

QCD phases under rotation

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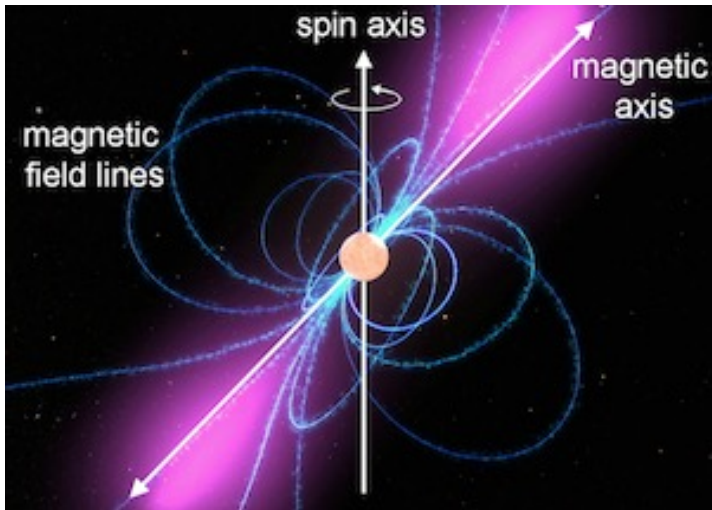
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Introduction

Where rotating QCD matter: Neutron stars



Isolated pulsars can have $\omega \sim 10^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$

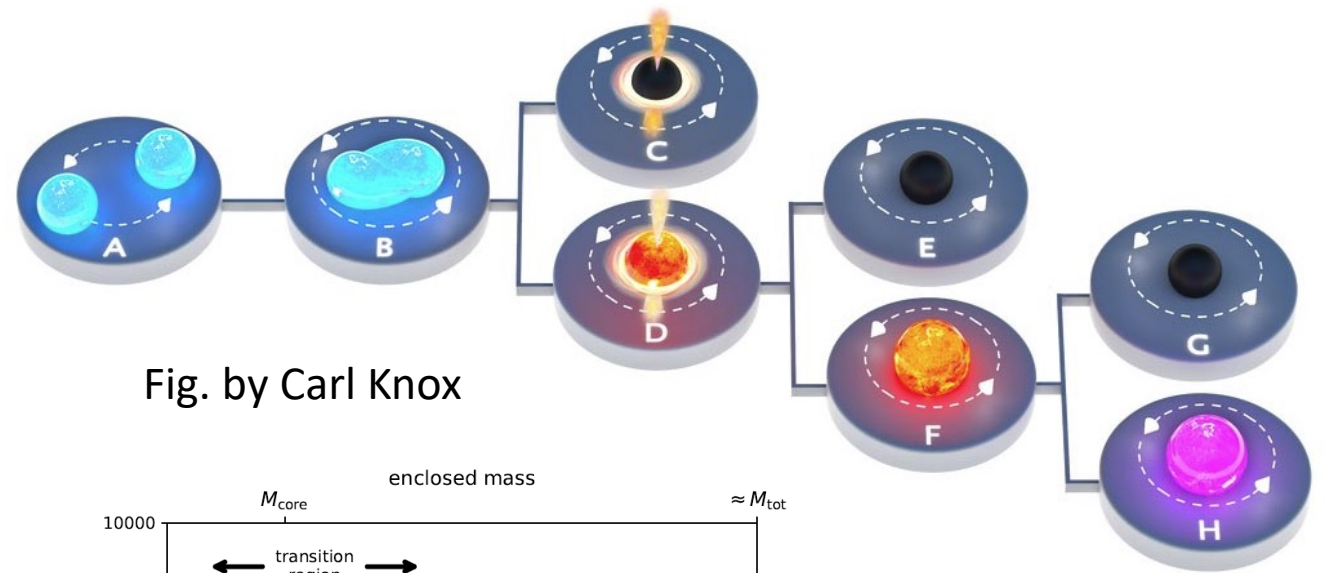
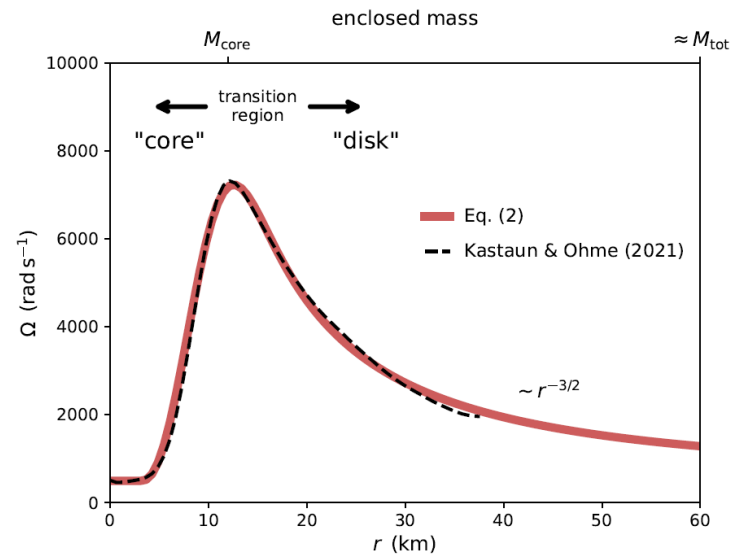


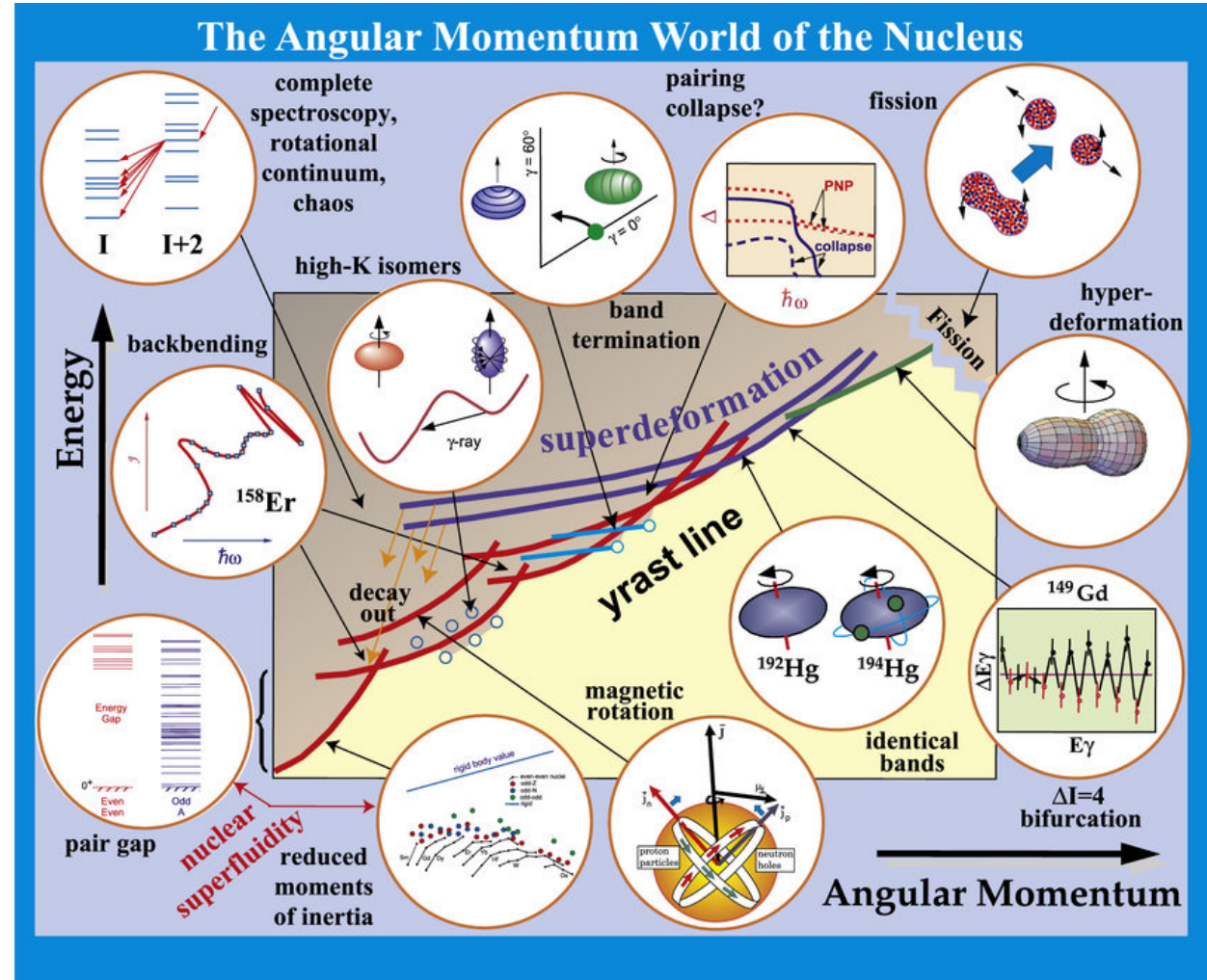
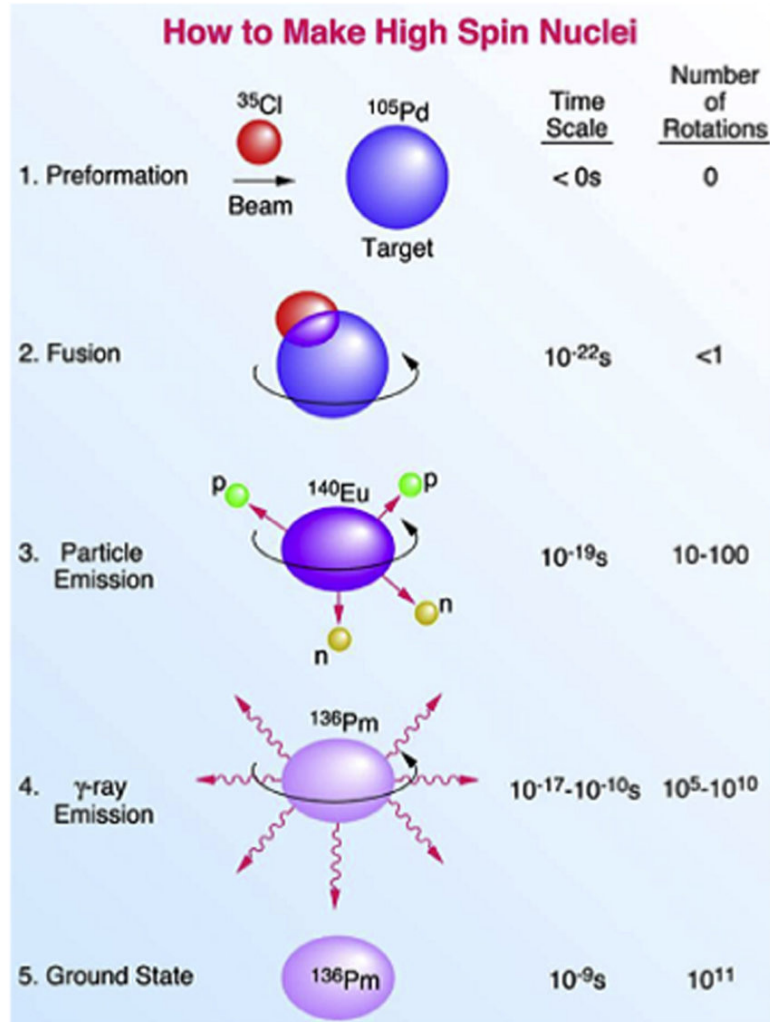
Fig. by Carl Knox



