

Hyperon polarization along the beam direction in pPb collisions at 8.16 TeV

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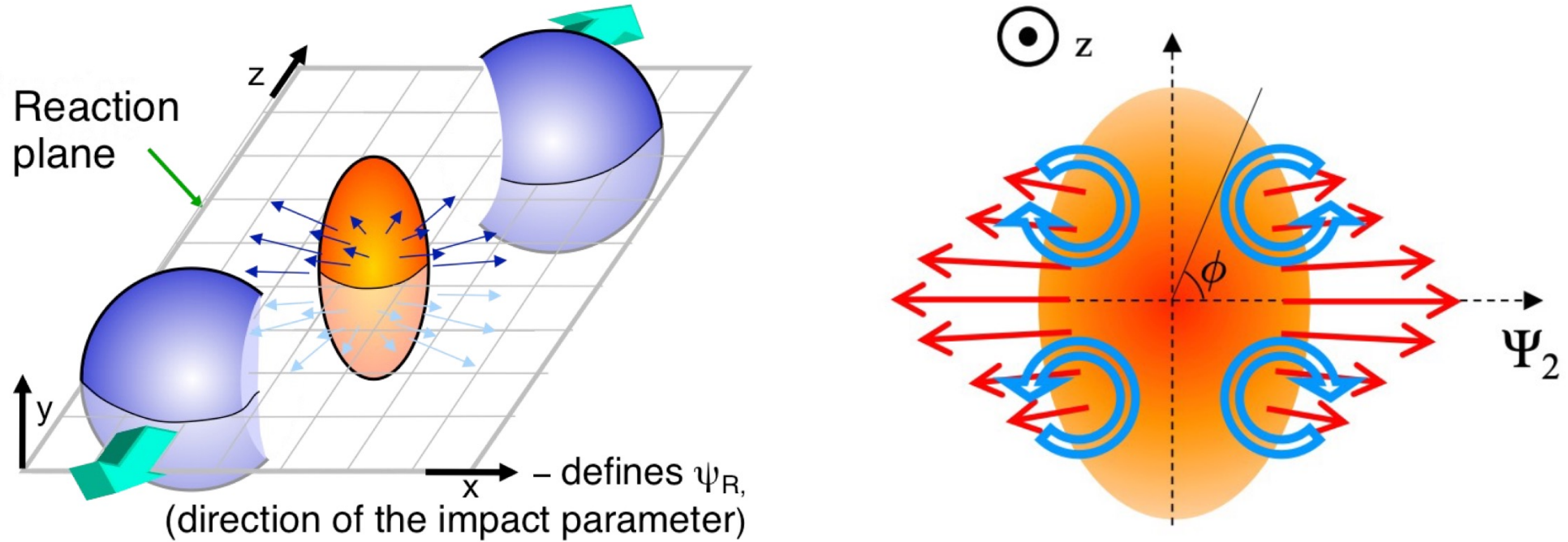
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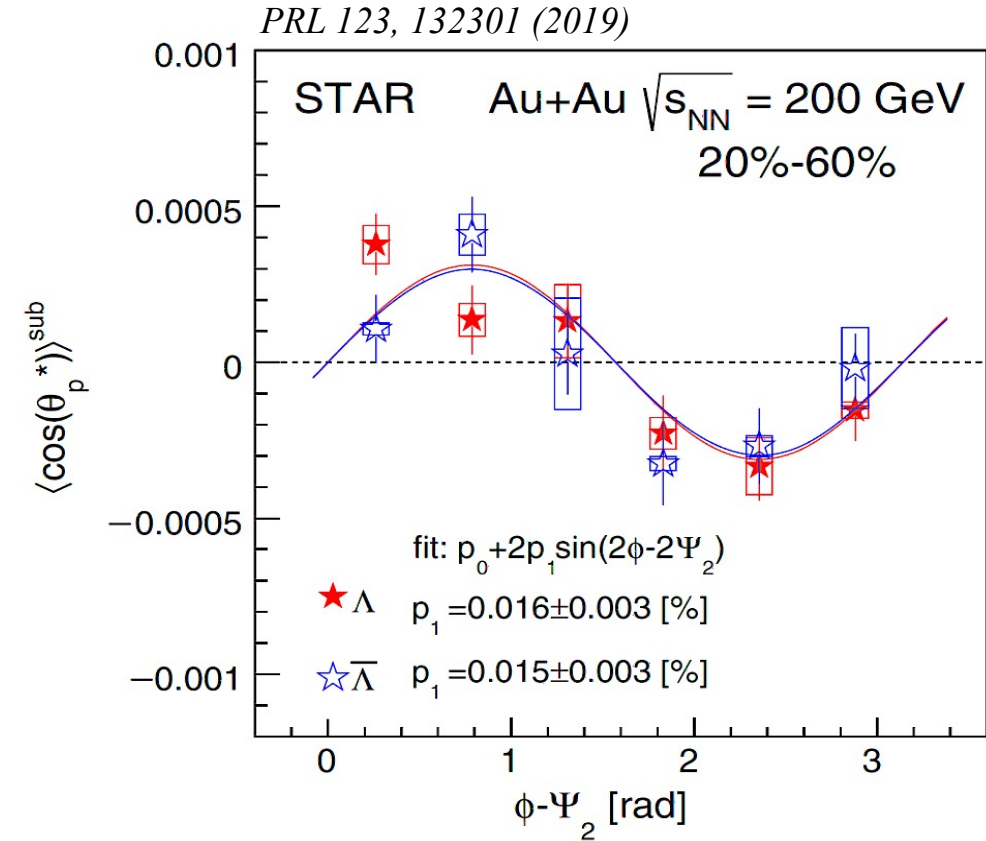
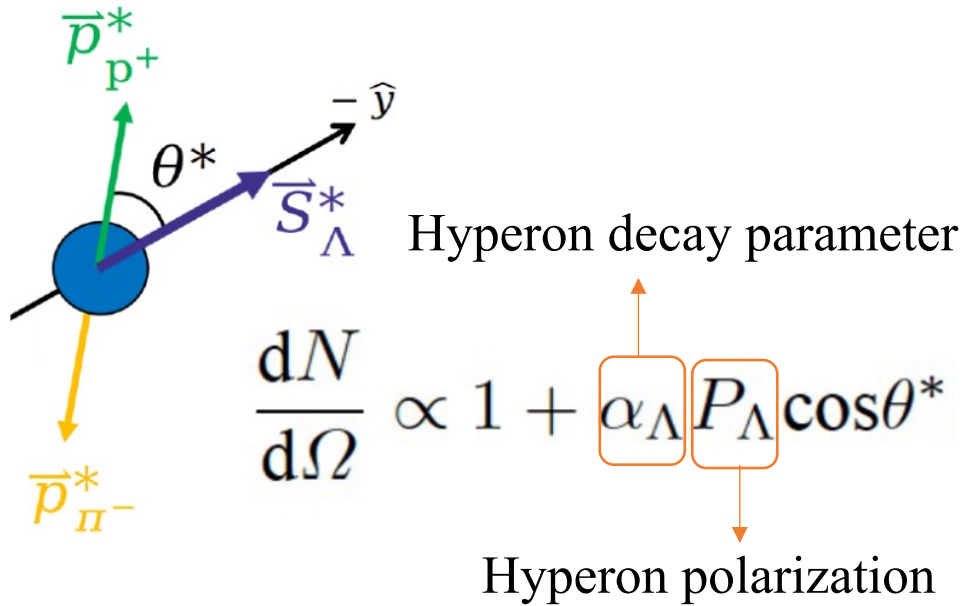
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Hyperon polarization along beam direction



The collective flow generates non-zero vorticity along the beam (z) direction
Non-zero vorticity results in particle polarization via spin-orbit coupling

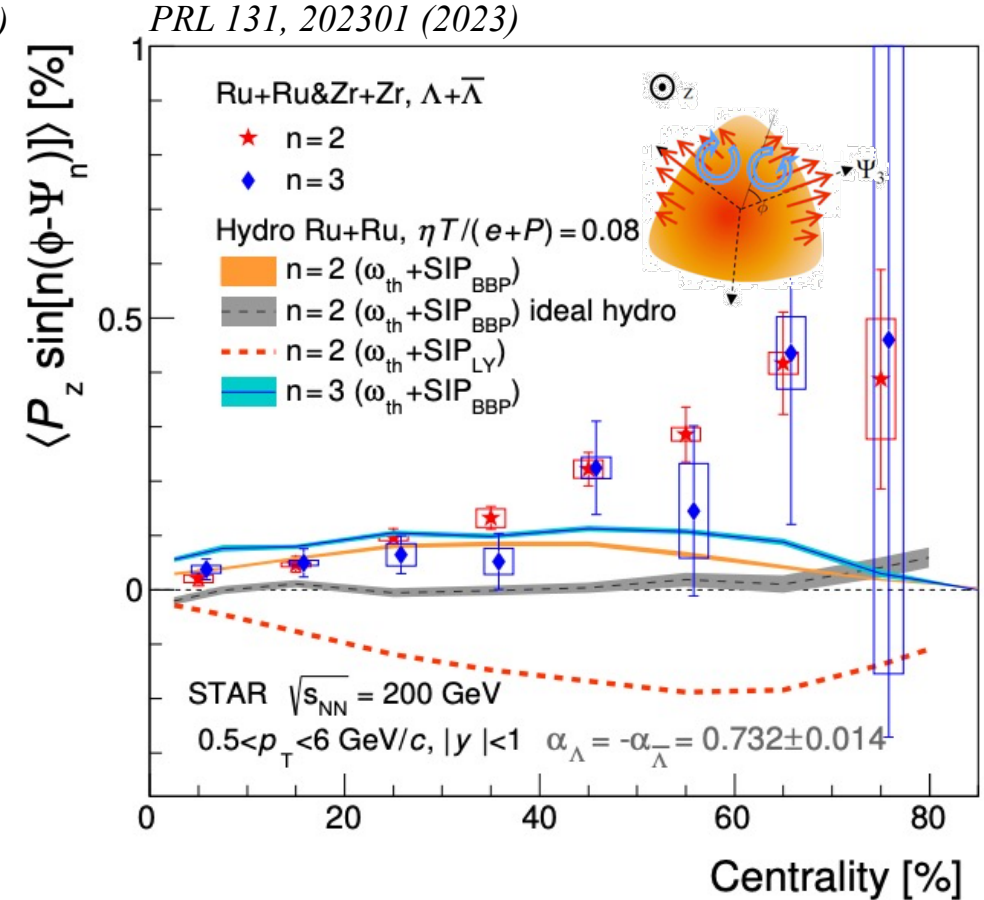
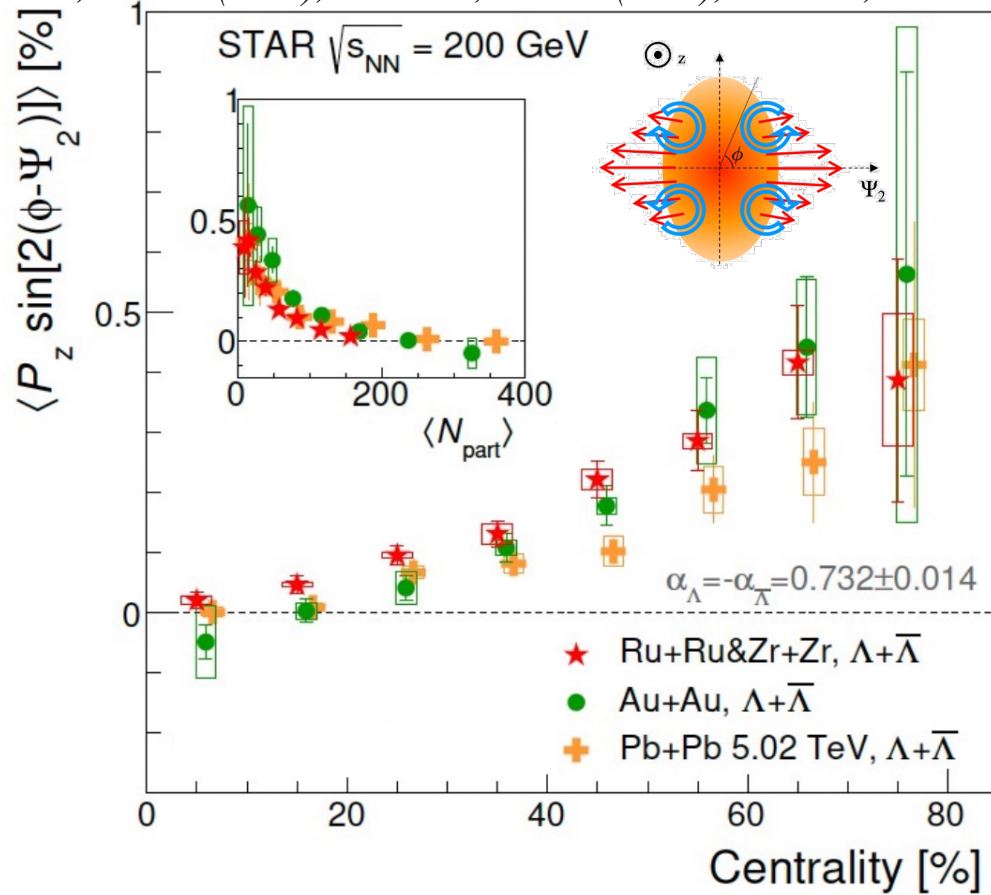
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Hyperon weak decay is a simple and direct probe of polarization
 Quadrupole structure of polarization observed

