

# Exotic properties of strongly interacting matter under rotation



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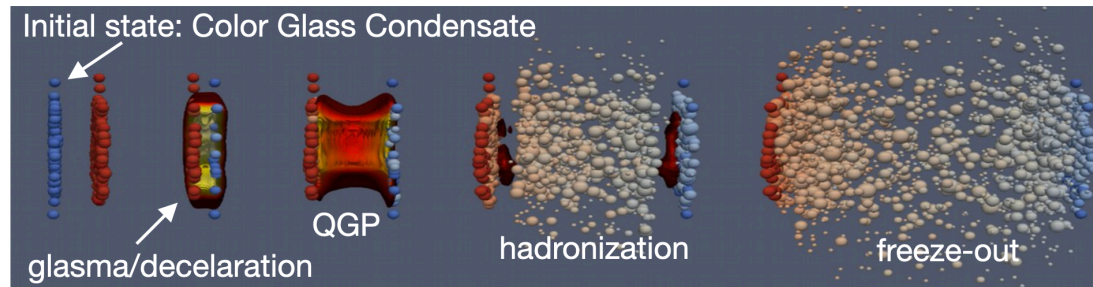
## Plan(-maximum) of the talk

first-principle numerical  
(Monte Carlo) simulations

- 1) **A pre-puzzle:** Phase diagram of gluon plasma: no agreement between simulations and theory
- 1) **A puzzle:** Negative moment of inertia of gluon plasma  
V. V. Braguta, A. A. Roenko, D. A. Sychev, M.Ch, Phys. Lett. B 852 (2024) 138604; ArXiv 2303.03147
- 2) **A hint to resolve the puzzle?** - Negative Barnett effect and evaporation of the gluon condensate  
V. V. Braguta, I. E. Kudrov, A. A. Roenko, D. A. Sychev, M. Ch., Phys. Rev. D 110 (2024) 1, 014511; ArXiv:2310.16036
- 3) **A mystery:** New mixed inhomogeneous phase in vortical gluon plasma in equilibrium:  
defying turning inside out the Tolman-Ehrenfest picture  
V. V. Braguta, A. A. Roenko, M. Ch, Phys. Lett. B 855 (2024) 138783, ArXiv:2312.13994
- 4) **A hint to resolve the mystery?** - The importance of being magnetovortical: Is the gluon angular momentum important for thermodynamics of rotating plasmas?  
V. V. Braguta, A. A. Roenko, M. Ch., ArXiv:2411.15085
- 5) **Effective models:** The simplest models cannot explain neither the Puzzle not the Mystery  
V. E. Ambruș, M. Ch., Phys. Rev. D 108 (2023) 8, 085016; ArXiv:2304.05998;  
S. Morales-Tejera, V. E. Ambruș, M.Ch, ArXiv:2502.19087;  
P. Singha, S. Busuioc, V. E. Ambruș, M.Ch, ArXiv:2503.17291
- 5) **A hint from non-Abelian synthetic *dynamical* gauge fields?**

# Non-inertial regimes in stages of the collisions

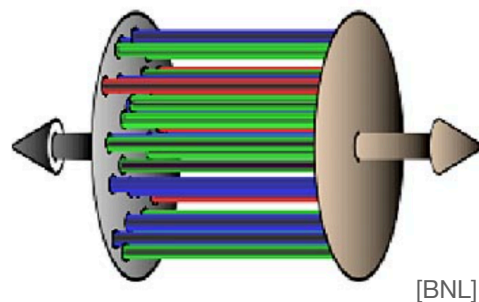
[adapted after MADAI collaboration, Hannah Petersen, Jonah Bernhard]



non-inertial  
regimes

**(1) acceleration  
(deceleration)**

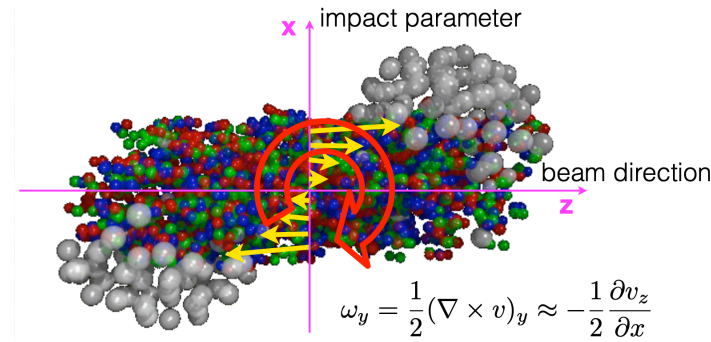
**(2) rotation  
in non-central collisions**



[BNL]

$\Rightarrow a \Leftarrow$

gluon-rich medium



thermodynamic  
equilibrium

$\omega$

quark-gluon plasma regime

strong gluon force at short distances cause deceleration

**Glasma state, strong longitudinal chromo-electric and chromo-magnetic fields**

The QGP from the earliest phase of ultrarelativistic heavy-ion collisions is expected to be far from equilibrium.

deceleration = acceleration taken with a minus sign

# Thermal equilibrium in non-inertial frames

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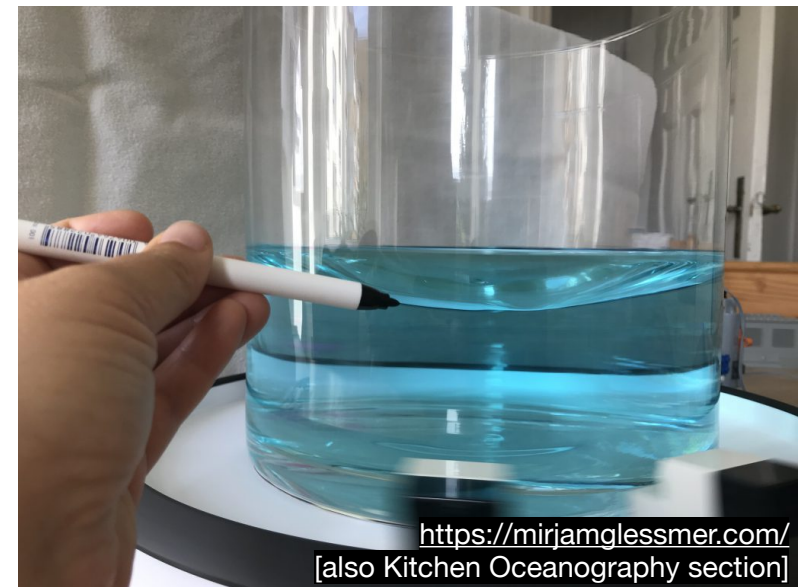
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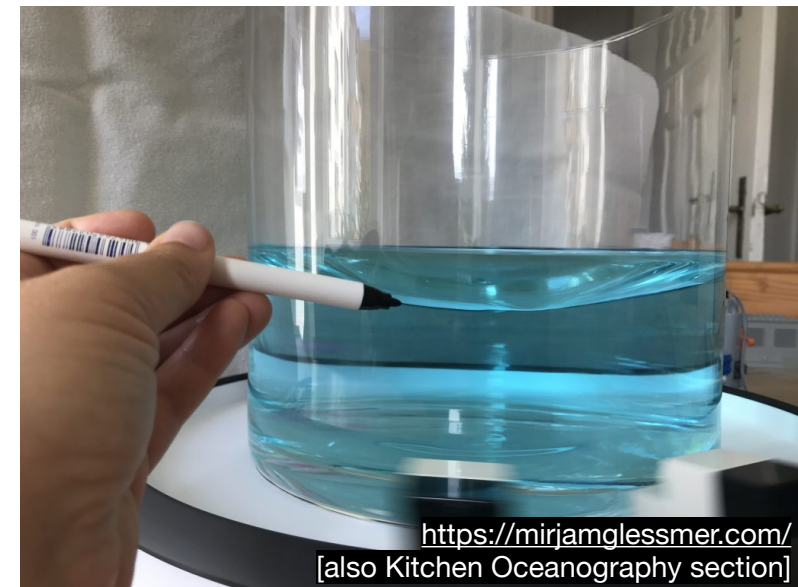
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**not this talk**



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# The most vortical fluid ever observed

The experimental result for the vorticity:

$$\omega \approx (9 \pm 1) \times 10^{21} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

A “non-relativistic rotation” in a relativistic system:

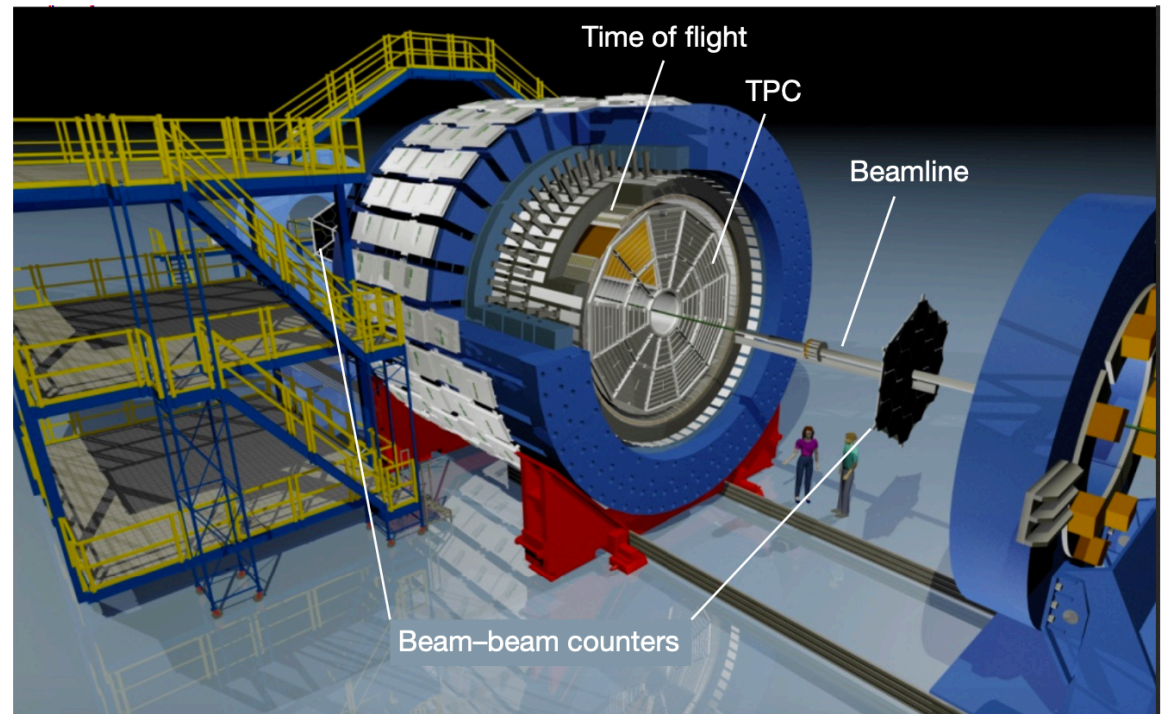
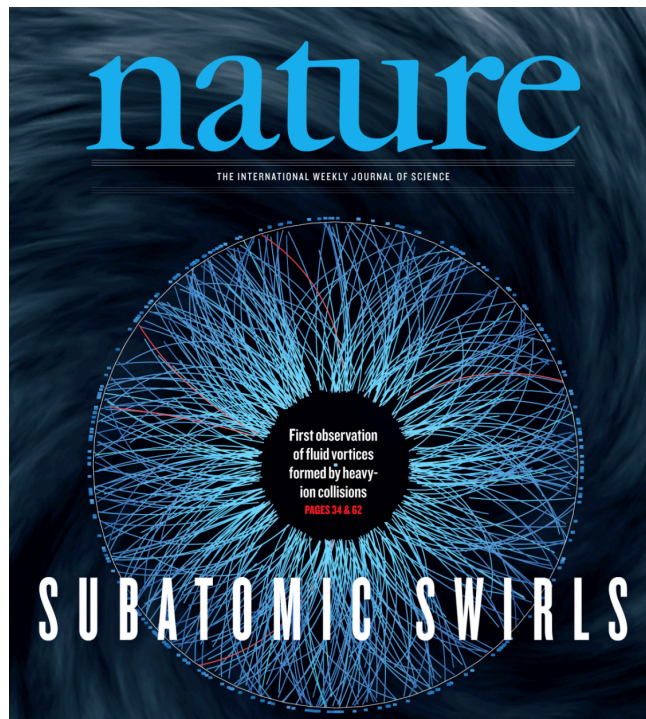
1)  $\omega \sim 6 \text{ MeV}$ ;  $T_c \simeq 150 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow \omega/T_c \simeq 0.04 \ll 1$

2)  $R \sim (3 \dots 10) \text{ fm} \rightarrow v = \omega R \sim (0.1 \dots 0.3)c \rightarrow \gamma = (1.004 \dots 1.05)$

system's size

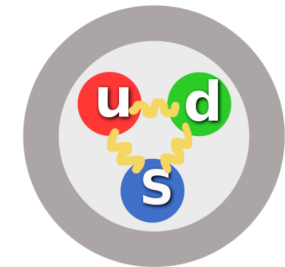
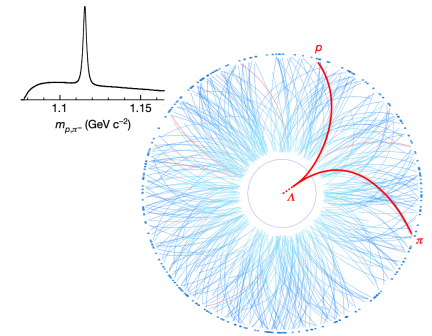
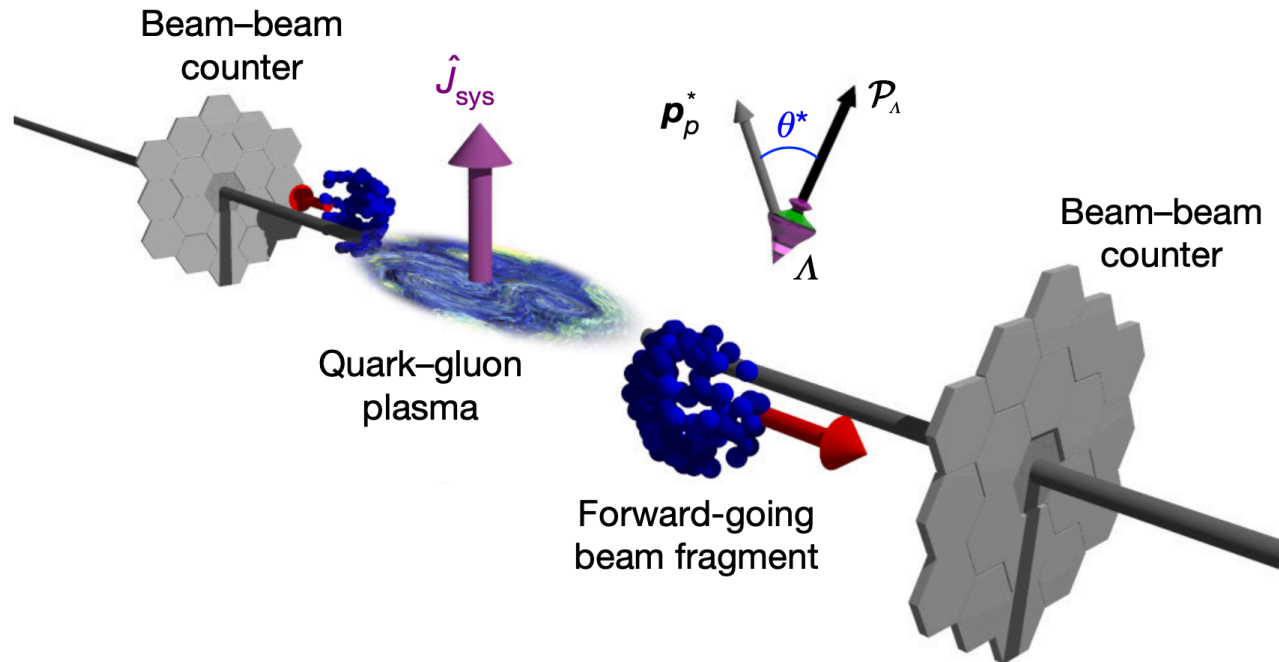
boundary velocity

the Lorentz factor



# How to measure the polarization?

The observed hyperon spin polarization ignited much interest.



