



Local Parity Violation or Local Charge Conservation/Flow?

A Reaction-Plane-Dependent Balance Function Study



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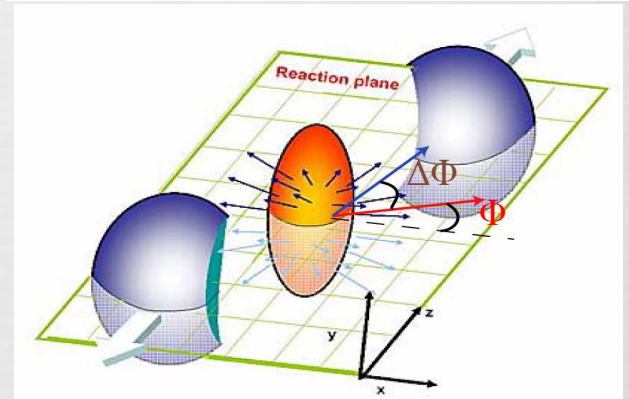
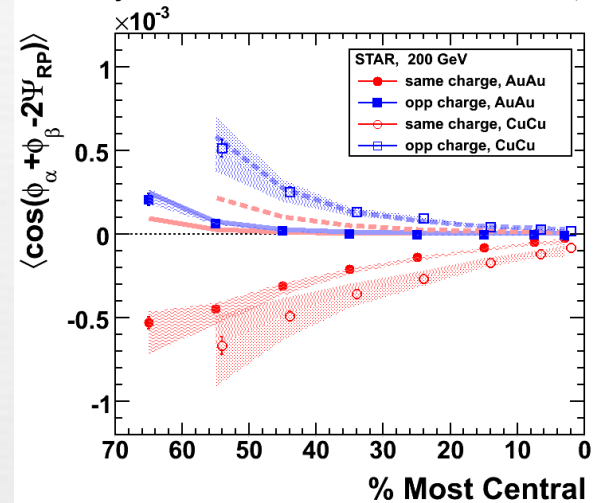
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Motivation

- In heavy ion collisions, most of the detected charge is created during the evolution of the system.
- Balance functions are sensitive to charge formation mechanisms and relative diffusion
- STAR has proposed a **three point correlator** to measure the possible Chiral Magnet Effect

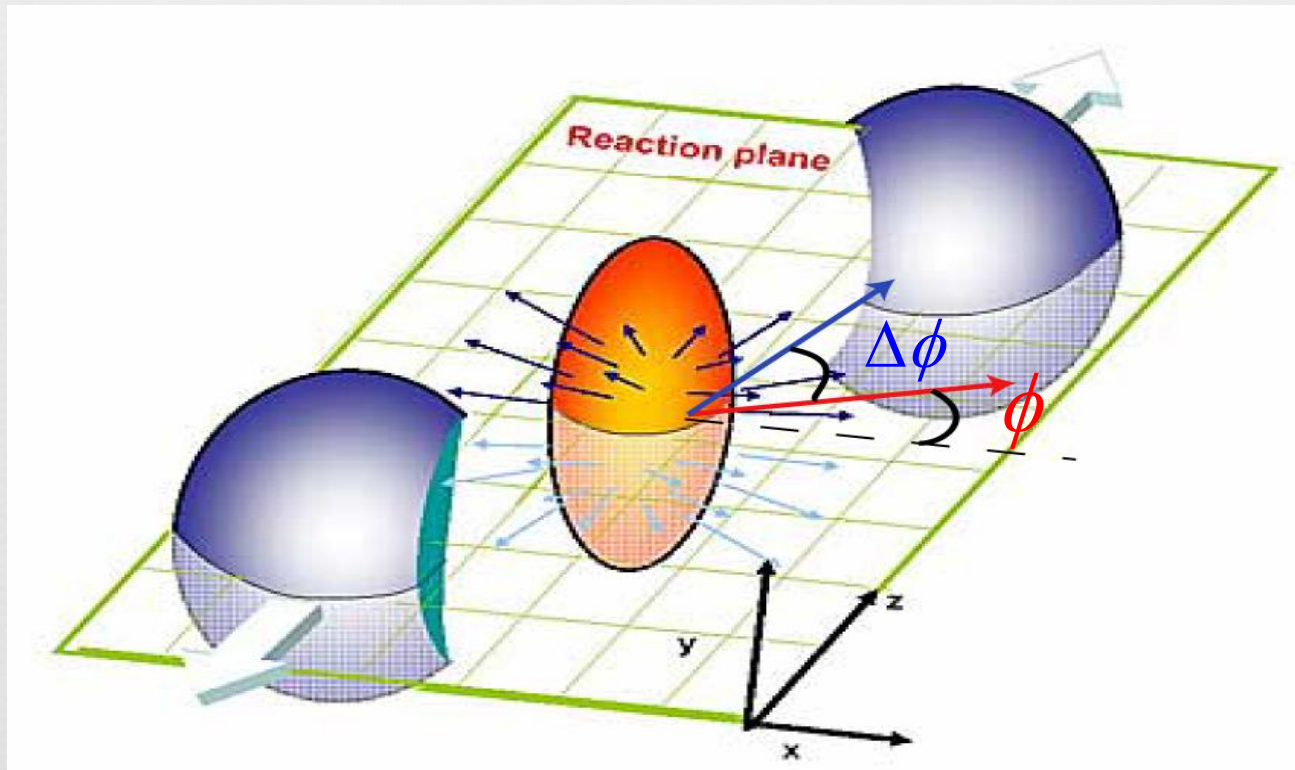
$$\gamma_{\alpha\beta} = \left\langle \cos \left(\phi_{\alpha} + \phi_{\beta} - 2\Psi_{EP} \right) \right\rangle$$