Hyperon polarization along beam direction in AA collisions

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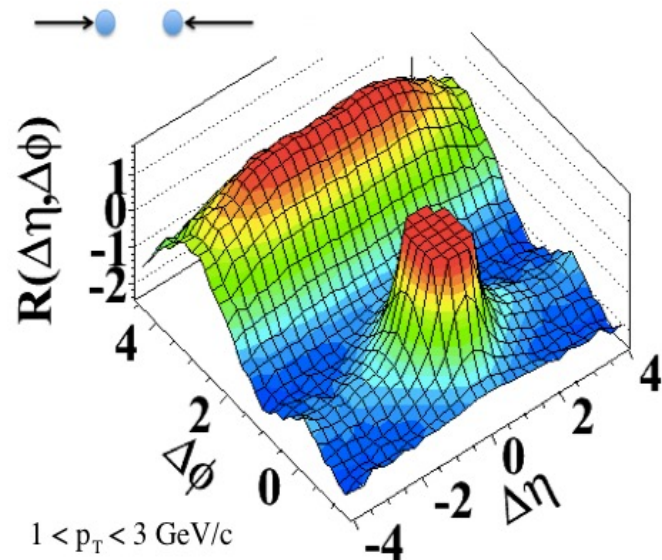
Significant P_z signal w.r.t 2nd-order and 3rd-order event plane observed in AA collisions

Indication of correlation between flow and polarization

Hyperon polarization along beam direction in small systems?

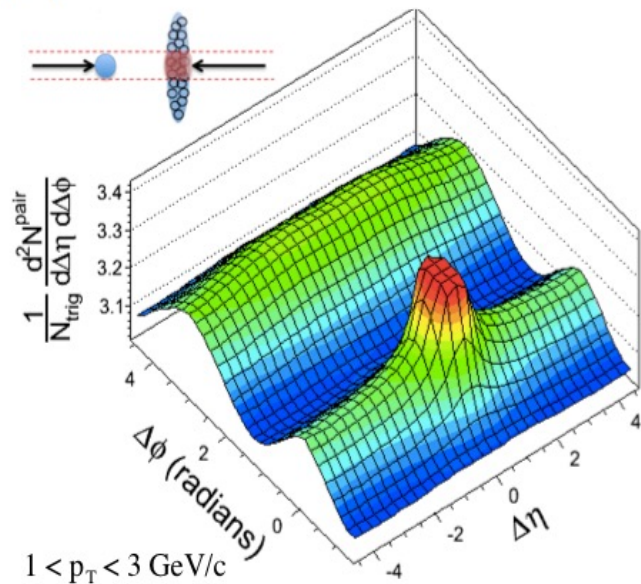
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(a) pp $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV, $N_{\text{trk}}^{\text{offline}} \geq 110$



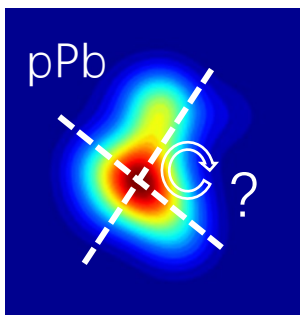
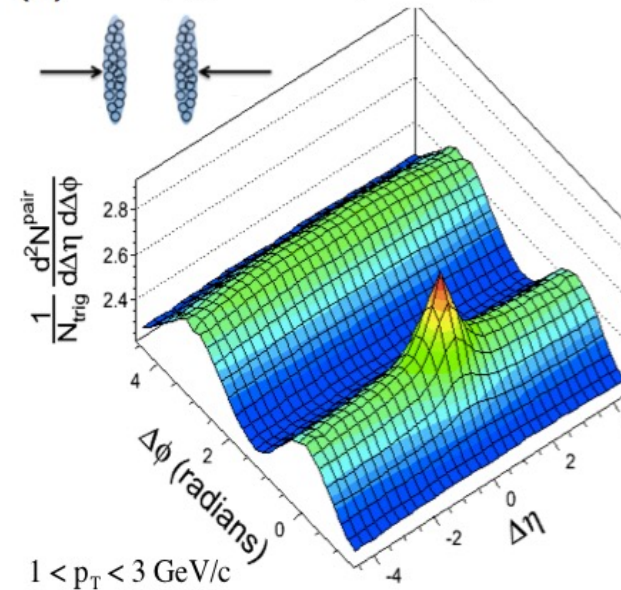
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(b) pPb $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.02$ TeV, $220 < N_{\text{trk}}^{\text{offline}} \leq 260$



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(c) PbPb $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 2.76$ TeV, $220 < N_{\text{trk}}^{\text{offline}} \leq 260$



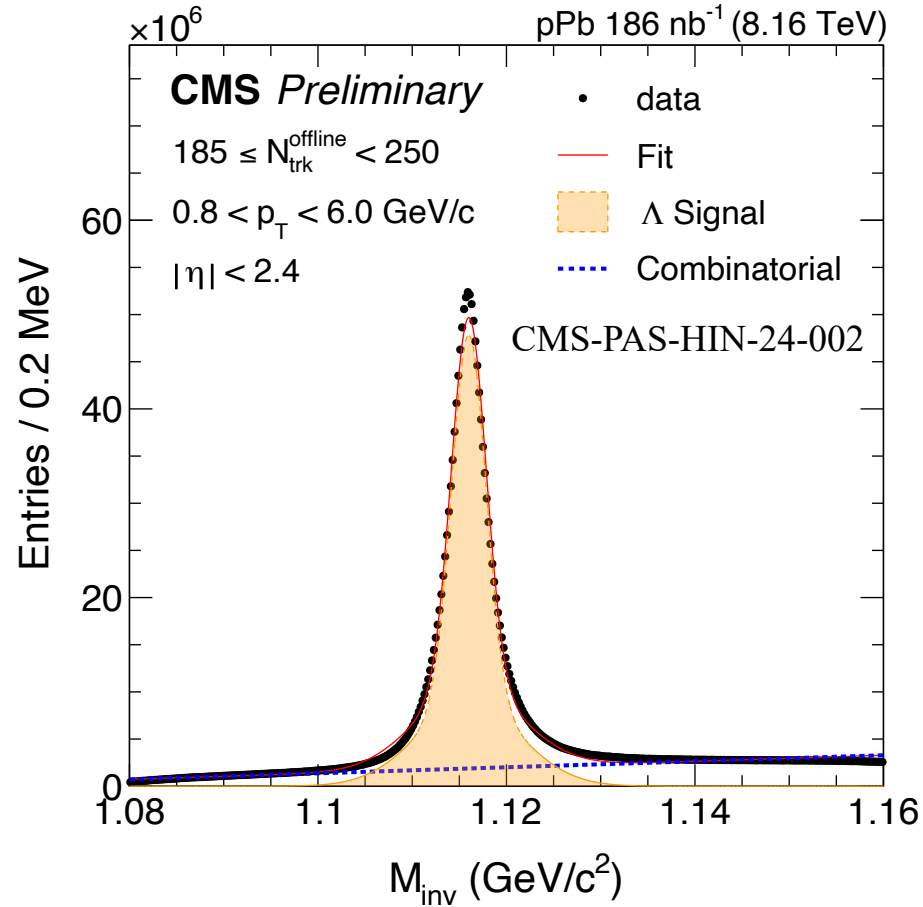
Similar collective feature in high-multiplicity pp and pPb collisions

Is a QGP droplet created in smaller collision systems?

Can Hyperon polarization along beam direction be observed?

Λ reconstruction in pPb collisions

8.16 TeV pPb data collected by CMS experiment with $L_{\text{int}} = 186 \text{ nb}^{-1}$



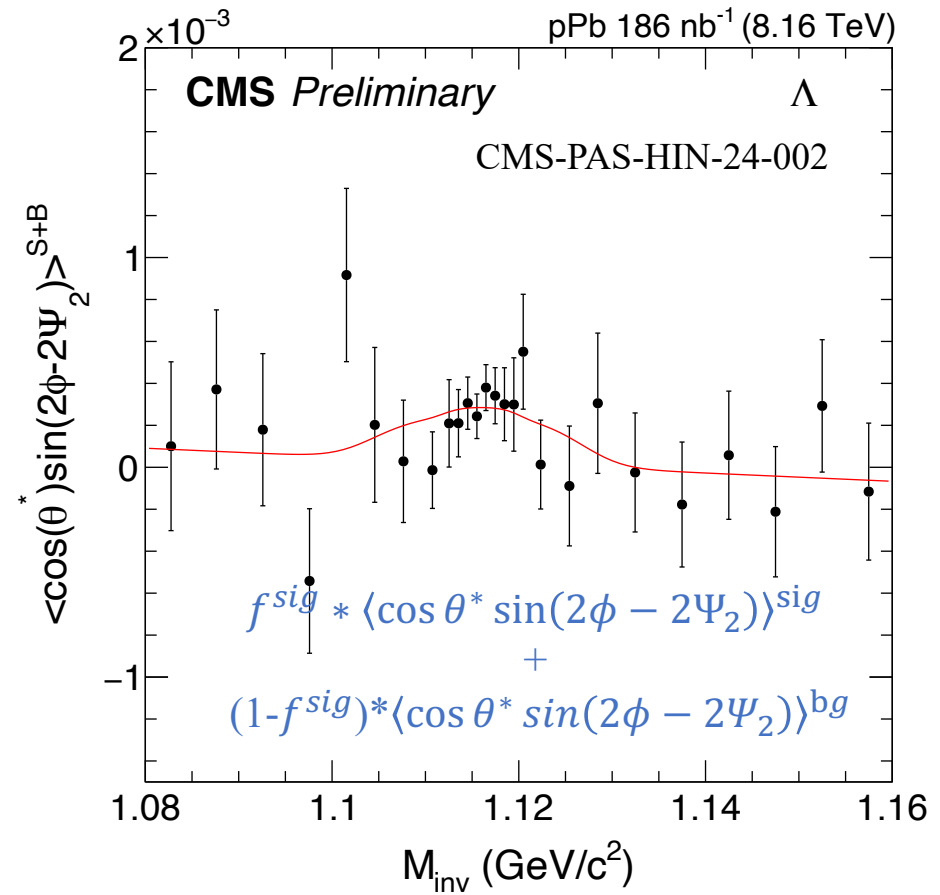
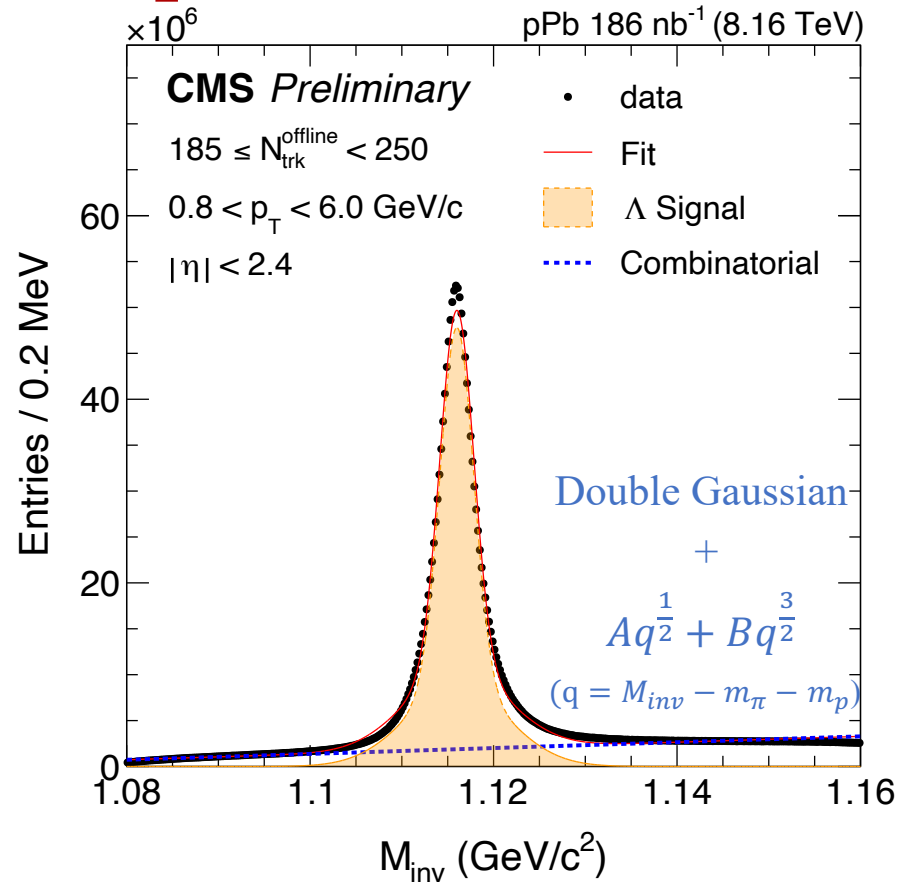
Clear signal for Λ

Multiplicity interval ($N_{\text{trk}}^{\text{offline}}$)	$\langle N_{\text{trk}}^{\text{offline}} \rangle$	$\langle N_{\text{trk}}^{\text{corrected}} \rangle$
[3, 60)	40.0	48.5 ± 1.9
[60, 120)	86.7	105.3 ± 4.2
[120, 150)	132.7	161.2 ± 6.4
[150, 185)	163.6	198.7 ± 7.9
[185, 250)	203.3	246.9 ± 9.9

$\langle N_{\text{trk}}^{\text{offline}} \rangle$: average track multiplicity ($p_T > 0.4 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.4$), requiring at least one reconstructed Λ ($\bar{\Lambda}$) candidate in event.

