

# CME/CVE in high-energy heavy-ion collisions

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# Chiral Magnetic effect:

magnetic field + chirality = current

spin alignment in B-field:  
opposite directions for  
opposite charges

chirality

left

right

handedness:  
momentum and spin,  
aligned or anti-aligned



+

charge



-

negative goes up  
positive goes down

positive goes up  
negative goes down

courtesy of P.Sorensen

An excess of right or left handed quarks lead to a current flow along the magnetic field.

$$\vec{J} = \frac{e^2}{2\pi^2} \mu_5 \vec{B}$$

# Chiral magnetic effect in $\text{ZrTe}_5$

Qiang Li, Dmitri E. Kharzeev, Cheng Zhang, Yuan Huang, I. Pletikosić, A. V. Fedorov, R. D. Zhong, J. A. Schneeloch, G. D. Gu & T. Valla  
Nature Physics 12, 550 (2016)

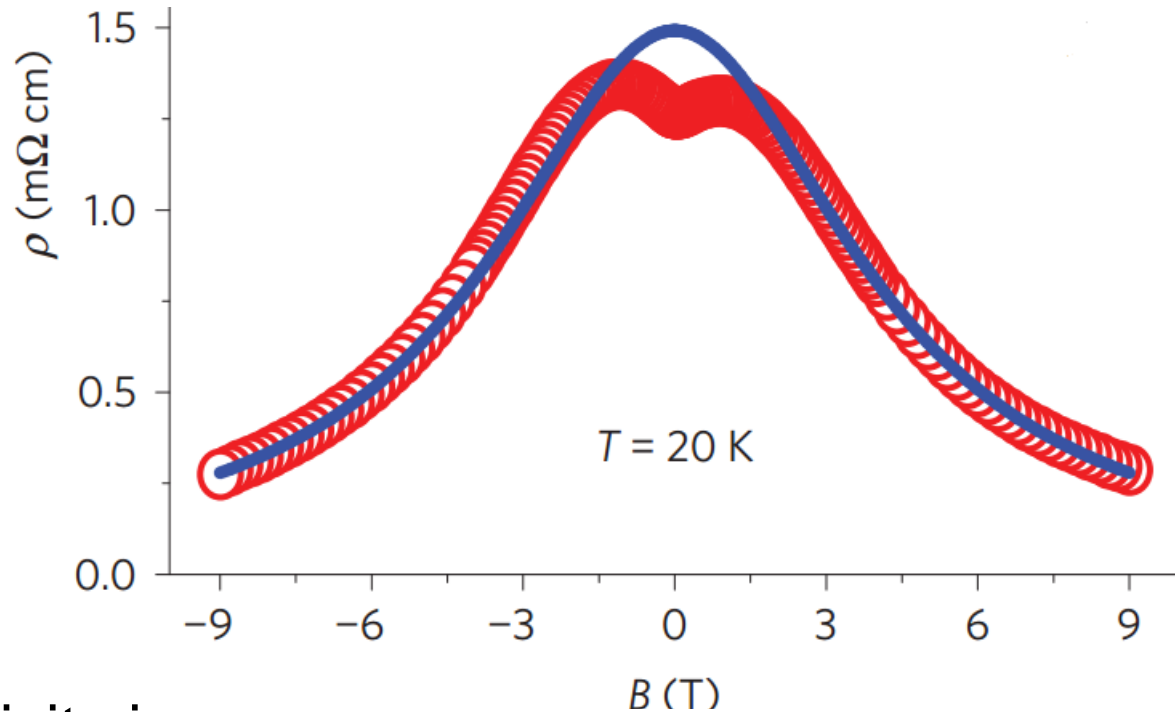
$$\vec{J} = \frac{e^2}{2\pi^2} \mu_5 \vec{B}$$

Man-made chirality:

$$\mu_5 = \frac{3}{4} \frac{v^3}{\pi^2} \frac{e^2}{\hbar^2 c} \frac{\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}}{T^2 + \frac{\mu^2}{\pi^2}} \tau_V$$

When  $\mathbf{E} \parallel \mathbf{B}$ , CME conductivity is

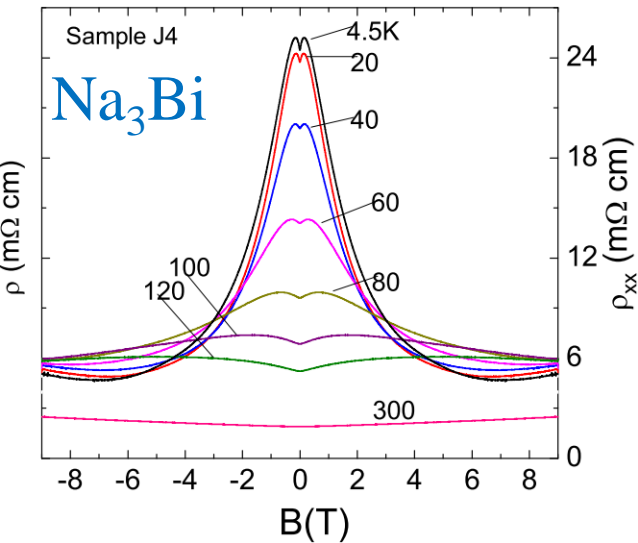
$$\sigma_{\text{CME}}^{zz} = \frac{e^2}{\pi \hbar} \frac{3}{8} \frac{e^2}{\hbar c} \frac{v^3}{\pi^3} \frac{\tau_V}{T^2 + \frac{\mu^2}{\pi^2}} B^2$$



B dependence of the negative magnetoresistance is nicely fitted with CME contribution to the electrical conductivity.

# A whole industry of CME is semimetals

## Dirac semimetal

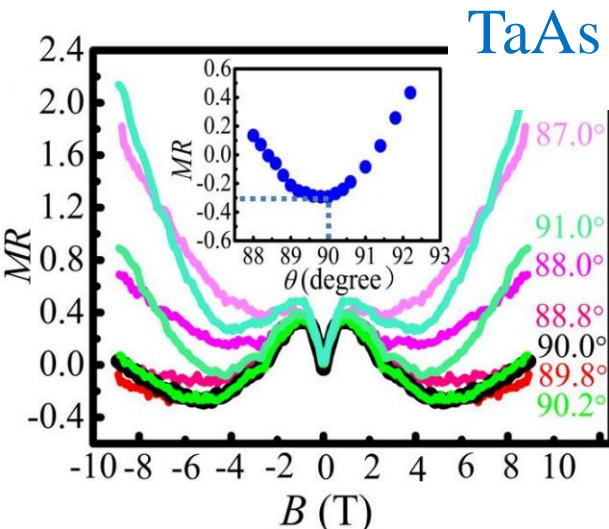


ZrTe<sub>5</sub> - Q. Li, D. Kharzeev, et al (BNL and Stony Brook Univ.)  
arXiv:[1412.6543](#); *Nature Physics* 12, 550 (2016)

Na<sub>3</sub>Bi - J. Xiong, N. P. Ong et al (Princeton Univ.)  
arxiv:[1503.08179](#); *Science* 350:413,2015

Cd<sub>3</sub>As<sub>2</sub> - C. Li et al (Peking Univ. China)  
arxiv:[1504.07398](#); *Nature Commun.* 6, 10137 (2015).

## Weyl semimetal



TaAs - X. Huang et al (IOP, China)  
arxiv:[1503.01304](#); *Phys. Rev. X* 5, 031023

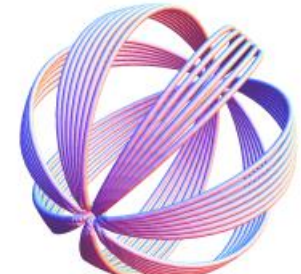
NbAs - X. Yang et al (Zhejiang Univ. China)  
arxiv:[1506.02283](#)

NbP - Z. Wang et al (Zhejiang Univ. China)  
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TaP - Shekhar, C. Felser, B. Yang et al (MPI-Dresden)  
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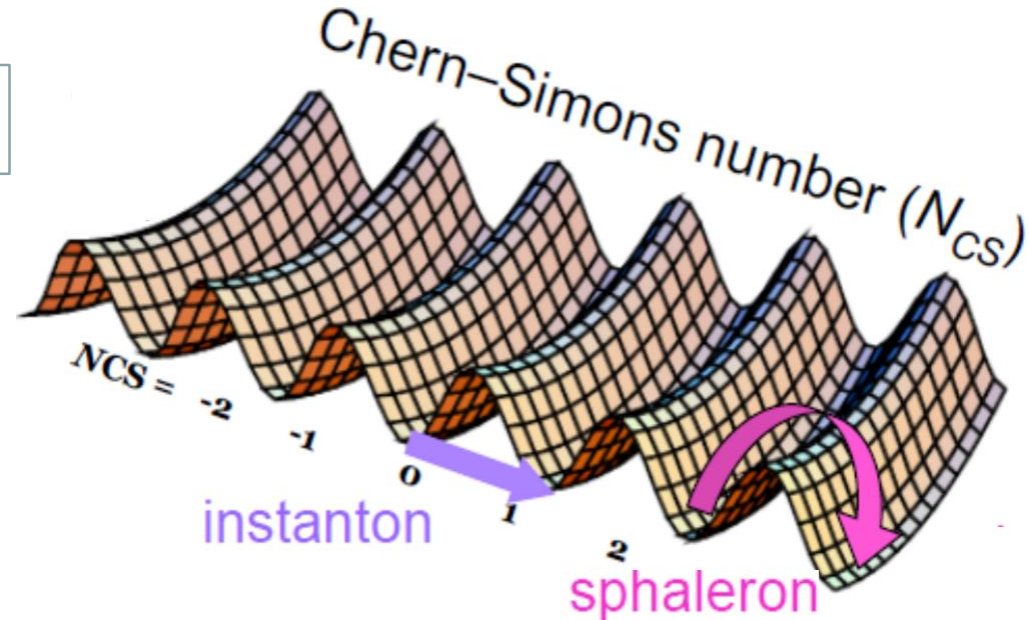
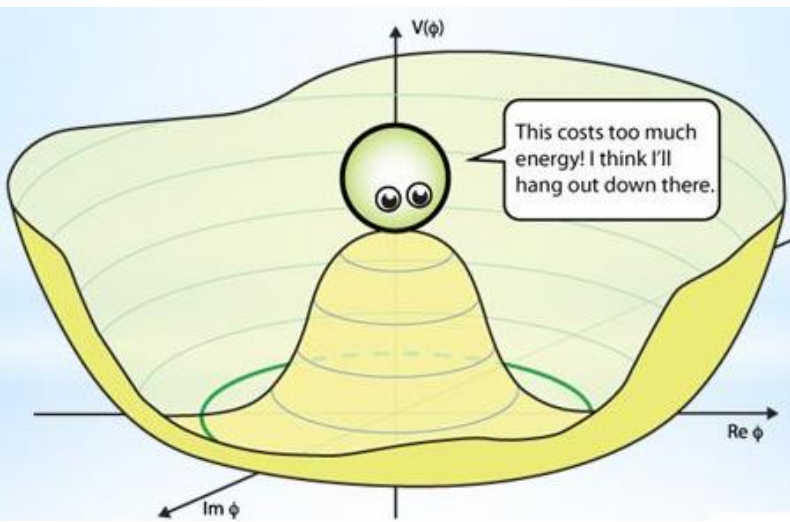
# Why study CME in heavy-ion collisions?

