

## Spontaneous P-parity breaking in strong QCD at large baryon density

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We guess **P- breaking** to occur **at zero** temperature but **large** baryon number density due to **condensation** of parity-odd mesons (pions, kaons,... and their heavy twins)

$$\rho_B \gg \rho_N \simeq 0.17 \text{ fm}^{-3} = (1.8 \text{ fm})^{-3}$$

**How large?**

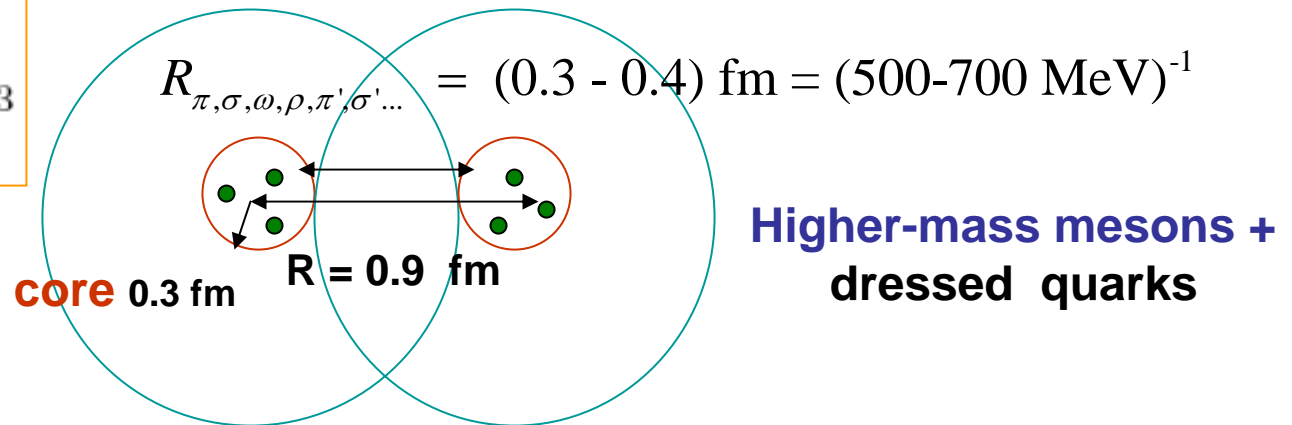
**Beyond the range of validity** of pion-nucleon effective Lagrangian

but **not large enough** for quark percolation,  $\rho_B \sim (3 \div 8)\rho_N$

*i.e.* in the hadronic phase with **heavy meson** excitations playing an essential role in dense nuclear matter where quark-nuclear matter duality can be effectively used.

**Example**

$$\rho_B = 8\rho_N \simeq (0.9 \text{ fm})^{-3}$$



## Effective lagrangian approach

Low energies  $\implies$  Chiral lagrangian for pions:

$$L_\pi = \frac{1}{4} F_\pi^2 \text{tr} \left( \mathbf{D}_\mu U \mathbf{D}^\mu U^\dagger + m_\pi^2 (U + U^\dagger) \right)$$

$$U = \exp \left( i \frac{\pi^a \tau^a}{F_\pi} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{D}_\mu U \equiv \partial_\mu U + [\mathbf{V}_\mu, U]$$

Vector field

Density vs. chemical potential

*(symmetric nuclear matter)*

$$\langle N^\dagger N(x) \rangle = \rho_B \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \int dx \mu_B \left( \bar{N} \gamma_0 N(x) - \rho_B \right)$$

Corresponds to singlet vector current!

$$V_0 = \mu_B$$

Disappears from pion lagrangian?

No! It is hidden in structural constants and masses.

$$F_\pi^2(\mu_B) \quad m_\pi^2(\mu_B)$$

We need a model of formation for these parameters:

**QCD ?**

**At least an extension to QCD motivated Linear sigma models and/or Quark models !**

Heavy meson states are in game!

# Extended linear sigma model

with two multiplets of scalar and pseudoscalar mesons  
(with matching as close to QCD as possible –spectral sum rules)

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

**Chiral limit**  $\longrightarrow$   $SU_L(2) \times SU_R(2)$  **symmetry**

$$V_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left\{ - \sum_{j,k=1}^2 H_j^\dagger \Delta_{jk} H_k + \lambda_1 (H_1^\dagger H_1)^2 + \lambda_2 (H_2^\dagger H_2)^2 + \lambda_3 H_1^\dagger H_1 H_2^\dagger H_2 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_4 (H_1^\dagger H_2 H_1^\dagger H_2 + H_2^\dagger H_1 H_2^\dagger H_1) + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_5 (H_1^\dagger H_2 + H_2^\dagger H_1) H_1^\dagger H_1 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_6 (H_1^\dagger H_2 + H_2^\dagger H_1) H_2^\dagger H_2 \right\} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{|H|^6}{\Lambda^2}\right),$$

**9 real constants**

$$\Delta_{jk} \sim \lambda_A \sim N_c$$

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

$$\Lambda \simeq 4\pi F_\pi \Leftrightarrow M_{\text{dyn}}$$

## Chirally symmetric parameterization

$$H_1(x) = \sigma_1(x)U(x) = \sigma_1(x)\xi^2(x); \quad \langle H_1 \rangle = \langle \sigma_1 \rangle > 0$$

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

### Effective potential

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{eff}} = & - \sum_{j,k=1}^2 \sigma_j \Delta_{jk} \sigma_k - \Delta_{22} (\pi_2^a)^2 \\ & + \lambda_1 \sigma_1^4 + \lambda_2 \sigma_2^4 + (\lambda_3 + \lambda_4) \sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2 + \lambda_5 \sigma_1^3 \sigma_2 + \lambda_6 \sigma_1 \sigma_2^3 \\ & + (\pi_2^a)^2 \left( (\lambda_3 - \lambda_4) \sigma_1^2 + \lambda_6 \sigma_1 \sigma_2 + 2\lambda_2 \sigma_2^2 \right) + \lambda_2 \left( (\pi_2^a)^2 \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

### Minimal nontrivial choice admitting SPB

$$\lambda_5 = \lambda_6 = 0 \Rightarrow \Delta_{12} = 0 \quad \text{from consistency}$$

