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**Magnetic catalysis effect kills neutral pion  
superfluidity and vacuum superconductivity in  
strong magnetic field**

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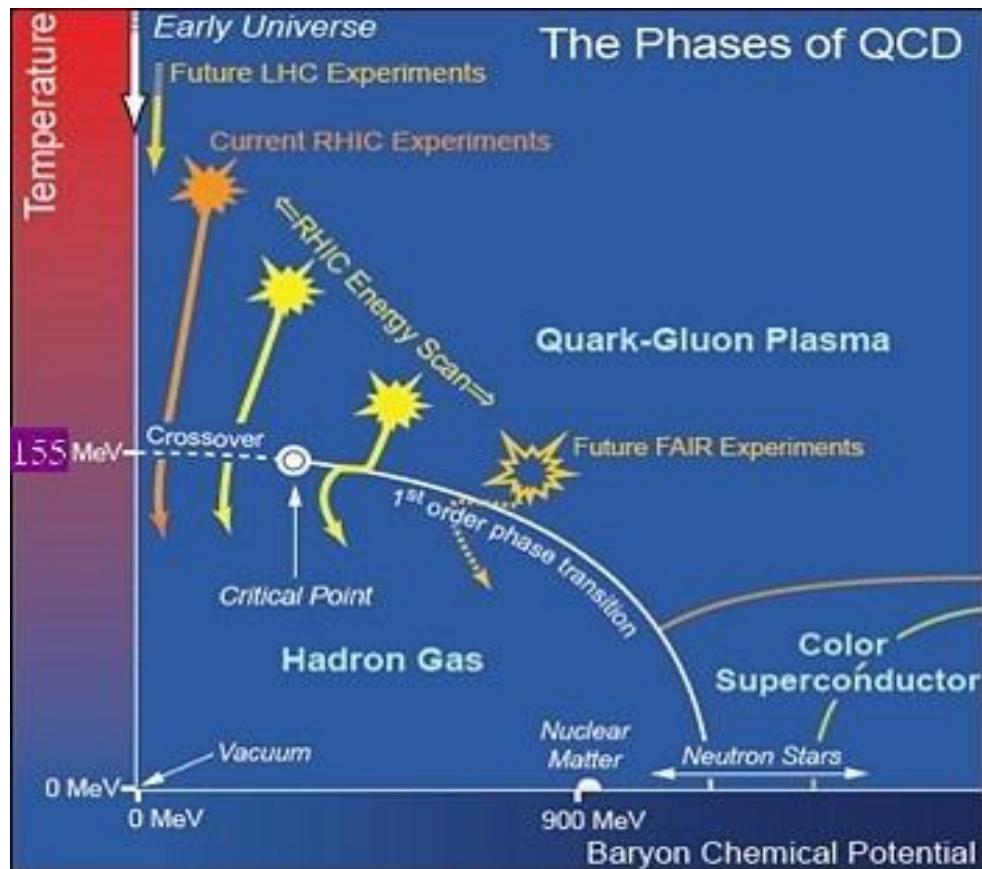
# Outline

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- ◆ Intriguing phenomena in strong magnetic field
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- ◆ NPSF and VSC in three-flavor NJL model
- ◆ Summary and prospective



# Recent focus: $T - \mu$ phase diagram

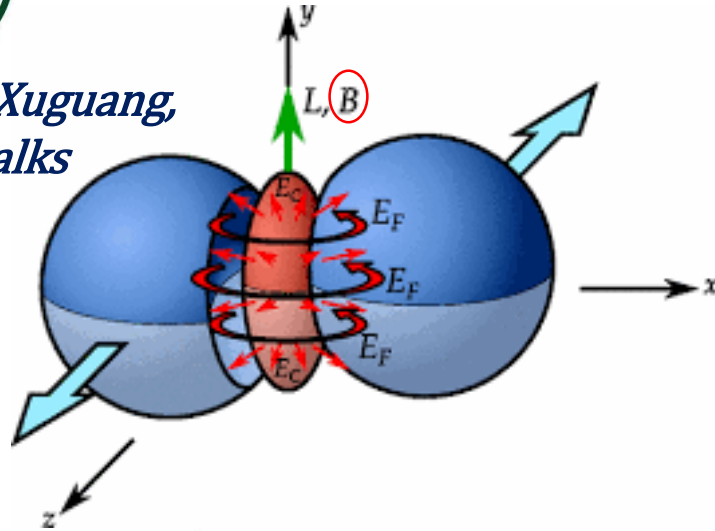


- Crossover at low chemical potential:  $T_c \sim 155 \text{ MeV}$  – LQCD; ( Pengfei 's talk)
- *First-order* chiral transition at moderate chemical potential – effective theories;
- *Critical end point* is now a hot topic – BES II.  
( Xiaofeng's talk)
- In neutron stars, high isospin density might be involved – *charged pion superfluidity*.



