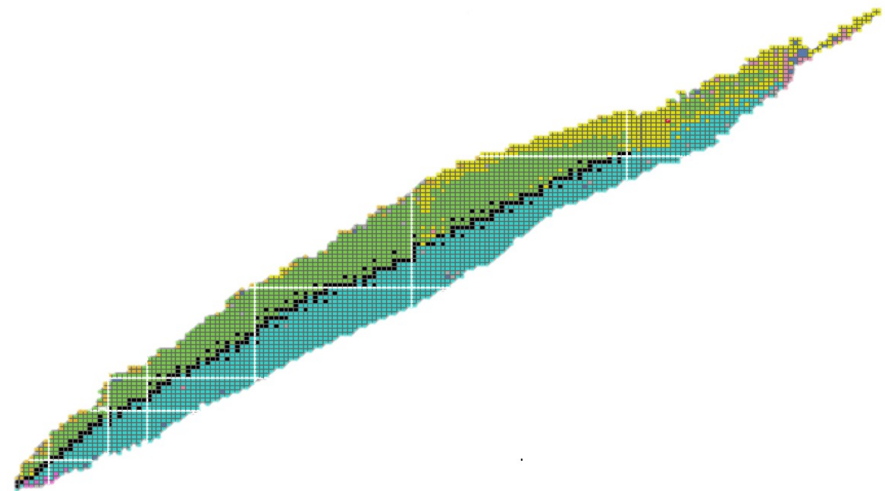


Experimental signatures of nuclear structure in heavy ion collisions

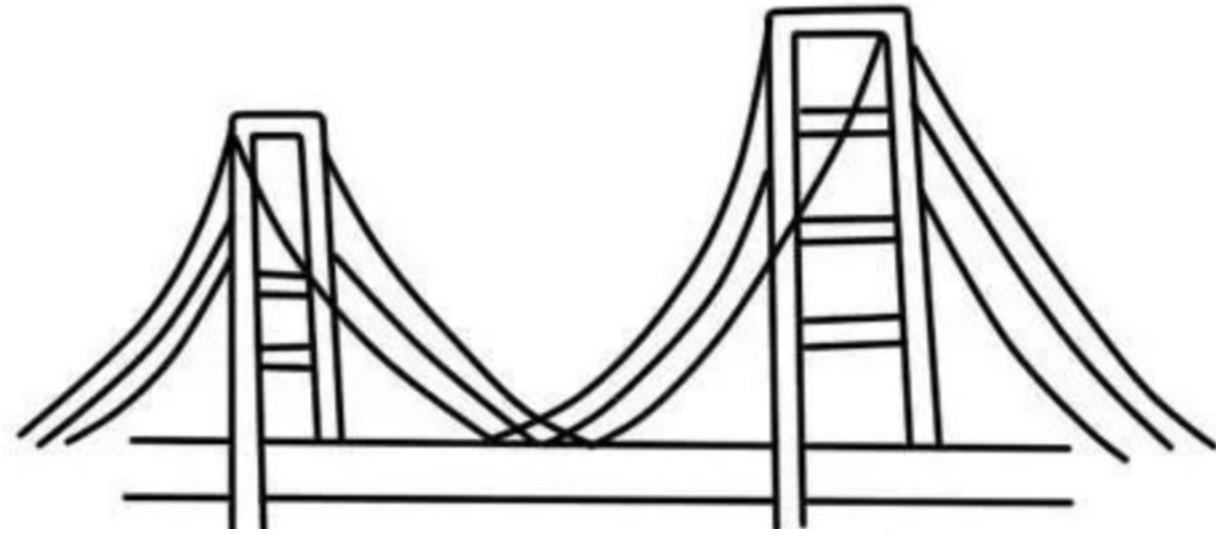
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Low energy community



Heavy-ion community

Outline

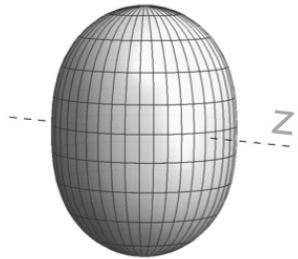
1. Nuclear structure and heavy-ion collisions
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4. Future endeavors and opportunities
5. Conclusions and outlooks

Nuclear deformation, neutron skin, and nucleonic clustering

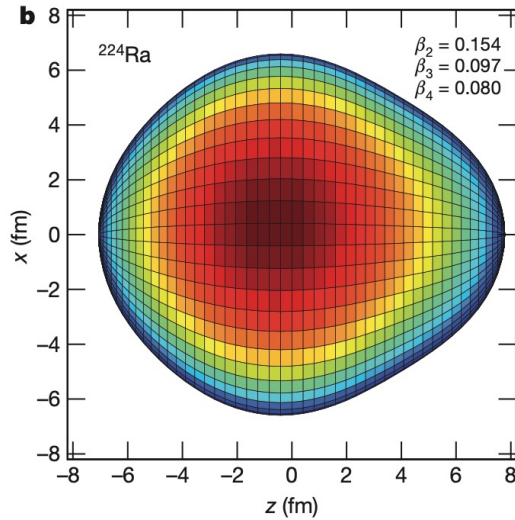
A. Trzcinska et al., PRL 87, 082501(2001) M. Centelles et al., PRL 102, 122502(2009)

Quadrupole

$$1 + \beta_2 Y_{2,0}(\theta, \phi)$$

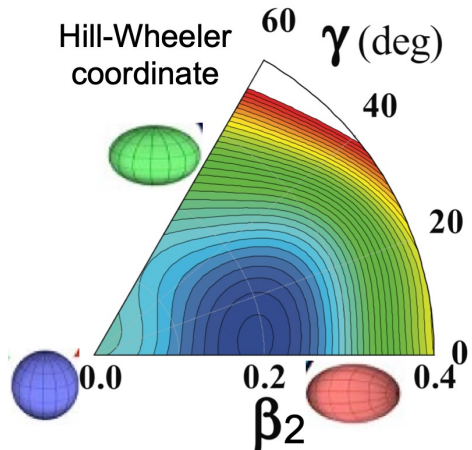


Octupole (pear-shaped) deformation



L. O. Gaffney et al., Nature 497, 199 (2013)

Hill-Wheeler coordinate



Triaxial spheroid

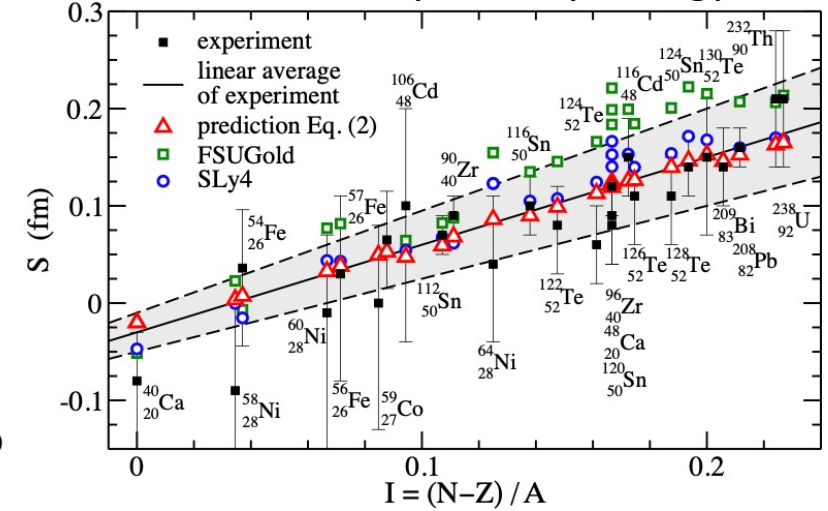
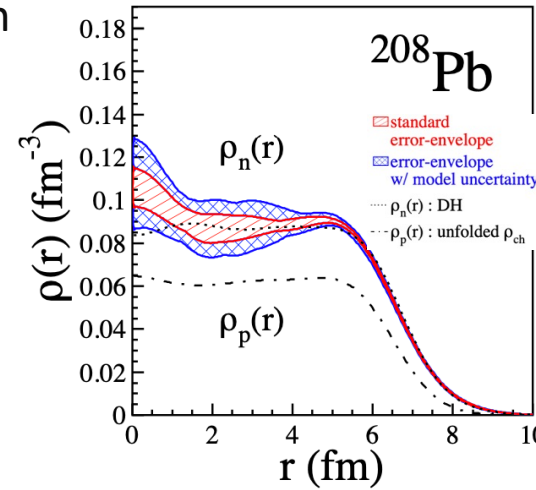
A. N. Andreyev et al., Nature 405, 430 (2000)

S. Cwiok et al., Nature 433, 705(2005)

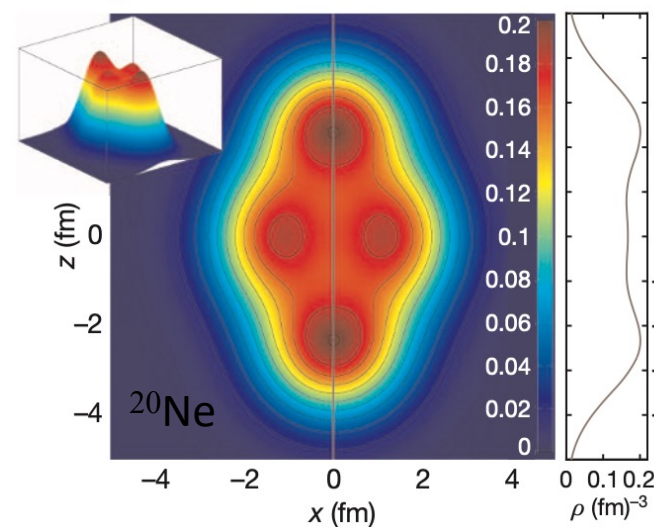
Neutron skin

$$\Delta r_{np} = \langle r_n^2 \rangle^{1/2} - \langle r_p^2 \rangle^{1/2}$$

Symmetry energy



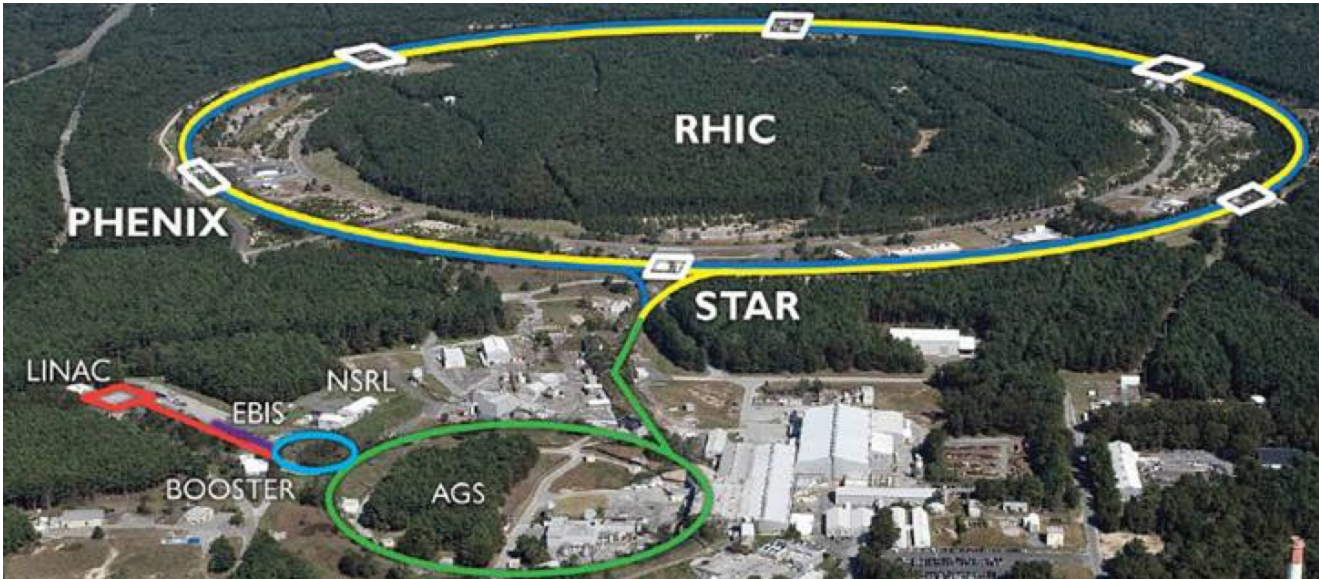
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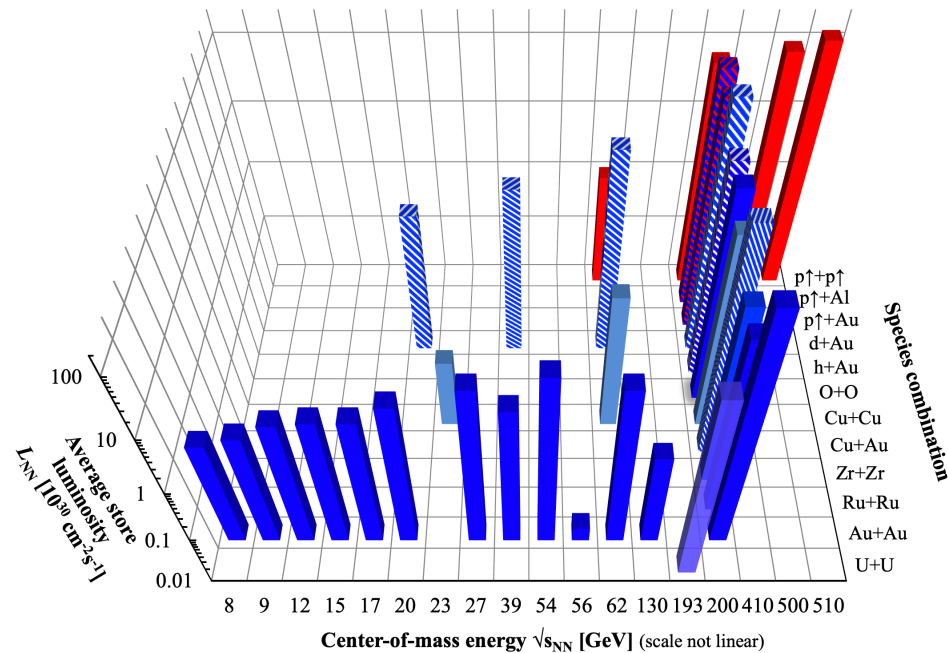
nucleonic clustering in light nuclei

J.P. Ebran et al., Nature 478, 341(2012)