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Balance Function

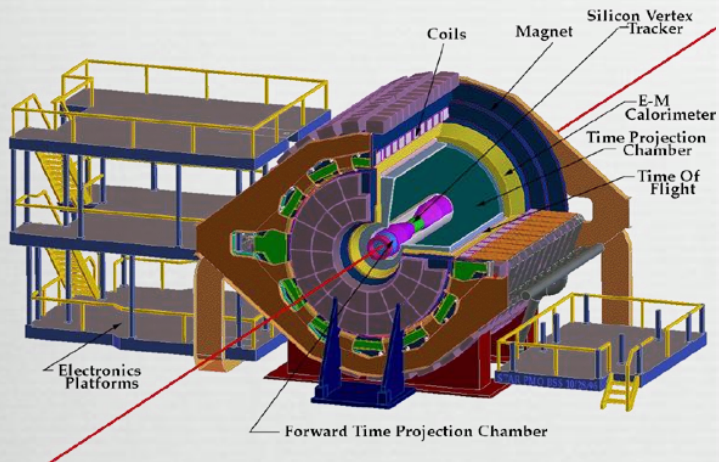
$$B(\phi, \Delta\phi) = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{N_{+-}(\phi, \Delta\phi) - N_{++}(\phi, \Delta\phi)}{N_+(\phi)} + \frac{N_{-+}(\phi, \Delta\phi) - N_{--}(\phi, \Delta\phi)}{N_-(\phi)} \right\}$$