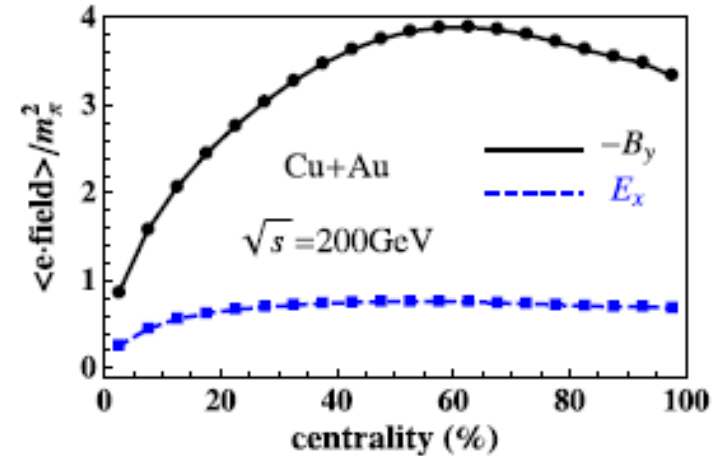
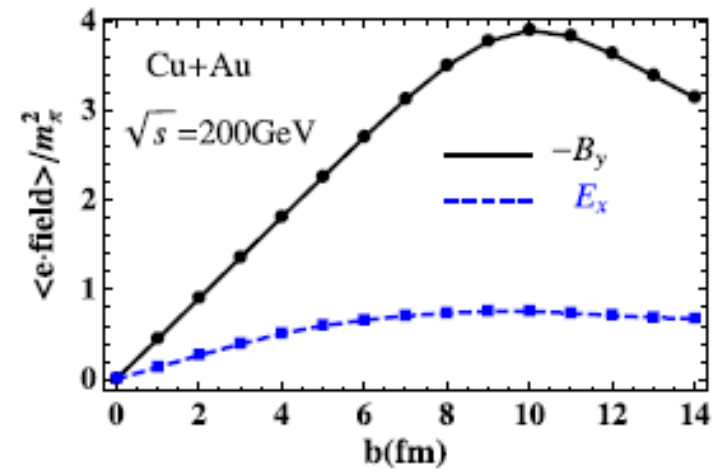
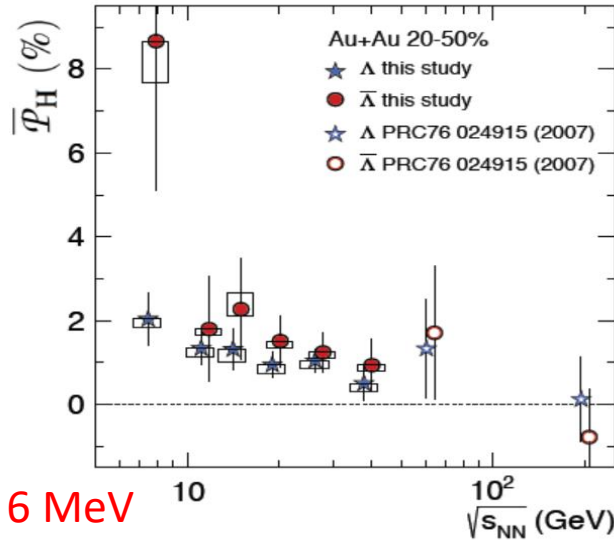
# Extreme conditions in heavy ion collisions

Zhangbu, Xuguang,  
Lianyi's talks



$$\omega \approx (9 \pm 1) \times 10^{21} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$\sim 6 \text{ MeV}$



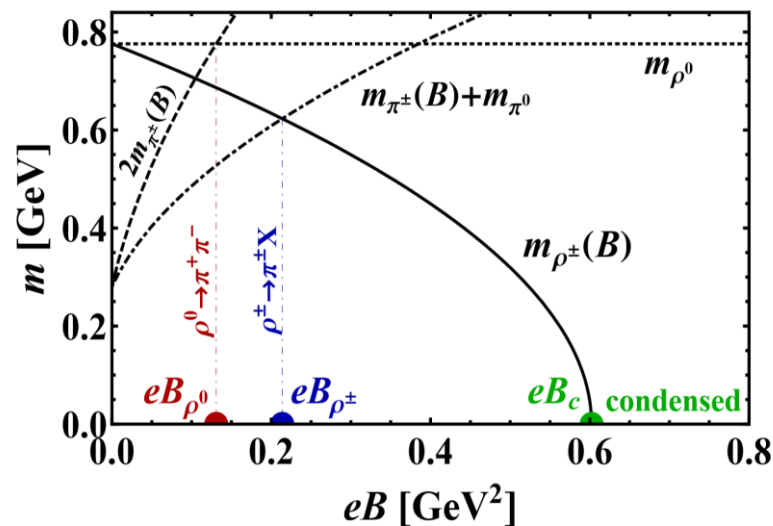
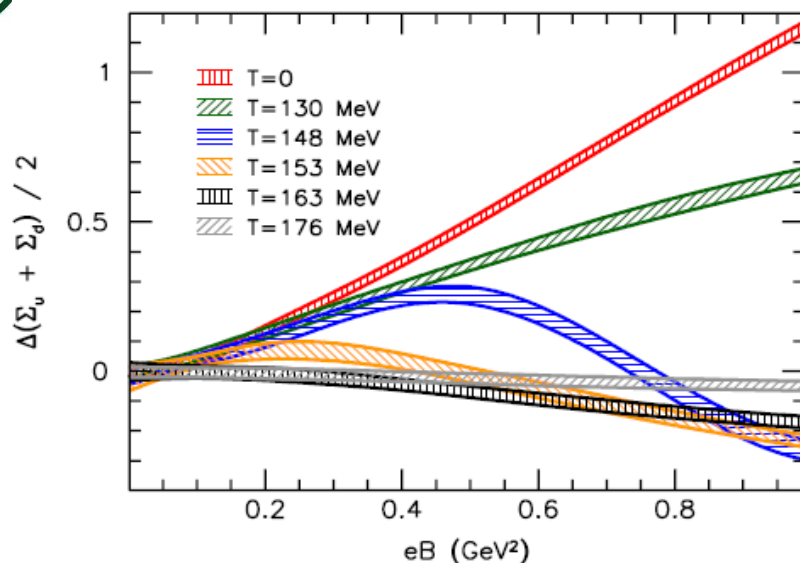
W.-T. Deng, X.-G. Huang, PLB 742, 296 (2015).

