# Using Multiparticle Cumulants to Characterize the Initial State in XeXe at 5.44 TeV and PbPb at 5.36 TeV in CMS

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### **Probing the Initial State through Anisotropic Flow**





• Non-linear response  $(v_2, v_3)$  from semi-peripheral collisions

- Higher order flow harmonics (n > 3) :
  - Non-linear response observed right from semi-central collisions [<u>Ref</u>]

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- Higher-order moments of <v k> (n = 2, 3, 4; k = 2 [<u>Ref]</u>, 4, 6) : probe increasing non-linearity [<u>Ref1, Ref2</u>, <u>Ref3</u>]
  - Initial-state vs final-state effects that go beyond naive expectations from single flow harmonic calculations
- Advantages -
  - Study effects of different initial-state model conditions
  - Provide tighter constraints on nuclear deformation parameters
  - Instigate more stringent future Bayesian analyses to constrain QGP properties like  $\eta/s$  or  $\zeta/s(T)$



#### **Observables**

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\textit{N}}{\mathrm{d}\varphi} \propto 1 + 2\sum_{\mathsf{n}=1}^\infty \mathsf{v}_\mathsf{n} \cos\mathsf{n}(\varphi - \Psi_\mathsf{n})$$



Requires a lot of statistics as we go to higher and higher orders - thanks to the CMS detector's large acceptance and pseudorapidity range,  $|\eta| < 2.4$ 

- Mixed Harmonic Cumulants (MHC) [<u>Ref.</u>]
  - Genuine correlations of higher-order moments of >= 2 different flow harmonics
  - 6- and 8-particle cumulants : insensitive to non-flow effects [Ref.]

Single flow harmonic correlations	Correlations between two flow harmonics	Correlations between three flow harmonics	<b>Correlation between higher-order moments of two flow harmonics</b>
1. $v_n\{2,  \Delta \eta  > 2\}$	1. NSC(k,l)	1. SC(k,l,m)	1. <b>nMHC</b> $(v_2^{p}, v_3^{q})$
2. $v_n{4}/v_n{2}$	(k, 1=2, 3, 4)	2. NSC(k,l,m)	2. <b>nMHC</b> $(v_2^{p}, v_4^{q})$
(n = 2, 3)		(k, l, m = 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)	(p, q = 2, 4, 6)



### $v_2\{2, |\Delta \eta| > 2\}$ vs Centrality

- CMS
- $v_2$ {2}(XeXe) >  $v_2$ {2}(PbPb) till ~20% centrality
  - More elliptic flow fluctuations
  - Sensitivity to Xe nuclear deformation [<u>Ref</u>]
- Hydrodynamic predictions by IP-Glasma+MUSIC+UrQMD for  $v_2$ {2}(XeXe/PbPb): closest match with parameter set  $R_0 = 5.601$  fm,  $a_0 = 0.492$  fm,  $\beta_2 = 0.207$ ,  $\beta_4 = -0.003$ 
  - Hydro/data : Maximum difference of 5% in the most central region





### NSC(m,n) vs centrality



- Study correlation between **second-order moments of**  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  or  $v_4$
- Trend is recreated by hydrodynamics, little quantitative discrepancy
- Considerable difference seen between both IS models
- Sensitive to initial state NSC(2,3)
- Sensitive to IS + QGP properties : NSC(2,4)



### SC(k,l,m) and NSC(k,l,m) vs centrality





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#### **NSC(2,3,4)** $\neq$ 0 :

Fluctuations in magnitude of persistent ellipsoidal shape (also indicated by non-zero NSC(2,4)) + shape of ellipsoid itself [Ref.]
Greater for XeXe till 50% centrality - more fluctuation in initial ellipsoidal shape for Xe

- NSC(2,3,5)  $\neq$  0 :
- $v_5$ : non-linear contribution from both  $v_2$  and  $v_3$
- More inconsistent trend observed between SC(2,3,5) and NSC(2,3,5) in XeXe - more **nonlinear hydrodynamic response**



### 6-particle nMHCs vs centrality





#### **CMS HIN-24-004**



- **nMHC** $(v_2^k, v_3^l)$  **same sign** for all 6-particle nMHCs
- nMHC( $v_2^{k}, v_4^{l}$ ) change sign depending on lower ( $v_4^{2}$ ) or higher-order moment of ( $v_4^{4}$ ) of  $v_4$  - POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTION OF NON-LINEAR RESPONSE

 $\mathbf{v}_2 \approx \mathbf{a}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_2, \mathbf{v}_3 \approx \mathbf{b}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_3 \\ \mathbf{v}_4 \approx \mathbf{c}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_4 + \mathbf{d}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_2)^2$ 



### 8-particle nMHCs vs centrality

### $|nMHC(v_2^{k}, v_3^{l})| \le |nMHC(v_2^{k}, v_4^{l})|$



**CMS HIN-24-004** 

•  $nMHC(v_2^k, v_3^l)$  same sign for all 8-particle nMHCs

 $nMHC(v_2^k, v_4^l)$  change sign depending on lower  $(v_4^2)$  or higher-order moment of  $(v_{4}^{4}/v_{4}^{6})$  of  $v_{4}$  -**POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTION** OF **NON-LINEAR RESPONSE**  $v_2 \approx a \varepsilon_2, v_3 \approx b \varepsilon_3$  $v_{A} \approx c \varepsilon_{A} + d(\varepsilon_{2})^{2}$ 

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### Initial vs final-state predictions for $nMHC(v_2^{k}, v_4^{l})$





