

# Physics of strong magnetic field

Igor Shovkovy

Arizona State University

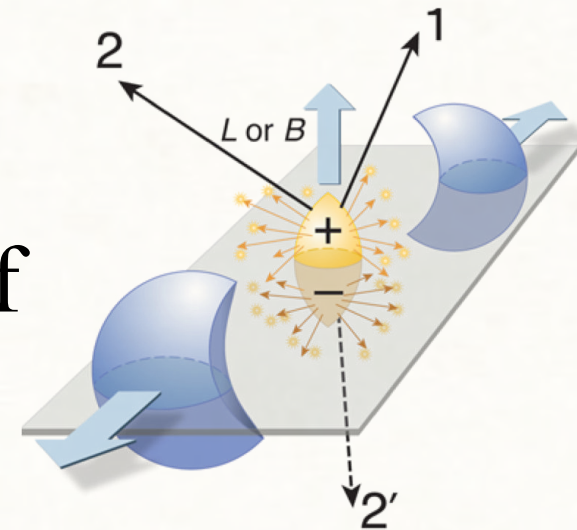
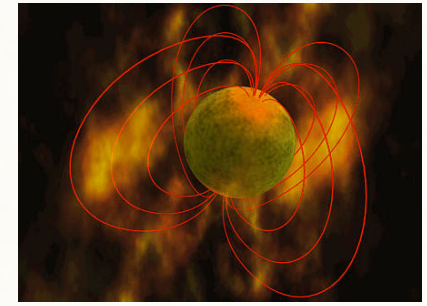


# Range of topics

- What is covered in this talk
  - QCD vacuum in a super-strong magnetic field
  - Chiral effects in magnetized QCD plasma
- What is not covered in this talk
  - Thermodynamic properties of magnetized QCD plasma  
[talk by Andreas Schaefer]
  - Transport properties of magnetized QCD plasma  
[talk by Koichi Hattori]
  - Meson spectra in strong magnetic field  
[talk by Kei Suzuki]
  - Emission spectra from magnetized QCD plasma  
[...]

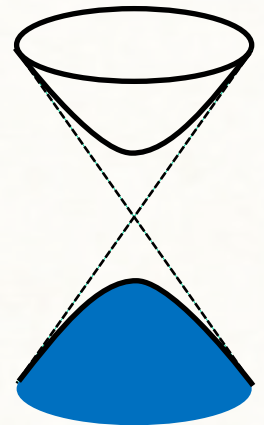
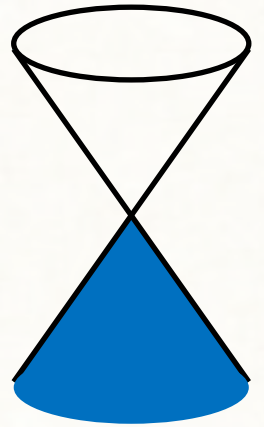
# Why magnetic field?

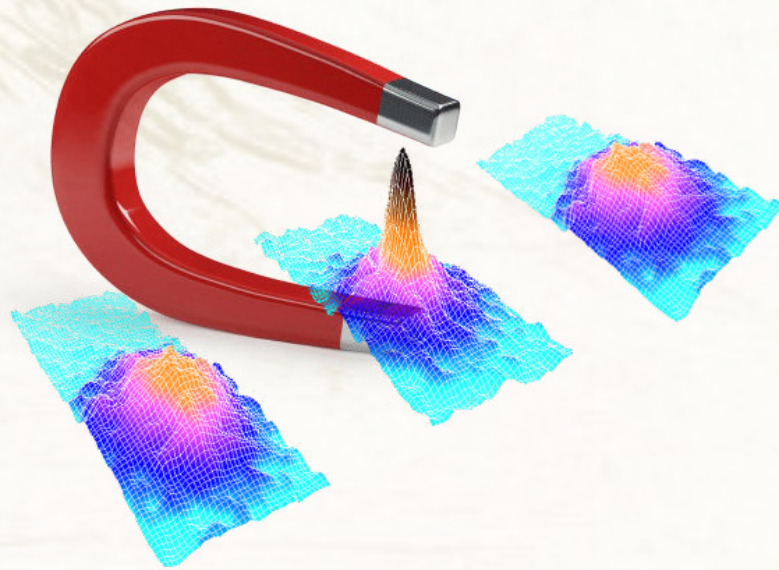
- Magnetized hadronic and quark matter may exist inside compact stars
  - $10^{10}$  to  $10^{16}$  G (10 keV to 10 MeV)
- Magnetized quark-gluon plasma is produced in heavy-ion collisions (although  $\Delta t \approx 10^{-24}$  s)
  - $10^{18}$  to  $10^{19}$  G ( $\sim 100$  MeV)
- Magnetic field is a useful probe of nonperturbative QCD properties
  - $10^{21}$  G ( $\sim 2$  GeV, or  $\sim 0.1$  fm)



- QCD is strongly coupled & nonperturbative
- Theoretical tools that provide insight:
  - Lattice QCD
  - High-energy (weak-coupling) expansion
  - Large  $N_c$  expansion
  - High temperature limit ( $T \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ )
  - High density limit ( $\mu \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ )
- Strong magnetic field  $B$  is yet another tool
  - it allows to probe short distances  $\ell \sim 1/\sqrt{|eB|}$
  - it induces gluon screening effects,  $M_g^2 \propto \alpha_s |eB|$

- In the chiral limit, the perturbative QCD vacuum is a semimetal
  - no energy gap and *zero* density of states @  $E=0$
- Because of strong coupling, the QCD ground state becomes an insulator
  - A particle-hole condensate forms
  - A dynamical gap (mass) opens in the spectrum
- Perturbative QCD vacuum in a magnetic field is more like a metal, i.e.,
  - no energy gap, but a *nonzero* density of states @  $E=0$





# MAGNETIC CATALYSIS

[Miransky & Shovkovy, Physics Reports **576** (2015) pp. 1-209]

[Shovkovy, Lect. Notes Phys. 871 (2013) pp. 13-49]

# Landau spectrum at $B \neq 0$

- Dirac equation with massless fermions

$$\left[ i\gamma^0 \partial_0 - i\vec{\gamma} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} + ie\vec{A}) \right] \Psi = 0$$