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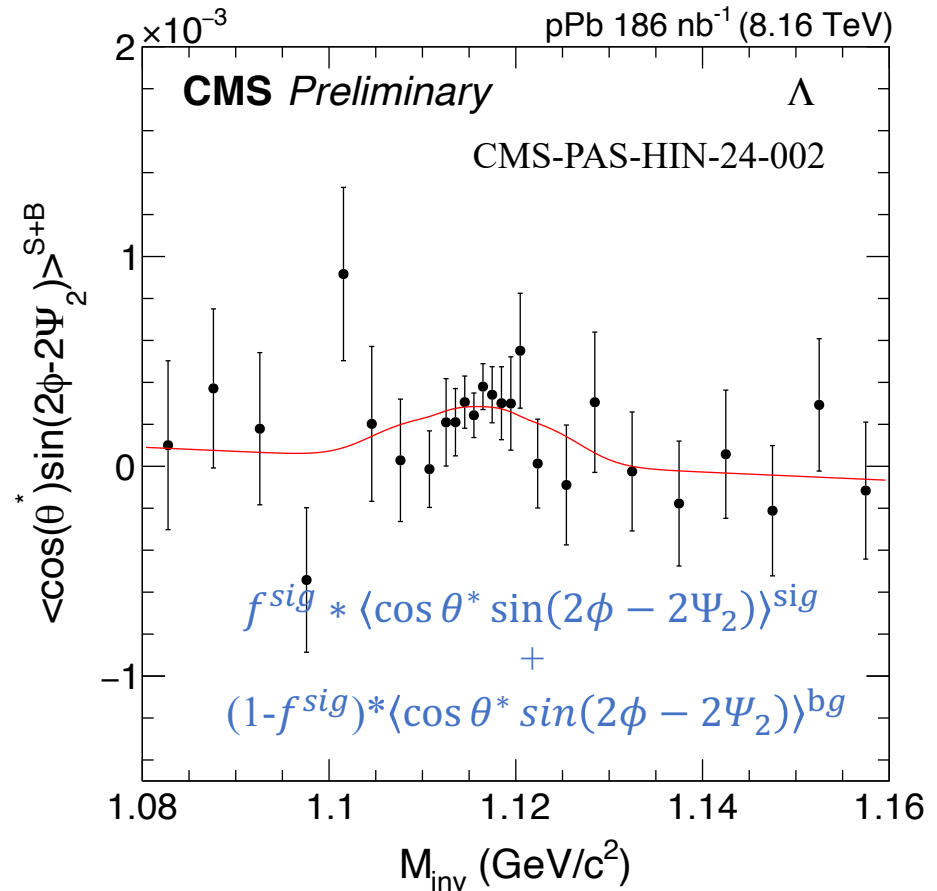
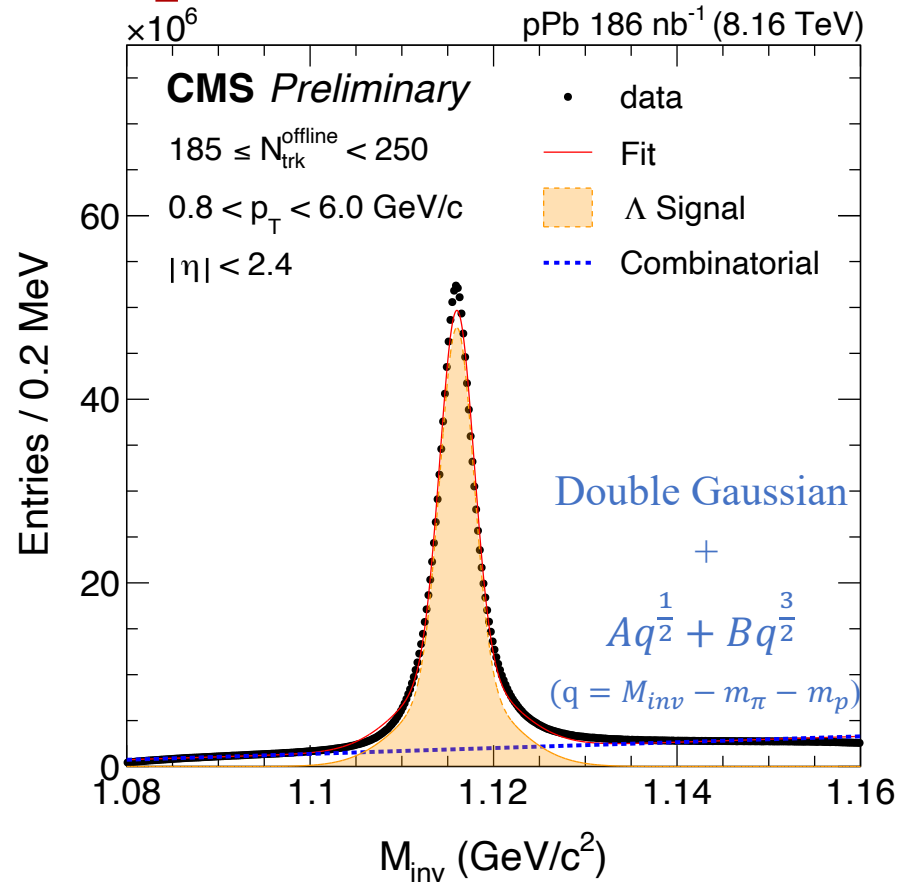
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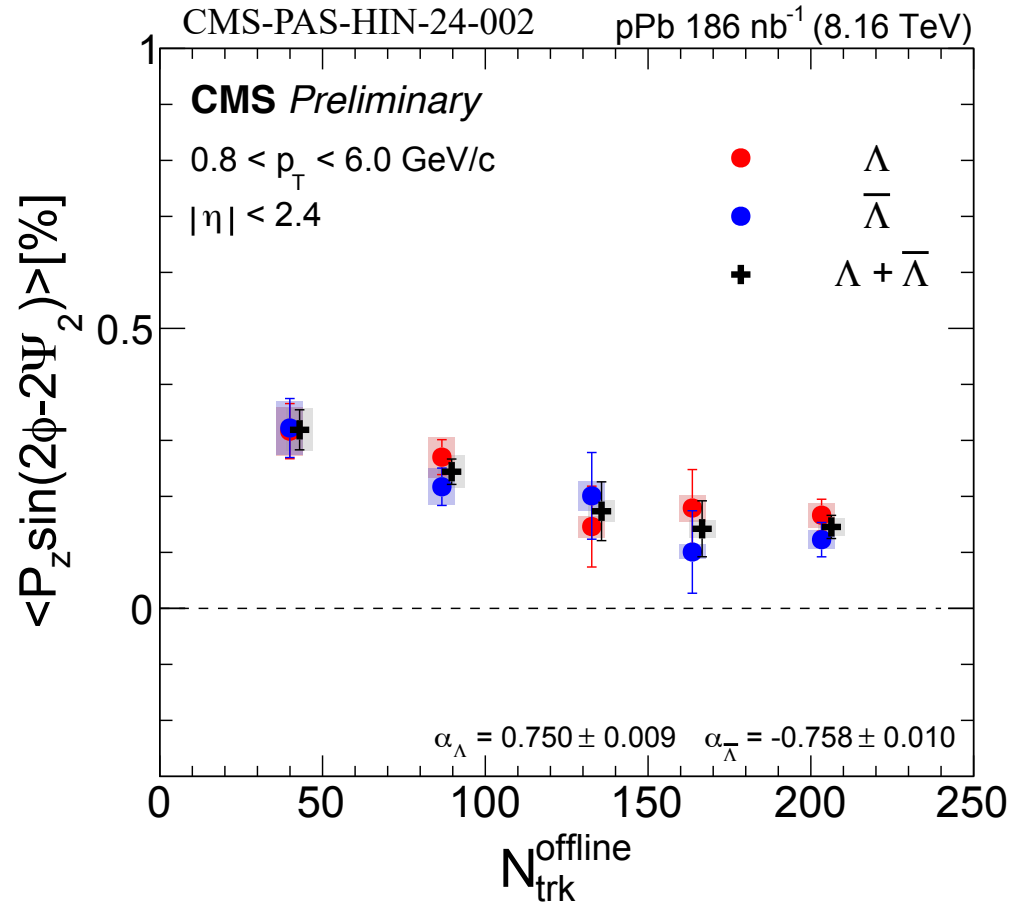
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$$P_{Z,s2} = \frac{\langle \cos \theta^* \sin(2\phi - 2\Psi_2) \rangle^{sig}}{\langle \cos^2 \theta^* \rangle \alpha_H \text{Res}(\Psi_2)}$$

$$(\alpha_H: \alpha_\Lambda = 0.750 \pm 0.009, \alpha_{\bar{\Lambda}} = -0.758 \pm 0.010 \text{ Nature Phys. 15 (2019) 631-634})$$

