

Vorticity and polarization measurements at RHIC

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Outline

- Brief motivation
- Experimental results:
 1. Global spin polarization of hyperons: (Λ , Ξ , Ω)
 2. Local spin polarization of hyperons: (Λ)
 3. Spin alignment of vector mesons: Φ , K^* ($K^{*0,+/-}$), J/Ψ
- Summary

Motivation

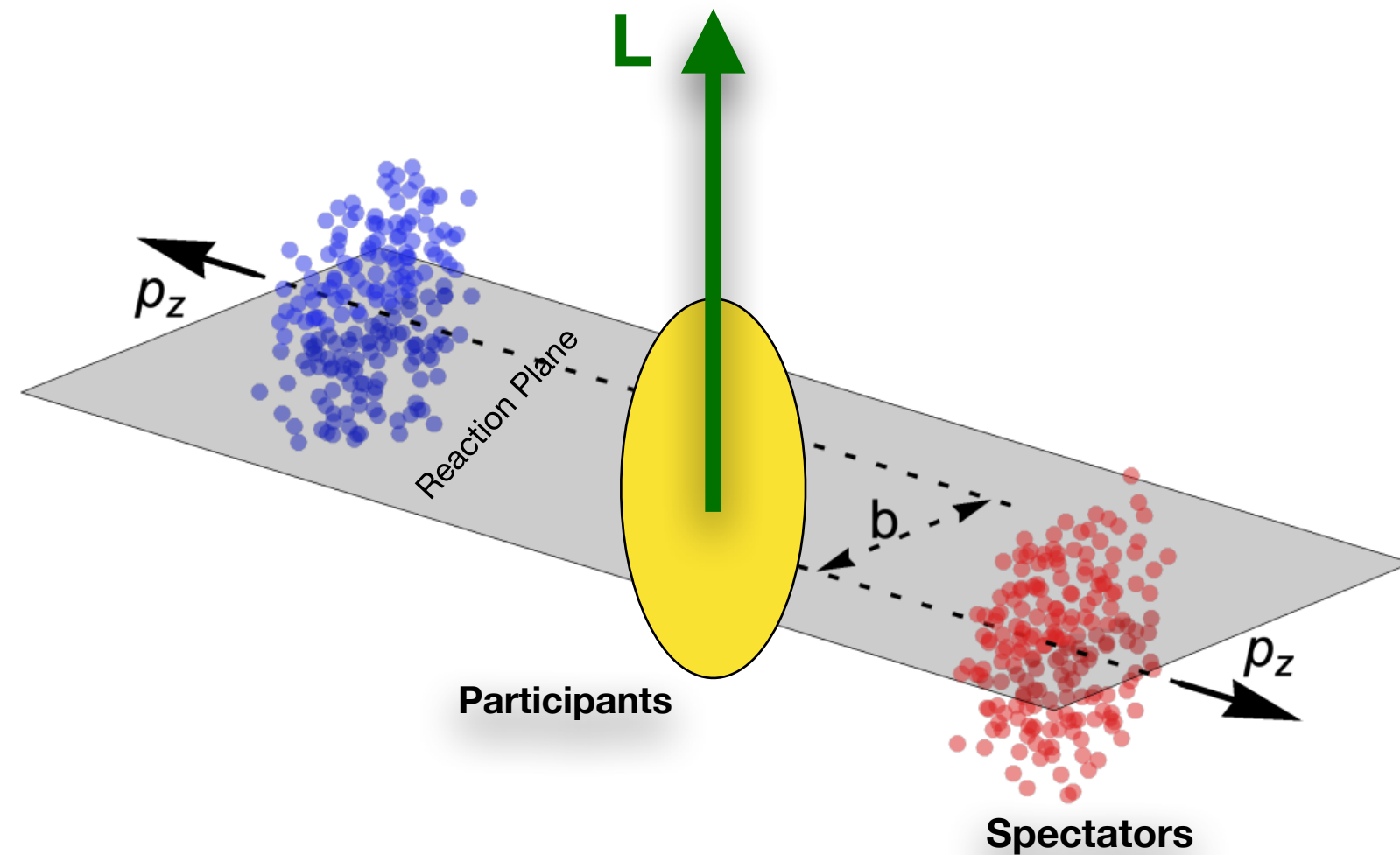
In non-central heavy-ion collisions

- A **large orbital angular momentum** (OAM) imparted into the system

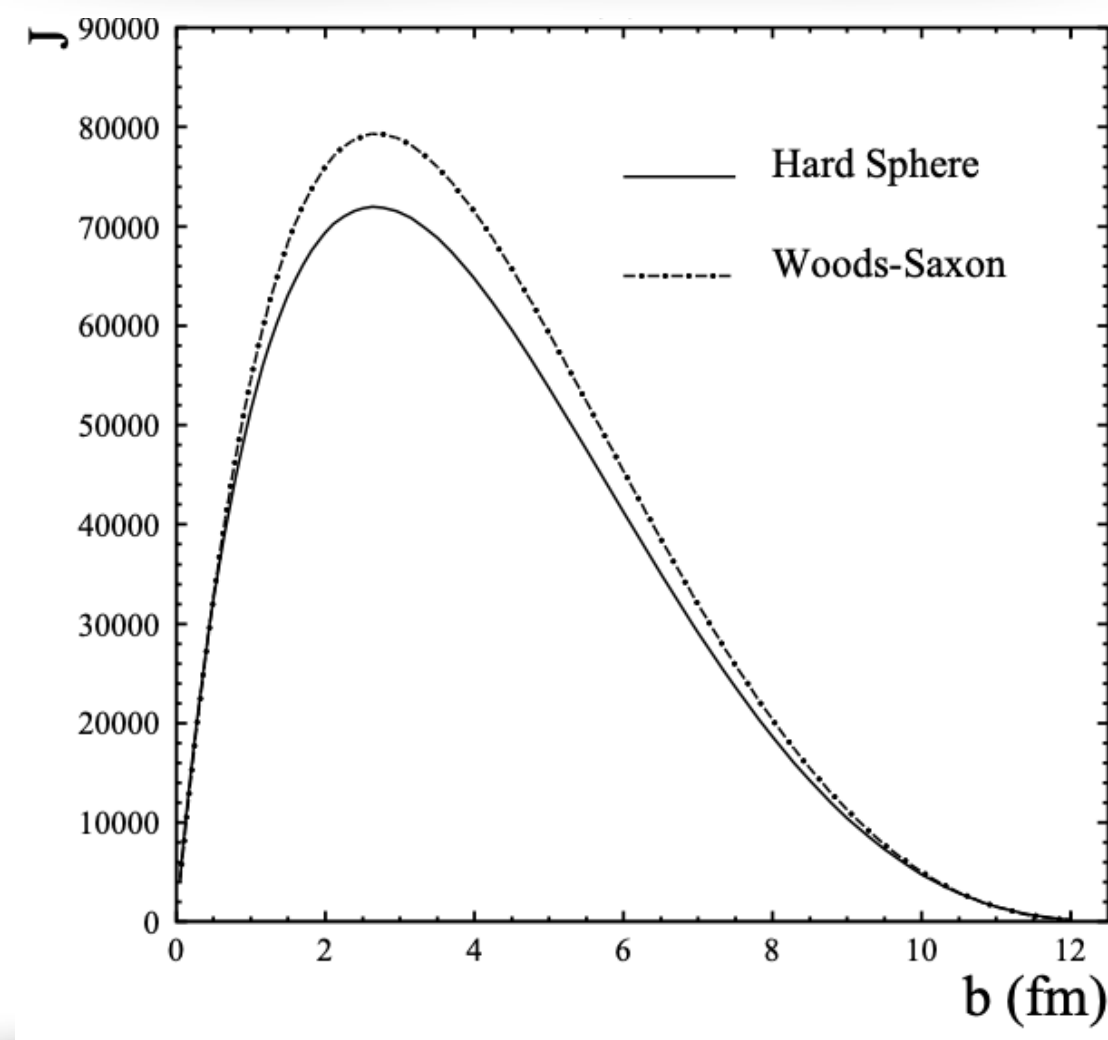
$$L = r \times p \sim bA\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} \sim 10^4 \hbar$$

- Part of OAM transferred to QGP can polarize quarks and anti-quarks due to “spin-orbit” interaction.

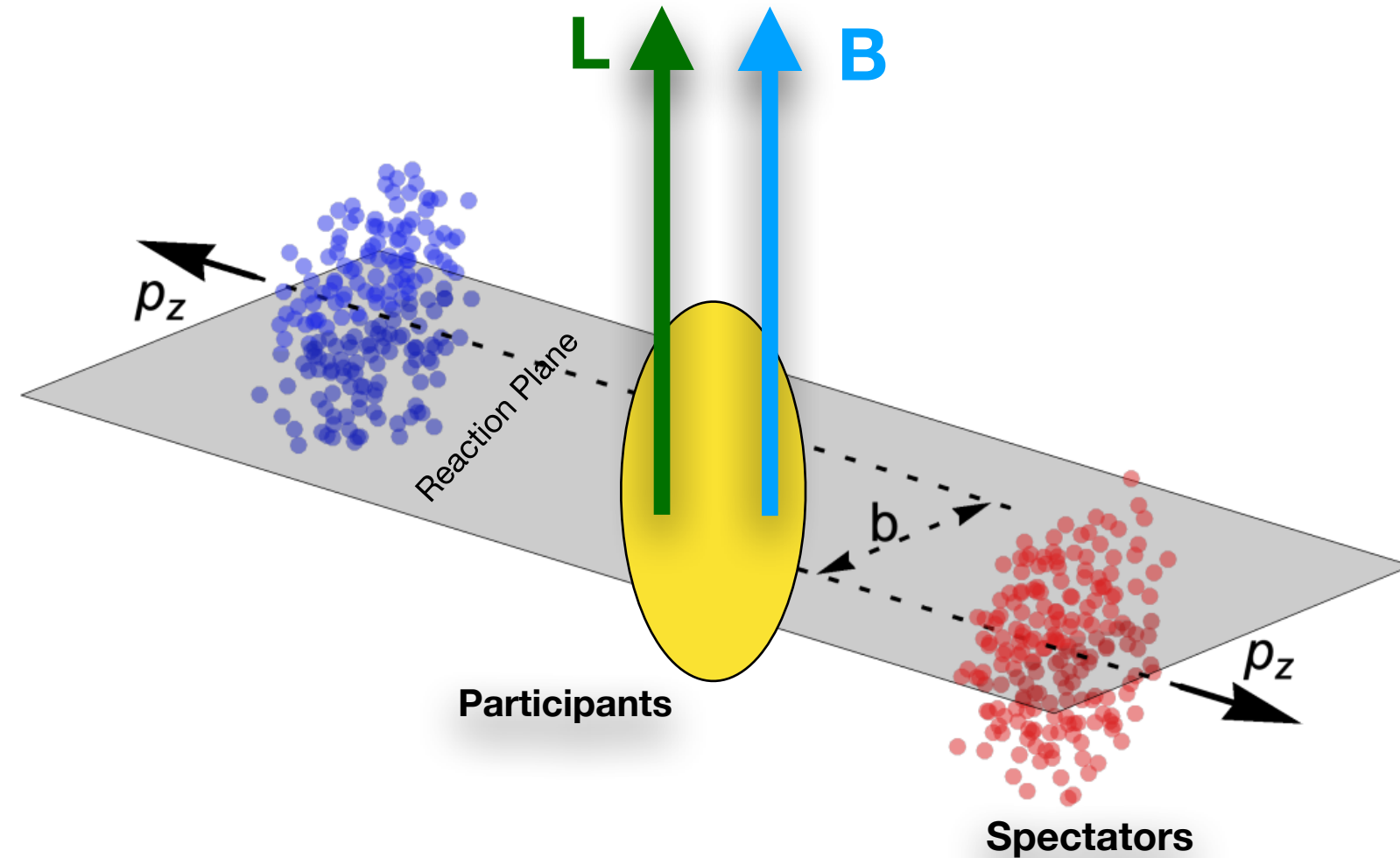
Liang et. al., Phys Rev Lett B 94, 102301 (2005)



Angular momentum



Motivation



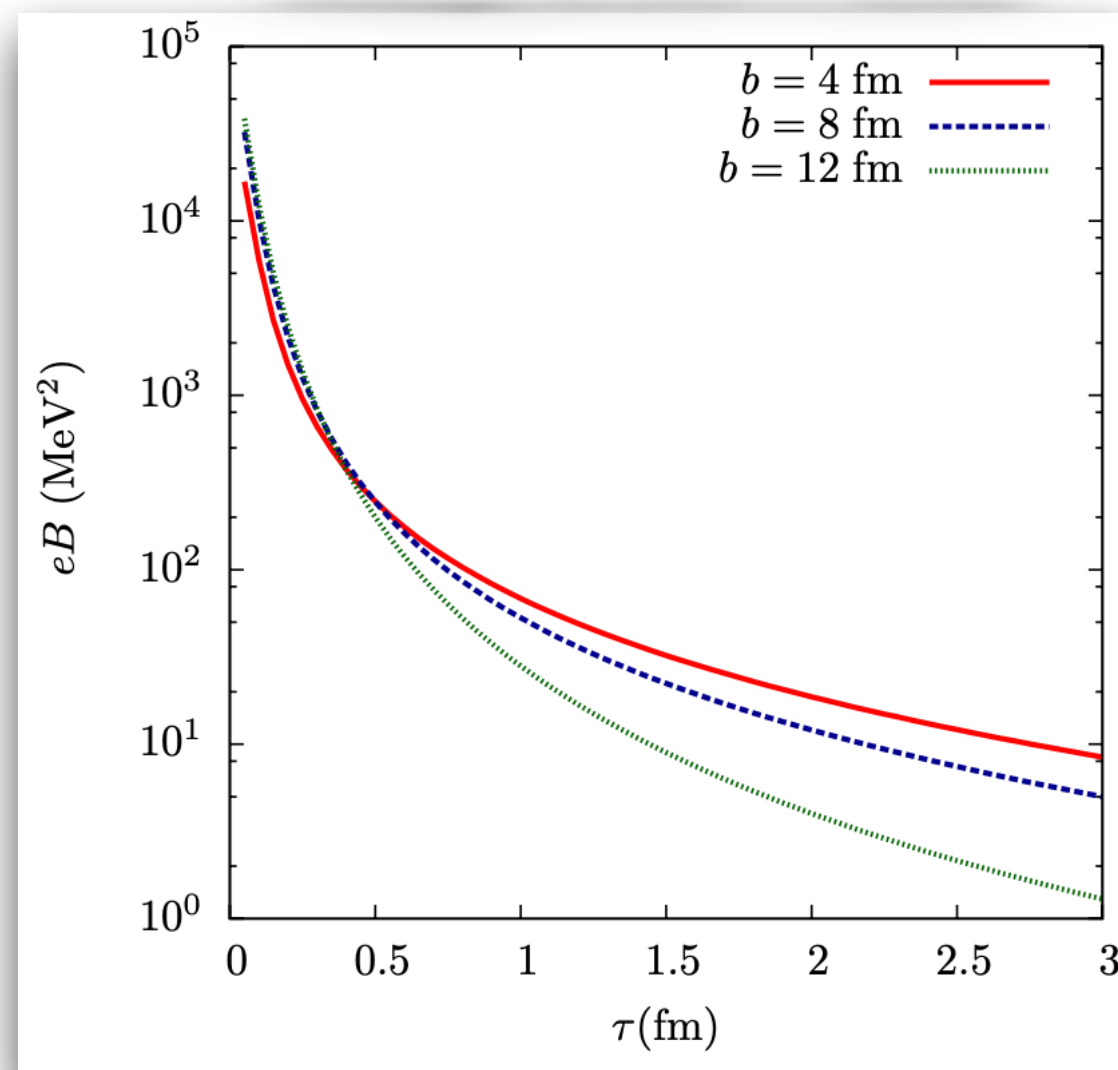
In non-central heavy-ion collisions

- **Initial strong magnetic field (B)** is expected

$$eB \sim m_\pi^2 \sim 10^{18} \text{ Gauss}$$

- Such strong B field can also polarize quarks. Can induce different spin polarization for quarks and anti-quarks with different magnetic moments

Magnetic Field



Through polarization measurement

- Search for signatures of L and B
- Understand the properties of QGP medium under extreme conditions (L and B)
- Provide the unique opportunity to probe the spin degrees of freedom of the QGP

Measurement global spin polarization

Global polarization is measured from the angular distributions using parity violating weak decay of hyperons (“self-analyzing”):

$$\bullet \frac{dN}{d\Omega^*} = \frac{1}{4\pi} (1 + \alpha_H \mathbf{P}_H^* \cdot \mathbf{p}_d^*)$$

$\mathbf{P}_H$: Hyperon polarization

α_H : Hyperon decay parameter

$\mathbf{p}_d$: Daughter momentum direction

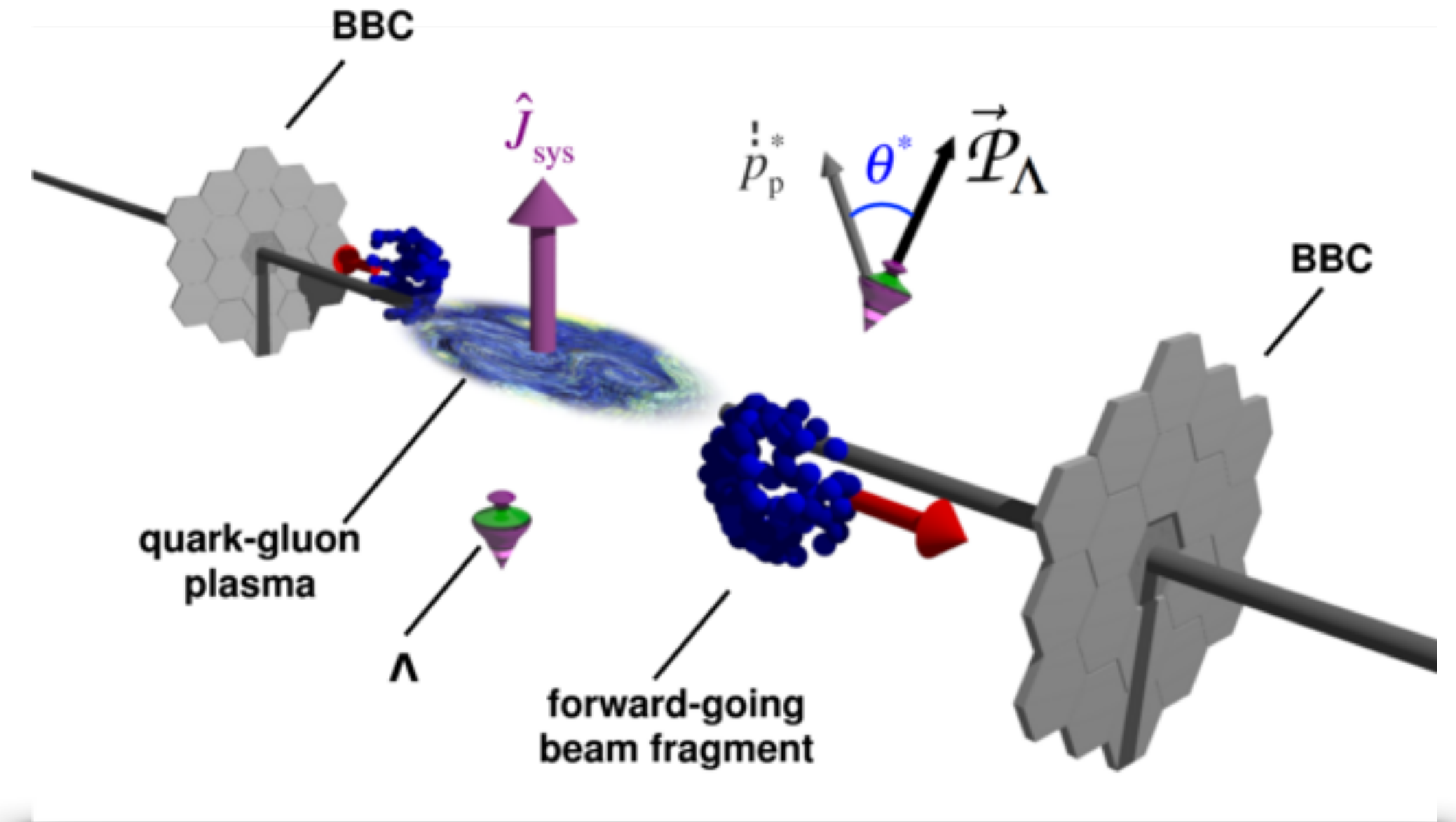
* : Measurements in parent's rest frame

Component perpendicular to reaction plane:

$$\bullet P_H = \frac{8}{\pi\alpha_H} \frac{\langle \sin(\Psi_1 - \phi_d^*) \rangle}{\text{Res}(\Psi_1)}$$

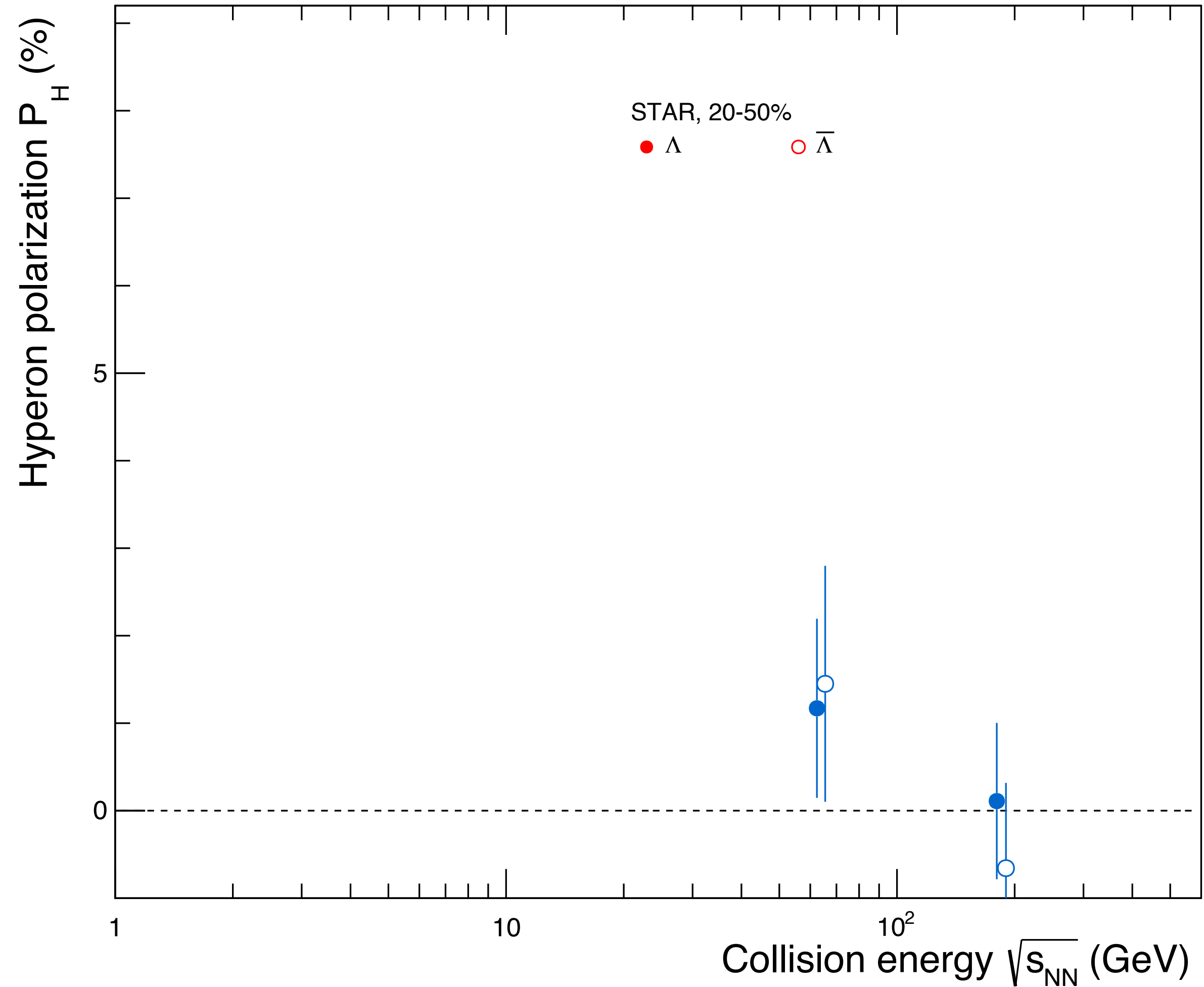
ϕ_d : Daughter azimuthal angle

Ψ_1 : 1st order event plane



Schiling et. al., Nucl Phys B 15, 397 (1970)
(STAR Collaboration) Phys Rev C 76, 024915 (2007)

Beam energy dependence of global P_Λ

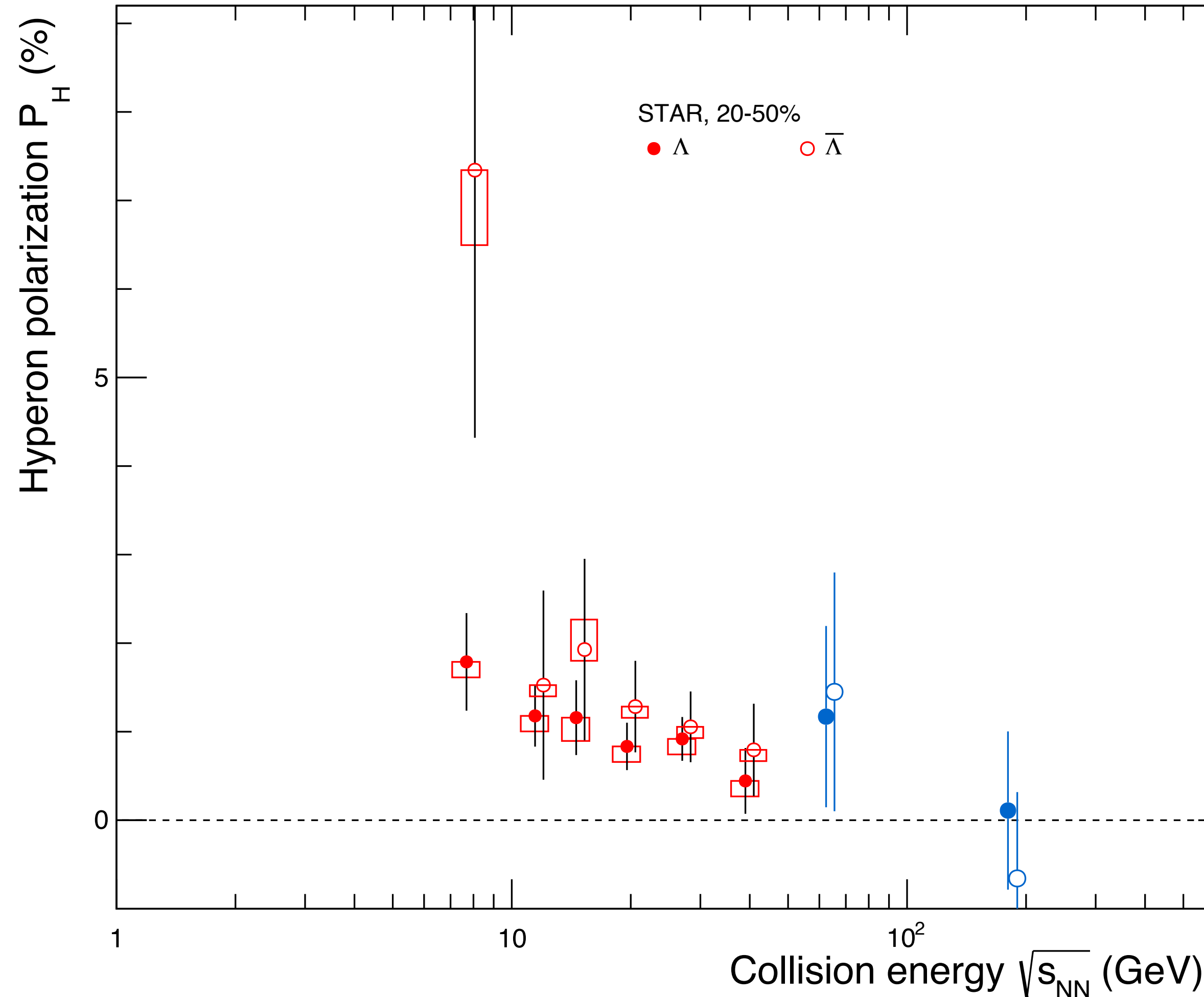


- Sets an upper limit on hyperon polarization

$$P_{\Lambda, \bar{\Lambda}} \leq 0.02$$

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Beam energy dependence of global P_Λ



- First observation of global spin polarization of hyperons in HIC

- Thermal vorticity $\omega = k_B T (P_\Lambda + P_{\bar{\Lambda}}) / \hbar$

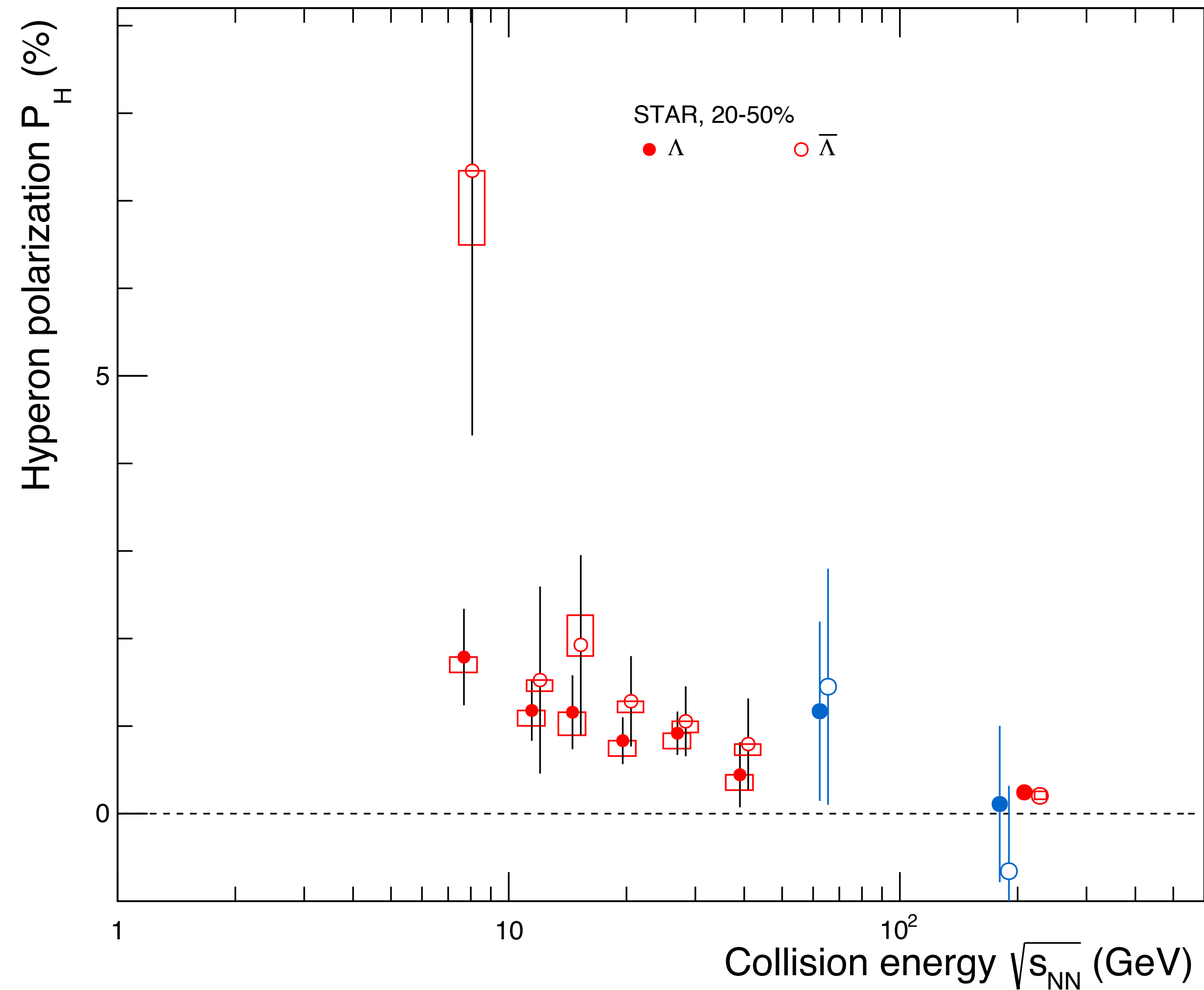
$$\omega \sim (9 \pm 1) \times 10^{21} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Most vortical fluid created at RHIC

Becattini, et. al.,
Phys Rev C 95, 054902 (2017)

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Phys Rev C 76, 024915 (2007)
Nature 548, 62 (2017)

Beam energy dependence of global P_Λ



- Precise hyperon polarization from high statistics Au+Au collisions at 200 GeV

$$P_{\Lambda, \bar{\Lambda}} \sim 0.1 - 0.5 \% (\sim 5\sigma \text{ significance})$$