$$\Lambda \rightarrow p + \pi^-$$

(BR: 63.9%,  $c\tau \sim 7.9 \text{ cm}$ )

Overview (including experimental status): “Polarization and Vorticity in the Quark–Gluon Plasma”,  
F. Becattini, M. A. Lisa, Ann.Rev.Nucl.Part.Sci. 70, 395 (2020)

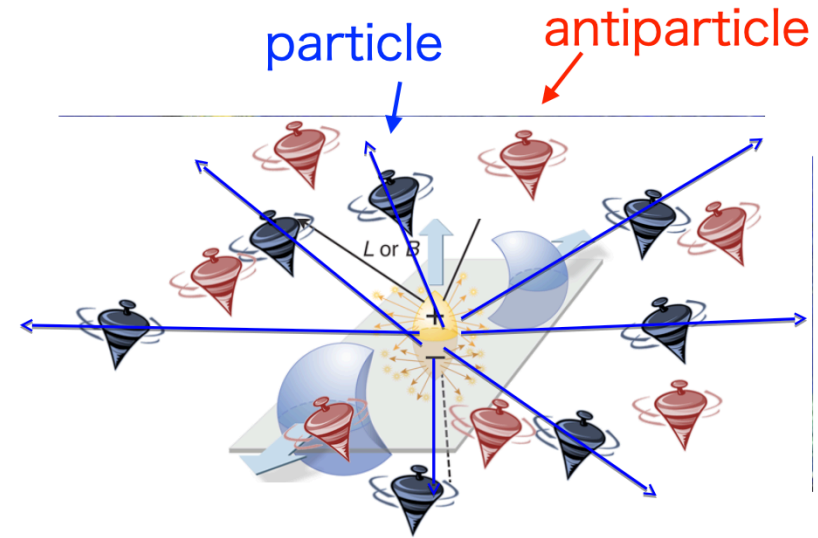
Overview of the theoretical models: “Vorticity and Spin Polarization in Heavy Ion Collisions:  
Transport Models”, X.-G. Huang, J. Liao, Q. Wang, X.-L. Xia, Lect.Notes Phys. 987, 281 (2021)

# How to measure the vorticity?

the vorticity could be probed via quark's spin polarization

The mechanism:

- 1) orbital angular momentum of the rotating quark-gluon plasma is transferred to the particle spin
- 2) both particles and anti-particles are polarized in the same way (spin polarization is not sensitive to the particle charge)
- 3) The vorticity may be measured via the polarization of the produced particles

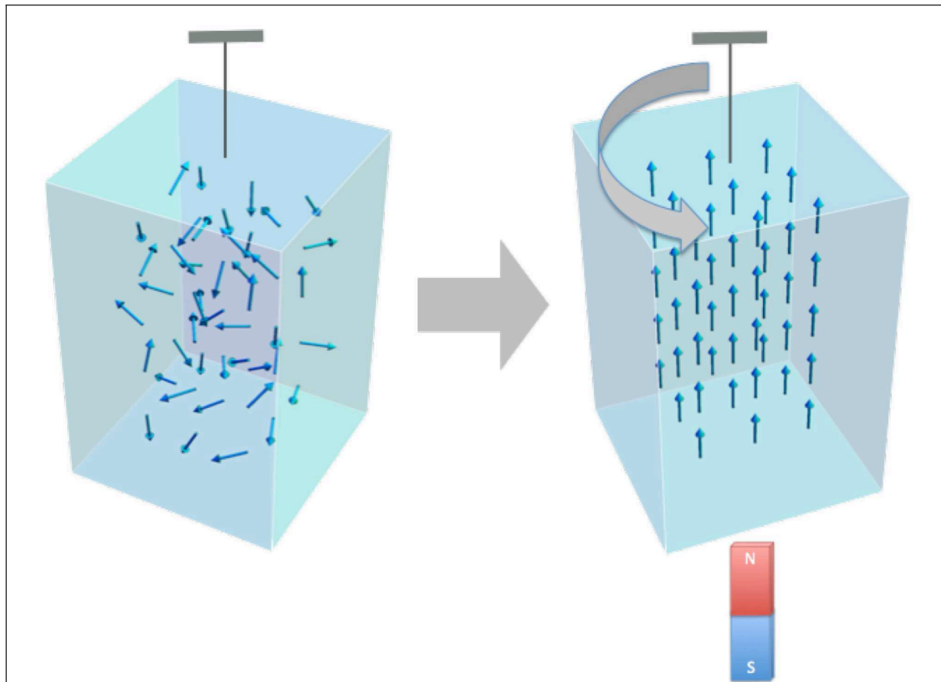


In this example: particles = hyperons (+ vector mesons, etc)

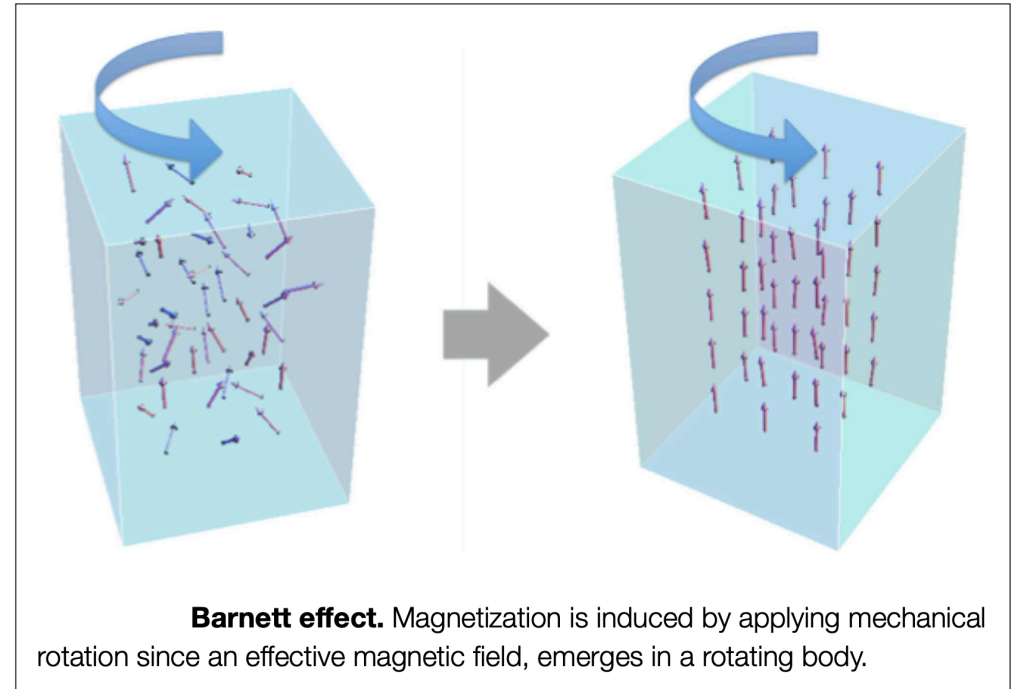
**The mechanism is the quark/hadronic Barnett effect**

# Magnetization by rotation: The Barnett effect

## Coupling between mechanical rotation and spin orientation



**Einstein-de Haas effect.** Modulation of magnetization of iron by applying the external magnetic field, magnetic angular momentum is changed. As a result, the mechanical angular momentum is induced for compensating the modulation of the angular momentum.



**Barnett effect.** Magnetization is induced by applying mechanical rotation since an effective magnetic field, emerges in a rotating body.

**Magnetization due to rotation:**  $M = \chi \Omega / \gamma$

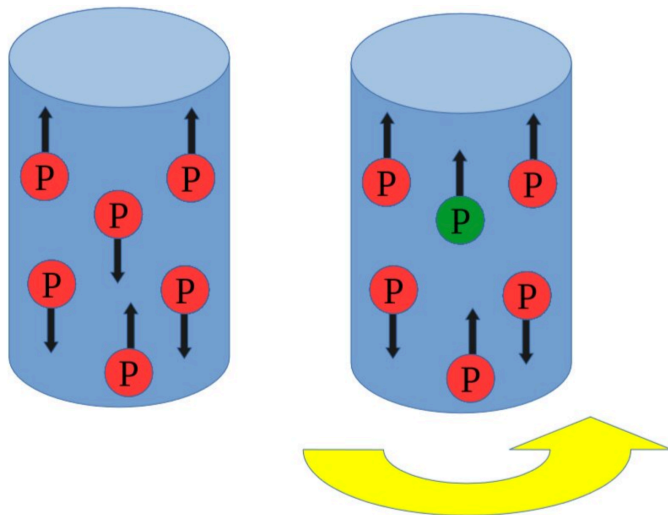
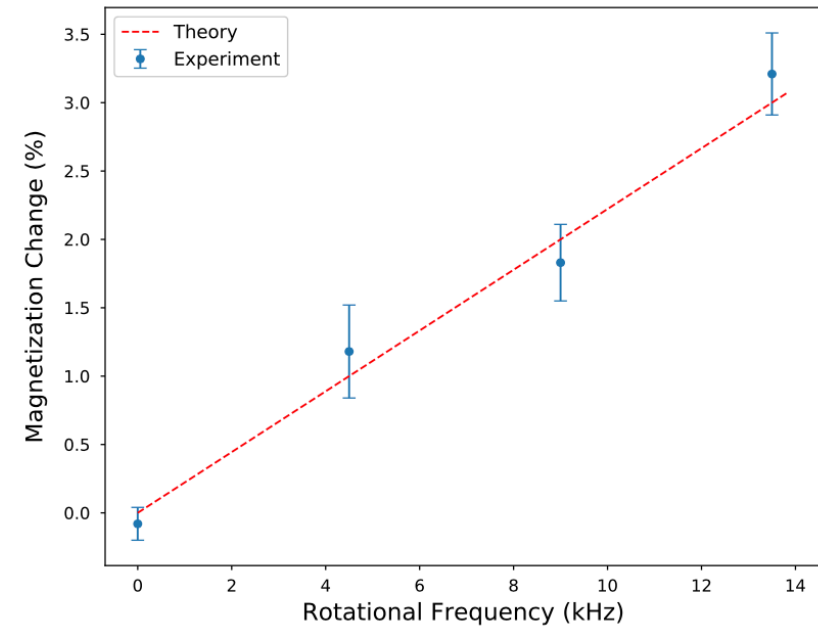
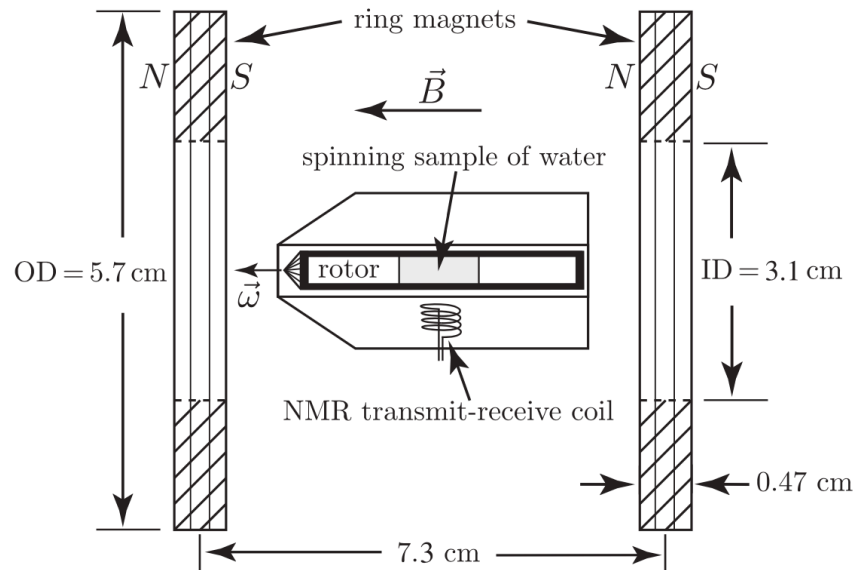
**Effective magnetic field:**  $B_{\Omega} = \Omega / \gamma$

$\chi$  is the magnetization susceptibility of the medium

$\gamma$  is the gyromagnetic ratio

**The Barnett effect is a reciprocal phenomenon to the Einstein-de Haas effect**

# Nuclear Barnett Effect found in water

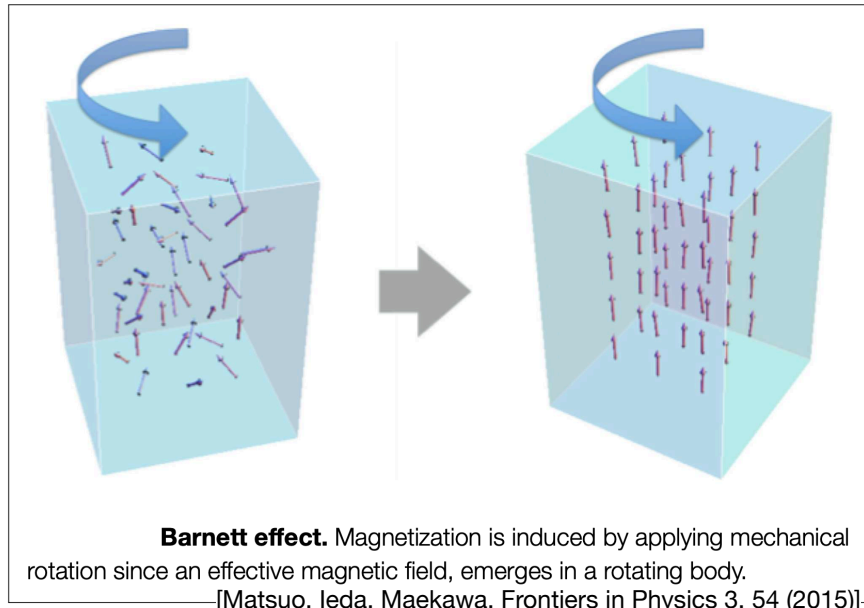


*Measured the nuclear Barnett effect by rotating a sample of water at rotational speeds up to 13.5 kHz in a weak magnetic field and observed a change in the polarization of the protons in the sample that is proportional to the frequency of rotation.*



