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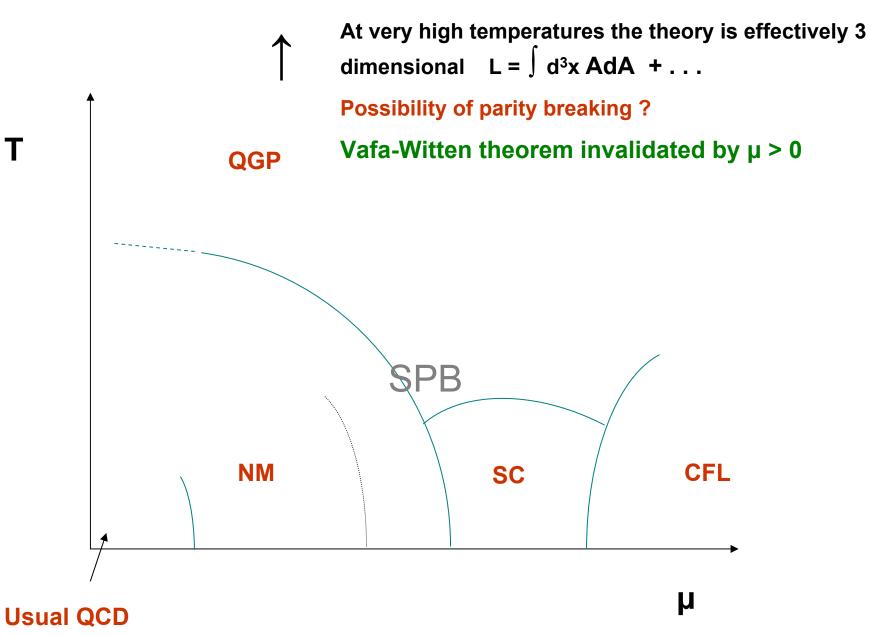
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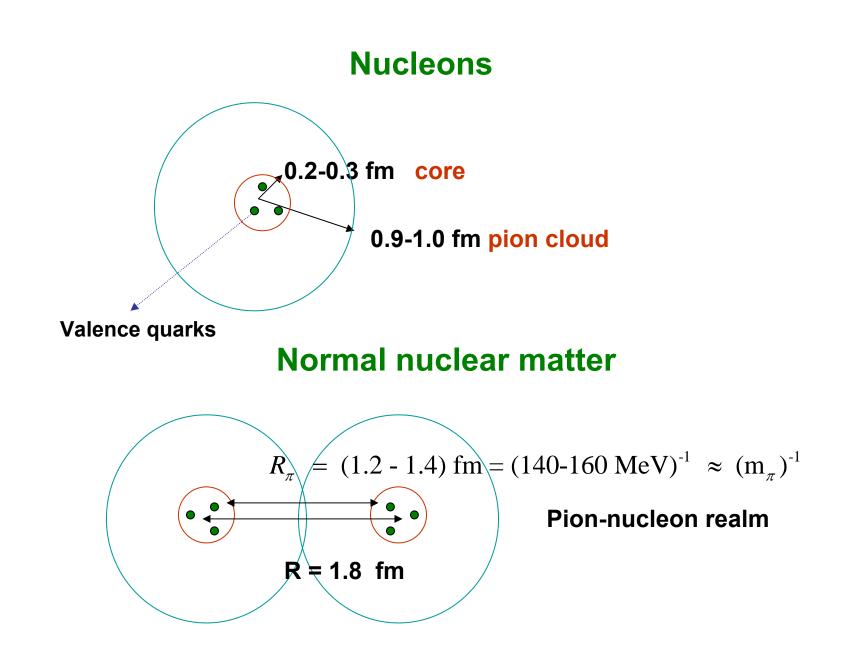
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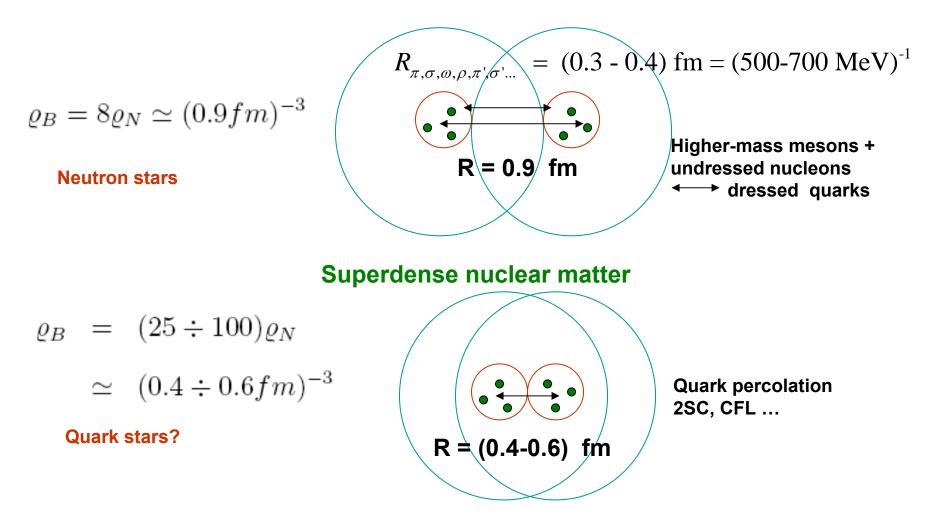
 $ho_{B} \sim (3 - 10)
ho_{N}
ho_{N} \sim 0.17 \ \text{fm}^{-3} = (0.18 \ \text{fm})^{-3}$