$P_{z,s2}$ in pPb collisions

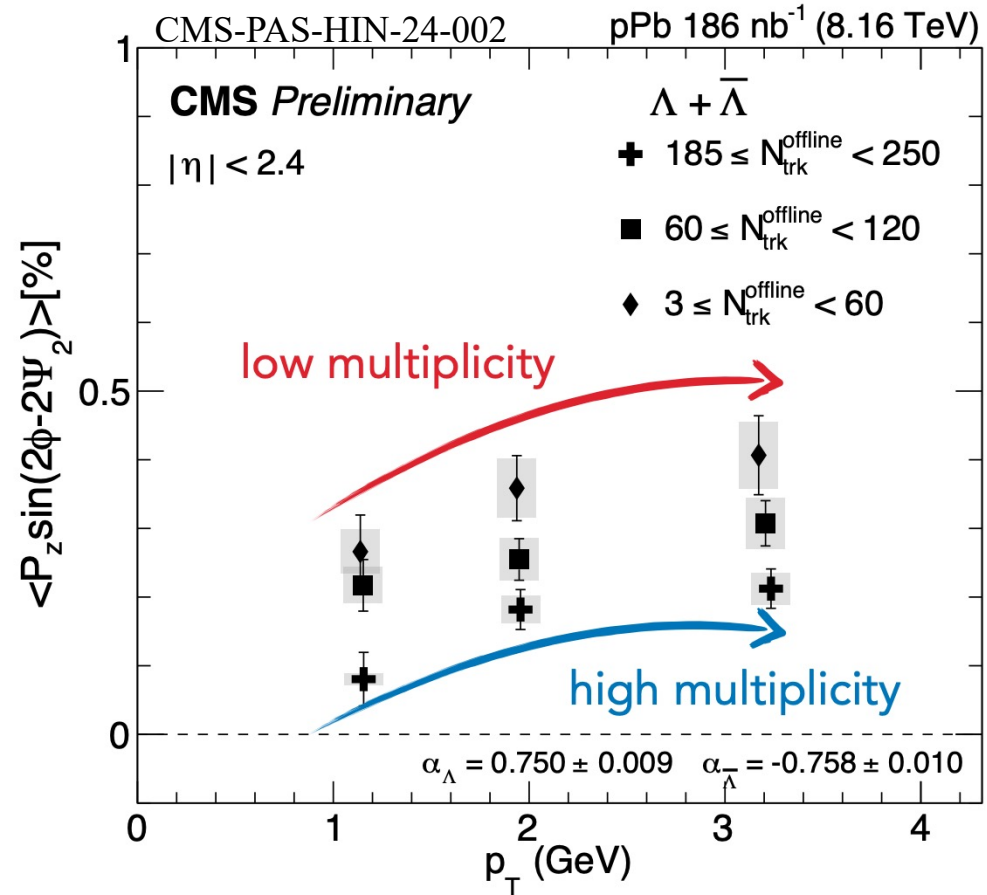
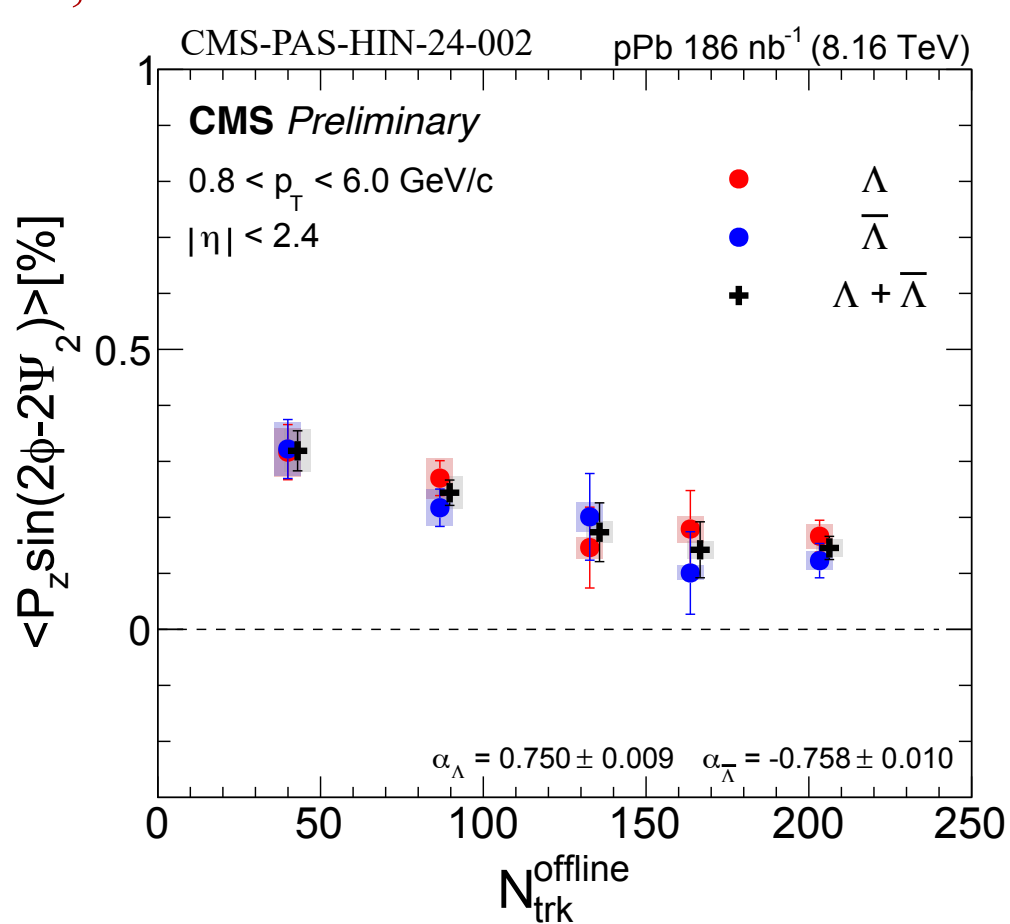


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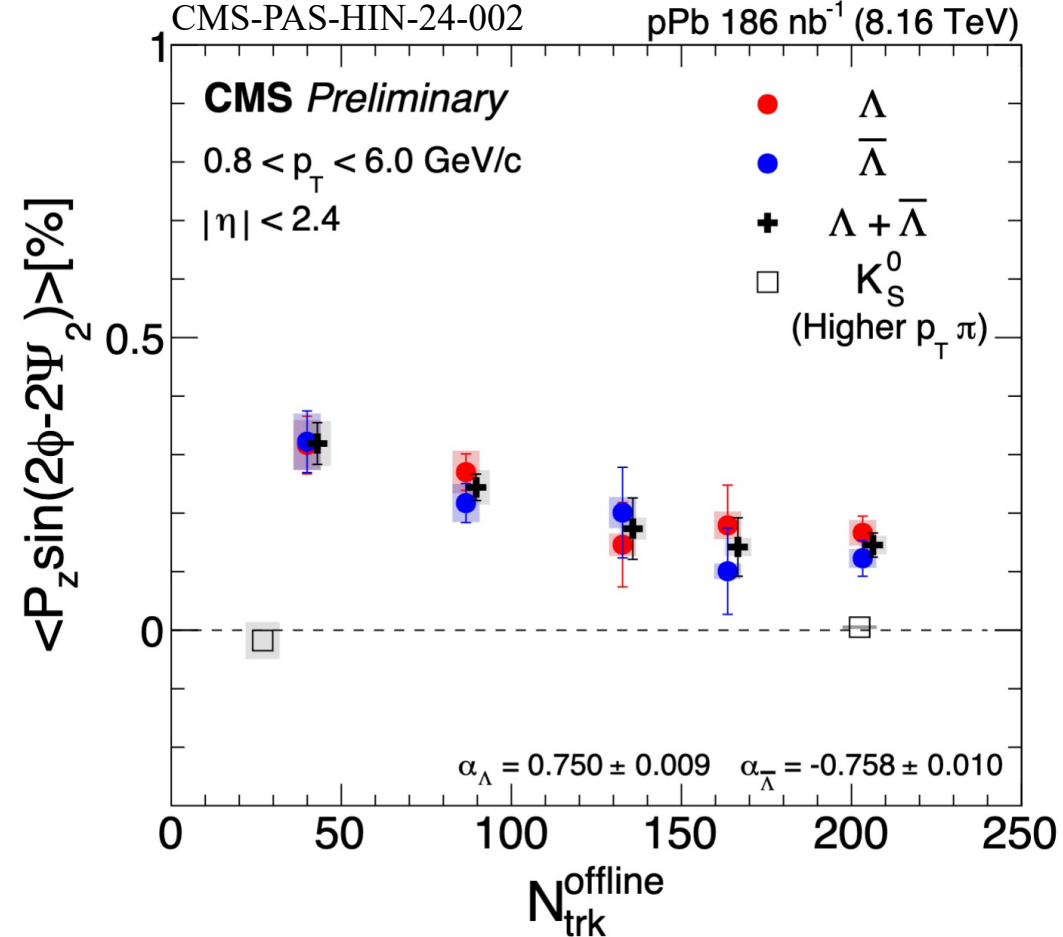


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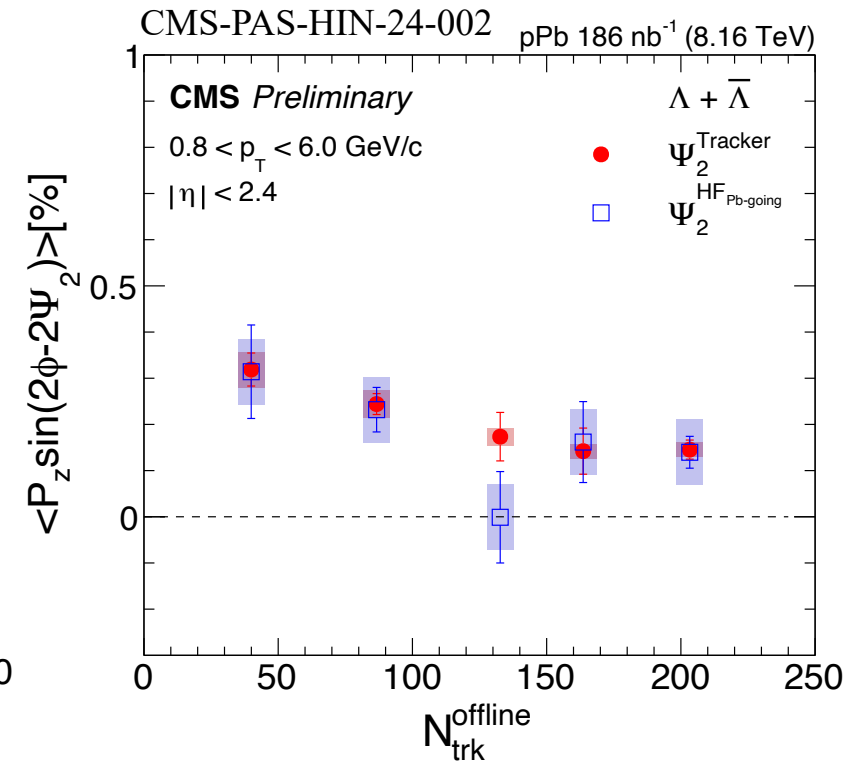
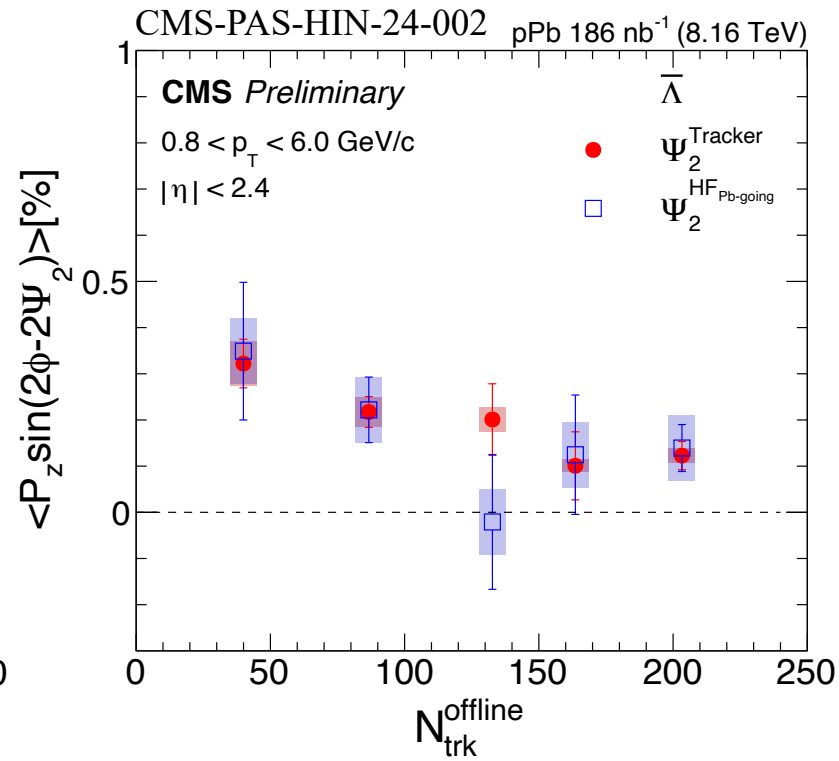
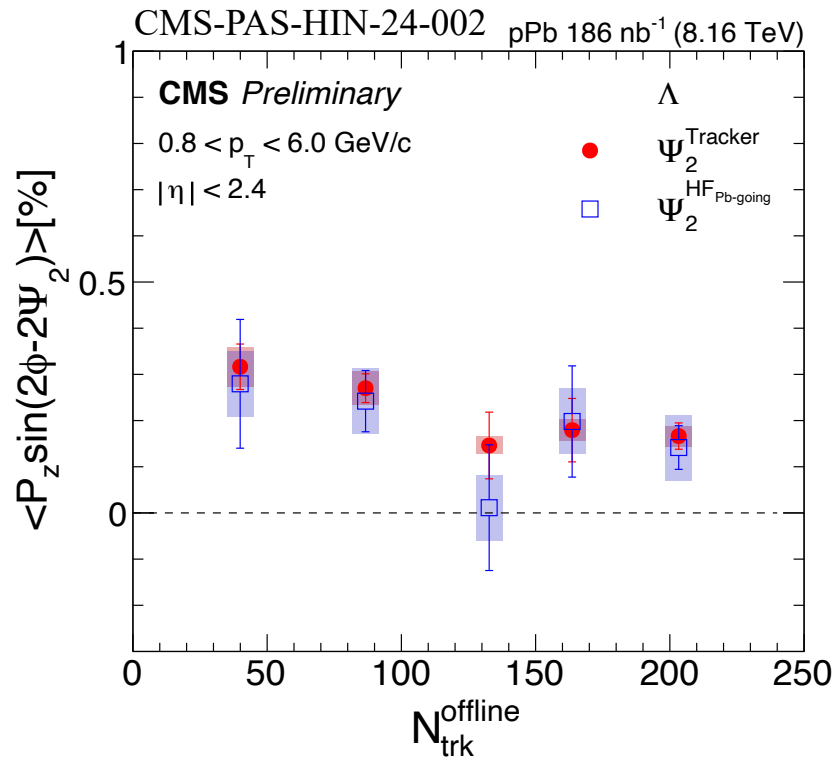
Crosscheck – K_S^0



