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Chiral shift in dense relativistic matter in magnetic field

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Dense relativistic matter

- Dense relativistic matter is common inside compact stars
  - Electrons in white dwarfs

    $T \ll m \lesssim \mu$ (*i.e.*, $T \lesssim 1$ keV & $\mu \simeq 1$ MeV)
  - Neutrons of nuclear matter

    $T \ll m \lesssim \mu$ (*i.e.*, $T \lesssim 10$ MeV & $\mu \simeq 1$ GeV)
  - Electrons inside stellar nuclear matter

    $m \lesssim T \ll \mu$ (*i.e.*, $T \lesssim 10$ MeV & $\mu \simeq 100$ MeV)
  - Dense quark matter in stellar cores (if formed)

    $T \lesssim m \ll \mu$ (*i.e.*, $T \lesssim 10$ MeV & $\mu \gtrsim 400$ MeV)

General idea

- Topological current in relativistic matter in a magnetic field (3+1 dimensions)

$$\langle \bar{\psi}\gamma^3\gamma^5\psi\rangle = \frac{eB}{2\pi^2}\mu \quad \text{(free theory!)}$$

[Metlitski, Zhitnitsky, PRD **72**, 045011 (2005)]

- Should there be a dynamical "mass" Δ, associated with this condensate?

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_0 + \mathcal{L}_\Delta \quad \text{where} \quad \boxed{\mathcal{L}_\Delta \simeq \Delta\bar{\psi}\gamma^3\gamma^5\psi}$$

- Note: Δ=0 is not protected by any symmetry

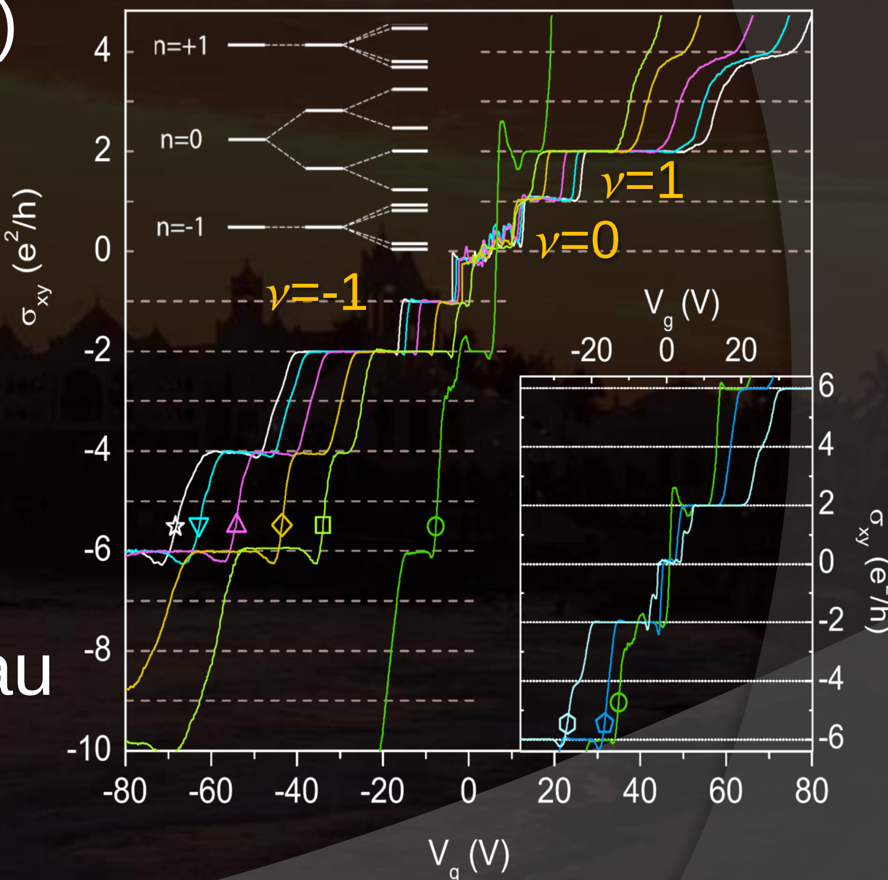
Lesson from graphene

- Dynamics of Quantum Hall Effect in graphene (≈ QED in 2+1 dimensions)
  - Parity and time-reversal odd Dirac mass

$$\Delta \quad \sim \quad \langle \bar{\Psi} \gamma^3 \gamma^5 \Psi \rangle$$

[Gorbar, Gusynin, Miransky, I.S., PRB **78**, 085437 (2008)]