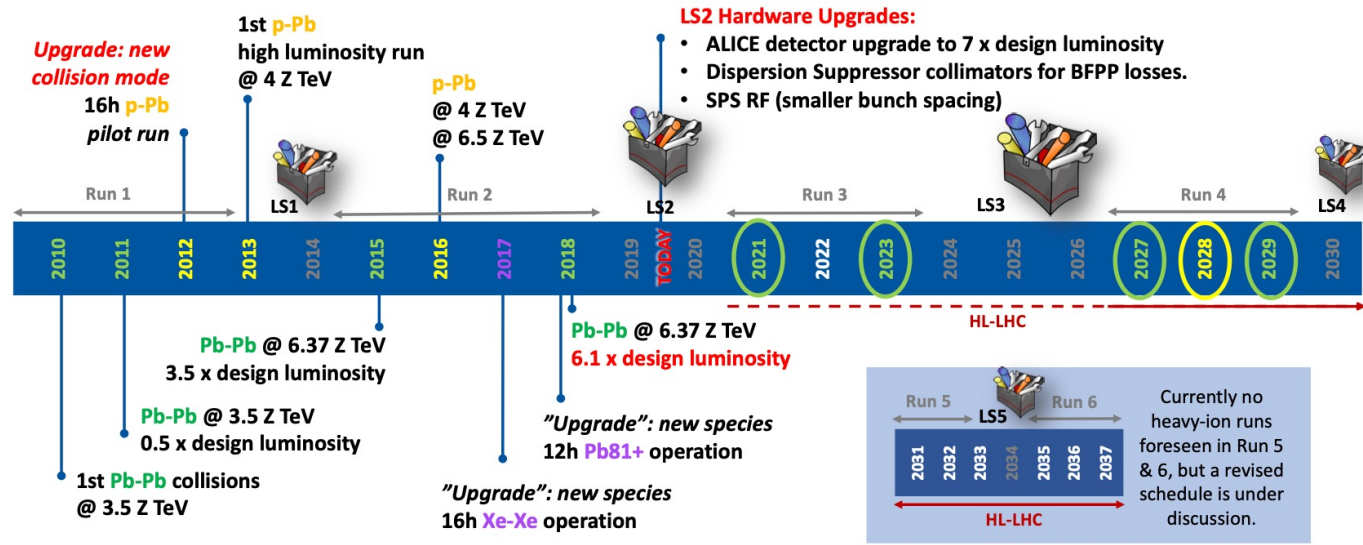
Unique RHIC and LHC runs



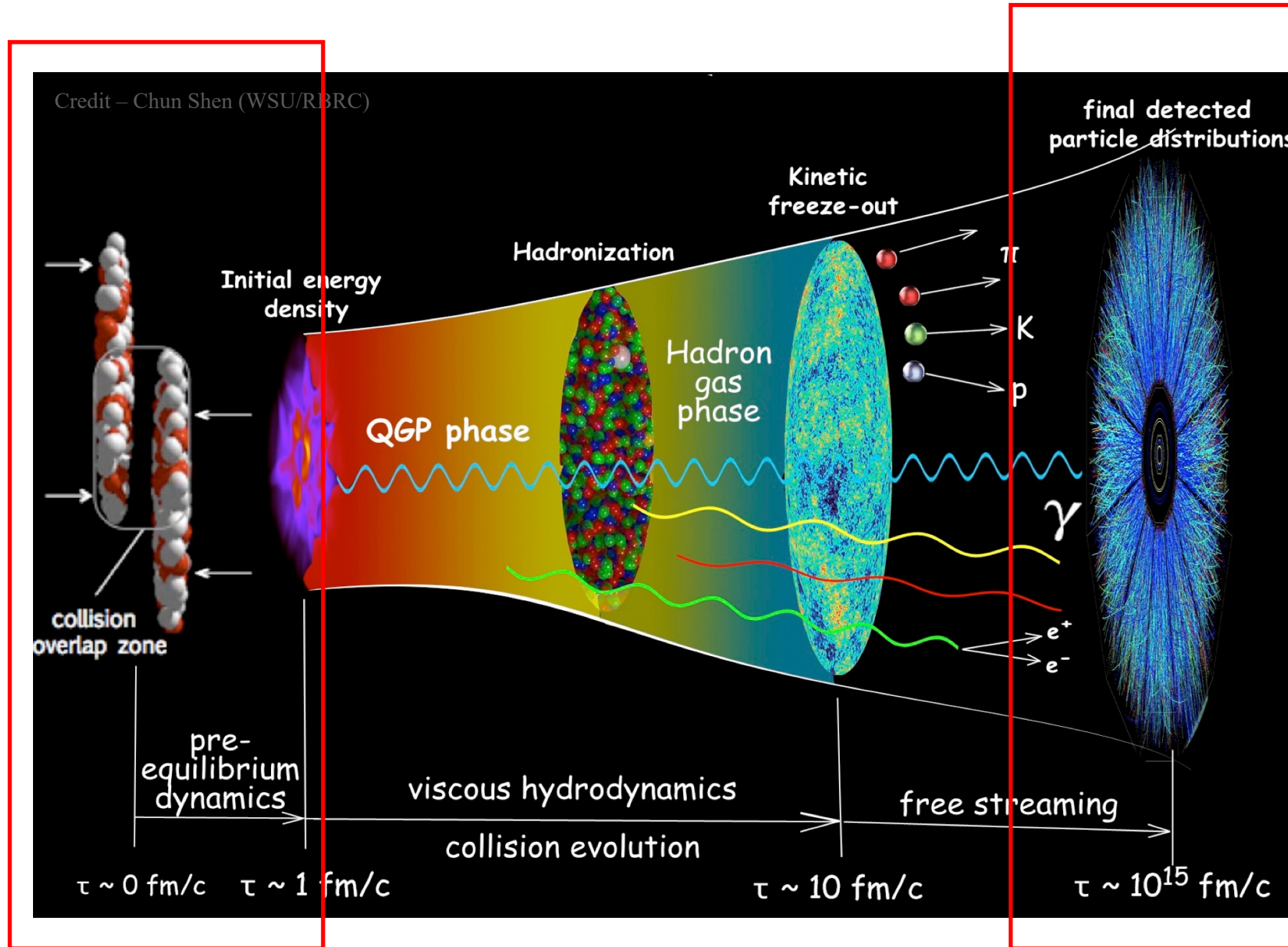
RHIC energies, species combinations and luminosities (Run-1 to 22)



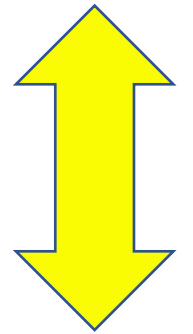
12 one-month heavy-ion runs between 2010 and 2030. 6/12 done.



Relativistic heavy-ion collisions



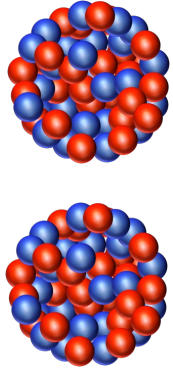
Multiple stage
/Complex dynamics



Hybrid multi-stage
Modeling with event-by-
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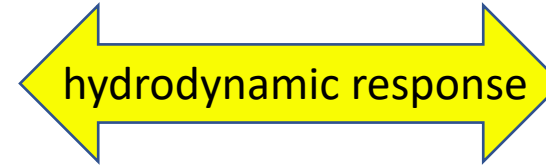
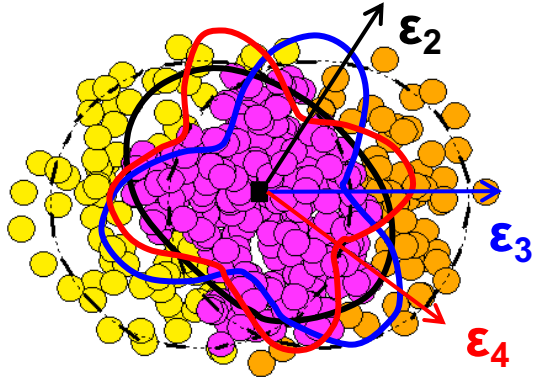
Hydrodynamic response to initial state

Nuclear Structure



$$\rho(r, \theta, \phi) = \frac{\rho_0}{1 + e^{(r-R(\theta, \phi))/a_0}}$$

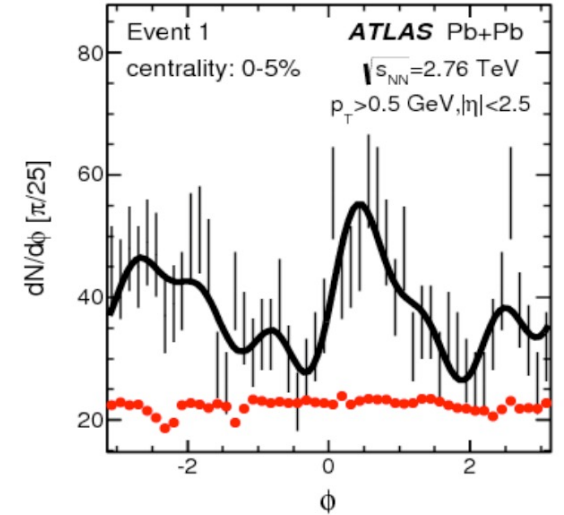
Initial State



Approximate linear response
in each event:

D. Teaney and L. Yan, PRC86, 044908 (2012)

Produced Particle Flow



Radial Flow

Anisotropic Flow

$$\frac{d^2 N}{d\phi dp_T} = N(p_T) \left(\sum_n V_n e^{-in\phi} \right)$$

Initial Size

Initial Shape

$$R_\perp^2 \propto \langle r_\perp^2 \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{E}_n \propto \langle r_\perp^n e^{in\phi} \rangle$$

R_0

a_0

β_n

High energy: approximate linear
response in each event

$$N_{ch} \propto N_{part} \quad \frac{\delta[p_T]}{[p_T]} \propto -\frac{\delta R_\perp}{R_\perp} \quad V_n \propto \mathcal{E}_n$$

$$R(\theta, \phi) = R_0(1 + \beta_2[\cos\gamma Y_{2,0}(\theta, \phi) + \sin\gamma Y_{2,2}(\theta, \phi)] + \beta_3 Y_{3,0}(\theta, \phi))$$

$\beta_2 \rightarrow$ Quadrupole deformation

$\beta_3 \rightarrow$ Octupole deformation

$\gamma \rightarrow$ Triaxiality

$a_0 \rightarrow$ Surface diffuseness

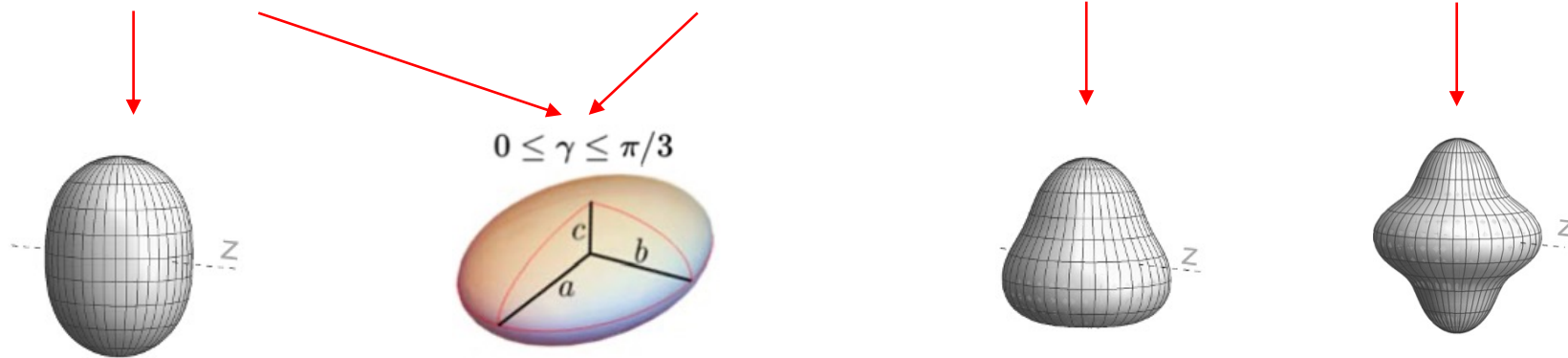
$R_0 \rightarrow$ Nuclear size



Nuclear deformation in ^{238}U at RHIC and ^{129}Xe at LHC

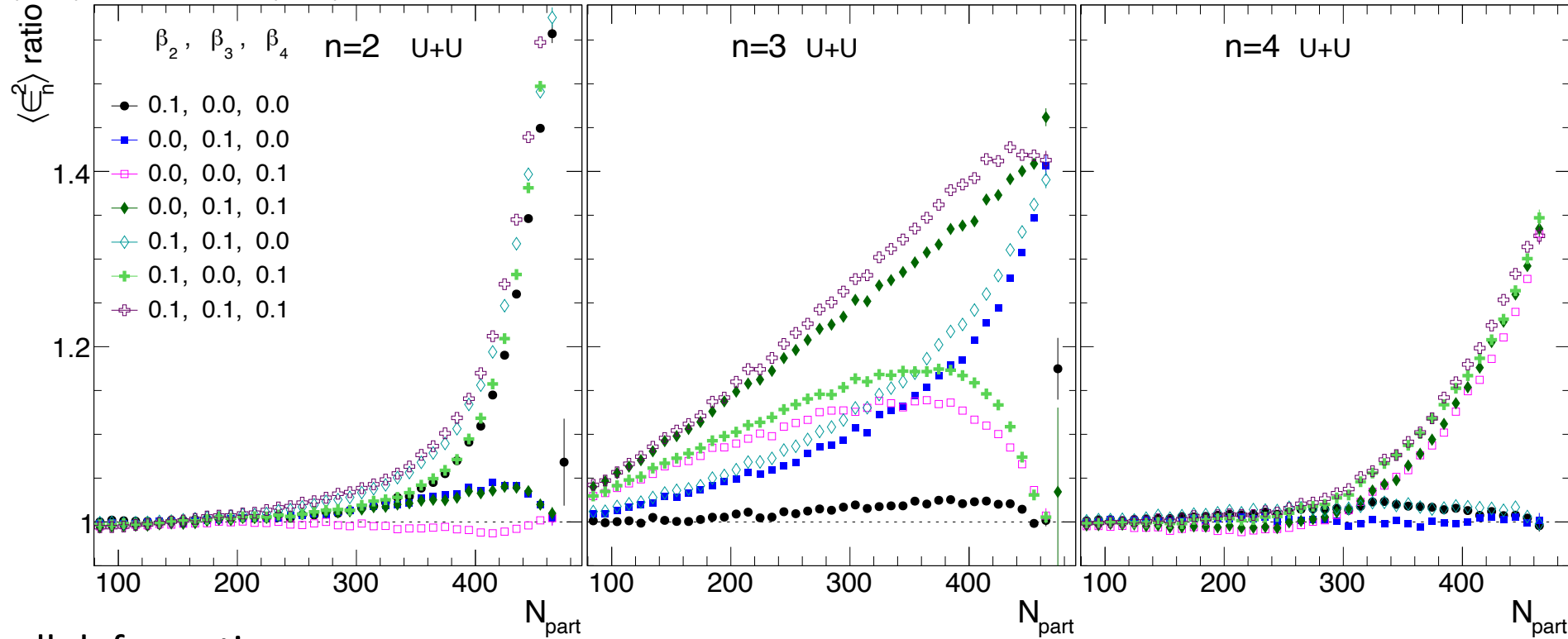
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Role of nuclear deformation in the initial state

Jia, PRC105, 014905(2021), PRC105, 044905(2021)



For small deformations:

$$\langle \epsilon_n^2 \rangle = a_n + \sum b_{n,m} \beta_m^2$$

Glauber model shows:

$$\langle \epsilon_2^2 \rangle \approx a_2 + b_{2,2} \beta_2^2 + b_{2,3} \beta_3^2$$

$$\langle \epsilon_3^2 \rangle \approx a_3 + b_{3,3} \beta_3^2 + b_{3,4} \beta_4^2$$

$$\langle \epsilon_4^2 \rangle \approx a_4 + b_{4,4} \beta_4^2$$

Assume linear response: $\langle v_n^2 \rangle \propto \langle \epsilon_n^2 \rangle$

Expected behavior for final state flow:

$$\langle v_2^2 \rangle \approx a_2 + b_{2,2} \beta_2^2 + b_{2,3} \beta_3^2$$

$$\langle v_3^2 \rangle \approx a_3 + b_{3,3} \beta_3^2 + b_{3,4} \beta_4^2$$

$$\langle v_4^2 \rangle \approx a_4 + b_{4,4} \beta_4^2 \leftarrow \text{Valid only in central region}$$

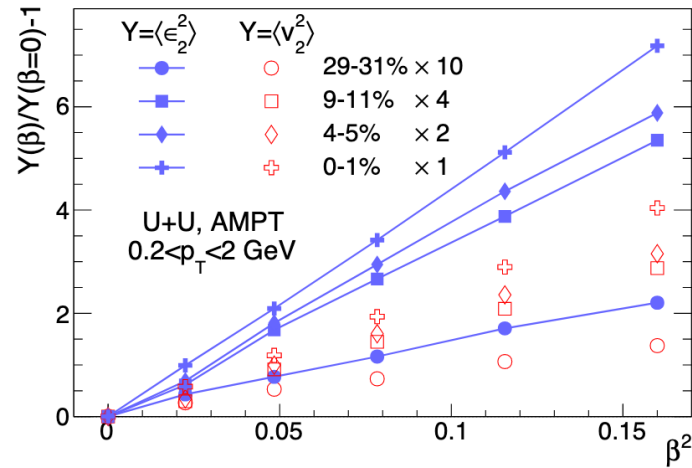
Role of nuclear deformation in the final state

