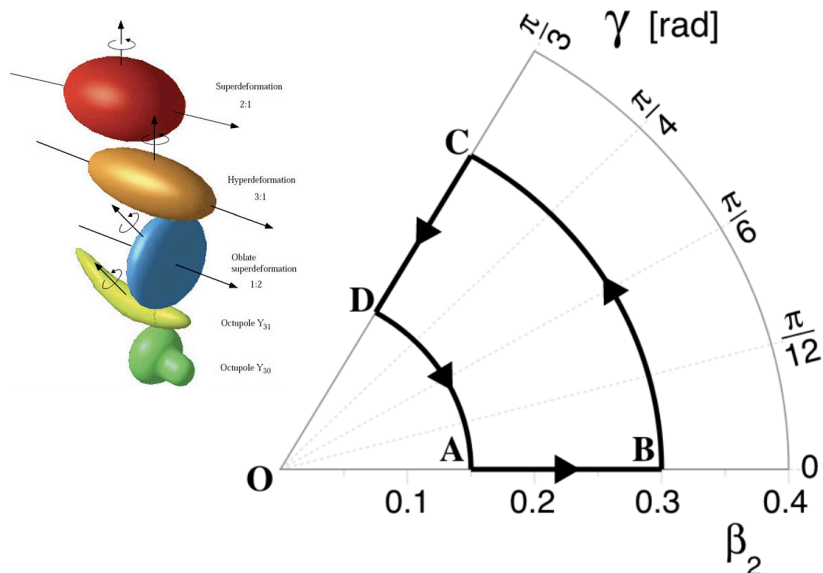


# Imaging nuclear structure in heavy-ion collisions

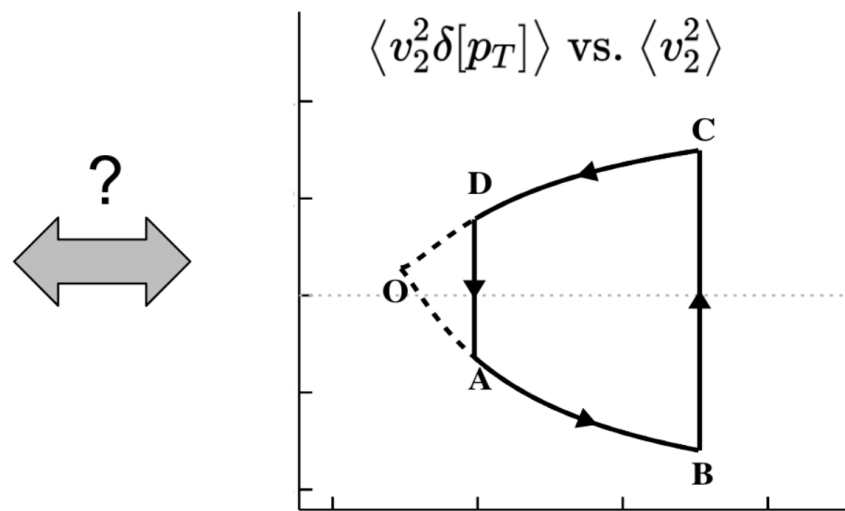
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Nuclear structure

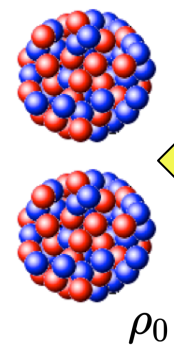


High-energy collisions



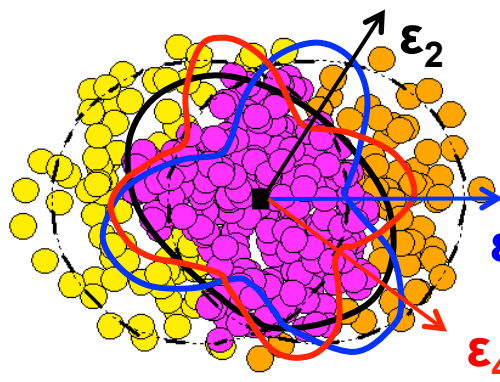
# Hydrodynamic response to initial state

Nuclear Structure



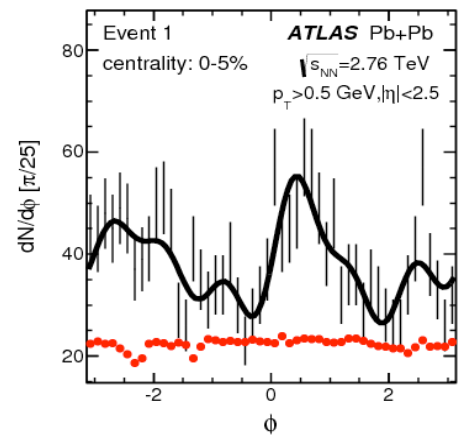
Imaging?  
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Initial State



Hydro-response  
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Space-time dynamics

Final Particle flow

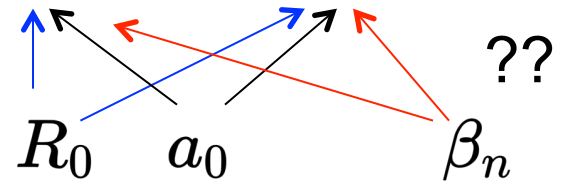


$$1 + e^{(r - R_0(1 + \sum_n \beta_n Y_n^0(\theta, \phi)))/a_0}$$

- $\beta_2 \rightarrow$  Quadrupole deformation
- $\beta_3 \rightarrow$  Octupole deformation
- $a_0 \rightarrow$  Surface diffuseness
- $R_0 \rightarrow$  Nuclear size

Initial Size      Initial Shape

$$R_{\perp} \propto \langle r_{\perp}^2 \rangle, \quad \epsilon_n \propto \langle r_{\perp}^n e^{in\phi} \rangle$$



Radial Flow      Harmonic Flow

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

arXiv:1206.1905

High energy: approx. linear response in each event:

$$\frac{\delta[p_T]}{[p_T]} \propto -\frac{\delta R_{\perp}}{R_{\perp}} \quad V_n \propto \epsilon_n$$

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Focus particle production  
in UCC tip-tip vs body-  
body, start consider  
effect of collective flow

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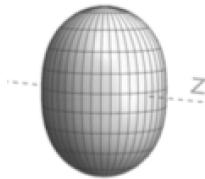
# Shape of nuclei

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

$$R(\theta, \phi) = R_0 \left( 1 + \beta_2 [\cos \gamma Y_{2,0} + \sin \gamma Y_{2,2}] + \beta_3 \sum_{m=-3}^3 \alpha_{3,m} Y_{3,m} + \beta_4 \sum_{m=-4}^4 \alpha_{4,m} Y_{4,m} \right)$$

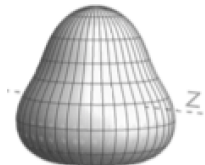
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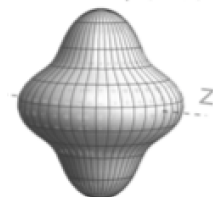
$$1 + \beta_3 Y_{3,0}(\theta, \phi)$$

Octupole:

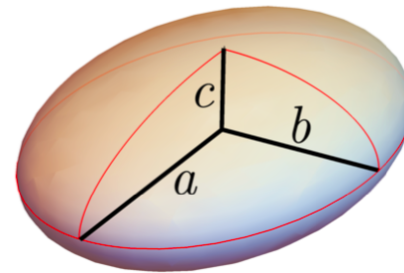


$$1 + \beta_4 Y_{4,0}(\theta, \phi)$$

Hexadecapole:



Triaxial spheroid:  $a \neq b \neq c$ .



$$0 \leq \gamma \leq \pi/3$$

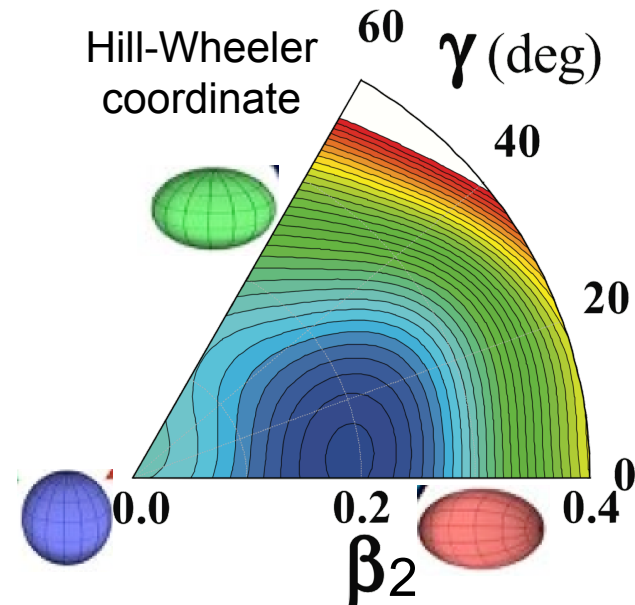
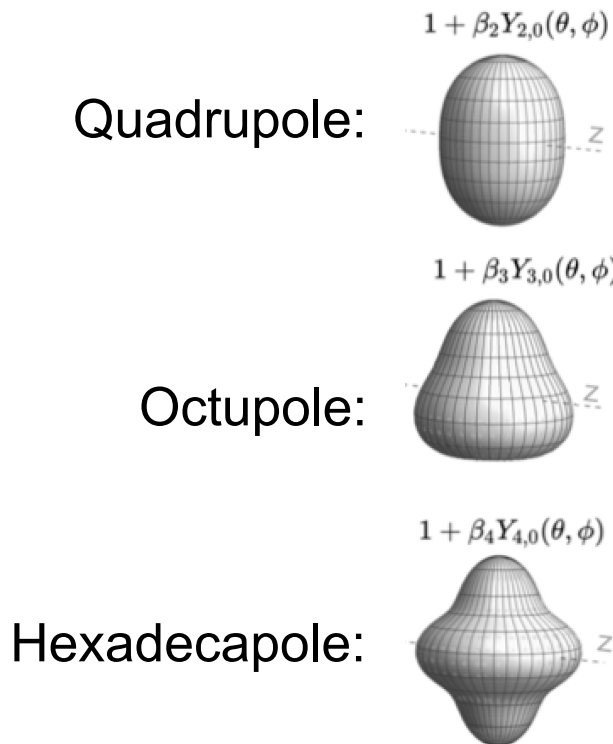
Prolate:  $a=b < c \rightarrow \beta_2, \gamma=0$

Oblate:  $a < b=c \rightarrow \beta_2, \gamma=\pi/3$  or  $-\beta_2, \gamma=0$

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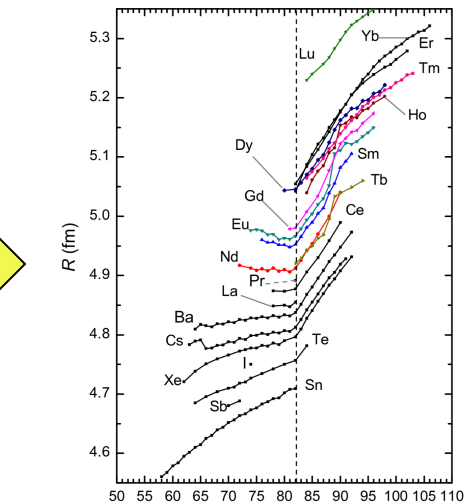
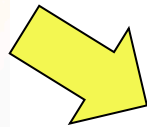
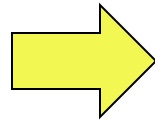
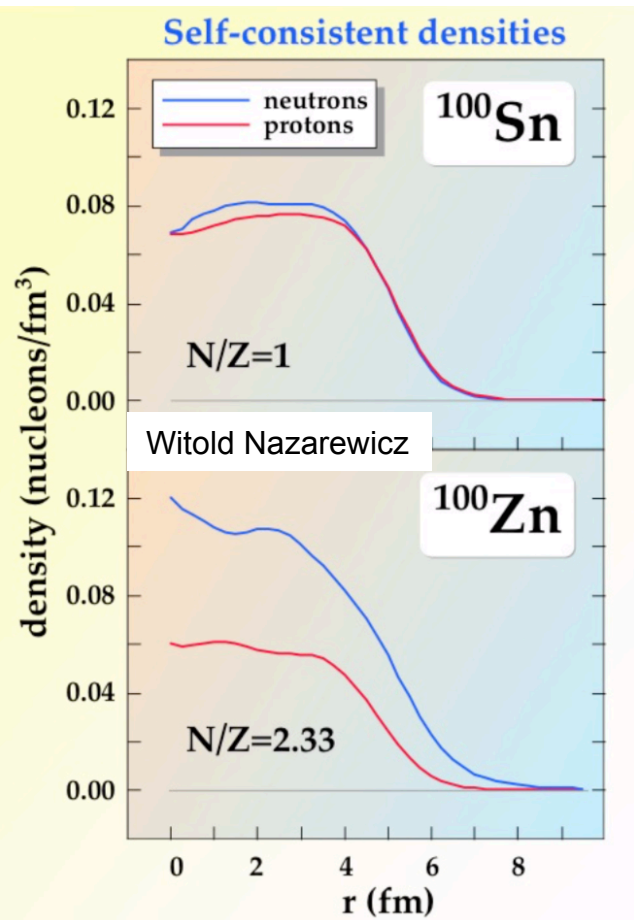
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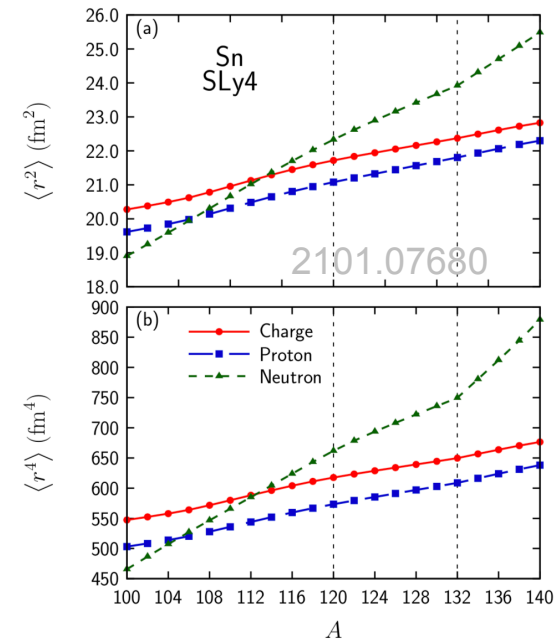
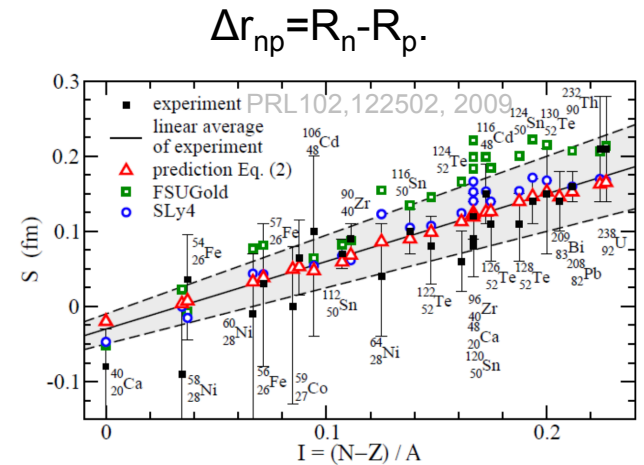
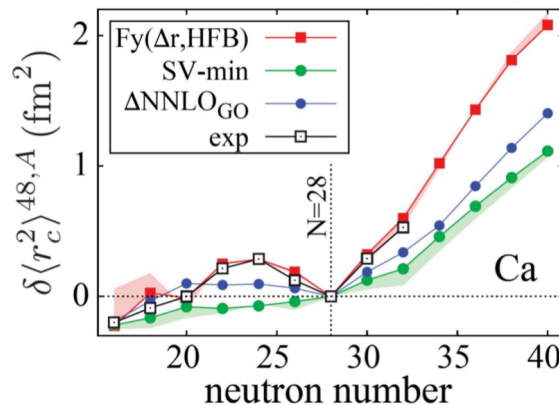
# Radial structure of nuclei

$$\rho = \frac{\rho_0}{1 + e^{(r - R_0(1 + \sum_n \beta_n Y_n^0(\theta, \phi)))/a_0}}$$



## Higher radial moments

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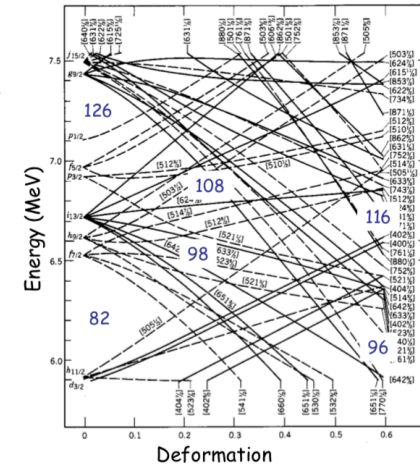
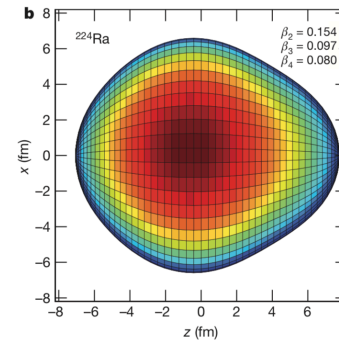
# Some topics in nuclear structure

- How the shape/size/skin evolves along isotopic chain

- Strong test on nuclear structure model

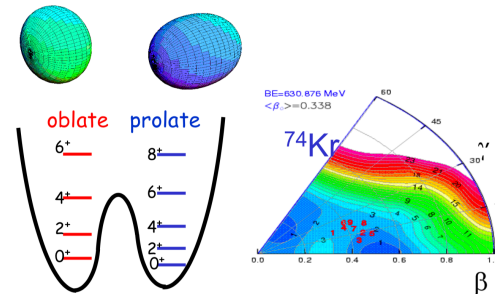
- Octuple (pear-shaped) deformation

- Octupole correlation or static deformation
- Strong test on EDM effects



- Triaxility : infers from  $\gamma$ -band, Chiral and Wobbling bands. Have large uncertainties.

