

# Photon radiation by rotating fermions in magnetic field

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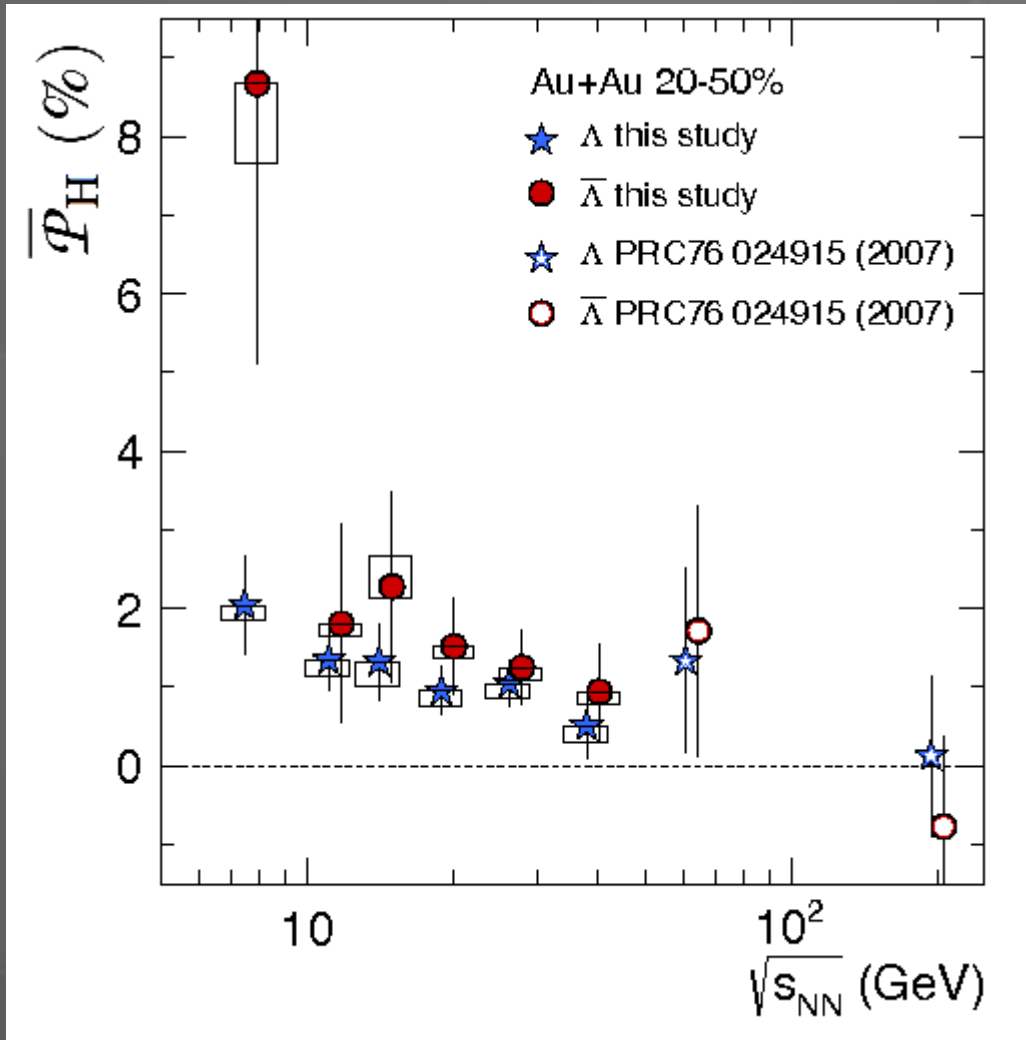
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# Spin polarization by Rotation



STAR Collaboration, Nature 548 6265, (2017)

F. Becattini, V. Chandra, L. Del Zanna,  
E. Grossi, Ann. Phys. 338:32 (2013)

$$S^\mu(p) = \frac{1}{8m} \epsilon^{\mu\rho\sigma\tau} p_\tau \frac{\int_\Sigma d\Sigma \cdot p n_F (1 - n_F) \varpi_{\sigma\rho}}{\int_\Sigma d\Sigma \cdot p n_F}$$

$$\beta^\mu = \frac{1}{T} u^\mu \quad n_F = (e^{\beta \cdot p - \zeta} + 1)^{-1}$$

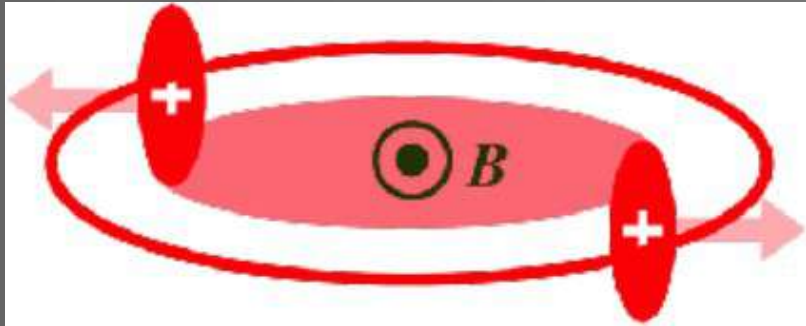
$$\varpi^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{2} (\partial^\mu \beta^\nu - \partial^\nu \beta^\mu)$$

Consider only rotation for simplicity  $\Omega^\mu$

$$S_\Omega^\mu = \frac{1}{4m} (1 - n_F) \beta E \left( \Omega^\mu - u^\mu \frac{\Omega \cdot p}{E} \right)$$

$$E = u \cdot p$$

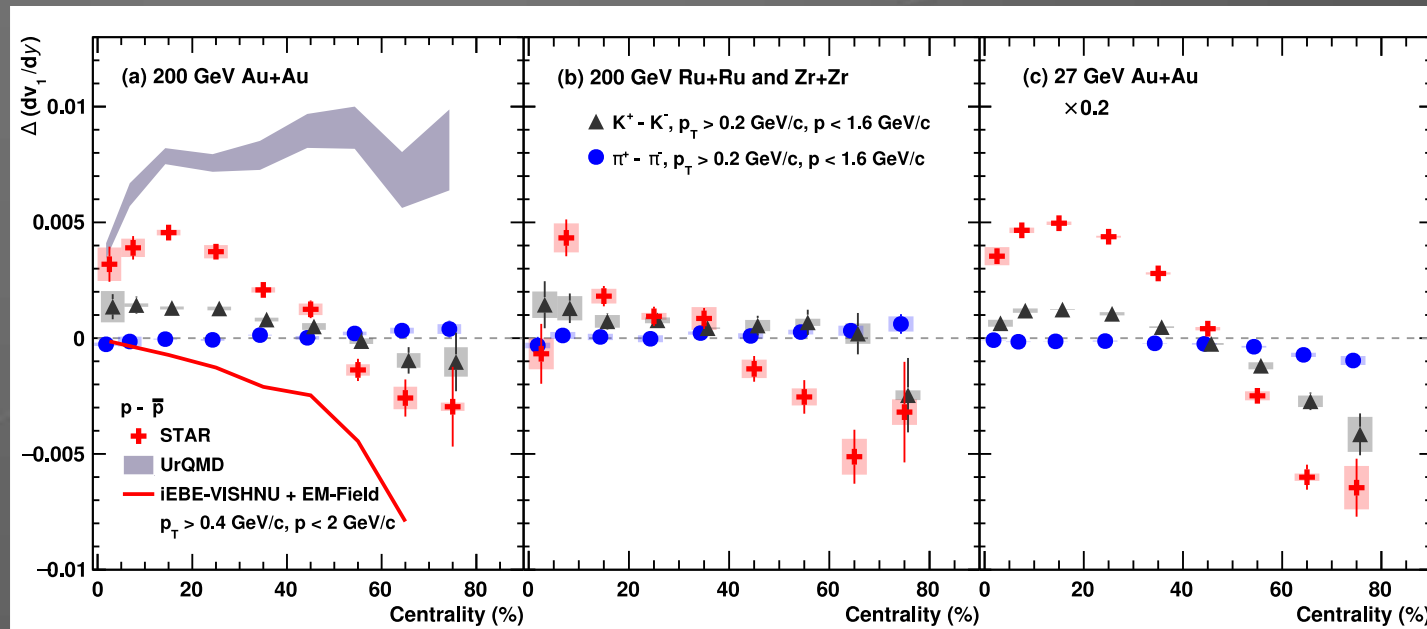
# Magnetic field



$$eB \sim \gamma \alpha_{\text{em}} \frac{Z}{b^2} \simeq \frac{1}{\text{fm}^2} \simeq 10^{18} \text{ Gauss}$$