Understand 1) the strong B field and many fancy effects



Y. Hirono, D. E. Kharzeev and Y. Yin PRD 92,125031 (2015)

2) vacuum transition



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

3) chiral symmetry restoration

# Chiral Vortical Effect

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

**B**



Chirality Imbalance ( $\mu_A$ )

Magnetic Field ( $\omega\mu_e$ )



Electric Charge ( $j_e$ )

**Electric charge separation**

Chirality Imbalance ( $\mu_A$ )

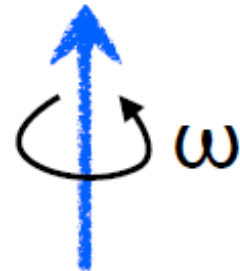
Fluid Vorticity ( $\omega\mu_B$ )



Baryon Number ( $j_B$ )

**Baryonic charge separation**

**Vorticity**

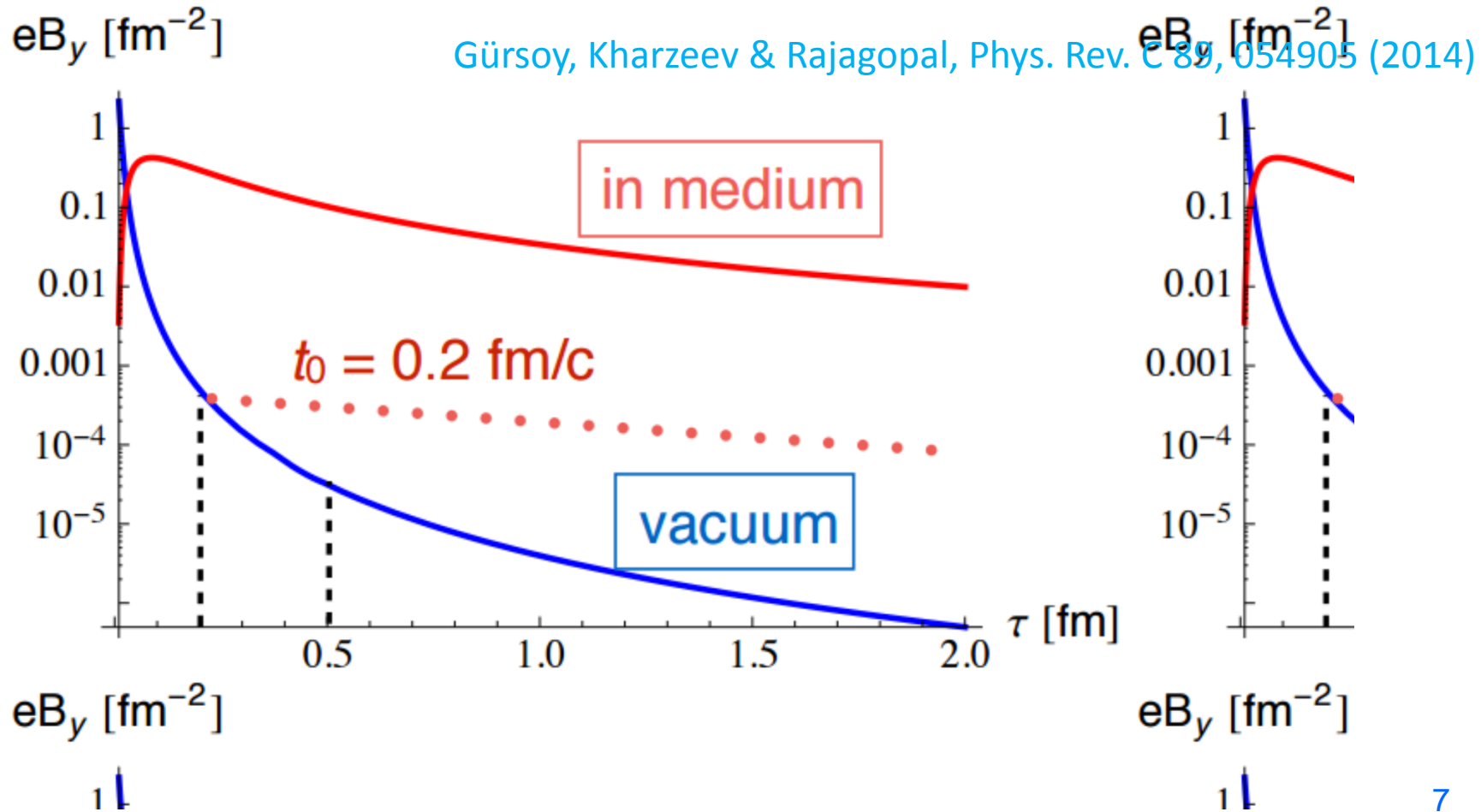


Peak magnetic field ~  
 **$10^{15}$  Tesla !**  
(Kharzeev et al. NPA 803  
(2008) 227)

Do we have experimental evidence of **B** or  $\omega$ ?

# Frozen B fields

- In vacuum, the B field falls like a rock.
- A conducting medium is needed to save the day.
- How much has B fallen off when the medium comes in play?



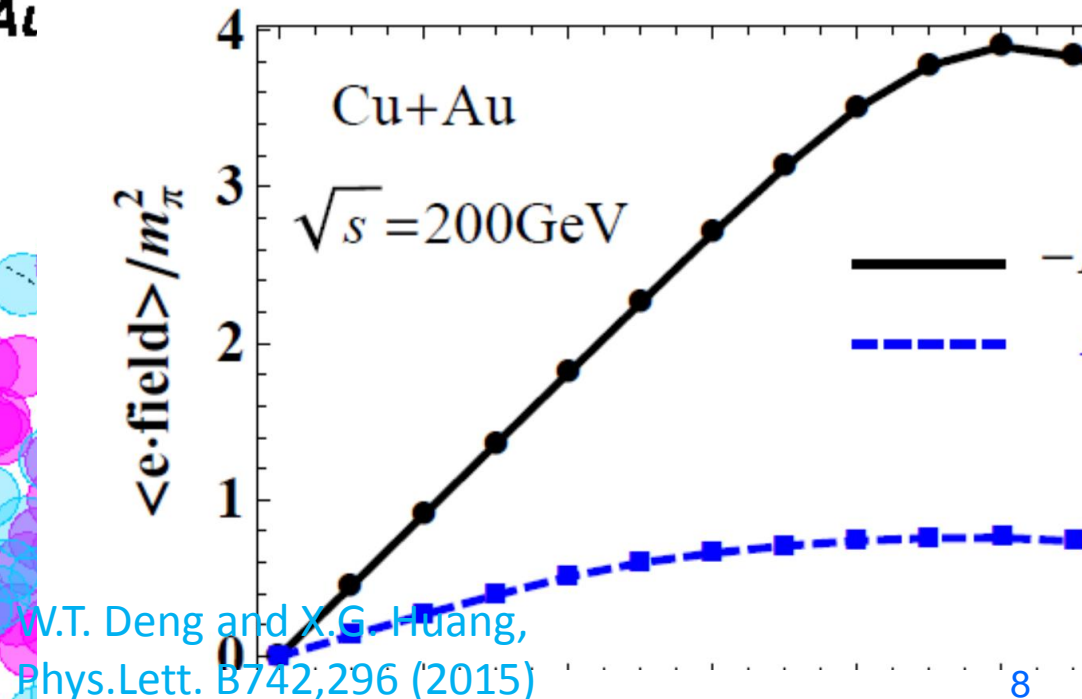
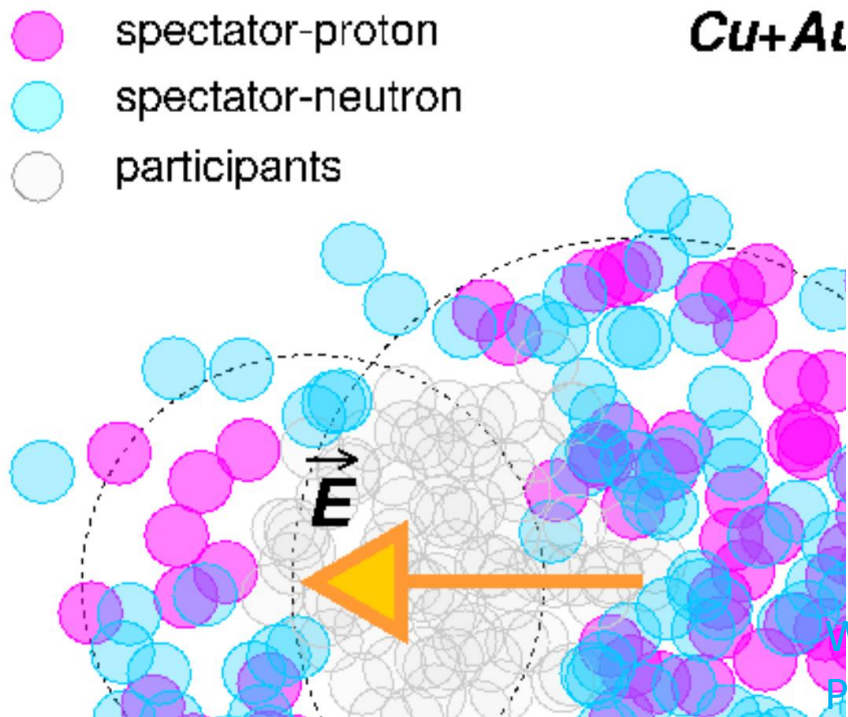
# An indirect evidence: E

- Asymmetric collisions (Cu+Au) create in-plane electric fields.
- Similar to the B field, and easier to observe:
  - $h^+$  goes along E and  $h^-$  to the opposite
  - charge-dependent of  $v_1$  [Y. Hirono et al., Phys.Rev. C 90 \(2014\) no.2, 021903](#)

$$\frac{dN^\pm}{d\phi} \propto 1 + 2v_1 \cos(\phi - \Psi_1) \pm 2d_E \cos(\phi - \psi_E) \dots$$

$$v_1^\pm = v_1 \pm d_E \langle \cos(\Psi_1 - \psi_E) \rangle$$

$\psi_E$ : electric field direction  
 $d_E$ : electric dipole



[W.T. Deng and X.G. Huang, Phys.Lett. B742,296 \(2015\)](#)



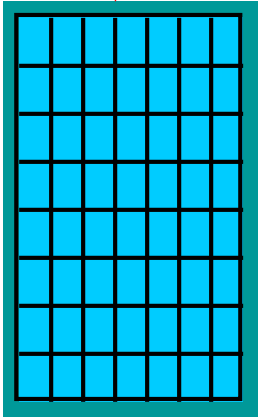
# How to measure $v_1$

- First-order event plane determined from spectator neutrons
- Minimal, if any, non-flow effects

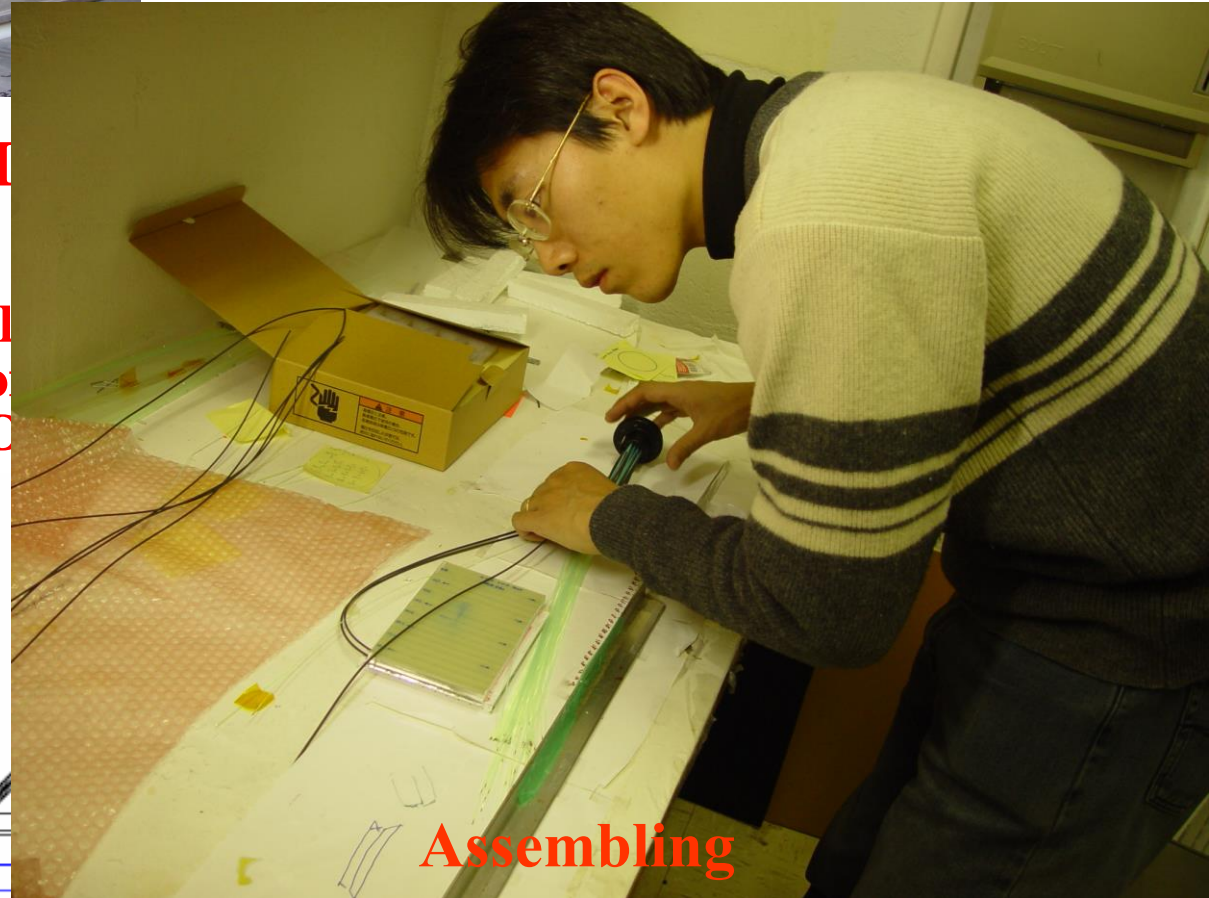
$$v_1 = \langle \cos(\varphi - \Psi_1) \rangle / \langle \cos(\Psi_1 - \Psi_{RP}) \rangle$$