(Margalit etal 2206.10645)

Neutron star mergers

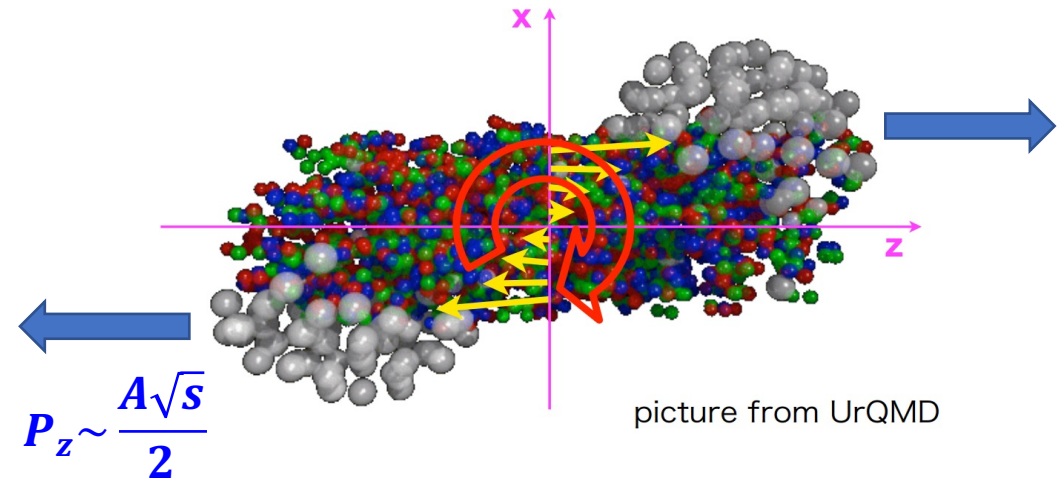
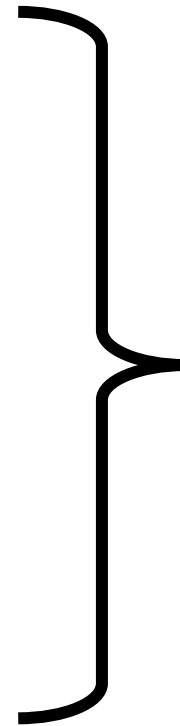
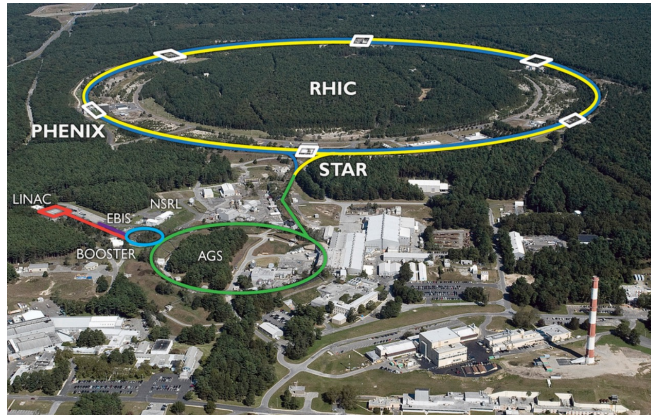
Where rotating QCD matter: Rotating nuclei



Rotation can reach $\omega \sim 10^{20} s^{-1}$

(M A Riley *et al* 2016 *Phys. Scr.* **91** 123002)

Where rotating QCD matter: Quark-gluon plasma



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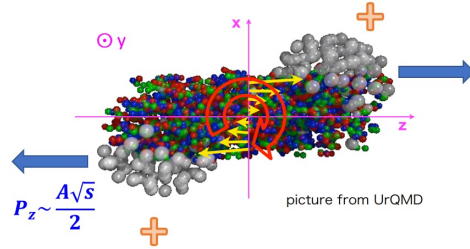
- From global angular momentum to vorticity to hyperon spin polarization

Angular momentum

$$H_{\text{spin}-\omega} = -\mathbf{S} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}$$

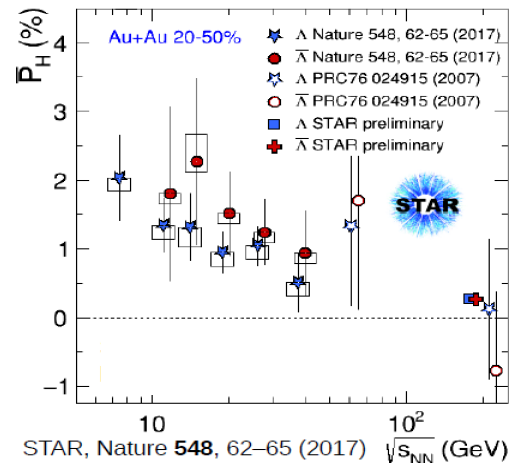
(at thermal equilibrium)

$$\frac{dN_s}{d\mathbf{p}} \sim e^{-(H_0 - \boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \mathbf{S})/T}$$



$$P = \frac{N_{\uparrow} - N_{\downarrow}}{N_{\uparrow} + N_{\downarrow}} \sim \frac{\omega}{2T}$$

- First measurement of Λ polarization by STAR@RHIC *



parity-violating decay of hyperons

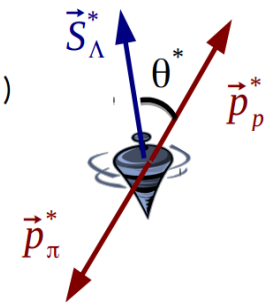
In case of Λ 's decay, daughter proton preferentially decays in the direction of Λ 's spin (opposite for anti- Λ)

$$\frac{dN}{d\Omega^*} = \frac{1}{4\pi} (1 + \alpha \mathbf{P}_{\Lambda} \cdot \mathbf{p}_p^*)$$

α : Λ decay parameter ($\alpha_{\Lambda} = 0.732$)

\mathbf{P}_{Λ} : Λ polarization

\mathbf{p}_p^* : proton momentum in Λ rest frame

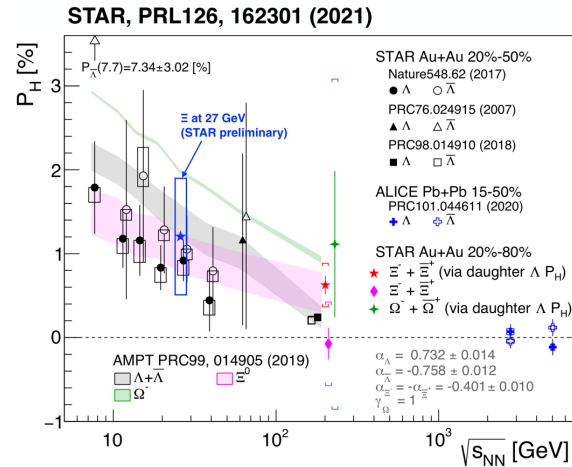


$\Lambda \rightarrow p + \pi^+$
(BR: 63.9%, $c\tau \sim 7.9$ cm)

(* First theoretical proposal: Liang and Wang 2004)

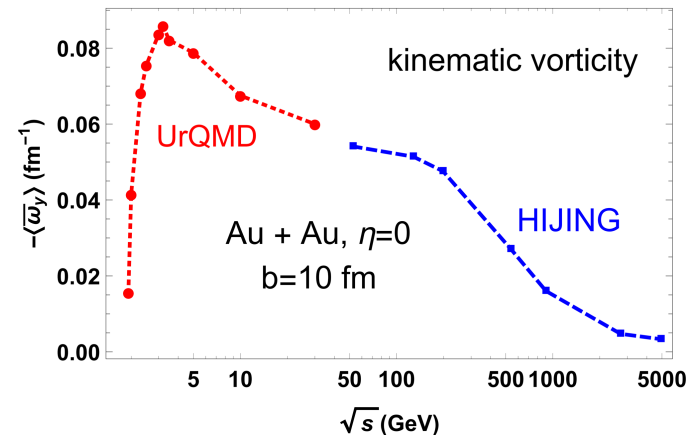
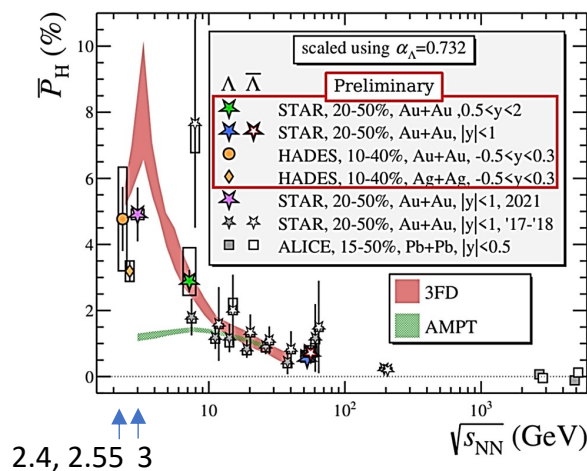
Where rotating QCD matter: Quark-gluon plasma