[V. Skokov, A. Y. Illarionov and V. Toneev, Internat. J. Modern Phys. A 24 (2009) 5925]

Difference of direct flow between positive and negative electrical charges



[See A. Tang talk]

Faraday induction + Coulomb effect  
[STAR, 2304.03430]

# Analogy between Rotation $\Omega$ and Magnetic field $B$

[MB, Nucl. Phys. A 1036, 122674 (2023)]

## Magnetization

Barnett Effect (1915)

$$\frac{qB_{\text{Eff}}^{\mu}}{E} = \Omega^{\mu}$$

## Spin polarization

$$S_{\Omega}^{\mu} = \frac{1}{4m}(1 - n_F)\beta E \left( \Omega^{\mu} - u^{\mu} \frac{\Omega \cdot p}{E} \right)$$

$$S_B^{\mu} = \frac{1}{4m}(1 - n_F)\beta \left( qB^{\mu} - u^{\mu} \frac{qB \cdot p}{E} \right)$$

[F. Becattini, I. Karpenko, M. Lisa, I. Upsal, S. Voloshin, PRC 95 (2017)]

## Electromagnetic radiation

Classical total radiation intensity from circular motion [Schott (1912)]

$$W = \frac{q^2 \Omega^2}{c} \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \int_0^{\pi} \sin \theta d\theta \left[ \cot^2 \theta J_{\nu}(\nu \beta \sin \theta) + \beta^2 J_{\nu}'^2(\nu \beta \sin \theta) \right]$$

In magnetic field: Classical synchrotron radiation

$$\Omega \rightarrow \omega_B = \frac{qB}{E}$$

# Gravitational anomaly?

## The Axial Vortical Effect (AVE) conductivity

Massless AVE  $\langle j_A^z \rangle \propto \mathcal{N} T^2 \Omega$

$$\nabla_\mu j_A^\mu = \mathcal{N} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} R_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} R_{\alpha\beta}{}^{\lambda\rho}$$

K. Landsteiner, E. Megias, F. Pena-Benitez, PRL 107 (2011)

K. Jensen, R. Loganayagam, A. Yarom, JHEP 02 (2013)

M. Stone, J. Kim, PRD 98 (2) (2018)

G.Y. Prokhorov, O.V. Teryaev, V.I. Zakharov, PRL 129 (2022)

## Barnett effect: Classical model for spin polarization

Angular momentum-rotation coupling

$$H \rightarrow H - \mathbf{J} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega}$$

[MB, Nucl. Phys. A 1036, 122674 (2023)]

Classical inertial effect

$$\langle \mathbf{S} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\Omega}} \rangle = \langle \boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\Omega}} \rangle \simeq \frac{1}{3} \frac{\mu}{\gamma} \frac{\Omega}{T} \quad \begin{array}{ll} \gamma & \text{gyromagnetic ratio} \\ \mu & \text{magnetic moment} \end{array}$$

Furthermore:

Unlike the CVE/CME the (massive) AVE is allowed at the actual equilibrium (no chiral imbalance)

No connection between the massive AVE and the gravitational anomaly

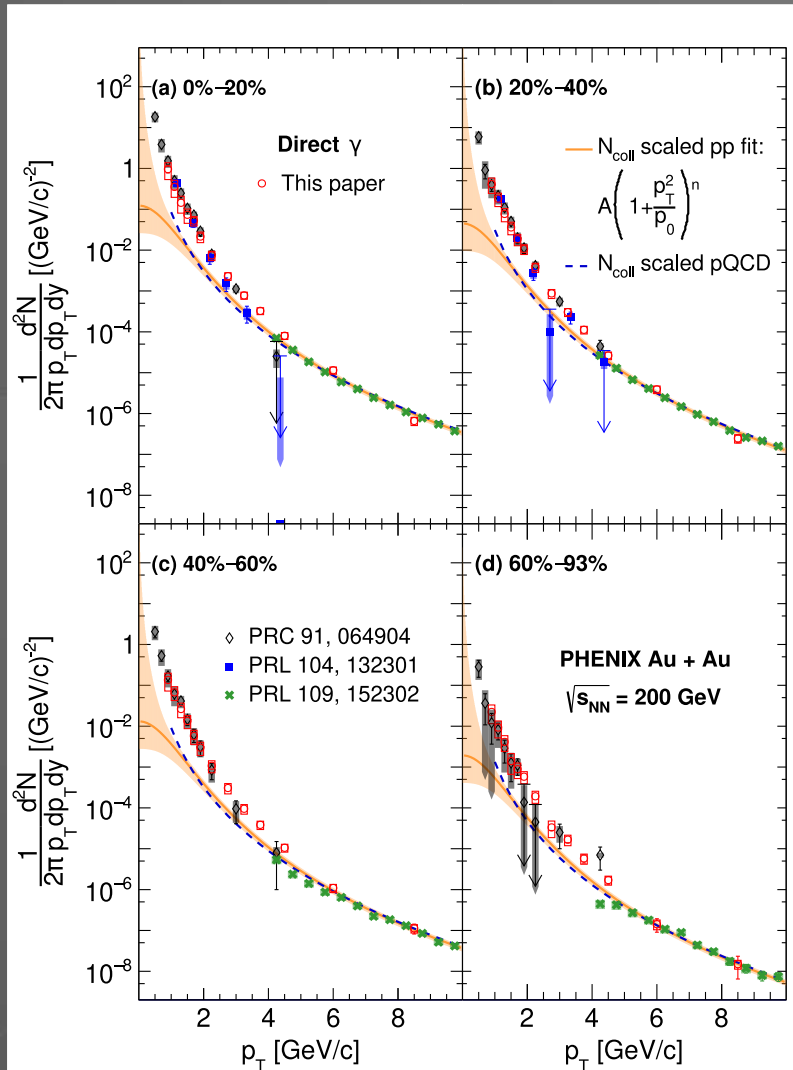
$$\langle j_A^z \rangle \simeq \frac{\Omega}{T} \left( 1 + 2 \frac{T}{m} \right) \frac{(mT)^{3/2}}{\sqrt{2} \pi^{3/2}} e^{|\beta|(\mu-m)} \quad T \ll m$$

[MB, Lect. Notes Phys. 987 (2021)]

# Effect of the magnetic field?

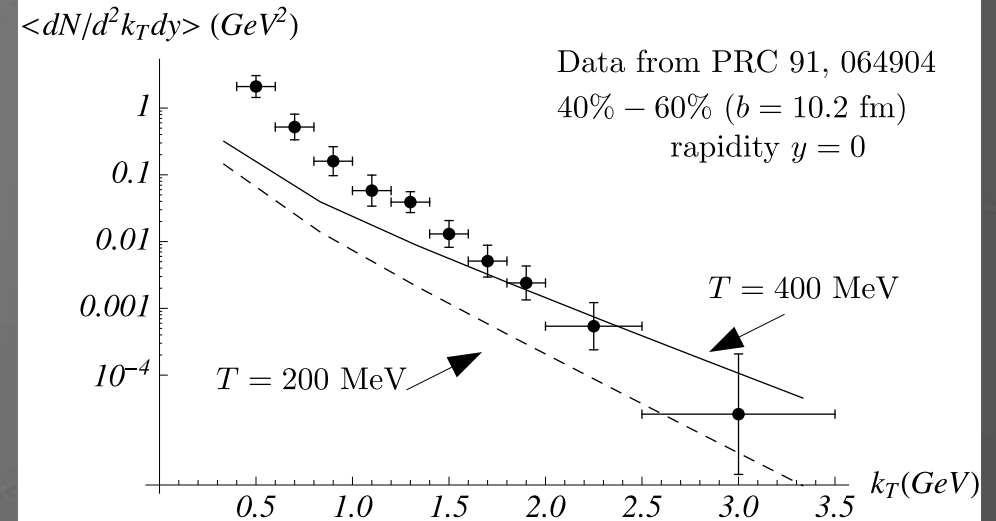
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### Direct Photons @ PHENIX



