



# Probing Spin Hall Effect in Heavy-ion collisions via $\Lambda$ spin polarization

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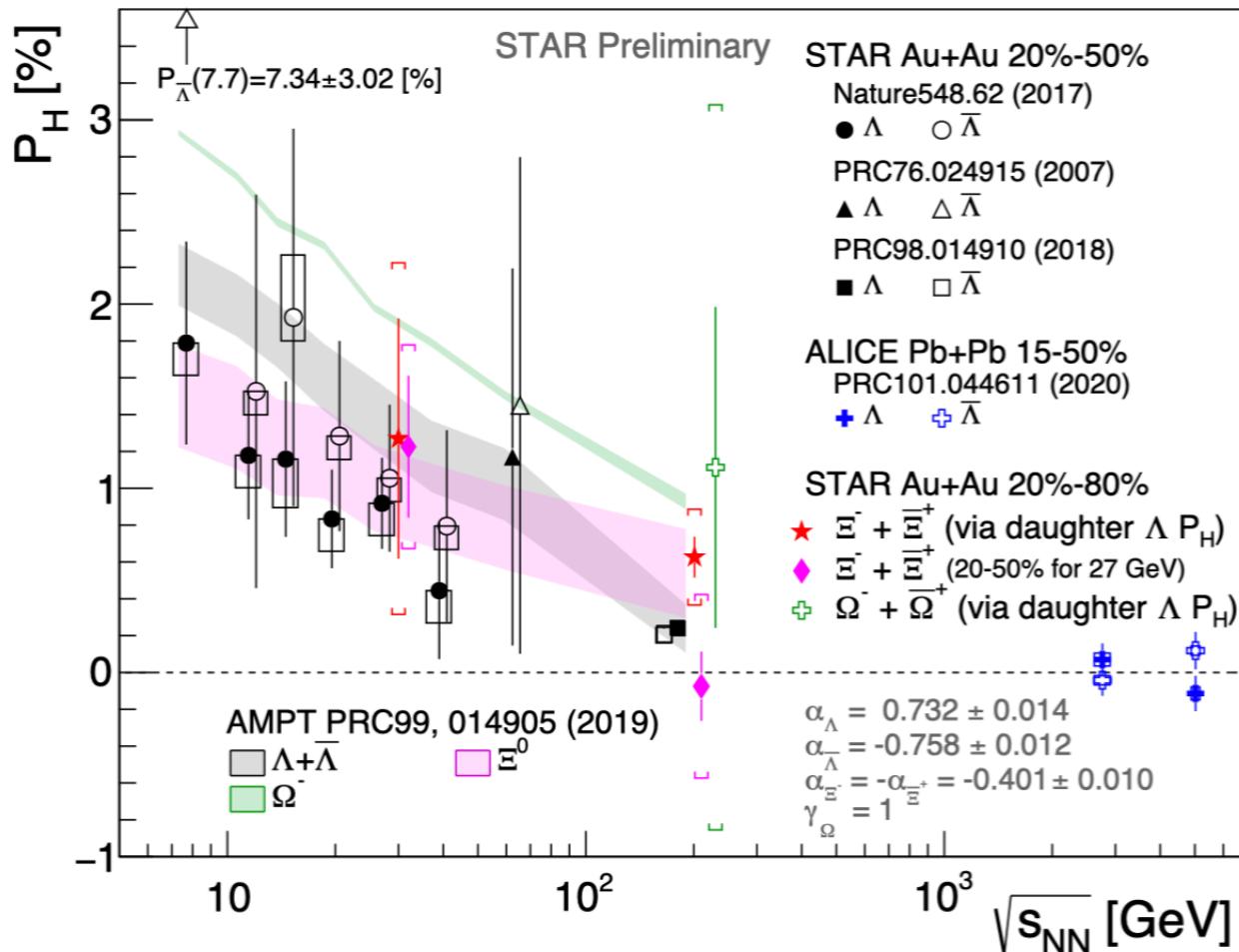
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# Outline

- **Motivation**
- **Data analysis**
- **Global polarization for  $\Lambda$**
- **Local polarization for  $\Lambda$**
- **Summary**

# Part I: Motivation

## Global spin polarization of hyperons



$$\bar{P}_\Lambda = \frac{8}{\pi \alpha_\Lambda} \frac{1}{R_{EP}^{(1)}} \langle \sin(\psi_1 - \phi_p^*) \rangle$$

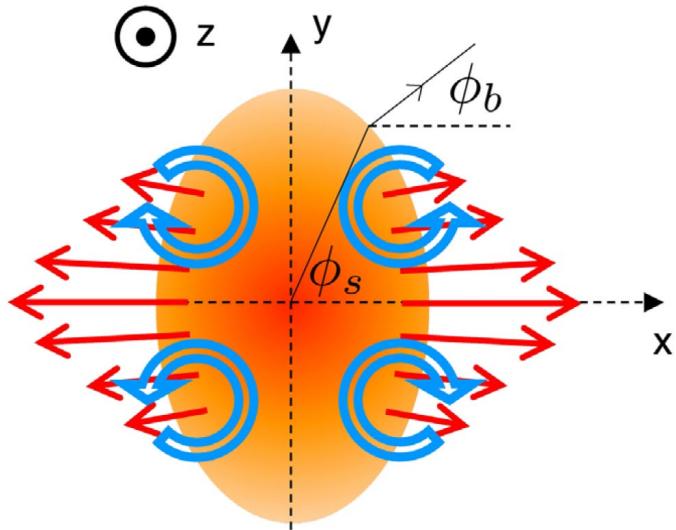
$\alpha_\Lambda$ :  $\Lambda$ 's decay parameter

$\phi_p^*$ : the azimuthal angle of the daughter proton in  $\Lambda$  rest frame

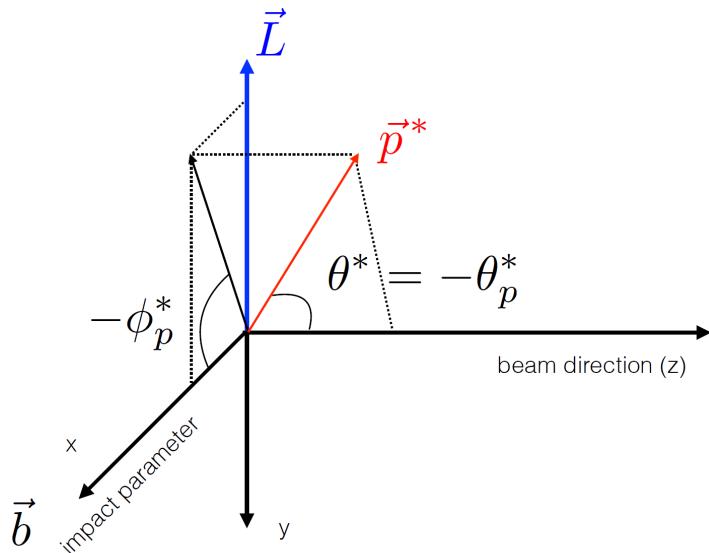
$P_{\Lambda, \Xi, \Omega} \sim$  Positive and non-zero across BES energies  
 → Global nature of hyperon polarization in HIC

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## Local spin polarization of hyperons



- Elliptic flow (stronger flow in-plane than out-of-plane) is expected to generate a longitudinal component of polarization ( $P_z$ )



