

Confined but chirally and chiral spin symmetric hot matter

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Introduction

Chiral symmetry

- Free Dirac Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = i\bar{\psi}\gamma_{\mu}\partial^{\mu}\psi - m\bar{\psi}\psi$$

- Left and right fermions

$$\psi_R = \frac{1}{2}(1+\gamma^5)\psi \quad \psi_L = \frac{1}{2}(1-\gamma^5)\psi \quad \psi = \psi_R + \psi_L$$



- Chirally symmetric and nonsymmetric bilinear forms

$$\bar{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}\psi = \bar{\psi}_R\gamma^{\mu}\psi_R + \bar{\psi}_L\gamma^{\mu}\psi_L \quad \bar{\psi}\psi = \bar{\psi}_R\psi_L + \bar{\psi}_L\psi_R$$

- Strict chiral limit ($m = 0$)

- ψ_L and ψ_R are decoupled and transform **independently**
- Axial current** $j_{\mu}^5 = \bar{\psi}\gamma^5\gamma_{\mu}\psi$ is **conserved** $\implies [Q_5, H] = 0$
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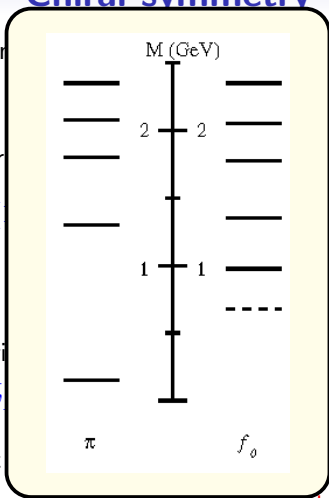
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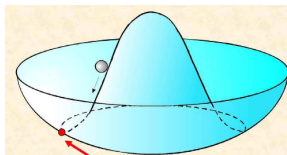
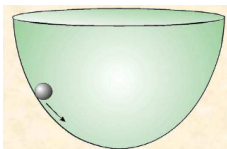
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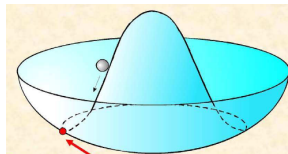
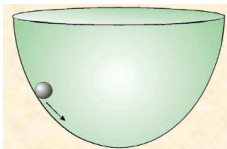
- **Symmetric** vacuum is **stable**
- **Massive** excitations over vacuum

$$V(\phi) = \underbrace{V(0)}_{\text{Energy shift}} + \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{V''(0)}_{m^2 > 0} \phi^2 + \dots$$

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- **Tachyon** in the spectrum built over **symmetric** vacuum: $V''(0) = m^2 < 0$
- True vacuum is **selected** among **many possibilities** \implies Symmetry is **spontaneously** broken
- Physical **vacuum** and **excitations** over it are **not symmetric**
- **Massless** mode — **Goldstone** boson

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At temperatures above some critical temperature T_{ch} chiral symmetry is **restored** in the QCD vacuum:
 What **happens** to **hadrons**?

- Symmetry
- Mass

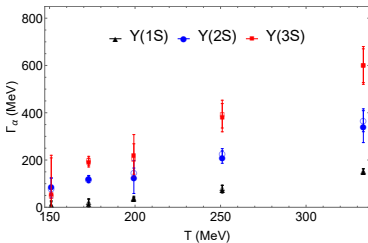
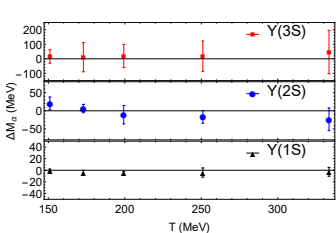
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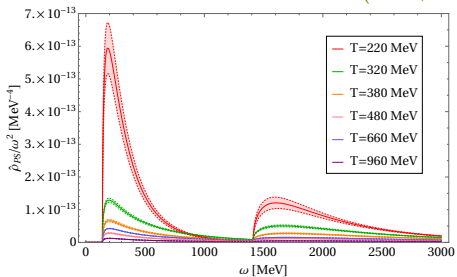
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Hadrons @ $T > T_{ch}$ — hints from lattice



(Larsen, Meinel, Mukherjee, Petreczky'2019)



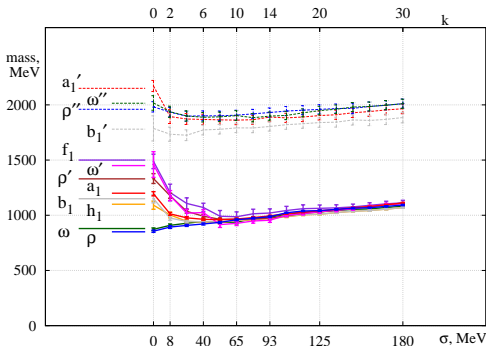
(Lowdon, Philipsen'2022)

Hadrons on “truncated” lattice configurations

$$\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle = - \lim_{m \rightarrow 0} \int_0^\infty d\lambda \rho(\lambda, m) \frac{2m}{m^2 + \lambda^2} = -\pi \rho(0)$$

