

# Chiral Phase Transition in Electric and Magnetic Fields

*Critical temperature and effects of a chiral density background*

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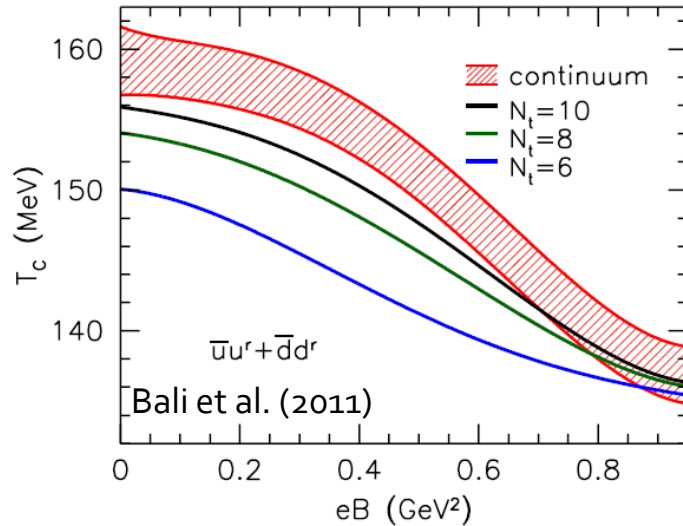


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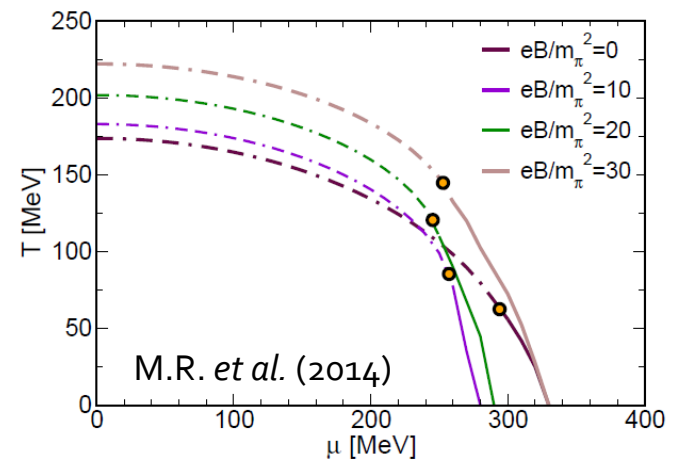
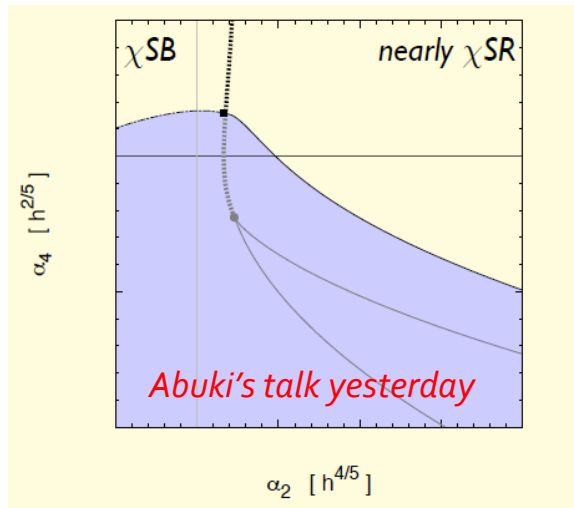
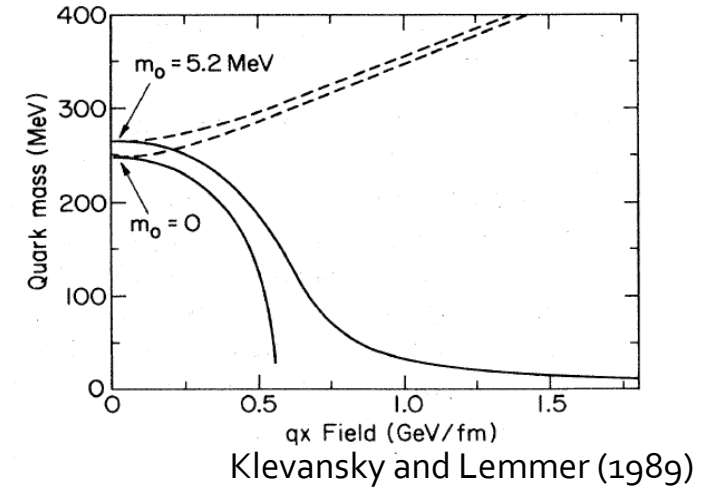
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# QCD in external fields

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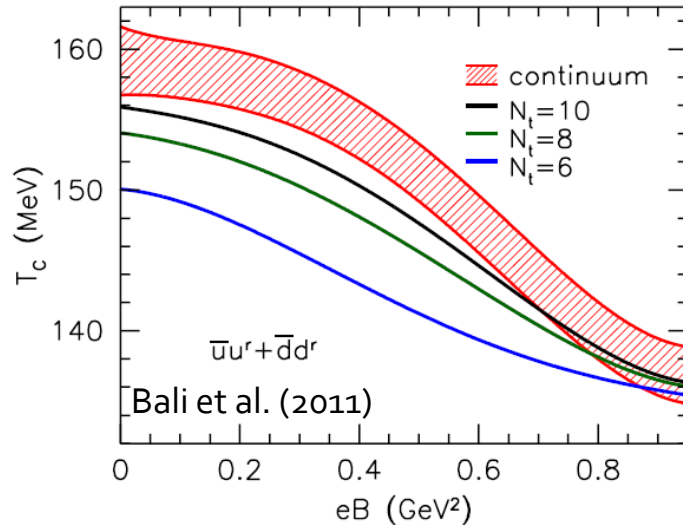


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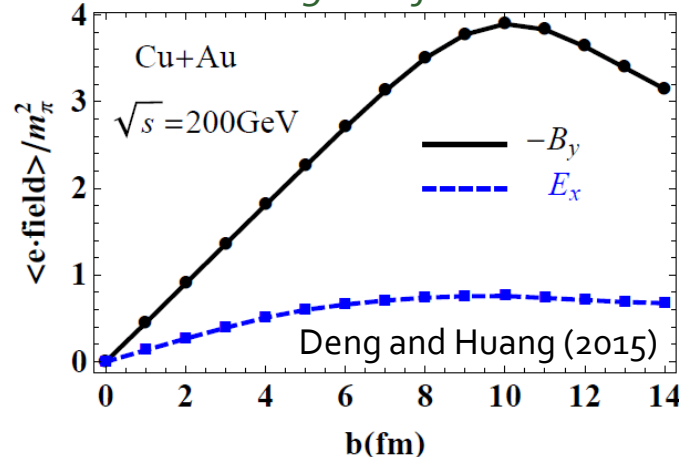


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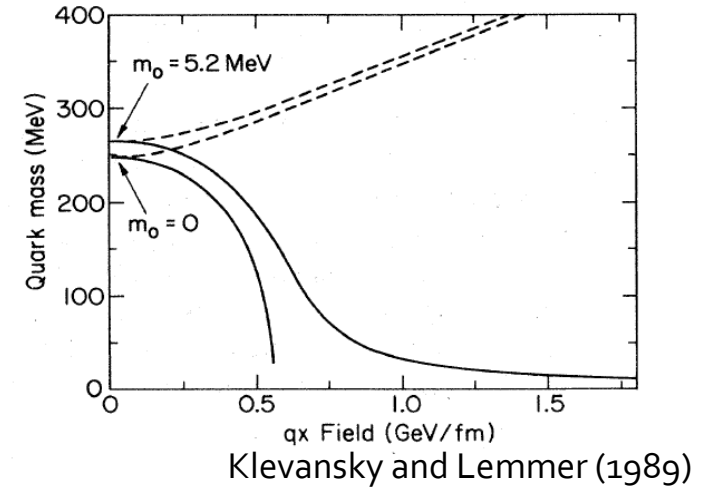
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## Electric and Magnetic fields in RHICs



