## Kinetic transport is needed to reliably extract shear viscosity from pA and AA data.

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Smooth onset of flow-like signatures motivates to revisit the fluid dynamical paradigm.

- pp: particle production + free streaming. No final state interactions.
- ► AA: particle production + hydrodynamics. Large number of final state interactions

Questions:

Are there mesoscopic systems with few final state interactions?

# How many final state interactions are needed to produce the observed azimuthal anisotropies?

How much of the observed signals can be accounted for by a single final state interaction?

Study development of azimuthal harmonics in transport theory:

 Fully formed complex phenomenological setups with as many physics features included as possible

BAMPS, AMPT,...

▶ Rely on convoluted assumptions

Jamie Nagle's talk

#### or

- ▶ Generic and tractable
- Minimal sensitivity to model details.
  Maximal sensitivity to physics assumptions.

Simplified model: Isotropization time approximation

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial_t + \vec{v}_\perp \cdot \partial_{\vec{x}_\perp} F}_{\text{Free stream}} = -C[F] = \underbrace{-\gamma \epsilon^{1/4} u \cdot v}_{\text{isotropization time}} (F - F_{iso})$$

- Particles free stream
- Scattering isotropize in *local rest frame* in time  $\tau_{iso} \sim \gamma \epsilon^{1/4}$
- ► Keep track of only *p*-integrated distribution function  $F(\Omega) = \int 4\pi p^3 dp f(\vec{p})$   $T^{\mu\nu} = \int d\Omega v^{\mu} v^{\nu} F(\Omega)$
- Single parameter  $\gamma$  related to isotropization time of *p*-scale dominating *F*.

Agrees well with QCD kinetic theory for  $T^{\mu\nu}$  evolution Kurkela, Heller, Spalinski 1609.04803

Initial condition with harmonic perturbations  $\delta_n$  with event plane orientations  $\psi_n$ :

$$F_0 \sim \delta(v_z) \varepsilon_0 e^{-r^2/R^2} (1 + \delta_2 (r^2/R^2) \cos(2\theta - 2\psi_2) + \ldots)$$

Scaling variable:

$$\hat{\gamma} = \frac{\text{Transverse system size}}{\text{Mean free path}} = \gamma R^{3/4} (\epsilon_0 \tau_0)^{1/4}$$

 $\tau_0 \rightarrow 0, \epsilon_0 \tau_0$  fixed

Single-hit calculation  $\mathcal{O}(\hat{\gamma})$ :

$$\frac{dE_{\perp}}{d\eta_s d\phi} \equiv \int dp_{\perp}^2 \frac{p_{\perp} \, dN}{dp_{\perp}^2 d\eta_s d\phi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{dE_{\perp}}{d\eta_s} \Big|_{\hat{\gamma}=0,\delta_n=0} \Big\{ 1 - 0.21 \,\hat{\gamma} + 0.02 \,\hat{\gamma} \delta_2^2 + 0.04 \,\hat{\gamma} \delta_3^2 \\ - 0.21 \,\hat{\gamma} \delta_2 \, 2 \cos(2\phi - 2\psi_2) - 0.14 \,\hat{\gamma} \delta_3 \, 2 \cos(3\phi - 3\psi_3) \\ + 0.06 \,\hat{\gamma} \delta_2^2 2 \cos(4\phi - 4\psi_2) + 0.11 \,\hat{\gamma} \delta_3^2 2 \cos(6\phi - 6\psi_3) \\ + 0.08 \,\hat{\gamma} \delta_2 \delta_3 2 \cos(5\phi - 3\psi_3 - 2\psi_2) \Big\}$$

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All linear and non-linear structures observed in the azimuthal anisotropies arise.

 $v_2/\epsilon_2,$  mode-mode coupling, event plane correlations. . .

