

# Spin polarization in AA and pA collisions



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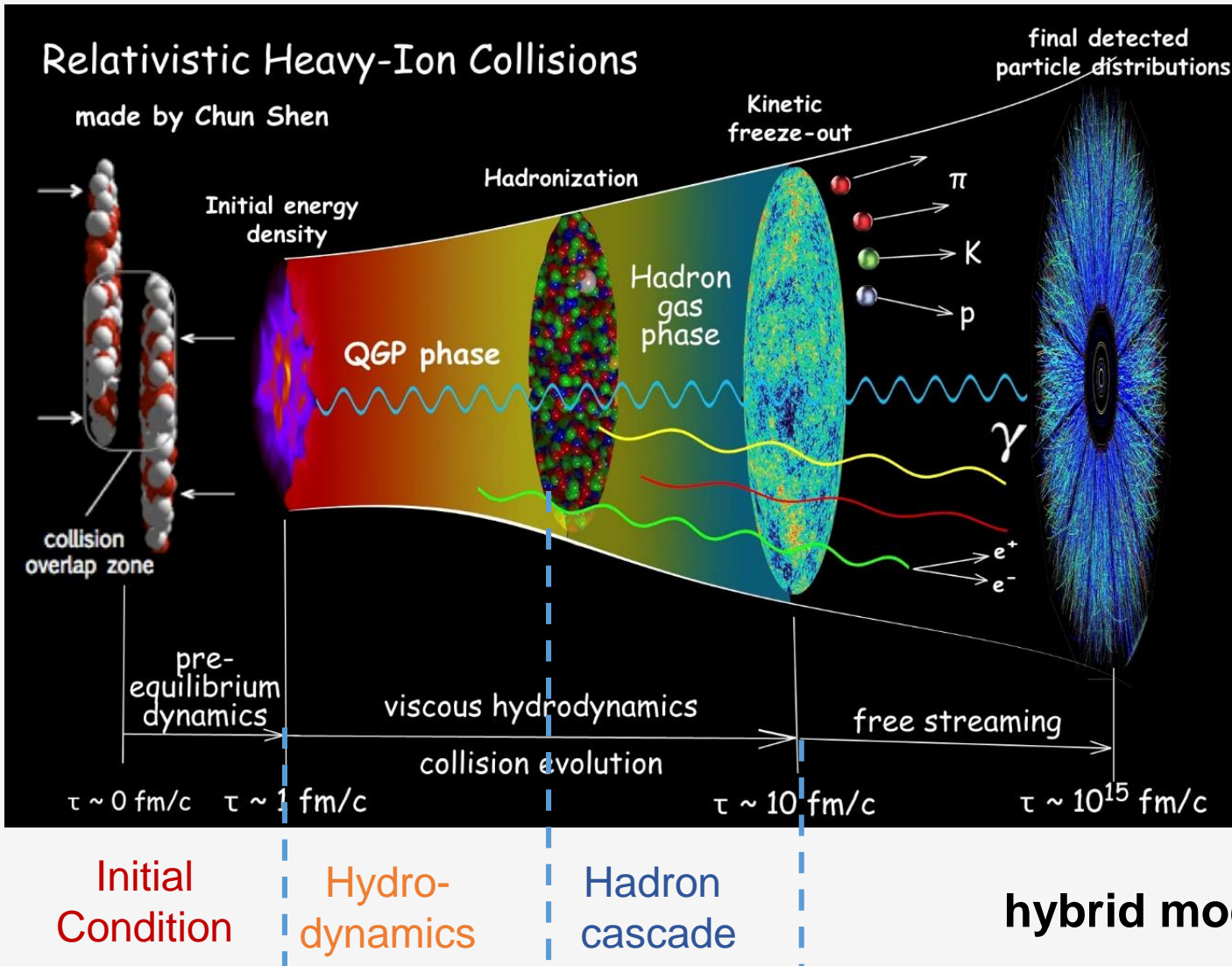
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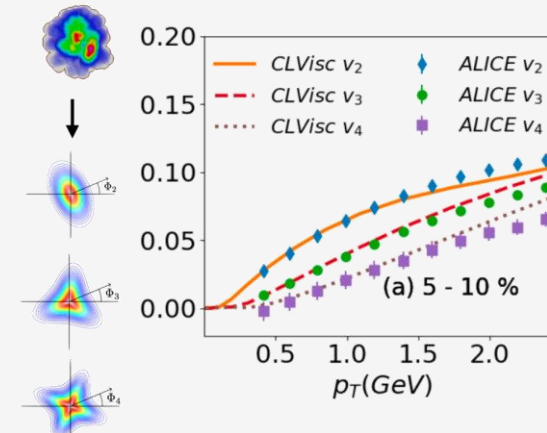
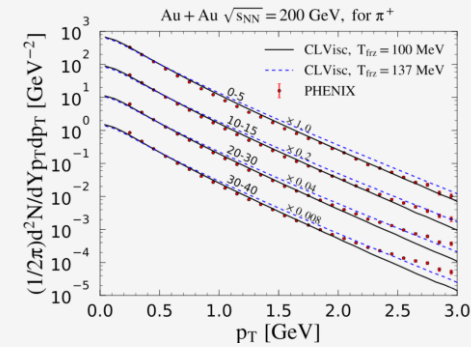
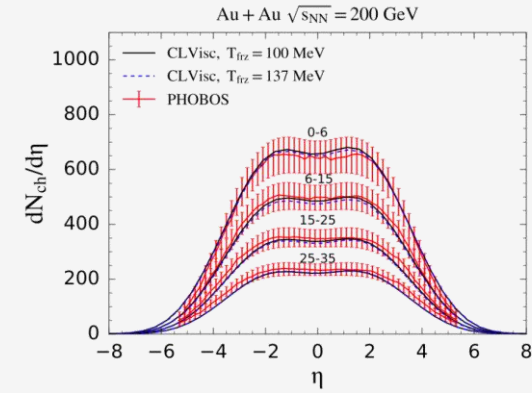
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# Relativistic heavy ion collision



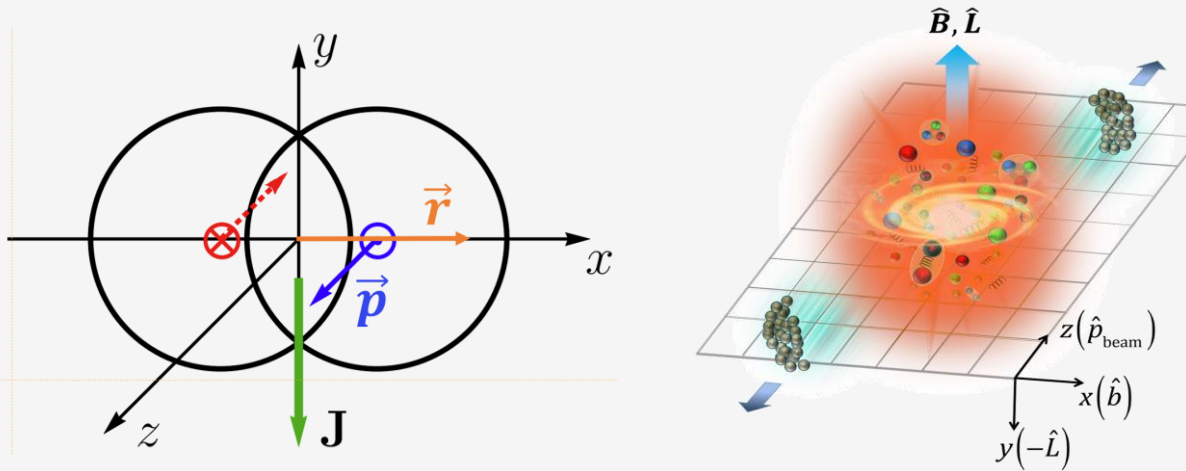
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Observable  
Vs. Simulation

# Orbital Angular Momentum (OAM)

## ➤ Non-central heavy ion collision



$b=7\text{fm}$

$$|J_y| = |\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p}|$$

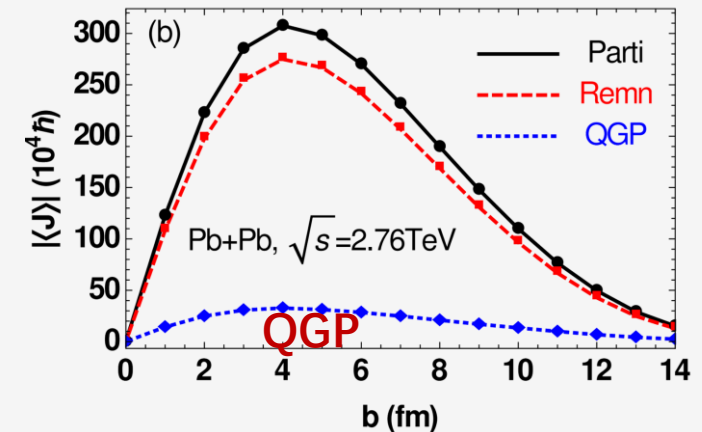
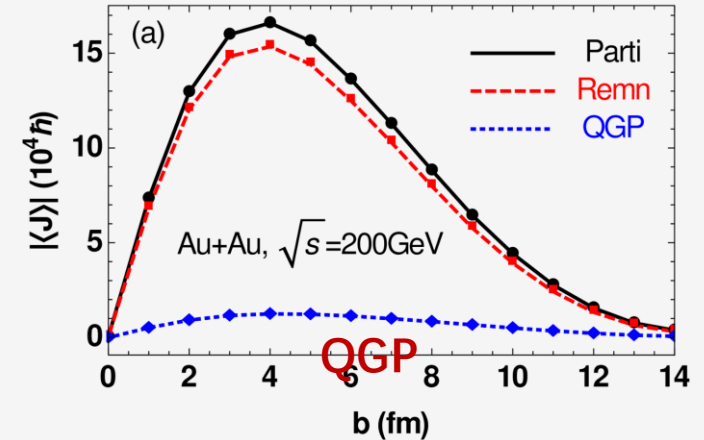
$$\approx \frac{b}{2} A \sqrt{s_{NN}}$$

➤ **RHIC: Au+Au@200GeV:**

$$J_y \sim 7 \times 10^5 \hbar$$

➤ **LHC: Pb+Pb@2760GeV:**

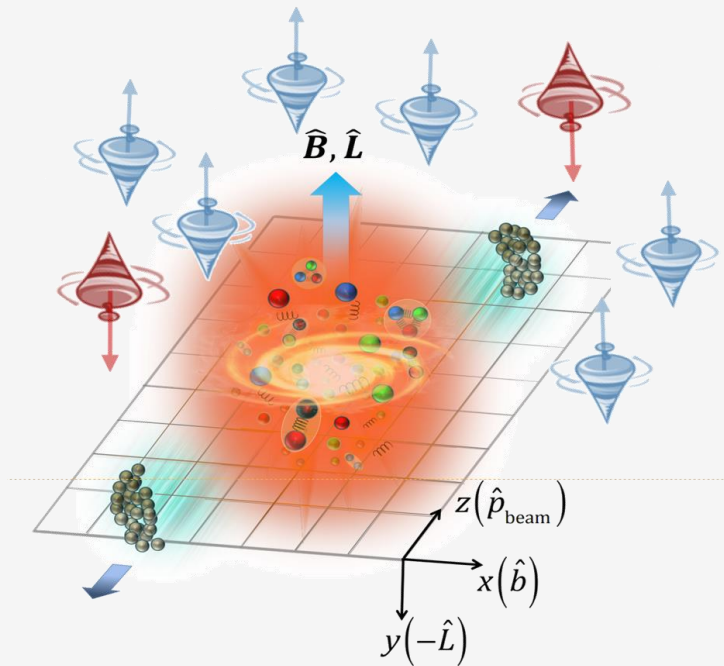
$$J_y \sim 10^7 \hbar$$



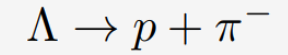
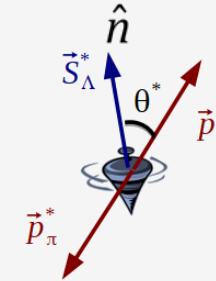
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# Spin-Orbital Coupling