L. Adamczyk et al., [STAR Collaboration], Nature 548, 62 (2017)





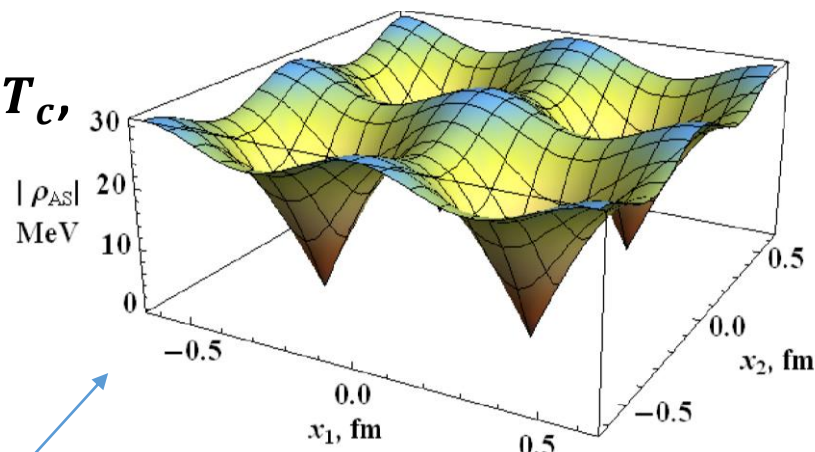
# Intriguing phenomena in strong magnetic field



- (1) At  $T = 0$ ,  $\Sigma$  **increases** with  $B$ ; around  $T_c$ ,  $\Sigma$  **decreases** with  $B$ ;
- (2)  $T_c$  monotonically decreases with  $B$  (**Inverse magnetic catalysis effect**).

[G. Bali, et al., JHEP 1202 \(2012\) 044;](#)  
[Phys.Rev. D86 \(2012\) 071502\(R\).](#)

[M. N. Chernodub, Phys. Rev. D 82, 085011 \(2010\).](#)



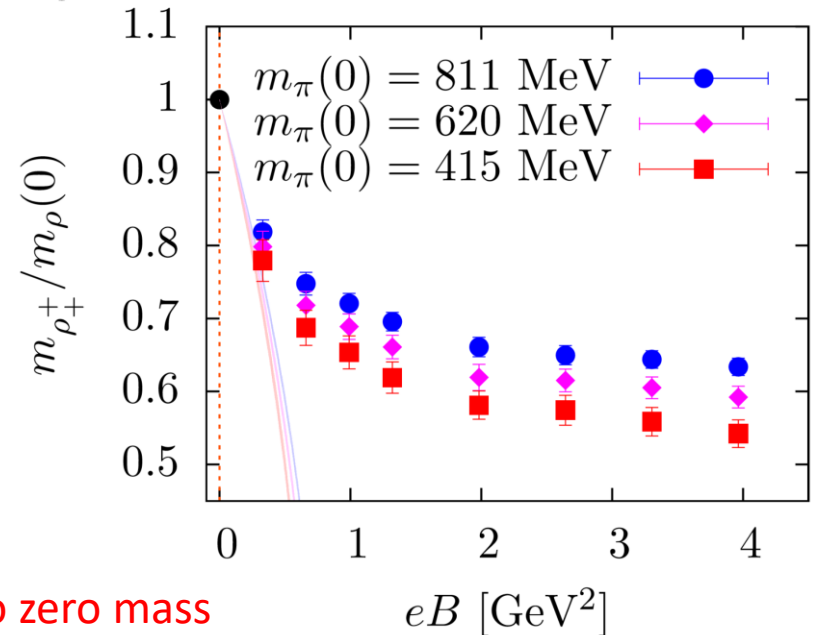
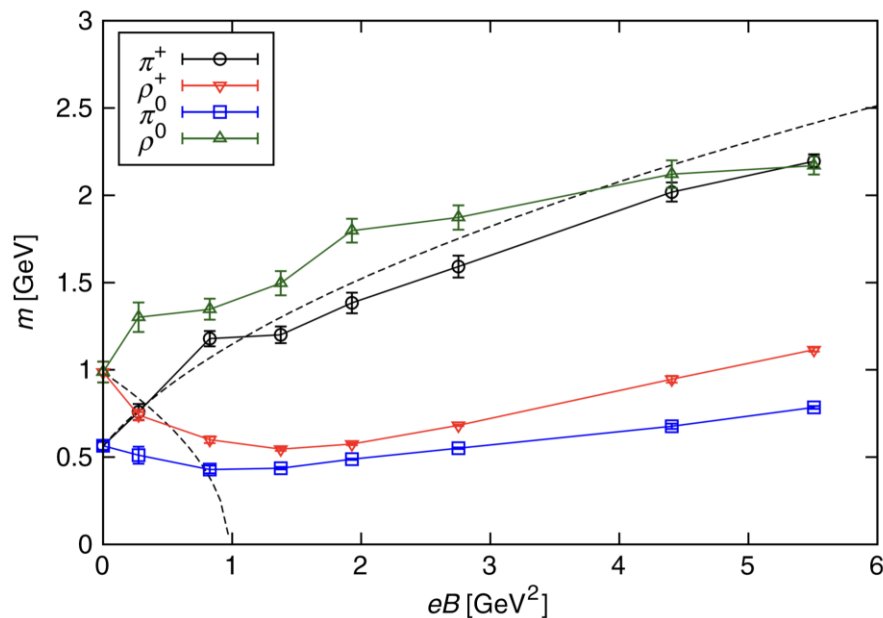
Vacuum superconductivity of QCD at  $eB = m_\rho^2$ , **vortex structure**.