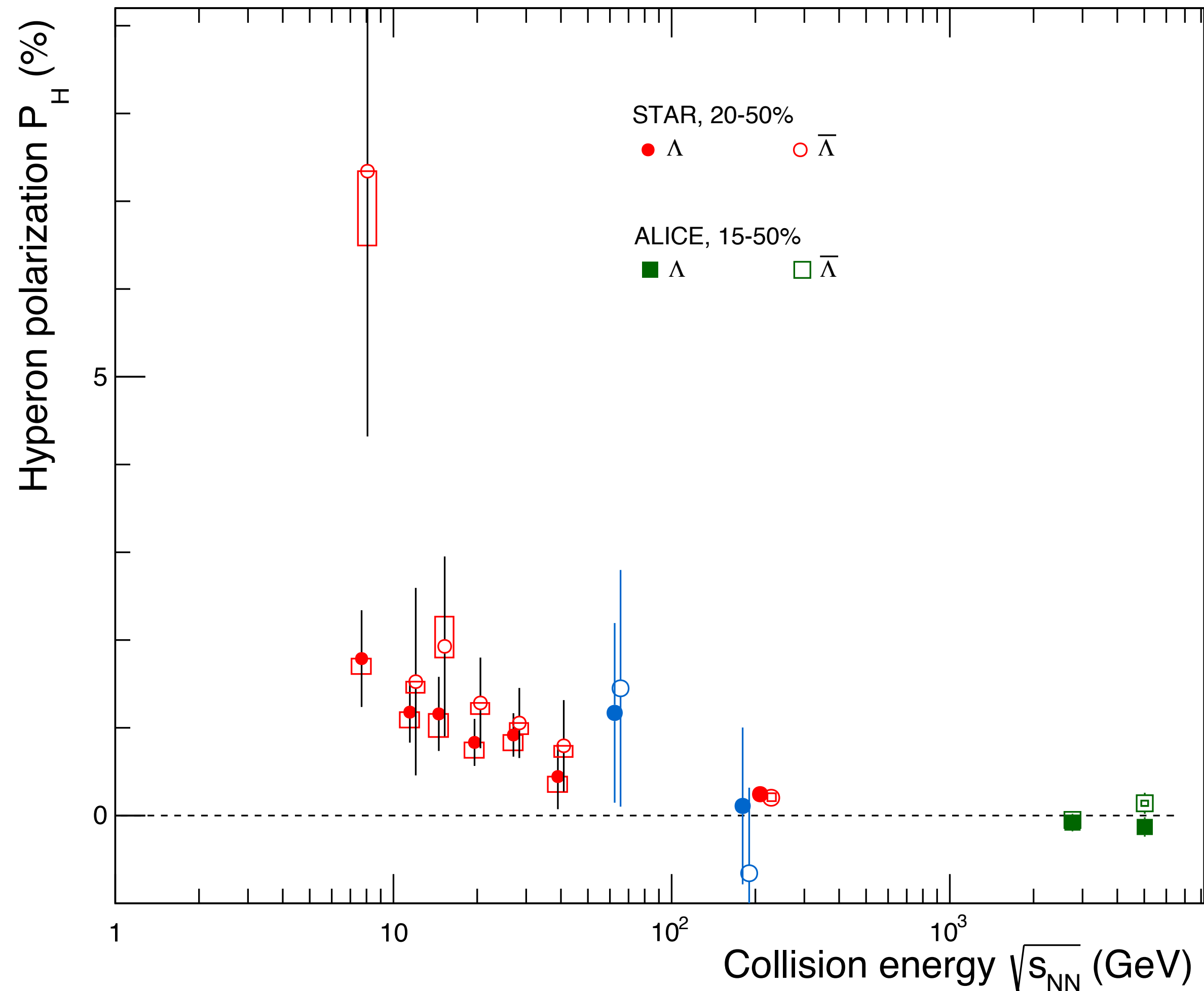
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Nature 548, 62 (2017)

Phys Rev C 98, 014910 (2018)

Beam energy dependence of global P_Λ



- First hyperon polarization from Pb+Pb collisions at 2.76 and 5.02 TeV

$$P_{\Lambda, \bar{\Lambda}} \sim 0 \text{ at LHC}$$

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Phys Rev C 76, 024915 (2007)

Nature 548, 62 (2017)

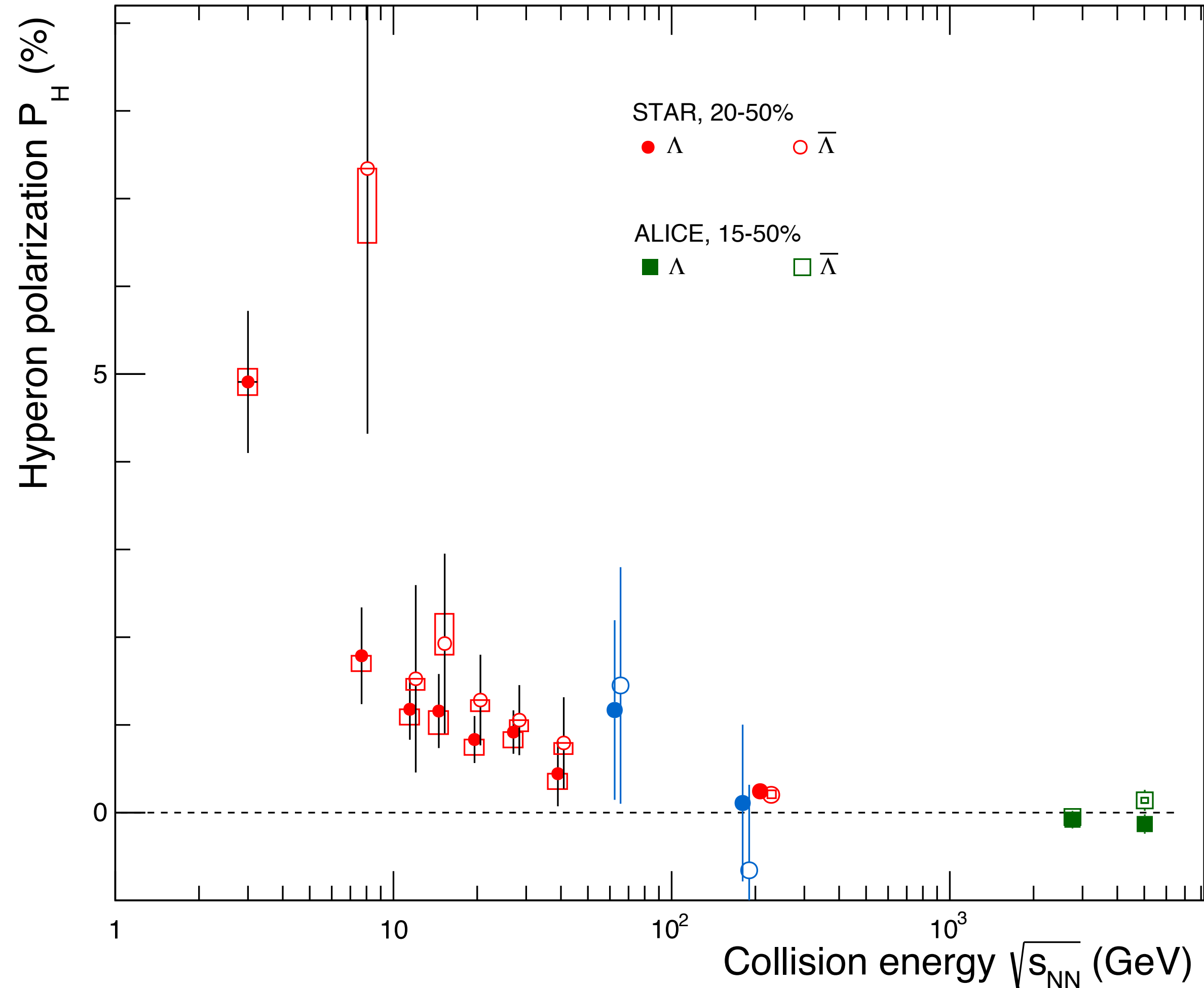
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Beam energy dependence of global P_Λ



- Hyperon polarization from Fixed target Au+Au collisions at 3.0 GeV

$$P_{\Lambda, \bar{\Lambda}} = 4.91 \pm 0.81 \pm 0.15 \text{ (} \sim 5\sigma \text{ significance)}$$

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Nature 548, 62 (2017)

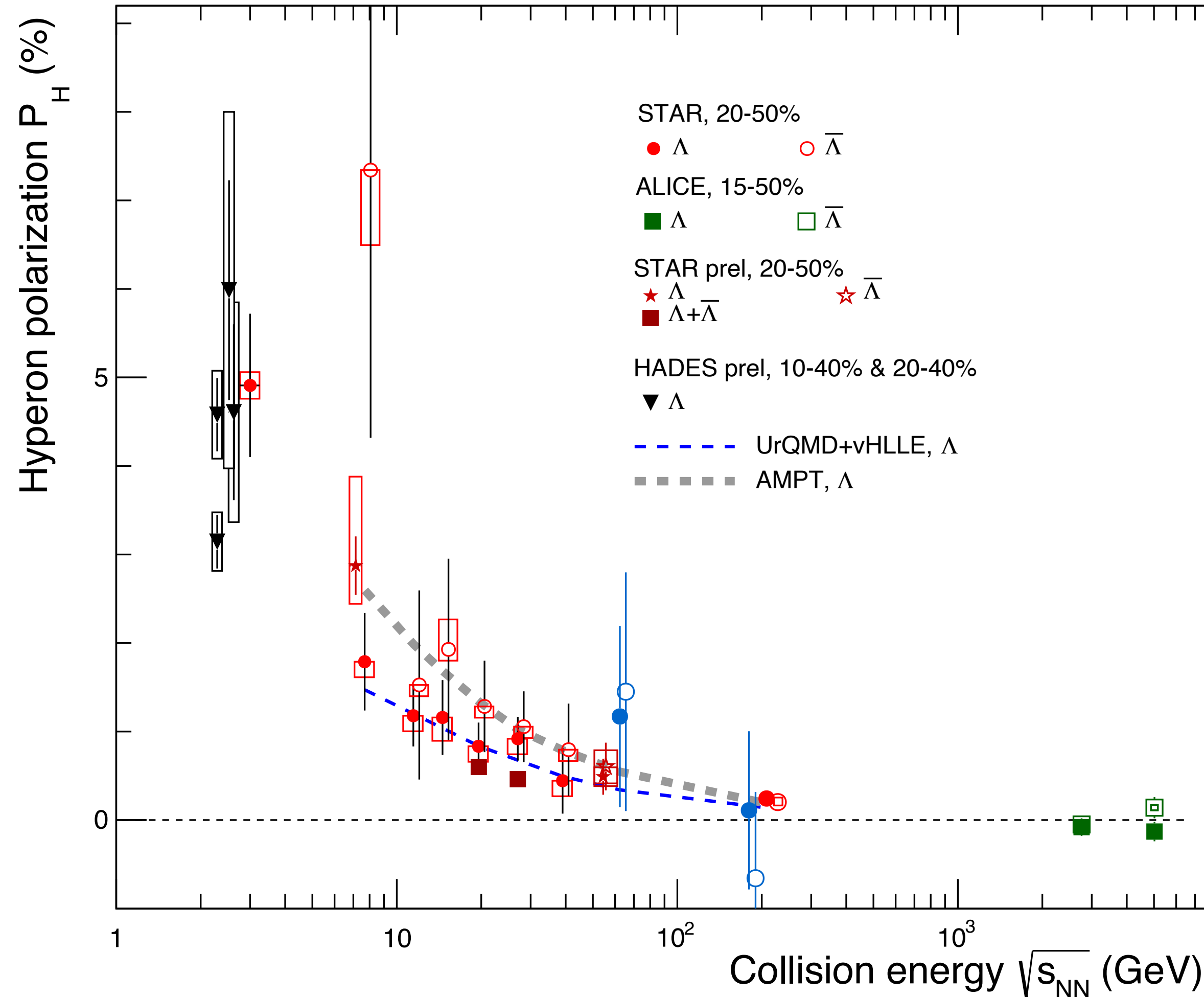
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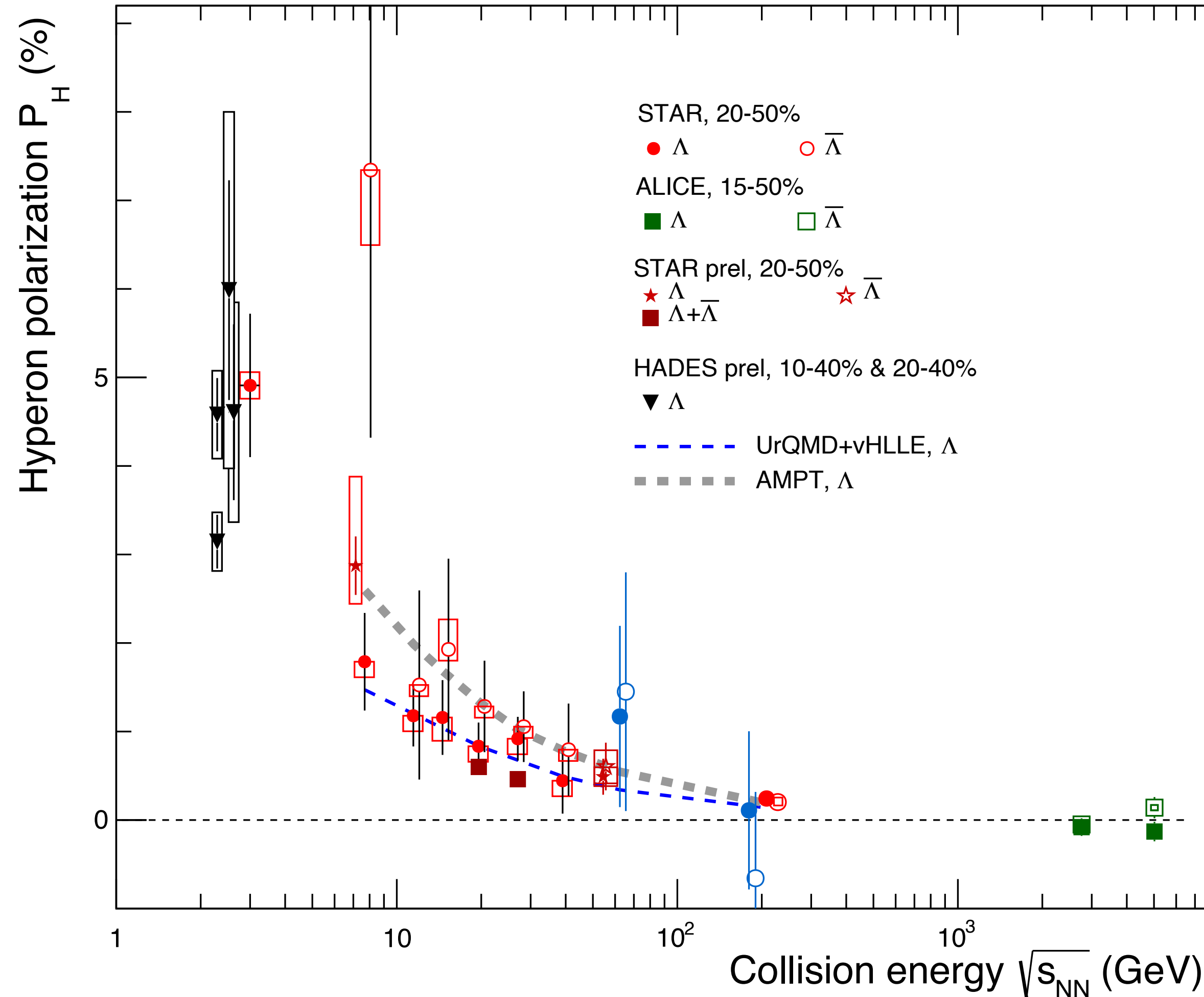


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- Models can capture the energy dependence trend

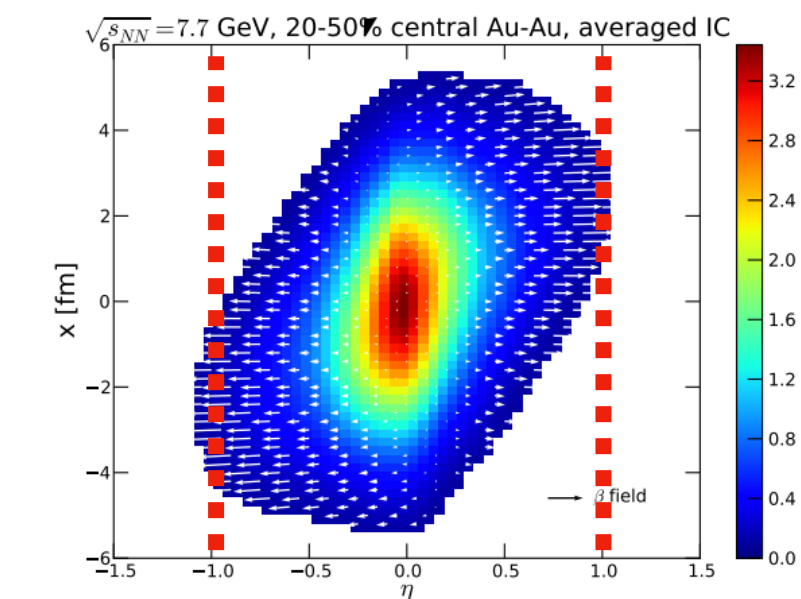
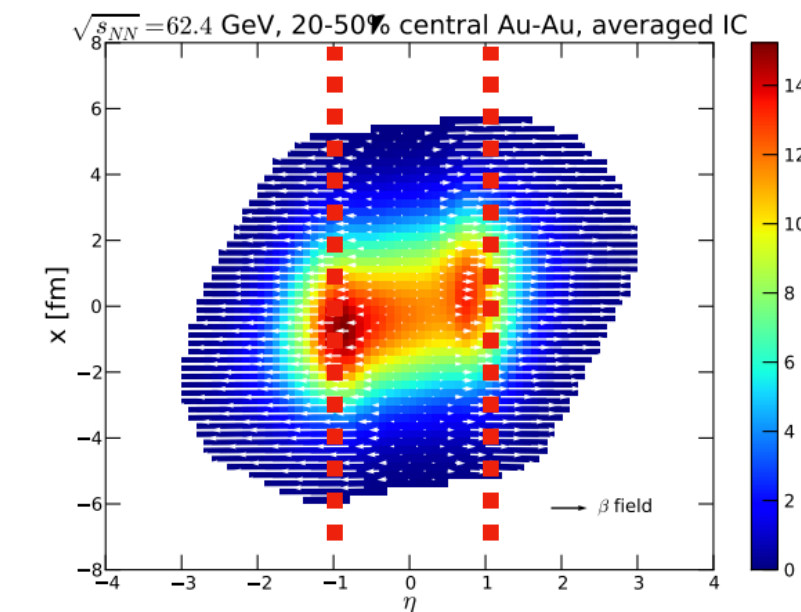
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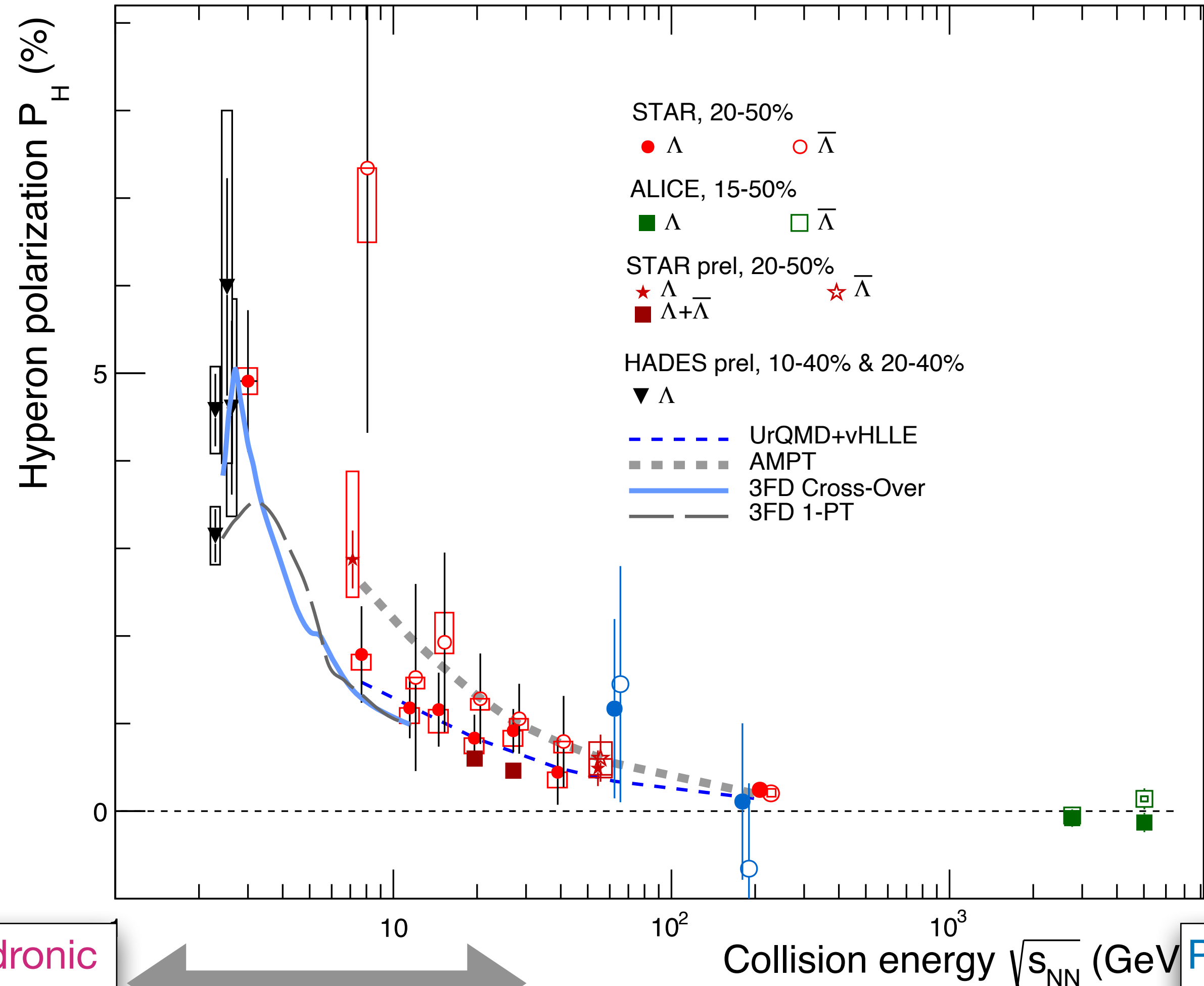
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- Can be understood as shear flow and baryon stopping
- Rapidity acceptance (migration of polarization to forward rapidity)
- Lifetime of system
- ...

Karpenko et. al., Eur Phys J C 77, 213 (2017)
Ivanov et. al., Phys Rev C 102, 024916 (2020)

Beam energy dependence of global P_Λ



- Hadronic dominant matter retains more vorticity (?)
- Where do we observe the vanishing polarization?

Expectation:

$$L \sim \frac{1}{2} Ab \sqrt{s} \sqrt{1 - (2M/\sqrt{s})^2}$$

$$P_\Lambda \sim 0 \text{ at } \sqrt{s_{NN}} \sim 2m_N$$

Theory calculations for P_Λ at low energies

Deng et. al, Phys Rev C 101, 064908 (2020)

Deng et., al., arXiv: 2109.09956

Ivanov, Phys Rev C 103, L031903 (2021)

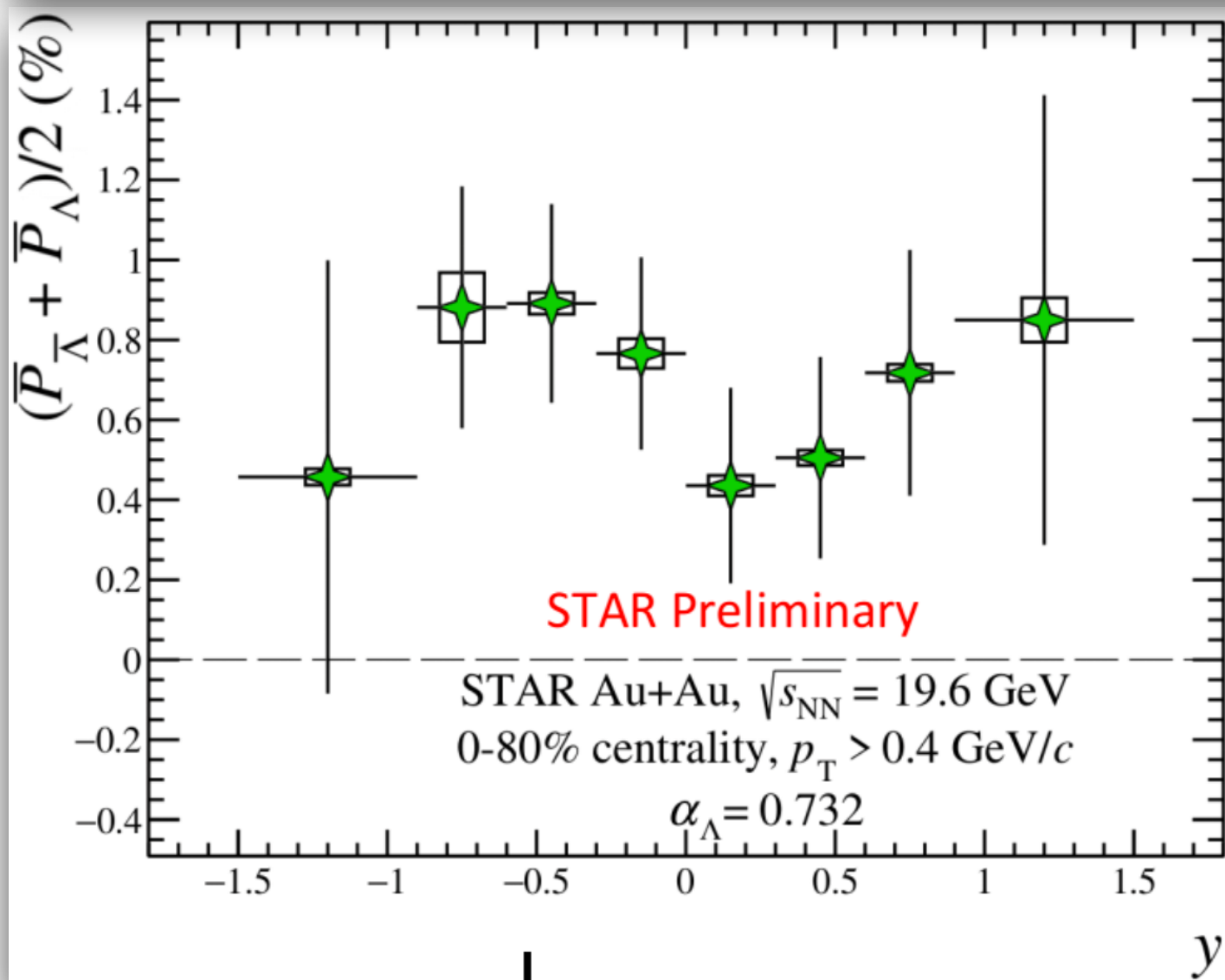
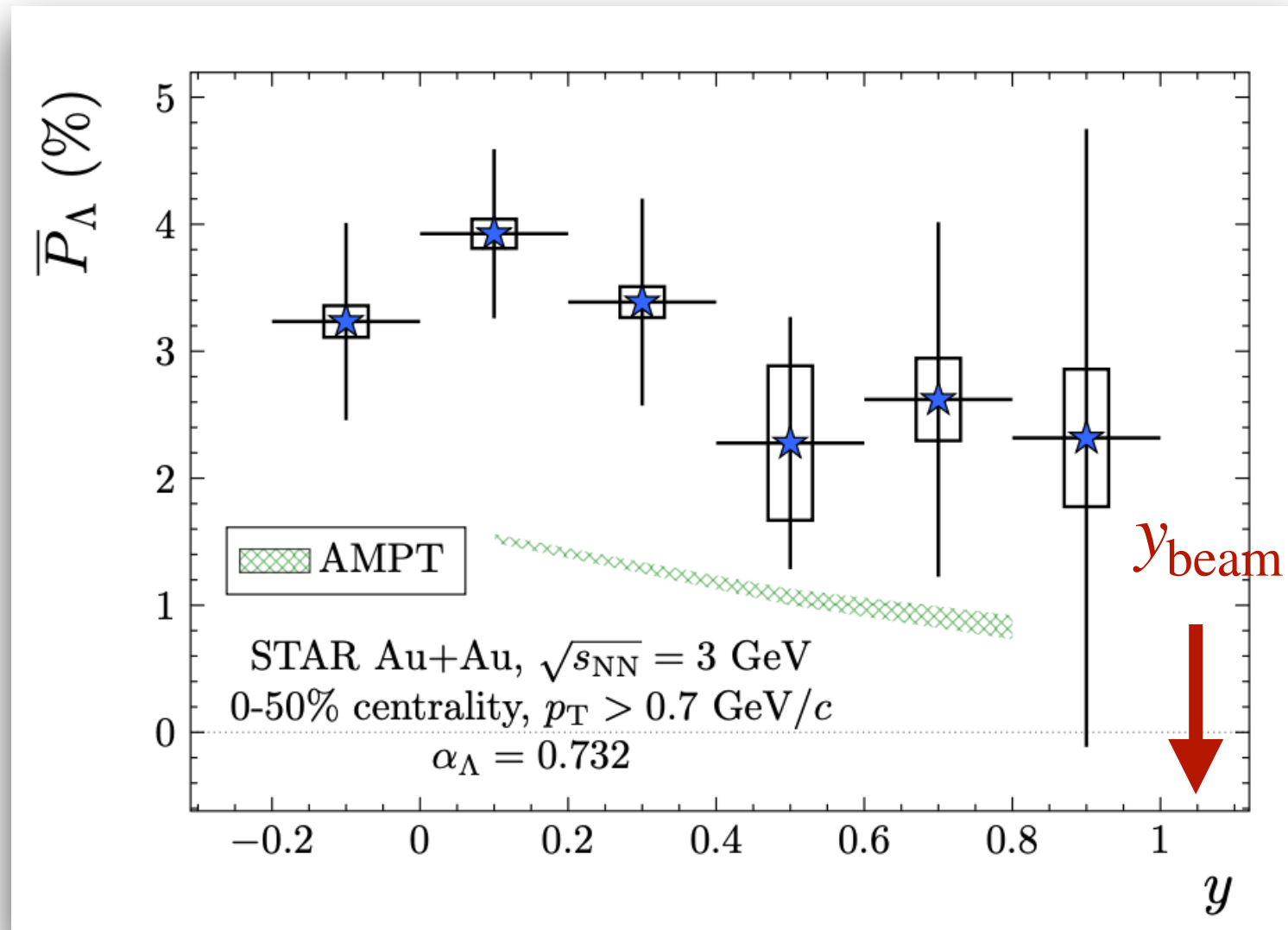
Guo et al, Phys Rev C 104, L041902 (2021)

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RHIC BES-II

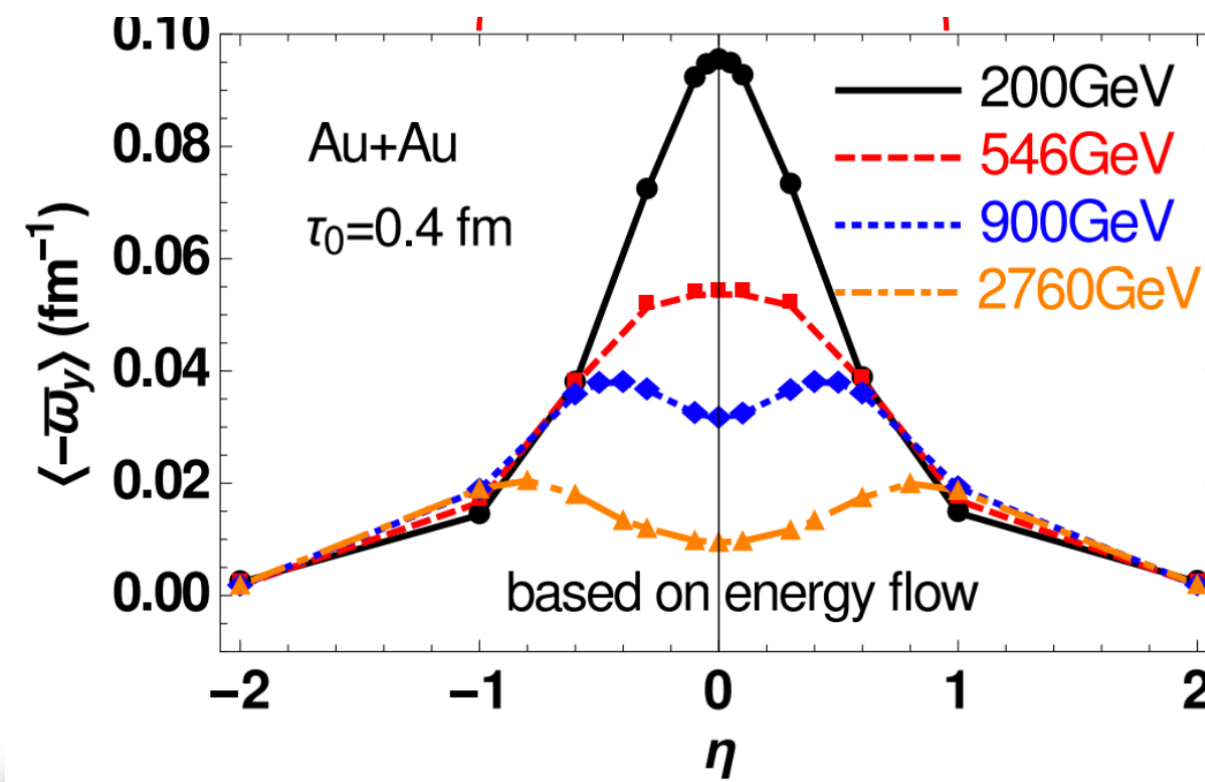
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Differential measurements of P_Λ : rapidity dependence

