

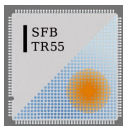
# Lattice QCD in magnetic fields

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  - ▶ magnetic susceptibility, equation of state

# Introduction

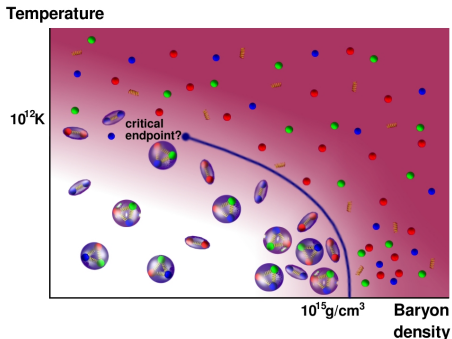
# QCD and quark-gluon plasma

- elementary particle interactions:  
gravitational, electromagnetic, weak, strong  
Standard Model
- strong sector: Quantum Chromodynamics
- elementary particles: quarks ( $\sim$  electrons) and gluons ( $\sim$  photons)  
but: they cannot be observed directly  
 $\Rightarrow$  *confinement* at low temperatures
- asymptotic freedom [Gross, Politzer, Wilczek '04]  
 $\Rightarrow$  heating or compressing the system leads to *deconfinement*: quark-gluon plasma is formed
- transition between the two phases  
characteristics: order (1st/2nd/crossover)  
critical temperature  $T_c$   
equation of state



# QCD phase diagram

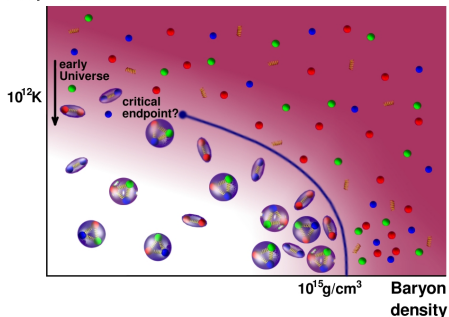
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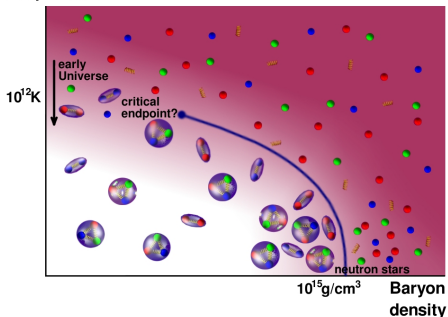
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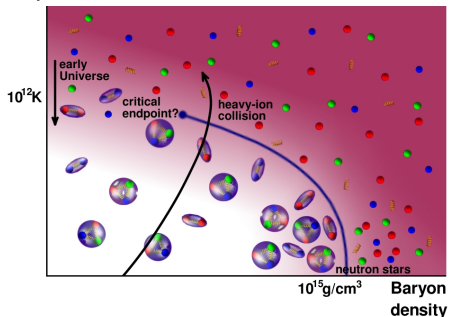
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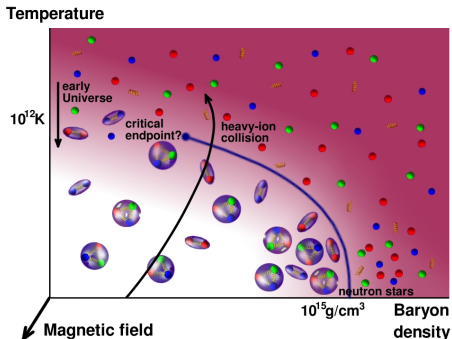
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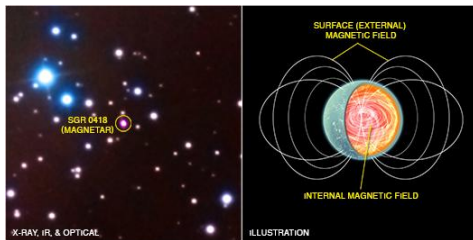
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- additional, relevant parameter:
  - ▶ background magnetic field  $B$

# Example 1: neutron star



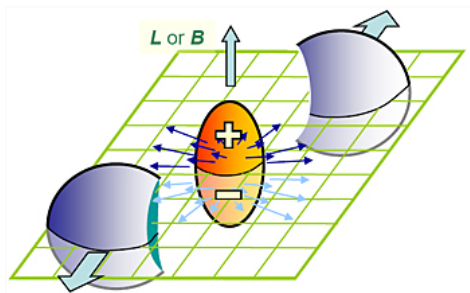
[Rea et al. '13]

- possible quark core at center with high density, low temperature
- magnetars: extreme strong magnetic fields are measured at the surface
- need models to describe magnetic field configuration (field strength in the center)

# Typical magnetic fields

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- common magnet  $10^{-3}$  T
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- magnetar core  $10^{14}$  T?

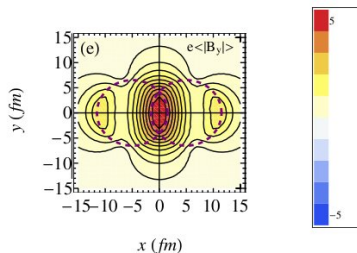
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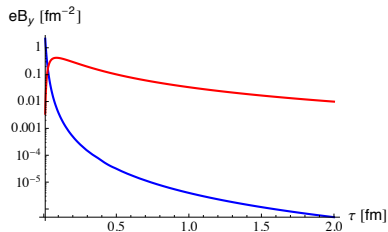
[STAR collaboration, '10]

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- LHC Pb-Pb at 2.7 TeV,  $b = 10$  fm [Skokov '09]  $10^{15}$  T

convert:  $e \cdot 10^{15}$  T  $\approx 3m_\pi^2 \approx \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$

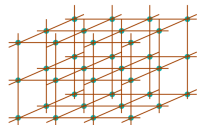
$\Rightarrow$  electromagnetic and strong interactions compete

# Approaches to study QCD

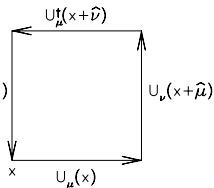
- various methods in various regimes:
  - ▶ high  $T/B$ : perturbation theory
  - ▶ low  $T/B$ : chiral perturbation theory, hadronic models
  - ▶ transition region: non-perturbative methods, lattice gauge theory [Wilson, '74]

- discretize quark and gluon fields  $\psi$  and  $A_\mu$  on a 4D space-time lattice with spacing  $a$

- ▶ use  $U_\mu = e^{iaA_\mu}$  instead of  $A_\mu$
- ▶  $U_\mu$ : links,  $\psi$ : sites



