

Possible medium effect on η - π^0 mixing angle and $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$ decay in asymmetric nuclear matter

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Hadron physics and symmetry

- The various symmetries of QCD Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \bar{q} (i\cancel{D} - m_q) q - \frac{1}{4} \text{tr} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

- Lorentz invariance, $SU(3)_{\text{color}}$ gauge symmetry, Chiral symmetry, ...
- Spontaneous breaking of chiral symmetry
 - $SU(N_f)_L \times SU(N_f)_R \rightarrow SU(N_f)_f$
 - ✓ No parity doubling of hadrons in low energy region ($\rho(770) \leftrightarrow a_1(1260)$)
 - Nambu-Goldstone (NG) bosons appear
 - ✓ Non-zero mass due to the current quark mass
(chiral symmetry : approximate symmetry of QCD)
 - The important dynamical degrees of freedom
 - in low energy QCD are “NG bosons with light masses”
 - ✓ Chiral perturbation theory (χ PT) works well in low energy region
degree of freedom : NG bosons

Brief history of $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$ decay in free space

- Prohibited by the G parity conservation
(Isospin symmetry is exact \rightarrow prohibited)
 - $O(e^2)$ correction vanishes
D.G.Sutherland, Phys.Lett.23(1966)384.
- Discussed in terms of the $U_A(1)$ problem S. Weinberg, Phys. Rev. D11 (1975) 3583.
 - Goldstone dipole solution, σ model analysis,...
J.Kogut,L.Susskind, PRD11(1975)3549. K.Kawarabayashi,N.Ohta, NPB175(1980)477.
- The significant effect of $\pi^+ \pi^-$ final state interaction on $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$
C.Roiesnel,N.Truong, NPB187(1981)293; J.Gasser,H.Leutwyler, NPB250(1985)465.
- Recent two-loop calculation of χ PT with some assumptions
shows good agreement with experimental data
J.Bijnens,K.Ghorbani, JHEP11(2007)030.

G parity:

η :even, π :odd

Ex.) ρ and ω decay
dominant decay mode
 $\rho \rightarrow 2\pi$, $\omega \rightarrow 3\pi$
(ρ :even, ω :odd)



The intrinsic *isospin-symmetry breaking* in QCD:

The difference of the u, d quark mass is responsible.

- Too small value from the tree-level result of non-linear sigma model
H.Osborn,D.J.Wallace, Nucl. Phys.B20(1970)23.

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Attract our attention for a long time

Asymmetric nuclear matter

and isospin-symmetry breaking

In asymmetric nuclear matter, $\langle \bar{d}d \rangle^* - \langle \bar{u}u \rangle^* = \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_{\rho=0} \frac{4c_5}{f^2} (\rho_n - \rho_p)$
 (f, c_5 : Low energy constant of chiral Lagrangian)

Ulf-G. Meißner, J.A. Oller, A. Wirzba, Ann. Phys. 297 (2002) 27

→ The isospin-symmetry breaking is enhanced
 in asymmetric nuclear matter.

Asymmetric nuclear matter

- Heavy nuclei ($N > Z$)
- Neutron halo or skin structure of light nuclei
 (experiments @ e.g. RIBF/RIKEN, FAIR/GSI)
- Inside of the compact star



Does the asymmetric nuclear matter affect $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$?

change the property of isospin symmetry

isospin-symmetry breaking is responsible

- ✓ Possible change of hadron properties in Environment

Heat bath, baryon density,
 external magnetic field,...

Purpose

We explore the effect of the **asymmetric nuclear matter**
on the **$\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$ decay**.

- Estimate the effect of the asymmetric nuclear matter on
 - η - π^0 mixing angle
 - Partial width of the $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$ decay

Method:

Chiral perturbation in nuclear medium

Ulf-G.Meißner,J.A.Oller, A.Wirzba,Ann.Phys.297(2002)27.
N.Kaiser, S.Fritsch,W.Weise,Nucl.Phys.697(2002)255.

Chiral Perturbation Theory (χ PT)

S. Weinberg, Physica 96A(1979)327; J. Gasser, H. Leutwyler, NPB 250(1985)465, ...

Lagrangian of χ PT:

- constructed to have the same global symmetry as QCD
- containing the infinite number of the interaction terms

Power counting :

- mass of NG boson, 3-momenta of hadrons $\sim O(q)$

 **Systematic expansion with respect of the order of q**
containing the loop effect

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\pi\pi}^{(2)} + \mathcal{L}_{\pi\pi}^{(4)} + \mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(1)} + \mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(2)} + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\pi\pi}^{(2)} = \frac{f^2}{4} (\langle \partial_\mu U \partial^\mu U \rangle + \langle \chi U^\dagger \rangle + \langle U \chi^\dagger \rangle)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(1)} = \bar{N} \left(i \not{D} - m + \frac{g_A}{2} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 u_\mu \right) N$$

$$U = u^2 = e^{i\pi/f}$$

$$u_\mu = u \partial_\mu u^\dagger - u^\dagger \partial_\mu u$$

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu + \Gamma_\mu$$

$$\Gamma_\mu = u \partial_\mu u^\dagger + u^\dagger \partial_\mu u$$

$$\chi = 2B_0 \begin{pmatrix} m_u & & \\ & m_d & \\ & & m_s \end{pmatrix}$$

$\langle \dots \rangle$: trace of flavor space

Chiral perturbation theory in medium

- The effect of the nuclear matter comes from the nucleon propagator

The Pauli blocking effect on the nucleon propagation

- The expansion with the order of $q \sim m_{NG} \sim k_f$ (k_f : Fermi momentum of nucleon)
 - No additional inputs needed to calculate in-medium values

