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Anisotropic flow in event-by-event ideal hydrodynamic simulations of √sNN=200 GeV Au+Au collisions

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We calculate flow observables with the NeXSPheRIO ideal hydrodynamic model and make the first comparison to the complete set of mid- rapidity flow measurements made by the PHENIX collaboration in top energy Au+Au collisions. A simultaneous calculation of v2, v3, v4, and the first event-by-event calculation of quadrangular flow defined with respect to the v2 event plane (v4{psi2}) gives good agreement with measured values, including the dependence on both transverse momentum and centrality. This provides confirmation that the collision system is indeed well described as a quark-gluon plasma with an extremely small viscosity, and that correlations are dominantly generated from collective effects. In addition we present a prediction for v5.

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