

# Measurements of Longitudinal Decorrelation in small systems with ATLAS

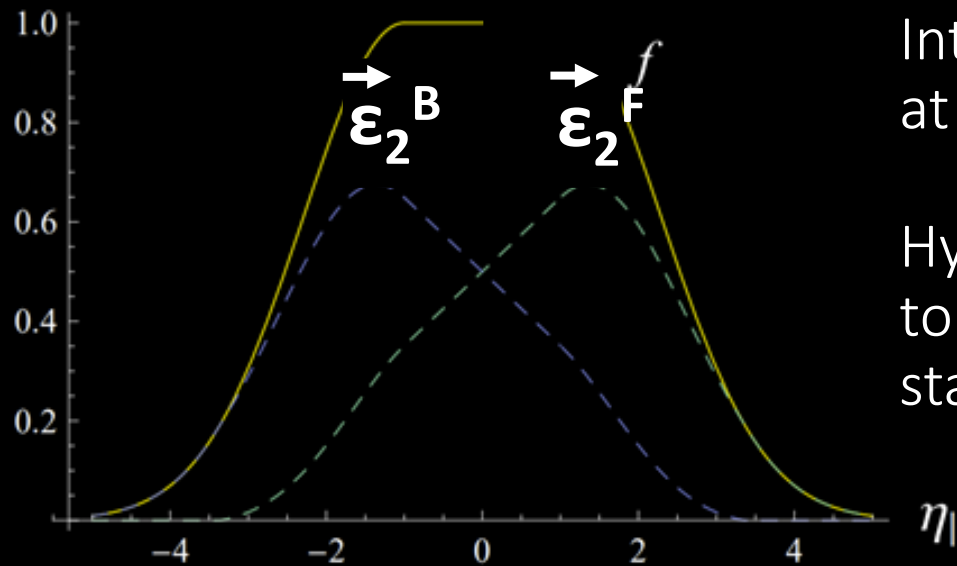
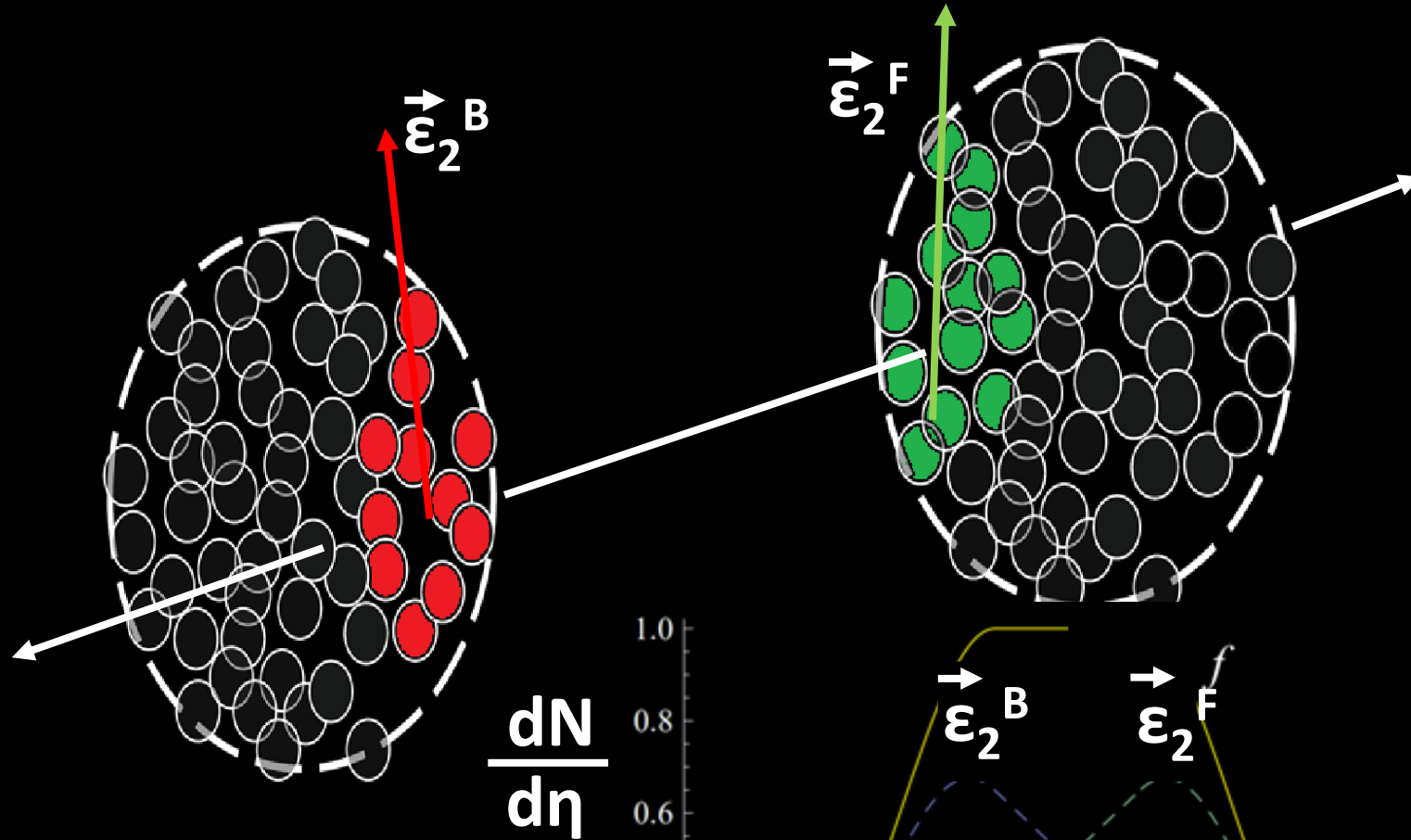


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# $\eta$ -dependent geometry



## First models of longitudinal decorrelation

Backwards-going participants dominates  
backwards going  $dN/d\eta$  and  
backwards-going initial-state  
geometry

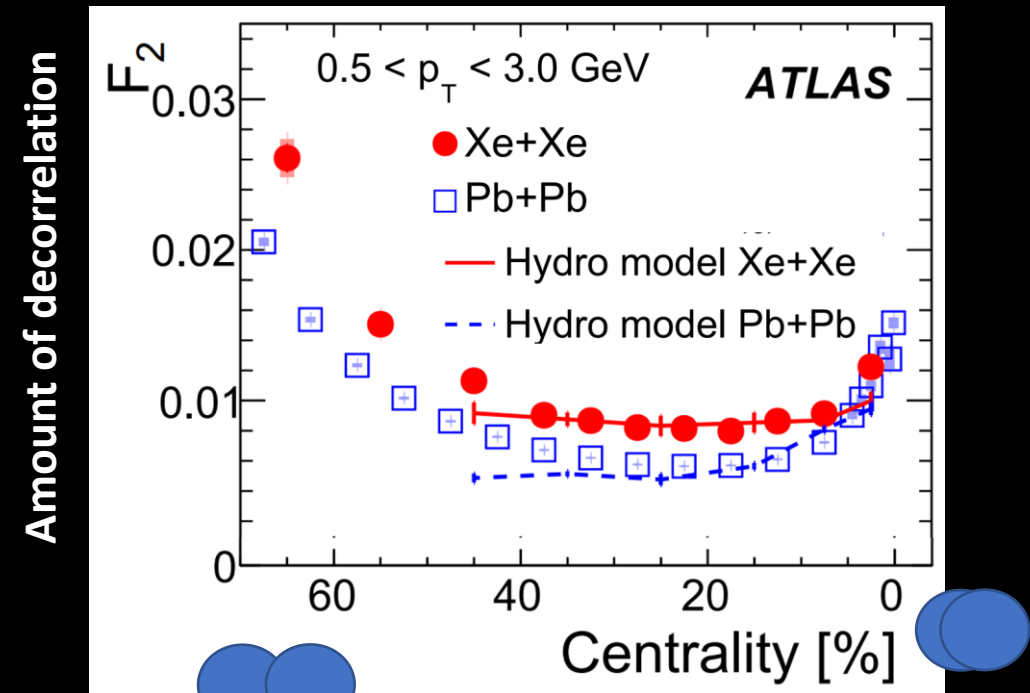
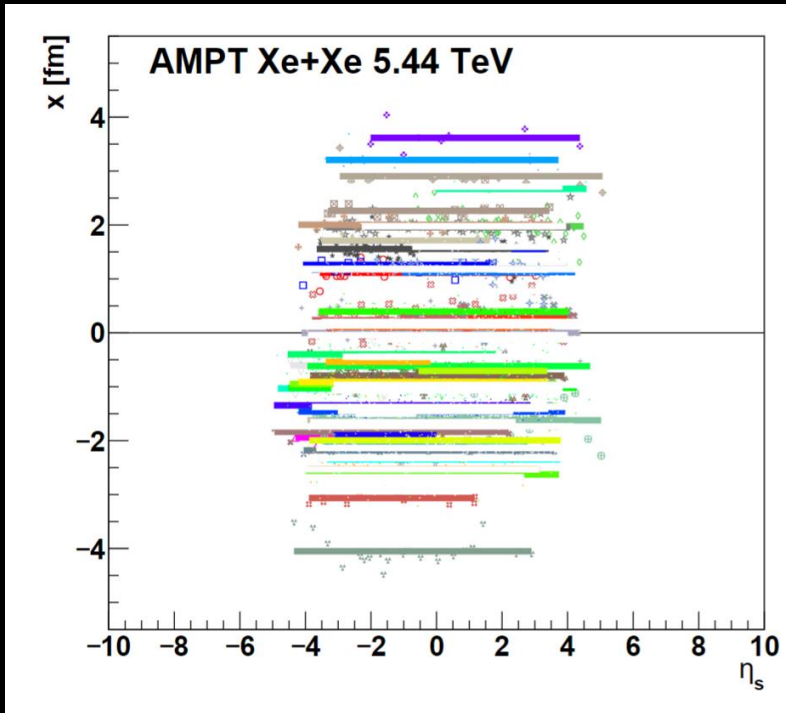
Interpolation between geometries  
at mid-rapidity