SMD is 8 horizontal slats & 7 vertical slats located at 1/3 of the depth of the ZDC

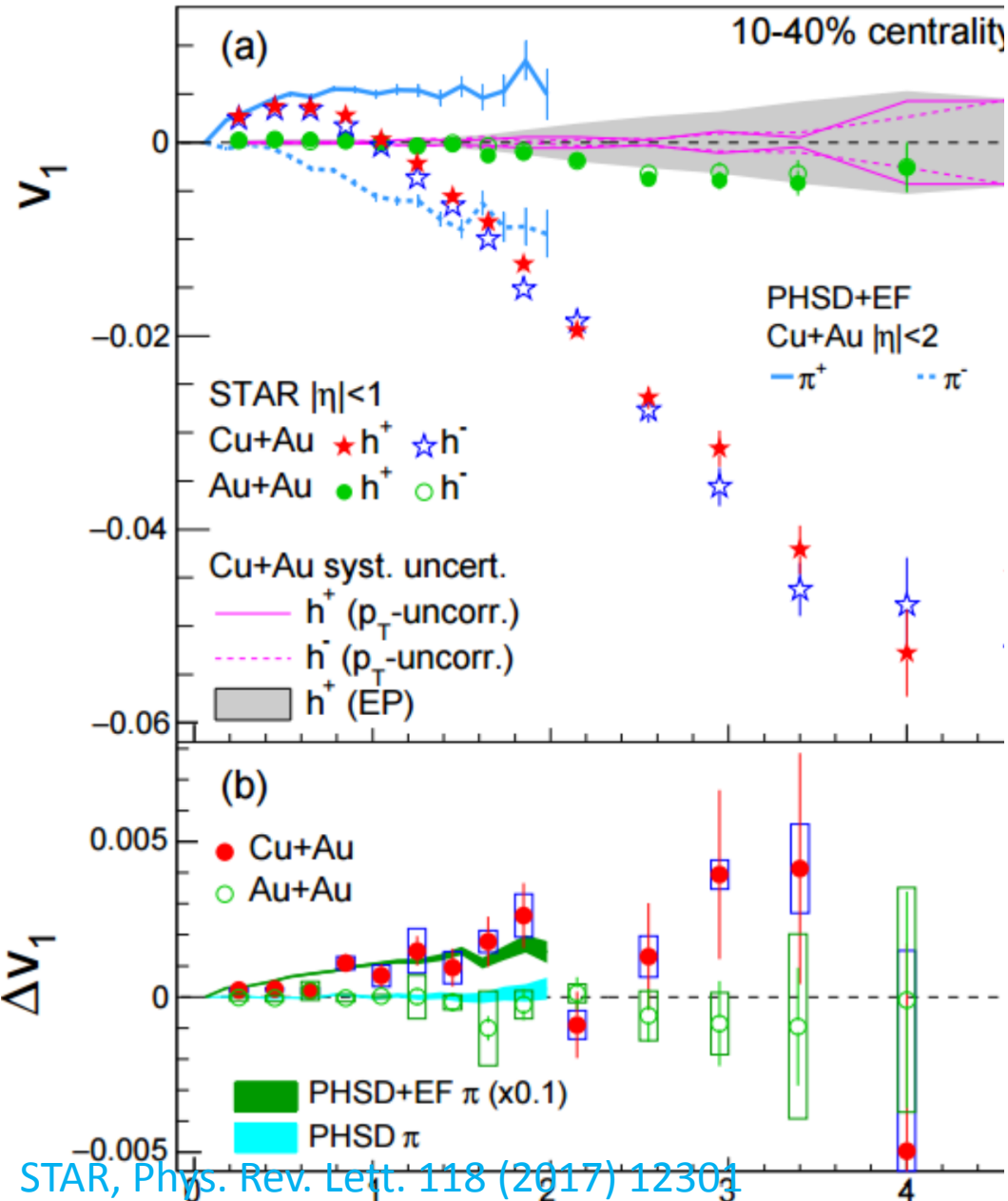


ZDC  
Scintillator slats of Max D



Assembling

# $v_1$ in Cu+Au@200 GeV



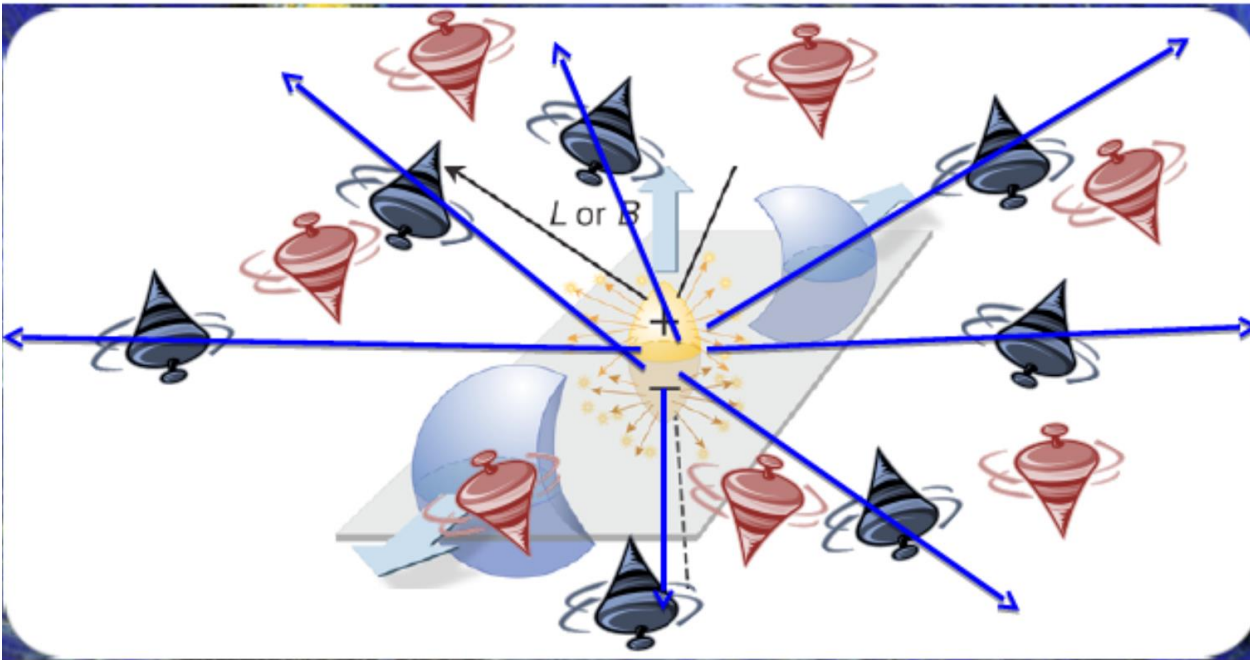
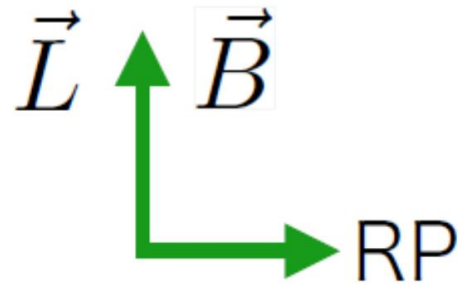
$$v_1^\pm = v_1 \pm d_E \langle \cos(\Psi_1 - \psi_E) \rangle v_1^\pm =$$

$\psi_E$ : electric field direction  
 $d_E$ : electric dipole

- On average,  $\psi_E$  is along the  $\psi_{RP}$  direction.
  - $v_1(p_T)$  shows a difference between  $h^+$  and  $h^-$ .
  - The sign is right.
  - The magnitude is 10% of what was expected.
- The initial electric field does leave an imprint on final-stage particles!
- Not all quarks are created in early times.

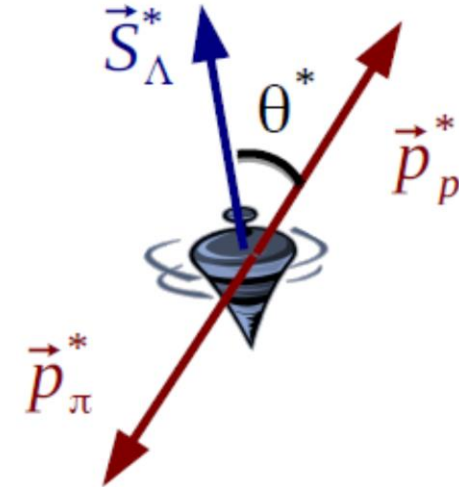
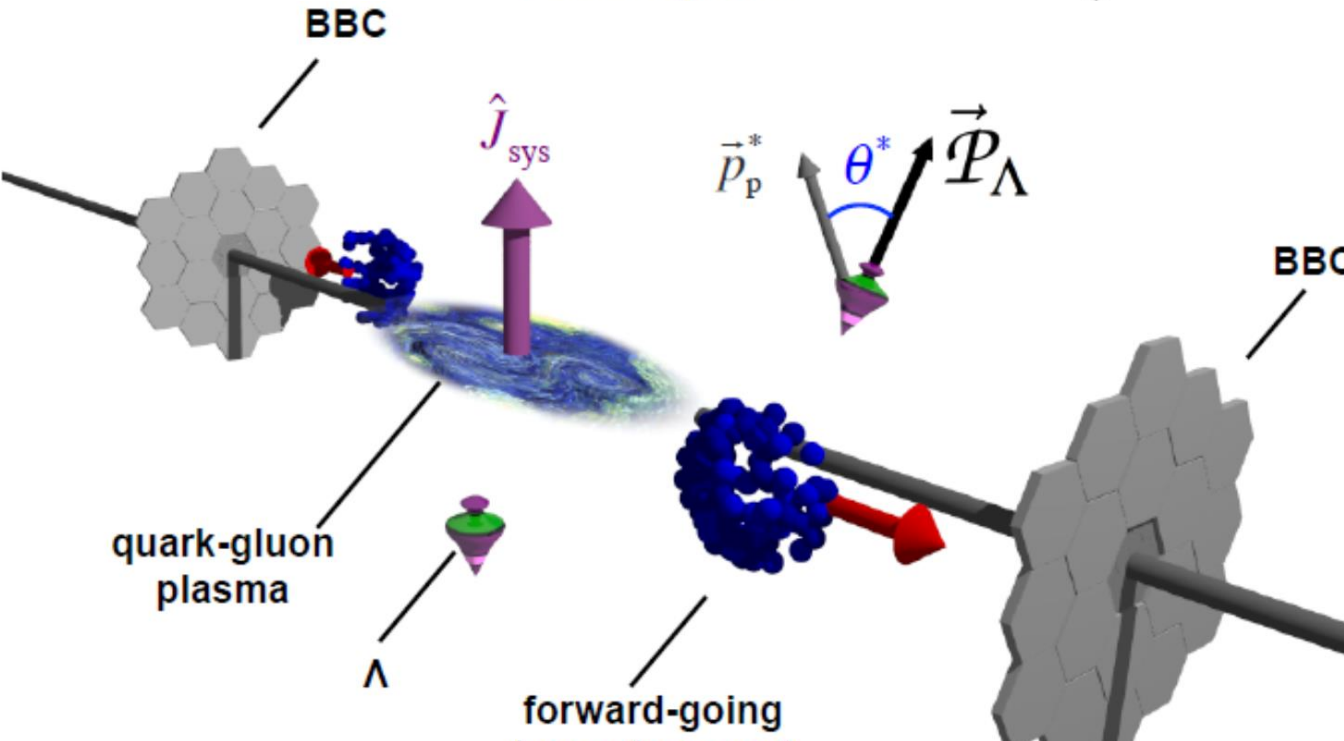
# More direct probe in B and $\omega$