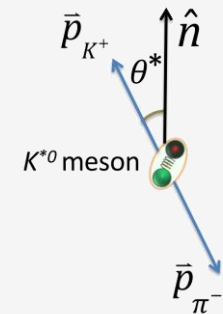
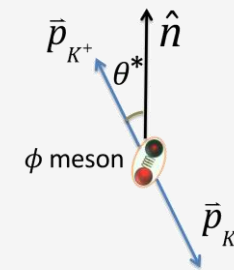
## ➤ Spin-Orbital Coupling



Hyperons  
Spin Polarization  $S = \frac{1}{2}$



Vector meson  
Spin Alignment:  $S=1$



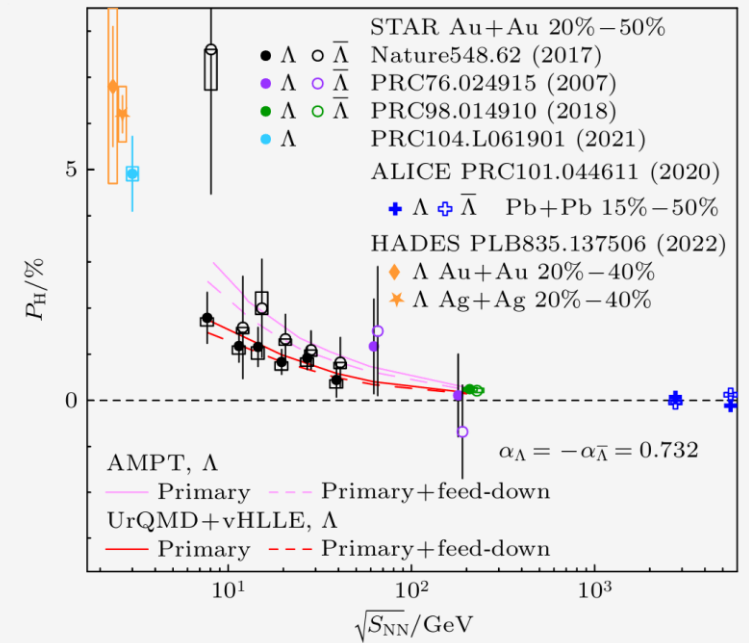
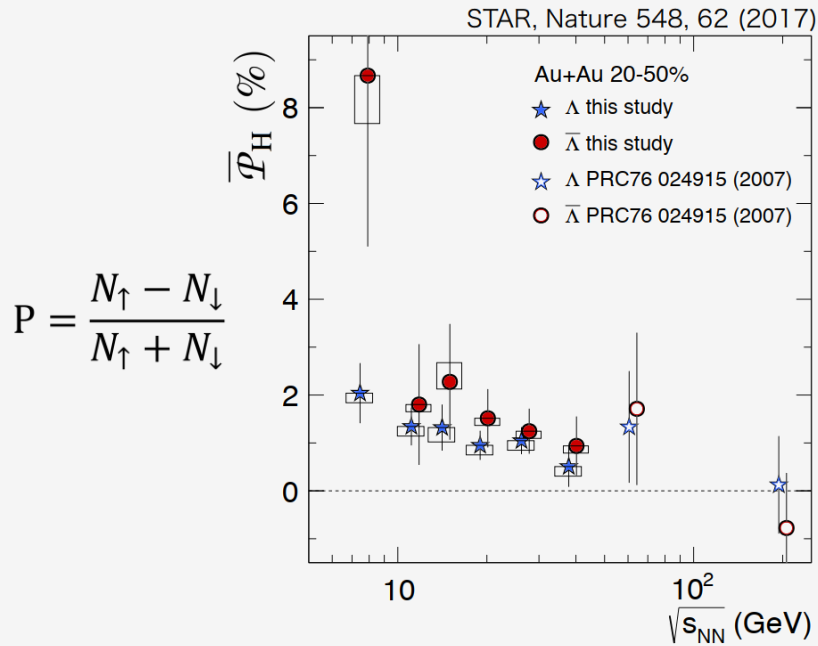
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# Global Polarization

## ➤ Global Spin Polarization of $\Lambda$ Hyperons

STAR, Nature 548, 62 (2017).

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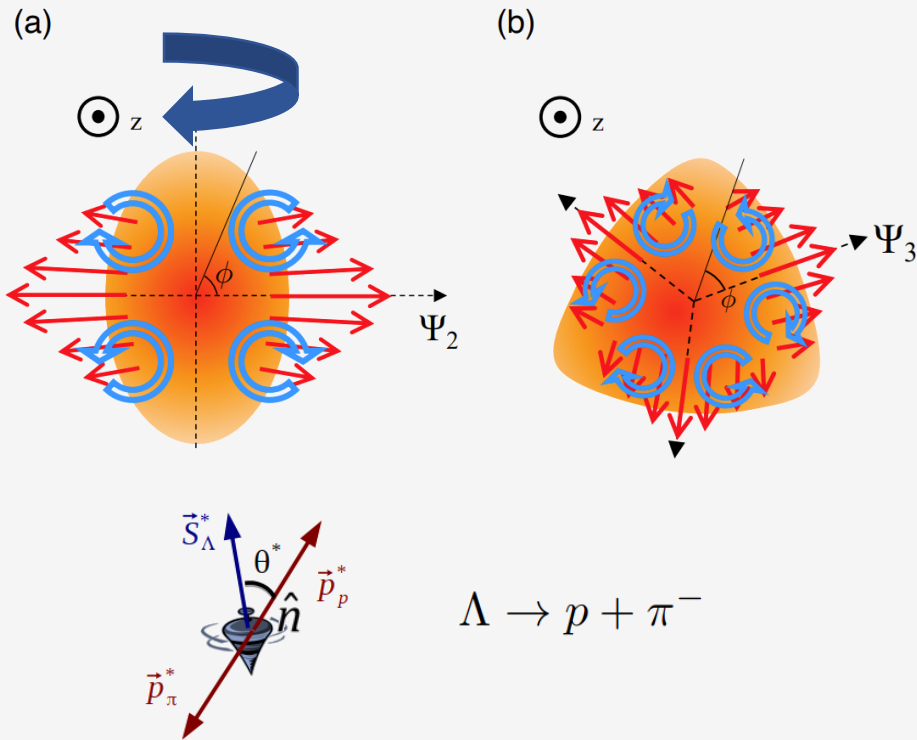


$$\omega = k_B T (\bar{P}_{\Lambda'} + \bar{P}_{\bar{\Lambda}'}) / \hbar \sim 10^{22} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

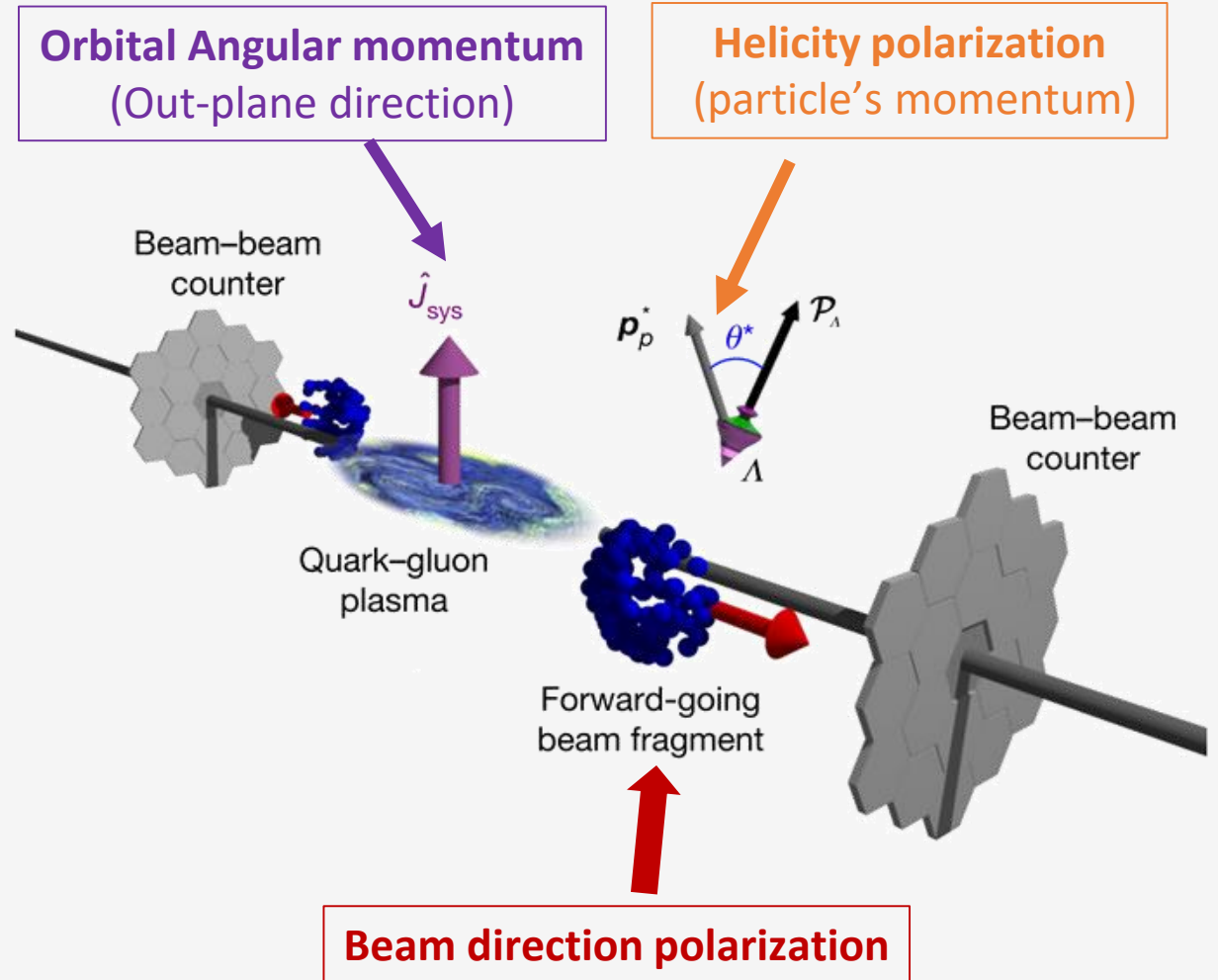
**Most vortical fluid !**

# Local Polarization

## ➤ Local Vortical Structure



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# Axial Current and Spin Density

## ➤ Nöther's theorem:

Angular momentum density for the spin-half particles

$$\Psi_r(x) \rightarrow \Psi_r(x) - \frac{1}{2}\omega_{\mu\nu}(\Sigma^{\mu\nu})^r_s \Psi_r(x)$$
$$M^{\mu\nu\rho} = -i\frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_\mu\Psi)}\Sigma^{\nu\rho}\Psi + x^\nu T^{\mu\rho} - x^\mu T^{\nu\rho}$$

## ➤ Canonical decomposition:

$$M^{\mu\nu\rho} = L^{\mu\nu\rho} + S^{\mu\nu\rho}$$

Orbital density:  $L^{\mu\nu\rho} = x^\nu T^{\mu\rho} - x^\mu T^{\nu\rho}$

Spin density:  $S^{\mu\nu\rho} = -i\frac{\partial\mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_\mu\Psi)}\frac{1}{2}\sigma^{\nu\rho}\Psi = \frac{i}{8}\bar{\Psi}\{\gamma^\mu, [\gamma^\nu, \gamma^\rho]\}\Psi$

$$= -\frac{1}{2}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}J_{5,\sigma}, \quad \text{Axial Current: } J_5^\mu = \bar{\Psi}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5\Psi$$

# Spin Cooper-Frye Formula

## ➤ Pauli–Lubanski pseudo-vector

Becattini, Chandra, Zanna, and Grossi, *Annals Phys.* (2013).  
Fang, Pang, Wang, and Wang, *PRC* 94, 024904 (2016)

$$W^\mu = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\nu M_{\alpha\beta} \xrightarrow[p_\nu=(m,0,0,0)]{\text{rest frame}} -m S^\mu$$

Just consider the spin part of the angular momentum:

$$\begin{aligned} S^\mu &= \frac{-W^\mu}{m} = \frac{1}{2m} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\nu \int d\Sigma^\lambda S_{\lambda\alpha\beta} \\ &= \frac{1}{2m} \int d\Sigma^\lambda p_\lambda J_5^\mu \end{aligned}$$

## ➤ Normalized Spin Polarization Vector

$$S^\mu = \frac{1}{2m} \frac{\int d\Sigma_\lambda p^\lambda J_5^\mu}{\int d\Sigma_\lambda p^\lambda f_{eq}}$$

**Axial Current is proportional to the spin polarization density .**

# Quantum Kinetic Theory

## ➤ Classic Kinetic Theory

**Distribution function**  
 $f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f + m F^\mu \partial_{p_\mu} (f) = C(f)$$


**Boltzmann Equation**

## ➤ Quantum Kinetic Theory

**Wigner function**  
 $\mathcal{W}(x, p)$

$$\left[ \gamma \cdot \left( p + i \frac{\hbar}{2} \partial \right) - m \right] W_{\alpha\beta} = \hbar C_{\alpha\beta}$$

**Wigner Equation**

Quantum version  




## ➤ Wigner function for fermions:

Gauge link  $U(x_+, x_-) \equiv e^{-iQ \int_{x_-}^{x_+} dz^\mu A_\mu(z)}$ ,

$$\hat{W}_{\alpha\beta} = \int \frac{d^4 y}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-ip \cdot y} \bar{\psi}_\beta(x_+) U(x_+, x_-) \psi_\alpha(x_-), \quad W(x, p) = \langle : \hat{W}(x, p) : \rangle$$

Vasak, Gyulassy, Elze, Ann. Phys. (N.Y.) 173, 462 (1987); Zhuang, Heinz, PRD, 57,6525 (1998); Elze, Heinz, Phys.Rep.183,81(1989).

