

Lattice study of rotating QCD properties

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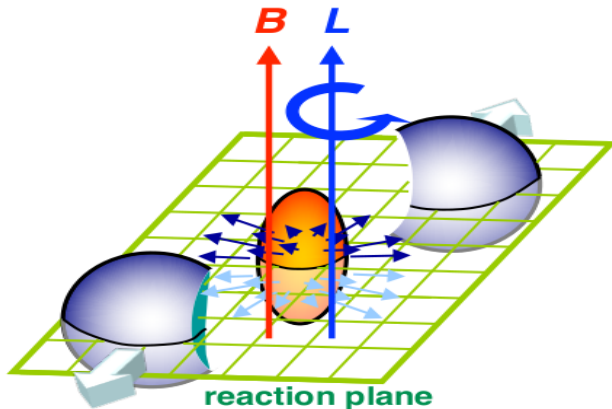
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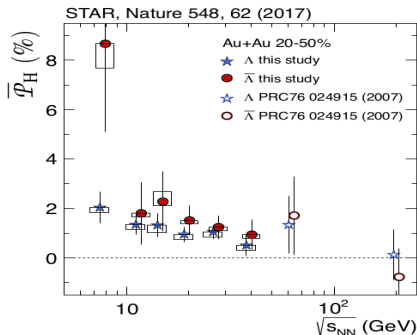
- ▶ Introduction
- ▶ Moment of inertia of QGP
- ▶ Inhomogeneous phase transitions in QGP
 - ▶ Local critical temperature
 - ▶ Decomposition of the action
 - ▶ Local thermalization
- ▶ Conclusion

Rotation of QGP in heavy ion collisions



- QGP is created with non-zero angular momentum in non-central collisions

Rotation of QGP in heavy ion collisions



Angular velocity from STAR (Nature 548, 62 (2017))

- ▶ $\Omega = (P_\Lambda + P_{\bar{\Lambda}}) \frac{k_B T}{\hbar}$ (Phys. Rev. C 95, 054902 (2017))
- ▶ $\Omega \sim 10$ MeV ($v \sim c$ at distances 10-20 fm, $\sim 10^{22} s^{-1}$)
- ▶ Relativistic rotation of QGP

How relativistic rotation influences QCD?

Theoretical studies

► Phase diagram and the critical temperatures

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Study of rotating QGP

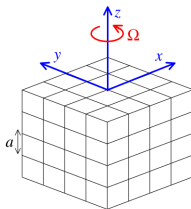
- ▶ Our aim: study rotating QCD within lattice simulations
- ▶ Rotating QCD at thermodynamic equilibrium
 - ▶ At the equilibrium the system rotates with some Ω
 - ▶ The study is conducted in **the reference frame which rotates with QCD matter**
 - ▶ QCD in external gravitational field
- ▶ **Boundary conditions are very important!**

Details of the simulations

- ▶ Gluodynamics is studied at thermodynamic equilibrium in external gravitational field
- ▶ The metric tensor

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

- ▶ Geometry of the system: $N_t \times N_z \times N_x \times N_y = N_t \times N_z \times N_s^2$



Details of the simulations

- ▶ Partition function (\hat{H} is conserved)

$$Z = \text{Tr} \exp [-\beta \hat{H}] = \int DU D\psi D\bar{\psi} \exp [-S]$$

- ▶ Euclidean action (in the cylindrical coordinates)

$$S = S_0 + S_1 \Omega + S_2 \Omega^2$$

$$S_1 = \int d^4x \, r \left(\frac{i}{g^2} [F_{r\hat{\varphi}}^a F_{\tau r}^a - F_{\hat{\varphi}z}^a F_{\tau z}^a] + \bar{\psi} \gamma_4 D_{\hat{\varphi}} \psi + \frac{i}{2} \bar{\psi} \gamma_4 \sigma_{12} \psi \right)$$

talk of A. Roenko

$$S_2 = -\frac{1}{2g^2} \int d^4x \, r^2 [(F_{\hat{\varphi}z}^a)^2 + (F_{r\hat{\varphi}}^a)^2]$$

- ▶ S_1 total momentum, S_2 centrifugal force
- ▶ Competition of S_1 and S_2

Details of the simulations

- *Ehrenfest–Tolman effect*: In gravitational field the temperature is not constant in space at thermal equilibrium

$$T(r)\sqrt{g_{00}} = \text{const} = 1/\beta$$

$$T(r)\sqrt{1 - r^2\Omega^2} = 1/\beta$$

- We use the designation $T = T(r = 0) = 1/\beta$

Details of the simulations

Boundary conditions

► Periodic b.c.:

- $U_{x,\mu} = U_{x+N_i,\mu}$

- Not appropriate for the field of velocities of rotating body

► Dirichlet b.c.:

- $U_{x,\mu}|_{x \in \Gamma} = 1, \quad A_\mu|_{x \in \Gamma} = 0$

- Violate Z_3 symmetry

► Neumann b.c.:

- Outside the volume $U_P = 1, \quad F_{\mu\nu} = 0$

- The dependence on boundary conditions is the property of all approaches

- One can expect that boundary conditions influence our results considerably, but their influence is restricted due to the screening

Details of the simulations

Sign problem

$$\begin{aligned} S_G = \frac{1}{2g^2} \int d^4x & \left[(F_{\tau r}^a)^2 + (F_{\tau \hat{\varphi}}^a)^2 + (F_{\tau z}^a)^2 + \right. \\ & + (F_{r z}^a)^2 + (1 - (\Omega r)^2) (F_{\hat{\varphi} z}^a)^2 + (1 - (\Omega r)^2) (F_{r \hat{\varphi}}^a)^2 + \\ & \left. + 2ir\Omega (F_{r \hat{\varphi}}^a F_{\tau r}^a - F_{\hat{\varphi} z}^a F_{\tau z}^a) \right] \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ The Euclidean action has imaginary part (**sign problem**)
- ▶ Simulations are carried out at imaginary angular velocities $\Omega \rightarrow i\Omega_I$
- ▶ The results are analytically continued to real angular velocities
- ▶ This approach works up to sufficiently large Ω
- ▶ Sometimes instead of Ω^2 we use $v^2 = (\Omega R)^2$ and $v_I^2 = (\Omega_I R)^2$

EoS of rotating gluodynamics

- ▶ Free energy of rotating QGP

$$F(T, R, \Omega) = F_0(T, R) + C_2 \Omega^2 + \dots$$

- ▶ The moment of inertia

$$C_2 = -\frac{1}{2}I_0(T, R), \quad I_0(T, \Omega) = -\frac{1}{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial \Omega} \right)_{T, \Omega \rightarrow 0}$$

- ▶ Instead of $I_0(T, R)$ we calculate $K_2 = -\frac{I_0(T, R)}{F_0(T, R)R^2}$
- ▶ Sign of K_2 coincides with the sign of $I_0(T, R)$

EoS of rotating gluodynamics

- ▶ Classical moment of inertia

$$I_0(R) = \int_V d^3x x_\perp^2 \rho_0(x_\perp)$$

- ▶ Related to the trace of EMT $T_\mu^\mu = \rho_0(x_\perp)c^2$
- ▶ Generation of mass scale in QCD and scale anomaly

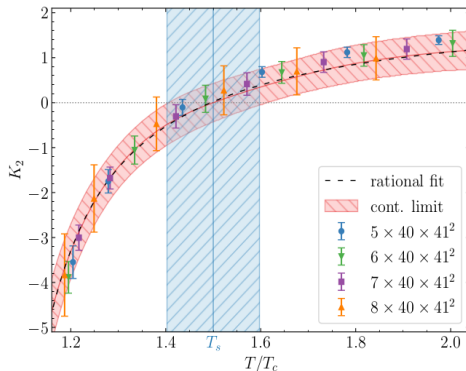
$$T_\mu^\mu \sim \langle G^2 \rangle \sim \langle H^2 + E^2 \rangle$$

- ▶ In QCD the gluon condensate $\langle G^2 \rangle \neq 0$
- ▶ *One could anticipate: $\rho_0 \sim \langle H^2 + E^2 \rangle$?*
- ▶ $I_0 = I_{\text{mech}} + I_{\text{magn}}$ *valid for QCD!*

$$I_{\text{mech}} = \langle J_z^2 \rangle - (\langle J_z \rangle)^2 \sim \langle S_1^2 \rangle$$

