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Abstract:

Charge Separation Effect: From RHIC Physics to Cosmology

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(Based on work done with Dima Kharzeev, BNL)

Little Bang vs Big Bang

a) Goal of this workshop is to study " ... extreme conditions as found in the **early Universe**, the interior of compact stars, and quark-gluon plasma produced in the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) at Brookhaven National Laboratory. "
(from the workshop Web page)

b) One of the motivations to build the RHIC was to produce and study the **state** which existed few moments after the **Big Bang** .
(from the proposal suggesting to build RHIC. Exact wording is not known.)

c) Almost every talk in this workshop has words " Black Holes". However, these black holes have no relation to cosmology.

d) We want to fill the gap: We want to formulate some questions which may have some astrophysical implications (for QCD- people working in RHIC -related physics)

therefore, I start from cosmology...

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I. Motivation

Observational Cosmological Puzzles (Big Bang):

- The relation $\Omega_B \sim \Omega_{DM}$ between the two very different contributions to Ω is extremely difficult to explain in models that invoke a **DM** candidates not related to the ordinary baryon degrees of freedom: the baryon masses $m_N \sim \Lambda_{QCD}$.

- Several independent observations of the galactic core suggest **unexplained sources of energy.**

1. The most known case is the 511 keV line (INTEGRAL) which has proven **very difficult to explain** with conventional astrophysical positron sources.
a) It must come from the positronium decays, but number of positrons in the bulge of the galaxy 10 times smaller than needed to explain the flux.
b) Flux comes from the bulge rather than from the disk while the known positrons mostly concentrated in the disk.
c) Extra positrons must come from somewhere...

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2. A similar, but less known mystery is the excess of gamma-ray photons detected by COMPTEL across a broad energy range $\sim 1 - 20$ MeV. Such photons have been found to be **very difficult to produce** via known astrophysical sources.

3. Detection by the CHANDRA satellite of diffuse X-ray emission from across the galactic bulge provides a **puzzling picture**: after subtracting known X-ray sources one finds a residual diffuse thermal X-ray emission consistent with very hot plasma $(T \simeq 10$ keV$)$.

a) Such a plasma would be **too hot to be bound** to the galactic center (speed of sound is larger than the escape velocity).

b) The energy required to sustain a plasma of this temperature corresponds to the **entire** kinetic energy of one supernova every 3000 yr, which is unreasonably high.

c) **Source of energy** fueling this plasma is a mystery.

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III. Similarities between systems with $\vec{B} \neq 0$ and $\vec{\Omega} \neq 0$

1. We start with nonzero magnetic field $\vec{B} \neq 0$ when the anomalous effective lagrangian is well known, and the corresponding phenomenon is well understood.

2. After that we shall discuss the systems with rotation $\vec{\Omega}$ which replaces the magnetic field,

$$\vec{B} \Longrightarrow \frac{2m}{e}\,\vec{\Omega}. \tag{1}$$

3. We shall see that the crucial ingredient in what follows is the following similarity between the two systems (external magnetic field $\vec{B}$ vs rotating system, $\vec{\Omega}$),

$$\Delta\Phi_{rot} = 2m \int \vec{\Omega}\,d\vec{\Sigma}, \qquad \Delta\Phi_B = e \int \vec{B}\,d\vec{\Sigma}. \tag{2}$$

4. All nontrivial topological phenomena such as induced electric field, charge separation effect, induced currents etc in the presence of the external magnetic field $\vec{B}$ will have their analogies for the rotating systems, $\vec{\Omega}$.

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V. Quantum Anomalies: $\vec{\Omega} \neq 0$, $\mu \neq 0$, $\theta \neq 0$.

1. Anomalous effective lagrangian

a) <u>Our goal</u> is to derive a **new** **anomalous effective lagrangian** describing the interaction of light fields: the electromagnetic photons A_μ, neutral light Nambu-Goldstone bosons (π, η, η'), the **superfluid phonon** and **axion** θ in dense matter.

b) We do not assume that the axion exists at this point. We treat $\theta(x)$ as external induced background field which depends on time and coordinates.

c) <u>Anticipating the event–</u> the main result of the calculations– **new anomalous** terms which include superfluid phonon field identically **vanish** unless background contains topological defects, external magnetic field or $\vec{\Omega} \neq 0$.

d) If the anomaly induced interactions do not vanish (in case of nontrivial backgrounds) they lead to a number of interesting phenomena.

