

Imaging heavy-ion initial condition & nuclear structure

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e+p/A vs nuclear collisions

• EIC: structures of nucleon and nuclear initial state



Heavy-ion: Initial state and emergence of collectivity.



e+p/A vs nuclear collisions

- EIC: structures of initial state (one-body Wigner distribution)
 - Precise control on kinematics



Heavy-ion: Multi-Parton interactions (many-body distributions)



Probe distributions of nucleons and partons via collective response

Rich structure of atomic nuclei

β₂-landscape

- Collective phenomena of many-body quantum system
 - clustering, halo, bubble, skin, deformations...
 - Momentum correlation e.g. SRC
 - Nontrivial evaluation with N and Z.



Collective structure for heavy ion collision

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$$\rho(r,\theta,\phi) = \frac{\rho_0}{1+e^{(r-R(\theta,\phi))/a_0}}$$

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



High-energy heavy ion collision

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Key features facilitating the connection to nuclear structure 1) Extremely short passing time means that collision takes a snap-shot of the nuclear and nucleon wavefunction in the two nuclei. 2) Large particle production in overlap region means the produced QGP expands hydrodynamically in each event

Connection to nuclear structure



High energy: approx. linear response in each event:
$$N_{ch} \propto N_{part} - rac{\delta[p_T]}{[p_T]} \propto -rac{\delta R_{\perp}}{R_{\perp}} V_n \propto \mathcal{E}_n$$

- Discuss how nuclear structure impacts the initial condition and observables
- Case study with isobar collision data.
- Discuss the prospect of nuclear structure imaging with system scan.

How nuclear shape influences HI initial condition



Expected structure dependencies





The shape and size the overlap, therefore v_2 and p_T , also depend on diffuseness a_0 and radius R_0

At fixed N_{part}

$$\begin{array}{cccc} a_0 & \Longrightarrow & v_2 & p_T \\ R_0 & \Longrightarrow & p_T & \end{array}$$

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Low-energy vs high-energy method

• Shape from B(En), radial profile from e+A or ion-A scattering



Shape frozen in crossing time (<10⁻²⁴s), probe entire mass distribution via multi-point correlations.



Collective flow response to nuclear structure



 $S(\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2) \equiv \langle \delta \rho(\mathbf{s}_1) \delta \rho(\mathbf{s}_2) \rangle \\ = \langle \rho(\mathbf{s}_1) \rho(\mathbf{s}_2) \rangle - \langle \rho(\mathbf{s}_1) \rangle \langle \rho(\mathbf{s}_2) \rangle.$

High-order fluctuations

- In principle, can measure any moments of $p(1/R, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3...)$
 - Mean $\langle d_{\perp} \rangle$ • Variances: $\langle \varepsilon_n^2 \rangle$, $\langle (\delta d_\perp/d_\perp)^2 \rangle = 1/R_\perp$ • Skewness $\langle \varepsilon_n^2 \delta d_\perp/d_\perp \rangle$, $\langle (\delta d_\perp/d_\perp)^3 \rangle$ $\langle v_n^2 \delta p_T/p_T \rangle$, $\langle (\delta p_T/p_T)^3 \rangle$
 - Kurtosis $\langle \varepsilon_n^4 \rangle 2 \langle \varepsilon_n^2 \rangle^2, \left\langle (\delta d_\perp/d_\perp)^4 \right\rangle 3 \left\langle (\delta d_\perp/d_\perp)^2 \right\rangle^2 \quad \left\langle v_n^4 \right\rangle 2 \left\langle v_n^2 \right\rangle^2, \left\langle (\delta p_{\mathrm{T}}/p_{\mathrm{T}})^4 \right\rangle 3 \left\langle (\delta p_{\mathrm{T}}/p_{\mathrm{T}})^2 \right\rangle^2$
- All with rather simple connection to deformation, for example:
 - Variances