# Gluons are important!

## Coupling between mechanical rotation and spin orientation



### The Barnett effect:

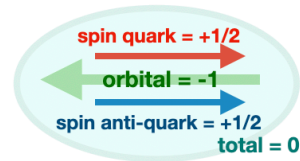
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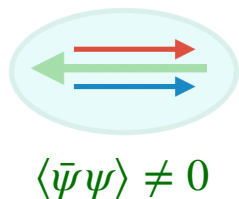
Spin and orbital momenta are getting polarized by rotation

## Mechanism, graphically, for fermions:

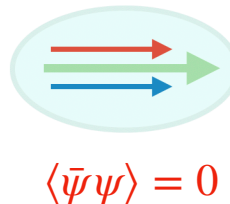
$$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle = -\frac{\sigma}{2G}$$



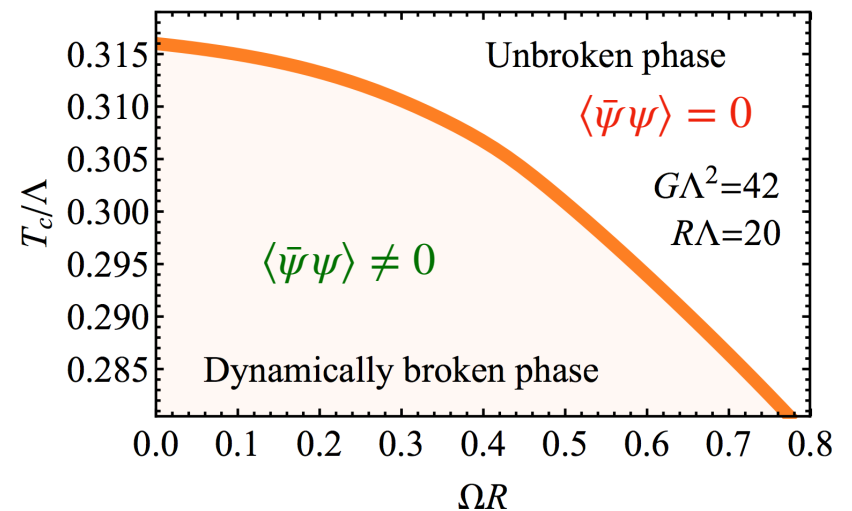
the chiral condensate (a quark-anti-quark pairing state with  $L = S = 1$  but  $J = 0$ )



rotation  
The quark-Barnett effect



## A typical prediction from theory: (a result from the NJL model)

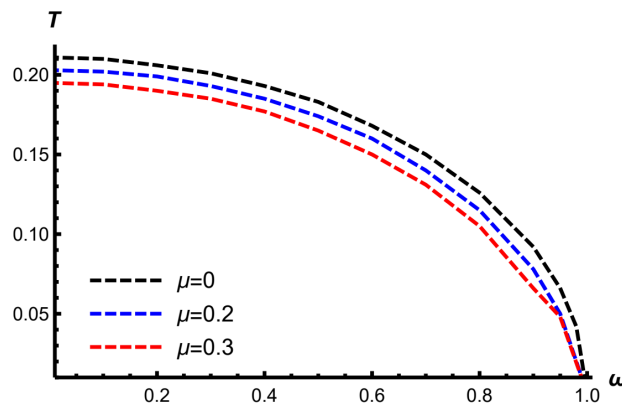


# Head-on collision of analytics and numerics



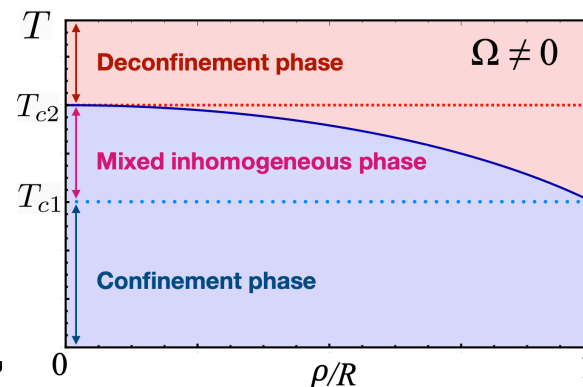
**Analytical results: rotation destroys hadron phase** (similar to baryonic density)

**holography**



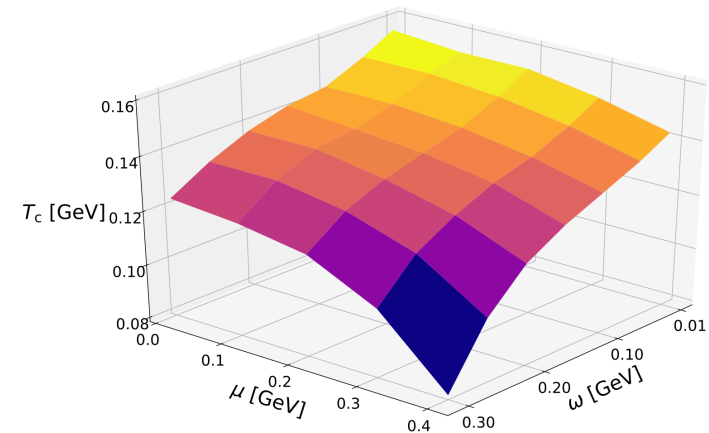
Chen, Zhang, Li, Hou, Huang  
(arxiv:2010.14478)

**Tolman-Ehrenfest**



M. Ch. (arxiv: 2012.04924)

**hadron resonance gas**



Fujimoto, Fukushima, Hidaka  
(arxiv:2101.09173)

+ many other works that do not match lattice data, M.Ch.&Co included

**First-principle numerical results in lattice Yang-Mills theory**  
(imaginary rotation in Euclidean + analytical continuation to Minkowski):  
**Rotation increases hadronic phase by increasing the deconfinement temperature (!):**

**Why?**

$$T_c(\Omega)/T_c(0) = 1 + C_2\Omega^2 \text{ with } C_2 > 0$$

Braguta, Kotov, Kuznedev, Roenko (arxiv:2102.05084)

# Thermodynamical and mechanical properties of a rotating system.

The free energy in the co-rotating frame:

Let's spin the gluons!

$$F = -T \ln \int DA e^{iS} \equiv -T \ln \mathcal{Z}$$

where  $S$  is the Yang-Mills action in the co-rotating frame:

$$S = -\frac{1}{2g_{\text{YM}}^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} g^{\alpha\beta} F_{\mu\alpha}^a F_{\nu\beta}^a$$

with the metric

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - r_{\perp}^2 \Omega^2 & \Omega y & -\Omega x & 0 \\ \Omega y & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\Omega x & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{curved metric (with } R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} = 0)$$



For example, the moment of inertia can be obtained as

$$F(T, R, \Omega) = F_0(T, R) - \frac{1}{2} I(T, R) \Omega^2 + \dots$$

The expectation values of order parameters (the Polyakov loop, etc) are computed with the partition function  $\mathcal{Z}$  defined above in the co-rotational reference frame.

# Calculation from first principles

PHYSICAL REVIEW D **103**, 094515 (2021)

## Influence of relativistic rotation on the confinement-deconfinement transition in gluodynamics

V. V. Braguta,<sup>1,2,3,\*</sup> A. Yu. Kotov<sup>4,†</sup>, D. D. Kuznedelev,<sup>3,‡</sup> and A. A. Roenko<sup>1,§</sup>

## Lattice Yang-Mills in curved Euclidean spacetime

$$S_G = \frac{1}{4g^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{g_E} g_E^{\mu\nu} g_E^{\alpha\beta} F_{\mu\alpha}^a F_{\nu\beta}^a$$

## Going to Euclidean via a Wick transform ( $t \rightarrow i\tau$ )

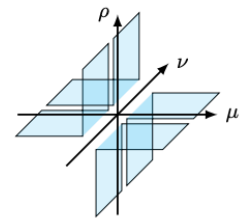
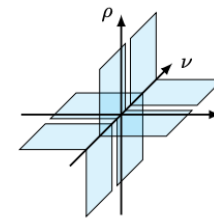
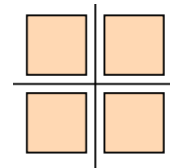
$$\begin{aligned} S_G = \frac{1}{2g^2} \int d^4x [ & (1 - r^2\Omega^2) F_{xy}^a F_{xy}^a + (1 - y^2\Omega^2) F_{xz}^a F_{xz}^a \\ & + (1 - x^2\Omega^2) F_{yz}^a F_{yz}^a + F_{x\tau}^a F_{x\tau}^a + F_{y\tau}^a F_{y\tau}^a \\ & + F_{z\tau}^a F_{z\tau}^a - 2iy\Omega(F_{xy}^a F_{y\tau}^a + F_{xz}^a F_{z\tau}^a) \\ & + 2ix\Omega(F_{yx}^a F_{x\tau}^a + F_{yz}^a F_{z\tau}^a) - 2xy\Omega^2 F_{xz}^a F_{zy}^a ]. \end{aligned}$$

## A need for imaginary rotation:

$$\Omega = i\Omega_I$$

## Metric in Minkowski

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



## First work on the subject:

### Lattice QCD in Rotating Frames

Arata Yamamoto and Yuji Hirono  
Phys. Rev. Lett. **111**, 081601 – Published 22 August 2013

# Analytic continuation $\Omega_I \rightarrow -i\Omega$

Lattice result for critical deconfining temperature:

$$\frac{T_c(\Omega_I)}{T_c(0)} = 1 - C_2 \Omega_I^2$$

imaginary rotation

$$\frac{T_c(v_I)}{T_c(0)} = 1 - B_2 \frac{v_I^2}{c^2}$$

$\downarrow \Omega_i = -i\Omega$

$\downarrow v_i = -iv$

$$\frac{T_c(\Omega)}{T_c(0)} = 1 + C_2 \Omega^2$$

real rotation

$$\frac{T_c(v)}{T_c(0)} = 1 + B_2 \frac{v^2}{c^2}$$

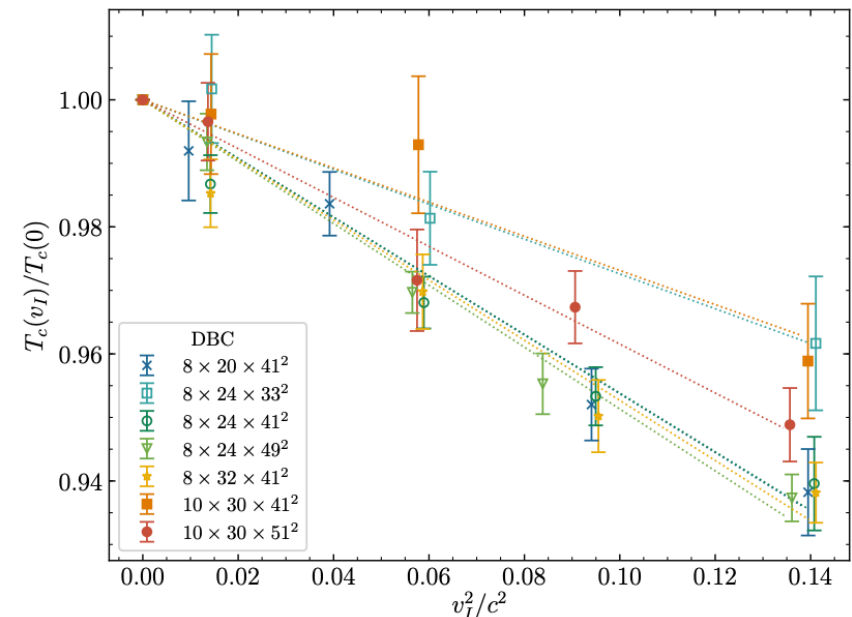
as a function of ... angular frequency

... linear velocity on the boundary  $v = \Omega R$

**Contrary to all theoretical expectations, the critical temperature of deconfining phase transition raises with increase of the angular velocity  $\Omega$ :**

$$T_c(\Omega)/T_c(0) = 1 + C_2 \Omega^2 \text{ with } C_2 > 0$$

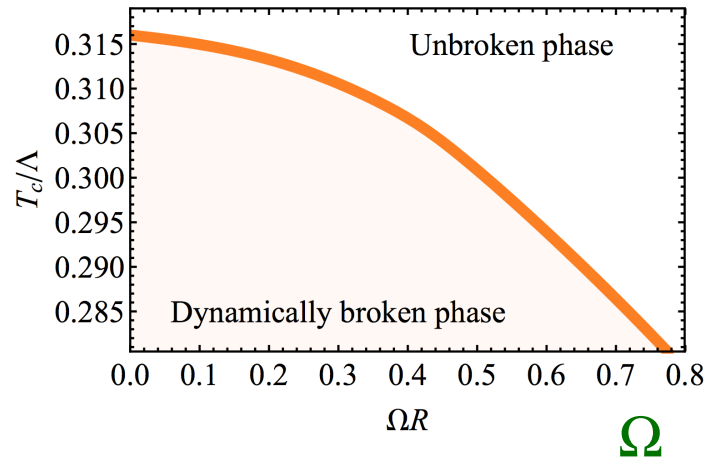
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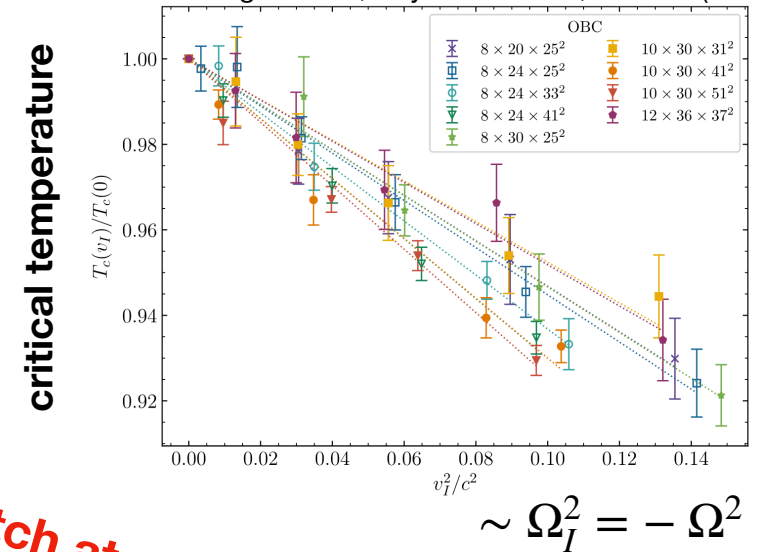
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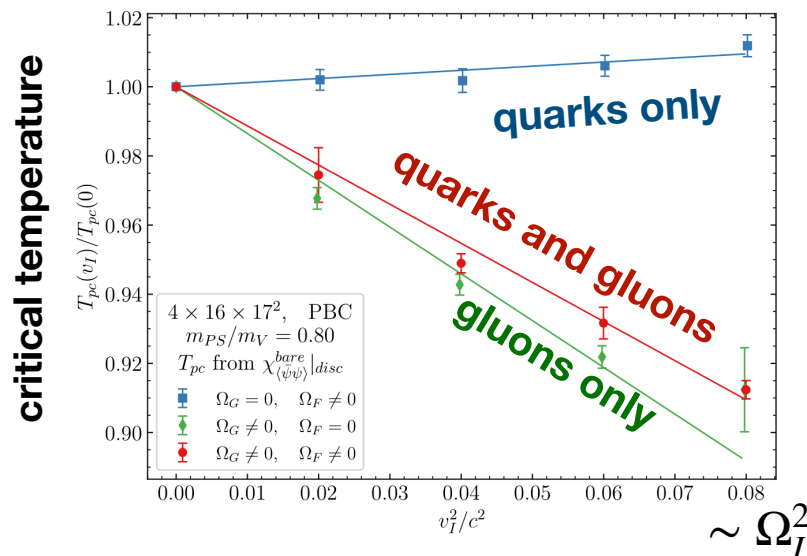