# Wigner equation and axial currents

## ➤ Wigner equations without interactions

$$\gamma_\mu \left( p^\mu + \frac{i}{2} \nabla^\mu - m \right) W(x, p) = 0, \quad \nabla^\mu \equiv \partial_x^\mu - Q F_\nu^\mu \partial_p^\nu$$

## ➤ Clifford algebra

$$\left\{ 1_{4 \times 4}, i\gamma^5, \gamma^\mu, \gamma^5 \gamma^\mu, \frac{1}{2} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \right\}$$

$$W = \frac{1}{4} \left[ \mathcal{F} + i\gamma^5 \mathcal{P} + \gamma^\mu \mathcal{V}_\mu + \gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \mathcal{A}_\mu + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{S}_{\mu\nu} \right], \quad \mathcal{A}^\mu = \text{Tr} [\gamma^\mu \gamma^5 W]$$

**Charge Current:**  $\mathcal{V}^\mu = \int \frac{d^4 y}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-ip \cdot y} \langle: \bar{\psi}_\beta \left( x + \frac{1}{2} y \right) \gamma^\mu U \left( x + \frac{1}{2} y, x - \frac{1}{2} y \right) \psi_\alpha \left( x - \frac{1}{2} y \right) : \rangle$

**Axial Current:**  $\mathcal{A}_\mu = \int \frac{d^4 y}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-ip \cdot y} \langle: \bar{\psi}_\beta \left( x + \frac{1}{2} y \right) \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 U \left( x + \frac{1}{2} y, x - \frac{1}{2} y \right) \psi_\alpha \left( x - \frac{1}{2} y \right) : \rangle$

# Axial current at global equilibrium

➤ **Wigner equation for the chiral fermions** Hidaka, Pu, Wang, Yang, PPNP, 127,103989 (2022).

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$$\nabla \cdot \mathcal{J}^s = 0$$

$$p \cdot \mathcal{J}^s = 0$$

$$2s (p^\mu \mathcal{J}_s^\nu - p^\nu \mathcal{J}_s^\mu) = -\hbar \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \nabla_\rho \mathcal{J}_\sigma^s$$

We consider the  $\hbar$  (gradient) expansion,

$$\mathcal{J}_\mu^s(x, p) = \frac{1}{2} [\mathcal{V}_\mu(x, p) + s \mathcal{A}_\mu(x, p)]$$

$$\mathcal{J}_\mu^s(x, p) = \mathcal{J}_{\mu,(0)}^s(x, p) + \mathcal{J}_{\mu,(1)}^s(x, p) + \dots,$$

➤ **Solutions up to  $\hbar$  at global equilibrium**

**Global equilibrium conditions**

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \partial_\nu \beta_\sigma + \partial_\sigma \beta_\nu &= 0 \\ \partial_\nu \frac{\mu}{T} - e F_{\nu\gamma} \beta^\gamma &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \beta_\mu = \frac{u_\mu}{T}$$

$$\mathcal{J}_s^\mu = p^\mu f_{(0)} \delta(p^2) - \frac{s}{2} \hbar \tilde{\omega}^{\mu\lambda} p_\lambda f'_{(0)} \delta(p^2) + s \hbar \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} p_\nu f_{(0)} \delta'(p^2) + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2)$$

$$\mathcal{J}_5^\mu = \mathcal{J}_+^\mu - \mathcal{J}_-^\mu = \hbar \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \Omega_{\alpha\beta} p_\nu f_{(0)} (1 - f_{(0)}) \delta(p^2)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Omega_{\mu\nu} &= \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \beta_\nu - \partial_\nu \beta_\mu) \\ \text{Thermal vorticity} & \end{aligned} \right\}$$

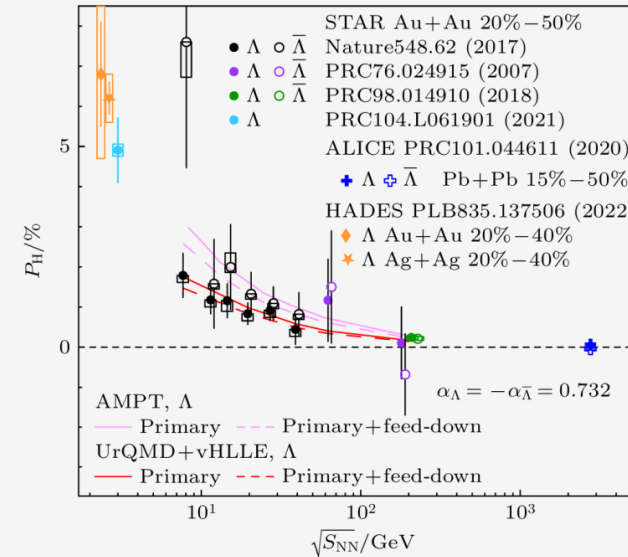
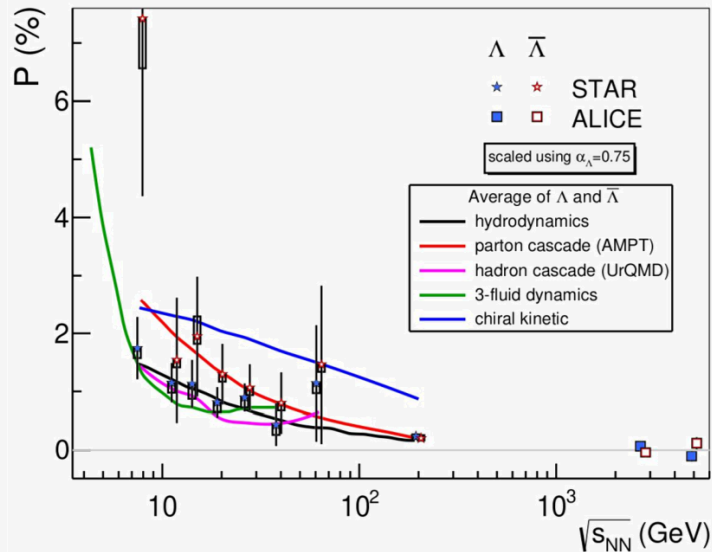
# Spin Polarization at Global Equilibrium

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Becattini, Chandra, Zanna, and Grossi, *Annals Phys.* (2013).  
 Fang, Pang, Wang, and Wang, *PRC* 94, 024904 (2016)

$$S^\mu(x, p) = -\frac{1}{8m} (1 - n_F) \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} p_\nu \varpi_{\rho\sigma}(x)$$

$$\varpi_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\nu \beta_\mu - \partial_\mu \beta_\nu)$$

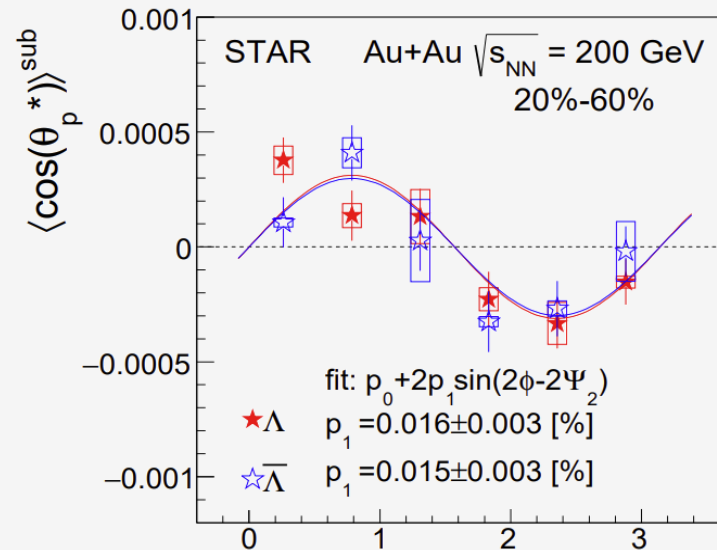


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**The theoretical calculations on the global equilibrium agree with the experimental data quantitatively.**

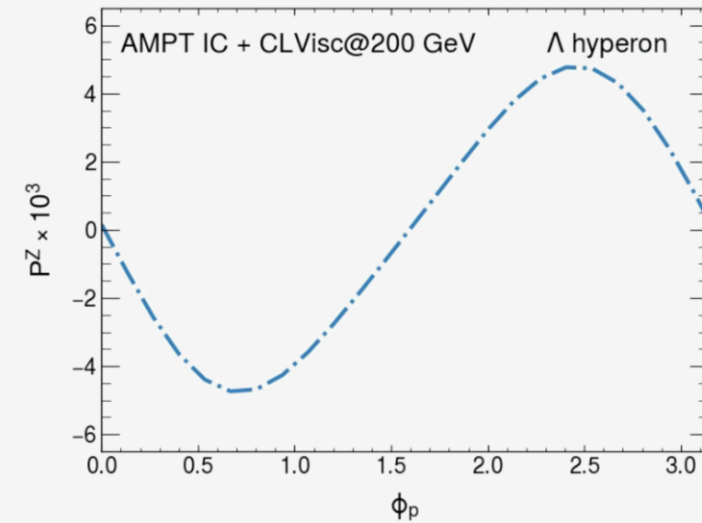
# “Sign” Problem

## ➤ Experimental measurement



## ➤ Local spin polarization induced by thermal vorticity

Opposite Sign



Out of global equilibrium effects ?