- More recent measurements: Ξ^- , Ω^- by STAR@RHIC, Λ by ALICE@LHC



hyperon	decay mode	α_H	magnetic moment μ_H	spin
Λ (uds)	$\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$ (BR: 63.9%)	0.732	-0.613	1/2
Ξ^- (dss)	$\Xi^- \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^-$ (BR: 99.9%)	-0.401	-0.6507	1/2
Ω^- (sss)	$\Omega^- \rightarrow \Lambda K^-$ (BR: 67.8%)	0.0157	-2.02	3/2

- Λ at low energy by STAR@RHIC 2021, HADES@GSI 2021



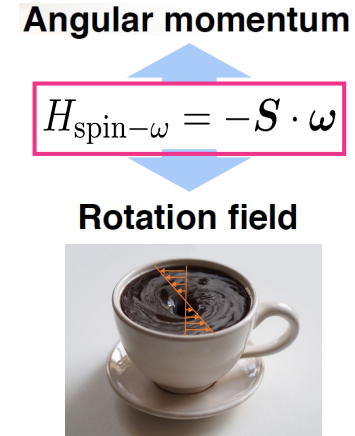
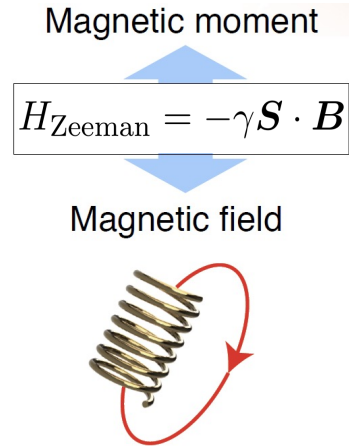
■ “The most vortical fluid”:
 $\omega \sim 10^{20} - 10^{21} \text{ s}^{-1}$
 ■ Relativistic suppression
 at high energies

(Deng-XGH 2016, Deng-XGH-Ma-Zhang 2020)

Effects of rotation: Comparison with magnetic field

- Hints for possible rotation effect: comparison with B field

Spin:



Orbital:

In magnetic field, Lorentz force:

$$\mathbf{F} = e(\dot{\mathbf{x}} \times \mathbf{B})$$

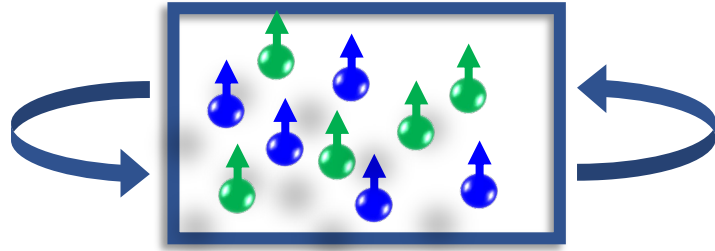
Larmor theorem: $e\mathbf{B} \sim 2m\boldsymbol{\omega}$

In rotating frame, Coriolis force:

$$\mathbf{F} = 2m(\dot{\mathbf{x}} \times \boldsymbol{\omega}) + \mathcal{O}(\omega^2)$$

Effects of rotation: Comparison with chemical potential

- Hints for possible rotation effect: comparison with chemical potential



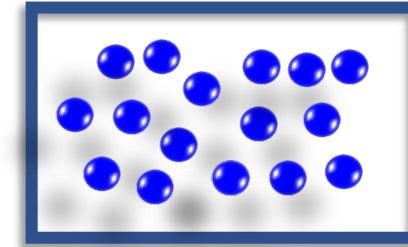
Rotation

$$H = H_0 - \omega J_z$$



$$P = \frac{7\pi^2}{180\beta^4} + \frac{(\omega/2)^2}{6\beta^2} + \frac{(\omega/2)^4}{12\pi^2}$$

(At rotating axis, for unbounded system)



Chemical potential

$$H = H_0 - \mu N$$



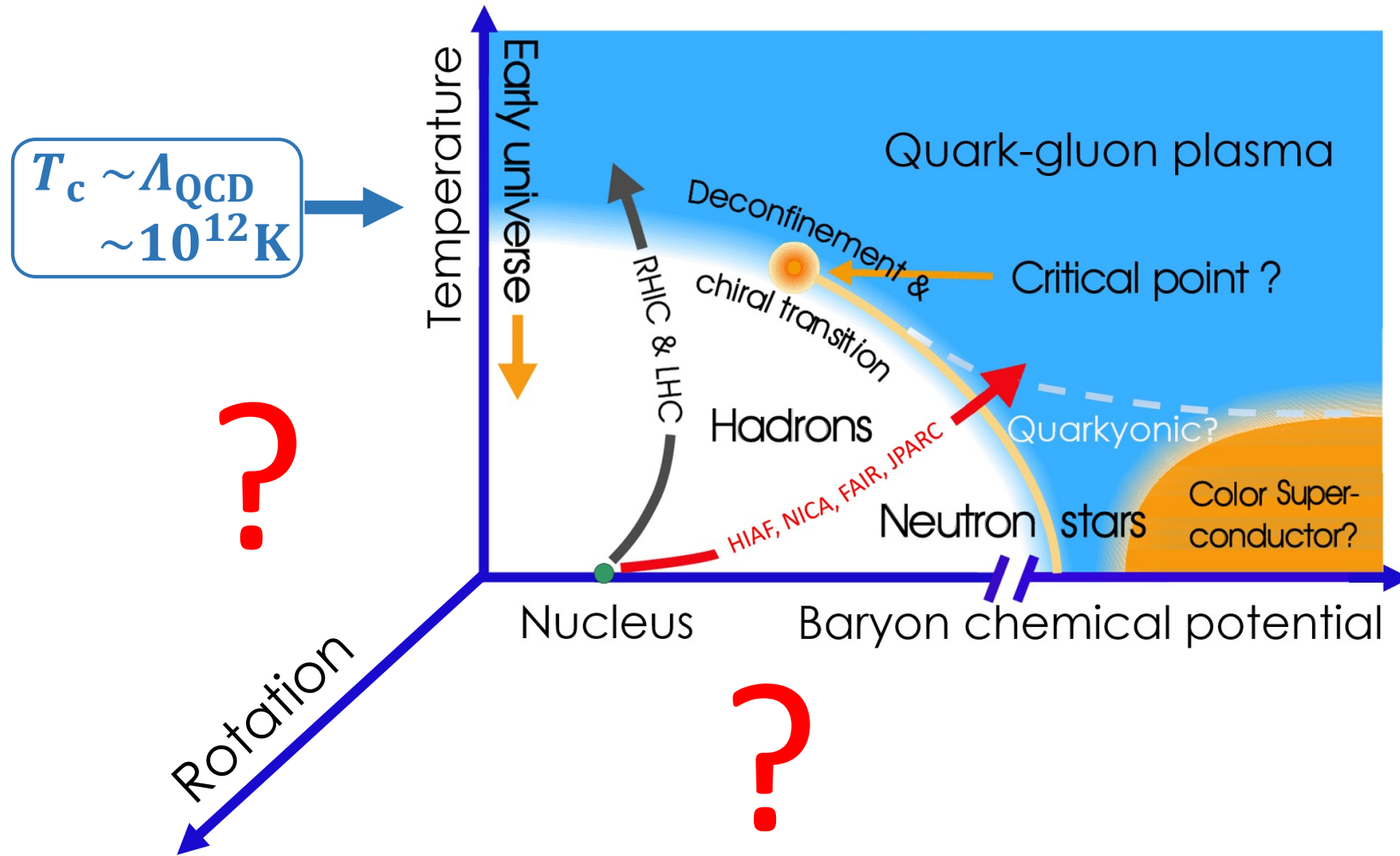
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For massless Dirac fermions

>>> Both have sign problem on lattice

(Ambrus and Winstanley 2019; Palermo et al 2021)

QCD phase diagram



- Rotation affects chiral condensate and confinement?
- Rotation effects combined with finite temperature, densities, B field?

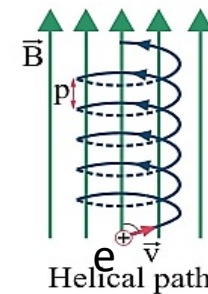
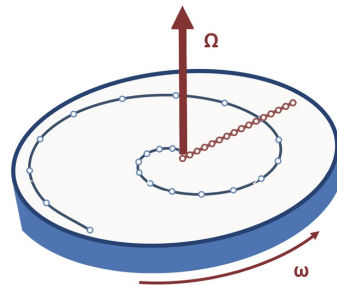
Can rotation affect chiral condensate?

