



Longitudinal fluctuations and decorrelations of anisotropic flows

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Introduction

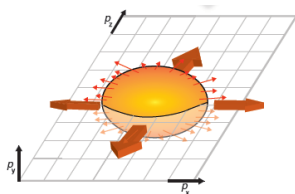
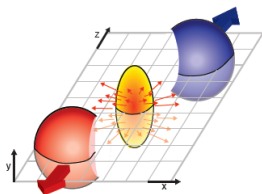
Model Setup

- (3+1)-dimensional ideal hydrodynamics model

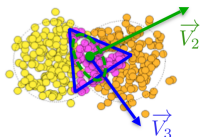
Numerical Results

- Longitudinal decorrelations of flows
- Collision energy and centrality dependences
- Linearity of flow decorrelations & 4- η -bin observables

Conclusion



The event-by-event fluctuations of the initial state density and geometry lead to anisotropic momentum distributions for the final state soft hadrons.



Fluctuations lead to the odd order of anisotropic flows.

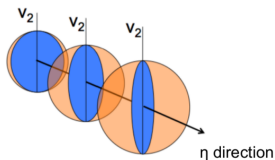
Probe the initial models and the transport properties of QGP

Many flow observables:

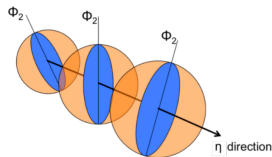
- ▶ higher-order anisotropic flows
- ▶ event plane correlation
- ▶ symmetric cumulants
- ▶ nonlinear responses

focus on fluctuations in the transverse plane.

$$\text{Anisotropic flows } \mathbf{V}_n(\eta) = v_n(\eta) e^{in\psi_n(\eta)} = \frac{\int \exp(in\phi) \frac{dN}{d\eta d\rho_T d\phi} d\rho_T d\phi}{\int \frac{dN}{d\eta d\rho_T d\phi} d\rho_T d\phi}$$



(a) $v_2(\eta) \neq v_2(-\eta)$



(b) $\psi_2(\eta) \neq \psi_2(-\eta)$

Longitudinal fluctuations can lead to:

- ▶ rapidity dependent anisotropic flows
[Denicol, Gabriel et al. Phys.Rev.Lett. 116 (2016)]
[ALICE Collaboration (Adam, Jaroslav et al.)Phys.Lett.B762(2016)]
- ▶ decorrelation of anisotropic flows
[L.G.Pang, et al, Eur.Phys.J.A52,97(2016)]
[P.Bozek and W.Broniowski,(2017),arXiv:1711.03325.]
[J,Jia and P.Huo, Phys. Rev. C90, 034905 (2014)]

Our work:

Systematic study for the longitudinal decorrelations of anisotropic flows for different **collision energy & centrality**, using different observables(flow vector, magnitude, orientations,3- η -bin,4- η -bin)

(3+1)-dimensional ideal hydrodynamics model

[L. Pang, Q. Wang, and X.-N. Wang, Phys. Rev. C86,024911 (2012), Pang,Long-Gang et al. arXiv:1802.04449]

- ▶ initial state: A-Multi-Phase-Transport (AMPT) model

[Z.W. Lin, C. M. Ko, B.A. Li, B. Zhang, and S. Pal, Phys. Rev. C72, 064901 (2005)]

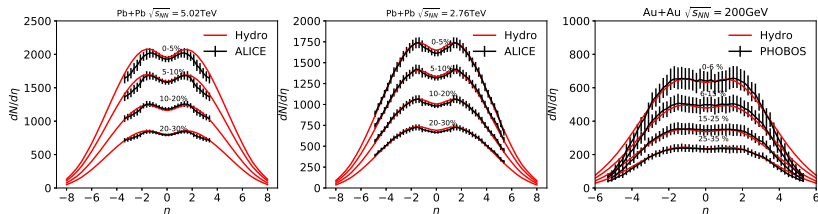
local energy-momentum tensor $T^{\mu\nu}$ at the initial proper time:

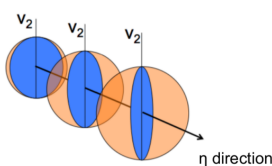
$$T^{\mu\nu}(\tau_0, x, y, \eta_S) = K \sum_i \frac{p_i^\mu p_i^\nu}{p_i^\tau} \frac{1}{\tau_0 \sqrt{2\pi\sigma_{\eta_S}^2}} \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_r^2} \times \exp \left[-\frac{(x-x_i)^2 + (y-y_i)^2}{2\sigma_r^2} - \frac{(\eta_S - \eta_{Si})^2}{2\sigma_{\eta_S}^2} \right] \quad (1)$$