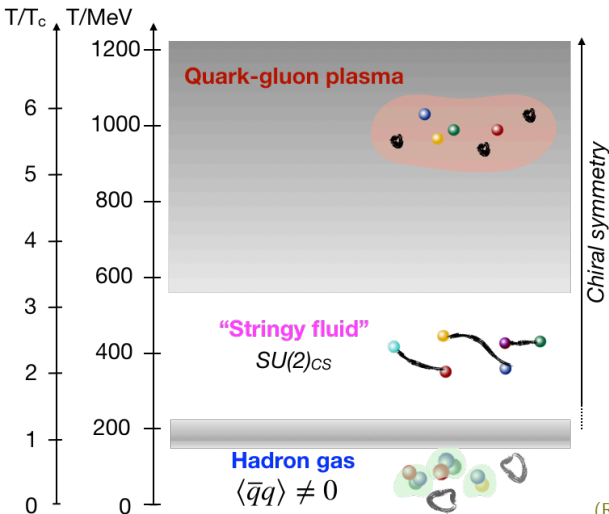
(Banks, Casher'1980)

$$\tilde{S} = S - \sum_{n=1}^k \frac{1}{\lambda_n} |\lambda_n\rangle \langle \lambda_n| \quad i\mathcal{D}\psi_n(x) = \lambda_n \psi_n(x)$$



(Denissenya, Glozman, Lang'2015)

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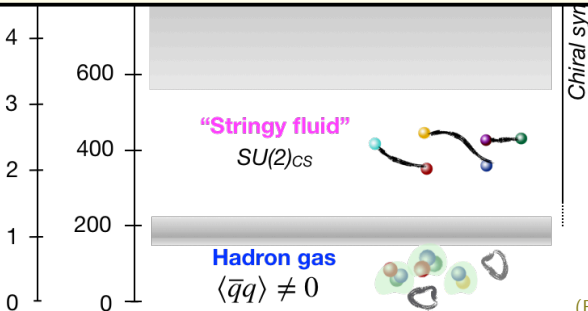
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(Cohen & Glozman'2024 for large- N_c picture)

Regimes of QCD at finite temperatures (?)

T/T_c ↑ T/MeV ↑
 1200 ↑

Question: Can we understand properties of **quark–antiquark mesons** in the **chirally symmetric** but **confined** phase of QCD at $T > T_{ch}$ employing a solvable **quark model**?



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NJL model (Nambu & Jona-Lasinio'1961)

Lagrangian of the model ($N_f = 1$)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \frac{\lambda}{4} \int d^3x \left[(\bar{\psi}\psi)^2 + (\bar{\psi}i\gamma^5\psi)^2 \right] = \lambda \int d^3x (\bar{\psi}_R\psi_L) (\bar{\psi}_L\psi_R)$$

Gap (mass-gap equation):

$$m = \Sigma = 2 \text{ (loop)} = \frac{i}{2} \lambda \int \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr} S(p) = \lambda \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{m}{\sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m^2}}$$

$$m \left(1 - \lambda \int^\Lambda \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m^2}} \right) = 0$$

- Weak coupling regime $\lambda < \lambda_{\text{crit}} = \left(\frac{2\pi}{\Lambda}\right)^2 \implies m = 0$
- Strong coupling regime $\lambda > \lambda_{\text{crit}}$

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NJL model:

- + Simple and physically transparent
- + Explains SBCS
- The only mass scale comes from cut-off
- No confinement

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Model for QCD in two dimensions

QCD₂ in axial gauge

('t Hooft'1974;Bars,Green'1978,...)

- Lagrangian of QCD₂ ('t Hooft model)

$$L(x) = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}^a(x)F_{\mu\nu}^a(x) + \bar{\psi}(x) \left[i(\partial_\mu - igA_\mu^a t^a)\gamma_\mu - m \right] \psi(x)$$

- Interaction Hamiltonian in axial (Coulomb) gauge

$$H_{\text{int}} = -\frac{g^2}{2} \int dx dy \left(\psi^\dagger(t, x) \frac{\lambda^a}{2} \psi(t, x) \right) |x - y| \left(\psi^\dagger(t, y) \frac{\lambda^a}{2} \psi(t, y) \right)$$

- Large- N_c limit

$$\gamma = \frac{g^2 N_c}{4\pi} \xrightarrow{N_c \rightarrow \infty} \text{const}$$

- Dressed fermion field

$$\psi(t, x) = \int \frac{dk}{2\pi} e^{ikx} [b(k, t)u(k) + d^\dagger(-k, t)v(-k)]$$

$$u(k) = T(k) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad v(-k) = T(k) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad T(k) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\theta(k)\gamma_1}$$

Bogoliubov transformation: From “bare” to “dressed” fermions

- Hamiltonian in terms of “bare” particles (fermion+antifermion)

$$H = \epsilon(b_0^\dagger b_0 - d_0 d_0^\dagger) + \Delta(b_0^\dagger d_0^\dagger + d_0 b_0) \quad E_{\text{vac}}^{(0)} = {}_0\langle 0|H|0\rangle_0 = -\epsilon$$