Non-zero angular momentum ( $\sim 10^3 \hbar$ ) transfers to  $\Lambda$  polarization



- spin-orbit coupling
  - spins of  $\Lambda$  and anti- $\Lambda$  are both aligned with the angular momentum  $L$
- spin alignment by the B field
  - $\Lambda$  spin anti-aligned with B
  - anti- $\Lambda$  spin aligned with B

# How to measure polarization



daughter protons prefer to go along  $\Lambda$  spin (opposite for anti- $\Lambda$ )

$\psi_1$  from either ZDC-SMD or BBC

$$P_H = \frac{8}{\pi\alpha} \frac{\langle \sin(\Psi_1 - \phi_p^*) \rangle}{\text{Res}(\Psi_1)} \text{sgn}_\Lambda$$

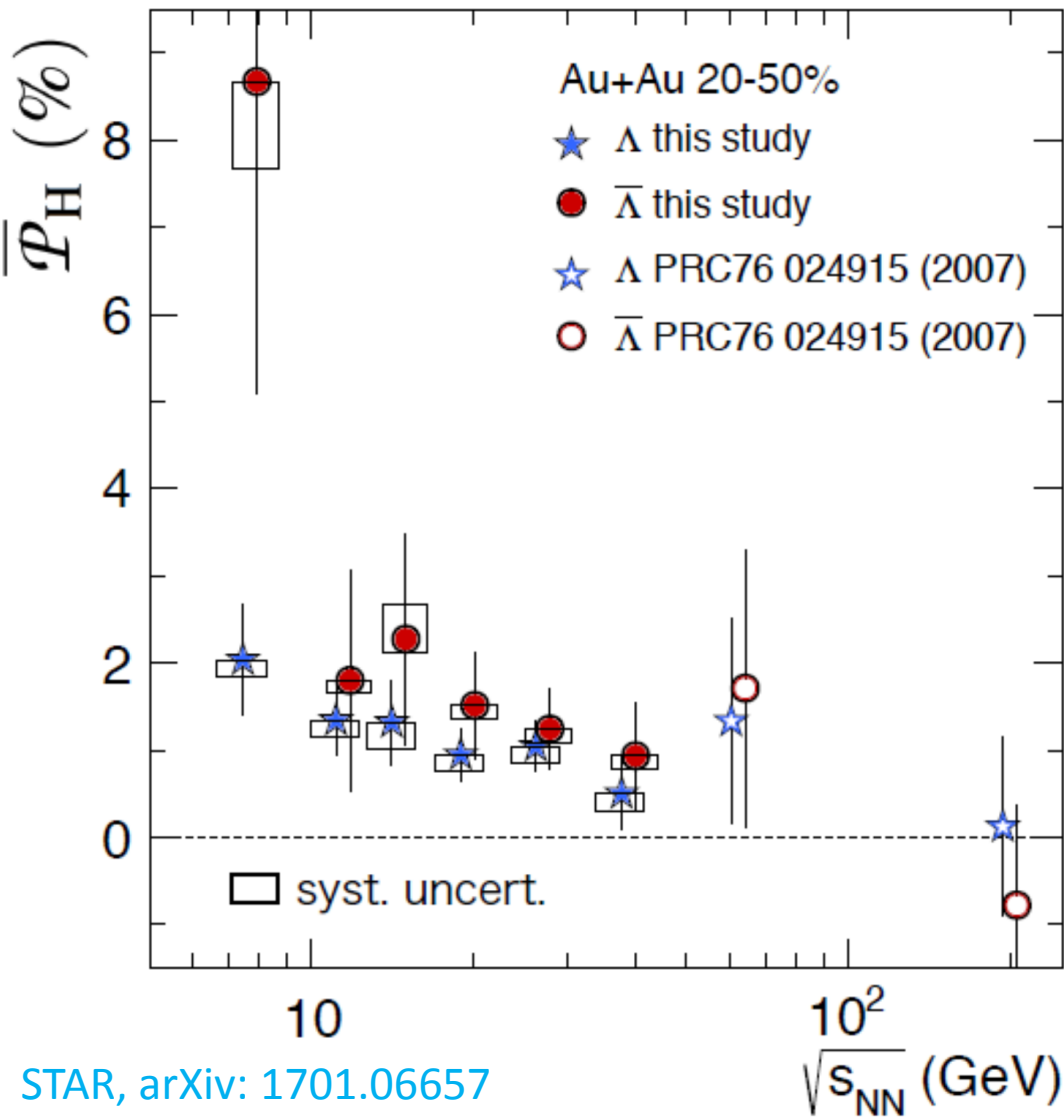
$\phi_p^*$ :  $\phi$  of daughter proton in  $\Lambda$  rest frame

$\Psi_1$ : 1<sup>st</sup>-order event plane

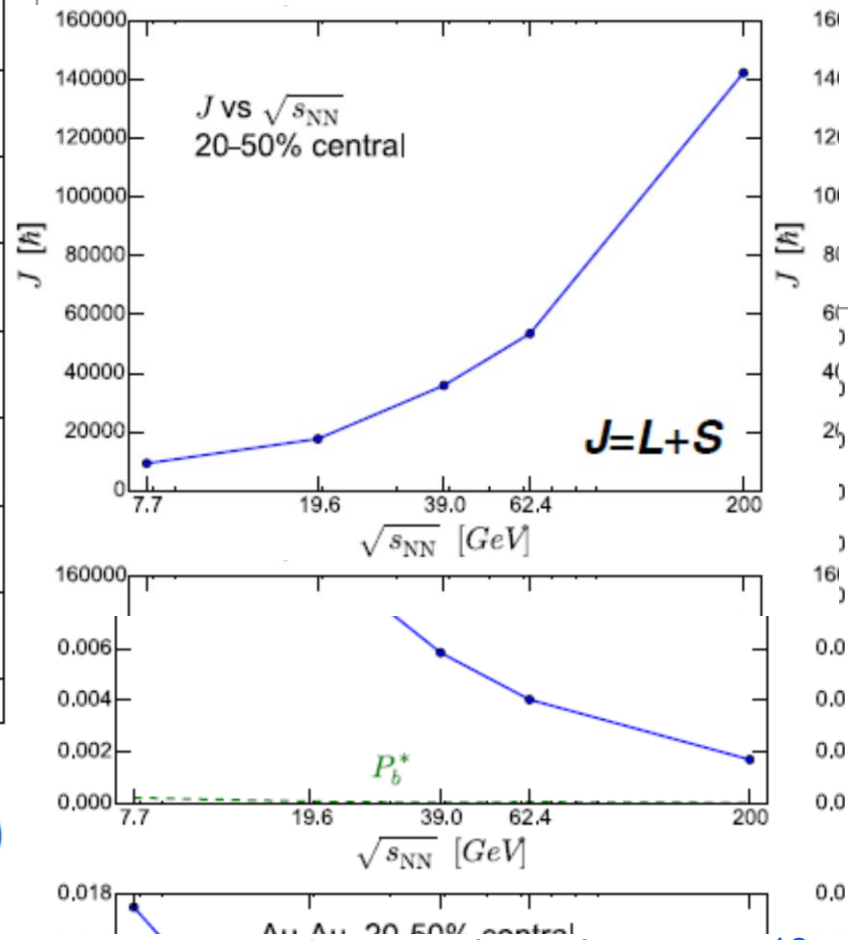
$\text{sgn}_\Lambda$ : 1 for  $\Lambda$ , -1 for anti- $\Lambda$

$\alpha$ :  $\Lambda$  decay parameter ( $=0.642 \pm 0.013$ )

# $\Lambda$ global polarization

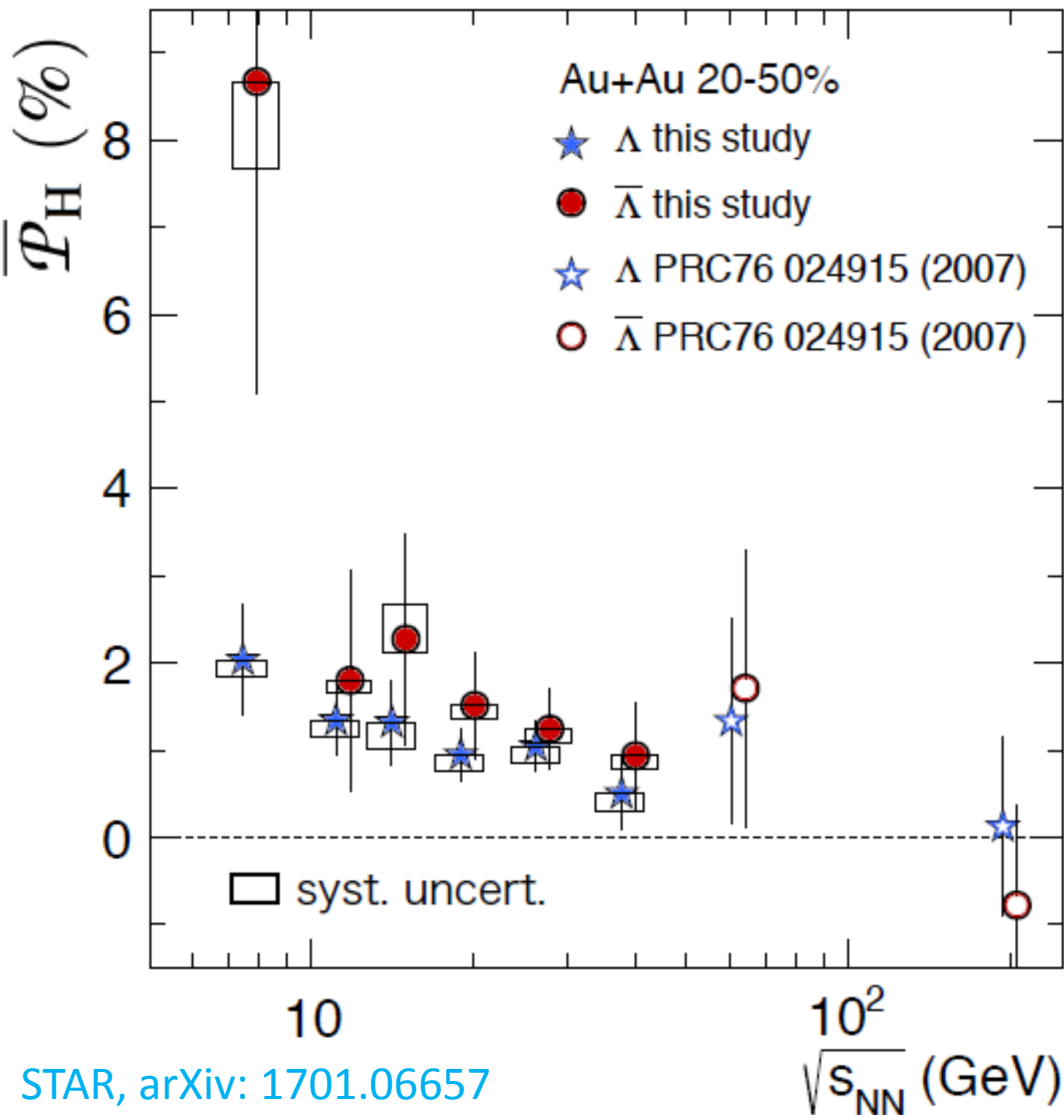


- positive signals: vorticity!
- initial L is larger at higher energies,



STAR, arXiv: 1701.06657

# $\Lambda$ global polarization



➤ positive signals: vorticity!

