

Mixed inhomogeneous phase in vortical gluon plasma from lattice simulation

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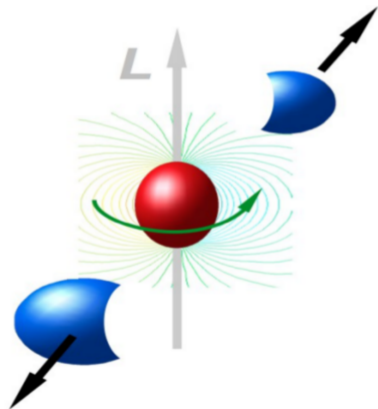
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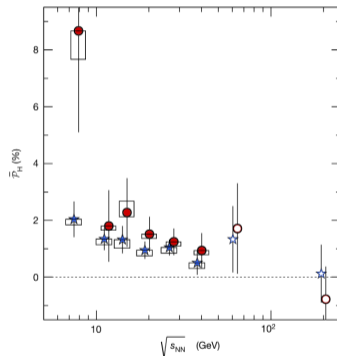
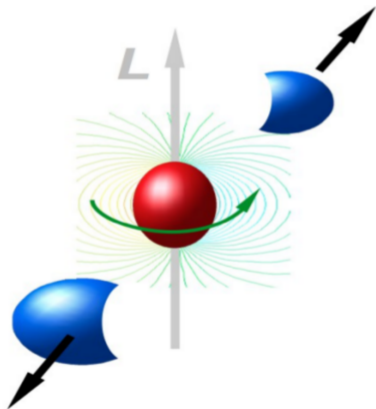


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- Mixed inhomogeneous phase in rotating gluon system and local critical temperature
- Decomposition of rotating action
- Results for local action approximation
- Conclusions

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Qualitatively consistent results:

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Observables are calculated on the lattice from first principles:

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int DA \mathcal{O}[A] \exp(-S_G[A]), \quad \text{where} \quad Z = \int DA \exp(-S_G[A]). \quad (2)$$

The Euclidean action S_G in co-rotating reference frame is formulated in **curved space**,

[A. Yamamoto and Y. Hirono, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **111**, 081601 (2013), arXiv:1303.6292 [hep-lat]]

$$g_{\mu\nu}^E = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & y\Omega_I \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -x\Omega_I \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ y\Omega_I & -x\Omega_I & 0 & 1 + r^2\Omega_I^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3)$$

where $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$, and the angular velocity is imaginary, $\Omega_I = -i\Omega$, to avoid the **sign problem**.

The gluon action is a quadratic function in angular velocity

$$S = \frac{1}{4g_0^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{g_E} g_E^{\mu\nu} g_E^{\alpha\beta} F_{\mu\alpha}^a F_{\nu\beta}^a \equiv S_0 + S_1 \Omega_I + S_2 \frac{\Omega_I^2}{2}, \quad (4)$$

where

$$S_0 = \frac{1}{4g_0^2} \int d^4x F_{\mu\nu}^a F_{\mu\nu}^a, \quad (5)$$

$$S_1 = \frac{1}{g_0^2} \int d^4x [y F_{xy}^a F_{y\tau}^a + y F_{xz}^a F_{z\tau}^a - x F_{yx}^a F_{x\tau}^a - x F_{yz}^a F_{z\tau}^a], \quad (6)$$

$$S_2 = \frac{1}{g_0^2} \int d^4x [r^2 (F_{xy}^a)^2 + y^2 (F_{xz}^a)^2 + x^2 (F_{yz}^a)^2 + 2xy F_{xz}^a F_{zy}^a], \quad (7)$$

Sign problem

- The **sign problem** is due to the linear terms ($S_1 \neq 0$)
- The Monte–Carlo simulation is conducted with **imaginary angular velocity** $\Omega_I = -i\Omega$.
- The results are analytically continued to real angular velocity, $\Omega^2 \leftrightarrow -\Omega_I^2$.

