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#### Imaging nuclear structure and heavy-ion initial condition

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# Rich structure of atomic nuclei

#### Collective phenomena of many-body quantum system

- clustering, halo, skin, bubble...
- quadrupole/octupole/hexdecopole deformations
- Nontrivial evaluation with N and Z.





#### Understanding via effective nuclear theories

Lattice, Ab.initio (starting from NN interaction)

β<sub>2</sub>-landscape

- Shell models (configuration interaction)
- DFT models (non-relativistic and covariant)

# High-energy heavy ion collision



1) Are nuclear structures important for HI initial condition and final state evolution?

2) What HI experimental observables can be used to infer structure information?

3) Can HI provides competitive constraints on nuclear shape and radial profile? can consideration of nuclear structure improves understanding of HI initial condition?

# Collective flow in fluctuating events



### Expected structure dependencies

#### Central collisions

arXiv:2106.08768



Non-Central collisions



The shape and size the overlap, therefore  $v_2$  and  $p_T$ , also depend on diffuseness  $a_0$  and radius  $R_0$ 

At fixed N<sub>part</sub>  $a_0 \searrow \Rightarrow v_2 \swarrow p_T \checkmark$  $R_0 \searrow \Rightarrow p_T \checkmark$ 

# Application in <sup>197</sup>Au+<sup>197</sup>Au vs <sup>238</sup>U+<sup>238</sup>U

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Suggests  $|\beta_2|_{Au} \sim 0.18 + 0.02$ , larger than NS model of 0.13+-0.02

# Isobar collisions at RHIC



- Designed to search for the chiral magnetic effect: strong P & CP violation in the presence of EM field. Turns out the CME signal is small, and isobar-differences are dominated by the nuclear structure differences.
- <0.4% precision is achieved in ratio of many observables between <sup>96</sup>Ru+ <sup>96</sup>Ru and <sup>96</sup>Zr+<sup>96</sup>Zr systems→ precision imaging tool

# Isobar collisions as precision tool

• A key question for any HI observable **O**:



Deviation from 1 must has origin in the nuclear structure, which impacts the initial state and then survives to the final state.

Expectation



$ ho(r, heta,\phi) \propto$	1
	$\frac{1 + e^{[r - R_0 (1 + \beta_2 Y_2^0(\theta, \phi) + \beta_3 Y_3^0(\theta, \phi))]/a_0}}{1 + e^{[r - R_0 (1 + \beta_2 Y_2^0(\theta, \phi) + \beta_3 Y_3^0(\theta, \phi))]/a_0}}$

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

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

Species	$\beta_2$	$eta_3$	$a_0$	$R_0$
Ru	0.162	0	$0.46~{\rm fm}$	$5.09~\mathrm{fm}$
Zr	0.06	0.20	$0.52~\mathrm{fm}$	$5.02~\mathrm{fm}$
difference	$\Delta \beta_2^2$	$\Delta \beta_3^2$	$\Delta a_0$	$\Delta R_0$
	0.0226	-0.04	-0.06 fm	$0.07~\mathrm{fm}$

#### Only probes isobar differences

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 $\mathcal{O}_{\mathrm{Ru}}$ 





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- $\beta_{2Ru} \sim 0.16 \text{ increase } v_2, \text{ no influence on } v_3 \text{ ratio}$
- $\beta_{3Zr} \sim 0.2$  decrease  $v_2$  in mid-central, decrease  $v_3$  ratio
- $\Delta a_0 = -0.06$  fm increase  $v_2$  mid-central, small influ. on  $v_3$ .