STAR, J. Adam et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 123, 132301

Becattini and Karpenko, PRL 120, 012302  
 Xia, Li, Tang, and Wang, PRC 98, 024905

# Axial Current at Local Equilibrium

At local equilibrium, the left and right handed currents read

$$\mathcal{J}_\lambda^\mu(p, X) = 2\pi \text{sign}(u \cdot p) \left\{ \delta(p^2) p^\mu + \lambda \frac{\hbar}{2} \delta(p^2) [u^\mu (p \cdot \omega) - \omega^\mu (u \cdot p) - 2S_{(u)}^{\mu\nu} \tilde{E}_\nu] \partial_{u \cdot p} + \lambda \frac{\hbar}{4} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} F_{\alpha\beta} \partial_\nu^p \delta(p^2) \right\} f_\lambda^{(0)},$$

$$S_{(u)}^{\mu\nu} = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\alpha u_\beta / (2u \cdot p),$$

$$\tilde{E}_\nu = E_\nu + T \partial_\nu \frac{\mu_\lambda}{T} + \frac{(u \cdot p)}{T} \partial_\nu T - p^\sigma [\partial_{<\sigma} u_\nu > + \frac{1}{3} \Delta_{\sigma\nu} (\partial \cdot u) + u_\nu D u_\sigma].$$

$$f_\lambda^{(0)} = 1 / (e^{(u \cdot p - \mu_\lambda)/T} + 1),$$

$$\lambda = \pm \quad \text{+ : right - : left}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\nu \beta_\sigma + \partial_\sigma \beta_\nu &= 0 \\ \partial_\nu \frac{\mu}{T} - e F_{\nu\gamma} \beta^\gamma &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Recalling the original equations

$$\mathcal{S}^\mu = \frac{1}{2m} \frac{\int d\Sigma_\lambda p^\lambda J_5^\mu}{\int d\Sigma_\lambda p^\lambda f_{eq}}$$

Hidaka, Pu, and Yang, PRD, 97, 016004 (2018)



# Polarization induced by different sources

## ➤ Spin polarization at local equilibrium

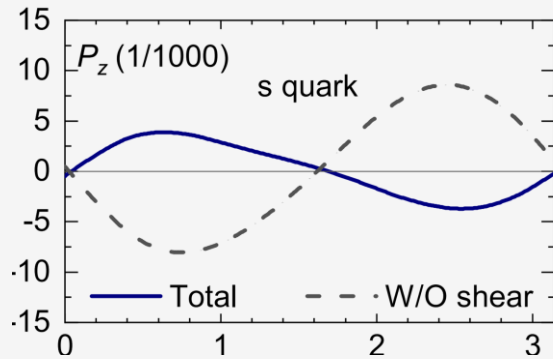
$$\mathcal{S}^\mu(\mathbf{p}) = \mathcal{S}_{\text{thermal}}^\mu + \mathcal{S}_{\text{shear}}^\mu + \mathcal{S}_{\text{accT}}^\mu + \mathcal{S}_{\text{chemical}}^\mu + \mathcal{S}_{\text{EB}}^\mu$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_{\text{thermal}}^\mu(\mathbf{p}) &= \frac{\hbar}{8m_\Lambda N} \int d\Sigma^\sigma p_\sigma f_V^{(0)}(1 - f_V^{(0)}) \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\nu \partial_\alpha \frac{u_\beta}{T}, && \text{Thermal vorticity} \\ \mathcal{S}_{\text{shear}}^\mu(\mathbf{p}) &= -\frac{\hbar}{4m_\Lambda N} \int d\Sigma \cdot p f_V^{(0)}(1 - f_V^{(0)}) \frac{\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\alpha u_\beta}{(u \cdot p)T} \frac{1}{2} p^\sigma [(\partial_\sigma u_\nu + \partial_\nu u_\sigma) - u_\sigma D u_\nu], && \text{Shear Induced Polarization (SIP)} \\ \mathcal{S}_{\text{accT}}^\mu(\mathbf{p}) &= -\frac{\hbar}{8m_\Lambda N} \int d\Sigma \cdot p f_V^{(0)}(1 - f_V^{(0)}) \frac{1}{T} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\nu u_\alpha (D u_\beta - \frac{1}{T} \partial_\beta T), && \text{Fluid Acceleration} \\ \mathcal{S}_{\text{chemical}}^\mu(\mathbf{p}) &= \frac{\hbar}{4m_\Lambda N} \int d\Sigma \cdot p f_V^{(0)}(1 - f_V^{(0)}) \frac{1}{(u \cdot p)} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\alpha u_\beta \partial_\nu \frac{\mu}{T}, && \text{Spin Hall Effect (SHE)} \\ \mathcal{S}_{\text{EB}}^\mu(\mathbf{p}) &= \frac{\hbar}{4m_\Lambda N} \int d\Sigma \cdot p f_V^{(0)}(1 - f_V^{(0)}) \left( \frac{1}{(u \cdot p)T} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\alpha u_\beta E_\nu + \frac{B^\mu}{T} \right), && \text{EM Field} \end{aligned}$$

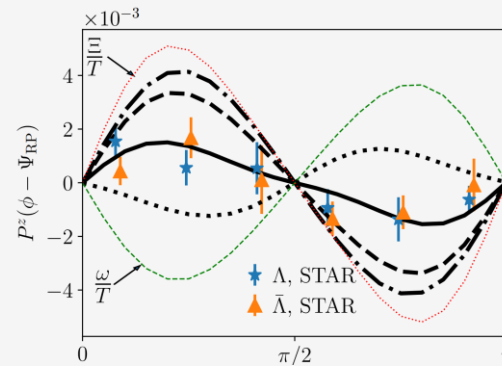
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# Shear induced polarization

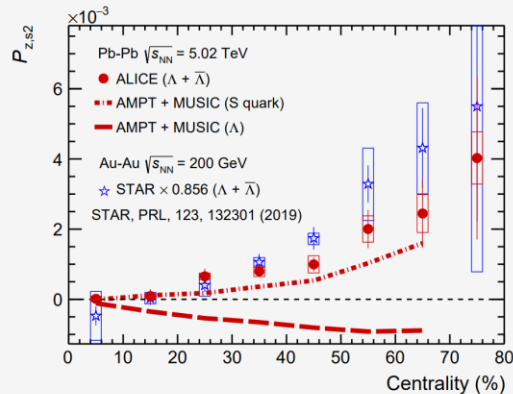
## ➤ Hydrodynamic contribution to the local spin polarization



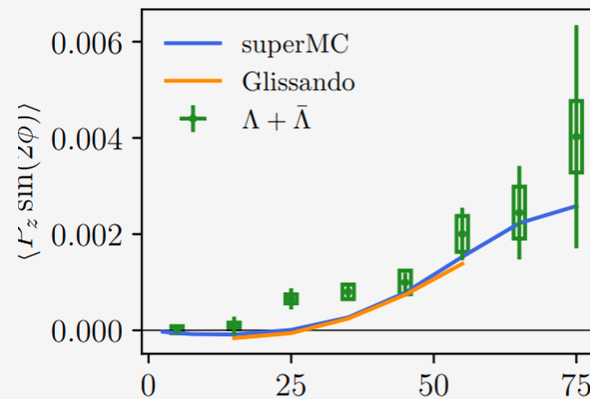
Fu, et al. PRL 127, 142301



Becattini et al, PRL 127, 272302



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 Fu, Pang, Song, and Yin, (2022), 2201.12970.  
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Considering SIP under some assumptions, the theoretical calculations qualitatively/quantitatively agree with the experimental data at RHIC top energy and 5.02 TeV Pb+Pb collision.

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# Setup of simulation

## ➤ (3+1) dimensional viscous hydrodynamic framework CLVisc

Solve the Energy-momentum conservation and net baryon current:

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{\mu} T^{\mu\nu} &= 0 & T^{\mu\nu} &= eU^{\mu}U^{\nu} - P\Delta^{\mu\nu} + \pi^{\mu\nu} \\ \nabla_{\mu} J^{\mu} &= 0 & J^{\mu} &= nU^{\mu} + V^{\mu}\end{aligned}$$

Equation of motion of dissipative current:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_{\alpha\beta}^{\mu\nu} D\pi^{\alpha\beta} &= -\frac{1}{\tau_{\pi}} (\pi^{\mu\nu} - \eta\sigma^{\mu\nu}) - \frac{4}{3}\pi^{\mu\nu}\theta - \frac{5}{7}\pi^{\alpha\langle}\sigma_{\alpha}^{\mu\nu}\rangle + \frac{9}{70}\frac{4}{e+P}\pi_{\alpha}^{\langle\mu}\pi^{\nu\rangle\alpha} \\ \Delta^{\mu\nu} DV_{\mu} &= -\frac{1}{\tau_V} \left( V^{\mu} - \kappa_B \nabla^{\mu} \frac{\mu}{T} \right) - V^{\mu}\theta - \frac{3}{10}V_{\nu}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\end{aligned}$$

## ➤ Setup

Initial condition: AMPT, SMASH

Freeze out condition :  $e < 0.4 \text{ GeV}/\text{fm}^3$

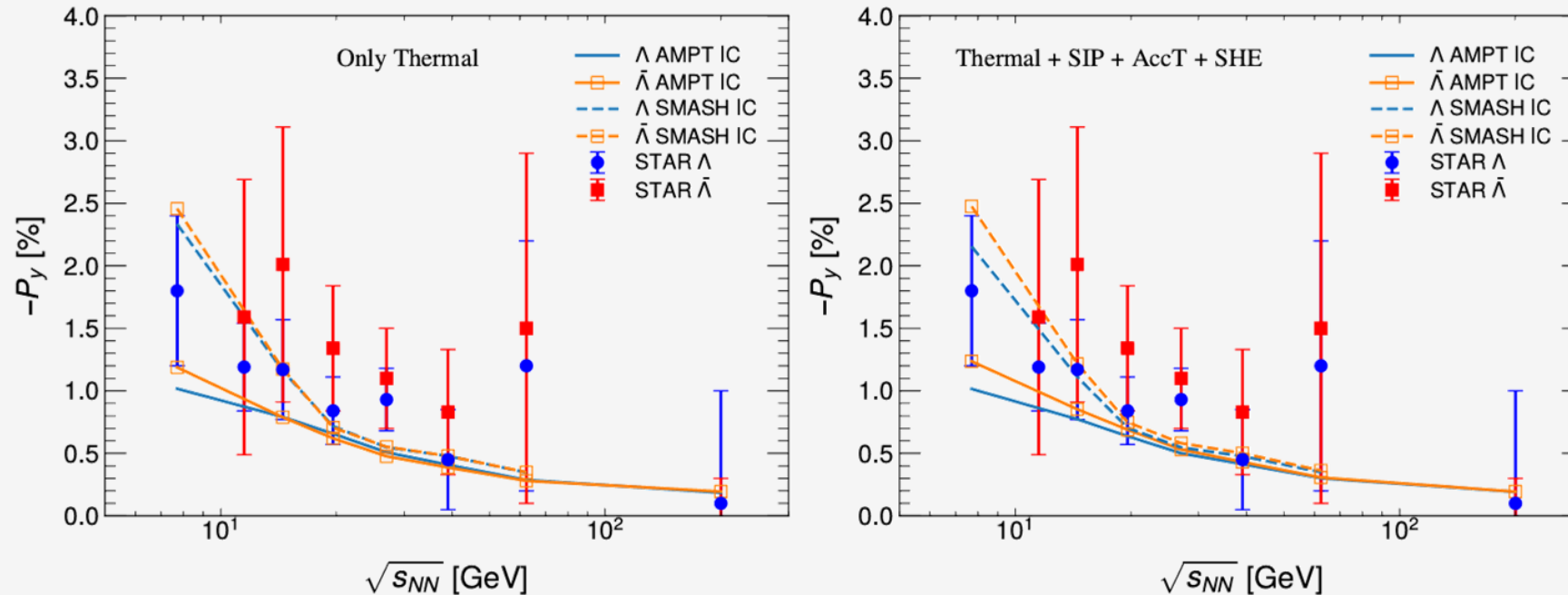
Equation of State: NEOS BQS

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# Global Polarization

## ➤ Thermal vorticity only

$$\mathcal{J}_5^\mu = \mathcal{J}_{\text{thermal}}^\mu + \mathcal{J}_{\text{shear}}^\mu + \mathcal{J}_{\text{accT}}^\mu + \mathcal{J}_{\text{chemical}}^\mu$$



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- **The influence of these new effects on the global polarization is small. The theoretical calculations are consistent with the experimental results under both two cases.**

# Local Polarization

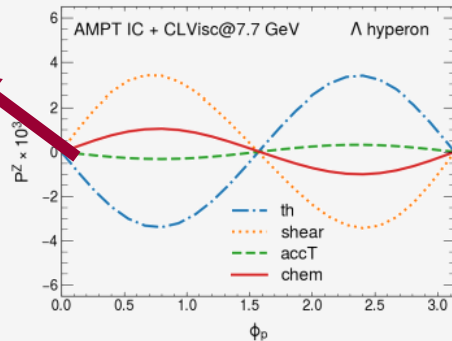
## ➤ RHIC Beam Energy Scan

$$\mathcal{J}_5^\mu = \mathcal{J}_{\text{thermal}}^\mu + \mathcal{J}_{\text{shear}}^\mu + \mathcal{J}_{\text{accT}}^\mu + \mathcal{J}_{\text{chemical}}^\mu$$