Data Set



STAR Detector

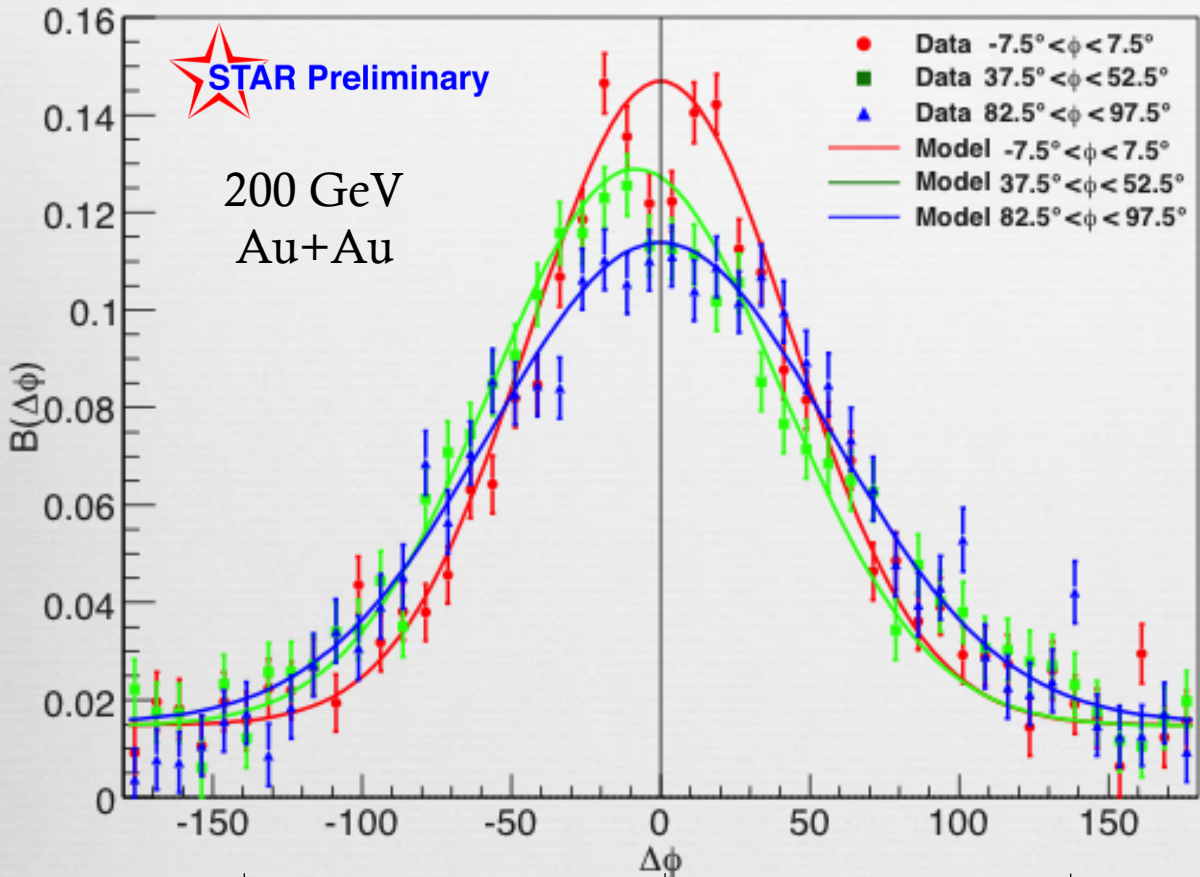


Energy (GeV)	Species	Year	Events (M)*
200	Au + Au	Run 4	14
62.4	Au + Au	Run 4	8
39	Au + Au	Run 10	10
11.5	Au + Au	Run 10	16
7.7	Au + Au	Run 10	4

- All charged particles
 $|\eta| < 1.0$
Full azimuthal acceptance
 $0.2 < p_t < 2.0 \text{ GeV}/c$
Electrons are suppressed
2nd order event plane from TPC

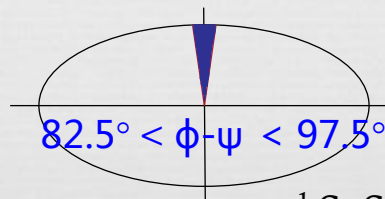
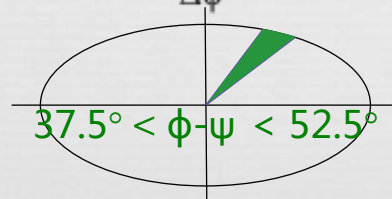
