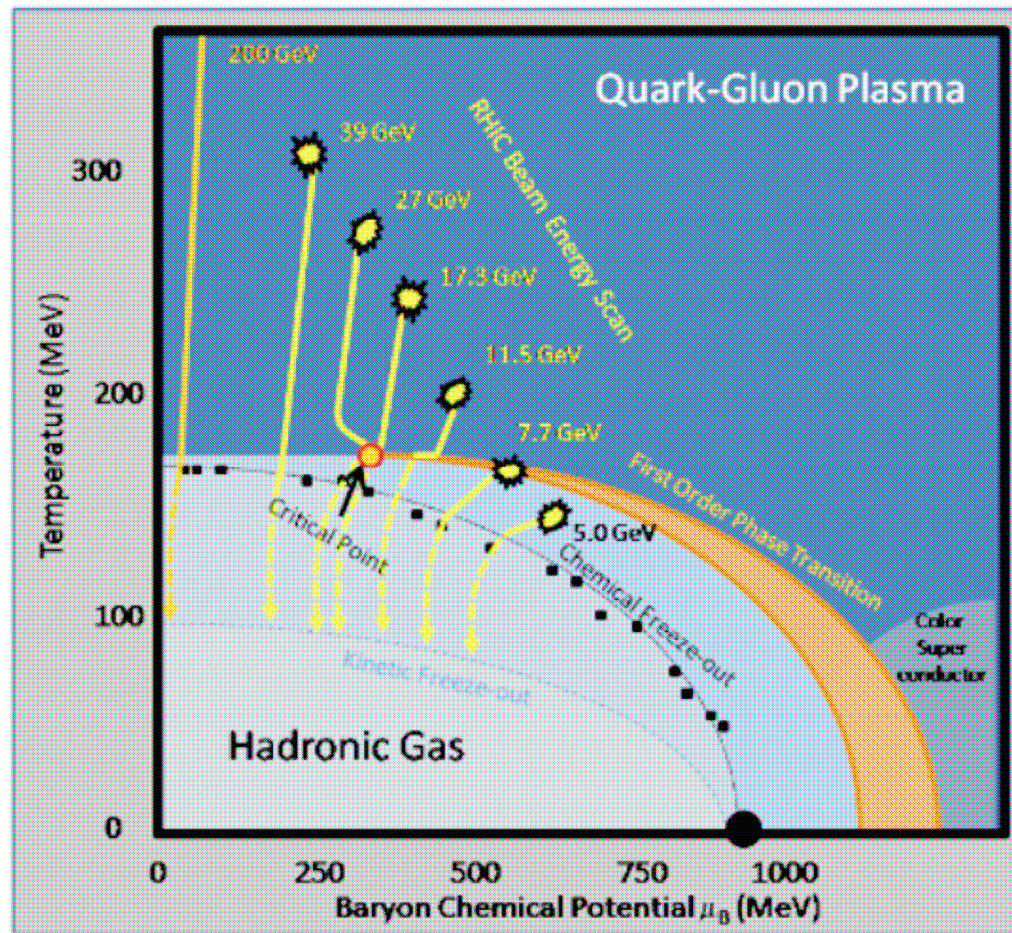


FIG. 1: A schematic of the phase diagram of nuclear matter. The location of the CP is placed within the RHIC BES range. Lattice QCD estimates [17–19] indicate that the CP falls within the interval  $250 < \mu_B < 450$  MeV. The black closed circles are current heavy-ion experimental calculations of the chemical freeze-out temperature,  $T_{ch}$ , and  $\mu_B$  based on statistical model fits to the measured particle ratios. The yellow curves show the estimated trajectories of the possible collision energies at RHIC.

# QCD partition function

Partition function

$$Z = \text{Tr} e^{-\beta H} = \sum_n \langle n | e^{-\beta H} | n \rangle$$

$$H = xp - L$$

$$p = \partial L / \partial \dot{x}$$

Quantum mechanics  $|n\rangle = |x\rangle$

Gauge theory  $|n\rangle = \left| \vec{A}(\vec{r}), \psi(\vec{r}) \right\rangle$

Since  $A_0$  has no conjugate momentum:  $-i \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial A_a^0} = 0$

