

# The Quark *Mass Gap* in *Strong* Magnetic Fields

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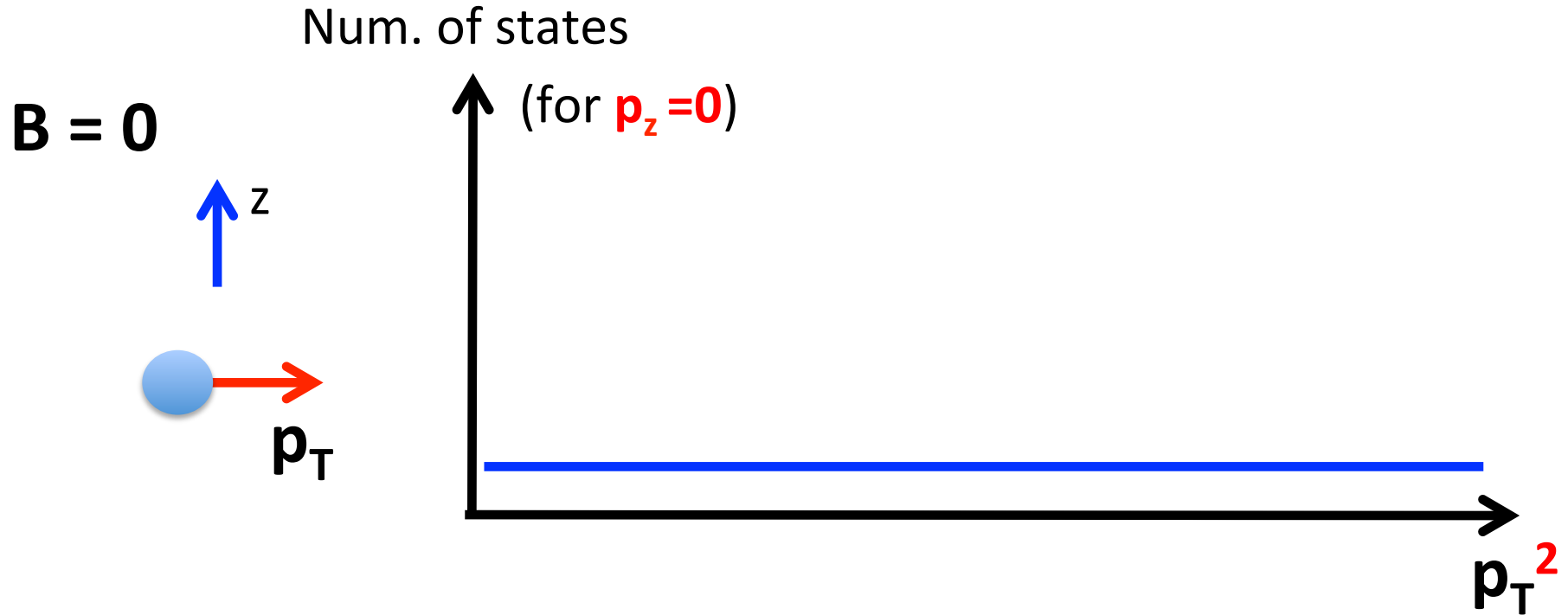
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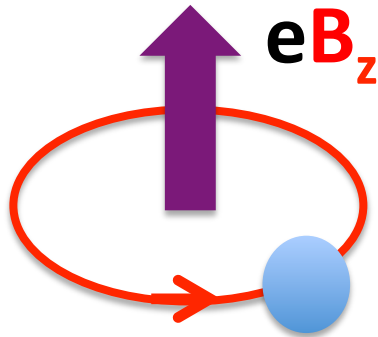
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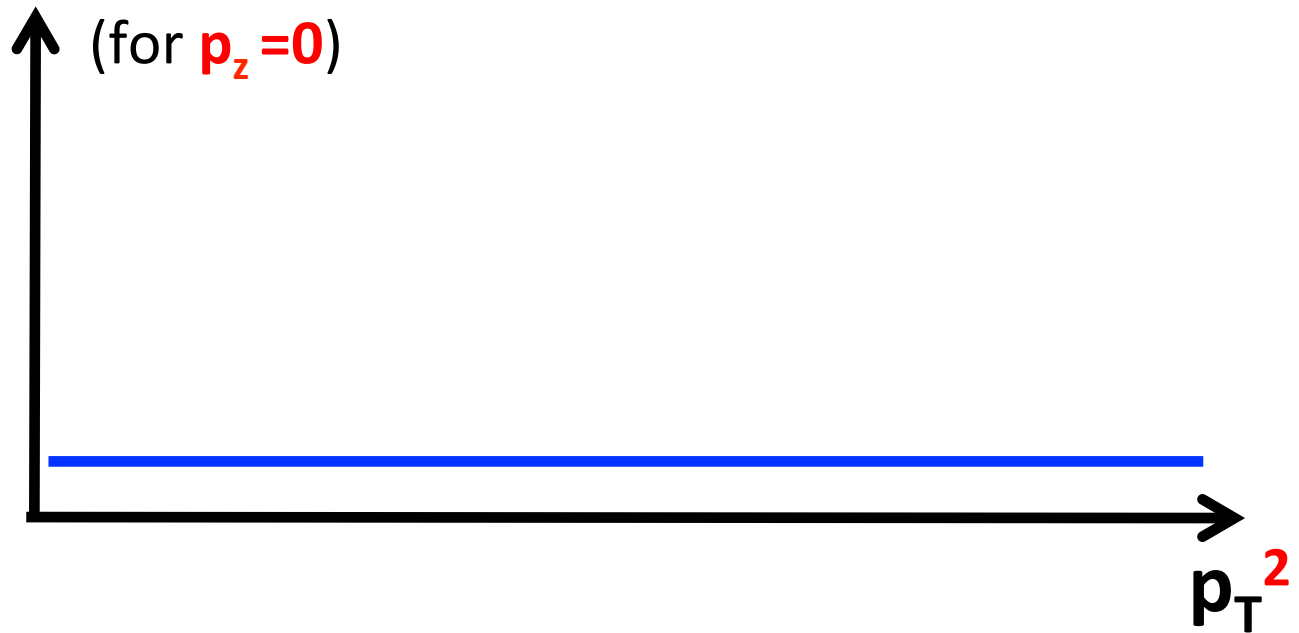
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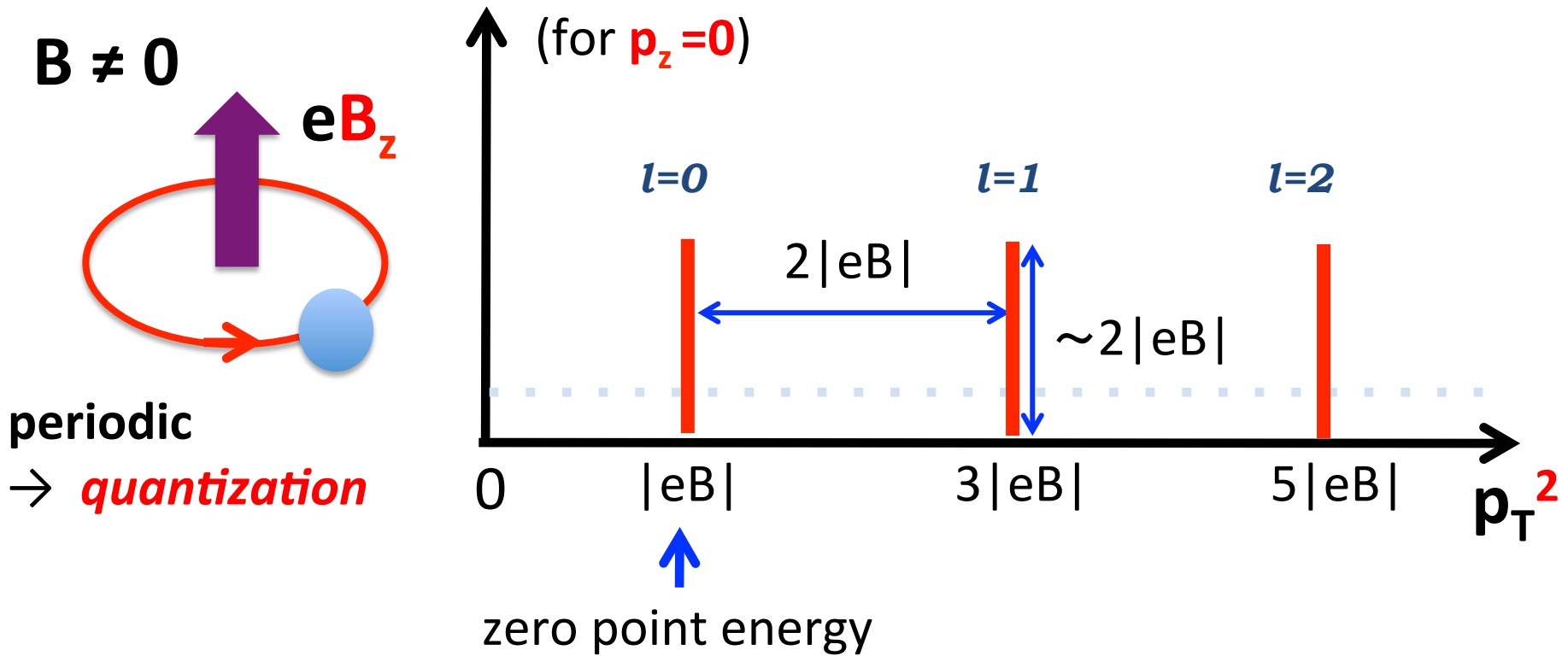
→ *quantization*



