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Imaging nuclear structure in heavy-ion collisions

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Hydrodynamic response to initial state



Previous works: PRC34.185, PRC61.021903, PRC61.034905, PRC.80.054903, nucl-th/0411054, 0712.0088, 1409.8375, 1507.03910, 1609.01949,1711.08499, 2007.00780.2103.05595. H. Stocker, W. Geiner, BA Li, E. Shuryak, PBM, U. Heinz, P. Philip, N.Xu, Q. Shou, P. Sorensen, F. Videbaek, A. Tang, P. Dasgupta, R. Chatterjee, D. Krivastava, F.Wang, H. Xu, Jaki. M. Luzum, P.Carzon...

Shape of nuclei

Most ground state stable nuclei are deformed

$$\rho(r,\theta,\phi) = \frac{\rho_0}{1+e^{(r-R(\theta,\phi))/a_0}}$$
$$R(\theta,\phi) = R_0 \left(1 + \frac{\beta_2}{\beta_2} \left[\cos\gamma Y_{2,0} + \sin\gamma Y_{2,2} \right] + \frac{\beta_3}{\beta_3} \sum_{m=-3}^3 \alpha_{3,m} Y_{3,m} + \frac{\beta_4}{\beta_4} \sum_{m=-4}^4 \alpha_{4,m} Y_{4,m} \right)$$



Triaxial spheroid: $a \neq b \neq c$.



Prolate: $a=b<c \rightarrow \beta_2$, $\gamma=0$ Oblate: $a<b=c \rightarrow \beta_2$, $\gamma=\pi/3$ or $-\beta_2, \gamma=0$

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Radial structure of nuclei



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Nuclear structure vs HI method

• Shape from B(En), radial profile from e+A or ion-A scattering

«rotational» spectrum







Probe entire mass distribution: multi-point correlations





$$egin{aligned} S(\mathbf{s}_1,\mathbf{s}_2) &\equiv \langle \delta
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nuclear shape imaging via collective flow response

Evidence of deformation in U+U vs Au+Au



Parametric dependence

• $\mathbf{\varepsilon}_{\mathsf{n}}$ has the form $\epsilon_n = \epsilon_{n;0} + \sum_{m=2}^{4} \underbrace{p_{n;m}(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)\beta_m}_{\text{phase factor}} + \mathcal{O}(\beta^2)$

 γ only appear here, in the form of cos3 γ , cos6 γ,\ldots

- $R_{\perp}^2 = \langle x^2 \rangle + \langle y^2 \rangle$ has the form $\delta d_{\perp}/d_{\perp} = \delta_d + \sum_{m=2}^{4} p_{0;m}(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)\beta_m + \mathcal{O}(\beta^2)$ $d_{\perp} \equiv 1/R_{\perp}$
- Two particle correlation

$$\langle \varepsilon_n^2 \rangle \approx \langle \varepsilon_{n;0}^2 \rangle + \sum_m \langle \boldsymbol{p}_{n;m} \boldsymbol{p}_{n;m}^* \rangle \beta_m^2 \qquad \left\langle \left(\frac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp} \right)^2 \right\rangle \approx \langle \delta_d^2 \rangle + \sum_m \langle p_{0;m}^2 \rangle \beta_m^2$$

- Consider also the influence of R_0 and a $\frac{
 ho_0}{1 + e^{(r-R_0(1+\sum_n eta_n Y_n^0(heta, \phi))/a_0}}$ $\langle \varepsilon_n^2
 angle pprox b_0 + b_1 \beta_2^2 + b_2 \beta_3^2 + b_3 (R_0 - R_{0, \text{ ref }}) + b_4 (a - a_{\text{ref }})$
- Linear response to relate to final state: $v_n \propto arepsilon_n \, rac{\delta[p_T]}{[p_T]} \propto rac{\delta d_\perp}{d_\perp}$

Parametric dependence

See 2106.08768



Isobar collisions as precision tool

- Unique running mode of RHIC and STAR to minimize systematics
 - 0.4% precision is achieved in ratio of many observables between two isobar systems → precision imaging tool

A key question for any HI observable O

$$\frac{O_{X+X}}{O_{Y+Y}} \stackrel{?}{=} 1 \qquad {}^{A_{X+A_{X}}} vs^{A_{Y+A_{Y}}}$$

Deviation from 1 must has its origin in the nuclear structure, which is reflected by the initial state and then survives the final state. A precision tool to study initial state and final state responses

Expectation



Species	β_2	β_3	a_0	R_0
Ru	0.162	0	$0.46~\mathrm{fm}$	$5.09~{\rm fm}$
Zr	0.06	0.20	$0.52~\mathrm{fm}$	$5.02~\mathrm{fm}$
difference	Δeta_2^2	Δeta_3^2	Δa_0	ΔR_0
	0.0226	-0.04	-0.06 fm	0.07 fm

$$\mathcal{O} \approx b_0 + b_1 \beta_2^2 + b_2 \beta_3^2 + b_3 (R_0 - R_{0,\text{ref}}) + b_4 (a - a_{\text{ref}})$$

$$R_{\mathcal{O}} \equiv \frac{\mathcal{O}_{\mathrm{Ru}}}{\mathcal{O}_{\mathrm{Zr}}} \approx 1 + c_1 \Delta \beta_2^2 + c_2 \Delta \beta_3^2 + c_3 \Delta R_0 + c_4 \Delta a$$

Valid for most single- and two-particle observable: v2,v3, p(N),< p_T >,< δp_T^2 >...