$P_{z,s2}$ values for K_S^0 (spin-0 particle) are consistent with 0 as expected

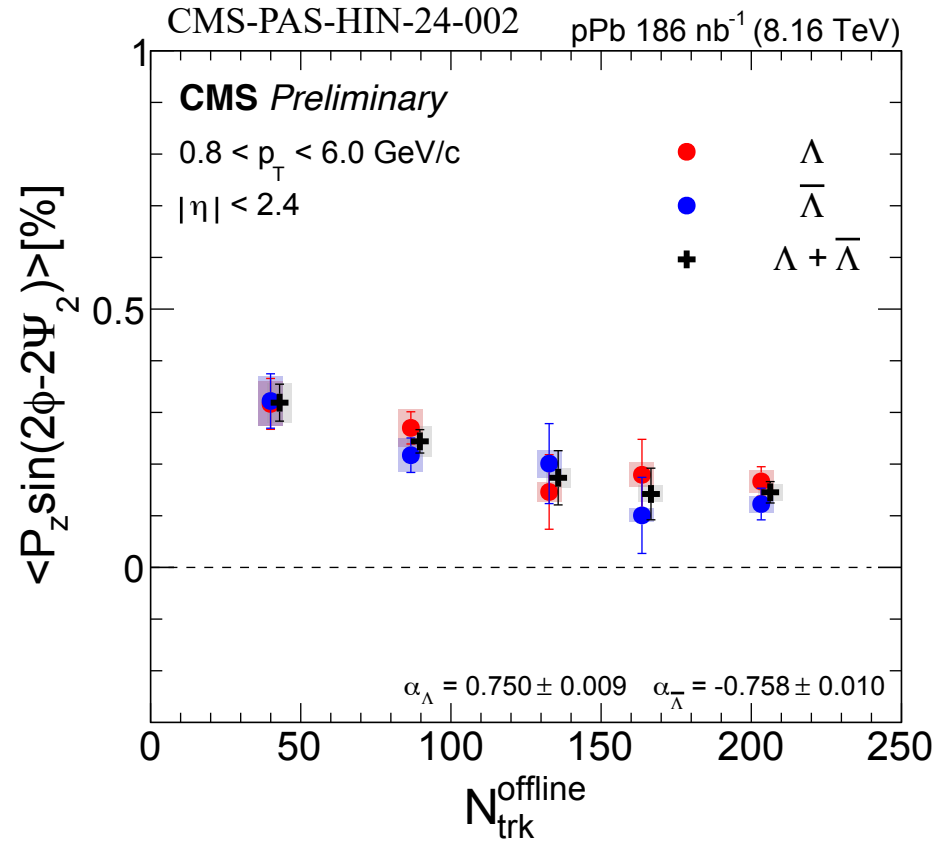
No strange detector effects

Cross check – HF event plane



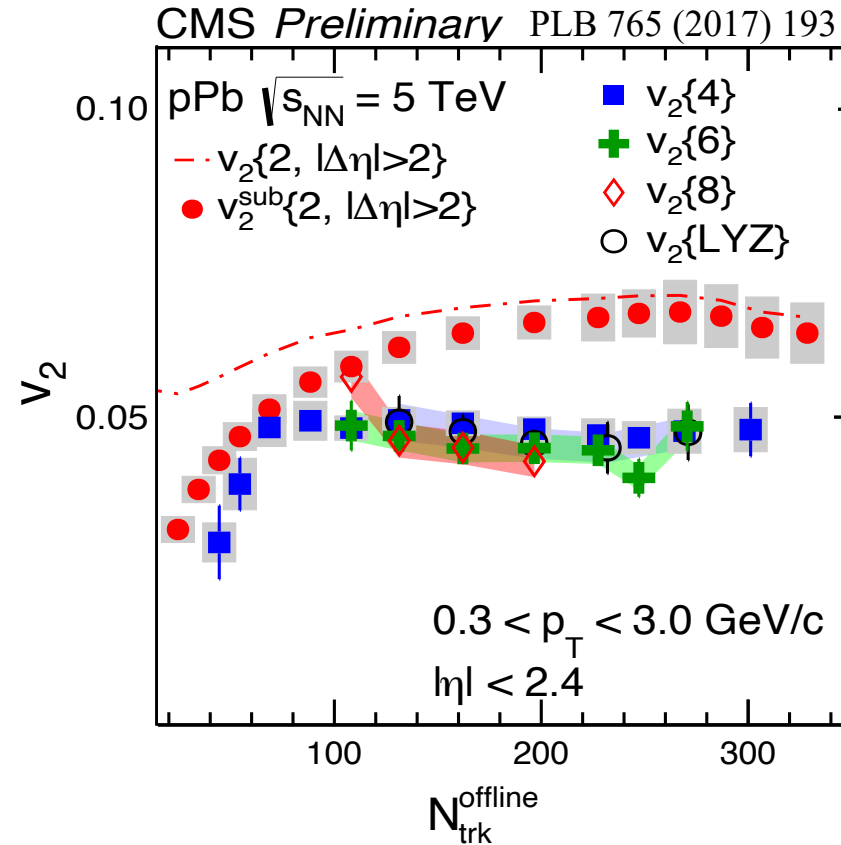
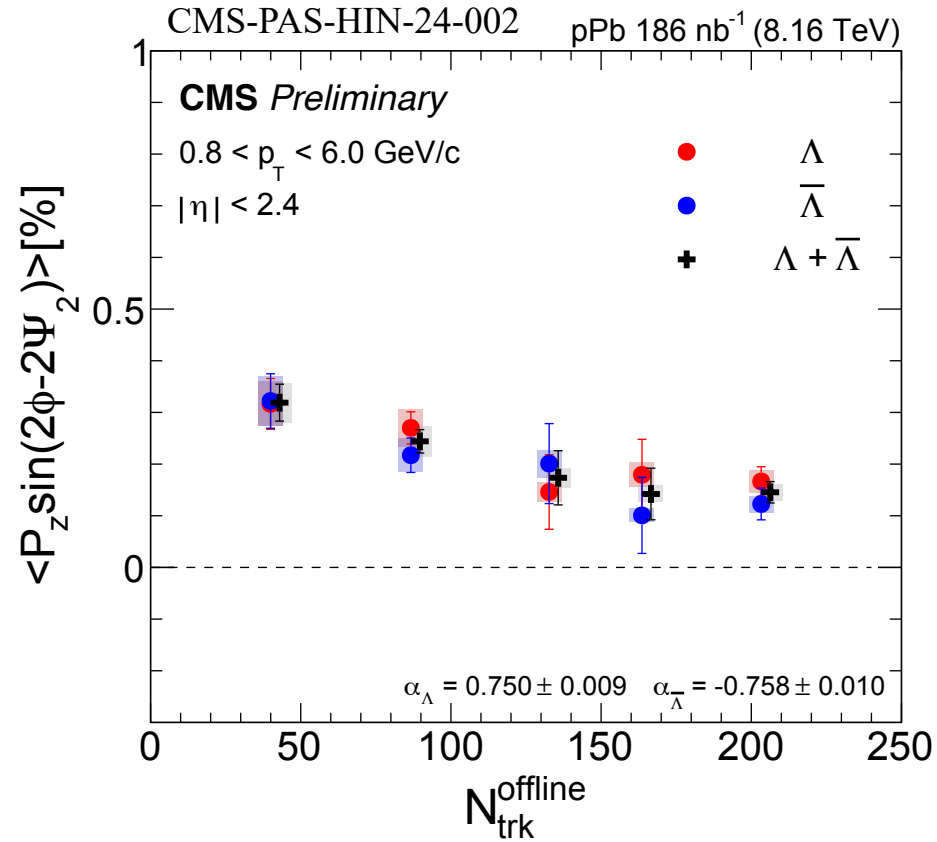
Consistent results w.r.t to forward rapidity event plane
No short range/self correlation