Final state implemented in AMPT transport model

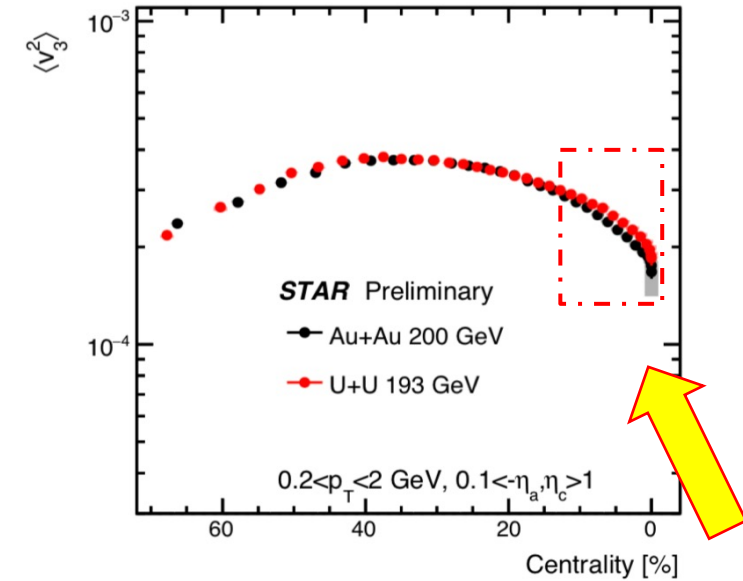
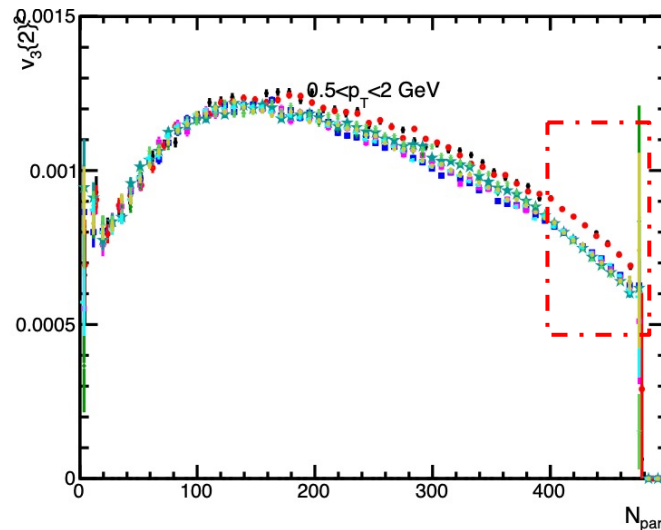
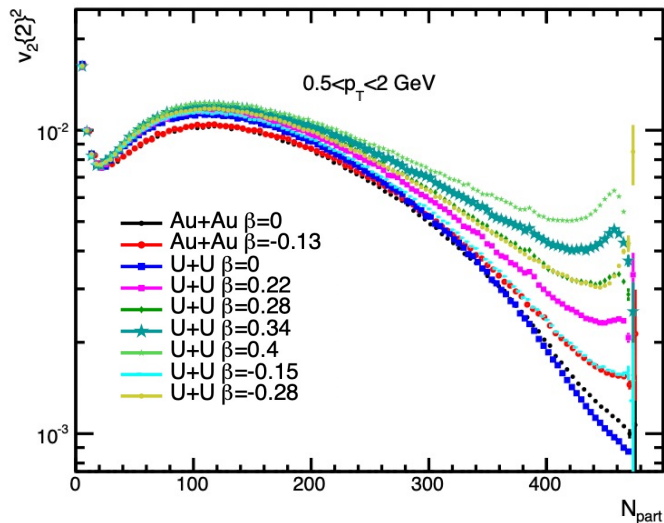
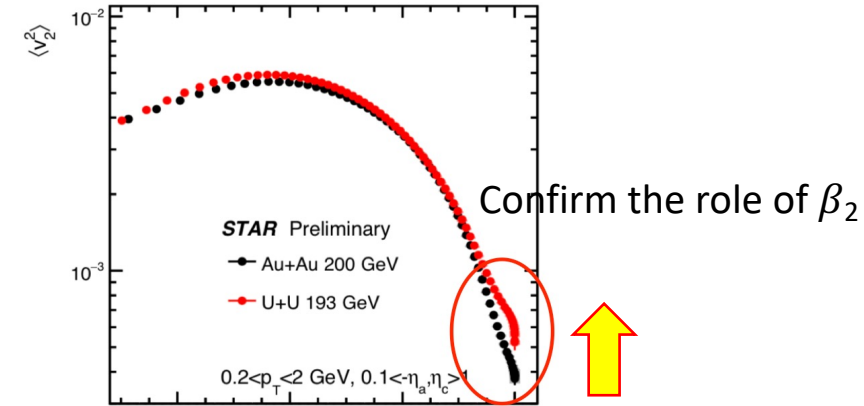
Only is β_2 effects are studied
Nice linear relation observed

$$\langle v_2^2 \rangle \approx a_2 + b_{2,2} \beta_2^2$$

G. Giacalone, J. Jia and C. Zhang, PRL127, 242301 (2021)



Also see, STAR, PRL 115, 222301 (2015)



v_3 is fluctuation driven, expect in central $\langle v_3^2 \rangle \propto \langle \epsilon_3^2 \rangle \sim 1/A$

i.e. $v_{3,U} < v_{3,Au}$ in absence of β_3 and β_4 ↑ Mass number

But STAR v_3 data show reversed ordering in central

Role of nuclear deformation in the final state

We plot ratio of v_n in AuAu with $\beta_2 = -0.13$ to UU with different $(\beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4)$

β_2	β_3	β_4
0.286[12]	0.078[13]	0.07 – 0.09[14, 15]

S. E. Agbemava et al., PRC 93, 044304 (2016)

J. Libert et al., PRC 25, 586 (1982)

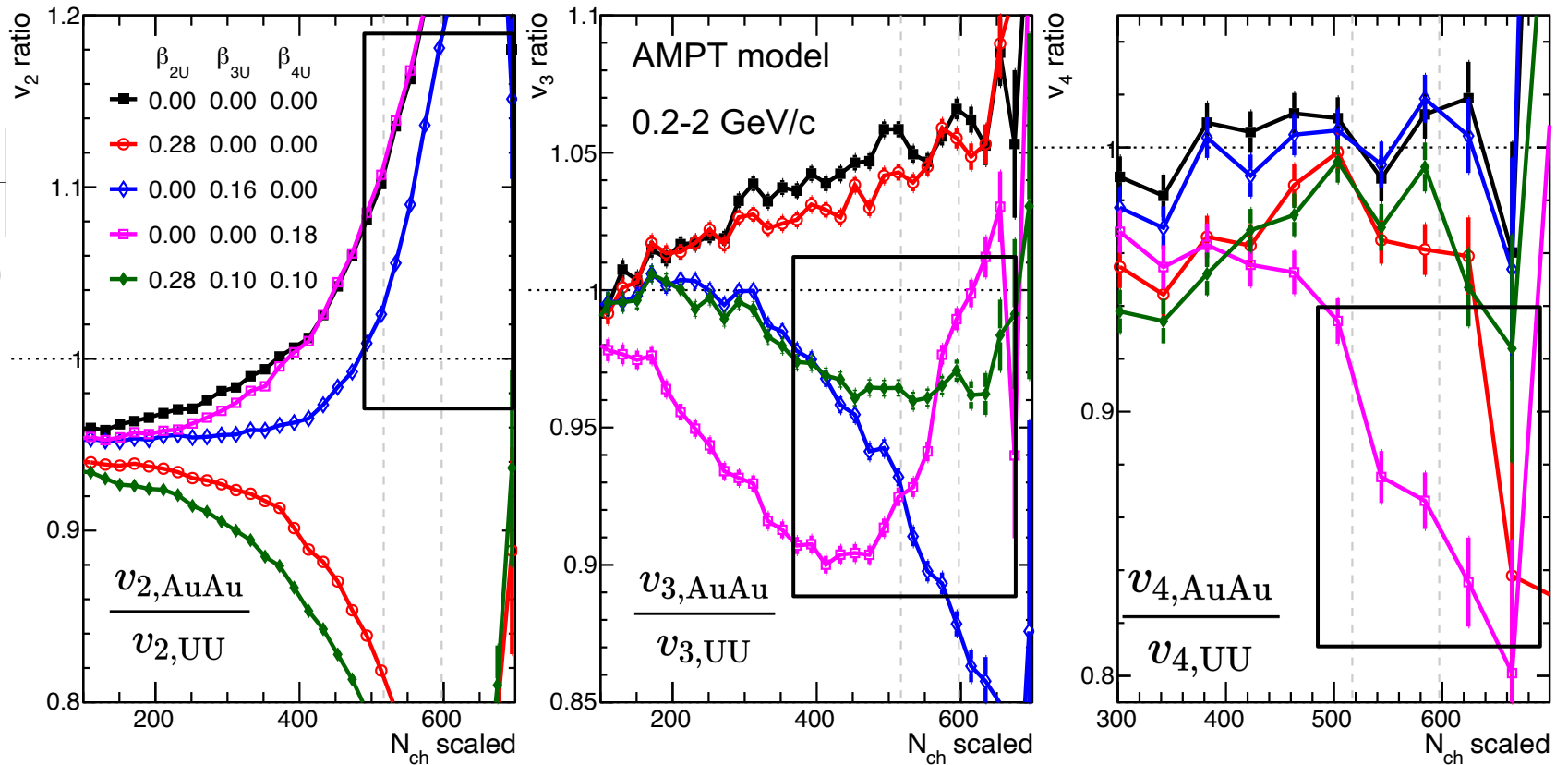
P. Moller et al., ADNDT 109-110, 1 (2016)

Confirms:

$$\langle v_2^2 \rangle \approx a_2 + b_{2,2}\beta_2^2 + b_{2,3}\beta_3^2$$

$$\langle v_3^2 \rangle \approx a_3 + b_{3,3}\beta_3^2 + b_{3,4}\beta_4^2$$

$$\langle v_4^2 \rangle \approx a_4 + b_{4,4}\beta_4^2$$

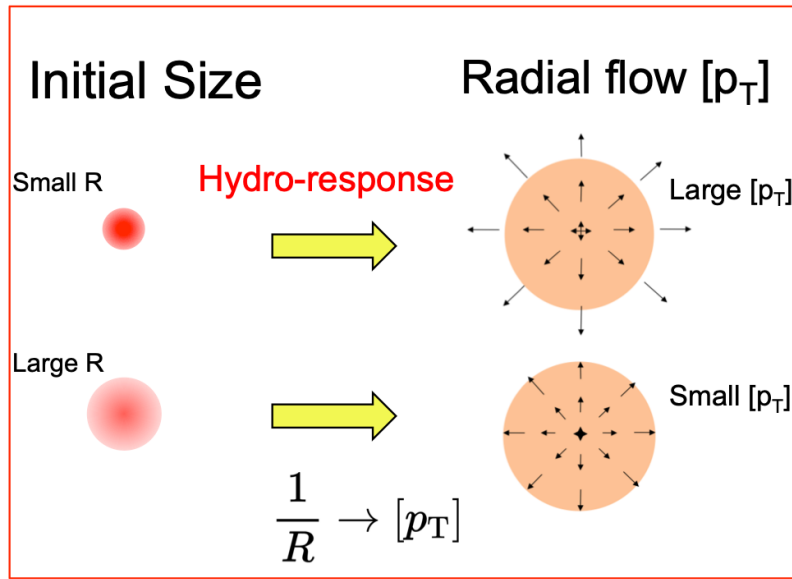


$\beta_{4,U}$ constrained using v_4 ratio in the central region

v_2 ratio is mostly affected by $\beta_{2,U}$, but also $\beta_{3,U}$

Order of v_3 reversed by considering non-zero $\beta_{3,U}, \beta_{4,U}$ which can be constrained in the central region.

[p_T] fluctuations

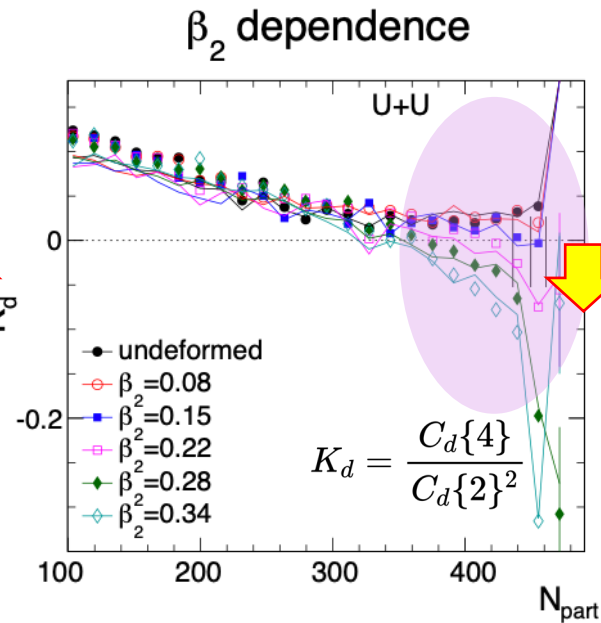
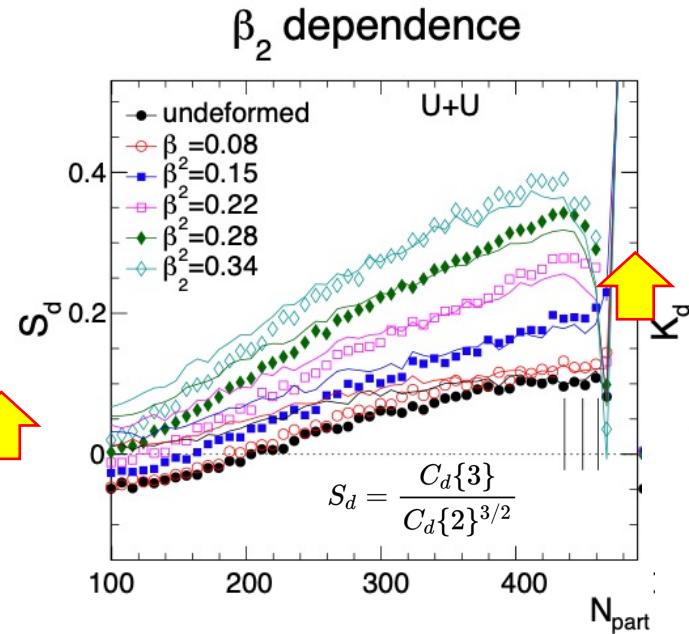
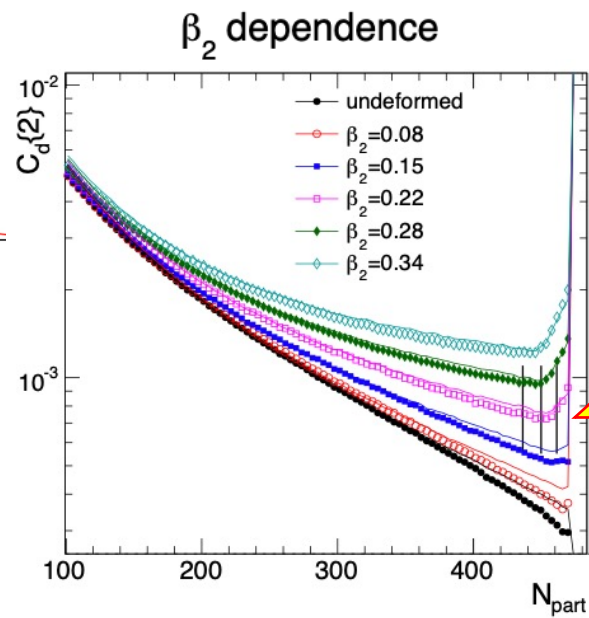
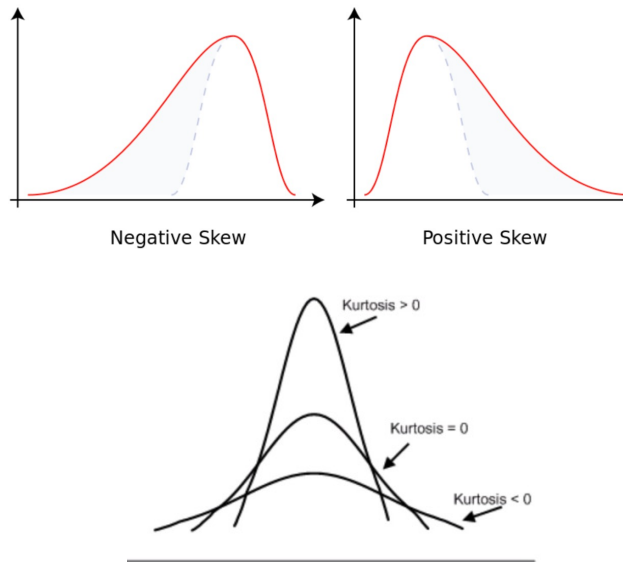


Mean $\frac{\delta[p_T]}{[p_T]} \propto \frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \propto \beta_2$ J. Jia, PRC 105, 044905 (2021)

Variance $\left\langle \left(\frac{\delta[p_T]}{[p_T]} \right)^2 \right\rangle \propto \left\langle \left(\frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^2 \right\rangle \propto \beta_2^2$