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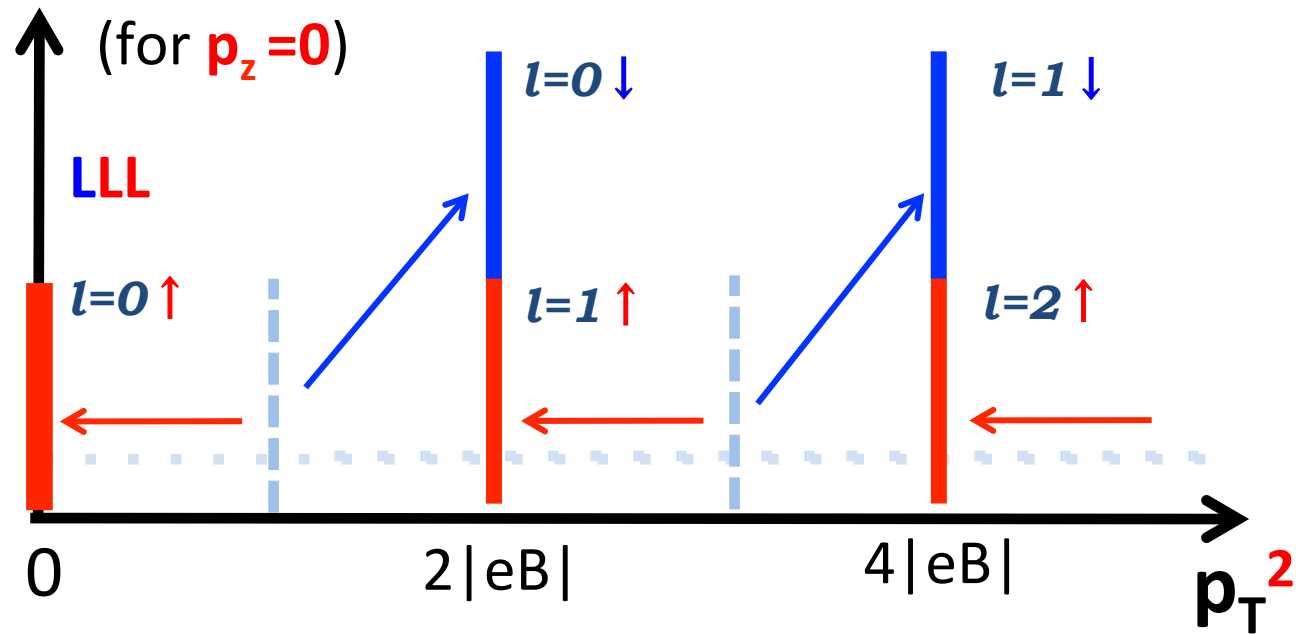
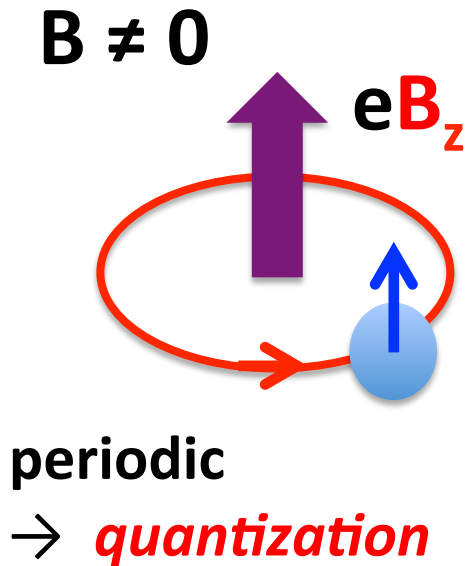
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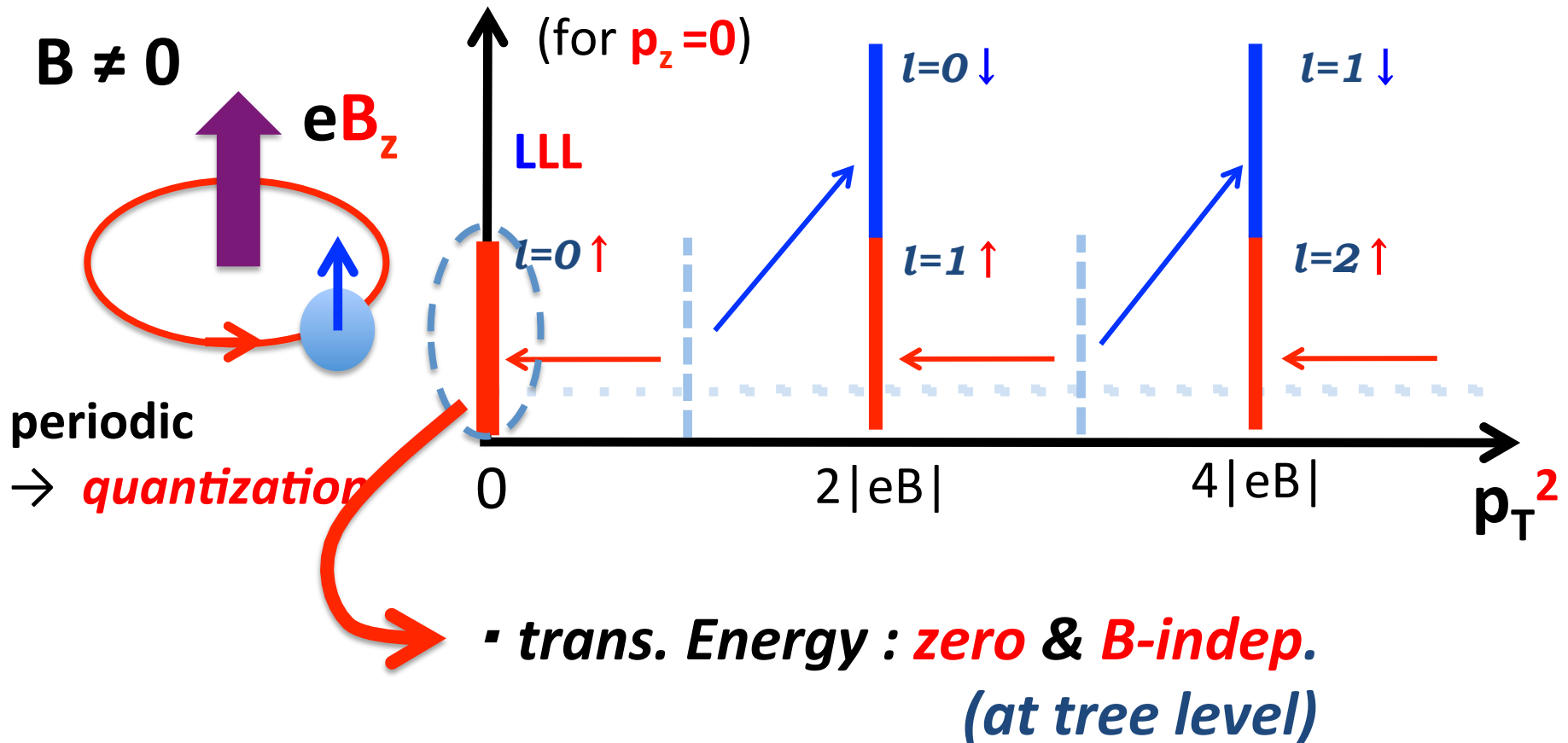
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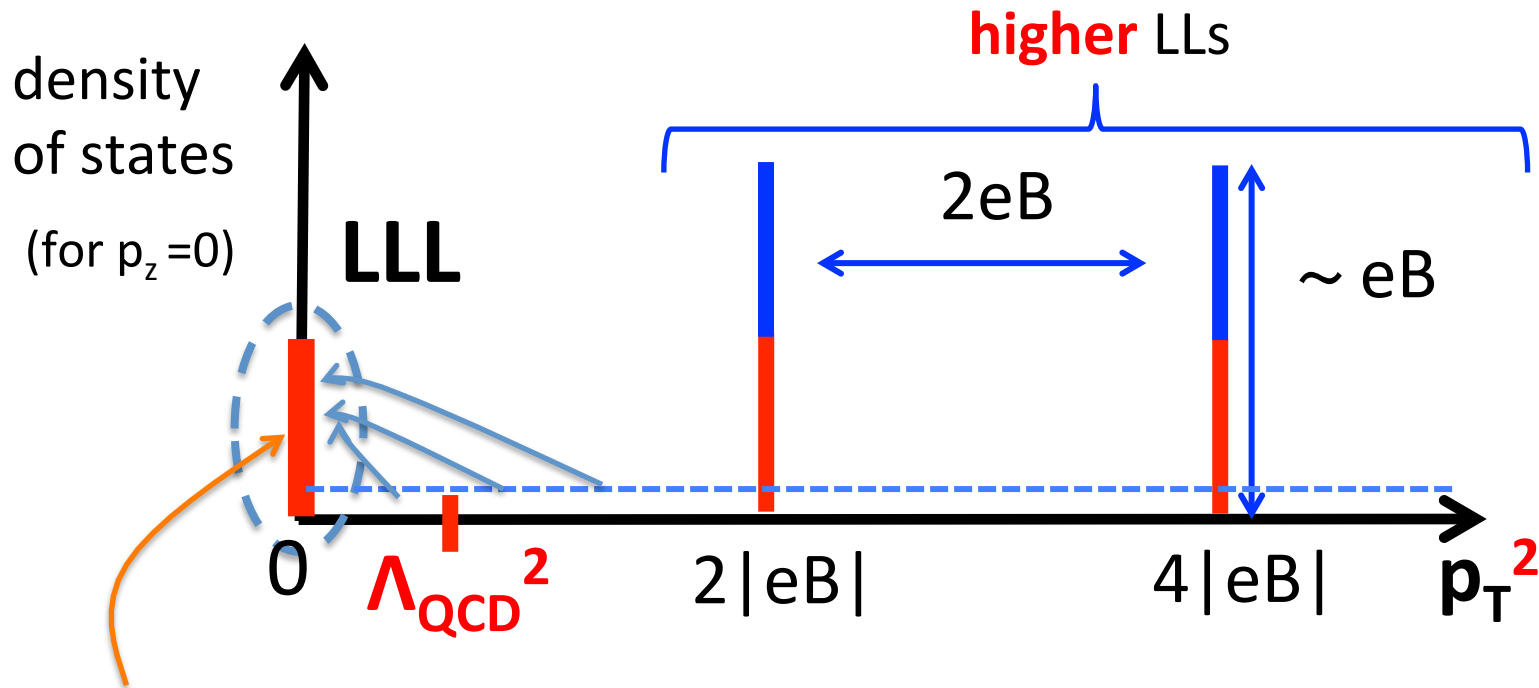
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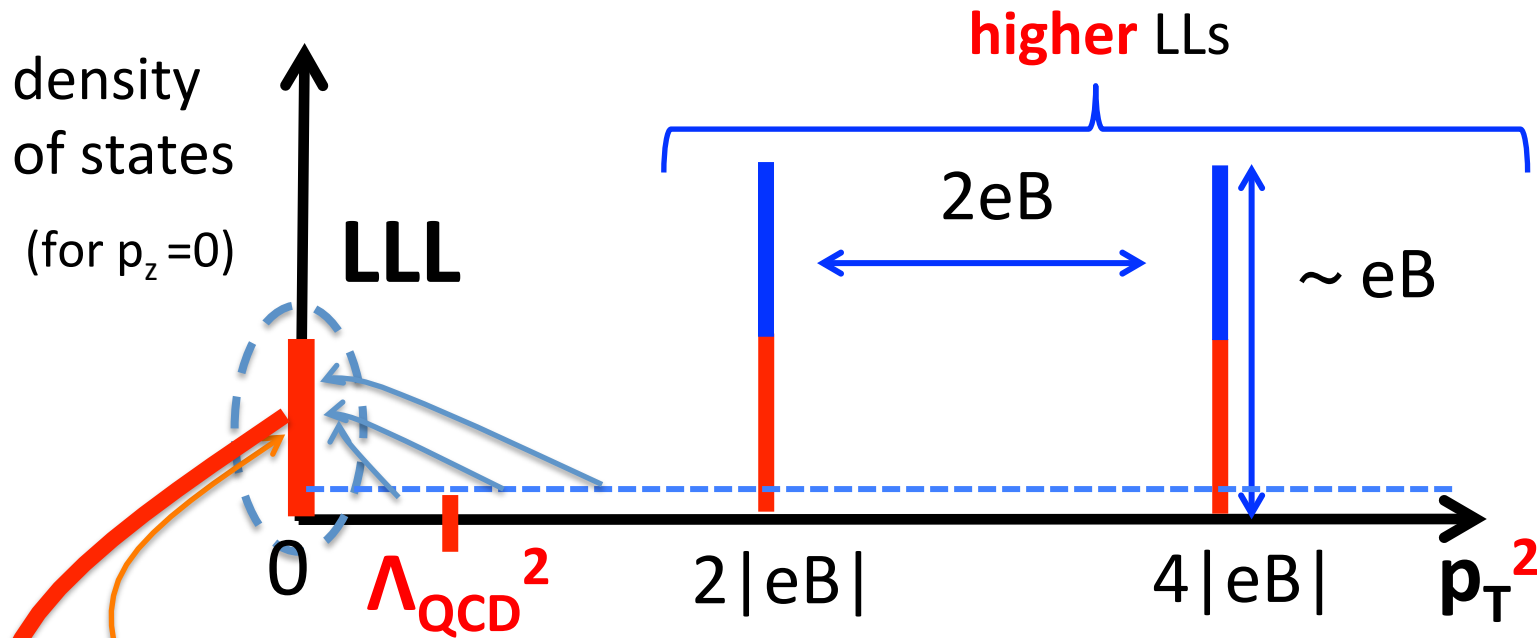


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specialized to *quantum fluctuations* of quarks



# Important formula

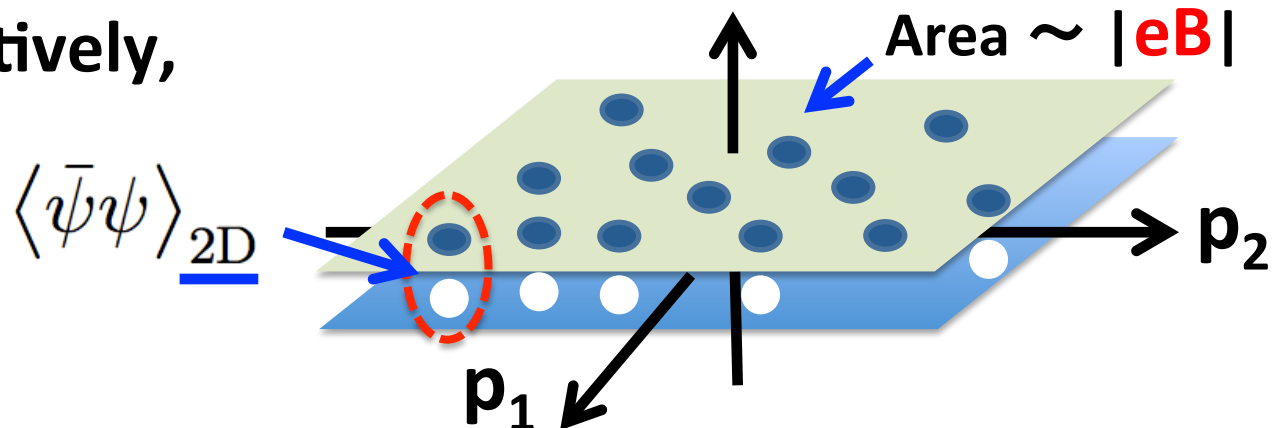
*“Ritus bases”*

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*(degeneracy factor)*

Intuitively,



# Theoretical Problems:

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*(NJL or QED type models, ...)*

