Dear Ilya and Sudhir

Thanks a lot for your detail check again for the new draft. We have adopted all of your comments into account and reflected to a new draft.

new draft - longSC_CR_R2_v7.7.pdf difference between v7.6 and v7.7 : diff_v7.6_v7.7.pdf

Regards,

DongJo on behalf of PC

Comments from Ilya

comments for 2017-Aug-18-paper_draft-longSC_CR_R2_v7.6.pdf

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The results were obtained with the

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The results are reported in terms of

R: Done

129

either remove "nuclear", or replace it with "QCD"

R: Done, replace it with "QCD"

130 - 32

Geometrical anisotropy of the almond shaped overlap region of the colliding nuclei causes larger pressure gradients into shorter direction of the almond, that results in anisotropic transverse flow in the momentum space through interactions of the matter constituents.

-> repetition "almond" -> "almond", in general it is not almond due to fluctuations
Difference in pressure gradients and the interactions among matter constituents produced in the
spatially anisotropic overlap region of the two colliding nuclei result in anisotropic transverse flow.
R: Taken your suggestion.

138-39

that most known fluids obey. that most known fluids obey. One such general behavior is that this ratio typically reaches

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typical to the most known fluids. This ratio reaches

R: Done.

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Replace Ref. [26] with

P. Kovtun, Dan T. Son, Andrei O. Starinets

(1857 citations)

https://inspirehep.net/record/651094

R: done with an addition to 26 since \$/eta/s(T)\$ T dependence is more emphasized in 26.

Eq. (1)
d\vec p^3
->
d^3 p
R: Done.
165
elliptic flow
->
anisotropic flow

R: Done

Eq. (2)

\phi in exponent is not defined

R: Probably it is obvious. We leave it as it is.

1101

in Sec. 3 and the

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in Sec. 3. The R: Done

1105

Existing measurements

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Existing measurements for anisotropic flow observables

R: Done

1117

theoretical predictions ... evolution independently.

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theoretical parameters used to describe ... evolution.

R: Done

Eq. (3)

Start the equation with our notation SC(m,n), i.e.

"SC(m,n) = <<cos(....)>> = ..."

Otherwise this notation is not introduced in the paper.

R: Done

1142

Remove "Refs."

R: Done

The data samples analyzed in this article were recorded by ALICE during the 2010 heavy-ion run at the LHC in Pb–Pb collisions at a centre-of-mass energy sNN = 2.76 TeV

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A sample of Pb–Pb collisions at the centre-of-mass energy sNN = 2.76 TeV analyzed in this article were recorded by ALICE during the 2010 heavy-ion run of the LHC.

R: changed to "The data samples of Pb–Pb collisions at the centre-of-mass energy sNN = 2.76 TeV analyzed in this article were recorded by ALICE during the 2010 heavy-ion run of the LHC."

1163

Reconstructed TPC tracks

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add her "constrained to vertex"?

R: Done

1179

to be located within 10 cm of the interaction point (IP) to

-> "IP" is note used anywhere in the text

to be within 10 cm of the nominal interaction to

R: Done

1185

The uncertainty on the p T dependent

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The uncertainty due to the p T dependence of the

R: Done

1211

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measured in
->
published in
R: Done
Fig. 1(right)
Y-axis should have as notation SCN(m,n), same as all over figures
R: Done
Fig. 1 caption
- 11
with flow harmonics from 2 nd up to 5 th order
for m=3-5 and n=2,3
R: Done
- I3
Note that the
The
R: Done
- 14
correlations and SC(4,2) ... scaled ... of 0.1
correlations. The SC(4,2) ... downscaled ... 0.1
R: Done
1218
(NSC(3,2) or NSC(4,2))
NSC(3,2) and NSC(4,2)
R: Done
1222
ranges > 20%
range 20-50%
R: Done
Fig. 2
Add lines at Y=0, same as in Fig. 1
R: Done
Fig. 2 caption
The normalized SC(3,2) and SC(4,2)
The NSC(3,2) and NSC(4,2)
R: Done
1243
range < 30%
range 0-30%
R: Done
1244
the > 30% centrality range.
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the 30-50% centrality.
R: Done
Fig. 3 caption
v n (n = 2, 3, 4 and 5)
v \, n \, for \, n = 2-5
R: Done
v n (n = 2, 3 and 4)
v \, n \, for \, n = 2-4
R: Done
The p T,min ... Note that v 5 is also shown in panel (C).
v4 and v 5 are shown in the same panel (C). The p T,min ...
R: Done
1250-251
The complete sets of the individual flow ... to calculate
The individual flow ... in calculations of
R: Done
There should be an introductory sentence to Sec. 6 (and subsections 6.1 and 6.2). Add at the
beginning of Sec. 6:
"We have performed a systematic comparison of the centrality and transverse momentum
dependence of the SC(m,n) and NSC(m,n) to the EKRT+viscous hydrodynamics [45], VISH2+1
[78, 79], and the AMPT [62], [96], [97] models. Comparisons for v n coefficients with the model
calculations are presented in Appendix A."
R: Done
1257
We have compared the centrality dependence of our observables with event-by-event ... [45],
where the initial
In the event-by-event ... the initial
R: Done
1259
spacetime
->
space-time
R: Done
1266-267
both the QGP ... and even off-equilibrium ... stage
the QGP ... and off-equilibrium ... stages
R: Done
1267-268
With well-tuned ..., and given initial conditions discussed next, ... LHC
By tuning ... for a given scenario of the initial conditions ... LHC energies
R: Done.
1269-271
Three different initial conditions ... are used in the model [58].
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Three different types of initial conditions [58] ... have been used for our data to model comparisons.

