

# Polarization in relativistic nuclear collisions: Experiment

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- Vorticity and polarization
- $P_y$  energy dependence, centrality,  $p_T$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $\phi_H$  dependence; average/global vs  $P_{y,0}$
- $P_z$  higher harmonics, hydro, BW, SIP, Cooper-Frye
- $P_x$  BW, SIP;
- $P_\phi$  track reconstruction efficiency
- Vector meson spin alignment:  
physics questions,  
SA + elliptic flow + acceptance effects



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## Polarization phenomenon in heavy-ion collisions

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# Brief history (~20 years in 60 seconds) part I

1987... +E 896, NA57

2003 first ideas/discussions  
(STAR meeting in Prague)

2004 Idea goes "on-shell"  
first publications

2007 First measurements

First ideas on local vorticity

2013 ALICE Physics Week in Padova  
idea of thermodynamical equilibrium

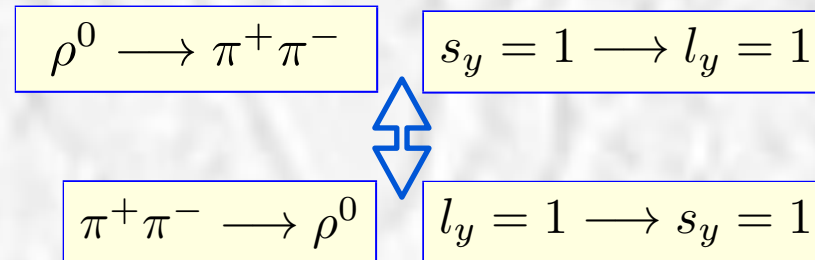
2017 STAR measurements in BES  
first "non-zero" measurements

M. Jacob, J. Rafelski: Phys. Lett. 190 B (1987) 173  
**LONGITUDINAL  $\bar{\Lambda}$  POLARIZATION,  $\bar{\Sigma}$  ABUNDANCE  
AND QUARK-GLUON PLASMA FORMATION**

[nucl-th/0410079] Globally Polarized Quark-gluon Plasma in Non-c  
Authors: [Zuo-Tang Liang](#) (Shandong U), [Xin-Nian Wang](#) (LBNL)  
(Submitted on 18 Oct 2004 ([v1](#)), last revised 7 Dec 2005 (this version, v5))

[nucl-th/0410089] Polarized secondary particles in unpolarized high energy hadron-hadro...

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- Spin alignment  $\rightarrow v_2$
- Relation to single spin asymmetries?

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$$P_H = \frac{8}{\pi\alpha_H} \langle \sin(\Psi_{RP} - \phi_p) \rangle$$

I. Selyuzhenkov, S.V.

$\Lambda$  global polarization < 2%

~10M events

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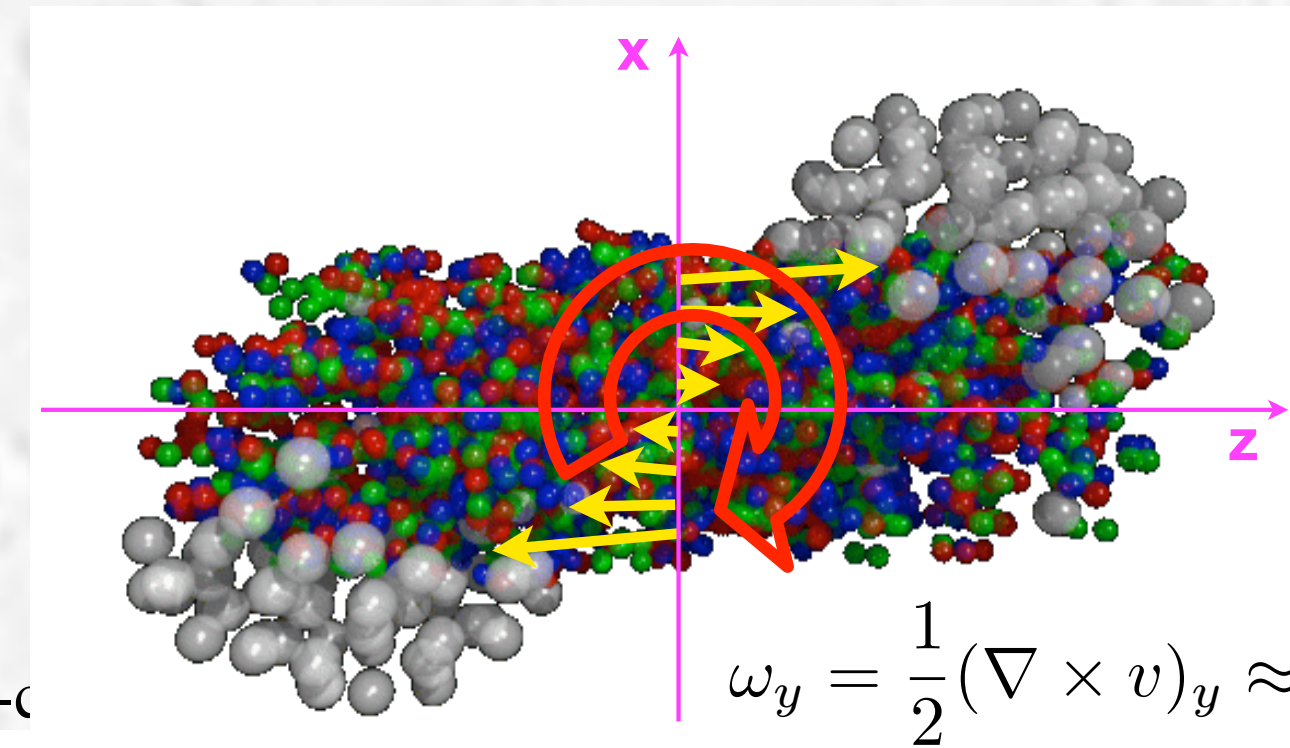
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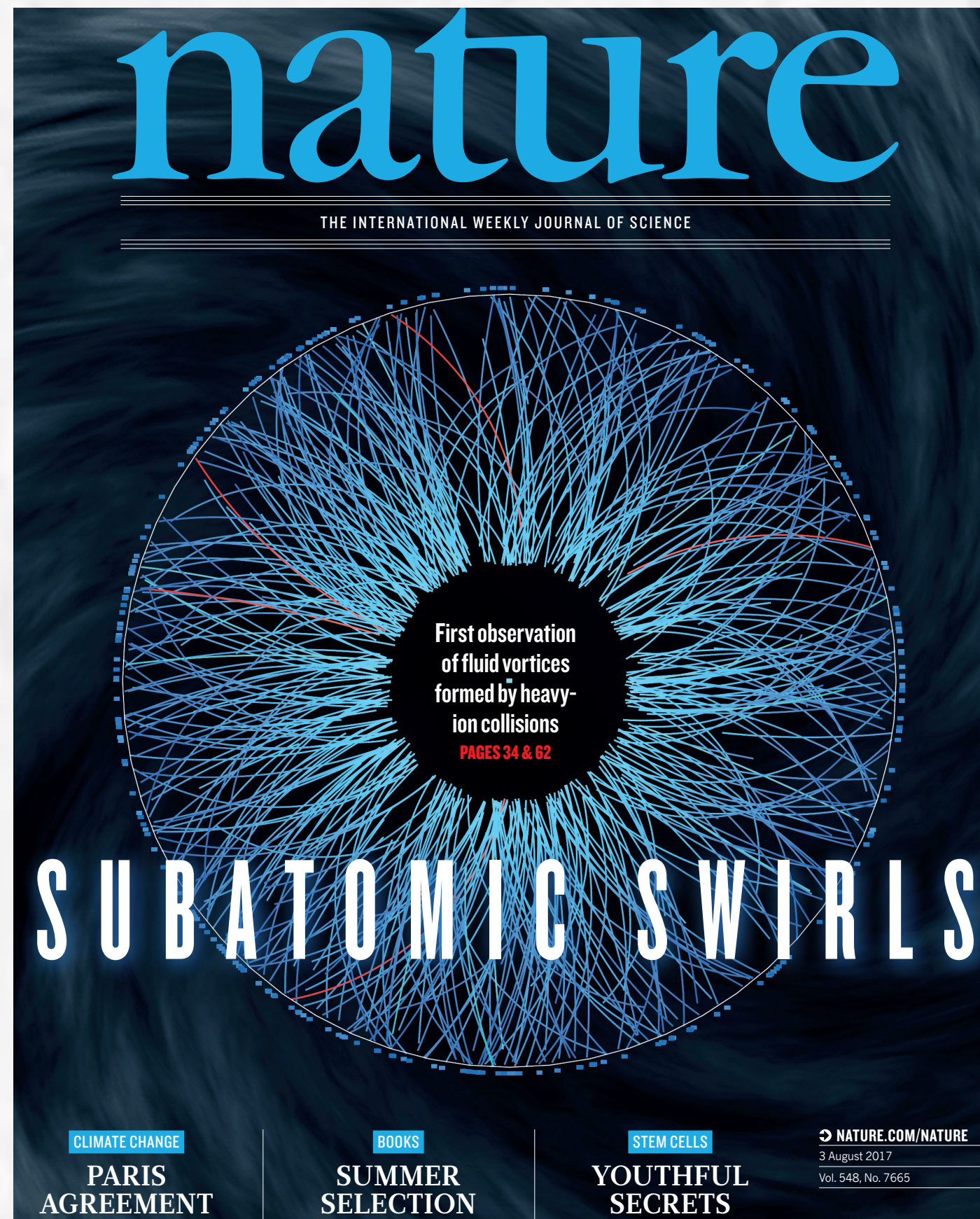


$$\omega_y = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \times v)_y \approx -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x}$$

prediction  $P_H \sim 0.3$



# Vorticity and polarization



A screenshot of the Brookhaven National Laboratory Newsroom website. The header includes the logo and "Newsroom Media & Communications Office". Navigation tabs include "Newsroom", "Photos", "Videos", "Fact Sheets", "Lab History", "News Categories", and "Contacts". A contact information section lists Karen McNulty Walsh and Peter Genzer. The main headline reads "2017's Top-10 Discoveries and Scientific Achievements at Brookhaven National Laboratory".

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# Brief history (~20 years in 60 seconds) part II

2017 - 2023

SQM: anisotropic flow -> polarization along the beam direction

Global polarization at different energies

Polarization of  $\Xi$  and  $\Omega$  hyperons

Polarization due to anisotropic flow including higher harmonics

Vector meson spin alignment measurements

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# Statistical mechanics/thermodynamics

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Ren-hong Fang,<sup>1</sup> Long-gang Pang,<sup>2</sup> Qun Wang,<sup>1</sup> and Xin-nian Wang<sup>3,4</sup> arXiv:1604.04036v1

Spin  $s=1/2$  !

$$\Pi_\mu(p) = \epsilon_{\mu\rho\sigma\tau} \frac{p^\tau}{8m} \frac{\int d\Sigma_\lambda p^\lambda n_F (1 - n_F) \partial^\rho \beta^\sigma}{\int d\Sigma_\lambda p^\lambda n_F}$$

$$\beta^\mu = u^\mu / T$$

$$\Pi_\mu = W_\mu / m = -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\rho\sigma\tau} S^{\rho\sigma} \frac{p^\tau}{m}$$

$$\omega_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\nu u_\mu - \partial_\mu u_\nu)$$

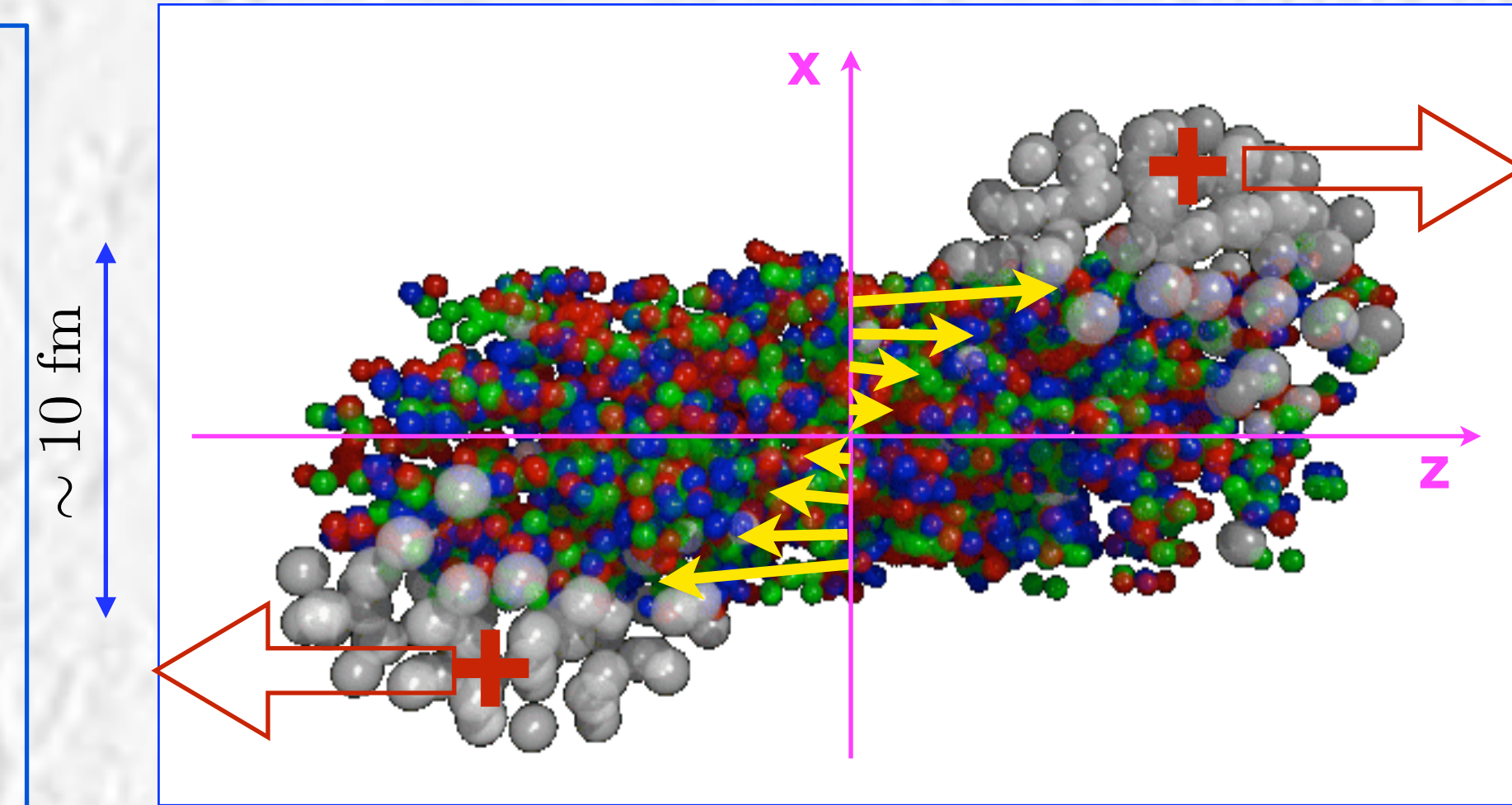
$W_\mu$  – Pauli-Lubanski pseudovector

$$\tilde{\omega}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} [\partial_\nu (u_\mu / T) - \partial_\mu (u_\nu / T)]$$

$$S^{\mu\nu} = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\tau} S_\tau$$

Rest frame:  $\Pi_\mu = (0, \mathbf{s})$

$$\omega^\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\alpha\mu\nu\sigma} u_\mu \omega_{\sigma\nu}$$



$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = \frac{1}{2} \nabla \times \mathbf{v}$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x}$$

F. Becattini, I. Karpenko, M. Lisa, I. Upsal, and S. Voloshin, “Global hyperon polarization at local thermodynamic equilibrium with vorticity, magnetic field and feed-down”, *Phys. Rev.* **C95** no. 5, (2017) 054902, arXiv:1610.02506 [nucl-th].

Nonrelativistic statistical mechanics (applicable for any spin)

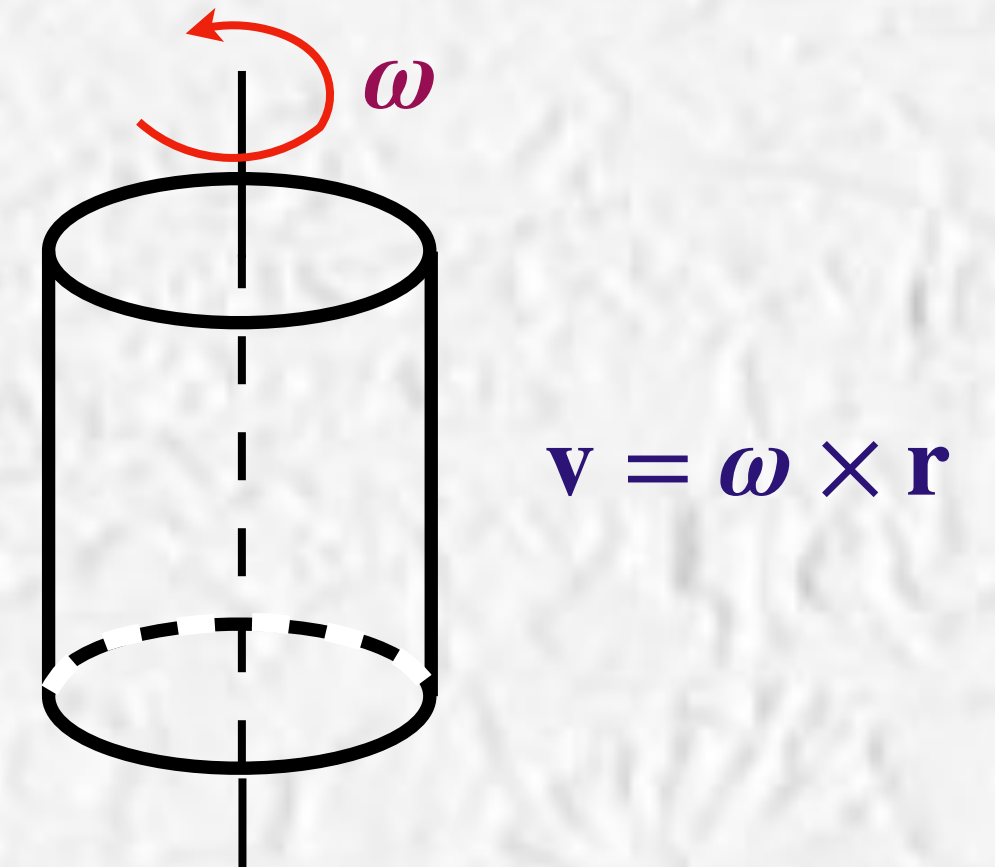
$$p(T, \mu_i, \mathbf{B}, \boldsymbol{\omega}) \propto \exp[(-E + \mu_i Q_i + \boldsymbol{\mu} \cdot \mathbf{B} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \mathbf{S}) / T]$$

$$\mathbf{S} \approx \frac{S(S+1)}{3} \frac{\boldsymbol{\omega}}{T}$$

$$\mathbf{S} \approx \frac{\boldsymbol{\omega}}{4T} \text{ for } s=1/2$$

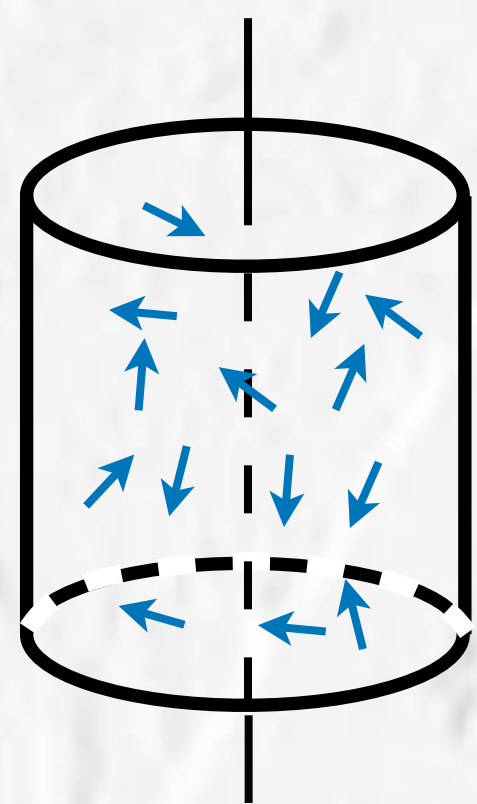
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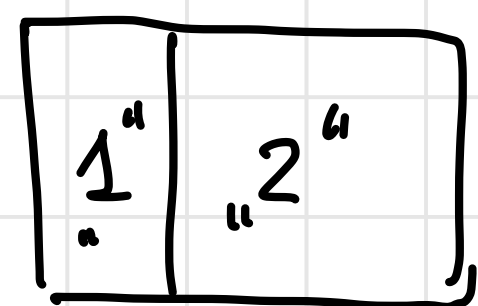
# "Microcanonical" approach



$N$  spin 1/2 particles in a cylinder,  
 $S_z + L_z = J_z = \text{const}$   
 $E = \text{const}$   
 $S_z = ?$

$g(E)$  - # of microstates

$\sigma = \ln g$  - entropy



$$E_1 + E_2 = E = \text{const}$$

$$g_{12} = g_1(E_1) \cdot g_2(E_2)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{12}}{dE_1} = 0 = \frac{d\sigma_1}{dE_1} - \frac{d\sigma_2}{dE_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\sigma_1}{dE_1} = \frac{d\sigma_2}{dE_2}; \quad \frac{d\sigma}{dE} = \frac{1}{T}$$

$$J_z = S_z + L_z = \text{const}$$

$$\sigma = \sigma_S + \sigma_L$$

$$N = U + D; \quad \frac{1}{2}(U - D) = S_z$$

$$\sigma = \ln \frac{N!}{U! D!} = N \ln N - U \ln U - D \ln D$$

$$U = \frac{N}{2} + S_z; \quad D = \frac{N}{2} - S_z$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dS_z} = -\ln U - 1 + \ln D + 1 =$$

$$= -\ln \left(1 + \frac{2S_z}{N}\right) + \ln \left(1 - \frac{2S_z}{N}\right)$$

$$= -\frac{4S_z}{N}$$

$$\sigma_L = \sigma_0 \left( E - \frac{L^2}{2I} \right)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dL} = 0 = \frac{d\sigma_0}{dL} - \frac{d\sigma}{dS_z} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_0}{\partial E} \left( -\frac{2L}{2I} \right) + \frac{4S_z}{N} = 0$$

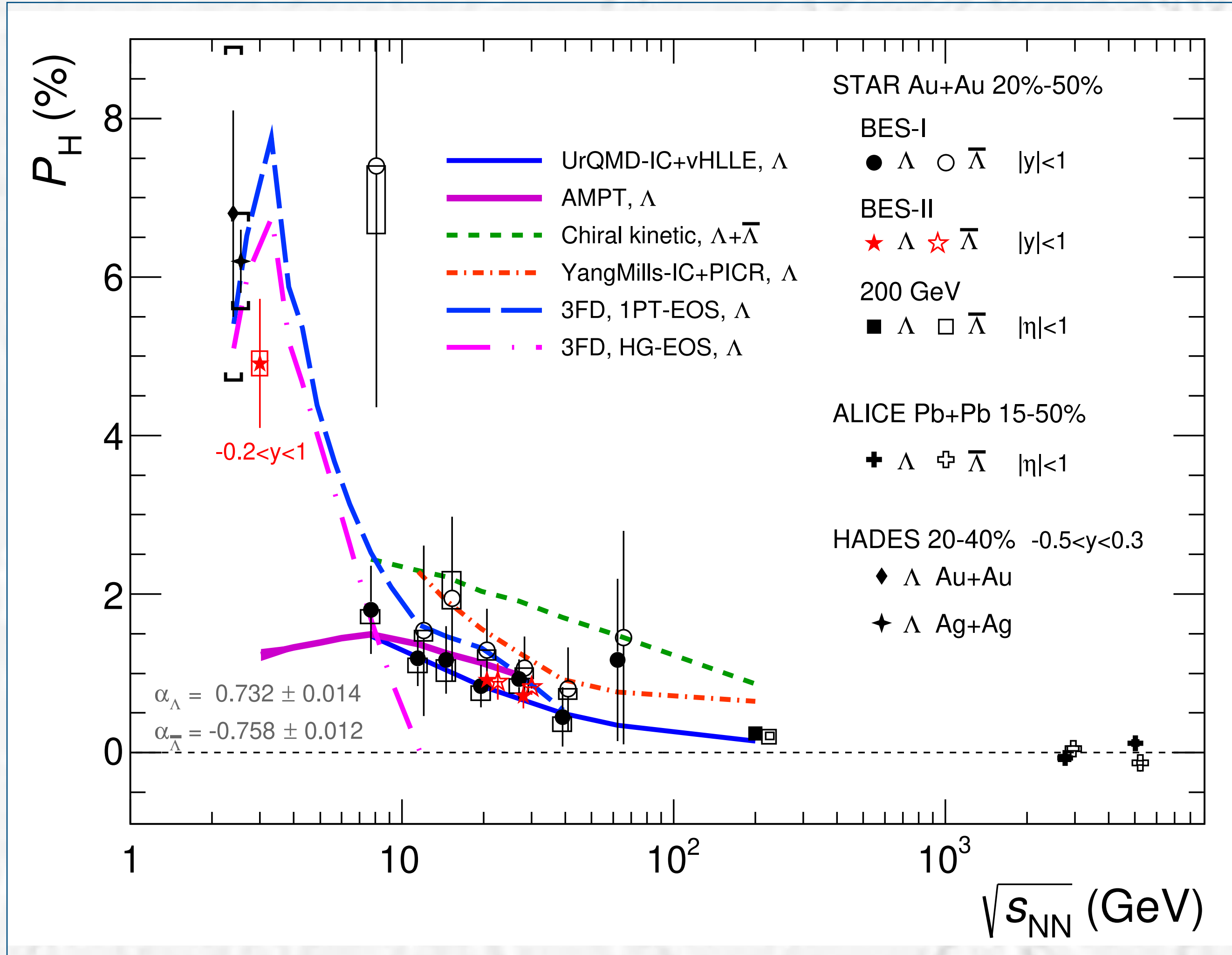
$$-\frac{\omega}{T} + \frac{4S_z}{N} = 0$$

$$\boxed{\frac{S_z}{N} = \frac{\omega}{4T}}$$



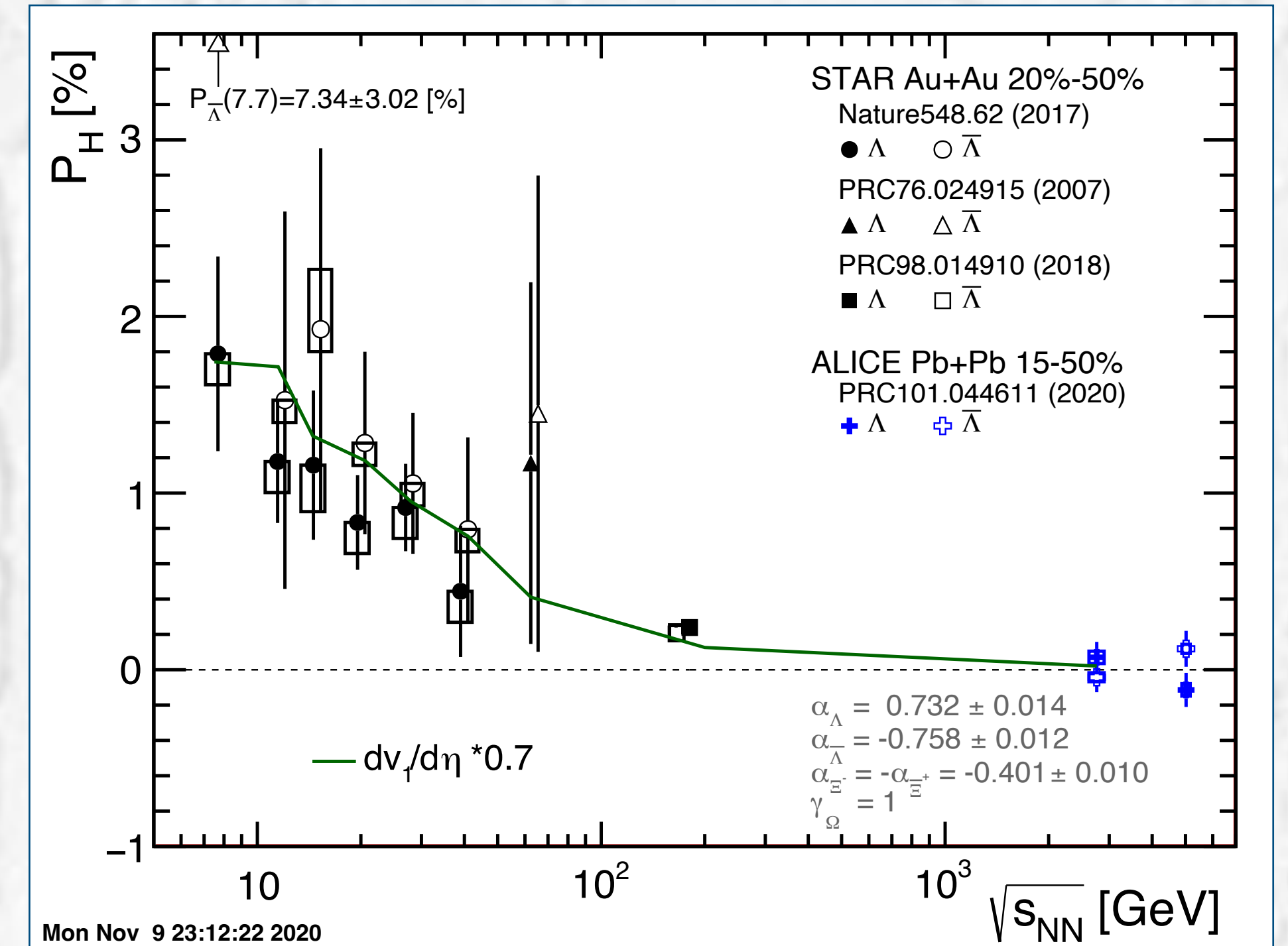
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Good description of directed flow requires accounting for vorticity!

Slope,  $dv_1/d\eta$  proportional to  $\omega$ ?





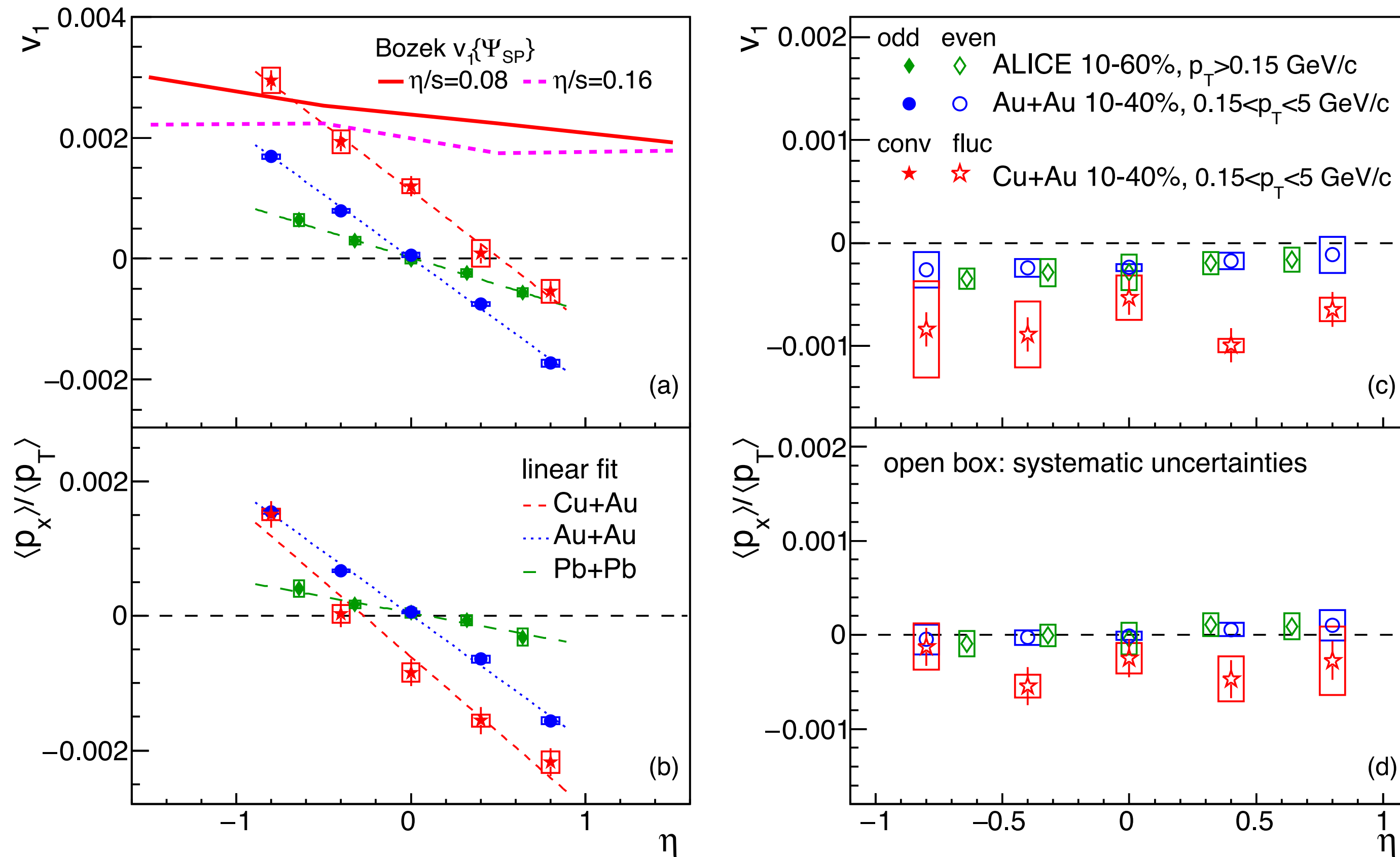
# Directed flow: tilted source $\oplus$ dipole flow

ALICE Collaboration, B. Abelev *et al.*, “Directed Flow of Charged Particles at Midrapidity Relative to the Spectator Plane in Pb-Pb Collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=2.76$  TeV”, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **111** no. 23, (2013) 232302, arXiv:1306.4145 [nucl-ex].

← introduction and first measurements of  $v_1^{even}$  and  $\langle p_x \rangle$  !

STAR Collaboration, L. Adamczyk *et al.*, “Azimuthal anisotropy in Cu+Au collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV”, *Phys. Rev.* **C98** no. 1, (2018) 014915, arXiv:1712.01332 [nucl-ex].

← idea of directed flow as a combination of “tilted source” and dipole flow



$$\frac{1}{\langle p_T \rangle} \frac{d \langle p_x \rangle}{d\eta} \approx 1.5 \alpha_{ts} \frac{dv_1}{d\eta}$$

$\alpha_{ts}$  - fraction of “tilted source” contribution to  $v_1$

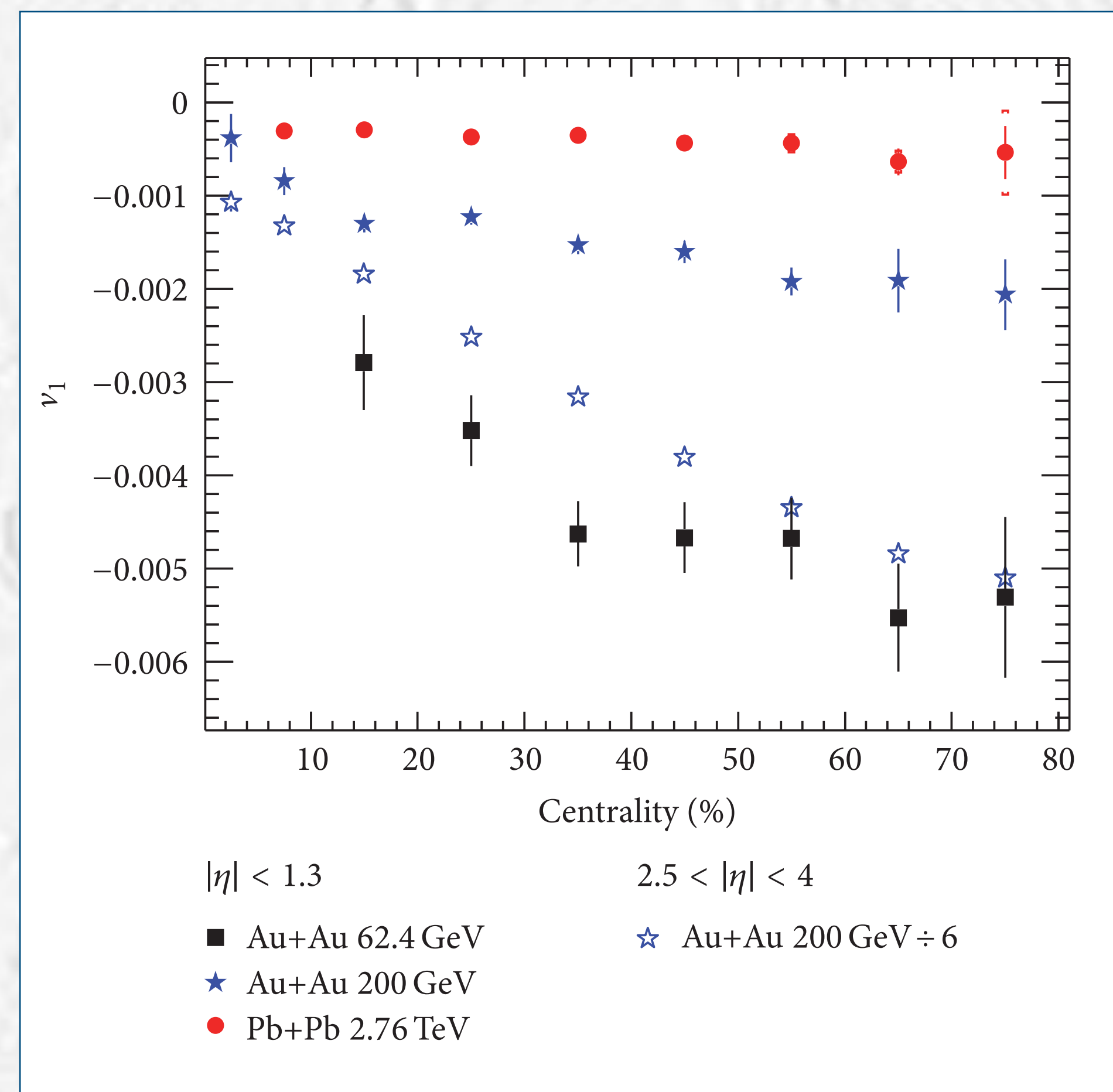
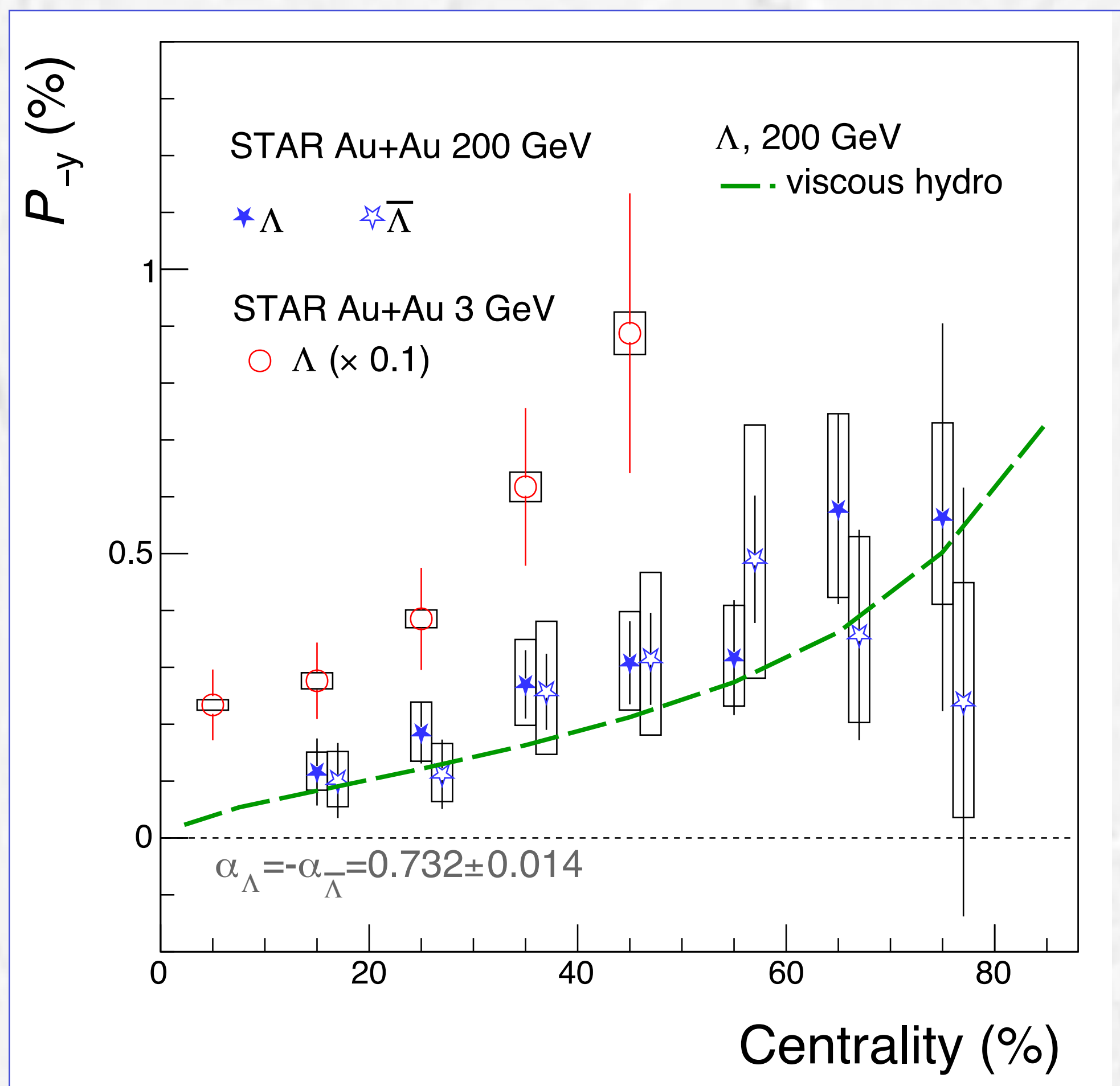
- For mid-central collisions (20% - 40%) tilted source contribution is about 2/3, its fraction increases in more peripheral collisions.
- At LHC energies “tilted sources” contribution is smaller, about 1/3

→ polarization at LHC  $\sim$  1/6 of that at RHIC 200 GeV

FIG. 5. (Color online) Charged particle “conventional” (left) and “fluctuation” (right) components of directed flow  $v_1$  and momentum shift  $\langle p_x \rangle / \langle p_T \rangle$  as a function of  $\eta$  in 10%-40% centrality for Cu+Au, Au+Au, and Pb+Pb collisions. Thick solid and dashed lines show the hydrodynamic model calculations with  $\eta/s=0.08$  and  $0.16$ , respectively, for Cu+Au collisions [31]. Thin lines in the left panel show a linear fit to the data.