- shape coexistence

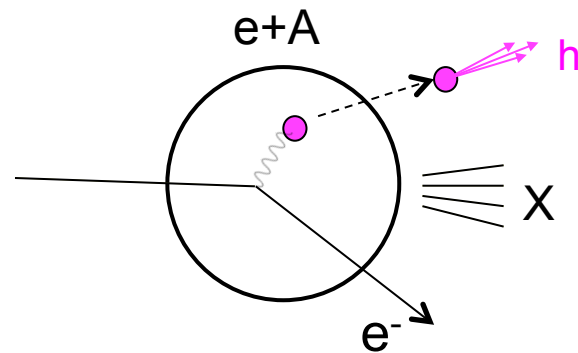
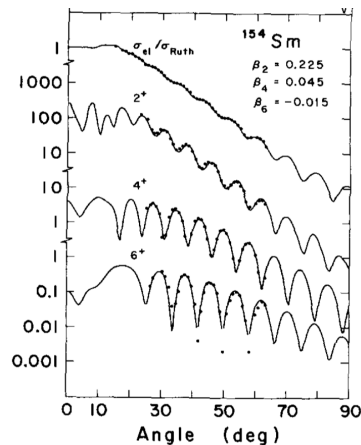
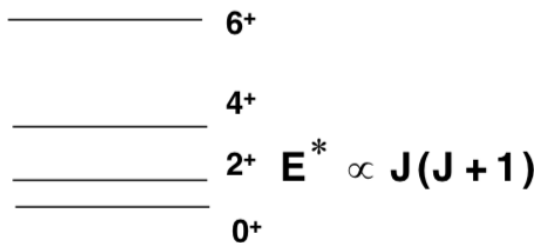


Use shape imaging in heavy-ion collision to help?

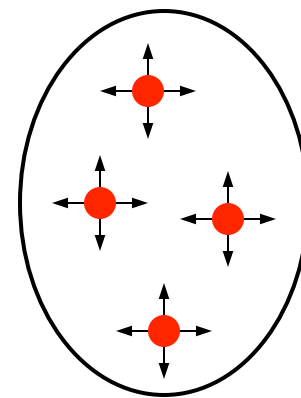
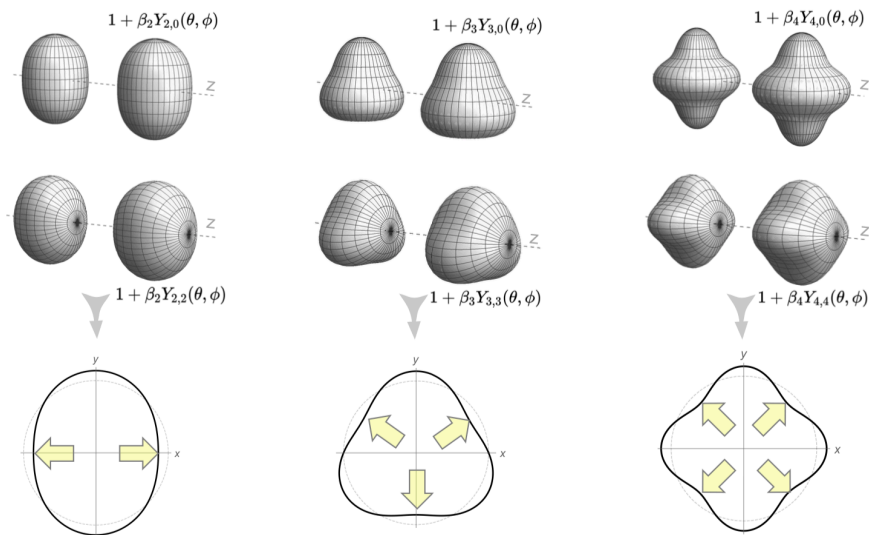
# Nuclear structure vs HI method

- Shape from  $B(E_n)$ , radial profile from  $e+A$  or ion-A scattering

«rotational» spectrum



- Probe entire mass distribution: multi-point correlations



$$S(\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2) \equiv \langle \delta\rho(\mathbf{s}_1)\delta\rho(\mathbf{s}_2) \rangle = \langle \rho(\mathbf{s}_1)\rho(\mathbf{s}_2) \rangle - \langle \rho(\mathbf{s}_1) \rangle \langle \rho(\mathbf{s}_2) \rangle.$$

Flow response to probe the nuclear structure

# Evidence of deformation in U+U vs Au+Au <sup>12</sup>

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/854124/contributions/4135480/>

Collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=193-200$  GeV

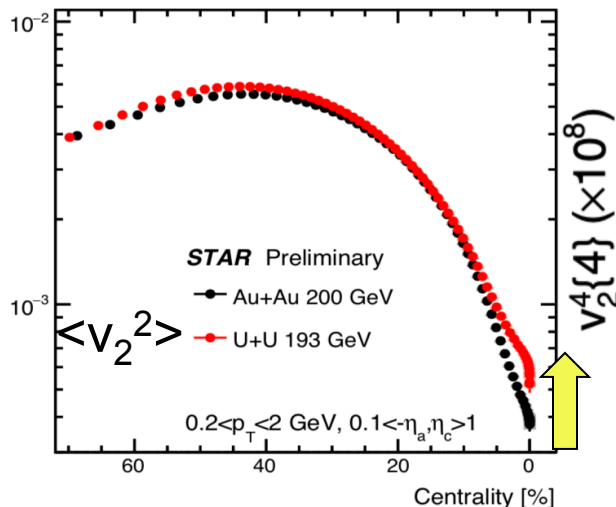
Large deformation in <sup>238</sup>U relative to <sup>197</sup>Au strongly influence flow signals

$$\beta_{2U} \sim 0.28$$

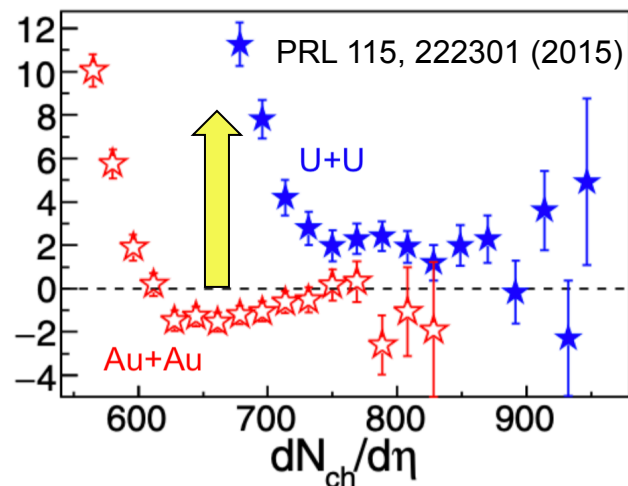
$$\beta_{2Au} \sim -0.13?$$

Working to turn these into a quantitative tool !

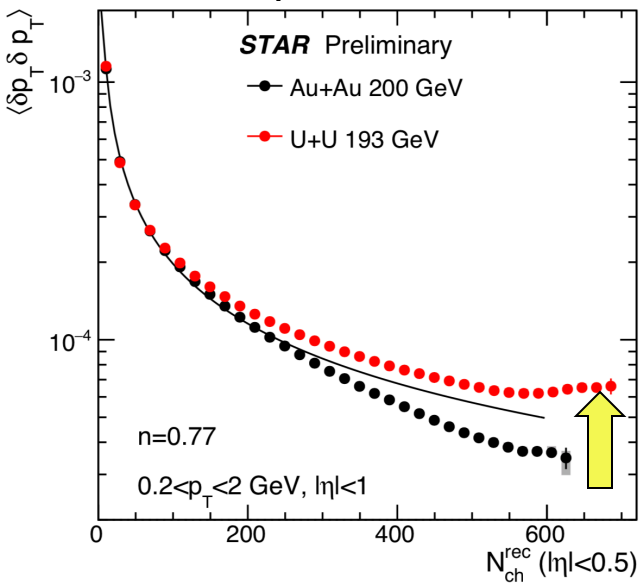
## $v_2$ variance



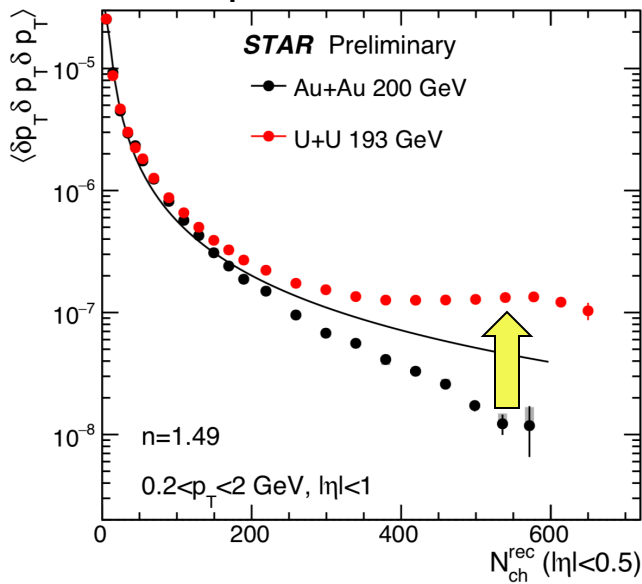
## $v_2$ kurtosis



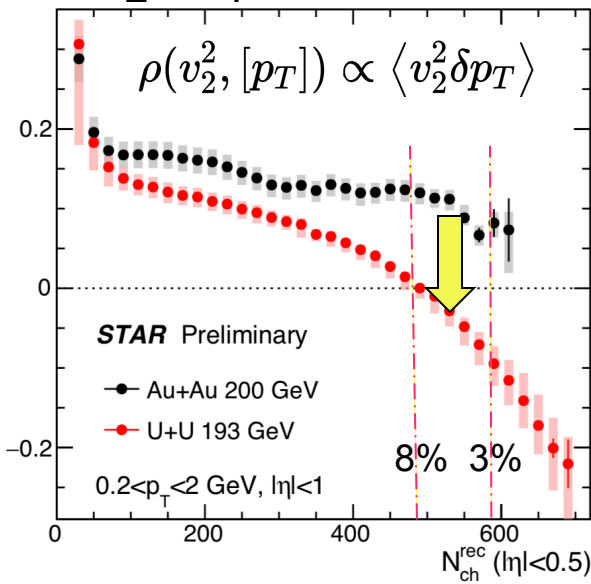
## $[p_T]$ variance



## $[p_T]$ skewness

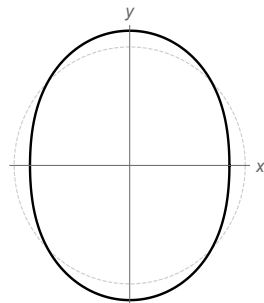
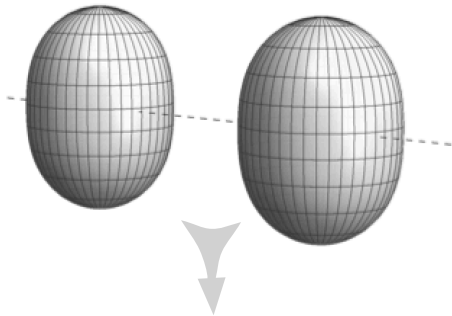


## $v_2$ - $[p_T]$ covariance



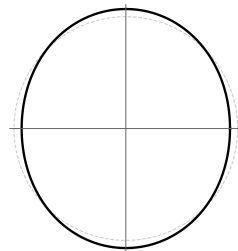
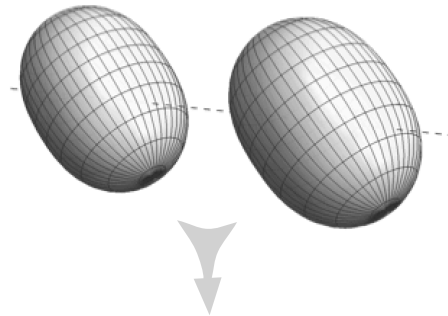
# Shape of the initial state in HI

Body-Body



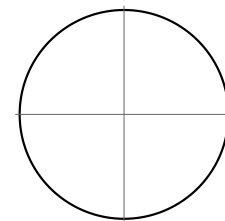
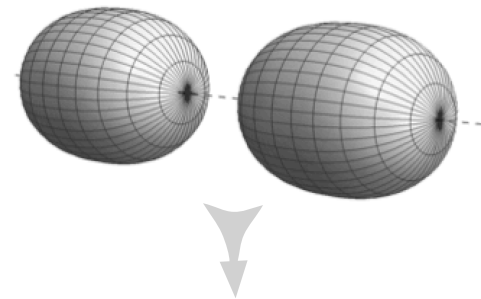
$$\varepsilon_2 \sim 0.95\beta_2$$

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



$$\varepsilon_2 \sim 0.48\beta_2$$

Tip-Tip



$$\varepsilon_2 \sim 0$$

shape of overlap = shape of nucleon dist. projected along Euler angle  $\Omega = \varphi\theta\psi$

# Parametric dependence

- $\epsilon_n$  has the form 
$$\epsilon_n = \underbrace{\epsilon_{n;0}}_{\text{undeformed}} + \sum_{m=2}^4 \underbrace{p_{n;m}(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)}_{\text{phase factor}} \beta_m + \mathcal{O}(\beta^2)$$

$\gamma$  only appear here, in the form of  $\cos 3\gamma$ ,  $\cos 6\gamma$ , ...

- $R_{\perp}^2 = \langle x^2 \rangle + \langle y^2 \rangle$  has the form 
$$\delta d_{\perp}/d_{\perp} = \delta_d + \sum_{m=2}^4 p_{0;m}(\Omega_1, \Omega_2) \beta_m + \mathcal{O}(\beta^2)$$
  
 $d_{\perp} \equiv 1/R_{\perp}$

- Two particle correlation

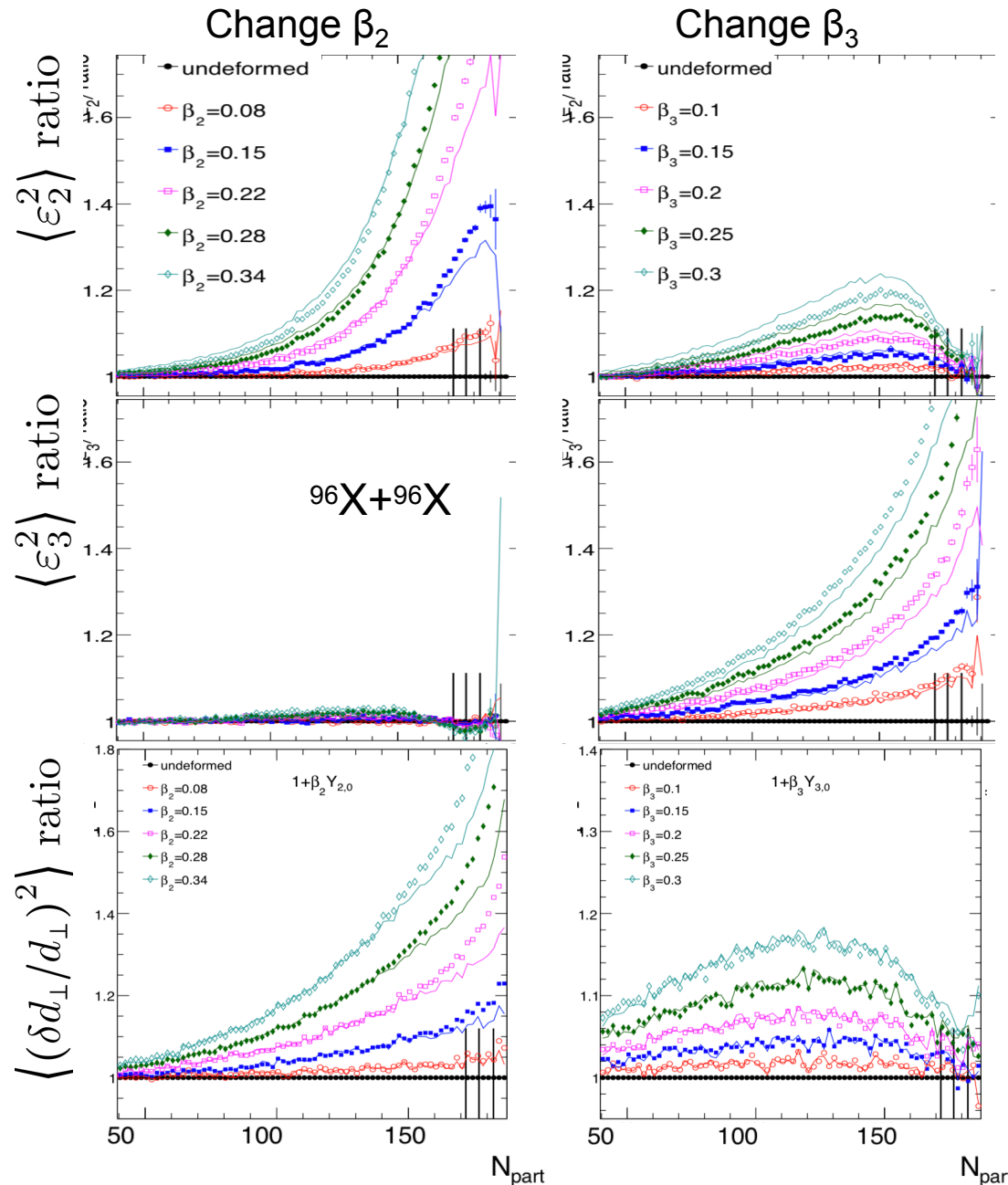
$$\langle \epsilon_n^2 \rangle \approx \langle \epsilon_{n;0}^2 \rangle + \sum_m \langle p_{n;m} p_{n;m}^* \rangle \beta_m^2 \quad \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}} \right)^2 \right\rangle \approx \langle \delta_d^2 \rangle + \sum_m \langle p_{0;m}^2 \rangle \beta_m^2$$