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Dense nuclear matter



This picture emerges as a consensus of several models: nuclear potentials, meson-nucleon effective Lagrangians, extended Skyrme models, chiral bag models ... The NJL ones give larger core sizes due to lack of confinement.

A bit of history:

pion condensation in symmetric nuclear matter $\rho_p = \rho_n$

A. Migdal (1971)

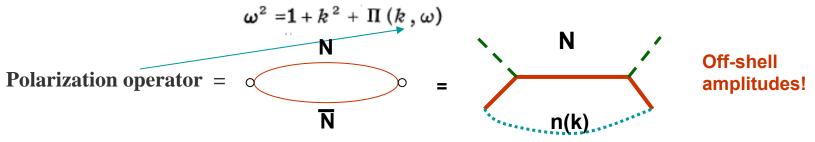
$$\omega^2 = 1 + k^2 - 4\pi nF(k) \quad f = c = m_{\pi} = 1$$

where n is the nucleon density and F(k) is the forward pion-nucleon scattering amplitude which

for both π^+ and π^- mesons, has the sign corresponding to attraction (F > 0), and therefore at sufficientdensity the frequency can vanish, meaning instability of the pion field. However, F(k) is small at small k and instability sets in at $k = k_0$, which corresponds to the minimal value of $k^2 - 4\pi nF(k)$. The instability condition is $\omega^2 = 0$ or

 $1 + k_0^2 = 4\pi nF(k_0)$ In this approach a pion condensate is spatially inhomogeneous!

A more precise calculation includes the particle-hole excitations of the nuclear medium



Polarization operator in detail

$$\Pi^{(1)\pi^{-}}(\omega,k) = -2 \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^{3}p}{(2\pi)^{3}} [D_{\pi^{-}n}(\omega,k)n_{n}(p) + D_{\pi^{-}p}(\omega,k)n_{p}(p)],$$

where D_{π^-n} and D_{π^-p} are the spin-averaged forward scattering amplitudes, $n_n(p)$ and $n_p(p)$ are the occupation functions of the neutrons and the protons respectively,

$$\Pi^{(1)\pi^-}(\omega,k;\rho) = \Pi^{(1)\pi^-}_{N^+} + \Pi^{(1)\pi^-}_{\Delta} + \Pi^{(1)\pi^-}_{D} + \Pi^{(1)\pi^-}_{\sigma} \qquad \text{Off-shell amplitudes from}$$

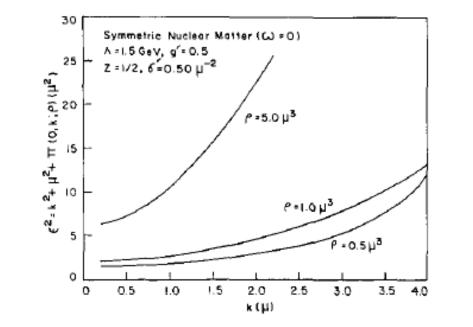
an effective lagrangian

where the subscripts N, Δ , D and σ refer to contributions from nucleon exchange, delta exchange, direct pion-nucleon scattering and the pion-nucleon σ term,