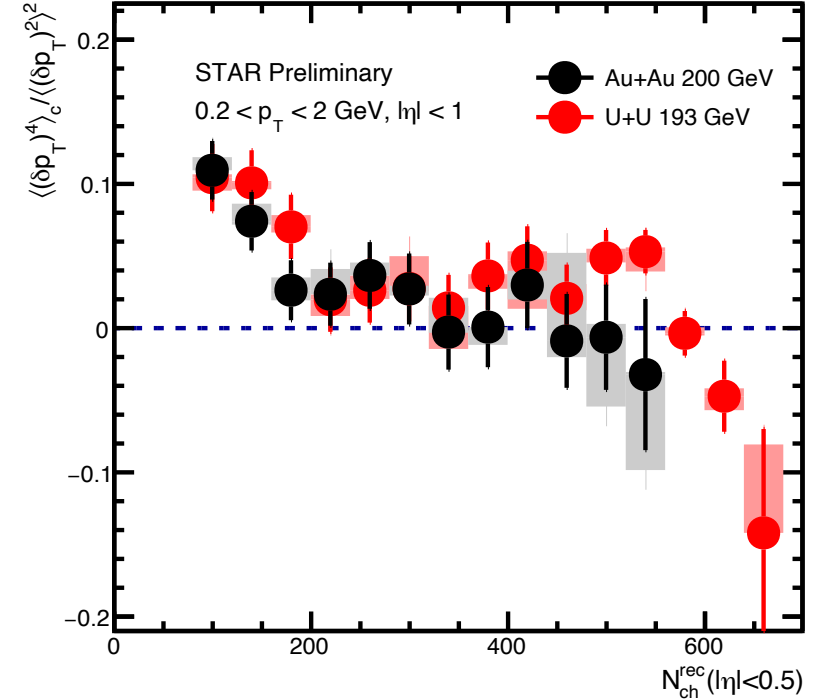
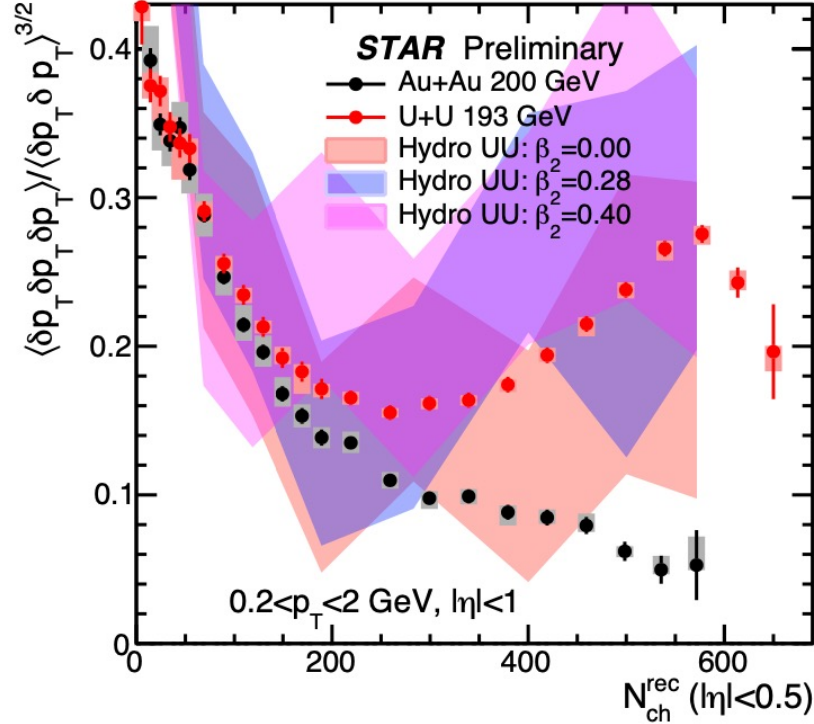
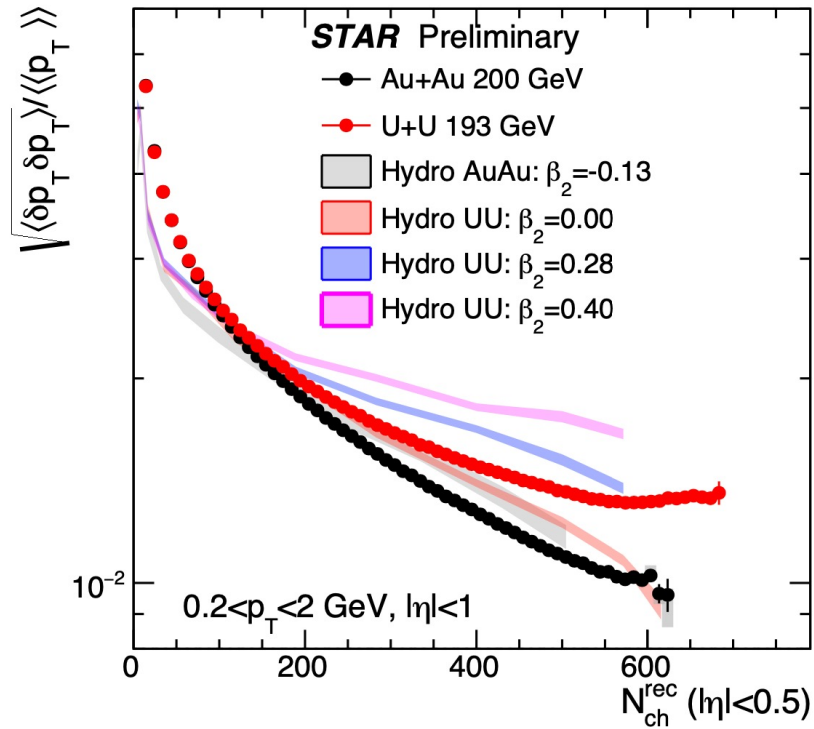
Skewness $\left\langle \left(\frac{\delta[p_T]}{[p_T]} \right)^3 \right\rangle \propto \left\langle \left(\frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^3 \right\rangle \propto \cos(3\gamma) \beta_2^3$

Kurtosis $\left\langle \left(\frac{\delta[p_T]}{[p_T]} \right)^4 \right\rangle - 3 \left\langle \left(\frac{\delta[p_T]}{[p_T]} \right)^2 \right\rangle^2 \propto \left\langle \left(\frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^4 \right\rangle - 3 \left\langle \left(\frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^2 \right\rangle^2 \propto -\beta_2^4$



$[p_T]$ fluctuations at RHIC and comparisons to CGC+hydro model

IP-Glasma+Hydro: private calculation provided by Bjoern Schenke

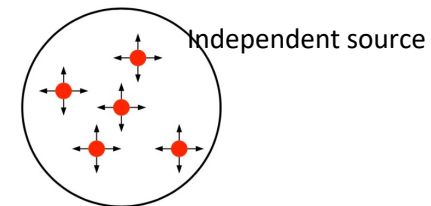


Au+Au: follow independent source scaling $1/N$ within power-law decrease

U+U: large enhancement in normalized variance and skewness and sign-change in normalized kurtosis
 → size fluctuations enhanced

Nuclear deformation role is confirmed by hydro calculations.

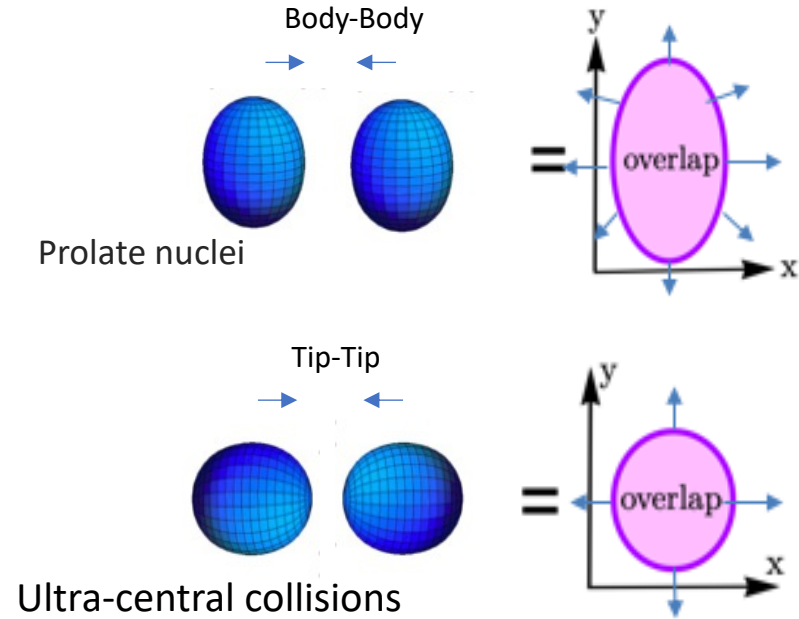
Radial expansion induced by nuclei shape:



$$c_s^2 = \frac{dP}{d\epsilon} = \frac{d \ln T}{d \ln s} = \frac{d \ln \langle p_T \rangle}{d \ln N_{ch}}$$

$$\frac{d \langle p_T \rangle}{\langle p_T \rangle} = -3c_s^2 \frac{dR}{\langle R \rangle}$$

Collecting the initial state to the nuclear geometry



- ϵ_2 and R are influenced by the quadrupole deformation β_2

- $\langle p_T \rangle \sim 1/R$ and $v_2 \propto \epsilon_2$: $\left\langle \epsilon_n^2 \frac{1}{R} \right\rangle \rightarrow \langle v_n^2 p_T \rangle$

deformation contributes to anticorrelation between v_2 and $\langle p_T \rangle$

Pearson coefficient: v_n - $[p_T]$ three particle correlator

$$\rho(v_n^2, [p_T]) = \frac{\text{cov}(v_n^2, [p_T])}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(v_n^2)_{\text{dyn}} \langle \delta p_T \delta p_T \rangle}}$$

$$\text{cov}(v_n^2, [p_T]) \equiv \left\langle \frac{\sum_{i \neq j \neq k} w_i w_j w_k e^{in\phi_i} e^{-in\phi_j} (p_{T,k} - \langle p_T \rangle)}{\sum_{i \neq j \neq k} w_i w_j w_k} \right\rangle_{\text{evt}}$$

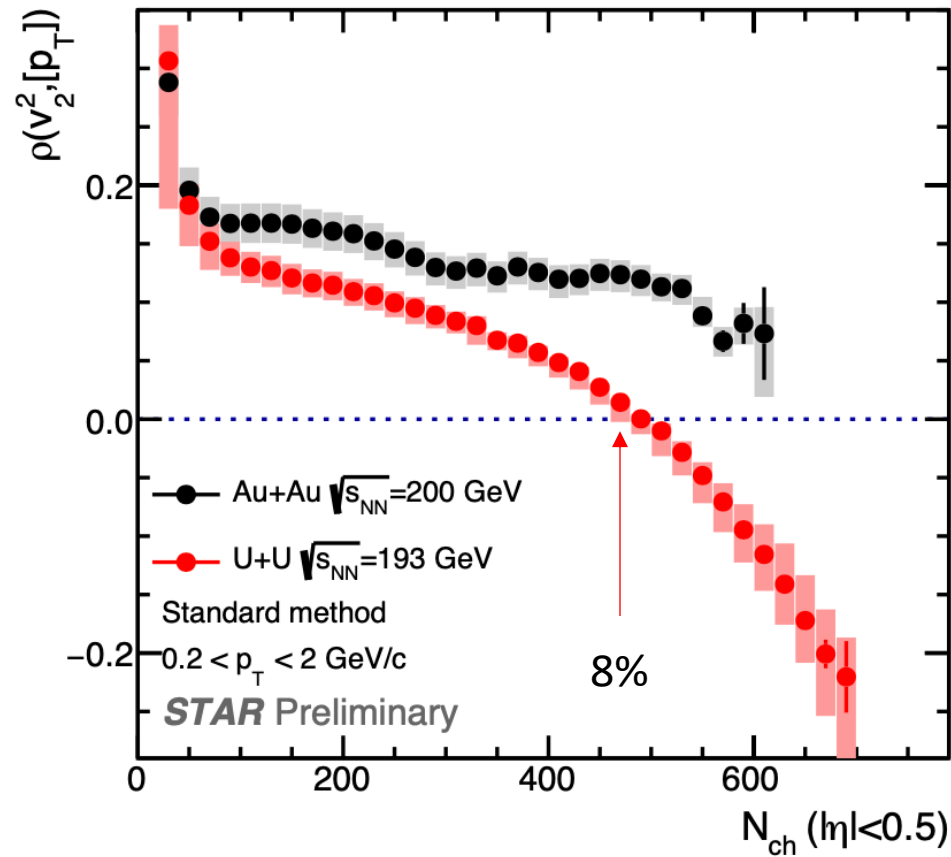
$$[p_T] \equiv \frac{\sum_i w_i p_{T,i}}{\sum_i w_i}, \langle [p_T] \rangle \equiv \langle [p_T] \rangle_{\text{evt}}$$

w_i is track weight

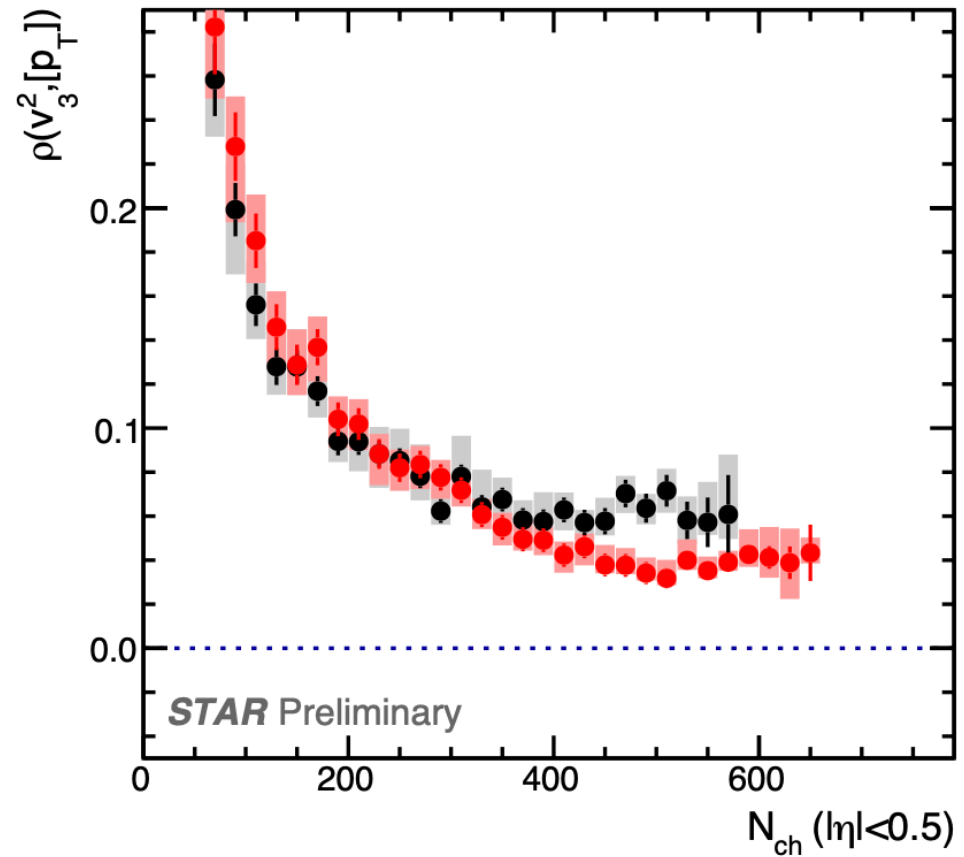
$$\text{Var}(v_n^2)_{\text{dyn}} = v_n \{2\}^4 - v_n \{4\}^4$$

$$\langle \delta p_T \delta p_T \rangle = \left\langle \frac{\sum_{i \neq j} w_i w_j (p_{T,i} - \langle p_T \rangle) (p_{T,j} - \langle p_T \rangle)}{\sum_{i \neq j} w_i w_j} \right\rangle_{\text{evt}}$$

$v_n - [p_T]$ correlations at RHIC



Clear sign change in U+U around 8% centrality
Au+Au remains positive



Similar between Au+Au and U+U

Compare to TRENTo initial-state model

TRENTo provided by Giuliano Giacalone (PRC102, 024901(2020), PRL124, 202301(2020))