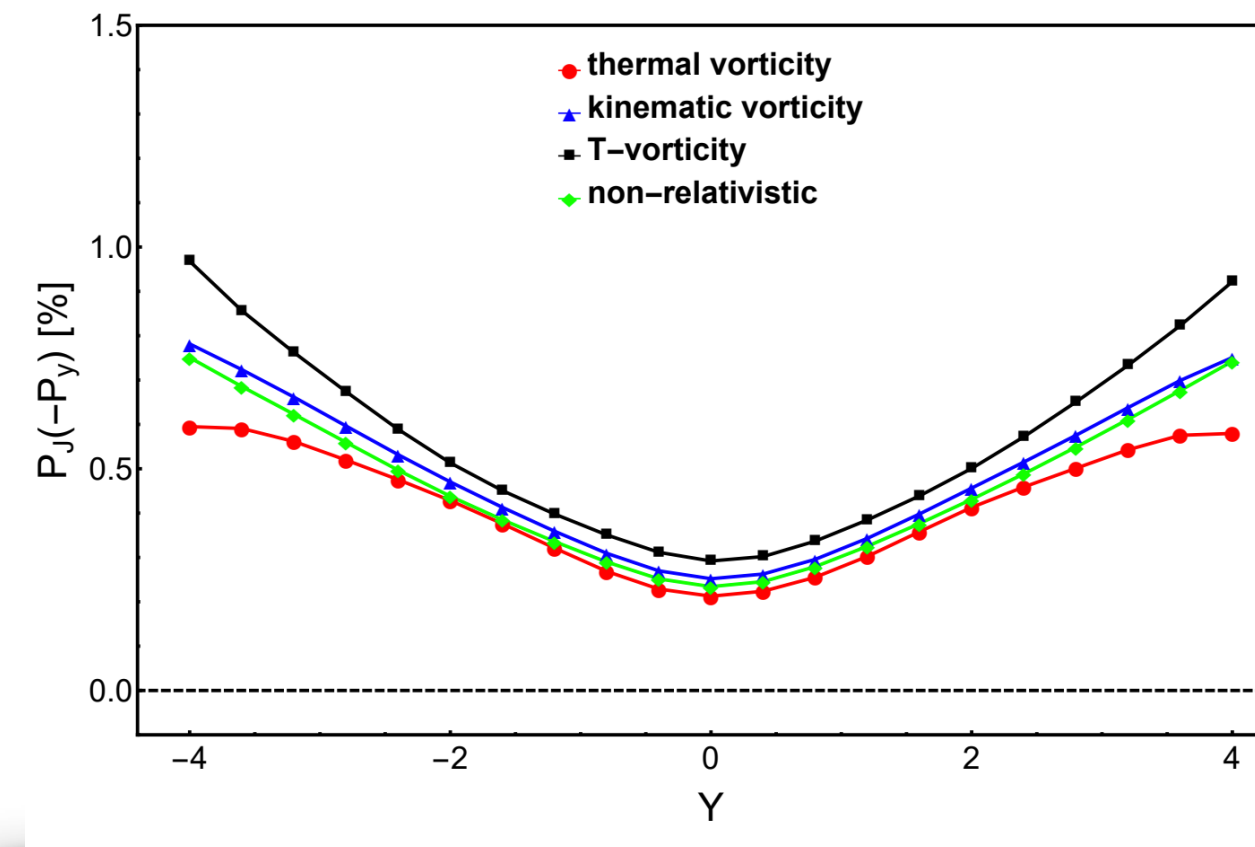


- No significant rapidity dependence observed

Deng and Huang, Phys Rev C 93, 064907

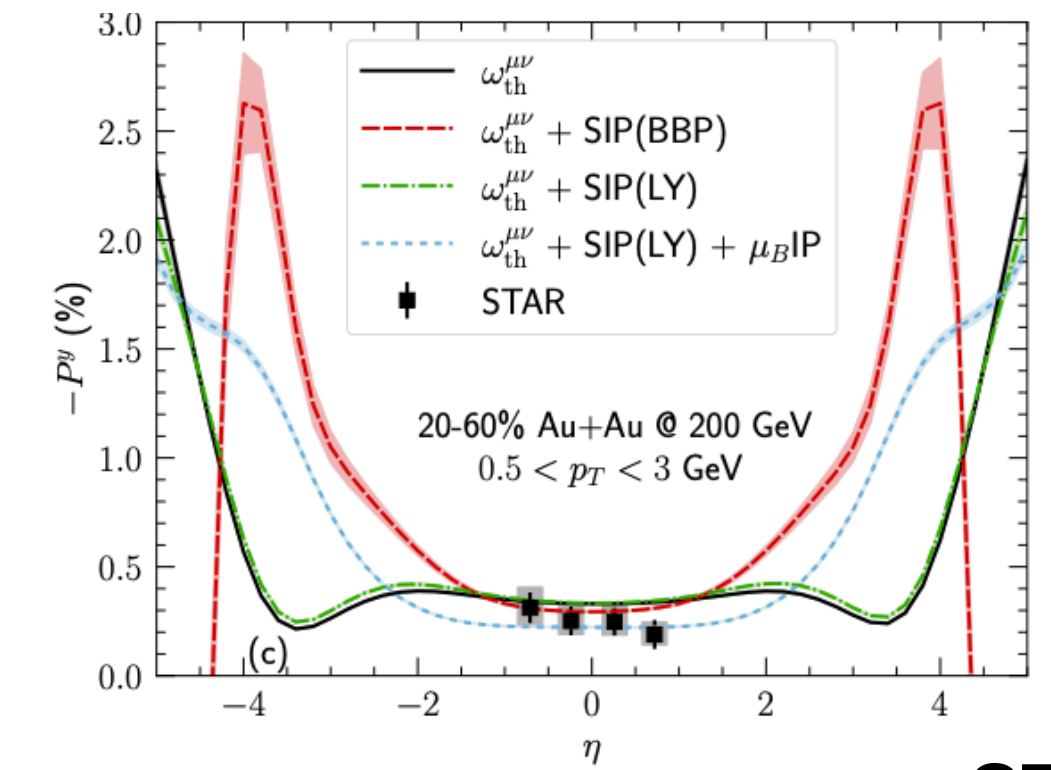


Wu et al, Phys Rev Research 1, 033058

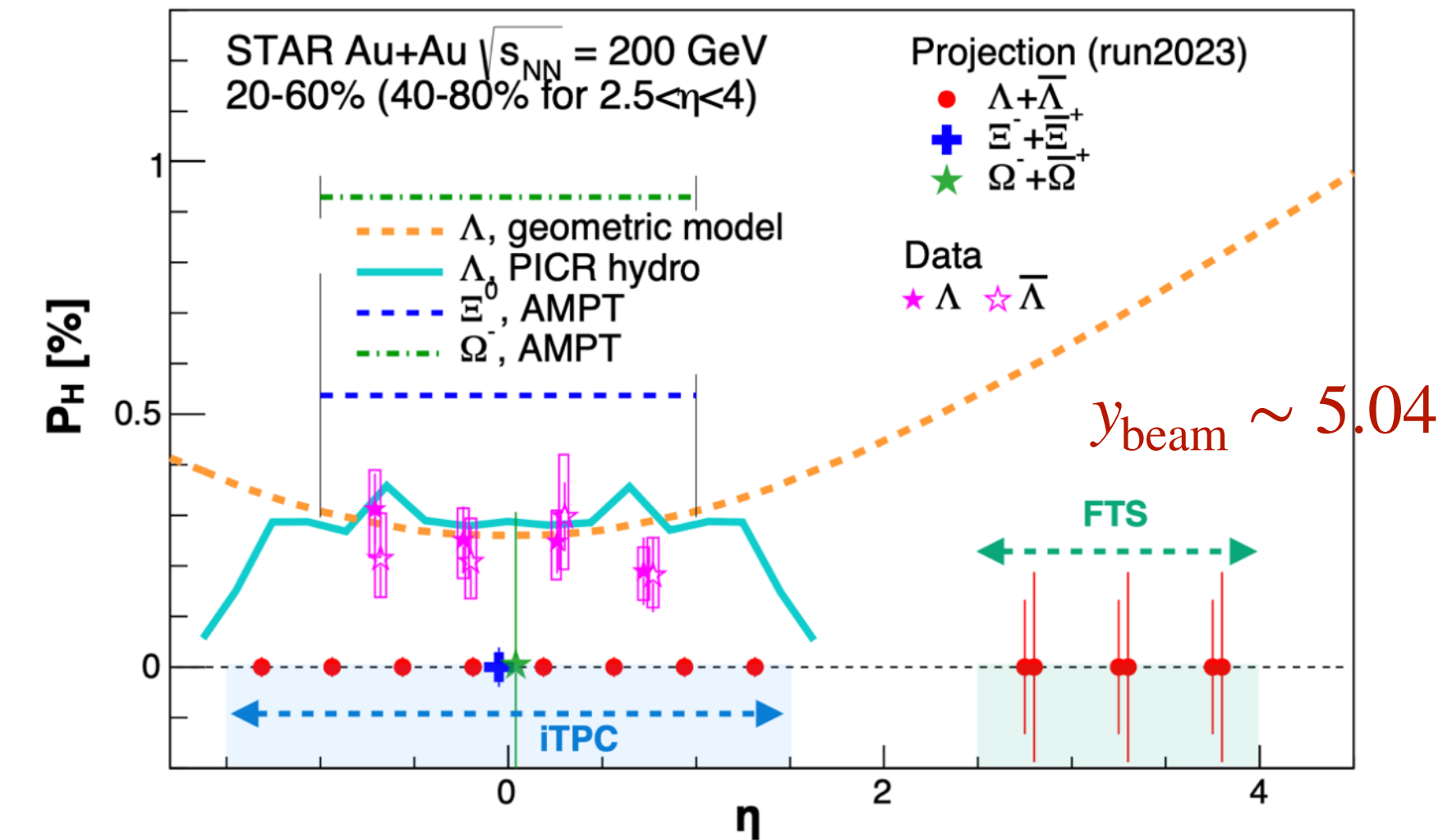


- Rapidity dependence of P_Λ is different among various models

Alzhrani et. al., arXiv: 2203.15718



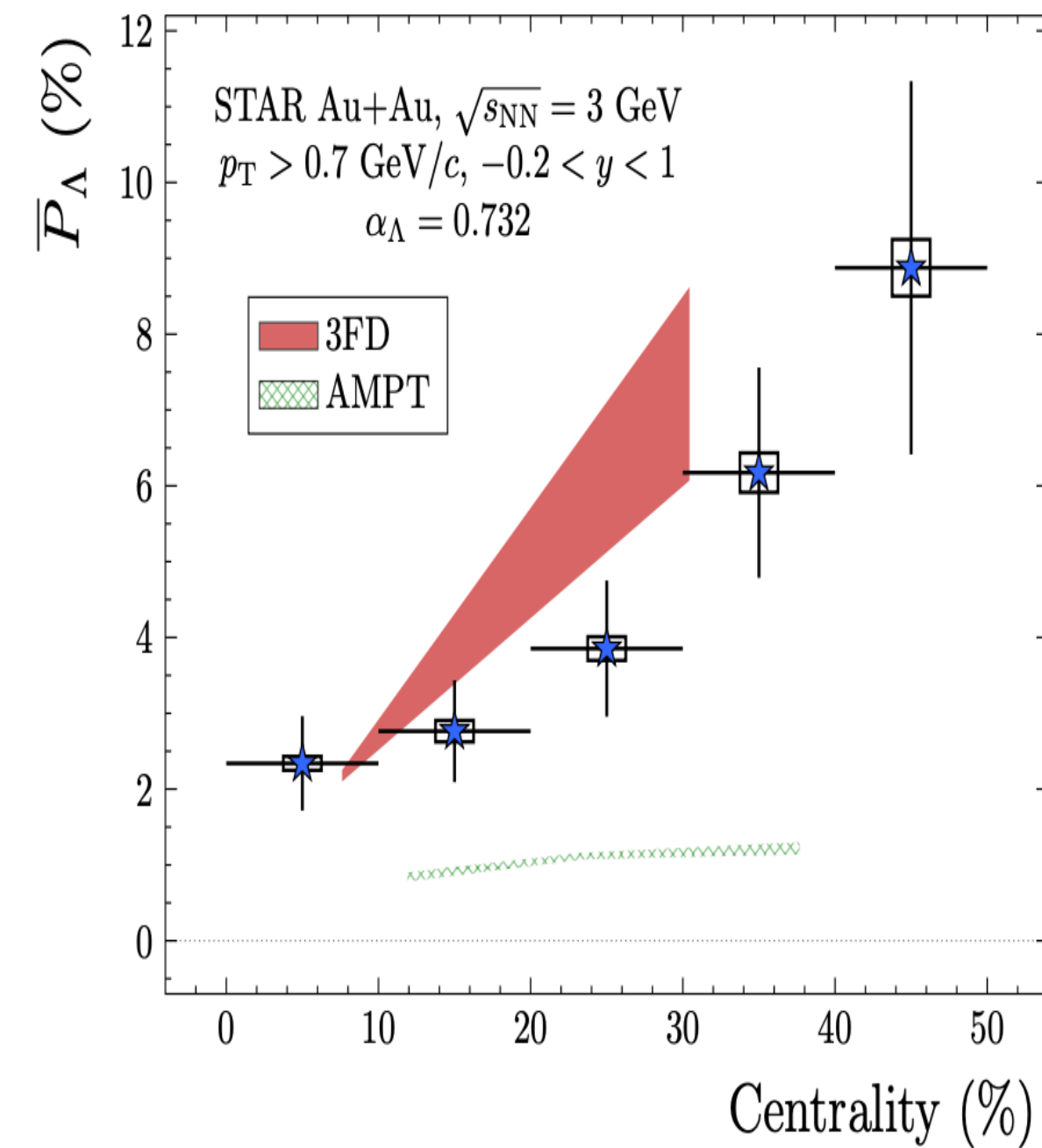
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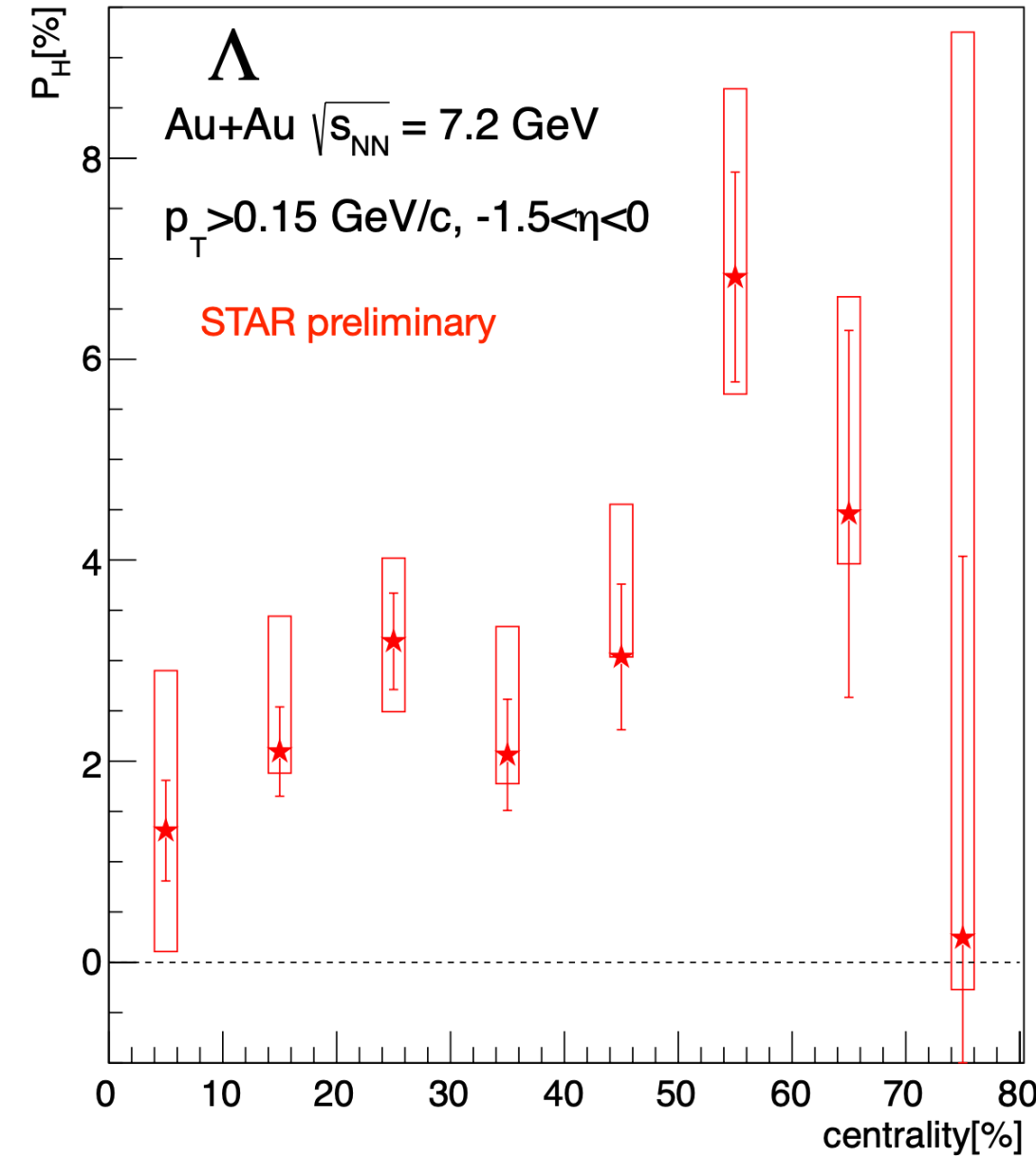
- High precision rapidity dependence P_Λ is needed to constrain models

Differential measurements of P_Λ : centrality dependence

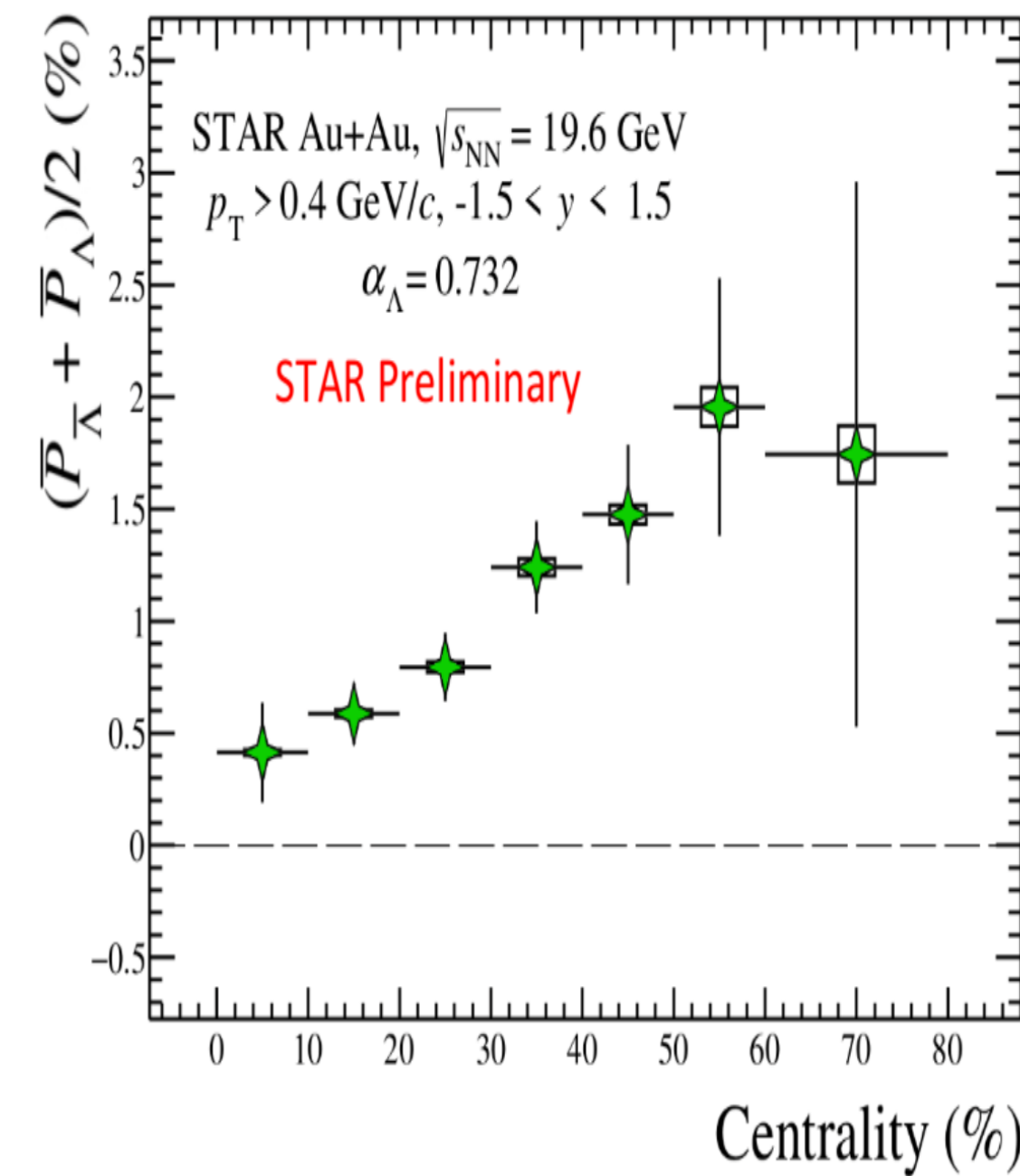
Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3$ GeV



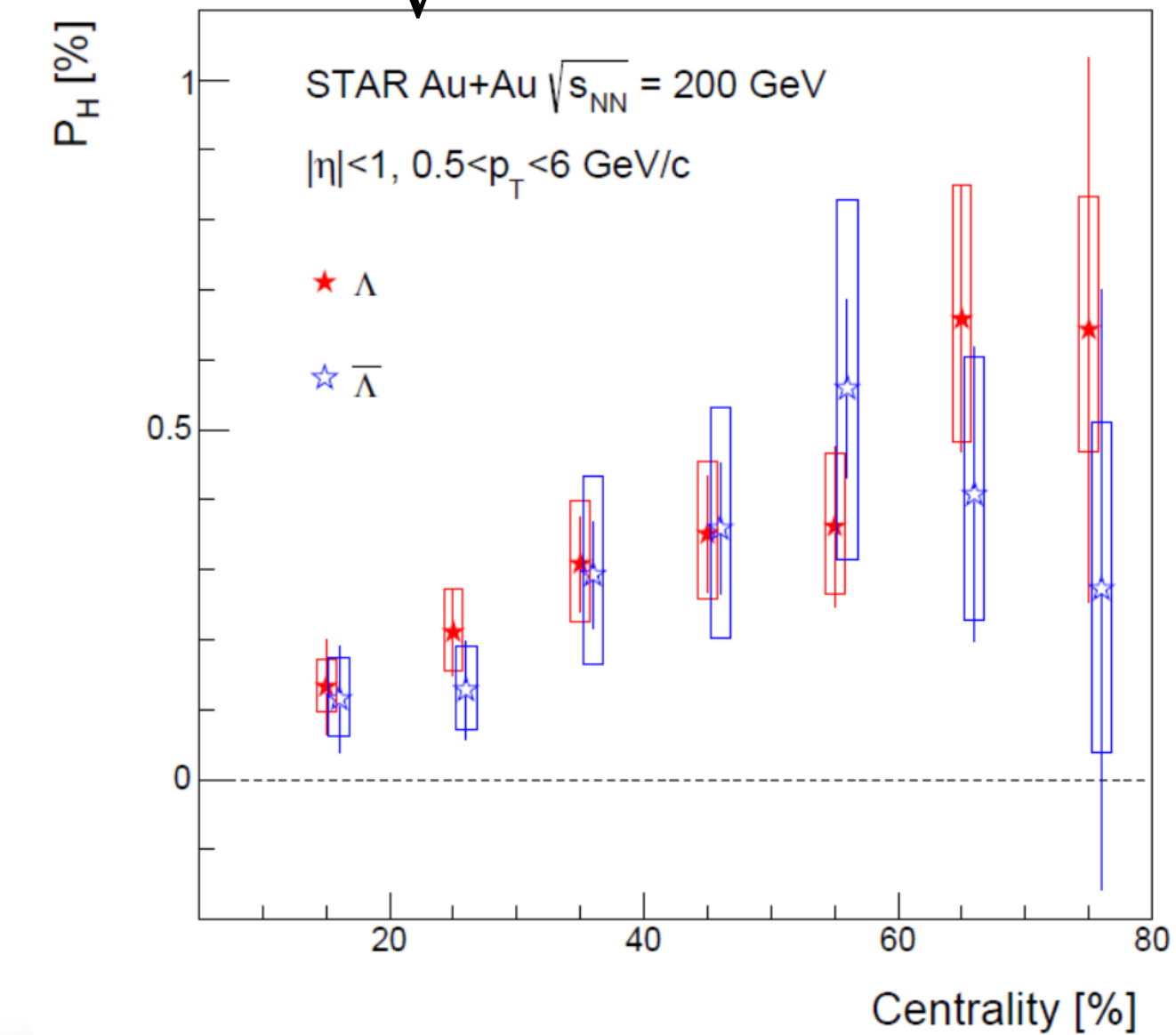
$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7.2$ GeV



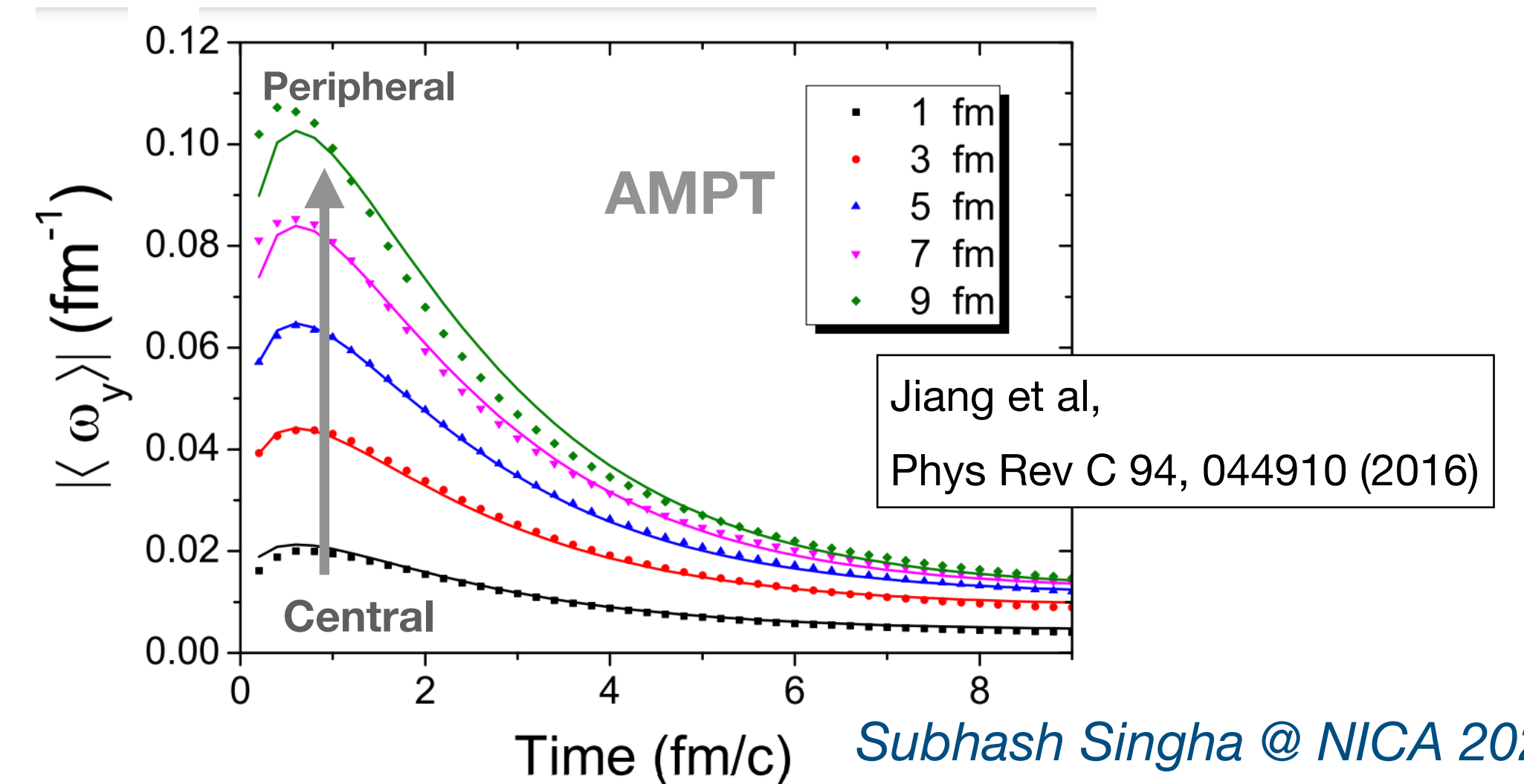
$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 19.6$ GeV



$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV



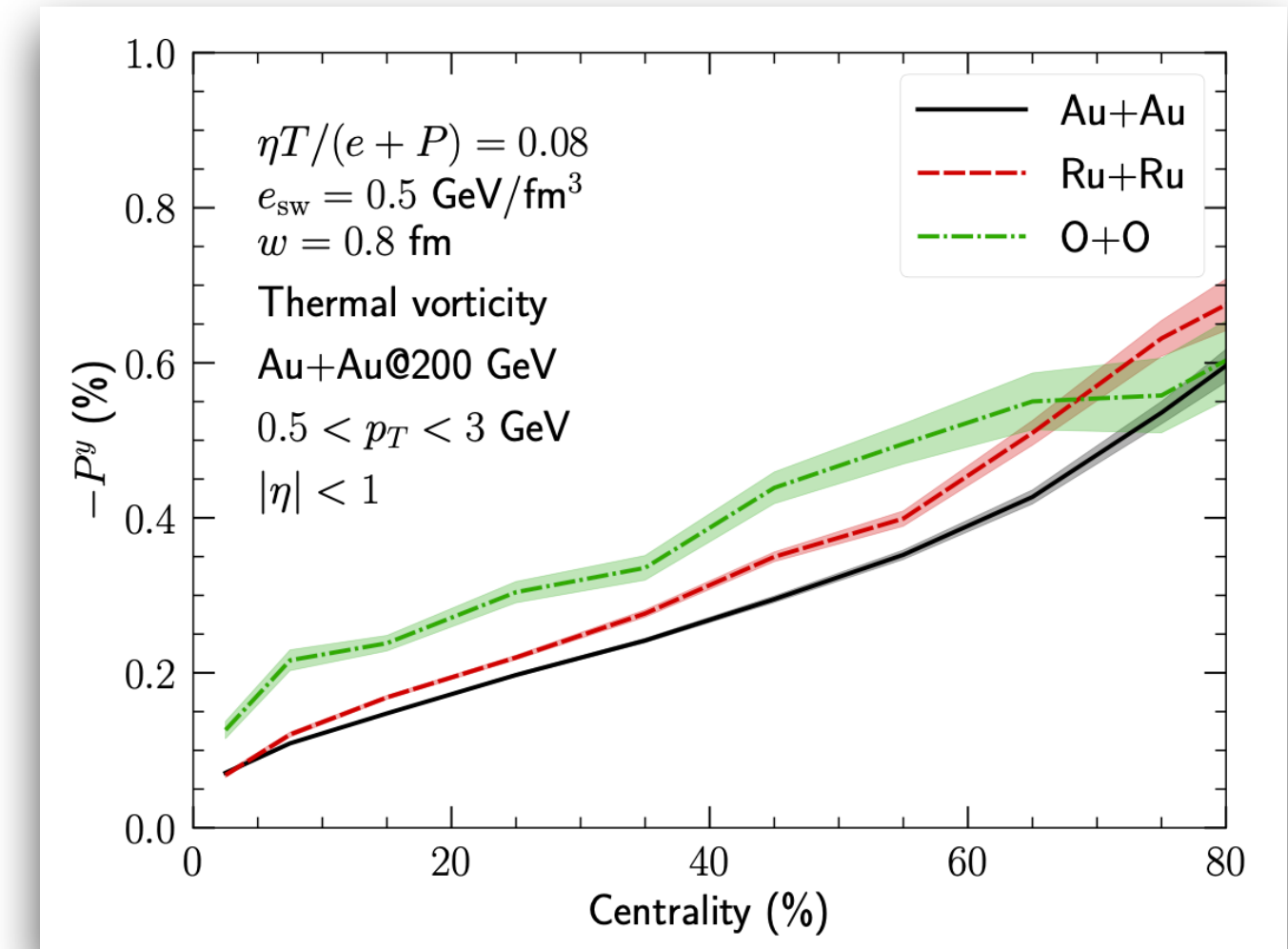
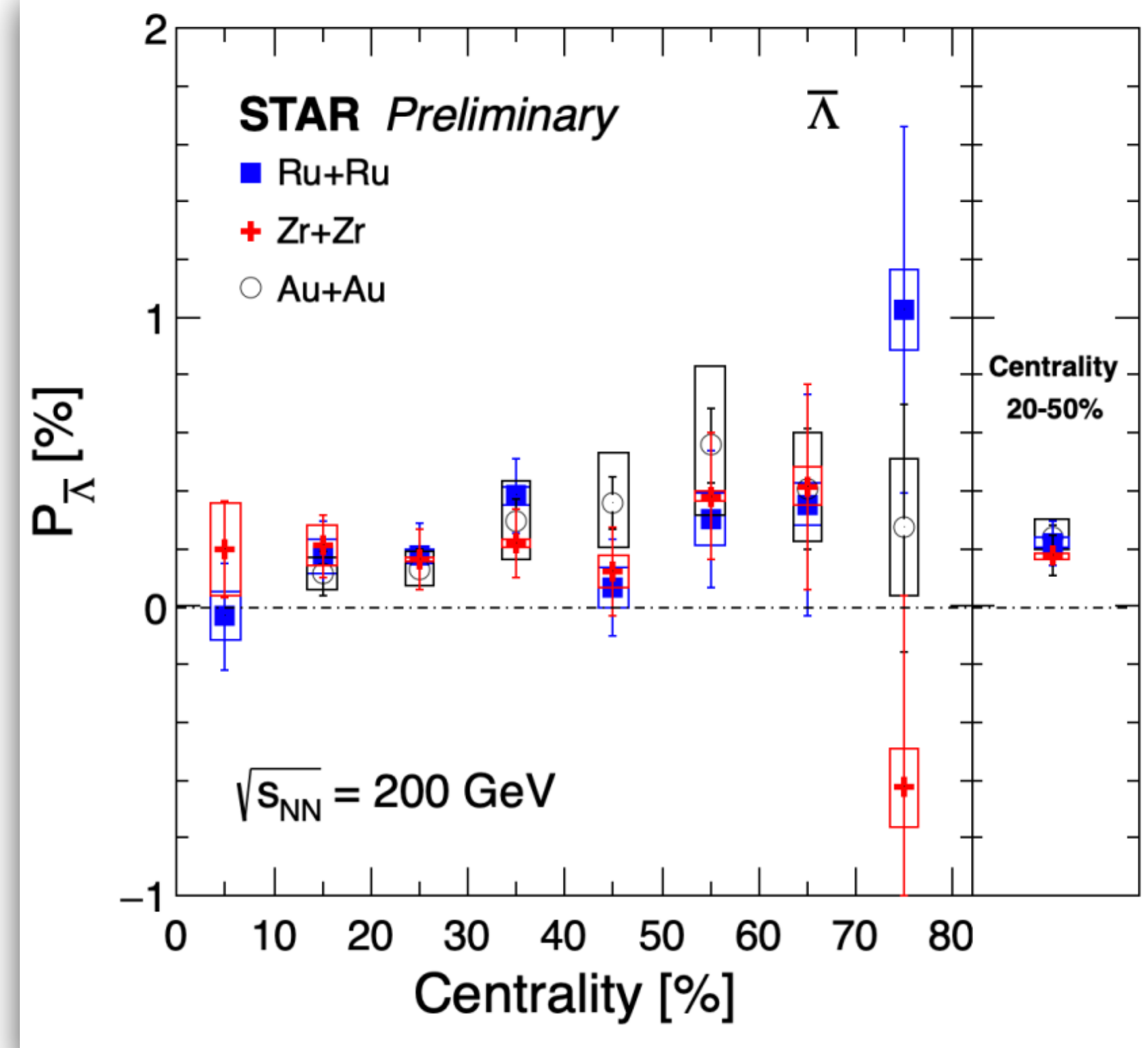
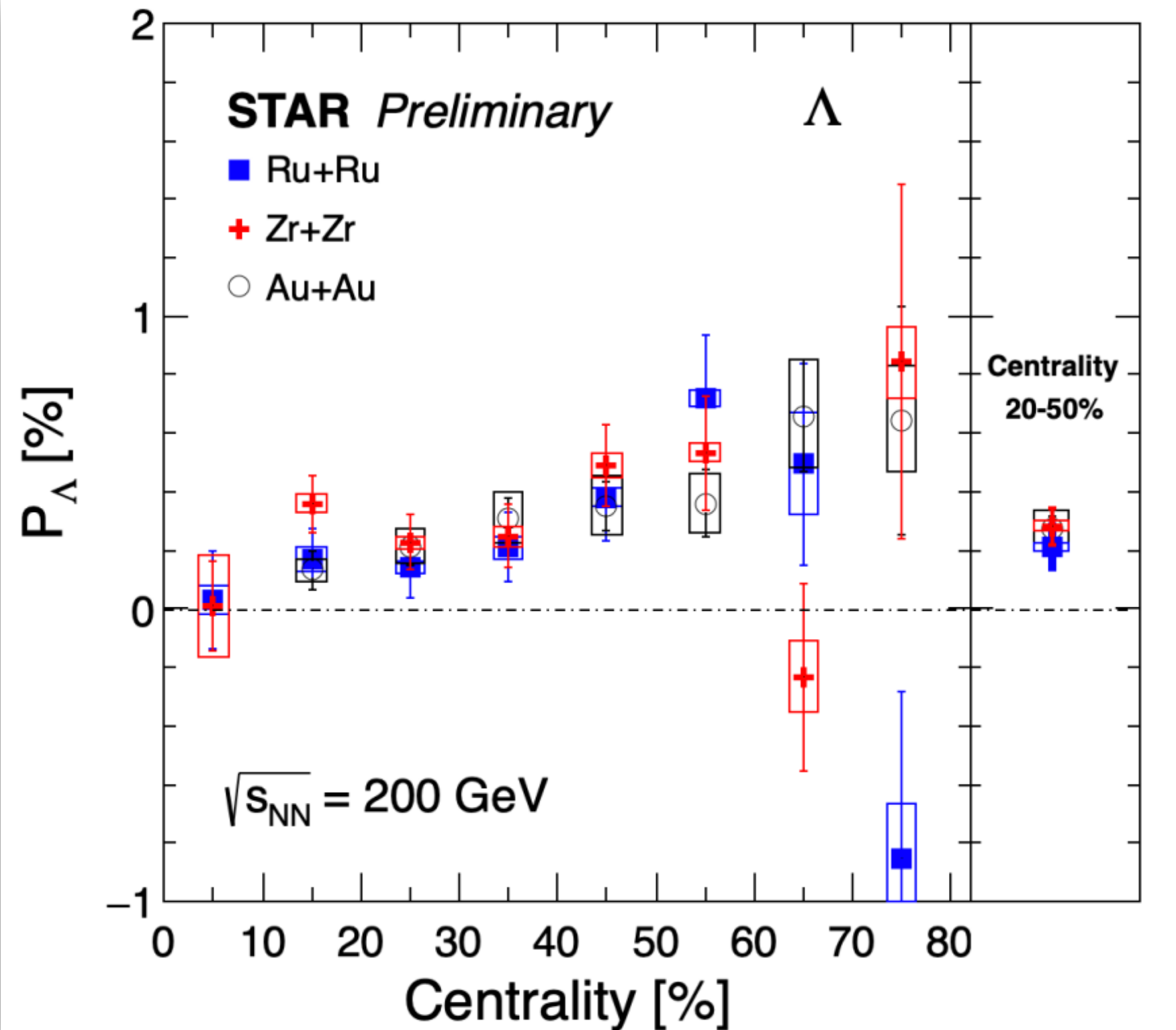
- P_Λ increases from central to peripheral collisions
- Similar pattern followed from 200 GeV down to 3 GeV
- Trend consistent with expectation from vorticity



