

Magnetic-field induced (inverse) catalysis for gluons through an improved interaction measure

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- cf. strongest field in lab 10^5 G (10^7 G unstable)
- refrigerator magnet 100 G
- earths magn. field 0.6 G

magn. fields as probes for our understanding of nonperturbative QCD

Setting

- quarks charged: $(q_u, q_d, q_s) = (\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{3})e$
gluons neutral: indirect effects via strong coupling
- constant external magnetic field in equilibrium QCD (Euclidean)
= idealized situation
- anisotropic ⇒ talk by G. Endrődi
- free quarks: Landau orbits with min. energy zero and Landau '30
degeneracy \propto magn. flux: **B induces many small eigenvalues**

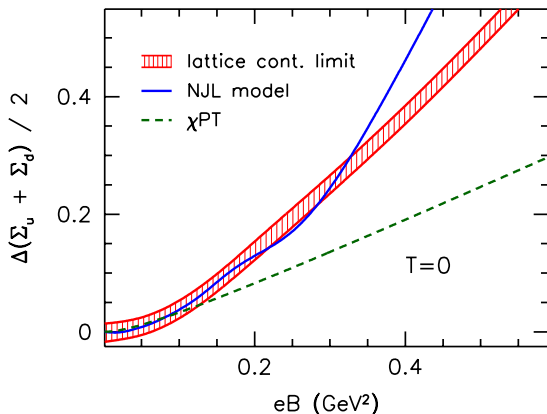
lattice:

- magnetic fields quantized and bounded, no sign problem
state-of-the-art: $\sqrt{eB} = 0.1 \dots 1$ GeV
- 2+1 staggered quarks: **physical masses in continuum limit** ▶ details
⇒ new phenomena in contrast to other lattice simulations

D'Elia et al. '10, Ilgenfritz et al. '12

Magnetic catalysis of quarks

- change of light quark condensate with B (renormalized): Bali, FB et al. '12



magnetic catalysis: $\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle(B) \nearrow$

comparison to χ^{PT} and NJL

robust effect: relying on Landau level degeneracy

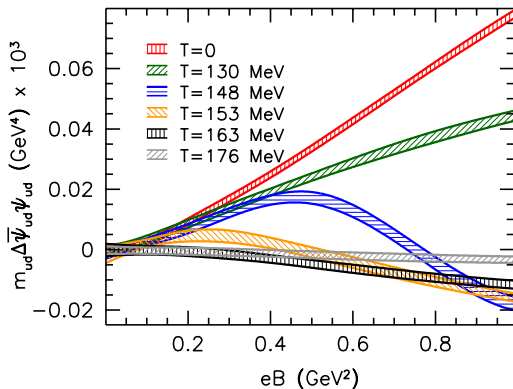
Müller, Schramm² '92
Gusynin, Miransky, Shovkovy '96

Cohen, McGady, Werbos '07; Andersen '12
Gatto, Ruggieri '10

Inverse magnetic catalysis of quarks

- change of light quark condensate with B at $T \simeq T_c$:

Bali, FB et al. '12



non-monotonic \Rightarrow **magn. catalysis turns into inverse magn. catalysis**

feedback of light quarks

\Rightarrow talk by T. Kovács

consequence: $T_c(B)$ decreases

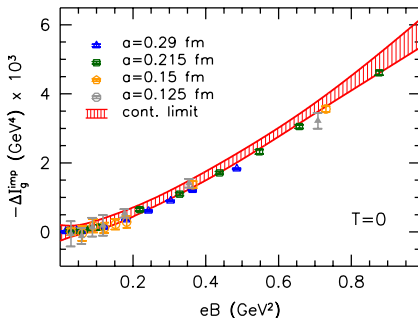
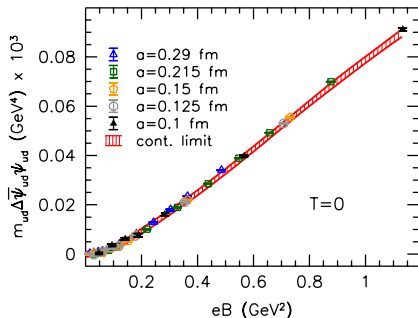
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missed in almost all non-lattice approaches

Magnetic catalysis of gluons

- change of condensate and **gluonic action** at $T = 0$:

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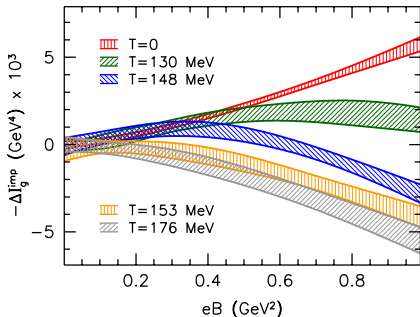
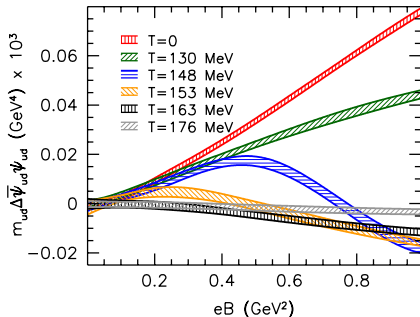
⇒ **gluons inherit magnetic catalysis from quarks**

since strongly coupled

magnitude $\mathcal{O}(100)$ larger for gluons, but $B = 0$ scale (= gluon condensate) already $\mathcal{O}(200)$ larger: relative effect larger on quarks

