

Challenges and opportunities in flow studies Jiangyong Jia

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Dynamics and properties of QGP



Challenge: simultaneous determination of two unknowns

Dynamics > Properties

- Properties drives the dynamics of the medium
- Extraction of properties require good knowledge of dynamics

Connecting the initial and final state



Perturbing the system with different initial state fluctuations

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Fluctuation within a single event $\frac{dN}{d\phi} \propto 1 + 2\sum_{n} v_n(p_T, \eta, ...) \cos n \left(\phi - \Phi_n(p_T, \eta, ...) \right)$

Flow observables



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Examples

Single-flow cumulants

$$c_{n}\{2\} = \langle v_{n}^{2} \rangle \qquad n=1-7$$

$$c_{n}\{4\} = \langle v_{n}^{4} \rangle - 2 \langle v_{n}^{2} \rangle^{2}$$

$$c_{n}\{6\} = \langle v_{n}^{6} \rangle - 9 \langle v_{n}^{4} \rangle \langle v_{n}^{2} \rangle + 12 \langle v_{n}^{2} \rangle^{3}$$

- Symmetric cumulants $\operatorname{sc}_{n,m}\{4\} = \langle v_n^2 v_m^2 \rangle \langle v_n^2 \rangle \langle v_m^2 \rangle$ (n,m)=(2,3), (2,4)...
- Asymmetric cumulants (Event plane correlator)

$$\langle v_2^2 v_4 \cos 4(\Psi_2 - \Psi_4) \rangle \langle v_2^3 v_3^2 \cos 6(\Psi_2 - \Psi_3) \rangle \langle v_2 v_3 v_5 \cos (2\Psi_2 + 3\Psi_3 - 5\Psi_5) \rangle$$

• $\mathbf{v}_n - \mathbf{v}_0$ correlator $\langle v_n^2 N \rangle$, $\langle v_n^2 \delta p_T \rangle$... $\langle \delta p_{\rm T} \delta p_{\rm T} \rangle, \langle \delta p_{\rm T} \delta p_{\rm T} \delta p_{\rm T} \rangle \dots$

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Power of flow fluctuations



Potential to further reduce model uncertainties

Challenge for understanding

Initial state t ≈ 0 fm/c	Pre-equilibrium t<0.5 fm/c	Hydrodynamics t ~ 0.5-5 fm/c
momentum anisotropy e.g. mini-jets, glasma Geometry-uncorrelated	Non-equilibrium transport <mark>Geometry</mark>	Collective expansion Response

Contributions from different stages are difficult to disentangle

- Initial geometry and Initial momentum anisotropy
- pre-equilibrium dynamics and entropy production
- $\eta/s(T)$, $\zeta/s(T)$, EOS, non-equilibrium dynamics
- Phase transition and hadronization
- Hadronic transport and Freezeout

Hard to experimentally vary one ingredient at a time

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What is the origin of these spreads?

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Dissecting the hydro response

Leading ε_n does not capture everything about initial state

Subleading eccentricities from radial excitations



• Re-sum subleading ε_n and mode-mixing terms improves agreement

$$V_n(p_T) \approx \sum_{p=1}^{p_{\max}} \sum_{\{n',m'\}}^{\sum n'_i=n} \kappa^{(n)}_{\{n',m'\}}(p_T) \prod_{i=1}^p \epsilon_{n'_i,m'_i} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_{n,m_{\max}}) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{p_{\max}+1})$$

How to characterize and understand the residual differences?



Understand the difference via flow fluctuations¹⁷

Often assumes:

L. Yan, J. Ollitrault arXiv:1312.6555 Giacalone, JNH, Ollitrault Phys.Rev. C95 (2017) no.5, 054910



Also not supported by data:



Role of initial-flow or final-state fluctuations?

Flow fluctuation in pp collisions

Hydro calculation yields positive c₂{4}, opposite to data.



Additional source of non-Gaussian fluctuations

What is missing in this hydro simulation?