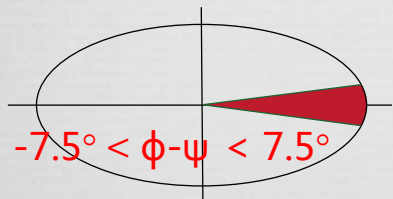
*Number of events used in balance function calculation

Balance Function



- 40-50% centrality
- 45° to event plane balance function is biased toward negative $\Delta\phi$ region
- The out-of-plane balance function is wider than the in-plane balance function

Compare to blast wave model calculations¹



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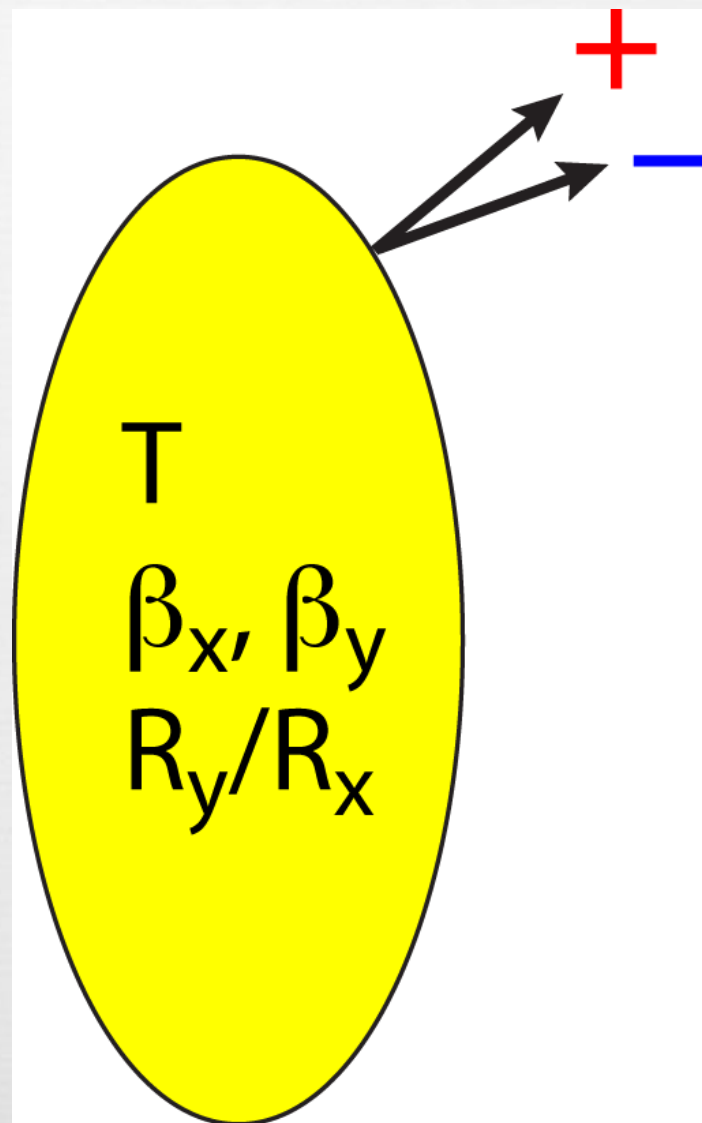
Blast Wave Model