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2. Main Idea

a) Consider QCD in the background of two U(1) fields: the electromagnetic field A_μ and a fictitious (spurion) V_μ field which couples to the baryon current.

b) The fundamental Lagrangian describing the coupling of quarks with V_ν is

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_f (\mu_f V_\nu - e_f A_\nu) \bar{\psi}_f \gamma_\nu \psi_f$$

It is invariant under $U(1)_V$ local gauge transformations $q \rightarrow e^{i\beta(x)} q$, $V_\mu(x) \rightarrow V_\nu(x) + \partial_\mu \beta(x)$ similar to the conventional electrodynamics, $U(1)_{EM}$.

c) The effective low-energy description must respect the $U(1)_V$ gauge symmetry. Therefore, in the effective Lagrangian the covariant derivative $D_\mu \varphi_V = \partial_\mu \varphi_V - \mu V_\mu$ (similar to the conventional $E\&M$) must appear.

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d) Consider the transformation properties of the path integral under the $U(1)_A$ chiral transformation. As is known, the measure is not invariant under these transformations due to the chiral anomaly: it receives an additional contribution $\delta S = -\int d^4x\, \partial^\mu\alpha\, j_\mu^A = \int d^4x\, \alpha\, \partial^\mu j_\mu^A$.

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3. Numerics:

a) Take $\frac{\theta}{\pi} \sim 1$

b) Use $l = 4$ for a semi-central $Au - Au$ event as identified at RHIC

c) Assume that the multiplicity of quarks and antiquarks at hadronization is approximately equal to the multiplicity of produced hadrons

d) Assume that the produced gluons split into quark–antiquark pairs before they hadronize

e) Take $N_{q+\bar{q}}$ for semi-central collisions at RHIC to be $\sim (200 - 500)$

f) A typical event at RHIC would have 3-5 more quarks than antiquarks in the upper hemisphere and an equal excess of antiquarks over quarks in the lower hemisphere.

$$A \equiv \frac{N_{q-\bar{q}}}{N_{q+\bar{q}}} \sim \mathcal{O}(3\%), \quad a_+ = \frac{4}{\pi}A, \quad a_- = -\frac{4}{\pi}A$$

g) If asymmetry is present in Fig1: $a_+^2 \simeq a_-^2 \simeq (-)a_+ \cdot a_- \sim 10^{-3}$

h) The asymmetry between quarks and anti-quarks $\longrightarrow$ translates to electric charge separation $\longrightarrow$ translates into the corresponding asymmetry for charged pions (depends on the dynamics of hadronization)

i) More direct way of observing the quark–antiquark asymmetry would be provided by the studies of baryon–antibaryon production.