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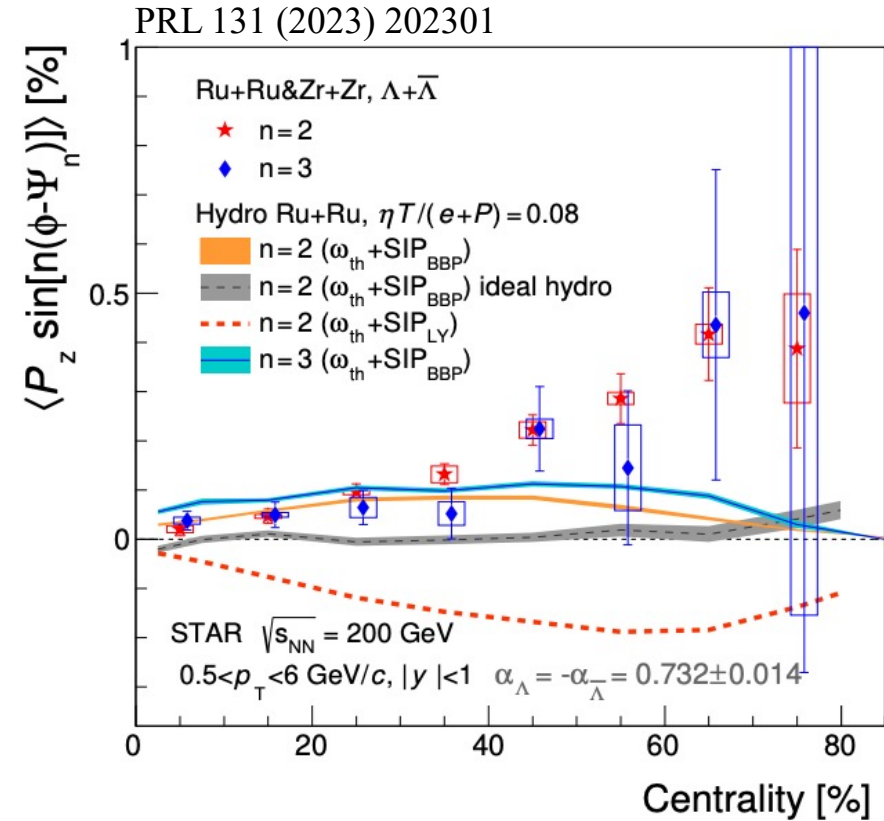
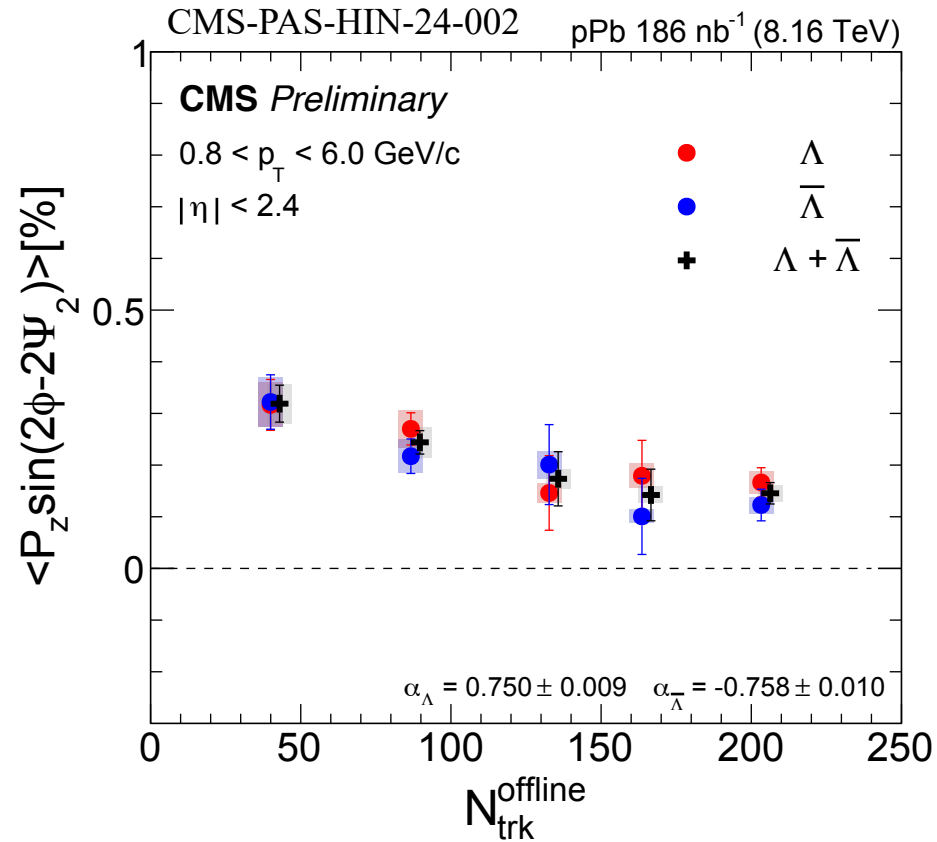
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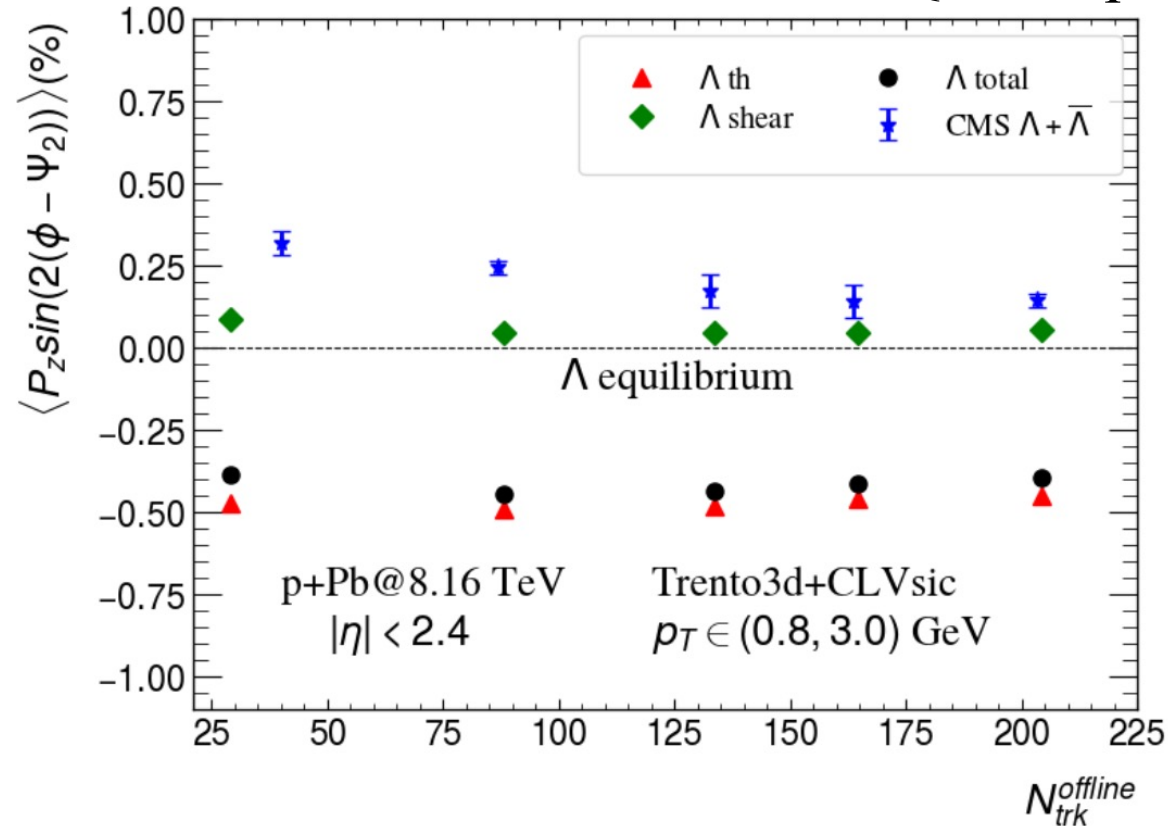
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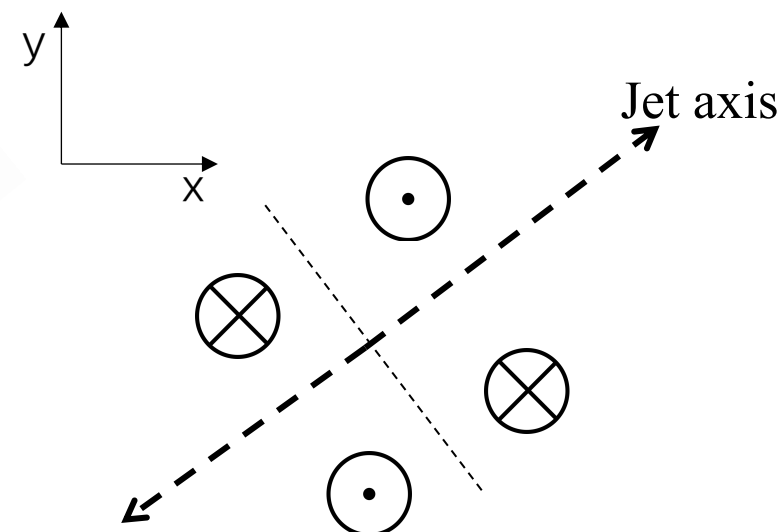
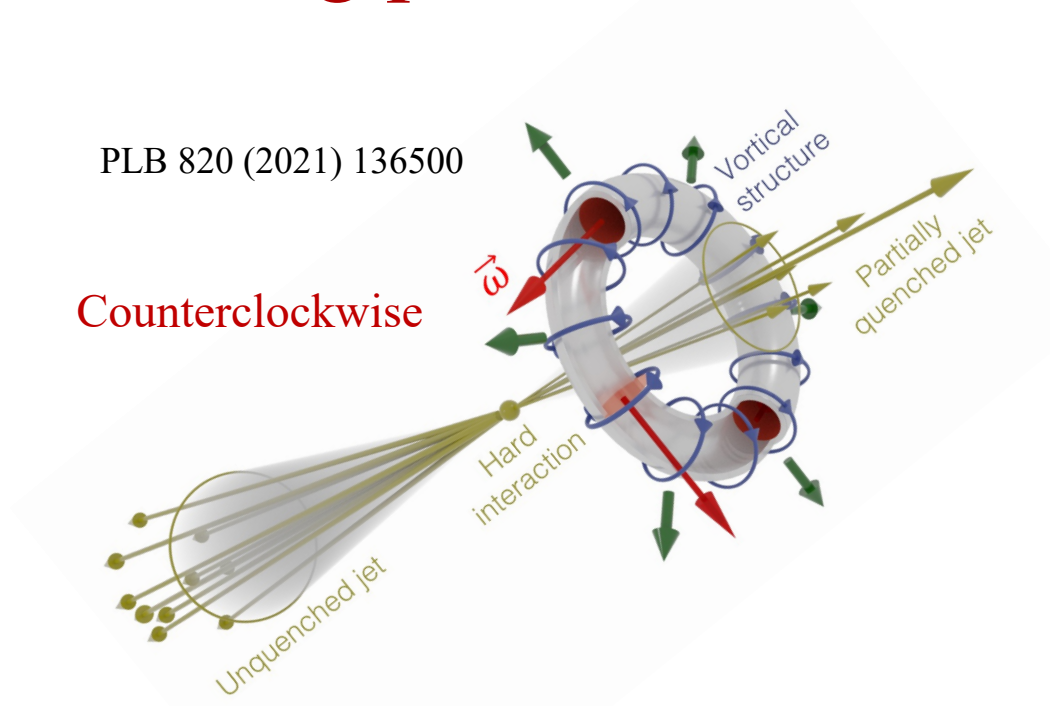
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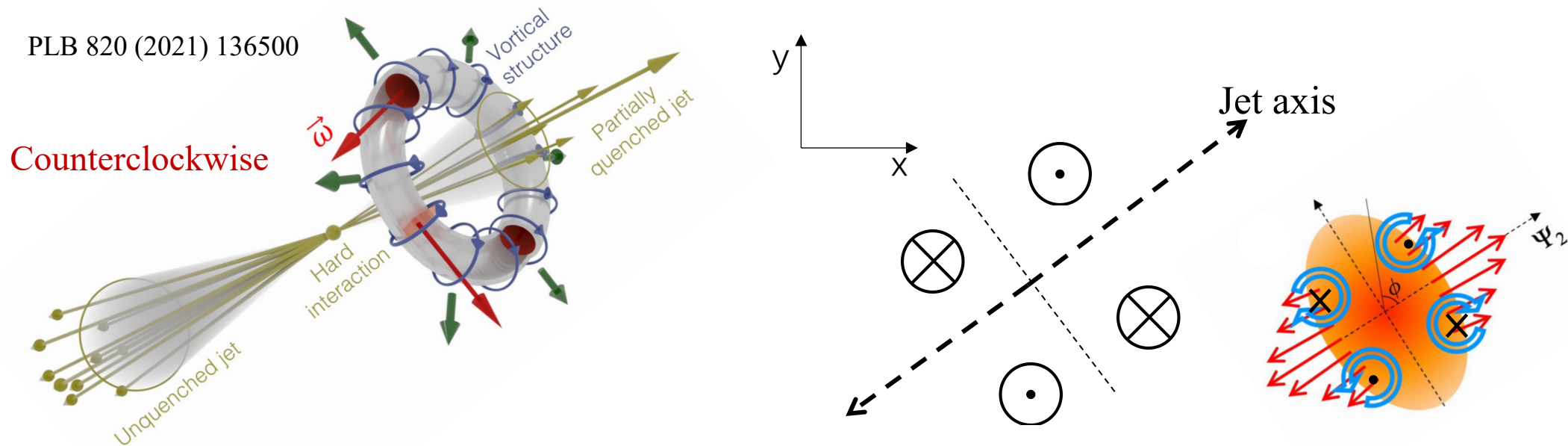
A hydro calculation results in negative $P_{z,s2}$

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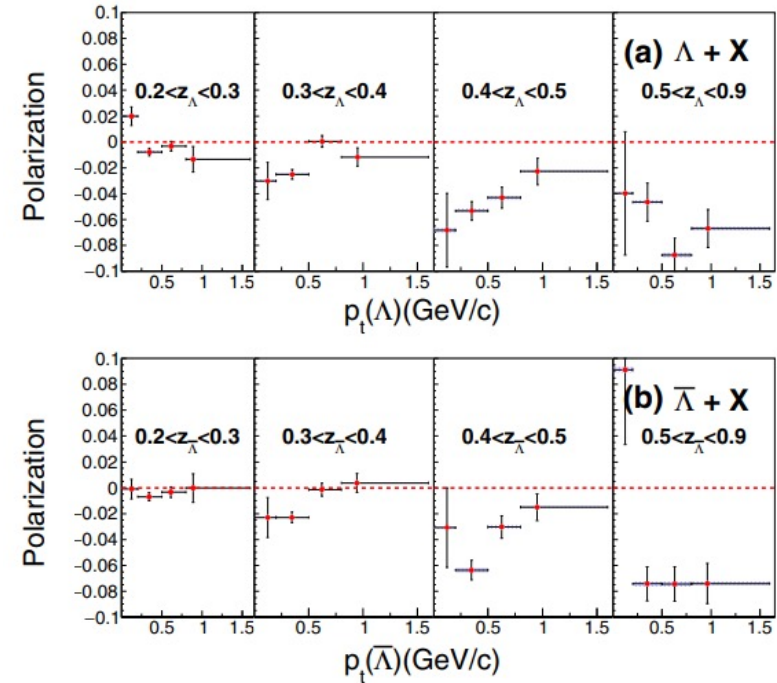
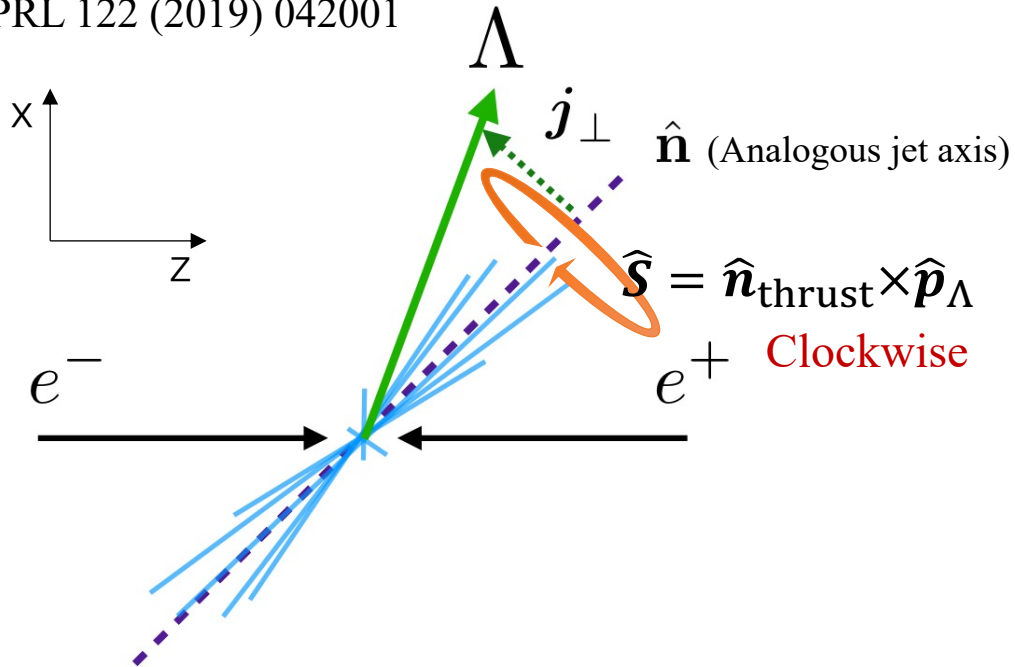
Jet axis coincide with 2nd order event plane at low multiplicity

