

Experimental constraints on the initial stages of A+A collisions at lower energy

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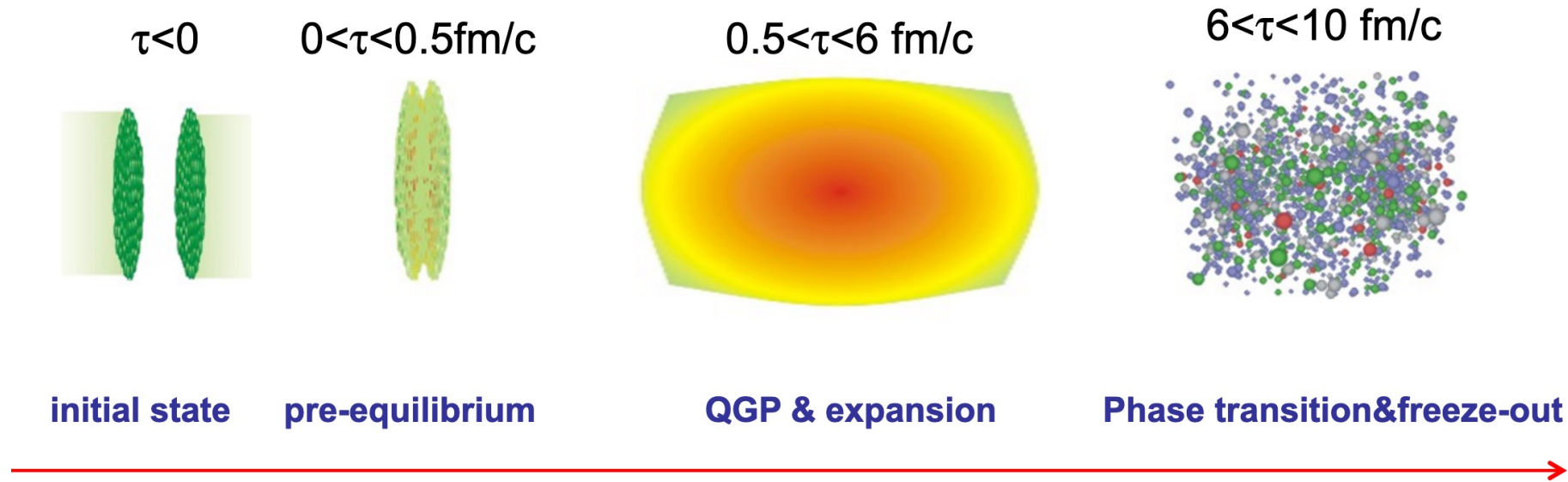
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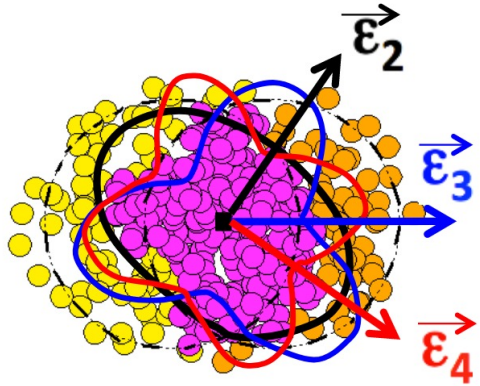
Initial condition and emergence of collectivity



- The anisotropic flow (collectivity) measurements are sensitive to the QGP transport properties.

Connecting the initial and final state

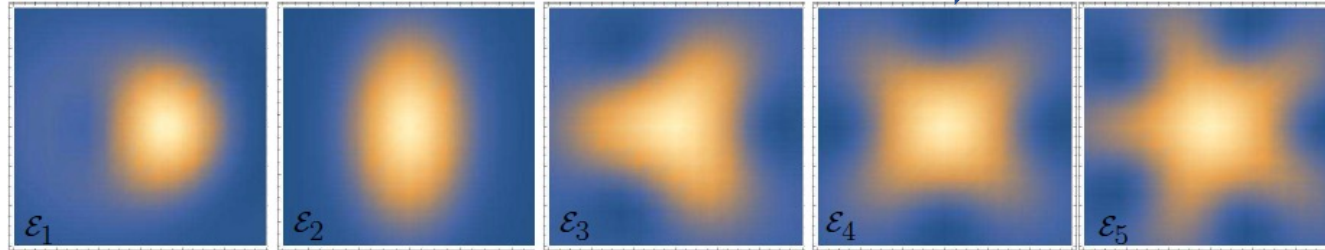
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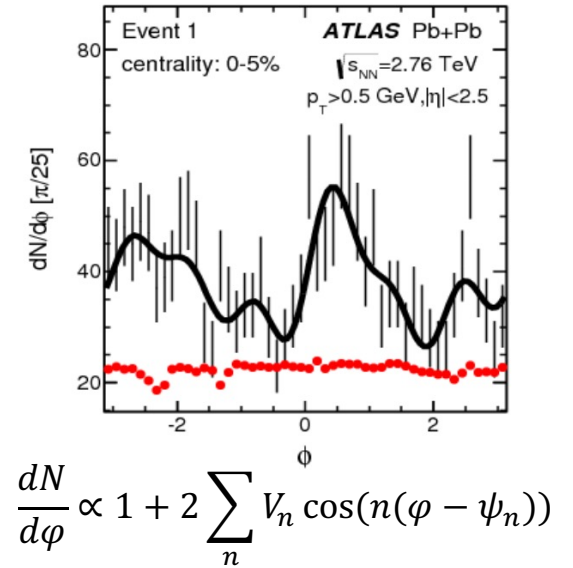
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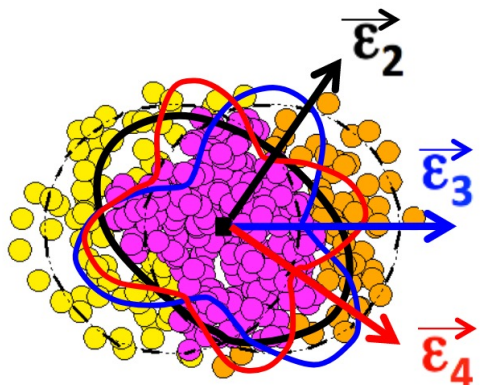
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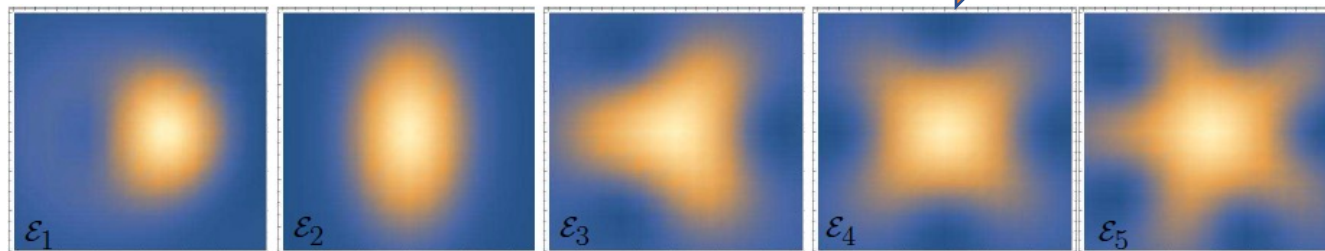
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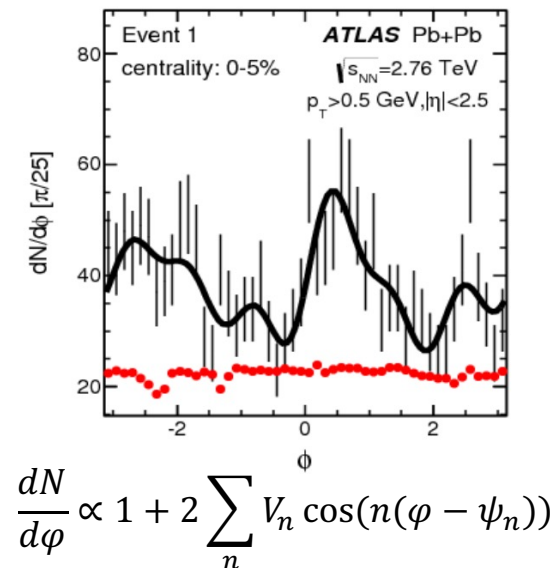
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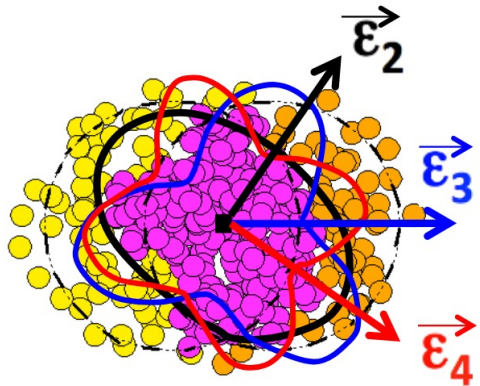