It follows that **Gauss law** has to be implemented at the level of physical states

$$(D_i^{ab} E_i^b - \rho_a) |\Psi\rangle = 0$$

$$D_i^{ab} E_i^b = \partial_i E_i^a - g f_{adb} \vec{A}_d \cdot \vec{E}_b$$

$$\Pi_j^a = -G_0^a = \partial_i A_a^0 + \partial_0 A_a^i - g f_{abc} A_b^0 A_c^i = -E_i^a$$

$$\rho_a = \psi_f^\dagger \frac{\lambda_a}{2} \psi_f$$

And the quantized form of gauge invariance is

$$\Psi(\vec{A}, \psi(\vec{r})) = \Psi(h(\vec{A} + i\vec{\nabla})h^\dagger, h\psi(\vec{r}))$$

$h(\mathbf{r})$  time independent gauge transform



$$Z = \text{Tr} e^{-\beta H} = \prod_{\vec{r}} \int \mathcal{D}A(\vec{r}) \int \mathcal{D}\psi(\vec{r}) \langle A(\vec{r}), -\psi(\vec{r}) | e^{-\beta H} \delta(D_i^{ab} E_i^b - \rho_a) | A(\vec{r}), \psi(\vec{r}) \rangle$$

# Euclidean action and center symmetry of QCD

The partition function admits a path integral representation

$$Z(\beta) = \prod_{\vec{r}, 0 < x_4 < \beta} \int \mathcal{D}A(\vec{r}, x_4) \int \mathcal{D}\psi(\vec{r}, x_4) \int \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi}(\vec{r}, x_4) e^{-S_E}$$

Euclidean action

$$S_E = \int_0^\beta dx_4 \int d^3r L_E(A_4, \vec{A}, \psi)(\vec{r}, x_4)$$

with  $L_E(A_4, \vec{A}, \psi(\vec{r}))(\vec{r}, x_4) = -\mathcal{L}_M(A_0 = -iA_4, \vec{A}, \psi(\vec{r}))(\vec{r}, x_0 = -ix_4)$

Periodic boundary conditions  
(trace operation)

$$A(\vec{r}, x_4 + \beta) = A(\vec{r}, x_4), \quad \psi(\vec{r}, x_4 + \beta) = -\psi(\vec{r}, x_4)$$

• Gauge invariant  $L_E$ :  $A_\mu \rightarrow {}^h A_\mu = h A_\mu h^\dagger + ih \partial_\mu h^\dagger, \quad \psi \rightarrow {}^h \psi = h \psi$

• Gauge invariant action  
(Periodic gauge transform)  ${}^h A_\mu(\vec{r}, x_4 + \beta) = {}^h A_\mu(\vec{r}, x_4), \quad {}^h \psi(\vec{r}, x_4 + \beta) = -{}^h \psi(\vec{r}, x_4)$

• Transformation periodic up to a global (constant)  $f$

$$h(\vec{r}, x_4 + \beta) = f h(\vec{r}, x_4)$$

$$f \in Z(3) \Rightarrow f = z I \quad z = e^{2i\pi n/3} \quad n = 1, 2, 3$$

$${}^h A_\mu(\vec{r}, x_4 + \beta) = f {}^h A_\mu(\vec{r}, x_4) f^\dagger \equiv {}^h A_\mu(\vec{r}, x_4)$$

$${}^h \psi_\mu(\vec{r}, x_4 + \beta) = -z {}^h \psi_\mu(\vec{r}, x_4)$$

• The pure gauge action has the center symmetry  $Z(3)$   
•  $Z(3)$  broken by quarks

# The Polyakov loop as an order parameter for deconfinement

Pure gauge: put a static (infinitely heavy) static quark Q at point R

Quark-gluon interaction  $S_Q = \int_0^\beta dx_4 \int d^3r \left( g t_a \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{R}) \right) (-i A_4^a)(\vec{r}, x_4) = -ig \int_0^\beta dx_4 A_4(\vec{R}, x_4)$

The partition function is

$$Z_Q(\beta, \vec{R}) = \int \mathcal{D} [A, \psi, \bar{\psi}] e^{-S_E(\text{pure gauge})} L(\vec{R})$$

**Polyakov loop:**

$$L(\vec{R}) = \frac{1}{N_c} \text{Tr}_c \exp \left[ ig \int_0^\beta dx_4 A_4(\vec{R}, x_4) \right]$$

→  $\langle L(\vec{R}) \rangle = \frac{1}{Z(\text{Glue})} \int \mathcal{D} [A, \psi, \bar{\psi}] e^{-S_E(\text{pure gauge})} L(\vec{R}) = \frac{Z_Q}{Z(\text{Glue})} = e^{-\beta F_Q(\vec{R})}$

• The Polyakov loop is gauge invariant but NOT Z(3) invariant  $L(\vec{R}) \rightarrow z L(\vec{R})$

