

# Symmetry restoration at high temperatures

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## I QFT at finite $T$

- Statistical ensemble  $\{|n\rangle\}$ ,  $0 \leq p_n \leq 1$

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle = \sum_n p_n \langle n | \hat{O} | n \rangle = \text{Tr}(\rho \hat{O})$$

- Density matrix

$$\rho = \sum_n p_n |n\rangle \langle n|, \quad \text{Tr}(\rho) = 1$$

- Entropy  $S = -\text{Tr}(\rho \ln \rho) = -\langle \ln \rho \rangle$

- Thermal equilibrium [ $S = \max$  for  $E = \langle \hat{H} \rangle$ ,  $q_i = \langle \hat{Q}_i \rangle$ ]

$$\rho = \frac{1}{Z_G} e^{-\beta \hat{H} + \beta \sum_i p_i \hat{Q}_i}, \quad \beta = \frac{1}{T}$$

- Canonical ensemble [ $\langle n | \hat{Q}_i | n \rangle = q_i$ ]

$$\rho = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\beta \hat{H}}$$

- Free energy:  $F = -\frac{1}{\beta} \ln Z = -\frac{1}{\beta} \ln \text{Tr}(e^{-\beta \hat{H}})$

$$\Rightarrow E = \langle \hat{H} \rangle = \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} (\beta F)$$

$$S = -\langle \ln \rho \rangle = \ln Z + \beta \langle \hat{H} \rangle = -\beta F + \beta E \Rightarrow F = E - TS$$

- Time-evolution operators  $U(t, t') = e^{-i(t-t')\hat{H}}$   
 $\rightarrow$  continue to complex half-plane  $\text{Im}(t-t') \leq 0$

$$\Rightarrow Z = \text{tr}(e^{-\beta\hat{H}}) = \text{tr}(U(-i\beta, 0))$$

Basis:  $\hat{\Phi}(t=0, \vec{x})|\varphi\rangle = \varphi(\vec{x})|\varphi\rangle, |\varphi; t\rangle = U(t, 0)|\varphi\rangle$

$$\Rightarrow 11 = \int (\prod_{\vec{x}} d\varphi(\vec{x})) |\varphi; t\rangle \langle \varphi; t|$$

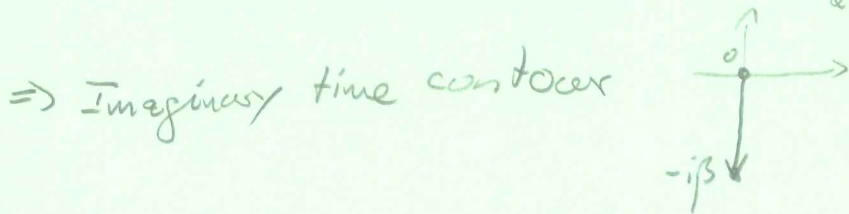
$$\Rightarrow Z = \int (\prod_{\vec{x}} d\varphi(\vec{x})) \langle \varphi; 0 | U(-i\beta, 0) | \varphi; 0 \rangle$$

$$= \int \prod_{\vec{x}} d\varphi(\vec{x}) \langle \varphi; -i\beta | \varphi; 0 \rangle$$

Use  $\langle \varphi, t | \varphi', t' \rangle = \int_{\varphi(t', \vec{x}) = \varphi'(\vec{x})}^{\varphi(t, \vec{x}) = \varphi(\vec{x})} \mathcal{D}\varphi e^{i \int_{t'}^t dx^0 \int d^3x \mathcal{L}(x)}$

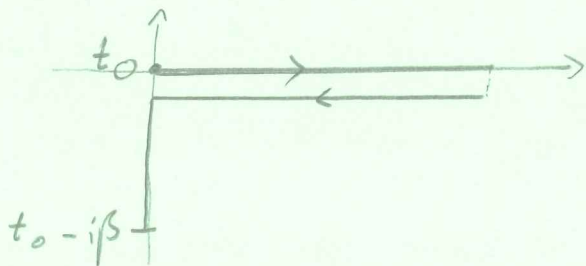
$$\Rightarrow Z = \int_{\varphi(0, \vec{x}) = \varphi(-i\beta, \vec{x})} \mathcal{D}\varphi e^{i \int_0^{-i\beta} dx^0 \int d^3x \mathcal{L}(x)} = \int \mathcal{D}\varphi e^{- \int_0^\beta dx^0 \int d^3x \mathcal{L}_E(x)}$$

