

Nuclear structure effects on photoproduction in peripheral and ultraperipheral isobar collisions

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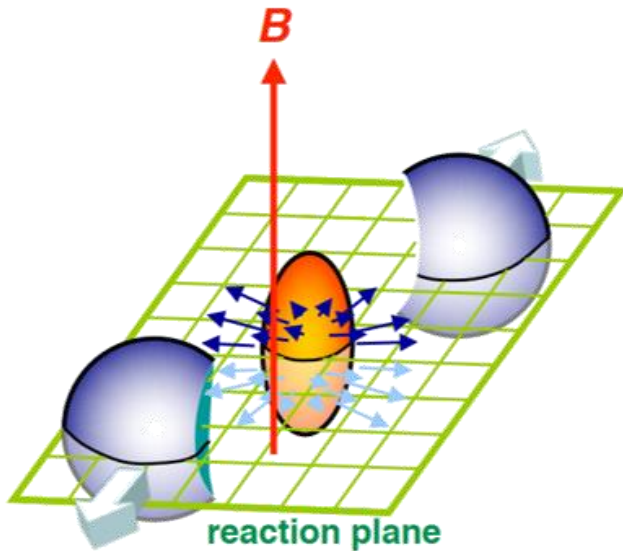
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- **Introduction & Motivation**
- **Nuclear structure effects on photoproduction of di-electrons in peripheral isobar collisions**
- **Nuclear deformation effects on photoproduction of ρ in ultraperipheral isobar collisions**
- **Summary**

Strong EB fields in HIC



Schwinger Effect



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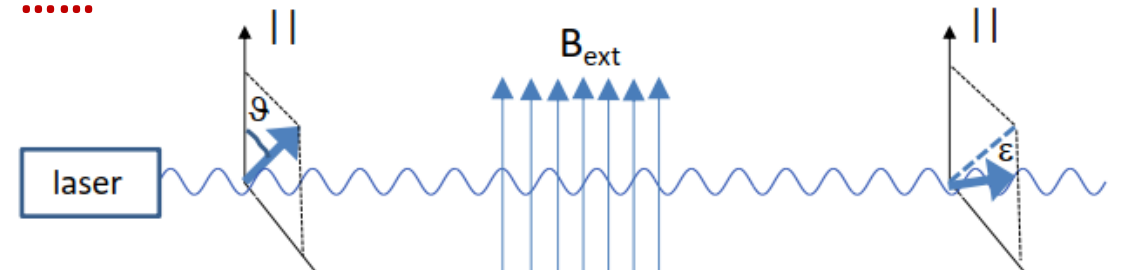
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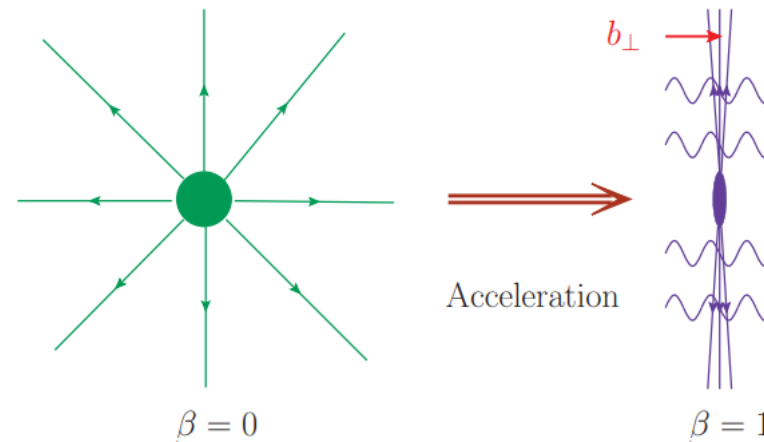


- $eB \sim \gamma Z \alpha v / b_T^2 \sim 10^{18}$ Gauss

$$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200 \text{ GeV Au+Au}$$

Equivalent Photon Approximation

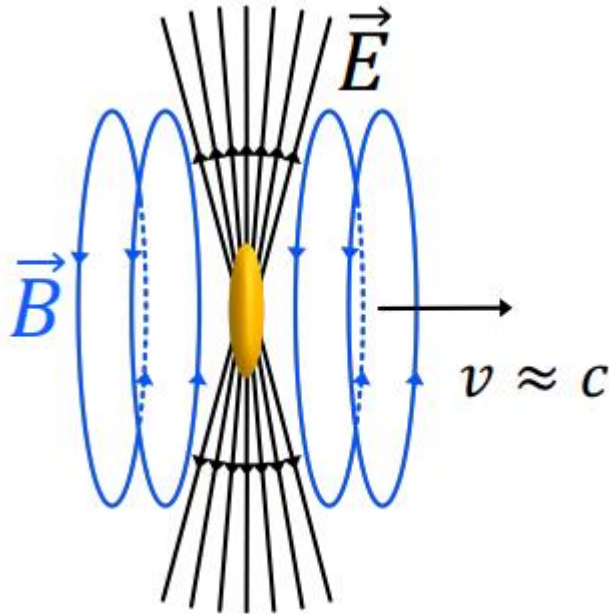
Ultra-relativistic charged particle can produce highly Lorentz contracted electromagnetic field



Equivalent Photon Approximation
Classical EM \Leftrightarrow Quasi-real photons

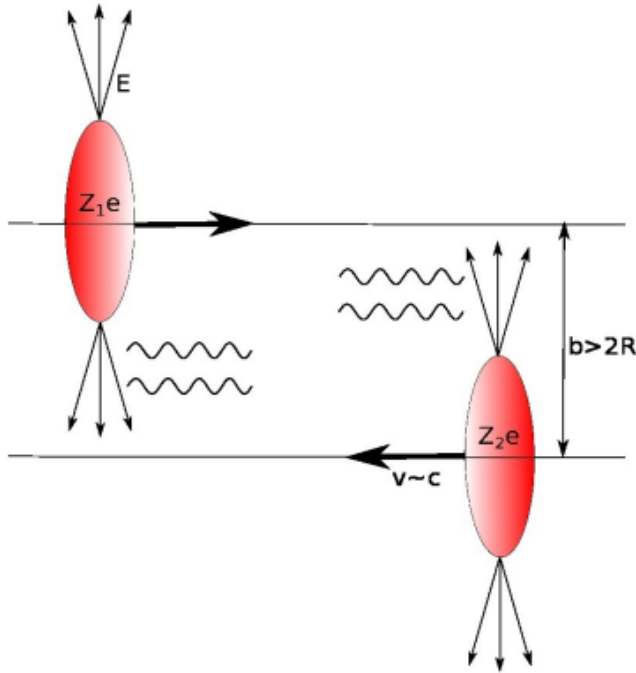
Equivalent Photon Approximation

Due to the large flux of quasi-real photon, QED effects are enhanced by the $Z\alpha_e$



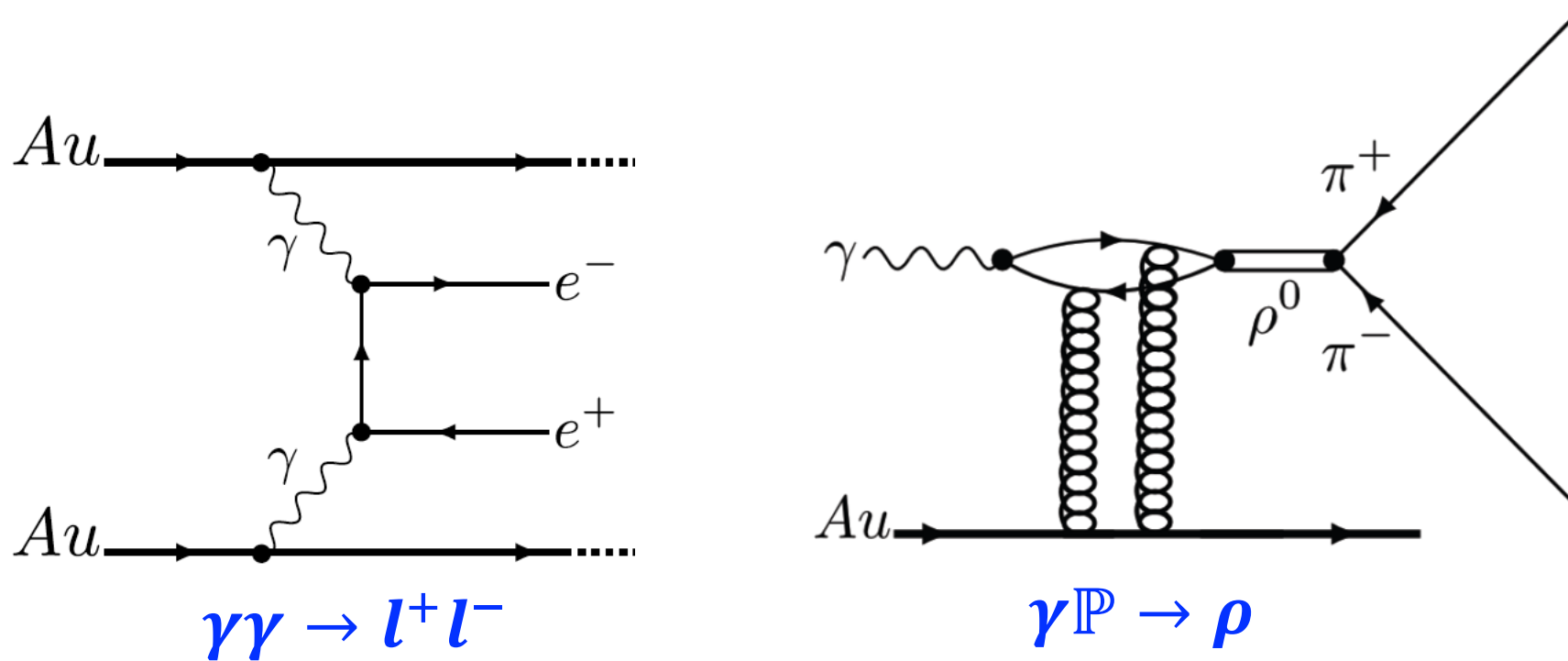
$$n(\omega) = \frac{4Z^2\alpha_e}{\omega} \int \frac{d^2k_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2} k_{\perp}^2 \left[\frac{F(k_{\perp}^2 + \omega^2/\gamma^2)}{(k_{\perp}^2 + \omega^2/\gamma^2)} \right]^2$$