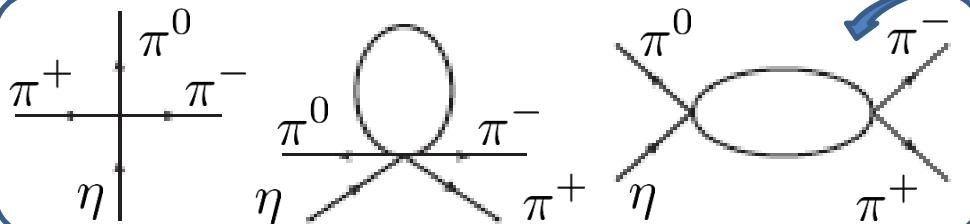


Calculation up to $O(q^5)$

(Calculation up to $k_f^3 \sim p$ with respect of the density order)
 leading-order density correction

Diagrams

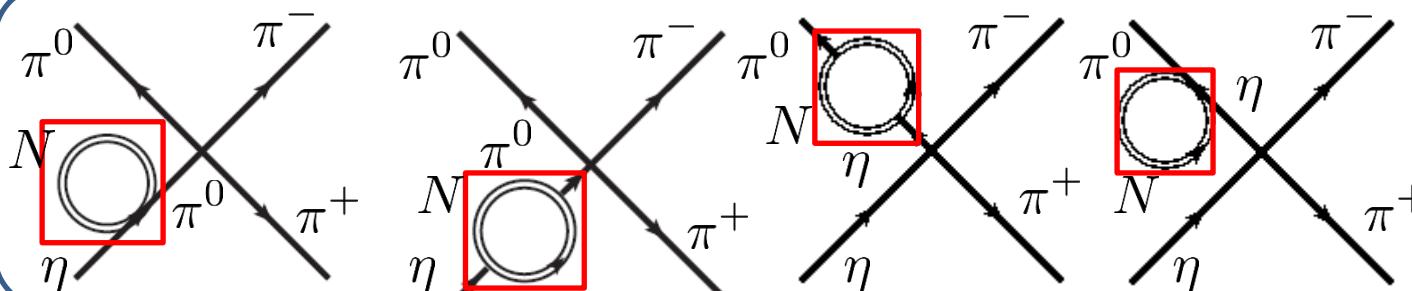
(up to $O(q^5)$)



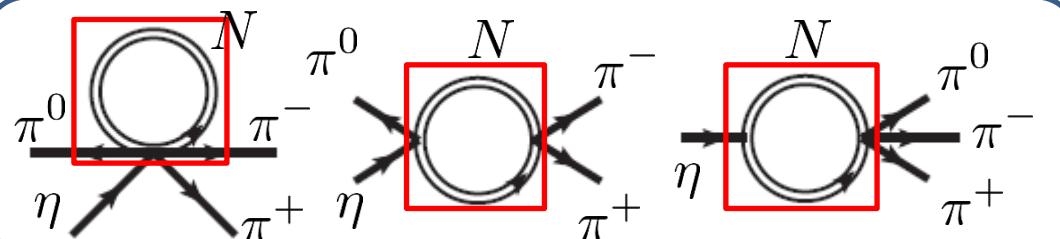
Significant effect
on the $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^+\pi^-$ decay in free space
($\pi^+\pi^-$ final state interaction)

J.Gasser,H.Leutwyler,NPB250(1985)539.

Contribution to the free space (no density dependence)



Contribution to the $\eta\pi^0$ mixing angle



Contribution to the $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^+\pi^-$ decay in nuclear matter

— : meson propagation
— : nucleon propagation

※ The enclosed nucleon loops give the effect of the nuclear matter.

Result

- Mixing angle :

$$\tan 2\theta = \frac{2m_{\eta\pi^0}^2}{m_\eta^2 - m_{\pi^0}^2}$$

effect of asymmetric nuclear matter

$$m_{\eta\pi^0}^2 = \frac{m_1^2}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{g_A^2 m_\eta^2}{4\sqrt{3}f^2 m_N} \boxed{\delta\rho} + \frac{4c_1 m_1^2}{\sqrt{3}f^2} \rho + \frac{2c_5}{\sqrt{3}f^2} m_{\pi^0}^2 \boxed{\delta\rho}$$

$$m_1^2 = m_{K^0}^2 - m_{K^\pm}^2 - m_{\pi^0}^2 + m_{\pi^\pm}^2$$

$$\rho = \rho_n + \rho_p, \quad \delta\rho = \rho_n - \rho_p$$

- Matrix element of $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$ decay :

$$\mathcal{M}_{\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^+ \pi^-} = \frac{\sin \theta}{3f^2} ((m_\eta^2 - m_{\pi^0}^2) + 3(s - s_0)) - \frac{g_A^2}{3\sqrt{3}f^4 m_N} m_\eta E_0 \delta\rho$$