- Consider also the influence of  $R_0$  and  $a$  
$$\frac{\rho_0}{1 + e^{(r - R_0(1 + \sum_n \beta_n Y_n^0(\theta, \phi)))/a_0}}$$

$$\langle \epsilon_n^2 \rangle \approx b_0 + b_1 \beta_2^2 + b_2 \beta_3^2 + b_3 (R_0 - R_{0, \text{ref}}) + b_4 (a - a_{\text{ref}})$$

- Again linear response to relate to final state: 
$$v_n \propto \epsilon_n \frac{\delta[p_T]}{[p_T]} \propto \frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}}$$

# Parametric dependence



medium size system:

$$\varepsilon_2^2 = a'_2 + b'_2 \beta_2^2 + b'_{2,3} \beta_3^2$$

$$\varepsilon_3^2 = a'_3 + b'_3 \beta_3^2$$

$$(\delta d_{\perp} / d_{\perp})^2 = a'_0 + b'_0 \beta_2^2 + b'_{0,3} \beta_3^2$$



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

$$v_3^2 = a_3 + b_3 \beta_3^2$$

$$(\delta p_{\text{T}} / p_{\text{T}})^2 = a_0 + b_0 \beta_2^2 + b_{0,3} \beta_3^2$$

# Isobar collisions as precision tool

- Unique running mode of RHIC and STAR to minimize the detector systematics
  - 0.4% precision is achieved in ratio of many observables between two isobar systems → precision imaging tool

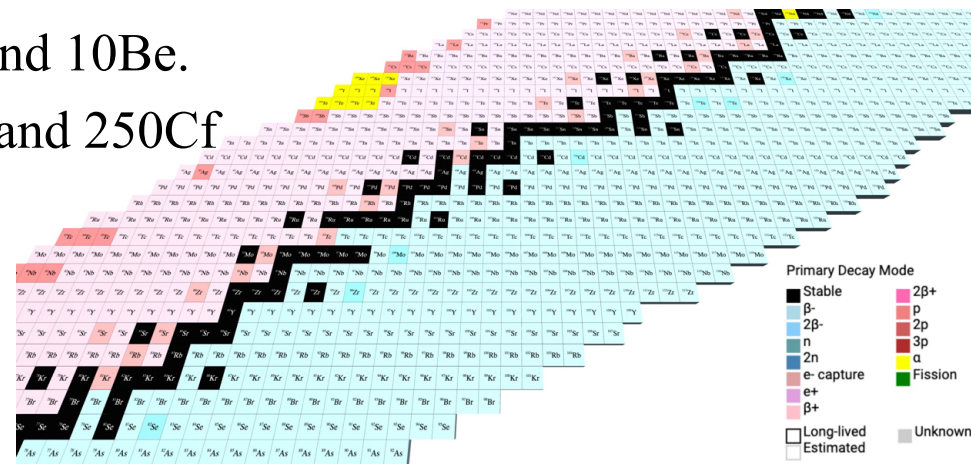
A key question for any  
HI observable ○

$$\frac{O_{X+X}}{O_{Y+Y}} \stackrel{?}{=} 1 \quad {}^A X + {}^A X \text{ vs } {}^A Y + {}^A Y$$

Deviation from 1 must have its origin in the nuclear structure, which is reflected by the initial state and then survives the final state. A precision tool to study initial state and final state responses

- Many such pairs of isobars in the nuclear chart.
  - Small system isobar such as  ${}^{10}\text{B}$  and  ${}^{10}\text{Be}$ .
  - Large system isobar up to  ${}^{250}\text{Cm}$  and  ${}^{250}\text{Cf}$

A new handle to probe  
heavy ion physics





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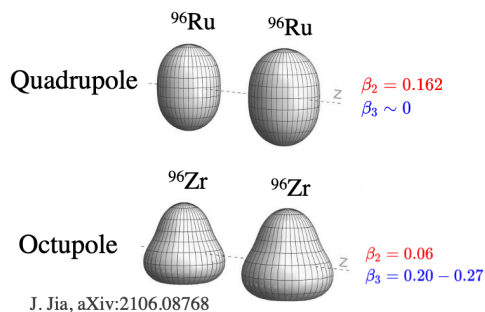
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## Expectation



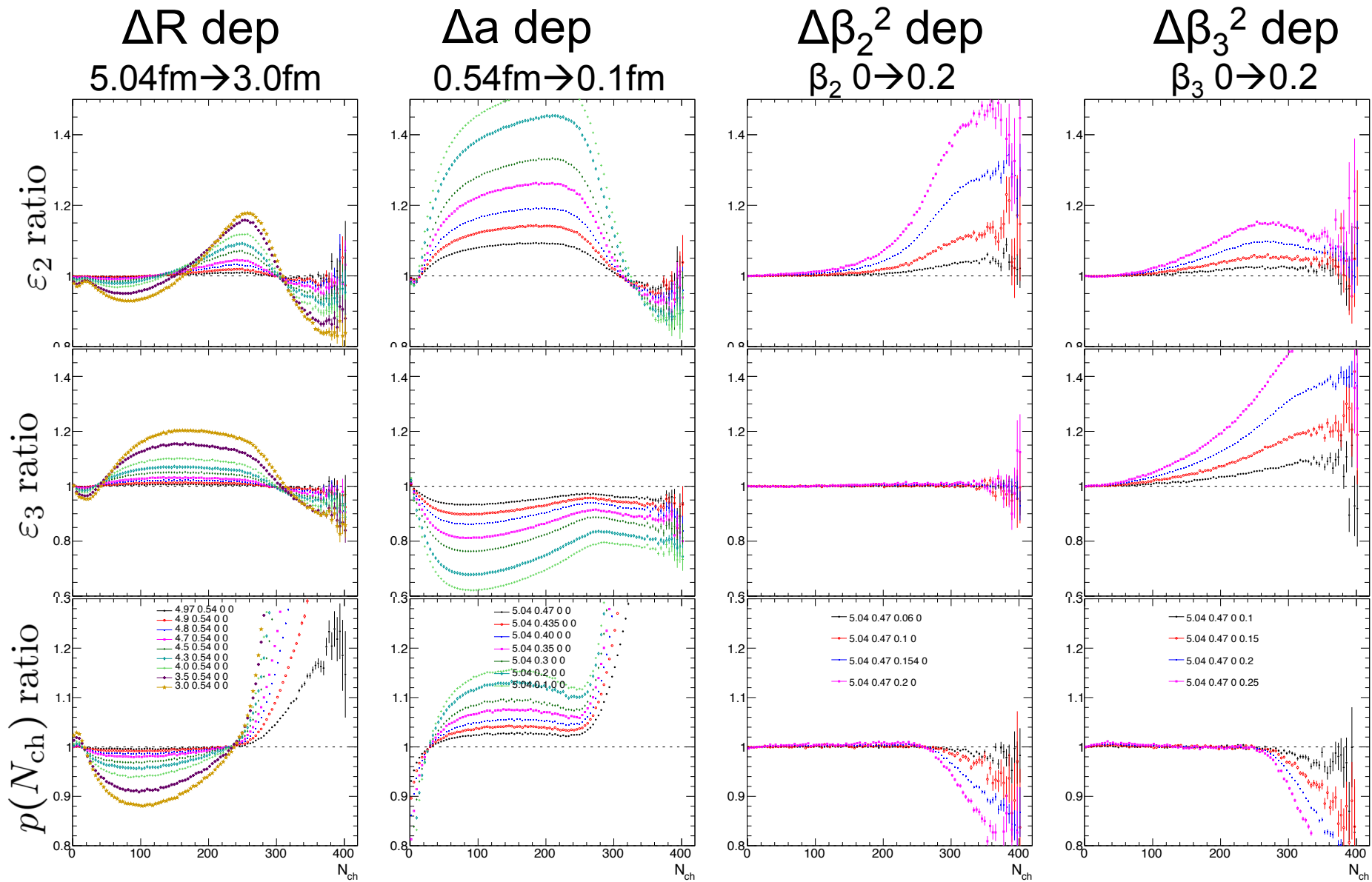
$$O \approx b_0 + b_1 \beta_2^2 + b_2 \beta_3^2 + b_3 (R_0 - R_{0,\text{ref}}) + b_4 (a - a_{\text{ref}})$$

$$R_O \equiv \frac{O_{\text{Ru}}}{O_{\text{Zr}}} \approx 1 + c_1 \Delta \beta_2^2 + c_2 \Delta \beta_3^2 + c_3 \Delta R_0 + c_4 \Delta a$$

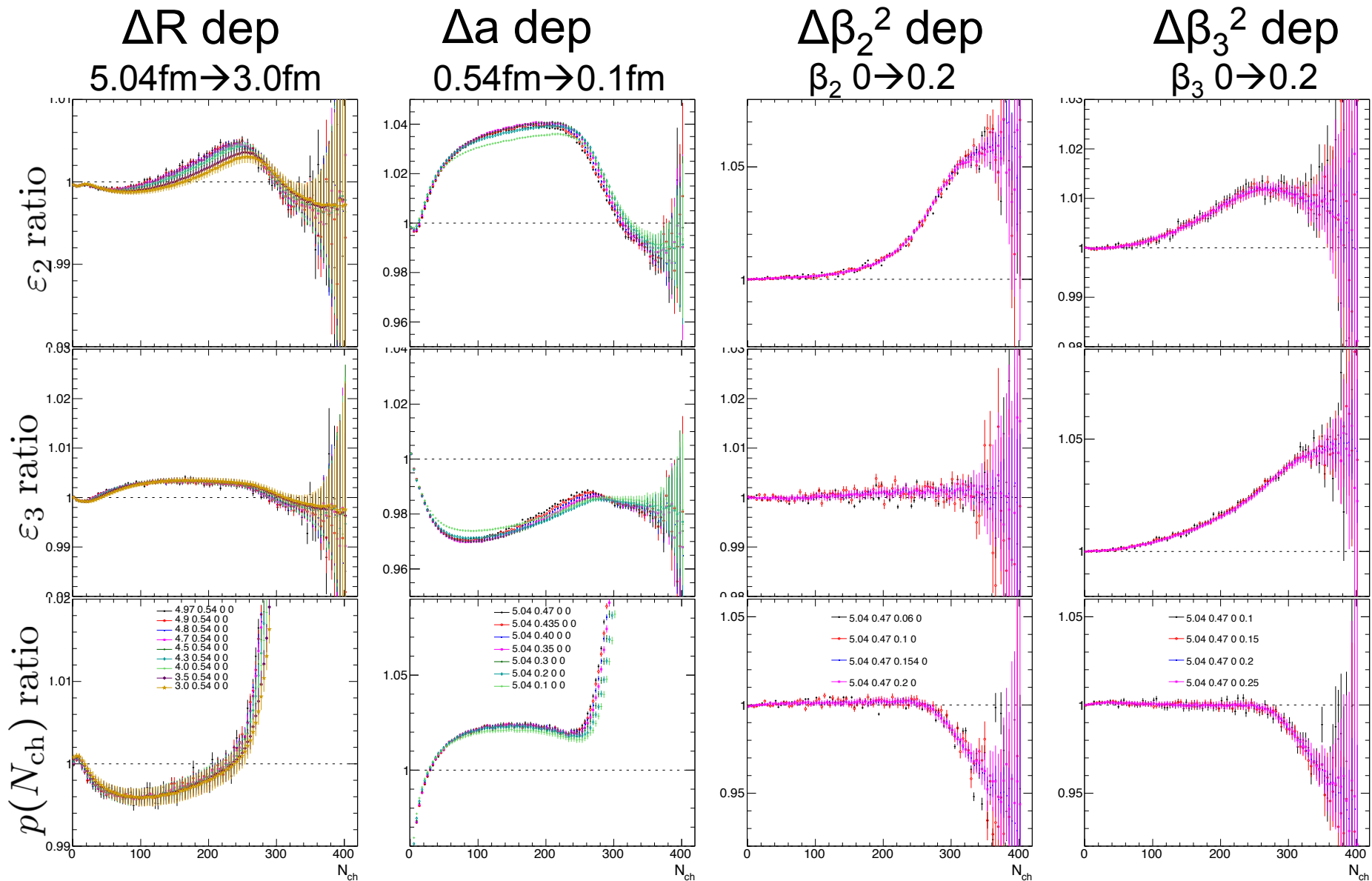
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Ru	0.162	0	0.46 fm	5.09 fm
Zr	0.06	0.20	0.52 fm	5.02 fm
difference	$\Delta \beta_2^2$	$\Delta \beta_3^2$	$\Delta a_0$	$\Delta R_0$
	0.0226	-0.04	-0.06 fm	0.07 fm

Valid for most single- and two-particle observable:  $v_2, v_3, p(N), \langle p_T \rangle, \langle \delta p_T^2 \rangle ..$

# Glauber results: $N_{ch}$ dep

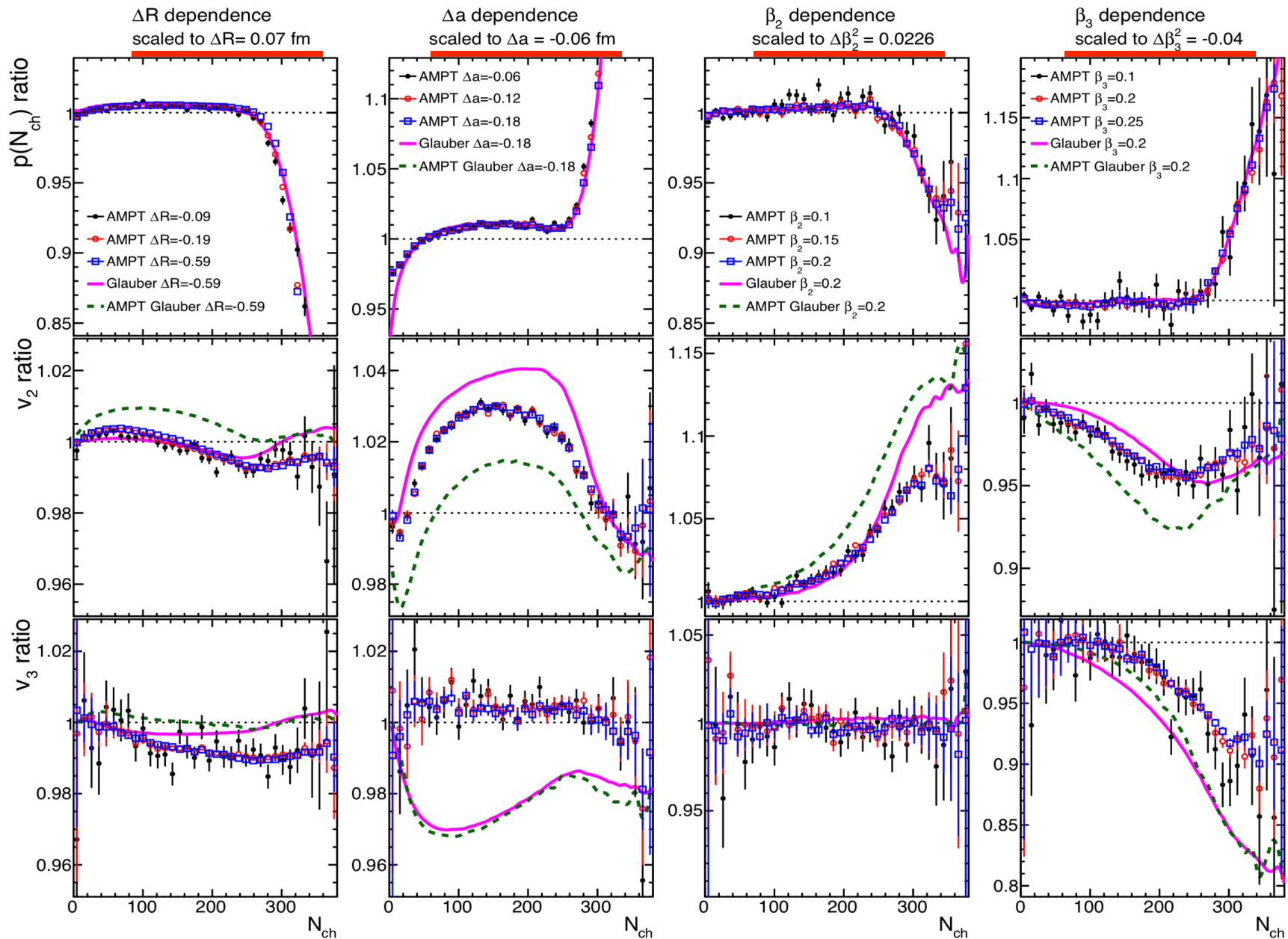


# Glauber results: scaled



Verifies the relation:  $1 + c_1 \Delta\beta_2^2 + c_2 \Delta\beta_3^2 + c_3 \Delta a + c_4 \Delta R$