$\tau_0 = 0.2$ fm for LHC, 0.4fm for RHIC, $\sigma_r = 0.6$ fm $\sigma_{\eta_S} = 0.6$

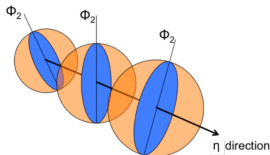
- ▶ evolution: ideal hydrodynamics $\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$
- ▶ freeze-out: Cooper-Frye Formula ($T_f = 137$ MeV)

$$E \frac{dN_h}{d^3p} = \frac{g_h}{(2\pi)^3} \int_\Sigma p^\mu d^3\sigma_\mu f(p) \quad (2)$$





(c) $q_2(\eta) \neq q_2(-\eta)$



(d) $\Psi_2(\eta) \neq \Psi_2(-\eta)$

We use Q-vector method: $\mathbf{Q}_n(\eta) = q_n(\eta)\hat{\mathbf{Q}}_n(\eta) = q_n(\eta)e^{in\psi_n(\eta)} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N e^{in\phi_i}$

Longitudinal observables
(3- η -bin observables)

Effects

$$r[n, k](\eta) = \frac{\langle \mathbf{Q}_n^k(-\eta) \mathbf{Q}_n^{*k}(\eta_r) \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{Q}_n^k(\eta) \mathbf{Q}_n^{*k}(\eta_r) \rangle}$$

Decorrelation of **flow vector**^{1,2}

$$r_M[n, k](\eta) = \frac{\langle q_n^k(-\eta) q_n^k(\eta_r) \rangle}{\langle q_n^k(\eta) q_n^k(\eta_r) \rangle}$$

Decorrelation of **flow magnitude**³

$$r_\Phi[n, k](\eta) = \frac{\langle \hat{\mathbf{Q}}_n^k(-\eta) \hat{\mathbf{Q}}_n^{*k}(\eta_r) \rangle}{\langle \hat{\mathbf{Q}}_n^k(\eta) \hat{\mathbf{Q}}_n^{*k}(\eta_r) \rangle}$$

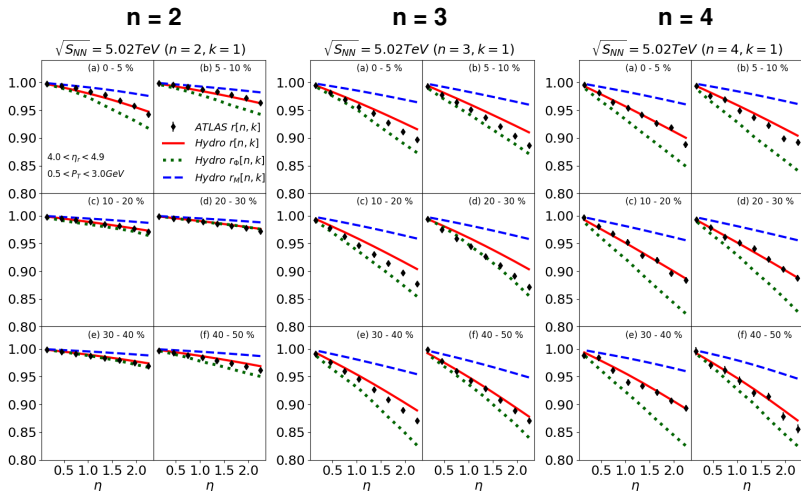
Decorrelation of **flow orientations**³

[1][CMS Collaboration (Khachatryan, Vardan et al.) Phys.Rev. C92 (2015)]