Hydrodynamic expansion gives rise  
to azimuthally anisotropic final-  
state momentum

# String models of longitudinal decorrelation

- String-based MC Glauber models of the initial state simulate these effects out of the box
- Popular models (HIJING/AMPT) produce one string per participant
- String-based initial state + hydro has shown good agreement with previous ATLAS results.

[arXiv:2001.04201](https://arxiv.org/abs/2001.04201)

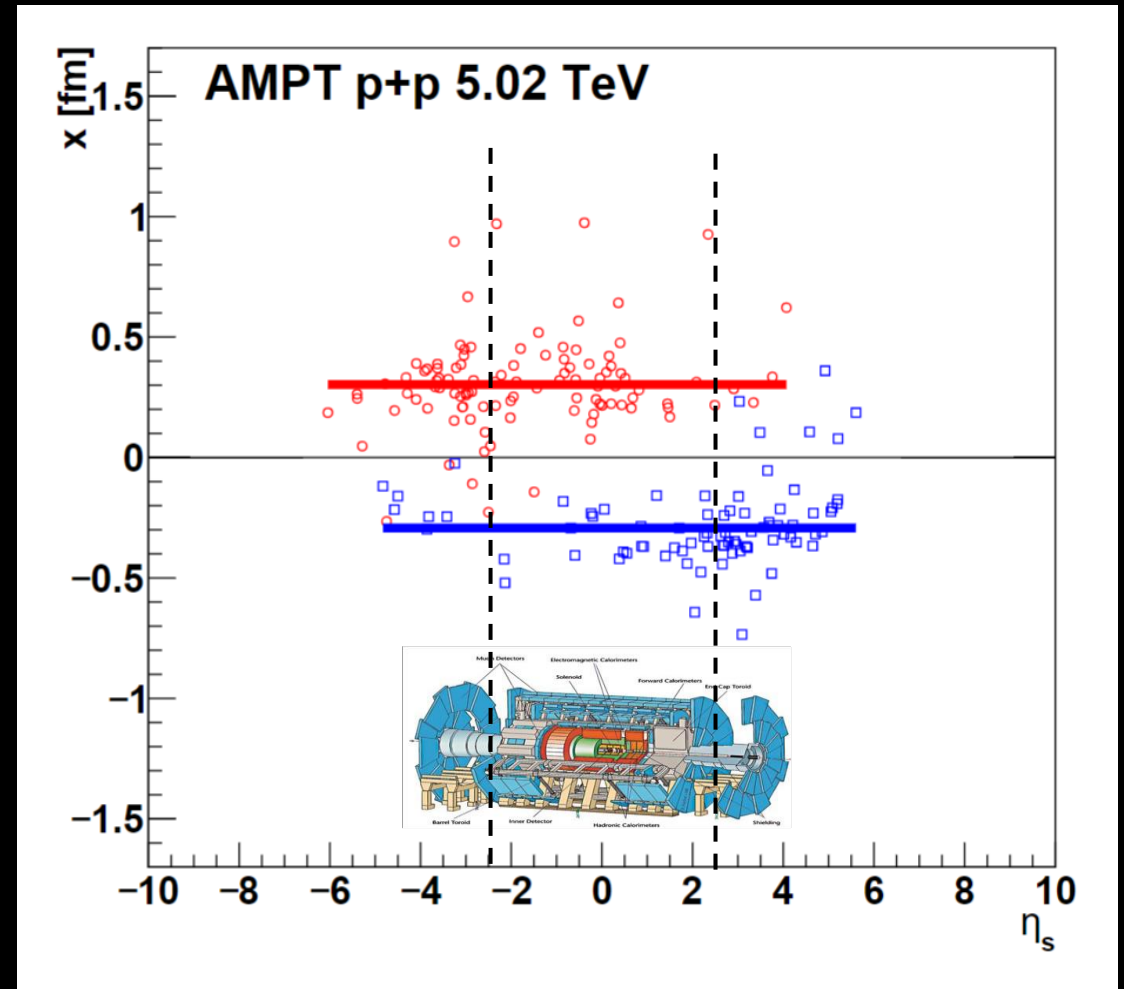


$$v_{2,2} \propto 1 + F_2 \eta$$

# String models make straightforward prediction in $pp$

- A string per participant produces a simple model of proton-proton collisions
- Strings span the acceptance of the ATLAS inner detector.
- No variation in geometry
- **No longitudinal decorrelation**

What does data say



# Fundamental constraints on nucleon-nucleon collisions

- Constrains the correlation between initial state
  1. Transverse structure and
  2. Longitudinal energy deposition / initial state momentum structure
- Longitudinal dependence of correlations is of practical importance when
  - **Comparing experimental results with different acceptances**
  - **Comparing theory and data**

# Analysis overview

## Systems analyzed

*pp* 13 TeV      *pp* 5.02 TeV      Xe+Xe 5.44 TeV

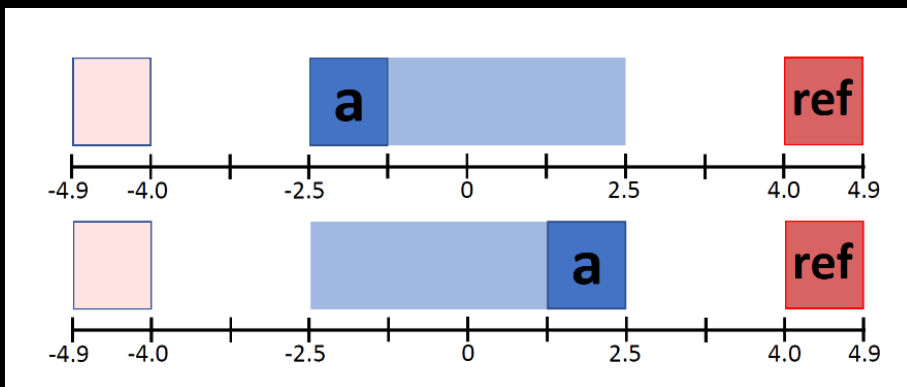
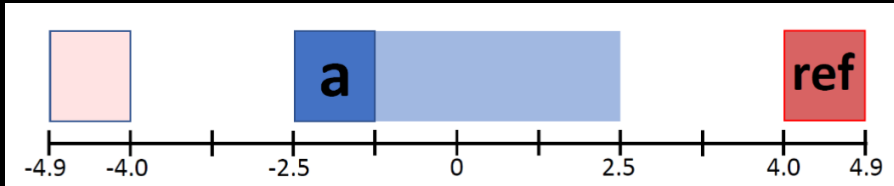
## Analysis steps

