

Neutrino emissivity from spin-1 color superconductors

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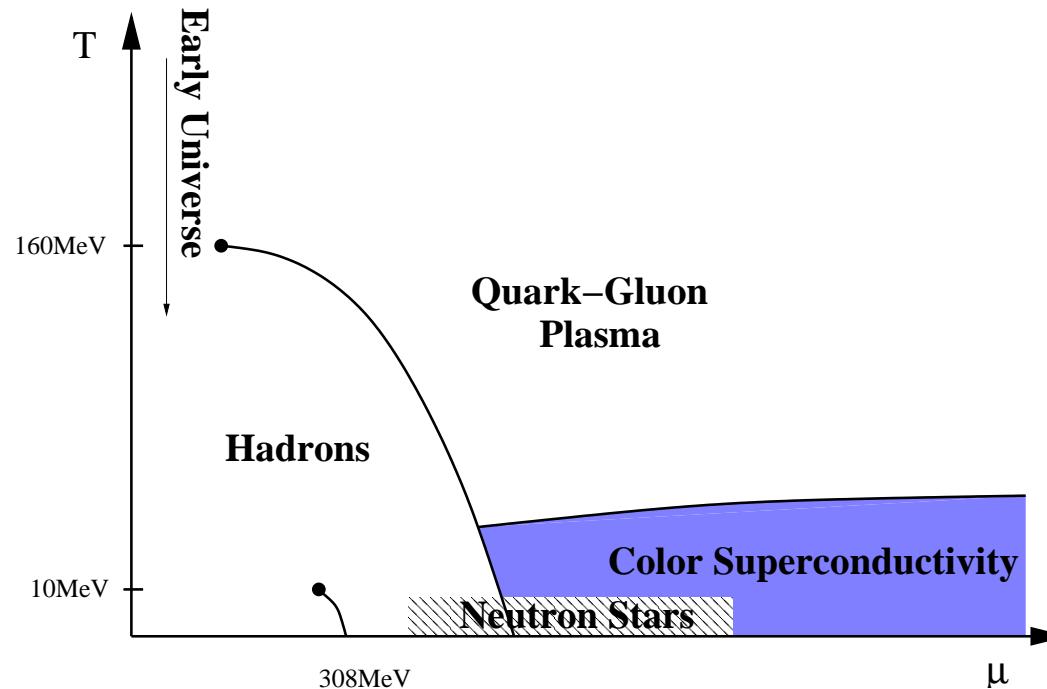
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- **Outline**

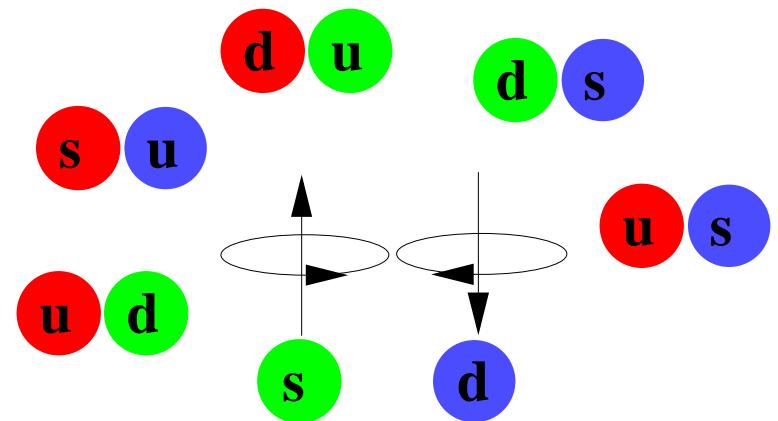
- color superconductivity with $J = 1$ Cooper pairs
- properties of several phases (CSL, planar, polar, A)
- **neutrino emission via direct Urca processes**
 1. emissivities ϵ_ν
 2. cooling curves $T(t)$ from ϵ_ν and specific heat c_V
 3. anisotropy in neutrino emission

- QCD phase diagram and CFL phase



Sufficiently high density:
Color-flavor locked (CFL) phase
M. Alford, K. Rajagopal, F. Wilczek,
Nucl. Phys. B537, 443 (1999)