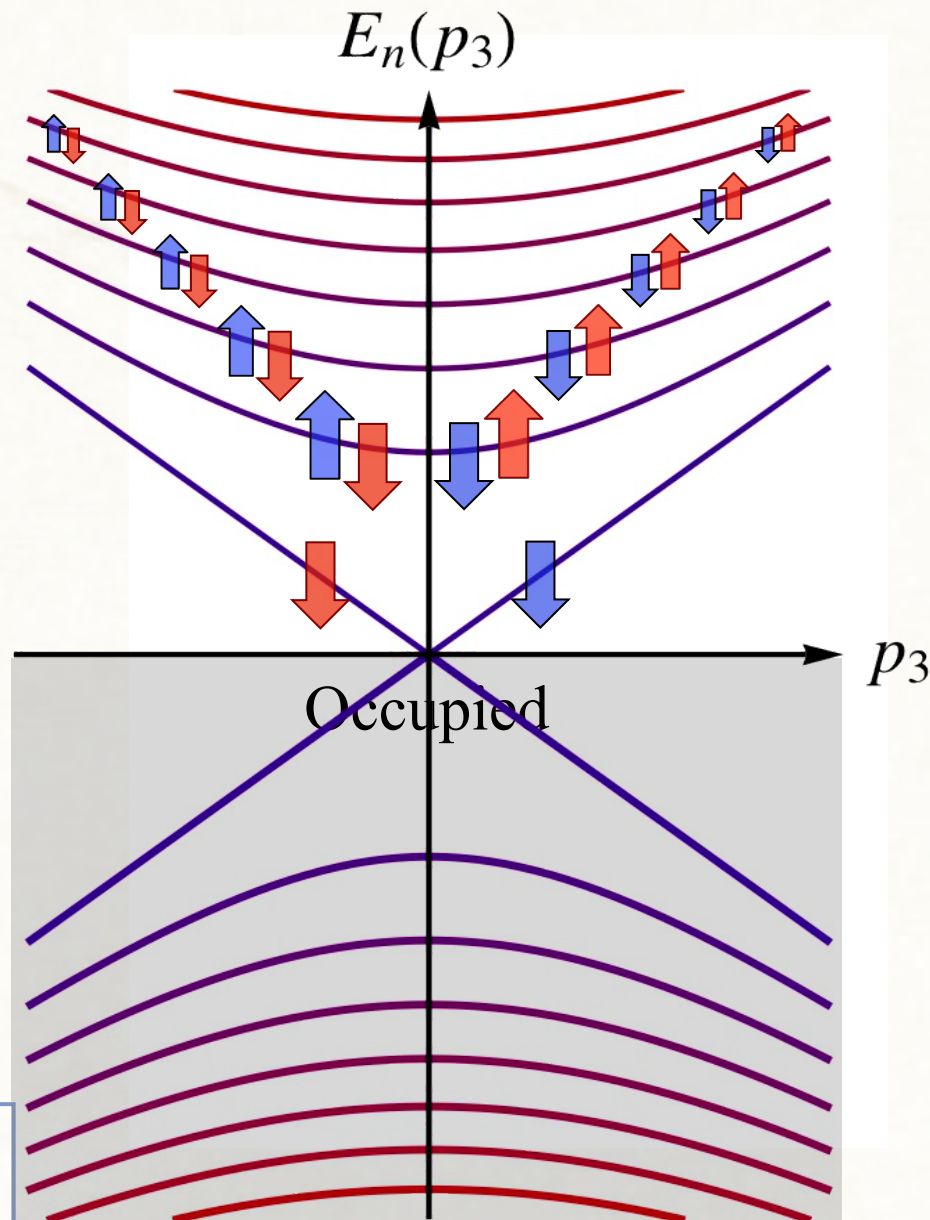
- Energy spectrum

$$E_n^{(3+1)}(p_3) = \pm \sqrt{2n|eB| + p_3^2}$$

$$s = \pm \frac{1}{2} \text{ (spin)}$$

where  $n = s + k + \frac{1}{2}$

$$k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \text{ (orbital)}$$

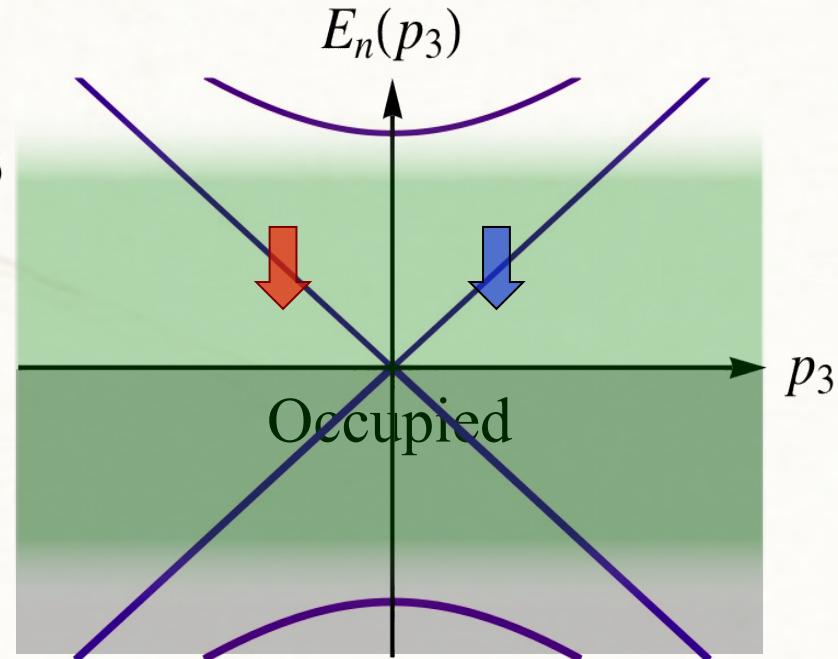


# Dimensional reduction

- Low-energy is due to  $n=0$  Landau level

$$n = 0 : \quad E_0^{(3+1)}(p_3) = \pm p_3$$

$$\left( k = 0, s = -\frac{1}{2} \right)$$



- This is (1+1)D spectrum!

- Propagator also looks like in (1+1)D:

$$S(p_{\parallel}) \approx i e^{-p_{\perp}^2} \frac{\hat{p}_{\parallel} + m}{\hat{p}_{\parallel} + m} \underbrace{\left( 1 - i\gamma^1 \gamma^2 \right)}_{s = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ spin projector}}, \text{ where } \hat{p}_{\parallel} = p_0 \gamma^0 - p_3 \gamma^3$$

$$s = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ spin projector}$$



# Magnetic catalysis: idea

- Low-energy fermion dynamics is dimensionally reduced

$$D \rightarrow D - 2$$

- Nonzero density of states at  $E = 0$

$$\left. \frac{dn}{dE} \right|_{E \rightarrow 0} = \frac{|eB|N_f}{4\pi^2}$$

- Attractive interaction  $\rightarrow$  symmetry breaking  
(reminiscent of superconductivity...)

[Gusynin, Miransky, Shovkovy, Phys. Rev. Lett. **73**, 3499 (1994)]

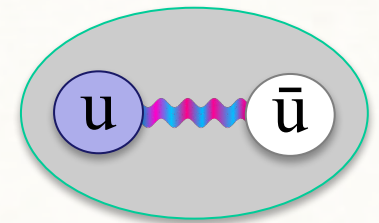
[Shovkovy, Lect. Notes Phys. **871**, 13 (2013)]

- **Input**

- Spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  charged particles and  $B \neq 0$
- Attractive particle-antiparticle interaction

- **Output**

- Dimensional reduction  $D \rightarrow D-2$  @ low energies
- particle-antiparticle bound states form
- Symmetry breaks down
- Dynamical mass is generated

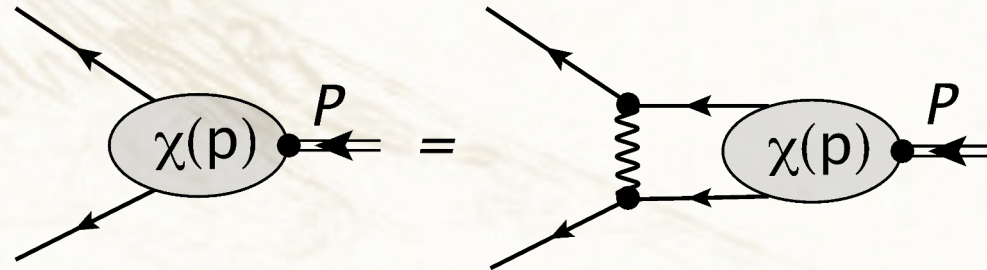




# MAGNETIC CATALYSIS IN QCD

# Bethe-Salpeter equation

- Particle-antiparticle pairing (pion channel)



- Massless bound state (pion)

$$\chi(r, P \rightarrow 0) \propto \Psi(r_{\parallel}), \quad \text{where } r_{\parallel} = (it, z)$$

and

$$\left[ -\nabla_{r_{\parallel}}^2 + m_{\text{dyn}}^2 + V(r_{\parallel}) \right] \Psi(r_{\parallel}) = 0$$

i.e., a Schrödinger equation for a bound state with

$$E_b = -m_{\text{dyn}}^2$$

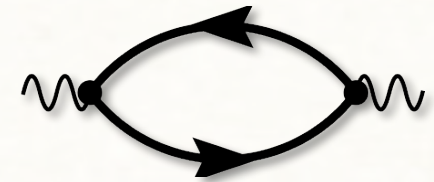
[Gusynin, Miransky, Shovkovy, Phys. Rev. **66** (2002) 045006]

- Screening effects in gluon interaction

$$\Pi^{\mu\nu} \cong -\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \left( k_{\parallel}^{\mu} k_{\parallel}^{\nu} - g_{\parallel}^{\mu\nu} k_{\parallel}^2 \right) \sum_f \frac{|e_f B|}{k_{\parallel}^2} \quad \text{for } m_f^2 \ll |k_{\parallel}^2| \ll |eB|$$

which gives an effective gluon mass

$$M_g^2 \cong \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \sum_f |e_f B|$$



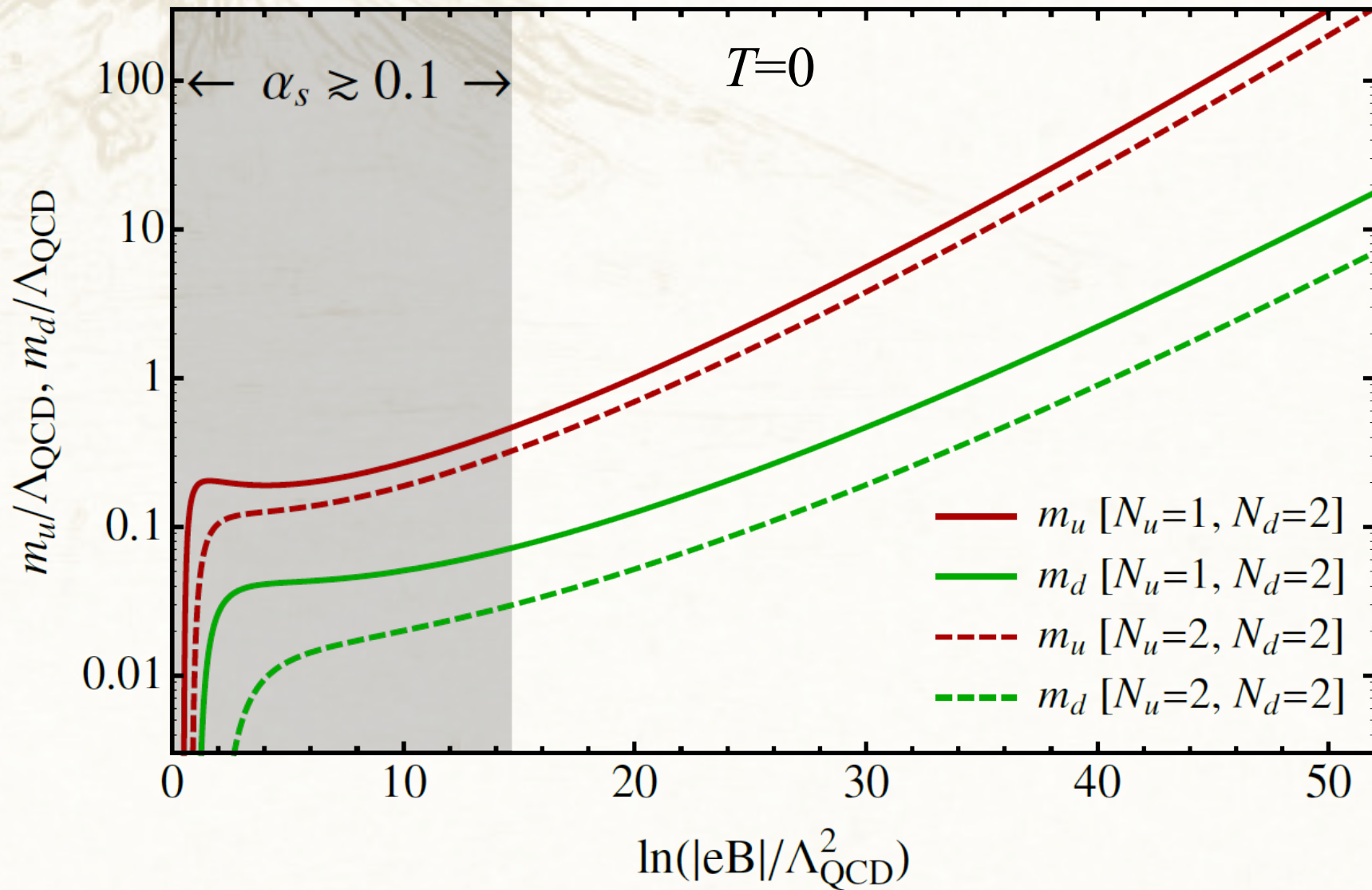
- The resulting dynamical quark mass ( $T=0$ )

$$m_f^2 \propto |e_f B| \alpha_s^{2/3} \exp\left( -\frac{4\pi N_c}{\alpha_s (N_c^2 - 1) \ln(C / \alpha_s)} \right)$$

[Miransky, Shovkovy, Phys. Rev. D **66** (2002) 045006]