- Δ describes the 0^{th} plateau in Quantum Hall effect in graphene



Zhang et al., PRL **96,** 136806 (2006)

Model

- Lagrangian density:

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}\left(iD_\nu + \mu_0 \delta_\nu^0\right)\gamma^\nu \psi + \frac{G_{\text{int}}}{2}\left[\left(\bar{\psi}\psi\right)^2 + \left(\bar{\psi} i \gamma^5 \psi\right)^2\right]$$

- The dimensionless coupling is

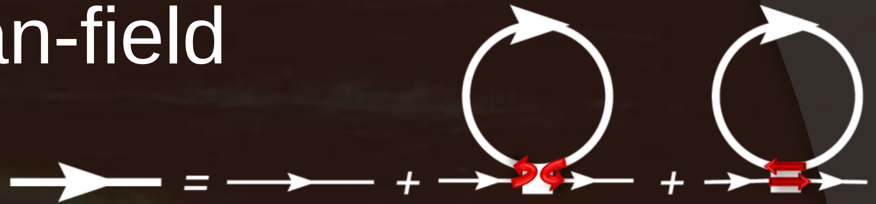
$$g \equiv G_{\text{int}} \Lambda^2 / (4\pi^2) \ll 1$$

- Magnetic field is inside $D_\nu = \partial_\nu - ieA_\nu$

  where $A_\nu = xB\delta_\nu^2$ (Landau gauge)

Approximation

- Gap equation in mean-field approximation:



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\begin{aligned}
G^{-1}(u,u') &= S^{-1}(u,u') - iG_{\text{int}}\left\{G(u,u) - \gamma^5 G(u,u)\gamma^5\right.\\
&- \left.\text{tr}[G(u,u)] + \gamma^5\,\text{tr}[\gamma^5 G(u,u)]\right\}\delta^4(u-u')
\end{aligned}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
iG^{-1}(u,u') &= \Big[(i\partial_t+\mu)\gamma^0 - (\boldsymbol{\pi}\cdot\boldsymbol{\gamma}) - \pi^3\gamma^3\\
&+ i\tilde{\mu}\gamma^1\gamma^2 \boxed{+\Delta\gamma^3\gamma^5} - m\Big]\delta^4(u-u')
\end{aligned}
$$

and

$$
iS^{-1}(u,u') = \left[(i\partial_t+\mu_0)\gamma^0 - (\boldsymbol{\pi}\cdot\boldsymbol{\gamma}) - \pi^3\gamma^3\right]\delta^4(u-u')
$$

Vacuum state

- Magnetic catalysis (spontaneous generation of a nonzero Dirac mass even at $g \ll 1$):

$$m_0^2 = \frac{1}{\pi l^2} \exp\left(-\frac{\Lambda^2 l^2}{g}\right) \quad \text{where} \quad l = 1/\sqrt{|eB|}$$

  (along with $\mu = \mu_0$)

  [Gusynin, Miransky, I.S., PRL **73**, 3499 (1994); PLB **349**, 477 (1995)]

- The solution exists for $\mu_0 < m_0$, although it will be less stable than the normal state ($m = 0$) already for $\mu_0 \gtrsim m_0/\sqrt{2}$ [Clogston, PRL **9**, 266 (1962)]

"Abnormal" normal ground state

- The gap equation allows another solution,

$$\mu \simeq \mu_0 \text{ and } \Delta \simeq g\mu_0 eB/\Lambda^2$$

- This solution is almost independent of temperature when $T \ll \mu$
- This is the normal ground state since its symmetry is same as in the Lagrangian
- Besides, there is no trivial solution $\Delta=0$

Change of ground state

- The free energy in the state with $m \neq 0$ (broken symmetry)

$$\Omega_m \simeq -\frac{m_0^2}{2(2\pi l)^2}\left(1+(m_0 l)^2 \ln|\Lambda l|\right)$$

- The free energy in the normal state, $\Delta \neq 0$

$$\Omega_\Delta \simeq -\frac{\mu_0^2}{(2\pi l)^2}\left(1 - g\frac{|eB|}{\Lambda^2}\right)$$