Difference between TRENTo-IC vs IP-Glasma IC : Sensitivity of these Ο observables to initial-state conditions **Higher-order moments of v**<sub>4</sub><sup>k</sup> (k=4,6) : completely different results from IC models Increasing non-linearity of  $v_A$ with increase in k, moving from central to peripheral regions Goes way beyond the naive

Goes way beyond the naive expectations of " $v_2$  and  $v_4$ being positively correlated", as suggested by just NSC(2,4)



### **Summary and Outlook**



- First systematic study of 2-, 4-, 6- and 8-particle mixed harmonic cumulants in XeXe and PbPb collisions at 5.44 TeV and 5.36 TeV respectively
- Best match of XeXe using final-state IP-Glasma+MUSIC+UrQMD hydrodynamic prediction with parameter set :
  - $\circ$  (R<sub>0</sub> = 5.601 fm, a<sub>0</sub> = 0.492 fm,  $\beta_2$  = 0.207,  $\beta_4$  = -0.003)
- Study of higher-order mixed harmonic cumulants and three-harmonic symmetric cumulants :
  - Further **probe non-linearity** of flow harmonics impossible to be probed through single-harmonic flow studies
  - Harmonics involving higher-order moments of  $v_4$  and  $v_5$  non-linear effects ; different predictions as compared to initial-state models
- More precise study :
  - Further constrain nuclear deformation
  - Compare between different systems to study (possible?) increasing effect of non-linearity in smaller system looking forward to the OO collisions this year!

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 $\beta_2 = 0.2, \gamma = 30^{\circ}$ 

 $a \neq b \neq c$ 

Why study XeXe Collisions?



**R**<sub>0</sub>: mean nuclear

<sup>129</sup>Xe : predicted to have **deformed**<sup>(1)</sup> and **triaxial** structure $(r_1 \neq r_2 \neq r_3)^{(2)}$ 

Nucleon density : Woods-Saxon profile



J. Jia, Phys.Rev.C 105 (2022) 4,





### Why study XeXe collisions? (continued)



Xe+Xe, side-side



Xe+Xe, tip-tip

Pb+Pb, side-side/tip-tip

- Flow fluctuations may arise due to variation in orientation of colliding nuclei + Stronger fluctuations in smaller system
- Comparison between XeXe and PbPb :
  - Nuclear deformation effect
  - System size effect



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### Size and geometry of collision matter

Change in size and initial collision geometry : change in :

- Nuclear overlap
- Number of nucleonic interactions
- Number of particles produced





- 2-particle correlation method -
  - $\circ \quad v_n^{}\{2, \, |\Delta\eta| > 2\} \text{ vs centrality}$
- Multi-particle cumulant method -
  - All 4, 6 and 8-particle cumulants vs centrality
  - Used subevents (eta gap) for further non-flow removal

Requires a lot of statistics as we go to higher and higher orders - thanks to the CMS detector's large acceptance and pseudorapidity range,  $|\eta| < 2.4$ 



### **Datasets and Selections for XeXe 2017**



• XeXe,  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.44$  TeV HIMinimumBias/XeXeRun2017-13Dec2017-v1/AOD /HIMinimumBias {1-20}/XeXeRun2017-13Dec2017-v1/AOD (Total ~18 million events)

#### **Event Selections**

- $|V_{z}| < 15 \text{ cm}$
- primaryVertexFilter
- beamScrapingFilter
- hfCoincFilter3
- hiCentrality
- centralityBin
- HLT HIL1MinimumBiasHF\_OR\_SinglePixelTrack\_part\*
- $\rho <= 0.2$

#### **Track Selections**

- generalTracks
- highPurity
- $|d_z / \sigma_z| < 3.0$
- $|d_{xy}^2 / \sigma_{xy}^2| < 3.0$   $|\sigma_{pT}^2 / p_T^2| < 0.1$
- $0.5 < p_T (GeV/c) < 3.0$
- $-2.4 < \eta < 2.4$



### **Datasets and Selections for PbPb 2023**



• PbPb,  $\sqrt{s_{_{NN}}} = 5.36 \text{ TeV}$ /HIPhysicsRawPrime0/HIRun2023A-PromptReco-v2/MINIAOD (Total ~300 million events)

#### **Event Selections**

- $|V_{z}| < 15 \text{ cm}$
- phfCoincFilter2Th4
- primaryVertexFilter
- clusterCompatibilityFilter
- hiCentrality
- centralityBin
- HLT\_HIMinimumBiasHF1AND\*

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#### **Track Selections**

- packedPFCandidates
- highPurity
- $|d_z / \sigma_z| < 3.0$
- $|\dot{d}_{xy}/\ddot{\sigma}_{xy}| < 3.0$
- $0.5 < p_T (GeV/c) < 3.0$
- $-2.4 < \eta < 2.4$



**Systematic Uncertainties** 

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#### XeXe 5.44 TeV

• Track selections -

(i) nominal :  $|d_z / \sigma_z| < 3.0$ ,  $|d_{xy} / \sigma_{xy}| < 3.0$ ,  $|\sigma_{pT} / p_T| < 0.1$ (ii) tight :  $|d_z / \sigma_z| < 2.0$ ,  $|d_{xy} / \sigma_{xy}| < 2.0$ ,  $|\sigma_{pT} / p_T| < 0.05$ (iii) loose :  $|d_z / \sigma_z| < 5.0$ ,  $|d_{xy} / \sigma_{xy}| < 5.0$ ,  $|\sigma_{pT} / p_T| < 0.1$ 

- Vertex cuts -(i) nominal :  $-15 < v_z < 15$  cm (ii) narrow :  $-3 < v_z < 3$  cm (iii) wide :  $-15 < v_z < -3$  cm and  $3 < v_z < 15$  cm
- Centrality calibration 
  (i) nominal : eff+contam = 95%
  (ii) systematics 1 : eff+contam = 92%
  (iii) systematics 1 : eff+contam = 98%
- Systematic uncertainty from MC closure test



