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# Mass spectra of meson nonet ( $\pi, K, \eta, \eta'$ ) and the related QCD phase transitions under external magnetic field

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**Motivation**

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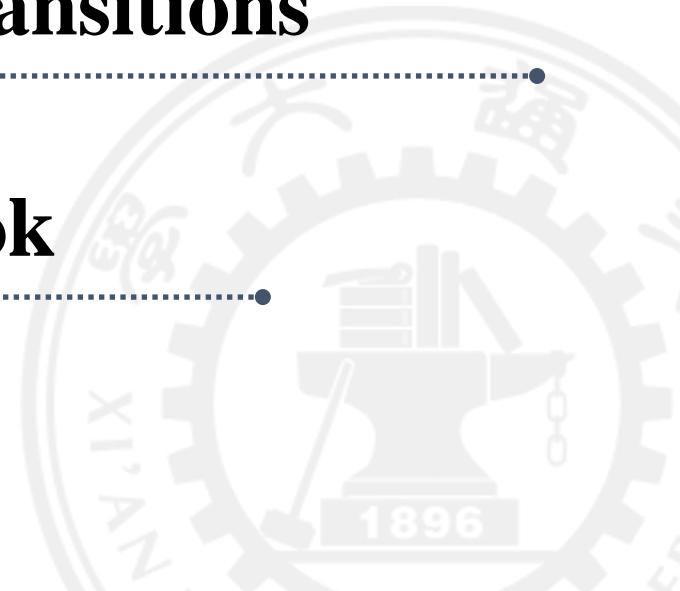
**NJL model @ eB**

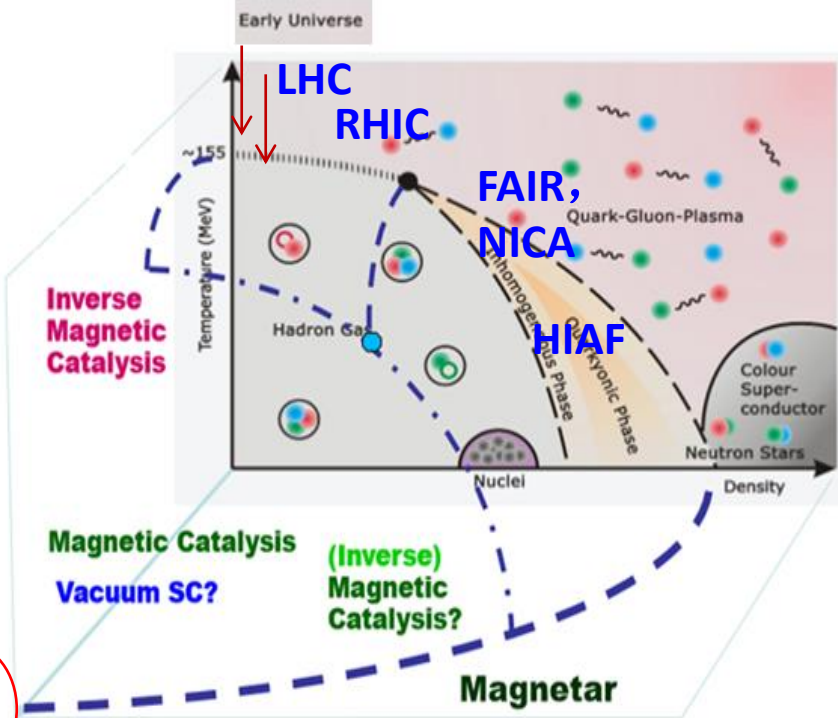
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**Mesons and phase transitions**

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**Summary and outlook**





- + chiral restoration  
(chiral symmetry)
- + deconfinement  
(center symmetry)
- + QCD superconductor  
/superfluid  
(color/isospin symmetry)
- +  $U_A(1)$  restoration
- .....

methods: LQCD;  
effective models:(P)NJL,DS,(P)QM...

# 1

# Study QCD phase transitions by mesons

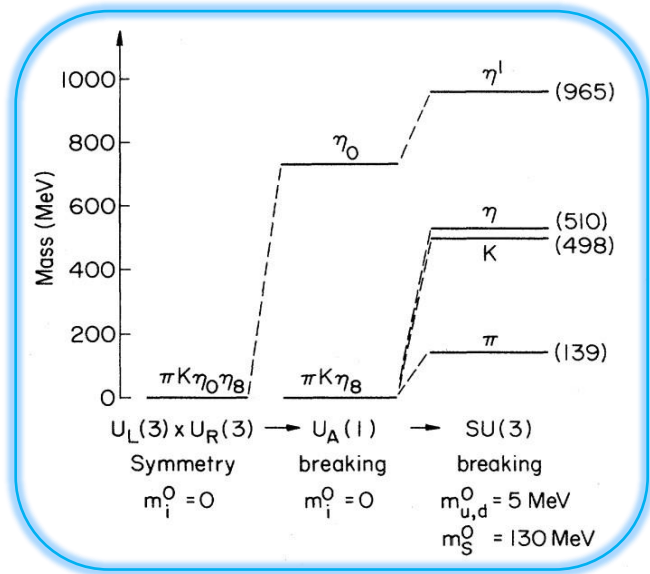


➤ Landau's theory

**symmetry**

➤ Goldstone's theorem

| order parameters           | QCD phase transitions | Goldstone bosons |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| chiral condensates         | chiral restoration    | $\pi^0, K^0$     |
| pion/kaon condensate       | Pion/Kaon superfluid  | $\pi^\pm, K^\pm$ |
| topological susceptibility | $U_A(1)$ restoration  | $\eta, \eta'$    |



methods: **LQCD;**  
**effective models**



## Framework: NJL model @ eB

### Mesons and QCD phase transitions @ eB

Quark level: LQCD, (P)NJL, DS equation

Meson level: (P)QM, chiral perturbation theory



# 2

## Nambu--Jona-Lasinio model

$$\mathbf{B} = (0, 0, B)$$

### SU(2) NJL model

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} (i\gamma_\nu D^\nu - m_0) \psi + \frac{G}{2} \left[ (\bar{\psi} \psi)^2 + (\bar{\psi} i\gamma_5 \vec{\tau} \psi)^2 \right]$$

### SU(3) NJL model

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} (i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - \hat{m}_0) \psi + \mathcal{L}_S + \mathcal{L}_{KMT},$$

$$\mathcal{L}_S = G \sum_{\alpha=0}^8 [(\bar{\psi} \lambda_\alpha \psi)^2 + (\bar{\psi} i\gamma_5 \lambda_\alpha \psi)^2],$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{KMT} = -K [\det \bar{\psi} (1 + \gamma_5) \psi + \det \bar{\psi} (1 - \gamma_5) \psi].$$

### idea:

(1) Quarks: mean field  $\longrightarrow = \longrightarrow + \text{loop}$

(2) Mesons: RPA resummation (quantum fluctuation)

$$\text{meson diagram} \approx \text{tree} + \text{loop} + \text{2-loop} + \dots = \frac{\text{tree}}{1 - \text{loop}}$$

quark propagator @eB

= conserved Ritus momentum + Ritus transformation



$$S_f(x, y) = i \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int \frac{d\tilde{p}}{(2\pi)^3} e^{-i\tilde{p}\cdot(x-y)} P_n(x_1, p_2) D_f(\tilde{p}) P_n(y_1, p_2),$$

$$P_n(z, q) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ g_n^{s_f}(z, q) + I_n g_{n-1}^{s_f}(z, q) \right] \\ + \frac{is_f}{2} \left[ g_n^{s_f}(z, q) - I_n g_{n-1}^{s_f}(z, q) \right] \gamma^1 \gamma^2,$$

$$D_f^{-1}(\tilde{p}) = \gamma \cdot \tilde{p} - m, \quad \tilde{p} = (p_0, 0, -s_f \sqrt{2|Q_f B|n}, p_3) \quad \mathbf{B} = (0, 0, B)$$

$$\tilde{p} = (p_0, 0, p_2, p_3) \quad I_n = 1 - \delta_{n0}$$

$$g_n^{s_f}(z, q) = \phi_n(z - s_f q / |Q_f B|)$$

$$\phi_n(z) = (2^n n! \sqrt{\pi} |Q_f B|^{-1/2})^{-1/2} \times e^{-z^2 |Q_f B|/2} H_n(z / |Q_f B|^{-1/2})$$

Ritus momentum

refs: Ritus, Ann. Phys. 69, 555 (1972); Leung, Wang, Nucl. Phys. B747, 266 (2006); Elizalde, Ferrer, Incera Ann. Phys. 295, 33 (2002).