# Quark mass vs. $B$

- Approximate dynamical mass ( $\sqrt{|eB|} \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ )



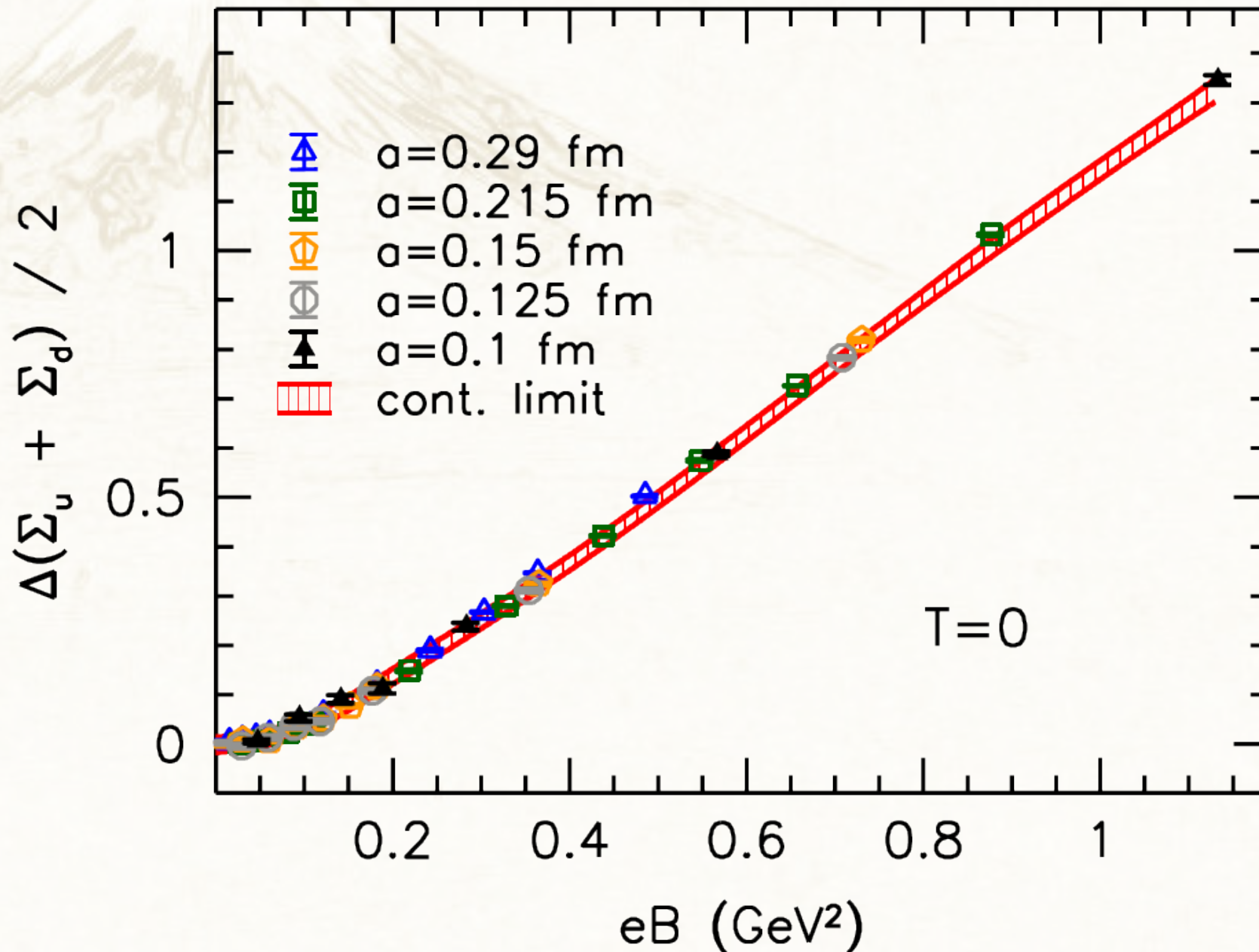
[Miransky & Shovkovy, Phys. Rev. D **66** (2002) 045006]

- Only neutral mesons ( $N_u^2 + N_d^2 - 1$ ) remain the NG bosons at large B
- Pion/kaon decay constant:  $f_\pi^2 \propto N_c |eB|$
- Pion dispersion relations are anisotropic:

$$v_{\parallel} \approx 1$$

$$v_{\perp} \approx \frac{m_d^2}{|eB|} \ln \frac{|eB|}{m_d^2} \ll 1$$

[Miransky, Shovkovy, Phys. Rev. D **66** (2002) 045006]



[Bali et al., Phys. Rev. D86, 071502 (2012)]





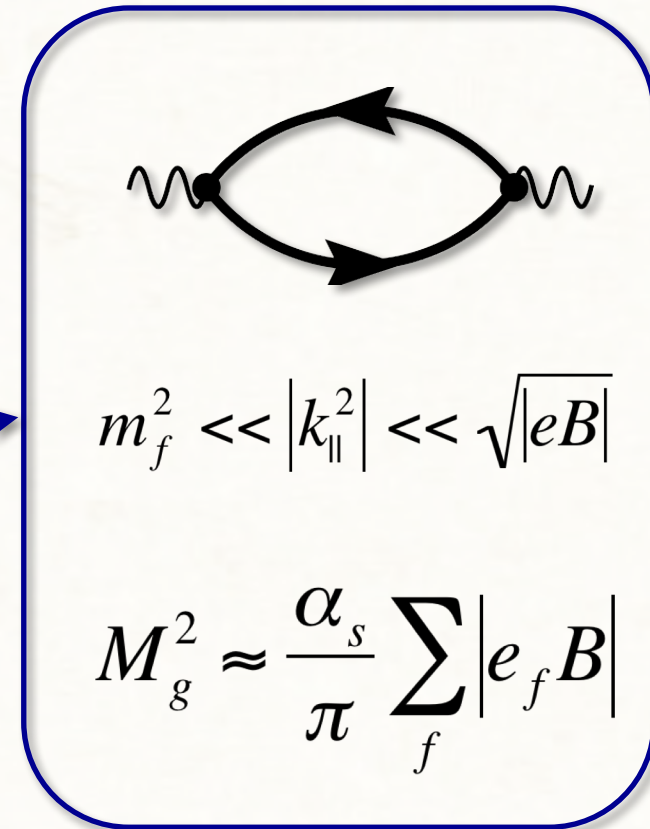
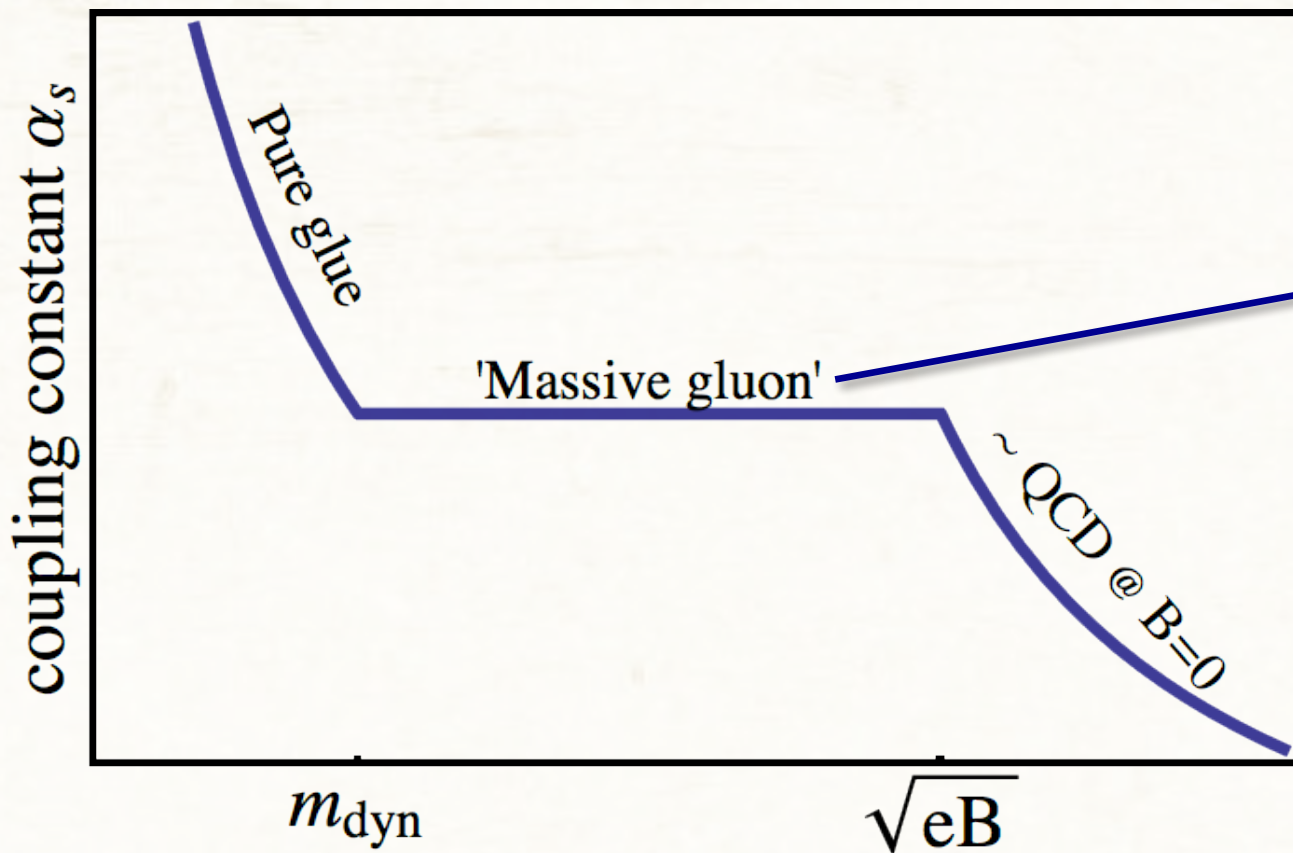
# GLUON SECTOR: ANISOTROPIC CONFINEMENT

# QCD in a magnetic field

- Weak coupling, (semi-)perturbative regime:

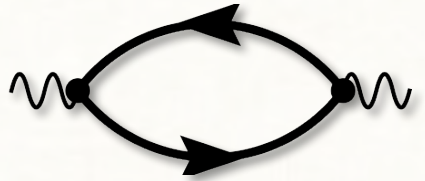
$$\sqrt{|eB|} \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$