- example: gauge action  $F_{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu}(x) \sim U_\nu^\dagger(x)$



(remember [Müller-Preussker Lect.2 + tutorial])

# Lattice simulations

- functional integral

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- after discretization,  $\mathcal{Z}$  becomes a  $\sim 10^9$  dimensional integral
  - ▶ importance sampling, Monte-Carlo methods
- biggest challenges are to
  - ▶ extrapolate  $a \rightarrow 0$  'continuum limit'  
and keep physical size fixed: # of lattice points  $\rightarrow \infty$
  - ▶ fix bare parameters of  $\mathcal{L}$ : quark masses  
tune  $m_f^{\text{lat}}$  such that the measured  $m_\pi, m_\rho, m_\rho, \dots$  are the same as in nature

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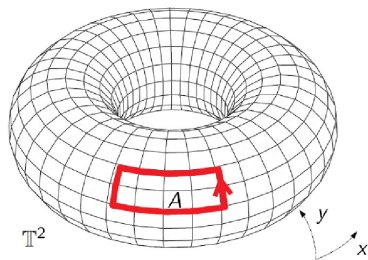
## **Magnetic field - setup**

# Magnetic field

- constant and uniform electromagnetic field
- choose coordinates such that  $\mathbf{B} = (0, 0, B)$
- represented by an electromagnetic vector potential  $A_\mu = (0, \mathbf{A})$  for which  $\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}$
- ▶ a possible gauge:  $A_x = A_z = 0, A_y = Bx$
- interaction with charged particles via minimal coupling

$$\partial_\mu \rightarrow D_\mu = \partial_\mu + iqA_\mu$$

# Magnetic field on the torus



torus  $\mathbb{T}^2$  with surface area  $L_x L_y$

picture from [D'Elia et al '11]

- phase factor for a charged particle transported along path  $\mathcal{C}$ :  
 $\exp(iq \oint_{\mathcal{C}} dx_{\mu} A_{\mu})$
- Stokes theorem:  $\oint_{\mathcal{C}} dx_{\mu} A_{\mu} = \iint_A d\sigma B = B \cdot A$   
but also  $= -\iint_{\mathbb{T}^2 - A} d\sigma B = -B \cdot (L_x L_y - A)$
- equality of phase factors gives quantization condition  
[Hashimi, Wiese '09]

$$\exp(iqBL_x L_y) = 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad qBL_x L_y = 2\pi \cdot N_b, \quad N_b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

## Magnetic field on the torus

- $qB$  cannot be arbitrary
- what if there are several charged particles in the system?
- ▶ e.g. fermion flavors  $\psi_f$  with charge  $q_f$  ( $f = u, d, s, \dots$ )
- ▶ all flavors have to obey the quantization condition:

$$q_f B L_x L_y = 2\pi N_b^{(f)}, \quad N_b^{(f)} \in \mathbb{Z}$$

- ▶ option A: charges are incommensurable  $q_{f1}/q_{f2} \in \mathbb{R}$   
⇒ bad luck
- ▶ option B (nature): charges are commensurable  
 $q_u = 2e/3, q_d = q_s = -e/3$   
⇒ need to set magnetic field according to *lowest* charge

$$q_d B L_x L_y = 2\pi N_b^{(d)},$$

$$N_b^{(d)} \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad N_b^{(s)} = N_b^{(d)}, \quad N_b^{(u)} = -2N_b^{(d)}$$

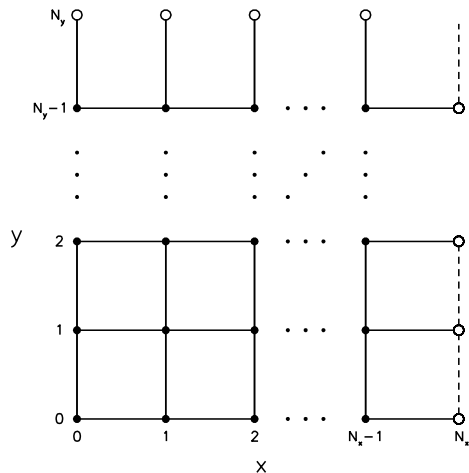


# Magnetic field on the lattice

- how to discretize  $A_\mu$  on the lattice?
- ▶ as usual, work with group elements  $u_\mu = \exp(iaA_\mu)$
- ▶ Dirac operator at nonzero  $B$ , schematically:

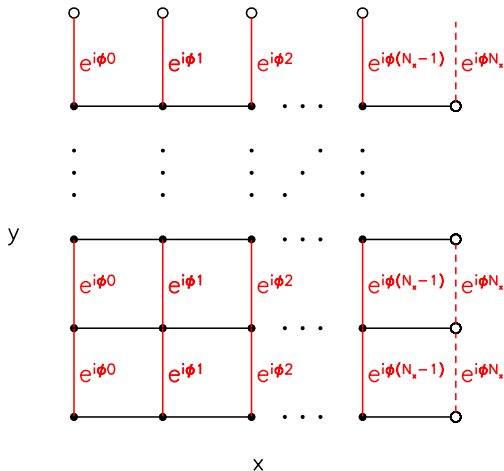
$$\not{D} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu} \left[ \gamma_{\mu} U_{\mu} u_{\mu} - \gamma_{\mu} U_{\mu}^{\dagger} u_{\mu}^{*} \right]$$

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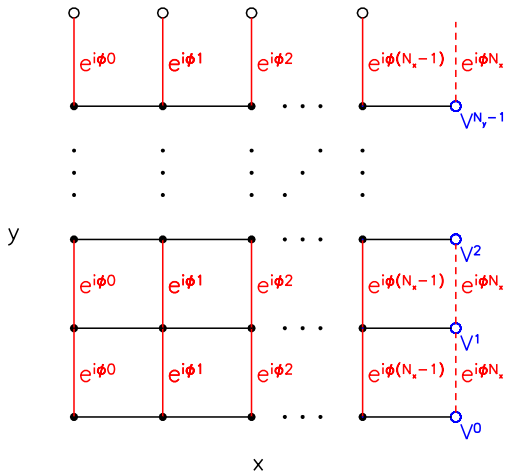
- 2D slice of the lattice: sites  $(n_x, n_y)$  with  $n_\mu = 0 \dots N_\mu - 1$
- $A_y = Bx = Bn_x a$