• If **color is confined (low T)**, the free energy:  $F_Q = +\infty$  |  $\Phi = \langle L \rangle = 0$

• If **color is not confined (high T)**  $\Phi \neq 0$  |  $\Phi(T = \infty) = 1$

**The Polyakov loop is an order parameter for the center Z(3) symmetry associated with confinement/deconfinement for pure glue**

# The Polyakov loop as an order parameter for deconfinement in pure gauge theory

QCD partition function

$$Z = \text{Tr} e^{-\beta H} = \sum \langle n | e^{-\beta H} | n \rangle = \int [d\psi dA] e^{-S_E}$$

Euclidean QCD action

$$S_E = \int_0^\beta dx_4 \int d^3r L_E(\psi, A) \quad \beta = 1/T$$

The time  $x_0$  is replaced by the imaginary time  $x_4 = -i x_0$

The field  $A_0$  is replaced by  $A_4 = -i A_0$

Define the Polyakov loop

$$L(\vec{R}) = \frac{1}{N_c} \text{Tr}_c \exp \left[ ig \int_0^\beta dx_4 A_4(\vec{R}, x_4) \right]$$

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The associated group symmetry is the center  $Z(3)$

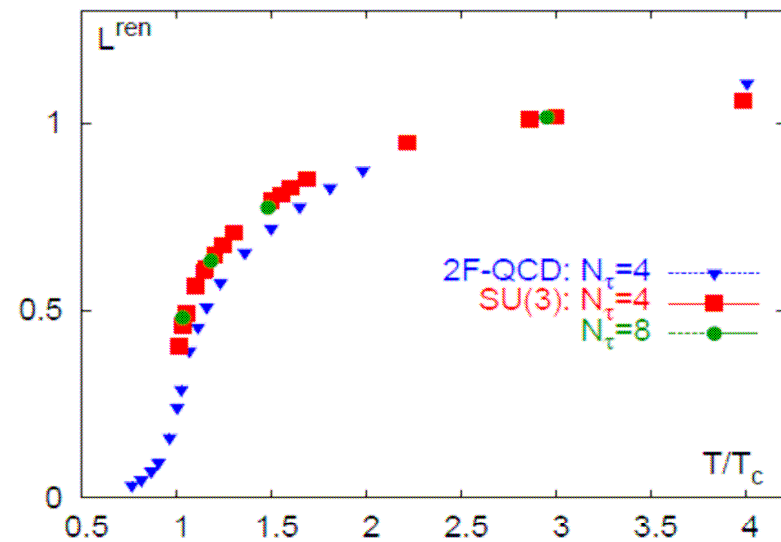
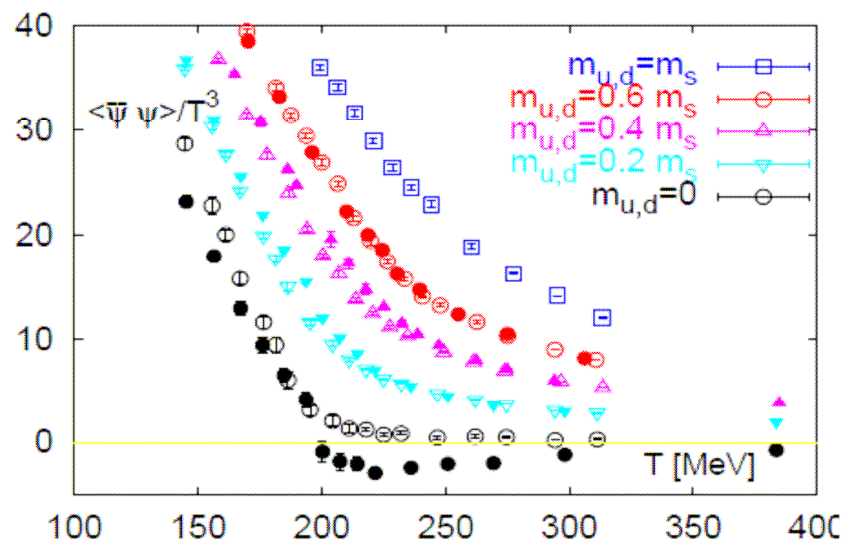
$$f = e^{2i\pi n/3} I, \quad n = 1, 2, 3$$

# Real QCD

Chiral symmetry is not exact: although small,  $m_u$  and  $m_d \sim 5$  MeV are finite. The **quark condensate** is no longer an order parameter but remains a **good indicator for the rapid crossover for chiral restoration**

Center Symmetry is not exact in presence of light quarks. The **Polyakov Loop** is no longer an order parameter but remains a **good Indicator for the rapid crossover for deconfinement** (although no precise criterion exists)

