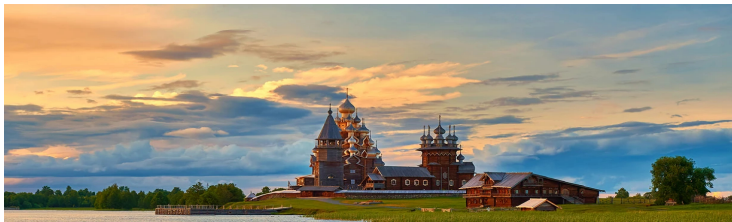


# Inhomogeneous phases in QCD phase diagram

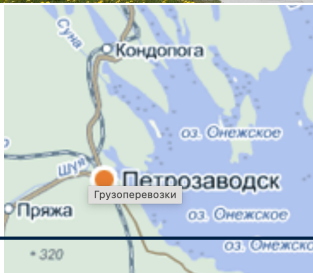


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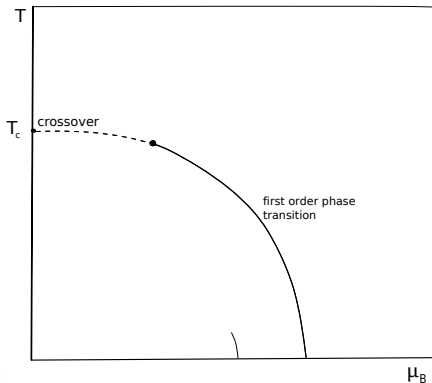
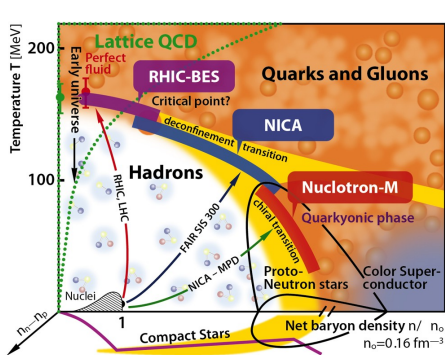
# Kondopoga – the place I was born



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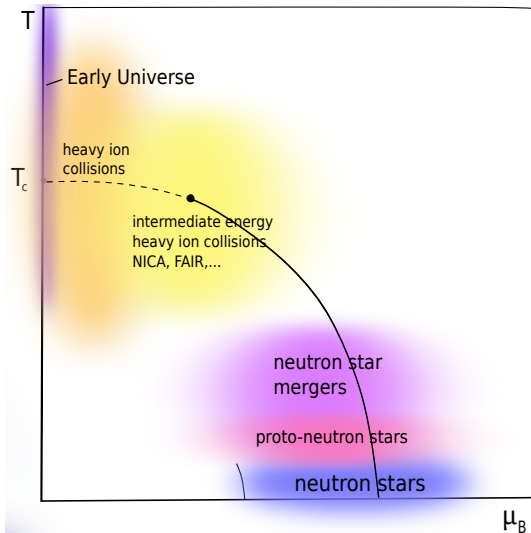


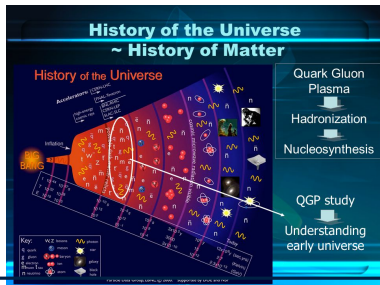
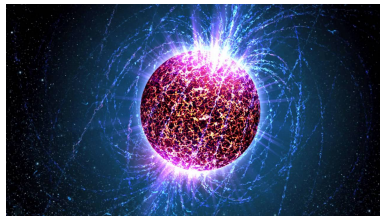
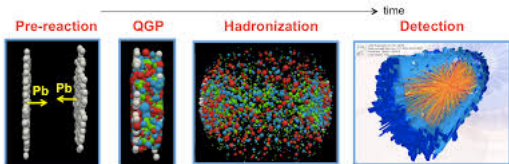
Two main phase transitions

- ▶ confinement-deconfinement
- ▶ chiral symmetry breaking phase—chiral symmetric phase

QCD at  $T$  and  $\mu$   
(QCD at extreme conditions)

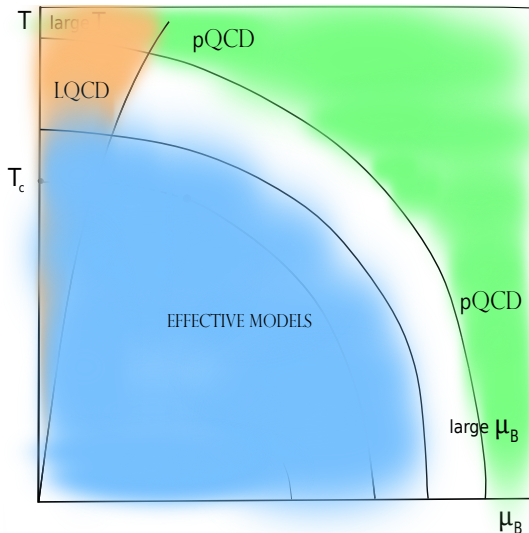
- ▶ Early Universe
- ▶ heavy ion collisions
- ▶ neutron stars
- ▶ proto- neutron stars
- ▶ neutron star mergers





## Methods of dealing with QCD

- ▶ Perturbative QCD
- ▶ First principle calculation  
– lattice QCD
- ▶ Effective models
- ▶ DSE, FRG
- ▶ .....



