

Moment of inertia and rotational instability of gluon plasma

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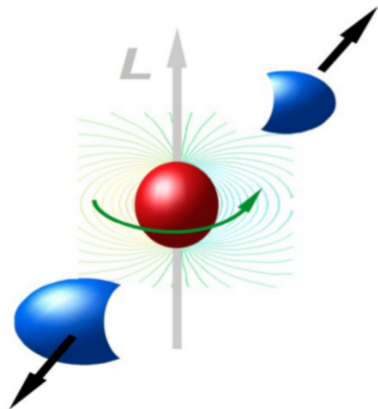
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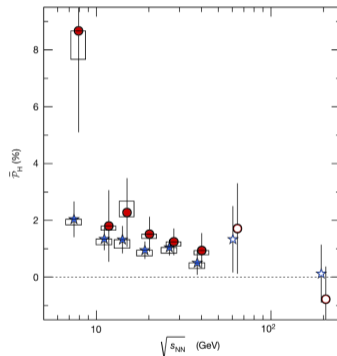
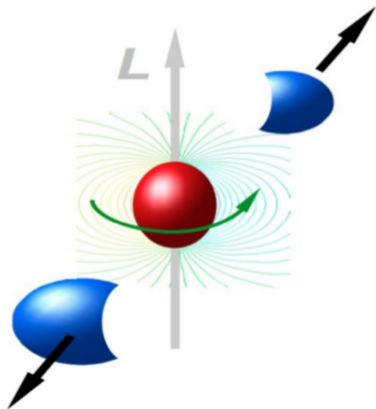
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[L. Adamczyk et al. (STAR), *Nature* **548**, 62–65 (2017), arXiv:1701.06657 [nucl-ex]]

$\langle \omega \rangle \sim 6 \text{ MeV}$ ($\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ -averaged)

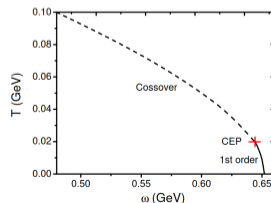
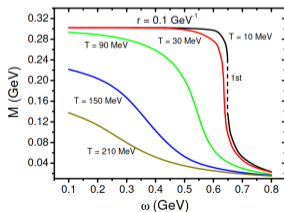
All* theoretical models assume that the system rotates like rigid body, $\Omega \neq 0$.

Properties of rotating QCD matter (mostly within NJL, focused on fermions):

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- X. Wang, M. Wei, Z. Li, and M. Huang, Phys. Rev. D **99**, 016018 (2019), arXiv:1808.01931 [hep-ph]
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- Y. Jiang and J. Liao, Phys. Rev. Lett. **117**, 192302 (2016), arXiv:1606.03808 [hep-ph]

Rotation **suppress the chiral condensate** ($S = 0$), states with $S \neq 0$ are preferable.

⇒ Critical temperature of the chiral transition **decreases** due to the rotation.



Phase diagram of rotating QCD also studied within various other approaches:

- Holography: X. Chen, L. Zhang, D. Li, D. Hou, and M. Huang, JHEP **07**, 132 (2021), arXiv:2010.14478 [hep-ph], N. R. F. Braga, L. F. Faulhaber, and O. C. Junqueira, Phys. Rev. D **105**, 106003 (2022), arXiv:2201.05581 [hep-th], A. A. Golubtsova, E. Gourgoulhon, and M. K. Usova, Nucl. Phys. B **979**, 115786 (2022), arXiv:2107.11672 [hep-th], A. A. Golubtsova and N. S. Tsegelnik, Phys. Rev. D **107**, 106017 (2023), arXiv:2211.11722 [hep-th] Y.-Q. Zhao, S. He, D. Hou, L. Li, and Z. Li, JHEP **04**, 115 (2023), arXiv:2212.14662 [hep-ph], ...
- Compact QED in 2+1-D M. N. Chernodub, Phys. Rev. D **103**, 054027 (2021), arXiv:2012.04924 [hep-ph]
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- FRG: H.-L. Chen, Z.-B. Zhu, and X.-G. Huang, (2023), arXiv:2306.08362 [hep-ph]
- PNJL: F. Sun, K. Xu, and M. Huang, (2023), arXiv:2307.14402 [hep-ph]
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⇒ The deconfinement critical temperature is predicted to **decrease** due to rotation.