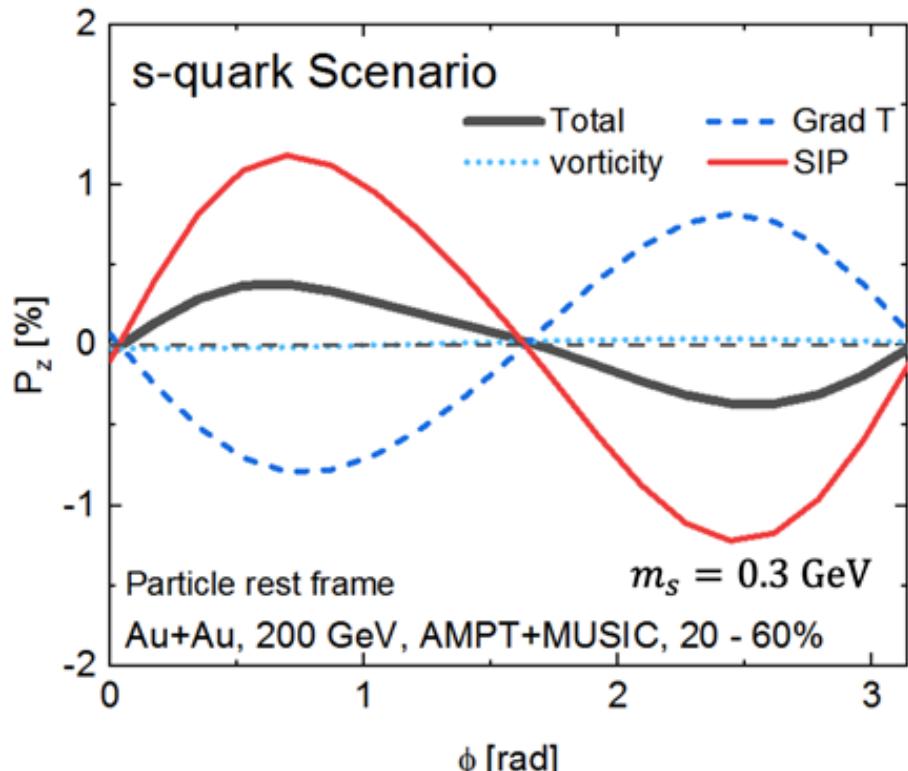
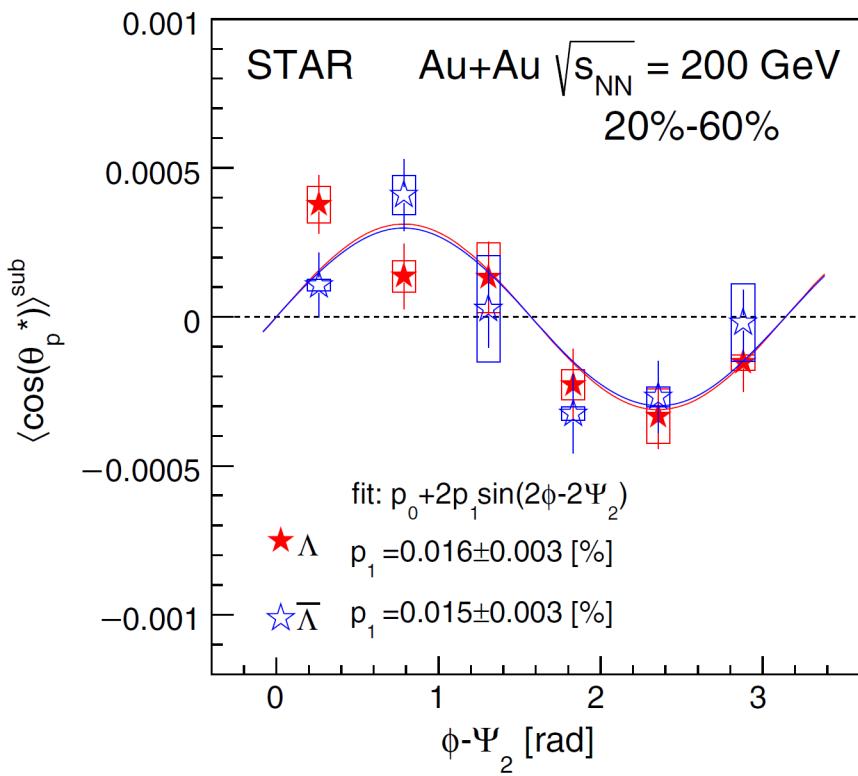
$$P_z = \frac{\langle \cos\theta_p^* \rangle}{\alpha_H \langle (\cos\theta_p^*)^2 \rangle}$$

$\theta^*$ : angle between daughter proton momentum vector in  $\Lambda$  rest frame and polarization direction

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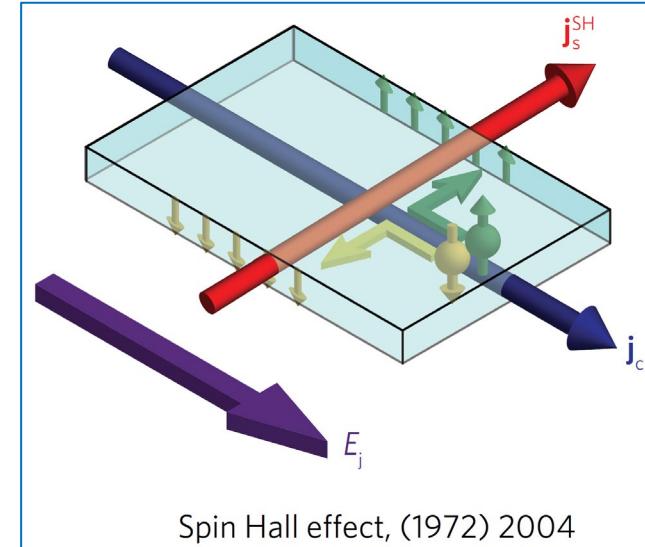
- Observation of ( $P_z$ ) in Au+Au 200 GeV
- Many models fail to capture trend with proper sign
- New developments, Shear Induced Polarization (SIP) can capture the trend

# Part I: Motivation

## Baryonic Spin Hall Effect

Spin Hall Effect in Condensed matter:  $s \propto \pm p \times E$

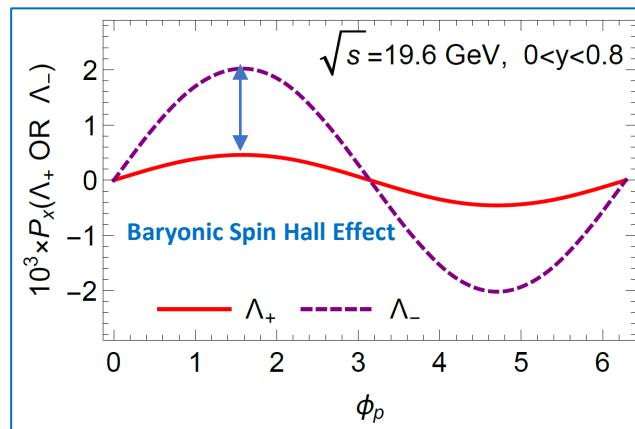
Electric field ( $E$ )  $\xrightarrow{\text{“Spin-orbit” interaction}}$  Splitting in spin in opposite directions



Spin Hall Effect in hot QCD matter:  $s \propto \pm p \times \nabla \mu_B$

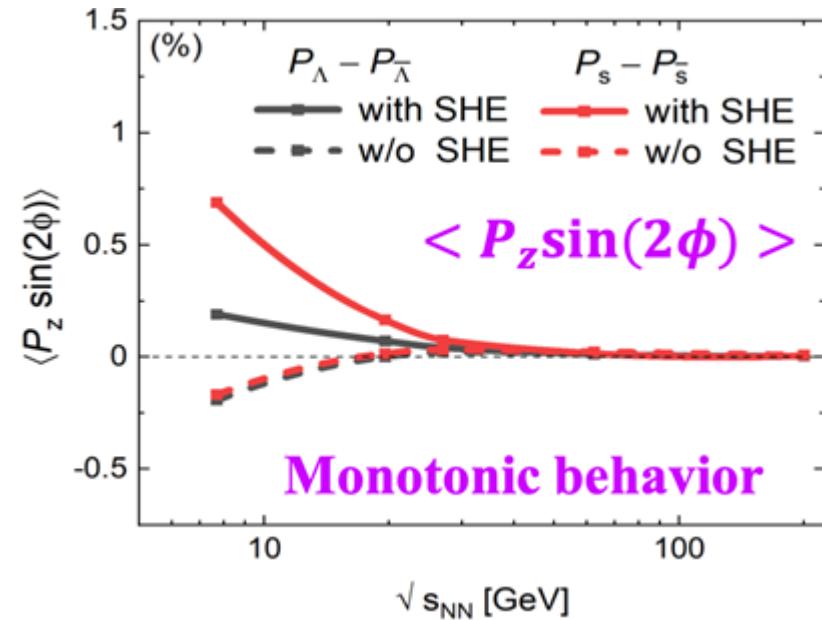
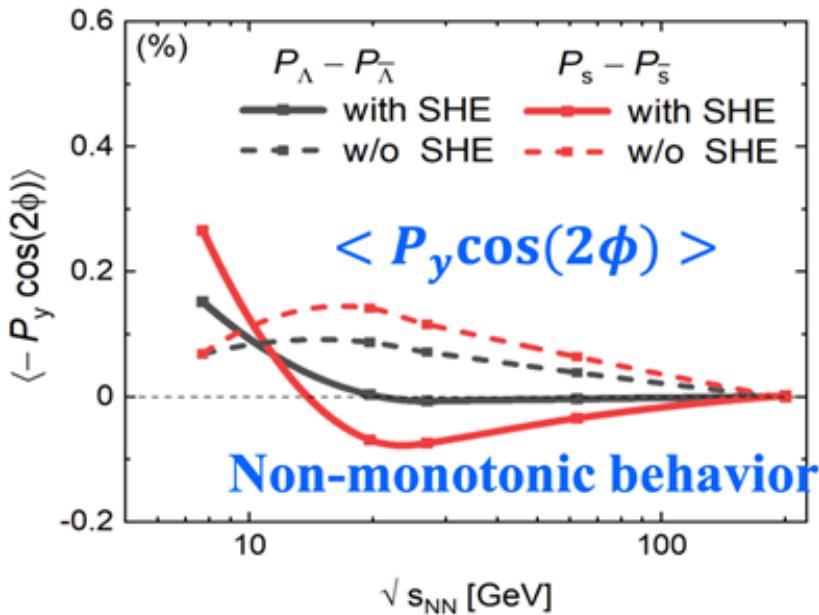
Baryon density gradient ( $\nabla \mu_B$ )  $\xrightarrow{\text{“Spin-orbit” interaction}}$  Splitting in spin between  $\Lambda$  and anti- $\Lambda$  local spin polarization

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# Part I: Motivation

## Baryonic Spin Hall Effect



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“RHIC Beam Energy Scan: Theory and Experiment”, Nov 23, 2021

Proposed signature for SHE:

$\langle P_y \cos(2\phi) \rangle \rightarrow$  Non-monotonic energy dependence  
 $\langle P_z \sin(2\phi) \rangle \rightarrow$  Monotonic energy dependence

No investigation of proposed SHE in heavy ion collisions!