Collision system size dependence of P_Λ

QM'22 & SQM'22

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Model expectation:

$$P_\Lambda^{O+O} > P_\Lambda^{Ru+Ru} > P_\Lambda^{Au+Au}$$

Alzhrani et. al., arXiv: 2203.15718

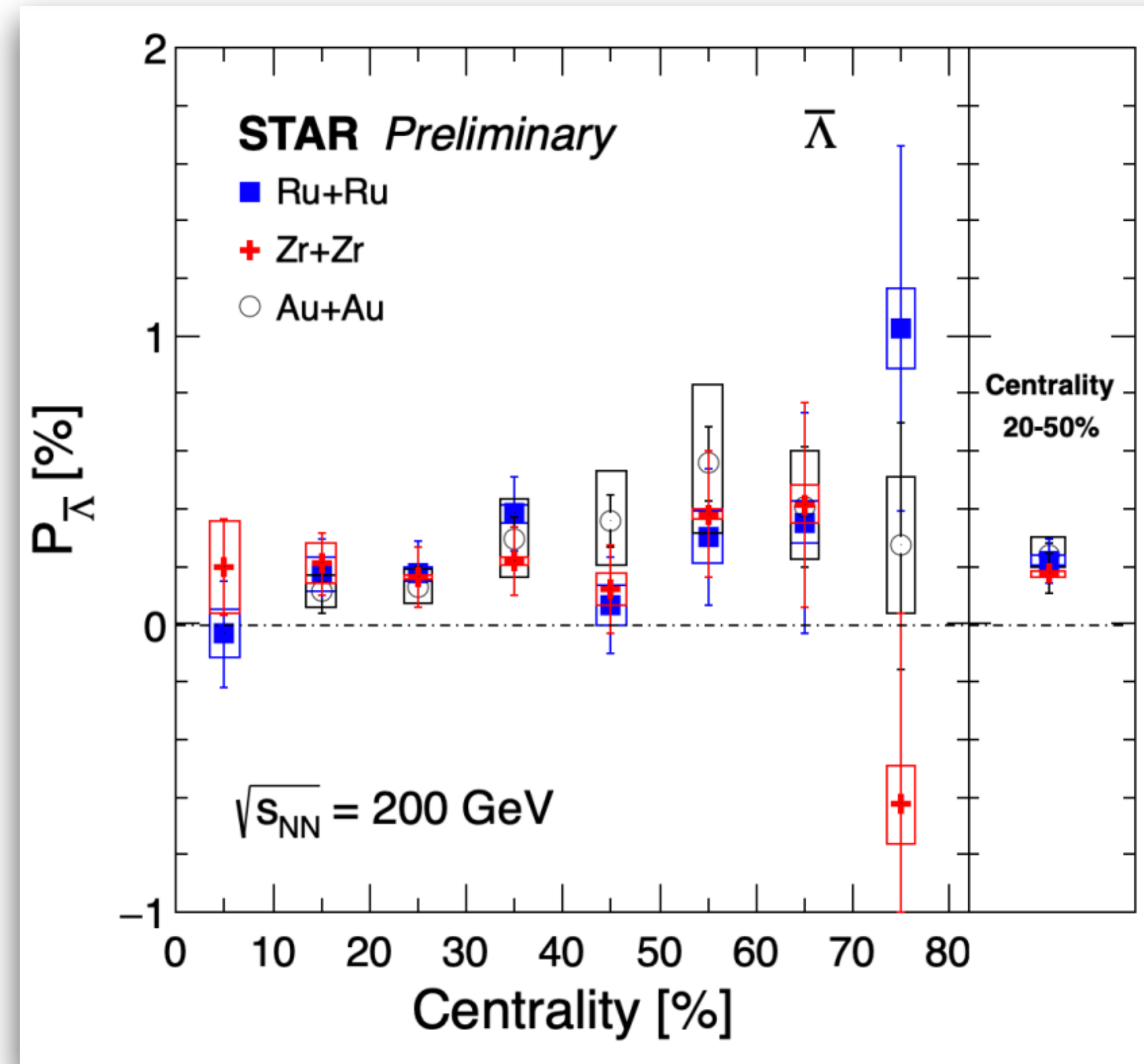
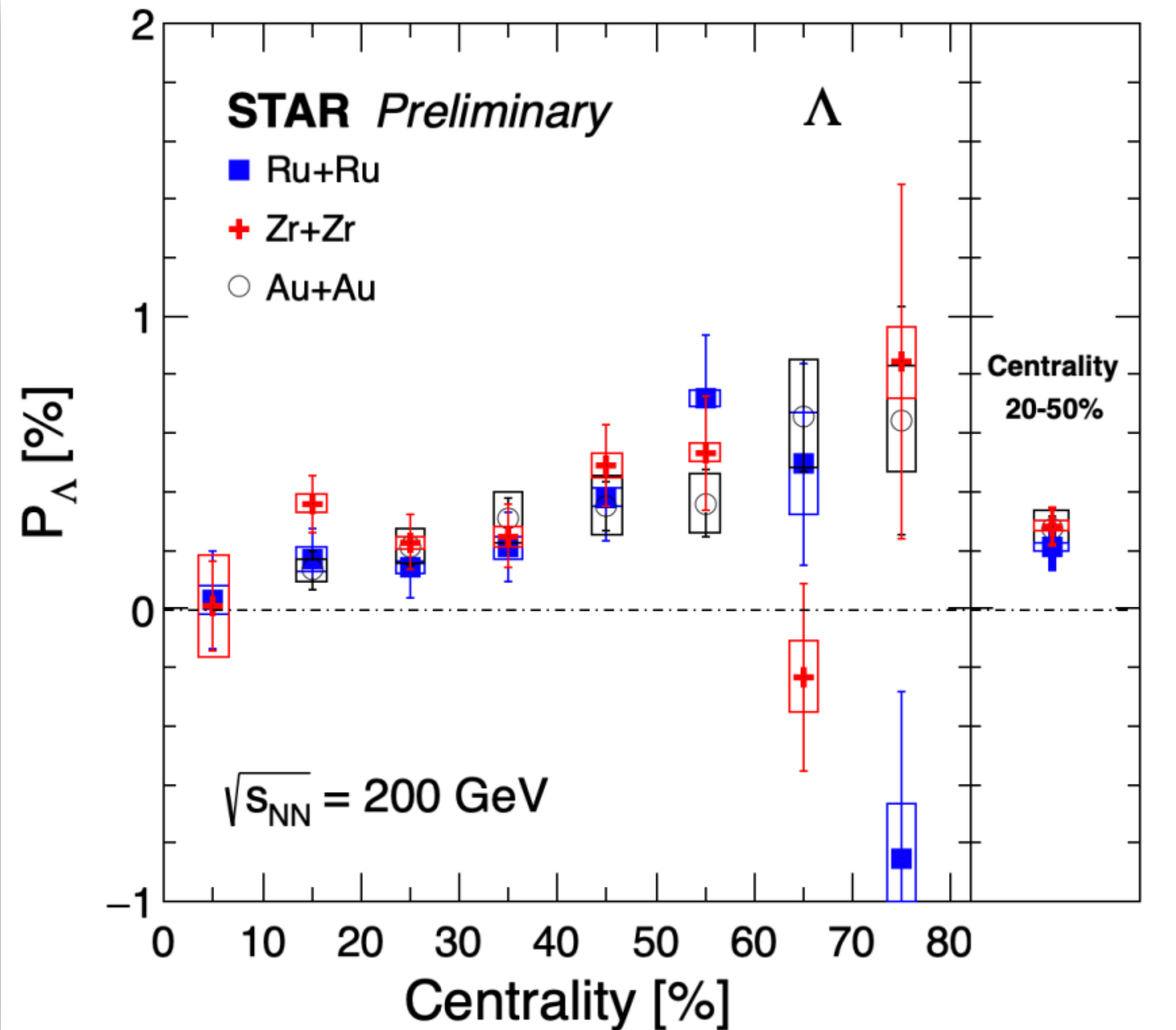
Shi et. al., Phys Lett B 788, 409413 (2019)

- Zr+Zr ~ Ru+Ru ~ Au+Au
- No obvious system size dependence observed
- O+O data ?

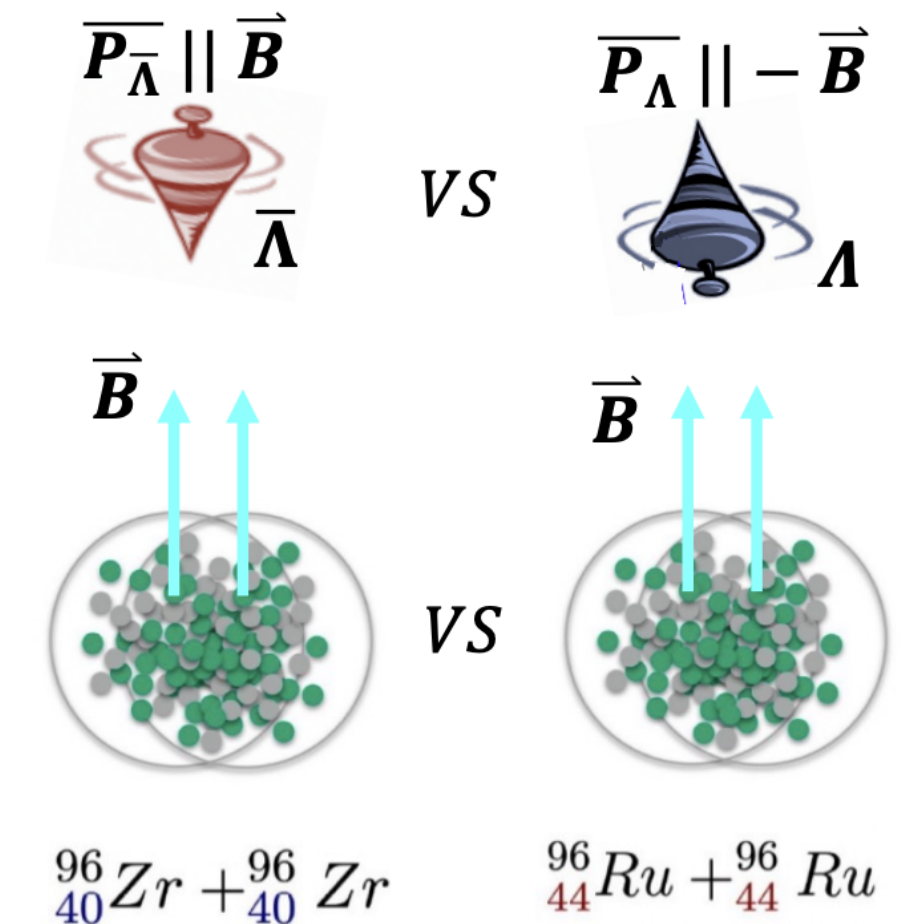
Possible constraint on B field by P_Λ

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Zr+Zr vs. Ru+Ru



~10-15% difference in **B** field

Naive expectation:

$$P_{\Lambda-\bar{\Lambda}}^{Ru+Ru} > P_{\Lambda-\bar{\Lambda}}^{Zr+Zr}$$

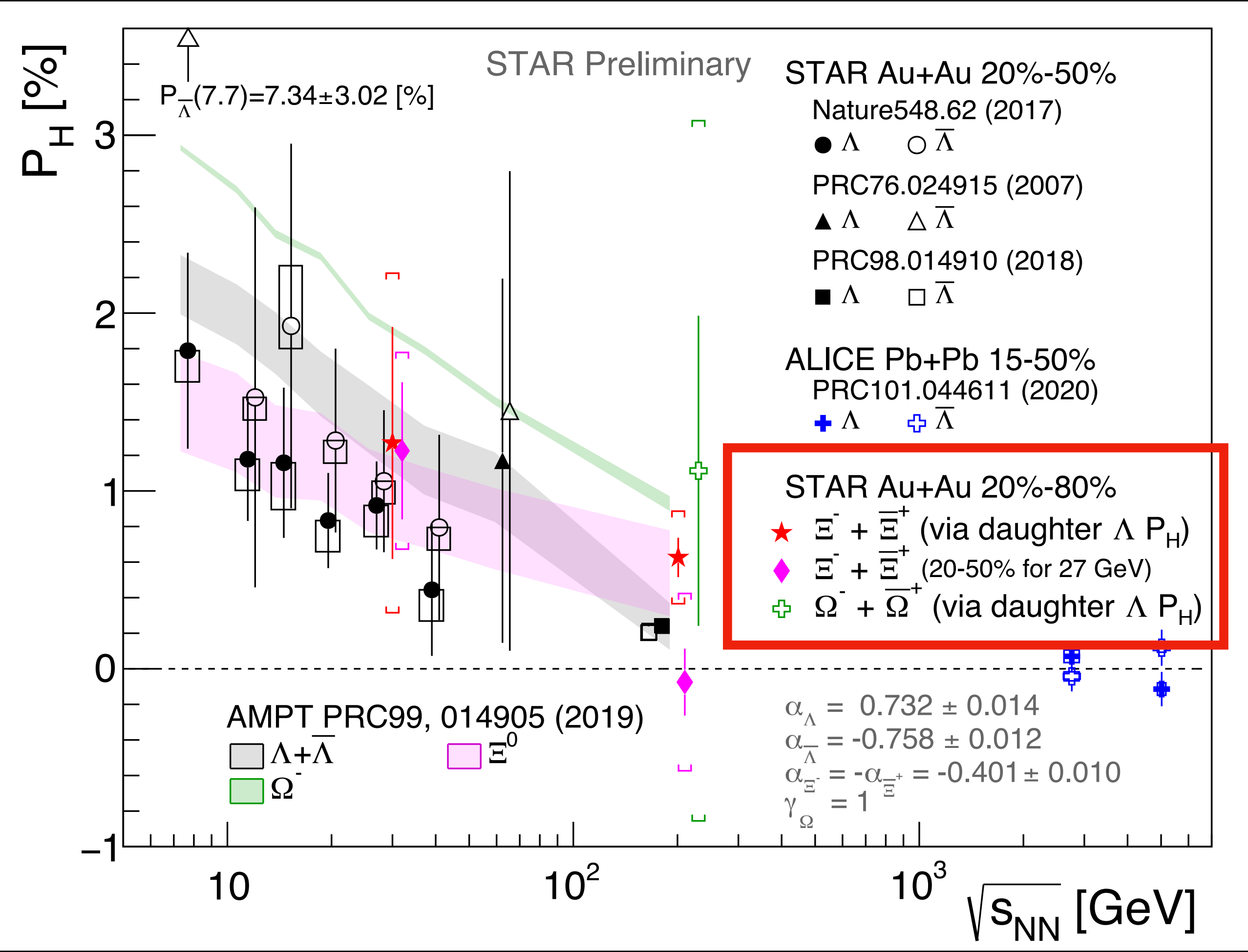
- Ru+Ru ~ Zr+Zr
- No difference between Λ , $\bar{\Lambda}$ is observed in isobar data
- High precision RHIC BES-II and LHC data?

- Magnetic field

$$B \approx \frac{T}{2\mu_\Lambda} (P_\Lambda - P_{\bar{\Lambda}})$$

Global spin polarization of Ξ , Ω

STAR: Phys Rev Lett 126, 162301 (2021)



Ξ , Ω can be measured via daughter particle polarization

- $P_{\Lambda} = 0.24 \pm 0.03(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.03(\text{syst.}) \%$
- $P_{\Xi} = 0.47 \pm 0.10(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.23(\text{syst.}) \%$
- $P_{\Omega} = 1.11 \pm 0.87(\text{stat.}) \pm 1.97(\text{syst.}) \%$

- First non-zero polarization for Ξ , Ω
- $P_{\Xi, \Omega}$ follows global trend of P_{Λ}
- Global nature of polarization in HIC

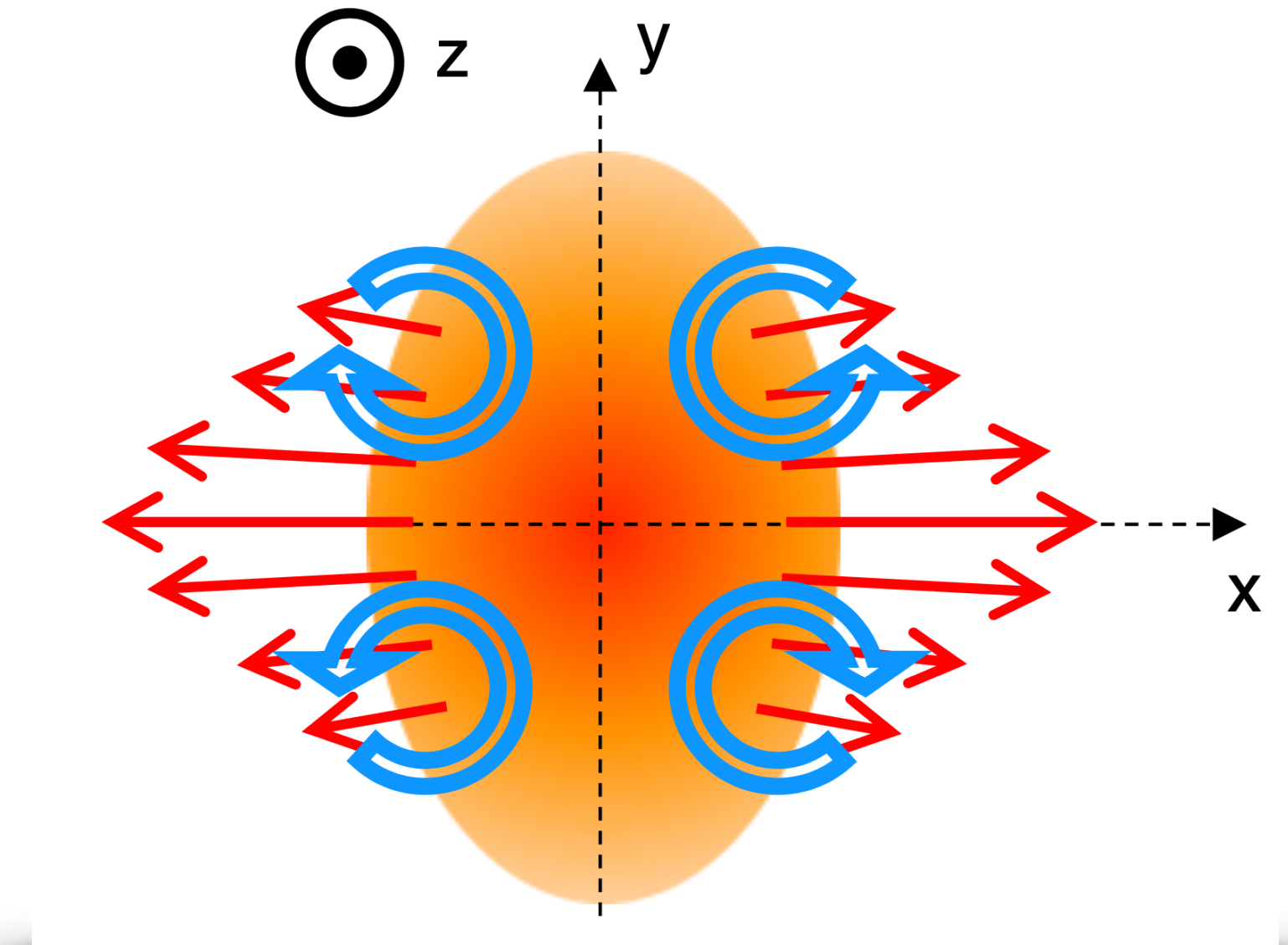
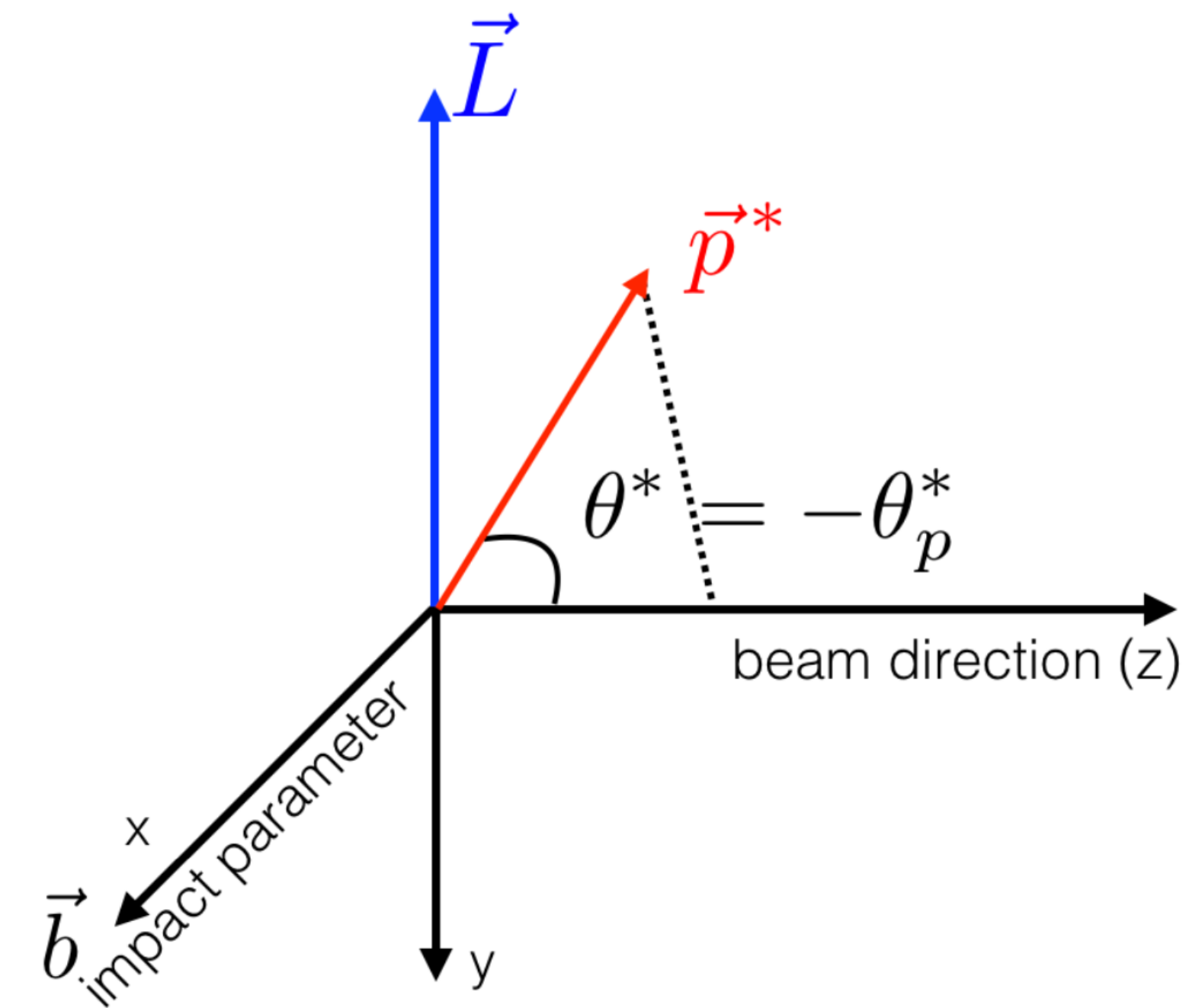
	Mass (GeV/c ²)	Spin	μ_N
Λ (uds)	1.115683	1/2	0.613
Ξ (dss)	1.32171	1/2	-0.6501
Ω (sss)	1.67245	3/2	-2.02

Precise measurement can help testing species dependent splitting

Local spin polarization of hyperons

- How polarization distributed in azimuthal angle of particle momentum?
- Results on longitudinal polarization (P_z)

Local spin polarization of hyperons

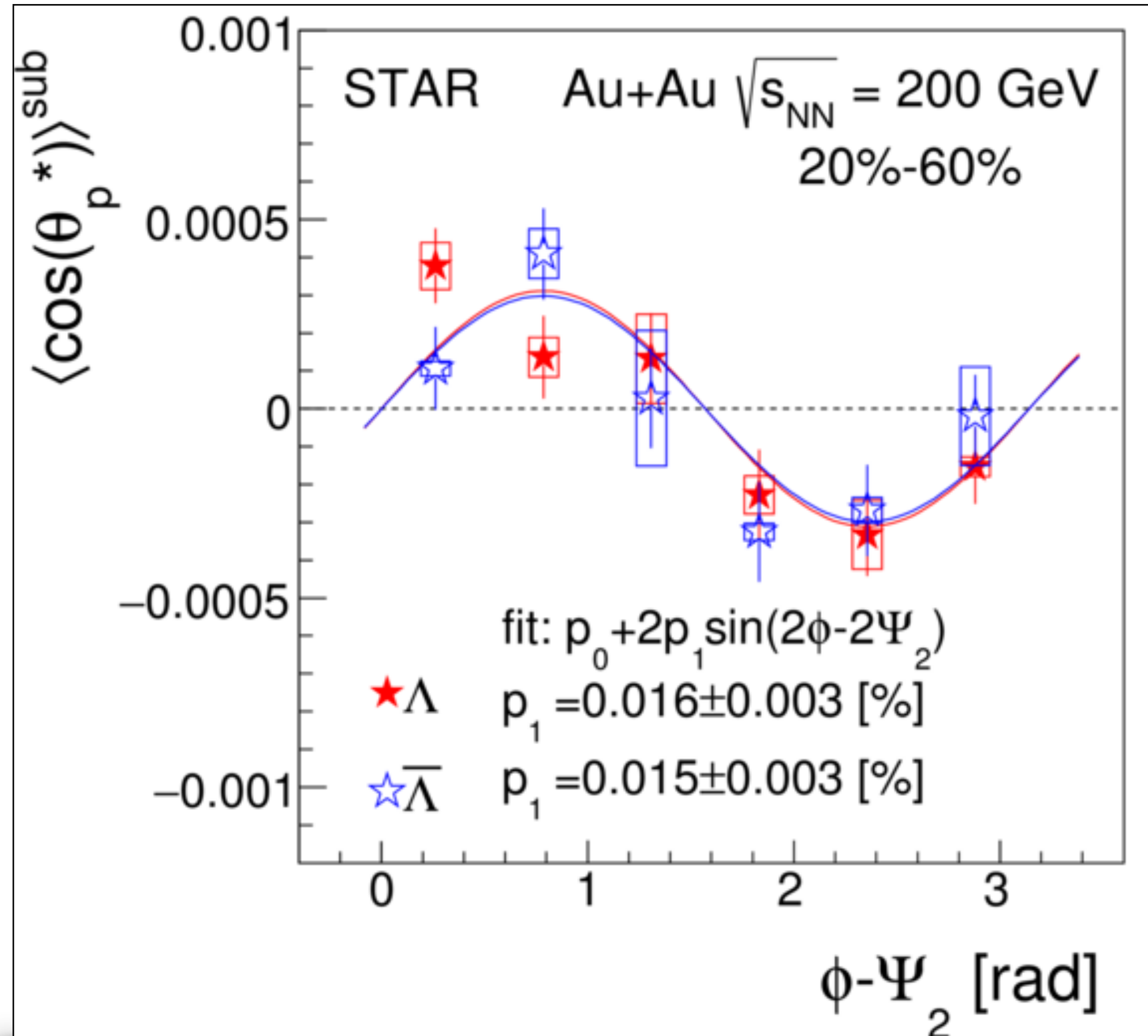


Longitudinal polarization

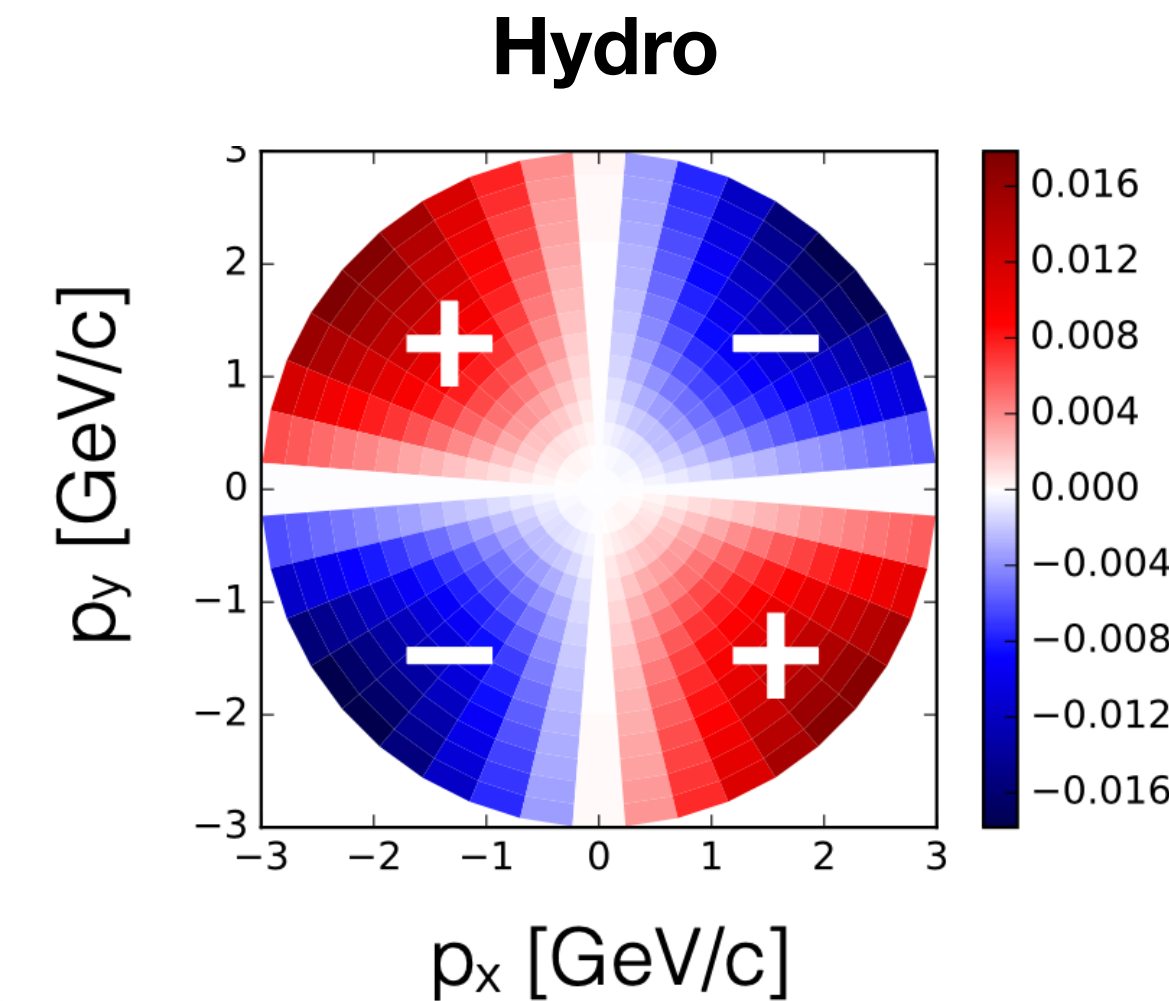
- Elliptic flow is expected to generate a longitudinal component of polarization (P_z)
- $$P_z = \frac{3}{\alpha_H} \langle \cos \theta_p^* \rangle$$
- Local polarization is expected to be sensitive to space and time variation of vorticity and convolute with flow driven space-momentum correlation