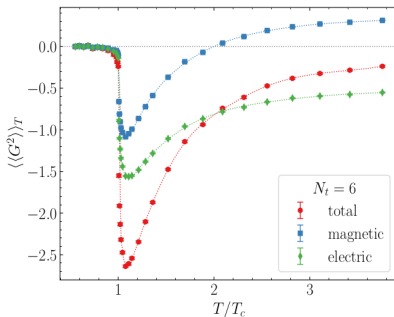
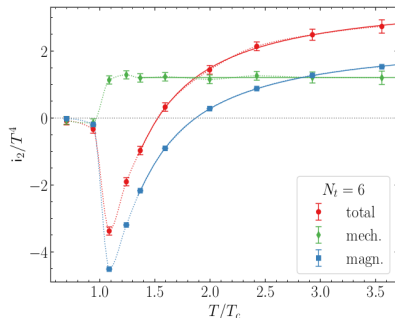
$$I_{\text{magn}} = \frac{1}{3} \int d^3x r^2 \langle H^2 \rangle \sim \langle S_2 \rangle$$

Moment of inertia of gluon plasma



- ▶ $I(T, R) = -F_0(T, R)K_2R^2$
- ▶ $I < 0$ for $T < 1.5T_c$ and $I > 0$ for $T > 1.5T_c$
- ▶ $I < 0$ is related to magnetic condensate and the scale anomaly
- ▶ We believe that the same is true for QCD

Moment of inertia of gluon plasma



► $i_2 = \frac{I_0}{VR_{\perp}^2}, \quad I_0 = I_{mech} + I_{magn}$

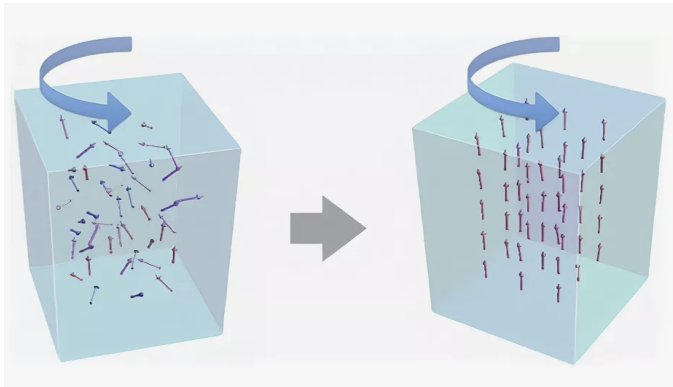
$I_{mech} = \langle J_z^2 \rangle - (\langle J_z \rangle)^2 \sim \langle S_1^2 \rangle$

$I_{magn} = \frac{1}{3} \int d^3x r^2 \langle H^2 \rangle \sim \langle S_2 \rangle$

► Gluon condensate: $\langle G^2 \rangle = \langle E^2 \rangle + \langle H^2 \rangle$

► $\langle T_{\mu}^{\mu} \rangle = \epsilon - 3p = \frac{\beta_s(\alpha_s)}{4\alpha_s} \langle G^2 \rangle, \quad \beta_s(\alpha_s) = -(33 - 2n_f) \frac{\alpha_s^2}{6\pi}$

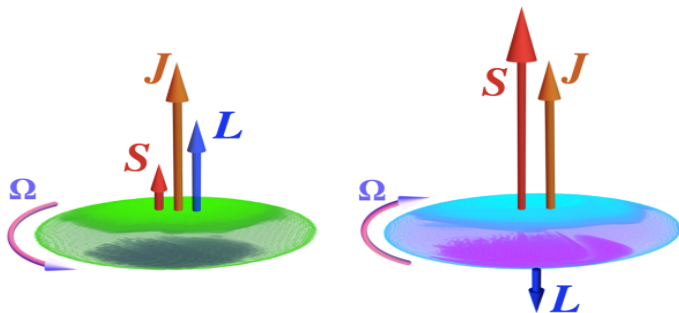
Barnett effect



- ▶ Rotation polarizes spins of ferromagnetic

the picture from *doi: 10.3389/fphy.2015.00054*

Negative Barnett effect(?)