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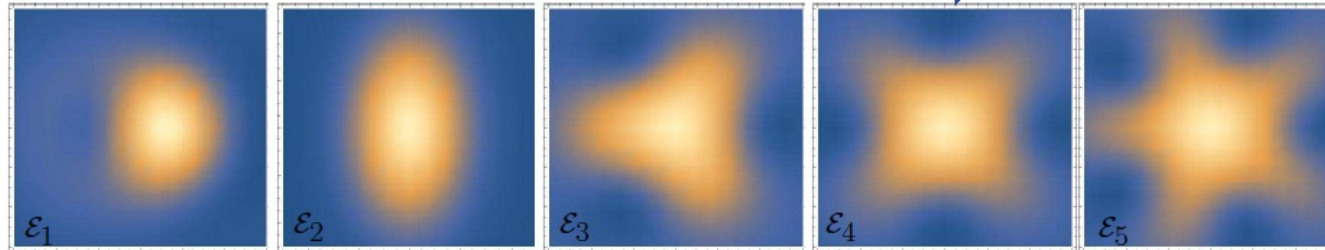
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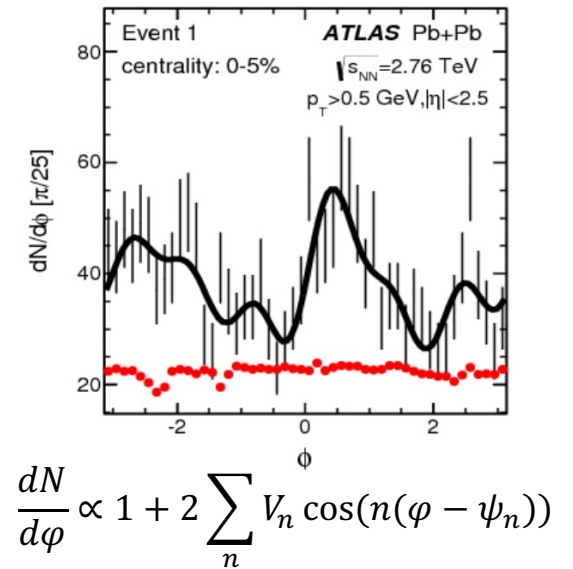
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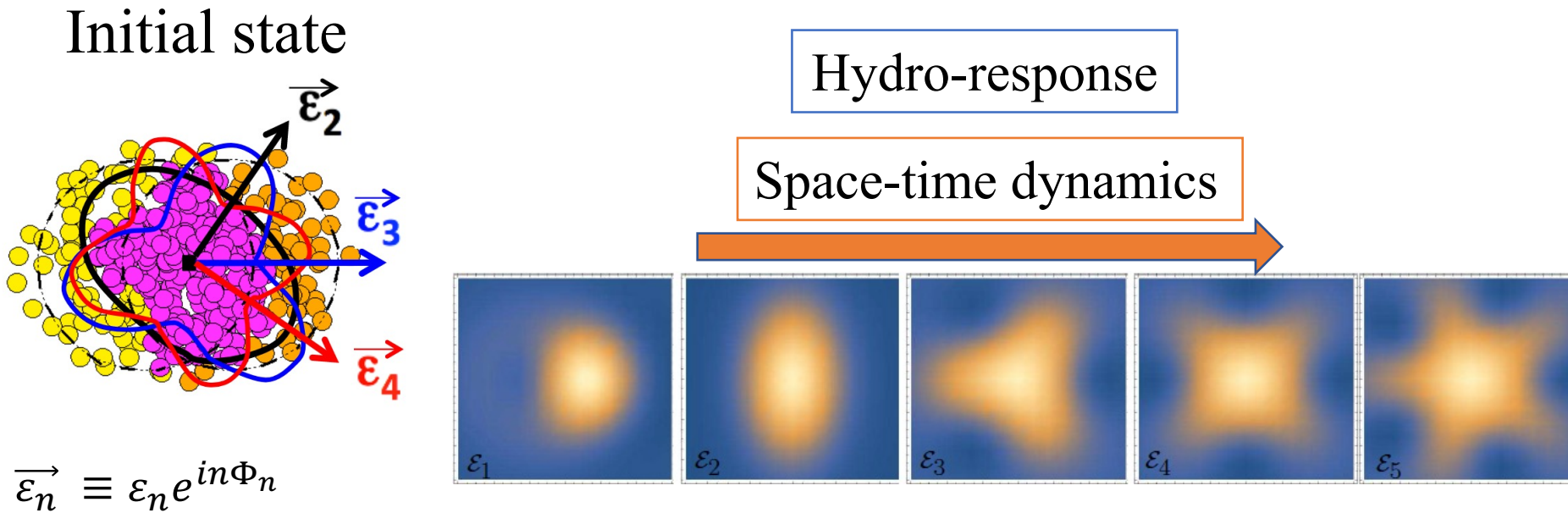
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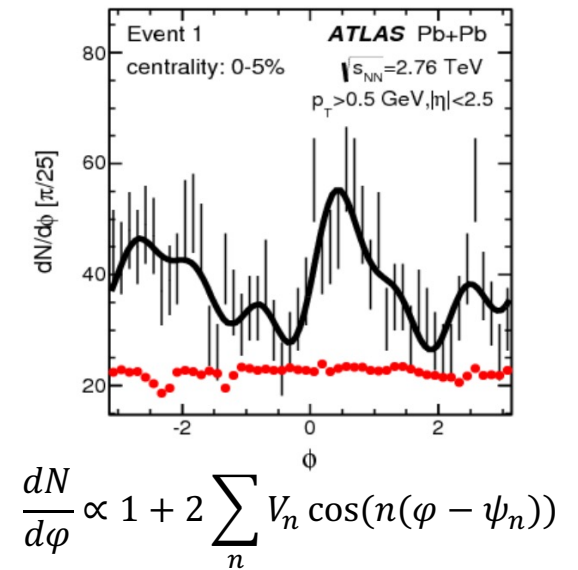
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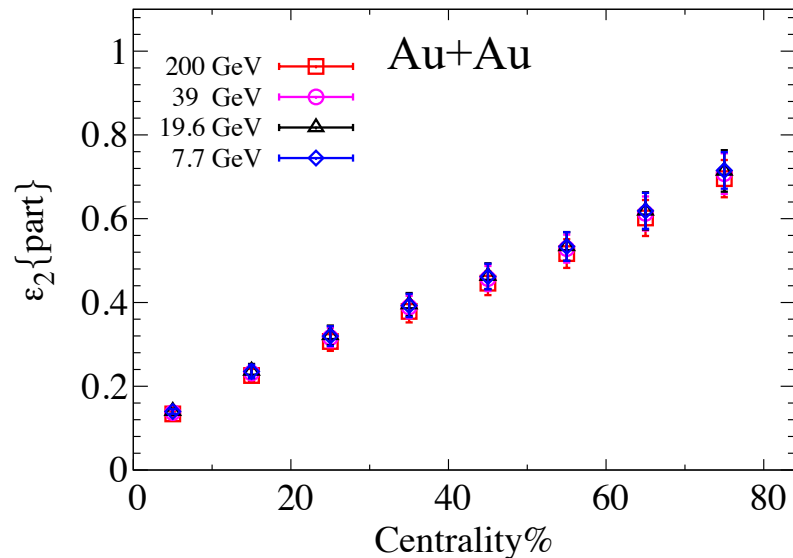
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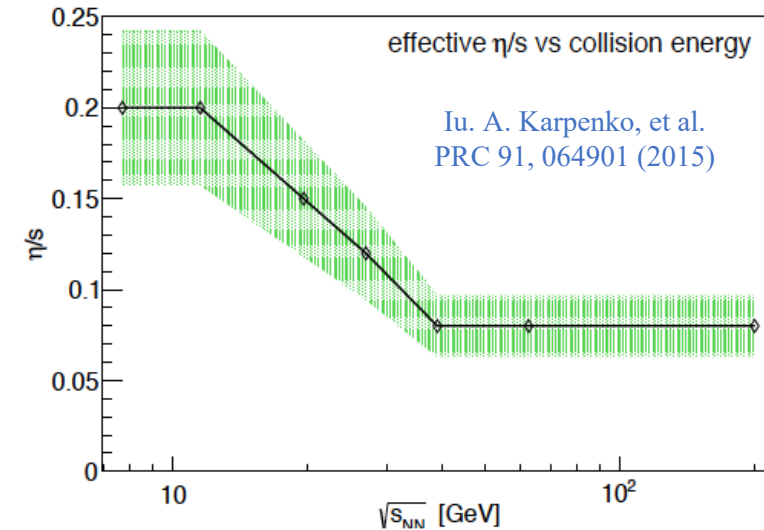
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Beam-energy dependence for a given collision system:



Initial-state ε_2 is approximately energy independent



Viscous attenuation ($\propto \frac{\eta}{s}(T)$) is beam energy dependent

Are sensitive to the interplay between initial- and final-state effects.

The multi-particle correlations

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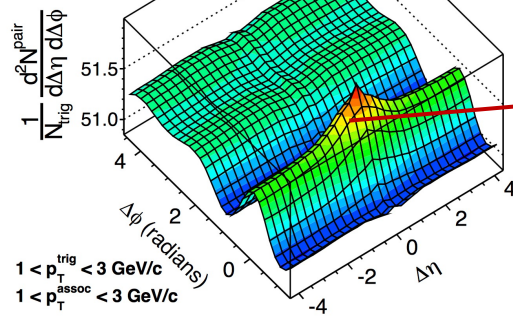
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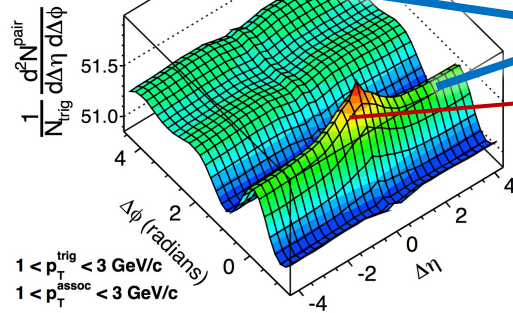
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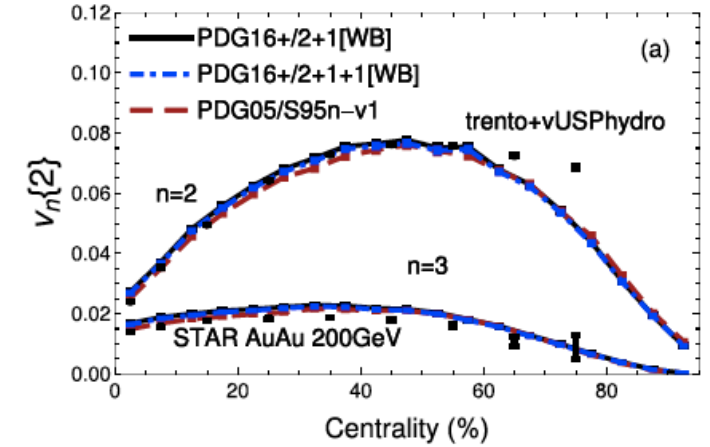
Differential flow angle fluctuations

$$r_n(\eta) = \frac{\langle V_n(-\eta) V_n^*(\eta_{ref}) \rangle}{\langle V_n(\eta) V_n^*(\eta_{ref}) \rangle} = \frac{\langle v_n(-\eta) v_n(\eta_{ref}) \cos\{n[\Psi_n(-\eta) - \Psi_n(\eta_{ref})]\} \rangle}{\langle v_n(\eta) v_n(\eta_{ref}) \cos\{n[\Psi_n(\eta) - \Psi_n(\eta_{ref})]\} \rangle}$$

Models for comparisons

(1) P. Alba, et al. PRC 98 , 034909 (2018)

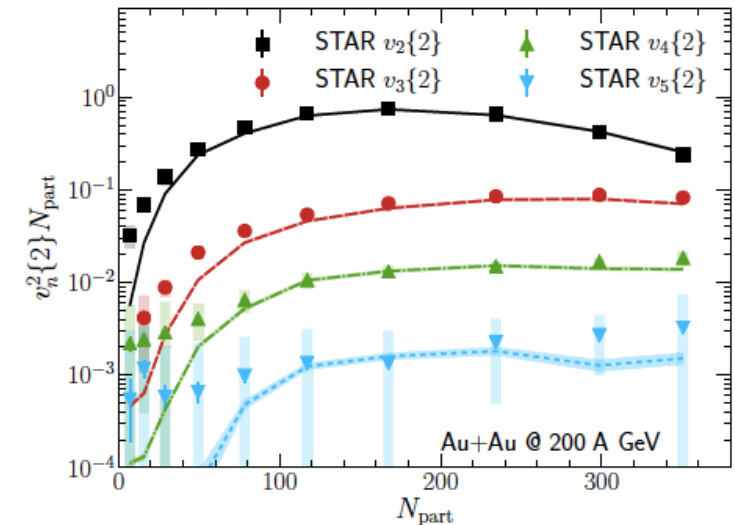
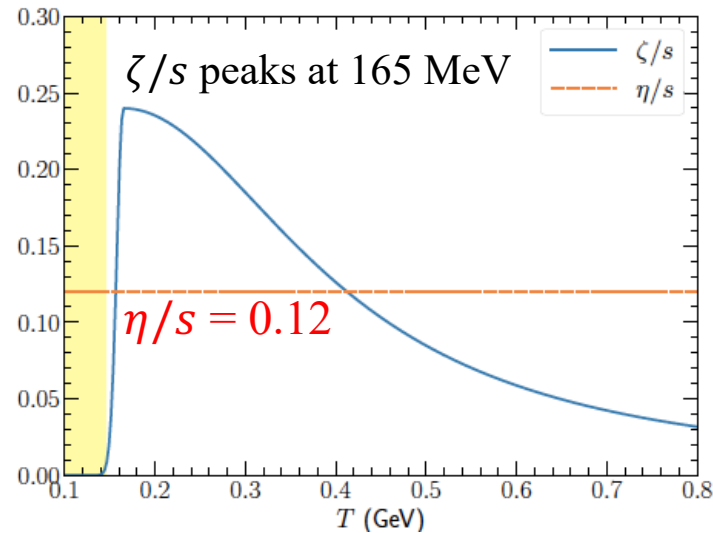
- The model use event-by-event fluctuating initial conditions generated by the TRENTO model with free parameters calibrated to fit experimental observables.
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(2) B.Schenke , et al. PRC 99, 044908 (2019)

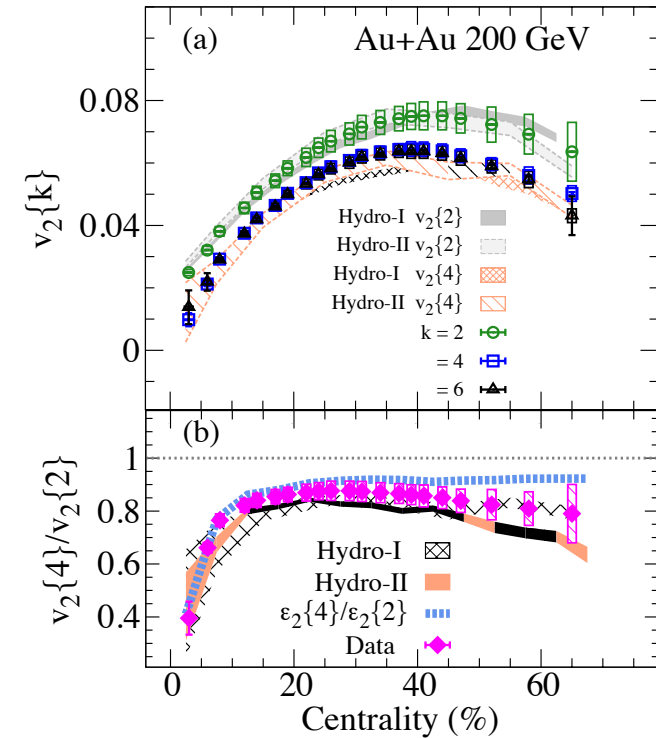
- The model used the impact parameter-dependent Glasma model to initialize the viscous hydrodynamic simulation MUSIC and employ the UrQMD transport model for the low-temperature region of the collisions.

