

# Exotic Phases and Phase Transitions for Interacting Fermions

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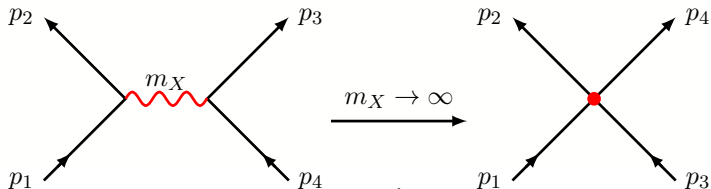
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- scattering of electrons, quarks, neutrinos ...
- mediated by exchange particle  $X$
- QED: virtual photons can be „integrated out“  
→ non-local current-current four-Fermi interaction

$$S_{\text{eff}} = S_0 + \text{const} \int d^4x d^4y J^\mu(x) K_{\mu\nu}(x-y) J^\nu(y), \quad J^\mu = \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi$$

- $X$  heavy → pointlike  $\psi^4$ -interaction for  $q^2 \ll m_X^2$



- Lorentz-invariance  $\rightarrow$  **tensor-bilinears**

scalar field	$S(x) = \bar{\psi}(x)\psi(x)$	
pseudo-scalar field	$P(x) = \bar{\psi}(x)\gamma_5\psi(x)$	
vector field	$J^\mu(x) = \bar{\psi}(x)\gamma^\mu\psi(x)$	etc.

- point-like  $\psi^4$  interaction

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} \propto M^2(x), \quad M(x) = S(x), P(x), J^\mu(x), \dots$$

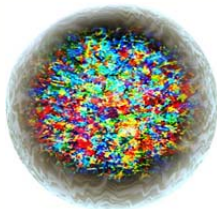
$d = 4 \rightarrow$  **non-renormalizable effective theory with cutoff  $\Lambda$**

- **weak interaction**  $\rightarrow$  Fermi-theory ( $\beta$ -decay, neutrino scattering)

$$M = \bar{\psi}_e \gamma^\mu (\mathbb{1} - \gamma_5) \psi_{\nu_e} + \dots \quad \text{coupling } G_F$$

- „unitary limit“ ( $q^2 \ll m_w^2$ )

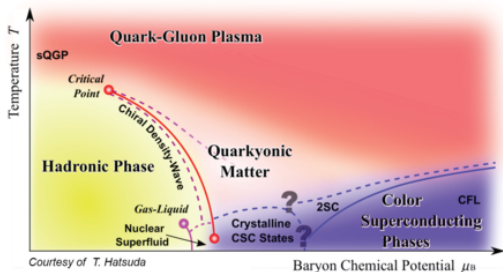
- strong interaction:
- quarks and gluons confined in hadrons and glueballs



- chiral symmetry breaking  $\rightarrow$   
chiral limit: SSB of global chiral  $SU(2) \times SU(2)$  symmetry
- order parameter = chiral condensate  $\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle$

dynamical mass generation (gap)  $m \propto \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle$

- high  $T$  low  $\mu_B$ : weakly-coupled **quark-gluon plasma** accessible to lattice simulations ☺
- high  $\mu_B$  low  $T$ : **color-superconductor** expected
- intermediate regime: intense debate not (yet) accessible to lattice simulations ☹



- chiral properties  
→ effective 4-Fermi models
- confinement not explained (missing gluons)

## a) Nambu-Jona-Lasino model

- color-blind, in chiral limit:

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi + \frac{g}{2} [(\bar{\psi} \psi)^2 - (\bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \vec{\tau} \psi)^2], \quad \psi = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}$$

- same  $SU(2) \times SU(2)$  as QCD, non-renormalizable, equivalent to

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} \mathcal{D} \psi - \frac{g}{2} (\sigma^2 + \vec{\pi}^2), \quad \mathcal{D} = i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu + g(\sigma + i \gamma_5 \vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\pi})$$

(bosonization, Hubbard-Stratonovich transformation, ...)

- shows SSB, gap, CSC-phase ☺

## b) Quark-Meson model

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} \mathcal{D} \psi + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \sigma \partial^\mu \sigma + \partial_\mu \vec{\pi} \partial^\mu \vec{\pi}) - \frac{\lambda}{4} (\sigma^2 + \vec{\pi}^2 - v^2)^2$$

- similar properties as NJL, but renormalizable (Landau pole)

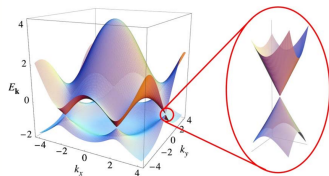
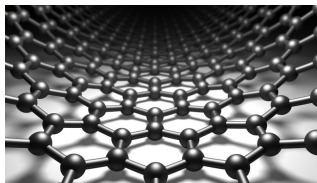
- conducting polymers (Trans- and Cis-polyacetylen)
- quasi 1-dimensional inhomogeneous superconductors
- quasi 2-dimensional Dirac materials, high-temperature SC
- description of optical lattices

Su, Schrieffer, Heeger

Mertsching, Fischbeck

Semenoff, Hands, Herbut, ...

Cirac, ...