Local spin polarization of hyperons

STAR: Phys Rev Lett 123, 132301 (2019)



- First observation of longitudinal polarization P_z wrt Ψ_2
- “*Sign puzzle*” in P_z : Many models fail to capture trend with proper sign



Theory developments addressing spin puzzle:

Liu et al, JHEP 07, 188 (2021)

Fu et., al, Phys Rev Lett 127, 142301 (2021)

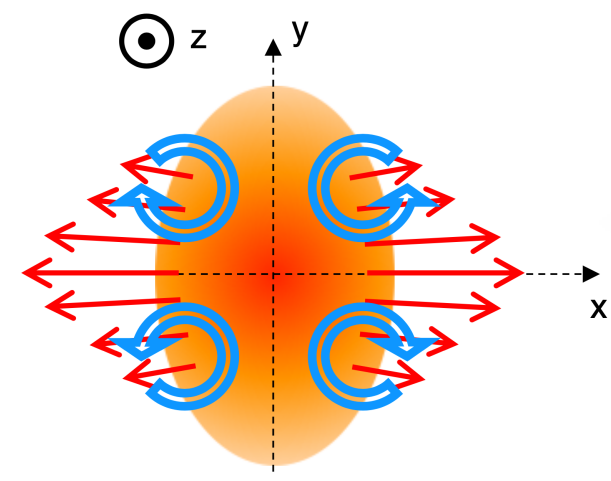
Becattini et al, Phys Rev Lett 127, 272302 (2021)

Becattini et al, Phys Lett B820, 136519 (2021)

Alzhrani et. al., arXiv: 2203.15718

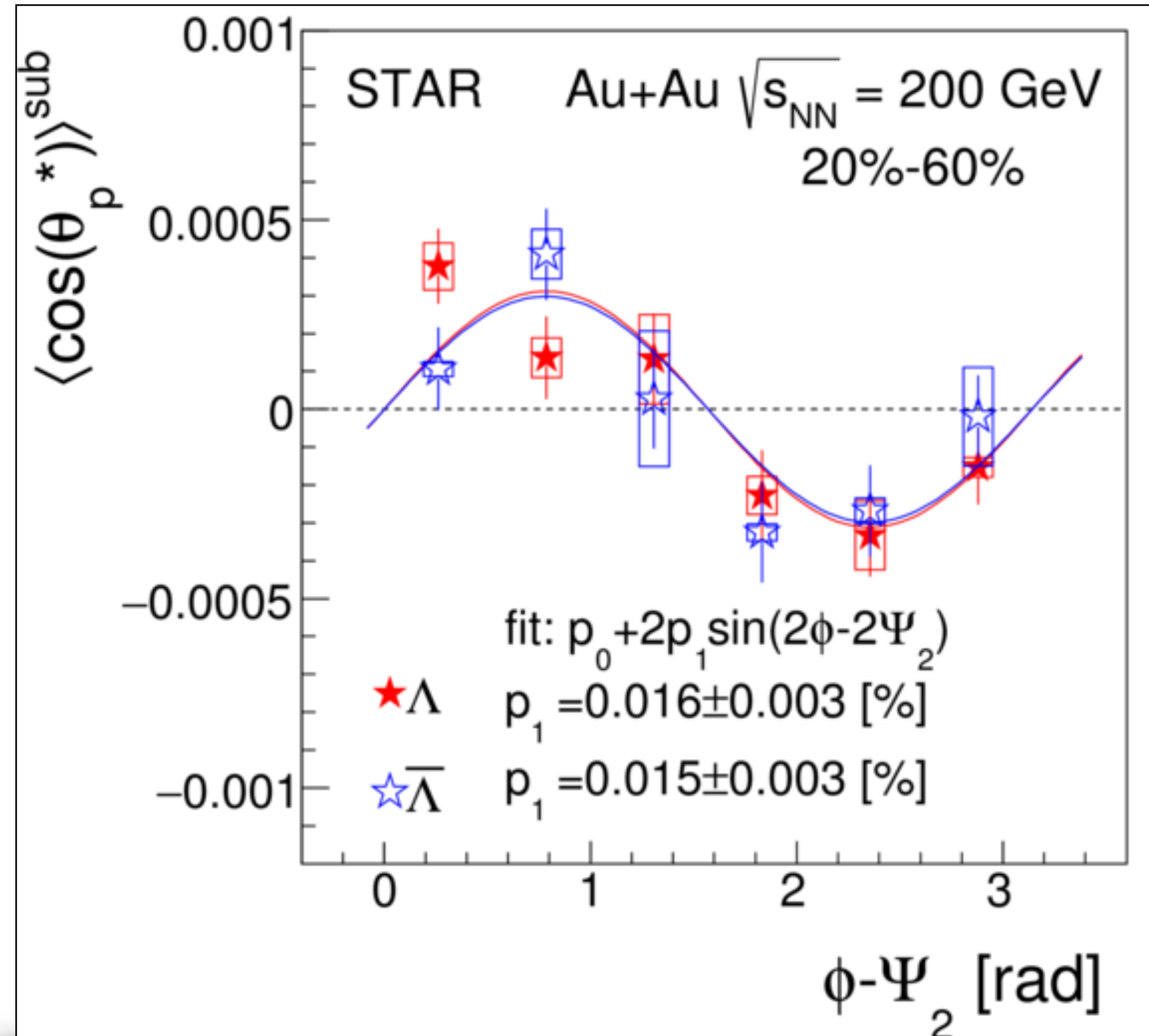
Same pattern observed at LHC

ALICE, Phys Rev Lett 128, 172005 (2022)

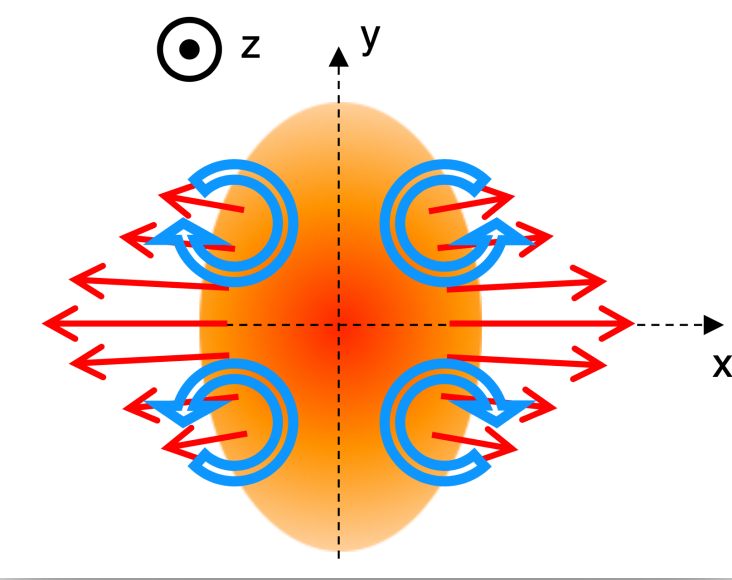


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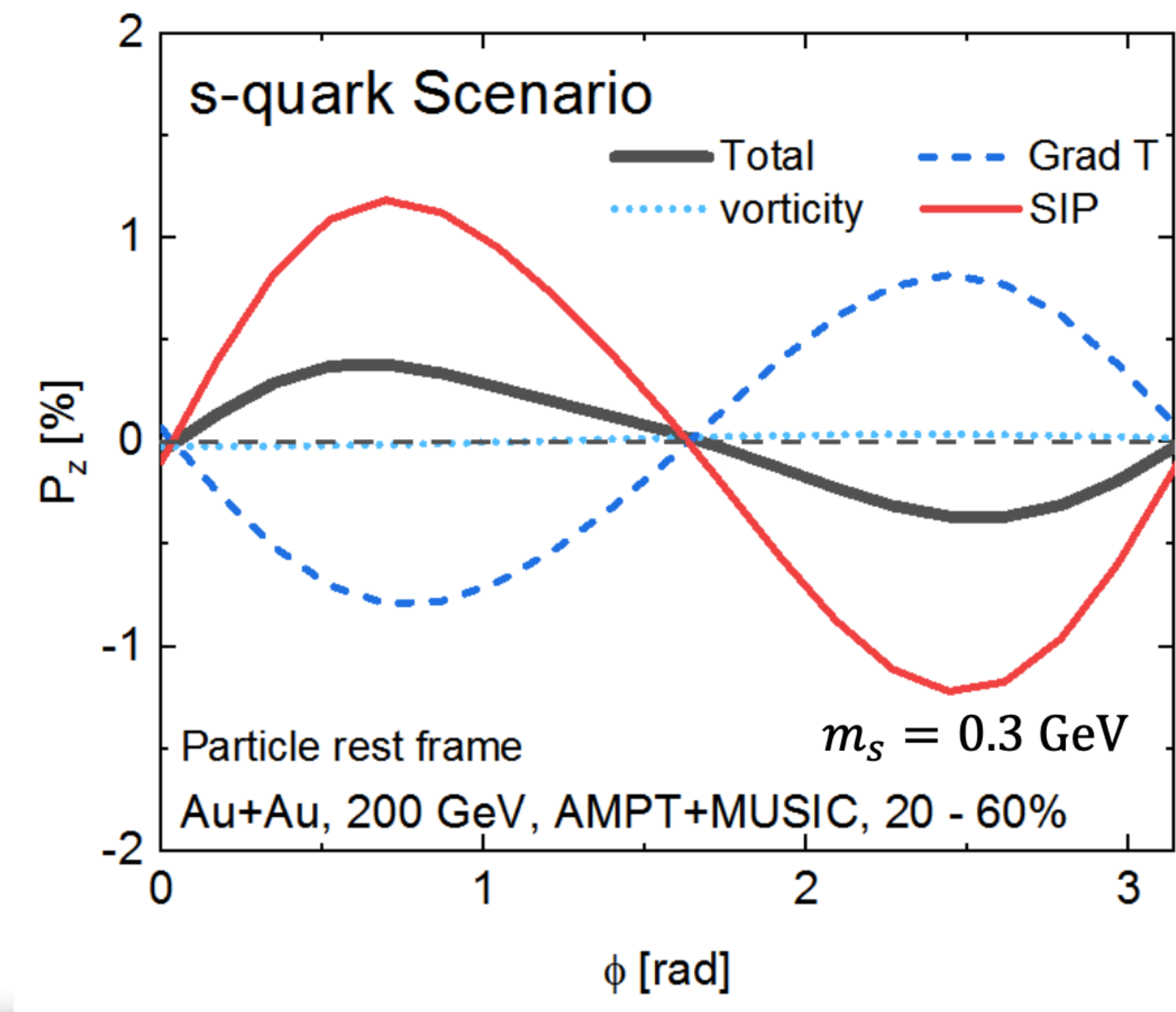
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One of the new developments:
Shear Induced Polarization (SIP)

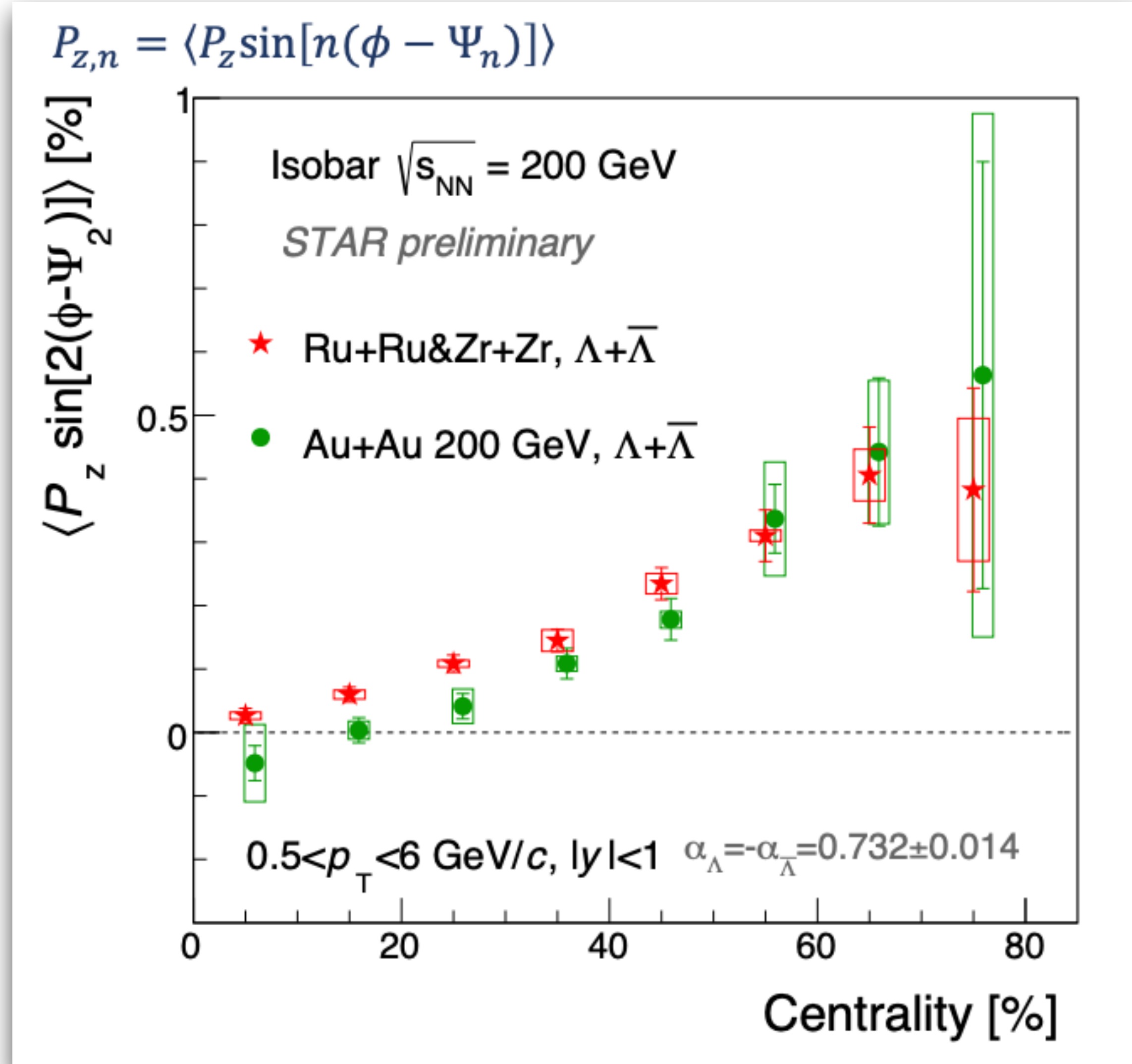


Total = vorticity $\oplus$ ∇T $\oplus$ Shear



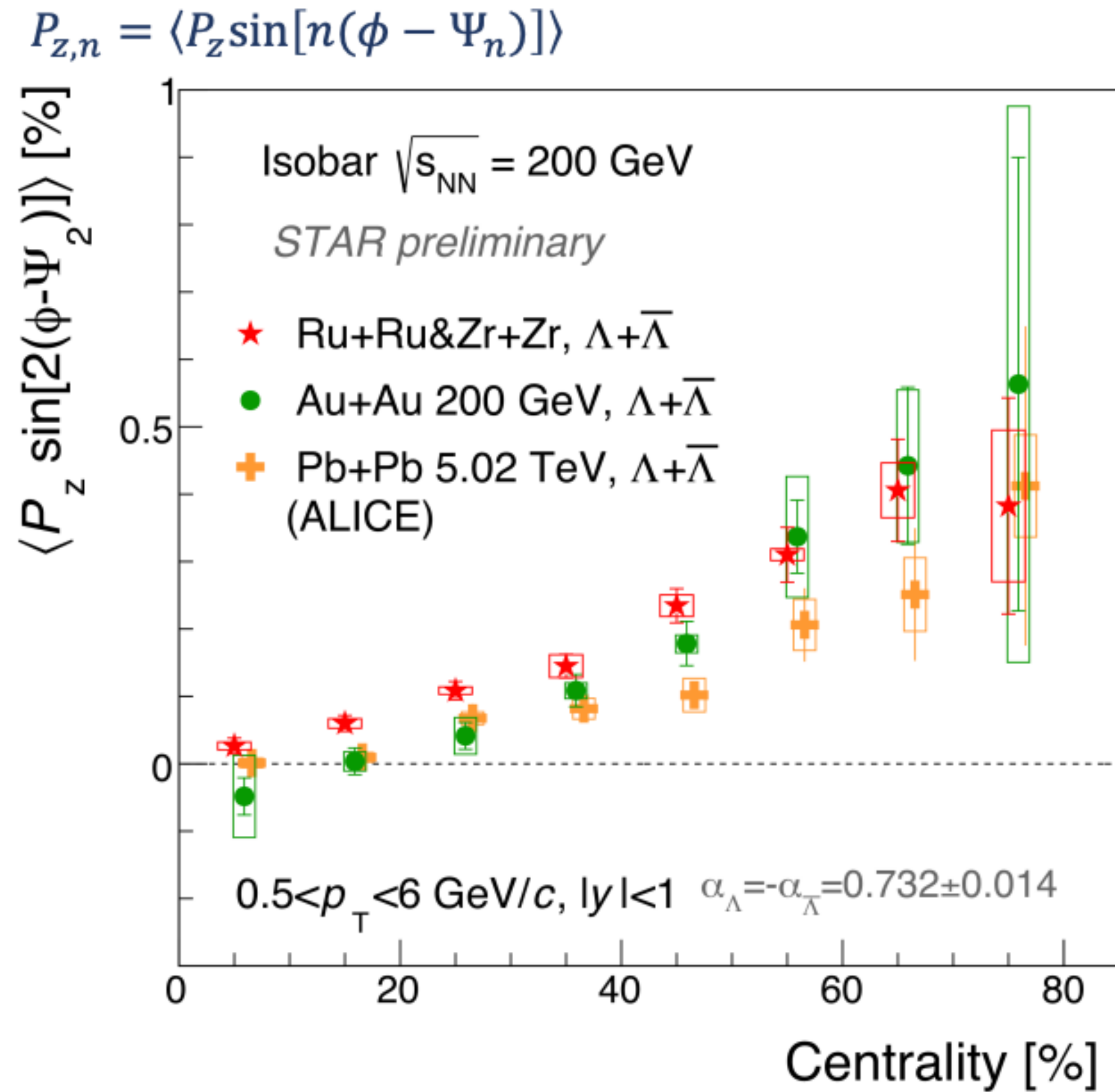
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System size and energy dependence of P_z



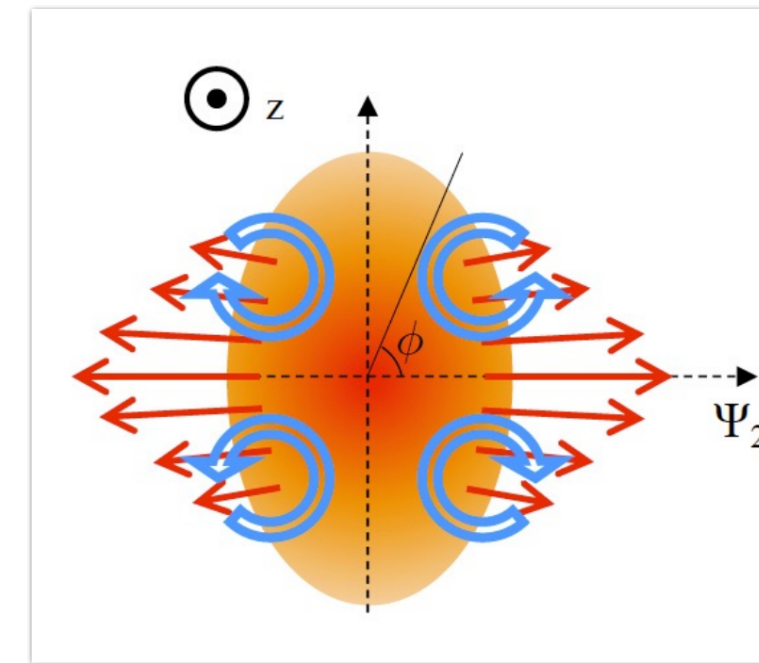
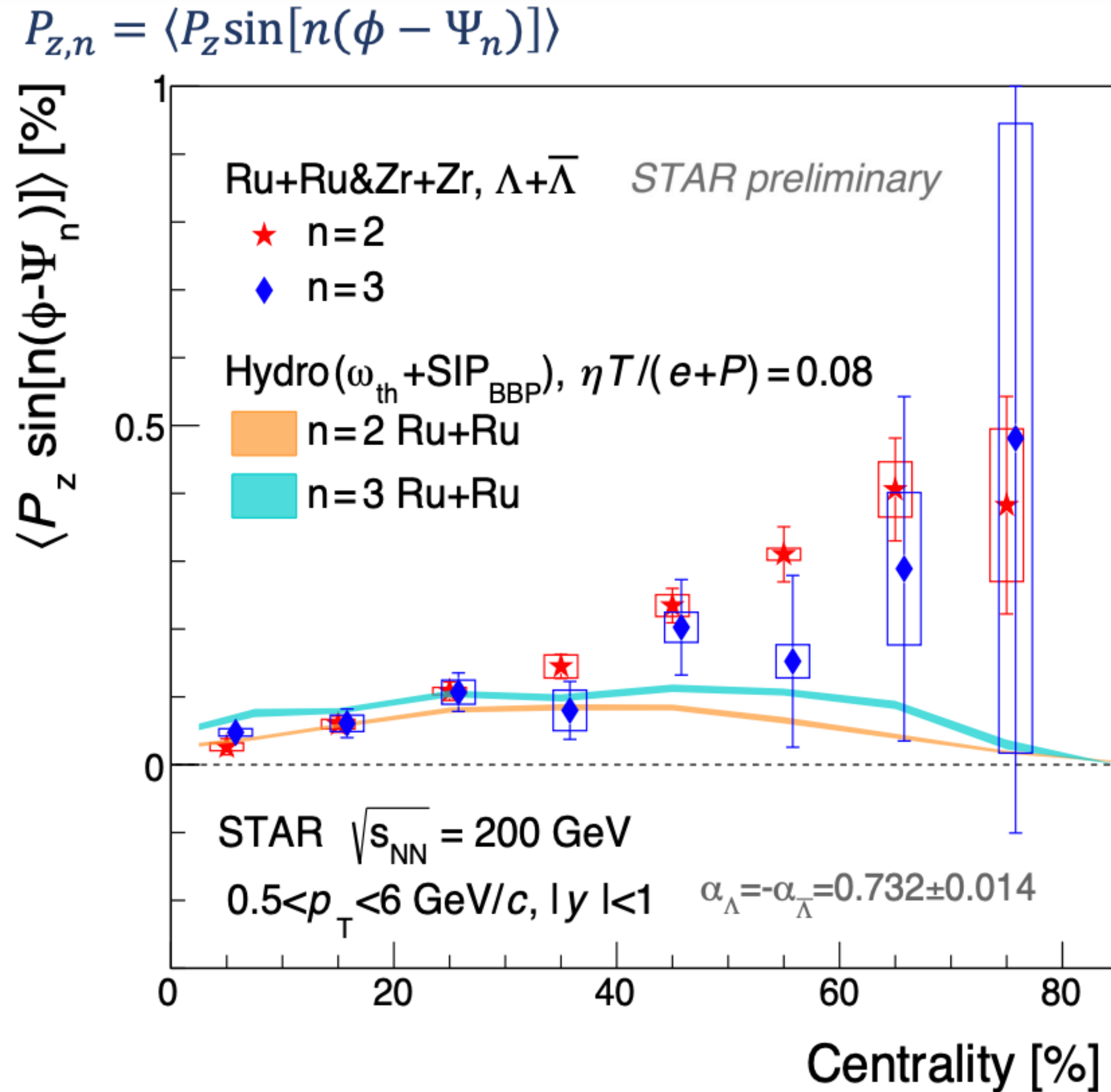
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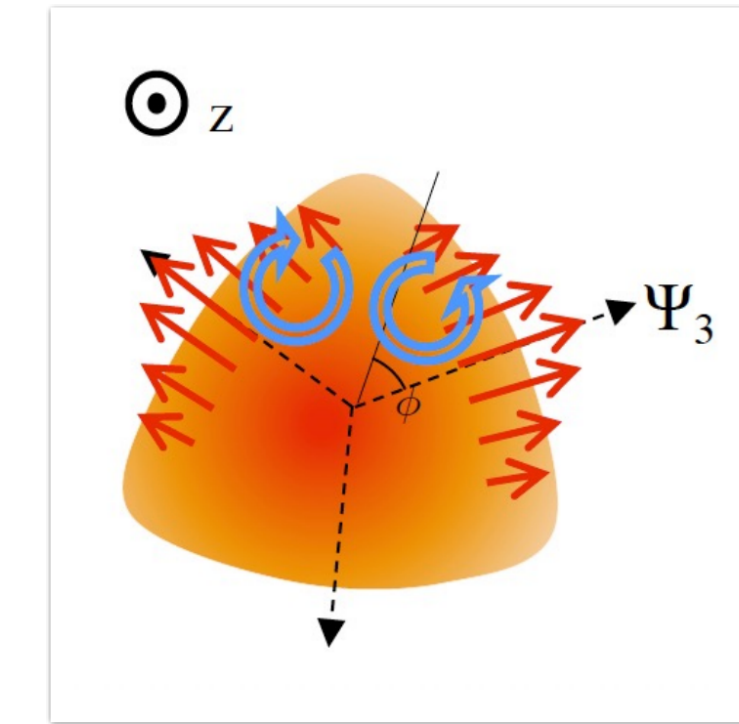


- At mid-central collisions
 $Zr+Zr, Ru+Ru > Au+Au \sim Pb+Pb$
- Hints of system size dependence, No obvious energy dependence
- O+O, Xe+Xe data?

Event plane harmonic dependence of P_z



Vs.



- Significant local polarization wrt 3rd order event plane
 $P_z(\Psi_3) \sim P_z(\Psi_2)$
- Results can provide information on complex vortical structures; constrain on initial conditions, transport parameters ...

Baryonic Spin Hall effect (SHE)

Condensed matter

Heavy Ion Collisions

$$s \propto \pm p \times E$$

$$s \propto \pm p \times \nabla \mu_B$$

Predicted Spin Hall type effect driven by
gradient of baryonic density ($\nabla \mu_B$)

Can be accessed by splitting in local
polarization of Λ and $\bar{\Lambda}$: $P_z^\Lambda - P_z^{\bar{\Lambda}}$

Fu et., al., arXiv: 2201.12970

$$\text{Polarization} \sim \text{vorticity} \oplus \nabla T \oplus \text{Shear} \oplus \nabla \mu_B$$

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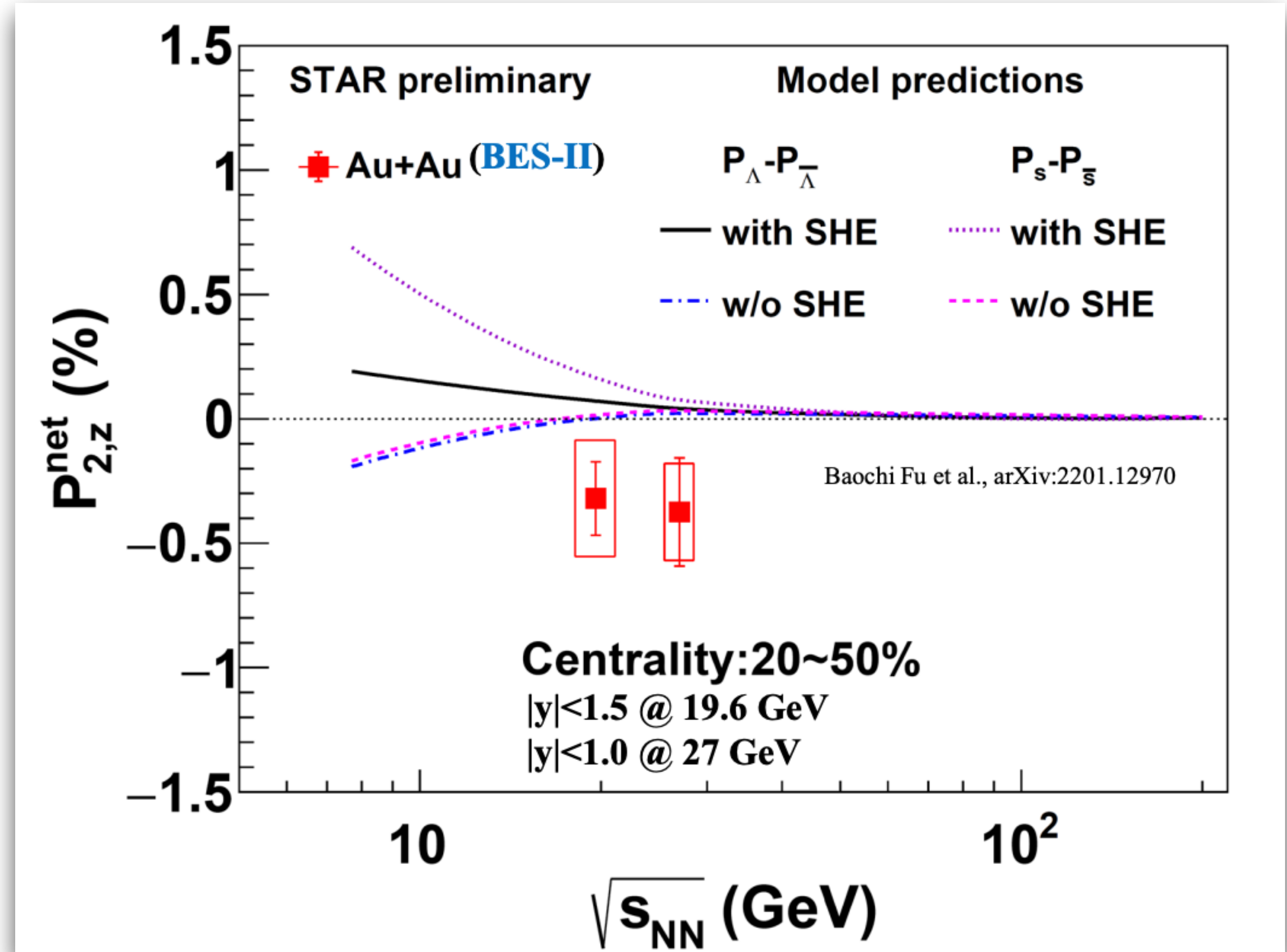
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Fu et., al., arXiv: 2201.12970

Polarization $\sim$ vorticity $\oplus \nabla T \oplus$ Shear $\oplus \nabla \mu_B$



- $P_z^\Lambda - P_z^{\bar{\Lambda}} \sim < 0$: No indication of baryonic SHE yet
- Measurement at lower energies?