# Global polarization, centrality dependence

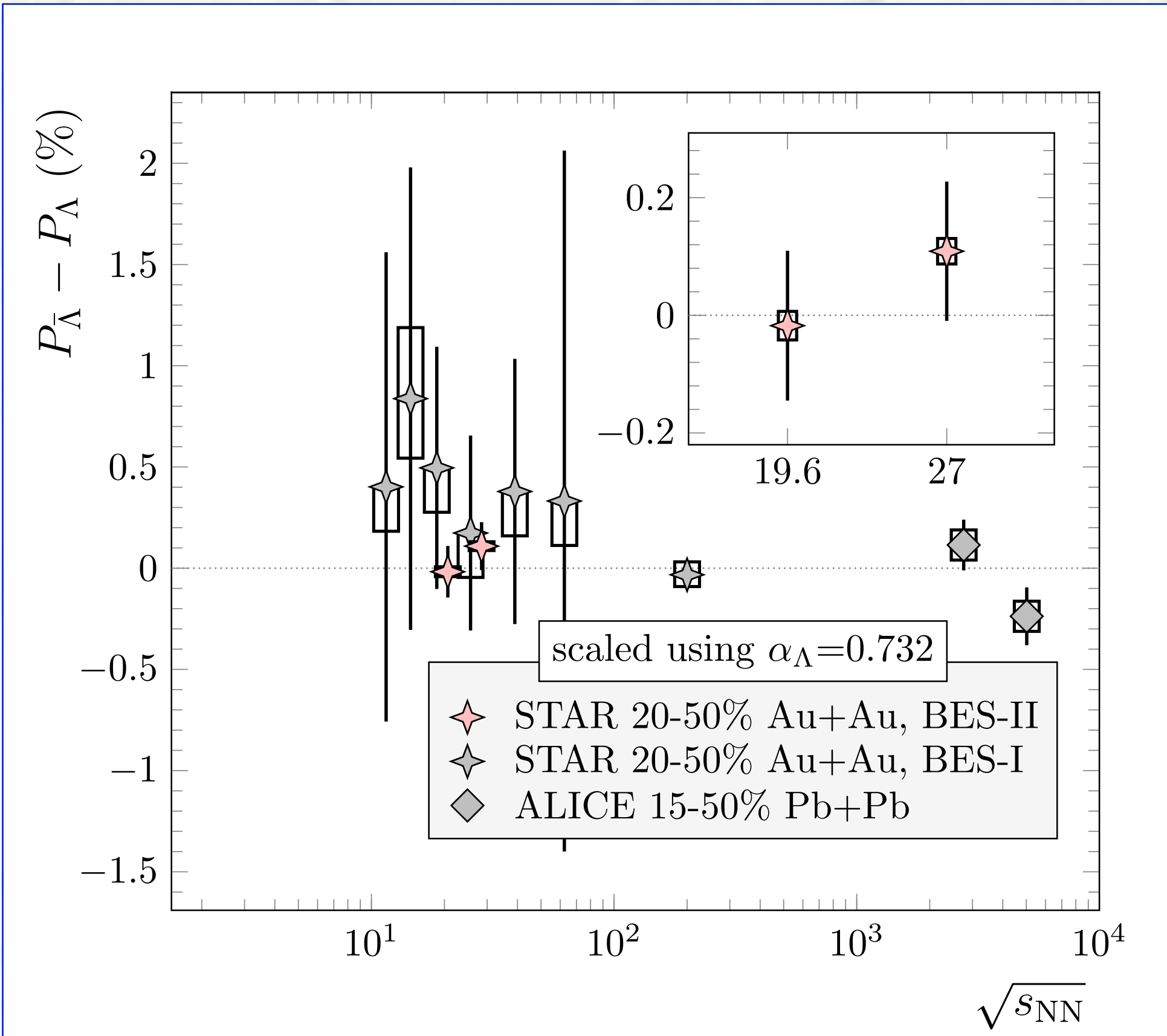


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# Magnetic field at freeze-out

!!! The splitting could be also due to other effects, e.g. baryon chemical potential



$$\Delta P_H = P_{\bar{\Lambda}} - P_{\Lambda} = \frac{2|\mu_{\Lambda}|B}{T}, \quad (57)$$

where  $\mu_{\Lambda} = -\mu_{\bar{\Lambda}} = -0.613\mu_N$  with  $\mu_N$  being the nuclear magneton. Thus, one arrives at the upper limit on the magnitude of the magnetic field  $B \lesssim 10^{13}$  T assuming the temperature  $T = 150$  MeV and ignoring the feed-down contributions

$$\frac{eB}{m_{\pi}^2} \approx \frac{T}{m_{\pi}} \frac{m_p}{0.613m_{\pi}} \Delta P_{\Lambda} \approx 10 \Delta P_{\Lambda}$$

L. McLerran, V. Skokov / Nuclear Physics A 929 (2014) 184–190

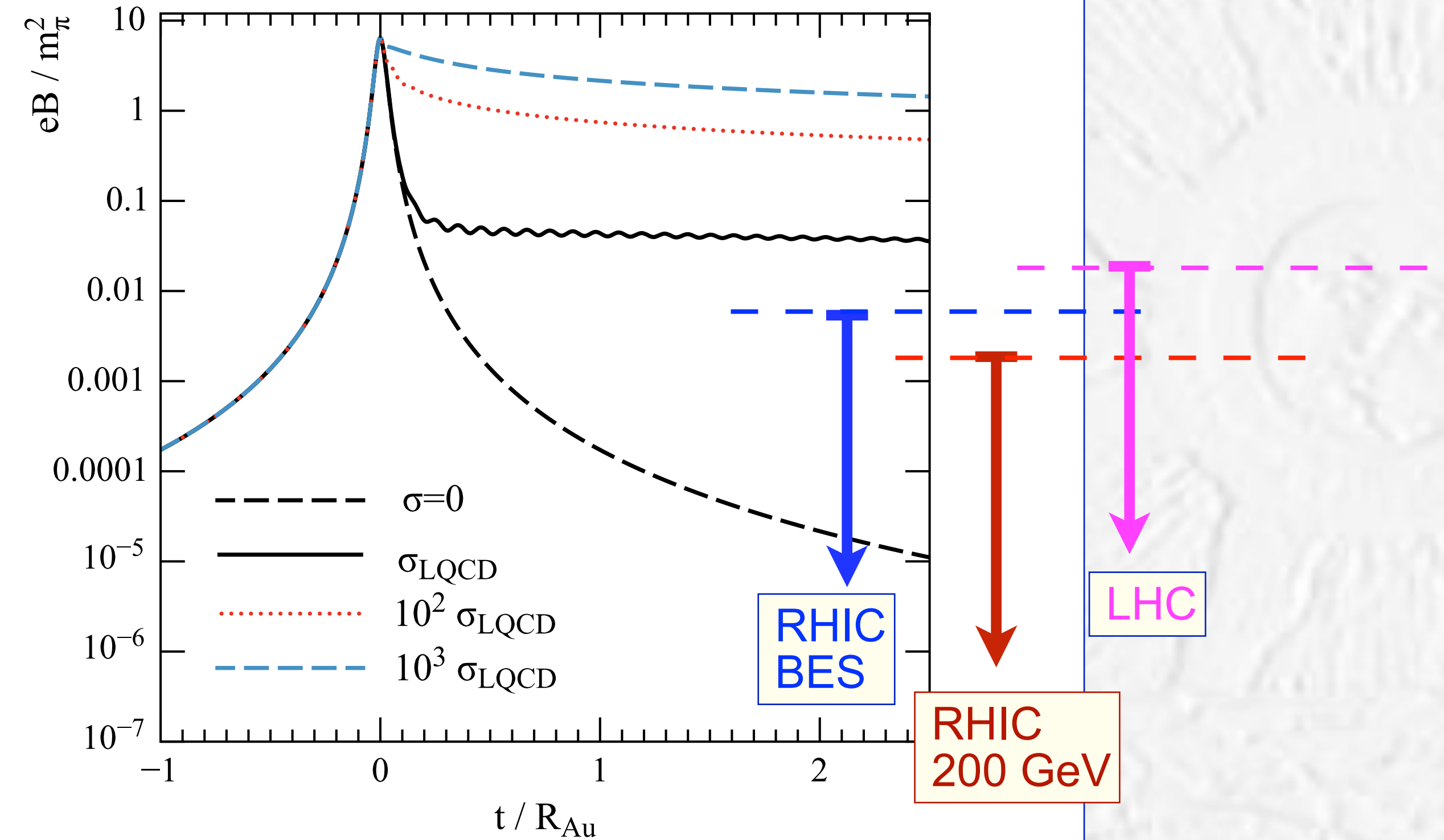


Fig. 1. Magnetic field for static medium with Ohmic conductivity,  $\sigma_{Ohm}$ .

Significant limits on the magnetic field at freeze-out (time ~ 10 - 15 fm?)



# Feed-down and polarization transfer

~60% of measured  $\Lambda$  are feed-down from  $\Sigma^* \rightarrow \Lambda\pi$ ,  $\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda\gamma$ ,  $\Xi \rightarrow \Lambda\pi$   
 Polarization of parent particle R is transferred to its daughter  $\Lambda$   
 (Polarization transfer could be negative!)

F. Becattini, I. Karpenko, M. Lisa, I. Upszal, and S. Voloshin, "Global hyperon polarization at local thermodynamic equilibrium with vorticity, magnetic field and feed-down", *Phys. Rev.* **C95** no. 5, (2017) 054902, arXiv:1610.02506 [nucl-th].

Decay	$C$
parity-conserving: $1/2^+ \rightarrow 1/2^+ 0^-$	$-1/3$
parity-conserving: $1/2^- \rightarrow 1/2^+ 0^-$	$1$
parity-conserving: $3/2^+ \rightarrow 1/2^+ 0^-$	$1/3$
parity-conserving: $3/2^- \rightarrow 1/2^+ 0^-$	$-1/5$
$\Xi^0 \rightarrow \Lambda + \pi^0$	$+0.900$
$\Xi^- \rightarrow \Lambda + \pi^-$	$+0.927$
$\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda + \gamma$	$-1/3$

$$\mathbf{S}_\Lambda^* = C \mathbf{S}_R^*$$

$C_{\Lambda R}$  : coefficient of spin transfer from parent R to  $\Lambda$

$S_R$  : parent particle's spin

TABLE I. Polarization transfer factors  $C$  (see eq. (36)) for important decays  $X \rightarrow \Lambda(\Sigma)\pi$

Primary  $\Lambda$  polarization is diluted by 15%-20%  
 (model-dependent)

Spin transfer suggests that *the polarization of daughter particles can be used to measure the polarization of its parent!* e.g.  $\Xi$ ,  $\Omega$

$\Xi^-$ , (dss), spin 1/2

$\Omega$ , (sss), spin 3/2



# Measuring $\Xi$ and $\Omega$ polarization

P. A. Zyla et al. (Particle Data Group), Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. **2020**, 083C01 (2020)

	Mass (GeV/c <sup>2</sup> )	$c\tau$ (cm)	decay mode	decay parameter $\alpha_H$	magnetic moment ( $\mu_N$ )	spin
$\Lambda$ (uds)	1.115683	7.89	$\Lambda \rightarrow \pi p$ (63.9%)	$0.732 \pm 0.014$	-0.613	1/2
$\Xi^-$ (dss)	1.32171	4.91	$\Xi^- \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-$ (99.887%)	$-0.401 \pm 0.010$	-0.6507	1/2
$\Omega^-$ (sss)	1.67245	2.46	$\Omega^- \rightarrow \Lambda K^-$ (67.8%)	$0.0157 \pm 0.002$	-2.02	3/2

- Different spin, magnetic moments, quark structure
- Less feed-down in  $\Xi$  and  $\Omega$  compared to  $\Lambda$
- Freeze-out at different time?

$\alpha_\Omega \approx 0.02$  make it impractical to measure the polarization of  $\Omega$  via  $\Omega \rightarrow \Lambda + K^-$  decay

$$\frac{dN}{d\Omega^*} = \frac{1}{4\pi} (1 + \alpha_H \mathbf{P}_H^* \cdot \hat{\mathbf{p}}_B^*)$$

Smaller  $\alpha$ , more difficult to measure P

T.D. Lee and C.N. Yang, Phys. Rev.108.1645 (1957)

$$\mathbf{P}_\Lambda^* = \frac{(\alpha_\Xi + \mathbf{P}_\Xi^* \cdot \hat{\mathbf{p}}_\Lambda^*) \hat{\mathbf{p}}_\Lambda^* + \beta_\Xi \mathbf{P}_\Xi^* \times \hat{\mathbf{p}}_\Lambda^* + \gamma_\Xi \hat{\mathbf{p}}_\Lambda^* \times (\mathbf{P}_\Xi^* \times \hat{\mathbf{p}}_\Lambda^*)}{1 + \alpha_\Xi \mathbf{P}_\Xi^* \cdot \hat{\mathbf{p}}_\Lambda^*}$$

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = 1$$

$\alpha$  : P-violation  
 $\beta$  : CP violation

$$\mathbf{P}_\Lambda^* = C_{\Xi-\Lambda} \mathbf{P}_\Xi^* = \frac{1}{3} (1 + 2\gamma_\Xi) \mathbf{P}_\Xi^*$$

$$C_{\Xi-\Lambda} = \frac{1}{3} (2 \times 0.89 + 1) = +0.927$$

$\Xi$ , spin 1/2

$$\mathbf{P}_\Lambda^* = C_{\Omega-\Lambda} \mathbf{P}_\Omega^* = \frac{1}{5} (1 + 4\gamma_\Omega) \mathbf{P}_\Omega^*$$

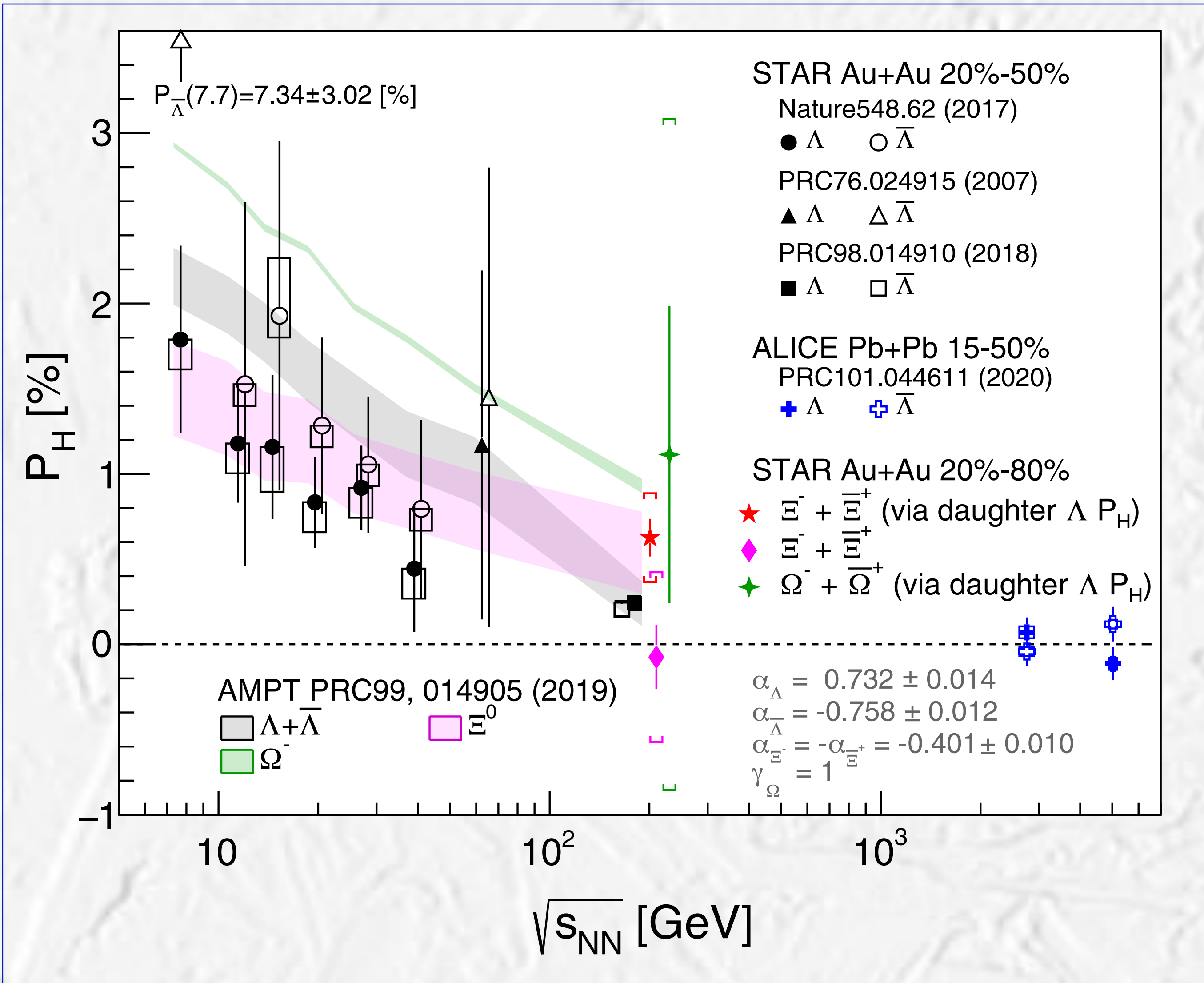
$$C_{\Omega-\Lambda} \approx 1 \text{ or } C_{\Omega-\Lambda} \approx -0.6$$

$\Omega$ , spin 3/2,  $\gamma$  not known  
 $\gamma_\Omega \approx \pm 1$

Possibility to determine  $\gamma_\Omega$  under assumption of the global polarization



# $\Xi$ and $\Omega$ global polarization



$$\mathbf{P}_{\Lambda}^* = \frac{(\alpha_{\Xi} + \mathbf{P}_{\Xi}^* \cdot \hat{\mathbf{p}}_{\Lambda}^*) \hat{\mathbf{p}}_{\Lambda}^* + \beta_{\Xi} \mathbf{P}_{\Xi}^* \times \hat{\mathbf{p}}_{\Lambda}^* + \gamma_{\Xi} \hat{\mathbf{p}}_{\Lambda}^* \times (\mathbf{P}_{\Xi}^* \times \hat{\mathbf{p}}_{\Lambda}^*)}{1 + \alpha_{\Xi} \mathbf{P}_{\Xi}^* \cdot \hat{\mathbf{p}}_{\Lambda}^*}$$

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = 1$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{\Lambda}^* = C_{\Omega-\Lambda} \mathbf{P}_{\Omega}^* = \frac{1}{5} (1 + 4\gamma_{\Omega}) \mathbf{P}_{\Omega}^*$$

A way to measure the decay parameter  $\gamma_{\Omega}$  !

$\Xi$ , spin 1/2

$\Omega$ , spin 3/2,  $\gamma$  not known  $\gamma_{\Omega} \approx \pm 1$

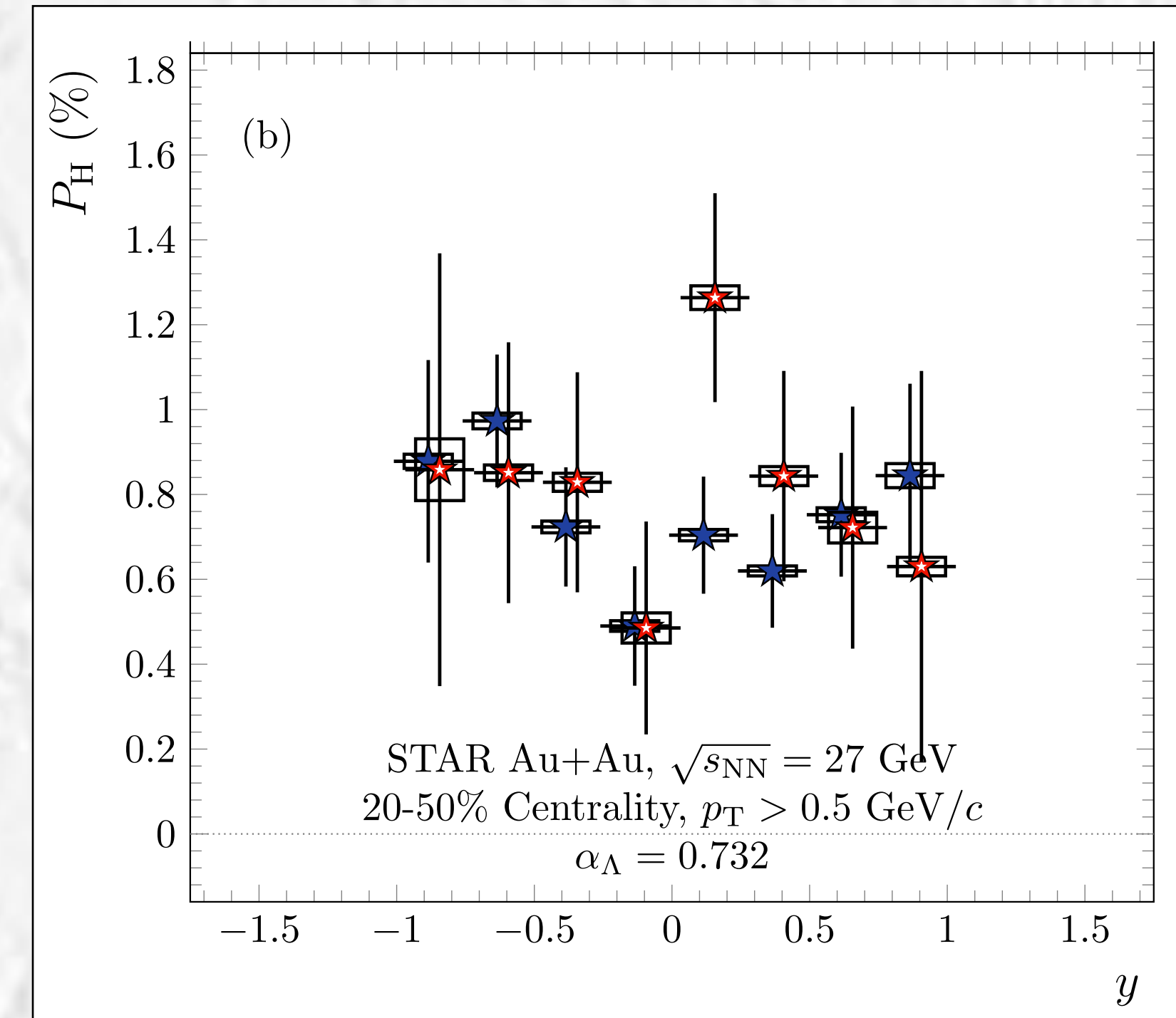
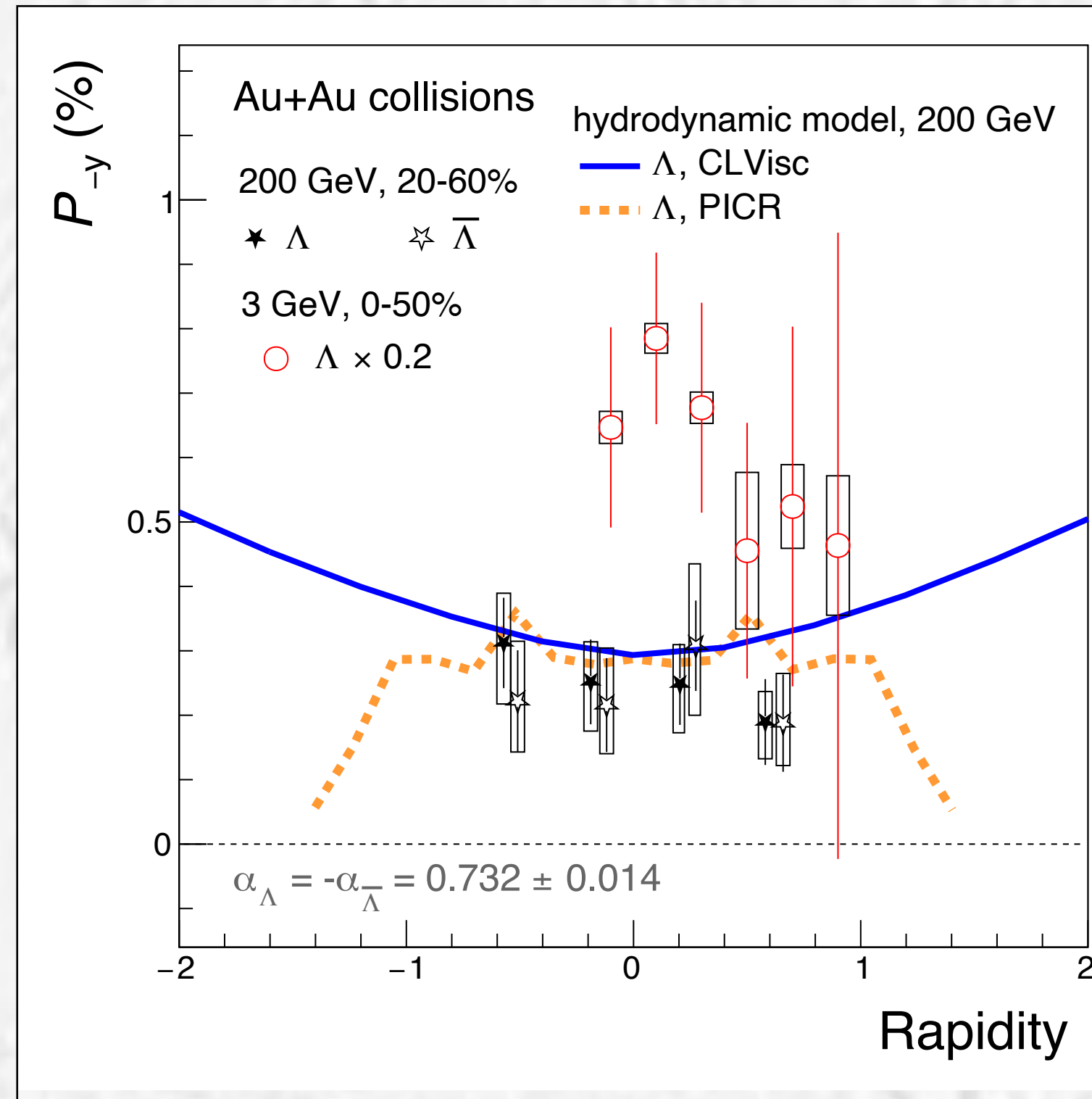
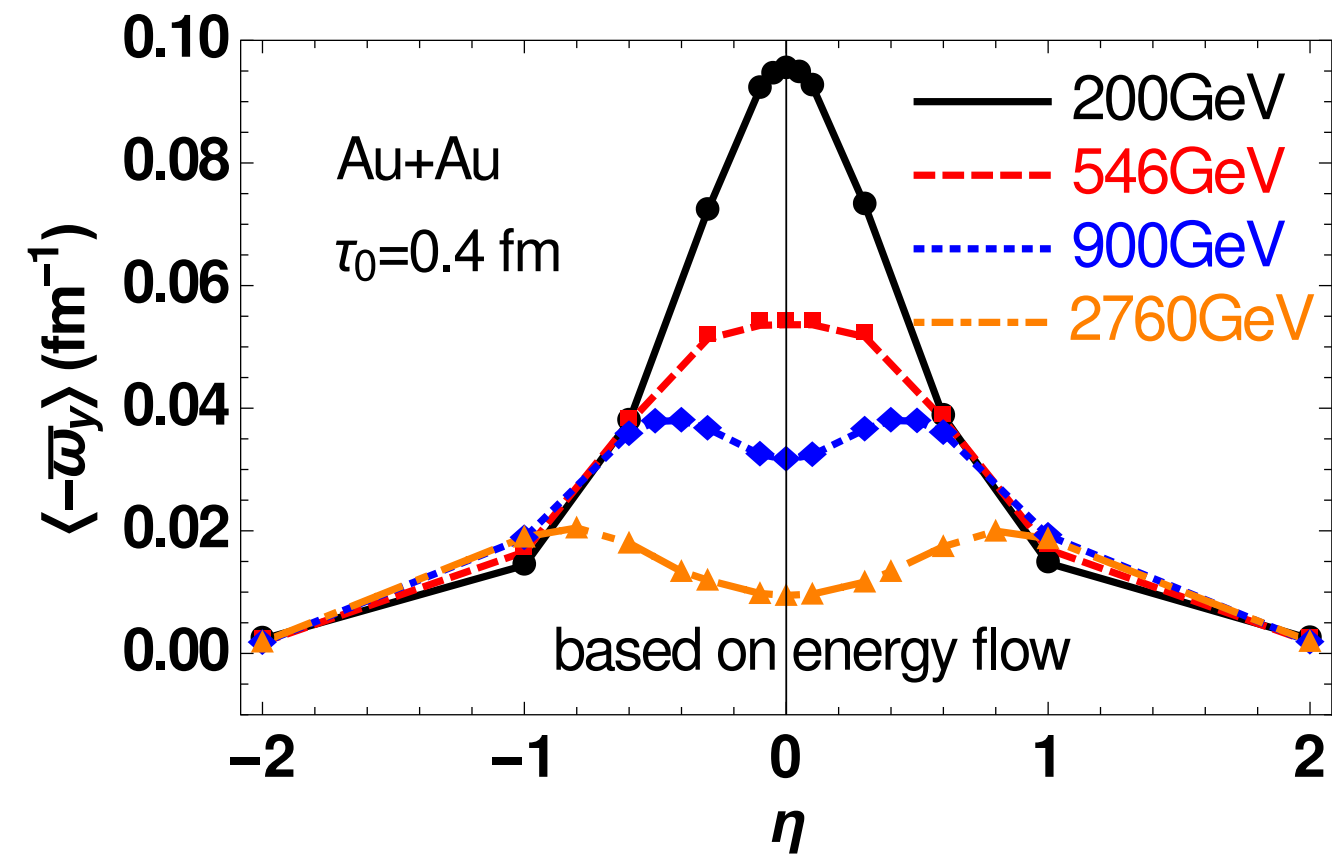
$\Xi$  polarization might be slightly larger than that of  $\Lambda$

$\Omega$  polarization results favor  $\gamma_{\Omega} = +1$



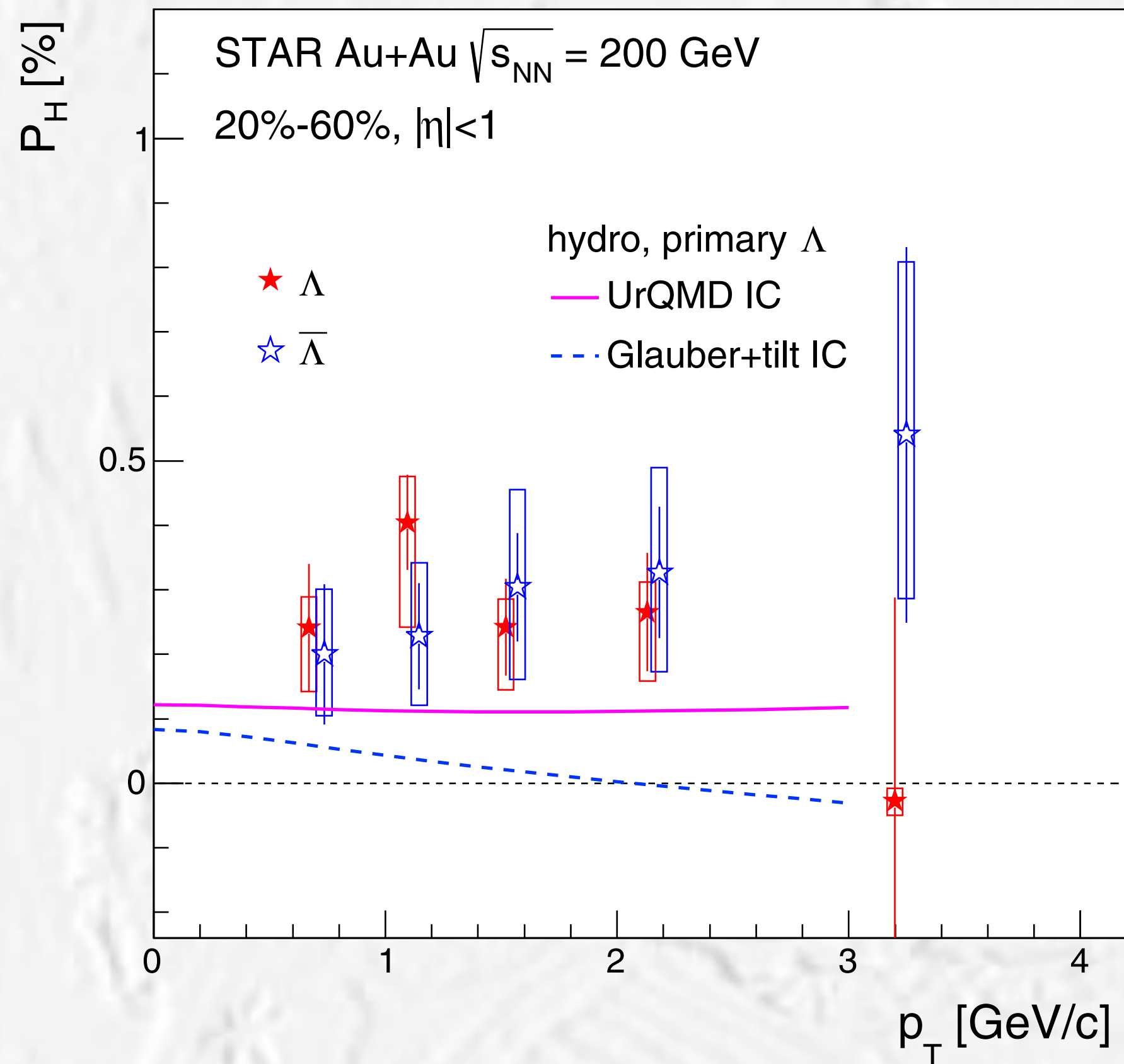
# Global polarization, rapidity dependence

W.T.Feng and X.G.Huang, PRC93.064907 (2016)

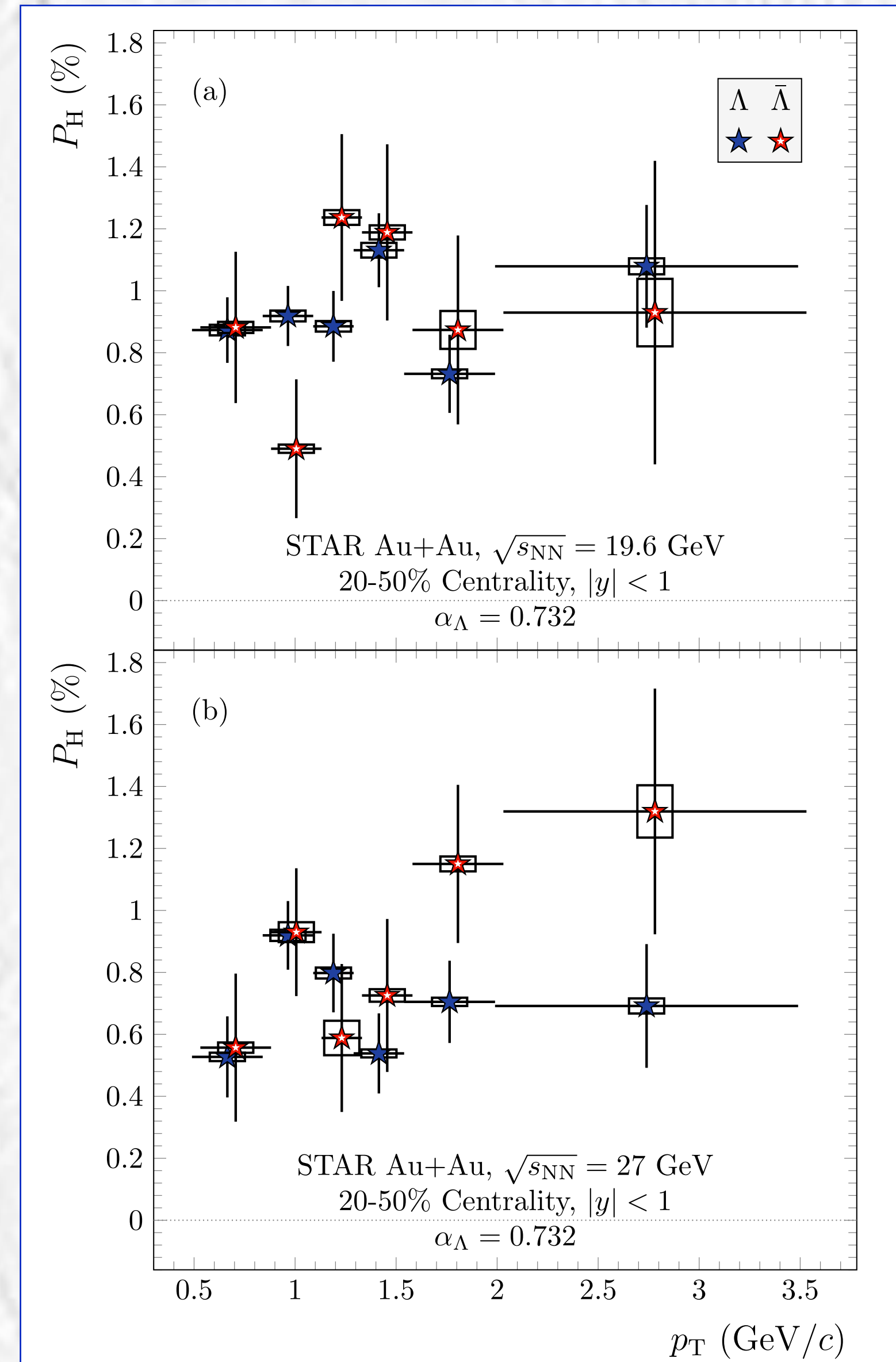
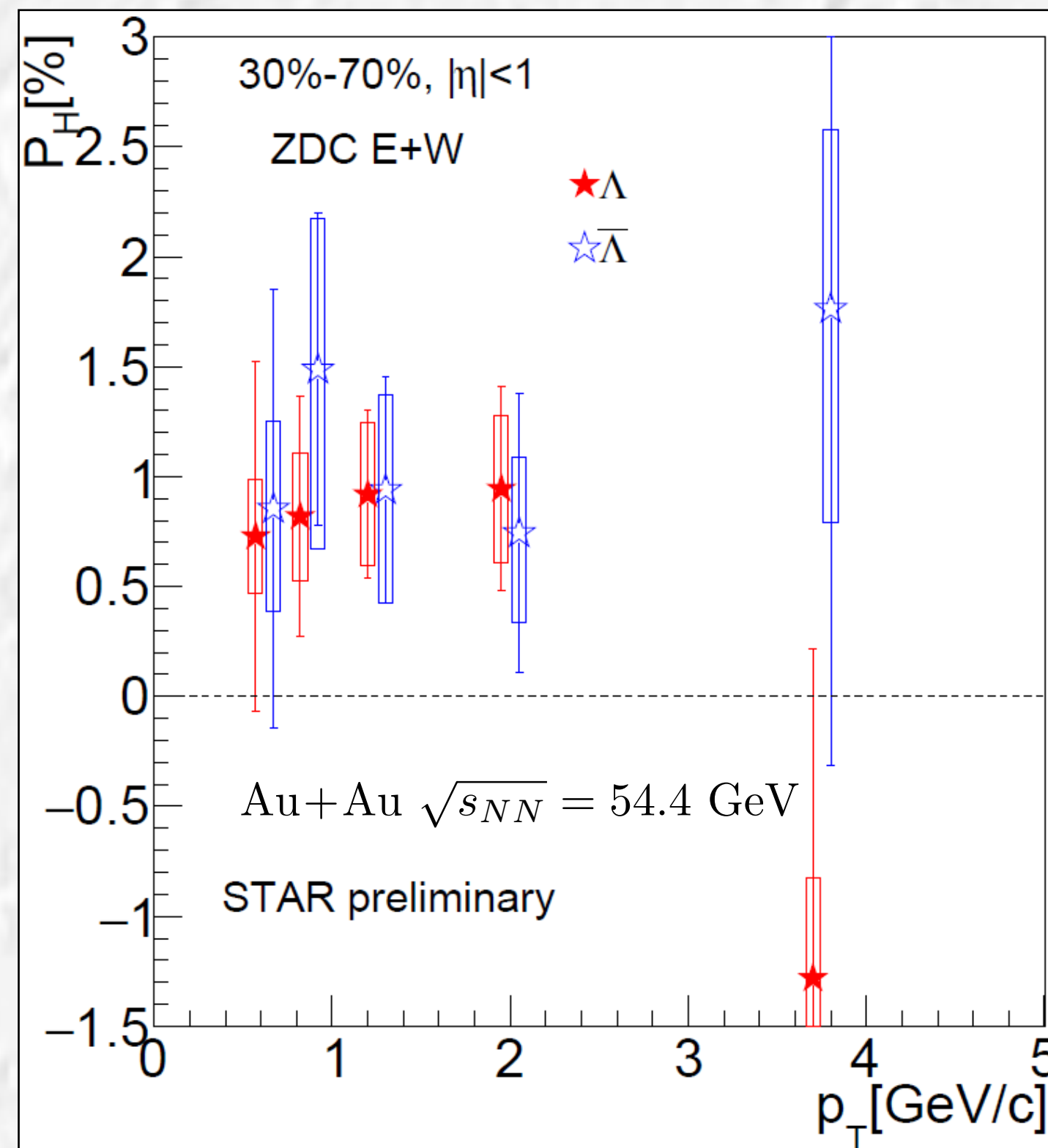




# Global polarization, $p_T$ dependence



Weak  $p_T$  dependence (as expected?)