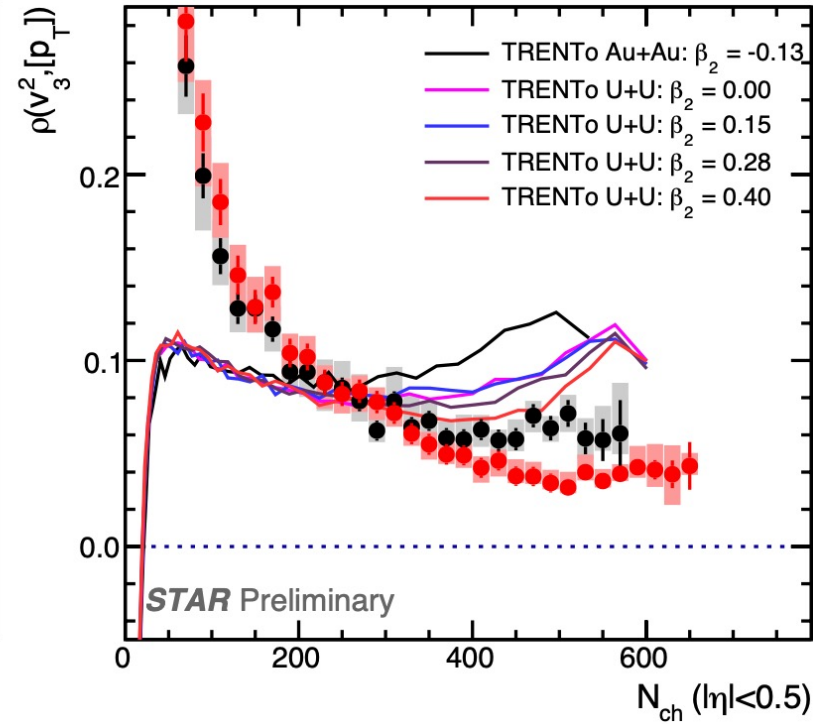
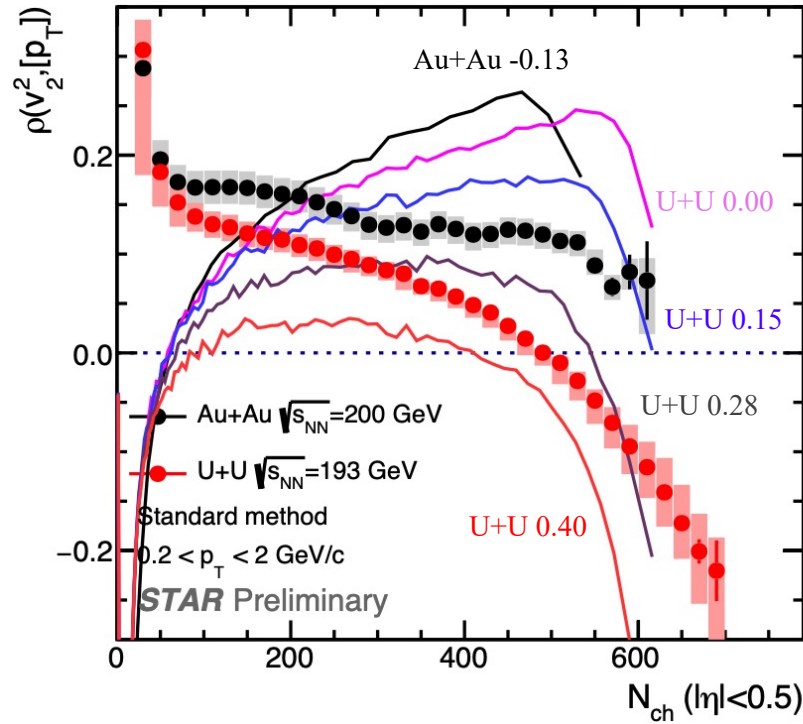
Calculated via predictor with assumption:

$$v_n \propto \epsilon_n$$

$$[p_T] \propto \frac{E}{S}$$



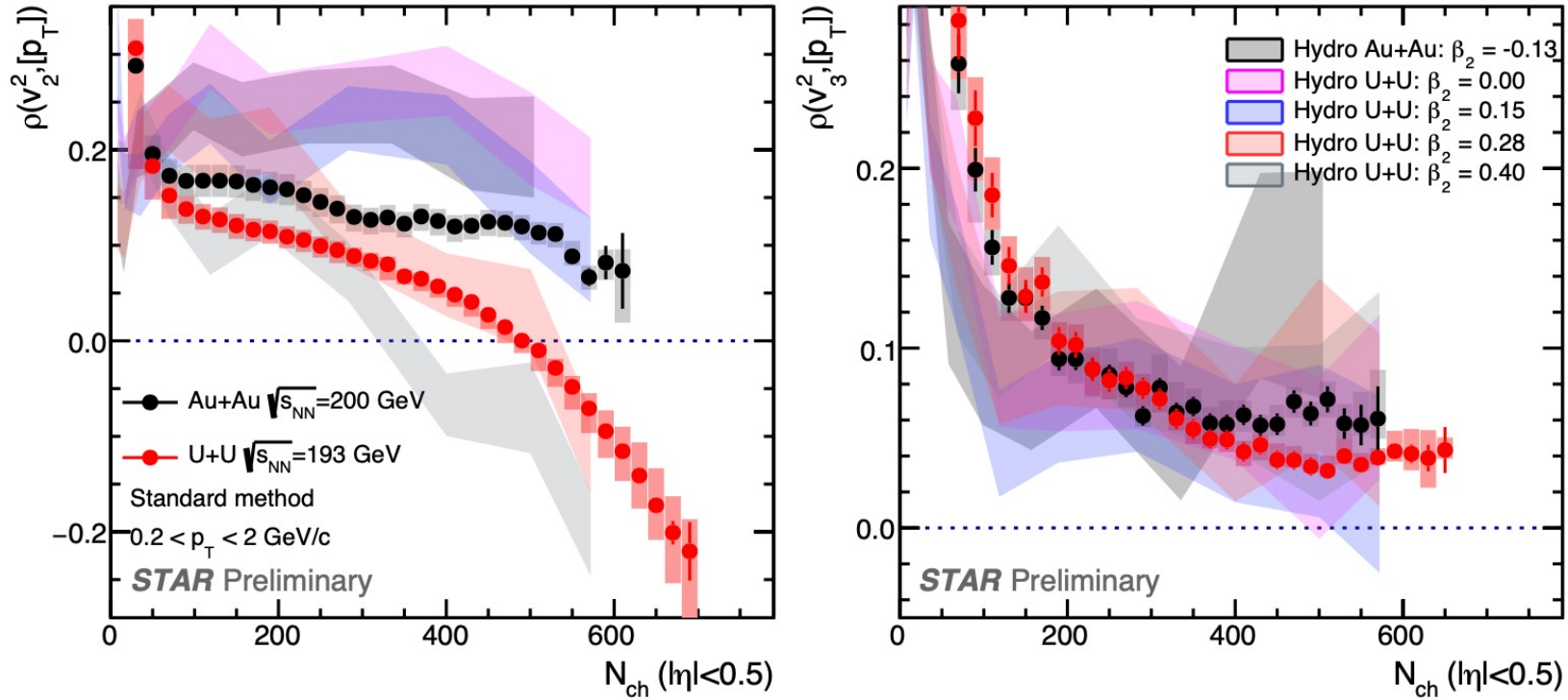
$$\rho(v_n^2, [p_T]) \sim \frac{\langle \epsilon_n^2 \delta \frac{E}{S} \rangle}{\sqrt{\text{var}(\epsilon_n^2) \langle \delta \frac{E}{S} \delta \frac{E}{S} \rangle}}$$



- Trento does not describe data but shows a hierarchical β_2 dependence for correlations
- Trento shows sign-change from Uranium deformation, prefers $0.28 < \beta_2 < 0.4$
- Trento shows that v_3^2 - $[p_T]$ correlations are insensitive to deformation.

Compare to (boost-invariant) CGC+Hydro model

IP-Glasma+Hydro provided by Bjoern Schenke (PRC102, 044905(2020))



- Without deformation, CGC+hydro model over-predicts the values for $\rho(v_2^2, [p_T])$.
- With increasing β_2 , model could describe the trend of $\rho(v_2^2, [p_T])$.
- Model shows that $\rho(v_3^2, [p_T])$ are insensitive to β_2 .

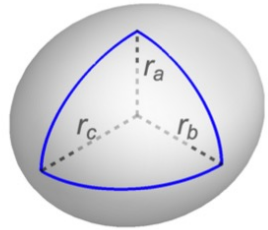
The sign-change of $\rho(v_2^2, [p_T])$ is due to deformation effect, model quantifies the β_2 value around 0.3 with large uncertainty.

Evidence of the quadrupole and triaxial structure of ^{129}Xe at LHC

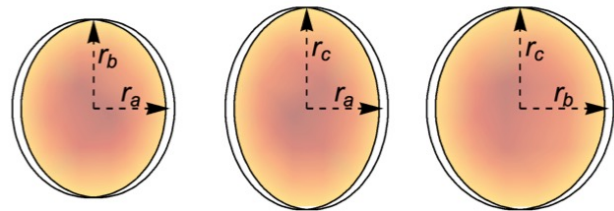
Triaxial

J. Jia, PRC105, 044905(2021)

$$\beta_2 = 0.25, \cos(3\gamma) = 0$$



$$r_a \neq r_b \neq r_c$$

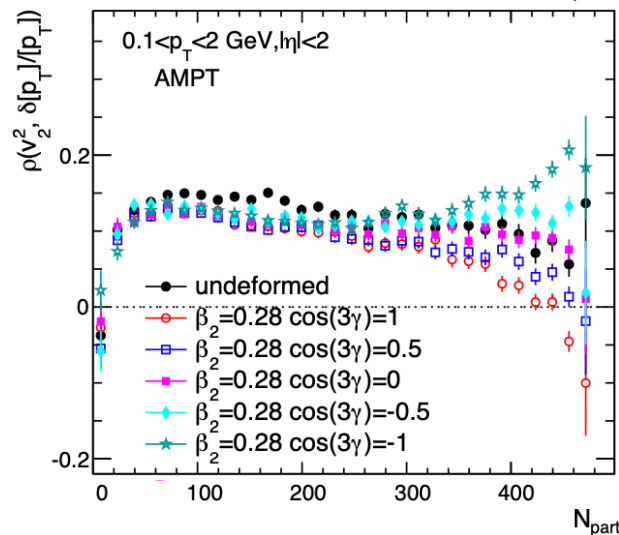
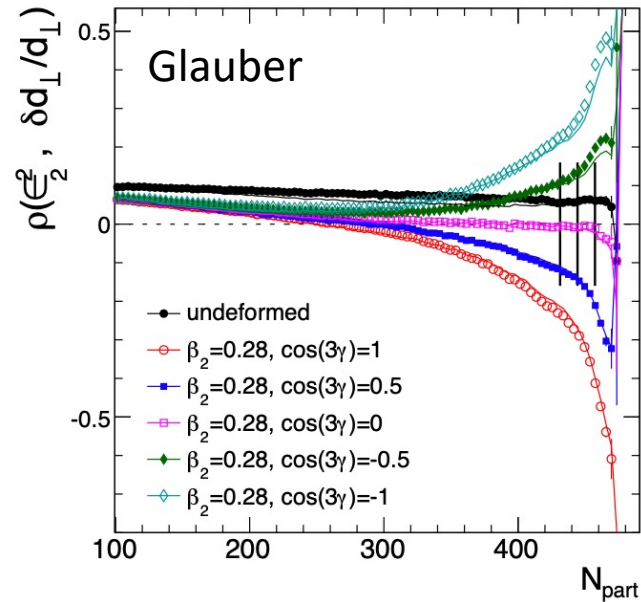


$$\rho(r, \theta, \phi) = \frac{\rho_0}{1 + e^{[r - R(\theta, \phi)/a_0]}}$$

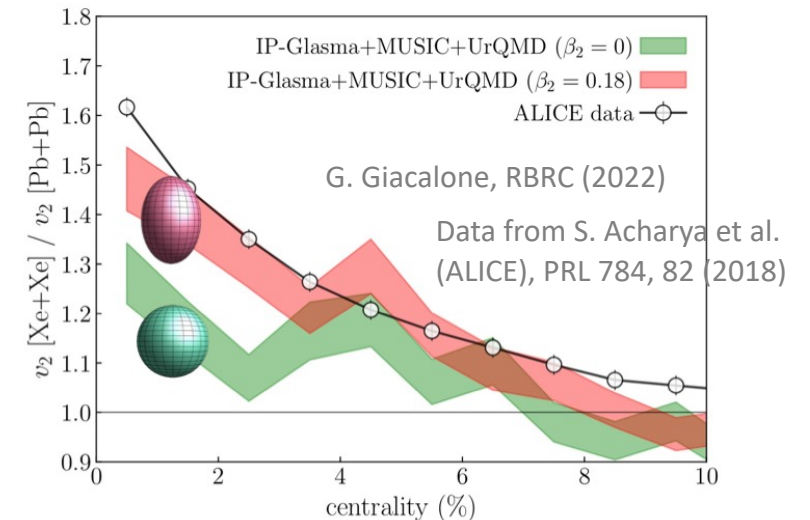
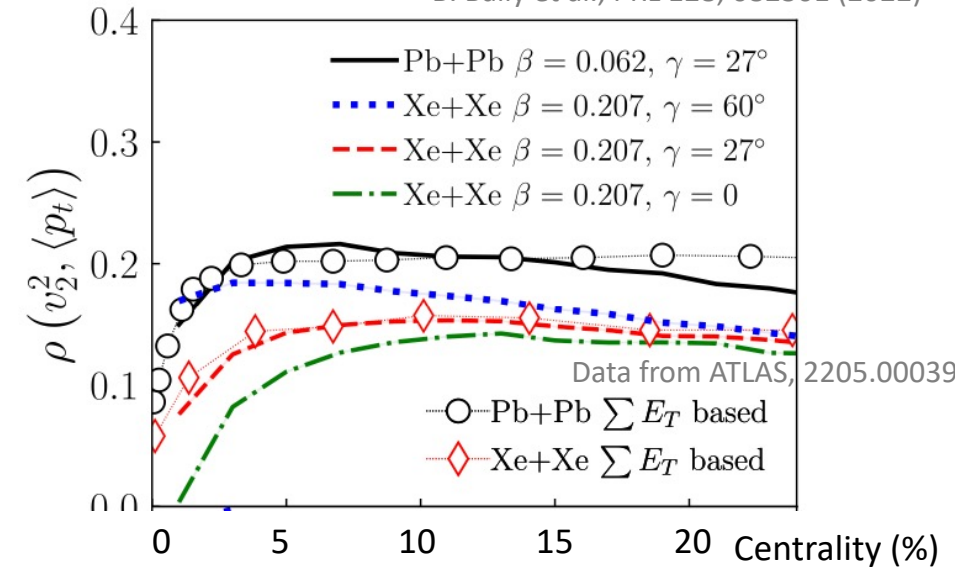
$$R(\theta, \phi) = R_0(1 + \beta_2[\cos \gamma Y_{2,0}(\theta, \phi) + \sin \gamma Y_{2,2}(\theta, \phi)])$$

