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Chiral Vortices and Pseudoscalar Condensation in Rotating Strongly Interacting Matter

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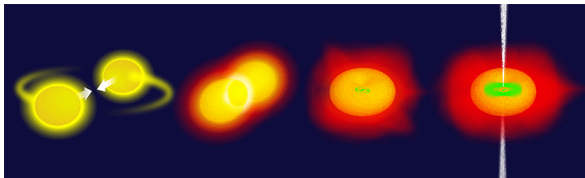
■ Outline

- Model: Four-fermion interaction with $U(1)$ chiral symmetry under rotation
- Self-consistent treatment: Bogoliubov-de Gennes formalism applied to chiral condensate
- Results: Finite-size effect, temperature and rotation effects, chiral vortex state and pseudoscalar condensation

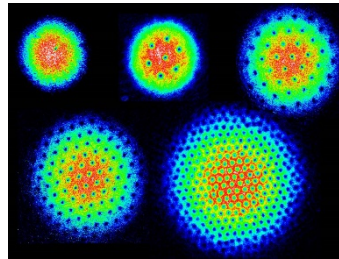


Rotation

There are many systems of interest that are rotating: hot matter in heavy ion collisions, neutron stars, cold atoms, ...



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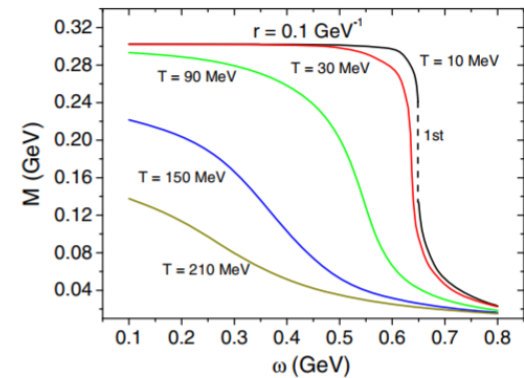


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Rotation leads to many interesting phenomena in hot and dense QCD matter. What is the effect on the chiral condensate?

STAR Collaboration,
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$$\omega \sim 10 \times 10^{21} \text{ Hz}$$

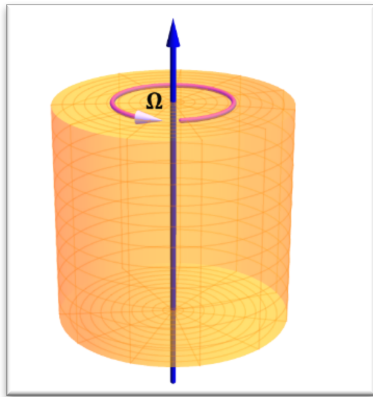


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QCD Phase Transition due to Rotation

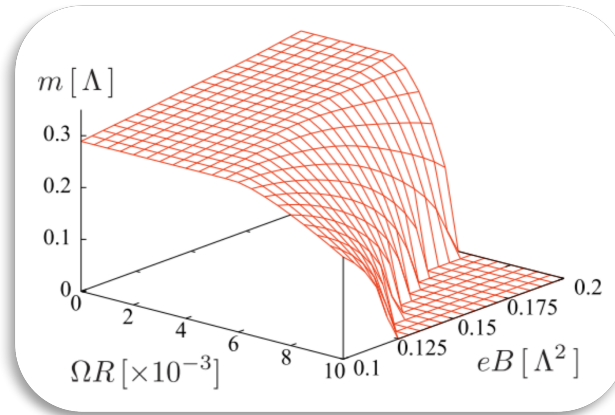


Rotating Frame

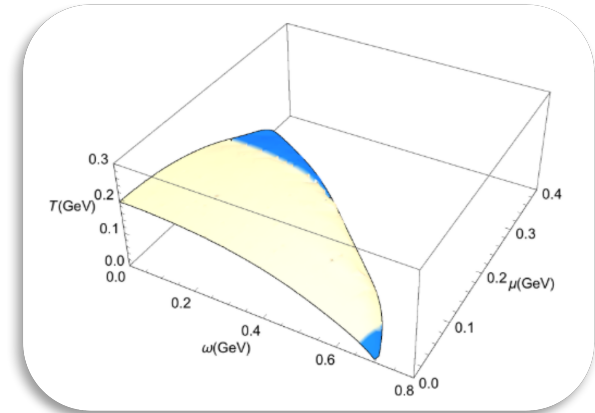
$$\tilde{E}_j = E_j - \Omega \left(m + \frac{1}{2} \right) \equiv E_j - \Omega \mu_m$$