- “Dressed” particles (quasiparticles)

$$b_0 = ub - vd^\dagger \quad d_0 = ud + vb^\dagger \quad u^2 + v^2 = 1 \implies \{bb^\dagger\} = \{dd^\dagger\} = 1$$

with a convenient parametrisation: $u = \cos \theta$ and $v = \sin \theta$

- Hamiltonian in terms of dressed operators ($H = H_0 + :H_2:$)

$$H_0 = -(\epsilon \cos \theta + \Delta \sin \theta)$$

$$:H_2 := (\epsilon \cos \theta + \Delta \sin \theta)(b^\dagger b + d^\dagger d) + (\Delta \cos \theta - \epsilon \sin \theta)(b^\dagger d^\dagger + db)$$

- Equation for θ

$$\Delta \cos \theta - \epsilon \sin \theta = 0$$

ensures both $E_{\text{vac}} = \text{min}$ and H_2 is **diagonal**

- Diagonalised Hamiltonian in terms of dressed operators

$$H = \sqrt{\epsilon^2 + \Delta^2} (b^\dagger b - d d^\dagger)$$

- Physical versus trivial vacuum

$$|0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\cos \theta + d_0^\dagger b_0^\dagger \sin \theta) |0\rangle_0 \quad b|0\rangle = d|0\rangle = 0$$

- Trivial vacuum is unstable

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Hamiltonian approach to 't Hooft model

- Normally ordered Hamiltonian ($\psi \sim b + d^\dagger$)

$$H = H_0 + : H_2 : + : H_4 :$$

- The vacuum energy is a **minimum**

$$E_{\text{vac}} = \langle 0 | H | 0 \rangle = H_0 = \text{min}$$

- Quadratic part : H_2 : (describes **dressing of quarks**) is **diagonal**
- Quartic part : H_4 : (describes **interaction** of dressed quarks) is **suppressed** by N_c
- **Mass-gap** equation

$$p \cos \theta(p) - m \sin \theta(p) = \frac{\gamma}{2} \int \frac{dk}{(p-k)^2} \sin[\theta(p) - \theta(k)]$$

- Dressed quark **dispersion law**

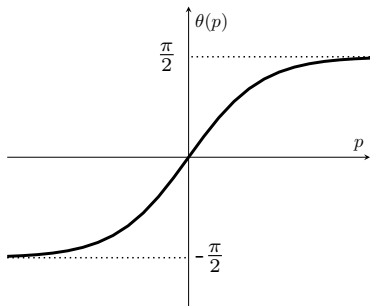
$$E_p = m \cos \theta(p) + p \sin \theta(p) + \frac{\gamma}{2} \int \frac{dk}{(p-k)^2} \cos[\theta(p) - \theta(k)]$$

Solutions of mass-gap equation in 't Hooft model

- Free solution

$$\theta = \arctan \frac{p}{m} \quad E_p = \sqrt{p^2 + m^2}$$

- Physical chirally nonsymmetric solution



$$\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle = -\frac{N_c}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dp \cos \theta(p) \neq 0$$

$$\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle_{m=0} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} N_c \sqrt{\gamma}$$

From quarks towards quark-antiquark mesons

Operators creating and annihilating quark-antiquark pairs

$$M^\dagger(p, p') = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_c}} \sum_{\alpha} b_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(p') d_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(-p) \quad M(p, p') = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_c}} \sum_{\alpha} d_{\alpha}(-p) b_{\alpha}(p')$$

Hamiltonian (including : H_4 : part) in terms of such compound operators

$$H \sim H_0 + M^\dagger M + \frac{1}{2} (M^\dagger M^\dagger + M M)$$

(Kalashnikova, AN'2000)

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Hamiltonian H is subject to a second (bosonic) Bogoliubov transformation from compound $q\bar{q}$ operators M to mesonic operators m

$$m^\dagger = M^\dagger \varphi^+ + M \varphi^- \quad m = M \varphi^+ + M^\dagger \varphi^-$$

$$(\varphi^+)^2 - (\varphi^-)^2 = 1$$

Bound state equation in 't Hooft model

Meson creation/annihilation operators

$$m_n^\dagger(Q) = \int \frac{dq}{2\pi} \left\{ M^\dagger(q - Q, q) \varphi_n^+(q, Q) + M(q, q - Q) \varphi_n^-(q, Q) \right\}$$

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Orthogonality & completeness

$$\int \frac{dp}{2\pi} (\varphi_n^+(p, Q) \varphi_{n'}^+(p, Q) - \varphi_n^-(p, Q) \varphi_{n'}^-(p, Q)) = \delta_{nn'}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\varphi_n^+(p, Q) \varphi_n^+(k, Q) - \varphi_n^-(p, Q) \varphi_n^-(k, Q)) = 2\pi \delta(p - k)$$

Bound state equation

$$\begin{cases} [E_p + E_{Q-p} - Q_0] \varphi^+(p, Q) = \gamma \int \frac{dk}{(p-k)^2} [C(p, k, Q) \varphi^+(k, Q) - S(p, k, Q) \varphi^-(k, Q)] \\ [E_p + E_{Q-p} + Q_0] \varphi^-(p, Q) = \gamma \int \frac{dk}{(p-k)^2} [C(p, k, Q) \varphi^-(k, Q) - S(p, k, Q) \varphi^+(k, Q)] \end{cases}$$

The chiral pion

Solution of bound state equation for the chiral pion

$$\varphi_{\pi}^{\pm}(p, Q) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2Q}} \left(\cos \frac{\theta(Q-p) - \theta(p)}{2} \pm \sin \frac{\theta(Q-p) + \theta(p)}{2} \right)$$