$$\rho_2 \propto -\cos(3\gamma)\beta_2^3$$

Could isolate the γ dependence



B. Bally et al., PRL 128, 082301 (2022)

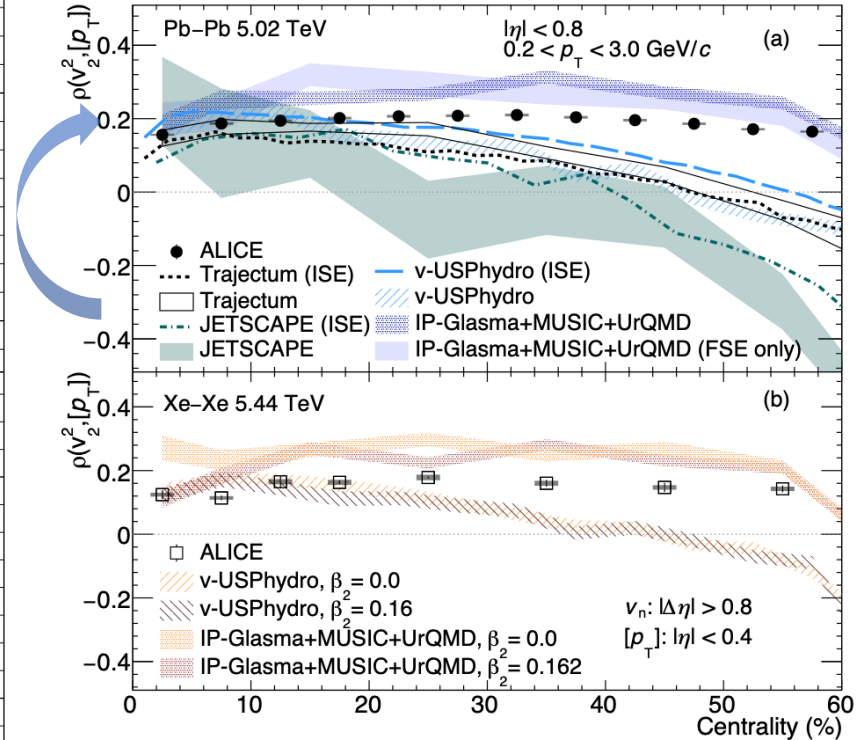
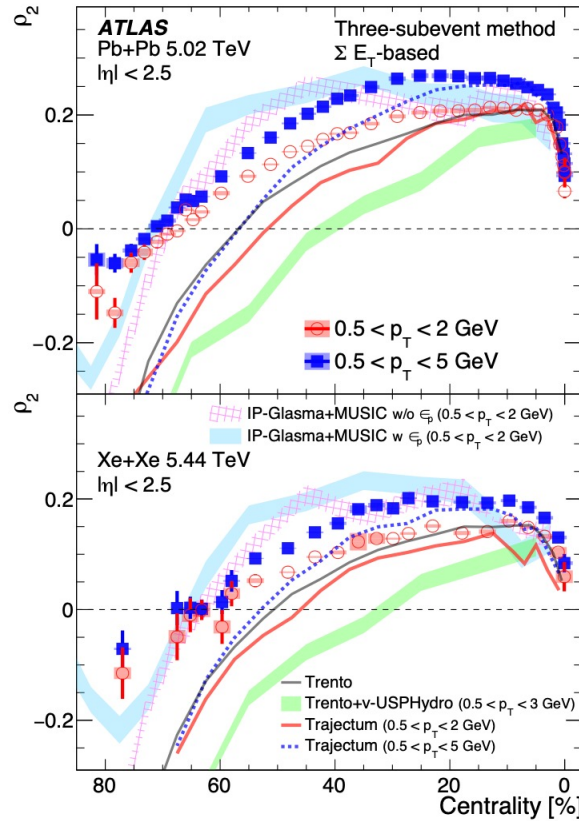
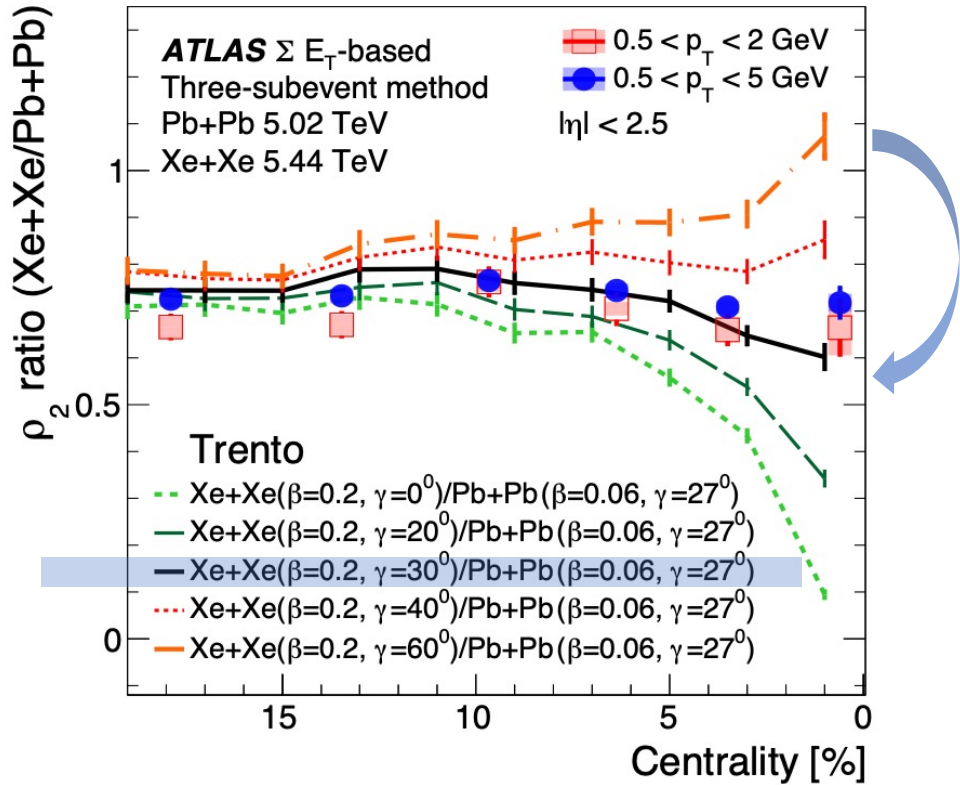


^{129}Xe also shows the quadrupole shape

Signature of the triaxial deformation at LHC

ATLAS, 2205.00039

ALICE, PLB 834, 137393 (2022)



No p_T dependence, medium effect was canceled.

Confirm the triaxial shape of ^{129}Xe nuclei

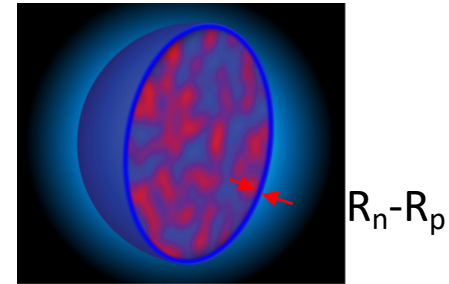
Multiple ways to deposit energy

$$e(x, y) \sim \begin{cases} T_A + T_B & N_{\text{part}} \text{ - scaling, } p = 1 \\ T_A T_B & N_{\text{coll}} \text{ - scaling, } p = 0, q = 2 \\ \sqrt{T_A T_B} & \text{Trento default, } p = 0 \\ \min\{T_A, T_B\} & \text{KLN model, } p \sim -2/3 \\ T_A + T_B + \alpha T_A T_B & \text{two-component model, similar to quark-gluon model} \end{cases} \quad T \propto \left(\frac{T_A^p + T_B^p}{2} \right)^{q/p}$$

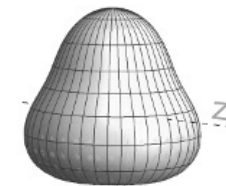
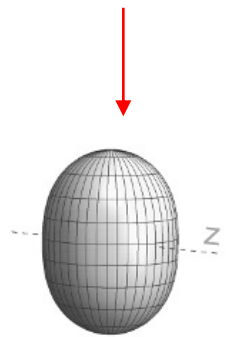
- Pave a novel way to characterize the initial state 19

Nuclear structure in unique isobar ^{96}Ru and ^{96}Zr at RHIC

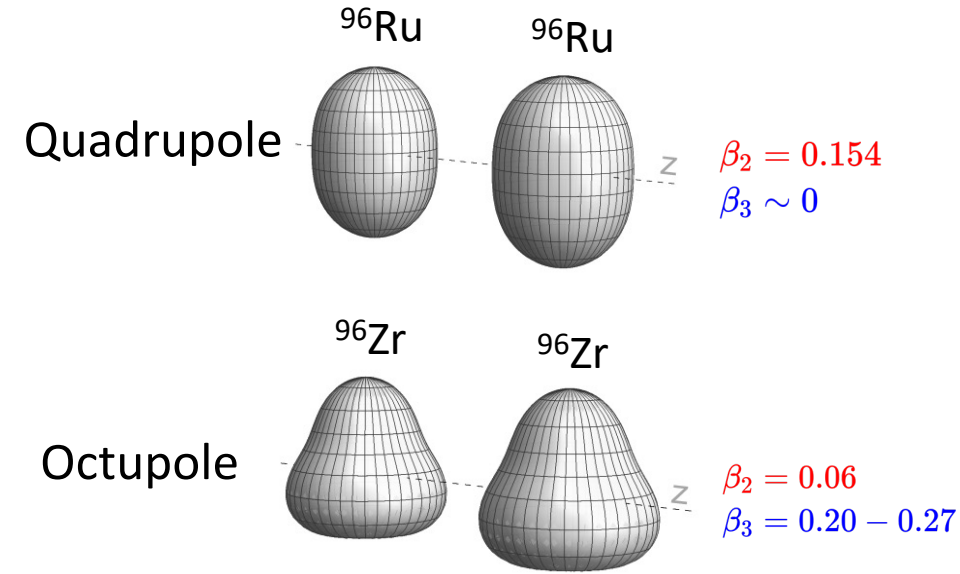
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Signatures of nuclear structure in isobar collisions?



Nuclear structure experimental data on Ru/Zr β_n :

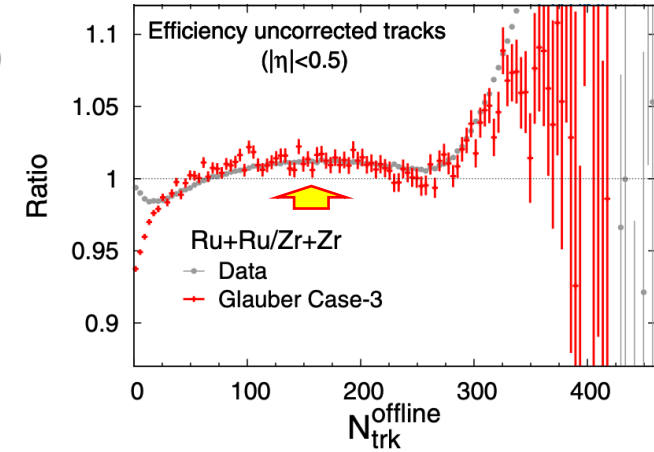
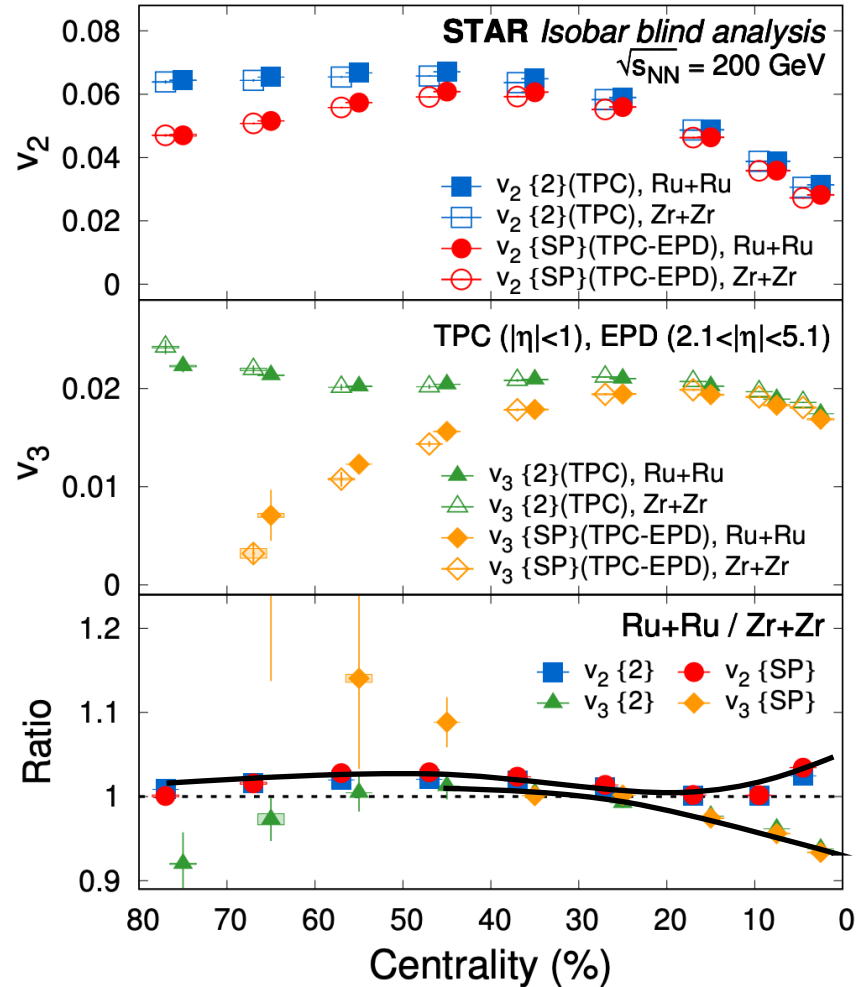
	β_2	$E_{2_1^+}$ (MeV)	β_3	$E_{3_1^-}$ (MeV)
^{96}Ru	0.154	0.83	-	3.08
^{96}Zr	0.062	1.75	0.202, 0.235, 0.27	1.90

$$\beta_2 = \frac{4\pi}{3ZR_0^2} \sqrt{\frac{B(E2) \uparrow}{e^2}}$$

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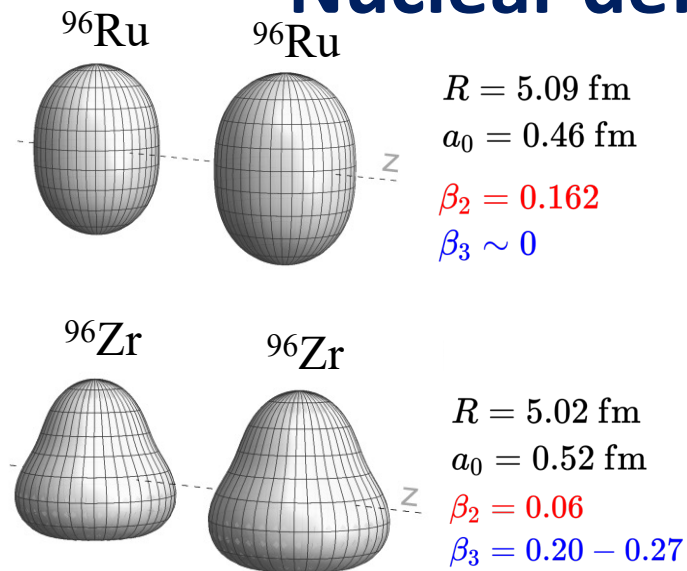


Nucleus	Case-3 [113]		
	R (fm)	a (fm)	β_2
^{96}Ru	5.067	0.500	0
$^{96}_{44}\text{Zr}$	4.965	0.556	0

$$\frac{\mathcal{O}_{X+X}}{\mathcal{O}_{Y+Y}} \stackrel{?}{=} 1$$

Significant departure from one

Nuclear deformation and neutron skin thickness via v_n ratio



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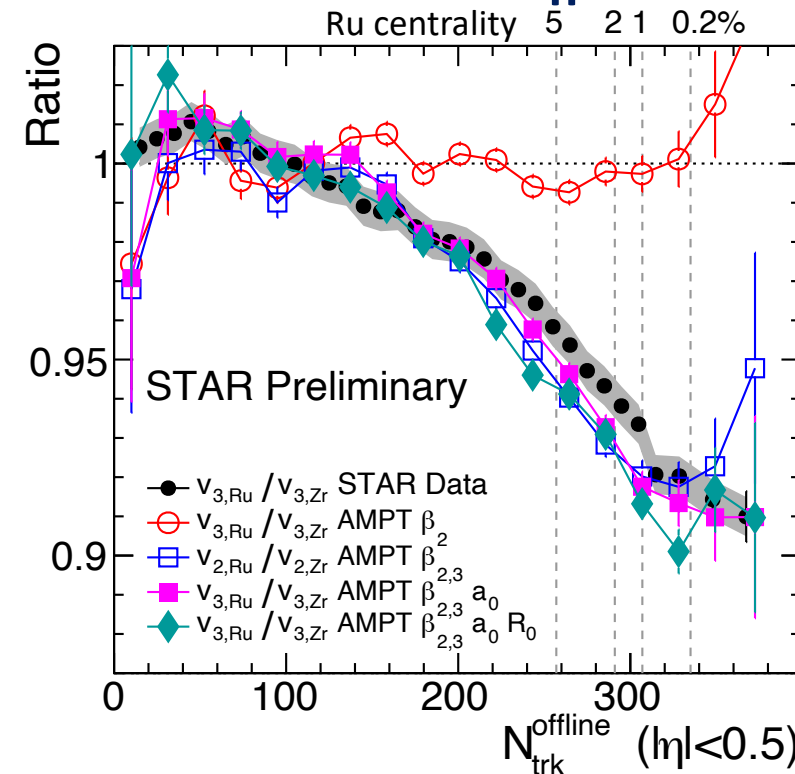
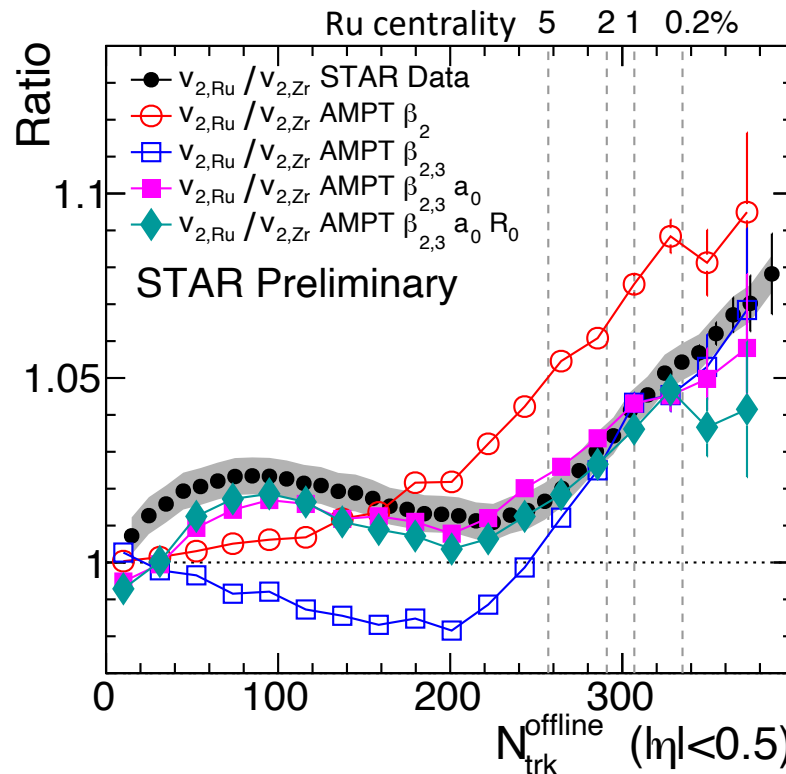
Heavy-ion expectation:

$$v_2^2 = a_2 + b_2\beta_2^2 + b_{2,3}\beta_3^2, \quad v_3^2 = a_3 + b_3\beta_3^2$$

$$\frac{v_{2,\text{Ru}}^2}{v_{2,\text{Zr}}^2} \approx 1 + \frac{b_2}{a_2} (\beta_{2,\text{Ru}}^2 - \beta_{2,\text{Zr}}^2) - \frac{b_{2,3}}{a_2} \beta_{3,\text{Zr}}^2$$

$$\frac{v_{3,\text{Ru}}^2}{v_{3,\text{Zr}}^2} \approx 1 - \frac{b_3}{a_3} \beta_{3,\text{Zr}}^2 < 1$$

Cancelation expected in non-central collisions



- 1) v_2 ratio: large $\beta_{2,\text{Ru}}$, negative contribution from $\beta_{3,\text{Zr}} \Rightarrow$ Sharper increase in central
 - 2) v_3 ratio: strong decrease from $\beta_{3,\text{Zr}}$ with negligible $\beta_{2,\text{Ru}}$ distortion
 - 3) Residual effect due to radial structure, e.g., neutron skin in Zr
 - 4) No significant effect due to nuclear size
- ✓ The large differences of v_2 and v_3 suggest $\beta_{2,\text{Ru}} \gg \beta_{2,\text{Zr}}$ and $\beta_{3,\text{Ru}} \ll \beta_{3,\text{Zr}}$.

