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Study of Lambda polarization at RHIC BES energies

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In hydrodynamic approach to heavy ion collisions, hadrons with nonzero spin produced out of the fluid can acquire polarization via spin-vorticity thermodynamic coupling mechanism [1]. The hydrodynamical quantity steering the polarization is the thermal vorticity, that is minus the antisymmetric part of the gradient of fourtemperature field $\beta^{\mu} = u^{\mu}/T$.

Based on this idea, it has been shown in the framework of cascade+viscous hydro model, UrQMD+vHLLE [2] that in Au-Au collisions at RHIC Beam Energy Scan (BES) the mean polarization of Lambda hyperons grows with decreasing collision energy up to 1.5% at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=7.7$ GeV RHIC Au-Au collisions. This goes in line with recent measurements of Lambda polarization by STAR experiment [3].

We complement the existing Lambda polarization studies at RHIC BES [2] by exploring:

- · polarization splitting between Lambda and anti-Lambda, and related effect of magnetic field at hadroniza-
- · centrality dependence and connection between angular momentum of the system and polarization of produced Lambda
- · rapidity and transverse momentum dependence of the polarization

We also explore the longitudinal component of polarization, which is dominant for nonzero p_T at top RHIC and LHC energies.

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