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[K. Tuchin, PRC 87 (2013), PRC 92 (2015)]

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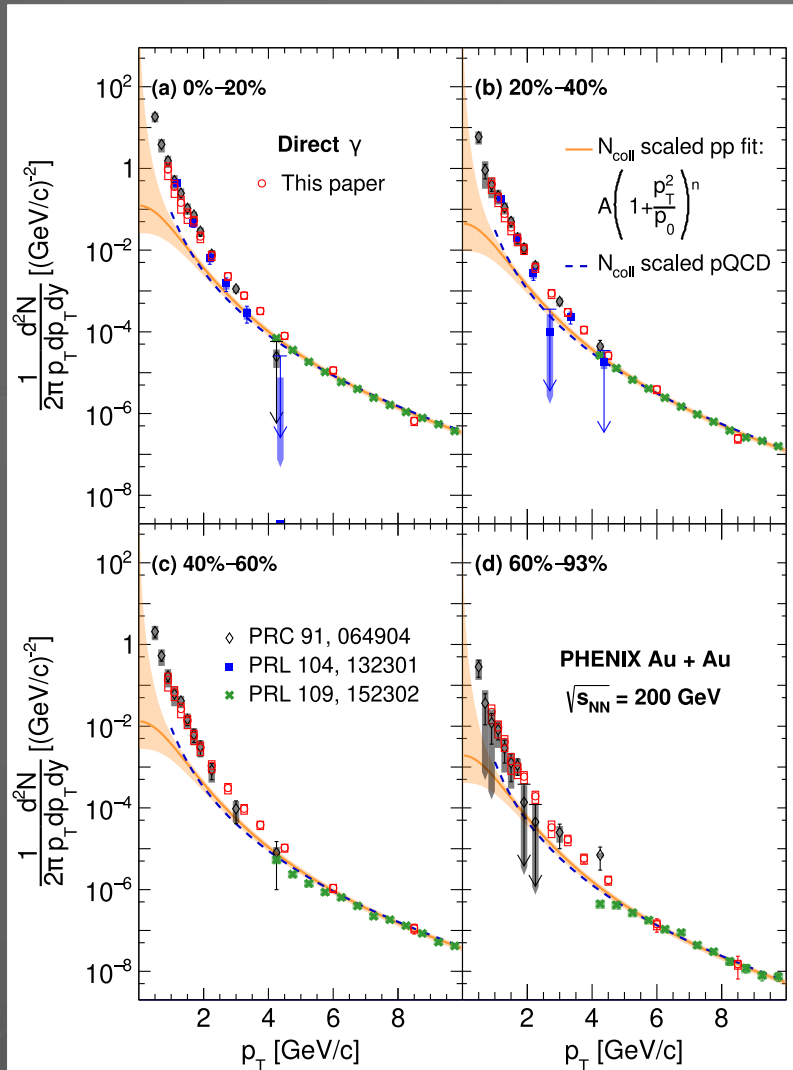
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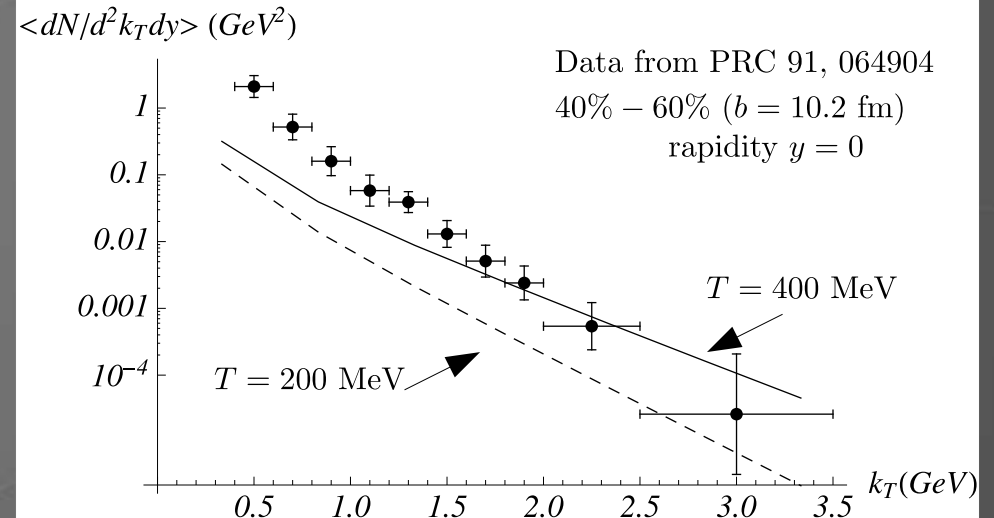
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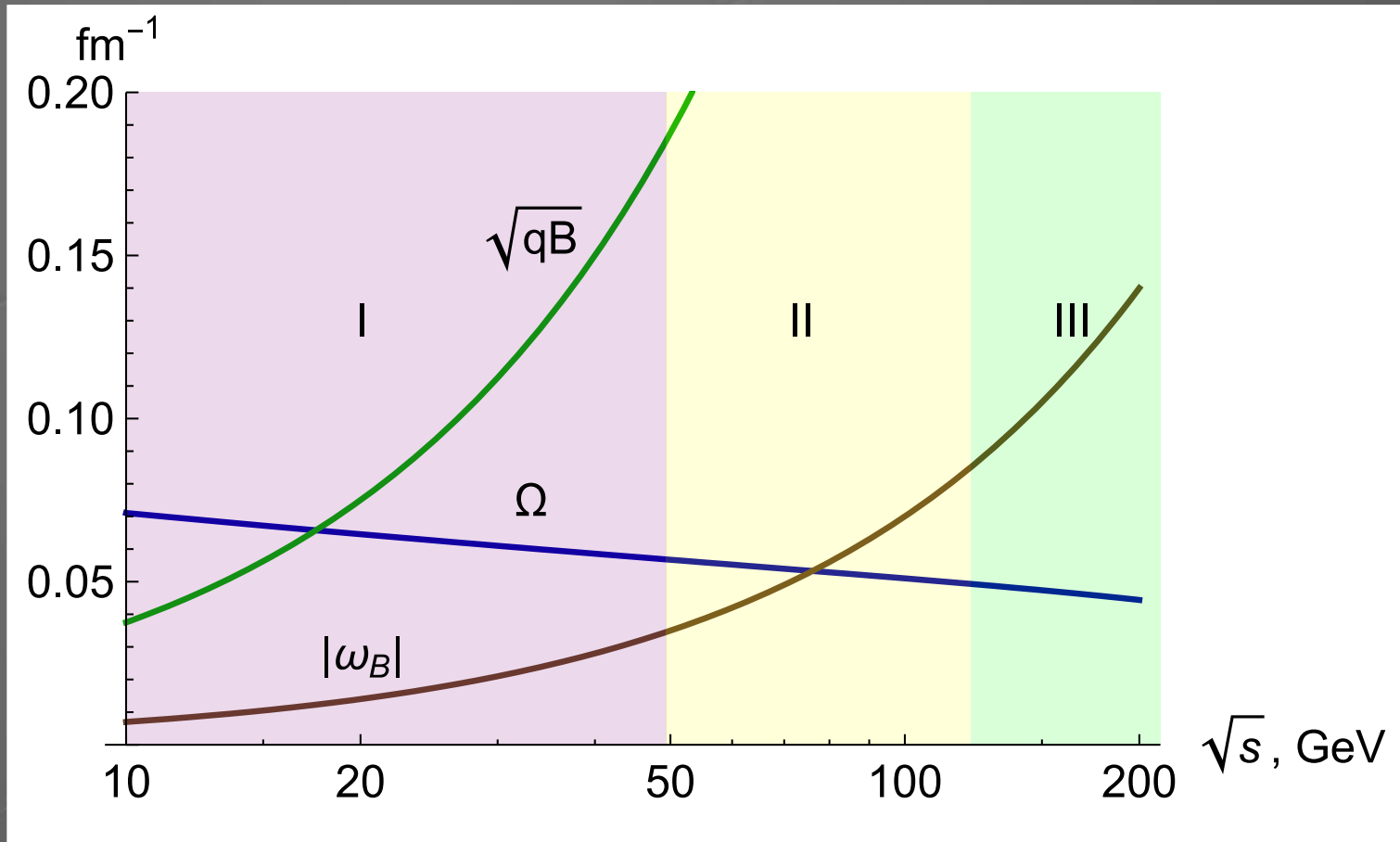
Synchrotron radiation is not sufficient.