# Construct mesons in conserved momentum space



Y.X.Wang, S.J. Mao, PRD96, 034004(2017);99, 056005(2019)

Fourier transformation

**neutral mesons**

$$\mathcal{D}_M(k) = \int d^4(x-y) e^{ik \cdot (x-y)} \mathcal{D}_M(x, y),$$

conserved momentum

$$\Pi_M(k) = \int d^4(x-y) e^{ik \cdot (x-y)} \Pi_M(x, y), \quad k = (\omega, k_1, k_2, k_3)$$

**charged mesons**

$$\mathcal{D}_M(x, y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int \frac{d\tilde{k}}{(2\pi)^3} e^{-i\tilde{k} \cdot (x-y)} f_n(x^1, k_2) \mathcal{D}_M(\bar{k}) f_n^*(y^1, k_2)$$

where  $\tilde{k} = (k_0, 0, k_2, k_3)$ ,  $\zeta = (|QB|)^{1/2} (x^1 - s_Q k_2 / |QB|)$

$$\mathcal{D}_M(\bar{k}) = - (k_0^2 - k_3^2 - (2k_n + 1)|QB| - m_M^2)^{-1},$$

$$f_n(x^1, k_2) = \left( \frac{\sqrt{|QB|}}{2^n n! \sqrt{\pi}} \right)^{1/2} e^{-\zeta^2/2} H_n(\zeta).$$

**$f_n$ , eigenfunction of the magnetized static KG Eq.**





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## **Results and discussion**

**3.1**

$\pi_0$  ---- **chiral restoration phase transition**

**3.2**

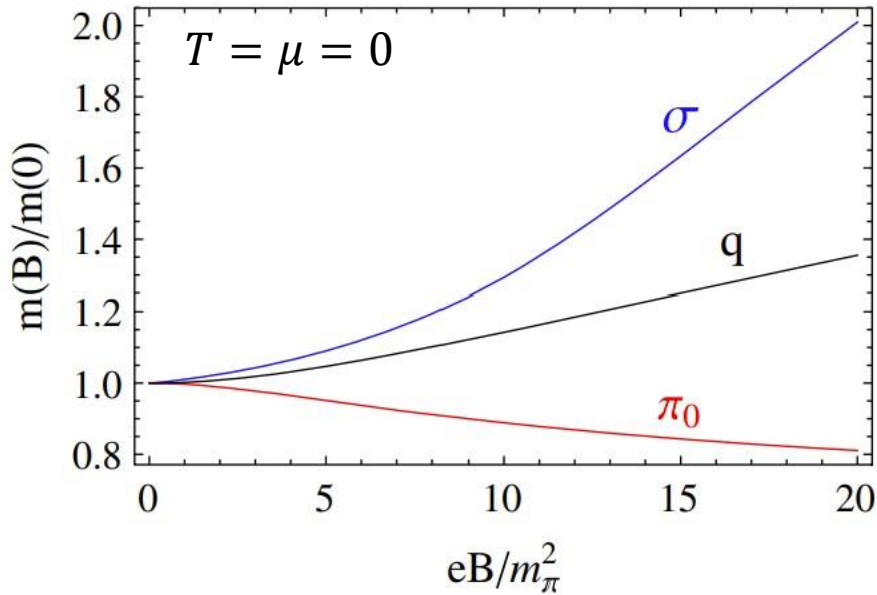
$\pi_{\pm}$  ---- **pion superfluid phase transition**

**3.3**

**Kaons,  $\eta$  &  $\eta'$  ---- chiral,  $U_A(1)$**

# 3.1

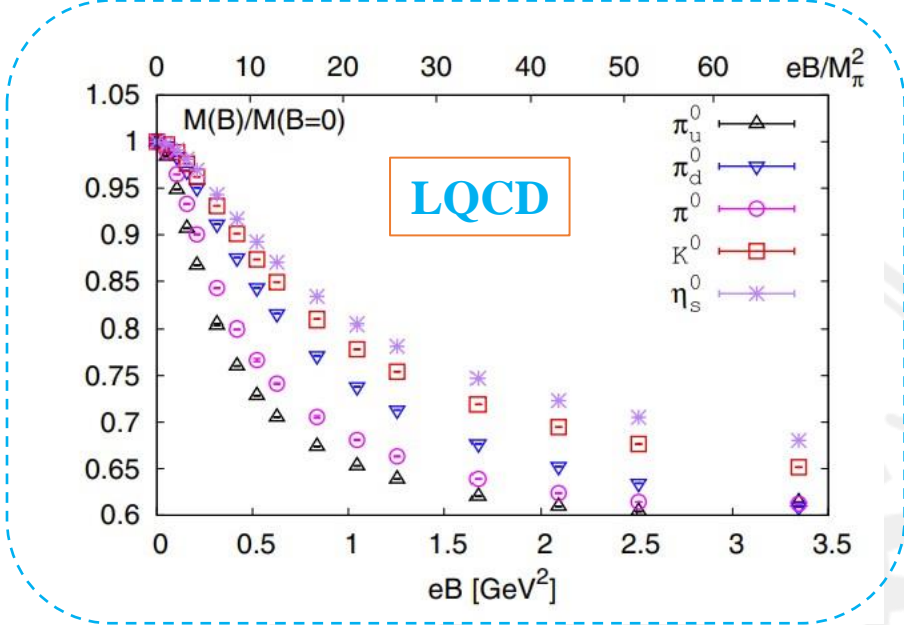
## $\pi_0$ & chiral restoration phase transition



$q$ : order parameter  
 $\pi_0$ : Goldstone mode  
 $\sigma$ : Higgs mode

$\pi_0$  mass decreases with  $eB$ .

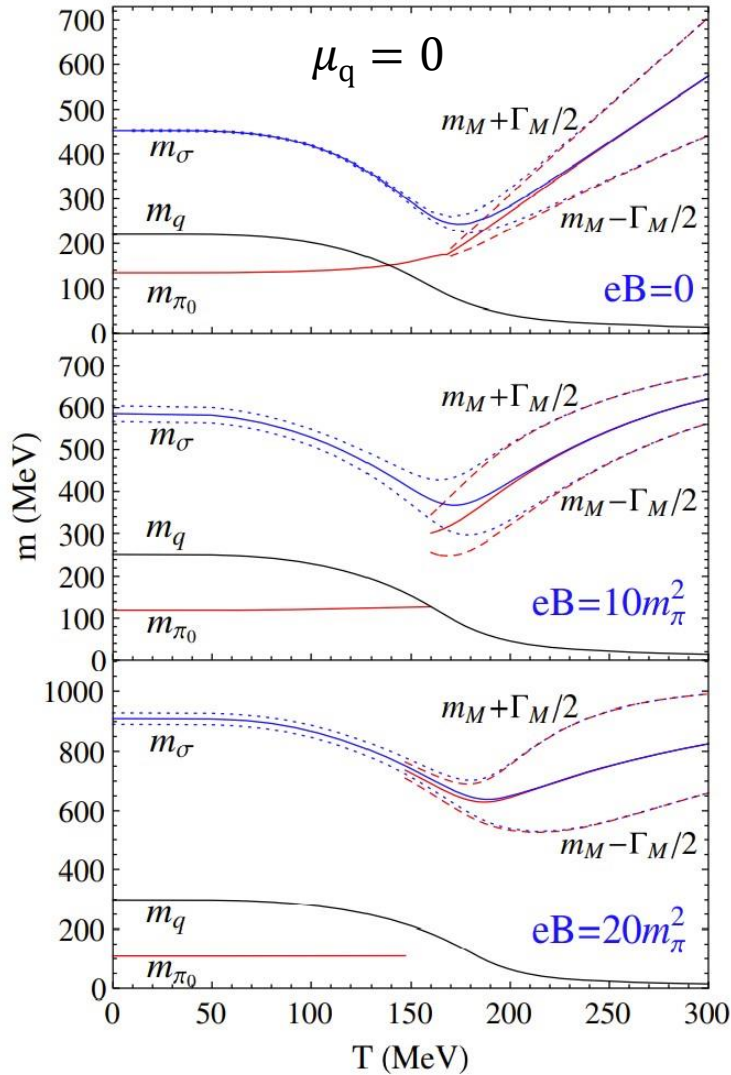
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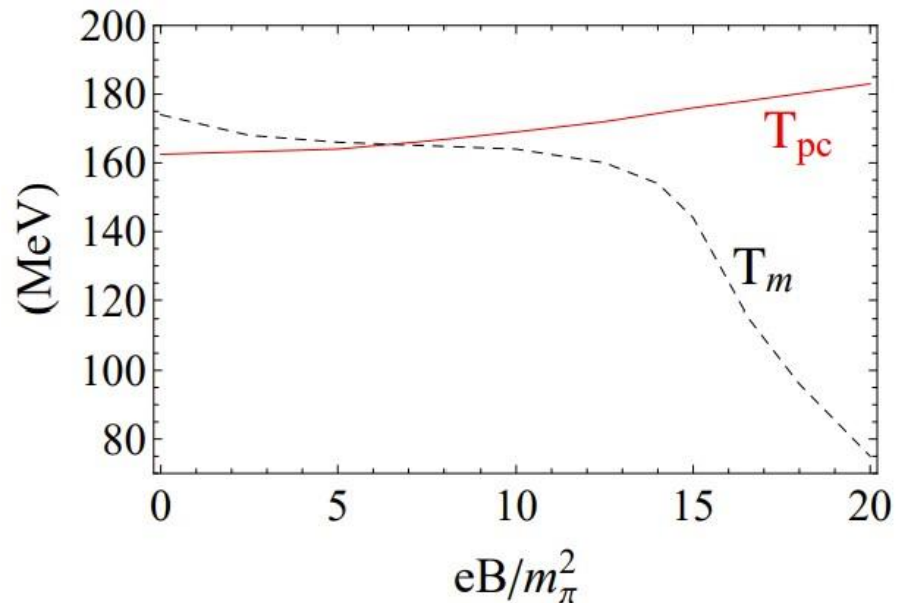
## $\pi_0$ & chiral restoration phase transition



$\pi_0$  mass jump @ eB  
at Mott transition

$$m_\pi = 2m_q \rightarrow T_m$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 m_q}{\partial T^2} = 0 \rightarrow T_{pc}$$