These statements can be tested on the lattice at zero chemical potential



But strong difficulties of lattice QCD at finite  $\mu$



## The PNJL model

Aim: study simultaneously chiral restoration and deconfinement in the whole  $(T, \mu)$  plan

The vacuum possesses a **quark condensate** (NJL): parameters fixed on vacuum

The vacuum possesses a **condensate of « Wilson lines »**

Quarks coupled to a background gauge field associated with the Polyakov loop

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{NJL} - i q^\dagger A_4 q - U(\Phi, T) \quad \left| \quad \Phi = \frac{1}{N_c} \text{Tr}_c \exp \left[ ig \int_0^\beta dx_4 A_4(\vec{R}, x_4) \right] \right|$$

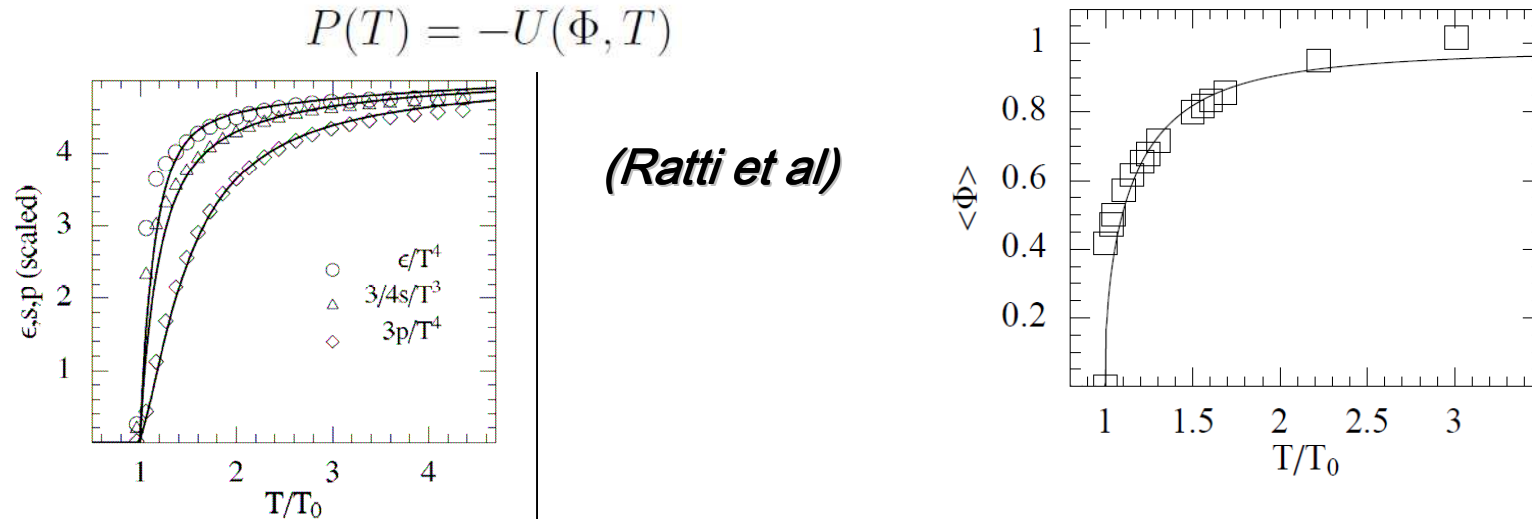
**Grand potential**  $\Omega(T, \mu; M, \Phi) = U(\Phi, T) + \frac{(M - m)^2}{2G_1} - 2N_f N_c \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} E_p + \Omega_{QP}(T, \mu; M, \Phi) \quad \left| \right.$

$$\Omega_{QP}(T, \mu; M, \Phi) = -2N_f \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \left[ \ln \left( 1 + 3\Phi e^{-\beta(E_p - \mu)} + 3\Phi e^{-2\beta(E_p - \mu)} + e^{-3\beta(E_p - \mu)} \right) \right. \\ \left. + \ln \left( 1 + 3\Phi e^{-\beta(E_p + \mu)} + 3\Phi e^{-2\beta(E_p + \mu)} + e^{-3\beta(E_p + \mu)} \right) \right] \quad \left| \right.$$

