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- Understanding strong interactions: phase diagram
- Matter at high densities: other states (color/flavor degrees of freedom)
- Neutron stars and dense astrophysical objects
  
- Superconductivity (idea)
- in Quantum Chromodynamics (idea)
- External chromo magnetic field
- Test model: interaction due to scalar boson exchange
- Preliminar results

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*This work has been initiated with the investigation of the effect of classical vector fields (for example as those considered in relativistic model of nuclear systems) which leads naturally to a redefinition of chemical potentials for finite density systems. The external chromofield was done, in part but not only, due to a sort of mathematical generalization. Modifications of the phase diagram does appear due to this fields like exemplified in this seminar and will be discussed with more details in a forthcoming paper.*

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# 1 Superconductivity: idea

- Fermi system at finite density (usual Bardeen-Cooper-Schrieffer)

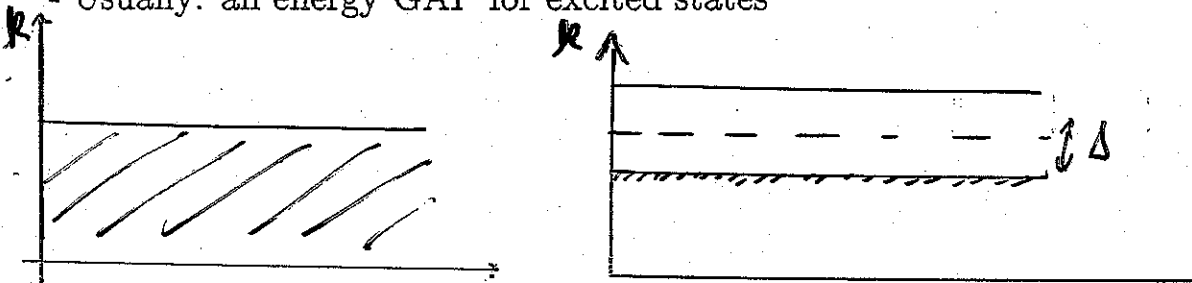
- Very low temperatures: zero voltage difference with finite current

- There appears a condensate (pairing between charged particles)

ATTRACTION  
INTERACTION  
DESTABILIZE  
FERMI SURFACE

$\langle \psi_i \psi_j \rangle \equiv \Delta_{i,j} \neq 0$ : it "breaks (spontaneously) a gauge symmetry"

- Usually: an energy GAP for excited states



- In principle:  $\langle \Phi | \bar{\psi} \psi \bar{\psi} \psi | \Phi \rangle \rightarrow \langle \Phi | \bar{\psi} \bar{\psi} | \Phi \rangle \langle \Phi | \psi \psi | \Phi \rangle$   $|\Phi\rangle = \sum_i a_i |N_i\rangle$

particle-particle cond. = anti-particle-anti-particle cond. unless for a phase

- However  $\bar{\psi}$  are far from Fermi surface:  $\langle \bar{\psi} \bar{\psi} \rangle \rightarrow 0$

-  $\Delta$  constant (exclusion of magnetic field)

-  $\Delta = \Delta(k)$ , eg. Larkin-Orchinnikov-Fulde-Ferrell (crystalline)

*when used with care, the notion of spontaneous gauge symmetry breaking can be extremely convenient fiction*

Rajagopal and Wilczek (about color superconductivity),

## 2 Color superconductivity in QCD

At finite densities:  $\Delta \sim \langle q_i^T q_j \rangle \neq 0$  (color antitriplet channel)

- Barrois (1977) / Bailin-Love (1984)  $\Delta \sim 1MeV$

- Alford *et al*, Rapp *et al* 1998,  $\Delta \sim 100MeV$

Attractive interaction in color anti-triplet channel:  $\langle q_i^T \Gamma q_j \rangle$

(Effective) Interactions between quarks usually considered:

1) Instanton induced interactions ('t Hooft 1978) (or similar Nambu-Jona-Lasinio like int.) generates  $\langle qq \rangle$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{G}{4(N_c^2 - 1)} \left\{ \frac{1}{4N_c} (\bar{\psi} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \tau_\alpha^- \psi)^2 + \frac{(2N_c - 1)}{2N_c} ((\bar{\psi} \tau_\alpha^- \psi)^2 + (\bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \tau_\alpha^- \psi)^2) \right\} \quad (1)$$

eg. Rapp *et al* 1998

2) One gluon exchange: very high densities, asymptotic freedom, leading processes with  $g$  weak

- extensively studied: eg. Schafer and Wilczek / Pisarski and Rischke (1999/2000)

-  $T_C \simeq .567 \Delta_0$       $\Delta(T)/\Delta(T=0)$

the same as in BCS-type superconductivity

- but  $\Delta \sim \exp(-\pi/2\bar{g})$  in contrast to  $\Delta \sim \exp(-a/g^2)$  in usual BCS

- At the end:  $\Delta_{QCD}$  seems to be gauge invariant (Pisarski, Rischke)

- QCD vacuum: condensates

1) scalar  $\langle 0 | \bar{q}_r^i q_r^i | 0 \rangle$  (chiral SSB)

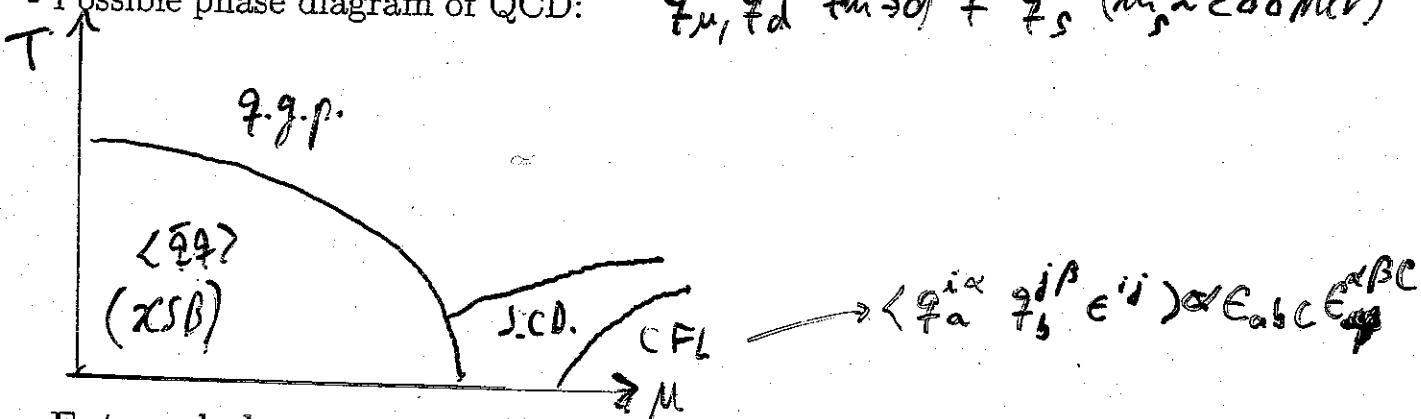
2)  $\langle 0 | F_{\mu\nu}^a F_a^{\mu\nu} | 0 \rangle$  (trace anomaly)

- Chromo electric and magnetic classical fields:  $E_i^a \equiv F_{i,0}^a$   $\epsilon_{i,j,k} B_k^a \equiv F_{i,j}^a$

where  $F_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a - gf_{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c$

- As (fermionic/baryonic) density increases  $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle$ ,  $\langle F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \rangle$  change and there appears  $\langle qq \rangle$ : non trivial phase diagram

- Possible phase diagram of QCD:  $g_\mu, g_d (\mu \rightarrow 0) + g_s (m_s \sim 200 \text{ MeV})$