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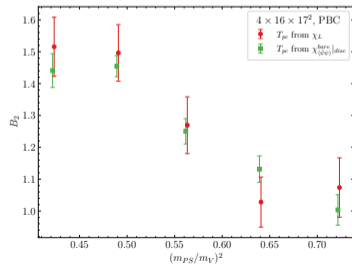
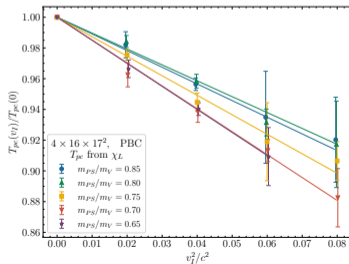
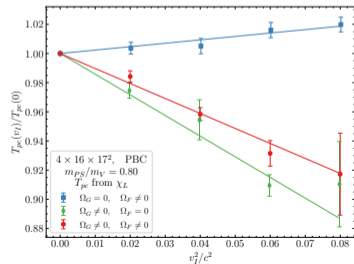
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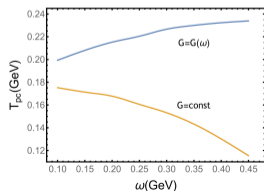
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Gluon contribution is crucial for rotating QCD!

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For a classical system with characteristic radius R the moment of inertia is given by

$$I(T, \Omega) = \int_V d^3x x_{\perp}^2 \rho(T, x_{\perp}, \Omega) \simeq \alpha \rho_0(T) V R^2,$$

The free energy may be represented as a series in angular velocity (or linear velocity $v_R = \Omega R$)

$$F(T, V, \Omega) = F_0(T, V) - \frac{F_2(T, V)}{2} \Omega^2 + \mathcal{O}(\Omega^4) \equiv F_0(T, V) \left(1 + \frac{K_2}{2} v_R^2 + \mathcal{O}(v_R^4) \right)$$

where $F_2(T, V) = I(T, V, \Omega = 0) \equiv -K_2 F_0 R^2$ (note, that $F_0 = -pV < 0$), and K_2 is dimensionless.

We study quenched QCD in the co-rotating reference frame (it rotates with angular velocity Ω around z -axis) \rightarrow **external gravitational field** [A. Yamamoto and Y. Hirono, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **111**, 081601 (2013), arXiv:1303.6292 [hep-lat]]

$$g_{\mu\nu}^E = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & x_2\Omega_I \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -x_1\Omega_I \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ x_2\Omega_I & -x_1\Omega_I & 0 & 1 + x_{\perp}^2\Omega_I^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1)$$

where $x_{\perp}^2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2$, and the angular velocity is put in the purely imaginary form $\Omega_I = -i\Omega$ to avoid the **sign problem**. The partition function is

$$Z = \int DA \exp(-S_G[A, \Omega]). \quad (2)$$

The gluon action has the following form:

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Sign problem

- The Euclidean action is **complex-valued function** with real rotation ($S_1 \neq 0$)!
- The Monte–Carlo simulations are conducted with **imaginary angular velocity** $\Omega_I = -i\Omega$.
- The results are analytically continued to the region of the real angular velocity ($\Omega_I^2 = -\Omega^2$, $v_I^2 = -v_R^2$).

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- The free energy density also relates to the scale (trace) anomaly

$$\frac{f(T)}{T^4} = - \int_0^T \frac{dT'}{T'} \frac{\langle T_{\mu}^{\mu} \rangle(T')}{T'^4}, \quad \frac{\langle T_{\mu}^{\mu} \rangle}{T^4} = -N_t^4 a \frac{d\beta}{da} \Delta s = N_t^4 T \frac{d\beta}{dT} \Delta s. \quad (7)$$

- Therefore, the moment of inertia is connected to the rotational response of the scale anomaly:

$$I(T) = -VT^4 \int_0^T \frac{dT'}{T'} \frac{\langle T_{\mu}^{\mu} \rangle^{(2)}(T')}{T'^4}, \quad \langle T_{\mu}^{\mu} \rangle^{(2)}(T) = \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \Omega_I^2} \langle T_{\mu}^{\mu} \rangle(T, \Omega_I) \right] \Bigg|_{\Omega_I=0}. \quad (8)$$