- modeled by relativistic  $\psi^4$ -theories in  $d = 2, 3, 4$
- two Dirac points of Dirac materials  $\Rightarrow \psi$  has 4 components
- particle and condensed matter physics, structures, methods, algorithms  
→ any dimension



- **boundary conditions** in path integral & **chemical potential**

$$\mathcal{L}_E = \mathcal{L}_0 + \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}, \quad \mathcal{L}_0 = i\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\partial_\mu\psi + \mu\bar{\psi}\gamma^0\psi, \quad \psi \text{ anti-periodic}$$

- $\mathcal{L}_0$  flavor-blind,  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}$  four Fermi interaction
- admit  $N_f$  flavors

$$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \psi_{N_f} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\partial_\mu\psi = \sum_{a=1}^{N_f} \bar{\psi}_a\gamma^\mu\partial_\mu\psi_a$$

- thermodynamics: **grand canonical partition function**

$$Z = \text{tr} e^{-\beta(\hat{H} - \mu\hat{Q})} = \int \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} e^{-S_E[\psi, \bar{\psi}]}, \quad S_E = \int d\tau dx \mathcal{L}_E$$

- **expectation values** in thermal equilibrium ( $T, \mu$ )

$$\langle O[\psi, \bar{\psi}] \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} e^{-S_E[\psi, \bar{\psi}]}$$

$d = 2$ : integrable systems, sometimes soluble

$d = 3$ : renormalizable in large- $N_f$  expansion

simple realization of **asymptotic safety** scenario

Braun, Gies, Scherer

$d = 4$ : not renormalizable, effective theory

- **lattice approach:**

- critical behavior, finite size analysis
- masses of light „particles“
- phase diagrams at finite  $T$ , finite  $\mu$
- **generic sign problem** → model-dependent analysis
- strong interaction → **chiral lattice fermions**

extended FRG analysis by H. Gies et al.

Schmidt, Wellegehausen, Lenz, AW

S. Hands et al. and Jena group

- scalar-scalar interaction in **Gross-Neveu model**

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{GN}} &= \bar{\psi}(\not{\partial} + \mu\gamma^0)\psi - \frac{g^2}{2N_f}(\bar{\psi}\psi)^2 \\ &\equiv \bar{\psi}\mathcal{D}\psi + \frac{N_f}{2g^2}\sigma^2, \quad \mathcal{D} = \not{\partial} + \sigma + \mu\gamma^0\end{aligned}$$

- finite temperature and density: **grand canonical ensemble**

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \hat{\mathcal{O}} \rangle &= \text{tr}(\hat{\rho} \hat{\mathcal{O}}) = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}\sigma e^{-S} \mathcal{O} \\ Z &= \int \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}\sigma e^{-S} = \int \mathcal{D}\sigma e^{-N_f S_{\text{eff}}[\sigma]}\end{aligned}$$

- order parameter for  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  **chiral symmetry**

$$\langle \bar{\psi}(x)\psi(x) \rangle = -\frac{1}{g^2} \langle \sigma(x) \rangle$$

- saddle point approximation becomes exact

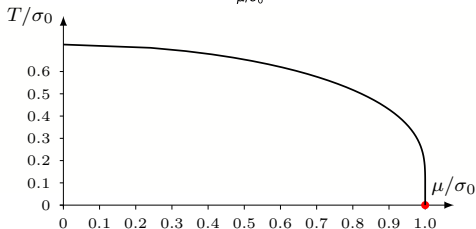
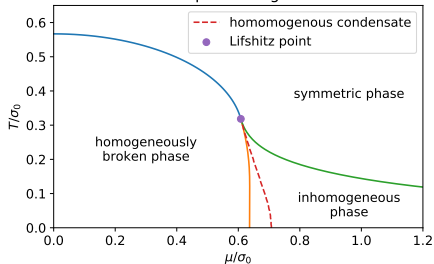
$$Z \xrightarrow{N_f \rightarrow \infty} e^{-N_f \min_{\sigma} S_{\text{eff}}[\sigma]}$$

- periodic BC  $\stackrel{?}{\Rightarrow}$  constant minimizing  $\sigma$

$$S_{\text{eff}}[\sigma] = \frac{1}{2g^2} \int \sigma^2 - \log \det \mathcal{D} = V \cdot U_{\text{eff}}(\sigma)$$

- free energy density  $U_{\text{eff}}$  known  $\rightarrow$  phase diagram with **hom. phases**
- is equilibrium state  $\hat{\rho} \propto e^{-\beta(\hat{H} - \mu \hat{Q})}$  translation invariant?
- **inhomogeneous structures?**
  - $N_f \rightarrow \infty$  GN type:  $d = 2$  yes,  $d = 3$  probably no
  - $N_f < \infty$  GN type:  $d = 2$  “yes“,  $d = 3$  probably no Narayanan; Buballa, Kurth, Wagner, Winstel
  - $d = 4$  NJL and Quark-Meson models (cutoff dependence?)
  - large- $N_f$  var. calculations Broniowski, Kotlaroz, Kutschera; Nakano, Tatsumi; Nickel; Carignano, Buballa, Schaefer; ...
  - and much more for related models ...