# Part II: Data analysis

## Dataset and analysis details

**Au+Au @ 27 GeV, BES-II  
production=P19ib**

### Event Cuts

- Vertex:  $|V_z| < 70 \text{ cm}$   
 $|V_r| < 2 \text{ cm}$
- Trigger ID (610011 || 610016  
|| 610021 || 6100216 || 610031  
|| 610041 || 610051)
- Pile-up rejection
- Centrality from “StRefMultCorr”

### Single track Cuts

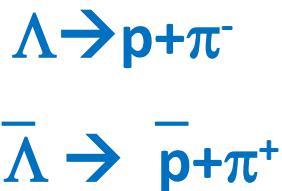
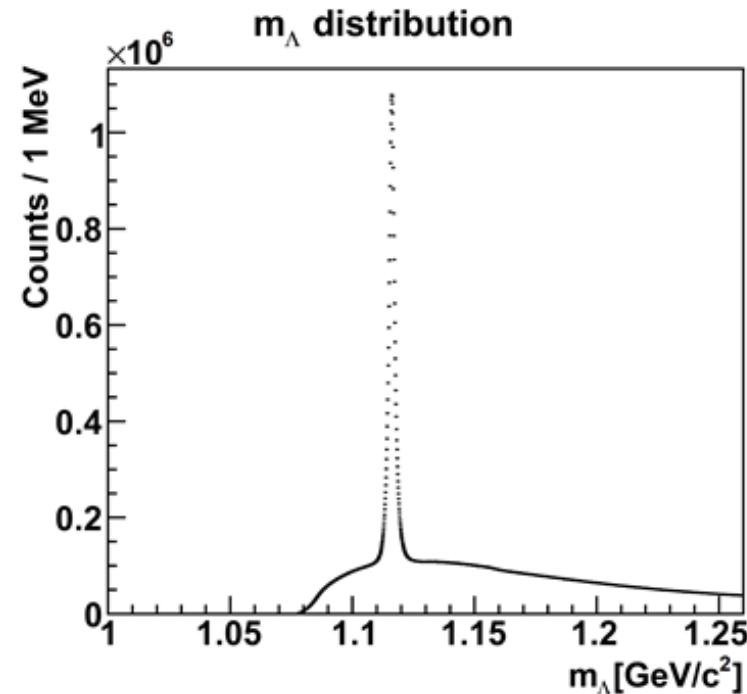
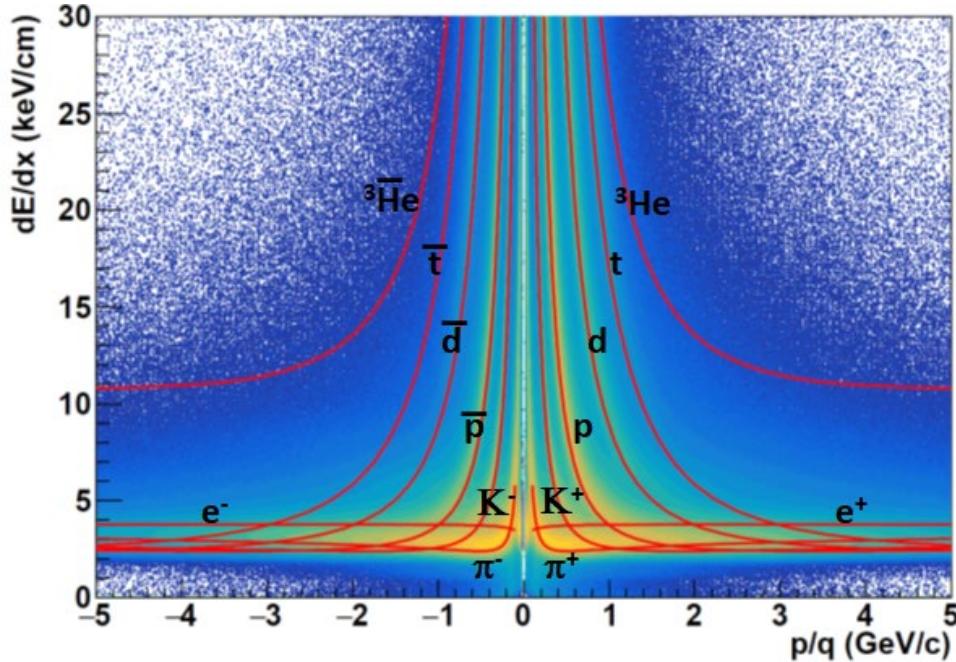
- $0.15 \text{ GeV}/c < p_t < 5 \text{ GeV}/c$
- No. of TPC hits  $> 15$
- $\text{Nhits-TPC/Possible Hits} \geq 0.52$
- $|\eta| < 1.0$

### Pion/Proton PID Cuts

- if ToF available
  - $(1/\beta - 1/\beta_\pi) < 0.03$
  - $(1/\beta - 1/\beta_p) < 0.04$
- else use TPC
  - $|\Delta\eta| < 3$  for both  $\pi$  and  $p$

**No. of events for analysis: ~378 M**

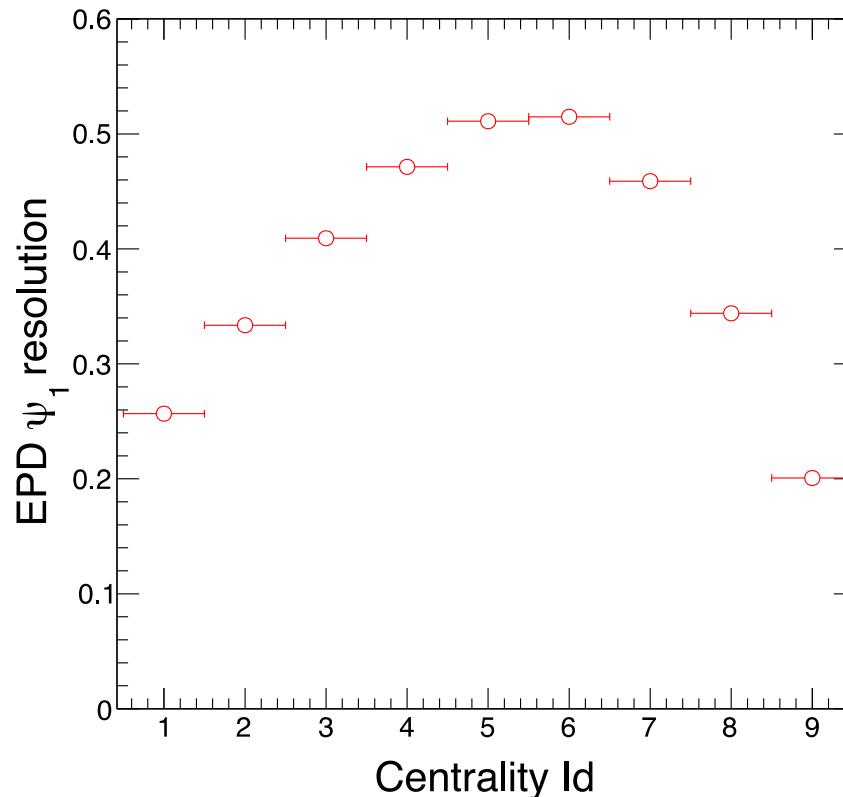
# Part II: Analysis details



- Using STAR Helix method**
- Decay length  $> 3.0$  cm
  - DCA to prim vertex  $< 0.8$
  - DCA between  $\pi/p < 0.8$
  - DCA to  $p > 0.3$
  - DCA to  $\pi > 1.6$
  - $p$  &  $\pi$ :  $p_t > 0.15$  GeV/c;
  - $\Lambda$ (anti- $\Lambda$ ):  $p_t > 0.5$  GeV/c
  - $|y_{p-\pi \text{ pair}}| < 1.0$

# Part II: Analysis details

## Event plane reconstruction (EPD)



### EPD Event Plane Cuts

— Using standard cuts implemented in “StEpdEpFinder” (by Mike Lisa)

Apply phi weights, v1 weights and shift calibrations

# Part II: Analysis details

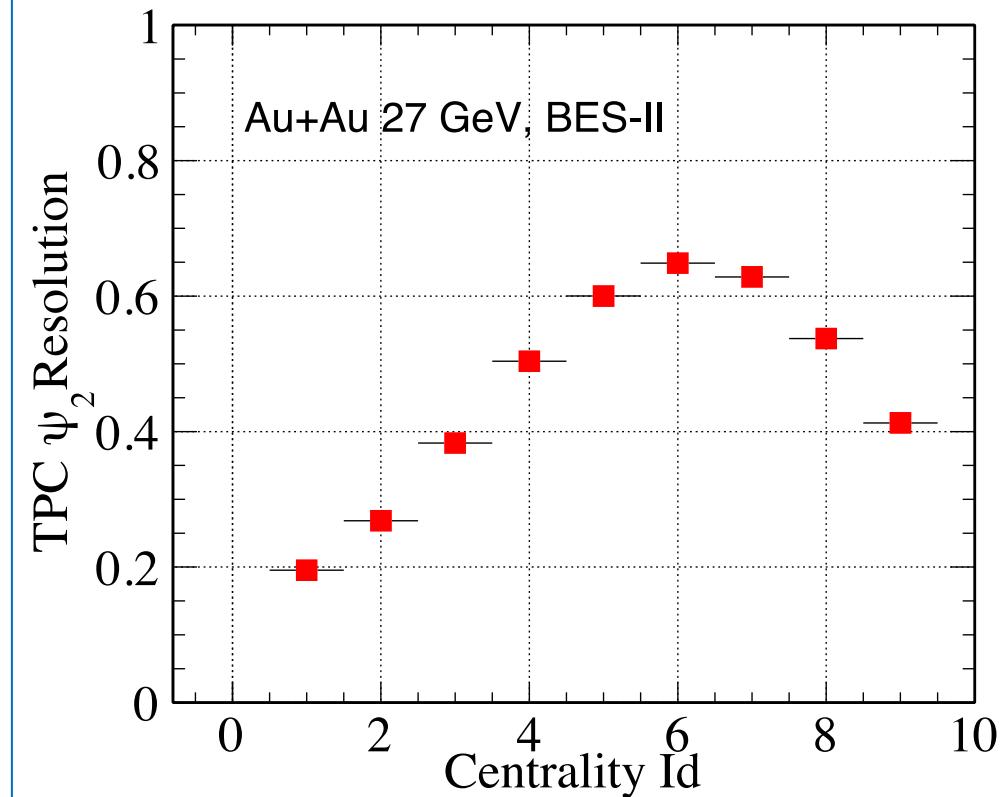
## Event plane reconstruction (TPC)

