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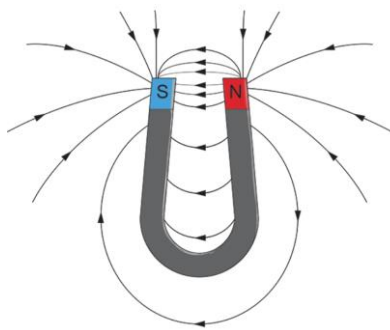
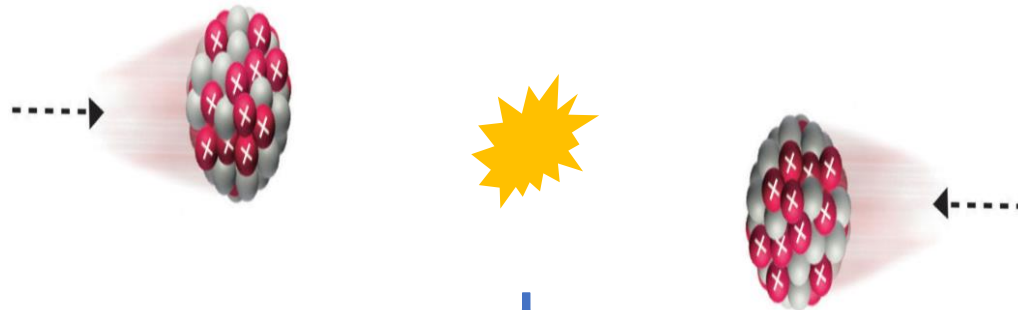
# Magnetic Field, Chirality, and Spin Polarization

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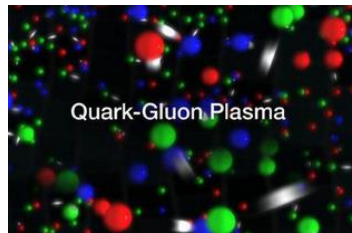
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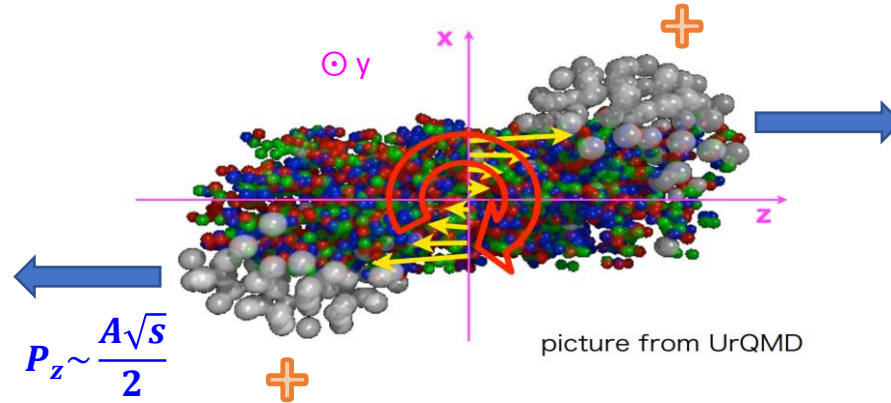
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- Chiral magnetic/vortical effects
- Hyperon spin polarization
- Vector meson spin alignment
- ... ..

# **Magnetic field and vorticity**

# Angular momentum and magnetic field



$$J_0 \sim \frac{Ab\sqrt{s}}{2} \sim 10^6 \hbar$$

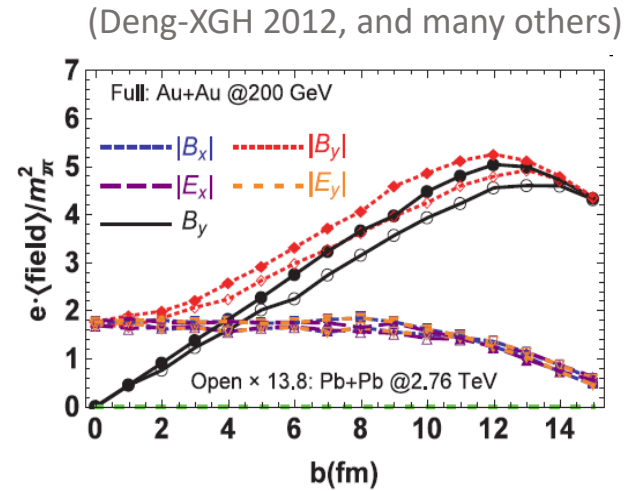
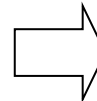
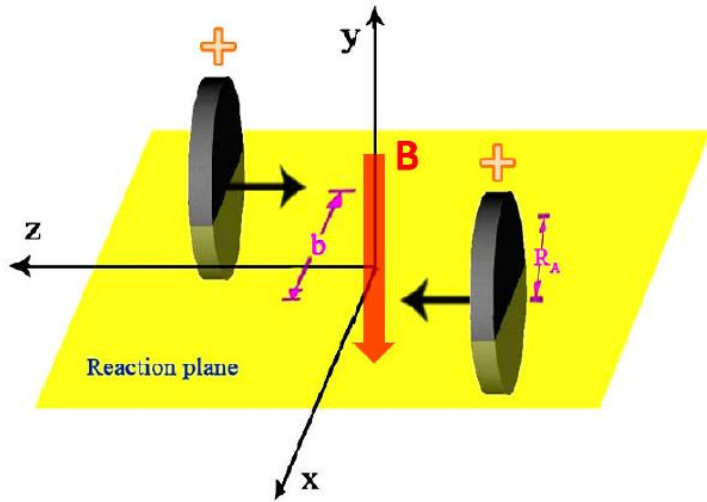
Global angular momentum

$$eB \sim \gamma \alpha_{EM} \frac{Z}{b^2} \sim 10^{18} \text{ G}$$

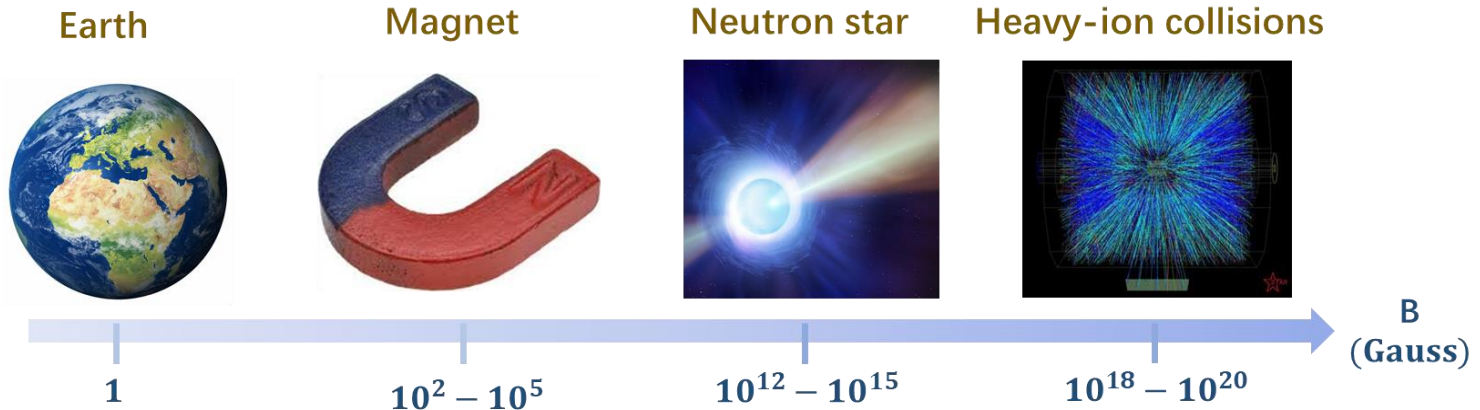
Strong Magnetic field

(RHIC Au+Au 200 GeV,  $b=10$  fm)

# Magnetic field



**Strongest B fields we have known in current universe:**  
 $B \sim 10^{18}$  G (RHIC) -  $10^{20}$  G (LHC)



# Vorticity by global angular momentum

Global angular momentum

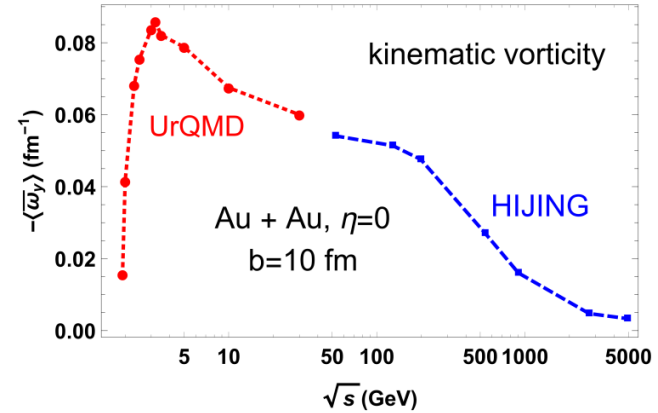


Local fluid vorticity

$$\omega = \frac{1}{2} \nabla \times v$$

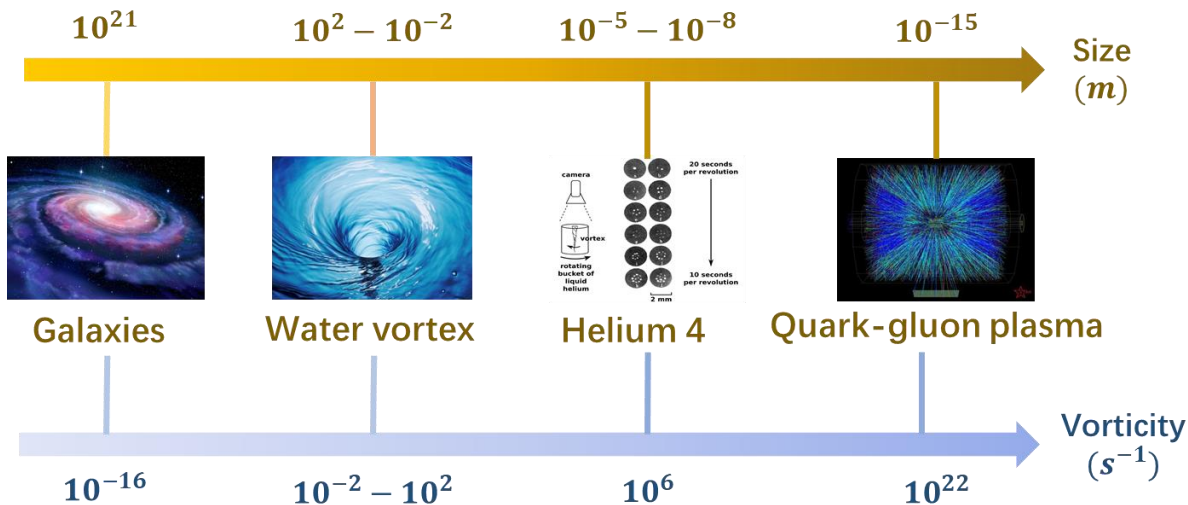
(Angular velocity of fluid cell)

Energy dependence of initial vorticity



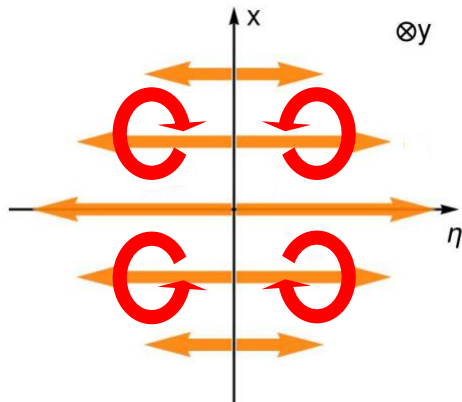
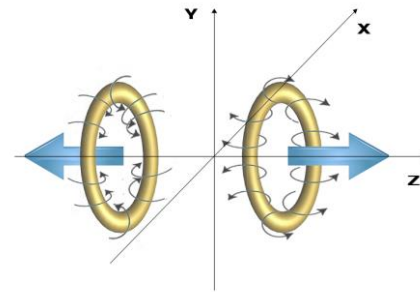
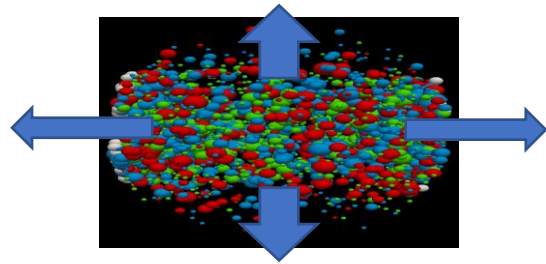
(Deng-XGH 2016; Deng-XGH-Ma-Zhang 2020; XGH 2020)

**The most vortical fluid: Au+Au@RHIC at  $b=10$  fm is  $10^{20} - 10^{21} \text{ s}^{-1}$**

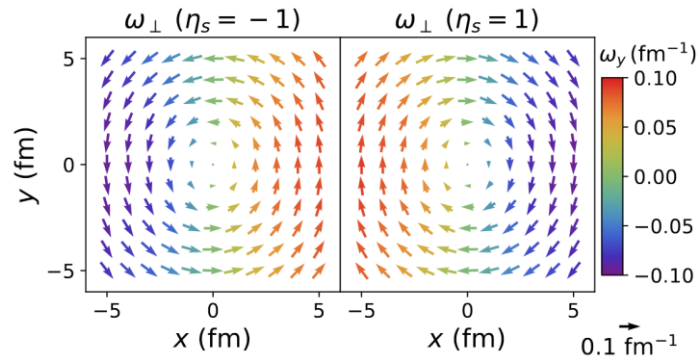


(See also: Jiang-Lin-Liao 2016; Becattini-Karpenko etal 2015,2016; Xie-Csernai etal 2014,2016,2019; Pang-Petersen-Wang-Wang 2016; Xia-Li-Wang 2017,2018; Sun-Ko 2017; Wei-Deng-XGH 2018; ... ..)

