



# Model investigation of transverse momentum cumulants of different orders in nuclear-nuclear collisions

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# Outline of the report

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# Motivation

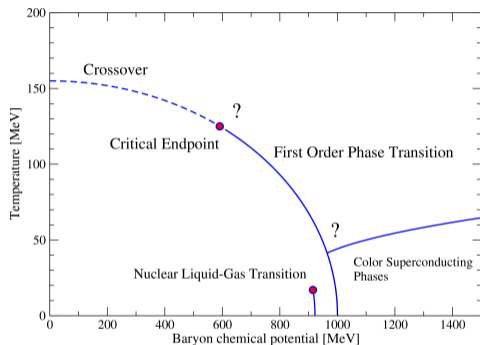


Figure 1: QCD phase transition diagram.

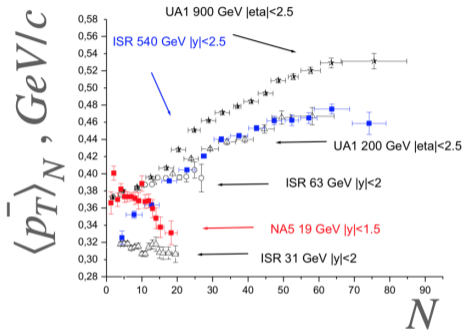


Figure 2: Compilation of experimental results for  $p_T - N$  correlations for various experiments and energies.

- transition from negative to positive correlations: multipomeric model [N. Armesto *et al.*, *Phys. of Atom. Nucl.*, 71, 2087-2095 (2008)]
- restrictions for models (PYTHIA, Herwig++ and etc.)

# Models

- **EPOS** (*Energy-conserving quantum mechanical multiple scattering approach, based on Partons (parton ladders), Off-shell remnants, and Splitting of parton ladders*). This model [K. Werner *et al.*, *Phys.Rev. C74*, 044902 (2006)] takes into account the multiple scattering approach based on partons and pomerons (parton ladders). It is based on a string model.

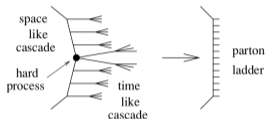


Figure 3: Closed parton ladder.

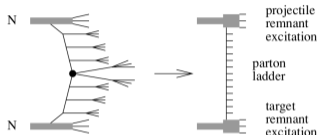


Figure 4: Open parton ladder.

- **SMASH** (*Simulating Many Accelerated Strongly-interacting Hadrons*) is a relativistic hadron transport approach [J. Weiler *et al.*, *arXiv:1606.06642 [nucl-th]* (2017)]. Includes all known hadrons with mass up to  $\sim 2$  GeV as degrees of freedom.
- **PHSD** (*Parton-Hadron-String Dynamics*) [E. Bratkovskaya *et al.*, *arXiv:1908.00451 [nucl-th]* (2019)] presents a microscopic out-of-shell transport approach to describe strongly interacting hadronic and partonic matter in and out of equilibrium.
- **UrQMD** (*Ultra-relativistic Quantum Molecular Dynamics*) [M. Bleicher *et al.*, *arXiv:hep-ph/9909407 [hep-ph]* (1999).] is a microscopic model used to simulate (ultra)relativistic heavy ion collisions in the energy range from Bevalac and SIS to AGS, SPS and RHIC.

## Definitions and observables: strongly intensive quantities

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Types of quantities: strongly intensive, intensive and extensive.

Strongly intensive quantities do not depend either on the volume of the system or on fluctuations in the volume of the system.

$$\omega[N] = \frac{\langle N^2 \rangle - \langle N \rangle^2}{\langle N \rangle} - \text{extensive quantity} \quad (1)$$

$$\Delta[\rho_t, N] = \frac{1}{\langle N \rangle \omega[\rho_t]} [\langle N \rangle \omega[P_t] - \langle P_t \rangle \omega[N]] - \text{strongly intensive quantity} \quad (2)$$

$$\Sigma[\rho_t, N] = \frac{1}{\langle N \rangle \omega[\rho_t]} [\langle N \rangle \omega[P_t] + \langle P_t \rangle \omega[N] - 2(\langle P_T N \rangle - \langle P_T \rangle \langle N \rangle)] - \text{strongly intensive quantity} \quad (3)$$

[M. Gorenstein, M. Gazdzicki, Phys. Rev. C 84, 014904 (2011)]

where  $P_T = \sum_{i=1}^N p_{T_i}$ , and  $\omega[\rho_T]$  is the scaled variance of the inclusive  $p_T$  spectrum.  $\Delta[\rho_T, N] = \Sigma[\rho_T, N] = 1$  - value for the independent particle production model,  $\Delta[\rho_T, N] = \Sigma[\rho_T, N] = 0$  - in the absence of fluctuations.