The pion decay constant f_{π}

$$\langle \Omega | J_{\mu}^5(x) | \pi(Q) \rangle = f_{\pi} Q_{\mu} \frac{e^{-iQx}}{\sqrt{2Q_0}} \quad f_{\pi} = \sqrt{\frac{N_c}{\pi}}$$

Pion mass

$$M_{\pi}^2 = 2m \int_0^{\infty} dp \cos \theta(p)$$

Gell-Mann-Oakes-Renner relation

$$f_{\pi}^2 M_{\pi}^2 = -2m \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle$$

Diagrammatic approach to 't Hooft model

- **Dyson series** (in **rainbow approximation**) for dressed quark propagator

$$\begin{aligned}
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 \end{aligned}$$

- **Bethe-Salpeter equation** (in **ladder approximation**) for quark-antiquark meson

- **Mass-gap equation** and **bound-state equation** derived using diagrams and Hamiltonian approach **coincide**

Infrared divergent and finite quantities: An instructive lesson

- Interquark potential in principal value prescription

$$V(x) = -P \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dp}{2\pi} \frac{e^{ipx}}{p^2} = -|x| \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{d\xi}{\pi} \frac{\cos \xi - 1}{\xi^2} = \frac{1}{2}|x|$$

- Interquark potential with finite infrared regulator

$$V(x) = - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dp}{2\pi} \frac{e^{ipx}}{p^2 + \mu_{\text{IR}}^2} = - \frac{1}{2\mu_{\text{IR}}} e^{-\mu_{\text{IR}}|x|} \underset{\mu_{\text{IR}} \rightarrow 0}{=} - \frac{1}{2\mu_{\text{IR}}} + \frac{1}{2}|x| + \dots$$

- Infrared divergent piece **appears** in **not observable** quantities (potential, E_p , etc) but **cancels** in **physical** ones (chiral angle, bound state equation, etc)
- Infrared divergence shows up in **not gauge invariant** objects (e.g. single quark) indicating that they are **not observable**
- Only **gauge invariant** objects are **Poincare invariant** (Bars & Green'1978)

Confining chiral quark model for QCD in four dimensions

Confining chiral quark model for QCD in 3+1

(Orsay group'1980s;Adler,Devis'1984;Bicudo,Ribeiro'1990s)

- Interacting colour charge densities

$$H_{\text{int}} = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x d^3y \left(\psi^\dagger(t, \mathbf{x}) \frac{\lambda^a}{2} \psi(t, \mathbf{x}) \right) V(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|) \left(\psi^\dagger(t, \mathbf{y}) \frac{\lambda^a}{2} \psi(t, \mathbf{y}) \right)$$

$$\psi(t, \mathbf{x}) = \sum_{s=\uparrow, \downarrow} \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{x}} \left(b_{\mathbf{p}s} u_{\mathbf{p}s}[\varphi_{\mathbf{p}}] + d_{-\mathbf{p}-s}^\dagger v_{-\mathbf{p}-s}[\varphi_{\mathbf{p}}] \right)$$

- Normally ordered Hamiltonian

$$H = E_{\text{vac}}[\varphi_{\mathbf{p}}] + : H_2 : + : H_4 :$$

- The energy of the vacuum is a **minimum** \implies **mass-gap equation** for $\varphi_{\mathbf{p}}$
- Quadratic part : H_2 : describes **dressed quarks**
- Quartic part : H_4 : describes **mesons**
- Employ **large- N_c** logic \implies nonplanar diagrams neglected & only leading-order contributions in N_c retained

Mass-gap equation

- Define auxiliary functions

$$A_p = m + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} V(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{k}) \sin \varphi_k$$

$$B_p = p + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} V(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{k}) (\hat{\mathbf{p}} \hat{\mathbf{k}}) \cos \varphi_k$$

- Vacuum energy

$$E_{\text{vac}}[\varphi_p] = -N_c V \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \left(A_p \sin \varphi_p + B_p \cos \varphi_p \right)$$

- Dressed quark dispersion law

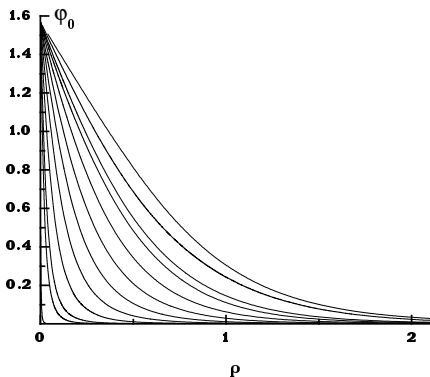
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- Mass-gap equation for the chiral angle

$$A_p \cos \varphi_p - B_p \sin \varphi_p = 0$$

Power-like confining potential

(Orsay group'1980s,Bicudo,AN'2003)



$$V(r) = K_0^{1+\alpha} r^\alpha$$

$$0 \leq \alpha \leq 2$$

$$(2\pi)^3 K_0 \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{p}) < V(\mathbf{p}) \leq (2\pi)^3 K_0^3 \Delta \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{p})$$

Properties of the chiral angle

(Glozman, AN, Ribeiro'2005)