**Step 1:** Two-particle correlations between Inner detector tracks and forward calorimeter

**Step 2:** measure Fourier moments and perform non-flow subtraction as a function of  $\eta^a$

**Step 3:** construct ratio,  $r_n(|\eta^a|)$

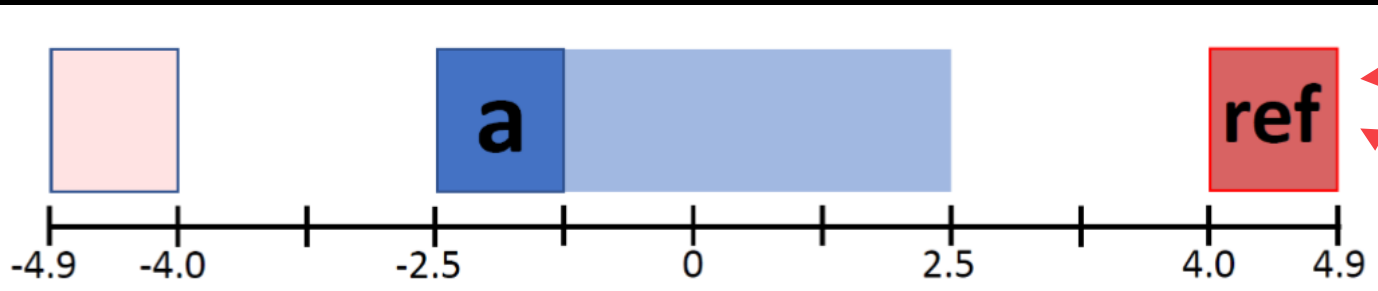
**Step 4:** Parametrize decorrelation via the slope of  $r_n(|\eta^a|)$



# Analysis overview

$$\Delta\phi = \underbrace{\phi^a}_{\eta^a = [-2.5, 2.5]} - \underbrace{\phi^{\text{ref}}}_{\eta^{\text{ref}} = [4.0, 4.9]}$$

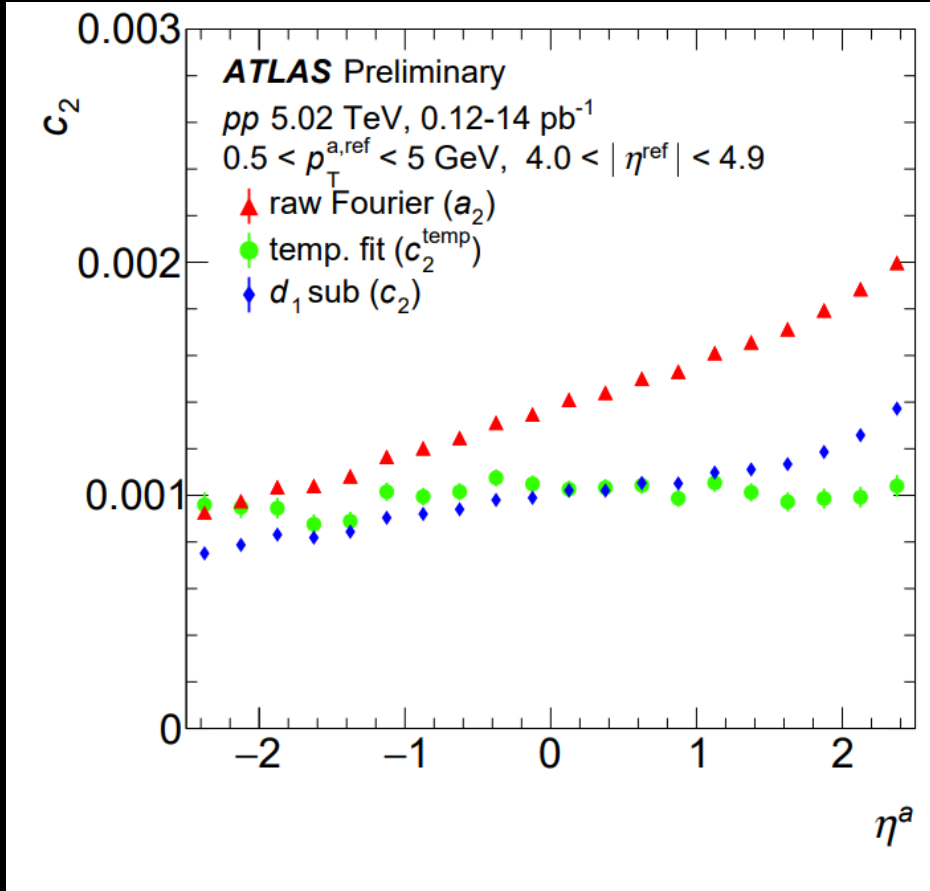
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Inner detector tracks and forward calorimeter



*pp*: calorimetric cluster

**Xe+Xe**: calorimetric tower

# $v_{2,2}(\eta^a)$ and non-flow subtraction



## Raw Fourier moments $a_2$

$$Y(\Delta\phi, \eta^a) = G \left\{ 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^4 a_n(\eta^a) \cos(n\Delta\phi) \right\}$$

flow      non-flow

$$Y(\Delta\phi, \eta^a) = G \left\{ 1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^4 (c_n(\eta^a) + d_n(\eta^a)) \cos(n\Delta\phi) \right\}$$

## $\eta$ -dependent template fit (temp. fit)

$$Y^{HM}(\Delta\phi, \eta^a) = F^{temp}(\eta^a) Y^{LM}(\Delta\phi, \eta^a) + G^{temp}(\eta^a) \left\{ 1 + 2 \sum_{n=2}^4 c_n^{temp}(\eta^a) \cos(n\Delta\phi) \right\}$$

Use low multiplicity 2PC in same  $\eta^a$  slice as a *template* for non-flow

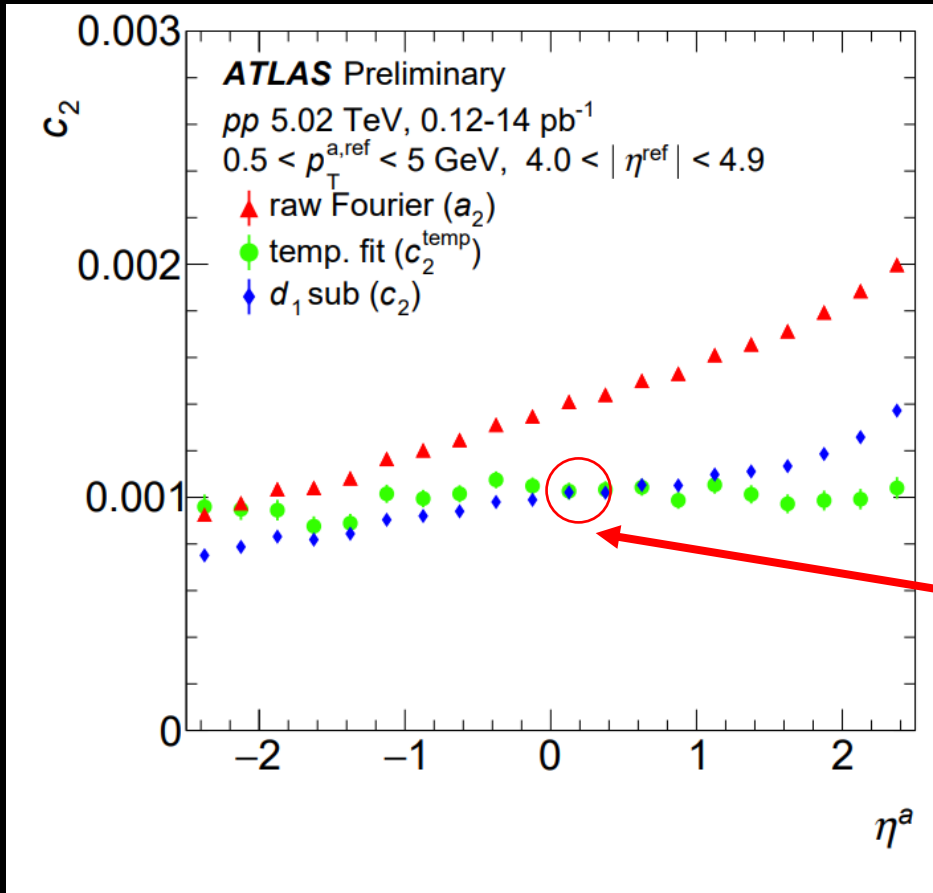
Low multiplicity reference  $N_{ch} = 40-60$

