Collectivity in small systems: status, prospects, interdisciplinary connections

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OUTLINE

1 – Small system collectivity.

2 – Dynamics.

3 – Initial conditions.

4 – Prospects with light ions.

Conclusion

1 – Small system collectivity.

Robust signals of collectivity in small systems





Borderline already for 'optimal' A-A scenario.

Small system: time scale of the interaction (equilibration) as large as the system size.

Small systems allow us to assess the origin of emergent hydrodynamic behavior

AMAZING EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM ("simple" integrated quantities)

- Cumulants of anisotropic flow

$$v_2\{2,4,6,8\} \quad v_3\{2,4\} \quad v_4\{2\}$$

- Flow magnitude correlations

$$v_2^2 v_3^2 \rangle \quad \langle v_2^2 v_4^2 \rangle$$

- Event-plane correlations

$$\langle V_2^2 V_4^* \rangle$$

- Flow-mean pt correlations

$$\left\langle v_2^2 \langle p_t \rangle \right\rangle \quad \left\langle v_3^2 \langle p_t \rangle \right\rangle$$



All the information is there. Theory?

Theory? data-driven consistency between p-Pb and Pb-Pb (Bayesian analyses).



[Bass, Bernhard, Moreland, PRC **101** (2020) 2, 024911] [Nijs, van der Schee, Gürsoy, Snellings, PRL **126** (2021) 20, 202301]

SEEMINGLY SUCCESSFUL PARADIGM FOR BASIC OBSERVABLES:

Nuclei with sub-nucleonic structure + CGC-like energy deposition / early phase + hydrodynamics

Good baseline. Understanding the details?

2 – Dynamics.

Dynamical evolution more important in a small system.

$$V_n = \sum_{m=n}^{\infty} \kappa_{n,m} \mathcal{E}_{n,m} + \text{ higher orders}_{(1/\text{system size})^m}$$

Linear response to eccentricity not enough.





Elucidating the dynamics: medium response as a function of system size.

 $v_2/arepsilon_2$ [Voloshin, Poskanzer, PLB **474** (2000) 27-32]

New opacity variable.

 $\hat{\gamma} = R^{3/4} \gamma (\varepsilon_0 \tau_0)^{1/4}$

[Kurkela, Wiedemann, Wu, PLB 783 (2018) 274-279]

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{min. bias pp:} \quad \hat{\gamma} \approx 0.88 \, \left(\frac{\eta/s}{0.16}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{R}{0.4 \, \text{fm}}\right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}E_{\perp}^{(0)}/\mathrm{d}\eta}{5 \, \text{GeV}}\right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{\nu_{\mathrm{eff}}}{40}\right)^{-1/4} \\ \text{central PbPb:} \quad \hat{\gamma} \approx 9.2 \, \left(\frac{\eta/s}{0.16}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{R}{6 \, \text{fm}}\right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}E_{\perp}^{(0)}/\mathrm{d}\eta}{4000 \, \text{GeV}}\right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{\nu_{\mathrm{eff}}}{40}\right)^{-1/4} \end{array}$$





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Progress with kinetic theory simulations.

Implementations of QCD effective kinetic theory kernel (single hit).

[Kurkela, Mazeliauskas, Törnkvist, JHEP 11 (2021) 216]

0.25 EKT $\lambda = 10$ 0.20 OO 5.02 TeV *pp* 5.02 TeV pPb 5.02 TeV ITA $\eta/s = 0.6$ 0.15 02 0.100.05 0.00 -20 80 40 60 100 0 centrality %

Methods for full solution of kinetic theory (RTA) with detailed transverse profiles.

[Kurkela *et al.*, PLB **811** (2020) 135901] [Ambrus, Schlichting, Werthmann, PRD **105** (2022) 1, 014031]



New Monte Carlo and analytical methods for billiard ball calculations.

[Borghini,Roch, EPJC **81** (2021) 5, 380] [Borrell, Borghini, EPJC **82** (2022) 6, 525] [Borghini, Borrell, Roch, EPJC **82** (2022) 10, 961]

[from Holten et al., Nature 606, 287-291 (2022)]

Addressing collectivity with controllable quantum systems.

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We use an ultracold gas of ⁶Li atoms with tunable:

- Geometry
- Particle number
- Inter-atom interaction

Emergent hydrodynamics in few-body systems?

[Floerchinger, Giacalone, Heyen, Tharwat, PRC 105, 044908 (2022)]





Strongly-interacting atoms in an elliptical trap.

Measure elliptic flow after time of flight.



Robust conclusion:

Emergent hydrodynamic behavior can happen with just 10 (strongly-interacting) particles.

Looking forward: Out-of-equilibrium dynamics. Hydrodynamization? Attractors?

3 – Initial conditions.

Theory? data-driven consistency between p-Pb and Pb-Pb (Bayesian analyses).



nuclei with sub-nucleonic structure + CGC-like energy deposition / early phase

Can we validate this in small systems alone (without A-A)?

