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Functional renormalization group study of anomalous magnetic moment in a low energy effective theory

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low energy effective theory within FRG

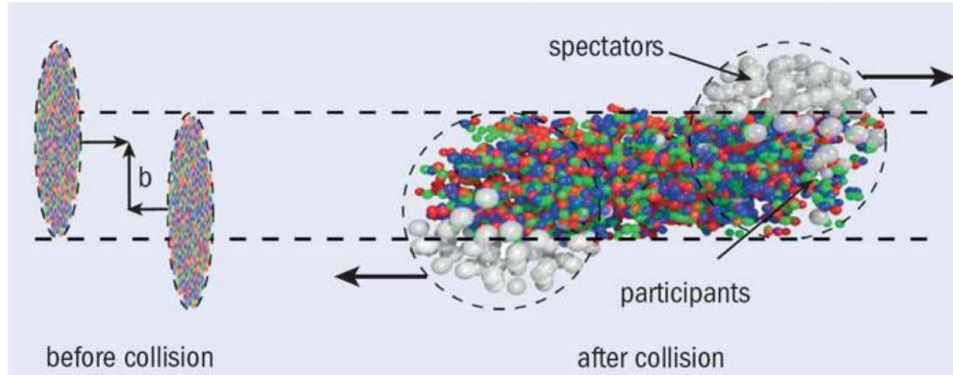
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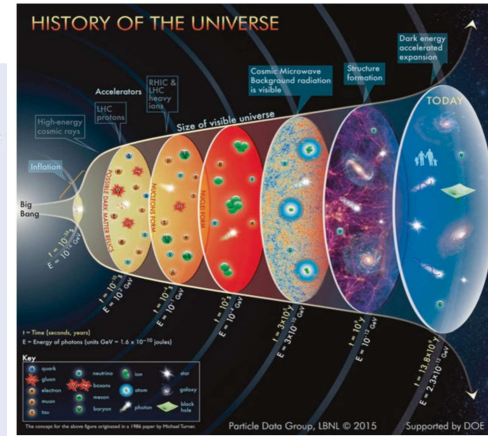
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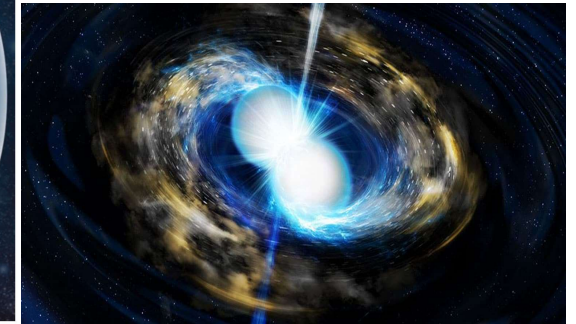
Introduction



non-central heavy-ion collisions $B \sim 10^{18}$ Gauss
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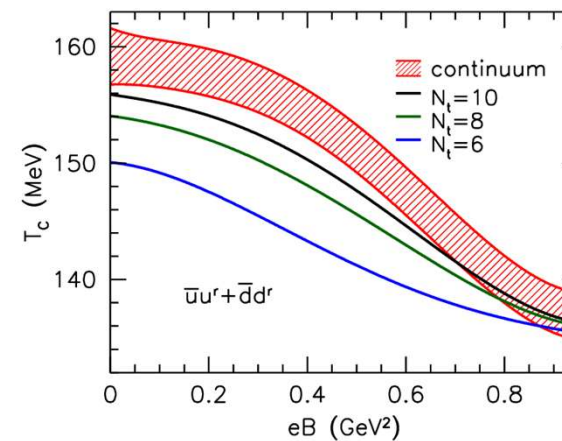
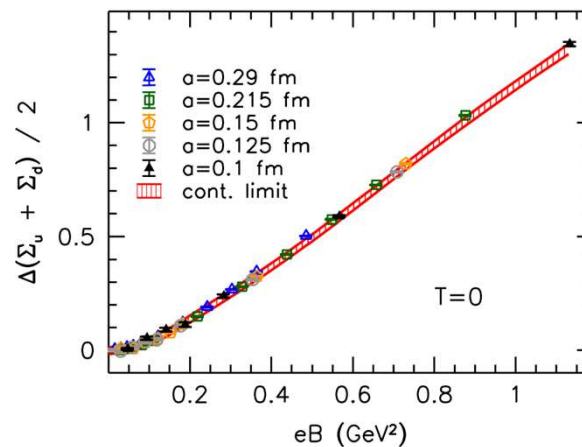