- ▶ $\vec{J} = I_0 \vec{\Omega} = -\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial \vec{\Omega}}\right)_T, \quad \vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{S}$
- ▶ For classical motion $\vec{J} = \vec{L}$ and $I_0 > 0$
- ▶ But the spin \vec{S} is quantum
- ▶ The term $\langle H^2 \rangle$ is related to spin of gluons
- ▶ $\vec{L} \uparrow\uparrow \vec{\Omega}, \quad \vec{S} \uparrow\downarrow \vec{\Omega}$ might lead to $\vec{J} \uparrow\downarrow \vec{\Omega}$ and $I_0 < 0$

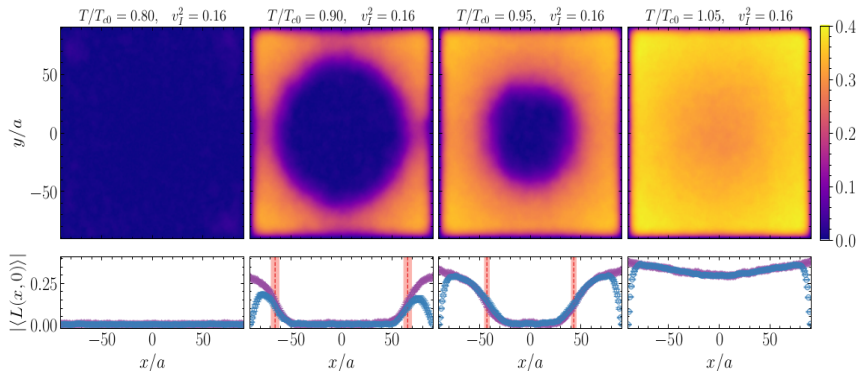
Inhomogeneous phase transition in QGP

- Ehrenfest–Tolman law

$$T(r) = \frac{T_0}{\sqrt{1 - (\Omega r)^2}} = \frac{T_0}{\sqrt{1 + (\Omega_I r)^2}}$$

- Rotation effectively heats the system: $T(r) > T(r = 0)$
- Inhomogeneous phase: confinement in the center and deconfinement in the periphery
(M. Chernodub, Phys. Rev. D 103, 054027 (2021))
- For imaginary rotation: deconfinement/confinement in the center/periphery

Inhomogeneous phase transition in GP

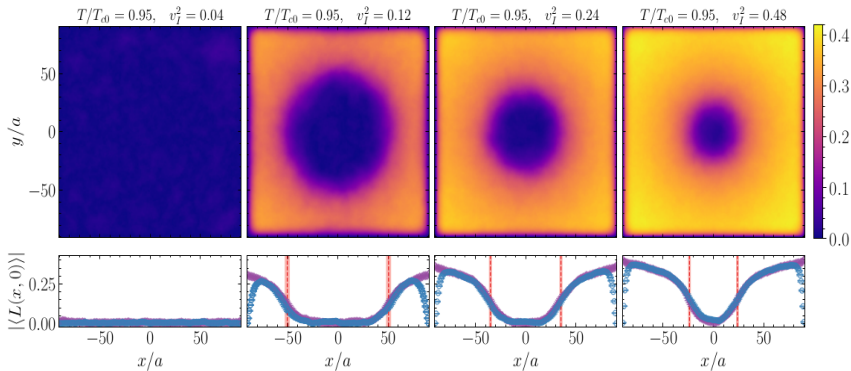


- ▶ Huge lattices are required for simulations
- ▶ Cylindrical Symmetry is restored
- ▶ The results for PBC and OBC coincides in the bulk
- ▶ Confinement in the center and deconfinement in the periphery

In disagreement with Ehrenfest–Tolman law

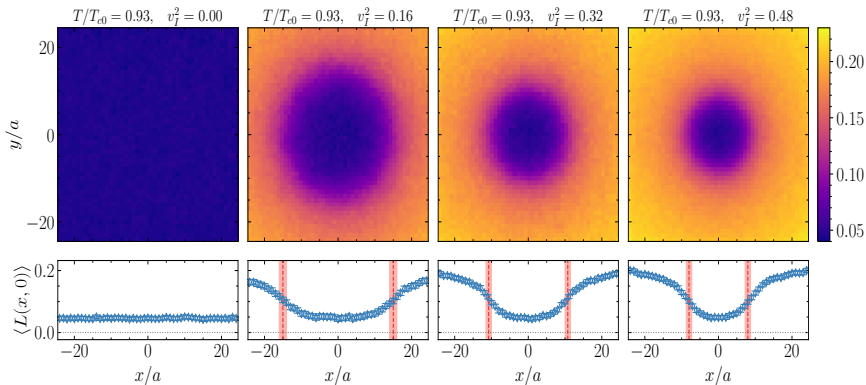
- ▶ Inhomogeneous phase takes place below T_c
Confinement/deconfinement phase transition as a vortex?