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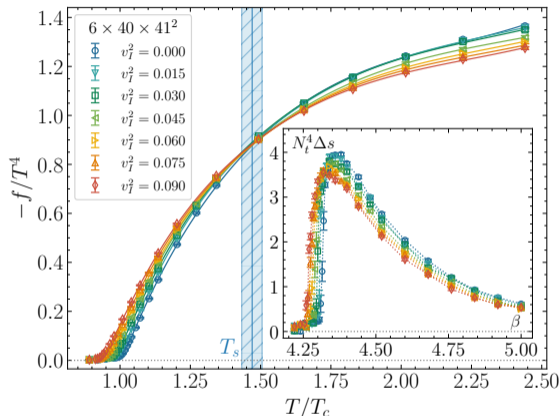
Results of lattice simulations with non-zero imaginary angular velocity

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- The critical temperature decreases with the **imaginary** angular velocity.

- Fit by the quadratic function (note $f_0 = < 0$):

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



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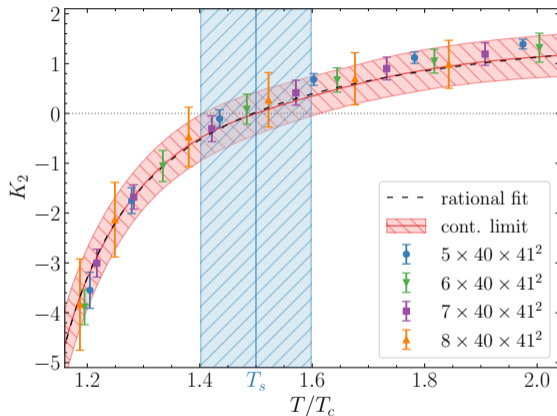
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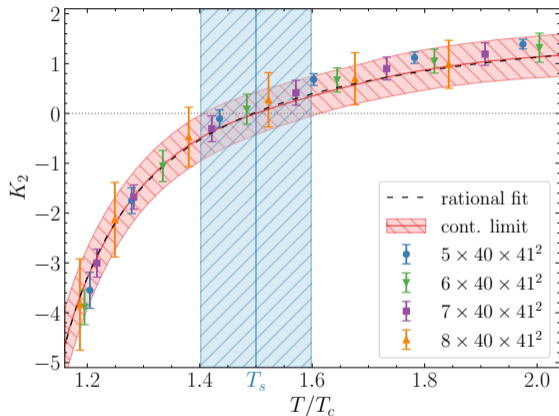
- K_2 can be reproduced by a rational function

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

where $K_2^{(\infty)} = 2.23(39)$ and $c = 1.11(20)$.

- The result for the system with OBC is

$$T_s = 1.53(15)T_c$$



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Condition of thermodynamic stability

For a system in a stable equilibrium at a given T and $\mathbf{\Omega}$, any deviation from the equilibrium should obey the following condition [L. D. Landau and E. M. Lifshitz, 3rd ed. (Butterworth-Heinemann, Oxford, England, Aug. 1996)]:

$$\delta E - T\delta S - \mathbf{\Omega}\delta\mathbf{J} > 0, \quad (9)$$

which implies that all eigenvalues of the inverse Weinhold metric, defined in the thermodynamic space [F. Weinhold, *The Journal of Chemical Physics* **63**, 2479–2483 (1975)],

$$g^{(W),\mu\nu} = -\frac{\partial^2 f(T, \mathbf{\Omega})}{\partial X_\mu \partial X_\nu}, \quad X_\mu = (T, \Omega_i), \quad (10)$$

must be positively defined. It is equivalent to the requirements

$$C_J = T(\partial S/\partial T)_J > 0, \quad \text{spec}(I^{ij}) > 0, \quad (11)$$

where $I^{ij} \equiv I^{ji} = (\partial J^i/\partial \Omega_j)_T$. In terms of the coefficient K_2 , the **thermodynamic stability** thus requires:

$$K_2(T) > 0 \quad (\text{thermodynamic stability}),$$

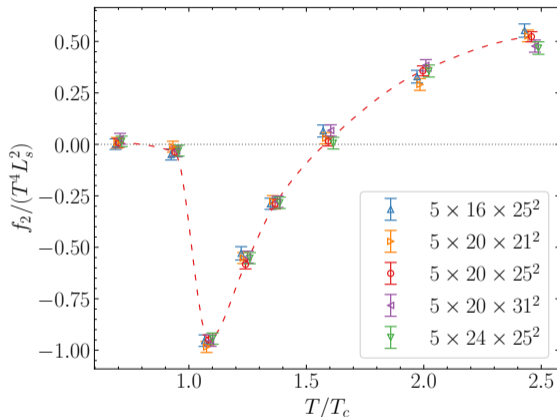
which is **violated below** the **supervortical temperature**, $T < T_s$. This instability has a thermodynamic origin. Similar instabilities occur in curved gravitational backgrounds of rotating Kerr and Myers-Perry black holes.

