

# QCD phase structure under rotation

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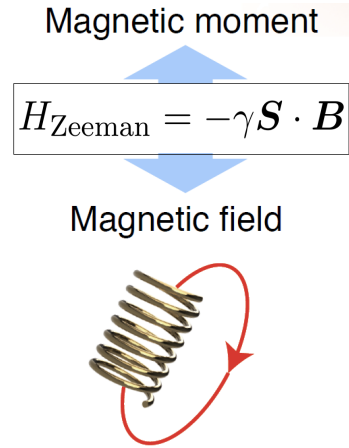
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- Where are rotating QCD matter?
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# **Introduction**

# Rotation and magnetic field

- Hints for possible rotation effect: comparison with B field

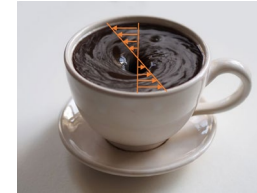
Spin:



Angular momentum

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

Rotation field



Orbital:

In magnetic field, Lorentz force:

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

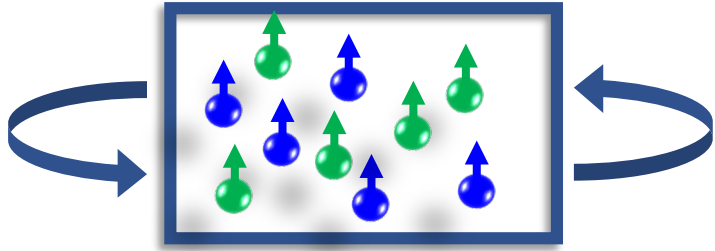
Larmor theorem:  $e\mathbf{B} \sim 2m\boldsymbol{\omega}$

In rotating frame, Coriolis force:

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

# Rotation and chemical potential

- Hints for possible rotation effect: comparison with chemical potential



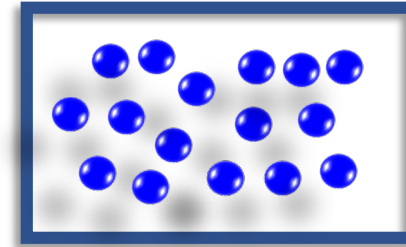
Rotation

$$H = H_0 - \omega J_z$$



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

(At rotating axis, for unbounded system)



Chemical potential

$$H = H_0 - \mu N$$



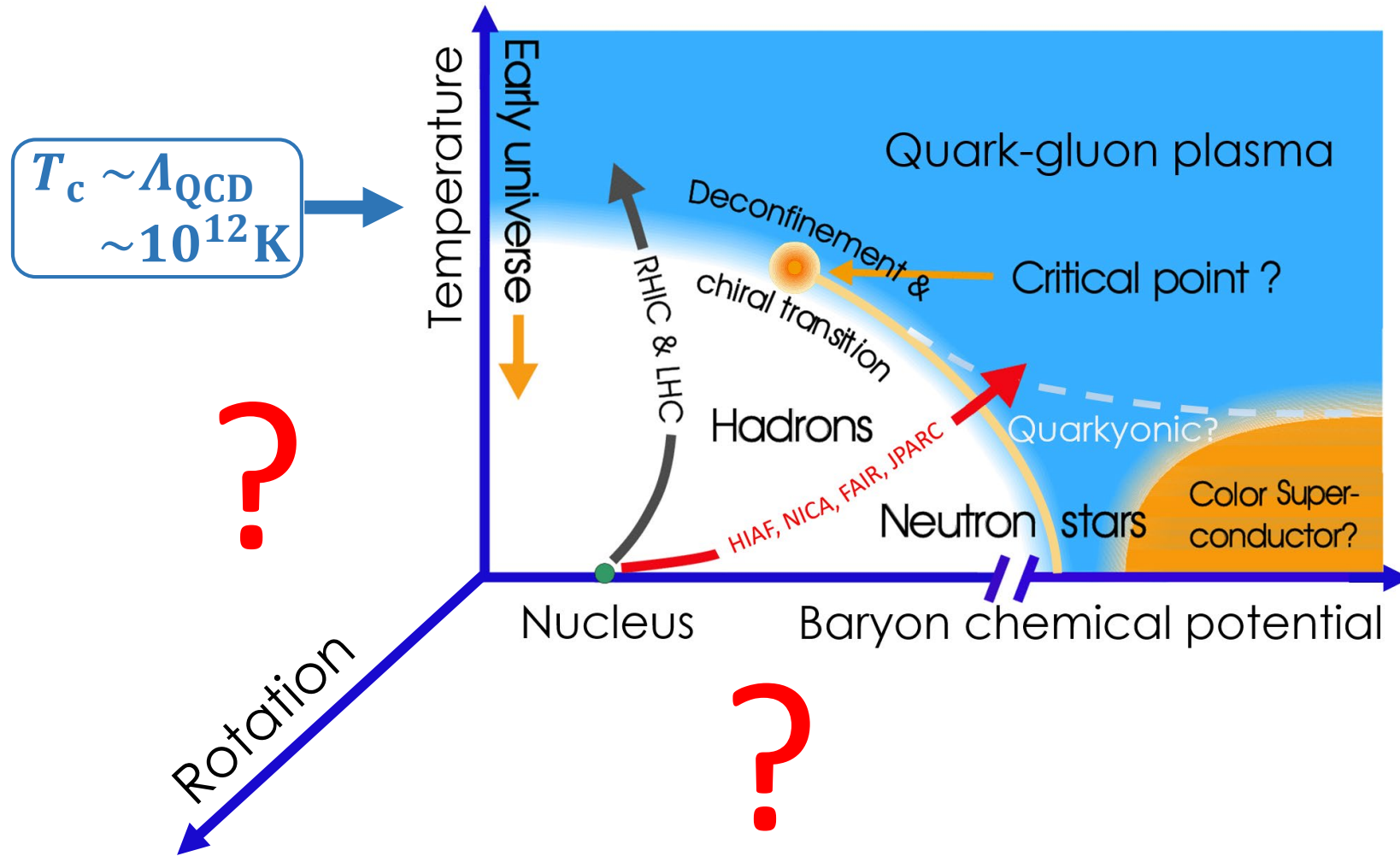
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← For massless Dirac fermions →

>>> Both have sign problem on lattice

(Ambrus and Winstanley 2019; Palermo et al 2021)

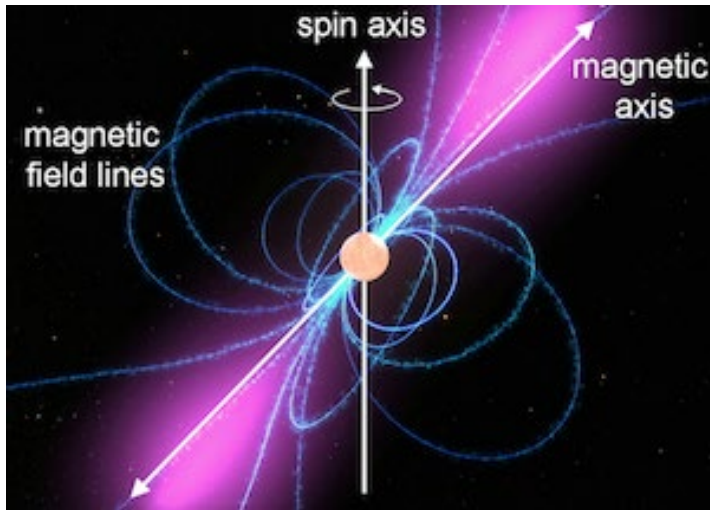
# QCD phase diagram



- Where rotating QCD matter?
- **Rotation affects chiral condensate and confinement?**
- Rotation effects combined with finite densities?