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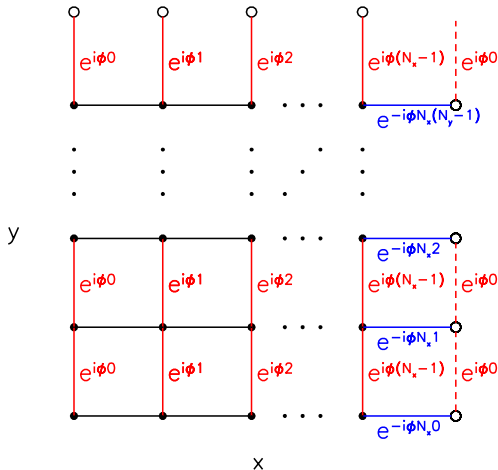
- simplest choice  $u_y = \exp(iaqA_y) = \exp(i\phi n_x)$ , with the flux unit  $\phi = a^2 qB$
- periodic b.c. in the  $x$ -direction is violated  $\rightarrow$  inconvenient

# Magnetic field on the lattice



- do a local U(1) gauge transformation  
 $\psi(N_x, n_y) \rightarrow \psi(N_x, n_y) \cdot V^{n_y}$  with  $V = \exp(i\phi N_x)$

# Magnetic field on the lattice



- restores periodicity in the x-direction
- changes last x-links to  $u_x(N_x - 1, n_y) = \exp(-i\phi N_x n_y)$

# Magnetic field on the lattice

- flux quantization on the lattice (**finite volume**)

$$q_d B \cdot a^2 = \frac{2\pi N_b}{N_x N_y}, \quad N_b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$\Rightarrow$  **smallest flux is  $N_b = 1$**

- phase factor along a single plaquette (**finite lattice spacing**)

$$\exp(ia^2 q_d B) = \exp\left(i \frac{2\pi N_b}{N_x N_y}\right)$$

$\Rightarrow$  **largest flux is  $N_b = N_x N_y$**

- ▶ remark:  $\det(\not{D}(B) + m_f^{\text{lat}}) > 0$  so no sign problem

## **Energy levels of a free charged particle in magnetic field**

## Energy levels in the continuum

- relativistic particle with electric charge  $q$  (but no color charge), subject to the Dirac equation

$$(\not{D} + m)\psi = 0, \quad D_y = \partial_y + iqBx, \quad D_\nu = \partial_\nu \quad (\nu \neq y)$$

- solutions (assuming  $qB > 0$ )

$$E_n^2 = p_z^2 + m^2 + 2qB(n + 1/2 - \sigma_z)$$

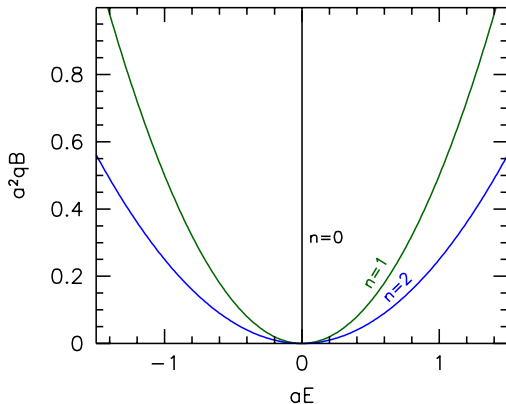
in terms of the quantum numbers  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_0^+$ ,  $\sigma_z = \pm 1/2$  and  $p_z$

- degeneracy is  $\infty$  in an infinite volume and is  $qB \cdot L_x L_y / (2\pi)$  in a finite box
- for the massless case in 2D ( $p_z = 0$ ) the lowest Landau levels:

$$E_0^2 = 0, \quad E_1^2 = 2qB, \quad E_2^2 = 4qB$$



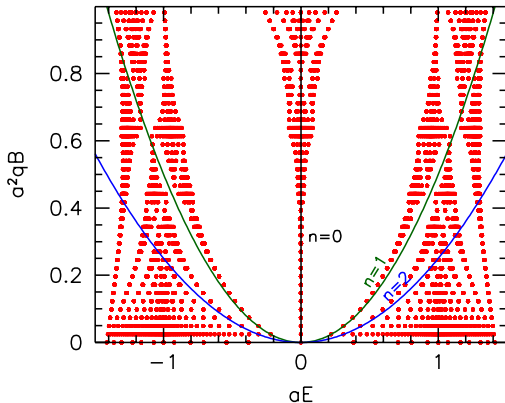
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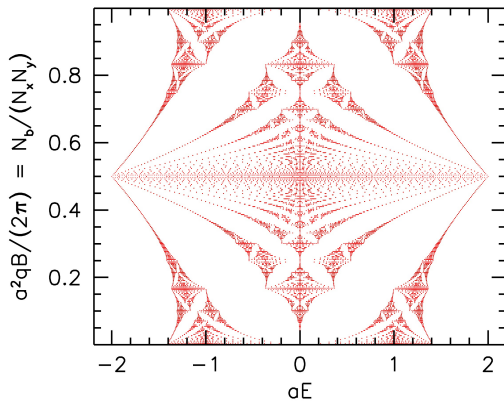
- ▶ continuum levels dissolve into discrete bands

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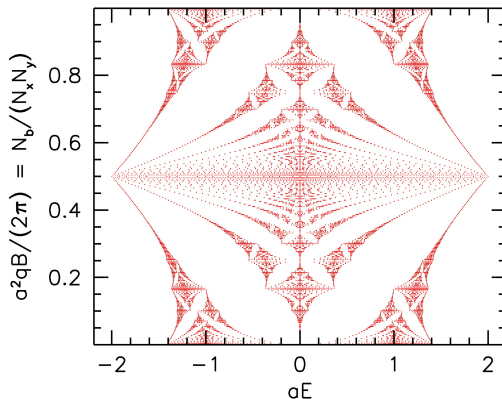
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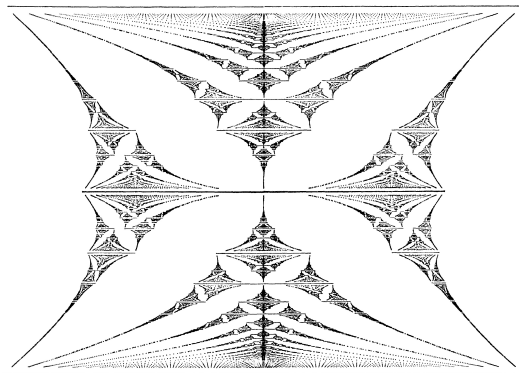
- ▶ recursive pattern: fractality
- ▶ twofold mirror symmetry:
  - $N_b \leftrightarrow N_x N_y - N_b$  (flux periodicity + parity)
  - $E \leftrightarrow -E$  (charge conjugation)