Simultaneously constrain these parameters using different N<sub>ch</sub> regions



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21 0.2%

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200

300

(lŋl<0.5)

N<sup>offline</sup>

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### Nuclear structure via $p(N_{ch})$ , <pT>-ratio<sup>17</sup>



### **Relating to neutron skin:** $\Delta r_{np} = \langle r_n \rangle^{1/2} - \langle r_p \rangle^{1/2}$ <sup>18</sup>



For Woods-Saxon:

Neutron skin  $\Delta_{np}$  expressed by  $R_0$  and  $a_0$  for nucleons and protons:

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$$\Delta r_{np}pprox rac{\left\langle r^2
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 of  $\delta=(N-Z)/A$ 

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ight) \end{aligned}$$

Isobar collision measure "difference of neutron skin" from  $\Delta R_0 \Delta a$  for nucleons, and known  $\Delta R_0 \Delta a$  for protons:

$$\begin{split} \Delta(\Delta r_{np}) = \Delta r_{np,1} - \Delta r_{np,2} \approx & \frac{\Delta Y - \frac{7\pi^2}{3} \frac{\bar{a}^2}{\bar{R}_0^2} \left( \frac{\Delta Y}{2} + \bar{Y} \left( \frac{\Delta a}{\bar{a}} - \frac{\Delta R_0}{\bar{R}_0} \right) \right)}{\sqrt{15} \bar{R}_0 \left( 1 + \bar{\delta} \right)} \\ & \frac{\Delta x = x_1 - x_2}{\bar{x} = (x_1 + x_2)/2} \quad Y \equiv 3(R_0^2 - R_{0,p}^2) + 7\pi^2 \left( a^2 - a_p^2 \right) \end{split}$$

## Isobar ratios not affected by final state

- Vary the shear viscosity via partonic cross-section
  - Flow signal change by 30-50%, the v<sub>n</sub> ratio unchanged.



Robust probe of initial state!





# Isobar to constrain initial condition



#### Use nuclear structure as extra lever-arm for initial condition

# Low-energy vs high-energy HI method

• Shape from B(En), radial profile from e+A or ion-A scattering



Shape frozen in crossing time (<10<sup>-24</sup>s), probe entire mass distribution via multi-point correlations.



Collective flow response to nuclear structure



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

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Prolate} \\ \beta_2 = 0.25, \cos(3\gamma) = 1 \\ \hline \\ \text{figure} \\ r_a, \\ \hline \\ \text{figure} \\ \text{figur$$

Need 3-point correlators to probe the 3 axes

 $\left\langle v_2^2 \delta p_{\mathrm{T}} 
ight
angle \sim -eta_2^3 \cos(3\gamma) \qquad \left\langle (\delta p_{\mathrm{T}})^3 
ight
angle \sim eta_2^3 \cos(3\gamma)$ 

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# $\begin{aligned} \textbf{Triaxial}\\ \beta_2 = 0.25, \cos(3\gamma) = 0 \end{aligned}$

r<sub>c</sub>, r<sub>c</sub>

# $egin{array}{c} {\sf Oblate} \ eta_2=0.25,\cos(3\gamma)=-1 \end{array}$



Prolate  

$$\beta_2 = 0.25, \cos(3\gamma) = 1$$
  
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### Influence of triaxiality: Glauber model

#### Skewness super sensitive

Described by

$$\left\langle arepsilon_2^2 rac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} 
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angle \propto \left\langle v_2^2 \delta p_{
m T} 
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angle \propto a + b \cos(3\gamma) eta_2^3$$

#### variances insensitive to $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$

$$\left< arepsilon_2^2 
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angle \propto \left< v_2^2 
ight
angle \propto a + b eta_2^2$$



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

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

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The  $(\beta_2, \gamma)$  dependence in 0-1%  $\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \rangle \approx [0.02 + \beta_2^2] \times 0.235$   $\rho = \frac{\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \delta d_\perp \rangle}{\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \rangle \sqrt{\langle (\delta d_\perp)^2 \rangle}}$ approximated by:  $\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \delta d_\perp / d_\perp \rangle^2 \rangle \approx [0.005 - (0.07 + 1.36\cos(3\gamma))\beta_2^3] \times 10^{-2}$ 

 $d_{\perp} \propto 1/R_{\perp}$ 



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

# Summarizing questions

- How the nuclear shape and radial profile extracted from HI collisions related to those measured in nuclear structure experiments?
- How the uncertainties in nuclear structure impact the initial state of HI collisions and extraction of QGP transport properties?
- What are the most interesting stable isobar species to collide?



#### arXiv:2102.08158

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		

### Linear corr. between initial & final state



nice correlation at very high energy breaks down at low energy



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0.6