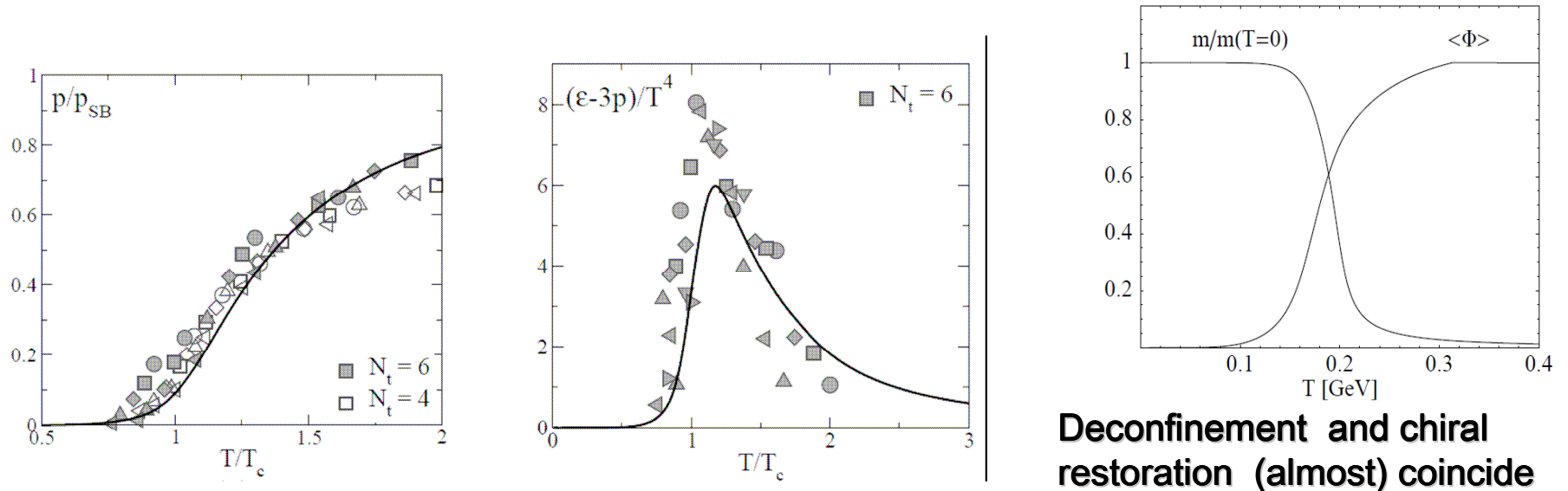
Polyakov loop and constituent quark mass obtained from

$$\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial M} = 0 \quad \left| \quad E_p = \sqrt{p^2 + M^2} \right| \\ \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \Phi} = 0$$

**Pure Gauge:** Effective potential for Polyakov loop  $U(\Phi, T)$  fixed by comparison with pure gauge lattice data



**Inclusion of quarks:** Comparison with lattice data at zero chemical potential

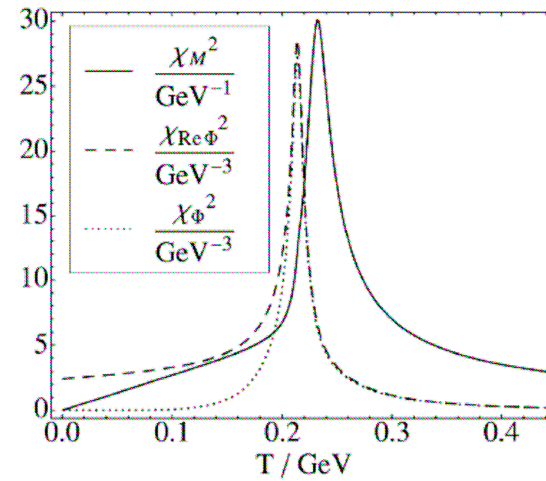
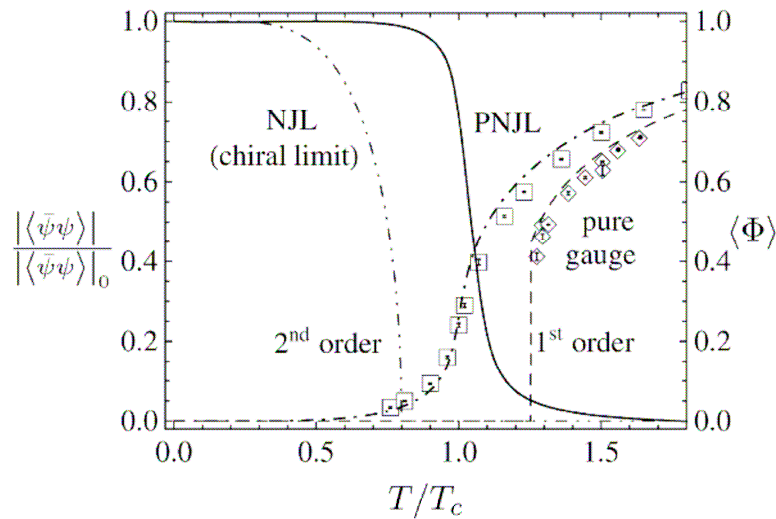
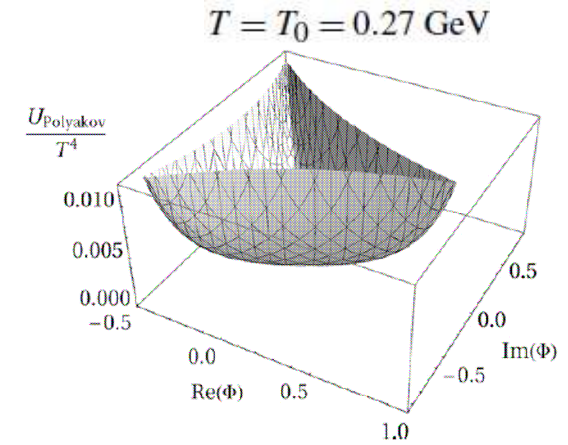