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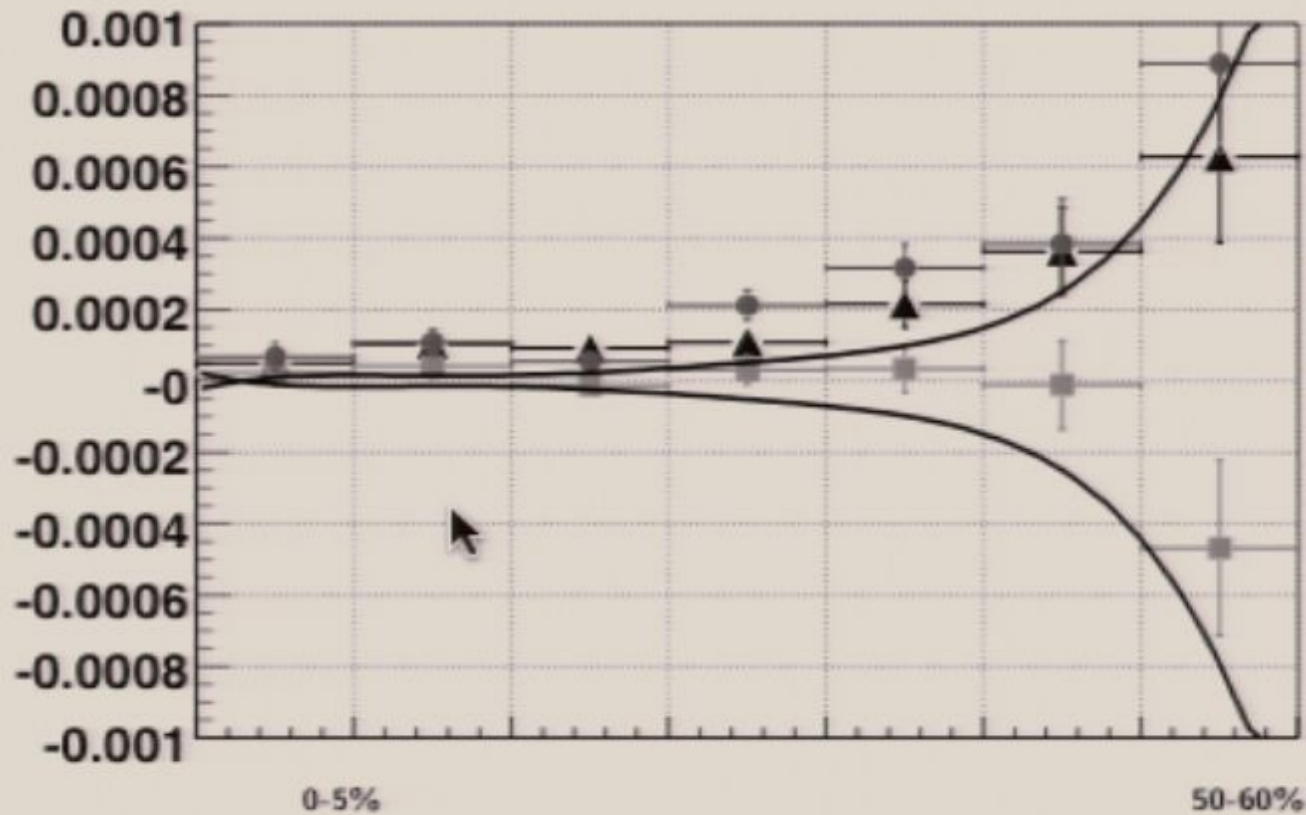
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