Such an effective potential is symmetric under  $Z_2 \times Z_2$

$$H_1 \rightarrow -H_1 \quad \text{or} \quad H_2 \rightarrow -H_2$$

# Vacuum states

Neutral pseudoscalar condensate breaking P-parity?

$$\pi_2^a = \delta^{a0} \rho$$

**No!** in QCD at zero quark density  $\rho = 0$  (Vafa-Witten theorem)

Eqs. for vacuum states

$$2(\Delta_{11}\sigma_1 + \Delta_{12}\sigma_2) = 4\lambda_1\sigma_1^3 + 3\lambda_5\sigma_1^2\sigma_2 + 2(\lambda_3 + \lambda_4)\sigma_1\sigma_2^2 + \lambda_6\sigma_2^3 \\ + \rho^2(2(\lambda_3 - \lambda_4)\sigma_1 + \lambda_6\sigma_2),$$

$$2(\Delta_{12}\sigma_1 + \Delta_{22}\sigma_2) = \lambda_5\sigma_1^3 + 2(\lambda_3 + \lambda_4)\sigma_1^2\sigma_2 + 3\lambda_6\sigma_1\sigma_2^2 + 4\lambda_2\sigma_2^3 \\ + \rho^2(\lambda_6\sigma_1 + 4\lambda_2\sigma_2),$$

$$0 = 2\pi_2^a \left( -\Delta_{22} + (\lambda_3 - \lambda_4)\sigma_1^2 + \lambda_6\sigma_1\sigma_2 + 2\lambda_2\sigma_2^2 + 2\lambda_2\rho^2 \right)$$

**Necessary and sufficient condition to avoid P-parity breaking in normal QCD vacuum (  $\mu = 0$  )**

$$(\lambda_3 - \lambda_4)\sigma_1^2 + \lambda_6\sigma_1\sigma_2 + 2\lambda_2\sigma_2^2 > \Delta_{22}$$

## Second variation for $\rho = 0$

$$\frac{1}{2}V_{11}^{(2)} = -\Delta_{11} + 6\lambda_1\sigma_1^2 + 3\lambda_5\sigma_1\sigma_2 + (\lambda_3 + \lambda_4)\sigma_2^2, \quad > 0$$

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

$$\frac{1}{2}V_{22}^{(2)} = -\Delta_{22} + (\lambda_3 + \lambda_4)\sigma_1^2 + 3\lambda_6\sigma_1\sigma_2 + 6\lambda_2\sigma_2^2 \quad > 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2}V_{ab}^{(2)\pi} = \delta_{ab} \left( -\Delta_{22} + (\lambda_3 - \lambda_4)\sigma_1^2 + \lambda_6\sigma_1\sigma_2 + 2\lambda_2\sigma_2^2 \right) > 0$$

### Conditions for CSB minimum

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

**but**  $\text{Det} \Delta > 0, \text{tr} \{ \Delta \} > 0$  **or**  $\text{Det} \Delta < 0$

**for the absence of competitive chirally symmetric minimum**

# Embedding a chemical potential $\int dx \mu (\bar{q}\gamma_0 q(x) - \rho_B)$

Local coupling to quarks

$$\mathcal{L}_{int} = -(\bar{q}_R \overset{\circ}{H}_1 q_L + \bar{q}_L H_1^\dagger q_R)$$

Superposition of physical meson states

From a quark model

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

$$\mathcal{N} \equiv \frac{N_c N_f}{4\pi^2}$$

Density and Fermi momentum

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



## Dense matter drivers of minimum

Only the first Eq. for stationary points is modified

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

Second variation matrix depends on  $\mu$  only in the first element

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

# Necessary conditions to approach to P-breaking phase

$$\partial_\mu \left[ (\lambda_3 - \lambda_4) \sigma_1^2 + \lambda_6 \sigma_1 \sigma_2 + 2\lambda_2 \sigma_2^2 \right] < 0$$



$$-\left( 2(\lambda_3 - \lambda_4) \sigma_1 + \lambda_6 \sigma_2 \right) V_{22}^{(2)} + \left( \lambda_6 \sigma_1 + 4\lambda_2 \sigma_2 \right) V_{12}^{(2)} < 0$$

**One condition for 7 parameters:  
P-breaking is not exceptional but rather typical!**

## P-parity breaking phase

Above a critical point  $\mu > \mu_{crit}$

$$(\lambda_3 - \lambda_4)\sigma_1^2 + \lambda_6\sigma_1\sigma_2 + 2\lambda_2(\sigma_2^2 + \rho^2) = \Delta_{22}$$

From Eqs. for extremum

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

If  $\lambda_2 = 0$  and/or  $\lambda_6 = 0$  these Eqs. give a relation between  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$

Otherwise, for  $\lambda_2\lambda_6 \neq 0$

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

*All these relations don't depend on P-breaking v.e.v.  $\rho$   
and on chemical potential ! Robust !*