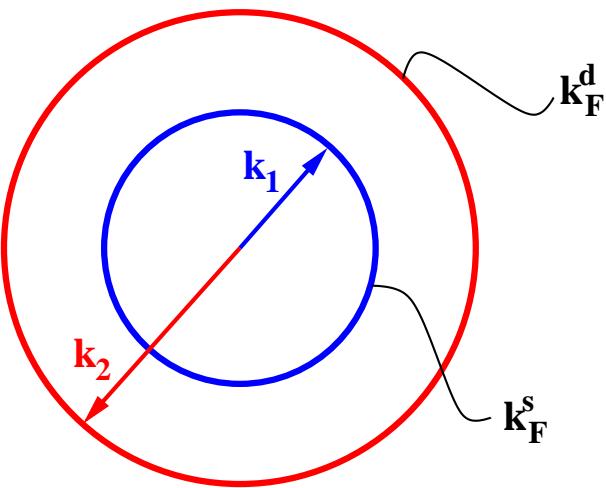
Order parameter $\Delta \in [\bar{\mathbf{3}}]^a_c \otimes [\mathbf{3}]^a_f \otimes [\mathbf{1}]^a_{J=0}$
 $\Delta_{ij} \sim \delta_{ij}$



- **CFL phase in neutron stars?**

At moderate quark chemical potentials ($\mu \simeq 500\text{MeV}$):

- m_s not negligible
- β -equilibrium
- electrical & color neutrality



Conventional BCS pairing requires equal Fermi momenta, and $\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 = 0!$

→ **Non-conventional** pairing:

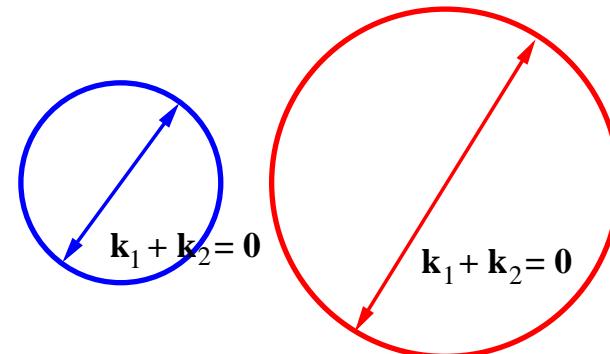
- LOFF phase M. Alford, J. Bowers, K. Rajagopal, PRD 63, 074016 (2001)
- Gapless 2SC/CFL phase I. Shovkovy, M. Huang, Phys. Lett. B 564, 205 (2003);
M. Alford, C. Kouvaris, K. Rajagopal, PRL 92, 222001 (2004)
 - “Chromomagnetic” instability in gapless phases
M. Huang, I.A. Shovkovy, PRD 70, 051501 (2004);
R. Casalbuoni, R. Gatto, M. Mannarelli, G. Nardulli, M. Ruggieri, PLB 605, 362 (2005)
- Or, “simplest”, ...

- **One-flavor color superconductors**

D. Bailin, A. Love, Phys. Rep. 107, 325 (1984)

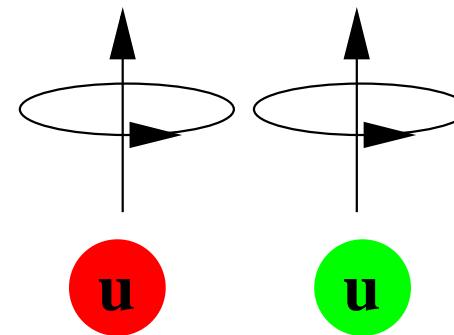
T. Schäfer, PRD 62, 094007 (2000)

→ No Fermi surface mismatch



However, $J = 1$!

$$\Delta \in [\bar{\mathbf{3}}]^a_c \otimes [\mathbf{3}]^s_{J=1}$$



Like in **superfluid ${}^3\text{He}$** (A , B , A_1 phases): Many theoretically possible phases!

- Properties of spin-1 color superconductors (page 1/2)