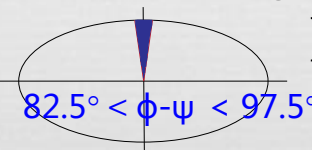
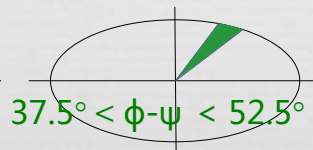
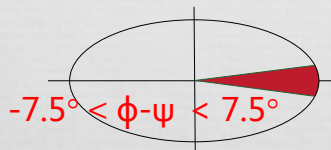
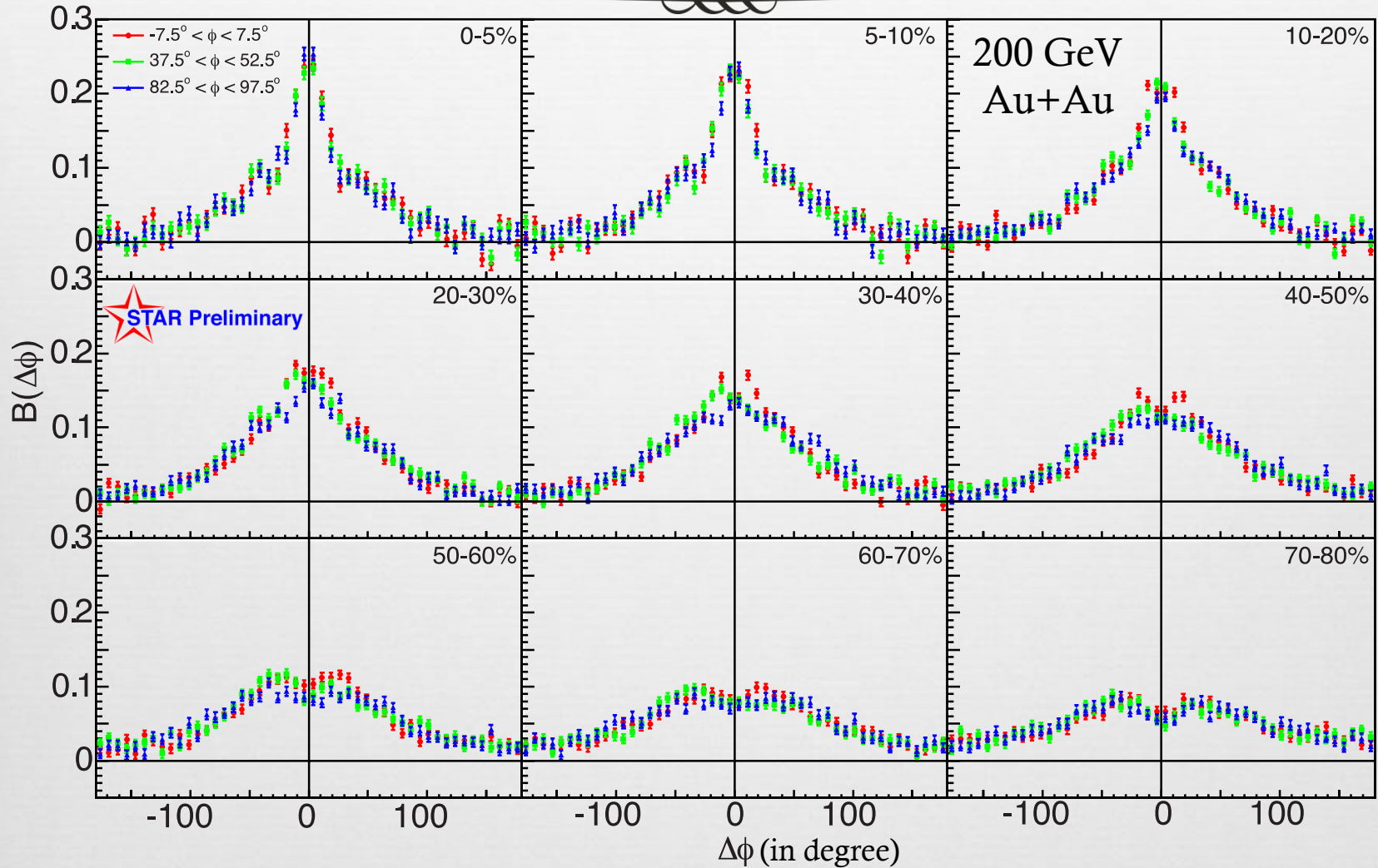
∞ STAR
parameterization
(STAR, PRC, 72, 14904 (2005))