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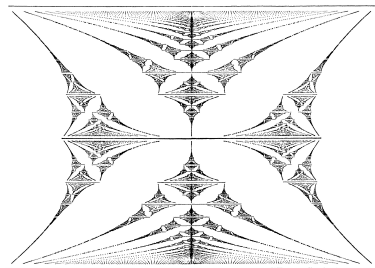
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'Bloch electron in magnetic field'  $\Rightarrow$  Hofstadter's butterfly

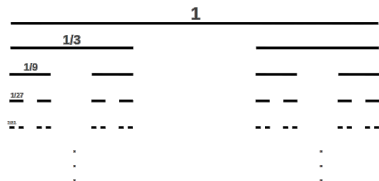
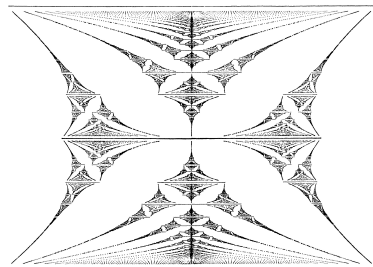
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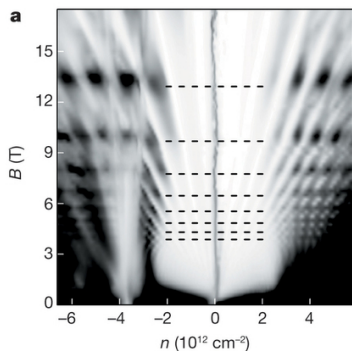
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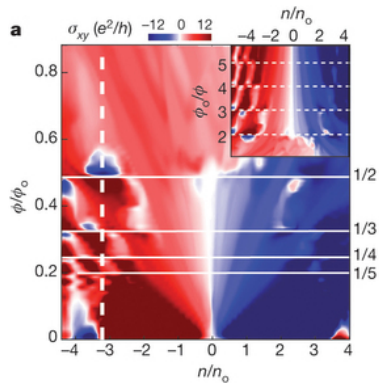
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# Hofstadter's butterfly: experiments

- “catching the butterfly”
- ▶ challenge: get  $a^2 \cdot qB$  of order 1 (typical  $a$  too small)
- ▶ solution: overlay sheets of graphene to effectively increase  $a$



[Ponomarenko et al '13]



[Dean et al '13]

# Hofstadter's butterfly: impact on QCD

- Hofstadter's butterfly (solid state physics)

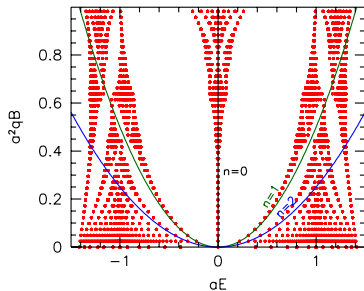
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$\not{D}$  eigenvalues for free quarks (quantum field theory)

- ▶ lattice is a crystal in solid state physics

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lattice is a regulator in QFT ( $a \rightarrow 0$  continuum limit)



- still, the low- $N_b$  lattice spectrum contains continuum information

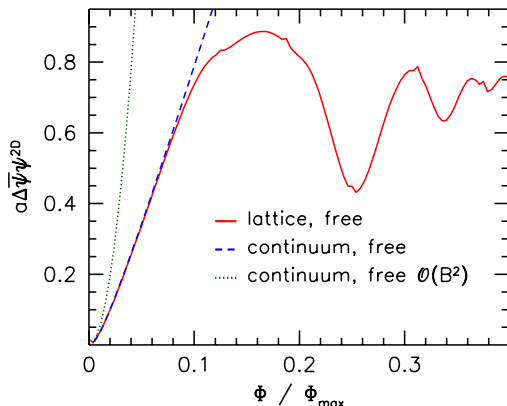
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- the butterfly disappears in the continuum limit, but its wings around  $a^2 qB \approx 0$  contain physical information
- in contrast to electron energies, Dirac eigenvalues cannot be measured
- physical observable composed of the eigenvalues: condensate of quarks with mass  $m$

$$\bar{\psi}\psi^{2D} = \sum_n \frac{m}{E_n^2 + m^2}$$

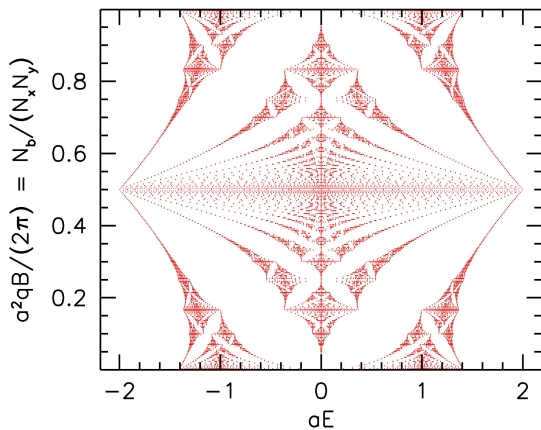
- nonzero quark mass washes out the fractal structure up to  $qB \propto m^2$   
→ animation

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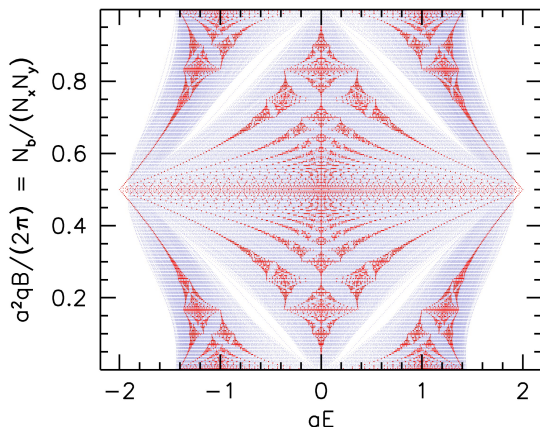
- the lattice condensate matches the continuum curve at small  $a^2 q B$
- ▶ 'butterfly carries continuum information in its low- $B$  wings'