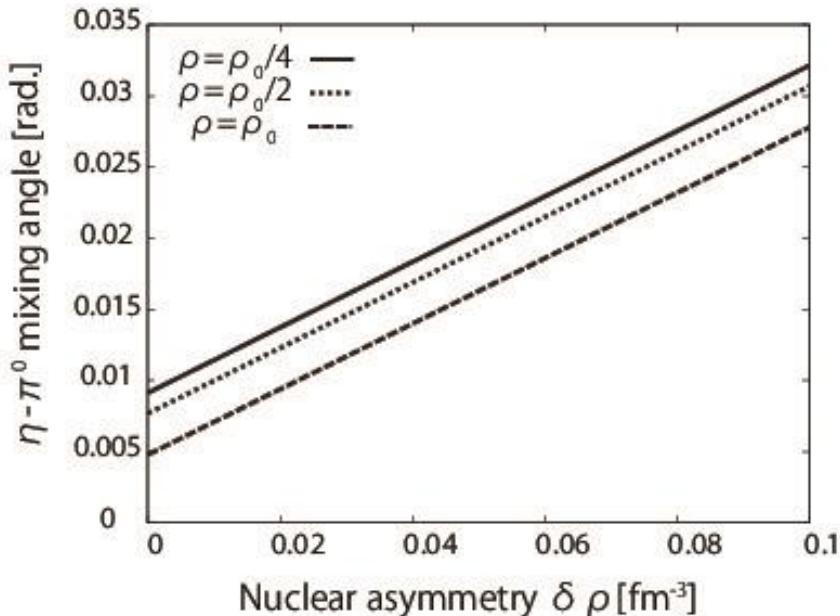
+vacuum contribution.

$$(s_0 = m_\eta^2 + 3m_\pi^2)$$

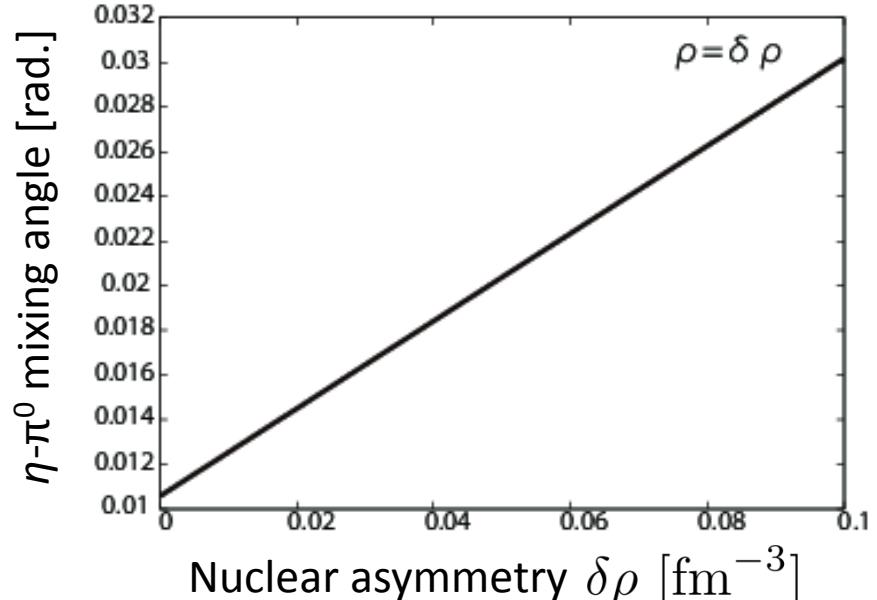
※ Isospin-symmetry breaking effect comes from m_1^2 and $\delta\rho$.

Mixing angle in asymmetric matter¹¹

Fixed ρ :



Neutron matter:



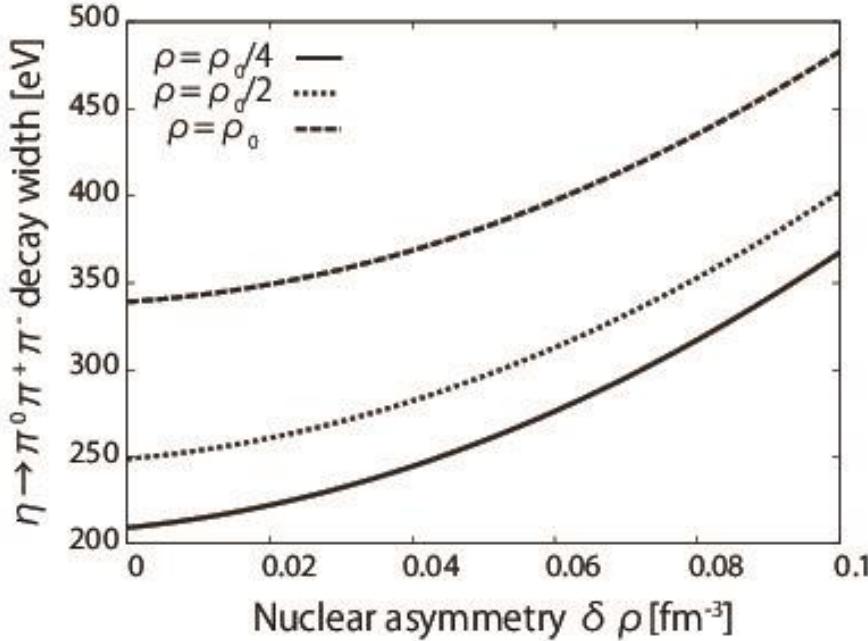
Asymmetric nuclear matter enhances the $\eta - \pi^0$ mixing angle

