

# Experimental Searches for Chirality and Vorticity Effects in Heavy Ion Collisions

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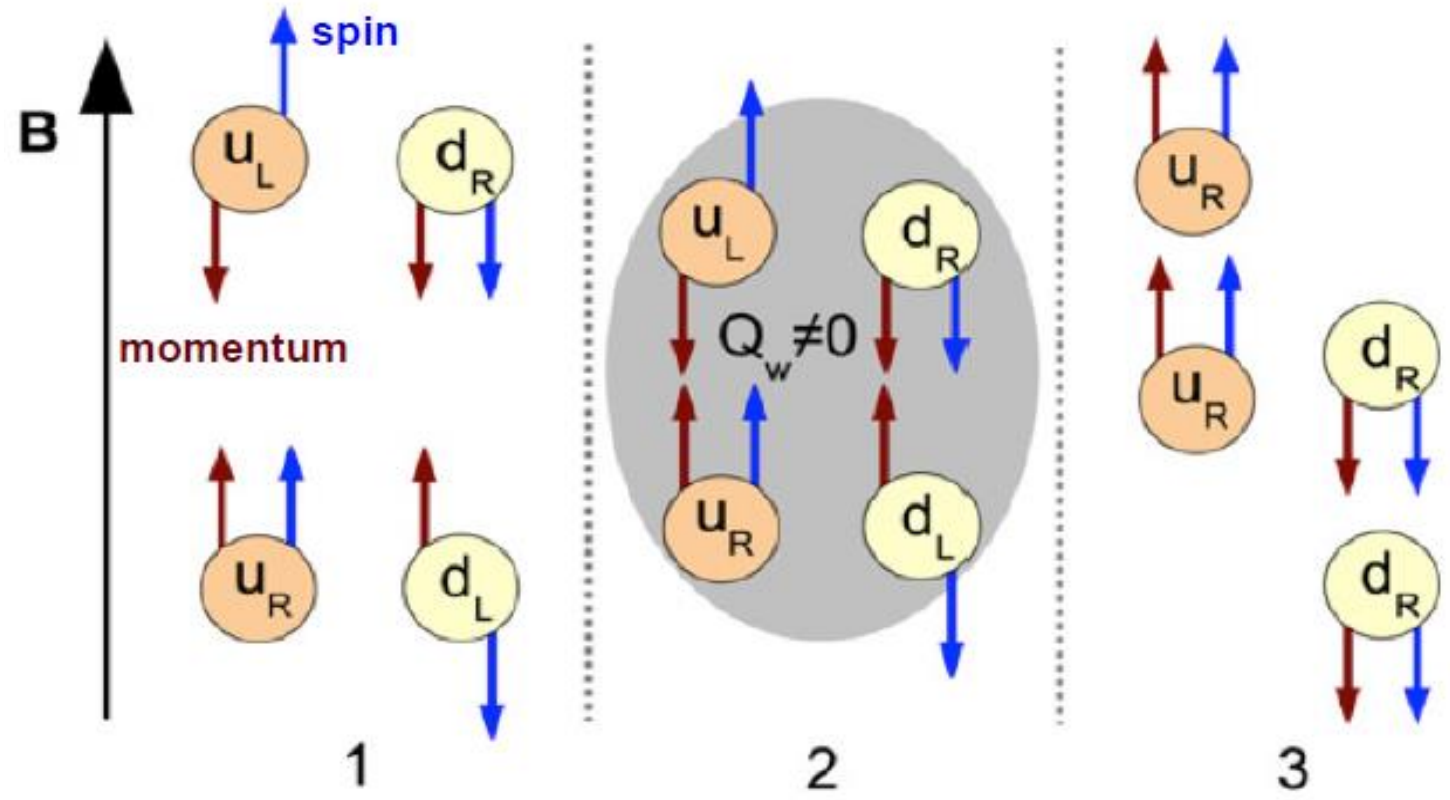
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# OUTLINE

- 1) CME and Charge Separation Across the RP**
- 2) CMW and Background Flow Effect**
- 3) Search for Chiral Vortical Effect**
- 4) Future Perspective**

# Chiral Magnetic Effect $\rightarrow$ Charge Separation

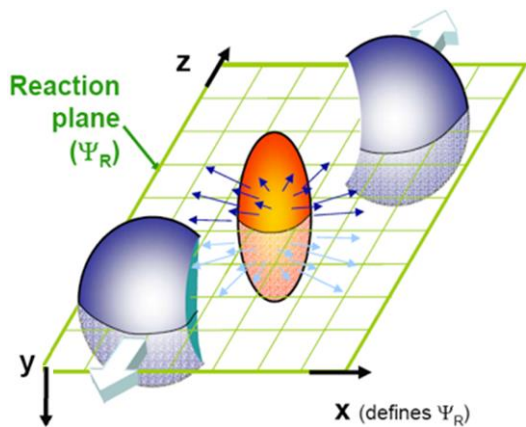


Chiral Magnetic Effect (**CME**): finite chiral charge density induces an electric current along external magnetic field.

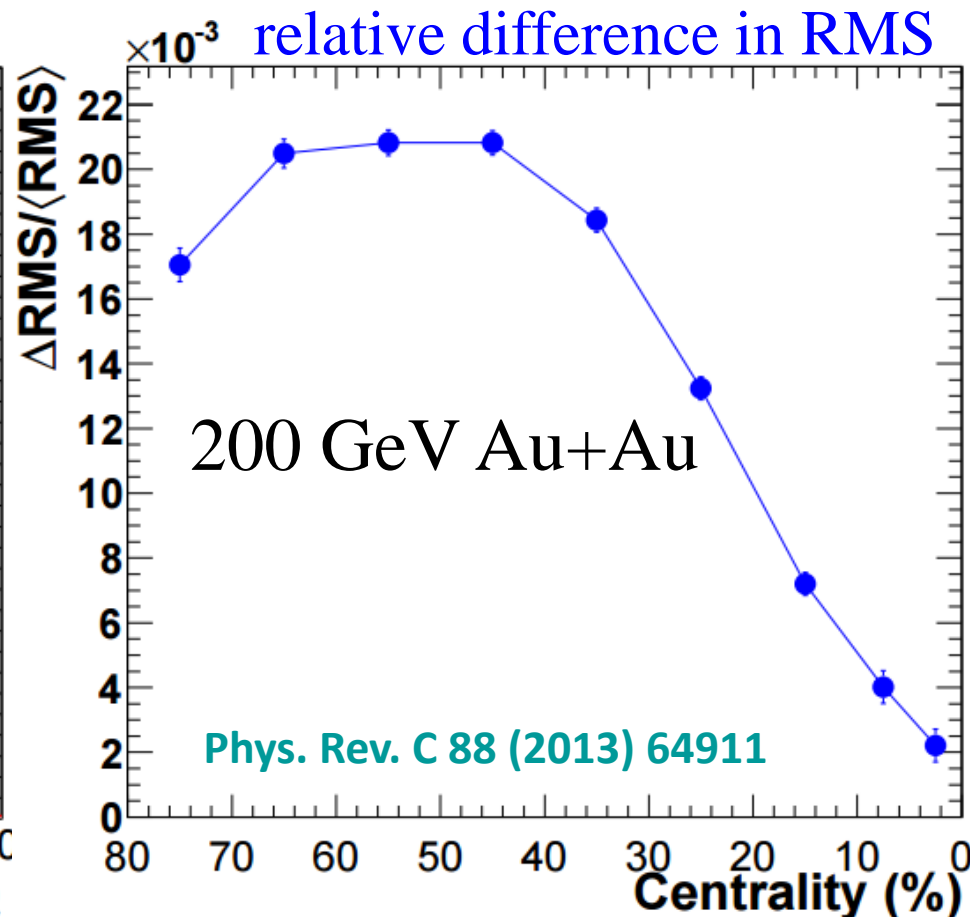
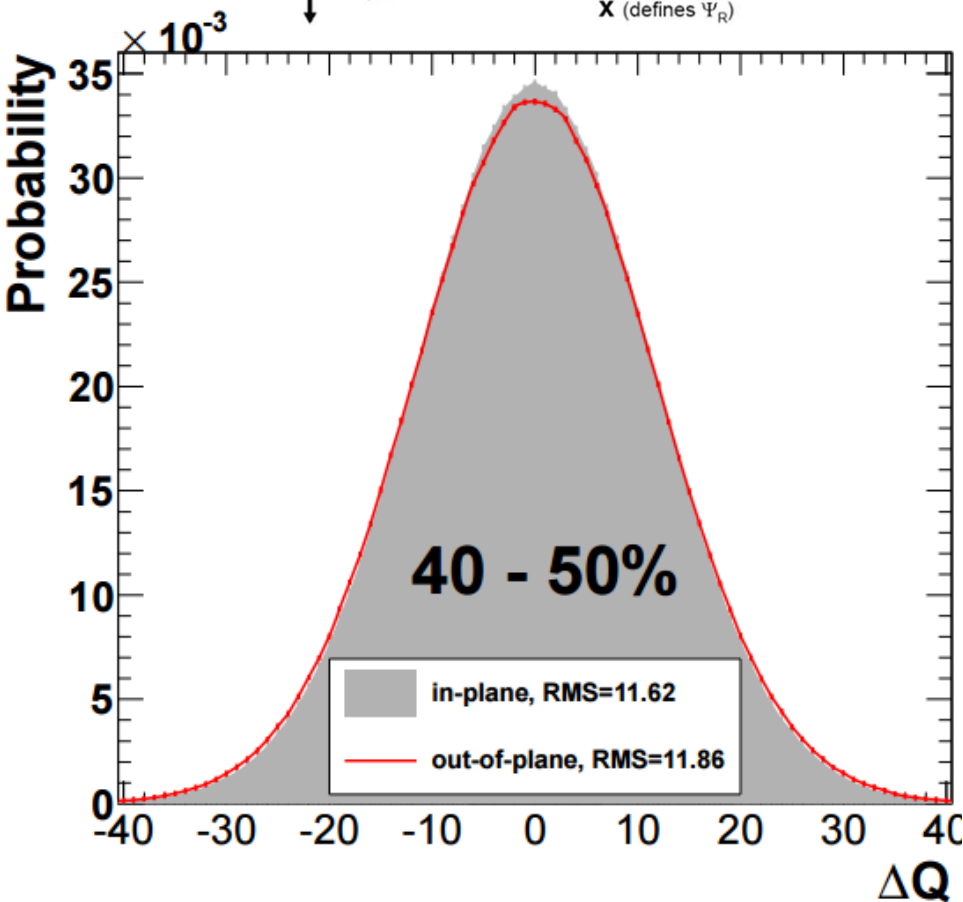
$$j_V = \frac{N_c e}{2\pi^2} \mu_A B \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{electric charge separation along } B \text{ field}$$

D. E. Kharzeev, L. D. McLerran, and H. J. Warringa, Nuclear Physics A 803, 227 (2008)

# Charge Separation Out-of vs. In RP

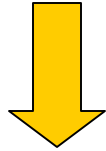


There should be more out-of-plane charge fluctuation than in-plane. *Indeed, we can visualize this effect, which is on percent level!*



# $\gamma$ correlator

A quantitative measure for extra charge fluctuation.

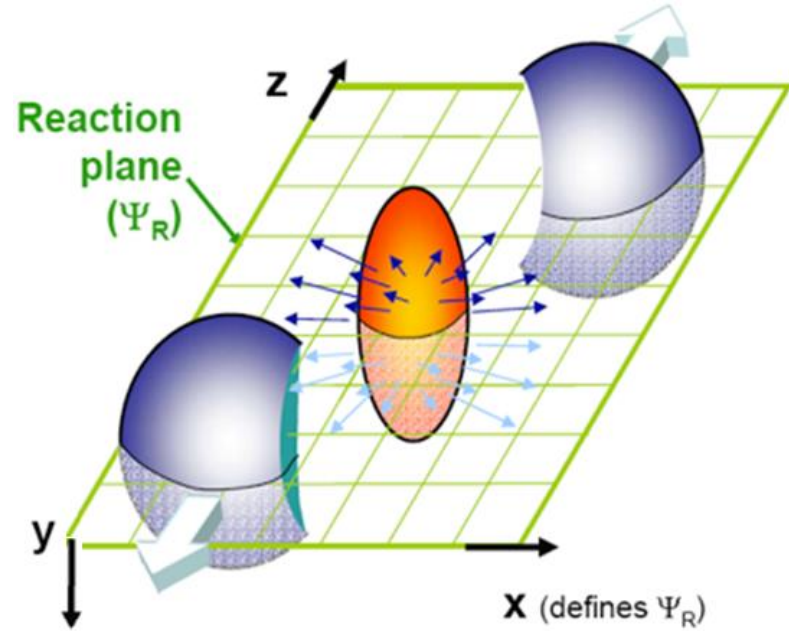


$$\gamma = \langle \cos(\phi_\alpha + \phi_\beta - 2\psi_{RP}) \rangle$$

$$= \langle \cos() \cos() \rangle - \langle \sin() \sin() \rangle$$

$$\cong \left[ \langle v_{1,\alpha} v_{1,\beta} \rangle + B_{in} \right] - \left[ \langle a_\alpha a_\beta \rangle + B_{out} \right]$$

S. Voloshin,  
PRC 70 (2004) 057901



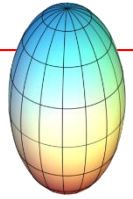
Directed flow

background effects

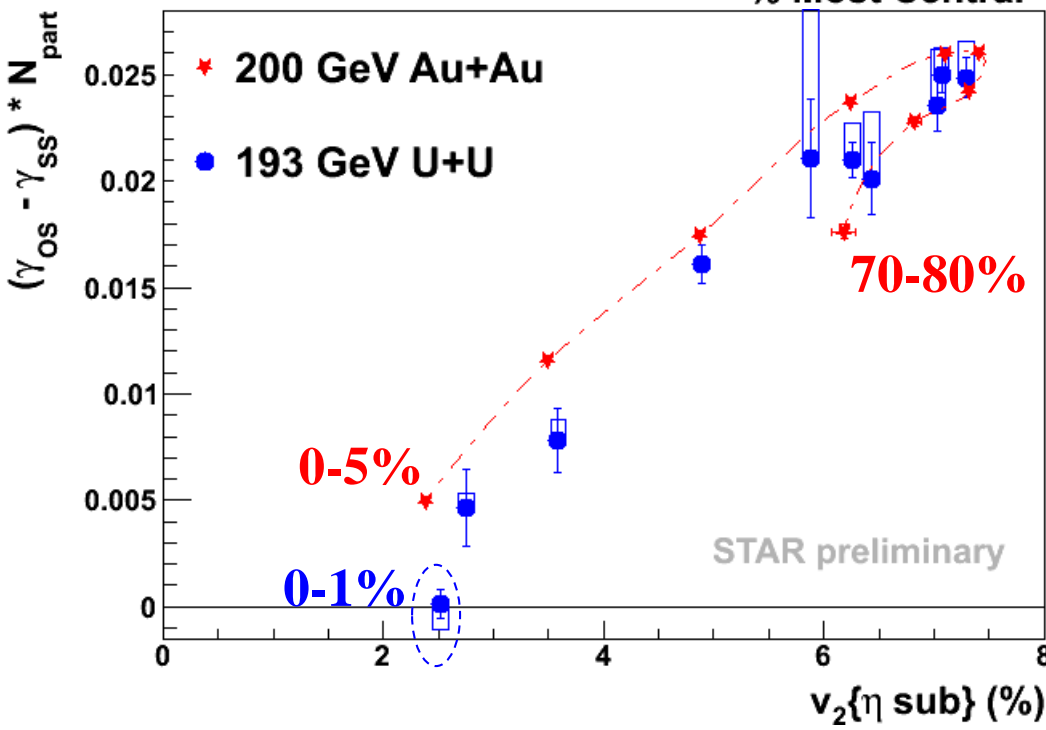
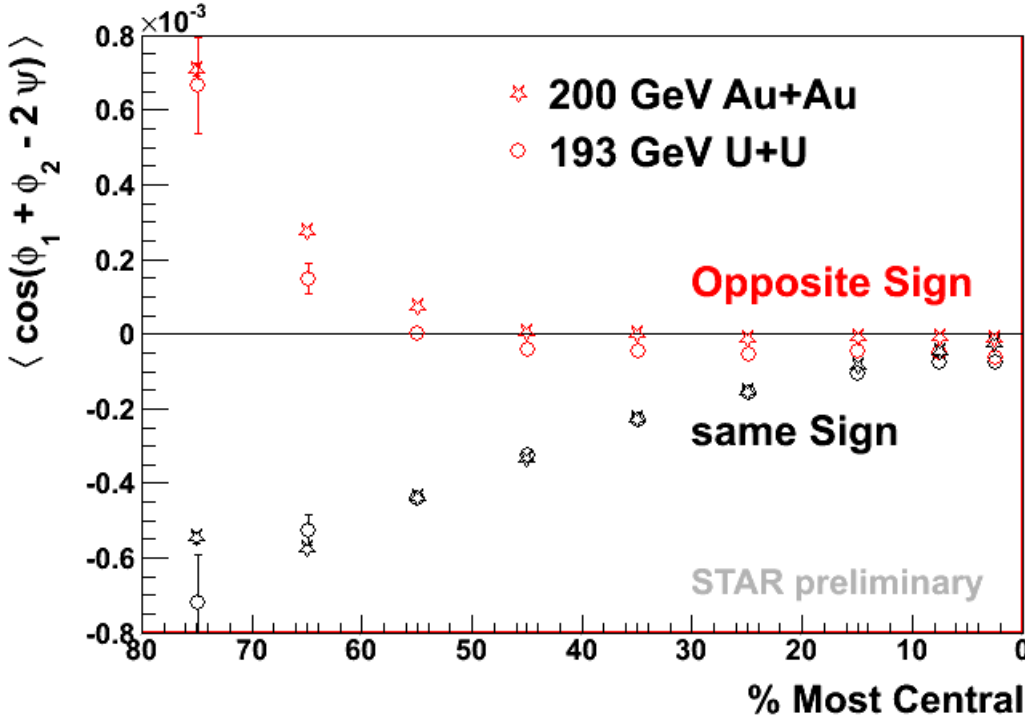
$P$ -even quantity:  
sensitive to charge  
separation fluctuation

**Background does not cancel !**  
**OS-SS subtraction !**

# Deformed nuclei: U+U



- Similar signals in **U+U**
- Use  $\gamma_{OS} - \gamma_{SS}$  to quantify the signal
- $N_{part}$  accounts for dilution effects

