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## Chiral dynamics in the low-temperature phase of QCD

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We investigate the low-temperature phase of QCD and the crossover region with two light flavors of quarks. The chiral expansion around the point  $(T,m_q=0)$  in the temperature vs. quark-mass plane indicates that a sharp real-time excitation exists with the quantum numbers of the pion. We determine its dispersion relation and test the applicability of the chiral expansion. The time-dependent correlators are also analyzed using the Maximum Entropy Method (MEM), yielding consistent results. Finally, we test the predictions of ordinary chiral perturbation theory around the point  $(T=0,m_q=0)$  for the temperature dependence of static observables. Around the crossover temperature, we find that all quantities considered depend only mildly on the quark mass in the considered range  $8\text{MeV} \leq \overline{m}^{\overline{\text{MiS}} \leq}$  15MeV.

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