$x^0 = -i\tau$   
 $\mathcal{L}_E = -\mathcal{L}$



• Generalization:  $Z = \int_{\varphi(t_0) = \varphi(t_0 - i\beta)} \mathcal{D}\varphi e^{iS_e[\varphi]}, S_e[\varphi] = \int_0^\beta dx^0 \int d^3x \mathcal{L}(x)$

$$\varphi: t(\tau) = \begin{cases} t_0 & \tau = 0 \\ t_0 - i\beta & \tau = \tau_{\text{max}} \end{cases}, \frac{d}{d\tau} \text{Im}(t) \geq 0$$



Real time formalism:  $t_0 \rightarrow -\infty$

• N-Point Jctns

$$G(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \langle T_e \Phi(x_1) \dots \Phi(x_N) \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}\phi \phi(x_1) \dots \phi(x_N) e^{iS_e}$$

$$\Rightarrow G|_{x_i^0=0} = G|_{x_i^0=-i\beta} \quad \text{periodic in imaginary time with period } \beta = \frac{1}{T}$$

Fermions (N even)

$$G|_{x_i^0=0} = -G|_{x_i^0=-i\beta} \quad \text{anti-periodic}$$

• Fourier trf. along imaginary time  $x^0 = -i\tau$

$$G(\omega_n, \vec{p}) = -i \int_0^\beta d\tau \int d^3x e^{i\omega_n \tau - i\vec{p}\vec{x}} G(-i\tau, \vec{x}, 0)$$

$$e^{i\omega_n \beta} = \pm 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{\omega_n = \frac{\pi}{\beta} \cdot \begin{cases} 2n & \text{bosons} \\ 2n+1 & \text{fermions} \end{cases}} \quad \text{Matsubara frequencies}$$

• Feynman rules

$$\text{---} \frac{i}{p^2 - m^2}, \quad p_0 = \frac{i\pi}{\beta} \cdot 2n$$

$$\text{---} \frac{i}{p - m}, \quad p_0 = \frac{i\pi}{\beta} \cdot (2n+1)$$

$$\text{Loop: } \int \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{2\pi i}{\beta} \sum_n = iT \sum_n$$

$$\text{Vertex: } (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(\Sigma p_i) \rightarrow \frac{1}{iT} \delta_{\Sigma \omega_i} (2\pi)^3 \delta(\Sigma \vec{p}_i)$$

## II. Effective potential

• Generating functional  $Z[J] = \int \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-\int_0^\beta dt \int d^3x \{L_E(x) + \phi(x)J(x)\}}$   
 $= e^{-\beta F[J]}$

$\Rightarrow$  exp. Value  $\phi(x) = \langle \hat{\phi}(x) \rangle = -\frac{1}{Z} \frac{\delta Z}{\delta J(x)} = \beta \frac{\delta F}{\delta J(x)}$

• Effective action

$\Gamma[\phi] = \beta F - \int_0^\beta dt \int d^3x \phi(x) J(x)$

$\Rightarrow \frac{\delta \Gamma}{\delta \phi(x)} = -J(x) \rightarrow 0$  for  $J=0$

• Effective potential:  $\phi(x) \rightarrow \phi = \text{constant}$

$\Gamma[\phi] = \int_0^\beta dt \int d^3x [-V_{\text{eff}}(\phi) + \frac{1}{2} Z(\phi) (i\phi)^2 + \dots]$

$\Rightarrow$  exp. Value is determined by  $V_{\text{eff}}'(\phi) = 0$

• Coleman-Weinberg pot. (1L)

$\hookrightarrow$  shift fields  $\phi_i(x) \rightarrow \phi_i + \rho_i(x)$  such that  $\langle \rho_i \rangle = 0$