Early universe



Magnetars $10^{10} - 10^{15}$ Gauss

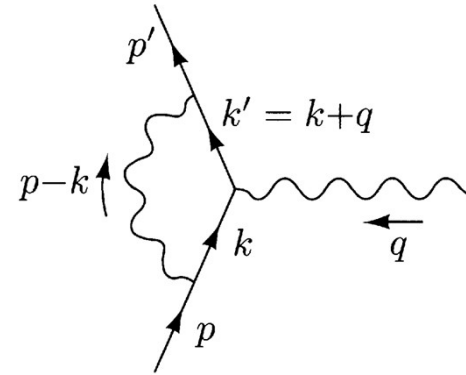
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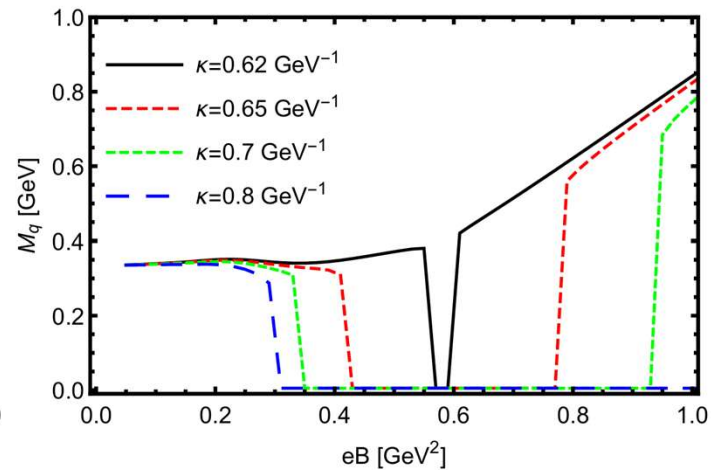
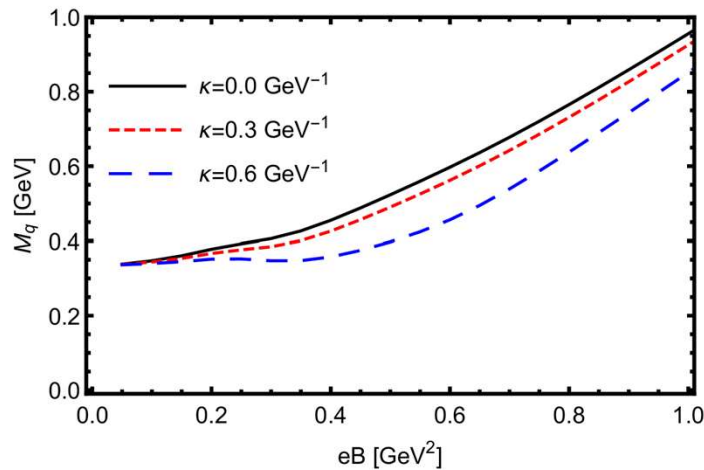
Introduction

$$\Gamma^\mu(p', p) = \gamma^\mu F_1(q^2) + \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{2m} F_2(q^2),$$



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$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}(i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m_0 + \kappa_f q_f F_{\mu\nu} \sigma^{\mu\nu})\psi + G_S \left\{ (\bar{\psi}\psi)^2 + (\bar{\psi}i\gamma^5 \vec{\tau}\psi)^2 \right\}$$



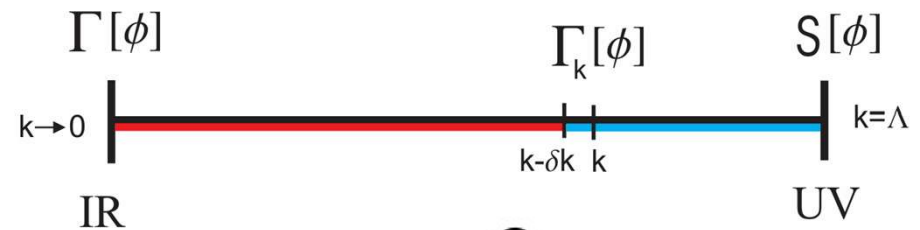
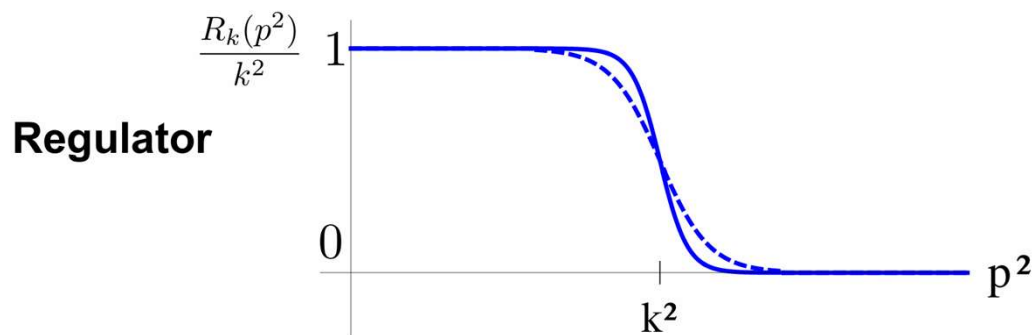
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Functional renormalization group

$$\Gamma_k[\phi] = -\log \int d\hat{\phi} e^{-S[\phi+\hat{\phi}] + \frac{1}{2} \int_p \hat{\phi}(p) R_k(p^2) \hat{\phi}(-p) + \int_x \hat{\phi}(x) \frac{\delta \Gamma_k[\phi]}{\delta \phi(x)}}$$