➤ systematically,  
 $P_H(\Lambda) < P_H(\text{anti-}\Lambda)$   
 implying a B-field effect

➤ for small polarization

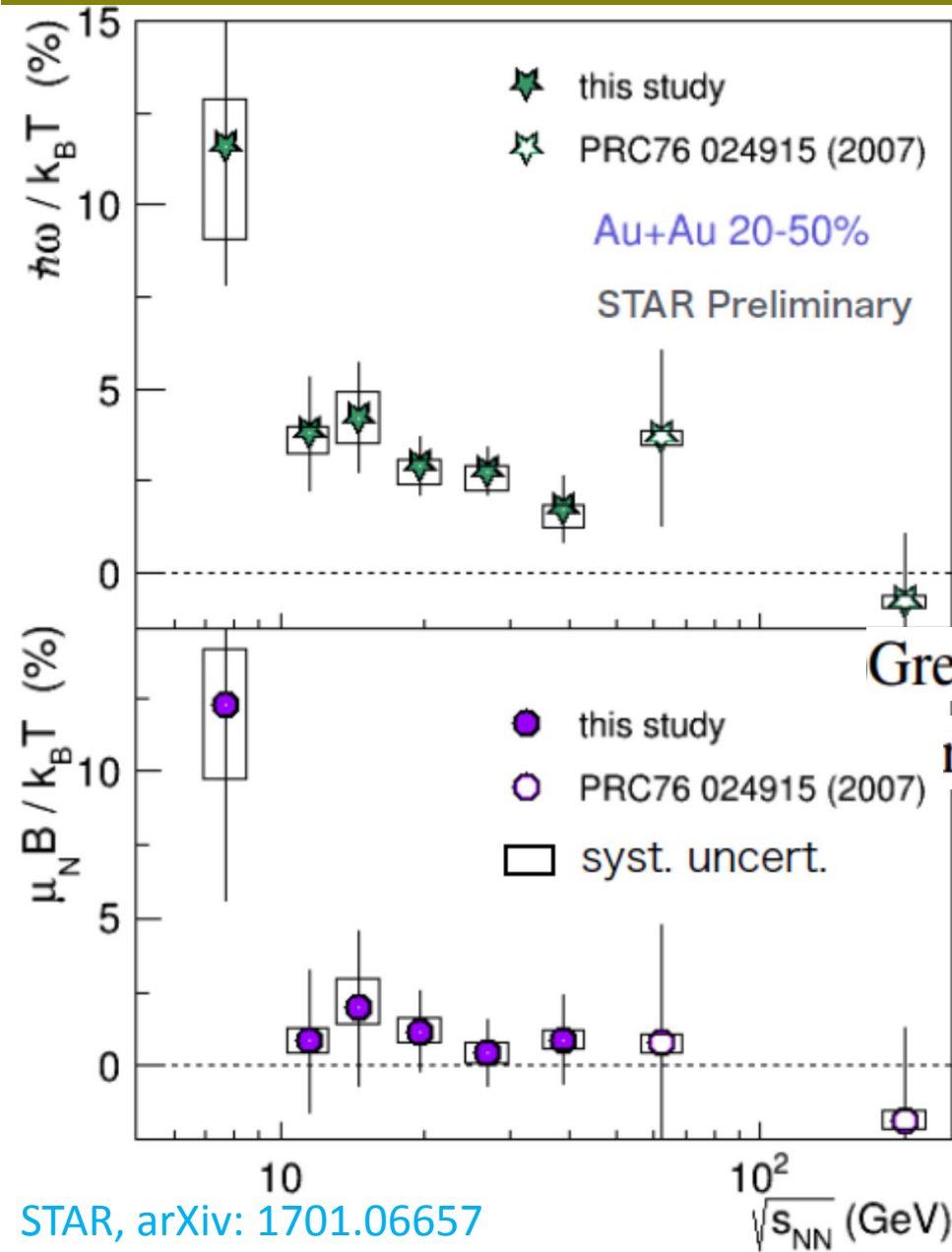
$$P_{\Lambda} \approx \frac{1}{2} \frac{\omega}{T} + \frac{\mu_{\Lambda} B}{T}$$

$$P_{\bar{\Lambda}} \approx \frac{1}{2} \frac{\omega}{T} - \frac{\mu_{\Lambda} B}{T}$$

F. Becattini et al, arXiv: 1610.02506

STAR, arXiv: 1701.06657

# $\omega$ and B



- vorticity
  - $\omega/T \sim 2-10\%$  ( $\hbar=1, k_B=1$ )
  - $\omega \approx (9 \pm 1) \times 10^{21} \text{ s}^{-1}$
 far surpasses other known fluids:

solar subsurface flow ( $10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )

supercell tornado cores ( $10^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )

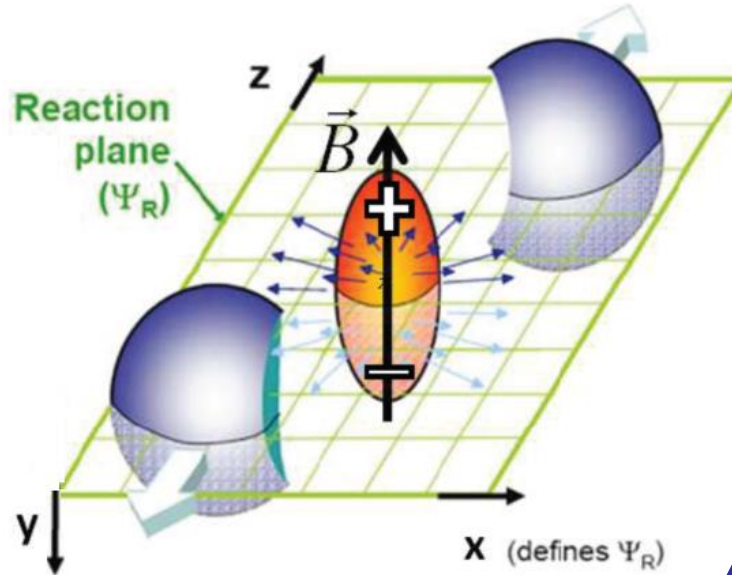
Great Red Spot of Jupiter (up to  $10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )

rotating, heated soap bubbles ( $100 \text{ s}^{-1}$ )

superfluid nanodroplets ( $10^7 \text{ s}^{-1}$ )

- B field
  - possible direct measure of B field, but consistent with zero
  - need more statistics

# CME observable: direct measurement?

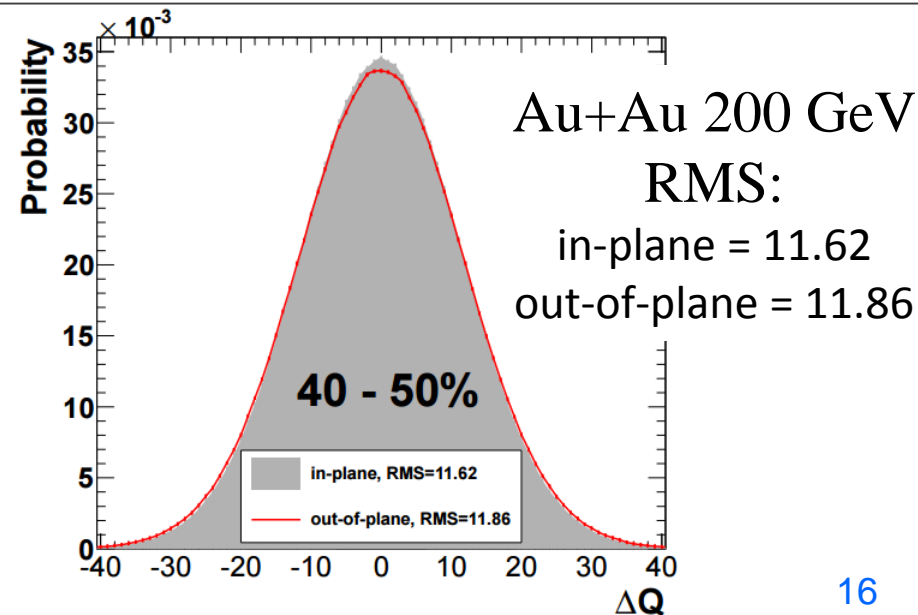
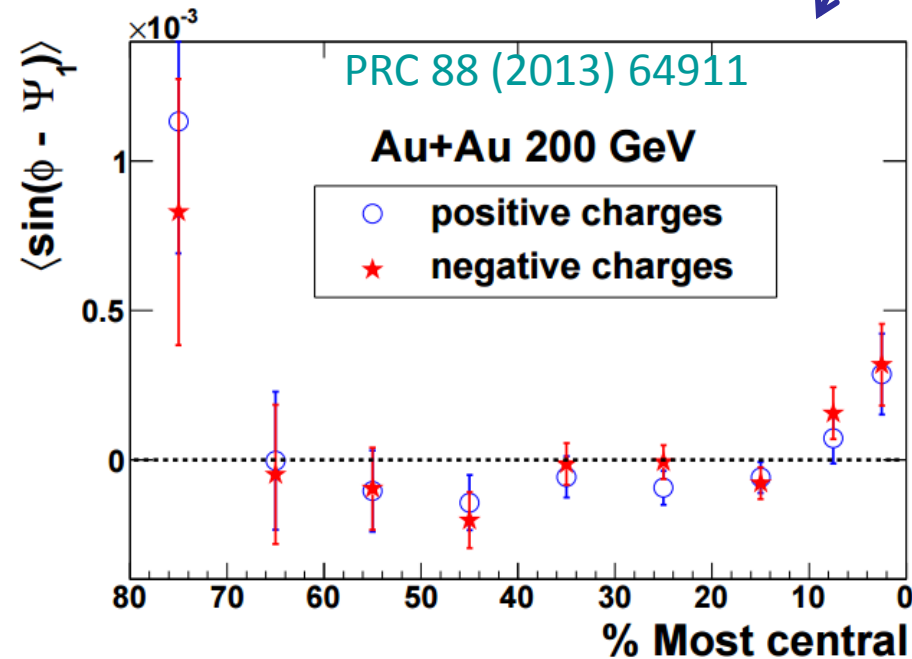


$$\frac{dN_{\pm}}{d\phi} \propto 1 + 2a_{\pm} \cdot \sin(\phi^{\pm} - \Psi_{RP})$$

A direct measurement of  $P$ -odd quantity “ $a$ ” should yield *zero*.

There should be more out-of-plane charge fluctuation than in-plane.

*Indeed, we see this effect, which is on percent level!*

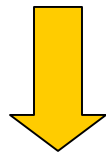




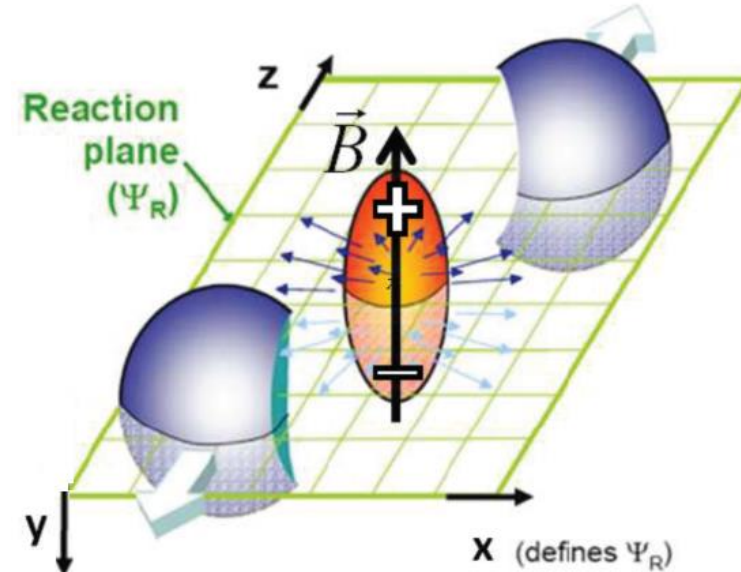
# CME observable: $\gamma$ correlator

S. Voloshin, PRC 70 (2004) 057901

A better way to quantify the extra charge fluctuation.