## lattice at imaginary rotation

V.V. Braguta et al, Phys.Rev.D 103, 094515 (2021)



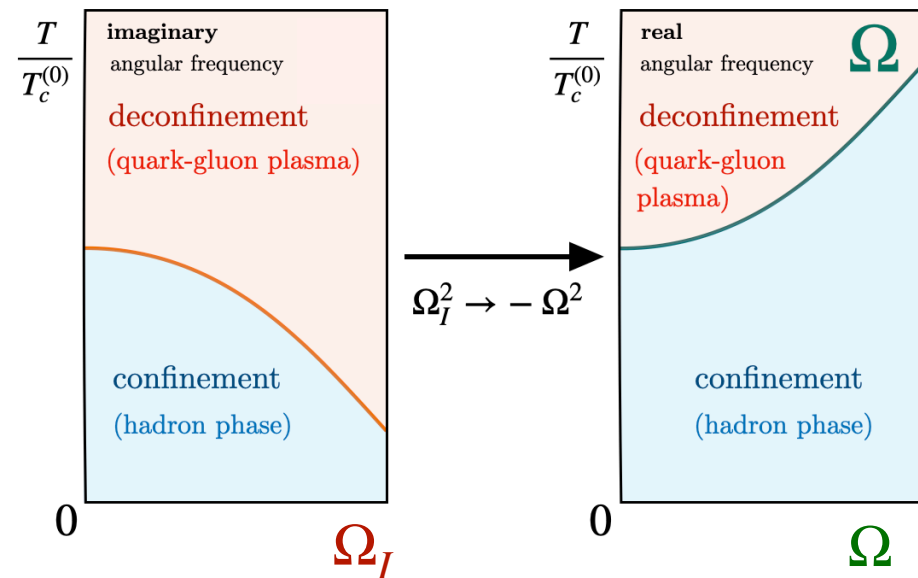
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[V.V. Braguta, A. Kotov, A. Roenko, D. Sychev, ArXiv:2212.03224, also J.-C. Yang, X.-G. Huang, ArXiv: 2307.05755]

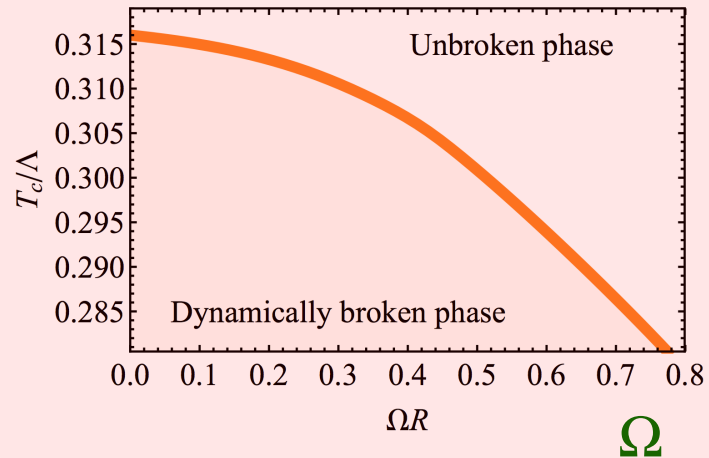
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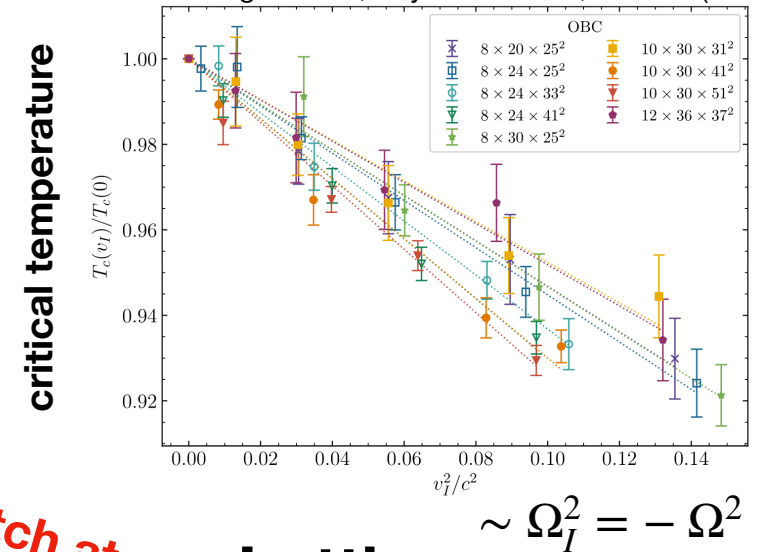
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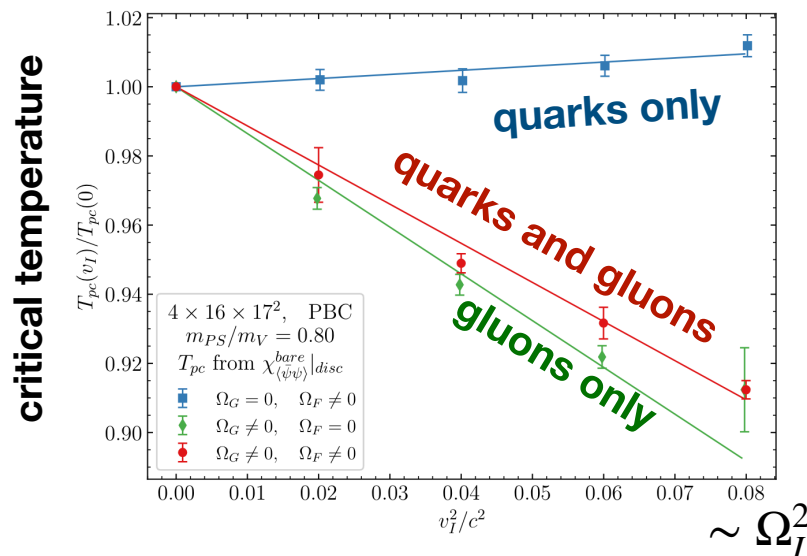
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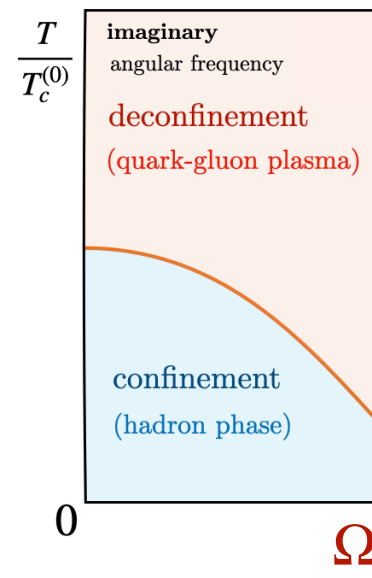
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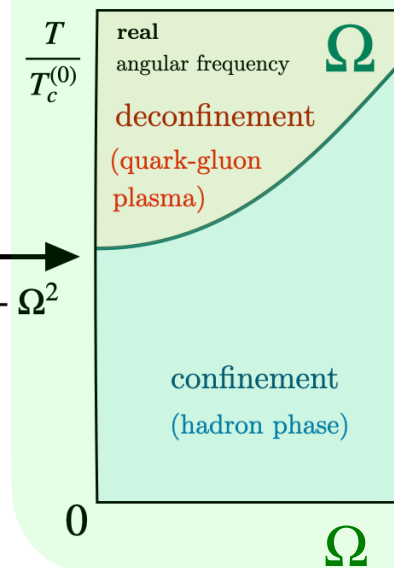


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# Negative moment of inertia and rotational instability (?) of gluon plasma

## Standard thermodynamics

Angular momentum:

$$\mathbf{J} = -\left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial \boldsymbol{\Omega}}\right)_S = -\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial \boldsymbol{\Omega}}\right)_T$$

(Isothermal) moment of inertia:

$$I(T, \Omega) = \frac{J(T, \Omega)}{\Omega} = -\frac{1}{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial \Omega}\right)_T$$

Free energy in co-rotating frame

$$\begin{aligned} F(T, R, \Omega) &= F_0(T, R) - \frac{1}{2} I(T, R) \Omega^2 \\ &= F_0(T, R) \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} K_2 v_R^2 + O(v_R^4)\right) \end{aligned}$$

Dimensionless moment of inertia

For a rigidly rotating cylinder

Moment of inertia:

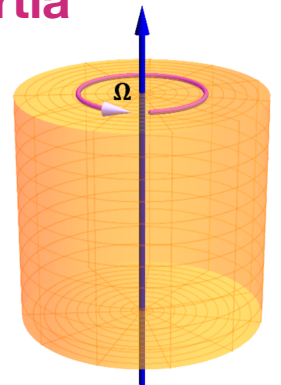
$$\begin{aligned} I(T, R, \Omega) &= \int_V d^3x x_{\perp}^2 \rho(T, x_{\perp}, \Omega) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} L_z R^4 \rho_0(T) \\ &= -K_2(T) F_0(T) R^2 \end{aligned}$$

Dimensionless moment of inertia

(notice that  $F_0 < 0$ )

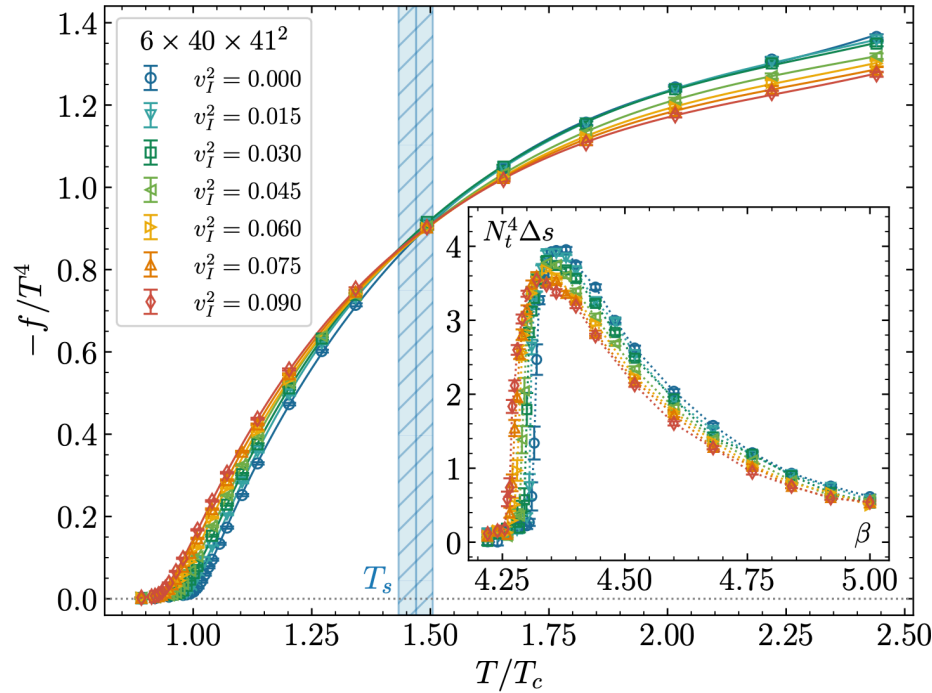
velocity at the boundary

$$v_R = \Omega R$$



# Exotic behavior of critical temperature: a result of an exotic Barnett effect for gluons?

## Free energy density in SU(3) Yang-Mills theory



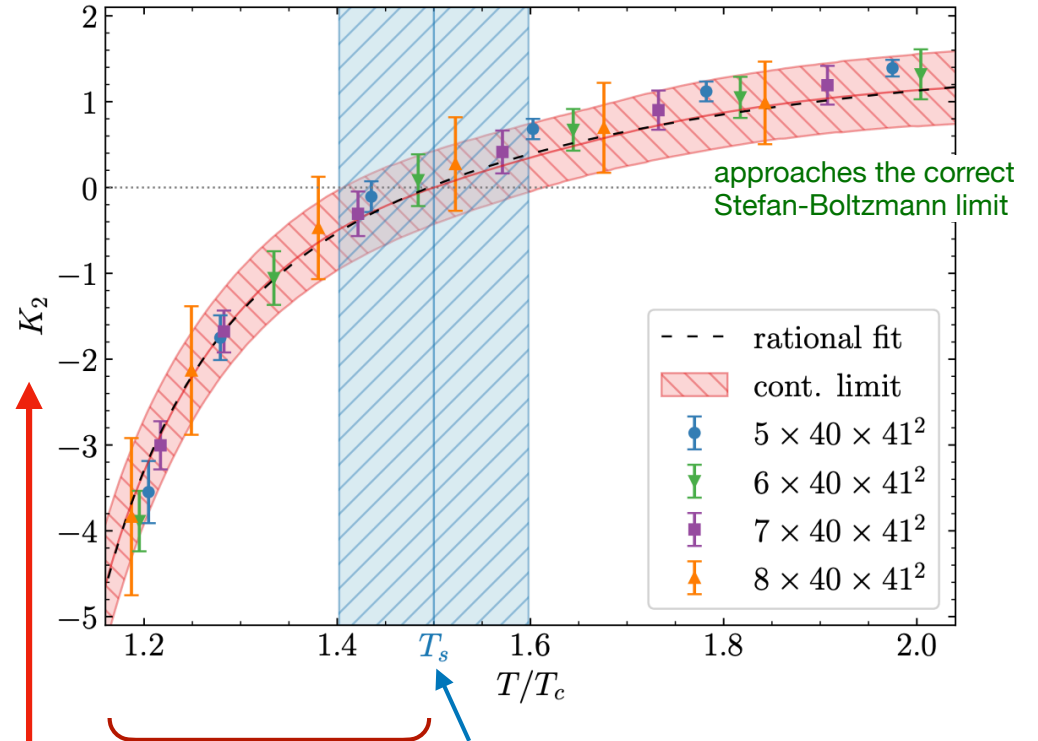
$$f(T, v_I) = f_0(T) \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} K_2(T) v_I^2 \right)$$