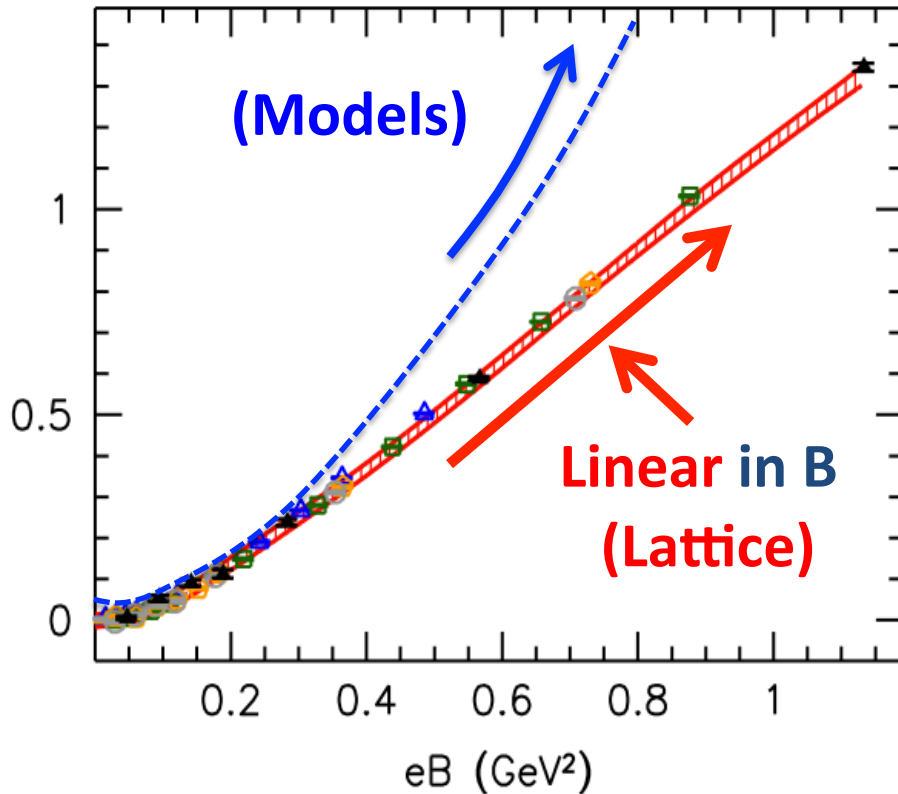
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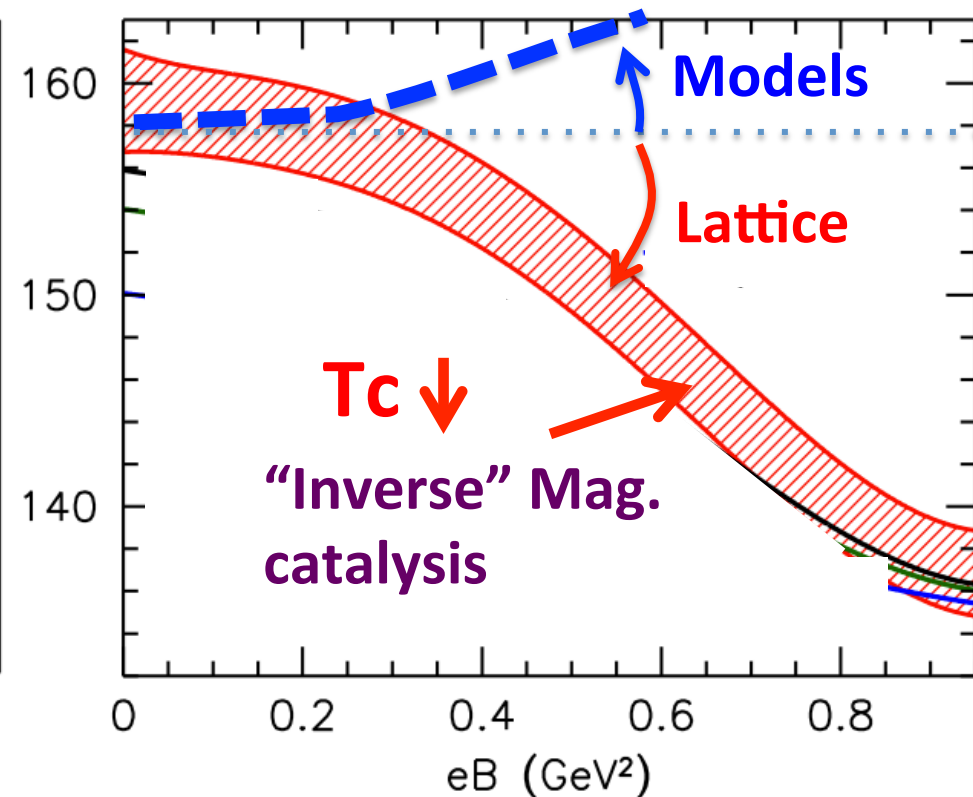
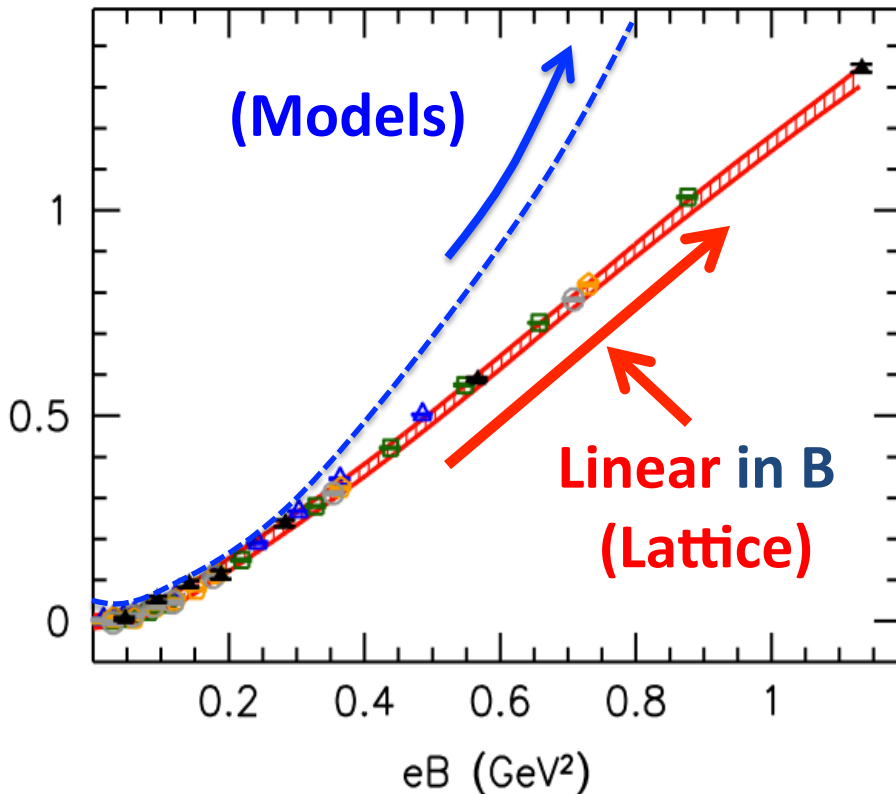
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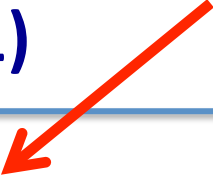
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**Problem 2)**

**Thermal** fluct. of quarks  
will not be activated until

$$T \sim M_q \sim \underline{|eB|^{1/2}}$$

**→ Tc grows as B ↑**

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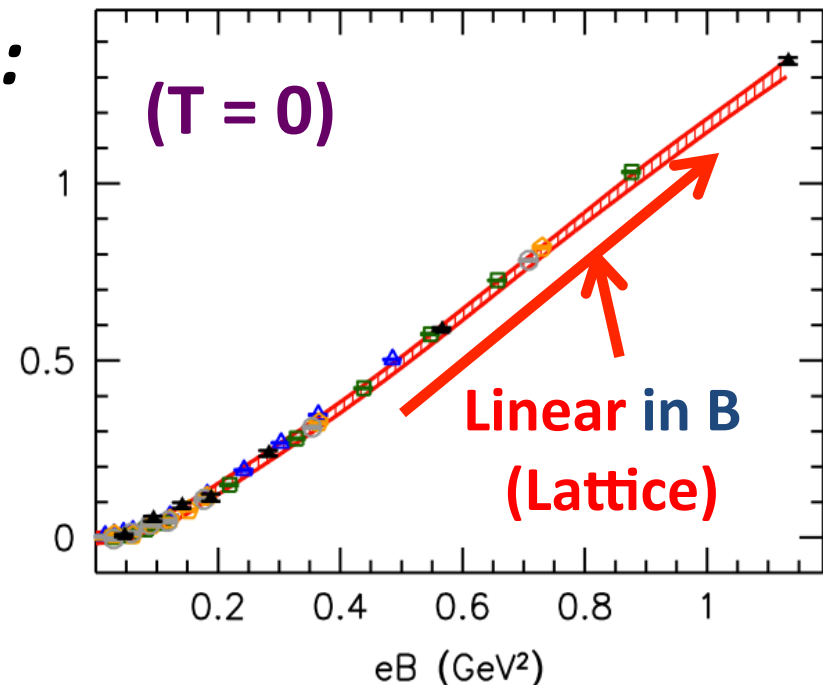
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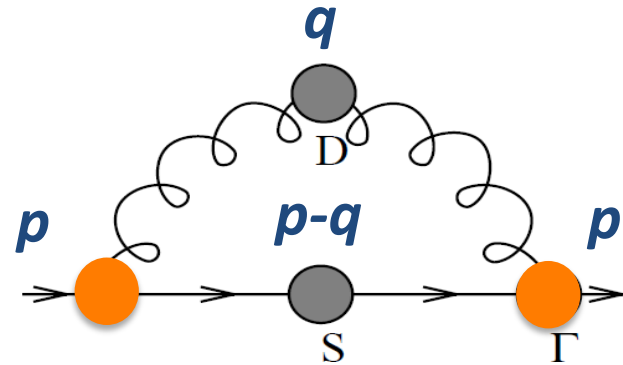
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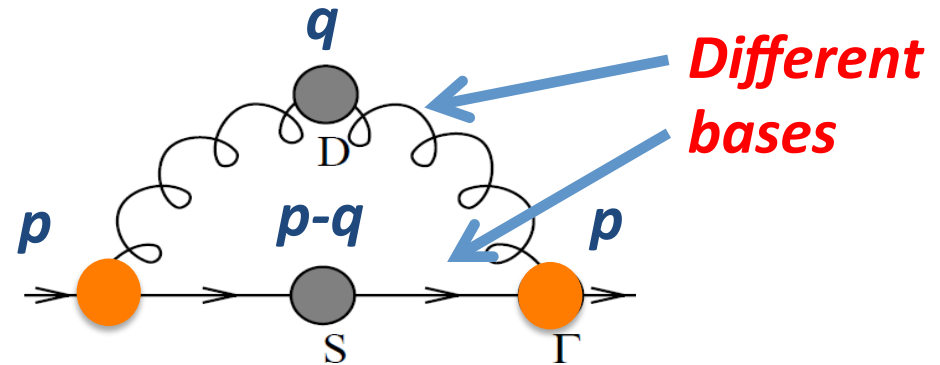
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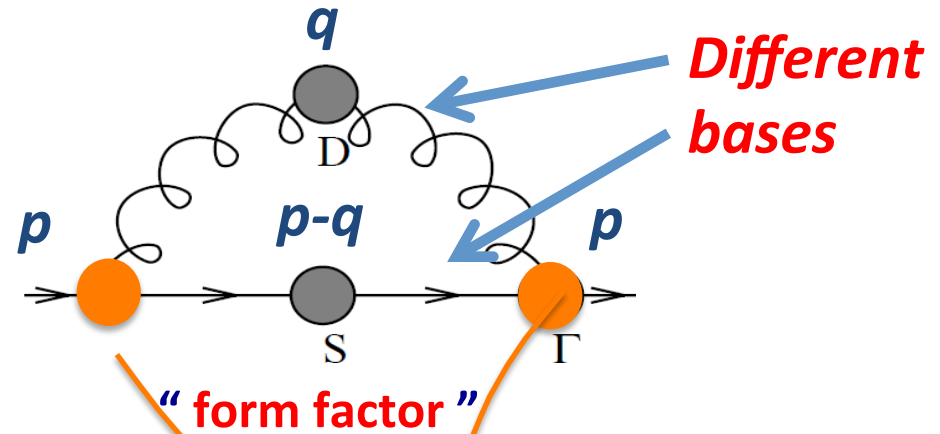
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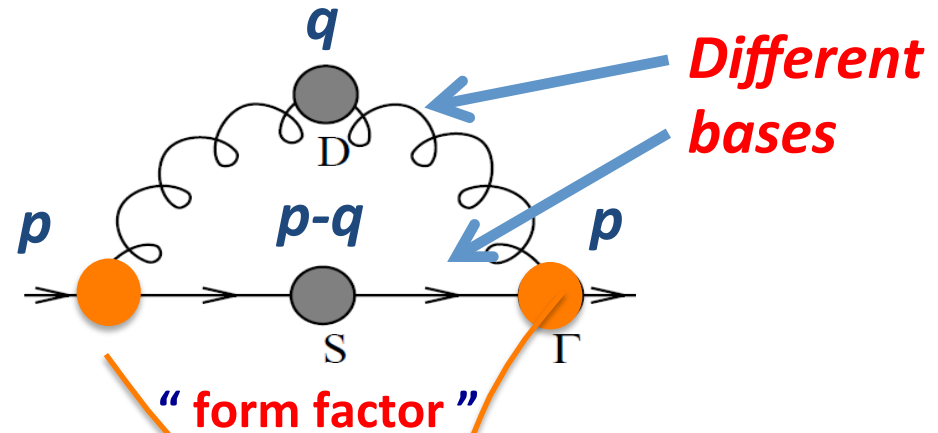
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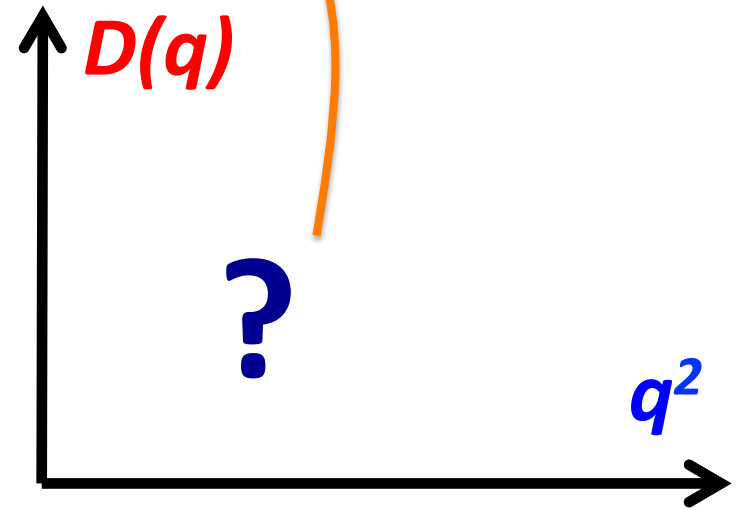
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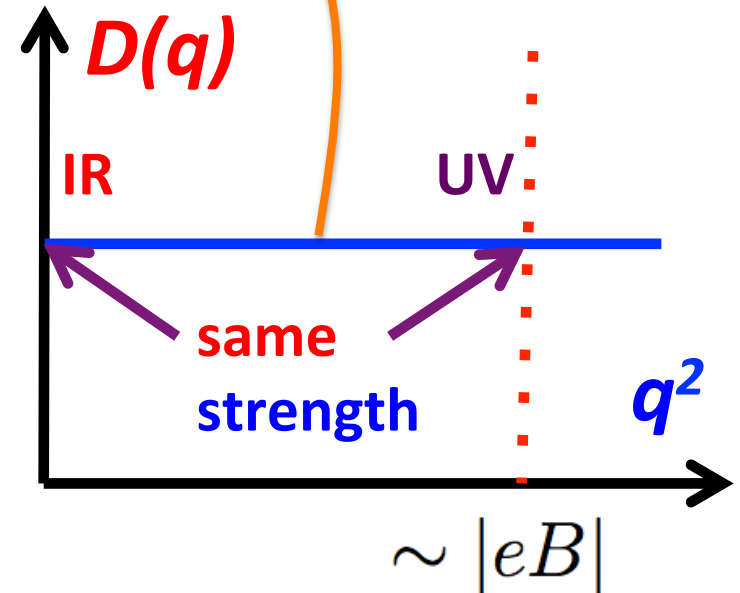