**Where rotating QCD matter?**

# Rotating neutron stars



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

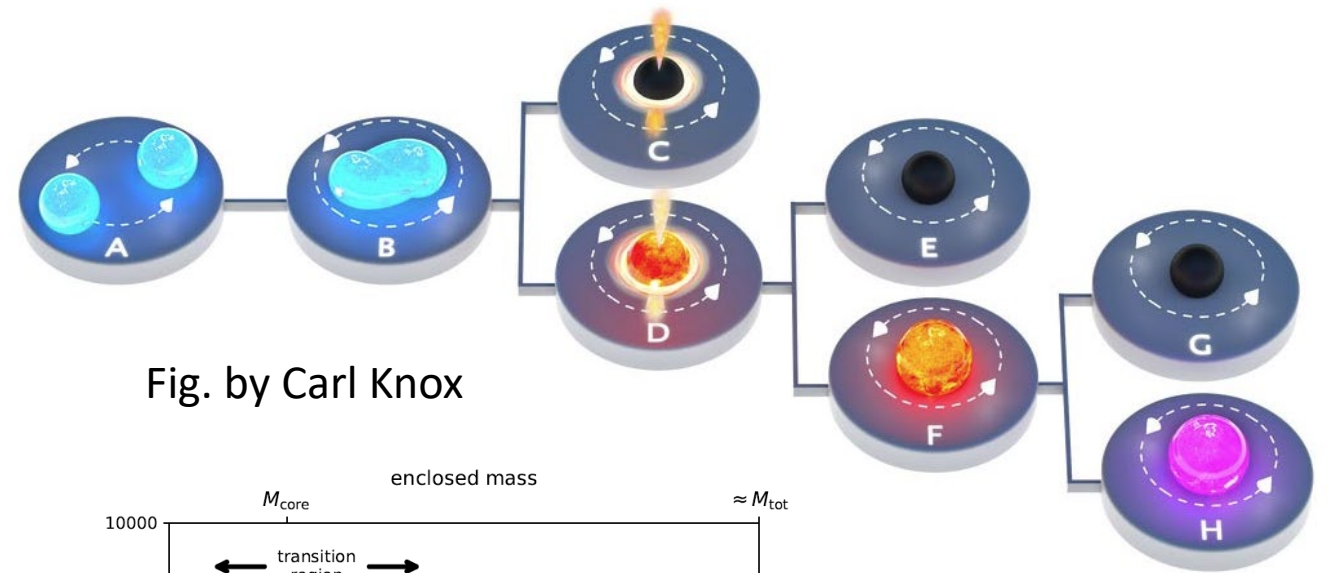
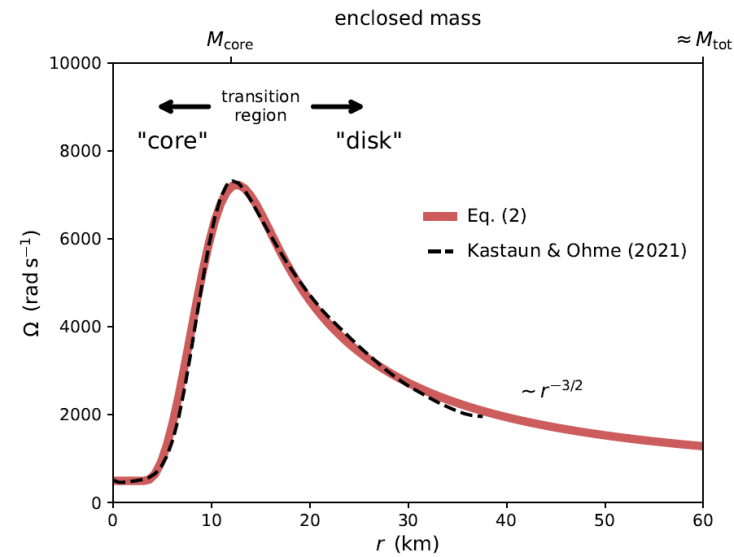


Fig. by Carl Knox

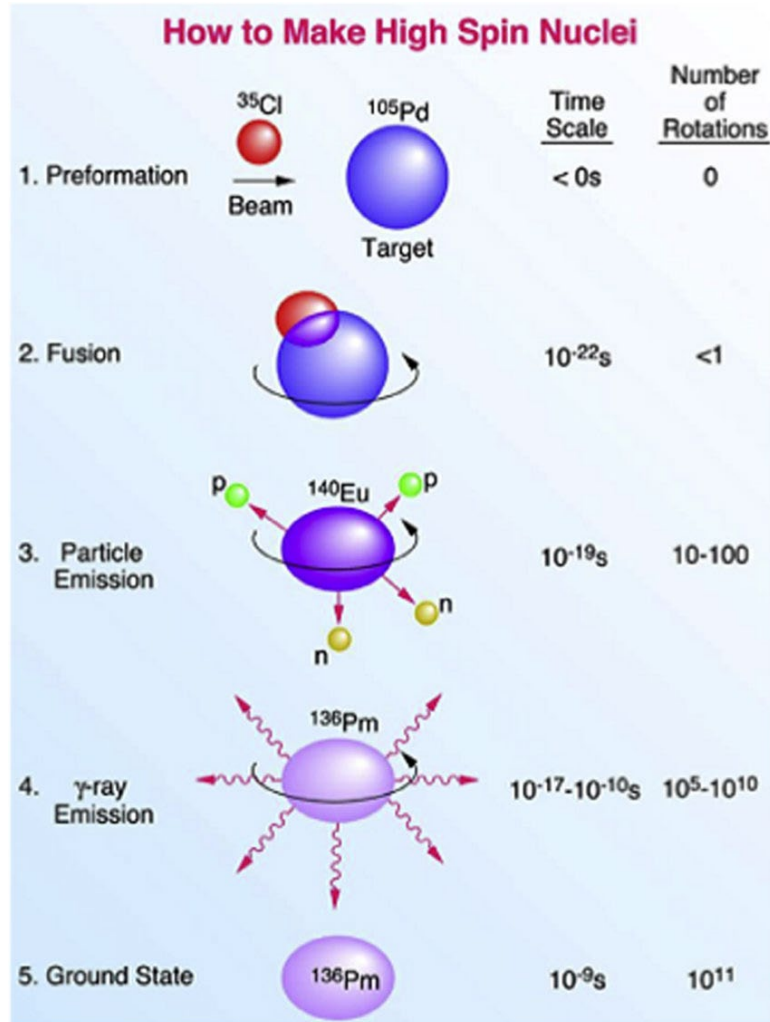


(Margalit etal 2206.10645)