Ultraperipheral Collisions(UPC)



UPC: the impact parameter is larger than 2 times the radius of a nucleus
Clean background

Photoproduction in HIC



Isobar collisions

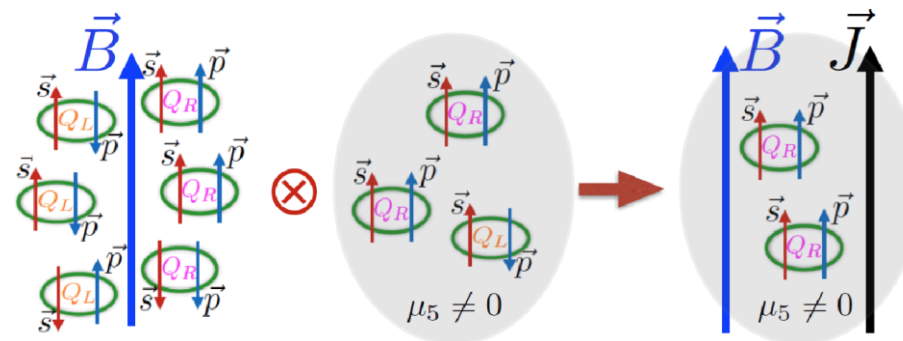
- The isobar collision was proposed to measure the chiral magnetic effect.



- Same background
 - Different magnetic field
- => different CME signal

$$\vec{j}_{CME} = \frac{e^2}{2\pi^2} \mu_5 \vec{B}$$

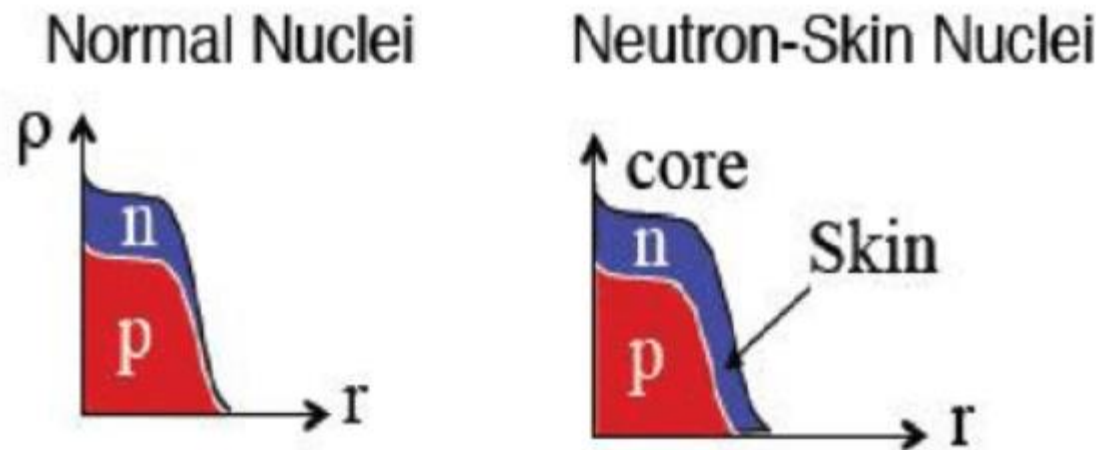
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Isobar collisions

- Precision isobar data can be used to probe neutron skin thickness, nuclear symmetry energy and nuclear deformation

Backgrounds are not identical!



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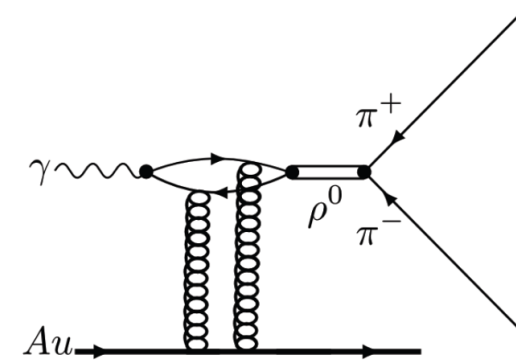
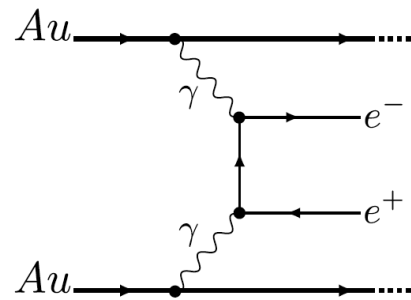
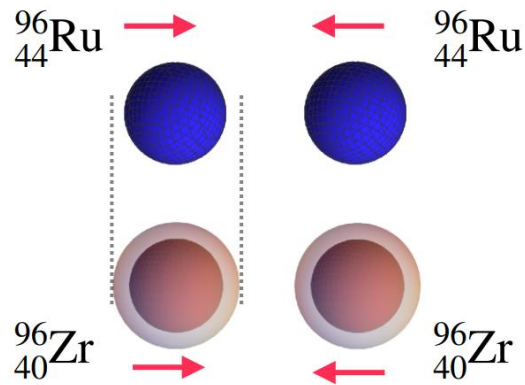
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Isobar collisions

- Can nuclear structure information be reflected in the photoproduction in isobar collision ?



Photoproduction of di-electrons in peripheral isobar collisions

Breit-Wheeler Process

In 1934 Breit and Wheeler

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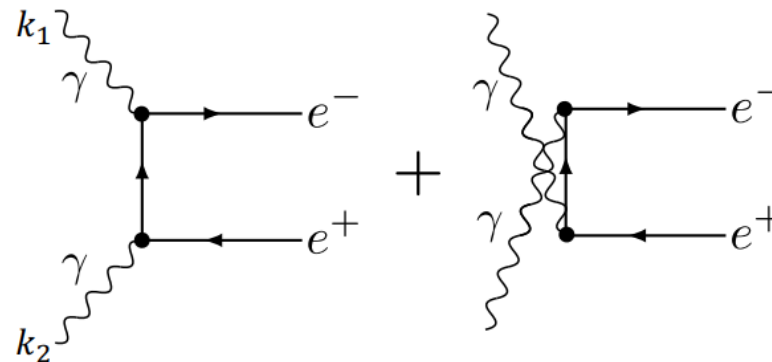
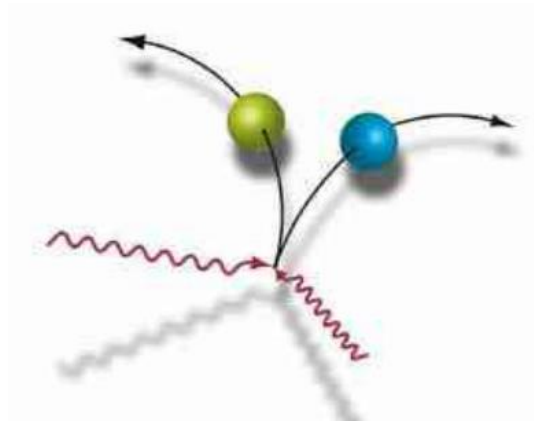
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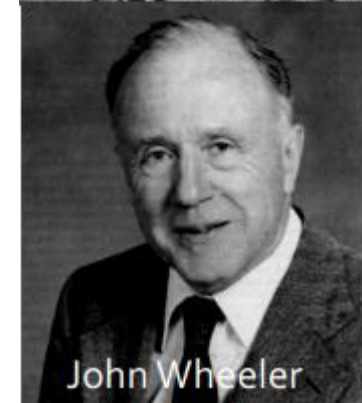
Collision of Two Light Quanta