Ex.1) $\rho=0.06$, $\delta\rho=0.01$ [fm $^{-3}$] : 2.6×10^{-3} rad. enhancement of $\eta - \pi^0$ mixing angle
(about 20% enhancement compared with $\rho=0$)

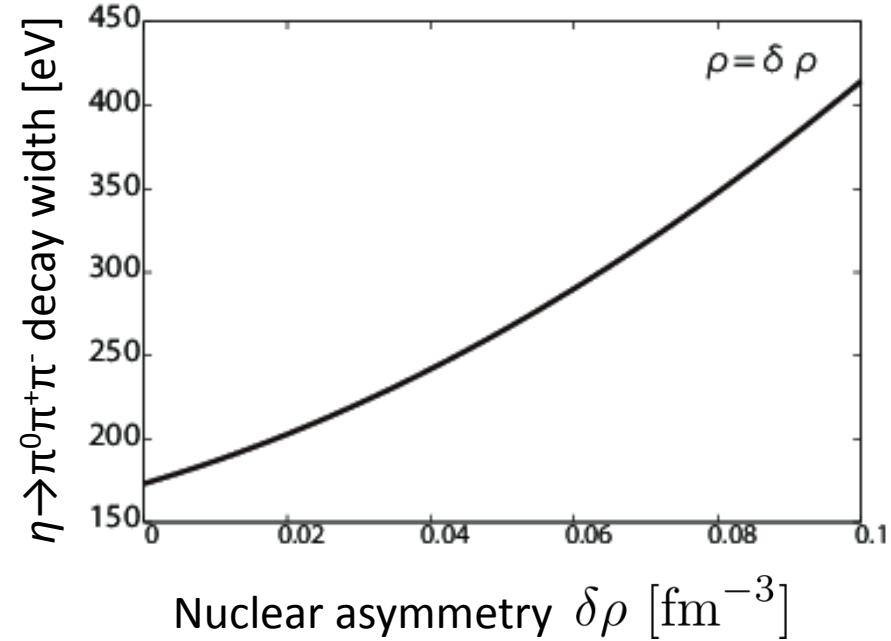
Ex.2) $\rho=\delta\rho=0.04$ [fm $^{-3}$] : 7×10^{-2} rad. enhancement of $\eta - \pi^0$ mixing angle
(about 60% enhancement compared with $\rho=0$)

Partial width of $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^+\pi^-$ in asymmetric matter

Fixed ρ :



Neutron matter:



Asymmetric nuclear matter enhances the $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^+\pi^-$ decay

$$\therefore \Gamma_{\eta \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^+\pi^-} \sim 170 \text{ eV} @ \rho=0$$

Ex.1) $\rho=0.06$, $\delta\rho=0.01$ [fm $^{-3}$] : 50 eV enhancement of the decay width

(about 30% enhancement compared with $\rho=0$)

Ex.2) $\rho=\delta\rho=0.04$ [fm $^{-3}$] : 80 eV enhancement of the decay width

(about 50% enhancement compared with $\rho=0$)

Conclusions

**We have examined the effect of the asymmetric nuclear matter
on the η - π^0 mixing angle and $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^+\pi^-$ width**

- The mixing angle and the width of $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^+\pi^-$ become larger with the larger nuclear asymmetric density $\delta\rho$.
- The total density ρ also affects the $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^+\pi^-$ decay.
- Pure neutron matter causes the large enhancement of the η -to- $\pi^0\pi^+\pi^-$ decay width.
 - The neutron-rich nuclei may be good for the observation.

(Roughly 30-50% enhancement @ surface of the heavy nuclei)

Future prospects

- The $\pi^+\pi^-$ final state interaction is important for the decay.

C.Roiesnel,T.N.Truong,NPB187(1981)293,, J.Gasser,H.Leutwyler,NPB250(1985)539.

- related to the S-wave σ resonance
(m_σ may reduce in the nuclear matter.)
- The effect of the $N^*(1535)$?
 - strong coupling with ηN channel
 - It may affect the possibility of the observation
of the $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^+\pi^-$ enhancement
- Other possible isospin-symmetry breaking source?
 - External magnetic field
(The different electromagnetic charge of u, d quarks)

Thank you for your attention!