- Running QCD coupling



Energy scale [Miransky & Shovkovy, Phys. Rev. D 66 (2002) 045006]

- Low-energy gluodynamics ( $p \ll m_{\text{dyn}}$ ):

$$L \approx \frac{1}{2} \sum_{a=1}^{N_c^2-1} \left( \vec{E}_\perp^a \cdot \vec{E}_\perp^a + \varepsilon E_z^a E_z^a - \vec{B}_\perp^a \cdot \vec{B}_\perp^a - B_z^a B_z^a \right)$$


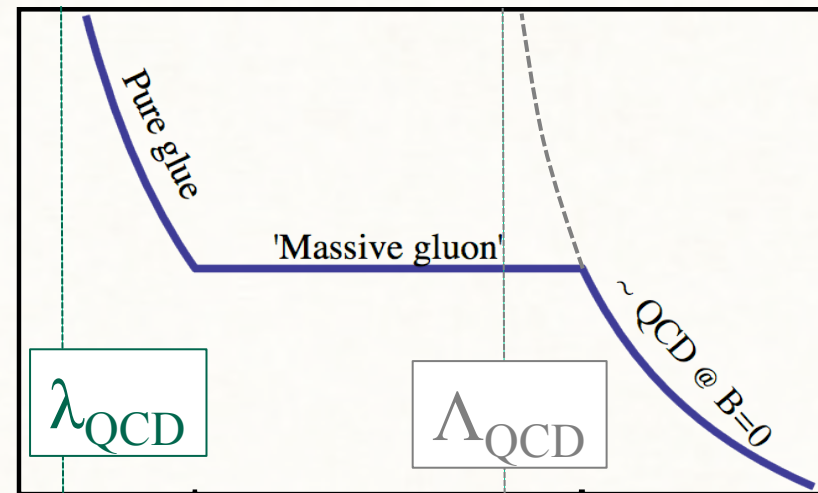
where the chromo-dielectric constant is given by

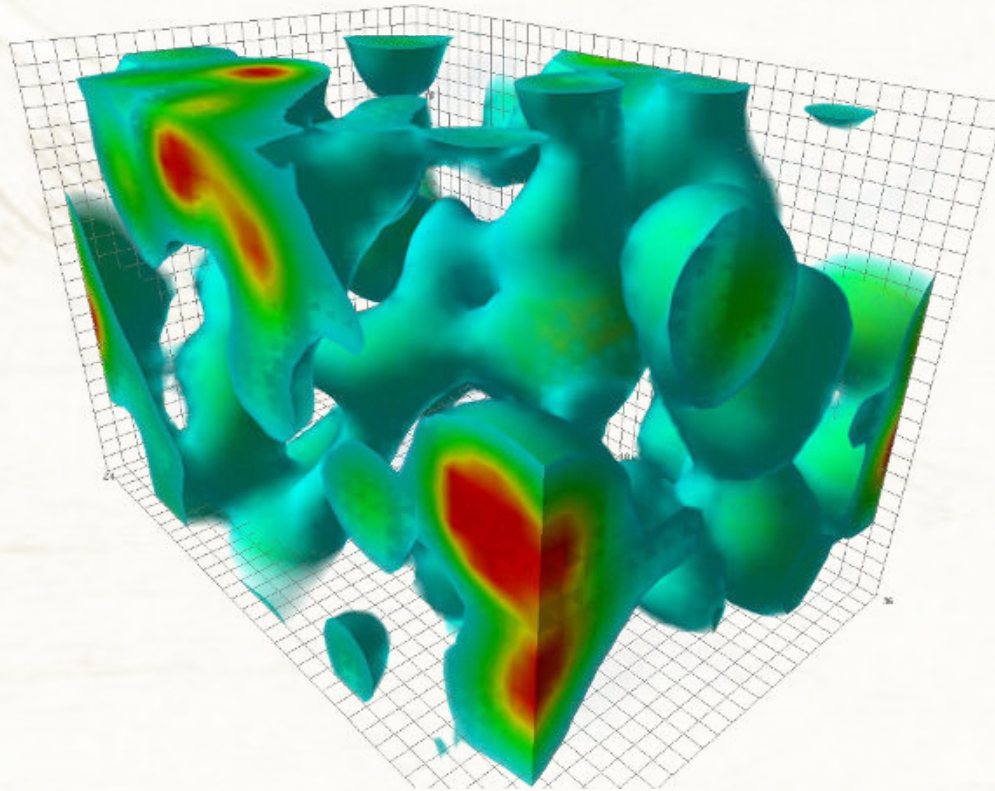
$$\varepsilon \approx 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{6\pi} \sum_{f=1}^{N_f} \frac{|q_f B|}{m_f^2} \gg 1$$

The new confinement scale is

$$\lambda_{\text{QCD}} \approx m_d \left( \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{\sqrt{|eB|}} \right)^{\frac{11N_c - 2N_f}{11N_c}}$$

Note that  $\lambda_{\text{QCD}} \ll \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$

