

# Chiral anomaly: from vacuum to Columbia plot

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# Motivation/outline



Chiral (or axial) anomaly: a classical symmetry of QCD broken by quantum fluctuations

Chiral anomaly important for  $\eta$  and  $\eta'$ .

What about other mesons?

What about its role in the medium?

Summary

## QCD Lagrangian: symmetries and anomalies



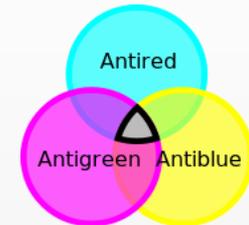
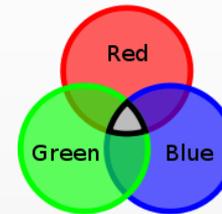
**Born** Giuseppe Lodovico Lagrangia  
25 January 1736  
Turin

**Died** 10 April 1813 (aged 77)  
Paris

# The QCD Lagrangian

based on local  $SU(3)$  color symmetry

Quark:  $u, d, s$  and  $c, b, t$   $R, G, B$

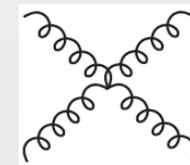
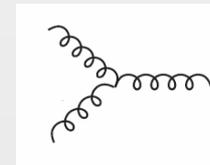
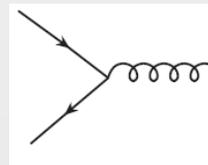


$$q_i = \begin{pmatrix} q_i^R \\ q_i^G \\ q_i^B \end{pmatrix}; \quad i = u, d, s, \dots$$

8 type of gluons ( $R\bar{G}, B\bar{G}, \dots$ )

$$A_\mu^a; \quad a = 1, \dots, 8$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_f} \bar{q}_i (i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m_i) q_i - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a,\mu\nu}$$



Btw: where are glueballs?

## Three pillars of QCD (besides color)

- Trace or dilatation anomaly
- From flavor to chiral symmetry and its spont. breaking
- Chiral or axial anomaly

# Trace anomaly: the emergence of a dimension

Chiral limit:  $m_f = 0$

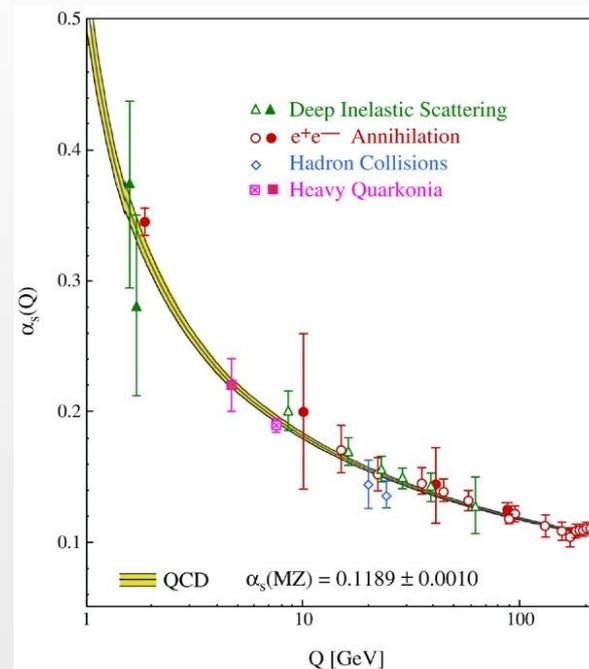
$$x^\mu \rightarrow x'^\mu = \lambda^{-1} x^\mu$$

is a classical symmetry broken by quantum fluctuations  
(trace anomaly)

$$\Lambda_{\text{YM}} \approx 250 \text{ MeV}$$

Dimensional transmutation

$$\alpha_s(\mu = Q) = \frac{g^2(Q)}{4\pi}$$

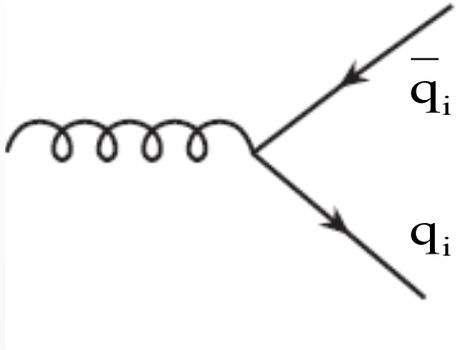


Gluon condensate:  $\langle G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a,\mu\nu} \rangle \neq 0$

Effective gluon mass:

$$m_{\text{gluon}} = 0 \rightarrow m_{\text{gluon}}^* \approx 500 - 800 \text{ MeV}$$

# Flavor symmetry



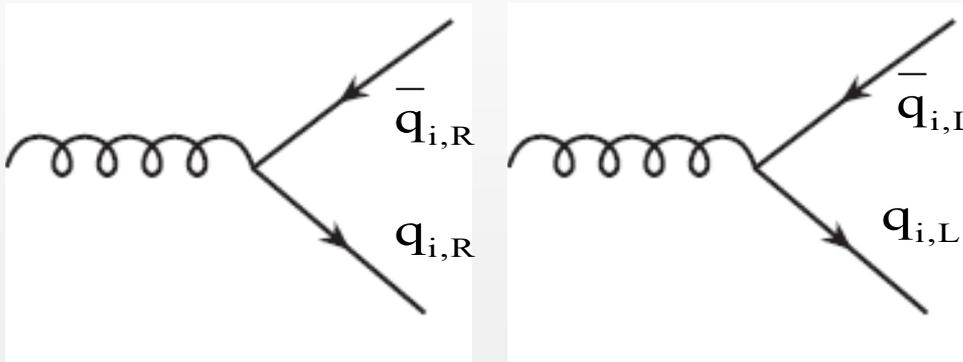
Gluon-quark-antiquark vertex.

It is democratic! The gluon couples to each flavor with the same strength

$$q_i \rightarrow U_{ij} q_j$$

$$U \in U(3)_V \rightarrow U^+ U = 1$$

# Chiral symmetry



$$q_i = q_{i,R} + q_{i,L}$$

$$q_{i,R} = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \gamma^5)q_i$$

$$q_{i,L} = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \gamma^5)q_i$$

$$q_i = q_{i,R} + q_{i,L} \rightarrow U_{ij}^R q_{j,R} + U_{ij}^L q_{j,L}$$

$$U(3)_R \times U(3)_L = U(1)_{R+L} \times U(1)_{R-L} \times SU(3)_R \times SU(3)_L$$

baryon number
anomaly U(1)<sub>A</sub>
SSB into SU(3)<sub>v</sub>

In the chiral limit ( $m_i=0$ ) chiral symmetry is exact

# Spontaneous breaking of chiral symmetry

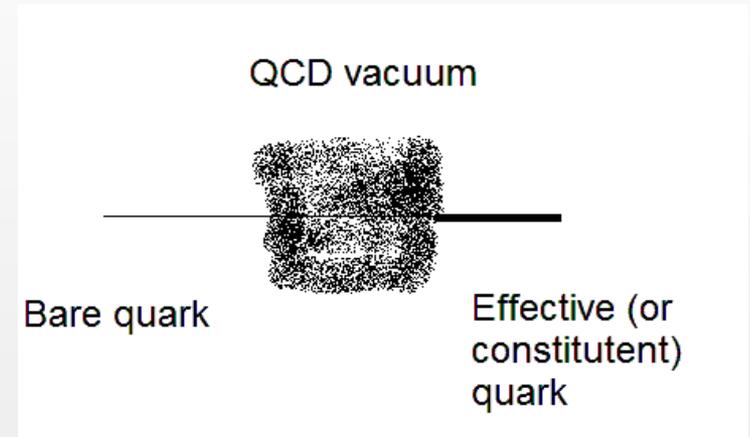
$$U(3)_R \times U(3)_L = U(1)_{R+L} \times U(1)_{R-L} \times SU(3)_R \times SU(3)_L$$

$$\text{SSB: } SU(3)_R \times SU(3)_L \rightarrow SU(3)_{V=R+L}$$

Chiral symmetry  $\rightarrow$  Flavor symmetry

$$\langle \bar{q}_i q_i \rangle = \langle \bar{q}_{i,R} q_{i,L} + \bar{q}_{i,L} q_{i,R} \rangle \neq 0$$

$$m \approx m_u \approx m_d \approx 5 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow m^* \approx 300 \text{ MeV}$$



$$m_{\rho\text{-meson}} \approx 2m^*$$

$$m_{\text{proton}} \approx 3m^*$$

# Chiral transformations and axial anomaly

$$SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R \times U(1)_A$$

$$q_{L,R} \longrightarrow e^{\mp i\alpha/2} U_{L,R} q_{L,R}$$

$U(1)_A$   $SU(3)_R \times SU(3)_L$  Chiral

Chiral or axial anomaly: the axial divergence does **not** vanish!

$$\partial^\mu (\bar{q}^i \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 q^i) = \frac{3g^2}{16\pi^2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \text{tr}(G_{\mu\nu} G_{\rho\sigma})$$

# Symmetries of QCD and breakings



**SU(3)<sub>color</sub>:** exact. Confinement: you never see color, but only white states.

**Dilatation invariance:** holds only at a classical level and in the chiral limit.  
Broken by quantum fluctuations (**scale anomaly**)  
and by quark masses.

**SU(3)<sub>R</sub> × SU(3)<sub>L</sub>:** holds in the chiral limit but is broken by nonzero quark masses. Moreover, it is **spontaneously** broken to  $U(3)_{V=R+L}$

**U(1)<sub>A=R-L</sub>:** holds at a classical level, but is also broken by quantum fluctuations (**chiral anomaly**)

# Hadrons

The QCD Lagrangian contains ‘colored’ quarks and gluons. However, no ‘colored’ state has been seen.

Confinement: physical states are white and are called hadrons.

Hadrons can be:

Mesons: bosonic hadrons

Baryons: fermionic hadrons

A meson is **not necessarily** a quark-antiquark state.

A quark-antiquark state is a conventional meson.

# Extended Linear Sigma Model: eLSM

eLSM: Chiral model with conv. mesons + glueballs, hybrids...  
(since 2008 up to now, for spectroscopy and medium properties)

Recent review paper in:

## Ordinary and exotic mesons in the extended Linear Sigma Model

F.G., S. Jafarzade, P. Kovacs

Prog. Part. Nucl.Phys. 143 (2025) 104176

arXiv: 2407.18348 [hep-ph].



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# eLSM Lagrangian: 2407.18348 (pseudo)scalar, (axial-)vector, ....