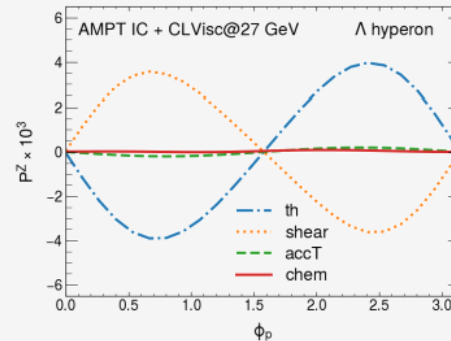
Chemical Gradient

AMPT

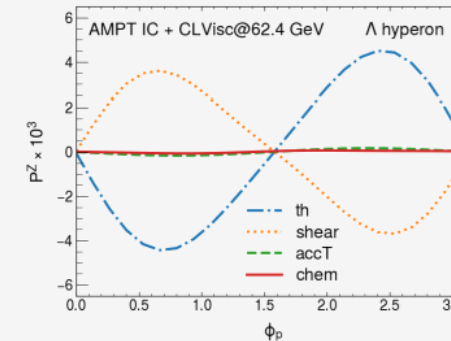
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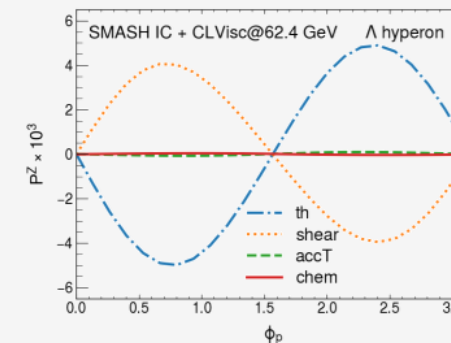
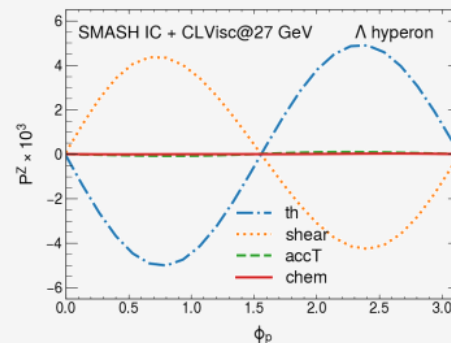
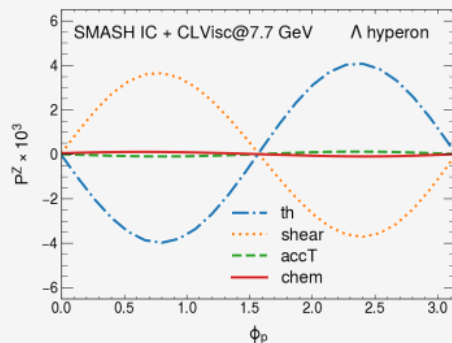
27 GeV



62.4 GeV



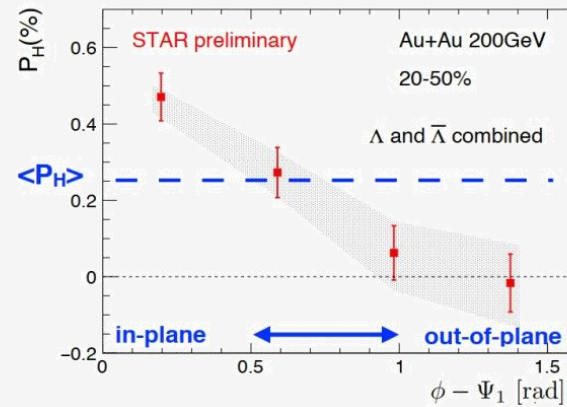
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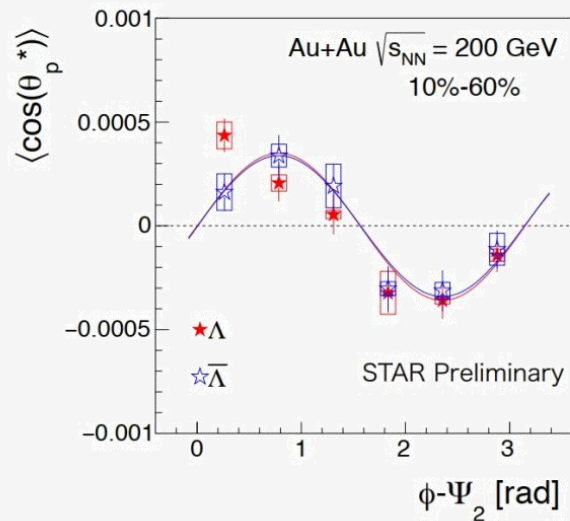
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- The longitudinal polarization contributed by chemical gradient depends on initial conditions strongly

# $P_{2,y}$ and $P_{2,z}$ across BES

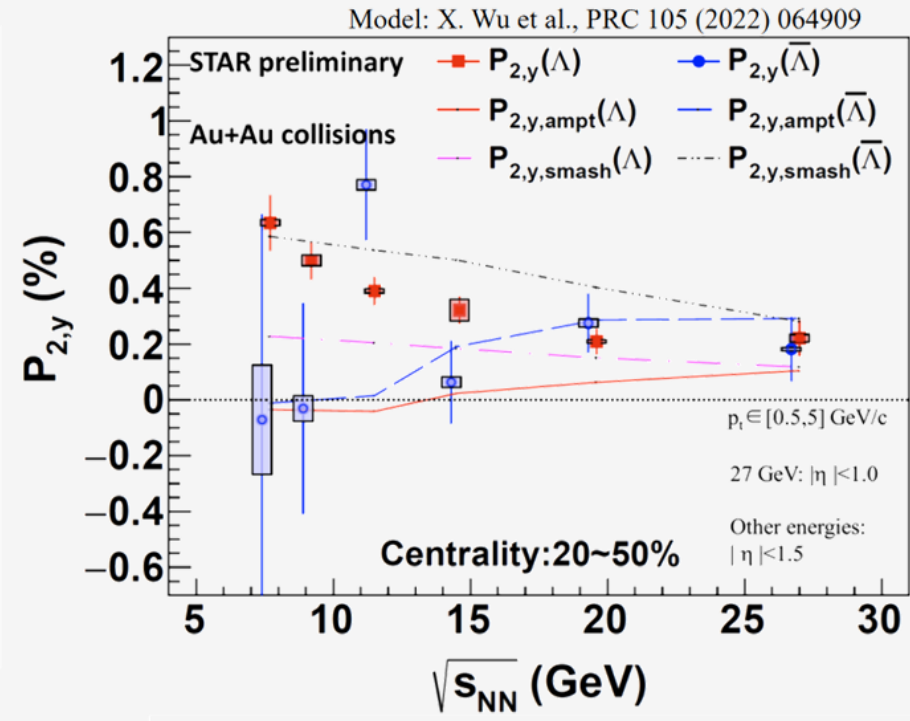
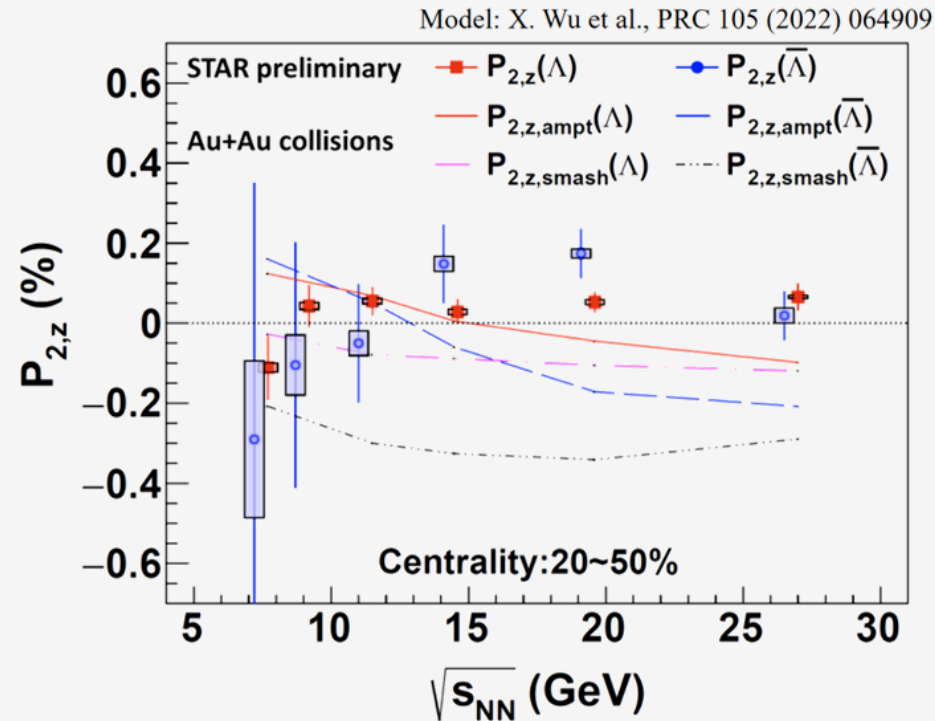


$$P_{2,y} \equiv \langle P_y \cos[2(\phi_\Lambda - \Psi_2)] \rangle$$



$$P_{2,z} \equiv \langle P_z \sin[2(\phi_\Lambda - \Psi_2)] \rangle$$

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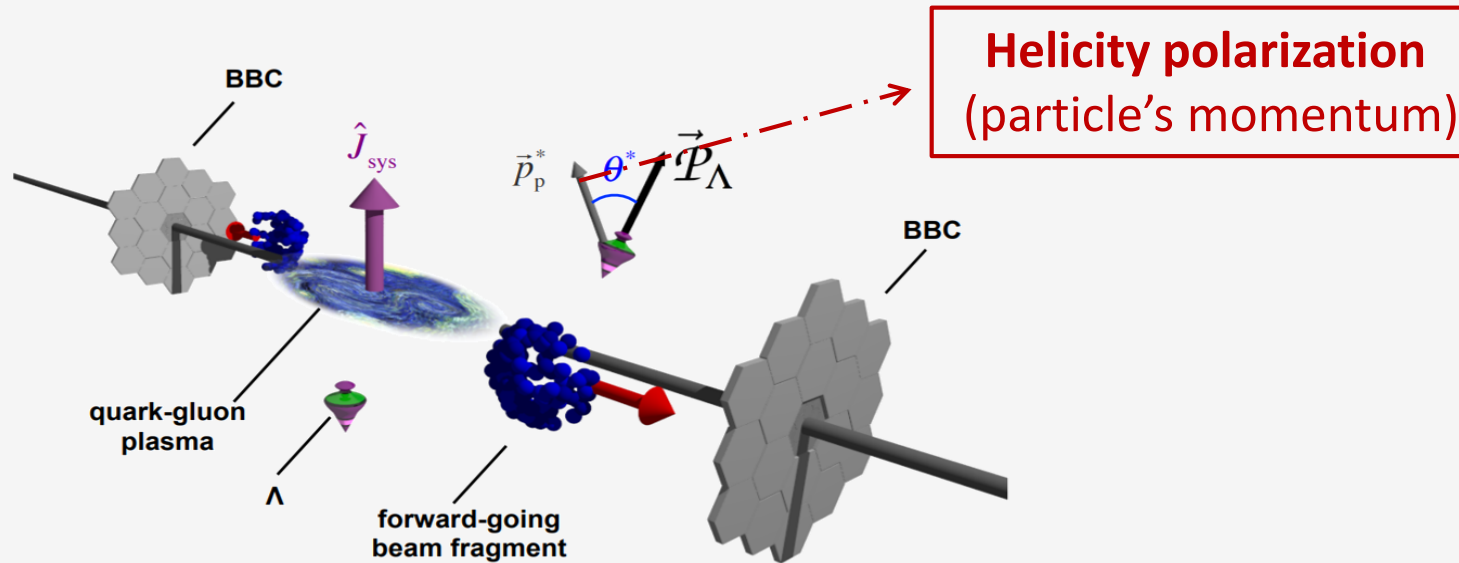
Qiang Hu, Talks on SQM 2024

- The sign of the spin polarization will change at the lower collision energy
- $P_{2,y}$  of  $\Lambda$  increase with decreasing energy and current models cannot describe the results



# Local Helicity polarization

Helicity polarization is the projection of the spin polarization vector in the direction of momentum.



The original idea for helicity polarization is proposed to probe the initial chiral chemical potential.

$$S^h = \hat{\mathbf{p}} \cdot \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{p})$$

$$S^h = S_{\text{hydro}}^h + S_\chi^h$$

Becattini, Buzzegoli, Palermo, and Prokhorov, PLB 826, 136909 (2022)

Gao, PRD 104, 076016 (2022)

# Hydrodynamic helicity polarization

## Helicity polarization induced by thermal vorticity, shear viscous tensor, fluid acceleration and spin hall effect

CY , X.Y. Wu, D.-L. Yang, J.H. Gao, S. Pu, G.Y. Qin, 2304.08777.