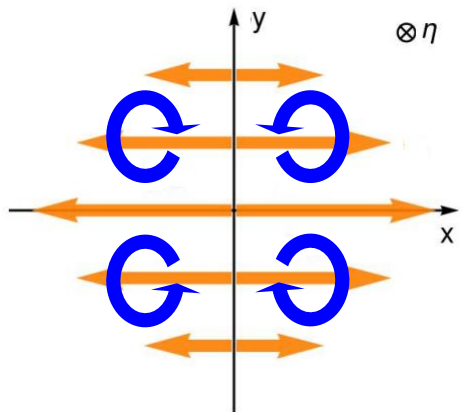
# Vorticity by inhomogeneous expansion



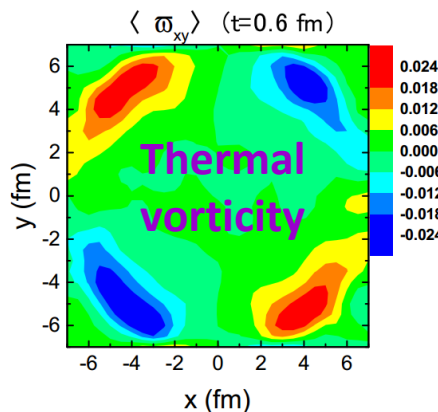
Transverse



(Xia-Li-Wang 2017)



Longitudinal



(Wei-Deng-XGH 2018)

(See also: Karpenko-Becattini 2017; Csernai etal 2014; Teryaev-Usubov 2015; Ivanov-Soldatov 2018; ... ..)

# Effects of $\omega$ and B

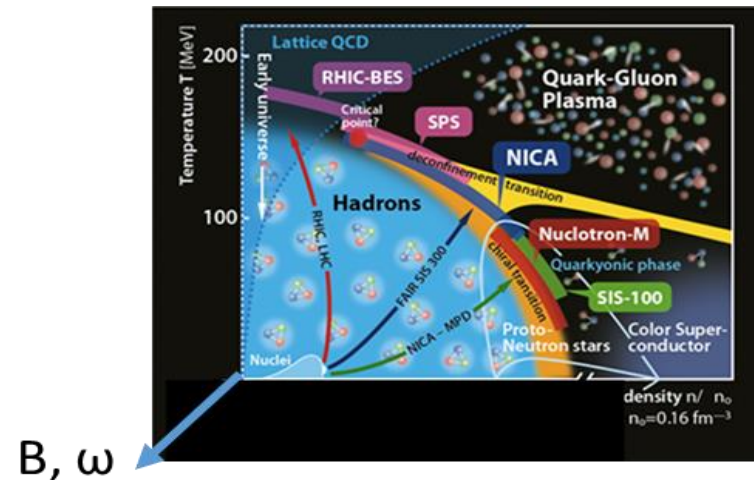
- They can induce many novel effects

- $\omega$  :

- ◆  $\Lambda$  spin polarization
- ◆  $\Phi$  and K Spin alignment
- ◆ Chiral vortical effect, chiral vortical wave, ...
- ◆ Reduction of scalar condensate, rotational chiral soliton lattice, ...

- B :

- ◆ Chiral magnetic effect
- ◆ Chiral separation effect, chiral magnetic wave
- ◆ (Inverse) Magnetic catalysis of ChSB
- ◆ EM-induced directed flow, Hall effect, photon elliptic flow, photoproduction of hadrons, anisotropic pressure and viscosities, vacuum birefringence, ... ..

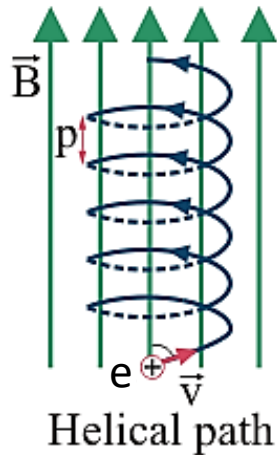




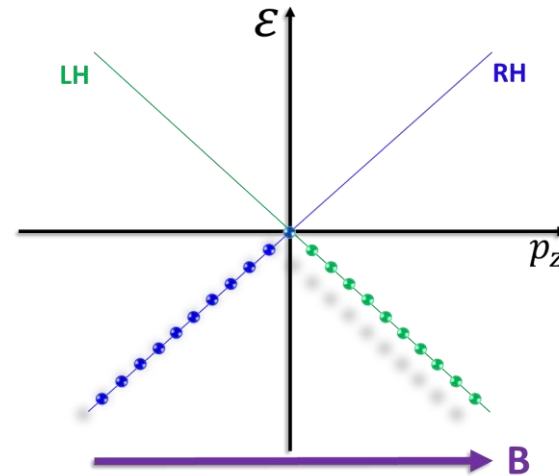
# **Chiral magnetic and vortical effects**

# Chiral anomaly as spin-polarization phenomenon

- Lowest Landau level of massless fermion: **spin polarized**



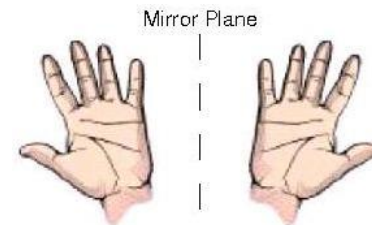
$$n = 0$$



$$E_n^2 = p_z^2 + 2neB$$

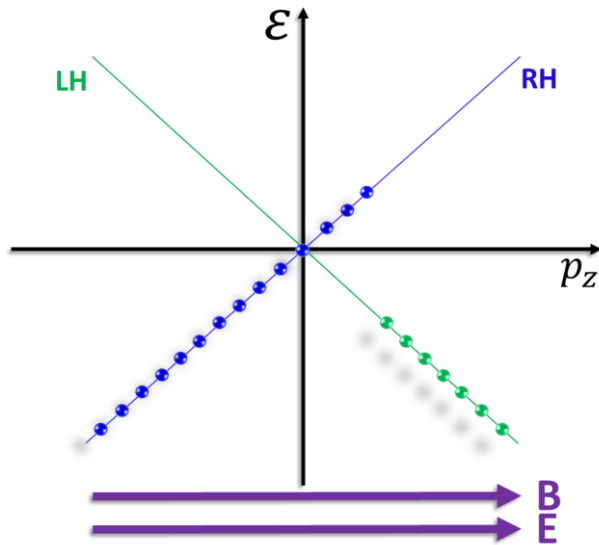
- Two conserved currents with left- and right-chirality

$$J_R^\mu = \bar{\psi}_R \gamma^\mu \psi_R \text{ and } J_L^\mu = \bar{\psi}_L \gamma^\mu \psi_L$$



# Chiral anomaly as spin-polarization phenomenon

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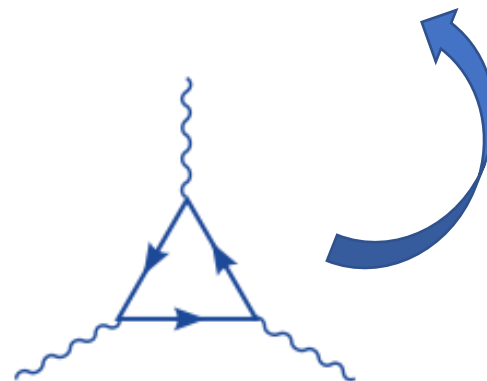


- One conserved current

$$J_V^\mu = J_R^\mu + J_L^\mu = \bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\psi$$

$J_A^\mu = J_R^\mu - J_L^\mu = \bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5\psi$   
is no longer conserved:

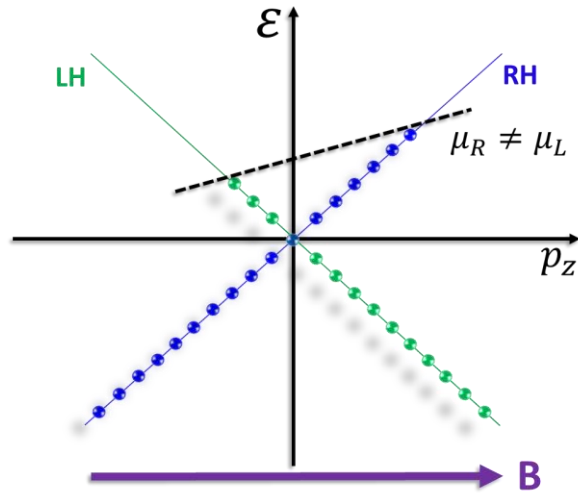
- $N_{R/L} = V \frac{p_F^{R/L}}{2\pi} \frac{eB}{2\pi}$
- $\frac{d}{dt} N_A = \frac{d}{dt} (N_R - N_L)$   
 $= V \frac{\dot{p}_F^R - \dot{p}_F^L}{2\pi} \frac{eB}{2\pi} = V \frac{eE}{\pi} \frac{eB}{2\pi}$
- $\partial_\mu J_A^\mu = \frac{e^2}{2\pi^2} \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}$



(Adler 1969;  
Bell-Jackiw 1969)

# Chiral magnetic/separation effects (CME,CSE)

- Remove the E field but put Fermi surfaces



$$J_R = n_R$$

$$J_L = -n_L$$

$$n_{R/L} \equiv \frac{d^3 N_{R/L}}{dx dy dz} = \frac{eB p_F^{R/L}}{2\pi \cdot 2\pi}$$

$$J_V = J_R + J_L = \frac{eB}{4\pi^2} (p_F^R - p_F^L)$$

$$= \frac{eB}{2\pi^2} \mu_A \quad \text{CME current}$$

$$J_A = J_R - J_L = \frac{eB}{4\pi^2} (p_F^R + p_F^L)$$

$$= \frac{eB}{2\pi^2} \mu_V \quad \text{CSE current}$$

(Kharzeev et al 2004-2008;

Vilenkin 1980; Son-Zhitnitsky 2004; ... ...)