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{dil}} + \mathcal{L}_{\Phi} + \mathcal{L}_{U(1)_A} + \mathcal{L}_{LR} + \mathcal{L}_{\Phi LR} ,$$

with

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{dil}} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} G)^2 - \frac{1}{4} \frac{m_G^2}{\Lambda_G^2} \left( G^4 \ln \frac{G^2}{\Lambda_G^2} - \frac{G^4}{4} \right) ,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\Phi} = \text{Tr}[(D_{\mu} \Phi)^{\dagger} (D_{\mu} \Phi)] - m_0^2 \left( \frac{G}{G_0} \right)^2 \text{Tr}(\Phi^{\dagger} \Phi) - \lambda_1 [\text{Tr}(\Phi^{\dagger} \Phi)]^2 - \lambda_2 \text{Tr}(\Phi^{\dagger} \Phi)^2 + \text{Tr}[H(\Phi + \Phi^{\dagger})] ,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{U(1)_A} = c_2 (\det \Phi - \det \Phi^{\dagger})^2 ,$$

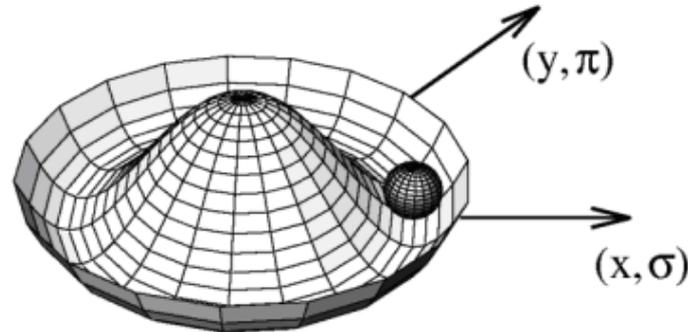
$$\mathcal{L}_{LR} = -\frac{1}{4} \text{Tr}(L_{\mu\nu}^2 + R_{\mu\nu}^2) + \text{Tr} \left[ \left( \left( \frac{G}{G_0} \right)^2 + \Delta \right) \frac{m_1^2}{2} (L_{\mu}^2 + R_{\mu}^2) \right] + i \frac{g_2}{2} (\text{Tr}\{L_{\mu\nu}[L^{\mu}, L^{\nu}]\} + \text{Tr}\{R_{\mu\nu}[R^{\mu}, R^{\nu}]\})$$

$$+ g_3 [\text{Tr}(L_{\mu} L_{\nu} L^{\mu} L^{\nu}) + \text{Tr}(R_{\mu} R_{\nu} R^{\mu} R^{\nu})] + g_4 [\text{Tr}(L_{\mu} L^{\mu} L_{\nu} L^{\nu}) + \text{Tr}(R_{\mu} R^{\mu} R_{\nu} R^{\nu})]$$

$$+ g_5 \text{Tr}(L_{\mu} L^{\mu}) \text{Tr}(R_{\nu} R^{\nu}) + g_6 [\text{Tr}(L_{\mu} L^{\mu}) \text{Tr}(L_{\nu} L^{\nu}) + \text{Tr}(R_{\mu} R^{\mu}) \text{Tr}(R_{\nu} R^{\nu})] ,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\Phi LR} = \frac{h_1}{2} \text{Tr}(\Phi^{\dagger} \Phi) \text{Tr}(L_{\mu}^2 + R_{\mu}^2) + h_2 \text{Tr}[|L_{\mu} \Phi|^2 + |\Phi R_{\mu}|^2] + 2h_3 \text{Tr}(L_{\mu} \Phi R^{\mu} \Phi^{\dagger}) ,$$

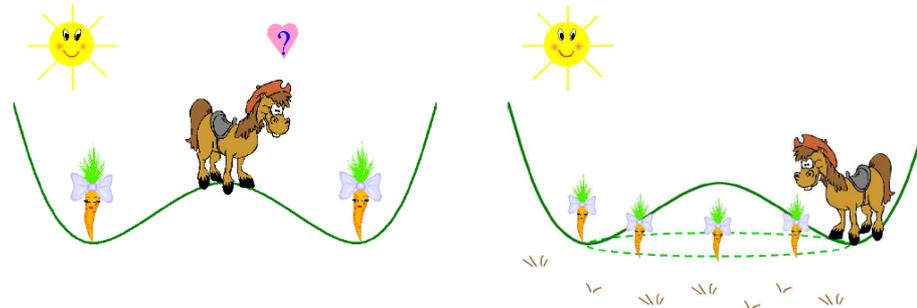
# SSB and the donkey of Buridan: hadronic approaches



$$\sigma_N \rightarrow \sigma_N + \phi$$

**Jean Buridan** (in Latin, *Johannes Buridanus*) (ca. 1300 – after 1358)

## Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking



Although Nicolás likes the symmetric food configuration, he must break the symmetry deciding which carrot is more appealing. In three dimensions, there is a continuous valley where Nicolás can move from one carrot to the next without effort.

# (Pseudo)scalar mesons: heterochiral scalars

Pseudoscalar mesons:  $\{\pi, K, \eta(547), \eta'(958)\}$

Scalar mesons:  $\{a_0(1450), K_0^*(1430), f_0(1370), f_0(1500)\}$

$$\Phi = S + iP = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sigma_N + a_0^0}{\sqrt{2}} & a_0^+ & K_0^{*+} \\ a_0^- & \frac{\sigma_N - a_0^0}{\sqrt{2}} & K_0^{*0} \\ K_0^{*-} & K_0^{*0} & \sigma_S \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\eta_N + \pi^0}{\sqrt{2}} & \pi^+ & K^+ \\ \pi^- & \frac{\eta_N - \pi^0}{\sqrt{2}} & K^0 \\ K^- & \bar{K}^0 & \eta_S \end{pmatrix}$$

$f_0(1710)$  mostly glueball  
See 1408.4921

$$q_{L,R} \longrightarrow e^{\mp i\alpha/2} U_{L,R} q_{L,R}$$



$$\Phi \longrightarrow e^{-2i\alpha} U_L \Phi U_R^\dagger$$

$U(1)_A$  **SU(3)<sub>R</sub> × SU(3)<sub>L</sub>** Chiral

## Chirally invariant terms

We call the transformation of the matrix  $\Phi$  **heterochiral!**  
We thus have heterochiral scalars or heteroscalars.

$$\text{tr}(\bar{\Phi}^\dagger \Phi), \text{tr}(\bar{\Phi}^\dagger \Phi)^2$$

clearly invariant; typical terms for a chiral model.

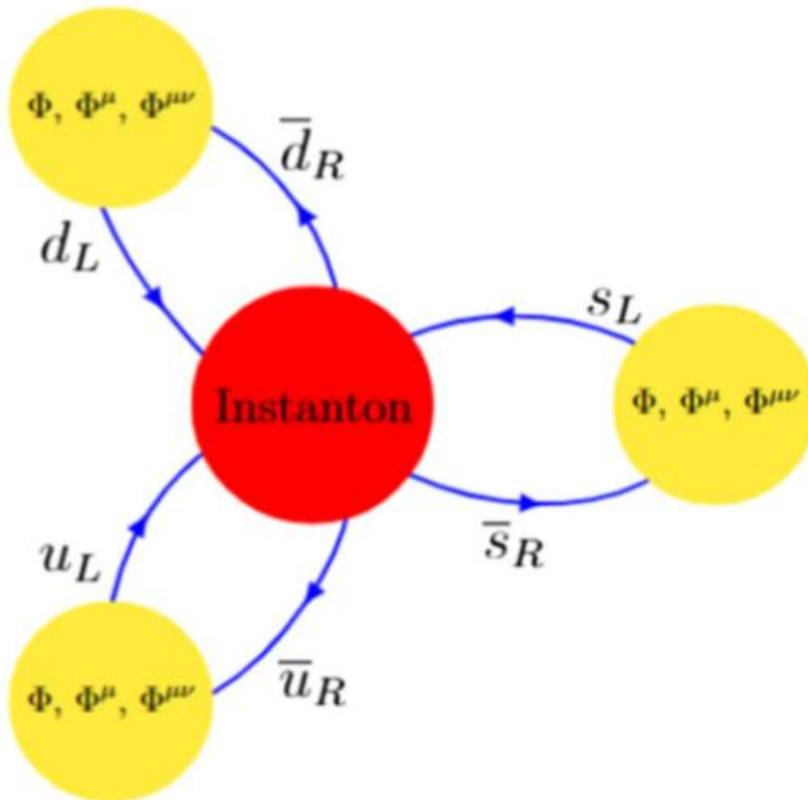
$$\det(\Phi)$$

interesting, since it breaks only  $U(1)_A$  axial anomaly

$$\det(\Phi) = \frac{1}{6} \varepsilon^{ijk} \varepsilon^{i'j'k'} \Phi^{ii'} \Phi^{jj'} \Phi^{kk'} \rightarrow e^{-3i\alpha} \det(\Phi)$$

# Easiest chiral anomalous term

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{qu}} = -\xi_1 (\det \Phi + \det \Phi^\dagger)$$



The constant  $\xi_1$  can be calculated as an average over instanton density.

See G. 't Hooft,  
How Instantons Solve the U(1) Problem  
Phys.Rept. 142 (1986) 357-387

For extension:  
Phys.Rev.D 109 (2024) 7, L071502  
2309.00086

## Axial anomaly: (at least) 2 terms

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{qu}} = -\xi_1 (\det \Phi + \det \Phi^\dagger) - \xi_2 [(\det \Phi)^2 + (\det \Phi^\dagger)^2]$$

Vacuum phenomenology is possible with both.

Probably, both terms are nonzero in Nature.

They arise from Q=1 and Q=2 instantons, respectively.

Important (and peculiar) effects at nonzero temperature.

# The chiral anomaly in mesons

There are 8 but not 9 Goldstone bosons:  
3 pions, 4 kaons, and one  $\eta(547)$  meson.

The  $\eta'(958)$  meson has a mass of almost 1 GeV.

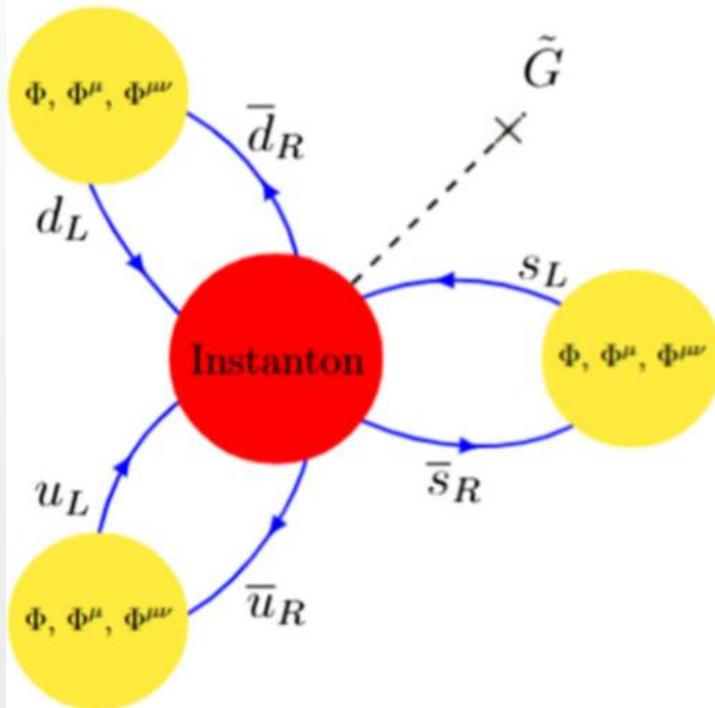
$$m_{\eta'}^2 \sim 1/N_c$$

E. Witten, Current Algebra Theorems for the U(1) Goldstone Boson,  
Nucl. Phys. B 156 (1979), 269-283

G. 't Hooft, Computation of the quantum effects due to a  
four-dimensional pseudoparticle, Phys. Rev. D 14, 3432 (1976).