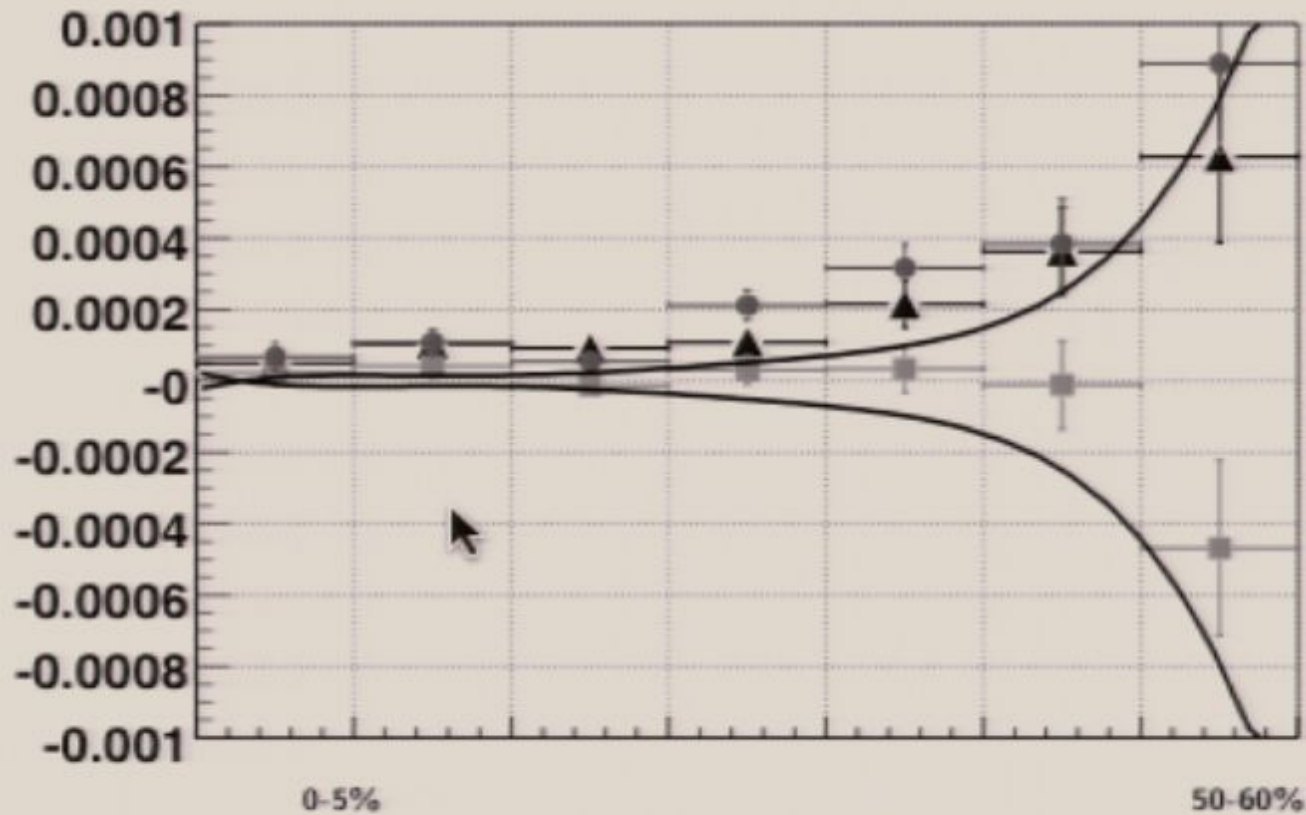
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