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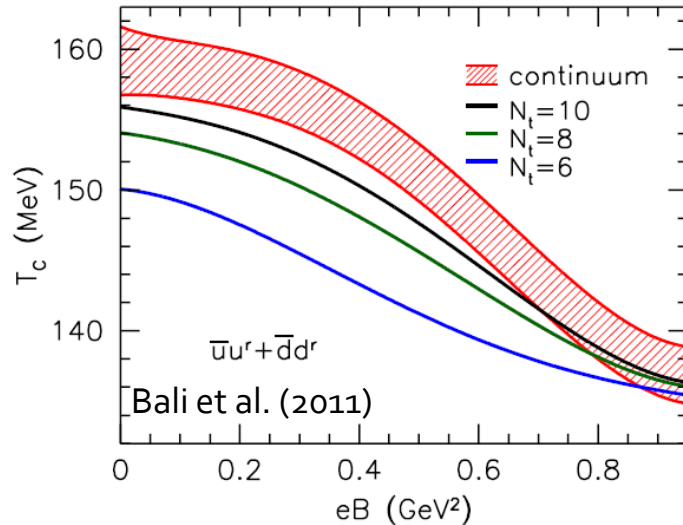
Charge separation due to the interplay of:

- Magnetic fields
- QCD topological configurations and ABJ anomaly

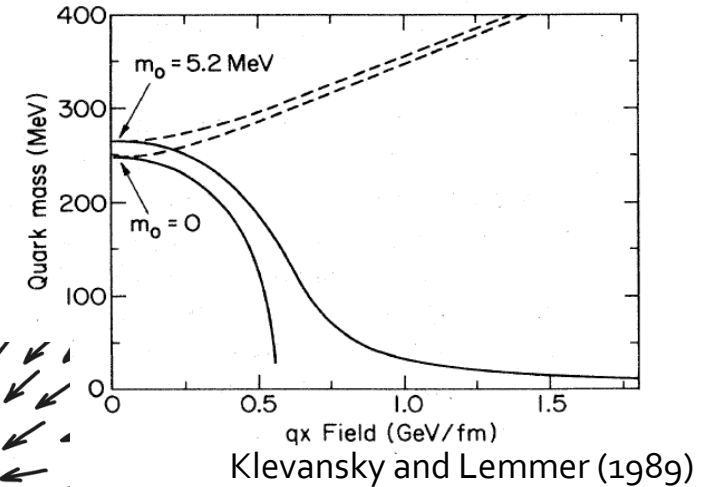
Kharzeev, McLerran and Warringa (2008)  
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# Focus

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*Effects of fields on chiral symmetry breaking*



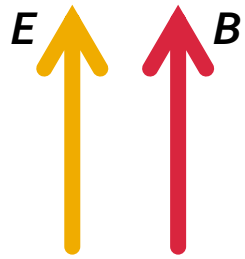
Effects of external electric  $\mathbf{E}$  and magnetic  $\mathbf{B}$  fields on the QCD chiral phase transition:

- Simultaneous  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ ,  $\mathbf{E} \parallel \mathbf{B}$ , interesting for chiral density  $n_5$  dynamical production

*Use of an effective model rather than full QCD.*

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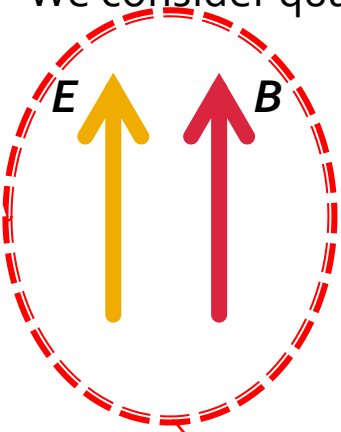


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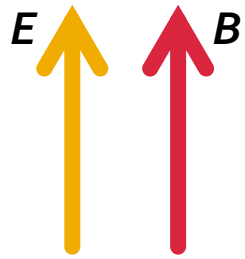


Important for:

- .) ***Dynamical production of chiral density***
- .) *Model for a QCD sphaleron*
- .) *Condensed matter experiments*
- .) *Simplified model of Glasma*

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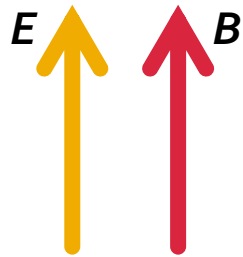
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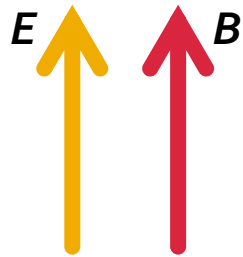
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*Kinetic term*  
and  
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See also:

Cao and Huang (2015), Klevansky (1989), Schwinger (1951)

# Chiral density equilibration

$$n_5 \equiv n_R - n_L$$

*ABJ anomaly*  $E \parallel B$

[Adler (1969), Bell and Jackiw (1969), Warringa (2012)]

$$\frac{dn_5}{dt} = \frac{q_f^2 (eE)(eB)}{2\pi^2} e^{-\frac{\pi M^2}{|q_f eE|}}$$



**Eternal production of  $n_5$**   
*Related to Schwinger effect*

However, chirality changing processes occur in the thermal bath on a time scale  $\tau_M$

$$\frac{dn_5}{dt} = \frac{q_f^2 (eE)(eB)}{2\pi^2} e^{-\frac{\pi M^2}{|q_f eE|}} - \frac{n_5}{\tau_M}$$



**Equilibration of  $n_5$**

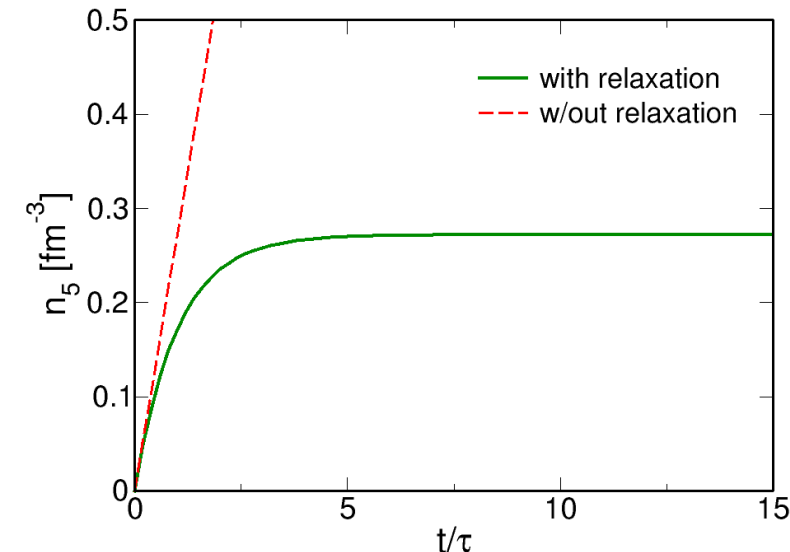
$$n_5^{\text{eq}} = \frac{q_f^2 (eE)(eB)}{2\pi^2} e^{-\frac{\pi M^2}{|q_f eE|}} \tau_M$$

Introduce the *chiral chemical potential*:

$$n_5^{\text{eq}} = -\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \mu_5},$$