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$$I = F_2 = T \left. \frac{\partial^2 \log Z}{\partial \Omega^2} \right|_{\Omega=0} = T (\langle \langle S_1^2 \rangle \rangle_T + \langle \langle S_2 \rangle \rangle_T),$$

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$$f_2 = F_2/V, \quad F_2 \sim \rho_0 V R^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad f_2/(T^4 L_s^2) \sim \rho_0/T^4$$



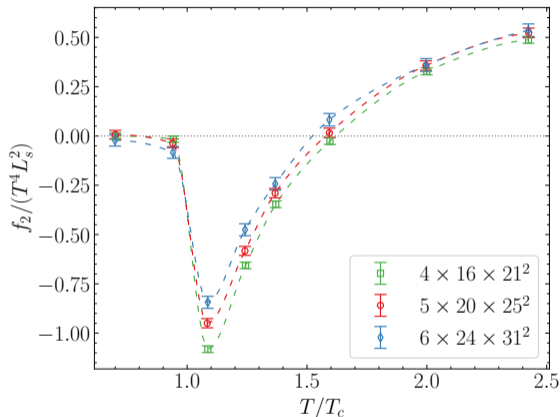
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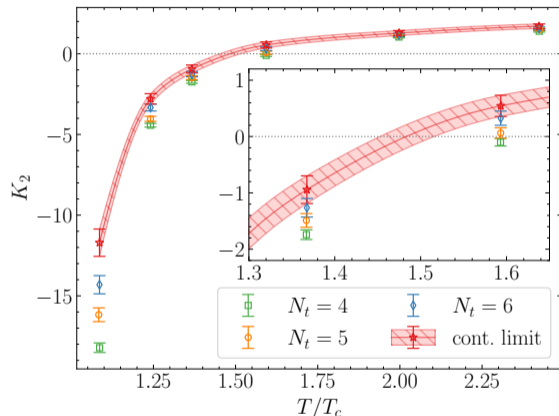
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$$K_2 = -4F_2 / (F_0 L_s^2) \sim \rho_0 / f_0$$

At supervortical temperature $K_2(T_s) = 0$

$$T_s \simeq 1.5T_c$$



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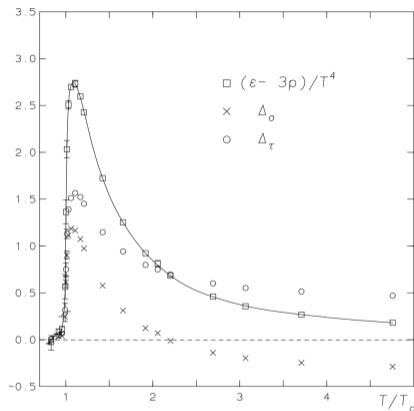
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Using the exact forms of S_1, S_2 , we get

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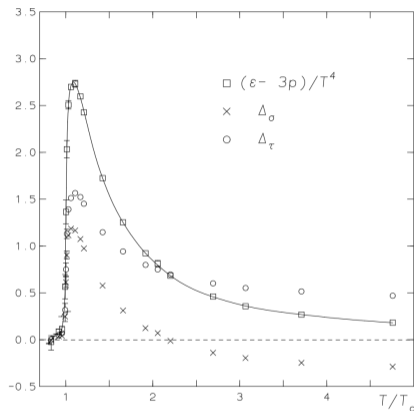
where $\langle\langle J^3 \rangle\rangle = 0$ for any T and

$$I_{fluct} = \frac{1}{T} \left(\langle\langle (J^3)^2 \rangle\rangle_T - \langle\langle J^3 \rangle\rangle_T^2 \right) \geq 0,$$

$$I_{cond} = \frac{1}{3} \int_V d^3x x_\perp^2 \langle\langle (F_{ij}^a)^2 \rangle\rangle_T = \frac{\alpha}{3} V R^2 \langle\langle (F_{ij}^a)^2 \rangle\rangle_T.$$