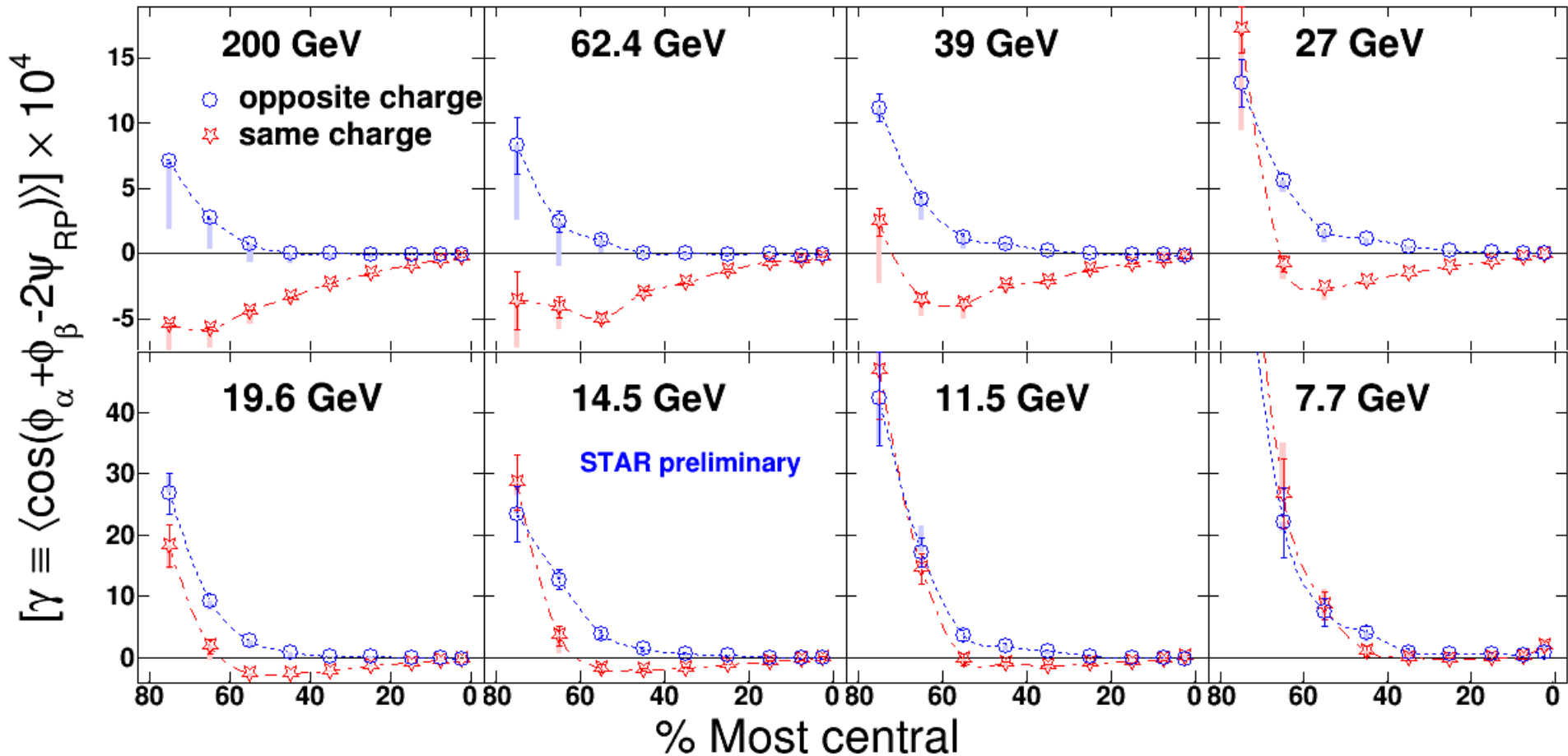


- A dedicated trigger for events with 0-1% spectator neutrons
- With magnetic field suppressed, the charge separation signal (mostly background) disappears, while  $v_2$  is still  $\sim 2.5\%$

Extrapolate to intermediate centrality?  
**Isobar collisions may work better.**

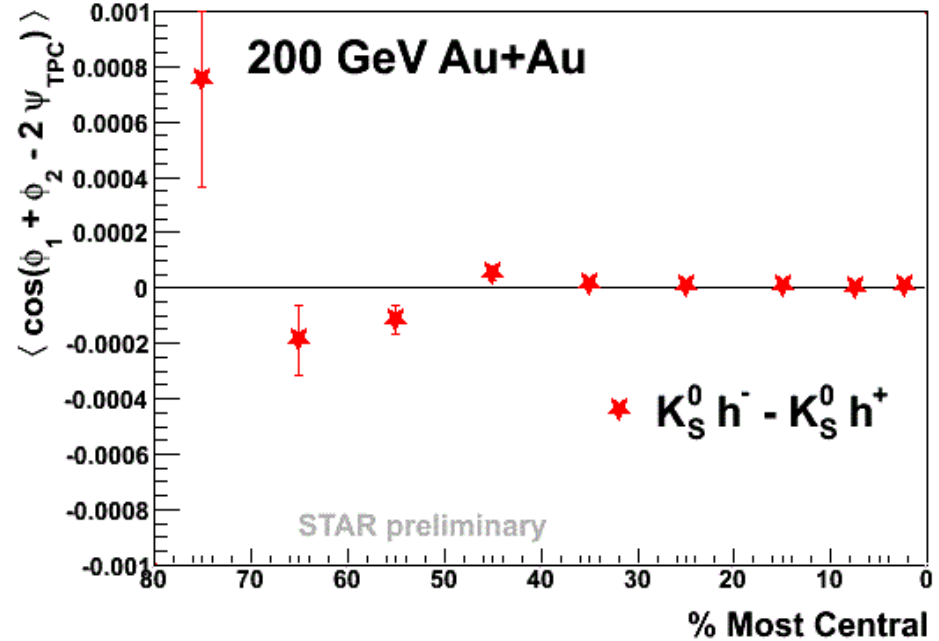
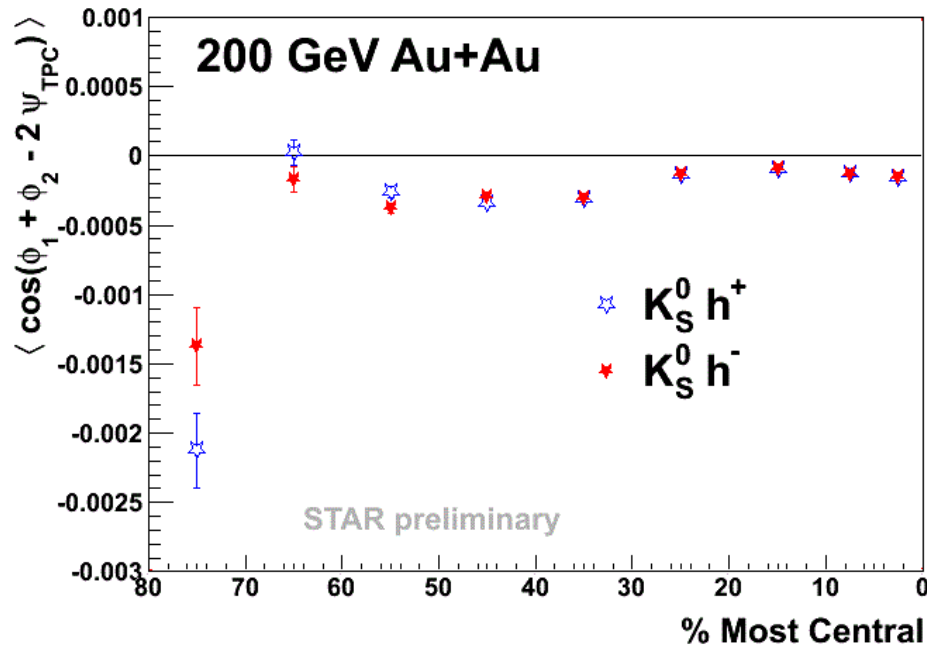
# Beam Energy Scan

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At lower beam energies, charge separation starts to diminish.  
Note  $v_2$  is finite for charged hadrons at 7.7 GeV beam energy!

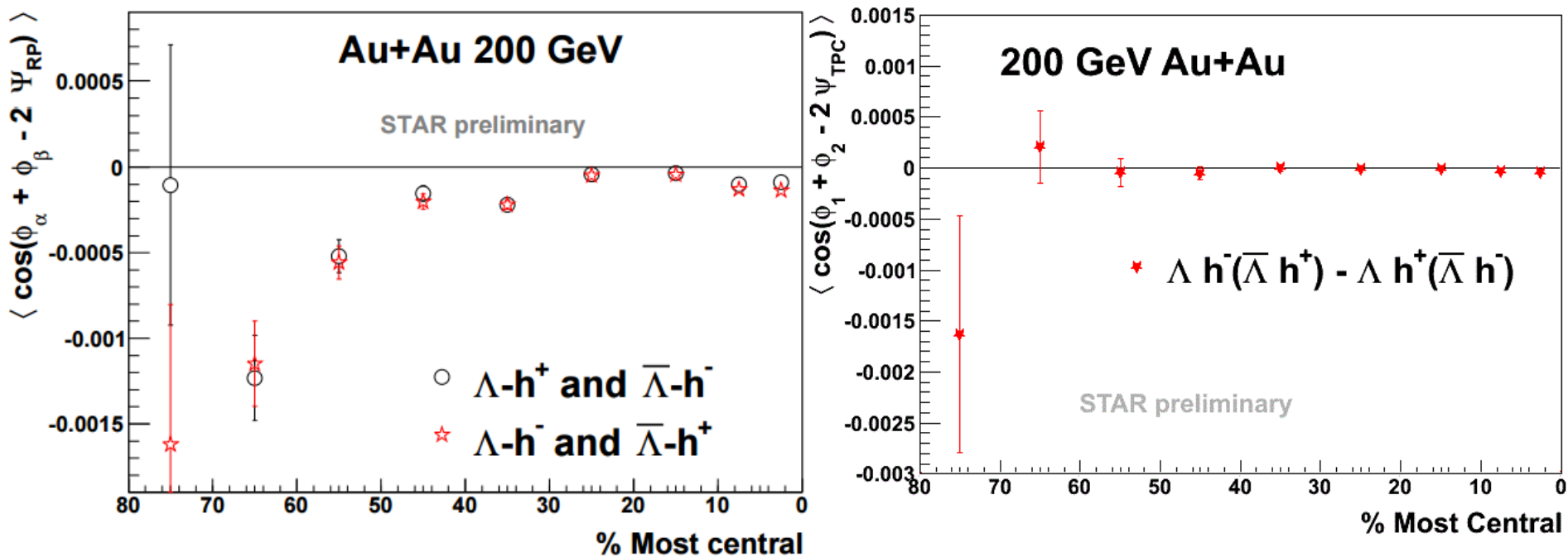
# $K_S^0$ -hadron correlation



- Correlations of  $K_S^0 h^-$  and  $K_S^0 h^+$  consistent with each other within current statistical error: no obvious charge-dependent separation



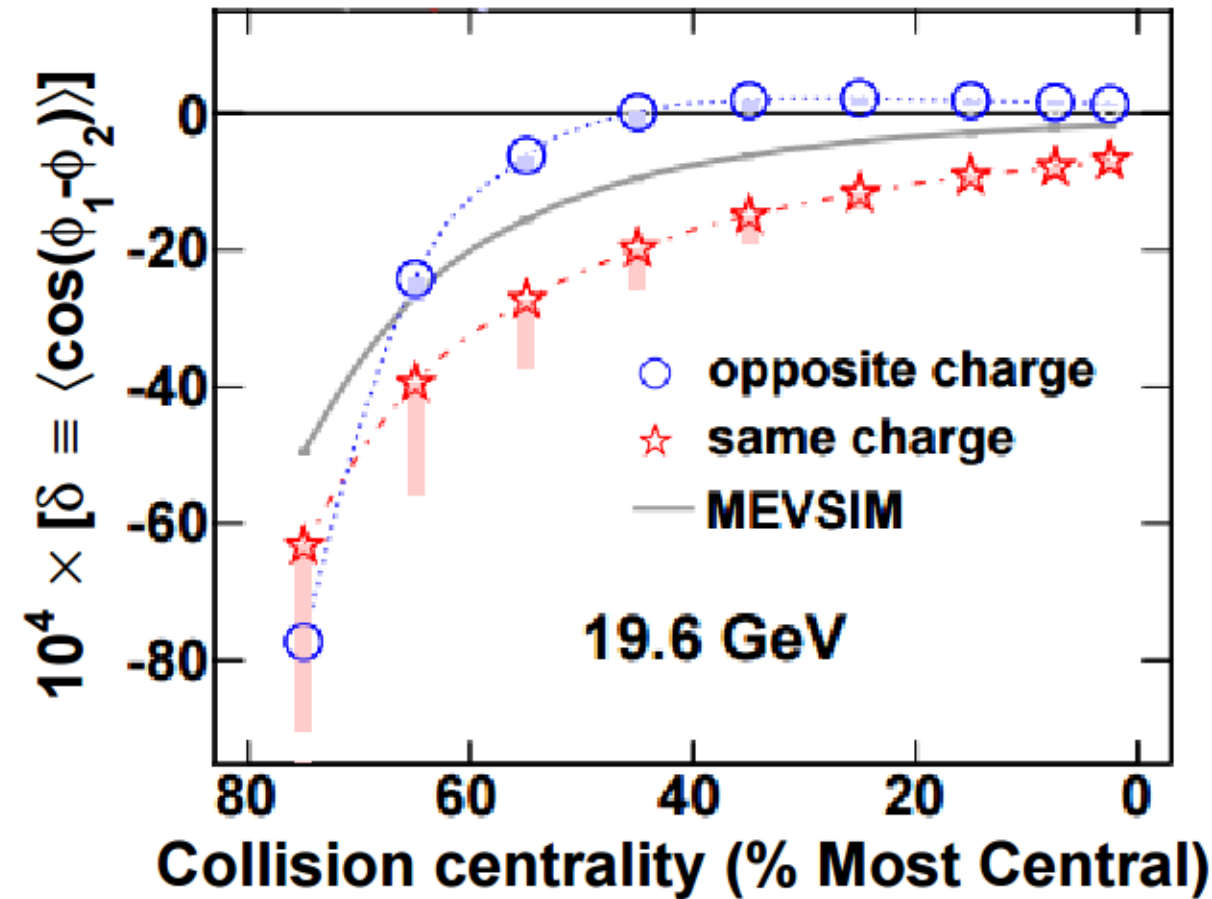
# $\Lambda$ -hadron correlation



- Correlations of  $\Lambda$ - $h^\pm$  also show no charge-dependent separation (protons and antiprotons have been excluded from  $h^\pm$ )
- Separation observed for  $h^\pm$ - $h^\pm$  is due to electric charge
- Need efficiency correction ( $\Lambda$  reconstruction favors high  $p_T$ )

# H Measure

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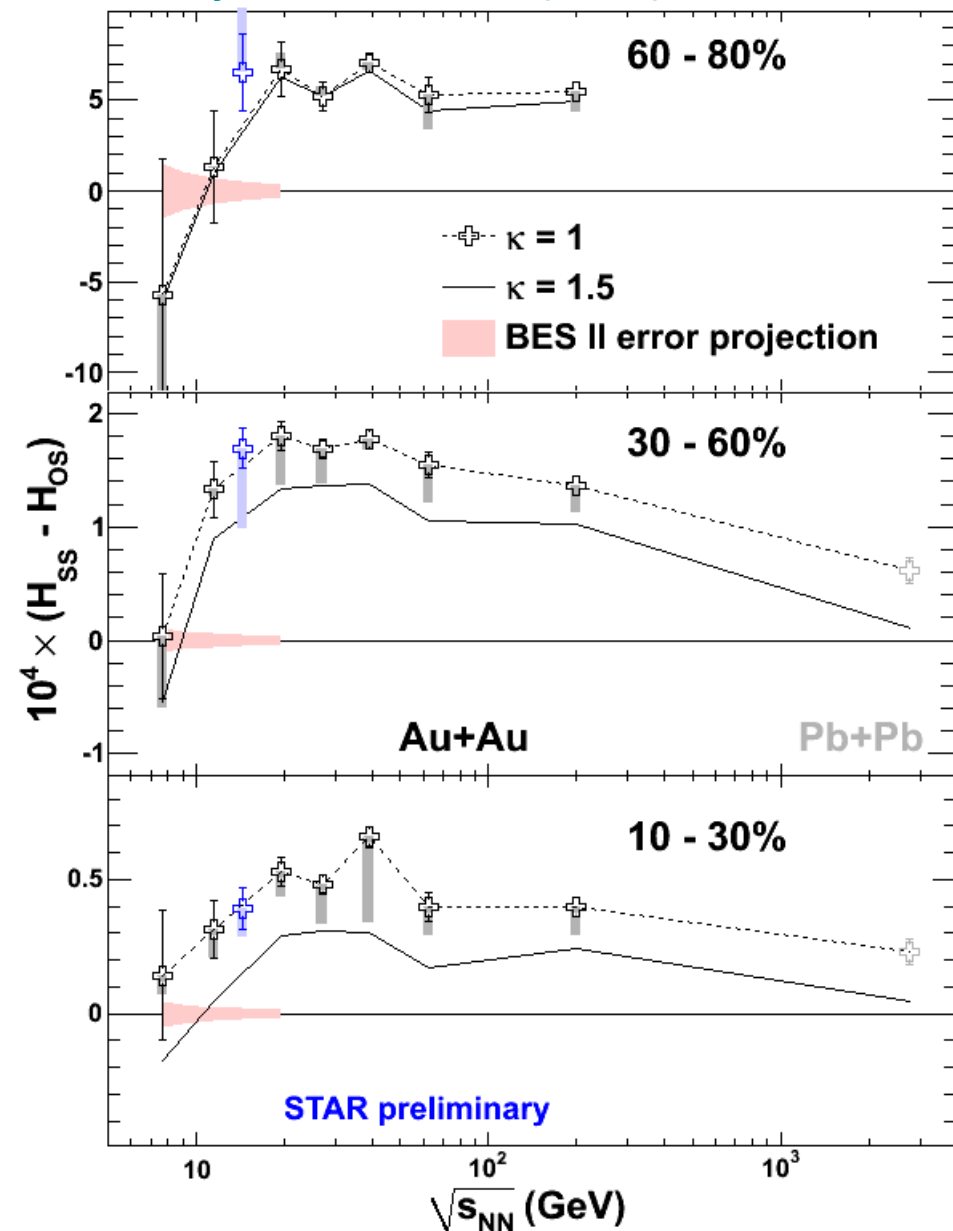
- Against CME expectation,  $\delta_{OS} > \delta_{SS}$
- Indicate overwhelming background, larger than any possible CME effect.
- Try combining information from  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$  to retrieve the CME contribution,  $H$

$$\gamma \equiv \langle \cos(\phi_1 + \phi_2 - 2\Psi_{RP}) \rangle = \kappa v_2 F - H$$

$$\delta \equiv \langle \cos(\phi_1 - \phi_2) \rangle = F + H,$$

# Difficult to Remove Charge Separation

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$$H^\kappa = (\kappa v_2 \delta - \gamma) / (1 + \kappa v_2)$$

A. Bzdak, V. Koch and J. Liao, Lect. Notes Phys. 871, 503 (2013).

- $\kappa \approx 2 - v_{2,F}/v_{2,\Omega} \approx 1.2$ :  
F and  $\Omega$  denote full phase space and finite detector acceptance, respectively
- CME signal ( $\Delta H$ ) decreases to 0 from 19.6 to 7.7 GeV
- The decomposition of  $\gamma$  into F and H is not unique

# Summary on $\gamma$ Measure

## Sensitive to charge separation w.r.t RP

- confirmed with different EP types (1st- and 2nd-order)
- observed in Au+Au, Cu+Cu, Pb+Pb and U+U collisions
- persist from 19.6 GeV to 2.76 TeV
- robust when suppressing HBT+Coulomb (not shown here)