Also, another strongly intensive quantity [M. Cody, S. Gavin, B. Koch et al., Phys. Rev. C 107, 014909 (2023)]:

$$\langle N \rangle D[\rho_t, N] = \frac{1}{\langle N \rangle} [(\langle P_T N \rangle - \langle P_T \rangle \langle N \rangle) - \langle P_t \rangle \omega[N]] \quad (4)$$

## Common define of cumulant

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The average of  $Q(A_1, \dots, A_n)$  over many collision events is a weighted integral of  $f(p_1, \dots, p_n)$ :

$$\langle Q(A_1, \dots, A_n) \rangle = \int_{\rho} q_1(p_1) \dots q_n(p_n) f(p_1, \dots, p_n) \quad (5)$$

We refer to such averages as *moments*. The cumulant decomposition applies to moments after multiplying equations (2) and (3) by  $q_i(p_i)$  and integrating over  $p_i$ . The cumulant of order 2 is thus given by the inversion formula

$$\langle Q(A_1, A_2) \rangle_c \equiv \langle Q(A_1, A_2) \rangle - \langle Q(A_1) \rangle \langle Q(A_2) \rangle \quad (6)$$

$$\langle Q_1 Q_2 \rangle_c \equiv \langle Q_1 Q_2 \rangle - \langle Q_1 \rangle \langle Q_2 \rangle \quad (7)$$

$$\langle Q_1 Q_2 Q_3 \rangle_c \equiv \langle Q_1 Q_2 Q_3 \rangle - \quad (8)$$

$$\langle Q_1 Q_2 \rangle \langle Q_3 \rangle - \quad (9)$$

$$\langle Q_2 Q_3 \rangle \langle Q_1 \rangle - \quad (10)$$

$$\langle Q_1 Q_3 \rangle \langle Q_2 \rangle + \quad (11)$$

$$2 \langle Q_1 \rangle \langle Q_2 \rangle \langle Q_3 \rangle \quad (12)$$

Note that the cumulant is unchanged if one shifts  $Q_i$  by a constant value. **This property of translational invariance, which is true to all orders, explains why cumulants are remarkably stable with respect to detector imperfections.**

## Standart method

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The  $n$ -particle correlator for  $p_T$  in one event is defined as:

$$C_n = \frac{\sum_{i_1 \neq \dots \neq i_n} \omega_{i_1} \dots \omega_{i_n} (p_{T,i_1} - \langle\langle p_T \rangle\rangle) \dots (p_{T,i_n} - \langle\langle p_T \rangle\rangle)}{\sum_{i_1 \neq \dots \neq i_n} \omega_{i_1} \dots \omega_{i_n}} \quad (13)$$

$$\kappa_2 = \frac{\langle C_2 \rangle}{\langle\langle p_T \rangle\rangle^2}, \quad \kappa_3 = \frac{\langle C_3 \rangle}{\langle\langle p_T \rangle\rangle^3}, \quad (14)$$

where  $\omega_i$  is the weight for particle  $i$ . Cumulants are calculated by averaging  $C_n$  over a given ensemble of events.