- So, indeed symmetry is restored for $\mu > \mu_c$, $\mu_c \simeq m_0/\sqrt{2}$

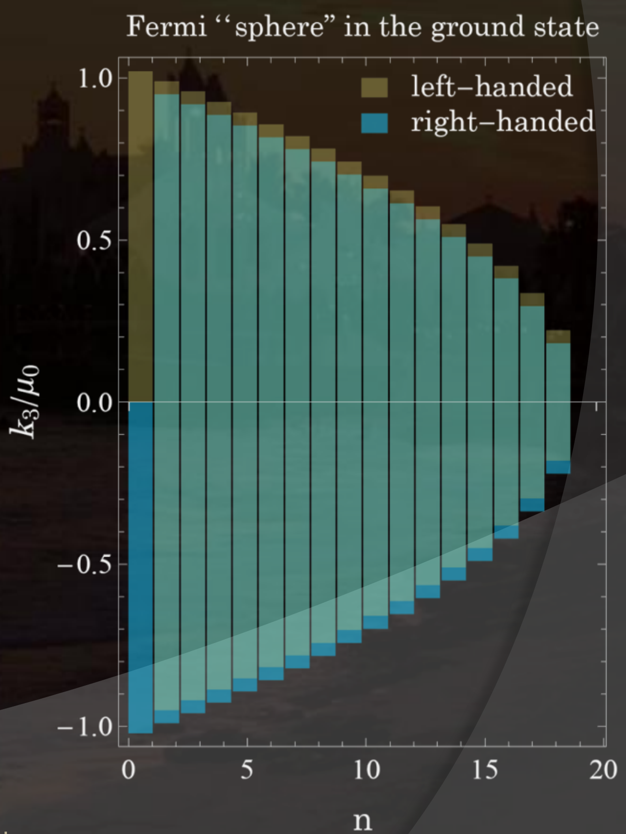
Physical meaning of Δ

- The dispersion relation of quasiparticles:

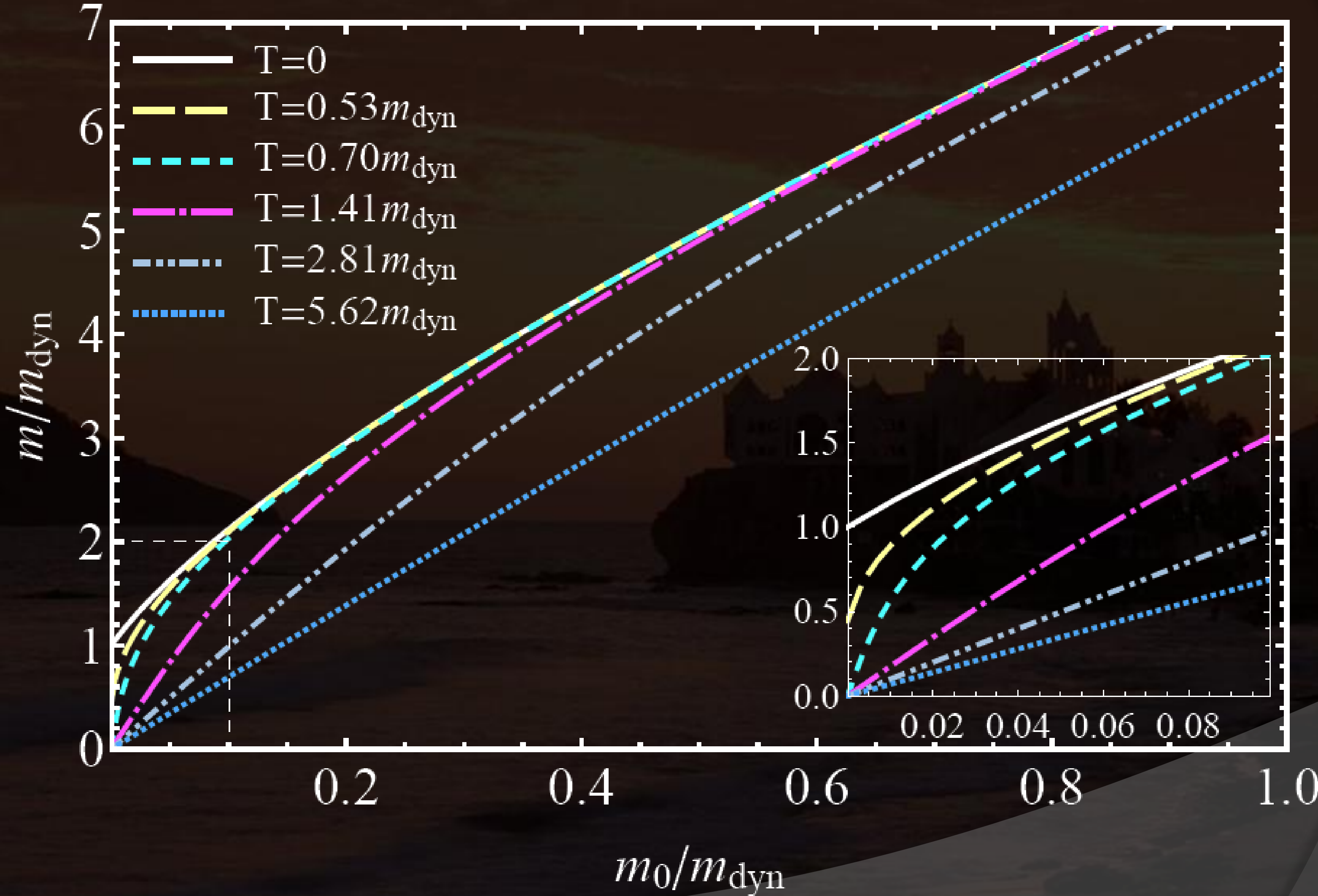
$$\omega_{n,\sigma} = -\mu \pm \sqrt{[k_3 + \sigma\Delta]^2 + 2n|eB|}$$