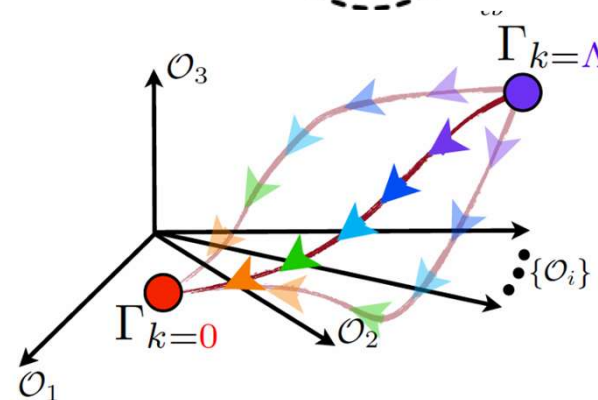
Wetterich equations

$$\partial_t \Gamma_k[\phi] = \frac{1}{2} \text{STr}[G_k \cdot \partial_t R_k]$$



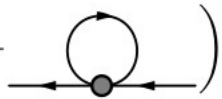
$$\partial_t \Gamma_k = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left[\text{Diagram} \right]$$

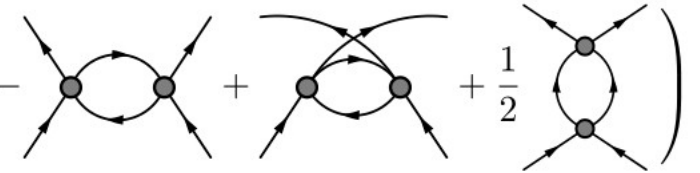
The diagram shows a dashed circle with a cross inside, representing the trace of the propagator G_k .



The effective action

The effective action of 2-flavor Nambu-Jona-Lasinio type low energy effective theory in Euclidean space

$$\partial_t \left(\text{---} \bullet \text{---} \right) = \tilde{\partial}_t \left(- \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \right)$$


$$\partial_t \left(\text{---} \bullet \text{---} \right) = \tilde{\partial}_t \left(- \text{---} \bullet \text{---} + \text{---} \bullet \text{---} + \frac{1}{2} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \right)$$


$$\Gamma_k[\bar{q}, q] = \int_x \bar{q}(\gamma_\mu D_\mu + m)q + \sum_\alpha \lambda^{(\alpha)} \mathcal{T}_{4q,ijklm}^{(\alpha)} \bar{q}_i q_j \bar{q}_l q_m$$

The quark fields $q = (u, d)^T$ $Q = \text{diag}(2/3, -1/3)e$

The covariant derivative of quark fields $D_\mu \equiv \partial_\mu - iQ A_{\mu,0}$

A background homogeneous magnetic field along z-direction

$$A_{\mu,0} = (0, 0, xB, 0)$$

Four-quark scatterings.

$$\alpha \in \{\pi, \sigma, \eta, a, (V \pm A), (V - A)^{adj}, (S \pm P)_-^{adj}, (S + P)_+^{adj}\}.$$

The Schwinger formalism of quark propagator

$$G(x, y; q_f) = \Phi(x, y) \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-ip(x-y)} \tilde{G}(p; q_f).$$

Translation invariance part

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{G}(p; q_f) = & \int_0^\infty ds \exp \left[-s \left((1 + r_{f,s})^2 \left(p_\parallel^2 + p_\perp^2 \frac{\tanh(q_f B s)}{q_f B s} \right) + m^2 \right) \right] \\ & \cdot [(-ip_\parallel \gamma_\parallel (1 + r_{f,s}) + m)(1 + i\gamma_1 \gamma_2 \tanh(q_f B s)) \\ & - ip_\perp \gamma_\perp (1 + r_{f,s})(1 - \tanh^2(q_f B s))]. \end{aligned}$$

4d regulator

$$r_{f,s} = \frac{e^{-x}}{x}, \quad x = \frac{p_\parallel^2 + p_\perp^2 \tanh(q_f B s)/(q_f B s)}{k^2}$$

W.-j. Fu, C. Huang, J. M. Pawłowski, and Y.-y. Tan, SciPost Phys.14.4.069(2022)