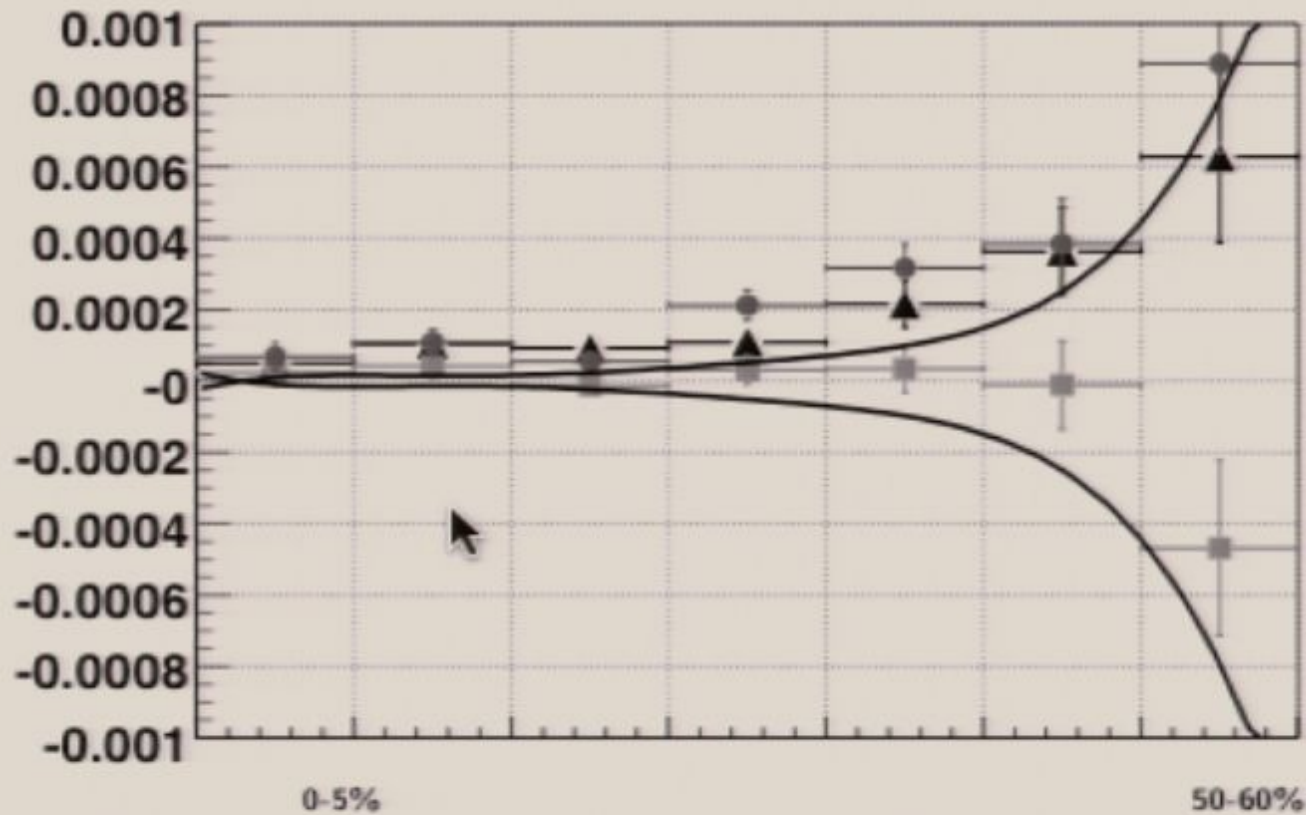
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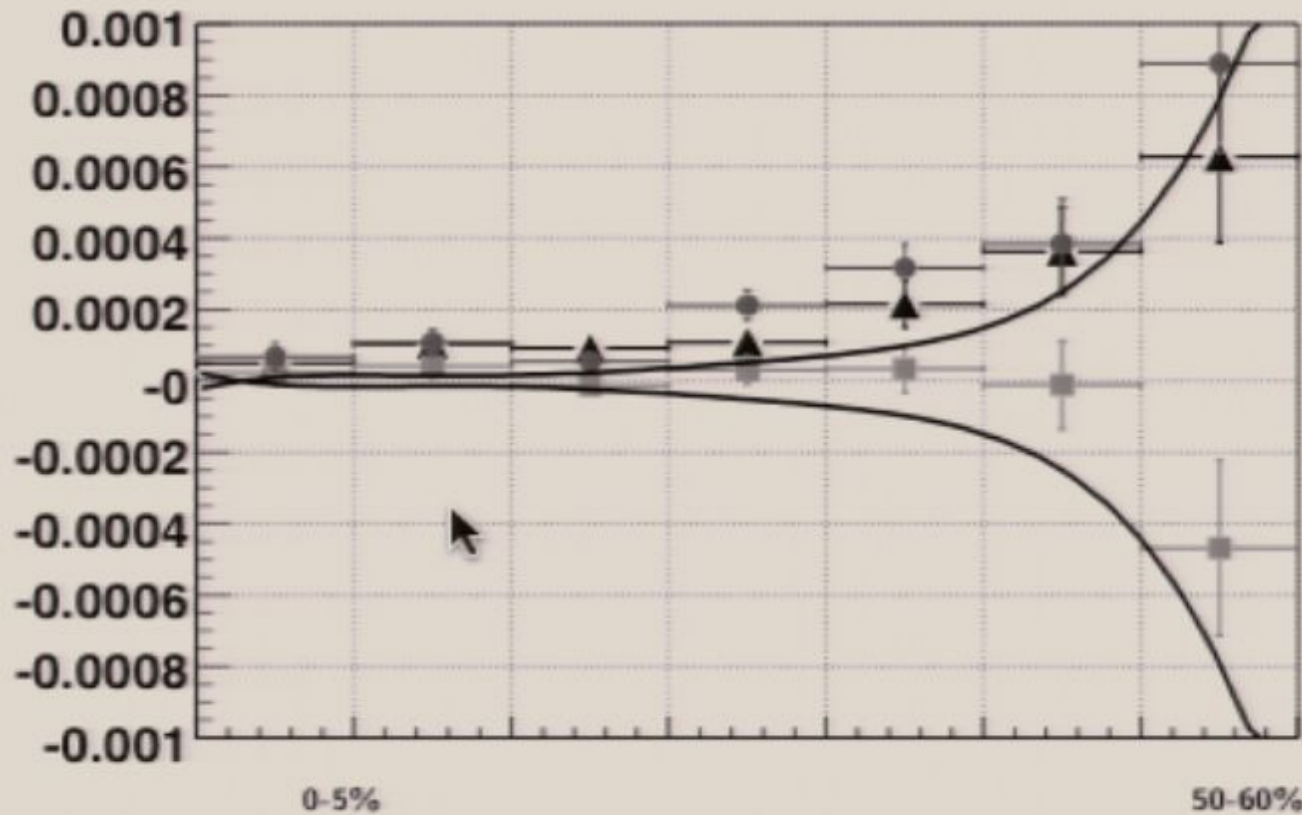