$\hookrightarrow$  expand  $S[\phi + \rho]$  to 2nd order in  $\rho_i$

$S[\phi + \rho] = S[\phi] + \int d^4x \frac{\delta S}{\delta \phi_i} \rho_i(x) + \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x d^4y \bar{\rho}_i(x) \frac{\delta^2 S}{\delta \phi_i \delta \phi_j} \rho_j(y)$

$\hookrightarrow \int d^4x [-V_0(\phi)]$  tree-level

$\hookrightarrow$  mass matrix  $M_{ij}^2(\phi)$

• Vacuum:  $V_{\text{eff}} = V_0 + V_{1L} + \dots$

$V_{1L}^{\text{vac}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^4} \int \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} \ln(p_E^2 + M_B^2(\phi)) - 2 \frac{1}{(2\pi)^4} \int \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} \ln(p_E^2 + M_F^2(\phi))$

e.g.  $M_F = Y_{ij} \phi$   
 from Yukawa-coupling

• Finite-T:  $\int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \rightarrow T \sum_n, \quad p_E^2 \rightarrow \omega_n^2 + \vec{p}^2 = \begin{cases} \pi^2 \gamma^2 (2n)^2 + \vec{p}^2 & B \\ \pi^2 \gamma^2 (2n+1)^2 + \vec{p}^2 & F \end{cases}$



• Consider the contribution of one scalar d.o.f.

$$V_B(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} T \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \ln \left( (2\pi n T)^2 + \underbrace{p^2 + m_B^2(\phi)}_{\omega^2} \right)$$

$$\hookrightarrow V(\omega) = \sum_n \ln \left( (2\pi n T)^2 + \omega^2 \right)$$

$$\frac{dV}{d\omega} = \sum_n \frac{2\omega}{(2\pi n T)^2 + \omega^2}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{Use } \sum_n \frac{1}{n^2 + y^2} = -\frac{1}{2y} + \frac{\pi}{2} \coth(\pi y)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dV}{d\omega} = 2\beta \left[ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{e^{-\beta\omega}}{1 - e^{-\beta\omega}} \right]$$

$$V = 2\beta \left[ \frac{\omega}{2} + \frac{1}{\beta} \ln(1 - e^{-\beta\omega}) \right] + \text{const.}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_B(\phi) = \underbrace{\int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \left[ \frac{\omega}{2} \right]}_{V_B^{\text{vac}}(\phi)} + \underbrace{\int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \left[ \frac{1}{\beta} \ln(1 - e^{-\beta\omega}) \right]}_{V_B^T(\phi)} \Big|_{\omega = \sqrt{p^2 + m_B^2(\phi)}} + \text{const.}$$

$$V_B^T(\phi) = \frac{T^4}{2\pi^2} \mathcal{J}_B \left( \frac{m_B^2(\phi)}{T^2} \right), \quad \mathcal{J}_B \left( \frac{m^2}{T^2} \right) = \int_0^\infty dx x^2 \ln \left( 1 - e^{-\sqrt{x^2 + \frac{m^2}{T^2}}} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{\pi^4}{45} + \frac{\pi^2}{12} \frac{m^2}{T^2} - \frac{\pi}{6} \left( \frac{m^2}{T^2} \right)^{3/2} - \frac{1}{32} \frac{m^4}{T^4} \ln \frac{m^2}{q_b T^2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m^6}{T^6}\right)$$

with  $q_b = 16\pi^2 e^{3/2 - 2\gamma_E}$

• One fermionic d.o.f.

$$V_F(\phi) = \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \left[ \frac{\omega}{2} + \frac{1}{\beta} \ln(1 + e^{-\beta\omega}) \right]$$

$$V_F^T(\phi) = -\frac{7\pi^4}{480} \mathcal{J}_F \left( \frac{m_F^2(\phi)}{T^2} \right), \quad \mathcal{J}_F \left( \frac{m^2}{T^2} \right) = \int_0^\infty dx x^2 \ln \left( 1 + e^{-\sqrt{x^2 + \frac{m^2}{T^2}}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{7\pi^4}{360} - \frac{\pi^2}{24} \frac{m^2}{T^2} - \frac{m^4}{32T^4} \ln \frac{m^2}{q_f T^2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m^6}{T^6}\right)$$