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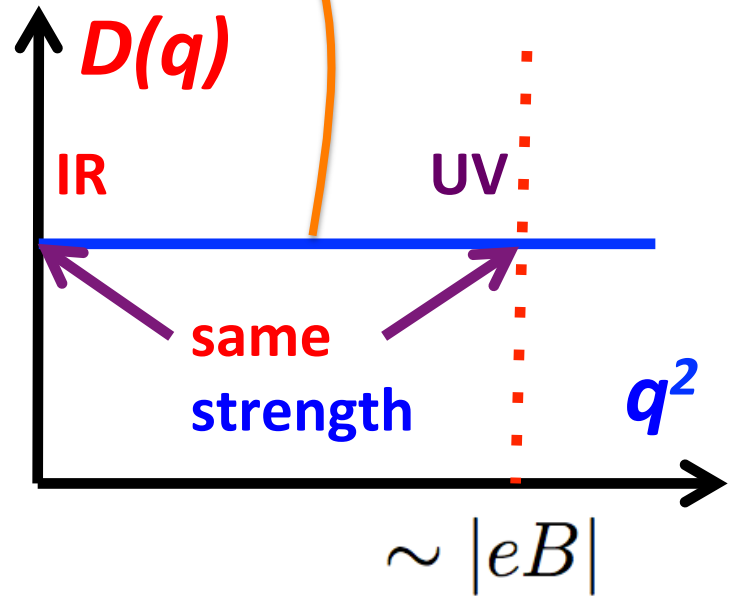
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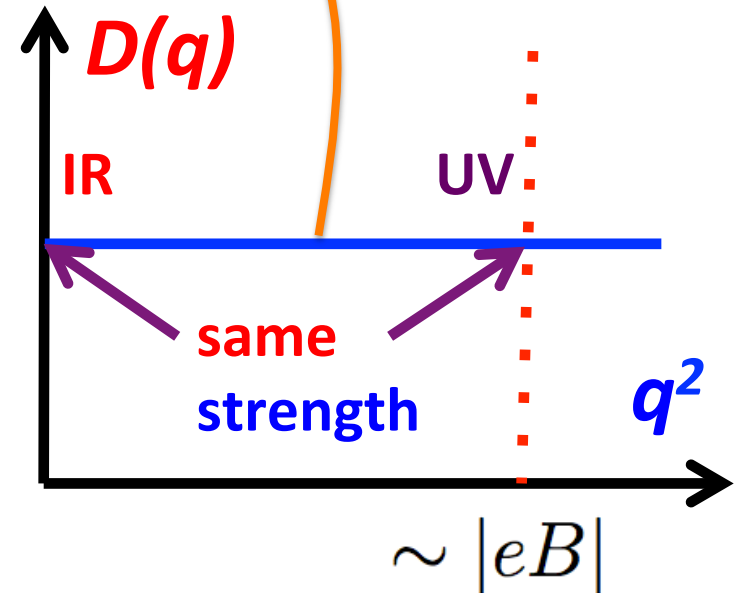
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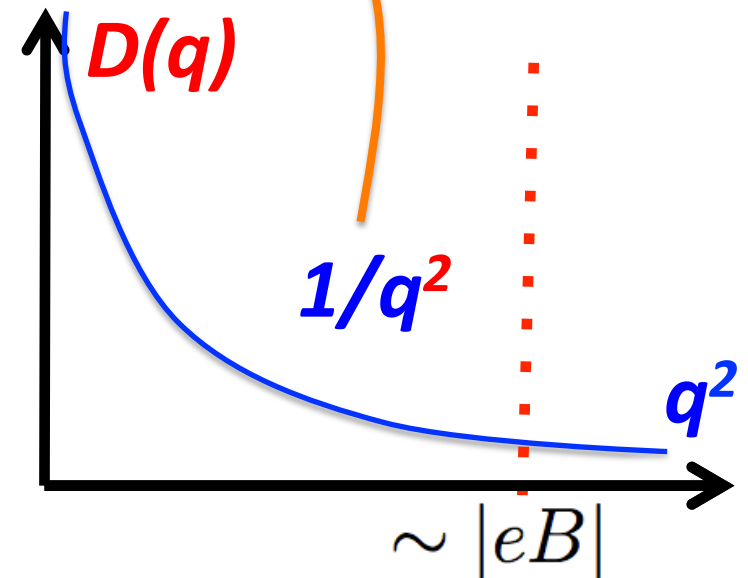


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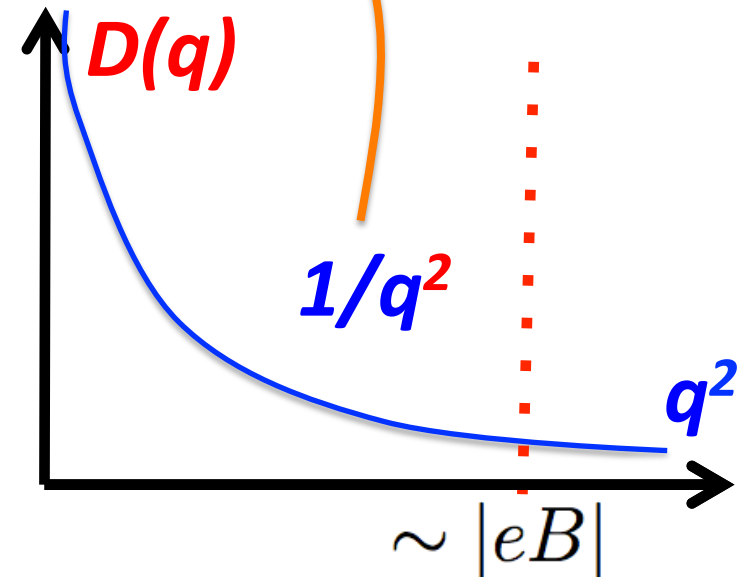
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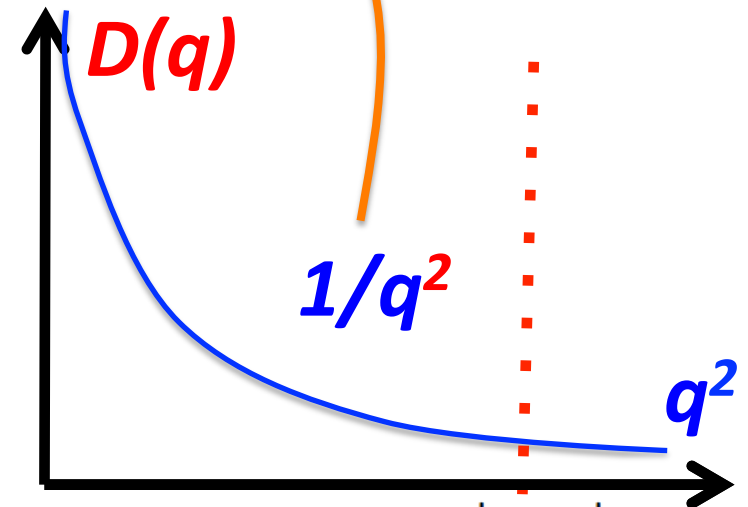
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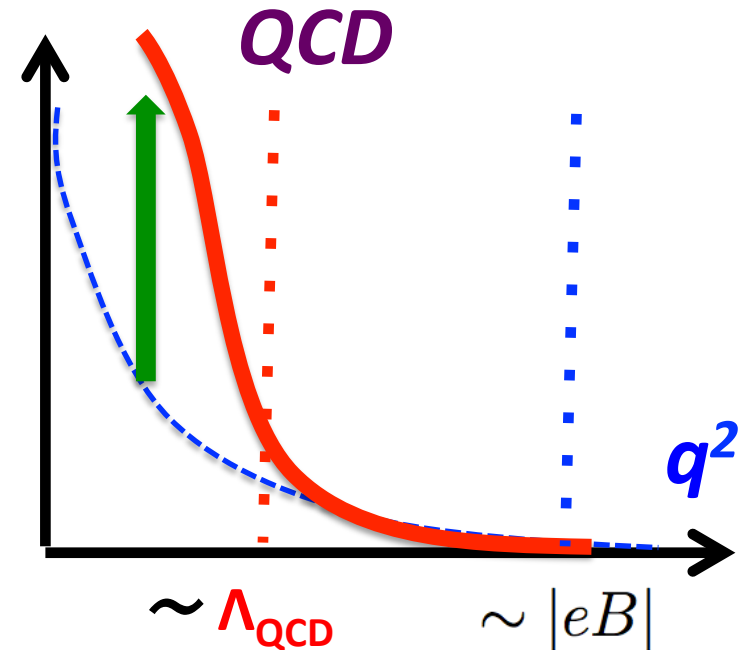
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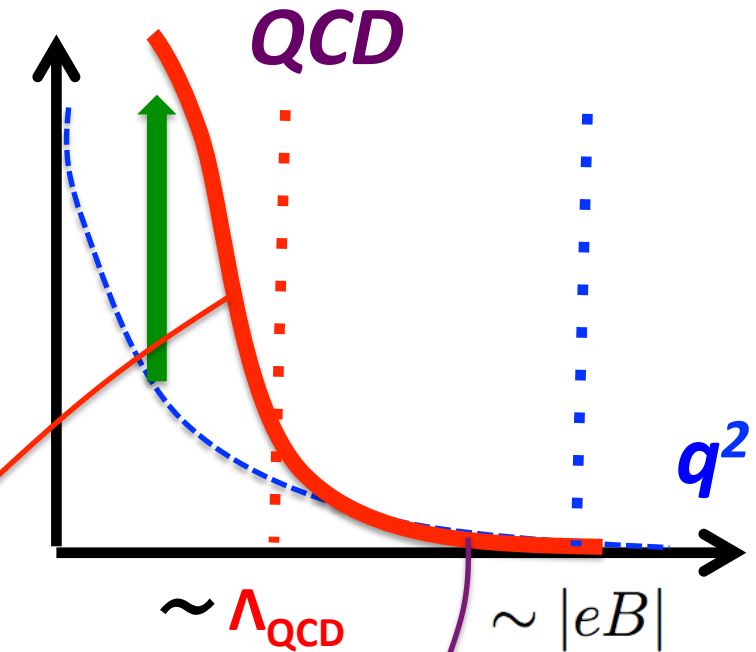
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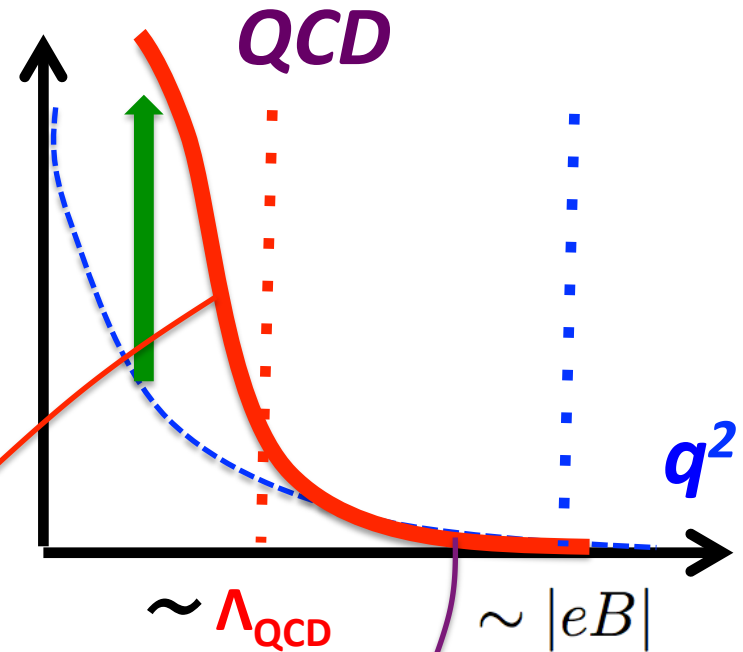
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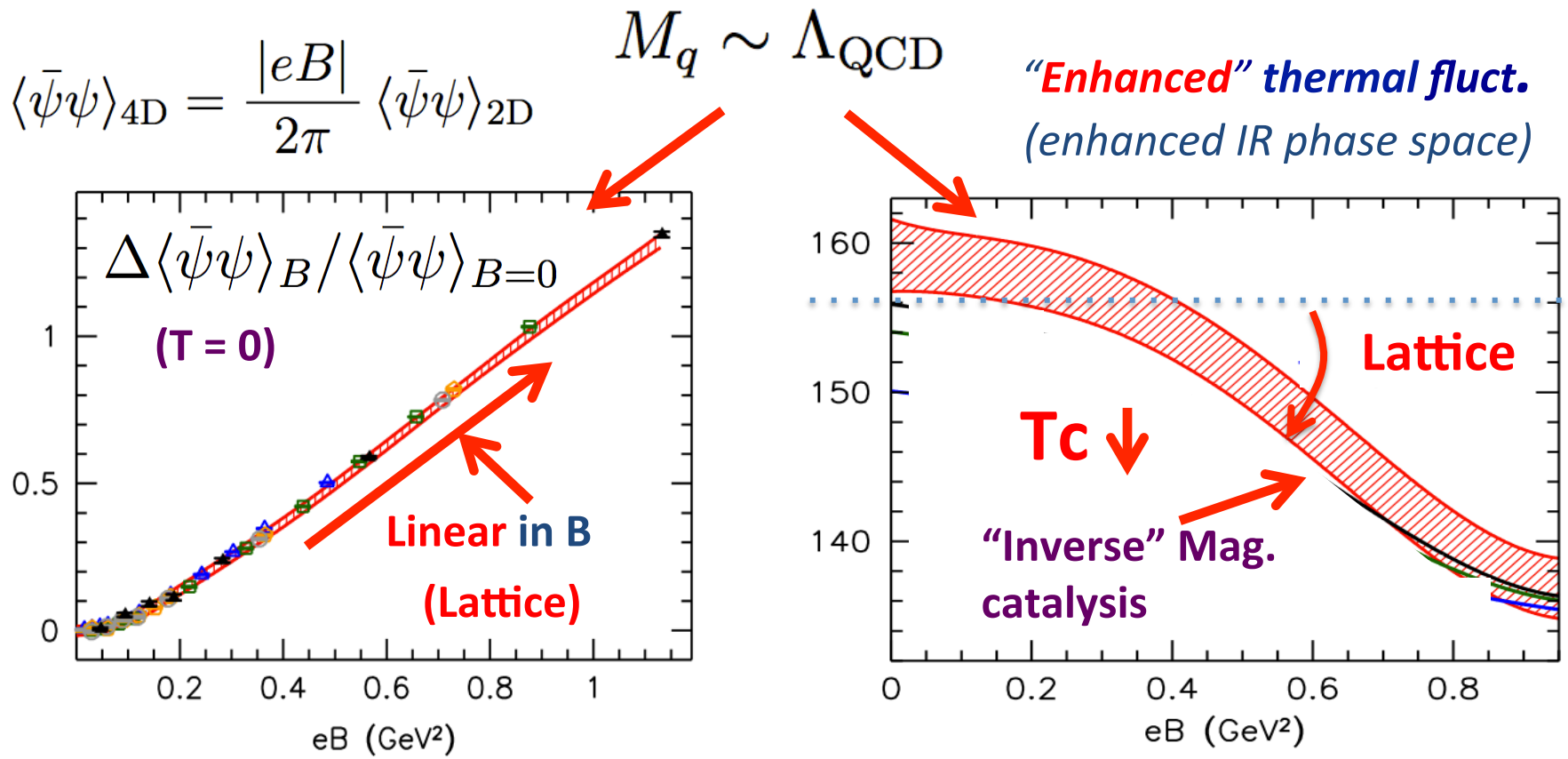
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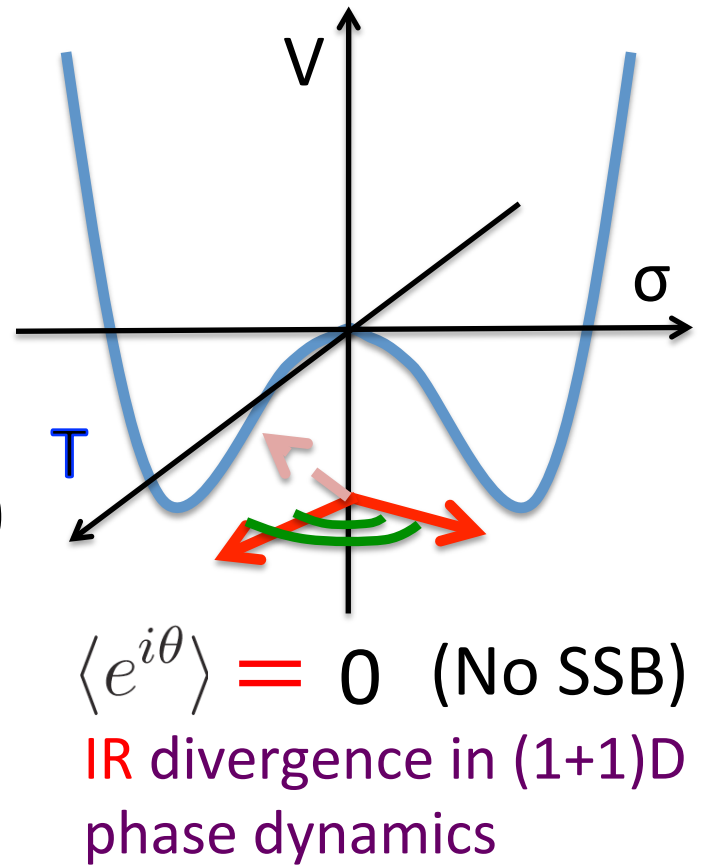
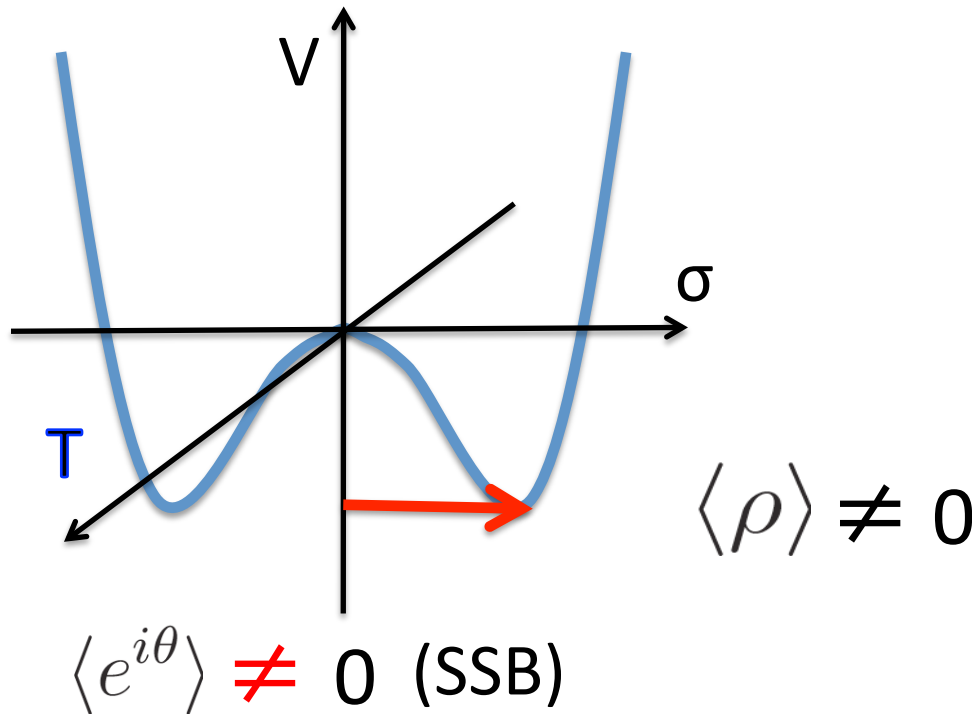
→ *New regime* for Non-pert. QCD