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- We calculate the isothermal moment of inertia of *rigidly* rotating gluon plasma within lattice simulations using both analytic continuation ($f(T, \Omega_I)$) and derivative ($\partial^2 F / \partial \Omega^2 |_{\Omega=0}$) methods; **the results are in agreement.**
- The moment of inertia unexpectedly takes a negative value below the “**supervortical temperature**” $T_s = 1.50(10)T_c$, vanishes at $T = T_s$, and becomes a positive quantity at higher temperatures.
- The negative moment of inertia indicates a **thermodynamic instability** of rigid rotation for $T < T_s$. We found the first lattice evidence of this instability in rotating QCD.
- The *rigid* rotation of quark-gluon plasma also should be **unstable** in a region near T_c due to the same reasons.
- The discrepancy between numerical (lattice) and various theoretical predictions may originate from scale anomaly, which should be taken into account appropriately. The magnetic gluon condensate plays the crucial role in rotating plasma.

See the details in:

- V. V. Braguta, M. N. Chernodub, A. A. Roenko, and D. A. Sychev, (2023), arXiv:2303.03147 [hep-lat]
- V. V. Braguta, I. E. Kudrov, A. A. Roenko, D. A. Sychev, and M. N. Chernodub, JETP Lett. **117**, 639–644 (2023)

Thank you for your attention!

The (improved) lattice gluon action can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_G = \beta \sum_x & \left((c_0 + r^2 \Omega_I^2) W_{xy}^{1 \times 1} + (c_0 + y^2 \Omega_I^2) W_{xz}^{1 \times 1} + (c_0 + x^2 \Omega_I^2) W_{yz}^{1 \times 1} + \right. \\
 & + c_0 (W_{x\tau}^{1 \times 1} + W_{y\tau}^{1 \times 1} + W_{z\tau}^{1 \times 1}) + y \Omega_I (W_{xy\tau}^{1 \times 1 \times 1} + W_{xz\tau}^{1 \times 1 \times 1}) - \\
 & \left. - x \Omega_I (W_{yx\tau}^{1 \times 1 \times 1} + W_{yz\tau}^{1 \times 1 \times 1}) + xy \Omega_I^2 W_{xzy}^{1 \times 1 \times 1} + \sum_{\mu \neq \nu} c_1 W_{\mu\nu}^{1 \times 2} \right), \quad (12)
 \end{aligned}$$

with $\beta = 6/g^2$, and $c_0 = 1 - 8c_1$, where $c_1 = -1/12$ and

$$W_{\mu\nu}^{1 \times 1}(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{3} \text{Re Tr } \bar{U}_{\mu\nu}(x), \quad (13)$$

$$W_{\mu\nu}^{1 \times 2}(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{3} \text{Re Tr } R_{\mu\nu}(x), \quad (14)$$

$$W_{\mu\nu\rho}^{1 \times 1 \times 1}(x) = -\frac{1}{3} \text{Re Tr } \bar{V}_{\mu\nu\rho}(x), \quad (15)$$

$\bar{U}_{\mu\nu}$ denotes clover-type average of 4 plaquettes,

$R_{\mu\nu}$ is a rectangular loop,

$\bar{V}_{\mu\nu\rho}$ is asymmetric chair-type average of 8 chairs.

$$\int d^4x \sqrt{g_E} (\dots) = \int_0^{1/T} dx_0 \sqrt{g_{44}} \int d^3x \sqrt{\gamma_E} (\dots) = \int_0^{1/T} dx_0 \int d^3x \sqrt{g_E} (\dots)$$

- Interpretation: **Tolman-Ehrenfest effect**. In gravitational field the temperature isn't a constant in space at thermal equilibrium:

$$T(r) \sqrt{g_{00}} = \text{const},$$

- For the (real) rotation one has

$$T(r) \sqrt{1 - r^2 \Omega^2} = \text{const} \equiv T,$$

- One could expect, that **the rotation effectively warm up the periphery** of the modeling volume

$$T(r) > T(r = 0),$$

and as a result, from kinematics, the critical temperature should **decreases**.