linear imaginary velocity at the boundary  $v_I = \Omega_I R$

$$I(T) \equiv \lim_{\Omega \rightarrow 0} I(T, \Omega) = -K_2(T) F_0(T) R^2$$

notice that  $F_0(T) < 0$

## The dimensionless moment of inertia



**negative  
moment  
of inertia**

**supervortical temperature**

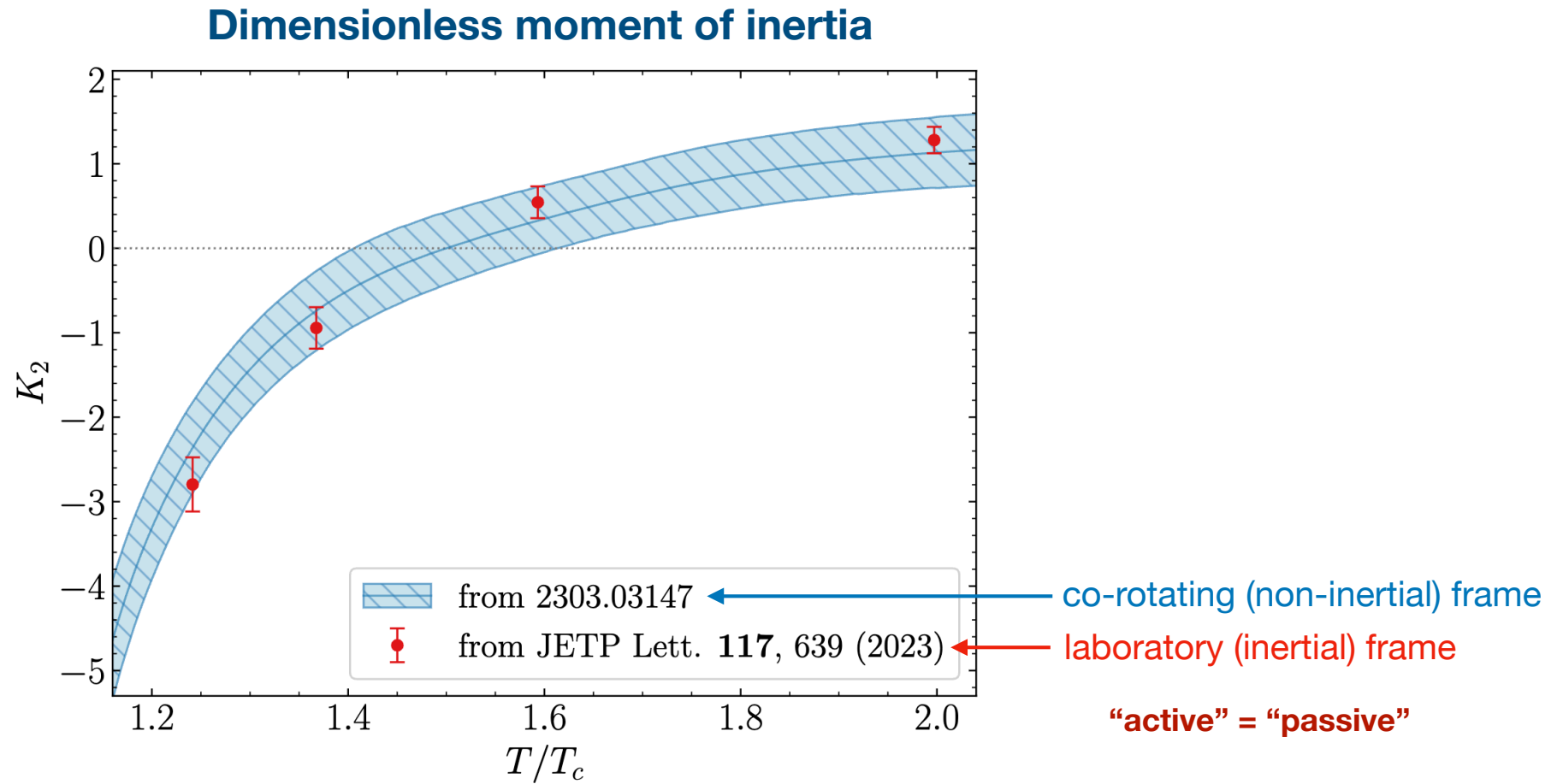
$$T_s = 1.50(10) T_c$$

$$K_2^{(\text{fit})}(T) = K_2^{(\infty)} - \frac{c}{T/T_c - 1}$$

$$K_2^{(\infty)} = 2.23(39)$$

for a free particle:  $K_2 = 2$

# Co-Rotating vs Laboratory frames



[Braguta et al, PoS LATTICE2023 (2024) 181; ArXiv: 2311.03947]



# Fermions vs vector bosons in co-rotating frame

## Fermions:

$$\mathcal{L}_\psi^{(n)} \propto \Omega^n \quad (n = 0, 1)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\psi = \mathcal{L}_\psi^{(0)} + \mathcal{L}_\psi^{(1)} \quad \text{Lagrangian in co-rotating frame}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\psi^{(0)} = \bar{\psi} (i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \psi$$

Lagrangian in laboratory frame

Mechanical part

$$\mathcal{L}_\psi^{(1)} = \boldsymbol{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{J}_\psi$$

Linear in angular momentum

$$\hat{J}_{\psi,z} = -i(-y\partial_x + x\partial_y) + \frac{1}{2}\Sigma^{xy}$$

## Vector bosons:

$$\mathcal{L}_G^{(n)} \propto \Omega^n \quad \text{for } n = 0, 1, 2$$

$$\mathcal{L}_G = \mathcal{L}_G^{(0)} + \mathcal{L}_G^{(1)} + \mathcal{L}_G^{(2)}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_G^{(0)} = \frac{1}{4g_{YM}^2} \eta^{\mu\nu} \eta^{\alpha\beta} F_{\mu\alpha}^a F_{\nu\beta}^a$$

Lagrangian in laboratory frame

$$\mathcal{L}_G^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2g_{YM}^2} \left[ \Omega^2 (\mathbf{B}^a \cdot \mathbf{r})^2 + r^2 (\mathbf{B}^a \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega})^2 \right]$$

magneto-vortical coupling

$$\mathcal{L}_G^{(1)} = \boldsymbol{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{J}_G$$

mechanical part

angular momentum

$$\mathbf{J}_G = \frac{1}{g_{YM}^2} \mathbf{r} \times (\mathbf{E}^a \times \mathbf{B}^a)$$

# Gluons in co-rotating frame

The action in the co-rotating frame is quadratic in the angular frequency  $\Omega$ :

$$S = S_0 + S_1\Omega + \frac{S_2}{2}\Omega^2$$

$$S = -\frac{1}{2g_{YM}^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} g^{\alpha\beta} F_{\mu\alpha}^a F_{\nu\beta}^a$$

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

with

$$S_1 = \frac{1}{g_{YM}^2} \int d^4x \left[ x F_{yx}^a F_{xt}^a + x F_{yz}^a F_{zt}^a - y F_{xy}^a F_{yt}^a - y F_{xz}^a F_{zt}^a \right]$$

standard  
“mechanical”  
contribution

$$S_2 = -\frac{1}{g_{YM}^2} \int d^4x \left[ r_\perp^2 (F_{xy}^a)^2 + y^2 (F_{xz}^a)^2 + x^2 (F_{yz}^a)^2 + 2xy F_{xz}^a F_{zy}^a \right]$$

chromo-  
magnetic  
contribution

chromomagnetic contribution only

Moment of inertia:

$$I^{\text{gl}} = \lim_{\Omega \rightarrow 0} \left[ -\frac{1}{\Omega} \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial \Omega} \right)_T \right] = \lim_{\Omega \rightarrow 0} \left[ -\left( \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial \Omega^2} \right)_T \right]$$

where

$$F = -T \ln \int DA e^{iS}$$

for a good smooth  $F = F(\Omega)$

$\Rightarrow S_2$  will contribute!!!

# Decomposition of the moment of inertia: the mechanical part

Moment of inertia of the gluon plasma can be decomposed into two parts:

$$I^{\text{gl}} = I_{\text{mech}}^{\text{gl}} + I_{\text{magn}}^{\text{gl}}$$

(nonlocal) ↑ ↑ (local)  
standard mechanical non-trivial chromomagnetic  
(exists for quark and gluons) (gluons are special! No such term for quarks)

## The standard mechanical part:

$$I_{\text{mech}}^{\text{gl}} = T \langle\langle S_1^2 \rangle\rangle_T = \frac{1}{T} \langle\langle (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{J}^{\text{gl}})^2 \rangle\rangle_T$$

total angular momentum of gluons

$$\mathbf{J}_i^{\text{gl}} = \frac{T}{2} \int_V d^4x \epsilon_{ijk} M_{\text{gl}}^{jk}(x) \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3$$

or: 
$$\vec{\mathbf{J}}_g = \int d^3x [\vec{\mathbf{x}} \times (\vec{\mathbf{E}} \times \vec{\mathbf{B}})]$$

the local angular momentum of gluons

$$M_{\text{gl}}^{ij}(\mathbf{x}) = x^i T_{\text{gl}}^{j0}(\mathbf{x}) - x^j T_{\text{gl}}^{i0}(\mathbf{x})$$

gluonic stress-energy tensor

$$T_{\text{gl}}^{\mu\nu} = F^{a,\mu\alpha} F_{\alpha}^{a,\nu} - (1/4) \eta^{\mu\nu} F^{a,\alpha\beta} F_{\alpha\beta}^a$$

a Belinfante-improved form  
(symmetric, gauge invariant, and conserved)

thermal expectation value

$$\langle\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle\rangle_T = \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_T - \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{T=0} \quad \text{“cold vacuum cannot be set into rotation”}$$

“Mechanical part of the moment of inertia with respect to an axis  $\mathbf{n}$  is the susceptibility of the projection of total angular momentum on the axis  $\mathbf{n}$ .”

## Decomposition of the moment of inertia: the chromomagnetic part

$$I_{\text{magn}}^{\text{gl}} = T \langle\langle S_2 \rangle\rangle_T = \int_V d^3x \left[ \langle\langle (\mathbf{B}^a \cdot \mathbf{x}_\perp)^2 \rangle\rangle_T + \langle\langle (\mathbf{B}^a \cdot \mathbf{n})^2 \rangle\rangle_T \mathbf{x}_\perp^2 \right]$$

chromomagnetic field:

$$B_i^a = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{ijk} F_{jk}^a$$

distance to the axis of rotation:

$$\mathbf{x}_\perp = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{x})$$

In the static limit,  $\Omega \rightarrow 0$ , the space is  $O(3)$  isotropic:

$$\langle\langle B_i^a B_j^a \rangle\rangle_T = \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ij} \langle\langle (\mathbf{B}^a)^2 \rangle\rangle_T$$

The chromomagnetic contribution to the moment of inertia is proportional to the thermal part of the chromomagnetic condensate:

$$I_{\text{magn}}^{\text{gl}} = \frac{2}{3} \int_V d^3x \mathbf{x}_\perp^2 \langle\langle (\mathbf{B}^a)^2 \rangle\rangle_T$$

Compare to the formula from classical mechanics:

$$I_{\text{class}} = \int_V d^3x \mathbf{x}_\perp^2 \rho(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{“classical” mass density}$$

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow \frac{2}{3} \langle\langle (\mathbf{B}^a)^2 \rangle\rangle_T$$

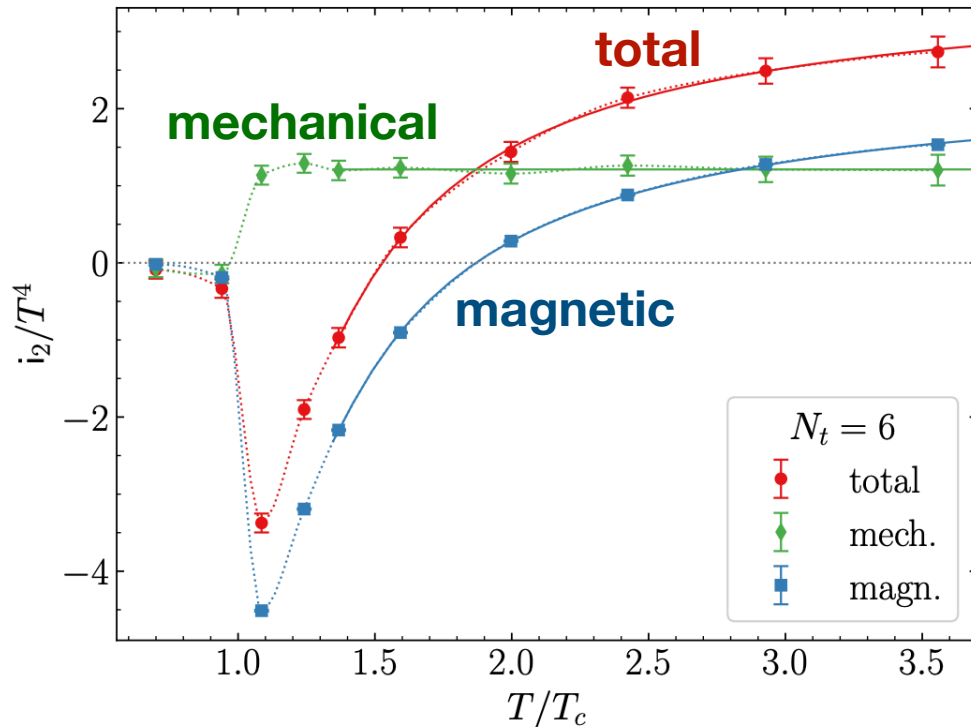
# Mechanism behind the negativity of gluonic moment of inertia?

Melting of the gluon condensate,  $\langle\langle (\mathbf{B}^a)^2 \rangle\rangle_T < 0$  !