Lagrangian of GN model

$$\mathcal{L} = i\bar{\psi}\not{\partial}\psi + \frac{G}{2N_c}(\bar{\psi}\psi)^2 \quad \psi = (\psi_1, \dots, \psi_{N_c})$$

**Discrete chiral symmetry:**  $\psi \rightarrow \gamma_5\psi, \quad \bar{\psi}\psi \rightarrow -\bar{\psi}\psi$

Auxiliary Lagrangian

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}} = \bar{\psi} \left[ \gamma^\rho i\partial_\rho - \sigma - i\gamma^5\pi \right] \psi - \frac{N_c}{4G}\sigma^2$$

Generating functional

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi}\mathcal{D}\psi\mathcal{D}\sigma e^{\int dx \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(\bar{\psi}, \psi, \sigma)}$$

$$\sigma(x) = \bar{\sigma} + \delta\sigma(x), \quad \sigma(x) = \langle\sigma\rangle + \delta\sigma(x)$$

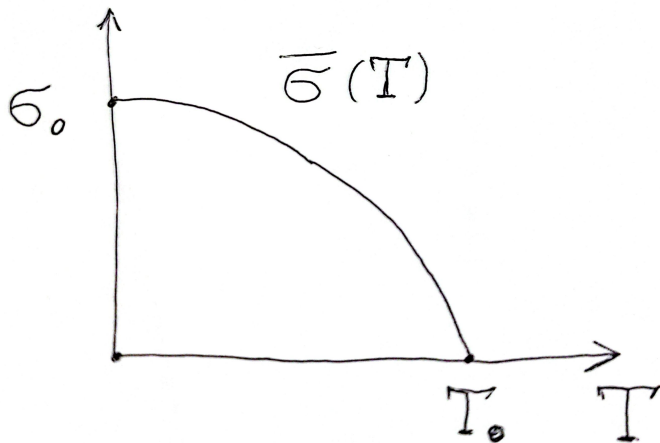
In the leading order of  $1/N_c$  expansion or in mean field one can omit the fluctuations  $\delta\sigma(x)$

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi}\mathcal{D}\psi \exp\left\{ \int dx \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(\bar{\psi}, \psi, \bar{\sigma}) \right\}$$

### Chiral symmetry breaking

$$\langle\bar{\psi}\psi\rangle \neq 0, \quad \langle\sigma\rangle \sim \langle\bar{\psi}\psi\rangle \neq 0$$

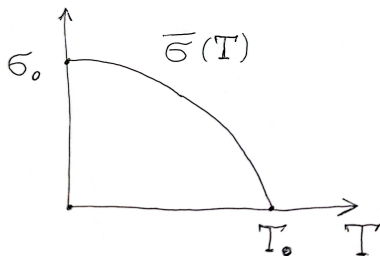
$$\langle\sigma\rangle \neq 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \tilde{\mathcal{L}} = \bar{\psi} \left[ \gamma^\rho i\partial_\rho - \langle\sigma\rangle \right] \psi$$



Order parameter  $\bar{\sigma} = \bar{\sigma}(T, \mu)$

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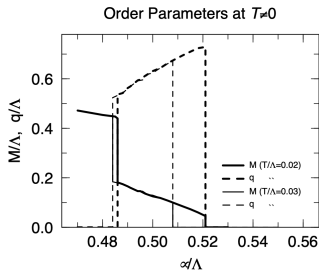
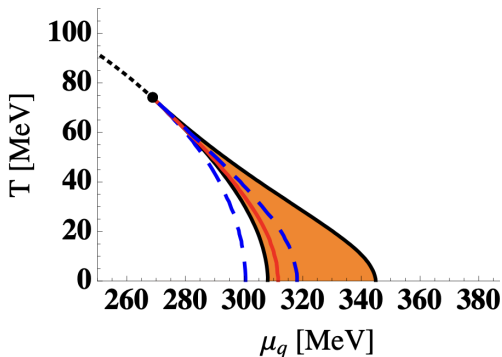


$$\bar{\sigma} = \bar{\sigma}(\vec{x})$$

$$\bar{\sigma} = \bar{\sigma}(\vec{x} | T, \mu)$$

## Chiral Density Wave (CDW) or Chiral spiral ansatz

$$\langle \sigma \rangle = M \cos(bx) \quad \langle \pi \rangle = M \sin(bx)$$



*E. Nakano, T. Tatsumi, Phys.Rev.D 71 (2005) 114006 arXiv:hep-ph/0411350*

*D. Nickel, Phys.Rev.D 80 (2009) 074025 arXiv:0906.5295 [hep-ph]*

Inhomogeneous phases in the Nambu-Jona-Lasino and quark-meson model

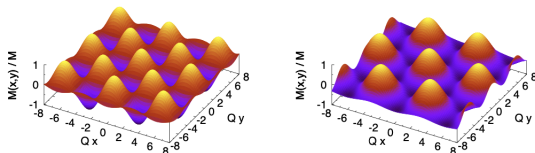


FIG. 1. Mass functions  $M(x, y)$  with two-dimensional modulations in coordinate space. Left: “egg-carton” modulation on a square lattice, Eq. (12). Right: hexagonal modulation, Eq. (13).

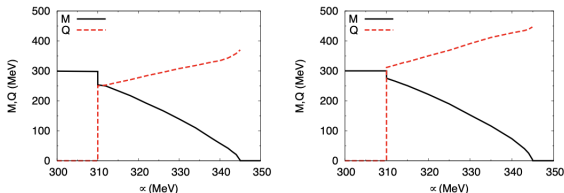
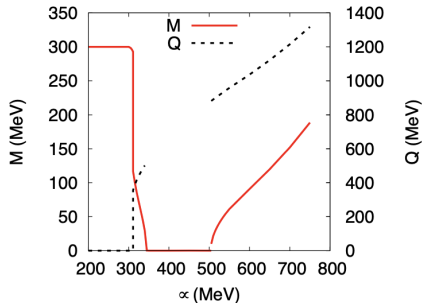
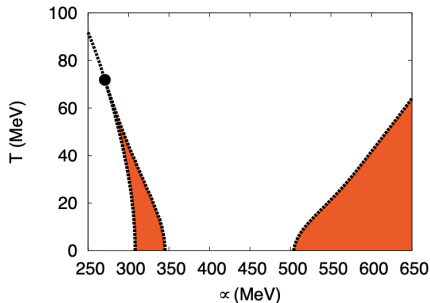


FIG. 2. Amplitude  $M$  and wave number  $Q$  at  $T = 0$  as functions of the chemical potential  $\mu$  after minimization of the thermodynamic potential for given shapes of the mass function. Left: “egg-carton” modulation on a square lattice, Eq. (12). Right: hexagonal ansatz, Eq. (13).