Summary of Systematic Uncertainties XeXe 5.44 TeV



Source	Percentage of uncertainty
Track selection	2-6%
Vertex cut	2-6%
Centrality calibration	3-6%
Monte-carlo closure	1-9%
Total	4-13%



**Systematic Uncertainties** 



#### PbPb 5.36 TeV

• Track selections -

(i) nominal :  $|d_z / \sigma_z| < 3.0$ ,  $|d_{xy} / \sigma_{xy}| < 3.0$ (ii) tight :  $|d_z / \sigma_z| < 2.0$ ,  $|d_{xy} / \sigma_{xy}| < 2.0$ (iii) loose :  $|d_z / \sigma_z| < 5.0$ ,  $|d_{xy} / \sigma_{xy}| < 5.0$ 

- Vertex cuts -(i) nominal :  $-15 < v_z < 15$  cm (ii) narrow :  $-3 < v_z < 3$  cm (iii) wide :  $-15 < v_z < -3$  cm and  $3 < v_z < 15$  cm
- Centrality calibration 
   (i) nominal
   (ii) systematics HF up
   (iii) systematics HF down
- Systematic uncertainty from MC closure test



Summary of Systematic Uncertainties



<u>PbPb 5.36 TeV</u>

Source	Percentage of uncertainty
Track selection	1-5%
Vertex cut	1-5%
Centrality calibration	1-3%
Monte-carlo closure	1-5%
Total	2-9%



### v<sub>2</sub>{4}/v<sub>2</sub>{2} vs Centrality



- $v_2{4}/v_2{2}$ : relative fluctuations of  $v_n$ ; = 1 if  $v_n$  is the same for all events, smaller than 1 otherwise[<u>Ref</u>]
  - Lesser values for XeXe : greater flow fluctuations
  - Largest deviation in most central region
  - IS pred greater from central to peripheral more deviation for XeXe : greater non-linear hydro response
- $v_{2}$ {4}/ $v_{2}$ {2} known to be sensitive to neutron skin ( $a_{0}$ ) [<u>Ref</u>]. **Hydrodynamic predictions** by IP-Glasma+MUSIC+UrQMD :
  - Keeping same  $\beta_2 = 0.207$ , compared with two different  $a_0$

Individual comparison + ratio (XeXe/PbPb) : closer match with ( $a_0 = 0.492, \beta_2 = 0.207$ )



### v<sub>3</sub>{4}/v<sub>3</sub>{2} vs centrality

- Much flatter than  $v_2{4}/v_2{2}$
- Order reverses
  - $v_{3}{4}/v_{3}{2}(XeXe) > v_{3}{4}/v_{3}{2}(PbPb)$
- $v_{3}$ {4}/ $v_{3}$ {2} : expected to be proportional to A<sup>-1/4</sup> [<u>Ref1</u>, <u>Ref2</u>]
  - $v_3{4}/v_3{2}(XeXe/PbPb)$  should be  $\approx$  (129/208)<sup>-1/4</sup>  $\approx$  1.1268560
  - Very good agreement within error bars
- Initial-state prediction by TRENTO-IC:  $\epsilon_{3}\{4\}/\epsilon_{3}\{2\}$  follows same order as  $v_{3}\{4\}/v_{3}\{2\}$   $\circ$  Greater than the corresponding  $v_{3}$  ratios  $\circ$  nonlinear hydrodynamic response of  $v_{n}$  to  $\epsilon_{n}$



### $v_2\{2, |\Delta \eta| > 2\}$ vs centrality

- CMS
- Initial-state prediction by TRENTO-IC: very good match with set  $R_0 = 5.601 \text{ fm}, a_0 = 0.492 \text{ fm}, \beta_2 = 0.207,$  $\beta_4 = -0.003 \text{ till} \sim 20\%$  centrality
  - Spherical Xe : ~30% off in the central region
     continues decreasing till 20% centrality, but still deviating
  - Matches up after 20% centrality with deformed Xe - same effect of deformation as seen in data and hydro
  - Hydro and data ratio v<sub>2</sub>{2}(XeXe/PbPb) < 1 after 20% centrality but ~1 for initial-state model throughout - likely due to effect of greater viscous damping in smaller system (XeXe) [<u>Ref</u>]



### $v_2{4}/v_2{2}$ vs centrality



- **Initial-state prediction** by TRENTo-IC: ε<sub>2</sub>{4}/ε<sub>2</sub>{2}
  - Greater than the corresponding v<sub>2</sub> ratios
     Possibly due to nonlinear hydrodynamic response of v<sub>n</sub> to ε<sub>n</sub>, increasing towards peripheral collisions [Ref 1, Ref 2]
     Note : larger difference between ε<sub>2</sub>{4}/ε<sub>2</sub>{2} and v<sub>2</sub>{4}/v<sub>2</sub>{2}in case of XeXe larger nonlinear hydrodyamic response for XeXe



### $v_3\{2, |\Delta \eta| > 2\}$ vs centrality



- $v_3$ {2}(XeXe) >  $v_3$ {2}(PbPb) till 40% centrality
  - More triangular flow fluctuations
  - Sensitivity to initial density fluctuations greater for smaller system [<u>Ref</u>]
- Hydrodynamic predictions by IP-Glasma+MUSIC+UrQMD :
  - Seems to be closest to  $(a_0 = 0.492, \beta_2 = 0.207)$  again
  - Hydro/data : not very sensitive to different sets
  - **Initial-state prediction** by TRENTO-IC :
    - ε<sub>3</sub>{2}(XeXe/PbPb) above 1 for all centralities
    - v<sub>3</sub>{2}(XeXe/PbPb) < 1 above 40% centrality</li>
      again, likely due to viscous damping [<u>Ref</u>]