 $\frac{\mathbf{v}_n\{4\}}{\mathbf{v}_n\{2\}} \stackrel{=}{\dashv}$

 $\frac{\varepsilon_n \{4\}}{\varepsilon \{2\}}$

Role of initial-flow in pA collisions

Hydrodynamics with subnucleonic fluctuations describe the data



Initial momentum anisotropy contribution alone could be large





Role of initial-flow in pA collisions

Initial-state $T^{uv}(x,y)$ tensor contains large momentum T^{0i} and stress T^{ij} \rightarrow source for initial flow



Geometry component of the T^{uv} dominates at large $N_{ch}.$ Momentum component of the T^{uv} dominates at low N_{ch}

Any direct experimental evidences for this ??

Pre-equilibrium dynamics in large system²¹

- Initial-flow is natural e.g. in bottom up thermalization 1506.06647 1605.04287
 - Interactions damp momentum-anisotropy, drive QGP towards local equilibrium
 - Necessary for rapid entropy production.



• Non-equilibrium effects important for v_n and spectra at $p_T > 2-3 \text{GeV/c}$



How to identify and quantify non-equilibrium effects and understand their role for bulk physics?

Hydro vs. non-equilibrium transport

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P. Romatschke, R. Weller 1701.07145

Hydrodynamics ,, 0-5%



L.He, T.Edmonds, Z.Lin, F.Liu, D. Molnar and F. Wang 1502.05572, G. Ma and A Bzdak 1406.2804

AMPT transport

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Both reflects final-state geometry response: $v_n = k_n \epsilon_n$ but different space-time dynamics

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A Kurkela, U. Wiedemann, B.Wu 1905.05139, 1805.04081





Expect response coefficients k_n is smaller in transport $v_n = k_n \varepsilon_n$

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Focus on short-range correlations!

Long-range reflects geometry response, $v_n \propto \epsilon_n$, hard to distinguish Short-range sensitive to the transport physics.

Break the boost-invariance

• The initial condition changes with rapidity



 $\langle \vec{\varepsilon}_n(\boldsymbol{\eta}_1^s) \vec{\varepsilon}_n^*(\boldsymbol{\eta}_2^s) \rangle \Longrightarrow \langle \vec{V}_n(\boldsymbol{\eta}_1) \vec{V}_n^*(\boldsymbol{\eta}_2) \rangle$ Flow decorrelation

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Multiplicity/centrality decorrelation

Longitudinal flow decorrelations



- system-size dependence scales with N_{part}/2A, reflects overall shape not the size
- sensitive to nuclear deformation
- systematics not fully described by models See 2003.04340



Beam-energy scan and longitudinal dynamics²⁷



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Different stages no longer separated



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Longitudinal dynamics as important as transverse dynamics

- Overlap between longitudinal stopping and transverse expansion
- Collective flow no-longer reflects only eccentricity.
- Nuclear stopping, baryon transport and importance of global vorticity
- EOS and transport properties are different
- Hadronic phase are more important

Description requires full 3+1D hydrodynamics or transport

Collective flow at low \sqrt{s}

Interplay between nuclear stopping and final-state collective motion Sideward flow



Elliptic flow



Higher-order flow harmonics



Flow results at HADES $\sqrt{s}=2.4$ GeV

all light nuclei. Theory calculations within a hydrodynamic framework adapted to the description of baryon dominated matter are needed to investigate the question whether this kind of matter really exhibits a hydrodynamical behavior, at least in the last stages of the collision prior to freeze-out. The high precision information on higher order flow coefficients is a major step forward in constraining the EOS.

Challenge to theory



2005.12217

- Complex interplay between longitudinal and transverse dynamics.
- Measured in Ψ₁→Large mode-coupling terms between different harmonics
- Interesting to measure v_n(Ψ_n) as well as EbyE fluctuations.