Angular momentum polarization

- Consider a scalar (or pseudoscalar) pair of fermions

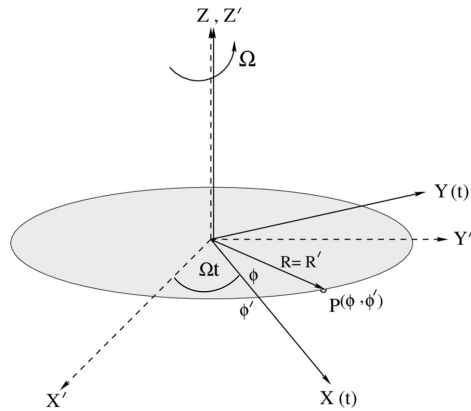


- Thus in general, rotation tends to suppress $\sigma, \Delta, \pi, \dots$
- Compare with magnetic catalysis (dimensional reduction)



Rotating fermions

- Consider a rotating frame



$$\begin{cases} x' = x \cos \Omega t - y \sin \Omega t \\ y' = x \sin \Omega t + y \cos \Omega t \\ z' = z \\ t' = t \end{cases}$$



$$g_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \Omega^2 r^2 & \Omega y & -\Omega x & 0 \\ \Omega y & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\Omega x & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Fermion field

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \bar{\psi} (i\gamma^\mu \nabla_\mu - m_0) \psi$$

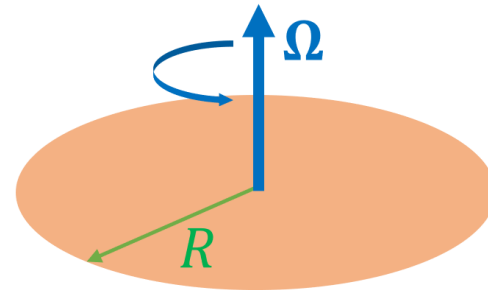
$$\nabla_\mu = \partial_\mu + i\hat{Q}A_\mu + \Gamma_\mu$$



$$H = \hat{Q}A_0 + m_0\beta + \boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot \boldsymbol{\pi} - \boldsymbol{\Omega} \cdot (\mathbf{r} \times \boldsymbol{\pi} + \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$$

Rotating fermions

- Uniformly rotating system must be finite



$$\Omega R \leq 1$$

- Boundary conditions for Dirac fermions in a cylinder

- Dirichlet B.C. (No)
- MIT B.C. (Yes)

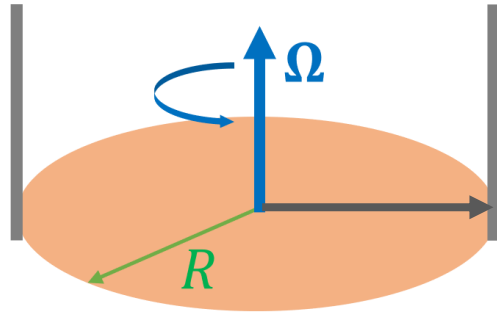
$$[i\gamma^\mu n_\mu(\theta) - 1]\psi \Big|_{r=R} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad j^\mu n_\mu = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad r = R$$

- No-flux B.C. (Yes)

$$\int d\theta \bar{\psi} \gamma^r \psi \Big|_{r=R} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Minimum request for Hermiticity}$$

Rotating fermions

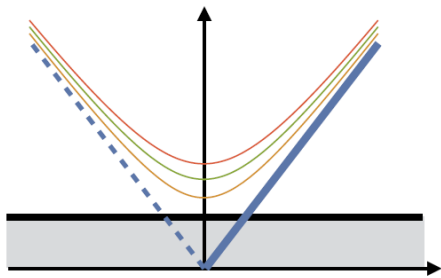
- Consider no-flux B.C.



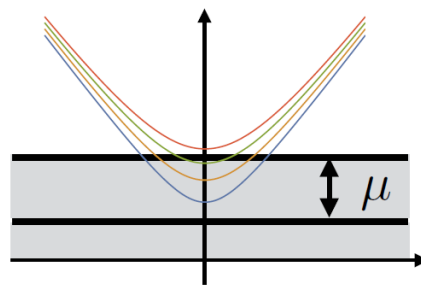
- $p_t = p_{l,k}$ discretized by $J_l(p_{l,k}R) = 0$
- $E = (p_{l,k}^2 + p_z^2 + m^2)^{1/2} > \Omega|l + \frac{1}{2}|$
- Vacuum does not rotate

(Vilenkin 1979, Ebihara-Fukushima-Mameda 2016)

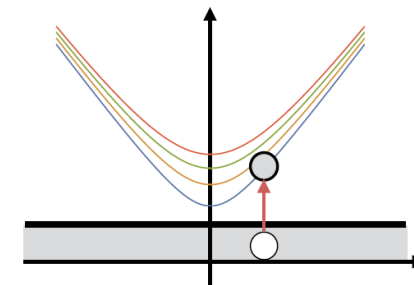
- To see uniform rotation effect, we need T, μ, B, \dots



B : Chen-XGH etal 2015, Liu-Zahed 2017, Chen-Mameda-XGH 2019, Cao-He 2019, Tabatabaee etal 2021, ...



μ : XGH-Nishimura-Yamamoto 2017, Zhang-Hou-Liao 2018, Huang etal 2018, Nishimura etal 2020,2021, Hou etal 2022,2023...



T : Jiang-Liao 2016, Chernodub-Gongyo 2017, Wang etal 2019, Luo etal 2020, Jiang 2021, Huang etal 2020-2023, ...

Figures drawn by K.Mameda

Rotating Nambu-Jona-Lasinio model

- Take a four-fermion model

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}[\bar{\psi}, \psi] \exp \left(i \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}_{\text{NJL}} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NJL}} = \bar{\psi} (i \gamma^\mu \nabla_\mu - m_0) \psi + \frac{G}{2} [(\bar{\psi} \psi)^2 + (\bar{\psi} i \gamma^5 \boldsymbol{\tau} \psi)^2]$$

$$\nabla_\mu = \partial_\mu + i \hat{Q} A_\mu + \Gamma_\mu$$

- Mean-field approximation

$$V_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{\beta V} \int d^4x_E \left\{ \frac{\sigma^2 + \pi^2}{2G} - \sum_{\{\xi\}} \left[\frac{\mathcal{E}_{\{\xi\}}}{2} + \frac{1}{\beta} \ln(1 + e^{-\beta \mathcal{E}_{\{\xi\}}}) \right] \Psi_{\{\xi\}}^\dagger \Psi_{\{\xi\}} \right\}$$

$\mathcal{E}_{\{\xi\}}$ and $\Psi_{\{\xi\}}$: Eigen-energy and eigen-wavefunction with quantum numbers $\{\xi\}$

Rotating Nambu-Jona-Lasinio model

- Consider a simple case: massless, no pion modes, homogeneous

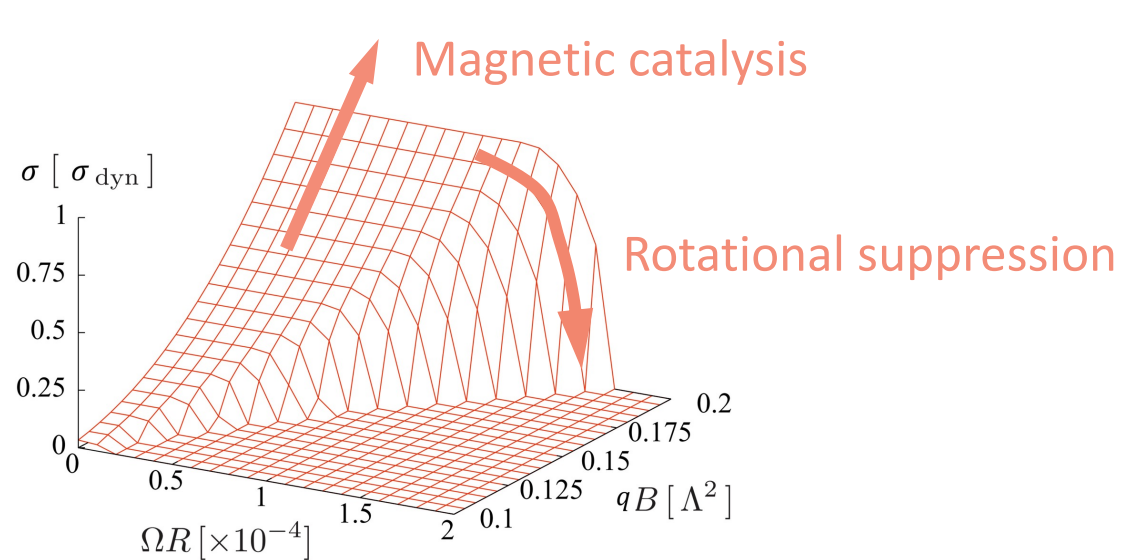
$$\varepsilon_{l,\pm} = \pm \sqrt{p_z^2 + p_t^2 + \sigma^2} - \Omega \left(l + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

Ration

$$\varepsilon_{n,\pm} = \pm \sqrt{p_z^2 + \sigma^2 + 2nqB}$$

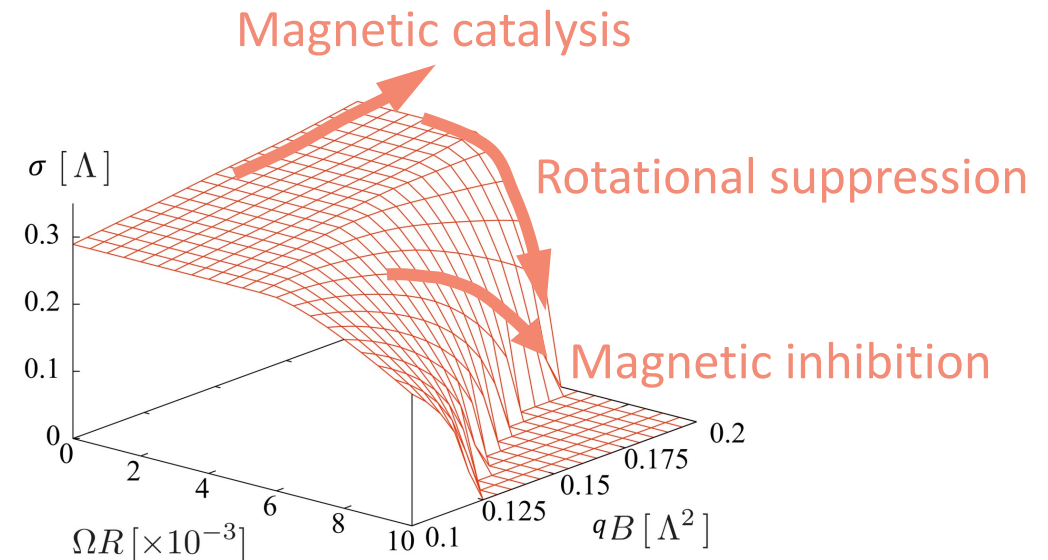
Magnetic field

- Chiral condensate vs rotation and/or magnetic field



$G < G_c$

(Chen-Fukushima-XGH-Mameda 2015)