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No pion condensate

Simplest sigma model is not rich enough to provide SPB – only one vacuum condensate that must necessarily align with the (real) fermion condensate to fulfill current algebra



Extended linear sigma model with two multiplets of scalar and pseudoscalar mesons (as close to QCD as possible)

$$H_j = \sigma_j \mathbf{I} + i\hat{\pi}_j, \quad j = 1, 2; \quad H_j H_j^{\dagger} = (\sigma_j^2 + (\pi_j^a)^2) \mathbf{I}, \qquad \hat{\pi}_j \equiv \pi_j^a \tau^a$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Chiral limit} &\longrightarrow SU_L(2) \times SU_R(2) \text{ symmetry} \\ V_{\text{eff}} &= \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left\{ -\sum_{j,k=1}^2 H_j^{\dagger} \Delta_{jk} H_k \\ &+ \lambda_1 (H_1^{\dagger} H_1)^2 + \lambda_2 (H_2^{\dagger} H_2)^2 + \lambda_3 H_1^{\dagger} H_1 H_2^{\dagger} H_2 \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \lambda_4 (H_1^{\dagger} H_2 H_1^{\dagger} H_2 + H_2^{\dagger} H_1 H_2^{\dagger} H_1) + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_5 (H_1^{\dagger} H_2 + H_2^{\dagger} H_1) H_1^{\dagger} H_1 \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \lambda_6 (H_1^{\dagger} H_2 + H_2^{\dagger} H_1) H_2^{\dagger} H_2 \right\} + \mathcal{O}(\frac{|H|^6}{\Lambda^2}), \end{aligned}$$

Chiral expansion in $~1/\Lambda$ in hadron phase of QCD

$$\Lambda \ ; \ 4\pi \ F_{\pi} \ : \ M_{dyn}$$

Chirally symmetric parametrization

$$H_{1}(x) = \sigma_{1}(x)U(x) = \sigma_{1}(x)\xi^{2}(x); \qquad \langle H_{1} \rangle = \langle \sigma_{1} \rangle > 0$$
$$H_{2}(x) = \xi(x)\big(\sigma_{2}(x) + i\hat{\pi}_{2}(x)\big)\xi(x) = \sigma_{2}(x)U(x) + i\xi(x)\hat{\pi}_{2}(x)\xi(x)$$

Effective potential

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{eff}} &= -\sum_{j,k=1}^{2} \sigma_{j} \Delta_{jk} \sigma_{k} - \Delta_{22} (\pi_{2}^{a})^{2} \\ &+ \lambda_{1} \sigma_{1}^{4} + \lambda_{2} \sigma_{2}^{4} + (\lambda_{3} + \lambda_{4}) \sigma_{1}^{2} \sigma_{2}^{2} + \lambda_{5} \sigma_{1}^{3} \sigma_{2} + \lambda_{6} \sigma_{1} \sigma_{2}^{3} \\ &+ (\pi_{2}^{a})^{2} \Big((\lambda_{3} - \lambda_{4}) \sigma_{1}^{2} + \lambda_{6} \sigma_{1} \sigma_{2} + 2\lambda_{2} \sigma_{2}^{2} \Big) + \lambda_{2} \Big((\pi_{2}^{a})^{2} \Big)^{2} \end{aligned}$$

Minimal nontrivial choice admitting SPB

 $\lambda_5=\lambda_6=0 \implies \Delta_{12}=0$ from consistency

Such an effective potential is symmetric under $\,Z_{2}\,\times\,Z_{2}$

$$H_1 \rightarrow -H_1$$
 or $H_2 \rightarrow -H_2$

Vacuum state

Neutral pseudoscalar condensate breaking P-parity? $\pi_2^a = \delta^{a0} \rho$ No in QCD at zero quark density (Vafa-Witten theorem) $\rho = 0$