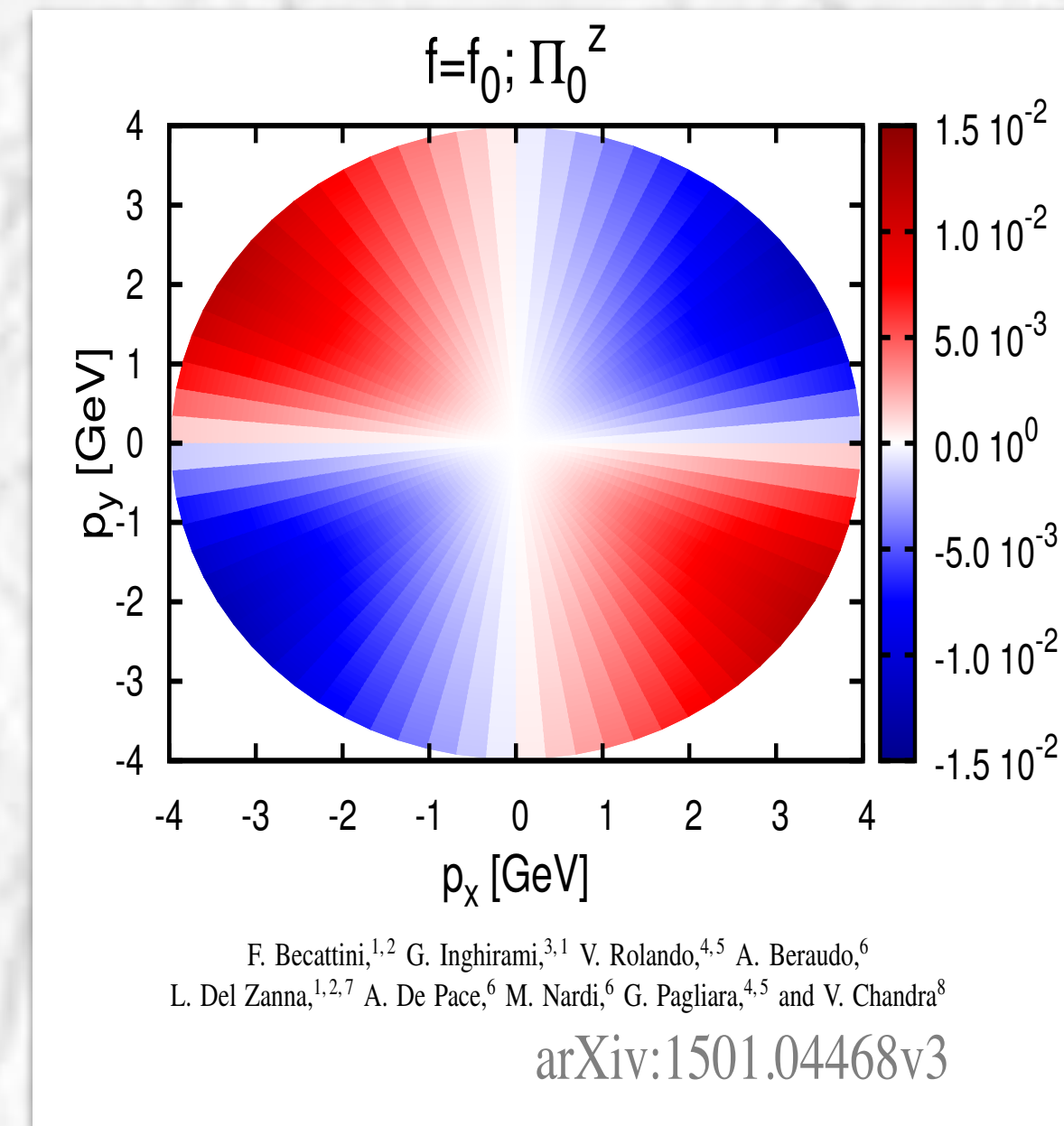
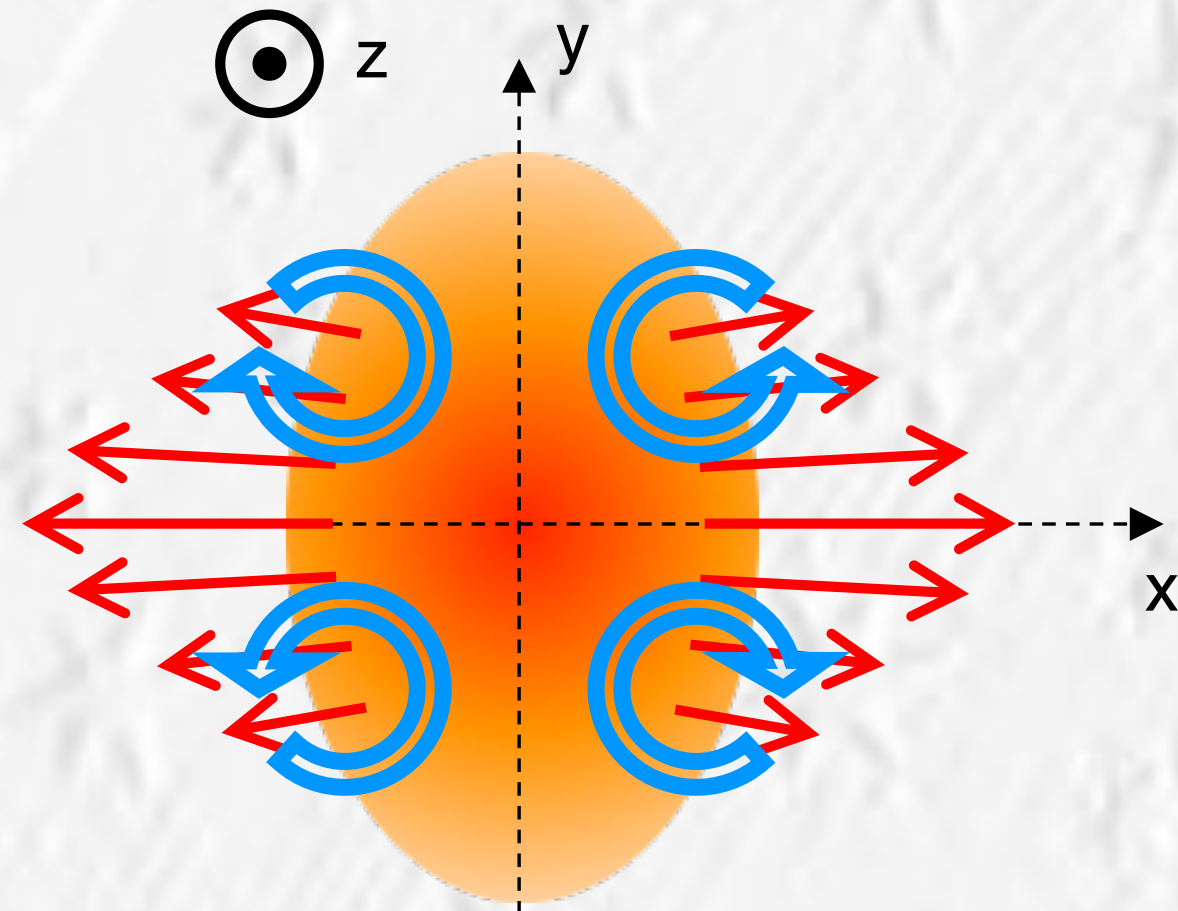


# zPolarization

SQM2017

S. A. Voloshin, "Vorticity and particle polarization in heavy ion collisions (experimental perspective)", arXiv:1710.08934 [nucl-ex]. [EPJ Web Conf.17,10700(2018)].

Anisotropic flow  $\Rightarrow \omega_z$



Plot not included in the orig. paper. Updated in 2018

Eur. Phys. J. C (2018) 78:354

F. Becattini and I. Karpenko, "Collective Longitudinal Polarization in Relativistic Heavy-Ion Collisions at Very High Energy", *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **120** no. 1, (2018) 012302, arXiv:1707.07984

Blast Wave:

$$r_{max} = R(1 - a \cos(2\phi_s))$$

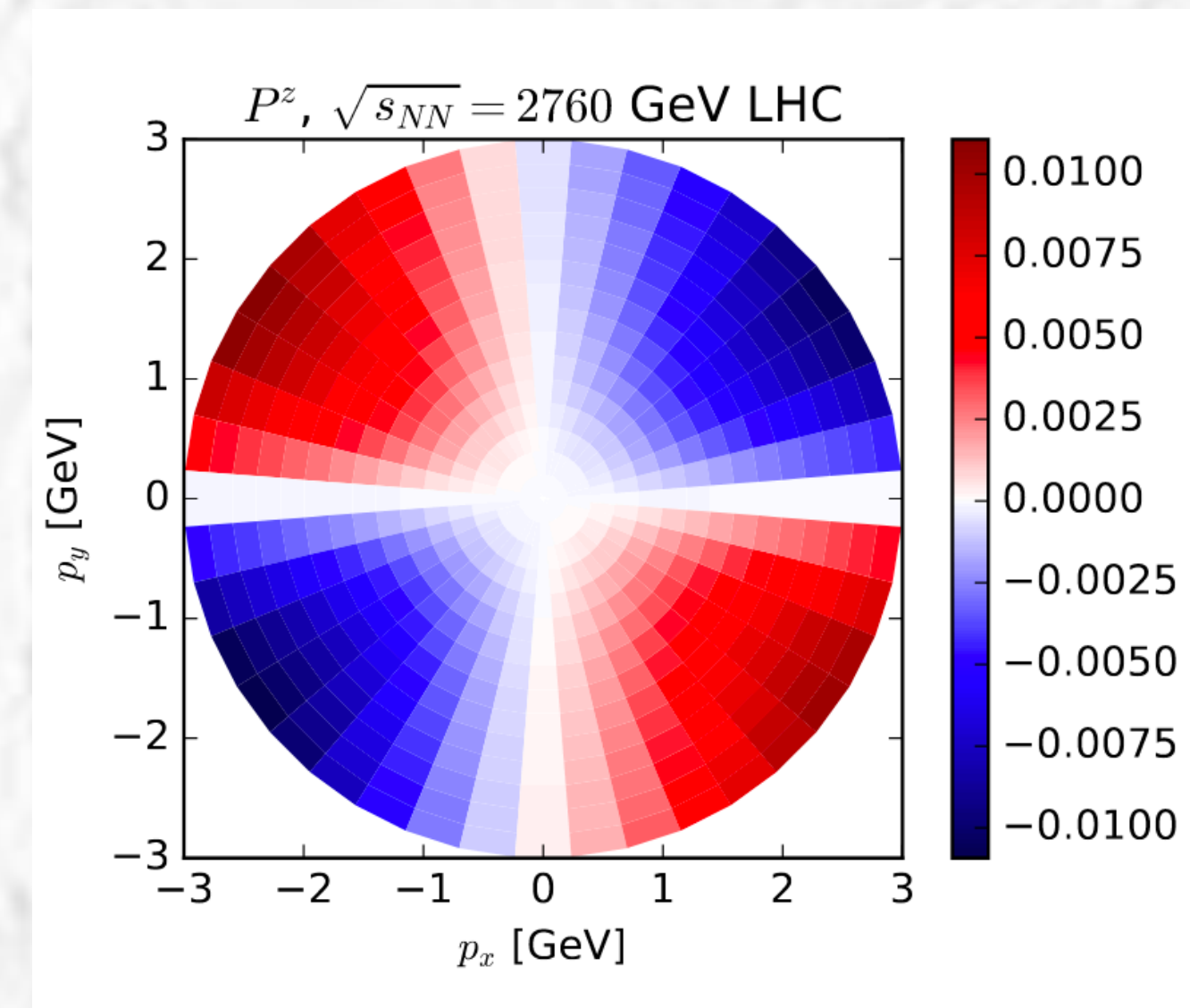
$$\rho \approx \rho_{t,max} [r/r_{max}(\phi_s)] [1 + b \cos(2\phi_s)]$$

$$\omega_z \approx (\rho_{t,max}/R) \sin(n\phi_s) [b_n - a_n]$$

$$P_z = \omega_z / (2T) \approx 0.1 \sin(n\phi_s) [b_n - a_n]$$

$$R \approx 10 \text{ fm}, T \approx 100 \text{ MeV}$$

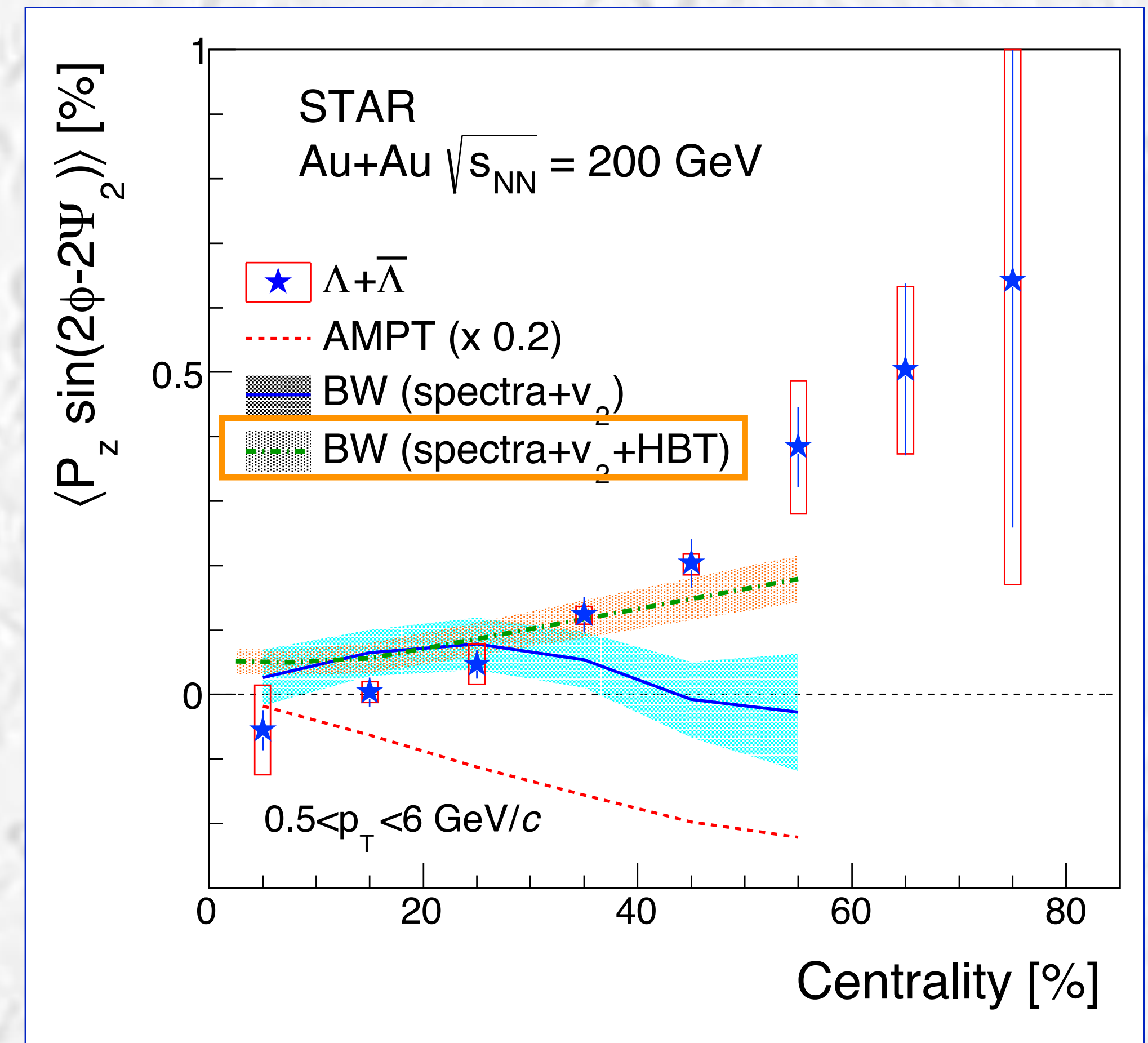
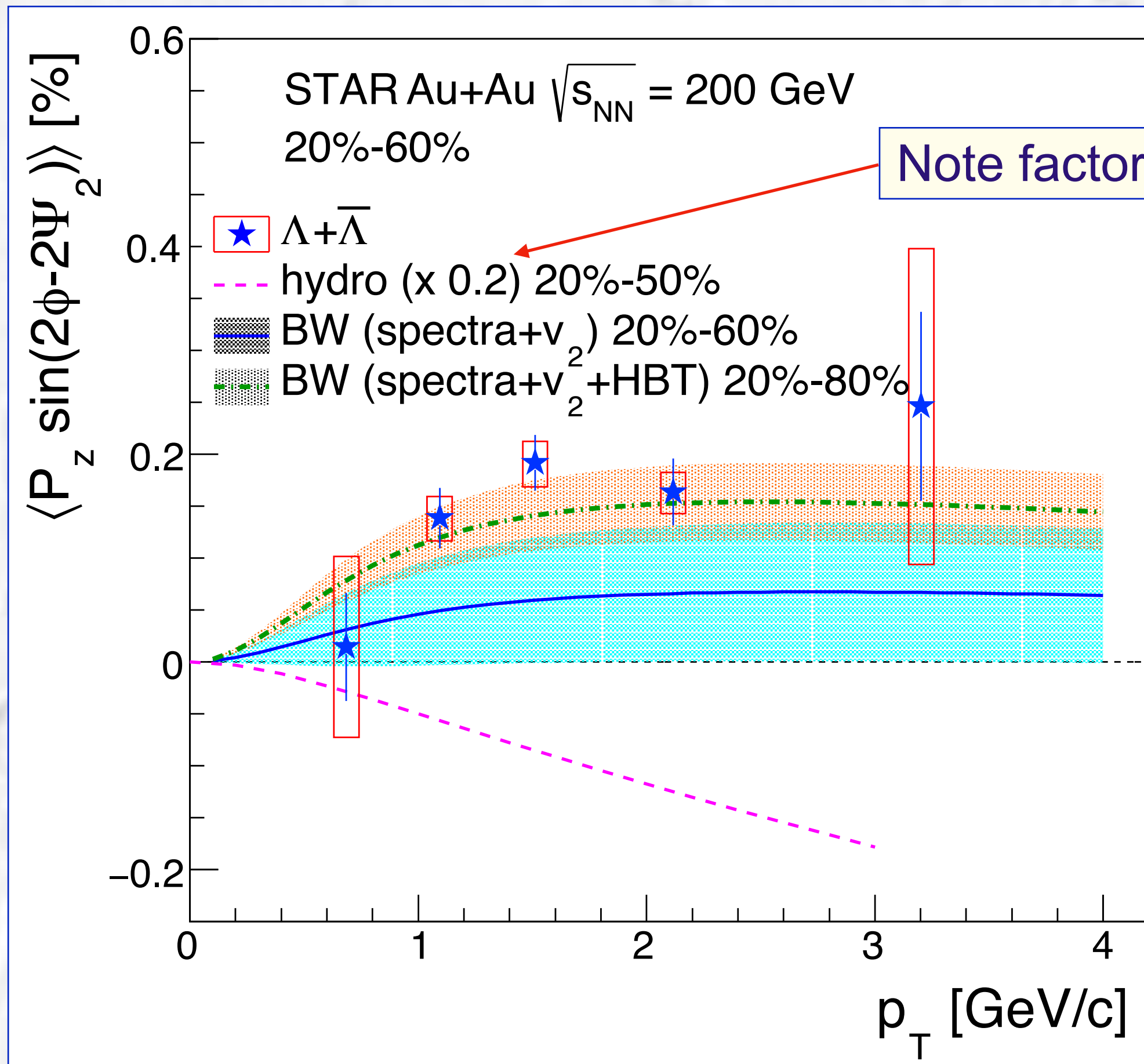
$a_n, b_n$  of the order of a few percent





# $\langle P_z \sin[2(\phi_H - \Psi_n)] \rangle$ centrality and $p_T$ dependence

STAR Collaboration, J. Adam *et al.*, "Polarization of  $\Lambda$  ( $\bar{\Lambda}$ ) hyperons along the beam direction in Au+Au collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV", *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **123** no. 13, (2019) , arXiv:1905.11917 [nucl-ex].



$$\langle \omega_z \sin(2\phi) \rangle = \frac{\int d\phi_s \int r dr I_2(\alpha_t) K_1(\beta_t) \omega_z \sin(2\phi_b)}{\int d\phi_s \int r dr I_0(\alpha_t) K_1(\beta_t)}$$

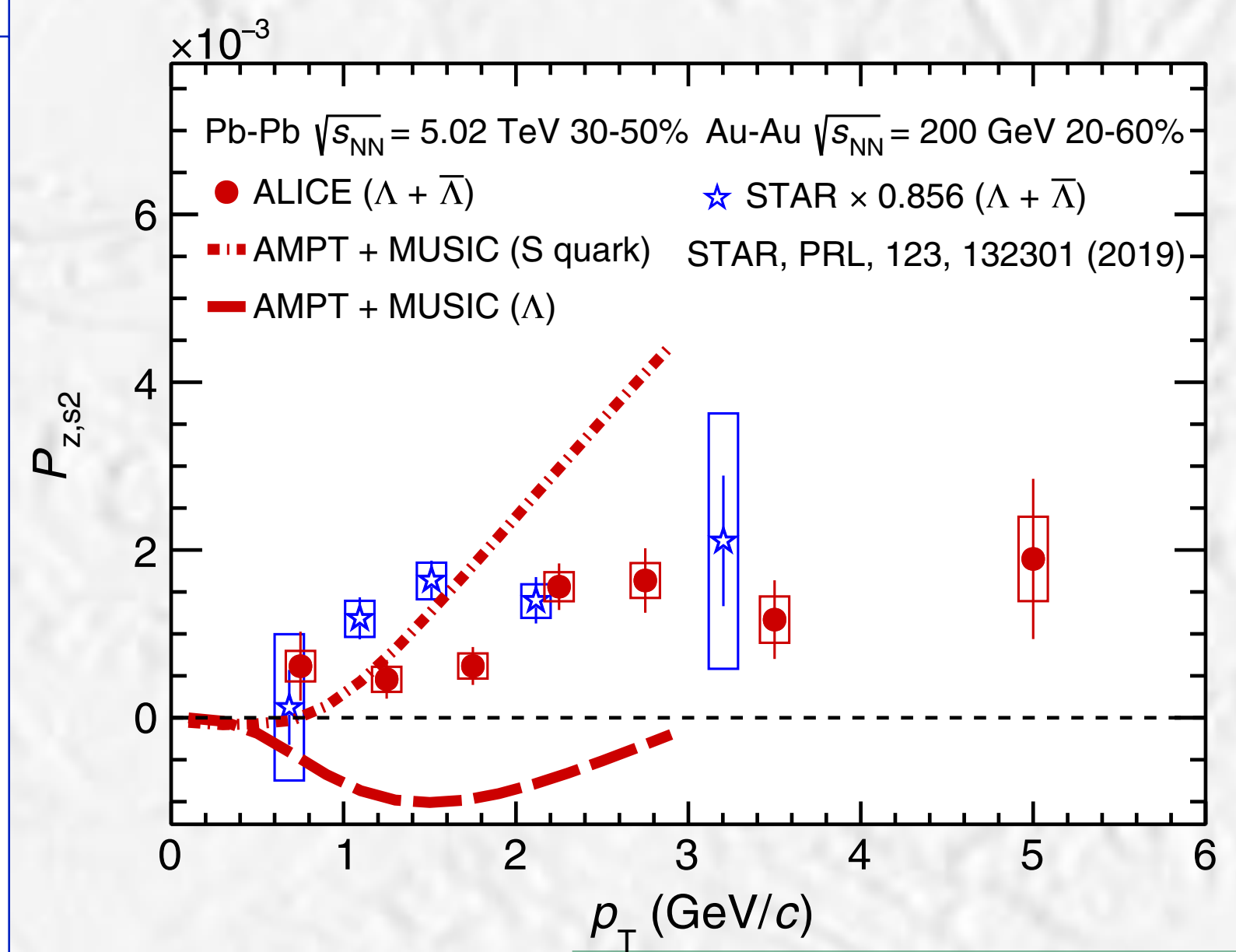
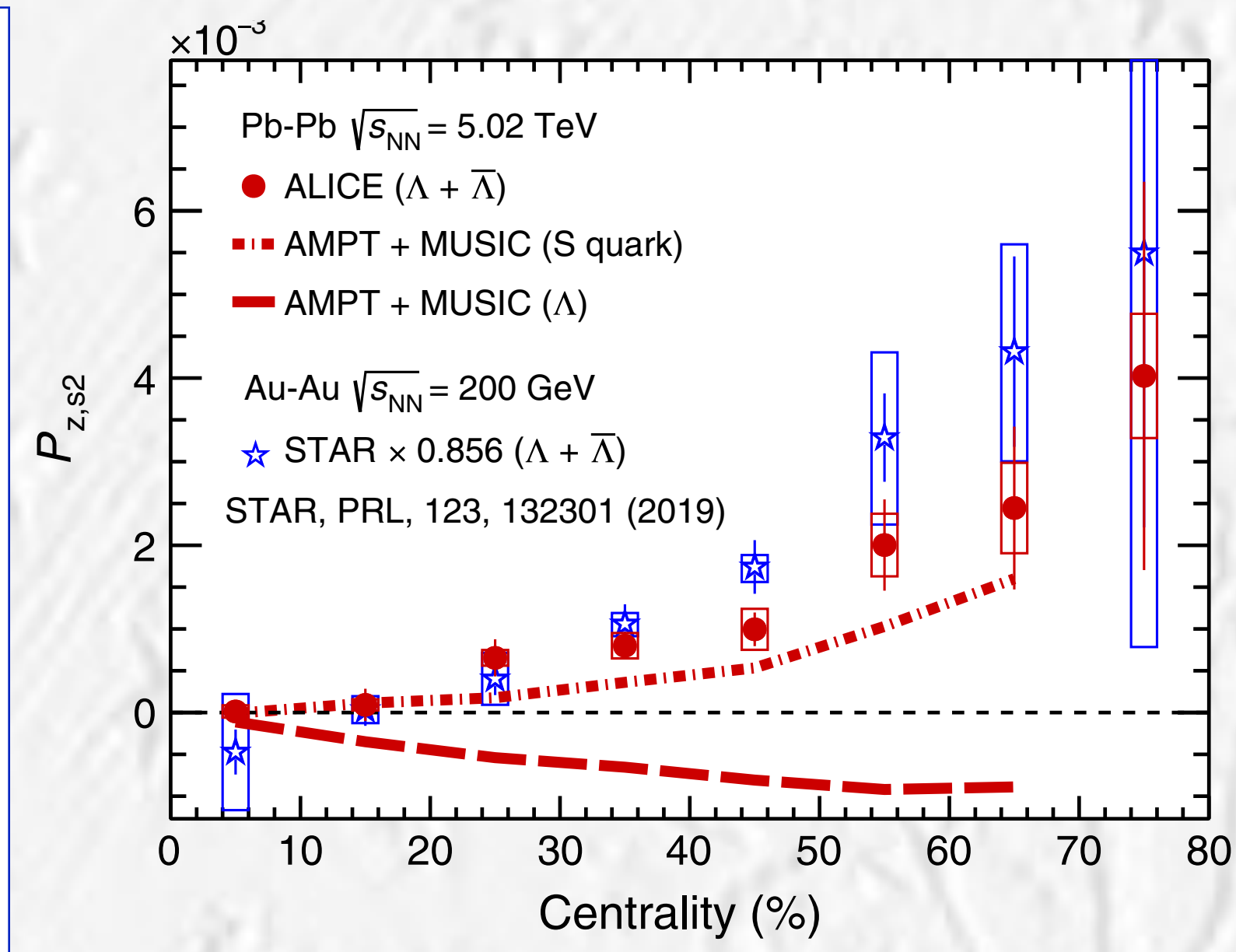
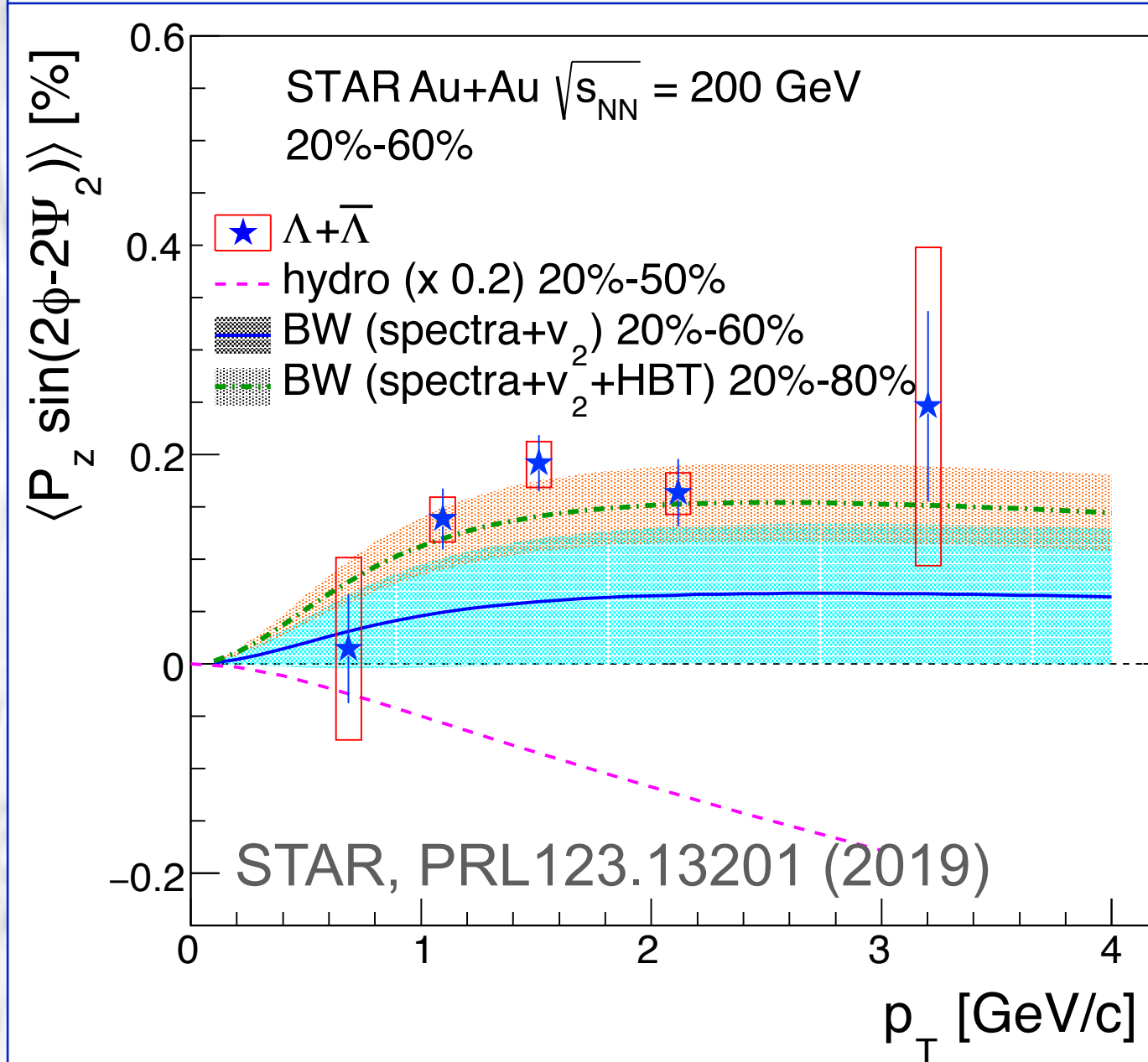
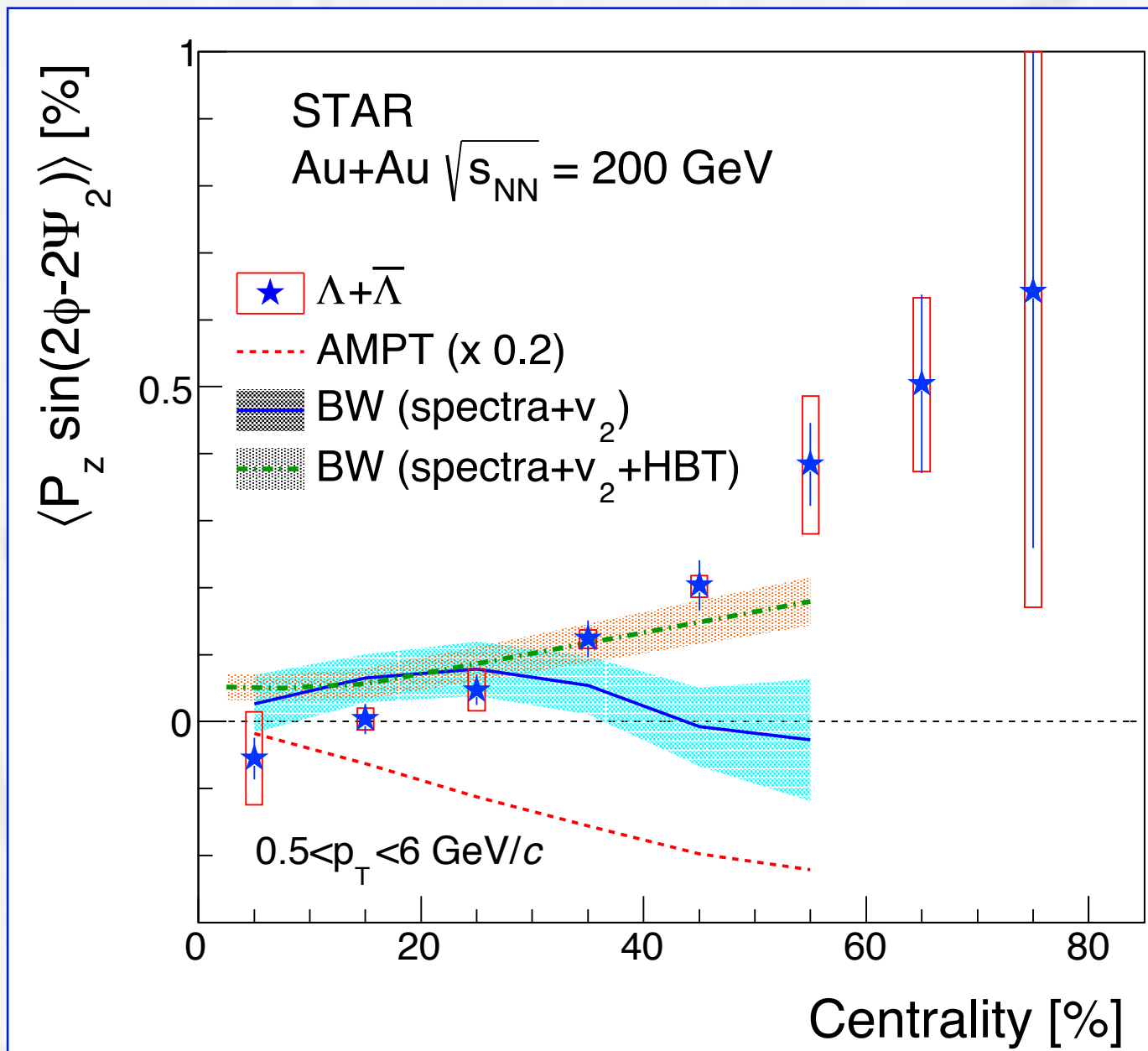
$$\omega_z = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} \right),$$

BW parameters obtained with fits to spectra and HBT:  
STAR, PRC71.044906 (2005) !!!



