



Bumpy Initial Conditions and a Double-Hump Structure

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Initial State Fluctuations

Temperature fluctuations from the early universe







 \rightarrow Precise knowledge about the matter content in the universe

Energy density fluctuations from 2 highly excited colliding nuclei



Anisotropic flow analysis



→ Precise knowledge about QCD matter under extreme conditions ?

NEXSpheRIO Results







- Andrade et al, PRL101,112301,2008
- Early results on initial state fluctuations
- Development of tube model

Triangular Flow



- Fluctuations introduce higher order flow coefficients that have been observed at the RHIC and LHC experiments (see QM 2011)
- How can we quantitatively learn something from this observable?

B. Alver and G. Roland, PRC 2010; NEXspheRIO, PRL 103,242301, 2009; P. Sorensen, JPG, 37, 094011,2010 ... and many more, results taken from PHENIX in arXiv: 1105.3928

Constraining the Initial State Profile

- First principle treatment of non-equilibrium QCD is the ultimate goal
- Going backward from the measured final state distributions to confirm theoretical predictions requires
 - Understanding of other sources of fluctuations in the evolution
 - Elimination of model dependencies
- Look at experimental data in the final state and constrain the structures of the needed initial state profile
- Establish connection between the found features in terms of
 - Shape of the profile
 - Amount of fluctuations
- and properties of non-equilibrium QCD



Time Evolution of Heavy Ion Collisions



• Initial state is influenced by:

Degrees of freedom; Interaction mechanism; Thermalization

Azimuthal Decomposition



- Characterization of the initial state profile in terms of Fourier coefficients
- Odd harmonics vanish for symmetric initial conditions
- The event planes are not necessarily independent
- Is that enough to capture all structures?

Initial State Coordinate Space Asymmetry

$$\Phi_n = \frac{1}{n} \arctan \frac{\langle r^n \sin(n\phi) \rangle}{\langle r^n \cos(n\phi) \rangle}$$

$$\epsilon_n = \frac{\sqrt{\langle r^n \cos(n\phi) \rangle^2 + \langle r^n \sin(n\phi) \rangle^2}}{\langle r^n \rangle}$$

-4

-6

80

70

30

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Current Status of IC Description

Parametrizations:

- Monte Carlo Glauber + improvements
- CGC based models: MC-KLN, IP-Glasma ...
- Dynamic Approaches:
 - NEXUS, UrQMD, AMPT, EPOS, ...
- Qualitative Studies:
 - Color field fluctuations
 - AdS/CFT colliding sheets
- Many more...
- How can we characterize the differences and similarities in a more complete way?





Both initial conditions have similar ϵ_2 and ϵ_3 and describe experimental data

2d Fourier Decomposition

- Idea: Make use of the radial direction in addition to the azimuthal direction in coordinate space
- Method: Generate many initial energy distributions and subtract the average -> only fluctuations are quantified
- Basis functions:

$$P_{m,n}(r,\theta) := \frac{1}{J_{|m|+1}(\lambda_{m,n})} J_m\left(\frac{r}{r_0}\lambda_{m,n}\right) e^{im\theta}$$

Any function f:

 $f(r,\theta) = \sum_{m,n} A_{m,n} \phi_{m,n}(r,\theta),$ or generalized coefficient

• with generalized coefficients

$$A_{m,n} = \frac{1}{\pi r_0^2} \int f(r,\theta) \phi_{m,n}^{\star}(r,\theta) r dr d\theta.$$

 Angular and radial structures are captured

Real parts of $\Phi_{m,n}$



C. Coleman-Smith, HP et al, J. Phys G40 (2013) 095103

n increasing

Application to Single Event

 The original energy density distribution can be reconstructed with n<8 and |m|<8



• Energy density profile is represented by ~35 numbers

Norms are useful to condense information

UrQMD Example

 Systematic study in a hadronic transport approach n=5 n=25 n=1 > 100 > 100 > 100

 Averages over the initial state profile for different numbers of events lead to different granularities

- -Overall features of the initial state profile are preserved
- -Direct connection to initial state dynamics lost
- -How does the 2d decomposition distinguish ?