- Our results show that the behavior of the (pseudo-)critical temperatures is more complicated. It also may be caused by instability.

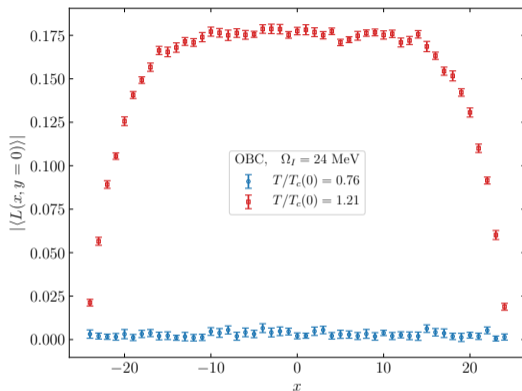
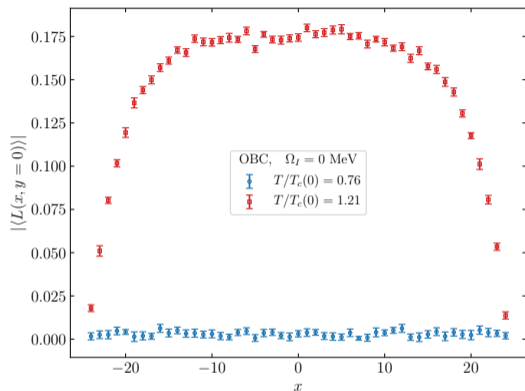


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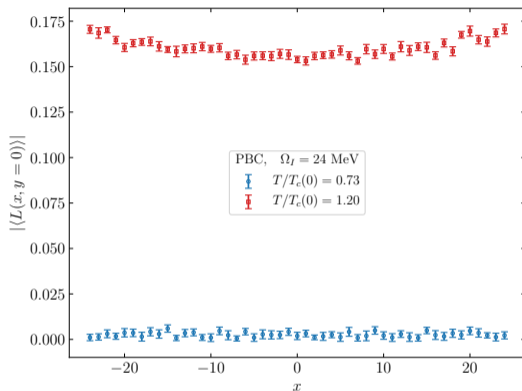
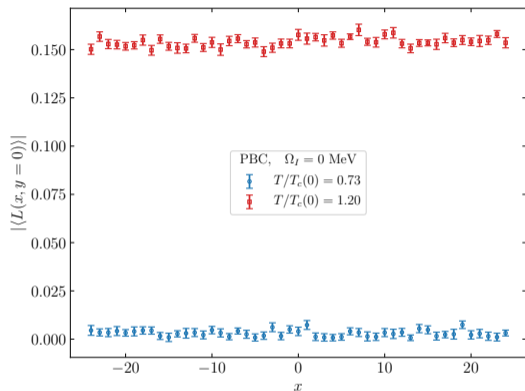


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- The local Polyakov loop demonstrates weak dependence on the coordinate in the deconfinement phase.

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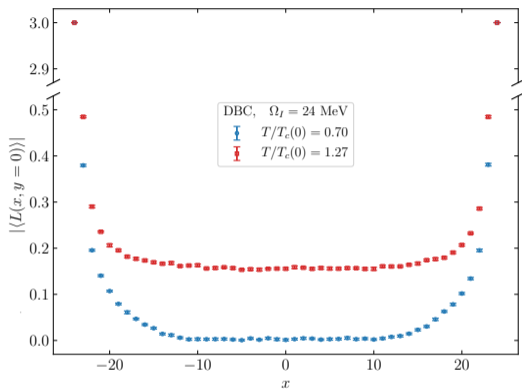
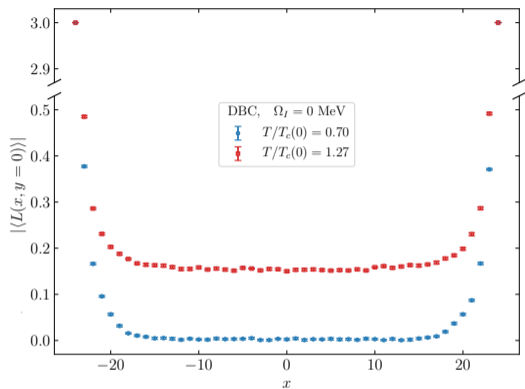


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