Mass-gap as “loop” equation ($V(r) = \sigma r$)

$$pc \sin \varphi_p - mc^2 \cos \varphi_p = \frac{\hbar}{2} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} V(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{k}) \left[\cos \varphi_k \sin \varphi_p - (\hat{\mathbf{p}}\hat{\mathbf{k}}) \sin \varphi_k \cos \varphi_p \right]$$

“Perturbative” regime (heavy quarks with $m \gg \sqrt{\sigma}$)

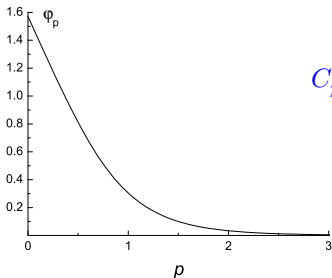
$$\varphi_p = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sigma \hbar c}{(mc^2)^2} \right)^n \tilde{f}_n \left(\frac{p}{mc} \right) = \arctan \frac{mc}{p} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\hbar}{S} \right)^n \tilde{f}_n \left(\frac{p}{mc} \right)$$

“Nonperturbative” regime (light quarks with $m \ll \sqrt{\sigma}$)

$$\varphi_p = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{\sigma \hbar c}} \right)^n f_n \left(\frac{pc}{\sqrt{\sigma \hbar c}} \right) \underset{p \rightarrow 0}{\approx} \frac{\pi}{2} - \text{const} \frac{pc}{\sqrt{\sigma \hbar c}} + \dots$$

Chirally broken vacuum

(Bicudo,Ribeiro'1990s)



$$C_p^\dagger = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_c} \sum_{s,s'=\uparrow,\downarrow} b_{\alpha s}^\dagger(\mathbf{p}) \underbrace{[(\boldsymbol{\sigma}\hat{\mathbf{p}})i\sigma_2]_{ss'}}_{^3P_0 \text{ operator}} d_{\alpha s'}^\dagger(\mathbf{p})$$

$$Q^\dagger = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \varphi_{\mathbf{p}} C_{\mathbf{p}}^\dagger$$

Broken vacuum

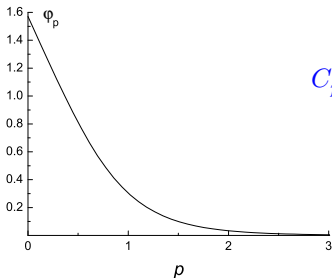
$$|0\rangle = e^{Q-Q^\dagger} |0\rangle_0 = \prod_{\mathbf{p}} \left[\cos^2 \frac{\varphi_{\mathbf{p}}}{2} + \sin \frac{\varphi_{\mathbf{p}}}{2} \cos \frac{\varphi_{\mathbf{p}}}{2} C_{\mathbf{p}}^\dagger + \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 \frac{\varphi_{\mathbf{p}}}{2} C_{\mathbf{p}}^{\dagger 2} \right] |0\rangle_0$$

Chiral condensate

$$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle = -\frac{N_C}{\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dp p^2 \sin \varphi_p$$

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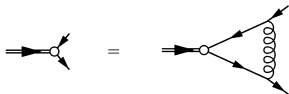
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Conclusion: small momenta are most crucial for SBCS

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Bound state equation



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$$\phi^\pm(\mathbf{p}; M) = P_\pm T_p \frac{\chi(\mathbf{q}; M)}{2E_p \mp M} T_p P_\mp$$

$$T_p = \exp \left[\frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{\gamma} \hat{\mathbf{p}}) \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \varphi_p \right) \right] \quad P_\pm = \frac{1}{2} (1 \pm \gamma_0) \quad \mathcal{P}_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2} = P_{\lambda_1} T_p T_q^\dagger P_{\lambda_2} \quad \lambda_{1,2} = \pm$$

The chiral pion

Matrix wave functions for the pion

$$\phi_{\pi}^{\pm}(\mathbf{p}; M) = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \sigma_2 Y_{00}(\hat{\mathbf{p}}) \varphi_{\pi}^{\pm}(p)$$

Bound state equation for the pion in centre-of-mass frame

$$\begin{cases} [2E_p - M_{\pi}] \varphi_{\pi}^{+}(p) = \int \frac{q^2 dq}{(2\pi)^3} [T_{\pi}^{++}(p, q) \varphi_{\pi}^{+}(q) + T_{\pi}^{+-}(p, q) \varphi_{\pi}^{-}(q)] \\ [2E_p + M_{\pi}] \varphi_{\pi}^{-}(p) = \int \frac{q^2 dq}{(2\pi)^3} [T_{\pi}^{-+}(p, q) \varphi_{\pi}^{+}(q) + T_{\pi}^{--}(p, q) \varphi_{\pi}^{-}(q)] \end{cases}$$

possesses solution (near the chiral limit $M_{\pi} \rightarrow 0$)

$$\varphi_{\pi}^{\pm}(p) = \mathcal{N}_{\pi} \left(\sin \varphi_p \pm O(M_{\pi}) \right)$$

With this w.f., the pion bound-state equation is equivalent to the mass-gap equation for the chiral angle φ_p

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$$C_p = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \sin \varphi_p}{2}} \quad S_p = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \sin \varphi_p}{2}}$$