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{\text{thermal}}^h(\mathbf{p}) &= \int d\Sigma^\sigma F_\sigma p_0 \epsilon^{0ijk} \hat{p}_i \partial_j \left( \frac{u_k}{T} \right), \\
 S_{\text{shear}}^h(\mathbf{p}) &= - \int d\Sigma^\sigma F_\sigma \frac{\epsilon^{0ijk} \hat{p}^i p_0}{(u \cdot p) T} (p^\sigma \pi_{\sigma j} u_k), \\
 S_{\text{accT}}^h(\mathbf{p}) &= \int d\Sigma^\sigma F_\sigma \frac{\epsilon^{0ijk} \hat{p}^i p_0 u_j}{T} \left[ (u \cdot \partial) u_k + \frac{\partial_k T}{T} \right], \\
 S_{\text{chemical}}^h(\mathbf{p}) &= -2 \int d\Sigma^\sigma F_\sigma \frac{p_0 \epsilon^{0ijk} \hat{p}_i}{(u \cdot p)} \partial_j \left( \frac{\mu}{T} \right) u_k, \quad (4)
 \end{aligned}$$

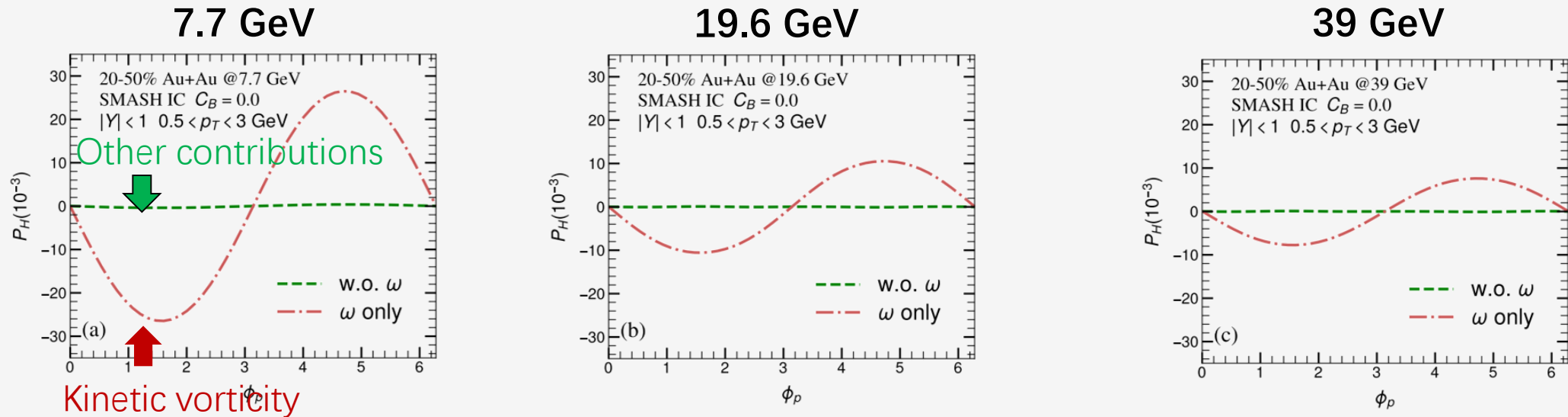
### ➤ Kinetic vorticity

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{\nabla T}^h(\mathbf{p}) &= \int d\Sigma^\sigma F_\sigma \frac{p_0}{T^2} \hat{\mathbf{p}} \cdot (\mathbf{u} \times \nabla T), \\
 S_\omega^h(\mathbf{p}) &= \int d\Sigma^\sigma F_\sigma \frac{p_0}{T} \hat{\mathbf{p}} \cdot \boxed{\boldsymbol{\omega}}, \quad \text{--- -- -- -- --} \rightarrow \nabla \times \mathbf{u}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Kinetic vorticity**

# Numerical results

## ➤ Helicity polarization across RHIC-BES energies



- Helicity polarization induced by **kinetic vorticity dominates** at BES energies
- Helicity polarization induced by other contributions are almost vanishing
- **A possible way to probe the fine vorticity structure of the QGP by measuring helicity polarization.**

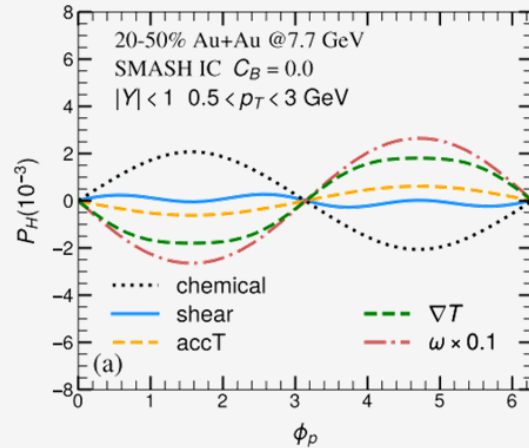
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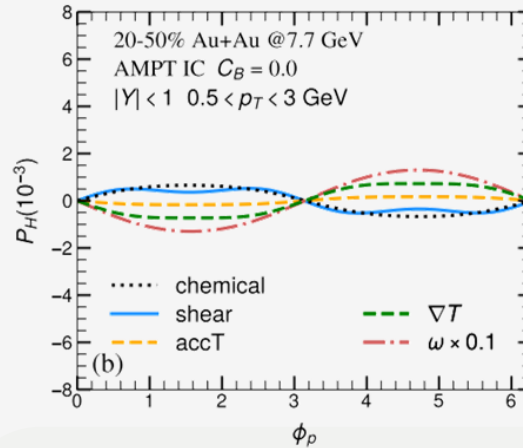
## ➤ Different parameters

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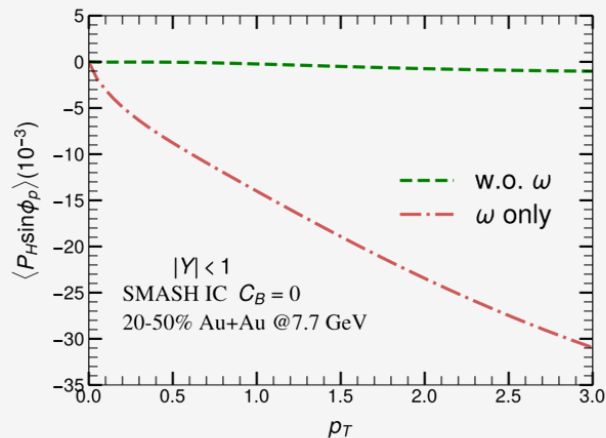
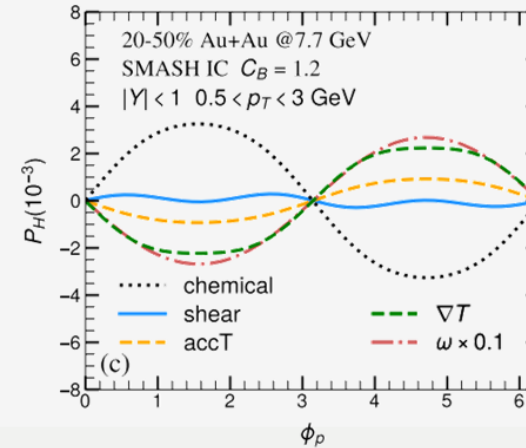
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➤ Helicity polarization induced by kinetic vorticity is approximately 10 times larger than that induced by other sources, and this conclusion is not dependent on the initial condition and baryon diffusion.

➤ A possible way to probe the fine vorticity structure of the QGP by measuring helicity polarization.

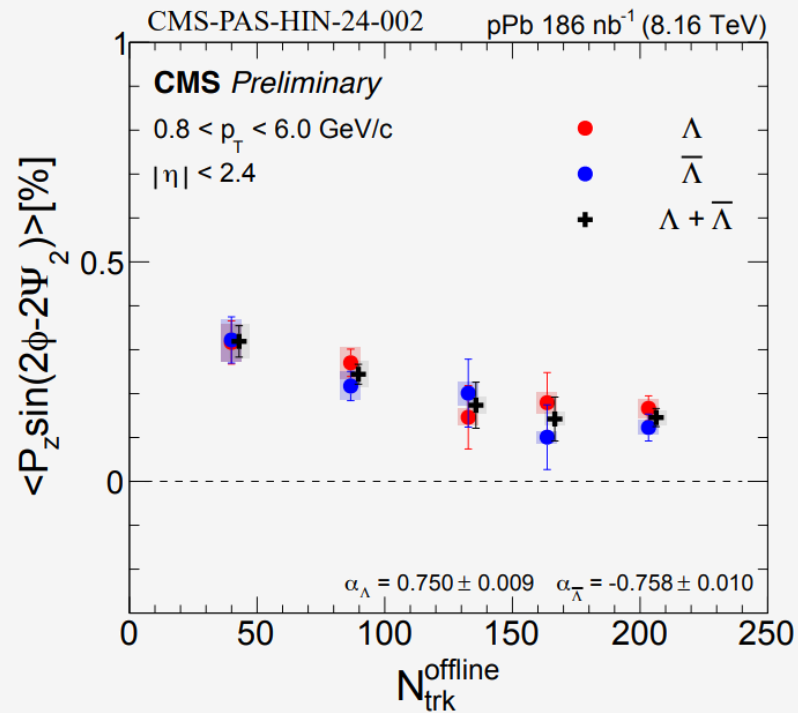
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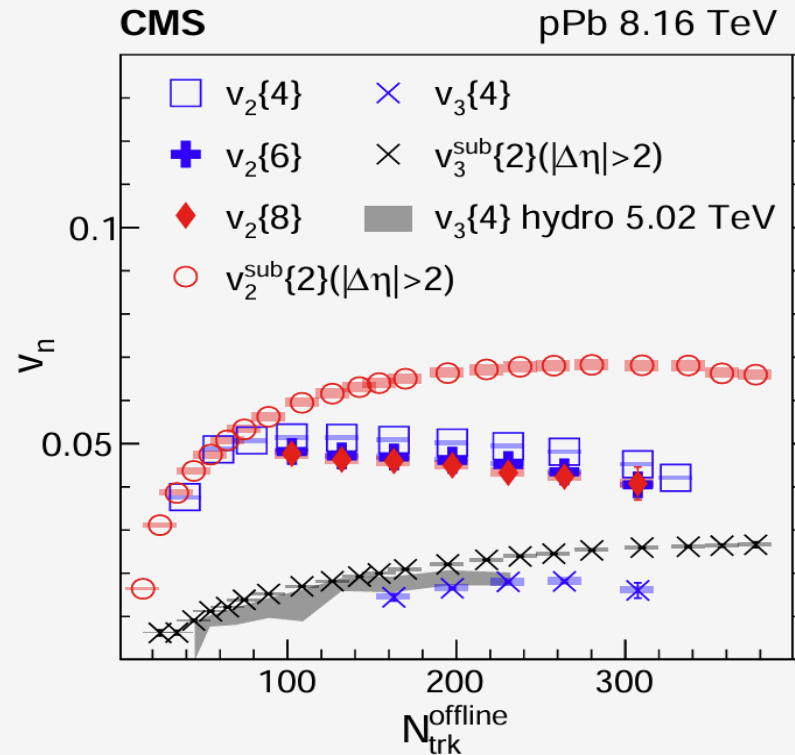
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# CMS Results

## ➤ Polarization along the beam direction in p+Pb collisions



CMS, arXiv:2502.07898 (2025)