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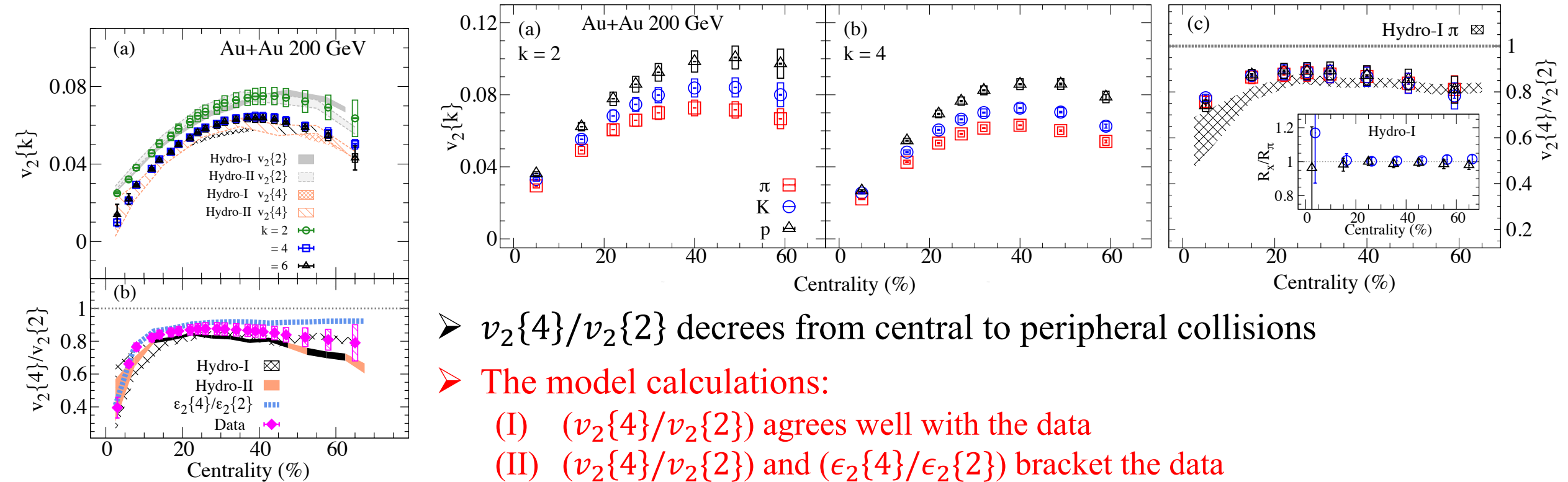