### TPC Event Plane Cuts

- $|p_t| > (0.15 \text{ GeV/c} \&\& < 2.0 \text{ GeV/c})$
- $|\text{DCA}| < 3.0 \text{ cm}$
- No. of TPC hits  $> 15$
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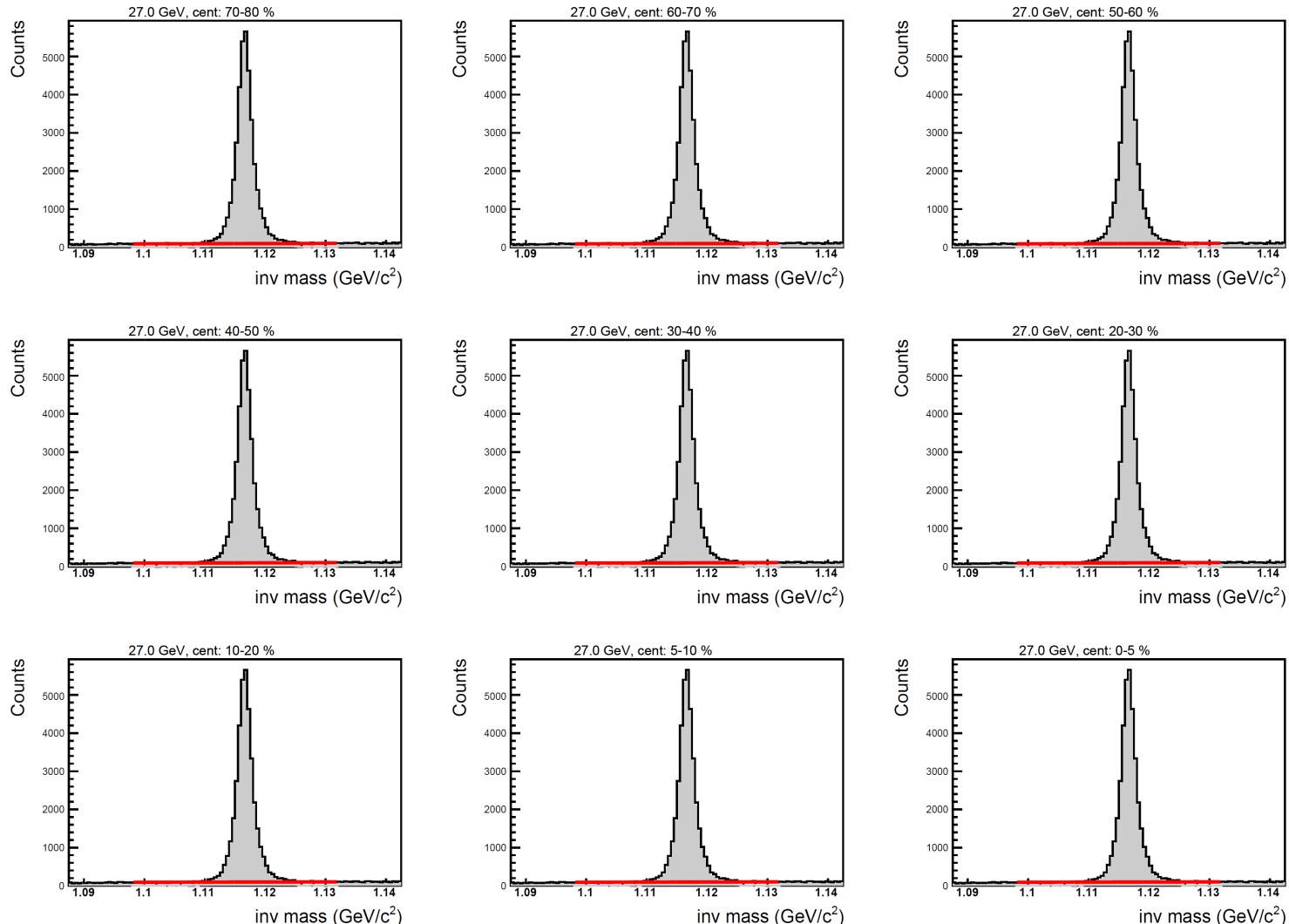
Combined two sub-events with  $\eta$ -gap  
 $\sim 0.1$