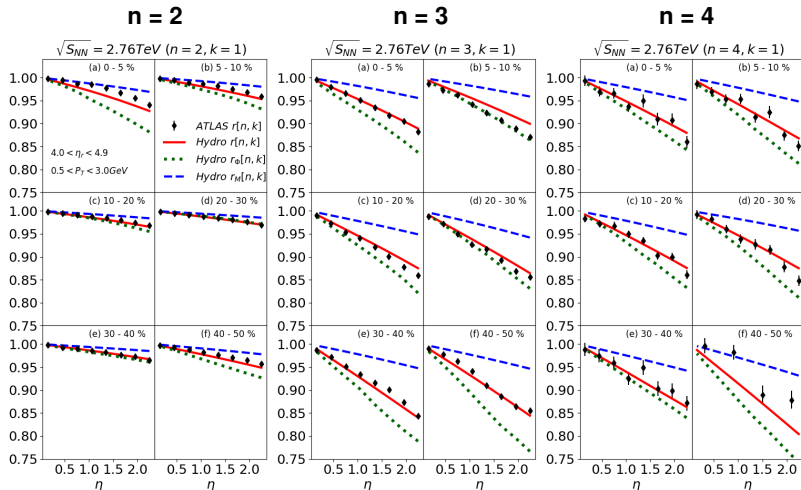
[2][ATLAS Collaboration (Aaboud, Morad et al.) Eur.Phys.J. C78 (2018)]

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Longitudinal decorrelations in PbPb collisions at 5.02A TeV



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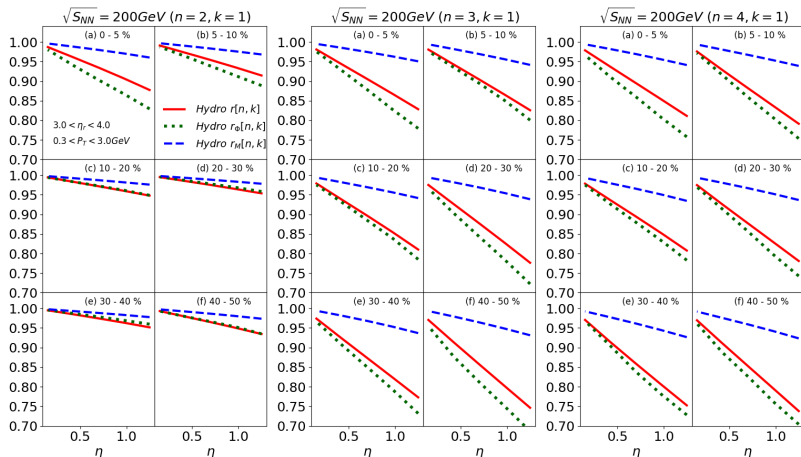
Longitudinal decorrelations in AuAu collisions at 200A GeV



n = 2

n = 3

n = 4



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- $r_\phi[n, k] < r[n, k] < r_M[n, k]$
- Decorrelation effects ($5.02\text{A TeV} < 2.76\text{A TeV} < 200\text{A GeV}$)



Since $r[n, k](\eta)$, $r_\phi[n, k](\eta)$ and $r_M[n, k](\eta)$ are almost linear in η , they can be parameterized as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}r[n, k](\eta) &\approx 1 - 2f[n, k]\eta \\r_M[n, k](\eta) &\approx 1 - 2f_M[n, k]\eta \\r_\phi[n, k](\eta) &\approx 1 - 2f_\phi[n, k]\eta\end{aligned}\tag{3}$$

where $f[n, k]$, $f_M[n, k]$, $f_\phi[n, k]$ are called slope parameters. They can be measured via:

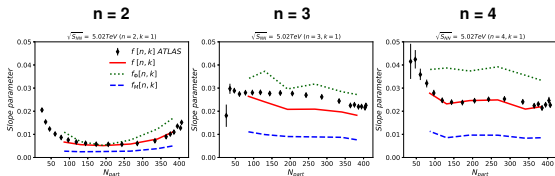
$$f[n, k] = \frac{\sum_i \{1 - r[n, k](\eta_i)\} \eta_i}{2 \sum_i \eta_i^2}\tag{4}$$

Similarly for the slope parameters $f_M[n, k]$ and $f_\phi[n, k]$.

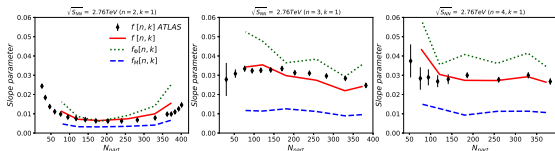
Slope parameters for longitudinal decorrelations