A few similar observables yield similar results



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

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

*background effects:  
largely cancel out*

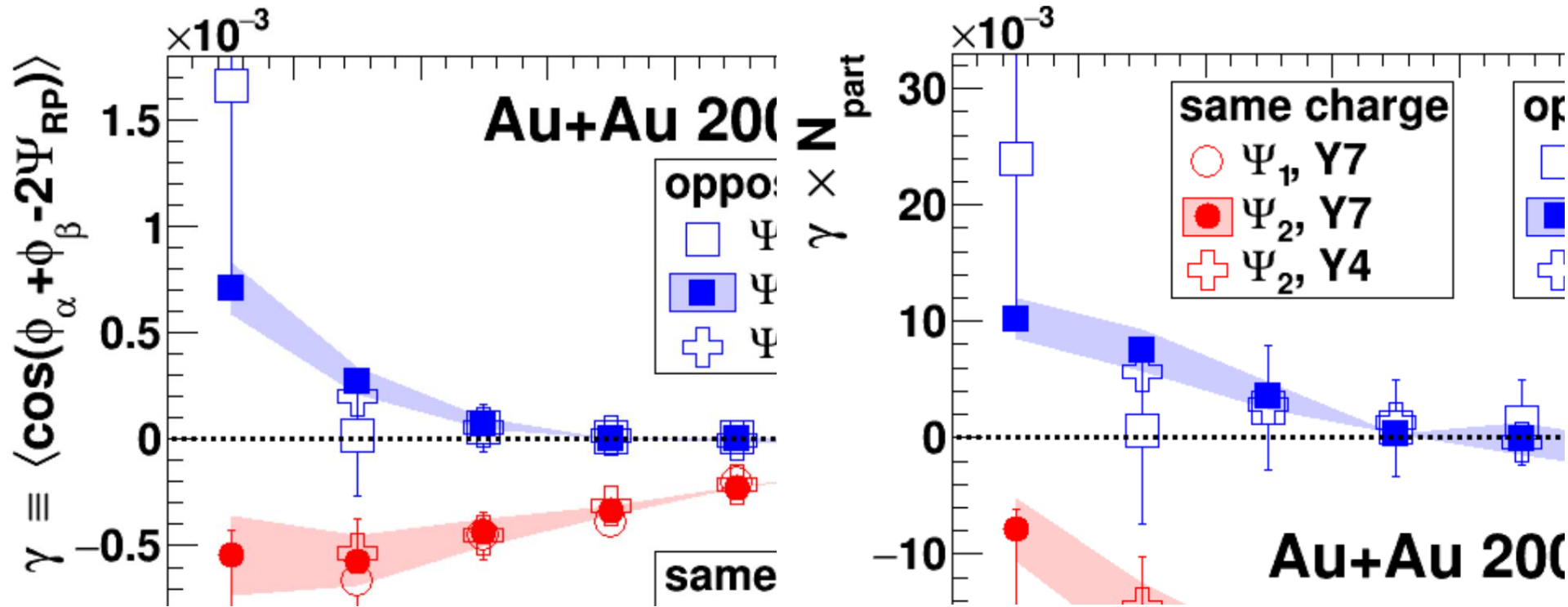
*P-even quantity:  
still sensitive to  
charge separation*

*Directed flow: expected to  
be the same for SS and OS*

$$\frac{B_{in} - B_{out}}{B_{in} + B_{out}} = v_{2,cl} \frac{\langle \cos(\phi_\alpha + \phi_\beta - 2\phi_{cl}) \rangle}{\langle \cos(\phi_\alpha - \phi_\beta) \rangle}$$

# Charge separation signal

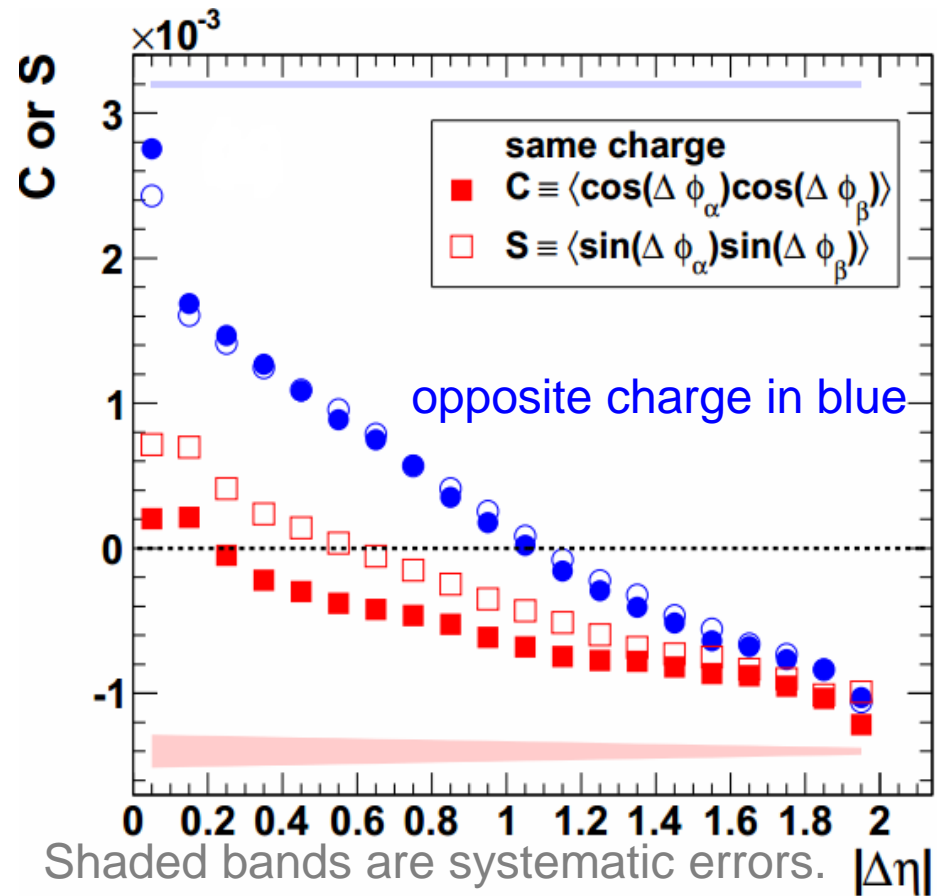
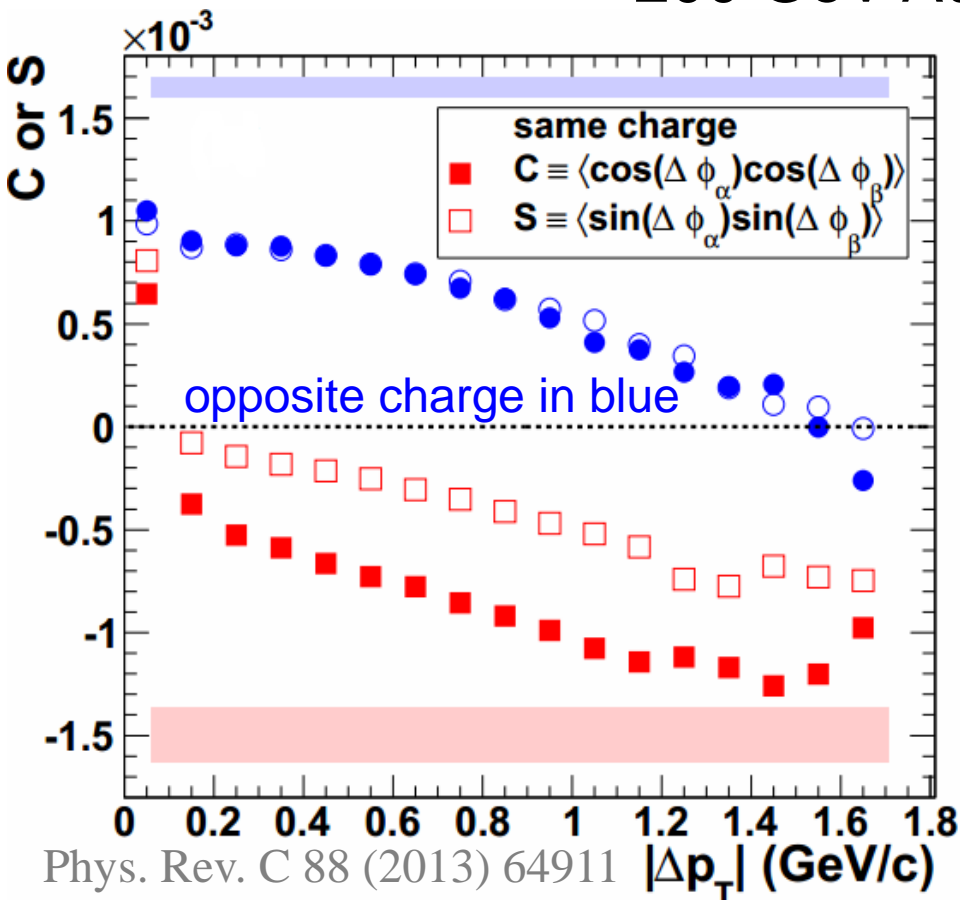
PRL 103(2009)251601;PRC 81(2010)54908;PRC 88 (2013) 64911



- $Y_{os} > Y_{ss}$ , consistent with CME expectation
- Consistent between different years (2004 and 2007)
- Confirmed with 1st-order EP (from spectator neutron  $\nu_1$ )

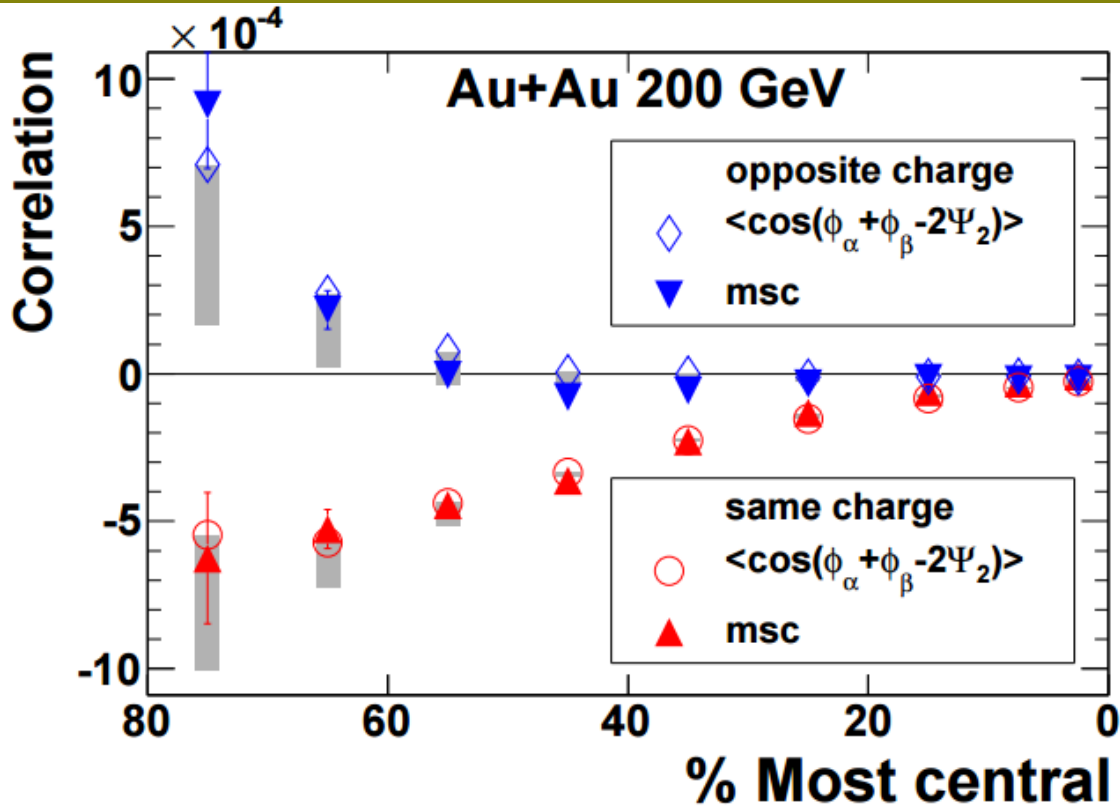
# Short range correlations

200 GeV Au+Au: 40 - 60%



- Prominent correlations exist at small  $\Delta p_T$  and  $\Delta \eta$
- Probably due to HBT+Coulomb

# 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
- $\gamma$  is reduced to modulated sign correlator (**msc**) so that all azimuthal regions are equal
- The charge separation signal is confirmed with msc