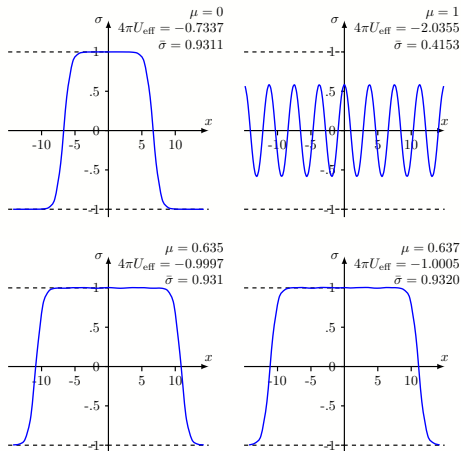
full phase diagram



- 1 + 1 dimensions**  
 second (and first) order lines  
 Lifshitz-point  
 $(T, \mu_0) \approx (0.318, 0.608)$   
 $N_f \rightarrow \infty$ : inhomogeneous phase
- 1 + 2 dimensions**  
 second order line  
 only jump at  $(\mu, T) = (1, 0)$   
 $N_f \rightarrow \infty$ : no inhomogeneous phase  
 in continuum limit

Narayanan; Buballa, Kurth, Wagner, Winstel (2020)

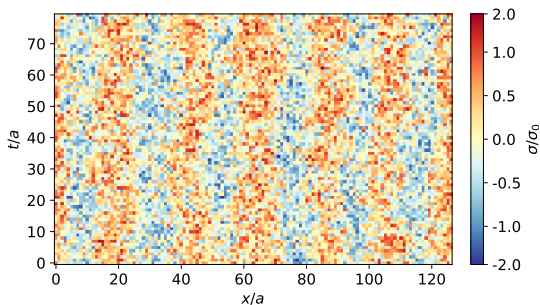
- an finite lattice (crystals): inhom. condensates not excluded**
- extensions (models, dimension)** Nickel
- standard review** Buballa, Carignano (2015)



- inhomogeneous condensates at  $T = 0$  for  $\mu > \mu_{\text{crit}} \approx 0.636$
- $4\pi U_{\text{eff}}[\sigma] > -1 \Rightarrow$  metastable
- metastable kink-antikink (top left)  $\Rightarrow$  energy(kink-antikink) =  $2/\pi$
- analytical solution in  $1 + 1\text{d}$  GN and cGN in large  $N_f$  limit

Thies et al.

- inhomogeneous condensates for finite  $N_f$ 
  - do they exist for finite  $\mu$ ?
    - breaking of translation invariance?
  - no-go theorems (Mermin-Wagner, Coleman)



GN: Lenz, Pannullo, Wagner, Wellegehausen, AW, Phys. Rev. D101 (2020) 094512 and Phys. Rev. D102 (2020) 114501

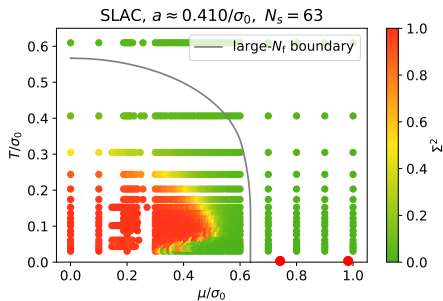
cGN: J.Lenz, M. Mandl, AW, e-Print: 2109.05525 [hep-lat]

- discretize on quadratic or hypercubic lattice

$$S_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{2g^2} \sum_x \sigma_x^2 - \log \det \mathcal{D}, \quad \mathcal{D} = \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu + \mu \gamma^4 + \sigma$$

- keep „all“ continuum symmetries
- no sign problem
  - naive fermions:  $N_f = 8, 16, \dots$
  - chiral SLAC fermions:  $N_f = 2, 4, 8, \dots$
- 2d: done, 3d: preliminary results
- many ensembles on grid in  $(T, \mu)$ -space
- $31 \leq N_s \leq 128$  and scale setting  $\rightarrow$  lattice spacing, volume
- rational HMC with  $N_{\text{PF}} = 2N_f$  pseudo-fermions



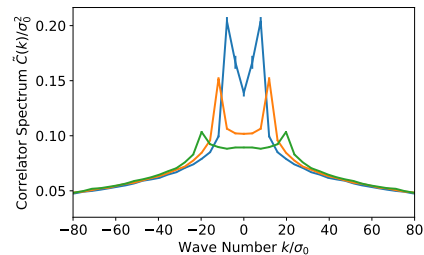
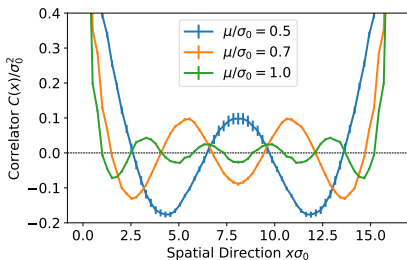
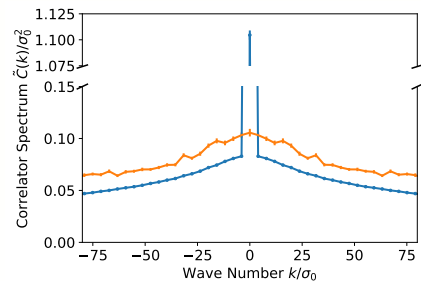
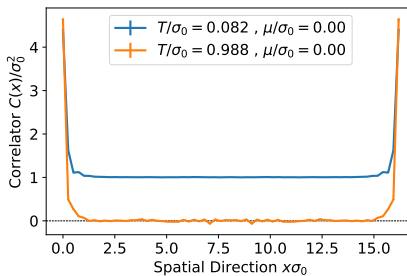