# Going further: pseudoscalar glueball

$$\mathcal{L}_{c_g} = -ic_g \tilde{G}_0 (\det \Phi - \det \Phi^\dagger).$$



PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS **132**, 181901 (2024)

Editors' Suggestion

Determination of Spin-Parity Quantum Numbers of  $X(2370)$  as  $0^{-+}$  from  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_S^0 K_S^0 \eta'$

M. Ablikim *et al.*<sup>\*</sup>  
(BESIII Collaboration)

Is this meson the pseudoscalar glueball?

Strong coupling to  $\eta'$  is promising!

Decay with of about 200 MeV also ok.

2309.00086 and 1208.6474

# How to include the chiral anomaly for mesons besides ground0state (pseudo)scalars? A novel mathematical object? Extension of det

Extend the determinan

$$\det [\Phi] = \frac{1}{N!} \varepsilon^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_N} \varepsilon^{j_1 j_2 \dots j_N} \Phi^{i_1 j_1} \Phi^{i_2 j_2} \dots \Phi^{i_N j_N}$$

to the following new object:

$$\varepsilon [\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \dots, \Phi_N] = \frac{1}{N!} \varepsilon^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_N} \varepsilon^{j_1 j_2 \dots j_N} \Phi_1^{i_1 j_1} \Phi_2^{i_2 j_2} \dots \Phi_N^{i_N j_N}$$

$$\varepsilon [\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \dots, \Phi_i, \dots, \Phi_j, \dots, \Phi_N] = \varepsilon [\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \dots, \Phi_j, \dots, \Phi_i, \dots, \Phi_N]$$

$$\varepsilon [\Phi_1, \Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_1] = \det \Phi_1$$

# Polydeterminant



## Emergence of the polydeterminant in QCD

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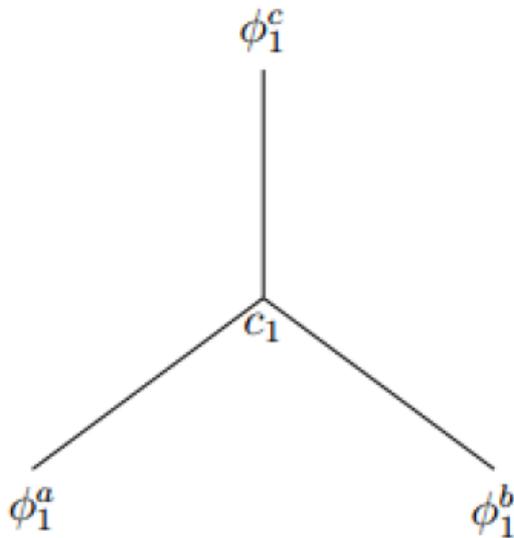
Definition in GPJ in arxiv: 2309.00086, see also review 2407.18348 .  
(Implicit def by GKP 1709.07454)

Detailed description in 2504.02113

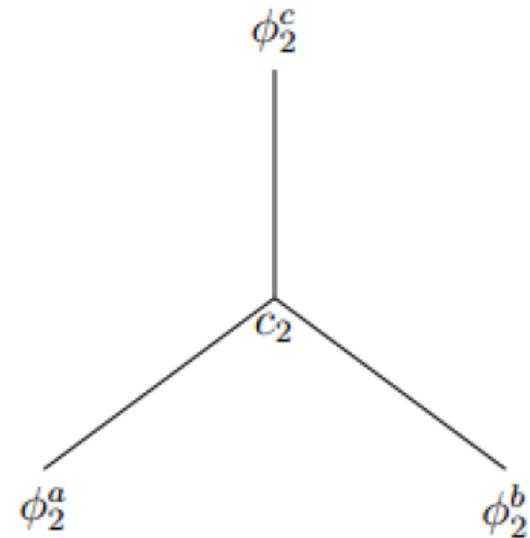
In mathematics: known as 'mixed discriminant'  
Alexandrov, 1939, Panov 1987, Bapak 1989,...

Consider two (pseudo)scalar multiplet  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$ .

the standard anomalous terms are:

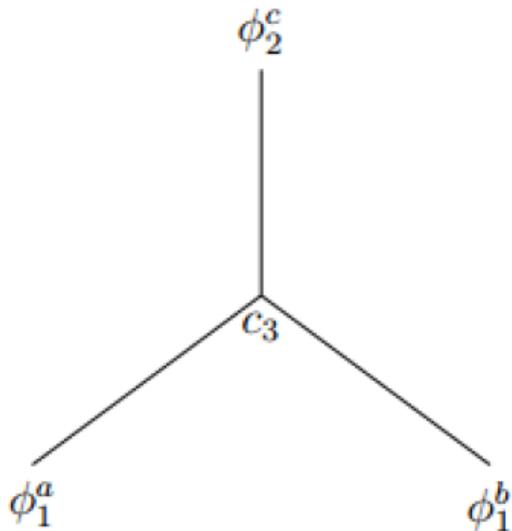


$\det\Phi_1$

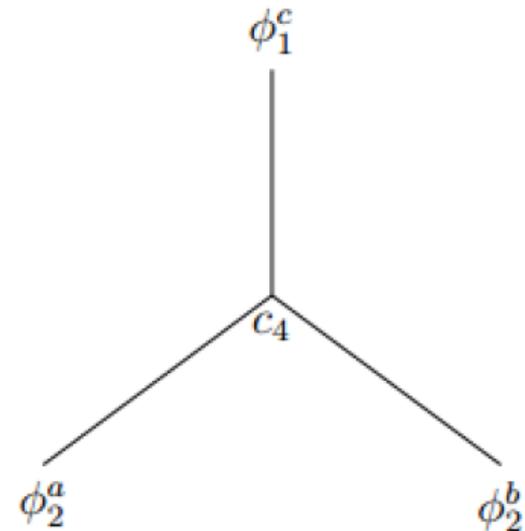


$\det\Phi_2$

# New interactions via polydeterminant:



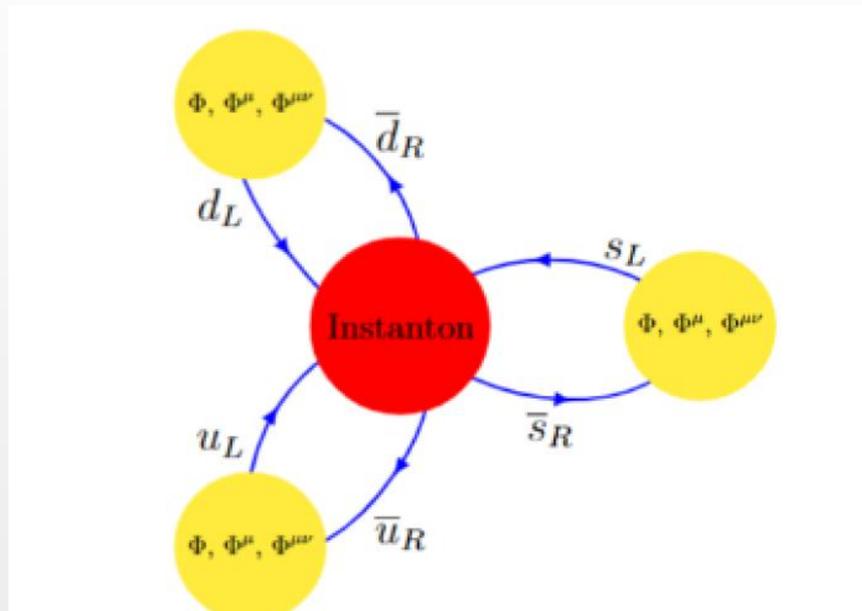
$$\varepsilon(\Phi_1, \Phi_1, \Phi_2)$$



$$\varepsilon(\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \Phi_2)$$

Example with mesons with spin:  
pseudovector heterochiral multiplet

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{J=1} = a_1 \left( \epsilon [\Phi, \Phi_\mu, \Phi^\mu] + \text{c.c.} \right)$$



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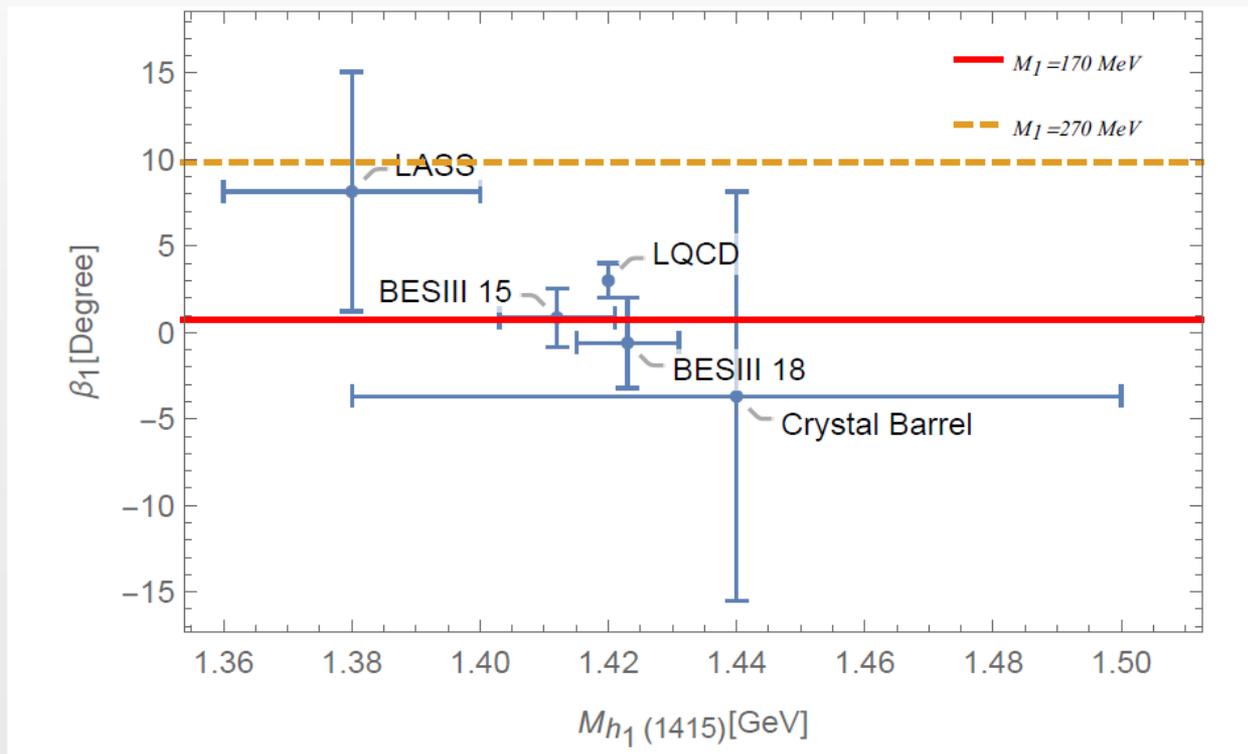
Recall:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{qu}} = -\xi_1 (\det \Phi + \det \Phi^\dagger)$$