$$E_j \equiv E_{ml}(k_z, M) = \pm \sqrt{k_z^2 + \frac{q_{ml}^2}{R^2} + M^2}$$

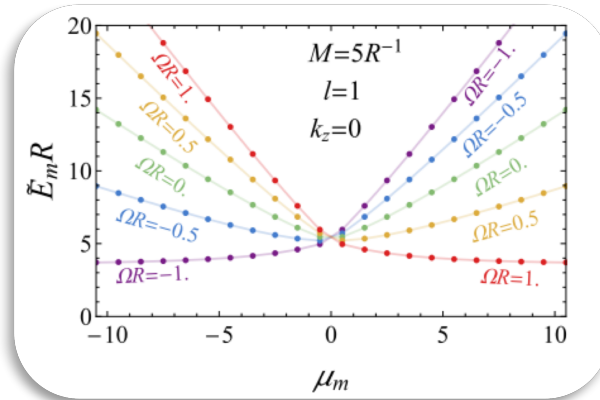
Finite Size + Rotation:
Inhomogeneous !



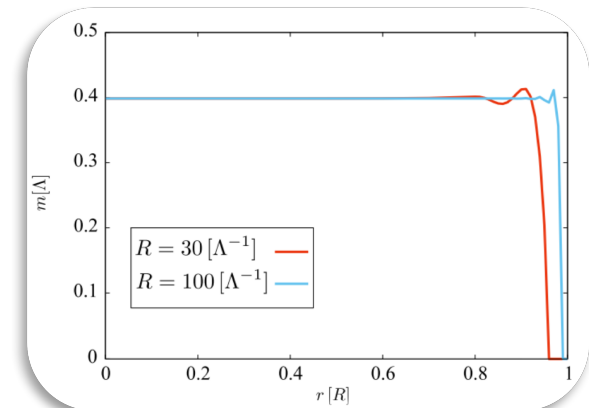
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■ NJL model with U(1) chiral symmetry in rotating frame

$$\mathcal{S}[\psi^\dagger, \psi] = \int dx \sqrt{-\det g_{\mu\nu}} [\psi^\dagger \partial_\tau \psi + \mathcal{H}(\psi^\dagger, \psi)]$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \psi^\dagger \hat{K}_0 \psi - \frac{G}{2N} [(\bar{\psi}\psi)^2 + (\bar{\psi}i\gamma_5\psi)^2] \quad \hat{K}_0 = -i\gamma^0 \boldsymbol{\gamma} \cdot \nabla - \boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{J}}$$

Mean-Field Approximation

$$\sigma(\mathbf{r}) = -G \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle, \quad \pi(\mathbf{r}) = -G \langle \bar{\psi}i\gamma_5\psi \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{MF}} = \psi^\dagger \hat{K}[\sigma, \pi] \psi + \frac{N}{2G} (\sigma^2 + \pi^2) \quad \hat{K} = \hat{K}_0 + \gamma^0(\sigma + i\gamma_5\pi)$$

Eigenvalue Equation

$$\hat{K} \Psi_n(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_n \Psi_n(\mathbf{r})$$

Complex Chiral Condensate with U(1) Phase

$$\Delta(\mathbf{r}) = \sigma(\mathbf{r}) + i\pi(\mathbf{r}) = M(\mathbf{r})e^{i\phi(\mathbf{r})}$$



■ Bogoliubov-de Gennes Theory: Brute-force diagonalization

Effective potential

$$\frac{U_{\text{eff}}}{N} = \frac{1}{2G} \int d\mathbf{r} |\Delta(\mathbf{r})|^2 - \sum_n \left[\frac{\varepsilon_n}{2} + \frac{1}{\beta} \ln (1 + e^{-\beta\varepsilon_n}) \right]$$

Self-consistent Bogoliubov-de Gennes theory:

$$\hat{K} \Psi_n(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_n \Psi_n(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\frac{\delta U_{\text{eff}}[\Delta(\mathbf{r})]}{\delta \Delta(\mathbf{r})} = 0$$

Very hard to solve if we do not use any approximation...