**Critical points  $\mu_c$  when  $\rho(\mu_c) = 0$**

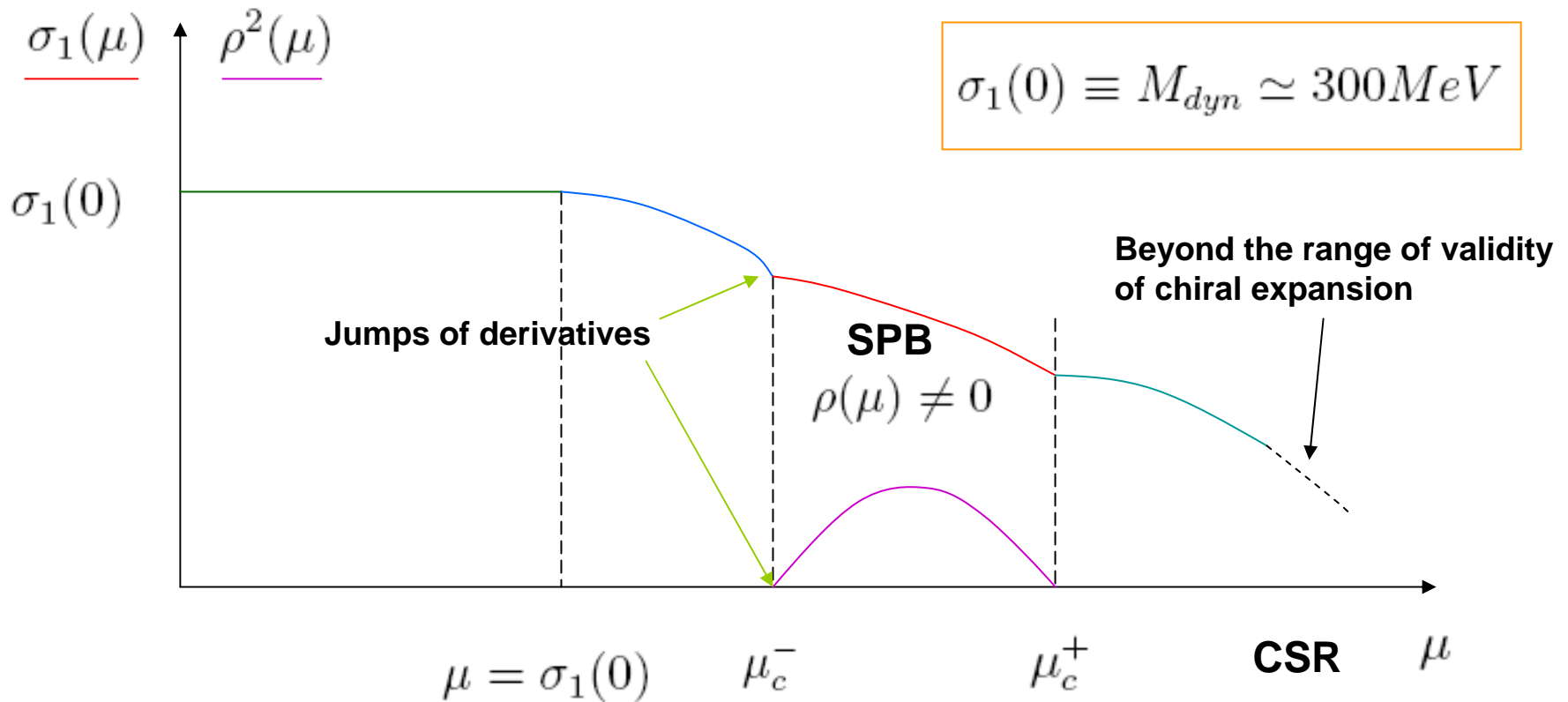
$$(4\lambda_2\Delta_{12} - \lambda_6\Delta_{22})r^2 + (2\lambda_6\Delta_{12} - 4\lambda_4\Delta_{22})r + 2(\lambda_3 - \lambda_4)\Delta_{12} - \lambda_5\Delta_{22} = 0$$

**For**  $r \equiv \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1}$

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

**But for  $4\lambda_2\Delta_{12} = \lambda_6\Delta_{22}$  only one solution and P-breaking phase may be left via 1st order phase transition**

# Spontaneous P-parity breaking (IId order phase transition)



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

## Meson spectrum in SPB phase

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

$$\frac{1}{2}V_{11}^{(2)\sigma} = 4\lambda_1\sigma_1^2 + 2\lambda_5\sigma_1\sigma_2 + 2\lambda_4\sigma_2^2 - 2\mathcal{N}\sigma_1^2 \ln \frac{\mu + \sqrt{\mu^2 - \sigma_1^2}}{\sigma_1}$$

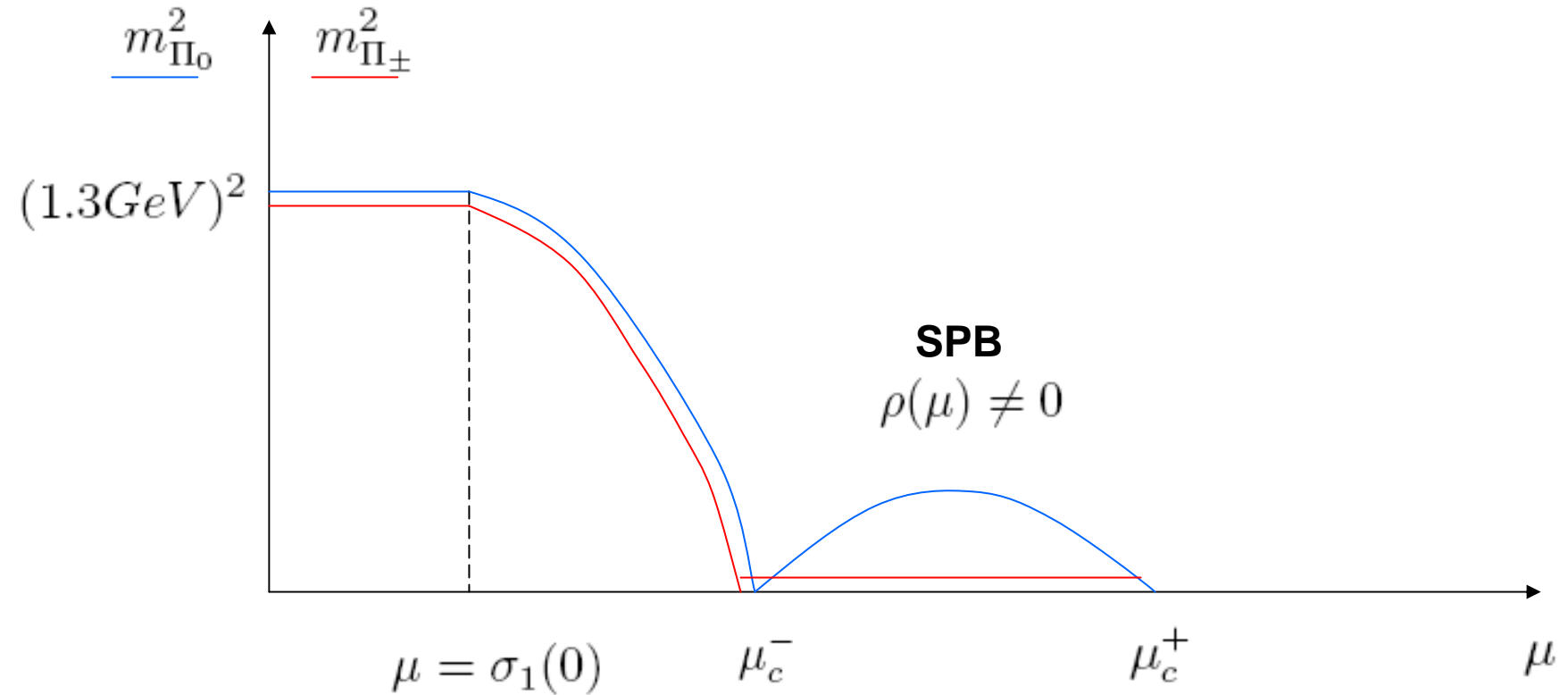
$$V_{12}^{(2)\sigma} = 2\lambda_5\sigma_1^2 + 4\lambda_3\sigma_1\sigma_2 + 2\lambda_6\sigma_2^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2}V_{22}^{(2)\sigma} = 2\lambda_4\sigma_1^2 + 2\lambda_6\sigma_1\sigma_2 + 4\lambda_2\sigma_2^2$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} V_{10}^{(2)\sigma\pi} &= \left(4(\lambda_3 - \lambda_4)\sigma_1 + 2\lambda_6\sigma_2\right)\rho \\ V_{20}^{(2)\sigma\pi} &= \left(2\lambda_6\sigma_1 + 8\lambda_2\sigma_2\right)\rho \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Mixture of massive scalar and neutral pseudoscalar states}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}V_{00}^{(2)\pi} = 4\lambda_2\rho^2 \quad \boxed{\frac{1}{2}V_{\pm\mp}^{(2)\pi} = 0}$$