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Skewness

$$egin{aligned} &\langle arepsilon_2^2
angle &\sim a_2 + b_2 eta_2^2 + b_{2,3} eta_3^2 \ &\langle arepsilon_3^2
angle &\sim a_3 + b_3 eta_3^2 \ &\langle arepsilon_4^2
angle &\sim a_4 + b_4 eta_4^2 + b_{4,2} eta_2^2 \ &(\delta d_\perp / d_\perp)^2
angle &\sim a_0 + b_0 eta_2^2 + b_{0,3} eta_3^2 \end{aligned}$$

- $\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \delta d_\perp / d_\perp \rangle \sim a_1 b_1 \cos(3\gamma) \beta_2^3$ $\left(\left(\delta d_{\perp}/d_{\perp}
 ight)^3
 ight) ~~ \sim a_2 + b_2 \cos(3\gamma) eta_2^3$
- Kurtosis

$$\frac{\langle \varepsilon_2^4 \rangle - 2 \langle \varepsilon_2^2 \rangle^2}{\langle (\delta d_\perp / d_\perp)^4 \rangle - 3 \langle (\delta d_\perp / d_\perp)^2 \rangle^2} \sim a_4 - b_4 \beta_2^4$$

Isobar collisions at RHIC: a precision tool



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- Designed to search for the chiral magnetic effect: strong P & CP violation of QCD in the presence of EM field. Turns out the CME signal is small, and isobar-differences are dominated by the nuclear structure differences.
- <0.4% precision is achieved in ratio of many observables between 96 Ru+ 96 Ru and 96 Zr+ 96 Zr systems \rightarrow a precision imaging tool

Isobar collisions at RHIC: a precision tool ¹³

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Expectation



$ \rho(r, \theta, \phi) \propto \frac{1}{1+r} $	$\frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2} [r - R_0 (1 + \beta_2 Y_0^0(\theta, \phi) + \beta_3 Y_0^0(\theta, \phi))]/a_0}$				
1 + 6	2109.00131				
$\mathcal{O} \approx b_0 + b_1 \beta_2^2 + b_1^2$	$b_2\beta_2^2 + b_3(R_0 - R_{0,rof}) + b_4(a - a_r)$				

$$\mathcal{D} \approx b_0 + b_1 \beta_2^2 + b_2 \beta_3^2 + b_3 (R_0 - R_{0,\text{ref}}) + b_4 (a - a_{\text{ref}})$$

$$R_{\mathcal{O}} \equiv \frac{\mathcal{O}_{\mathrm{Ru}}}{\mathcal{O}_{\mathrm{Zr}}} \approx 1 + c_1 \Delta \beta_2^2 + c_2 \Delta \beta_3^2 + c_3 \Delta R_0 + c_4 \Delta a$$

Only probes isobar differences

Relate to neutron skin:
$$\Delta r_{np} = \langle r_n \rangle^{1/2} - \langle r_p \rangle^{1/2}$$

$$\Delta r_{np,Ru} - \Delta r_{np,Zr} \propto (R_0 \Delta R_0 - R_{0p} \Delta R_{0p}) + 7/3\pi^2 (a\Delta a - a_p \Delta a_p)$$
mass

Sly4								
Species	β_2	eta_3	a_0	R_0				
Ru	0.162	0	$0.46~\mathrm{fm}$	$5.09~\mathrm{fm}$				
Zr	0.06	0.20	$0.52~\mathrm{fm}$	$5.02~\mathrm{fm}$				
difference	$\Delta \beta_2^2$	$\Delta \beta_3^2$	Δa_0	ΔR_0				
	0.0226	-0.04	-0.06 fm	$0.07~\mathrm{fm}$				

Structure influences everywhere



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 $\mathcal{O}_{\mathrm{Ru}}$

 $R_{\mathcal{O}} \equiv$

Nuclear structure via v_2 -ratio and v_3 -ratio

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Nuclear structure via v_2 -ratio and v_3 -ratio ¹⁷



Nuclear structure via v₂-ratio and v₃-ratio

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Nuclear structure via v₂-ratio and v₃-ratio

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Nuclear structure via v₂-ratio and v₃-ratio²⁰



Simultaneously constrain these parameters using different N_{ch} regions

Nuclear structure via $p(N_{ch})$, $< p_T >$ -ratio²¹



Energy dependence: RHIC vs LHC



- x3 more particle density at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ =5 TeV compare to 0.2 TeV
- But the shape after rescaling looks quite similar \rightarrow collision geometry