# AMPT results: scaled

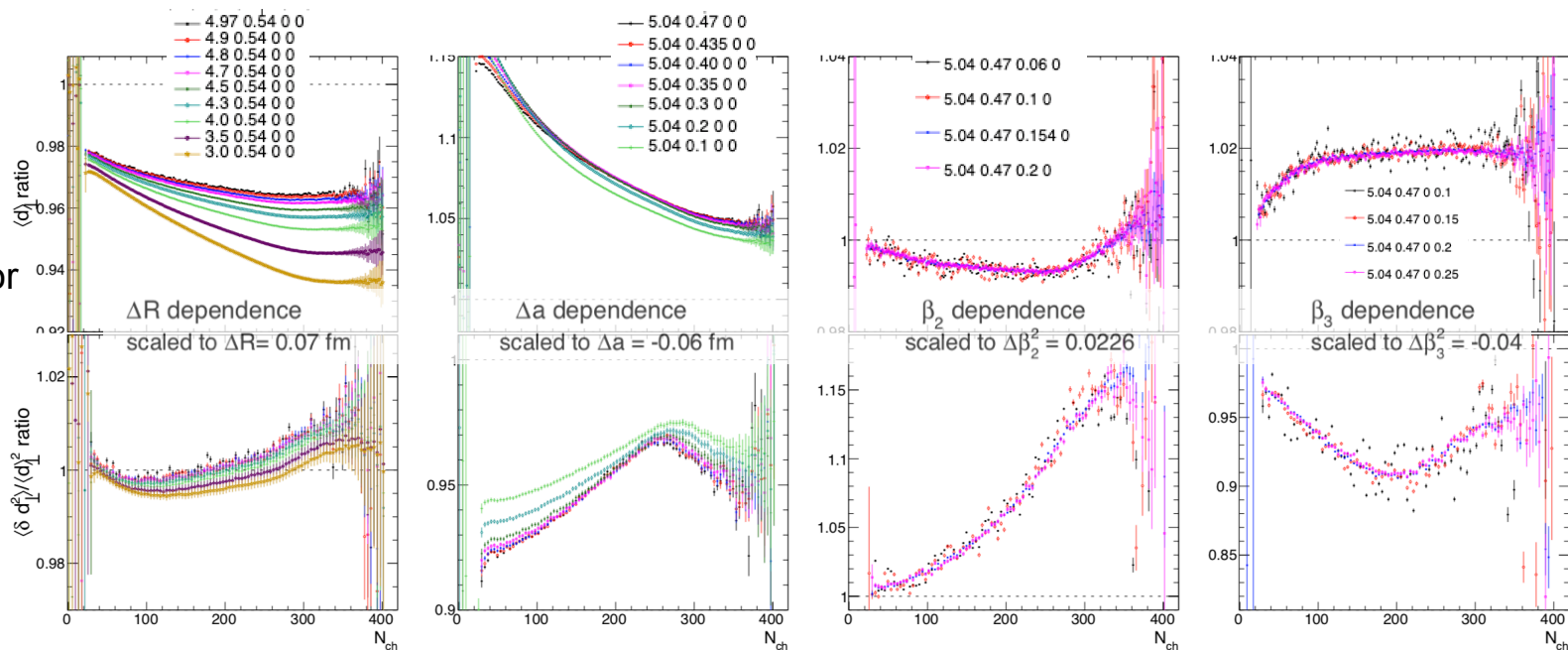


Verifies the relation:  $1 + c_1 \Delta\beta_2^2 + c_2 \Delta\beta_3^2 + c_3 \Delta a + c_4 \Delta R$

# Scaling approach to nuclear structure

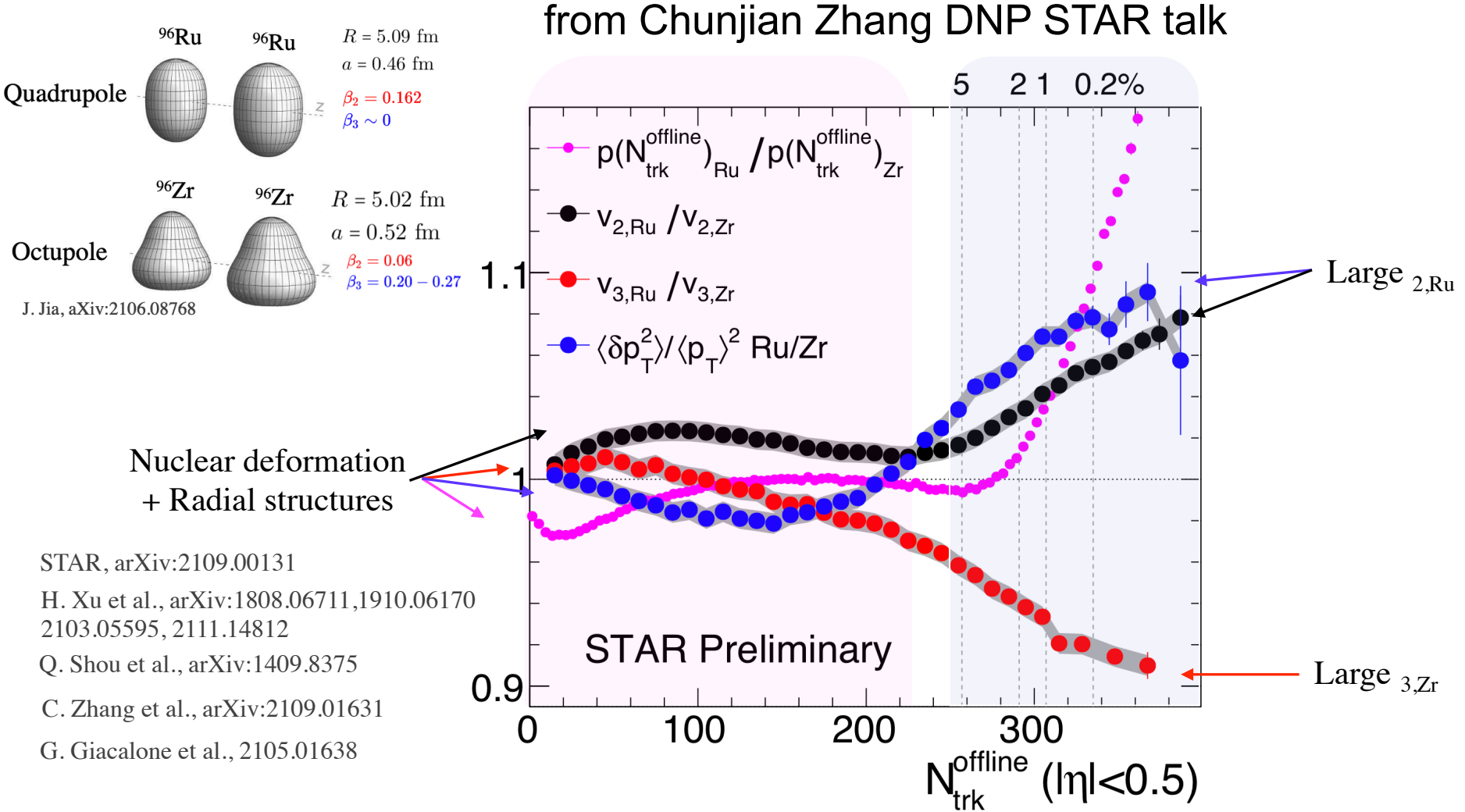
$$\frac{\mathcal{O}_{\text{Ru}}}{\mathcal{O}_{\text{Zr}}} \approx 1 + c_1 \Delta\beta_2^2 + c_2 \Delta\beta_3^2 + c_3 \Delta R_0 + c_4 \Delta a$$

Works well for most single- and two-particle observables:  
 $v_2, v_3, p(N)$ , but also  $\langle p_T \rangle, \langle \delta p_T^2 \rangle \dots$



- Determine  $c_n$  once, and predict ratios for other parameter values.
- Constrain parameters via  $\chi^2$  analysis or Bayesian inference.
- Generalize to multi-particle observables...

# Compare with isobar data



STAR, arXiv:2109.00131

H. Xu et al., arXiv:1808.06711,1910.06170  
2103.05595, 2111.14812

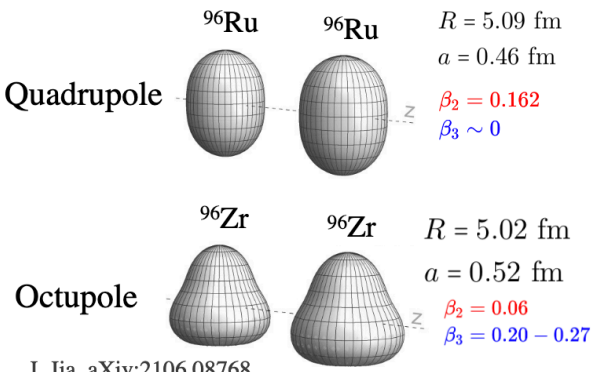
Q. Shou et al., arXiv:1409.8375

C. Zhang et al., arXiv:2109.01631

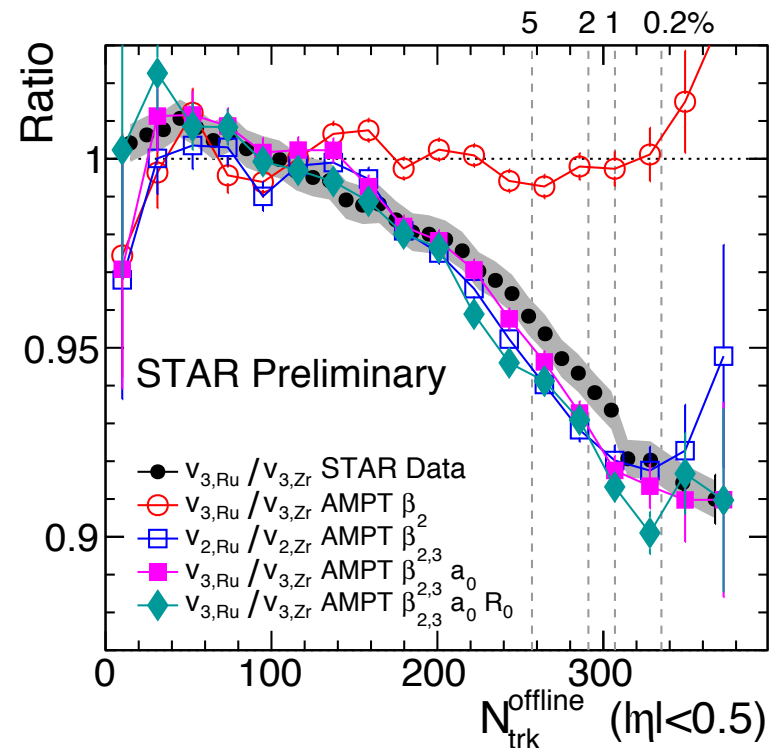
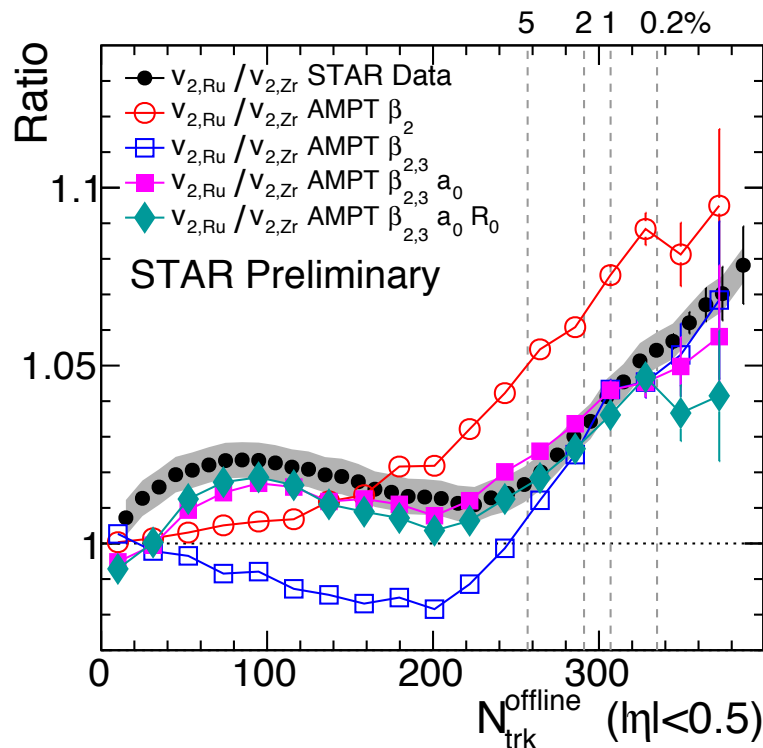
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Use these ratios to probe shape and radial structure of nuclei.

# Nuclear structure via $v_n$ -ratio

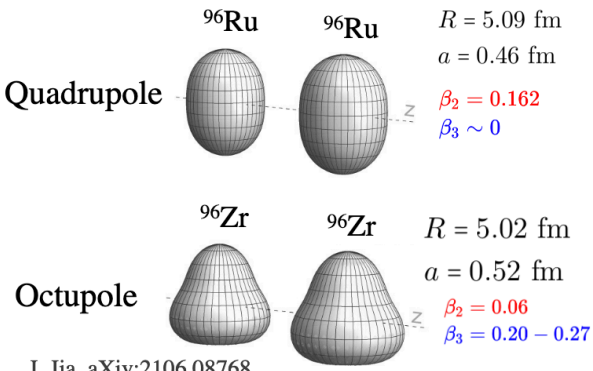


- $\beta_{2\text{Ru}} \sim 0.16$  increase  $v_2$ , no influence on  $v_3$  ratio
- $\beta_{3\text{Zr}} \sim 0.2$  decrease  $v_2$  in mid-central, decrease  $v_3$  ratio
- diffu.  $\Delta a_0 = -0.06$  fm increase  $v_2$  mid-central, no influe. on  $v_3$ .
  - Similar study by Haojie et.al.
- Radius  $\Delta R_0 = 0.07$  fm only slightly affects  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  ratio.



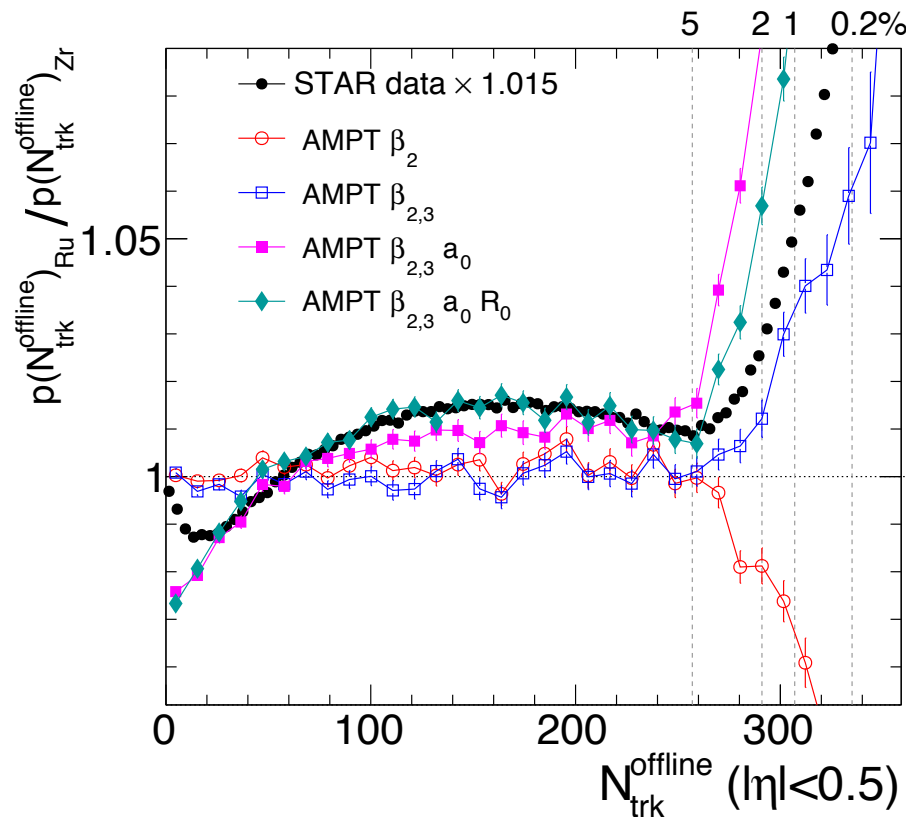
Simultaneously constrain these parameters using different  $N_{\text{ch}}$  regions

# Nuclear structure via $p(N_{ch})$ -ratio



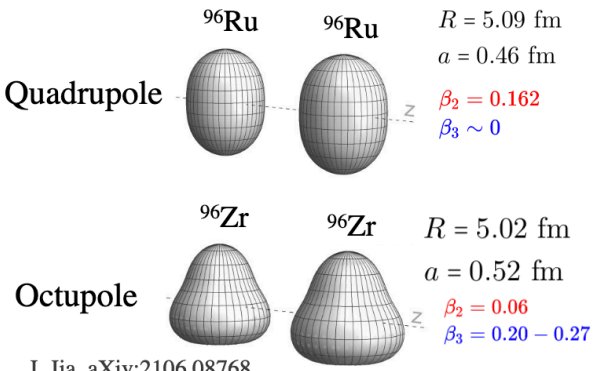
- $\beta_{2\text{Ru}} \sim 0.16$  decrease ratio, increase after considering  $\beta_{3\text{Zr}} \sim 0.2$
- The bump structure in non-central region mostly sensitive to differences in surface diffuseness  $\Delta a_0$  and radius  $\Delta R_0$