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Observables

The Polyakov loop is an order parameter,

$$L(x, y) = \frac{1}{N_z} \sum_z \text{Tr} \left[\prod_{\tau=0}^{N_t-1} U_4(\vec{r}, \tau) \right], \quad L = \frac{1}{N_s^2} \sum_{x,y} L(x, y). \quad (8)$$

In confinement $\langle L \rangle = 0$; in deconfinement $\langle L \rangle \neq 0$. $\langle L \rangle = e^{-F_Q/T}$

The local critical temperature is associated with the peak of the local Polyakov loop susceptibility

$$\chi_L(r) = \langle |L(r)|^2 \rangle - \langle |L(r)| \rangle^2. \quad (9)$$

We use tree-level improved (Symanzik) lattice action; lattice size $N_t \times N_z \times N_s^2$; $R \equiv a(N_s - 1)/2$;
The temperature is $T = 1/N_t a$. It coincides with the temperature on the rotation axis T_0 .

Inhomogeneous phases for imaginary rotation

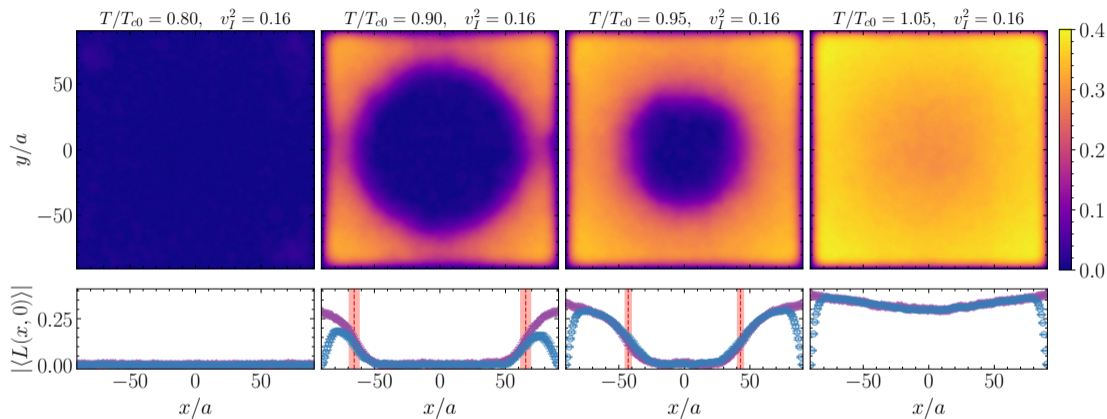


Figure: The distribution of the local Polyakov loop in x, y -plane for the lattice of size $5 \times 30 \times 181^2$ at the fixed imaginary velocity at the boundary $v_I^2 \equiv (\Omega_I R)^2 = 0.16$ and different on-axis temperatures, $T = 1/N_t a$.

- As the (on-axis) temperature increases, the radius of the inner confining region shrinks.
- Boundary is screened.
- Local thermalization takes place; Phase transition occurs as a vortex evolution.

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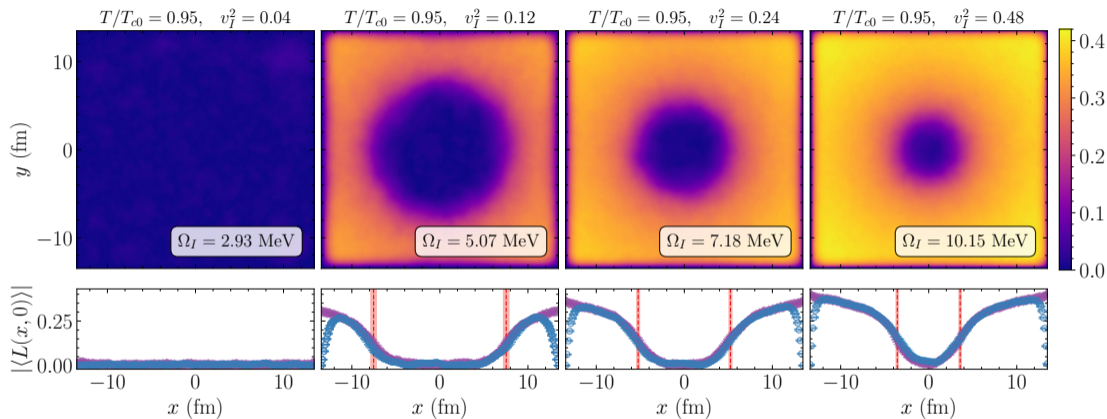
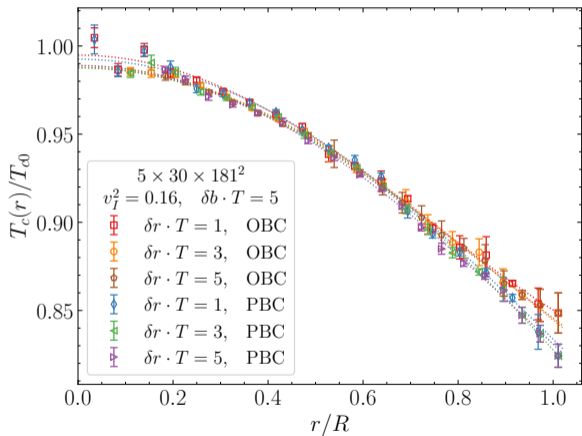