Inhomogeneous phase transition in QGP



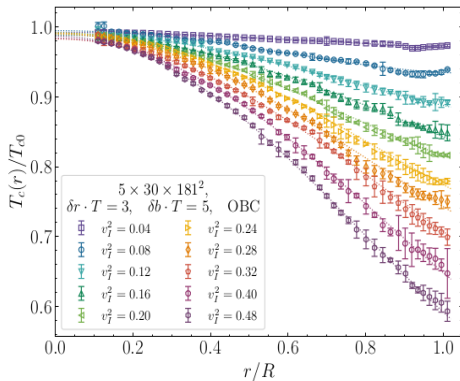
- The phase transition is induced by rotation

Inhomogeneous phase transition in QCD



- It remains to be true for quarks (Preliminary results!)

Local critical temperature $T_c(r, \Omega_I)$

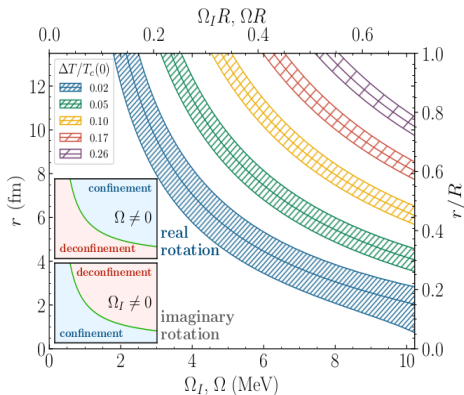


- Our results can be well described by the formula

$$\frac{T_c(r, \Omega_I)}{T_{c0}} = 1 - \kappa_2(\Omega_I r)^2 + \kappa_4(\Omega_I r)^2 \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 + \chi_4(\Omega_I r)^4 + \dots$$

- Within the uncertainty $\frac{T_c(r=0, \Omega_I)}{T_{c0}} = 1$
- Weak dependence on the simulation parameters

Analytical continuation to real rotation



- Analytical continuation $\Omega_I^2 \rightarrow -\Omega^2$:

$$\frac{T_c(r, \Omega)}{T_{c0}} = 1 + \kappa_2(\Omega r)^2$$

- Inhomogeneous phase can be realised for $T > T_{c0}$
- Deconfinement in the center and confinement in the periphery

Decomposition of the action

- ▶ Rotating action in the cylindrical coordinates

$$S = S_0 + S_1 \Omega_I + S_2 \Omega_I^2$$

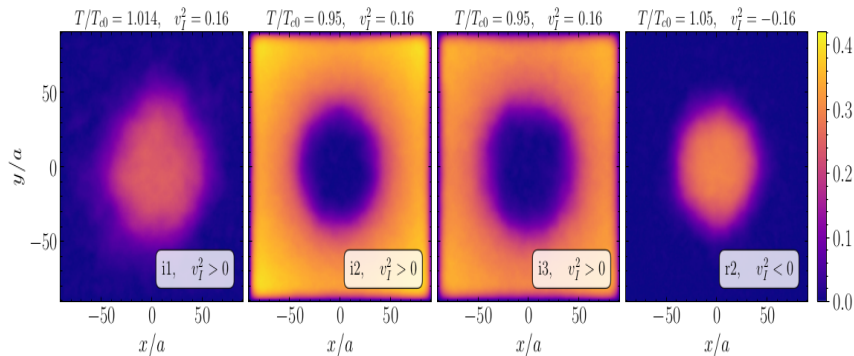
- ▶ $S_1 = -\frac{1}{g^2} \int d^4x \, r \left[F_{r\hat{\varphi}}^a F_{\tau r}^a - F_{\hat{\varphi}z}^a F_{\tau z}^a \right]$

- ▶ $S_2 = \frac{1}{2g^2} \int d^4x \, r^2 \left[(F_{\hat{\varphi}z}^a)^2 + (F_{r\hat{\varphi}}^a)^2 \right]$

- ▶ S_1 is the total angular momentum and gives $I > 0$
- ▶ S_2 is the centrifugal force and gives $I < 0$

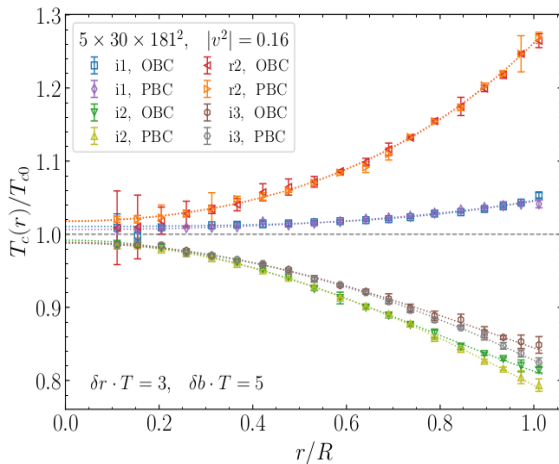
How S_1 and S_2 influence on the inhomogeneous phase transition?