Results at LHC at 5 TeV

 $p(N_{trk}^{offline})_{Ru}/p(N_{trk}^{offline})_{Zr}$

STAR data

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{AMPT} \ \boldsymbol{\beta}_{2,3} \\ \text{AMPT} \ \boldsymbol{\beta}_{2,3} \ \boldsymbol{a}_{0} \\ \text{AMPT} \ \boldsymbol{\beta}_{2,3} \ \boldsymbol{a}_{0} \ \boldsymbol{R}_{0} \end{array}$

100

🔶 AMPT β

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2 1 0.2%

300

5

200

- The influence of nuclear shape and skin play similar role for $p(N_{ch})$ and v_2
- But stronger impact of β_3 on v_3 (:)
- Initial condition is \sqrt{s} dependent: AMPT has nPDF and toy saturation effects implemented via p₀ and Lund parameters.



Isobar ratios not affected by final state

- Vary the shear viscosity via partonic cross-section
 - Flow signal change by 30-50%, the v_n ratio unchanged.



Robust probe of initial condition!





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Isobar to constrain initial condition



Use nuclear structure as extra lever-arm for initial condition

Exploiting the structure lever-arm



Example: Nuclear structure effects in light nuclei²⁷

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Example: shape evolution of ^{144–154}Sm isotopic chain²⁹

Transition from nearly-spherical to well-deformed nuclei when size increase by less than 7%. Using HI to access the multi-nucleon correlations leading to such shape evolution, as well as dynamical β_3 and β_4 shape fluctuations (in addition to initial condition)



 $egin{aligned} & ext{ In central collisions} \ & \left< \epsilon_2^2 \right> = a' + b' eta_2^2 \ & a' = \left< \varepsilon_2^2 \right>_{|eta_2=0} \propto 1/A \ & \left< v_2^2 \right> = a + b eta_2^2 \ & a = \left< v_2^2 \right>_{|eta_2=0} \propto 1/A \end{aligned}$

b', b are ~ independent of system



Systems with similar A falls on the same curve.

Fix a and b with two isobar systems with known β_2 , then predict others.

Application in ¹⁹⁷Au+¹⁹⁷Au vs ²³⁸U+²³⁸U ³⁰



Suggests $|\beta_2|_{Au} \sim 0.18 + 0.02$, larger than NS model of 0.13+-0.02



Need 3-point correlators to probe the 3 axes

 $ig\langle v_2^2 \delta p_{
m T}
angle \sim -eta_2^3 \cos(3\gamma) \qquad ig\langle (\delta p_{
m T})^3
angle \sim eta_2^3 \cos(3\gamma)$

2109.00604

 $\begin{aligned} \mathsf{Triaxial}\\ \beta_2 = 0.25, \cos(3\gamma) = 0 \end{aligned}$



Oblate $\beta_2 = 0.25, \cos(3\gamma) = -1$





Influence of triaxiality: Glauber model

Skewness sensitive to y

Described by

$$\left\langle arepsilon_2^2 rac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp}
ight
angle \propto \left\langle v_2^2 \delta p_{
m T}
ight
angle \propto a + b \cos(3\gamma) eta_2^3$$

variances insensitive to γ

$$\left< arepsilon_2^2
ight
angle \propto \left< v_2^2
ight
angle \propto a + b eta_2^2$$



Use variance to constrain β_2 , use skewness to constrain γ

(β_2, γ) diagram in heavy-ion collisions

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The (β_2, γ) dependence in 0-1% $\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \rangle \approx [0.02 + \beta_2^2] \times 0.235$ $\rho = \frac{\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \delta d_\perp \rangle}{\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \rangle \sqrt{\langle (\delta d_\perp)^2 \rangle}}$ approximated by: $\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \delta d_\perp / d_\perp \rangle^2 \rangle \approx [0.005 - (0.07 + 1.36\cos(3\gamma))\beta_2^3] \times 10^{-2}$

 $d_\perp \propto 1/R_\perp$



Collision system scan to map out this trajectory: calibrate coefficients with species with known β , γ , then predict for species of interest.