The quark masses as functions of magnetic fields

$$\Lambda = 1\text{GeV}, m_\Lambda = 13.5\text{MeV}$$

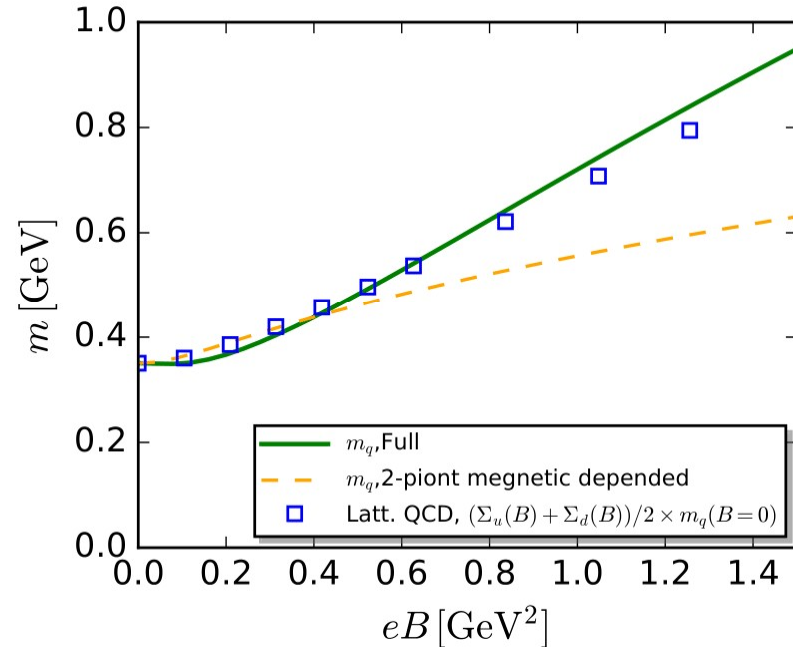
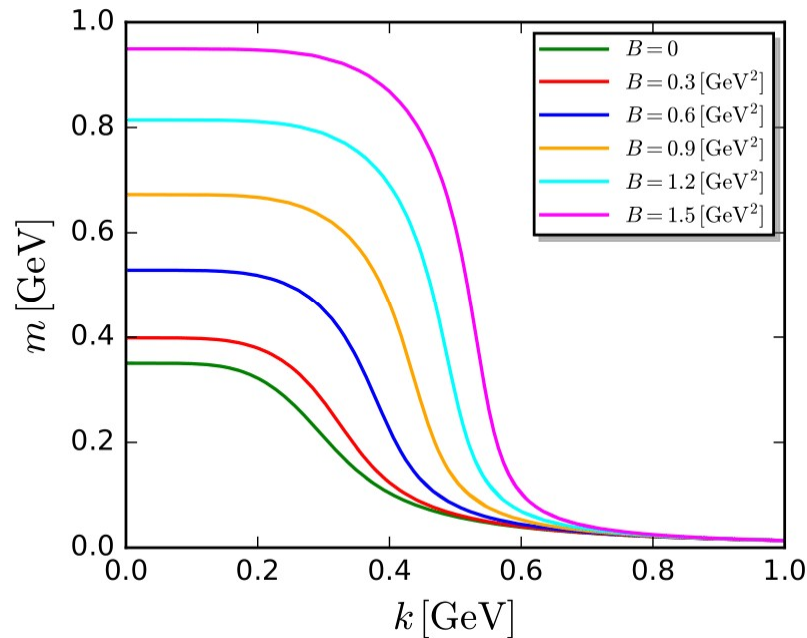
$$\lambda_{\pi,\Lambda} = \lambda_{\sigma,\Lambda} = 10.6\Lambda^{-2}$$

$$m(T=0, B=0) = 350 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_\pi = 140 \text{ MeV}$$

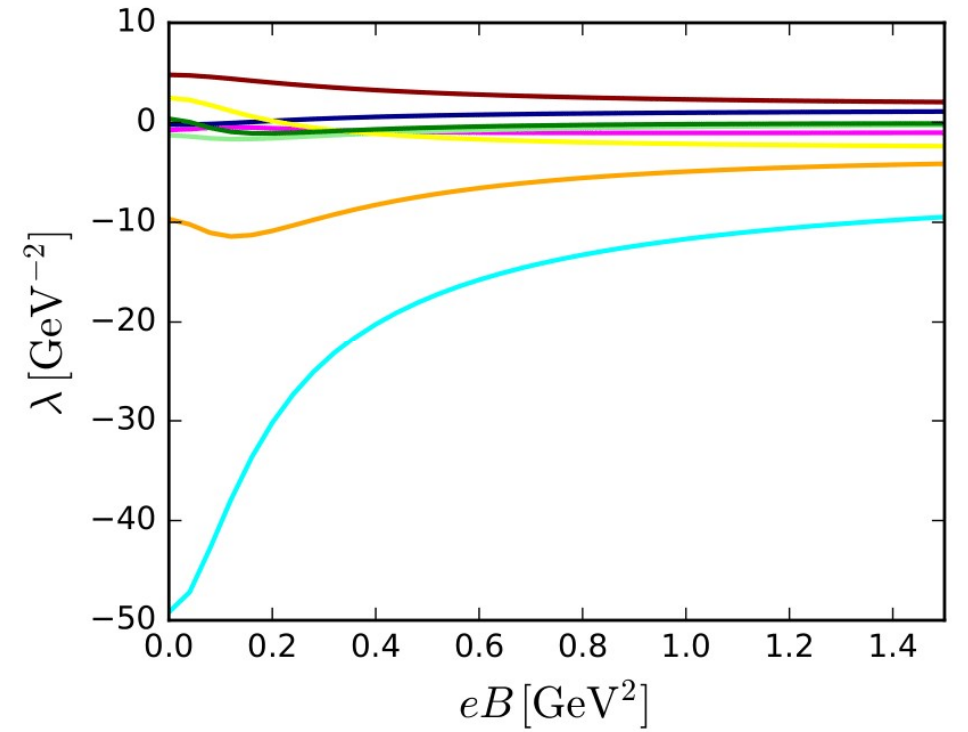
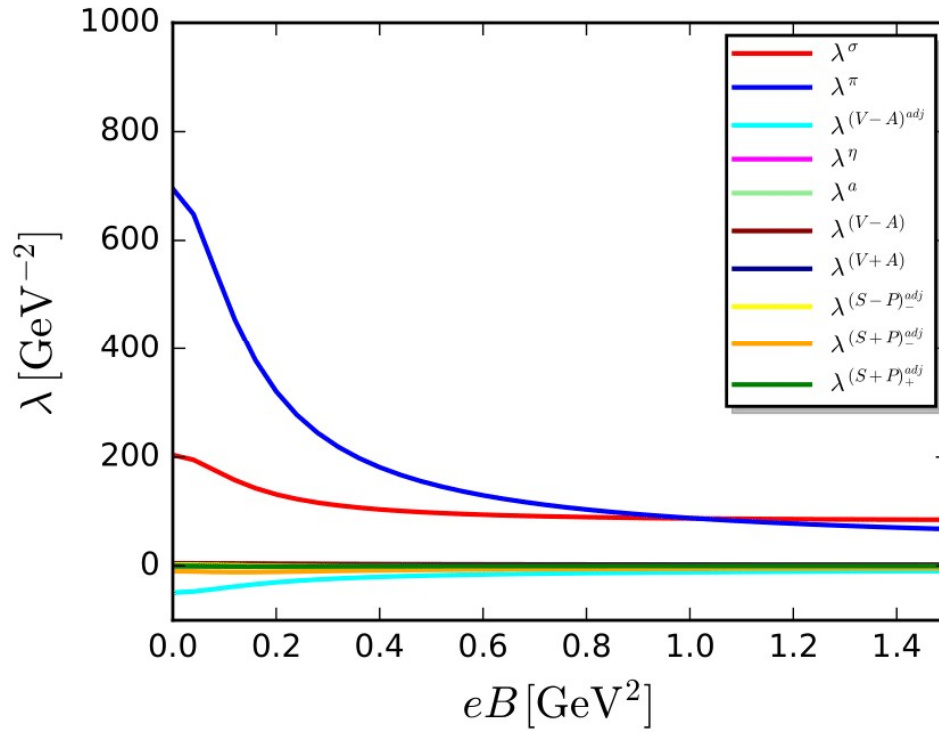
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H. T. Ding, S. T. Li, A. Tomiya, X. D. Wang, and Y. Zhang Phys. Rev. D 105, 034514 (2022)