Rotating particles also radiate!  
How much can rotation help?

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# Synchrotron Radiation (SR) in a rotating medium



Synchrotron frequency:  $\omega_B = \frac{|qB|}{E}$   
Angular velocity (vorticity):  $\Omega$



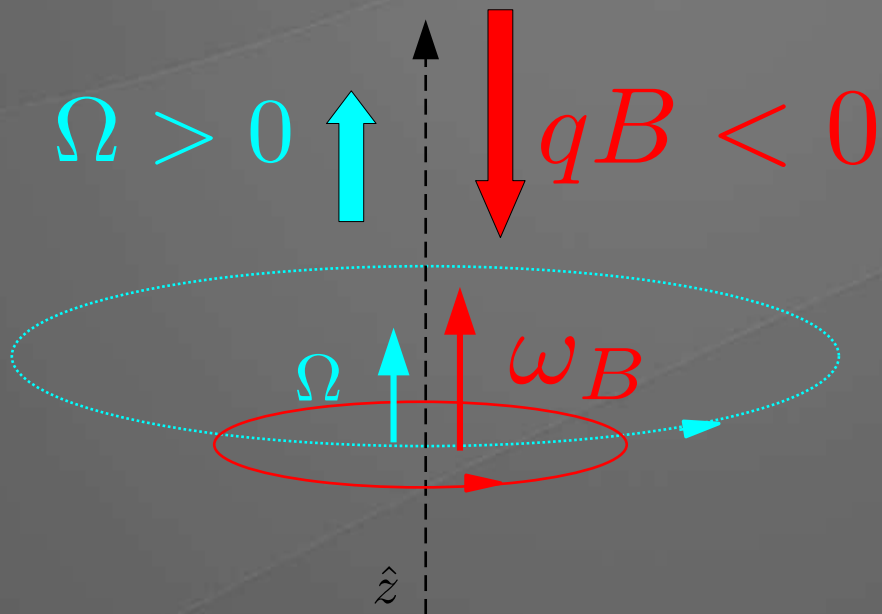
# Developing intuition (non-relativistic)

Lorentz Force:  $F_L = q(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$

Centrifugal Force:  $F_\Omega = -\mathbf{p} \times \boldsymbol{\Omega}$

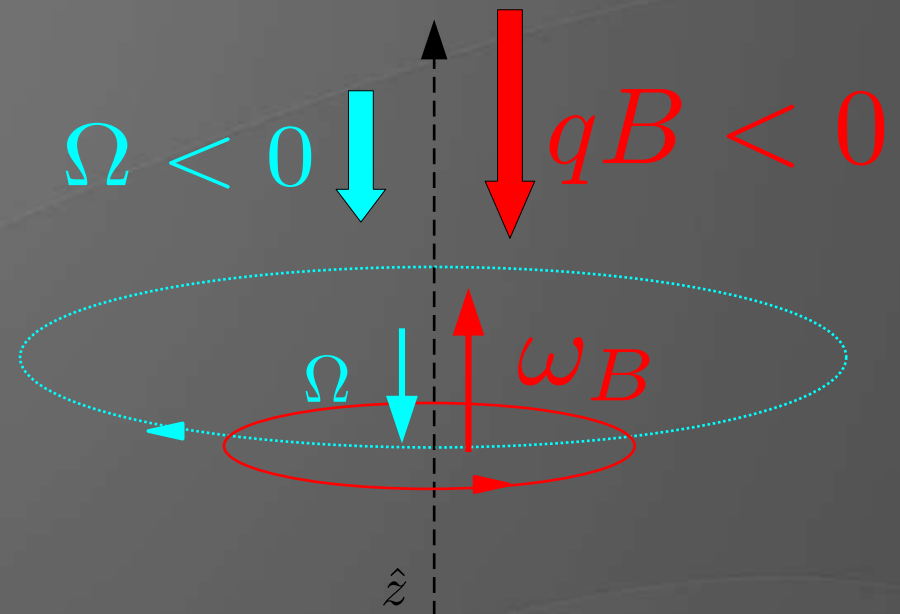
$q < 0, \quad B > 0$

Relative angular velocity as seen by an external stationary observer:



Increase in angular velocity

→ Larger radiation Intensity



Decrease in angular velocity

→ Smaller radiation Intensity

# Synchrotron Radiation (SR) in a rotating medium

## OUR SET-UP:

The medium provides a global rotation  $\Omega$ .  
No other effect of the medium is considered yet.  
Constant homogeneous magnetic field and rotation.  
Cylindrical symmetry.

- Our system is kept together like a rotating fluid in a cup.

An element of fluid rotates on a trajectory confined by the cup walls.



- Consider a (non-relativistic) particle in a rotating frame:

$$m \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = 2m\mathbf{\Omega} \times \mathbf{v} + q\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} - \left[ \left( \frac{1}{2}q\mathbf{B} - m\mathbf{\Omega} \right) \times \mathbf{r} \right] \times \mathbf{\Omega}$$

The centrifugal force pushes this particle to infinity  $r \rightarrow \infty$ . This is **not** the system we study!

# “Slow” rotation

- Effects of rotation can be conveniently studied in the rotating frame:

$$ds^2 = (1 - r^2\Omega^2)dt^2 - 2r^2\Omega dt d\phi - dr^2 - r^2 d\phi^2 - dz^2$$

The **spacetime is restricted** to the light cylinder  $r\Omega < 1$ . *(Think of it as a mug wall)*

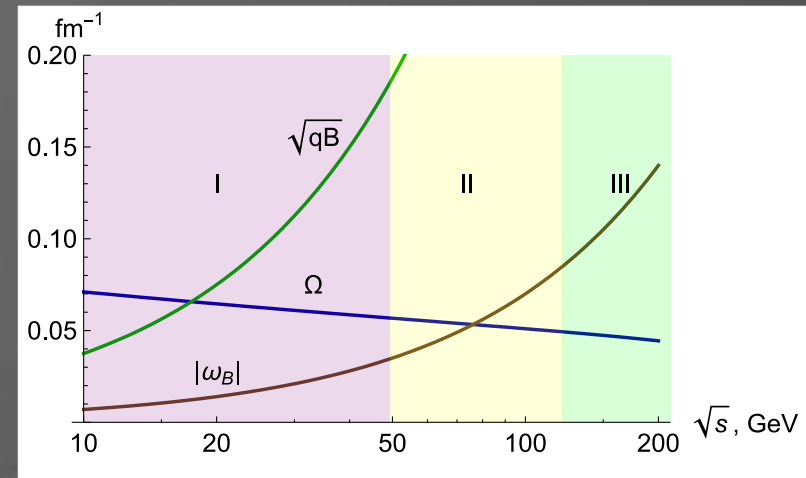
[Ambrus, Chernodub, Fukushima, Mameda]

- If rotation is slow enough, one can ignore the space boundary.

Example: in magnetic field, the extent of the wave functions of a particle in the radial direction is given by the magnetic length

$$l_B = 1/\sqrt{|qB|}$$

“Slow” rotation:  $\Omega \ll \sqrt{|qB|}$



Note: “slow” rotation may in fact be extremely fast! It is only slow as compared to the magnetic field scale.