Sutherland's theorem

Matrix element of $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$ in QED

$$\langle \pi_1 \pi_2 \pi_3 | d_{\mu\nu}(-y) \mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{J}(0) J_\nu^0(y) | \eta \rangle$$

photon	iso-vector	iso-scalar
propagator	current	current

Soft pion theorem



$$\langle \pi_1 \pi_2 | d_{\mu\nu}(-y) [\mathbf{Q}_5 \cdot \pi_3, \mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{J}(0) J_\nu^0(y)] | \eta \rangle$$

$(\pi_1 \times \pi_2) \cdot (\pi_3 \times \mathbf{s} \cdot A_\mu)$:only the possibility

$\pi_{1,2,3}$ is not symmetric : not consistent with Bose statistics

Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\pi\pi}^{(2)} + \mathcal{L}_{\pi\pi}^{(4)} + \mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(1)} + \mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(2)}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\pi\pi}^{(2)} = \frac{f^2}{4} (\langle \partial_\mu U \partial^\mu U \rangle + \langle \chi U^\dagger \rangle + \langle U \chi^\dagger \rangle)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(1)} = \bar{N} \left(i \not{D} - m + \frac{g_A}{2} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 u_\mu \right) N \quad , \dots$$

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$\chi = B_0 \begin{pmatrix} m_u & & \\ & m_d & \\ & & m_s \end{pmatrix}$
$\langle \dots \rangle$: trace of flavor space

- The field χ represents the effect of the current quark mass

Lagrangian

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\pi\pi}^{(4)} = & L_1 \langle D_\mu U^\dagger D^\mu U \rangle^2 + L_2 \langle D_\mu U^\dagger D_\nu U \rangle \langle D^\mu U^\dagger D^\nu U \rangle \\ & + L_3 \langle D_\mu U^\dagger D^\mu U D^\nu U^\dagger D_\nu U \rangle + L_4 \langle D^\mu U^\dagger D_\mu U \rangle \langle \chi^\dagger U + \chi U^\dagger \rangle \\ & + L_5 \langle D^\mu U^\dagger D_\mu U (\chi^\dagger U + U^\dagger \text{chi}) \rangle + L_6 \langle \chi^\dagger U + \chi U^\dagger \rangle^2 \\ & + L_7 \langle \chi^\dagger U - \chi U^\dagger \rangle^2 + L_8 \langle \chi^\dagger U \chi^\dagger U + \chi U^\dagger \chi U^\dagger \rangle \\ & - i L_9 \langle F_{\mu\nu}^R D^\mu U D^\nu U^\dagger + F_{\mu\nu}^L D^\mu U D^\nu U^\dagger \rangle \\ & + L_{10} \langle U^\dagger F_{\mu\nu}^R U F^{L\mu\nu} \rangle + H_1 \langle F_{\mu\nu}^R F^{R\mu\nu} + F_{\mu\nu}^L F^{L\mu\nu} \rangle + H_2 \langle \chi^\dagger \chi \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$U = u^2 = e^{i\pi/f}$
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$\Gamma_\mu = u \partial_\mu u^\dagger + u^\dagger \partial_\mu u$
$\chi = B_0 \begin{pmatrix} m_u & & \\ & m_d & \\ & & m_s \end{pmatrix}$
$\langle \dots \rangle$: trace of flavor space

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(2)} = & c_1 \langle \chi_+ \rangle \bar{N}N - \frac{c_2}{4m_N^2} \langle u_\mu u_\nu \rangle (\bar{N}D^\mu D^\nu N + \text{h.c.}) \\
& + \frac{c_3}{2} \langle u^\mu u_\mu \rangle \bar{N}N - \frac{c_4}{4} \bar{N} \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu [u_\mu, u_\nu] N + c_5 \bar{N} [\chi_+ - \frac{1}{2} \langle \chi_+ \rangle] N \\
& + \bar{N} [\frac{c_6}{2} f_{\mu\nu}^+ + \mu_{\mu\nu}^{(s)}] N
\end{aligned}$$

Definition of mixing angle

$$\pi^0 = \eta_8 \cos \theta - \pi_3 \sin \theta$$

$$\eta = \eta_8 \sin \theta + \pi_3 \cos \theta$$

π_0, η : physical basis
 π_3, η_8 : flavor basis

$$\tan 2\theta = \frac{2m_{\eta\pi^0}^2}{m_\eta^2 - m_{\pi^0}^2}$$

LEC of the Lagrangian

- The πN coupling, meson masses and decay constant are physical one.
(meson and nucleon loop are renormalized into the LEC)
- The LEC of $\mathcal{L}_{\pi\pi}^{(4)}$ is given by

Result of LO in χ PT

Decay amplitude of the $\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$ decay at leading order:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^+ \pi^-} = \frac{m_1^2}{m_\eta^2 - m_{\pi^0}^2} \cdot \frac{1}{f^2} \left(\frac{4}{3} m_\pi^2 - s \right)$$

η - π^0 mixing angle

$$m_1^2 = m_{K^0}^2 - m_{K^\pm}^2 - m_{\pi^0}^2 + m_{\pi^\pm}^2 \quad (\text{u, d quark mass difference})$$



$$\Gamma_{\eta \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^+ \pi^-} \sim 77 \text{ eV}$$