G. BREIT* AND JOHN A. WHEELER,** *Department of Physics, New York University*

(Received October 23, 1934)



Gregory Breit



John Wheeler

Breit-Wheeler Process

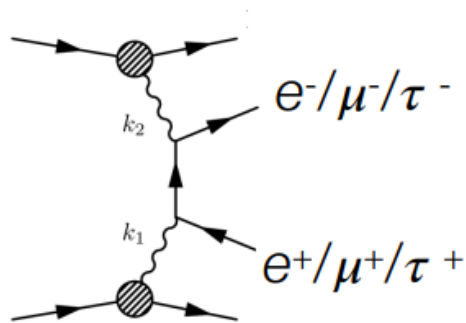
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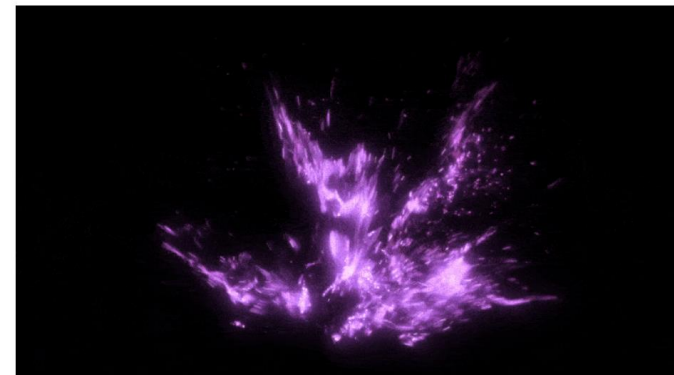
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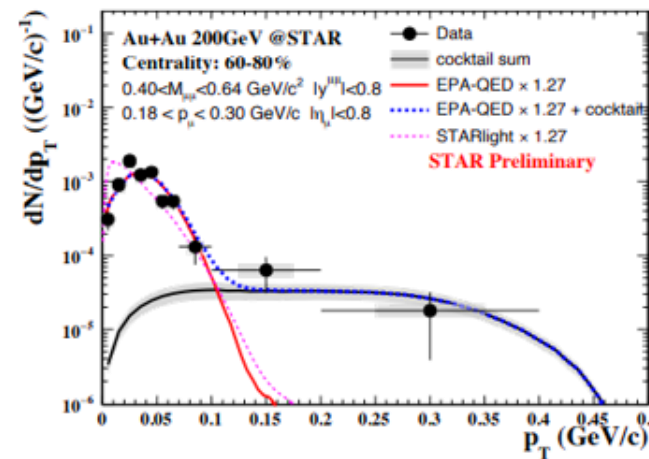
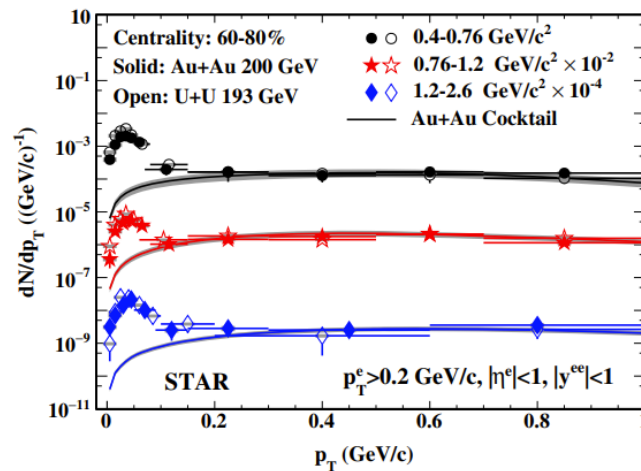
Breit-Wheeler Process

- $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow l^+l^-$ processes have also been measured in peripheral collisions ($b < 2R_A$ PC)

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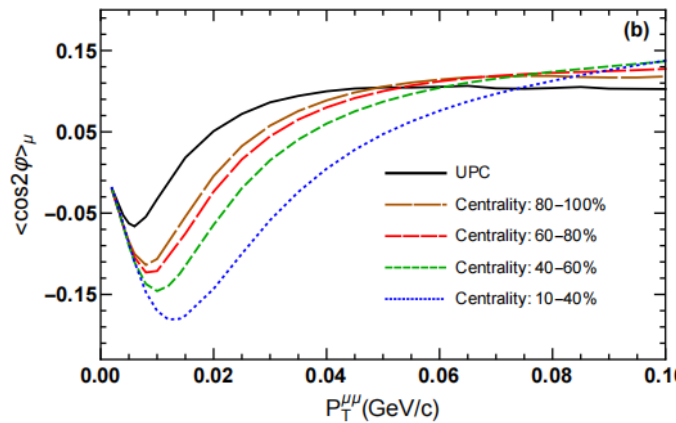
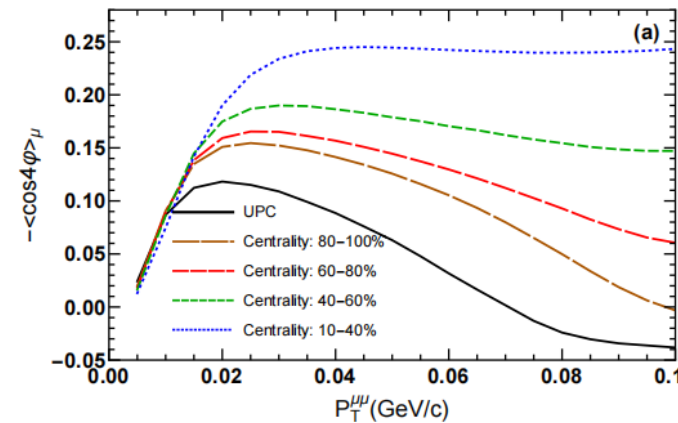
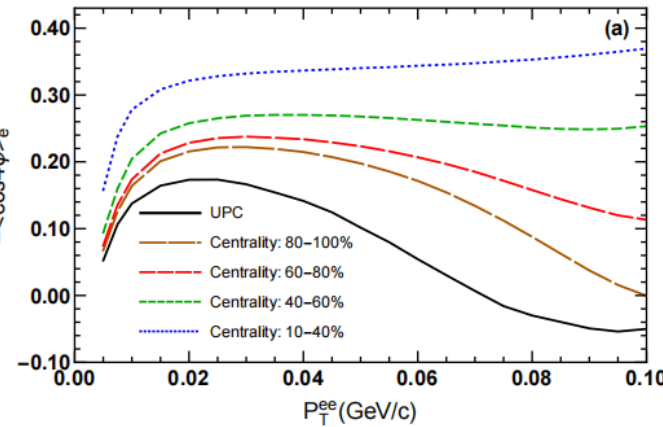
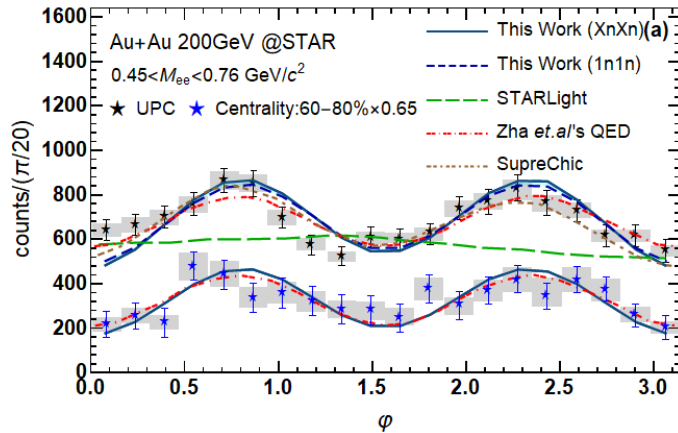
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Excess above hadronic production has been observed at low transverse momentum of dileptons (P_T^{ee})

Peripheral Collisions

R.J. Wang, S. Lin, S.Pu, Y.F. Zhang, Q. Wang, Phys.Rev.D 106 (2022) 3, 034025



- The **linear polarization** information of photons is important for understanding the azimuthal asymmetry of the lepton pair.

- The $\cos 2\phi$ modulations of $\mu^+\mu^-$ are higher than e^+e^- case.

