# Collective flow: experiment vs theory

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#### Is there collectivity?

Projections of single event calorimeter distributions - O(10<sup>4</sup>) particles - onto transverse plane



Particles are emitted in preferred directions event-by-event Modulation of  $\pm$  15% or more

#### Paradigm: Pressure-driven hydrodynamic expansion





Initial nuclear overlap defines direction (anisotropic pressure gradients) Final state momentum distribution reflects initial overlap geometry

Hydrodynamic expansion translates initial configuration space anisotropy into final state momentum distribution

### A brief history of collective flow

Ollitrault Phys.Rev. D46 (1992) 229-245

 $\boldsymbol{S}_{ij}^{\perp} = \sum_{\boldsymbol{\nu}=1}^{M} \boldsymbol{p}_{i}(\boldsymbol{\nu}) \boldsymbol{p}_{j}(\boldsymbol{\nu})$ 

Bevatron Plastic Ball

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> Plastic Scintillator (E) c < 10 ns

ζ---- CaF<sub>a</sub> (ΔΕ) τ−1 μs

Optical Fibe

Voloshin, Zhang, Z.Phys. C70 (1996) 665-672

### Modern times: 2000-2015



Key experimental and theoretical developments

Precise extraction of QGP transport coefficient  $\eta/s$ 

Understanding the structure and fine structure of collective motion through correlations

#### 2000



Elliptic flow in mid-central Au+Au collisions reaches values predicted in ideal (non-viscous) hydrodynamics











Strength of elliptic flow depends strongly on shear viscosity

Observed signal requires very small shear viscosity



"Viscosity bound" η/s ≧ I/4π in string theories with gravity dual in strong coupling limit

Connection between flow in HI and fundamental physics of strongly coupled systems

(b) 5-10%

(d) 20-40%

(f) 60-90%

1.5

 $\Delta \phi$  (rad)

2

2.5

1





Correlations after subtraction of  $v_2$  show structure at  $\Delta \phi = \pi \pm 60^{\circ}$  - Mach cones?



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First quantitative comparisons of data with viscous hydro calculations

Data imply  $\eta/s = \text{few} \times 1/4\pi$ 

Romatschke, Romatschke Phys.Rev.Lett. 99 (2007) 172301

Gale, Jeon, Schenke

### 2010



## 2010

#### Gale, Jeon, Schenke Int.J.Mod.Phys. A28 (2013) 13<u>40011</u>





B. Alver, GR, Phys.Rev. C81 (2010) 054905

Initial geometry fluctuations break two-fold symmetry → Odd flow components, in particular triangular flow (v<sub>3</sub>)

Provides independent observables to constrain geometry and η/s simultaneously

#### Gale, Jeon, Schenke Int.J.Mod.Phys. A28 (2013) 1340011





#### B. Alver, GR, Phys.Rev. C81 (2010) 054905



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



### Mass dependence of $v_2(p_T)$



ALICE JHEP 1506 (2015) 190 Measurement of v2(pT) for identified hadrons

Origin of correlations from common underlying anisotropic velocity field in hydro picture implies mass ordering

Mass ordering seen in data at LHC, similar to prior RHIC measurements by STAR, PHENIX

## Event-plane angle $(\Psi_n)$ correlations



Heinz, Snellings (Review) Int.J.Mod.Phys. A28 (2013) 1340011

ATLAS pioneered studies of correlations between event-plane angles ( $\Psi_n$ ) of different flow harmonics  $v_n$ 

Some of these correlations are purely geometrical, while others arise only in the evolution of the system.

Hydrodynamic calculations reproduce these correlations for both cases (semi-) quantitatively

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#### Transverse and longitudinal source structure



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#### Factorization breaking vs transverse momentum difference



CMS PRC 92 (2015) 034911

#### Factorization breaking vs rapidity gap



If  $v_n$  pure single particle effect wrt common event plane angle expect factorization, i.e.  $r_n = I$ 

$$r_n(p_{\mathrm{T}}^a, p_{\mathrm{T}}^b) \equiv rac{V_{n\Delta}(p_{\mathrm{T}}^a, p_{\mathrm{T}}^b)}{\sqrt{V_{n\Delta}(p_{\mathrm{T}}^a, p_{\mathrm{T}}^a)V_{n\Delta}(p_{\mathrm{T}}^b, p_{\mathrm{T}}^b)}}$$