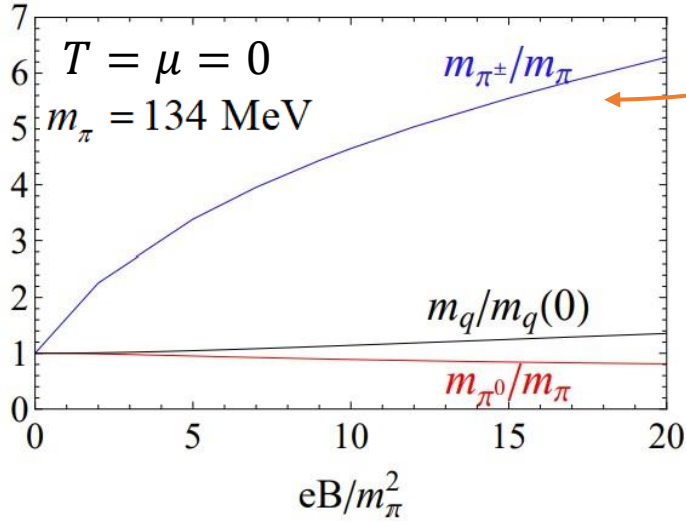


## Charged pion @ eB



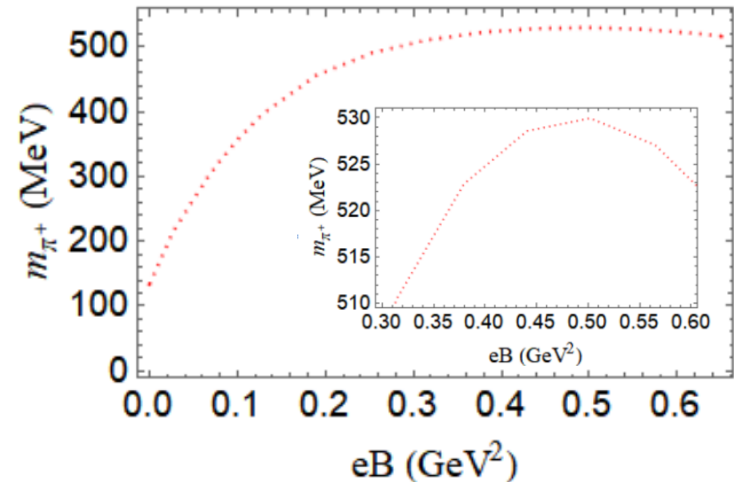
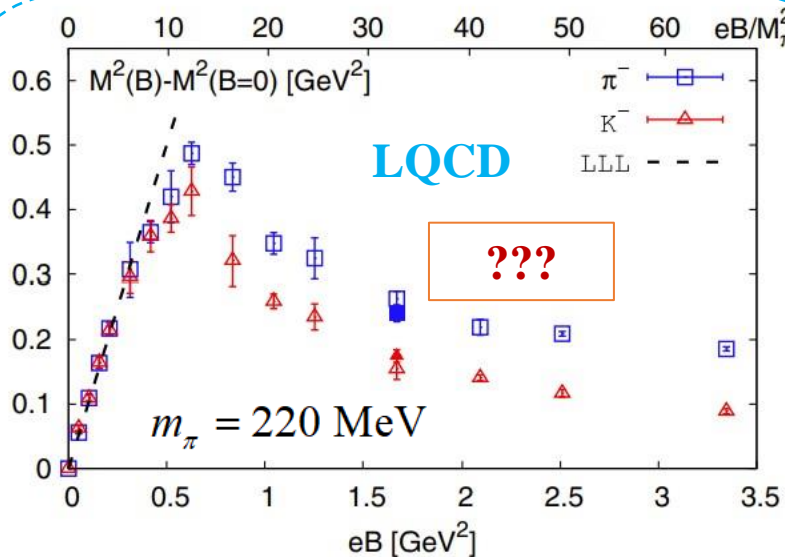
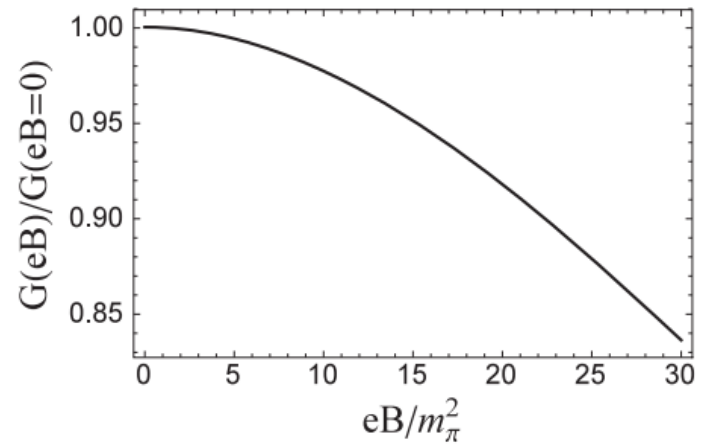
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## $\pi_+$ & pion superfluid phase transition



$\pi_+$  mass increases ( $u\bar{d}$ )

S.J. Mao, PRD99, 056005 (2019)



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## $\pi_+$ & pion superfluid phase transition

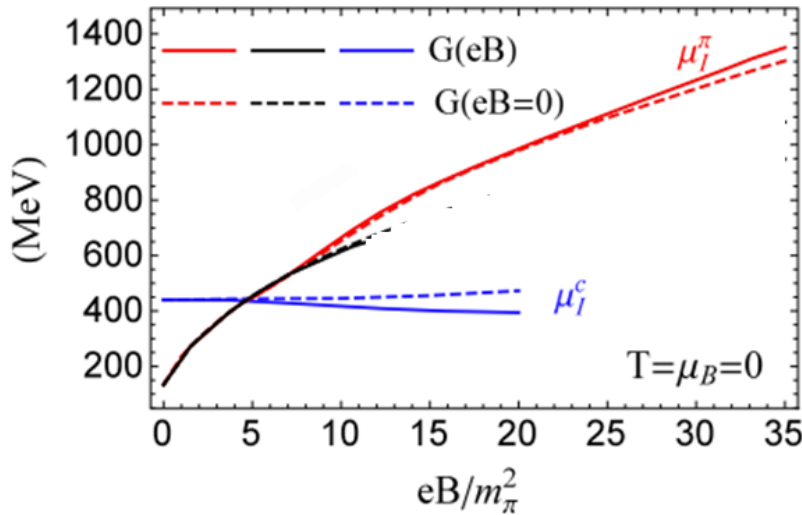


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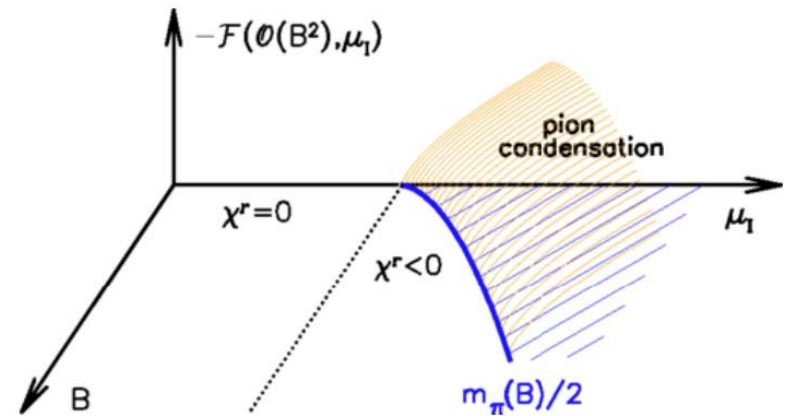
Goldstone's theorem:

$$M_{\pi^+} = 0 \Rightarrow$$

**pion superfluid phase transition**



**LQCD**  
PRD90,094501(2014)



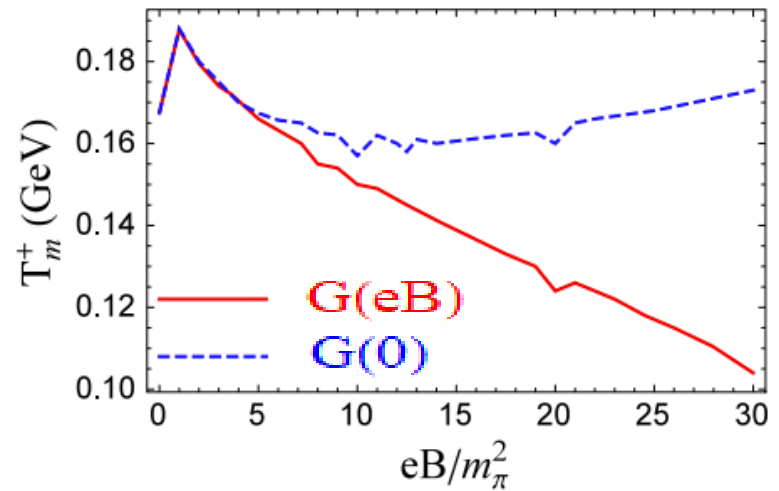
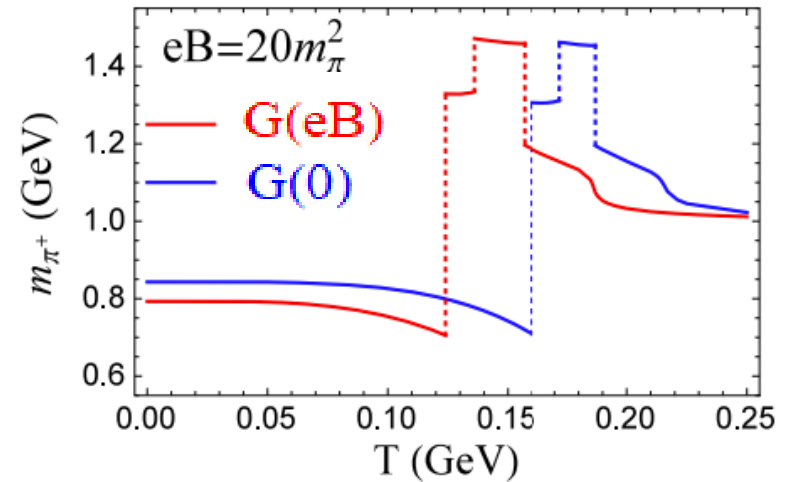
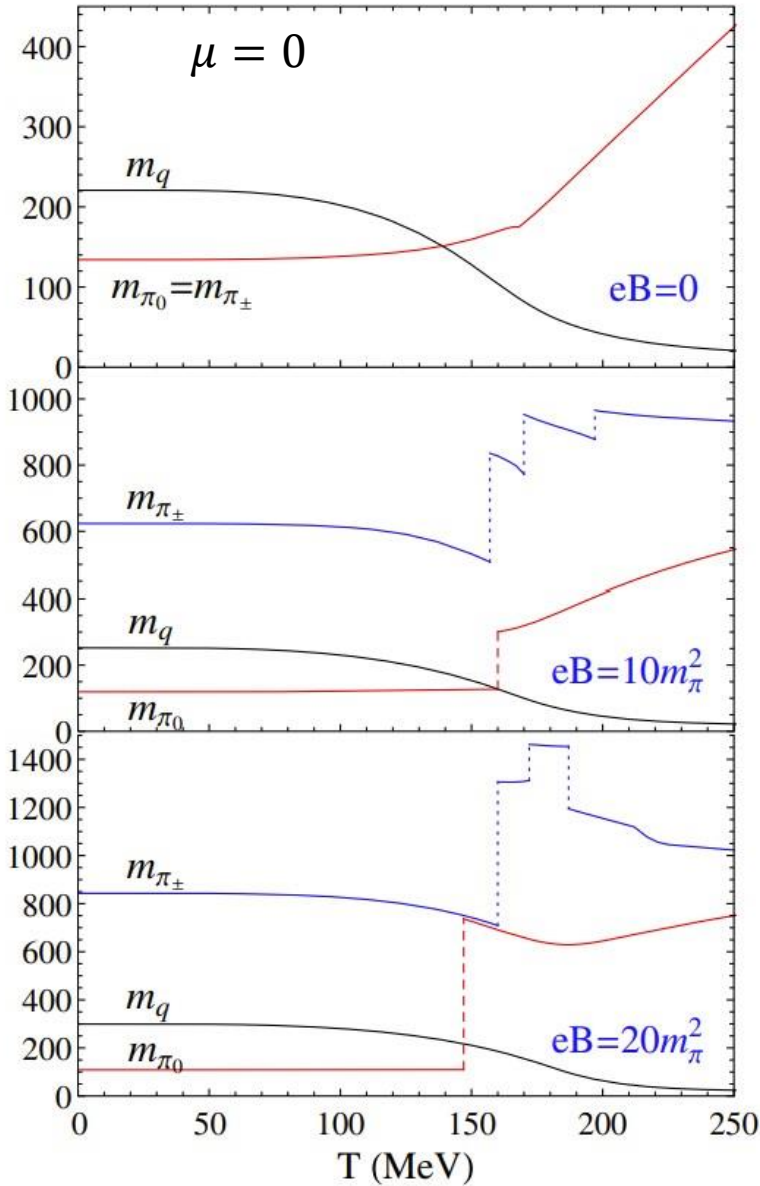
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## $\pi_+$ @ T and eB