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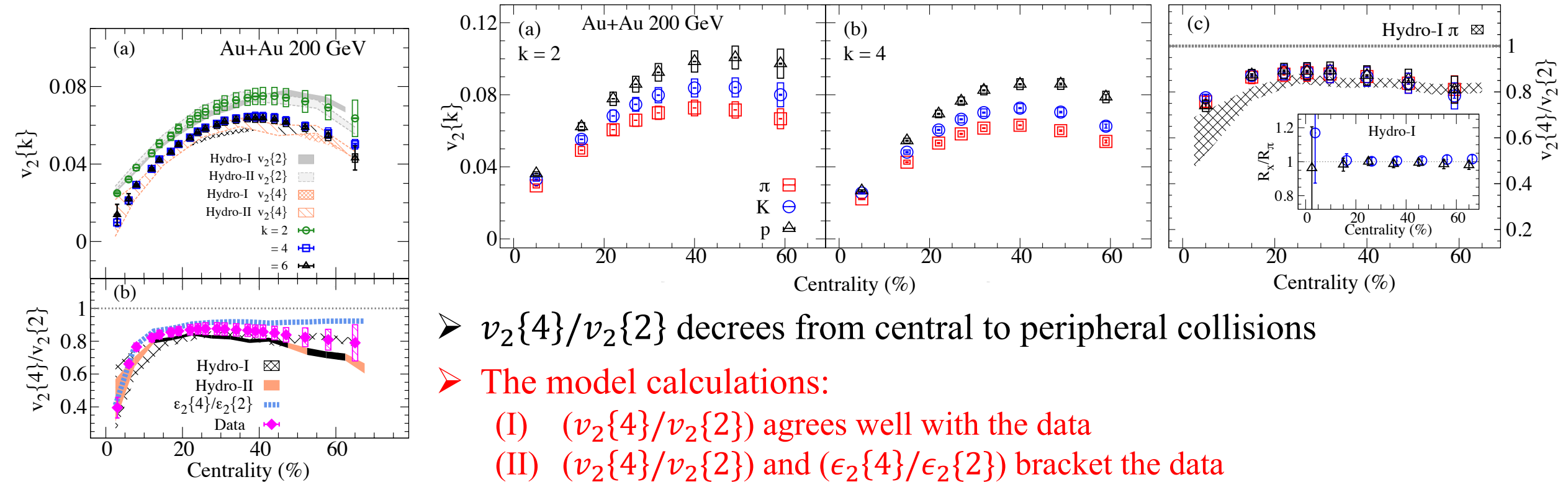
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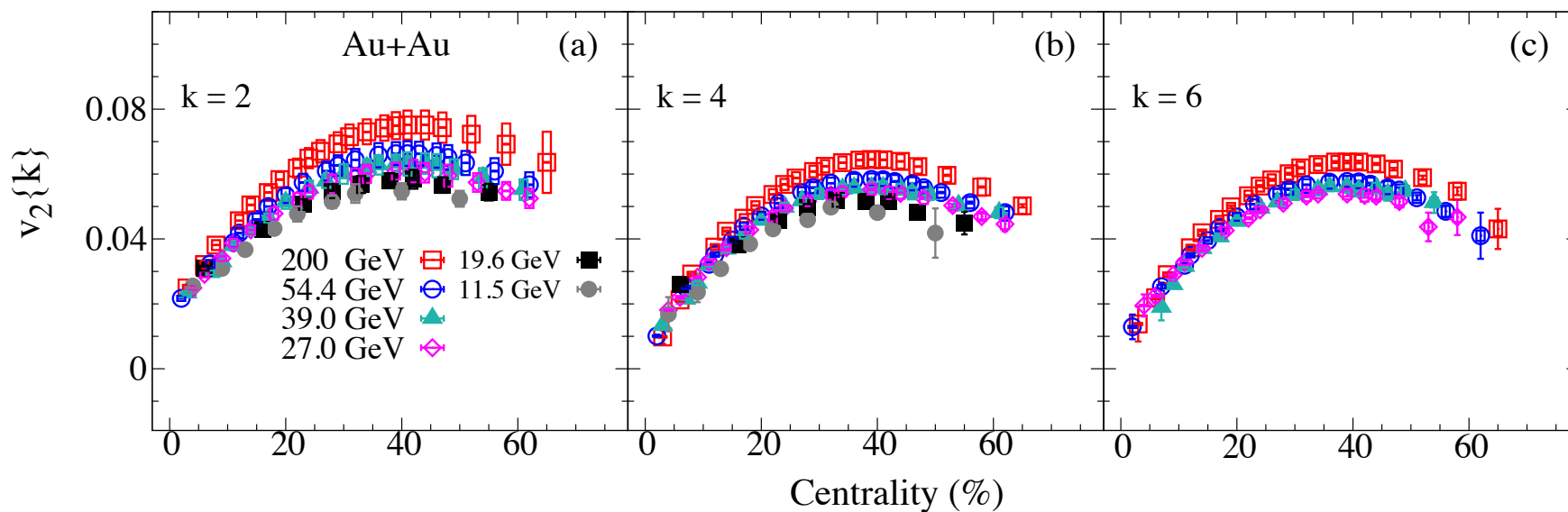
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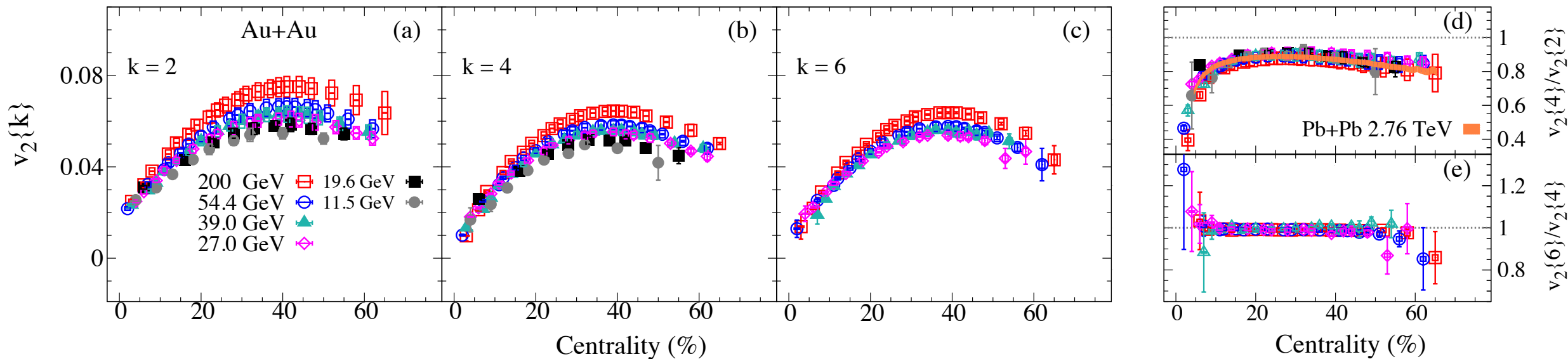
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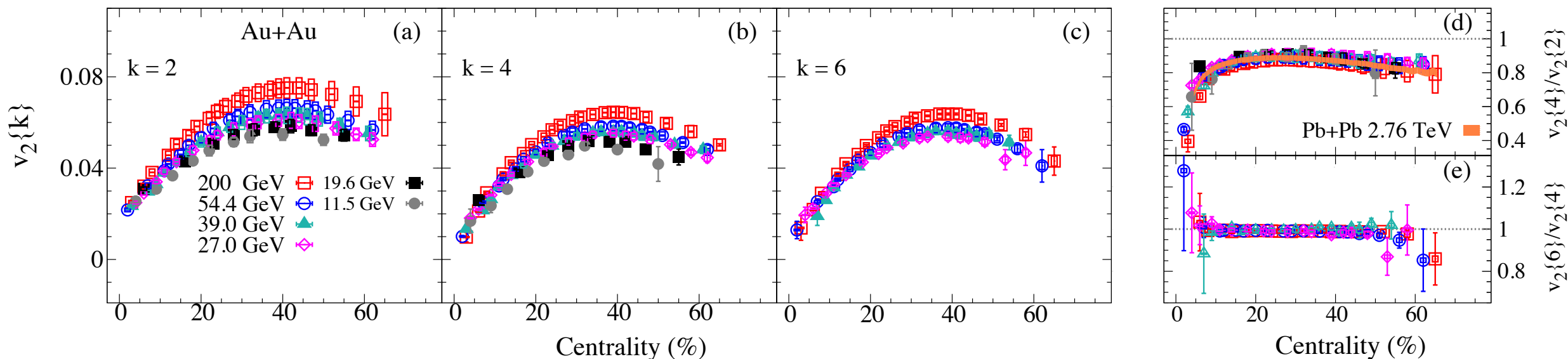
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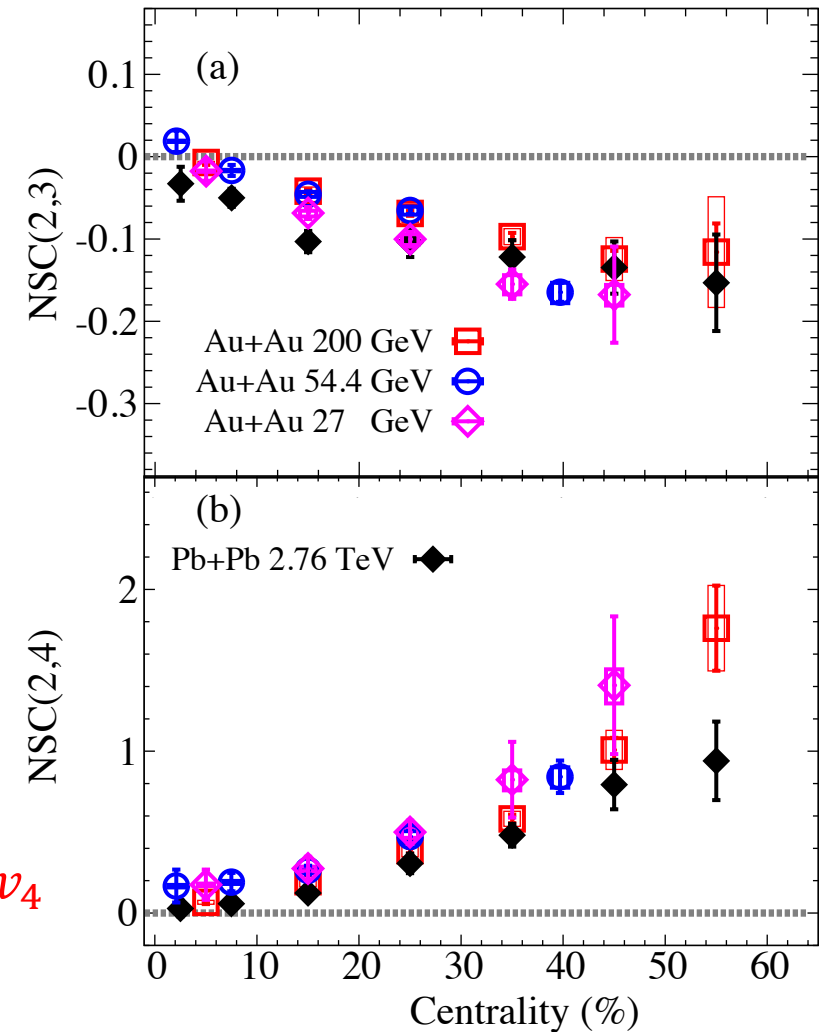
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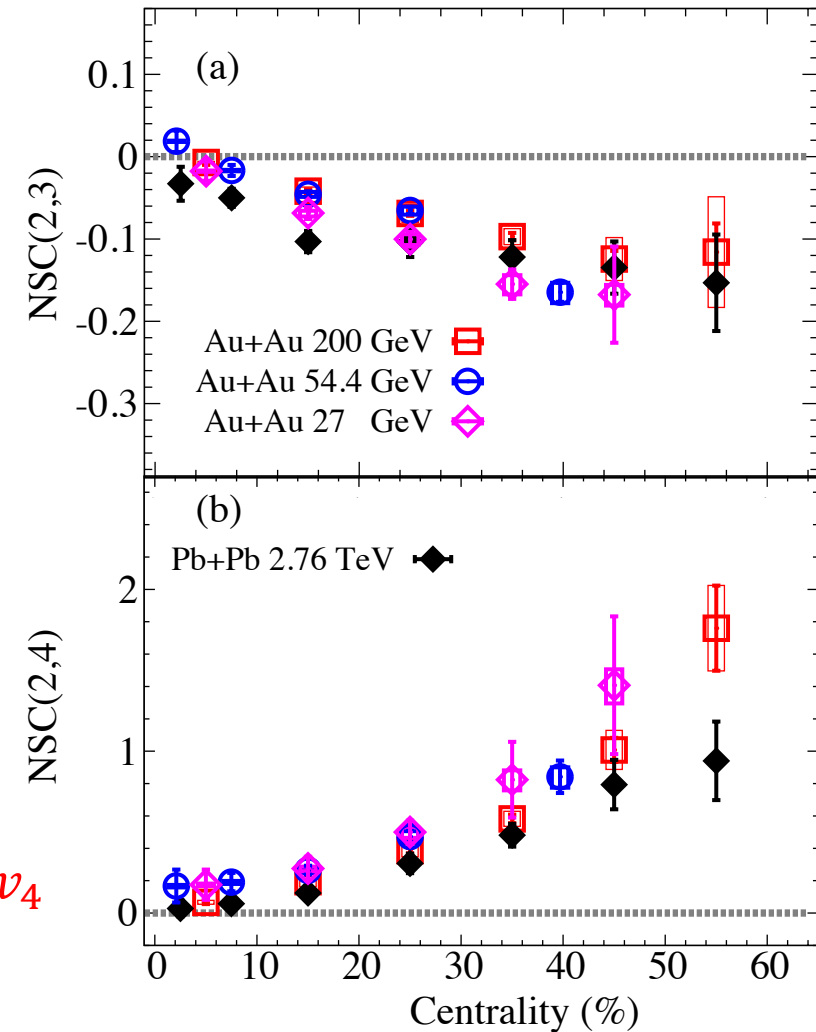
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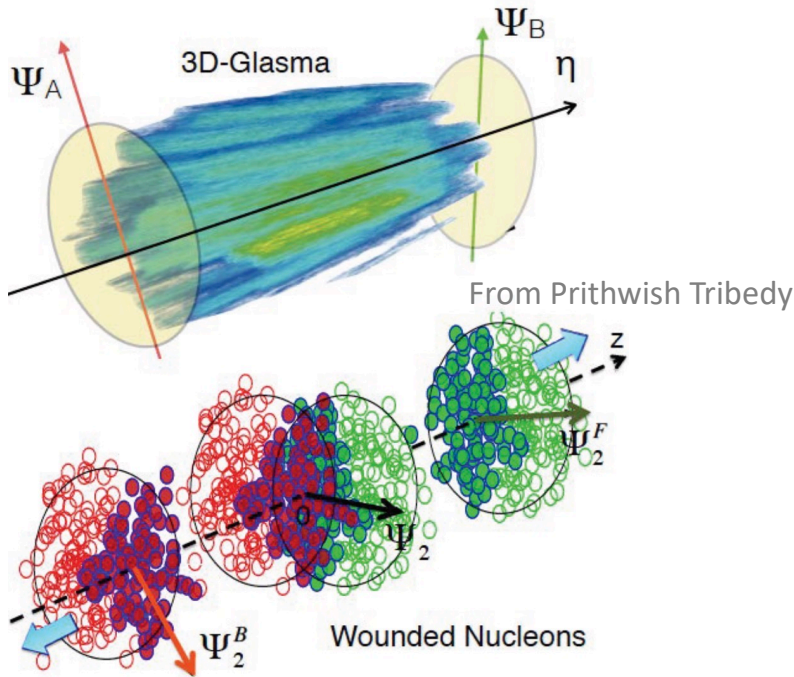
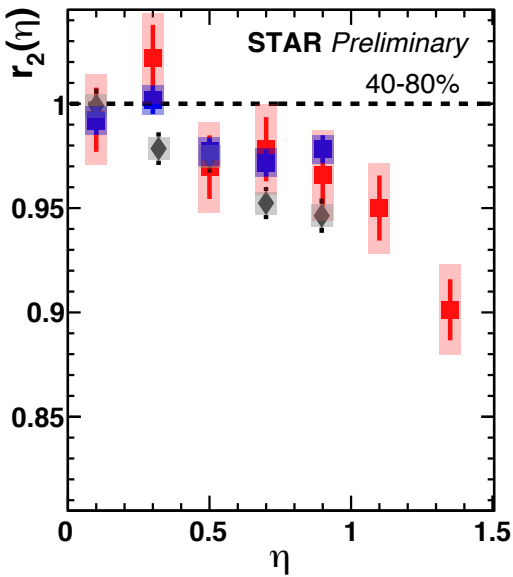
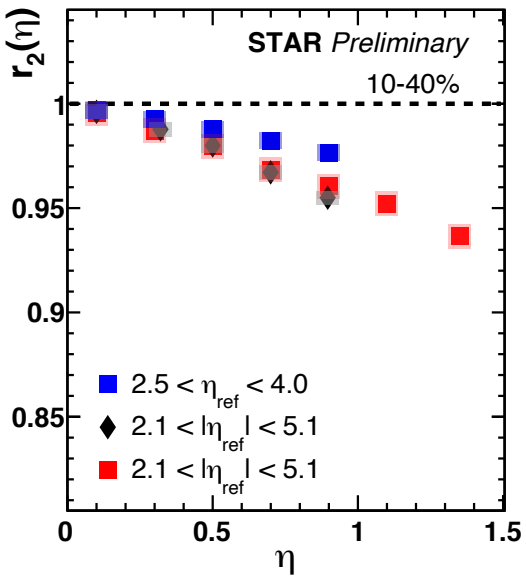