# Relativistic and quantum model

details in [MB, J. Kroth, K. Tuchin, N. Vijayakumar 2306.03863]

- Consider the Dirac equation with respect to the frame rotating with  $-\Omega$

$$(i\gamma \cdot D - M)\psi = 0, \quad D_\mu = \partial_\mu + \Gamma_\mu + qA_\mu \quad [\text{Ambrus, Chernodub, Fukushima, Mameda}]$$

Symmetric gauge:  $A^\mu = (0, -By/2, Bx/2, 0)$

Christoffel symbols:

$$\Gamma_0 = -\Omega[\gamma^x, \gamma^y]/4$$

$$i\partial_t\psi = \hat{H}\psi = \left( \hat{H}_0 + \Omega \hat{J}_z \right) \psi$$

Hamiltonian in stationary frame

Landau levels

Total angular momentum

Energy shift:  $+m\Omega$

Photon emission amplitude:

$$\mathcal{S} = (2\pi)\delta(E' + \omega - E) \frac{(-iq)}{\sqrt{2\omega V}} \int \underbrace{\bar{\psi}_{n', a', p'_z, \zeta'}(\mathbf{x})}_{\text{Final}} \underbrace{\Phi_{h, l, k_\perp, k_z}^*(\mathbf{x})}_{\text{Photon wave function}} \cdot \underbrace{\gamma \psi_{n, a, p_z, \zeta}(\mathbf{x})}_{\text{Initial}} d^3x$$

Radiation intensity:

$$W = \sum_{n', a', \zeta'} \sum_{l, h} \int \frac{dp'_z}{2\pi} \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \omega |\mathcal{S}|^2$$

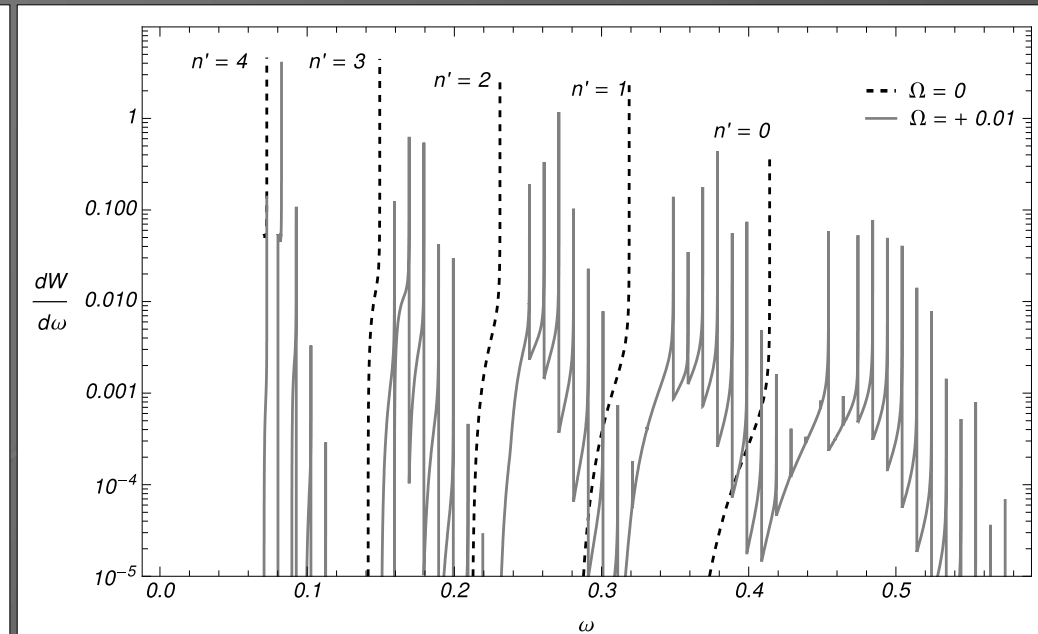
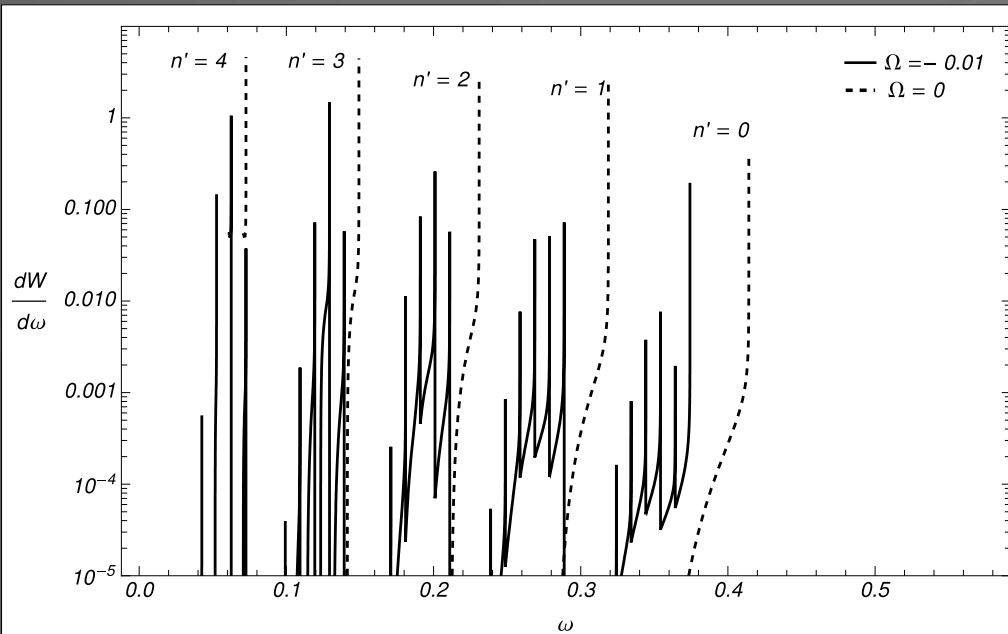
Photon frequency

# Spectrum

$$\hbar = c = M = 1 \quad qB = -0.1 \quad n = 5, m = 7/2 \quad p_z = 0, E \simeq 1.4$$