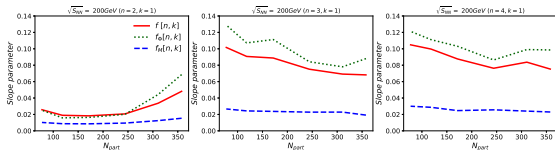
5.02A TeV



2.76A TeV



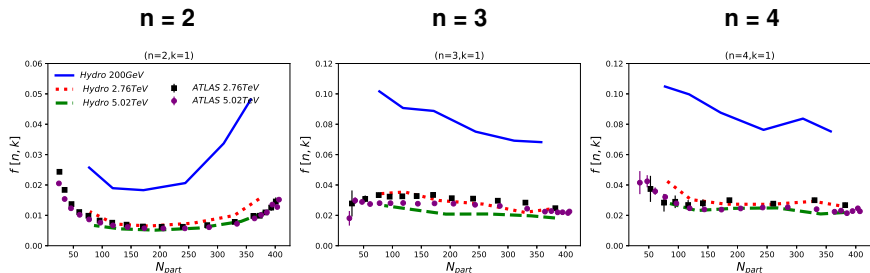
200 GeV



- $f_\phi[n, k] > f[n, k] > f_M[n, k]$
- Decorrelation effects (5.02A TeV < 2.76A TeV < 200A GeV)
- Centrality dependence:

For v_2 , **non-monotonic**, strong dependence on **initial collision geometry**

For v_3 & v_4 , **weakly centrality dependence**, slight increase from central to peripheral collisions (**fluctuations** dominate)



The longitudinal decorrelation effects for anisotropic flows:

Energy dependence:

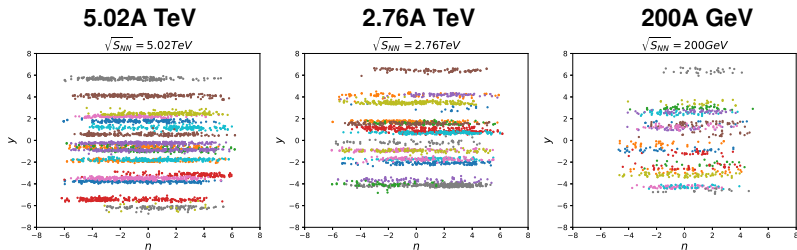
- $f(5.02 \text{A TeV}) < f(2.76 \text{A TeV}) \ll f(200 \text{A GeV})$

Centrality dependence:

- for v_2 , slope parameters strong dependence on initial geometry.
- for v_3, v_4 , slope parameters slight decrease with N_{part} .

How do we understand these dependences?

In fact, the collision energy dependence for longitudinal decorrelations can be traced back to the longitudinal structures of the initial state.

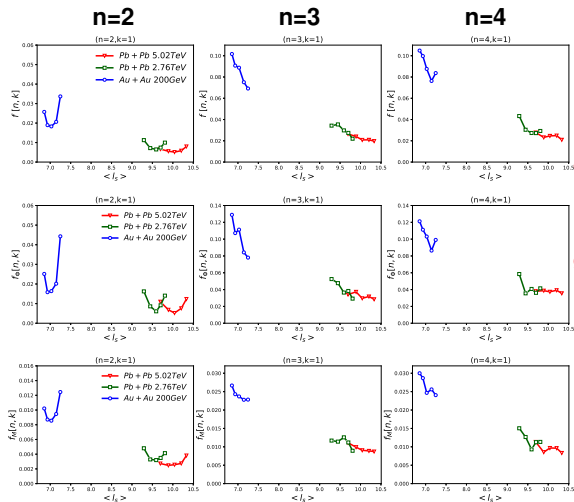


- ▶ Divide the initial partons into different clustering in transverse plane
- ▶ Arrange partons in the same clustering in the longitudinal direction to form a 'string'
- ▶ The length of the each string is obtained from the maximum and minimum rapidities of the initial partons in the same clustering.

Higher the collision energy, longer the initial strings length

$$l_s(5.02A \text{ TeV}) > l_s(2.76A \text{ TeV}) > l_s(200A \text{ GeV}) \quad (5)$$

Collision energy and centrality dependences



• Given collision energy, more **central** collisions, **longer** lengths of the string.

• v_3, v_4 depend on the **length of the strings**

• v_2 depends on the **string length** and **initial collision geometry**.