# Isoscalar mixing angle for h1 mesons

$$\begin{pmatrix} h_1(1170) \\ h_1(1380) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta_{AV} & \sin \beta_{AV} \\ -\sin \beta_{AV} & \cos \beta_{AV} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h_{1,N} = \sqrt{1/2}(\bar{u}u + \bar{d}d) \\ h_{1,S} = \bar{s}s \end{pmatrix}$$

Angle between 0-10 degrees: between red and yellow lines

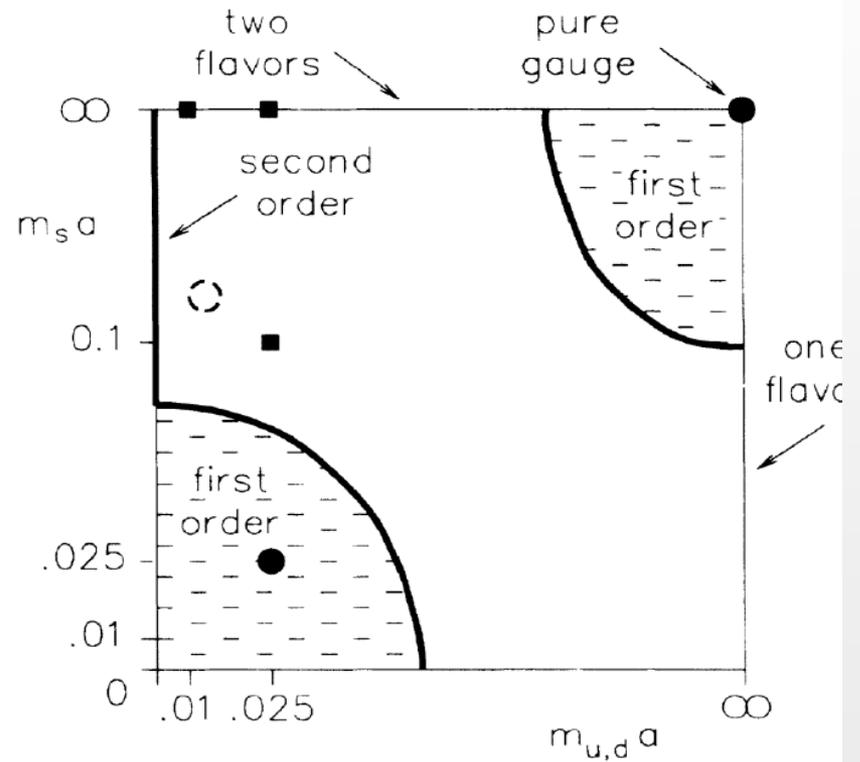


# Columbia plot/1

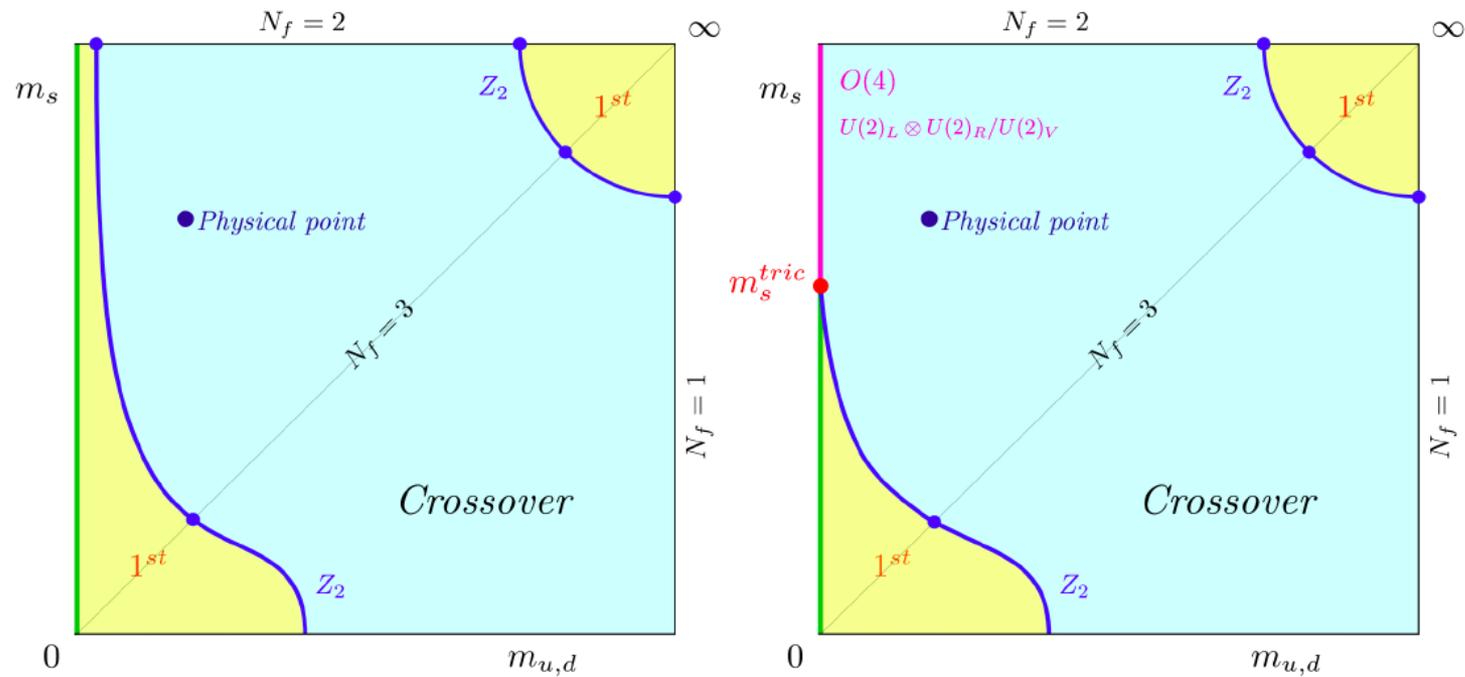
The chiral symmetry is explicitly broken by  $m_u \approx m_d > 0$  and  $m_s > 0$

**Columbia plot:**  
the order of the phase transition  
in the limits  $m_{u,d}$  and  $m_s$

**Phys Rev Lett 65 (1990) 2491**



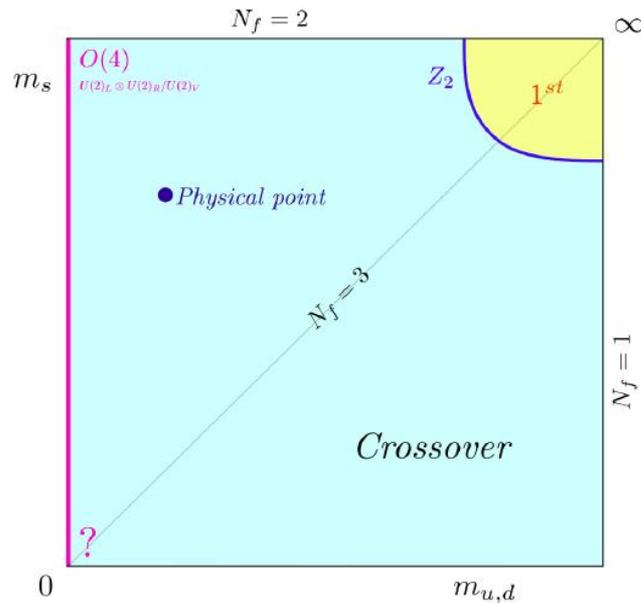
# Columbia plot/2: usual expectations



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# Columbia plot/3: recent lattice result



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Lattice calculation to find the tricritical point.

Starting from a coarse lattice  
a finite  $m_s^{tric}$  cannot be reached  
in the continuum limit

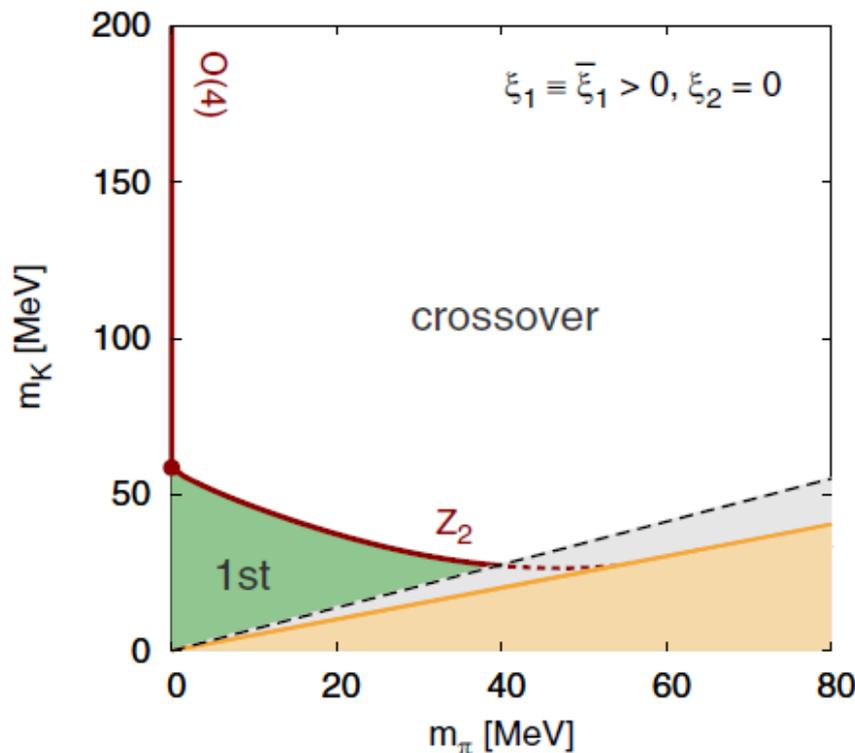
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# What about the eLSM?

