Longitudinal correlations in the initial stages of ultra-relativistic nuclear collisions

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Introduction

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Collectivity: shape-flow transmutation



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Transverse momentum fluctuations in Au+Au@200GeV



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PHENIX red points – model

[more details in WB+Chojnacki+Obara 2009 & PB+WB 2012]

Transverse momentum fluctuations in Pb+Pb@2.76TeV



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Factorization of the transverse and longitudinal distributions



approximate (up to fluctuations) alignment of F and B event planes collimation of flow at distant longitudinal separations \rightarrow ridges!

Surfers - the near-side ridge



Extracted from the d-Au collisions at RHIC:



Source fragments mostly in its own froward hemisphere

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[see also Bierlich, Gustafson, Lönnblad 2016, Monnai, Schenke 2015, Schenke, Schlichting 2016 ... Brodsky, Gunion, Kuhn, 1977]

Torque

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Torque effect (event-by-event)



• due to fluctuations and asymmetry of emission profile

[prediction in PB+WB+Moreira 2010 & PB+WB+Olszewski 2015]

Three-bin measure (CMS, Pb+Pb@2.76TeV)

$$\begin{split} r_2(\eta_a, \eta_b) &= \frac{<<\cos[n(\phi_i(-\eta_a) - \phi_j(\eta_b))]>>}{<<\cos[n(\phi_i(\eta_a) - \phi_j(\eta_b))]>>} \simeq \frac{\cos[n(\Psi(-\eta_a) - \Psi(\eta_b)]}{\cos[n(\Psi(\eta_a) - \Psi(\eta_b)]}\\ & (4 < \eta^b < 5: \text{ pairs with large rapidity gap } \eta_a - \eta_b, \ \Delta \eta = 2\eta^a) \end{split}$$



- nonflow under control
- torque effect seen in the CMS data
- hydro, AMPT reproduce the data

Fluctuating strings



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Torque in p-Pb



• fluctuations essential to describe torque in p-Pb

Slope



- fair description of mid-central collisions
- too much decorrelation in central collisions
- $F_4 \simeq 4F_2$

$C(\eta_1,\eta_2)$

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 $C(\eta_1, \eta_2)$ with fluctuating strings Hydro: provides mapping $\eta_s = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{t+z}{t-z} \rightarrow \eta$

For long-range separations not much mixing between the bins $\rightarrow C^s(\eta_{s,1},\eta_{s,2}) \simeq C^n(\eta_1,\eta_2)$



[more details in WB+PB, arXiv:1512.01945]

$C(\eta_1,\eta_2)$ with fluctuating end-points of strings

Average number of particles: $\langle N(\eta) \rangle = \langle N_A \rangle \langle f_A(\eta) \rangle + \langle N_B \rangle \langle f_B(\eta) \rangle$ with symmetric and antisymmetric parts $\langle f_{A,B}(\eta) \rangle = f_s(\eta) \pm f_a(\eta)$

With $N_+ = N_A + N_B$, $N_- = N_A - N_B$, we have (for the symmetric case) a simple analytic formula

$$C(\eta_{1},\eta_{2}) = 1 + \frac{1}{N_{+}^{2}} \Big\{ \langle N_{+} \rangle \operatorname{cov}_{A,B}(\eta_{1},\eta_{2}) \\ + \operatorname{var}(N_{+}) + \operatorname{var}(N_{-}) \frac{f_{a}(\eta_{1})f_{a}(\eta_{2})}{f_{s}(\eta_{1})f_{s}(\eta_{2})} \Big\} \sim \frac{1}{N_{+}}$$

Correlations in elem. production + fluctuation of the number of sources [Bzdak & Teaney 2013]



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a_{nm} coefficients

$$a_{nm} = \int_{-Y}^{Y} \frac{d\eta_1}{Y} \int_{-Y}^{Y} \frac{d\eta_2}{Y} C(\eta_1, \eta_2) T_n\left(\frac{\eta_1}{Y}\right) T_m\left(\frac{\eta_1}{Y}\right), \quad T_n(x) = \sqrt{2 + 1/2} P_n(x)$$

[Bzdak+Teaney 2013, Jia 2015]

Pb-Pb@2.76TeV, c = 35 - 40% ($N_{ch} = 110$)



(filled - from Fig. 7 of ATLAS-CONF-2015-020, open - model)



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 $N_{\rm ch} = 5.1 N_A$ for p-Pb@5.02TeV $N_{\rm ch} = 8.1 N_+$ for p-p@13TeV – requires sources at partonic level

Conclusions

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Flow:

- 1) p_T fluctuations
- 2)Torque (event-plane decorrelation)
- $\bullet\,$ Torque in p-Pb from CMS $\rightarrow\,$ fluctuating longitudinally-extended sources
- 3) $C(\eta_1, \eta_2)$ from ATLAS
- $1/N_{ch}$ scaling of $a_{11} \rightarrow$ linear relation $N_{ch} = \kappa N_{sources}$, with the value of κ suggesting wounded constituents as degrees of freedom

Non-flow



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