# Mass spectrum of “pseudoscalar” states (chiral limit)



In P-breaking phase there are 5 massless pseudoscalar mesons

$$\pi_0 \quad \pi_{\pm} \quad \Pi_{\pm}$$

## Kinetic terms

symmetric under  $SU_L(2) \times SU_R(2)$

$$\mathcal{L}_{kin} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{j,k=1}^2 A_{jk} \text{tr} \left\{ \partial_\mu H_j^\dagger \partial^\mu H_k \right\}$$

Three more real constants  $A_{jk}$   
but one,  $A_{22}$  is redundant

### Chirally symmetric parameterization

$$H_1(x) = \sigma_1(x)U(x) = \sigma_1(x)\xi^2(x)$$

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

and expansion around a vacuum configuration

$$U = 1 + i\hat{\pi}/F_0 + \dots \quad \xi = 1 + i\hat{\pi}/2F_0 + \dots$$

$$\sigma_j \equiv \bar{\sigma}_j + \Sigma_j \quad \hat{\pi} = \tau_3\rho + \hat{\Pi}$$



## Kinetic part quadratic in meson fields

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{kin}^{(2)} = & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k=1}^2 A_{jk} \partial_\mu \Sigma_j \partial^\mu \Sigma_k + \frac{\rho^2}{2F_0^2} A_{22} \partial_\mu \pi^0 \partial^\mu \pi^0 - \frac{\rho}{F_0} \sum_{j=1}^2 A_{j2} \partial_\mu \Sigma_j \partial^\mu \pi^0 \\ & + \sum_{j,k=1}^2 \left[ \frac{1}{2F_0^2} A_{jk} \bar{\sigma}_j \bar{\sigma}_k \partial_\mu \pi^a \partial^\mu \pi^a + \frac{1}{F_0} A_{j2} \bar{\sigma}_j \partial_\mu \pi^a \partial^\mu \Pi^a \right] + \frac{1}{2} A_{22} \partial_\mu \Pi^a \partial^\mu \Pi^a \end{aligned}$$

**Normalizations  
and notations**

$$F_0^2 = \sum_{j,k=1}^2 A_{jk} \bar{\sigma}_j \bar{\sigma}_k \simeq (90\text{MeV})^2, \quad \zeta \equiv \frac{1}{F_0} \sum_{j=1}^2 A_{j2} \bar{\sigma}_j$$

**Pion weak decay constant**

## P-symmetric phase

$$\rho = 0$$

**After shift**  $\tilde{\pi}^a = \pi^a + \zeta \Pi^a$

$$\mathcal{L}_{kin,\pi}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \tilde{\pi}^a \partial^\mu \tilde{\pi}^a + \frac{1}{2} (A_{22} - \zeta^2) \partial_\mu \Pi^a \partial^\mu \Pi^a, \quad A_{22} - \zeta^2 = \frac{\bar{\sigma}_1^2 \det A}{F_0^2} > 0,$$

### Mass of pi-prime meson(s)

$$m_{\Pi}^2 = \frac{-\Delta_{22} + (\lambda_3 - \lambda_4)(\bar{\sigma}_1)^2 + \lambda_6 \bar{\sigma}_1 \bar{\sigma}_2 + 2\lambda_2(\bar{\sigma}_2)^2}{A_{22} - \zeta^2} \simeq 1300 \text{MeV}$$

$F_0^2$  and  $m_{\Pi}^2$  represent the major scale normalizations,

fit of masses of scalar mesons is more subtle

# P-breaking phase

resolution of mixing with massless pions is different for neutral and charged ones because vector isospin symmetry is broken

$$\tilde{\pi}^\pm = \pi^\pm + \zeta \Pi^\pm, \quad \tilde{\pi}^0 = \pi^0 + \frac{F_0^2}{F_0^2 + A_{22}\rho^2} \left( \zeta \Pi^0 - \frac{\rho}{F_0} \sum_{j=1}^2 A_{j2} \partial_\mu \Sigma_j \right).$$

## Partially diagonalized kinetic term

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{kin}^{(2)} = & \partial_\mu \tilde{\pi}^\pm \partial^\mu \tilde{\pi}^\mp + (A_{22} - \zeta^2) \partial_\mu \Pi^\pm \partial^\mu \Pi^\mp + \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{A_{22}\rho^2}{F_0^2} \right) \partial_\mu \tilde{\pi}^0 \partial^\mu \tilde{\pi}^0 \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \left( A_{22} - \frac{F_0^2}{F_0^2 + A_{22}\rho^2} \zeta^2 \right) \partial_\mu \Pi^0 \partial^\mu \Pi^0 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k=1}^2 \frac{A_{jk} F_0^2 + \rho^2 \det A \delta_{1j} \delta_{1k}}{F_0^2 + A_{22}\rho^2} \partial_\mu \Sigma_j \partial^\mu \Sigma_k \\ & - \frac{F_0 \rho}{F_0^2 + A_{22}\rho^2} \zeta \partial_\mu \Pi^0 \sum_{j=1}^2 A_{j2} \partial^\mu \Sigma_j \end{aligned}$$