## Anomalous $U(1)_A$ couplings and the Columbia plot

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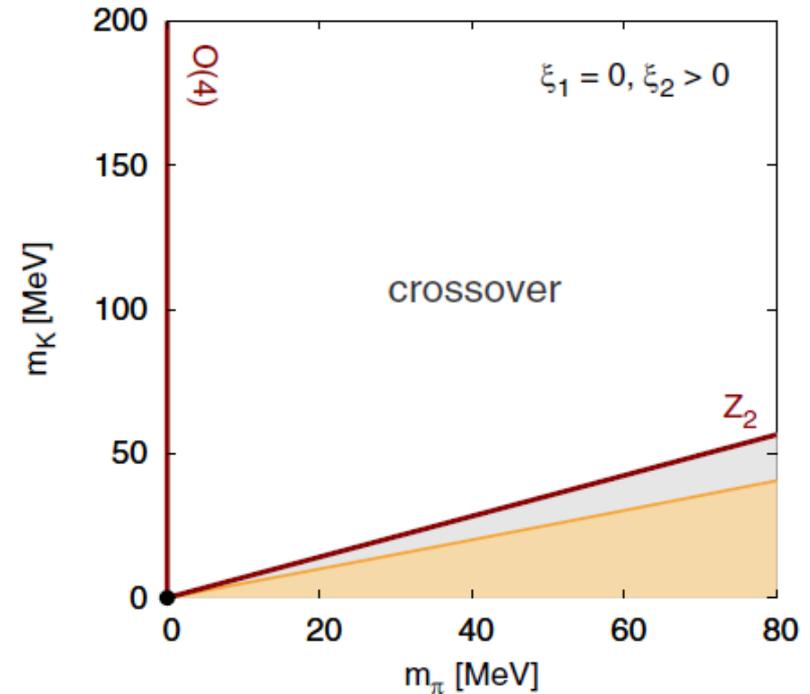
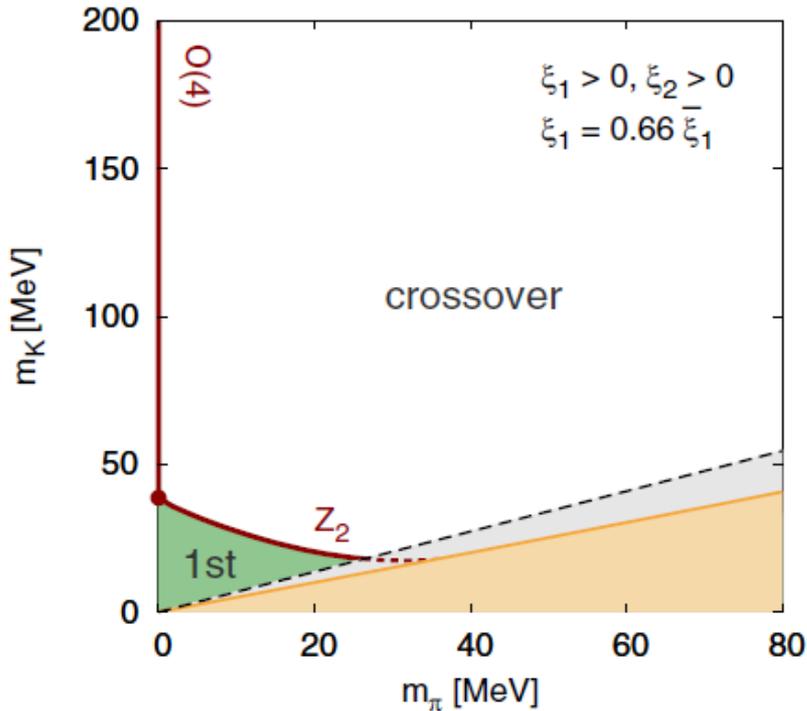
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{qu}} = -\xi_1 (\det \Phi + \det \Phi^\dagger)$$

$$f_\pi m_\pi^2 = Z_\pi h_N,$$

$$f_K m_K^2 = Z_K \left( \frac{1}{2} h_N + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} h_S \right).$$

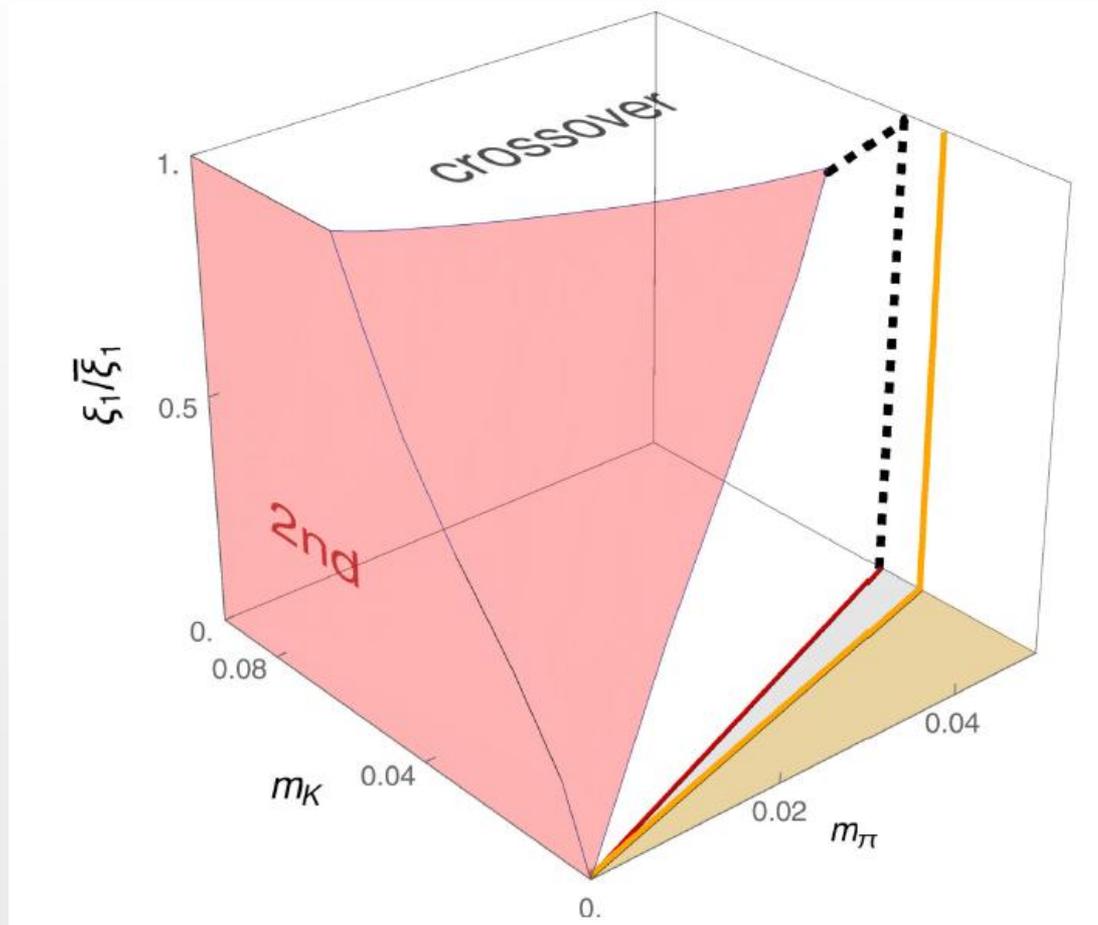
$$h_N \approx (m_u + m_d)/2, \quad h_S \approx m_s$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{qu}} = -\xi_1 (\det \Phi + \det \Phi^\dagger) - \xi_2 [(\det \Phi)^2 + (\det \Phi^\dagger)^2]$$



- In the  $N_f = 3$  chiral limit the transition is of first order only for  $\xi_1 > 0$ .
- Moreover, the relative size of  $\xi_1$  determines the size of the first-order region in the bottom left corner of the Columbia pot.
- There might be a CP violating phase in the nonphysical region of the Columbia plot where either  $m_u$  or  $m_s$  ( $h_N$  or  $h_S$ ) is negative.

# 3D representation



# Conclusions



The axial anomaly is very interesting,  
both in vacuum and in the medium.

Connection to mathematics,  
influence on vacuum's phenomenology (including glueballs)  
and on properties at nonzero  $T$  (e.g. Columbia plot)

Thanks

# Chiral partners

$n^{2S+1}L_J$	$J^{PC}$	I=1 $u\bar{d}, d\bar{u}$ $\frac{d\bar{d}-u\bar{u}}{\sqrt{2}}$	I=1/2 $u\bar{s}, d\bar{s}$ $s\bar{d}, s\bar{u}$	I=0 $\approx \frac{u\bar{u}+d\bar{d}}{\sqrt{2}}$	I=0 $\approx s\bar{s}$	Meson names	Chiral Partners
$1^1S_0$	$0^{-+}$	$\pi$	$K$	$\eta(547)$	$\eta'(958)$	Pseudoscalar	$J = 0$
$1^3P_0$	$0^{++}$	$a_0(1450)$	$K_0^*(1430)$	$f_0(1370)$	$f_0(1500)/f_0(1710)$	Scalar	
$1^3S_1$	$1^{--}$	$\rho(770)$	$K^*(892)$	$\omega(782)$	$\phi(1020)$	Vector	$J = 1$
$1^3P_1$	$1^{++}$	$a_1(1260)$	$K_{1A}$	$f_1(1285)$	$f_1'(1420)$	Axial-vector	
$1^1P_1$	$1^{+-}$	$b_1(1235)$	$K_{1B}$	$h_1(1170)$	$h_1(1415)$	Pseudovector	$J = 1^*$
$1^3D_1$	$1^{--}$	$\rho(1700)$	$K^*(1680)$	$\omega(1650)$	$\phi(???)$	Excited-vector	
$1^3P_2$	$2^{++}$	$a_2(1320)$	$K_2^*(1430)$	$f_2(1270)$	$f_2'(1525)$	Tensor	$J = 2$
$1^3D_2$	$2^{--}$	$\rho_2(???)$	$K_2(1820)$	$\omega_2(???)$	$\phi_2(???)$	Axial-tensor	
$1^1D_2$	$2^{-+}$	$\pi_2(1670)$	$K_2(1770)$	$\eta_2(1645)$	$\eta_2(1870)$	Pseudotensor	
$1^3D_3$	$3^{--}$	$\rho_3(1690)$	$K_3^*(1780)$	$\omega_3(1670)$	$\phi_3(1850)$	$J = 3$ - Tensor	

TABLE I. Chiral multiplets, their currents, and transformations up to  $J = 3$ . [\* and/or  $f_0(1500)$ ; \*\*a mix of.] The first two columns correspond to the assignment suggested in the Quark Model review of the PDG [8], to which we refer for further details and references (see also the discussion in the text).

