

# Effective Lagrangians and thermal resonances under extreme conditions

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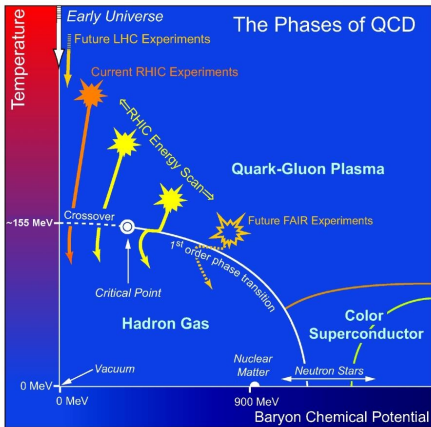
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- 1 Aspects of the QCD phase diagram
- 2 Scattering and Resonances within finite-T Unitarized ChPT
- 3 Saturating scalar susceptibilities with light thermal resonances
- 4 Pion scattering and critical temperature at nonzero chiral imbalance

# QCD transition



A. Bazavov, Quark Matter 2017

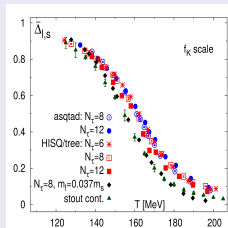
- Crossover-like transition in the physical case ( $N_f = 2 + 1$ , massive quarks)
- Phase transition in light chiral limit for  $N_f = 2$ , possibly of second order

# Signals of Chiral Symmetry Restoration

Inflection point for the  
light quark condensate  $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l$

Subtracted quark condensate:  

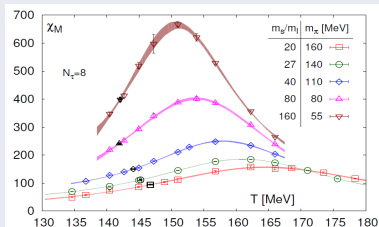
$$\Delta_{l,s} = m_s \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l - 2m_l \langle \bar{s}s \rangle$$
 (avoids lattice divergences)



A. Bazavov  
et al PRD85,  
054503 (2012)

Peak of scalar susceptibility

$$\chi_S = -\frac{\partial}{\partial m_l} \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l$$



H. T. Ding  
et al PRL123,  
062002 (2019)

# Scattering and Resonances within finite-T Unitarized ChPT

Unitarized meson scattering from thermal unitarity including physical thermal-bath processes:

$$\text{IAM: } t_{IAM}(s, T) = \frac{t_2(s)^2}{t_2(s) - t_4(s, T)}$$

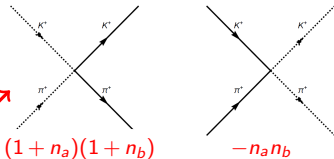
$M_a \neq M_b$   
scattering  $\pi K$

$$\text{Im } t_{IAM}(s, T) = \begin{cases} \sigma_{ab}^T(s) [t_{IAM}(s, T)]^2, & s \geq (M_a + M_b)^2 \text{ (unit.cut)} \\ \tilde{\sigma}_{ab}^T(s) [t_{IAM}(s, T)]^2, & 0 \leq s \leq (M_a - M_b)^2 \text{ (Landau thermal cut)} \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta_{ab} = M_a^2 - M_b^2$$

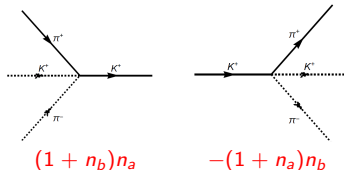
Thermal phase space:

$$\sigma_{ab}^T(s) = \sigma_{ab}(s) \left[ 1 + n_B \left( \frac{s + \Delta_{ab}}{2\sqrt{s}} \right) + n_B \left( \frac{s - \Delta_{ab}}{2\sqrt{s}} \right) \right]$$