## 2) *Resolutions* of theoretical paradox



**Backup**

# Phase fluctuations



- Phase fluctuations belong to:

Excitations  
(physical pion spectra)

ground state properties  
(No pion spectra)

# *The reasons to study **mag.** QCD*

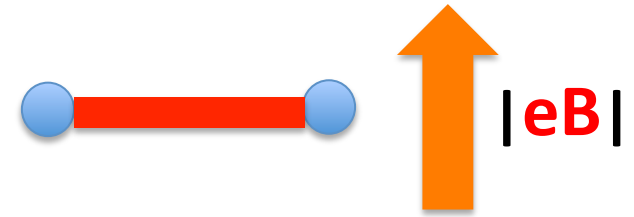
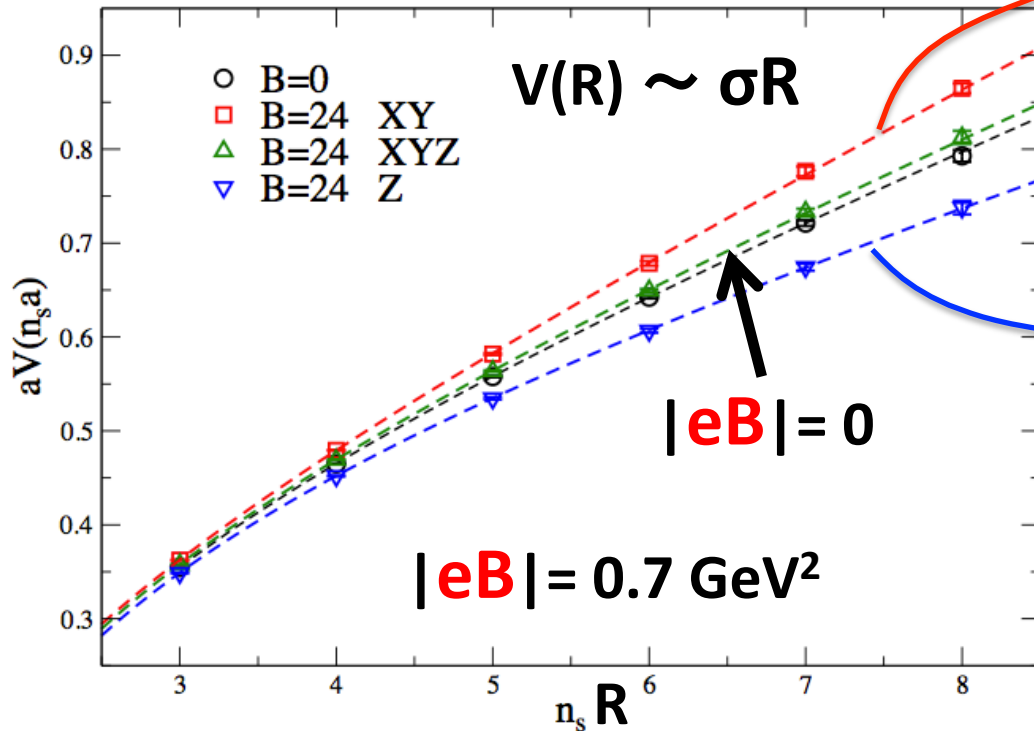
- 1, **Theories** can be confronted with the **lattice** results.  
(*No sign problem, systematic studies*)
- 2, Simple **qualitative** problems are still available (see below)
  - They **discriminate models** from **QCD** .
- 3, Suitable for studies of **non-thermal** fluct. of quarks :  
(*Quantum*,  $T=0$ )
  - Extremely important for studies of **cold** quark matter.
    - Test of  $1/N_c$  : **Back-reaction to the gluon sector**,
    - **Quantum phase transition, ...**



# Models vs Lattice, 3: *String tension*

## Heavy quark potential ( $T=0$ )

Lattice, (2+1) phys. pion (Bonati et al, 2014)



$\sigma \rightarrow 10\%$  enhancement



$\sigma \rightarrow 10\%$  "reduction"

hard to explain if  $M \sim |eB|^{1/2}$  (models)


( because *back-reaction* is suppressed )

# Field theory bases : quark part

“ *Ritus* bases for *non-int.* fermions in *B* “

1) Choose the gauge for **EM** fields : e.g.)  $A_2^{\text{em}} = Bx_1$

2) Apply “*spin projection*” :  $\psi_{\pm} \equiv \mathcal{P}_{\pm} \psi$        $\mathcal{P}_{\pm} = \frac{1 \pm i\gamma_1\gamma_2 \text{sgn}(e_f B)}{2}$

(σ<sub>z</sub> : spin) 

3) Expand by proper **spatial** wavefunctions :

$$\psi_{\pm}(x) = \sum_{l=0} \int \frac{d^2 p_L dp_2}{(2\pi)^3} \psi_{l,p_2}^{\pm}(p_L) \underline{H_l\left(x_1 - \frac{p_2}{B}\right)} e^{-ip_2 x_2} e^{-ip_L x_L}$$

$$p_L \equiv (p_0, p_z)$$

*Harmonic oscillator w.f. with*  
 $m\omega = |eB|$

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The action for the **LLL (n=0)**:  $\chi = \psi_+^{l=0}$

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{LLL}} = \int_{p_L, p_2} \bar{\chi}_{p_2}(p_L) \underbrace{(-i\not{p}_L + m)}_{\text{No B-dep. !}} \chi_{p_2}(p_L)$$

for the **n-th LLs** :  $\psi_n = \psi_+^{l=n} + \psi_-^{l=n-1}$

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{nLL}} = \int_{p_L, p_2} \bar{\psi}_{n,p_2}(p_L) \left( -i\not{p}_L + \underbrace{i \text{sgn}(eB) \sqrt{2n|eB|} \gamma_2}_{\text{No B-dep. !}} + m \right) \psi_{n,p_2}(p_L)$$

The propagators :

**diagonal**

$$\langle \psi_{n,p_2}(p_L) \bar{\psi}_{n',p'_2}(p'_L) \rangle = \underbrace{S_n^{2\text{D}}(p_L)}_{\text{diagonal}} \times \delta_{nn'} \delta(p_2 - p'_2) \delta^2(p_L - p'_L)$$

**(1+1)-dimensional** for each index “n”  
( depend only on  $\mathbf{p}_L$  )

# Couplings b.t.w. **different LLs**

$$S_{\text{int}} = \int_x \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma_\mu t_a \psi(x) A_\mu^a(x) \quad \text{4D Gluons couple to **different LLs** .}$$

*plane wave bases*

$$k_1 \quad k_2$$

$$l$$

$$l'$$

$$p_2 - k_2$$

$$p_2$$

*Ritus bases*

**“ form factor ”**

$$\Delta l = |l - l'|$$

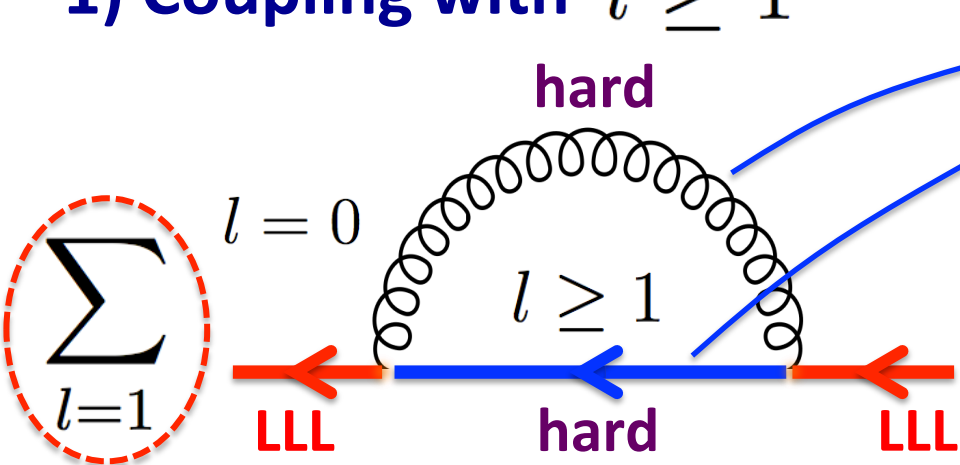
$$I_{l,l'}(\vec{k}_\perp) \propto \left( \frac{k_\perp^2}{2|eB|} \right)^{\frac{\Delta l}{2}} e^{-k_\perp^2/4|eB|}$$