$J^{PC}, {}^{2S+1}L_J$	$\begin{cases} I = 1(\bar{u}d, \bar{d}u, \frac{\bar{d}d - \bar{u}u}{\sqrt{2}}) \\ I = 1(-\bar{u}s, \bar{s}u, \bar{d}s, \bar{s}d) \\ I = 0(\frac{\bar{u}u + \bar{d}d}{\sqrt{2}}, \bar{s}s)** \end{cases}$	Microscopic currents	Chiral multiplet	Transformation under $SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R \times U(1)_A$
$0^{-+}, {}^1S_0$	$\begin{cases} \pi \\ K \\ \eta, \eta' (958) \end{cases}$	$P^{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{q}^j i \gamma^5 q^i$	$\Phi = S + iP$ ( $\Phi^{ij} = \bar{q}_R^j q_L^i$ )	$\Phi \rightarrow e^{-2i\alpha} U_L \Phi U_R^\dagger$
$0^{++}, {}^3P_0$	$\begin{cases} a_0(1450) \\ K_0^*(1430) \\ f_0(1370), f_0(1710)* \end{cases}$	$S^{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{q}^j q^i$		
$1^{--}, {}^1S_1$	$\begin{cases} \rho(770) \\ K^*(892) \\ \omega(782), \phi(1020) \end{cases}$	$V_\mu^{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{q}^j \gamma_\mu q^i$	$L_\mu = V_\mu + A_\mu$ ( $L_\mu^{ij} = \bar{q}_L^j \gamma_\mu q_L^i$ )	$L_\mu \rightarrow U_L L_\mu U_L^\dagger$
$1^{++}, {}^3P_1$	$\begin{cases} a_1(1260) \\ K_{1,A} \\ f_1(1285), f_1(1420) \end{cases}$	$A_\mu^{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{q}^j \gamma^5 \gamma_\mu q^i$	$R_\mu = V_\mu - A_\mu$ ( $R_\mu^{ij} = \bar{q}_R^j \gamma_\mu q_R^i$ )	$R_\mu \rightarrow U_R R_\mu U_R^\dagger$
$1^{+-}, {}^1P_1$	$\begin{cases} b_1(1235) \\ K_{1,B} \\ h_1(1170), h_1(1380) \end{cases}$	$P_\mu^{ij} = -\frac{1}{2} \bar{q}^j \gamma^5 \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu q^i$	$\Phi_\mu = S_\mu + iP_\mu$ ( $\Phi_\mu^{ij} = \bar{q}_R^j i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu q_L^i$ )	$\Phi_\mu \rightarrow e^{-2i\alpha} U_L \Phi_\mu U_R^\dagger$
$1^{--}, {}^3D_1$	$\begin{cases} \rho(1700) \\ K^*(1680) \\ \omega(1650), \phi(?) \end{cases}$	$S_\mu^{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{q}^j i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu q^i$		
$2^{++}, {}^3P_2$	$\begin{cases} a_2(1320) \\ K_2^*(1430) \\ f_2(1270), f_2'(1525) \end{cases}$	$V_{\mu\nu}^{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{q}^j (\gamma_\mu i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\nu + \dots) q^i$	$L_{\mu\nu} = V_{\mu\nu} + A_{\mu\nu}$ ( $L_{\mu\nu}^{ij} = \bar{q}_L^j (\gamma_\mu i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\nu + \dots) q_L^i$ )	$L_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow U_L L_{\mu\nu} U_L^\dagger$
$2^{--}, {}^3D_2$	$\begin{cases} \rho_2(?) \\ K_2(1820) \\ \omega_2(?), \phi_2(?) \end{cases}$	$A_{\mu\nu}^{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{q}^j (\gamma^5 \gamma_\mu i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\nu + \dots) q^i$	$R_{\mu\nu} = V_{\mu\nu} - A_{\mu\nu}$ ( $R_{\mu\nu}^{ij} = \bar{q}_R^j (\gamma_\mu i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\nu + \dots) q_R^i$ )	$R_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow U_R R_{\mu\nu} U_R^\dagger$
$2^{-+}, {}^1D_2$	$\begin{cases} \pi_2(1670) \\ K_2(1770) \\ \eta_2(1645), \eta_2(1870) \end{cases}$	$P_{\mu\nu}^{ij} = -\frac{1}{2} \bar{q}^j (i \gamma^5 \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}_\nu + \dots) q^i$	$\Phi_{\mu\nu} = S_{\mu\nu} + iP_{\mu\nu}$ ( $\Phi_{\mu\nu}^{ij} = \bar{q}_R^j (\overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}_\nu + \dots) q_L^i$ )	$\Phi_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow e^{-2i\alpha} U_L \Phi_{\mu\nu} U_R^\dagger$
$2^{++}, {}^3F_2$	$\begin{cases} a_2(?) \\ K_2^2(?) \\ f_2(?), f_2'(?), f_2''(?) \end{cases}$	$S_{\mu\nu}^{ij} = -\frac{1}{2} \bar{q}^j (\overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}_\nu + \dots) q^i$		
$3^{--}, {}^3D_3$	$\begin{cases} \rho_3(1690) \\ K_3^*(1780) \\ \omega_3(1670), \phi_3(1850) \end{cases}$	:	:	:

**Heterochiral**

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# (Pseudo)scalar mesons: heterochiral scalars

$$q_{L,R} \longrightarrow e^{\mp i\alpha/2} U_{L,R} q_{L,R}$$

$J^{PC}, {}^{2S+1}L_J$	$\begin{cases} I = 1 & (\bar{u}d, \bar{d}u, \frac{d\bar{d}-\bar{u}u}{\sqrt{2}}) \\ I = 1 & (-\bar{u}s, \bar{s}u, \bar{d}s, \bar{s}d) \\ I = 0 & (\frac{\bar{u}u+\bar{d}d}{\sqrt{2}}, \bar{s}s)^{**} \end{cases}$	microscopic currents	chiral multiplet	transformation under $SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R \times U(1)_A$
$0^{-+}, {}^1S_0$	$\begin{cases} \pi \\ K \\ \eta, \eta'(958) \end{cases}$	$P^{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{q}^j i\gamma^5 q^i$	$\Phi = S + iP$ $(\Phi^{ij} = \bar{q}_R^j q_L^i)$	$\Phi \longrightarrow e^{-2i\alpha} U_L \Phi U_R^\dagger$
$0^{++}, {}^3P_0$	$\begin{cases} a_0(1450) \\ K_0^*(1430) \\ f_0(1370), f_0(1710)^* \end{cases}$	$S^{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{q}^j q^i$		

$$\Phi \longrightarrow e^{-2i\alpha} U_L \Phi U_R^\dagger$$

We call the transformation of the matrix  $\Phi$  **heterochiral!**

We thus have heterochiral scalars.

$\text{tr}(\Phi^\dagger \Phi)$ ,  $\text{tr}(\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2$  are clearly invariant; typical terms for a chiral model.

$\det(\Phi)$  is interesting, since it breaks only  $U(1)_A$  axial anomaly

$$\det \Phi \rightarrow e^{-i6\alpha} \det \Phi$$

# (Axial-)vector mesons: homochiral vectors

$J^{PC}, {}^{2S+1}L_J$	microscopic currents	chiral multiplet	transformation under $SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R \times U(1)_A$
$\begin{cases} I = 1 & (\bar{u}d, \bar{d}u, \frac{d\bar{d}-\bar{u}u}{\sqrt{2}}) \\ I = 1 & (-\bar{u}s, \bar{s}u, \bar{d}s, \bar{s}d) \\ I = 0 & (\frac{\bar{u}u+\bar{d}d}{\sqrt{2}}, \bar{s}s)^{**} \end{cases}$			
$1^{--}, {}^1S_1$	$V_\mu^{ij} = \frac{1}{2}\bar{q}^j\gamma_\mu q^i$	$L_\mu = V_\mu + A_\mu$ $(L_\mu^{ij} = \bar{q}_L^j\gamma_\mu q_L^i)$	$L_\mu \longrightarrow U_L L_\mu U_L^\dagger$
$1^{++}, {}^3P_1$	$A_\mu^{ij} = \frac{1}{2}\bar{q}^j\gamma^5\gamma_\mu q^i$	$R_\mu = V_\mu - A_\mu$ $(R_\mu^{ij} = \bar{q}_R^j\gamma_\mu q_R^i)$	$R_\mu \longrightarrow U_R R_\mu U_R^\dagger$

$$L_\mu \longrightarrow U_L L_\mu U_L^\dagger$$

$$R_\mu \longrightarrow U_R R_\mu U_R^\dagger$$

We have here a **homochiral** multiplet.  
We call these states as homochiral vectors.

# Ground-state tensors (and their chiral partners): Homochiral tensors

$J^{PC}, {}^{2S+1}L_J$	$\begin{cases} I = 1 & (\bar{u}d, \bar{d}u, \frac{\bar{d}d - \bar{u}u}{\sqrt{2}}) \\ I = 1 & (-\bar{u}s, \bar{s}u, \bar{d}s, \bar{s}d) \\ I = 0 & (\frac{\bar{u}u + \bar{d}d}{\sqrt{2}}, \bar{s}s)^{**} \end{cases}$	microscopic currents	chiral multiplet	transformation under $SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R \times U(1)_A$
$2^{++}, {}^3P_2$	$\begin{cases} a_2(1320) \\ K_2^*(1430) \\ f_2(1270), f_2'(1525) \end{cases}$	$V_{\mu\nu}^{ij} = \frac{1}{2}\bar{q}^j(\gamma_\mu i\overleftrightarrow{D}_\nu + \dots)q^i$	$\begin{aligned} L_{\mu\nu} &= V_{\mu\nu} + A_{\mu\nu} \\ (L_{\mu\nu}^{ij} &= \bar{q}_L^j(\gamma_\mu i\overleftrightarrow{D}_\nu + \dots)q_L^i) \end{aligned}$	$L_{\mu\nu} \longrightarrow U_L L_{\mu\nu} U_L^\dagger$
$2^{--}, {}^3D_2$	$\begin{cases} \rho_2(?) \\ K_2(1820) \\ \omega_2(?), \phi_2(?) \end{cases}$	$A_{\mu\nu}^{ij} = \frac{1}{2}\bar{q}^j(\gamma^5\gamma_\mu i\overleftrightarrow{D}_\nu + \dots)q^i$	$\begin{aligned} R_{\mu\nu} &= V_{\mu\nu} - A_{\mu\nu} \\ (R_{\mu\nu}^{ij} &= \bar{q}_R^j(\gamma_\mu i\overleftrightarrow{D}_\nu + \dots)q_R^i) \end{aligned}$	$R_{\mu\nu} \longrightarrow U_R R_{\mu\nu} U_R^\dagger$

$$L_{\mu\nu} \longrightarrow U_L L_{\mu\nu} U_L^\dagger$$

$$R_{\mu\nu} \longrightarrow U_R R_{\mu\nu} U_R^\dagger$$

Thus, we have **homochiral** tensors. We do not expect large mixing.

# Pseudovectors and orbitally excited vectors: Heterochiral vectors

$J^{PC}, {}^{2S+1}L_J$	$\begin{cases} I = 1 & (\bar{u}d, \bar{d}u, \frac{\bar{d}d - \bar{u}u}{\sqrt{2}}) \\ I = 1 & (-\bar{u}s, \bar{s}u, \bar{d}s, \bar{s}d) \\ I = 0 & (\frac{\bar{u}u + \bar{d}d}{\sqrt{2}}, \bar{s}s)^{**} \end{cases}$	microscopic currents	chiral multiplet	transformation under $SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R \times U(1)_A$
$1^{+-}, {}^1P_1$	$\begin{cases} b_1(1235) \\ K_{1,B} \\ h_1(1170), h_1(1380) \end{cases}$	$P_\mu^{ij} = -\frac{1}{2} \bar{q}^j \gamma^5 \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu q^i$	$\Phi_\mu = S_\mu + iP_\mu$ $(\Phi_\mu^{ij} = \bar{q}_R^j i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu q_L^i)$	$\Phi_\mu \rightarrow e^{-2i\alpha} U_L \Phi_\mu U_R^\dagger$
$1^{--}, {}^3D_1$	$\begin{cases} \rho(1700) \\ K^*(1680) \\ \omega(1650), \phi(?) \end{cases}$	$S_\mu^{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{q}^j i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu q^i$		

$$\Phi_\mu \rightarrow e^{-i\alpha} U_L \Phi_\mu U_R^\dagger$$

The pseudovector mesons and the excited vector mesons form a **heterochiral** multiplet. We thus call them heterochiral vectors.

The chiral transformation is just as the (pseudo)scalar mesons (which is also hetero). Hence, an anomalous Lagrangian is possible for heterochiral vectors.

