# The $\phi$ meson at finite density, revisited

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#### Introduction: Vector mesons at finite density

**Basic Motivation:** 

Understanding the behavior of matter under extreme conditions



Understanding the origin of mass and its relation to chiral symmetry of QCD



- Vector mesons: clean probe for experiment
- To be investigated at J-PARC
- Firm theoretical understanding is necessary for interpreting the experimental results!

### QCD sum rules

M.A. Shifman, A.I. Vainshtein and V.I. Zakharov, Nucl. Phys. B147, 385 (1979); B147, 448 (1979).

In this method the properties of the two point correlation function is fully exploited:



More on the OPE in matter

perturbative Wilson coefficients

non-perturbative condensates

$$i\int d^4x e^{iqx} \langle 0|T\{\chi(x)\overline{\chi}(0)\}|0\rangle = C_I(q^2)I + \sum_n C_n(q^2) \langle 0|O_n|0\rangle$$



#### Important early study

T. Hatsuda and S.H. Lee, Phys. Rev. C 46, R34 (1992).



Vector meson masses mainly drop due to changes of the quark condensates.

The most important condensates are:

$$egin{array}{lll} \langle \overline{q}q\overline{q}q
angle 
ho & ext{for} & 
ho, \ \omega \ m_s \langle \overline{s}s
angle 
ho & ext{for} & \phi \end{array}$$

Important assumption:  $\langle \overline{q}q\overline{q}q\rangle_{\rho} = \langle \overline{q}q\rangle_{\rho}^{2}, \ \langle \overline{s}s\overline{s}s\rangle_{\rho} = \langle \overline{s}s\rangle_{\rho}^{2}$ Might be wrong! Structure of QCD sum rules for the light vector mesons

$$\frac{1}{M^2} \int_0^\infty ds e^{-\frac{s}{M^2}} \rho(s) = c_0 + \frac{c_1}{M^2} + \frac{c_2}{M^4} + \frac{c_3}{M^6} + \dots$$

Vacuum



#### Finite density effects

Modification of condensates

$$\begin{split} \langle \overline{q}q \rangle_{\rho} &= \langle \overline{q}q \rangle_{0} + \langle N | \overline{q}q | N \rangle_{\rho} = \langle \overline{q}q \rangle_{0} + \frac{\sigma_{\pi N}}{2m_{q}} \rho \\ \langle \overline{s}s \rangle_{\rho} &= \langle \overline{s}s \rangle_{0} + \langle N | \overline{s}s | N \rangle_{\rho} = \langle \overline{s}s \rangle_{0} + \frac{\sigma_{sN}}{m_{s}} \rho \\ &= \langle \overline{s}s \rangle_{0} + y \frac{\sigma_{\pi N}}{2m_{q}} \qquad \frac{\langle N | \overline{s}s | N \rangle}{\langle N | \overline{q}q | N \rangle} \\ \langle \frac{\alpha_{s}}{\pi} G^{2} \rangle_{\rho} &= \langle \frac{\alpha_{s}}{\pi} G^{2} \rangle_{0} - \frac{8}{9} (M_{N} - \sigma_{\pi N} - \sigma_{sN}) \rho \end{split}$$

Higher twist terms

$$c_{2}(\rho) = c_{2}(0) + 4\pi^{2}A_{1}^{q,s}M_{N}\rho - \frac{23}{9}\pi\alpha_{s}A_{2}^{g}M_{N}\rho$$
$$c_{3}(\rho) = c_{3}(0) - \frac{20}{3}\pi^{2}A_{3}^{q,s}M_{N}^{3}\rho$$