Gap equations

$$\begin{split} 2(\Delta_{11}\sigma_1 + \Delta_{12}\sigma_2) &= 4\lambda_1\sigma_1^3 + 3\lambda_5\sigma_1^2\sigma_2 + 2(\lambda_3 + \lambda_4)\sigma_1\sigma_2^2 + \lambda_6\sigma_2^3 \\ &+ \rho^2 \Big(2(\lambda_3 - \lambda_4)\sigma_1 + \lambda_6\sigma_2 \Big), \\ 2(\Delta_{12}\sigma_1 + \Delta_{22}\sigma_2) &= \lambda_5\sigma_1^3 + 2(\lambda_3 + \lambda_4)\sigma_1^2\sigma_2 + 3\lambda_6\sigma_1\sigma_2^2 + 4\lambda_2\sigma_2^3 \\ &+ \rho^2 \Big(\lambda_6\sigma_1 + 4\lambda_2\sigma_2 \Big), \\ 0 &= 2\pi_2^a \Big(-\Delta_{22} + (\lambda_3 - \lambda_4)\sigma_1^2 + \lambda_6\sigma_1\sigma_2 + 2\lambda_2\sigma_2^2 + 2\lambda_2\rho^2 \Big) \\ \\ \\ \begin{array}{r} \text{Sufficient condition to avoid P-parity breaking} \\ \text{in normal QCD vacuum (} \mu = 0) \\ \hline (\lambda_3 - \lambda_4)\sigma_1^2 + \lambda_6\sigma_1\sigma_2 + 2\lambda_2\sigma_2^2 > \Delta_{22} \\ \end{array} \end{split}$$

Second variation for $\rho = 0$

$$\frac{1}{2}V_{11}^{(2)} = -\Delta_{11} + 6\lambda_1\sigma_1^2 + 3\lambda_5\sigma_1\sigma_2 + (\lambda_3 + \lambda_4)\sigma_2^2,$$

$$V_{12}^{(2)} = -2\Delta_{12} + 3\lambda_5\sigma_1^2 + 4(\lambda_3 + \lambda_4)\sigma_1\sigma_2 + 3\lambda_6\sigma_2^2,$$

$$\frac{1}{2}V_{22}^{(2)} = -\Delta_{22} + (\lambda_3 + \lambda_4)\sigma_1^2 + 3\lambda_6\sigma_1\sigma_2 + 6\lambda_2\sigma_2^2,$$

$$\frac{1}{2}V_{ab}^{(2)\pi} = \delta_{ab} \left(-\Delta_{22} + (\lambda_3 - \lambda_4)\sigma_1^2 + \lambda_6\sigma_1\sigma_2 + 2\lambda_2\sigma_2^2 \right) > 0$$
Mass of π_2 if $\rho = 0 \rightarrow$
necessary condition
$$(\lambda_3 - \lambda_4)\sigma_1^2 + \lambda_6\sigma_1\sigma_2 + 2\lambda_2\sigma_2^2 > \Delta_{22}$$

Necessary condition to have a minimum for non-zero v.e.v. (CSB)

 $\operatorname{Det}\Delta > 0, \ \operatorname{tr} \{\Delta\} > 0$ or $\operatorname{Det}\Delta < 0$

Sufficient conditions for non-trivial CSB minimum

$$\operatorname{tr}\left\{\hat{V}^{(2)}\right\} > 0 \qquad \operatorname{Det}\hat{V}^{(2)} > 0$$

Where are the baryons ?

Embedding a chemical potential $\int dx \ \mu \left(\ \overline{q} \gamma_0 q(x) - \rho_B \right)$

Local coupling to quarks

$$\mathcal{L}_{int} = -(\bar{q}_R H_1 q_L + \bar{q}_L H_1^{\dagger} q_R)$$

Superposition of physical meson states (quark matter=nuclear matter)

From a quark model

$$\Delta V_{\text{eff}}(\mu) = \frac{\mathcal{N}}{2} \Theta(\mu - |H_1|) \left[\mu |H_1|^2 \sqrt{\mu^2 - |H_1|^2} - \frac{2\mu}{3} (\mu^2 - |H_1|^2)^{3/2} - |H_1|^2 \frac{\mathcal{N}}{4\pi^2} \right] \\ |H_1|^4 \ln \frac{\mu + \sqrt{\mu^2 - |H_1|^2}}{|H_1|} \left[\left(1 + O\left(\frac{\mu^2}{\Lambda^2}\right) \right) \right]$$