$$p_{mk} = \sum_i \omega_i^k p_i^m / \sum_i \omega_i^k, \quad \tau_k = \frac{\omega_i^{k+1}}{(\sum_i \omega_i)^{k+1}} \quad (15)$$

denoting  $\rho \equiv p_T$ :

$$\bar{p}_{1k} \equiv p_{1k} - \langle\langle p_T \rangle\rangle \quad (16)$$

$$\bar{p}_{2k} \equiv 2p_{1k} \langle\langle p_T \rangle\rangle + \langle\langle p_T \rangle\rangle^2 \quad (17)$$

$$\bar{p}_{3k} \equiv p_{3k} - 3p_{2k} \langle\langle p_T \rangle\rangle + 3p_{1k} \langle\langle p_T \rangle\rangle^2 - \langle\langle p_T \rangle\rangle^3 \quad (18)$$

$$\bar{p}_{4k} \equiv p_{4k} - 4p_{3k} \langle\langle p_T \rangle\rangle + 6p_{2k} \langle\langle p_T \rangle\rangle^2 - 4p_{1k} \langle\langle p_T \rangle\rangle^3 + \langle\langle p_T \rangle\rangle^4 \quad (19)$$

[Bhatta S. *et. al.* Phys. Rev. C 105, 024904]

## Standart method

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Note that  $\langle\langle p_T \rangle\rangle = \langle p_{11} \rangle$  is the mean value of  $p_T$  averaged over ensemble of events.

$$C_2 = \frac{\bar{p}_{11}^2 - \bar{p}_{22}}{1 - \tau_1} \quad (20)$$

$$C_3 = \frac{\bar{p}_{11}^3 - 3\bar{p}_{22}\bar{p}_{11} + 2\bar{p}_{33}}{1 - 3\tau_1 + 2\tau_2} \quad (21)$$

$$C_4 = \frac{\bar{p}_{11}^4 - 6\bar{p}_{22}\bar{p}_{11}^2 + 3\bar{p}_{22}^2 + 8\bar{p}_{33}\bar{p}_{11} - 6\bar{p}_{44}}{1 - 6\tau_1 + 3\tau_1^2 + 8\tau_2 - 6\tau_3} \quad (22)$$

$$\kappa_2 = \frac{\langle C_2 \rangle}{\langle\langle p_T \rangle\rangle^2}, \quad (23)$$

$$\kappa_3 = \frac{\langle C_3 \rangle}{\langle\langle p_T \rangle\rangle^3}, \quad (24)$$

$$\kappa_4 = \frac{\langle C_4 \rangle - 3\langle C_2 \rangle^2}{\langle\langle p_T \rangle\rangle^4} \quad (25)$$

where particles are taken from  $|y_{CMS}| < 1$  and only unique combinations of particles in the event are taken into account.



## Subevent method

$$\kappa_{2,sub} = \frac{\langle C_{2,2sub} \rangle}{\langle\langle p_T \rangle\rangle_f \langle\langle p_T \rangle\rangle_b} \quad (26)$$

$$\kappa_{3,2sub1} = \frac{\langle C_{3,2sub1} \rangle}{\langle\langle p_T \rangle\rangle_f^2 \langle\langle p_T \rangle\rangle_b}, \quad \kappa_{3,2sub2} = \frac{\langle C_{3,2sub2} \rangle}{\langle\langle p_T \rangle\rangle_f \langle\langle p_T \rangle\rangle_b^2} \quad (27)$$

$$\kappa_{4,2sub} = \frac{\langle C_{4,2sub} \rangle - 2\langle C_{2,2sub} \rangle^2 - \langle C_2 \rangle_a \langle C_2 \rangle_c}{\langle\langle p_T \rangle\rangle_a^2 \langle\langle p_T \rangle\rangle_c^2} \quad (28)$$

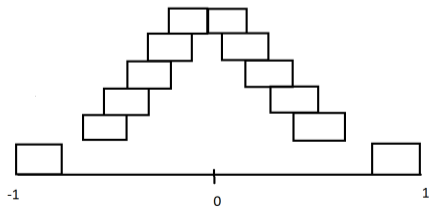


Figure 5: Intervals of rapidity that were chosen in the work for p+p collisions.

## Results for strongly intensive variables: p+p

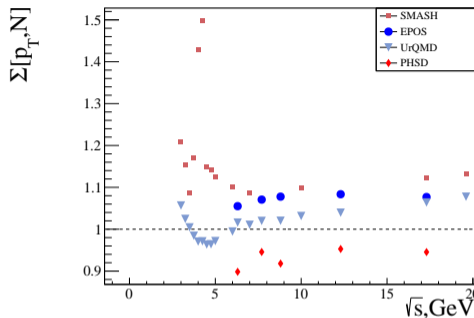


Figure 6: Dependence of  $\Sigma[p_T, N]$  on beam energy for proton-proton collisions.

