Nuclear shapes from energy density functional and heavy-ion collisions

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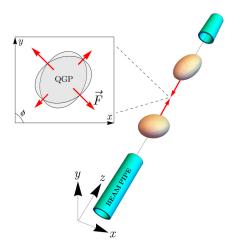
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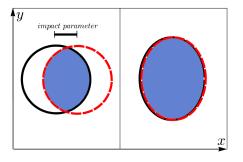


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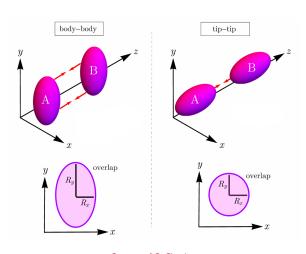
Linked to geometric asymmetry of the initial condition



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How to discern orientations in central collisions?





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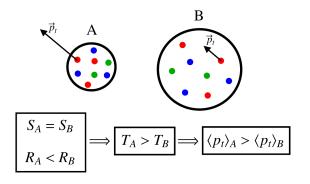
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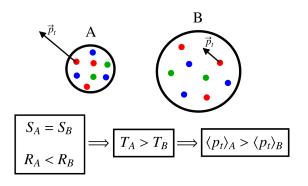


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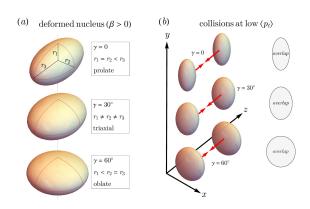


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- Looking at low $\langle p_t \rangle \Rightarrow$ looking at larger nuclear overlaps

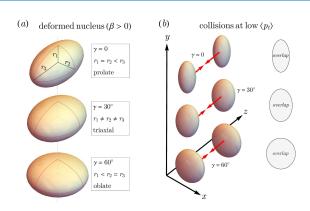
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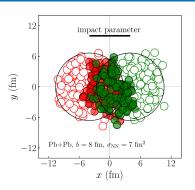
Pearson correlation coefficient

$$\rho(v_2^2, \langle p_t \rangle) = \frac{\langle \delta v_2^2 \delta \langle p_t \rangle \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle (\delta v_2^2)^2 \rangle \langle (\delta \langle p_t \rangle)^2 \rangle}}$$

where $\delta o = o - \langle o \rangle$

Modeling of the nuclei: Monte-Carlo Glauber





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Nucleons sampled using Woods-Saxon density

$$\rho_{\text{ws}}(r,\theta,\varphi) = \rho_0 \left(1 + \exp\left[\frac{1}{a} \left(r - R(\theta,\varphi)\right)\right] \right)^{-1}$$

$$R(\theta,\varphi) = R_0 \left\{ 1 + \beta \left(\cos \gamma Y_{20}(\theta,\varphi) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \gamma \left[Y_{22}(\theta,\varphi) + Y_{2-2}(\theta,\varphi)\right] \right) \right\}$$



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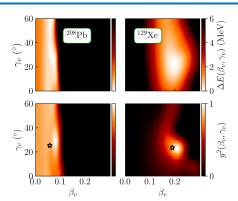


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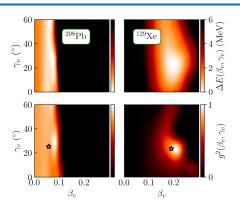
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- Explore triaxial deformations $(\beta_{\nu}, \gamma_{\nu})$ through constrained minimizations
- Calculations performed on a 3d Cartesian mesh
- Skyrme-type SLyMR1 parametrization
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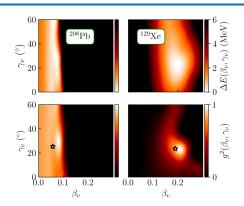




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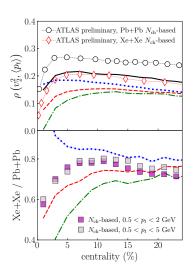
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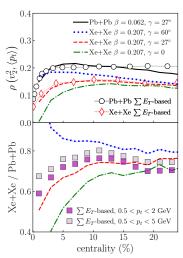
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- Results for 208 Pb: a = 0.537 fm, $R_0 = 6.647$ fm, $\beta = 0.062$, $\gamma = 27.04^{\circ}$
- Results for 129 Xe: a = 0.492 fm, R_0 = 5.601 fm, β = 0.207, γ = 26.93 $^\circ$

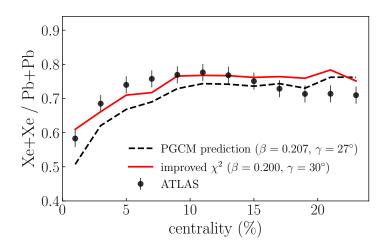
Analysis of LHC data





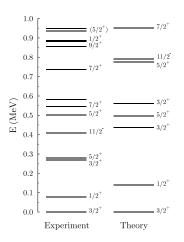


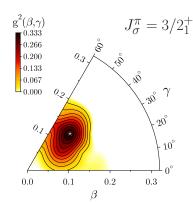




Preliminary results on ¹⁹⁷Au







Average def.: $\bar{\beta}$ = 0.13, $\bar{\gamma}$ = 40°



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