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- Naive approach (no chiral symmetry, Salpeter equation):

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Infrared-finite quark energy

- Linear confining potential

$$V(r) = - \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{8\pi\sigma}{(p^2 + \mu_{\text{IR}}^2)^2} e^{ipr} = \frac{\sigma}{\mu_{\text{IR}}} e^{-\mu_{\text{IR}}r} \underset{\mu_{\text{IR}} \rightarrow 0}{=} -\frac{\sigma}{\mu_{\text{IR}}} + \sigma r + \dots$$

- Auxiliary functions A_p and B_p

$$A_p = \frac{\sigma}{2\mu_{\text{IR}}} \sin \varphi_p + A_p^{\text{fin}} \quad B_p = \frac{\sigma}{2\mu_{\text{IR}}} \cos \varphi_p + B_p^{\text{fin}}$$

- Mass-gap equation

$$A_p^{\text{fin}} \cos \varphi_p - B_p^{\text{fin}} \sin \varphi_p = 0$$

- Dispersion law

$$E_p = \frac{\sigma}{2\mu_{\text{IR}}} + \dots$$

- Infrared-finite dynamical quark mass

$$\omega_p = \left(p^2 + \underbrace{(p \tan \varphi_p)^2}_{M_p} \right)^{1/2}$$

Mass-gap equation at finite temperatures

- Fermion propagator at $T > 0$

$$\Delta S(p_0, \mathbf{p}; T) = 2\pi i \left[n_p \Lambda_+(\mathbf{p}) \delta(p_0 - E_p) - \bar{n}_p \Lambda_-(\mathbf{p}) \delta(p_0 + E_p) \right] \gamma_0$$

$$\Lambda_{\pm}(\mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{2} [1 \pm \gamma_0 \sin \varphi_p \pm (\boldsymbol{\alpha} \hat{\mathbf{p}}) \cos \varphi_p]$$

- Fermi-Dirac distributions at $T \neq 0$

$$\langle b_{\mathbf{p}s}^\dagger b_{\mathbf{p}s} \rangle = n_p = \left(1 + e^{(\sqrt{p^2 + M_p^2} - \mu)/T} \right)^{-1} \xrightarrow{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2}$$

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- Modified auxiliary functions at finite T

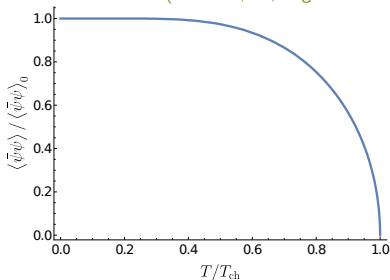
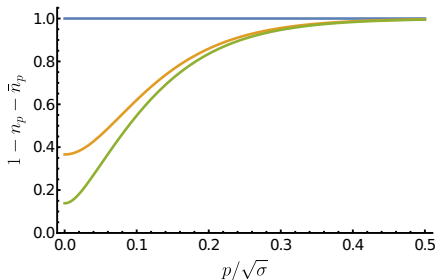
$$\tilde{A}_p = m + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} (1 - n_k - \bar{n}_k) V(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{k}) \sin \varphi_k$$

$$\tilde{B}_p = p + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} (1 - n_k - \bar{n}_k) V(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{k}) (\hat{\mathbf{p}} \hat{\mathbf{k}}) \cos \varphi_k$$

(for derivation in imaginary time formalism: Kocic'1986)

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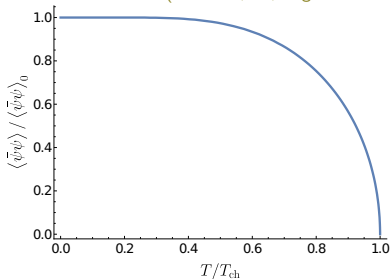
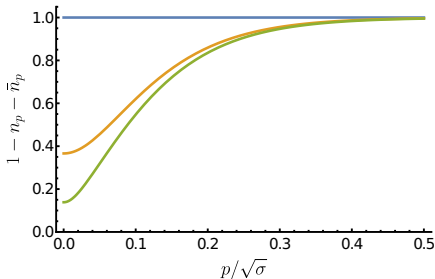


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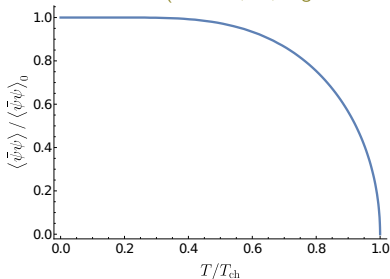
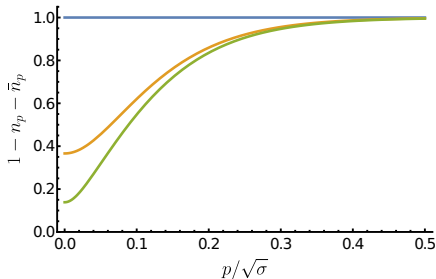
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To confront with