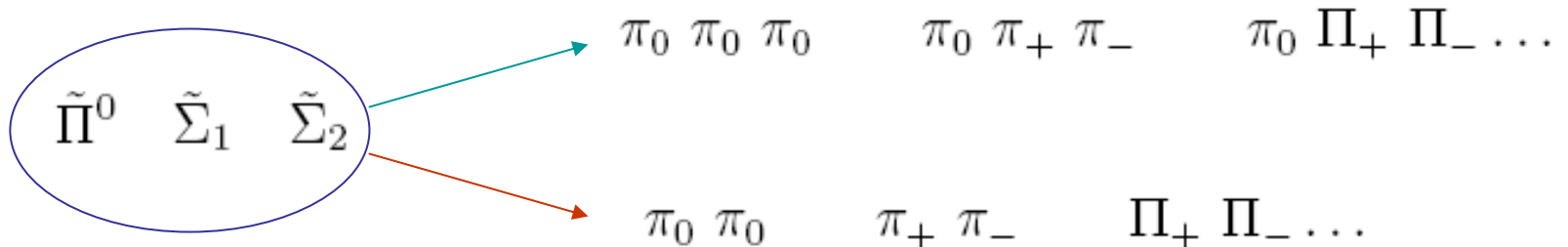
Isospin breaking  $SU_V(2) \rightarrow U(1)$

**Further diagonalization**

$$\Pi^0 \quad \Sigma_1 \quad \Sigma_2 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \tilde{\Pi}^0 \quad \tilde{\Sigma}_1 \quad \tilde{\Sigma}_2$$