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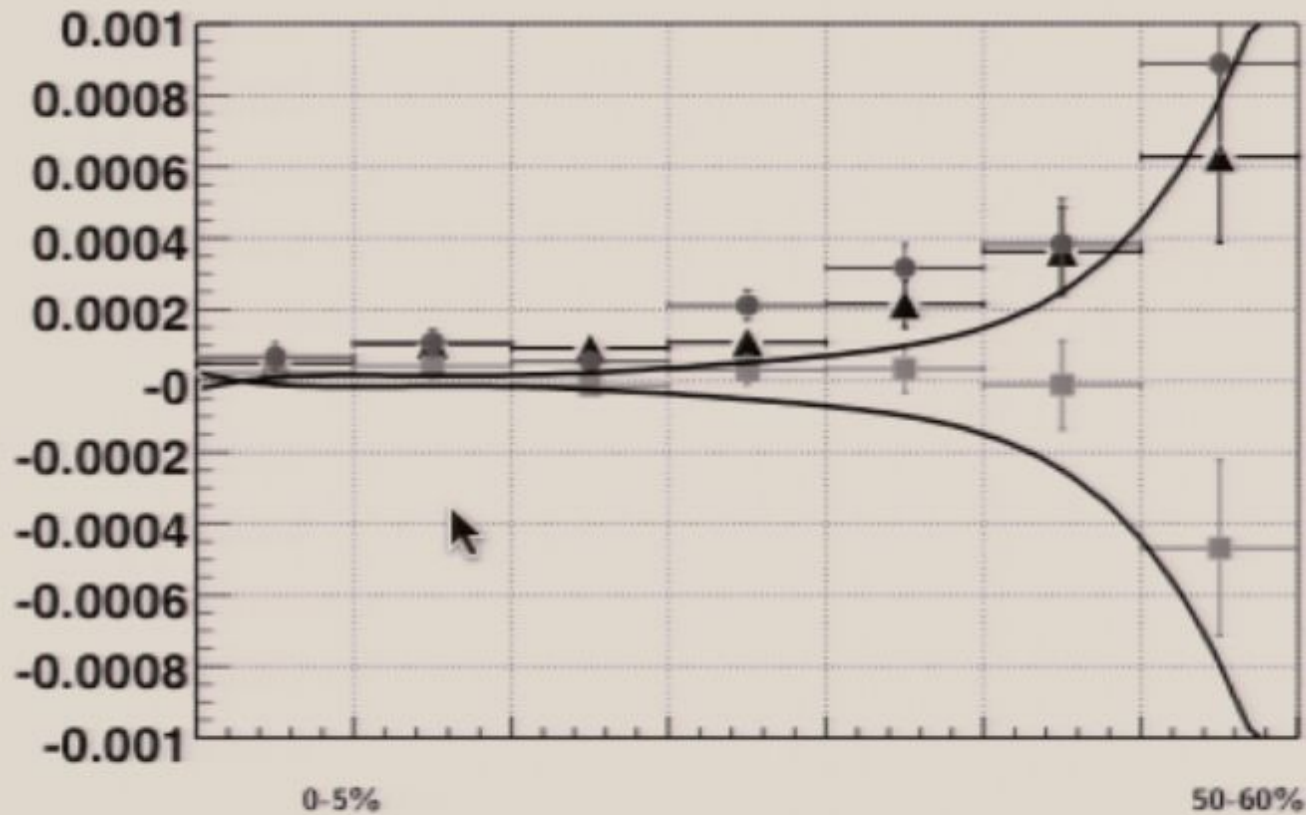