Four-point quark correlation functions



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Anomalous magnetic moment

Full quark-photon vertex

$$\Gamma_{A\bar{q}q,\mu} = \delta(p + p' + l)Q \otimes \sum_{i=1}^8 \Gamma_{A\bar{q}q,\mu}^{(i)}$$

$$\Gamma_{A\bar{q}q,\mu}^{(i)} = \lambda_{A\bar{q}q}^{(i)} [\mathcal{T}^{(i)}]_{\mu}(p, p', l)$$

Friederike Ihssen, Jan M. Pawłowski, Franz R. Sattler, Nicolas Wink [arXiv:2408.08413](https://arxiv.org/abs/2408.08413)

The classical tensor structure

$$[\mathcal{T}^{(1)}]_{\mu}(p, p', l) = \Pi_{\mu\nu}^{\perp}(l) i\gamma_{\nu},$$

tensor structure related to the anomalous magnetic moment

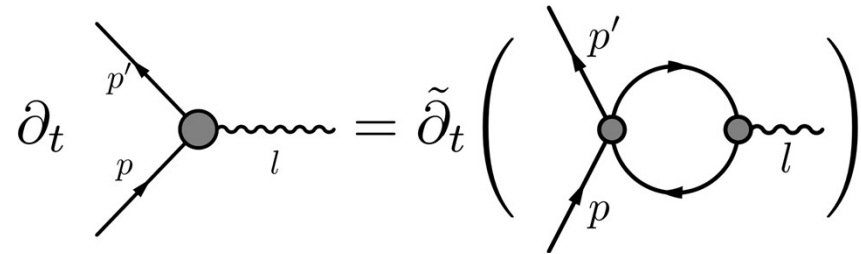
$$[\mathcal{T}^{(4)}]_{\mu}(p, p', l) = i\sigma_{\mu\nu}(l)_{\nu}.$$

We define the form factor

$$F_{2,f}(p, p', l) \equiv 2m\lambda_{A\bar{q}_f q_f}^{(4)}(p, p', l), \quad f \in \{u, d\},$$

And quark AMM

$$\kappa_f \equiv \lim_{l \rightarrow 0} \lambda_{A\bar{q}_f q_f}^{(4)}(p, p', l), \quad f \in \{u, d\},$$