Glauber results: N_{ch} dep



Glauber results scaled



AMPT results: scaled



Scaling approach to nuclear structure

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- Determine c_n once, and predict ratios for other parameter values.
- Constrain parameters via χ^2 analysis or Bayesian inference.
- Generalize to multi-particle observables…

Compare with isobar data



Use these ratios to probe shape and radial structure of nuclei.

Nuclear structure via v_n-ratio



 $\beta_{2Ru} \sim 0.16$ increase v₂, no influence on v₃ ratio

- $\beta_{3Zr} \sim 0.2$ decrease v₂ in mid-central, decrease v₃ ratio
- diffu. $\Delta a_0 = -0.06$ fm increase v_2 mid-central, no influe. on v_3 .

- v_{3,Ru} / v_{3,Zr} STAR Data

- ν_{3.Ru} / ν_{3.Zr} AMPT β

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 $- v_{3,Ru} / v_{3,Zr} \text{ AMPT } \beta_{23}^{2,3} a_0^{\circ} R_0$

200

300

(ml<0.5)

N^{offline}

- Similar study by Haojie et.al.
- Radius $\Delta R_0 = 0.07$ fm only slightly affects v₂ and v₃ ratio.



(ml<0.5)

N^{offline}

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Nuclear structure via p(N_{ch})-ratio



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• The bump structure in non-central region mostly sensitive to differences in surface diffuseness Δa_0 and radius ΔR_0



Nuclear structure via p(N_{ch})-ratio



- $\beta_{2Ru} \sim 0.16$ decrease ratio, increase after considering $\beta_{3Zr} \sim 0.2$
- The bump structure in non-central region mostly sensitive to differences in surface diffuseness Δa_0 and radius ΔR_0
- All these trends are quantitatively reproduced by Glauber
 - Note the normalization is sensitive to trigger efficiency!!
 - See related study by Haojie et.al.



Triaxiality Y:
$$R(\theta, \phi) = R_0 \left(1 + \frac{\beta_2 [\cos \gamma Y_{2,0} + \sin \gamma Y_{2,2}]}{\sin \gamma Y_{2,2}} \right)$$



Influence of triaxiality on initial state

Skewness super sensitive to γ \odot

Described by

$$a' + (b' + c'\cos(3\gamma))\beta_2^3$$



variances insensitive to y

Only a function of β_2 in central

$$a' + b' \beta_2^2$$



Use variance to constrain β_2 , use skewness to constrain γ

(β_2, γ) diagram in heavy-ion collisions

The (β_2, γ) dependence in 0-1% $\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \rangle \approx [0.02 + \beta_2^2] \times 0.235$ $\rho = \frac{\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \delta d_\perp \rangle}{\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \rangle \sqrt{\langle (\delta d_\perp)^2 \rangle}}$ approximated by: $\langle \varepsilon_2^2 \delta d_\perp / d_\perp \rangle^2 \rangle \approx [0.005 - (0.07 + 1.36\cos(3\gamma))\beta_2^3] \times 10^{-2}$



Collision system scan to map out this trajectory: calib. coefficients with species with known β , γ , then predict for species of interest.

Triaxiality from $v_2^2 - p_T$ correlation at LHC ²²

B Bally, M Bender, G Giacalone, V Somà 2108.09578



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Clear sensitivity to the triaxiality of 129Xe.

Outlook

- Precision of hydrodynamics allow imaging of nuclear structure
- Great opportunity for possible (isobaric) system scans.
 - Larger systems have better statistical sensitivity e.g. 136Xe vs 136Ce
 - Small systems to disentangle geometry from initial momentum anisotropy
 - Profit from larger multiply/acceptance from LHC and low energy at NICA
 - Manifestation of nuclear structure are \sqrt{s} and rapidity dependent!
- Model study to explore the connection to nuclear structure and potential for heavy ion physics.

We're only limited by our imagination ...

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Nuclear structure via <p_>



- AMPT underestimate response by x3, so trust trends only
- β_2,β_3 small impact in noncentral, but some increase in UCC
- Enhancement dominated by surface diffuseness
- Radius difference leads to stronger N_{ch} dependence
- Glauber model also describe the trends..



Nuclear structure via p_T fluctuations



- Glauber model is used by assuming $\frac{\delta[p_T]}{[p_T]} \propto \frac{\delta d_{\perp}}{d_{\perp}}$
- $\beta_{2Ru} \sim 0.16$ increase ratio while $\beta_{3Zr} \sim 0.2$ decrease it
- AMPT has wrong <pT> responses (see 2109.00604), but..

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