where $\sigma = \pm 1$ is the chirality

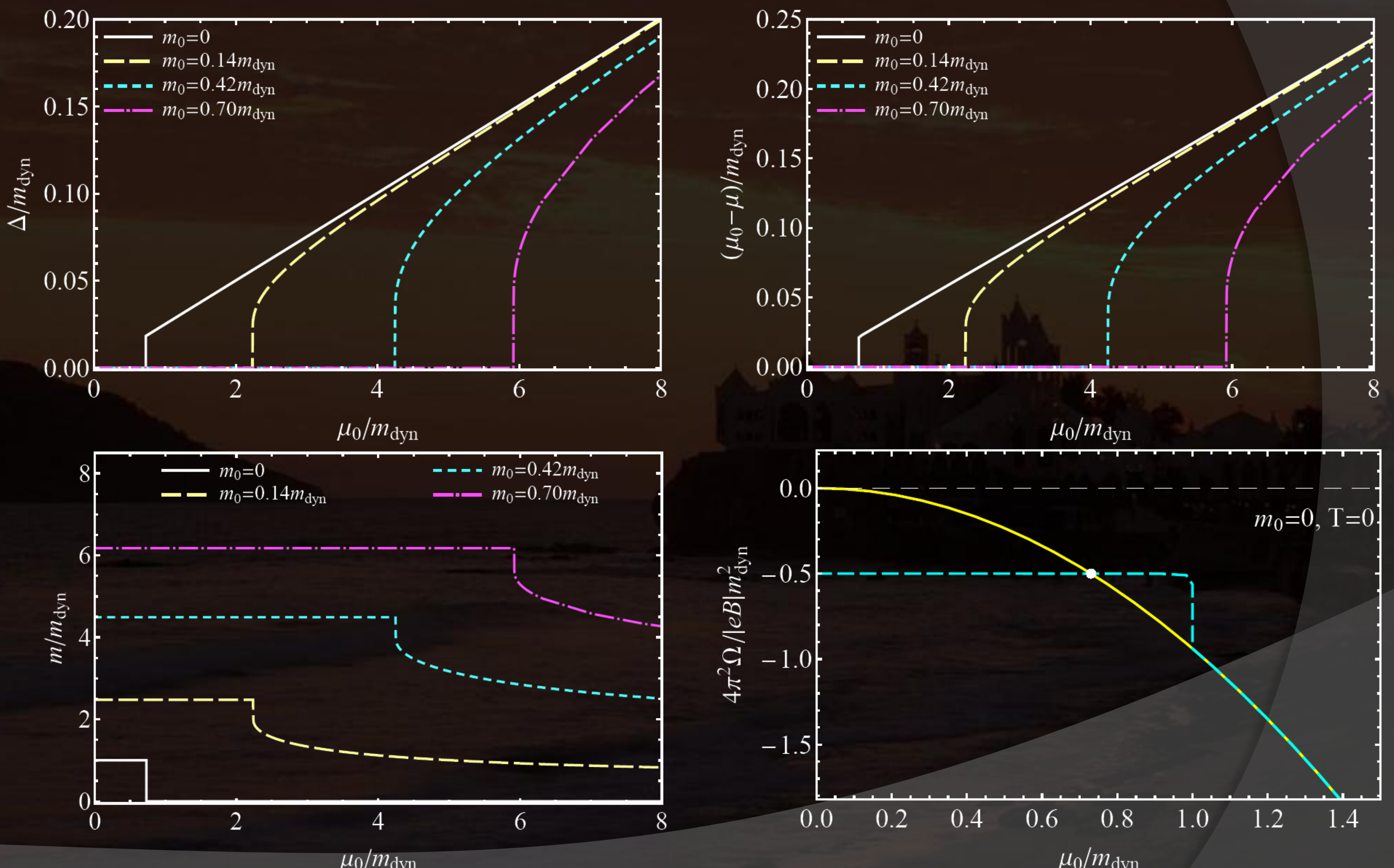
- Longitudinal momenta of opposite chirality fermions are *shifted, i.e.*, $k_3 \rightarrow k_3 \pm \Delta$
- All Landau levels ($n \geq 0$) are affected by Δ