Apply run-by-run and centrality wise  
re-centering and shift calibrations



# Part III: Global polarization

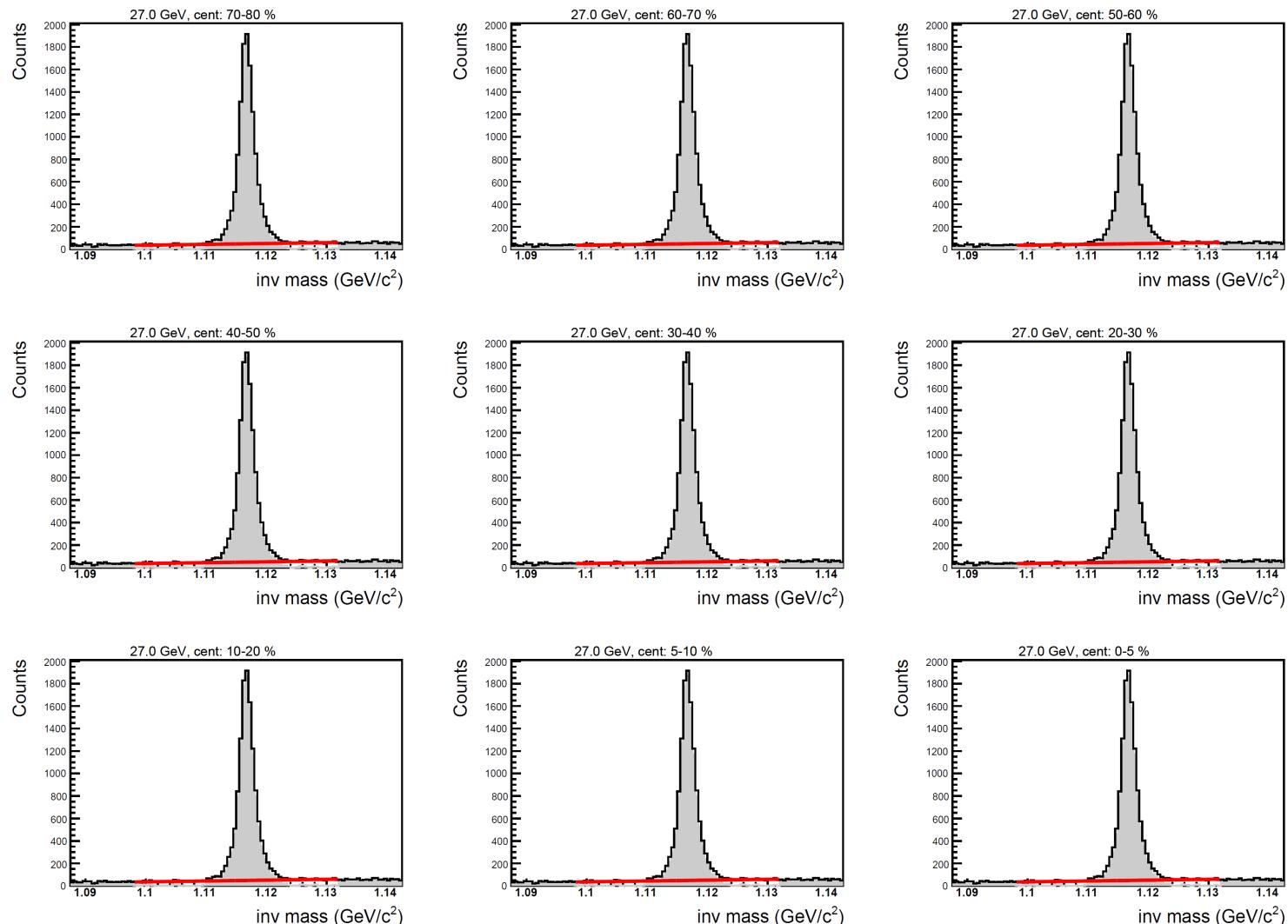
$\Lambda \rightarrow p + \pi^-$



Different panels are  $\Lambda$  invariant mass spectra for different centrality

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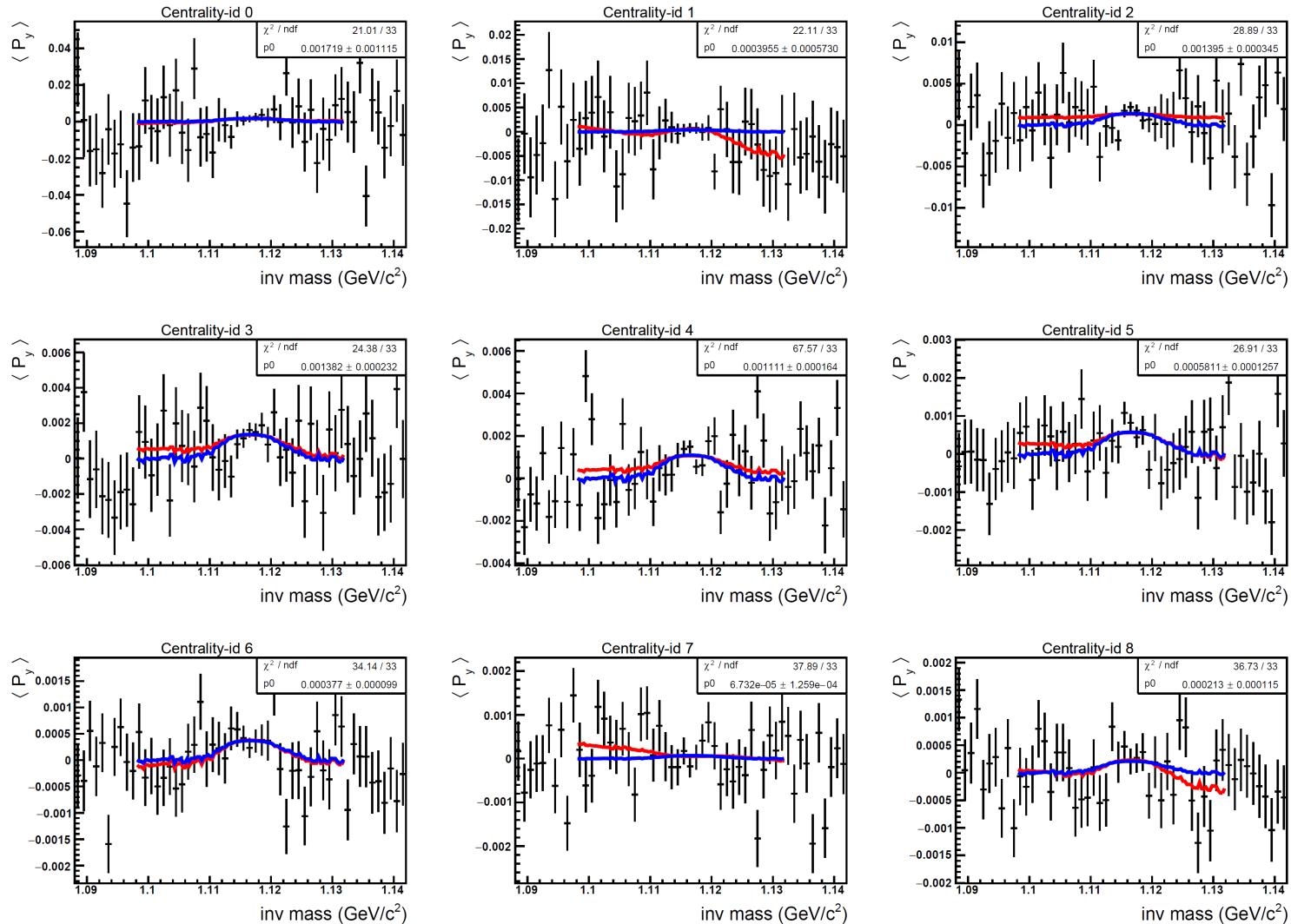
$$\bar{\Lambda} \rightarrow \bar{p} + \pi^+$$



Different panes are anti- $\Lambda$  invariant mass spectra for different centrality

# Part III: Global polarization

$\Lambda$



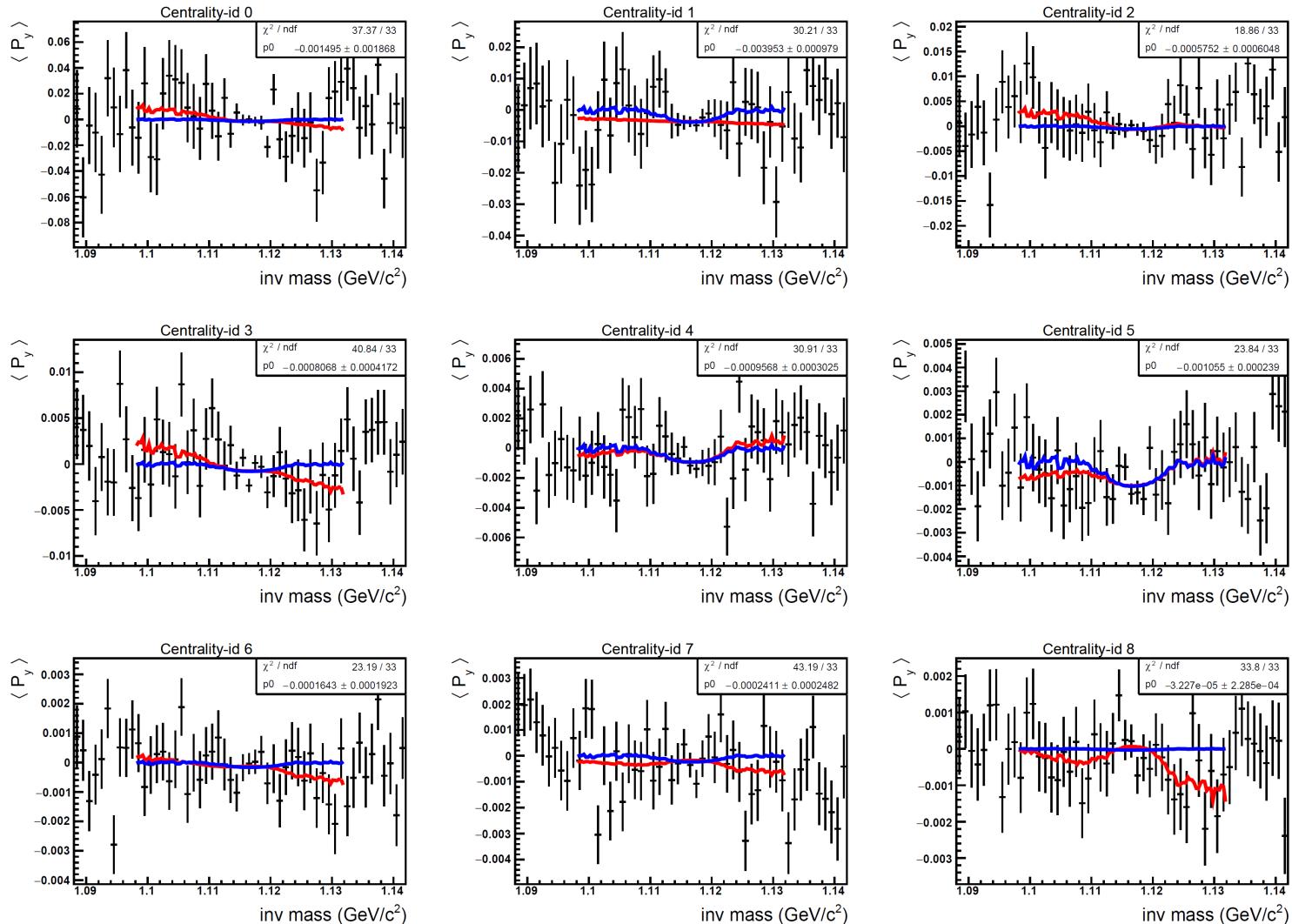
$$\langle \sin(\Delta\phi) \rangle^{\text{obs}} = (1 - f^{\text{Bg}}(M_{\text{inv}})) \langle \sin(\Delta\phi) \rangle^{\text{Sg}} + f^{\text{Bg}}(M_{\text{inv}}) \langle \sin(\Delta\phi) \rangle^{\text{Bg}}$$

$$\Delta\phi = \psi_1 - \phi_p^*$$

Blue: w/o bkg; Red: with bkg ( $\alpha + \beta M_{\text{inv}}$ )