# Improved potential

(Rossner et al)

$$\frac{U(\Phi, \Phi^*, T)}{T^4} = -\frac{1}{2}a(T)\Phi^*\Phi + b(T)\ln[1 - 6\Phi^*\Phi + 4(\Phi^{*3} + \Phi^3) - 3(\Phi^*\Phi)^2]$$

$$a(T) = a_0 + a_1\left(\frac{T_0}{T}\right) + a_2\left(\frac{T_0}{T}\right)^2 \quad \text{and} \quad b(T) = b_3\left(\frac{T_0}{T}\right)^3.$$



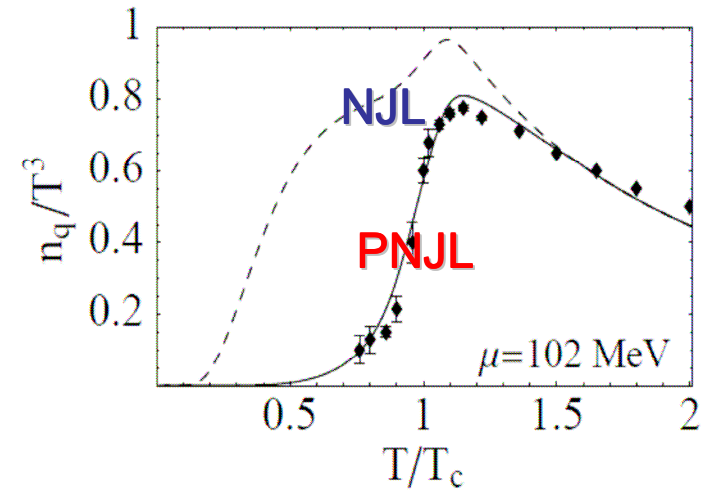
# Finite chemical potential

## Quark number density

$$f_{\Phi}^{+}(E_p) = \frac{(\bar{\Phi} + 2\Phi e^{-\beta(E_p-\mu)}) e^{-\beta(E_p-\mu)} + e^{-3\beta(E_p-\mu)}}{1 + 3(\bar{\Phi} + \Phi e^{-\beta(E_p-\mu)}) e^{-\beta(E_p-\mu)} + e^{-3\beta(E_p-\mu)}}$$

$$\text{High } T \quad \langle \Phi \rangle \rightarrow 1 \quad \left| \quad f_{\phi}^{+}(E_p) = 1 / \left( e^{(E_p-\mu)/T} + 1 \right) \right|$$

$$\text{Low } T \quad \langle \Phi \rangle = 0 \quad \left| \quad f_{\phi}^{+}(E_p) = 1 / \left( e^{3(E_p-\mu)/T} + 1 \right) \right|$$