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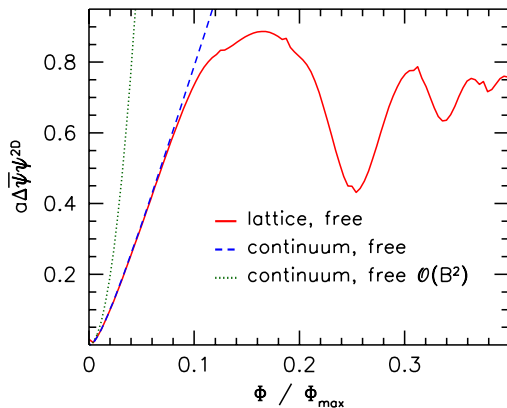
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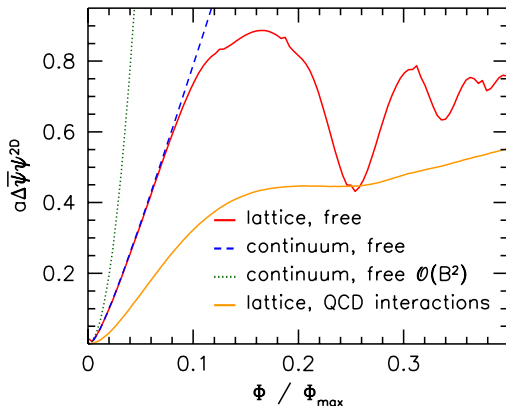
- Dirac eigenvalues for quarks in a magnetic field in 2D with QCD interactions switched on (perturbation lifts degeneracy)

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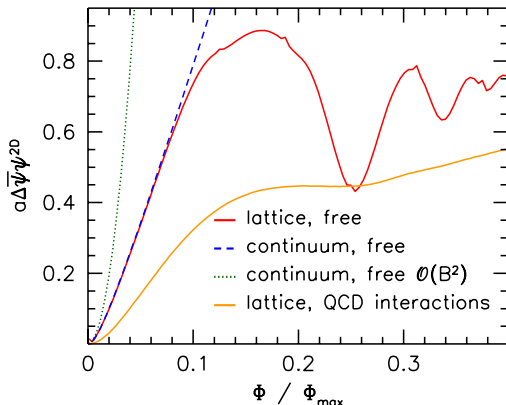


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- more on this in

[GE 1301.1307] and [Bali, Bruckmann, GE, Katz, Schäfer 1406.0269]

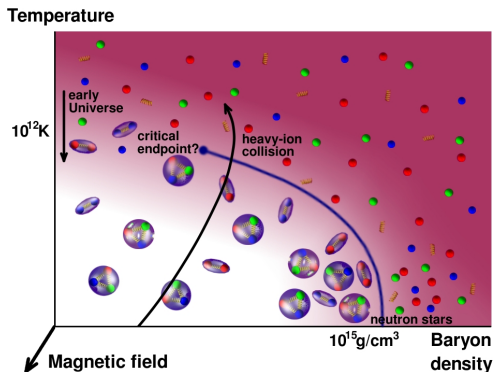
# Magnetic fields in full 4D QCD

# Magnetic field-induced effects

- QCD phase diagram
- magnetic susceptibility and equation of state in QCD

## QCD phase diagram

# QCD phase diagram



- keep density=0 and explore  $B - T$  plane
- ▶ what is the transition temperature  $T_c(B)$ ?
- ▶ what is the nature of the transition at  $B > 0$ ?

# Approximate order parameters

- symmetries of  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}}$  (remember [Philipsen Lect.2])
  - ▶ chiral symmetry at  $m_f^{\text{lat}} = 0$   
order parameter: chiral condensate
  - ▶ center symmetry at  $m_f^{\text{lat}} = \infty$   
order parameter: Polyakov loop
- at the physical masses no exact symmetries  
→ no exact order parameters
- still, there are approximate order parameters: observables that are sensitive to the transition

# Observables sensitive to the transition

- chiral condensate  
→ chiral symmetry breaking

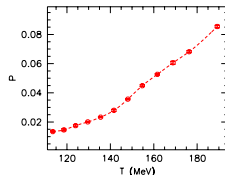
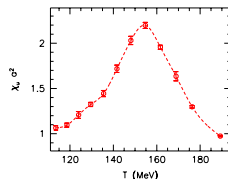
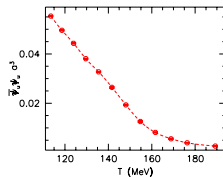
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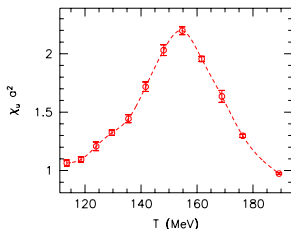




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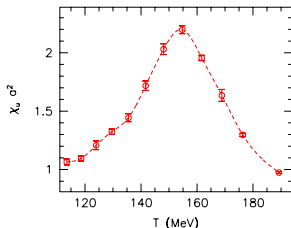


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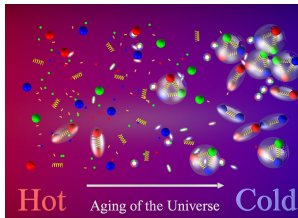
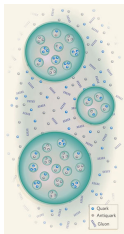
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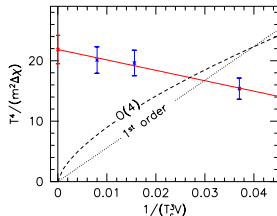


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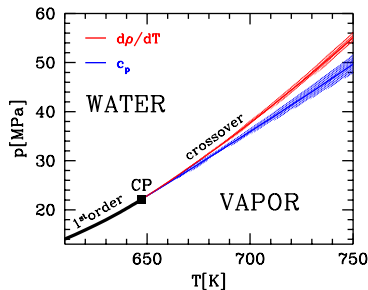
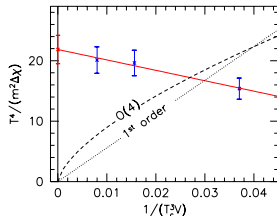
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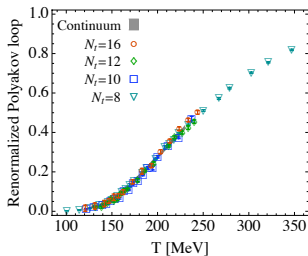
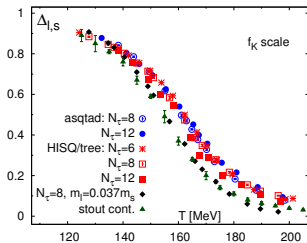
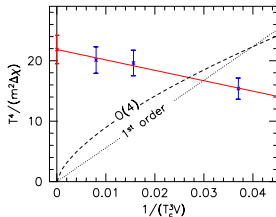


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## Condensate at $B > 0$ : 'magnetic catalysis'