*S. Carignano, M. Buballa, Acta Phys.Polon.Supp. 5 (2012) 641-658,  
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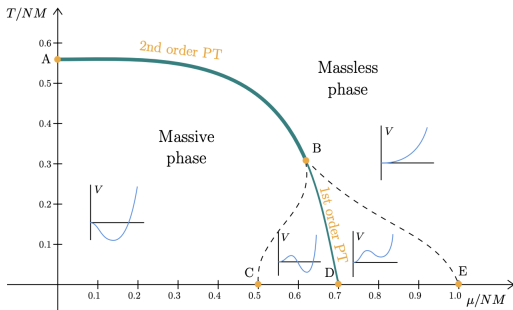
Inhomogeneous islands and continents in the Nambu–Jona-Lasinio model

Lagrangian of (1+1)-dim GN model

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}(\gamma^\nu i\partial_\nu + \mu\gamma^0)\psi + \frac{G}{N_c}(\bar{\psi}\psi)^2$$

**Homogeneous condensate**

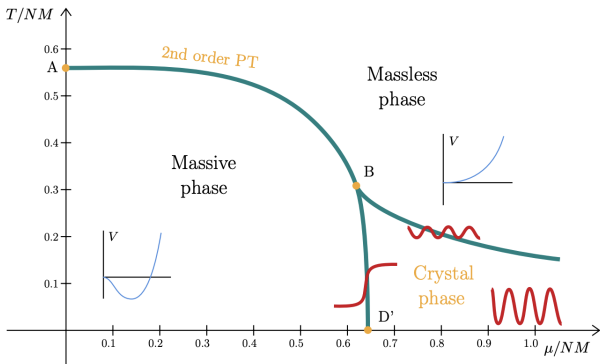
$$\langle\sigma\rangle = M = \text{const}$$



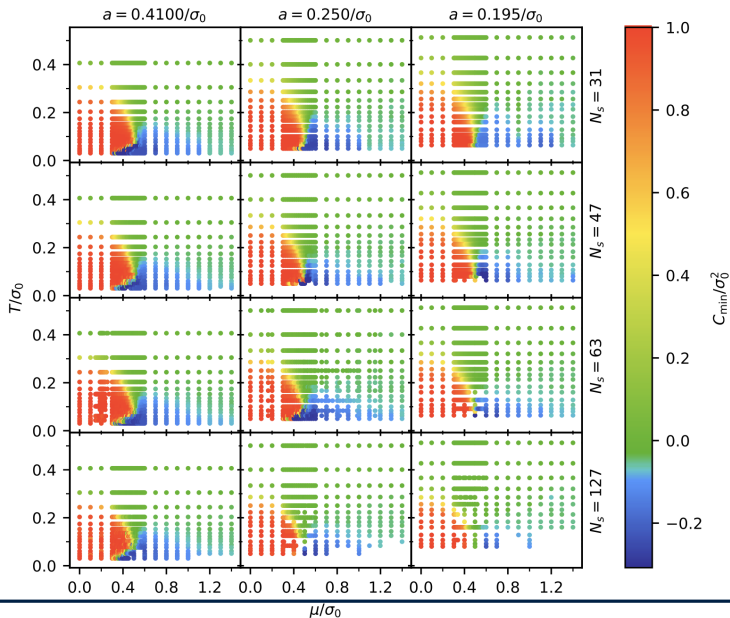
For example cosine ansatz

$$\langle \sigma \rangle = M \cos(bx)$$

$$\sigma(x) = M \operatorname{sn}(Mx|\nu)$$



$(\mu, T)$ -phase diagram of GN model with possibility of inhomogeneous case

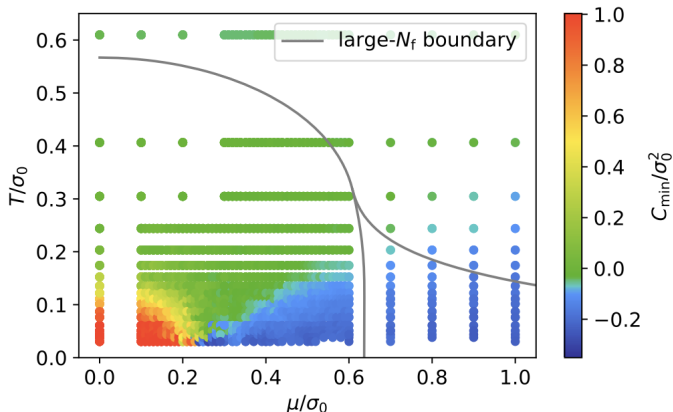


As a rule one employs **large  $N$  limit** to suppress bosonic fluctuations

they can easily **destroy** the condensation and **inhomogeneous phases**

It is extremely hard to get **full picture** with bosonic fluctuations (at finite  $N$  without mean field approximation)

It is **possible** and was done on **lattice** in (1+1)-dim GN model



the phase diagram from  $C_{min}$  for  $N_f = 2$

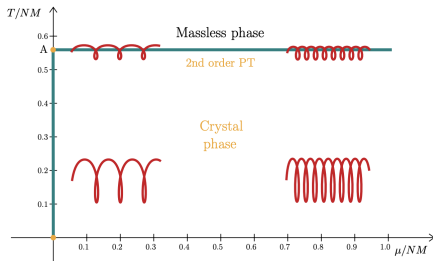
Unexpected feature is that the temperature range with negative  $C_{min}$  grows with increasing  $\mu$ , which is qualitatively different from the situation at large  $N_f$

Lagrangian of (1+1)-dim NJL model

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}(\gamma^\nu i\partial_\nu + \mu\gamma^0)\psi + \frac{G}{N_c} \left[ (\bar{\psi}\psi)^2 + (\bar{\psi}i\gamma^5\psi)^2 \right]$$

**Chiral spiral ansatz**

$$\langle \sigma \rangle = M \cos(bx) \quad \langle \pi \rangle = M \sin(bx)$$



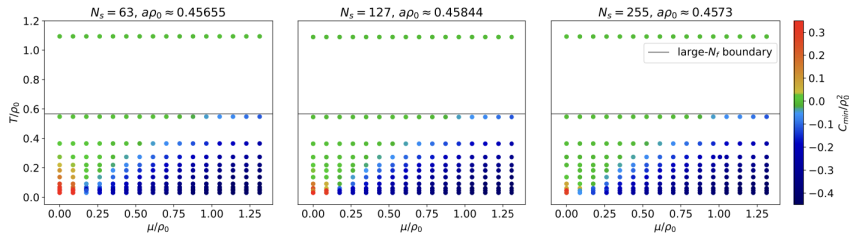
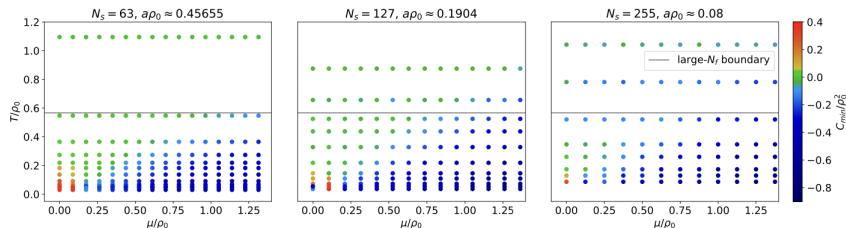