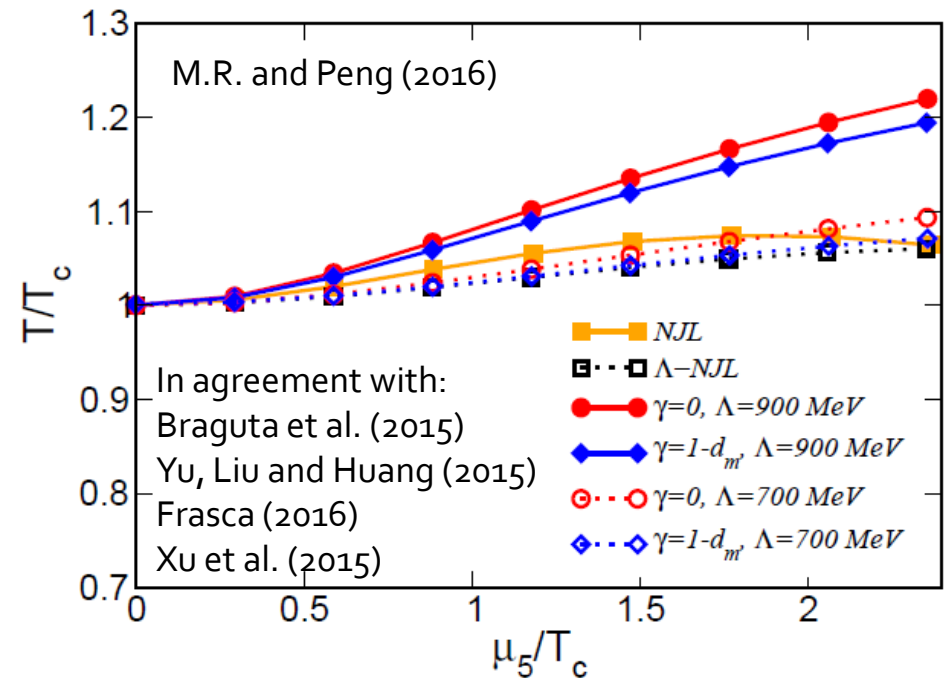
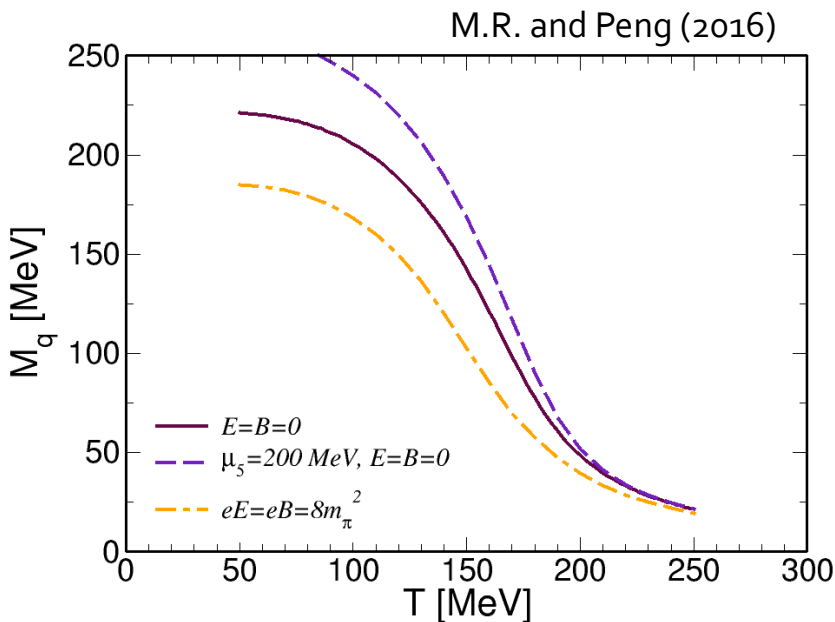
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**Fields create a medium because of anomaly.**



# Expected effect of $\mu_5$ on $T_c$

Chiral chemical potential *increases* the critical temperature of chiral restoration.



*Self-consistent computation of  $\mu_5$  is necessary to give a firm conclusion about the net effect of the fields on chiral symmetry restoration.*

*Problem of chiral condensate in a medium made of a chiral imbalanced background, rather than a more common baryon density background.*

# Relaxation time of chiral density

$$n_5 \equiv n_R - n_L$$

By definition:

$$\frac{dn_5}{dt} = N_c N_f \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \left( \frac{df_R}{dt} - \frac{df_L}{dt} \right)$$

$f_{L/R}$ : distribution functions of L/R quarks

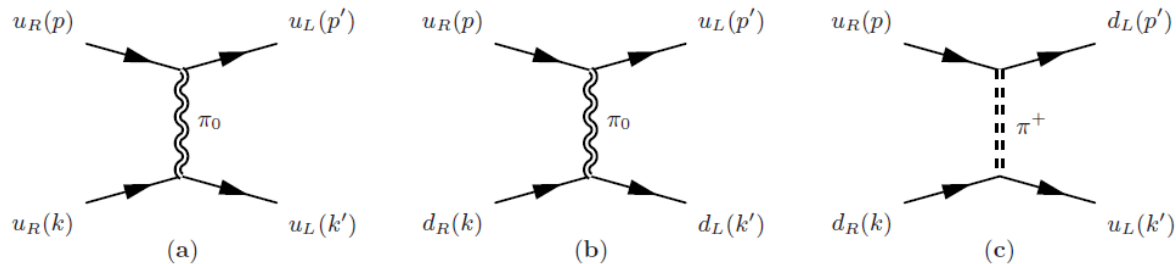
$f_{L/R}$  satisfy the kinetic equation:

$$\frac{df_R(p)}{dt} = \int d\Pi \frac{(2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p + k - p' - k')}{2E_p} |\mathcal{M}|^2 F$$

$$d\Pi = \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3 2E_k} \frac{d^3 k'}{(2\pi)^3 2E'_k} \frac{d^3 p'}{(2\pi)^3 2E'_p}$$

$$F(p, k, p', k') = f_L(p') f_L(k') [1 - f_R(p)] [1 - f_R(k)] \\ - f_R(p) f_R(k) [1 - f_L(p')] [1 - f_L(k')]$$

$|\mathcal{M}|^2$



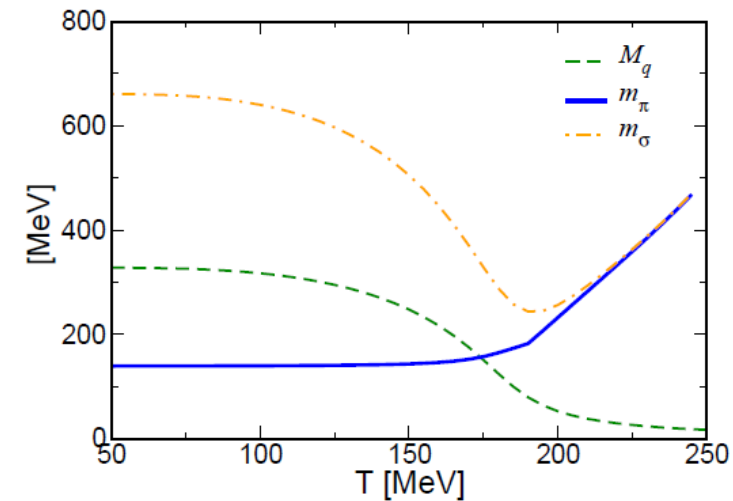
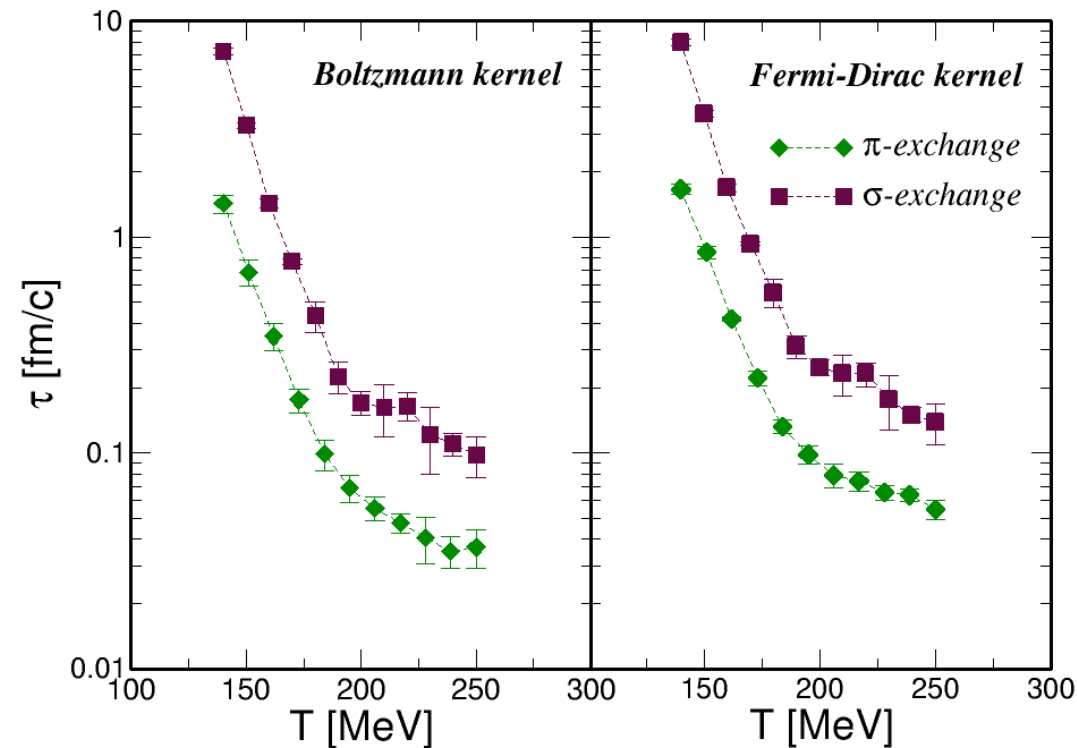
$$\text{Rate: } \Gamma = -\frac{1}{n_5} \frac{dn_5}{dt}$$