A. Schmitt, PRD 71, 054016 (2005)

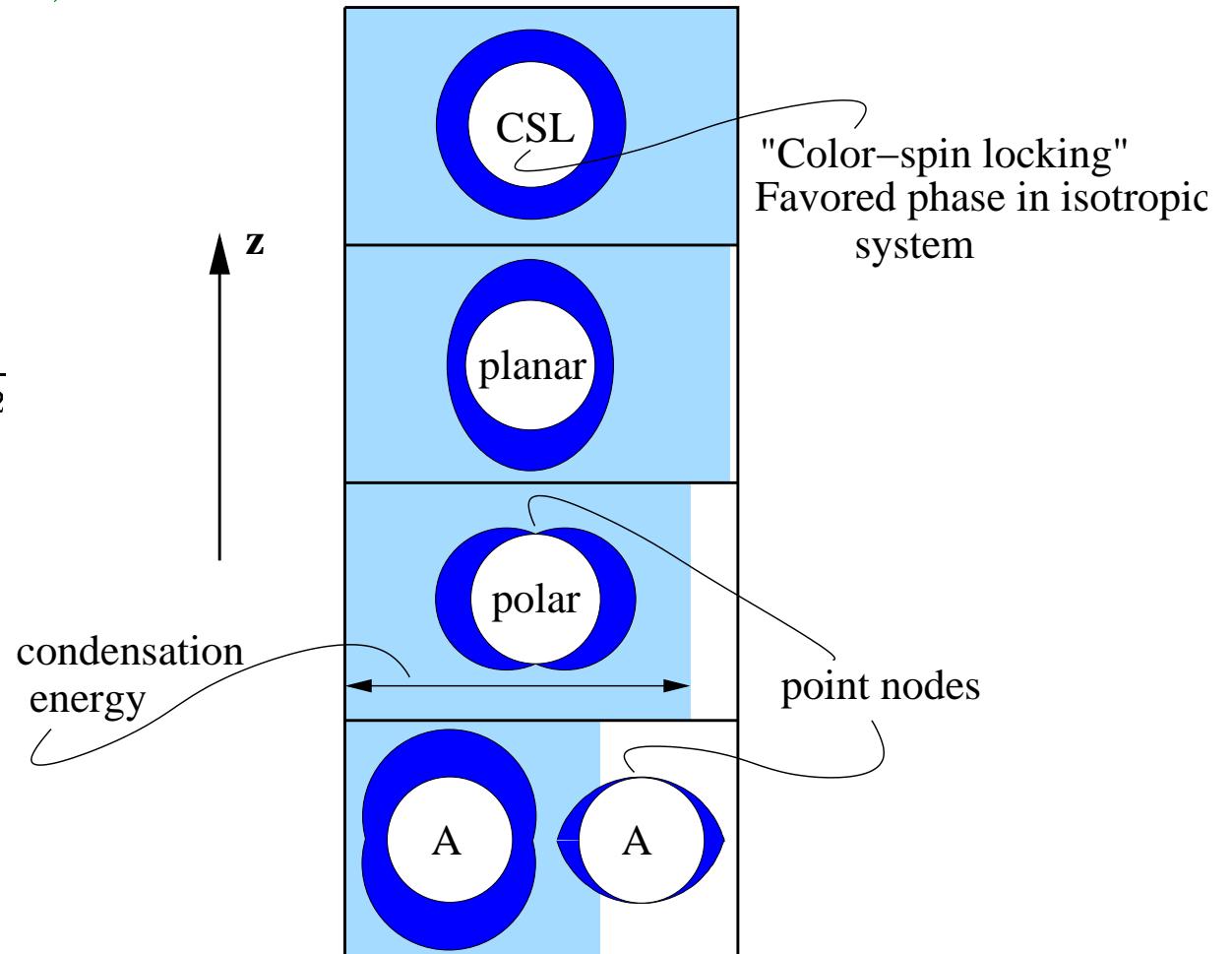
- quasiparticle energies

$$\epsilon_{\mathbf{k},r} = \sqrt{(k - \mu)^2 + \lambda_{\hat{\mathbf{k}},r} \phi^2}$$

$$r = 1, 2, (3)$$

ungapped modes: $\lambda_{\hat{\mathbf{k}},1} = 0$

gapped modes $\lambda_{\hat{\mathbf{k}},2}, (\lambda_{\hat{\mathbf{k}},3})$



- Properties of spin-1 color superconductors (page 2/2)

- magnitude of energy gap

$$\phi \simeq 10 - 100 \text{keV} \quad (\text{spin-0: } \phi \simeq 10 \text{MeV})$$

- transition temperature (modified BCS ratio)

$$T_c \simeq 10 - 60 \text{keV} \quad \frac{T_c}{\phi} = 0.57 e^{\bar{\zeta}} \quad (0.87 < e^{\bar{\zeta}} < 1.43)$$

- Cooper pairs of quarks of same (RR , LL) or different (RL , LR) chirality possible