$q_f = \pi^2 e^{3/2 - 2\gamma_E}$

III  $\rho^4$ -theory

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial\rho)^2 - V_0(\rho) + \bar{\psi}(i\not{\partial} - m)\psi - g\rho\bar{\psi}\psi \quad \lambda \sim g^2 \ll 1$$

$$V_0(\rho) = -\frac{1}{2}\mu^2\rho^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4}\rho^4 = \frac{\lambda}{4}(\rho^2 - v^2)^2 + \text{const}, \quad v = \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$$

$$\hat{\rho}(x) \rightarrow \phi + \hat{\rho}(x)$$

$$\mathcal{L}|_{\rho \rightarrow \phi + \rho} = \mathcal{L}|_{\rho \rightarrow \phi} + (\text{lin. terms in } \rho) + \frac{1}{2}(\partial\rho)^2 - \frac{1}{2}V''(\phi)\rho^2 + \bar{\psi}(i\not{\partial} - m)\psi - g\phi\bar{\psi}\psi + \dots$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{-V_0(\phi)} \qquad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\substack{m_\phi^2(\phi) = V''(\phi) = -\mu^2 + 3\lambda\phi^2 = \lambda(3\phi^2 - v^2) \\ m_\psi(\phi) = g\phi}}$

$$V_{\text{eff}} = V_0(\phi) + V_{1L}^{\text{vac}}(\phi) + V_{1L}^T(\phi)$$

Ren. cond.

$$\frac{dV_{1L}^{\text{vac}}}{d\phi} \Big|_{\phi=v} = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2V_{1L}^{\text{vac}}}{d\phi^2} \Big|_{\phi=v} = 0$$

$$\frac{T^4}{2\pi^2} \left\{ J_B \left( \frac{m_\rho(\phi)^2}{T^2} \right) - 4 J_F \left( \frac{m_\psi(\phi)^2}{T^2} \right) \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{1L}^{\text{vac}} = \frac{1}{64\pi^2} \left\{ m_\psi^4(\phi) \left( \ln \frac{m_\psi^2(\phi)^2}{m_\rho^2(v)^2} - \frac{3}{2} \right) + 2m_\rho^2(v)m_\psi^2(\phi) \right\} - \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left\{ \dots \right\} \quad \left. \vphantom{\frac{1}{64\pi^2}} \right\}_{m_\rho \rightarrow m_\psi}$$

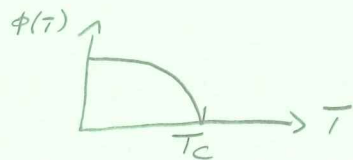
$$= -\frac{1}{2}\mu^2\phi^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4}\phi^4 + \frac{T^4}{2\pi^2} \left\{ -\frac{\pi^4}{45} + \frac{\pi^2}{12} \frac{m_\rho(\phi)^2}{T^2} - 4 \frac{7\pi^4}{360} + 4 \frac{\pi^2}{24} \frac{m_\psi(\phi)^2}{T^2} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^{3/2}, \lambda^2 \ln \lambda, g^4 \ln g) \right\}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2}\mu^2\phi^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4}\phi^4 + \frac{1}{2}T^2 \left( \frac{3\lambda}{12} + \frac{4g^2}{24} \right) \phi^2 + f(T) + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^{3/2}, \dots)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{critical temperature } T_c^2 = \frac{24\mu^2}{6\lambda + 4g^2} = \frac{24\lambda}{6\lambda + 4g^2} v^2 \sim v^2 \quad (\gg m_\rho^2(v) = 2\lambda v^2)$$



$$0 = V_{\text{eff}}'(\phi = \phi(T)) \Rightarrow \phi(T) = \begin{cases} 0 & T > T_c \\ \sqrt{T_c^2 - T^2} & T < T_c \end{cases}$$



## IV. Abelian Higgs Model

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + (D_\nu \phi)^\dagger (D^\nu \phi) + \mu^2 \phi^\dagger \phi - \frac{\lambda}{2} (\phi^\dagger \phi)^2$$