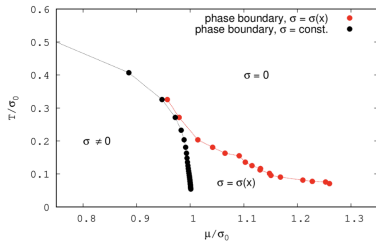
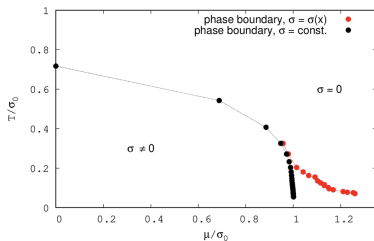
FIG. 9: Infinite-volume extrapolation: phase diagrams for fixed lattice spacing and  $N_s = 63, 127$  and  $255$ .



$N_f = 2$  result

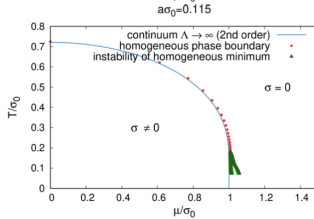
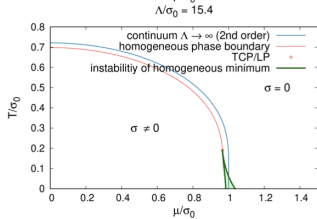
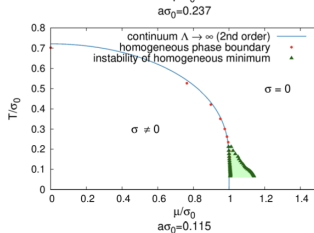
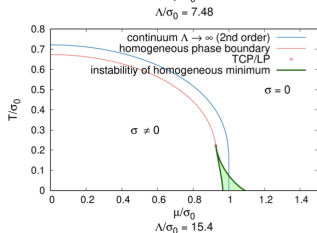
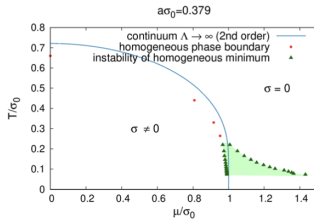
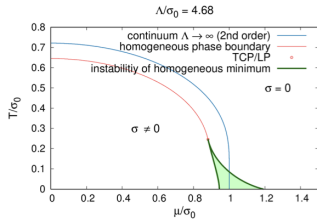
No papers on inhomogeneous phases in  
 $(2+1)$ -dim models such as GN model

A plethora of studies of inhomogeneous phases  
in  $(1+1)$  and  $(3+1)$  dimensional models



*M. Winstel, J. Stoll, M. Wagner, J.Phys.Conf.Ser. 1667 (2020) 1, 012044, arXiv:1909.00064 [hep-lat]*

*Lattice investigation of an inhomogeneous phase of the 2+1-dimensional Gross-Neveu model in the limit of infinitely many flavors*



- Call for a critical revision of the role of the regularization.
- For instance, inhomogeneous phases have also been found in the  $(3+1)$ -dim NJL model. Unlike in  $(2+1)$  dimensions,  $(3+1)$ -dim NJL model is non-renormalizable and therefore the studied with finite regulators.
- Given that inhomogeneous phases exist in the renormalized  $(1+1)$ -dim GN and NJL models, while in the  $(2+1)$ -dim GN model they are only present at finite regulator values, one might suspect that the observed inhomogeneous phases at  $(3+1)$  dimensions could be regularization artifacts.

# NJL model with chiral imbalance in (2+1) dimensions 5

$$\psi_n \rightarrow \gamma_4 \psi_n, \quad \bar{\psi}_n \rightarrow -\bar{\psi}_n \gamma_4, \quad (11)$$

$$\psi_n \rightarrow \gamma_5 \psi_n, \quad \bar{\psi}_n \rightarrow -\bar{\psi}_n \gamma_5 \quad (17)$$

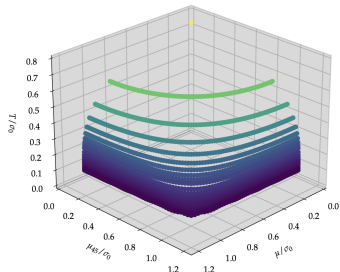
with

$$\gamma_{45} = i\gamma_4\gamma_5 = \tau_3 \otimes \mathbb{1}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} +\mathbb{1}_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -\mathbb{1}_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\gamma_4 = \tau_1 \otimes \mathbb{1}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & +\mathbb{1}_2 \\ +\mathbb{1}_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma_5 = -\tau_2 \otimes \mathbb{1}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & +i\mathbb{1}_2 \\ -i\mathbb{1}_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (13)$$

Both  $\gamma_4$  and  $\gamma_5$  anticommute with  $\gamma_0, \gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$ , thus fulfilling the necessary properties

$$\begin{aligned} Q[\mu, \sigma] &= Q^{(4)}[\mu, \sigma] \rightarrow Q[\mu, \mu_{45}, \sigma] = Q^{(4)}[\mu, \mu_{45}, \sigma] = \gamma_\nu \partial_\nu + \gamma_0 \mu + \gamma_{45} \gamma_0 \mu_{45} + \sigma \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} Q^{(2)}[\mu + \mu_{45}, \sigma] & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{Q}^{(2)}[\mu - \mu_{45}, \sigma] \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$