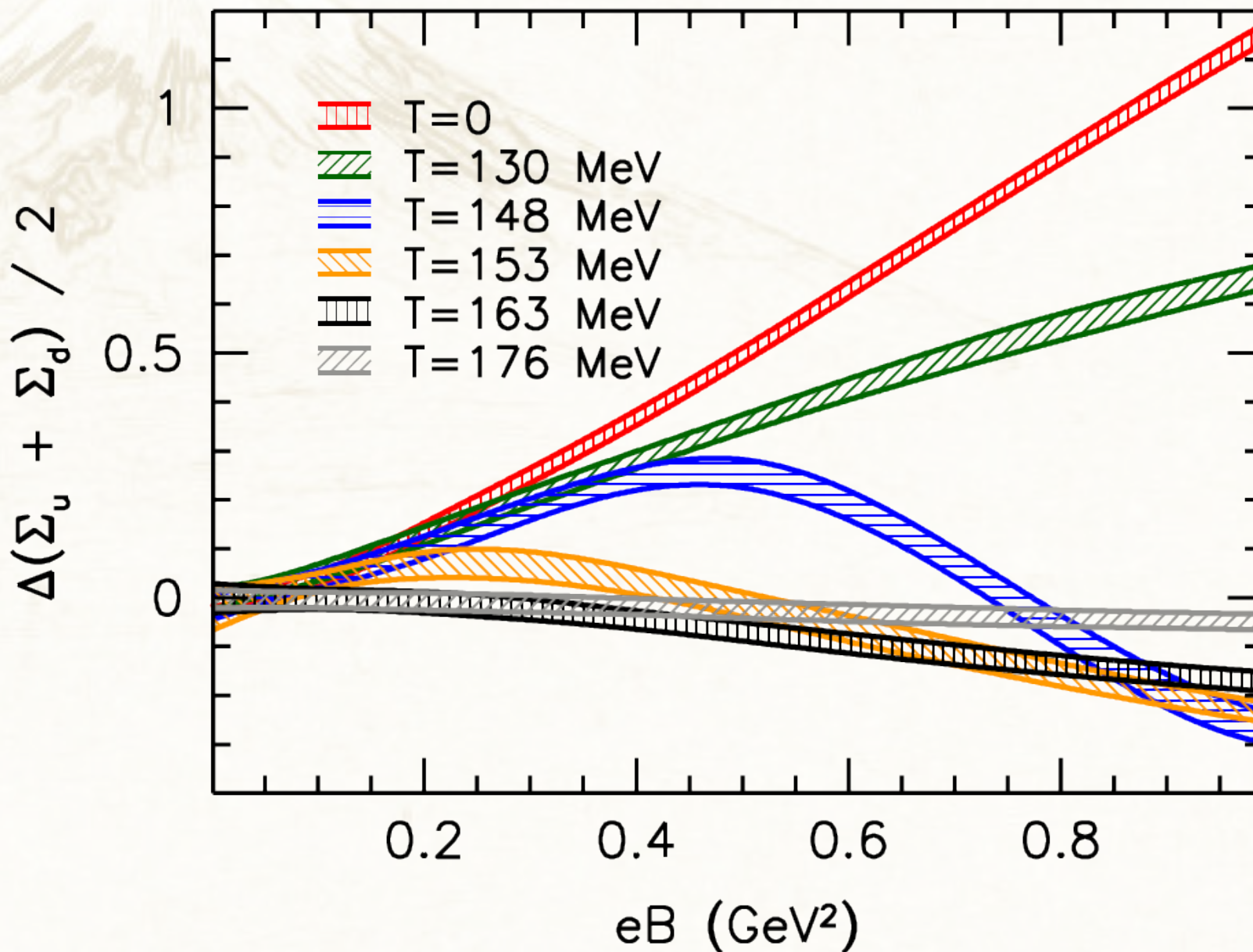




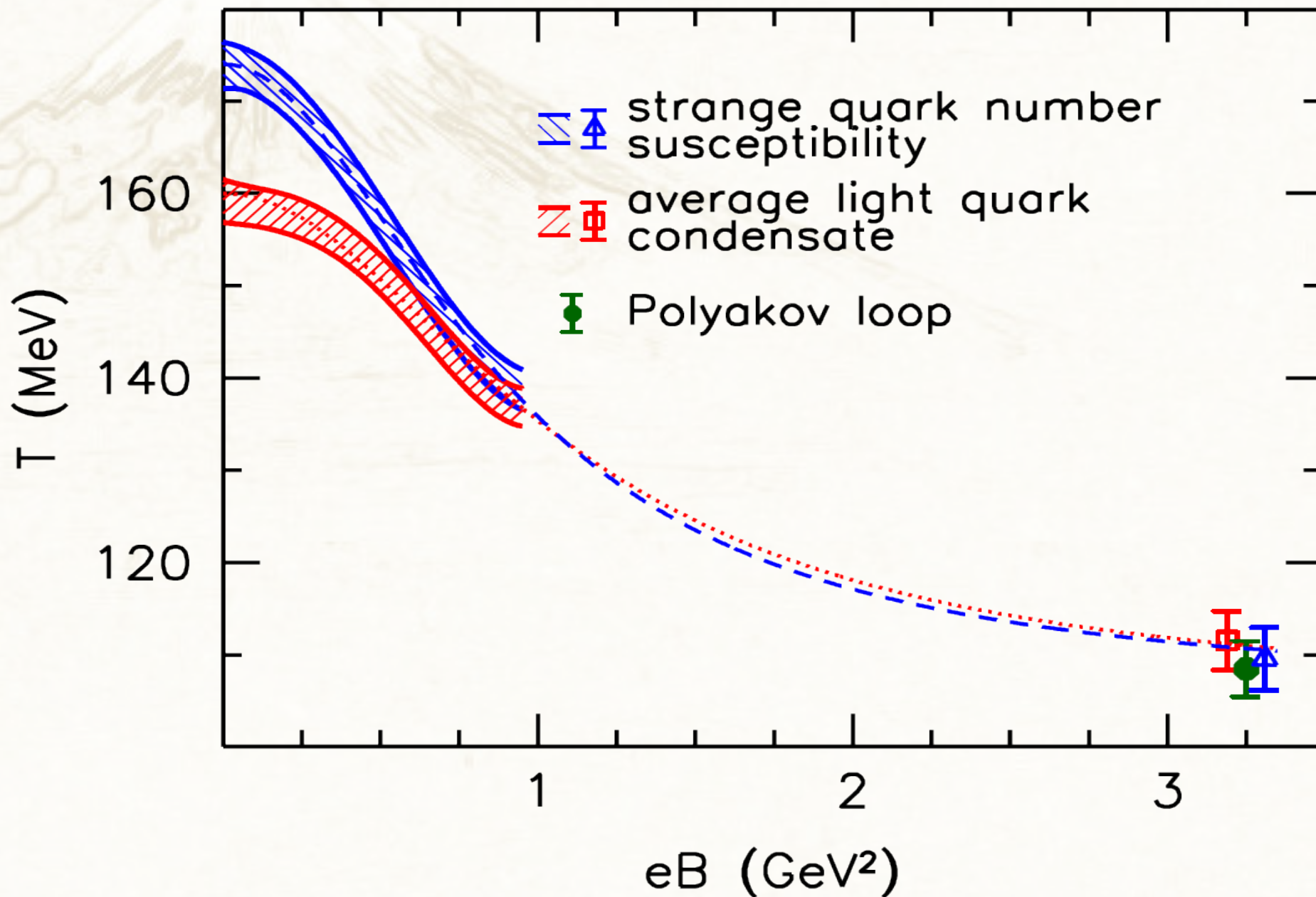
Credit: Centre for the Subatomic Structure of Matter, University of Adelaide

# INVERSE MAGNETIC CATALYSIS IN QCD

# (Inverse) Catalysis at $T \neq 0$ ?

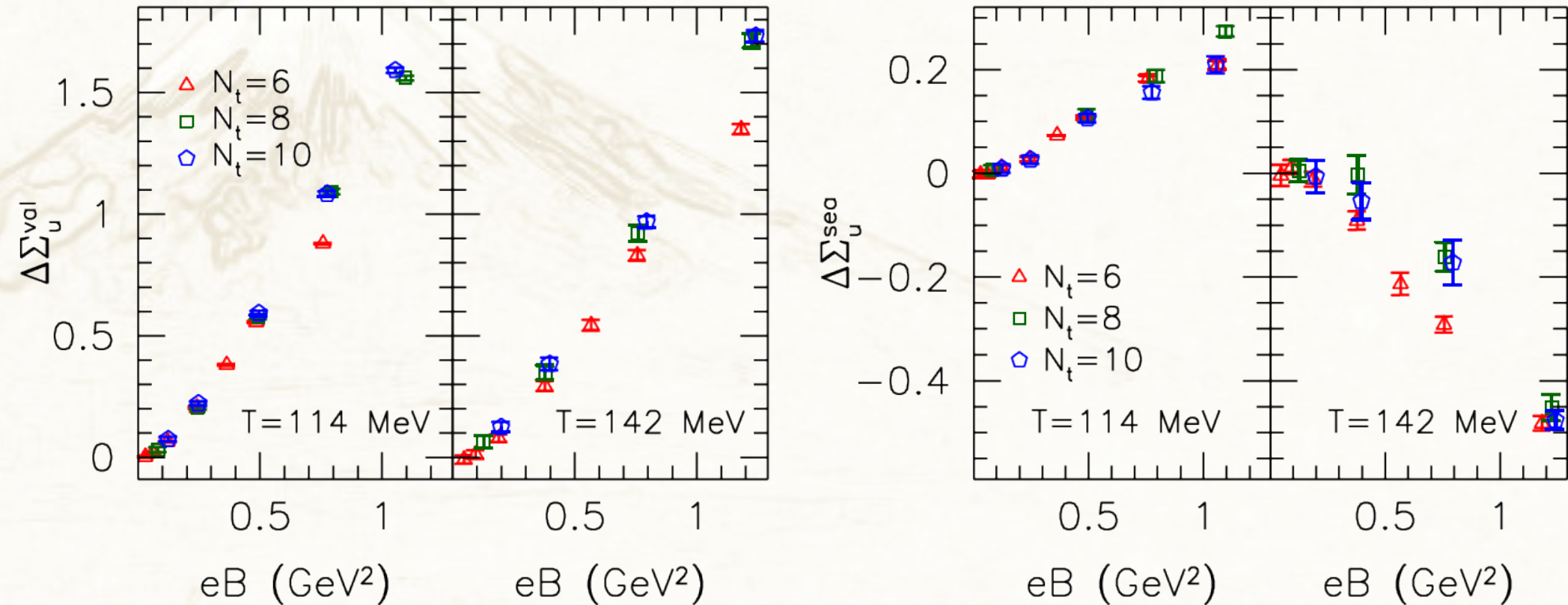


[Bali et al., Phys. Rev. D86, 071502 (2012)]

Inverse catalysis:  $T_c$  vs.  $B$ 

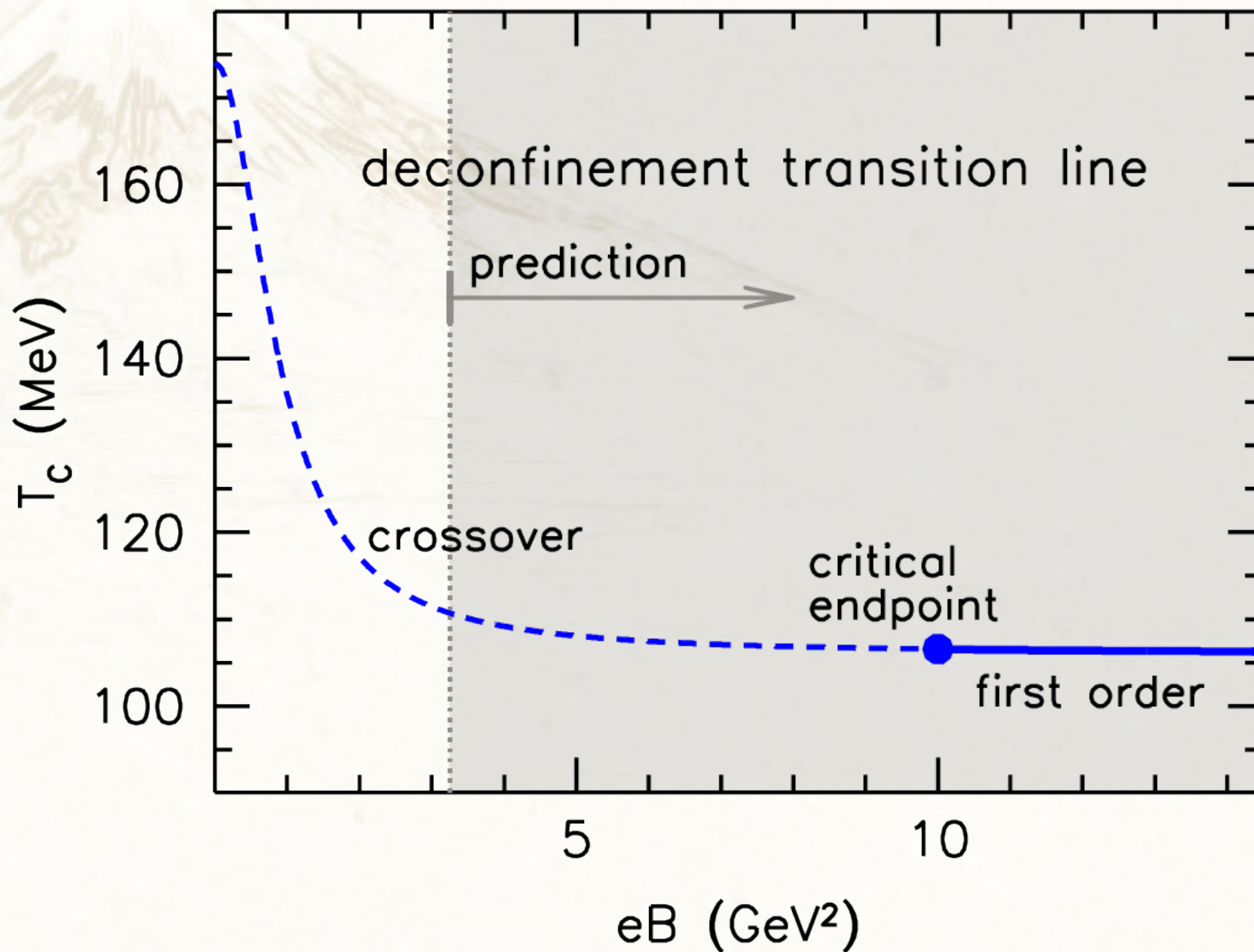
[Bali et al., JHEP 02, 044 (29012)], [Bali et al., PRD86, 071502 (2012)], [G. Endrodi, JHEP 1507 (2015) 173]