Form factors

The magnetic moments of quarks

$$\mu_f = q_f(1 + F_2(0)) \frac{m_N}{m} \mu_N, \quad f \in \{u, d\}$$

The constituent quark model

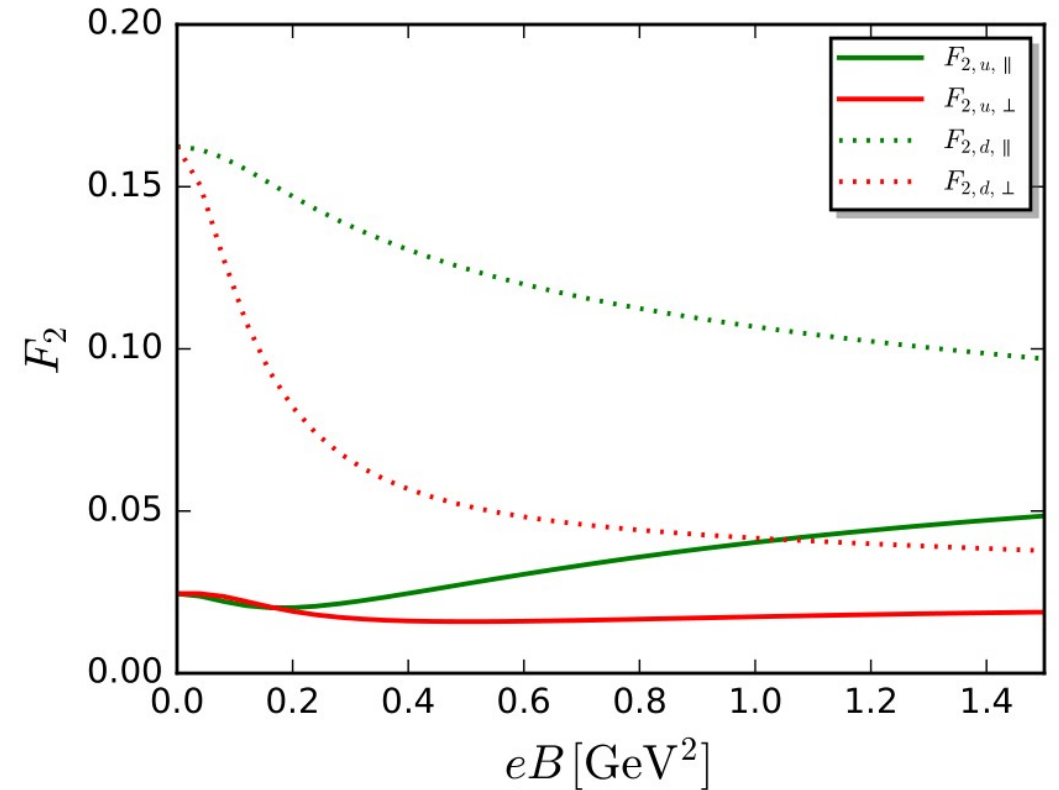
$$\mu_{\text{proton}} = \frac{1}{3}(4\mu_u - \mu_d),$$
$$\mu_{\text{neutron}} = \frac{1}{3}(4\mu_d - \mu_u).$$

Our results with the constituent quark model

$$\mu_{\text{proton}}/\mu_N = 2.7877$$
$$\mu_{\text{neutron}}/\mu_N = -1.9967$$

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$$\mu_{\text{proton}}/\mu_N = 2.7928$$
$$\mu_{\text{neutron}}/\mu_N = -1.9130$$