# + LHC measurements

ALICE Collaboration, S. Acharya *et al.*, "Polarization of  $\Lambda$  and  $\bar{\Lambda}$  hyperons along the beam direction in Pb-Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$  TeV", arXiv:2107.11183



Neither sign nor magnitude of  $P_z$  could be reproduced by models based on thermal vorticity - "spin sign puzzle"

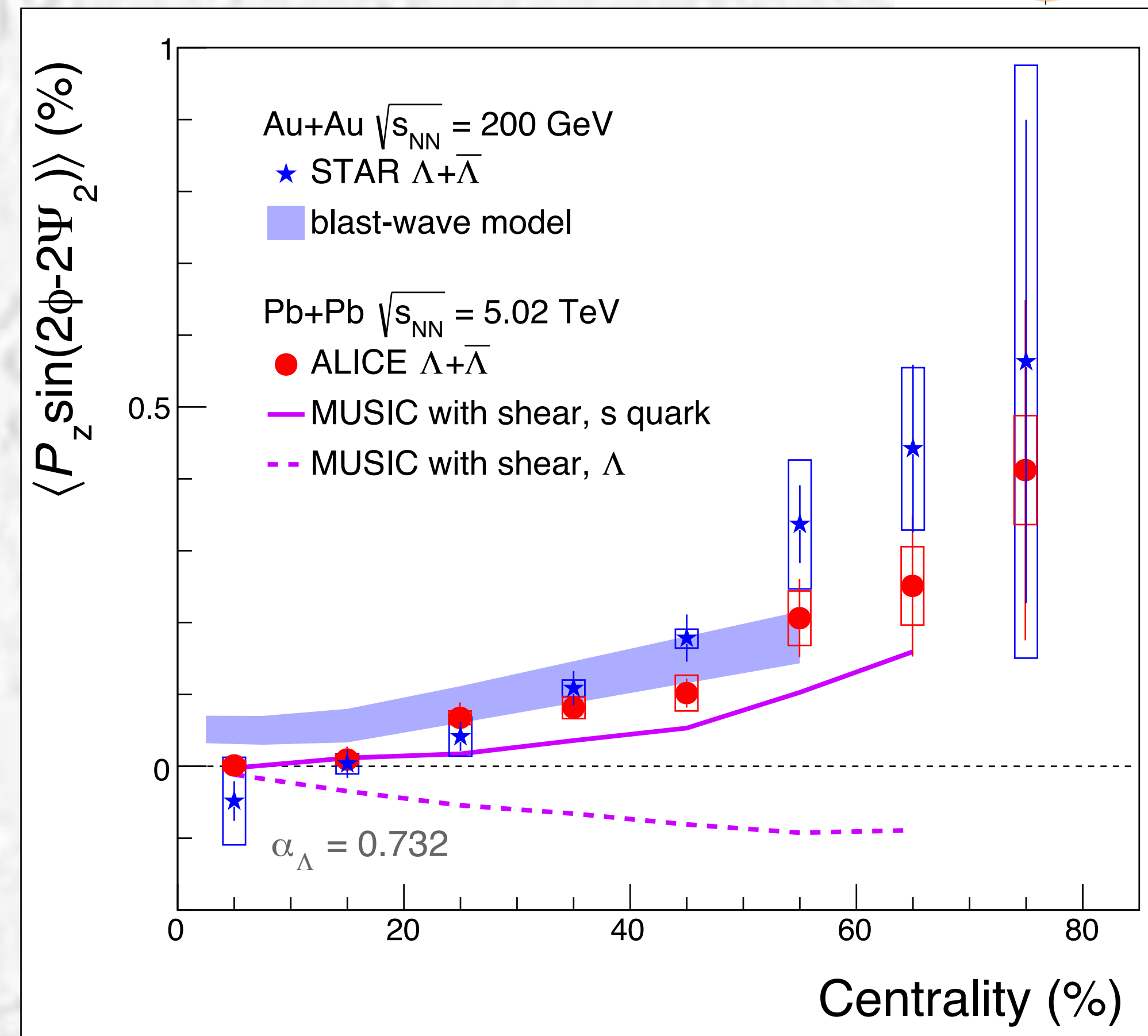
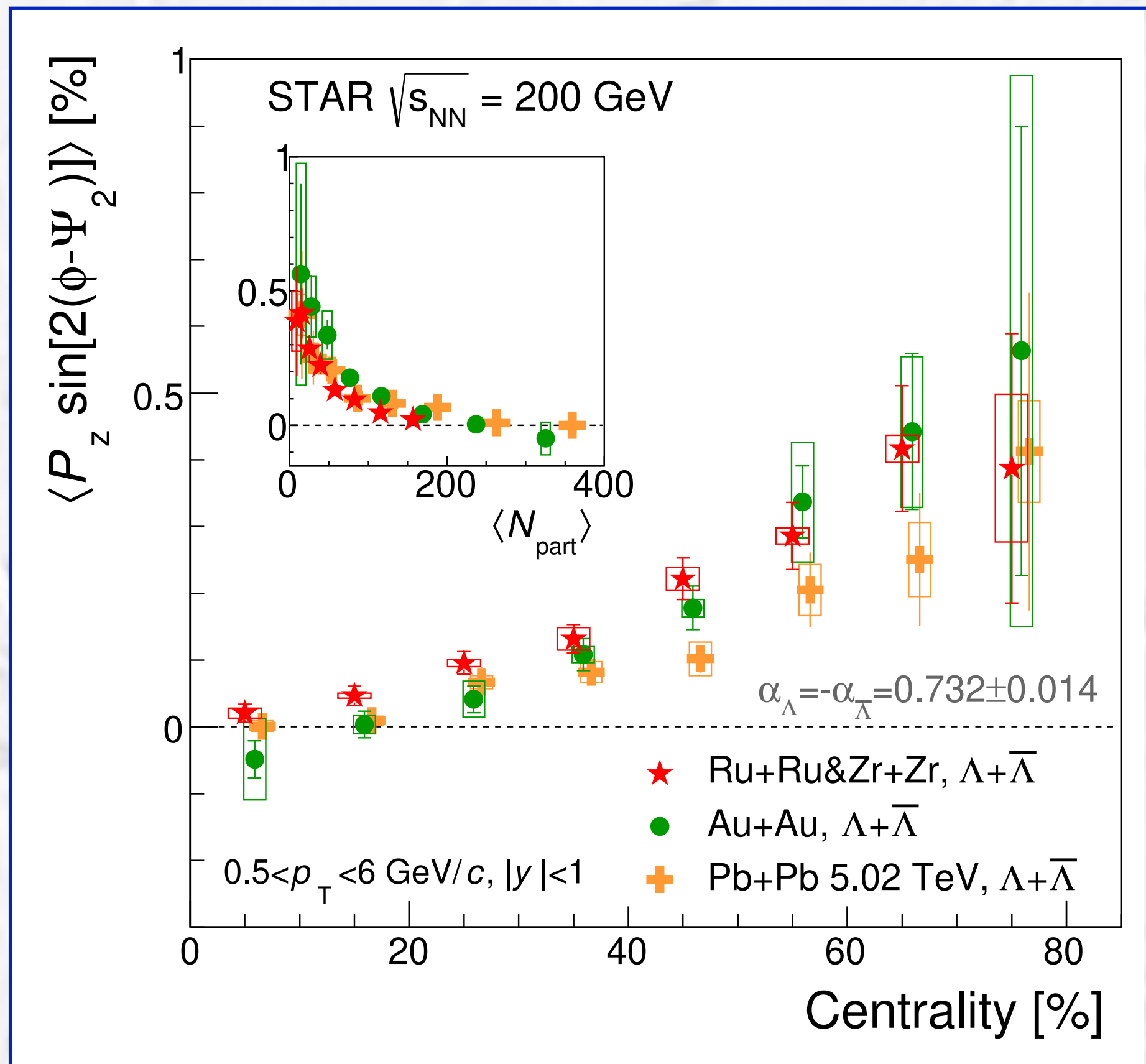
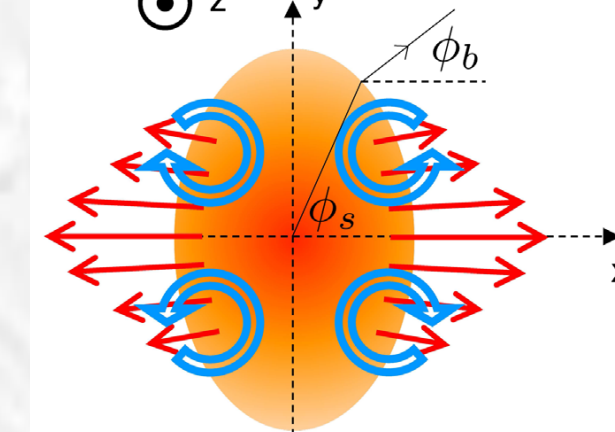
- F. Becattini and I. Karpenko, PRL.120.012302 (2018)
- X. Xia et al., PRC98.024905 (2018)
- Y. Sun and C.-M. Ko, PRC99, 011903(R) (2019)
- Y. Xie, D. Wang, and L. P. Csernai, Eur. Phys. J. C (2020) 80:39
- W. Florkowski et al., Phys. Rev. C 100, 054907 (2019)
- H.-Z. Wu et al., Phys. Rev. Research 1, 033058 (2019)

HYDRO, AMPT: It was noticed that the "kinematic non-relativistic vorticity" fits data well, but is (much) smaller than that including contributions from acceleration and temperature gradients

More recently: shear induced polarization



# $\langle P_z \sin[2(\phi_H - \Psi_n)] \rangle$ Centrality, size dependence



$$r_{max} = R(1 - a \cos(2\phi_s))$$

$$\rho \approx \rho_{t,max} [r/r_{max}(\phi_s)] [1 + b \cos(2\phi_s)]$$

$$\omega_z \approx (\rho_{t,max}/R) \sin(n\phi_s) [b_n - a_n]$$

Centrality dependence - follows eccentricity ? (not  $v_2$ )

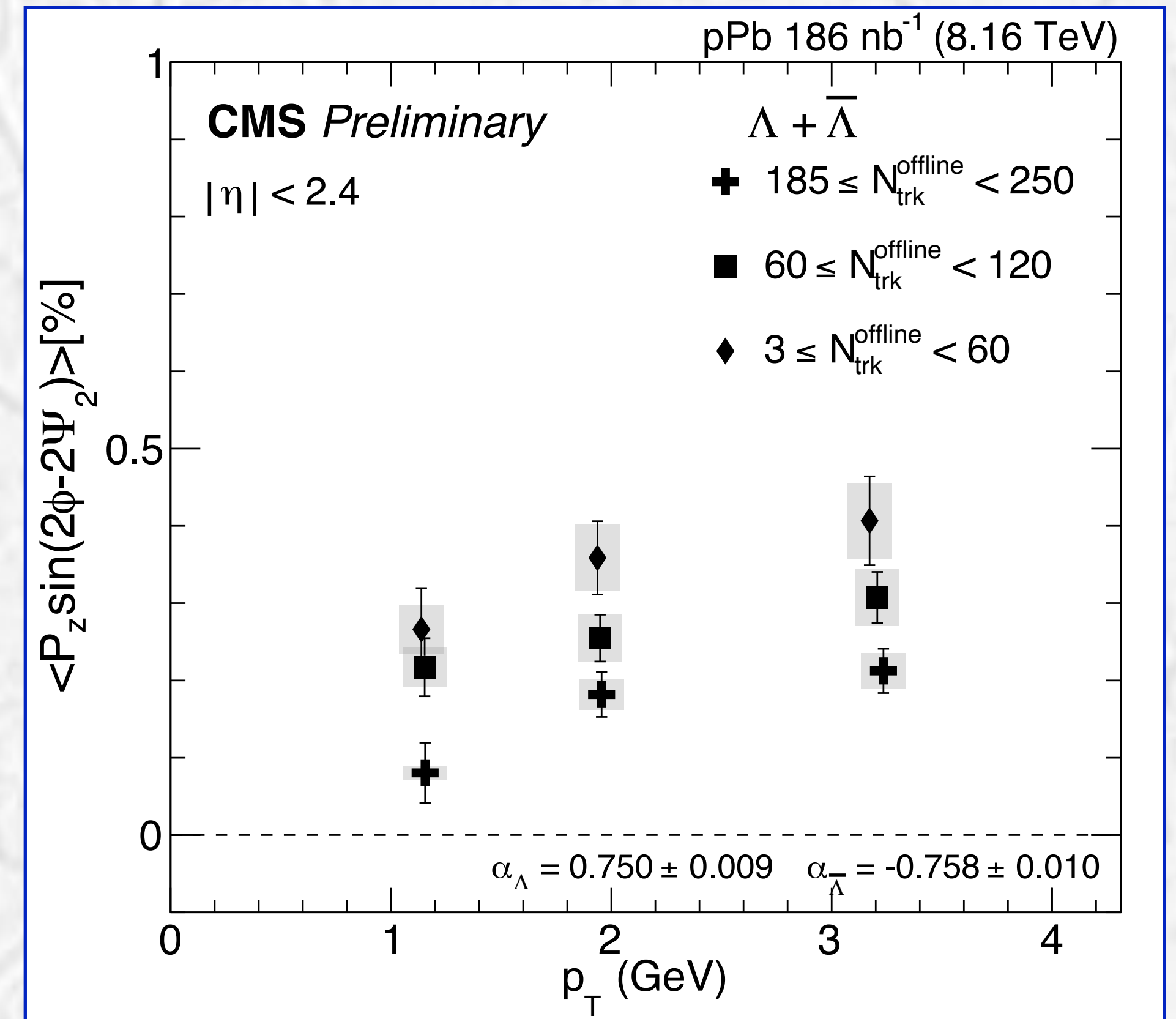
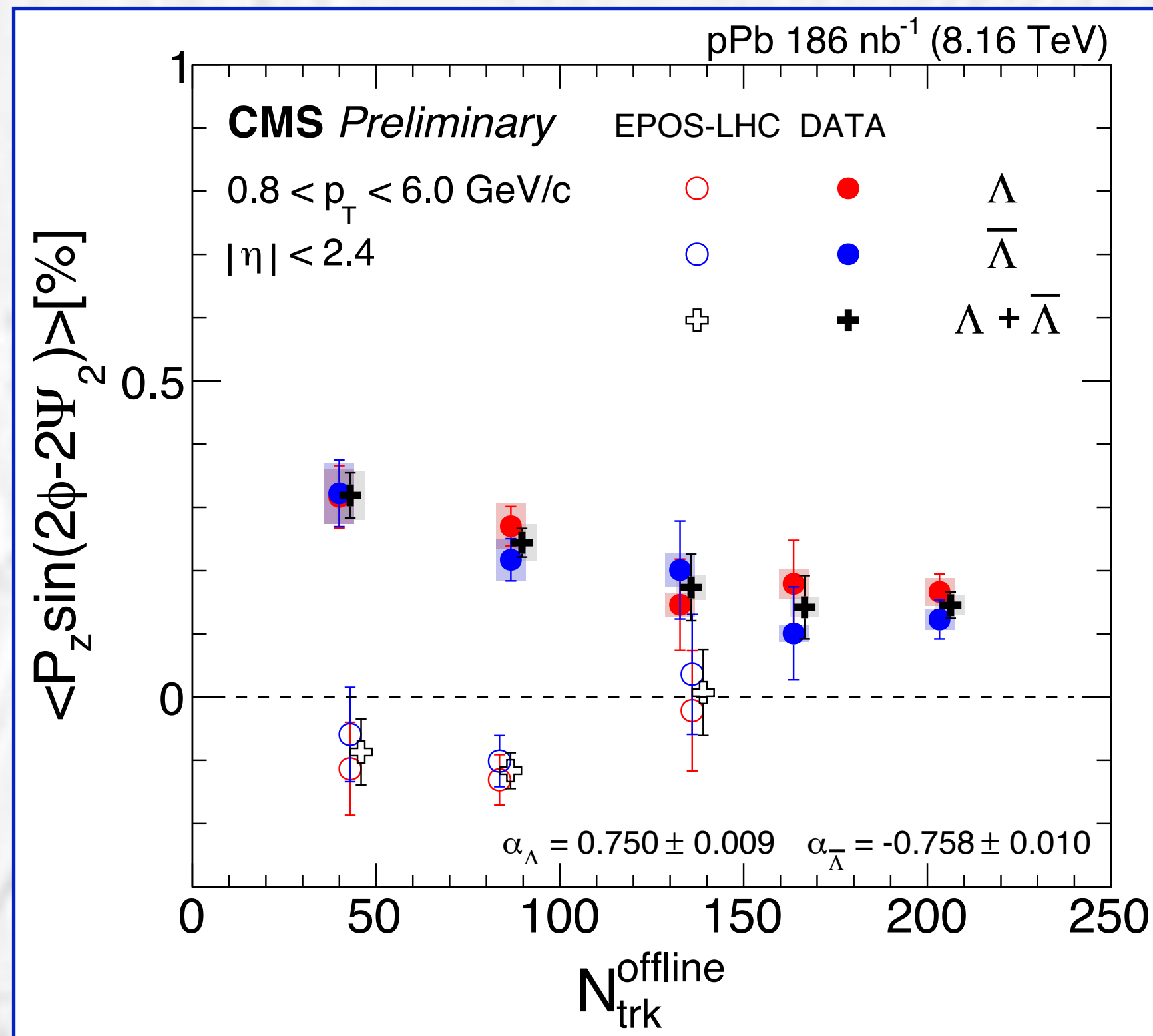


## CMS Physics Analysis Summary

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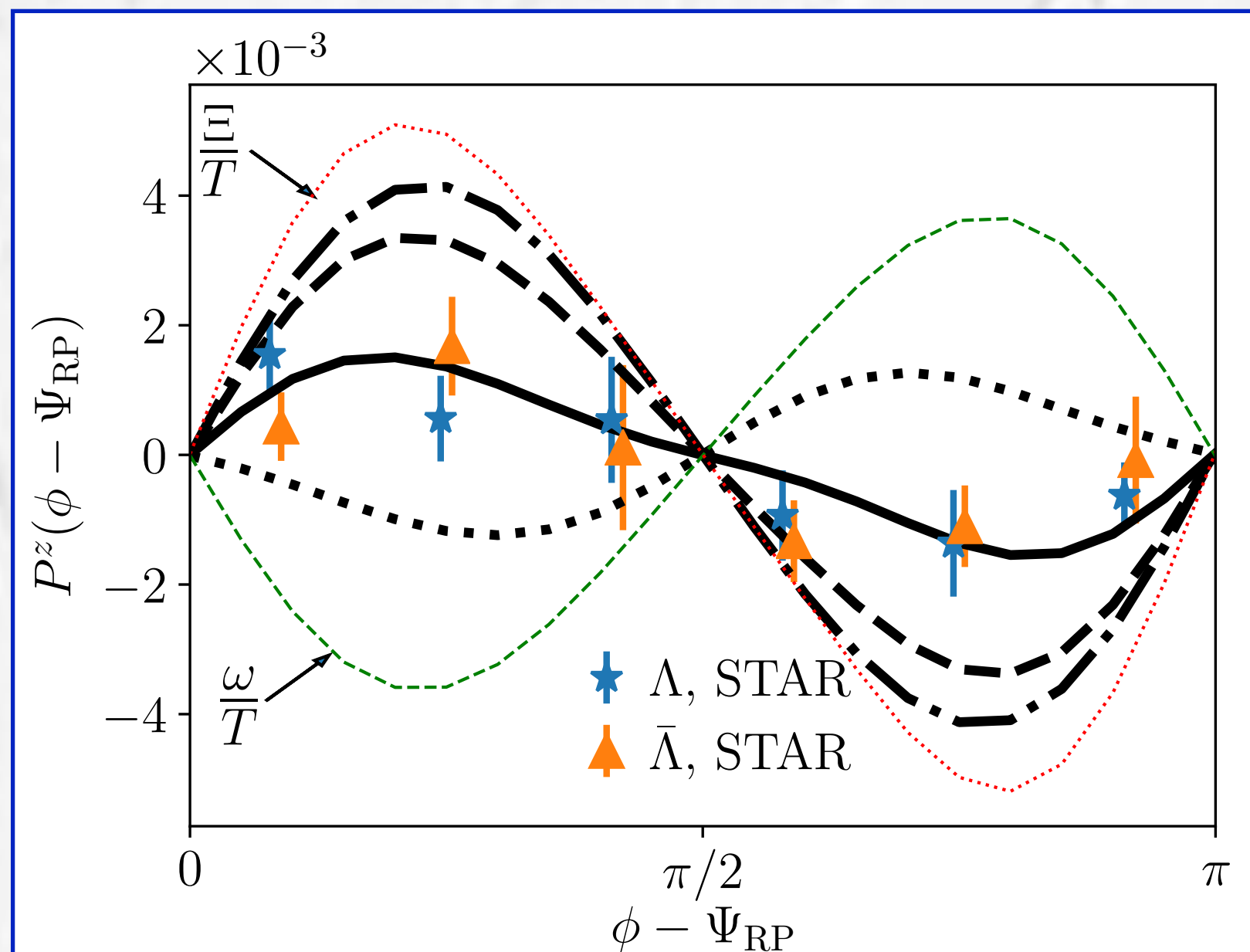
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Azimuthal dependence of hyperon polarization along the beam direction in pPb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 8.16$  TeV





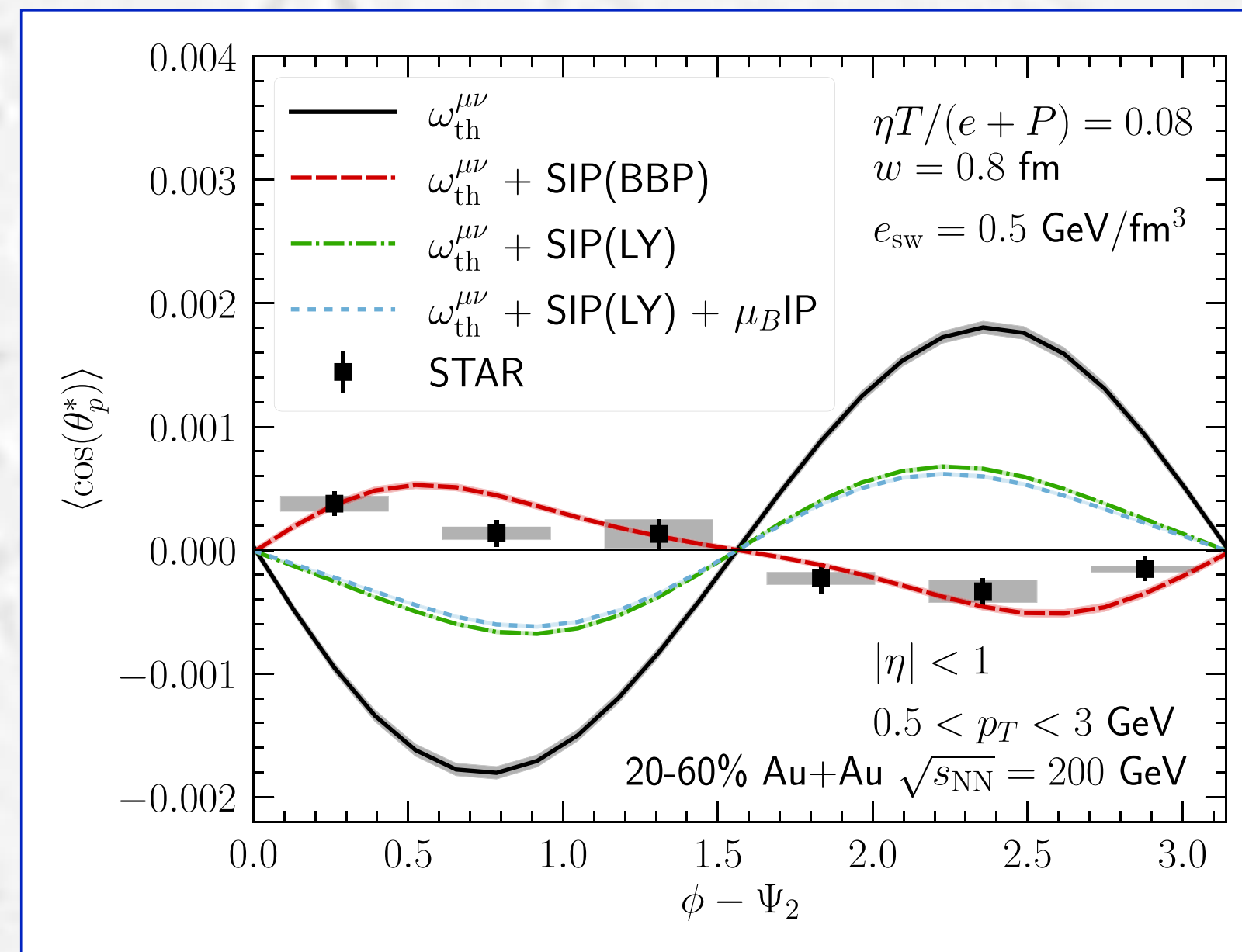
# Shear induced polarization (SIP)



vorticity:  $\omega_{\rho\sigma} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\sigma u_\rho - \partial_\rho u_\sigma)$   
 shear:  $\Xi_{\rho\sigma} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\sigma u_\rho + \partial_\rho u_\sigma)$

S. Liu, Y. Yin, JHEP07(2021)188  
 B. Fu et al., PRL127, 142301 (2021)  
 F. Becattini et al., PLB820(2021)136519  
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Neither sign nor magnitude of  $P_z$  could not be reproduced by models based on thermal vorticity - “spin sign puzzle”



Would higher harmonics measurements help to observe the SIP contribution?

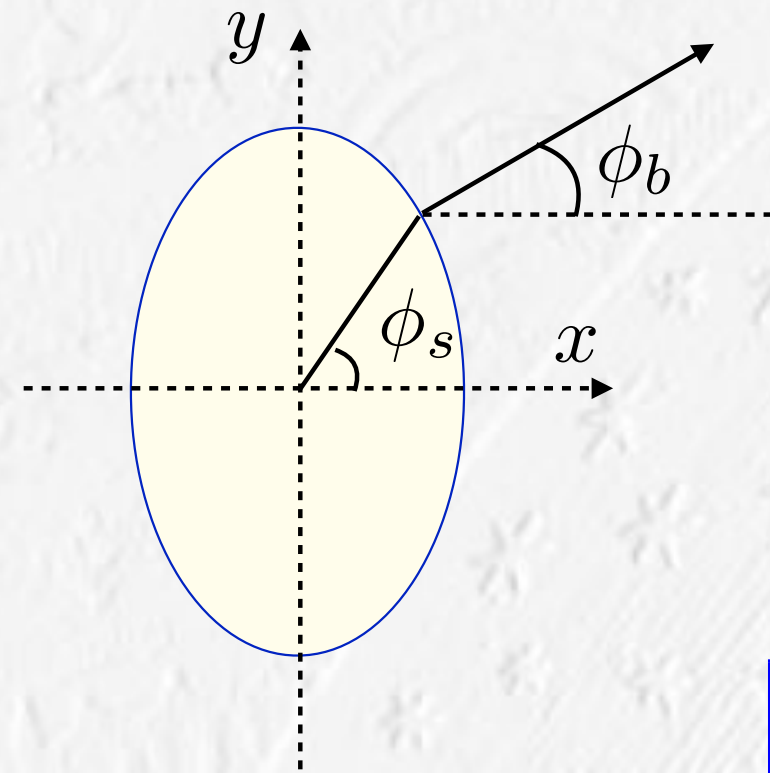
Note that SIP contribution comes mostly (?) from  $dv_z/dx$

S. Alzhrani, S. Ryu, and C. Shen, “Λ spin polarization in event-by-event relativistic heavy-ion collisions”, *Phys. Rev. C* **106** no. 1, (2022), arXiv:2203.15718 [nucl-th].



$$P_{z,sn} = \langle P_z \sin[n(\phi - \Psi_n)] \rangle$$

### Blast wave parameterization



Number of emitting "sources":

$$\propto [1 + 2s_2 \cos(2\phi_b)]$$

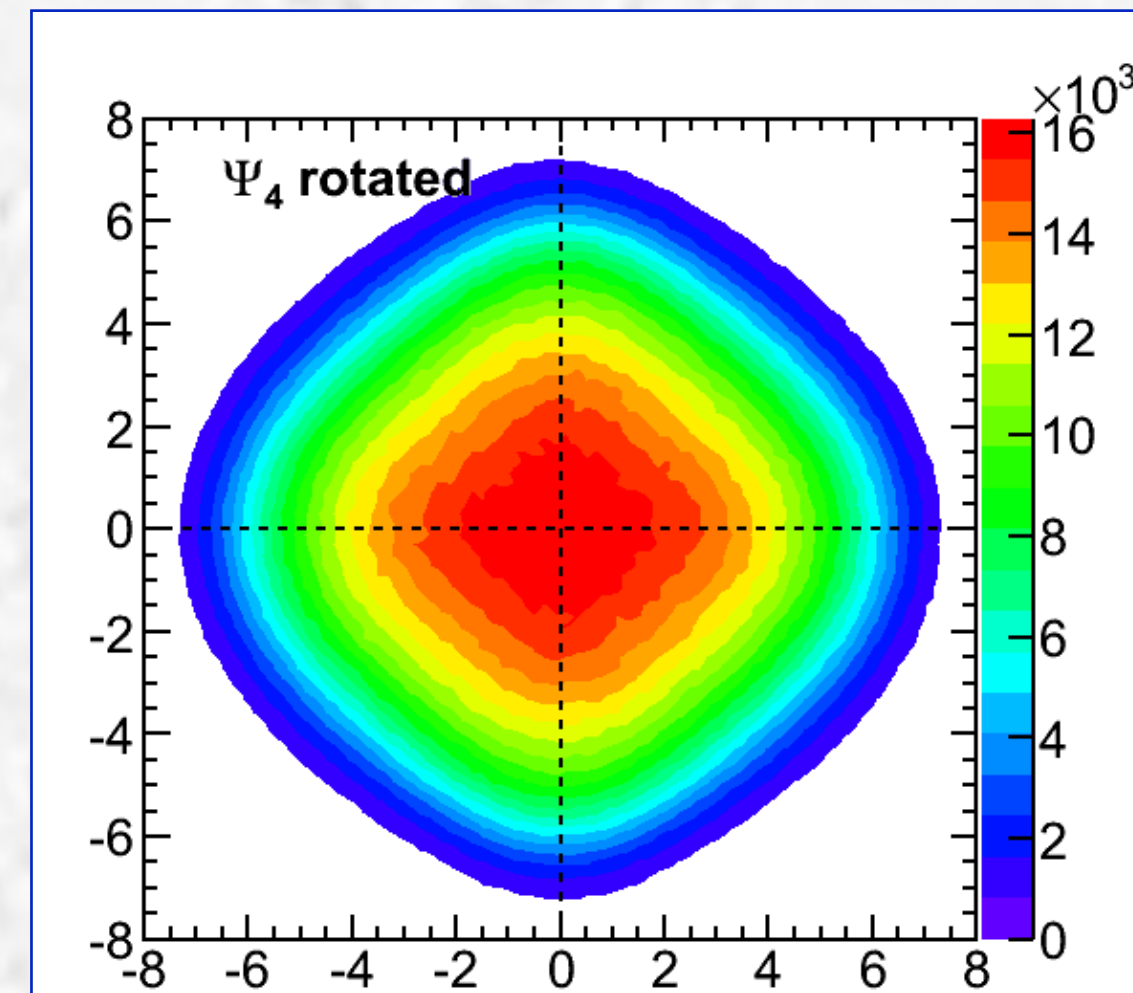
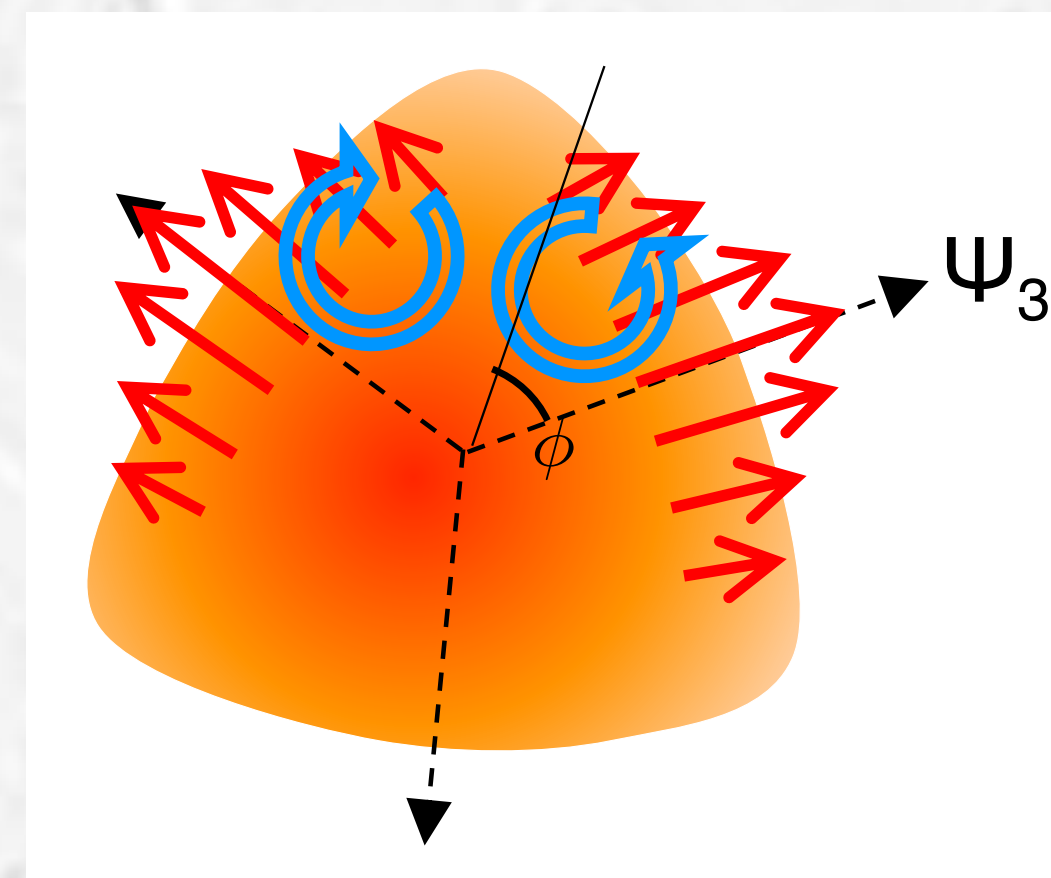
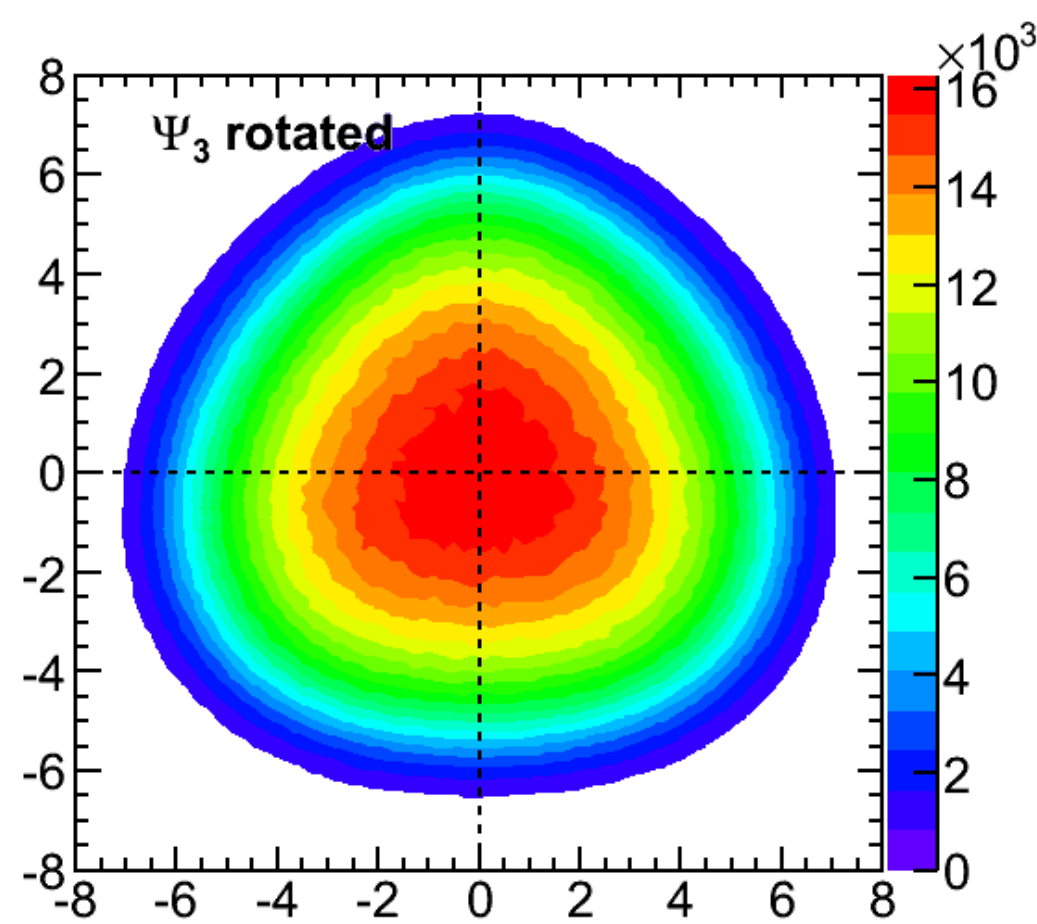
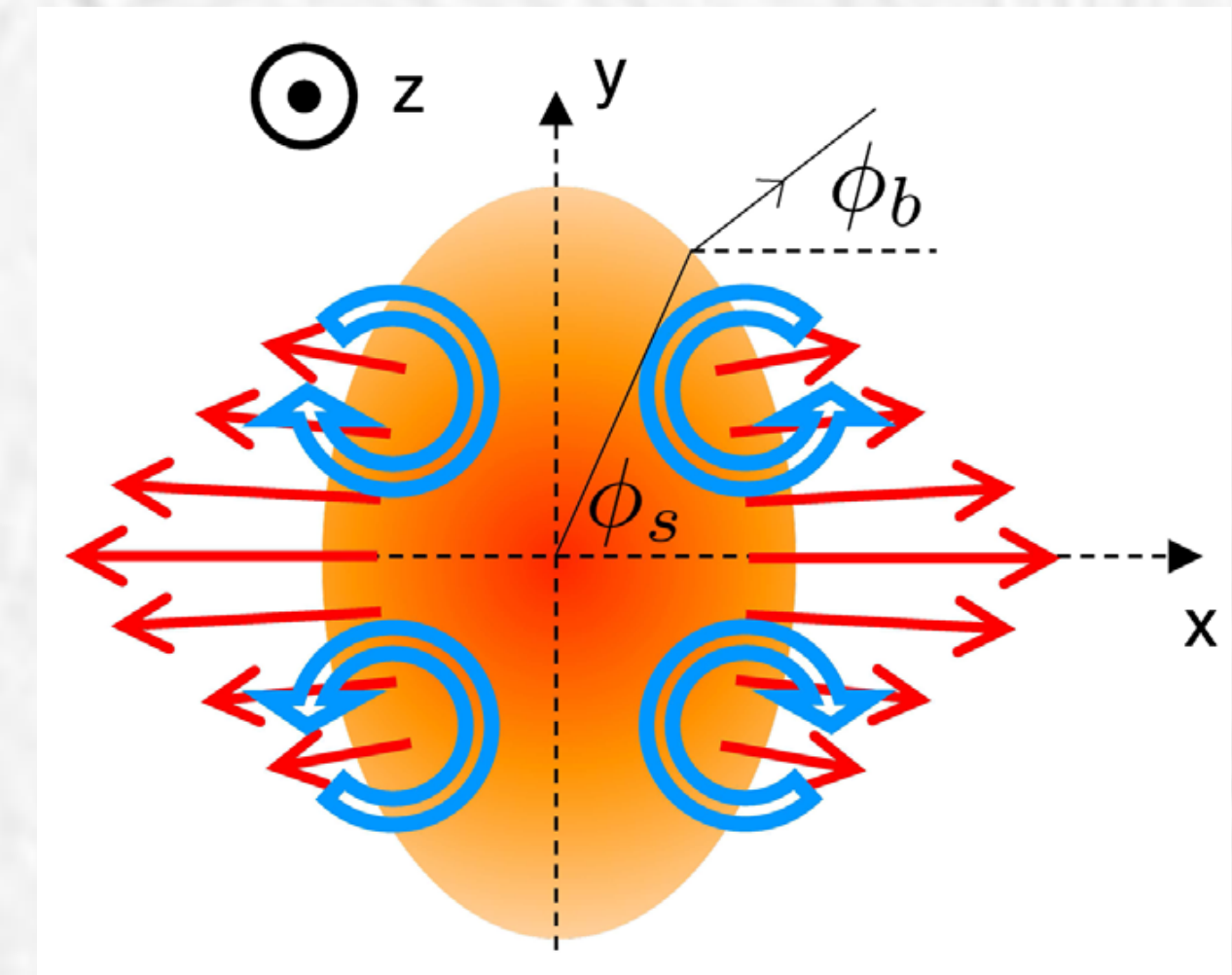
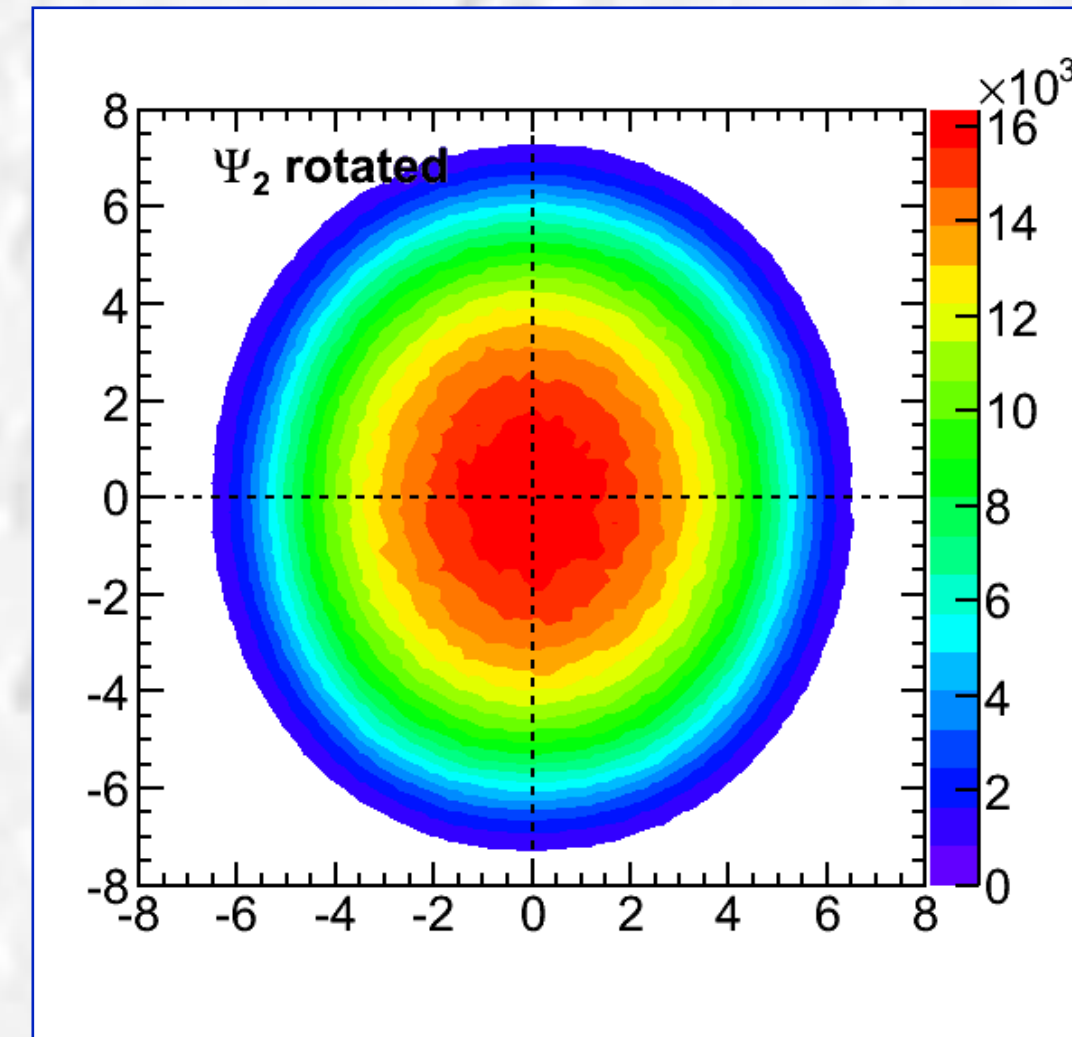
Transverse rapidity (boost):

$$\rho_t = \rho_{t,max} [r/r_{max}(\phi_s)] [1 + a_2 \cos(2\phi_s)]$$

$$\omega_z \approx \rho_{t,max} \sin(n\phi_s) [a_n - 2s_n]$$

The effects should be present also at higher harmonics, e.g. for triangular flow.