Density and Fermi momentum

$$\varrho_B = -\frac{1}{3} \partial_\mu \Delta V_{\text{eff}}(\mu) = \frac{N_c N_f}{9\pi^2} p_F^3 = \frac{N_c N_f}{9\pi^2} (\mu^2 - |\langle H_1 \rangle|^2)^{3/2}$$

The calculation can be easily extended to finite T

$$\Delta V_{eff}(\mu) \longrightarrow \Delta V_{eff}(T, \mu)$$

How dense matter modifies the minimum of the effective potential

Only the first equation for stationary points is modified

$$2(\Delta_{11}\sigma_1 + \Delta_{12}\sigma_2) = 4\lambda_1\sigma_1^3 + 3\lambda_5\sigma_1^2\sigma_2 + 2(\lambda_3 + \lambda_4)\sigma_1\sigma_2^2 + \lambda_6\sigma_2^3 + \rho^2 \Big(2(\lambda_3 - \lambda_4)\sigma_1 + \lambda_6\sigma_2\Big) + 2\mathcal{N}\Theta(\mu - \sigma_1) \left[\mu\sigma_1\sqrt{\mu^2 - \sigma_1^2} - \sigma_1^3\ln\frac{\mu + \sqrt{\mu^2 - \sigma_1^2}}{\sigma_1}\right]$$

Second variation matrix depends on $\,\mu$ only through its first element

$$\frac{1}{2}V_{11}^{(2)\sigma} = -\Delta_{11} + 6\lambda_1\sigma_1^2 + 3\lambda_5\sigma_1\sigma_2 + (\lambda_3 + \lambda_4)\sigma_2^2 + (\lambda_3 - \lambda_4)\rho^2 + \mathcal{N}\Theta(\mu - \sigma_1) \left[\mu\sqrt{\mu^2 - \sigma_1^2} - 3\sigma_1^2\ln\frac{\mu + \sqrt{\mu^2 - \sigma_1^2}}{\sigma_1}\right]$$

Extension to hot and dense matter

one quark loop no thermal loops for mesons (OK in large N-limit)

Necessary condition to approach to P-breaking phase

$$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Recall} \qquad (\lambda_{3} - \lambda_{4})\sigma_{1}^{2} + \lambda_{6}\sigma_{1}\sigma_{2} + 2\lambda_{2}\sigma_{2}^{2} > \Delta_{22} \\ \downarrow \\ \partial_{\mu} \Big[(\lambda_{3} - \lambda_{4})\sigma_{1}^{2} + \lambda_{6}\sigma_{1}\sigma_{2} + 2\lambda_{2}\sigma_{2}^{2} \Big] < 0 \\ \textbf{Above a critical point} \quad \mu > \mu_{crit} \quad \text{we expect} \\ \hline (\lambda_{3} - \lambda_{4})\sigma_{1}^{2} + \lambda_{6}\sigma_{1}\sigma_{2} + 2\lambda_{2} \Big(\sigma_{2}^{2} + \rho^{2} \Big) = \Delta_{22} \end{array}$$

From eqs. for extremum. . . .

$$\lambda_5 \sigma_1^2 + 4\lambda_4 \sigma_1 \sigma_2 + \lambda_6 \left(\sigma_2^2 + \rho^2\right) = 2\Delta_{12}$$

The two v.e.v. are rigidly fixed in the SPB phase

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If $\lambda_2 = 0$ and/or $\lambda_6 = 0$ these equations completely fix σ_1 and σ_2 Otherwise, for $\lambda_2 \lambda_6 \neq 0$ we get a relation between the v.e.v.

$$\sigma_2 = A\sigma_1 + \frac{B}{\sigma_1} \qquad A \equiv \frac{2\lambda_5\lambda_2 + \lambda_6(\lambda_4 - \lambda_3)}{\lambda_6^2 - 8\lambda_2\lambda_4} \qquad B \equiv \frac{\lambda_6\Delta_{22} - 4\lambda_2\Delta_{12}}{\lambda_6^2 - 8\lambda_2\lambda_4}$$