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Many assumptions in the template fit – can we compare to another method



# $v_{2,2}(\eta^a)$ and non-flow subtraction

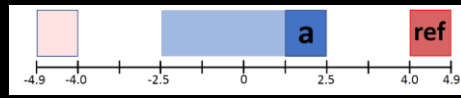
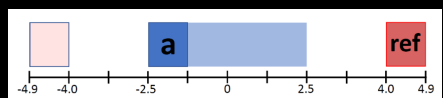


## $d_1$ scaling subtraction ( $d_1$ sub.)

$$c_2(\eta^a) = a_2(\eta^a) - a_1(\eta^a) \frac{d_2|_{\eta^a=0}}{d_1|_{\eta^a=0}} (1 + [F_2^d - F_1^d] \eta^a)$$

$\eta^a$  independent non-flow shape  
from mid-rapidity template fit results

$\eta^a$  dependent correction  
Build in  $\eta^a$  dependence  
with non-flow model from  
LM events

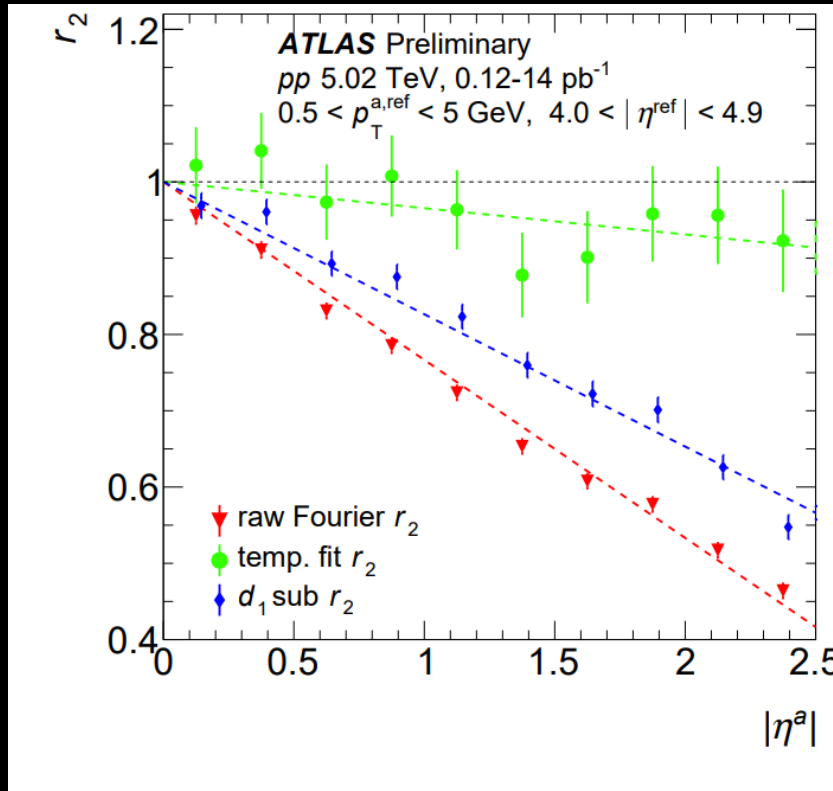


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Differences in the subtracted results – will discuss with the full final results

# Construct $r_2(|\eta^a|)$ ratio

$$r_2(|\eta^a|) = \frac{v_{2,2}(-|\eta^a|)}{v_{2,2}(|\eta^a|)}$$



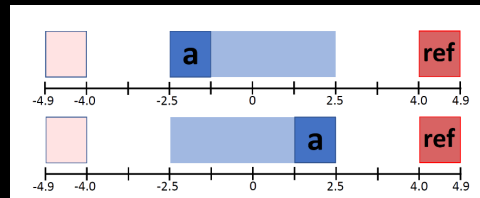
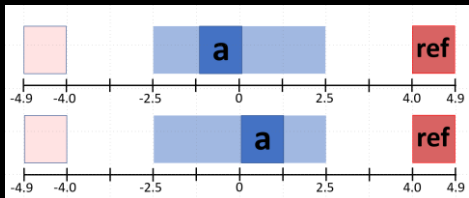
Extract the slope of  $r_2$  with linear regression

$$F_n = \frac{\sum_i (1 - r_n(\eta_i)) \eta_i}{2 \sum_i \eta_i^2}$$

$$r_n(|\eta^a|) = 1 - 2F_2 |\eta^a|$$

This regression is nearly identical to fitting with the above function

$F_2$  shown as dashed lines

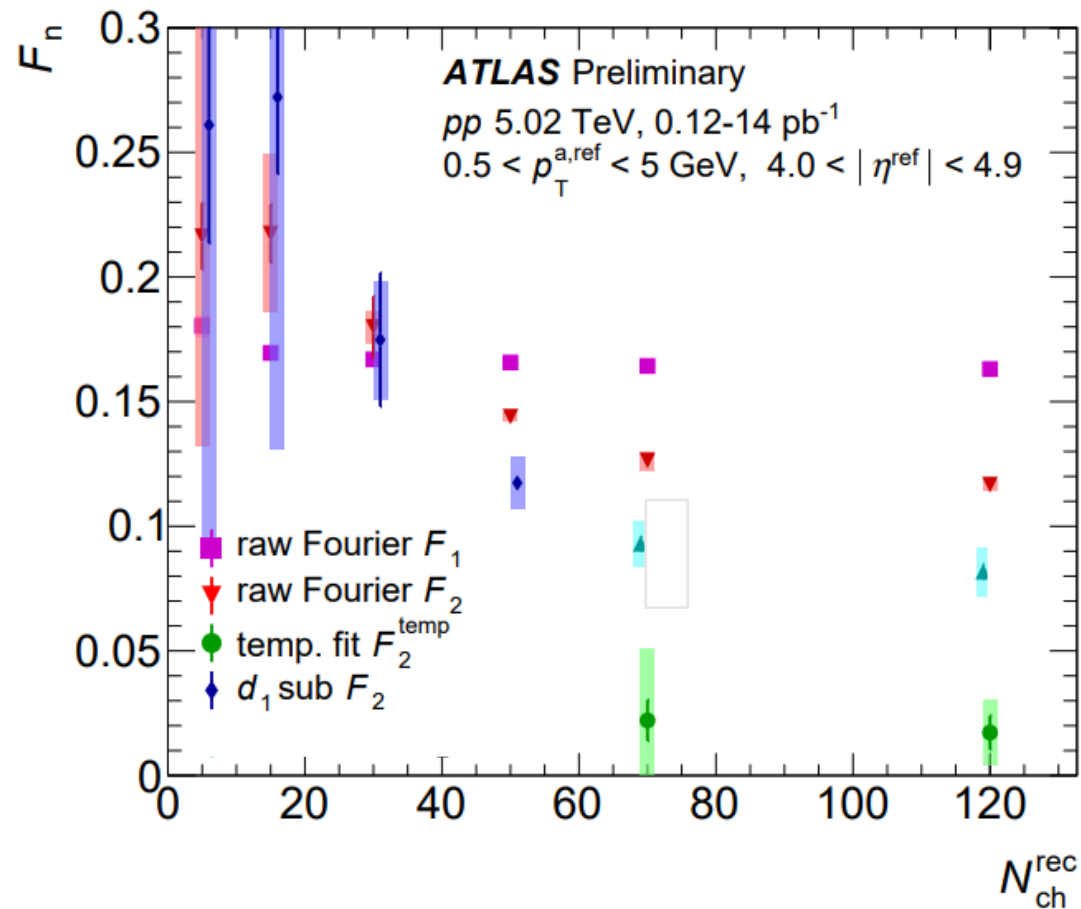


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The  $r_n$  ratio measures the relative decorrelation between 2  $\eta^a$  selections