People normally use the Local Density Approximation (LDA)



Beyond LDA: Chiral Vortices

Complex Chiral Condensate with U(1) Phase:

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Chiral Vortex Solution: (cylindrical system)

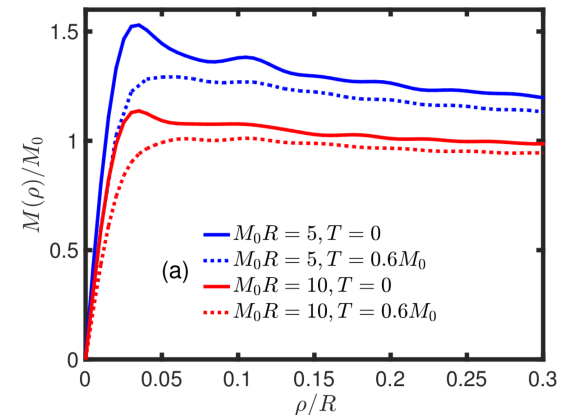
$$\Delta(\mathbf{r}) = M(\rho)e^{i\kappa\theta}, \quad \kappa \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Induced stripe-like pseudoscalar condensate:

$$\sigma(\mathbf{r}) = M(\rho) \cos(\kappa\theta)$$

$$\pi(\mathbf{r}) = M(\rho) \sin(\kappa\theta)$$

Chiral vortex state: $\kappa \neq 0$





■ NJL Model in 2+1 Dimensions: Renormalizable

At the leading order in $1/N$, only the bare coupling should be fine tuned

$$\frac{1}{G(\Lambda)} - \frac{1}{G_c} = -\frac{M_0}{\pi} \text{sgn}(G - G_c) \quad G_c = \pi/\Lambda$$

The emergent quantity M_0 serves as the only mass scale of the theory.

$G > G_c$: spontaneous chiral symmetry occurs in vacuum
effective fermion mass given by $M_* = M_0$



■ BdG Eigenvalue equation in (2+1) D

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{K}_{11} & \hat{K}_{12} \\ \hat{K}_{21} & \hat{K}_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_n(\mathbf{r}) \\ v_n(\mathbf{r}) \end{pmatrix} = \varepsilon_n \begin{pmatrix} u_n(\mathbf{r}) \\ v_n(\mathbf{r}) \end{pmatrix}$$

In Chiral Basis:

$$\hat{K}_{11} = \hat{K}_{22} = -i(\sigma_2 \partial_x + \sigma_1 \partial_y) - \omega(\hat{l}_z + \sigma_3/2)$$

$$\hat{K}_{12} = \sigma_3 \Delta(\mathbf{r}) \quad \hat{K}_{21} = \sigma_3 \Delta^*(\mathbf{r})$$



■ Rotational symmetry: Different l sectors decouple

$$\Delta(\mathbf{r}) = M(\rho)e^{i\kappa\theta}, \quad \kappa \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Because of the rotational symmetry, we write

$$u_n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_l \frac{e^{il\theta}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \begin{pmatrix} u_{nl}^\uparrow(\rho)e^{i\theta} \\ u_{nl}^\downarrow(\rho) \end{pmatrix},$$

$$v_n(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_l \frac{e^{i(l-\kappa)\theta}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \begin{pmatrix} v_{nl}^\uparrow(\rho)e^{i\theta} \\ v_{nl}^\downarrow(\rho) \end{pmatrix},$$



Boundary condition (infinitely deep potential well)

We choose a close boundary condition, such that there is no incoming and outgoing flux at the spatial boundary

$$\int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \bar{\Psi}_n \gamma^\rho \Psi_n |_{\rho=R} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow$$
$$\gamma^\rho \equiv \gamma^1 \cos \theta + \gamma^2 \sin \theta$$
$$u_{nl}^\uparrow(\rho) = \sum_j c_{nj}^\uparrow \phi_{j,l+1}(\rho)$$
$$u_{nl}^\downarrow(\rho) = \sum_j c_{nj}^\downarrow \phi_{j,l}(\rho)$$
$$v_{nl}^\uparrow(\rho) = \sum_j d_{nj}^\uparrow \phi_{j,l-\kappa+1}(\rho)$$
$$v_{nl}^\downarrow(\rho) = \sum_j d_{nj}^\downarrow \phi_{j,l-\kappa}(\rho)$$
$$\phi_{j,l}(\rho) = \frac{\sqrt{2} J_l(\alpha_{j,l} \rho / R)}{R J_{l+1}(\alpha_{j,l})}$$