# Part III: Global polarization

anti- $\Lambda$

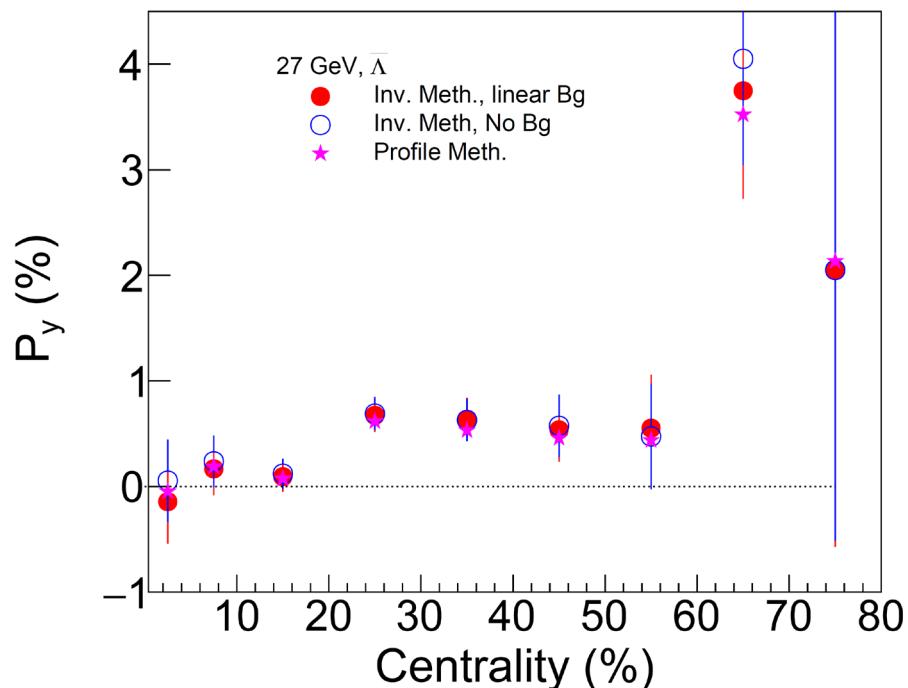
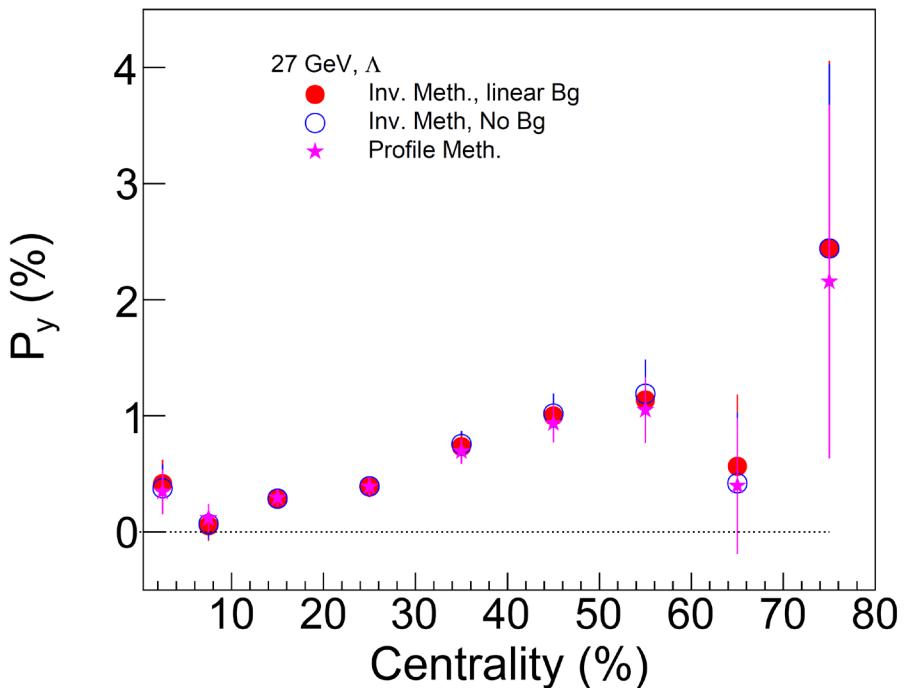


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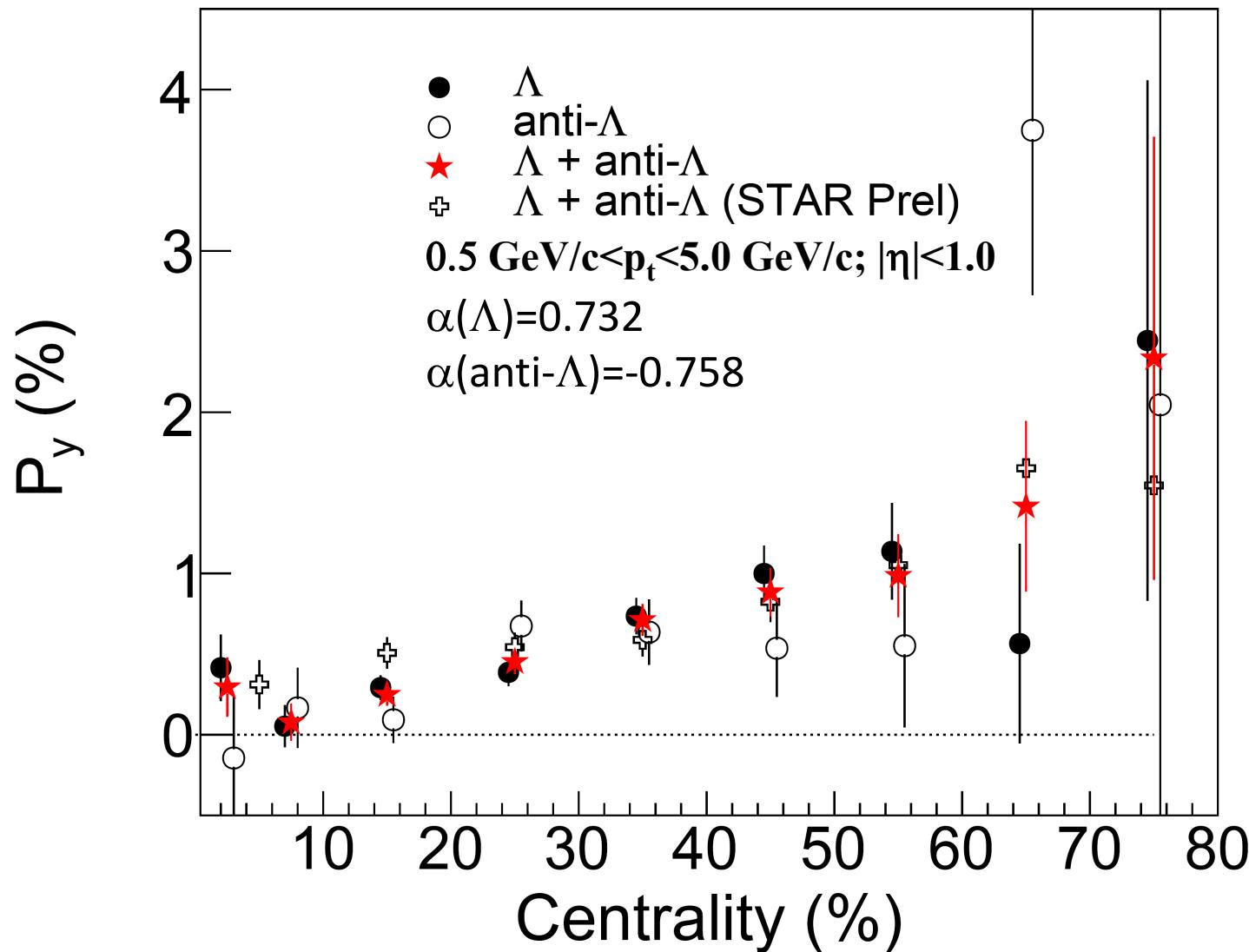
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$0.5 \text{ GeV}/c < p_t < 5.0 \text{ GeV}/c; |\eta| < 1.0$   
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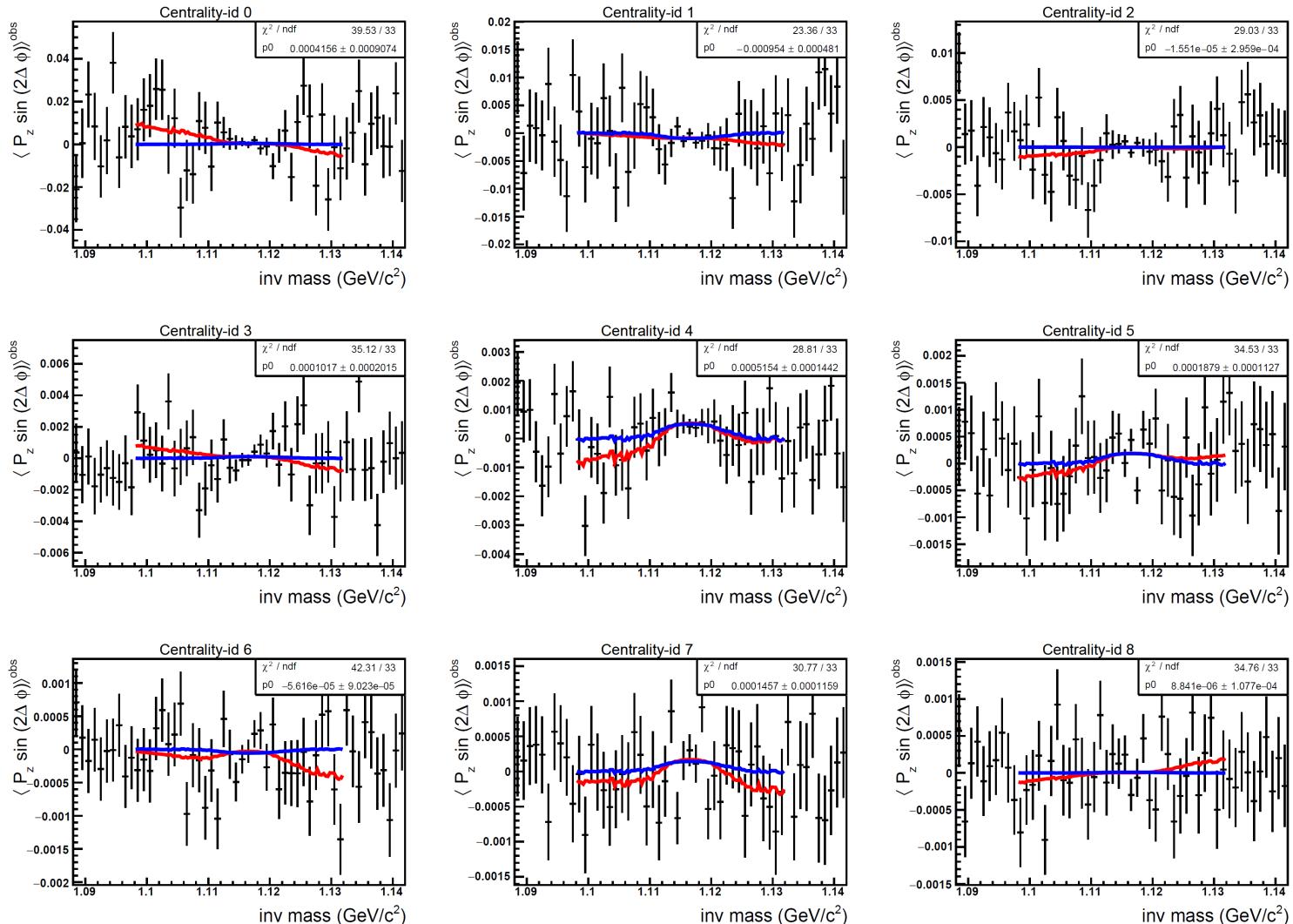
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$P_y$  for lambda and anti-lambda increase with centrality,  
it consistent the trend of the STAR preliminary result