Relaxation time:

$$\tau = 1/\Gamma$$

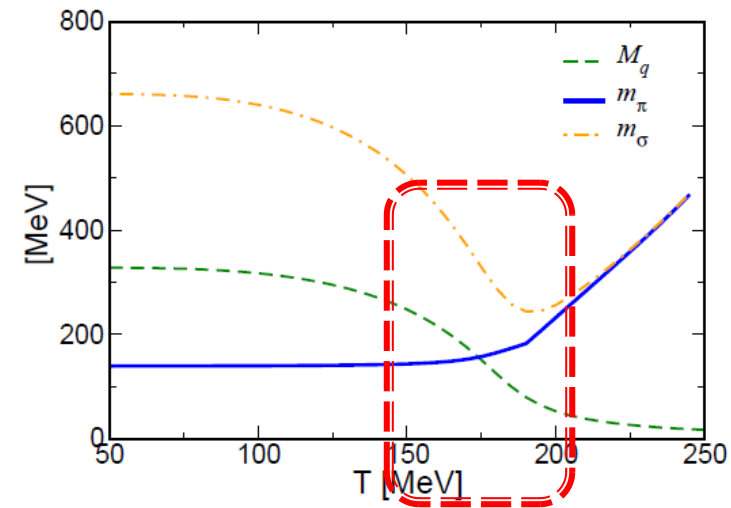
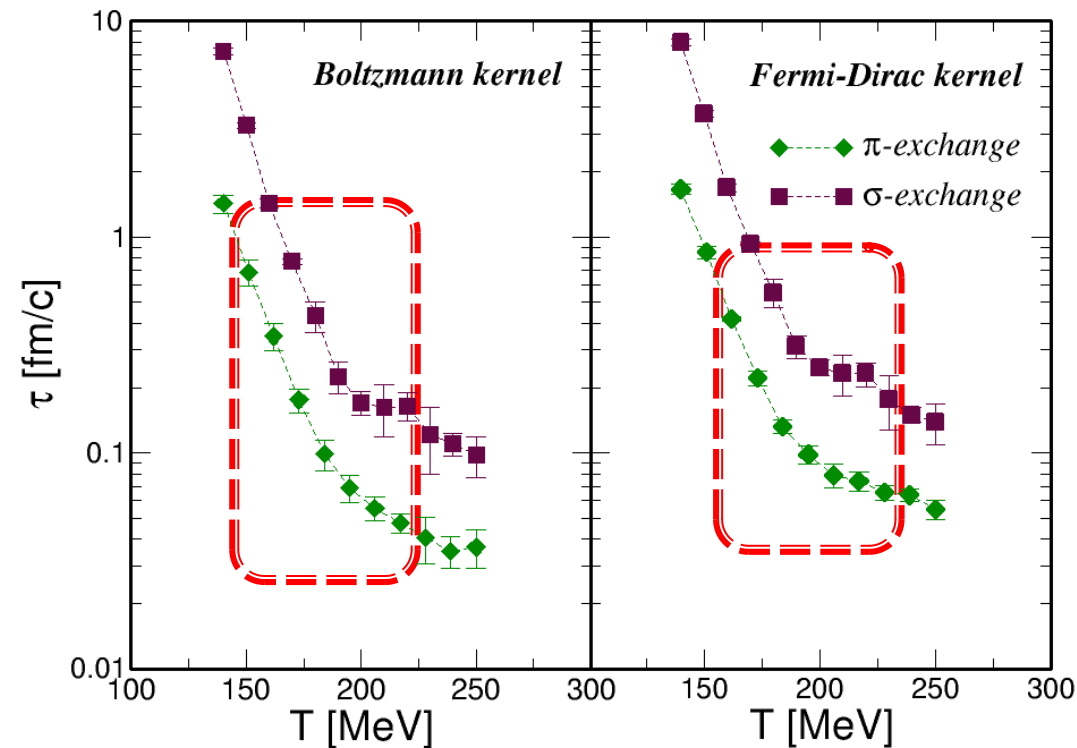
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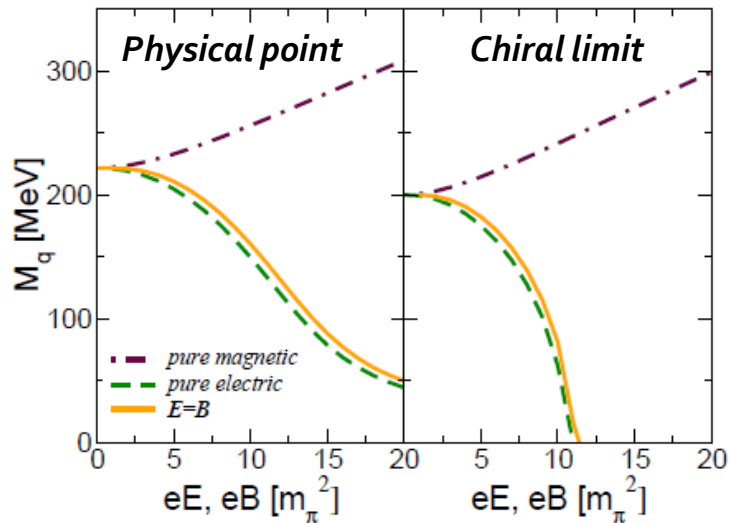
$$\tau \simeq 0.1 \div 2 \text{ fm/c}$$

# RESULTS

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# Inverse catalysis, $T=0$



Competition of electric and magnetic fields

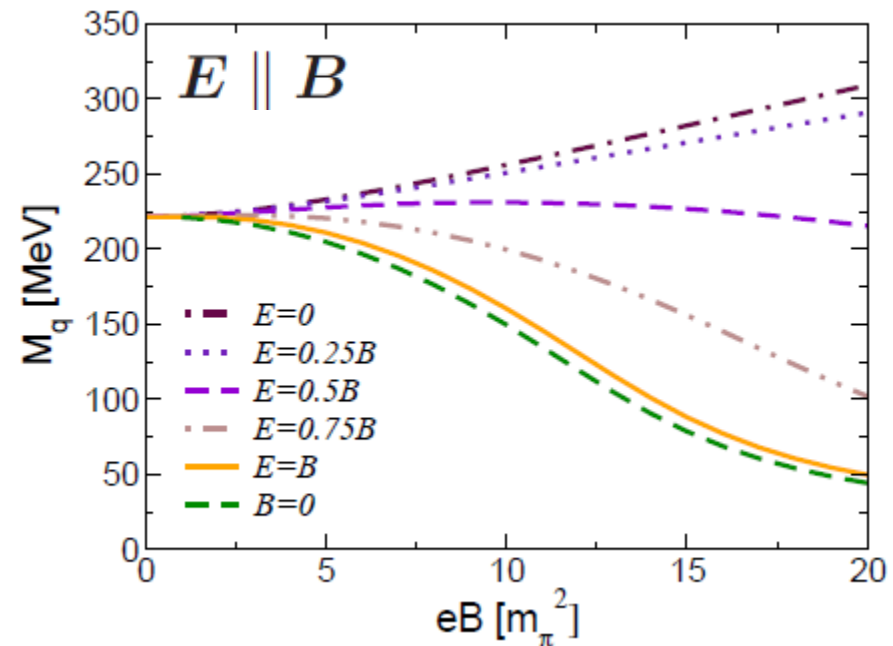
$$\delta m = \frac{1}{2N_f |E_i(-M_0^2/\Lambda^2)|} (\Upsilon_1 + \Upsilon_2)$$

