

Phases of QCD, topology and axions - I

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I Symmetries and phases of QCD

QCD Lagrangian & Symmetries

Pseudoscalar spectrum and U_A(1) puzzle

Simpler case: SU(2) X SU(2)

SU(N)XSU(N)XSU_gauge(Nc): running coupling, beta function, chiral breaking

The T=0 axis: Infrared fixed points at large Nf, essential singularity, conformal window

Fixed Nf axis: Finite temperature transition, Landau-Ginzburg scenario, magnetic EoS, Universal properties of chiral symmetry breaking

Columbia plot - infinite mass limit and confinement in YM

The phase diagram of QCD in the T, Nf plane

please see notes with bibliography

Pseudoscalar spectrum, and UA(1) puzzle

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| Particle name | Particle \$ | Antiparticle \$ | Quark content | Rest mass (MeV/c²) |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---|----------------------|
| Pion ^[6] | π ⁺ | π | ud | 139.570 18 ±0.000 35 |
| Pion ^[7] | π | Self | $rac{\mathrm{u}ar{\mathrm{u}}-\mathrm{d}ar{\mathrm{d}}}{\sqrt{2}}$ [a] | 134.9766 ±0.0006 |
| Eta meson ^[8] | η | Self | $rac{{ m u}ar{ m u}+{ m d}ar{ m d}-2{ m s}ar{ m s}}{\sqrt{6}}$ [a] | 547.862 ±0.018 |
| Eta prime meson ^[9] | η′(958) | Self | $rac{{ m u}ar{ m u}+{ m d}ar{ m d}+{ m s}ar{ m s}}{\sqrt{3}}$ [a] | 957.78 ±0.06 |
| Kaon ^[12] | K ⁺ | κ_ | us | 493.677 ±0.016 |
| Kaon ^[13] | K ⁰ | K ⁰ | ds | 497.614 ±0.024 |