# Part IV: Local polarization

$\Delta$

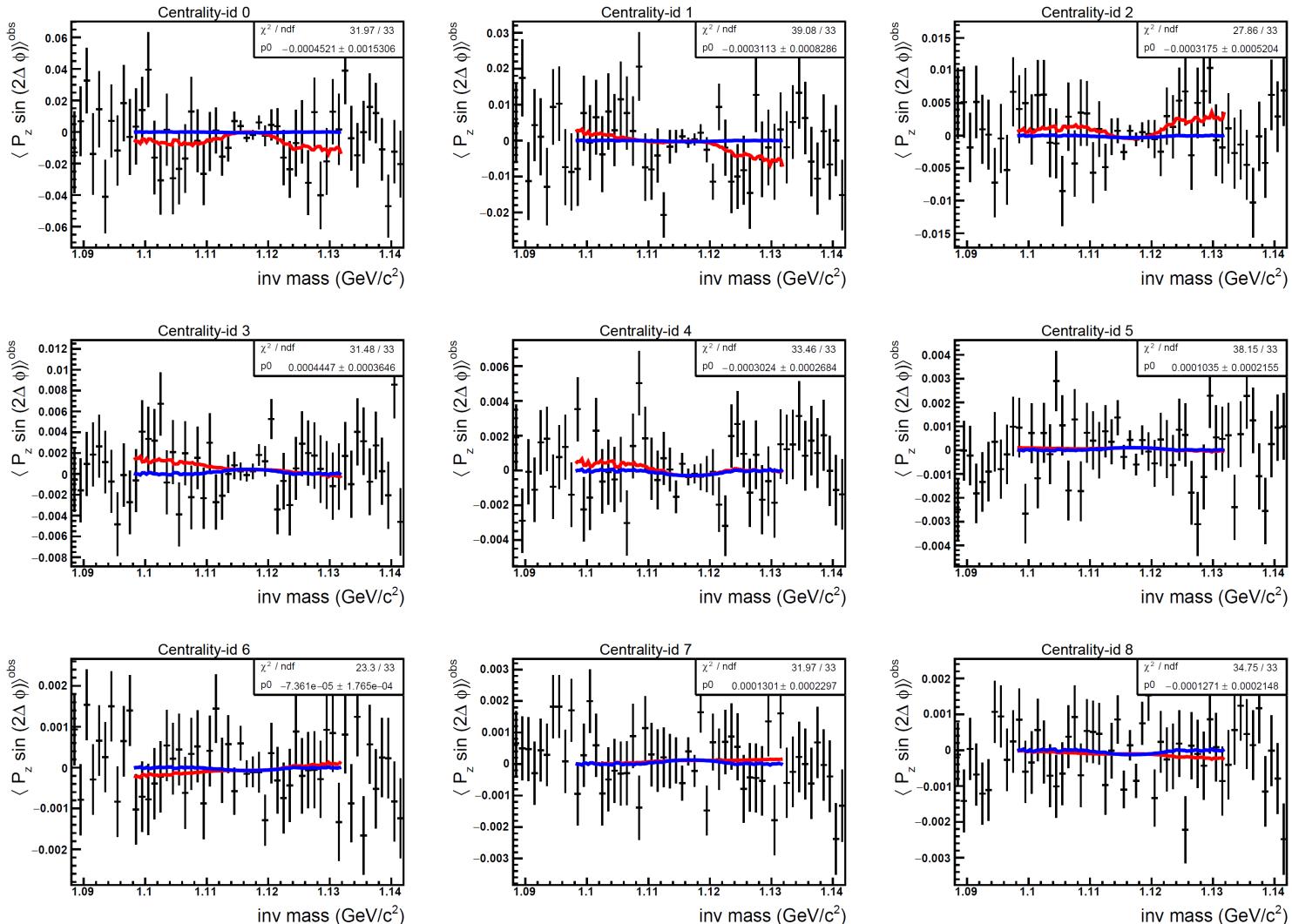


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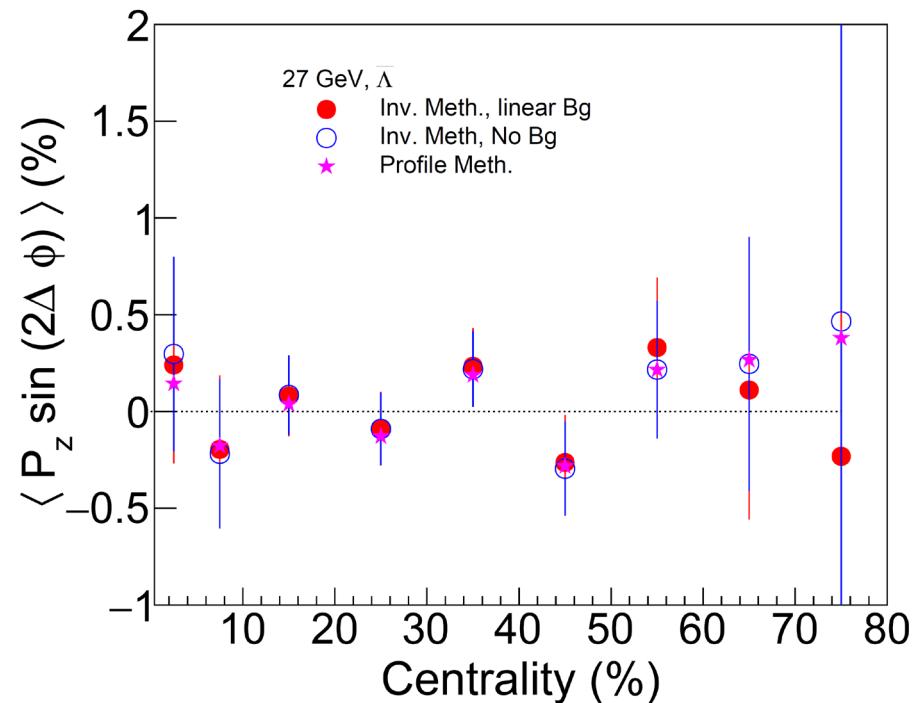
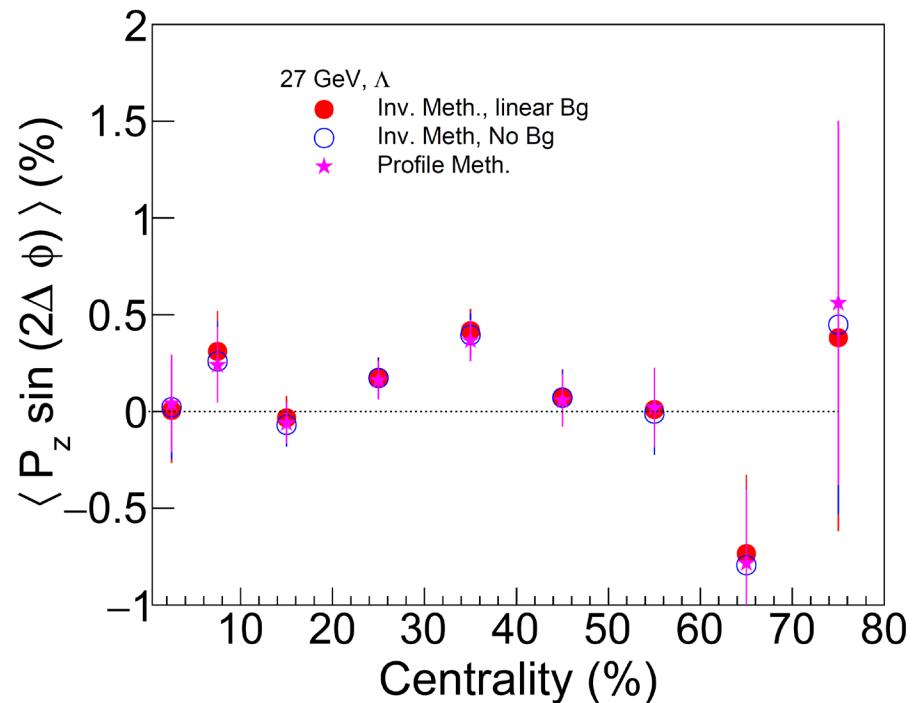
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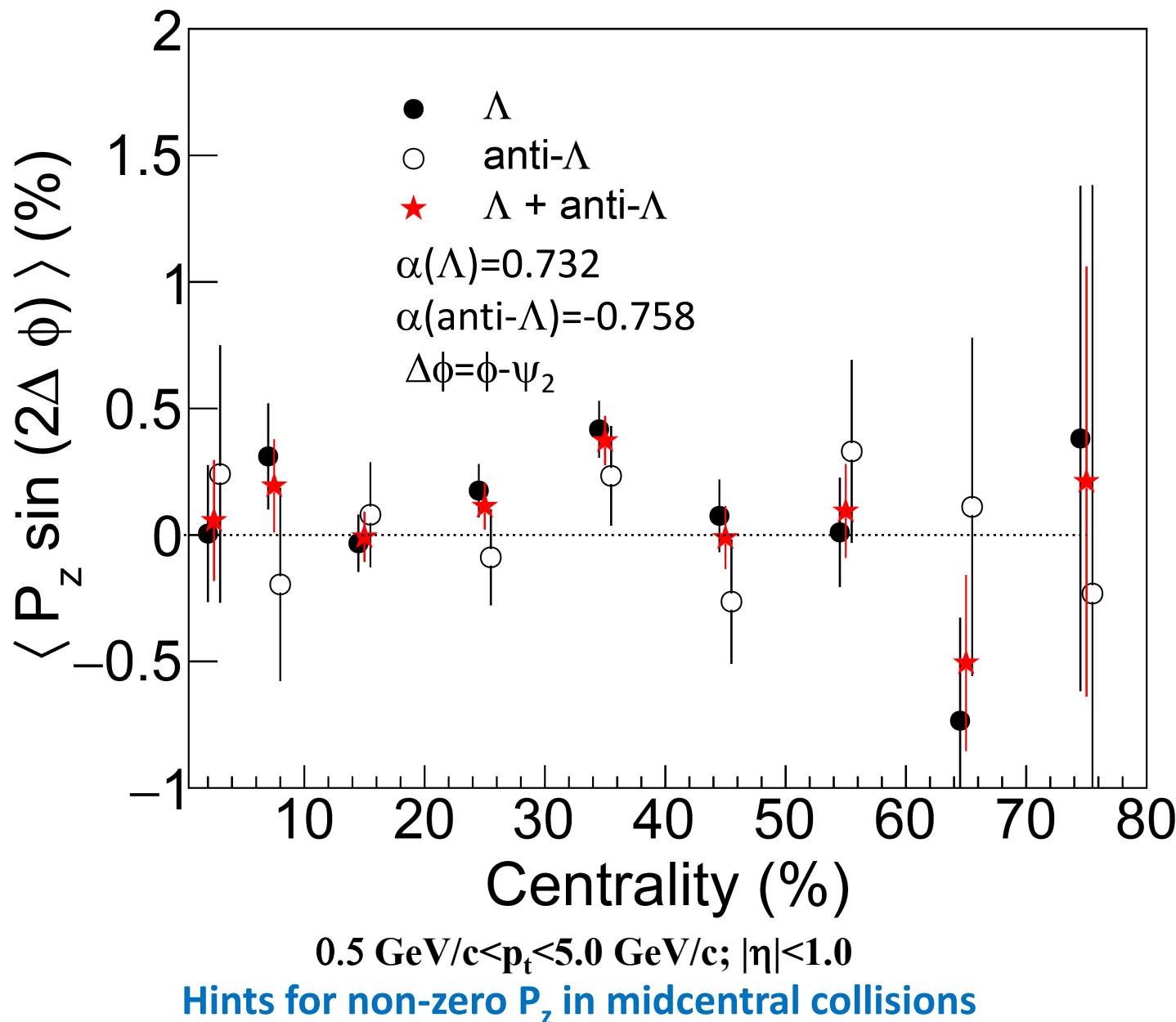
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Hints for non-zero  $P_z$  in midcentral collisions

# Part IV: Local polarization



# Summary

- Spin Hall Effect is proposed to be studied by measuring  $\Lambda$  hyperons' local polarization in heavy-ion collisions
- Centrality dependent global and local polarization of  $\Lambda$  are studied without correction
- $\Lambda$ 's global polarization is consistent with the STAR preliminary result within the errors

## Next steps

- Efficiency & acceptance correction
- Measurement of  $\langle P_x * \sin(2\phi) \rangle$  and  $\langle P_y * \cos(2\phi) \rangle$
- Continue to analysis the BES-II Au+Au collisions data at lower energies (19.6 GeV, 14.6 GeV and 7.7 GeV et al.) to search SHE signal

*Thank you for your attention!*

# Backup

## Spin Hall Effects in Heavy Ion Collisions

Can we observe and explore SHE in heavy ion collisions ?

SHE for hot QCD matter  $\vec{P}_\pm \propto \pm \hat{p} \times \nabla \mu_B$

- Induced by baryon density gradient  $\longrightarrow$  RHIC –BES & forward rapidity