Gluon condensate melts at  $T \gtrsim T_c$ , and the moment of inertia receives a negative contribution

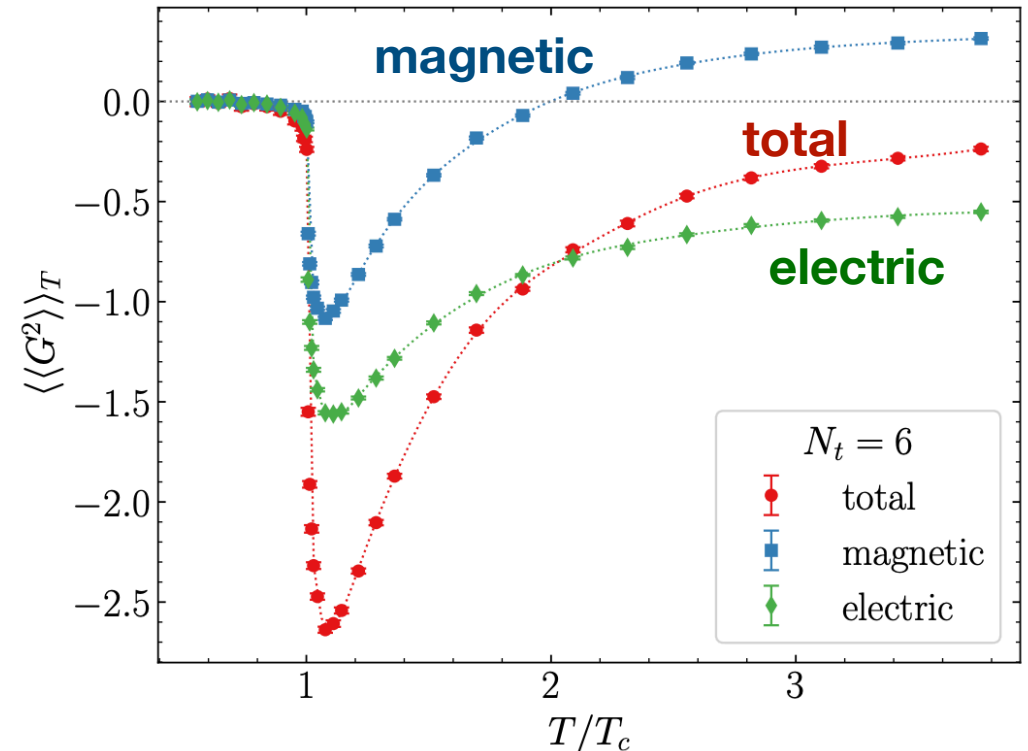
$$F(T, R_\perp, \Omega) = F_0(T, R_\perp) - V \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{i_{2k}(T)}{(2k)!} R_\perp^{2k} \Omega^{2k} \equiv F_0 - \frac{I}{2} \Omega^2 + O(\Omega^4)$$

specific (normalized) moment of inertia



$$I^{\text{gl}} = I_{\text{mech}}^{\text{gl}} + I_{\text{magn}}^{\text{gl}}$$

(normalized) gluon condensates



$$I_{\text{magn}}^{\text{gl}} = \frac{2}{3} \int_V d^3x \mathbf{x}_\perp^2 \langle\langle (\mathbf{B}^a)^2 \rangle\rangle_T$$



# Negative moment of inertia: instability of rigid rotation?

Thermodynamic equilibrium:

$$\delta E - T\delta S - \Omega\delta J > 0$$

For rotating system: all eigenvalues of the inverse Weinhold metric

$$g^{(W),\mu\nu} = -\frac{\partial^2 f(T, \Omega)}{\partial X_\mu \partial X_\nu}, \quad X_\mu = (T, \Omega_i)$$

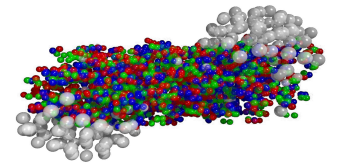
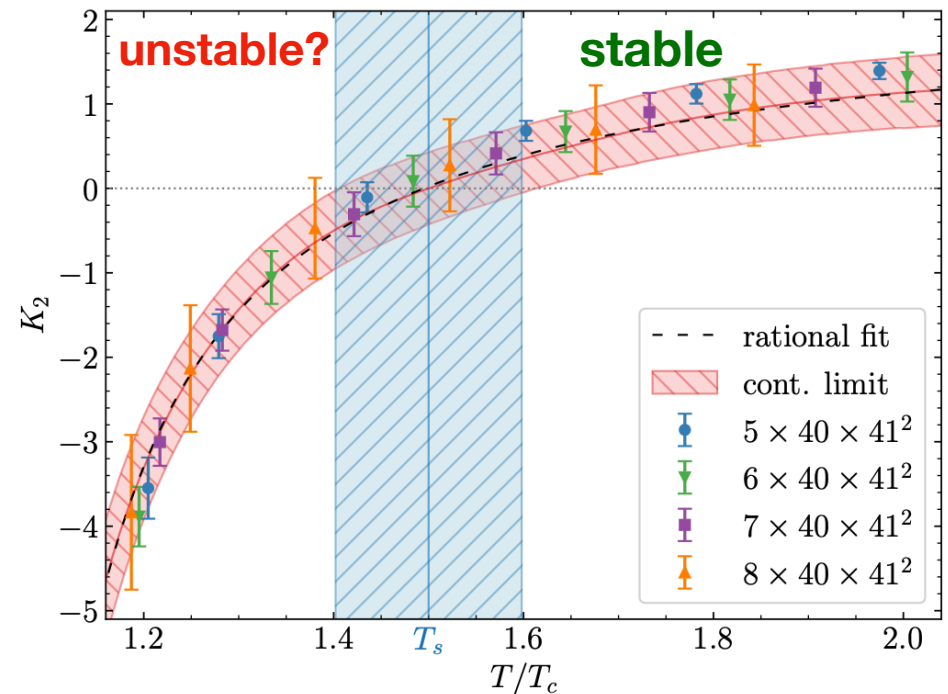
should be positively defined:

$$C_J > 0, \quad C_J = T \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right)_J \quad \leftarrow \text{specific heat } C_V = \frac{\langle E^2 \rangle - \langle E \rangle^2}{k_B T^2}$$

$$\text{spec}(I^{ij}) > 0, \quad I^{ij} = \left( \frac{\partial J^i}{\partial \Omega_j} \right)_T \quad \leftarrow \text{tensor of moments of inertia}$$

In our notations:  $K_2(T) > 0$   $\leftarrow$  condition of thermodynamic stability

Emerges also in spinning black holes



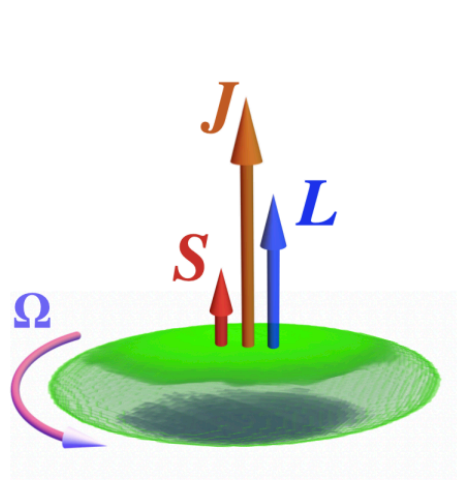
# Physical picture: a negative Barnett effect for gluons?

$$\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}$$

total angular momentum = orbital part + spin part

ordinary fluid (gas)

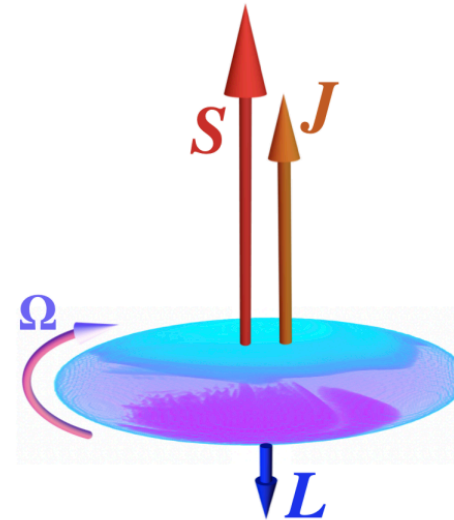
$$\mathbf{S} = \kappa \mathbf{\Omega}$$
$$\kappa > 0$$



**Barnett**

(quark) gluon plasma

$$\mathbf{S} = \kappa \mathbf{\Omega}$$
$$\kappa < 0$$



**negative Barnett**

- 1) gluon spins  $\mathbf{S}$  are over-polarized by rotation leading to  $\mathbf{S} \parallel \mathbf{J}$  with  $S > J$
- 2) since  $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}$ , the  $\mathbf{L}$  must take a negative value,  $L < 0$ , so do  $\mathbf{\Omega} < 0$
- 3) one arrives to  $S > 0$  and  $\mathbf{\Omega} < 0$ , leading to the negative Barnett effect

$$\mathbf{S} = \kappa \mathbf{\Omega} \text{ with } \kappa < 0$$

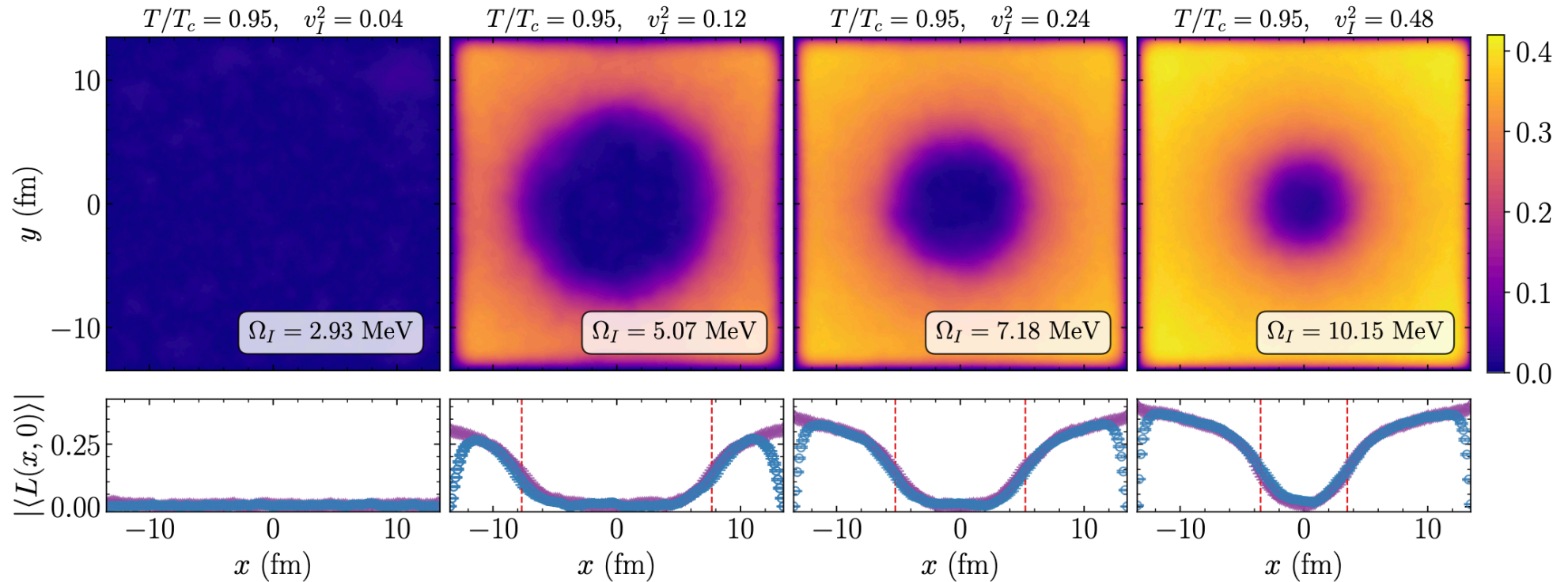
**open question: any link to the proton spin crisis?**

[Braguta et al, ArXiv: 2310.16036]

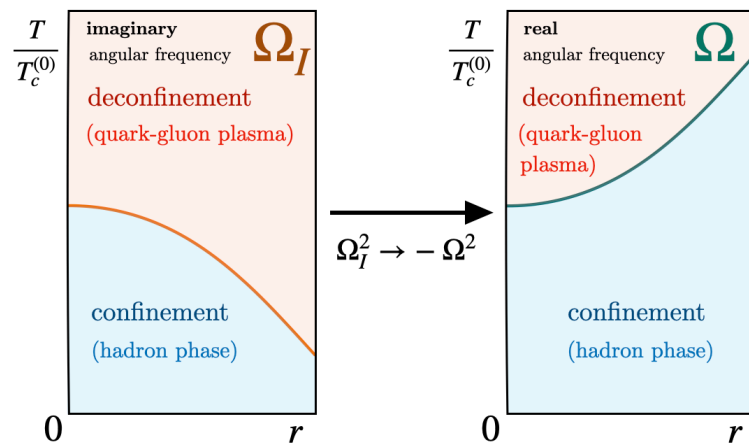
# New mixed phase in QCD

rotation with imaginary angular velocity  $\Omega_I$  (then we should make the analytical continuation,  $\Omega_I^2 = -\Omega^2$ )

**Increase in rotation** →



**analytical continuation:**



a local expectation value of the Polyakov loop

$$L(\mathbf{x}) = \text{Tr} \mathcal{P} \exp \left( \oint_0^{1/T} dx_4 A_4(x_4, \mathbf{x}) \right)$$

the order parameter of confinement:

$\langle L \rangle = 0$ : confinement;  $\langle L \rangle \neq 0$ : deconfinement

[New mixed inhomogeneous phase in vortical gluon plasma: First-principle results from rotating SU(3) lattice gauge theory, V. V. Braguta, A. A. Roenko, M. Ch, Phys. Lett. B 855 (2024) 138783, ArXiv:2312.13994]

# Violation of the Tolman-Ehrenfest (TE) law in gluon plasma

**The TE law:**  $\sqrt{g_{00}(\mathbf{x})}T(\mathbf{x}) = T_0 = \text{const}$  in a static inhomogeneous gravitational field