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Properties of Norms

L₂ norm: $L_2(f) := \langle f, f \rangle^{1/2} = \left[\sum |A_{m,n}|^2 \right]^{1/2} \rightarrow \text{total mass of the function}$

norm:
$$\begin{aligned} H_1(f) &:= \langle (-\ell^2 \nabla^2 + I) f, f \rangle^{1/2} \\ &= \left[\sum \left(\frac{\ell^2 \lambda_{m,n}^2}{r_0^2} + 1 \right) |A_{m,n}|^2 \right]^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

→ Sobolev norm, contains radial gradients

M₁ norm:
$$M_1(f) := \langle \partial_{\theta}^2 f, f \rangle^{1/2} = \left[\sum m^2 |A_{m,n}|^2 \right]^{1/2} \rightarrow \text{contains angular gradients}$$



Hadron-based models very similar; larger radial gradients in partonic model

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Roughness Measure

 Dividing out the total mass of the event provides a scale invariant measure of the behavior of the gradients



 All UrQMD lines and Glauber collapse to one curve, but MC-KLN is clearly different → Distinguish partonic and hadronic initial degrees of freedom

What next?

- The 2d Fourier decomposition:
 - Applicable to analytical calculations and Monte Carlo simulations
 - Provides a good tool for apples-to-apples comparison of initial state models by extracting essential features, differences or similarities
 - Easy to generalize to 3D and other quantities, e.g. initial velocity profiles
- To do:
 - Connect these norms and coefficients to final state
 observables
 see also recent study by Wiedemann, Floerchinger
 - → Constrain initial degrees of freedom and their interactions

Lower Beam Energies

- Differences in the evolution at lower beam energies:
 - -Finite net-baryochemical potential needs to be taken into account in equation of state
 - -Conserved quantum numbers need to be considered in evolution
 - Dissipative effects grow at lower energies (hadronic evolution gains importance)





J. Steinheimer, M. Bleicher PRC84 (2011)

Opportunity to extract temperature and density dependence of viscosity

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How far down does the hybrid approach work?

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UrQMD hybrid

Initial State:

H.P. et al, PRC78 (2008) 044901

- Initialization of two nuclei
- Non-equilibrium hadron-string dynamics
- Mapping of energy, momentum and net baryon density with 3d
 Gaussians + instant thermalization
- Initial state fluctuations are included naturally
- 3+1d Hydro +EoS:
 - SHASTA ideal relativistic fluid dynamics
 - Net baryon density is explicitly propagated
 - Chiral model + Polyakov loop, fitted to lattice and nuclear ground state properties, applicable in whole T-mu_b plane
- Final State:
 - Cooper-Frye switching transition
 - Chemical and kinetic freeze-out with hadron cascade
 - Full phase-space information of final particles

Differential Elliptic Flow



- v₂(p_T) independent of beam energies
- Slight overestimation due to ideal hydro

J. Auvinen, HP arXiv:1306.0106

Viscous Hybrid Approach

- 3+1d viscous hydro + UrQMD hybrid approach
- EoS at finite baryo-chemical potential



• Spectra and elliptic flow favor $\eta/s \sim 0.2$

Y. Karpenko, P. Huovinen, HP, M. Bleicher, SQM 2013

Excitation Function

Contribution of different stages to integrated v₂



- Transport compensates for decreasing hydro phase at lower beam energies
- Integrated elliptic flow overestimated due to missing viscosity in hydrodynamic evolution
 J. Auvinen, HP arXiv:1306.0106

v₃ Excitation Function



- Triangular flow in central collisions matches STAR data
- More peripheral collisions: v₃ goes to zero in hybrid approach

J. Auvinen, HP arXiv:1306.0106

Measuring Fluctuations

• At high energies v_3 is equal to σ_{v2}





 Initial state geometry and fluctuations rather independent of beam energy

Sensitivity to <thydro>



- v₃/ε₃ shows universal behaviour as a function of total duration of hydro phase
- v₂ does not follow scaling because of transport contribution

Conclusion

- Higher flow coefficients are sensitive to initial state fluctuations and viscosity
- 2D Fourier decomposition is introduced to characterize initial state profiles
- Beam energy dependence of elliptic and triangular flow explored in hybrid approach
 - v₂: Transport compensates for hydro at lower energies
 - v₃: More sensitive to viscosity
- Outlook: 3+1D Viscous hydro+transport at finite net baryon density
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And what about the double-hump structure??



Slide from B. Alver, INT Workshop

PHOBOS PRC 81, 024904 (201

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Starting Times



Anisotropic Flow

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by MADALus

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Including fluctuations in Event-by-event approaches



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Relativistic fluid dynamics with very low viscosity describes elliptic flow at RHIC (and LHC)