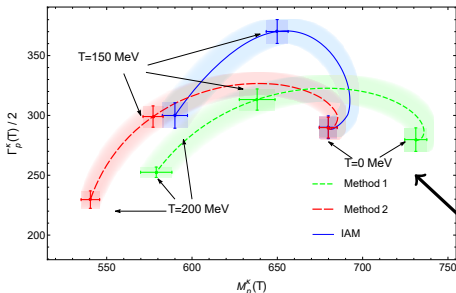


$$\tilde{\sigma}_{ab}^T(s) = \sigma_{ab}(s) \left[ n_B \left( \frac{\Delta_{ab} - s}{2\sqrt{s}} \right) - n_B \left( \frac{s + \Delta_{ab}}{2\sqrt{s}} \right) \right]$$

two-body  $T = 0$  phase space



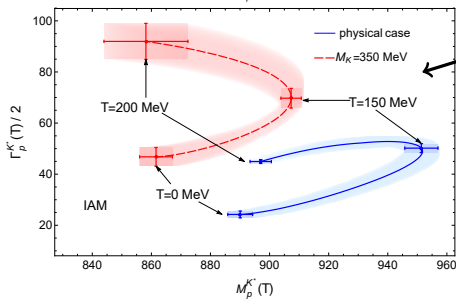
# Scattering and Resonances within finite-T Unitarized ChPT



- $M_p^\kappa$  stays constant up to temperatures around  $T \sim 75$  MeV, from which it shows a decreasing behavior.
- $\Gamma_p^\kappa$  increases at low temperatures and decreases for  $T$  closer to  $T_c$ .
- Similar behavior to that of the  $f_0(500)$ .

$$K_0^*(700)/\kappa(I=1/2, J=0)$$

$T=0$  LECs: Molina, Ruiz de Elvira JHEP2020



$$K^*(892)(I=1/2, J=1)$$

- Softer temperature dependence.
- $SU(3)$  limit ( $M_K = 350$  MeV):  
 →  $\Gamma_p^{K^*}$  doubles its value from  $T=0$  to  $T=200$  MeV.

A. Gómez Nicola, J. R. de Elvira and AVR,

JHEP 08 (2023), 148

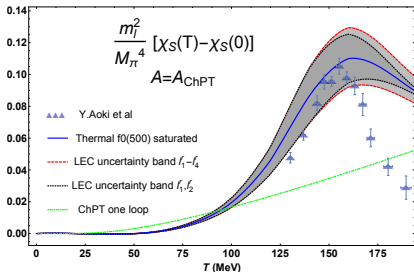
S.Ferreres-Solé, A. Gómez Nicola, AVR, PRD99, 036018 (2019)

$\chi_S$  saturated by lightest  $IJ = 00$  state, i.e.  $f_0(500)$   
generated in unitarized finite-T  $\pi\pi$  scattering

$$\chi_S(T) \simeq \chi_S(0) \frac{M_S^2(0)}{M_S^2(T)}$$

$M_S^2(T) = \text{Re } s_p(T) \sim \text{Re } \Sigma_{f_0}$   
behaves as  $p = 0$  thermal mass in this channel  
(scaling near  $T_c$  checked with LSM analysis)

- Reproduces expected peak  
 $T_c \sim 158$  MeV
- Agrees with lattice below the peak  
within uncertainties
- Consistent  $T_c$  reduction and  $\chi_S$   
growth near chiral limit



LECs FLAG coll. Hanhart, Peláez, Ríos PRL100 (2008)

Thermal interactions crucial!

# $I = 1/2$ sector ( $K/\kappa$ )

$$K^b = i\bar{q}\gamma_5\lambda^b q \xleftrightarrow[U(1)_A]{SU(2)_A} \kappa^b = \bar{q}\lambda^b q$$

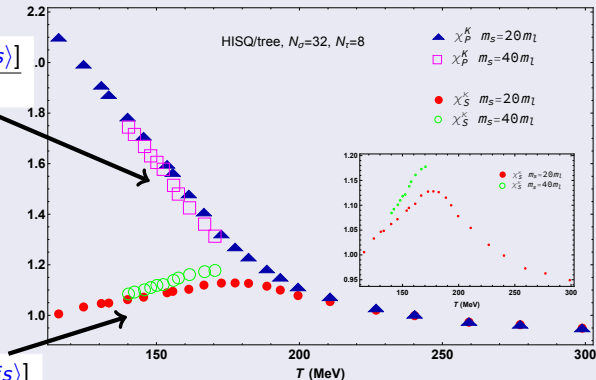
degenerate under both  $O(4)$  and  $U(1)_A$   
(lowest states  $K$  and  $K_0^*(700)/\kappa$ )

## Reconstructed susceptibilities from WIs and lattice condensate data

$$\chi_P^K(T) = \frac{[\langle\bar{q}q\rangle_I + 2\langle\bar{s}s\rangle]}{m_s - m_l}$$