# Vafa-Witten theorem and Lattice QCD results

Wikipedia: vector-like global symmetry such as isospin and baryon number in vector-like gauge theories like QCD cannot be spontaneously broken as long as the theta angle is zero. ([VW theorem](#))

$$\left| \text{Tr} F \frac{1}{\not{D} + m + \epsilon \Gamma} \right| \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\epsilon C)^n}{m^{n+1}} = \frac{\epsilon C}{m} \frac{1}{m - \epsilon C}. \quad \xrightarrow{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} 0$$



[Y. Hidaka and A. Yamamoto, PRD 87, 094502 \(2013\).](#)

[G. Bali, et al., PRD 97, 034505 \(2018\).](#)



# NPSF and VSC in two-flavor NJL model

Lagrangian:  $\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} (i\mathcal{D} - m_0) \psi + G_S \left[ (\bar{\psi}\psi)^2 + (\bar{\psi}i\gamma_5 \boldsymbol{\tau}\psi)^2 \right]$   
 $-G_V \left[ (\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu \boldsymbol{\tau}^a \psi)^2 + (\bar{\psi}i\gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \boldsymbol{\tau}^a \psi)^2 \right].$   
Vector interaction

Hubbard-Stratonovich  
Transformation:

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} \left[ i\tilde{\mathcal{D}} - m_0 - \sigma - i\gamma_5 (\tau_3 \pi^0 + \tau_\pm \pi^\pm) \right] \psi -$$

$$\frac{\sigma^2 + (\pi^0)^2 + \pi^\mp \pi^\pm}{4G_S} + \frac{(\omega^\mu)^2 + (\rho_0^\mu)^2 + \rho_\mu^\mp \rho^{\pm\mu} + (A^{a\mu})^2}{4G_V},$$

$$\tilde{D}_\mu = \partial_\mu + i(qA_\mu - \omega_\mu - \tau_3 \rho_{0\mu} - \tau_\pm \rho^{\pm\mu} - i\gamma_5 \tau^a A_\mu^a),$$

$$A_\mu = (0, 0, -Bx_1, 0)$$

Meson spectra:

$$D_{SS}^{-1}(y, x) = -\frac{e^{-iq_S \int_x^y A \cdot dx}}{2G_S} + \frac{i}{V_4} \text{Tr } \mathcal{G} \Gamma_{S^*} \mathcal{G} \Gamma_S,$$

$$D_{\bar{V}_\mu \bar{V}_\nu}^{-1}(y, x) = \frac{e^{-iq_V \int_x^y A \cdot dx} g_{\mu\nu}}{2G_V} + \frac{i}{V_4} \text{Tr } \mathcal{G} \Gamma_{\bar{V}_\mu^*} \mathcal{G} \Gamma_{\bar{V}_\nu},$$

$\mathcal{G} = \text{diag}(G_u, G_d)$   
Quark propagator

Vertices:  $\Gamma_{\sigma/\sigma^*} = -1, \Gamma_{\pi^0/\pi^{0*}} = -i\gamma^5 \tau_3, \Gamma_{\pi_\pm} = -i\gamma^5 \tau_\pm, \Gamma_{\bar{\omega}_\mu/\bar{\omega}_\mu^*} = \bar{\gamma}_\mu^\pm, \Gamma_{\bar{\rho}_{0\mu}/\bar{\rho}_{0\mu}^*} = \bar{\gamma}_\mu^\pm \tau_3, \Gamma_{\bar{\rho}_{\pm\mu}} = \bar{\gamma}_\mu^\pm \tau_\pm,$



# Intuition in lowest Landau level approximation

GL expansion  
coefficients:

$$\begin{aligned} -D_{\pi^0\pi^0}^{-1}(0) &= \frac{1}{2G_S} - \frac{N_c}{\pi} \int \frac{d^2k}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{|eB|}{k^2 + m^2}, \\ -D_{\bar{\rho}_1^+\rho_1^+}^{-1}(0) &= \frac{1}{2G_V} - \frac{16N_c}{9\pi} \int \frac{d^2k}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{|eB|}{k^2 + m^2}. \end{aligned}$$

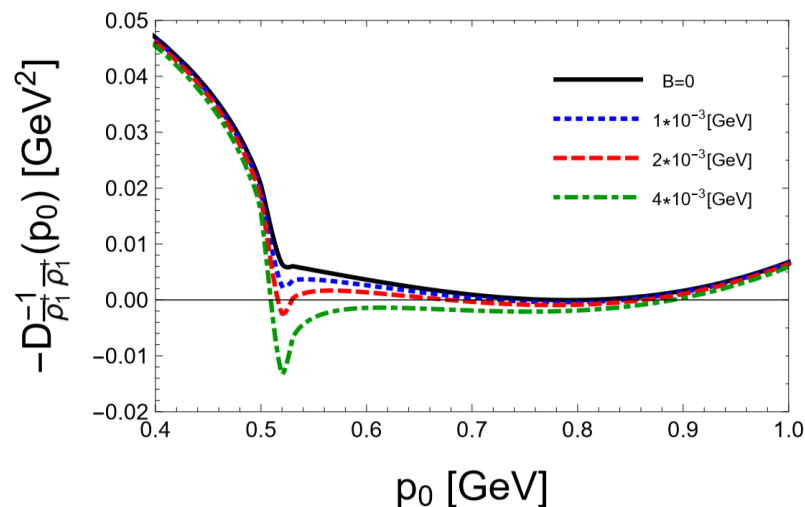
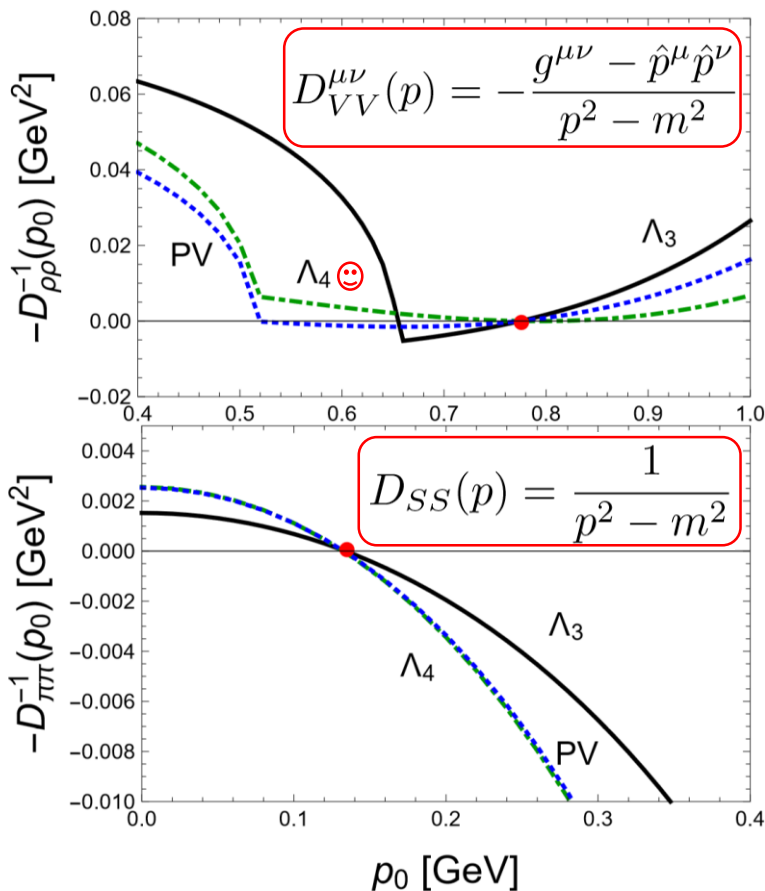
## Discussions