C. Li, J. Zhou, and Y.-J. Zhou, 1903.10084, 1911.00237.

Peripheral isobar collisions

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma = & \frac{Z^4 e^4}{2\gamma^4 v^3} \int d^2\mathbf{b}_T d^2\mathbf{b}_{1T} d^2\mathbf{b}_{2T} \int \frac{d\omega_1 d^2\mathbf{p}_{1T}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d\omega_2 d^2\mathbf{p}_{2T}}{(2\pi)^3} \text{Charge density distribution} \quad \longrightarrow F \\
 & \times \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{p}'_{1T}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\mathbf{b}_{1T}\cdot(\mathbf{p}'_{1T}-\mathbf{p}_{1T})} \frac{F^*(-\bar{p}'_1)}{-\bar{p}'_1{}^2} \frac{F(-\bar{p}_1)}{-\bar{p}_1{}^2} \\
 & \times \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{p}'_{2T}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\mathbf{b}_{2T}\cdot(\mathbf{p}'_{2T}-\mathbf{p}_{2T})} \frac{F^*(-\bar{p}'_2)}{-\bar{p}'_2{}^2} \frac{F(-\bar{p}_2)}{-\bar{p}_2{}^2} \text{Mass density distribution} \quad \longrightarrow \int_{b_{min}}^{b_{max}} db_T \\
 & \times \int \frac{d^3k_1}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{k_1}} \frac{d^3k_2}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{k_2}} (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(\bar{p}_1 + \bar{p}_2 - k_1 - k_2) \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{b}_T - \mathbf{b}_{1T} + \mathbf{b}_{2T}) \\
 & \times \sum_{\text{spin of } l, \bar{l}} [u_{1\mu} u_{2\nu} L^{\mu\nu}(\bar{p}_1, \bar{p}_2; k_1, k_2)] [u_{1\sigma} u_{2\rho} L^{\sigma\rho*}(\bar{p}'_1, \bar{p}'_2; k_1, k_2)],
 \end{aligned}$$

The lepton pair photoproduction is calculated with the charge density distribution, while the centrality is defined from the Glauber model with the nuclear mass density.

Nuclear structure calculation by DFT

➤ Nuclear charge density \neq Nuclear mass density

(a)	R_c	d_c	R_n	d_n
Ru	5.083 fm	0.477 fm	5.093 fm	0.488 fm
Zr	4.977 fm	0.492 fm	5.022 fm	0.538 fm

$$\rho_i(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \frac{C_i}{1 + \exp[(|\mathbf{r}| - R_i)/d_i]}$$

c: nuclear charge density
n:nuclear mass density

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Parameter setting

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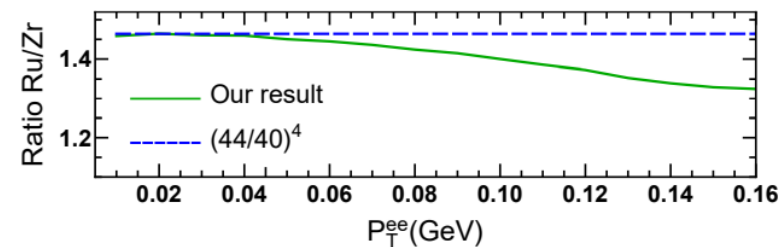
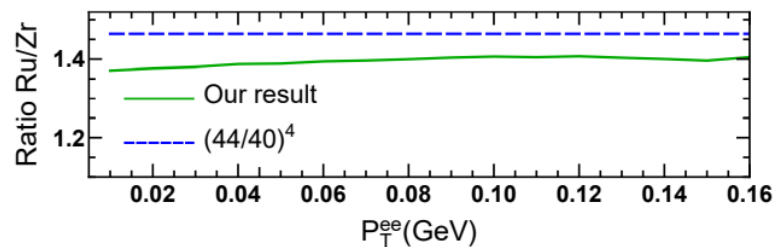
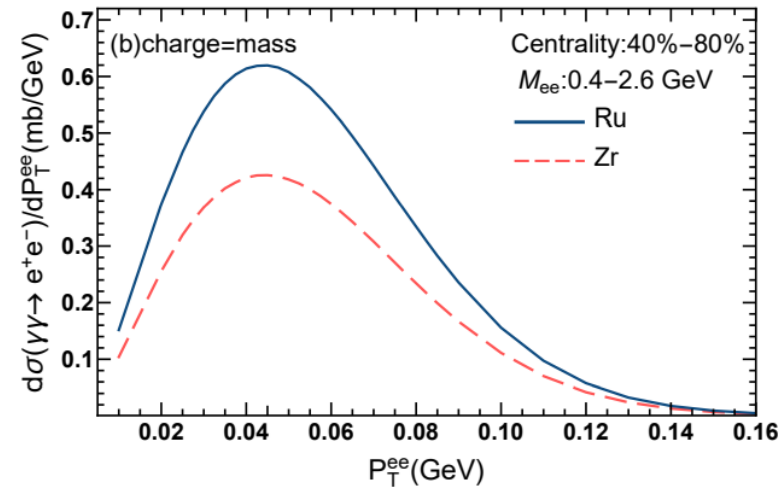
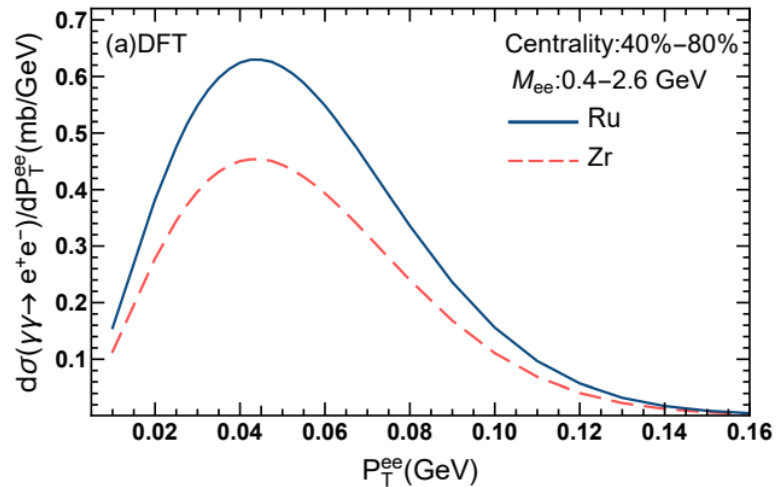
(b)	R_c	d_c	R_n	d_n
Ru	5.083 fm	0.477 fm	R_c^{Ru}	d_c^{Ru}
Zr	4.977 fm	0.492 fm	R_c^{Zr}	d_c^{Zr}

For comparison, we also use the charge density distribution as the mass density distribution to define the centrality

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Numerical results

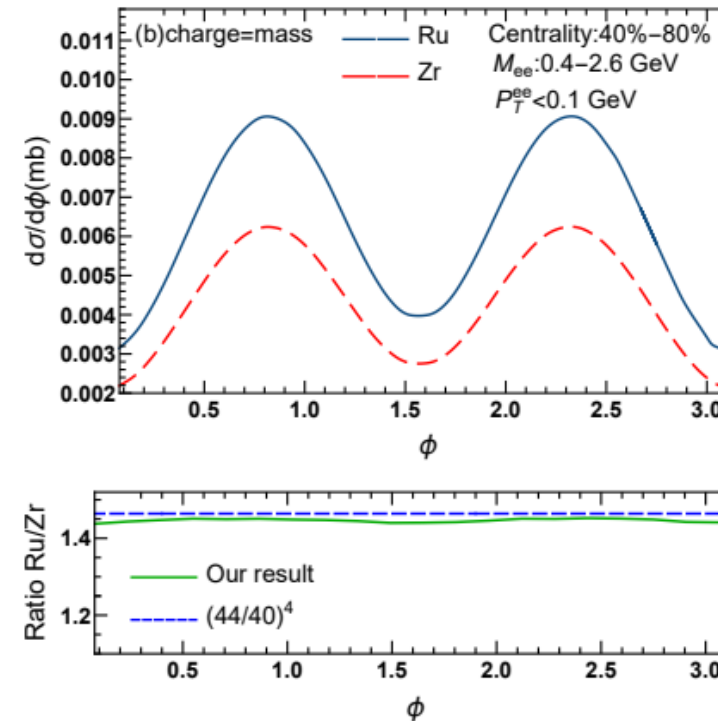
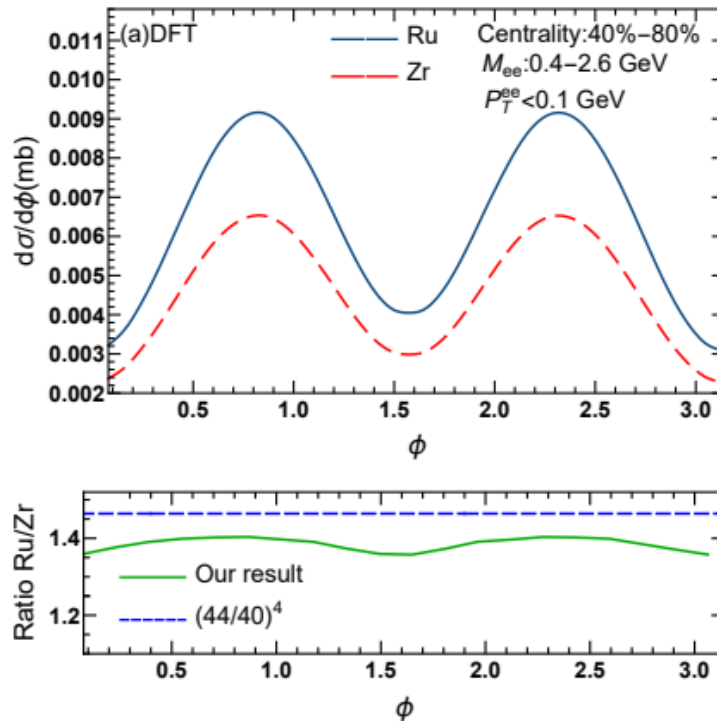
➤ P_T^{ee} distribution