# Chiral vortical effect (CVE)

- Charged particle in magnetic field and in rotation

In magnetic field, Lorentz force:

$$\mathbf{F} = e(\dot{\mathbf{x}} \times \mathbf{B})$$

In rotating frame, Coriolis force:

$$\mathbf{F} = 2\varepsilon(\dot{\mathbf{x}} \times \boldsymbol{\omega}) + O(\omega^2)$$

Larmor theorem:  $e\mathbf{B} \sim 2\varepsilon\boldsymbol{\omega}$

- “Lowest Landau level” (omit centrifugal force  $O(\omega^2)$ )

$$\left. \begin{aligned} J_R &= n_R \\ J_L &= -n_L \\ n_{R/L} &= \frac{p_F^{R/L} \omega}{2\pi} \frac{p_F^{R/L}}{2\pi} \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} J_V &= \frac{\omega}{4\pi^2} ((p_F^R)^2 - (p_F^L)^2) = \frac{\omega}{\pi^2} \mu_V \mu_A \\ J_A &= \frac{\omega}{4\pi^2} ((p_F^R)^2 + (p_F^L)^2) = \frac{\omega}{2\pi^2} (\mu_V^2 + \mu_A^2) \end{aligned}$$

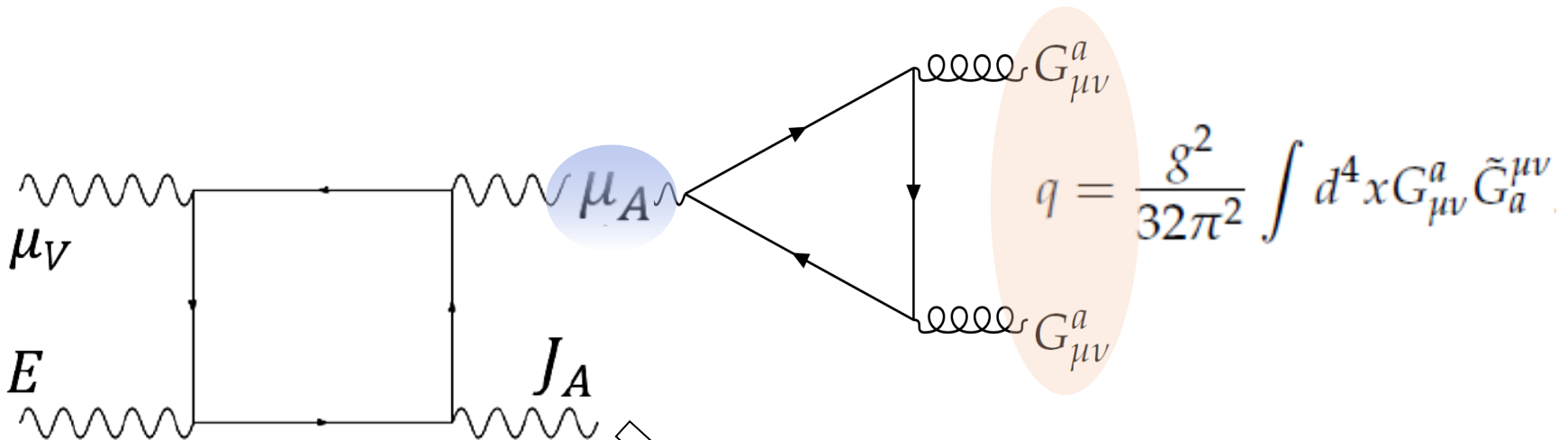
More rigorous calculation shows a  $(T^2/6)\boldsymbol{\omega}$  term in  $J_A$  (Landsteiner etal 2011; Glorioso etal 2017)

## CVE currents

(Erdmenger etal 2008;  
Banerjee etal 2008;  
Son-Surowka 2009; .....)

# Chiral electric separation effect

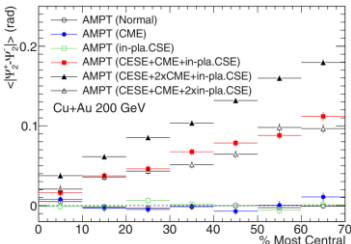
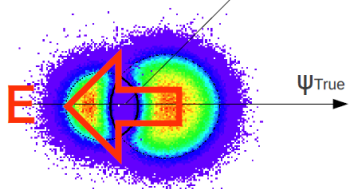
- Electric field induced anomalous transport



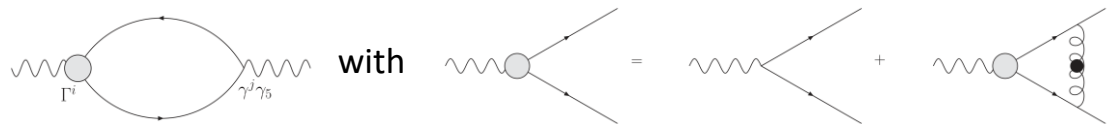
$$q = \frac{g^2}{32\pi^2} \int d^4x G^a_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}_a$$

Chiral electric separation effect (CESE)

$$\mathbf{J}_A \approx 14.5163 \text{Tr}_f(Q_e Q_A) \frac{\mu_V \mu_A}{T^2} \frac{e^2 T}{g^4 \ln(1/g)} \mathbf{E}$$



(Ma-XGH 2015)



(XGH-Liao 2013; Jiang-XGH-Liao 2015)

# Table of anomalous chiral transports

- Transport phenomena closely related to **chirality** and **quantum anomalies**

	$eE$	$eB$	$\omega$
$J_V$	$\sigma$ Ohm's law	$\frac{1}{2\pi^2} \mu_A$ Chiral magnetic effect	$\frac{1}{\pi^2} \mu_V \mu_A$ Vector chiral vortical effect
$J_A$	$\propto \frac{\mu_V \mu_A}{T^2} \sigma$ Chiral electric separation effect	$\frac{1}{2\pi^2} \mu_V$ Chiral separation effect	$\frac{T^2}{6} + \frac{\mu_V^2 + \mu_A^2}{2\pi^2}$ Axial chiral vortical effect
Wave mode	$\varepsilon = \alpha_A n_A \sqrt{2\sigma_2 \chi_e} \alpha_V \alpha_A \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{E}$ Chiral electric wave	$\varepsilon = \sigma_A \sqrt{\alpha_V \alpha_A} \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{B}$ Chiral magnetic wave	$\varepsilon = \frac{\mu_V}{2\pi^2 \chi_\mu} \mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}$ Chiral vortical wave

Well established in theory. But where to observe them:

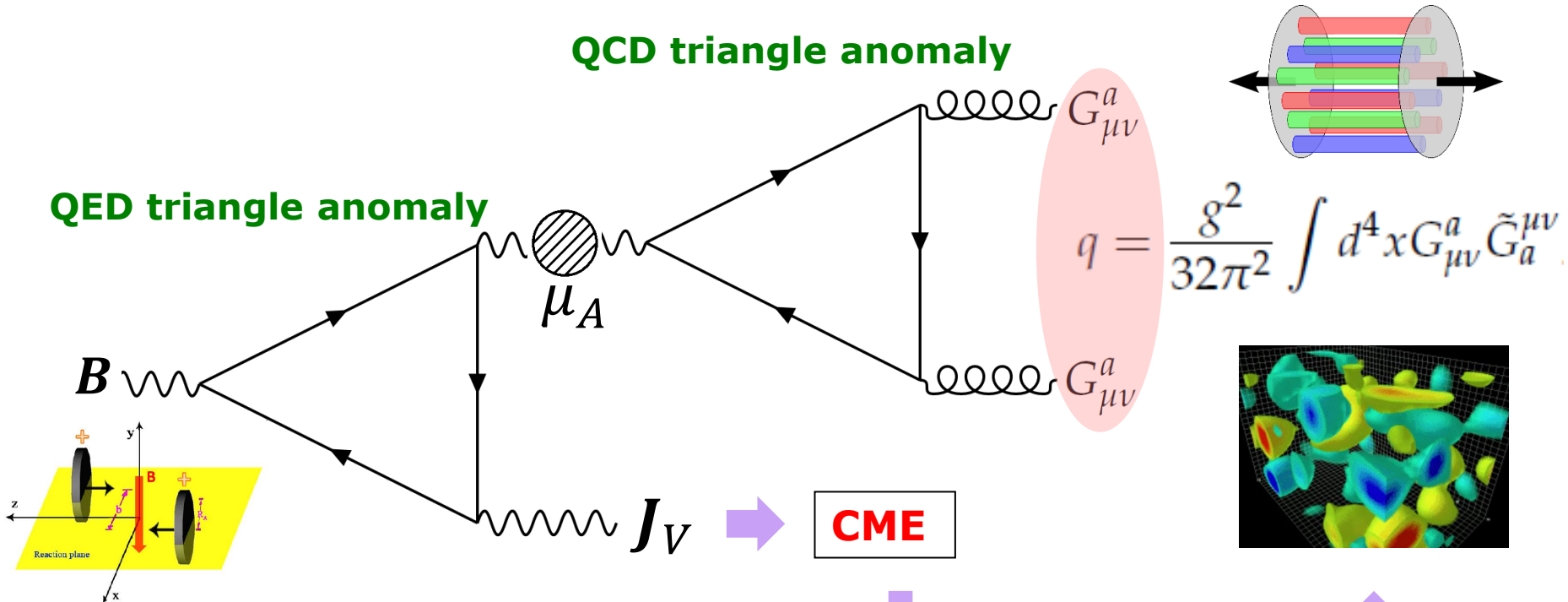
**strong  $B$  or  $\omega$ ; massless fermions; violation of parity (CME, VCVE, CESE).**

(Reviews: XGH ROPP2016; Kharzeev-Liao-Voloshin-Wang PPNP2016; Hattori-XGH NST2017; Zhao-Wang PPNP2019; Li-Wang 2020; Liu-XGH 2020)

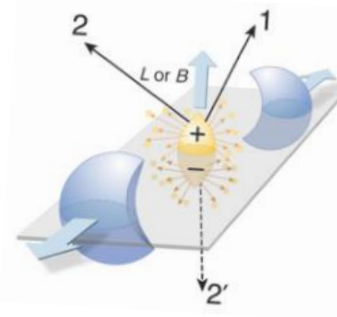
# **CME in heavy ion collisions**



# CME in heavy-ion collisions



**A probe of nontrivial topology of QCD using B field!**



# The observable of CME

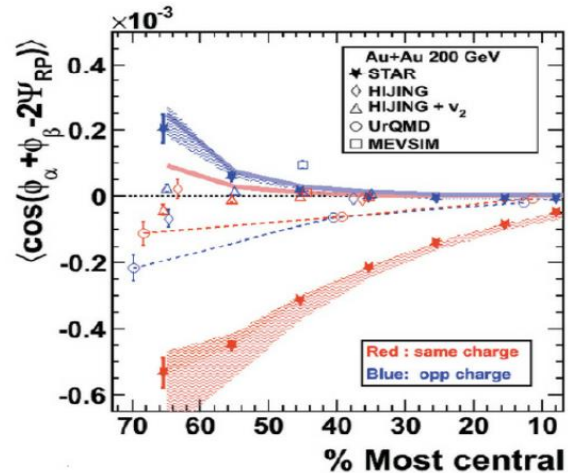
## Event-by-event charge separation wrt. reaction plane

### The gamma correlator (Voloshin 2004)

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

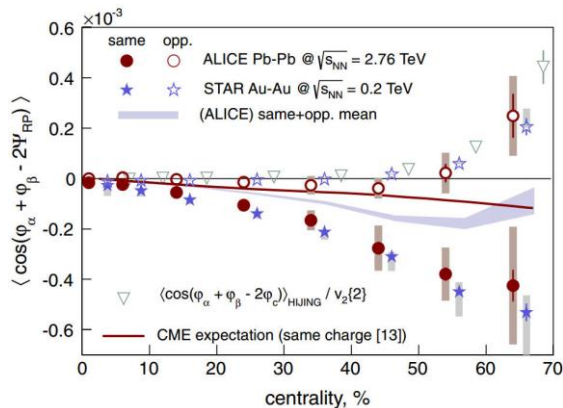


- $\gamma_{++} \sim \gamma_{--} < 0$
- $\gamma_{+-} \sim \gamma_{-+} > 0$
- Increase with centrality

