Signatures of hydrodynamic behavior in small collision systems

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Typical signatures of final-state collectivity observed in small systems (also p+Au and d+Au).



[CMS Collaboration, arXiv 1305:0609 and 1606:06198]



[ATLAS Collaboration, arXiv 1609:06213]

Natural explanation in the hydrodynamic framework of heavy-ion collisions.

- understanding long-range anisotropy: feature #1

Particles are emitted independently at the freeze-out surface.

$$\left\langle \left\langle e^{in\left(\phi^{(1)}-\phi^{(2)}\right)}\right\rangle \right\rangle \stackrel{\text{(flow)}}{=} \left\langle \left\langle e^{in\phi^{(1)}}\right\rangle \left\langle e^{-in\phi^{(2)}}\right\rangle \right\rangle = \left\langle v_n^{(1)}v_n^{(2)}e^{in\left(\Psi_n^{(1)}-\Psi_n^{(2)}\right)}\right\rangle$$

$$\frac{2\pi}{N_{\text{pairs}}} \left\langle \frac{dN_{\text{pairs}}}{d\Delta\phi} \right\rangle \stackrel{\text{(flow)}}{=} 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2\left\langle v_n^{(1)}v_n^{(2)} \right\rangle \cos n(\Delta\phi)$$
[Luzum, arXiv 1107:0592]

Doing so, all the correlations surviving after averaging over events are due to genuine **collective** effects.

Corrections to this picture are 'nonflow' (typically killed off by rapidity gaps, though we have to assume that the momentum densities do not depend on rapidity).

- understanding long-range anisotropy: feature #2

The hydro evolution converts spatial anisotropies into momentum anisotropies. Initial anisotropies quantified by \mathcal{E}_n .

[Teaney and Yan, arXiv 1010:1876]

For n=2,3 hydro shows:

$$v_n = k_n \varepsilon_n$$

In practice, then, an elliptic anisotropy yields elliptic flow, a triangular anisotropy yields triangular flow...

Important: any observable which is insensitive to the scaling constant is a direct probe of the initial state, e.g., ratios of cumulants. [Bhalerao, Luzum, Ollitrault, arXiv 1104:4740]

$$\frac{v_n\{\mu\}}{v_n\{\nu\}} = \frac{\varepsilon_n\{\mu\}}{\varepsilon_n\{\nu\}}$$

- understanding long-range anisotropy: feature #2



- V2 simply given by nonzero impact parameter (intrinsic almond geometry).

- V3, and V2 at b=0 from fluctuations (mainly participant nucleons).

In pA (and pp) collisions:

-V2 and V3 have the same origin, just fluctuations. No intrinsic geometry. - in p+p and some models of p+A, need sub-nucleonic structures.

[Welsh, Singer, Heinz, **arXiv 1605:09418**] [Mantisaari, Schenke, Shen, Tribedy, **arXiv 1705:03177**] [Zhao, Zhou, Xu, Deng, Song, **arXiv 1801:00271**] The previous features allow to make generic, model-independent predictions for several observables. But in small systems one comment is in order. **Going 'backwards':**



How far can we go before hydro breaks down? New questions triggered by collectivity in small systems.

[more insight in Ryan Weller's talk]

In the following, I assume hydro applies.

--> My goal is to show that we can understand nontrivial details of the measured observables in pA collisions: **rms anisotropies** and **cumulants of flow fluctuations**.

The obvious prediction for rms anisotropies...



...all the expected trends are observed! (they are highly nontrivial)

[PHENIX collaboration, arXiv 1805:02973]



Easy. Let us move to something more involved. What about non-Gaussianities?

[Yan and Ollitrault, arXiv 1312:6555]

Power distribution: an "almost" exact result for the distribution of the eccentricity

$$P(\varepsilon) = 2\alpha\varepsilon(1-\varepsilon^2)^{\alpha-1}$$



- for anisotropies without preferred directions (fluctuations only).

- Non-Gaussianity generated through the bound eps <1.

- the parameter alpha fixes the width.

Properties:

- it fixes the 'side' of the non-Gaussianity: all cumulants are positive ($c{4}=-v{4}^{4} < 0$)

- higher orders are pretty much degenerate, i.e., the infamous $v{2} > v{4} \sim v{6} \sim v{8} \dots$

- but more remarkably: it provides universal predictions for higher-order ratios as function of v{4}/v{2}=e{4}/e{2}.

No Glauber. No models. Just universal lines!!!!



MC Glauber calculations + 5 TeV data



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Breakthrough results about collectivity in small systems.



A word about p+p and nonflow.



CMS measured v{2}~v{4} in p+p, not predicted by hydrodynamics! [CMS Collaboration, arXiv 1606:06198]

ATLAS solved the issue applying subevents to remove nonflow in the 4-particle correlation.

[ATLAS Collaboration, arXiv 1708:06198]

Results rather unchanged in p+Pb, but in p+p they depend dramatically on the method..



- Conclusive remarks.
- Assuming hydro, the simple paradigm "response to geometry + independent particle emission" explains all data on flow in pA collisions with ridicolous precision: Experiments have essentially proven that the system is a fluid in p+A collisions.
- Still, not the end of the story: i) jet quenching is not observed in p+Pb collisions; ii) models where the momentum anisotropy is entirely due to initial state correlations (within CGC framework [Dusling, Mace, Venugopalan, arXiv 1706:06260]) present naturally the same behaviors as the hydrodynamic framework. Not clear where the truth lies/what the level of separation between the two approaches is.
- In p+p collisions, we are very far from clear signatures of genuine hydro: nonflow dominates even the 4-particle correlators. One would need v{6} or v{8} with sub-event methods, which is very demanding in terms of statistics, and is not even clear how many sub-events would be needed.
- Observables beyond rms anisotropies and cumulants will soon provide more insight (symmetric cumulants, plane correlators).
- Thank you all!

BACKUP

Cumulants in general.

$$\begin{split} v_n \{2\}^2 &= \langle v_n^2 \rangle \\ v_n \{4\}^4 &= 2 \langle v_n^2 \rangle^2 - \langle v_n^4 \rangle \\ v_n \{6\}^6 &= \frac{1}{4} \left[\langle v_n^6 \rangle - 9 \langle v_n^2 \rangle \langle v_n^4 \rangle + 12 \langle v_n^2 \rangle^3 \right] \\ v_n \{8\}^8 &= \frac{1}{33} \left[144 \langle v_n^2 \rangle^4 - 144 \langle v_n^2 \rangle^2 \langle v_n^4 \rangle + 18 \langle v_n^4 \rangle^2 + 16 \langle v_n^2 \rangle \langle v_n^6 \rangle - \langle v_n^8 \rangle \right] \end{split}$$

Application to power and Bessel-Gaussian distributions:

	Gauss	BG	Power
$\varepsilon\{2\}$	σ	$\sqrt{\sigma^2 + \bar{\varepsilon}^2}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+lpha}}$
$\varepsilon{4}$	0	Īω	$\left[\frac{2}{\left(1+\alpha\right)^2\left(2+\alpha\right)}\right]^{1/4}$
$\varepsilon{6}$	0	Īε	$\left[\frac{6}{(1+\alpha)^{3}(2+\alpha)(3+\alpha)}\right]^{1/6}$
$\varepsilon\{8\}$	0	Ē	$\left[\frac{48\left(1+\frac{5\alpha}{11}\right)}{\left(1+\alpha\right)^{4}(2+\alpha)^{2}(3+\alpha)(4+\alpha)}\right]^{1/8}$

Going to even smaller systems..



No evidence of collective flow.