R: Done.

1271-272

entropy density with contributions from ... profiles [82], and the KLN ... entropy ... to the initial gluon density

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energy density from ... profiles [82]. The KLN ... energy ... to that of the initial gluons

R : Done 1274

In MC-Glauber and MC-KLN [84-86], additional

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In Monte Carlo versions MC-Glauber and MC-KLN [84–86] of these models an additional

R: Done

1277

decompositions ... spatial coordinates.

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distribution ... coordinate space.

R: Done

1279-280

Remove "The detailed quantitative comparisons of the measured v n to the model calculations are provided in Appendix A.", as this is now introduced in the beginning of the section for all models.

R: Done

1281-284

achieved in collisions ... as a result of its finite volume ... AMPT has been

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achieved shortly in collisions ... due to its finite size ... the AMPT model has been R: Done and added the original references for AMPT there.

1285

For the initial conditions, the AMPT model uses ... of hard minijet partons and

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The initial conditions in the AMPT are given by ... of minijets and

R: Done

1287

The AMPT model can be run in two main configurations, the default and the string melting model.

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For the data comparisons three different configurations of the AMPT model has been used: the default one and string melting with and without hadronic rescattering.

R: Done has -> have

Footnote 1

- Move the footnote 1 into the main text, no gain from having it as a footnote.
- used in both configurations -> used in all configurations

R: Done

1288

default version,

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default configuration,

R : Done 1290

melting version

->

melting configuration

R: Done

1293

Remove "also"

R: Done

The third version used in this article is based on the string melting configuration in which the hadronic rescattering phase is switched off to study its influence on the development of anisotropic flow.

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The string melting configuration of the AMPT without hadronic rescattering was used to study the influence of the hadronic phase on the development of the anisotropic flow.

R: Done

1296

reasonably reproduces

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reasonably well reproduces

R : Done

1303

Remove "The quantitative comparisons of the measured v n to various AMPT configurations are provided in Appendix A.", as this is now introduced in the beginning of the section for all models.

R: Done

1306-308

Three different models are compared with the experimental results presented in Sec. 5. We compare ...; these were shown ... In this previous work it was

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Comparison ... was shown ... It was

R: Done 1311-312

The NSC(4,2) observable shows better ... but the model cannot ... either .. or ... This observed discrepancy

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The model calculations for NSC(4,2) observable show that it has better ... but they cannot .. neither ... nor ... The discrepancy

R: Done

1317-319

While we discussed the comparison to these hydrodynamic model calculations with various temperature dependent η /s parameterizations, only two calculations with the parameters ... results

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The calculations for the two sets of parameters ... data

R : Done

1323

can be ruled

->

is ruled

R : Done ->are ruled

1327

"Most notably, this measurement is so far the most dramatic example of the failure of constant η/s to describe the data."

Remove this sentence, as it is not justified by results in Fig. 4 and Fig. 7

R: Removed. Now a moderate conclusion the later part on chisquare test.

1335

The comparisons

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Similar to the EKRT+viscous hydrodynamics calculations, the comparisons

R: Removed this sentence since the conclusion might have different meaning because of the difference in initial conditions and/or untuned vn in VISH models.