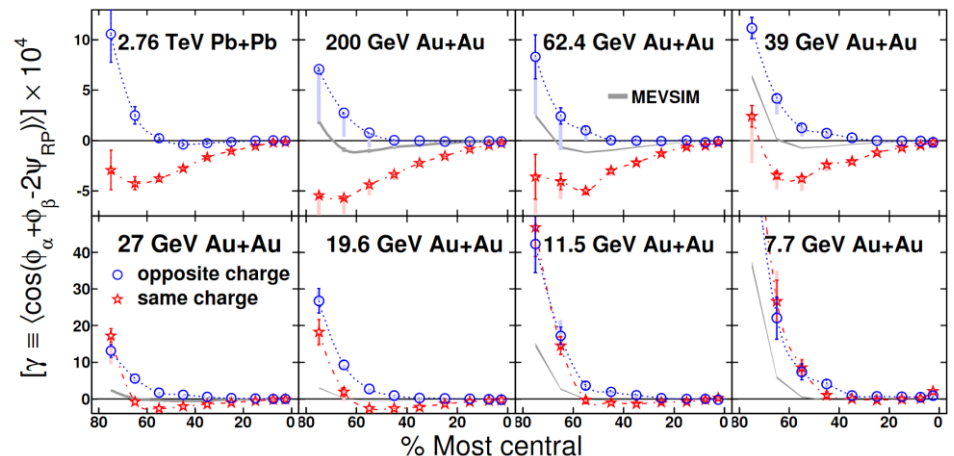


STAR 2009

ALICE 2013



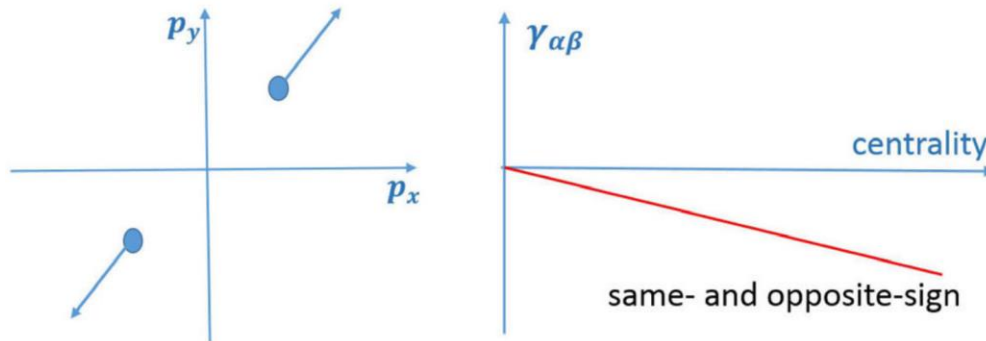
STAR 2014



# Background contributions

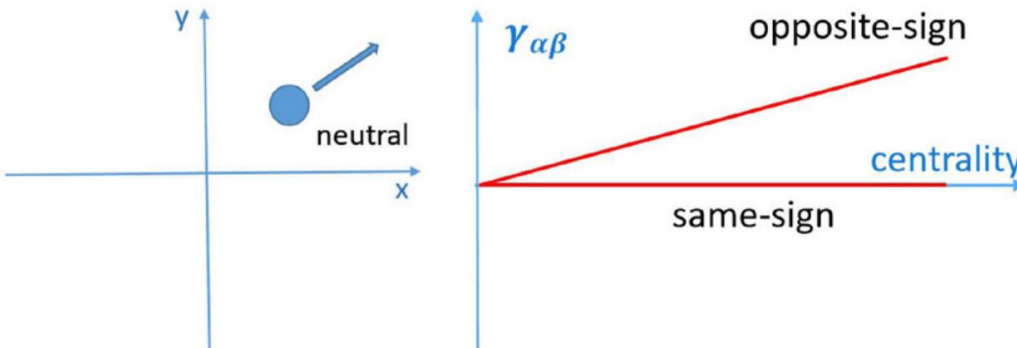
## Back-ground contributions to gamma correlator

**Transverse momentum conservation** (Pratt 2010; Liao, Bzdak, Koch 2011):



- Charge blind
- $\gamma \propto -v_2/N$
- Can be subtracted in  
$$\Delta\gamma = \gamma_{OS} - \gamma_{SS}$$

**Local charge conservation** (Pratt, Schlichting 2011) or **neutral resonance decay** (Wang 2010) :



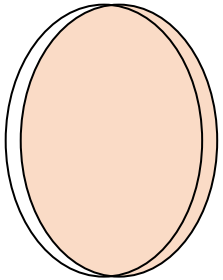
$$\gamma_{OS} \propto v_2/N, \gamma_{SS} \sim 0$$

**Main challenge: how to separate the background effects?**

# Experimental methods

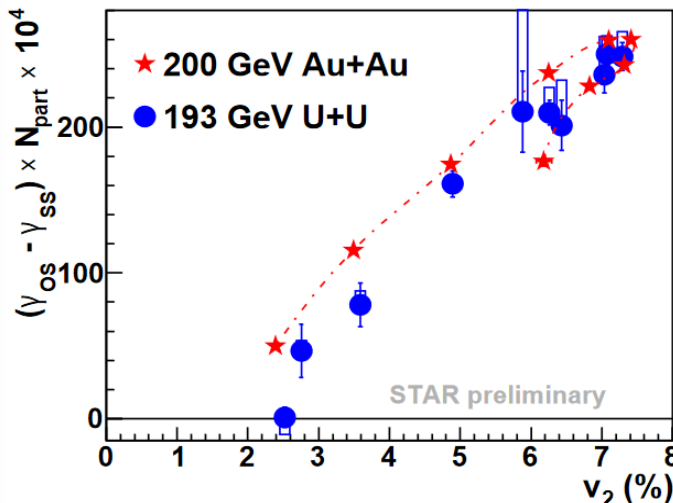
**Recall the challenge:** How to separate the CME signal from the elliptic flow induced backgrounds?

**Way 1:** Fix the magnetic field, but vary the flow: central U + U collisions or event shape engineering



**U nucleus is deformed,  
Very central body-body:  
 $B=0$  while  $v_2 \neq 0$**

Voloshin 2010

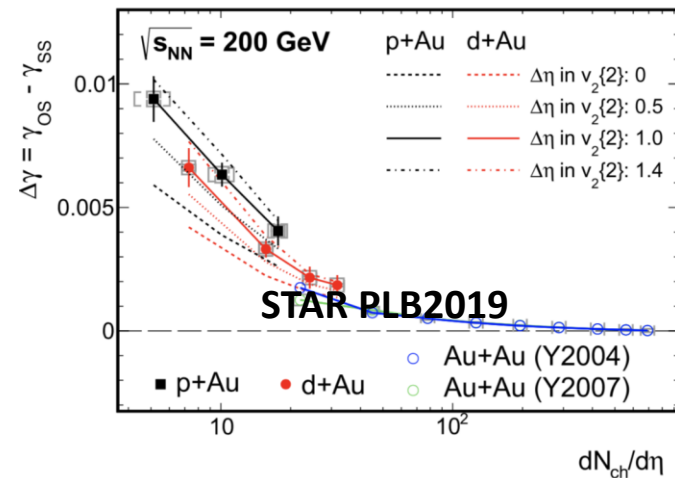
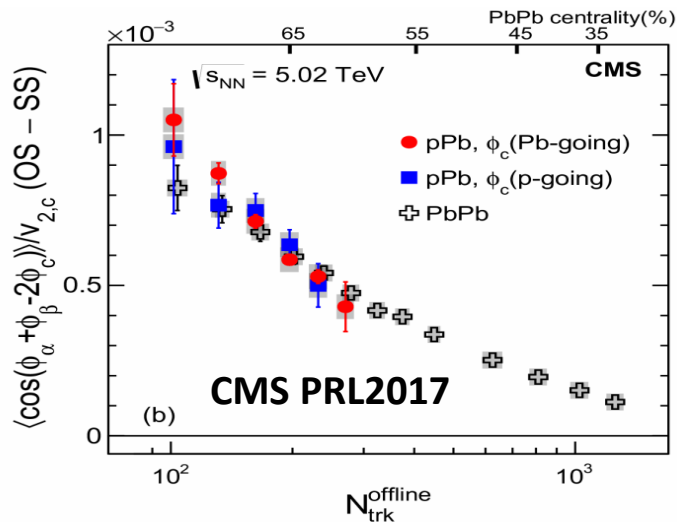


Wang 2012

Updated:  
J.Zhao for STAR@QM2019

# Experimental methods

Way 1.1: Turn off (?) the magnetic field: high multiplicity p+A, d+A



$\Delta\gamma$  in p+Pb and Pb+Pb at LHC       $\Delta\gamma$  in p+Au and d+Au zero at RHIC

Purely background? (**B lifetime different; no correlation to reaction plane**), why p(d)+A  $\geq$  A+A?

Xe-Xe at 5.44 TeV show similar trend (QM2019)

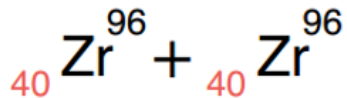
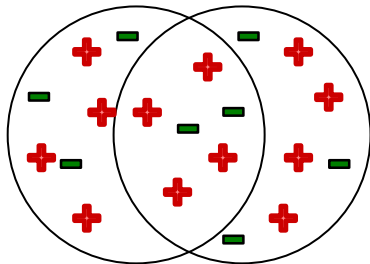
# Experimental methods

## Some other proposed methods:

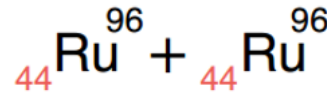
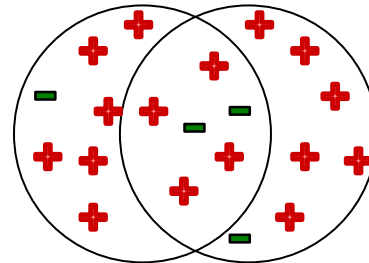
- **Pair invariant mass dependence** Zhao-Wang 2019
- **Check different event planes** Xu etal 2017
- **Signed balance functions** Tang 2019
- **R-correlator** Magdy etal 2017
- ... ..

# Experimental methods

**Way 2: Fix the flow, but vary the magnetic field: isobar collisions**



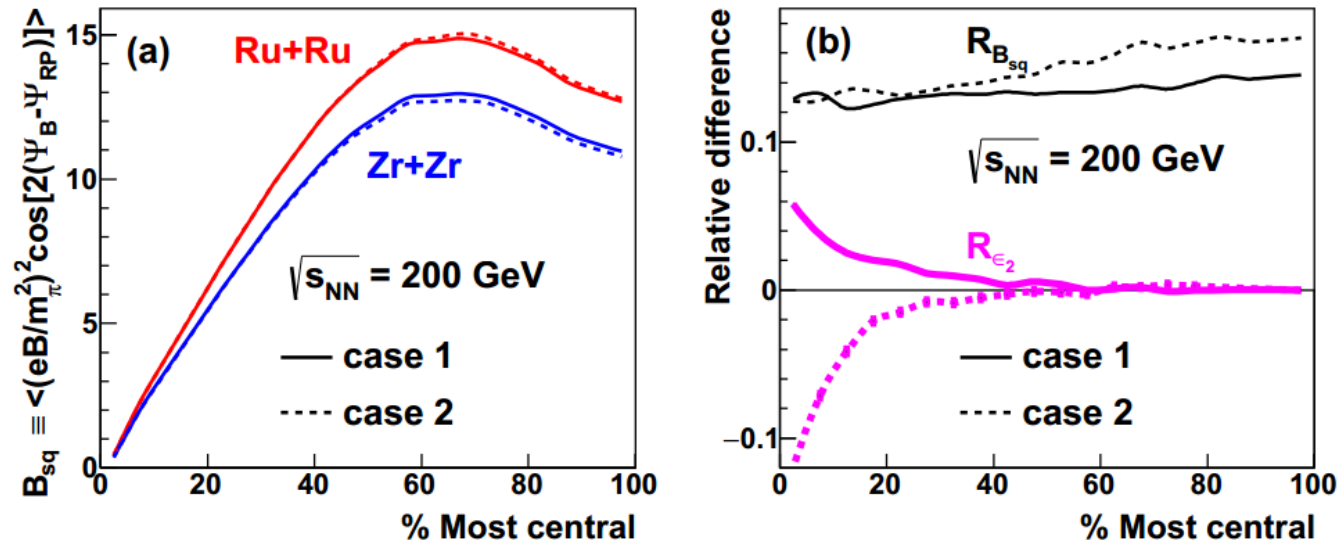
**Vs**



**At same energy, same centrality, they would have equal elliptic flow but 10% difference in magnetic field.**

# Isobar collisions

## Initial magnetic field and initial eccentricity



Deng, XGH, Ma,  
and Wang, 2016

$B_{sq}$  quantifies magnetic-field fluctuation (Blozynski, XGH, Zhang, and Liao, 2013)

R is the relative difference:  $2(RuRu - ZrZr) / (RuRu + ZrZr)$

Centrality 20-60%: sizable difference in B ( $R_{B_{sq}} \sim 10 - 20\%$ ) but small difference in eccentricity ( $R_{\epsilon_2} < 2\%$ )