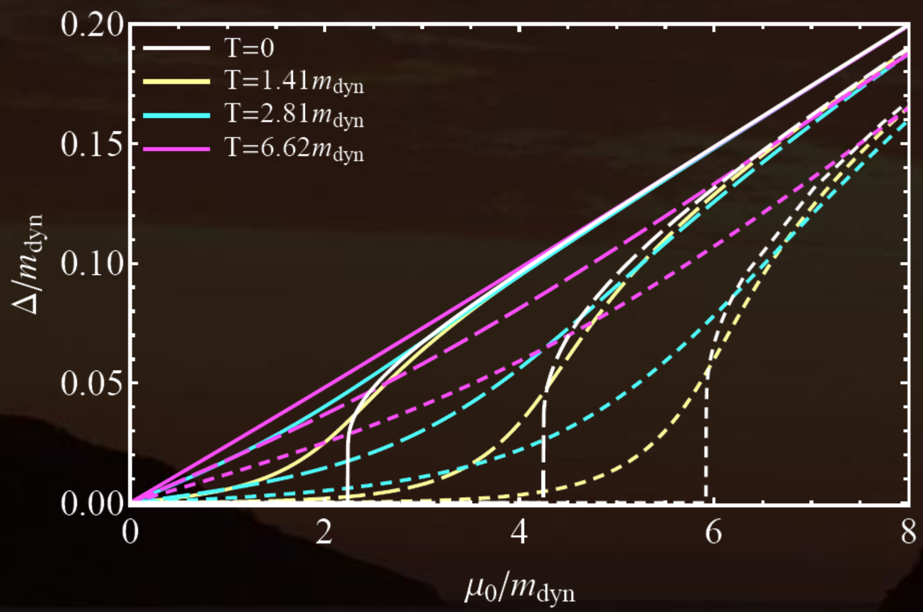
Magnetic catalysis at μ_0=0

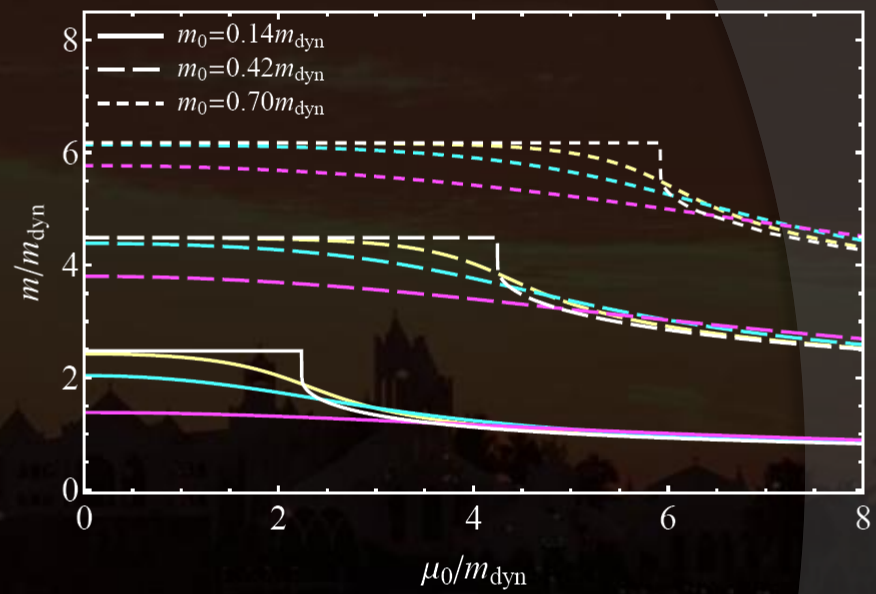


T=0 results


m_0=0
m_0=0.14m_{dyn}
m_0=0.42m_{dyn}
m_0=0.70m_{dyn}
Δ/m_{dyn}
$(\mu_0-\mu)/m_{dyn}$
m/m_{dyn}
$4\pi^2\Omega/|eB|m_{dyn}^2$
m_0=0, T=0
μ_0/m_{dyn}

T≠0 results





- These are smoothed versions of the T=0 results
- The dependence μ-μ_0 versus μ_0 (not shown) at T≠0 is similar to Δ versus μ_0 (shown)

Induced axial current

- The axial current in the ground state is

$$\langle\bar{\psi}\gamma^3\gamma^5\psi\rangle = \boxed{\frac{eB}{2\pi^2}\mu} - \frac{|eB|}{2\pi^2}\Delta - \frac{|eB|}{\pi^2}\Delta\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\kappa(\sqrt{2n|eB|},\Lambda)$$

- In addition to the topological contribution, $\frac{eB}{2\pi^2}\mu$ there are dynamical ones $\propto \Delta$
- An equivalent result is also obtained in the Pauli-Villars regularization
- Note: on the solution to the gap equation:

$$\langle j_5^3(u)\rangle = \frac{2\Delta}{G_{\text{int}}} = \frac{\Delta}{2\pi^2}\frac{\Lambda^2}{g}$$

Potential implications

- Physical properties to be affected
  - transport
  - emission

    (must be sensitive to anisotropy and/or CP violation)
- Specific physical systems
  - Compact stars
    - Quark stars (quarks)
    - Hybrid stars (quarks, electrons)
    - Neutron stars (electrons)
    - White dwarfs (electrons)
  - Heavy ion collisions [Kharzeev & Zhitnitsky, NPA **797**, 67(2007), Kharzeev, McLerran & Warringa, NPA 803, 227 (2008), …]

Pulsar kicks

- The dynamical chiral shift parameter is driven by chemical potential ($T \ll \mu$)

