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The direction of the total angular momentum of a collision between two nuclei is

$$
\hat{L}=\hat{b} \times \hat{p}_{\text {beam }},
$$

where $\hat{b}$ and $\hat{p}_{\text {beam }}$ are unit vectors in the directions of the impact parameter and the momentum of one of the incoming nuclei, respectively. It is important to maintain a consistent convention when defining the vectors in this equation. In particular, $\hat{b}$ is the perpendicular (to $\hat{p}_{\text {beam }}$ ) component of the separation vector between the centers of the two nuclei before they collide. This separation vector points from the center of the nucleus defined to travel in the $-\hat{p}_{\text {beam }}$ direction towards the center of the nucleus traveling in the $+\hat{p}_{\text {beam }}$ direction. The opposite definition was used in the original paper.

In Fig. 1, the angular momentum vector $\vec{L}$ should point in the direction opposite to what is shown, and Eq. (3) should read

$$
P_{H}=-\frac{8}{\pi \alpha_{H}}\left\langle\sin \left(\phi_{p}^{*}-\Psi_{\mathrm{RP}}\right)\right\rangle
$$

Here, $\alpha_{H}$ is the $\Lambda$ decay parameter, and $\Psi_{\mathrm{RP}}$ is the reaction plane angle, defined as the azimuthal angle of $\hat{b}$. The azimuthal angle of the decay proton's momentum in the $\Lambda$ frame is $\phi_{p}^{*}$.

All reported polarization data shown in Figs. 3-8 are plotted with the wrong signs.
The conclusion, that the global polarization of $\Lambda$ and $\bar{\Lambda}$ in $\mathrm{Au}+$ Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\mathrm{NN}}}=62.4$ and 200 GeV is $\left|P_{\Lambda, \bar{\Lambda}}\right|<0.02$, remains the same.