$\rightarrow RL, LR$ pairs preferred

- electromagnetic Meissner effect

A. Schmitt, Q. Wang and D. H. Rischke, PRL 91, 242301 (2003)

photon Meissner mass $m_\gamma = q \frac{e \mu}{\pi}$ (CSL phase)

in contrast: $m_\gamma = 0$ in 2SC, CFL phases

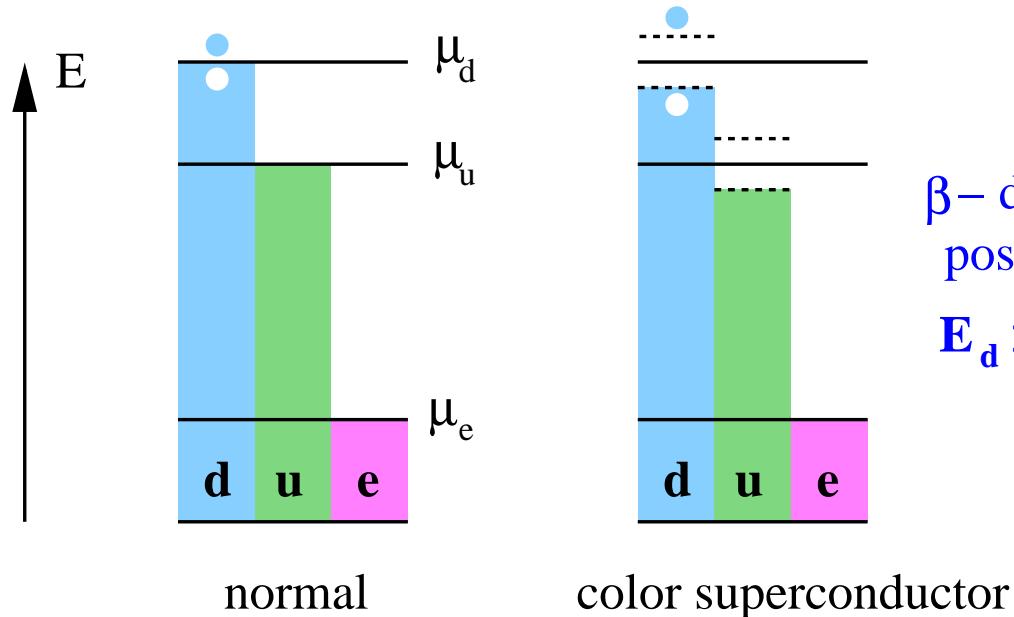
- **Neutrino emission**

Consider system of u and d quarks + electrons e

direct Urca processes:



→ emissivity proportional to density of thermally excited quasiparticles,
e.g., β -decay:



β -decay only possible if
 $E_d > E_u + E_e$

→ Suppression of emissivity due to energy gap

→ Suppression for anisotropic gaps? Effect of nodes?

- Results for the emissivity ϵ_ν

total energy loss per volume and time due to neutrino emission:

$$\epsilon_\nu \equiv -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{p}_\nu}{(2\pi)^3} p_\nu f_\nu(t, \mathbf{p}_\nu)$$

$f(\mathbf{p}_\nu, t)$ neutrino distribution function

- **normal-conducting** quark matter N. Iwamoto, PRL 44, 1637 (1980)