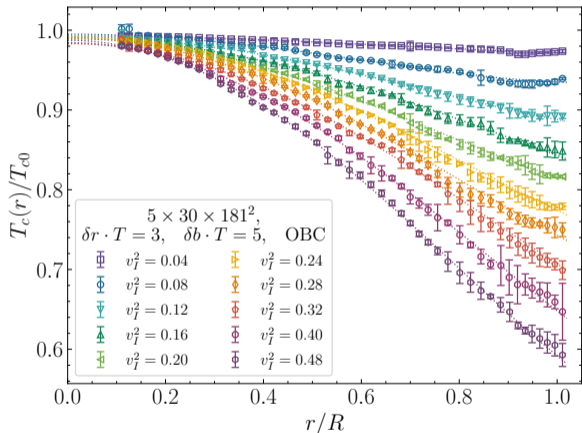
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- Mixed inhomogeneous phase may be observed for $T \lesssim T_{c0}$. For **imaginary** rotation, deconfinement appears at the periphery; confinement is in the central regions.
- The confinement region shrinks with the increase in Ω_I ;

We split the system into thin cylinders of width δr and measure local critical temperature



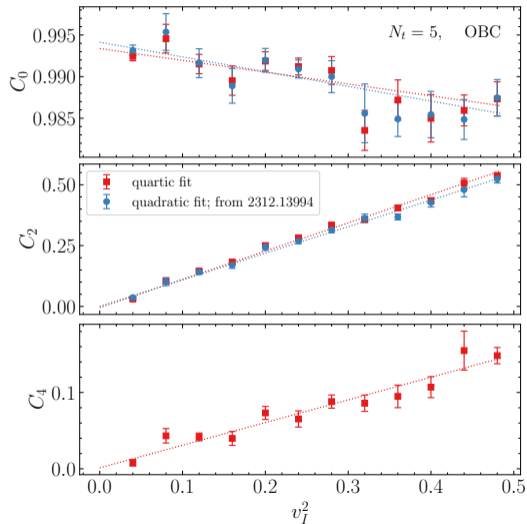
- Results for different width $\delta r \cdot T = 1, \dots, 5$ are in agreement.
- We discard δb layers adjacent to boundary.
- There is a minor difference on b.c. only at $r/R \sim 1$



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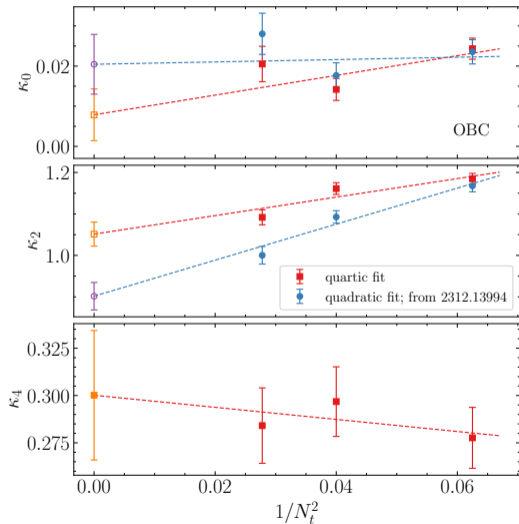
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- We found numerically that

$$C_i(v_I^2) = a_i + \kappa_i v_I^2. \quad (11)$$

- $T_c(0) \approx T_{c0}$ with few percent accuracy:
 - ▶ Effects of finite radius R .
 - ▶ Effects of averaging in layers of width δr .