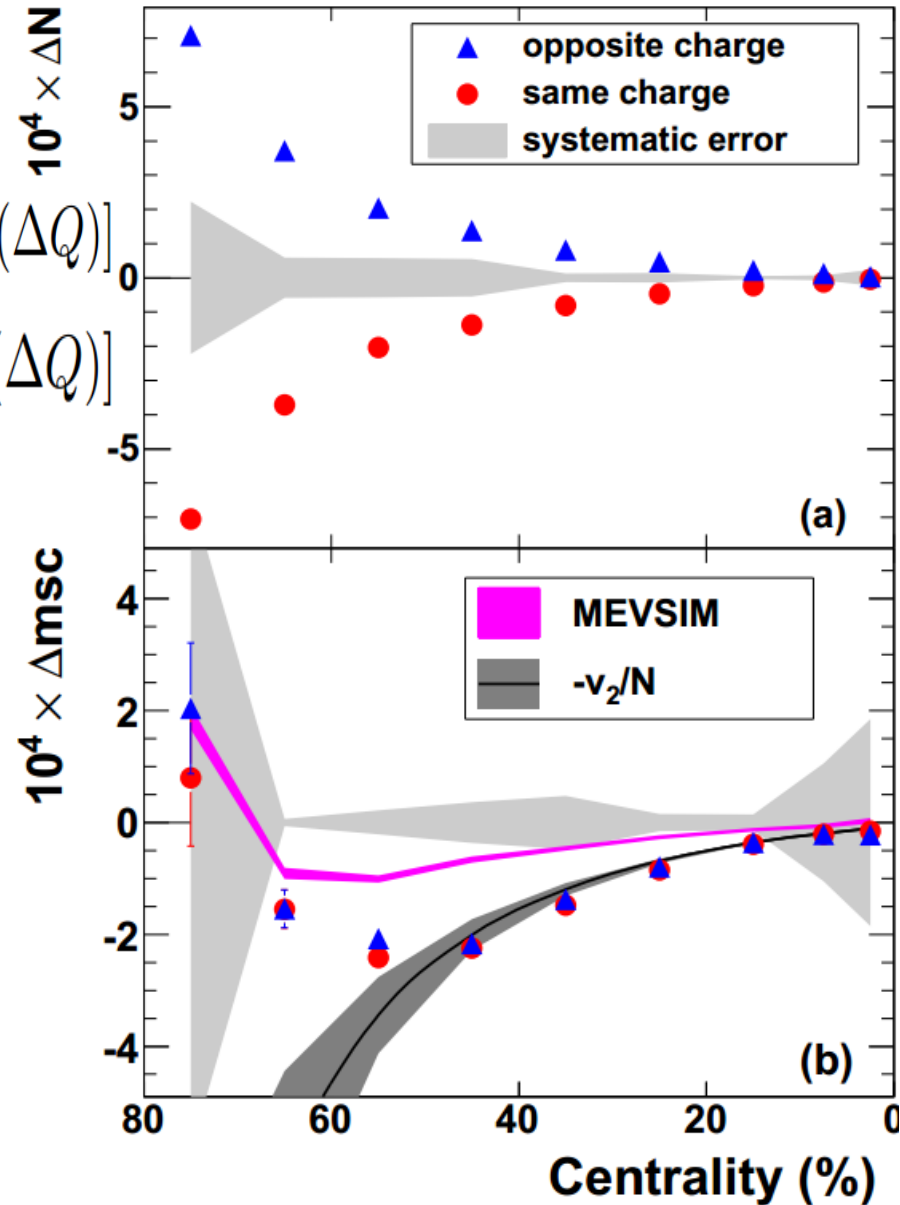
# Charge-independent background

$$m_{sc} = \Delta m_{sc} + \Delta N$$

$$\Delta m_{sc} = \frac{1}{N_E} \sum_{\Delta Q} \langle N(\Delta Q) \rangle [m_{sc_{IN}}(\Delta Q) - m_{sc_{OUT}}(\Delta Q)]$$

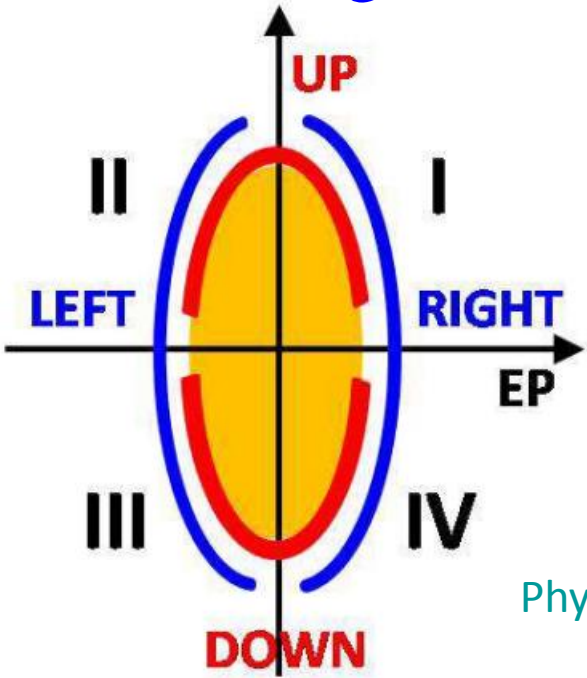
$$\Delta N = \frac{1}{N_E} \sum_{\Delta Q} \langle m_{sc}(\Delta Q) \rangle [N_{IN}(\Delta Q) - N_{OUT}(\Delta Q)]$$

- $m_{sc}$  was splitted to study bg
- $N_{IN}(\Delta Q)$  stands for the number of events with  $\Delta Q$  units of in-plane charge separation, and  $m_{sc_{IN}}(\Delta Q)$  stands for the  $\langle m_{sc} \rangle$  in those events.
- MEVSIM and  $-v_2/N$  tell us that **the CI bg is likely due to momentum conservation +  $v_2$**



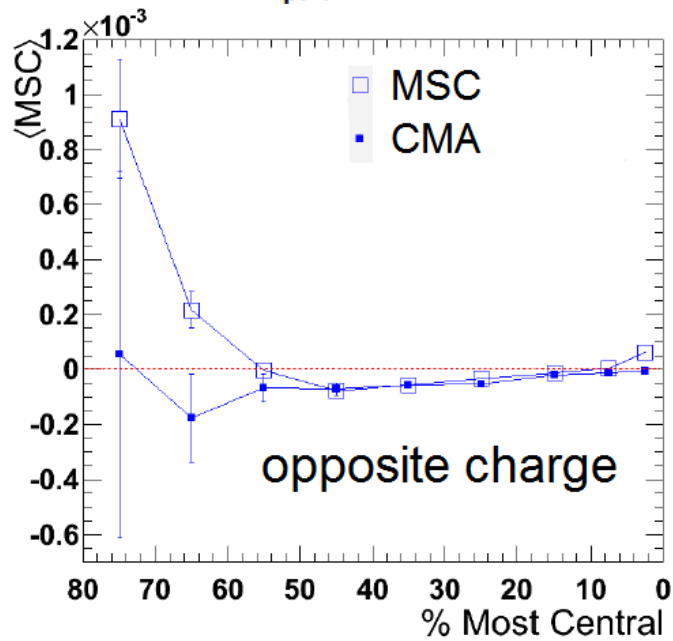
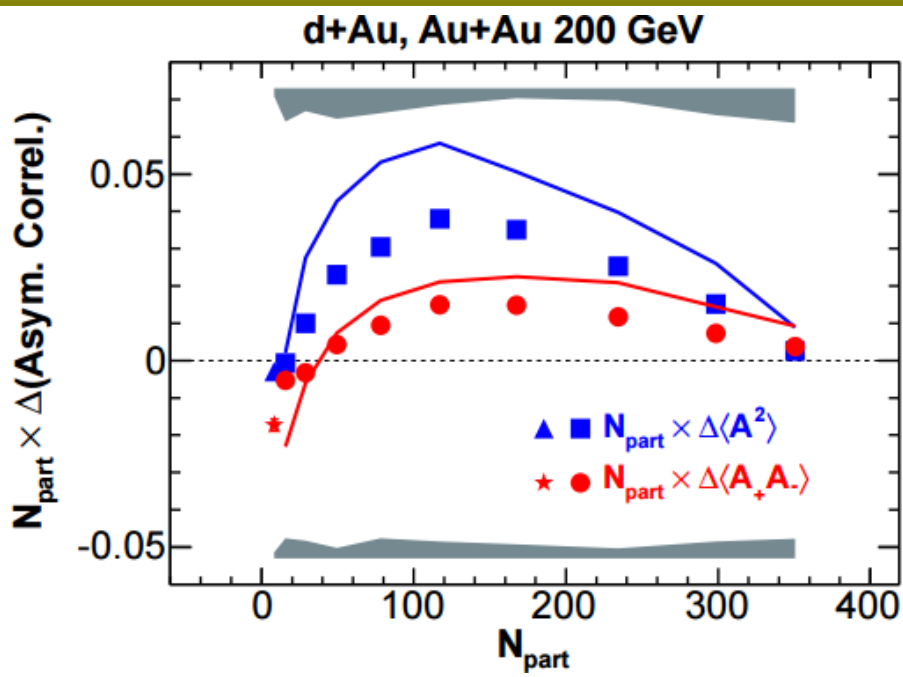
# Charge multiplicity asymmetry correlator

count the charges  
of 4 regions



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- A similarly reduced correlator, CMA, observes a similar charge separation.
- the CMA correlator (at least the opposite charge) is equivalent to MSC



# Multi-particle charge-sensitive correlator

$$R_{cs}(\Delta S) = C_p(\Delta S) / C_p^\perp(\Delta S)$$

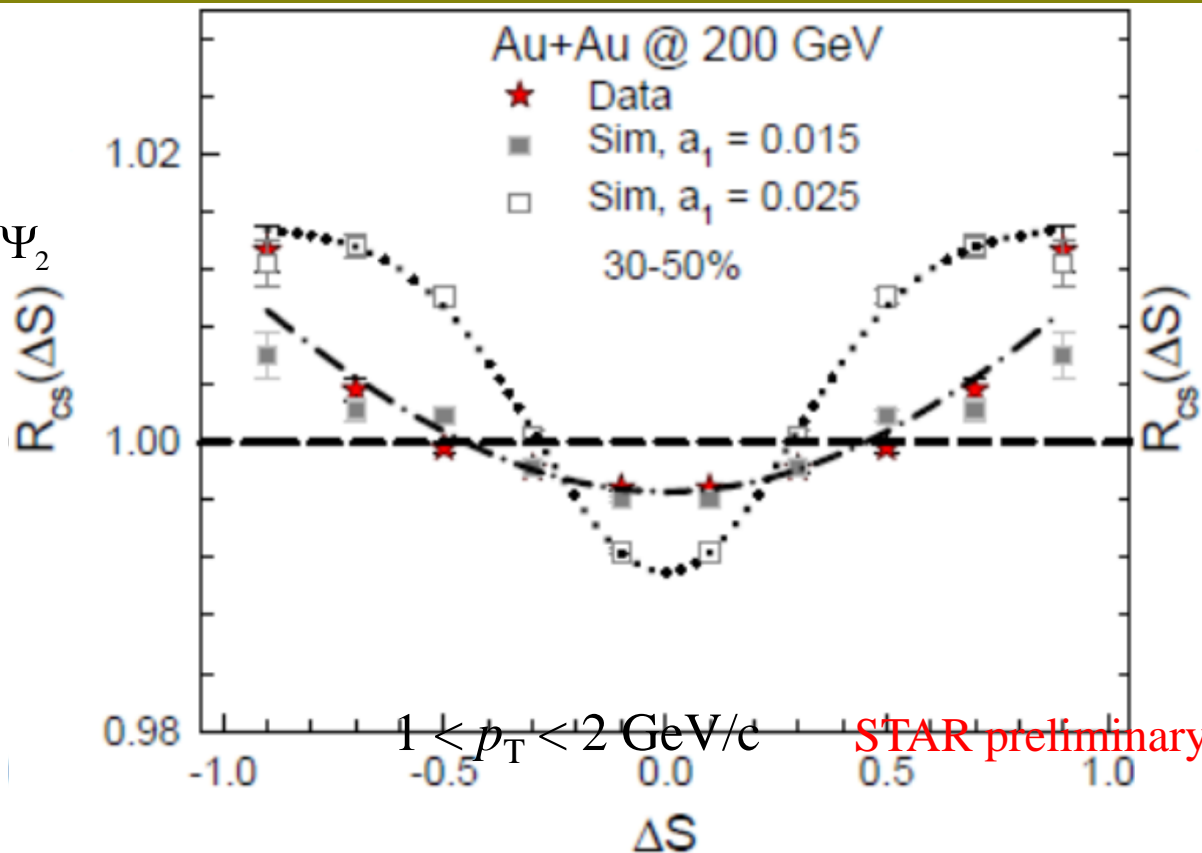
$$\langle S_p^{h^+} \rangle = \frac{\sum^p \sin(\Delta\phi^+)}{p} \quad \Delta\phi = \phi - \Psi_2$$

$$\langle S_n^{h^-} \rangle = \frac{\sum^n \sin(\Delta\phi^-)}{n}$$

$$\Delta S = \langle S_p^{h^+} \rangle - \langle S_n^{h^-} \rangle$$

$$C_p(\Delta S) = \frac{N_{\text{real}}(\Delta S)}{N_{\text{shuffled}}(\Delta S)}$$

$N_{\text{shuffled}}(\Delta S)$  from random shuffling of charges within an event.