**mixes neutral pseudoscalar and scalar states**

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

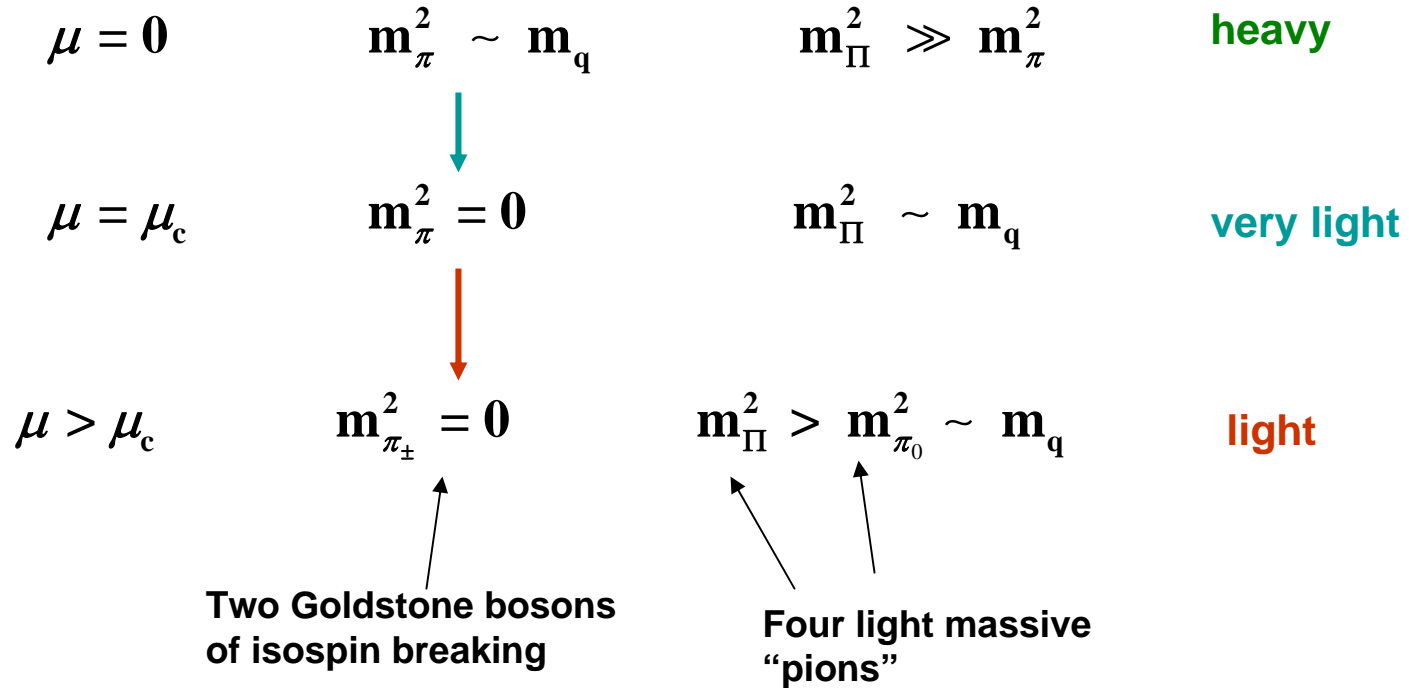


Beyond the chiral limit:  $m_q \neq 0$

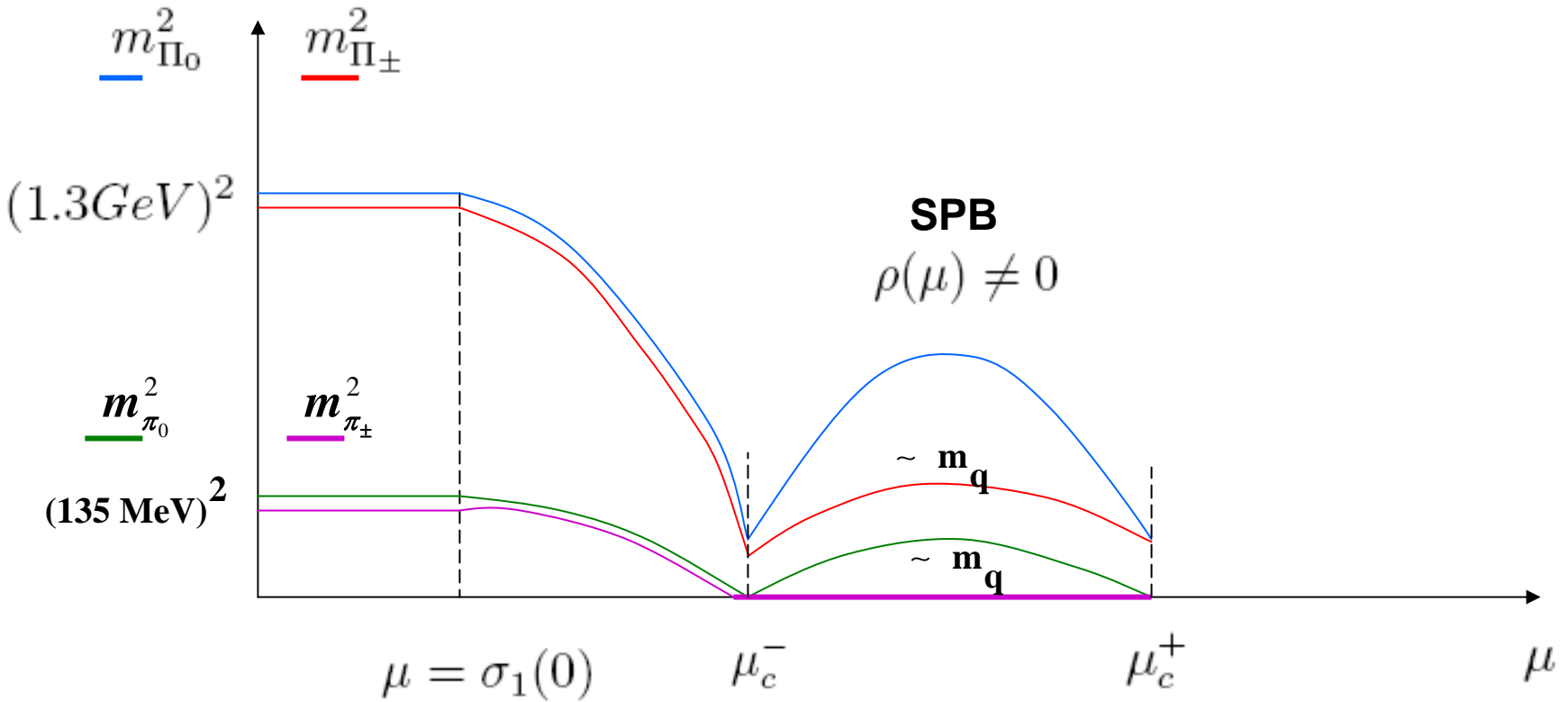
Two new lowest-dimensional operators

$$\frac{1}{2}m_q d_1 \text{tr}(H_1 + H_1^\dagger) \qquad \frac{1}{2}m_q d_2 \text{tr}(H_2 + H_2^\dagger)$$

*The spectrum in dense matter*



# Mass spectrum of “pseudoscalar” states (massive quarks)



In P-breaking phase there are 2 massless pseudoscalar mesons

$$\tilde{\pi}_{\pm}$$

## Estimations of coupling constants in Quasilocal Quark Model

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QQM}} = \bar{q}(i\cancel{\partial})q + \sum_{k,l=1}^2 a_{kl} [\bar{q}f_k(s)q\bar{q}f_l(s)q - \bar{q}f_k(s)\tau^a\gamma_5q\bar{q}f_l(s)\tau^a\gamma_5q]. \quad (3)$$

Here  $a_{kl}$  represents a symmetric matrix of real coupling constants and  $f_k(s)$ ,  $s \equiv -\partial^2/\Lambda^2$  are the polynomial form factors specifying the quasilocal (in momentum space) interaction. The form factors are orthogonal on the unit interval and the results of calculations do not depend on a concrete choice of form factors in the large-log approximation. A convenient choice is  $f_1(s) = 2 - 3s$ ,  $f_2(s) = -\sqrt{3}s$ . The values of couplings  $\lambda_i$  in Eq. (2) are then fixed for  $i = 2, \dots, 6$ :  $\lambda_2 = \frac{9N_c}{32\pi^2}$ ,  $\lambda_3 = \frac{3N_c}{8\pi^2}$ ,  $\lambda_4 = \frac{3N_c}{16\pi^2}$ ,  $\lambda_5 = -\frac{5\sqrt{3}N_c}{8\pi^2}$ ,  $\lambda_6 = \frac{\sqrt{3}N_c}{8\pi^2}$ .

$\lambda_1$  is rather arbitrary

***P-breaking is possible!***

## Minimal model admitting SPB

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Such an effective Lagrangian is symmetric under  $Z_2 \times Z_2$

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Fit on hadron phenomenology

$$A_{11} = \frac{1}{9} = A_{22}, \quad F_0 = 100 \text{ MeV}, \quad \sigma_1 = 300 \text{ MeV} = 3F_0,$$

$$m_{s,1} = 0.7 \text{ GeV} = 7F_0, \quad m_p = 1.3 \text{ GeV} = 13F_0, \quad m_{s,2} = 1.5 \text{ GeV} = 15F_0,$$

$$\Delta_{11} \simeq 2.7F_0^2, \quad \lambda_1 \simeq 0.15, \quad \lambda_4 \simeq 0.35.$$

For

$$\varrho_{B,crit} \simeq 3\varrho_{B,nuclear}$$

$$\mu_c \simeq 4.3F_0$$

$$\sigma_{1,crit} \simeq 1.8F_0$$

$$\lambda_3 \simeq 3.6$$

$$\Delta_{22} \simeq 11F_0^2$$

$$m_{s,1} \simeq 1.7F_0, \quad m_{s,2} \simeq 4.5F_0$$



## Where to see and how to check SPB ?

- a) Decays of higher-mass meson resonances (radial excitations) into pions: the same heavy resonance can decay both in two and three pions . Look like the doubling of states of equal masses and different parities!
- b) At the very point of the P-breaking phase transition one has three massless pion-like state. Below phase transition point one finds an abnormally *light and long-living pseudoscalar resonances!* After phase transition two massless charged pseudoscalars remain as Goldstone bosons enhancing charged pion production .
- c) One can search for enhancement of long-range correlations in the pseudoscalar channel in lattice simulations or in **BSE!!** or **ERG/FRG!?** Hunting for new light pseudoscalars!
- d)  $F_{\Pi}$  and extended PCAC: it is modified for massless charged pions giving an enhancement of electroweak decays of heavy pions.
- e) Additional isospin breaking:  $f_{\pi_0} \neq f_{\pi_{\pm}}$
- f) **BSE!!**  $\langle \bar{q}q \bar{q}\gamma_5\tau_0q \rangle \neq 0$

Lattice is “stubborn” (Pauli blocking, complex det) and BSE??  
Program for GSI SIS 200 ?

