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We present a combined analysis of elliptic and triangular flow data from LHC and RHIC using viscous relativistic hydrodynamics. Elliptic flow v2 in hydrodynamics is proportional to the participant eccentricity eps2 and triangular flow is proportional to the participant triangularity eps3, which means vn_exp=(v_n/eps_n)_hydro*eps_n, n=2,3. Experimental data for v2 and v3 combined with hydro calculations of v_n/eps_n thus provide us with the initial anisotropies eps2 and eps3. By varying free parameters in the hydro calculation (in particular the shear viscosity), we obtain an allowed band in the (eps2, eps3) plane. Comparison with Monte-Carlo models of the initial state allows us to exclude several of these models.

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