

# First Order phase transition in Maxwell-Chern-Simon QED<sub>3</sub> in covariant gauge

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## Abstract

We study the first order phase transition which is caused by tiny value of the Chern-Simon term above which the chiral order parameter vanishes and parity violating phase remain in three dimensional QED with Chern-Simon term.

## 1 Introduction

IN 1995 Kondo and Maris discussed the parity violating effects of Chern-Simon term in three dimensional QED with Chern-Simon term in Dyson-Schwinger equation with four component fermion and non-local gauge. They argued that there exists critical value of Chern-Simon coefficient  $\theta_c$  above which the chiral order parameter vanishes and parity violating phase remains. Below the critical value  $\theta_c$  chiral symmetry and parity are both broken. In 2011 Raya and his coworkers tried this problem in the Ladder Landau gauge. They obtained the value about  $\theta_c = .008e^2$ . In the gauge covariant approximation which satisfy Ward-Takahashi identity we would like to solve this problem and test the gauge invariance of the results .

## 2 results

We adopted the Ball-Chiu ansatz for the vertex which satisfy Ward-Takahashi identity for the vertex function and the fermion propagator.

$$(p - q)_\mu \Gamma_\mu(p, q) = S^{-1}(q) - S^{-1}(p). \quad (1)$$

Simplest solution of this equation was given by Ball, Chiu(1980). Assuming the following form of the vertex function

$$\Gamma_\mu^L(p, q) = a(p, q)\gamma_\mu + b(p, q)(p + q) \cdot \gamma(p + q)_\mu - c(p, q)(p + q)_\mu, \quad (2)$$

Their solution is given

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_\mu^L(p, q) &= \frac{A(p) + A(q)}{2} \gamma_\mu + \frac{A(p) - A(q)}{2(p^2 - q^2)} (p + q) \cdot \gamma (p + q)_\mu \\ &\quad - \frac{B(p) - B(q)}{p^2 - q^2} (p + q)_\mu.\end{aligned}\quad (3)$$

We apply these to the Dyson-Schwinger equation in Euclidean space

$$D_{\mu\nu}^{-1}(p) = D_{0,\mu\nu}^{-1}(p) - Z_1 e^2 \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} \text{Tr}[\gamma_\mu S(q) \Gamma_\nu(q, k) S(k)], \quad (4)$$

$$S^{-1}(p) = S_0^{-1}(p) + Z_1 e^2 \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} \gamma_\mu S(q) \Gamma_\nu(q, p) D_{0,\mu\nu}(k), \quad (5)$$

with  $k_\mu = (q - p)_\mu$ . The general form of the dressed fermion propagator  $S(p, \xi)$  and the photon propagator  $D_{\mu\nu}(p, \xi)$  with massless loop correction is given by

$$\begin{aligned}S(p, \xi) &= \frac{i\gamma \cdot p A(p, \xi) + B(p, \xi)}{p^2 A^2(p, \xi) + B^2(p, \xi)}, \\ D_{\mu\nu}(p, \xi) &= (\delta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{p_\mu p_\nu}{p^2}) D^T(p) - \frac{\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho p}}{p^2} D^O(p) + \xi \frac{p_\mu p_\nu}{p^4} \\ D^T(p) &= \frac{p^2 + c|p|}{(p^2 + c|p|)^2 + \theta^2 p^2}, D^O(p) = \frac{\theta p^2}{(p^2 + c|p|)^2 + \theta^2 p^2},\end{aligned}$$

where  $c$  is a vacuum polarization function for massless loop  $\Pi^T(p) = e^2/8|p|, c = e^2/8, D^O(p)$  is a parity odd part of the photon propagator. There is a nice explanation about gauge covariant approximation and the Ball, Chiu type vertex function in Ref[1]. Fortunately we find the reasonable solution of Dyson-Schwinger equation in which the discontinuity of the chiral order parameter  $\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle$  at  $\theta_c$  indicates first order phase transition in quenched Landau gauge and the case with screening effect by massless fermion loop which was first analysed by Kondo and Maris. The value of  $\theta_c$  is about  $\theta_c \simeq .01e^2$  in both cases. At present we could not get the final answer for the BC vertex by round off error comes from third terms in  $\Gamma_\mu^{BC}(p, q)$ . Detailed results may be shown in[4].

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