Decomposition of the action



- ▶ S_2 is similar to the total action and gives the dominant contribution
- ▶ S_1 effect is the opposite to the the total action

Decomposition of the action



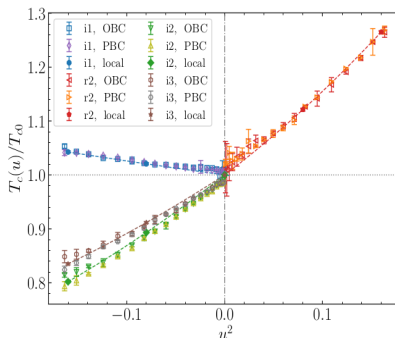
- S_1 increases the local critical temperature
- S_2 decreases the local critical temperature
- The contribution of S_2 is dominant

Local thermalization hypothesis

$$S = \frac{1}{2g^2} \int d^4x \left[(F_{\tau r}^a)^2 + (F_{\tau \hat{\varphi}}^a)^2 + (F_{\tau z}^a)^2 + (F_{r z}^a)^2 + \right. \\ \left. + (1 - (\Omega r)^2) (F_{\hat{\varphi} z}^a)^2 + (1 - (\Omega r)^2) (F_{r \hat{\varphi}}^a)^2 + \right. \\ \left. + 2ir\Omega (F_{r \hat{\varphi}}^a F_{\tau r}^a - F_{\hat{\varphi} z}^a F_{\tau z}^a) \right]$$

- ▶ For slow rotation $\Omega\zeta \ll 1$ the coefficients vary slowly
- ▶ **Local thermalization approximation:** study the action with the coefficients freezed at $r = r_0$

Local thermalization hypothesis



- ▶ Good agreement with the full action for sufficiently small Ω
- ▶ A lot of advantages
 - ▶ The higher order coefficients can be found
$$T_c(r, \Omega)/T_{c0} = 1 + \sum_n c_n (\Omega r)^{2n}, \quad T_c(r=0, \Omega)/T_{c0} = 1$$
 - ▶ Weak dependence on the BC
 - ▶ One can study small lattices
 - ▶ Allows to understand inhomogeneous phase transition

Origin of the inhomogeneous phase transition

$$S_G = \int d^4x \left[\frac{1}{2g^2} \left((E_x^a)^2 + (E_y^a)^2 + (E_z^a)^2 + (H_y^a)^2 \right) + \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2\tilde{g}^2} \left((H_x^a)^2 + (H_z^a)^2 \right) \right]$$

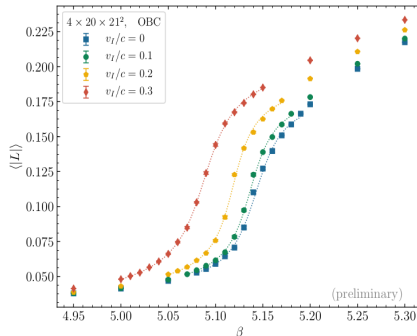
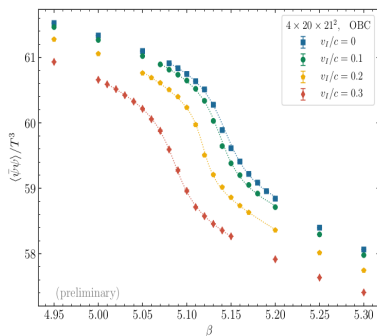
- ▶ Linear in Ω term can be neglected
- ▶ External gravitational field leads to the asymmetric action
$$\frac{g^2}{\tilde{g}^2} = 1 - (\Omega r)^2$$
- ▶ The asymmetry g^2/\tilde{g}^2 is larger in the periphery region leading to the shift of the critical temperature
- ▶ GR effect!

