

# 't Hooft Determinant at Finite Temperature with Fluctuations

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## $\eta'$ -meson is no pseudo-Goldstone boson

- ▶  $N_f^2 - 1$  +1 broken generators
- ▶ experiment  $N_f = 2$  ( $N_f = 3$ ): 3 pions (+4 kaons and 1  $\eta$ -meson)
- ▶  $U(1)_A$  anomalously broken

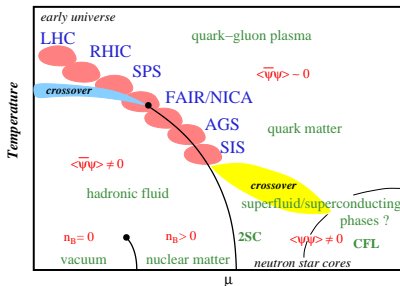
[Adler, Bell, Jackiw, 1969], [Fujikawa, 1979]

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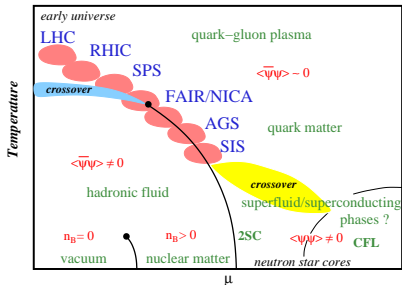
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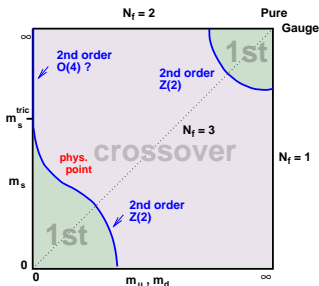
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[Laermann, Philipsen, 2003]

Effects of anomaly in chiral limit

[Pisarski, Wilczek, 1984]

- $N_f > 2$ : 1<sup>st</sup> order
- $N_f = 2$ : 1<sup>st</sup>  $\rightarrow$  2<sup>nd</sup> if insensitive to temperature for  $T < T_c$



# Effective Description

## The Quark-Meson Model (general $N_f$ )

[Jungnickel, Wetterich, 1996]

$$\mathcal{L}_{QM} = \bar{q} (\partial^\mu \gamma^\mu - iht^a (\sigma^a + i\gamma_5 \pi^a)) q + \mathcal{L}_M$$

$$\mathcal{L}_M = \text{tr} \left[ \partial^\mu \Sigma^\dagger \partial^\mu \Sigma \right] + U(\{\rho_i\}, \xi) - \text{tr} \left( C (\Sigma + \Sigma^\dagger) \right)$$

$$\Sigma = t^a (\sigma^a + i\pi^a), \quad t^a: \text{group generators of } U(N_f)$$

$$\rho_i = \text{tr} \left[ \left( \Sigma^\dagger \Sigma \right)^i \right], \quad C = \text{diag}(c_1, \dots, c_{N_f})$$

## $U(1)_A$ anomaly in QM-Model

- “integrate instantons” in QCD Lagrangian  
⇒ contribution to Lagrangian proportional (for QCD with  $\theta = 0$ )

[’t Hooft, 1976]

$$\det(q_L \bar{q}_R) + \det(q_R \bar{q}_L)$$

- axial anomaly in QM-model:  $\xi = \det(\Sigma) + \det(\Sigma^\dagger)$

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## Two Approximation Methods

- Taylor expansion of  $U_k$  in  $(\{\rho_i\}, \xi)$
- discretize  $U_k$ :
  - ▶ grid  $\mapsto (\{\rho_i\}, \xi)$
  - ▶ splines, ... for derivatives

$$N_f = 2$$

effective potential ( $\sigma_0 \leftrightarrow \bar{u}u + \bar{d}d$ ,  $\sigma_3 \leftrightarrow \bar{d}d - \bar{u}u$ ):

$$U_k(\Sigma) = \tilde{U}_k(\rho_1, \xi) - c_0\sigma_0 - c_3\sigma_3,$$

first chiral invariant and 't Hooft determinant:

$$\rho_1 = \frac{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma_3^2}{2}, \quad \xi = \frac{\sigma_0^2 - \sigma_3^2}{2},$$

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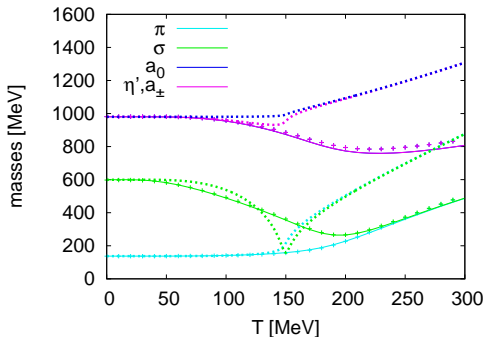
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- $m_\pi, f_\pi, m_d + m_u, m_{\eta'}$  and  $m_\sigma$  at  $k \rightarrow 0$
- different isospin breakings  $c_3$

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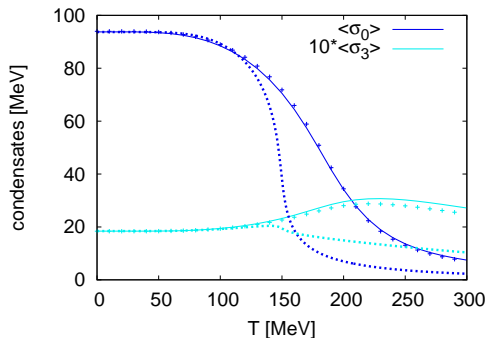