$$\epsilon_\nu = \frac{457}{630} G_F^2 \alpha_s \mu_e \mu_u \mu_d T^6$$

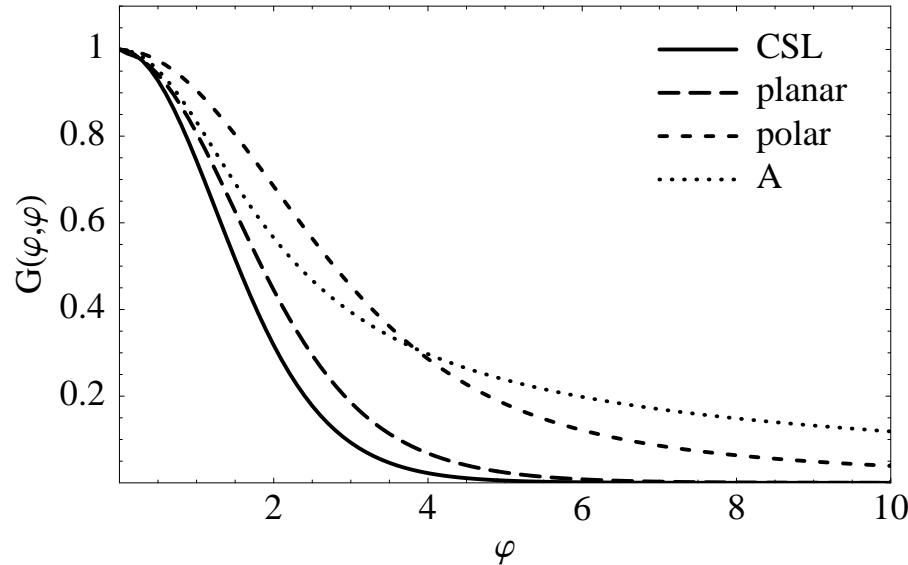
- **spin-one color superconductors**

$$\epsilon_\nu = \frac{457}{630} G_F^2 \alpha_s \mu_e \mu_u \mu_d T^6 \left[\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} G(\varphi_u, \varphi_d) \right]$$

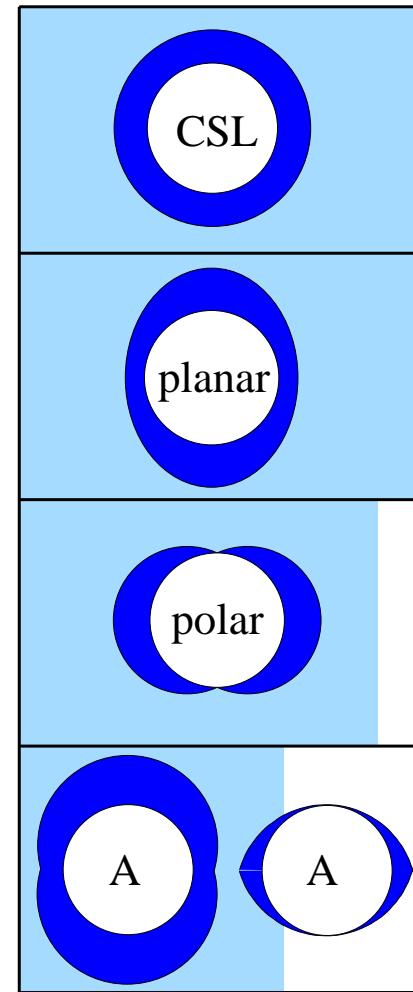
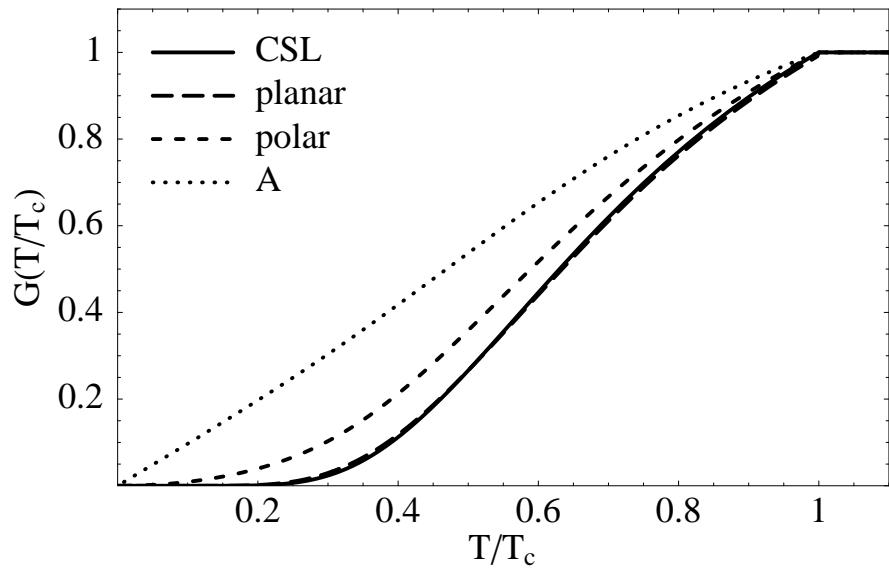
with $\varphi_{u,d} \equiv \frac{\phi_{u,d}}{T}$

$G(\varphi_u, \varphi_d)$ has to be evaluated numerically →

- Emissivity from gapped modes



and with $\phi(T) = \phi_0 \sqrt{1 - (T/T_c)^2}$:



- $\varphi \rightarrow \infty$:

	$G(\varphi, \varphi)$
CSL	$\exp(-\varphi)$
planar	$\exp(-\varphi)$
polar	$1/\varphi^2$
A	$1/\varphi$