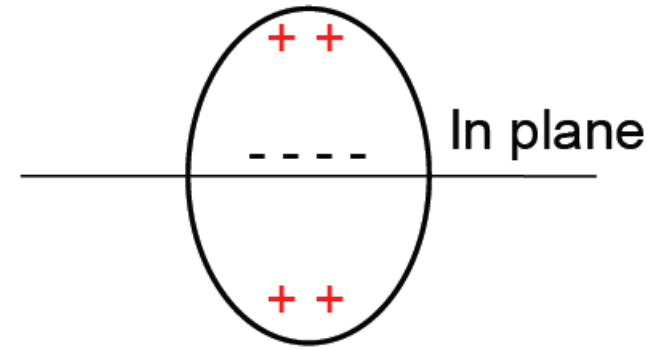
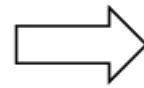
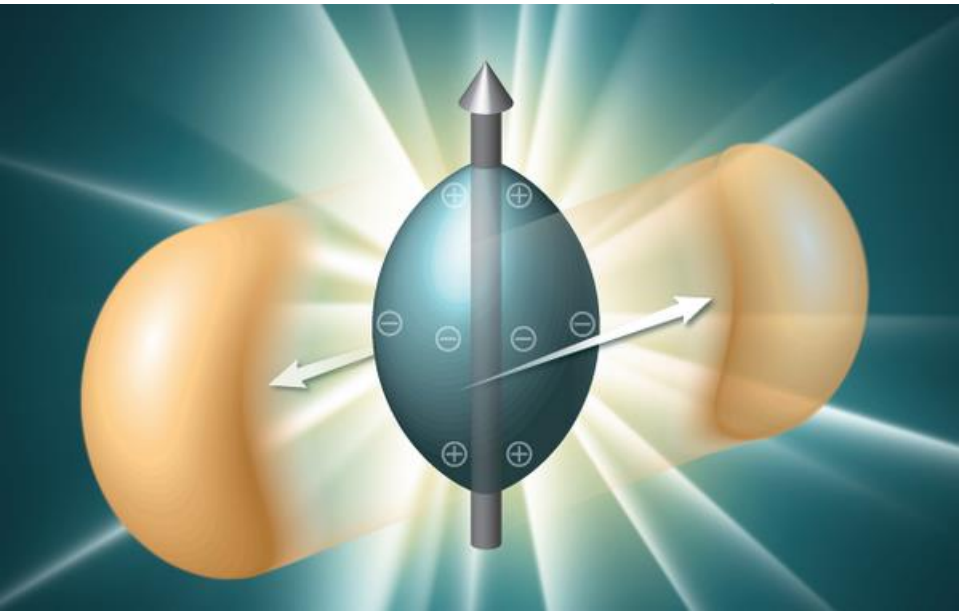
The measured  $\gamma$  magnitude cannot be entirely due to  $v_2$  induced background (e.g. Pratt model)

$\gamma$  seems to disappear when

- one of  $h^\pm$  is replaced with a neutral strange particle
- the collision energy is below  $\sim 7.7$  GeV
- in most central collisions (B field small and  $v_2$  finite)

# Chiral Magnetic Wave Observable

Y. Burnier, D. E. Kharzeev, J. Liao and H-U Yee,  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 107, 052303 (2011)



quadrupole moment

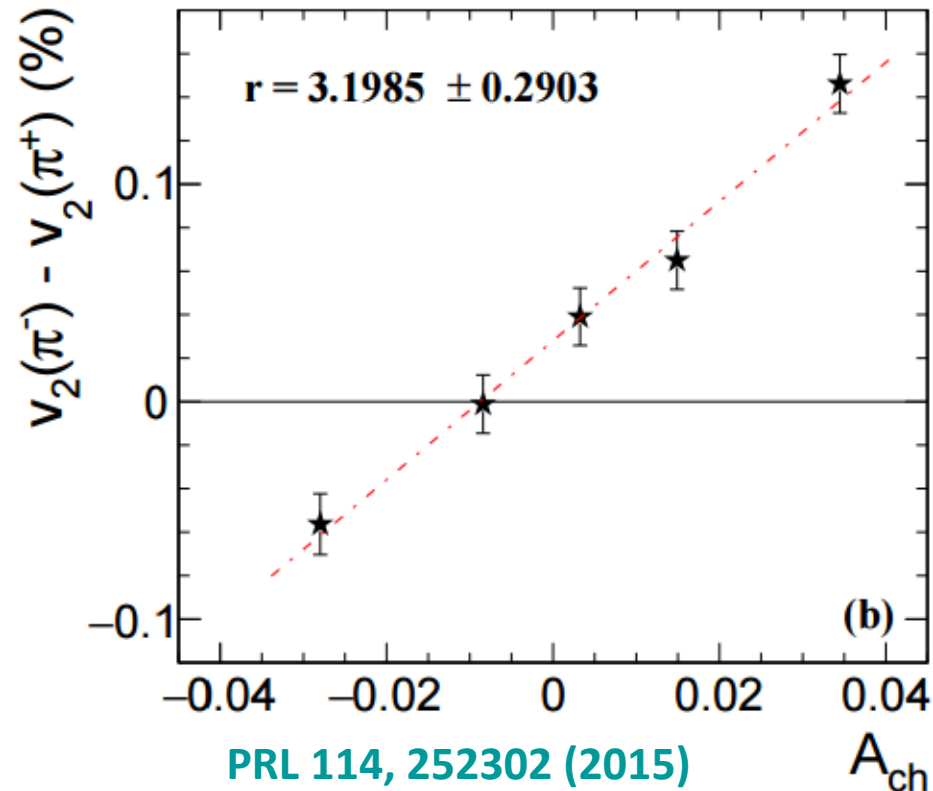
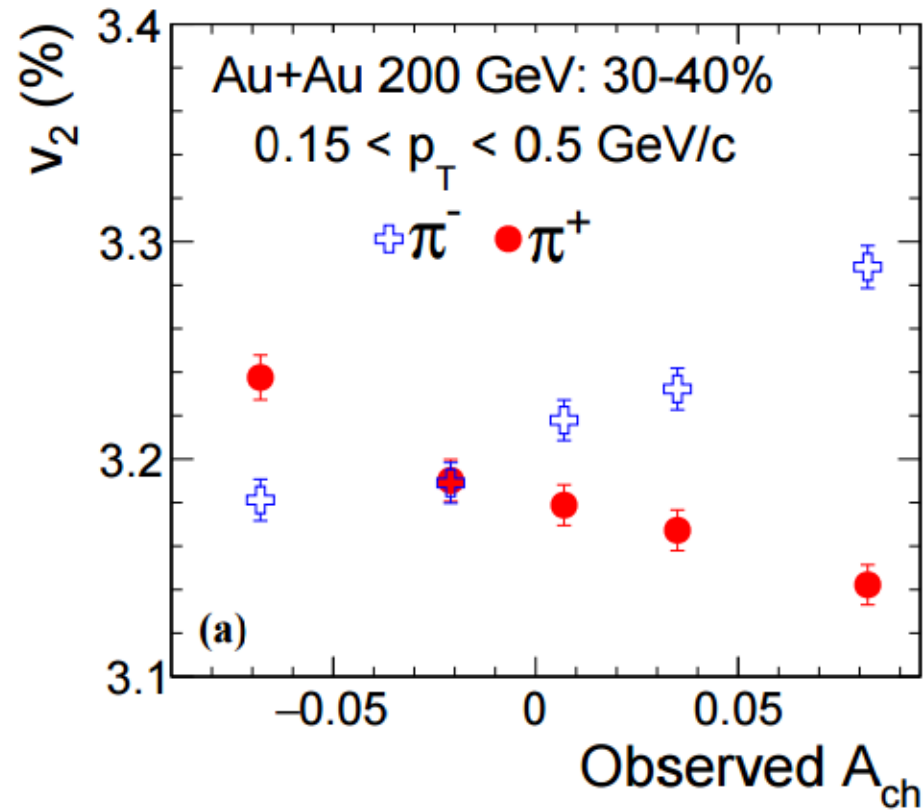
Formation of electric quadrupole:  $v_2^\pm = v_2^{\text{base}\pm} \mp \left( \frac{q_e}{\bar{\rho}_e} \right) A_{\text{ch}}$ ,

net charge density

where charge asymmetry is defined as  $A_{\text{ch}} = \frac{N^+ - N^-}{N^+ + N^-}$ .

Then  $\pi^- v_2$  should have a **positive** slope as a function of  $A_{\text{ch}}$ ,  
and  $\pi^+ v_2$  should have a **negative** slope with the same magnitude.

# V<sub>2</sub> VS A<sub>ch</sub>



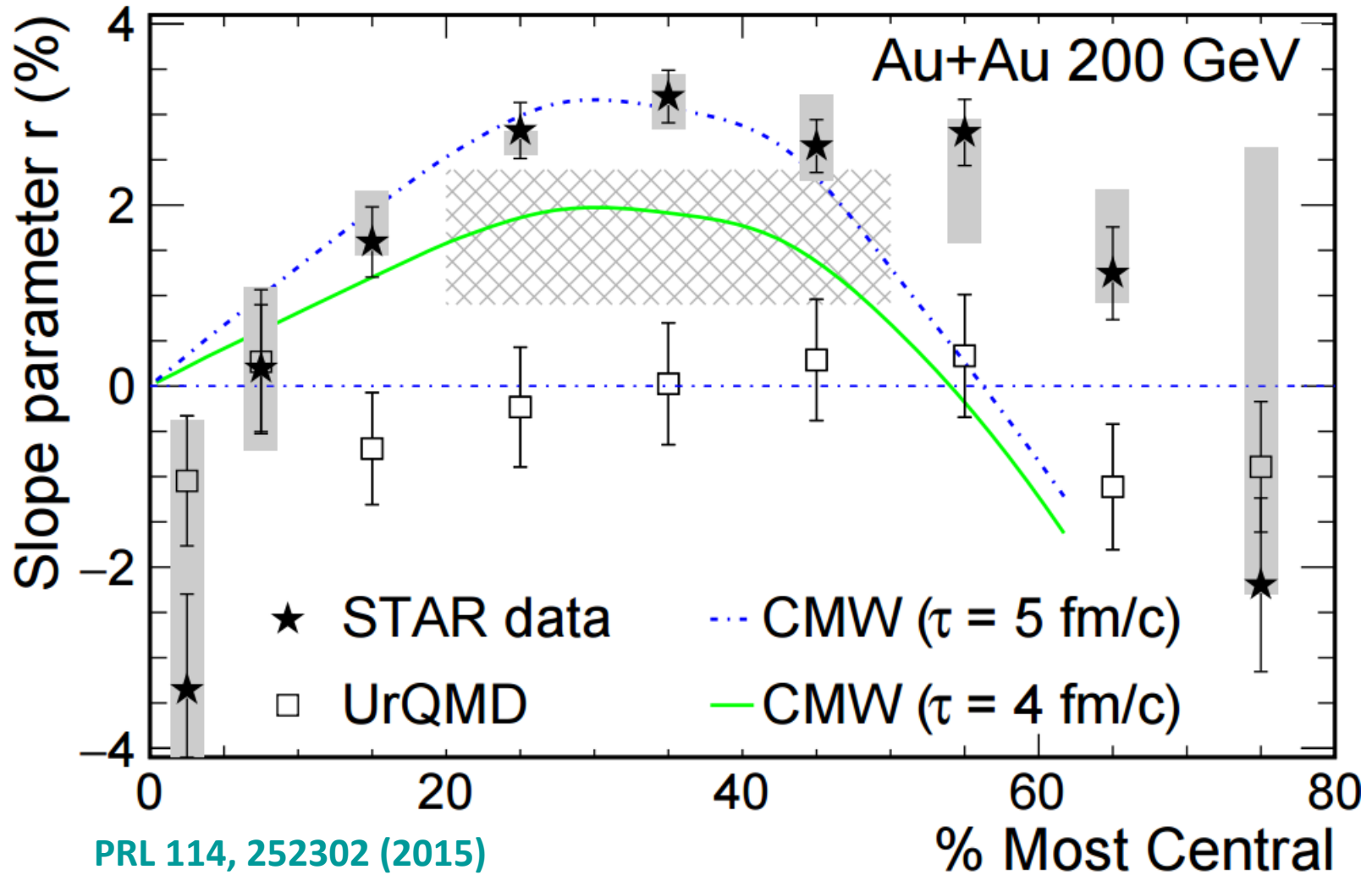
- Clear A<sub>ch</sub> dependence of v<sub>2</sub>{2}
- v<sub>2</sub>(A<sub>ch</sub>) slopes for π<sup>±</sup>:
  - opposite sign
  - similar magnitude

$$v_2^\pm = v_2^{\text{base}\pm} \mp \left( \frac{q_e}{\bar{\rho}_e} \right) A_{ch}$$

- v<sub>2</sub> difference vs A<sub>ch</sub> may have a non-zero intercept: other physics?

# Slope vs centrality

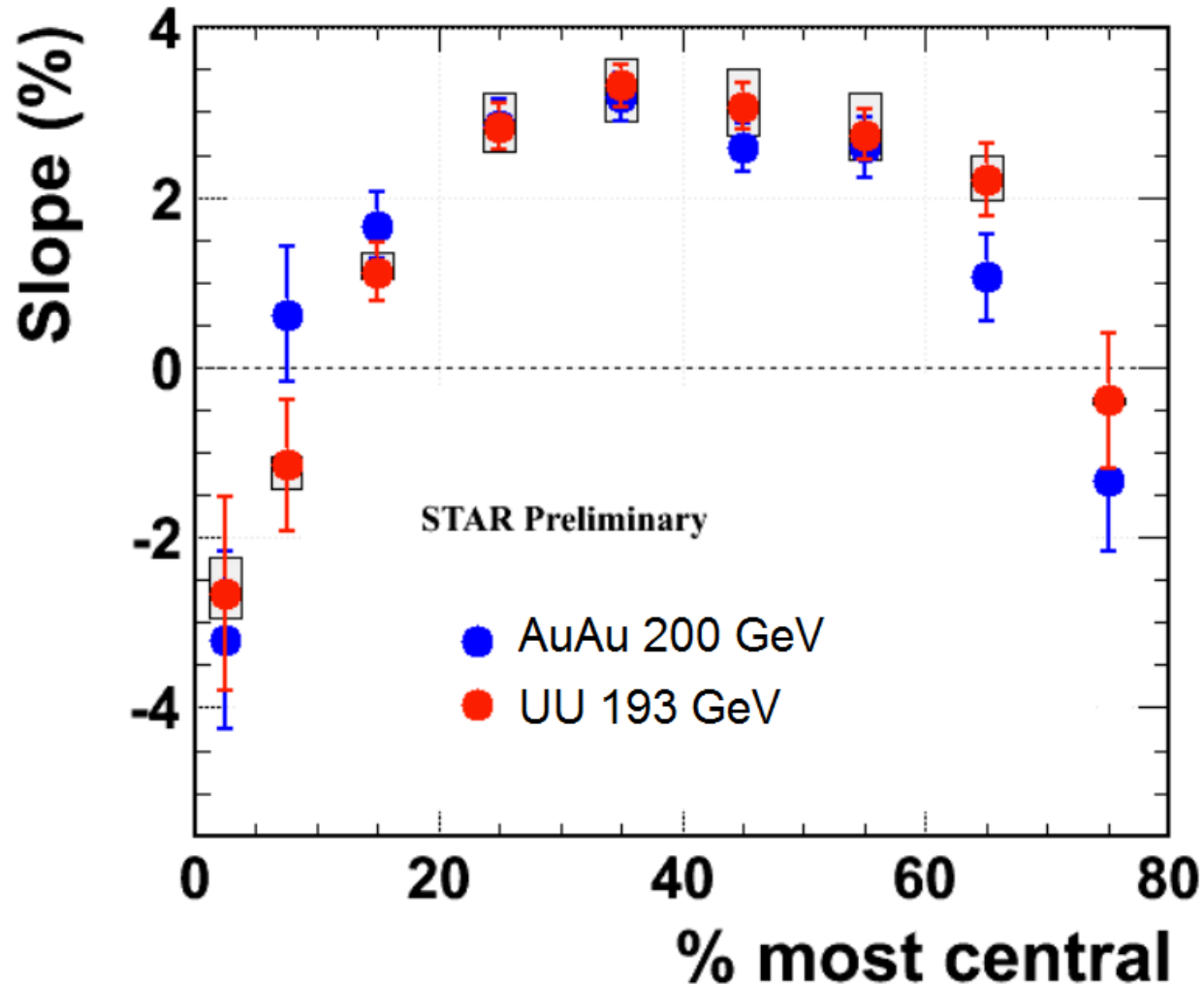
Y. Burnier, D. E. Kharzeev, J. Liao and H-U Yee, arXiv:1208.2537v1 [hep-ph].



PRL 114, 252302 (2015)

Similar trends between data and theoretical calculations with CMW.  
UrQMD can not reproduce the slopes.

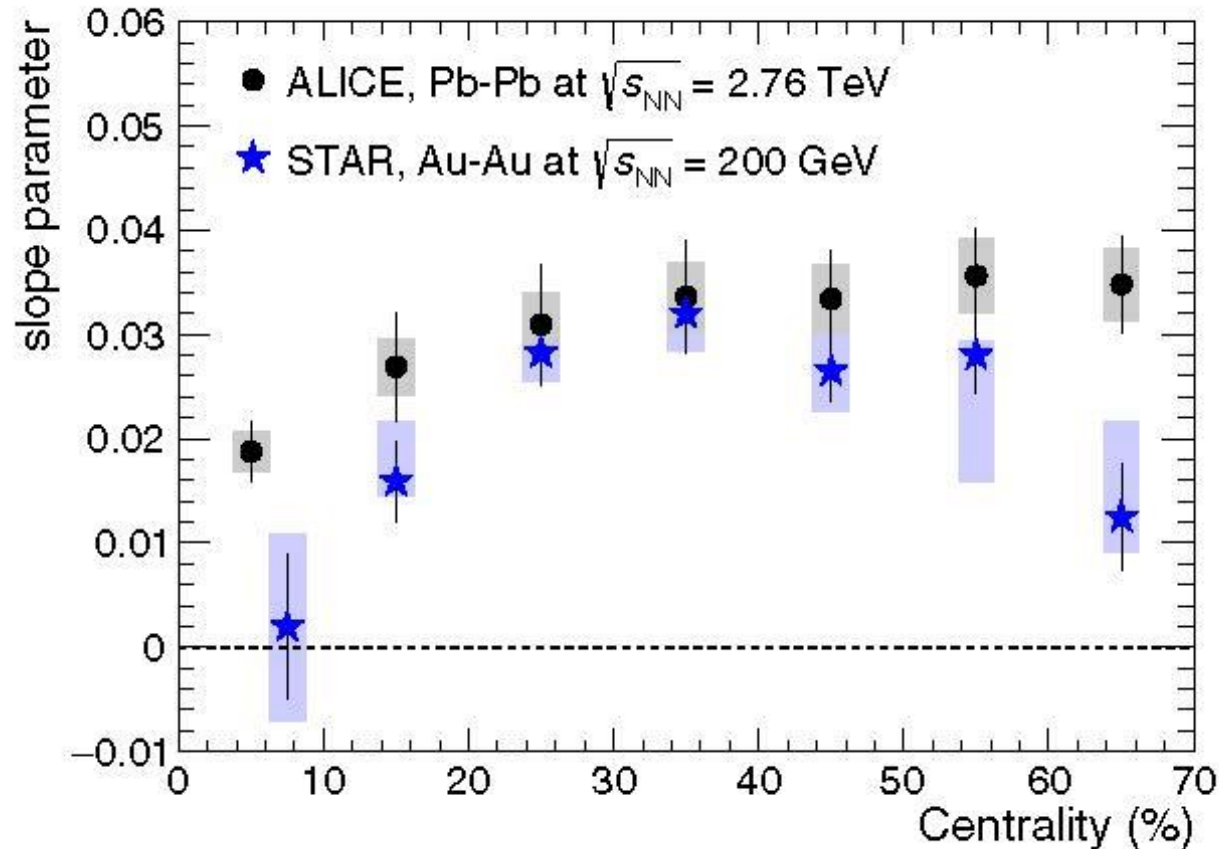
# U+U and Au+Au



Similar pattern and magnitude seen in U+U collisions.