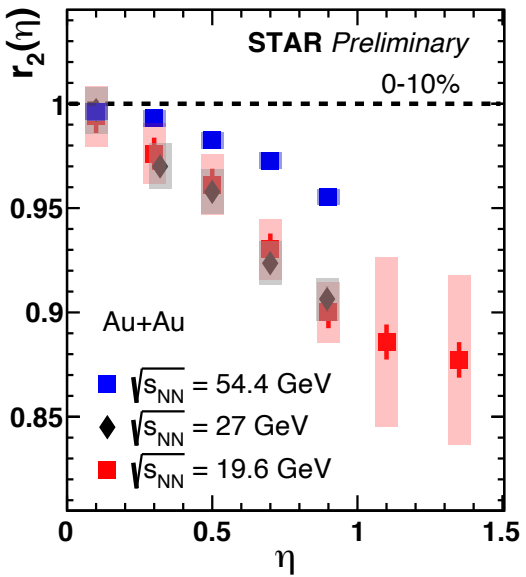
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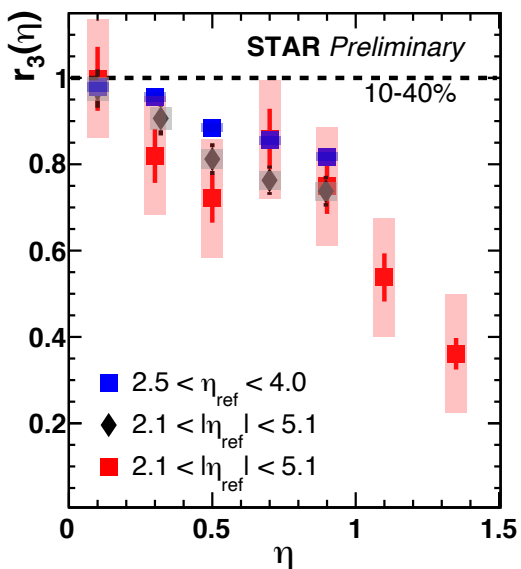
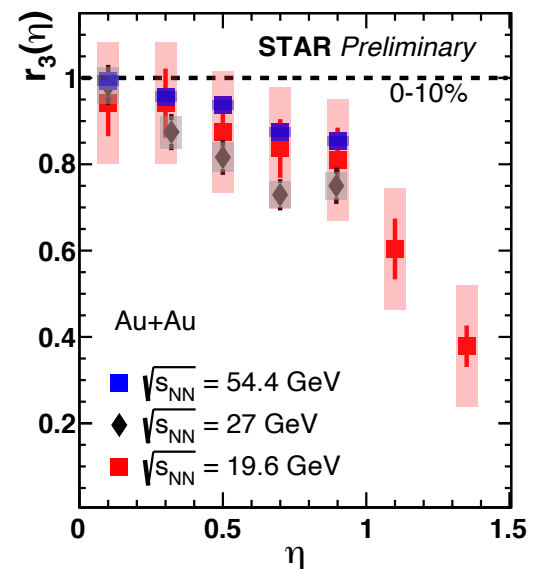
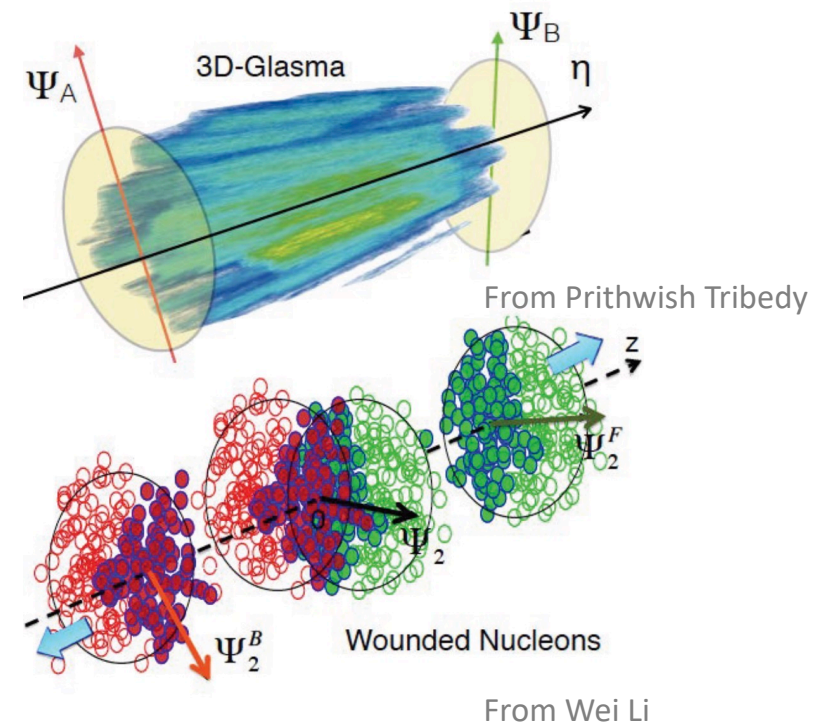
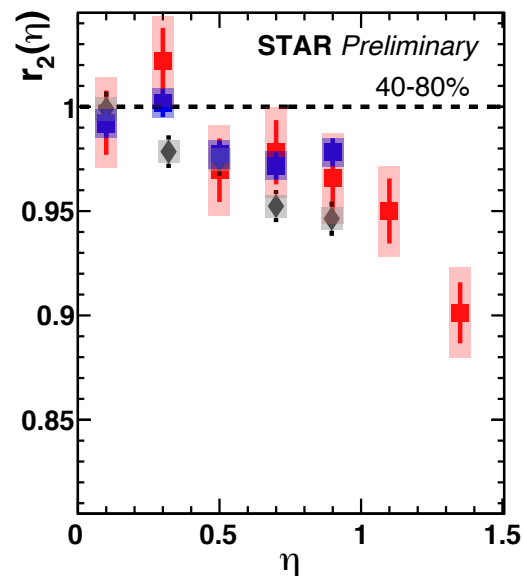
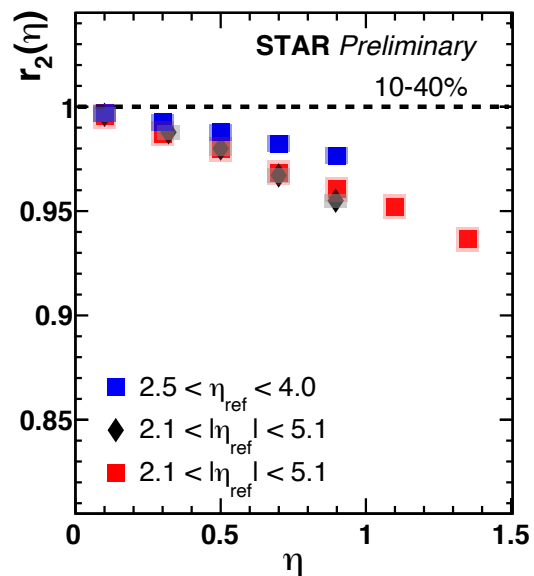
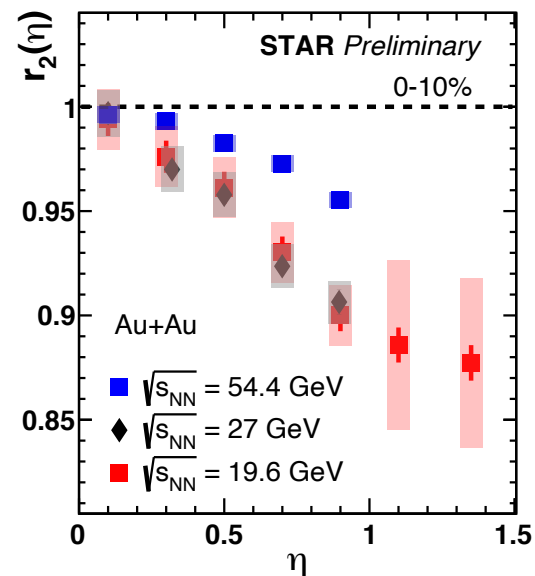
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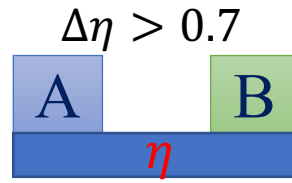
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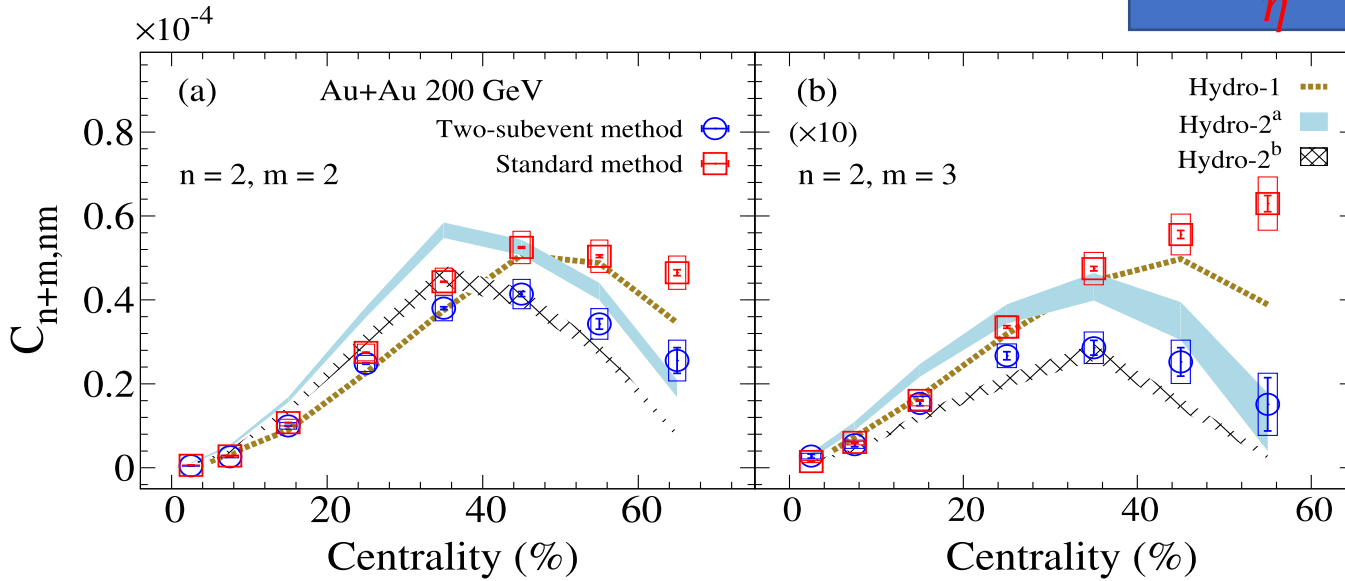
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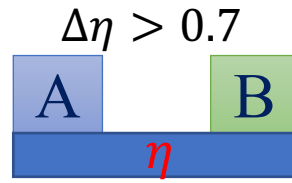
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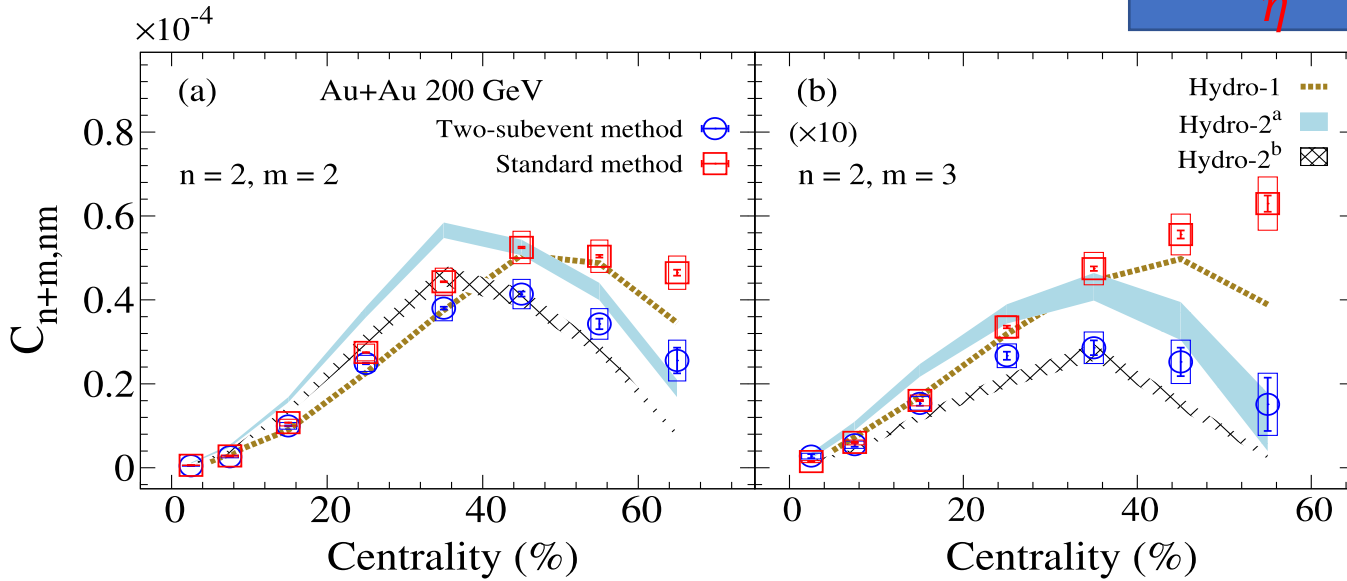