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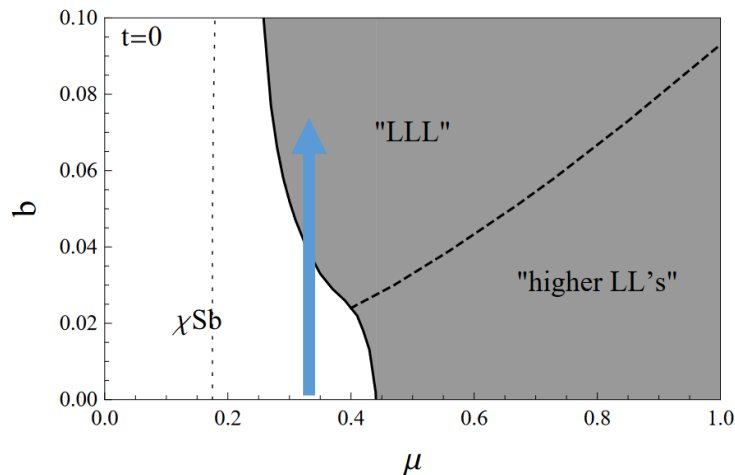
Ration

μ

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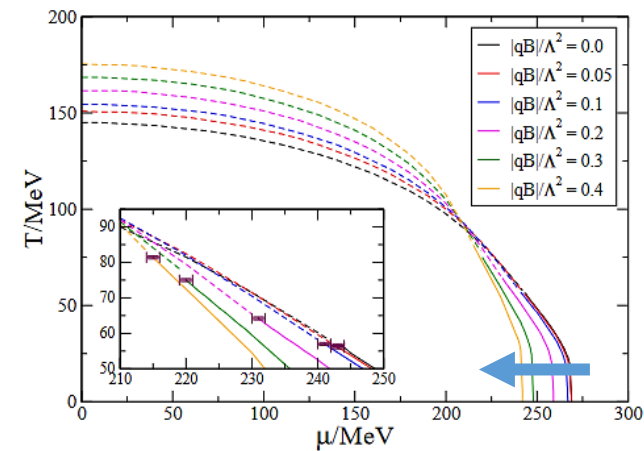
Magnetic field

- Compare with finite-density case:



Sakai-Sugimoto model

(Freis-Rebhan-Schmitt 2010)

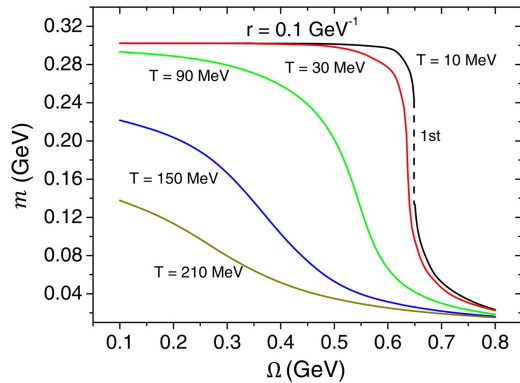


Quark-meson model

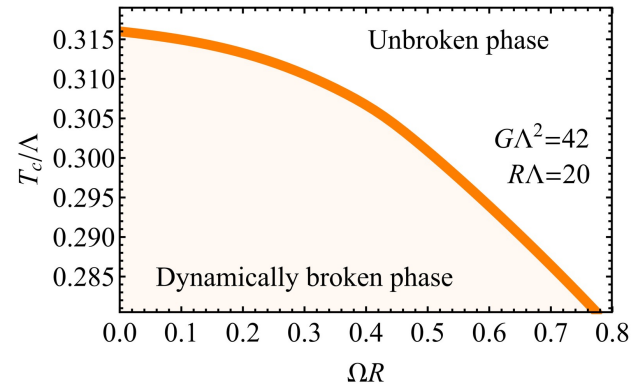
(Andersen-Tranberg 2012)

Rotating Nambu-Jona-Lasinio model

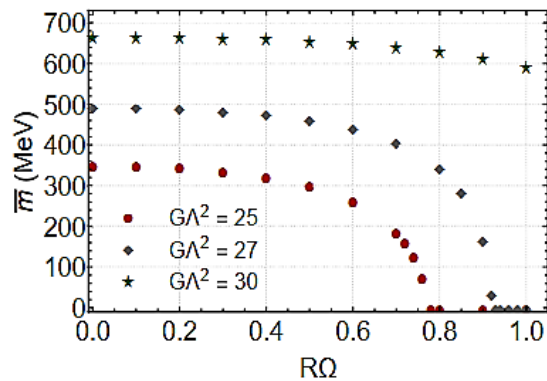
- Chiral condensate with rotation: finite temperature



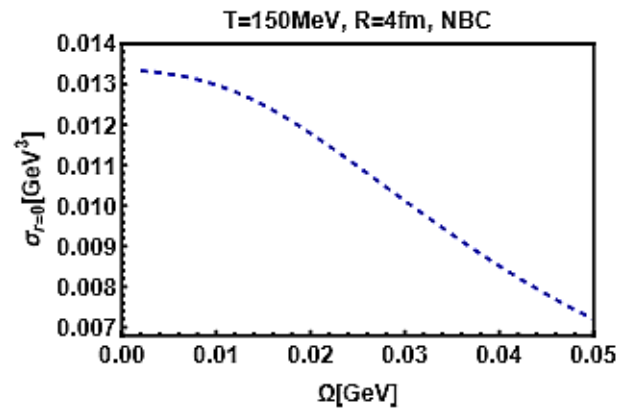
(Jiang-Liao 2016)



(Chernodub-Gongyo 2016)



(Sadooghi-Mehr-Taghinavaz 2022)

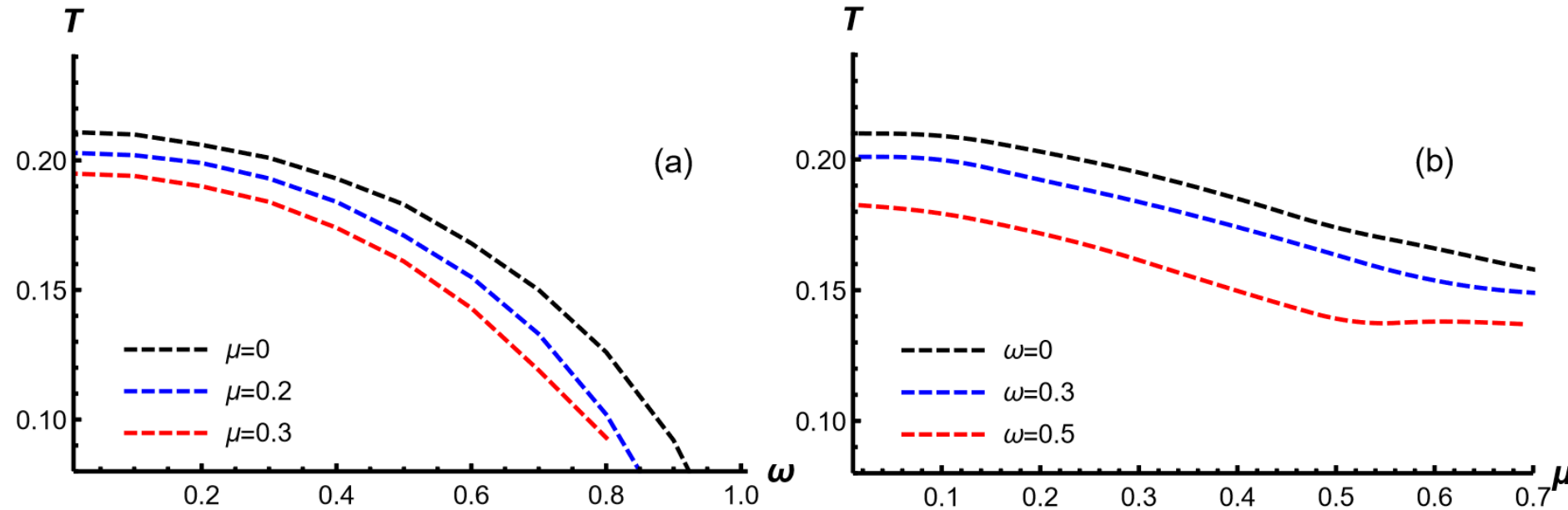


(Chen-Li-Huang 2022)

Can rotation affect confinement?