$F_2$  provides a good description of  $r_2$

# Result in 5.02 TeV $pp$ collisions



- **Raw Fourier  $F_2$** : a combination of flow and nonflow  $\eta^a$  dependence.
- **Raw Fourier  $F_1$** : the  $\eta^a$  dependence of  $a_1$ . Mostly multiplicity independent
- **Template fit  $F_2$** : Subtracts off  $\sim 85\%$  of the raw decorrelation.
  - Template  $N_{ch} = 40-60$
- **$d_1$ -scaling subtracted**: removes 1/4 of the raw decorrelation
  - Defined across the whole  $N_{ch}$  range

# Template fit corrections

	Template fit $F_2$	$d_1$ -scaling subtracted:
$N_{ch}$ -independent non-flow shape	✓	✓
First moment is all non-flow	✓	✓
$N_{ch}$ -independent mid-rapidity flow	✓	✓
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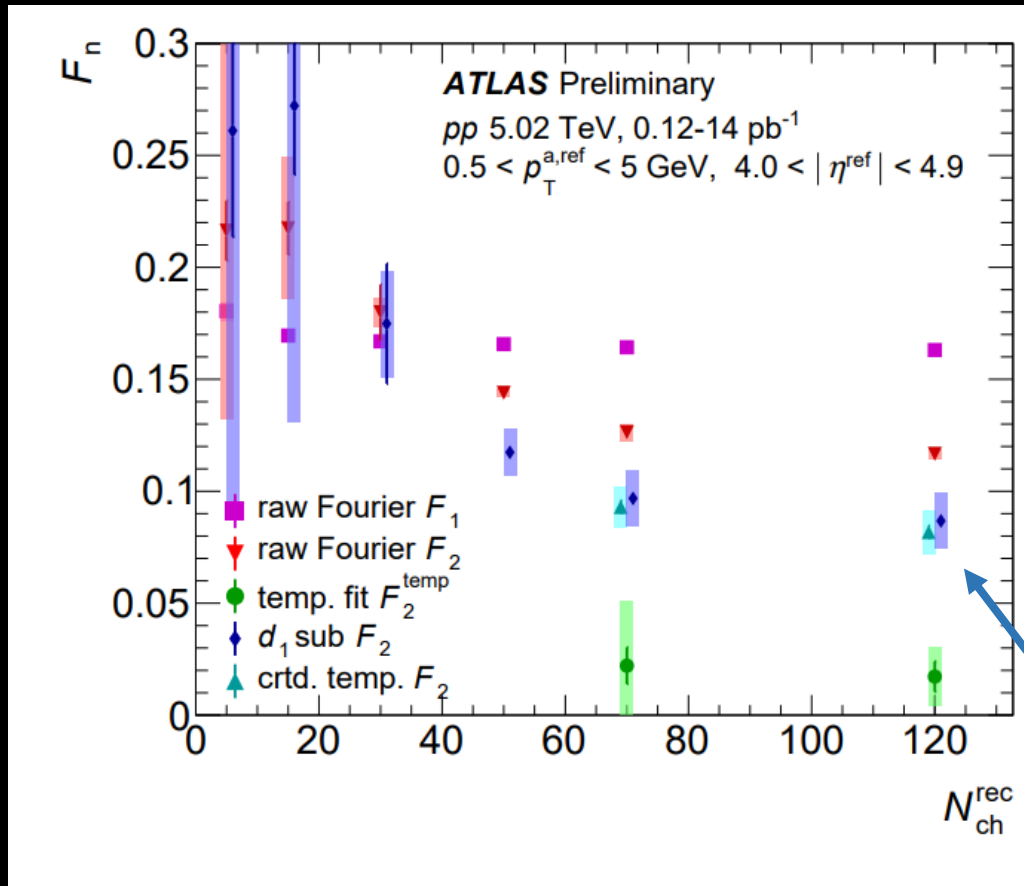
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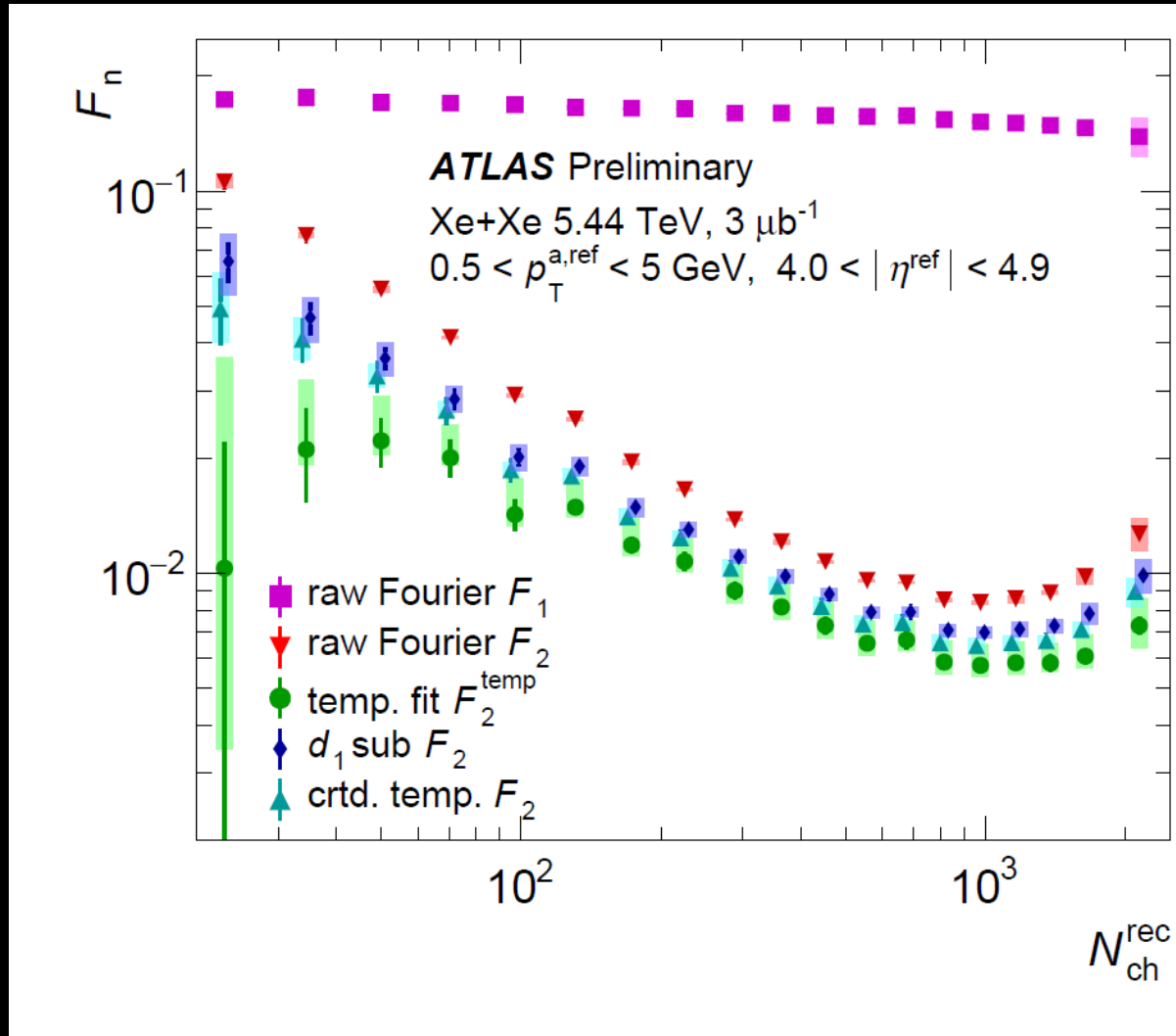
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Given results in the  $d_1$  subtraction, the template fit results are understandable **15**