Lattice points from  
A. Bazavov et al (Hot QCD)  
2012-14 ( $N_f = 2+1$ )

$$\chi_S^\kappa(T) = -\frac{[\langle\bar{q}q\rangle_I - 2\langle\bar{s}s\rangle]}{m_s + m_l}$$



$\chi_S^\kappa \rightarrow \chi_P^K$  above the  $\chi_S^\kappa$  peak



# $l = 1/2$ sector ( $K/\kappa$ )

From WIs in this sector:

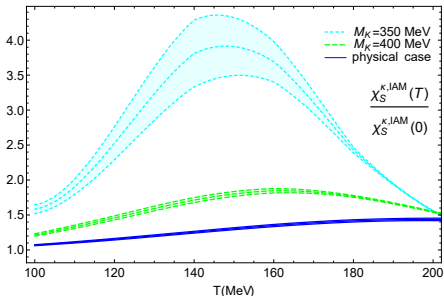
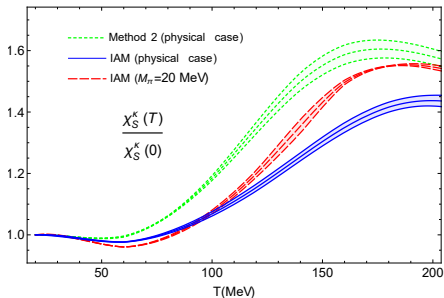
$$\chi_S^\kappa(T) - \chi_P^K(T) = \frac{2}{m_s^2 - m_l^2} \Delta_{l,s}(T) \leftarrow \text{dictated by subtracted condensate}$$

- In physical case strength of  $U(1)_A$  above  $T_c$  well determined and driven by  $\langle \bar{s}s \rangle$ .
- In  $N_f = 2$  limit, exact  $O(4) \times U(1)_A$  degeneration for  $m_l, \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l \rightarrow 0$ .

$$m_s \gg m_l: \quad \chi_S^\kappa(T) - \chi_P^K(T) \Big|_{m_s \gg m_l} = \frac{2}{m_s} \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_l \Big|_{SU(2)} + \mathcal{O}(1/m_s^2)$$

- May help to clarify the role of strangeness.

# $\chi_S^\kappa$ saturated by $I = 1/2 K_0^*(700)$ scalar pole



$$\chi_S^\kappa = \chi_S^{\kappa, \text{ChPT}}(0) \frac{M_\kappa^2(0)}{M_\kappa^2(T)}$$

- The peak is reproduced.
- Chiral limit ( $M_\pi = 20$  MeV):
  - Larger growth below peak enhanced by chiral symmetry.



$K - \kappa$  degeneration takes place at a lower temperature.

- $SU(3)$  limit:
  - Peak grows.
  - Displacement of the peak towards  $T_c$ .



Consistently with its degeneracy with  $\chi_S$ .

# Chiral imbalance in ChPT

$\mu_5$  chemical potential for approximate conservation of the chiral charge.

$$\text{QCD Lagrangian for } \mu_5 \neq 0: \mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} + \mu_5 \bar{q} \gamma_5 \gamma^0 q$$

We have constructed the **most general meson effective Lagrangian for  $\mu_5 \neq 0$**  and two light flavours.

The construction is carried out using the framework of the external source method.

New terms coming from:

- Covariant derivatives.
- Explicit axial source terms.

## $\mathcal{O}(p^2)$ and $\mathcal{O}(p^4)$ effective Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_2 + 2\mu_5^2 F^2 (1 + \kappa_0)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_4 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_4 + \kappa_1 \mu_5^2 \text{tr} (\partial^\mu U^\dagger \partial_\mu U) + \kappa_2 \mu_5^2 (\partial_0 U^\dagger \partial^0 U) + \kappa_3 \mu_5^2 \text{tr} (\chi^\dagger U + U^\dagger \chi) + \kappa_4 \mu_5^4$$