See also: Xu et al 2017, 2018; Magdy et al 2018; Sun-Ko 2018; Shi et al 2019

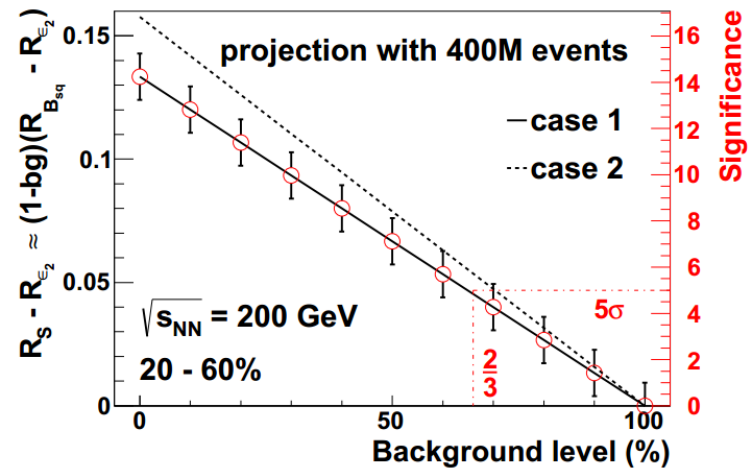
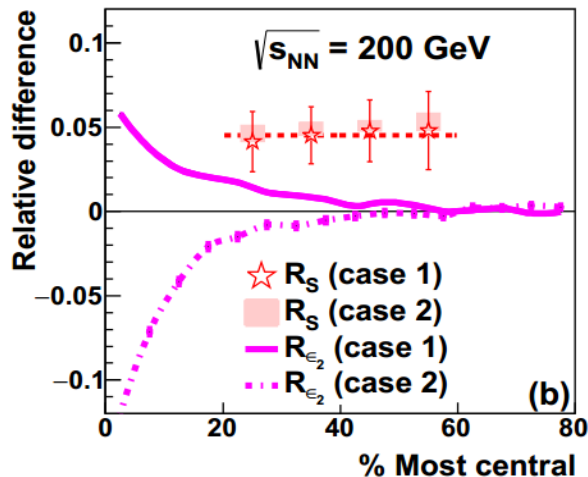


# Isobar collisions

**Gamma correlator  $S \equiv N_{\text{part}}\Delta\gamma$ , here  $N_{\text{part}}$  compensates dilution effect, as both CME and  $v_2$  background  $\propto 1/N_{\text{part}}$**

**As  $R_{B_{sq}}$  and  $R_{\epsilon_2}$  are small, we do perturbative expansion:  
 $R_S = (1 - bg)R_{B_{sq}} + bg \cdot R_{\epsilon_2}$  with  $bg$  the background level**

Deng, XGH, Ma, and Wang, 2016, 2018



First run: 2018 @ RHIC  
 3.1B events for each type of collision



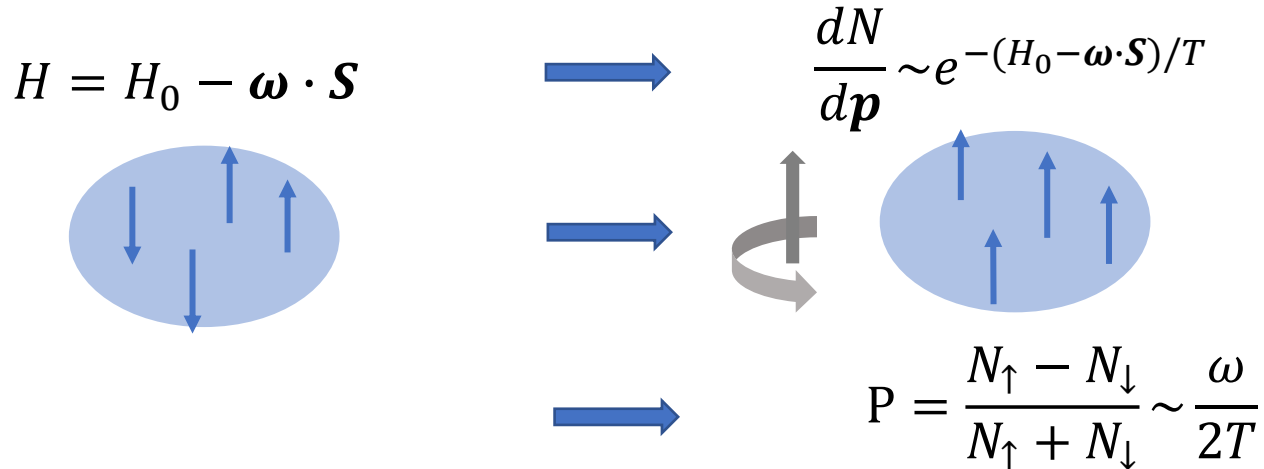
If  $bg=93\%$   
 3.1B events  
 $3\sigma$  signal

# **Spin polarization**

# How vorticity polarizes spin?

Early idea: Liang-Wang PRL2005; Voloshin 2004

Vorticity interpretation (at thermal equilibrium)



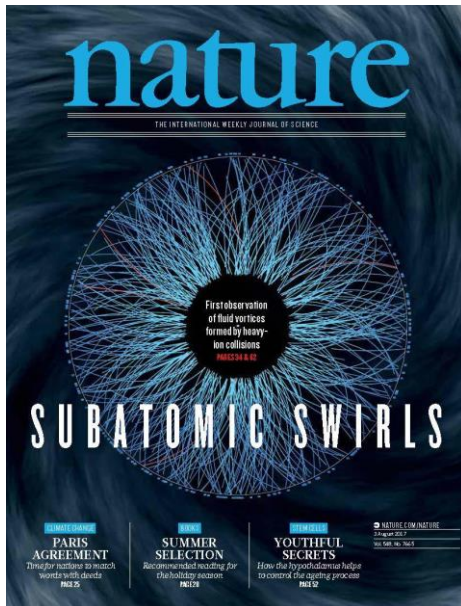
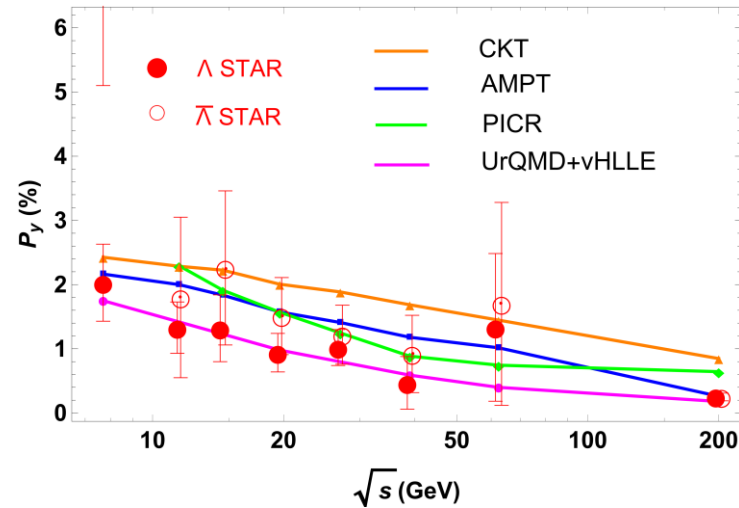
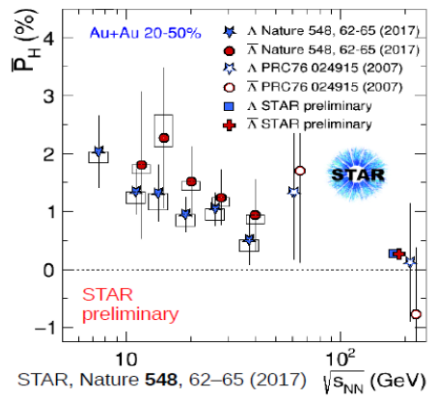
More rigorous derivation (Becattini et al 2013; Fang et al 2016; Liu et al 2020)

$$P^{\mu}(p) = \frac{1}{4m} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} p_{\nu} \frac{\int d\Sigma_{\lambda} p^{\lambda} f'(x, p) \varpi_{\rho\sigma}(x)}{\int d\Sigma_{\lambda} p^{\lambda} f(x, p)} + O(\omega^2)$$

- Valid at global equilibrium.  $f(x, p)$  is the distribution function (Fermi-Dirac)
- Thermal vorticity  $\varpi_{\rho\sigma} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) (\partial_{\sigma}\beta_{\rho} - \partial_{\rho}\beta_{\sigma})$
- Spin polarization is enslaved to thermal vorticity, not dynamical
- Friendly for numerical simulation (a spin Cooper-Frye type formula)

# Global $\Lambda$ spin polarization

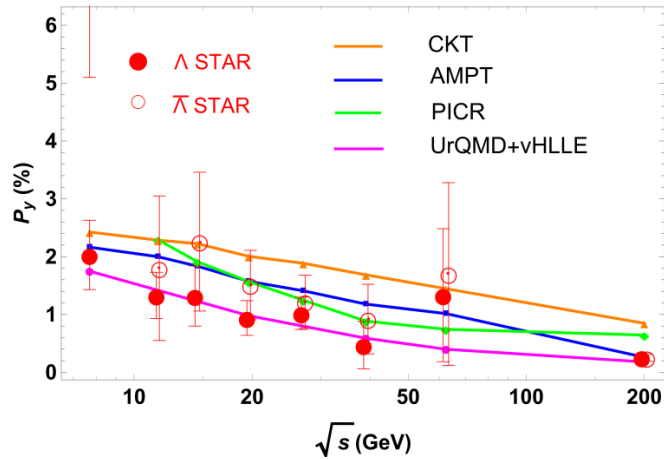
The global polarization: **Experiment = Theory**



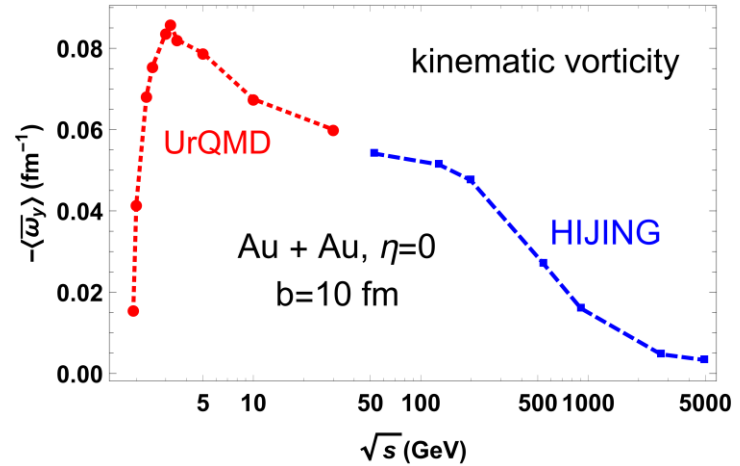
(Sun-Ko PRC2017; Wei-Deng-XGH PRC2019; Xie-Wang-Csernai PRC2017; Karpenko-Becattini EPJC2016; Li-Pang-Wang-Xia PRC2017; Shi-Li-Liao PLB2018; ...)

# Global $\Lambda$ spin polarization

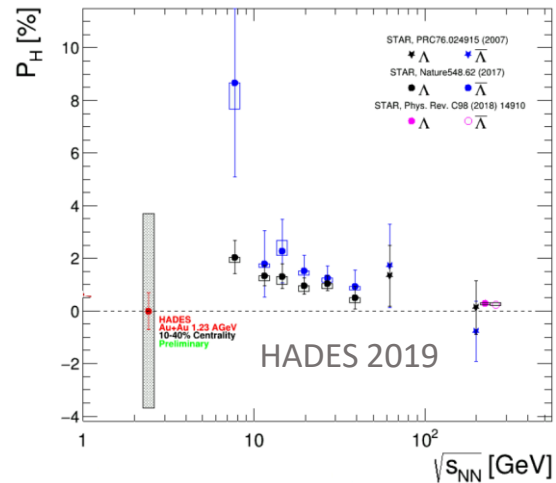
The global polarization: **Experiment = Theory**



VS



**Need to study polarization at very low  $\sqrt{s}$  : NICA, FAIR, HIAF, BES II@RHIC?**



# Differential $\Lambda$ spin polarization

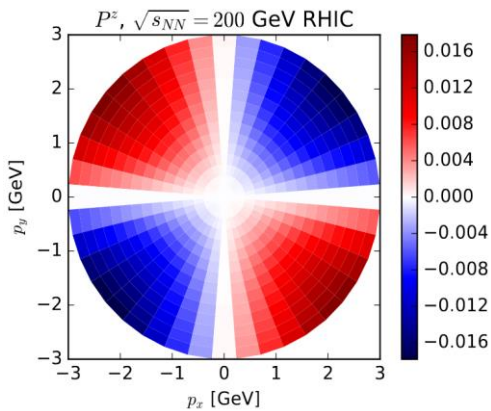
The global  $\Lambda$  polarization reflects the total amount of angular momentum retained in the mid-rapidity region. **How is it distributed in different  $\phi$  ?**