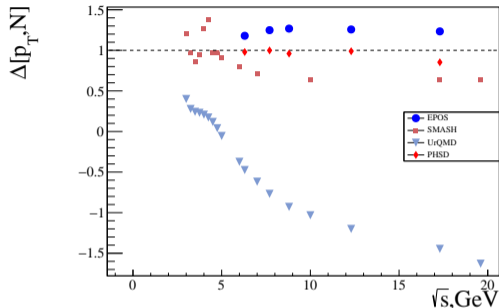


Figure 7: Dependence of  $\Delta[p_T, N]$  on beam energy for proton-proton collisions.

- The transition from resonances to strings in the models generates a “wave”, which is observed on the graphs of  $\Sigma[p_T, N]$  and  $\Delta[p_T, N]$  for collision energy.
- Event selection criteria:  $-1.0 < y_{CMS} < 1.0$ ,  $0.15 < p_T < 2.0 \text{ GeV}/c$ .
- $\Delta[p_T, N] = \Sigma[p_T, N] = 1$  - value for the independent particle production model,  $\Delta[p_T, N] = \Sigma[p_T, N] = 0$  - in the absence of fluctuations - deviation from these restrictions is observed



## Results for second and third order cumulants: p+p, UrQMD

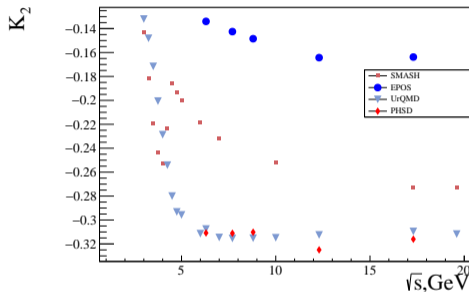


Figure 9: Dependence of the second-order cumulant for transverse momentum in proton-proton collisions.

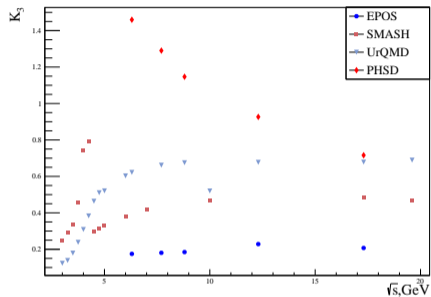


Figure 10: Dependence of the third-order cumulant for transverse momentum in proton-proton collisions.

- HIJING -  $\kappa_2 > 0$   $\kappa_3 > 0$ . [S. Bhatta *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C 105, 024904].

# Results of comparison of two methods for calculating cumulants: p+p, UrQMD

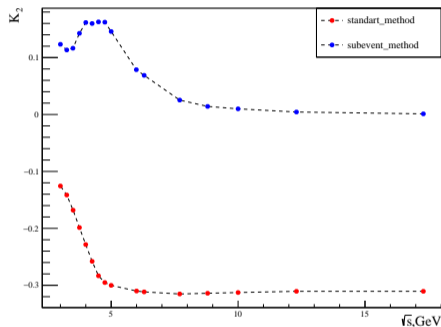


Figure 11: Dependence of the second-order cumulant for transverse momentum on energy in proton-proton collisions, calculated in two ways for the UrQMD model.

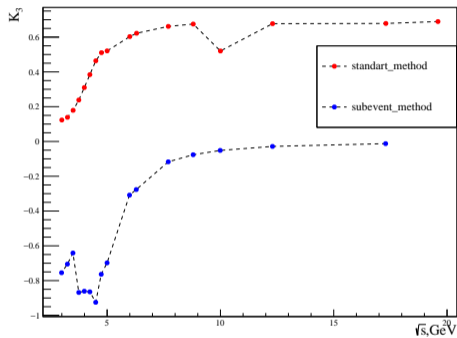


Figure 12: Dependence of the second-order cumulant for transverse momentum on energy in proton-proton collisions, calculated in two ways for the UrQMD model.