# A bit of history: pion condensation in symmetric nuclear matter $\rho_p = \rho_n$

A. Migdal, 1971

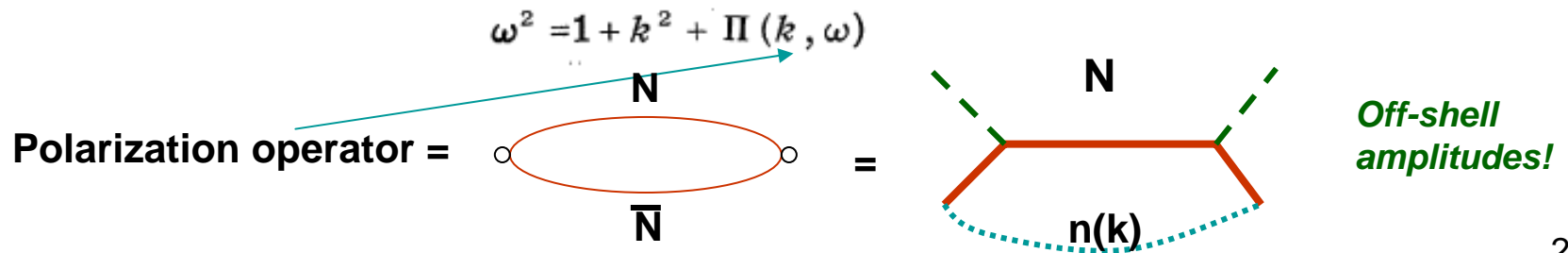
$$\omega^2 = 1 + k^2 - 4\pi n F(k) \quad \leftarrow \quad \hbar = c = m_\pi = 1$$

where  $n$  is the nucleon density and  $F(k)$  is the forward pion-nucleon scattering amplitude *which* for both  $\pi^+$  and  $\pi^-$  mesons, has the sign corresponding to attraction ( $F > 0$ ), and therefore at sufficient density 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  $k^2 - 4\pi n F(k)$ . The instability condition is  $\omega^2 = 0$  or

$$1 + k_0^2 = 4\pi n F(k_0)$$

In this approach a pion condensate is spatially inhomogeneous!

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



## Polarization operator in the Migdal's approach

$$\omega^2 = \mathbf{k}^2 + \Pi(\omega, \mathbf{k}, \mu)$$

for two pseudoscalar states  $\pi, \pi'$

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

and wave function normalizations  $Z_\pi \approx Z_{\pi'} \approx 1$

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

Has a pole in the narrow resonance approach  
and changes sign for high energies

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## Our inspiration from

## Polarization operator in details

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

where  $D_{\pi^-n}$  and  $D_{\pi^-p}$  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,

$$\Pi^{(1)\pi^-}(\omega, k; \rho) = \Pi_N^{(1)\pi^-} + \Pi_\Delta^{(1)\pi^-} + \Pi_D^{(1)\pi^-} + \Pi_\sigma^{(1)\pi^-}$$

Off-shell amplitudes from  
an effective lagrangian

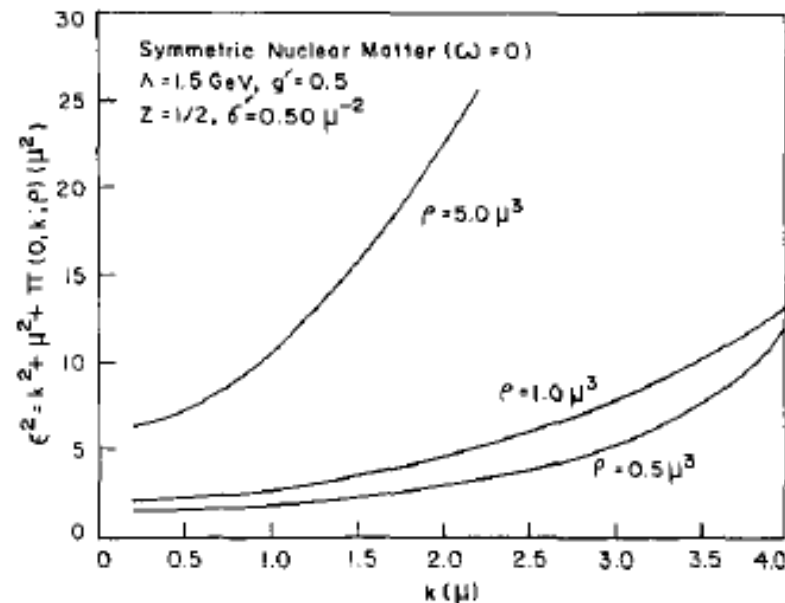
where the subscripts  $N$ ,  $\Delta$ ,  $D$  and  $\sigma$  refer to contributions from nucleon exchange, delta exchange, direct pion–nucleon scattering and the pion–nucleon  $\sigma$  term,

Most pessimistic!