# Valence vs. sea



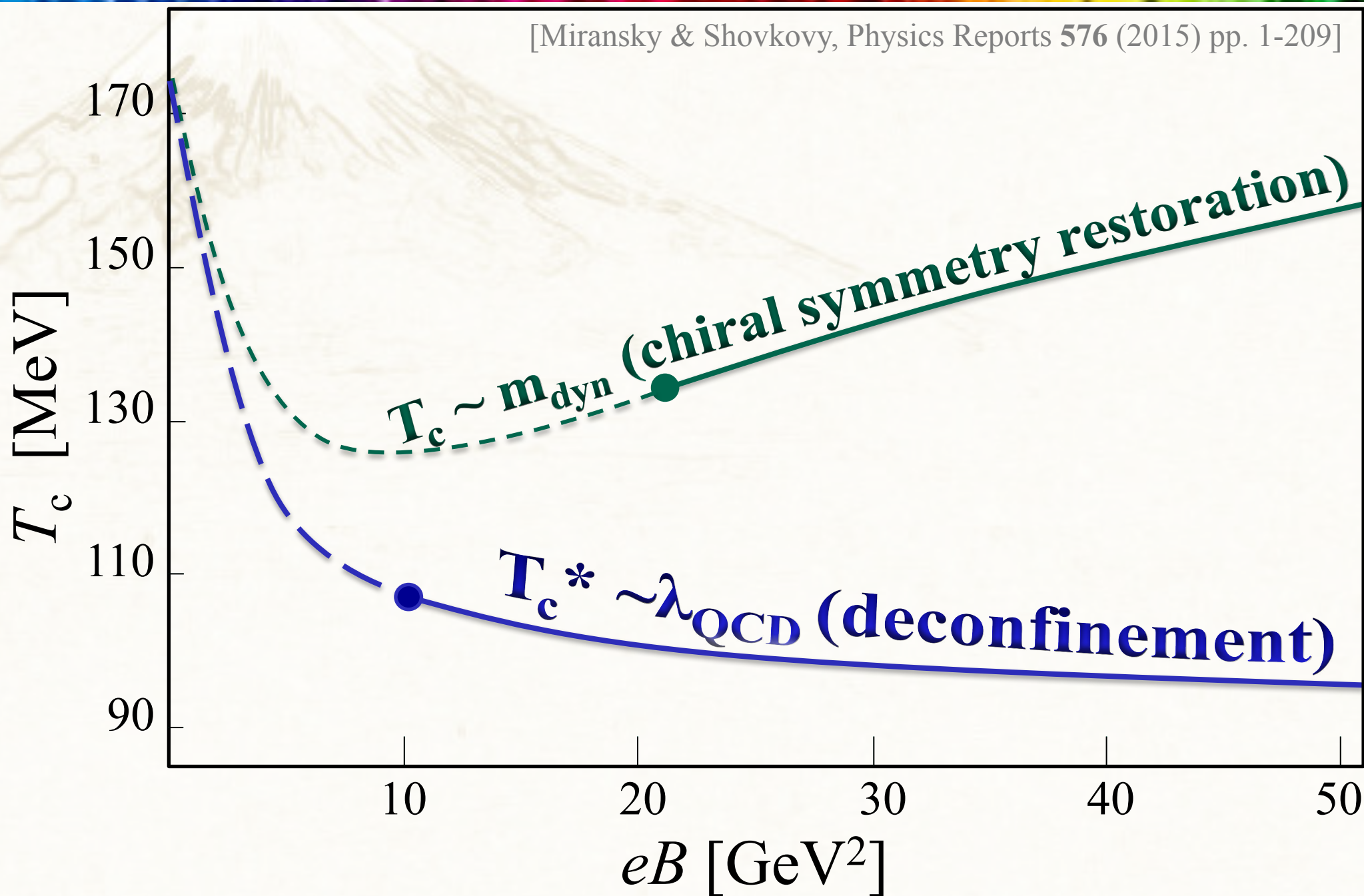
[Bruckmann, G. Endrodi, T. G. Kovacs, JHEP 04 (2013) 112]

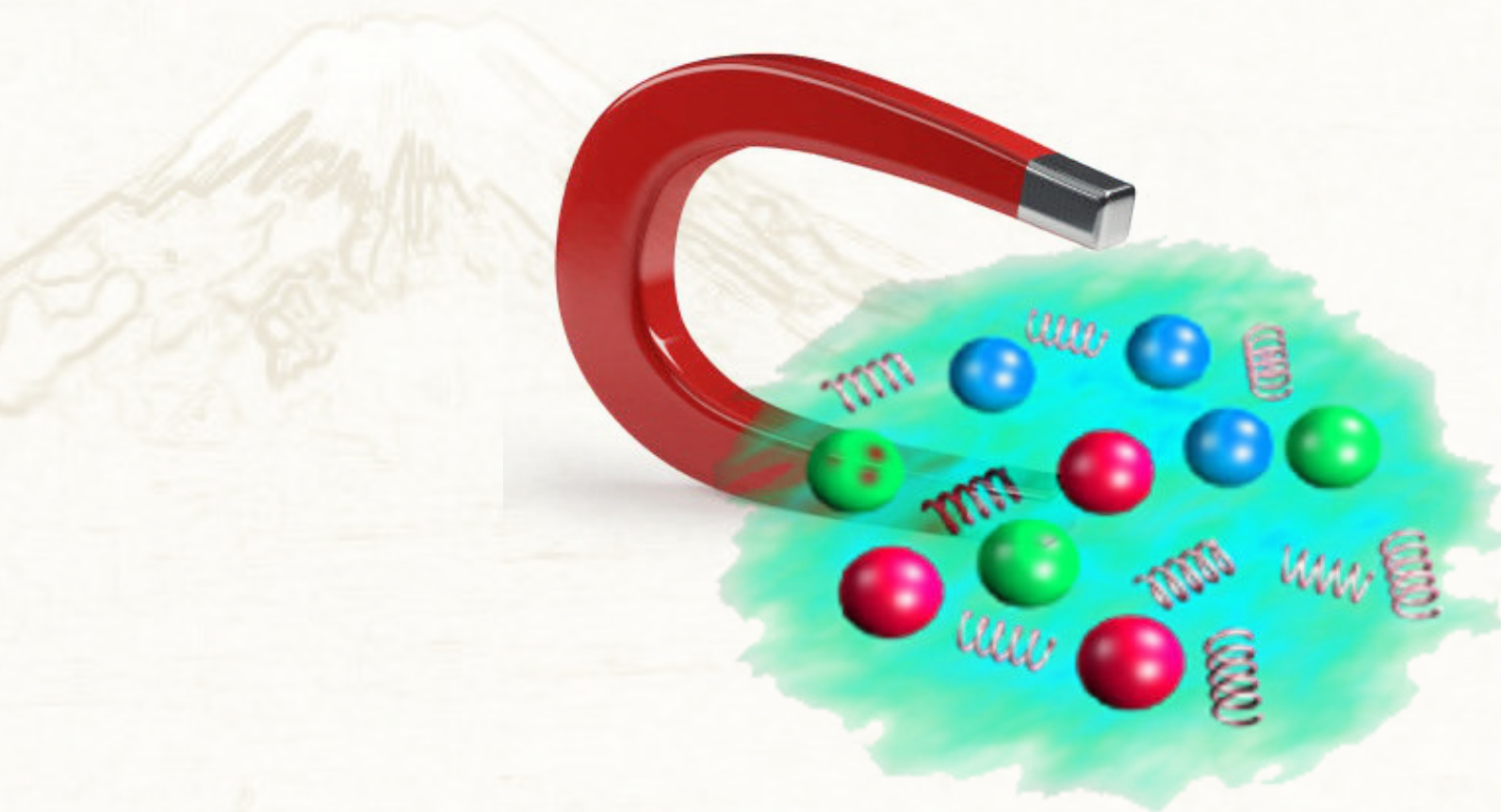
- Gluon screening (?)
  - Polyakov loops (?)
- } or, perhaps, something else (?)



[Cohen & Yamamoto, PRD89, 054029 (2014)], [G. Endrodi, JHEP 1507 (2015) 173]







# MAGNETIZED QCD MATTER

[Miransky & Shovkovy, Physics Reports 576 (2015) pp. 1-209]

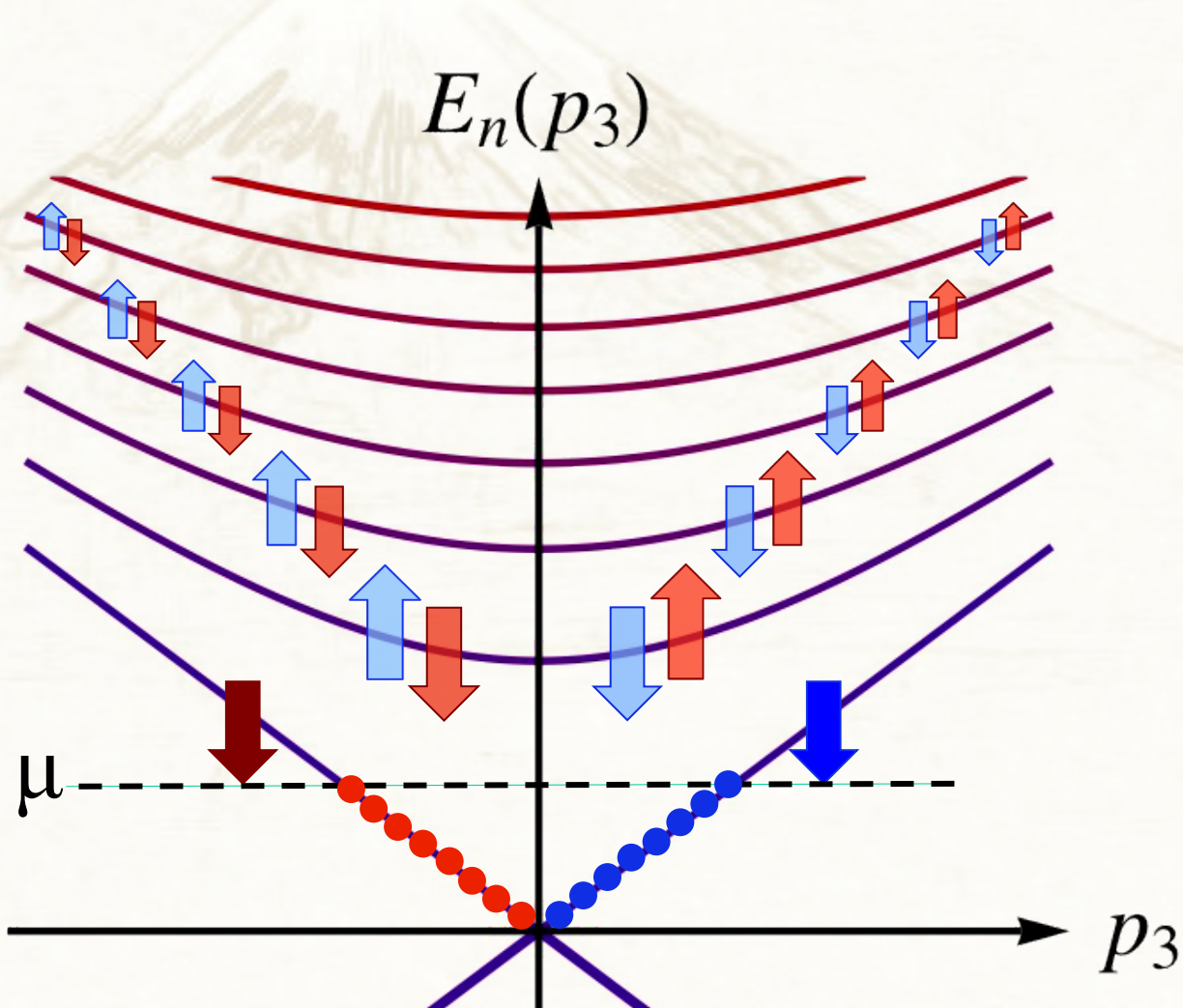
- Matter made of chiral fermions with  $n_L \neq n_R$
- Unlike the electric charge ( $n_R + n_L$ ), the chiral charge ( $n_R - n_L$ ) is **not** conserved