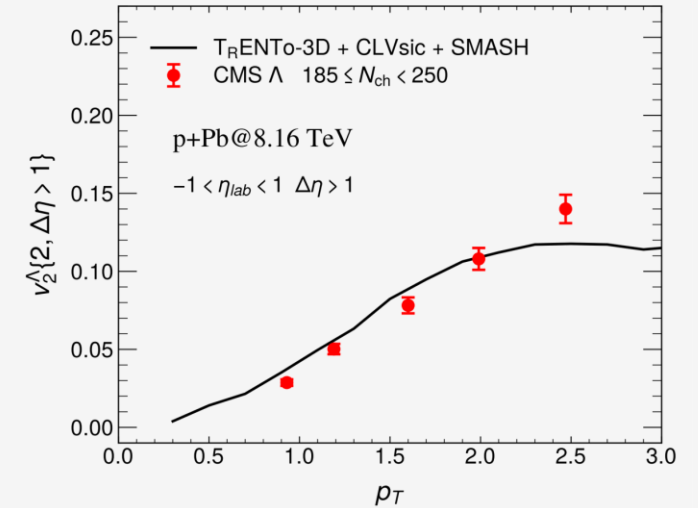
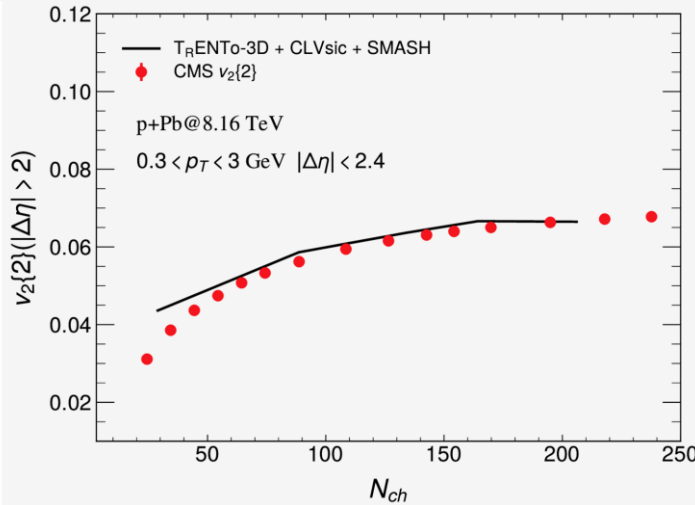
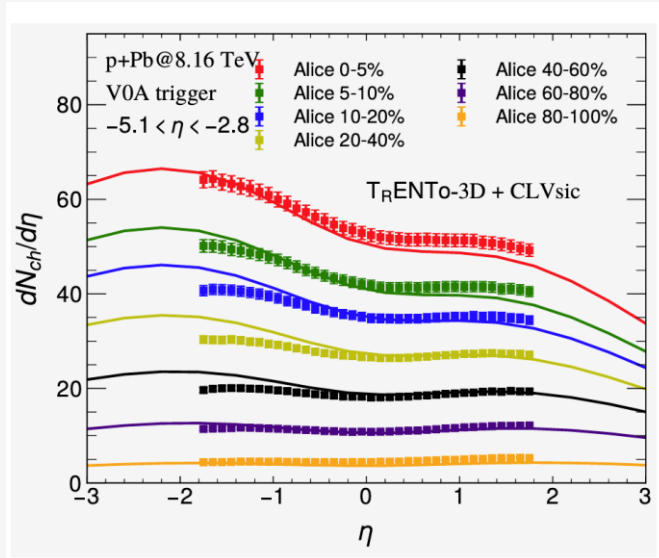


CMS, PRC, 101, 014912 (2020)

- The magnitude of polarization is the same order of magnitude as that in AA collisions
- Its dependence on multiplicity is inconsistent with that of v<sub>2</sub>

# Multiplicity and $v_2$

## ➤ Bulk properties



Multiplicity intervals	$\langle N_{ch} \rangle_{\text{exp}}$	$\langle N_{ch} \rangle_{\text{CLVisc}}$
[185,250)	203.3	204.2
[150,185)	163.6	164.5
[120,150)	132.7	133.57
[60,120)	86.7	87.7
[3,60)	40	29.3

➤ **Current parameters can have a good description of the multiplicity of charged particles and elliptic flow for  $\Lambda$  hyperons**

# Spin Polarization Vector

We follow the modified Cooper-Frye formula to compute the polarization pseudo-vector including the contribution from thermal vorticity and thermal shear tensor and neglect the spin hall effect:

$$\mathcal{S}^\mu(\mathbf{p}) = \mathcal{S}_{\text{thermal}}^\mu(\mathbf{p}) + \mathcal{S}_{\text{th-shear}}^\mu(\mathbf{p}),$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{thermal}}^\mu(\mathbf{p}) = \hbar \int d\Sigma \cdot \mathcal{N}_p \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\nu \varpi_{\alpha\beta},$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{th-shear}}^\mu(\mathbf{p}) = \hbar \int d\Sigma \cdot \mathcal{N}_p \frac{\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\nu n_\beta}{(n \cdot p)} p^\sigma \xi_{\sigma\alpha},$$

**thermal vorticity:**  $\varpi_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \partial_\alpha \left( \frac{u_\beta}{T} \right) - \partial_\beta \left( \frac{u_\alpha}{T} \right) \right],$

**thermal shear tensor:**  $\xi_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \partial_\alpha \left( \frac{u_\beta}{T} \right) + \partial_\beta \left( \frac{u_\alpha}{T} \right) \right]$



# Different scenarios

We consider three different scenarios:

➤  **$\Lambda$  equilibrium :**

It is assumed that  $\Lambda$  hyperons reach the local (thermal) equilibrium at the freeze-out hyper-surface

➤ **s quark equilibrium:**

The spin of  $\Lambda$  hyperons is assumed to be carried by the constituent s quark. We take the s quark's mass instead of  $\Lambda$ 's mass in the simulation

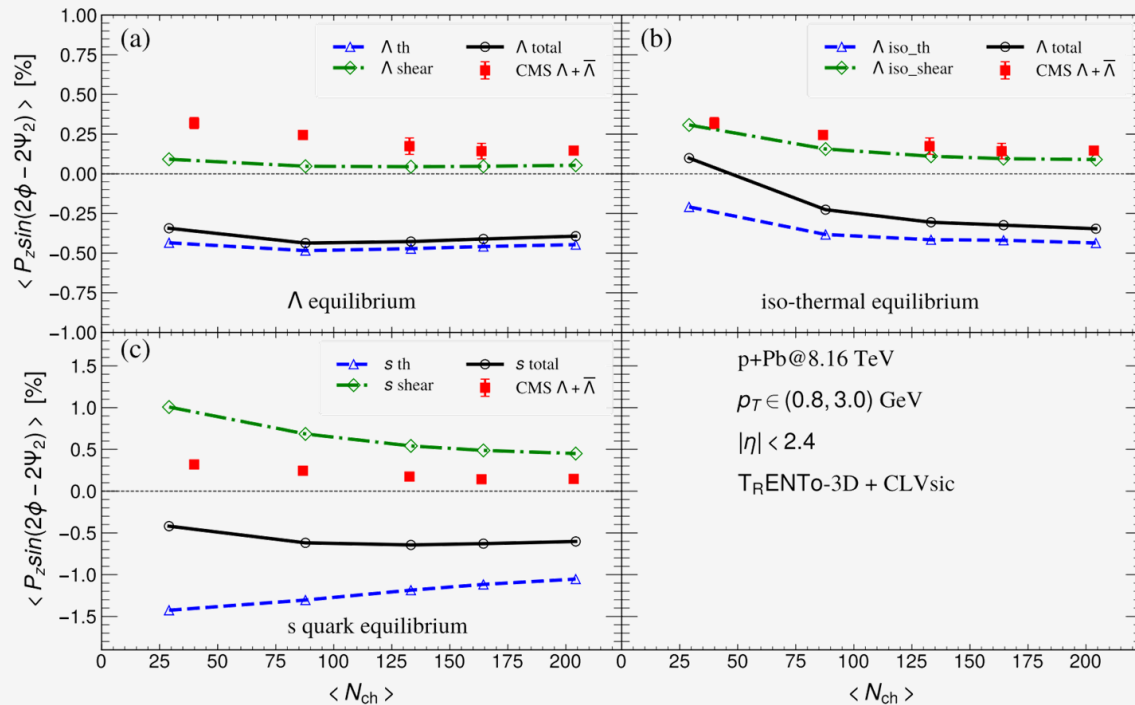
➤ **Iso-thermal equilibrium:**

The temperature of the system at the freeze-out hyper-surface is assumed to be constant. The time unit vector is taken as fluid velocity for simplicity.

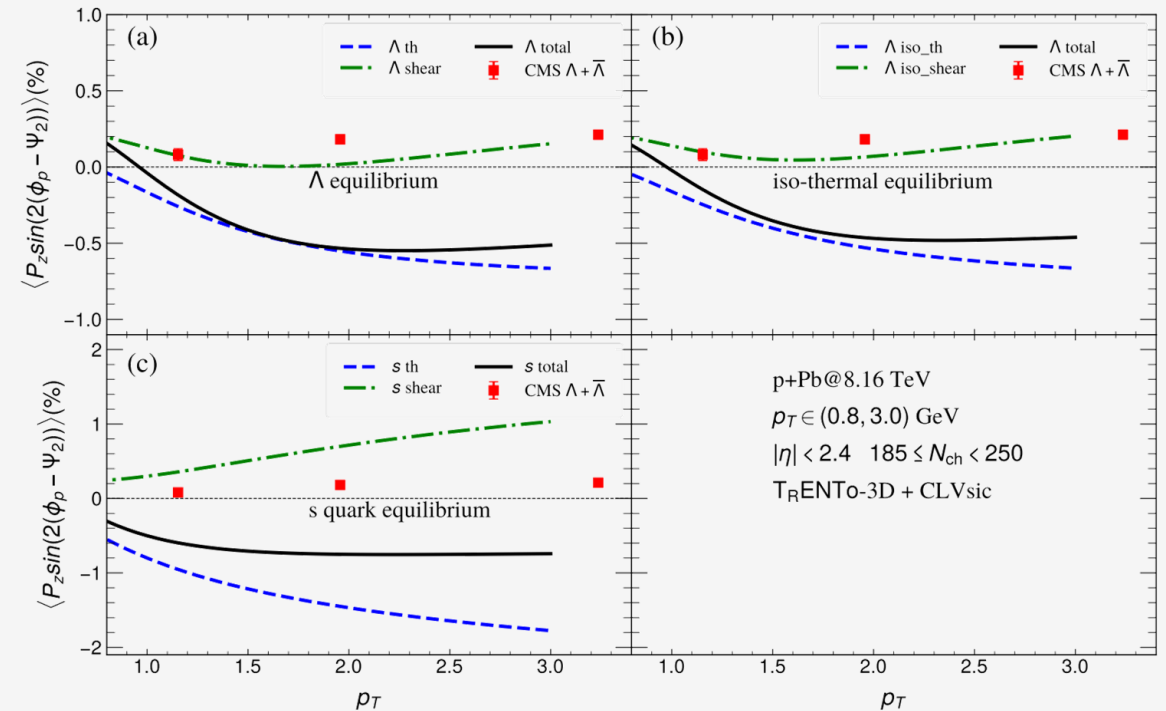
$$\varpi_{\alpha\beta} \rightarrow (\partial_{\alpha}u_{\beta} - \partial_{\beta}u_{\alpha})/(2T)$$

$$\xi_{\alpha\beta} \rightarrow (\partial_{\sigma}u_{\alpha} + \partial_{\alpha}u_{\sigma})/(2T)$$

# Multiplicity (centrality) dependence



Multiplicity dependence



$p_T$  dependence

- Shear induced polarization always gives a positive contribution
- Polarization induced by the thermal vorticity is negative
- The results in the three scenarios are inconsistent with the data from the LHC-CMS experiments.

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# Summary

## ➤ Spin Polarization in Au+Au collision

- The influence of these new effects on the global polarization is small.
- Shear induced polarization always give a positive contribution.
- The spin hall effect plays an important role in the low energy collisions.
- Helicity polarization is a possible way to probe the fine vortical structure of QGP.

## ➤ Spin Polarization in p+Pb collision

- Shear induced polarization always gives a positive contribution.
- Polarization induced by the thermal vorticity is negative.
- The results from hydrodynamics are inconsistent with the data from CMS.
- New effects need to be considered in the polarization at pPb collisions.