#### For paper



### NSC(2,3) vs centrality



- Studies correlation between second-order moments of  $v_2$  and  $v_3$
- Similar trend as predicted by hydrodynamics
  - $v_2^2$  and  $v_3^2$  increasingly anti-correlated from central to peripheral collisions
  - NSC(2,3) (XeXe) > NSC(2,3) (PbPb) till 50% centrality - higher degree of anti-correlation between  $v_2^2$  and  $v_3^2$
- **Hydrodynamic predictions** by IP-Glasma+MUSIC+UrQMD :
  - Slightly underestimate data for individual NSC(2,3) but qualitatively agree
  - Compatible with data within error bands for all centralities for XeXe/PbPb ratio 28



#### For paper



### NSC(2,3) vs centrality



- NSC(2,3) : sensitive to initial-state correlations between  $\varepsilon_2^2$  and  $\varepsilon_3^2$  [<u>Ref</u>]
  - Both IS models qualitatively reproduce the trend
  - Increasing deviation towards peripheral region - increasing non-linear hydrodynamic response
- NSC(2,3) (XeXe/PbPb) :
  - Considerable difference between TRENTo-IC and IP-Glasma IC till ~45% centrality!
  - Sensitivity to initial-state correlations



### NSC(2,4) vs centrality



Studies correlation between **second-order** moments of  $v_2$  and  $v_4$ 

Similar trend as predicted by hydrodynamics

- $v_2^2$  and  $v_4^2$  increasingly correlated from central to peripheral collisions
- NSC(2,4) (XeXe) > NSC(2,4) (PbPb) 0 for most centralities - higher degree of anti-correlation between  $v_2^2$  and  $v_4^2$
- Hydrodynamic predictions by IP-Glasma+MUSIC+UrQMD :
  - Pretty good agreement with XeXe, slightly Ο underestimate for PbPb
  - Compatible with data within error bands for Ο XeXe/PbPb ratio till ~35% centrality, slight discrepancy after that - likely due to discrepancy in PbPb prediction 30



### NSC(2,4) vs centrality



- NSC(2,4) : sensitive to both initial-state correlations and QGP transport properties [<u>Ref</u>]
  - $v_4 = a\epsilon_4 + b(\epsilon_2^2)$  right from the most central region
  - IS predictions from both TRENTo-IC and IP-Glasma IC increasingly underestimate the data from central to peripheral collisions due to increasing non-linear response contribution to  $v_4$ [<u>Ref</u>]
- NSC(2,4) (XeXe/PbPb) :
  - Drastically different for the two IS models till ~40% centrality



### A Possible Explanation ...







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## Initial vs final-state predictions for $nMHC(v_2^{k}, v_3^{l})$ and $nMHC(v_2^{k}, v_4^{l})$



Symmetry observed for nMHC( $v_2^k, v_3^l$ ) breaks in nMHC( $v_2^k, v_4^l$ ) for higher-order moments of  $v_4^l$ 

• Strong probe of non-linearity, not visible through lower-order or multiparticle cumulants of only one flow harmonic

N-particle cumulant	$nMHC(v_2^{k}, v_3^{l})$	Sign of correlation		$nMHC(v_2^k, v_4^l)$	Sign of correlation	
		Initial-state model	Final-state model		Initial-state model	Final-state model
n = 4	k = 2, 1 = 2	-	-	k = 2, 1 = 2	+	+
n = 6	k = 4, 1 = 2	+	+	k = 4, 1 = 2	-	-
n = 6	k = 2, 1 = 4	+	+	k = 2, 1 = 4	-	+
n = 8	k = 6, 1 = 2	-	-	k = 6, 1 = 2	+	+
n = 8	k = 4, l = 4	-	-	k = 4, 1 = 4	+	-
n = 8	k = 2, 1 = 6	-	-	k = 2, 1 = 6	+	-







### Quantitative Discrepancies between Data and IP-Glasma+MUSIC+UrQMD Hydrodynamic Predictions

#### Some possible factors (personal opinion) :

- Overestimation/underestimation of flow harmonics for different  $p_T$  cuts in case of integrated flow ( $v_n$  vs centrality) [<u>Ref.</u>], which have been used to extract the **QGP transport coefficients**,  $\eta$ /s and  $\zeta$ /s(T)
  - Current analysis : value of  $\eta/s = 0.12$  has been taken in the IP-Glasma+MUSIC+UrQMD framework [<u>Ref.</u>]
- Octupole deformation parameter :  $\beta_3$  and triaxiality parameter :  $\gamma$  taken to be zero for this model
  - Xe nucleus shown to have potential  $\gamma$ -soft deformation associated with the second-order shape phase transition along the Xe isotope chain [<u>Ref.</u>]

#### **Possible solutions** :

- Fine-tuning of deformation parameters through more refined Bayesian analysis
- Fine-tuning of QGP transport coefficients and/or freezeout criteria

#### **From Anisotropic Flow to Nuclear Structure**





#### **Quantifying Anisotropic Flow**





$$E_{\frac{d^{3}N}{d^{3}p}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d^{2}N}{p_{T}dp_{T}dy} (1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2v_{n} \cos(n(\varphi - \Psi_{n})))$$
$$v_{n} = \langle \cos(n(\varphi - \Psi_{n})) \rangle$$

 $\overrightarrow{V_2}$   $\overrightarrow{V_3}$   $\overrightarrow{V_3}$ 

Fourier series<sup>(1)</sup>:  $v_n$  quantify momentum anisotropy  $\varepsilon_n$  quantify spatial anisotropy  $v_1$ : directed,  $v_2$ : elliptic,  $v_3$ : triangular flow,  $v_4$ : quadrangular flow,...