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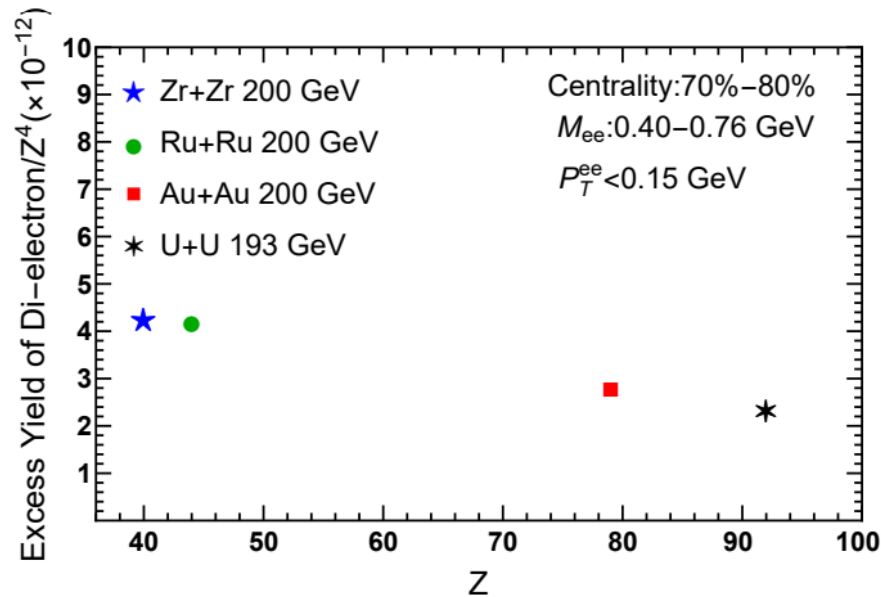
➤ Azimuthal asymmetry



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Numerical results

➤ Charge and centrality dependence



	Ru	Zr	ratio Ru/Zr
40-60%	2.328×10^{-5}	1.615×10^{-5}	1.441
60-70%	2.245×10^{-5}	1.549×10^{-5}	1.449
70-80%	2.178×10^{-5}	1.495×10^{-5}	1.457

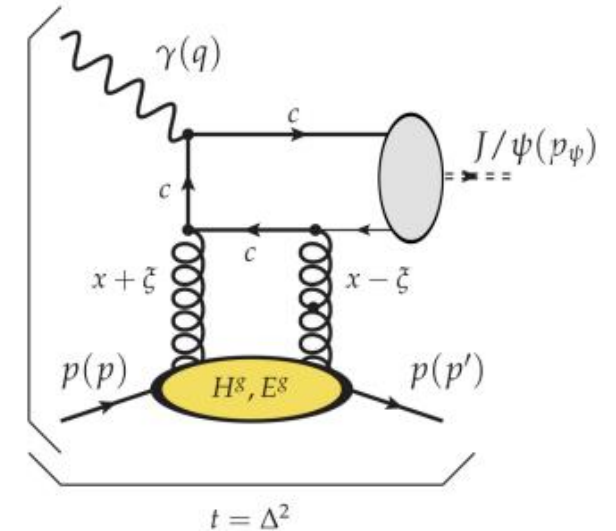
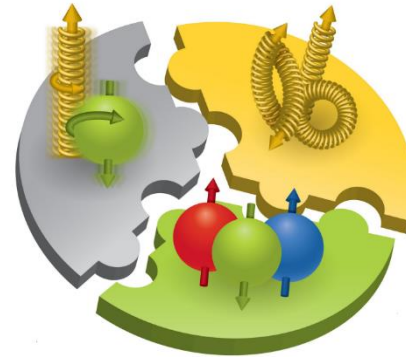
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Photoproduction of ρ in ultraperipheral isobar collisions

Photoproduction of vector meson

$$\gamma + p/A \rightarrow V + p/A$$

- parton structure
- Gluon saturation and small x physics



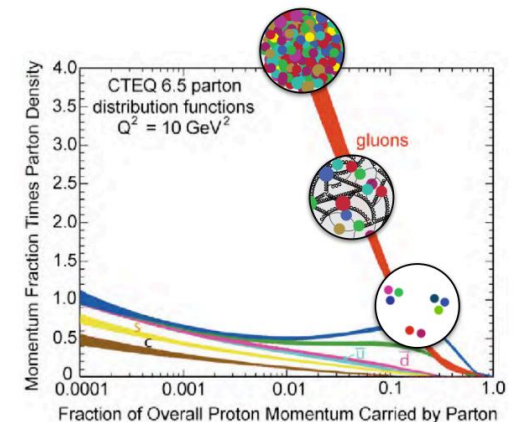
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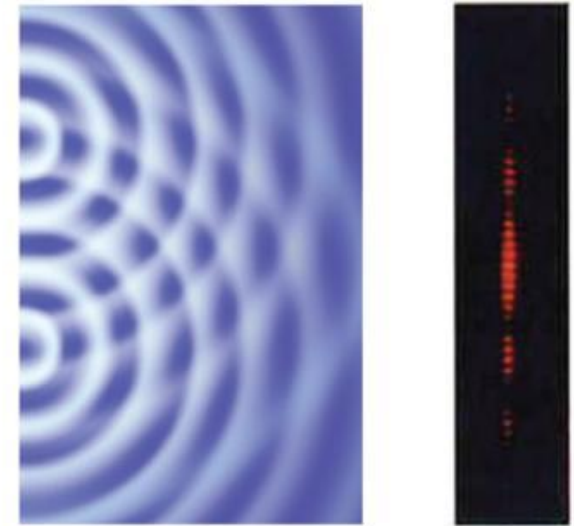
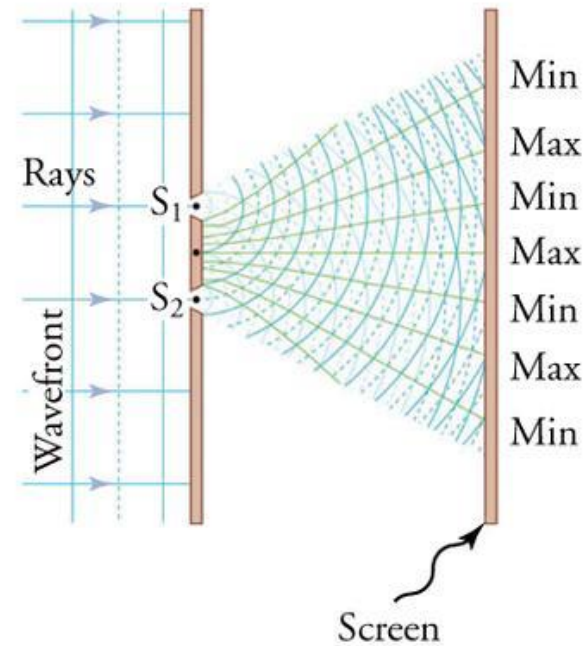
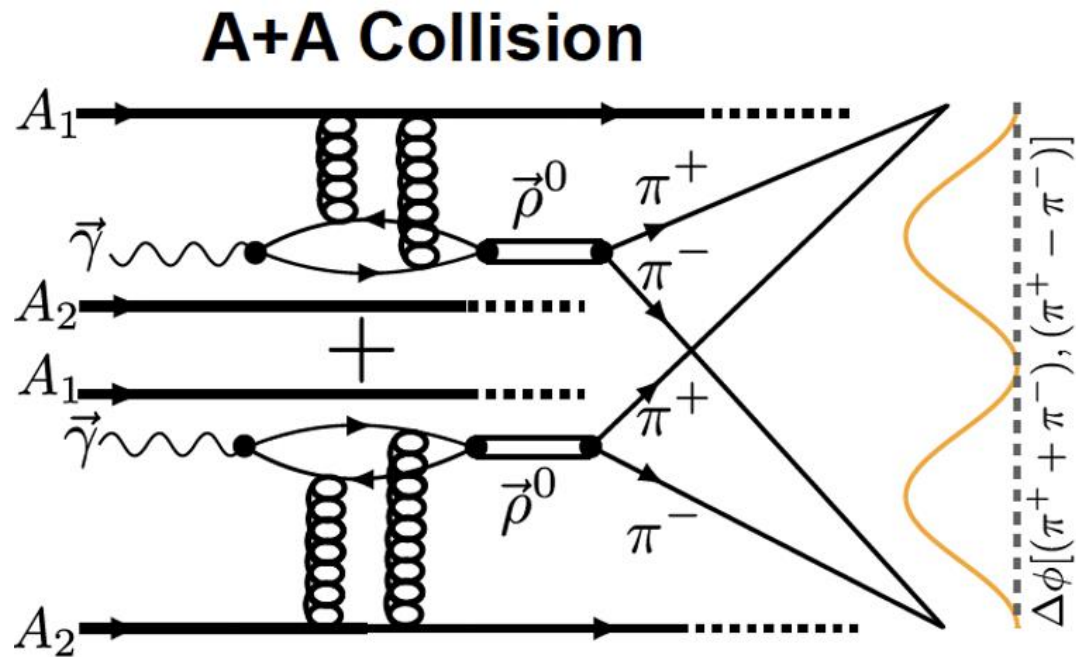
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Photoproduction of vector meson