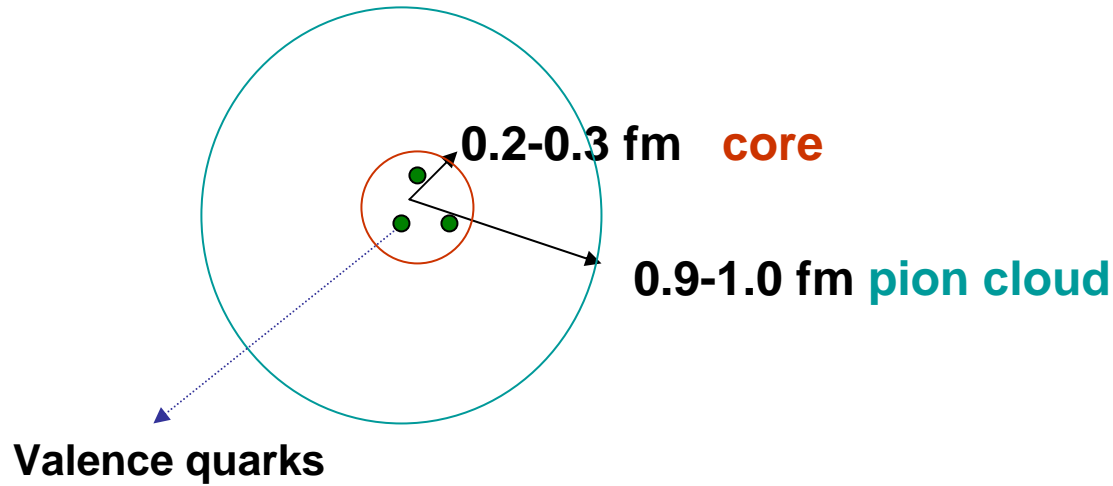
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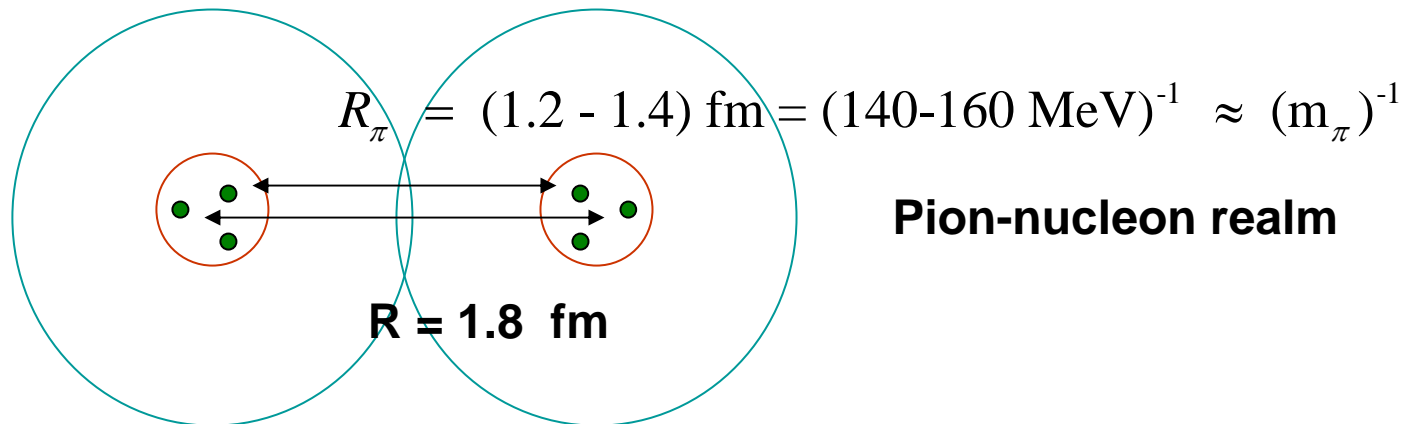
No pion condensate ?



# Nucleon in consensus



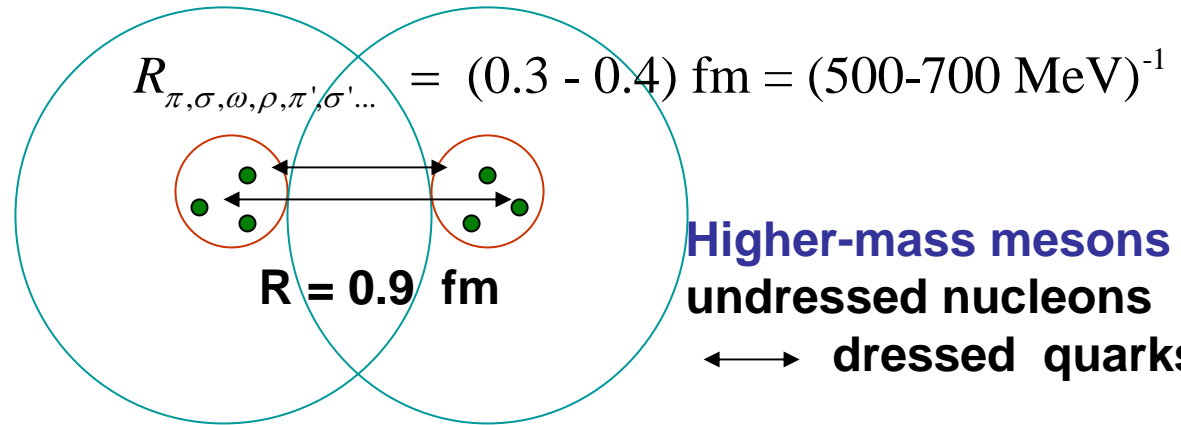
## Normal nuclear matter



## Dense nuclear matter

$$\rho_B = 8\rho_N \simeq (0.9 \text{ fm})^{-3}$$

Neutron stars

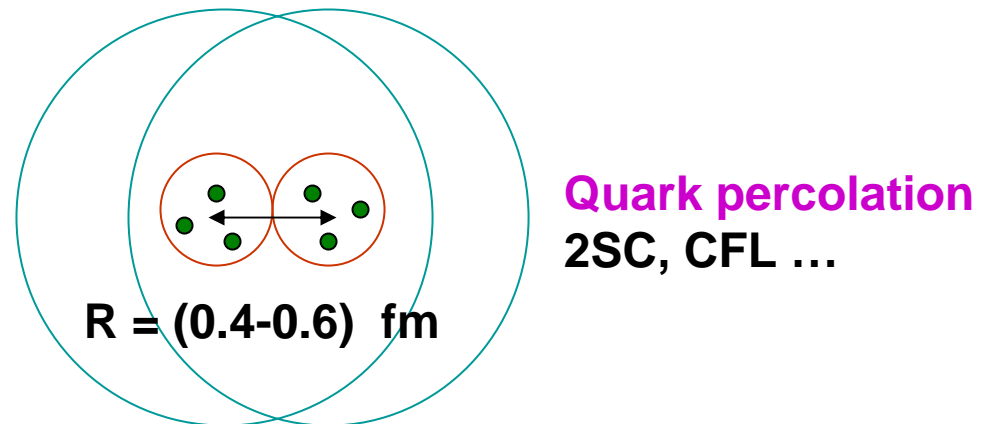


## Superdense nuclear matter

$$\rho_B = (25 \div 100)\rho_N$$

$$\simeq (0.4 \div 0.6 \text{ fm})^{-3}$$

Quark stars?



It represents a consensus of several models:  
 nuclear potentials, meson-nucleon effective Lagrangians,  
 extended Skyrme models, chiral bag models ...  
 still the NJL ones give larger core sizes due to lack of confinement