J. Jia, aXiv:2106.08768



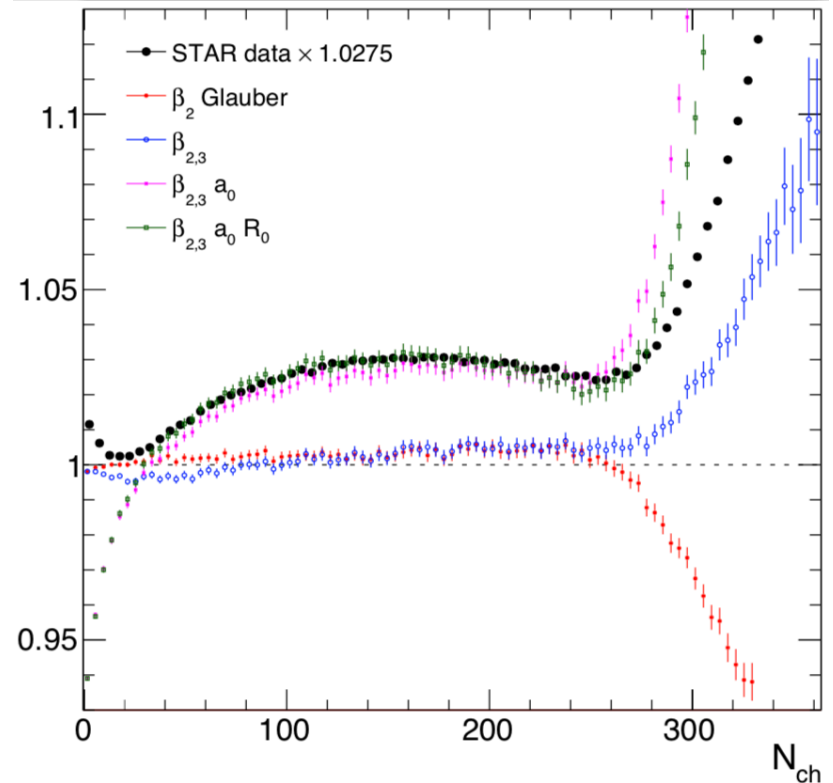
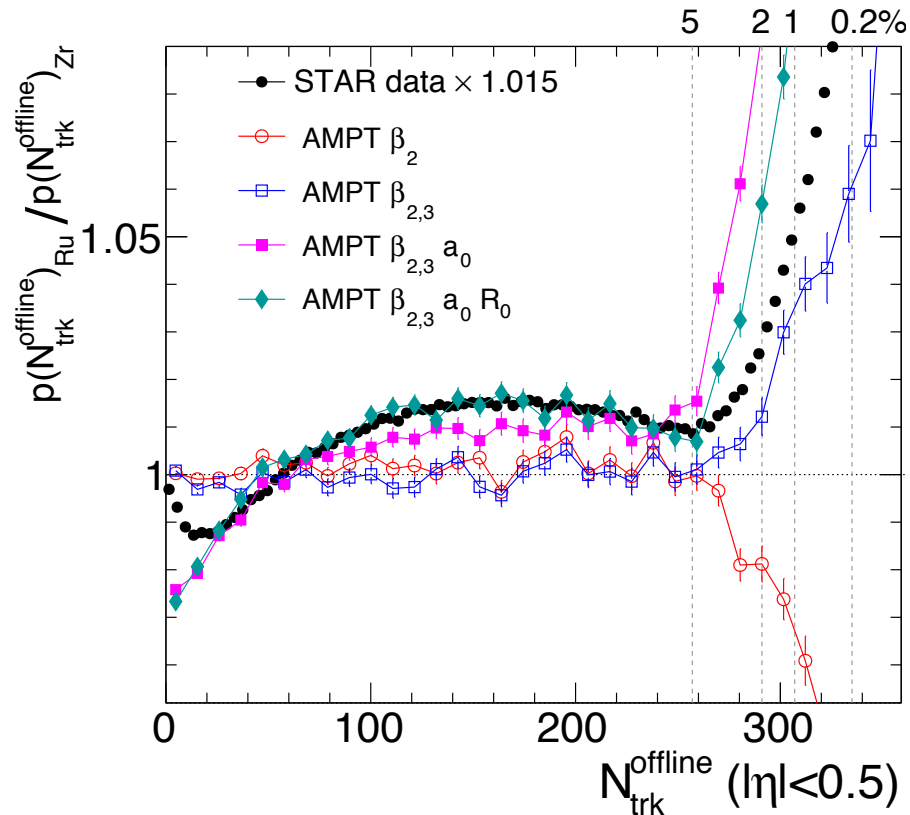


# Nuclear structure via $p(N_{ch})$ -ratio

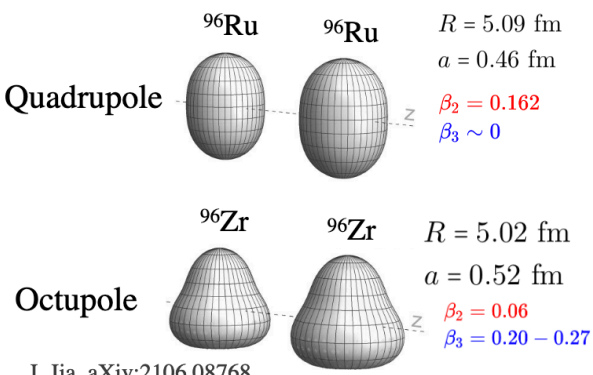


- $\beta_{2\text{Ru}} \sim 0.16$  decrease ratio, increase after considering  $\beta_{3\text{Zr}} \sim 0.2$
- The bump structure in non-central region mostly sensitive to differences in surface diffuseness  $\Delta a_0$  and radius  $\Delta R_0$
- All these trends are quantitatively reproduced by Glauber

J. Jia, aXiv:2106.08768



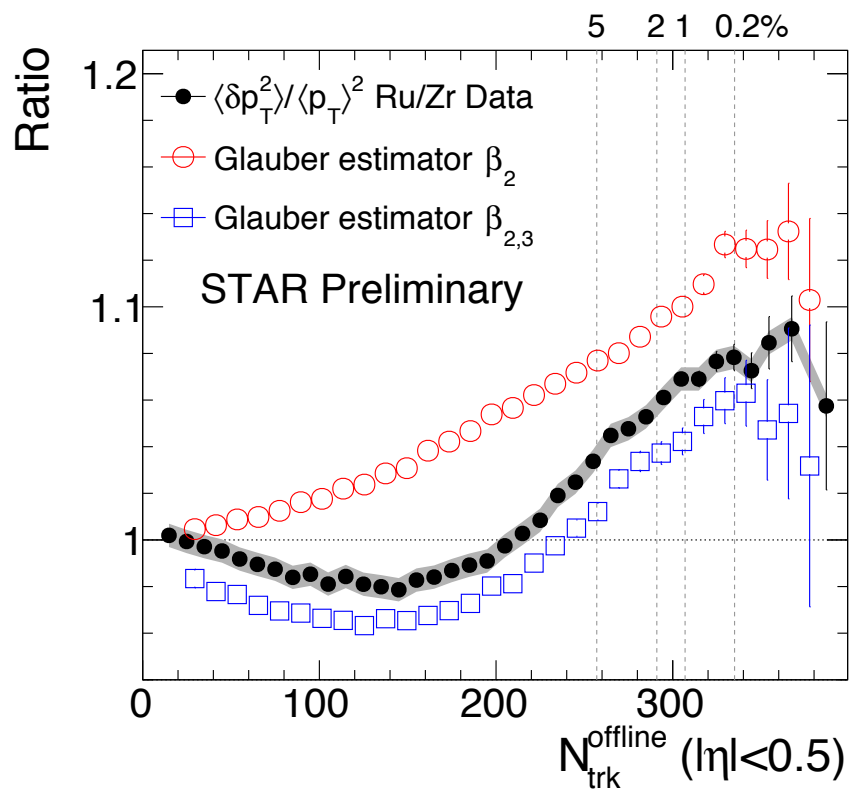
# Structure via radial flow: $\langle p_T \rangle$ & its flucs. 26



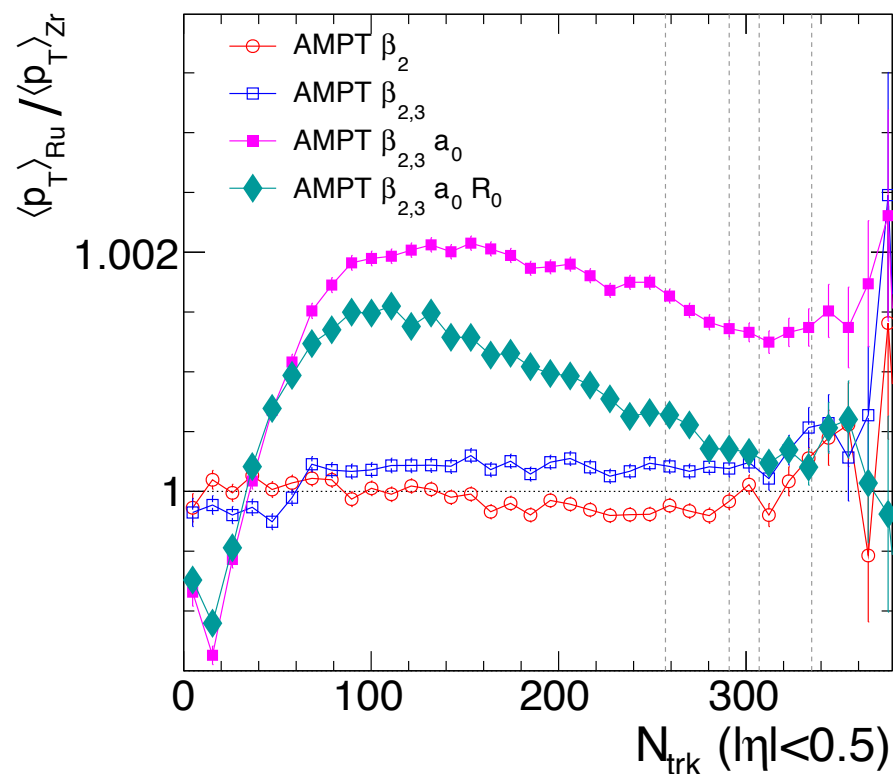
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- Glauber model is used by assuming  $\frac{\delta[p_T]}{[p_T]} \propto \frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp}$ 
  - Variance:  $\beta_{2\text{Ru}} \sim 0.16$  increase ratio,  $\beta_{3\text{Zr}} \sim 0.2$  decrease it
- AMPT has wrong  $\langle p_T \rangle$  responses, only for qualitative info
  - $R_0$  and  $a$  plays most important role

## $\langle p_T \rangle$ variance



## $\langle p_T \rangle$ mean

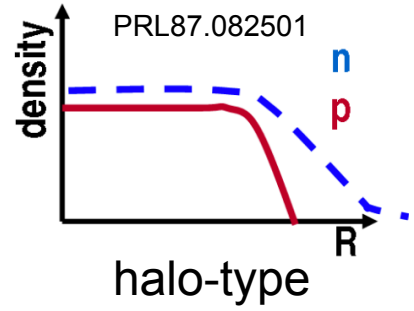
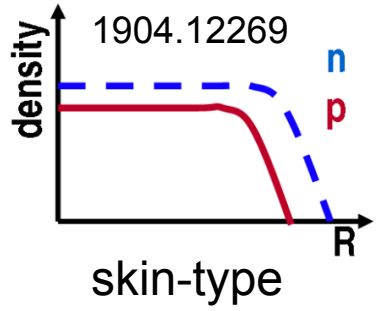


# Probing the Neutron Skin

$$\rho = \frac{\rho_0}{1 + e^{-(r-R_0)/a}}$$

Neutron skin:

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



Related to the EOS of symmetry energy, in particular the slope parameter "L"

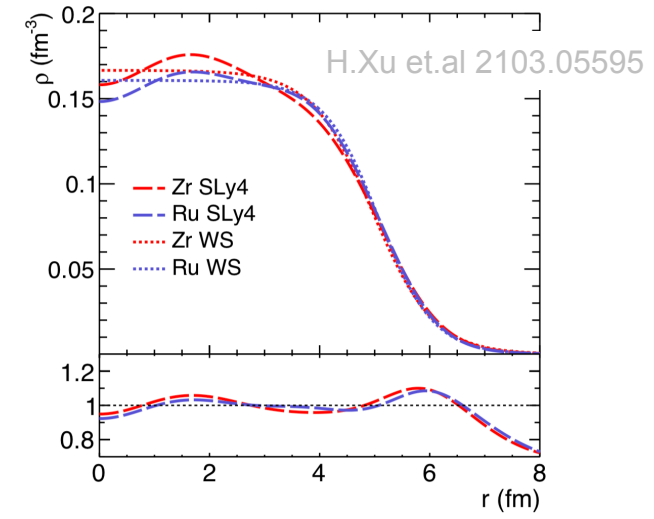
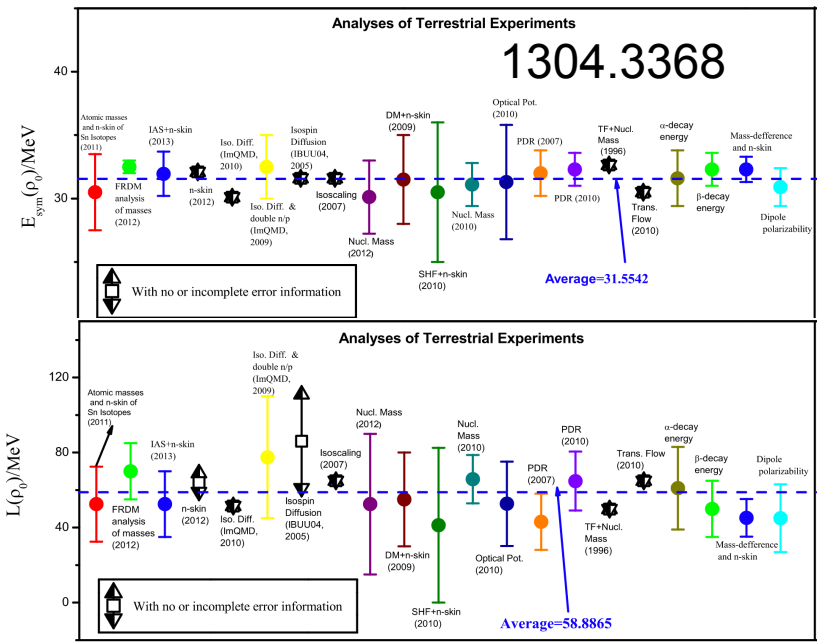
$$E(\rho, \alpha) \approx E_{\text{SNM}}(\rho) + E_{\text{sym}}(\rho) \cdot \alpha^2 \quad \alpha = (\rho_n - \rho_p)/\rho$$

$$E_{\text{sym}}(\rho) \approx J + Lx + \frac{1}{2}K_{\text{sym}}x^2 \quad x = (\rho - \rho_{\text{sat}})/3\rho_{\text{sat}}$$

Fundamental importance in nuclear and astro-physics

Distribution has more sophisticated form, but typically parameterized with WS

Constraints from structure and low-energy heavy-ion experiments



# Hydro-response to Neutron skin

Sensitive to L parameter via hydro response:

$$\langle p_{\perp} \rangle \sim d_{\perp} \equiv \sqrt{N_{\text{part}} / S_{\perp}}$$

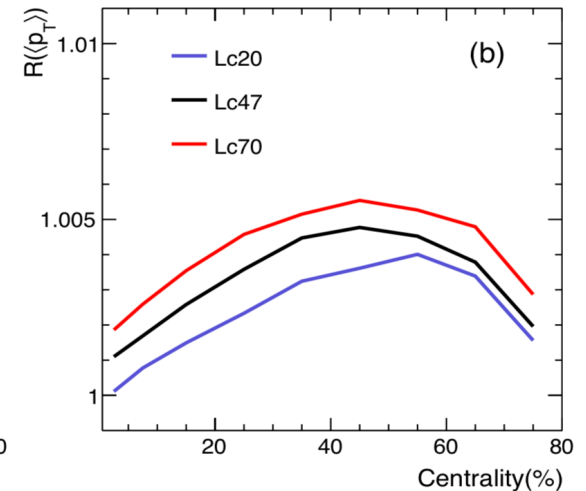
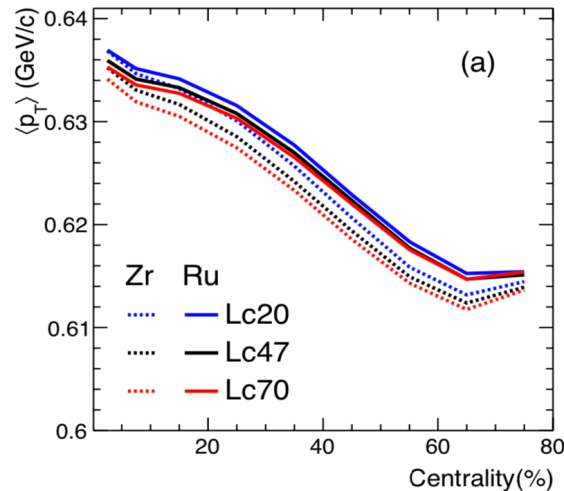
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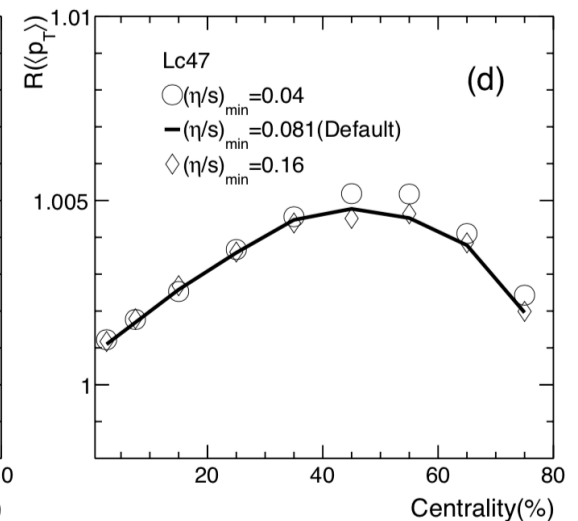
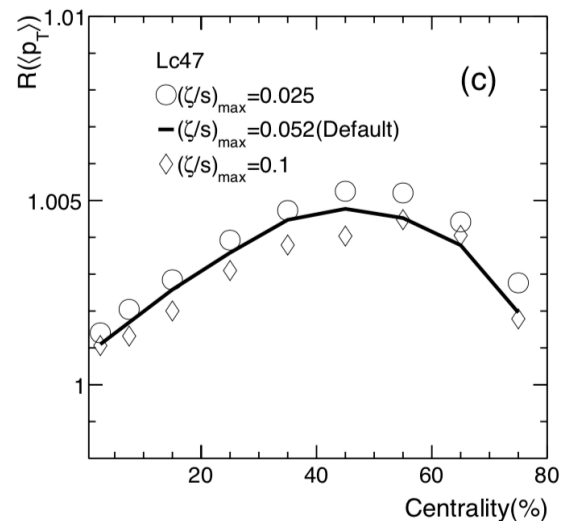
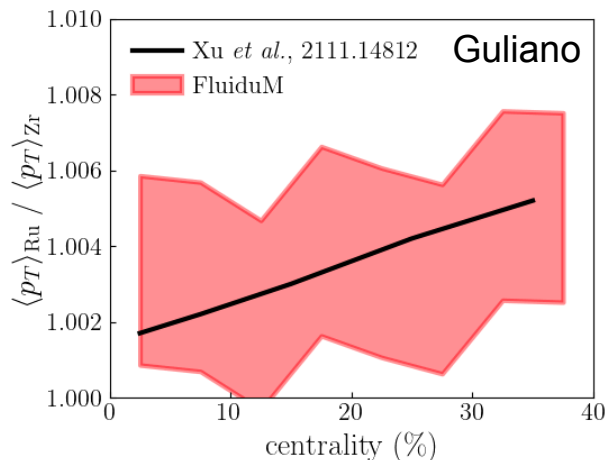
$$E_{\text{sym}}(\rho) \approx J + Lx + \frac{1}{2}K_{\text{sym}}x^2$$