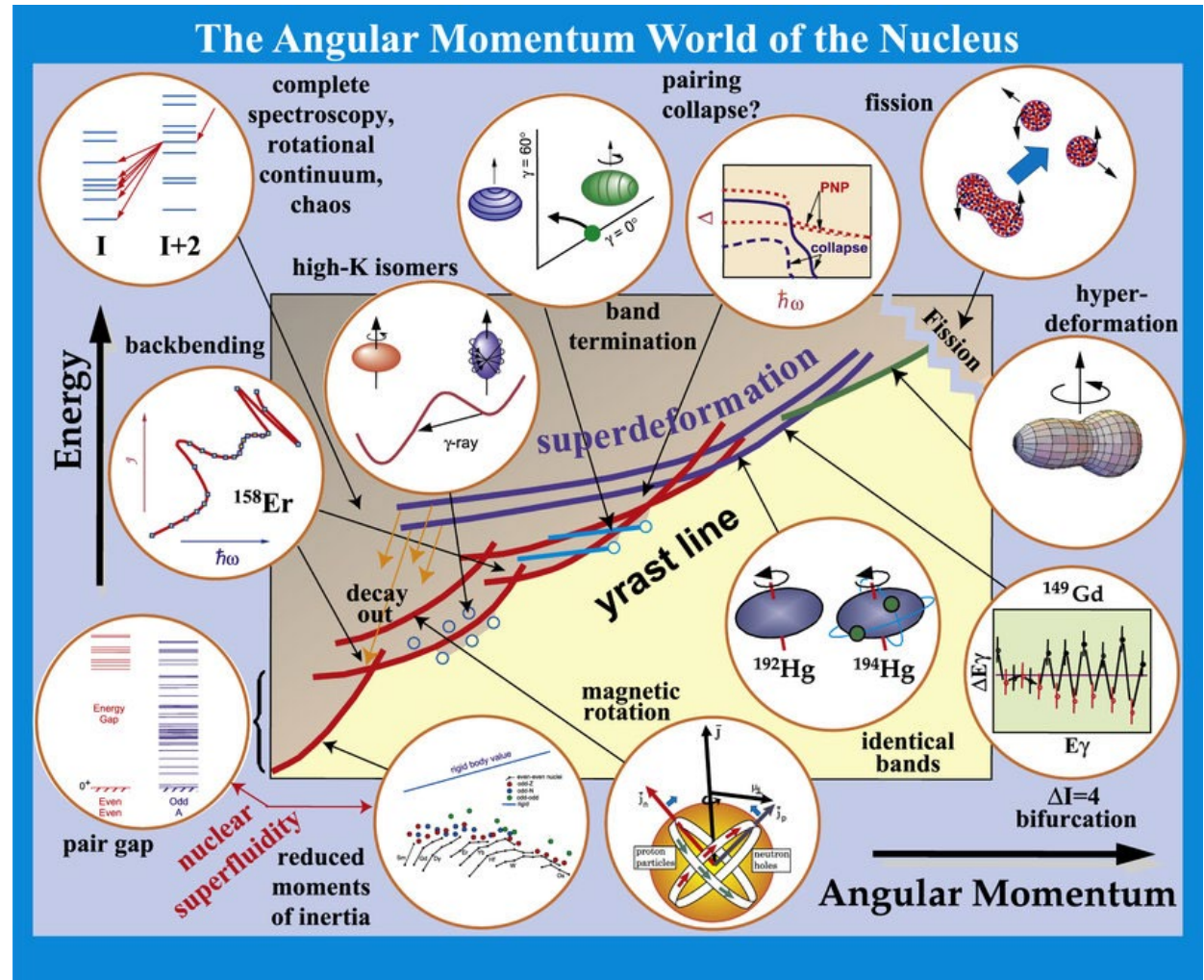
Neutron star mergers



# Rotating nuclei

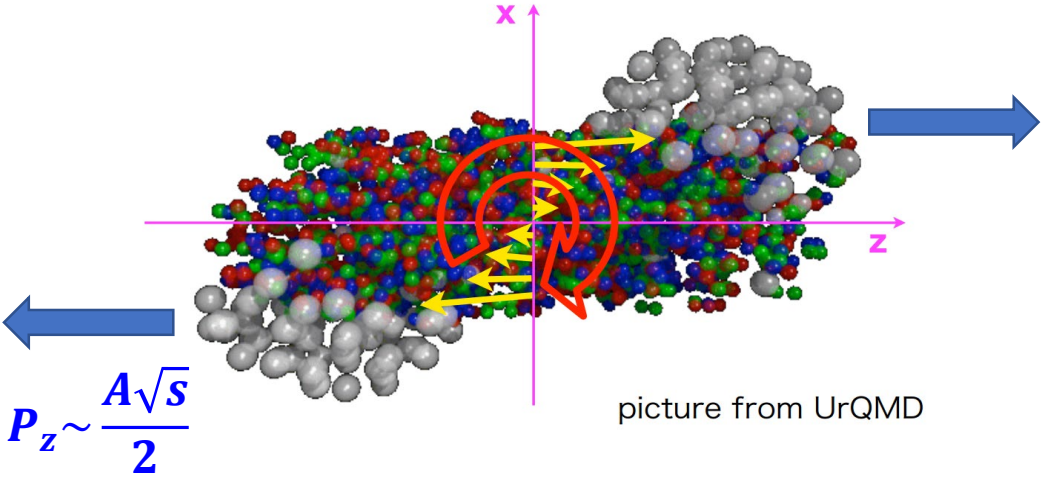
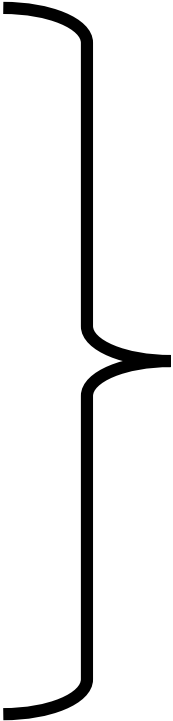
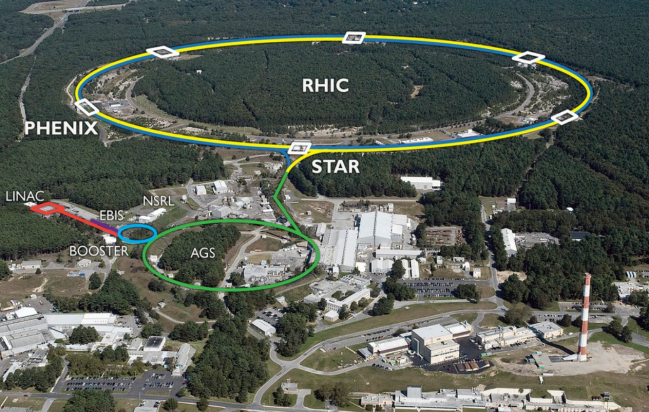


Rotation can reach  $\omega \sim 10^{21}\text{s}^{-1}$



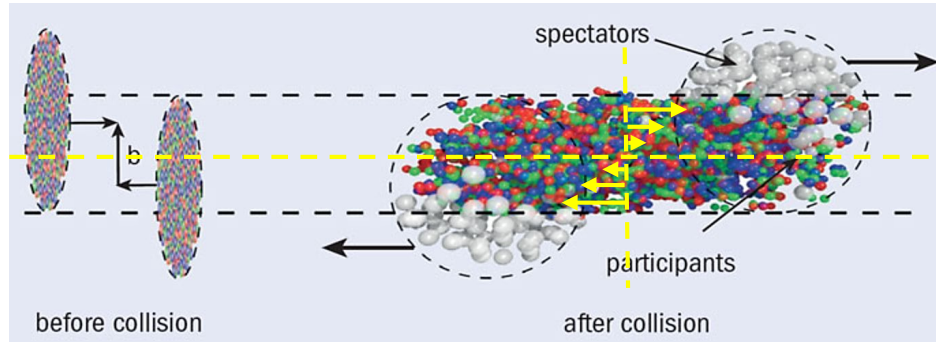
(M A Riley *et al* 2016 *Phys. Scr.* **91** 123002)

# Rotating quark-gluon plasma



# Rotation by global angular momentum

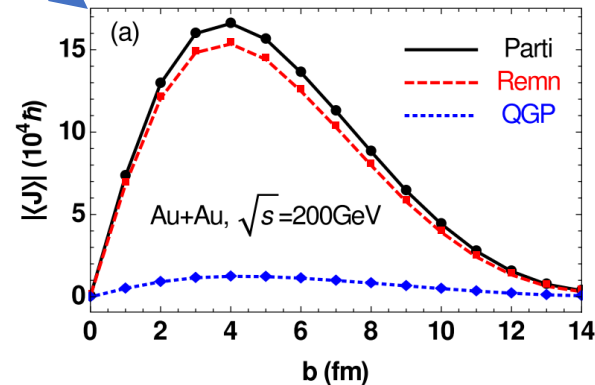
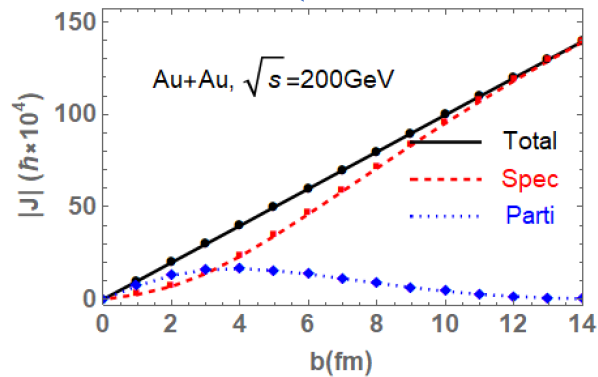
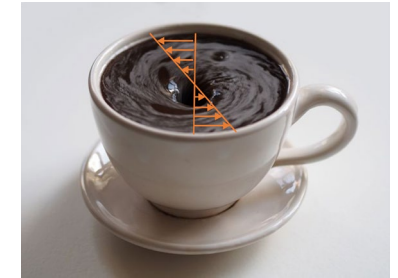
- Angular momentum conservation



No rigid rotation\*, but local fluid vorticity

$$\omega = \frac{1}{2} \nabla \times v$$

(Angular velocity of fluid cell)

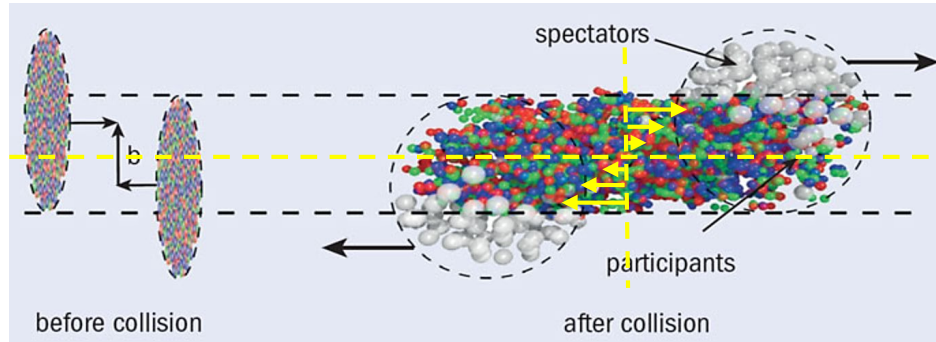


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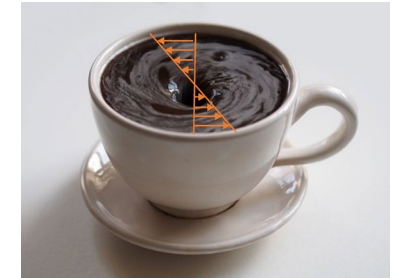
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- Estimation at low energy  $\sqrt{s} \gtrsim 2m_N$

part of  $J_0 \sim Ab(\sqrt{s} - 2m_N)$  retained in the produced matter:

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

$$\bar{\omega} \sim \frac{b}{R_A^2} \frac{\sqrt{s} - 2m_N}{2m_N} \sim 10^{22} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

