# ANISOTROPY OF THE QGP REVEALED THROUGH HIGH- $p_{\perp}$ DATA Stefan Stojku, Institute of Physics Belgrade

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## QGP TOMOGRAPHY

- Our main goal: use high- $p_{\perp}$  data to infer bulk properties of QGP.
- Dynamical Radiative and Elastic ENergy Loss Approach: our numerical framework capable of generating high  $p_{\perp}$  predictions
  - High energy particles lose energy when they traverse QGP.
  - This energy loss is sensitive to QGP properties.
  - We can realistically predict this energy loss.



- High- $p_{\perp}$  probes are excellent tomoraphy tools.
- We can use them to infer some of the bulk QGP properties.
- Initial spatial anisotropy: one of the main properties of QGP. One of the major limiting factors for QGP tomography.
- How to use high  $p_{\perp}$  data to infer spatial anisotropy of QGP?
- We propose a novel approach, based on inference from already available high- $p_{\perp}$   $R_{AA}$  and  $v_2$  measurements.

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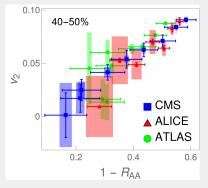
## ANISOTROPY

• We previously argued that at high- $p_{\perp}$ , the ratio of elliptic flow parameter  $v_2$  and  $1 - R_{AA}$ , where  $R_{AA}$  is the nuclear suppression factor saturates, and reflects only the geometry of the system. This argument was based on analytic considerations and simple 1-dimensional medium expansion.

M. Djordjevic, S. Stojku, M. Djordjevic and P. Huovinen, Phys.Rev. C Rapid Commun. 100, 031901 (2019).

• We here study the behavior of  $v_2/(1 - R_{AA})$  in a system that expands in both longitudinal and transversal directions.

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- It has been experimentally observed that v<sub>2</sub> and 1 − R<sub>AA</sub> are directly proportional at high p<sub>⊥</sub>.
- Such relationship is equivalent to a  $p_{\perp}$ -independent ratio of  $v_2$  and  $1 R_{AA}$ .
- Can fluid dynamical calculations reproduce such proportionality? Can we relate this observation to a physical property of the system, namely to its anisotropy?

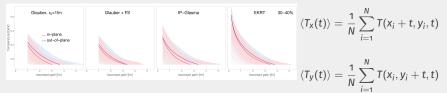
### What happens when we include full medium evolution?

# DREENA-A: can accomodate any temperature profile and generate high-p<sub>⊥</sub> R<sub>AA</sub> and v<sub>2</sub> predictions. Check out the poster by Dušan Žigić.

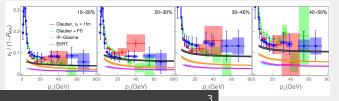
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We visualize the temperatures partons experience in the in-plane and out-of-plane directions for different initializations and evolutions.

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■ Does  $v_2/(1 - R_{AA})$  saturate? Does this saturation carry information on the anisotropy of the system? What kind of anisotropy measure is revealed through high- $p_{\perp}$  data? We calculate  $v_2/(1 - R_{AA})$  within DREENA-A framework:

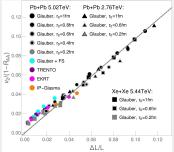


The phenomenon of  $v_2/(1 - R_{AA})$  saturation is robust! How to explore if it contains information on the system anisotropy?

## **CONNECTION TO ANISOTROPY**

**Next:** Plot charged hadrons'  $v_2/(1 - R_{AA})$ [100GeV] vs.  $\Delta L/\langle L \rangle$ 

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- Centrality classes: 10-20%, 20-30%, 30-40%, 40-50%
- Surprisingly simple relation between  $v_2/(1 R_{AA})$  and  $\Delta L/\langle L \rangle$ .
- Slope  $\approx$  1.
- $v_2/(1 R_{AA})$  carries information on the system anisotropy, through  $\Delta L/\langle L \rangle$ .
- Can we define a more direct measure of anisotropy? With an explicit dependence on time evolution?
- We define *jT*:

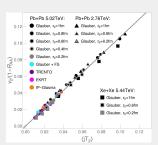
$$jT(\tau,\phi) \equiv \frac{\int dxdy \, T^3(x+\tau\cos\phi, y+\tau\sin\phi, \tau) \, n_0(x,y)}{\int dxdy \, n_0(x,y)}$$

■ *jT* is not azimuthally symmetric. We define its 2<sup>nd</sup> Fourier coefficient *jT*<sub>2</sub>:  $jT_2(\tau) = \frac{\int dxdy \, n_0(x,y) \int \phi \cos 2\phi \, T^3(x + \tau \cos \phi, y + \tau \sin \phi, \tau)}{\int dxdy \, n_0(x,y) \int \phi \, T^3(x + \tau \cos \phi, y + \tau \sin \phi, \tau)}$ 

## JET-TEMPERATURE ANISOTROPY

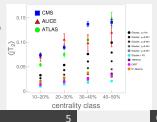
#### ■ A simple time-average of *jT*<sub>2</sub>: jet-temperature anisotropy:

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- *τ<sub>cut</sub>*: the time when the center of the fireball has cooled to critical temperature *T<sub>c</sub>*.
- $v_2/(1 R_{AA})$  shows a linear dependence on  $\langle jT_2 \rangle$ , with a slope close to 1.
- Therefore,  $v_2/(1 R_{AA})$  carries information on this property of the medium.
- We evaluated  $\langle jT_2 \rangle$  from experimentally measured  $R_{AA}(p_{\perp})$  and  $v_2(p_{\perp})$ : the fitted ratio was converted to  $\langle jT_2 \rangle$ .
- All three experiments lead to similar values of  $\langle jT_2 \rangle$ .
- Jet-temperature anisotropy provides an important constraint on bulk-medium simulations - they should be tuned to reproduce it.



## CONCLUSIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- High- $p_{\perp}$  theory and data traditionally used to explore high- $p_{\perp}$  parton interactions with QGP.
- High-*p*<sub>⊥</sub> probes can become powerful tomography tools, as they are sensitive to global QGP properties (e.g. spatial anisotropy).
- A (modified) ratio of R<sub>AA</sub> and v<sub>2</sub> a reliable and robust observable for straightforward extraction of spatial anisotropy.
- The saturation is directly proportional to jet-temperature anisotropy.
- It will be possible to infer anisotropy directly from LHC Run 3 data: an important constraint to models describing the early stages of QGP formation.
- Synergy of more common approaches for inferring QGP properties with high-p<sub>⊥</sub> theory and data.





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