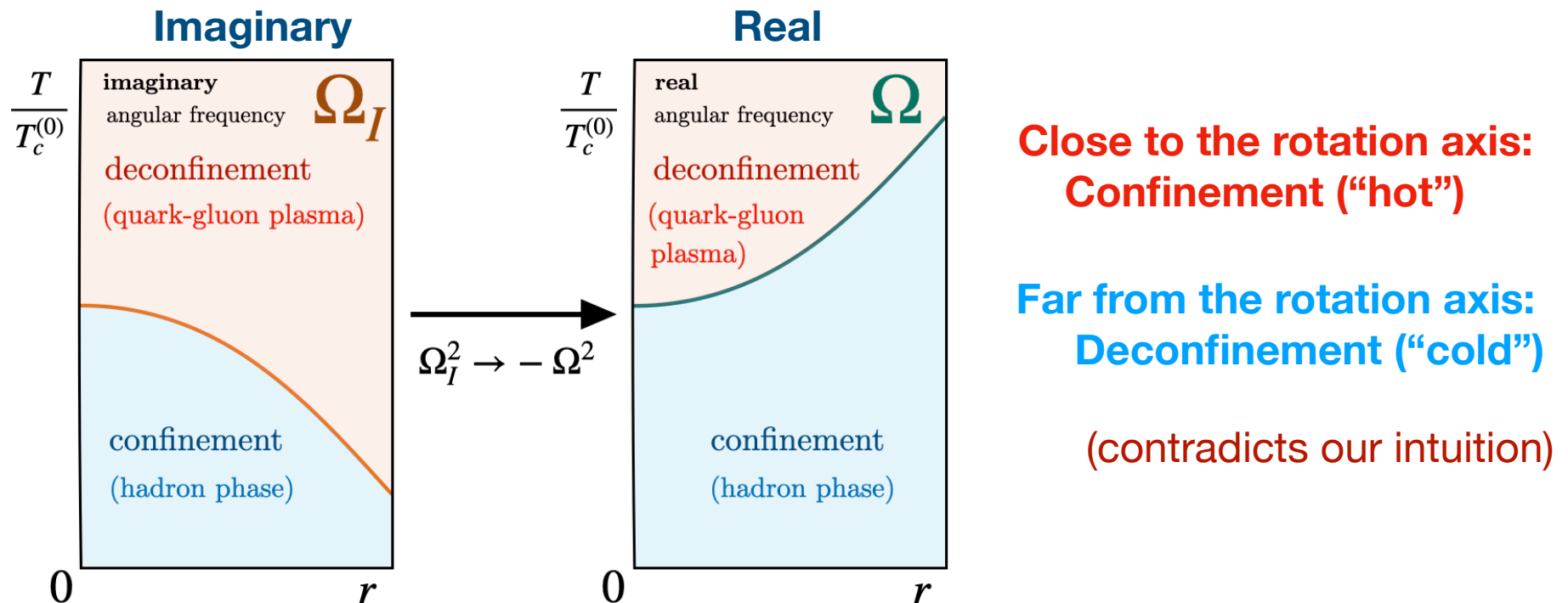
For rotation,

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

the equilibrium TE temperature is

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

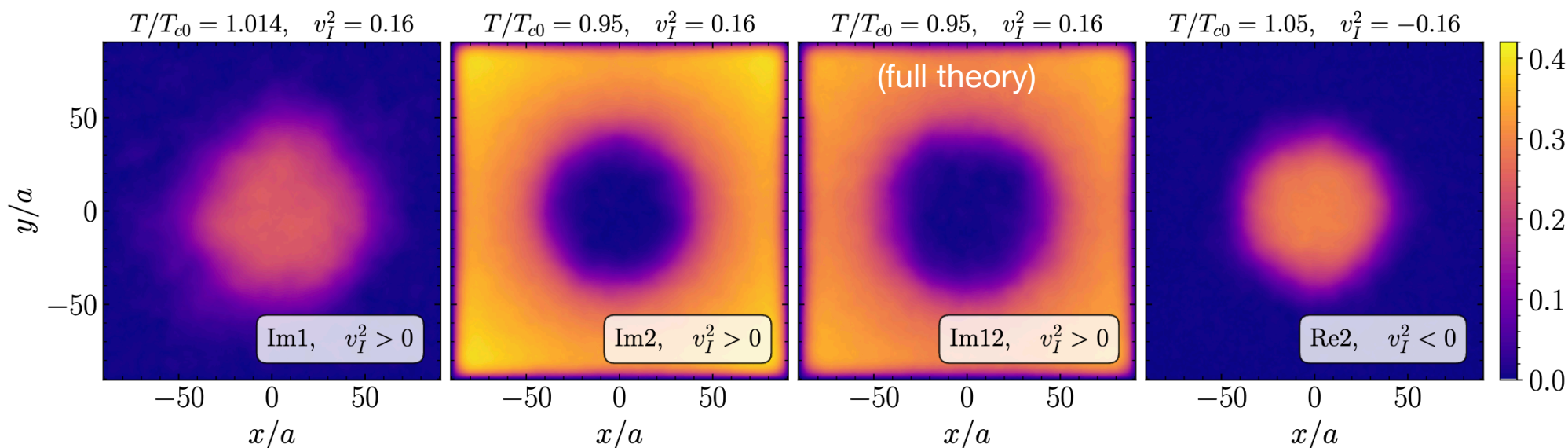
**We observe:**



**The TE law is not satisfied in the rotating gluon plasma.**

# Importance of the (quadratic) magnetovortical coupling

## Non-Importance of (linear) mechanical coupling to angular momentum



$$\mathcal{L}_G^{(0)} + \mathcal{L}_G^{(1)}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_G^{(0)} + \mathcal{L}_G^{(2)}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_G^{(0)} + \mathcal{L}_G^{(1)} + \mathcal{L}_G^{(2)}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_G^{(0)} + \mathcal{L}_G^{(2)}$$

Imaginary rotation

real rotation

Tolman-Ehrenfest  
is satisfied

Tolman-Ehrenfest is broken

$$\mathcal{L}_G = \mathcal{L}_G^{(0)} + \mathcal{L}_G^{(1)} + \mathcal{L}_G^{(2)}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_G^{(0)} = \frac{1}{4g_{YM}^2} \eta^{\mu\nu} \eta^{\alpha\beta} F_{\mu\alpha}^a F_{\nu\beta}^a$$

$$\mathcal{L}_G^{(1)} = \mathbf{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{J}_G$$

$$\mathcal{L}_G^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2g_{YM}^2} \left[ \Omega^2 (\mathbf{B}^a \cdot \mathbf{r})^2 + r^2 (\mathbf{B}^a \cdot \mathbf{\Omega})^2 \right]$$

Lagrangian in laboratory frame  
(no sign problem)

mechanical coupling  
(sign problem)

magnetovortical coupling  
(no sign problem)

# Conclusions

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1. Effective models: rotation inhibits chiral condensate and reduces the chiral transition temperature (mechanism for quarks: fermionic Barnett effect)
2. Almost all (up to a few with fine-tunings) effective infrared models predict that the critical temperature decreases with rotation (contradicting the lattice data)
3. Possible mechanisms (related to each other):
  - A) Thermal melting of the magnetic gluon condensate (magnetovortical coupling);
  - B) Conformal anomaly in QCD (related, obviously, to “A”)
  - C) Negative Barnett effect (negative spin-orbital coupling) for gluons
4. Globally rotating gluon plasma possesses a negative moment of inertia up to supervortical temperature  $T_s = (1.50 \pm 0.1)T_c$
5. Fast rigid rotation of Yang-Mills plasma generates a new inhomogeneous phase
6. This inhomogeneous phase violates our intuition based on the Tolman-Ehrenfest Law the effect (due to the magnetovortical coupling?)



**Forward down slides**

Back up slides

# Thermal equilibrium (classical thermodynamics)

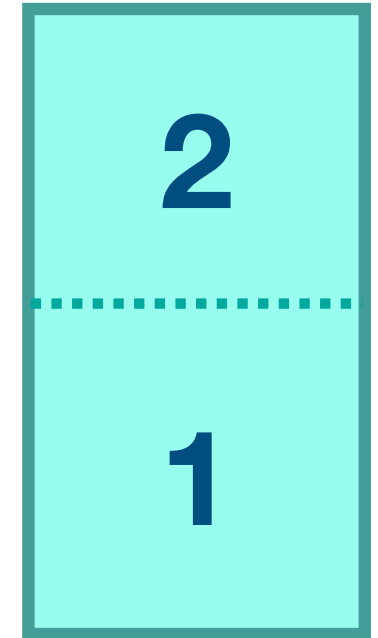
- Consider a closed system divided arbitrarily into two subsystems
- Thermal equilibrium happens when the total entropy reaches its maximum

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$$S = S_1 + S_2$$

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$$dS_1 + dS_2 = 0$$



- Assume that we have no gravitational field
- If some quantity of heat leaves the first subsystem, it always enters the second subsystem:

$$dE_1 = -dE \rightarrow dE_2 = dE \rightarrow dS_1/dE_1 = dS_2/dE_2 \rightarrow T_1 = T_2$$

the definition of temperature:  $1/T = \partial S / \partial E$

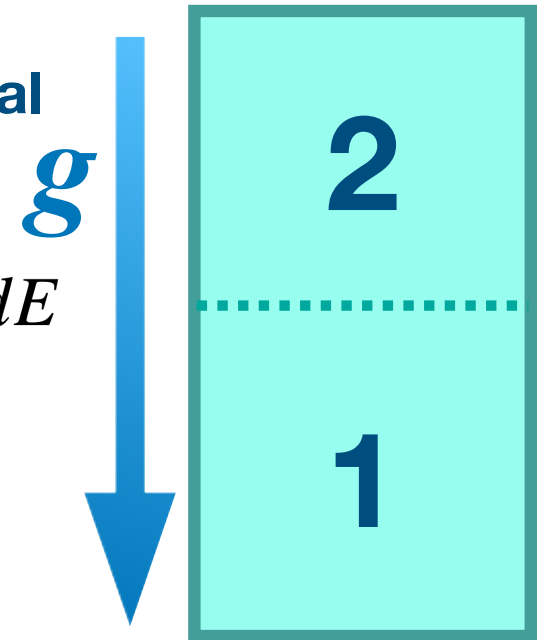
In the absence of gravitational field, temperature is constant

# How to understand the Tolman-Ehrenfest law?

- In a static gravitational field  $\Phi$ , the heat quantity  $dE$  possesses an inertial mass  $dm = dE/c^2$
- the equivalence between inertial and gravitational masses: a quantity of heat has a weight

- When heat leaves the first subsystem,  $dE_1 = -dE$  it enters the second subsystem, and performs work against the gravity (heat = mass):

$$dE_2 = dE + (\Phi_2 - \Phi_1)dm = dE_2(1 + \Delta\Phi/c^2)$$



- **Entropy maximum**

$$dS_1 + dS_2 = 0$$

- **Local temperature**

$$T_2 = T_1(1 + \Delta\Phi/c^2)$$

$$\Delta\Phi = \Phi_2 - \Phi_1$$

a change in the gravitational potential

$$T_1 = T_2$$

$$g_{00} = 1 + \frac{2\Phi}{c^2}$$

**Tolman-Ehrenfest law**

$$T(x) = T_0 / \sqrt{g_{00}(x)}$$

# Transverse Polarization in Hyperons Produced in Unpolarized p+N Collisions

Samuel Watkins  
290E Seminar  
April 26, 2017

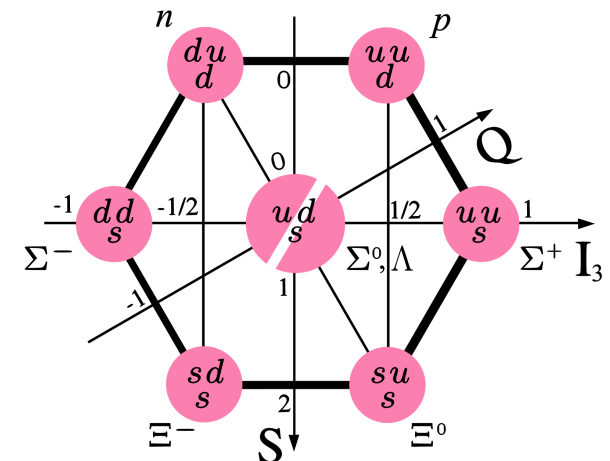
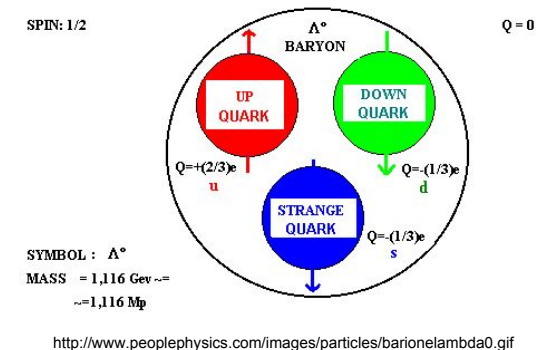
## What are Hyperons?

- Hyperons are a type of baryon
- Baryons are made up of three quarks
- A hyperon has at least one strange quark and no charm, bottom, or top quarks
- Hyperons decay weakly with non-conserved parity

## The Lambda Baryon ( $\Lambda^0$ )

- The lightest of the hyperons
- Decays in  $2.602 \times 10^{-10}$  s **(long-long-life!)**
- Decays to a proton and pion most of the time
  - Branching ratio of 63.9%
- Protons and pions do not have a strange quark
  - This implies that quark flavor changed in the process (weak decay)
- Lambdas have a useful property
  - They are self-analyzing

What is “self-analyzing?”



# “Self-analysis” of hyperons

Daughter baryon is predominantly emitted in the direction of hyperon's spin (opposite for anti-particle)

$$\Lambda \rightarrow p + \pi^-$$

(BR: 63.9%,  $c\tau \sim 7.9$  cm)

$$\frac{dN}{d\cos\theta^*} \propto 1 + \alpha_H P_H \cos\theta^*$$

$P_H$ : hyperon polarization

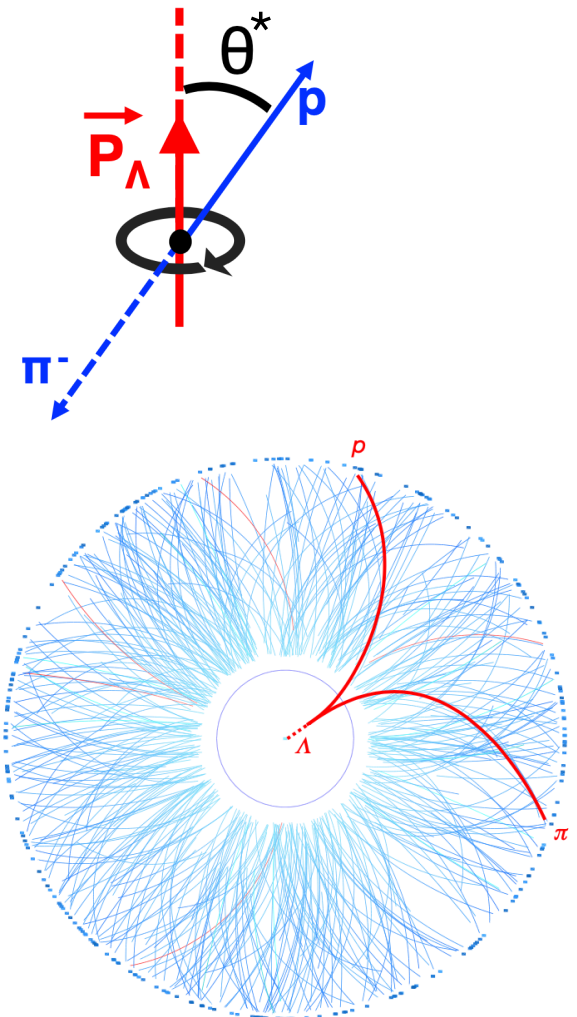
$\theta^*$ : polar angle of daughter relative to the polarization direction in hyperon rest frame

$\alpha_H$ : hyperon decay parameter

Note:  $\alpha_H$  for  $\Lambda$  recently updated (BESIII and CLAS)

$$\alpha_\Lambda = 0.732 \pm 0.014, \alpha_{\bar{\Lambda}} = -0.758 \pm 0.012$$

P.A. Zyla et al. (PDG), Prog.Theor.Exp.Phys.2020.083C01



# Curvilinear coordinates in co-rotating frame

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Despite the metric has nontrivial elements,

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

the physical space is still physically flat.

$$R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \equiv 0$$

All components of the Riemann tensor are zero.