For  $\Delta l \neq 0$  processes :  
**small overlap** with **soft** gluons

( Only  $\Delta l = 0$  process are dangerous )

# LLL mass gap : 3-distinct contributions

1) Coupling with  $l \geq 1$



**“Perturbative”**

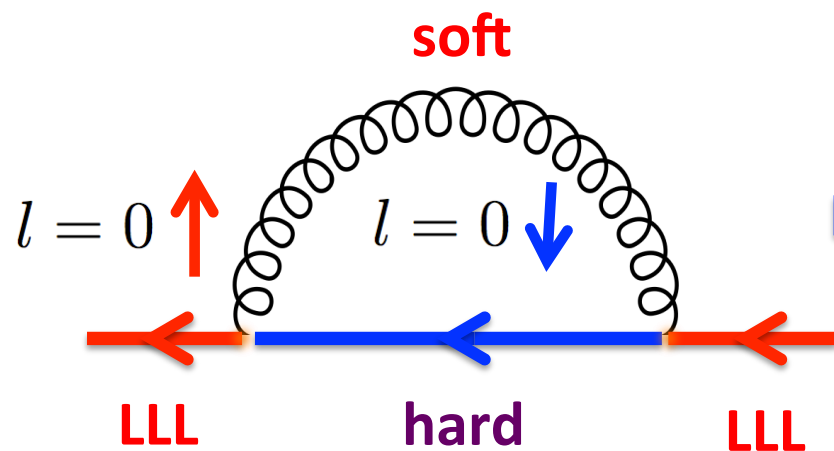
under control for

$$|eB| \geq (0.1 - 0.3) \text{ GeV}^2$$

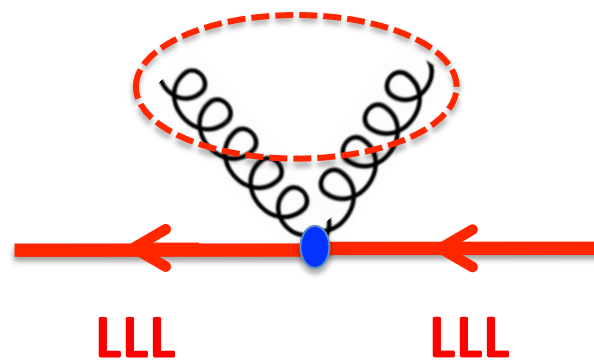
& **very small B-dep.**

T.K., Nan Su (2013)

2) Coupling with **1<sup>st</sup>** LL but  $l = 0 \downarrow$



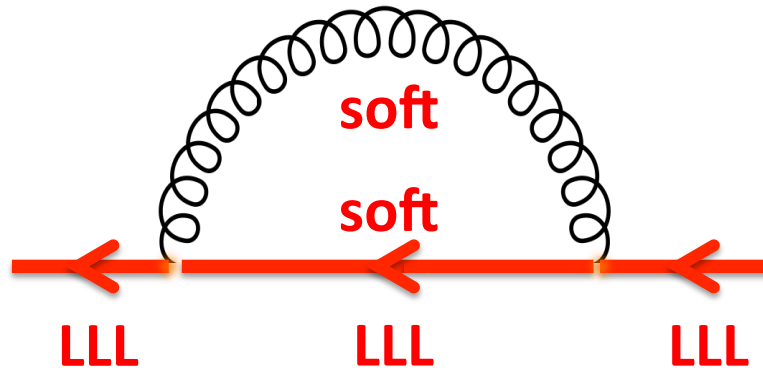
**OPE**



$$\sim \frac{m \langle G^2 \rangle}{|eB|^2} \ll \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$

# LLL mass gap : 3-distinct contributions

## 3) Couplings within LLLs



Everything must be treated  
“Non-perturbatively”

Natural framework  $\rightarrow$  Schwinger-Dyson eq.

with

Non-perturbative “force”

e.g.) full gluon propagator  $\times$  full vertex for quenched QCD

# Example) a *toy* model study

“*Linear rising*” potential for color charges

$$D_{\mu\nu} = C_F \times g_{\mu 0} g_{\nu 0} \times \frac{\sigma}{(\vec{p}^2)^2} \quad \text{string tension}$$

- Motivated by **Coulomb** gauge studies.  
(ref: Gribov, Zwanziger)
- The model has “*IR enhancement*”.
- **Confining**, in the sense that  
“**No  $q\bar{q}$  continuum** in the **meson spectra.**”
- **Oversimplifications** : No  $1/p^2$  tail, No color mag. int., etc.
- We will solve eqs. within “*rainbow ladder*”

# Schwinger-Dyson eq. for the **LLL**

e.g.) **scalar** part

$$M(p_L) = \int_{q_L} \gamma_0 S_{LLL}^{2D}(p_L - q_L; M) \gamma_0 \otimes \int_{q_\perp} e^{-\frac{q_\perp^2}{2|eB|}} D_{00}^{4D}(q)$$

**for large B**

$$\int_0^\infty dq_\perp^2 \frac{\sigma e^{-\frac{q_\perp^2}{2|eB|}}}{(q_\perp^2 + q_z^2)^2} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{\sigma}{q_z^2} - \frac{\sigma}{q_z^2 + \underline{2|eB|}}$$

(confining in 2D)

The ***B-dependence*** dropped out, and we get

$$M(p_L) \simeq \int_{q_L} \gamma_0 S_{LLL}^{2D}(p_L - q_L; M) \gamma_0 \times \frac{\sigma}{q_z^2}$$

**SD-eq. for 't Hooft model (QCD<sub>2</sub>) in A<sub>z</sub>=0 gauge**

(the ***Bethe-Salpeter*** eq. can be also reduced to QCD<sub>2</sub>)



# Few comments on *unquenched* QCD

Now imagine *back-reaction* from quark to gluon sector :

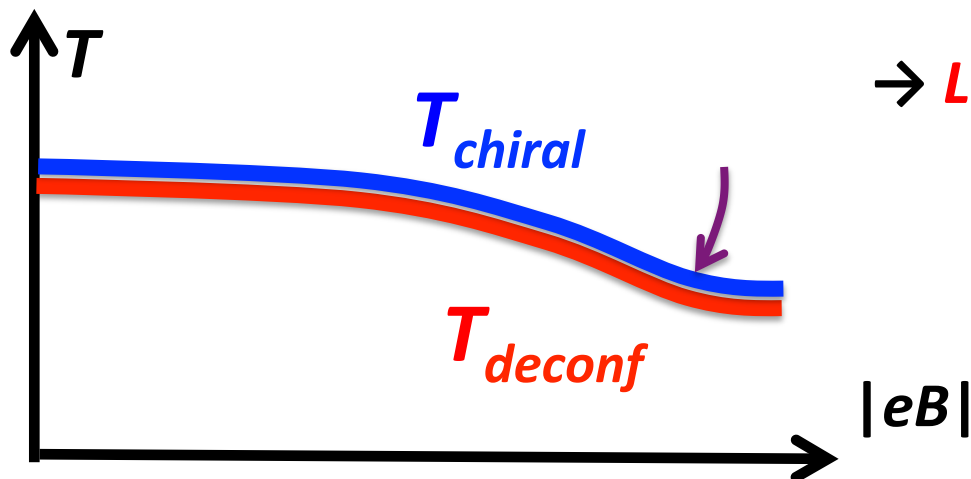
“Thermal” quark fluctuations)

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0} ) \quad \sim \int d^3\vec{p} \, e^{-\frac{E}{T}} \quad \sim \underbrace{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^3}_{\text{phase space}} \times \underbrace{e^{-\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{T}}}_{\text{Boltzmann factor}}$$

enhanced  $\downarrow$  No big change  $\downarrow$

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$\rightarrow$  *Larger back-reaction* at larger  $B$



# Bethe-Salpeter eq. for the **LLLs**

Consider **meson currents** for which

**both** quark & anti-quark can couple to the **LLL states**.

(Some currents **CAN NOT**, see next slide.)



*Dim. reduction can be carried out in the same way :*

**Both total & relative momenta are indep. of trans. momenta.**

- Quark & anti-quark **align** in the z-direction.



# *Classifications of Mesons* (2-flavor case)

Expanding quark fields by the Landau levels:  $\psi^f = \psi_{LLL}^f + \sum_{n=1} \psi_n^f$

we can pick out currents  $\bar{\psi}\Gamma\psi$  for which

**both** quark & anti-quark can decay to the LLL.

## *List of light mesons:*

**neutral**  $(u\bar{u}, d\bar{d}) \otimes (1, \gamma_5, \gamma_L, \gamma_L\gamma_5, \sigma_{LL'}, \sigma_{\perp\perp'})$

**charged**  $(u\bar{d}, d\bar{u}) \otimes (\gamma_{\perp}, \gamma_{\perp}\gamma_5, \sigma_{L\perp})$

- e.g.)
- **Neutral** pion (**charged** pions do NOT).
  - **Neutral**, longitudinal part of **vector** mesons.
  - **Charged**, transverse part of **vector** mesons.

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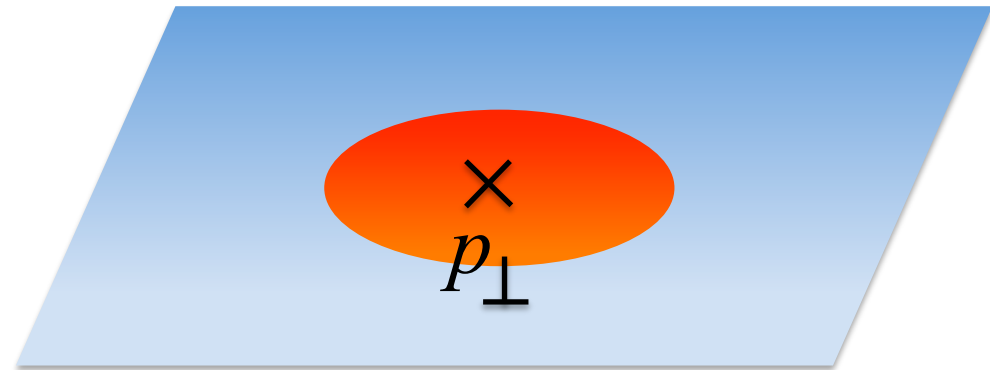
*(seems to be consistent with known lattice results.)*

# Implications for dense QCD ?

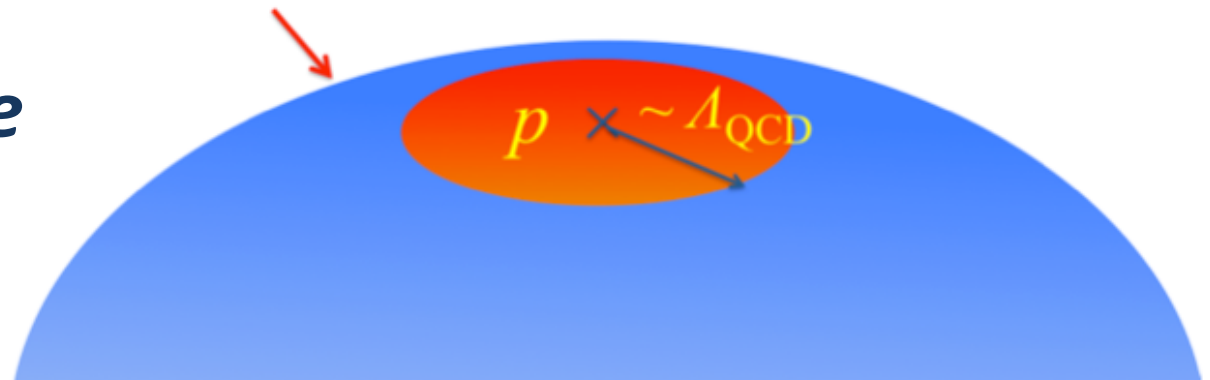
*Physics of  
the LLL*



*Physics near the  
Fermi surface*



Fermi surface



**Similar modulo Fermi surface curvature**

# What's new? : History

- 1) **ChSB in mag. fields (concept) : 1989 -**  
 Klevansky-Lemmer (89), Suganuma-Tatsumi (90),  
 Gusynin-Miransky-Shovkovy (94-), .... ( for NJL, QED,... )  
 ( *Not specific to QCD, “universal aspects” of fermions at B* )
  
- 2) **QCD in mag. fields (paradigm shift) : 2007 -**  
 Kharzeev-McLerran-Warringa (07), Fukushima-Kharzeev-Warringa (08),..  
 ( *QCD topology & Its phenomenological applications* )
  
- 3) **Lattice studies on ChSB & Deconf. : 2008 -**  
 Buividovich et al. (2008) (quenched)  
 D’Elia-Muckherjee-Sanflippo (2010) (full, heavy pion)  
 Bali et al. (2012) (full, physical pion)

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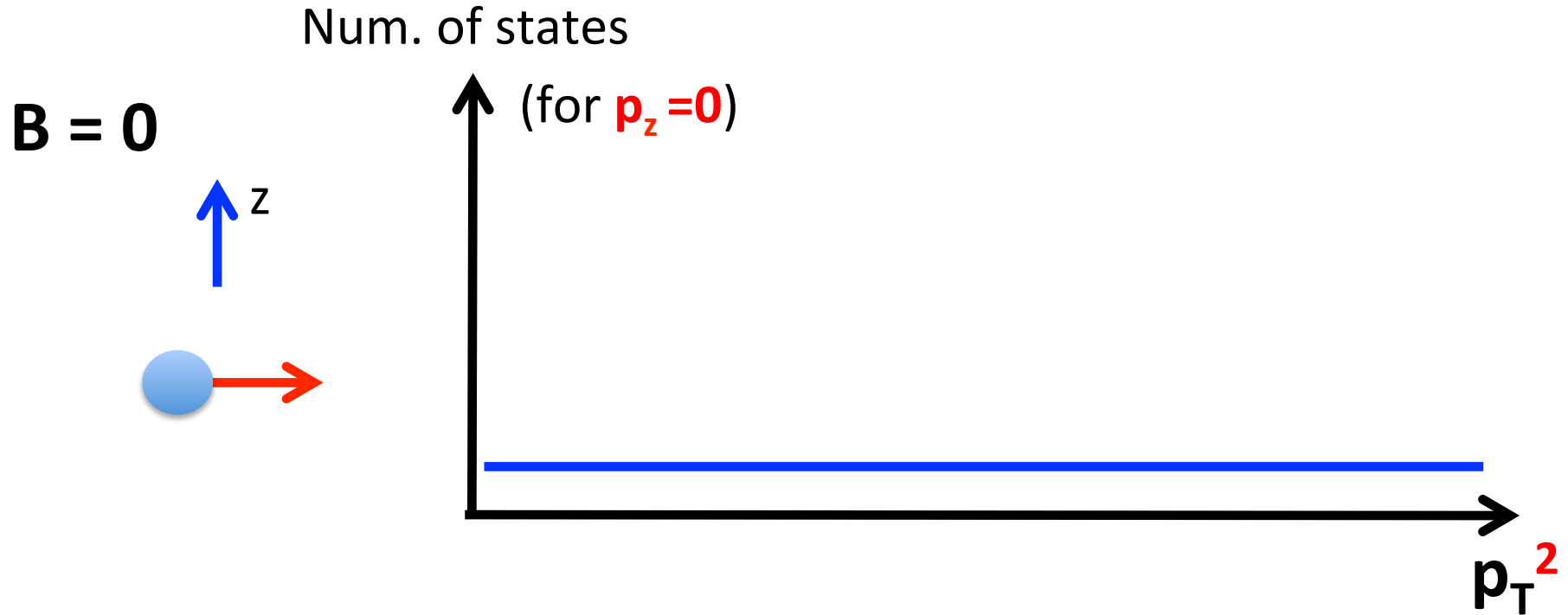
- Test of  $1/N_c$ , quantum phase transitions, ...