All these relations do not depend on the parity breaking v.e.v. ρ and on μ 15

Critical points μ_c where $\rho(\mu_c) = 0$

$$(4\lambda_2\Delta_{12} - \lambda_6\Delta_{22})r^2 + (2\lambda_6\Delta_{12} - 4\lambda_4\Delta_{22})r + 2(\lambda_3 - \lambda_4)\Delta_{12} - \lambda_5\Delta_{22} = 0$$

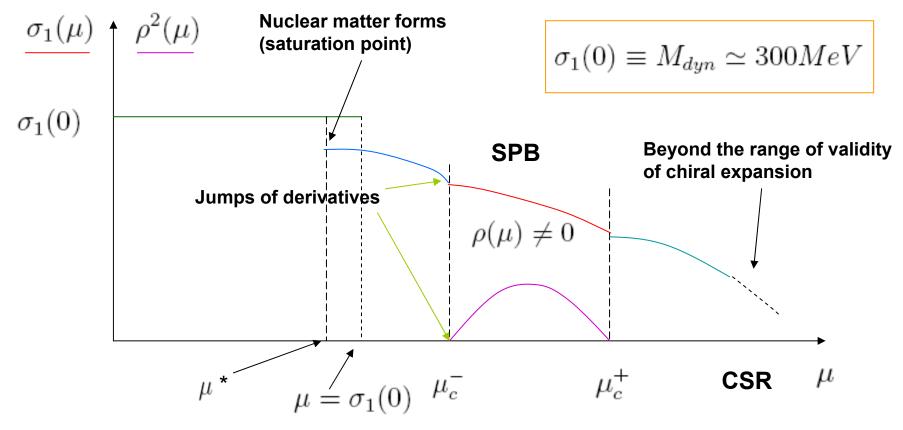
with
$$r \equiv \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1}$$

There are in general two solutions $\mu_c^- < \mu_c^+$

But for $4\lambda_2\Delta_{12} = \lambda_6\Delta_{22}$ only one solution exits and P-breaking phase

may be left in the high μ regime via 1st order phase transition, possibly beyond the range of validity of our effective theory

Spontaneous P-parity breaking (2nd order phase transition)



With increasing μ one enters SPB phase and leaves it before (?) encountering any new phase (CSR, CFL ...)

Could a 1st order phase transition also exist?

However...

This model is not realistic from the point of view of nuclear physics.

In order to get stable nuclear matter and describe the saturation point one has to modify slightly the model.

The modification requires the introduction of the iso-singlet ω , whose zeroth component ω^0 acquires a v.e.v and interacts with the chemical potential μ .

This has no further consequences for the rest of the discussion.

This model has no problems with 'chiral collapse'

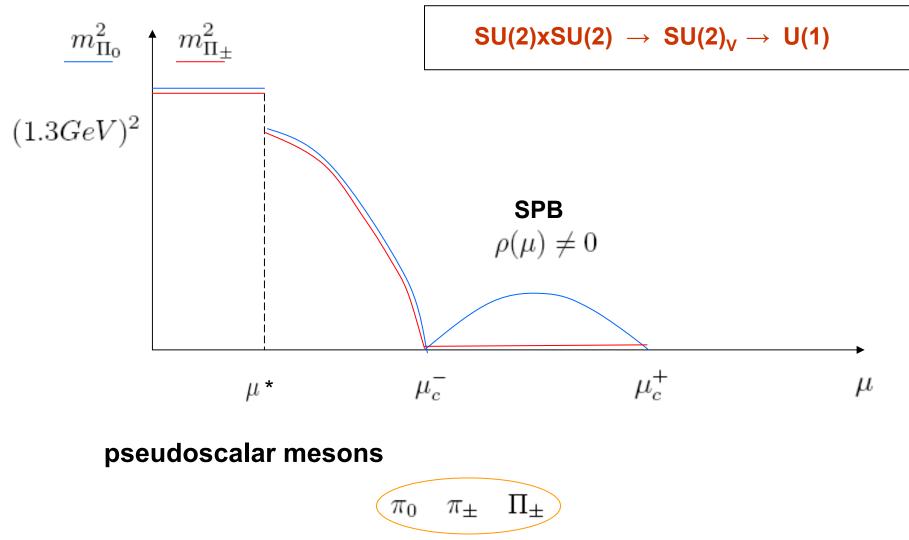
Meson spectrum in SPB phase

Neutral pi-prime condensate breaks vector SU(2) to U(1) and two charged pi-prime mesons become massless