$$\Delta \simeq g\mu_0 eB/\Lambda^2$$

  and is almost independent of temperature

- This creates an anisotropy in the distribution of left-handed quarks/electrons
- The anisotropy is transferred to left-handed neutrinos by elastic scattering
- Pulsar gets a kick when neutrinos escape

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Supernova explosions

- Because of the robustness of the axial currents at finite temperatures, even supernova explosions may be affected

- A small early-time neutrino asymmetry may *facilitate* explosions and give a kick at the same time, e.g., see

  [Fryer & Kusenko, Astrophys. J. Supp. **163**, 335 (2006)]

Summary

- $\mu < \mu_c$: Chiral symmetry is broken in the ground state (magnetic catalysis)

- $\mu > \mu_c$: Normal ground state of dense relativistic matter in a magnetic field is characterized by
  - Chiral shift parameter (may have dramatic implications for stars)
  - Axial current along the field (physical effects are not obvious)
  - No solution with vanishing Δ exists

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Outlook

- Calculation of neutrino emission/diffusion in the state with a chiral shift parameter (work in progress)
- Transport properties of the normal state with nonzero chiral shift parameter
- The fate of the induced axial current in the renormalized models (work in progress)
- Modification of the chiral magnetic effect due to "vector-like" Δ in heavy ion collisions

  [Fukushima, Kharzeev & Warringa, PRD **78**, 074033 (2008)]

Thank you