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## Studying explicit $U(1)_A$ symmetry breaking in hot and magnetised two flavour non-local NJL model constrained using lattice results

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We study the two-flavour non-local Nambu/textemdash Jona-Lasinio (NJL) model in the presence of a magnetic field and explore the chiral crossover in presence of a non-local form of the 't Hooft determinant term [1]. Its coupling is governed by a dimensionless parameter c. This term is responsible for the explicit breaking of  $U(1)_A$  symmetry. We have attempted a systematic analysis of the model parameters by fitting to self-consistent lattice QCD calculations. Three parameters of the model are fixed by eB = 0 results from published lattice QCD on the chiral condensate, the pion decay constant  $(F_{\pi})$ , and the pion mass  $(m_{\pi})$ . The difference of the u and d quark condensates in the presence of a magnetic field (eB) is quite sensitive to cand we fix c using published lattice QCD results for this observable. We see no evidence that c depends on eB. The crossover temperature decreases with increasing eB only for condensate values at the lower end of the allowed values (as already seen in `\cite{Pagura:2016pwr}) and  $F_{\pi}$  at the upper end of the allowed values. We further check our model predictions by calculating the topological susceptibility with the fitted c values and comparing it with lattice results. Since the topological susceptibility is related to the extent of the  $U(1)_A$ symmetry breaking, we find that it is sensitive to the value of c.

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