### What Anisotropic Flow Measures







v<sub>n</sub> is sensitive to :

- Initial state fluctuations of participating nucleons,
- Equation of state (EoS),
- Flow fluctuations,
- Transport properties : shear/bulk viscosity

#### **Toolset for Flow Measurement**

- 2-particle cumulants
- Scalar Product (SP) Method (not done here)
- Symmetric Cumulants
- Multi-particle cumulants
  - ✤ Generic framework<sup>(1)</sup>



#### **Multiparticle Cumulants**

CMS

- k-particle cumulant (k > 1)
  - **\*** collective nature of flow
  - ◆ <sup>(1)</sup>Largely suppresses lower order non-flow correlations
- stochastic event-by-event fluctuations of  $v_n$  harmonics<sup>(2)</sup>



R. Kubo, J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. 17 (1962)

• generalizing to more than two flow harmonics - not trivial - generic framework<sup>(1)</sup>



### Mixed Harmonic Cumulants(MHC)

- recently introduced higher-order flow cumulants
- quantify genuine correlations of higher-order moments of >= 2 different flow harmonics

 $(4 \text{ particles}) \qquad SC(n,m) = \langle v_n^2 v_m^2 \rangle_{\text{ev},N^4} - \langle v_n^2 \rangle_{\text{ev},N^2} \langle v_m^2 \rangle_{\text{ev},N^2}$  $MHC(v_2^2, v_3^4) = \langle v_2^2 v_3^4 \rangle_6 - 4 \langle v_2^2 v_3^2 \rangle_4 \langle v_3^2 \rangle_2$  $- \langle v_2^2 \rangle_2 \langle v_3^4 \rangle_4 + 4 \langle v_2^2 \rangle_2 \langle v_3^2 \rangle_2^2,$ 

(8 particles)  
$$MHC(v_{2}^{6}, v_{3}^{2}) = \langle v_{2}^{6}v_{3}^{2}\rangle_{8} - 9\langle v_{2}^{4}v_{3}^{2}\rangle_{6}\langle v_{2}^{2}\rangle_{2} - \langle v_{2}^{6}\rangle_{6}\langle v_{3}^{2}\rangle_{2} - 9\langle v_{2}^{4}\rangle_{4}\langle v_{2}^{2}v_{3}^{2}\rangle_{4} - 36\langle v_{2}^{2}\rangle_{2}^{2}\langle v_{3}^{2}\rangle_{2} + 18\langle v_{2}^{2}\rangle_{2}\langle v_{3}^{2}\rangle_{2}\langle v_{2}^{4}\rangle_{4} + 36\langle v_{2}^{2}\rangle_{2}^{2}\langle v_{2}^{2}v_{3}^{2}\rangle_{4},$$

Examples of higher order MHC<sup>(2)</sup>

• 
$$k^{\text{th}}$$
 moment of  $v_n : \langle v_n^k \rangle$ 

Example<sup>(1)</sup> -

$$< v_2^4 > = << \cos(2\phi_1 + 2\phi_2 - 2\phi_3 - 2\phi_4) >>$$

• Correlation of  $k^{th}$  moment of  $v_n$  with  $l^{th}$ moment of  $v_m$ :  $\langle v_n^{\ k} v_m^{\ l} \rangle$ 

Example -

$$\langle v_2^4 v_3^2 \rangle = \langle \langle \cos(2\phi_1 + 2\phi_2 + 3\phi_3 - 2\phi_4 - 2\phi_5 - 3\phi_6) \rangle \rangle$$

<sup>1</sup>S. Acharya et al., Phys. Lett. B 818, 136354 (2021) <sup>2</sup>H. Hirvonen et al., Phys. Rev. C 106, 044913 (2022)



Some more MHC formulae - 6 particle cumulants

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$$MHC(v_2^4, v_3^2) = \langle \langle \cos(2\varphi_1 + 2\varphi_2 + 3\varphi_3 - 2\varphi_4 - 2\varphi_5 - 3\varphi_6) \rangle \rangle \\ -4 \langle \langle \cos(2\varphi_1 + 3\varphi_2 - 2\varphi_3 - 3\varphi_4) \rangle \rangle \langle \langle \cos(2\varphi_1 - 2\varphi_2) \rangle \rangle \\ - \langle \langle \cos(2\varphi_1 + 2\varphi_2 - 2\varphi_3 - 2\varphi_4) \rangle \rangle \langle \langle \cos(3\varphi_1 - 3\varphi_2) \rangle \rangle \\ +4 \langle \langle \cos(2\varphi_1 - 2\varphi_2) \rangle \rangle^2 \langle \langle \cos(3\varphi_1 - 3\varphi_2) \rangle \rangle.$$

$$MHC(v_2^4, v_3^2) = \left\langle v_2^4 v_3^2 \right\rangle - 4 \left\langle v_2^2 v_3^2 \right\rangle \left\langle v_2^2 \right\rangle - \left\langle v_2^4 \right\rangle \left\langle v_3^2 \right\rangle + 4 \left\langle v_2^2 \right\rangle^2 \left\langle v_3^2 \right\rangle$$

$$MHC(v_2^2, v_3^4) = \langle v_2^2 v_3^4 \rangle - 4 \langle v_2^2 v_3^2 \rangle \langle v_3^2 \rangle - \langle v_3^4 \rangle \langle v_2^2 \rangle + 4 \langle v_2^2 \rangle \langle v_3^2 \rangle^2$$