### 3 External chromo magnetic field

- Ebert and Volkov (PLB 272, (1991)): in a Nambu-Jona-Lasinio type model  $\langle F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \rangle$  can be mimicked by means of external classical  $A_\mu^a$

- In a dense medium (relat. heavy ions collisions)  $A_\mu^a$  may differ considerably from vacuum values (however high T destroys  $\langle qq \rangle$  as well as other condensates)

- Inequivalent vector potential yield same (chromo) magnetic field

- D. Ebert *al* with NJL type interaction - external  $\vec{H}^a$  may enhance  $\Delta$  (even at  $\mu = 0$ )

- several works, eg. Alford, Berges, Rajagopal, Gorbar, Ebert *et al*

#### 4 Superconductivity due to a scalar boson exchange with an external chromo magnetic field

Scalar boson ( $\phi$ ) exchange generates difermions  $\langle q_a q_a \rangle$

Extension of the Approach of Pisarski-Rischke Phys. Rev. D **60** 094013 (1999)

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\Psi} (i\gamma_\mu D^\mu + \gamma_0 \mu - g\phi) \Psi + \frac{1}{2} D_\mu \phi D^\mu \phi - \frac{1}{2} M^2 \phi^2 + \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}. \quad (2)$$

Where  $D_\mu = \partial_\mu - g' A_\mu^a \lambda_a / 2$ .

Scalar field in chromo electromagnetic field:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr} D^\mu \phi(\mathbf{x}) D_\mu \phi(\mathbf{x}) &\rightarrow \partial^\mu \phi(\mathbf{x}) \partial_\mu \phi(\mathbf{x}) + \text{Tr} \frac{g'^2}{4} A_\mu^a A_a^\mu \phi^2(\mathbf{x}) \\ M^2 &\rightarrow \tilde{M}^2 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Integrating out the scalar field:

$$I[\bar{\psi}, \psi] = \int d^d x d^d y \left( \bar{\psi}(\mathbf{x}) (G_0^+)^{-1}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \psi(\mathbf{y}) + \frac{g}{2} \bar{\psi}(\mathbf{x}) \psi(\mathbf{x}) D(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \bar{\psi}(\mathbf{y}) \psi(\mathbf{y}) \right) \quad (4)$$

where  $D(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  is the scalar field propagator

In the mean field approach:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi \bar{\psi} &\rightarrow \psi \bar{\psi} - \langle \psi \bar{\psi} \rangle; & (\psi \bar{\psi})^\dagger &\rightarrow (\psi \bar{\psi})^\dagger - \langle \psi \bar{\psi} \rangle^\dagger, \\ \psi \psi &\rightarrow \psi \psi - \langle \psi \psi \rangle; & (\psi \psi)^\dagger &\rightarrow (\psi \psi)^\dagger - \langle \psi \psi \rangle^\dagger. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

For which the quartic interaction may be

$$g_a \frac{g^2}{2} \bar{\psi}(\mathbf{x}) \psi(\mathbf{y}) D(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \bar{\psi}(\mathbf{x}) \psi(\mathbf{y}) + g_b \frac{g^2}{2} \bar{\psi}(\mathbf{x}) \psi(\mathbf{x}) D(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \bar{\psi}(\mathbf{y}) \psi(\mathbf{y}) \quad (6)$$

$g_a$  for the formation of  $\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle$  cond. //  $g_b$  for  $\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle$  cond.