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}V_{11}^{(2)\sigma} &= 4\lambda_{1}\sigma_{1}^{2} + 2\lambda_{5}\sigma_{1}\sigma_{2} + 2\lambda_{4}\sigma_{2}^{2} - 2\mathcal{N}\sigma_{1}^{2}\ln\frac{\mu + \sqrt{\mu^{2} - \sigma_{1}^{2}}}{\sigma_{1}} \\ V_{12}^{(2)\sigma} &= 2\lambda_{5}\sigma_{1}^{2} + 4\lambda_{3}\sigma_{1}\sigma_{2} + 2\lambda_{6}\sigma_{2}^{2} \\ \frac{1}{2}V_{22}^{(2)\sigma} &= 2\lambda_{4}\sigma_{1}^{2} + 2\lambda_{6}\sigma_{1}\sigma_{2} + 4\lambda_{2}\sigma_{2}^{2} \\ V_{10}^{(2)\sigma\pi} &= \left(4(\lambda_{3} - \lambda_{4})\sigma_{1} + 2\lambda_{6}\sigma_{2}\right)\rho \\ V_{20}^{(2)\sigma\pi} &= \left(2\lambda_{6}\sigma_{1} + 8\lambda_{2}\sigma_{2}\right)\rho \\ \frac{1}{2}V_{20}^{(2)\pi} &= 4\lambda_{2}\rho^{2} \qquad \frac{1}{2}V_{\pm\mp}^{(2)\pi} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Mass spectrum of "pseudoscalar" states

(parity no longer a good quantum number in strong interactions !)



Mass spectrum of "pseudoscalar" states (beyond chiral limit) $\frac{1}{2}m_q d_1 \operatorname{tr}(H_1 + H_1^{\dagger})$ $\frac{1}{2}m_q d_2 \operatorname{tr}(H_2 + H_2^{\dagger})$ two new low-dimensional operators $\begin{array}{c|c} m_{\Pi_0}^2 & \underline{m}_{\Pi_{\pm}}^2 \\ (1.3 GeV)^2 & \end{array}$ SPB $\rho(\mu) \neq 0$ $m_{\pi\pm}^2$ $(130 m_{\pi_0}^2 V)^2$ $\sim m_q$ $\sim m_q$ $\mu_* < \sigma_1(0) \qquad \mu_c^ \mu_c^+$ μ In P-breaking phase there are 2 massless 'pseudoscalar' mesons $\tilde{\pi}_{\pm}$

Kinetic terms

$$\begin{split} \text{Symmetric under} \quad SU_L(2) \times SU_R(2) \\ \mathcal{L}_{kin} &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{j,k=1}^2 A_{jk} \text{tr} \left\{ \partial_\mu H_j^\dagger \partial^\mu H_k \right\} \end{split}$$

Chirally symmetric parametrization

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$$H_2(x) = \xi(x)(\sigma_2(x) + i\hat{\pi}_2)(x)\xi(x) = \sigma_2(x)U(x) + i\xi(x)\hat{\pi}_2(x)\xi(x)$$

Expanding around a vacuum configuration...

$$U = 1 + i\hat{\pi}/F_0 + \cdots \qquad \xi = 1 + i\hat{\pi}/2F_0 + \cdots$$
$$\sigma_j \equiv \bar{\sigma}_j + \Sigma_j \qquad \hat{\pi} = \tau_3 \rho + \hat{\Pi}$$

Kinetic part quadratic in meson fields

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{L}_{kin}^{(2)} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k=1}^{2} A_{jk} \partial_{\mu} \Sigma_{j} \partial^{\mu} \Sigma_{k} + \frac{\rho^{2}}{2F_{0}^{2}} A_{22} \partial_{\mu} \pi^{0} \partial^{\mu} \pi^{0} - \frac{\rho}{F_{0}} \sum_{j=1}^{2} A_{j2} \partial_{\mu} \Sigma_{j} \partial^{\mu} \pi^{0} \\ &+ \sum_{j,k=1}^{2} \left[\frac{1}{2F_{0}^{2}} A_{jk} \bar{\sigma}_{j} \bar{\sigma}_{k} \partial_{\mu} \pi^{a} \partial^{\mu} \pi^{a} + \frac{1}{F_{0}} A_{j2} \bar{\sigma}_{j} \partial_{\mu} \pi^{a} \partial^{\mu} \Pi^{a} \right] + \frac{1}{2} A_{22} \partial_{\mu} \Pi^{a} \partial^{\mu} \Pi^{a} \\ &F_{0}^{2} = \sum_{j,k=1}^{2} A_{jk} \bar{\sigma}_{j} \bar{\sigma}_{k} \simeq (90 \text{MeV})^{2}, \quad /\zeta \equiv \frac{1}{F_{0}} \sum_{j=1}^{2} A_{j2} \bar{\sigma}_{j} \\ &\text{Pion weak decay constant} \\ & & \text{Mixing !} \end{split}$$

