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Vector resonances spin alignement as a probe of spin hydrodynamics

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We argue that a detailed analysis of the spin aligement of vector mesons can serve as a probe of some aspects of spin dynamics in the vortical fluid for which there have been quite a few theoretical developments but relatively little phenomenology:

The degree of relaxation between vorticity and parton spin polarization, and the degree of coherence of the hadron wavefunction at freeze-out.

We show, using a coalescence model, that local spin density and vorticity impact the hadron wavefunction in different ways, and this is much more straight-forward to disentangle for a vector meson than for a spin 1/2 baryon.

We comment on the relevance of this issue for the current lack of consistency between experimental data on Lambda polarization and K*,phi spin alignment.

Based on https://arxiv.org/abs/2104.12941 and ongoing work.

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