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The universality of η/s

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ALICE, ATLAS and CMS detectors at LHC and previously PHENIX and STAR detectors at RHIC have provided compelling evidence for higher order flow components apart from the elliptic flow v_2 . It is by now well established that

both RHIC and LHC have produced a "perfect fluid" of Quark Gluon Plasma with η/s close to zero, as predicted by

AdS/CFT limit. One expects that higher order harmonics and in particular triangular flow v_3 will constrain η/s more

precisely. Although, the particle density per participant pair at 2.76 TeV (LHC) is a factor of 2.15 higher than at

RHIC, η/s remain almost the same going from RHIC to LHC. It is known that [1] $\eta/s \propto 1/g^4$ and $1/g^2 [\ln(T/T_c)]^2$,

thus η/s becomes an increasing function of the temperature. However, a simple [2] estimate indicates, that the initial

temperature for $\eta/s \approx 0.08$ changes from 360 MeV for RHIC to 530 MeV for LHC. Given the logarithmic dependence

of η/s on the temperature, it is almost natural that η/s at LHC (2.76 TeV) does not change perceptibly going from

RHIC to LHC [3]. Our prediction is that even for the highest energy of LHC, η/s will not change perceptibly.

The second great puzzle is the universality of $\eta/s \approx 1/4$, applicable across a large number of phenomena, dramatically different from each other. Ultracold quantum degenerate strongly interacting atomic Fermi gas, Graphene,

even Giant resonances in finite nuclei exhibit the same behavior of $\eta/s \approx 1/4$. It is remarkable that both the coldest and hottest matter on earth are rather similar. This universality is a direct consequence of strong coupling due to

many body interaction leading to observable correlation. This observation will be presented.

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