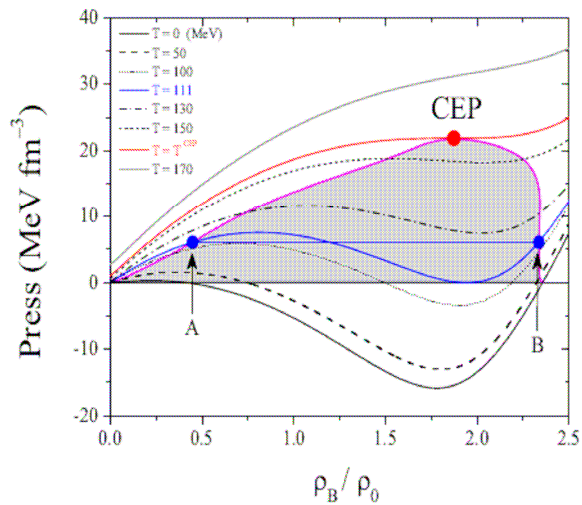
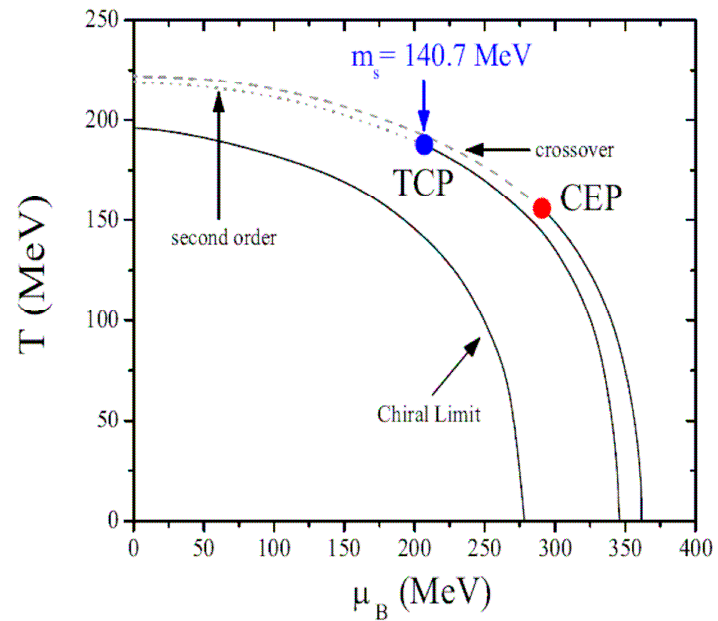


Polyakov loop considerably decreases the net quark number at low T

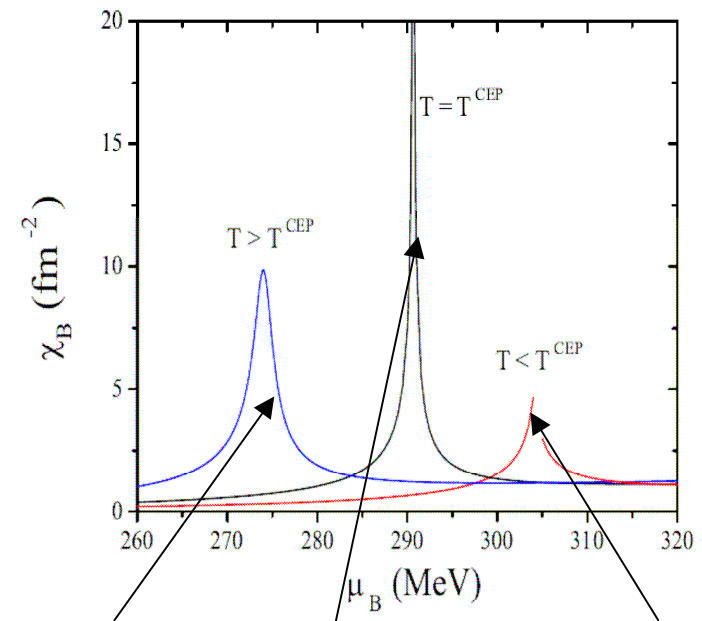
PNJL mimics three quarks clustering: « **statistical confinement** »