$$\alpha = (\rho_n - \rho_p) / \rho$$

$$x = (\rho - \rho_{\text{sat}}) / 3\rho_{\text{sat}}$$



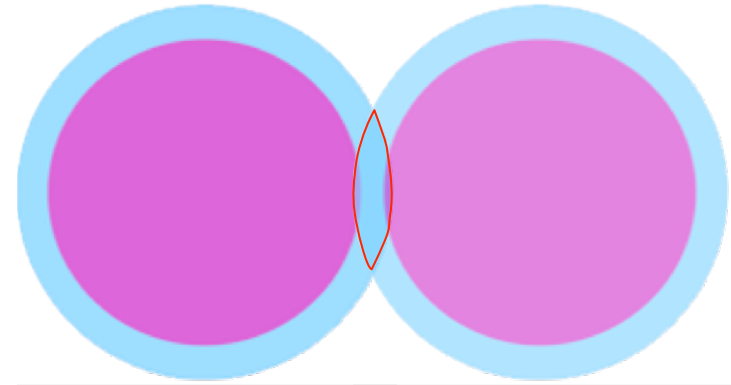
Insensitive to final state effects, direct probe of the initial state:



# Skin by peripheral isobaric collision

Enhanced skin contribution in the collisions reduces net charge

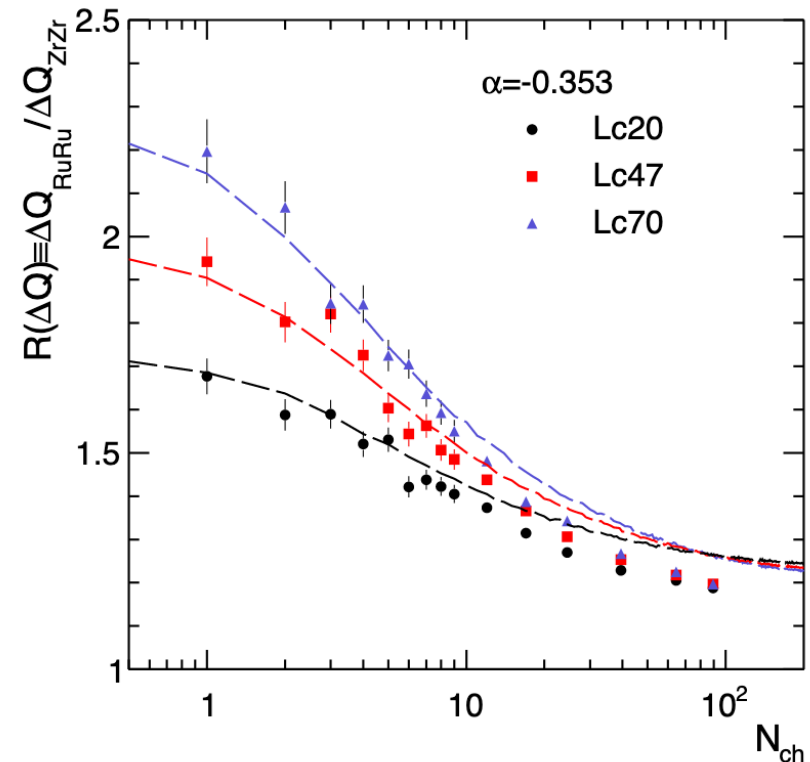
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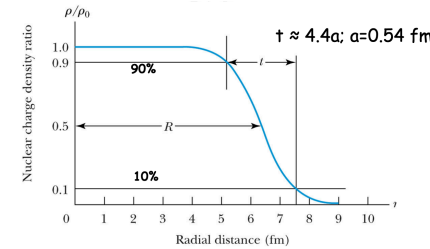
$$R_{\Delta Q} \equiv \frac{\Delta Q_{\text{RuRu}}}{\Delta Q_{\text{ZrZr}}} = \frac{q_{\text{RuRu}} + \alpha/(1 - \alpha)}{q_{\text{ZrZr}} + \alpha/(1 - \alpha)}$$

$\alpha \simeq -0.352$  is net-Q ratio in nn vs pp collisions

Large neutron skin of  $^{96}\text{Zr}$   
is sensitive to L parameter



# A direct link to Neutron Skin



Using relation for WS:  $R^2 \equiv \langle r^2 \rangle \approx \left( \frac{3}{5} R_0^2 + \frac{7}{5} \pi^2 a^2 \right) / \left( 1 + \frac{5}{4\pi^2} \sum_n \beta_n^2 \right)$

Neutron skin expressed by **R** and **a** parameters for **nucleons** and **protons**:

$$\Delta r_{np} \approx \frac{R^2 - R_p^2}{R(\delta + 1)} \approx \frac{3(R_0^2 - R_{0,p}^2) + 7\pi^2(a^2 - a_p^2)}{\sqrt{15}R_0 \sqrt{1 + \frac{7\pi^2}{3} \frac{a^2}{R_0^2} (1 + \delta + \frac{5}{8\pi^2} \sum_n \beta_n^2)}} \quad \delta = (N - Z)/A$$

The difference between two isobar can be expressed as

$$\Delta(\Delta r_{np}) = \Delta r_{np,1} - \Delta r_{np,2} \approx \frac{\Delta Y - \frac{7\pi^2}{3} \frac{\bar{a}^2}{\bar{R}_0^2} \left( \frac{\Delta Y}{2} + \bar{Y} \left( \frac{\Delta a}{\bar{a}} - \frac{\Delta R_0}{\bar{R}_0} \right) \right)}{\sqrt{15} \bar{R}_0 \left( 1 + \bar{\delta} + \frac{5}{8\pi^2} \sum_n \bar{\beta}_n^2 \right)}$$

where  $Y \equiv 3(R_0^2 - R_{0,p}^2) + 7\pi^2(a^2 - a_p^2)$      $\Delta x = x_1 - x_2$      $\bar{x} = (x_1 + x_2)/2$

Can obtain skin diff. from  $\Delta R_0 \Delta a$  for nucleons and known  $\Delta R_0 \Delta a$  for protons

Example: 2103.05595

	<sup>96</sup> Ru		<sup>96</sup> Zr	
	R	a	R	a
p	5.060	0.493	4.915	0.521
n	5.075	0.505	5.015	0.574
p+n	5.067	0.500	4.965	0.556

Direct calc.:  $\Delta(\Delta r_{np}) = 0.0296 \text{ fm} - 0.1606 \text{ fm} = -0.1310 \text{ fm}$

Formula:  $\Delta(\Delta r_{np}) = -0.1319 \text{ fm}$

# How to do system (isobar) scan

arXiv:2106.08768

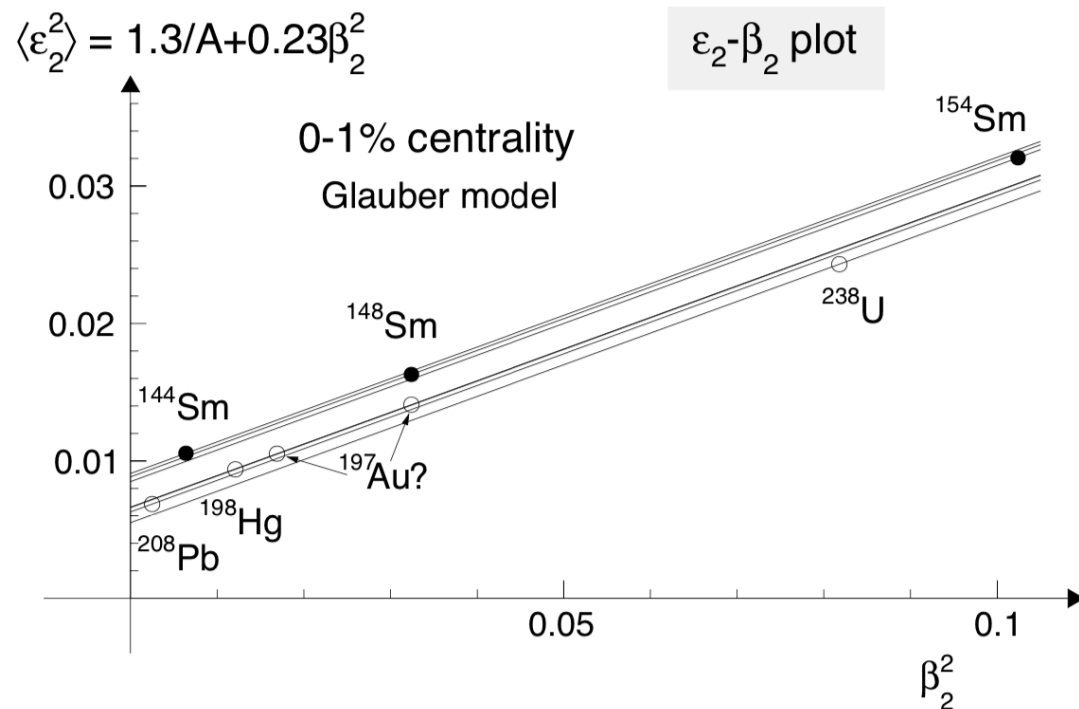
$$\langle \epsilon_2^2 \rangle = a' + b' \beta_2^2$$

$$\langle v_2^2 \rangle = a + b \beta_2^2$$

In central collisions

$$a' = \langle \epsilon_2^2 \rangle_{|\beta_2=0} \propto 1/A$$

$$a = \langle v_2^2 \rangle_{|\beta_2=0} \propto 1/A$$



$b'$ ,  $b$  are  $\sim$  independent of system

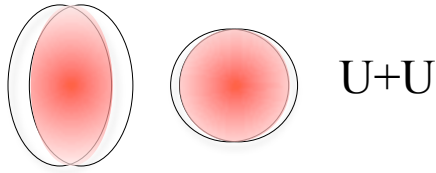
Systems with similar  $A$  fall on the same curve.

Fix  $a$  and  $b$  with two isobar systems with known  $\beta_n$ ,  
then make predictions for third one

Similar approach also works for  $R_0$  and diffusivity.

# Application in $^{197}\text{Au}+^{197}\text{Au}$ vs $^{238}\text{U}+^{238}\text{U}$

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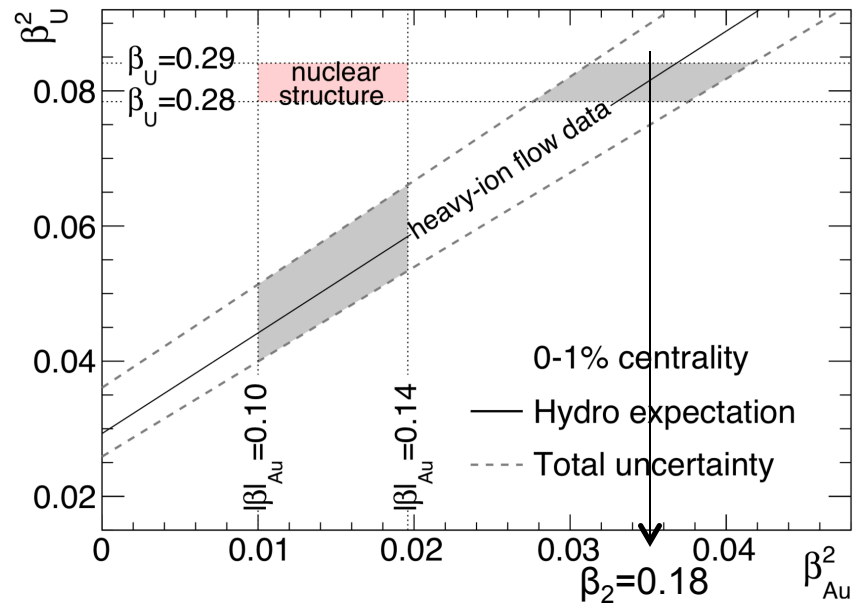
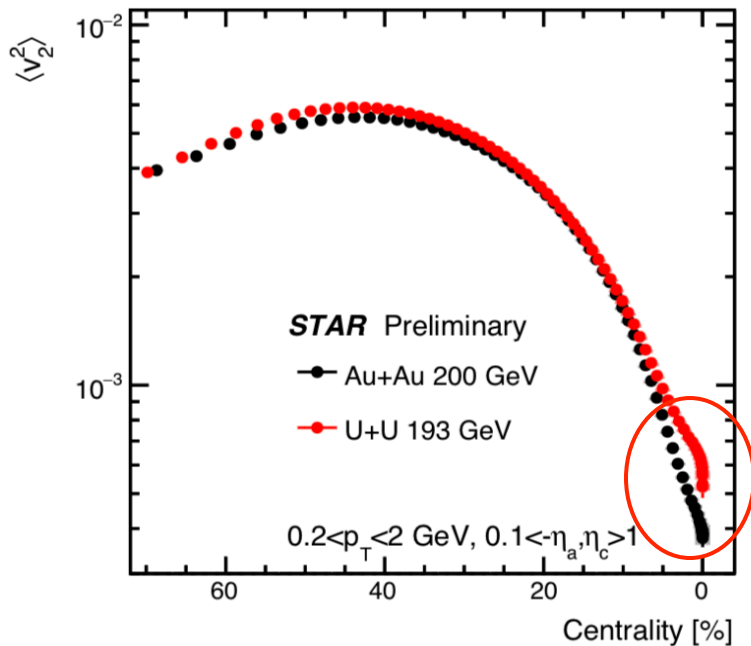
Collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}=193\text{-}200$  GeV See:arXiv:2105.01638

$$v_{2,\text{Au}}^2 = a_{\text{Au}} + b\beta_2^2$$

$$v_{2,\text{U}}^2 = a_{\text{U}} + b\beta_2^2$$

Need to correct for slightly different size:  $a \propto 1/A$ ,  $r_a = \frac{a_{\text{Au}}}{a_{\text{U}}} = \frac{238}{197} = 1.21$

A simple relation for  $\beta_{2\text{U}}$  and  $\beta_{2\text{Au}}$ :  $\beta_{2\text{U}}^2 = \frac{r_{v_2^2} r_a - 1}{b/a_{\text{U}}} + r_{v_2^2} \beta_{2\text{Au}}^2$   $r_{v_2^2} = \frac{v_{2,\text{U}}^2}{v_{2,\text{Au}}^2}$



Suggests  $|\beta_2|_{\text{Au}} \sim 0.18 \pm 0.02$ , larger than NS model of  $0.13 \pm 0.02$   
 Note:  $^{197}\text{Au}$  is an odd-mass nucleus,  $\beta_2$  not measured.



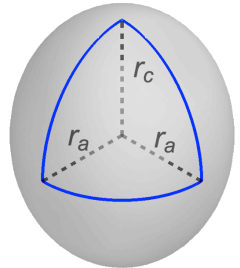
# Higher-order correlations

A wide range of possibilities, focus only one topic...