∞ Local charge
conservation

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Balance Function v.s. Centrality

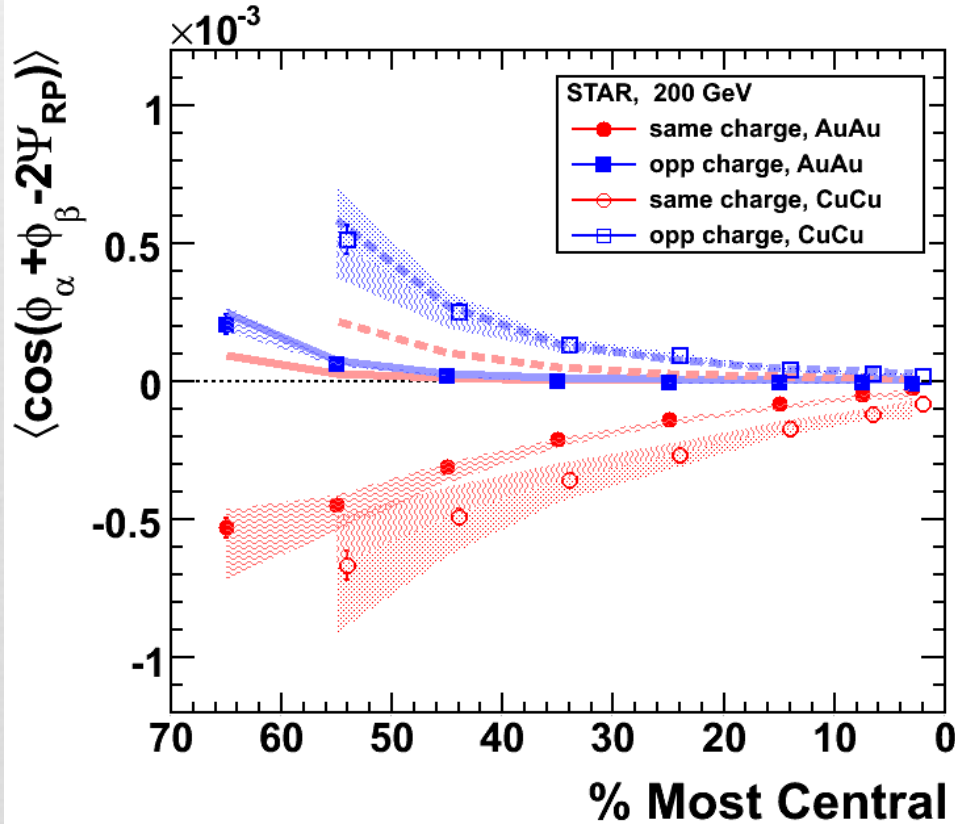


Balance function narrows
in central collision due
to collective flow

Three Point Correlator



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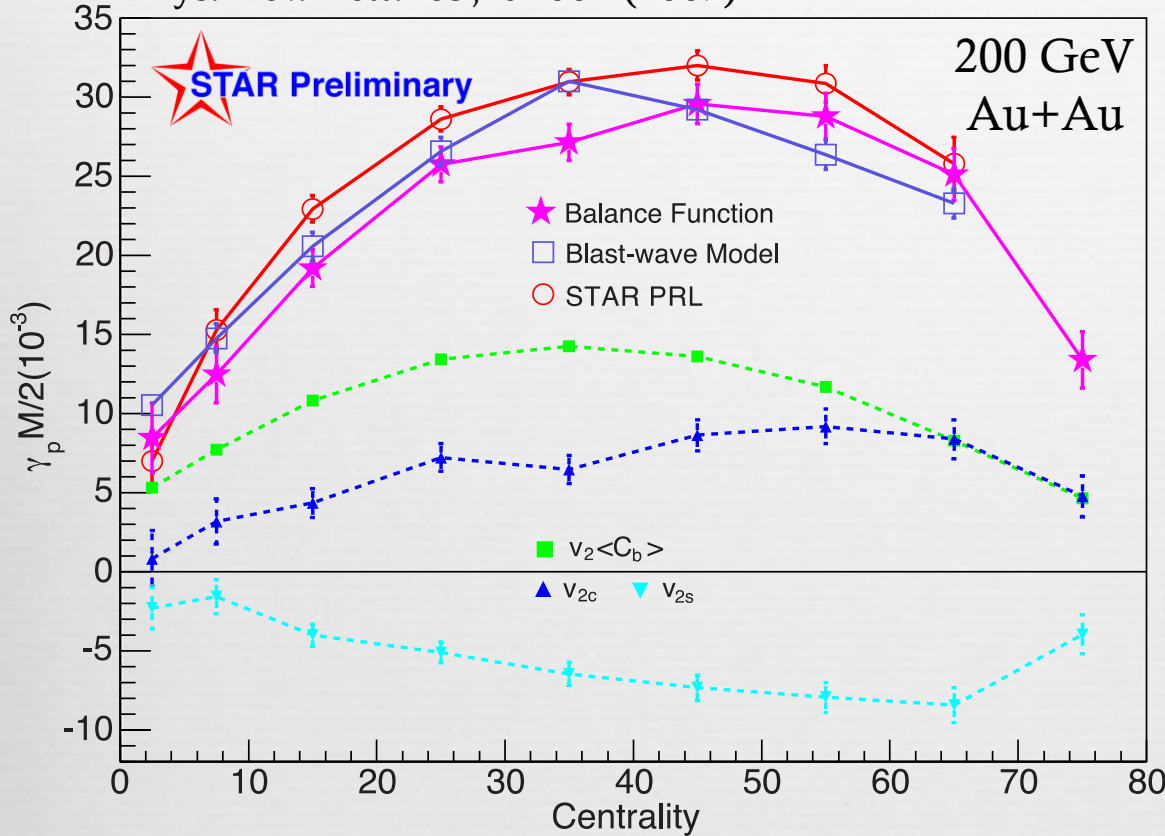
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Summary