#### Some more MHC formulae - 8 particle cumulants

$$MHC(v_2^6, v_3^2) = \langle v_2^6 v_3^2 \rangle - 9 \langle v_2^4 v_3^2 \rangle \langle v_2^2 \rangle - \langle v_2^6 \rangle \langle v_3^2 \rangle - 9 \langle v_2^4 \rangle \langle v_2^2 v_3^2 \rangle - 36 \langle v_2^2 \rangle^3 \langle v_3^2 \rangle + 18 \langle v_2^2 \rangle \langle v_3^2 \rangle \langle v_2^4 \rangle + 36 \langle v_2^2 \rangle^2 \langle v_2^2 v_3^2 \rangle,$$

$$MHC(v_2^4, v_3^4) = \langle v_2^4 v_3^4 \rangle - 4 \langle v_2^4 v_3^2 \rangle \langle v_3^2 \rangle - 4 \langle v_2^2 v_3^4 \rangle \langle v_2^2 \rangle - \langle v_2^4 \rangle \langle v_3^4 \rangle - 8 \langle v_2^2 v_3^2 \rangle^2 -24 \langle v_2^2 \rangle^2 \langle v_3^2 \rangle^2 + 4 \langle v_2^2 \rangle^2 \langle v_3^4 \rangle + 4 \langle v_2^4 \rangle \langle v_3^2 \rangle^2 + 32 \langle v_2^2 \rangle \langle v_3^2 \rangle \langle v_2^2 v_3^2 \rangle$$

$$\begin{split} MHC(v_2^2, v_3^6) &= \left\langle v_2^2 v_3^6 \right\rangle - 9 \left\langle v_2^2 v_3^4 \right\rangle \left\langle v_3^2 \right\rangle - \left\langle v_3^6 \right\rangle \left\langle v_2^2 \right\rangle - 9 \left\langle v_3^4 \right\rangle \left\langle v_2^2 v_3^2 \right\rangle - 36 \left\langle v_2^2 \right\rangle \left\langle v_3^2 \right\rangle \\ &+ 18 \left\langle v_2^2 \right\rangle \left\langle v_3^2 \right\rangle \left\langle v_3^4 \right\rangle + 36 \left\langle v_3^2 \right\rangle^2 \left\langle v_2^2 v_3^2 \right\rangle. \end{split}$$



### **4-particle Symmetric Cumulants(SC)**



$$\langle v_m^2 v_n^2 \rangle - \langle v_m^2 \rangle \langle v_n^2 \rangle \equiv SC(m,n)$$

Studies correlation between second-order moments of two different harmonics

- Hydrodynamics predicts :
  - Positive correlation between  $v_2$  and  $v_4$  (even-even) Anti-correlation between  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  (even-odd) \*
  - \*
  - Anti-correlation between  $v_3^2$  and  $v_4^2$  (odd-even) \*



### 4-particle Normalized Symmetric Cumulants(NSC)



$$\mathrm{NSC}(m,n)\equiv\frac{\mathrm{SC}(m,n)}{\left\langle v_{m}^{2}\right\rangle \left\langle v_{n}^{2}\right\rangle }$$

- Removes the dependence on magnitude of flow harmonics
- Investigate the intrinsic correlation between  $v_n$  coefficients + model vs data
- Compare across different collision systems removes dependence on  $p_T$  range
- It was found that NSC(3, 2), which studies the correlations between  $v_2^2$  and  $v_3^2$ , is very sensitive to the initial conditions and can be used as a good tool to probe initial state  $\varepsilon_2^2$  and  $\varepsilon_3^2$  correlations.
- NSC(4, 2) and also NSC involving higher order flow coefficients, are sensitive to both initial conditions and the QGP properties.

To avoid short-range, non-flow correlations :  $|\Delta \eta| > 2.0$  has been introduced in denominator



Figure 3: The SCs for the second and third coefficients (left) and the second and fourth coefficients (right) normalized by  $\langle (v_2^{\text{sub}})^2 \rangle \langle (v_3^{\text{sub}})^2 \rangle$  and  $\langle (v_2^{\text{sub}})^2 \rangle \langle (v_4^{\text{sub}})^2 \rangle$  from two-particle correlations. The results are shown as a function of  $N_{\text{trk}}^{\text{offline}}$  in 13 TeV pp, 8.16 TeV pPb, and 5.02 TeV PbPb collisions.





• Higher order cumulants with n = 4, 6, 8, ... particles

• To investigate genuine multi-particle correlations involving more than two different flow coefficients and to study the relationship between **higher moments** of different flow coefficients in heavy-ion collisions at the LHC

• MHC is expected to be insensitive to non-flow effects - genuine multi-particle correlations

• Can be compared to various models to predict initial state conditions and transport properties.