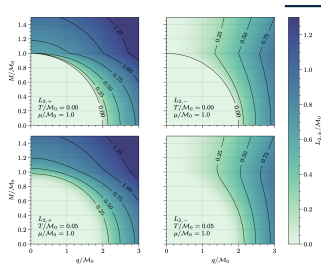
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 Inhomogeneous Phases in the Chirally Imbalanced (2+1)-Dimensional Gross- Neveu Model and

Their Absence in the Continuum Limit

- For (2+1)-dimensional GN model chiral imbalance  $\mu_{45}$ , it was shown that an **isospin chemical potential  $\mu_I$  is equivalent to the chiral chemical potential  $\mu_{45}$**
- Thus, all results can be interpreted in the context of chiral imbalance or of isospin imbalance. In particular the  **$\mu$ - $\mu_I$ - $T$  phase diagram was identical to the  $\mu$ - $\mu_{45}$ - $T$  phase diagram**
- $\mu_{45}$  seems to **disfavor inhomogeneous modulations**
- The inhomogeneous phase **shrank** for decreasing lattice spacing and was expected to **disappear in the continuum limit**

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{FF}}[\bar{\psi}, \psi] = \int_0^\beta d\tau \int d^2x \left\{ \bar{\psi} (\not{\partial} + \gamma_3 \mu) \psi - \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{16} \frac{\lambda_j}{2N} (\bar{\psi} c_j \psi)^2 \right] \right\},$$

$$C = (c_j)_{j=1, \dots, 16} = (1, i\gamma_4, i\gamma_5, \gamma_{45}, \vec{\tau}, i\vec{\tau}\gamma_4, i\vec{\tau}\gamma_5, \vec{\tau}\gamma_{45})$$



- ▶ no instability towards an inhom phase.
- ▶ no so-called moat regime

*L. Pannullo, M. Winstel, Phys.Rev.D 108 (2023) 3, 036011, arXiv:2305.09444 [hep-ph]*

Absence of inhomogeneous chiral phases in (2+1)-dimensional four-fermion and Yukawa models

# Ansatz Method for inhomogeneous phases

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Effective action satisfies

$$\left. \frac{d\Gamma[\phi]}{d\phi(x)} \right|_{\phi(x)=\phi_c} = 0 \quad \phi_c(x) = \langle \phi \rangle = \bar{\phi}, \quad \Gamma[\bar{\phi}]$$

Effective potential

$$\Gamma[\phi_c] = - \int dx V_{\text{eff}}[\phi_c], \quad V_{\text{eff}}[\bar{\phi}] = -\frac{1}{TV} \Gamma[\bar{\phi}]$$

find **the minimum of effective potential or TDP** with respect to **condensate**  $\bar{\phi}$

For quark-antiquark condensate

$$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle \sim \langle \sigma \rangle = \bar{\sigma} = M \quad V_{\text{eff}}[\bar{\sigma}] = -\frac{1}{TV} \Gamma[\bar{\sigma}]$$

$$\langle \phi \rangle = \bar{\phi}(x) = F(x, a_i)$$

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### Chiral spiral ansatz

$$\langle \sigma \rangle = M \cos(bx) \qquad \langle \pi \rangle = M \sin(bx)$$

where  $M$  and  $b$  parameters

Effective potential

$$V_{\text{eff}} = V_{\text{eff}}(M, b)$$

So one should find the minimum with respect to parameters  $M$  and  $b$

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Even if one gets exact  $V_{\text{eff}}$ ,  
for example, in  $1/N_c$  approximation or  
mean field

## Minimum of effective potential

$$V_{\text{eff}}(M, b)$$

**does not necessarily gives  
true ground state**

# Stability analysis for inhomogeneous phases

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$$\sigma(\mathbf{x}) = \bar{\sigma} + \delta\sigma(\mathbf{x}),$$

where  $\bar{\sigma}$  is ground state assuming only homogeneous condensates

Expanding effective action with respect to  $\delta\sigma$

$$S_{\text{eff}}^{(0)} = N_f \left( \frac{\beta V}{2\lambda} \bar{\sigma}^2 - \text{Tr}(\ln(\bar{Q})) \right)$$

$$S_{\text{eff}}^{(1)} = N_f \left( \frac{\beta}{\lambda} \bar{\sigma} \int d^2x \delta\sigma(\mathbf{x}) - \text{Tr}(\bar{Q}^{-1} \delta\sigma) \right)$$

$$S_{\text{eff}}^{(2)} = N_f \left( \frac{\beta}{2\lambda} \int d^2x (\delta\sigma(\mathbf{x}))^2 + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\bar{Q}^{-1} \delta\sigma \bar{Q}^{-1} \delta\sigma) \right),$$

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$$S_{\text{eff}}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} \beta \int \frac{d^2q}{(2\pi)^2} |\delta\tilde{\sigma}(\mathbf{q})|^2 \Gamma^{-1}(\mathbf{q}^2),$$

If there is instability

$$\text{If } \Gamma_{min} = \min_q \Gamma^{(2)}(q) < 0$$

then **homogeneous ground state with condensate  $\bar{\sigma}$  is unstable** with respect to fluctuations

But  $\bar{\sigma}$  is **true ground state, i. e. minimum**, among homogeneous configurations

So true ground state **should be only inhomogeneous**

- If  $\Gamma_{min} = \min_q \Gamma^{(2)}(q) < 0$

There is instability hence the true ground state is **inhomogeneous phase**

The homogeneous state is a saddle point, not a minimum. The system will definitely roll away from it. Since the instability is at  $q \neq 0$ , the true ground state must involve spatial modulation. This is a sufficient condition.