Summary

- Constrain QGP initial condition with nuclear structure input, important for extraction of QGP properties
- Understanding how initial condition responds to nuclear structure, in turn enables imaging of nuclear structure properties.
- Collisions of carefully-selected isobar species (at LHC) will improve study of initial condition from small to large system



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A	isobars	A	isobars	A	isobars
36	Ar, S	106	Pd, Cd	148	Nd, Sm
40	Ca, Ar	108	Pd, Cd	150	Nd, Sm
46	Ca, Ti	110	Pd, Cd	152	Sm, Gd
48	Ca, Ti	112	Cd, Sn	154	Sm, Gd
50	Ti, V, Cr	113	Cd, In	156	Gd, Dy
54	Cr, Fe	114	Cd, Sn	158	Gd, Dy
64	Ni, Zn	115	In, Sn	160	Gd, Dy
70	Zn, Ge	116	Cd, Sn	162	Dy, Er
74	Ge, Se	120	Sn, Te	164	Dy, Er
76	Ge, Se	122	Sn, Te	168	Er, Yb
78	Se, Kr	123	Sb, Te	170	Er, Yb
80	Se, Kr	124	Sn, Te, Xe	174	Yb, Hf
84	Kr, Sr, Mo	126	Te, Xe	176	Yb, Lu, Hf
86	Kr, Sr	128	Te, Xe	180	Hf, W
87	Rb, Sr	130	Te, Xe, Ba	184	W, Os
92	Zr, Nb, Mo	132	Xe, Ba	186	W, Os
94	Zr, Mo	134	Xe, Ba	187	Re, Os
96	Zr, Mo, Ru	136	Xe, Ba, Ce	190	Os, Pt
98	Mo, Ru	138	Ba, La, Ce	192	Os, Pt
100	Mo, Ru	142	Ce, Nd	198	Pt, Hg
102	Ru, Pd	144	Nd, Sm	204	Hg, Pb
104	Bu. Pd	146	Nd. Sm		

Concluding remarks

• HI relied on NS and DIS to provide inputs on initial state of A and p.

Nuclear structure

Heavy lon physics

Partonic Structure

- HI physics now is precise enough to feedback to NS and DIS
 - Clearly possible in large A+A system. As understanding of early state improves, might be possible even in small system? Continued analysis & interpretation of HI data is important



Neutron skin in high-energy collisions

0.3

The famous PREX and CREX has tension with theory and previous exp. Indicate a larger L value. $\Delta r_{\rm np,Pb} = 0.28 \pm 0.07 {\rm fm}$ $\Delta r_{\rm np,Ca} = 0.14 \pm 0.03 {\rm fm}$

• Access the difference of neutron skin by comparing 40Ca+40Ca and 48Ca+48Ca

We know:

$$egin{aligned} \mathsf{W}: & \sqrt{ig\langle r_\mathrm{p}^2 ig
angle} ig(^{48}\mathrm{Ca}ig) = \sqrt{ig\langle r_\mathrm{p}^2 ig
angle} ig(^{40}\mathrm{Ca}ig) \ & \sqrt{ig\langle r_\mathrm{p}^2 ig
angle} ig(^{40}\mathrm{Ca}ig) pprox \sqrt{ig\langle r_\mathrm{n}^2 ig
angle} ig(^{40}\mathrm{Ca}ig) \end{aligned}$$

Hence :

$$egin{aligned} \Delta_{
m np}ig(^{48}{
m Ca}ig) & - \Delta_{
m np}ig(^{40}{
m Ca}ig) &\simeq \Delta_{
m np}ig(^{48}{
m Ca}ig) \ &\propto ar{R}_0\Delta R_0 + 7/3\pi^2ar{a}\Delta a \end{aligned}$$



0.2

 $R_{n} - R_{p} (^{208} Pb, fm)$

0.1

90%

0.4

0.3

Separating shape and size effects

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Shape fluctuations

 Shape fluctuations and shape coexistence can be accessed via highorder correlations



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