The local critical temperature decreases with **imaginary** angular velocity.

$$\frac{T_c(r, \Omega_I)}{T_{c0}} = 1 - (\Omega_I r)^2 \left(\kappa_2 - \kappa_4 \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \right). \quad (12)$$

- The **vortical** curvature in continuum limit from quadratic fit ($r/R \lesssim 0.5$) is universal

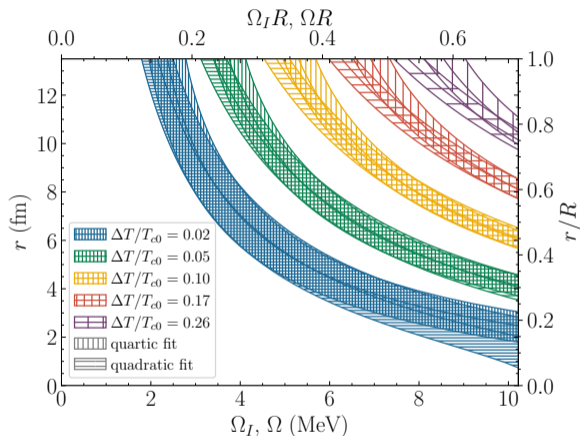
$$\kappa_2 = 0.902(33), \quad (13)$$

- And from quartic fit (for OBC) there is

$$\kappa_2 = 1.051(29), \quad \kappa_4 = 0.300(34), \quad (14)$$

where κ_4 term is a finite volume correction;

- We can not distinguish $\sim \Omega^4$ term.



The critical distance r may be found from the following conditions:

- for **imaginary** angular velocity

$$T_{c0} - \Delta T = T_c(r, \Omega_I),$$

(confinement in the center;
deconfinement at the periphery)

- for **real** angular velocity

$$T_{c0} + \Delta T = T_c(r, \Omega).$$

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The diagram has the same shape for a given $\Delta T > 0$ (plot for $R = 13.5$ fm).

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- r2) $\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = 1; v_I^2 < 0$ (real rotation)

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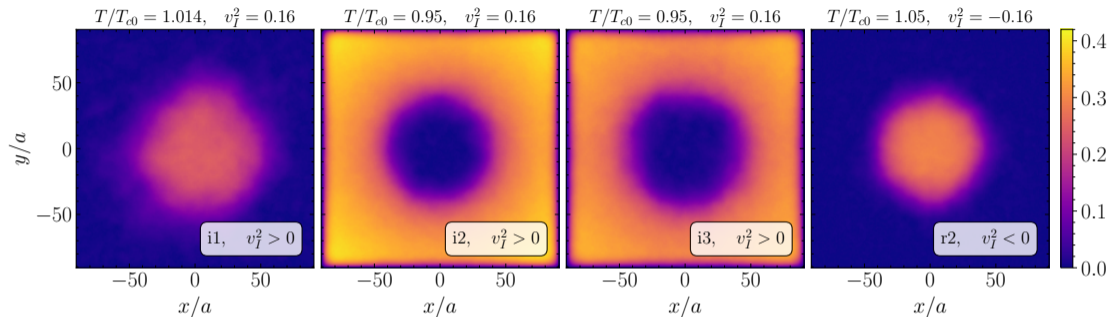
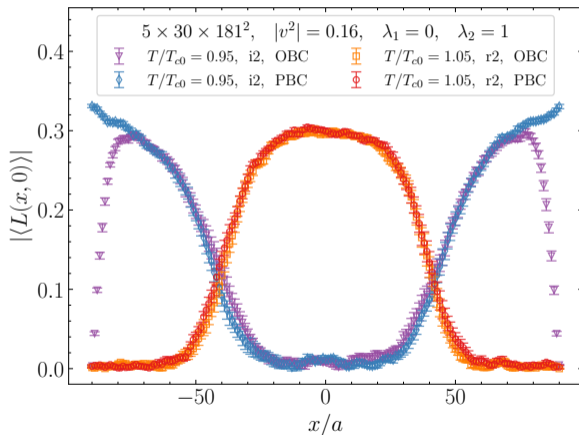