- But if  $\Gamma_{min} = \min_q \Gamma^{(2)}(q) > 0$

**The homogeneous state could still be not the true ground state**

The effective potential could look like this in field space:



In general we know nothing about true ground state, inhomogeneous phase and its configuration

Only know that true ground state is inhomogeneous phase, that is all

# Stability analysis and Moat Regime

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Assume that  $\Gamma^{(2)}(q)$  depends on  $q^2$ . Then the expansion of  $\Gamma^{(2)}(q)$  around  $q = 0$  is given by

$$\Gamma^{(2)}(q) = \Gamma^{(2)}(0) + \frac{q^2}{2} \left. \frac{d^2 \Gamma^{(2)}(q)}{dq^2} \right|_{q=0}$$

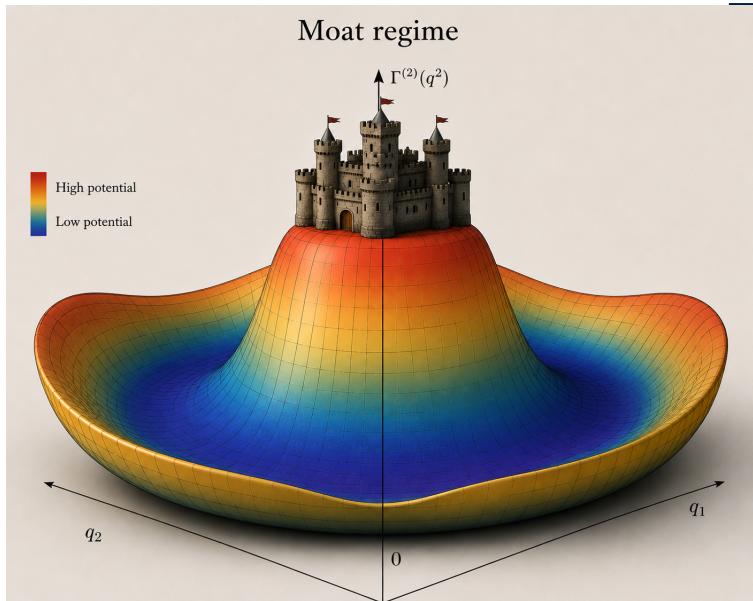
Instability to inhomogeneous phase if

$$\Gamma_{min} = \min_q \Gamma^{(2)}(q) < 0$$

One as a rule define

$$Z = \left. \frac{d^2 \Gamma^{(2)}(q)}{dq^2} \right|_{q=0}$$

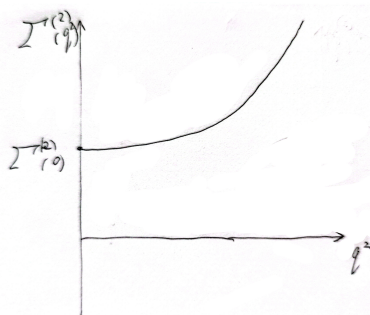
And if  $Z < 0$  then this regime is called **moat regime**



Moat Regime is considered as  
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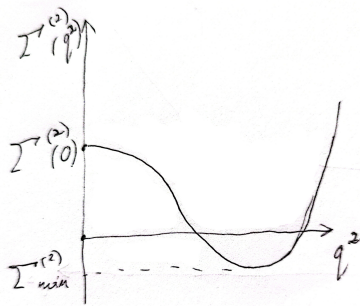
Indication or a Precursor  
of Inhomogeneous phase

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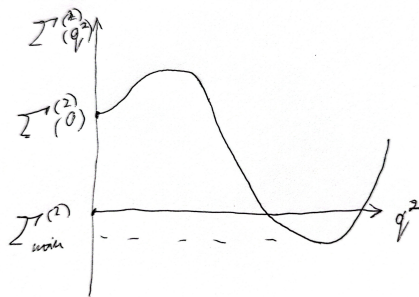
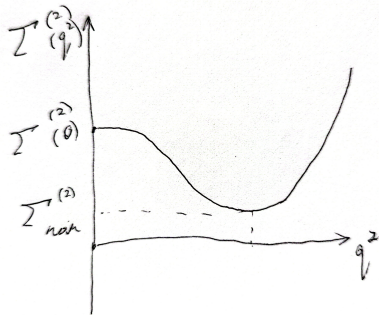
$$Z = \left. \frac{d^2 \Gamma^{(2)}(q)}{dq^2} \right|_{q=0} > 0, \quad \Gamma_{min} > 0$$

- No inhomogeneous phase
- no moat regime



$$Z < 0, \quad \Gamma_{min} < 0$$

- Inhomogeneous phase
- moat regime

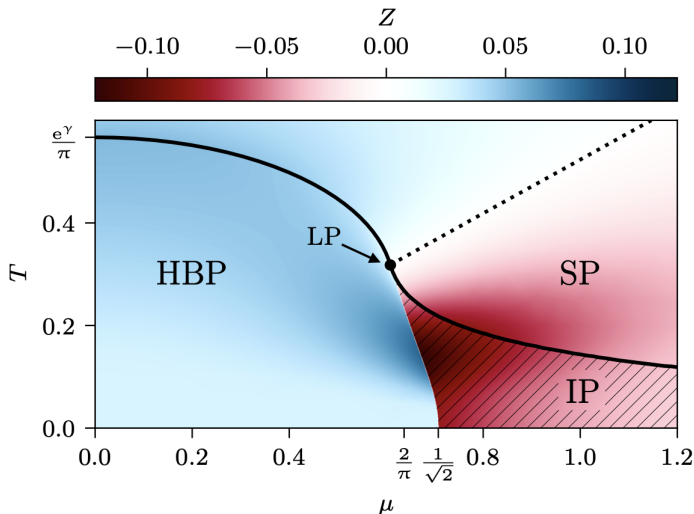


$$Z = \left. \frac{d^2 \Gamma^{(2)}(q)}{dq^2} \right|_{q=0} < 0, \quad \Gamma_{min} > 0$$

$$Z > 0, \quad \Gamma_{min} < 0$$

- No inhomogeneous phase
  - moat regime

- Inhomogeneous phase
  - no moat regime



*A. Koenigstein, L. Pannullo, S. Rechenberger, M. Steil, M. Winstel, J.Phys.A 55 (2022) 37, 375402, arXiv:2112.07024 [hep-ph]*

*Detecting inhomogeneous chiral condensation from the bosonic two-point function in the (1+1)-dimensional Gross-Neveu model in the mean-field approximation*

- **Standard crossover**

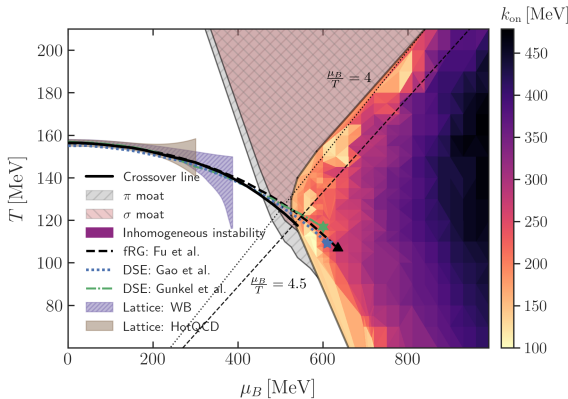
$$\mu_B/T < 4$$

- **moat regime** appears at

$$\mu_B/T \approx 4$$

- **Instability at finite momentum** for  $\mu_B/T > 4.5$
- **inhomogeneous phase**

- onset chemical potential  $\mu_B$  of the instability region on the crossover line shows a mild regulator dependence:  $\mu_B \approx 540 - 620$  MeV, consistent with systematic error estimate of 10%



Moat regimes: pions - hatched grey, sigma - hatched red. The region with signatures of inhomogeneous condensation is shown with a heatmap whose colour indicate value of  $k_{on}$  which is the lowest value of the RG-scale that can be reached before the instability terminates the flow.