Due to local geometrical fluctuations and space-momentum correlations, hydro calculations *predicted* factorization breaking

Heinz et al, Phys. Rev. C 87 (2013) 034913

# Semi-quantitative agreement between data and prediction for $r_2(p_T^a, p_T^b)$

### Collective Flow in Large Systems

Wide range of correlation measurements in qualitative/semiquantitative or quantitative agreement with viscous hydro calculations with sensible initial conditions/transport coefficients

- Azimuthal anisotropies vn
- Characteristic v<sub>n</sub>(p<sub>T</sub>) shape
- Mass ordering of v<sub>n</sub>(p<sub>T</sub>)
- Multiplicity dependence
- Weak rapidity dependence

- Connection to initial geometry
- Higher order (n>4) correlations
- Factorization breaking
- Mass ordering of p<sub>T</sub> spectra
- Event angle correlations

Precision: Comparison to hydro codes yields  $1 \leq (\eta/s)/4\pi \leq 2.5$ 

#### Accuracy: Do we have control of initial and final state physics? Most importantly: Independent evidence for "perfect fluid"?

### Experiment vs Theory

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#### Pronounced structure at large $\delta\eta$ around $\delta\phi \sim 0$ !

## Two-Particle Correlations in 7TeV pp (2010)



# Multiplicity in these events is dominated by jet contribution.

~100 citations within a year

#### Interpretation:

Multi-jet correlations Jet-Jet color connections Jet-proton remnant color connections Jet-remnant connections + medium

#### **Glasma correlations**

Quantum entanglement Angular momentum conservation Angular momentum conservation + medium Hydrodynamic flow

## Two-Particle Correlations in pPb (Oct 2012)



Similar correlations as in highmultiplicity pp, but larger strength (associated yield)



Opinion: Phenomenology very similar in pp and pPb - same underlying physics

Most models of pp-ridge immediately ruled out

## Peripheral subtraction in ALICE and ATLAS

#### ALICE Phys.Lett. B719 (2013) 29-41

ATLAS Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 182302 (2013)



Subtraction of peripheral pPb correlations reveals nearly symmetric "double-ridge" structure



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### PHENIX dAu correlations



"Quadrupole correlations" seen in dAu as well



### Characteristic multiplicity dependence



#### Continuous evolution from "small" (pPb *and* PbPb) to "large" (PbPb) system



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### Mass ordering of $v_n(p_T)$

ALICE PLB 726 (2013) 164

CMS PLB 742 (2015) 200



# Mass ordering seen in pPb by ALICE and CMS (even stronger than in PbPb at the same multiplicity)

#### Factorization breakdown



CMS PRC 92 (2015) 034911

#### Some tension between (pPb) data and predictions

 $\frac{V_{n\Delta}(p_{\rm T}^{\rm a}, p_{\rm T}^{\rm b})}{\sqrt{V_{n\Delta}(p_{\rm T}^{\rm a}, p_{\rm T}^{\rm a})V_{n\Delta}(p_{\rm T}^{\rm b}, p_{\rm T}^{\rm b})}}$ 

#### Higher order correlations

CMS PRL 115 (2015) 012301



#### v<sub>2</sub> correlations between "all" particles in the event Does this define "collectivity"?

#### Connection to initial geometry

PHENIX Phys.Rev.Lett. 115 (2015) 14, 142301



<sup>3</sup>He+Au collisions show significant triangular flow as expected based on intrinsic  $\varepsilon_3$  of collision system

 $v_2$  and  $v_3$  described by hydro calculations

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## Energy dependence



Comprehensive review of rapidity, p<sub>T</sub> and collision energy

### Is there "collectivity" in "small" systems?

- Azimuthal anisotropies vn
- Characteristic v<sub>n</sub>(p<sub>T</sub>) shape
- Mass ordering of v<sub>n</sub>(p<sub>T</sub>)
- Characteristic multiplicity dependence
- Weak rapidity dependence of correlations

- Connection to initial geometry LHC?
- Higher order (n>4) correlations
- Factorization breaking
- Mass ordering of p<sub>T</sub> spectra
- Event angle correlations