Excited vector mesons:  $\phi(1930)$  predicted to be the missing state, see M. Piotrowska, C. Reisinger and FG.,

“Strong and radiative decays of excited vector mesons and predictions for a new  $\phi(1930)$  resonance,” arXiv:1708.02593 [hep-ph], to appear in PRD.

# Ground-state tensors (and their chiral partners): Homochiral tensors

Tensor mesons:  $\{a_2(1320), K_2^*(1430), f_2(1270), f_2(1535)\}$

Axial-vector mesons:  $\{\rho_2(???), K_2(1820), \omega_2(???), \phi_2(???)\}$

Chiral transformations

$$q_{L,R} \longrightarrow e^{\mp i\alpha/2} U_{L,R} q_{L,R}$$



$$L_{\mu\nu} \longrightarrow U_L L_{\mu\nu} U_L^\dagger$$

$$R_{\mu\nu} \longrightarrow U_R R_{\mu\nu} U_R^\dagger$$

Thus, we have **homochiral** tensors. We do not expect large mixing.

# eLSM, additional lag. details

where

$$D^\mu \Phi \equiv \partial^\mu \Phi - ig_1(L^\mu \Phi - \Phi R^\mu) - ieA^\mu[t_3, \Phi] ,$$

$$L^{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial^\mu L^\nu - ieA^\mu[t_3, L^\nu] - \{\partial^\nu L^\mu - ieA^\nu[t_3, L^\mu]\} ,$$

$$R^{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial^\mu R^\nu - ieA^\mu[t_3, R^\nu] - \{\partial^\nu R^\mu - ieA^\nu[t_3, R^\mu]\} ,$$

and

$$H = H_0 t_0 + H_8 t_8 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{h_{0N}}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{h_{0N}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{h_{0S}}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} ,$$
$$\Delta = \Delta_0 t_0 + \Delta_8 t_8 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\delta_N}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\delta_N}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\delta_S}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \delta_N & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \delta_N & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \delta_S \end{pmatrix} .$$

# eLSM, masses

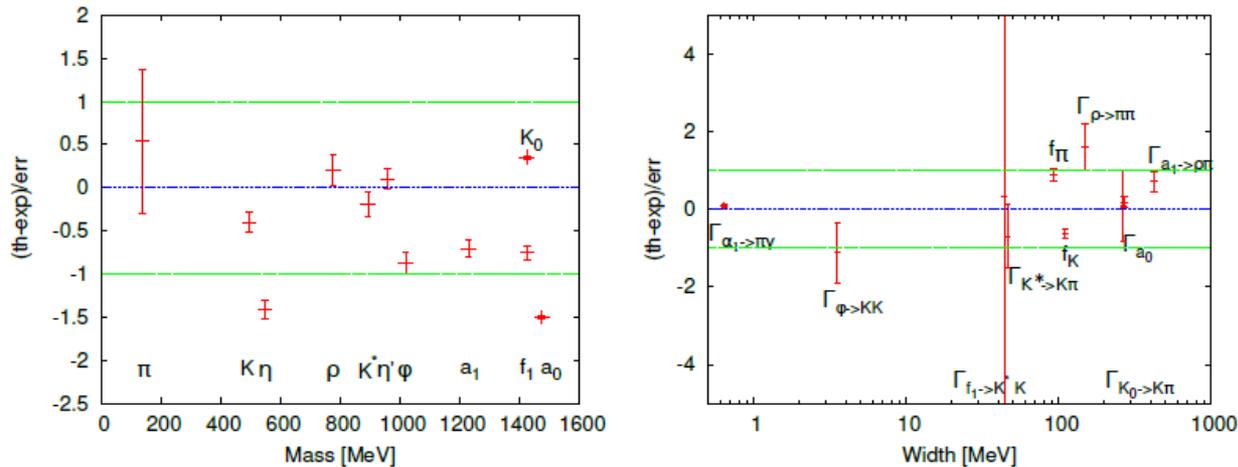
Mass squares	Analytical expressions
$m_\pi^2$	$Z_\pi^2 [m_0^2 + (\lambda_1 + \frac{\lambda_2}{2}) \phi_N^2 + \lambda_1 \phi_S^2] \equiv \frac{Z_\pi^2 h_{0N}}{\phi_N}$
$m_K^2$	$Z_K^2 [m_0^2 + (\lambda_1 + \frac{\lambda_2}{2}) \phi_N^2 - \frac{\lambda_2}{\sqrt{2}} \phi_N \phi_S + (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) \phi_S^2]$
$m_{\eta_N}^2$	$Z_\pi^2 [m_0^2 + (\lambda_1 + \frac{\lambda_2}{2}) \phi_N^2 + \lambda_1 \phi_S^2 + c_2 \phi_N^2 \phi_S^2] \equiv Z_\pi^2 \left( \frac{h_{0N}}{\phi_N} + c_2 \phi_N^2 \phi_S^2 \right)$
$m_{\eta_S}^2$	$Z_{\eta_S}^2 [m_0^2 + \lambda_1 \phi_N^2 + (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) \phi_S^2 + \frac{c_2}{4} \phi_N^4] \equiv Z_{\eta_S}^2 \left( \frac{h_{0S}}{\phi_S} + \frac{c_2}{4} \phi_N^4 \right)$
$m_{\eta_{NS}}^2$	$Z_{\eta_N} Z_{\eta_S} \frac{c_2}{2} \phi_N^3 \phi_S$
$m_{a_0}^2$	$m_0^2 + (\lambda_1 + \frac{3}{2} \lambda_2) \phi_N^2 + \lambda_1 \phi_S^2$
$m_{K_0^*}^2$	$Z_{K_0^*}^2 [m_0^2 + (\lambda_1 + \frac{\lambda_2}{2}) \phi_N^2 + \frac{\lambda_2}{\sqrt{2}} \phi_N \phi_S + (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) \phi_S^2]$
$m_{\sigma_N}^2$	$m_0^2 + 3 (\lambda_1 + \frac{\lambda_2}{2}) \phi_N^2 + \lambda_1 \phi_S^2$
$m_{\sigma_S}^2$	$m_0^2 + \lambda_1 \phi_N^2 + 3 (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) \phi_S^2$
$m_{\sigma_{NS}}^2$	$2\lambda_1 \phi_N \phi_S$

Table 3.2: Mass expressions of spin-0 mesons (scalars and pseudoscalars) within the eLSM.

# eLSM, fit vacuum

Observable	Fit [MeV]	Experiment [MeV]	Observable	Fit [MeV]	Experiment [MeV]
$f_\pi$	$96.3 \pm 0.7$	$92.2 \pm 4.6$	$f_K$	$106.9 \pm 0.6$	$110.4 \pm 5.5$
$m_\pi$	$141.0 \pm 5.8$	$138 \pm 6.9$	$m_K$	$485.6 \pm 3.0$	$495.6 \pm 24.8$
$m_\eta$	$509.4 \pm 3.0$	$547.9 \pm 27.4$	$m_{\eta'}$	$962.5 \pm 5.6$	$957.8 \pm 47.9$
$m_\rho$	$783.1 \pm 7.0$	$775.5 \pm 38.8$	$m_{K^*}$	$885.1 \pm 6.3$	$893.8 \pm 44.7$
$m_\phi$	$975.1 \pm 6.4$	$1019.5 \pm 51.0$	$m_{a_1}$	$1186 \pm 6.0$	$1230 \pm 62$
$m_{f_1(1420)}$	$1372.4 \pm 5.3$	$1426 \pm 71$	$m_{a_0}$	$1363 \pm 1$	$1474 \pm 74$
$m_{K_0^*}$	$1450 \pm 1$	$1425 \pm 71$	$\Gamma_{\rho \rightarrow \pi\pi}$	$160.9 \pm 4.4$	$149.1 \pm 7.4$
$\Gamma_{K^* \rightarrow K\pi}$	$44.6 \pm 1.9$	$46.2 \pm 2.3$	$\Gamma_{\phi \rightarrow KK}$	$3.34 \pm 0.14$	$3.54 \pm 0.18$
$\Gamma_{a_1 \rightarrow \rho\pi}$	$549 \pm 43$	$425 \pm 175$	$\Gamma_{a_1 \rightarrow \pi\gamma}$	$0.66 \pm 0.01$	$0.64 \pm 0.25$
$\Gamma_{f_1(1420) \rightarrow K^*K}$	$44.6 \pm 39.9$	$43.9 \pm 2.2$	$\Gamma_{a_0}$	$266 \pm 12$	$265 \pm 13$
$\Gamma_{K_0^* \rightarrow K\pi}$	$285 \pm 12$	$270 \pm 80$			

Table 3.4: An example of fit results from [6], together with the experimental values taken from [13].



# The pseudoscalar glueball: predictions from the eLSM

$$\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{G}\text{-mesons}}^{int} = ic_{\tilde{G}\Phi} \tilde{G} \left( \det\Phi - \det\Phi^\dagger \right)$$

$M_G = 2.6$  GeV as been used as an input.

Quantity	Value
$\Gamma_{\tilde{G} \rightarrow KK\eta} / \Gamma_{\tilde{G}}^{tot}$	0.049
$\Gamma_{\tilde{G} \rightarrow KK\eta'} / \Gamma_{\tilde{G}}^{tot}$	0.019
$\Gamma_{\tilde{G} \rightarrow \eta\eta\eta} / \Gamma_{\tilde{G}}^{tot}$	0.016
$\Gamma_{\tilde{G} \rightarrow \eta\eta\eta'} / \Gamma_{\tilde{G}}^{tot}$	0.0017
$\Gamma_{\tilde{G} \rightarrow \eta\eta'\eta'} / \Gamma_{\tilde{G}}^{tot}$	0.00013
$\Gamma_{\tilde{G} \rightarrow KK\pi} / \Gamma_{\tilde{G}}^{tot}$	0.46
$\Gamma_{\tilde{G} \rightarrow \eta\pi\pi} / \Gamma_{\tilde{G}}^{tot}$	0.16
$\Gamma_{\tilde{G} \rightarrow \eta'\pi\pi} / \Gamma_{\tilde{G}}^{tot}$	0.094

Quantity	Value
$\Gamma_{\tilde{G} \rightarrow KK_S} / \Gamma_{\tilde{G}}^{tot}$	0.059
$\Gamma_{\tilde{G} \rightarrow a_0\pi} / \Gamma_{\tilde{G}}^{tot}$	0.083
$\Gamma_{\tilde{G} \rightarrow \eta\sigma_N} / \Gamma_{\tilde{G}}^{tot}$	0.028
$\Gamma_{\tilde{G} \rightarrow \eta\sigma_S} / \Gamma_{\tilde{G}}^{tot}$	0.012
$\Gamma_{\tilde{G} \rightarrow \eta'\sigma_N} / \Gamma_{\tilde{G}}^{tot}$	0.019

$$\Gamma_{\tilde{G} \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi} = 0$$

X(2370) and X(2600) found at BESIII  
possible candidate.