- Sign dependence on baryon charge  $\longrightarrow$  Net Lambda Polarization
- Momentum dependence  $\longrightarrow$  Local polarization

(For global polarization, see arXiv:2106.08125)

Expand /decompose  $\mathcal{A}^\mu$  to 1<sup>st</sup> order gradient of the fields:

$$\mathcal{A}^\mu(x, p) = \beta f_0(x, p)(1 - f_0(x, p))\varepsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\rho} \times \left( \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}p_\nu \partial_\alpha^\perp u_\rho}_{\text{vorticity}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{\beta}u_\nu p_\alpha \partial_\rho \beta}_{\text{T-gradient}} - \underbrace{\frac{p_\perp^2}{\varepsilon_0}u_\nu Q_\alpha^\lambda \sigma_{\rho\lambda}}_{\text{SIP}} \right. \\ \left. - \underbrace{\frac{qB}{\varepsilon_0 \beta}u_\nu p_\alpha \partial_\rho(\beta \mu_B)}_{\text{SHE}} \right).$$

Spin Cooper-Fryer:

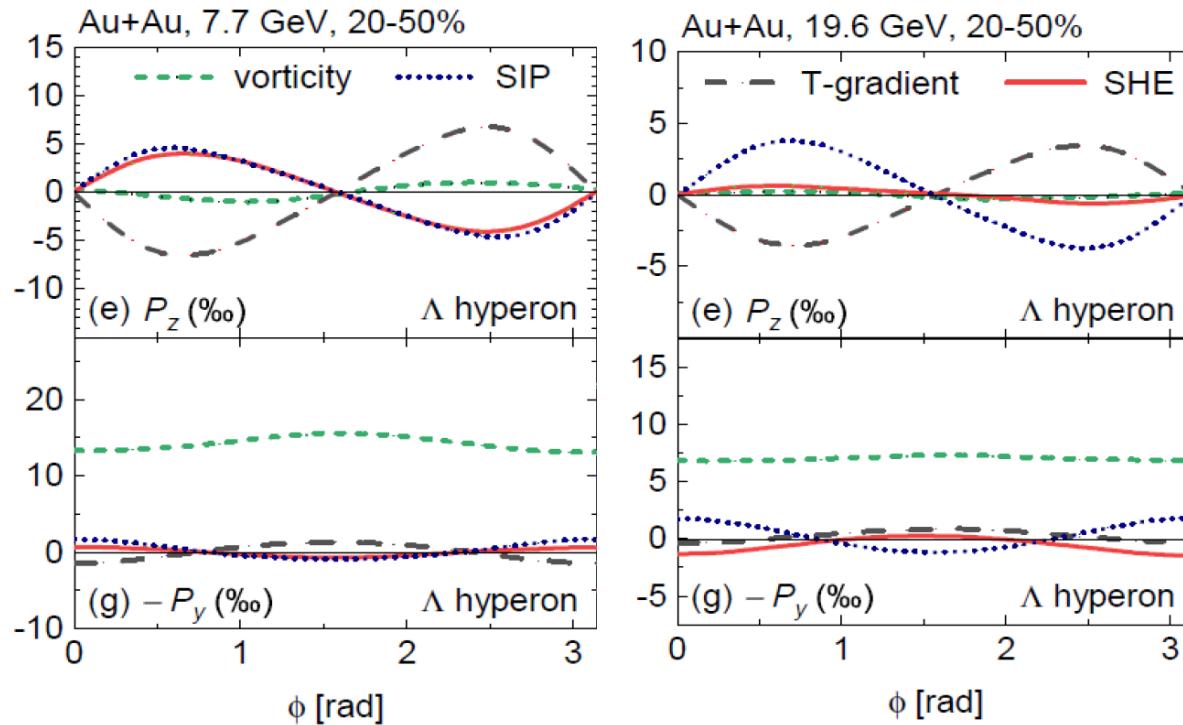
$$P^\mu(p) = \frac{\int d\Sigma^\alpha p_\alpha \mathcal{A}^\mu(x, p; m)}{2m \int d\Sigma^\alpha p_\alpha f_0(x, p)},$$

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## Competition between different effects



-SHE( $\mu_B$  gradient effects): comparable to T-gradient and Shear (SIP) effects  
depends on collision energy

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