Inverse magnetic catalysis of gluons

- change of condensate and **gluonic action**, at $T \simeq T_C$: Bali, FB et al. '13



non-monotonic behaviour, similar shape for quarks and gluons
 \Rightarrow **gluons inherit inverse magnetic catalysis from quarks, too**

Details on the observable

choose your favorite representation and name:

$$I = \epsilon - 3p \quad \dots \text{interaction measure (free gas: } \epsilon = 3p)$$

$$= \langle \theta_{\mu}^{\mu} \rangle \quad \dots \text{trace anomaly}$$

$$\text{energy-momentum-tensor: } \theta_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial g^{\mu\nu}} - 2g_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{L}, \quad \theta_{\mu}^{\mu} = 4\mathcal{L} - \frac{2\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \log g^{\mu\nu}}$$

$$= T^5 \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \frac{p}{T^4} \quad (\text{Stefan-Boltzmann: } \frac{p}{T^4} = \text{const.})$$

$$= -\frac{T}{V} \sum_{\mu} \frac{\partial \log Z}{\partial \log L_{\mu}} \quad \dots \text{scale anomaly}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{lattice}}{=} -\frac{T}{V} \frac{d \log Z}{d \log a}$$

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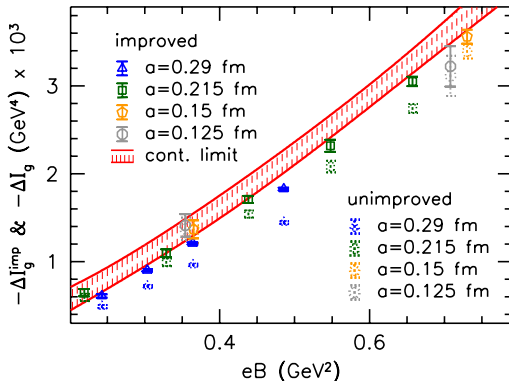
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• changes $\Delta I \equiv I(B) - I(0)$ and $m \Delta \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle$ are finite (add. div. removed) with lattice artifacts $\mathcal{O}(a^2) \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{unimproved} & \underbrace{\text{finite} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\log a}\right)} & \quad \underbrace{\text{finite} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\log a}\right)} \\
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Effect of improvement

$\Delta I_g \rightarrow \Delta I_g^{\text{imp}}$ incl. quark contribution:



better continuum limit: $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\log a}\right) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(a^2)$

I_g^{imp} perturbatively RG-scale invariant

Tarrach '81; Grinstein, Randall '89

- gluons inherit from the quarks:
 - magnetic catalysis at $T = 0$
 - inverse magnetic catalysis at $T \simeq T_c$
in part. non-monotonic behavior (\rightleftharpoons decrease of T_c)
- interaction measure:
 - gluonic action density (with β_{lat}) + condensate (with γ_{lat})
 \Rightarrow improved scaling with a
 - gluonic and quark (inverse) magnetic catalysis add up in I

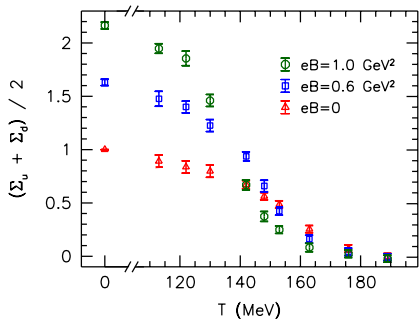
as for transition studies at $B = 0$

- tree-level improved gauge action
- stout smeared staggered fermions, rooting trick
- 2 light quarks + strange quark, charges $(q_u, q_d, q_s) = (\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{3})e$
- lattice spacing set at $T = 0, B = 0$
physical pion masses
set by $f_K, f_K/m_\pi$ and f_K/m_K
- $T = 0$: $24^3 \times 32, 32^3 \times 48$ and $40^3 \times 48$ lattices
- $T > 0$: $N_t = 6, 8, 10$ meaning $a = 0.2, 0.15, 0.12$ fm
 $N_s = 16, 24, 32$ for finite volumes
- condensates from stochastic estimator method with 40 vectors
- magn. flux quanta: $N_B \leq 70 < \frac{N_x N_y}{4} = 144$



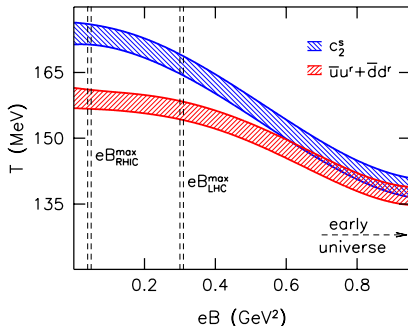
QCD phase diagram

- condensate as a function of T for different B 's:



inflection points

\Rightarrow phase diagram with B :



$\Rightarrow T_c$ decreases by $O(10) \text{ MeV}$ relevant for LHC??