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

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

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

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

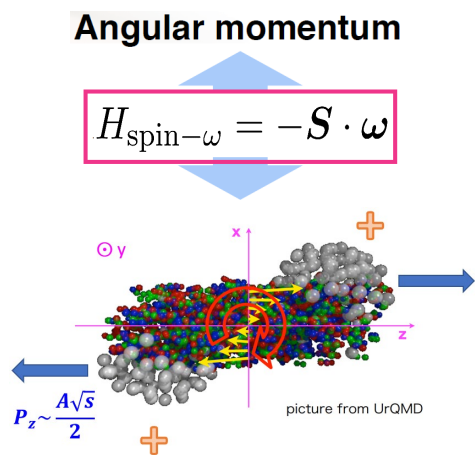
$$\bar{\omega} \sim \frac{b}{R_A^2} \left( \frac{2m_N}{\sqrt{s}} \right)^2 \sim 10^{19} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

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

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# Measuring the vorticity: spin polarization

- From global angular momentum to vorticity to hyperon spin polarization

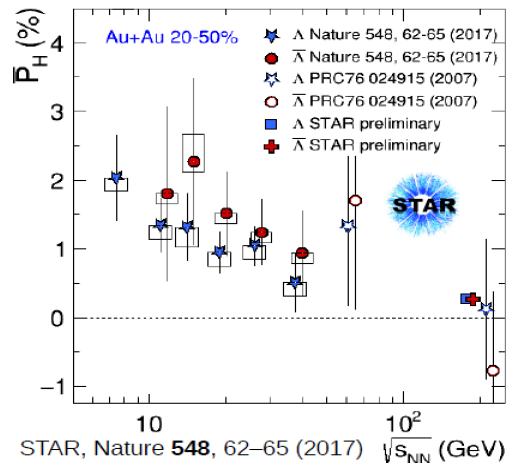


(at thermal equilibrium)

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

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

- First measurement of  $\Lambda$  polarization by STAR@RHIC \*



## parity-violating decay of hyperons

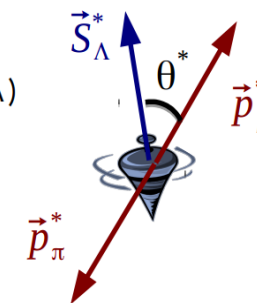
In case of  $\Lambda$ 's decay, daughter proton preferentially decays in the direction of  $\Lambda$ 's spin (opposite for anti- $\Lambda$ )

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

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

$\mathbf{P}_{\Lambda}$ :  $\Lambda$  polarization

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

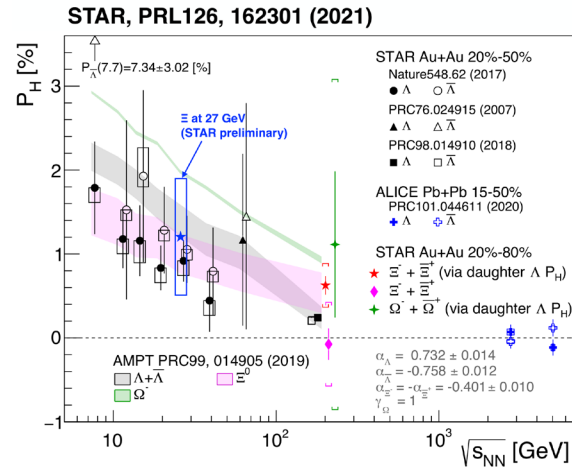


$\Lambda \rightarrow p + \pi^+$   
(BR: 63.9%,  $c\tau \sim 7.9$  cm)

(\* First theoretical proposal: Liang and Wang 2004, later by Voloshin 2004)

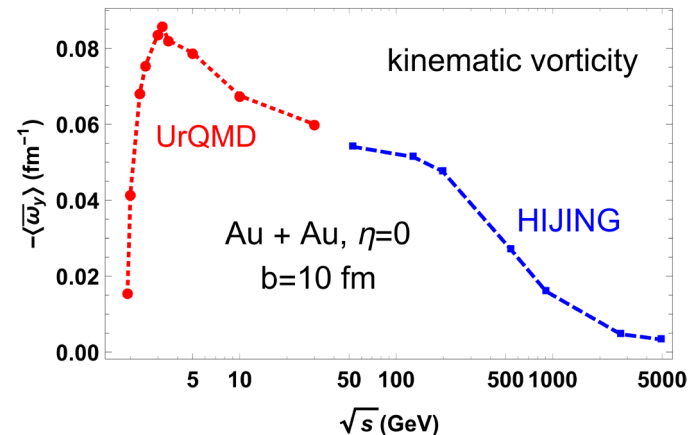
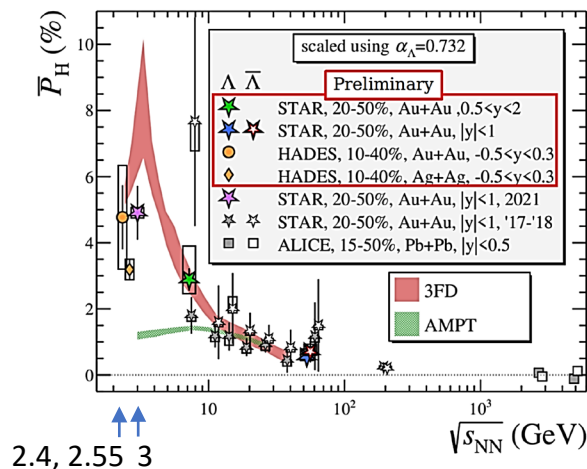
# Measuring the vorticity: spin polarization

- More recent measurements:  $\Xi^-$ ,  $\Omega^-$  by STAR@RHIC,  $\Lambda$  by ALICE@LHC



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

- $\Lambda$  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)

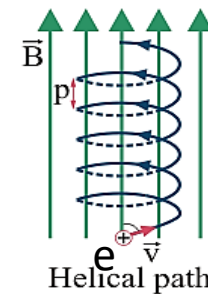
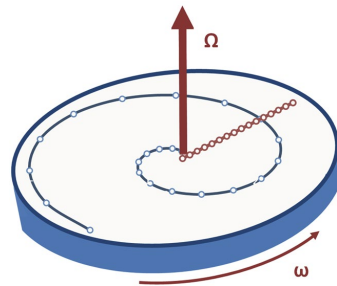
**Can rotation affect chiral condensate?**

# Angular momentum polarization

- Consider a scalar (or pseudoscalar) pair of fermions



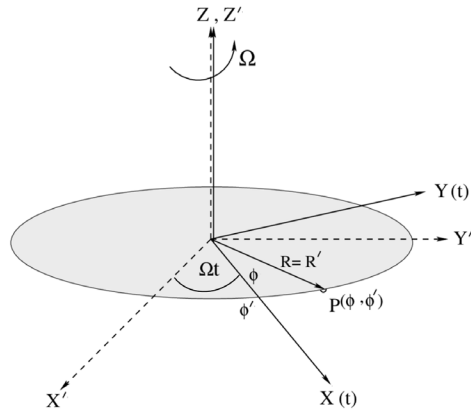
- Thus in general, rotation tends to suppress  $\sigma, \Delta, \pi, \dots$
- Compare with magnetic catalysis (dimensional reduction)





# 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

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

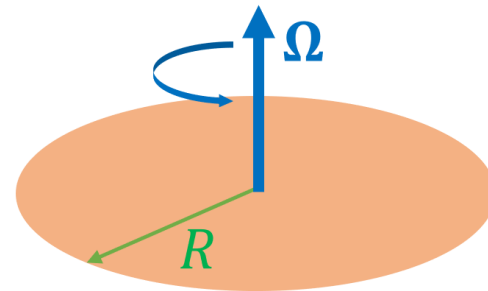
$$\nabla_\mu = \partial_\mu + i\hat{Q}A_\mu + \Gamma_\mu$$



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

# 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)

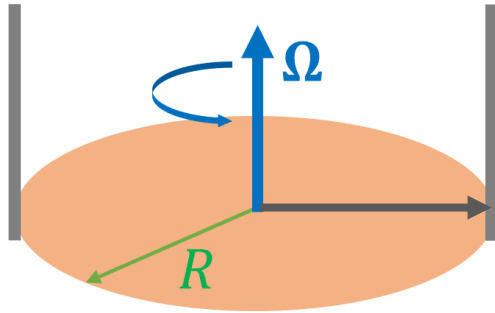
$$[i\gamma^\mu n_\mu(\theta) - 1]\psi \Big|_{r=R} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad j^\mu n_\mu = 0 \quad \text{at } r = R$$

- 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

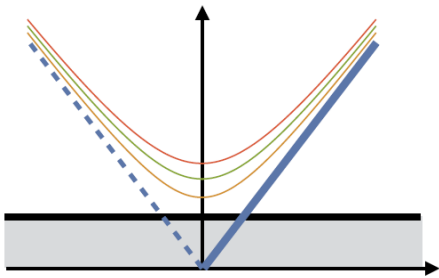
- Consider no-flux B.C.