- 1) GLECs both **decrease** with magnetic field thus **favor mass reductions** for small B, where quark mass is almost a constant;
- 2)  **$\rho$  meson** mass decreases **more quickly** with a **larger coefficient** in front of B;
- 3) Magnetic catalysis effect (MCE) gives  $-D_{\pi^0\pi^0}^{-1}(0) = \frac{m_0}{2mG_S}$ , thus **disfavors** NPSF;
- 4) **Both u and d quarks** are involved in **single polarization loop** for rho meson, thus more sensitive to mass splitting.





# Invalidity to physical $\rho$ meson with $m_\rho > 2m_q$

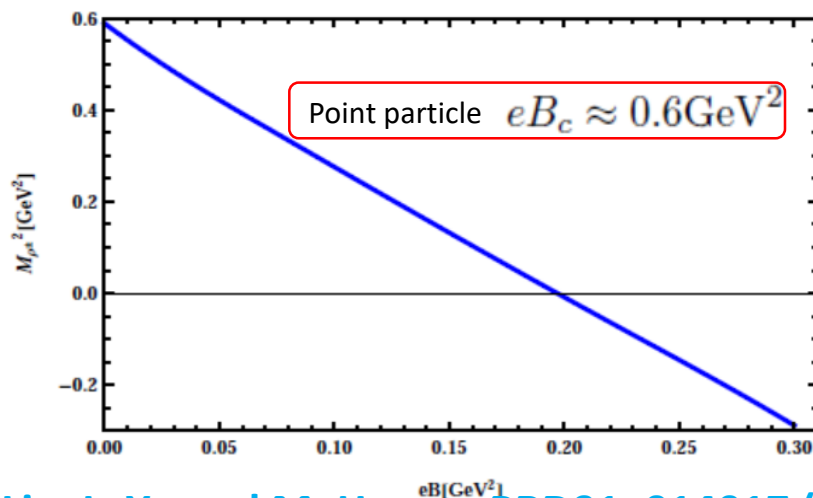
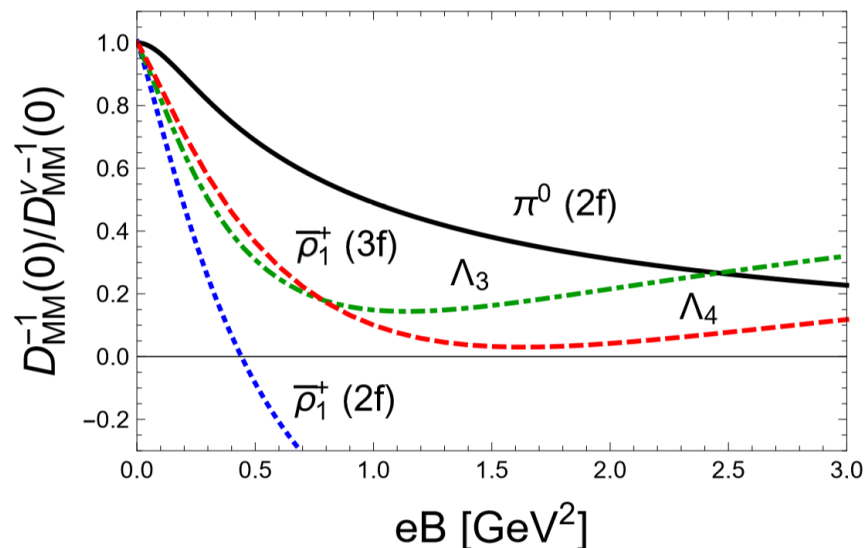
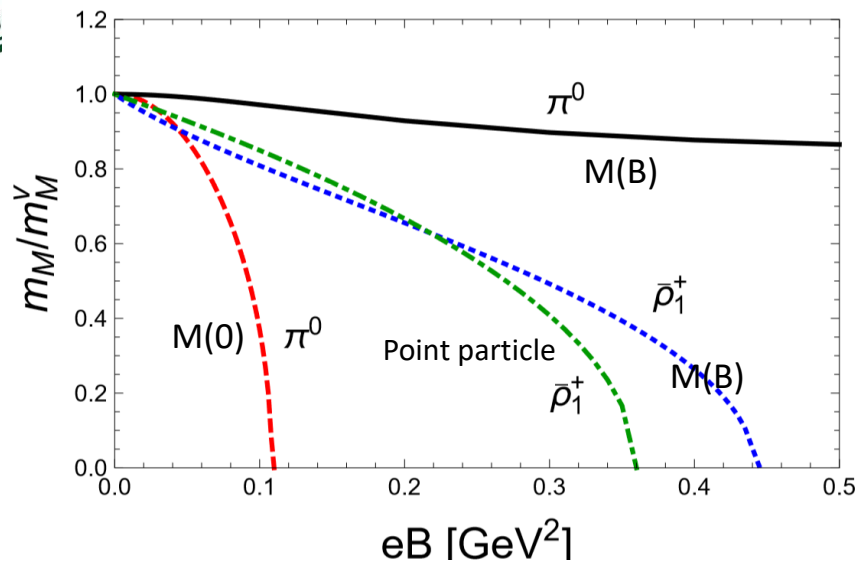


