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**Charge dependent correlations relative to the 4th-harmonic event plane in Au+Au collisions at 27 and 39 GeV at RHIC/STAR** ANTONETT NUNEZ-DELPADO, Univ of Central Florida, STAR COLLABORATION — In the chiral magnetic effect (CME) [1], an electric current is induced in the presence of a strong magnetic field and a chirality imbalance in the medium created in high-energy nuclear collisions. One corresponding observable for the charge separation across the reaction plane ( $\psi$ ) is the charge dependent two-particle azimuthal correlator,  $\gamma = \langle \cos(\phi_1 + \phi_2 - 2\psi) \rangle$ . However, the  $\gamma$  contains both the CME signal and the flow background, complicating the interpretation of the data. In this poster, we investigate the background mechanism with a modified correlator,  $\gamma^{II} = \langle \cos(2\phi_1 + 2\phi_2 - 4\psi) \rangle$ . The  $\gamma^{II}$  only contains the background, and reflects the role played by the collective flow in the original  $\gamma$  correlator. We will present the STAR data of  $\gamma^{II}$  as a function of centrality measured in Au+Au collisions at 27 and 39 GeV. The results will be compared with those obtained by the ALICE experiment at a much higher collision energy, and will also be compared with model calculations. The physics implications will be discussed. [1]D. Kharzeev, Phys. Lett. B 633 (2006) 260.

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