- what happens to  $\bar{\psi}\psi$  ( $\langle +q \uparrow, -q \downarrow \rangle$ ) in magnetic field?  
 $\Rightarrow$  magnetic moments parallel, energetically favored state (cf. Cooper-pairs in superconductors: Meissner effect)
- dimensional reduction  $3 + 1 \rightarrow 1 + 1$  in the lowest Landau level

$$E_0(B = 0) = \sqrt{p_x^2 + p_y^2 + p_z^2 + m^2}$$

$$E_0(B > 0) = \sqrt{p_z^2 + m^2}, \quad \#_0 = \frac{|qB| \cdot L_x L_y}{2\pi}$$

- chiral condensate  $\leftrightarrow$  spectral density around 0 [Banks, Casher '80]

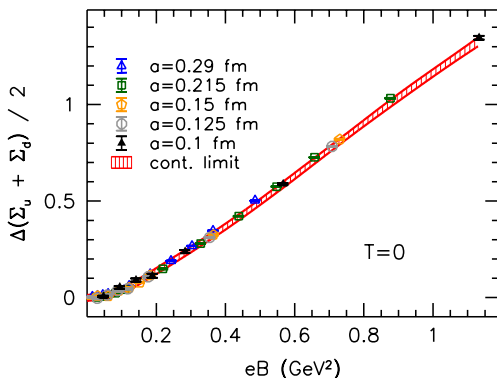
$$\bar{\psi}\psi \propto \rho(0)$$

- in the chiral limit, to maintain  $\bar{\psi}\psi > 0$  (NJL [Gusynin et al '96])

$$\begin{array}{lll} B = 0 & \rho(p)dp \sim p^2 dp & \text{"we need a strong interaction"} \\ B \gg m^2 & \rho(p)dp \sim qB dp & \text{"the weakest interaction suffices"} \end{array}$$

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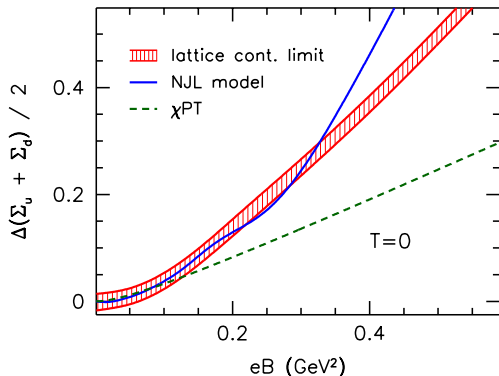
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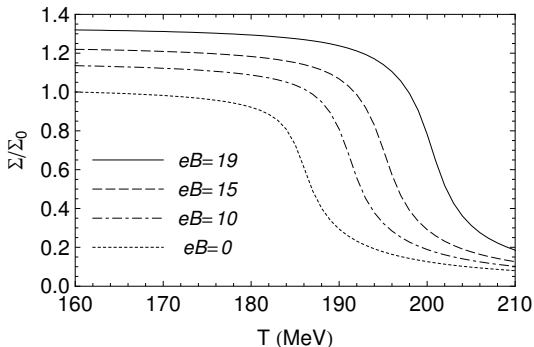


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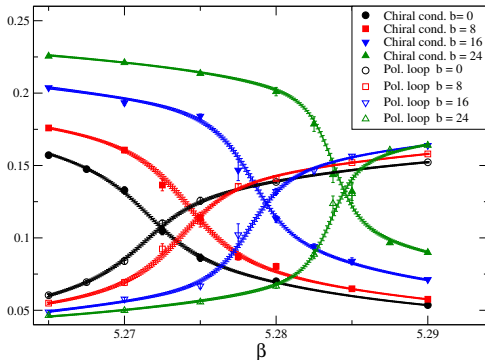
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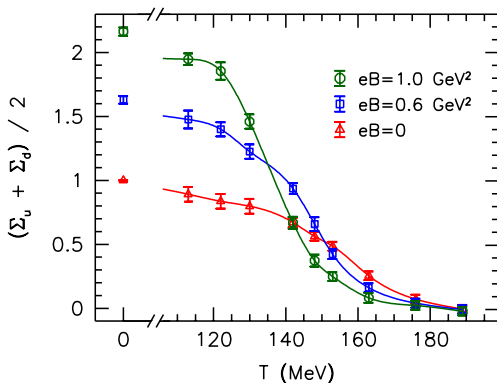
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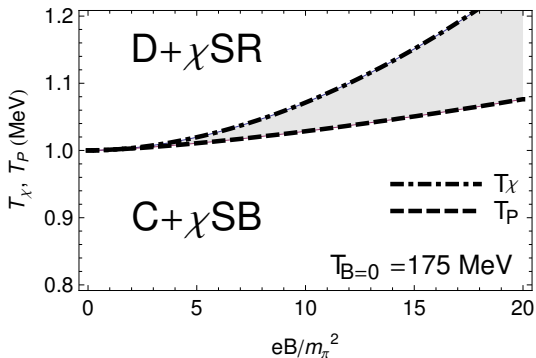
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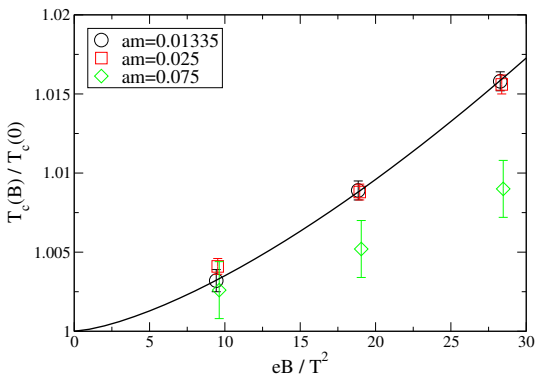
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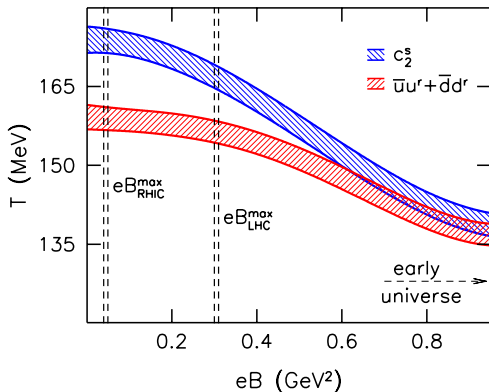
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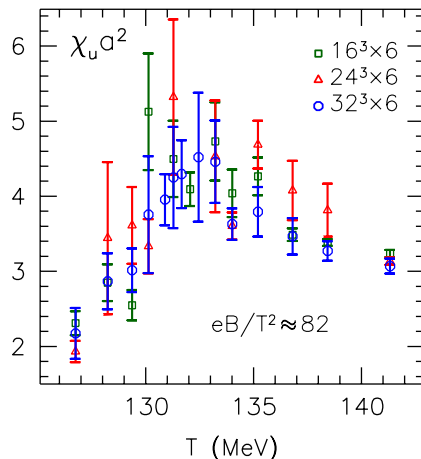
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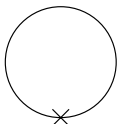
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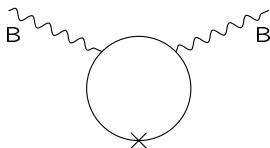
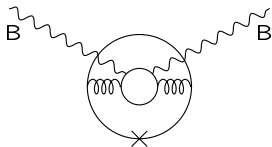
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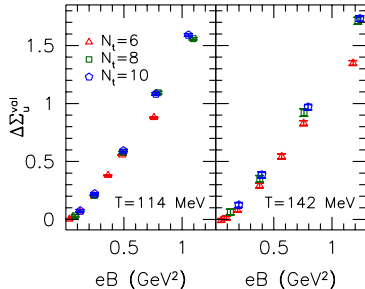
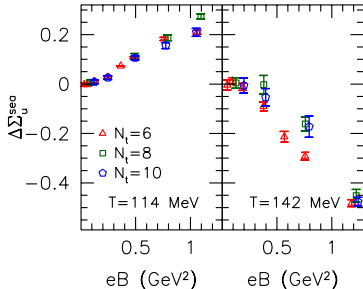
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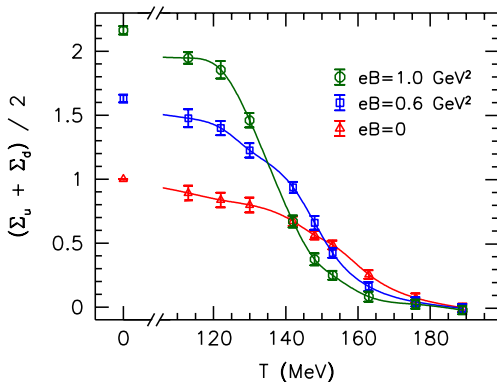
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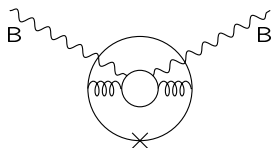
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- ▶ important to improve effective theories/models
- ▶ already many attempts to reproduce IMC,  
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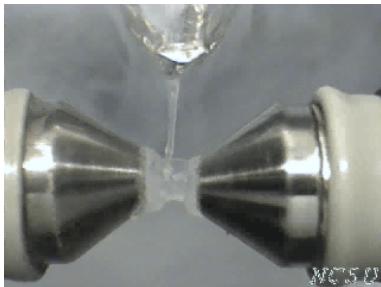
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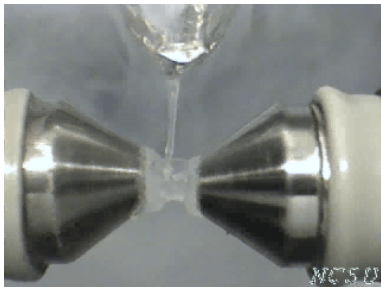