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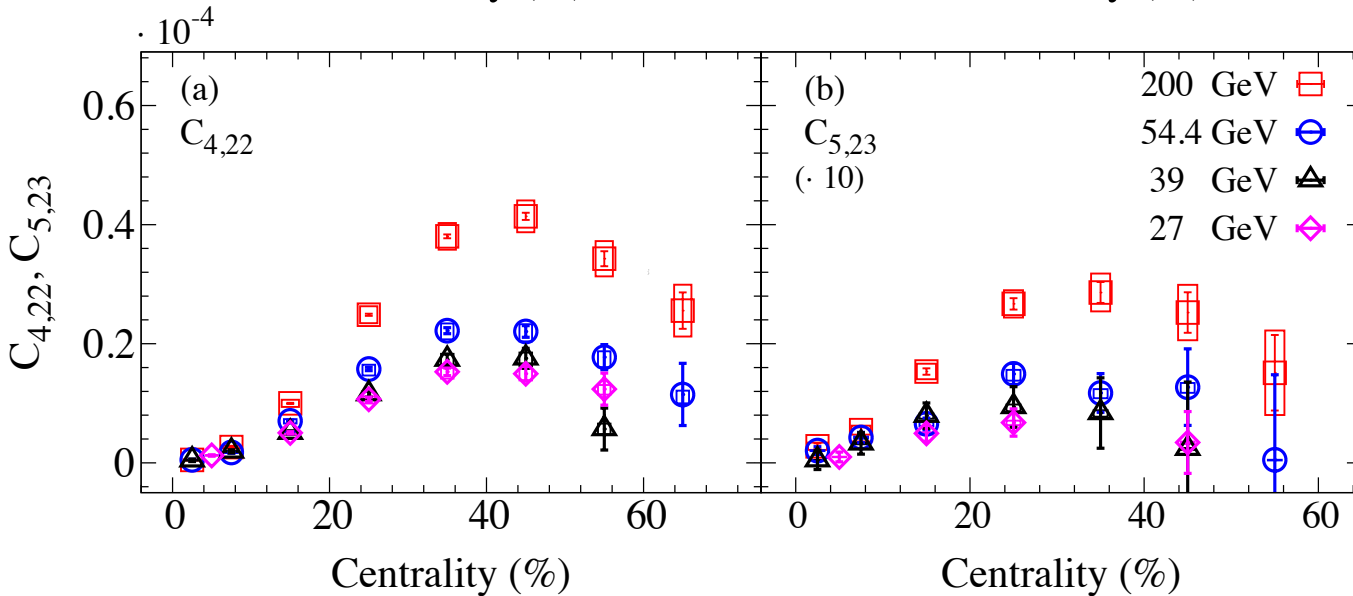
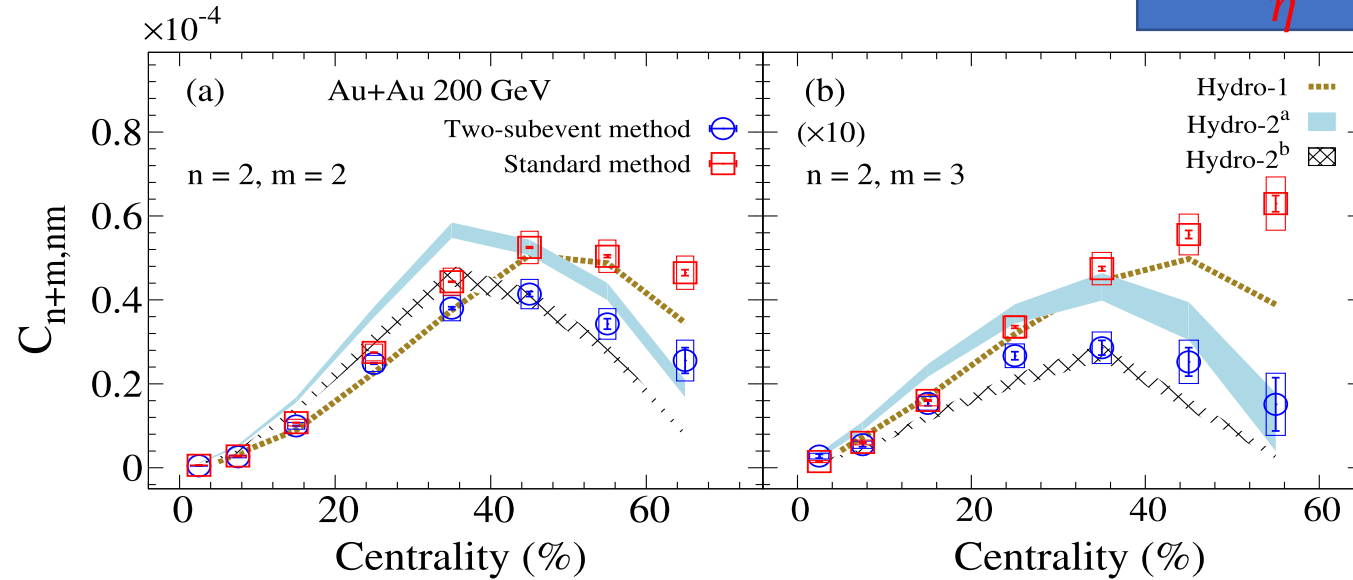
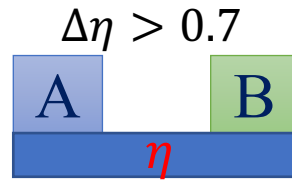
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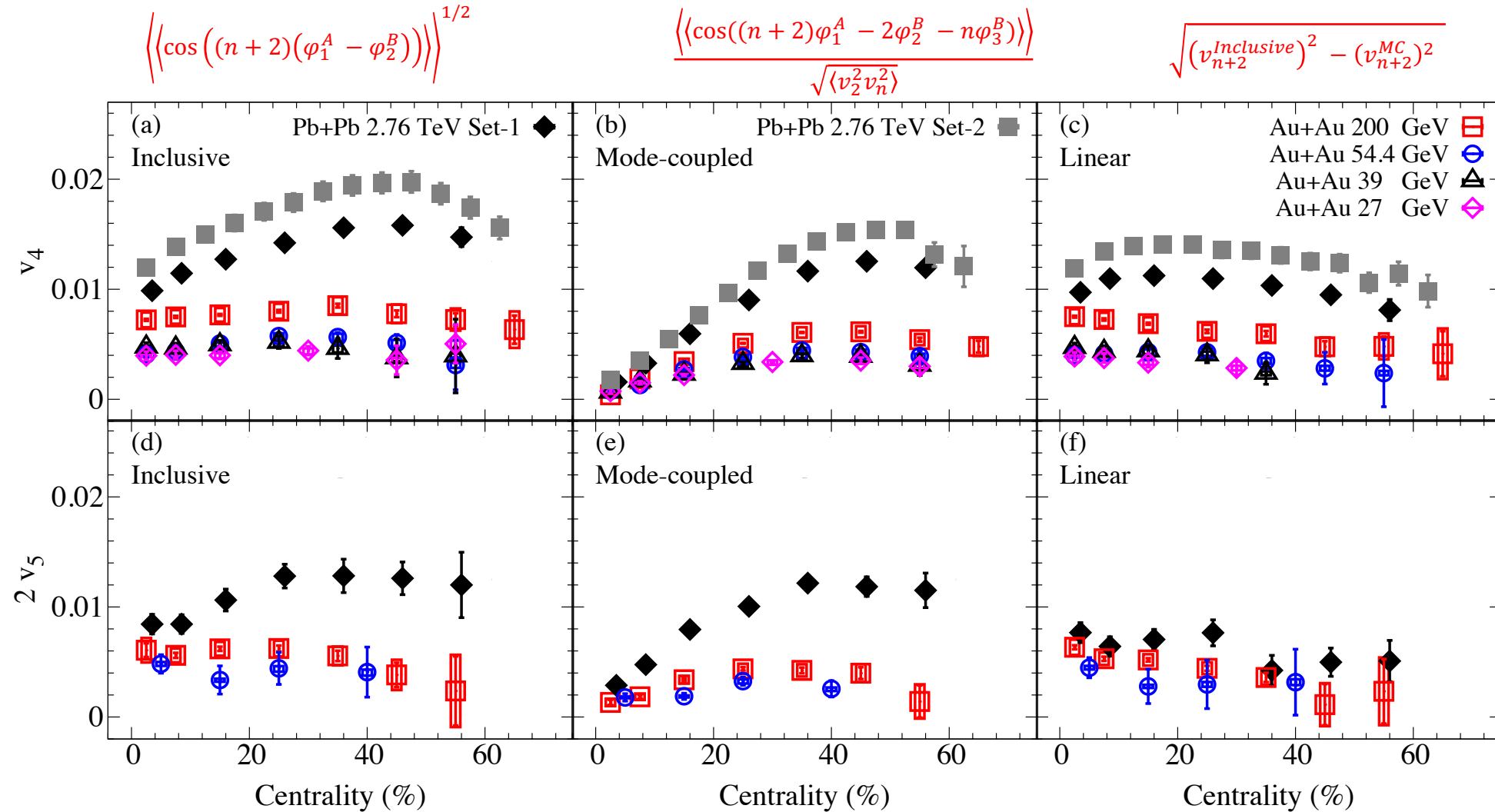
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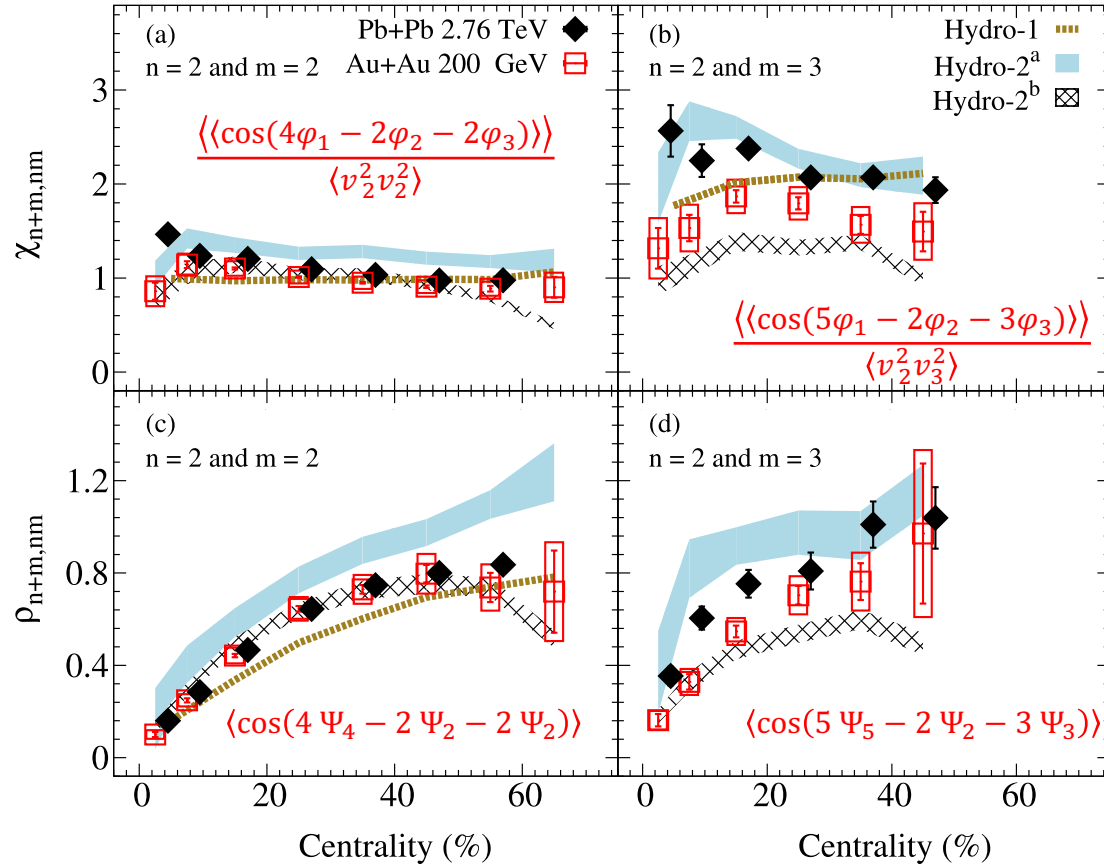
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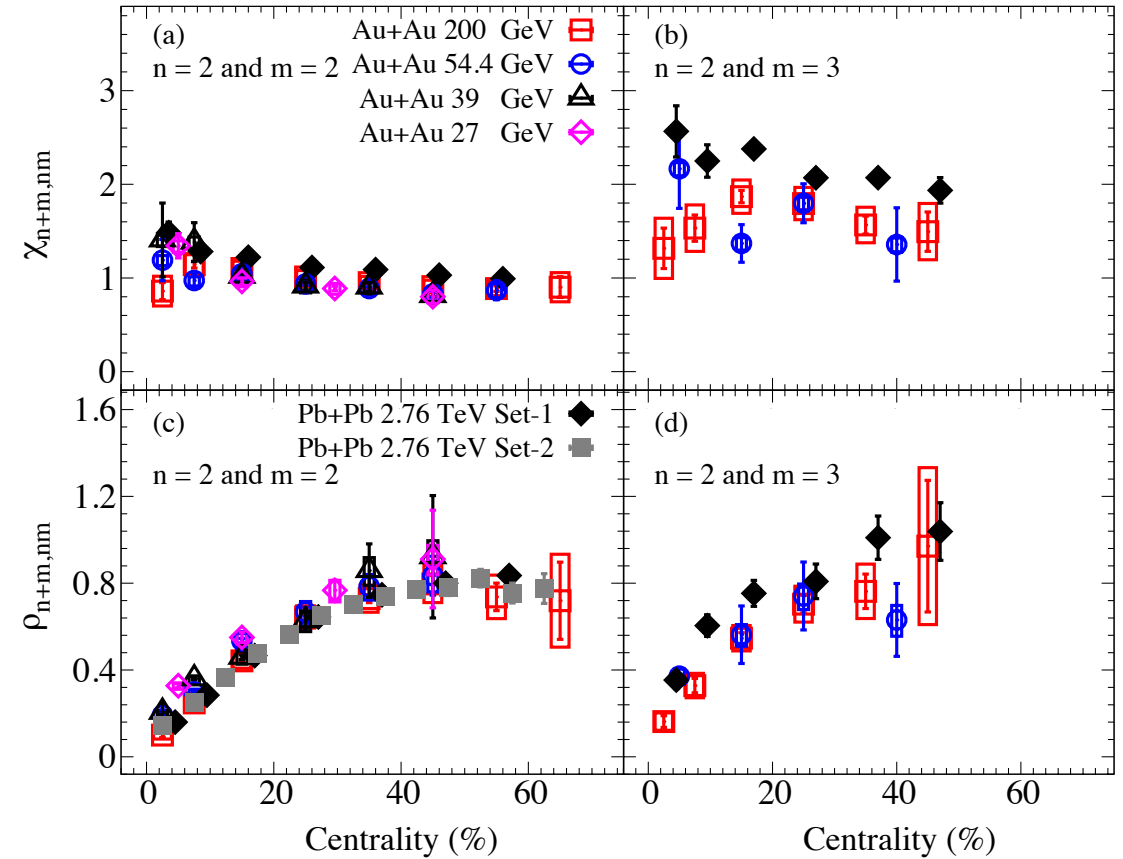
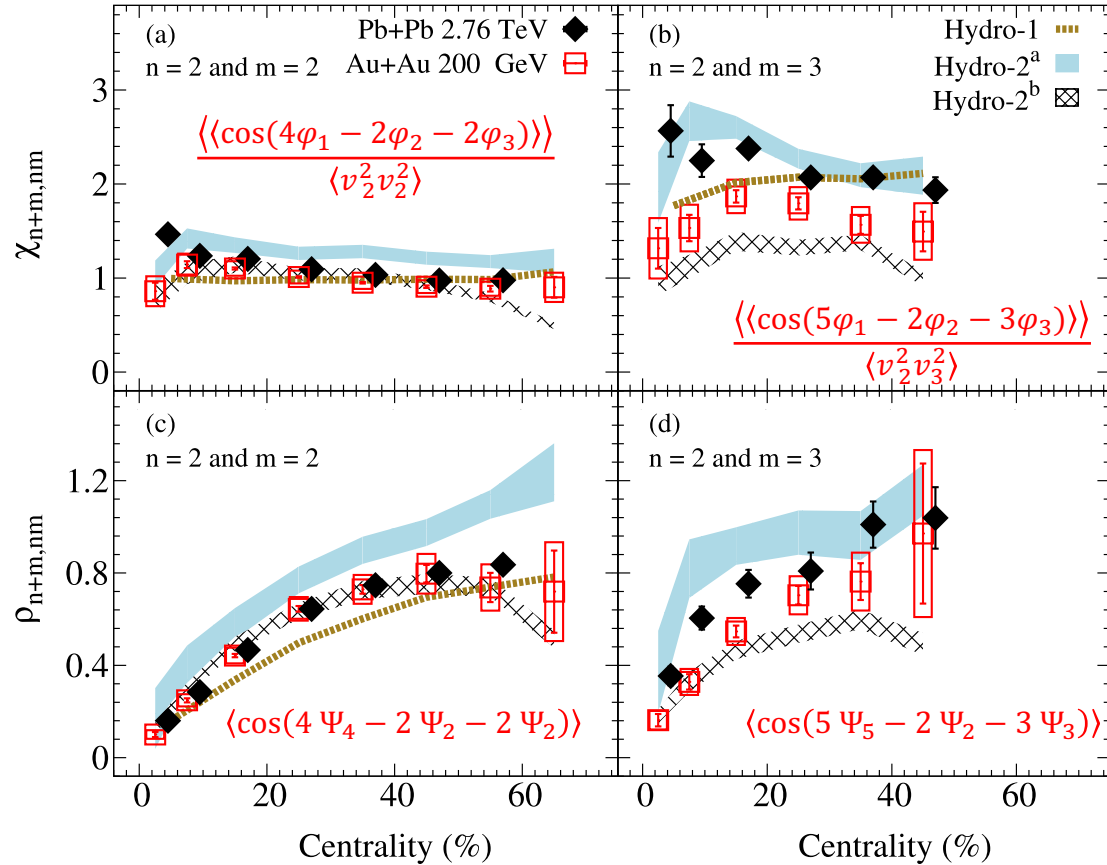