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- In the regimes i1 and r2, the rotation produces confinement phase in the outer region at $T > T_{c0}$. Regime r2 realizes **real** rotation for S_2 system.
- Phase arrangement is the same in i2- and i3-regimes. The radius of the inner region in regime i2 is slightly smaller, than in regime i3.

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The distributions of the Polyakov loop for real and imaginary rotation (S_1 term is omitted).

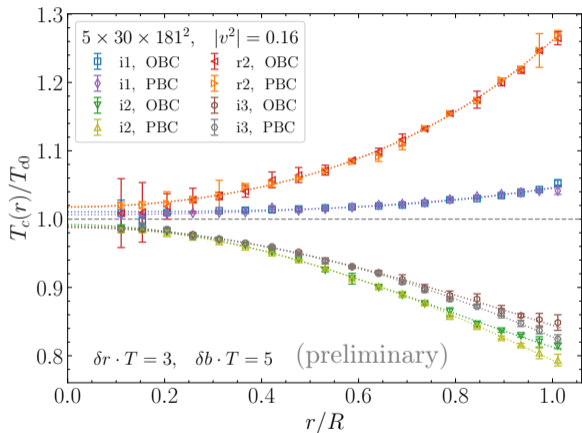


- (r2): $T = T_{c0} + \Delta T$
for **real** rotation $v^2 = 0.16$
- (i2): $T = T_{c0} - \Delta T$
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Confinement \leftrightarrow deconfinement
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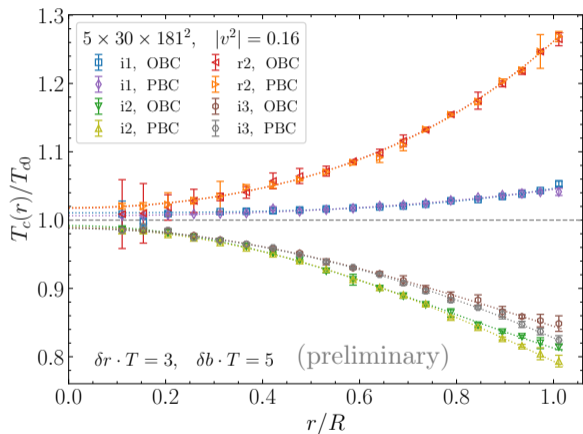
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- The **r2**-regime are in agreement with a.c. of the **i2**-results

Local approximation for inhomogeneous action

We consider the system at distance r_0 from the rotation axis.

In the vicinity of the point $(x, y) = (r_0, 0)$ the coefficients in action is approximately the same.

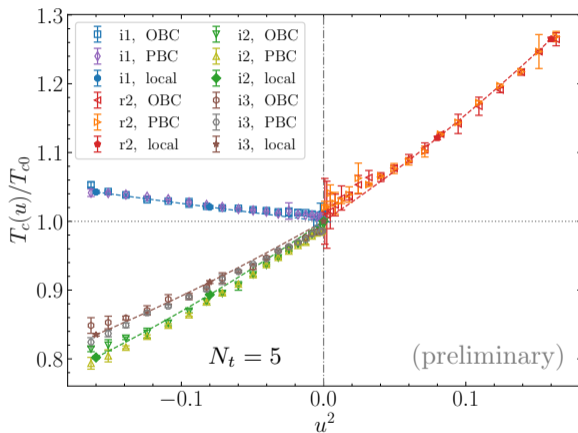
The homogeneous local action is

$$S_G = \frac{1}{2g^2} \int d^4x \left[F_{x\tau}^a F_{x\tau}^a + F_{y\tau}^a F_{y\tau}^a + F_{z\tau}^a F_{z\tau}^a + F_{xz}^a F_{xz}^a + \right. \\ \left. + (1 + u_I^2) F_{yz}^a F_{yz}^a + (1 + u_I^2) F_{xy}^a F_{xy}^a - 2u_I (F_{yx}^a F_{x\tau}^a + F_{yz}^a F_{z\tau}^a) \right], \quad (16)$$