Conclusion

- ▶ Lattice studies of rotating gluodynamics and QCD have been carried out
- ▶ We calculated the moment of inertia of GP. It is negative at temperatures $T < 1.5T_c$ and positive at larger temperatures
- ▶ We observed inhomogeneous phase transition in GP: deconfinement in the central and confinement in the periphery regions
- ▶ External gravitational field leads to asymmetry action and shift of the critical temperature in the periphery regions
- ▶ We believe that all the observed effects remain in QCD

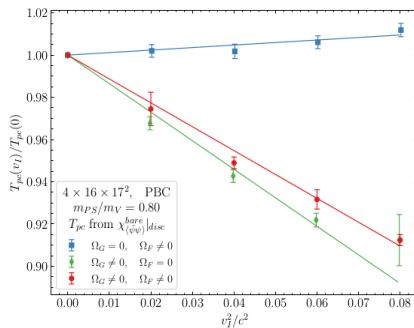
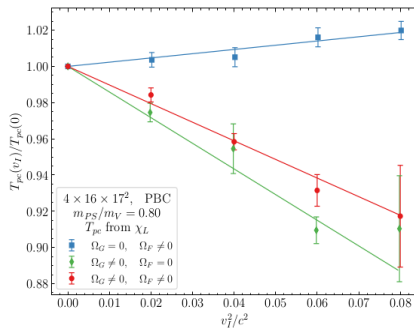
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Backup slides: Simulation with fermions



- ▶ Lattice simulation with Wilson fermions
- ▶ Critical couplings of both transitions coincide
- ▶ Critical temperatures are increased

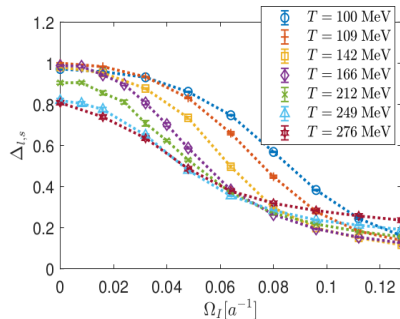
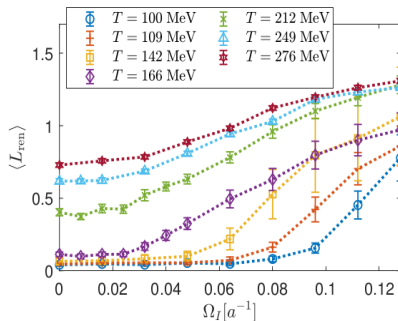
Backup slides: Simulation with fermions



- QCD action: $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{S}_f(\Omega_F) + \mathcal{S}_g(\Omega_G)$
- One can introduce velocities for gluons Ω_G and fermions Ω_F
- $\Omega_F \neq 0, \Omega_G = 0$ decreases critical temperatures
- $\Omega_F = 0, \Omega_G \neq 0$ increases critical temperatures
- The gluon sector gives the dominant contribution

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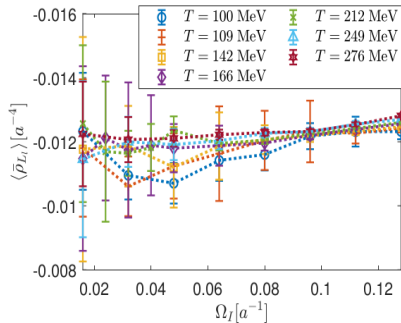
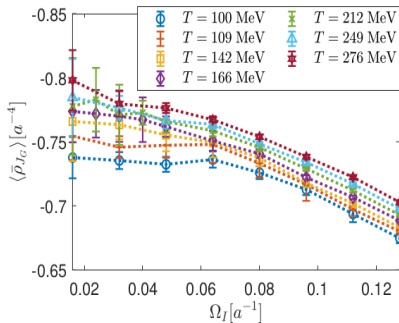
Simulation with fermions (e-Print: 2307.05755)



- Increase of the bulk average critical temperatures of both transitions

Backup slides:

Simulation with fermions (e-Print: 2307.05755)



- ▶ Rotational rigidities: $\rho_{J_G} = \frac{J_G}{\Omega R^2}$, $\rho_{L_f} = \frac{L_f}{\Omega R^2}$
- ▶ Spin susceptibility: $\zeta_f = \frac{s}{\Omega}$
- ▶ Negative moment of inertia