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### $\pi_+$ mass jump @ eB at Mott transition





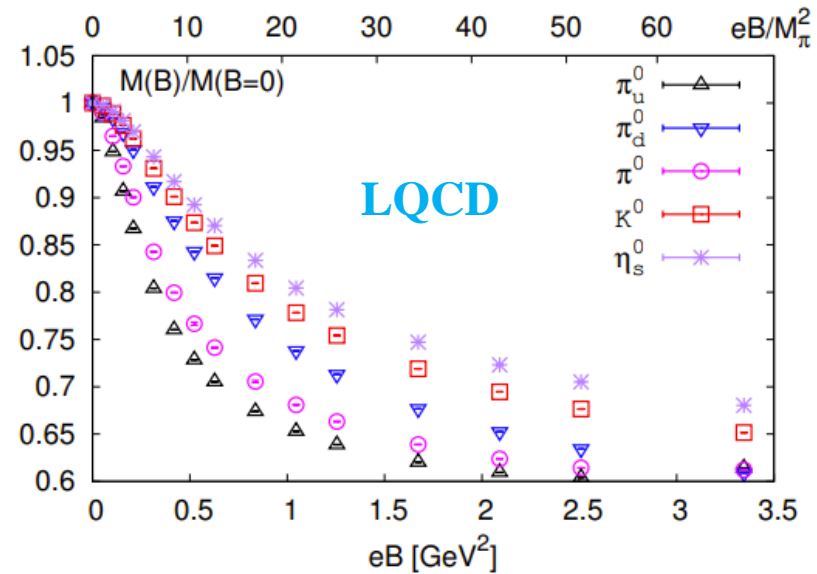
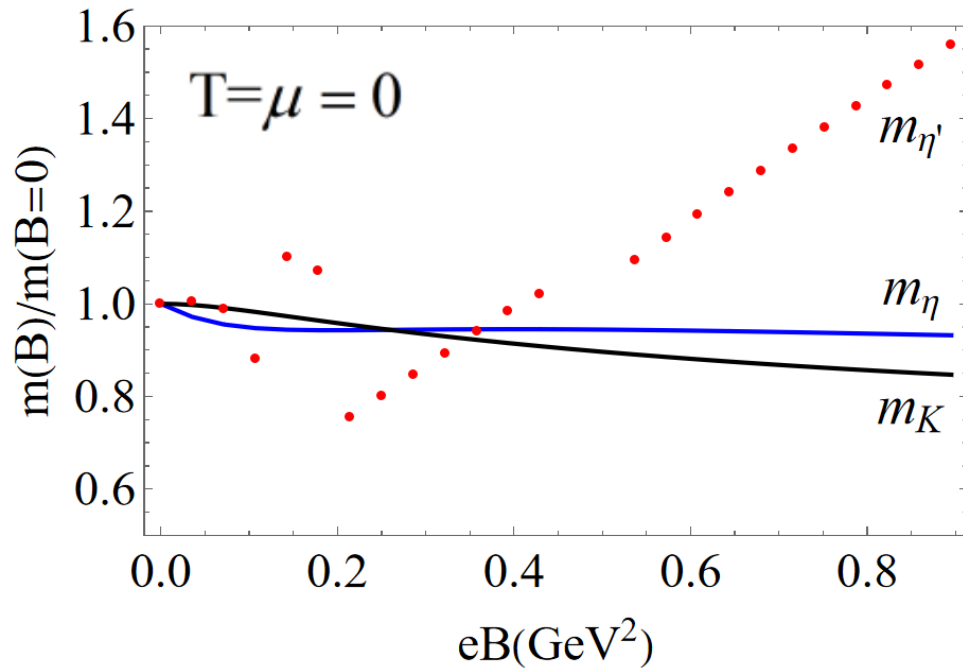
## **Kaon, $\eta$ , $\eta'$ @ $eB$**

three-flavor NJL

**chiral, Kaon superfluid,  $U_A(1)$  phase transitions**



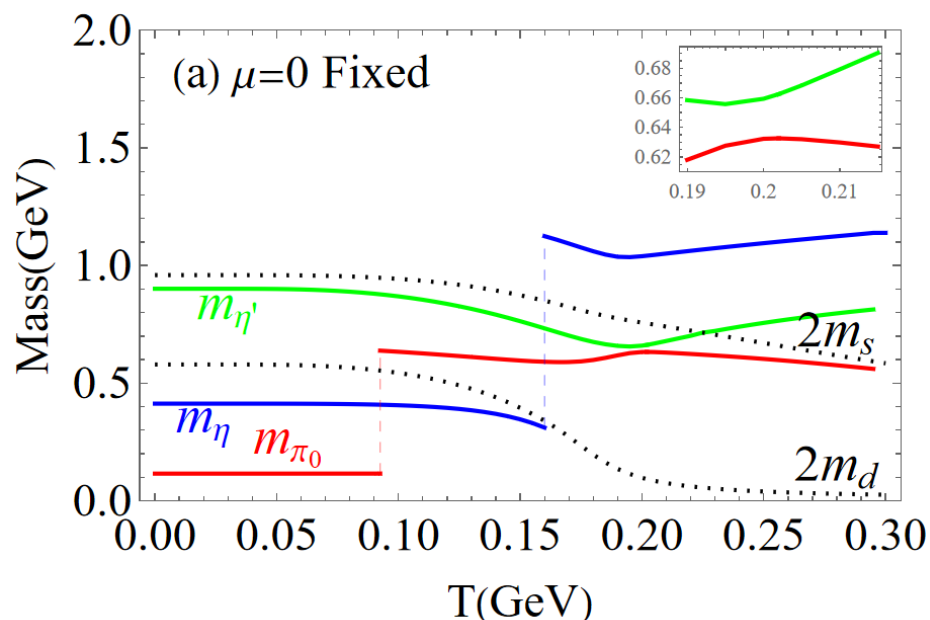
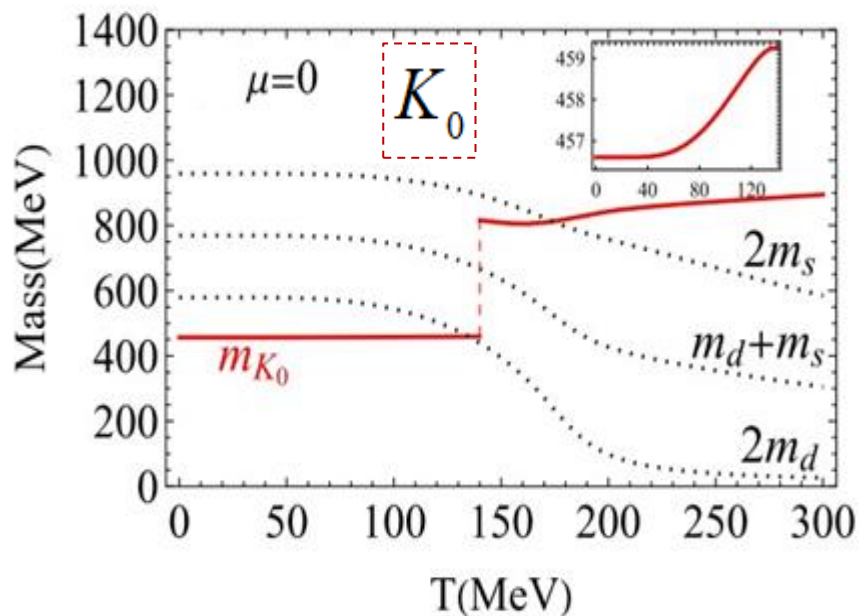