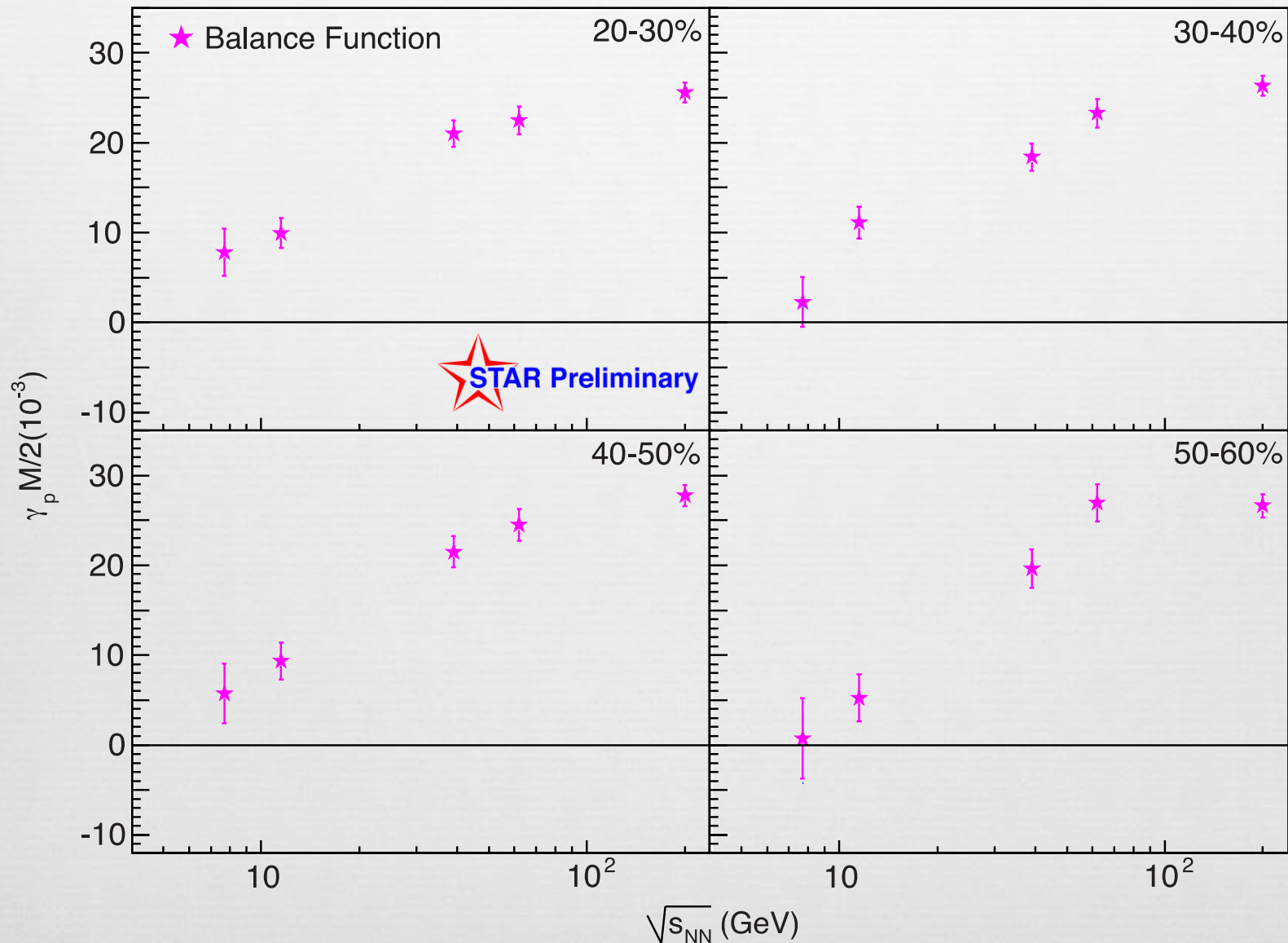


- ☞ The reaction-plane-dependent balance function analysis gives the same difference between the like-sign and unlike-sign charge dependent azimuthal correlations as the three point correlator results published by STAR
- ☞ This thermal blast wave model **reproduces most of the difference** between like- and unlike-sign charge-dependent azimuthal correlation incorporating **local charge conservation** and **flow**