There is obvious **discrepancy** of the two methods.

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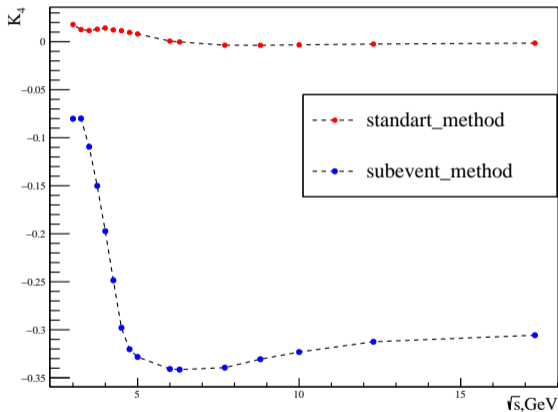
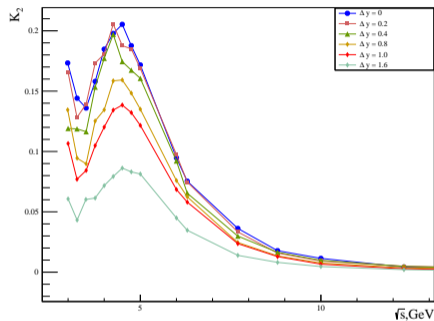
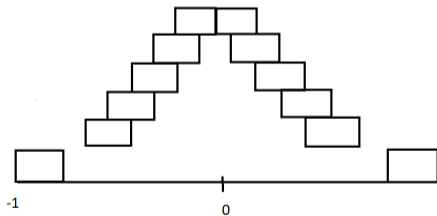


Figure 13: Dependence of the fourth-order cumulant for transverse momentum on energy in proton-proton collisions, calculated in two ways for the UrQMD model.

# Results for subevent method for calculating cumulants: p+p, UrQMD



1 Figure 14: Dependence of the second order cumulant depending on the rapidity intervals.

There is a clear decrease in correlations with increasing distance between intervals of rapidity.

## Results for second and third order cumulants: p+p

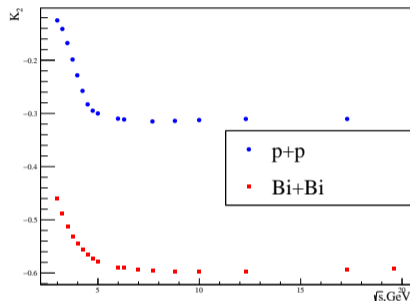


Figure 15: Dependence of the second-order cumulant for transverse momentum in proton-proton and Bi+Bi collisions.

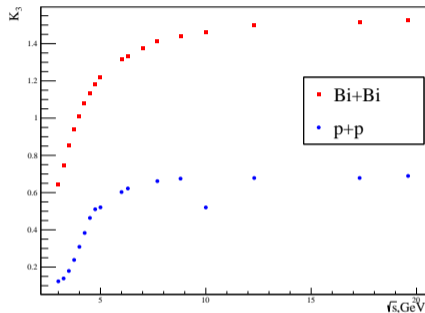


Figure 16: Dependence of the third-order cumulant for transverse momentum in proton-proton and Bi+Bi collisions.

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## Results for fourth order cumulants: Bi+Bi, UrQMD

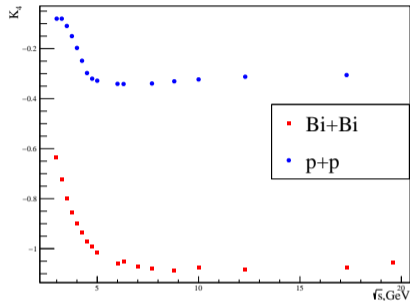


Figure 17: Dependence of the four-order cumulant for transverse momentum in proton-proton and Bi+Bi collisions.