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G parity

$G = e^{i\pi I_y} \mathcal{C}$ \mathcal{C} : charge conjugation operator

$$\mathbf{G^2=1 \rightarrow G=\pm 1}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} e^{i\pi I_y} |\pi^+\rangle = |\pi^-\rangle & \mathcal{C} |\pi^\pm\rangle = - |\pi^\mp\rangle \\ e^{i\pi I_y} |\pi^0\rangle = - |\pi^0\rangle & \mathcal{C} |\pi^0\rangle = |\pi^0\rangle \\ e^{i\pi I_y} |\pi^-\rangle = |\pi^+\rangle & \end{array}$$

 G parity of π is -.

Hadron properties in the nuclear matter

Partial restoration of chiral symmetry

@ normal nuclear density

- The reduction of the order parameter $\langle q^{\bar{q}} \rangle$ of the spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking

Quark condensate @low density

E.G. Drukarev, E.M. Levin, Nucl. Phys. A511 (1990) 679.

$$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle^* = \left(1 - \frac{\sigma_{\pi N}}{m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2} \rho \right) \langle \bar{q}q \rangle + \mathcal{O}(\rho^{n>1})$$



cf) Gell-Mann-Oakes-Renner relation

$$f_\pi^2 m_\pi^2 = -m_q \langle \bar{q}q \rangle$$

- Enhancement of the πN repulsion
- Enhancement of the $\pi\pi$ attraction , ...

The nuclear matter causes the change of the hadron properties.

Partial restoration of chiral symmetry in the π atom system

Measurement of the double differential cross section of $\text{Sn}(\text{d}, {}^3\text{He})\text{Sn}'$

K.Suzuki, et.al. Phys.Rev.Lett.92(2004)072302.

$$U_s(r) = -\frac{2\pi}{m_\pi} [\epsilon_1 \{b_0 \rho(r) + b_1 [\rho_n(r) - \rho_p(r)]\} + \epsilon_2 B_0 \rho^2(r)]$$

Related to $1/f_\pi^2$

$$\frac{b_1^{\text{free}}}{b_1^*(\rho)} \sim \frac{f_\pi^*(\rho)^2}{f_\pi^2}$$

Larger asymmetry
enhances the PRCS

$\boxed{\text{Sn}(\text{d}, {}^3\text{He})\text{Sn}' \text{ reaction}}$

Parameters b_0, b_1, B_0 to fit the experimental data

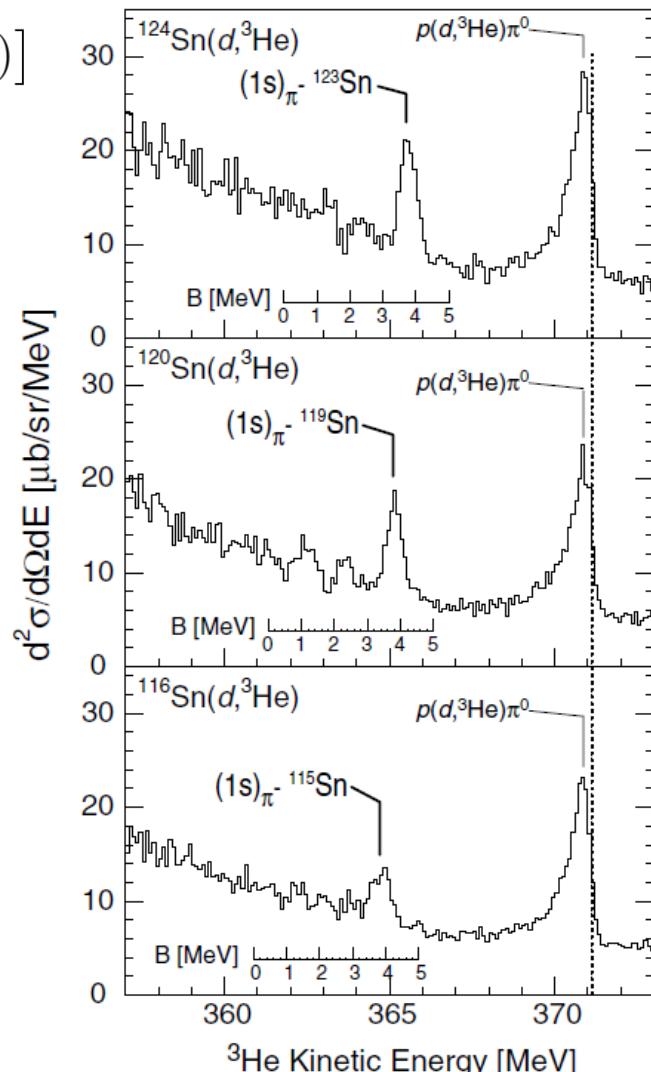
b_1^{free} (the value in free space) is
determined in π -Hydrogen.

$$\frac{b_1^{\text{free}}}{b_1^*(\rho_e)} = 0.78 \pm 0.05 \quad (\rho_e = 0.6\rho_0)$$

Gell-Mann-Oakes-Renner relation

in medium and the π mass in medium

→ about 30% reduction of chiral condensate.