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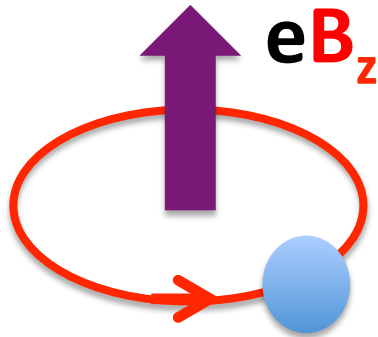
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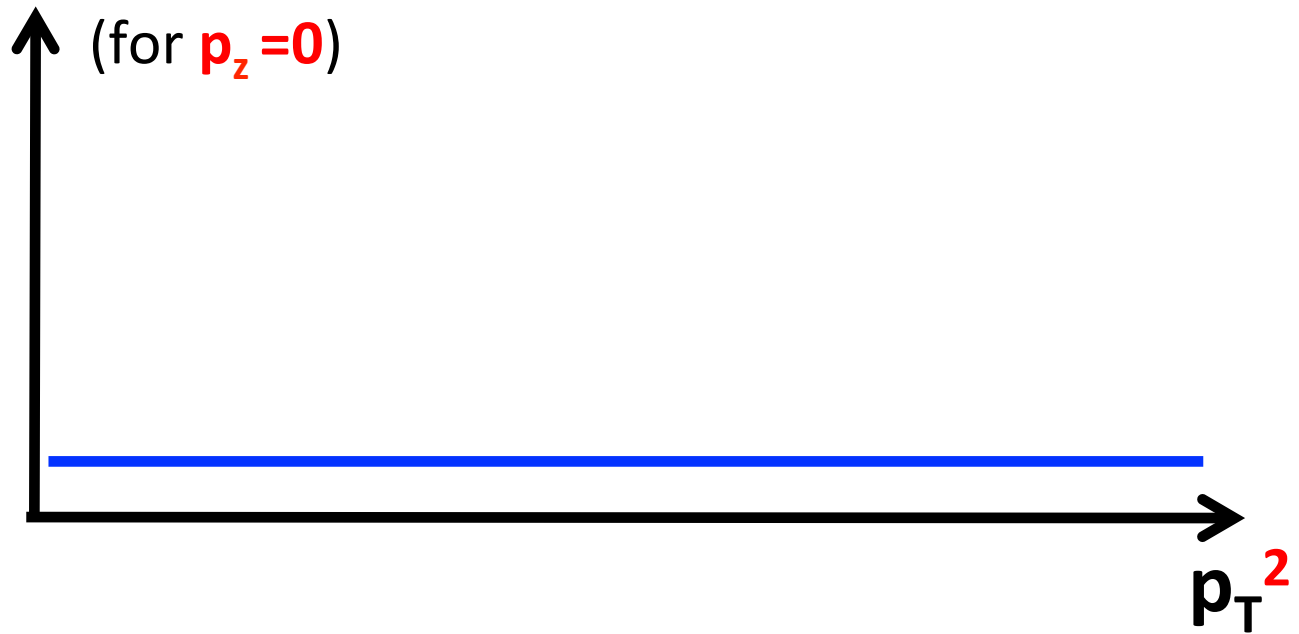
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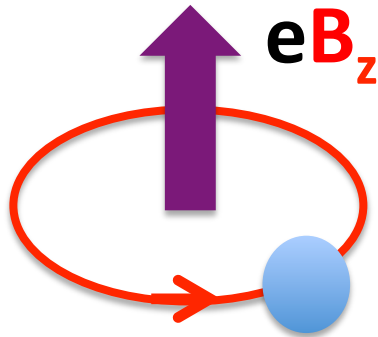
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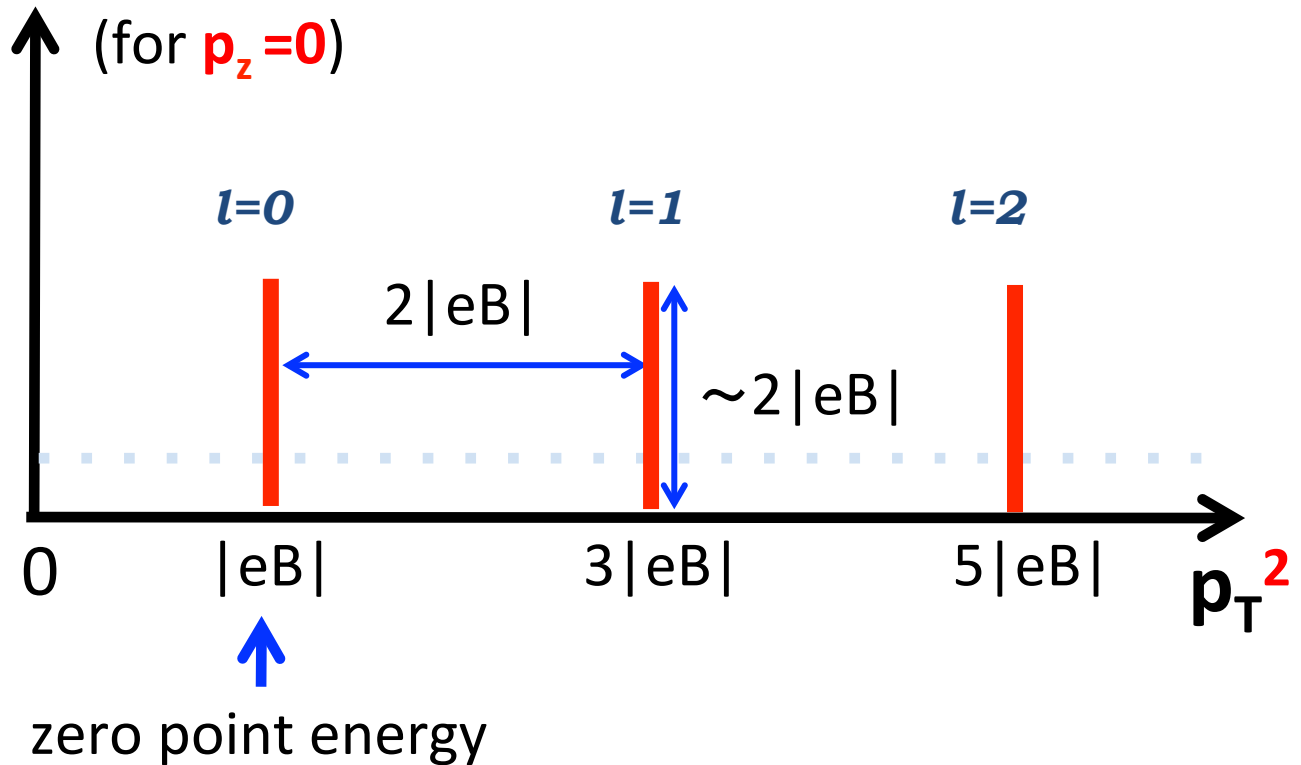
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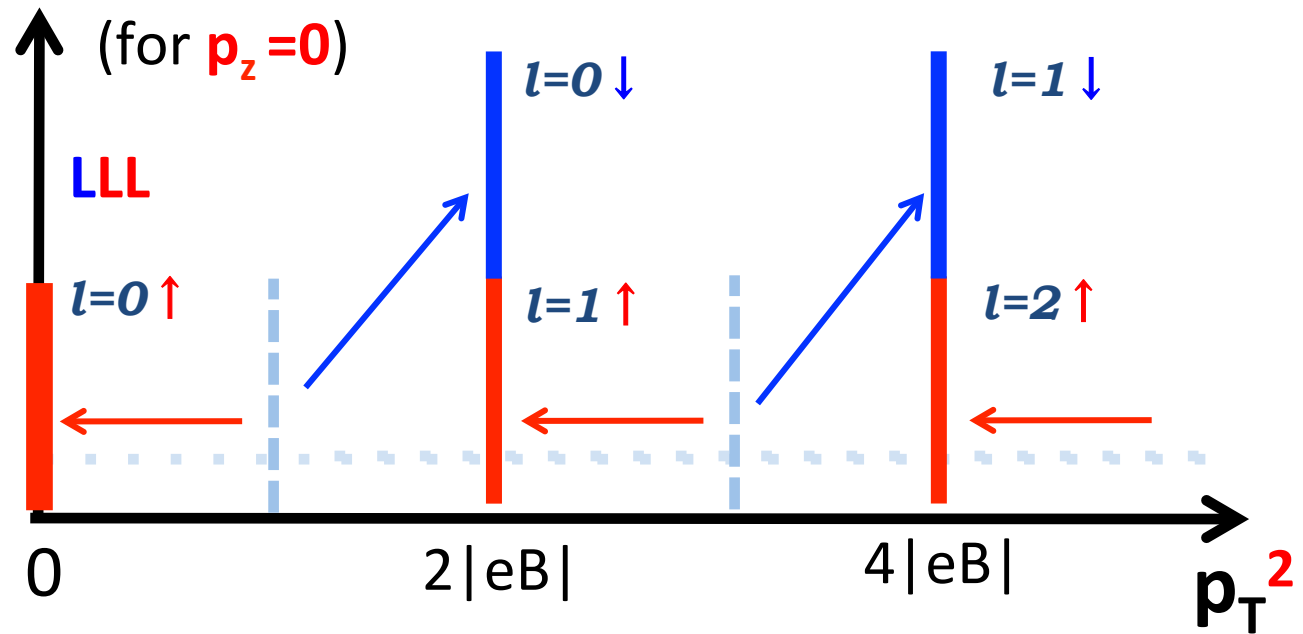
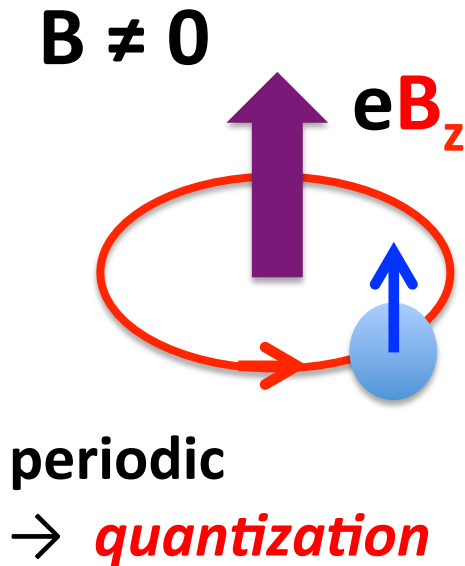
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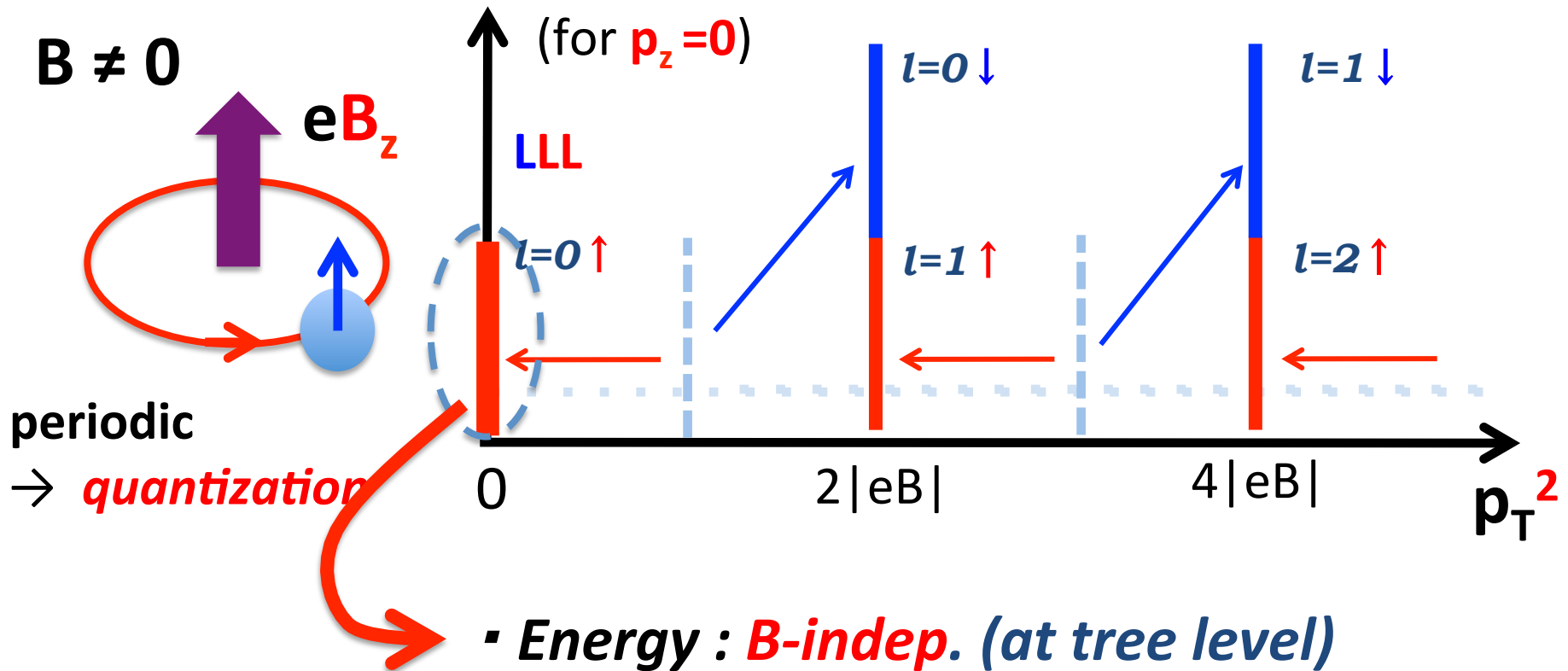
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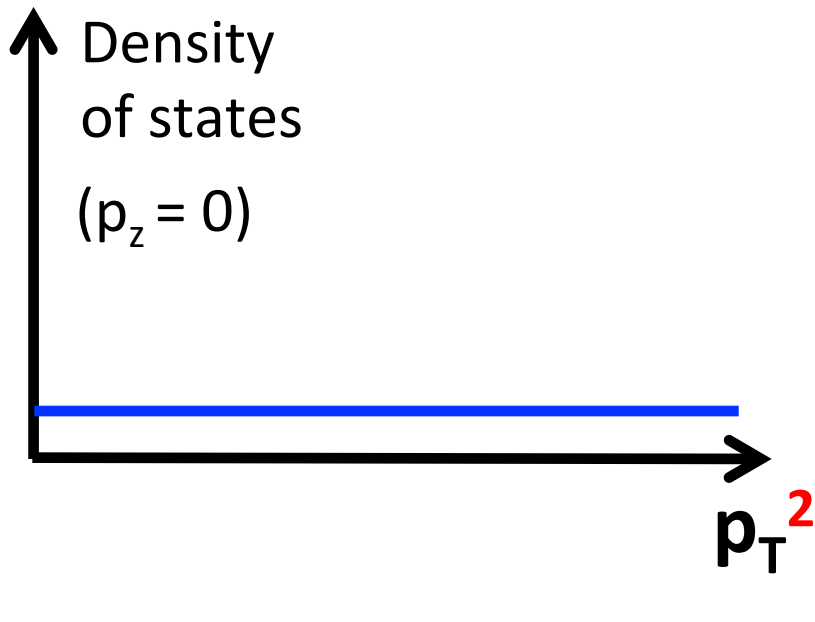
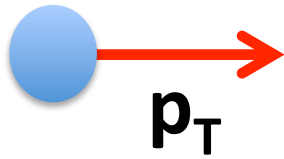
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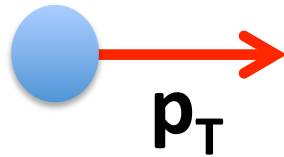
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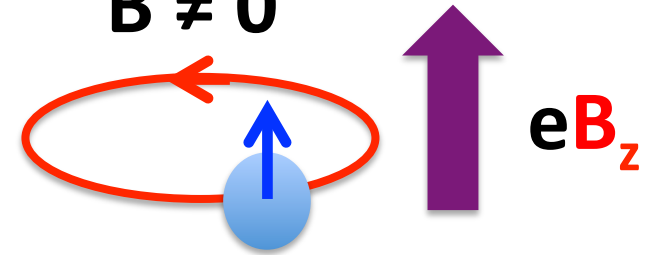