$$\Omega < 0$$

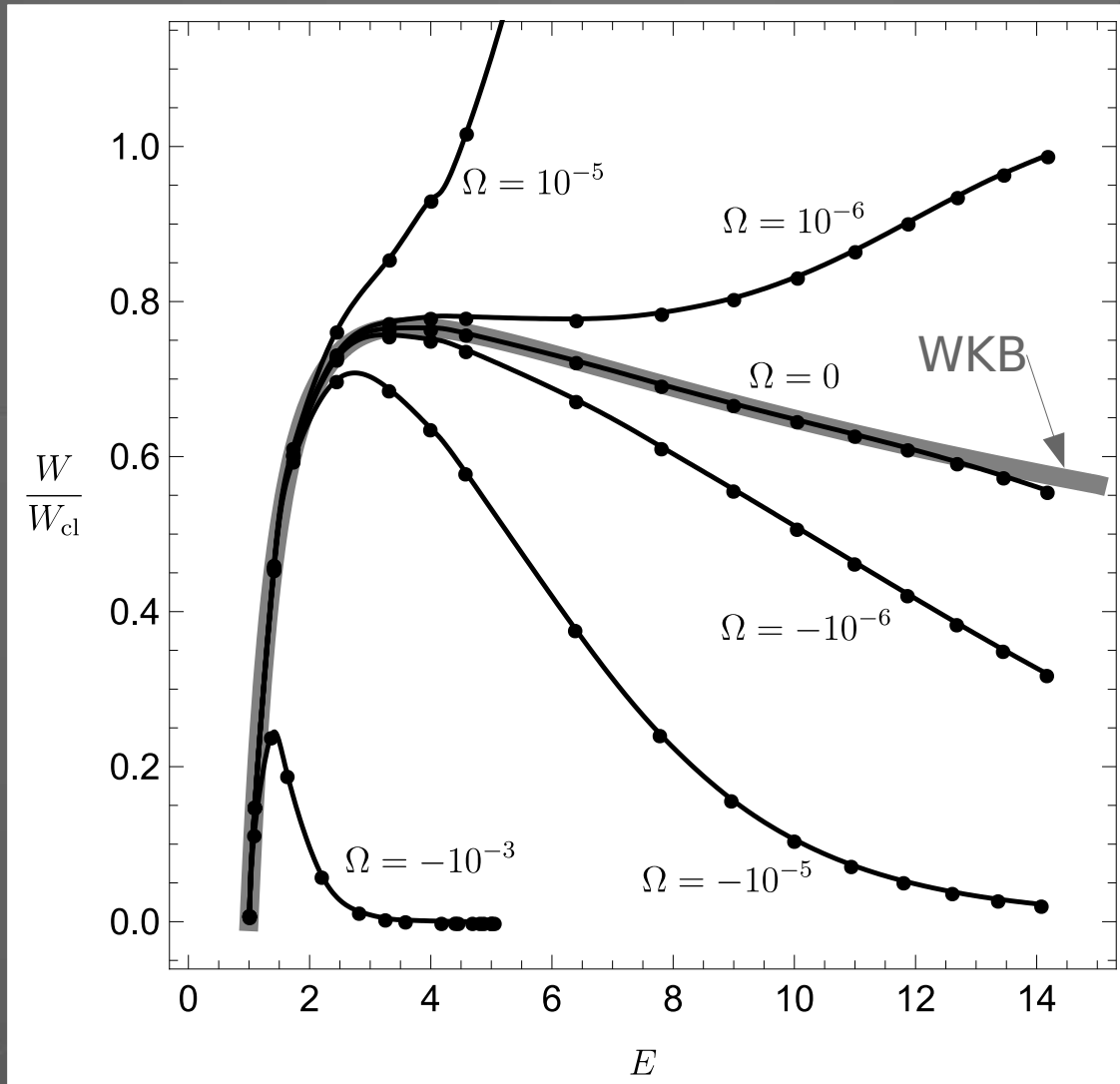
$$\Omega > 0$$



- Rotation breaks the degeneracy in total angular momentum number  $m$
- Emission frequencies are shifted down by  $\sim m\Omega$  and peak intensities reduced
- Only certain  $m$  give significant contribution

# Total Intensity

$$\hbar = c = M = 1 \quad qB = -0.01$$



- Intensity increases or decreases depending on the sign of  $\Omega$ .
- Deviation from  $\Omega=0$  is large at high  $E$ .

$\omega_B = \frac{|qB|}{E}$  decrease with  $E$   
while  $\Omega = \text{constant}$ .

$$W_{cl} = \frac{2\alpha}{3}(qB)^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{E^2}\right) E^2$$

# Qualitatively in the QGP

When  $\Omega$  and  $B$  are aligned, the radiation from positive charges is suppressed

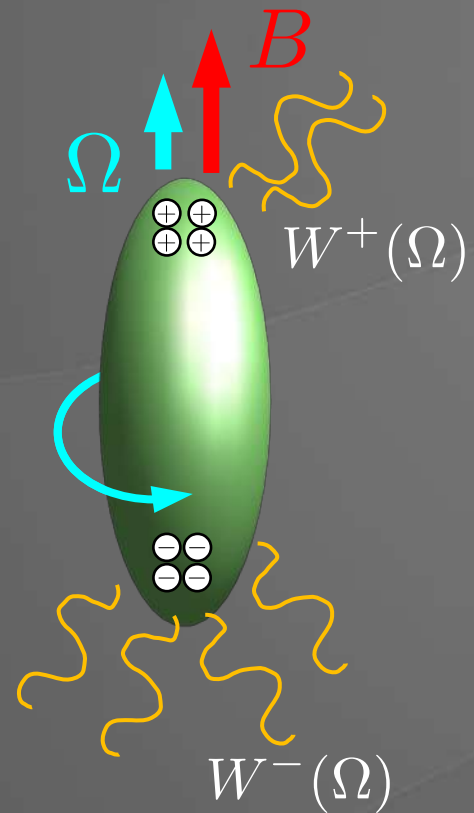
$$W^+(\Omega) = r W^+(\Omega = 0) \quad r \ll 1$$

Suppose strong suppression  
Approximately, radiation from negative charges is enhanced by the same factor:

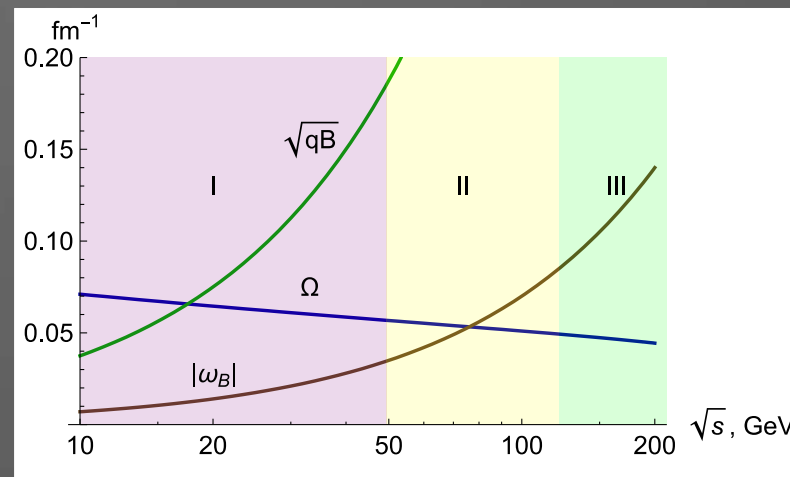
$$W^-(\Omega) \simeq W^+(\Omega = 0)/r$$

Then, the total radiation overall is strongly enhanced:

$$\frac{W_{Tot}(\Omega)}{W_{Tot}(\Omega = 0)} = \frac{W^+(\Omega) + W^-(\Omega)}{W^+(\Omega = 0) + W^-(\Omega = 0)} \simeq \frac{1}{2r} \gg 1$$



$$W^-(\Omega) \gg W^+(\Omega)$$



# Fast rotation and boundary conditions

High vorticity or high energy:  $\Omega \gtrsim \omega_B$

Size of the system:  $R$       Causal problems if:  $R > \frac{c}{\Omega}$  ———→ Energy spectrum **not** bounded from below  
→ Divergences

See for instance  
[V.E. Ambrus and E. Winstanley, PRD 93 (2016) ]

**Boundary conditions** must be taken into account.



Suppression of the CME in finite systems [MB and K. Tuchin, 2305.13149 ]



# Fast rotation and boundary conditions

Proof of principle: Toy model, rotating cylindrical Coulomb potential  $U = -\frac{\alpha}{r}$

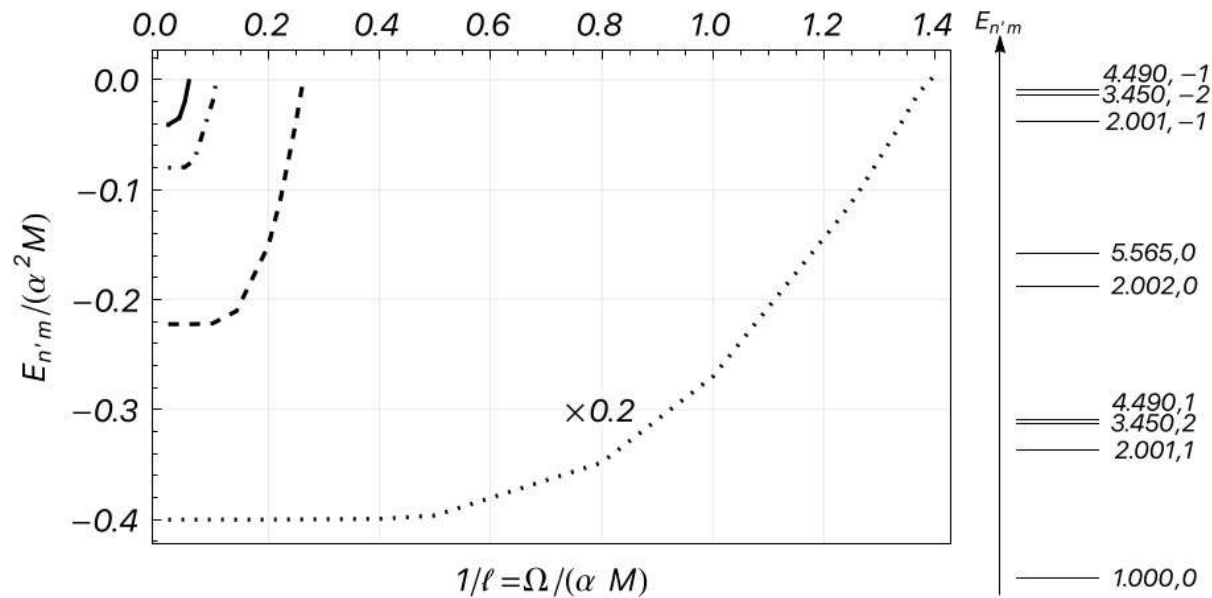


Fig. 3. Left panel: Energy levels  $m = 0, n' = 1, 2, 3, 4$  (dotted, dashed, dashed-dotted and solid lines respectively) in the two-dimensional potential  $U = -\alpha/r$  at different values of  $1/\ell$ . Right panel: energy levels with given  $n'$  (first number) and  $m$  (second number) at  $\ell = 10$  and  $\alpha\ell = 1$ .