Manipulating the collision geometry in small systems.

At large mean pt, hot spots are clustered around one point.

[Schenke, Shen, Teaney, PRC 102 (2020) 3, 034905]



Predicts negative correlation between anisotropy and mean momentum.

 $\rho(v_n^2, [p_t]) < 0$

Data confirms the generic prediction.

$$\rho(v_n^2, [p_t]) < 0$$

[[]ATLAS collaboration, EPJC 79 (2019) 12, 985]



Constrains the energy deposition in pA collisions (independent of AA)! Paradigm with active sub-nucleonic structure is favored.

Lower multiplicities: Potential window onto primordial momentum anisotropy.



[Giacalone, Schenke, Shen, PRL. 125 (2020) 19, 192301]

Competing effects from non-flow models.

[Zhang *et al.*, PLB **822** (2021) 136702] [Lim, Nagle, PRC **103** (2021) 6, 064906]

Assessing robustness of prediction. Role of longitudinal structure.



Primordial momentum anisotropy in CGC framework is short-range in rapidity!

Signal goes down with larger η gap. We need a three-dimensional model.

[Shengquan Tuo, Quark Matter 22]



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More on longitudinal structure.

 $v_3[^{3}He+Au] > v_3[d+Au], v_3[p+Au]$

[PHENIX collaboration, Nature Phys. 15 (2019) 3, 214-220]

 $v_3[^{3}He+Au] = v_3 [d+Au], v_3[p+Au]$

[STAR collaboration, arXiv:2210.11352]

Measurements performed with different η cuts.

 $<N_{ch}> \approx 20-30$

Hydro calculations?

Current hydro calculations neglect rapidity de-correlation effects.



4 – Prospects with light ions.

Better control on initial conditions with light ions

Oxygen-oxygen data from RHIC and LHC.

Intrinsic shape of overlap area should become manifest.

Same multiplicity as pA collisions.



[see also Nijs, van der Schee, PRC 106 (2022) 4, 044903]

Input from nuclear structure community for uncertainty quantification

- 6000 configurations from cluster Variational Monte Carlo (VMC) simulations.

[Lonardoni *et al.*, PRC **96** (2017) 2, 024326] [Rybczyński, Broniowski., PRC **100** (2019) 6, 064912]

- 15359 configurations from Nuclear Lattice Effective Field Theory (NLEFT).



[Summerfield et al., PRC 104 (2021) 4, L041901]

A new tool to exploit / test effective theories of QCD for nuclei.

Case study: Impact of neon-neon collisions on small system program at LHC?



Strong geometry effects in a small system. As dramatic as observed in large systems.

dN/dy ~ 100



[Saclay nucl-th group + Giacalone, Nijs, van der Schee, in preparation]



Possibility of collisions of additional species @ LHC Run 5 and Run 6?

Light species to improve understanding of initial states.

Input from nuclear structure community will be essential.

*e⁺ e⁺ Pb*⁸²⁺ *Pb*⁸¹⁺

[from Alexander Kalweit, ESNT workshop]

[https://indico.cern.ch/event/1078695/]

| Nucleon-nucleon luminosity: $\mathcal{L}_{NN} = A^2 \cdot \mathcal{L}_{AA}$ | optimistic scenario | 0-0 | Ar-Ar | Ca-Ca | Kr-Kr | In-In | Xe-Xe | Pb-Pb |
|---|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | (LAA) (cm ⁻² s ⁻¹) | 9.5·10 ²⁹ | 2.0·10 ²⁹ | 1.9·10 ²⁹ | 5.0·10 ²⁸ | 2.3·10 ²⁸ | 1.6·10 ²⁸ | 3.3·10 ²⁷ |
| | (LNN) (cm ⁻² s ⁻¹) | 2.4·10 ³² | 3.3·10 ³² | 3.0·10 ³² | 3.0.1032 | 3.0·10 ³² | 2.6·1032 | 1.4·10 ³² |
| | LAA (nb ⁻¹ / month) | 1.6·10 ³ | 3.4·10 ² | 3.1.10 ² | 8.4·10 ¹ | 3.9·10 ¹ | 2.6·10 ¹ | 5.6·10° |
| | LNN (pb ⁻¹ / month) | 409 | 550 | 500 | 510 | 512 | 434 | 242 |

CONCLUSION

• Small system collectivity to understand emergent hydrodynamic behavior.

• Precision measurements of relevant observables are available.

- **Dynamics:** Progress with hydrodynamic/kinetic theory simulations. Fertile ground for connections with quantum physics experiments.
- Initial condition: Robust evidence of nucleon structure. Longitudinal structure? Prospects with ¹⁶O [and ²⁰Ne!] + ab initio nuclear structure theory.

THANK YOU!

Intersection of nuclear structure and high-energy nuclear collisions

https://www.int.washington.edu/programs-and-workshops/23-1a

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