# Recent PNJL calculation (Coimbra-Lyon)

## PNJL phase diagram



## Baryon number susceptibility

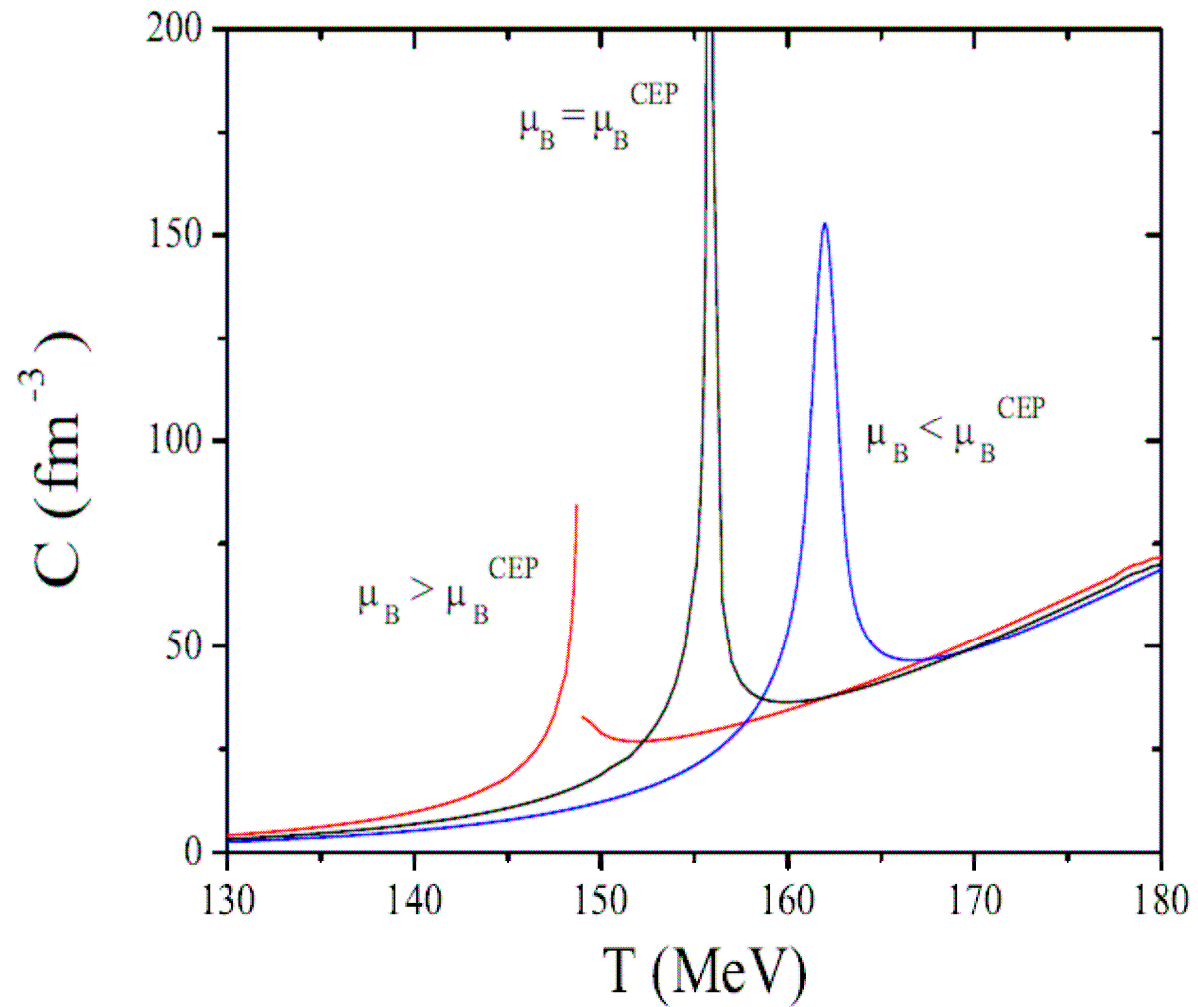


Crossover

Second order

First order

# Heat capacity



# SUMMARY

QCD is gauge field theory based on invariance under LOCAL SU(3)<sub>c</sub> transformation

Only color singlet hadrons exist with  $M \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$  and  $R \sim 1 \text{ fm}$  (but  $m_\pi = 140 \text{ MeV}$ )  
This is color confinement

In the light quark sector QCD is classically scale invariant. Scale invariance is broken by quantum fluctuations

All the physical observables scales as  $O = C \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  „fundamental scale of QCD

Existence of a gluon condensate; The « binding energy » of the QCD vacuum due to non perturbative quantum fluctuations is  $0.5 \text{ GeV}\cdot\text{fm}^{-3}$

The nucleon plausibly looks like a Y shaped string ended by constituent quarks

In the light quark sector there is an almost exact global chiral symmetry

-Vector symmetry: isospin multiplet

-Axial symmetry spontaneously broken:

--- No parity partners with opposite parity

--- Goldstone bosons: pion. Low energy pion weakly interact (Chi PT)

--- Order parameters: pion decay constant, quark condensate

-Chiral symmetry should be progressively restored by increasing temperature and/or baryonic density (rho meson spectral function from NA60)

**QCD phase diagram: from lattice and models:**

**Chiral restoration: first order line terminated by a critical end point (CEP)**

**Low baryonic chemical potential: crossover**

**Quark condensate (Polyakov loop) indicator of chiral restoration (deconfinement)**

**Lattice , PNJL: chiral restoration and deconfinement coincide**

**Experimental search for the CEP: RHIC energy scan, FAIR/CBM**