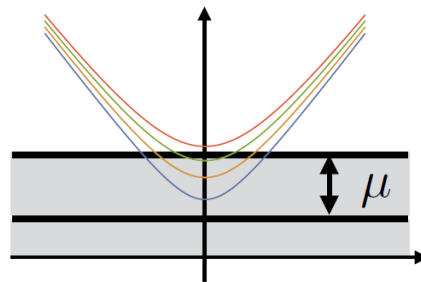
- $p_t = p_{l,k}$  discretized by  $J_l(p_{l,k}R) = 0$
- $E = (p_{l,k}^2 + p_z^2 + m^2)^{1/2} > \Omega|l + \frac{1}{2}|$
- Vacuum does not rotate

(Vilenkin 1979, Ebihara-Fukushima-Mameda 2016)

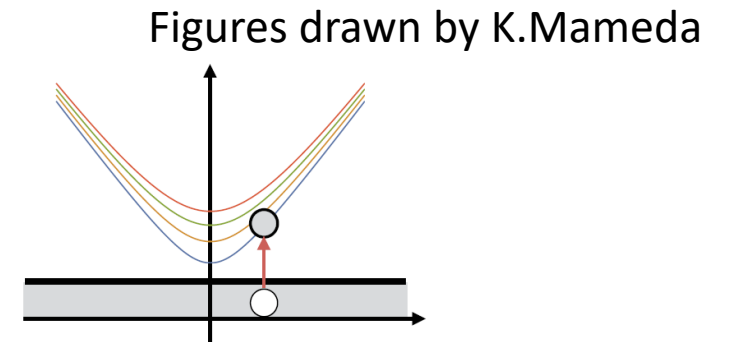
- To see uniform rotation effect, we need  $T, \mu, B, \dots$



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



$\mu$ : XGH-Nishimura-Yamamoto 2017, Zhang-Hou-Liao 2018, Huang etal 2018, Nishimura etal 2020, 2021...



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

# 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

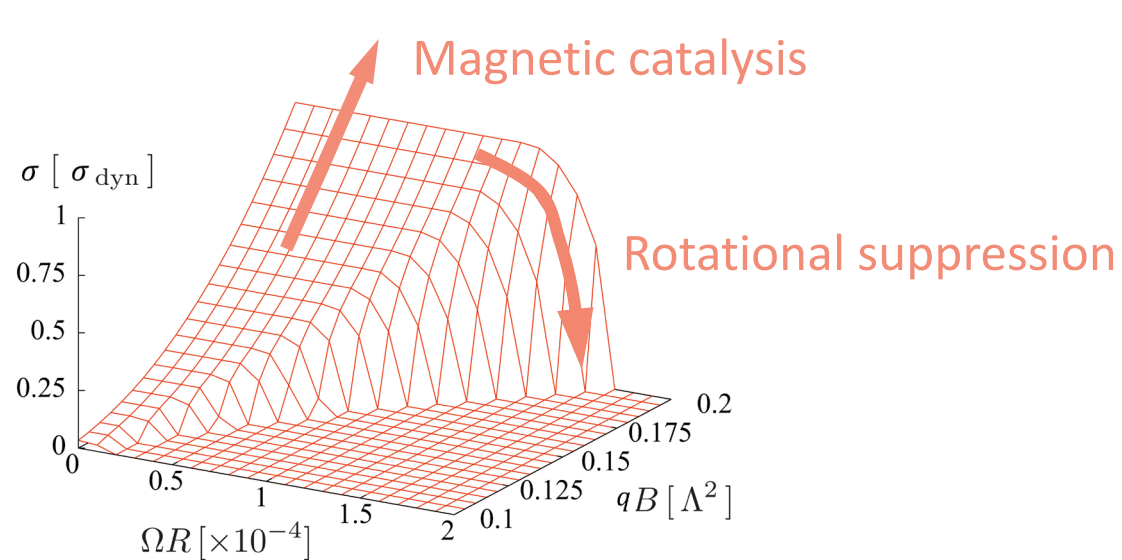
$$\varepsilon_{l,\pm} = \pm \sqrt{p_z^2 + p_t^2 + \sigma^2} - \Omega \left( l + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

Ration

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

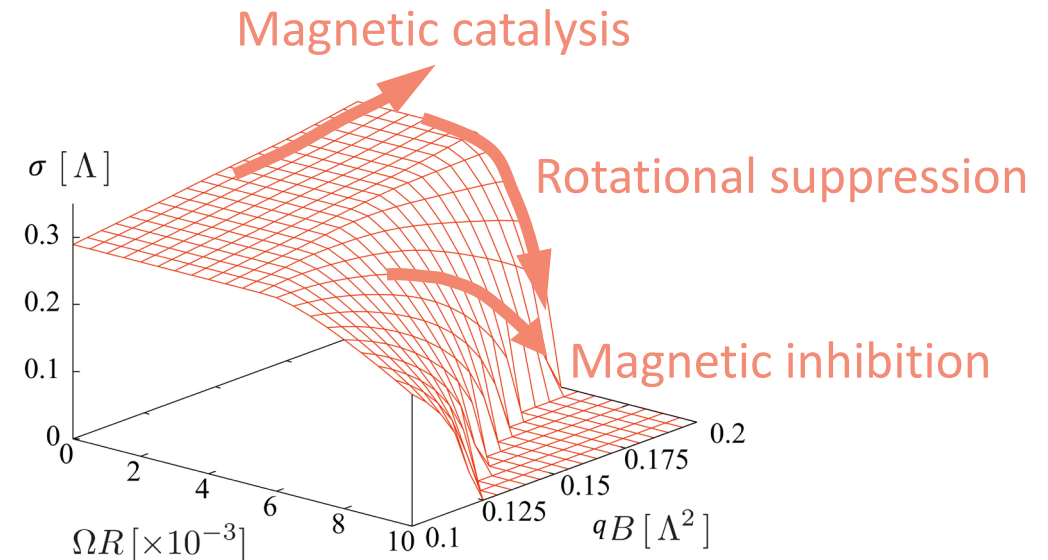
Magnetic field

- Chiral condensate vs rotation and/or magnetic field



$G < G_c$

(Chen-Fukushima-XGH-Mameda 2015)



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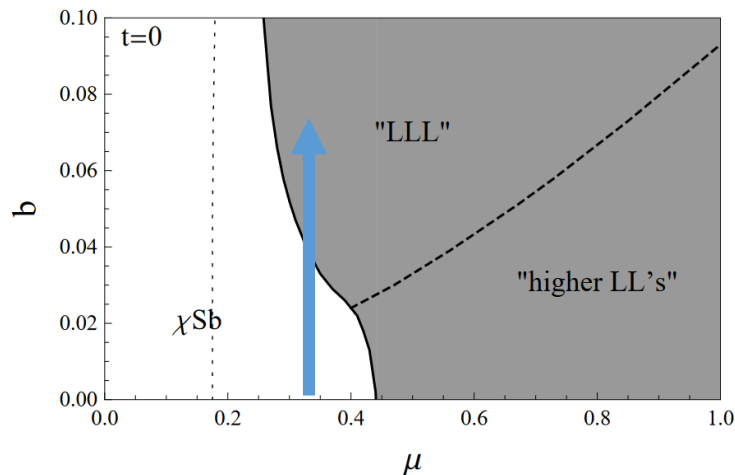
Ration

$\mu$

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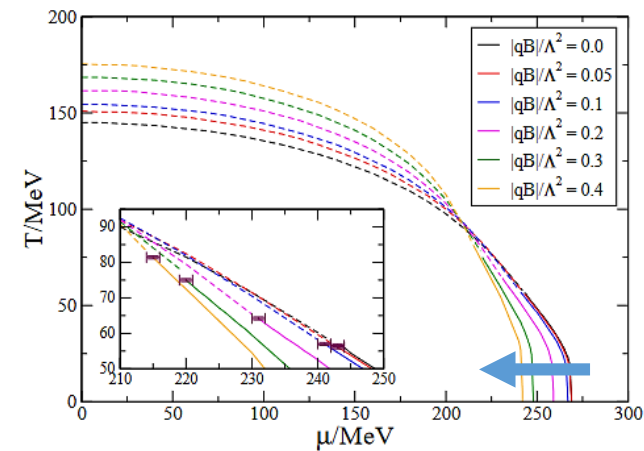
Magnetic field

- Compare with finite-density case:



Sakai-Sugimoto model

(Freis-Rebhan-Schmitt 2010)