#### What has changed since 1992?

$$A_{1}^{q} = 2 \int_{0}^{1} dxx \left[ q(x) + \overline{q}(x) \right]$$

$$A_{3}^{q} = 2 \int_{0}^{1} dxx^{3} \left[ q(x) + \overline{q}(x) \right]$$

$$A_{1}^{s} = 2 \int_{0}^{1} dxx \left[ s(x) + \overline{s}(x) \right]$$

$$A_{3}^{s} = 2 \int_{0}^{1} dxx^{3} \left[ s(x) + \overline{s}(x) \right]$$

$$A_{2}^{q} = \int_{0}^{1} dxxg(x)$$



A.D. Martin, W.J. Stirling, R.S. Thorne and G. Watt, 1992 2013 Eur. Phys. J. C 63, 189 (2009).  $A_1^q = 0.45$  $A_1^q = 0.61$  $A_3^q = 0.06$  $A_3^q = 0.065$ Some changes, but no big effect.  $A_1^s = 0.044$  $A_1^s = 0.05$  $A_3^s = 0.0011$  $A_3^s = 0.002$  $A_2^g$ : ignored  $A_2^g = 0.359$ non-negligible

#### What has changed since 1992?

The nuclear sigma term:  $\sigma_{\pi N}$ 



Taken from G.S. Bali et al., Nucl. Phys. B866, 1 (2013).

Value used by Hatsuda and Lee: 45 MeV

Recent lattice results are mostly consistent with the old values. The latest trend might point to a somewhat smaller value.

#### What has changed since 1992?

The strangeness content of the nucleon:

$$y = \frac{\langle N | \overline{s}s | N \rangle}{\langle N | \overline{q}q | N \rangle}$$



Taken from M. Gong et al. (xQCD Collaboration), arXiv:1304.1194 [hep-ph].

The value of y has shrinked by a factor of about 5: a new analysis is necessary!

#### Results for the vacuum case

Analysis of the sum rule is done using the maximum entropy method (MEM), which allows to extract the spectral function from the sum rules without any phenomenological ansatz.



#### $\varphi$ meson at finite density



The  $\phi$  meson mass shift strongly depends on the strange sigma term.

### What happened?

Let us examine the OPE at finite density more closely:





Measuring the  $\phi$  meson mass shift in nuclear matter provides a strong constraint to the strange sigma term!

# Relation between the $\varphi$ meson mass shift and the strange sigma term



### However...

Experiments seem to suggest something else:

150 φ (1020) 100 Cu βγ<1.25 50 PRL98(07)042501 0 0.9 1.0 1.1 1.2 [GeV]

Result of the E325 experiment at KEK



R. Muto et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 98, 042501 (2007).

#### What could be wrong?

#### 1. So far neglected condensates

Terms containing higher orders of  $\rm m_s~$  and other so far neglected terms could have a non-negligible effect.

$$m_s^3 \langle \overline{s}s \rangle$$
,  $m_s^2 \langle \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} G^2 \rangle$ ,  $m_s \langle \overline{s}g\sigma Gs \rangle$ , ...

These terms do not have significant effects

2.  $\alpha_s$  corrections

These corrections seem to be small

3. Underestimated density dependence of four-quark condensates

$$\langle \alpha_s(\overline{s}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5\lambda^a s)^2 \rangle + \frac{2}{9} \langle \alpha_s(\overline{s}\gamma_\mu\lambda^a s) \bigvee_{q=u,d,s} (\overline{q}\gamma^\mu\lambda^a q) \rangle$$

This should be checked in the future

## Conclusions

- We have reanalyzed the light vector meson sum rules at finite density using MEM and the newest sigma-term values
- For the φ-meson, due to the small strangeness content of the nucleon, the mass shift might be smaller than previously thought
- The φ-meson mass shift at finite density is found to be strongly correlated with the strangeness content of the nucleon
- Further study on the reliability of the obtained results are in progress

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#### Estimation of the error of G(M)

$$G_{OPE}(M) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} (1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}) + \left(2m\langle \bar{q}q \rangle + \frac{1}{12} \langle \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} G^2 \rangle \right) \frac{1}{M^4} - \frac{112\pi}{81} \alpha_s \kappa \langle \bar{q}q \rangle^2 \frac{1}{M^6}$$

Gaussianly distributed values for the various parameters are randomly generated. The error is extracted from the resulting distribution of  $G_{OPE}(M)$ .

D.B. Leinweber, Annals Phys. 322, 1949 (1996).



PG, M. Oka, Prog. Theor. Phys. 124, 995 (2010).