The pole mass of  $\bar{\rho}_1^+$  varies **quickly** and **discontinuously** with  $B$  due to the **strong dip** around  $2m_q$

For vanishing  $B$ , only **four-momentum cutoff** gives the **correct signs** around the poles



# Meson spectra



MCE **disfavors** NPSF  
(consistent with M. Huang's results)  
and **delays** VSC  
(inconsistent with M. Huang's results)

GL expansion coefficients are consistent  
with the mass spectra

[H. Liu, L. Yu and M. Huang, PRD91, 014017 \(2015\).](#)



# NPSF and VSC in three-flavor NJL model

Lagrangian:  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{NJL}} = \bar{\psi}(i\not{D} - m_0)\psi + G_S \sum_{a=0}^8 [(\bar{\psi}\lambda^a\psi)^2 + (\bar{\psi}i\gamma_5\lambda^a\psi)^2]$

$+ \mathcal{L}_6 - G_V \left[ (\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\tau^a\psi)^2 + (\bar{\psi}i\gamma^\mu\gamma_5\tau^a\psi)^2 \right]$  Vector interaction

$\mathcal{L}_6 = -K \sum_{s=\pm} \text{Det}\bar{\psi}\Gamma^s\psi$  t' Hooft determinant

Reduced Four-fermion interaction theory:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NJL}}^4 = \bar{\psi}(i\not{D} - m_0)\psi + \sum_{a,b=0}^8 \left[ G_{ab}^- (\bar{\psi}\lambda^a\psi)(\bar{\psi}\lambda^b\psi) + G_{ab}^+ (\bar{\psi}i\gamma_5\lambda^a\psi)(\bar{\psi}i\gamma_5\lambda^b\psi) \right]$$

$$- G_V \left[ (\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\tau^a\psi)^2 + (\bar{\psi}i\gamma^\mu\gamma_5\tau^a\psi)^2 \right]$$

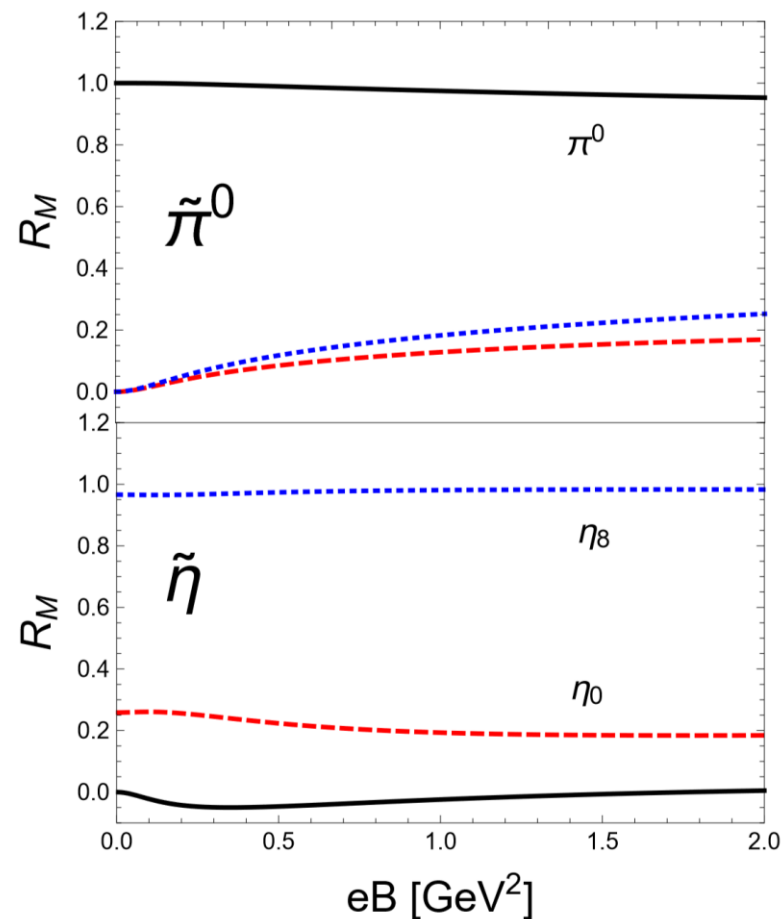
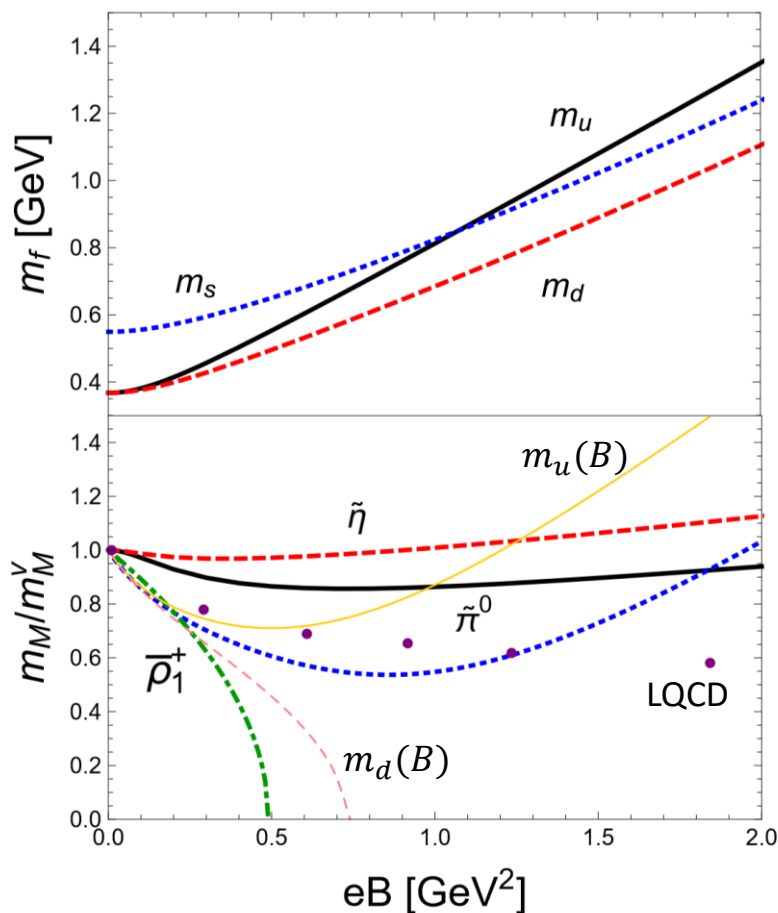
Coupling matrices:

$$G_{00}^\mp = G_S \mp \frac{K}{3} \sum_{f=u,d,s} \sigma_f, \quad G_{11}^\mp = G_{22}^\mp = G_{33}^\mp = G_S \pm \frac{K}{2} \sigma_s, \quad G_{44}^\mp = G_{55}^\mp = G_S \pm \frac{K}{2} \sigma_d, \quad G_{66}^\mp = G_{77}^\mp = G_S \pm \frac{K}{2} \sigma_u,$$

$$G_{88}^\mp = G_S \mp \frac{K}{6} (\sigma_s - 2\sigma_u - 2\sigma_d), \quad G_{08}^\mp = \mp \frac{\sqrt{2}K}{12} (2\sigma_s - \sigma_u - \sigma_d), \quad G_{38}^\mp = -\sqrt{2}G_{03}^\mp = \mp \frac{\sqrt{3}K}{6} (\sigma_u - \sigma_d).$$



# Meson spectra



Splitting MCE to quarks with different charges, which disfavors VSC. Semi-quantitatively consistent with LQCD.

Flavor mixings of pseudoscalar mesons



## Summary and prospective

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- The fate of neutral pion superfluidity and vacuum superconductivity in strong magnetic field are rechecked and compared within two- and three-flavor NJL model;
- We found similar natures for the reductions of  $\pi^0$  and  $\bar{\rho}_1^+$  masses in weak B region;
- NPSF never happens due to MCE, VSC gets delayed in 2f-NJL model and is disfavored in 3f-NJL model due to splitting MCE;
- Extension to system with parallel magnetic field and rotation – charged  $\rho$  meson condensation similar to charged pion.

*Thanks!*





# Backup I: Vacuum regularization for $\rho$ meson

$$\begin{aligned}
 -D_{\bar{\rho}_1^+ \bar{\rho}_1^+}^{-1} &= \frac{1}{2G_V} + \Delta \Pi_{\bar{\rho}_1^+ \bar{\rho}_1^+} - 8N_c \int^{\text{reg}} \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \left( 1 + \frac{eB}{k_4^2 + E_{\mathbf{k}}^2} \right) \frac{m^2 + k_4(k_4 + p_4) + k_3^2}{(k_4^2 + E_{\mathbf{k}}^2)[(k_4 + p_4)^2 + E_{\mathbf{k}}^2]} \\
 &= \Pi_{\bar{\rho}_1^+ \bar{\rho}_1^+}(p_4) - \Pi_{\bar{\rho}_1^+ \bar{\rho}_1^+}^{o(B^2)}(p_4)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Pi_{\bar{\rho}_1^+ \bar{\rho}_1^+}(p_4) = -\frac{N_c}{4\pi^2} \int \frac{ds}{s} \int_{-1}^1 du e^{-s(m^2 + u^+ u^- p_4^2)} \left( m^2 + \frac{1}{s} - u^+ u^- p_4^2 \right) \frac{[1 + \tanh B_u^{s+}][1 - \tanh B_d^{s-}]}{\tanh B_u^{s+}/B_u^s + \tanh B_d^{s-}/B_d^s}$$

$$\Pi_{\bar{\rho}_1^+ \bar{\rho}_1^+}^{o(B^2)}(p_4) = -\frac{N_c}{4\pi^2} \int \frac{ds}{s} \int_{-1}^1 du e^{-s\left(m^2 + \frac{1-u^2}{4} p_4^2\right)} \left( m^2 + \frac{1}{s} - \frac{1-u^2}{4} p_4^2 \right) \left( 1 + \frac{eBs}{2} \right)$$

The introduced regularization has **no interplay** with magnetic field  $B$ .