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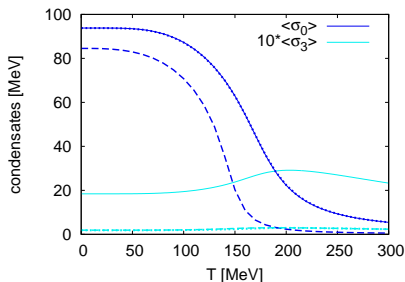
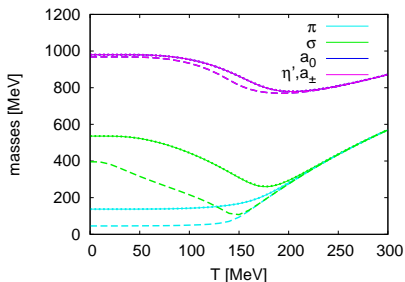
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# Influence of Explicit Symmetry Breaking

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(dashed:  $10 \cdot c_3 = 10 \cdot c_0 = c_{phys}$ )



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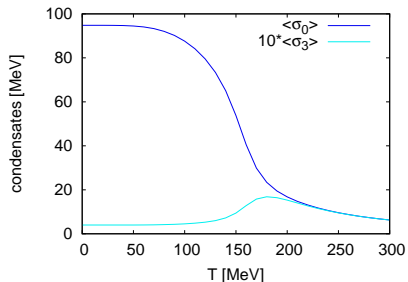
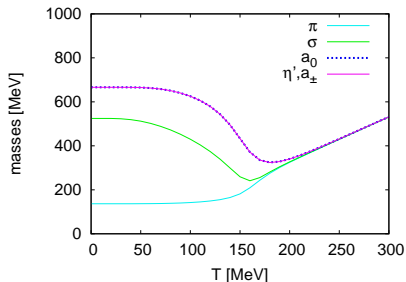
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- suppression of  $\langle \sigma_3 \rangle$  requires other operator than  $\rho_1$

# Vanishing Initial Anomaly

- $m_\pi - m_{\eta'} = -2a_{01} \rightarrow 0$  at initial scale  $\Lambda$
- solid:  $10 \cdot c_3 = c_0$



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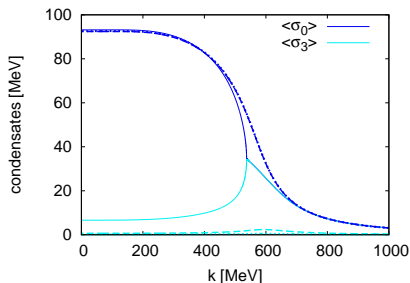
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# Spontaneous Breaking of $Z_2$

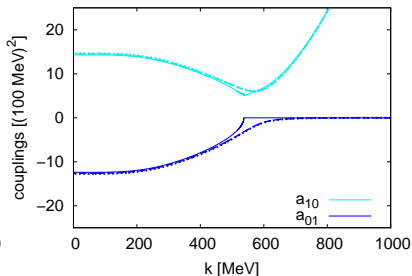
- ultraviolet:  $\det(k = \Lambda) = 0$ ,  
 $m_{\eta'}(k = \Lambda) = m_{\pi}(k = \Lambda)$



solid:  $c_3 = c_0$ , dashed:  $c_3 = 0.1 \cdot c_0$ , dotted:  $c_3 = 0.02 \cdot c_0$ ,

- $U_k(\rho_1, \xi) =$   

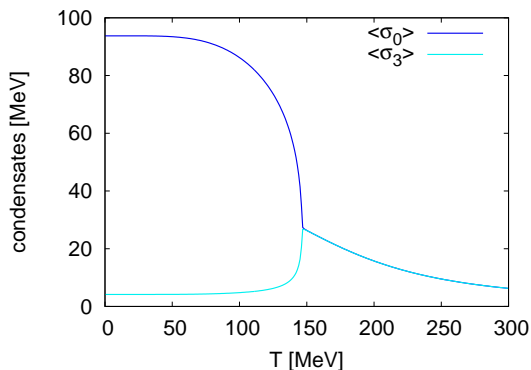
$$\sum_{i,j} \frac{a_{ij}}{i!j!} (\rho_1 - \rho_{0,1})^i (\xi - \xi_0)^j$$



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# New Phase transition: $Z_2$ Universality Class

- ultraviolet:  $\det(k = \Lambda) \approx 0$  ,
- $m_\pi^2 \propto a_{10} + a_{01}$
- $m_{\eta'}(k = \Lambda) \approx m_\pi(k = \Lambda)$
- $m_{\eta'}^2 \propto a_{10} - a_{01}$

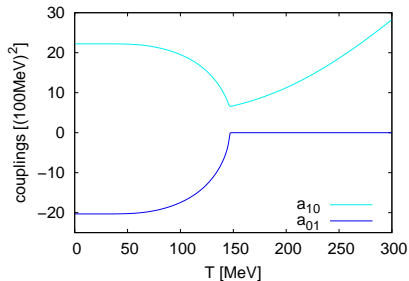


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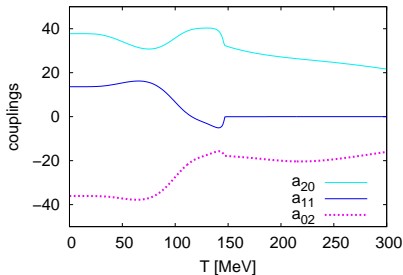
- $\beta = 0.37$  ( $Z_2$  universality class: 0.326)

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  - rebosonization, determinant from QCD