# Results in Xe+Xe collisions



First measurement of  
70~90% Xe+Xe decorrelation

Analysis differences

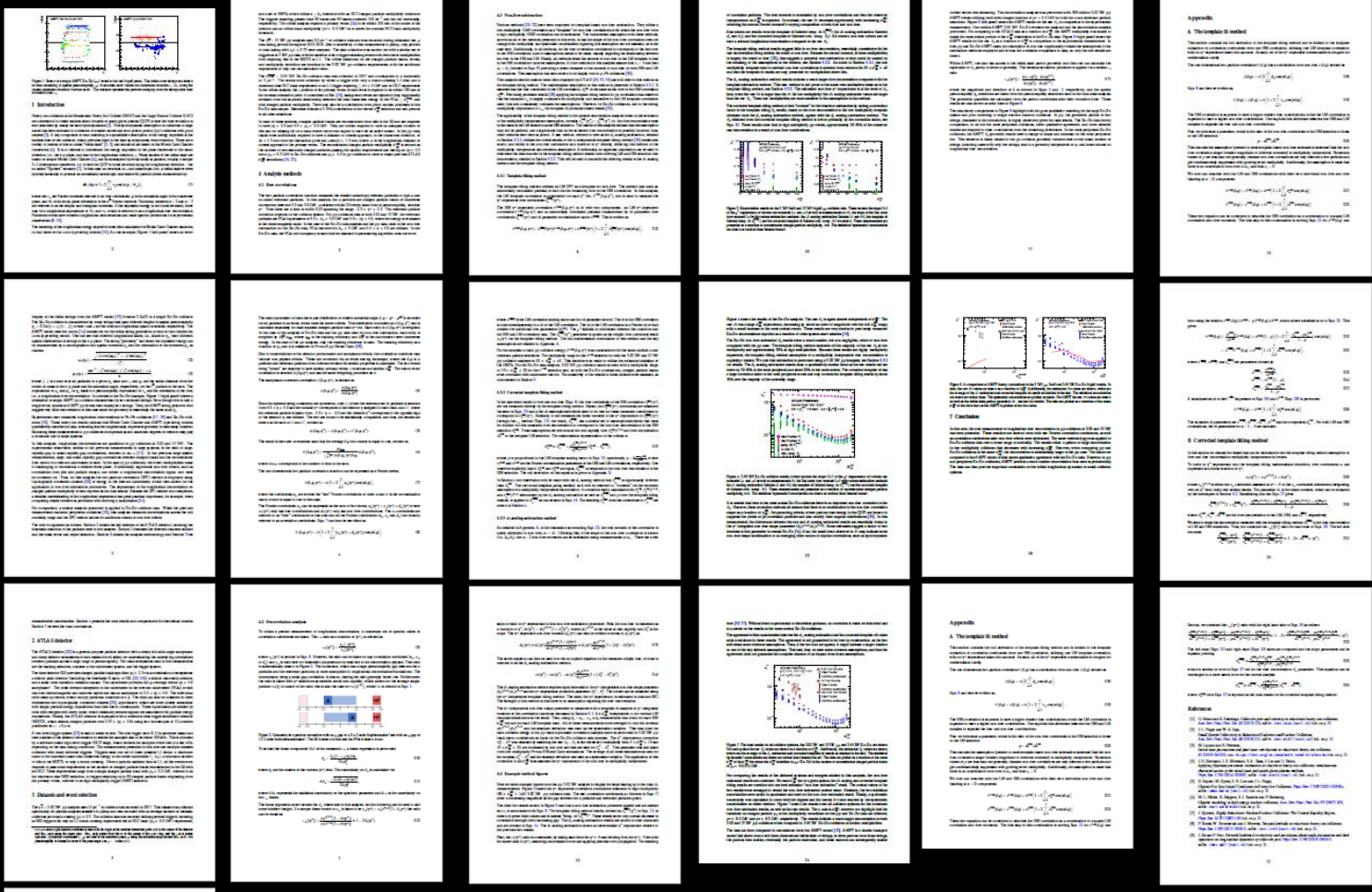
- Track-tower correlation
- $pp$  reference for template fit and estimation of  $d_1$  sub parameters.

Subtracted results suggest non-flow effects at all centralities This assumes

- No modification of nonflow shape
- Non-flow is the only source of first Fourier moment in correlation.



# That was a lot... Want more?



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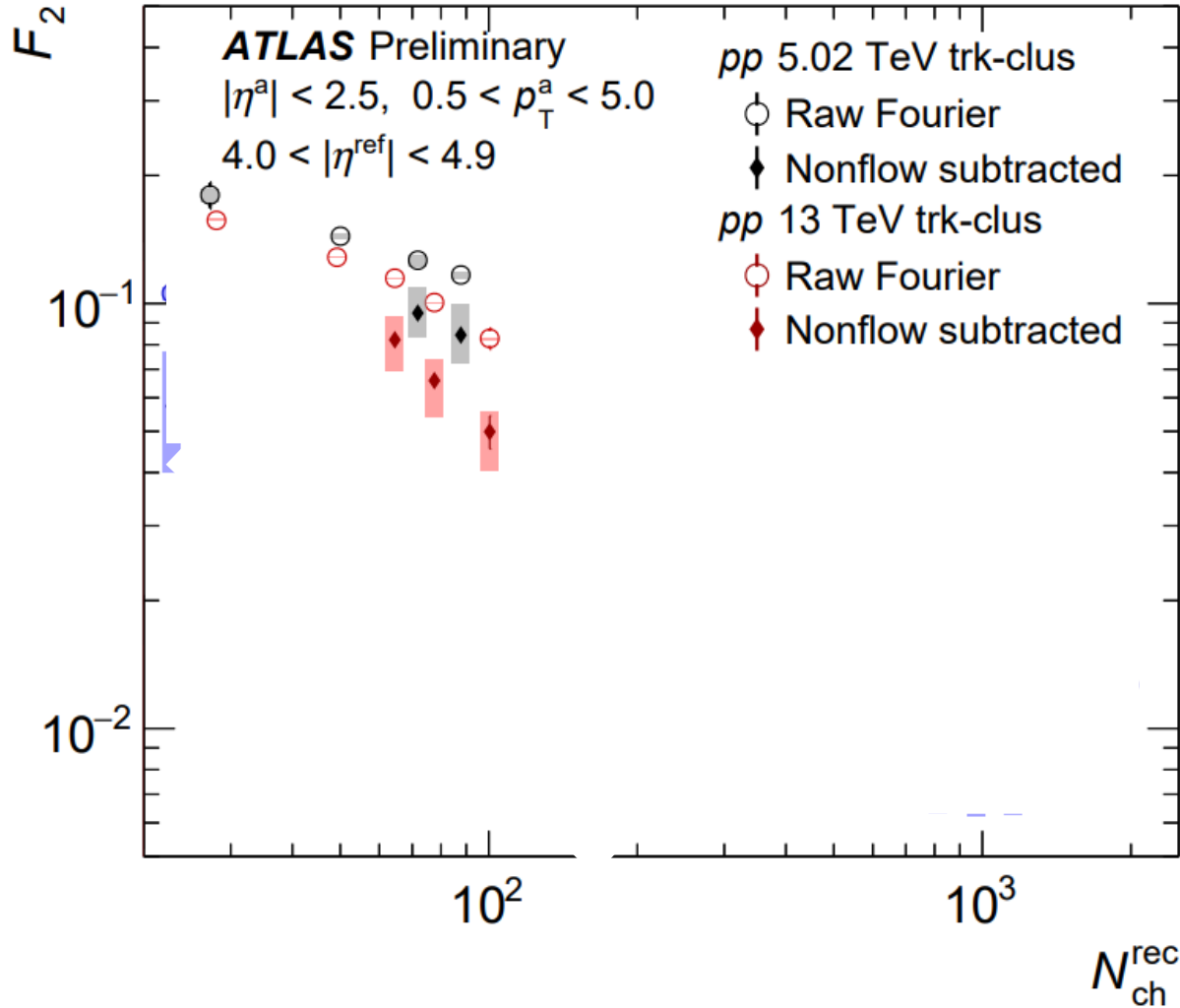
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# System comparison



Raw results (open markers)