- Dynamics of evolution and final-state interaction can lead to a deviation from this power-law behavior.
- Indeed, experimental measurements of  $p_T$  variance in  $Au + Au$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$  GeV and  $Pb + Pb$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 2.76$  TeV have reported the power to be  $\approx 0.81$  instead of the expected value of 1.
- This clear deviation from the baseline of independent source picture in the experimental data indicates the **presence of long-range collective correlations and significant final-state effects.**

# Experimental results for cumulants from STAR: Au+Au, U+U

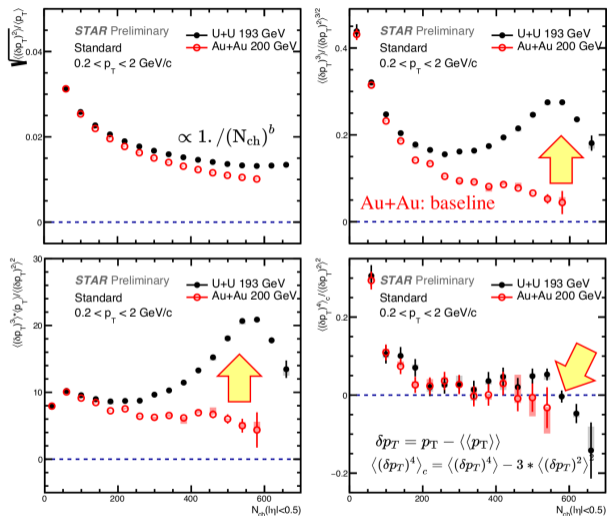


Figure 18: Experimental results from STAR collaboration [Chunjian Zhang, New results from flow, chirality and vorticity at RHIC-STAR ].

# Conclusions

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- The SMASH model is an example of demonstrating the **transition from the resonance regime to the string regime**.
- A comparison is given of two different methods for calculating cumulants - the standard and the subevent method to **eliminate short-range correlations**. These methods give different results.
- Significant **discrepancies** are observed between the predictions of the EPOS, SMASH, PHSD, and UrQMD models, indicating that future data on  $p + p$  collisions from the NICA experiment will constrain the predictions of these models and also refine results.
- The nontrivial dependence of  $p_T$  cumulants on collision energy predicted by models for the “basic”  $p + p$  reaction **highlights the difficulties in interpreting future results** for  $A + A$  collisions and requires further research
- The cumulants for the Bi+Bi reaction show approximately the same trend as the cumulants for  $p + p$  collisions.
- This research supported by Saint Petersburg State University (ID: 94031112).

# Back-up

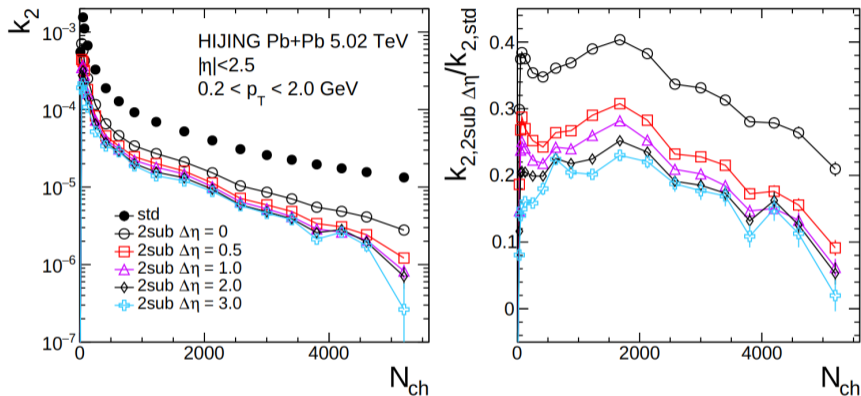


Figure 19: (Left) Variance obtained for the standard method and the subevent method with different rapidity intervals in  $Pb + Pb$  collisions for  $0.2 < p_T < 2$  GeV as a function of  $N_{ch}$ . (Right) Ratio of the results of the subevent method to the results of the standard method [S. Bhatta *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C 105, 024904].