■ The BdG eigenvalue equation decouples into different l sectors

For a given angular quantum number l , we have a matrix problem

$$\sum_{j'} \begin{pmatrix} -K_{l+1}^{jj'} & S_l^{jj'} & \Delta_{l+1}^{jj'} & 0 \\ S_l^{j'j} & K_{-l}^{jj'} & 0 & -\Delta_l^{jj'} \\ \Delta_{l+1}^{j'j} & 0 & -K_{l-\kappa+1}^{jj'} & S_{l-\kappa}^{jj'} \\ 0 & -\Delta_l^{j'j} & S_{l-\kappa}^{j'j} & K_{-(l-\kappa)}^{jj'} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{nj'}^\uparrow \\ c_{nj'}^\downarrow \\ d_{nj'}^\uparrow \\ d_{nj'}^\downarrow \end{pmatrix} = \varepsilon_{nl} \begin{pmatrix} c_{nj}^\uparrow \\ c_{nj}^\downarrow \\ d_{nj}^\uparrow \\ d_{nj}^\downarrow \end{pmatrix}$$

$$K_l^{jj'} = \omega(l - 1/2)\delta_{jj'}$$

$$S_l^{jj'} = \int d\rho \phi_{j,l+1}(\rho) \left(l - \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \right) \phi_{j',l}(\rho)$$

$$\Delta_l^{jj'} = \int \rho d\rho M(\rho) \phi_{j,l}(\rho) \phi_{j',l-\kappa}(\rho)$$



- The eigenvalue equation should be solved with a gap equation that minimizes the effective potential

$$\frac{M(\rho)}{G(\Lambda)} = \sum_{n,l} \left[u_{nl}^{\uparrow} v_{nl}^{\uparrow}(\rho) - u_{nl}^{\downarrow} v_{nl}^{\downarrow}(\rho) \right] (1 - 2n_{\text{F}}(\varepsilon_{nl}))$$

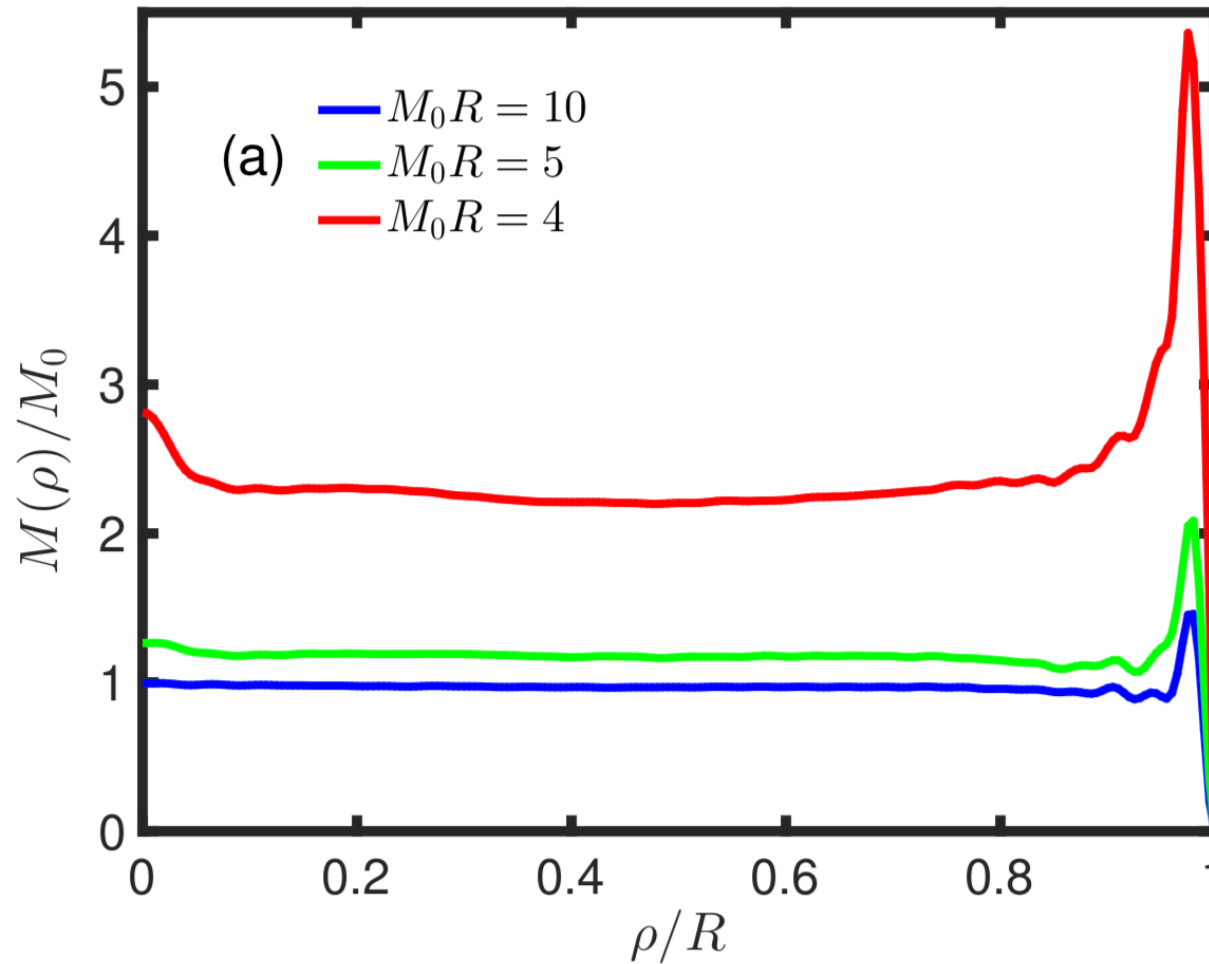
The gap equation couples different l sectors.