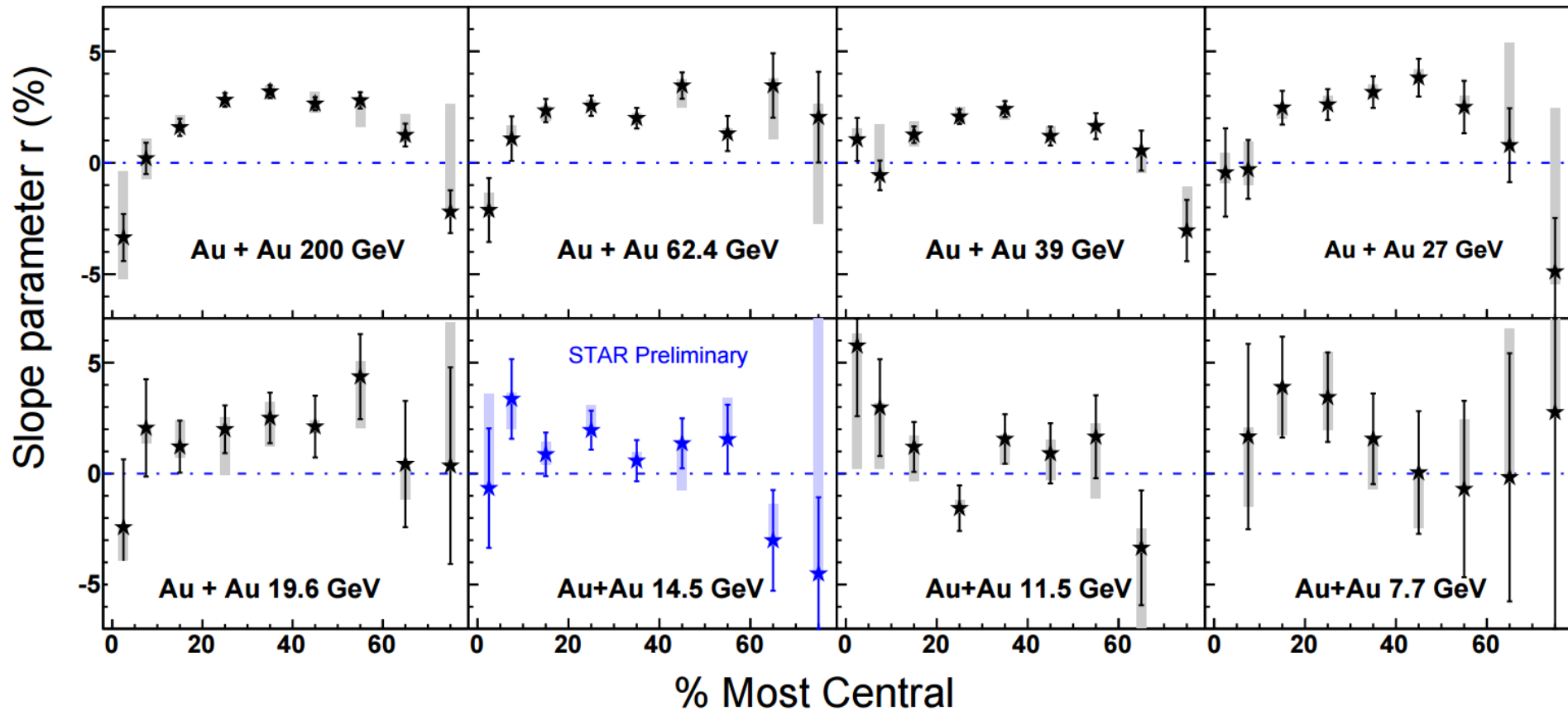


# Similar Slope Parameters from ALICE and STAR



**Things (background level?) in central and peripheral collisions are clearly different at LHC and RHIC !**

# Beam Energy Scan

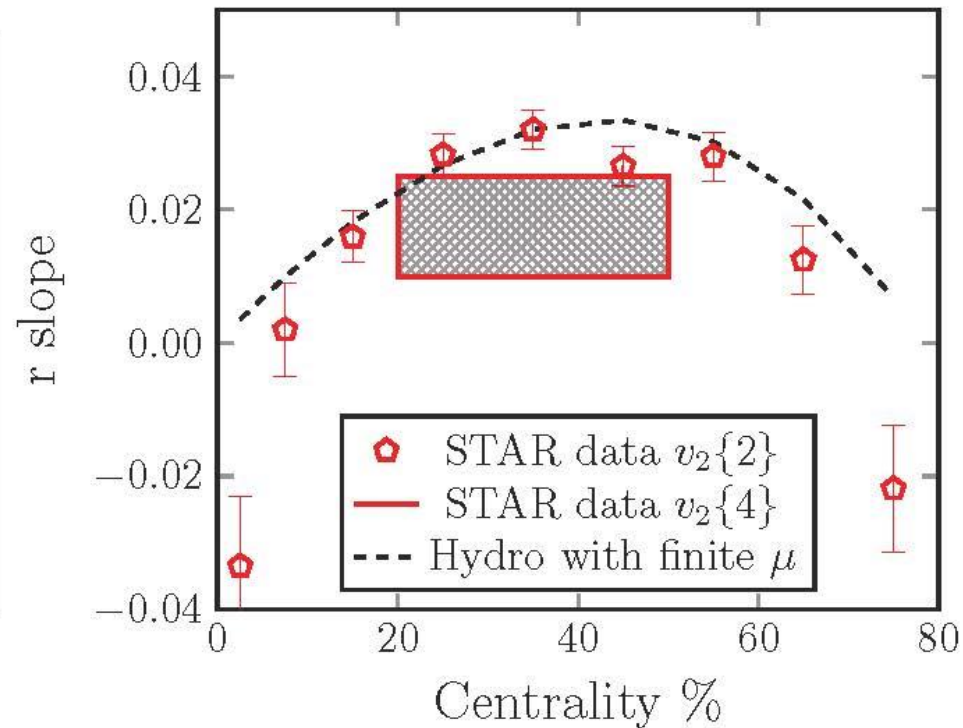
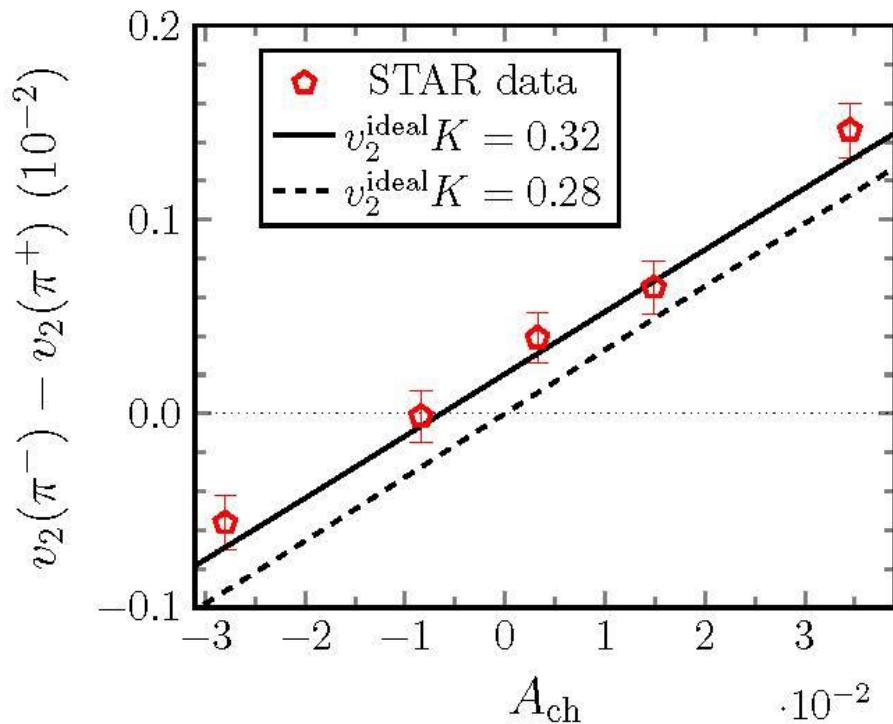


Similar trends are observed for different beam energies down to 19.6 GeV.

Below 19.6 GeV, more statistics are needed.

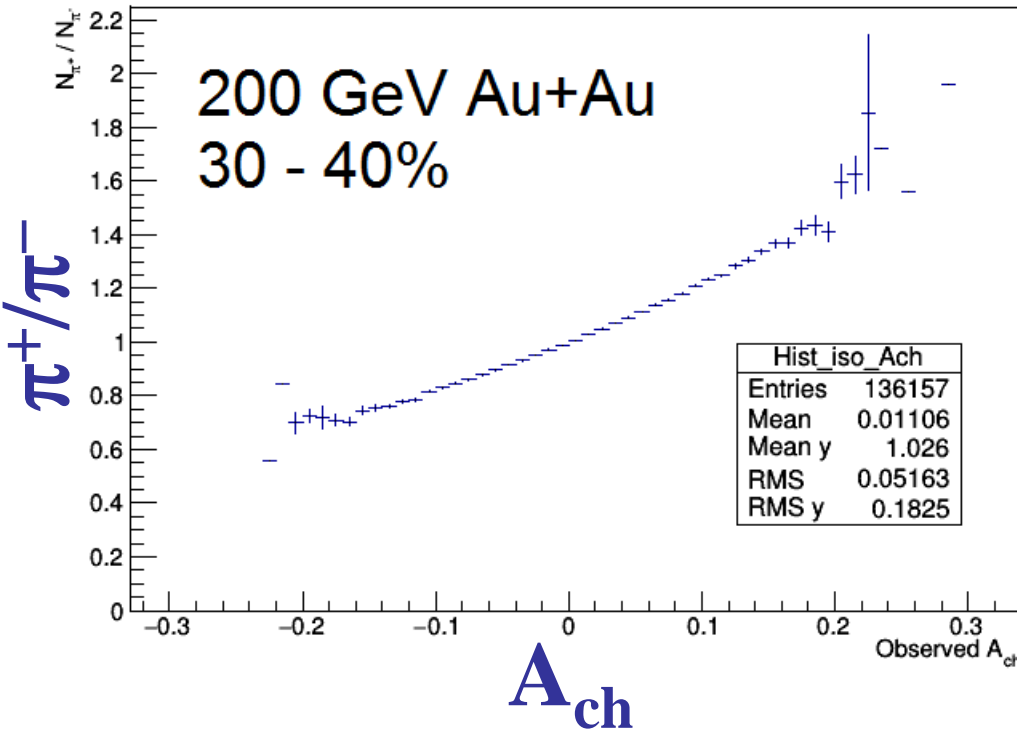
# Background Model

## Viscos Hydro with Isospin $\mu$

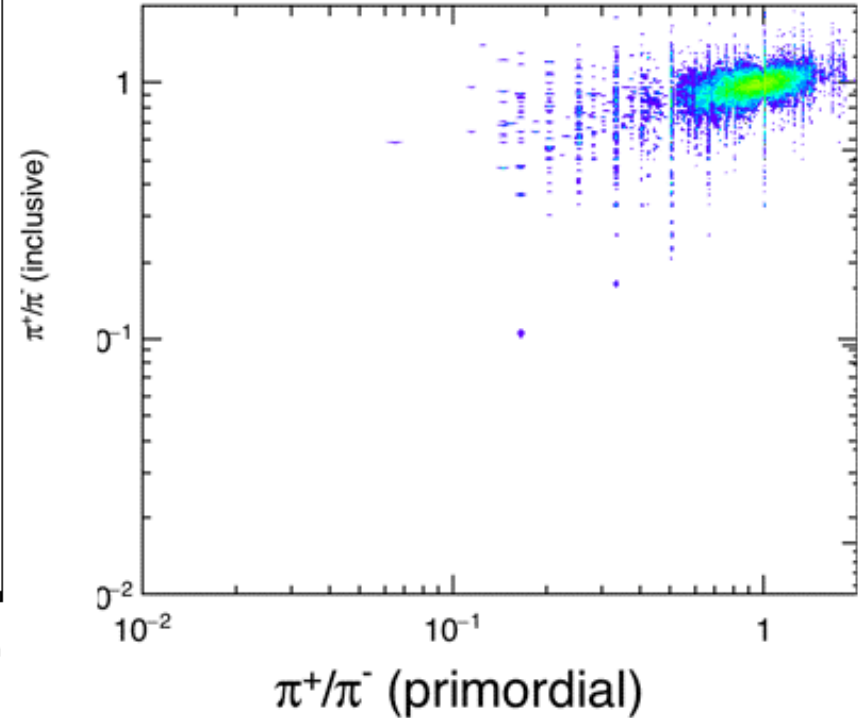


# Correlation from Data

## STAR Data

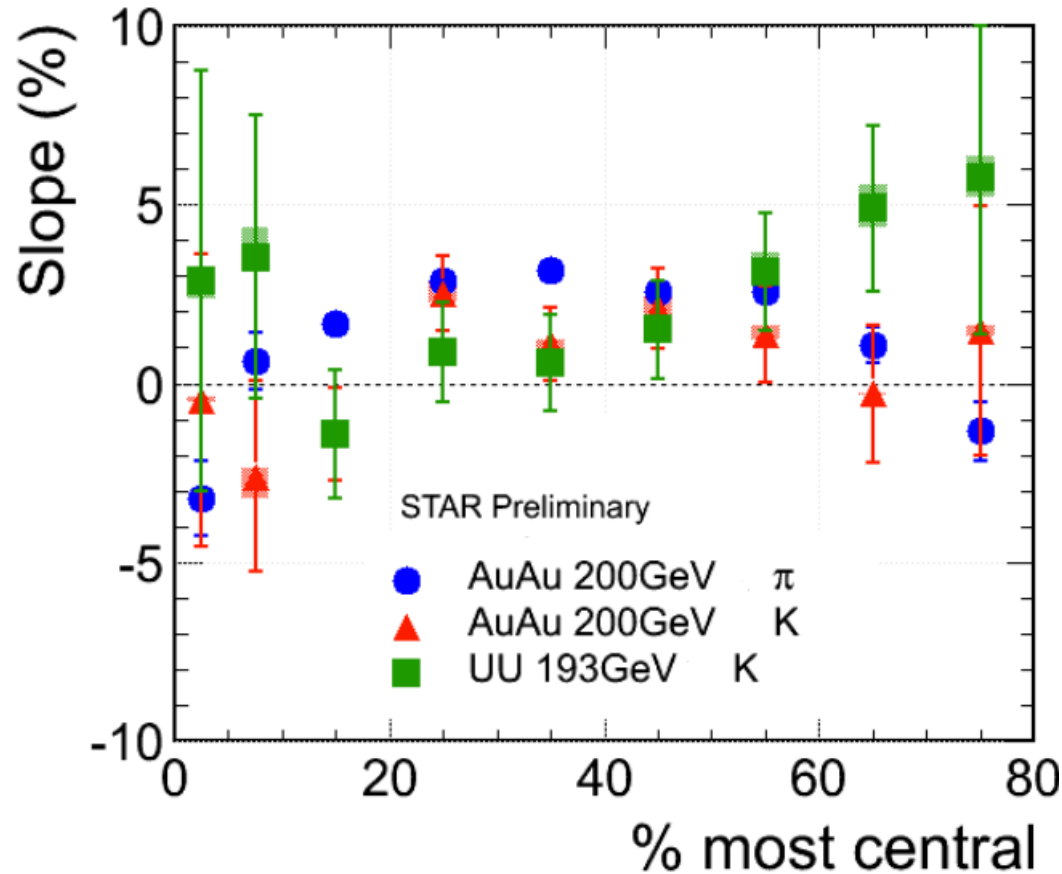


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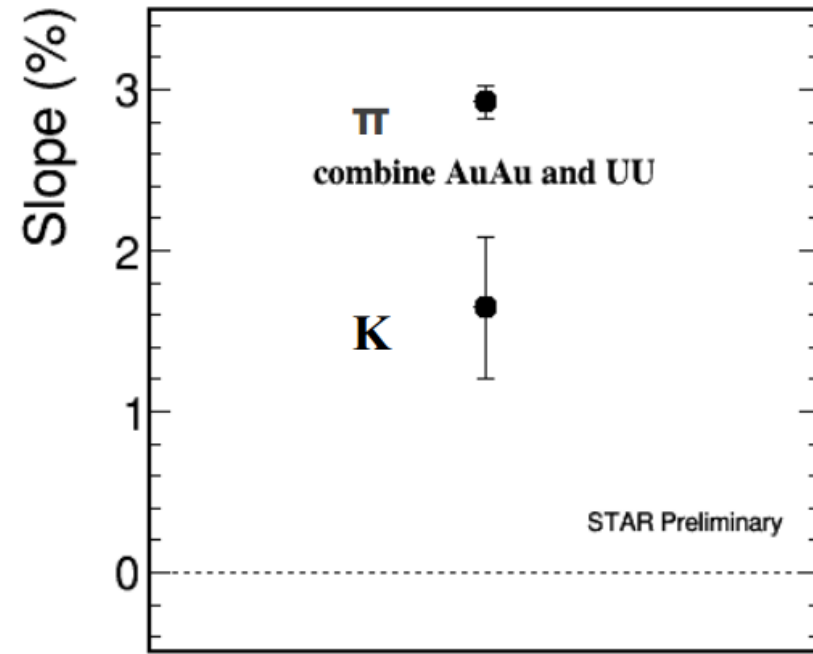


$\pi^+/\pi^-$  ratio vs  $A_{ch}$  different from Hatta et al expectation

# Kaon



## 20-60% collisions



With the same electric quadrupole of QGP upon chemical freezeout, one expects a smaller effect for kaons (Y. Burnier et al, PRL 107 052303)

Hydro background model predicts opposite sign slopes between Kaon and pions

More statistics needed

$$v_2^\pm = v_2^{\text{base}\pm} \mp \left( \frac{q_e}{\rho_e} \right) A_{ch}$$

# Chiral Vortical Effect

**Chiral Magnetic Effect** vs **Chiral Vortical Effect**

Chirality Imbalance ( $\mu_A$ )

Magnetic Field ( $\omega \mu_e$ )

Fluid Vorticity ( $\omega \mu_B$ )



Electric Charge ( $j_e$ )