Parameterization for the \mathbf{Q} -vector:

$$\mathbf{Q}_n(\eta) \approx \mathbf{Q}_n(0)(1 + \alpha_n \eta) e^{i\beta_n \eta} \quad (6)$$

$$\mathbf{Q}_n^k(0) \mathbf{Q}_n^{*k}(\eta_r) = A_{n,k}(\eta_r) e^{-i\delta_{n,k}(\eta_r)} = X_{n,k}(\eta_r) + iY_{n,k}(\eta_r)$$

α_n : The forward-backward **asymmetry**

β_n : The **rotation** of the flow orientation

The decorrelation function can be approximated as:

$$r[n, k](\eta) \approx 1 - 2f[n, k]\eta \quad f[n, k] = k \left(\frac{\langle \alpha_n X_{n,k} \rangle}{\langle X_{n,k} \rangle} + \frac{\langle \beta_n Y_{n,k} \rangle}{\langle X_{n,k} \rangle} \right)$$

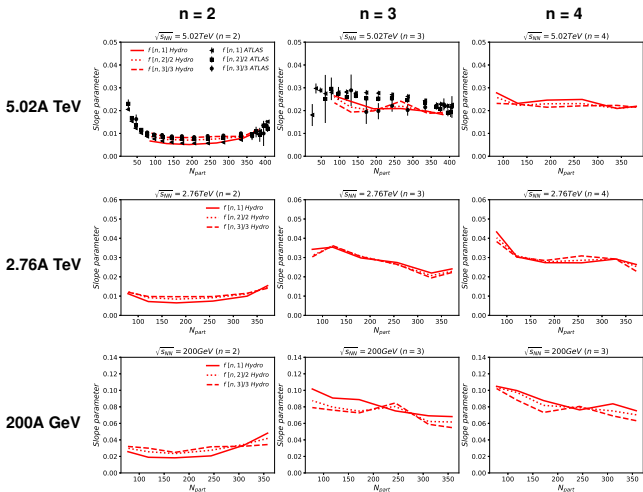
$$r_M[n, k](\eta) \approx 1 - 2f_M[n, k]\eta \quad f_M[n, k] = k \frac{\langle \alpha_n A_{n,k} \rangle}{\langle A_{n,k} \rangle}$$

$$r_\Phi[n, k] \approx 1 - 2f_\Phi[n, k]\eta \quad f_\Phi[n, k] = k \frac{\langle \beta_n \sin(\delta_{n,k}) \rangle}{\langle \cos(\delta_{n,k}) \rangle}$$

Simple approximate relations between the slope parameters with different k :

$$\begin{aligned} f[n, k]/k &\approx f[n, 1] \\ f_M[n, k]/k &\approx f_M[n, 1] \\ f_\Phi[n, k]/k &\approx f_\Phi[n, 1] \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Test of linearity of flow decorrelations



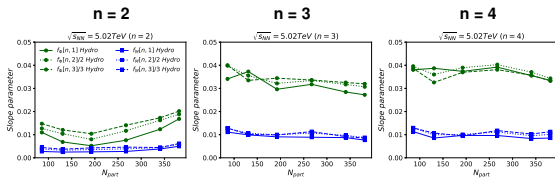
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- More breaking at RHIC energy than at LHC energy

$$f[n, k]/k \approx f[n, 1]$$

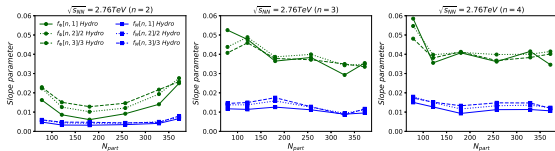
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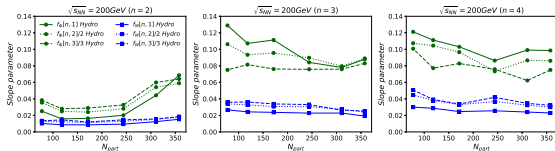
5.02A TeV



2.76A TeV



200A GeV



- Linear approximation works well at two LHC energy
- More breaking at RHIC energy than at LHC energy
- Linear approximation works better for flow magnitudes
- More breaking for flow orientations

$$f_{\Phi}[n, k]/k \approx f_{\Phi}[n, 1]$$

$$f_M[n, k]/k \approx f_M[n, 1]$$

Four-rapidity-bin decorrelation observables

3-rapidity-bin decorrelation	Slope parameter
$r[n, k](\eta) = \frac{\langle \mathbf{Q}_n^k(-\eta) \mathbf{Q}_n^{*k}(\eta_r) \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{Q}_n^k(\eta) \mathbf{Q}_n^{*k}(\eta_r) \rangle}$	$f[n, k] = k \left(\frac{\langle \alpha_n X_{n,k} \rangle}{\langle X_{n,k} \rangle} + \frac{\langle \beta_n Y_{n,k} \rangle}{\langle X_{n,k} \rangle} \right)$
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$r_\Phi[n, k](\eta) = \frac{\langle \hat{Q}_n^k(-\eta) \hat{Q}_n^{*k}(\eta_r) \rangle}{\langle \hat{Q}_n^k(\eta) \hat{Q}_n^{*k}(\eta_r) \rangle}$	$f_\Phi[n, k] = k \frac{\langle \beta_n \sin(\delta_{n,k}) \rangle}{\langle \cos(\delta_{n,k}) \rangle}$

