Charge dependent correlations relative to the 4th-harmonic event plane in Au+Au collisions at 27 and 39 GeV at RHIC/STAR

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