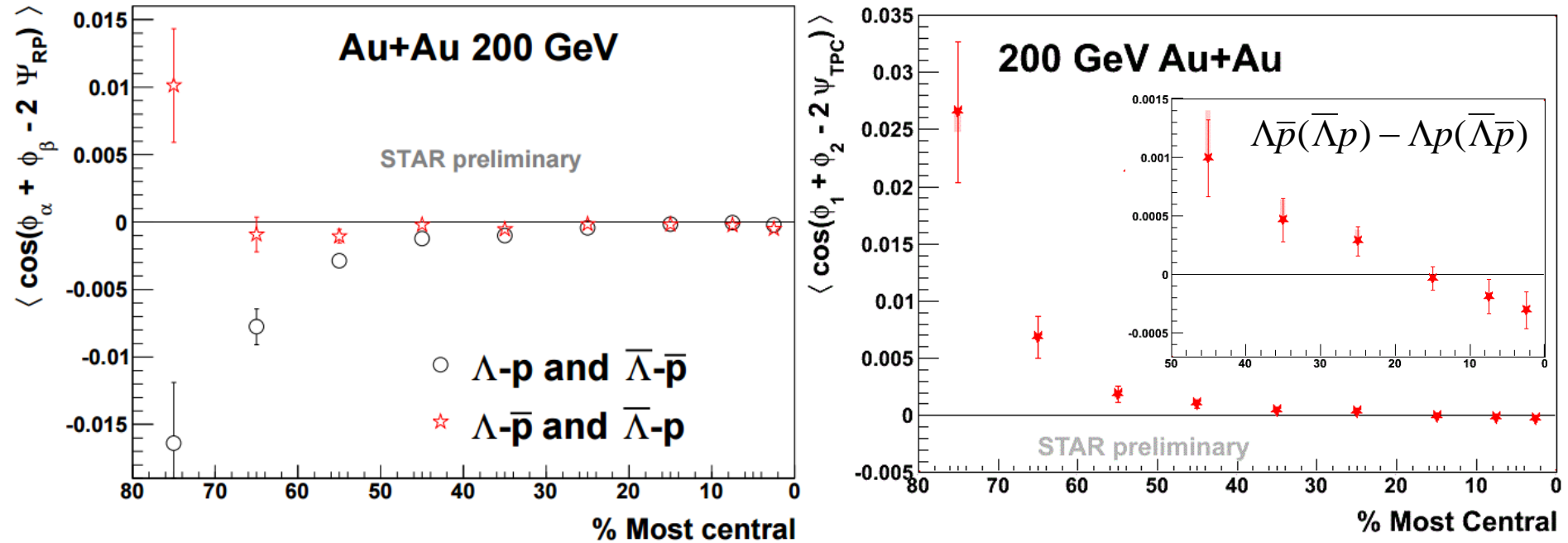
Baryon Number ( $j_B$ )

D. Kharzeev, D. T. Son, PRL 106 (2011) 062301

$$\langle \cos(\phi_\Lambda + \phi_p - 2\Psi_{RP}) \rangle$$

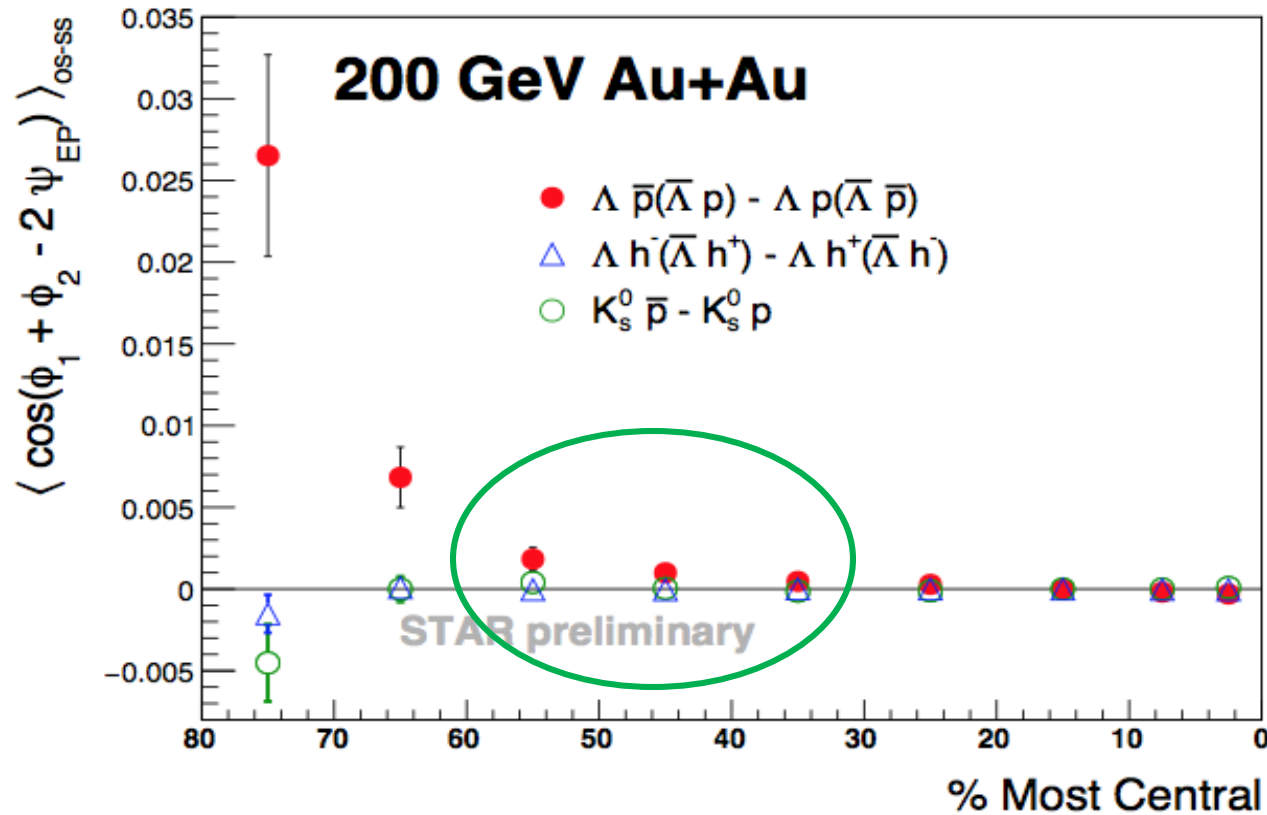
correlate  $\Lambda$ - $p$  to search for the **Chiral Vortical Effect**

# $\Lambda$ -proton correlation



- ❖ same baryon number:  $\Lambda p$  and  $\bar{\Lambda}\bar{p}$
- ❖ opposite baryon number:  $\Lambda\bar{p}$  and  $\bar{\Lambda}p$
- ❖ “same B” is systematically lower than “oppo B” in the mid-central and peripheral collisions, consistent with the CVE expectation.

# Baryon-Baryon Correlation

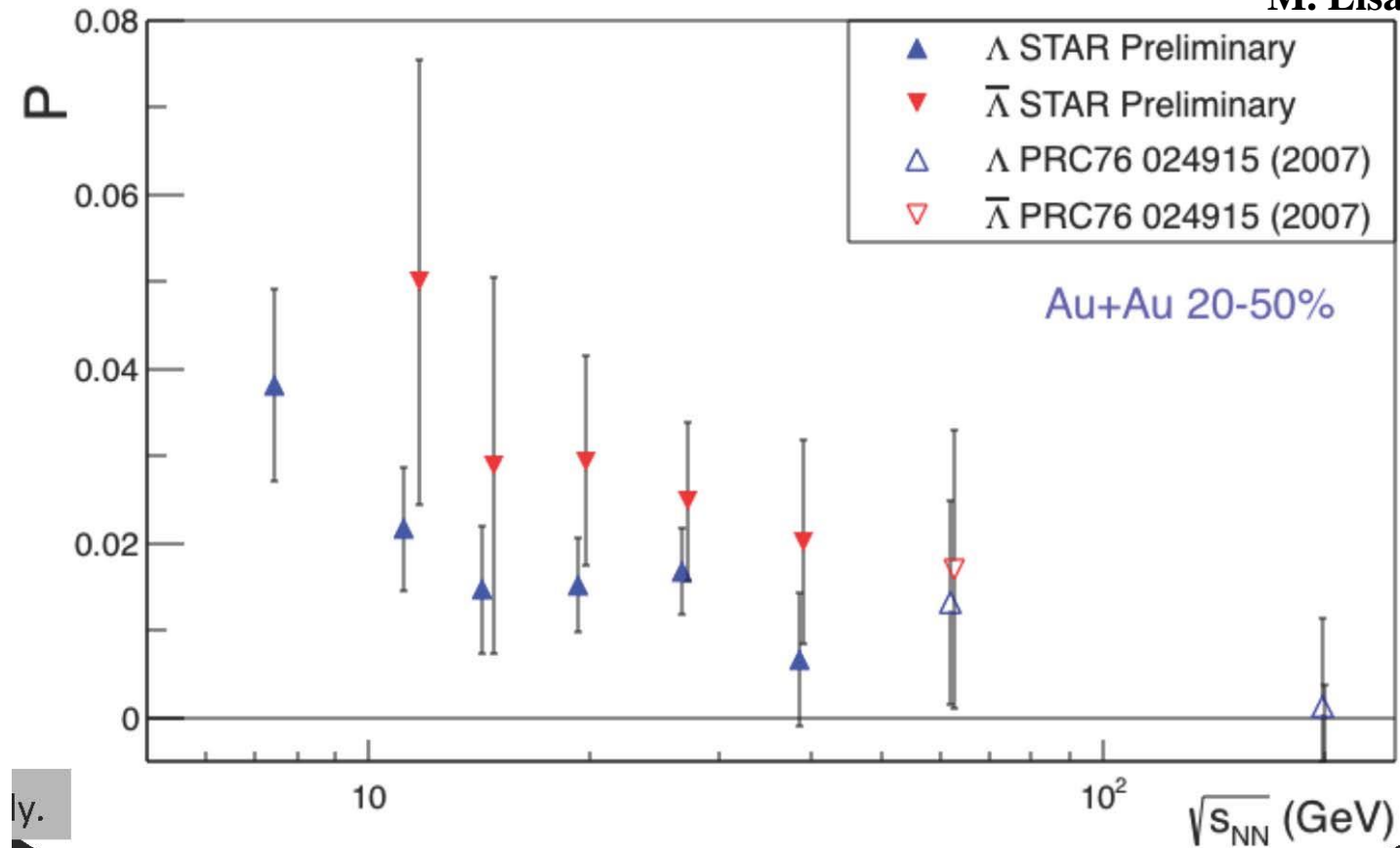


**$\Lambda$ -p correlation – different from  $\Lambda$ -h and  $K_S$ -p?  
Only mid-centrality meaningful! More data !!**



# STAR Measurement for Lambda Polarization WRT the Reaction Plane

M. Lisa et al



- 1) Larger effect at lower beam energy ?
- 2) Difference between Lambda and Anti-Lambda?

# Discovery Yet ?

**There is a charge separation effect**

**-- separate CME and background ?!**

**There is an extra- $v_2$  due to charge asymmetry**

**-- electric quadrupole due to CMW or ?**

**There is a baryon-baryon separation effect**

**-- CVE or ?**

**More insight and towards a definitive answer:**

**-- establish B field and its consequence**

**-- correlating CME/CVE/CMW effects**

# Outlook: Isobars

Isobars are atoms (nuclides) of different chemical elements that have the same number of nucleons.

For example,  $^{96}_{44}\text{Ru}$  Ruthenium and  $^{96}_{40}\text{Zr}$  Zirconium:

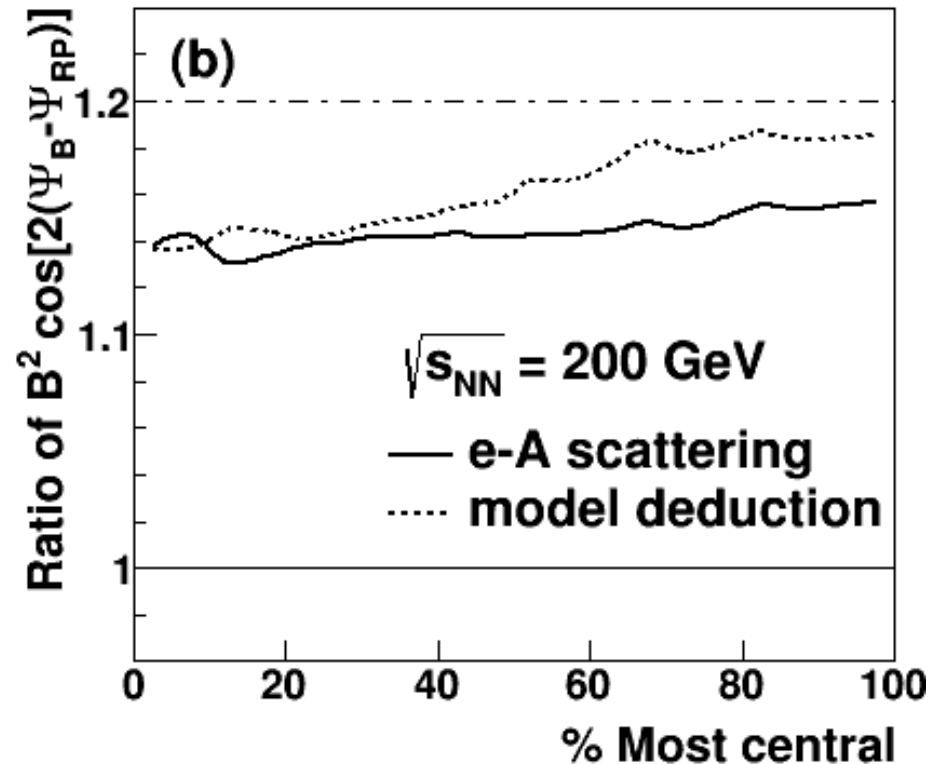
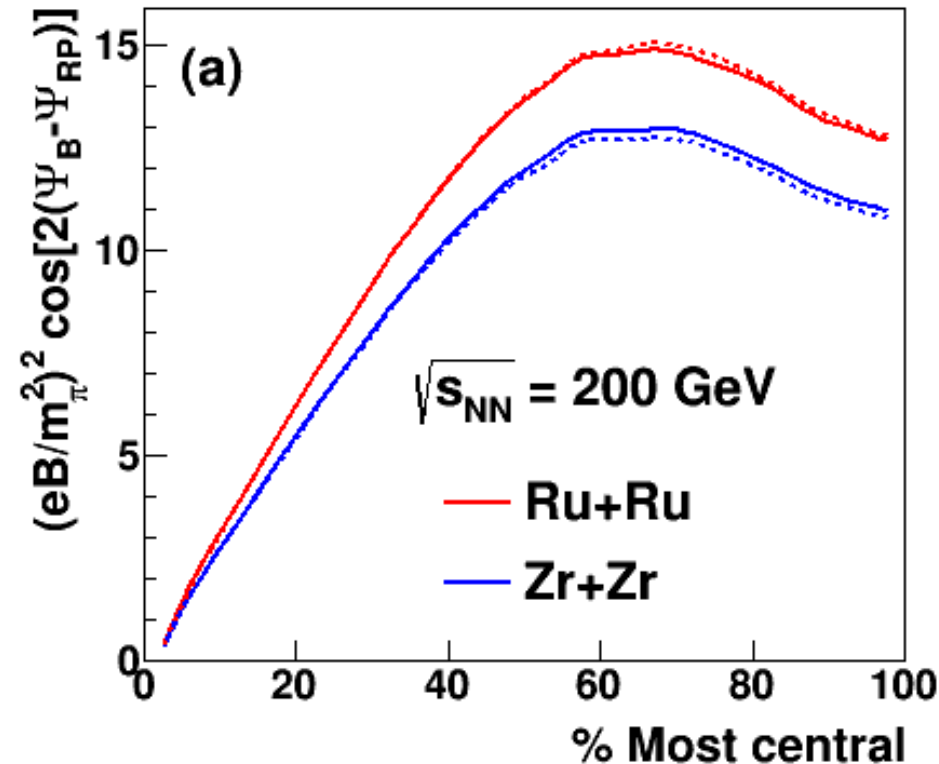
Up to 10% variation in B field

|      | $^{96}_{44}\text{Ru} + ^{96}_{44}\text{Ru}$ | vs     | $^{96}_{40}\text{Zr} + ^{96}_{40}\text{Zr}$ |
|------|---|--------|---|
| Flow |   | $\leq$ |   |
| CMW  |   | $>$    |   |
| CME  |   | $>$    |   |
| CVE  |   | $=$    |   |

# B field

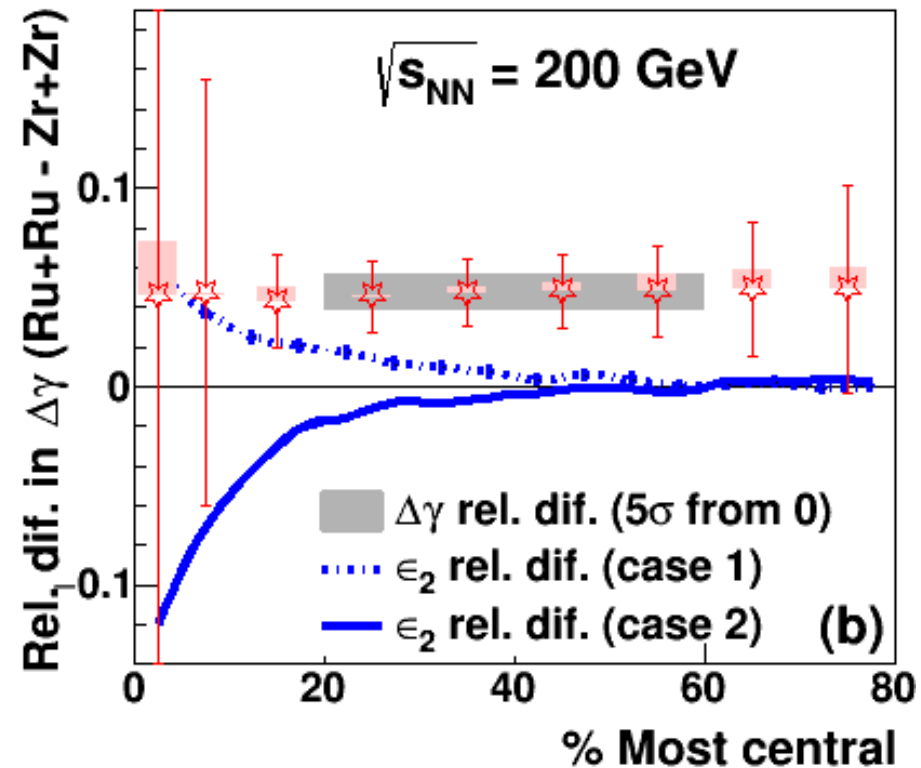
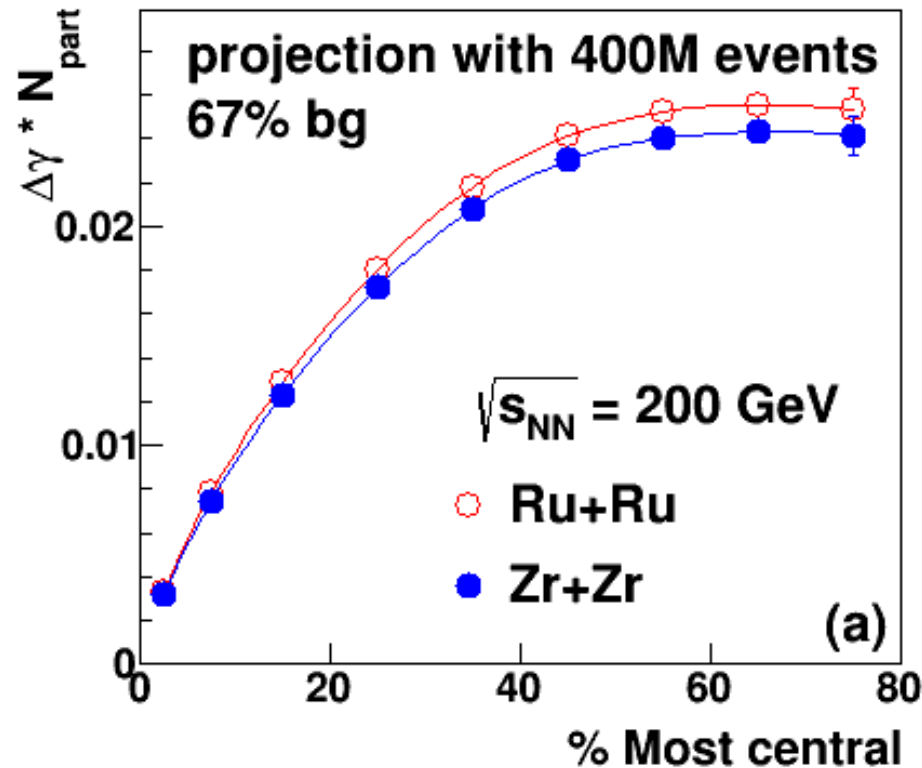
- B calculated at  $t=0$ , at one point (center of mass of participants)
- B field slightly affected by  $\beta_2$
- The ratio in  $B^2$  is close to 1.2 for peripheral events
- Reduces to 1.14 for central events