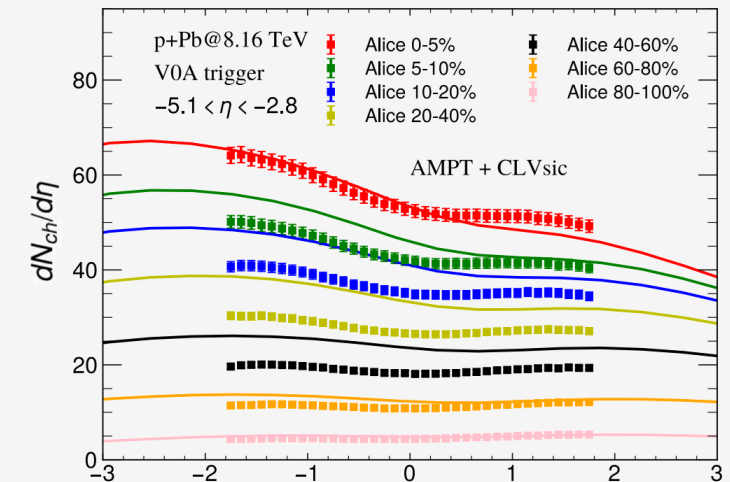
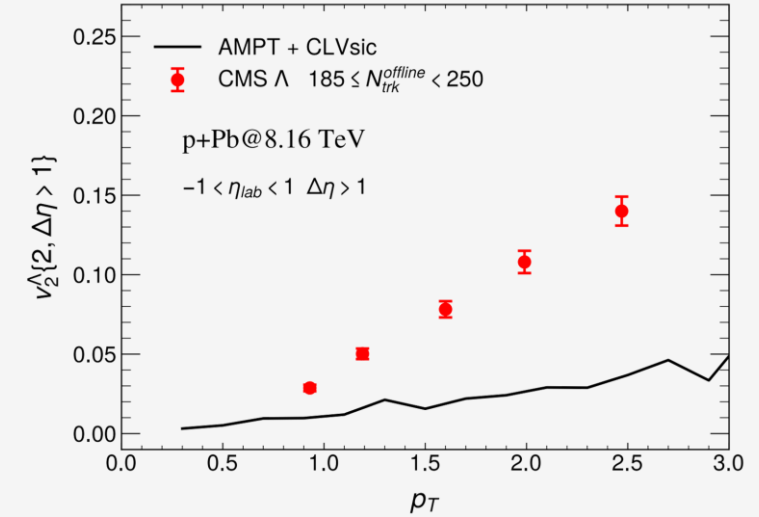
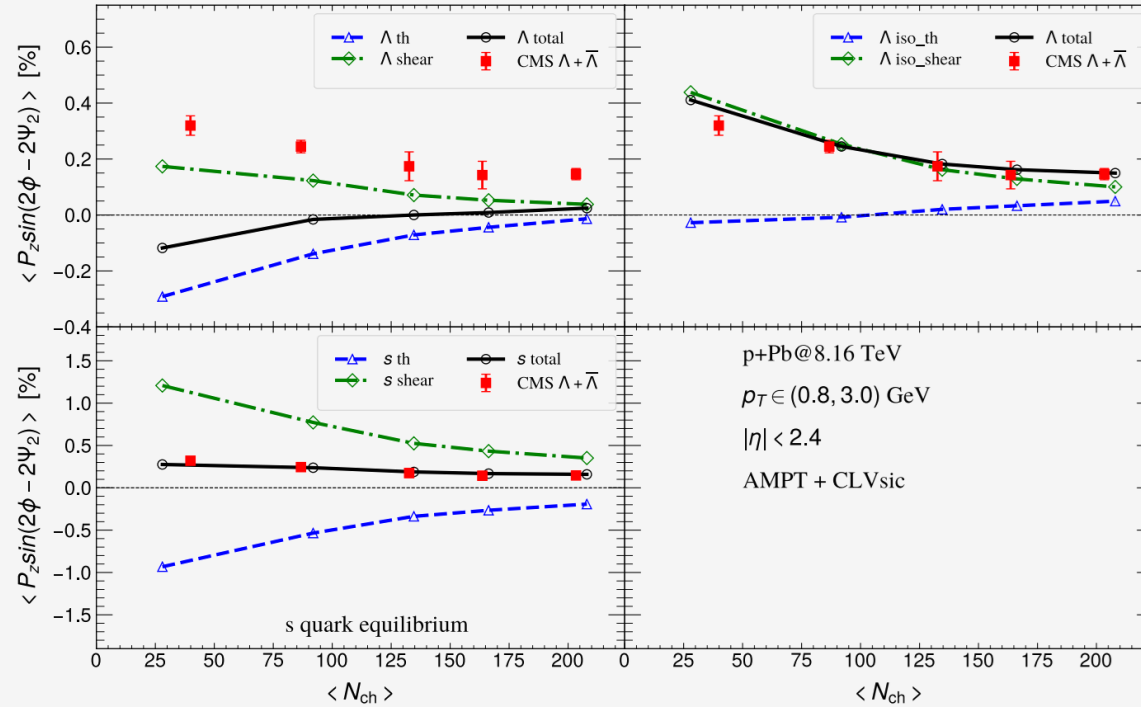
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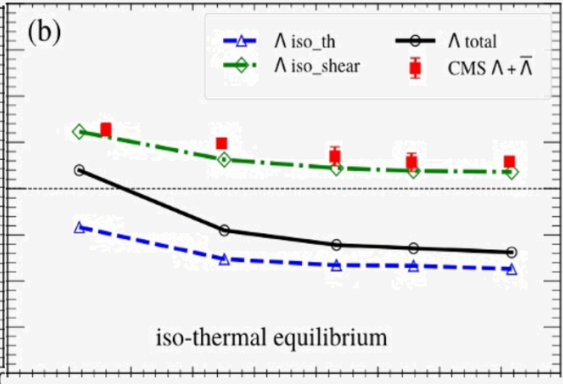
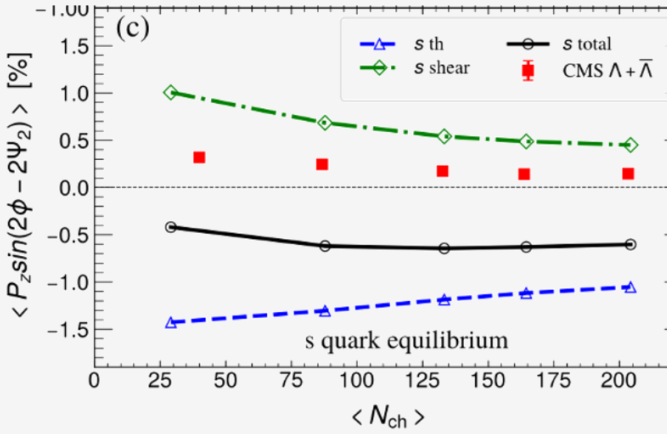
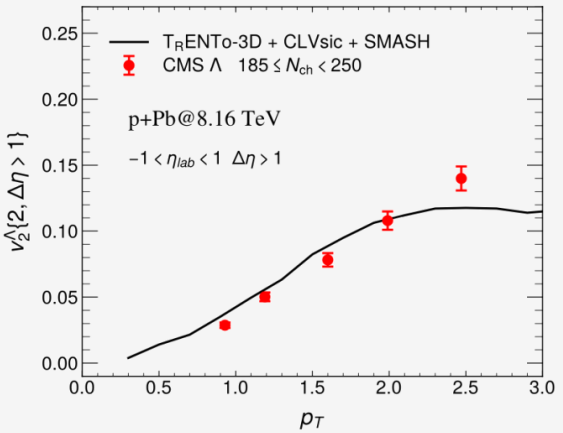


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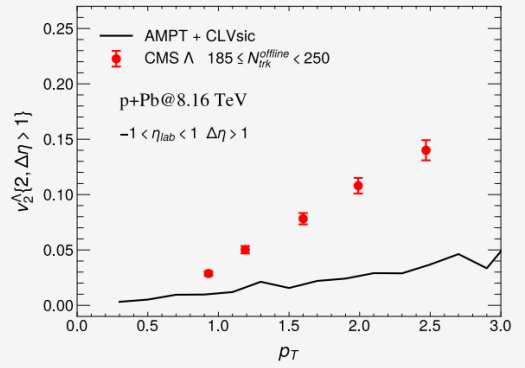
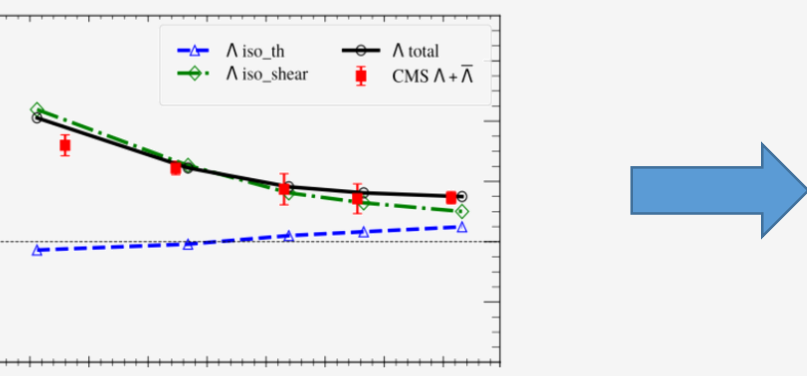
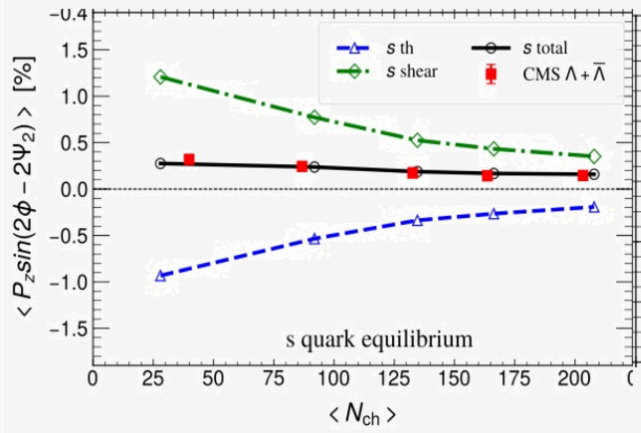


➤ The parameters can describe spin polarization at the  $s$  quark equilibrium and iso-thermal equilibrium can not fit the multiplicity of charged particles and  $v_2$  of  $\Lambda$ .

# Different initial conditions



The  $P_{2z}$  of  $\Lambda$  hyperons is not only induced by the  $v_2$  in the p+Pb collisions. New effects need to be considered in the polarization at p+Pb collisions.



# Questions

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{thermal}}^\mu = a \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\nu \partial_\alpha \frac{u_\beta}{T},$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{shear}}^\mu = -a \frac{1}{(u \cdot p) T} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\alpha u_\beta p^\sigma \partial_{\langle\sigma} u_{\nu\rangle}$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{accT}}^\mu = -a \frac{1}{2T} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\nu u_\alpha (D u_\beta - \frac{1}{T} \partial_\beta T).$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{chemical}}^\mu = a \frac{1}{(u \cdot p)} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\alpha u_\beta \partial_\nu \frac{\mu}{T}$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{EB}}^\mu = a \frac{1}{(u \cdot p)} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\alpha u_\beta E_\nu,$$



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Fluid acceleration

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- How about hydrodynamic contributions to spin polarization **at RHIC-BES energies and p+Pb collisions?**

Due to these non-vorticity effects, local spin polarization will not accurately reflect the local vortical structure of QGP.

- How to distinguish these effects and probe the **fine vortical structure** of QGP?



# Bulk Viscosity

- **CLVisc Framework**

The subsequent evolution of the system is simulated by the 3+1D CLVisc hydrodynamics model.

We just focus on the energy-momentum conservation equations

$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_\Pi D\Pi + \Pi &= -\zeta\theta - \delta_{\Pi\Pi}\Pi\theta + \lambda_{\Pi\pi}\pi^{\mu\nu}\sigma_{\mu\nu} \\ \tau_\pi \Delta_{\alpha\beta}^{\mu\nu} D\pi^{\alpha\beta} + \pi^{\mu\nu} &= \eta_v\sigma^{\mu\nu} - \delta_{\pi\pi}\pi^{\mu\nu}\theta + \tau_{\pi\pi}\pi^{\lambda\langle\mu}\sigma_{\lambda}^{\nu\rangle} \\ &\quad + \varphi_1\pi_{\alpha}^{\langle\mu}\pi^{\nu\rangle\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

We use the temperature dependent shear and bulk viscosity given by Bayesian parameter estimation in Phys. Rev. C 94, 024907 (2016) .

The equations of state are provided by the HotQCD collaboration and freeze-out temperature  $T_f = 154$  MeV.