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

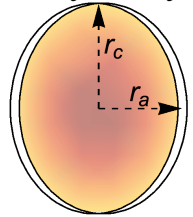
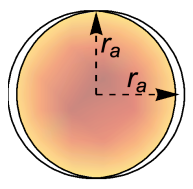
## Prolate

$\beta_2 = 0.25, \cos(3\gamma) = 1$



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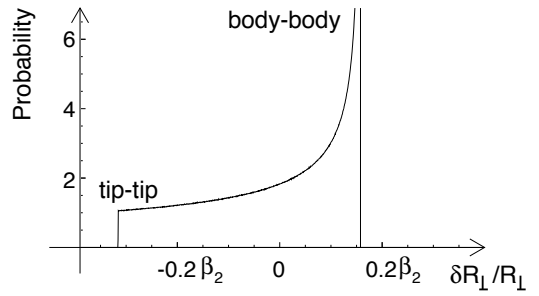
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$\epsilon_2 \downarrow, R_{\perp} \downarrow$

$\epsilon_2 \uparrow, R_{\perp} \uparrow$

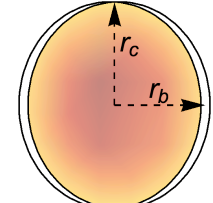
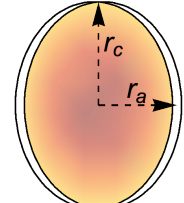
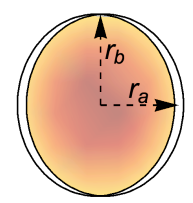
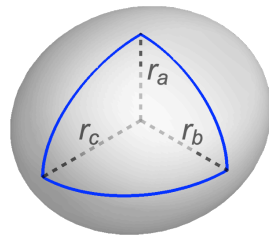
$\text{cov}(\epsilon_2^2, R_{\perp}) > 0$



$\langle (\delta R_{\perp})^3 \rangle < 0$

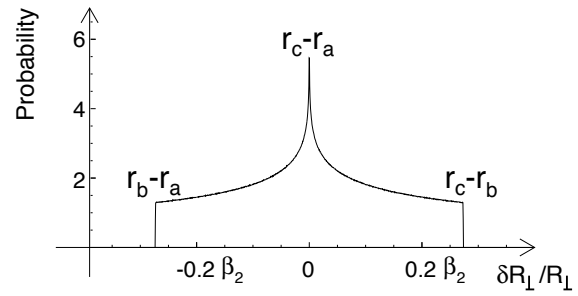
## Triaxial

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



$\epsilon_2, R_{\perp}$  no linear correlation

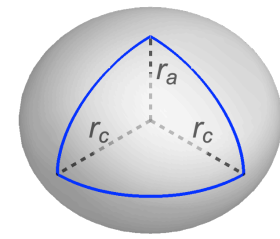
$\text{cov}(\epsilon_2^2, R_{\perp}) = 0$



$\langle (\delta R_{\perp})^3 \rangle = 0$

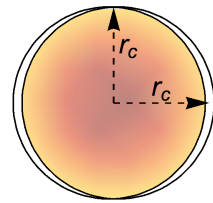
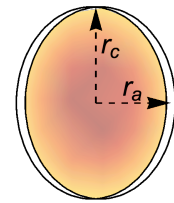
## Oblate

$\beta_2 = 0.25, \cos(3\gamma) = -1$



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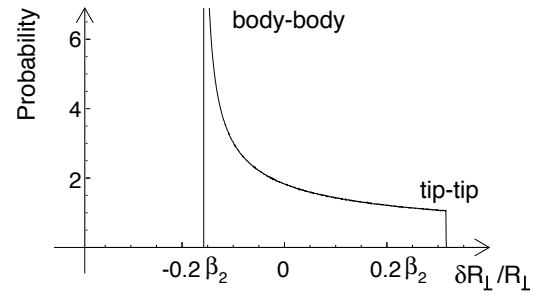
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$\epsilon_2 \uparrow, R_{\perp} \downarrow$

$\epsilon_2 \downarrow, R_{\perp} \uparrow$

$\text{cov}(\epsilon_2^2, R_{\perp}) < 0$

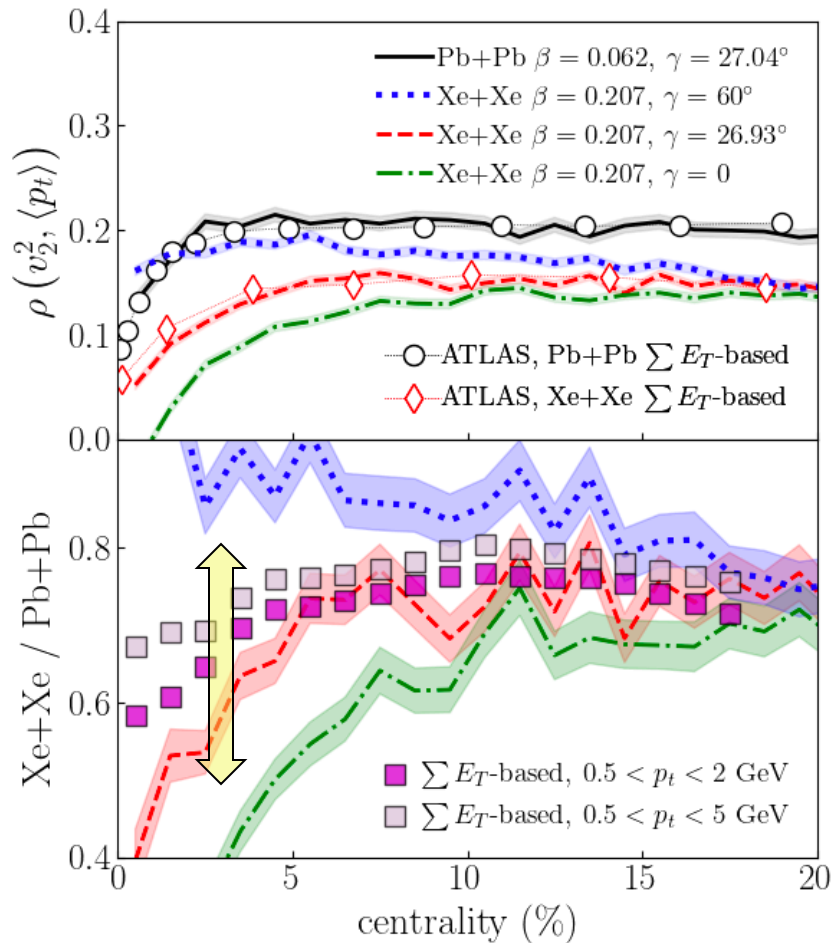


$\langle (\delta R_{\perp})^3 \rangle > 0$

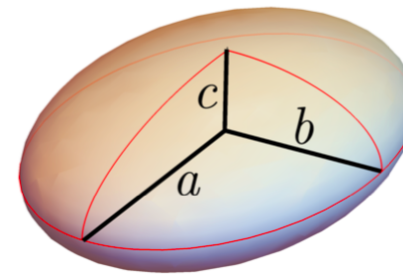
<p><math>\text{cov}(v_2^2, p_T) &lt; 0</math></p> <p><math>\langle (\delta p_T)^3 \rangle &gt; 0</math></p>	<p><math>[p_T] \sim 1/R_{\perp} = d_{\perp}</math></p>	<p><math>\text{cov}(v_2^2, p_T) = 0</math></p> <p><math>\langle (\delta p_T)^3 \rangle = 0</math></p>
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# $v_2^2$ - $p_T$ correlation at LHC

B Bally, M Bender, G Giacalone, V Somà 2108.09578



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



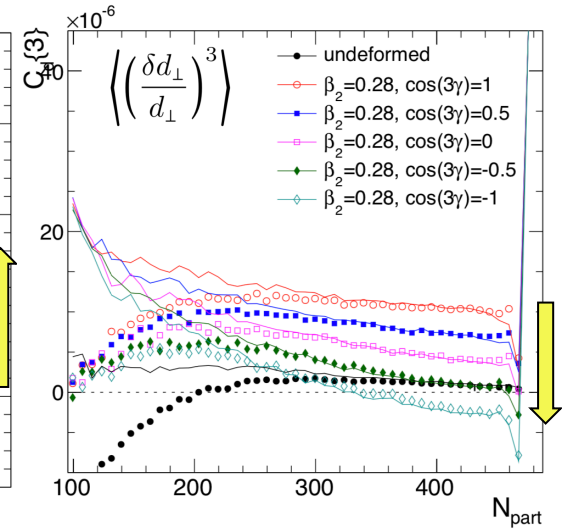
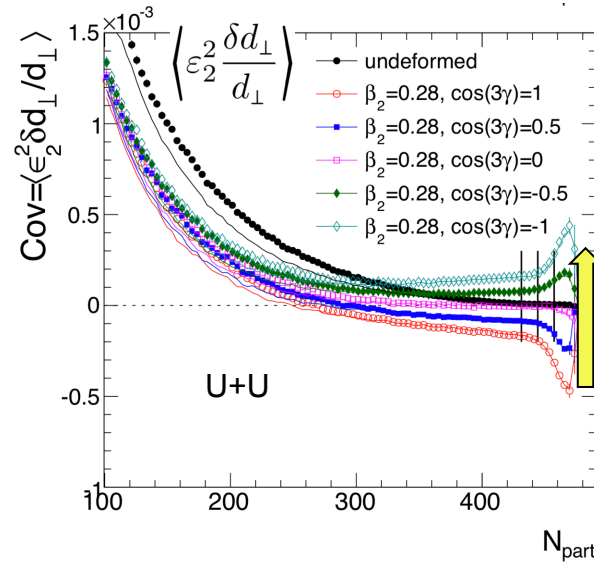
- Clear sensitivity to the triaxiality of  $^{129}\text{Xe}$ .

# Influence of triaxiality on initial state

Skewness super sensitive 😊

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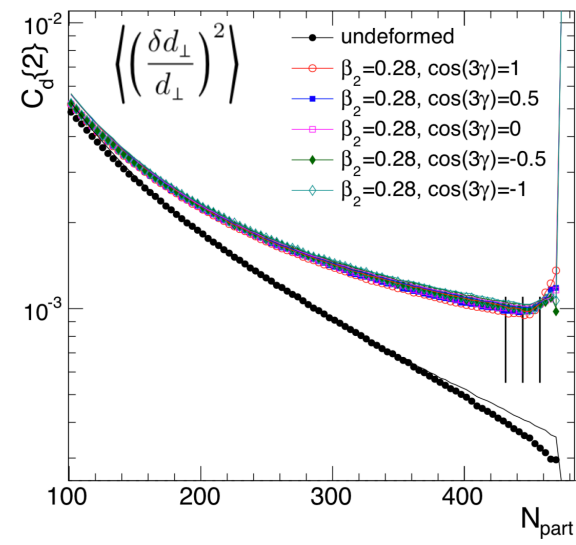
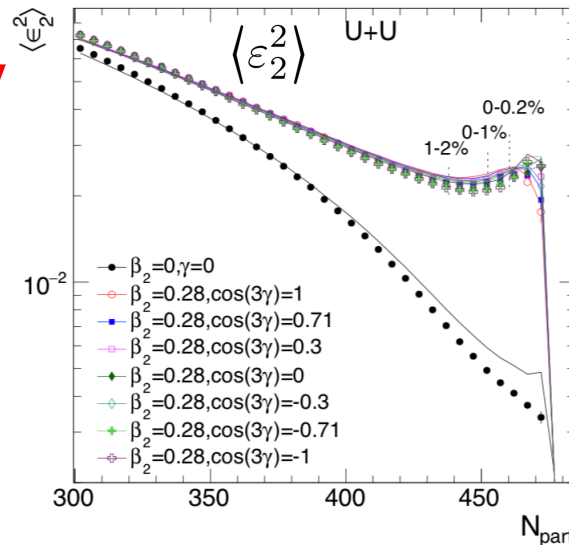
$$a' + (b' + c' \cos(3\gamma))\beta_2^3$$



variances insensitive to  $\gamma$

Only a function of  $\beta_2$  in central

$$a' + b' \beta_2^2$$



Use variance to constrain  $\beta_2$ , use skewness to constrain  $\gamma$

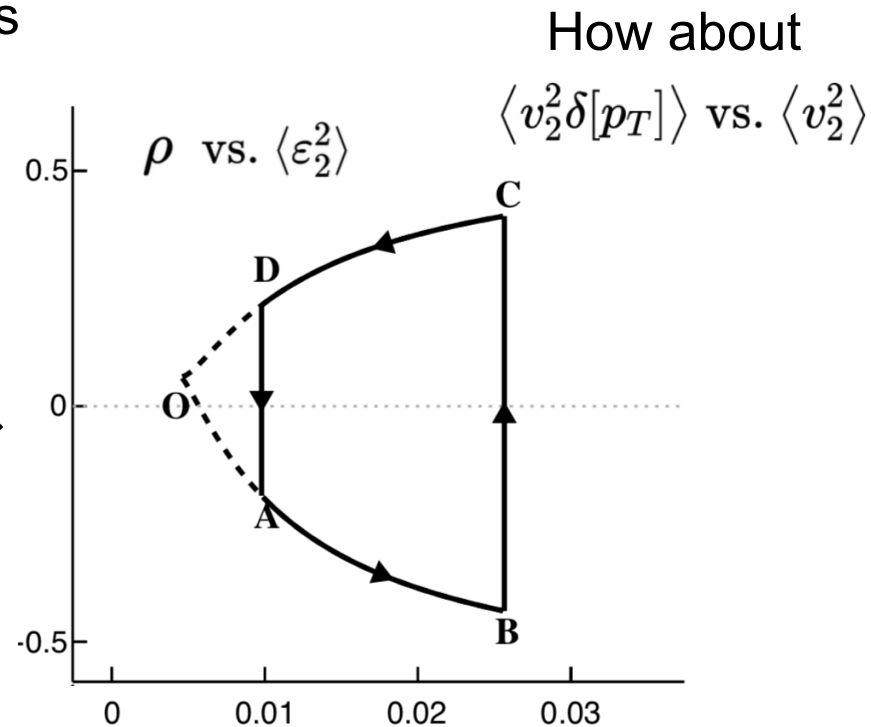
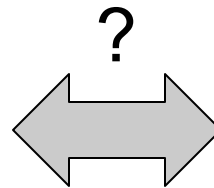
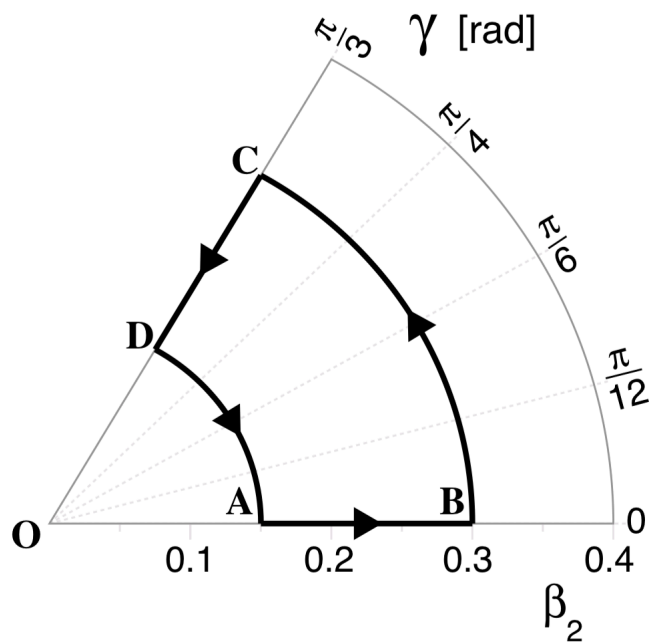
# $(\beta_2, \gamma)$ diagram in heavy-ion collisions

The  $(\beta_2, \gamma)$  dependence in 0-1% U+U Glauber model can be approximated by:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \varepsilon_2^2 \rangle &\approx [0.02 + \beta_2^2] \times 0.235 \\ \langle (\delta d_\perp / d_\perp)^2 \rangle &\approx [0.035 + \beta_2^2] \times 0.0093 \\ \langle \varepsilon_2^2 \delta d_\perp / d_\perp \rangle &\approx [0.0005 - (0.07 + 1.36 \cos(3\gamma))\beta_2^3] \times 10^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

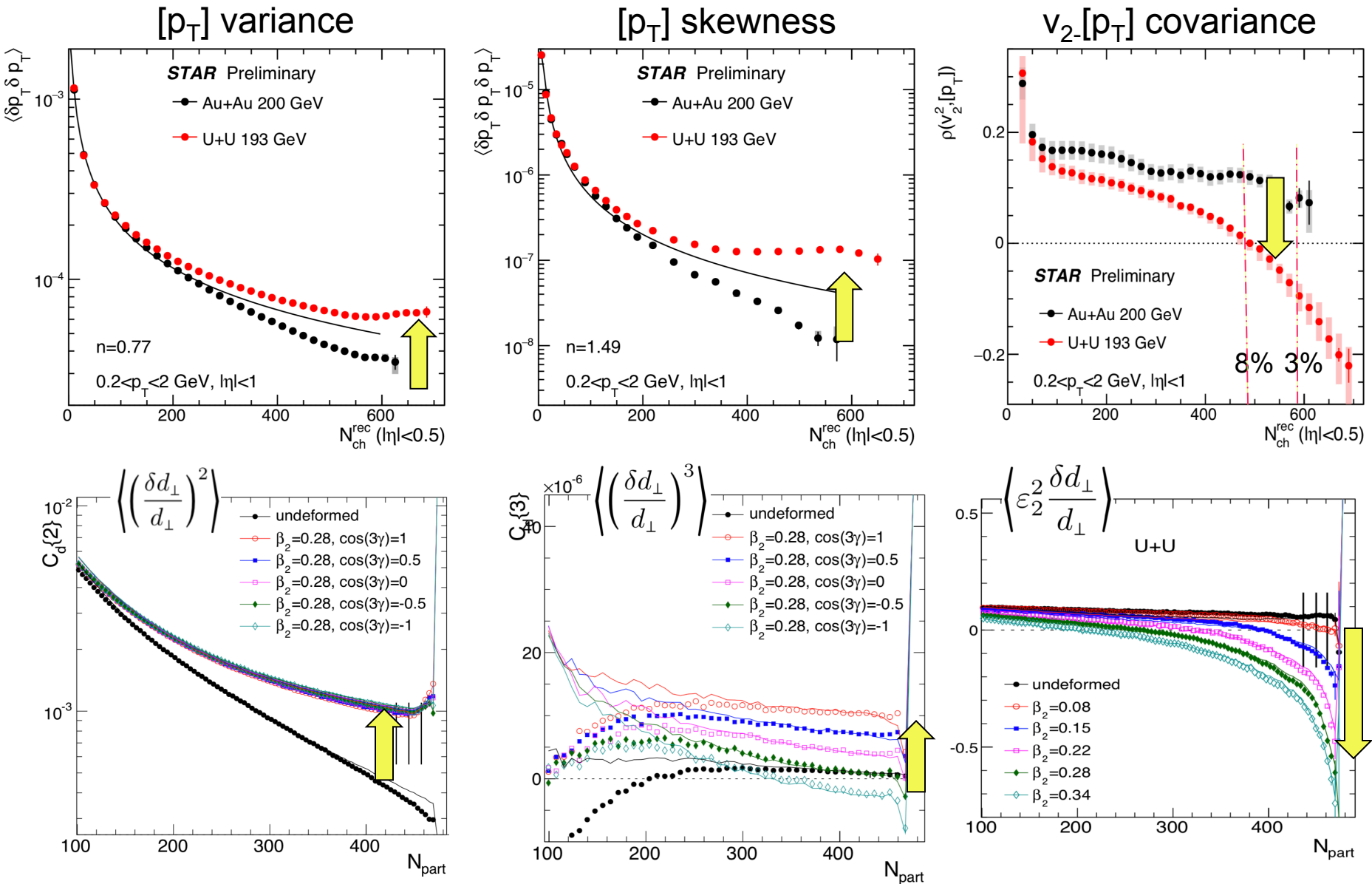
$$\rho = \frac{\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \delta d_\perp \rangle}{\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \rangle \sqrt{\langle (\delta d_\perp)^2 \rangle}}$$

Map from  $(\beta_2, \gamma)$  plane to HI observables



Collision system scan to map out this trajectory: calib. coefficients with species with known  $\beta, \gamma$ , then predict for species of interest.