Courtesy of Xu-Guang Huang and Wei-Tian Deng



# charge separation: $\gamma$ (67% bg)

- Projection with 400M events from each collision type
- If it's  $v_2$ -driven, rel. dif. will follow eccentricity ( $\sim 0$  for 20-60%)
- If it's 1/3 CME-driven, the difference in  $\Delta\gamma$  is  $5\sigma$  above 0,



red star: case 1; pink box: case 2

# Experimental Window of Opportunity

- 1) Isobaric running to see B field effect
- 2) Isobaric running at two beam energies to observe B magnitude and life-time difference

**Run 2018 ~ 10 weeks**

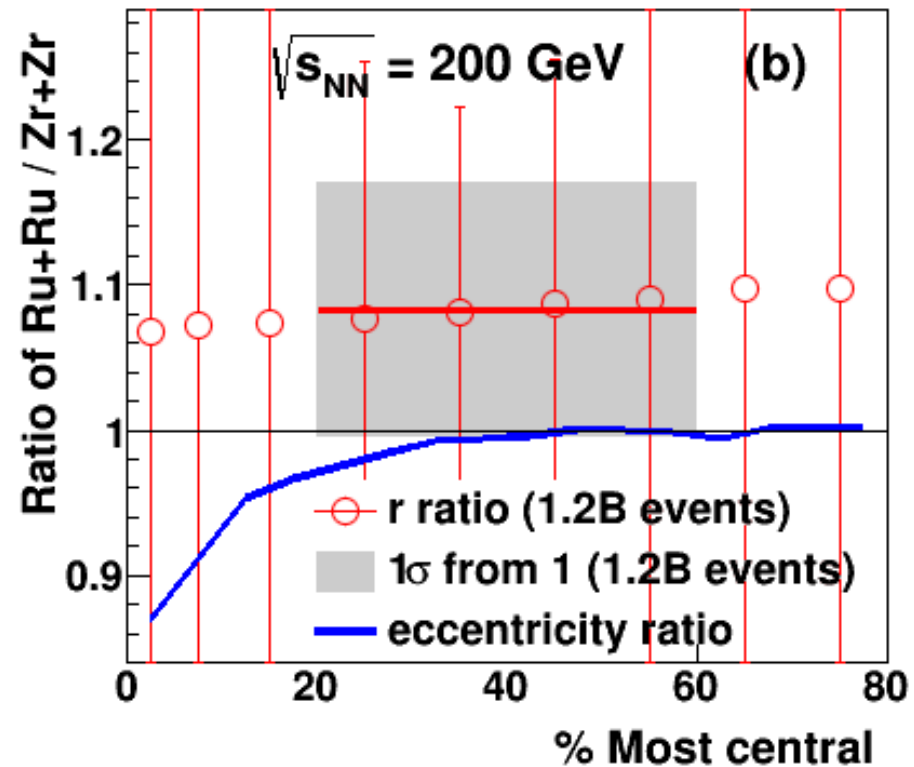
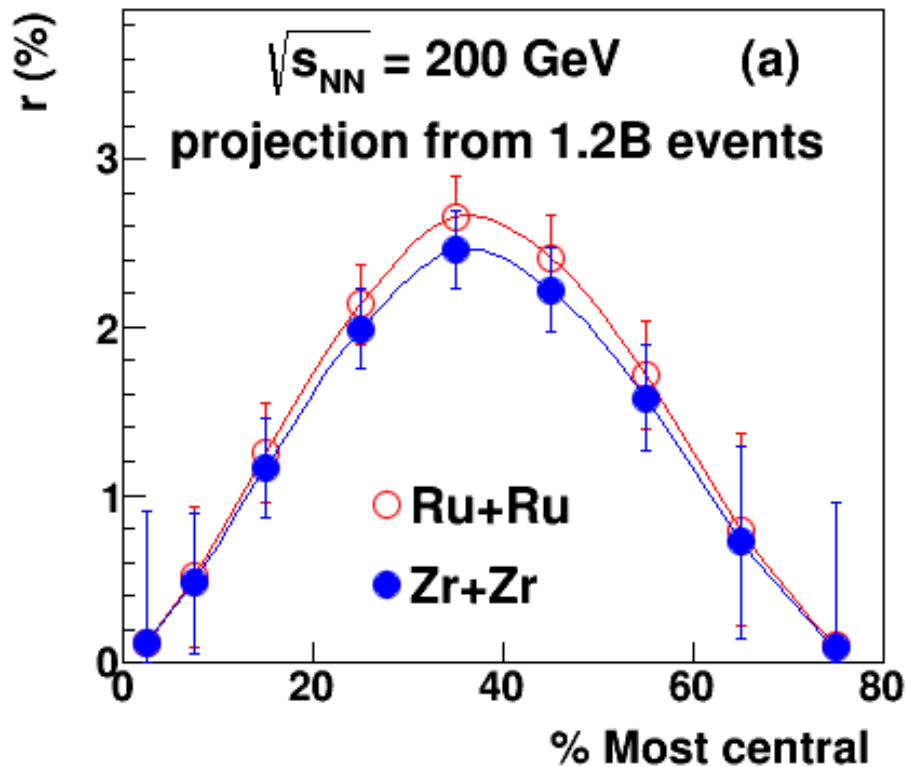
## Help from the BEST people

- 1) Reliable separation of signal and background (constrain Pratt model from UU and BES)
- 2) CMW calculation – Ach dependence on eta
- 3) Prediction for isobaric data, 200 and 27 GeV
- 4) Correlations in CME, CMW and CVE

**THE END**

# Isobars: $\Delta v_2(A_{ch})$ slope

- The slope parameter is also expected to differ
- With 1.2B events, the ratio is  $1\sigma$  above 1
- Need more statistics

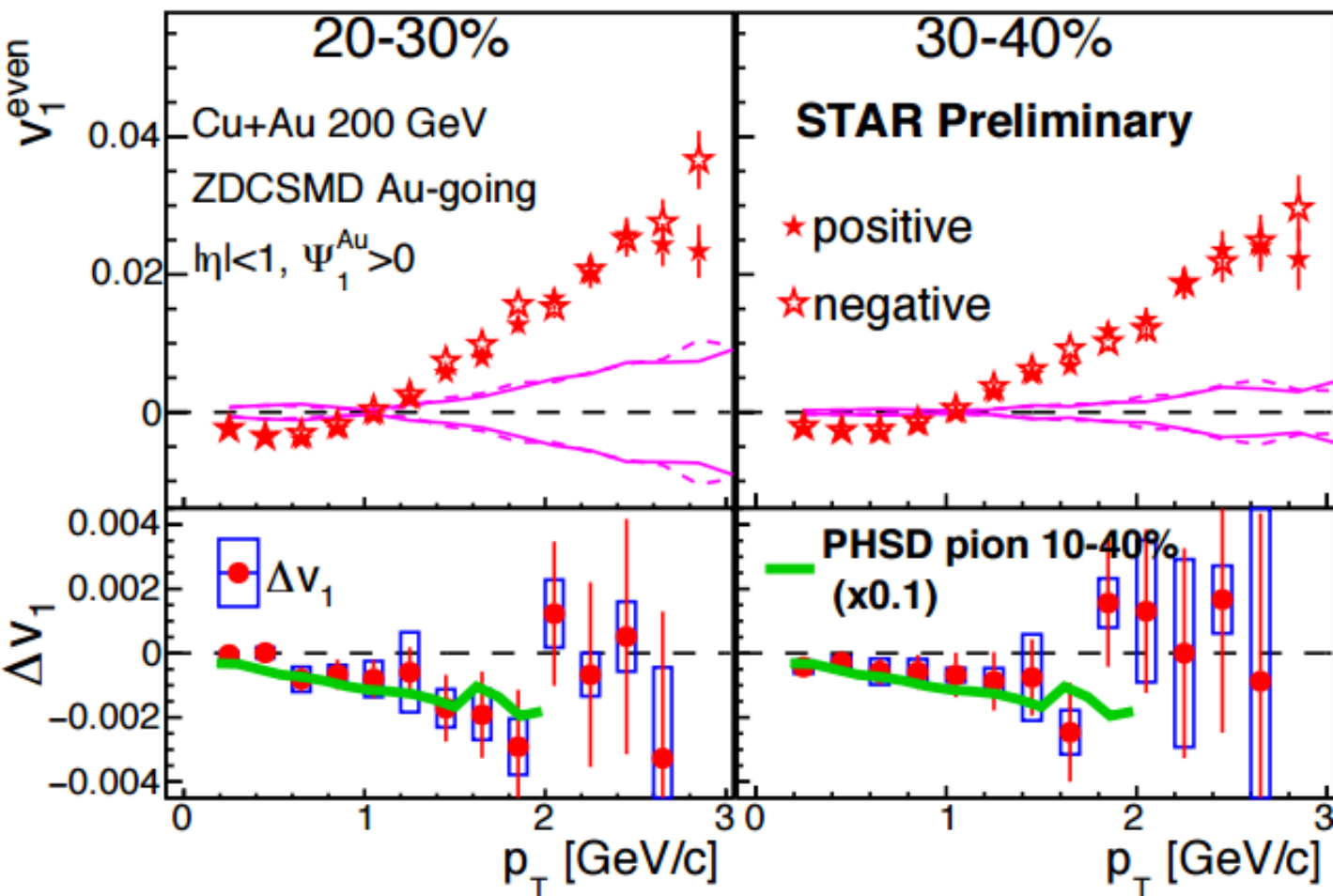
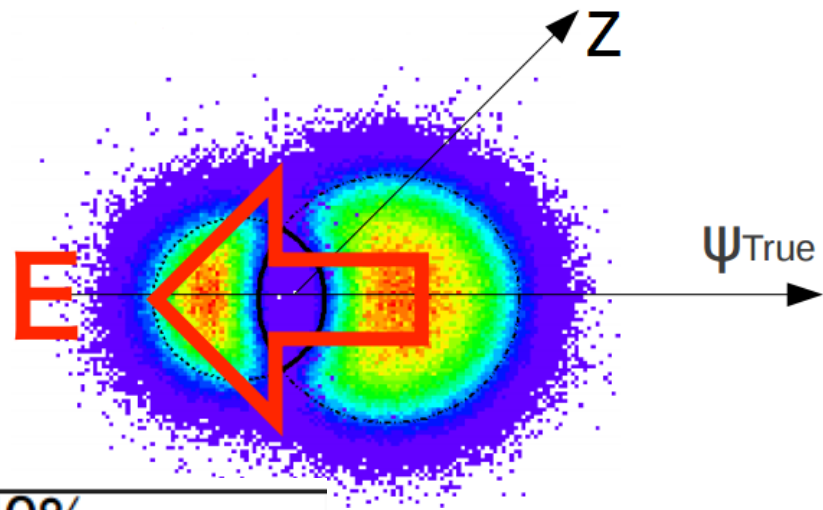




# Outlook: Cu+Au

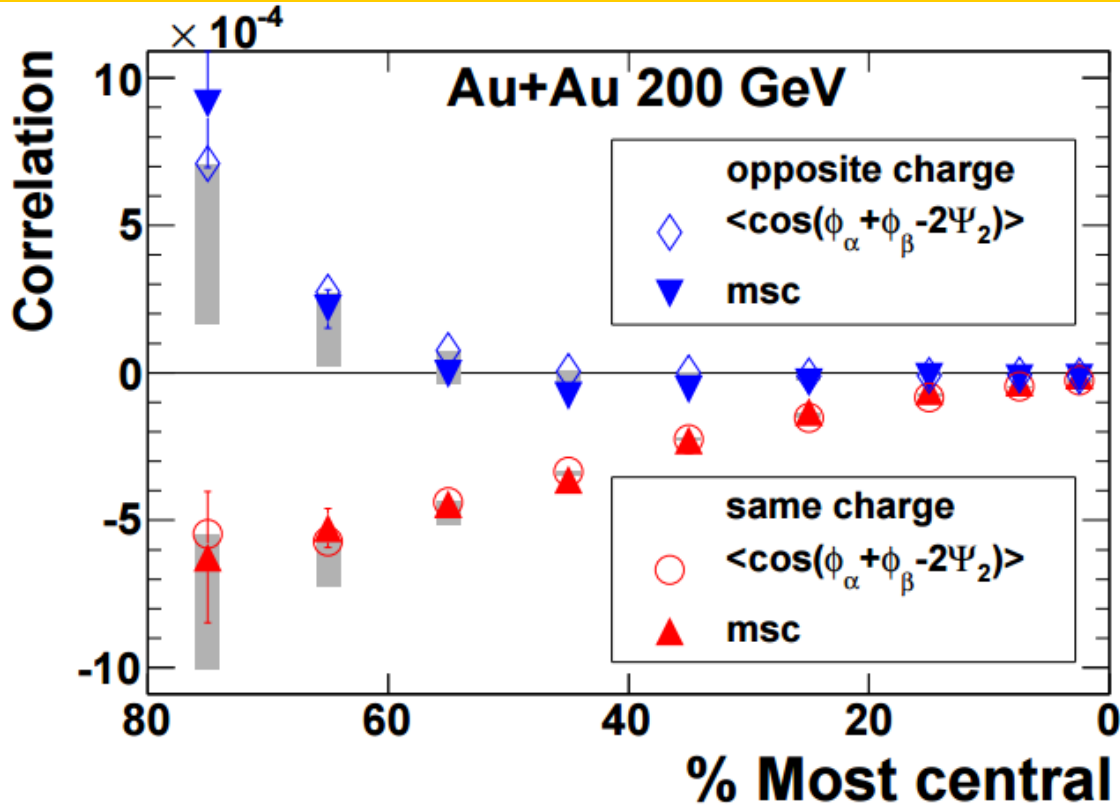
Expect charge-dependence of directed flow due to a dipole deformation

Y. Hirono, M. Hongo and T. Hirano,  
PRC 90, 021903(R)



A possible direct evidence of the strong initial E field?  
(comparable to the strong initial B field).

# Modulated sign correlator (msc)

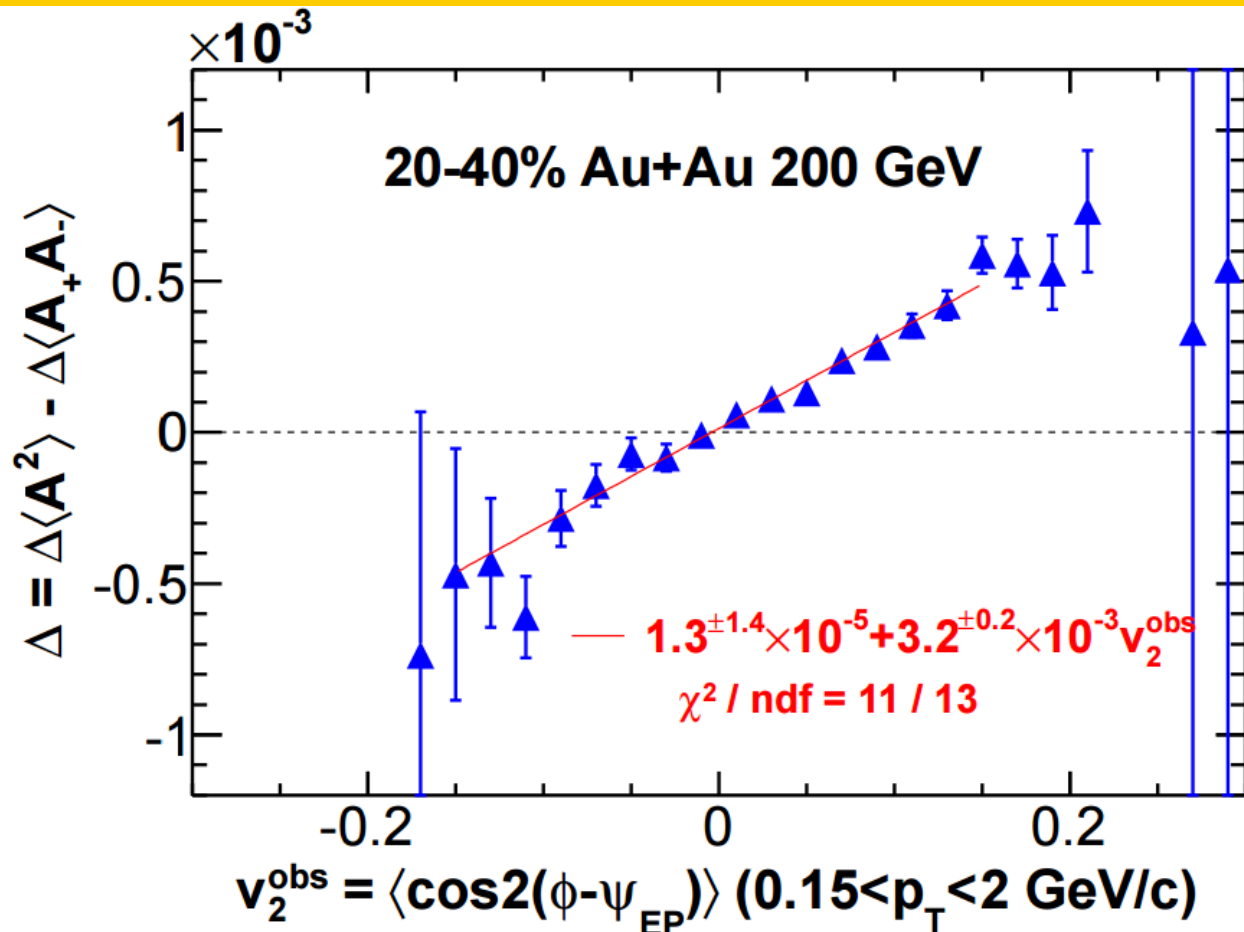
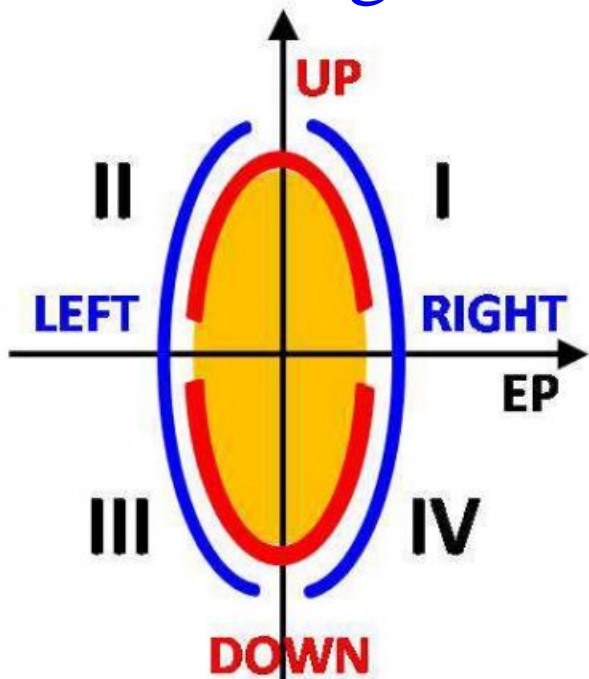