Provides connection to  $v_n(p_t)$  and azFemto measurements

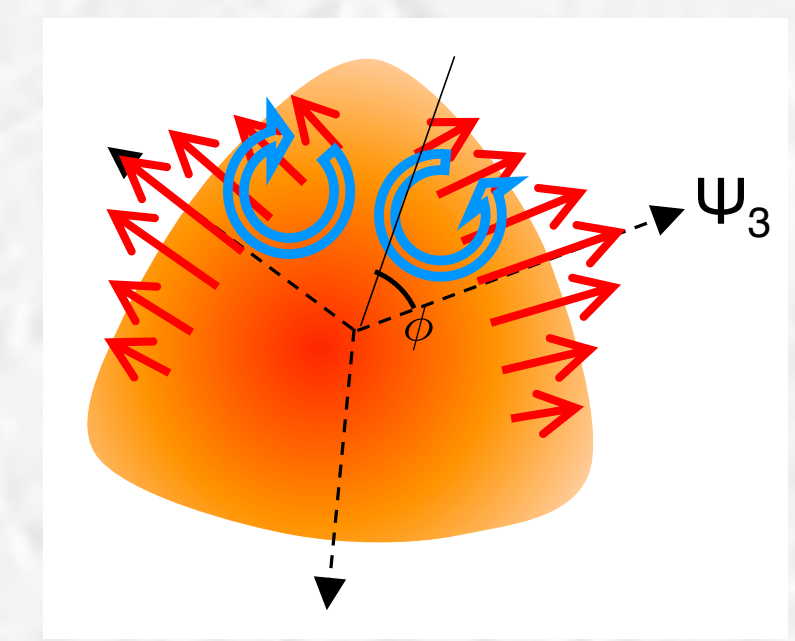
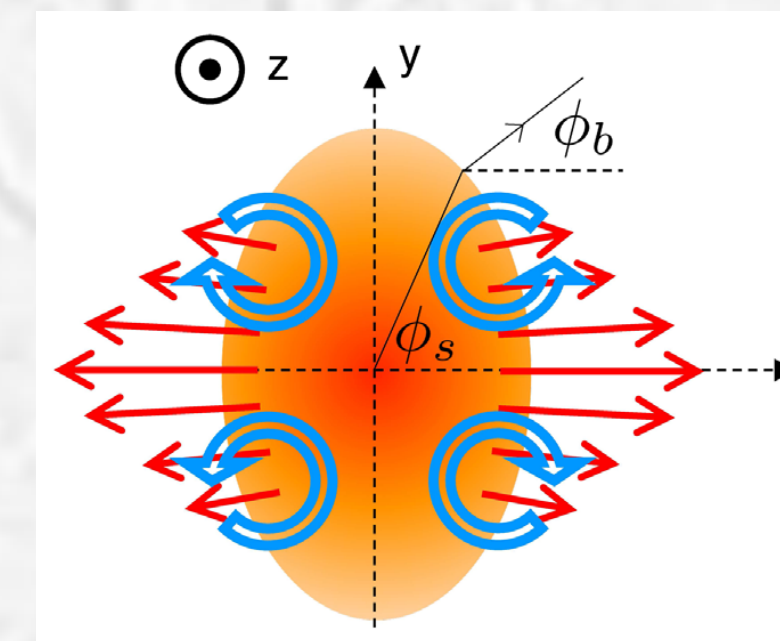
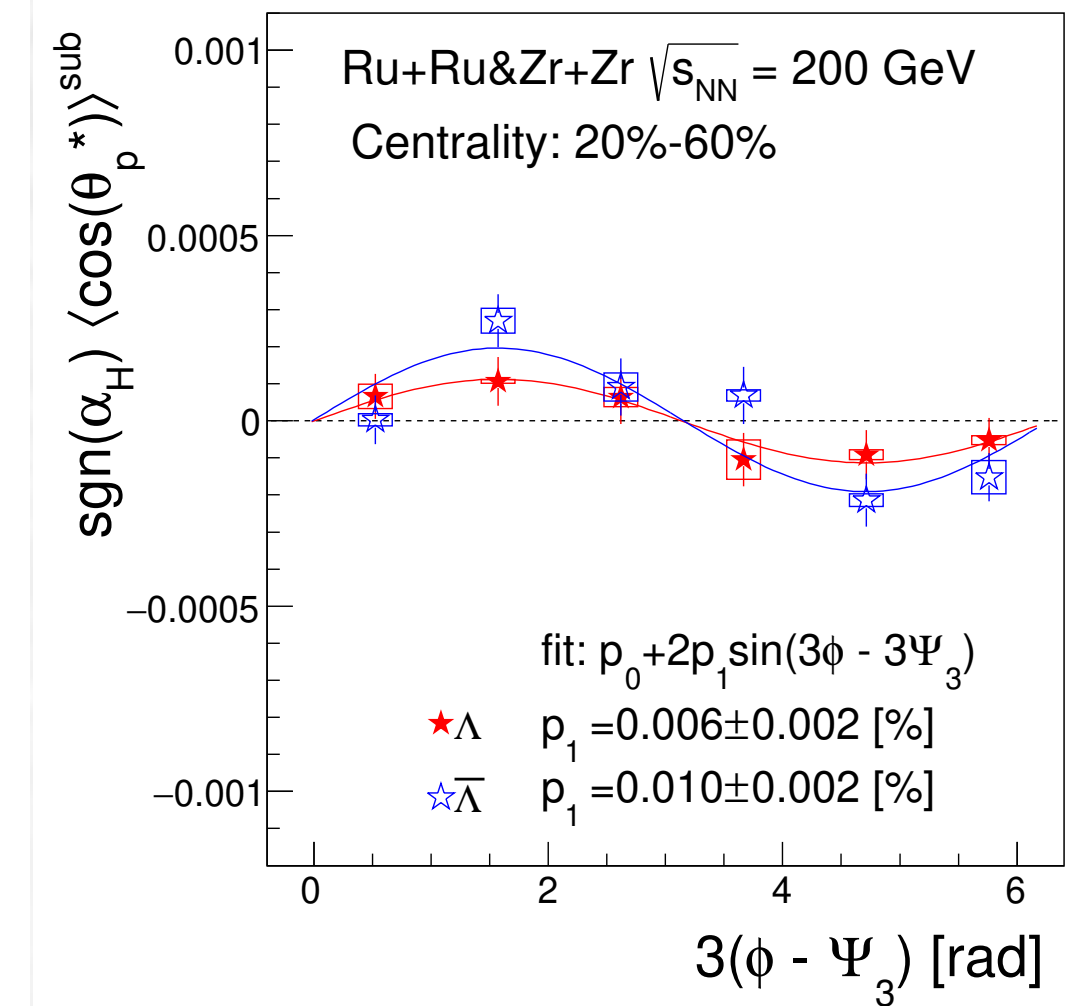
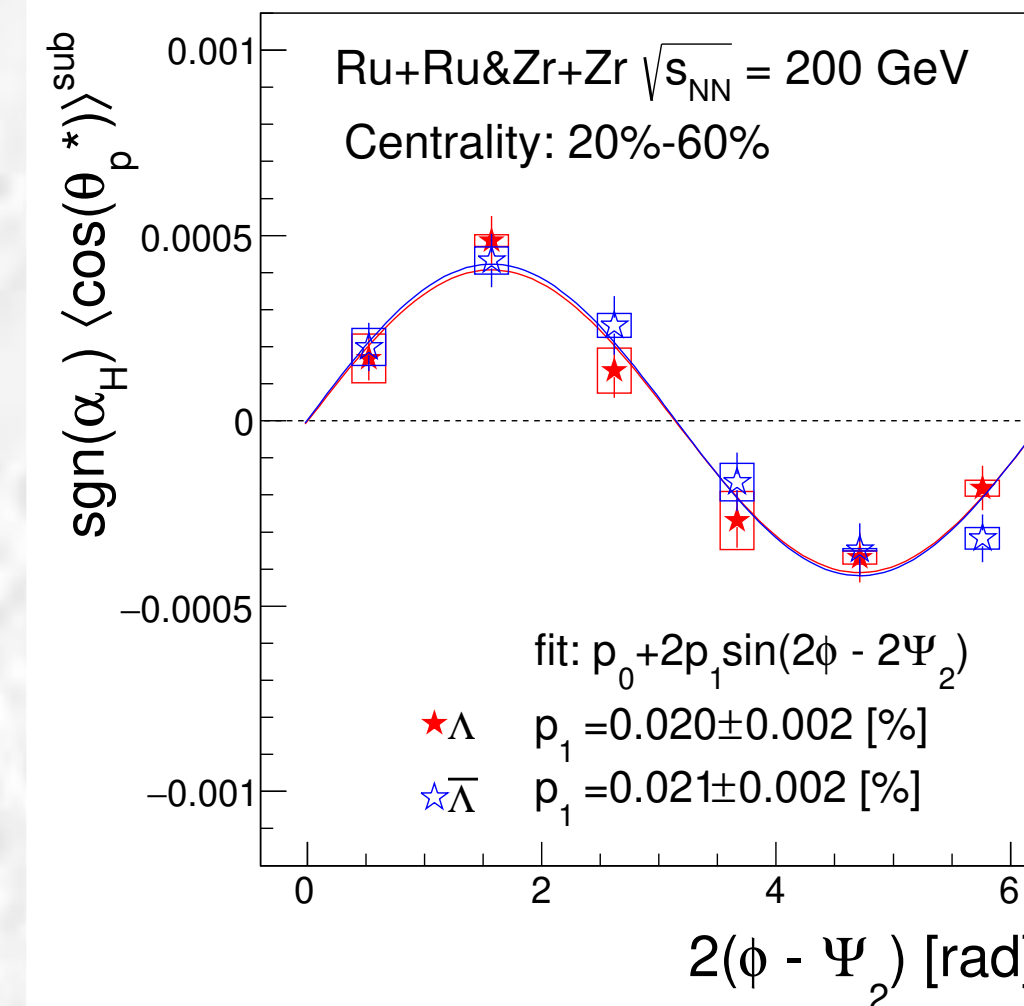
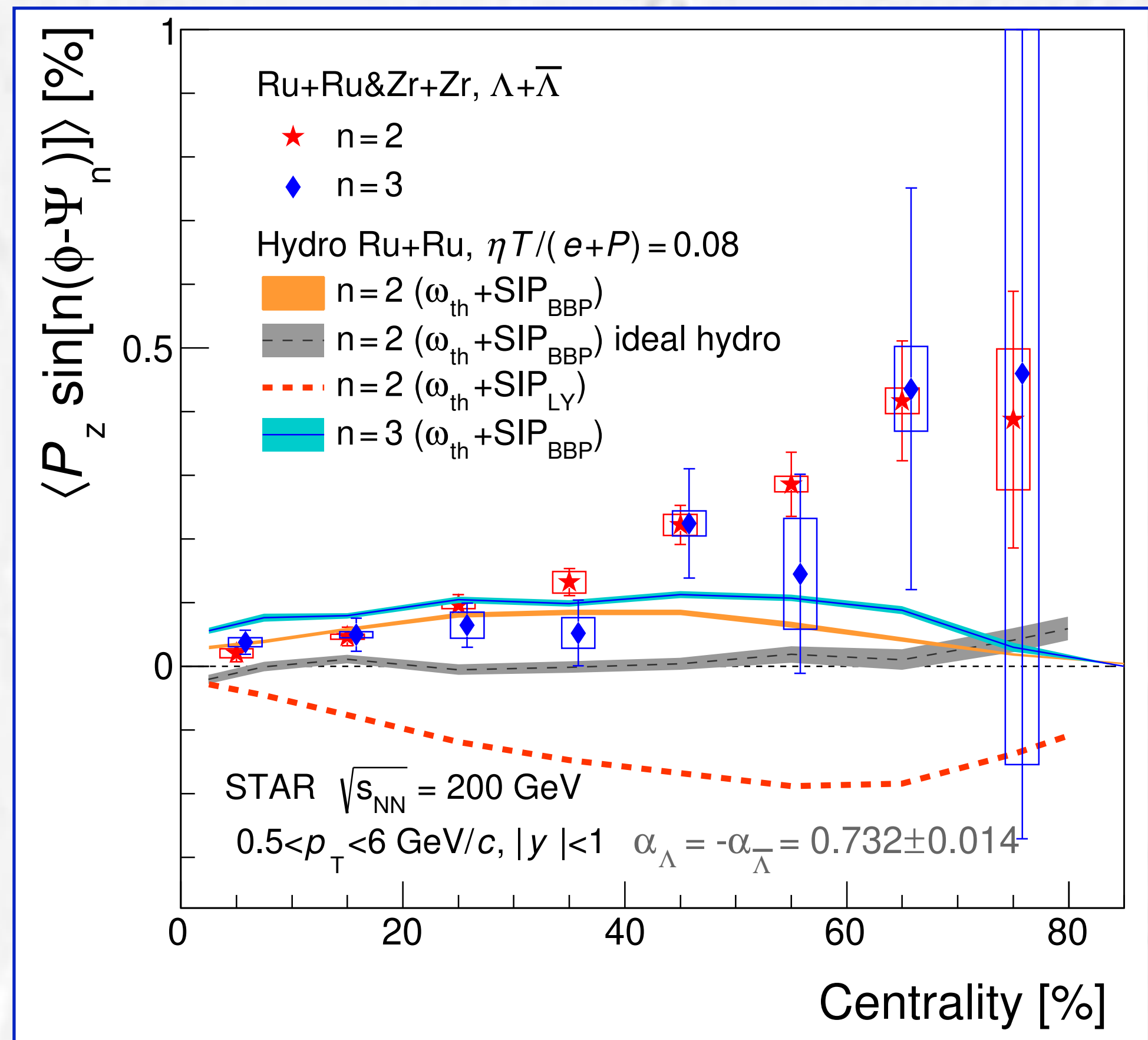




# $P_z$ in isobar collisions, + third harmonic

STAR Collaboration, "Hyperon polarization along the beam direction relative to the second and third harmonic event planes in isobar collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV", arXiv:2303.09074 [nucl-ex].

~4B events

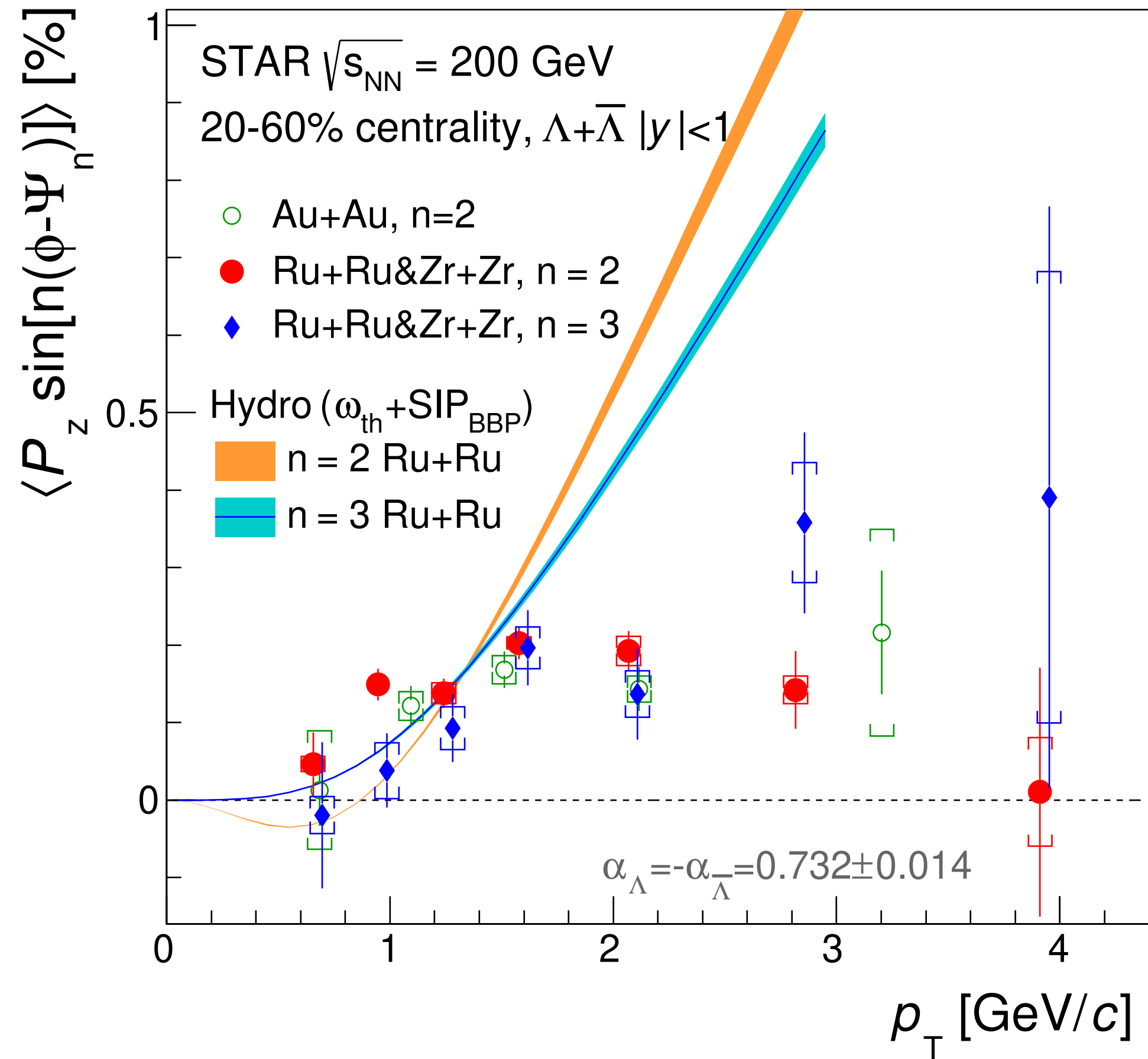


Model calc's:

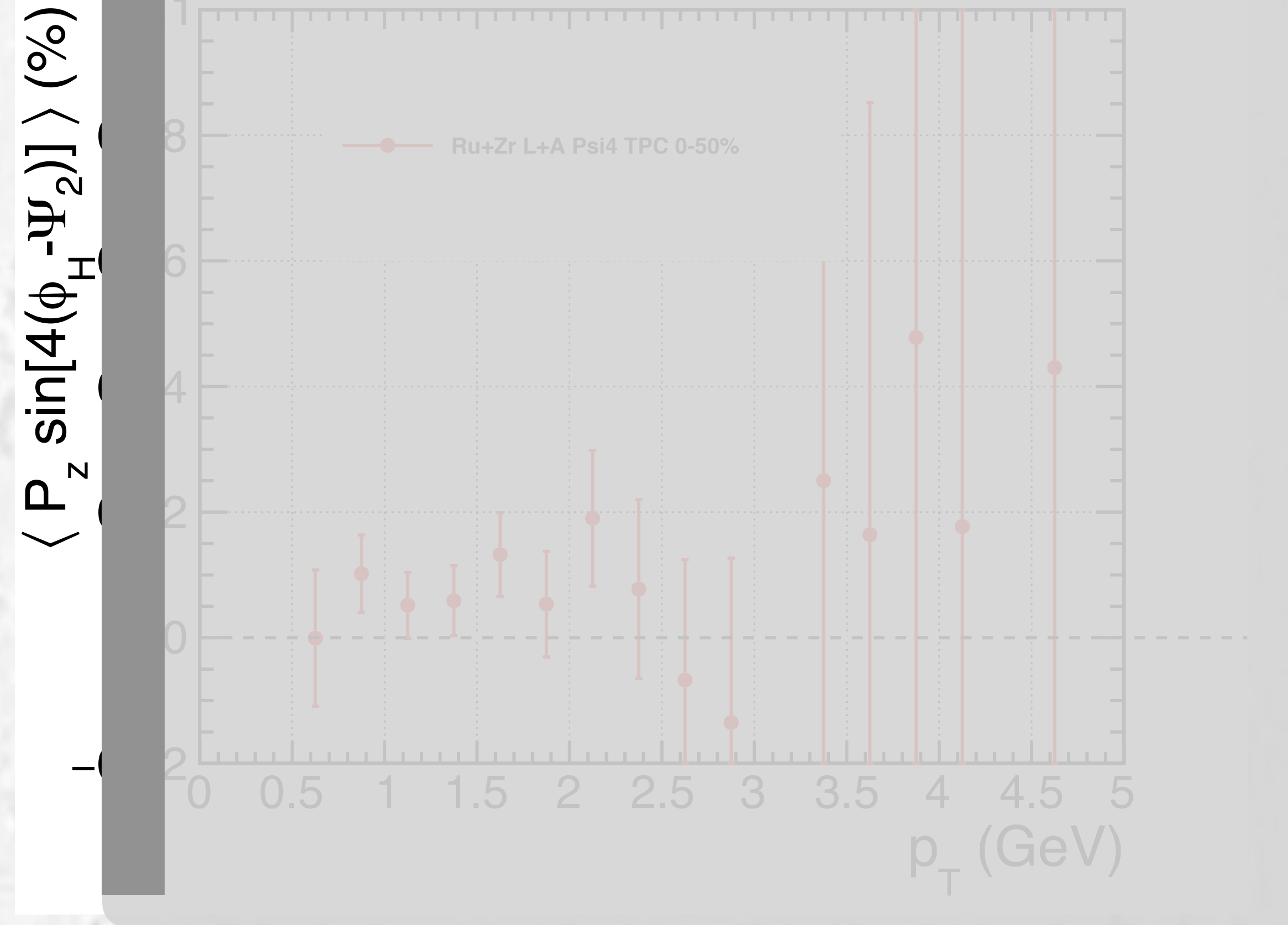
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# $p_T$ dependence, + fourth harmonic

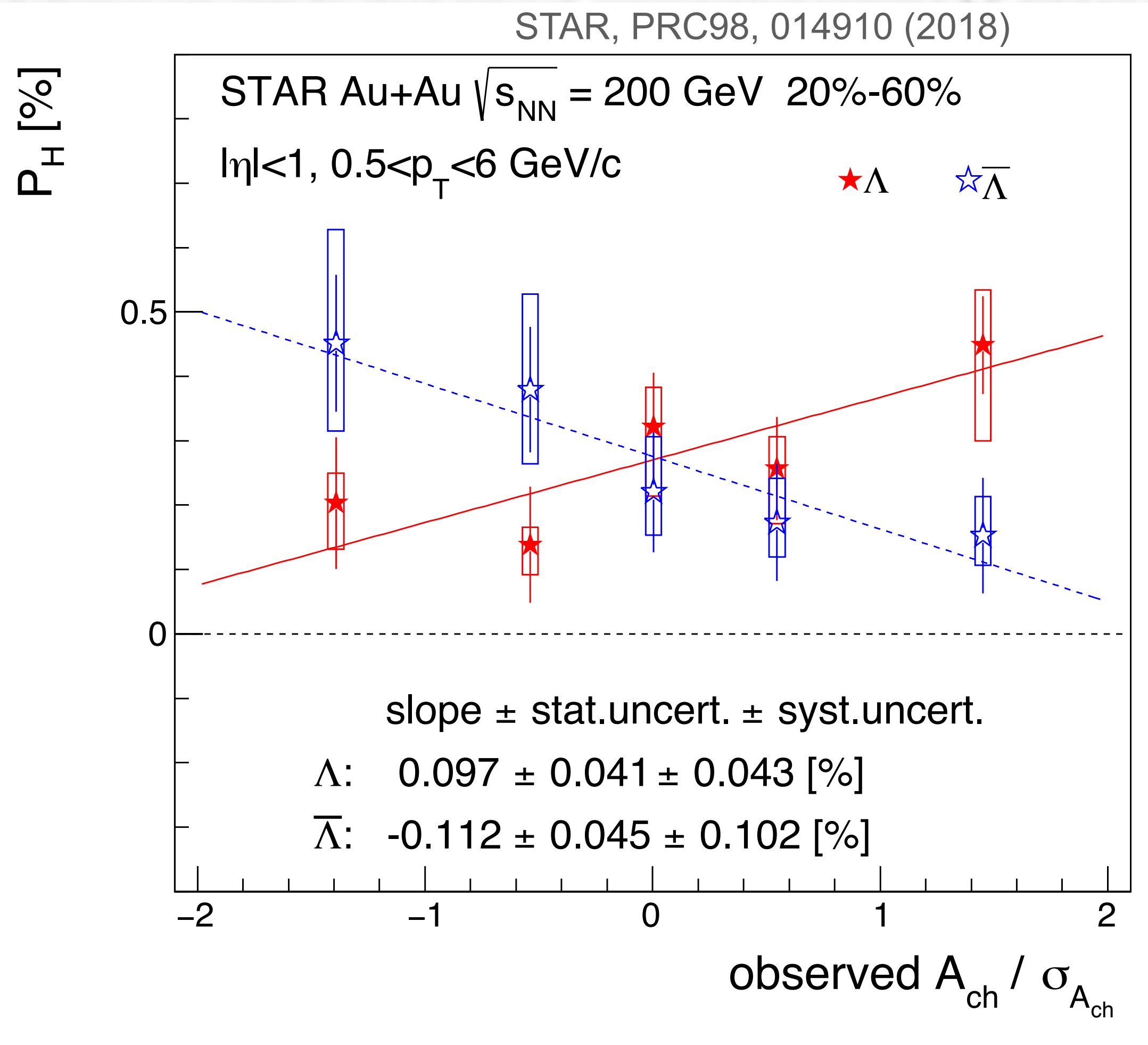


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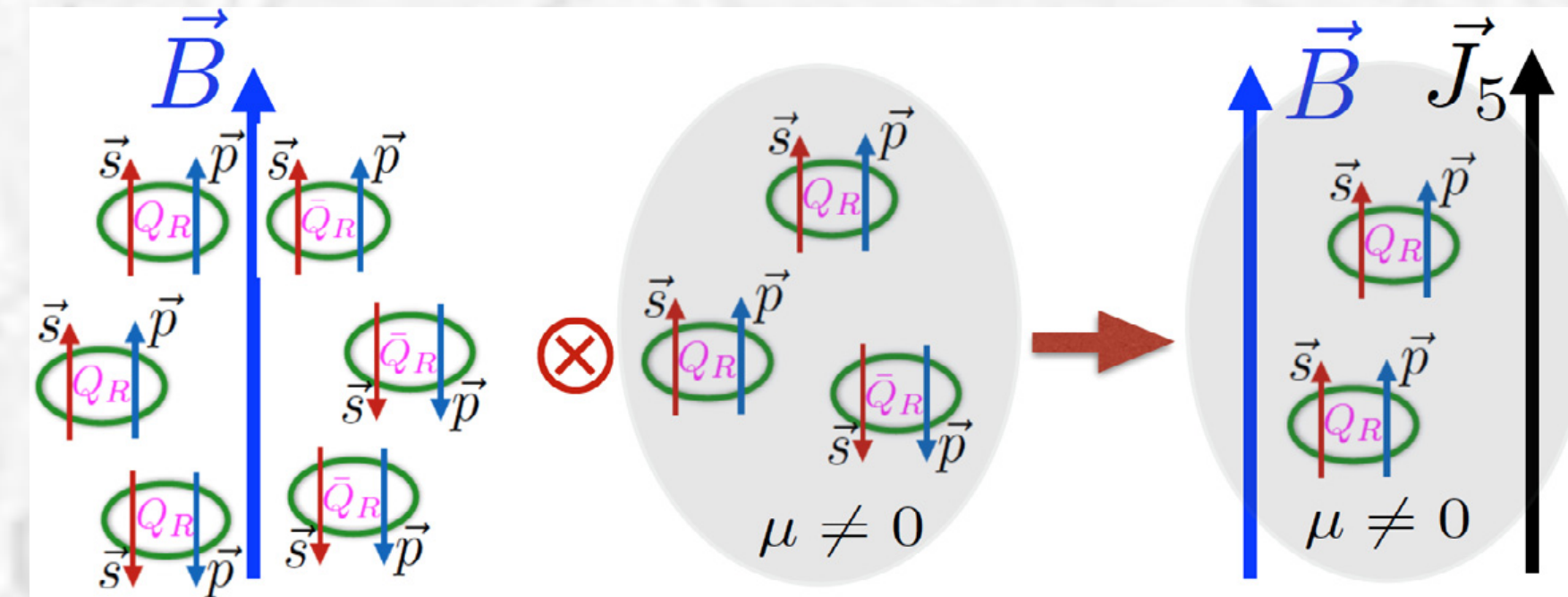




# Dependence on the event charge



Chiral Separation Effect  $\mathbf{J}_5 \propto e\mu_v \mathbf{B}$



B-field + massless quarks + non-zero  $\mu_v \rightarrow$  axial current  $J_5$

$$\mu_v/T \propto \frac{\langle N_+ - N_- \rangle}{\langle N_+ + N_- \rangle} = A_{ch}$$



# Contributions to polarization

fluid rest frame  $u^\mu = (1, 0, 0, 0)$   $\omega^\mu = (0, \boldsymbol{\omega})$

$$S^0(x, p) = \frac{1}{8m} (1 - n_F) \frac{\boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \mathbf{p}}{T},$$

$$\mathbf{S}(x, p) = \frac{1}{8m} (1 - n_F) \left( -\frac{\mathbf{p} \times \nabla T}{T^2} + 2 \frac{E \boldsymbol{\omega}}{T} + \frac{\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{A}}{T} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{S}^* = \mathbf{S} - \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{S}}{E(E + m)} \mathbf{p}.$$

Contributions due to  $\nabla T$  and  $\mathbf{A}$  should be small in nonrelativistic limit!

Similarly for SIP

$$S_i^{(\text{vort})} \approx \frac{E}{8mT} \epsilon_{ikj} \frac{1}{2} (\partial_k v_j - \partial_j v_k)$$

$$S_i^{(\text{shear})} \approx \frac{1}{4mTE} \epsilon_{ikj} p_k p_m \frac{1}{2} (\partial_j v_m + \partial_m v_j)$$

Contribution from  $dv_z/dx$ :

$$S_x \propto p_x p_y \propto \sin(2\phi)$$

$$S_y \propto p_z^2 - p_x^2 \propto \sim 1 + \cos(2\phi)$$

$$S_z \propto p_y p_z \propto \sin(2\theta) \sin(\phi)$$

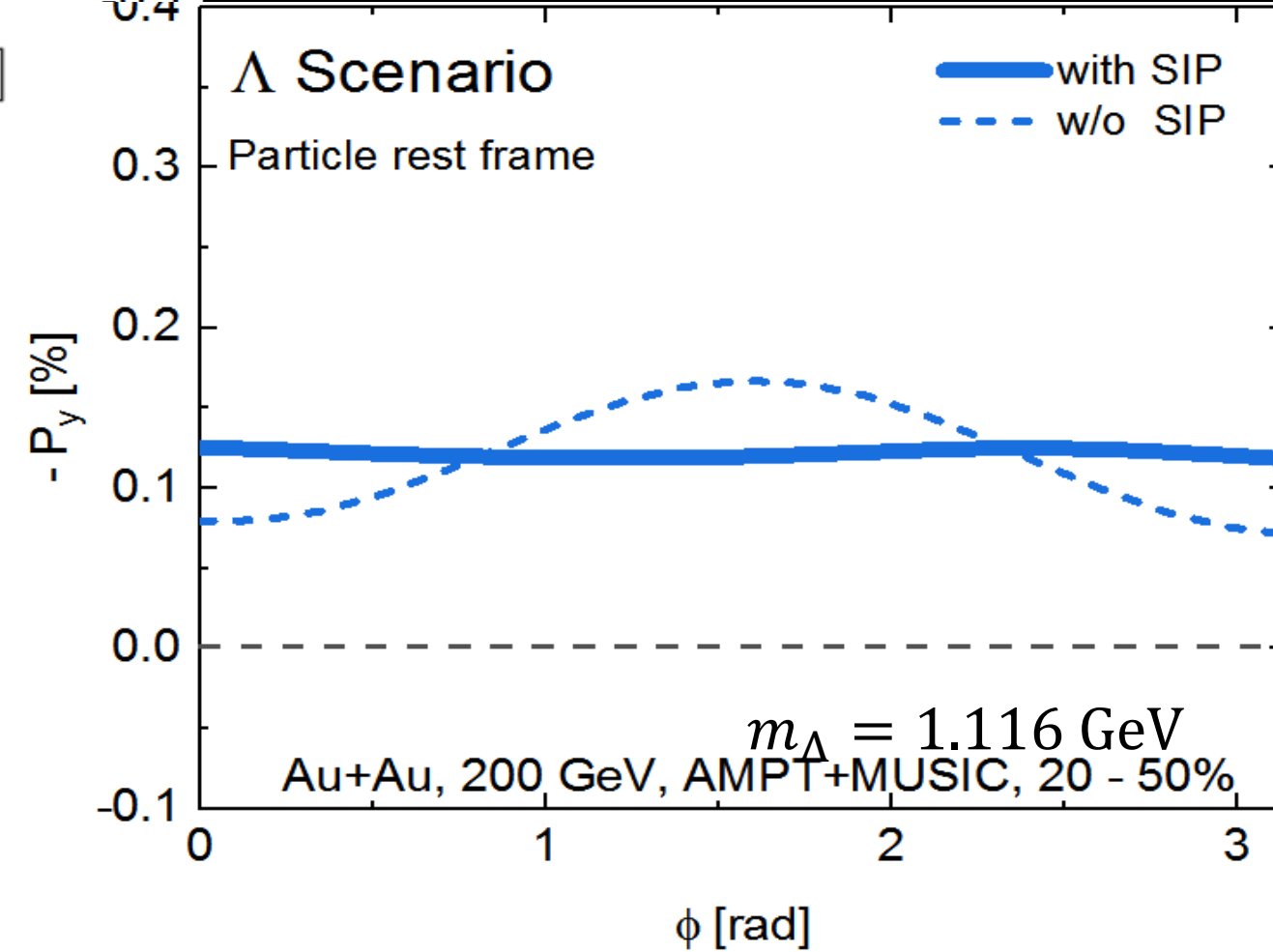
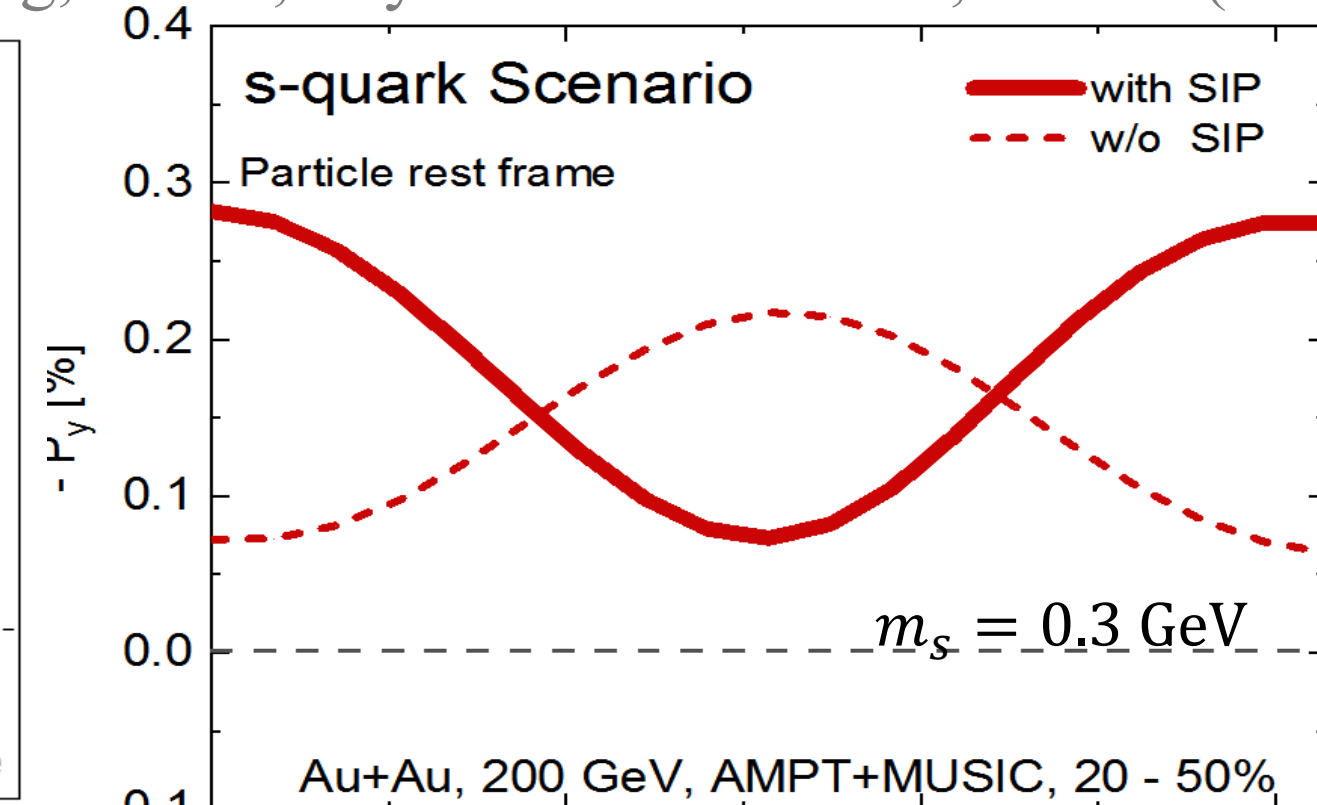
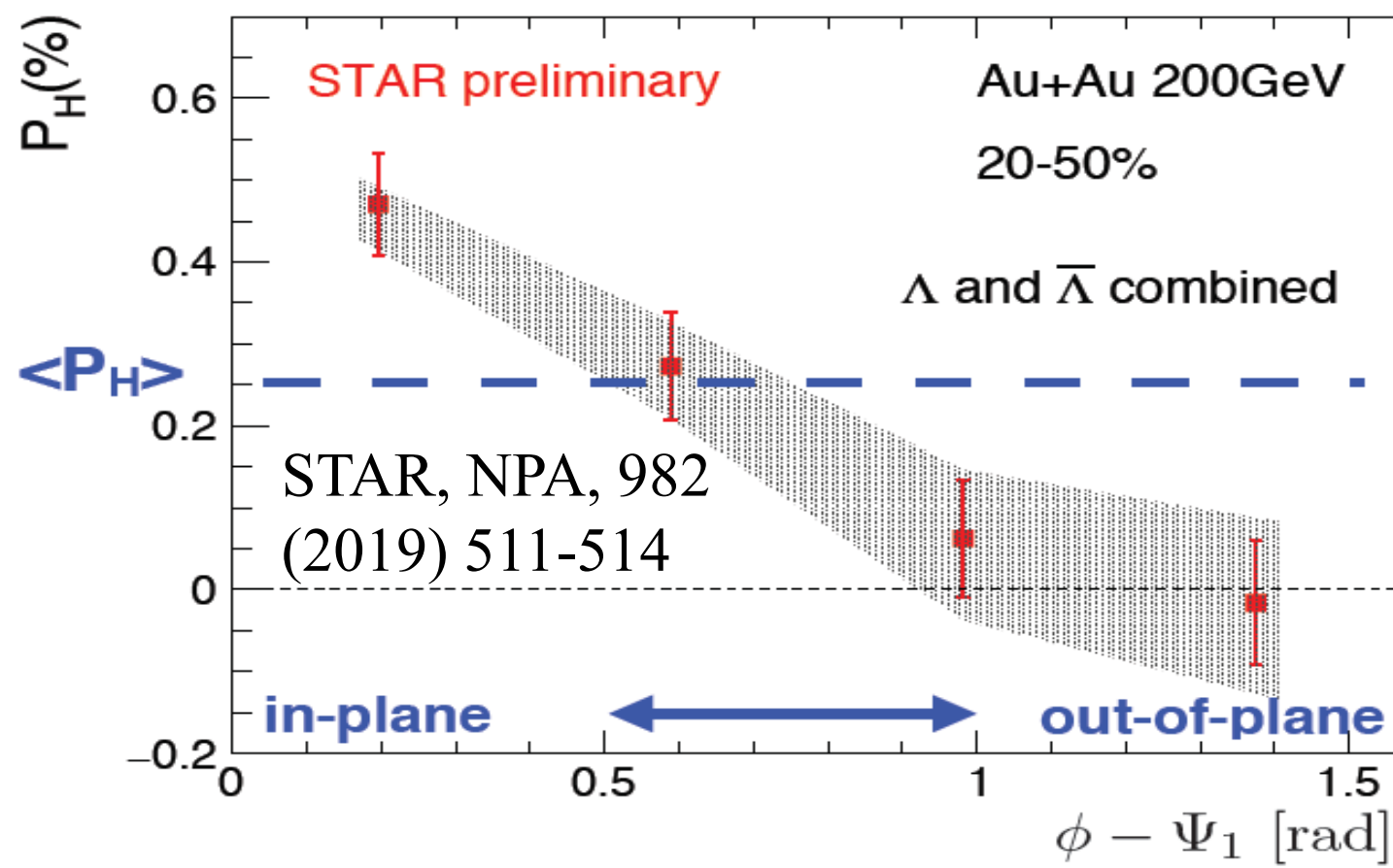
Momentum in the rest frame of the fluid - averaging over the production volume should further suppress such contributions.