(3+1)-dim NJL model is effective model

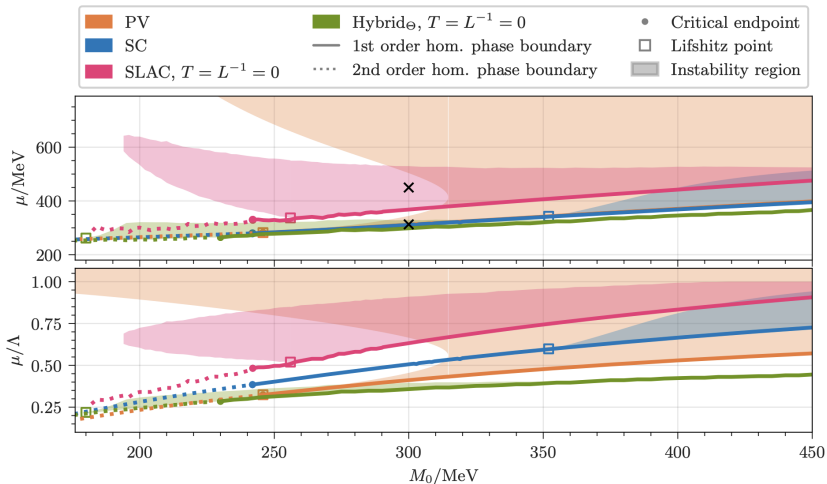
It is **non-renormalizable**

it is valid up to some energy scale

And one cannot reduce the regulator,  
**the regulator and the fit is the part of the  
model**

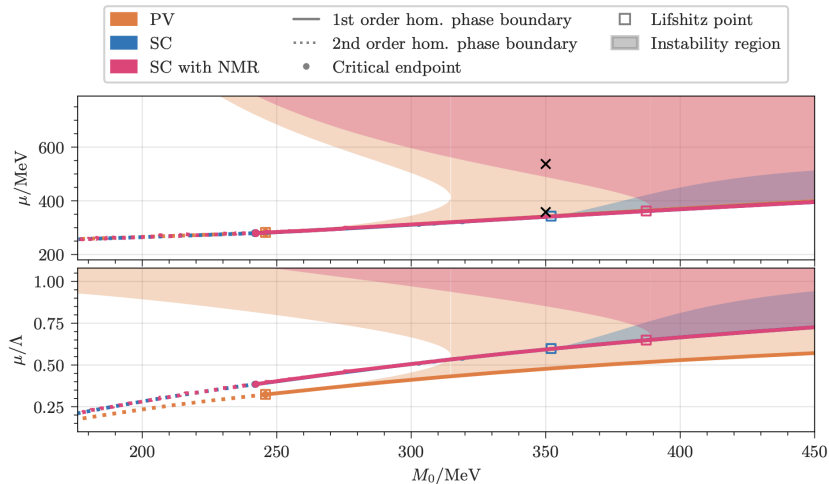
$(G, \Lambda)$  from experimental data such as  $m_\pi, f_\pi, \dots$

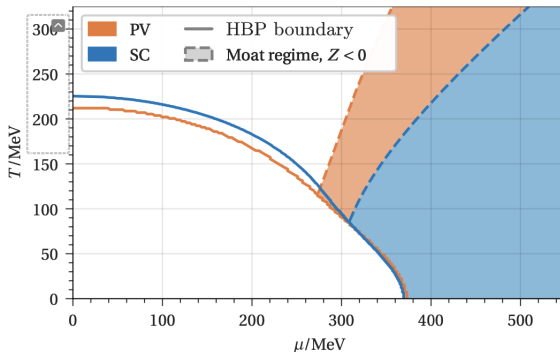
One should relate  $(f_\pi, M_0)$  to  $(G, \Lambda)$



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*Regularization effects in the Nambu-Jona-Lasinio model: Strong scheme dependence of inhomogeneous phases and persistence of the moat regime*





*Homogeneous phase boundaries and the moat regime for both the PV and the SC schemes.*

- $(1+1)$ -dim — inhomogeneous phases
- $(2+1)$ -dim — no inhom phases if no regulator
- $(3+1)$ -dim — inhom phases

$(d+1)$ -dimensional NJL type model

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$$\begin{aligned}\bar{U}_{\text{eff}}(\bar{\sigma}, \mu, d) &= \frac{\bar{\sigma}^2}{2\lambda} - \frac{1}{\beta V} \ln \text{Det} (\not{\partial} + \gamma_0 \mu + \bar{\sigma}) = \\ &= \frac{\bar{\sigma}^2}{2\lambda} - \frac{N_\gamma}{2} \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} [E - \Theta(\mu^2 - E^2)(E - |\mu|)]\end{aligned}$$