- Spin harmonic flow: 
$$\frac{dP_{y,z}}{d\phi} = P_{y,z} + 2f_{2y,z}\sin(2\phi) + 2g_{2y,z}\cos(2\phi) + \dots$$

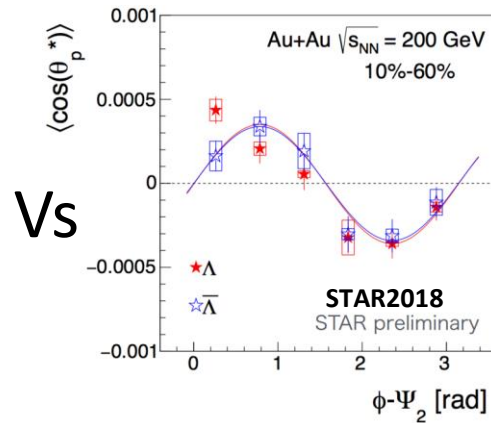
1) longitudinal polarization vs  $\phi$

2) Transverse polarization vs  $\phi$

(Becattini-Karpenko PRL2018)

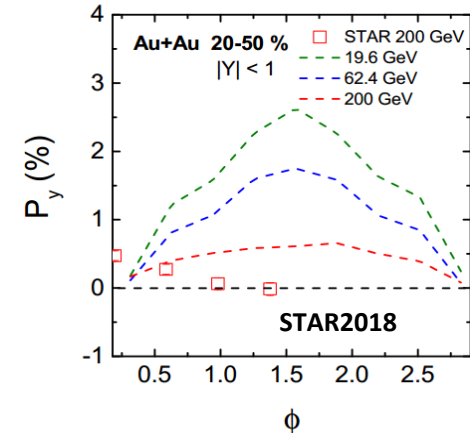


$$f_{2z}^{\text{ther}} < 0$$



$$f_{2z}^{\text{exp}} > 0$$

(Wei-Deng-XGH PRC2019)



$$g_{2y}^{\text{ther}} < 0, g_{2y}^{\text{exp}} > 0$$

**We have a spin “sign problem”!**

# Vector meson spin alignment

Vorticity can also polarize spin of vector mesons, e.g.  $\phi$  meson

Consider recombination  $q + \bar{q} \rightarrow \phi$ , the density matrix of  $q$ :

$$\rho^q = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 + P_q & 0 \\ 0 & 1 - P_q \end{pmatrix}$$

The density matrix of  $\phi$  is obtained from  $\rho^q \otimes \rho^{\bar{q}}$  in basis of  $|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle, |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle, |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle, |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$

$$\rho^V = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{(1+P_q)(1+P_{\bar{q}})}{3+P_q P_{\bar{q}}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1-P_q P_{\bar{q}}}{3+P_q P_{\bar{q}}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{(1-P_q)(1-P_{\bar{q}})}{3+P_q P_{\bar{q}}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Suppose  $P_q = P_{\bar{q}}$ ,

$$\rho_{00}^{\rho(\text{rec})} = \frac{1 - P_q^2}{3 + P_q^2} < \frac{1}{3}$$

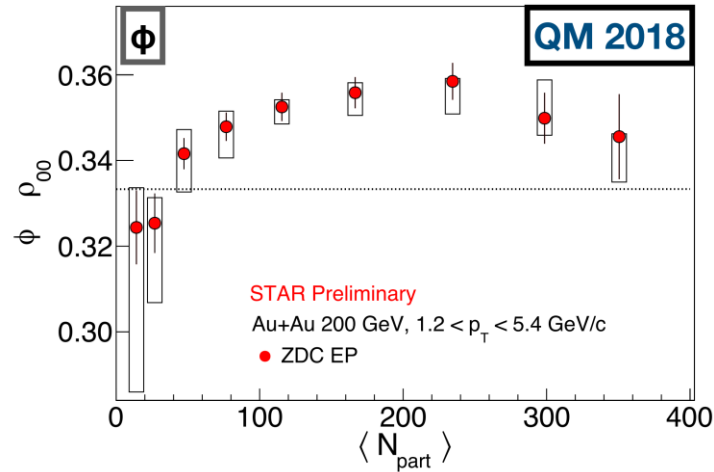
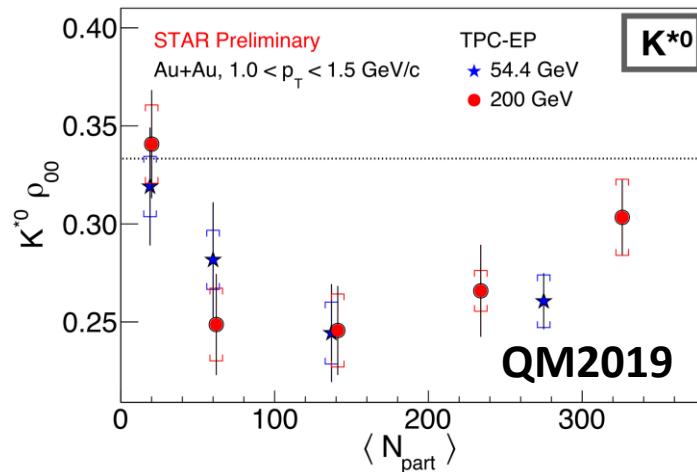
If fragmentation

$$\rho_{00}^{V(\text{frag})} = \frac{1 + \beta P_q^2}{3 - \beta P_q^2} > \frac{1}{3}$$

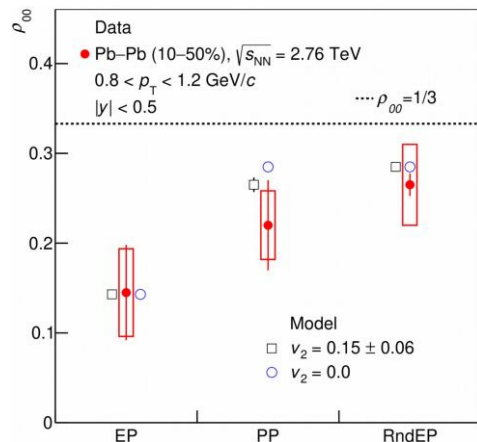
Liang-Wang 2005

Given that  $P$  is few percent,  $\rho_{00}$  is expected close to  $1/3$

# Vector meson spin alignment



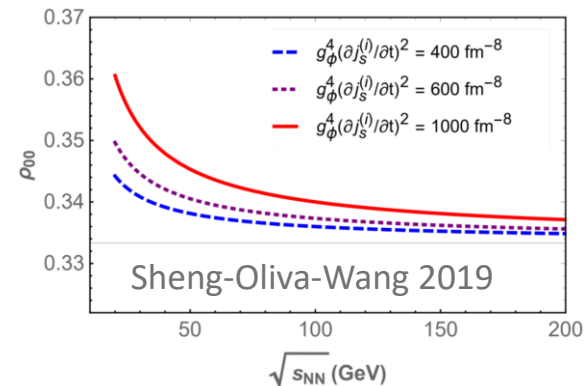
## ALICE@QM2019



## Puzzle:

- Too big and Sign is not as expected!

A recent theory based on strangeness magnetic field:





# Spin sign problem and alignment puzzle

Attack the puzzles from theory side:

- Understand the vorticity (☺)
- Effect of feed-down decays (Xia-Li-XGH-Huang PRC2019, Becattini-Cao-Speranza EPJC2019)  
(Measured  $\Lambda$  may from decays of heavier particles)
- Go beyond equilibrium treatment (spin as a dynamic d.o.f)  
spin hydrodynamics  
spin kinetic theory
- Initial condition  
(Initial polarization, initial flow, ... ...)
- Other possibilities  
(chiral vortical effect (Liu-Sun-Ko 2019), mesonic mean-field (Csernai-Kapusta-Welle PRC2019), other spin chemical potential (Wu-Pang-XGH-Wang PRR2019, Florkowski et al 2019), contribution from gluons, ... ...)
- New observables (ExHIC-P Collaboration 2002.10082)

# Spin hydrodynamics

Relativistic **idea** spin hydrodynamics

(Florkowski etal PRC2018)

Relativistic **dissipative** spin hydrodynamics

(Hattori-Hongo-XGH-Matsuo-Taya PLB2019)

- Identify (quasi-)hydrodynamic variables:  $\mathbf{T}$  and  $\mathbf{u}^\mu$  (4 for translation),  $\omega^{\mu\nu} = -\omega^{\nu\mu}$  (spin chemical potential, 3 for rotation, 3 for boost).
- Derivative expansion. Apply 2<sup>nd</sup> law of thermodynamics.
- Constitutive relations up to  $\mathcal{O}(\partial)$

$$T_{(0)}^{\mu\nu} = e u^\mu u^\nu + p (g^{\mu\nu} + u^\mu u^\nu)$$

heat current

shear viscosity

bulk viscosity

$$T_{(1)}^{\mu\nu} = -2\kappa (D u^{(\mu} + \beta \partial_\perp^{(\mu} \beta^{-1}) u^{\nu)}) - 2\eta \partial_\perp^{<\mu} u^{\nu>} - \zeta (\partial_\mu u^\mu) \Delta^{\mu\nu}$$

$$-2\lambda (-D u^{[\mu} + \beta \partial_\perp^{[\mu} \beta^{-1} + 4u_\rho \omega^{\rho[\mu}) u^{\nu]}] - 2\gamma (\partial_\perp^{[\mu} u^{\nu]} - 2\Delta_\rho^\mu \Delta_\lambda^\nu \omega^{\rho\lambda})$$

boost heat current

rotational viscosity

- Hydrodynamic equations

$$\partial_\mu (T_{(0)}^{\mu\nu} + T_{(1)}^{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{O}(\partial^2)) = 0$$

Energy-momentum conservation

$$\partial_\mu (u^\mu s^{\alpha\beta}) = T_{(1)}^{\beta\alpha} - T_{(1)}^{\alpha\beta} + \mathcal{O}(\partial^2)$$

Angular momentum conservation

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p}(e, s^{\alpha\beta})$$

Equation of state

- Israel-Stewart type theory

$$\tau_\eta (D \sigma_\eta^{\mu\nu})_\perp + \sigma_\eta^{\mu\nu} = 2\eta \partial_\perp^{(\mu} u^{\nu)},$$

$$\tau_\lambda (D q^\mu)_\perp + q^\mu = \lambda (D u^\mu + \beta \partial_\perp^\mu T - 4\Omega^{\mu\nu} u_\nu),$$

$$\tau_\zeta (D \sigma_\zeta^{\mu\nu})_\perp + \sigma_\zeta^{\mu\nu} = \zeta \theta \Delta^{\mu\nu},$$

$$\tau_\gamma (D \phi^{\mu\nu})_\perp + \phi^{\mu\nu} = 2\gamma (\partial_\perp^{[\mu} u^{\nu]} + 2\Omega_\perp^{\mu\nu}),$$

# Spin dependent hadron yields

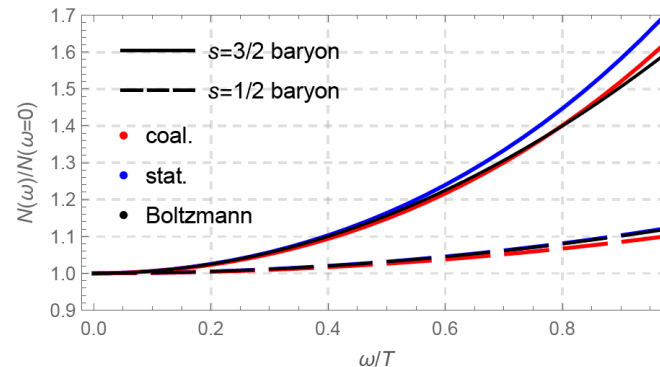
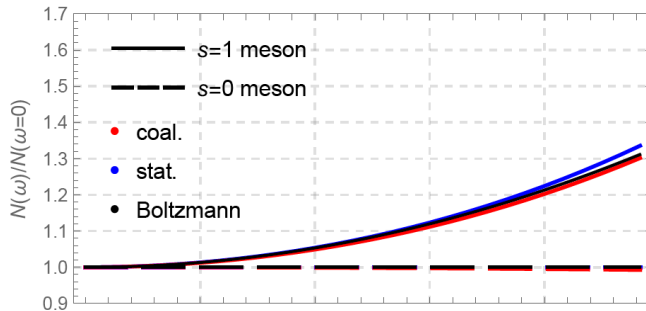
Vorticity is the “**spin chemical potential**” (ExHIC-P Collaboration 2002.10082)

$$E_h = \sqrt{m_h^2 + p^2} - \mu^{\text{ch}} \cdot Q_h - \omega^{\text{ch}} s_z$$



$$\frac{N^{\text{stat/coal}}(\omega)}{N^{\text{stat/coal}}(\omega = 0)} \sim 1 + \frac{s(1+s)}{6} \left(\frac{\omega}{T}\right)^2$$

