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Fluctuations of conserved charges in a background magnetic field

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We will present results on the second order fluctuations of net baryon number, electric charge and strangeness as well as correlations among these conserved charges in (2+1)-flavor lattice QCD in the presence of a background magnetic field.

Simulations are performed using the tree level improved gauge action and the highly improved staggered quark

(HISQ) action with a fixed scale approach (a=0.117 fm). The light quark mass is set to be 1/10 of the physical strange quark mass and the corresponding pion mass is about 220 MeV at vanishing magnetic field. At zero temperature the simulations are performed on $32^3 \times 96$ lattices while at nonzero temperature on $32^3 \times N_{\tau}$ lattices having six values of N_{τ} varying from 16 to 6 corresponding to temperature ranging from 105 MeV to 280 MeV. The magnetic field strength eB is simulated with about 15 different values up to 3.5 GeV² at each temperature. Chiral condensates and disconnected susceptibilities as a function of eB are also discussed.

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