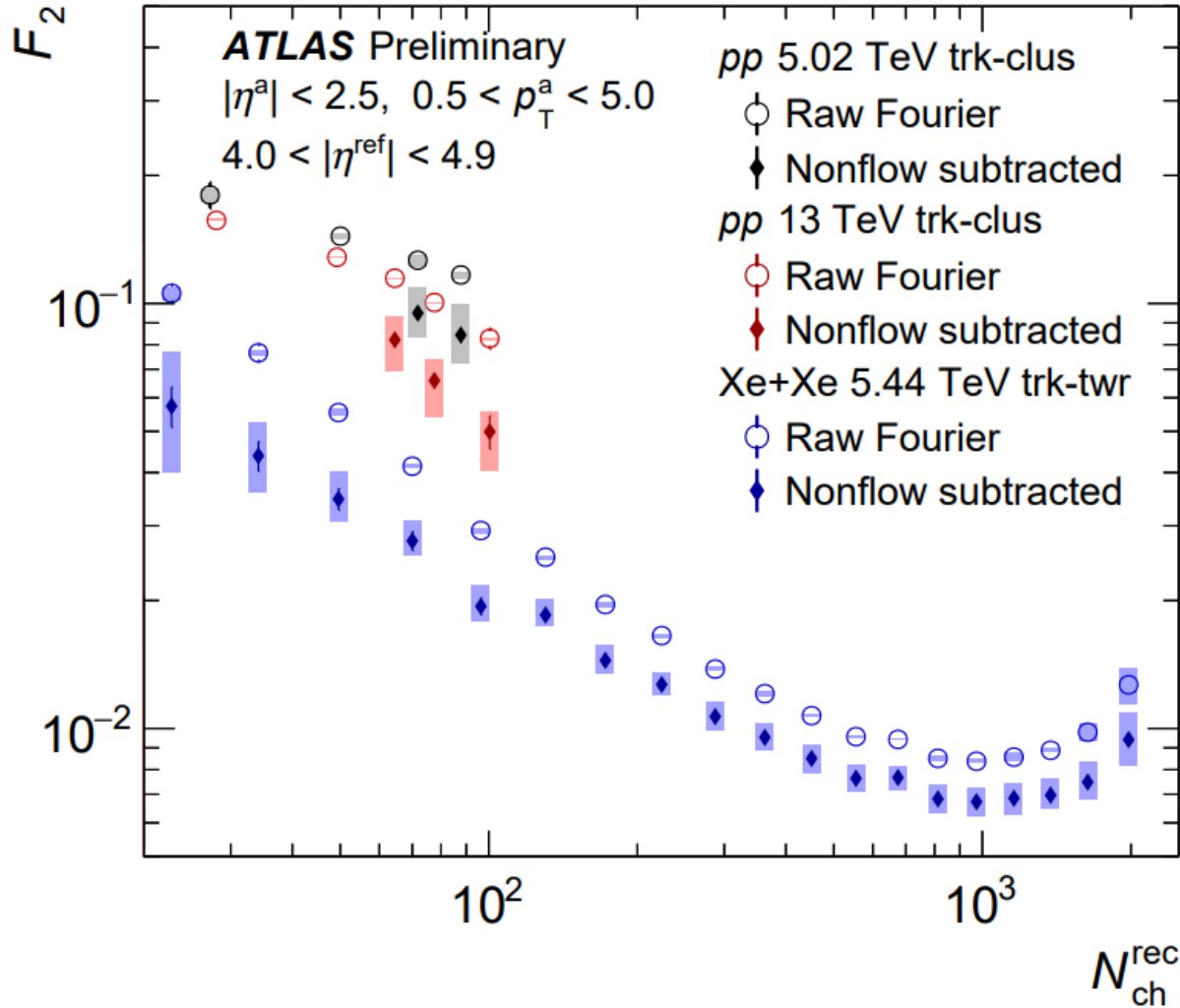
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Averaged central values of temp fit and crtd temp  
Full systematic uncertainty of the two

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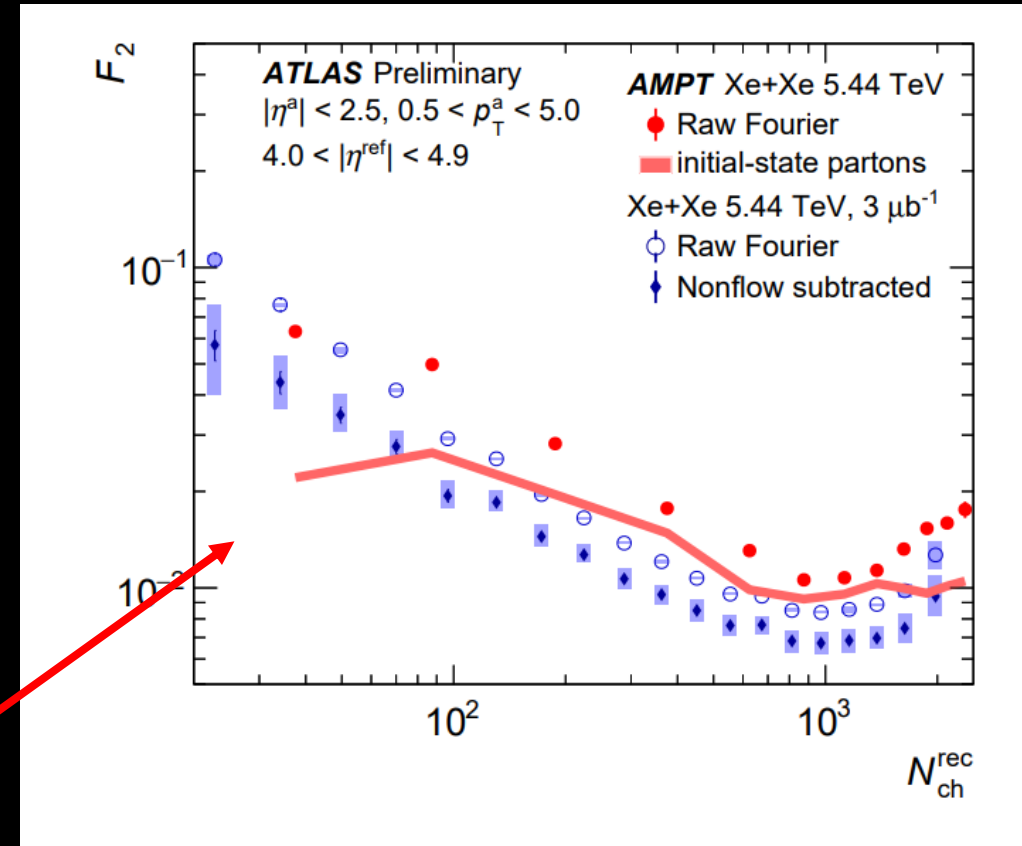
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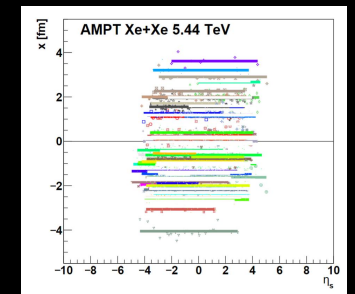
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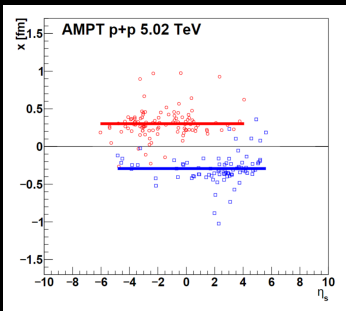
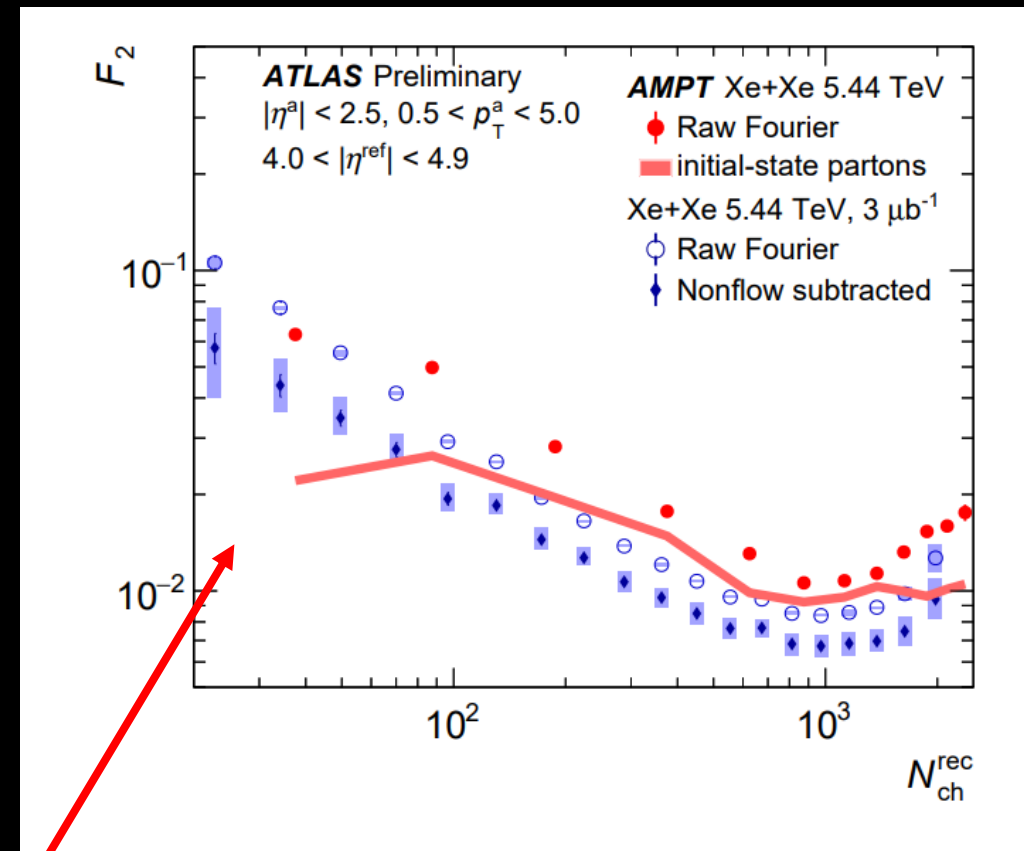
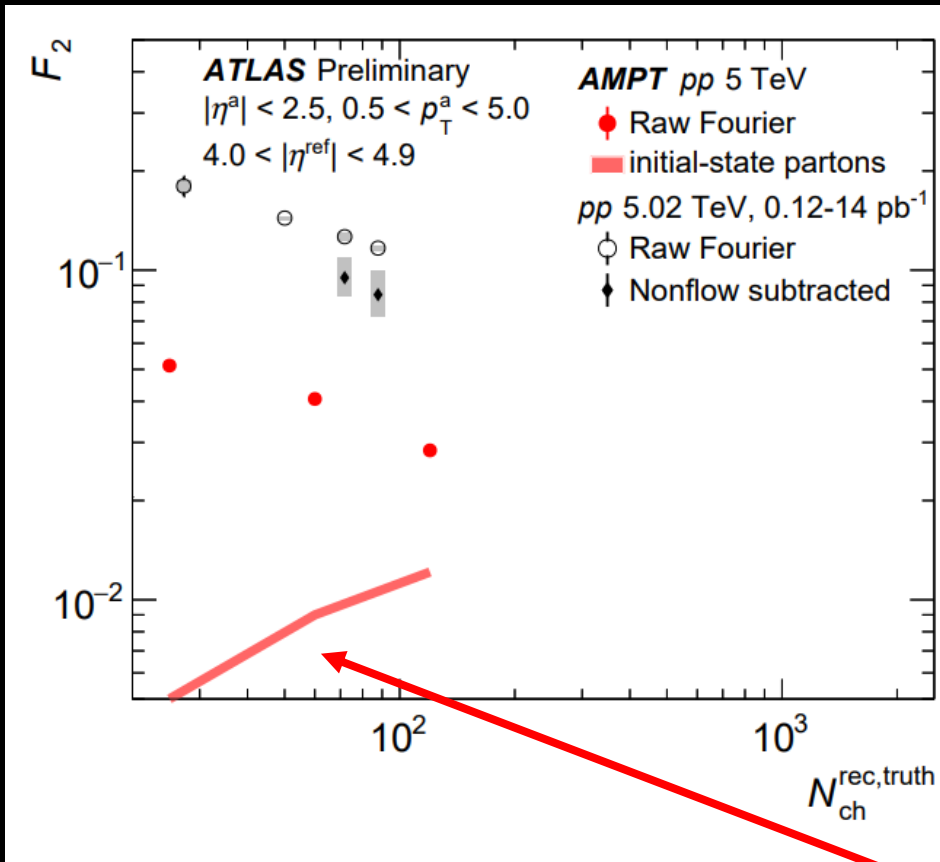