4-rapidity-bin decorrelation	Slope parameter
$R[n, 2](\eta) = \frac{\langle \mathbf{Q}_n(-\eta_r) \mathbf{Q}_n(-\eta) \mathbf{Q}_n^*(\eta) \mathbf{Q}_n^*(\eta_r) \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{Q}_n(-\eta_r) \mathbf{Q}_n^*(-\eta) \mathbf{Q}_n(\eta) \mathbf{Q}_n^*(\eta_r) \rangle}$	$F[n, 2] = 2 \frac{\langle \beta_n Y_{n,2} \rangle}{\langle X_{n,2} \rangle}$ (defined by ALTA ¹)
$R_\Phi[n, 2](\eta) = \frac{\langle \hat{Q}_n(-\eta_r) \hat{Q}_n(-\eta) \hat{Q}_n^*(\eta) \hat{Q}_n^*(\eta_r) \rangle}{\langle \hat{Q}_n(-\eta_r) \hat{Q}_n^*(-\eta) \hat{Q}_n(\eta) \hat{Q}_n^*(\eta_r) \rangle}$	$F_\Phi[n, 2] = 2 \frac{\langle \beta_n \sin(\delta_{n,2}) \rangle}{\langle \cos(\delta_{n,2}) \rangle}$

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The relation between 4- η -bin & 3- η -bin slope parameters:

$$\begin{aligned}
 F[n, 2] &\approx f[n, 2] - f_M[n, 2] \\
 F_\Phi[n, 2] &\approx f_\Phi[n, 2]
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{8}$$

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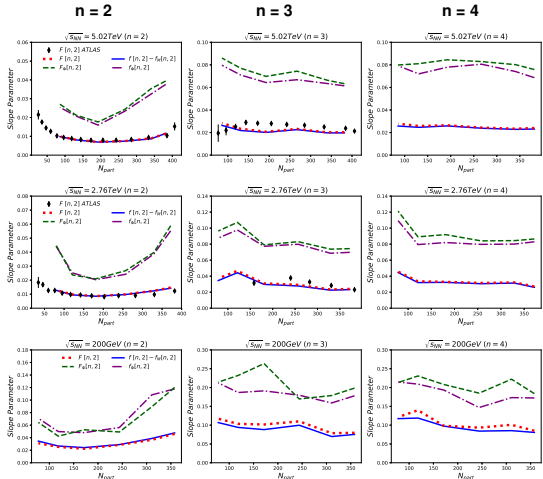
Four-rapidity-bin decorrelation observables



5.02A TeV

2.76A TeV

200A GeV



- $F[n, 2] \approx f[n, 2] - f_M[n, 2]$ holds pretty well for PbPb collision at two LHC energy, a slight violation for AuAu collision at RHIC energy
- $F_\phi[n, 2](\eta) \approx f_\phi[n, 2]$ has a sizable violation due to the larger decorrelation effects for pure flow orientations
- Violation is larger at the RHIC than at the LHC



- ▶ We have performed detailed analysis for v_2, v_3, v_4 in terms of flow vectors, flow magnitude & flow orientations for the LHC & RHIC energies.
- ▶ We find:
 - $f_\phi[n, k] > f[n, k] > f_M[n, k]$
 - $f(5.02A \text{ TeV}) < f(2.76A \text{ TeV}) < f(200A \text{ GeV})$
- ▶ Centrality dependence:
 - v_2 decorrelation has a strong dependence on **initial collision geometry**
 - v_3, v_4 decorrelations **slightly increase** for smaller N_{part}
- ▶ The collision energy dependence of flow decorrelation can be traced back to the longitudinal structure(fluctuations) of initial states:
 $l_s(5.02A \text{ TeV}) > l_s(2.76A \text{ TeV}) > l_s(200A \text{ GeV})$.
- ▶ The longitudinal decorrelations can be directly used to probe the longitudinal structure(fluctuations) of initial states.