Global spin alignment of vector mesons

- Complementary to hyperon spin polarization
- Can offer information on spin dynamics of QCD medium
- Can access “spin-orbit” type interaction ($\mathbf{S} \cdot (\mathbf{E}_v \times \mathbf{p})$)

Baryons Fermions	Vs.	Mesons Bosons
Λ (uds), spin = 1/2		ϕ ($s\bar{s}$), spin = 1
Ξ (dss), spin = 1/2		K^* ($d\bar{s}$), spin = 1
Ω (sss), spin = 3/2		J/Ψ ($c\bar{c}$), spin = 1

Vector meson spin alignment (ρ_{00})

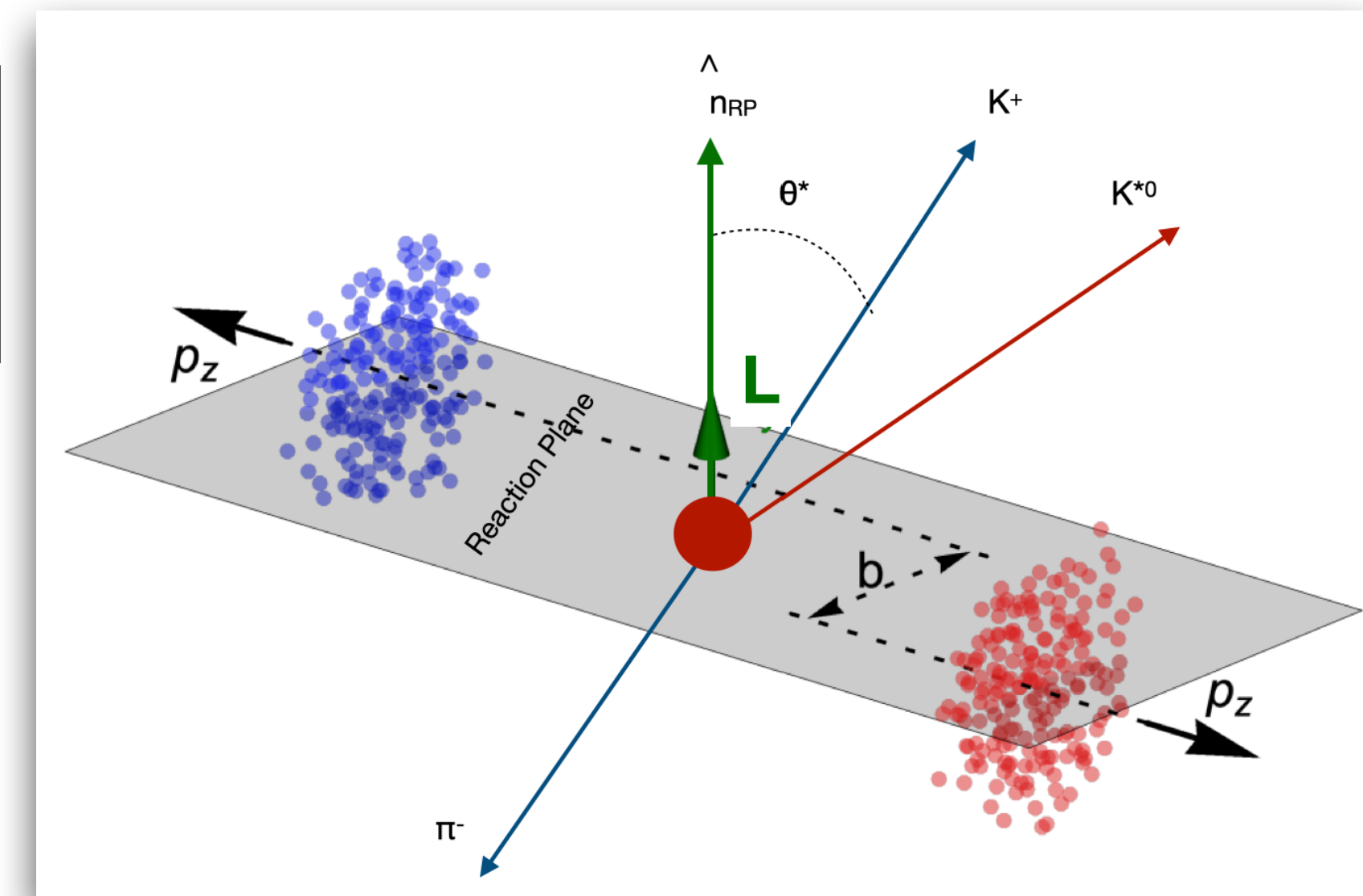
Spin alignment (ρ_{00}):

Measured from the angular distribution (θ^*) of the daughter particle in parent's rest frame

$$\frac{dN}{d(\cos\theta^*)} = N_0 \times \left[(1 - \rho_{00}) + (3\rho_{00} - 1) \cos^2\theta^* \right]$$

ρ_{00} : 00^{th} component of spin density matrix

θ^* : Angle between momentum of daughter and polarization axis in parent's rest frame



► Deviation of ρ_{00} from (1/3) indicates spin alignment

Schiling et. al., Nucl Phys B 15, 397 (1970)
STAR: Phys Rev C 77, 61902 (2008)

Expectation of ρ_{00} from theory

Physics Mechanisms	(ρ_{00})
$\mathbf{c}_\Lambda$: Quark coalescence vorticity & magnetic field ^[1]	$< 1/3$ (Negative $\sim 10^{-5}$)
$\mathbf{c}_\varepsilon$: Vorticity tensor ^[1]	$< 1/3$ (Negative $\sim 10^{-4}$)
$\mathbf{c}_E$: Electric field ^[2]	$> 1/3$ (Positive $\sim 10^{-5}$)
Fragmentation ^[3]	$> \text{ or, } < 1/3$ ($\sim 10^{-5}$)
Local spin alignment and helicity ^[4]	$< 1/3$
Turbulent color field ^[5]	$< 1/3$
$\mathbf{c}_\phi$: Vector meson strong force field ^[6]	$> 1/3$

$$\rho_{00}(\omega) \sim \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{9}(\beta\omega)^2$$

$$\rho_{00}(\text{coal}) \sim \frac{1 - P_q P_q}{3 + P_q P_q} \qquad \rho_{00}(B) \approx \frac{1}{3} - \frac{4}{9}\beta^2 \mu_{q_1} \mu_{q_2} B^2$$

$$\rho_{00}(\text{frag}) \sim \frac{1 + \beta P_q P_q}{3 - \beta P_q P_q}$$

[1]. Liang et., al., Phys Lett B 629, (2005);
Yang et., al., Phys Rev C 97, 034917 (2018);
Xia et., al., Phys Lett B 817, 136325 (2021);
Beccattini et., al., Phys Rev C 88, 034905 (2013)

[2]. Sheng et., al., Phys Rev D 101, 096005 (2020);
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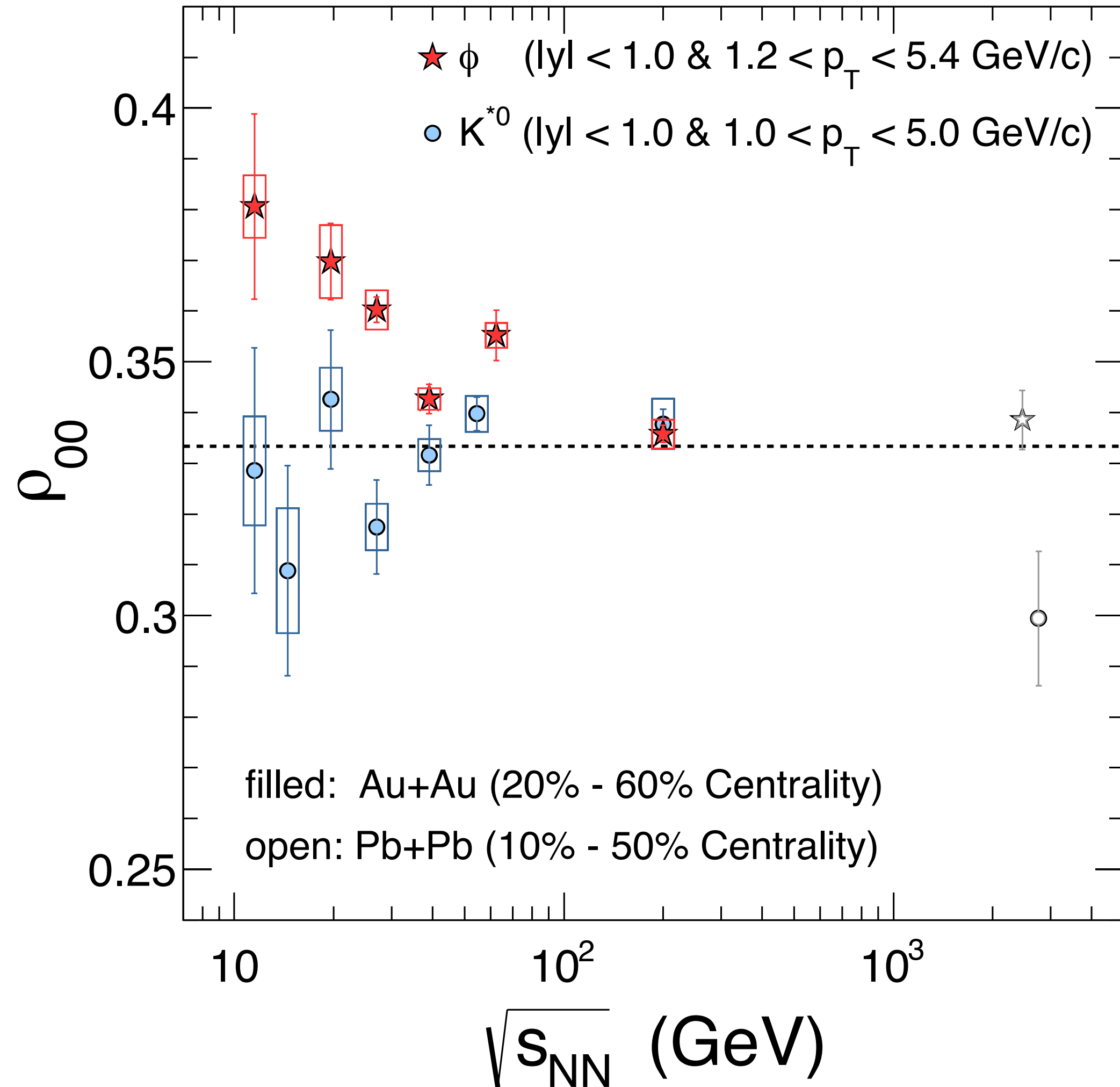
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[4]. Xia et., al., Phys Lett B 817, 136325 (2021);
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[5]. Muller et., al., Phys Rev D 105, L011901 (2022)

[6]. Sheng et., al., Phys Rev D 101, 096005 (2020);
Sheng et., al., Phys Rev D 102, 056013 (2020)

$\rho_{00}(\sqrt{s_{NN}})$: ϕ and K^{*0} from RHIC BES-I



For 20-60%:

- For $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \leq 62.4$ GeV:

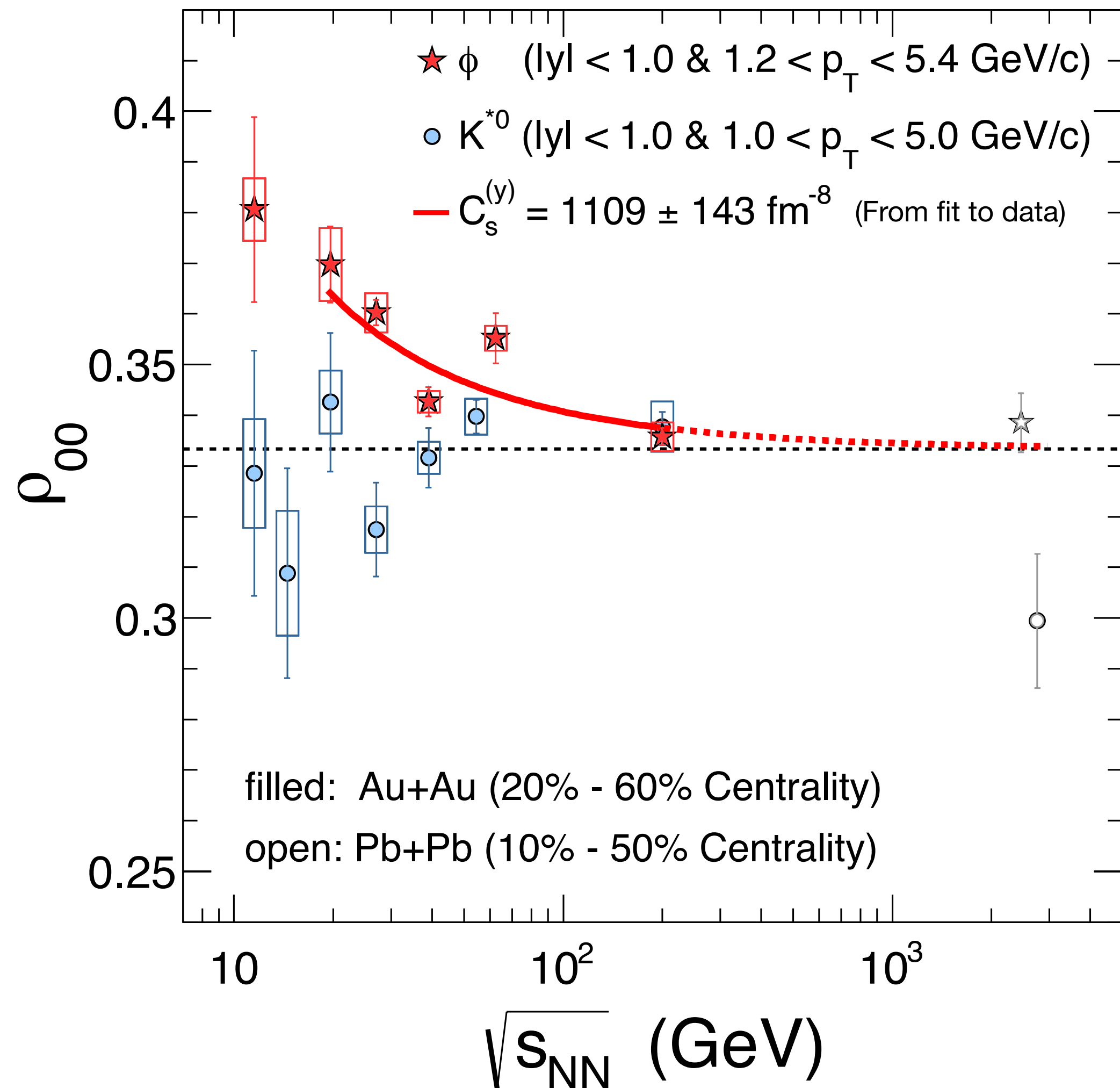
- $\phi \rho_{00} = 0.3451 \pm 0.0017$ (stat.) ± 0.0018 (sys.)
 $\rho_{00} > 1/3$ with 8.4σ

- For $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \leq 54.4$ GeV:

- $K^{*0} \rho_{00} = 0.3356 \pm 0.0034$ (stat.) ± 0.0043 (sys.)
 $\rho_{00} \sim 1/3$

ALICE: Phys Rev Lett 125, 012301 (2020)
 STAR: arXiv: 2204.02302

$\rho_{00}(\sqrt{s_{NN}})$: ϕ and K^{*0} from RHIC BES-I



- Polarization by a strong force field of vector meson $\rightarrow$ Can accommodate large deviation for ϕ ρ_{00} at mid-central collisions

$$\rho_{00}(\phi) \approx \frac{1}{3} + c_\Lambda + c_\epsilon + c_E + c_\phi;$$

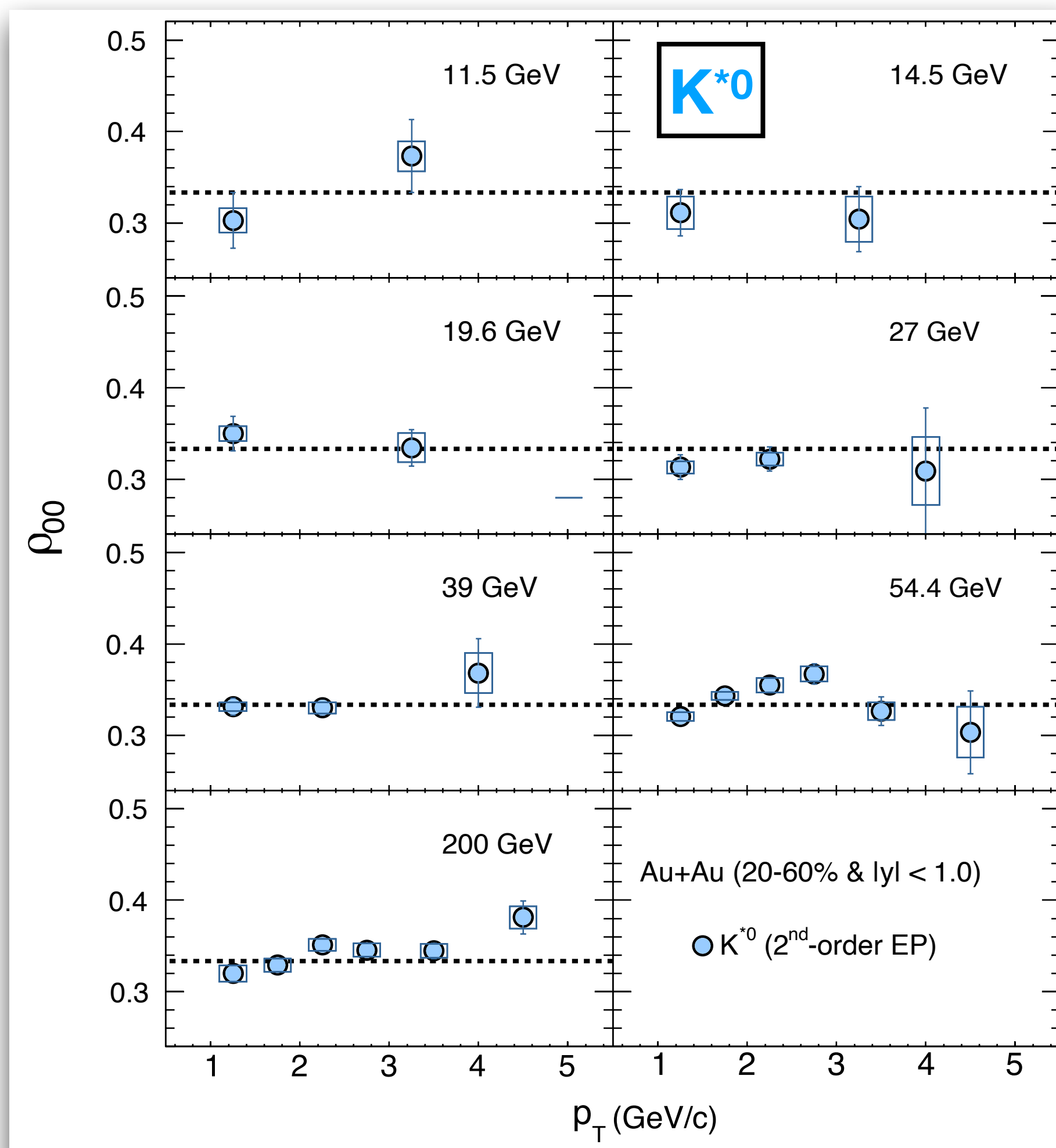
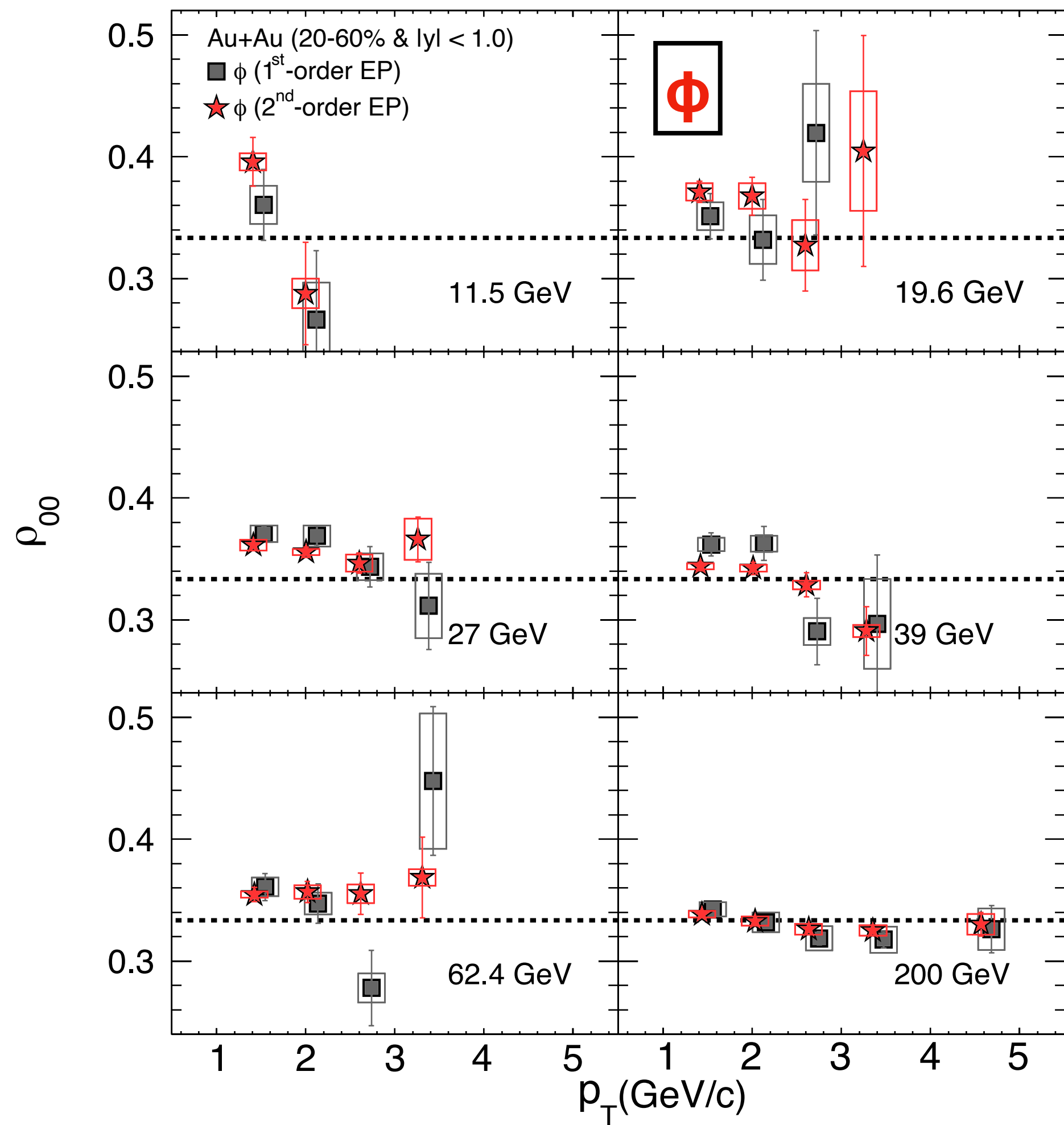
$$c_\phi \equiv \frac{g_\phi^4}{27m_s^4 m_\phi^4 T_{eff}^2} \langle p^2 \rangle_\phi \langle \tilde{E}_{\phi,z}^2 + \tilde{E}_{\phi,x}^2 \rangle;$$

$$C_s(y) \equiv g_\phi^4 \langle \tilde{E}_{\phi,z}^2 + \tilde{E}_{\phi,x}^2 \rangle$$

Vector meson field strength $\sim 2.5 m_\pi^2$

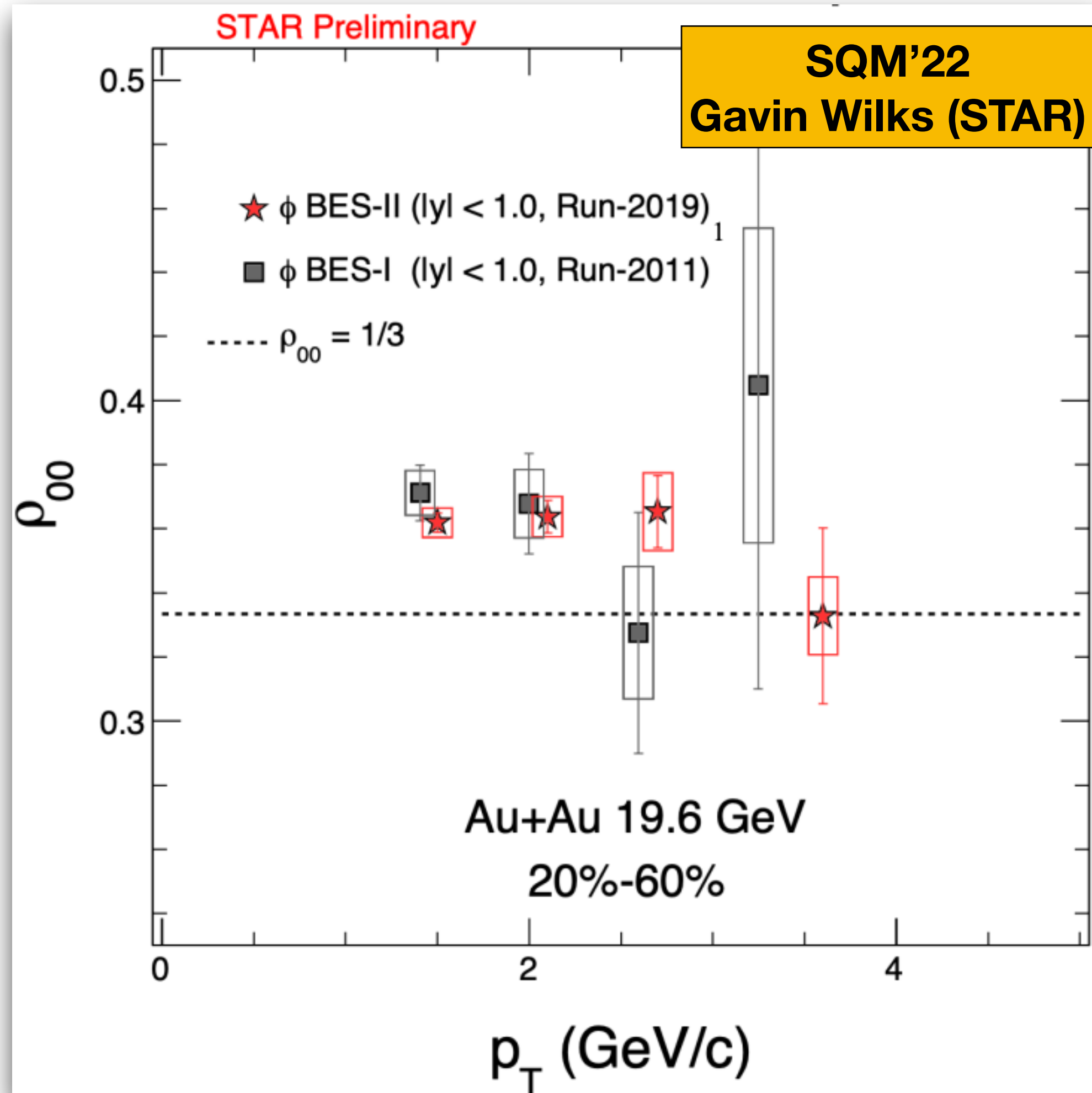
$\rho_{00}(p_T)$: ϕ and K^{*0} from RHIC BES-I

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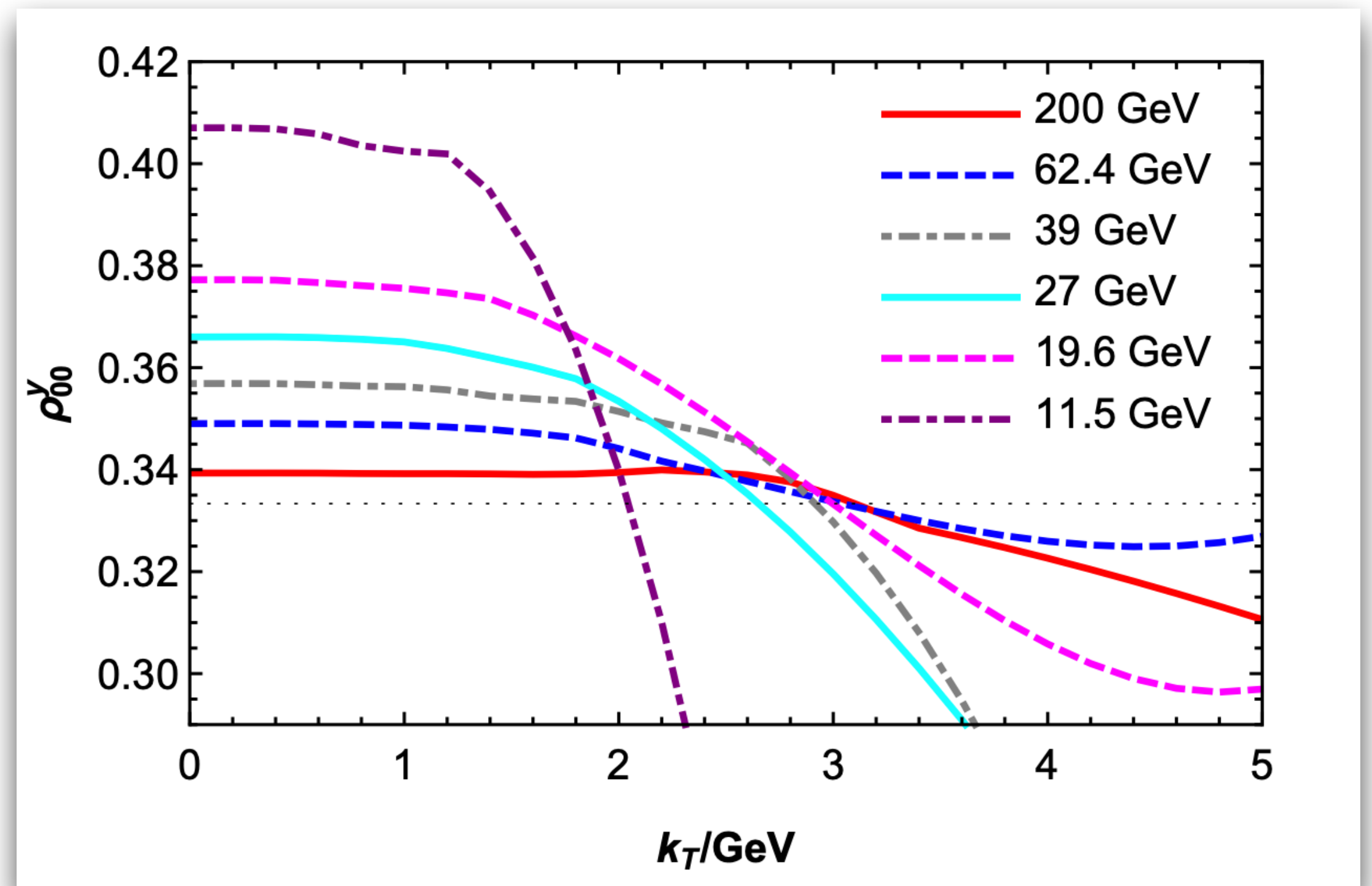


● For 20-60%:
non-trivial
 p_T dependence

$\rho_{00}(p_T)$: ϕ meson from RHIC BES-II



Expectation from model with vector meson force field



Sheng et. al., arXiv: 2205.15689

Sheng et. al., Phys Rev D 101, 096005 (2020)

Sheng et. al., Phys Rev D 102, 056013 (2020)

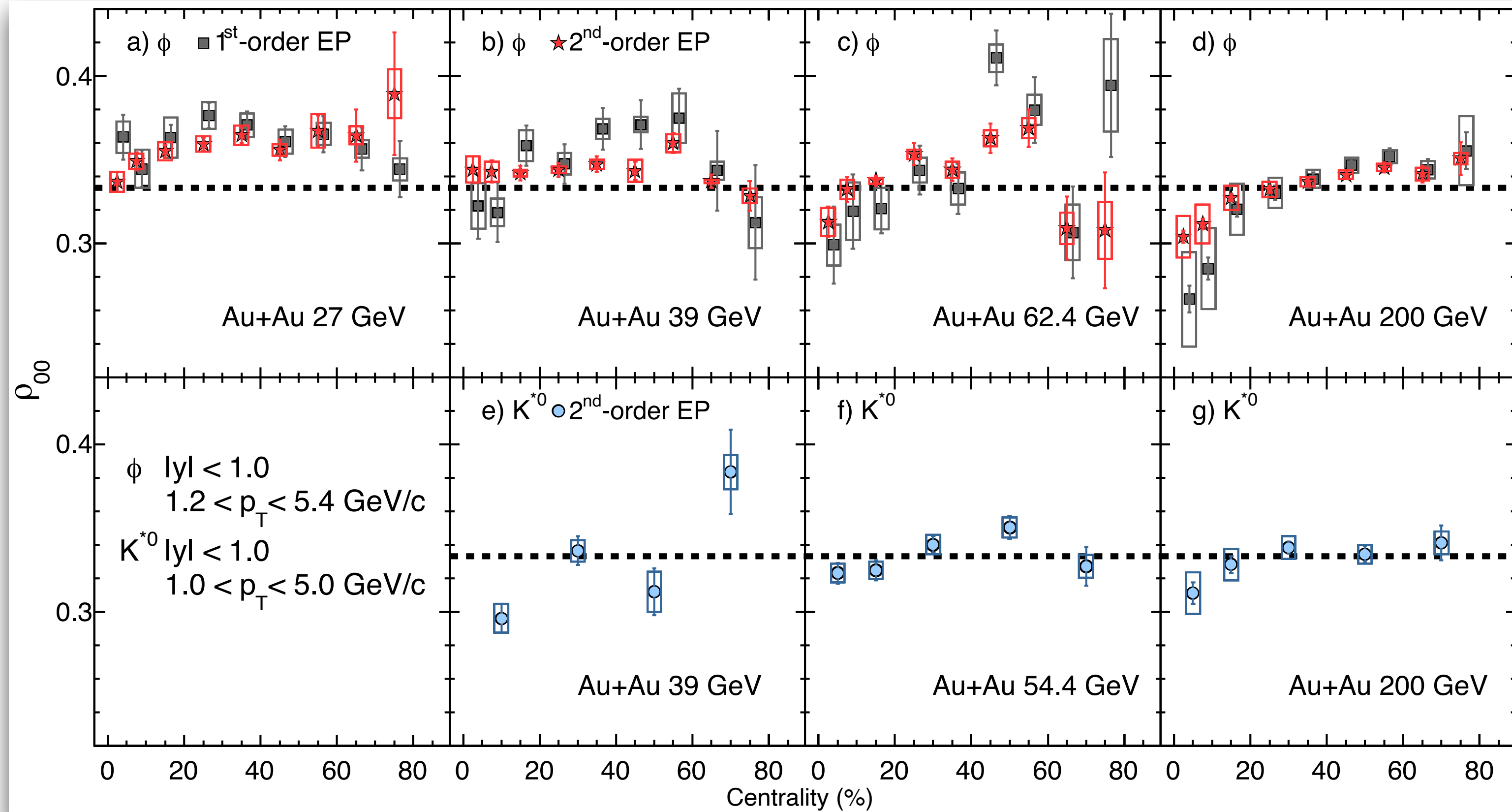
• BES-I: ϕ $\rho_{00} = 0.3622 \pm 0.0026$ (stat.) ± 0.0049 (sys.)

• BES-II: ϕ $\rho_{00} = 0.370 \pm 0.008$ (stat.) ± 0.007 (sys.)