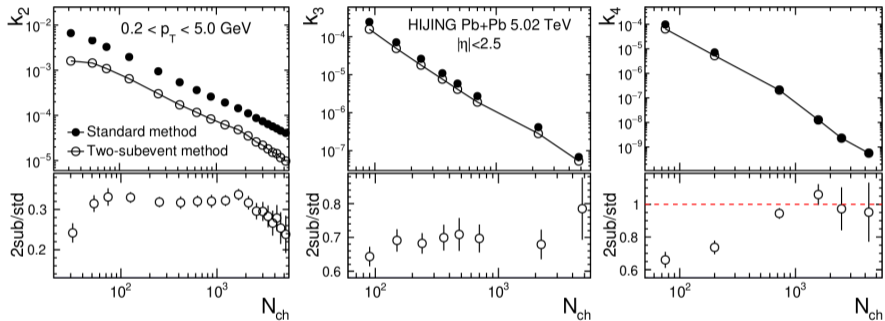


Figure 20: Second (left), third (center), and fourth (right) order moments in Pb+Pb collisions using standard (solid dots) and method of two subevents (empty dots) for charged particles in the range  $0.2 < p_T < 5.0$  GeV depending on  $N_{ch}$ . [S. Bhatta *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. C* 105, 024904].

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In the subevent method (2subevent), combinations of particles are selected from two subevents separated by rapidity in CMS.

$$a : (-0.2 < y_{CMS} < 0.0) \quad c : (0.0 < y_{CMS} < 0.2)$$

$$a : (-0.3 < y_{CMS} < -0.1) \quad c : (0.1 < y_{CMS} < 0.3)$$

$$a : (-0.4 < y_{CMS} < -0.2) \quad c : (0.2 < y_{CMS} < 0.4)$$

$$a : (-0.6 < y_{CMS} < -0.4) \quad c : (0.4 < y_{CMS} < 0.6)$$

$$a : (-0.7 < y_{CMS} < -0.5) \quad c : (0.5 < y_{CMS} < 0.7)$$

$$a : (-1.0 < y_{CMS} < -0.8) \quad c : (0.8 < y_{CMS} < 1.0)$$

$$c_{2,2sub} = (\bar{p}_{11})_a (\bar{p}_{11})_c \quad (29)$$

$$c_{3,2sub1} = \frac{(\bar{p}_{11}^2 - \bar{p}_{22})_a (\bar{p}_{11})_c}{1 - \tau_{1a}} \quad (30)$$

$$c_{3,2sub2} = \frac{(\bar{p}_{11}^2 - \bar{p}_{22})_c (\bar{p}_{11})_a}{1 - \tau_{1c}} \quad (31)$$

$$c_4 = \frac{(\bar{p}_{11}^2 - \bar{p}_{22})_a (\bar{p}_{11}^2 - \bar{p}_{22})_c}{(1 - \tau_a)(1 - \tau_c)} \quad (32)$$

$$2c_{3,2sub} = c_{3,2sub1} + c_{3,2sub2}. \quad [\text{Bhatta S. et. al. Phys. Rev. C 105, 024904}]$$

## Back-up

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$$\rho_{mk} = \sum_i \omega_i^k \rho_i^m / \sum_i \omega_i^k, \tau_k = \frac{\omega_i^{k+1}}{(\sum_i \omega_i)^{k+1}} \quad (33)$$

denoting  $\rho \equiv \rho_T$ :

$$\bar{\rho}_{1k} \equiv \rho_{1k} - \langle \langle \rho_T \rangle \rangle \quad (34)$$

$$\bar{\rho}_{2k} \equiv 2\rho_{1k} \langle \langle \rho_T \rangle \rangle + \langle \langle \rho_T \rangle \rangle^2 \quad (35)$$

$$\bar{\rho}_{3k} \equiv \rho_{3k} - 3\rho_{2k} \langle \langle \rho_T \rangle \rangle + 3\rho_{1k} \langle \langle \rho_T \rangle \rangle^2 - \langle \langle \rho_T \rangle \rangle^3 \quad (36)$$

$$\bar{\rho}_{4k} \equiv \rho_{4k} - 4\rho_{3k} \langle \langle \rho_T \rangle \rangle + 6\rho_{2k} \langle \langle \rho_T \rangle \rangle^2 - 4\rho_{1k} \langle \langle \rho_T \rangle \rangle^3 + \langle \langle \rho_T \rangle \rangle^4 \quad (37)$$

Note here

$$\langle \langle \rho_T \rangle \rangle = \langle \rho_{11} \rangle \quad (38)$$