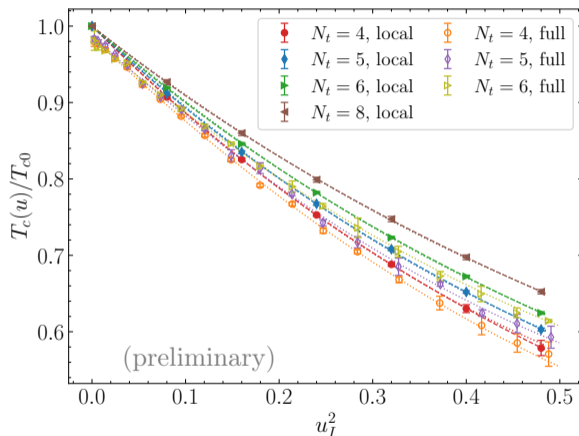
where $u_I = \Omega_I r_0$ is a local velocity.

Local thermalization approximation

- The system (16) is simulated using standard lattice methods with PBC.
- Local approximation is free from the effects of finite R and the influence of boundary conditions.



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- The data are well described by the polynomial:

$$\frac{T_c(u_I)}{T_{c0}} = 1 - k_2 u_I^2 + k_4 u_I^4. \quad (17)$$

- In continuum limit the coefficients are

$$k_2 = 0.869(31), \quad k_4 = 0.388(53). \quad (18)$$

- The local critical temperature **increases** with real velocity $u = \Omega r$.

The local action without the linear term is

$$S_G = \int d^4x \left[\beta \left((F_{x\tau}^a)^2 + (F_{y\tau}^a)^2 + (F_{z\tau}^a)^2 + (F_{xz}^a)^2 \right) + \tilde{\beta} \left((F_{yz}^a)^2 + (F_{xy}^a)^2 \right) \right], \quad (19)$$

where $\beta = 1/2g^2$ and $\tilde{\beta}/\beta = 1 - (\Omega r_0)^2 = 1 + (\Omega_I r_0)^2$.

External gravitational field generates **asymmetry** in the coupling constants of different components of the fields $(F_{\mu\nu})^2$, which influences the dynamics of gluons.

- $\tilde{\beta}/\beta > 1$ (imaginary rotation) $\Rightarrow T_c$ decreases.
- $\tilde{\beta}/\beta < 1$ (real rotation) $\Rightarrow T_c$ **increases**.

The rotation influences the dynamics of gluons, it is not TE.

- Using lattice simulation, we found the mixed confinement-deconfinement phase in rotating SU(3) gluodynamics at thermal equilibrium.
- The local critical temperature **increases** for real rotation, and it is determined mainly by the local velocity of rotation $u = \Omega r$:

$$\frac{T_c(r, \Omega)}{T_{c0}} = 1 + (\Omega r)^2 \left(\kappa_2 - \kappa_4 \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \right), \quad [\text{full system with OBC}], \quad (20)$$

$$\frac{T_c(u)}{T_{c0}} = 1 + k_2 u^2 + k_4 u^4, \quad [\text{local action}], \quad (21)$$

where κ_4 is sensitive to boundary effects.

- The local critical temperature on the axis $T_c(0)$ is T_{c0} with few percent accuracy. It is not **TE**.
- The rotation generates asymmetry in the action for chromomagnetic fields. The results in different regimes resemble decomposition of $I = I_{\text{mech}} + I_{\text{magn}}$. [See Talk by V. Braguta]
- Phase transition occurs as a evolution of vortex of new phase. We expect similar picture for QCD.
- Previous results for T_c should be understood as bulk-averaged values.

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