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$$eB = 20m_\pi^2$$



**Mott transition**

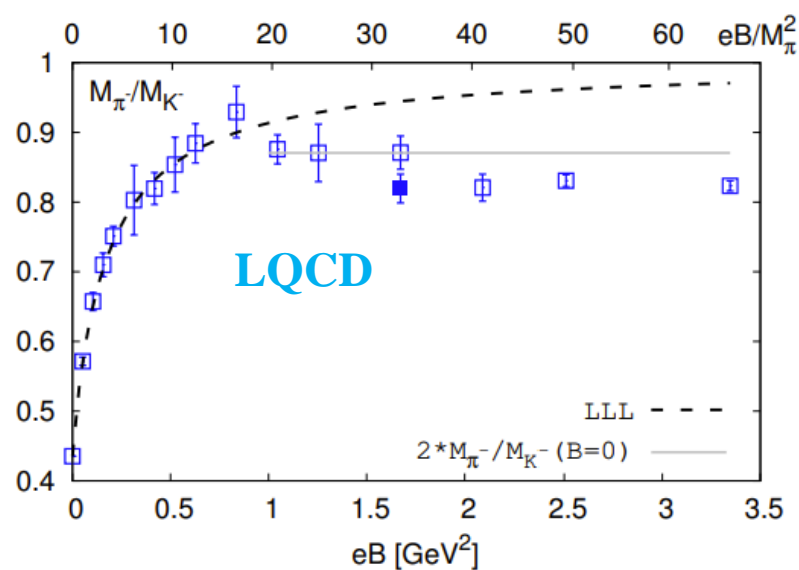
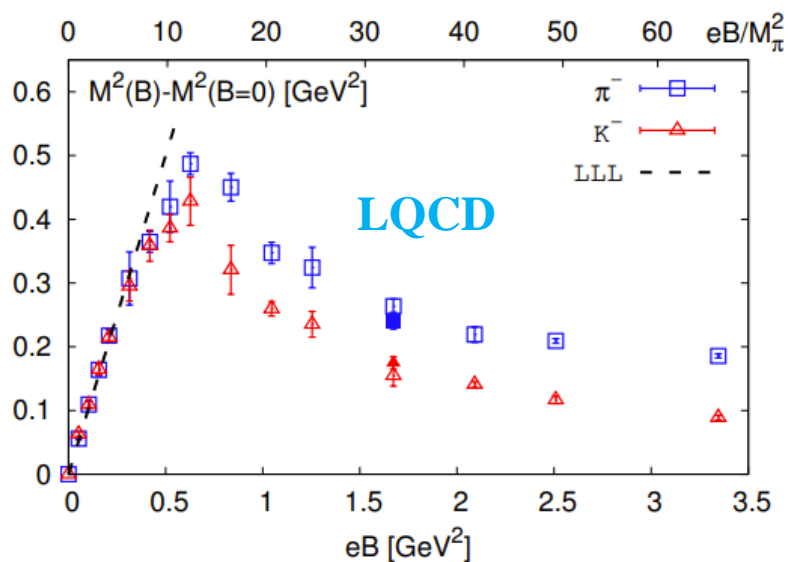
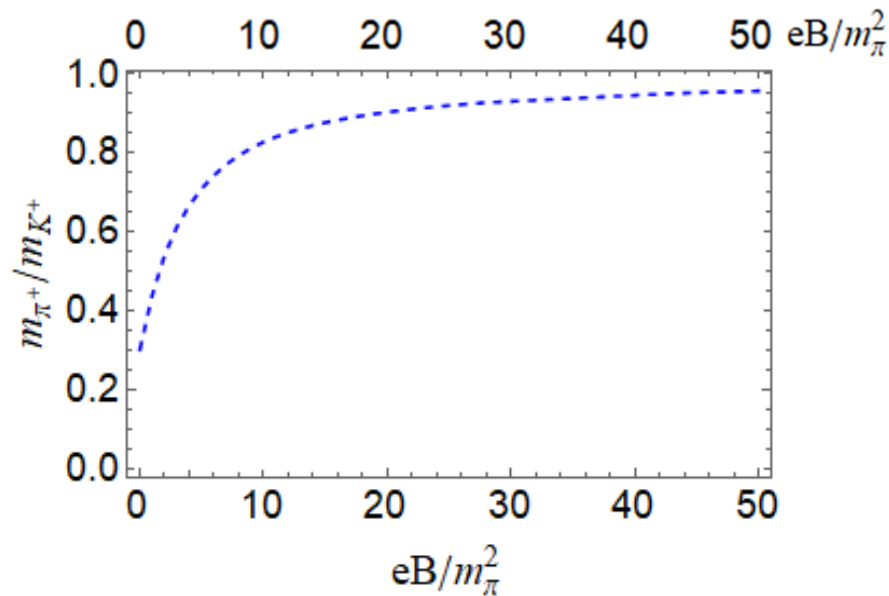
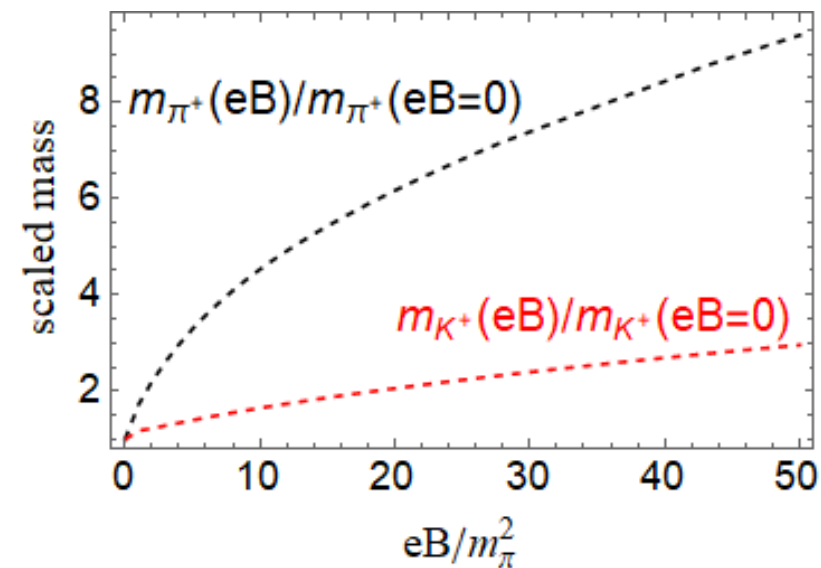
$$m_M = \sum \text{quark mass}$$

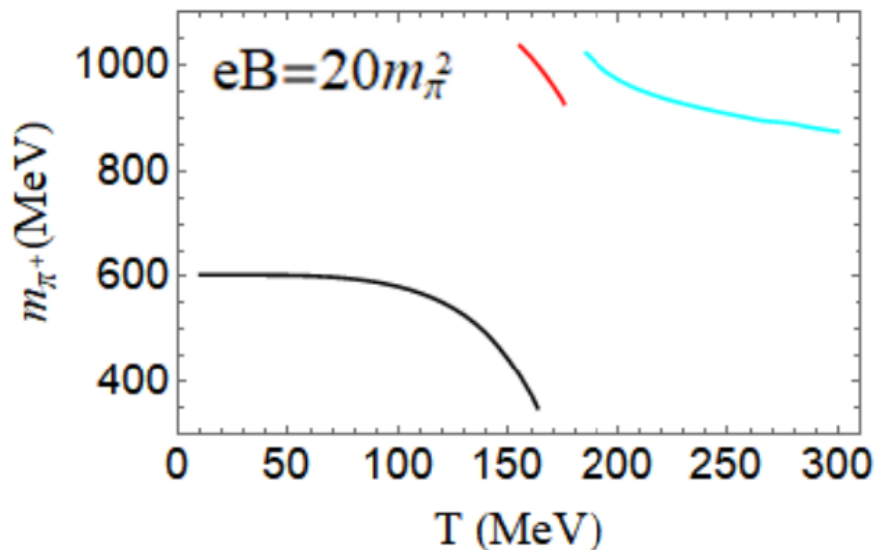
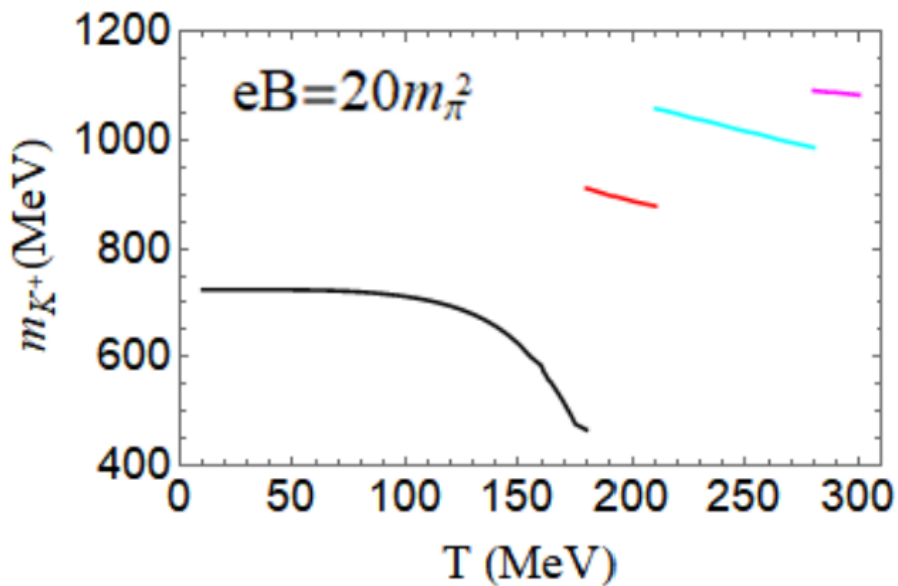
➤ **mass jumps @  $eB_0$ .**