! Proper-time integral is **ultraviolet divergent** for  $p_4 = ip_0$  with  $p_0 > 2m_q$

**Mathematical artifact**

Solution: variable transformation  $s \left( m^2 + \frac{1-u^2}{4} p_4^2 \right) \rightarrow s$



## Backup II: Landau-level presentations

Ultraviolet divergence can be eliminated by using Landau-level presentation:

$$S_f(k) = -i e^{-\frac{\mathbf{k}_\perp^2}{|q_f B|}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{D_n(q_f B, k)}{k_4^2 + k_3^2 + m^2 + 2n|q_f B|},$$

$$D_n(q_f B, k) = (m - k_4 - k_3) \left[ \mathcal{P}_+^f L_n \left( \frac{2\mathbf{k}_\perp^2}{|q_f B|} \right) - \mathcal{P}_-^f L_{n-1} \left( \frac{2\mathbf{k}_\perp^2}{|q_f B|} \right) \right] + 4(k_1 + k_2) L_{n-1}^1 \left( \frac{2\mathbf{k}_\perp^2}{|q_f B|} \right)$$

Polarization becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_{\bar{\rho}_1^+ \bar{\rho}_1^+}(B, p_4) &= -32N_c \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n'=0}^{\infty} \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-\frac{\mathbf{k}_\perp^2}{|q_u B|} - \frac{\mathbf{k}_\perp^2}{|q_d B|}} \frac{(m^2 + k_3^2 + (k_4 + p_4)k_4) L_n \left( \frac{2\mathbf{k}_\perp^2}{|q_u B|} \right) L_{n'} \left( \frac{2\mathbf{k}_\perp^2}{|q_d B|} \right)}{((k_4 + p_4)^2 + E_u^{B^2})(k_4^2 + E_d^{B^2})} \\ &= -4N_c \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n'=0}^{\infty} \frac{eB}{\pi} \int \frac{d\mathbf{k}_3}{(2\pi)} \left[ \frac{(m^2 + E_u^B E_d^B + k_3^2) G_{nn'}}{p_4^2 + (E_u^B + E_d^B)^2} \left( \frac{1}{E_u^B} + \frac{1}{E_d^B} \right) \right], \end{aligned}$$

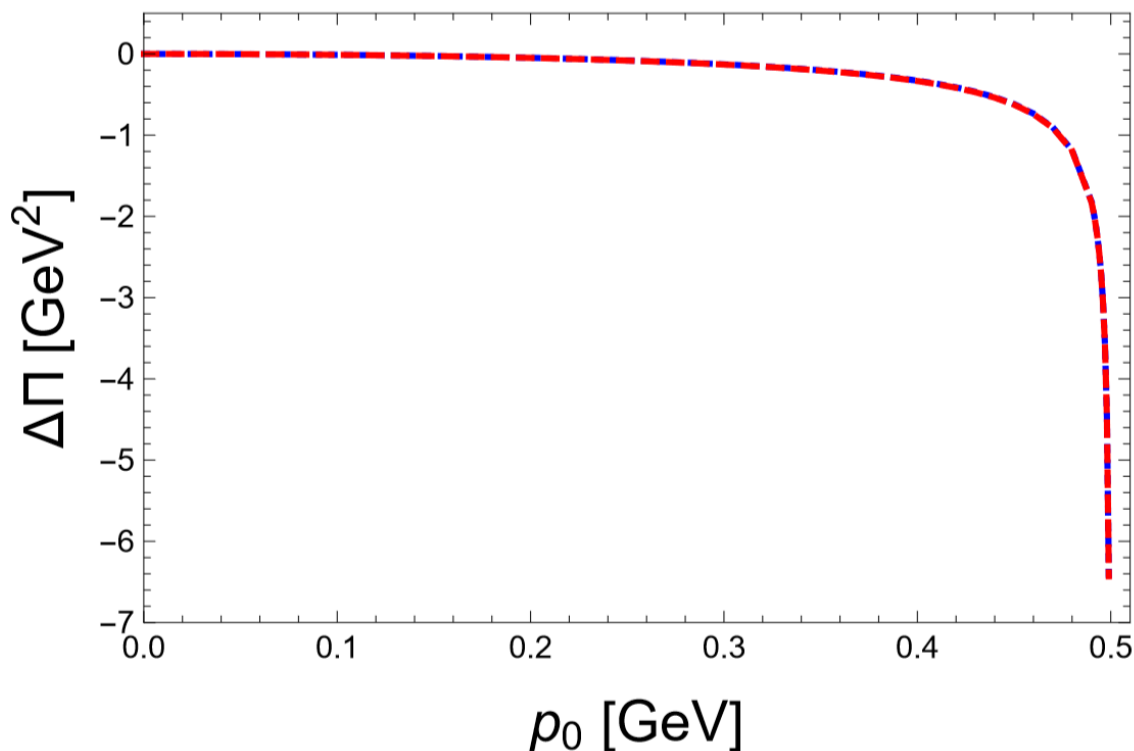
$$E_u^B \equiv \sqrt{k_3^2 + m^2 + 2n|q_u B|} \quad E_d^B \equiv \sqrt{k_3^2 + m^2 + 2n'|q_d B|}$$

$$G_{nn'} \equiv \int_0^\infty dx e^{-\left(\frac{1}{|\tilde{q}_u|} + \frac{1}{|\tilde{q}_d|}\right)x} L_n \left( \frac{2x}{|\tilde{q}_u|} \right) L_{n'} \left( \frac{2x}{|\tilde{q}_d|} \right) = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{k'=0}^{n'} \binom{n}{n-k} \binom{n'}{n'-k'} \binom{k+k'}{k} (-2|\tilde{q}_d|)^{k+1} (-2|\tilde{q}_u|)^{k'+1}$$



## Backup II: equality between proper-time and Landau-level presentations

$$\Delta\Pi \equiv [\Pi_{\bar{\rho}_1^+ \bar{\rho}_1^+}(B_2, i p_0) - \Pi_{\bar{\rho}_1^+ \bar{\rho}_1^+}(B_2, 0)] - (B_2 \rightarrow B_1)$$



They are **precisely consistent** with each other  
up to  $2m_q$