$$\Upsilon_1 = \frac{q_u^2 + q_d^2}{3M_0^3} \mathcal{I}_1,$$

$$\Upsilon_2 = -\frac{q_u^4 + q_d^4}{45M_0^7} (\mathcal{I}_1^2 + 7\mathcal{I}_2^2),$$

$$\mathcal{I}_1 \equiv (eB)^2 - (eE)^2$$

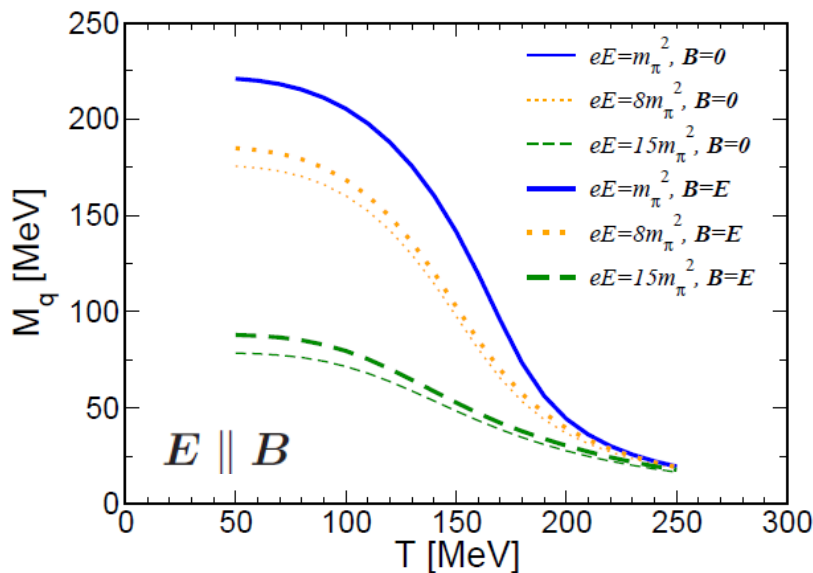
$$\mathcal{I}_2 \equiv (eE)(eB)$$



In agreement with:

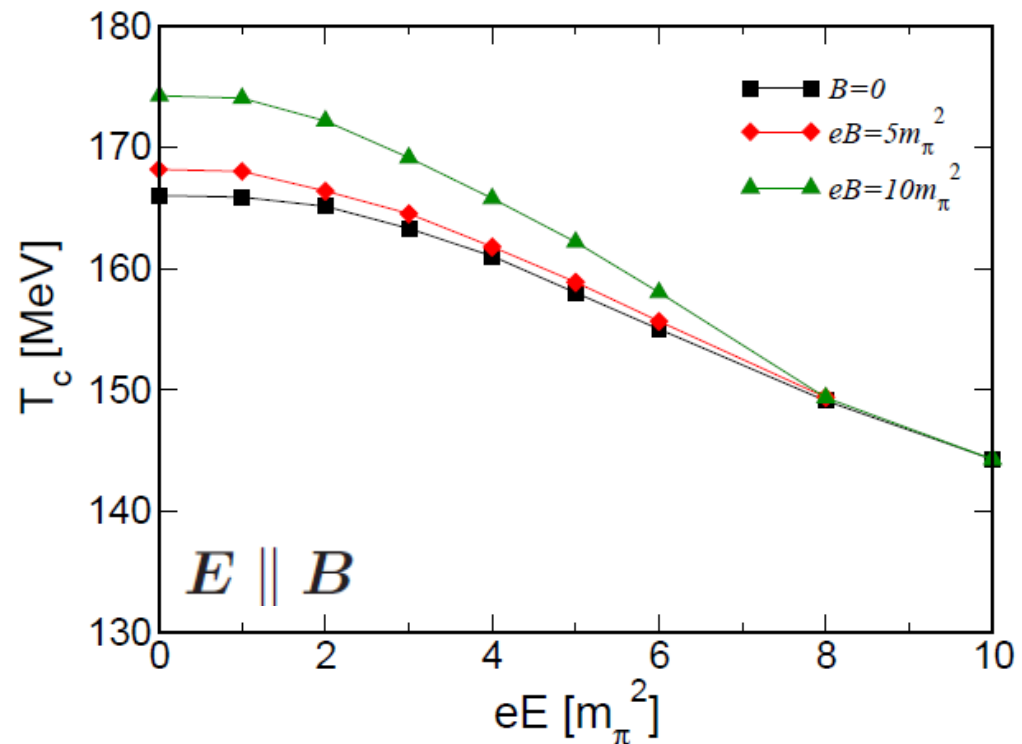
Cao and Huang (2015), Klevansky (1989), Gorbar et al. (1998)

# The suggested phase diagram

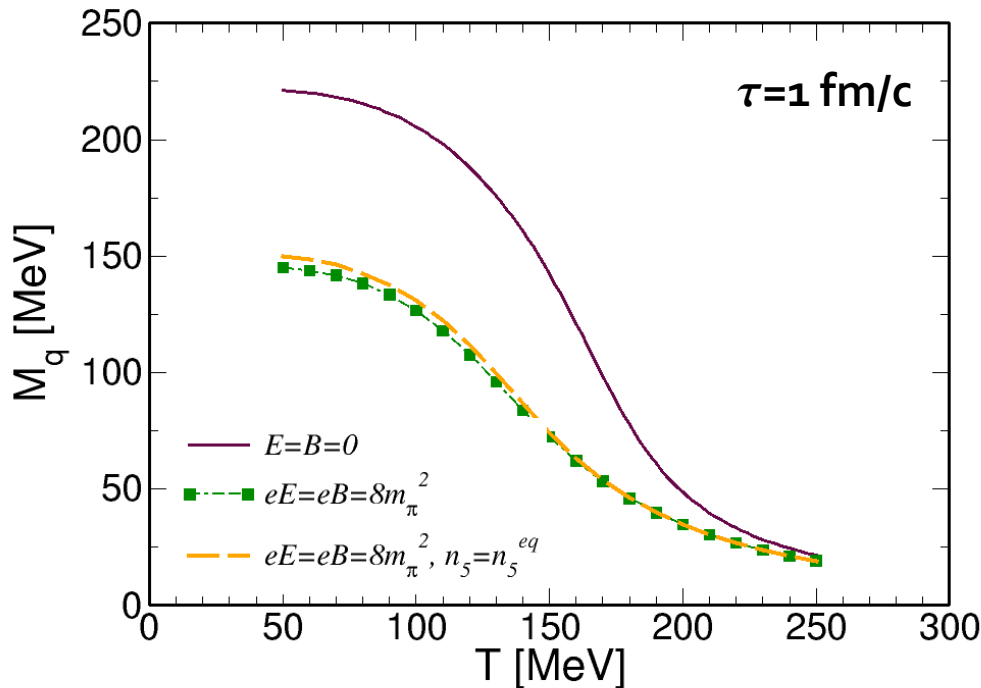


Even with a large magnetic background, a modest electric field induces **inverse catalysis of chiral symmetry breaking**.