Naively, it is the same order as  $\rho_{00}$ , could be cross-check of vector spin alignment



**Observable:** ratio of e.g.  $\frac{N_\phi}{N_K}$  or  $\frac{N_\Omega}{N_\Xi}$  as function of centrality and energy

# Summary

- Strong magnetic field and vorticity in heavy-ion collisions
- They provide novel probes to QCD matter through chiral anomalous transports and spin polarization
- Isobar collisions are very promising to disentangle the CME signal and the flow backgrounds
- Differential spin polarization and vector meson spin alignment remain as puzzles

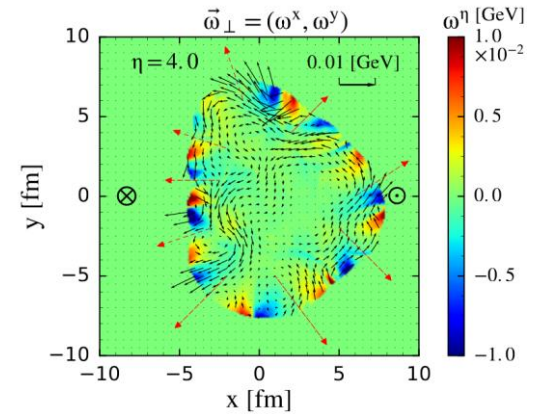
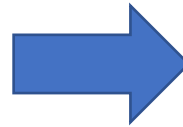
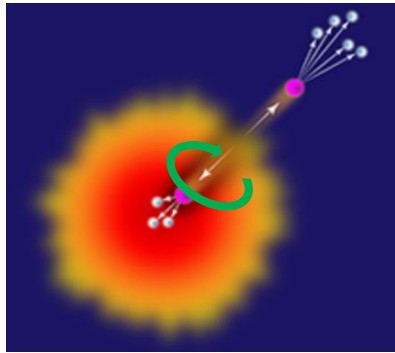
Need more works in both theory and experiments

Thank you!

**Back up**

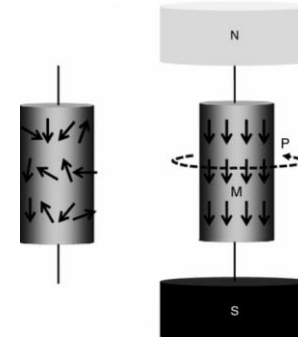
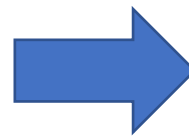
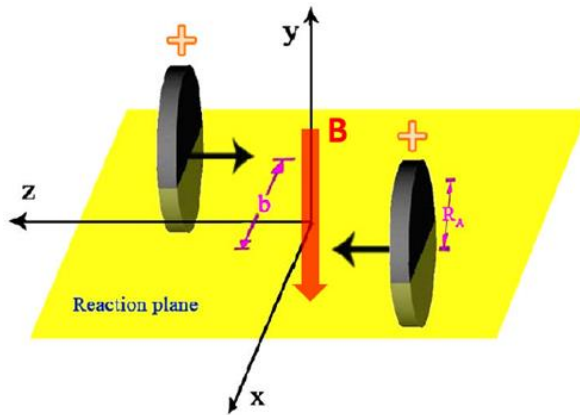
# Other sources of vorticity

## 1) Jet



(Pang-Peterson-Wang-Wang 2016)

## 2) Magnetic field



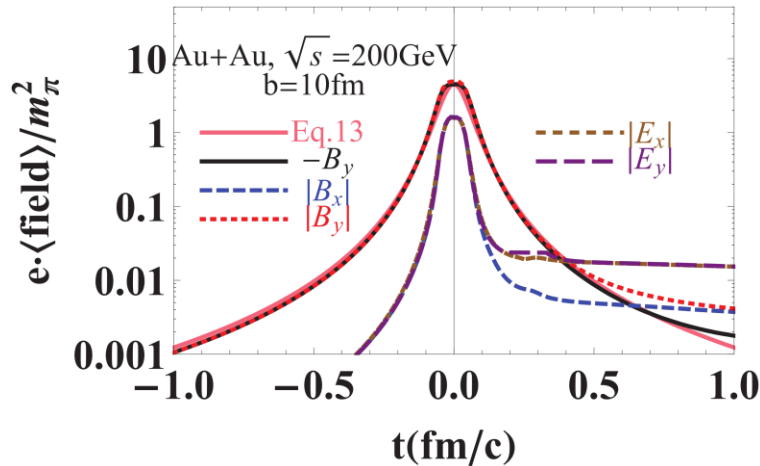
**Einstein-de-Haas effect**

# More about $\omega$ and B

- We know  $\omega = \omega(b, \sqrt{s}, r, t)$  in different collisions systems (Au + Au, Cu + Au, ...) for various  $\omega$  (kinematic, thermal, temperature, nonrelativistic, ...)
- We know e-by-e fluctuation of  $\omega$  and its correlation with collision geometry
- We know other sources of  $\omega$  (jet, Einstein-de Haas effect, initial vortical fluctuation, ...), but they are not carefully examined
- We know  $B=B(b, \sqrt{s}, r)$  at  $t=0$  in different collisions systems (Au + Au, Cu + Au, ...)
- We know e-by-e fluctuation of B and its correlation with collision geometry
- We don't know time evolution of B

# Time dependence of B

- If quark-gluon matter is insulating

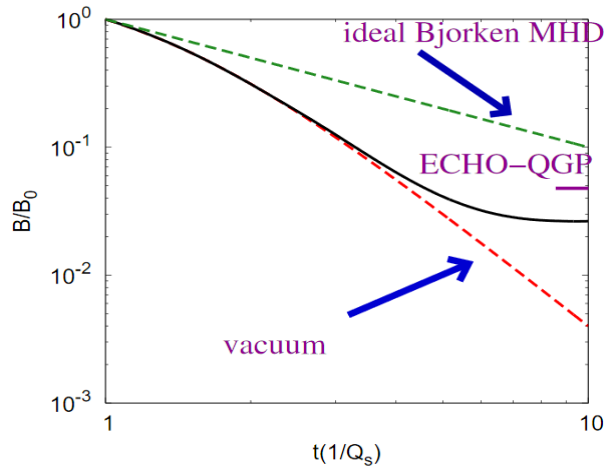


(Deng-XGH 2012; XGH 2015)

$$\langle eB_y(t) \rangle \approx \frac{\langle eB_y(0) \rangle}{(1 + t^2/t_B^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$t_B \approx R_A / (\gamma v_z) \approx \frac{2m_N}{\sqrt{s}} R_A$$

- If quark-gluon matter is conducting (the realistic case)



- Maxwell + Boltzman Eqs.
- 2-2 scattering (gg-gg, gq-gq)
- Assume Bjorken symmetry

**B field retained much longer**

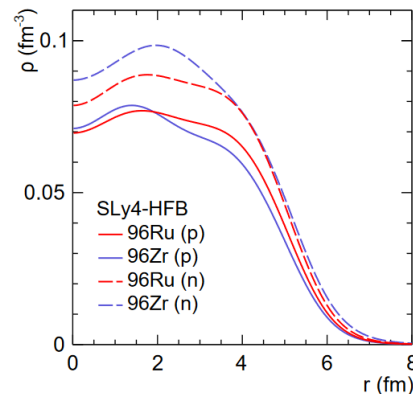
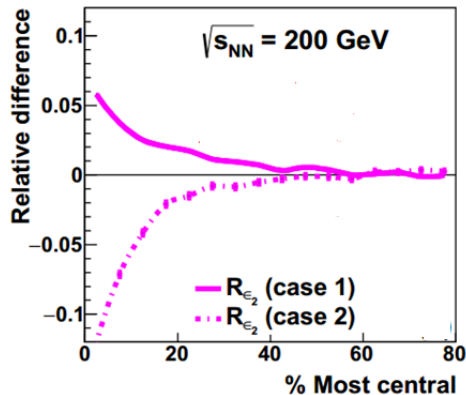
(XGH-Yan to appear)



# Isobar collisions: by-product 1

By product 1: which nucleus is more deformed, Zr or Ru?

		$R_0(\text{fm})$	$a(\text{fm})$	$\beta_2$
Case 1	Ru	5.085	0.46	0.158
	Zr	5.02	0.46	0.08
Case 2	Ru	5.085	0.46	0.053
	Zr	5.02	0.46	0.217

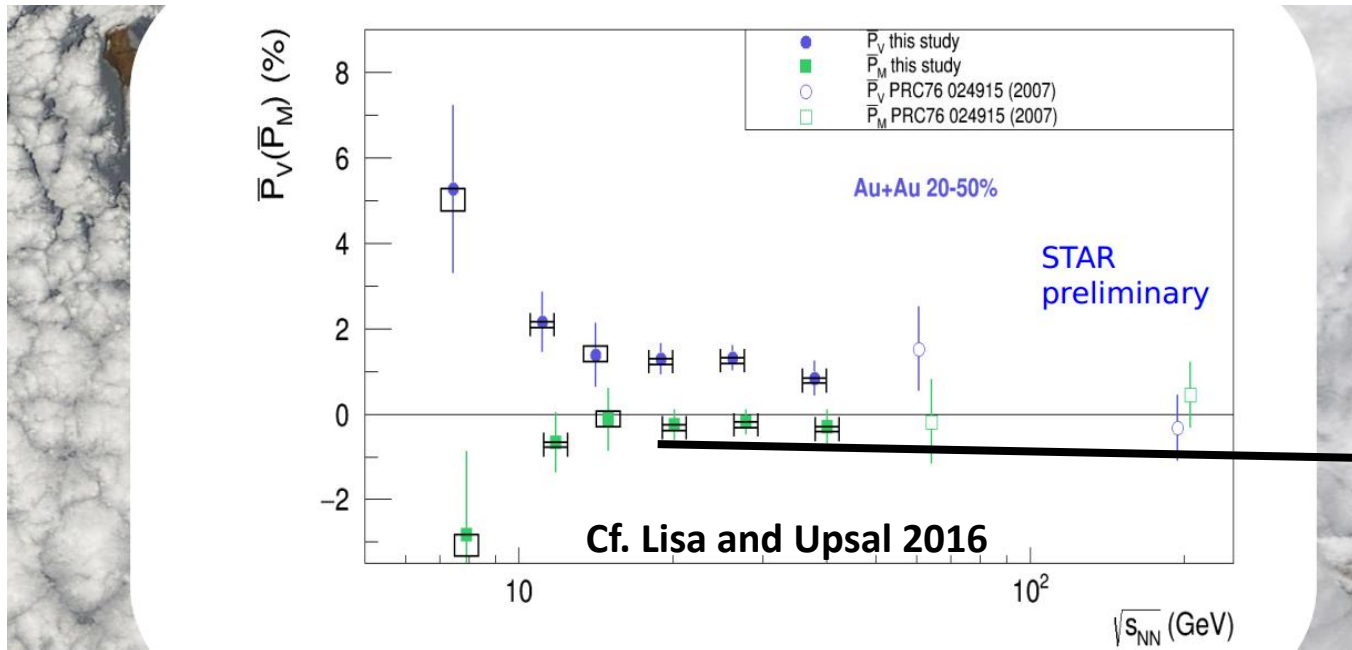


Measurement of the  $v_2$  at central collision can tell us about the deformation of the nuclei

Xu, Wang, et al 2017

# Isobar collisions: by-product 2

By product 2: difference between Lambda and anti-Lambda polarizations, Magnetic field or others?