Diluted towards high multiplicity

Should have a eta dependence; no precision to test with current data

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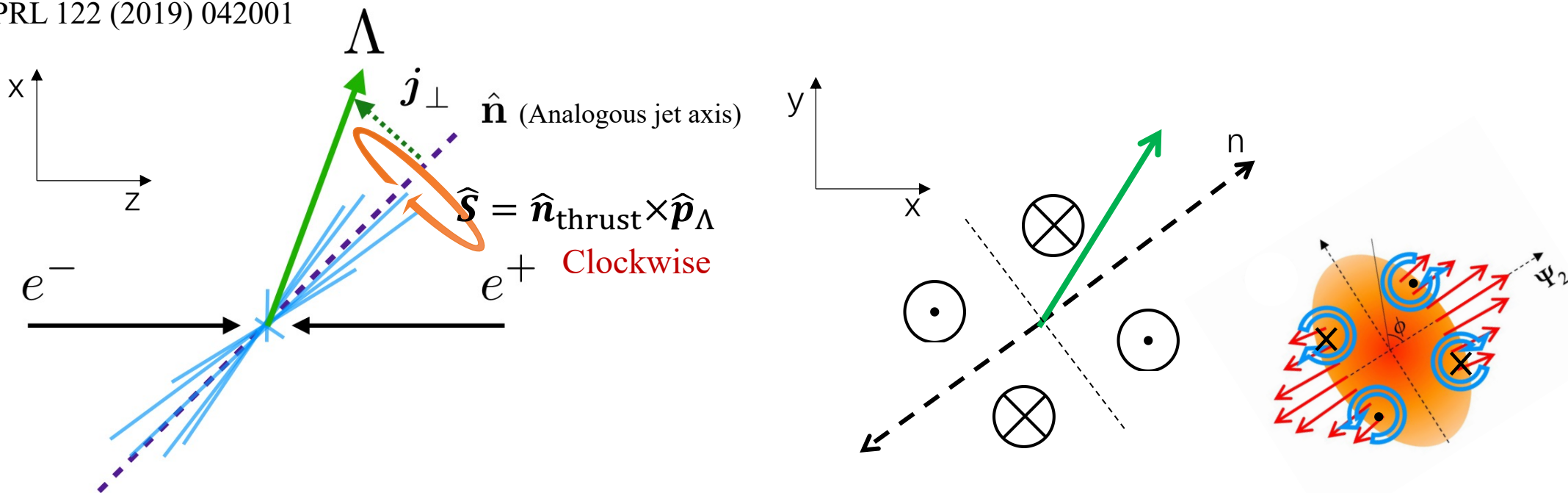
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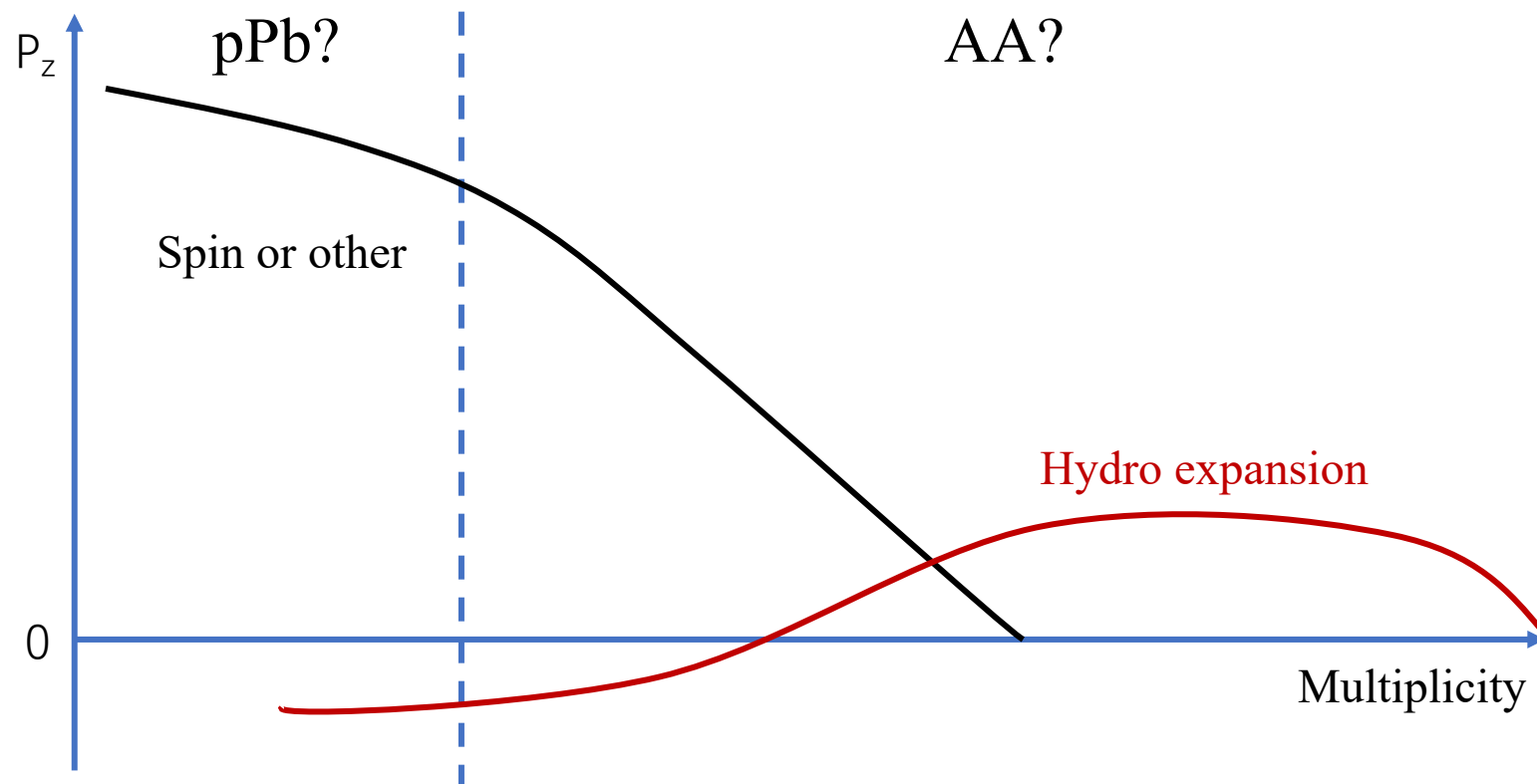
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Projection into x-y plane introduce a P_z wrt thrust axis (n)
 Thrust axis coincide with 2nd order event plane at low multiplicity
 Opposite direction than our signal; but could have a z_Λ dependence
 Diluted towards high multiplicity

Different contributions vs multiplicity?

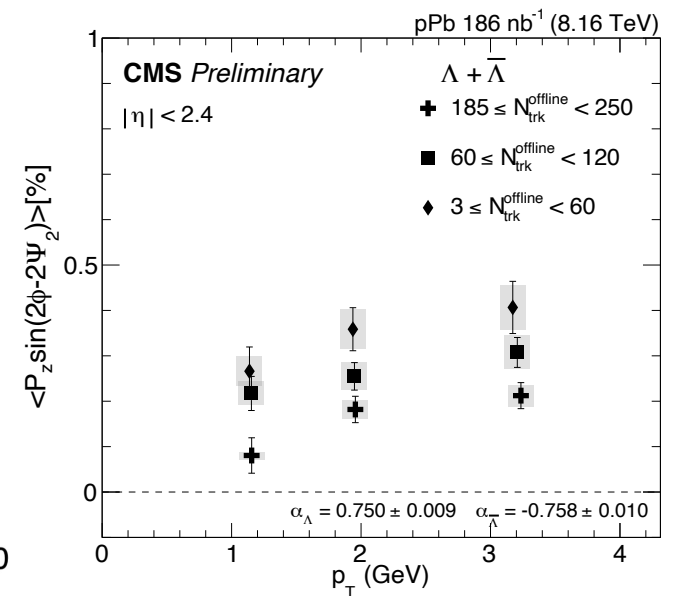
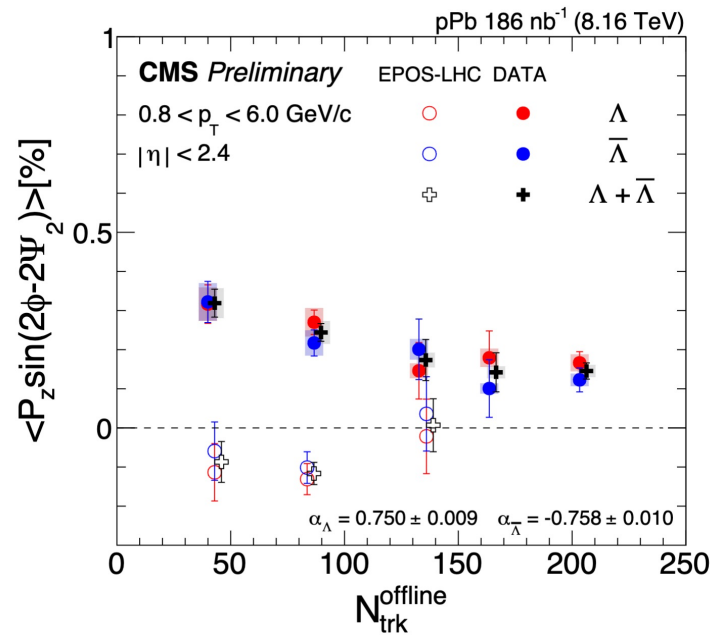


A naïve guess of the picture

Where is the switching point and what does it mean for AA?