Basically, what we did corresponds to a diffeomorphism  $\equiv$  a change of coordinates.

However, we will call this space as “curved” since the metric is nontrivial.



# Rotation vs magnetic field

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Statement:

in a relativistic system rotation is **not** equivalent to (artificial) magnetic field (contrary to a non-relativistic case - we will see below).

The reasons:

1. Ground state degeneracy: in increasing magnetic field  $B$  the number of states at lowest Landau level is increasing. On the contrary, in the rotating system the number of states at the ground state level is insensitive to the angular frequency  $\Omega$ .
2. Dimensional reduction: in strong magnetic field the motion of particles has one-dimensional nature as the energy gap between the ground state and the next state increases indefinitely. This is not the case for rotation.

# Deconfinement due to rotation: General arguments

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Gluons and quarks are living in the co-rotating frame, which rotates together with the plasma.

- The laboratory system is the flat Minkowski spacetime
- The co-rotating system corresponds to the curvilinear reference system with the following metric tensor

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

corresponding to the line element of the curved space-time:

$$ds^2 \equiv g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = (1 - \rho^2 \Omega^2) dt^2 - 2\rho^2 \Omega dt d\varphi - d\rho^2 - \rho^2 d\varphi^2 - dz^2$$

# Tolman-Ehrenfest law

In a static background gravitational field, the temperature of a system in a thermal equilibrium is not constant:

$$T(\mathbf{x}) \sqrt{g_{00}(\mathbf{x})} = T_0$$

Metric in rotating frame:

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

local temperature  
on the axis of rotation

$$T_0 \equiv T(0)$$

in cylindrical coordinates:  $g_{00} = 1 - \rho^2\Omega^2$  distance from the axis

Temperature rises as  
the distance from the  
axis of rotation increases:

$$T(\rho) = \frac{T(0)}{\sqrt{1 - \rho^2\Omega^2}}$$

# Thermal equilibrium in rotating QGP

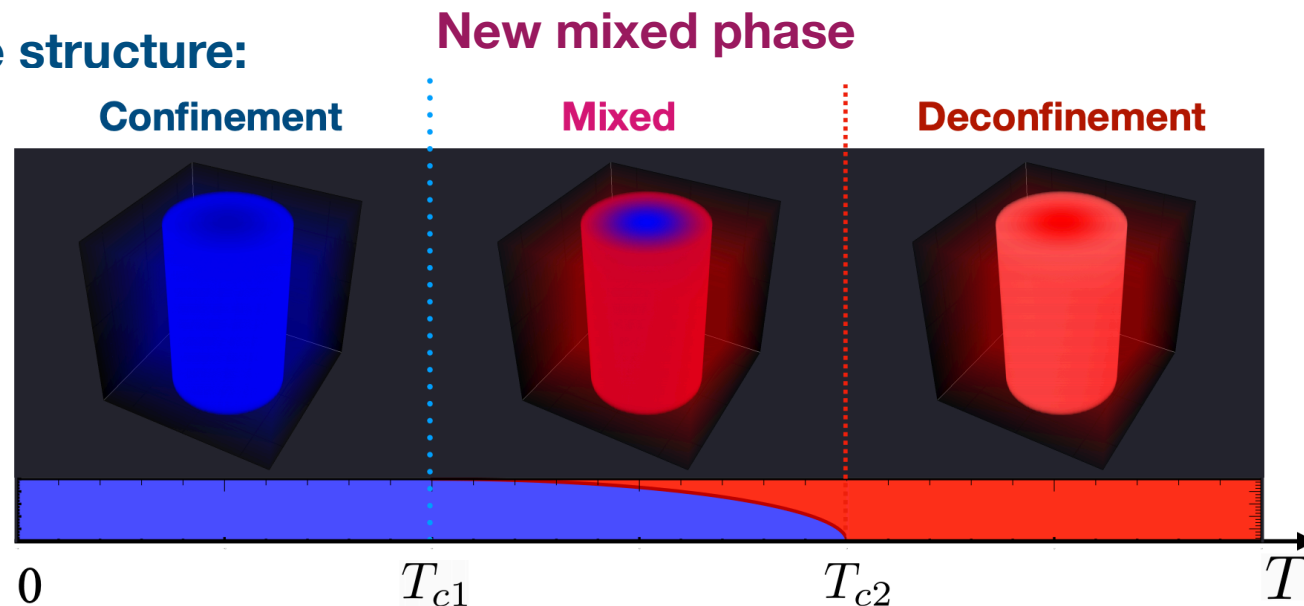
Temperature is colder in the center and higher at the edges of the system:

$$T(\rho) = \frac{T(0)}{\sqrt{1 - \rho^2 \Omega^2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_\Omega(\rho) &< T_{c,\infty} && \text{(confinement),} \\ T_\Omega(\rho) &> T_{c,\infty} && \text{(deconfinement)} \end{aligned}$$

$T_{c,\infty}$  the critical temperature in a thermodynamically large, non-rotating system

The phase structure:



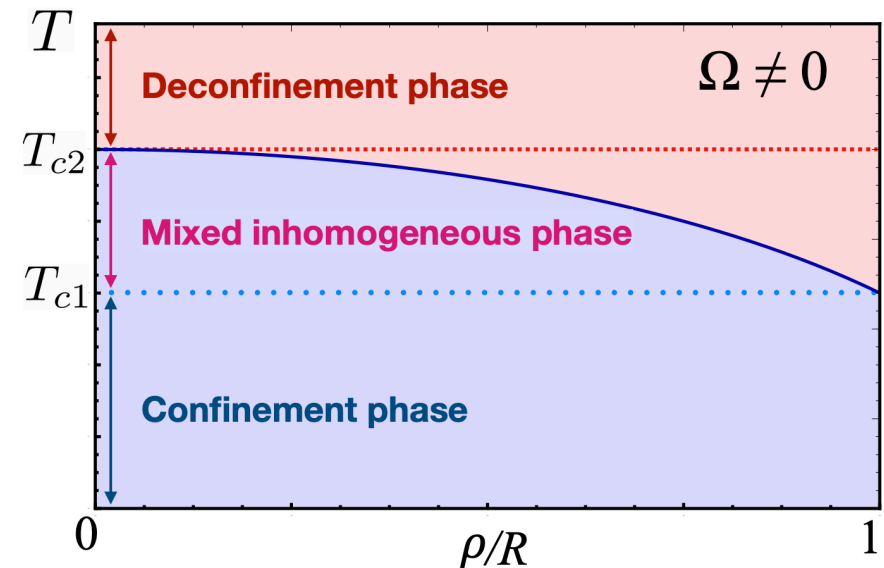
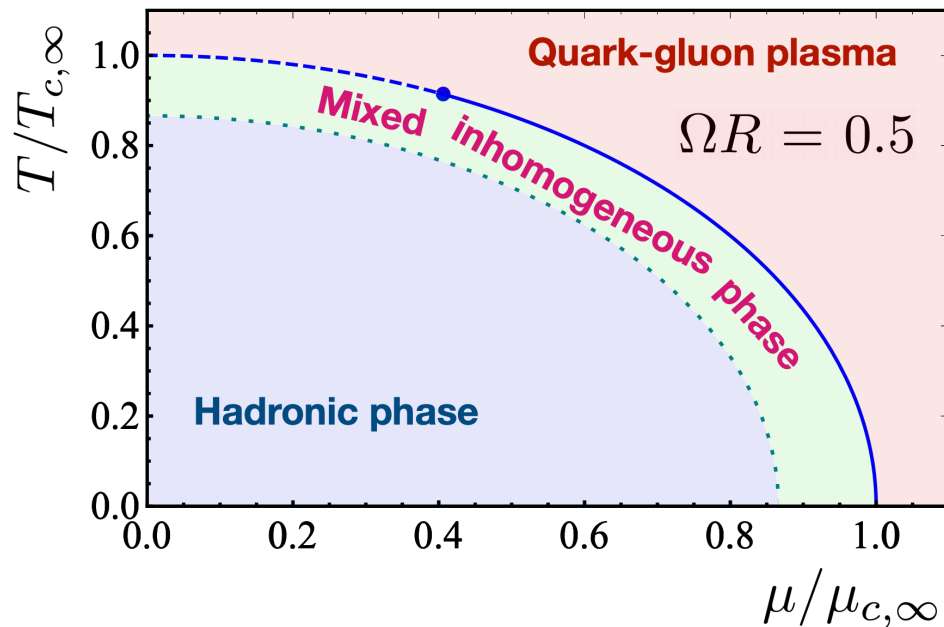
**Two critical temperatures:**  $T_{c1} = T_{c,\infty} \sqrt{1 - \Omega^2 R^2}$ ,  $T_{c2} = T_{c,\infty}$

general arguments and toy model: M. Ch. arXiv:2012.04924 ; signatures of the same effect in the Hadron Resonance Gas: Y. Fujimoto, K. Fukushima, and Y. Hidaka, arXiv:2101.09173;

# Hot dense rotating quark-gluon plasma

## The Tolman-Ehrenfest law for temperature and chemical potential

$$T(\boldsymbol{x})\sqrt{g_{00}(\boldsymbol{x})} = T_0, \quad \mu_B(\boldsymbol{x})\sqrt{g_{00}(\boldsymbol{x})} = \mu_{B0}$$



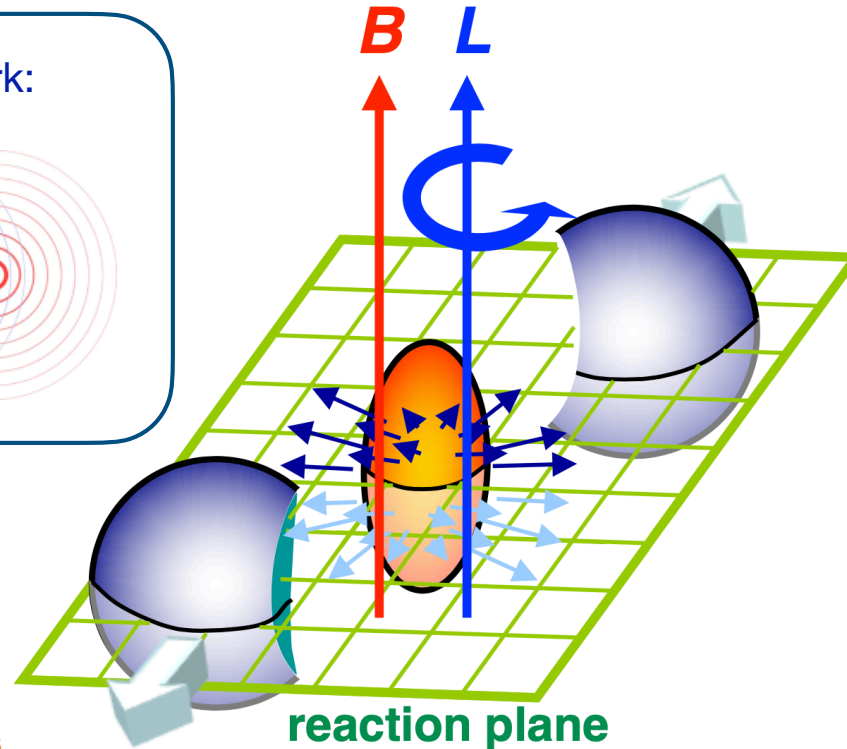
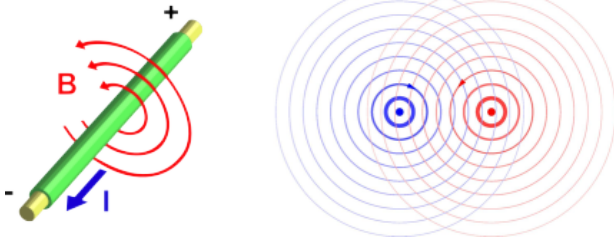
**Influence of the Tolman-Ehrenfest effect caused by rotation on confinement ?  
One can demonstrate it in an effective model for confinement (cQED)!**

# Gluon plasma under rotation

## Non-central collisions

generate magnetic field and angular momentum

Electromagnetism at work:

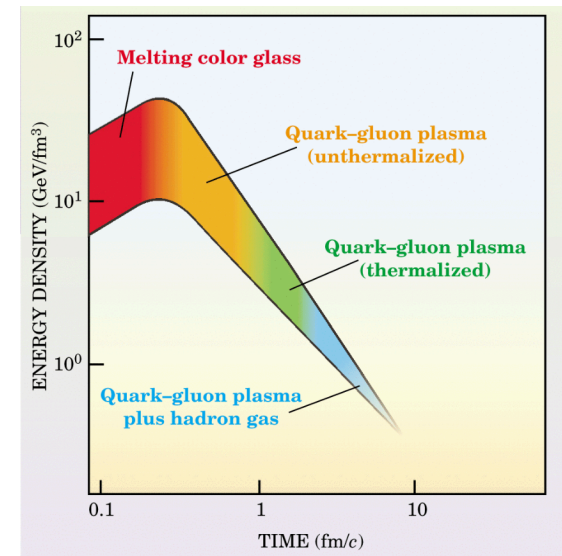


here, we do not discuss  
the effects of magnetic fields

D. Kharzeev, L. McLerran, and H. Warringa, Nucl. Phys. A803, 227 (2008);  
McLerran and Skokov, Nucl. Phys. A929, 184 (2014)

**strong vorticity (mechanical angular momentum)**

Z.-T. Liang and X.-N. Wang, PRL94, 102301 (2005);  
S. Voloshin, nucl-th/0410089 (2004)



L. McLerran, Physics Today 56, 48 (2003)

Classical mechanics at work

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p}$$

$$\sim 10^6 \hbar$$

**Large initial orbital  
angular momentum**