Hadron physics and chiral symmetry

- The remaining flavor symmetry $SU(N_f)_f$ constrains hadron reactions.

- G parity is almost conserved in the strong decay
- Reflect the isospin symmetry

Ex.) ρ and ω decay

$$\rho : I^G = 1^+$$

$$\omega : I^G = 0^-$$

$$\pi : I^G = 1^-$$

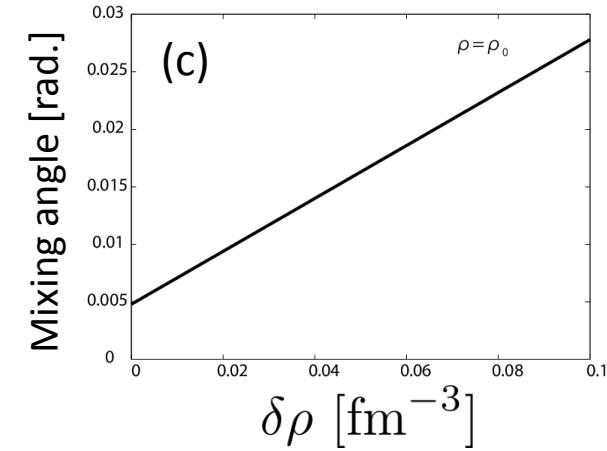
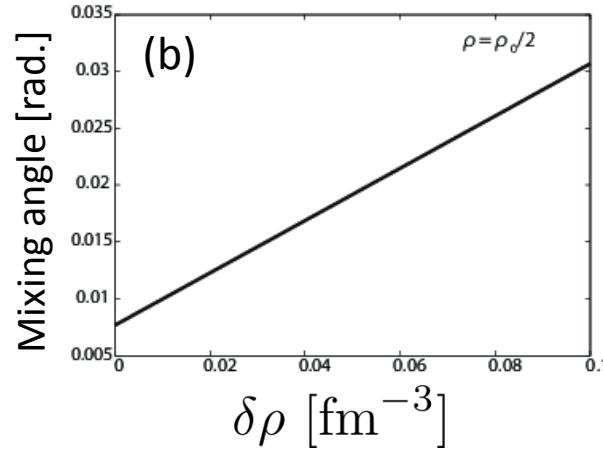
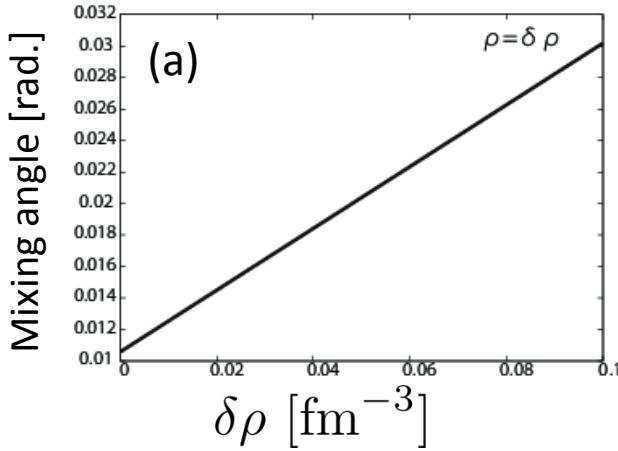
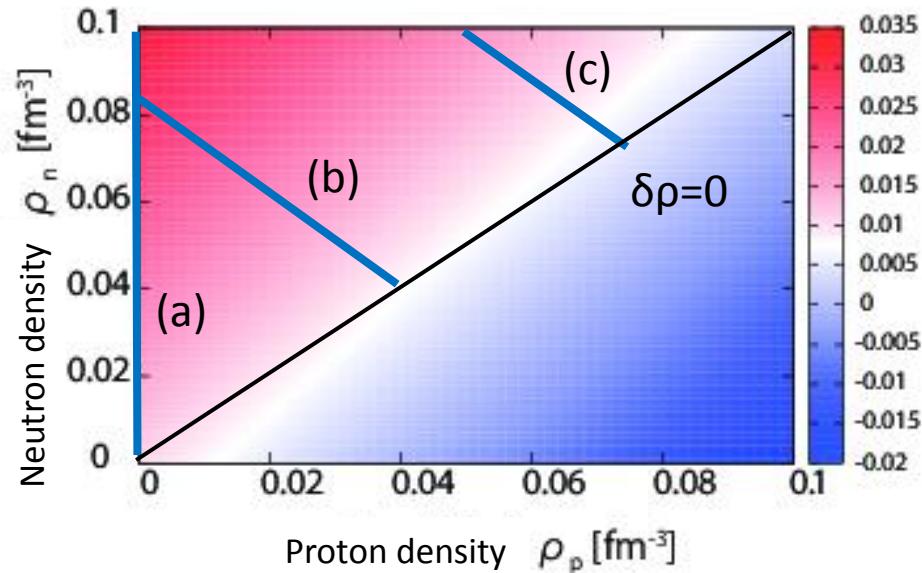