Since the theory is renormalizable, the cutoff dependence finally disappears when we set $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$

There is no model parameter dependence!

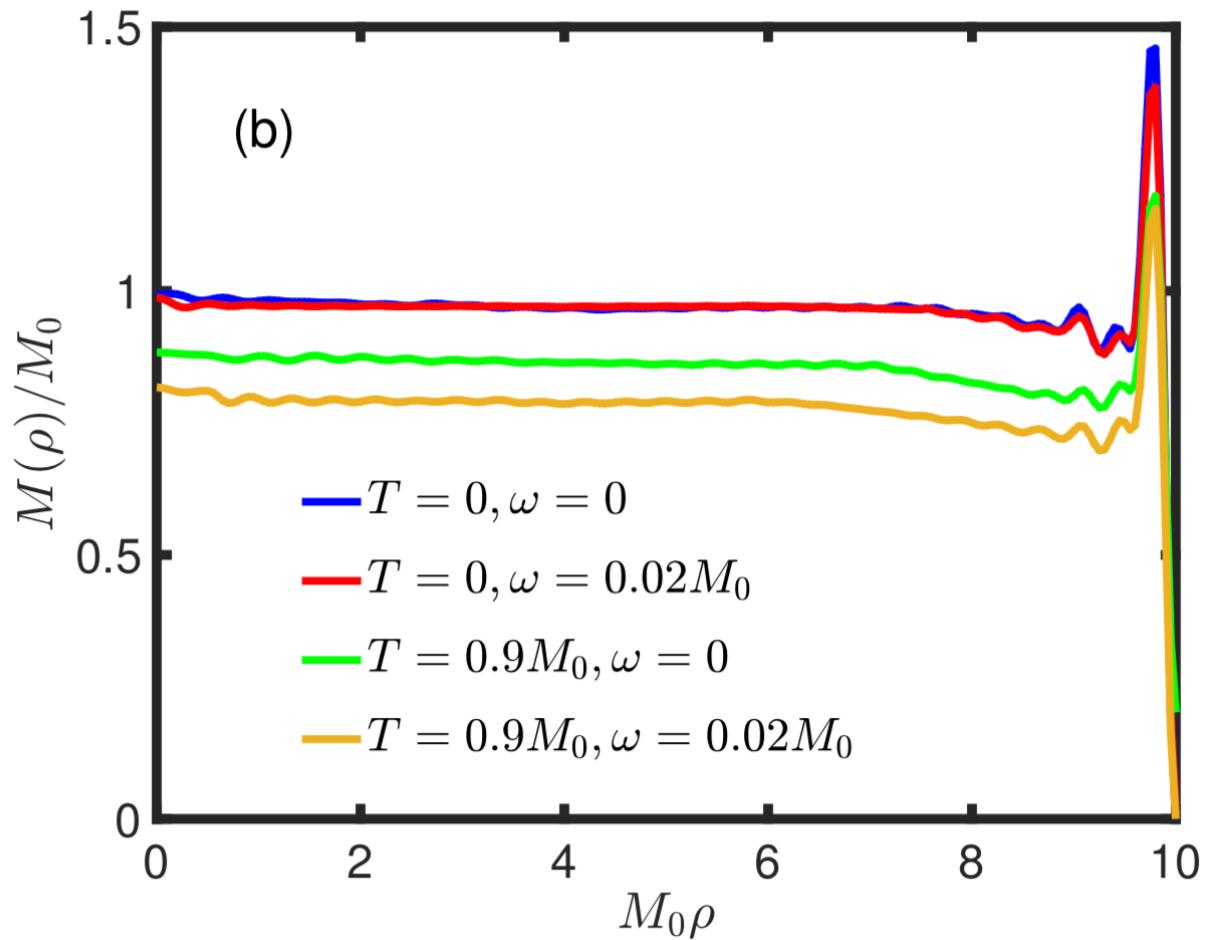