Summary

- First measurement of hyperon polarization along the beam direction in pPb collisions
- Significant positive $P_{Z,S2}$ observed for the entire multiplicity range from 3 to 250
- $P_{Z,S2}$ decrease as function of multiplicity, which is not consistent with hydro expectation
- $P_{Z,S2}$ increase as function of p_T
- The results might indicate complex vorticity structures in pPb collisions
- It remains to be seen how different polarization mechanisms contribute to the observed signal



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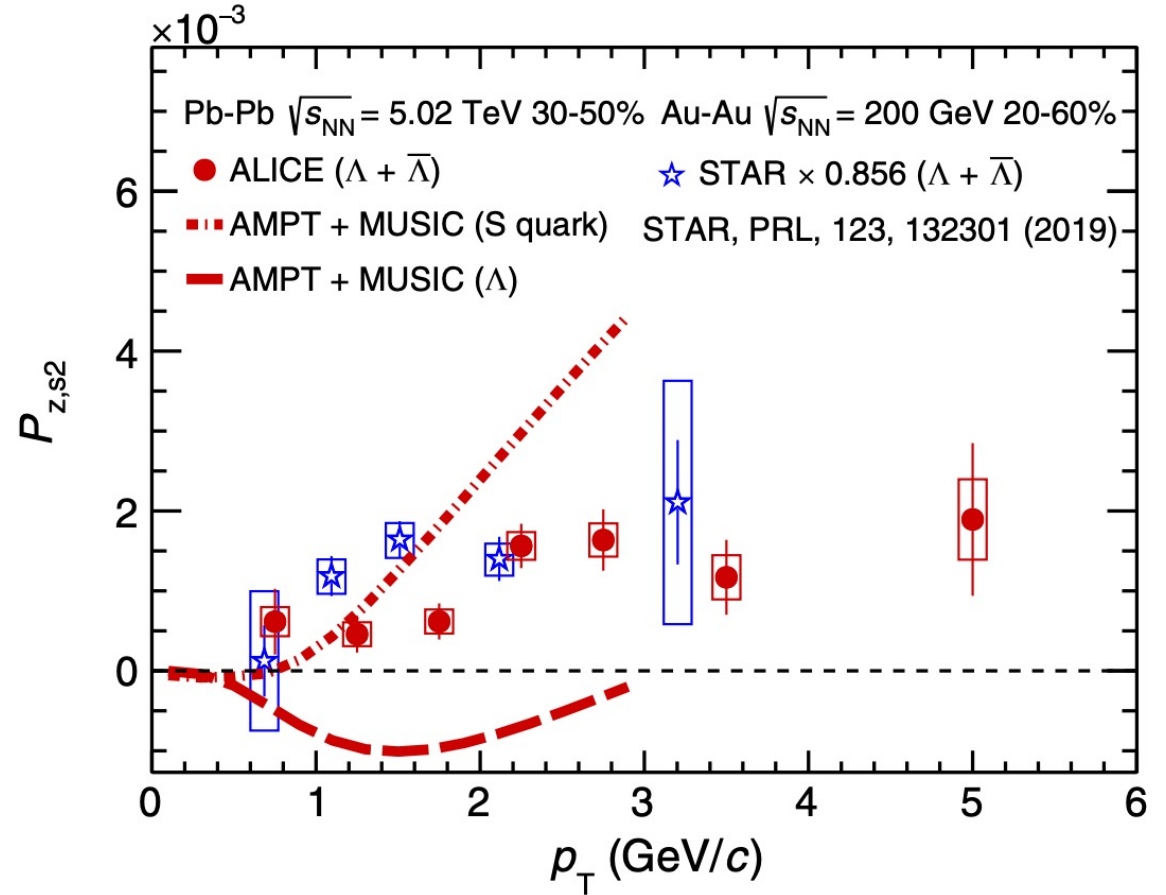
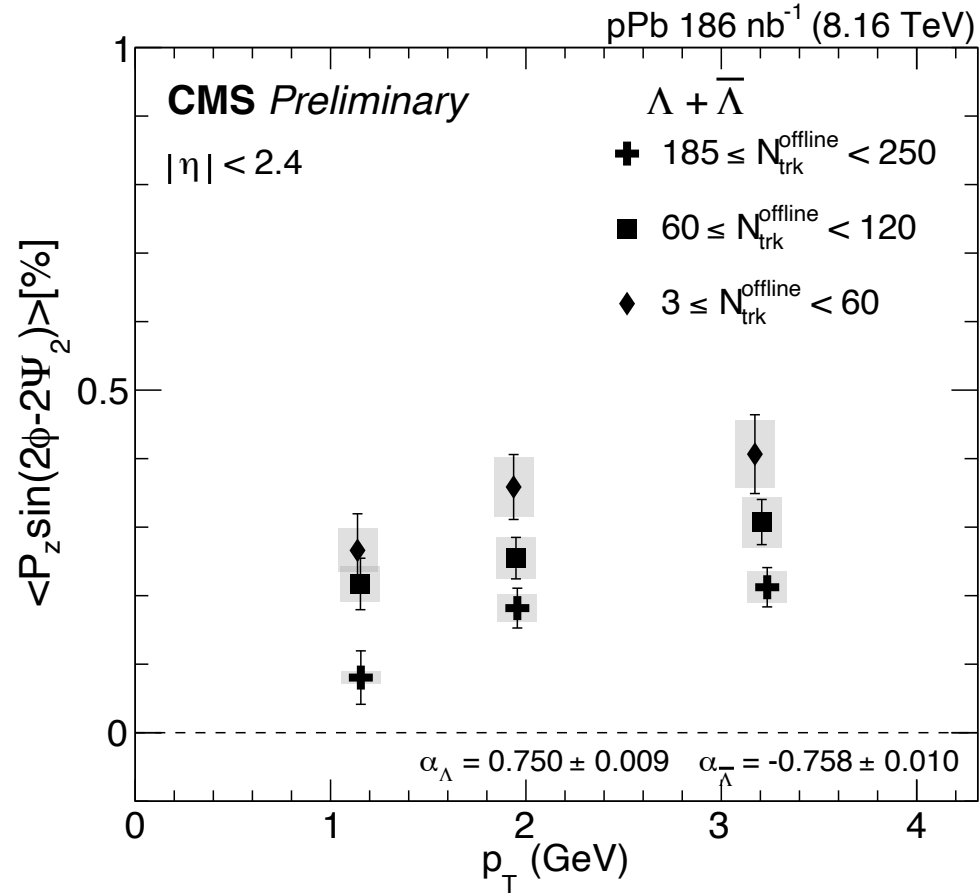
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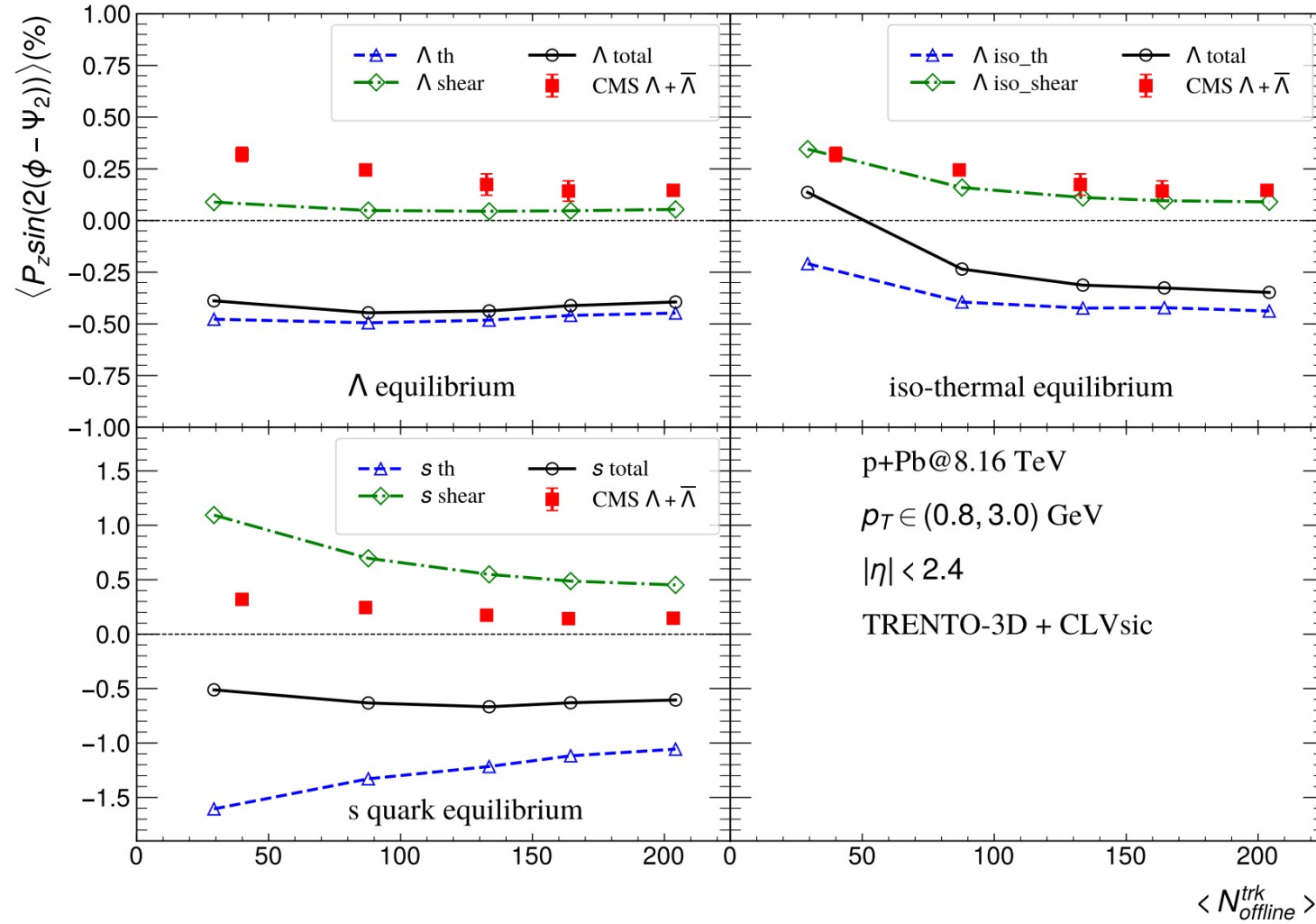
The number of events:

$N_{trk}^{offline}$	3-60	60-120	120-150	150-185	185-250
Events	270M	426M	58M	56M	280M

P_T dependence in pPb and PbPb

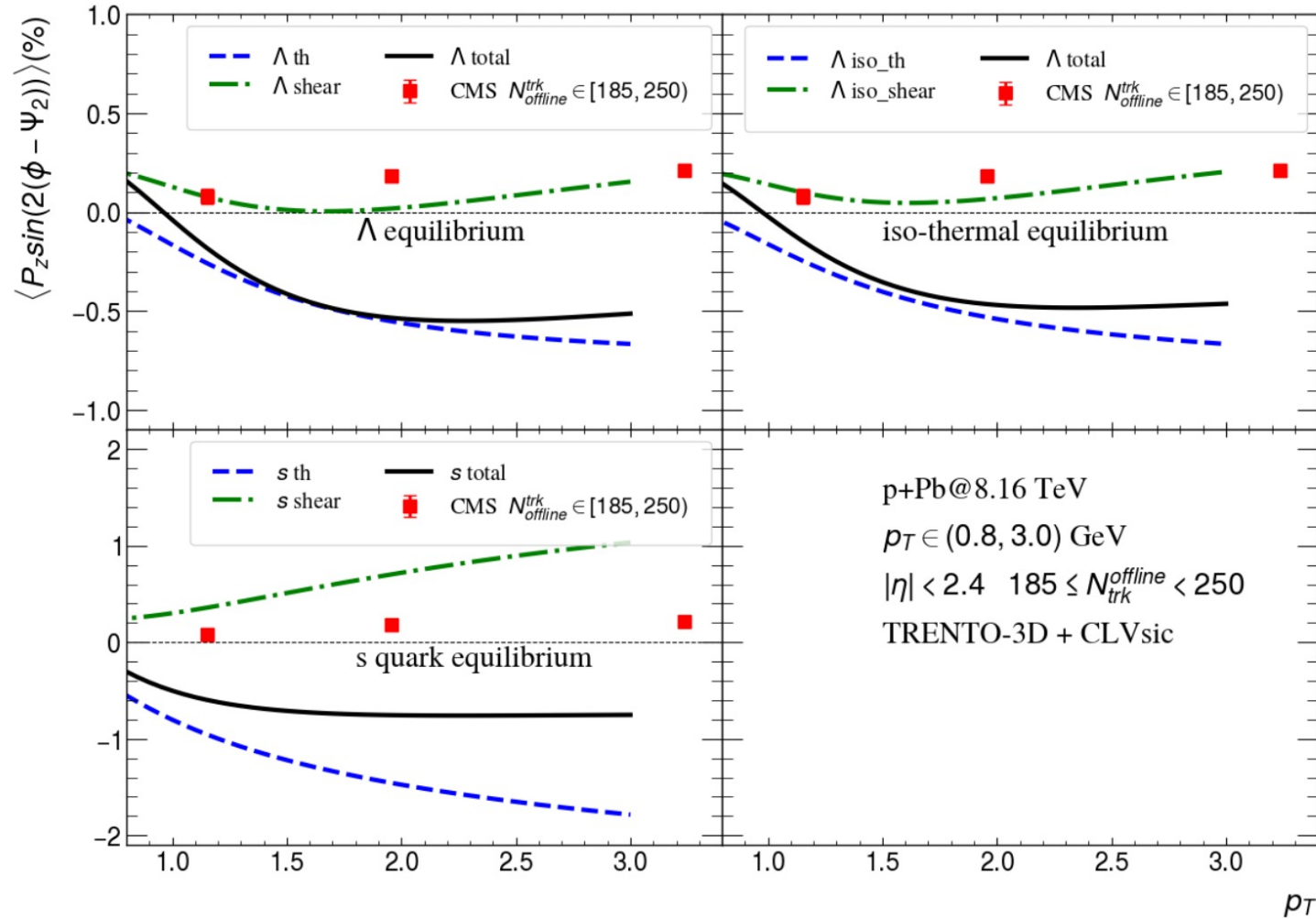


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