Future experimental search, e.g. at BES and PANDA

Details in:

W. Eshraim, S. Janowski, F.G., D. Rischke, **Phys.Rev. D87 (2013) 054036**. [arxiv: 1208.6474](#) .

W. Eschraim, S. Janowski, K. Neuschwander, A. Peters, F.G., **Acta Phys. Pol. B**, Prc. Suppl. 5/4, [arxiv: 1209.3976](#)

# Pseudoscalar glueball/2

Thanks to DIG it was possible to estimate the coupling constant, see [2309.00086](#)  
Then not only ratio possible, but actual widths!

$$\Gamma(\tilde{G}_0 \rightarrow K\bar{K}\pi) \approx 0.24 \text{ GeV} \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma(\tilde{G}_0 \rightarrow \pi\pi\eta') \approx 0.05 \text{ GeV}$$

Recent experimental results:

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Observation of a State  $X(2600)$  in the  $\pi^+\pi^-\eta'$  System in the Process  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma\pi^+\pi^-\eta'$

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Editors' Suggestion

Determination of Spin-Parity Quantum Numbers of  $X(2370)$  as  $0^{-+}$  from  $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma K_S^0 K_S^0 \eta'$

M. Ablikim *et al.*\*  
(BESIII Collaboration)

# Average over instantons

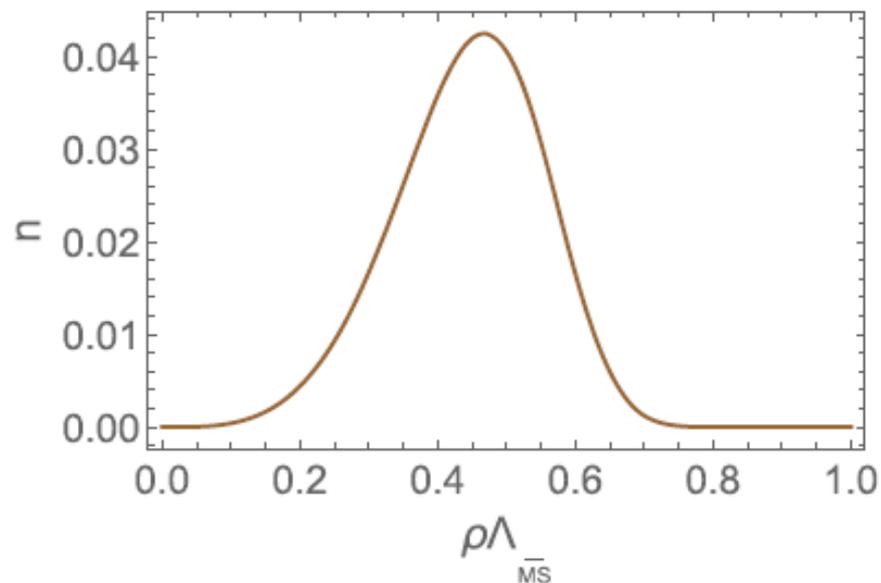


FIG. 1. The density of instantons for  $N_c = N_f = 3$ .

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{J=0} = -a_0(\det \Phi + \det \Phi^\dagger)$$

$$k_J = (8\pi^2)^3 \int_0^{\Lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^{-1}} d\rho n(\rho) \rho^{9+2J}$$

$$J = 0$$

$$a_0 = k_0 M_0^6 / 48 > 0, \quad a_0 = 1.3 \text{ GeV}$$

$$M_0 = 170 \text{ MeV}$$

# Polydeterminant properties

$$\epsilon(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_N) = \frac{1}{N!} \epsilon^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_N} \epsilon^{i'_1 i'_2 \dots i'_N} A_1^{i_1 i'_1} A_2^{i_2 i'_2} \dots A_N^{i_N i'_N}$$

$$\epsilon(A, A, \dots, A) = \det(A)$$

$$\epsilon(A_1, \dots, A_i, \dots, A_j, \dots, A_N) = \epsilon(A_1, \dots, A_j, \dots, A_i, \dots, A_N)$$

$$\epsilon(A_1, \dots, A_i = \alpha B_i + \beta C_i, \dots, A_N) = \alpha \epsilon(A_1, \dots, B_i, \dots, A_N) + \beta \epsilon(A_1, \dots, C_i, \dots, A_N)$$

$$\epsilon(A, \mathbf{1}, \dots, \mathbf{1}) = \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr}(A)$$

$$\epsilon(A'_1, A'_2, \dots, A'_N) = \epsilon(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_N)$$

$$A'_i = U A_i U^{-1}$$

$$\epsilon(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_N) = \sum_{\substack{n_1, \dots, n_N \geq 0 \\ n_1 + 2n_2 + \dots + Nn_N = N}} C_{n_1 n_2 \dots n_N} X^{n_1 n_2 \dots n_N}$$

$$X^{n_1 n_2 \dots n_N} = \frac{1}{N!} \sum_{\sigma} \text{Tr}(A_{\sigma(1)}) \text{Tr}(A_{\sigma(2)}) \cdot \dots \cdot \text{Tr}(A_{\sigma(n_1)})$$

$$\text{Tr}(A_{\sigma(n_1+1)} A_{\sigma(n_1+2)}) \text{Tr}(A_{\sigma(n_1+3)} A_{\sigma(n_1+4)}) \cdot \dots \cdot \text{Tr}(A_{\sigma(n_1+2n_2-1)} A_{\sigma(n_1+2n_2)})$$

$$\text{Tr}(A_{\sigma(n_1+2n_2+1)} A_{\sigma(n_1+2n_2+2)} A_{\sigma(n_1+2n_2+1)}) \cdot \dots$$

# Generalized determinant for 3x3 matrices

Determinant of a  $3 \times 3$  Matrix

$$\det\Phi = \frac{1}{3!} \epsilon^{ijk} \epsilon^{i'j'k'} \Phi^{ii'} \Phi^{jj'} \Phi^{kk'}$$

One can write determinant like a product for matrices  $\Phi_{1,2,3}$

$$\epsilon[\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \Phi_3] := \frac{1}{3!} \epsilon^{ijk} \epsilon^{i'j'k'} \Phi_1^{ii'} \Phi_2^{jj'} \Phi_3^{kk'}$$

It has the following properties

$$\epsilon[\Phi_1, \Phi_1, \Phi_1] = \det\Phi_1, \quad \epsilon[1, 1, \Phi_1] = \frac{1}{3} \text{Tr}[\Phi_1]$$

By using the epsilon product, we can construct anomalous lagrangians

# Mixing angle for pseudotensor mesons



$$\begin{pmatrix} \eta_2(1645) \\ \eta_2(1870) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta_2 & \sin \beta_2 \\ -\sin \beta_2 & \cos \beta_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \eta_{2,N} = \sqrt{1/2}(\bar{u}u + \bar{d}d) \\ \eta_{2,S} = \bar{s}s \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\beta_2 \approx -(1^\circ, 10^\circ) < 0$$

Instanton-based result,  
GPJ 2309.00086

$$\beta_2 \approx -40^\circ$$

Phenomenology results,  
FG & A. Koenigstein 1608.08777  
V. Shastry, E. Trotti, FG: 2107.13501

# Anomalous Lagrangian for heterochiral tensors

$$\mathcal{L}_{\Phi_{\mu\nu}}^{\text{anomaly}} = c_A^{(3)} (\varepsilon^{ijk} \varepsilon^{i'j'k'} \Phi^{ii'} \Phi^{jj'} \Phi_{\mu\nu}^{kk'} - h.c.)^2 + \dots,$$

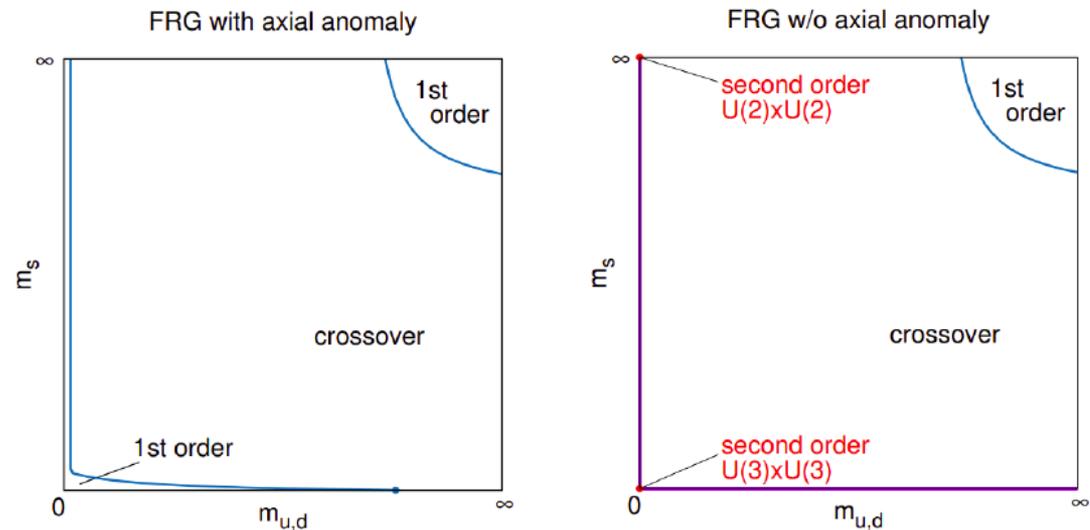
Again, the various terms are  $SU(3)_R \times SU(3)_L$  invariant but break  $U(1)_A$ .

First term generates mixing for pseudotensors and also for their chiral partners.  
Second term generates decays of pseudotensor (and partners) into (pseudo)scalars.  
Third term generates mixing for pseudotensors only.

# Columbia plot/4

FRG calculation: multiple fixed point at  $N_f = 2$  and  $N_f = 3$  that gives first or second order transition in the presence of the axial anomaly

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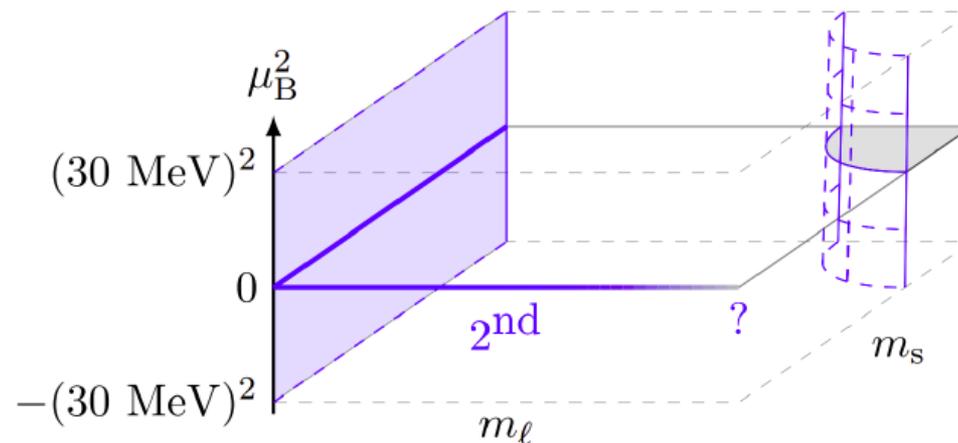


In 3d the only relevant operator is  $(\det \Phi + \det \Phi^\dagger)$ !

Slide von G. Kovacs, seminar at UJK, march 2025

Dyson-Schwinger approach:

$U(1)_A$  anomaly through  $\eta$  meson  
(but only 2-point function)



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