*Simultaneous  $E$  and  $B$  with  $E \parallel B$  induce inverse catalysis of chiral symmetry breaking.*



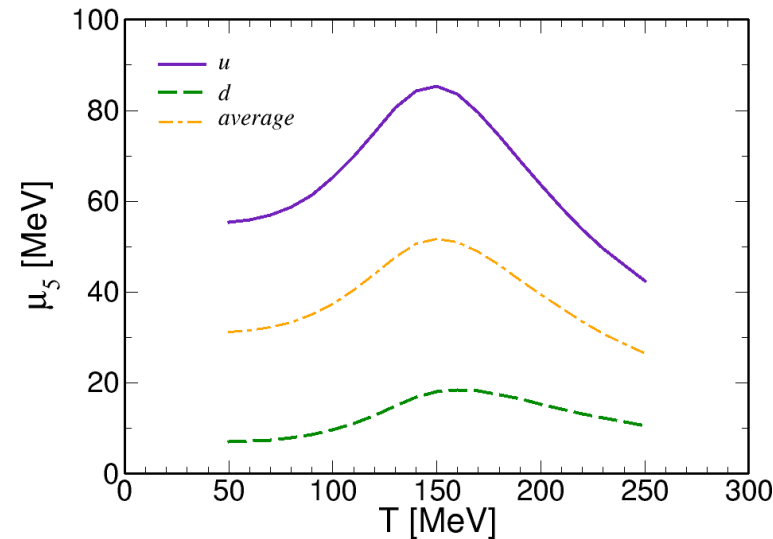
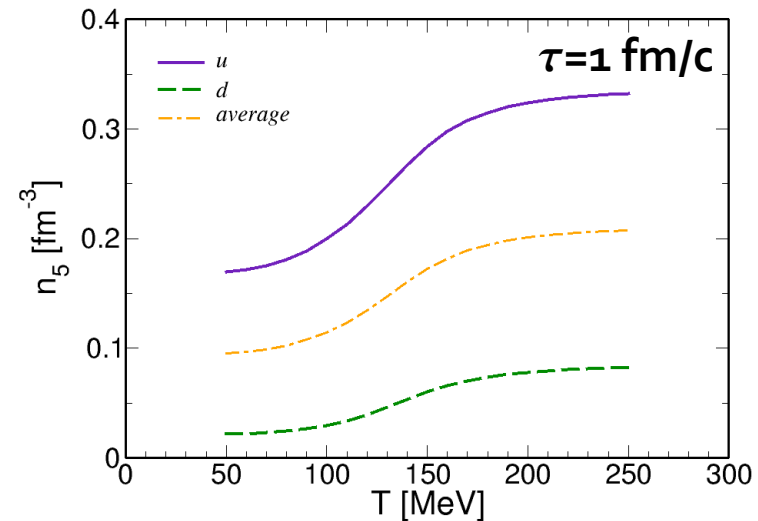
# Chiral density at phase transition



- Chiral densities of  $u$  and  $d$  quarks differ because of different electric charges:

$$\frac{n_{5u}^{eq}}{n_{5d}^{eq}} = \frac{q_u^2}{q_d^2} e^{-\frac{\pi M^2}{|eE|} \left( \frac{1}{q_u} - \frac{1}{|q_d|} \right)}$$

- Increase of  $T_c$  due to  $\mu_5$  is not enough to spoil the inverse catalysis induced by the electric field.



# Conclusions

- Electric field acts as an inhibitor of chiral symmetry breaking.
- $\mathbf{E}||\mathbf{B}$  inhibits chiral symmetry and leads to a lowering of  $T_c$ .
- Chiral density is produced dynamically by  $\mathbf{E}||\mathbf{B}$  and equilibrates within few fm/c.
- Chiral density  $n_5$ , dynamically produced, does not change drastically the phase diagram.

*Thanks for your attention.*

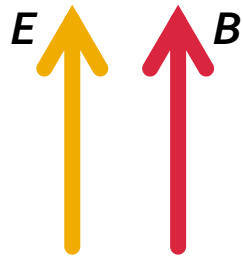


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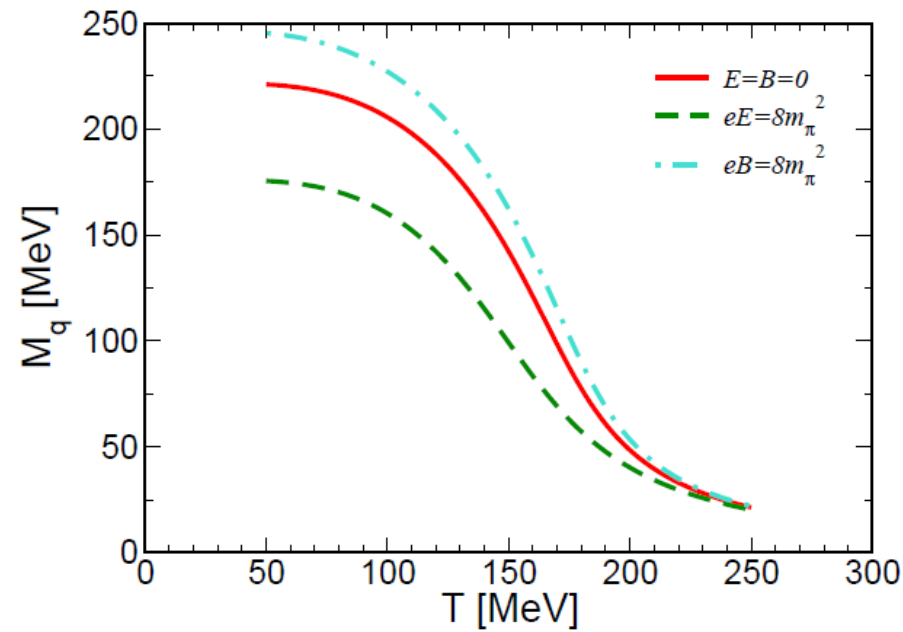
Simple poles:  $|q_f e E s| = n\pi, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$

See also:

Cao and Huang (2015), Klevansky (1989), Schwinger (1951)

**Vacuum instability (Schwinger effect)**

# Inverse catalysis at finite T

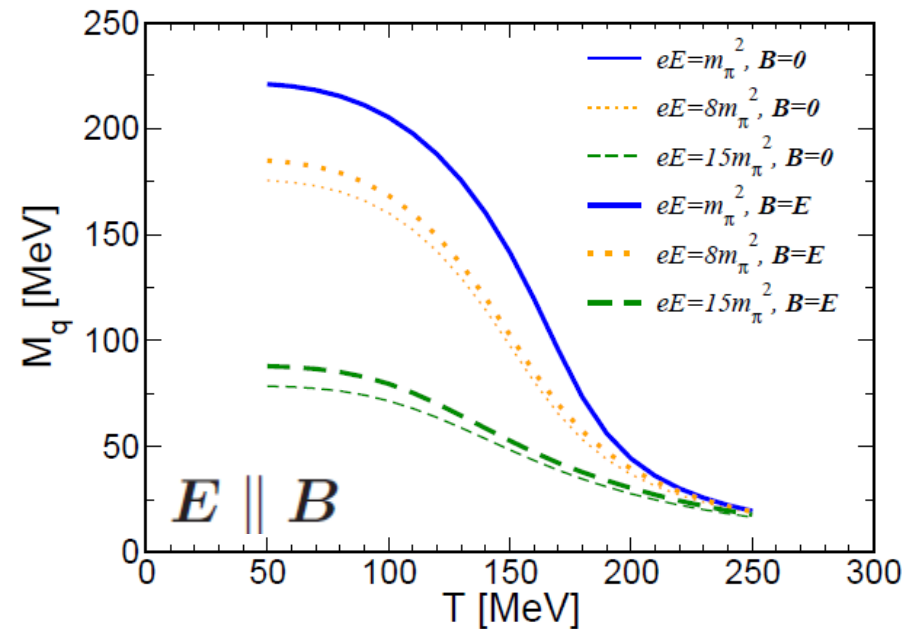


Pure electric and magnetic effects

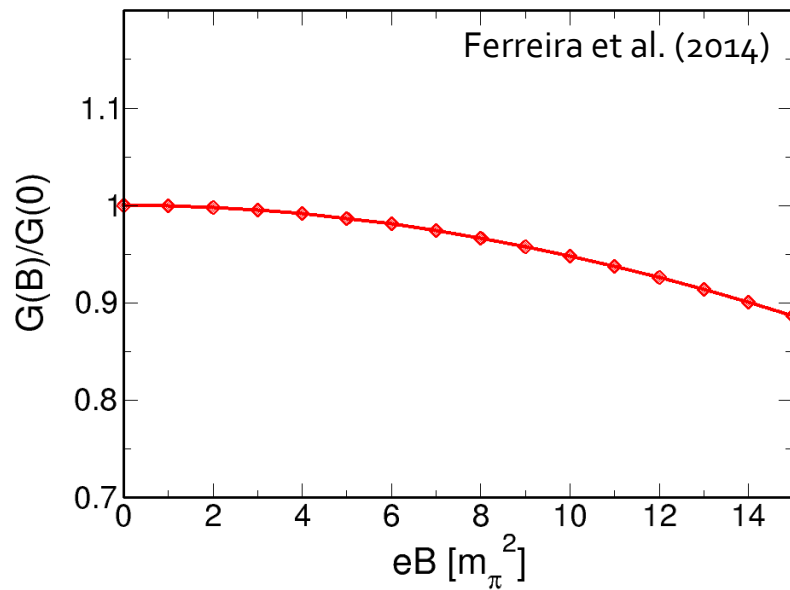
*Combined effect of fields*

$$\Omega = \frac{\alpha_2}{2} M_q^2 + O(M_q^4),$$

$$\alpha_{2,2} = - \sum_f q_f^2 \frac{N_c}{4\pi^2} \int ds \Theta_3(T, s) \frac{(eB)^2 - (eE)^2}{3} - \sum_f q_f^2 \frac{N_c}{48\pi^2 T^2} \int \frac{ds}{s} e^{-\frac{1}{4T^2 s}} \Delta_3(T, s) (eE)^2$$