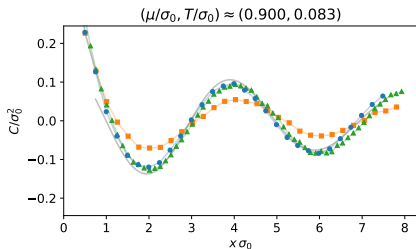
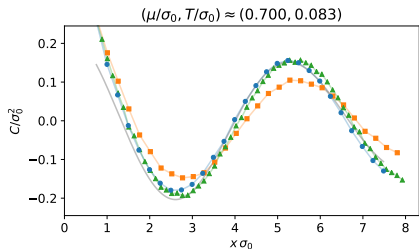
- $\langle \sigma^2 \rangle$  does not see inhom. phase
- homogeneously broken
- symmetric & inhomogeneous

- differentiate three phases

$$C(x) = \langle \sigma(t_0, x) \sigma(t_0, 0) \rangle = \frac{1}{N_t N_s} \sum_{t, y} \langle \sigma(t, y + x) \sigma(t, y) \rangle$$

- no washing out by translations of  $\sigma$
- Fourier transform  $\tilde{C}(k) = \mathcal{F}_x(C)(k)$ 
  - symmetric phase: small amplitude
  - homogeneous broken phase: peak at  $k = 0$
  - inhomogeneous phase: peaks at  $\pm q$  (dominant wavelength)



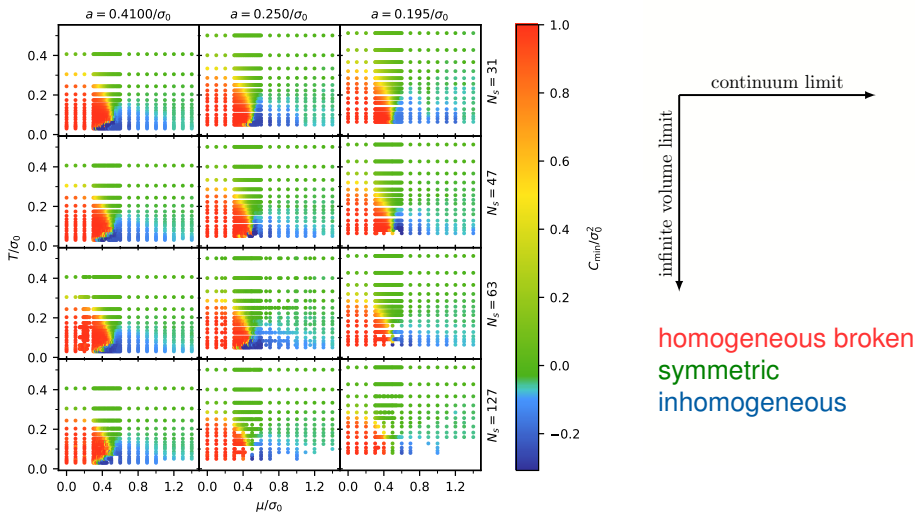


- SLAC faster convergence to continuum limit:

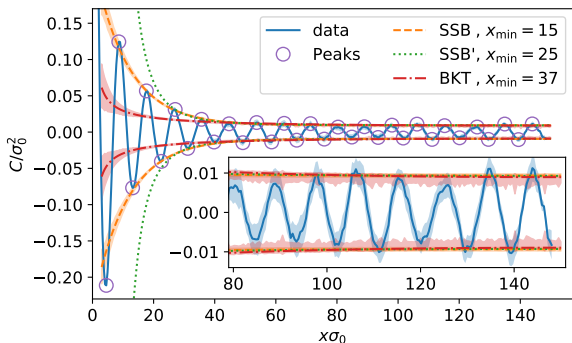
SLAC  $(a, N_s) = (0.250, 63)$

naive (improved)  $(a, N_s) = (0.252, 64)$

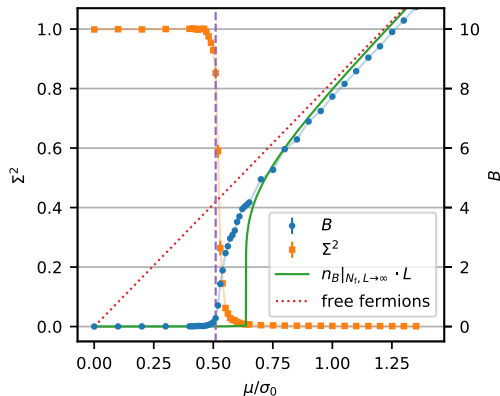
naive (improved)  $(a, N_s) = (0.126, 128)$