Direct indication of octupole deformation in heavy-ion collisions.

Q. Shou, Y.G. Ma et al., PLB 749,215(2015)

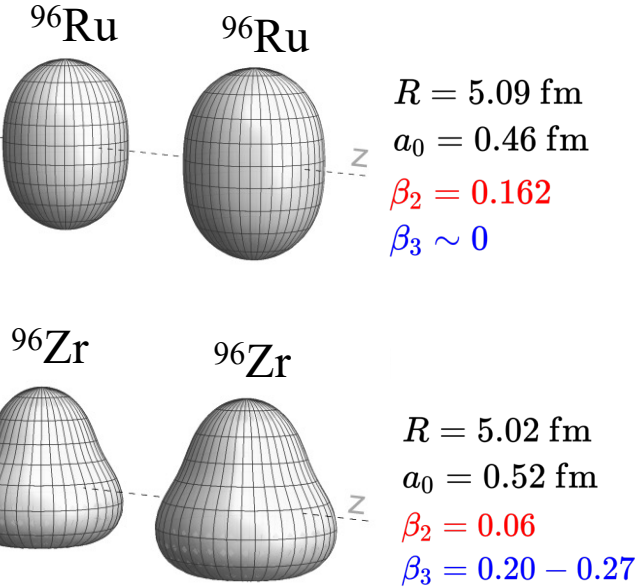
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H.J. Xu et al., PLB 819, 1136453(2021)

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Nuclear deformation via $[p_T]$ variance ratio

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Heavy-ion expectation:

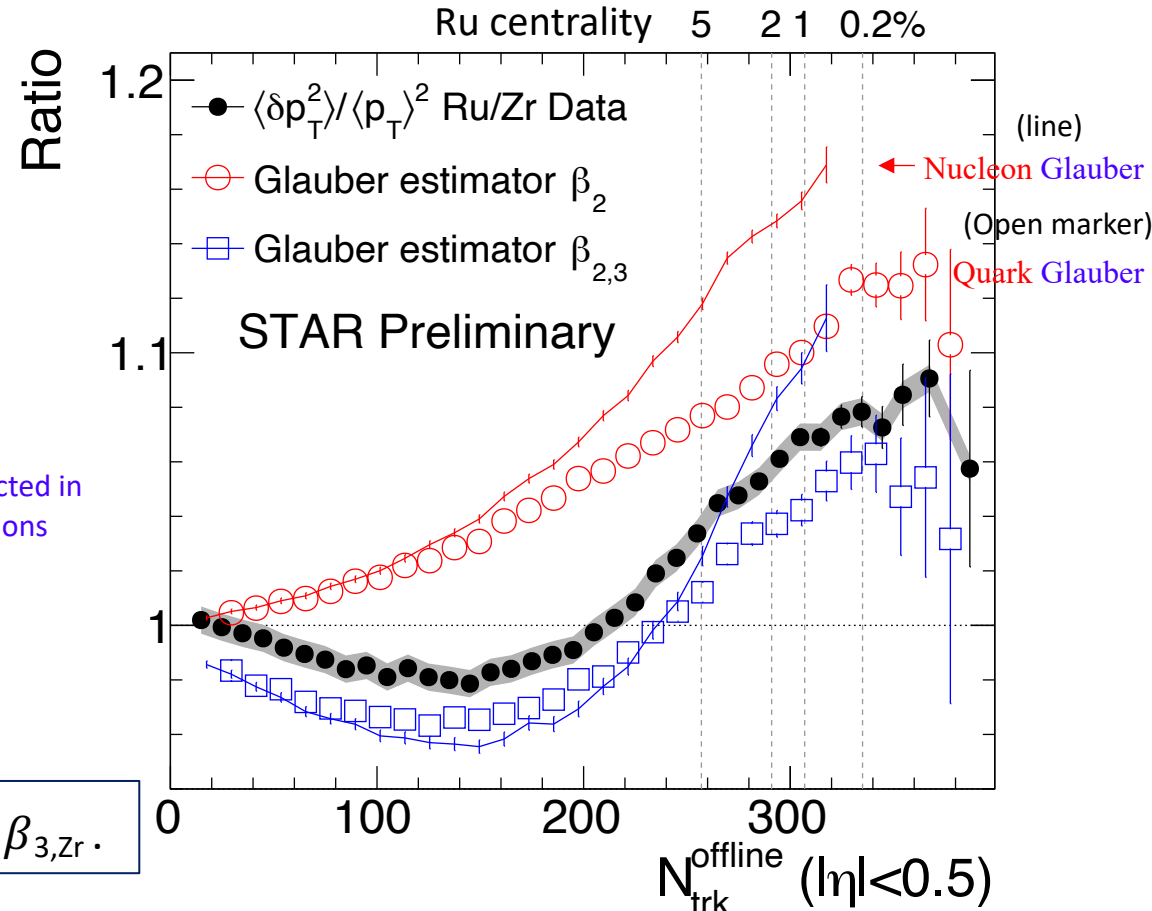
$$\langle (\delta[p_T]/[p_T])^2 \rangle = a_0 + b_0\beta_2^2 + b_{0,3}\beta_3^2$$

$$\frac{\langle \delta p_T^2 \rangle_{\text{Ru}}}{\langle \delta p_T^2 \rangle_{\text{Zr}}} \approx 1 + \frac{b_0}{a_0} (\beta_{2,\text{Ru}}^2 - \beta_{2,\text{Zr}}^2) - \frac{b_{0,3}}{a_0} \beta_{3,\text{Zr}}^2$$

Cancelation expected in non-central collisions

$$\langle (\delta[p_T]/[p_T])^2 \rangle \propto \langle (\delta d_{\perp}/d_{\perp})^2 \rangle = \langle \delta_d^2 \rangle + \langle p_0(\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \gamma)^2 \rangle \beta_2^2$$

$$\checkmark \beta_{2,\text{Ru}} \gg \beta_{2,\text{Zr}} \text{ and } \beta_{3,\text{Ru}} \ll \beta_{3,\text{Zr}}.$$



1) Nonmonotonic trend: large suppression in mid-central and increase in central

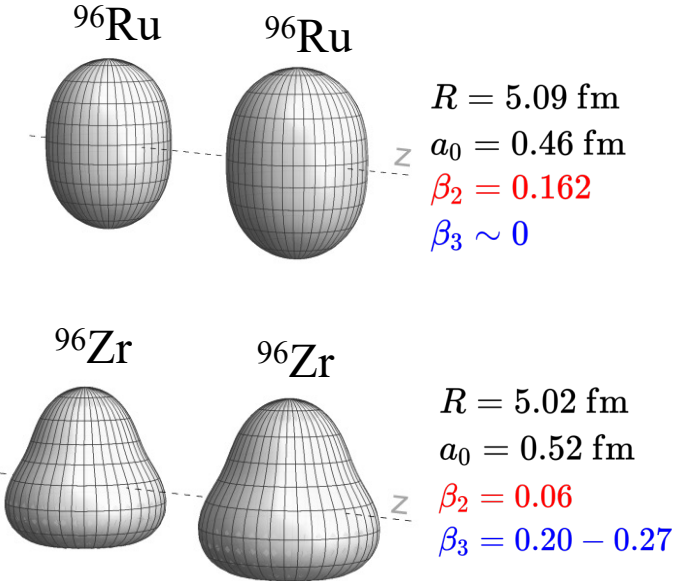
2) Enhancement from mid-central \Rightarrow large $\beta_{2,\text{Ru}}$

3) Large suppression in mid-central \Rightarrow strong octupole $\beta_{3,\text{Zr}}$

Variance of $[p_T]$ fluctuations can also be used to constrain the nuclear deformation.

Nuclear skin thickness via multiplicity ratio

J. Jia, PRC105, 014905(2022)



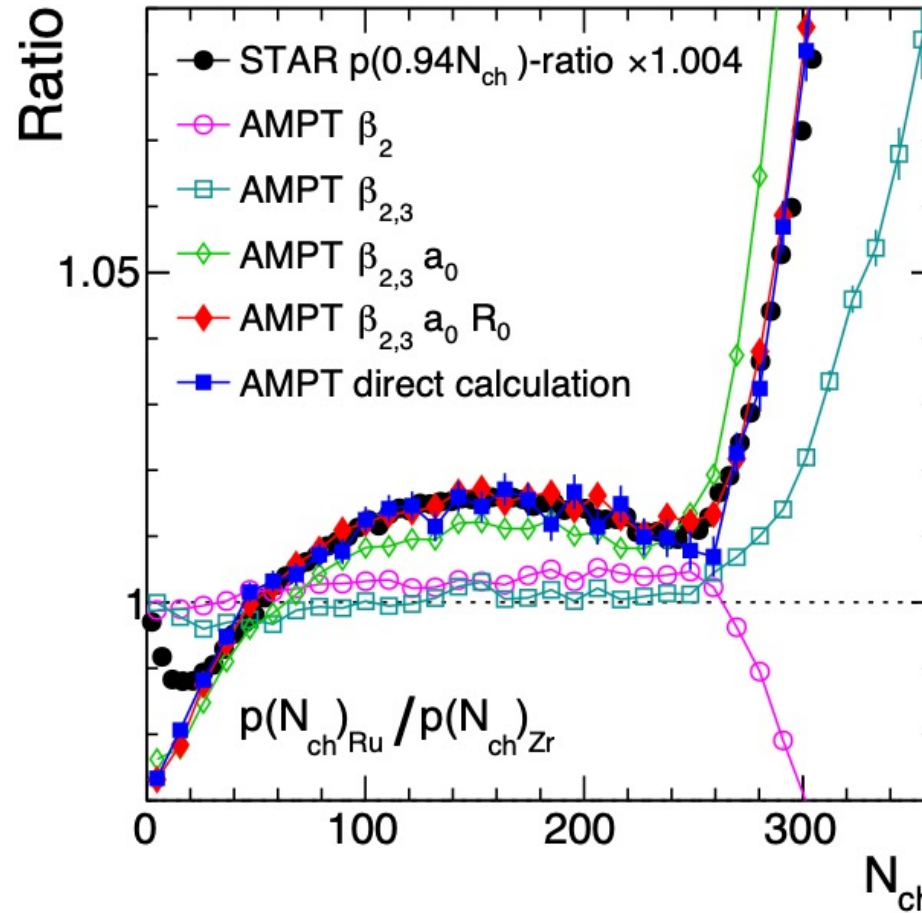
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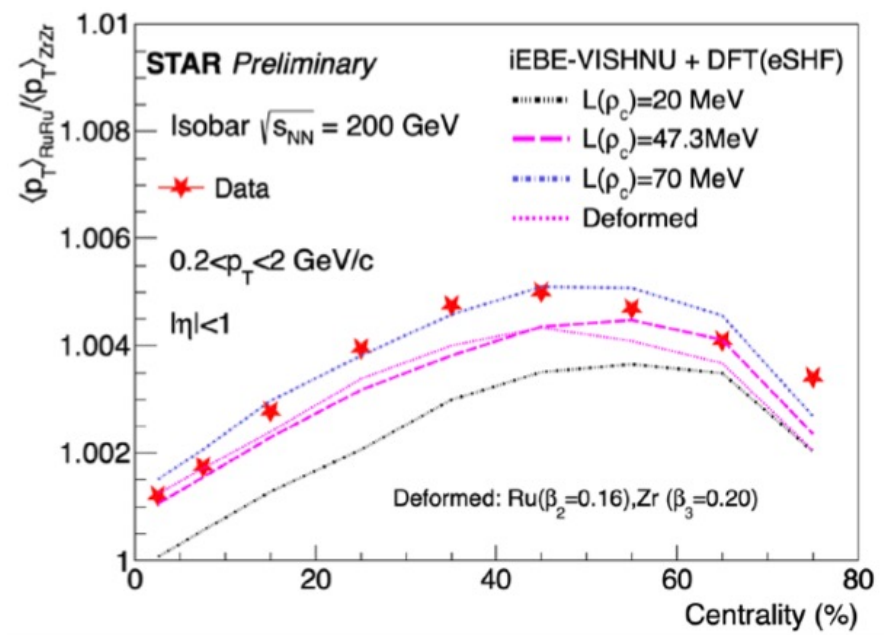
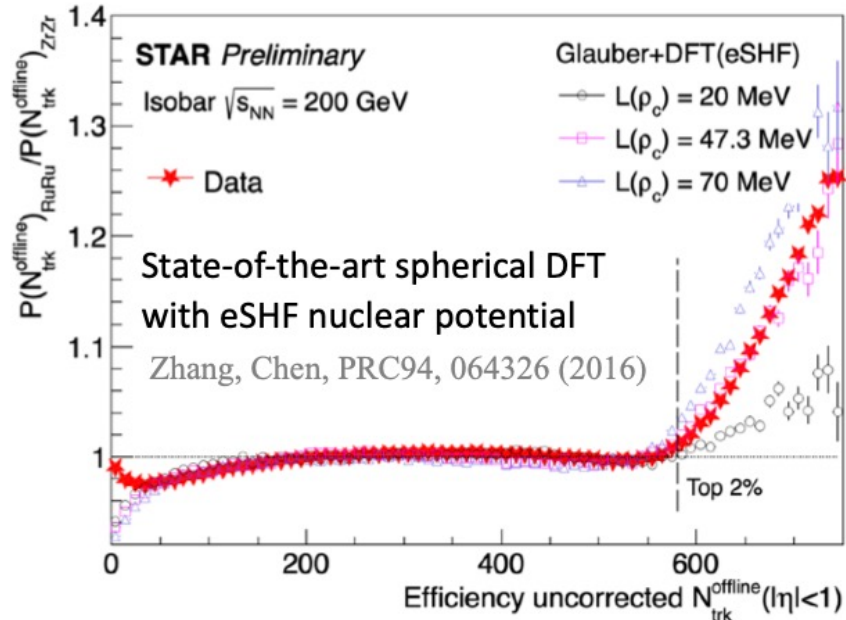
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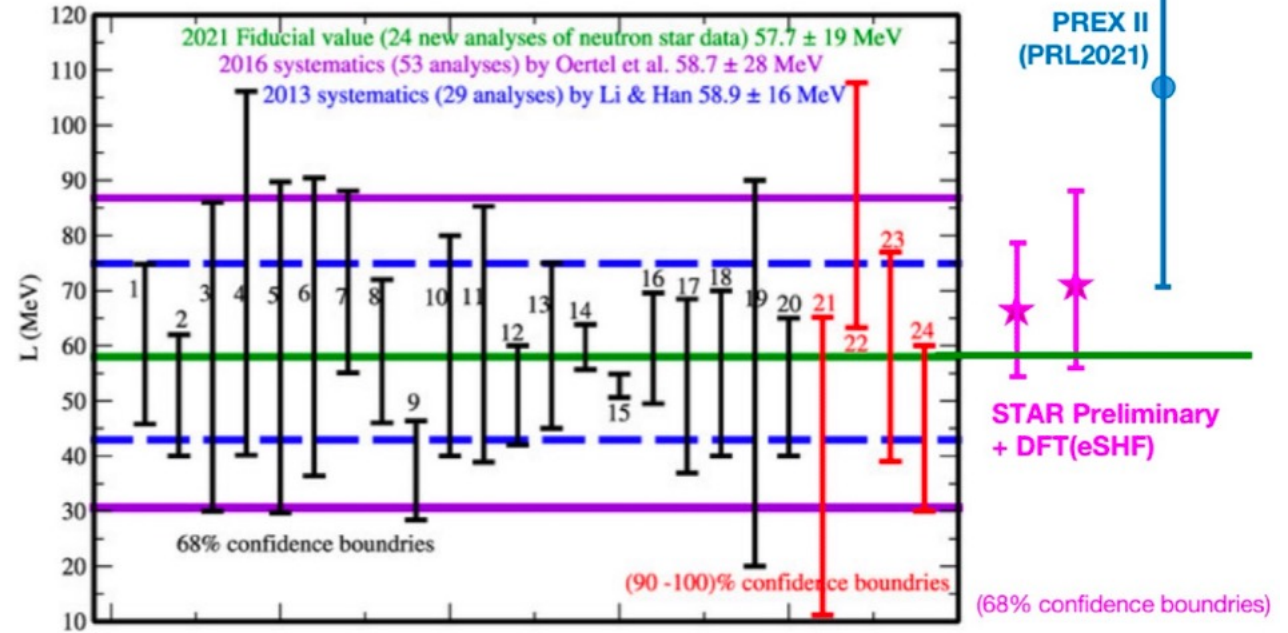
- 1) Nonmonotonic trend: bump in mid-central and increase in central
- 2) When only consider β_2 in case-1 and case-2: constant in peripheral and mid-central, but decrease in central.
- 3) But if you consider β_3 in Zr: also can almost get the same tail as Case-3.
- 4) Neutron skin a_0 dominates the bump in peripheral and mid-central. But the central tail is more tricky.
- 5) Nuclear size R also can affect the trend.