Experimentally, "collectivity" observables show a smooth evolution from "small" to "large" systems

## Hydrodynamics in small systems? PbPb



Hydrodynamic calculations (for certain models of initial conditions) successfully reproduce data for pPb, d+Au, He+Au

Is the application of these codes for small systems (large gradients) self-consistent? [Rischke, IS204]

#### Paul Chesler, QM2015



Studied black hole ( $\simeq$ QGP) formation for collision of small sheets/blobs of finite energy density ( $\simeq$ protons) in  $\mathcal{N}$ =4 SYM in strong coupling limit (classical gravity)

## $v_n$ in pp @ I3 TeV



No energy-dependence of pp "ridge" correlation strength observed

After subtraction of low-multiplicity correlations, clear v<sub>2</sub> and v<sub>3</sub> signals remain

#### vn in pp @ 13 TeV ATLAS arXiv:1509.04776

#### CMS-PAS-HIN-15-009





ATLAS result without subtraction of low-N correlations (template fit to separate "flow" vs jet correlations)

v<sub>2</sub> strength found to be multiplicity independent!

#### Contenders

- Several approaches leading to azimuthal anisotropies w/o medium
  - Glasma correlations
  - Escape mechanism
  - Collectivity from interference
  - ...
- Full phenomenology (vn, mixed harmonics, rapidity dependence) does not come easy to these approaches
  - e.g. arXiv: 1708.06983 for AMPT vs PHENIX data

#### Small system status quo

- Measurements in small systems reproduce nearly all of the hallmarks of collective flow seen in AA
- No conclusive evidence of turn-off of collective flow ("smallest QGP droplet")
  - Flow-like correlations seen in pp @2.76, 7 and I 3 TeV
  - ATLAS analysis shows constant v<sub>2</sub> in pp@I3TeV down to < 2 x min bias multiplicity
- Are there multiple mechanisms giving identical phenomenology?
  - alternative models struggle, but hard to "disprove"
- Or flow just "is" in QCD systems?

### Is there a there there?

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#### Modifications of Jet Structure



Longitudinal jet structure ("Fragmentation Function")



ransverse jet structure ("Jet shape")

+ many more results from LHC and RHIC

#### Cheat Sheet: Jets in Medium

In-cone energy difference (leading - subleading jet) Balanced by low p<sub>T</sub> particles at large angles



### Open issue: Medium response @ large $\Delta R$ ?



How is energy transported to large  $\Delta R$  wrt jet axis?

(Large) modification of jet shower in medium *or* hydrodynamic transport of radiated energy?

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#### **Collective Flow**

- Hydrodynamic expansion of nearly perfect fluid provides natural explanation of broad range of correlation phenomena in heavy-ion collisions
- Same ansatz also does well for small collision systems
  - is that a bug or a feature?
- Recent set of calculations suggesting evidence for (or at least consistency with) medium response in jet-hadron large angle correlations
  - Unique predictions/features?
- Great successes, but some uneasiness remains



In pPb (and PbPb), for multiplicity > 50, jet-like correlations are perturbation of flow-like signal

In high multiplicity pp much of final-state multiplicity comes from jet fragmentation "Flow-like" correlations are perturbations on dominant jet-like structure **Need more data (analyses) to make any judgement on pp** 

### Are pp and pPb "small"?

2D CF can be described as superposition of "jet-like" correlations (intra-jet and jetjet correlations) + weakly rapidity dependent flow harmonics



Importance of jet-like correlations drops from pp to pPb to PbPb:



## v<sub>n</sub>(p<sub>T</sub>) in pPb



#### The good:

- 1. Good agreement with CMS
- 2. Characteristic  $v_n(p_T)$  shape as in PbPb
- 3. Expected "n" ordering as in PbPb

#### The somewhat confusing:

#### From small to large



#### **Ridge Yield**



#### No clear evidence for turn-on at low multiplicity

N.b.: at high multiplicity in pPb, "peripheral subtraction" is irrelevant

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### Rapidity dependence



As for PbPb, weak rapidity dependence with maximum near maximal particle density

#### "Radial flow"?



For completeness: Expected mass ordering of  $\pi$ , K, p spectra