Figs. 4,5,6

There should a an entry in the legend indicating that black circles represents the data points R: Done Fig. 4,5,6 captions "are compared" ". Results are compared" R: Done Fig. 5 , 0.16 -> and 0.16 R: Done (NSC(m,n) -> (NSC(m,n)) R: Done 1355-256 string melting AMPT model ... default model string melting configuration of the AMPT model ... default configuration R: Done 1375-276 reversal of the hierarchy ... the magnitudes inverse hierarchy ... different magnitudes R: Done 1378 an AMPT model the AMPT model calculations R: Done 1396 Finally, we perform a least-square test to the models for each SC observable via ... as following, The agreement of various model calculations with the data is quantified using the .. by calculation the chi2: R: Done: calculation -> calculating measurement (model) in a centrality bin, and the systematic

measurement (model) value in a centrality bin \$i\$. The systematical

R: Done 1399-400

The centrality range is restricted in 10–50% bins, corresponding the total number of data sets in each observable (N) is 4.

The total number of data samples \$N\$ in Eq. (5) is 4, which corresponds to the number of bins in the centrality range 10-50% used in chi2 calculations.

R: Done 1400-401

The resulting chi2 for few selected calculations from three theoretical models which describe the SC observables best is shown in Fig. 7.

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The chi2 for model calculations which are best in describing the SC observables for each of the three different types of models is shown in Fig. 7.

R: Done

Fig. 7 Y-axis 10^0 ->

R: Done

Fig. 7 caption

The chi2 values from the comparison of few selected calculations from three theoretical models are shown for SC(m,n) (a), NSC(m,n) (b) and individual harmonics v n (c).

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The chi2 values defined by Eq. (5) calculated for SC(m,n) (a), NSC(m,n) (b) and individual harmonics v n (c).

Results are for model calculations which are best in describing the SC observables for each of the three different types of models.

R: Done. "The chi2 values defined by Eq. (5) calculated" to "The chi2 values calculated by Eq. (5) are shown"

1405

This can be explained by the fact

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This reflects the fact

R : Done. 1407

showing that the

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where the

R: Done.

I410

worst ... and noticeably larger

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largest ... especially

R: Done.

1412-413

As for the calculations from event-by-event EKRT+viscous hydrodynamics, the χ 2 values for SC(4,2) and NSC(4,2) are comparable to that for v 2 but they are larger than that for v 4.

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The χ 2 values for SC(4,2) and NSC(4,2) for event-by-event EKRT+viscous hydrodynamics are comparable to that for v 2 but larger than for v 4.

R: Done. "for event"-> "from event"

1414-415

I can turn this argument around and say that I can tune my model to reproduce SC(m,n) and then it will fail to reproduce vn. I think we need both [N]SC(m,n) and vn to be describe simultaneously, i.e.:

This finding supports the idea that the SC observables can provide better constraints in the model calculations than the individual flow harmonics v n .

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This illustrate that the SC observables together with the individual flow harmonics provide better constraints for the model parameters than each of them individually.

R : Done. illustrate-> illustrates

1417

related with v3.

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which includes v3.

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R: Done. includes-> include
1418-421
depending both ... sensitivities ... properties used in the model calculations.
depending ... sensitivity... properties.
R: Done.
1422
Correlations between v2, v3 and v4
Correlations between v2 and v3 and v2 and v4
R: changed to "between v2 and v3 and between v2 and v4"
Remove the repetition below (the same text appears on I241-244):
"It can be seen in Fig. 2 that for NSC(3,2) there is no p T,min dependence in the centrality range <
30%, and a moderate decreasing trend with increasing p T,min is observed in the > 30% centrality
range. NSC(4,2) shows a moderate decreasing trend as p T,min or centrality increases."
and start Sec. 6.2 from the discussion of the model comparison, i.e. I426 "The NSC(3,2) and
NSC(4,2)..."
R: Removed
1428
higher minimum pT cuts.
higher p T,min.
R: Done
1429
With the exception of the default configuration, the other AMPT settings
The default configuration of the AMPT is well reproducing the NSC(3,2), while the other AMPT
configurations
R: Done
1433
the same model which
the default AMPT configuration which
R: Done
1434
When the string melting AMPT model is compared to the same model with the hadronic
rescattering off, it is observed that the
->
Comparison of the string melting AMPT configuration with that without hadronic rescattering
suggest that a
R: Done. suggest->suggests
1446
> 20%
->
30-50%
R: Done.
1449
This
The
R: Done.
1456-457
The results are obtained with Symmetric 2-harmonic 4-particle Cumulants (SC)
The results are presented in terms of the Symmetric Cumulants SC(m,n).
R: Done.
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1457
that this method is
that SC(m,n) are
R: Done.
1468-469
these ... lower order harmonic correlations.
the ... lower order.
R: Done.
L474
these results
the new results for SC(m,n) and NSC(m,n)
R: Done.
Figs. 8,9 caption
"is compared to"
". Results are compared with"
R: Done.
Ref. 102
Reduce the list of names to "W.-M. Yao, et.al."
R: Done
1771-772
The comparisons are made only up to v4 because model calculations are not available for v5 at
this moment.
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This sentence asks for a question, because to calculate NSC(5,2/3) for models in Fig. 4-6 we need
to calculate individual vn, and here we state that v5 in not available for the models.
R: Removed. We tried to get the model calculations, was not successful in the end. Probably
they want to release in their papers first. We might try to get them again during CR2.
1773
The measured v n (n = 2, 3 and 4)
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The measured v n for n = 2-4
R: Done
+specify the rapidity and pT range used for the data/model calculations
R: added in the figure and in the text. The $v n$ is measured for charged particles in the
pseudorapidity range $\\eta| < 0.8\$ and the transverse momentum range $0.2 < p {\rm T} < 5.0\$
GeV/$c$ as a function of collision centrality~\cite{Adam:2016izf}.
Figs. A1-A3 caption
v n (n = 2, 3 and 4)
v n for n = 2-4
R: Done, also in the main text.
"are compared"
". Results are compared"
R: Done
Fig. A1 caption
[45]. The lines are hydrodynamic predictions with two
[45] for two
R: Done
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Fig. A2 caption are drawn as different colors ->