The action in the frame of the mean field approach:

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \int dx dy (\bar{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}) A(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \Psi + \bar{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}) B(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \Psi_C + \bar{\Psi}(\mathbf{x})_C C(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \Psi + \bar{\Psi}(\mathbf{x})_C D(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \Psi_C),$$

$$\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi \\ \psi_c \end{pmatrix} \quad \Psi_C = C \bar{\Psi}^T(-\mathbf{x}) \quad (7)$$

Where:

$$A = (G_{0,ff}^+)^{-1} \equiv -i \left( i \gamma_\mu (\partial^\mu - i g' A_a^\mu \lambda_a / 2) + \gamma_0 \mu + g_a g \int D(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \langle \bar{\psi} \psi(\mathbf{y}) \rangle \right) \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})$$

$$D = (G_{0,ff}^-)^{-1} \equiv -i \left( i \gamma_\mu (\partial^\mu - i g' A_a^\mu \lambda_a / 2) - \gamma_0 \mu + g_a g \int D(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \langle \bar{\psi} \psi(\mathbf{y}) \rangle \right) \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})$$

$$B = \Delta^+ = g_b g^2 \langle \bar{\Psi}_C \bar{\Psi} \rangle D(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

$$C = \Delta^- = g_b g^2 \gamma_0 (\Delta^+(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}))^\dagger \gamma_0. \quad (8)$$

The condensate  $\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle$  (breaks ~~chiral~~ chiral symmetry): quark mass?

By performing a Fourier transformation (restricting possible configurations)

$$\int \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} \mathcal{D}\psi \exp \int_{|\mathbf{k}|>0} d^3\mathbf{k} (\bar{\psi} \psi_C) S^{-1}(\mathbf{k}) (\psi \psi_C)^T = \mathcal{N} \det(S^{-1})^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (9)$$

The full propagator:

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} G^+ & -G_0^+ \Delta^- G^- \\ -G_0^- \Delta^+ G^+ & G^- \end{pmatrix}, \quad (10)$$

where

$$G^\pm = ((G_0^\pm)^{-1} - \Delta^\mp G_0^\mp \Delta^\pm)^{-1} \quad (11)$$



Using identity:

$$\langle \Psi(k) \bar{\Psi}(k) \rangle = -S(k) \quad (12)$$

The GAP equations are:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta^\pm(k) &= g^2 T \int_p D(k-p) G_0^\mp(p) \Delta^\pm(p) \left( (G_0^\pm)^{-1}(p) - \Delta^\mp(p) G_0^\mp(p) \Delta^\pm(p) \right) \\ \langle \psi \bar{\psi}(q) \rangle &= \int_p D(k-p) \left( (G_0^+)^{-1}(p) - \Delta^-(p) G_0^-(p) \Delta^+(p) \right)^{-1}, \\ \langle \bar{\psi} \psi(q) \rangle &= \int_p D(k-p) \left( (G_0^-)^{-1}(p) - \Delta^+(p) G_0^+(p) \Delta^-(p) \right)^{-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

where

$$(G_{ff}^\pm)^{-1}(k) = - \left( \gamma_\mu (k^\mu - ig A_a^\mu \lambda_a / 2) \mp \gamma_0 \mu + g_a g \int_k D(k) \langle \psi \bar{\psi}(k) \rangle^\pm \right). \quad (14)$$

To compare with one gluon exchange:

$$\Delta(k) = g^2 \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \Gamma_a^\mu D_{\mu,\nu}^{a,b}(k-p) G_0(p) \Delta(p) \left( (G_0^\pm)^{-1} - \Delta^\mp G_0^\mp \Delta^\pm \right)^{-1} \Gamma_b^\nu \quad (15)$$

The external field equation is:

$$\partial_\mu F_a^{\mu\nu} = g' \langle \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma^\nu \lambda_a \psi(y) \rangle \quad (16)$$

dynamical/non homogeneous external field: vector condensates

## Spinors

$$\Delta = \underline{\Delta_1 \gamma_5} + \underline{\Delta_2 \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{k} \gamma_0 \gamma_5} + \Delta_3 \gamma_0 \gamma_5 + \underline{\Delta_4} + \underline{\Delta_5 \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{k} \gamma_0} + \Delta_6 \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{k} + \Delta_7 \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{k} \gamma_5 + \Delta_8 \gamma_0 \quad (17)$$