# $P_y(\phi)$ physics

Compare with exp data:  $P_y(\phi)$  with & without SIP

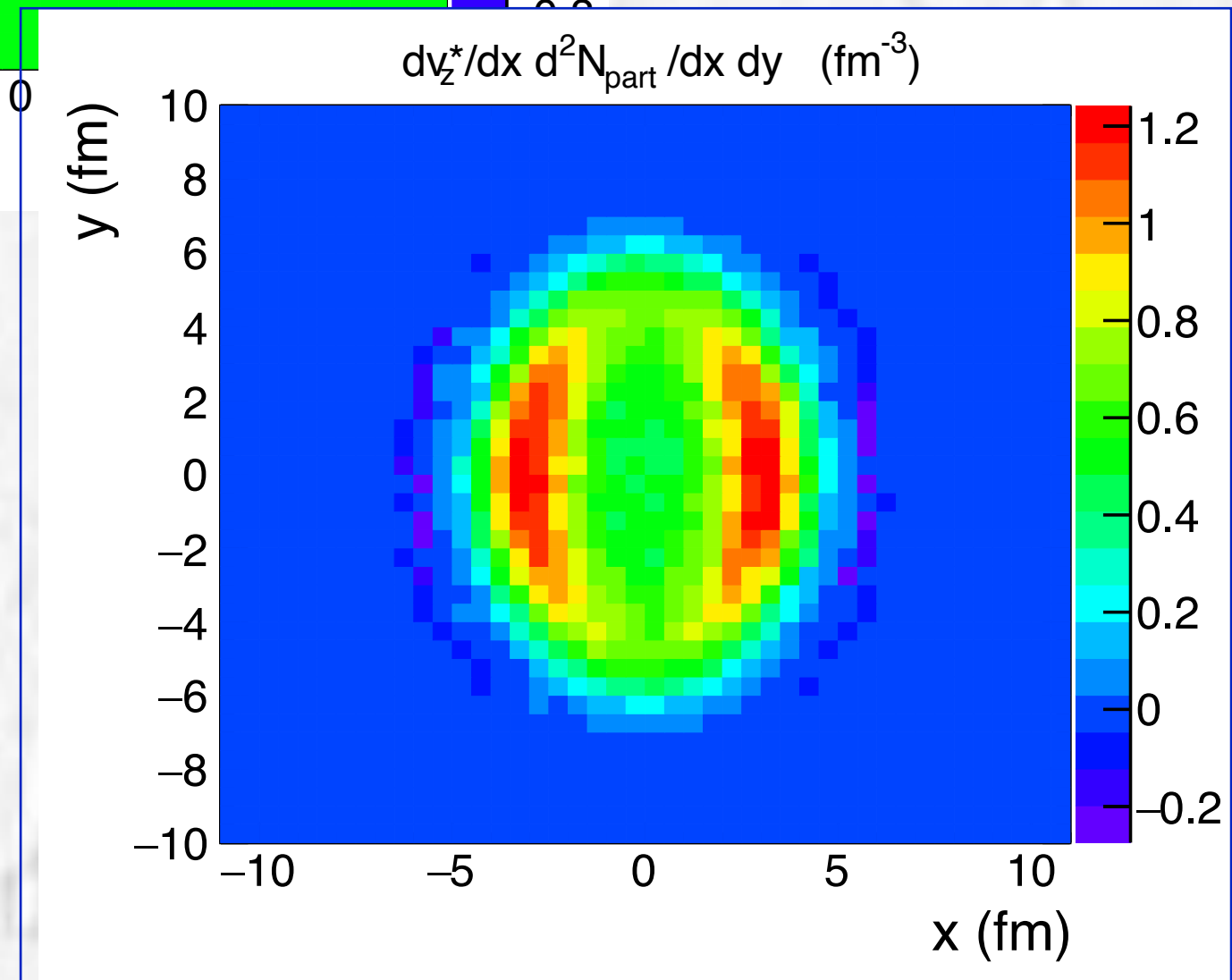
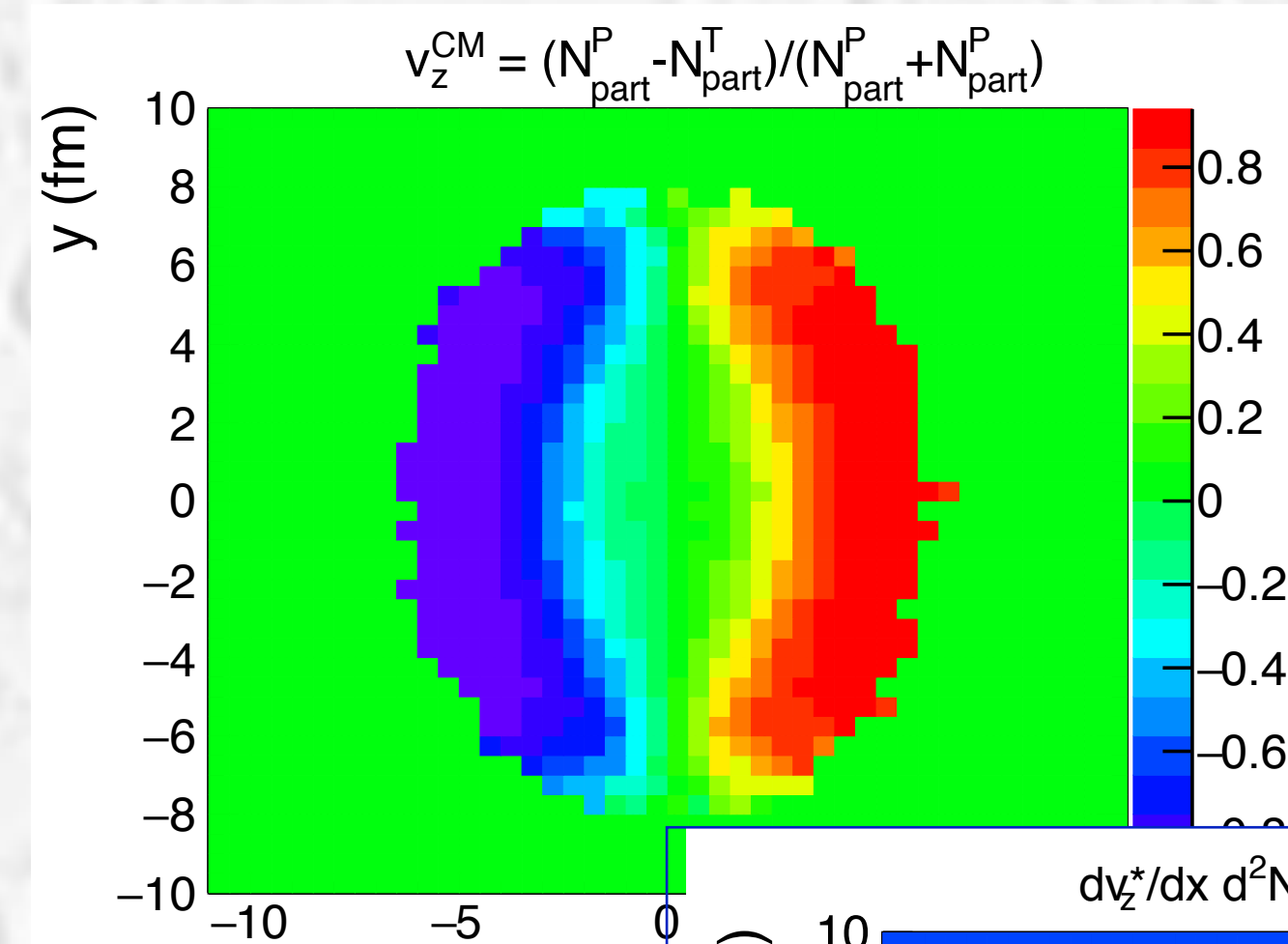
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Total  $P^\mu$   
= Thermal vorticity + Shear effects

-In the scenario of 'S-quark memory', the total  $P^\mu$  with SIP qualitatively agrees with data

Vorticity



It is not clear why hydro without SIP predicts larger polarization "out-of-plane" — which is at odds with expectation from the right plot

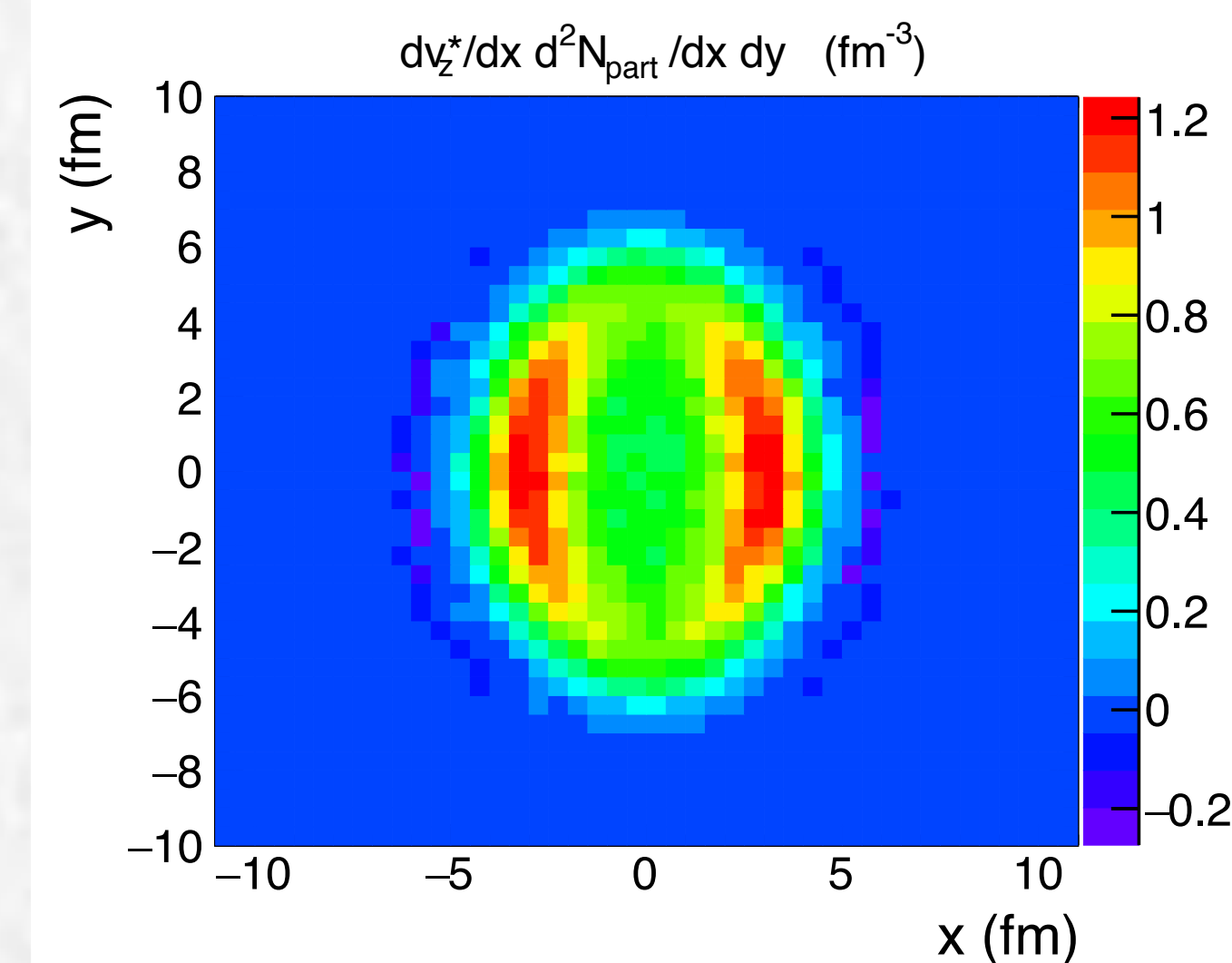
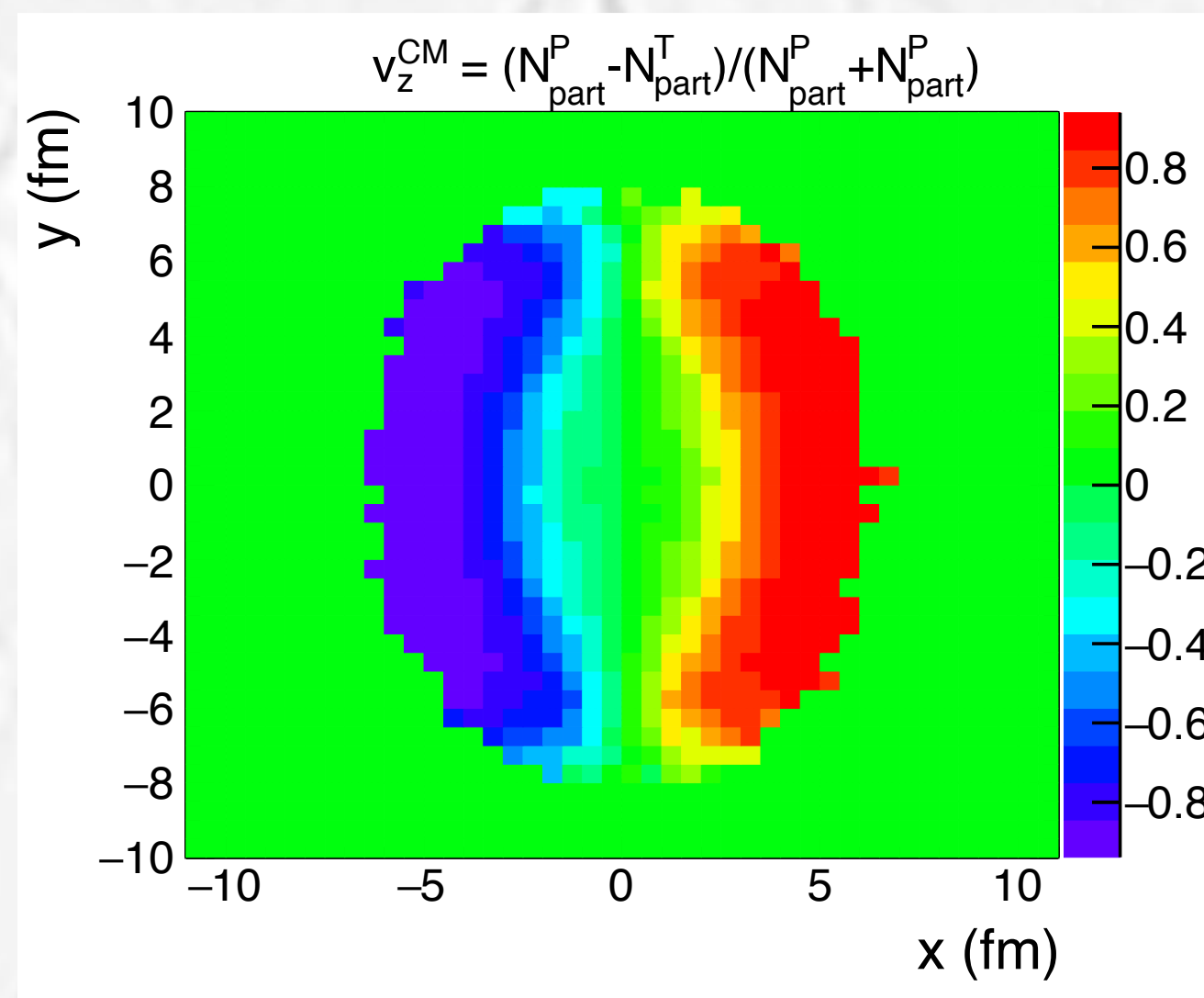
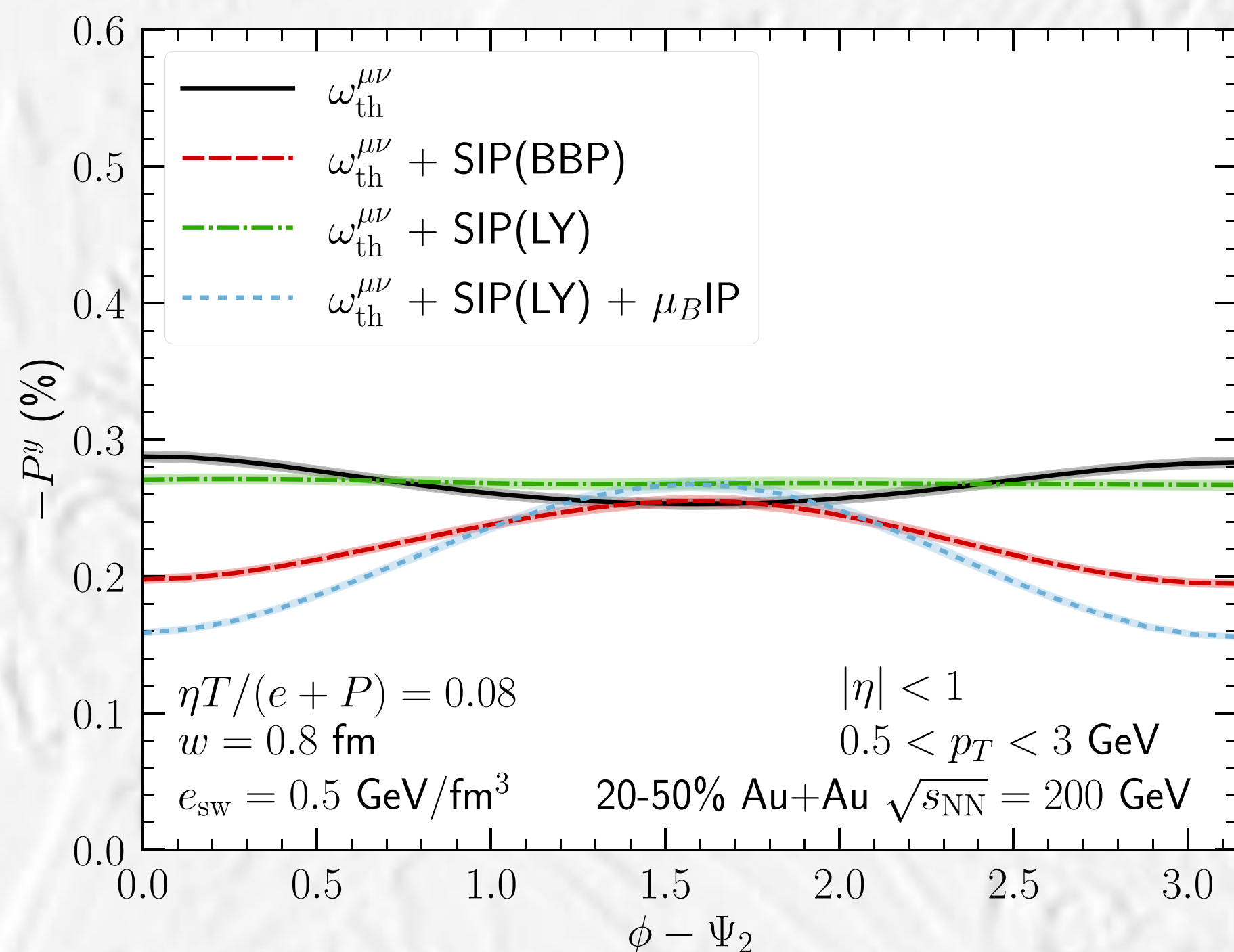


# $P_y$ : SIP vs vorticity

SIP:

Vorticity

SAHR ALZHRANI, SANGWOOK RYU, AND CHUN SHEN



Results from different calculations under the same conditions differ!

Will be difficult to separate the two contributions



# The Cooper-Frye prescription

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Single-particle distribution in the hydrodynamic and statistical thermodynamic models of multiparticle production

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In both models, one assumes that the collision process yields a distribution of collective motions. In Hagedorn's approach these collective motions are called fireballs; in Landau's approach the collective motions are that of the hadronic fluid

Milekhin's<sup>6</sup> version of Landau's model, in which  $dN/d^3v$  is proportional to the distribution of entropy in the fluid. In a notation explained below [see Eq. (18)], Milekhin's expression is

$$\frac{dN}{d^3v} = \bar{n}(\vec{v}) u^\mu \frac{\partial \sigma_\mu}{\partial^3v}. \quad (4)$$

Equations (1) and (4) can be combined to give

$$E \frac{dN}{d^3p} \stackrel{?}{=} \int_\sigma g(\bar{E}, \bar{T}(\vec{v})) \bar{E} u^\mu d\sigma_\mu. \quad (5)$$

Equation (5) yields the correct number of particles, but it is inconsistent with energy conservation [see Eq. (20)], so we are led to consider how one determines  $E dN/d^3p$  for the simplest system, an expanding ideal gas.

$t$  if we choose  $d\sigma_\mu = (d^3x, \vec{0})$ . The invariant single-particle distribution in momentum space, of those particles on  $\sigma$ , is

$$E \frac{dN}{d^3p} = \int_\sigma f(x, p) p^\mu d\sigma_\mu. \quad (9)$$

Equation (9) is to be compared with Eq. (5) under the assumption that the fluid is locally in thermodynamic equilibrium,

$$f(x, p) = g(\bar{E}(v(x)), T(x)). \quad (10)$$

The contrast between Eqs. (5) and (9) is that  $p^\mu$  has been replaced by  $\bar{E}u^\mu$  in Eq. (5). To choose

Is the Blast Wave model "closer" to Milekhin's prescription?

Note that the polarization observables are sensitive to the *gradients* of the fields, unlike most (all?) of the observables used so far. This bring new important information to the picture of the freeze-out stage.



# $P_x$ : SIP vs vorticity

SIP:

$$S_i^{(\xi)} \approx \frac{1}{4T} \frac{1}{mE} \epsilon_{ikj} p_k p_m \frac{1}{2} (\partial_j u_m + \partial_m u_j)$$

$$\propto \sin[2(\phi_h^* - \Psi_2)]$$

$$S_i^{(\omega)} \approx \frac{1}{8T} \epsilon_{ikj} \frac{1}{2} (\partial_k u_j - \partial_j u_k)$$

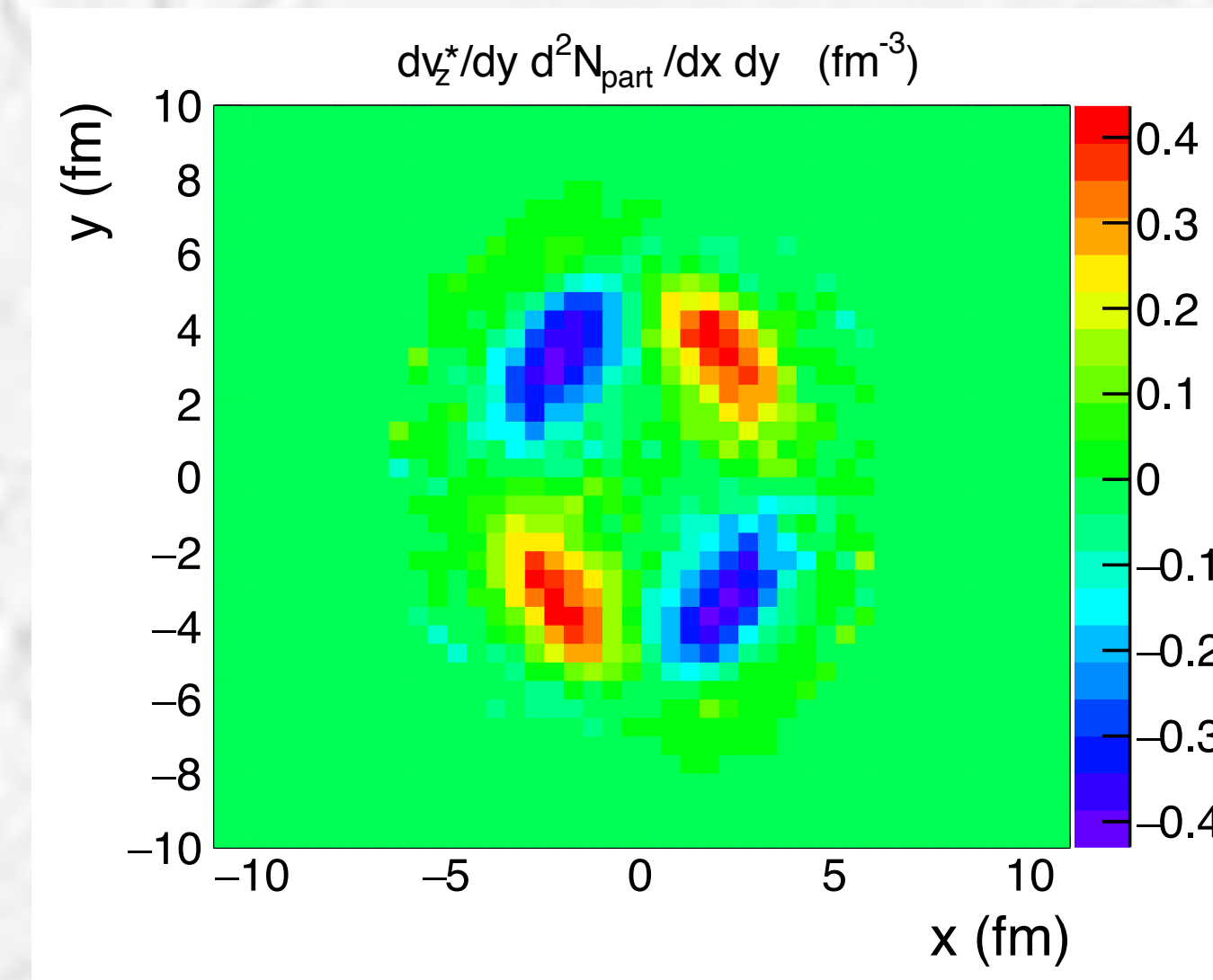
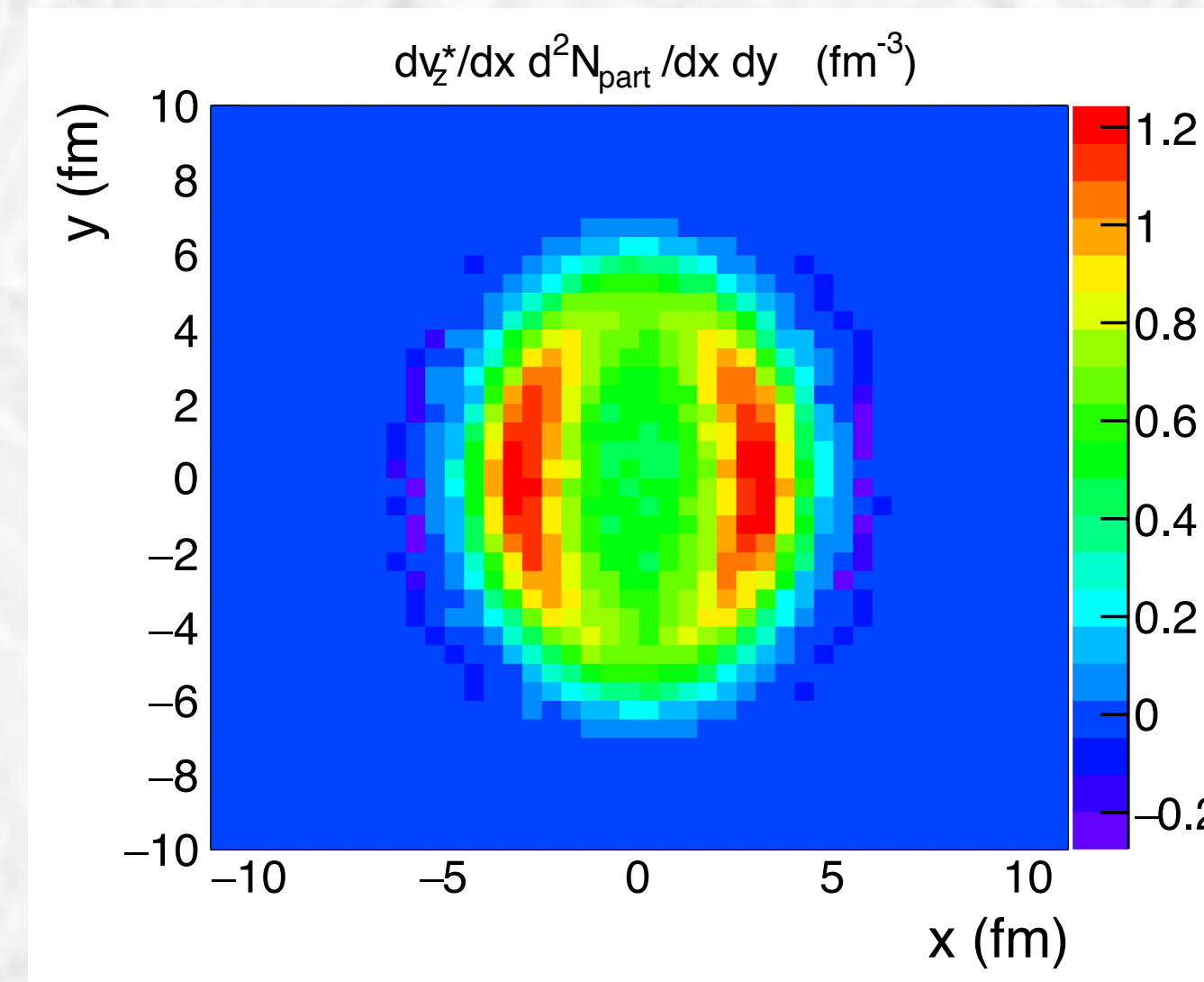
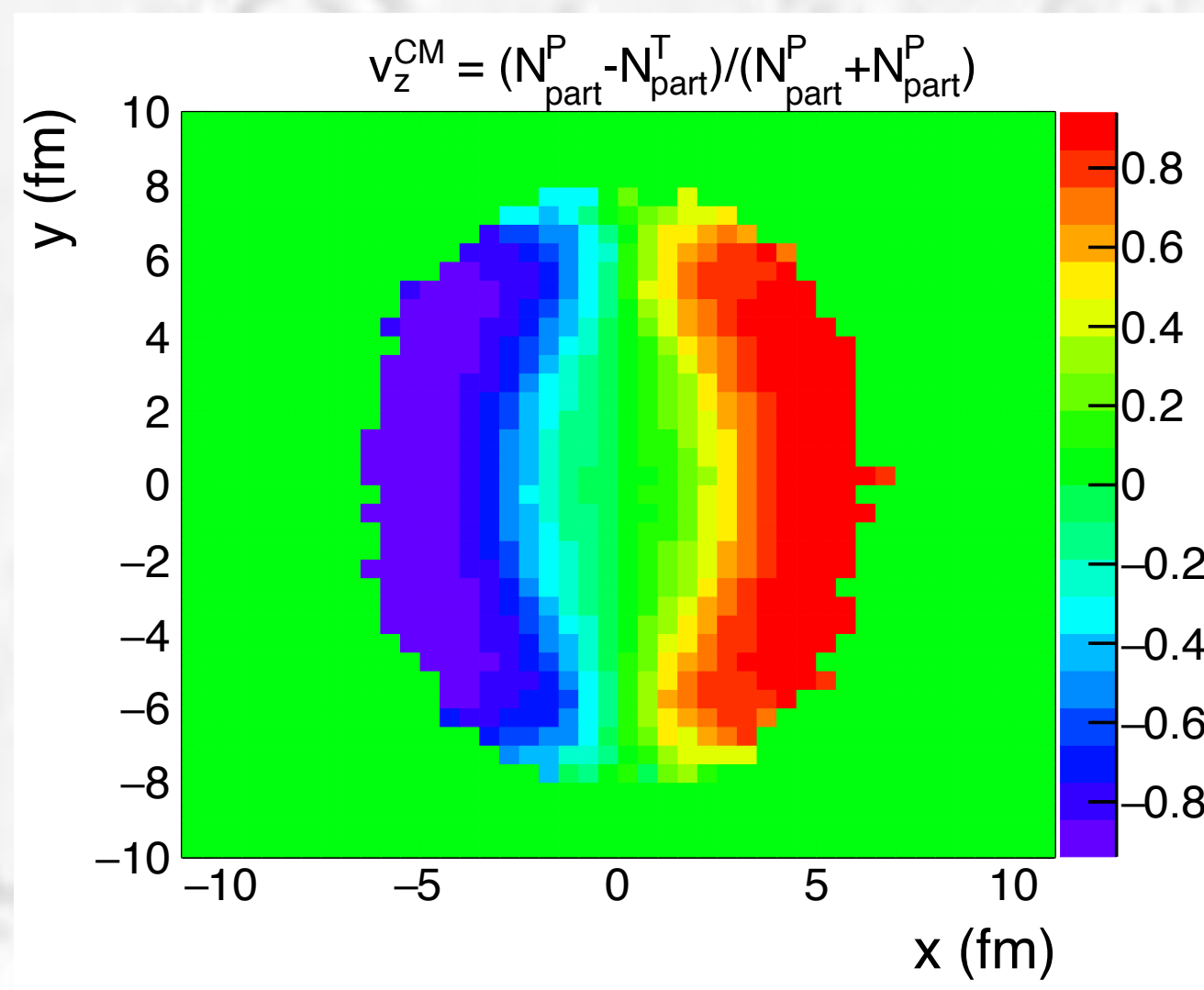
$u_i$  - fluid velocity

Star denotes the value in the rest frame of fluid element

Vorticity

Will be difficult to separate the two contributions

$$\propto \sin[2(\phi_h - \Psi_2)]$$





# $P_\phi$ in asymmetric collisions

## Vorticity and particle polarization in heavy ion collisions (experimental perspective)

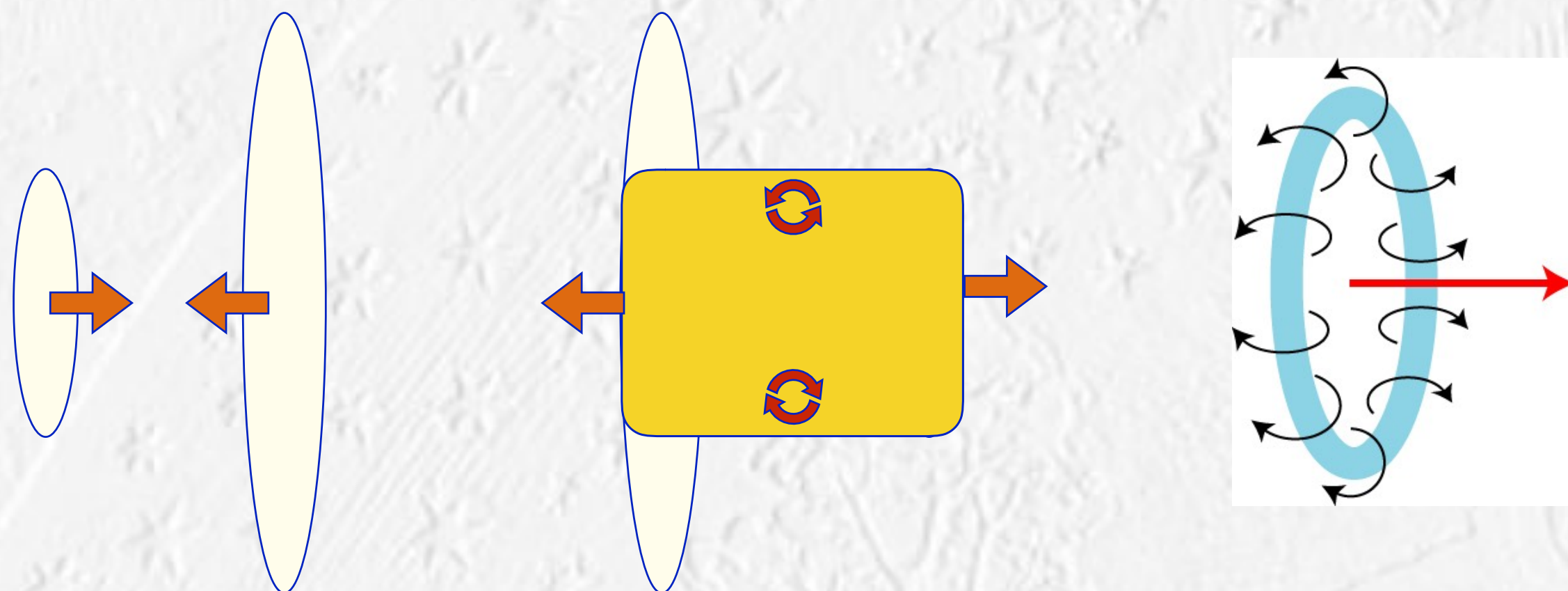
Sergei A. Voloshin<sup>1,\*</sup>

Finally, we mention another very interesting possibility for vorticity studies in asymmetric nuclear collisions such as Cu+Au. For relatively central collisions, when during the collision a smaller nucleus is fully “absorbed” by the larger one (e.g. such collisions can be selected by requiring no signal in the zero degree calorimeter in the lighter nucleus beam direction), one can easily imagine a configuration with toroidal velocity field, and as a consequence, a vorticity field in the form of a circle. The direction of the polarization in such a case would be given by  $\hat{\mathbf{p}}_T \times \hat{\mathbf{z}}$ , where  $\hat{\mathbf{p}}_T$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{z}}$  are the unit vectors along the particle transverse momentum and the (lighter nucleus) beam direction.

