Geometry engineering, longitudinal dynamics, and droplets of quark-gluon plasma

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- Brief overview of the standard model of heavy ion collisions (the hydro paradigm)
- Small systems beam energy scan
- Small systems geometry scan
- A quick look outside RHIC



Based on developments in hydro theory over the last few years, we might replace "thermalization" with "hydrodynamization"

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R. Andrade et al, Eur. Phys. J. A 29, 23-26 (2006)

NeXSPheRIO results on elliptic flow at RHIC and connection with thermalization

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Worth noting that lumpy initial conditions were predicted some time in 2003



Data and theory for v_n

Gale et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 012302 (2013)



 $\frac{dN}{d\varphi} \propto 2v_1 \cos \varphi + 2v_2 \cos 2\varphi + 2v_3 \cos 3\varphi + 2v_4 \cos 4\varphi + 2v_5 \cos 5\varphi$

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PHOBOS, Phys. Rev. C 81, 034915 (2010)



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Central: breakdown of small-variance limit (assumed in data and solid line)

Peripheral: non-linearity in hydro response (e.g. J. Noronha-Hostler et al Phys. Rev. C 93, 014909 (2016))

Geometry engineering and nuclear structure

STAR, arXiv:2109.00131



Exquisite new data from STAR shows percent-level sensitivity to nuclear structure

J. Jia, arXiv:2109.00604 proposes to use flow and nuclear structure to inform each other

Small systems

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"Twenty years ago, the challenge in heavy ion physics was to find the QGP. Now, the challenge is to not find it." —Jürgen Schukraft, QM17

The ridge is a signature of flow



Extended structure away from near-side jet peak interpreted as collective effect due to presence of QGP

- First discovered by STAR in Au+Au in 2004 (PRC 73, 064907 (2006) and PRL 95, 152301 (2005))
- Realized by STAR to be flow in 2009 (PRL 105, 022301 (2010))
- First found in small systems by CMS (JHEP 1009, 091 (2010) and PLB 718, 795 (2013))

First results at RHIC



PHENIX, Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 212301 (2013)



Right around the same time as the *p*+Pb ridge:
—First paper measuring v₂ in *d*+Au at RHIC
—Measurement of baryon enhancement in *d*+Au

Small systems beam energy scan

Testing hydro by controlling system size and life time



Geometry in d+Au collisions dominated by deuteron shape, thus largely independent of collision energy

Spacetime volume of system in QGP phase decreases with decreasing collision energy

PHENIX, Phys. Rev. C 96, 064905 (2017)



- Hydro theory agrees with higher energies very well, underpredicts lower energies
- Likely need different EOS for lower energies; influence of conserved charges likely more important at lower energies (see e.g. J. Noronha-Hostler et al, 1911.10272, 1911.12454)
- Nonflow likelier to be an issue due to lower multiplicity at lower energies

PHENIX, Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 062302 (2018)



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STAR, Initial Stages 2019



- STAR sees negative c_2 {4} in d+Au, qualitatively consistent with PHENIX
- The differences in kinematics between the two experiments are important

Pseudorapidity dependence in small systems as a prelude to the geometry scan

Phys. Rev. Lett. 121, 222301 (2018)



p+Al, p+Au, d+Au, ³He+Au

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• It would be nice to know $v_3(\eta)$, but very hard to measure
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Exploiting Intrinsic Triangular Geometry in Relativistic $^{3}\mathrm{He}+\mathrm{Au}$ Collisions to Disentangle Medium Properties

J. L. Nagle, A. Adare, S. Beckman, T. Koblesky, J. Orjuela Koop, D. McGlinchey, P. Romatschke, J. Carlson, J. E. Lynn, and M. McCumber Phys. Rev. Lett. **113**, 112301 – Published 12 September 2014

- Collective motion translates initial geometry into final state distributions
- To determine whether small systems exhibit collectivity, we can adjust the geometry and compare across systems
- We can also test predictions of hydrodynamics with a QGP phase



R. Belmont, UNCG BNL Seminar, 2 November 2021 - Slide 26



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- AMPT gets mid- p_T separation because of the more realistic hadronization (coalescence)

PHENIX, Nat. Phys. 15, 214-220 (2019)



v₂ and v₃ ordering matches ε₂ and ε₃ ordering in all three systems
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v₂ and v₃ vs p_T predicted or described very well by hydrodynamics in all three systems
 —All predicted (except v₂ in d+Au) in J.L. Nagle et al, PRL 113, 112301 (2014)
 —v₃ in p+Au and d+Au predicted in C. Shen et al, PRC 95, 014906 (2017)



 Initial state effects alone do not describe the data —Phys. Rev. Lett. 123, 039901 (Erratum) (2019)

PHENIX, Nat. Phys. 15, 214-220 (2019)



 Inclusion of initial state effects is important, but not a big contribution for central collisions —B. Schenke et al, Phys. Lett. B 803, 135322 (2020)

How important are initial state effects?