- Results for the specific heat c_V

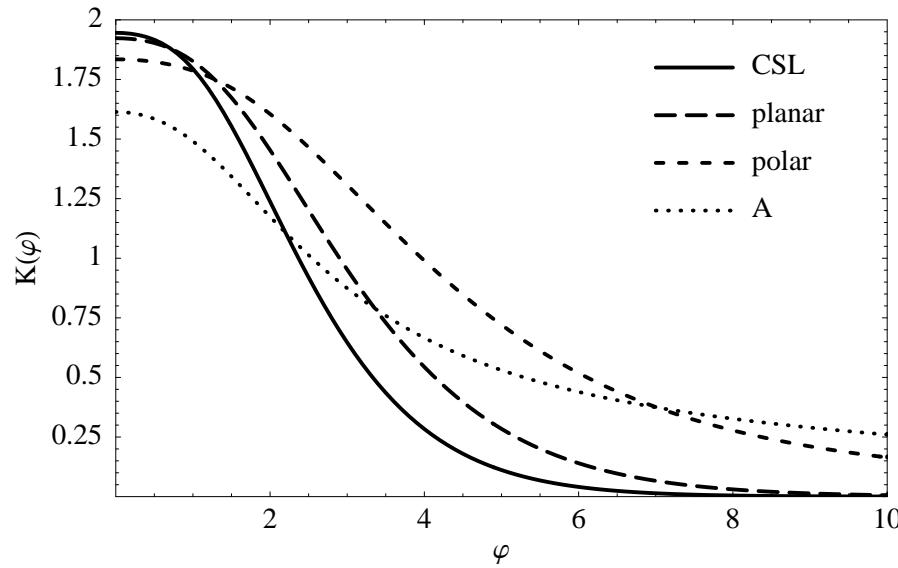
- normal phase

$$c_V = \textcolor{red}{T} (\mu_u^2 + \mu_d^2)$$

- spin-one color superconductor

$$c_V = \textcolor{red}{T} \sum_{f=u,d} \mu_f^2 \left[\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} K(\varphi_f) \right]$$

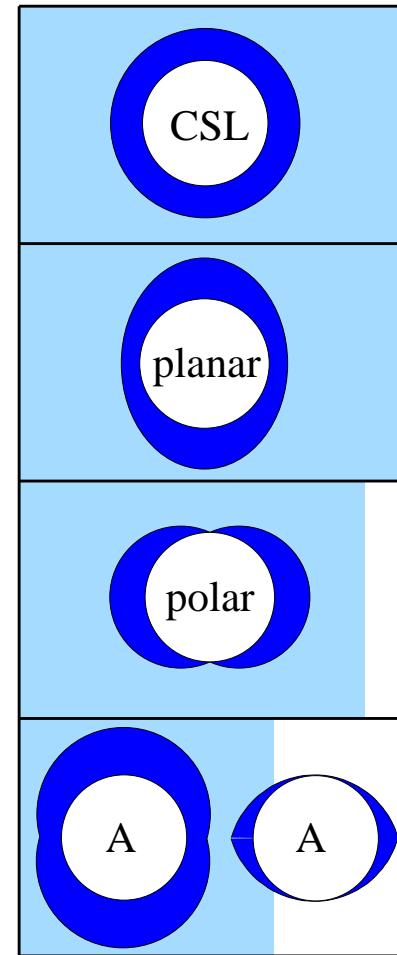
- Gapped modes



$K(0) > 1$: Jump of c_V at phase transition

$$\Delta c_V \sim \frac{\Delta p}{T_c}$$

Δp “condensation energy” at $T = 0$



- $\varphi \rightarrow \infty$:

	$G(\varphi, \varphi)$
CSL	$\exp(-\varphi)$
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- **Cooling**

temperature drop due to neutrino emission:

$$\epsilon_\nu(T) = -c_V(T) \frac{dT}{dt}$$

- **spin-one color superconductors**

$$t - t_0 = -\frac{630}{457} \frac{\mu_u^2 + \mu_d^2}{\alpha_s G_F^2 \mu_e \mu_u \mu_d} \int_{T_0}^T dT \frac{1}{T^5} \frac{1 + 2 K(T)}{1 + 2 G(T)}$$

→ **Very fast** cooling like in normal phase

$$T(t) \simeq \frac{T_0 \tau^{1/4}}{(t - t_0 + \tau)^{1/4}}, \quad \tau \equiv \frac{630}{1828} \frac{\mu_u^2 + \mu_d^2}{\alpha_s G_F^2 \mu_e \mu_u \mu_d} \frac{1}{T_0^4}$$