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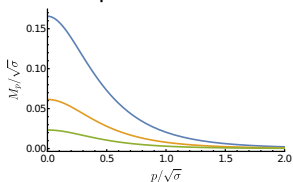
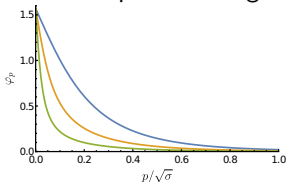
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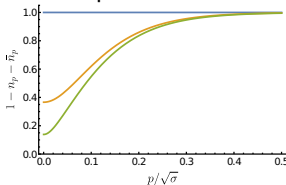
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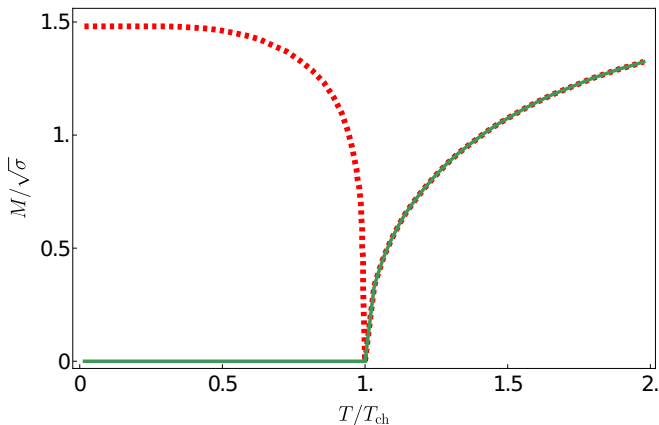


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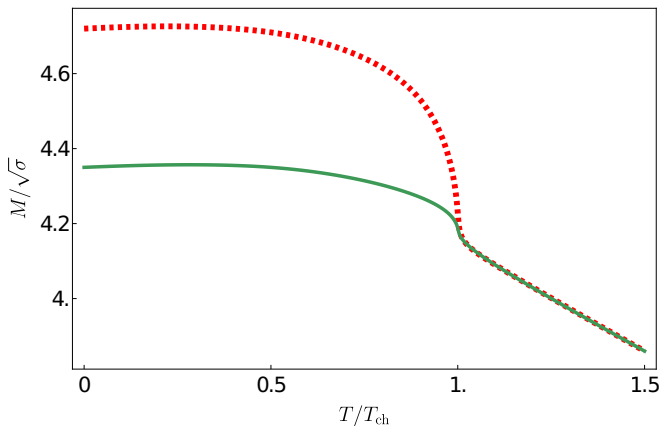
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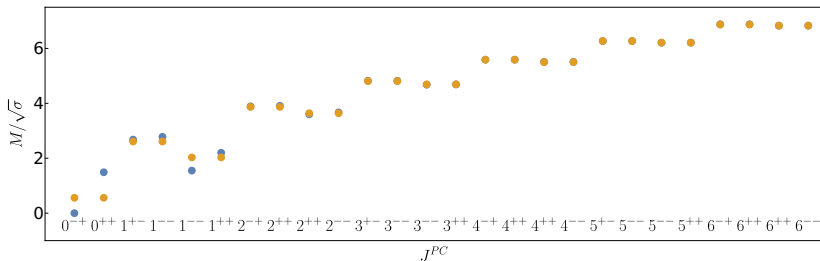


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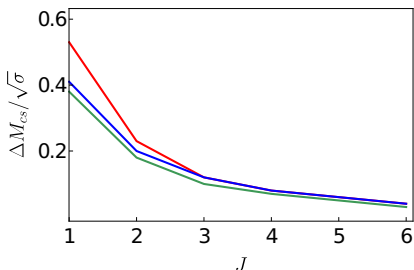


Above T_{ch} :

- Confinement persists \implies hadrons survive as bound states of quarks
- Chiral symmetry is restored \implies opposite-parity states become degenerate
- Spectrum of $\bar{q}q$ mesons demonstrates higher emergent symmetry

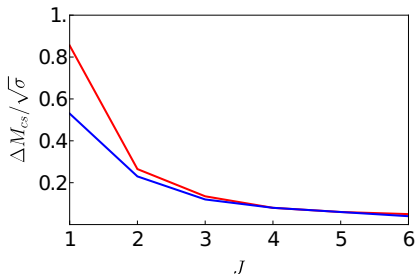
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$T = 1.1T_{\text{ch}}$



- $n = 0$ (red line)
- $n = 1$ (blue line)
- $n = 2$ (green line)

$n = 0$

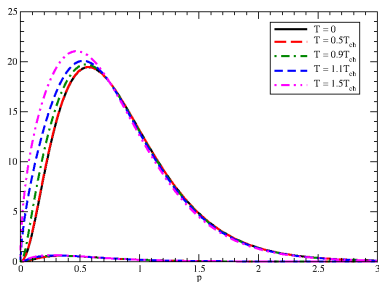
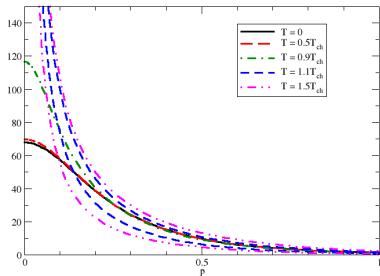


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Wave functions of low-lying mesons @ $T > T_{ch}$