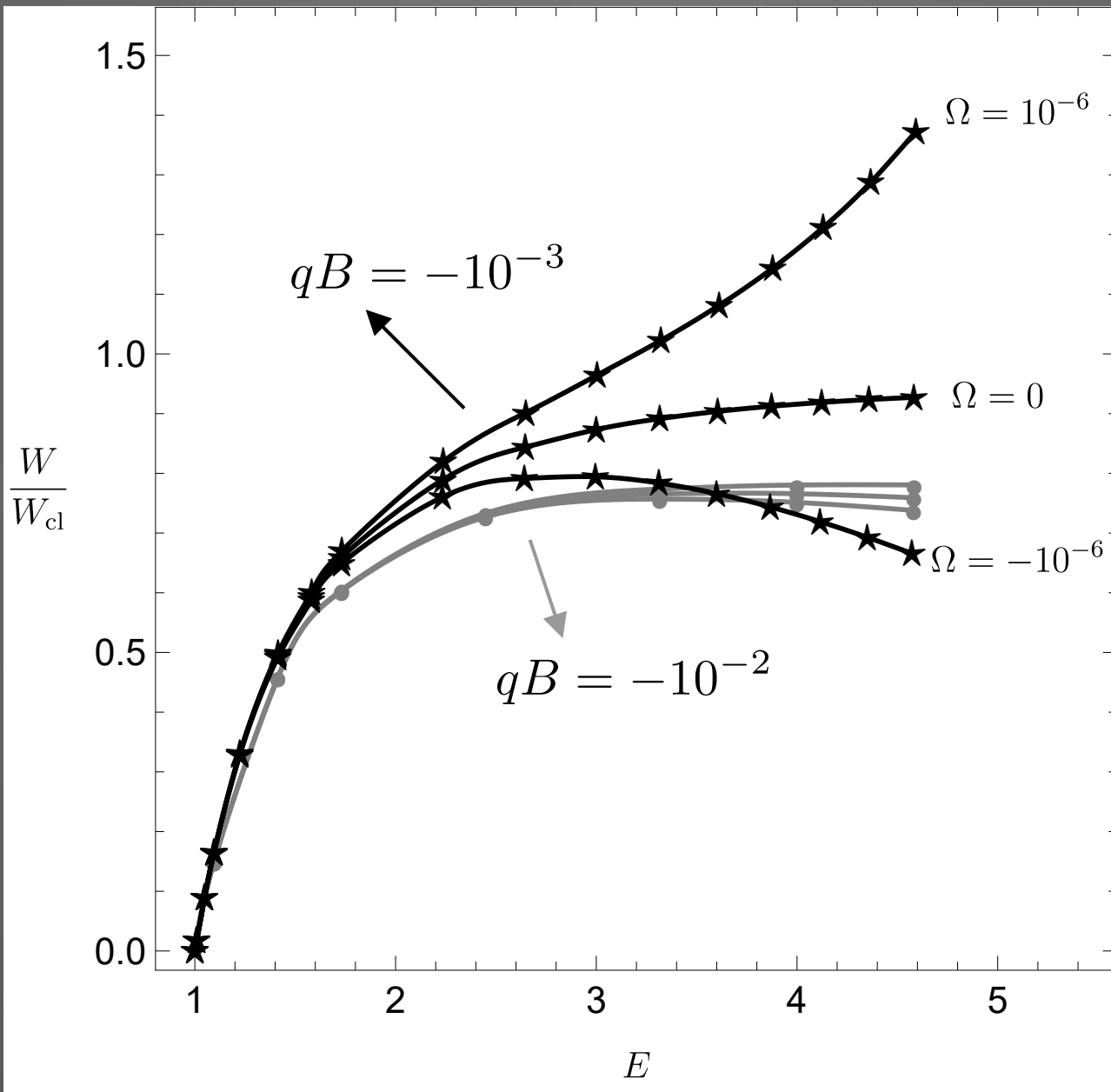
The binding energy decrease and cross into the continuum: dissociation of the bound state.  
(A realistic model needs 3D potential)

# Summary and outlook

- A charge embedded into uniformly rotating medium in magnetic field radiates synchrotron radiation that depends on  $B$  and  $\Omega$ .
- Radiation intensity increases for  $\Omega > 0$  and decreases for  $\Omega < 0$  (assuming  $qB < 0$ )
- At any  $\Omega$  the effect emerges for large enough energy  
→ Thus even if  $\Omega \ll \sqrt{|qB|}$ , there is an effect at high  $E$ .
- Fast rotation and boundary conditions?
- Synchrotron photons in the QGP?
- **Not only Heavy-ion collisions**. Astrophysics (Rotating black holes, compact stars)

Thank you!