P-breaking phase

Mixing with massless pions is different for neutral and charged ones because vector isospin symmetry is broken

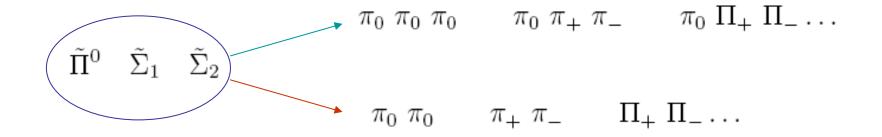
$$\tilde{\pi}^{\pm} = \pi^{\pm} + \zeta \Pi^{\pm}, \qquad \tilde{\pi}^{0} = \pi^{0} + \frac{F_{0}^{2}}{F_{0}^{2} + A_{22}\rho^{2}} \Big(\zeta \Pi^{0} - \frac{\rho}{F_{0}} \sum_{j=1}^{2} A_{j2} \partial_{\mu} \Sigma_{j} \Big).$$

Partially diagonalized kinetic term

Further diagonalization $\Pi^0 \quad \Sigma_1 \quad \Sigma_2 \implies \tilde{\Pi}^0 \quad \tilde{\Sigma}_1 \quad \tilde{\Sigma}_2$

mixes neutral pseudoscalar and scalar states

Therefore genuine mass states don't possess a definite parity in decays



Minimal model admitting SPB

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Such an effective Lagrangian is symmetric under $~~Z_{2} \times ~Z_{2}$

$$H_1 \rightarrow -H_1$$
 or $H_2 \rightarrow -H_2$

Fit on hadron phenomenology

Going back to polarization operator
in Migdal's approach ...
$$\omega^2 = \mathbf{k}^2 + \Pi(\omega, \mathbf{k}, \mu)$$

What happens for two pseudoscalar states $\ \pi, \pi'$?

Take masses
$$m_{\pi}^{2}(\mu) = 0 \qquad m_{\pi'}^{2}(\mu)\Big|_{\mu \to \mu_{\text{crit}}} \to 0$$

and wave function normalizations

 $Z_{\pi} \approx Z_{\pi'} \approx 1$

$$\Pi(\boldsymbol{\omega},\mathbf{k},\boldsymbol{\mu}) = -\frac{\left(\boldsymbol{\omega}^2 - \mathbf{k}^2\right)^2}{m_{\pi'}^2(\boldsymbol{\mu}) - 2\left(\boldsymbol{\omega}^2 - \mathbf{k}^2\right)}$$

Has a pole in the narrow resonance approach and may change sign

Possible experimental signatures of P-parity breaking

- a) Decays of higher-mass meson resonances (radial excitations) into pions. Resonances do not have a definite parity and the same heavy resonance can decay both in two and three pions. It will look like doubling of states.
- b) At the very point of the phase transition leading to parity breaking one has six massless pion-like states. Approaching to it one finds an abnormally light and long-living resonance!
 After phase transition the massless charged 'pseudoscalar' states remain as Goldstone bosons enhancing charged pion production, whereas the neutral scalar states become heavy.
- c) One can search for enhancement of long-range correlations in the scalar channel in lattice simulations.
- d) Modifications in the equation of state.
- e) F_{Π} and extended PCAC: it is modified for massless charged pions giving an enhancement of electroweak decays.
- f) Additional isospin breaking: $f_{\pi_0} \neq f_{\pi_\pm}$

Program for GSI SIS 200 ? Compressed Baryon Matter (CBM)?

Schematic cross-section of neutron star

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