Confinement under rotation

- It is not easy to intuitively imagine the rotational effect on confinement
- Results based on holography

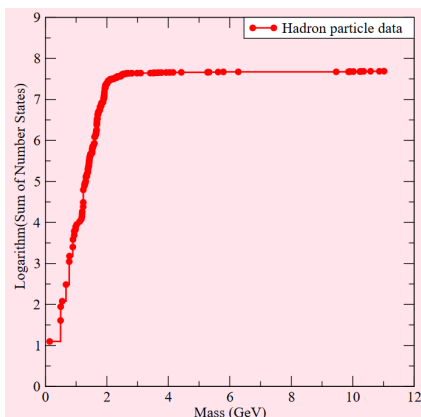


(Chen-Zhang-Li-Hou-Huang 2020)

- **Rotation favors deconfinement**

Confinement under rotation

- It is not easy to intuitively imagine the rotational effect on confinement
- Argument based on hadron resonance gas (HRG) model



$$\rho(m) = e^{m/T_H}$$



$$Z = \int dm \rho(m) e^{-m/T}$$



Interpreted as
deconf. T

diverges for $T > T_H$



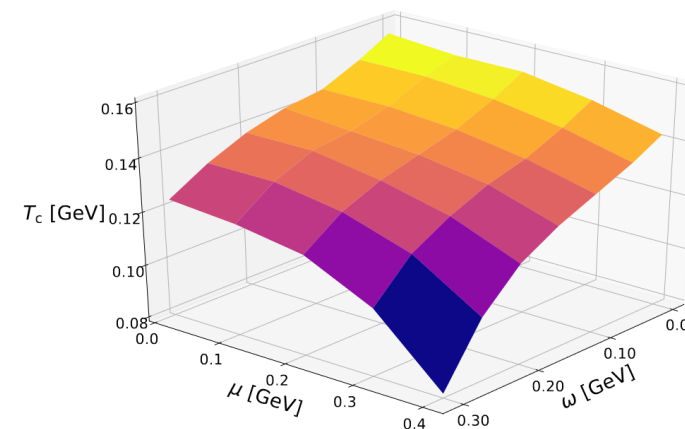
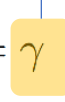
$$p(T, \mu, \omega; \Lambda) = \sum_{m; M_i \leq \Lambda} p_m + \sum_{b; M_b \leq \Lambda} p_b$$

$$p_{SB} \equiv (N_c^2 - 1) p_g + N_c N_f (p_q + p_{\bar{q}})$$



Chosen to be indep.
of rotation

$$\frac{p}{p_{SB}}(T_c, \mu, \omega) = \gamma$$



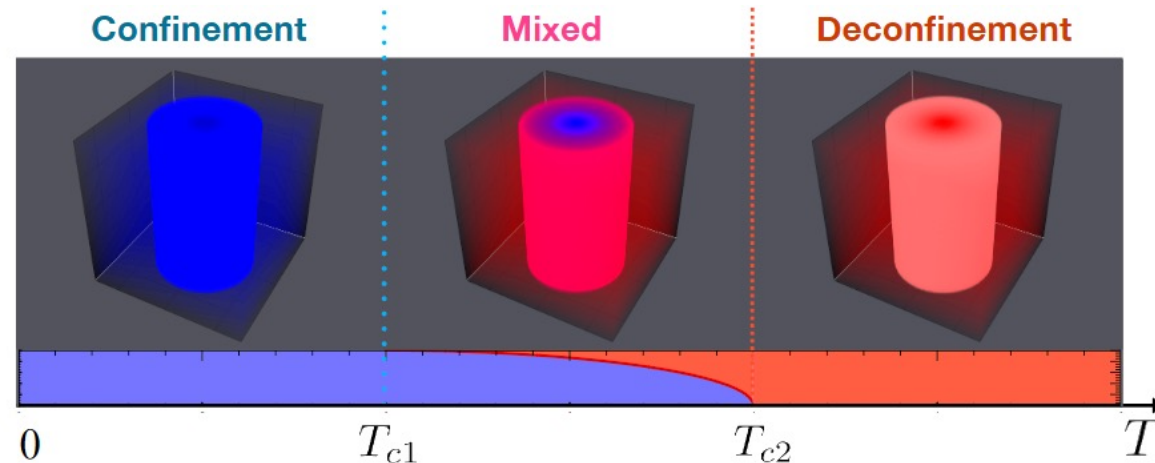
(Fujimoto-Fukushima-Hidaka 2021)

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- Argument based on Tolman-Ehrenfest temperature

$$\left. \begin{aligned} T(\mathbf{x}) \sqrt{g_{00}(\mathbf{x})} &= T_0 \\ g_{00} &= 1 - \rho^2 \Omega^2 \end{aligned} \right\} T(\rho) = \frac{T(0)}{\sqrt{1 - \rho^2 \Omega^2}}$$



(Chernodub 2020)

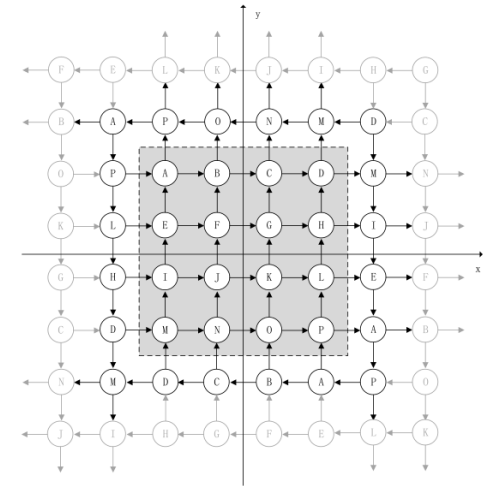
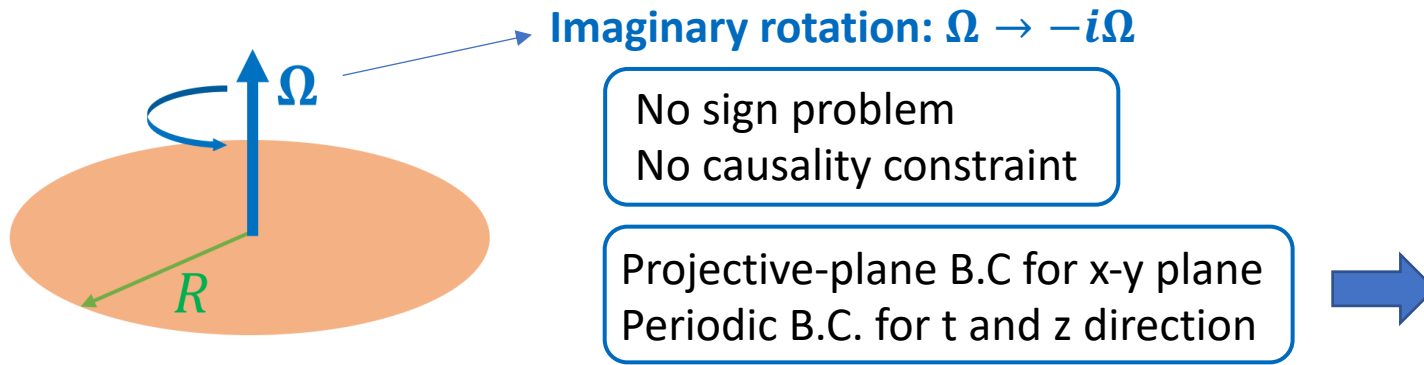
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Lattice calculation of rotating QCD

(Yang-XGH 2023)

Formulate rotating lattice

- Gluons and Wilson fermions (Angular momentum) (Yamamoto-Hirono 2013)
- Pure gluons (Polyakov loop) (Braguta et al 2021)
- We consider gluons and 2+1 flavor staggered fermions



- We measure: (imaginary) angular momentum

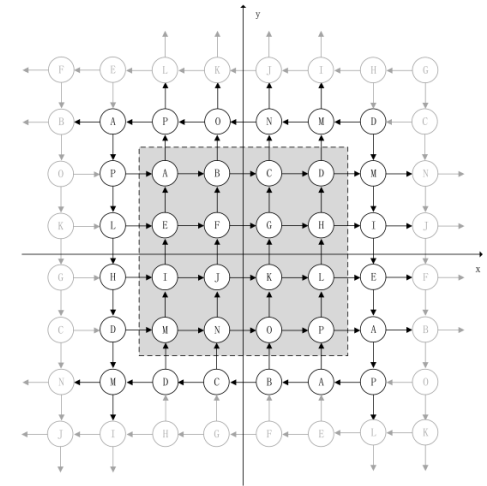
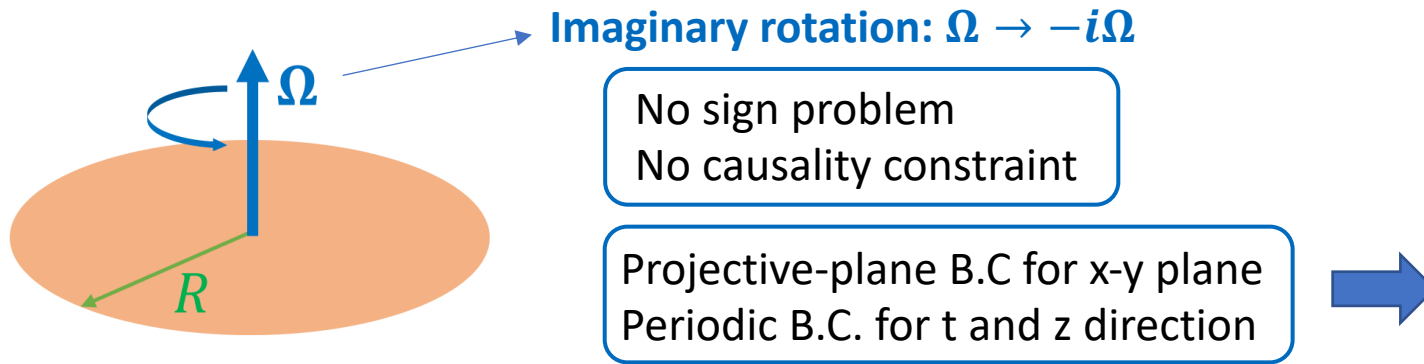
Ji decomposition

$$\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{J}_G + \mathbf{s}_q + \mathbf{L}_q$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{J}_G = \sum_a \int d^3x \mathbf{r} \times (\mathbf{E}^a \times \mathbf{B}^a), \\ \mathbf{s}_q = \int d^3x q^\dagger \frac{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}{2} q, \\ \mathbf{L}_q = \frac{1}{i} \int d^3x q^\dagger \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{D}q. \end{array} \right. \longrightarrow \text{Chiral vortical effect}$$

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$$\Delta_{l,s}(T, \Omega) = \frac{\langle \bar{\psi}_l \psi_l \rangle_{T, \Omega} - \frac{m_l}{m_s} \langle \bar{\psi}_s \psi_s \rangle_{T, 0}}{\langle \bar{\psi}_l \psi_l \rangle_{0, 0} - \frac{m_l}{m_s} \langle \bar{\psi}_s \psi_s \rangle_{0, 0}}$$

$$L_{ren} = \exp(-N_\tau c(\beta) a / 2) L_{bare}$$

$$L_{bare} = \text{tr} [\sum_{\mathbf{n}} \prod_{\tau} U_{\tau}(\mathbf{n}, \tau)] / 3N_x^3$$