### Global/local polarization and...

... and asymmetric collisions (CuAu, dAu, pPb,...) =>  $\omega_\phi$

... and radial flow+longitudinal(y) =>  $\omega_\phi$   
+ anisotropic flow =>  $\omega_\phi(\phi)$

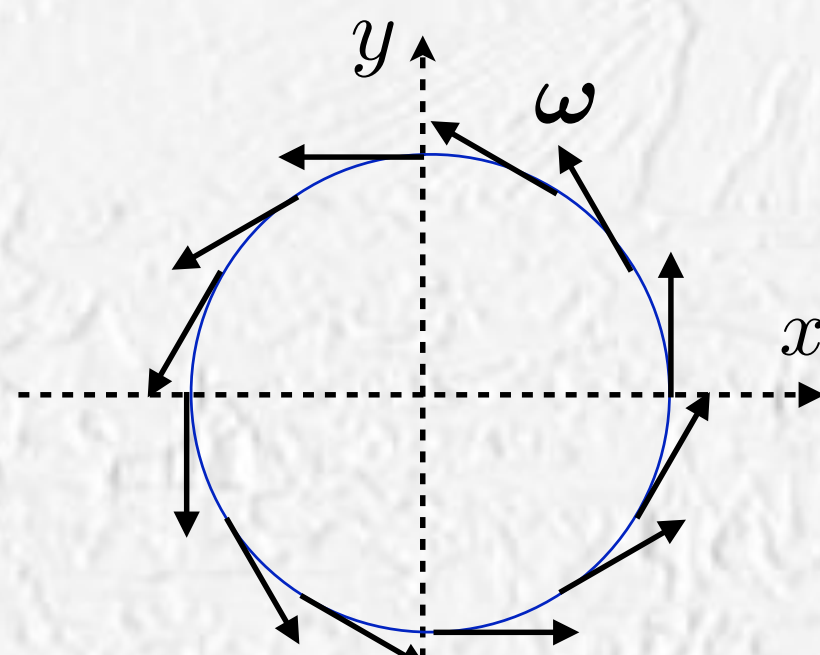


z-direction — Cu beam

$$\omega \propto \hat{\phi}$$

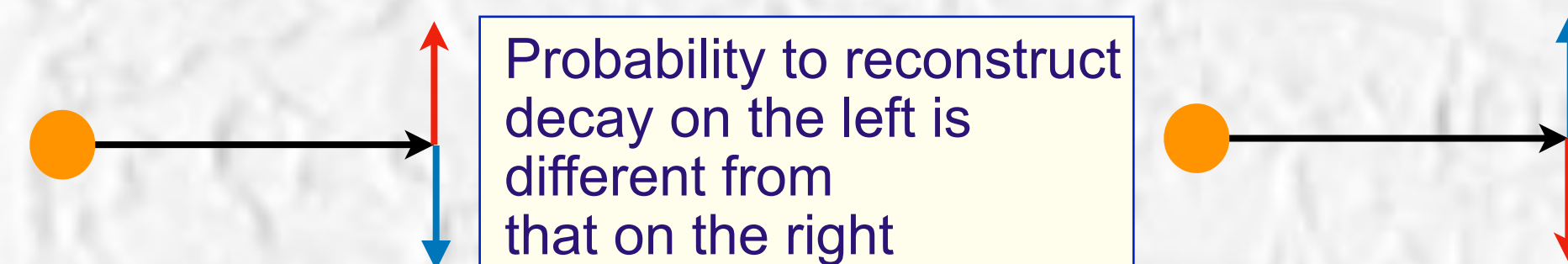
Small off-center (impact parameter) will lead to “circular” vorticity on average

dAu, pPb, etc...



One of the analyses, where the results *directly* depends on the correction: the effect — nonzero results — can be *faked* by “slightly off” acceptance/efficiency correction.

In that, it is very different from the global or  $P_z$  analyses, where “wrong correction”, could lead only to a relatively small difference in the *magnitude* of the effect.



This is one of the reasons for many years Cu-Au analysis is still “in progress”. Requires running with opposite polarity magnetic field

### Calculations:

M. A. Lisa, J. a. G. P. Barbon, D. D. Chinellato, W. M. Serenone, C. Shen, J. Takahashi, and G. Torrieri, “Vortex rings from high energy central p+A collisions”, *Phys. Rev. C* **104**, no. 1, 011901 (2021), arXiv:2101.10872.

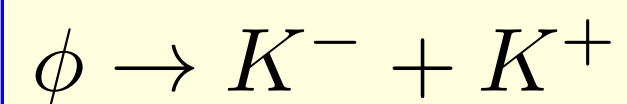
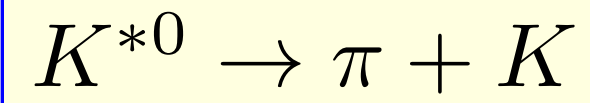


# Spin alignment in vector meson decays

$$\Delta\rho = \rho_{00} - 1/3$$

$$\Delta\rho \approx (\omega/T)^2/3 \approx 4P_H^2/3 \quad \text{Thermal estimate}$$

Strong decays of vector mesons into two (pseudo)scalar particles



$$\frac{dN}{d \cos \theta^*} \propto (1 - \rho_{00}) + (3\rho_{00} - 1) \cos^2 \theta^*$$

$$\rho_{00} = w_0 - \text{probability for } s_z = 0$$

$$\frac{dN}{d \cos \theta^*} \propto w_0 |Y_{1,0}|^2 + w_{+1} |Y_{1,1}|^2 + w_{-1} |Y_{1,-1}|^2 \propto w_0 \cos^2 \theta^* + (w_{+1} + w_{-1}) \sin^2 \theta^* / 2$$

$$\Delta\rho = \frac{5}{2} \left( \langle \cos^2 \theta^* \rangle - \frac{1}{3} \right) \quad \text{Theta* method}$$

$$\Delta\rho = -\frac{4}{3} \langle \cos[2(\phi^* - \Psi_{RP})] \rangle \quad \text{Phi* method}$$



$$W(\theta, \phi) \propto \frac{1}{3 + \lambda_\theta} (1 + \lambda_\theta \cos^2 \theta + \lambda_\phi \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi + \lambda_{\theta\phi} \sin 2\theta \cos \phi)$$

$$\lambda_\theta = \frac{1 - 3\rho_{00}}{1 + \rho_{00}}$$

Unlike  $K^{*0} \rightarrow K\pi$

and  $\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-$ , the daughters in  $J/\psi \rightarrow l^+ l^-$  have spin 1/2



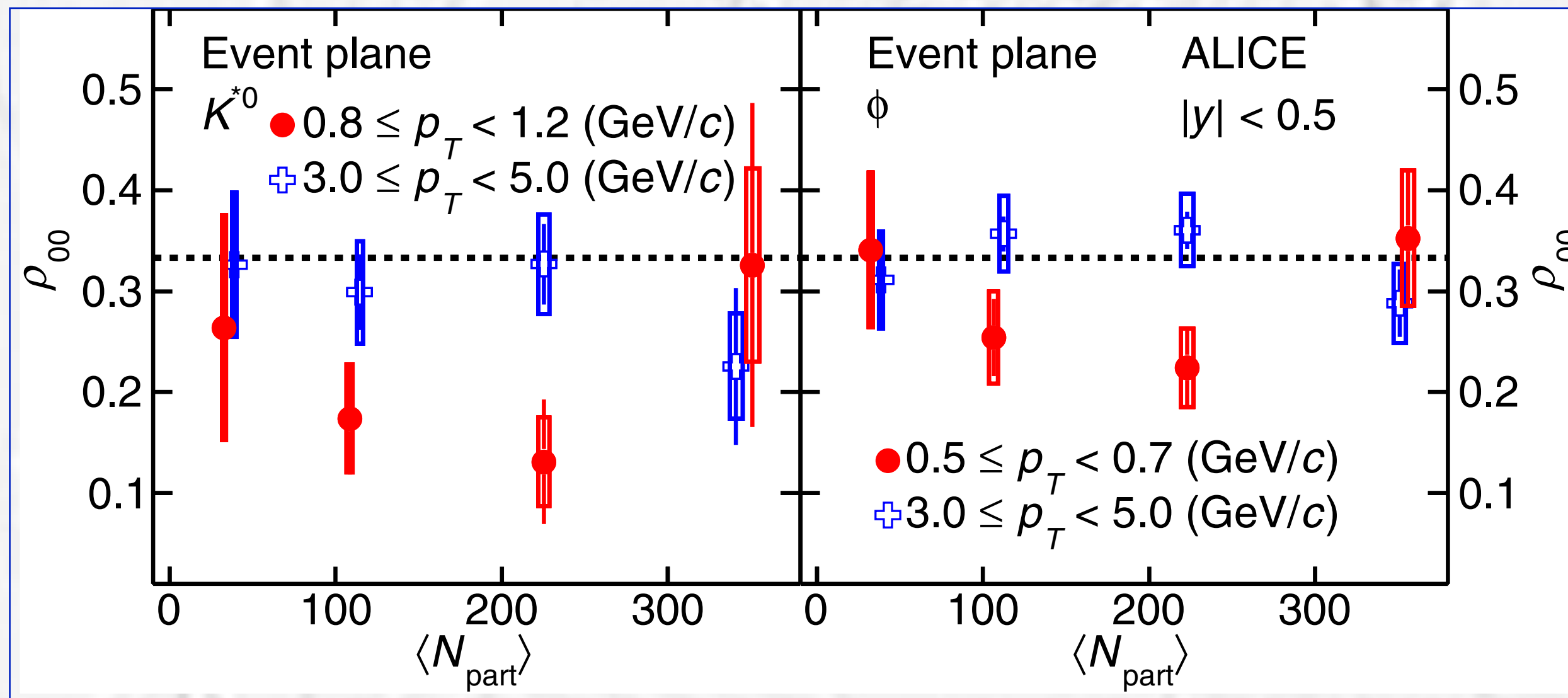
# Spin-alignment: ALICE

PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS **125**, 012301 (2020)

Editors' Suggestion

## Evidence of Spin-Orbital Angular Momentum Interactions in Relativistic Heavy-Ion Collisions

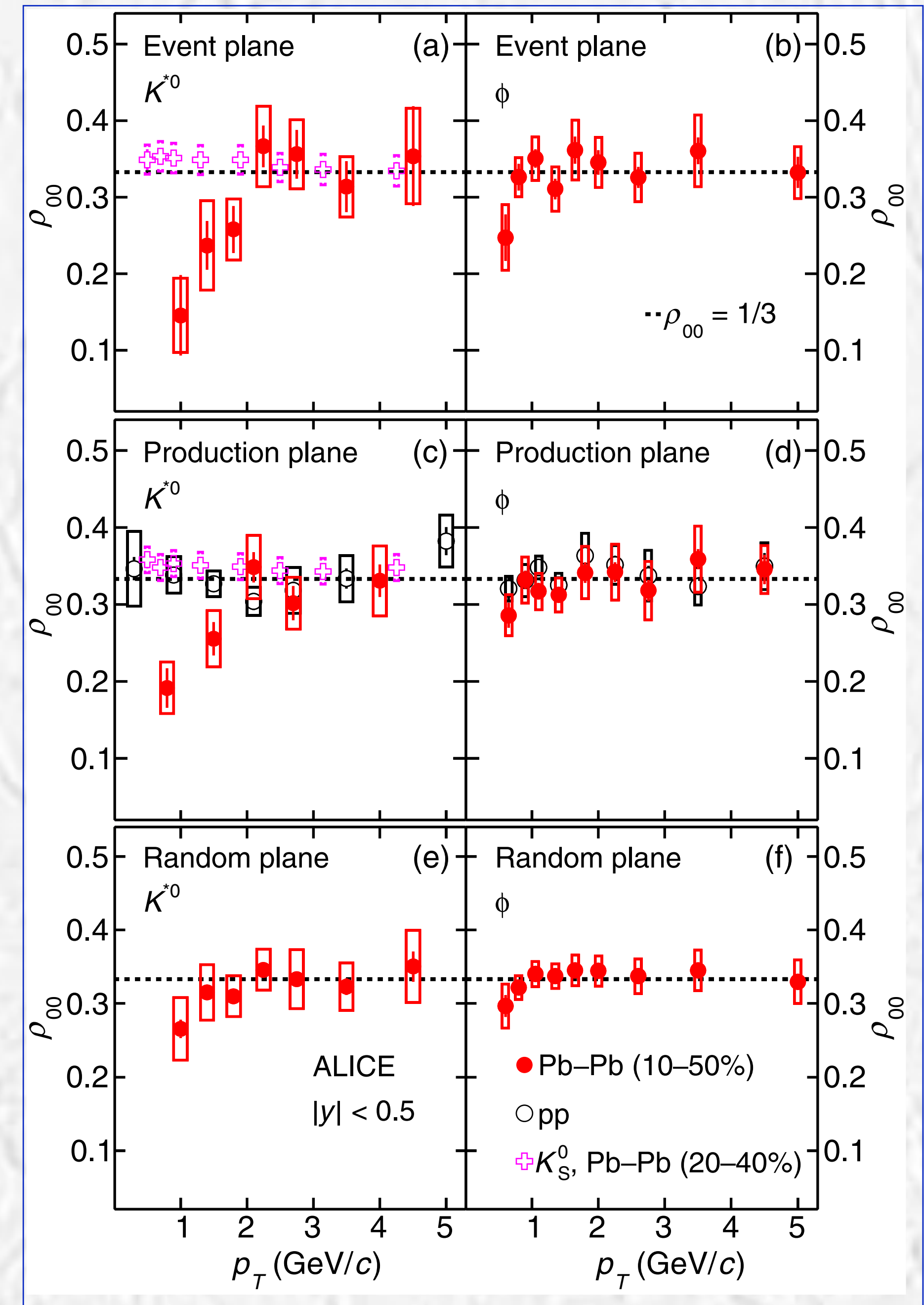
S. Acharya *et al.*\*  
(The ALICE Collaboration)



Thermal model:

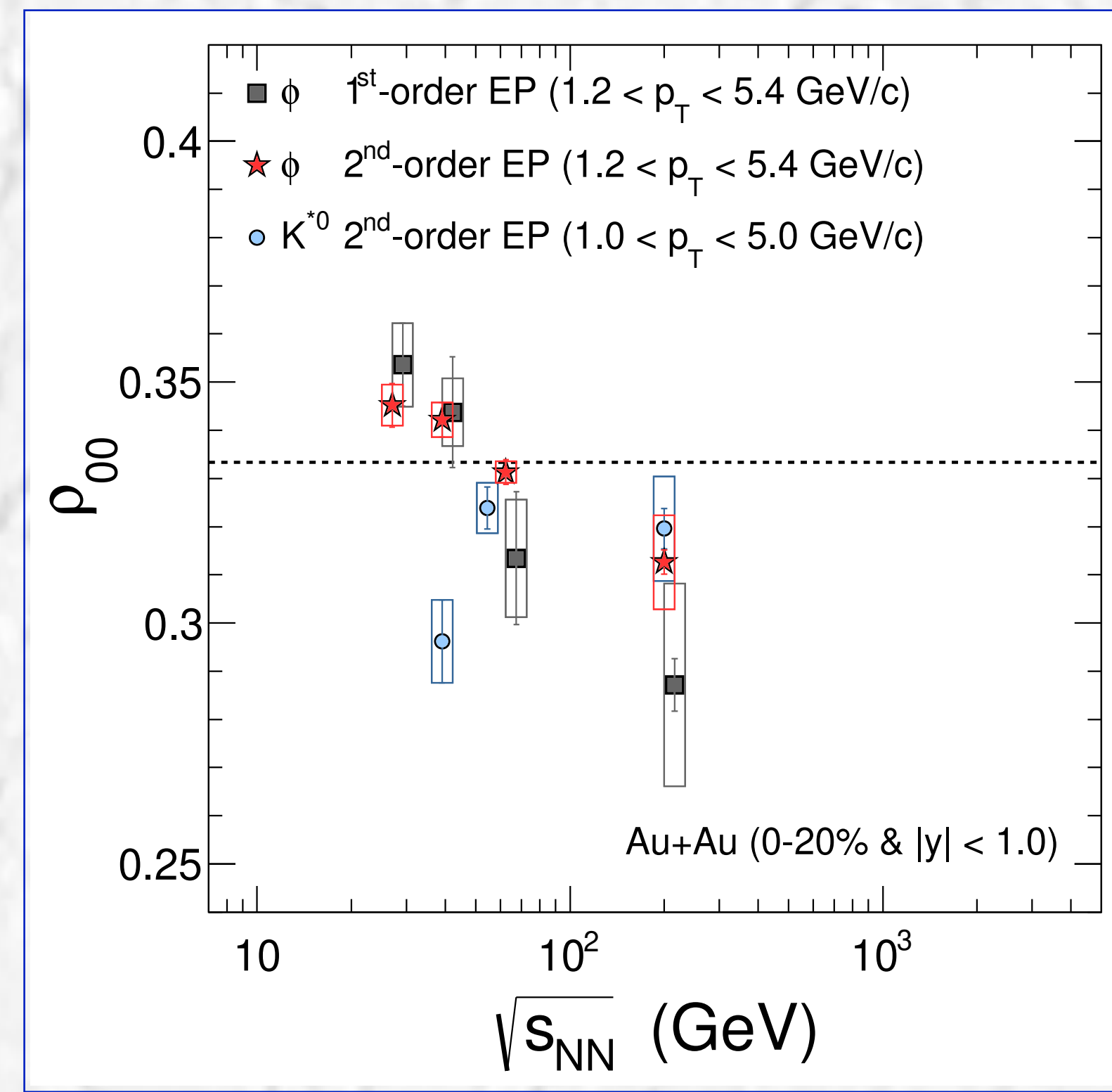
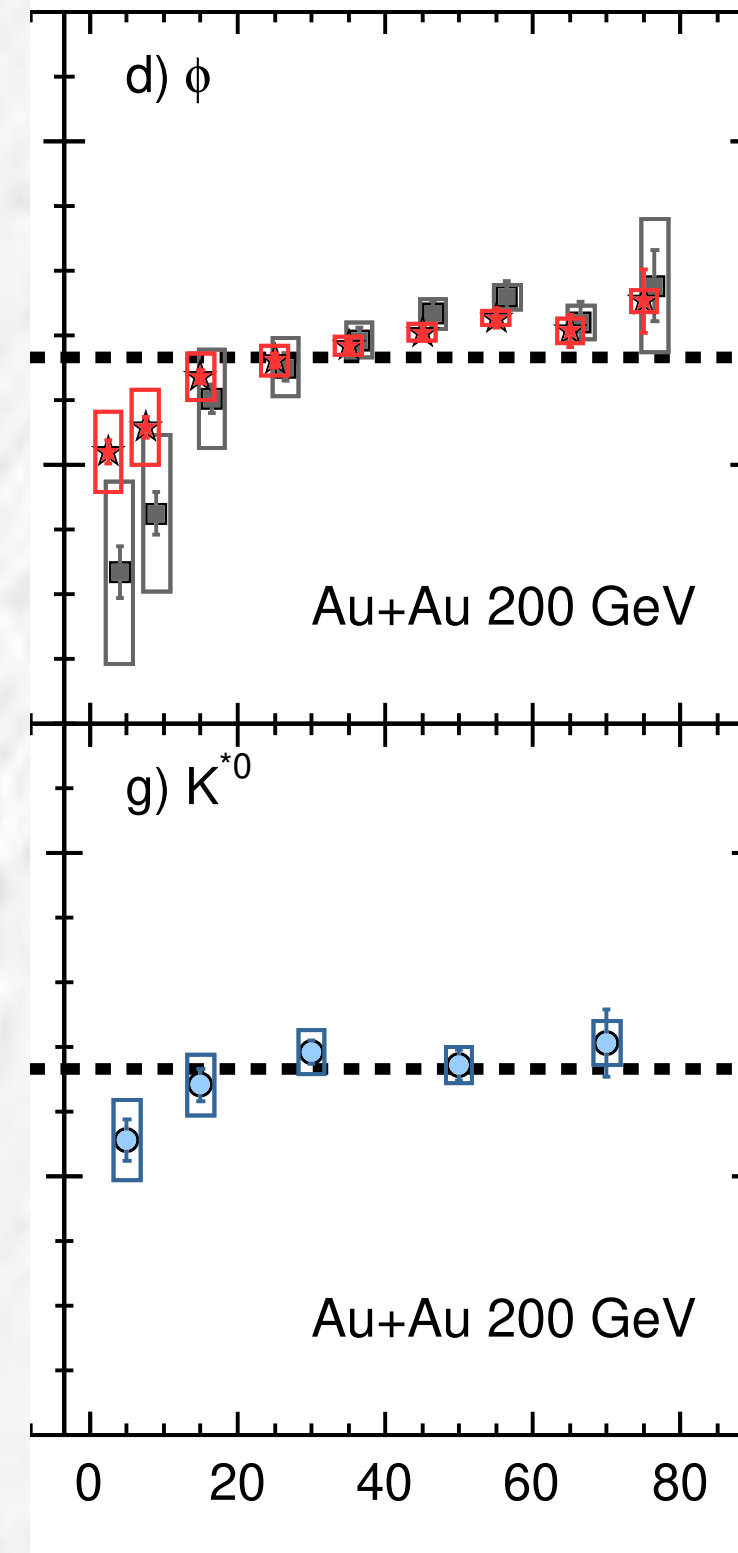
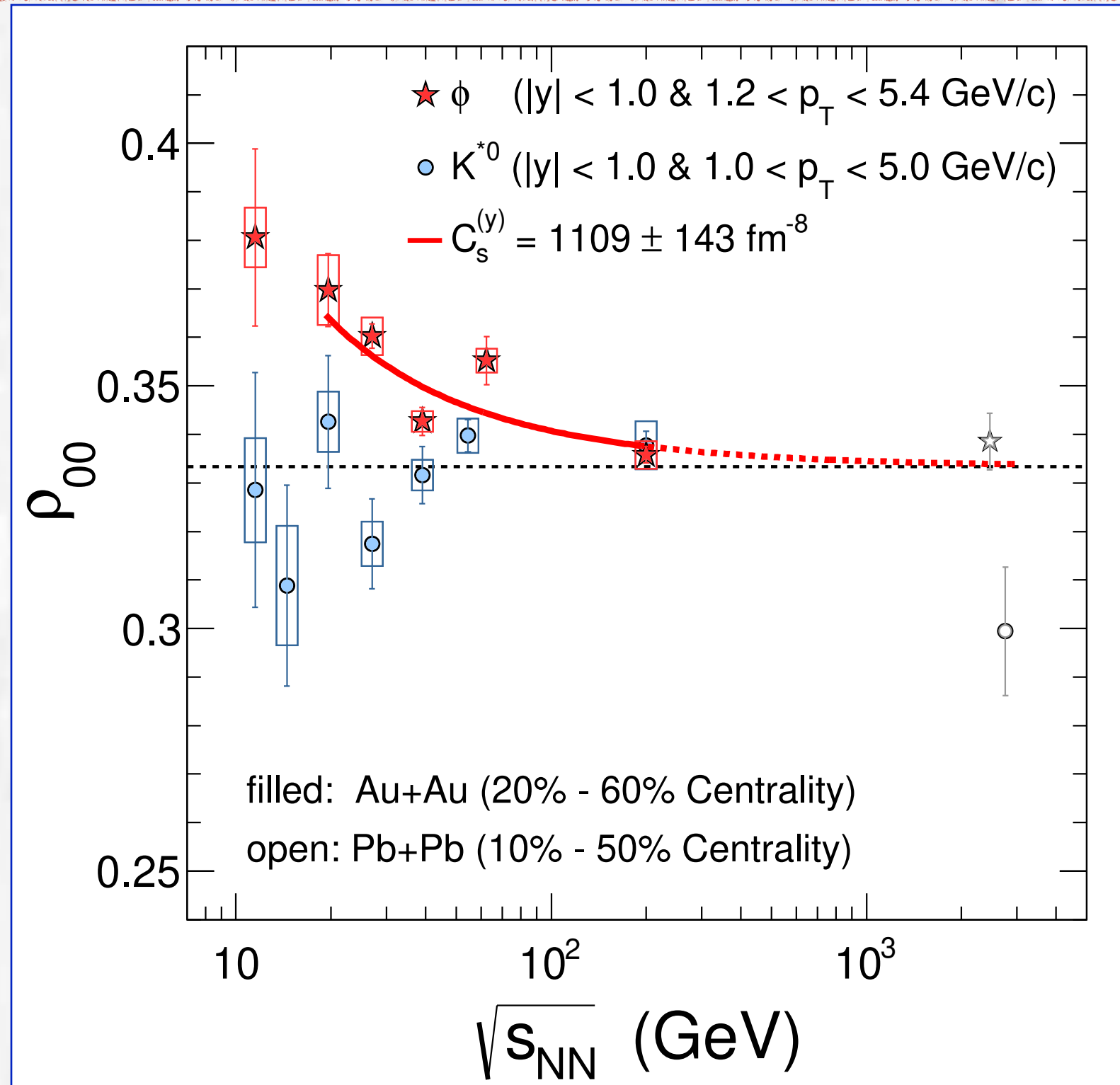
$$\rho_{00} = 0.15 \Rightarrow w(s_z = +1) = 0.82,$$

$$w(0) = 0.15, w(-1) = 0.03$$





# Spin-alignment: STAR



RHIC: Mean field of  $\phi$  meson plays a role?  
Does it change from RHIC to LHC?

X. Sheng, L. Oliva, and Q. Wang, PRD101.096005(2020)  
X. Sheng, Q.Wang, and X. Wang, PRD102.056013 (2020)

If it is related to the vorticity, it must depend on the direction. In mean field approach (as well as any others) -  
what are the predictions for  $\rho_{1,1}$  and  $\rho_{-1,-1}$ ?

One possibility for noticeable spin alignment might be strong, fluctuating in direction, polarization, e.g vorticity, (the mechanism discussed by B. Mueller).

This possibility might be checked with  $\Lambda\Lambda$  correlations

Helicity conservation and heavy resonance decays into vector mesons?

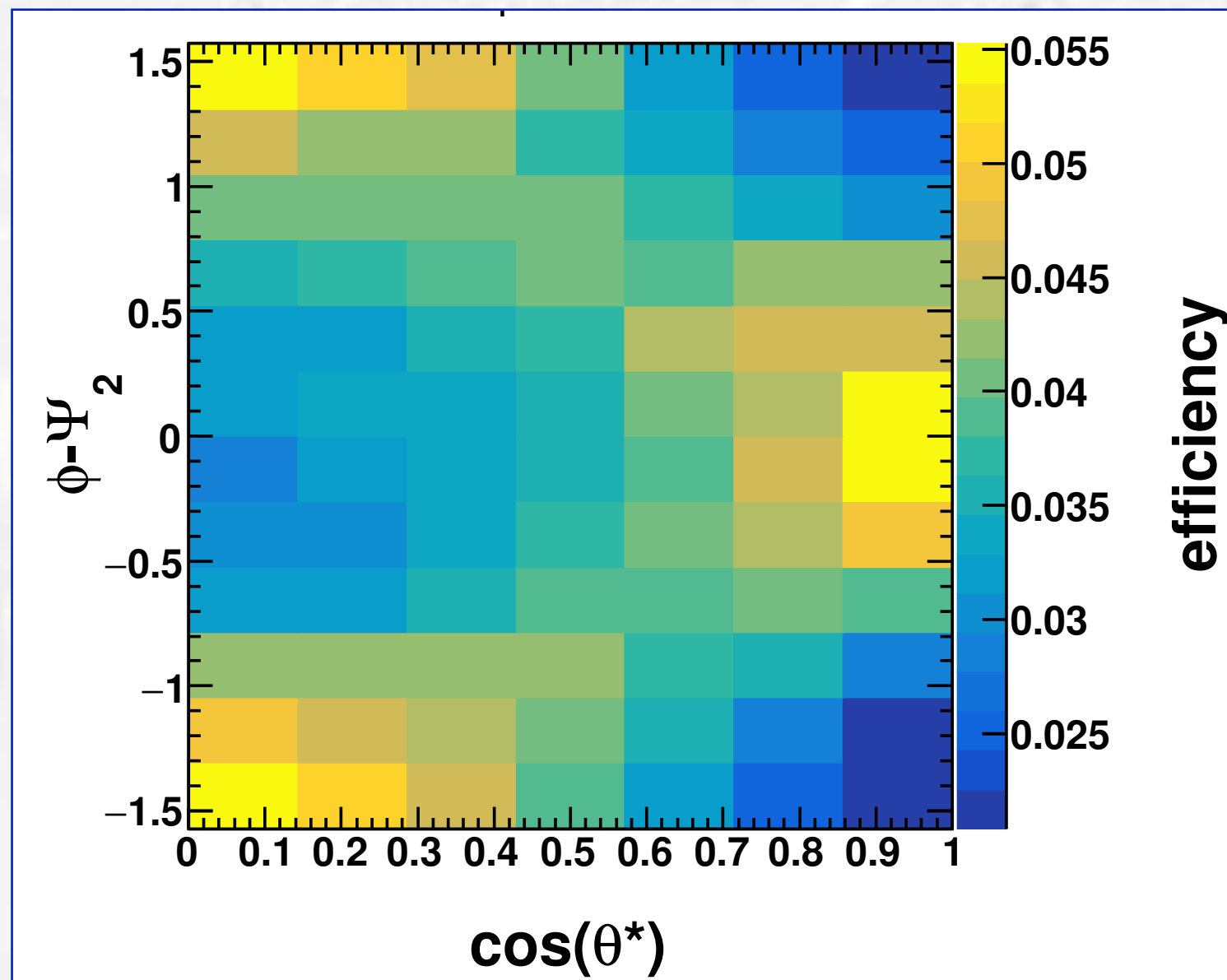






# Spin alignment, elliptic flow, and efficiency

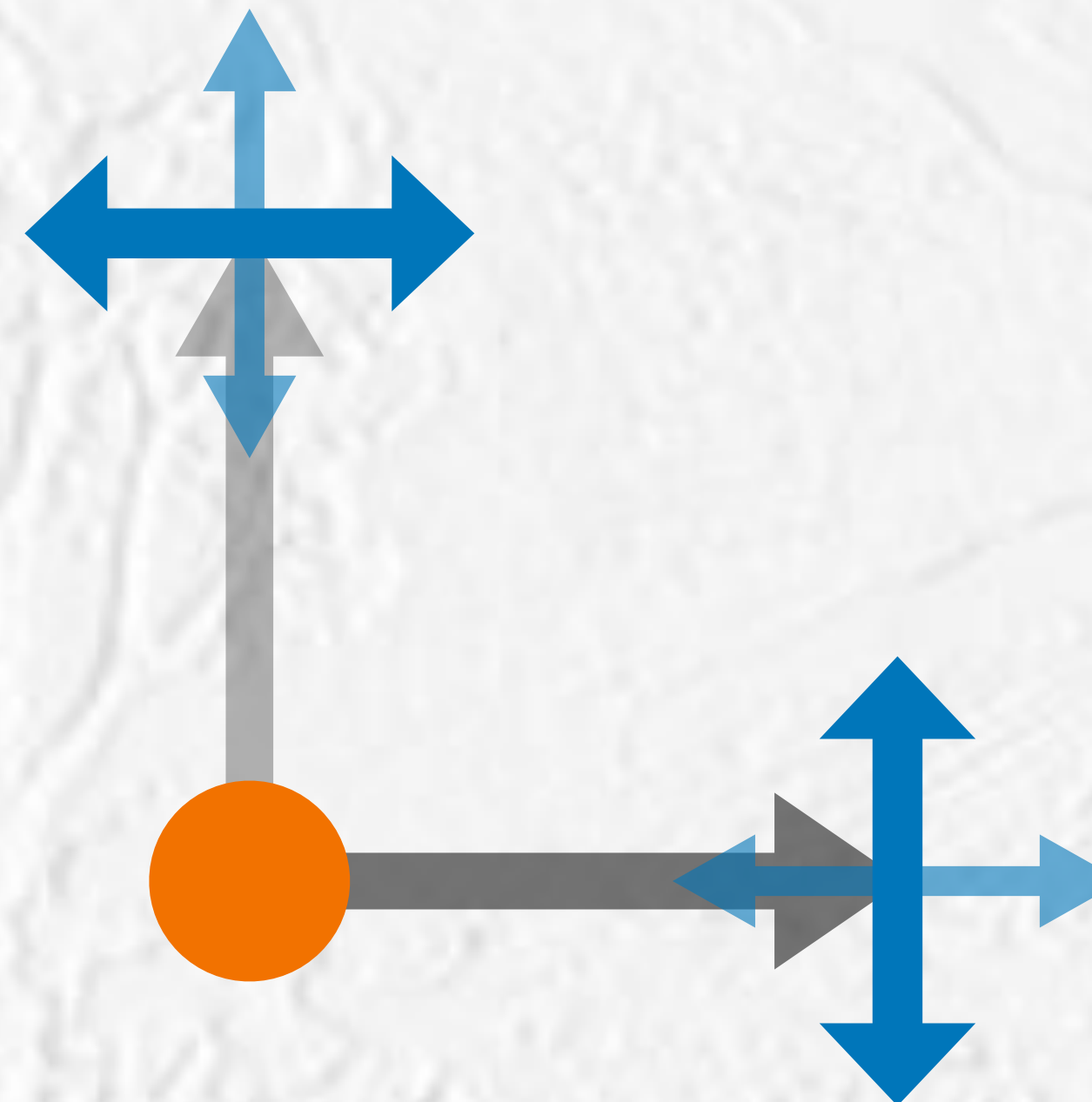
$$\frac{dN}{d \cos \theta^*} \propto (1 - \rho_{00}) + (3\rho_{00} - 1)\cos^2 \theta^*$$



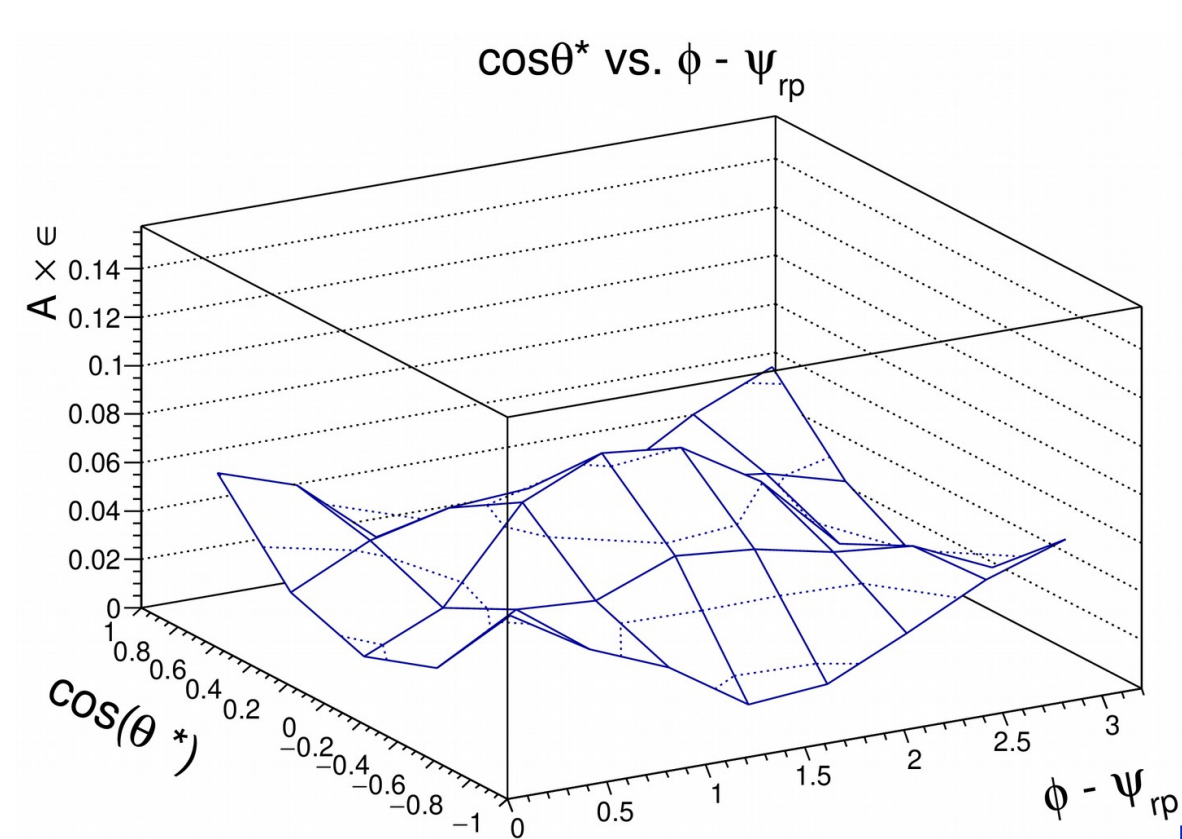
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It might be better to present efficiency (1d) plot vs  $\hat{n}_p^* \cdot \hat{n}_\Lambda$

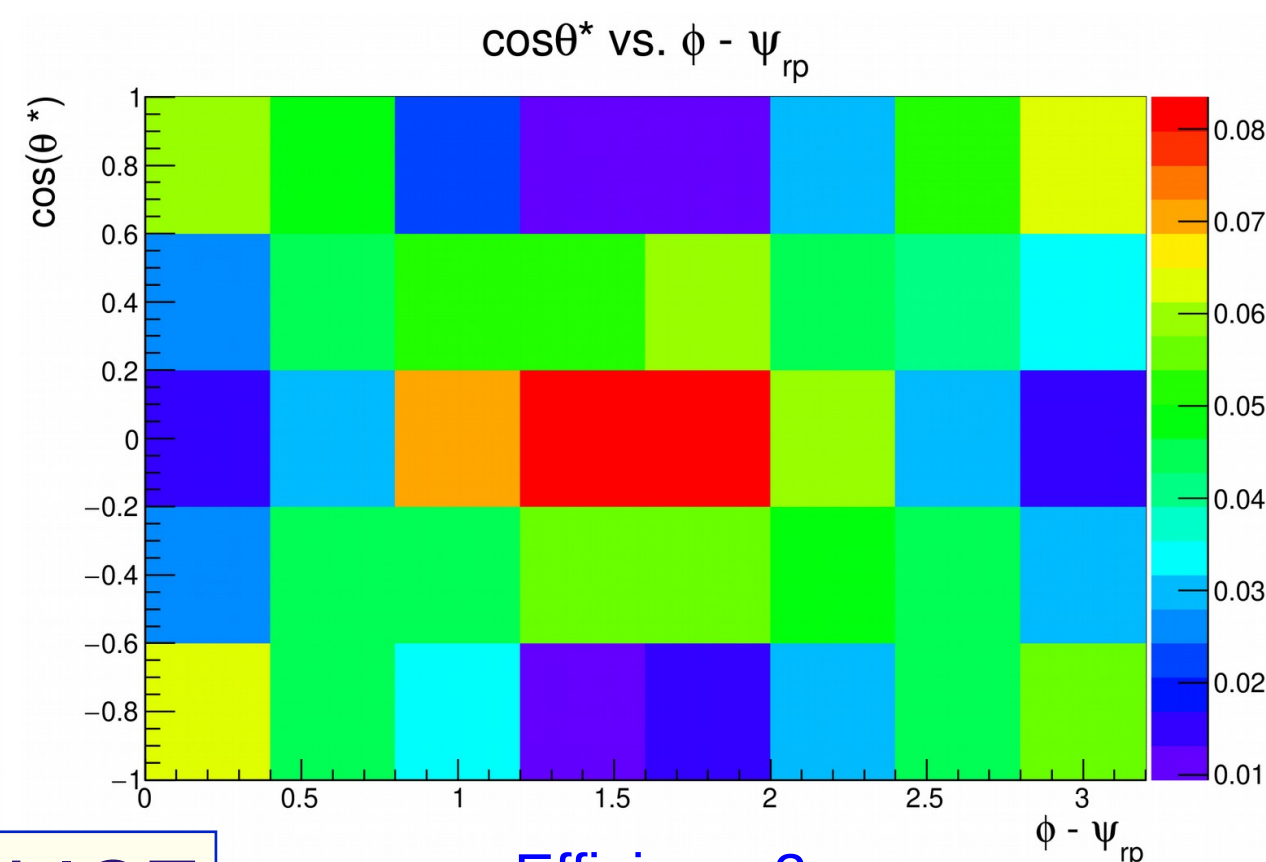
Reconstruction efficiency changes  $\sim \mathcal{O}(1)$  with the emission angle relative to the reaction plane



2D Efficiency :  $\cos\theta^*$  vs.  $\phi - \Psi_{rp}$  for  $K_S^0$   $0.6 < p_T < 0.8$  GeV/c (AMPT)



ALICE



Efficiency2

Opacity/width reflects efficiency and/or multiplicity

The efficiency entangles elliptic flow and polarization, neither of them can be measured independently



# Summary

Vorticity is an important piece in the picture of heavy ion collisions  
Very rich and extremely interesting results and future

$P_z$  measurements surprisingly (or not?)  
well agree with the BW expectations  
It is not clear how/why  $\nabla_\mu T$  and  $A_\mu$  and SIP  
contributions appear to be large/significant  
A specific predictions for SIP, SHE, etc. are needed

A tool to study hadron spin structure?