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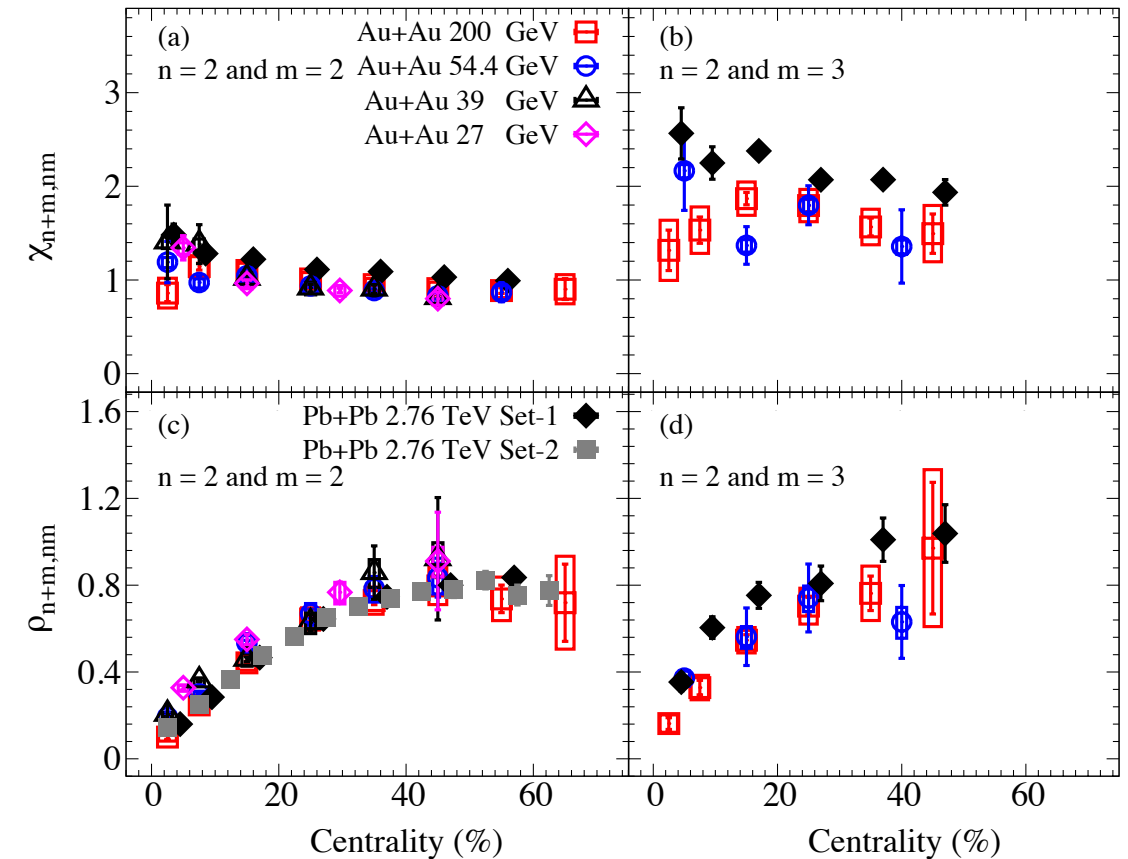
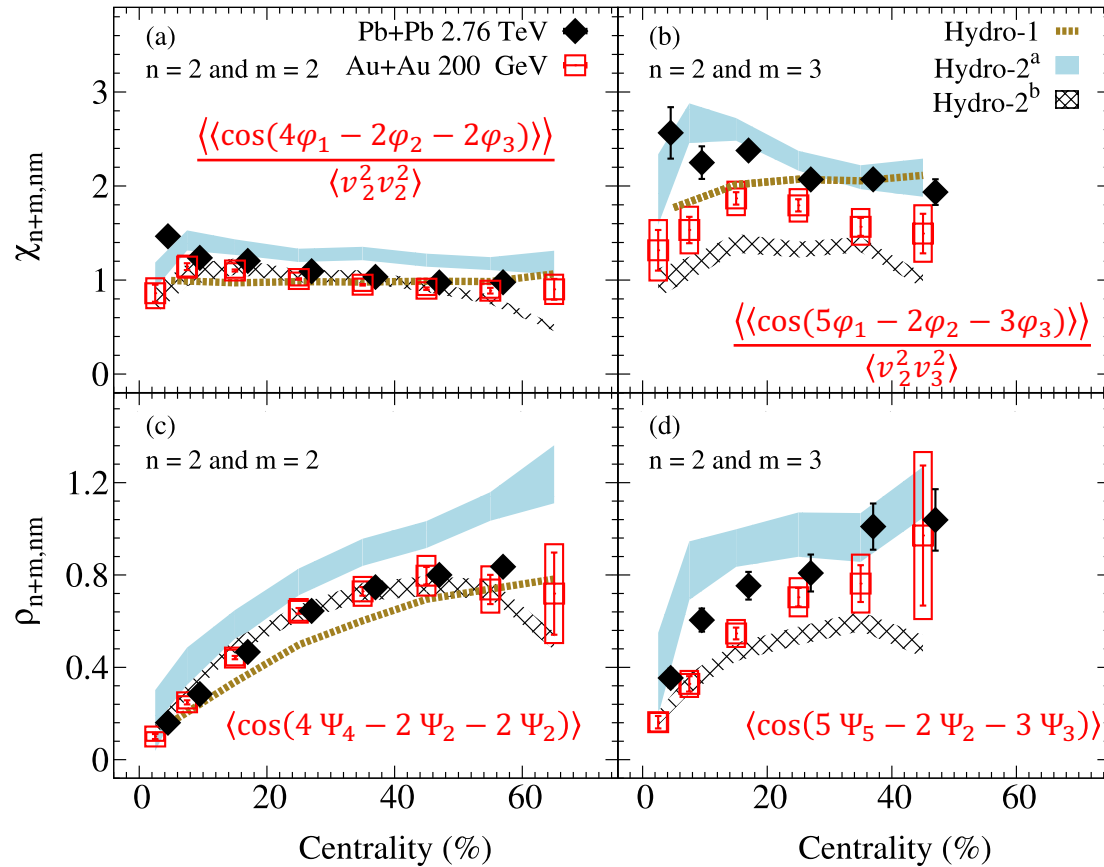
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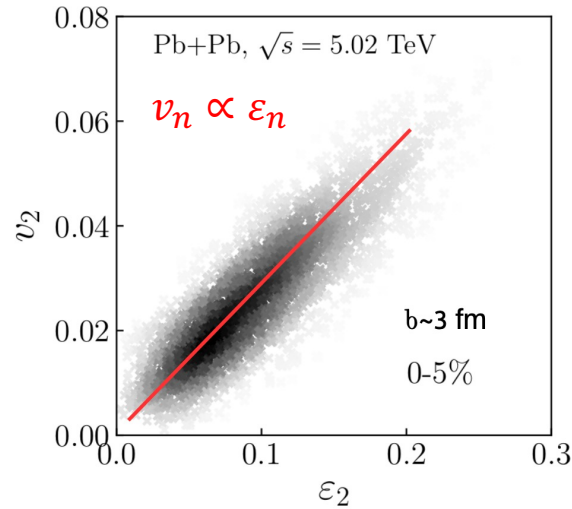
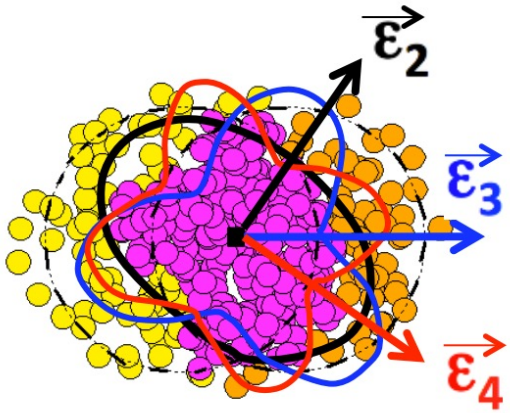
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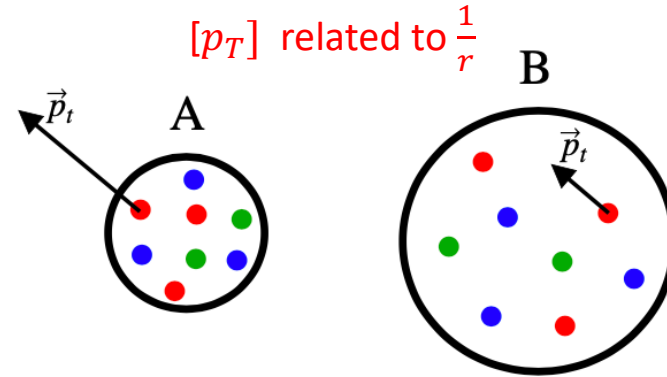