$$\frac{\partial(n_R + n_L)}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial(n_R - n_L)}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j}_5 = \frac{e^2 \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}}{2\pi^2 c}$$

- The chiral symmetry is anomalous in quantum theory

# Chiral separation effect ( $\mu \neq 0$ )



— Right-handed



— Left-handed

**Spin ( $s=\downarrow$ ) polarized LLL:**

- $p_3 < 0$  states are R-handed
- $p_3 > 0$  states are L-handed

This leads to CSE:

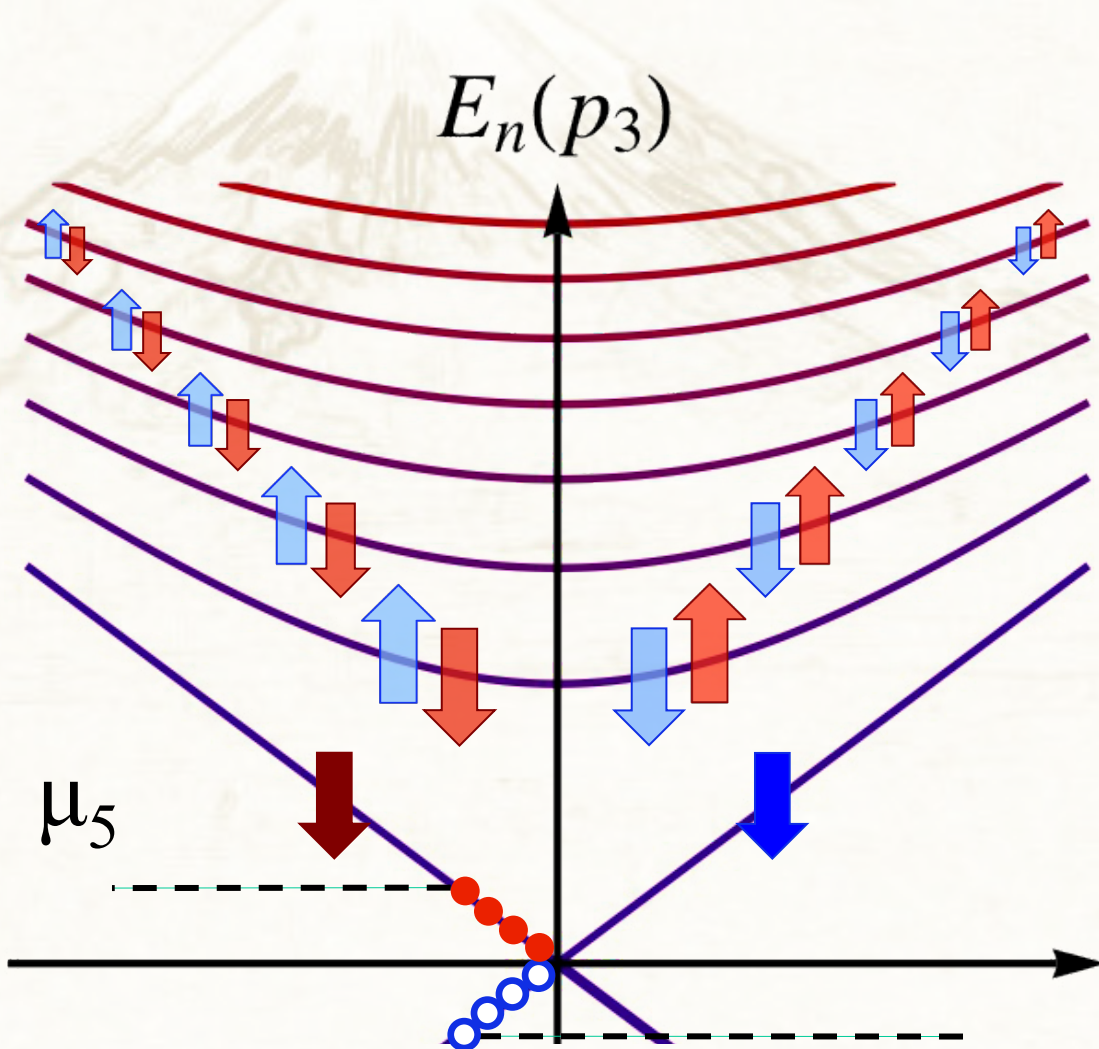
$$\langle \vec{j}_5 \rangle = -\frac{e\vec{B}}{2\pi^2} \mu$$

[Vilenkin, Phys. Rev. D 22 (1980) 3067]

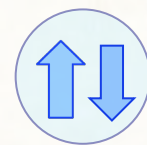
[Metlitski & Zhitnitsky, Phys. Rev. D 72, 045011 (2005)]

[Newman & Son, Phys. Rev. D 73 (2006) 045006]

# Chiral magnetic effect ( $\mu_5 \neq 0$ )



— Right-handed



— Left-handed

**Spin ( $s=\downarrow$ ) polarized LLL:**

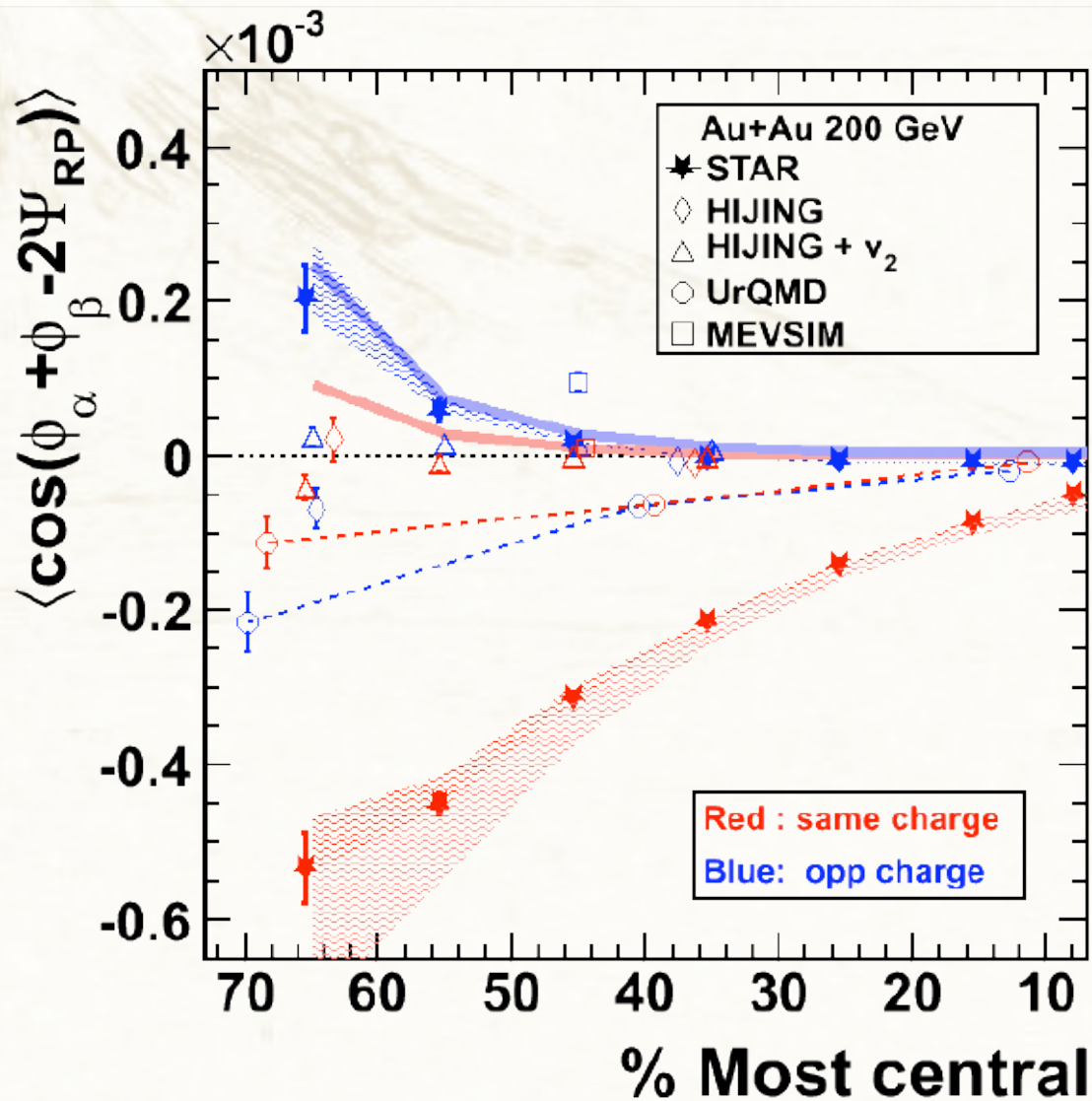
- $p_3 < 0$  states are R-handed electrons
- $p_3 > 0$  states are L-handed positrons