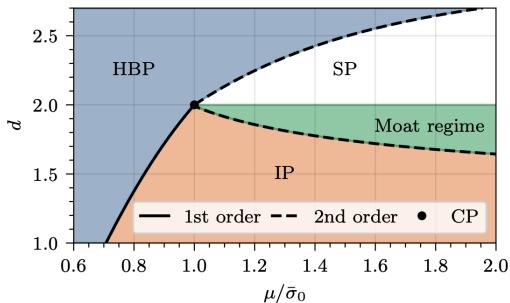
GN model in  $d$  dimensions

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{U}_{\text{eff}}(\bar{\sigma}, \mu, d) &= \frac{N_\gamma}{2^d \pi^{\frac{d}{2}}} \left[ \frac{(d+1)\Gamma(-\frac{d+1}{2})}{8\sqrt{\pi}} \left( -\frac{\bar{\sigma}_0^{d-1} \bar{\sigma}^2}{2} + \frac{|\bar{\sigma}|^{d+1}}{d+1} \right) + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{\Theta(\bar{\mu}^2)}{d\Gamma(\frac{d}{2})} |\bar{\sigma}|^{d+1} \left| \frac{\bar{\mu}}{\bar{\sigma}} \right|^d \left( {}_2F_1\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{d}{2}; \frac{d+2}{2}; -\frac{\bar{\mu}^2}{\bar{\sigma}^2}\right) - \left| \frac{\mu}{\bar{\sigma}} \right| \right) \right]\end{aligned}$$

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Inhomogeneous condensation in the Gross-Neveu model in noninteger spatial dimensions  $1 < d < 3$



$(\mu, d)$ -phase diagram of GN model with possibility of inhomogeneous case

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$$\mathcal{S}[\bar{\psi}, \psi] = \int_0^\beta d\tau \int d^d x \left[ \bar{\psi}(\not{\partial} + \gamma_0 \mu)\psi - \frac{\lambda}{2N} (\bar{\psi}\psi)^2 \right]$$

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NJL model (or chiral GN model) in  $d$  dimensions

**But ambiguities with  $\gamma_5$ ,  $\{\gamma_\mu, \gamma_5\}$  make stability analysis of NJL model in  $d$  dimensions less clear**

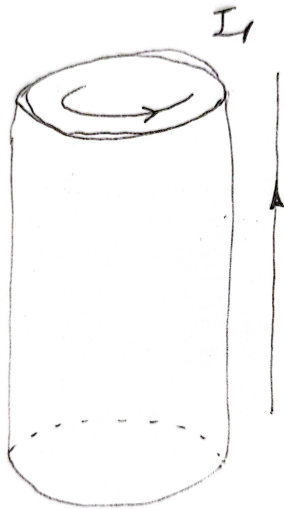
(2+1)-dimensional NJL model with Lagrangian

$$L = \bar{q} \left[ \gamma^\rho i \partial_\rho + \mu \gamma^0 \right] q + \frac{G}{N} \left[ (\bar{q}q)^2 + (\bar{q}i\gamma^5 q)^2 \right],$$

Chiral density wave (CDW) or chiral spiral

$$\langle \sigma(t, \vec{r}) \rangle = M \cos(2bx_1), \quad \langle \pi(t, \vec{r}) \rangle = M \sin(2bx_1)$$

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with one compactified spacial dimension  
of circumference  $L$

- at small  $L$  closer to (1+1) dimensions
- at  $L \rightarrow \infty$  it is (2+1) dimensional model

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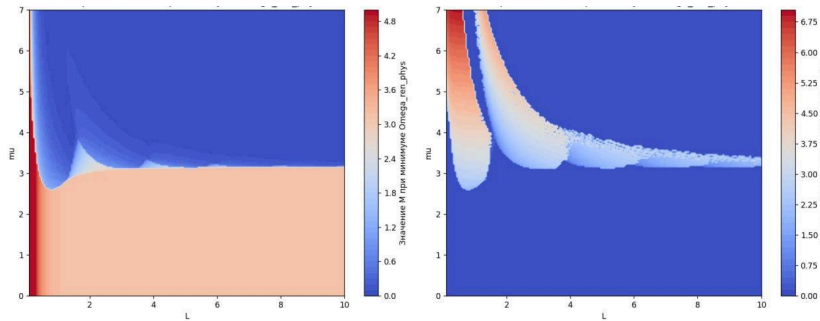
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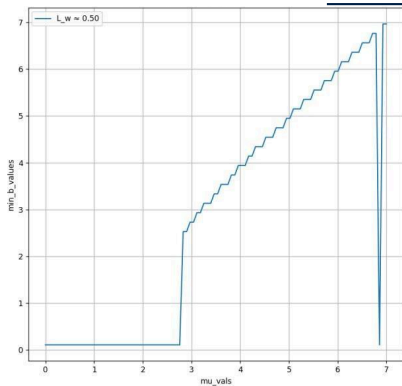
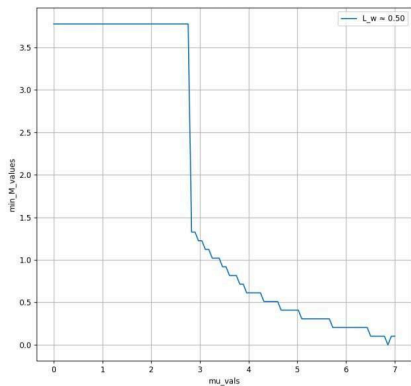
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Final renormalized expression for the TDP

$$\Omega_{phys}^{ren}(M, b) \equiv \frac{M^2}{2g} + \Delta V_{phys}(M, b) + \tilde{V}_L(M, b) + W_{\mu L}(M, b)$$

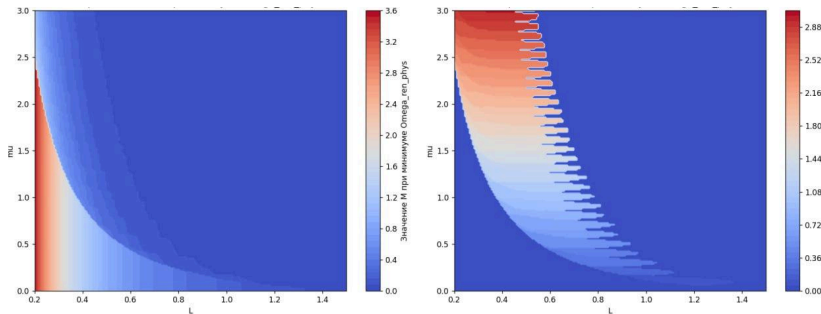


There are several **inhomogeneous** phases  
in phase diagram



$M$  and  $b$  as a function of  $\mu$  at  $L = 0.5$

There are **inhomogeneous phases**  
in wide interval of  $\mu$



- At small enough  $L$  there is chiral symmetry breaking
- But first inhomogeneous chiral symmetry breaking
- Inhomogeneous phase even at rather small  $\mu$

Thanks for Your Attention

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