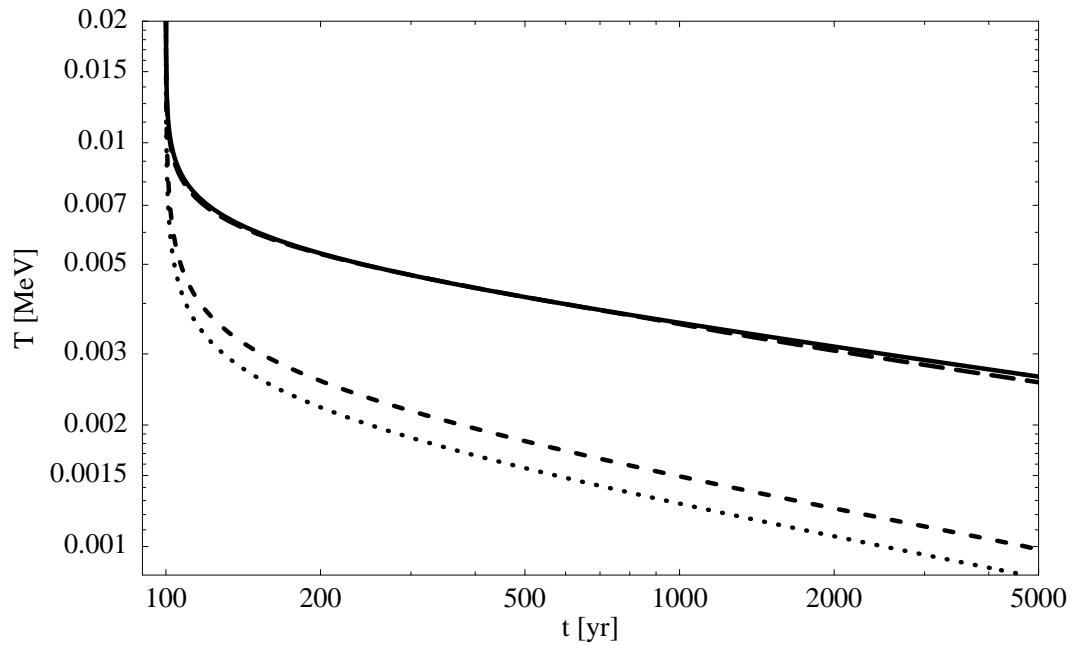
Consider only gapped modes

$$K(T), G(T)$$

$$T_0 = 100 \text{ keV}$$

$$t_0 = 100 \text{ yr}$$

$$T_c = 50 \text{ keV}$$

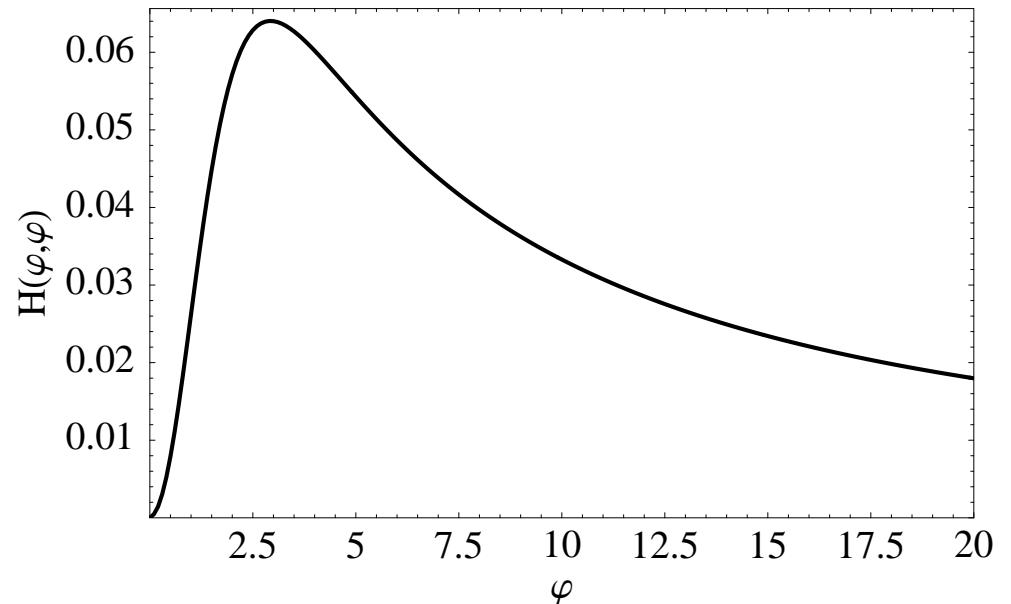


- **Asymmetry in the A phase**

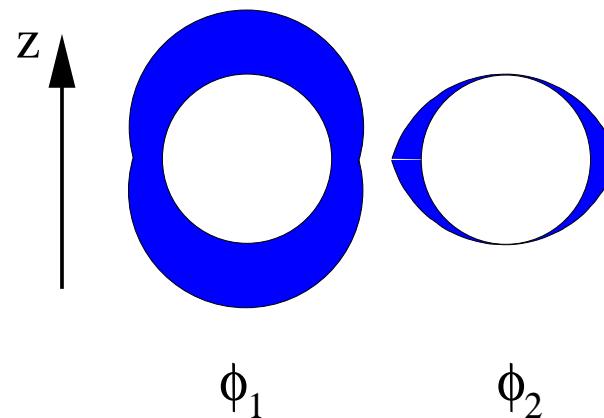
Momentum projection of emitted neutrinos

$$\frac{dp_z}{dV dt} = \frac{2}{3} H(\varphi) \frac{457}{630} G_F^2 \alpha_s \mu_e \mu_u \mu_d T^6$$

$H(\varphi) \neq 0$ only in **A phase**



Remember gap structure
No sign of broken Z_2 symmetry?!



- Explanation of asymmetry

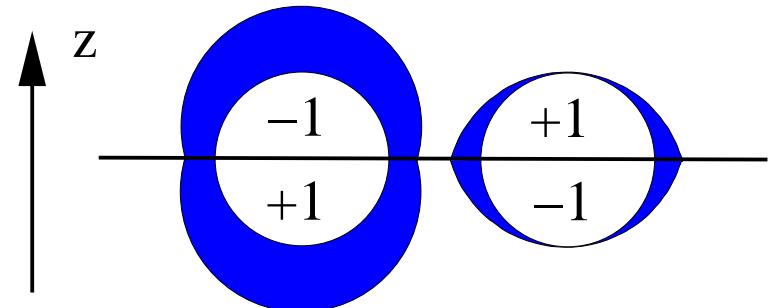
→ projectors onto quasiparticle modes:

$$\mathcal{P}_{1,2} = \frac{1}{2} J_3^2 [1 \mp \text{sgn}(\cos \theta)] H^+(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) + \frac{1}{2} J_3^2 [1 \pm \text{sgn}(\cos \theta)] H^-(\hat{\mathbf{k}})$$

with the helicity projectors

$$H^\pm(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) \equiv \frac{1}{2} (1 \pm \Sigma \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}})$$

→ Helicity order in the A phase!



What does that mean for neutrino emission?