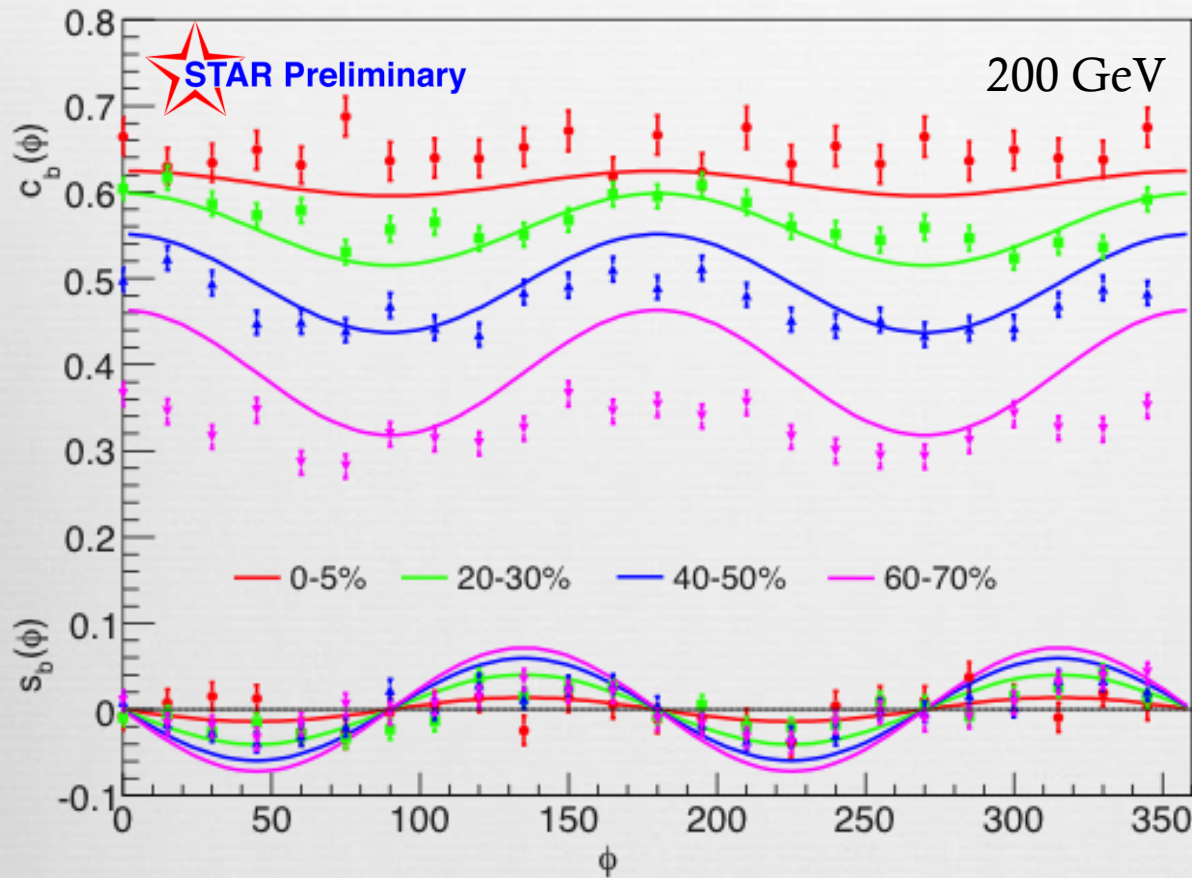


Back Up

Beam Energy Dependence



Weighted Average



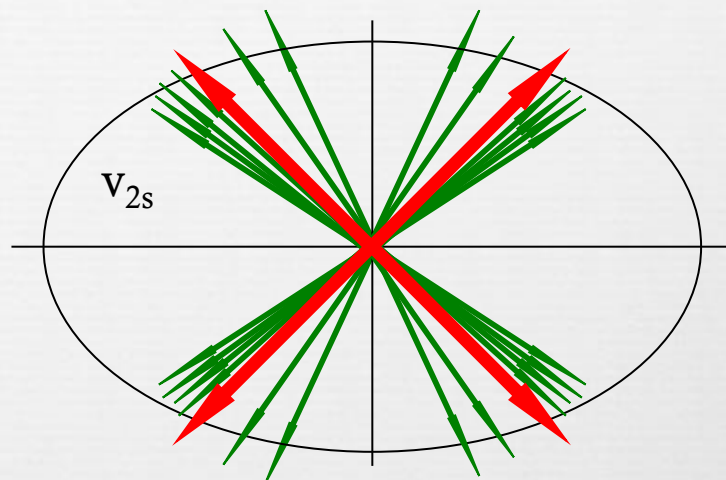
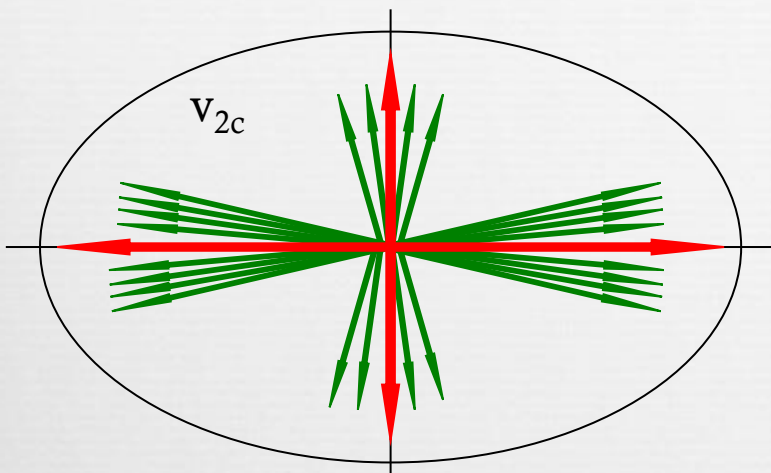
- Compare data (points) with blast wave model calculations (solid lines)
- Data are not corrected for event plane resolution (differences between data and model)
- c_b is related to the balance function width, while s_b quantifies the asymmetry of balance function
- Data show a stronger collective behavior in plane, while the asymmetry is most significant 45° to the reaction plane

$$c_b(\phi) \equiv \frac{1}{z_b(\phi)} \int d\Delta\phi B(\phi, \Delta\phi) \cos(\Delta\phi)$$

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Calculate v_{2c} and v_{2s}



- Red arrows are the first particle in balance function calculation, while green ones are its opposite sign charge pairs
- $v_{2c} < c_b >$ is positive if more charged pairs are found in plane
- v_{2c} is positive if charges are more correlated in plane
- v_{2s} is negative if charges are more correlated on the in plane side

$$v_{2c} \equiv \langle c_b(\phi) \cos(2\phi) \rangle - v_2 \langle c_b(\phi) \rangle$$

$$v_{2s} \equiv \langle s_b(\phi) \sin(2\phi) \rangle$$

$$\langle f(\phi) \rangle \equiv \frac{1}{M} \int d\phi \frac{dM}{d\phi} z_b(\phi) f(\phi)$$

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