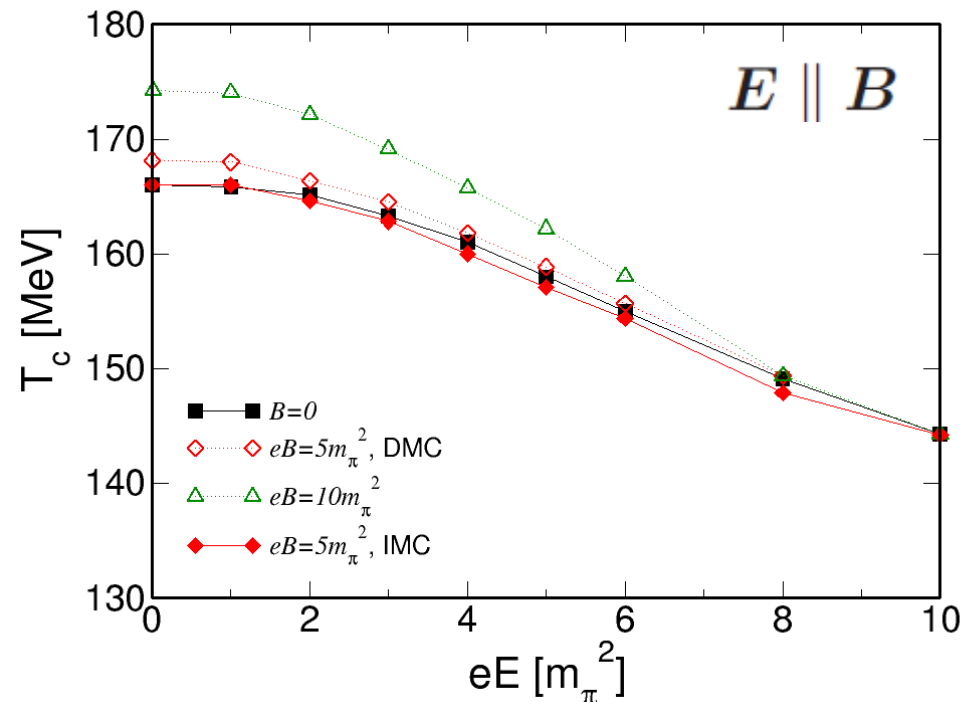
# Phase diagram with IMC



Inverse magnetic catalysis (IMC) in the NJL model:

$$G_s(\zeta) = G_s^0 \left( \frac{1 + a\zeta^2 + b\zeta^3}{1 + c\zeta^2 + d\zeta^4} \right) \quad \zeta = eB/\Lambda_{QCD}^2$$

Parameters fixed to reproduce Lattice  $T_c(B)$ . Bali et al. (2011)



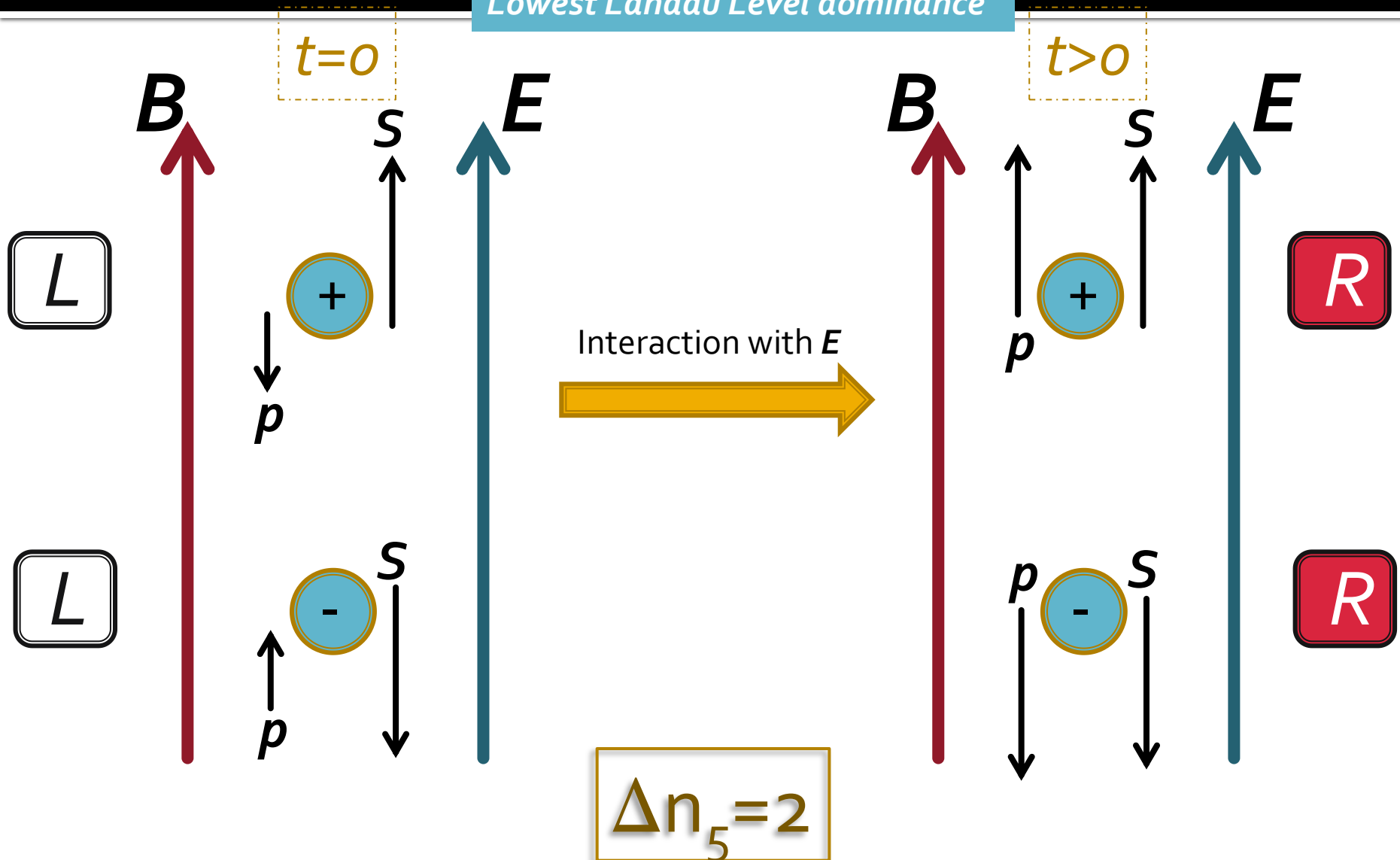
Qualitative picture is almost unchanged:

- Both E and B induce inverse catalysis;
- E effect is larger than the B one.