Interference effect

Photoproduction of vector meson

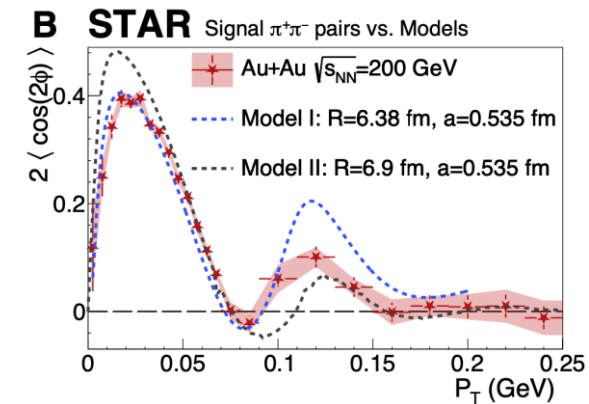
➤ $\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$

➤ Azimuthal asymmetries $\cos(2\phi)$ in diffractive vector meson production in UPC

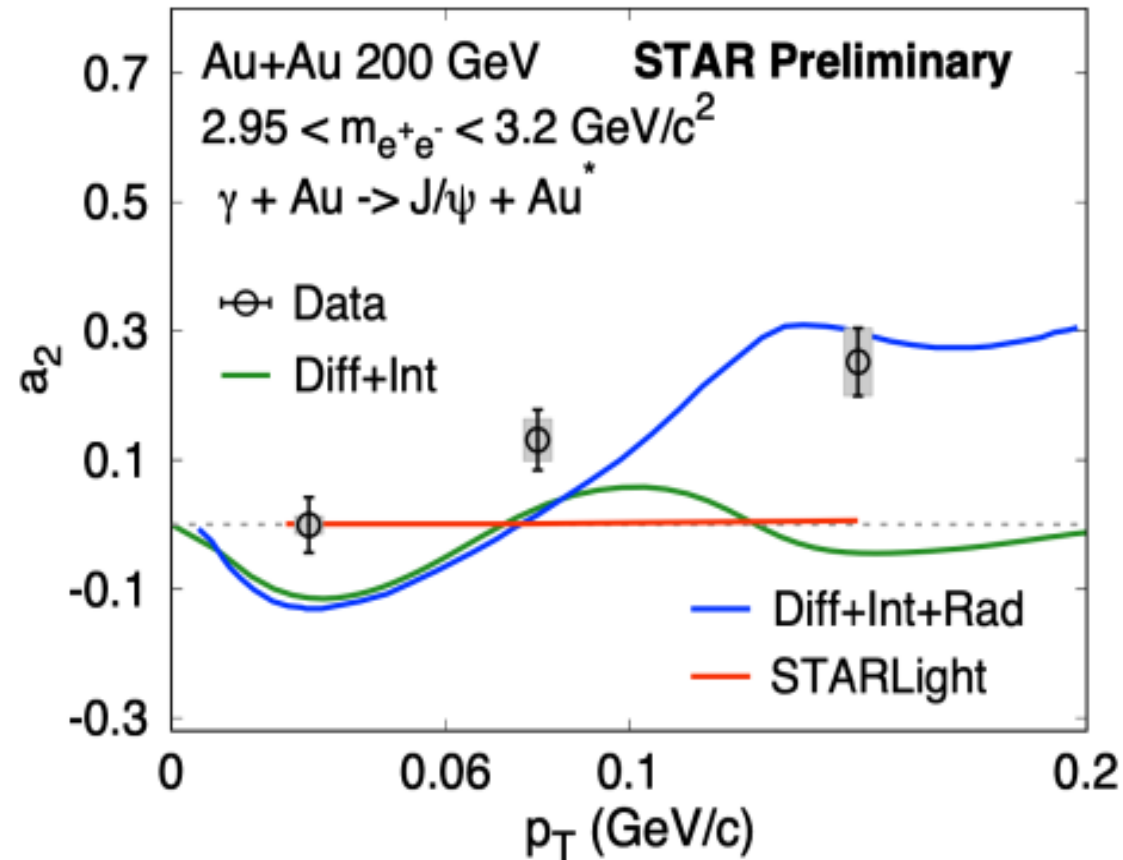
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Theory:

- Model I: **Zha, Brandenburg, Ruan, Tang, Xu, PRD 2021**
- Model II: **Xing, Zhang, Zhou, Zhou, JHEP 2020**



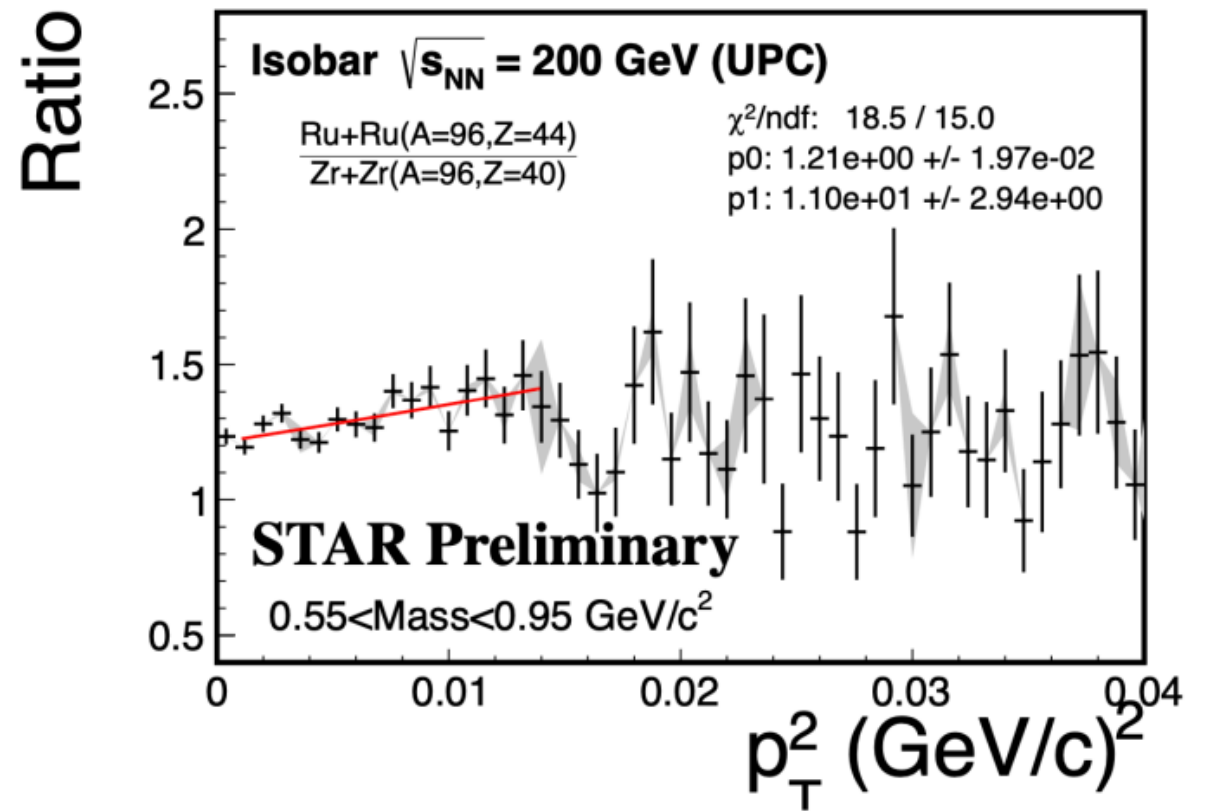
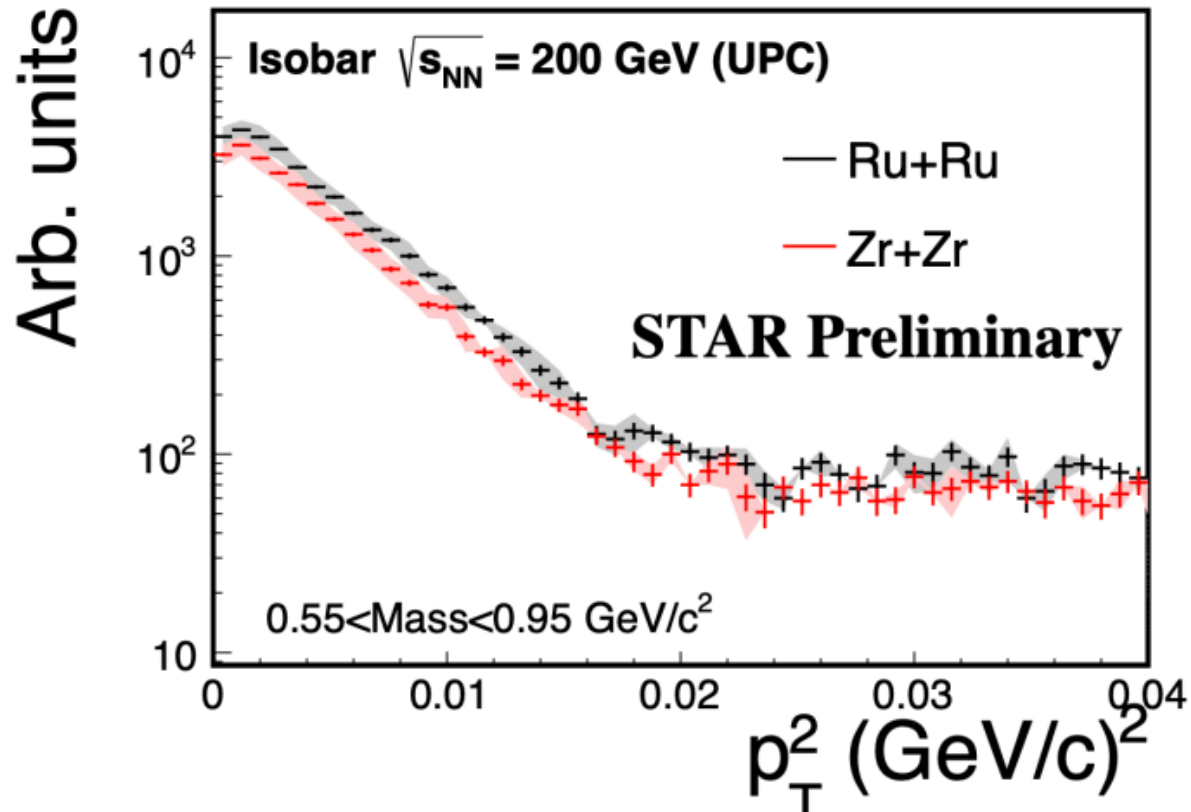
Photoproduction of vector meson