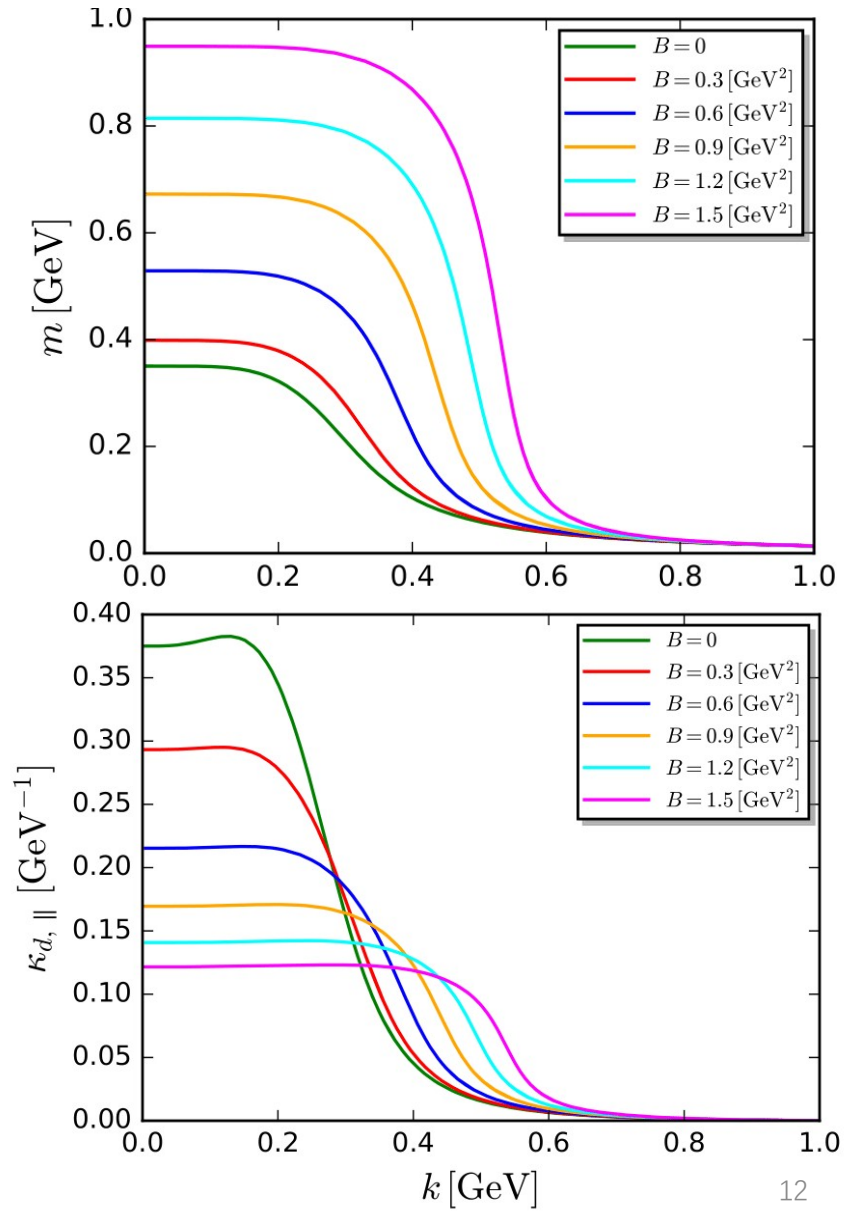
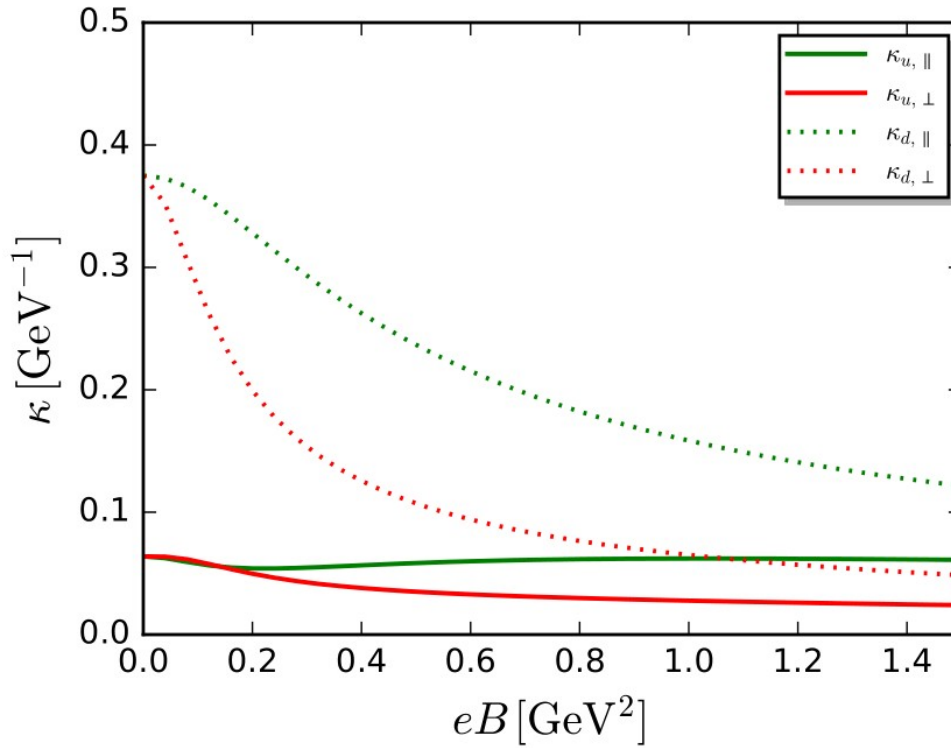


Quarks AMM

$$\partial_t \kappa_{u,\parallel/\perp} = -\frac{1}{6q_u}$$

$$\left[2(3\lambda^a - 3\lambda^\pi - 8\lambda^{(S+P)-}_{-}{}^{adj} + 8\lambda^{(S+P)+}_{+}{}^{adj})q_d \mathcal{L}_{\kappa,\parallel/\perp}(d) \right. \\ \left. + (3\lambda^a - 3\lambda^\eta - 3\lambda^\pi + 3\lambda^\sigma + 16\lambda^{(S+P)+}_{+}{}^{adj})q_u \mathcal{L}_{\kappa,\parallel/\perp}(u) \right].$$

$$\kappa_d/\kappa_u = (q_u^2/q_d^2) \cdot (\mathcal{L}\kappa(u)/\mathcal{L}\kappa(d)) = 4\mathcal{L}\kappa(u)/\mathcal{L}\kappa(d)$$