$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \cos(\varphi_\alpha + \varphi_\beta - 2\Psi_{RP}) \rangle \\ &= \langle \cos(\Delta\varphi_\alpha) \cos(\Delta\varphi_\beta) - \sin(\Delta\varphi_\alpha) \sin(\Delta\varphi_\beta) \rangle \\ &= \langle (M_\alpha M_\beta S_\alpha S_\beta)_{\text{IN}} \rangle - \langle (M_\alpha M_\beta S_\alpha S_\beta)_{\text{OUT}} \rangle \\ \text{msc} &\equiv \left( \frac{\pi}{4} \right)^2 \left( \langle S_\alpha S_\beta \rangle_{\text{IN}} - \langle S_\alpha S_\beta \rangle_{\text{OUT}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

- robust after removing HBT+Coulomb effects with kinematic cuts ( $\Delta\eta$  and  $\Delta p_T$ )
- $\gamma$  weights different azimuthal regions of charge separation differently
- Modify  $\gamma$  such that all azimuthal regions are weighted equally
- $\gamma$  is reduced to modulated sign correlator (**msc**)
- The charge separation signal is confirmed with msc

# Charge multiplicity asymmetry correlator

count the charges  
of 4 regions

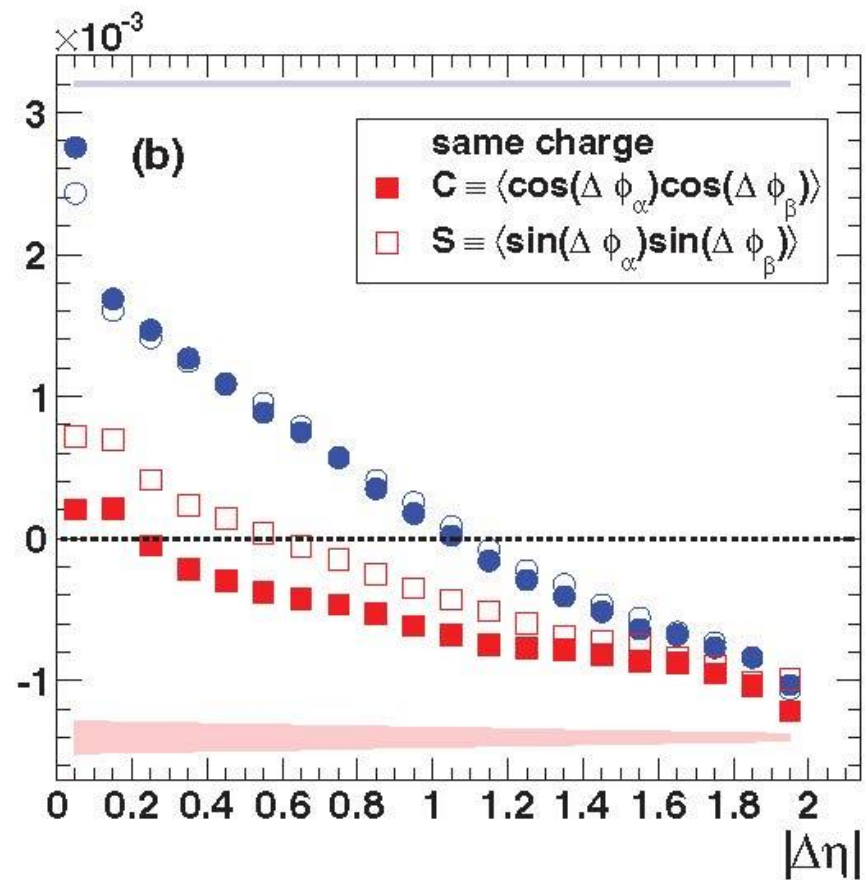
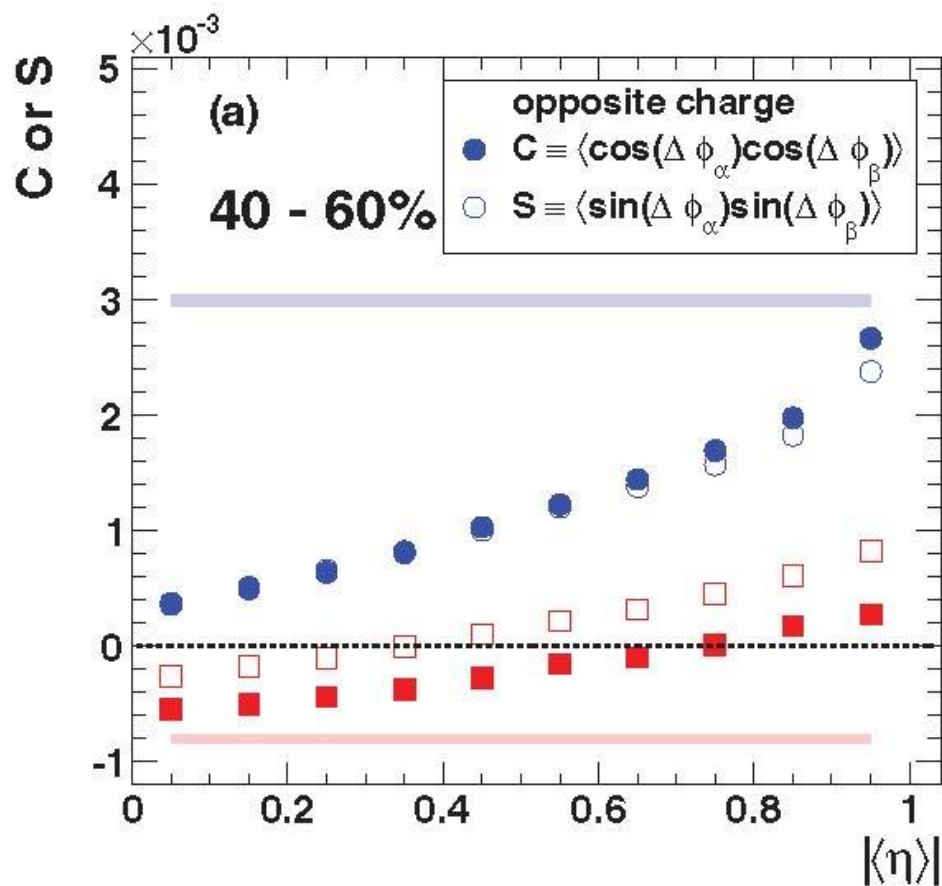


- A similarly reduced correlator, observes a similar charge separation.
- **Previously**, when " $v_2^{\text{obs}}=0$ ", the signal was consistent with **zero!**

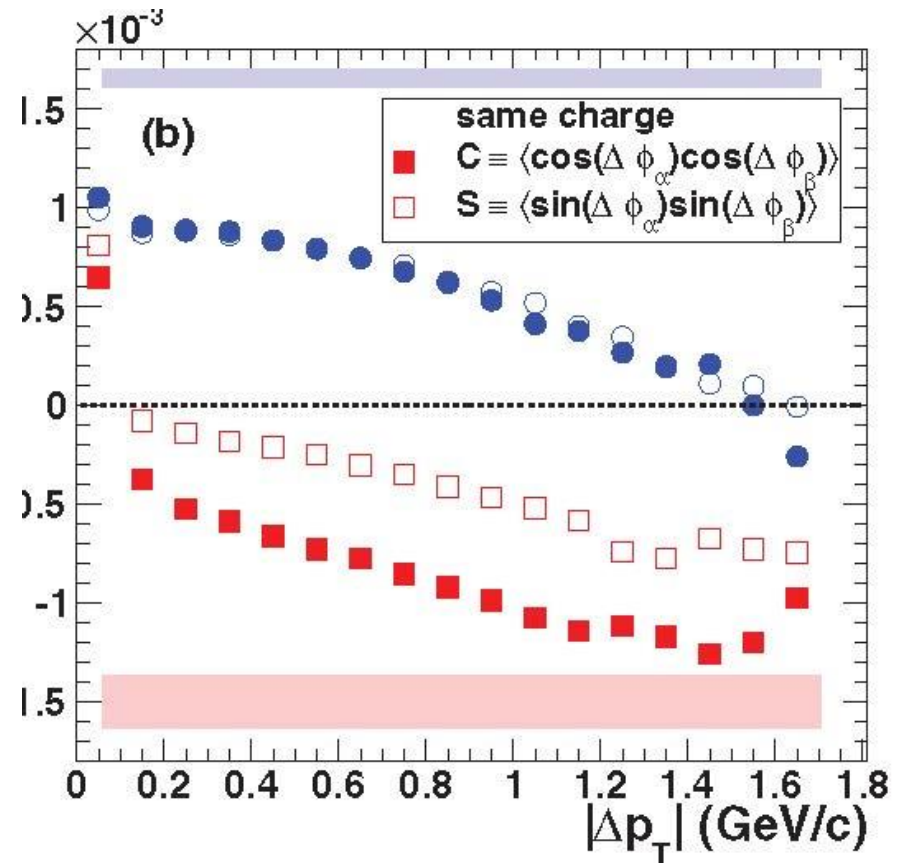
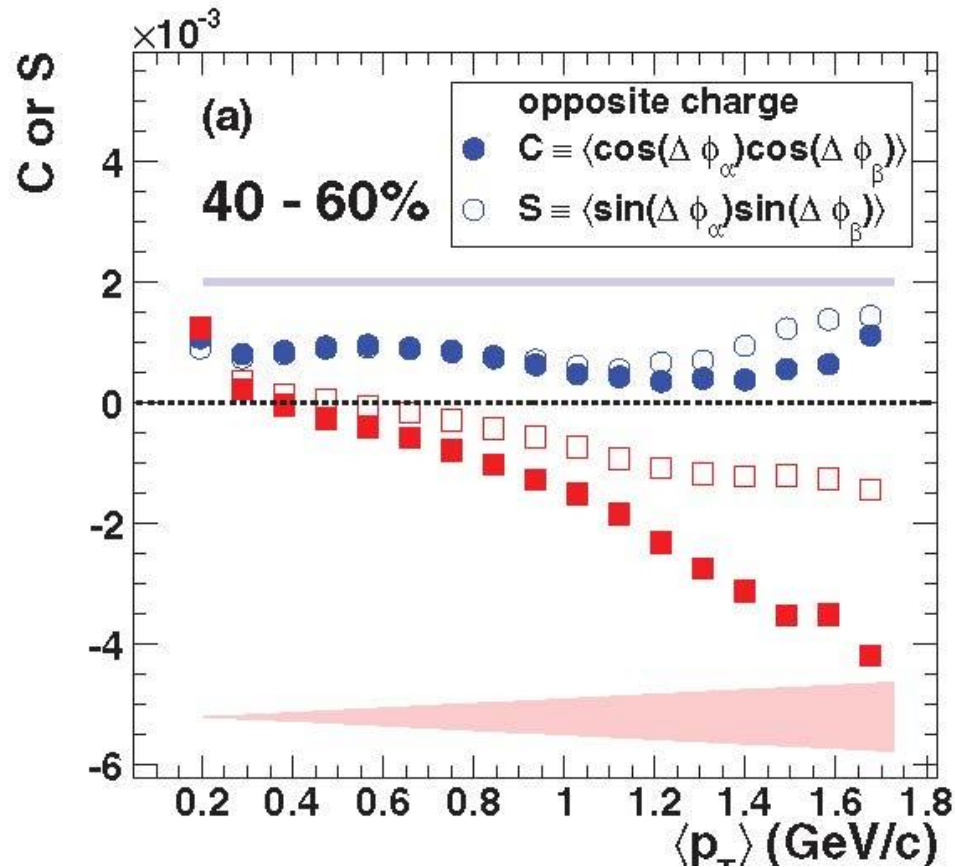
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- **Now**, new measurements with higher statistics report **non-zero signal!**
- Beam energy dependence also looks similar to that of  $\gamma$ .

# Differential C and S Correlations

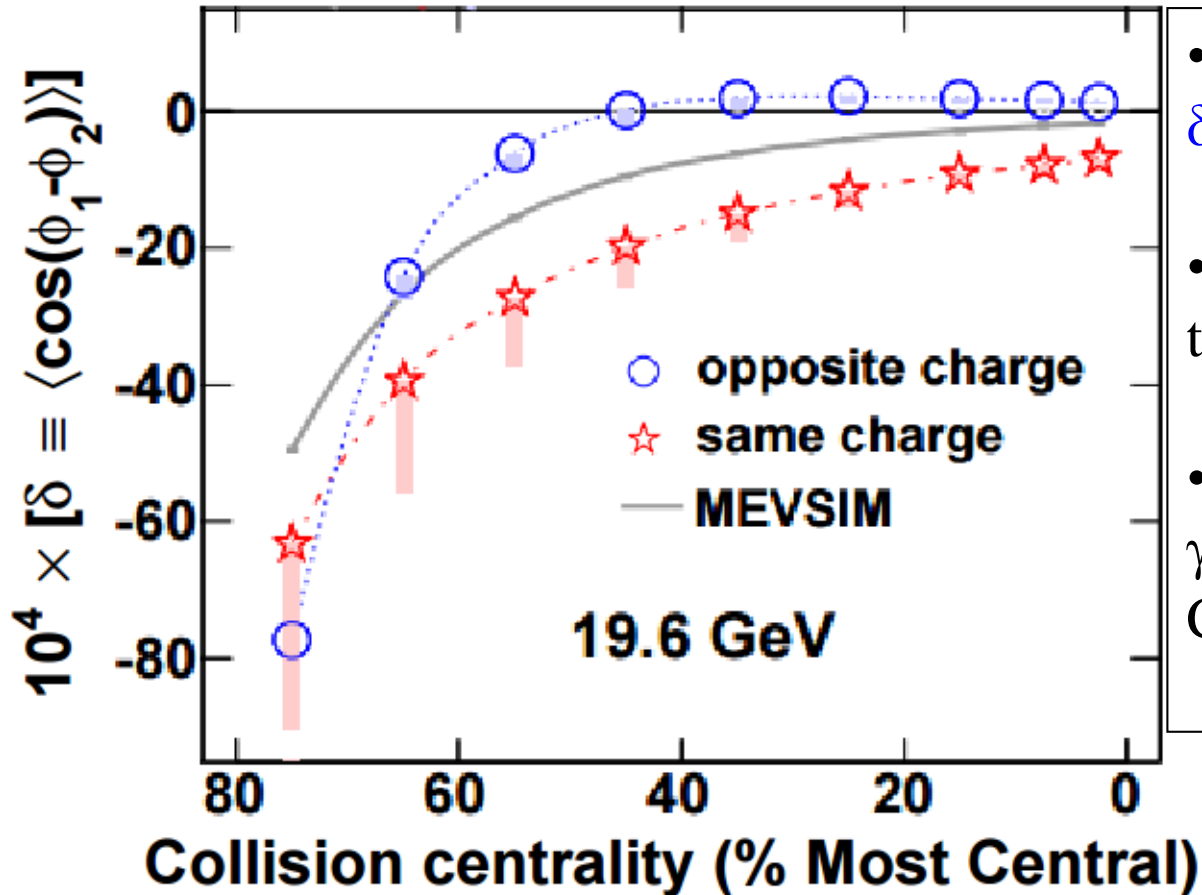


# Differential C and S Correlations



# $v_2$ -related background

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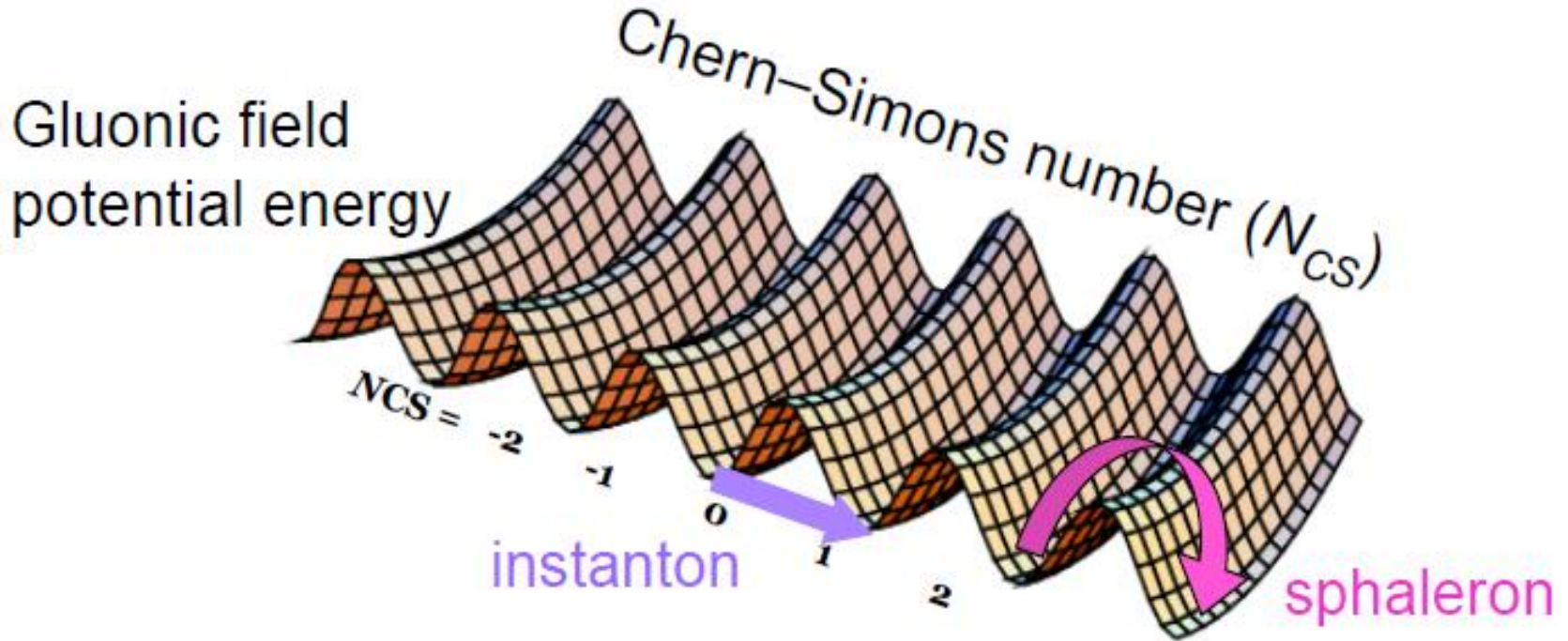