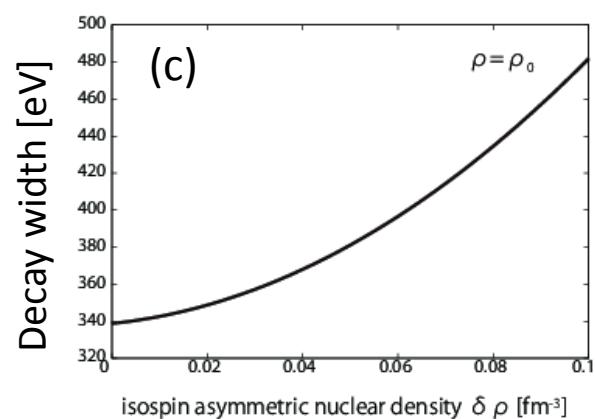
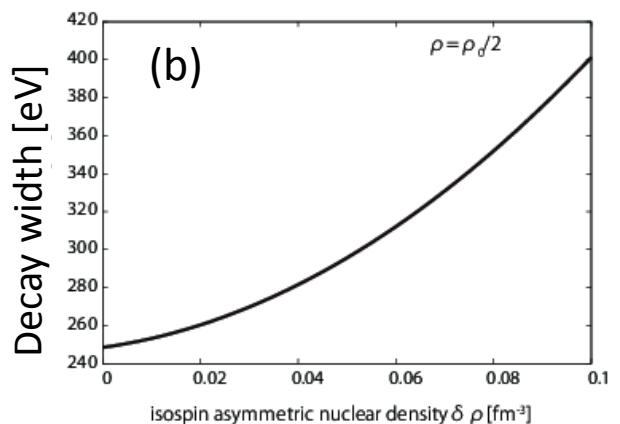
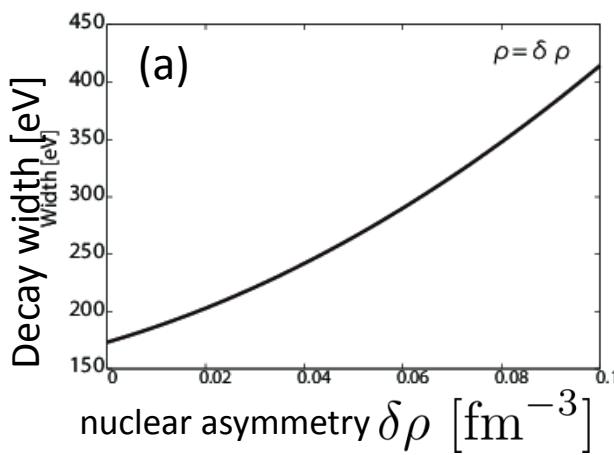
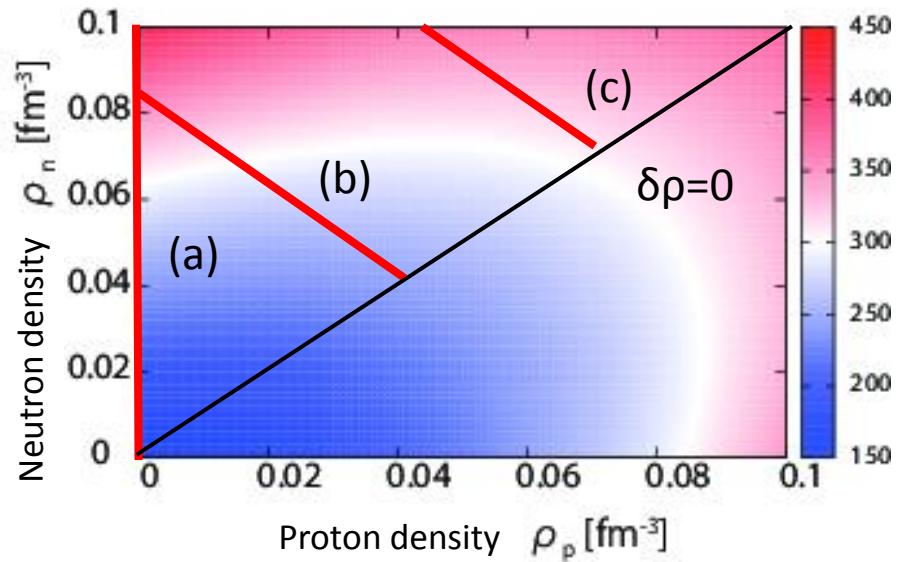
dominant decay mode

$$\rho \rightarrow 2\pi$$

$$\omega \rightarrow 3\pi$$

- The environment affect the properties of chiral symmetry
 - ✓ Partial restoration of chiral symmetry (PRCS) in nuclear matter
 - ✓ System under finite temperature, finite density, electromagnetic field,...





$$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle^* = \left(1 - \frac{\sigma_{\pi N}}{m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2} \rho\right) \langle \bar{q}q \rangle + \mathcal{O}(\rho^{n>1}) \Rightarrow$$

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