➤ **observable?**

**$U_A(1)$  restoration @  $eB$  under progress**

## 3.3

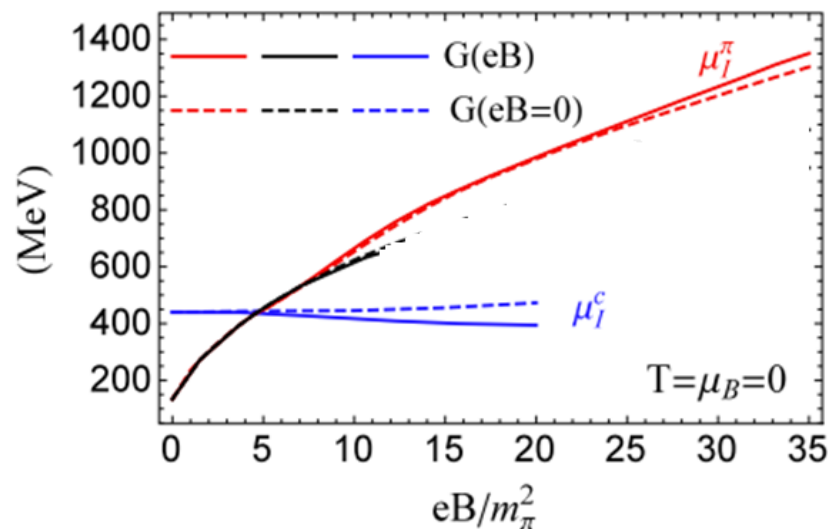
 $K^\pm$  Mass spectra @  $T = \mu = 0$  $G(eB)$ 



$$m_{K^+}(\mu_s = \mu_s^c) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  Kaon superfluid @ eB

**under progress...**





# Summary and outlook



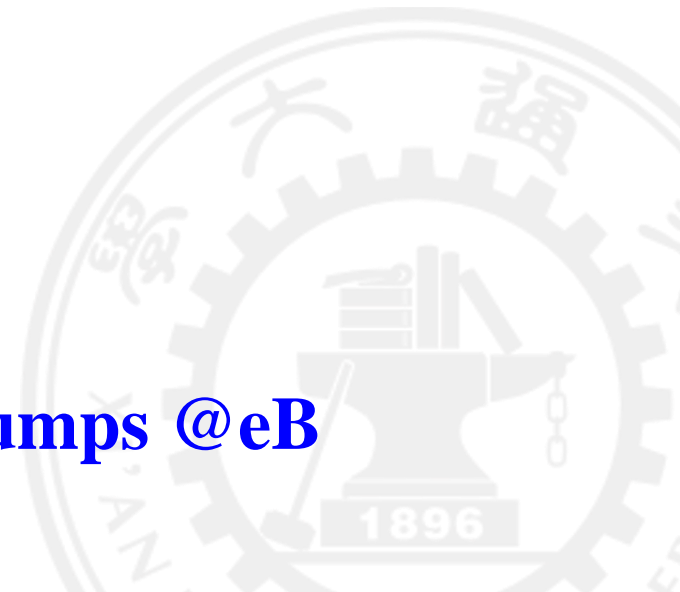
## Summary:

### QCD phase transition @ meson level

- ①  $\pi^0, K^0$  mass jump: chiral restoration
- ② Massless  $\pi^+, K^+$ : pion/Kaon superfluid
- ③  $K, \eta, \eta'$ :  $U_A(1)$  restoration

## Outlook:

- ① Baryon decuplet @ eB
- ② Observables of mass jumps @ eB





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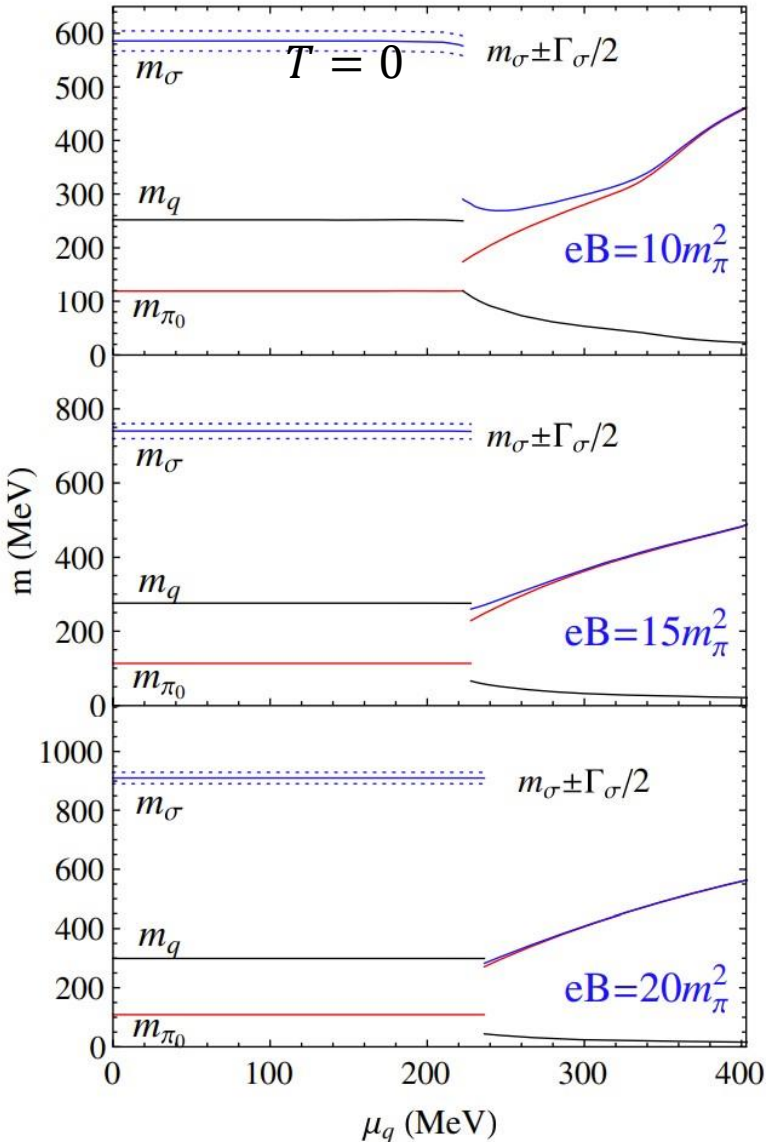
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# 3.1

## $\pi_0$ & chiral restoration phase transition



**Mass jumps with 1<sup>st</sup> chiral restoration phase transition**

**No Mott transition (Pauli blocking)**

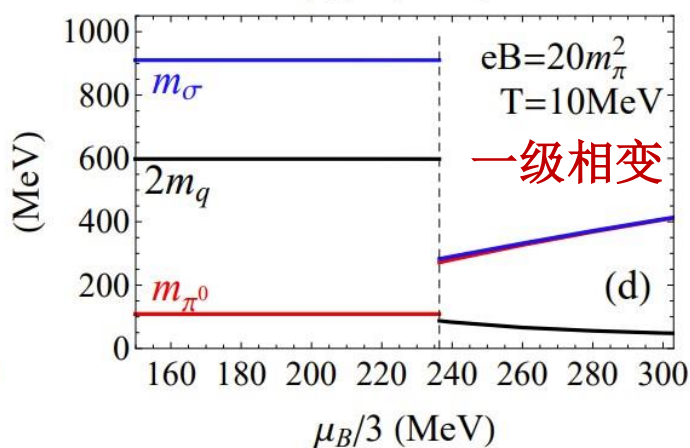
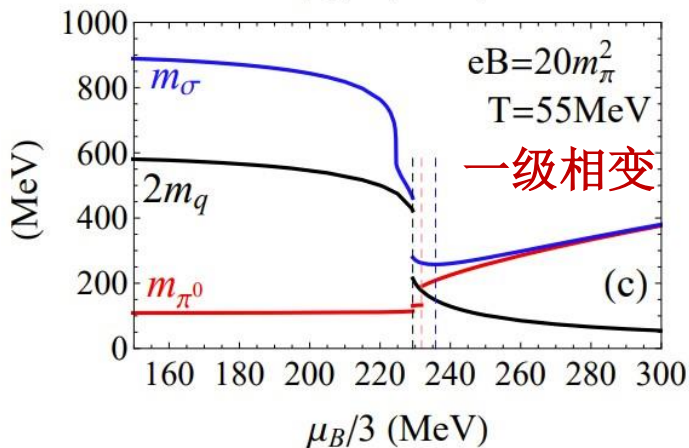
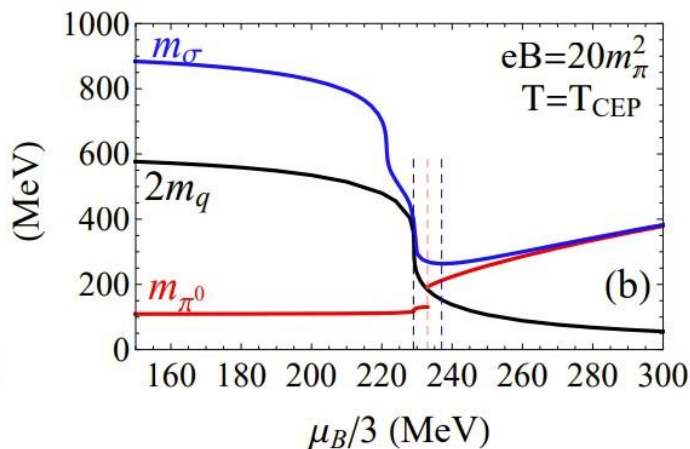
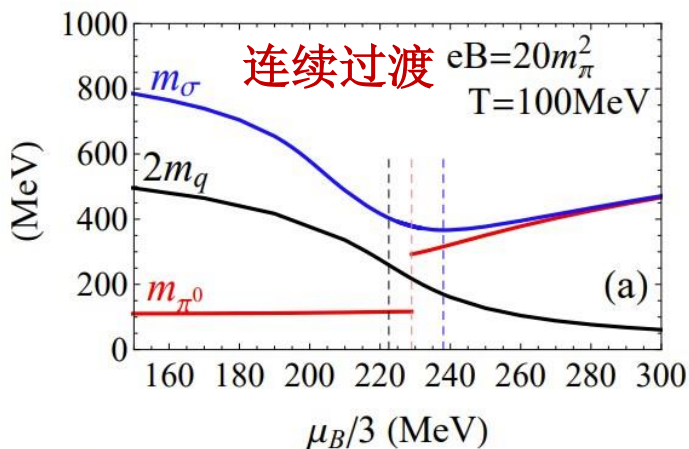
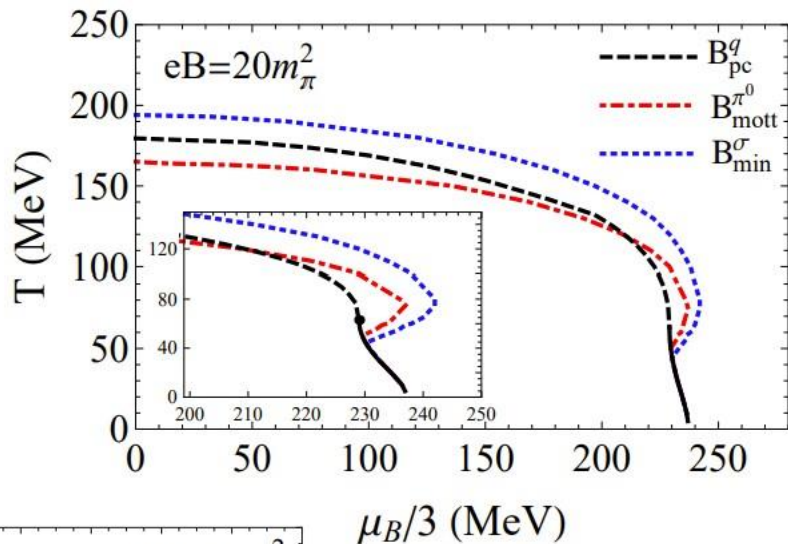
$$m_M > 2m_q \quad \text{and} \quad m_M > 2\mu_q = 2/3\mu_B.$$