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# QCD vacuum transition



D. Diakonov, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 51, 173 (2003)

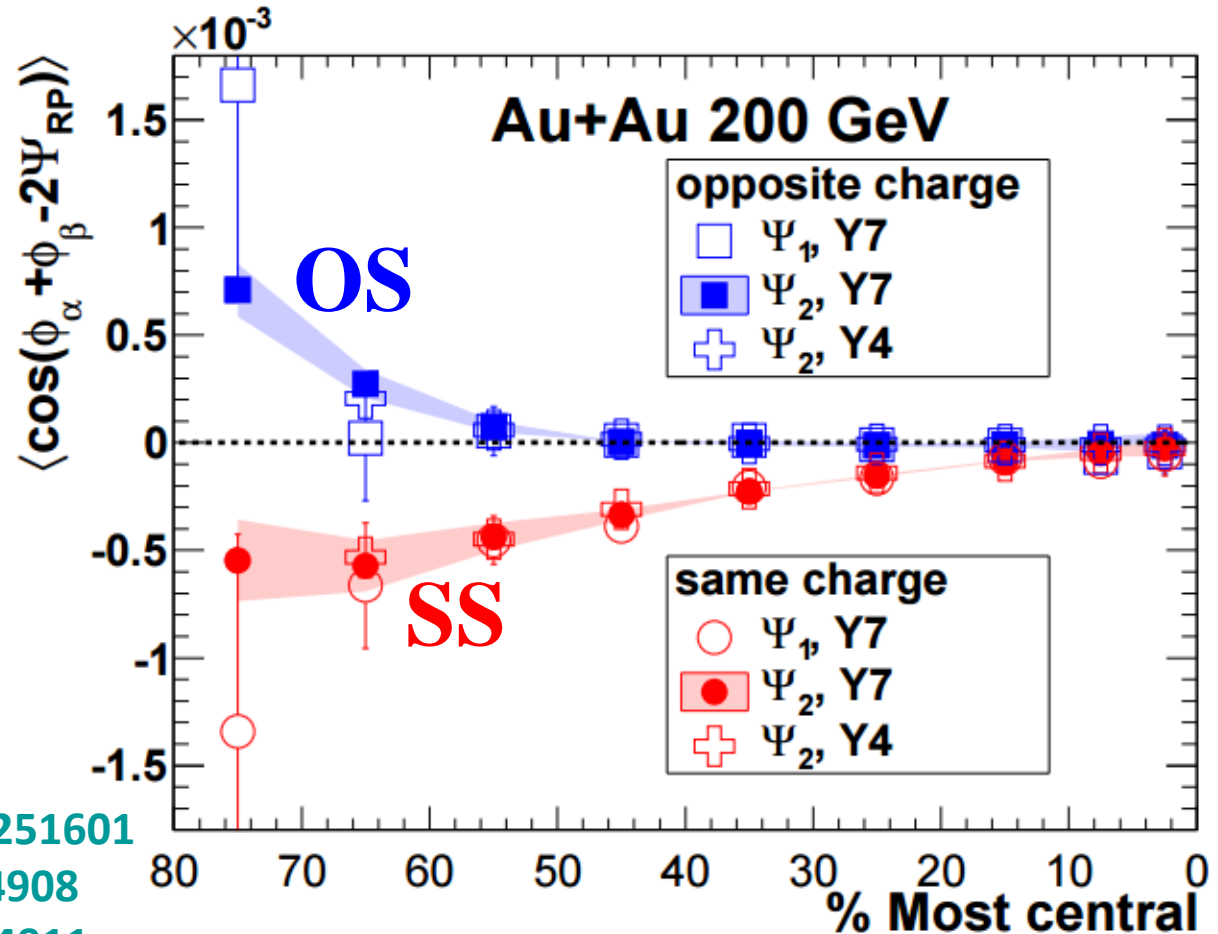
$$N_L^f - N_R^f = 2Q_W, \quad Q_W \neq 0 \rightarrow \mu_A \neq 0$$

**QCD vacuum transition**

**nonzero topological charge**

**chirality imbalance (local parity violation)**

# Charge Dependent $\gamma$ Measure



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- $Y_{os} > Y_{ss}$ , consistent with CME expectation
- Consistent between different years (2004 and 2007)
- Confirmed with 1st-order EP (from spectator neutron  $v_1$ )
- Not explained by known event generators



# Conventional Explanation ?

Blast Wave Parameterization = Charge Correlation + Radial + Elliptic Flow

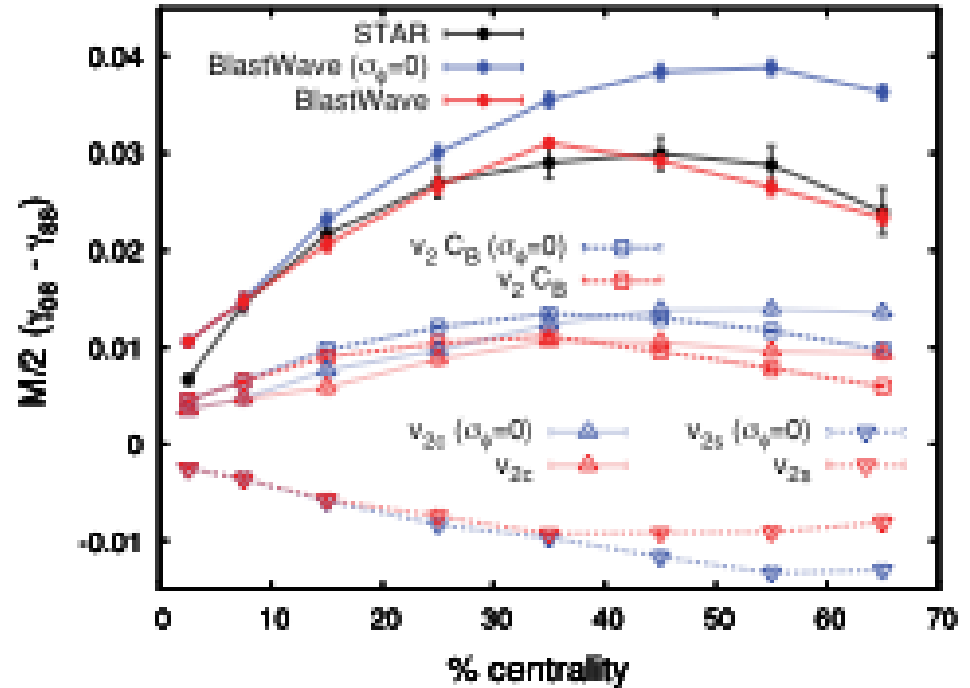
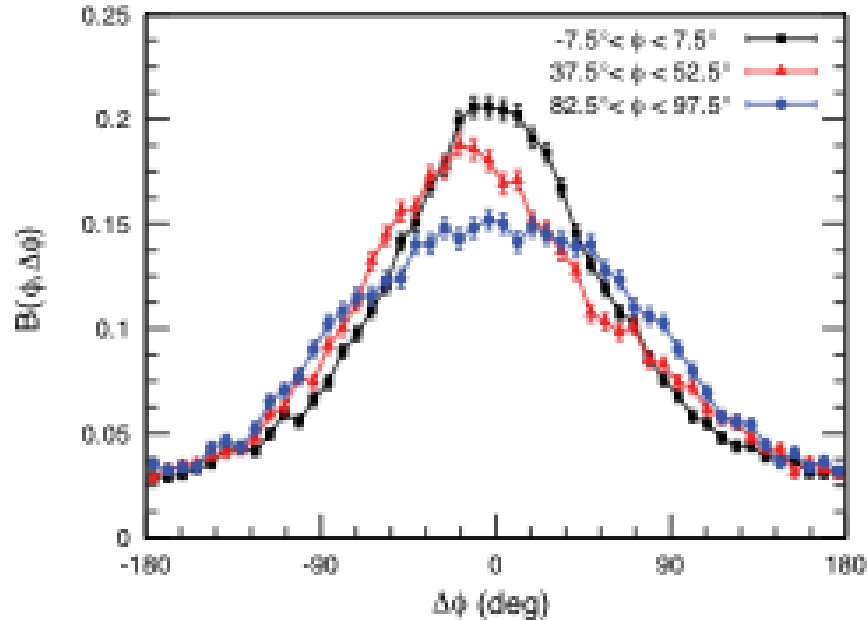


FIG. 7. (Color online) Balance function  $B(\phi, \Delta\phi)$  for 40–50% centrality as function of the relative angle included by balancing partners for  $\phi = 0^\circ$  (black squares),  $45^\circ$  (red triangles), and  $90^\circ$  (blue circles). The balance function is narrower for in-plane pairs than for out-of-plane pairs. For intermediate angles, the balance function is biased toward negative angles.

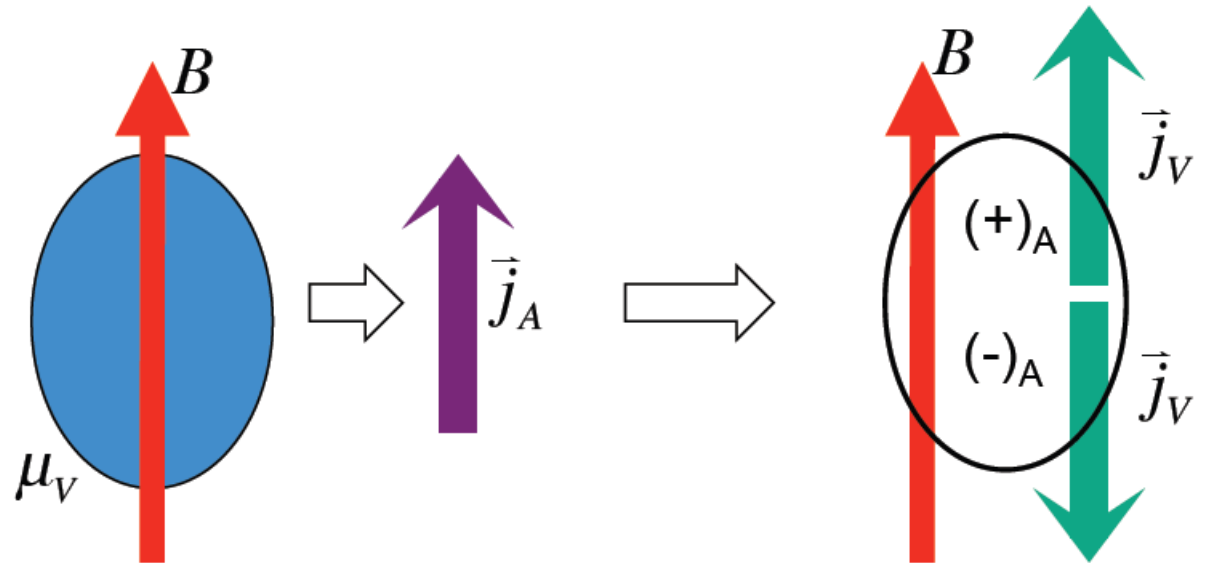
$$\frac{\langle M^2 \gamma_F \rangle}{\langle M \rangle} = \frac{2}{\langle M \rangle} \int d\phi d\Delta\phi \left\langle \frac{dM}{d\phi} \right\rangle B(\phi, \Delta\phi) \times [\cos(2\phi) \cos(\Delta\phi) - \sin(2\phi) \sin(\Delta\phi)],$$

- With some “adjustments” can describe the data (diff “OS” - “SS”).
- Note that the correlator is inversely proportional to multiplicity

# CMW

Peak magnetic field  $\sim$   
 **$10^{15}$  Tesla !**

(Kharzeev et al. NPA 803  
(2008) 227)

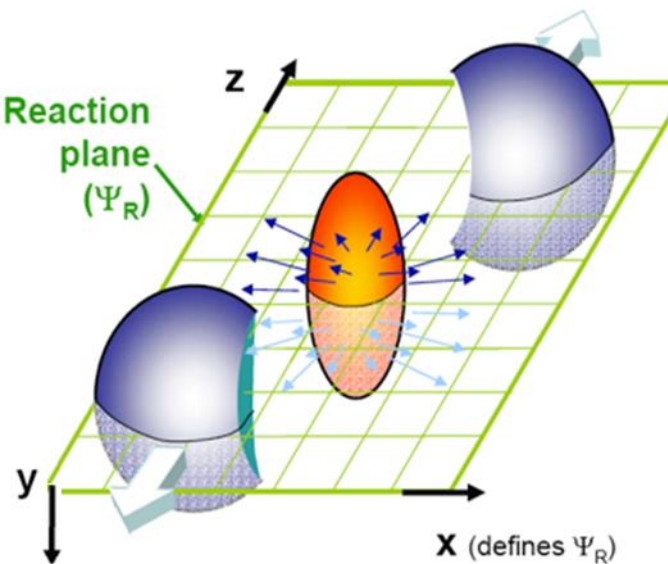


$$j_A = \frac{N_c e}{2\pi^2} \mu_V B$$

$$j_V = \frac{N_c e}{2\pi^2} \mu_A B$$

Chiral Separation Effect

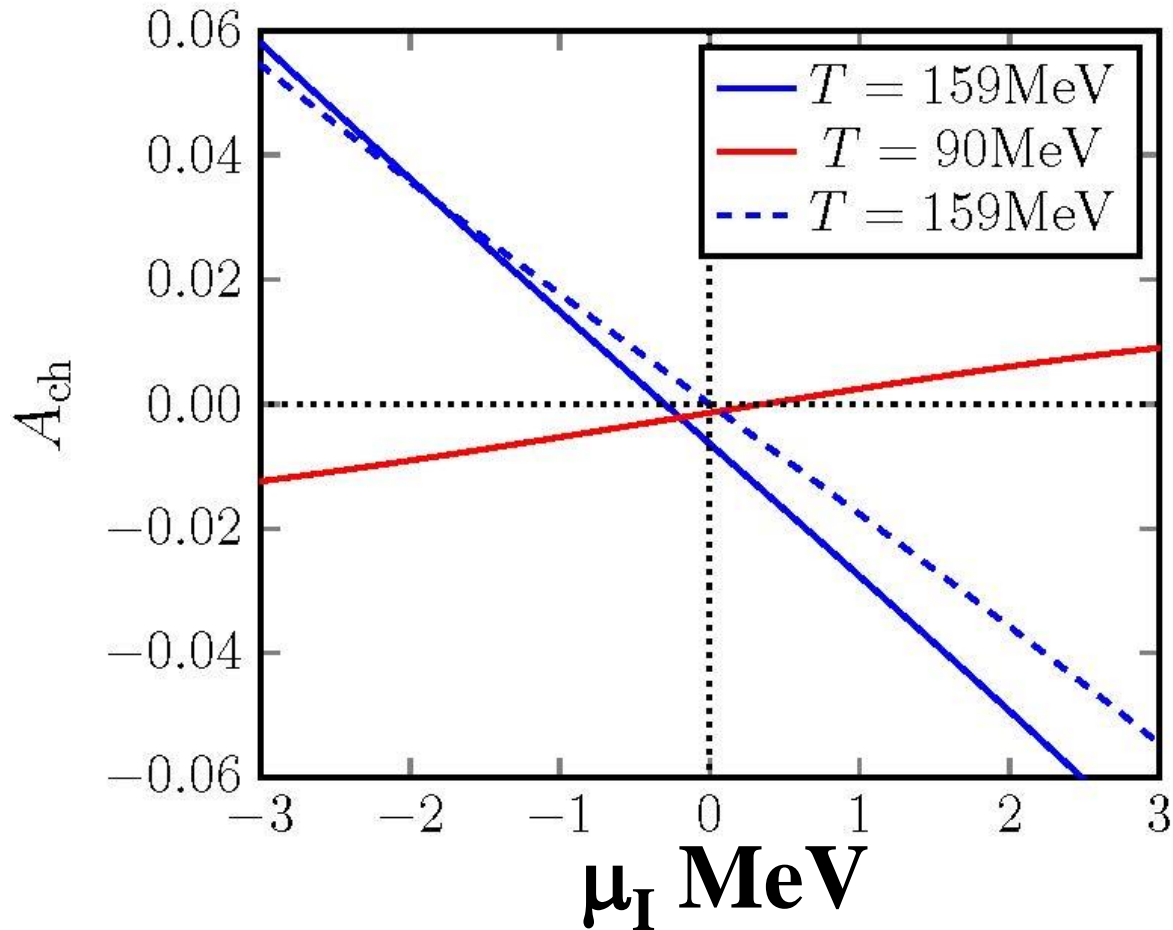
Chiral Magnetic Effect



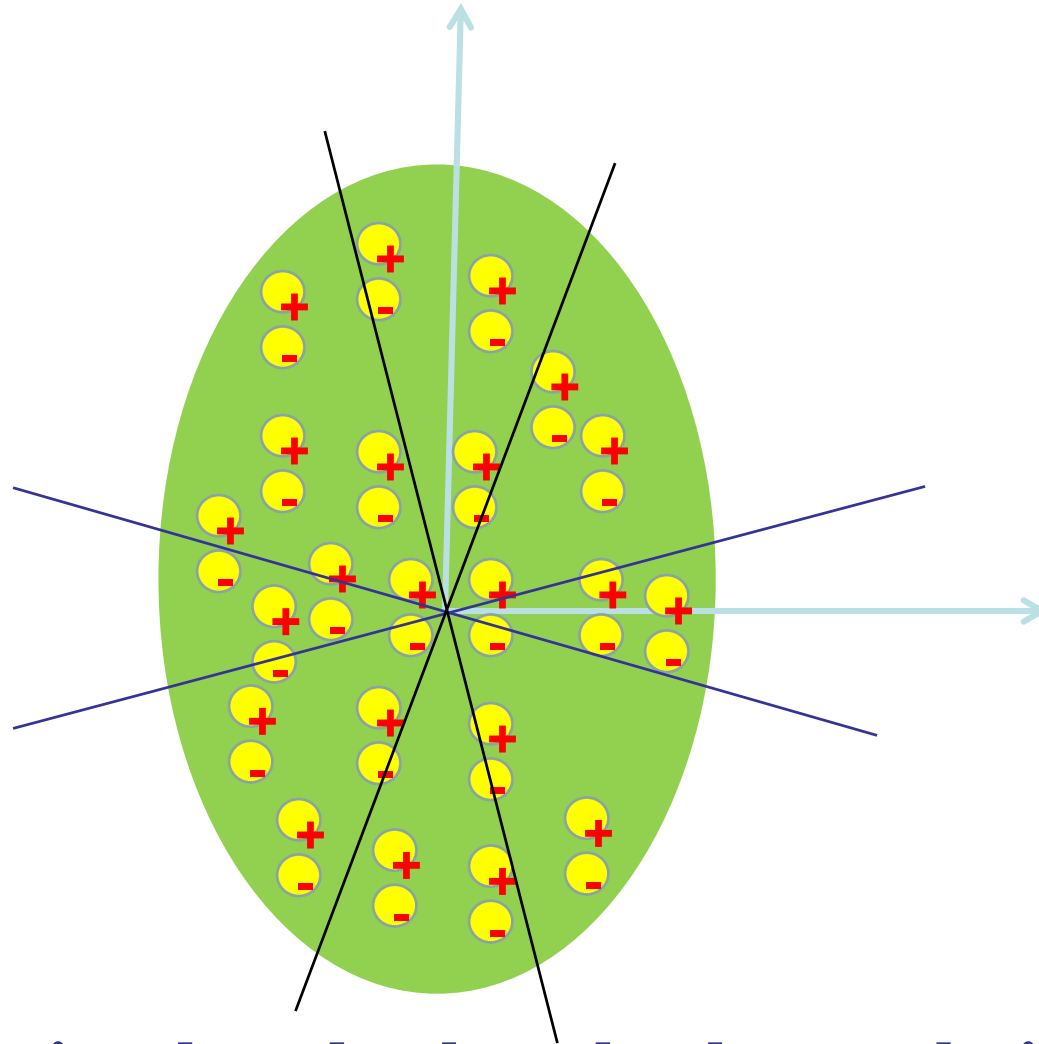
CSE + CME  $\rightarrow$  Chiral Magnetic Wave:

- collective excitation
- signature of chiral symmetry restoration

# Correlation in the Hydro Model



$\gamma$  more sensitive to in-plane direction



**Sensitivity to in-plane back-to-back correlation  
could be an artifact due to  $\gamma$  definition**