#### **Goldstone Bosons in Crystalline Chiral Phases**



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What happens if we allow space dependence?

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#### Here:

- Goldstone bosons from spontaneous broken symmetries (chiral and spatial)
- Important for transport properties (e.g. cooling in neutron stars)
- Could lead to instabilities (Landau-Peierls instability)

#### Nambu–Jona-Lasinio Model



NJL Lagrangian in chiral limit

$$\mathcal{L} = \overline{\psi} \, i \partial \!\!\!/ \psi + G_S \left( \left( \overline{\psi} \psi \right)^2 + \left( \overline{\psi} i \gamma_5 \tau^a \psi \right)^2 \right)$$

- $\blacktriangleright$  Derive thermodynamic properties from grand potential  $\Omega$
- Mean-field approximation

$$S(\vec{x}) = \langle \overline{\psi}\psi \rangle, \quad P(\vec{x}) = \langle \overline{\psi}i\gamma_5\tau^3\psi \rangle$$

keep space dependence, but neglect time dependence

$$\mathscr{L}_{MF} = \overline{\psi} S^{-1} \psi - V(\vec{x})$$

$$S^{-1} = i \partial - \underbrace{\left(-2G_S(S(\vec{x}) + i\gamma_5 \tau^3 P(\vec{x}))\right)}_{=:\widehat{M}(\vec{x})}, \qquad V(\vec{x}) = G_S\left[S^2(\vec{x}) + P^2(\vec{x})\right]$$

#### **Space Dependent Mass**



Space dependent mass

$$M(\vec{x}) = -2G_S(S(\vec{x}) + iP(\vec{x}))$$

- Crystal with unit cell vectors  $\vec{n}_i$ , i = 1, 2, 3
- Periodicity in mass

$$M(\vec{x}) = M(\vec{x} + \vec{n}_i)$$

Fourier transformation

$$M(\vec{x}) = \sum_{\vec{q}_k} M_{\vec{q}_k} e^{i\vec{q}_k\vec{x}}$$

► Wave vector  $\vec{q}_k$  spans reciprocal lattice:  $\vec{q}_k \vec{n}_i = 2\pi N_{ki}$ ,  $N_{ki} \in \mathbb{Z}$ 

#### Propagator



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Perform Fourier transformation on Hamiltonian

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- Propagator has different incoming and outgoing momenta

$$S^{-1}(p_{out}, p_{in}) = \gamma^{0}(p_{0}\delta_{p_{out}, p_{in}} - H(p_{out}, p_{in}))$$

#### **Modulated Order Parameter**



Chiral density wave (CDW)

$$\widehat{M}(\vec{x}) = M \exp(i\gamma_5 \tau^3 \vec{q} \vec{x})$$



Analytical diagonalization of Hamiltonian possible

$$H'(p,p')=U^{\dagger}HU=H'(p)\delta(p-p')$$

Eigenvalues

$$E_{\pm} = \sqrt{ec{p}^2 + M^2 + ec{q}^2/4 \pm \sqrt{(ec{p} \cdot ec{q})^2 + ec{q}^2 M^2}}$$

► U's are rotation in chiral space [Dautry, Nyman, Nucl. Phys. A (1979)]  $U = \exp(i\gamma_5 \tau^3 \vec{q} \vec{x}/2)$ 

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with

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#### diagonal in momentum space

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Self energy

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#### Results





#### **Phonons and Goldstone Modes**



Inhomogeneous Phase



Rotational and translational symmetry broken

Homogeneous Phase



Chiral symmetry broken Pions as Goldstone mode

Details in: [Lee, Nakano, Tsue, Tatsumi, Friman, PRD (2015)]

#### Mesons in NJL



Start from Bethe-Salpeter equation



 $\hat{T}=\hat{K}+\hat{K}\hat{J}\hat{T}$ 

• Polarization loop  $J_{M'M}(p', p)$ 



## **Diagonalization in Momentum Space**





Standard vertices from Lagrangian

$$(\Gamma_{\pi_3}(\boldsymbol{p}))_{k',k} = i\gamma_5\tau^3\delta(k-k'-\boldsymbol{p})$$