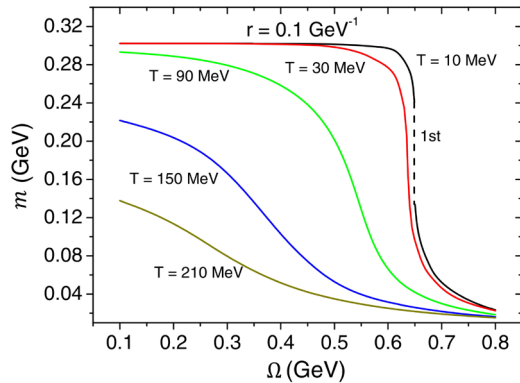


Quark-meson model

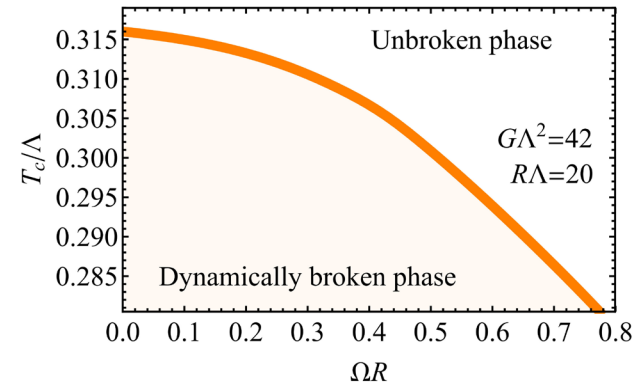
(Andersen-Tranberg 2012)

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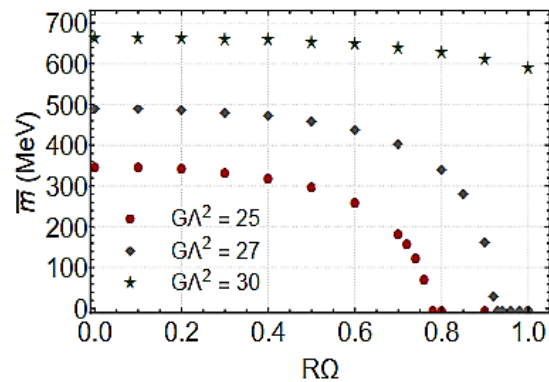
- Many model studies support that rotation suppresses chiral condensate



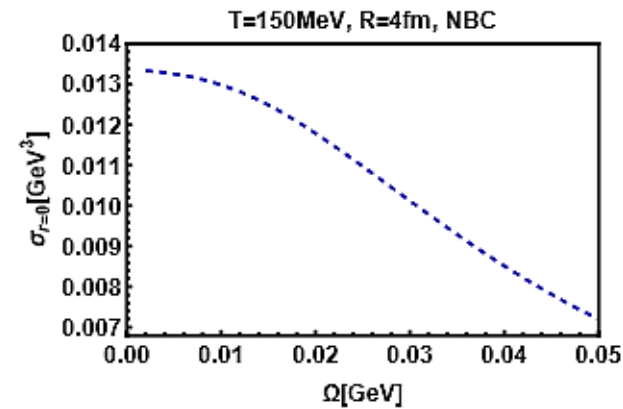
(Jiang-Liao 2016)



(Chernodub-Gongyo 2016)



(Sadooghi-Mehr-Taghinavaz 2022)



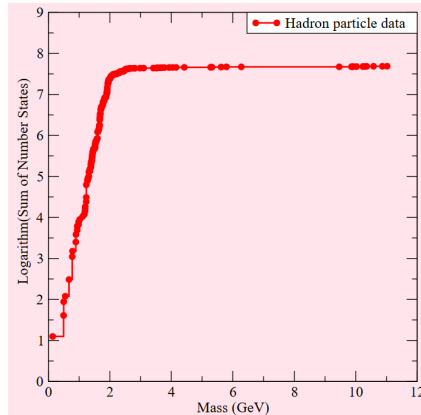
(Chen-Li-Huang 2022)

**Can rotation affect confinement?**



# Confinement under rotation

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



$$\rho(m) = e^{m/T_H} \quad \Rightarrow \quad Z = \int dm \rho(m) e^{-m/T} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{diverges for } T > T_H$$

Interpreted as deconf. T

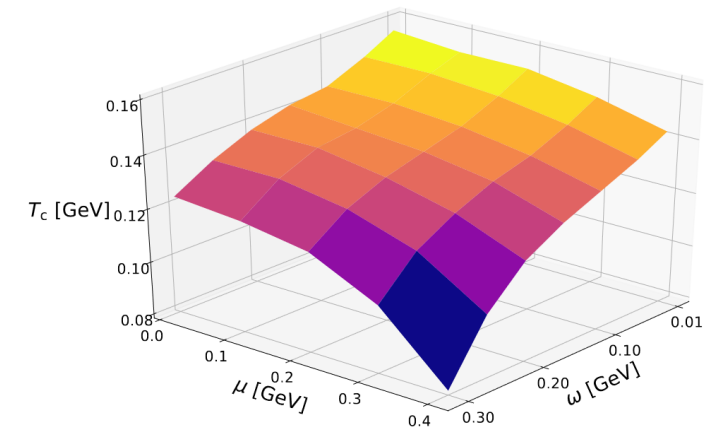


$$p(T, \mu, \omega; \Lambda) = \sum_{m; M_i \leq \Lambda} p_m + \sum_{b; M_b \leq \Lambda} p_b$$

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

Chosen to be indep. of rotation

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



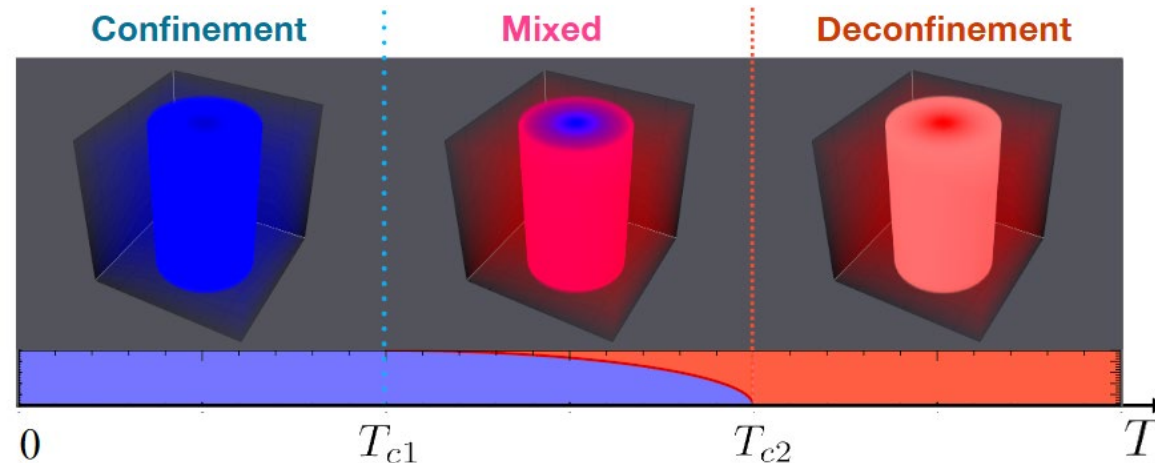
(Fujimoto-Fukushima-Hidaka 2021)

- **Rotation favors deconfinement**

# Confinement under rotation

- It is not easy to intuitively imagine the rotational effect on confinement
- Argument based on Tolman-Ehrenfest temperature

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

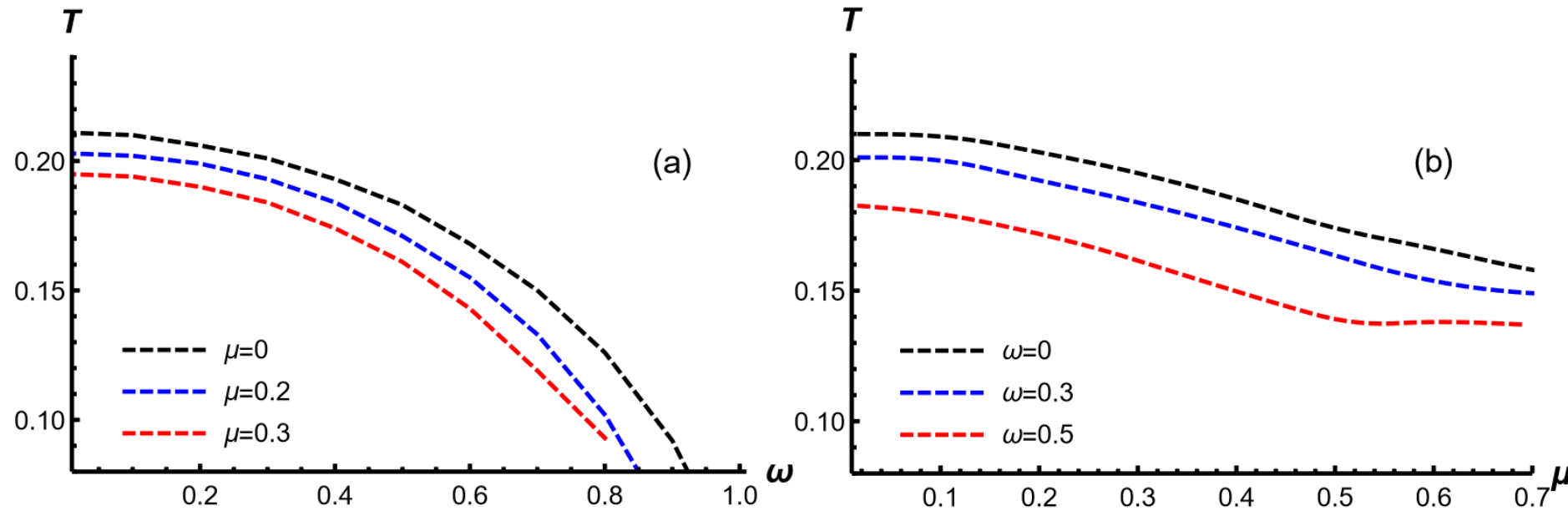


(Chernodub 2020)