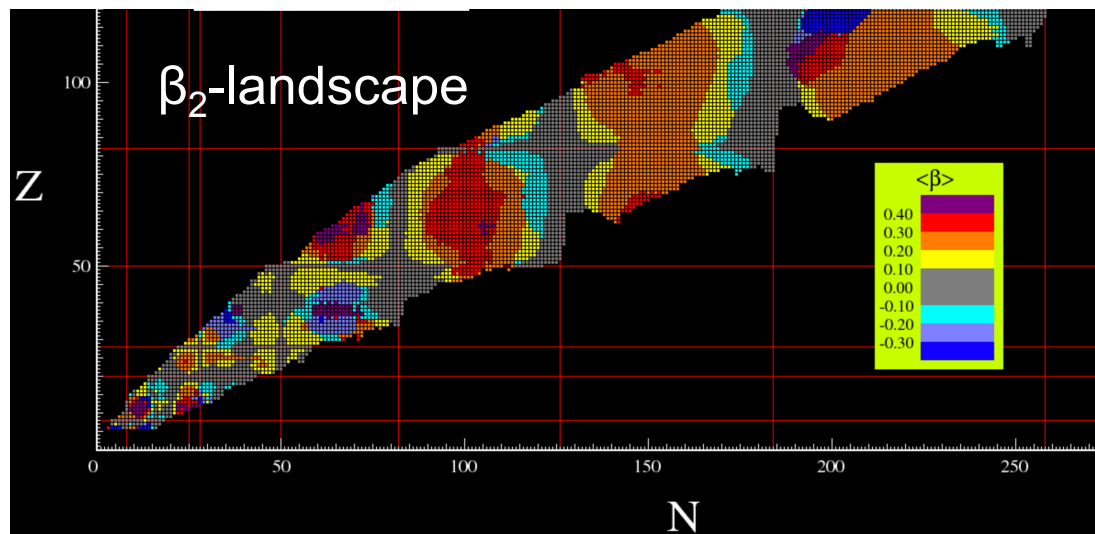
# Contrast Glauber model with STAR data



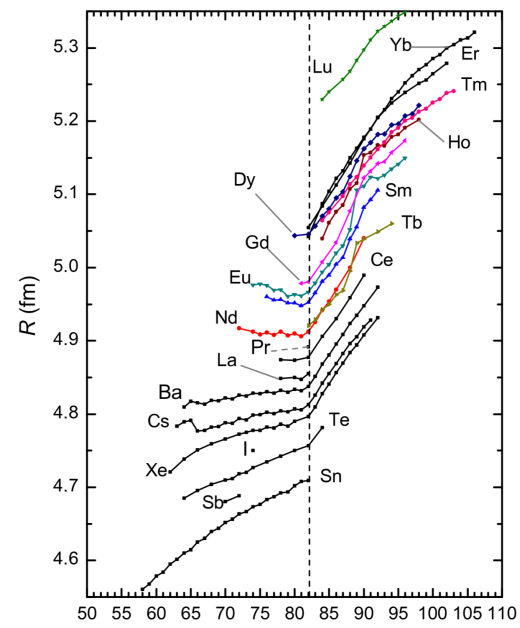
Require high-stat. hydro simulation to quantify the response!

# nuclear structure shape/size landscapes

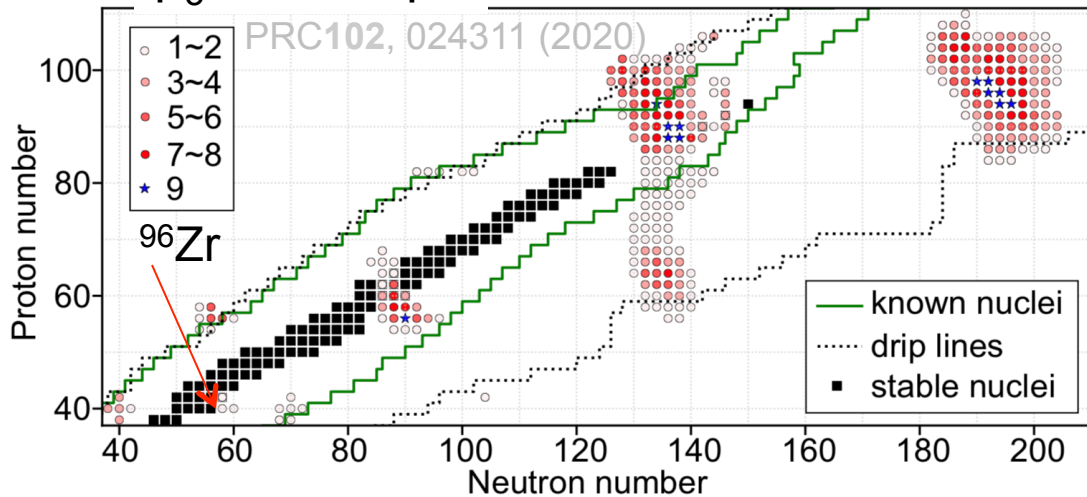
A lot of possibilities, need to identify most impactful ones!



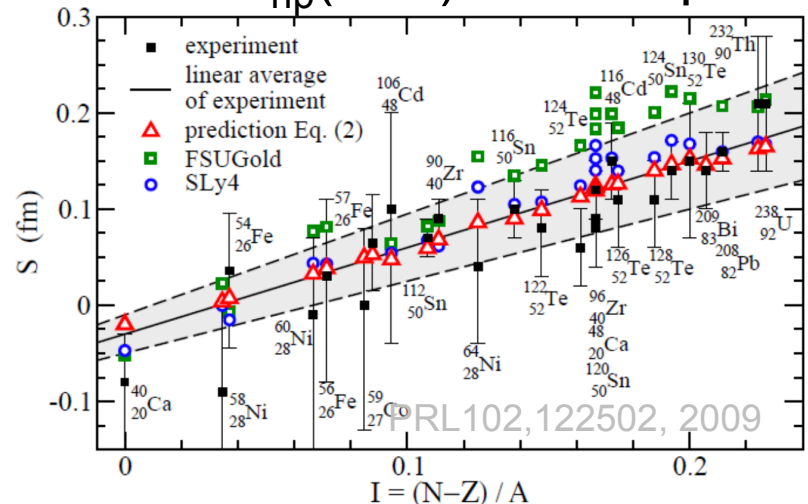
Radii-landscape



$\beta_3$ -landscape



$\Delta r_{np}$ (skin)-landscape



# Thoughts on scan strategy

- Even-even nuclei ( $0^+$  ground state) can be compared with Nuclear Structure exp.
  - We collided several odd-mass ones ☹️

A list of large systems  
from RHIC and LHC

	$\beta_2$	$\beta_3$	$\beta_4$		$\beta_2$	$\beta_3$	$\beta_4$
$^{238}\text{U}$	0.286 [9]	0.078 [10]	0.094 [10]	$^{208}\text{Pb}$	0.06 [9]	0.04[11]	?
$^{197}\text{Au}$	-(0.13-0.16) [12, 13]	?	-0.03 [12]	$^{129}\text{Xe}$	0.16 [12]	?	?
$^{96}\text{Ru}$	0.16 [14]	?	?	$^{96}\text{Zr}$	0.06 [14]	0.20-0.27	0.06 [12]

- A partial list of isobar pairs
  - Mapping the nuclear structure within each isobar pair.
  - Control system-size dependence hydro-response by stepping between different isobar pairs
  - How to optimize the choices?

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A	isobars	A	isobars	A	isobars
36	Ar, S	106	Pd, Cd	148	Nd, Sm
40	Ca, Ar	108	Pd, Cd	150	Nd, Sm
46	Ca, Ti	110	Pd, Cd	152	Sm, Gd
48	Ca, Ti	112	Cd, Sn	154	Sm, Gd
50	Ti, V, Cr	113	Cd, In	156	Gd, Dy
54	Cr, Fe	114	Cd, Sn	158	Gd, Dy
64	Ni, Zn	115	In, Sn	160	Gd, Dy
70	Zn, Ge	116	Cd, Sn	162	Dy, Er
74	Ge, Se	120	Sn, Te	164	Dy, Er
76	Ge, Se	122	Sn, Te	168	Er, Yb
78	Se, Kr	123	Sb, Te	170	Er, Yb
80	Se, Kr	124	Sn, Te, Xe	174	Yb, Hf
84	Kr, Sr, Mo	126	Te, Xe	176	Yb, Lu, Hf
86	Kr, Sr	128	Te, Xe	180	Hf, W
87	Rb, Sr	130	Te, Xe, Ba	184	W, Os
92	Zr, Nb, Mo	132	Xe, Ba	186	W, Os
94	Zr, Mo	134	Xe, Ba	187	Re, Os
96	Zr, Mo, Ru	136	Xe, Ba, Ce	190	Os, Pt
98	Mo, Ru	138	Ba, La, Ce	192	Os, Pt
100	Mo, Ru	142	Ce, Nd	198	Pt, Hg
102	Ru, Pd	144	Nd, Sm	204	Hg, Pb
104	Ru, Pd	146	Nd, Sm		



# Future Opportunities

- STAR proposed to explore such opportunities in the next few years
  - Part1: calibrate systematics with two species around  $^{197}\text{Au}$ :  $^{208}\text{Pb}$  &  $^{198}\text{Hg}$  5 days each opportunistically
    - $^{208}\text{Pb}$   $\sqrt{s}=0.2$  RHIC vs 5 TeV @LHC: Precision on IS and pre-equilibrium dynamics
    - $^{208}\text{Pb}$   $\sqrt{s}=0.2$  vs  $^{197}\text{Au}$   $\sqrt{s}=0.2$  TeV: Quantify effects of Au deformation
    - $^{198}\text{Hg}$   $\sqrt{s}=0.2$  TeV: with known  $\beta_2$  cross-check the consistency of  $\beta_{2\text{Au}}$ ,  $\gamma$  in  $^{197}\text{Au}$ .
  - Part2: explore more exotic regions for triaxial and octupole deformations
    - Scan a isotopic chain:  $^{144}\text{Sm}$  ( $\beta_2=0.08$ ),  $^{148}\text{Sm}$  ( $\beta_2=0.14$ , triaxial),  $^{154}\text{Sm}$  ( $\beta_2=0.34$ )
    - Compare a pair with equal mass:  $^{154}\text{Sm}$  ( $\beta_2 = 0.34$ ) and  $^{154}\text{Gd}$  ( $\beta_2 = 0.31$ ) potentially for 2026 if running

But priority is sPHENIX, very limited possibility at RHIC.

- Maybe at LHC beyond 2030 (RUN5)? See CERN yellow report

Table 4: Parameters and performance for a range of light nuclei with a moderately optimistic value of the scaling parameter  $p = 1.5$  in (5).

	$^{16}\text{O}^{8+}$	$^{40}\text{Ar}^{18+}$	$^{40}\text{Ca}^{20+}$	$^{78}\text{Kr}^{36+}$	$^{129}\text{Xe}^{54+}$	$^{208}\text{Pb}^{82+}$
$\gamma$	3760.	3390.	3760.	3470.	3150.	2960.
$\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}/\text{TeV}$	7.	6.3	7.	6.46	5.86	5.52

- Other heavy ion facilities such as NICA?  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}$  up to 11 GeV
  - Measure the same isobar pair at different energies.

Manifestation of nuclear structure are  $\sqrt{s}$  and rapidity dependent!

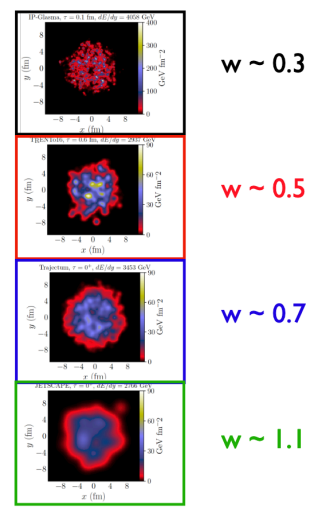
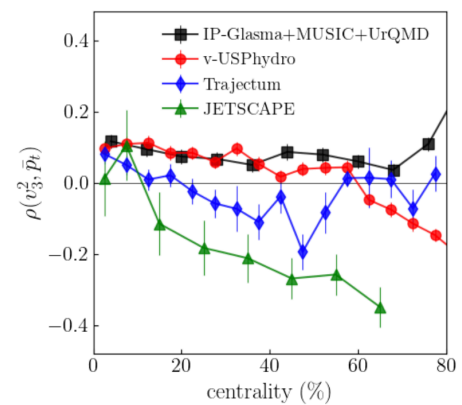
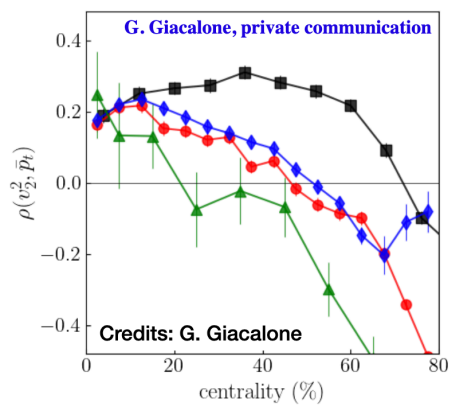
# Energy dependence of nucleon size

❖ Sensitive to the nucleon width parameter (size of nucleon)

- IP-Glasma  $\sim 0.3$ ; v-USPhydro  $\sim 0.5$ ; Trajectum  $\sim 0.7$ ; JETSCAPE (TRenTo)  $\sim 1.1$
- $w(\text{IP-Glasma}) < w(\text{v-USPhydro}) < w(\text{Trajectum}) < w(\text{JETSCAPE})$

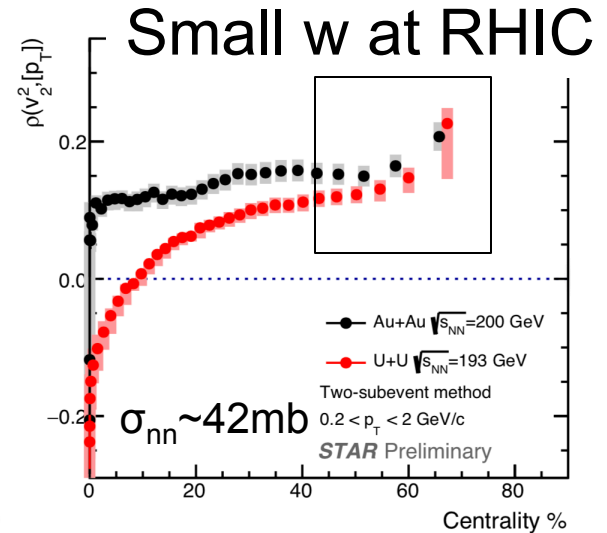
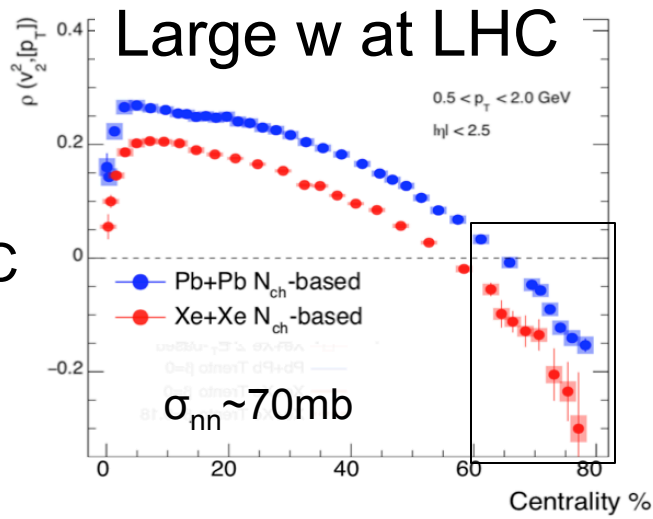
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$v_n^2 - p_T$  has strong sensitivity to nucleon width



Nucleon size have strong  $\sqrt{s_{nn}}$  dependence

Very different peripheral behavior at RHIC vs LHC



# Questions

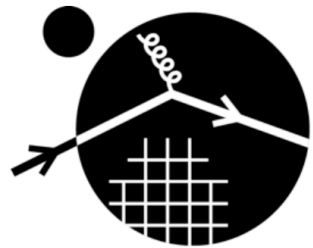
- How are nuclear shape and radial profile inferred from hydrodynamic response related to properties measured in nuclear structure experiments?
- How does the uncertainty brought by nuclear structure impact the initial state of heavy-ion collisions and extraction of QGP transport properties?
- What is the energy and longitudinal dependence of nuclear structure?

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