$\sim 5.3 \sigma$

ρ_{00} (centrality): ϕ and K^{*0} from RHIC BES-I

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- For central at 200 GeV:
 - $\phi, K^{*0} \rho_{00} < 1/3$
 - Local spin alignment^[1]
 - or, helicity contribution^[2]

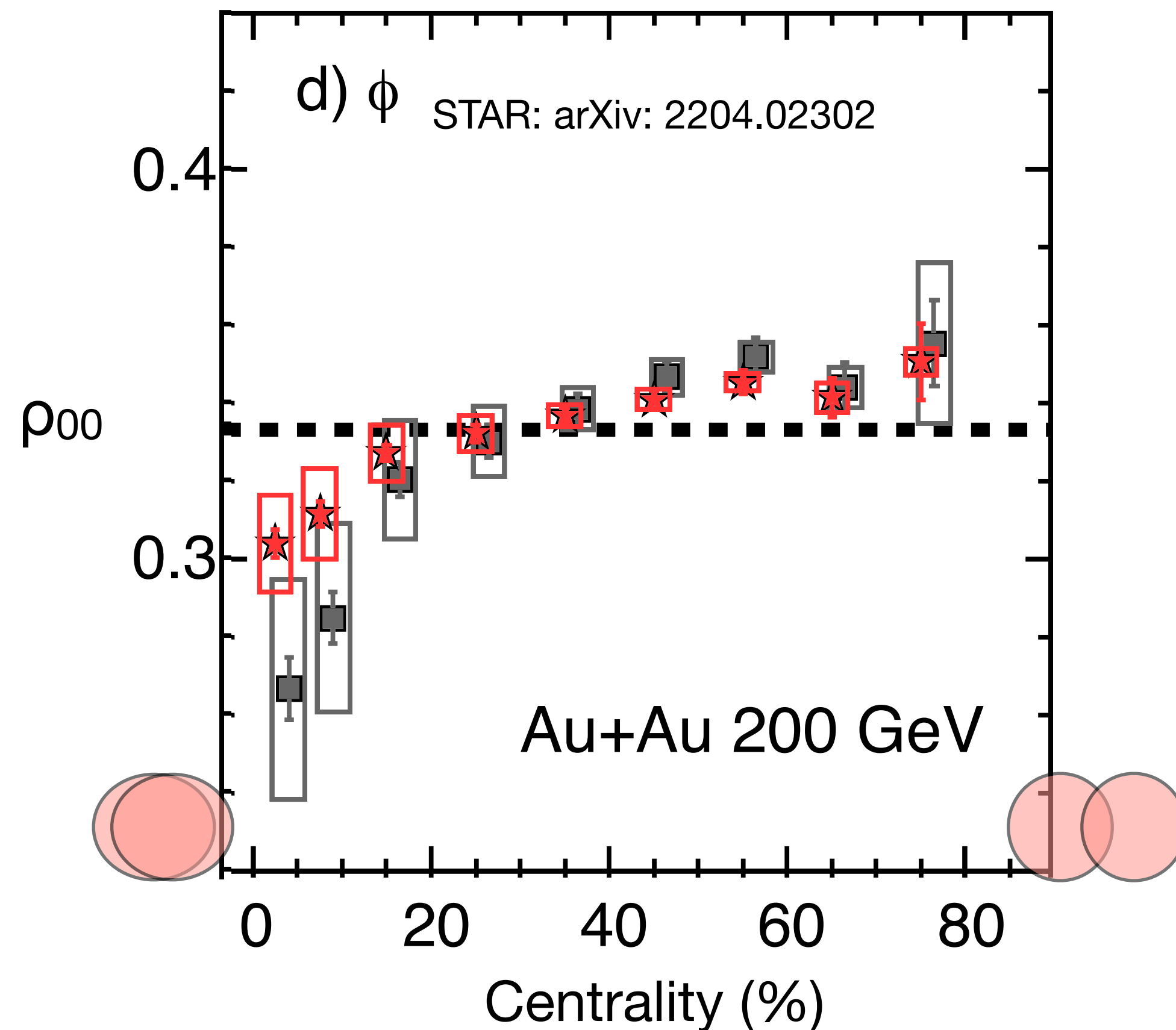
- For mid-central and peripheral:

- $\phi, K^{*0} \rho_{00} > \sim 1/3$

[1]. Xia et al, Phys Lett B 817, 136325 (2021)

[2]. Gao, Phys Rev D 104, 076016 (2021)

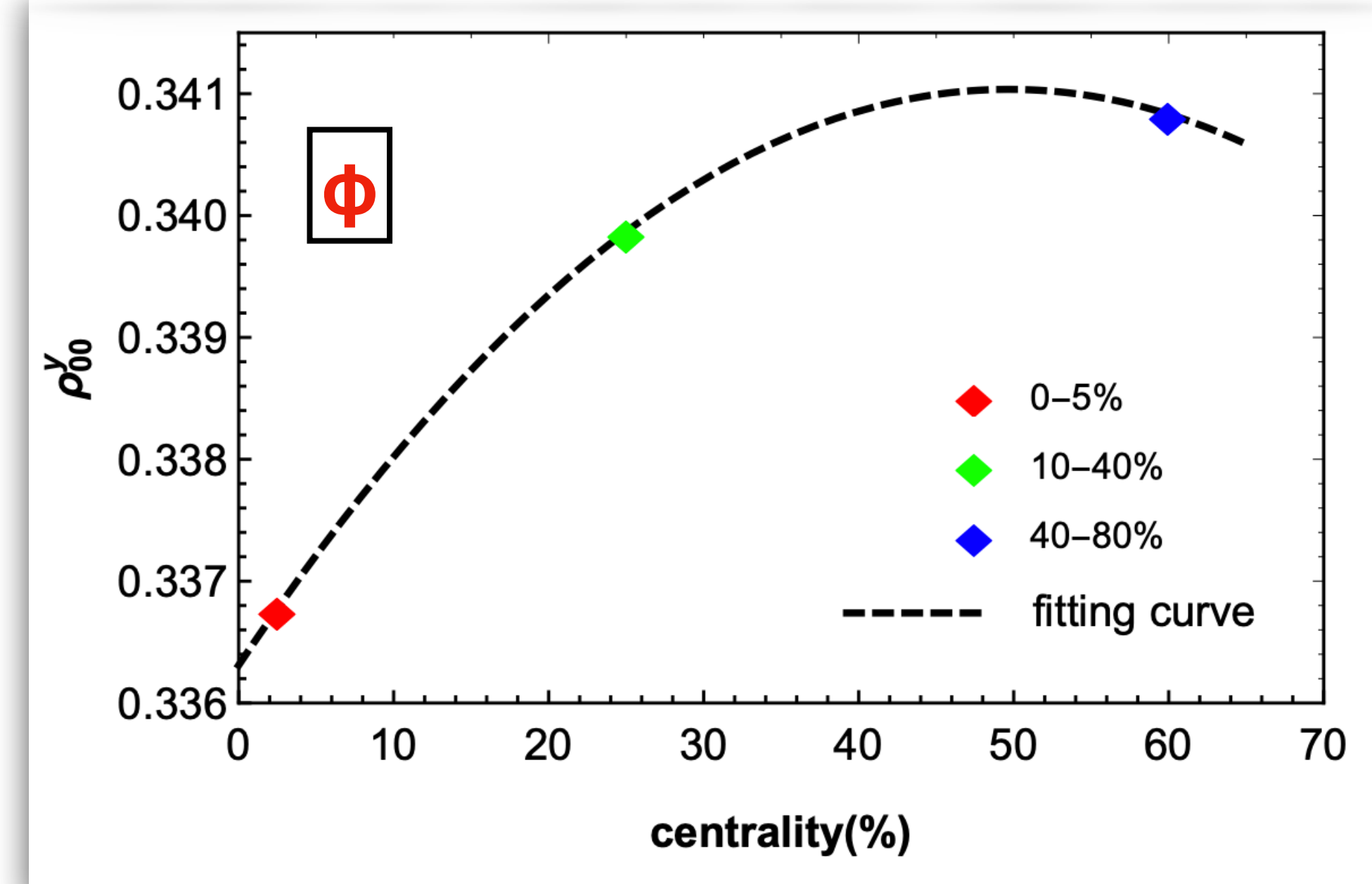
ρ_{00} (centrality): ϕ from RHIC BES-I



Is the contribution from local spin alignment dominant in central collisions and at higher energies?

- Need measurements of local spin alignment at RHIC and LHC

Expectation from model with vector meson force field



Can accommodate positive deviation in mid-central and peripheral collisions

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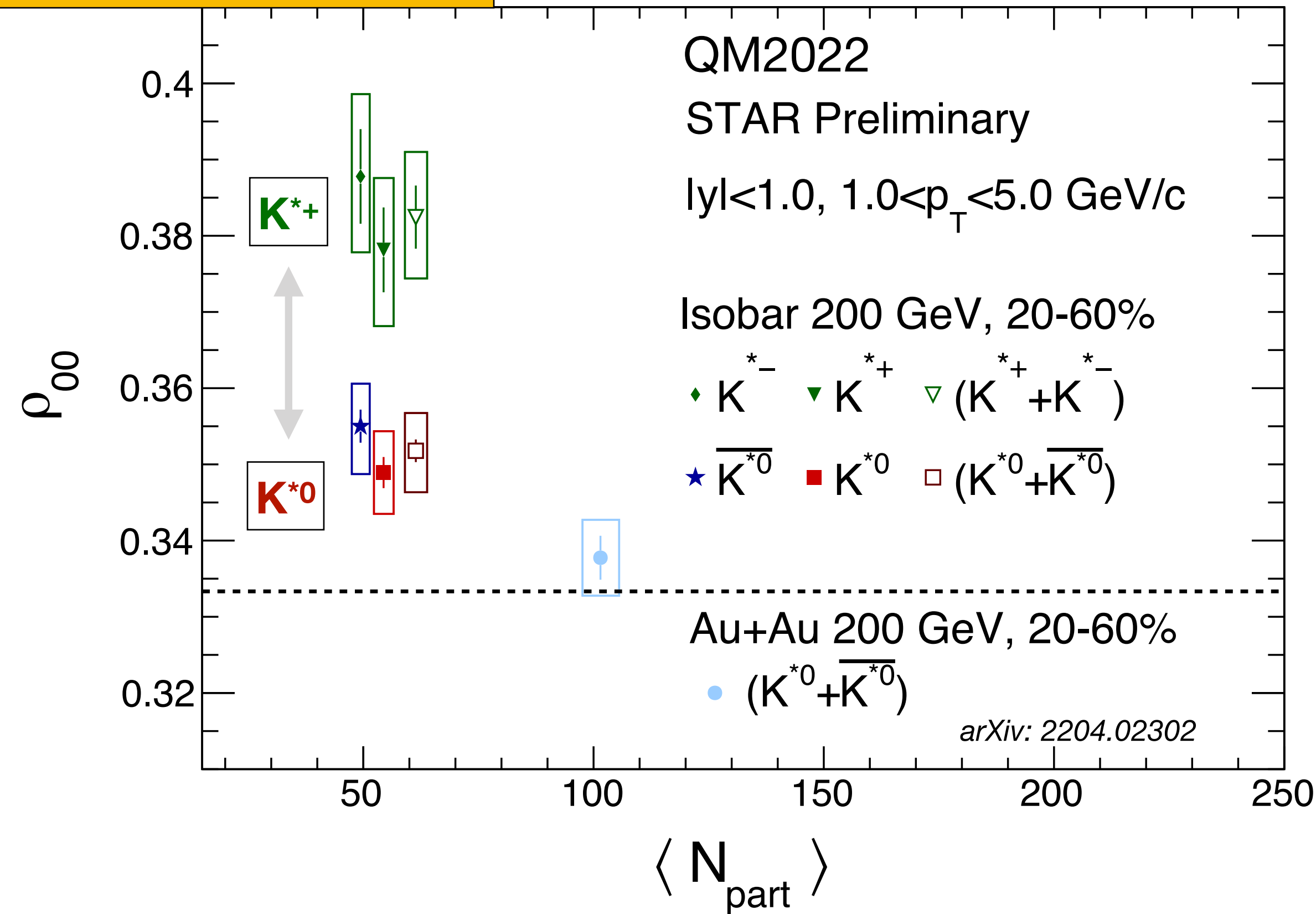
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Subhash Singha @ NICA 2022

Charged K^* ρ_{00} at RHIC Isobar collisions

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$$\rho_{00}(B) \approx \frac{1}{3} - \frac{4}{9} \beta^2 \mu_{q_1} \mu_{q_2} B^2$$

Yang, et. al.,
Phys Rev C 97, 034917 (2018)

- K^{*0} vs. $K^{*+/-}$
- Ordering opposite to the naive expectation from **B** field
- What is the origin of different ρ_{00} ?

Particle Species	Magnetic moment
$K^{*0}(d\bar{s})$	$\mu_d \approx -0.97, \mu_{\bar{s}} \approx 0.61\mu_N$
$K^{*+}(u\bar{s})$	$\mu_u \approx 1.85, \mu_{\bar{s}} \approx 0.61\mu_N$

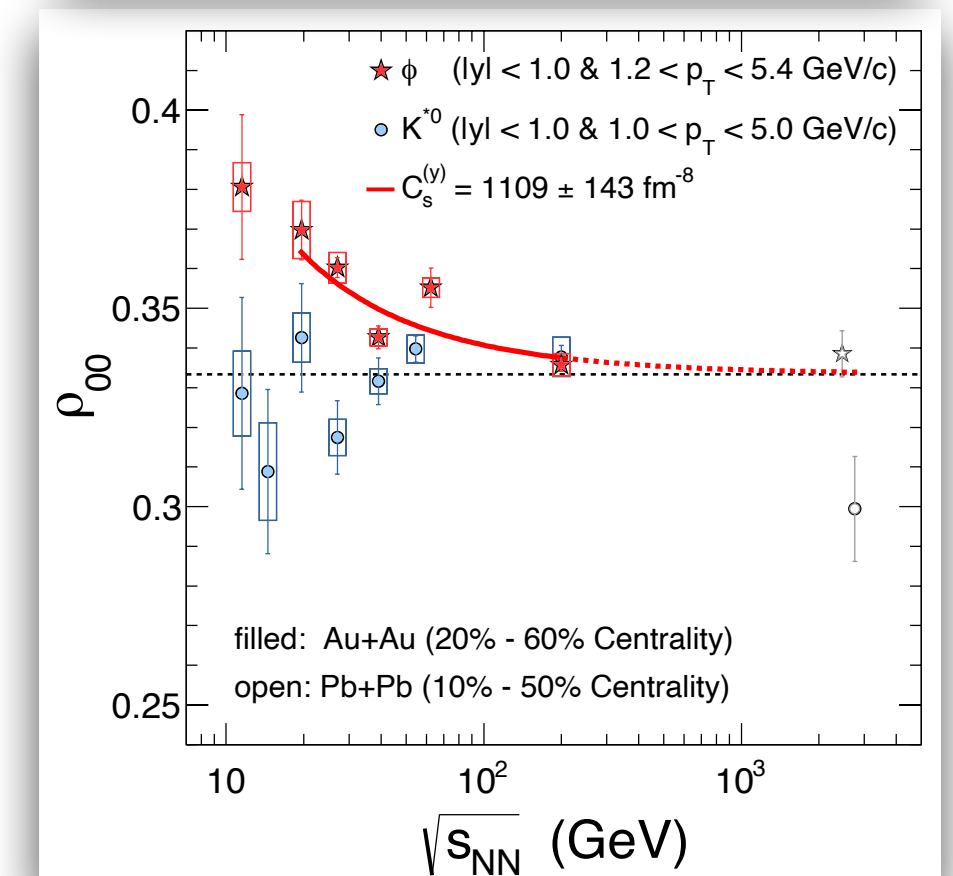
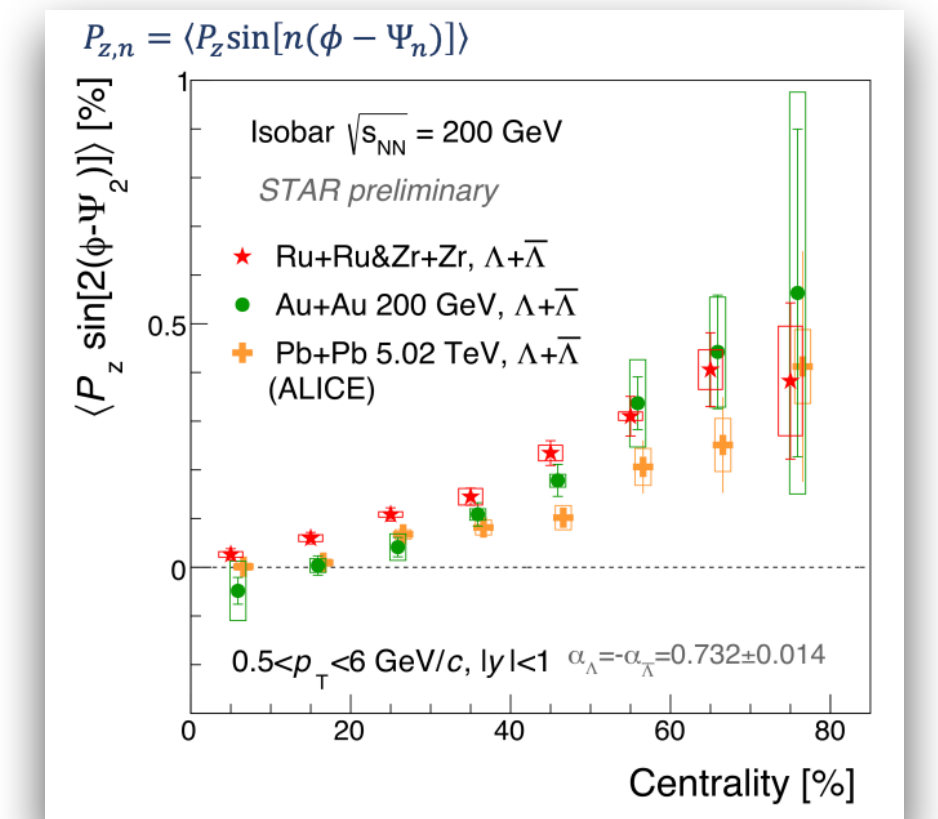
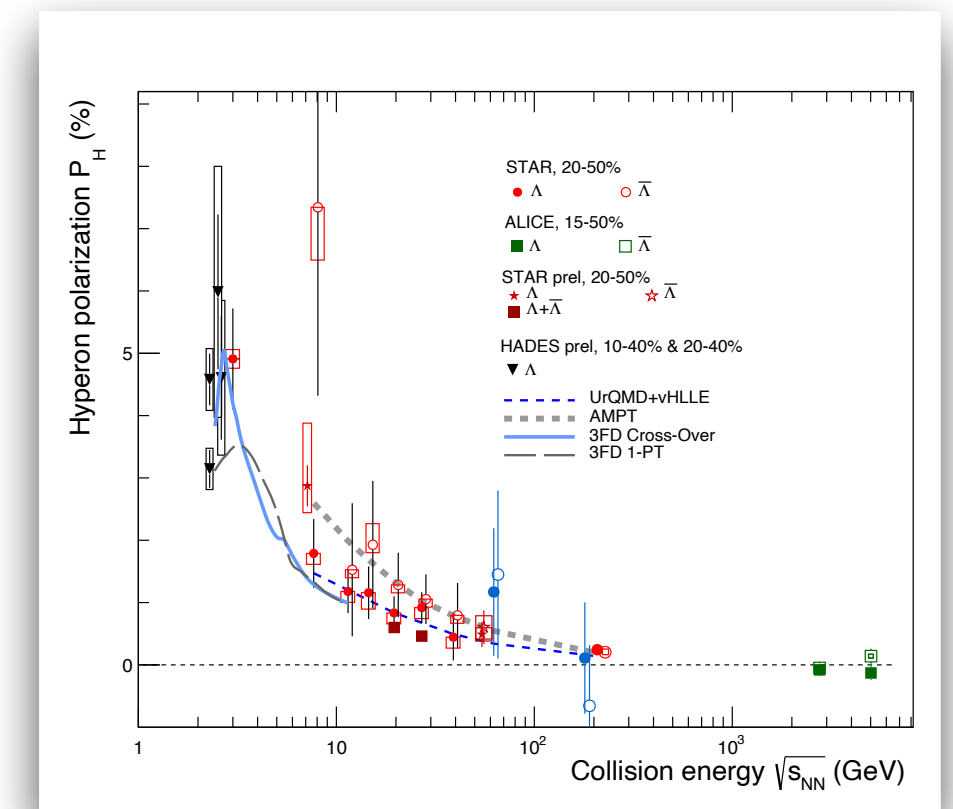
- Need inputs from theory

Summary

- **Global spin polarization:**
- Global nature of hyperon spin polarization is established
- **High energy:** More precise and differential measurement (p_T , rapidity, centrality) will help constrain models
- **Low energy:** Where do we observe vanishing polarization?

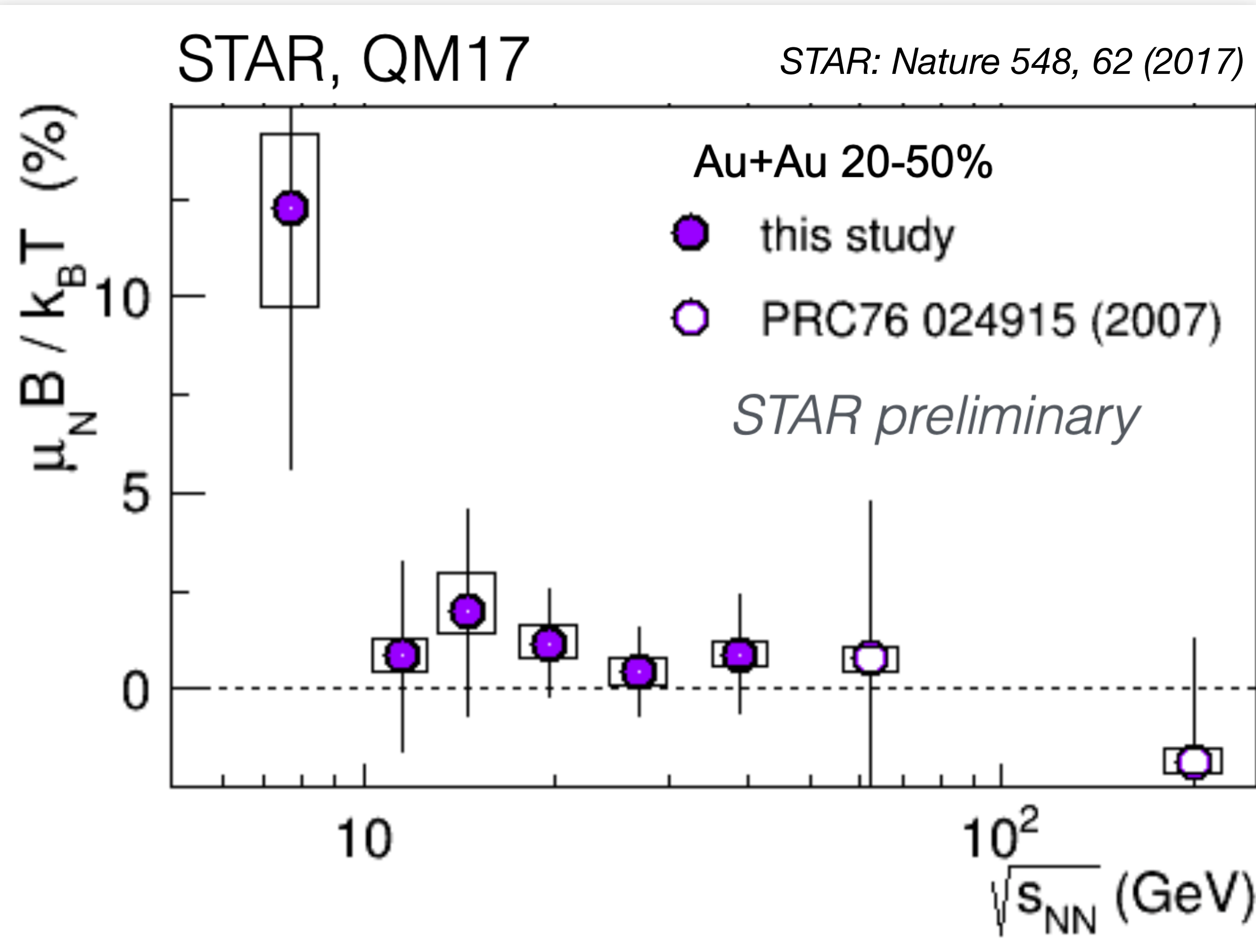
- **Local spin polarization:**
- Interesting and precise measurements from RHIC to LHC
- Provide information on vortical structure; constraint on initial conditions, transport parameters; drive development of new phenomena (SIP, SHE), spin hydrodynamics, spin kinetic theories ...

- **Vector meson spin alignment:**
- Surprising (and puzzling!) signal of spin alignment from RHIC and LHC
- Need more inputs from theory for better understanding of the data



Thank you for your attention

Possible constraint on B field by P_Λ



- Magnetic field

$$B = \frac{T}{2\mu_\Lambda} (P_\Lambda - P_{\bar{\Lambda}})$$

$$B \sim 10^{-2} m_\pi^2$$

$$\Delta P_\Lambda = 0.5\%$$

$$T = 160 \text{ MeV}$$

Becattini, et. al., Phys Rev C 95, 054902 (2017)

** Difference between Λ and anti- Λ can also be caused by

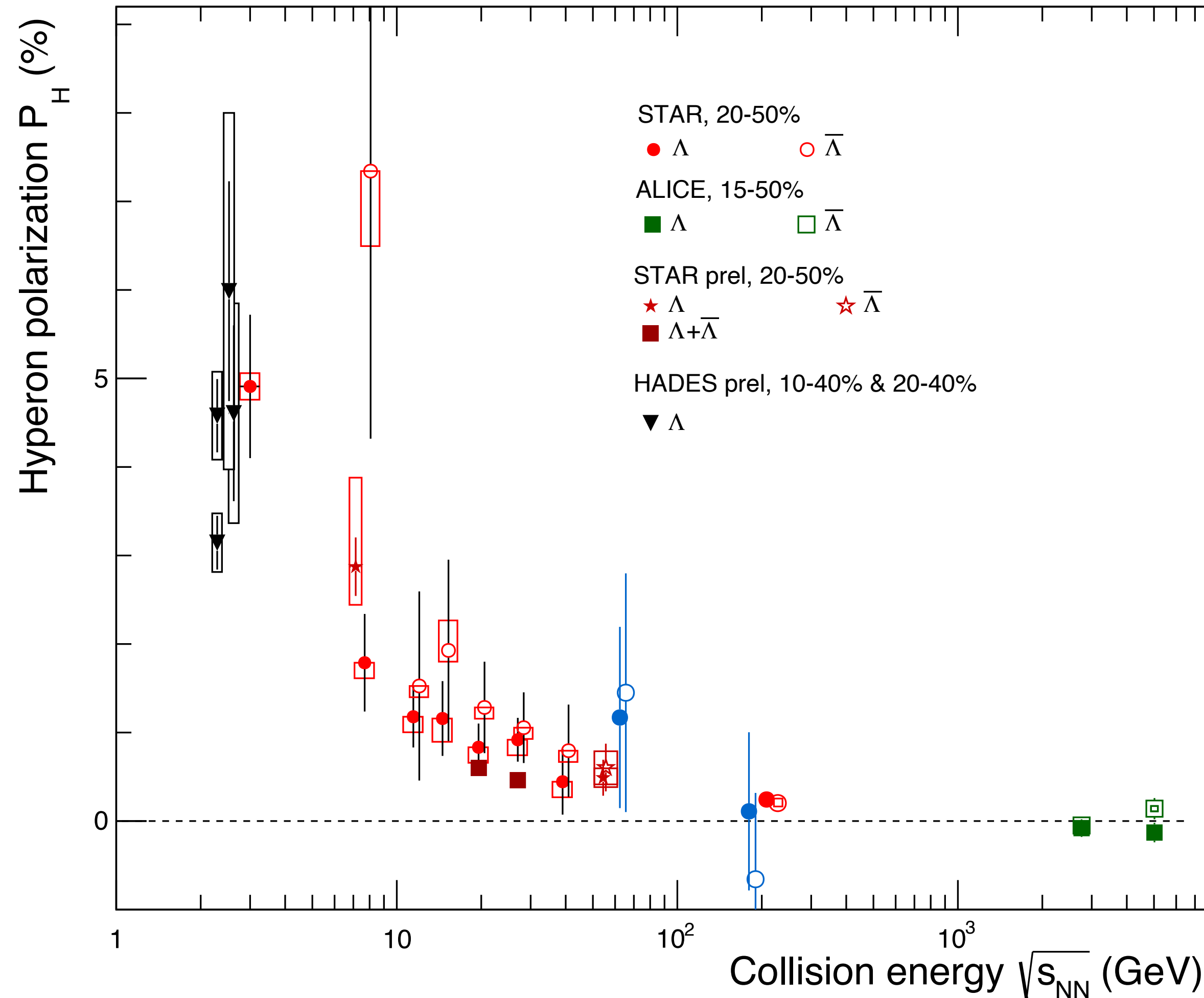
- Different freeze out for particles and anti-particles
- Different response to mesonic field generated by baryonic current
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Hints of difference between Λ and anti- Λ
(Effect from initial B field ?)**

- Upcoming BES-II data will provide better precision

Vituik, et. al., Phys Lett B 803, 135298 (2020)
Csernai et al, Phys Rev C 99, 021901 (2019)

Beam energy dependence of global P_Λ



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Au+Au Collider $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7.7-200$ GeV

Au+Au Fixed Target $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 3.0$ GeV

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Au+Au Collider $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 19.6, 27, 54.4$ GeV

Au+Au Fixed Target $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7.2$ GeV

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Pb+Pb $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76, 5.02$ TeV

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Au+Au $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.4$ GeV

Ag+Ag $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.55$ GeV

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Phys Rev C 76, 024915 (2007)

Nature 548, 62 (2017)