• Shifted field  $\phi \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\phi + h + i\gamma)$ , choose  $\phi = \text{real}$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}|_{\phi = \phi/\sqrt{2}, A_\nu = 0} = -V_0(\phi) \Rightarrow V_0(\phi) = -\frac{1}{2} \mu^2 \phi^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4} \phi^4$$

• Quadratic part

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} (\partial h)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial \gamma)^2 + \frac{1}{2} e^2 \phi^2 A_\nu A^\nu + \frac{1}{2} (\mu^2 - 3\lambda \phi^2) h^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\mu^2 - \lambda \phi^2) \gamma^2 - e \phi \gamma \underbrace{\partial_\nu A^\nu}_{\rightarrow 0 \text{ in loc. gauge}}$$

$$\Rightarrow m_{A(\phi)}^2 = e^2 \phi^2$$

$$m_h^2(\phi) = 3\lambda \phi^2 - \mu^2 = \lambda (3\phi^2 - v^2)$$

$$m_\gamma^2(\phi) = \lambda (\phi^2 - v^2)$$

$$V_{1L}^T(\phi) = \frac{T^4}{2\pi^2} \left\{ J_B \left( \frac{m_h^2(\phi)}{T^2} \right) + J_B \left( \frac{m_\gamma^2(\phi)}{T^2} \right) + 3 J_B \left( \frac{m_A^2(\phi)}{T^2} \right) \right\}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \lambda \sim e^2 \Rightarrow m_A(v) \sim m_h(v) \ll T_C$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{1L}^T \approx \frac{1}{2} T^2 \phi^2 \frac{4\lambda + 3e^2}{12} \Rightarrow T_C^2 = \frac{12\mu^2}{4\lambda + 3e^2} = \frac{12\lambda}{4\lambda + 3e^2} v^2$$