only **left-handed** quarks participate in Urca processes

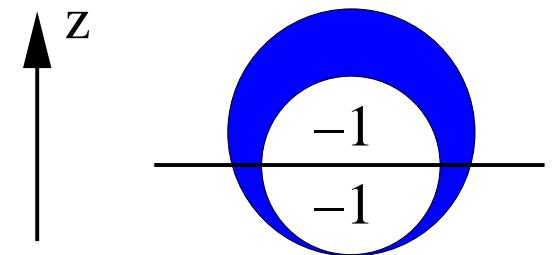


ultrarelativistic limit:

quasiquarks with **helicity -1** are picked



“effective gap” for neutrino emission



⇒ **asymmetry with respect to $+z$ and $-z$ directions!**

- **Discussion, outlook**

- **Consequences of asymmetry in A phase?**

1. Explanation for pulsar velocities? Up to $v \sim 1000 \text{ km/s}$ with model $T \sim t^{-1/4}$
A. Schmitt, I. A. Shovkovy, Q. Wang, PRL 94, 211101 (2005)
2. However: v several orders of magnitude smaller with realistic cooling

- **Finite quark masses**

1. effect of massive s quarks: Cabibbo suppression, however: larger phase space for Urca process
2. massive u, d quarks: no ungapped modes in CSL phase
D. N. Aguilera, D. Blaschke, M. Buballa, V. L. Yudichev, arXiv:hep-ph/0503288

- **Ground state in neutron star**

1. favored state among spin-one phases: CSL (without external fields)
2. with star rotation: anisotropic phase favored? (see ${}^3\text{He}$)
3. compare quantitatively to LOFF phase, gapless phases (?)