# T - $\mu$ 平面

S.J. Mao, et al, Chin. Phys. C (2022) accepted

介子谱多次跳变：  
寻找CEP和手征相边界

相图：

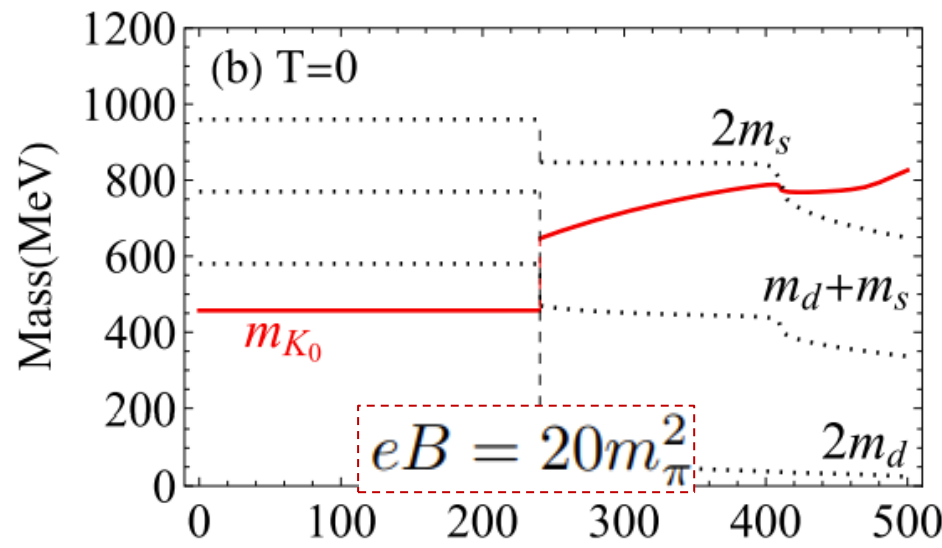
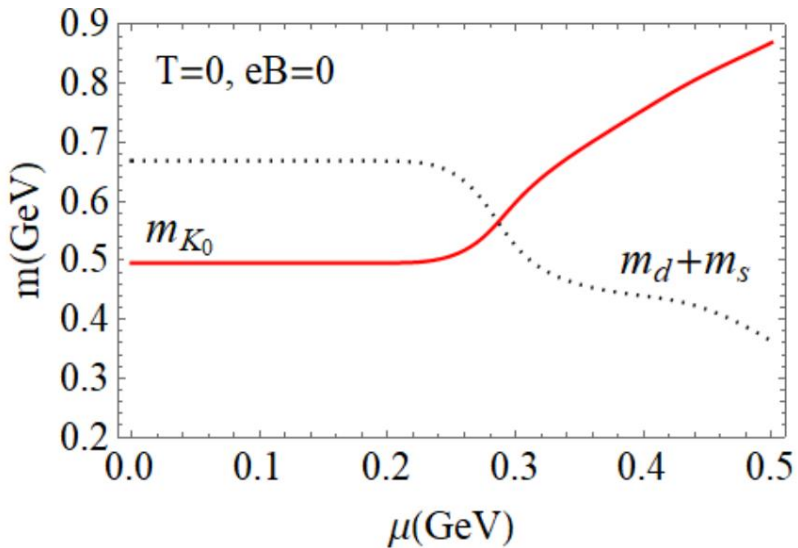




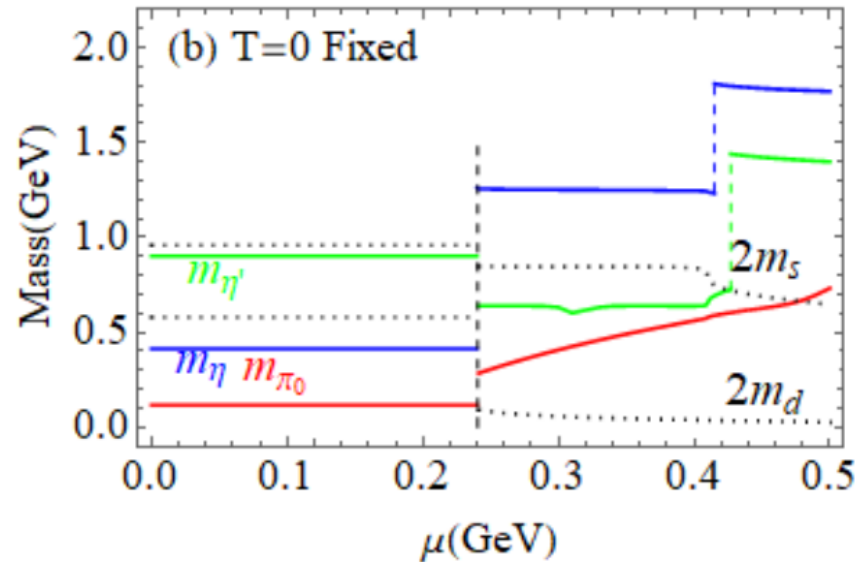
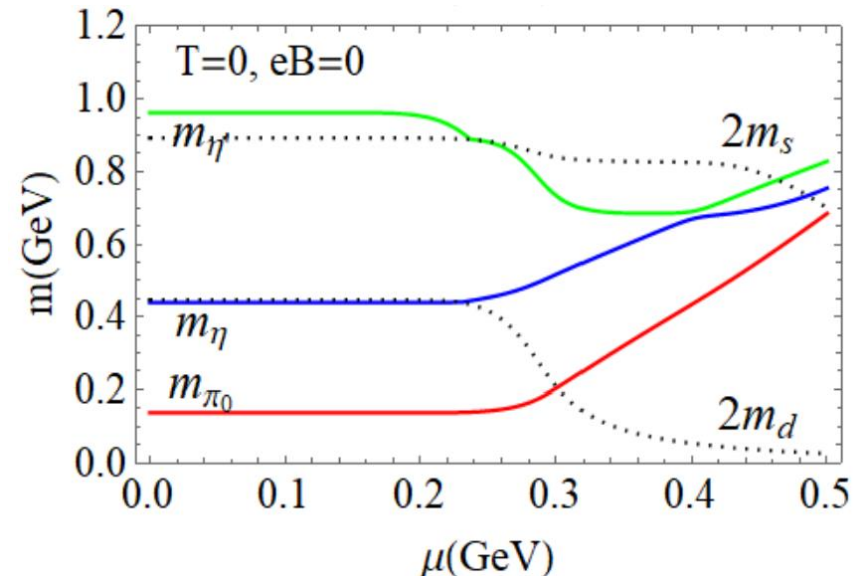
# 3.1 mass spectra @ baryon chemical potential $\mu$