$$\textcircled{2} \lambda \sim e^4 \Rightarrow m_h(v) \ll m_A(v) \lesssim T_C$$

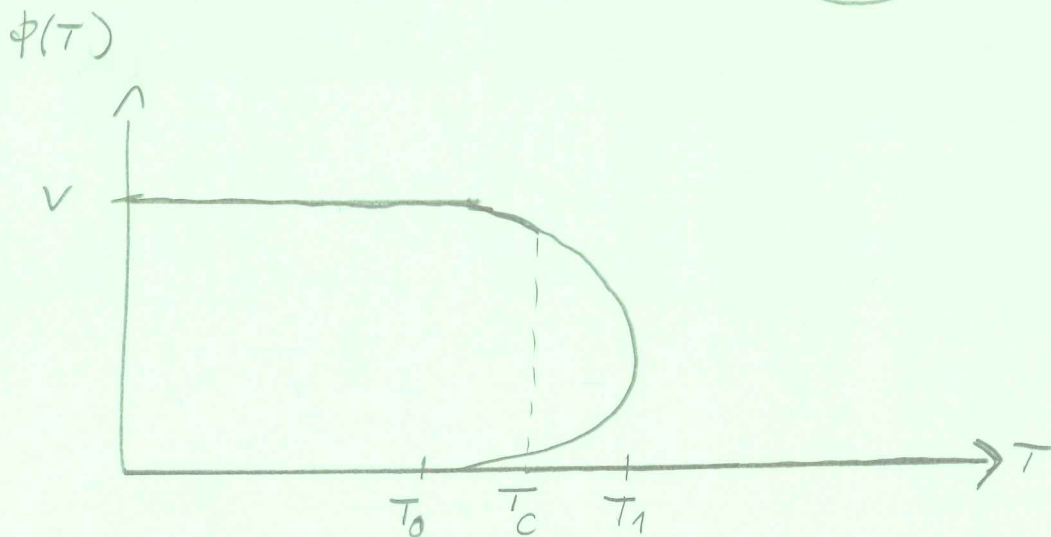
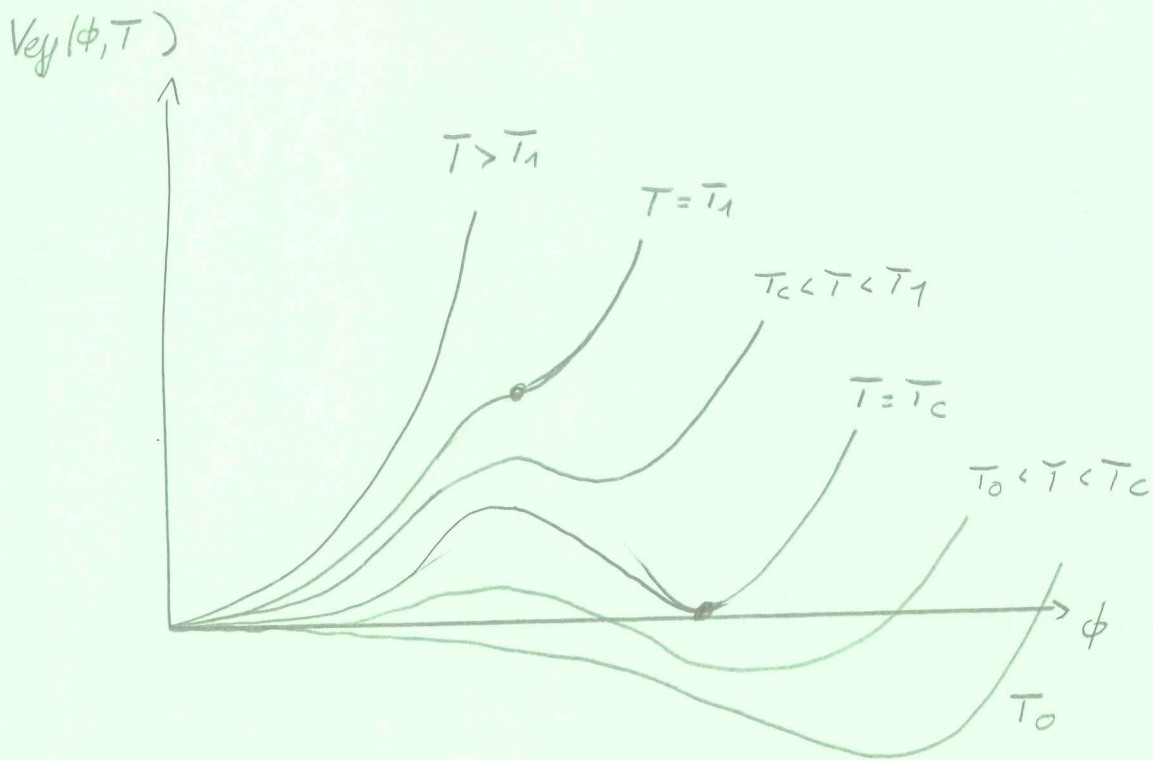
$$\Rightarrow V_{1L}^T(\phi) \approx 3 \frac{T^2}{2\pi^2} \left\{ \frac{\pi^2}{12} \frac{m_A^2}{T^2} - \frac{\pi}{6} \frac{m_A^3}{T^3} - \frac{m_A^4}{32T^4} \ln \frac{m_A^2}{a_1 T^2} \right\}$$

$$V_{1L}^{\text{vac}}(\phi) = 3 \frac{1}{64\pi^2} \left\{ m_A(\phi)^4 \left( \ln \frac{m_A(\phi)^2}{m_A(v)^2} - \frac{3}{2} \right) + 2 m_A(\phi)^2 m_A(v)^2 \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{\text{eff}}(\phi) = D (T^2 - T_0^2) \phi^2 - E T \phi^3 + \frac{\lambda(T)}{4} \phi^4$$

$$\text{where } D = \frac{e^2}{8}, D T_0^2 = \frac{\mu^2}{2} - \frac{3}{32\pi^2} e^4 v^2 = \frac{1}{2} v^2 \left( \lambda - \frac{3e^4}{16\pi^2} \right), E = \frac{e^3}{4\pi},$$

$$\lambda(T) = \lambda - \frac{3e^4}{16\pi^2} \ln \frac{e^2 v^2}{A_b T^2}, A_b = 16\pi^2 e^{-2} \gamma E$$



$$\frac{\phi(T_c)}{T_c} \cong \frac{2E}{\lambda} = \frac{4Ev^2}{m_h^2}$$

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