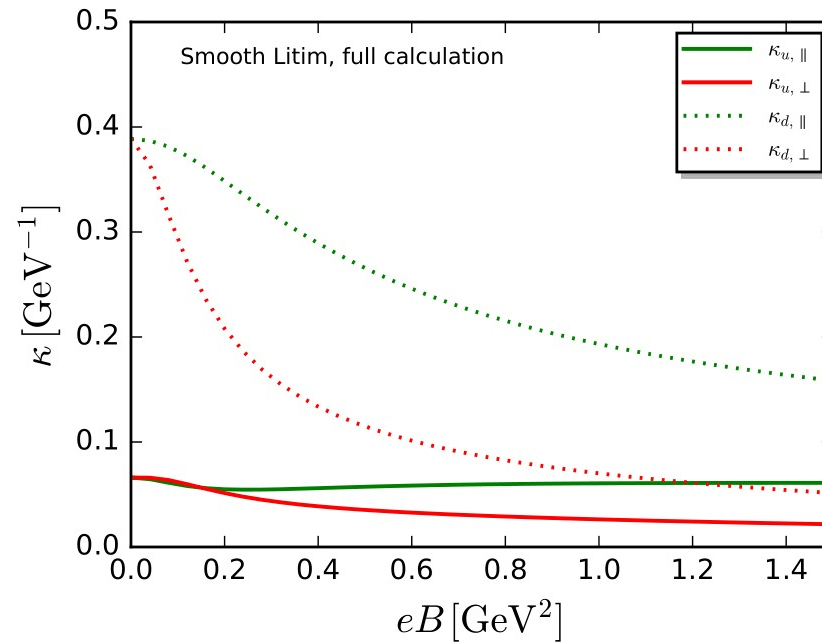
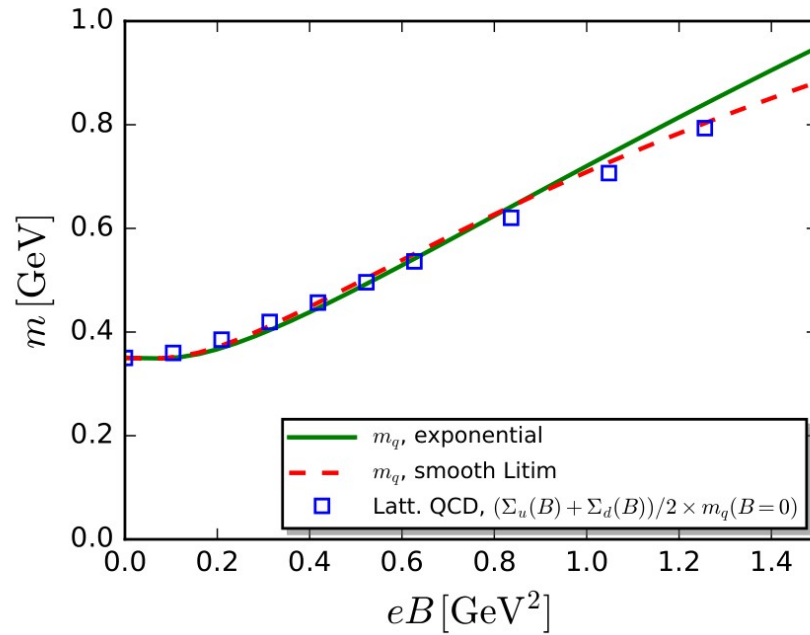
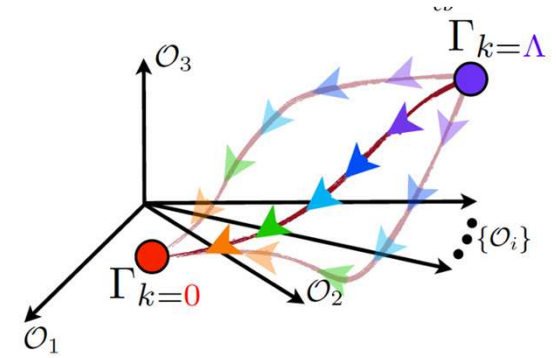
Regulator Dependence

Exponential

$$r_{f,s} = \frac{e^{-x}}{x},$$

A smooth version of the Litim regulator

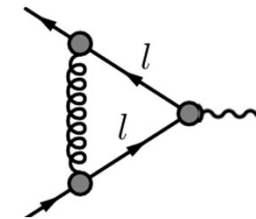
$$r(x) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} - 1 \right) \cdot \frac{1}{1 + e^{\frac{x-1}{a}}}$$



Summary

1. We build a 2-flavor Nambu-Jona-Lasinio type low energy effective theory under magnetic fields, which self-consistently include the Fierz-complete four-quark scatterings through RG flows.
2. The quark mass as a function of the strength of magnetic field are in agreement with the lattice QCD results.
3. The quark AMMs are dynamically generated with the chiral symmetry breaking, and the magnitude of the AMM of the down quark is around 4 times larger than that of the up quark.

We will calculate quark AMM in QCD within in future work.



We hope lattice QCD groups could provide a calculation of the quark AMM.

Thanks for your attention

Backup

Quarks AMM

Expand the loop function

$$\mathcal{L}_{\kappa,\parallel}(f) = \int \frac{q^3 dq}{(2\pi)^2} \tilde{\partial}_t \left\{ - \frac{m(r_q + 1)}{2(m^2 + q^2(r_q + 1)^2)^2} + \frac{m(r_q + 1)(m^2 - 5q^2(r_q + 1)^2)}{6(m^2 + q^2(r_q + 1)^2)^5} (q_f B)^2 + \mathcal{O}(q_f B)^4 \right\}.$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\kappa,\perp}(f) = \int \frac{q^3 dq}{(2\pi)^2} \tilde{\partial}_t \left\{ - \frac{m(r_q + 1)}{2(m^2 + q^2(r_q + 1)^2)^2} + \frac{m^3(r_q + 1)}{(m^2 + q^2(r_q + 1)^2)^5} (q_f B)^2 + \mathcal{O}(q_f B)^4 \right\}.$$