- long range correlations,  $N_s = 725$



- inhomogeneous correlator  $A(x) \cdot C_{\text{periodic}}(x)$
- **BKT** (Berezinskii, Kosterlitz, Thouless)  $A(x) \sim |x|^{-\beta}$
- analysis of amplitude  $A$  not conclusive yet (**BKT** for cGN-model)



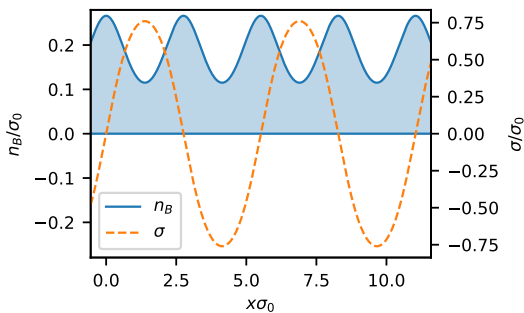
- low temperature  $T = 0.076$

- Baryon number:

$$B = \frac{i}{N_f} \left\langle \int dx \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma^0 \psi(x) \right\rangle$$

- homogeneous condensate
- analytic large- $N_f$  result
- silver blaze property
- transition symmetric  $\rightarrow$  inhom. at  $\mu_{\text{crit}} \approx 0.51$
- analytic large- $N_f$  result

- analytic large- $N_f$  result for  $n_B$  and  $\sigma$  at  $(\mu, T) = (0.7, 0)$

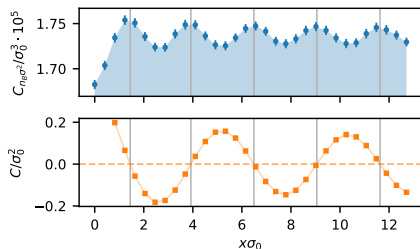
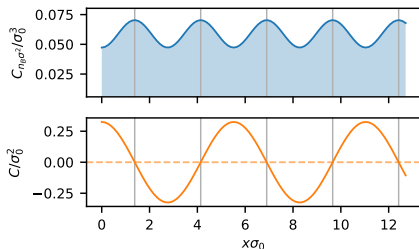


- baryonic crystal:**  $N_f$  fermions for each cycle of oscillation
- fermions located at nodes of condensate field  $\sigma$   
 → perfect correlation  $n_B(x)$  and  $\sigma^2(x)$

Schnetzer, Thies, Urlichs

- correlation condensate  $\leftrightarrow$  baryon density

$$C_{n_B \sigma^2}(x) = \frac{i}{N_f} \langle n_B(0, x) \sigma^2(0, 0) \rangle$$



- left: analytical results for  $N_f \rightarrow \infty$
- right: simulation results (SLAC,  $N_f = 8$ )
- qualitative agreement  $N_f = 8$  and  $N_f \rightarrow \infty$



with J. Lenz and M. Mandl, 2021

- U(1)-invariant extension of GN-model = **chiral GN-model**
- scalar and pseudo-scalar channels

$$\mathcal{L}_E = \bar{\psi} i \not{\partial} \psi + \frac{g^2}{2N_f} ((\bar{\psi}\psi)^2 + (\bar{\psi} i \gamma_5 \psi)^2) ,$$

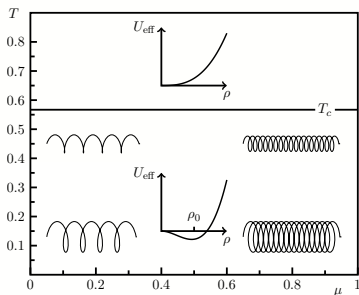
- equivalent formulation

$$\mathcal{L}_E = \bar{\psi} i \mathcal{D} \psi + \frac{N_f}{2g^2} \rho^2 \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{D} = \not{\partial} + \mu \gamma_0 + \rho e^{i\gamma_5 \theta}$$

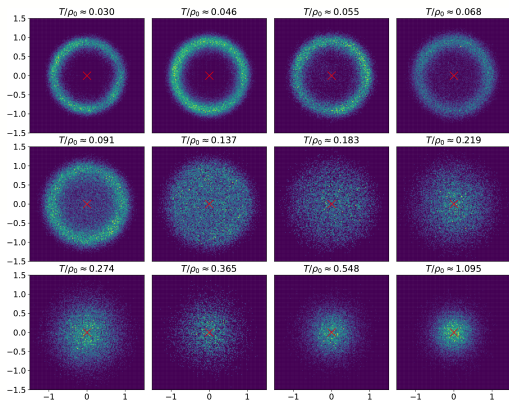
- with complex condensate field

$$\Delta = \sigma + i\pi = \rho e^{i\theta}$$

- large- $N_f$  solution simpler as for GN (chiral rotations)