Results: Finite-size effect



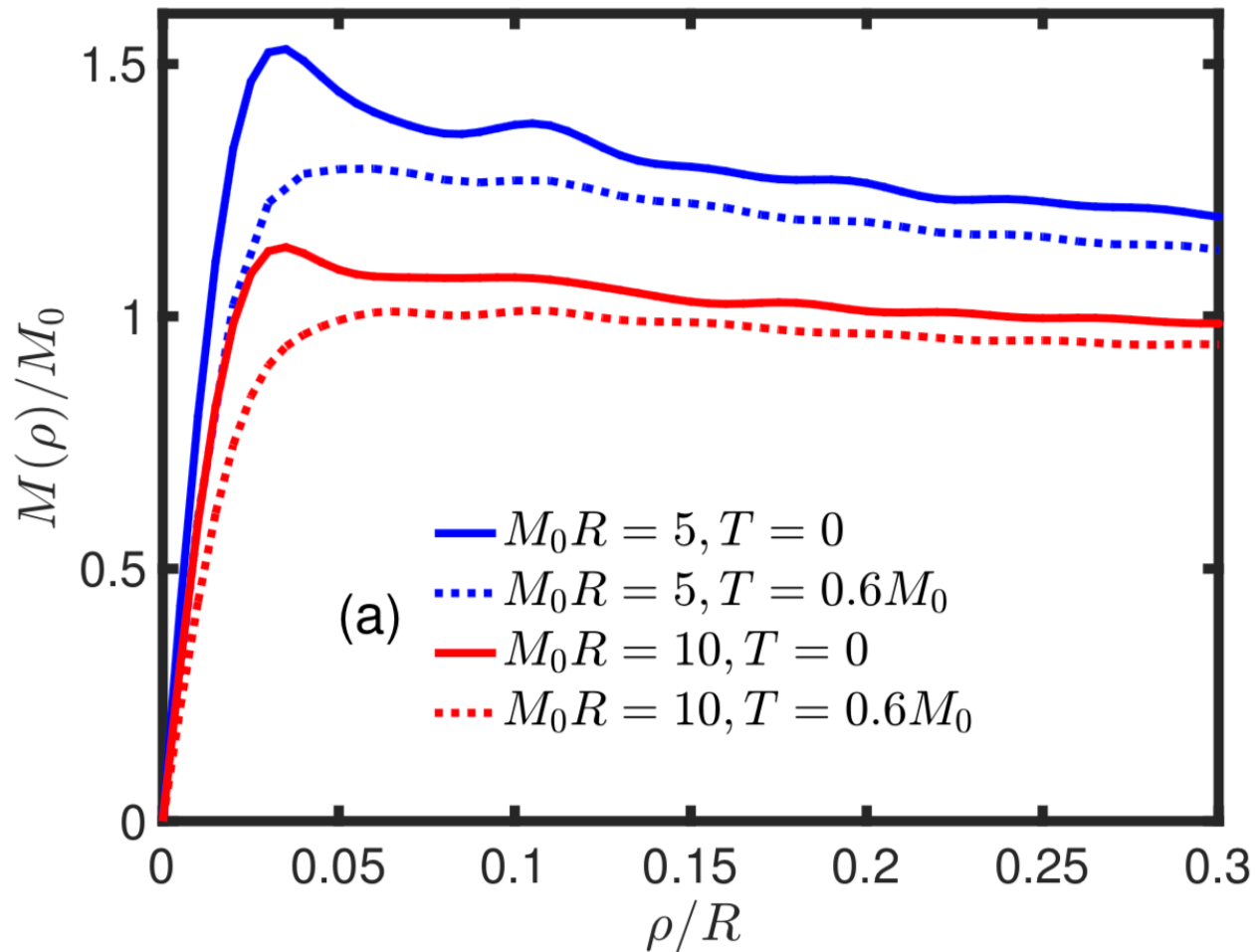


Results: Temperature and rotation effects



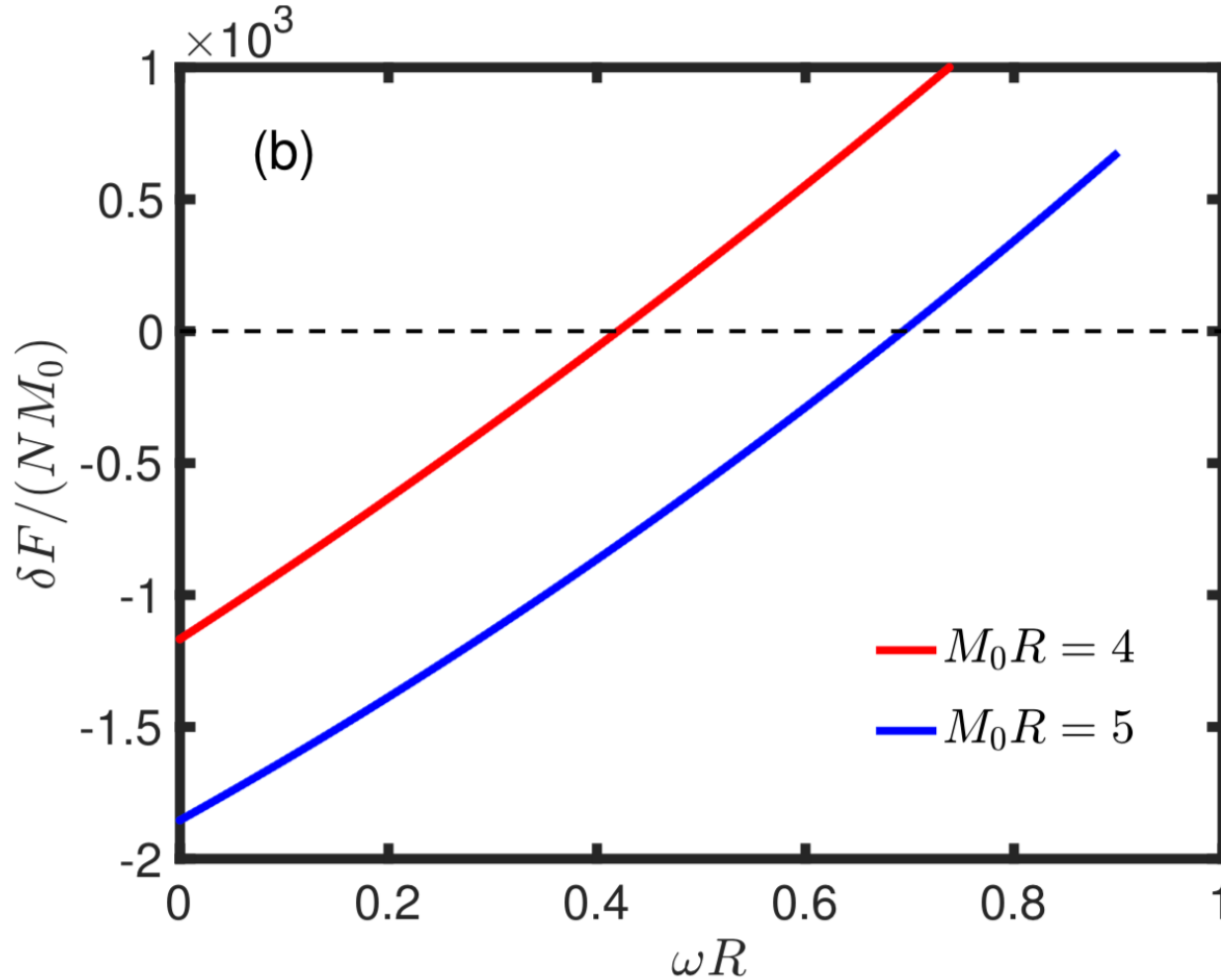


Results: Chiral vortex state



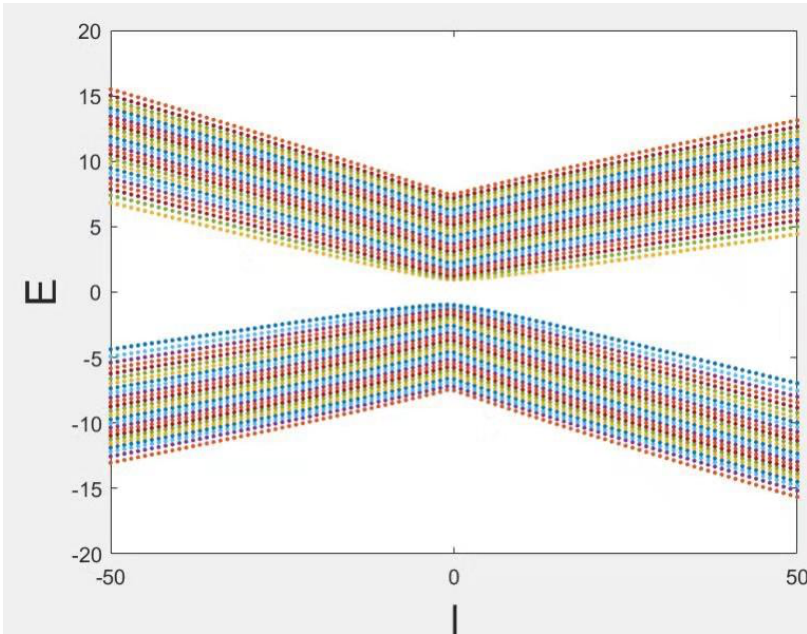