Look into the future

- Top \sqrt{s} : aim for precision in both dynamics and properties.
 - Easier with larger multiplicity and ~ boost invariance
- BES \sqrt{s} : more reliable modeling of the 3D dynamics
 - Identify observables with direct physics intuition
 - More measurements on flow fluctuations
- Improve understanding in
 - Initial state geometry
 - Early time dynamics
 - Final state dynamics and properties

New directions

- Collision System scan
- Rapidity scan

Flow in Ultra-central collisions



Bulk/shear viscosity and EOS 1408.0024,1502.04636, 1711.05207

May improves $v_2 v_3$ ordering but not sufficient

Nucleon-nucleon correlation

Improves v₂ v₃ ordering but not sufficient

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Octupole deformation

2007.00780

Improves $v_2 v_3$ ordering but worsening description of v_3 {4}/ v_3 {2}

Volume fluctuation?

Goes opposite direction See 1904.04808



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Flow in Ultra-central collisions

My bet: it is due to longitudinal dynamics

Large and non-linear decorrelation not yet reproduced by models

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Analyze subleading flow including longitudinal fluctuations?

Likely some unknown 3D initial state effects amplified in UCC.



only transverse dynamics included so far

New handle on the initial state: $v_n - p_T$ correlation³

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Nucleon & subnucleon	nn/n	AuAu/PbPb

Extend lever-arm with symmetric small A+A collisions to disentangle different contributions

Why small A+A?



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 - Explore QCD Phase diagram
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Nuclear deformation





Region 144<A<190 populated by large well-deformed nuclei.

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Alpha-clustering Analyzing ¹²C structure via collisions with a "disk" of Au:



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Isobar-run demonstrates RHIC ability for controlled study of nuclei geometry



New frontier: Rapidity correlations



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- A possibility with future detector upgrades
 - STAR forward upgrade $2.5 < \eta < 4$ with p_T and maybe some PID information
 - ATLAS/CMS forward upgrades with some PID capability
 - New hermetic HI detector with PID and $|\eta| < 4$
- LHC (a) lower \sqrt{s} and explore the rapidity correlations?



Summary

- Collective flow & hydrodynamics are most important tools to gain understanding on the dynamics and properties of HI
- Key challenge: how to disentangle different stages.
 - Initial geometry, initial flow and non-equilibrium dynamics
 - Longitudinal dynamics is crucial for BES
 - Comment: precision at high \sqrt{s} as baseline for modeling the more complex physics at low \sqrt{s} .
- Future opportunities
 - Need new approaches and observables to pinpoint initial state
 - Collision system scan to understand initial geometry and initial flow small A+A, deformation, alpha cluster
 - Rapidity scan as another handle on Phase diagram and longitudinal dynamics.

NCQ scaling



Higher-order flow fluctuations

$$(v_n\{4\})^4\equiv 2ig\langle v_n^2ig
angle^2-ig\langle v_n^4ig
angle$$

Peculiar sign change in v_4 fluctuations \rightarrow Not explained by non-linear effects

Significant dipolar flow fluctuations



Unreasonable success of hydro?

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 In far from equilibrium region, hydro still fit the data, but gives wrong viscosity

$$T^{\mu\nu}_{\rm hydro} = (\epsilon + P_B)u^{\mu}u^{\nu} + P_Bg^{\mu\nu} - \eta_B\sigma^{\mu\nu}$$

Small gradients $\eta_B \sim \eta$ Large gradients $\eta_B \rightarrow 0$

Also A.Kurkela, U.Wiedemann, B. Wu 1805.04081



Different models for early-time dynamics have similar average hydro-field, but different differential distri., e.g shear tensor $\pi^{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{x})$.



Small system



- Current models can't simultaneously describe v_2 and v_3
 - iEBE-Vishnu underestimate v₃
 - CGC-Hydro over-estimate v_2 (driven mainly by initial flow).

Bjoern Schenke, Chun Shen, Prithwish Tribedy, 1908.06212, 2005.14682,

Compare RHIC and LHC



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Agreement between two energies does not mean same viscous effects

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- predict 30% difference for OO
- predict no difference for pA
- predict small difference for AA

The O+O comparison provides strong constraints on these models