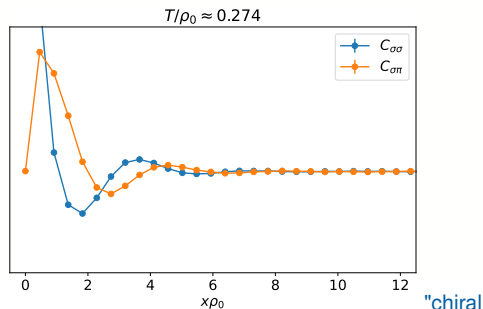
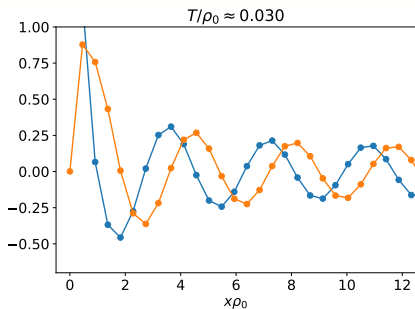
- symmetric phase  $T > T_c$
- inhomogeneous phase below  $T_c$
- condensate-field: chiral spiral  
 $\Delta = e^{iqx}$ ,  $q \propto \mu$



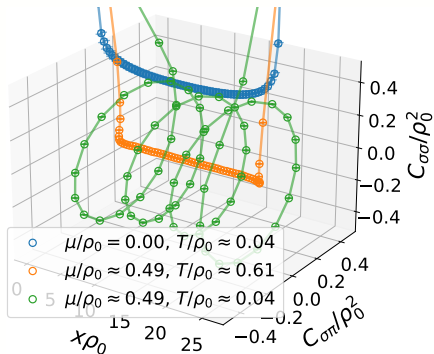
- Distributions of  $\sum_{t,x} \Delta(t, x)$
- $\mu = 0$ ,  $N_s = 63$ ,  $a \approx 0.46$
- increasing temperature

$$C_{\sigma\sigma}(x) = \frac{1}{N_t N_s} \sum_{t,y} \langle \sigma(t, y+x) \sigma(t, y) \rangle$$

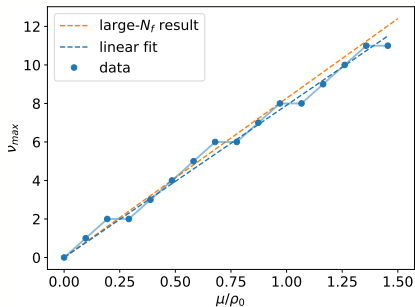
$$C_{\sigma\pi}(x) = \frac{1}{N_t N_s} \sum_{t,y} \langle \sigma(t, y+x) \pi(t, y) \rangle$$



"spiral" at low and higher temperature ( $N_f = 2$ ,  $N_s = 63$ ,  $\mu \approx 1.14$ ,  $a \approx 0.46$ )



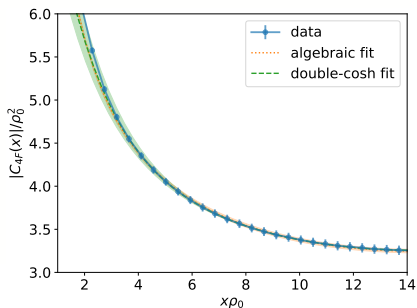
- correlators  $C_{\sigma\sigma}(x)$  and  $C_{\sigma\pi}(x)$   
 symmetric phase  
 $\mu = 0$ : dominated by hom.  $\sigma$   
 inhomogeneous



- dominant winding number  $n_{max}$  for  $T/\rho_0 \approx 0.030$
- linear fit: slope  $7.91 \pm 0.10$
- parameters:  $N_f = 8, N_s = 63, a \approx 0.41$ .

$$C_{4F}(x) = \frac{1}{N_t N_s} \sum_{t,y} \langle \bar{\psi}(1 + \gamma_*) \psi(t, y + x) \bar{\psi}(1 - \gamma_*) \psi(t, y) \rangle \propto C(x)$$

$$C(x) \propto \langle \Delta^*(t, x) \Delta(t, 0) \rangle \rightarrow x^{-1/N_f} \quad (\text{Witten})$$



BKT phase ( $N_f = 2$ )

$$|C_{4F}(x) \rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{x^\beta} + \frac{\alpha}{(L-x)^\beta}$$

$$\alpha = 6.52 \pm 0.02, \quad \beta = 0.521 \pm 0.001$$

massive phase ( $N_f = 2$ )

$$|C_{4F}(x) \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^2 \gamma_i \cosh \left[ m_i \left( x - \frac{L}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$m_1 = 0.533 \pm 0.006, \quad m_2 = (5.76 \pm 0.03) \cdot 10^{-2}$$

$$\gamma_1 = (4.3 \pm 0.3) \cdot 10^{-3}, \quad \gamma_2 = 3.2515 \pm 4 \cdot 10^{-4}$$

- current-current Thirring-interaction

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = -\frac{g^2}{2N_f} (\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi)^2, \quad \mathbb{Z}_2 \times U(2N_f) \text{ invariant}$$

- scalar condensate  $\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle$  breaks  $U(2N_f) \rightarrow U(N_f)$
- pseudo-scalar condensate  $\langle \bar{\psi} \gamma_4 \gamma_5 \psi \rangle$  breaks  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  parity
- remove  $\psi^4$ -term with auxiliary vector field  $v_\mu$
- fermionic integration  $\rightarrow$  fermion determinant

$$Z_{\text{Th}} = \int \mathcal{D}v_\mu e^{-N_f \mathcal{S}_{\text{eff}}}, \quad \mathcal{S}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{2g^2} \int d^3x v_\mu v^\mu - \log \det(i\not{D})$$