constants to be determined from different observables

D. Espriu, A. Gómez Nicola, AVR, JHEP. 2020, 62

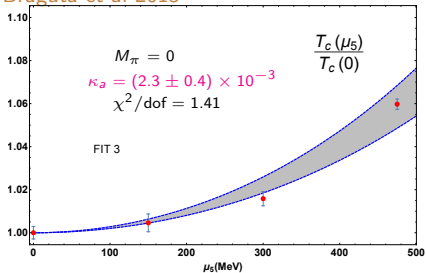
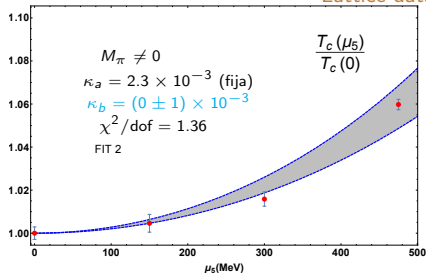
# Quark condensate and critical temperature at NNLO

$$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_I^{NNLO}(T, \mu_5) / \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_I^{NNLO}(T=0, \mu_5) \longrightarrow \kappa_a = 2\kappa_1 - \kappa_2 \quad \text{y} \quad \kappa_b = \kappa_1 + \kappa_2 - \kappa_3$$

$$\frac{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_I(T_c, \mu_5)}{\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_I(T=0, \mu_5)} = 0 \xrightarrow{M_{0\pi} = 0} [T_c(\mu_5)]^2 = 24F^2 \left[ \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} + \left[1 - 2\kappa_a \frac{\mu_5^2}{F^2}\right]^2} - 1 + 2\kappa_a \frac{\mu_5^2}{F^2} \right]$$

$M_{0\pi} \neq 0$

Lattice data Braguta et al 2015



An alternative method for calculating  $T_c$ :

$$\text{Peak of } \chi_S(T, \mu_5) = \chi_S(T=0, \mu_5) \frac{M_S^2(0, \mu_5)}{M_S^2(T, \mu_5)}$$

Scattering  $\pi\pi$  at nonzero  $\mu_5$

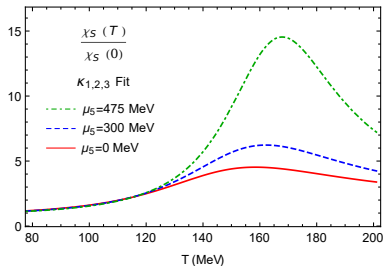
# Pion scattering, $T_c(\mu_5)$ and fits of $\kappa_i$ to lattice

$\mu_5$  corrections to the pion scattering amplitude:

- Tree level coming from  $\mathcal{L}_4$ .
- Dispersion relation.
- Residue of the LSZ formula.



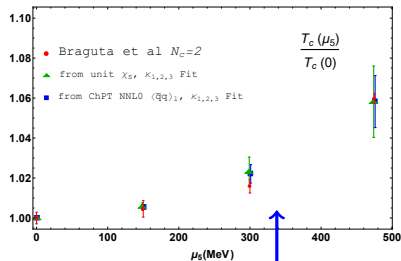
$$\Delta t^{00} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \kappa'_1 = 6\kappa_1 + 5\kappa_2 \\ \kappa'_2 = -8\kappa_1 - 4\kappa_2 + 5\kappa_3 \end{cases}$$



A. Gómez Nicola, Patricia Roa-Bravo, AVR, PRD **109** (2024) no.3, 034011

Combined fit of  $\chi_{top}$  and  $T_c$ :

$\kappa_1 \times 10^4$	$\kappa_2 \times 10^4$	$\kappa_3 \times 10^4$	$\chi^2/\text{dof}$
$9.4^{+1.1}_{-1.3}$	$-4.5^{+1.5}_{-1.4}$	$3.6^{+9.1}_{-8.7}$	1.37



The growing behaviour of  $T_c(\mu_5)$  is compatible with lattice results

# Conclusions

- **Scalar thermal resonances crucial** for chiral and  $U(1)_A$  restorations.
- Saturating  $\chi_S$  with thermal  $f_0(500)$ , we reproduce the crossover peak of  $\chi_S$  and most of the lattice data fall into the uncertainty band.
- **$K/\kappa$  alternative channel** for  $O(4) \times U(1)_A$  restoration.
- Saturated  $\chi_S^\kappa$  with thermal  $K_0^*(700)$  develops a peak and is consistent with  $O(4) \times U(1)_A$  pattern.
- We have analyzed the **effective chiral Lagrangian for nonzero chiral imbalance** for two light flavours.
- The critical temperature increases with  $\mu_5$ , in agreement with the lattice results.