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### Pions in the Inhomogeneous Phase



For the CDW the standard π<sub>3</sub> vertex (Γ<sub>π3</sub> = iγ<sub>5</sub>τ<sup>3</sup>) is no NG boson
 Instead

$$\Gamma_{\pi_1} = i\gamma_5\tau^1, \qquad \Gamma_{\pi_2} = i\gamma_5\tau^2, \qquad \Gamma'_{\pi_3}(z) = -\mathbb{1}\sin qz + i\gamma_5\tau^3\cos qz$$

In momentum space

$$\Gamma'_{\pi_3}(p) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ i\Gamma_{\sigma}(p-q) - i\Gamma_{\sigma}(p+q) + \Gamma_{\pi_3}(p-q) + \Gamma_{\pi_3}(p+q) \right]$$

# **Full Polarization Loop**





$$J'_{\pi_{3}\pi_{3}}(p',p) = i \left(\prod_{j=1}^{4} \int \frac{d'^{4}k_{j}}{(2\pi)^{4}}\right) \operatorname{Tr}\left[\left(\bar{\Gamma}'_{\pi_{3}}(p')\right)_{k_{4},k_{1}} iS(k_{1},k_{2})\left(\Gamma'_{\pi_{3}}(p)\right)_{k_{2},k_{3}} iS(k_{3},k_{4})\right]$$

- ► Inserting S = US'U
- Integrating over internal momenta

$$J'_{\pi_{3}\pi_{3}}(p',p) = i \int \frac{d^{4}k}{(2\pi)^{4}} \operatorname{Tr} \left[ i\gamma_{5}\tau^{3} i S'(k+p') i\gamma_{5}\tau^{3} i S'(k) \right] \delta(p'-p)$$

#### **Goldstone Mode**



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- Dispersion relation
- Goldstone mode
- For vanishing  $\vec{p}'$

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#### Goldstone boson

Transformation needed

$$\Gamma'_{\pi_3}(p=0) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ i\Gamma_{\sigma}(-q) - i\Gamma_{\sigma}(+q) + \Gamma_{\pi_3}(-q) + \Gamma_{\pi_3}(+q) \right]$$

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## Summary and Outlook



#### Mean-Field Calculations:

 Crystalline phase replaces first order phase transition and critical endpoint in phase diagram

#### **Bosonic excitations**

- Explicit construction of Goldstone modes in CDW
- Difficult due to non-diagonal structure of propagator
- Simplified by chiral transformations
- Goldstone mode identified

#### Outlook

- Calculate dispersion relations of Goldstone Bosons
- Derive transport properties
- Applications for beyond mean-field calculations



# Thank you

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# Full CDW propagator



$$S'(k) = \frac{1}{N} \left[ A + \gamma^5 \tau^3 B + \gamma_\mu C^\mu + \gamma^5 \tau^3 \gamma_\mu D^\mu + \gamma^5 \tau^3 \gamma_\mu \gamma_\nu E^{\mu\nu} \right]$$
$$A(k) = M \left( k^2 - M^2 - \frac{1}{4} q^2 \right), \quad B(k) = -Mq \cdot k$$
$$C_\mu(k) = k_\mu \left( k^2 - M^2 + \frac{1}{4} q^2 \right) - \frac{1}{2} q_\mu q \cdot k$$
$$D_\mu(k) = -k_\mu q \cdot k + \frac{1}{2} q_\mu \left( k^2 + M^2 + \frac{1}{4} q^2 \right)$$
$$E_{\mu\nu}(k) = q_\mu k_\nu M$$
$$N(k) = \left( k^2 - M^2 - \frac{1}{4} q^2 \right)^2 + q^2 k^2 - (q \cdot k)^2$$

## Spinodials





[Nickel, PRD (2009)]

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