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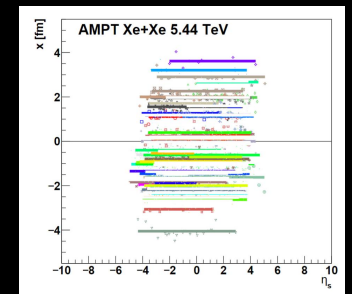
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Low number of strings leads to small geometric decorrelation



Disfavors a *pp* initial-state model with a low number of long strings

# What I showed you

- First measurement of longitudinal decorrelation in  $pp$  and peripheral  $Xe+Xe$
- $pp$  has larger decorrelation than  $Xe+Xe$  at similar multiplicities
- Results are sensitive to non-flow subtraction methodology
- Disfavors string models of the initial state where a nucleon-nucleon collision is simulated by a low number of long strings.



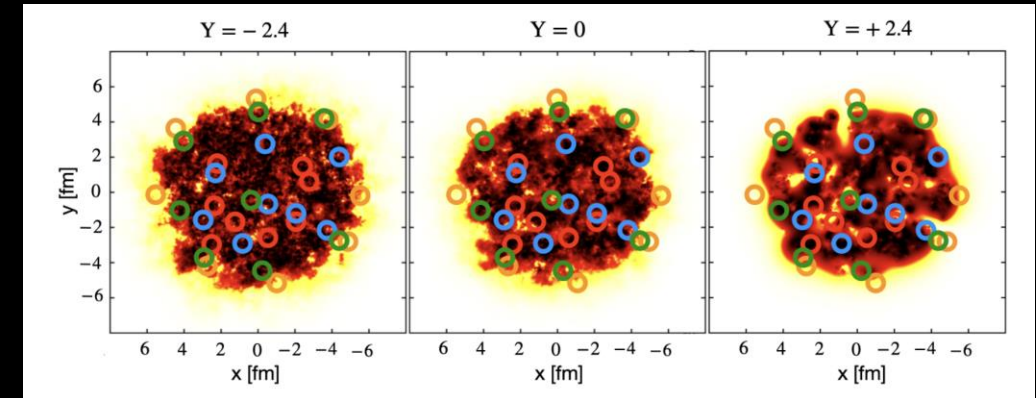
# What's next: a new (precision) world

- Part of a push towards a full precision-oriented description of collective QCD physics
- Discriminate between final and initial state effects
  - Recent work show very large initial-state azimuthal anisotropic decorrelation
  - [arXiv:2201.08864](https://arxiv.org/abs/2201.08864)
  - [arXiv:2109.03512](https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.03512) (pure hydro)
- Future measurements of
  - multi-particle decorrelation – less sensitive to non-flow effects.
  - Photonuclear decorrelation

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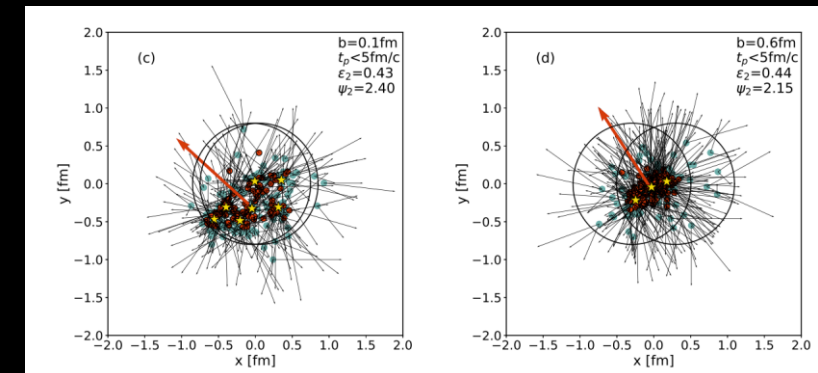
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AMPT+PYTHIA

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★ Constituent quark collision

↑  $\psi_2$

Parton: loc. ●

Vel. ↑ 23

Thank you