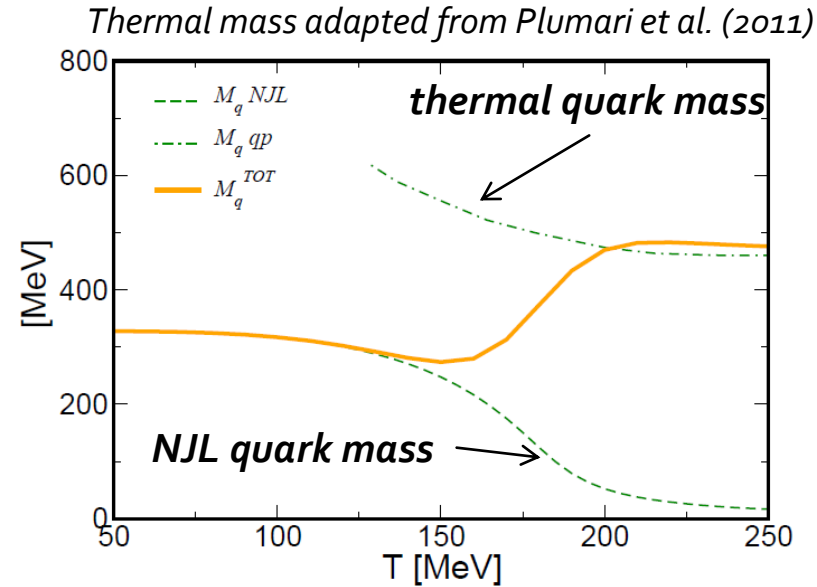
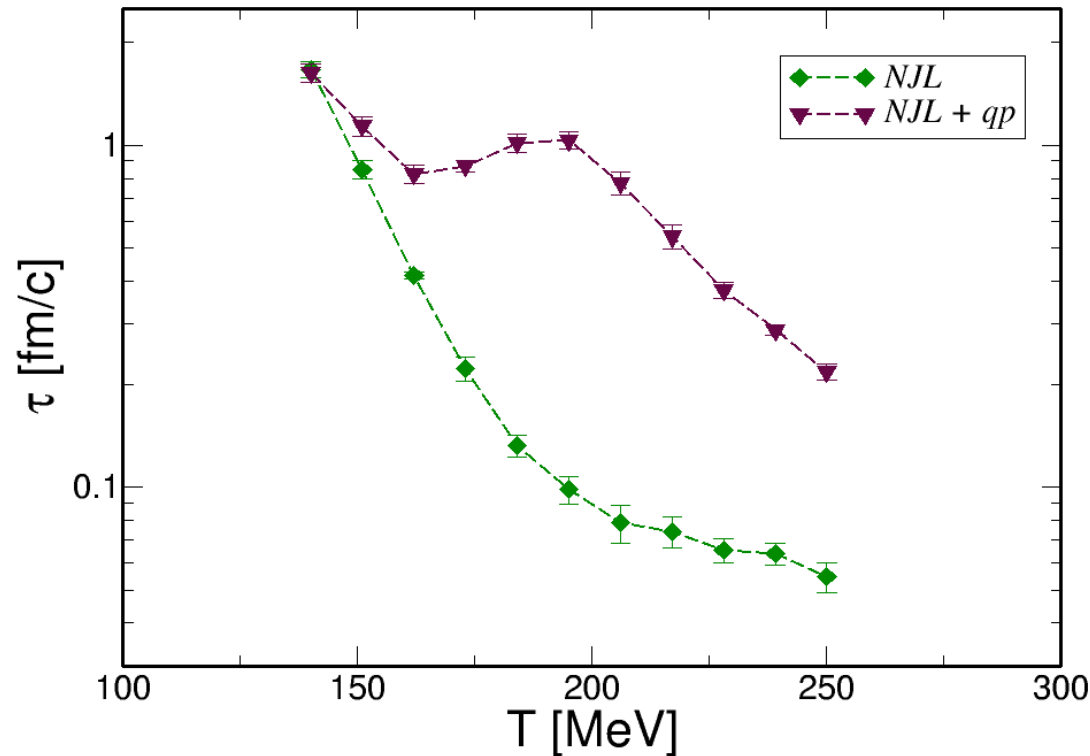


# Schwinger effect and $n_5$

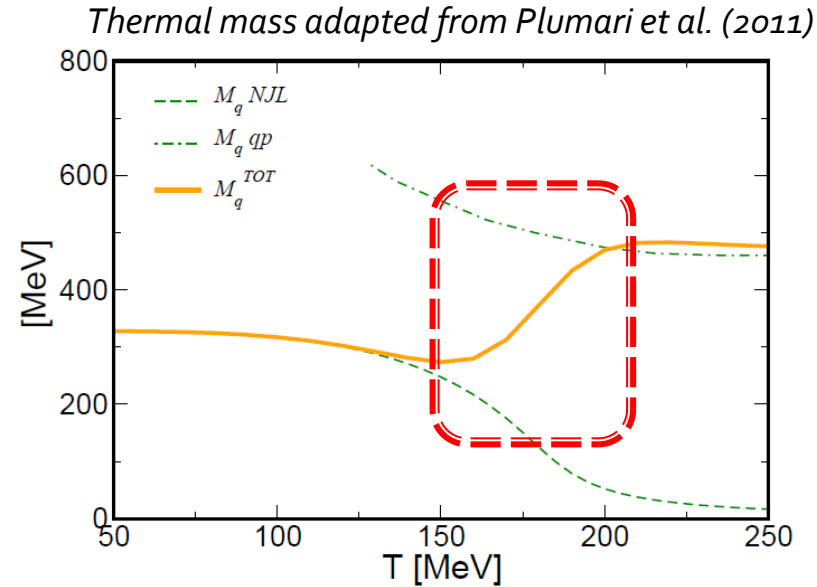
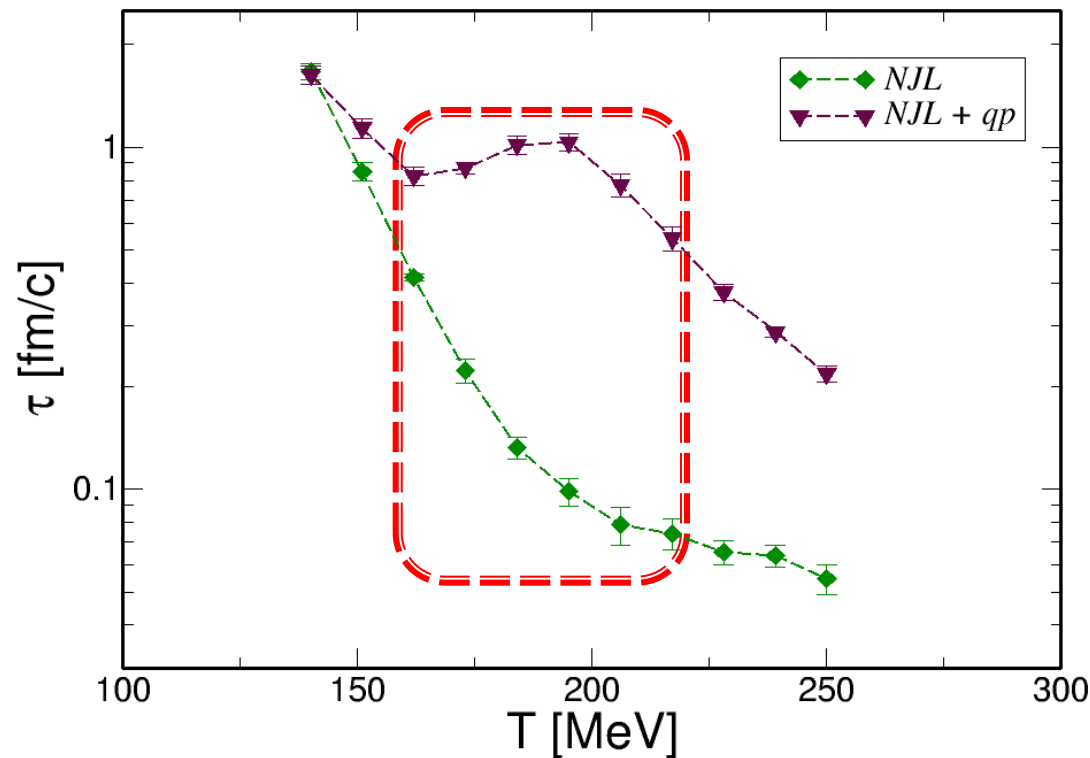
Lowest Landau Level dominance



# Relaxation time of chiral density



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*Increase of relaxation time due to increase of quark mass which leads to a partial lowering of the available phase space for collisions.*

In the chiral crossover region  
taking into account also  $\sigma$ :

$$\tau \simeq 0.1 \div 2 \text{ fm/c}$$