$$eB = 20m_\pi^2$$



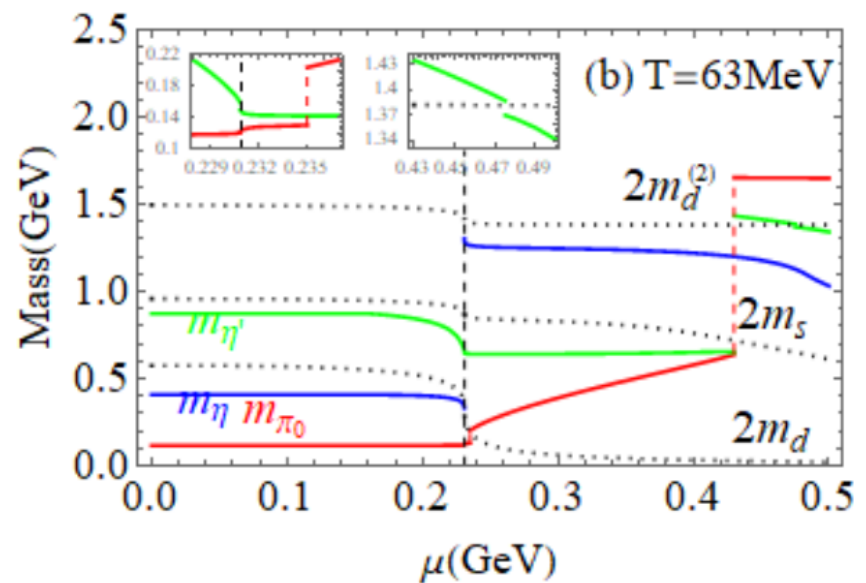
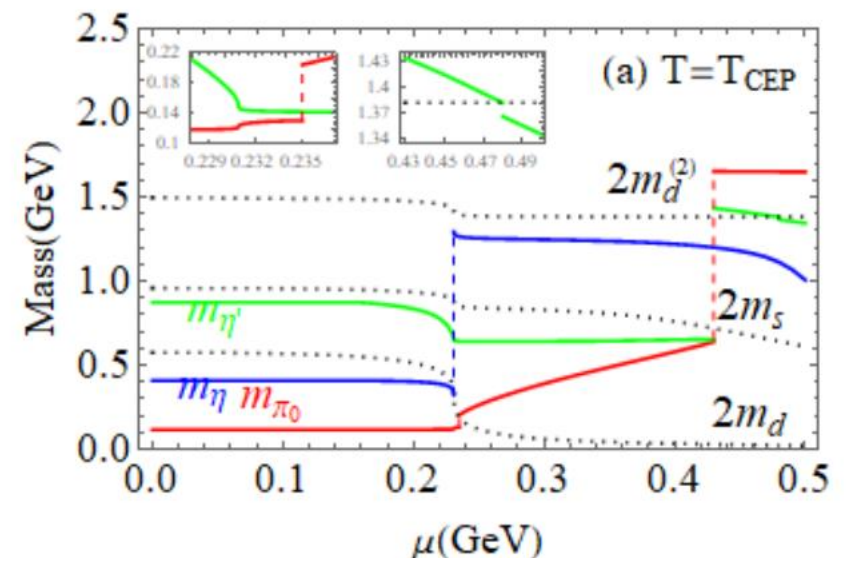
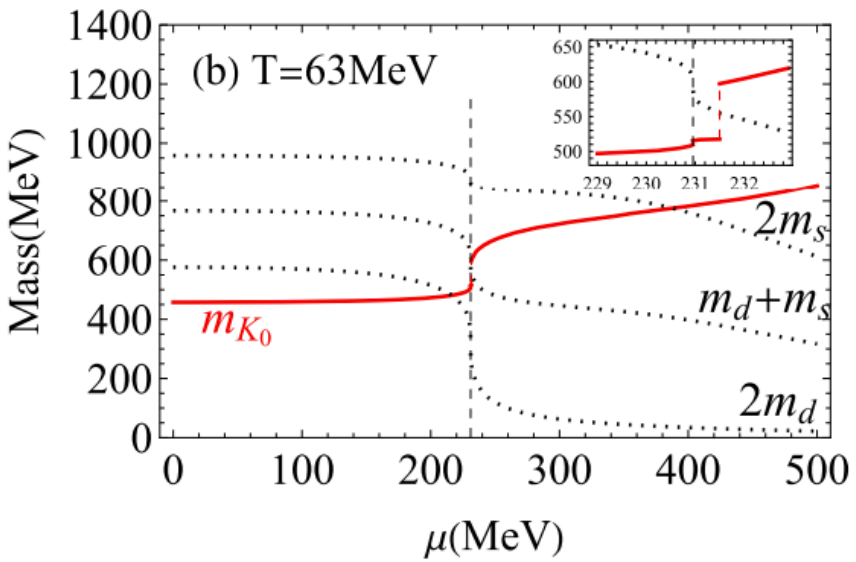
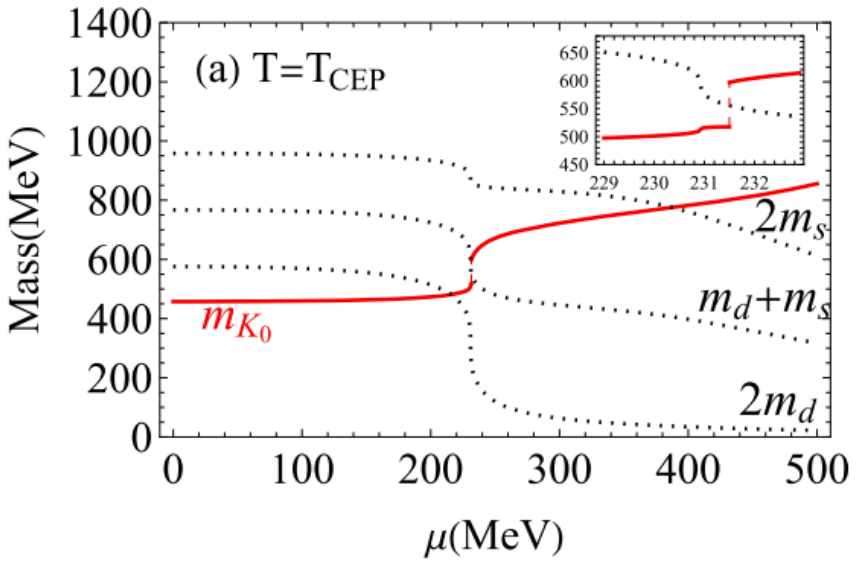
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# 3.1

## mass spectra @CEP

$$eB = 20m_\pi^2$$

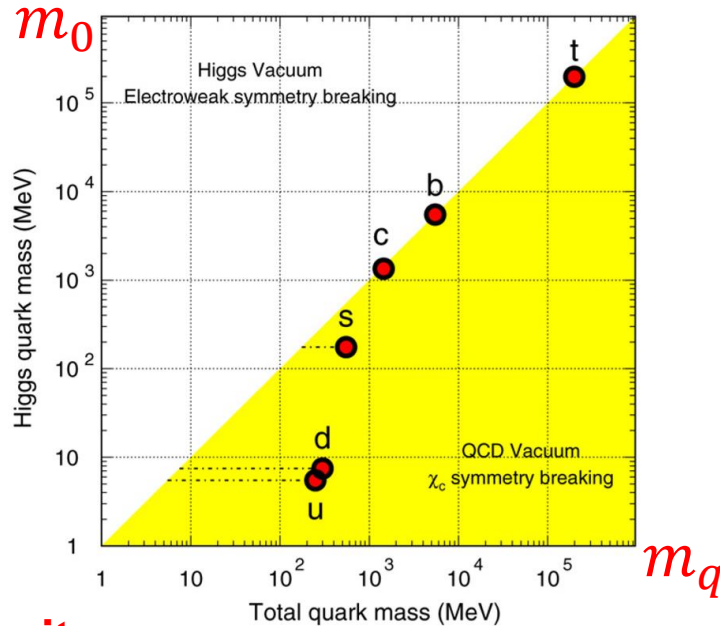




# Chiral symmetry



Light quark (hadron) mass is controlled by chiral symmetry.



- Order parameter: quark mass
- Goldstone modes;

X.Zhu, M.Bleicher, S.Huang, K.Schweda, H.Stoecker, N.Xu, P.Zhuang, PLB647, 366(2007)

● **chiral limit:**

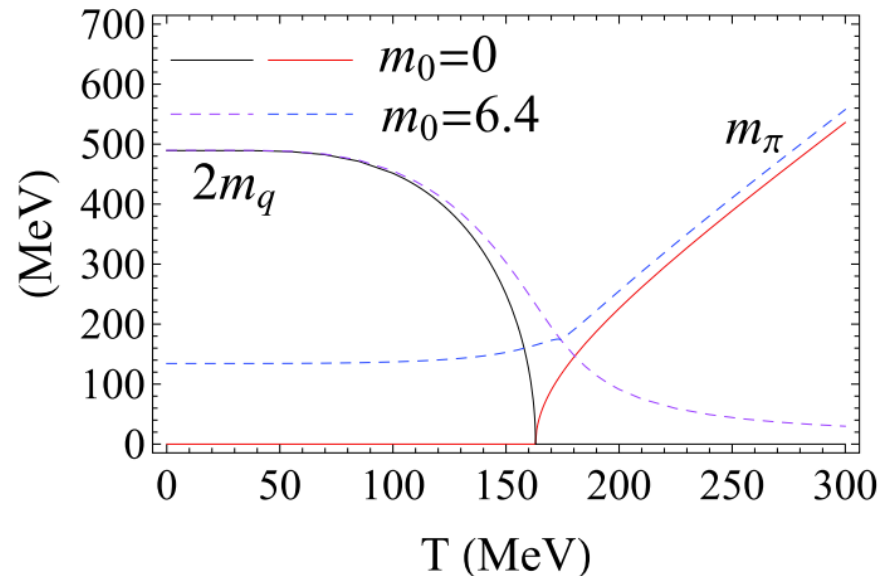
$m_0 = 0 \rightarrow m_\pi = 0$  (Goldstone boson)

chiral phase transition

● **physical case:**

$m_0 \neq 0 \rightarrow m_\pi \neq 0$  (= 134 MeV)  
(pseudo-Goldstone boson)

chiral crossover



## Study QCD phase transitions by mesons

- Spontaneous breaking of symmetries: order parameters
- Goldstone modes: collective modes (hadrons)