- For central p+Au, modest correlation between ε_p and v_2 but fairly strong correlation between ψ_2^p and $\psi_2^{v_2}$
- For central d+Au and ³He+Au, no correlation between ε_p and v_2 , modest correlation between ψ_2^p and $\psi_2^{v_2}$

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- It's essential to understand the two experiments have very different detector acceptances —STAR-PHENIX discrepancy may actually reveal interesting physics

STAR and PHENIX detector comparison



- The PHENIX Nature Physics paper uses the BBCS-FVTXS-CNT detector combination —This is very different from the STAR analysis
- We can try to use FVTXS-CNT-FVTXN detector combination to better match STAR —Closer, and "balanced" between forward and backward, *but still different*

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Pseudorapidity dependence in small systems



- $dN_{ch}/d\eta$ from AMPT, $v_3(\eta)$ from (super)SONIC
- The likely much stronger pseudorapidity dependence of v_3 compared to v_2 is an essential ingredient in understanding different measurements

Understanding the non-flow contributions



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- Considerable improvement in nonflow subtraction in STAR 2019 preliminary, reasonable agreement with PHENIX

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Checking Non-Flow Assumptions and Results via PHENIX Published Correlations in p+p, p+Au, d+Au, $^{3}He+Au$ at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200 \text{ GeV}$

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- A new paper uses these data tables to explore non-flow subtraction of these data as well as to assess the degree of (non-)closure of non-flow subtraction methods



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- Since AMPT has too much non-flow and PYTHIA doesn't have any flow, the degree of overcorrection in real data is likely not as bad as it is with these generators

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- The STAR v_3/v_2 is very similar to the non-flow corrected PHENIX ratio

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- Since the template method over-corrects the raw BBCS-FVTXS-CNT v_3 , the truth is likely in between
- A firm understanding of this could shed a lot of light on various physics scenarios...

Extremely small systems

Extremely small systems in AMPT

J.L. Nagle et al, Phys. Rev. C 97, 024909 (2018)



• A single color string $(e^++e^- \text{ collisions})$ shows no sign of collectivity

• Two color strings shows collectivity —In AMPT, p+p has two strings and $p/d/^{3}$ He+Au have more

Extremely small systems at LEP

Badea et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 123, 212002 (2019)



No apparent collectivity in ALEPH e^++e^- data

- Brought up as a possibility in e.g. P. Romatschke, EPJC 77, 21 (2017)
- Not expected in parton escape picture (see previous slide)
- Not expected (below $\sqrt{s} \approx 7$ TeV) in e.g. P. Castorina et al, EPJA 57, 111 (2021)

Extremely small systems at HERA and the EIC

Abt et al, JHEP 04, 070 (2020)



"The correlations observed here do not indicate the kind of collective behaviour recently observed at the highest RHIC and LHC energies in high-multiplicity hadronic collisions."

No collectivity in e+p collisions at HERA \rightarrow Not likely to find collectivity in e+p collisions at EIC But what about e+A collisions?

Considerable interest in this topic within EIC community (see talks by R. Milner, E. Ferreiro, others...)

Extremely small systems at the LHC



- Observation of collectivity in photonuclear collisions
- Collective picture: photon fluctuates into a vector meson (e.g. ρ), not so different from p+Pb
- Initial state picture: CGC calculation in good agreement, further investigation needed

Brief summary and outlook

- Long term understanding of collective and hydrodynamical behavior in large systems
- Geometry and fluctuations play essential roles in observables
- Many successful predictions for both the small systems beam energy scan and the small systems geometry scan from hydrodynamics
 - -Pushing the envelope for regimes of applicability of hydro
 - -Driving theoretical developments in hydro
- Some notable challenges
 - —Small systems cumulants (including long-known sign issue in p+p at LHC)
 - —Longitudinal dynamics (STAR-PHENIX geometry scan, $dN_{ch}/d\eta$, $v_2(\eta)$,...)
 - -Need for more realistic hadronization
- Plenty of great opportunities in the future
 - -More geometry scans, including but limited to more isobars
 - -Extremely small systems at future colliders, e.g. EIC

Extra material

Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 062302 (2018)

$$v_2{4} = (-c_2{4})^{1/4}$$

Negative c_2 {4} means real v_2 {4}



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 c_2 {4} is positive in p+Au

Can we blame this on nonflow?

Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 062302 (2018)



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Use of subevents further suppresses nonflow

Positive c_2 {4} in *p*+Au doesn't seem to be related to nonflow



Cumulants in p+Au and d+Au at 200 GeV



p+p collisions at the LHC

Weller & Romatschke, PLB 774, 351 (2017)

superSONIC for p+p, \sqrt{s} =5.02 TeV, 0-1%



• Hydro does a good job of $v_n\{2\}...$

p+p collisions at the LHC



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- ...but hydro cannot even get the correct sign of $c_2{4}$

Initial eccentricities

Table compiled by J.L. Nagle

System	Nagle Nucleons w/o NBD fluctuations	Welsh Nucleons w/ NBD fluctuations	Welsh Quarks w/ NBD and Gluon fluctuations	IPGlasma w/ Nucleons t=0	IP-Glasma w/ 3 Quarks t=0
$\epsilon_2 p+Au$	0.23	0.32	0.38	0.10	0.50
$\epsilon_2 d+Au$	0.54	0.48	0.51	0.58	0.73
ϵ_2^{3} He+Au	0.50	0.50	0.52	0.55	0.64
ε ₃ p+Au	0.16	0.24	0.30	0.09	0.32
$\epsilon_3 d+Au$	0.18	0.28	0.31	0.28	0.40
ϵ_3 ³ He+Au	0.28	0.32	0.35	0.34	0.46

• Nagle et al: https://journals.aps.org/prl/abstract/10.1103/PhysRevLett.113.112301

- Welsh et al: https://journals.aps.org/prc/abstract/10.1103/PhysRevC.94.024919
- IP-Glasma run by S. Lim using publicly available code (thanks to B. Schenke)