Nuclear skin thickness via multiplicity and $[p_T]$ ratios



Plots from Haojie Xu

B. Li, et.al Universe 7, 182 (2021)

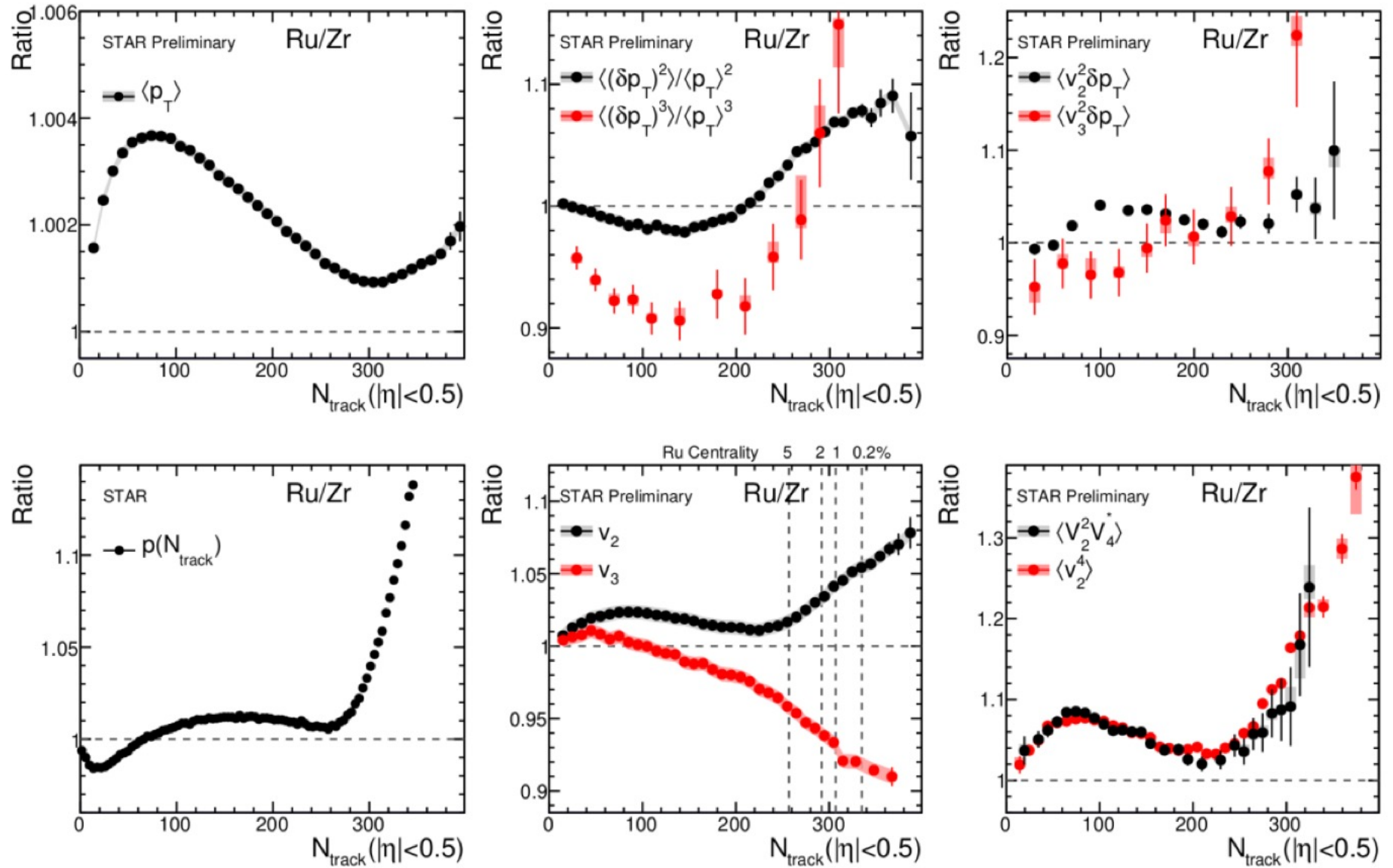


Constrain symmetry energy from heavy-ion view.

Another promising way: detect the neutron skin in ultra-peripheral collisions

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Nuclear structure influence everywhere



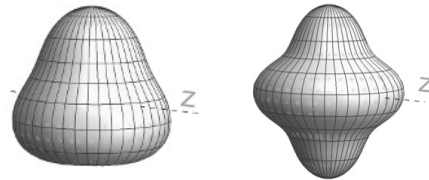
Future endeavors and opportunities

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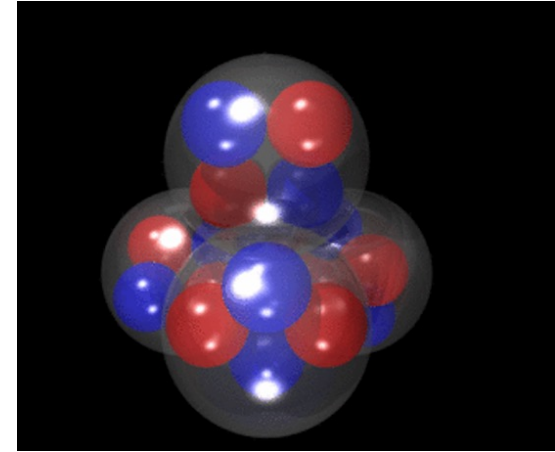
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Indication of the octupole and hexadecapole in ^{238}U nuclei in heavy collisions

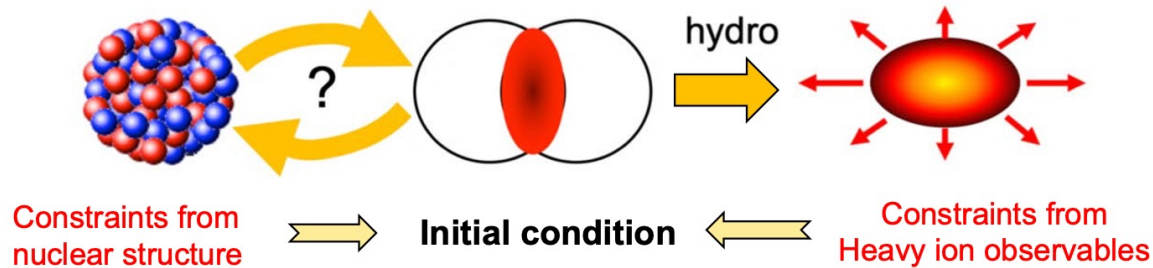


B: Light nuclei cluster at RHIC and LHC energy



C:

Strategy: constrain initial condition “independently” with nuclear structure input



Single-Beam Energy (GeV/nucleon)	$\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}$ (GeV)	Run Time	Species	Events (MinBias)
100	200	1 week	O+O	400 M 200 M (central)
100	200	1 week	d+Au	100M MB 100M Central

(RHIC-STAR-RUN21 took all the data we wanted and more)

Multiple ways to deposit energy

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$$T \propto \left(\frac{T_A^p + T_B^p}{2} \right)^{q/p}$$

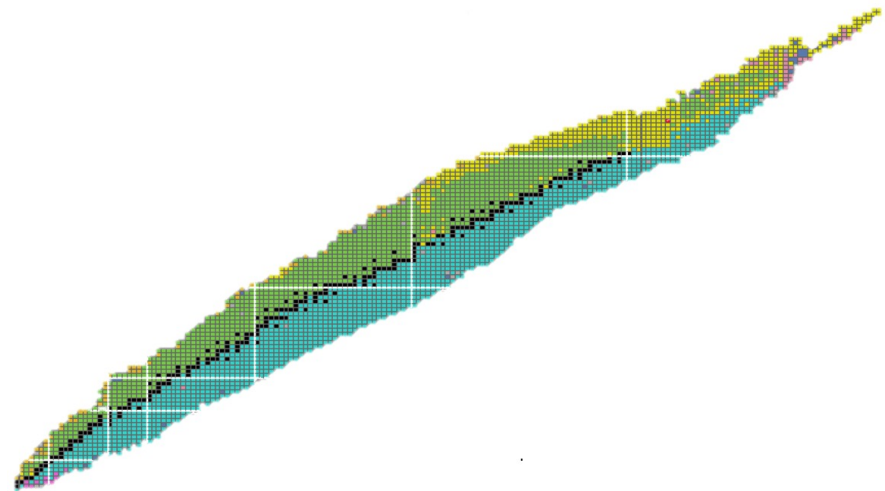
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LHC: p+O and O+O collisions

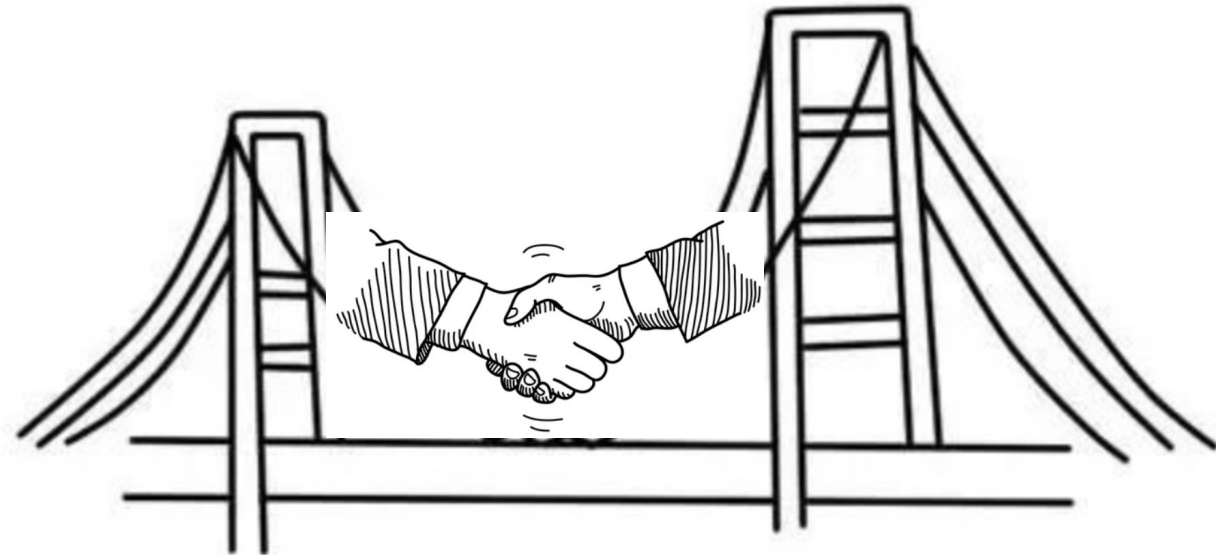
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Conclusions and Outlooks

1. The signatures of nuclear deformation in heavy-ion collisions are everywhere and robust:
quadrupole, octupole, hexadecapole, and triaxiality deformations
neutron skin thickness
2. Decoding the nuclear structure can be done via many tools:
Bulk observables: flow v_n , v_n - $[p_T]$ correlations, N_{ch} , $\langle p_T \rangle$ and its fluctuations
Ultra-peripheral collisions
3. The signals could be qualitatively described by the hydrodynamics and transport models:
It helps us to further understand and better treat initial conditions.
4. Isobar collisions are the new and best tools to quantify nuclear structure:
final state effects are canceled by ratios.
5. The best and most appropriate opportunity for us to open up the interdisciplinary connection
between low-energy and high-energy connections.
6. RHIC/LHC O+O runs could potentially help to decipher cluster structures in our future steps.



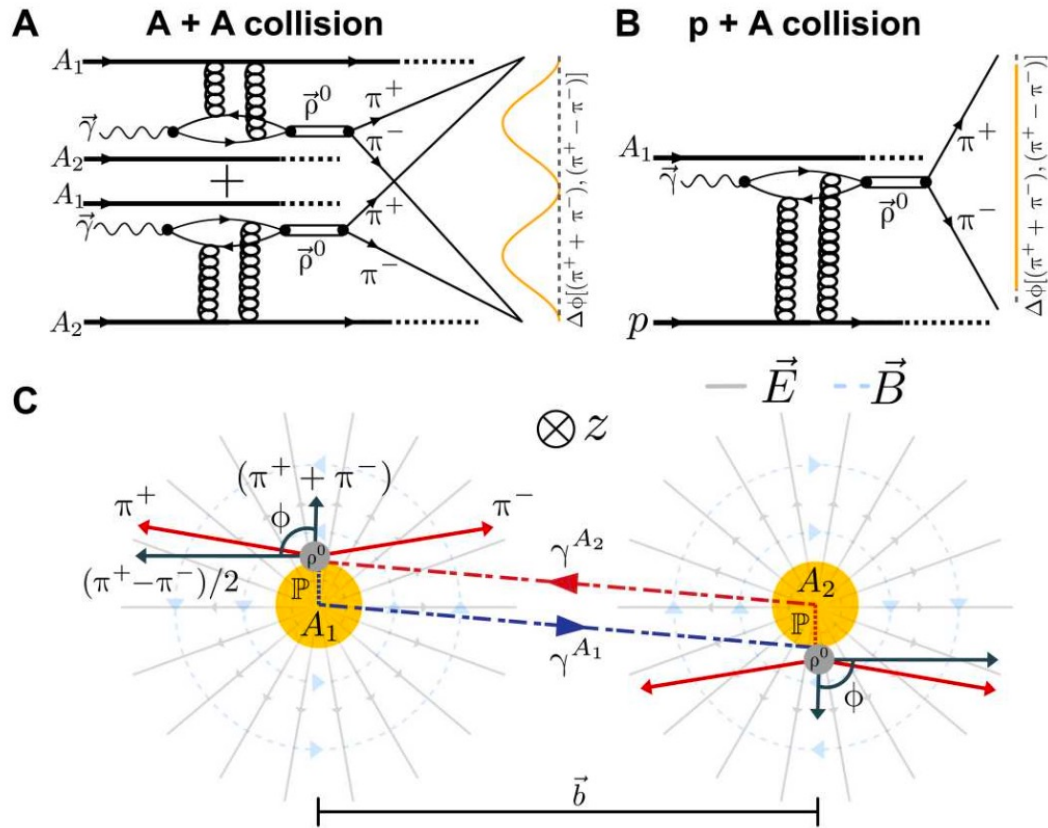
Low energy community



Heavy-ion community

Detect the neutron skin in ultra-peripheral collisions

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$$f(t) = A_c |\mathcal{F}[\rho_A(r; R, a)](|t|)|^2 + \frac{A_i/Q_0^2}{(1 + |t|/Q_0^2)^2} \quad \rho_A(r; R, a) = \frac{\rho_0}{1 + \exp[(r - R)/a]}$$

$$R_{Au} = 6.53 \pm 0.03 \text{ (statistical)} \pm 0.05 \text{ (systematic)}$$

$$R_U = 7.29 \pm 0.06 \text{ (statistical)} \pm 0.05 \text{ (systematic)}$$

$$\Delta R_{Au} = R_n - R_p = 0.17 \pm 0.03 \text{ (statistical)} \pm 0.08 \text{ (systematic) fm}$$

$$\Delta R_U = R_n - R_p = 0.44 \pm 0.05 \text{ (statistical)} \pm 0.08 \text{ (systematic) fm}$$