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- Results based on holography

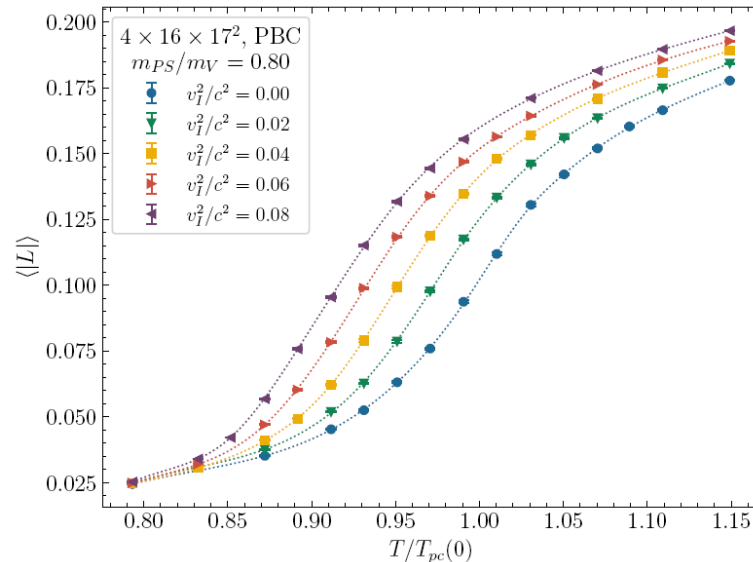


(Chen-Zhang-Li-Hou-Huang 2020)

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# Confinement under rotation

- It is not easy to intuitively imagine the rotational effect on confinement
- Results based on lattice simulation of gluons



Imaginary rotation

$$v_I = \Omega_I (N_s - 1)a$$

$$\Omega_I = i\Omega$$

$$\frac{T_{pc}(v_I)}{T_{pc}(0)} = 1 - B_2 \frac{v_I^2}{c^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{T_{pc}(v)}{T_{pc}(0)} = 1 + B_2 \frac{v^2}{c^2}$$

- ~~Pseudo-critical~~ temperature ~~decreases~~ due to ~~imaginary~~ rotation  
Critical
increases
real

(Braguta et al 2021)

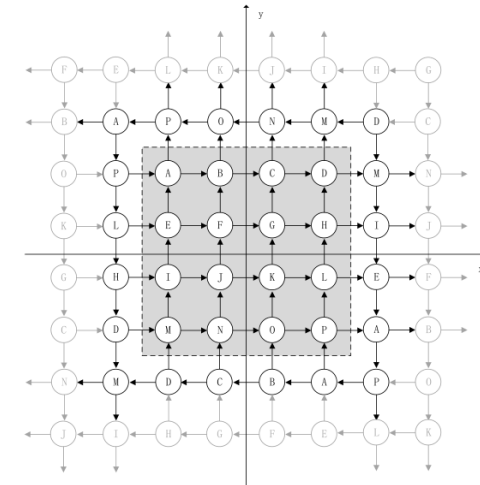
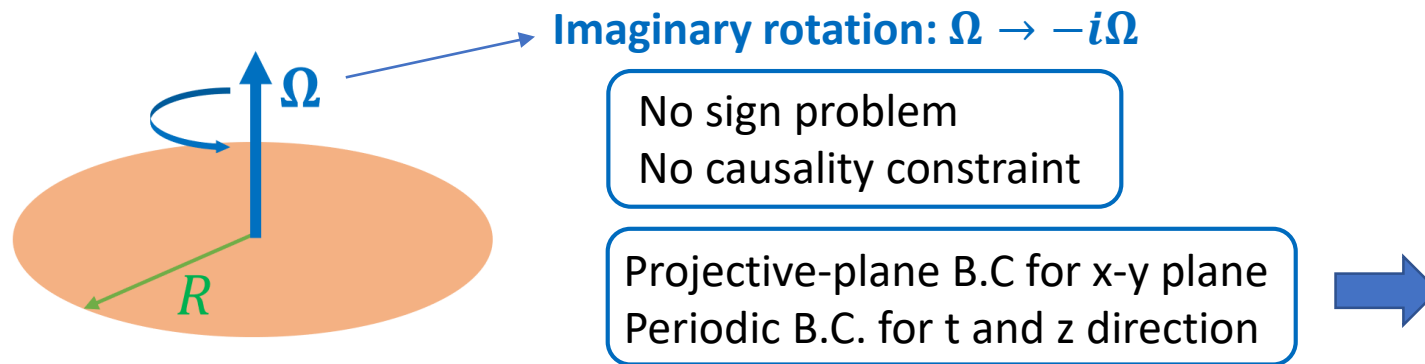
- **Rotation disfavors deconfinement**

# **Lattice calculation of rotating QCD**

(Yang-XGH in preparation)

# 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

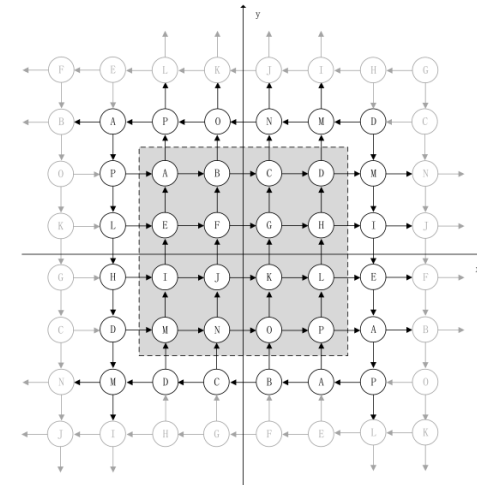
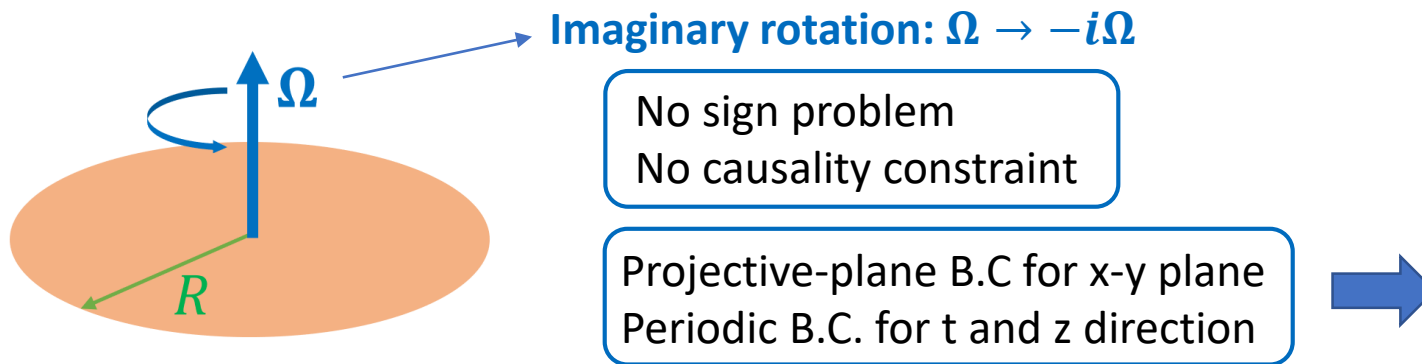
Ji decomposition