correlation between
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correlation between v_n^2 and average p_T

$$\text{cov}(v_n^2, [p_T]) = \langle e^{in(\phi_i - \phi_j)} (p_{T,k} - \langle [p_T] \rangle) \rangle$$

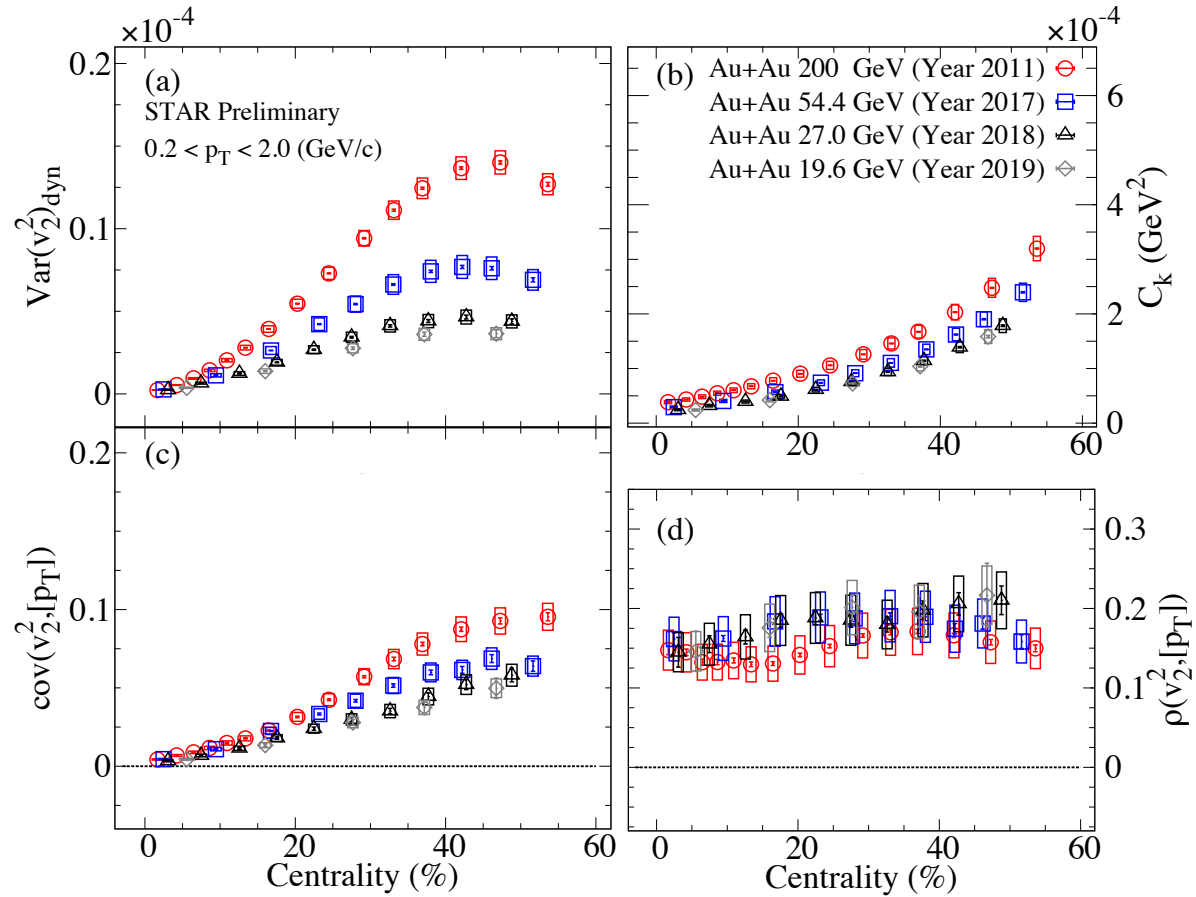
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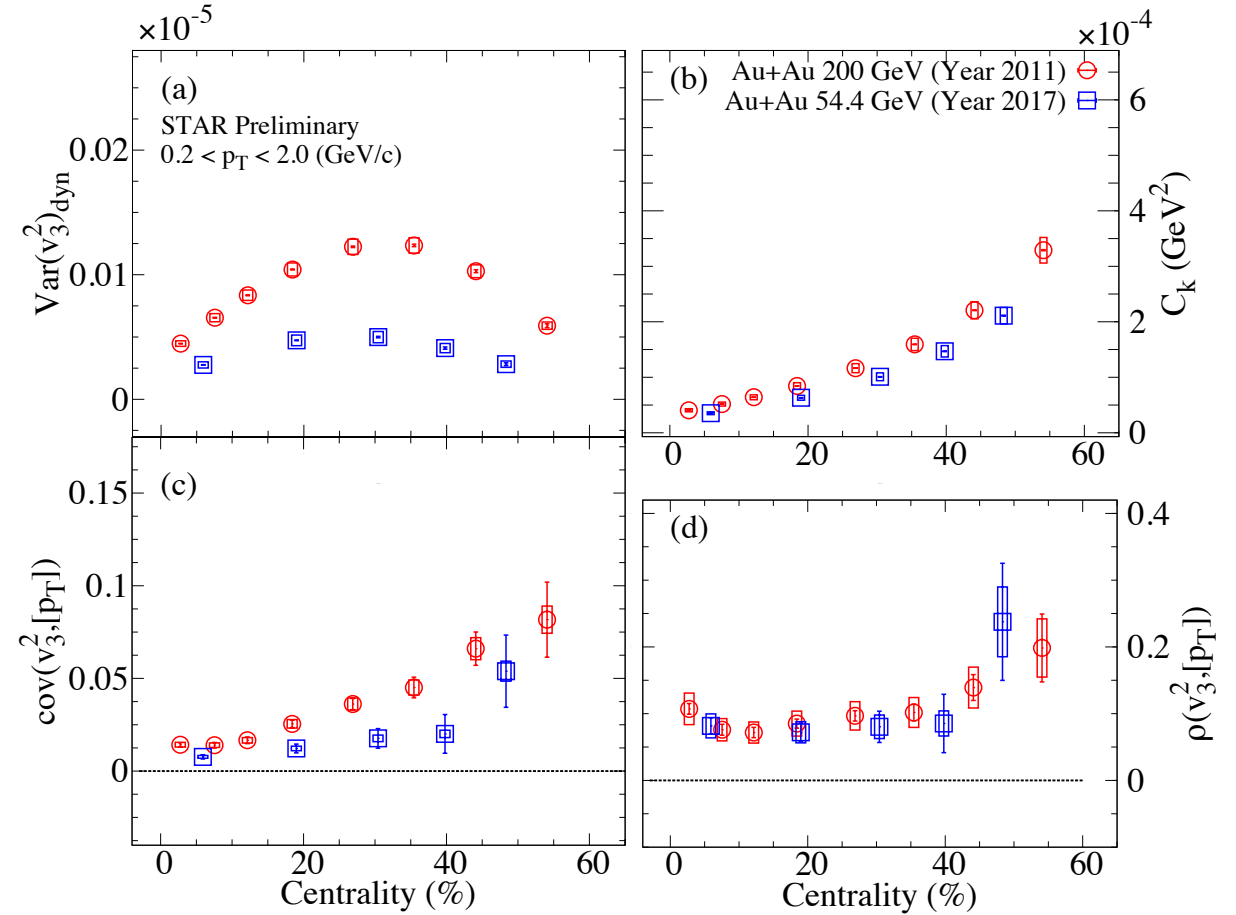
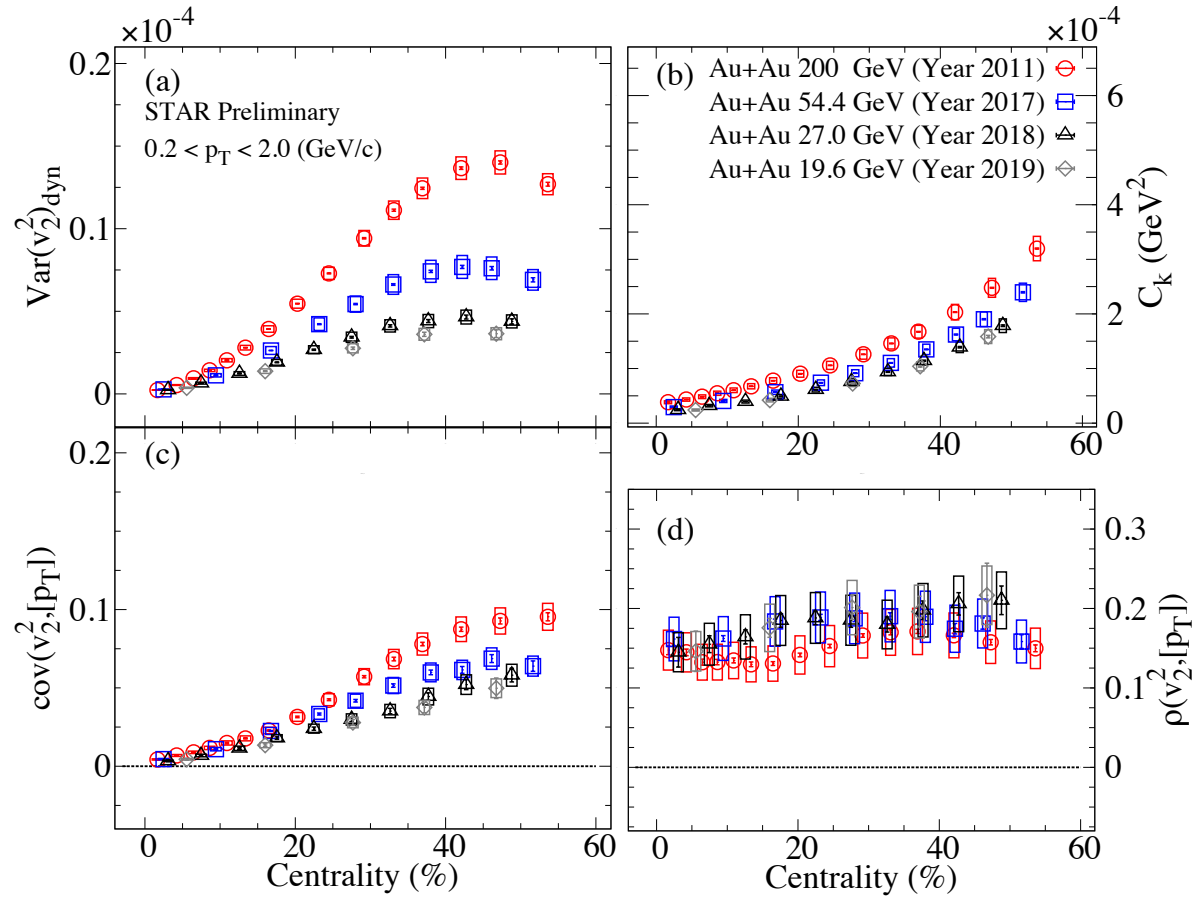
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