Results: Energy Comparison

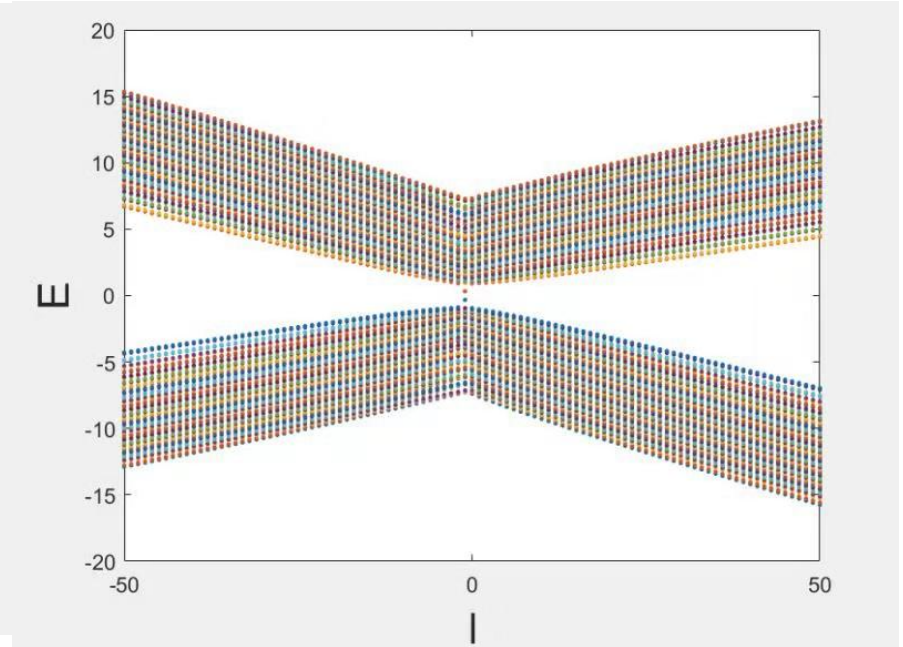




Results: Excitation Spectrum



non-vortex state



vortex state



■ Summary and outlook

- Self-consistent treatment of inhomogeneous chiral condensate in rotating four-fermion models
- For $U(1)$ chiral symmetry, the chiral vortex state can be favored ground state at large vorticity
- Inclusion of magnetic field, $(3+1)$ -dimensions, charged pion condensation, ...

Thank You!