However:

①  $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle$  plays the role of mass for the quarks in the equations

② quark masses mix states of chiralities and duplicate the number of possible different di-quark condensates

In a first analysis  $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle$  neglected, resulting in four possible states of helicity and chirality:

$$\Delta(k) = \phi_{r,+}^+(k) P_{r,+}^+(k) + \phi_{l,-}^+(k) P_{l,-}^+(k) + \phi_{r,-}^-(k) P_{r,-}^-(k) + \phi_{l,+}^-(k) P_{l,+}^-(k) \quad (18)$$

Using projectors for quarks with helicities  $\pm$  and chiralities  $r, l$ :

$$P_{\pm}(k) = \frac{1 \pm \gamma_5 \gamma_0 \vec{\gamma} \cdot \hat{k}}{2} \quad P_{r,l} = \frac{1 \pm \gamma_5}{2} \quad (19)$$

For each of the condensates  $\phi_{r,l;\pm}$  there is an equation such as:

$$\phi_{r,+}^{(+)}(k) = \frac{g^2}{2} \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} D(k-p, M) \left( \frac{A - \hat{k} \cdot \hat{p}}{p_0^2 - \epsilon_a^+ [\phi_{r,+}(p)]^2} \phi_{l,-}^{(+)} + \frac{B + \hat{k} \cdot \hat{p}}{p_0^2 - \epsilon_a^- [\phi_{l,+}(p)]^2} \phi_{l,+}^{(-)} \right) \quad (20)$$

$a$  is for color (always diagonal:  $\langle q_a q_a \rangle$ )

For zero external field  $\epsilon_a^{\pm}[\phi_{r,+}] = \sqrt{(|\vec{p}| \mp \mu)^2 + |\phi|^2}$

$A, B$  are also dependent on the choice of the external field

GAP equations in the form:

$$\phi_{r,+}^+ = \phi_{l,-}^+ (F_0^+ (\phi_{l,-}) - F_1^+ (\phi_{l,-})) + \phi_{l,+}^- (F_0 (\phi_{l,+} + F_1 (\phi_{l,+}))), \quad (21)$$

For non zero:  $\phi_{r,+}^+$ ,  $\phi_{r,-}^-$ ,  $\phi_{l,-}^+$ ,  $\phi_{l,+}^-$

Integrals of the type:

$$(F_0^\pm, F_1^\pm) = \frac{g^2}{2} \int \frac{dp_0}{2\pi} \int \frac{d\vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{(k-p)^2 - \tilde{M}^2} (1, \hat{k}\hat{p}) \frac{1}{p_0^2 - (\epsilon^\pm[\phi])^2} \quad (22)$$

(a) Poles from scalar boson propagator  $\rightarrow$  if  $\tilde{M}^2$  is small the approximation of punctual interaction (for which  $\phi^- = \phi^+$ ) is not necessarily reliable

(b) Poles from fermions

For the cases of small  $k$  or zero momentum exchange: the integral  $F_1 \rightarrow 0$

The  $F_0^+$  integral:

$$\begin{aligned} F_0^+ = & \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \int_0^{\Lambda, \infty} dp \frac{p}{k\epsilon^+} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \left\{ \ln \left( \frac{\epsilon^+ - k_0 - \sqrt{(k-p)^2 + M^2}}{\epsilon^+ + k_0 - \sqrt{(k-p)^2 + M^2}} \right) + \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. - \ln \left( \frac{\epsilon^+ - k_0 - \sqrt{(k+p)^2 + M^2}}{\epsilon^+ + k_0 - \sqrt{(k+p)^2 + M^2}} \right) \right\} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \ln \left( \frac{\epsilon^+ + k_0 - \sqrt{(k-p)^2 + M^2}}{\epsilon^+ - k_0 - \sqrt{(k-p)^2 + M^2}} \right) - \ln \left( \frac{\epsilon^+ + k_0 - \sqrt{(k+p)^2 + M^2}}{\epsilon^+ - k_0 - \sqrt{(k+p)^2 + M^2}} \right) \right\} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{4} \ln \left( \frac{(\epsilon^+ + k_0)^2 - (k+p)^2 + M^2}{(\epsilon^+ + k_0)^2 - (k-p)^2 + M^2} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \ln \left( \frac{(\epsilon^+ - k_0)^2 - (k+p)^2 + M^2}{(\epsilon^+ - k_0)^2 - (k-p)^2 + M^2} \right) \right) \quad (23) \end{aligned}$$