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Ultraperipheral isobar collisions

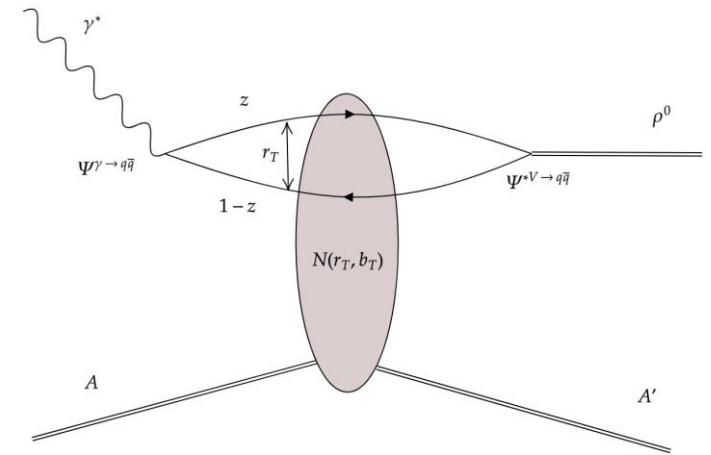


Photoproduction of vector meson

➤ Dipole model

$$\mathcal{A} = 2i \int d^2\mathbf{b}_T e^{i\Delta_T \cdot \mathbf{b}_T} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{r}_T}{4\pi} \int_0^1 dz$$

$$\times \Psi^{\gamma \rightarrow q\bar{q}}(\mathbf{r}_T, z) N(\mathbf{r}_T, \mathbf{b}_T) \Psi^{V \rightarrow q\bar{q}^*}(\mathbf{r}_T, z)$$



➤ Dipole nucleus scattering amplitude parameterization

$$N(b_\perp, r_\perp) = 1 - \frac{1}{N_c} \left\langle \text{Tr} \left(U(b_\perp + r_\perp/2) U^\dagger(b_\perp - r_\perp/2) \right) \right\rangle$$



$$N(\mathbf{r}_T, \mathbf{b}_T) = 1 - \exp[-2\pi B_p A \Gamma_A(\mathbf{b}_T) \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{r}_T)]$$

$$T_A(\mathbf{b}_T) = \int dz \rho(z, \mathbf{b}_T)$$

thickness function

Nuclear deformation

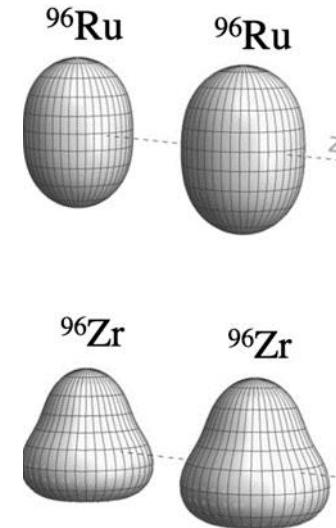
➤ Ru deformed as an ellipsoid

Zr deformed as a pear

➤ The Woods-Saxon distribution

$$\rho(r, \theta, \phi) = \frac{\rho_0}{1 + \exp\{[r - R_0(\theta, \phi)]/a\}}$$

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



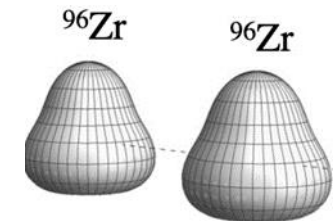
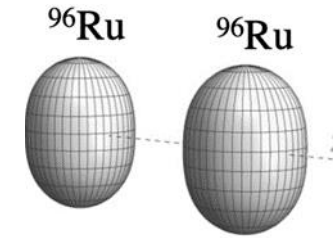
β_2 : quadrupole deformation

β_3 : octupole deformation

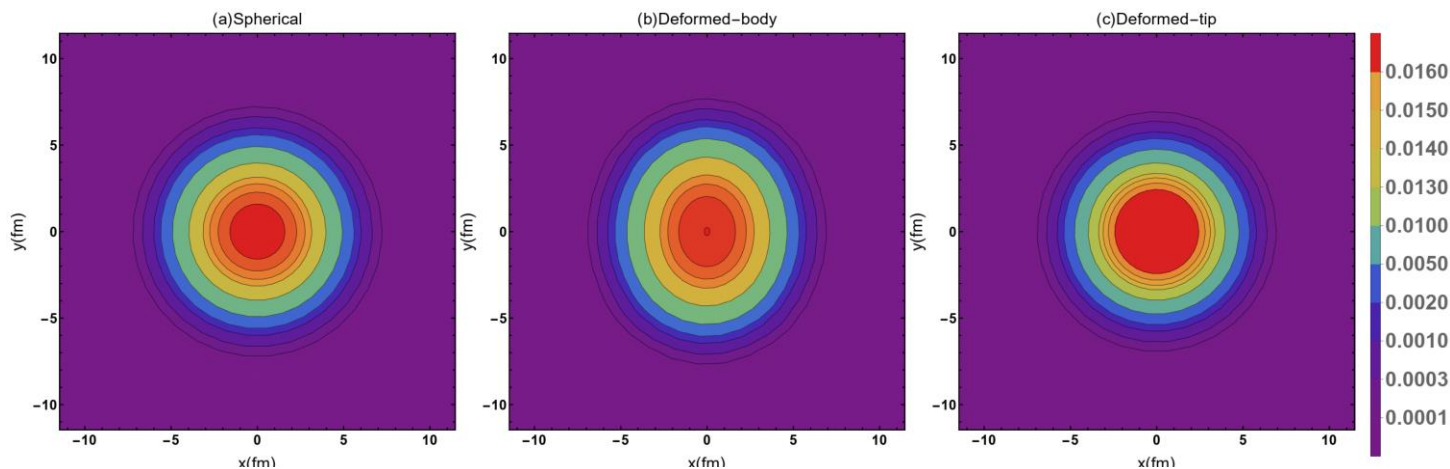
Nuclear deformation

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(a) with deformation	R	a	β_2	β_3
Ru	5.093 fm	0.471 fm	0.16	0
Zr	5.021 fm	0.517 fm	0	0.20