Angular momentum

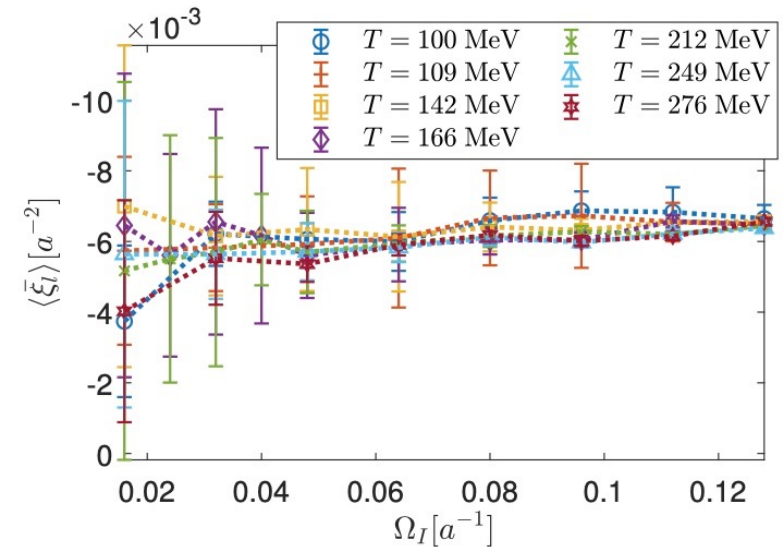
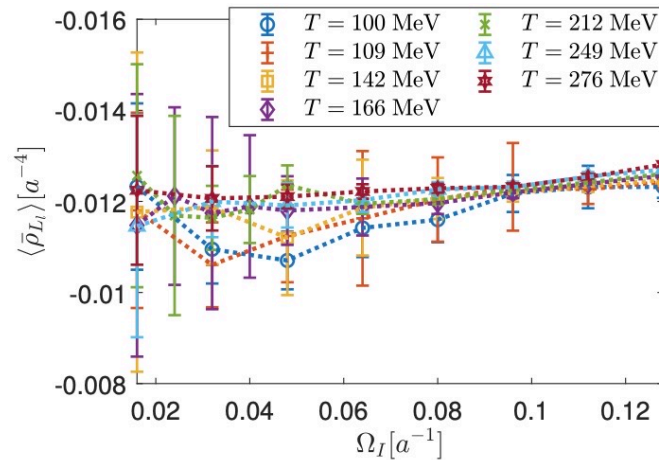
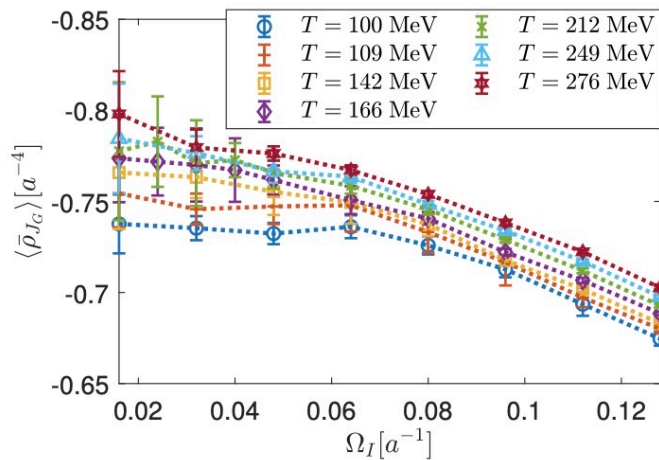
- Angular momentum
- J_G and L_q approximately $\propto r^2$, and s_q approximately independent of r , thus

$$\rho_J = \frac{1}{N_{taste} N_{r_{max}}} \sum_{n_x^2 + n_y^2 < r_{max}^2} \frac{\langle J(n) \rangle}{a\Omega(a^{-1}r)^2}$$

Rotational rigidity

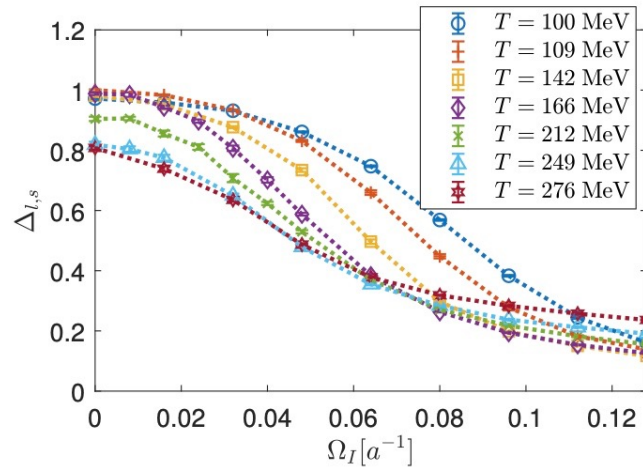
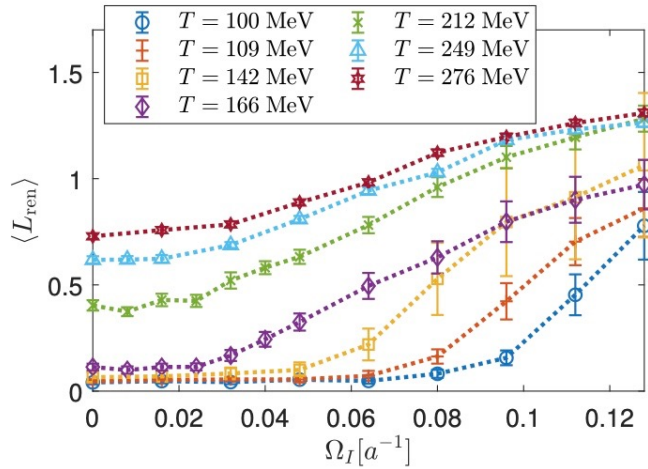
$$\xi_q = \frac{1}{4N_{r_{max}}} \sum_{n_x^2 + n_y^2 < r_{max}^2} \frac{\langle s_q(n) \rangle}{a\Omega}$$

Quark spin susceptibility

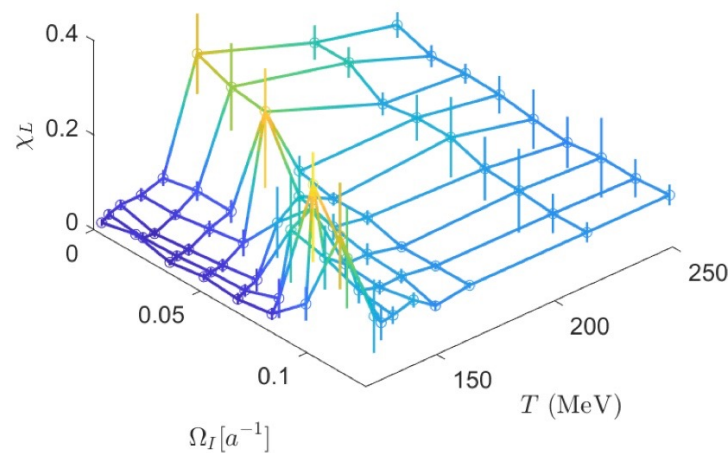
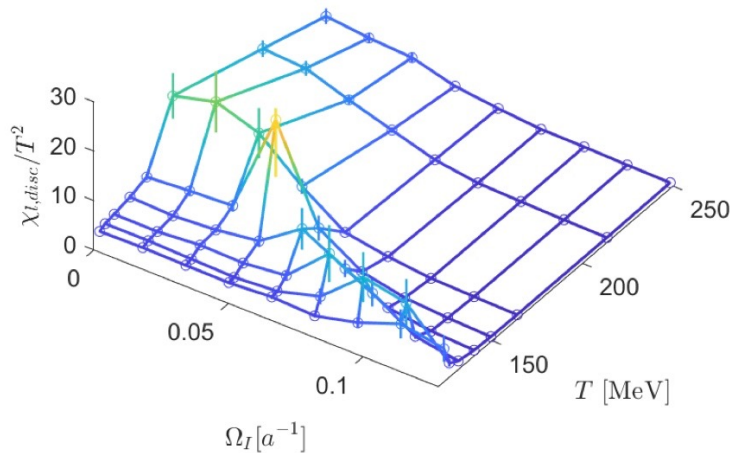


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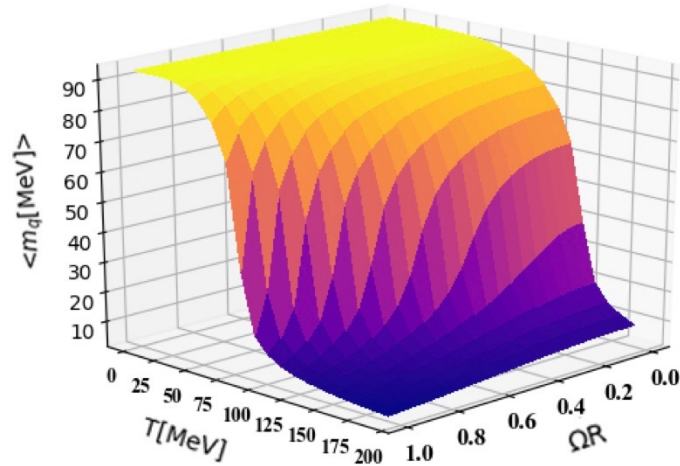
- Imaginary rotation tends to melt chiral condensate and deconfine the system
- The phase transition lines on $T - \Omega$ plane coincide
- Since they are even function of rotation, if we naively shift to real rotation, this implies **rotational catalysis of chiral breaking and confinement**
- Opposite to effective models