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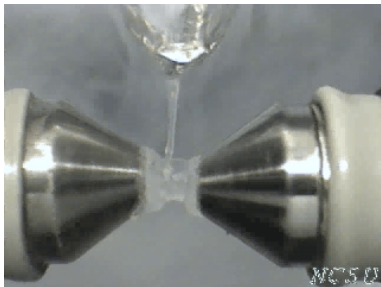


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- ▶ is thermal QCD as a medium para- or diamagnetic?

# Magnetic susceptibility

- free energy density in background magnetic field

$$f(B) = -\frac{T}{V} \log \mathcal{Z}(B)$$

- magnetization

$$\mathcal{M} = -\frac{\partial f}{\partial(eB)}, \quad \mathcal{M}|_{B=0} = 0$$

- susceptibility

$$\chi = \left. \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}}{\partial(eB)} \right|_{B=0} = - \left. \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial(eB)^2} \right|_{B=0}$$

- sign distinguishes between
  - ▶ paramagnets ( $\chi > 0$ ) enjoy magnetic field
  - ▶ diamagnets ( $\chi < 0$ ) repel magnetic field

# Magnetic susceptibility at high $T$

- consider a free quark with charge  $q$
- ▶ propagator in  $B$  can be calculated exactly [Schwinger '51]
- using Schwinger proper time regularization to obtain  $f(B)$ , the susceptibility reads [Bali, Bruckmann, GE et al 1406.0269]

$$\chi_r^{\text{free}} = -N_c \cdot \beta_1 \cdot (q/e)^2 \int \frac{ds}{s} e^{-m^2 s} \cdot \left\{ \Theta_4 \left[ 0, e^{-1/(4sT^2)} \right] - 1 \right\}$$
$$\xrightarrow{T \rightarrow \infty} N_c \cdot \beta_1 \cdot (q/e)^2 \log \left( \frac{T^2}{m^2} \right)$$

- QED is not asymptotically free ( $\beta_1 = 1/12\pi^2 > 0$ )  
 $\Rightarrow$  free quarks at high  $T$  are paramagnetic  
(see also [Elmfors et al. '94])
- ▶ remark: additive renormalization to set  $\chi_r(T=0) = 0$

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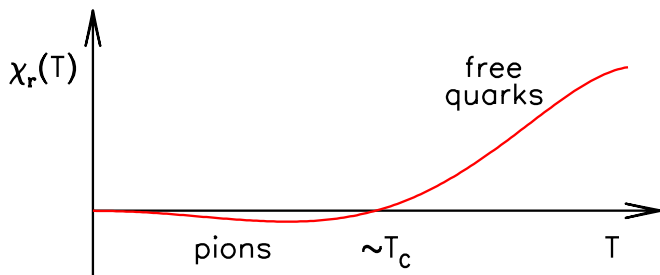
- low-energy regime of QCD: dominant degrees of freedom are pions ( $\chi_{\text{PT}}$ )
- ▶ so consider a free pion (charge  $\pm e$ )
- similarly as before: proper-time regularization  
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$$\chi_r^{\text{pion}}(T) = -\beta_1^{\text{scalar}} \underbrace{\int \frac{ds}{s} e^{-m^2 s} \cdot \left\{ \Theta_3 \left[ 0, e^{-1/(4sT^2)} \right] - 1 \right\}}_{\text{finite and positive}}$$