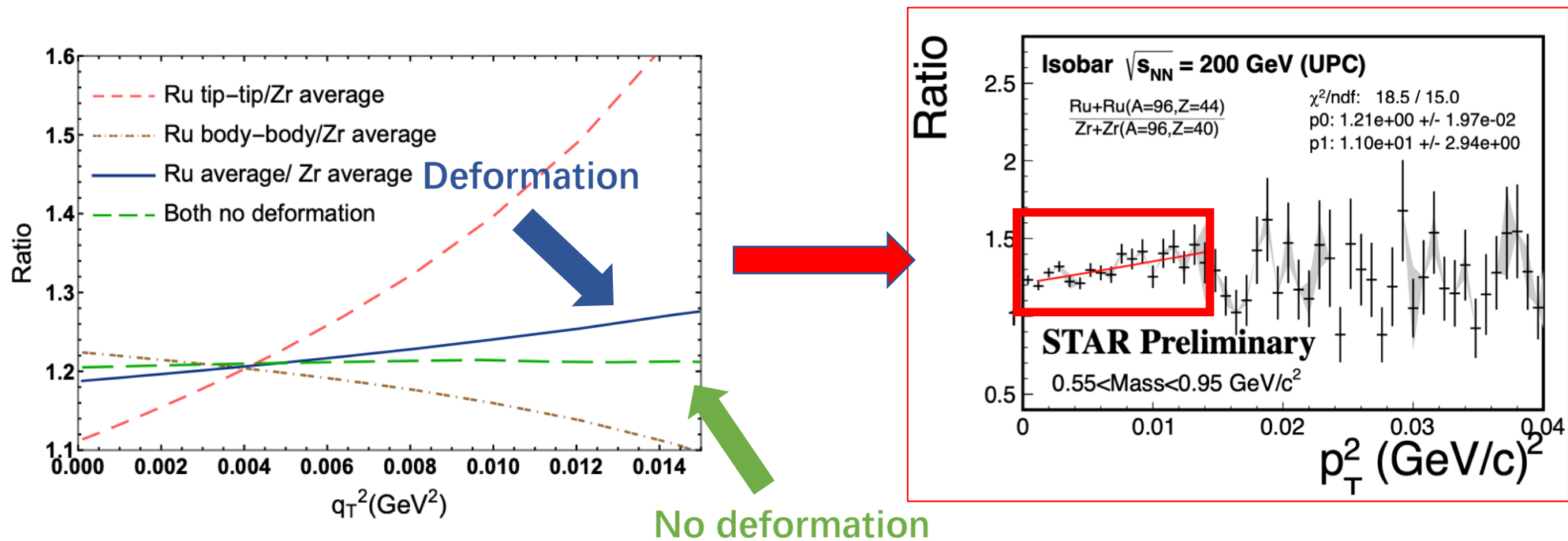


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The thickness function 2D plot

Compared to the experiment

- We calculate the ratio of transverse momentum spectra of ρ^0 in isobar UPCs. (tip-tip collision, body-body collisions, deformation average, no deformation, respectively)



Phenomenological Explanation

- Dipole-nucleus scattering amplitude approximation

$$N(\mathbf{r}_T, \mathbf{b}_T) = 1 - \exp[-2\pi B_p A T_A(\mathbf{b}_T) \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{r}_T)] \longrightarrow N(\mathbf{r}_T, \mathbf{b}_T) \simeq 2\pi B_p A T_A(\mathbf{b}_T) \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{r}_T)$$

- Thickness function approximated as Gaussian distribution

$$T_A(\mathbf{b}_T) \sim \exp\left(-\frac{\mathbf{b}_T^2}{w_T^2}\right) \text{ with } w_T \text{ being the nucleus width.}$$

- The dipole amplitude will be proportional to $e^{-\frac{1}{4}q_T^2 w_T^2}$ after the integration of b_T

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A} &\sim A \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{r}_T}{4\pi} \int_0^1 dz B_p \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{r}_T) \\ &\quad \times \Psi^{\gamma \rightarrow q\bar{q}}(\mathbf{r}_T, z) \Psi^{V \rightarrow q\bar{q}^*}(\mathbf{r}_T, z) \\ &\quad \times \int d^2\mathbf{b}_T e^{i\mathbf{q}_T \cdot \mathbf{b}_T} \exp\left(-\frac{\mathbf{b}_T^2}{w_T^2}\right) \end{aligned} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}(q_T^2) \propto e^{-\frac{1}{4}q_T^2 w_T^2}$$

Phenomenological Explanation

➤ The ratio of the transverse momentum spectra is

proportional to $e^{\delta\omega_T q_T^2}$ with $\delta\omega_T = -\frac{1}{2} \times [(\omega_T^{Ru})^2 - (\omega_T^{Zr})^2]$

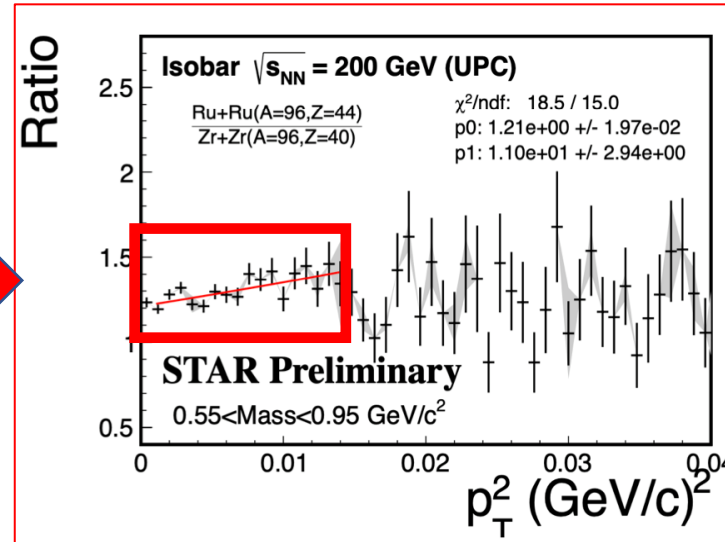
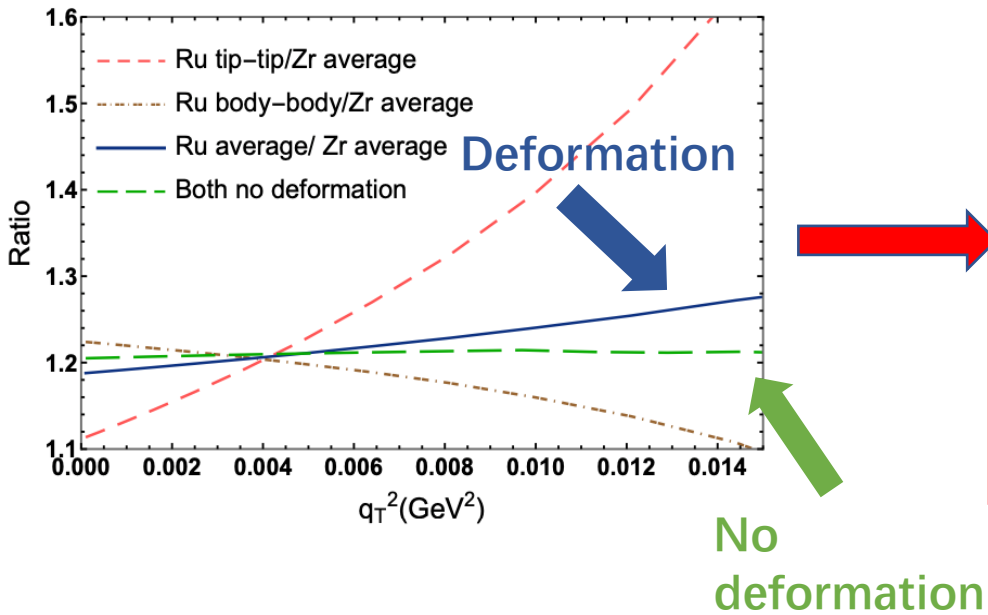
➤ No deformation \rightarrow slope ≈ 0

$\omega_T^{Ru}(tip) < \omega_T^{Zr} \rightarrow$ slope > 0

$\omega_T^{Ru}(body) > \omega_T^{Zr} \rightarrow$ slope < 0

	Ru (body)	Ru (tip)	Ru (spherical)	Zr (spherical)
w_T	3.628 fm	3.372 fm	3.544 fm	3.571 fm

Compared to the experiment



(a) with deformation	R	a	β_2	β_3
Ru	5.093 fm	0.471 fm	0.16	0
Zr	5.021 fm	0.517 fm	0	0.20

(b) without deformation	R	a	β_2	β_3
Ru	5.093 fm	0.487 fm	0	0
Zr	5.022 fm	0.538 fm	0	0

The slope of the transverse momentum spectrum ratio is sensitive to nuclear deformation

Summary

- Photoproduction of di-electrons in peripheral isobar collision

Nuclear charge density \neq Nuclear mass density

- Photoproduction of ρ in ultraperipheral isobar collisions

Nuclear deformation

- The photoproduction in isobar collisions may provide a new way to probe the nuclear structure

Thanks for your attention!