Eg : 
$$MHC(v_m^2, v_n^2) = SC(m,n)$$

Studied for the first time in XeXe collisions and, for some, also in PbPb collisions



#### Normalized Mixed Harmonic Cumulants (nMHC)





$$nMHC(v_m^k, v_n^l) = \frac{MHC(v_m^k, v_n^l)}{\langle v_m^k \rangle \langle v_n^l \rangle}$$

3 flow coefficients :

$$nMHC(v_m^k, v_n^l, v_p^q) = \frac{MHC(v_m^k, v_n^l, v_p^q)}{\langle v_m^k \rangle \langle v_n^l \rangle \langle v_p^q \rangle}$$

• Remove dependence on magnitude of flow harmonics, similar to NSC

• Better observable to compare across different collision systems



### Why study MHC?



- <sup>(1)</sup>Flow fluctuations : manifestation of **initial state fluctuations** in ultra-relativistic collisions
  - positions of nucleons
  - quark and gluon fields
  - event-by-event fluctuations for collisions with same impact parameter
- Each moment of individual flow amplitude,  $\langle v_n^k \rangle (k > 1)$ : independent information of event-by-event fluctuations
- More detailed information of QGP properties, e.g.  $\eta/s = f(T)$ , cannot be constrained with the measurements of individual flow amplitudes insensitive to flow fluctuations
- distribution of **final-state anisotropies**  $P(v_m, v_n, ..., \Psi_m, \Psi_n, ...)$  is sensitive to :
  - $\circ \quad \mathbf{\hat{e}}_{n}$
  - event-by-event fluctuations
  - $\circ$  correlations between different orders of anisotropy coefficients
  - $\circ$  early state dynamics and transport properties of the QGP.
- Not straightforward to measure in experiments

<sup>1</sup>A. Bilandzic et al., Phys. Rev. C 89, 064904 (2014) <sup>2</sup>ALICE Collaboration, Phys. Lett. B 818 (2021) 136354



### Why study MHC?





- Quantify fluctuations of magnitude in initial state geometry
- Explain fluctuations in initial shape itself (sensitive to spatial anisotropy ε<sub>n</sub>)
- **Tight constraint on initial state conditions + QGP properties**
- Distinguish between various models of QGP evolution in hydrodynamic and transport models
- Minutely examine initial-state vs final-state effects that go beyond naive expectations from single flow harmonic calculations



### **Parameter Sets for Model Comparisons**



Nucleus	R <sub>0</sub> (fm)	a <sub>0</sub> (fm)	β2	β <sub>4</sub>	
<sup>208</sup> Pb	6.647	0.537	0.006	0	IP-Glasma+MUSIC +UrQMD
<sup>129</sup> Xe (1)	5.601	0.492	0.207	-0.003	and IP-Glasma IC
<sup>129</sup> Xe (2) (spherical)	5.420	0.570	0	-0.003	Used for
$^{129}$ Xe (3)	5.420	0.570	0.162	-0.003	comparisons where all sets are
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<sup>129</sup> Xe(spherical)	5.420	0.570	0	-0.003	50



### **Nonlinear response of higher-order harmonics**



$$v_{n} \propto \varepsilon_{n} (n = 2, 3) :$$
  
NSC(m,n) =  $(\langle v_{m}^{2} v_{n}^{2} \rangle - \langle v_{m}^{2} \rangle \langle v_{n}^{2} \rangle)/(\langle v_{m}^{2} \rangle \langle v_{n}^{2} \rangle)$   
 $\approx (\langle \varepsilon_{m}^{2} \varepsilon_{n}^{2} \rangle - \langle \varepsilon_{m}^{2} \rangle \langle \varepsilon_{n}^{2} \rangle)/(\langle \varepsilon_{m}^{2} \rangle \langle \varepsilon_{n}^{2} \rangle) = NSC(m,n)$   
But ...

Nonlinear contributions from higher-order flow harmonics might cause discrepancy between SC(m,n) and NSC(m,n) during normalization[<u>Ref.</u>].







Courtesy : You Zhou

#### What has been published already in XeXe?





ALICE, Phys. Rev. Lett. 123 (2019) 142301

#### NSC(m,n)

Observables in the denominator are obtained from the  $v_2$ {2,  $|\Delta\eta| > 1.4$ } and  $v_n$ {2,  $|\Delta\eta| > 1.0$ } for higher harmonics.

What can we do better ?

$$v_n\{2, |\Delta \eta| > 2.0\} \ (n = 2, 3, 4, ...)$$

More non-flow subtraction

Thanks to the CMS detector's wide pseudorapidity range of  $|\eta| < 2.4$ 

### What has been published for nMHC in PbPb?





- nMHC( $v_2^k, v_3^l$ ) in central and semi-central collisions direct constraint on the initial correlation between  $\langle \epsilon_2^k \rangle$  and  $\langle \epsilon_3^l \rangle$ .
- potential nonlinearity of v<sub>2</sub> and v<sub>3</sub> more pronounced in peripheral collisions dynamical evolution of the created QGP

First time measurements :  $nMHC(v_2^{\ k}, v_3^{\ l})$  in XeXe - what are the effects on  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  in XeXe collisions? Also checked  $nMHC(v_2^{\ k}, v_4^{\ l})$  in XeXe and PbPb - initial-state correlations + dynamical system evolution What effect does nuclear deformation play on the correlation between  $(\varepsilon_2^{\ k}, \varepsilon_3^{\ l})$  and  $(\varepsilon_2^{\ k}, \varepsilon_4^{\ l})$ ?

#### Effect of more non-flow removal in CMS (with 2 subevent for CMS)



- Considerable difference with 2 subevent with eta gap : non-flow still getting removed
- Surprisingly good match with model after taking 2-subevents, after normalization (paper plot)
- Error bar increases a little as we keep increasing eta gap lower and lower statistics

#### Effect of more non-flow removal in CMS (with 2 subevent for CMS)



- No significant effect observed for SC(2,3) before or after applying subevents
- Error bar increases a little as we keep increasing eta gap lower and lower statistics

#### Similar results in backup

#### Effect of more non-flow removal in CMS (with 2 subevent for CMS) -Comparison with ALICE results



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https://arxiv.org/pdf/2409.04343

#### Effect in 6- and 8-particle cumulants/correlators



#### Comparison between data and model - with and without eta gap





- Obvious difference in peripheral region (without eta gap) after ~ 40% centrality
- Drastic difference between data and model after introducing eta gap, right from the most central region in v<sub>4</sub>

#### **Effect in 6- and 8-particle cumulants**



 $MHC(v_2^2, v_3^2, v_4^2) = \langle v_2^2 v_3^2 v_4^2 \rangle - \langle v_2^2 v_3^2 \rangle \langle v_4^2 \rangle - \langle v_2^2 v_4^2 \rangle \langle v_3^2 \rangle - \langle v_3^2 v_4^2 \rangle \langle v_2^2 \rangle + 2 \langle v_2^2 \rangle \langle v_3^2 \rangle \langle v_4^2 \rangle$ 



#### Non-flow removal with increasing eta gap



#### 2 subevent method with eta gap for multiparticle correlations

. . . .