are shown in different colors

R: Done

The n/s parameters

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The results for different η /s values

R: Done

, 0.16

->

and, 0.16 R: Done

Fig. 4 caption

to few selected model calculations from three theoretical models which describe the v n data best.

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with selected calculations from three different types of models which are best in describing vn coefficients.

R: Done

P.S.

I forgot to mention that the reply to the Collaboration Round 1 comments are fine from my side.

There are a few small typos (like expended -> expanded, contain -> constrain, texts -> text), but all the answers are clear.

Comments from Sudhir

Dear DongJo,

- 1. I share Ilya's concern as expressed in his last mail and observe the following:
- (i) The chi-squares seen in Fig. 7 indicate a preference for EKRT + viscous as against VISH2+1 with AMPT initial conditions.
- (ii) The chi-squares do not help us conclude the correctness of the model with constant eta/S versus temp. dependent eta/S.
- (iii) An extremely low value of chi-square (for v4, the chi 2 /dof is 0 .05) does not indicate a good fit in as much as a very large value does not invoke a good fit.
- (iv) Line 465 (draft dated 15/08/17), the last line just before the last para in summary. "Based on the tested model parameters, the data favours small eta/S and the AMPT initial condition".

Unless I am missing something, this is at variance from what fig. 7 conveys.

R : The chi-square test was done to give readers more quantitative picture suggested by Babara.

I agree fully what you have listed but I am not sure what you can do more than those written in the paper. This is what we can do best now. Instead of this kind of simple chi-square test, we need to go along with the line of an approach, for example https://arxiv.org/abs/1605.03954 to constrain things. For sure our new observables will be used as soon as they are out.

Also note that iv is ok since the statement is purely based on the model parameters used only in VISH2+1 as written in few places.

Also note that VISH2+1 doesn't have T dependence of eta/s and initial conditions are different.

Also new paragraph will give a better insight on what we have now.

(2) Lines 324-325: "As shown in Fig. 4.....within the errors". Correlations between v5 and v3 are not well described within error, and large departure can be seen at lower centralities (40-50%). You may want to moderate the statement a little. Here is a suggestion:

"While the correlations between v5 and v2 are well described at all centralities, the correlations between v5 and v3 are well described for the more central collisions and deviate by a little more than one sigma for 40-50% centrality, as shown in Fig. 4" R: Done

(3) Line 396: We are performing a least squares method (which can also be derived from log-likelihood). There is no need to mention log-likelihood. 'Suggestion: remove 'log-likelihood or'

R: Done

(4) Line 399- 400: "The centrality range isis 4". May be this was discussed: should we specify why is this analysis restricted to 10-50% and the data points for the most central events are not taken? Also, you may want to rephrase this sentence for want of clarity.

R: We don't have a model calculation for one of EKRT models < 10%.

There are some very minor edit comments. Take them if you like:

Line 24: '.... the present(ed) results provide further constraints on (the) initial conditions and

R: Done

Line 100-101: Change the order...."In Sec. 2 we present the analysis methods and summarise our findings from the previous work" because that is the order in which we have done it in section 2.

R: Done

Line 241: Suggestion: "The NSC(3,2) observable does not show any p_T,min dependence for the centrality range < 30%, while showing a moderate....."

R: We think the current version is ok.

Line 298: "....it was seen clearly in a recent study...."Suggestion --> ...it was observed in a recent study....

R: Done

Line 464: '...fail to capture the ...' --> '...fail to describe the', You may want to make this replacement at some other places also.

R : Done for few places.

Thank you and best,

sudhir