Is the “Cooper-Frye” prescription good  
for polarization calculations?

Spin alignment: a thorough review and understanding  
of the detector effects are needed

- Polarization splitting between particles and antiparticles, including particles with larger magnitude of the magnetic moment such as  $\Omega$ . It will further constrain the magnetic field time evolution and its strength at freeze-out, and the electric conductivity of quark-gluon plasma.
- Precise measurements of multistrange hyperon polarization to study particle species dependence and confirm the vorticity-based picture of polarization. Measurement with  $\Omega$  will also constrain unknown decay parameter  $\gamma_\Omega$ .
- Precise differential measurements of the azimuthal angle and rapidity dependence of  $P_J$  ( $P_{-y}$ ).
- Detailed measurement of  $P_z$  induced by elliptic and higher harmonic flow. In particular this study could help to identify the contribution from SIP, which is expected to be different for different harmonics.
- Application of the event-shape-engineering technique<sup>126</sup> testing the relationship between anisotropic flow and polarization.
- Measuring  $P_x$  to complete all the components of polarization and compare the data to the Glauber estimates and full hydrodynamical calculations.
- Circular polarization  $P_\phi$  to search for toroidal vortex structures
- The particle-antiparticle difference in the polarization dependence on azimuthal angle at lower collision energies testing the Spin-Hall Effect.
- Understanding of the vector meson spin alignment measurements including new results with corrections of different detector effects.
- Measurement of the hyperon polarization correlations to access the scale of vorticity fluctuations.
- Measurement of the hyperon polarization in  $pp$  collisions to establish/disprove possible relation to the single spin asymmetry effect.

T. Niida and S. A. Voloshin, Polarization phenomenon in heavy-ion collisions, (2024), [arXiv:2404.11042 \[nucl-ex\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2404.11042).



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# EXTRA SLIDES



# Spin alignment and elliptic flow

[nucl-th/0410089] Polarized secondary particles in unpolarized high energy hadron-hadro...

Authors: [Sergei A. Voloshin](#)  
(Submitted on 21 Oct 2004)

$$\rho^0 \longrightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$$

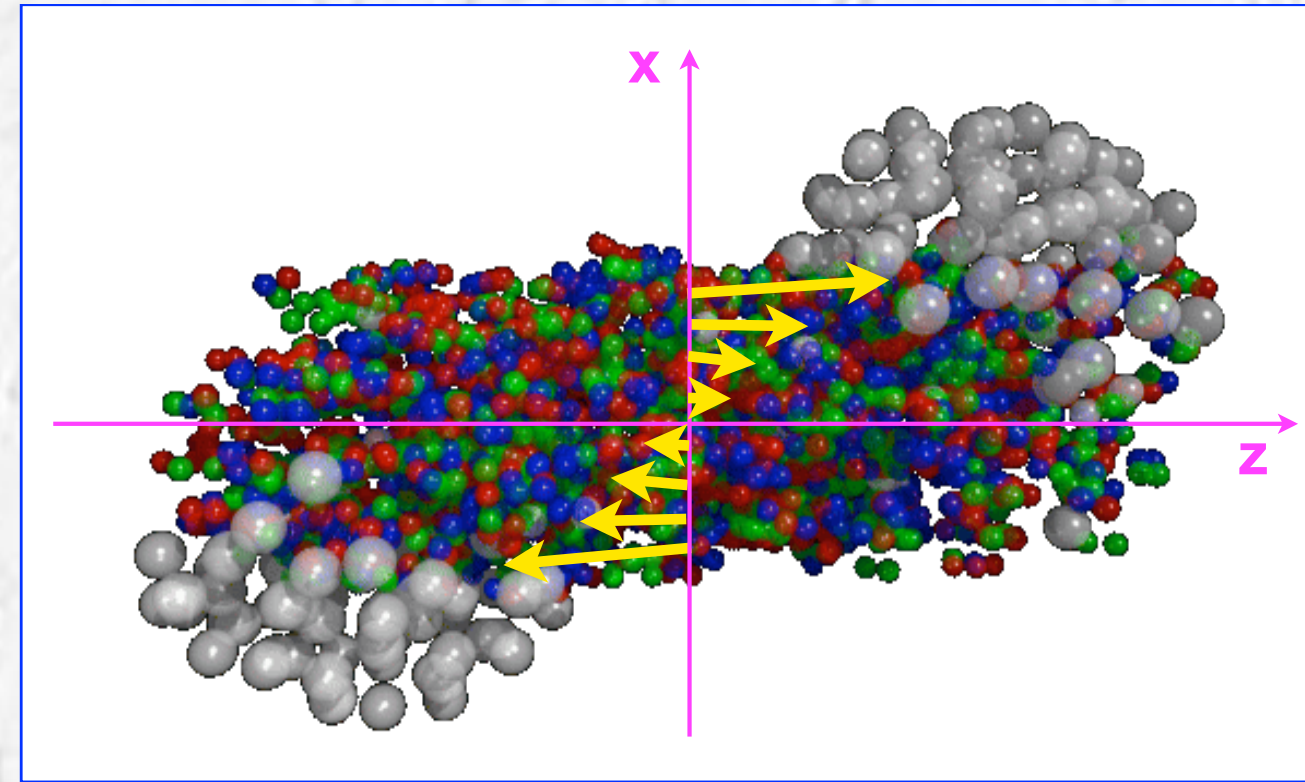
$$s_y = 1 \longrightarrow l_y = 1$$



$$\pi^+ \pi^- \longrightarrow \rho^0$$

$$l_y = 1 \longrightarrow s_y = 1$$

10 fm  
z



angular distribution  $\propto \sin^2 \theta$ , where  $\theta$  is the angle relative to the spin direction (in the resonance rest frame), and consequently  $\propto \cos(2\phi)$ , where the angle  $\phi$  is now the azimuthal angle with respect to the reaction plane, and thus would contribute to the elliptic flow (modulo distortions due to transformation from the resonance rest frame). Such an additional contribution could probably explain the very strong elliptic flow observed at RHIC (recall, that in transverse momentum region,  $p_t \sim 3$  GeV/c elliptic flow at RHIC can not be explained by any model [4]).

## pion elliptic flow from rho decays

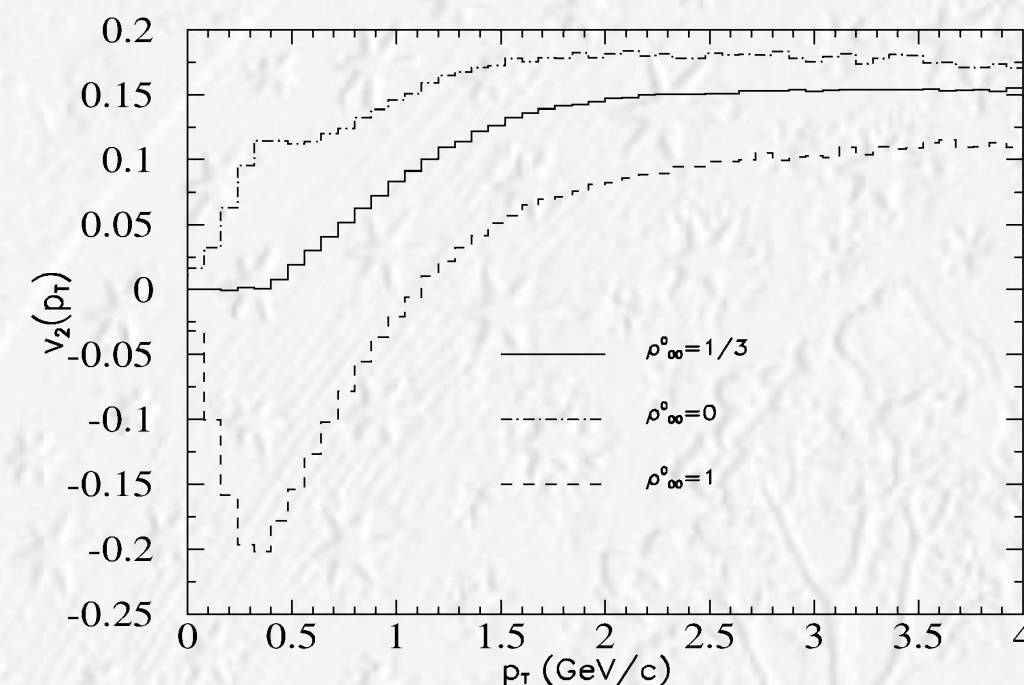


Fig. 1. Azimuthal anisotropy  $v_2$  of pions from the decay of  $\rho$  vector mesons that have spin alignment according to Eq. (13) with  $\rho_{00}^0 = 1/3$  (solid line), 0 (dot-dashed line) and 1 (dashed line).

$$\frac{dN}{d \cos \theta^*} \propto w_0 |Y_{1,0}|^2 + w_{+1} |Y_{1,1}|^2 + w_{-1} |Y_{1,-1}|^2 \propto w_0 \cos^2 \theta^* + (w_{+1} + w_{-1}) \sin^2 \theta^* / 2$$

$$\text{NSM: } \rho_{00} \approx \frac{1}{3 + (\omega/T)^2}$$

$$\rho_{00}^{\rho(\text{rec})} = \frac{1 - P_q^2}{3 + P_q^2},$$

$$\rho_{00}^{V(\text{frag})} = \frac{1 + \beta P_q^2}{3 - \beta P_q^2}$$

Z.-T. Liang, X.-N. Wang / Physics Letters B 629 (2005) 20–26

$v_2$  of pions from 100% polarized rho decays is ~20%!

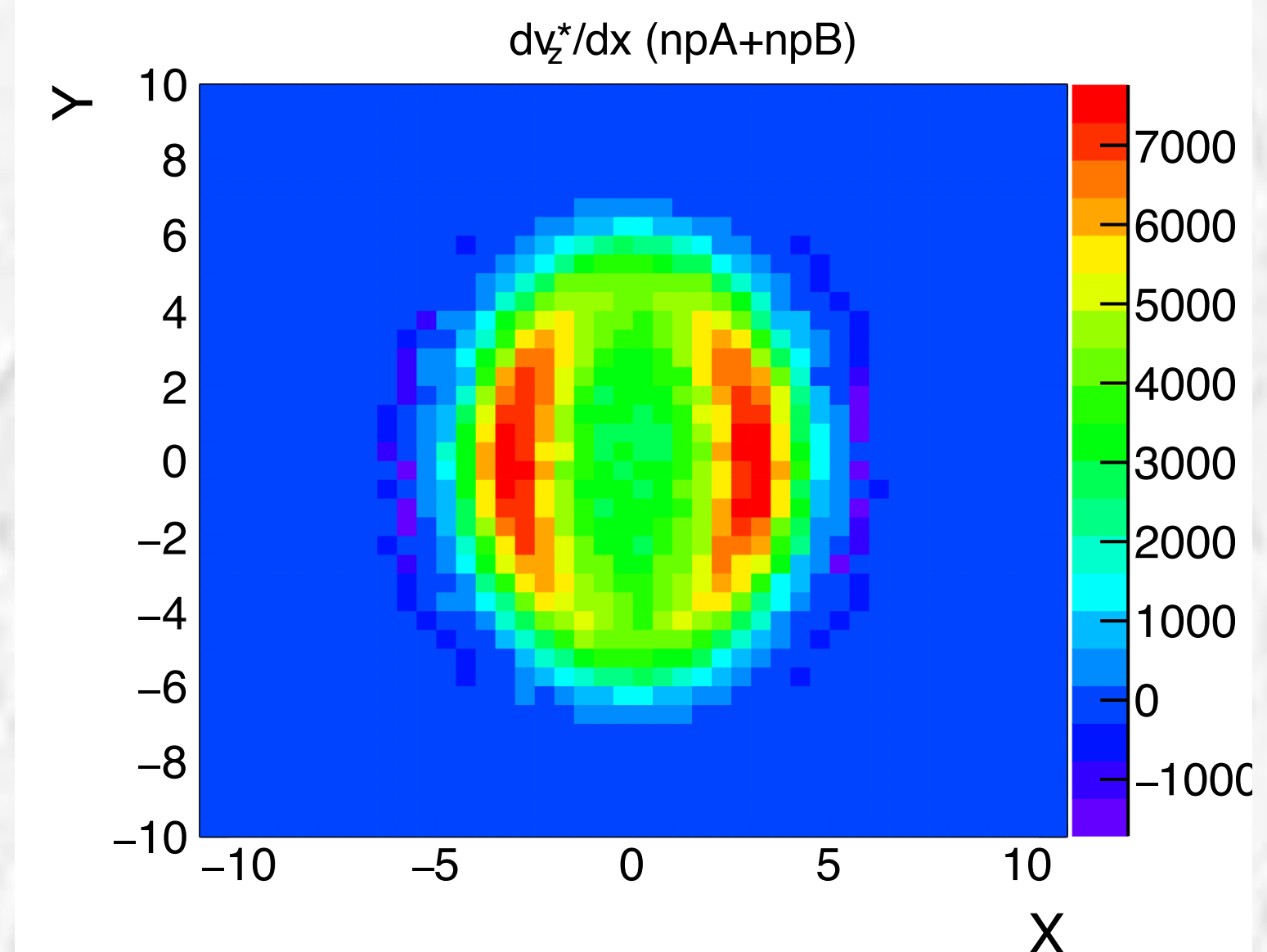
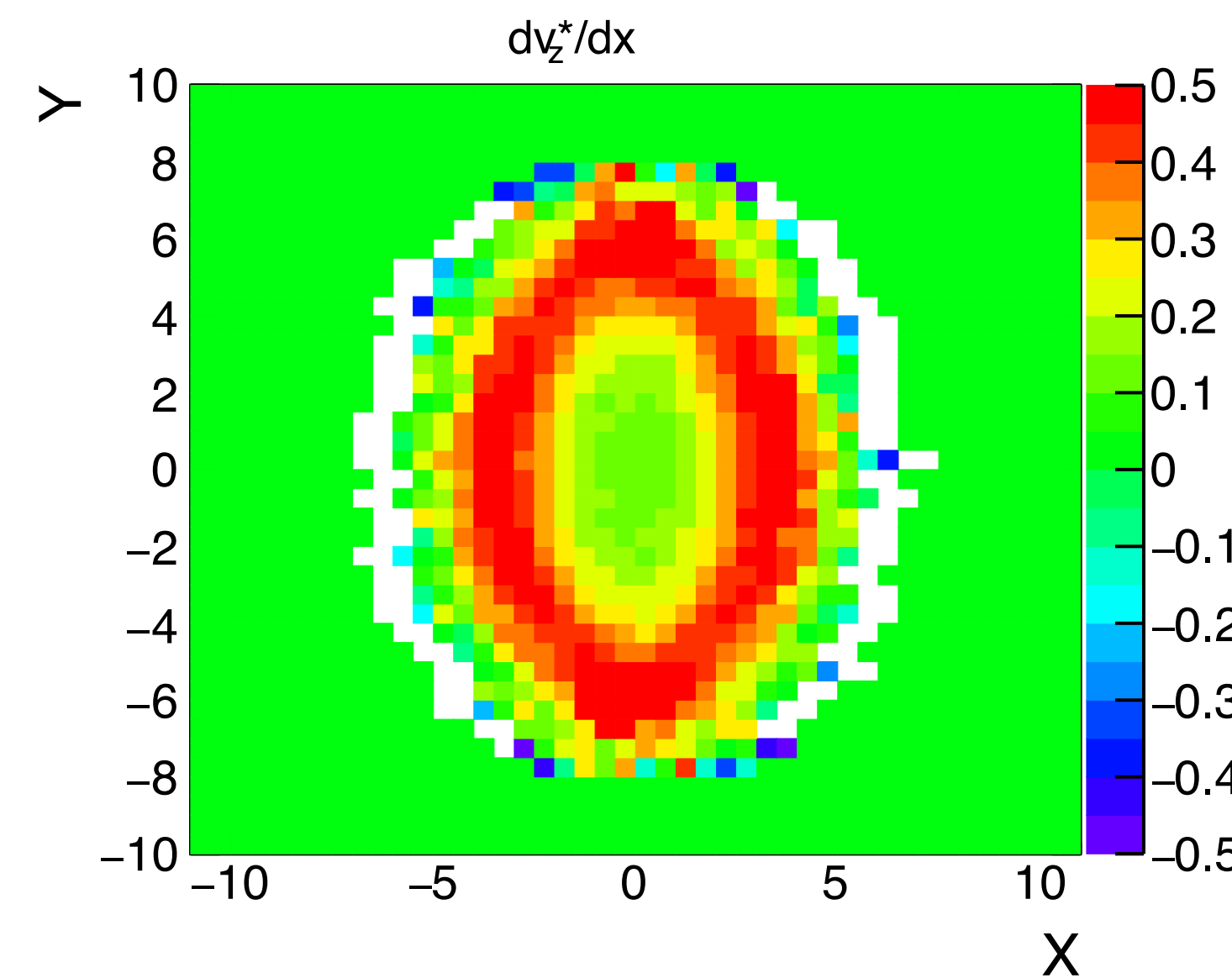
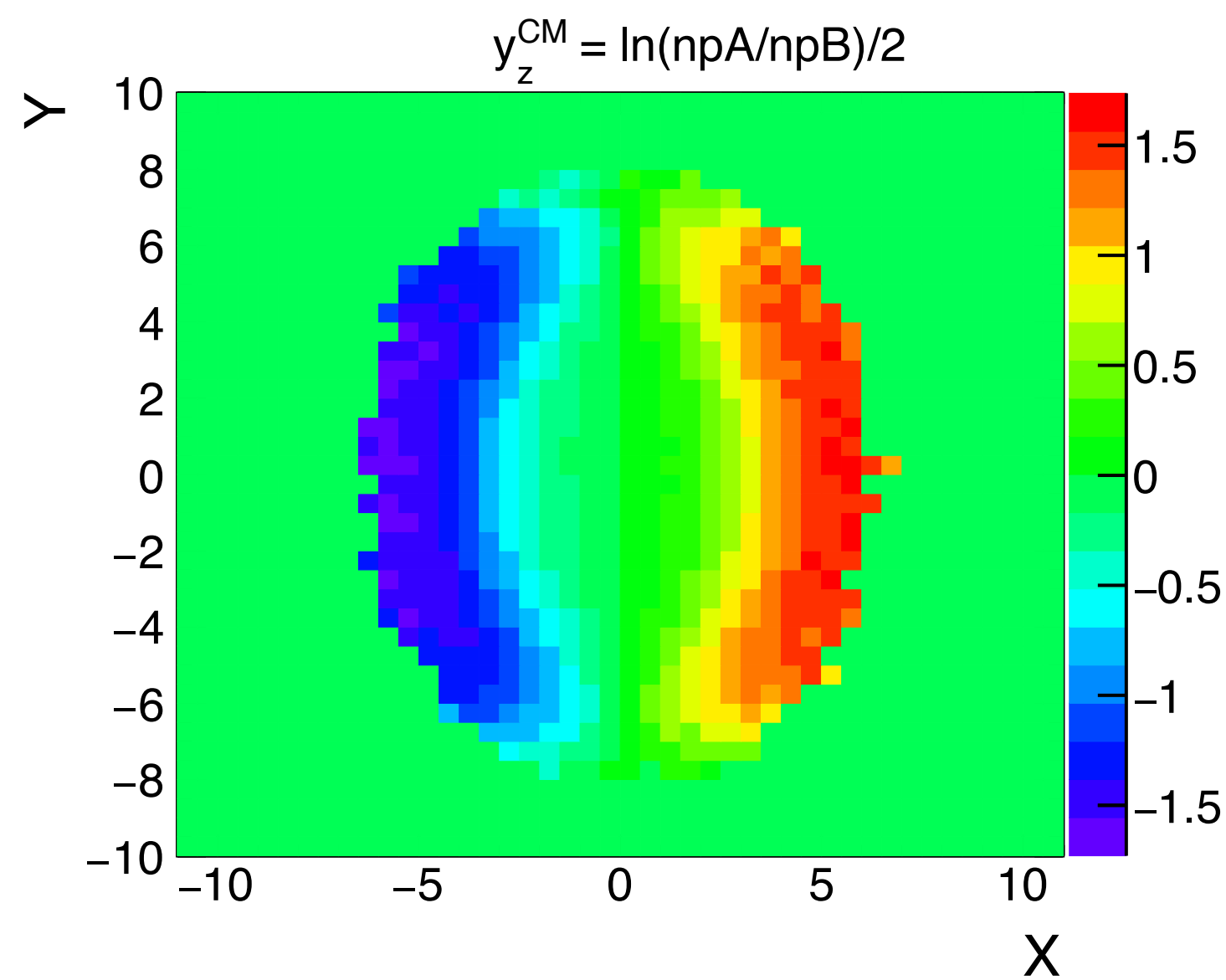
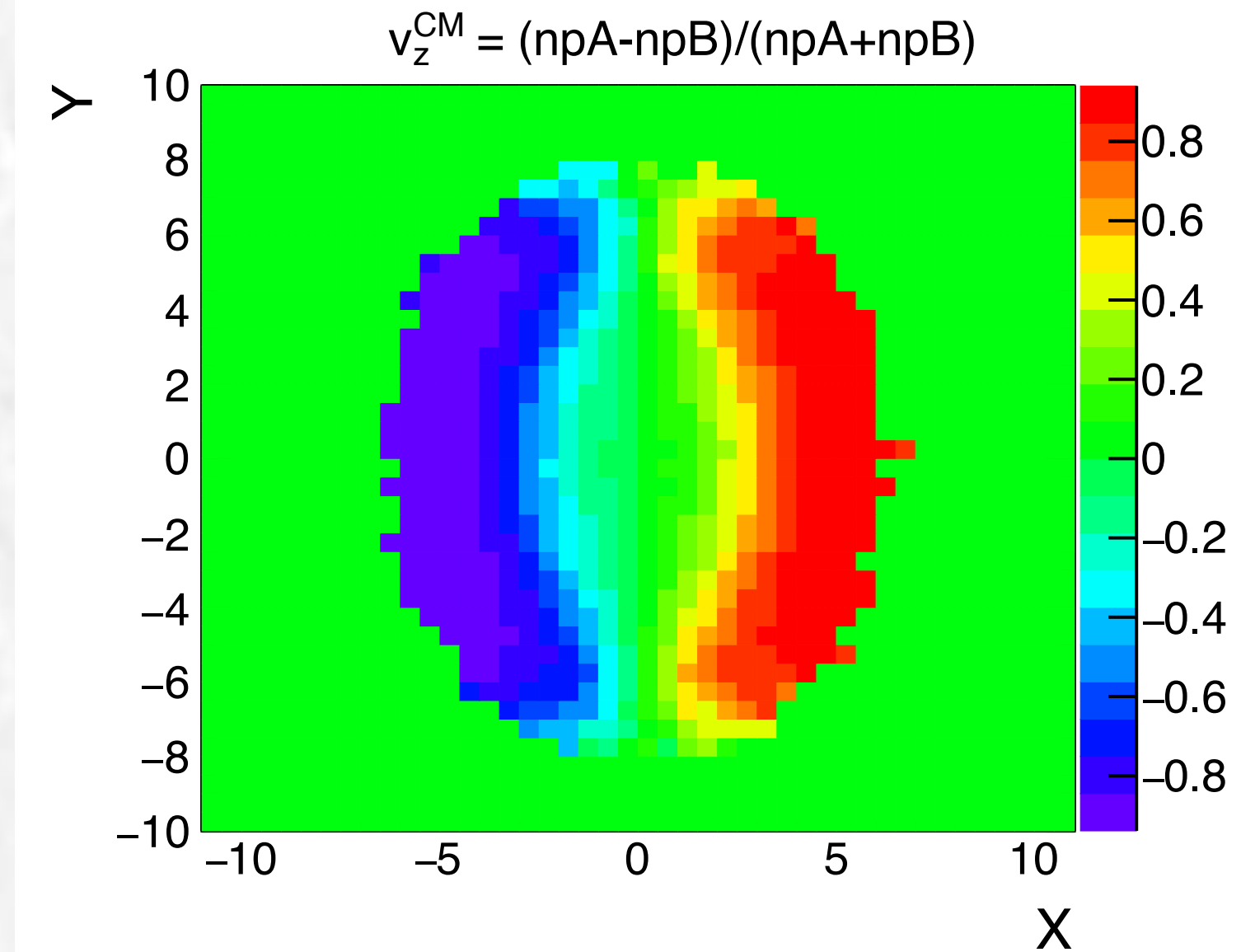
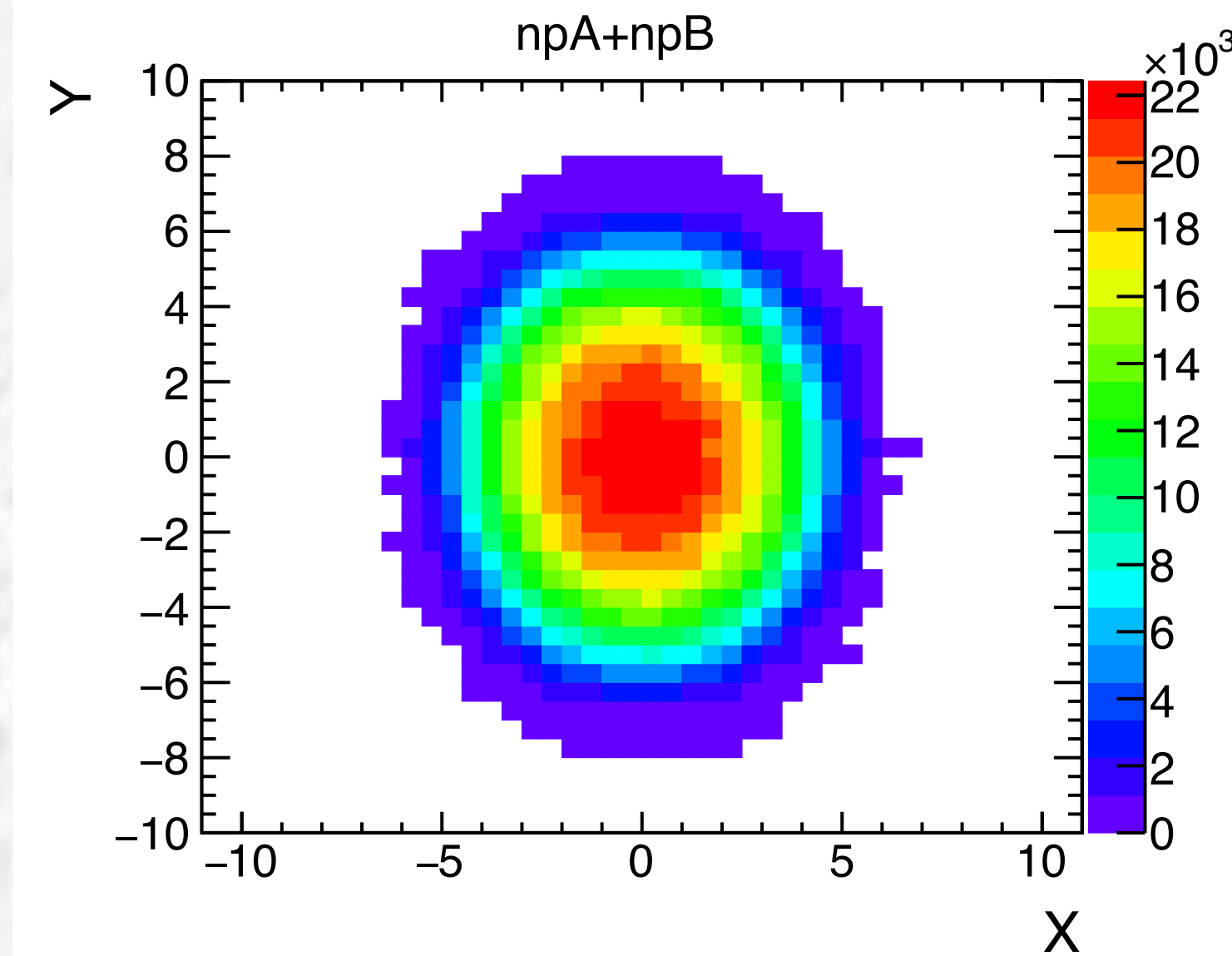
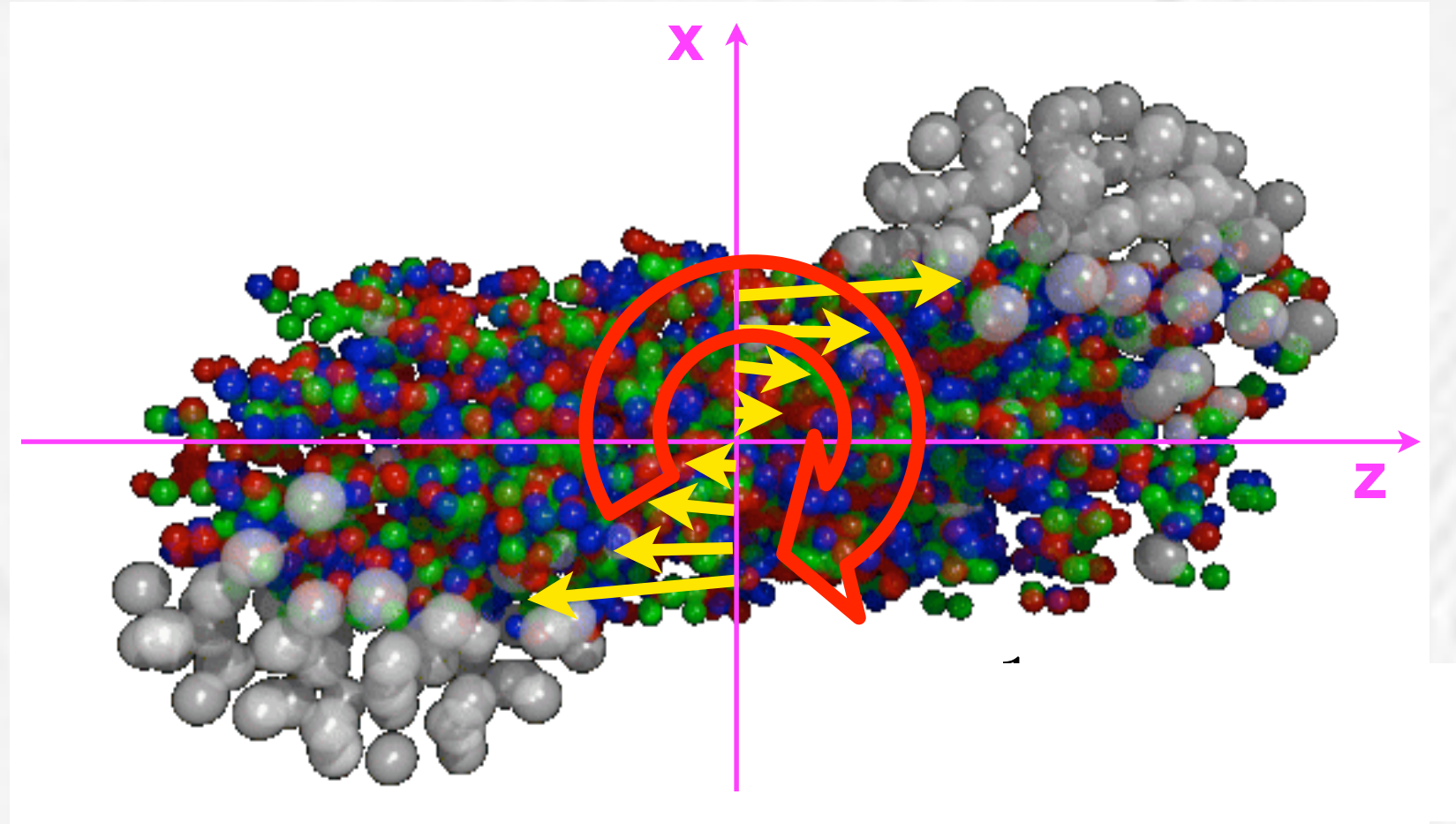
Strangeness in Quark Matter, Utrecht University, July 10-15, 2017 S.A. Voloshin



# Global polarization, $P_y$

Au+Au, b=7 fm

“np” - # of nucleon participants



$v_z$  is calculated as velocity of the center of mass

gradients are calculated with rapidity (e.g. in the “fluid” rest frame)



# A better way?

Idea: calculate  $\langle \cos(\Theta^*) \rangle$ , where  $\Theta^*$  is the angle relative to the quantization axis

$$P_H(\phi_H - \Psi_{\text{RP}}, p_t^H, \eta^H) = P_0(p_t^H, \eta^H) + 2P_2(p_t^H, \eta^H) \cos\{2[\phi_H - \Psi_{\text{RP}}]\}$$

$$\langle \sin(\Psi_{\text{RP}} - \phi^*) \sin \theta^* \rangle = \frac{\alpha_H}{3} \left[ \tilde{A}_0(P_0 + 2P_2 v_2) - \tilde{A}_2(P_2 + P_0 v_2) \right],$$

$$\langle \sin(\Psi_{\text{RP}} - \phi^*) \sin \theta^* \cos[2(\phi_H - \phi^*)] \rangle = \frac{\alpha_H}{3} \left[ \tilde{A}_0(P_2 + P_0 v_2) - \frac{1}{2} \tilde{A}_2(P_0 + 3P_2 v_2) \right],$$

$$\tilde{A}_0(p_t^H, \eta^H) = \frac{3}{2} \int \frac{d\Omega^*}{4\pi} \frac{d\phi_H}{2\pi} A(\mathbf{p}_H, \mathbf{p}^*) \sin^2 \theta^*.$$

$$\tilde{A}_2(p_t^H, \eta^H) = \frac{3}{2} \int \frac{d\Omega^*}{4\pi} \frac{d\phi_H}{2\pi} A(\mathbf{p}_H, \mathbf{p}^*) \sin^2 \theta^* \cos[2(\phi_H - \phi^*)].$$

Decrease the statistical errors for about 10%



# $P_y(\phi)$ , parametrization, acceptance effects

$$P_H(\phi_H - \Psi_{\text{RP}}, p_t^H, \eta^H) = P_0(p_t^H, \eta^H) + 2P_2(p_t^H, \eta^H) \cos\{2[\phi_H - \Psi_{\text{RP}}]\}$$

Note extra factors of “2” in the definitions, compared to 2007 paper.

Note that  $\langle P_y \rangle \neq P_{y,0}$

$$\langle \sin(\Psi_{\text{RP}} - \phi^*) \rangle = \int \frac{d\Omega^*}{4\pi} \frac{d\phi_H}{2\pi} A(\mathbf{p}_H, \mathbf{p}^*) \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\Psi_{\text{RP}}}{2\pi} \{1 + 2v_{2,H} \cos[2(\phi_H - \Psi_{\text{RP}})]\} \sin(\Psi_{\text{RP}} - \phi^*) [1 + \alpha_H P_H(\mathbf{p}_H; \Psi_{\text{RP}}) \sin \theta^* \cdot \sin(\phi^* - \Psi_{\text{RP}})].$$

$$\langle \sin(\Psi_{\text{RP}} - \phi^*) \rangle = \frac{\alpha_H \pi}{8} [A_0 (P_0 + 2P_2 v_2) - A_2 (P_2 + P_0 v_2)];$$

$$\langle \sin(\Psi_{\text{RP}} - \phi^*) \cos[2(\phi_H - \phi^*)] \rangle = \frac{\alpha_H \pi}{8} \left[ A_0 (P_2 + P_0 v_2) - \frac{1}{2} A_2 (P_0 + 3P_2 v_2) \right]$$

$$A_0(p_t^H, \eta^H) = \frac{4}{\pi} \int \frac{d\Omega^*}{4\pi} \frac{d\phi_H}{2\pi} A(\mathbf{p}_H, \mathbf{p}^*) \sin \theta^*.$$

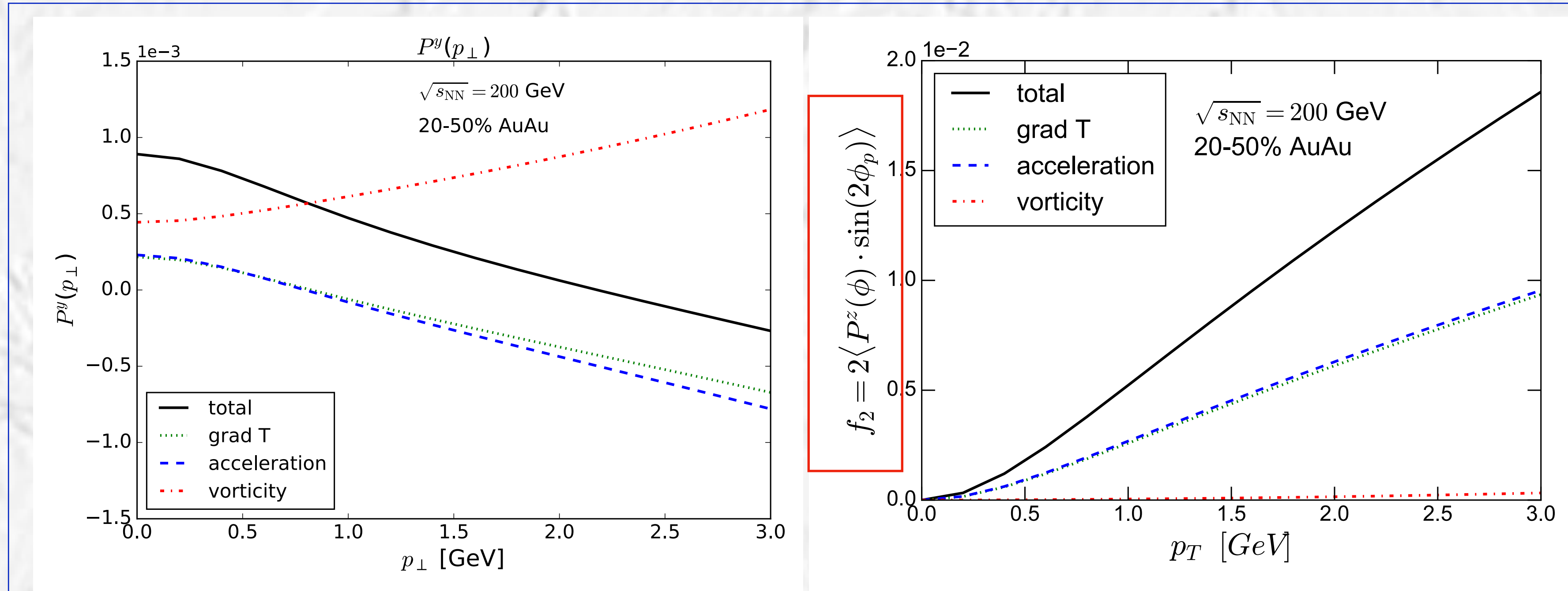
$$A_2(p_t^H, \eta^H) = \frac{4}{\pi} \int \frac{d\Omega^*}{4\pi} \frac{d\phi_H}{2\pi} A(\mathbf{p}_H, \mathbf{p}^*) \sin \theta^* \cos [2(\phi_H - \phi^*)]$$



How is it consistent with equation in the previous slide?

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**Fig. 26** Contributions to the global (left panel) and quadrupole longitudinal (right panel) components of  $\Lambda$  polarization stemming from gradients of temperature (dotted lines), acceleration (dashed lines) and vorticity (dash-dotted lines). Solid lines show the sums of all 3 contributions. The hydrodynamic calculation with vHLLE is performed with an averaged Monte Carlo Glauber IS corresponding to 20-50% central Au-Au collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 200$  GeV RHIC energy.