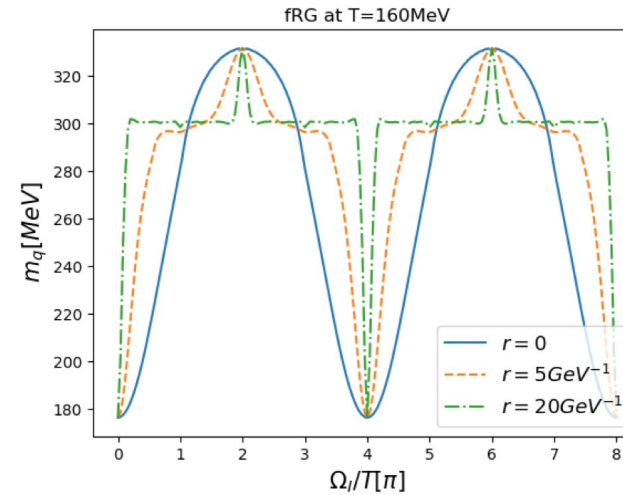
(Yang-XGH 2023; see also Braguta 2021 for Polyakov loop for pure gluon)

Imaginary rotation to real rotation

- Imaginary rotation is very different from real rotation



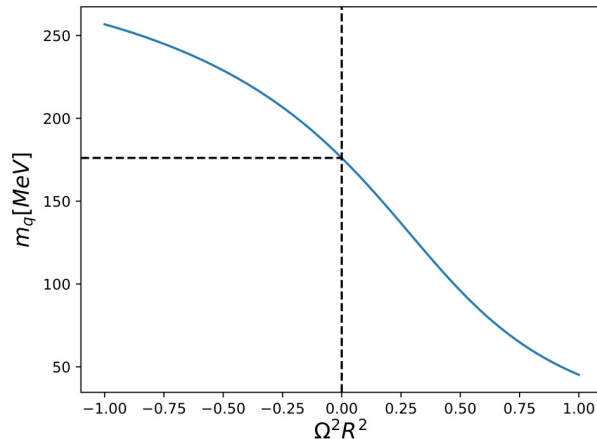
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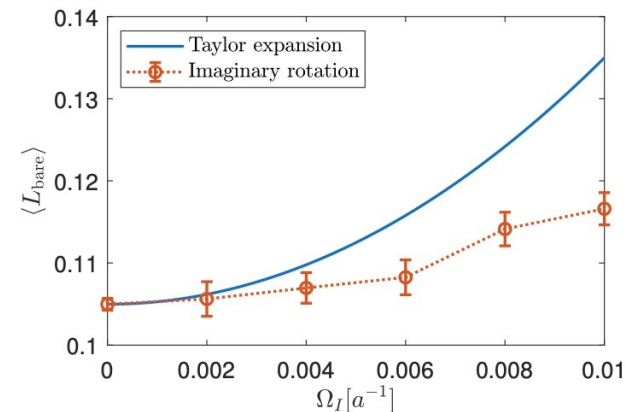
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- Can we make the analytical continuation to real rotation?

➤ fRG for quark-meson model



➤ Lattice QCD with Taylor expansion at small rotation

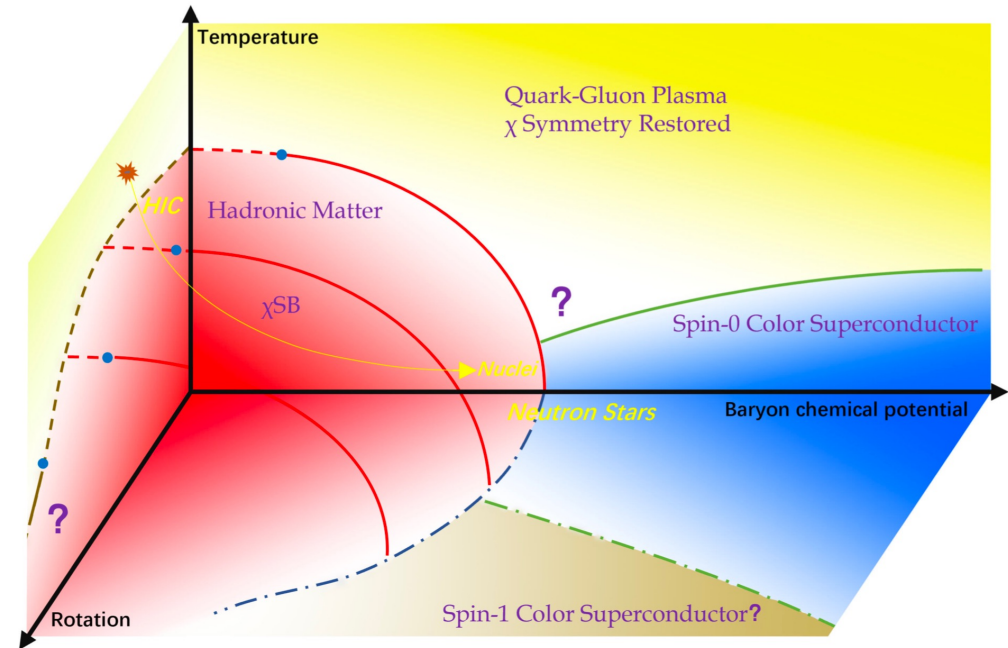


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- It is NOT understood how rotation modifies chiral and deconfinement phase transitions of QCD.
- Outlooks:
 - More lattice simulations for imaginary rotation
 - Cross check **torsion** effect on chiral condensate and confinement on lattice (Yamamoto 2020)
 - More model studies (Chen-Fukushima-Shimada 2022; Sun-Xu-Huang 2023)
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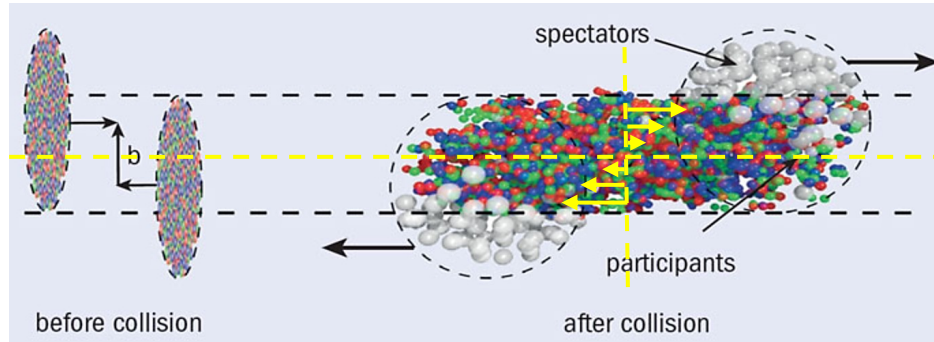


Thank you!

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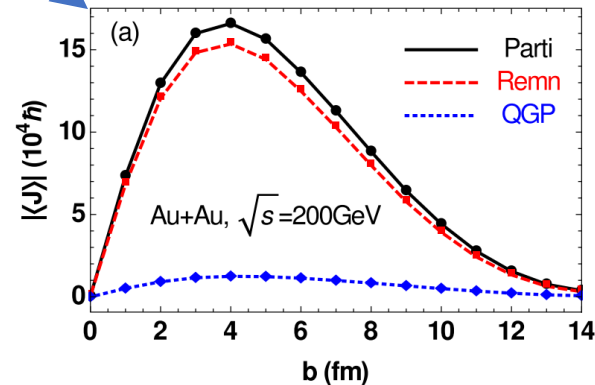
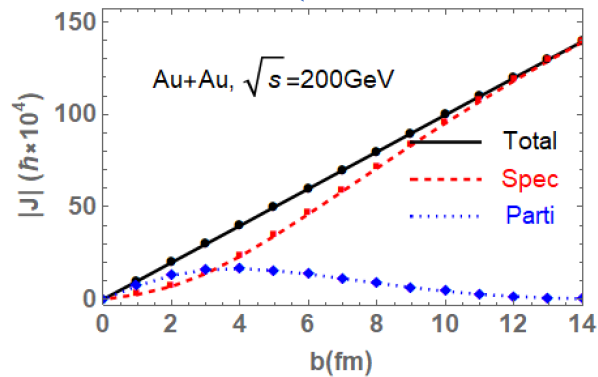
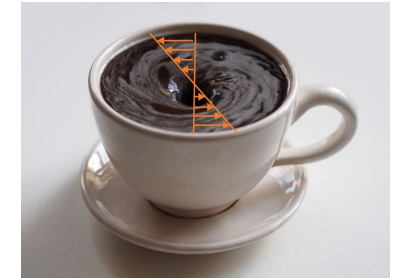
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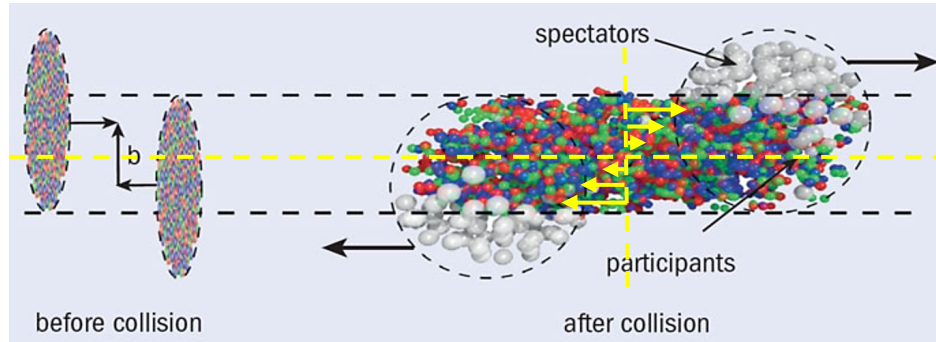
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$$(b = R_A, \sqrt{s} = 3 \text{ GeV})$$

- Estimation at high energy $\sqrt{s} \gg 2m_N$

part of $J_0 \sim Ab \sqrt{s}$ retained in the produced matter:

$$J \approx \int d^3x \gamma^2(\mathbf{x}) \varepsilon(\mathbf{x}) x_{\perp}^2 \bar{\omega} \sim s A \sqrt{s} R_A^2 \bar{\omega} / (2m_N)^2 \text{ for } b < 2R_A$$

$$\bar{\omega} \sim \frac{b}{R_A^2} \left(\frac{2m_N}{\sqrt{s}} \right)^2 \sim 10^{19} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$(b = R_A, \sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV})$$

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