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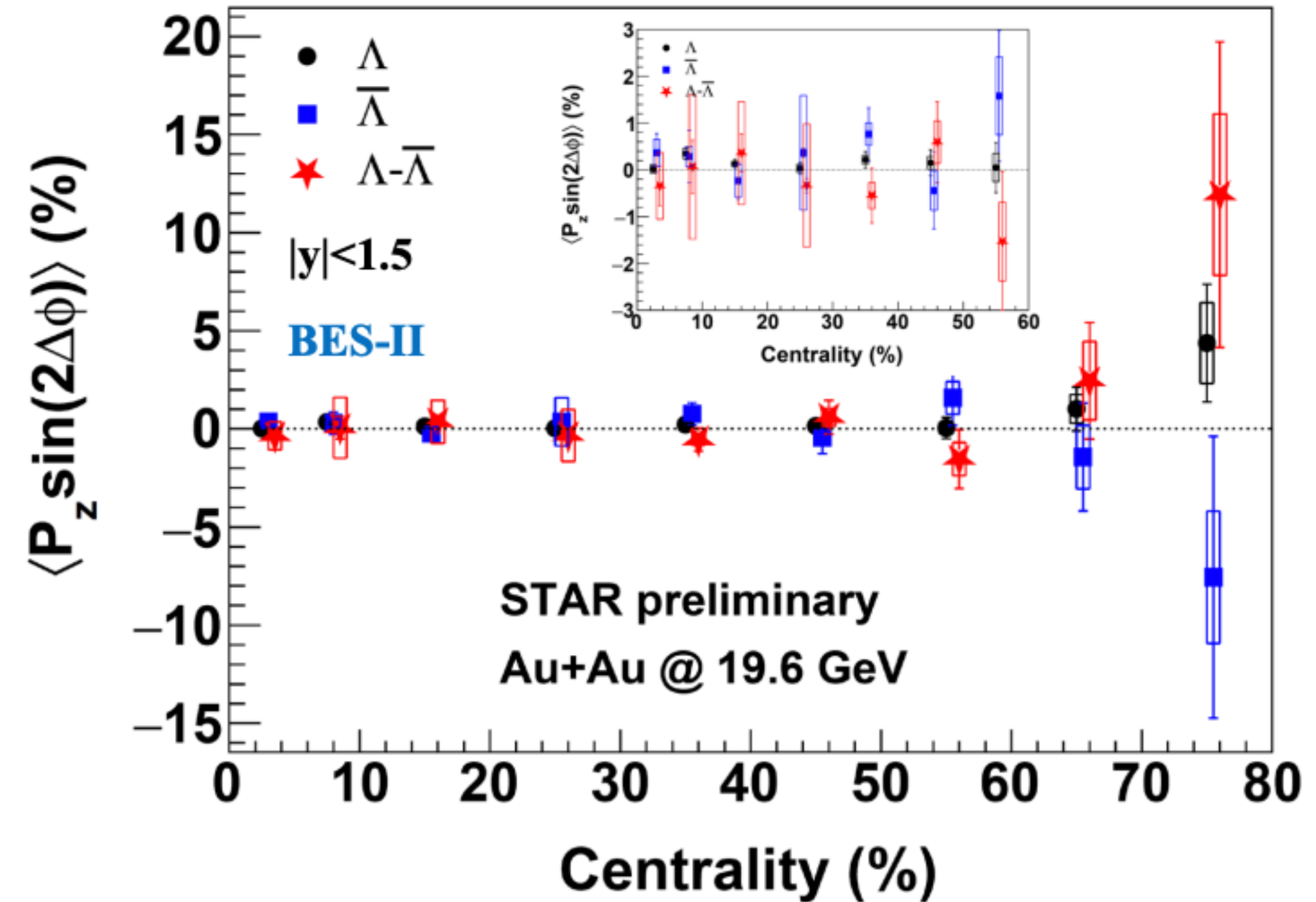
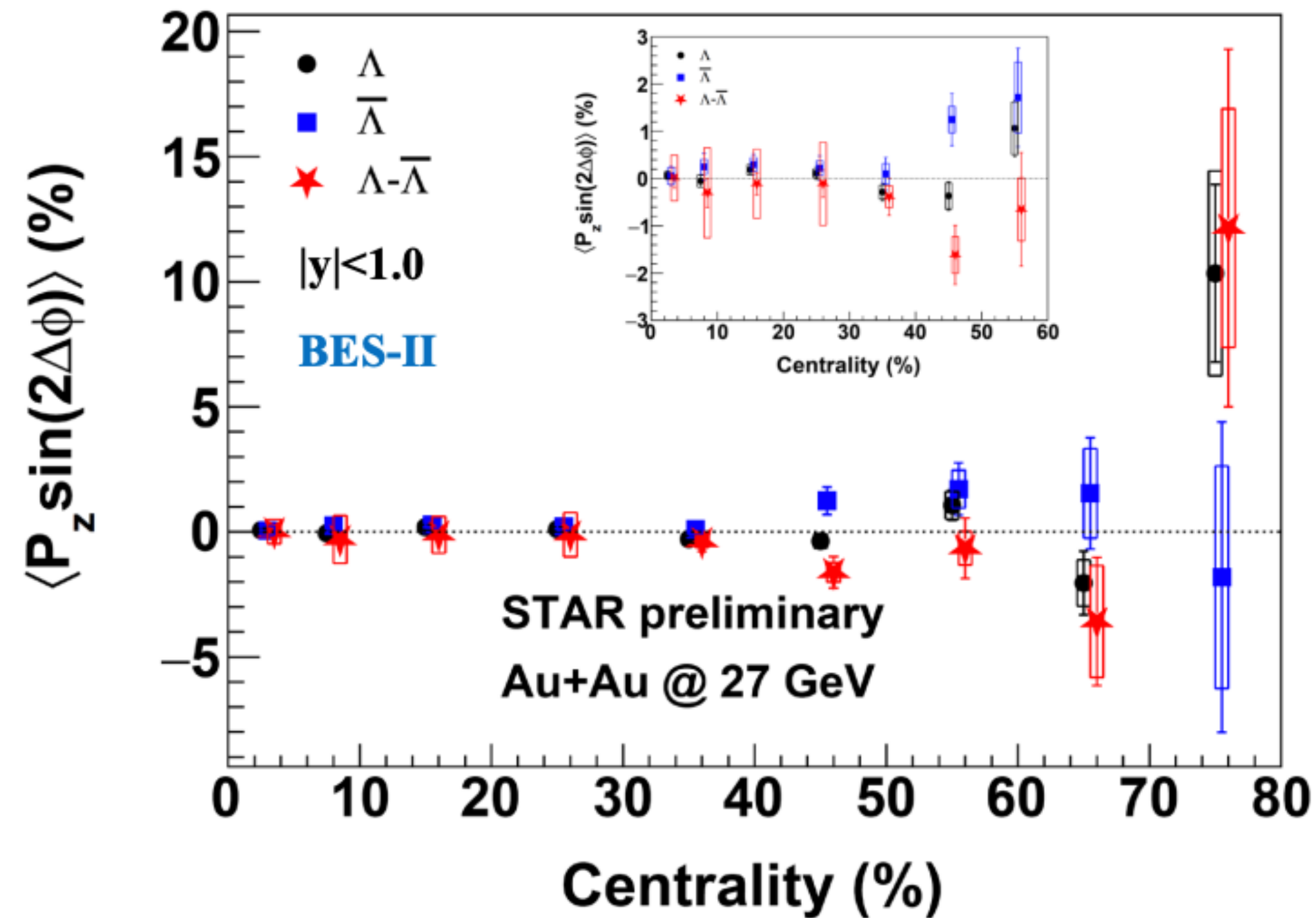
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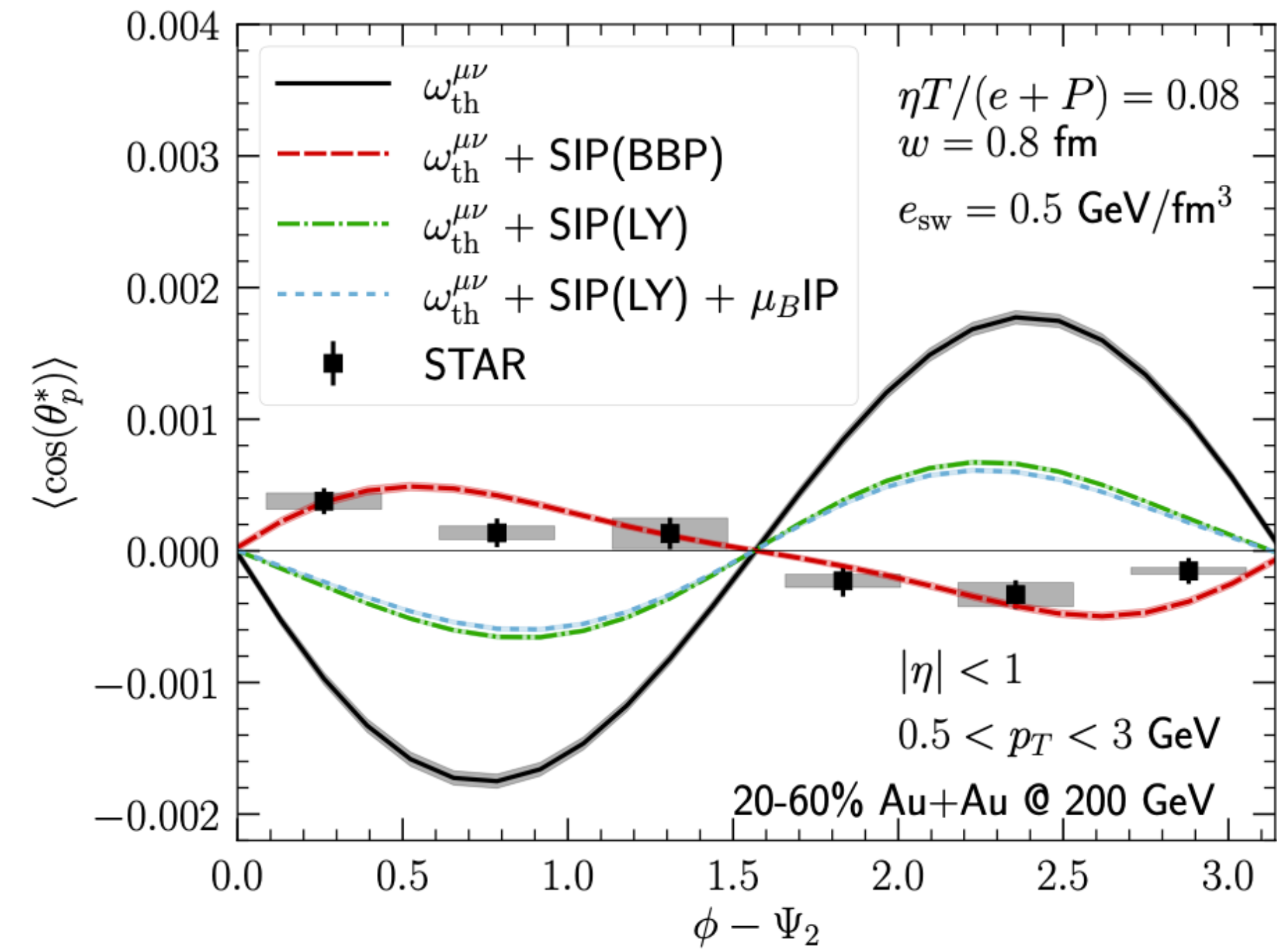
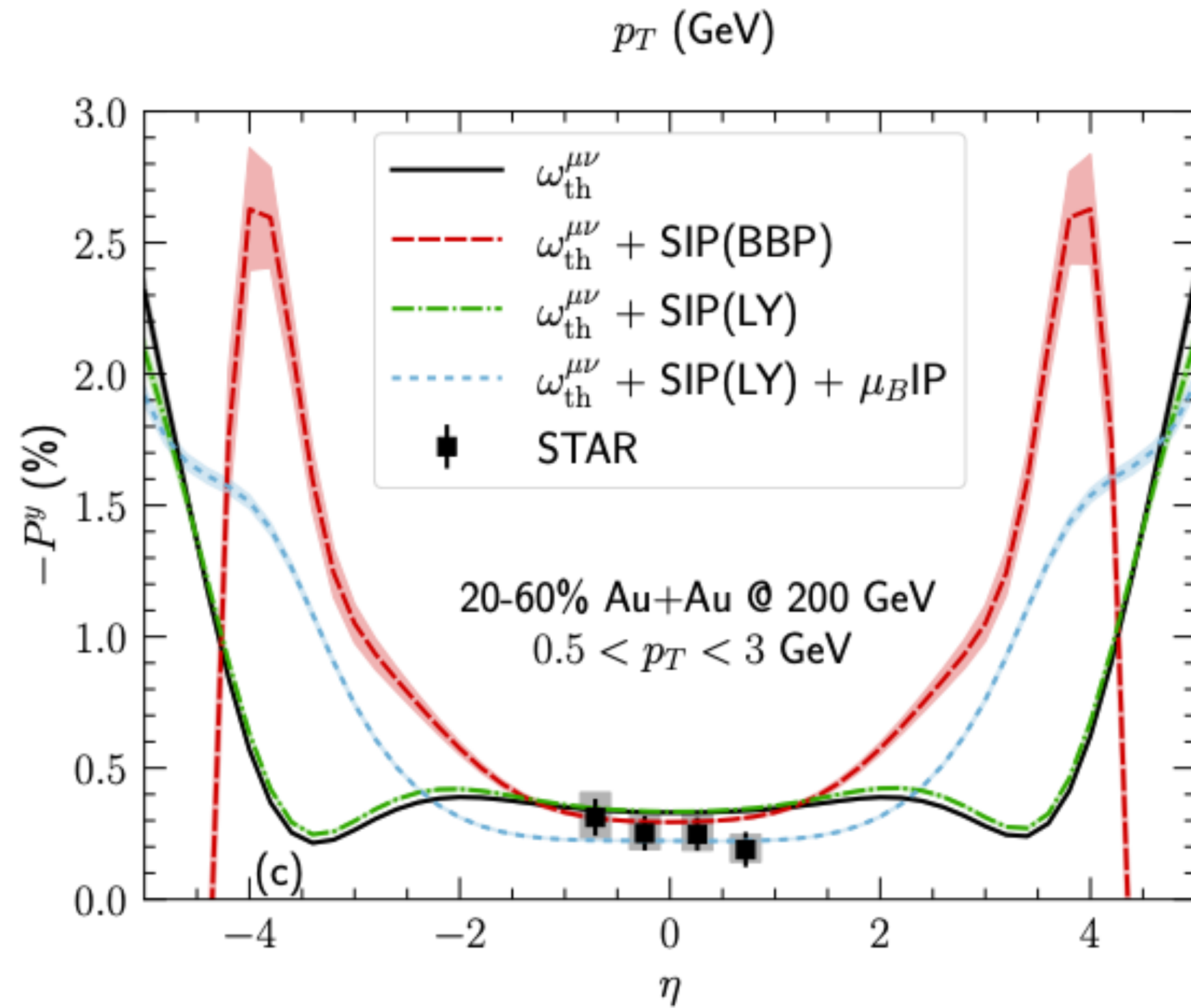
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Energy dependence of P_z

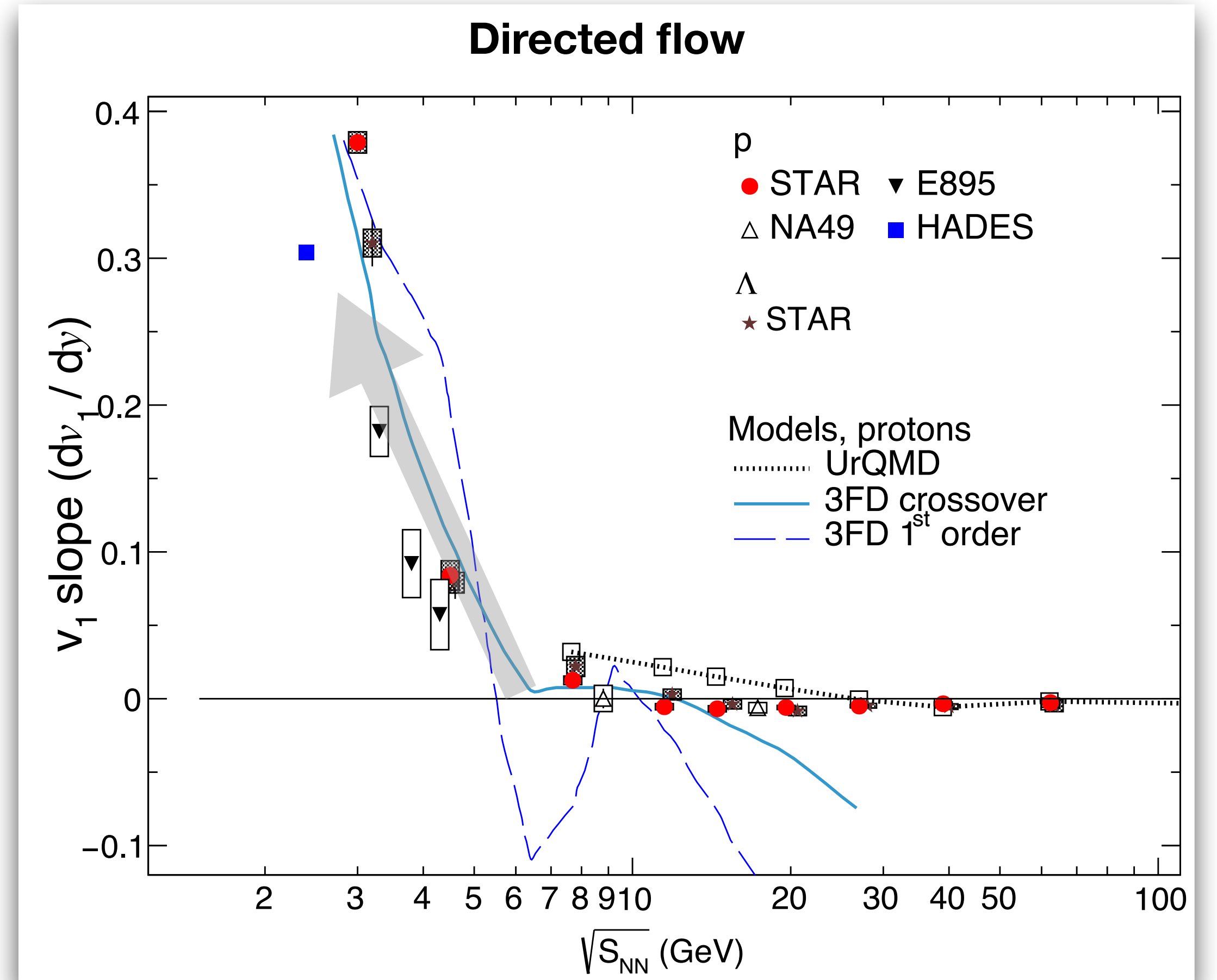
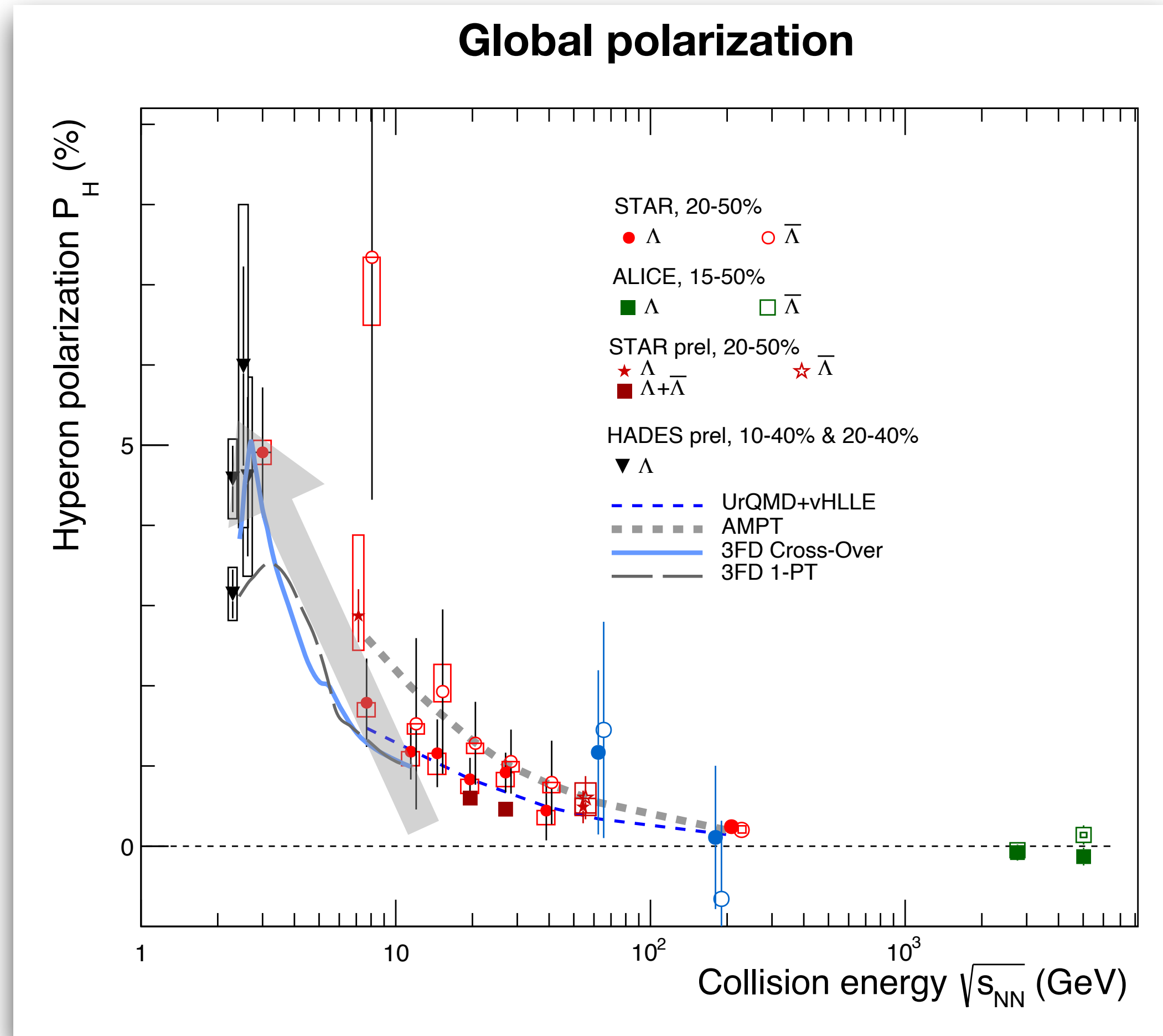
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Local spin polarization

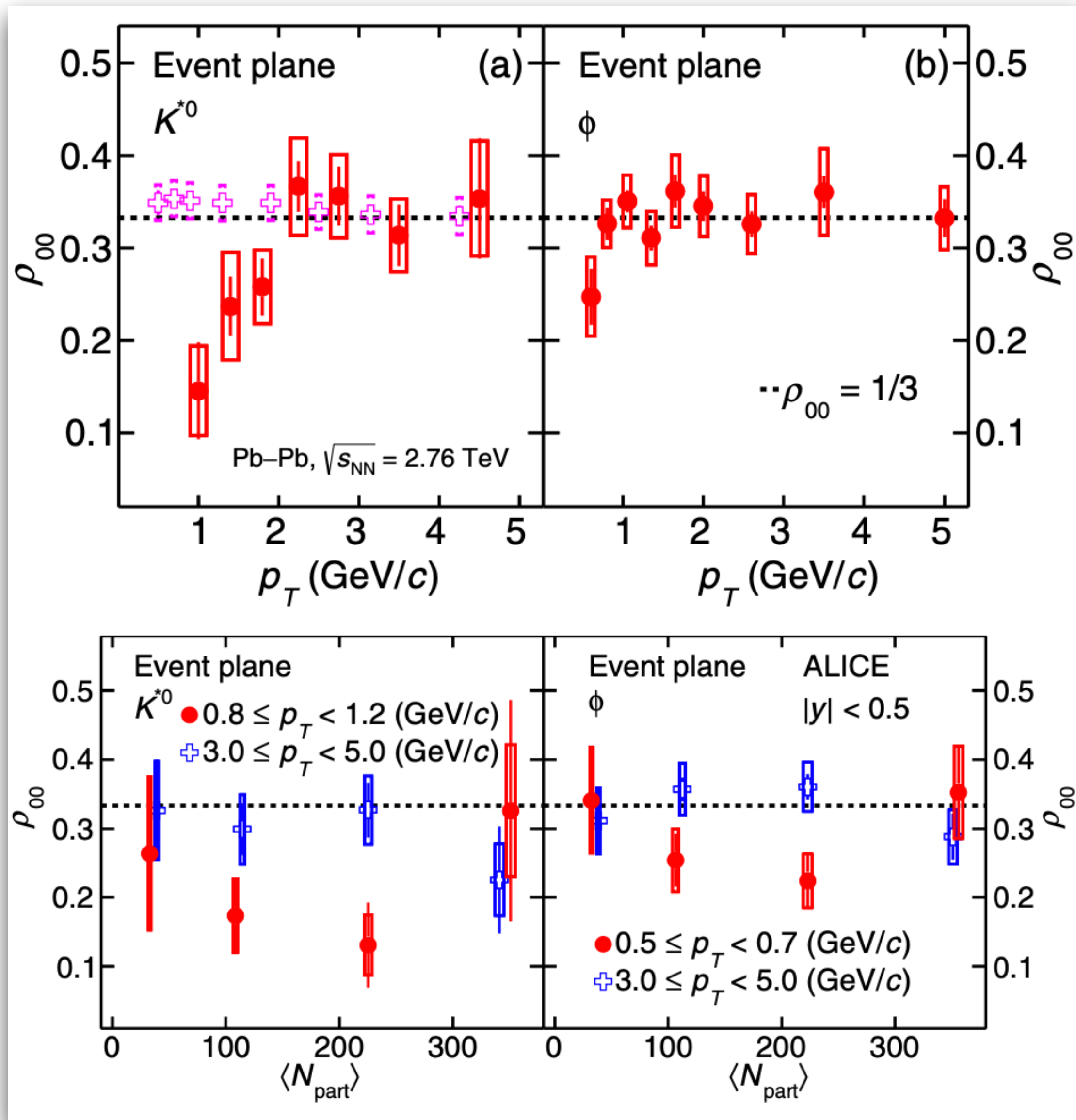


Beam energy dependence of global P_Λ



- Similar rising pattern in polarization and directed flow at low energy
- Some models can capture such rising trend in both P_H and v_1

ρ_{00} (p_T , centrality) of ϕ and K^{*0} at LHC

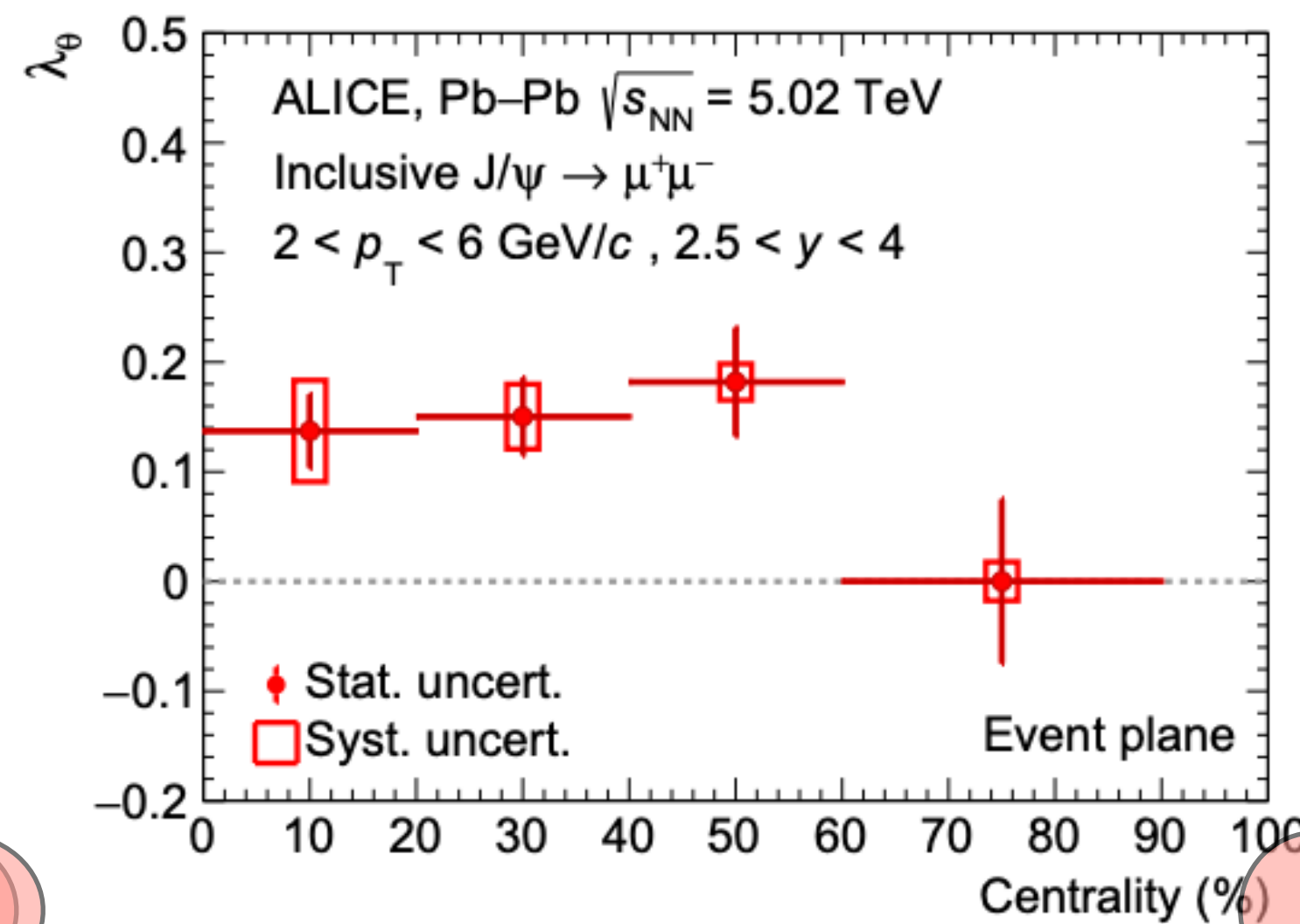


- For $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$ TeV (at 10-50% and low p_T)
 - K^{*0} $\rho_{00} < 1/3$ with 2.6σ
 - ϕ $\rho_{00} \sim < 1/3$ with 1.9σ
 - Centrality dependence at low p_T
- Observed deviation order of magnitude larger than naive expectation: $\rho_{00} \propto \omega^2$ from P_Λ

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ρ_{00} (centrality, p_T): J/ Ψ at LHC

ALICE: arxiv 2204.10171

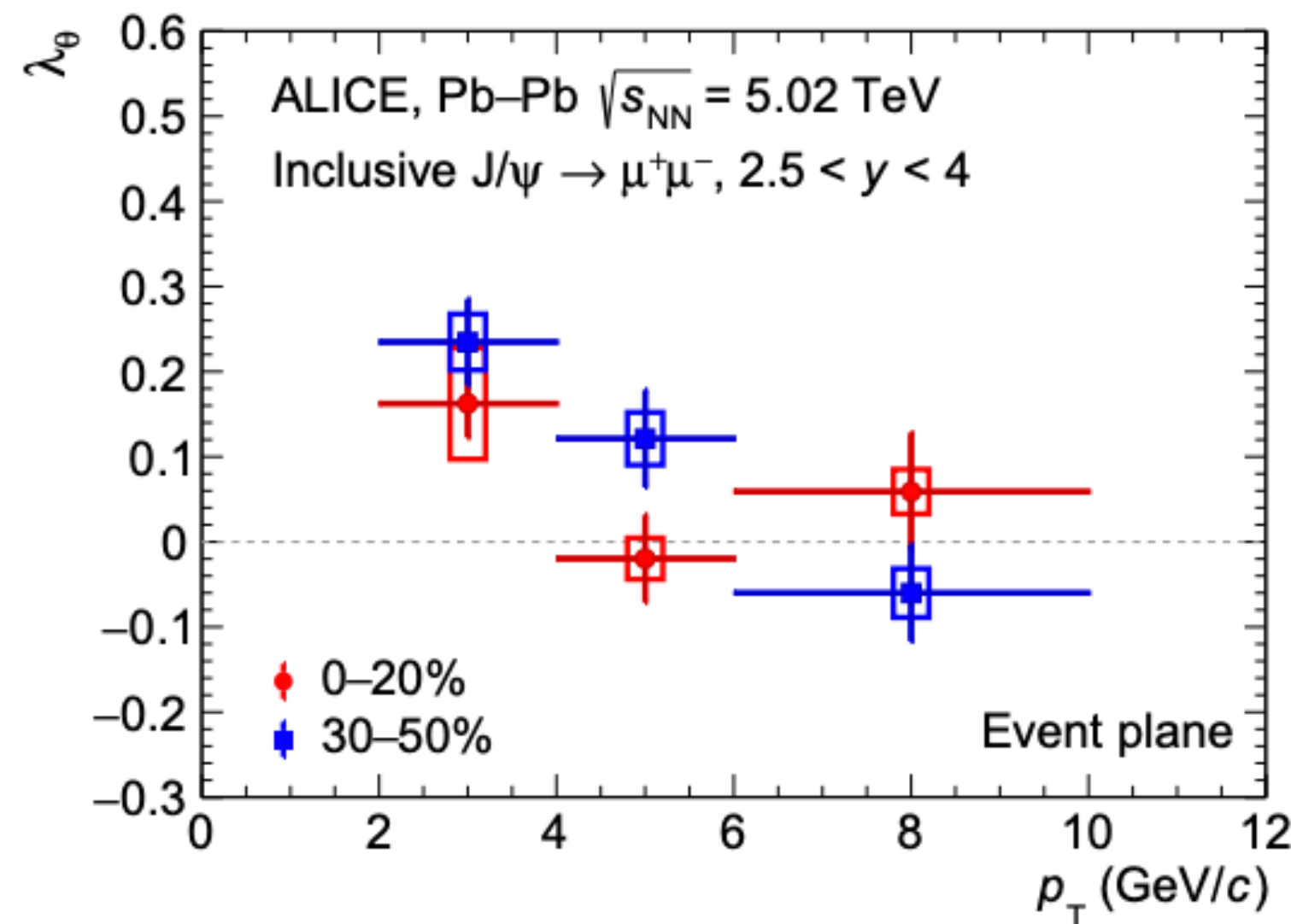


First observation of global spin alignment of J/ Ψ at LHC

- $J/\psi : \lambda_\theta \sim 0.2, \rho_{00} \sim 0.37 \left(> \frac{1}{3} \right)$ $\lambda_\theta \propto \frac{3\rho_{00} - 1}{1 - \rho_{00}}$
- $K^{*0} \rho_{00} \sim -0.2, \phi \rho_{00} \sim -0.1 \left(< \frac{1}{3} \right)$

Note: Kinematic ranges of above measurements are different

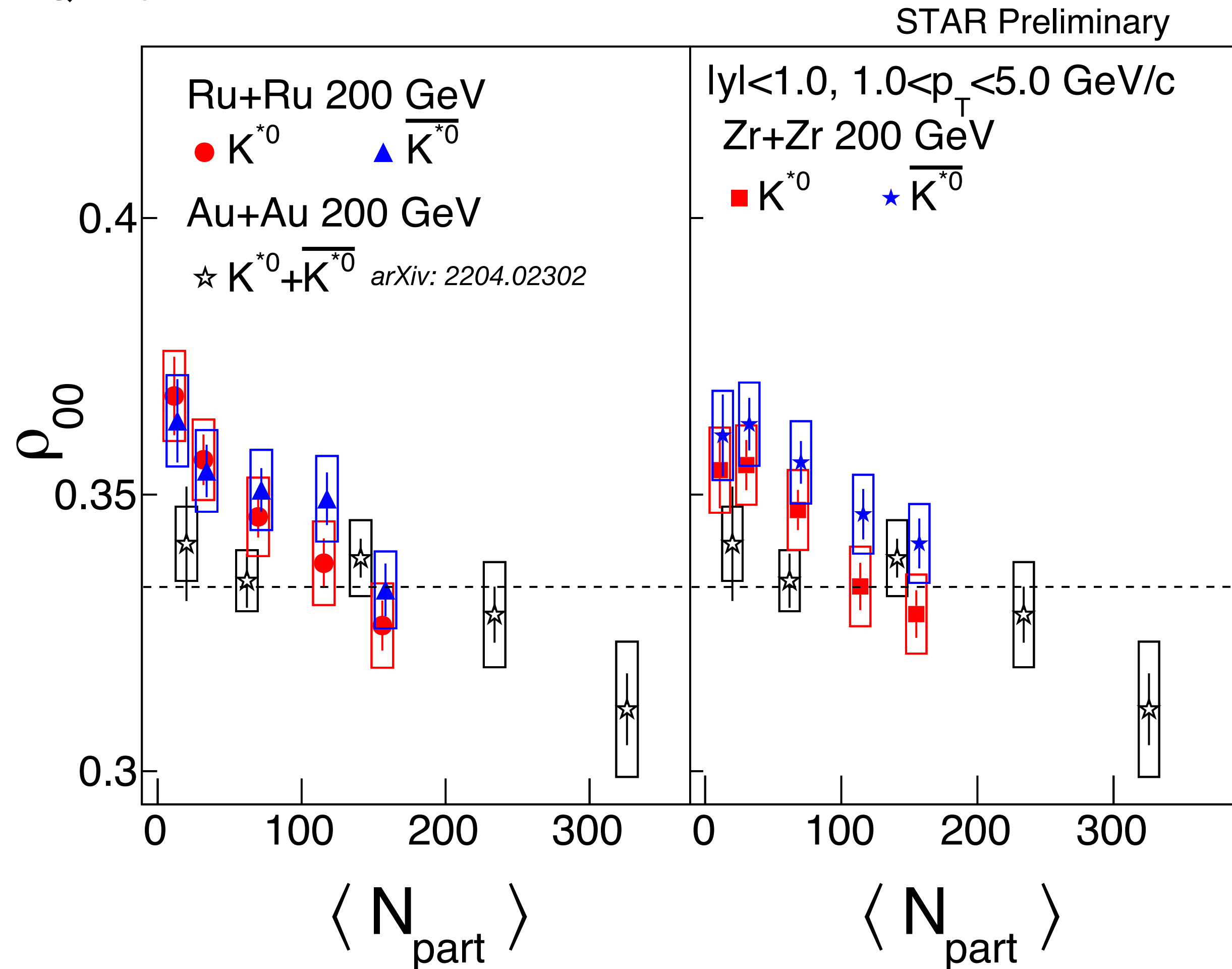
What is the origin of different sign of ρ_{00} ?



- J/ Ψ ρ_{00} from mid-rapidity?
- Need inputs from theory

ρ_{00} (Centrality): K^{*0} and anti- K^{*0} from isobar

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- Species dependence:

- $K^{*0} \rho_{00} \sim \text{anti-}K^{*0} \rho_{00}$

- System size dependence:

- $\rho_{00} \text{ Au+Au} \sim \text{Zr+Zr} \sim \text{Ru+Ru}$

$\rho_{00}(\sqrt{s_{NN}})$: ϕ and K^{*0} for central collisions from BES-I

STAR, arXiv: 2204.02302