Standard : 
$$\langle \langle \cos(m\varphi_1 + n\varphi_2 - m\varphi_3 - n\varphi_4) \rangle \rangle_c = \langle v_m^2 v_n^2 \rangle - \langle v_m^2 \rangle \langle v_n^2 \rangle \equiv SC(m, n)$$
.   
 $\eta = -2.4$   $\eta = 2.4$ 

2 subevent method with eta gap : <u>https://arxiv.org/pdf/1710.07567</u>, <u>https://arxiv.org/pdf/1705.04377</u>, <u>https://arxiv.org/pdf/2409.04343</u>, <u>https://arxiv.org/pdf/2102.12180</u>

$$SC(n,m)_{2-\text{sub}} = \left\| \left( e^{in(\phi_1^a - \phi_2^b) + im(\phi_3^a - \phi_4^b)} \right) - \left\| \left( e^{in(\phi_1^a - \phi_2^b)} \right) \right\| \left\| \left( e^{im(\phi_1^a - \phi_2^b)} \right) \right\|$$

We have explored 3  
cases :  
(i) 
$$|\Delta \eta| > 0.8$$
 (ALICE)  
(ii)  $|\Delta \eta| > 1.0$   
(iii)  $|\Delta \eta| > 2.0$   $\eta = -2.4$   $\eta = -x/2$   $\eta = x/2$   $\eta = 2.4$ 



Important point to note for IC models :

" $v_2$  and  $v_4$  for centralities > 25%: The eccentricities miss the contribution to  $v_4$  from non-linear coupling to the second harmonic and vice versa. Certain events with a large  $\varepsilon_2$  will generate a large

contribution to  $v_4$  during the here neglected evolution."

[https://arxiv.org/pdf/1312.5588]

- So no, non-linearity has not been included in the models. IS models assume -  $v_n = a^2 \varepsilon_n$
- Actual dependence likely expected to form during evolution of the system :  $v_4 = a\epsilon_4 + b(\epsilon_2)^2$

• Same observed for TRENTo-IC

Question 1 : In the simulations, what might happen if we consider the same shape for PbPb and XeXe, but different sizes? Good to compare that and then go to deformation to understand the effect to differentiate from final-state interaction effects. Try the  $v2/\epsilon^2$  ratio to compare among XeXe and PbPb. Solution : 0 n=2



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CMS Preliminary

- Short-range fluctuations of the initial density profile Their effect is typically proportional to  $A^{-1/2} \simeq 1.27$  in most central region
- Explained well for  $v_3$  and  $v_2$  (spherical Xe)
- Significant deviation (upto 20%) in deformed
   Xe non-zero β<sub>2</sub> in Woods-Saxon profile.
- After 20%, not much difference is seen.

$$\varepsilon_2 = \sqrt{\varepsilon_{\rm RP}^2 + \sigma^2},$$

Phys. Rev. C 97, 034904 (2018)

Woods-Saxon profile

$$R(\theta,\phi) = R_0 (1 + \beta_2 [\cos\gamma Y_{2,0} + \sin\gamma Y_{2,2}] + \beta_3 \sum_{m=-3}^3 \alpha_{3,m} Y_{3,m} + \beta_4 \sum_{m=-4}^4 \alpha_{4,m} Y_{4,m})_{67}$$

### **INITIAL STATE AND PRE-EQUILIBRIUM DYNAMICS: IP-GLASMA**

B.Schenke, P.Tribedy, R.Venugopalan, PRL108, 252301 (2012), PRC86, 034908 (2012)

 $\mathscr{E}_{p} = \varepsilon_{p} e^{i2\psi_{2}^{p}} =$ 

#### Includes fluctuations of:

Impact parameter, nucleon positions, quark positions, color charge normalization, color charges



- The Color Glass Condensate (CGC) predicts anisotropic particle productions because of
  - Local anisotropies in the color fields
     Local density gradients
     Quantum interference effects

### THE HYBRID THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

B. Schenke, C. Shen and P. Tribedy, Phys. Rev. C 102, 044905 (2020)



- Continuously connect the system's energy-momentum tensor  $T^{\mu\nu}$  between different stages
- Pb+Pb, O+O, p+Pb, and p+O collisions probe different phases with different weights

#### TRENTo-IC

- The TRENTo-IC model [<u>http://www.arxiv.org/pdf/1412.4708</u>] makes no assumption about specific physical mechanisms for entropy production, pre-equilibrium dynamics, or thermalization.
- It deposits the entropy proportional to the generalized (usually geometric) mean of nuclear overlap density between the two colliding nuclei and gives values of the initial-state eccentricities

Subgroup Method for Error Calculation

- n = 6 subgroups have been used.
- Following formula have been used :

Mean :  $x = (\sum x_i)/6$ Standard deviation :  $\sigma = [(\sum (x_i - x)^2)/5]^{1/2}$ Error :  $e = \sigma/(6)^{1/2}$