There are ultraviolet divergences, eliminated by:

$$F_0^\pm \rightarrow F_0^\pm + \frac{g^2}{4} \int^{\mu_R} \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{1}{(k-p)^2} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{p}|} - F_{c.t.} \quad (24)$$

Example:

constant chromo magnetic field  $A_i^a = \sqrt{H/g'}\delta_{i,a}$  ( $i=1,2,3$ ),

else  $A_i^a = 0$ , leading to  $H_i^a = \delta_i^a H = \text{const.}$

- poles (for equal chemical potential):

$$(\epsilon^\pm[\phi_i])^2 = (\sqrt{\vec{p}^2} \mp \mu)^2 + \phi_i^2$$

$$(\epsilon^\pm[\phi_i])^2 = (\sqrt{\vec{p}^2} \pm \underbrace{A_1^1 g'/2}_{\text{}} \mp \mu)^2 + \phi_i^2$$

$$(\epsilon^\pm[\phi_i])^2 = (\sqrt{(|\vec{p}| + g' A_3^3)^2} \pm \underbrace{A_2^2 g'/2}_{\text{}} \mp \mu)^2 + \phi_i^2$$

Different "effective" chemical potential for each colored quark

(Other external magnetic field may induce terms with role of quark mass) (?)

- We consider (approximatively):  $|\phi|$  as constant reliable for small  $k$ , but  $\phi = \phi(k)$

- Strong  $A_\mu^a$  of  $H$  may enhance  $|\phi|$  (not simultaneously for all the colors)

- For punctual interaction  $M^2 \rightarrow \infty$  (NJL):  $\phi^+ = \phi^-$

- Limit of weak coupling: in principle  $\phi \ll \mu$  ( $\phi \sim \mu \exp(-c/g^2)$ )

$$F_0^-/F^+ \sim \frac{\epsilon^+}{\epsilon^-} \ll 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad \phi^- > \phi^+$$

- pairing dominated by fermions close to Fermi surface  $\langle \Psi \Psi \rangle$

-  $H_{ext}^a$  induces  $\bar{\mu} < \mu$  enhancing  $\phi$

- Limit of strong coupling:

contributions far from Fermi surface

- increasing  $|\phi|$

- if  $\bar{M}^2 \propto g'^2$ , then  $D \sim 1/M$  and  $\phi^+ \sim \phi^-$  (BUT  $\phi^- > \phi^+$ )

-  $H_{ext}^a$ : non degeneracy in  $|\phi^a|$

- Using approximations: massless fermions, momentum independent GAP
- Scalar boson exchange (effective degree of freedom of the system) as a test model for color superconductivity along the lines proposed by Pisarski-Rischke
- Non zero energy exchange (non punctual interactions) modify GAP equations
- Detailed study of complete phase diagram  $\langle qq \rangle$ ,  $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle$  depend on considering mixed chirality/helicity states
- External chromo (electro) magnetic fields may lead to several different effects:
  - changing fermion masses
  - effective chemical potential (usually smaller)  $\rightarrow \tilde{\mu} \sim \Delta \rightarrow \langle \bar{q}q \rangle \sim \langle qq \rangle$
  - may cause non degeneracy of  $\phi_a$
- Towards derivation of effective interactions for q-q which takes into account  $\langle qq \rangle$