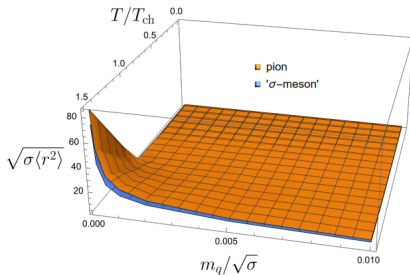
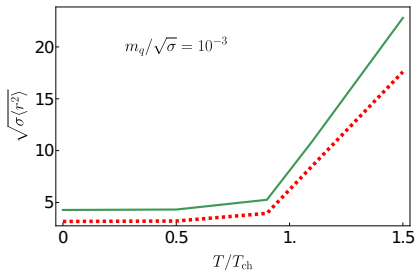
$$J^{PC} = 0^{-+} (n = 0)$$

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- Above T_{ch} , radial wave functions of low-lying mesons **grow** at $p \rightarrow 0$
- **No problem** with w.f. normalisation due to **cancellations** in $\varphi_+^2 - \varphi_-^2$
- Expect **consequences** for **observables**!

Size of light hadrons above T_{ch}



$$\langle h(p') | J_\mu(0) | h(p) \rangle = i(p + p')_\mu F_h(q^2) \quad \langle r_h^2 \rangle = 6 \frac{\partial F_h(q^2)}{\partial q^2} \Big|_{q^2=0}$$

- Low-lying mesons made of light quarks “swell” above T_{ch} ($r_{\text{rms}} \sim 1/\sqrt{m_q}$)
- Size of pion and “ σ -meson” at $T = 1.5T_{\text{ch}}$ is 5 times their size at $T < T_{\text{ch}}$

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Work in progress...

Stay tuned!

Bogoliubov transformation: From “bare” to “dressed” bosons

- Hamiltonian in terms of “bare” particles (bosons)

$$H = h_1 M^\dagger M + \frac{1}{2} h_2 (M^\dagger M^\dagger + M M)$$

- “Dressed” particles (quasiparticles)

$$M = u m + v m^\dagger \quad M^\dagger = u m^\dagger + v m \quad [m m^\dagger] = [M M^\dagger] = 1 \implies u^2 - v^2 = 1$$

with a convenient parametrisation: $u = \cosh \theta$ and $v = \sinh \theta$

- Hamiltonian in terms of dressed operators ($H = H_0 + : H_2 :$)

$$H_0 = -\frac{1}{2} h_1 + \frac{1}{2} (h_1 \cosh 2\theta + h_2 \sinh 2\theta)$$

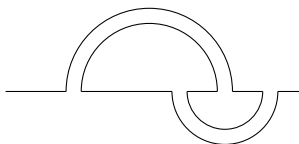
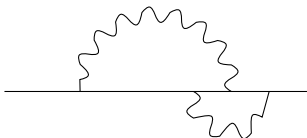
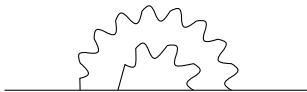
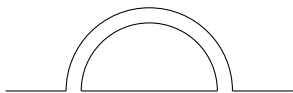
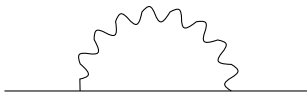
$$: H_2 := (h_1 \cosh 2\theta + h_2 \sinh 2\theta) m^\dagger m + \frac{1}{2} (h_1 \sinh 2\theta + h_2 \cosh 2\theta) (m^\dagger m^\dagger + m m)$$

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$SU(2)_{CS}$ and chiral multiplets

J	$(0, 0)$	$(1/2, 1/2)_a$	$(1/2, 1/2)_b$	$(0, 1) \oplus (1, 0)$
0	—	$1, 0^{-+} \leftrightarrow 0, 0^{++}$	$1, 0^{++} \leftrightarrow 0, 0^{-+}$	—
$2k$	$0, J^{--} ; 0, J^{++}$	$1, J^{-+} \leftrightarrow 0, J^{++}$	$1, J^{++} \leftrightarrow 0, J^{-+}$	$1, J^{++} \leftrightarrow 1, J^{--}$
$2k - 1$	$0, J^{++} ; 0, J^{--}$	$1, J^{+-} \leftrightarrow 0, J^{--}$	$1, J^{--} \leftrightarrow 0, J^{+-}$	$1, J^{--} \leftrightarrow 1, J^{++}$

$$\Psi(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow \Psi'(\mathbf{x}) = U\Psi(\mathbf{x}), \quad UU^\dagger = U^\dagger U = 1$$

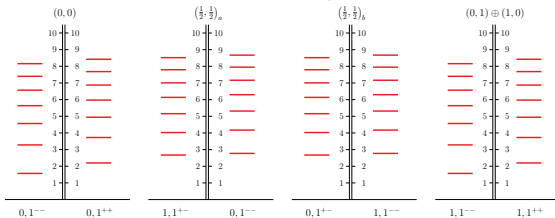
$$U = \exp(i\epsilon\Sigma/2) = \cos \frac{|\epsilon|}{2} + \frac{i(\epsilon\Sigma)}{|\epsilon|} \sin \frac{|\epsilon|}{2}$$

$$\Sigma = (\gamma_0, i\gamma_5\gamma_0, -\gamma_5)$$

$$[(\Sigma_i/2), (\Sigma_j/2)] = i\epsilon_{ijk}(\Sigma_k/2)$$

Spectrum of mesons with $J = 1$

$$T = 0.5T_{\text{ch}}$$



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