Expect 10% difference between Zr+Zr and Ru+Ru, if it is due to magnetic field. Need beam energy scan

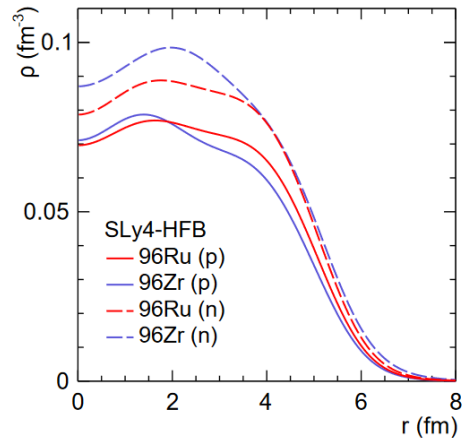
Decomposition into vortical and magnetic

$$P_{\text{Vortical}} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{\Lambda} + P_{\bar{\Lambda}})$$

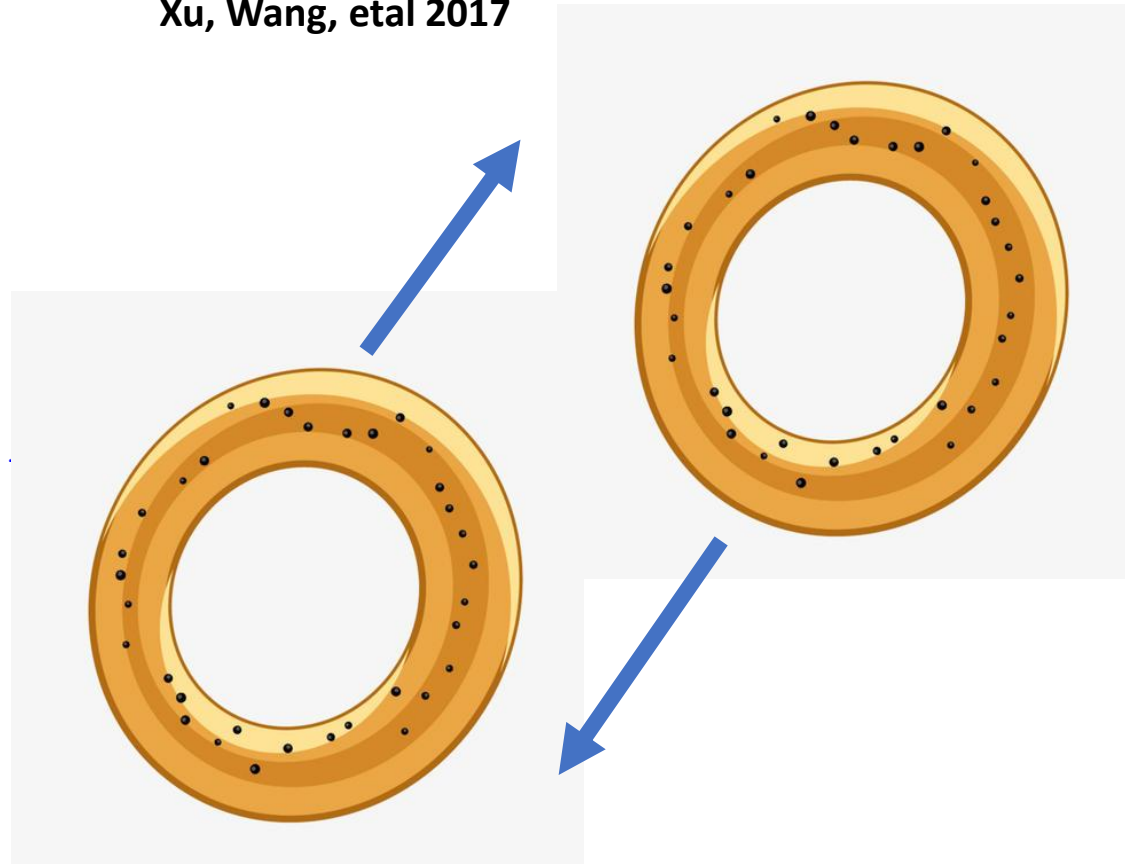
$$P_{\text{Magnetic}} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{\Lambda} - P_{\bar{\Lambda}})$$

# Isobar collisions: by-product 2.1

## By product 2.1: local polarization and nuclear structure?



Xu, Wang, et al 2017

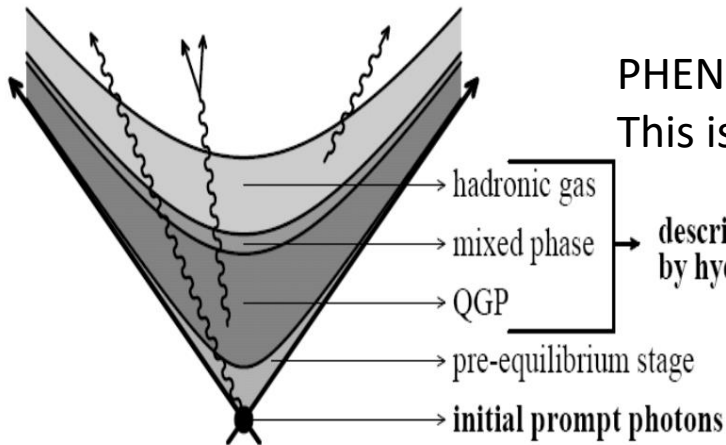


Spin polarization vs centrality in **donut-donut** collision would be different from **bread-bread** collision?

# Isobar collisions: by-product 3

## By product 3: is magnetic field responsible to the PHENIX direct photon puzzle?

When do direct photons emit, early stage or late stage?



PHENIX@QM2012: direct photon has high yield and large  $v_2$ . This is puzzling.

*“high yield  $\rightarrow$  early emission, high anisotropy  $\rightarrow$  late emission”*

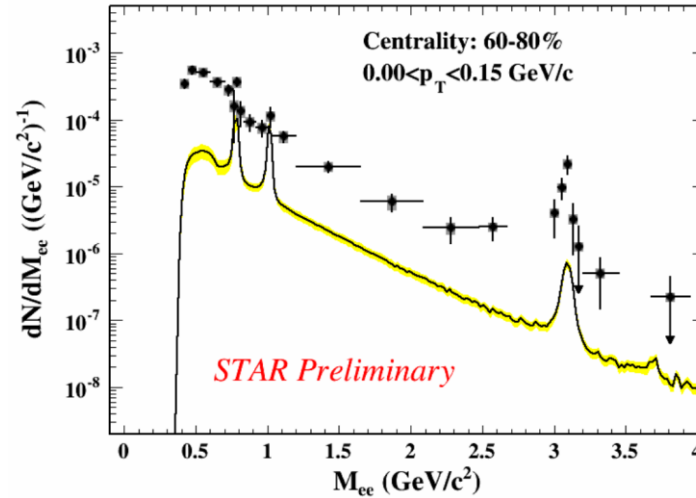
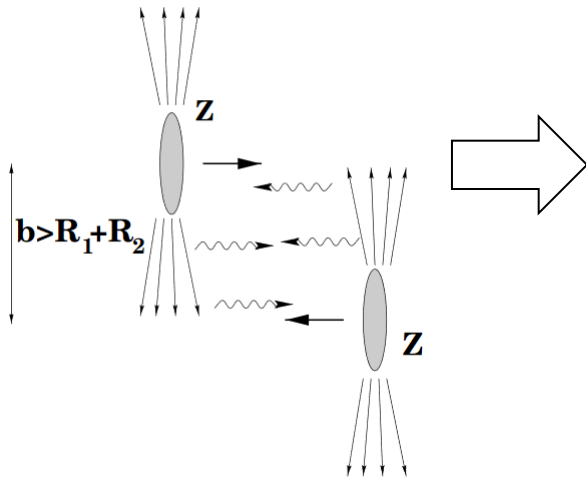
One possible solution: anisotropy in the early stage, like the magnetic field.

(Basar, Skokov, Kharzeev 2012, Tuchin 2012, Muller, Wang, Yang 2013, Yee 2013, ...)

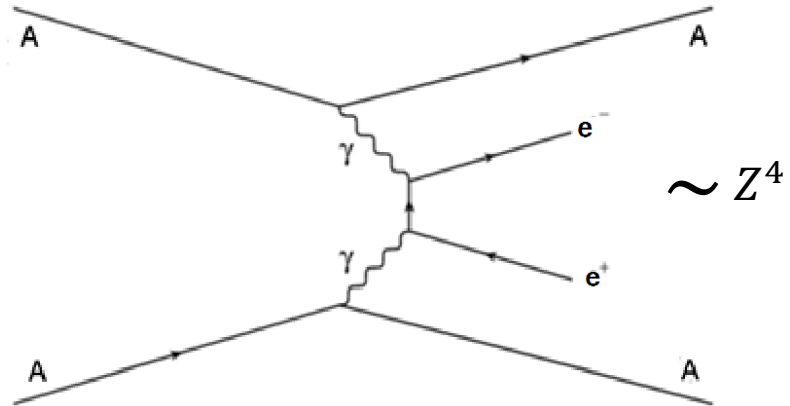
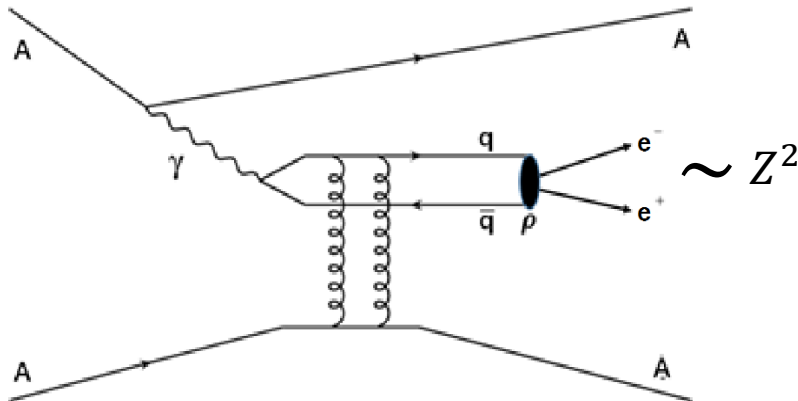
**Anisotropy is proportional to  $B^2$ , thus can be tested in isobar collisions**

# Isobar collisions: by-product 4

**By product 4: enhanced dilepton production in very peripheral collisions? Useful for UPC.**

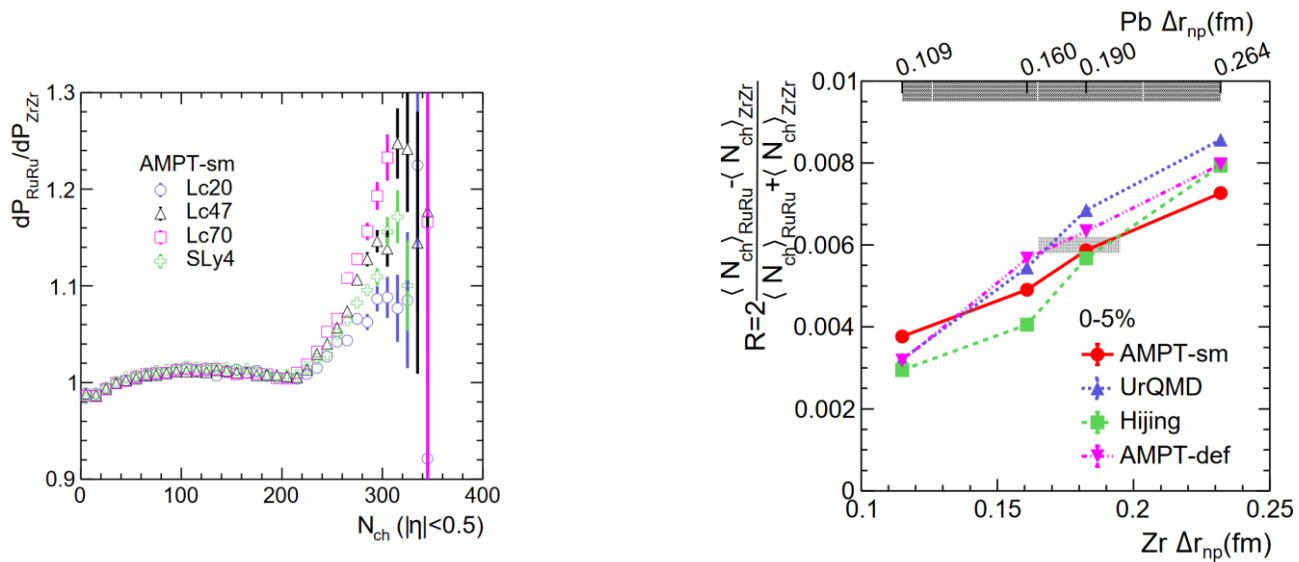


Scenario 1: photonuclear interaction



# Isobar collisions: by-product 5

By product 5: probe the neutron skin



Provides useful information about symmetry energy.