$p_3$  This leads to CME:

$$\langle \vec{j} \rangle = \frac{e^2 \vec{B}}{2\pi^2} \mu_5$$

[Fukushima, Kharzeev, Warringa, Phys. Rev. D **78**, 074033 (2008)]

# Experimental evidence



[B. I. Abelev et al. (STAR Collaboration), Phys. Rev. Lett. **103**, 251601 (2009)]

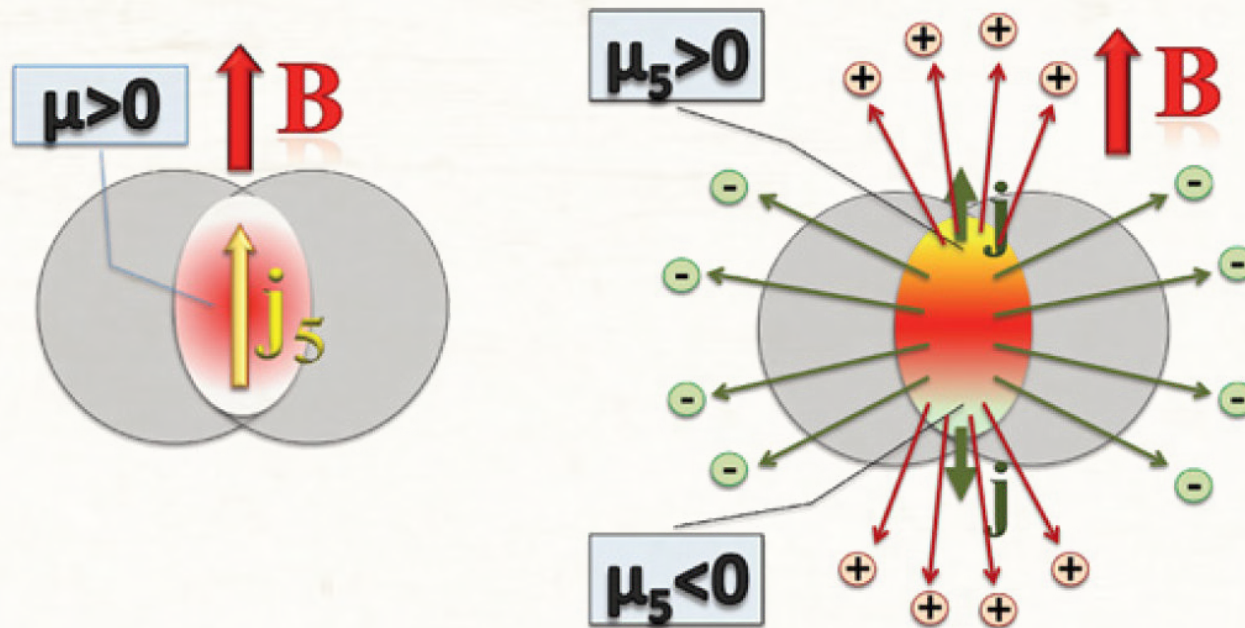
[B. I. Abelev et al. (STAR Collaboration), Phys. Rev. C **81**, 054908 (2010)]

[Adamczyk et al. (STAR Collaboration), Phys. Rev. C **88**, 064911 (2013)]

# CMW/Quadrupole CME

- Start from a small baryon density and  $B \neq 0$

$$\langle \vec{j}_5 \rangle = \frac{e\vec{B}}{2\pi^2} \mu \quad \langle \vec{j} \rangle = \frac{e\vec{B}}{2\pi^2} \mu_5$$



- Produce back-to-back electric currents

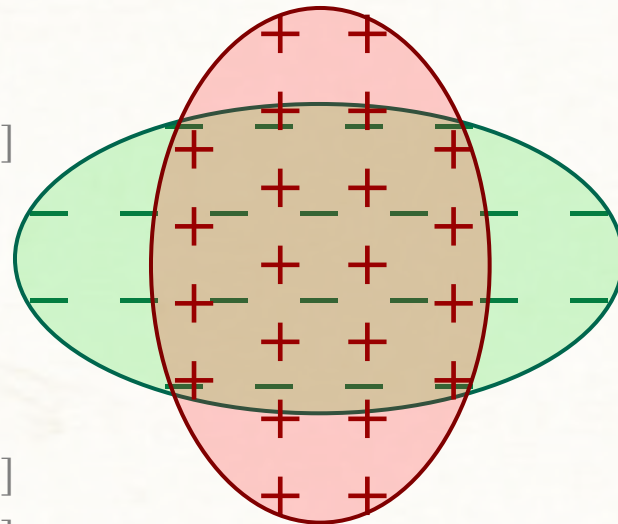
[Gorbar, Miransky, Shovkovy, Phys. Rev. D **83**, 085003 (2011)]  
 [Burnier, Kharzeev, Liao, Yee, Phys. Rev. Lett. **107** (2011) 052303]

# Experimental evidence

- Elliptic flows of  $\pi^+$  and  $\pi^-$  depend on charge asymmetry:

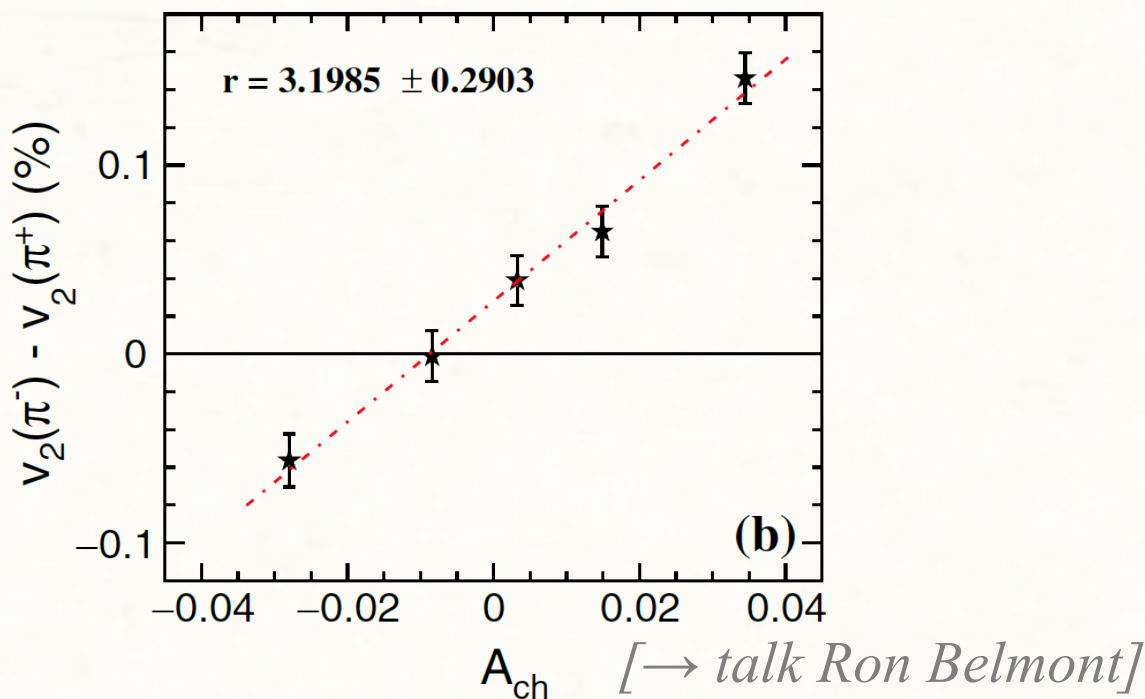
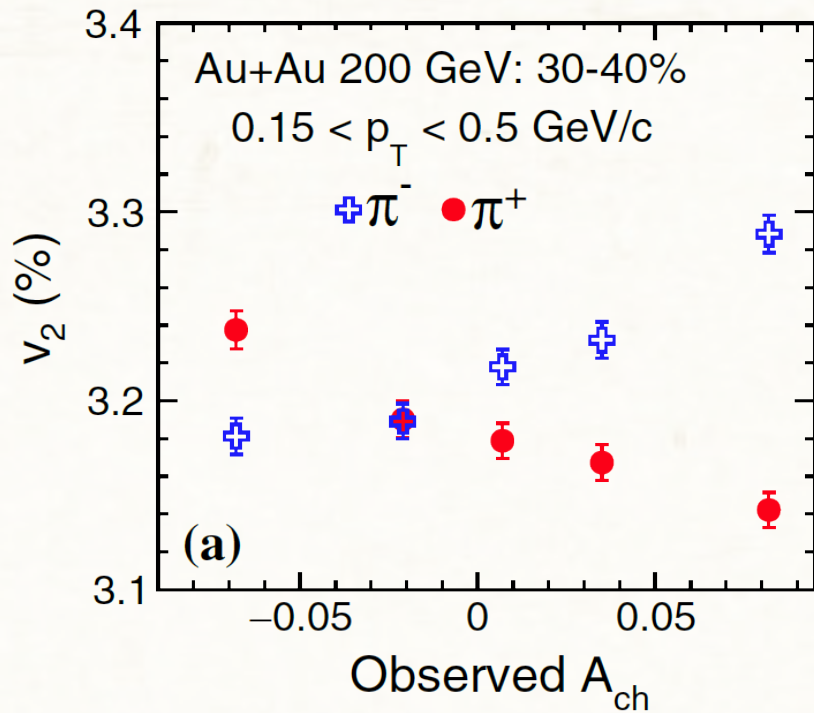
[Burnier, Kharzeev, Liao, Yee, PRL **107**, 052303 (2011)]

$$\frac{dN_{\pm}}{df} \approx \bar{N}_{\pm} \left[ 1 + 2v_2 \cos(2f) m A_{\pm} r \cos(2f) \right]$$



[H. Ke (for STAR) J. Phys. Conf. Series **389**, 012035 (2012)]

[Adamczyk et al. (STAR), Phys. Rev. Lett. **114**, 252302 (2015)]





- Magnetism profoundly affects chiral properties of QCD
- $T=0$  &  $\mu=0$ : Magnetic catalysis (lattice)
- $T\neq 0$  &  $\mu=0$ : Inverse magnetic catalysis (lattice)
- $T=0$  &  $\mu\neq 0$ : Chiral shift (compact stars)
- $T\neq 0$  &  $\mu\neq 0$ : CME, CSE, ... (relativistic HIC)