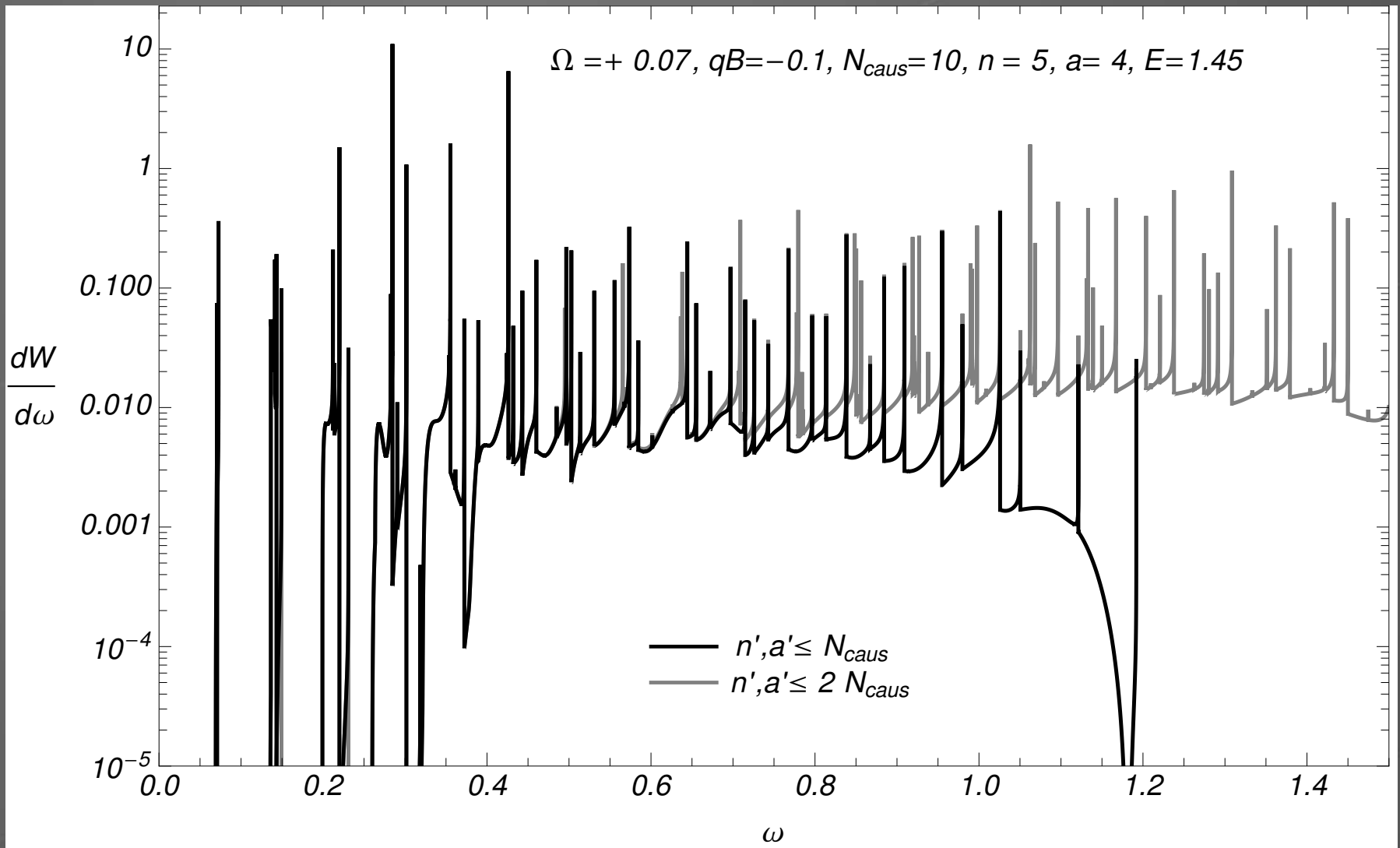
# Other values of $qB$



$$\hbar = c = M = 1$$

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# Effect of the boundary

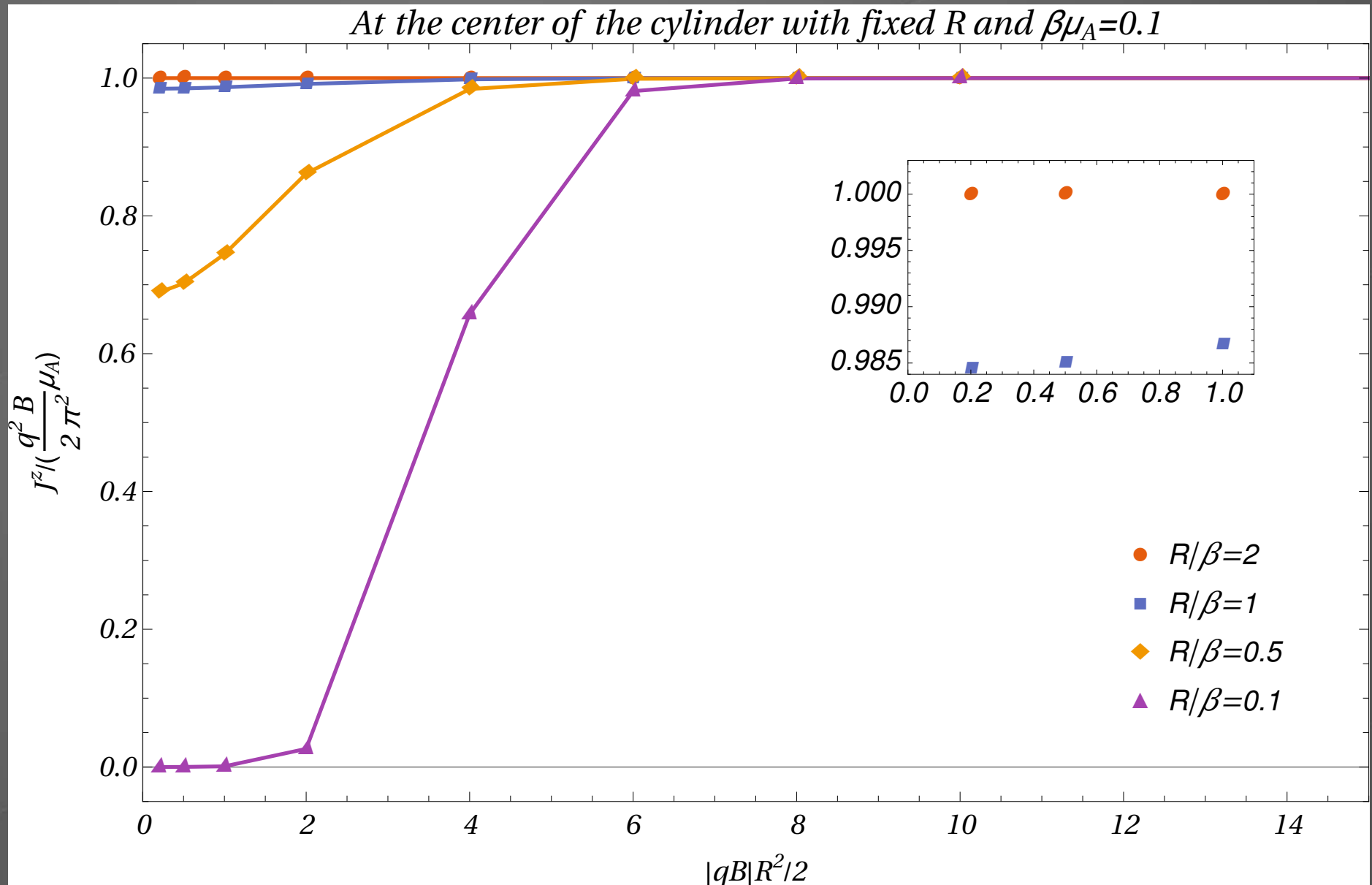


$$\hbar = c = M = 1$$

$$N_{\text{caus}} = \frac{|qB|}{2\Omega^2}$$

# CME with MIT BC

[MB and K. Tuchin, 2305.13149]



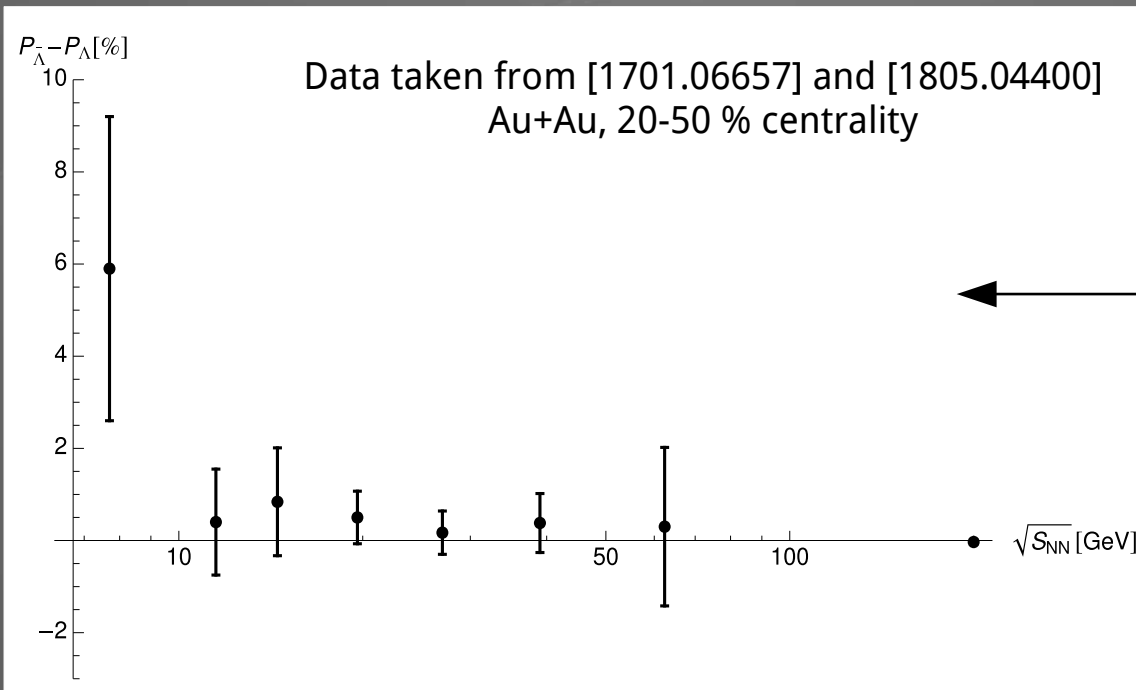
$R$ : radius of the cylinder;

$\beta=1/T$ : inverse temperature;

$\mu_A$ : axial imbalance

# Spin polarization induced by Magnetic field

$$S^\mu = \frac{1}{4m}(1 - n_F)\beta \left( qB^\mu - u^\mu \frac{qB \cdot p}{\varepsilon_p} \right)$$



← Magnetic contribution  
in spin polarization?

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Late time magnetic field is too small

[H. Li, X. Xia, X-G. Huang, H-Z. Huang, 2306.02829]