- large  $N_f \rightarrow$  path integral localized at saddle point

$$Z \xrightarrow{N_f \rightarrow \infty} e^{-N_f \min_v S_{\text{eff}}[v_\mu]}$$

- translation invariance  $\Rightarrow v_\mu$  constant

$$S_{\text{eff}}[v_\mu] = V \cdot U_{\text{eff}}(v_\mu)$$

- effective potential ( $m \neq 0$ )

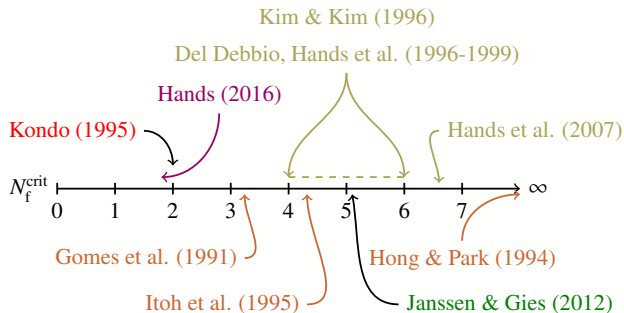
$$U_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{2g_{\text{ren}}^2} v_\mu v^\mu + U_{\text{free}}(T, m^2), \quad g^2 = \frac{4\pi g_{\text{ren}}^2}{4\pi + \Lambda g_{\text{ren}}^2}$$

- condensate

$$N_f \rightarrow \infty : \quad \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle = \frac{1}{V} \frac{\partial}{\partial m} \log Z \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow 0} 0 \quad v_\mu\text{-independent}$$

$$N_f = 1/2 : \quad \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle \neq 0 \quad \text{equivalent to GN}$$

- exists critical flavor number  $N_f^{\text{crit}}$ :
  - there is broken phase for  $N_f \leq N_f^{\text{crit}}$
  - only symmetric phase for  $N_f > N_f^{\text{crit}}$
- situation before 2017:



- SD equations
- $1/N_f$ -expansion
- FRG
- lattice, staggered
- lattice, domain wall
- new results change situation



- advantages of chiral SLAC fermions

- exact  $U(2N_f) \times \mathbb{Z}_2$  symmetry on hyper-cubic lattice
- $v_\mu(x)$  site variable (not gauge field)
- no doublers, no sign-problem for 4-component  $\psi$
- relatively cheap

- simulation results

- 4-component  $\psi \Rightarrow$  no SSB for  $N_f = 1, 2, \dots$   
simulations for  $0.5 \leq N_f \leq 1 \Rightarrow N_f^{\text{crit}} = 0.80(4)$

B. Wellegehausen, D. Schmidt, AW, PRD 96 (2017)

J. Lenz, B. Wellegehausen, AW, PRD 100 (2019)

- 2-component  $\psi \Rightarrow$  breaking for  $N_f^{\text{tr}} \leq 9$

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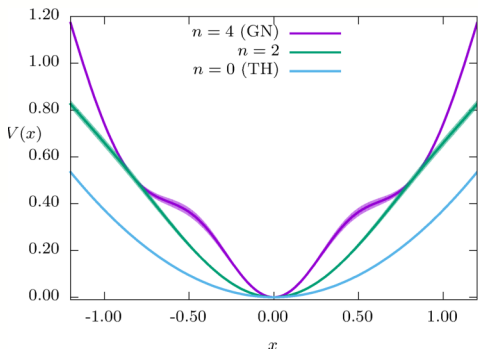
- domain wall fermions (DWF)

different implementations  $N_f^{\text{crit}} \lesssim 1$  or  $1 < N_f^{\text{crit}} < 2$

Hands et al. 2019 and 2020

- recent FRG-studies compatible with  $N_f^{\text{crit}} < 1$   
momentum-dependent vertices

L. Dabelow, H. Gies, B. Knorr, PRD 99, 2019



- $N_f = 2$ ,  $L = 16$
- small finite size corrections
- no SSB for  $N_f = 2$
- supported by  
dual formulation  $\rightarrow$  filling  
strong coupling expansion

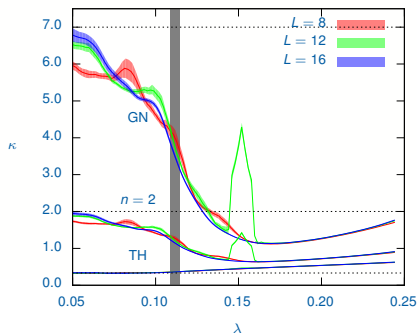
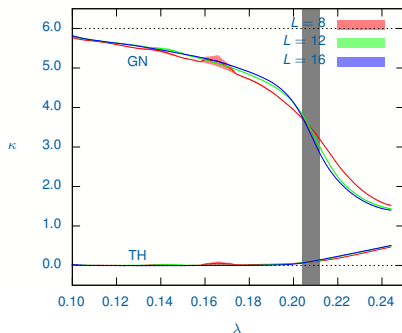
- detailed analysis:

- effective potential in various channels (dual formulation)
- chiral condensate  $\Sigma_{L,N_f}$ , mean spectral density  $\bar{\varrho}_{L,N_f}(E)$
- symmetry of low-lying spectrum for  $N_f \in [0.8, 1.0]$
- susceptibilities

- curvature of **effective potential** (free energy density) at origin:

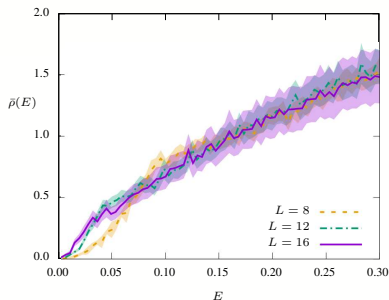
$$\text{SSB if } \kappa(n) = V''_{\text{eff}}(x, n) \Big|_{x=0} < 0 \text{ for one } n$$

- plots: curvatures for  $N_f = 1$  and  $N_f = 2$  (dotted: strong coupling)
- physical domain: right of dark bar



- Banks-Casher: condensate from mean spectral density  $\bar{\rho}$ :

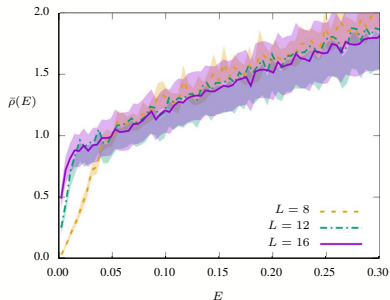
$$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle = \lim_{m \rightarrow 0} \lim_{V \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2m}{V} \int_0^\infty \frac{dE}{E^2 + m^2} \bar{\rho}(E)$$



symmetric phase

$N_f = 1.0$ ,  $L = 8, 12, 16$

density stays small near  $E = 0$

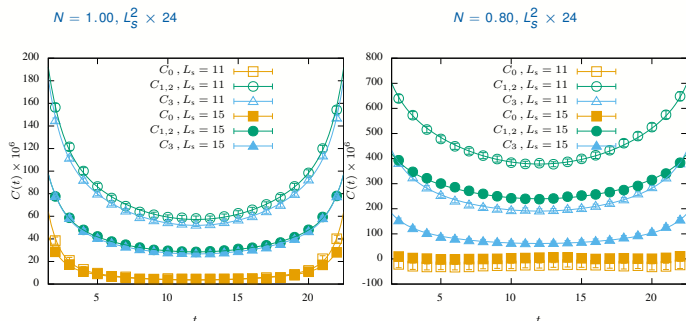


broken phase

$N_f = 0.8$ ,  $L = 8, 12, 16$

density builds up near  $E = 0$

- $U(2)$  unbroken: expect singlet and triplet
- $U(2) \rightarrow U(1) \times U(1)$ : two Goldstone modes



$C$	$t$		$t$		$N_f$	Symm.
	$m(11)$	$m(15)$	$m^*(11)$	$m^*(15)$		
$C_0$	0.21(2)	0.21(2)	1.27(6)	1.22(7)	1.0	U(2)
$C_{1,2}$	0.134(3)	0.128(2)	1.03(5)	1.02(3)	1.0	
$C_3$	0.138(2)	0.131(2)	1.08(4)	0.98(3)	1.0	
$C_{1,2}$	0.103(2)	0.095(3)	1.04(12)	0.93(17)	0.8	U(1) × U(1)
$C_3$	0.109(4)	0.127(7)	0.81(7)	0.81(10)	0.8	

- first simulations of  $3d$  system with fully chiral fermions

$$N_f^{\text{crit}} = 0.80(4)$$

- 2-component  $\psi$ : parity breaking PT for  $N_f^{\text{crit}} = 0.5, 1.5, 3.5, 4.5$
- staggered fermions problematic: wrong universality class?
- domain wall fermions: favor  $1 < N_f^{\text{crit}} < 2$   
very large extra dimension,  $v_\mu$  link variable (Simon Hands)
- still discrepancy SLAC  $\leftrightarrow$  DWF
- spotted new PT without order parameter  $N_f \geq 0.8$  (needs clarification)

Lenz, Wellegehausen, AW

- first  $\psi^4$ -simulations with chiral fermions (finite  $\mu, T, N_f$ )
- **symmetries** of lattice action relevant in  $d = 3$  (staggered vs. chiral)
- recent result  $N_f^{\text{crit}} < 1$  (cp. domain wall fermions)
- $2d$  GN:  $N_f = 8$  or  $16$  phase diagram **similar to**  $N_f \rightarrow \infty$
- strong correlation **baryon density**  $\leftrightarrow$  **condensate**
- inhomogeneous „phases“ shrink with decreasing  $N_f$
- **in progress:**
  - $\psi^4$  in **magnetic fields** (cascade of first order transitions) J. Lenz, M. Mandl, AW, in progress
- first simulation results for  $d = 3$  GN
  - coding of  $d = 4$  **quark-meson mode** Pannullo, Wagner, Winstel; Lenz, Mandl, AW
- **we are aiming at:**
  - behavior of condensates in rotating vessels?
  - . . . . . gauge theories

Thanks!