- ▶ scalar QED  $\beta$ -function  $\beta_1^{\text{scalar}} = 1/48\pi^2 > 0$   
 $\Rightarrow$  free pions are diamagnetic  
(see also [Elmfors et al. '94])

## Expectation for the susceptibility

- $\chi_r(T = 0) = 0$  due to renormalization prescription
- asymptotic freedom in QCD + no asymptotic freedom in QED  
 $\Rightarrow \chi_r > 0$  for high temperatures
- expectation: pions are relevant at low energies  
 $\Rightarrow \chi_r < 0$  for low temperatures



# Magnetic susceptibility on the lattice

- remember magnetic flux quantization

$$a^2 qB = \frac{2\pi N_b}{N_x N_y}, \quad N_b = 0, 1, \dots, N_x N_y$$

- ▶  $\chi$  as derivative is not directly accessible
- various methods to circumvent this problem  
[Bali et al 1303.1328] [DeTar et al 1309.1142]  
[Bonati et al 1307.8063] [Bali et al 1406.0269]
- ▶ here: calculate  $f(B)$  and differentiate it numerically
- lattice setup: stout smeared staggered quarks + Symanzik gauge action, physical pion mass, continuum estimate based on  $N_t = 6, 8, 10$  [Bali et al 1406.0269]

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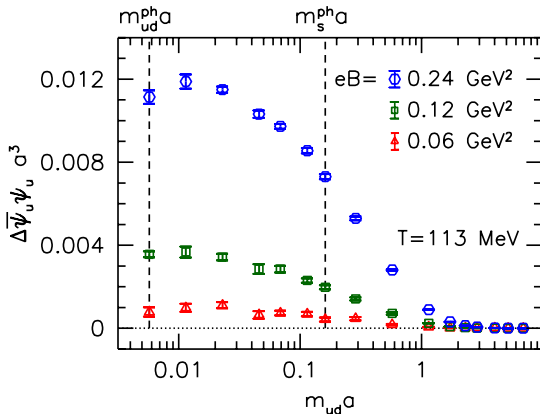
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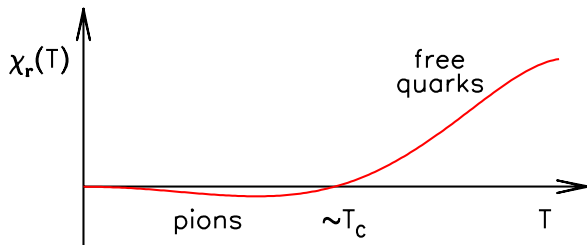


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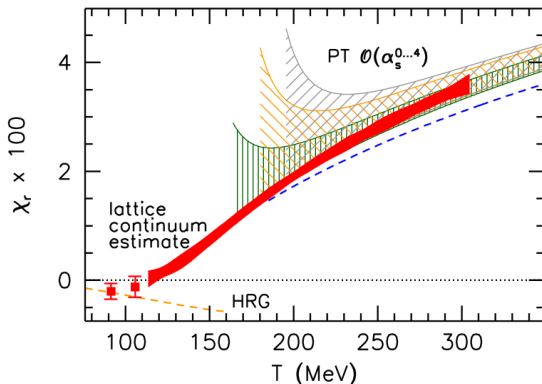


- ▶ obtain  $\Delta \log \mathcal{Z}$  as an integral for each  $B$
- ▶ interpolate  $\Delta \log \mathcal{Z}$  as function of  $B$
- ▶ differentiate to obtain  $\chi \propto \Delta \log \mathcal{Z}''$

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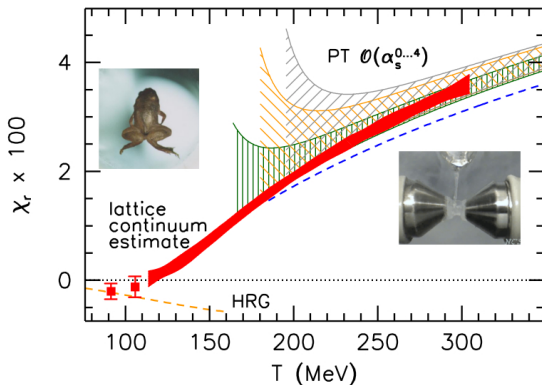


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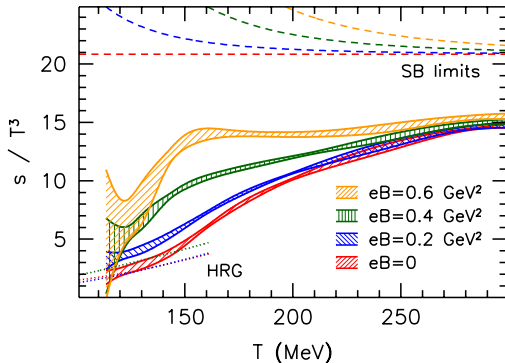
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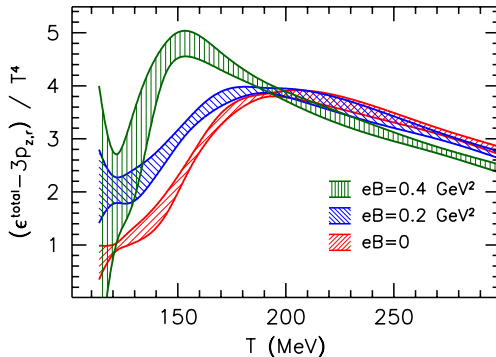
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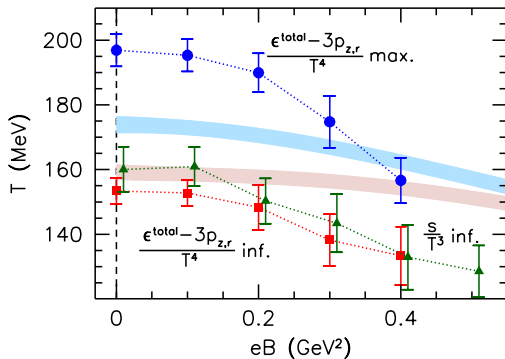
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- results again show that  $T_c$  is reduced by  $B$

# Summary

- $\mathcal{D}$  eigenvalues give Hofstadter's butterfly: solid state physics  $\leftrightarrow$  QFT
- magnetic catalysis versus inverse catalysis  $\Rightarrow$  phase diagram
- magnetic susceptibility: QCD matter can either be dia- or paramagnetic