- Multi-particle charge-sensitive correlator is used to measure charge separation ( $\Delta S$ ) relative to  $\Psi_2$  plane
- **Concave** for CME-driven charge separation;
- **flat or convex** for all non-CME related backgrounds
- **Concave** distribution observed in Au+Au

# 4 correlators

- $\gamma$  correlator
  - easy to use and to correct for EP resolution
- Modulated sign correlator (msc)
  - reduced from  $\gamma$
  - not good for mixed PID
- Charge multiplicity asymmetry correlator
  - roughly equivalent to msc
  - not good for mixed PID
  - hard to correct for EP resolution
- Multi-particle charge-sensitive correlator
  - roughly equivalent to  $\gamma$
  - not good for mixed PID
  - hard to correct for EP resolution
  - have to compare with simulation to extract signal

In the following lectures, we stick to  $\gamma$  correlator.



# Chiral Vortical Effect

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

**B**



Chirality Imbalance ( $\mu_A$ )

Magnetic Field ( $\omega\mu_e$ )



Electric Charge ( $j_e$ )

**Electric charge separation**

Chirality Imbalance ( $\mu_A$ )

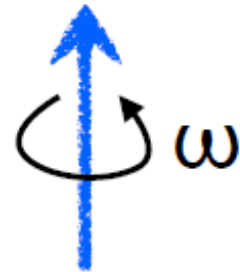
Fluid Vorticity ( $\omega\mu_B$ )



Baryon Number ( $j_B$ )

**Baryonic charge separation**

Vorticity

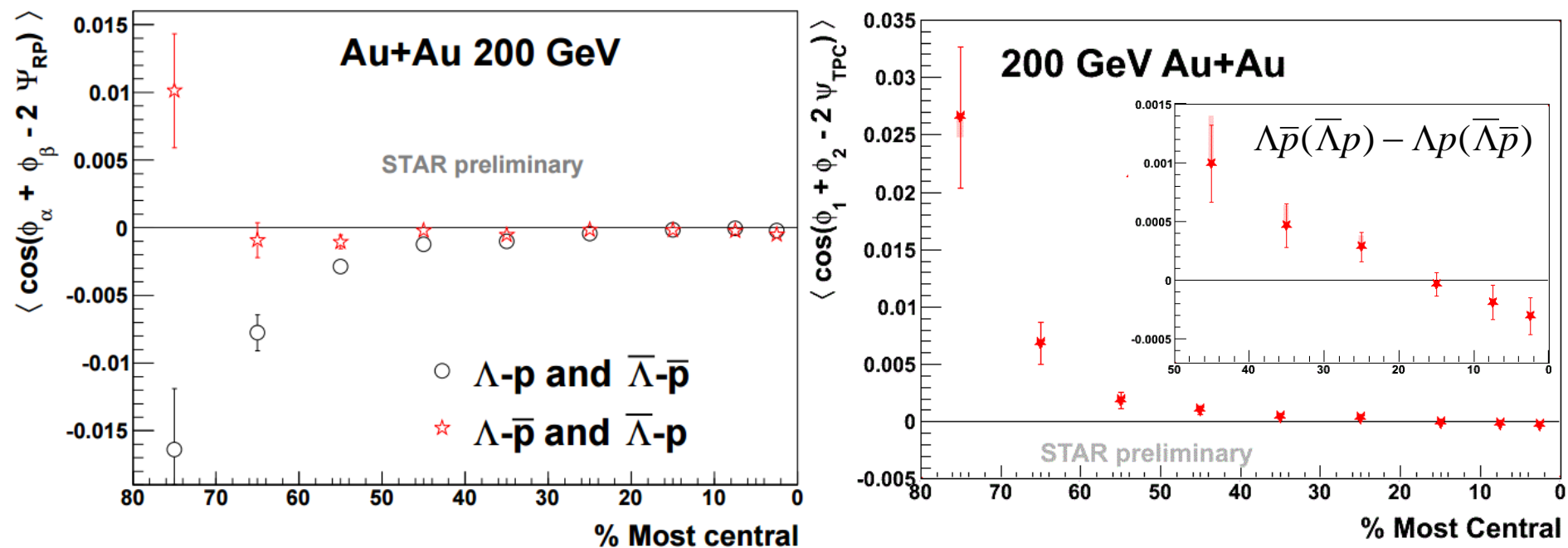


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$$\langle \cos(\phi_\Lambda + \phi_p - 2\Psi_{RP}) \rangle$$

correlate  $\Lambda$ - $p$  to search for the **CVE**.

# CVE observable



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

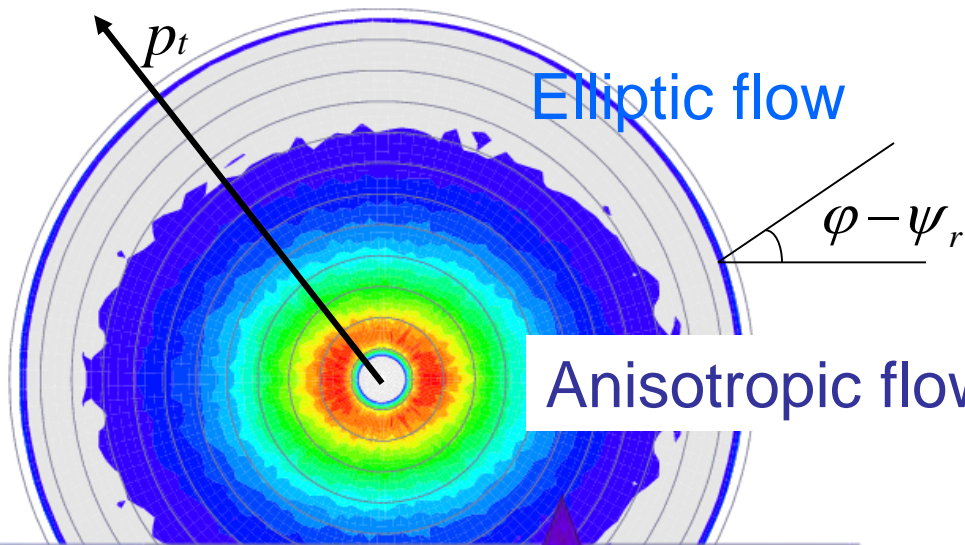
# Summary



a long and winding road,  
and still miles to go ...

but highlights here  
and there ...

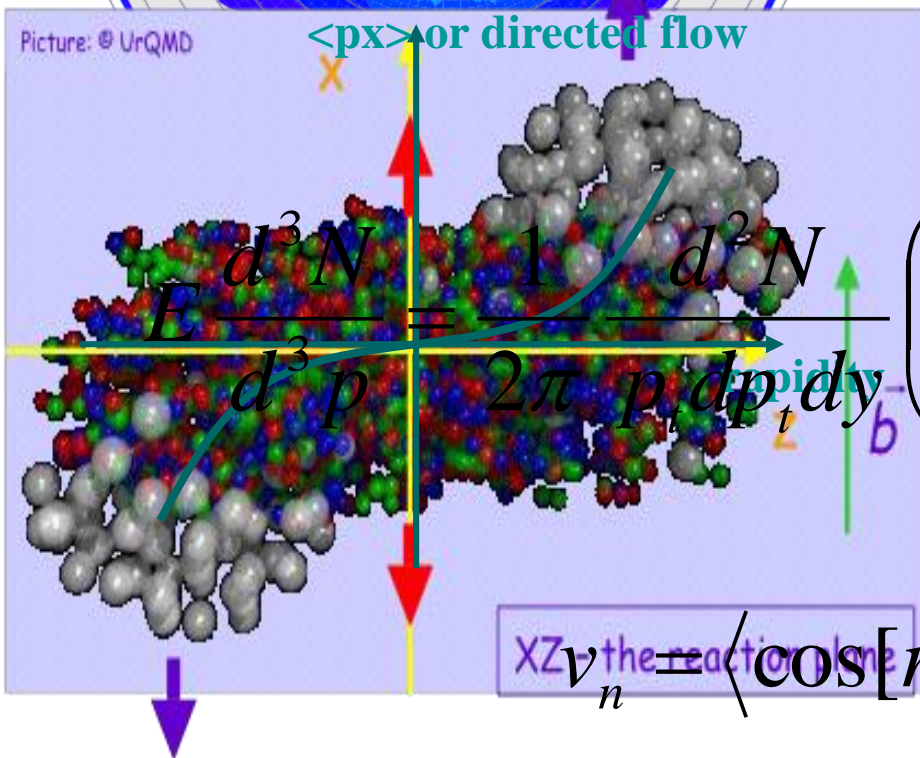
# Back-up slides



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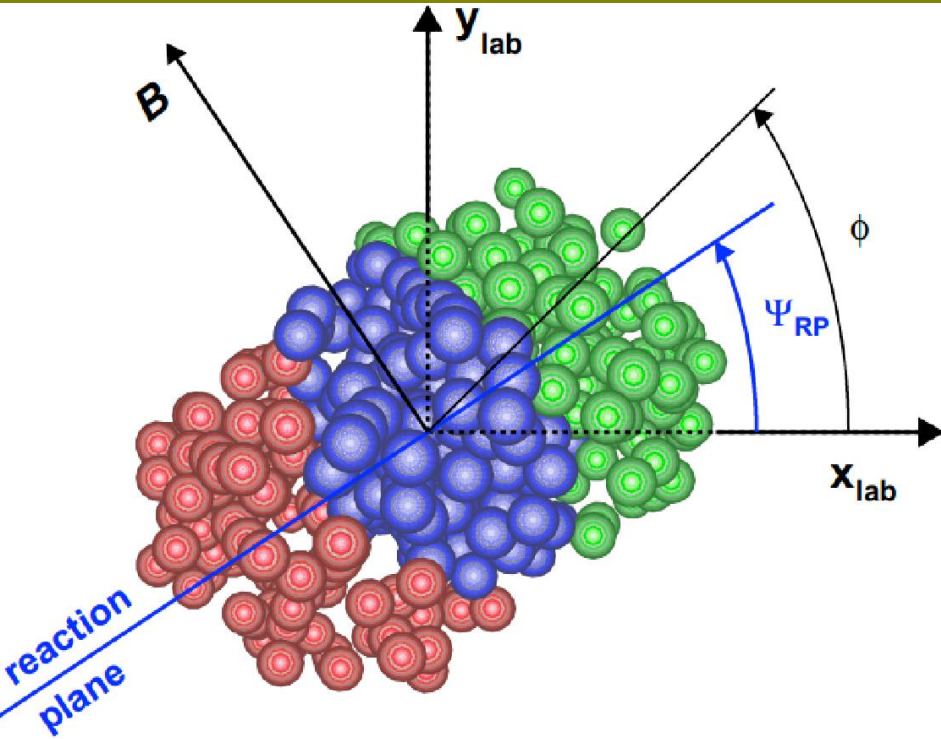
Anisotropic flow

Higher harmonics



$$\left( 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2v_n \cos[n(\varphi - \psi_r)] \right)$$

# Event plane



The estimated reaction plane is called the event plane.

$$Q_n \cos(n\Psi_n) = Q_x = \sum_i w_i \cos(n\phi_i)$$

$$Q_n \sin(n\Psi_n) = Q_y = \sum_i w_i \sin(n\phi_i)$$

$$\Psi_n = \left( \tan^{-1} \frac{Q_y}{Q_x} \right) / n$$