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

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

# 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: chiral condensate and Polyakov loop

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

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

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

# Preliminary results

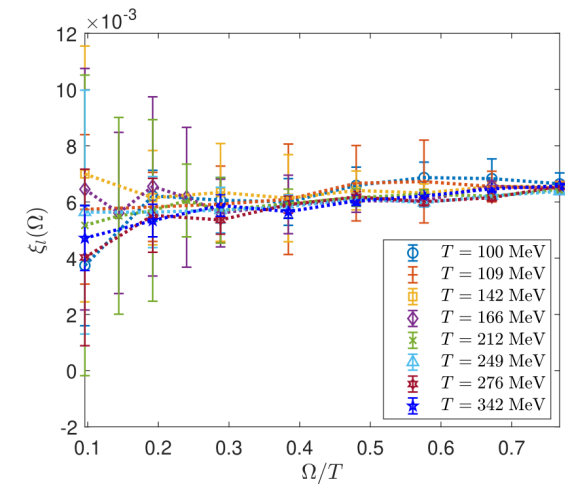
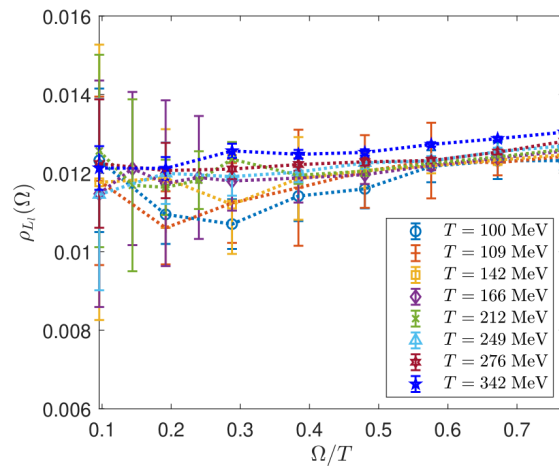
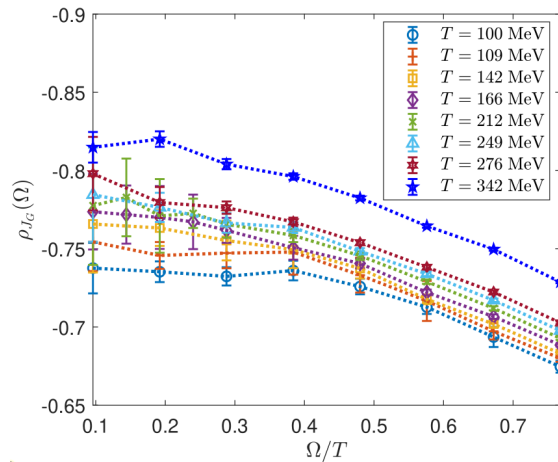
- Angular momentum
- $J_G$  and  $L_q$  approximately  $\propto r^2$ , and  $s_q$  approximately independent of  $r$ , thus

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

Moment of inertia

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

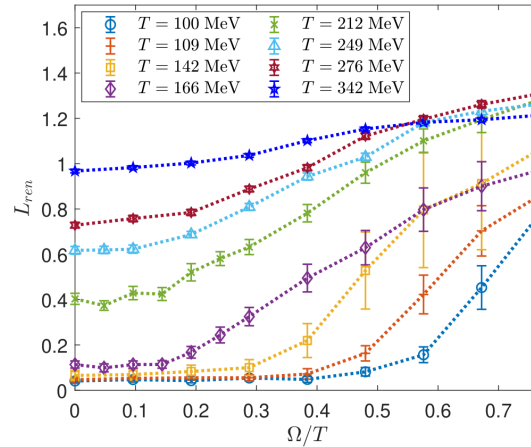
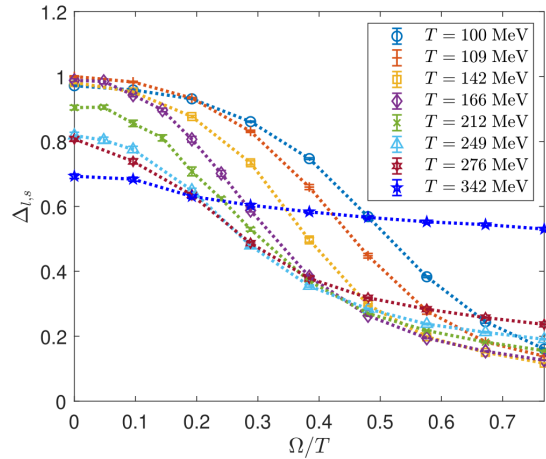
Quark spin susceptibility



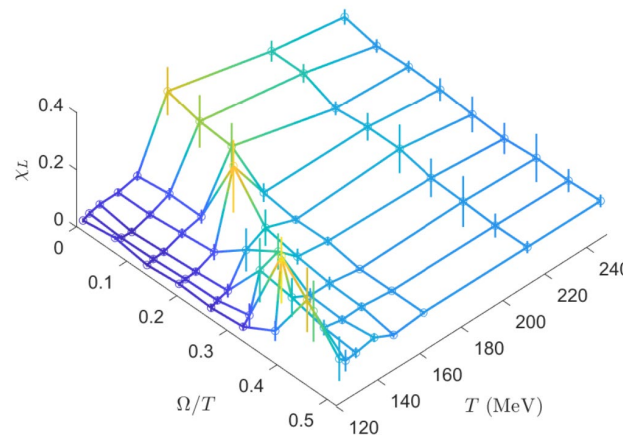
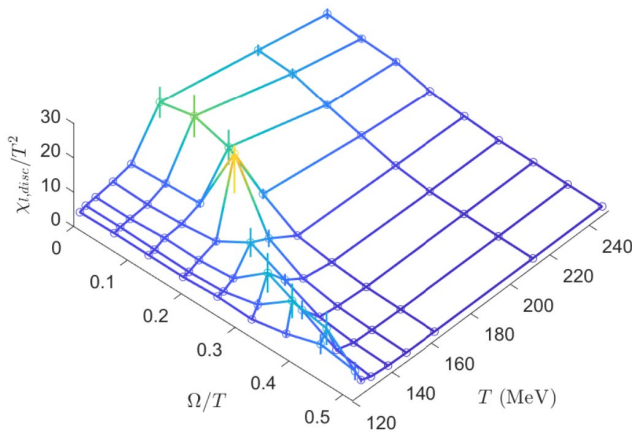


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- Chiral condensate and Polyakov loop



- Chiral and Polyakov loop susceptibilities



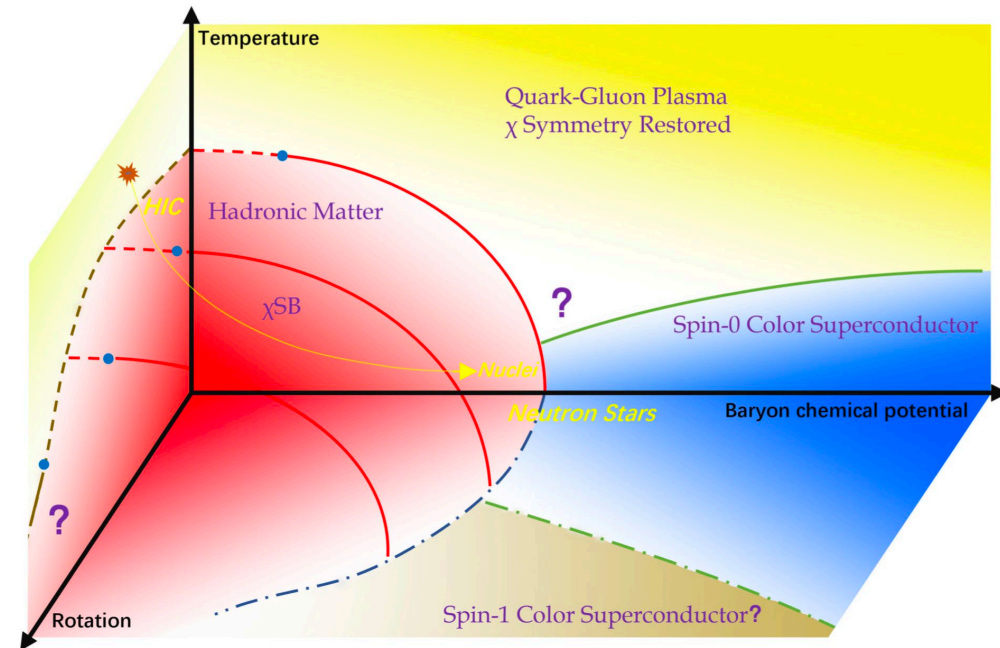
- Imaginary rotation tends to melt chiral condensate and deconfine the system
- The phase transition lines on  $T - \Omega$  plane coincide
- Since they are even function of rotation, if we naively shift to real rotation, this implies **rotational catalysis of chiral breaking and confinement**
- Opposite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



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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)
  - Study of the analytical continuation from **imaginary to real** rotations (Chen-Fukushima-Shimada 2022)
  - More model studies
  - ... ..



Thank you!