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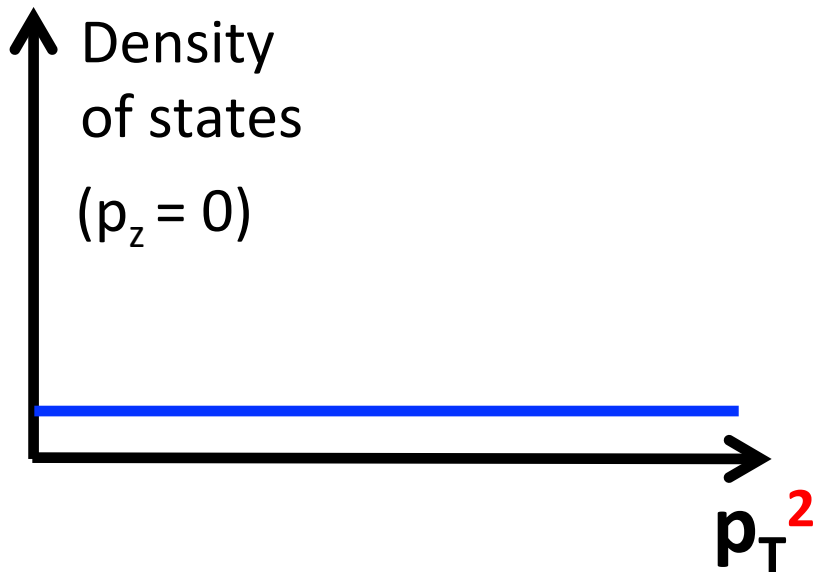


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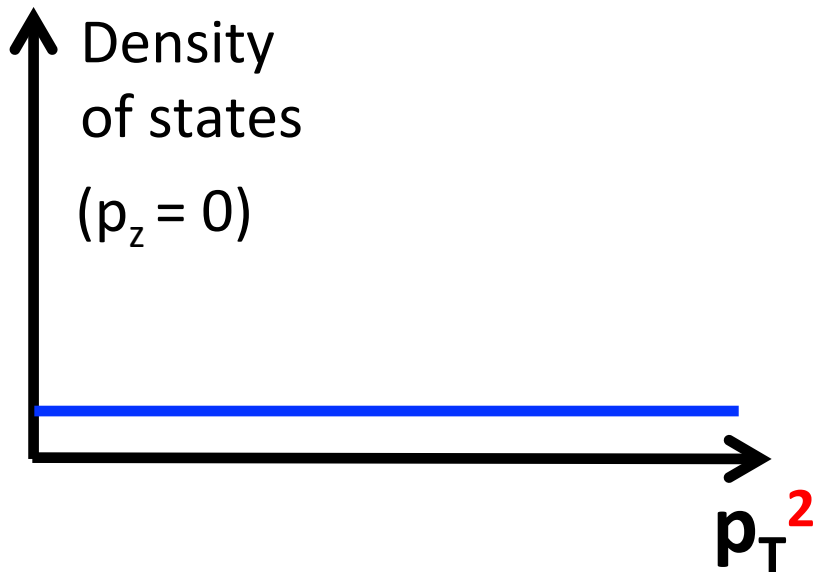
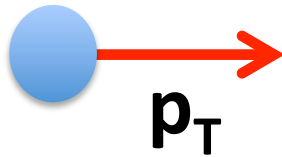
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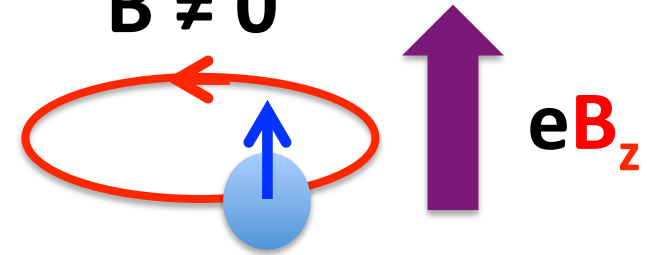


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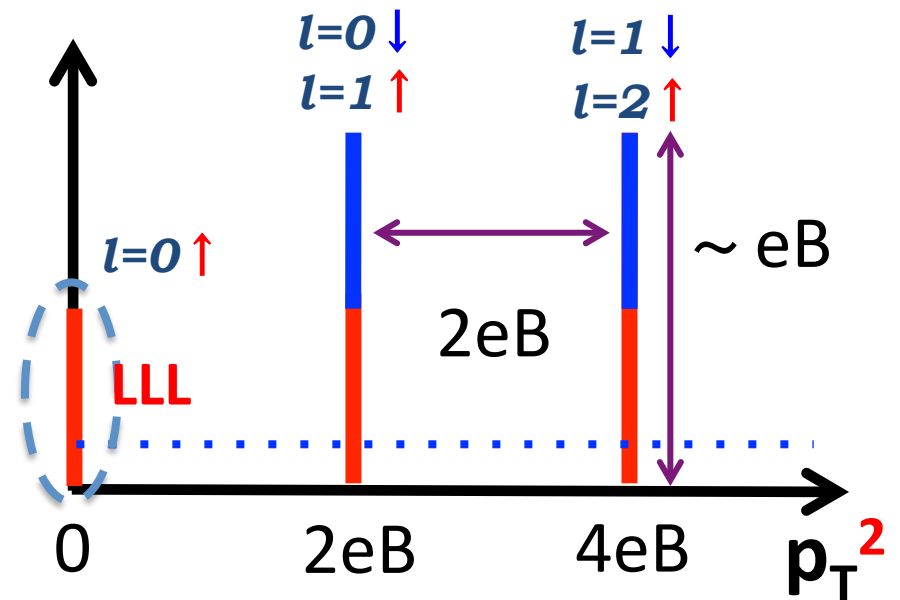


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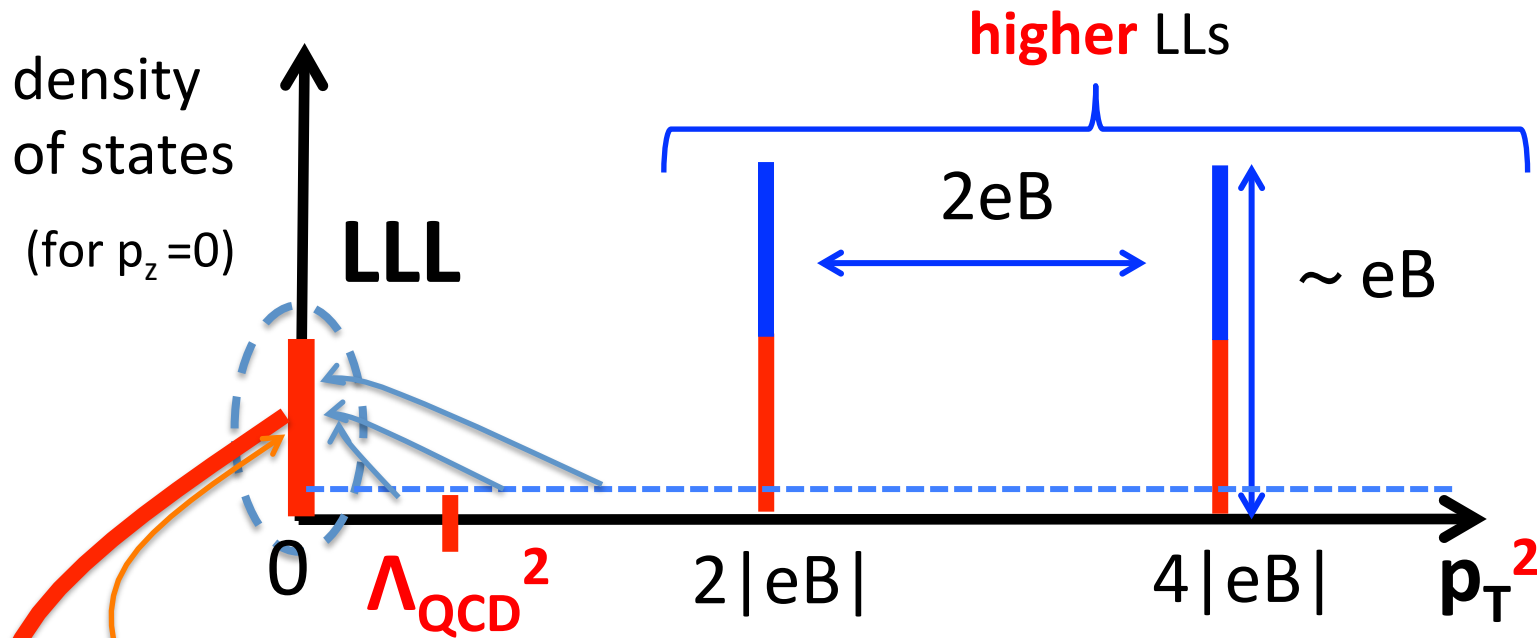


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# “Enhanced” IR phase space for quarks



More quarks can stay at low energy than  $B=0$  case.

- Enhanced ChSB  $\sim$  *Magnetic Catalysis*
- Larger impacts on gluon dynamics (larger screening, ...)



# e.g.) Formula for *Chiral condensate*

$$\langle \bar{\psi}(x)\psi(x) \rangle_{4D} = \underbrace{\frac{|eB|}{2\pi}}_{\substack{\text{Degeneracy factor} \\ \text{(for each LLs)}}} \underbrace{\int_{p_L} (-1) \text{tr} \left[ S_{\text{LLL}}^{2D}(p_L) + \sum_{n=1} S_{n\text{LL}}^{2D}(p_L) \right]}_{\substack{\text{“Ritus bases”} \\ \text{Dynamical part}}} \sim \langle \bar{\psi}(x_L)\psi(x_L) \rangle_{2D}$$

“2D condensate”

Intuitively,

$$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_{4D}$$