#### It swims like a duck, it quacks like a duck, it's probably a ...



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Closer to single hit regime than ideal hydro

 $\eta/s \gtrsim 0.5$  $\eta/s = 0.11/\gamma = 0.11/\hat{\gamma} \times R^{3/4} (\epsilon_0 \tau_0)^{1/4}$ 



The approach to ideal hydro is *not* described by viscous hydro  $\epsilon_0 = 1000 \text{fm}^4, \tau_0 = 0.26 \text{fm}, R = 2 - 12 \text{fm}$ 

No system size dependence in hydro!

#### What happened?



Constitutive equations (at r = 0) fulfilled better and better with increasing system size

$$\Pi^{\mu\nu} = -2\eta\sigma^{<\mu\nu>}$$

Hydrodynamization at large anisotropy

#### What happened?

$$\partial_{\mu}T^{\mu\nu} = 0, \qquad \tau_{\pi}\partial_{\tau}\Pi^{\mu\nu} = -\left(\Pi^{\mu\nu} + 2\eta\sigma^{\mu\nu}\right)$$

No non-hydrodynamical elements: no pre-equilibrium, no freeze-out

- Flow builds up at times  $\sim R$ .
- ► *Difference* between ideal and viscous builds when the gradients are the largest
- Gradients are largest at earliest times
- For small  $\eta/s$ , hydro equations depend on

$$\frac{v_2}{\delta_2} \simeq \frac{v_2}{\delta_2}|_{\text{ideal}} - f_L^{(1)} \frac{\eta}{sT_0} \underbrace{\frac{1}{\tau_0}}_{\partial_z} - f_{\perp}^{(1)} \frac{\eta}{sT_0} \underbrace{\frac{1}{R}}_{\partial_{\perp}}$$

▶ By assumption:  $\tau_0 \ll R$ , initial condition dependence dominates over transverse geometry



Pure hydro exhibits nearly perfect scaling with

$$\frac{v_2}{\delta_2} \simeq \frac{v_2}{\delta_2}|_{\text{ideal}} - f_L\left(\frac{\eta}{sT_0}\frac{1}{\tau_0}\right)$$



• In systems of all sizes: the sensitivity of hydro to  $\eta/s$  arises from the earliest time  $\tau_0$ , where hydro is least reliable.

#### Conclusions:

- Viscous hydro is a coarse grained effective description of transport theory.
- ▶ In this model, for v<sub>2</sub>, even if the transport theory hydrodynamizes, qualitative features not descried by viscous hydro.
- ▶ This is because of the rapid expansion:  $\eta/s$ -sensitivity arises from  $\partial_z$ , not  $\partial_{\perp}$ . Increasing  $\eta/s$  increases sensitivity to initialization time, not to transverse geometry.
- In phenomenological applications, hydro can be supplemented with additional non-hydro elements that lead to violation of scaling. But these are not hydro. Perturbative pre-equilibrium evolution: Talk by Mazeliauskas

#### Conclusions:

► All the observed structures in azimuthal harmonics arise already from single final state interaction

- Single hit dynamics most efficient at transferring spatial anisotropy to momentum anisotropy
- ► This explains in the most natural way the observation of  $v_2/\epsilon_2$  in the smallest pp, pA collisions

#### Conclusions:

 Observed signal sizes suggest that hadronic collisions create a system with significant dissipation

$$\hat{\gamma} \sim R/l_{mfp} \sim 1.5 - 3,$$

- ▶ and do not require that system hydrodynamizes at any point of evolution.
- ► These imply values of

$$\eta/s \gtrsim 0.5,$$

at least 6 times more than the perfect fluid value (0.08) and closer to perturbative expectation.





### Extra slides

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Initially isotropic momentum distribution



More particles moving in ±x-direction

- ► Initial condition initially isotropic in momentum space, anisotropic in coordinate space
- ▶ Free streaming makes local patches anisostropic
- ▶ Collisions isotropize the distribution in the center
  ⇒ Reduction of horizontal movers and increase of vertical movers

Related closely to anisotropic parton escape mechanism, He et al. PLB753 (2016)