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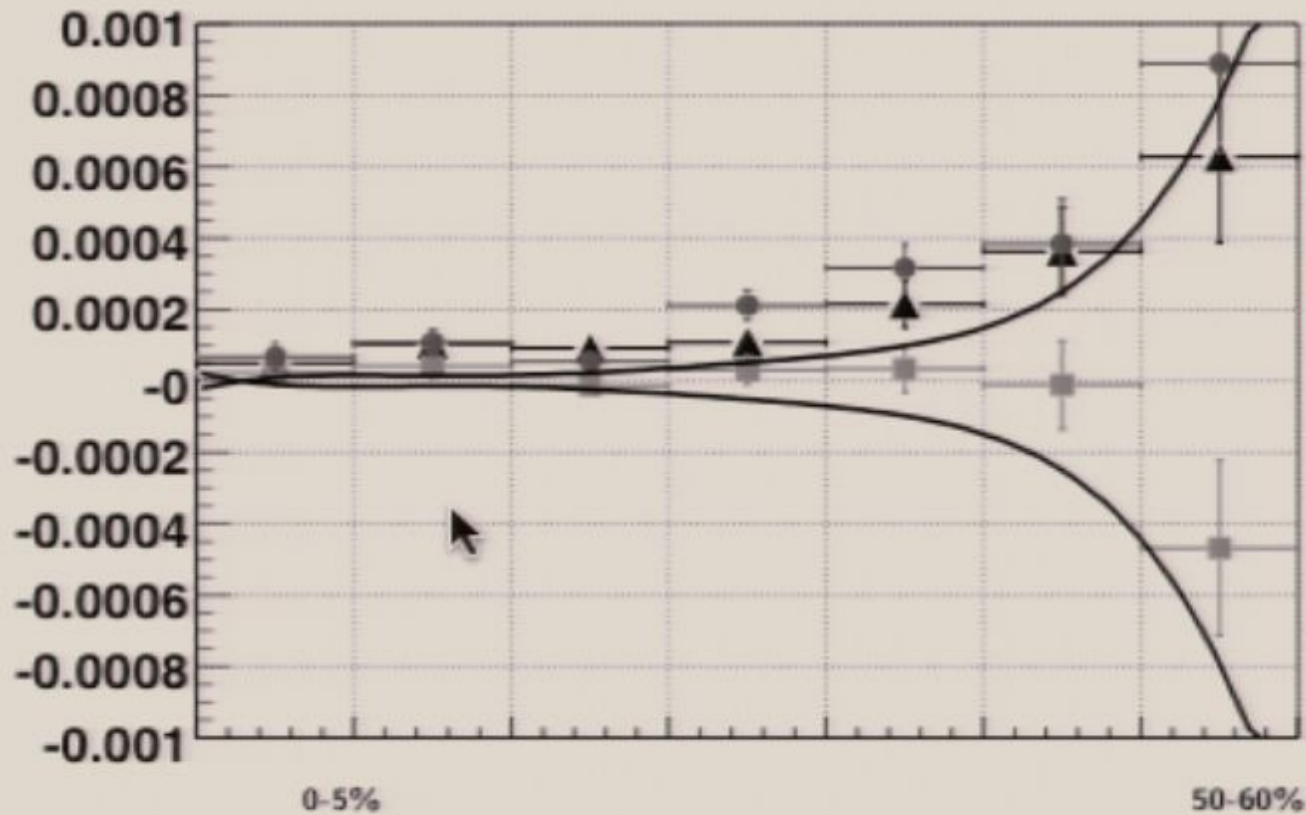
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