APPERIMENT From Pb+Pb to photon+Pb-collisions: Understanding the Quark-Gluon Plasma with Flow Measurements from ATLAS

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 create & study matter which is so hot that quarks and gluons are no longer confined

- Quark-Gluon Plasma: lifetime ~10-15 fm/c
 - long enough to have a time evolution and bulk properties

Run: 286665 • max. temp at the LHC well above the 155 MeV temp. at 2015-11-25 11:12 which hadrons can no longer exist

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goal for today: discuss recent ATLAS measurements with sensitivity to these questions

ATLAS heavy ion datasets

System	Year	$\sqrt{\mathrm{s}_{\mathrm{NN}}}~[\mathrm{TeV}]$	$\mathbf{L}_{\mathrm{int}}$
Pb+Pb	2010	2.76	$9 \ \mu \mathrm{b}^{-1}$
Pb+Pb	2011	2.76	0.14 nb^{-1}
p+Pb	2012	5.02	$1 \ \mu \mathrm{b}^{-1}$
p+Pb	2013	5.02	29 nb^{-1}
pp	2013	2.76	4 pb^{-1}
pp	2015, 2016	13	75 nb^{-1}
pp	2015	5.02	28 pb^{-1}
Pb+Pb	2015	5.02	0.49 nb^{-1}
p+Pb	2016	5.02	$0.5 { m ~nb^{-1}}$
p+Pb	2016	8.16	180 nb^{-1}
pp	2017	13	150 pb^{-1}
Xe+Xe	2017	5.44	$3 \ \mu \mathrm{b}^{-1}$
pp	2017	5.02	272 pb^{-1}
pp	2018	13	$193 { m pb}^{-1}$
Pb+Pb	2018	5.02	1.75 nb^{-1}

13 TeV pp is low pileup running used in correlation measurements



QGP phase



final state particles

QGP phase







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observables sensitive to geometry provide a powerful tool to study the quark-gluon plasma

counting particles

before the collision: orientation of the nuclei



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before the collision: orientation of the nuclei

after the collision: angular distribution of particles











key is that these are *long range* correlations, **not** associated with jets or particle decays

collision geometry

PLB 707 330 (2012)



role of interactions

gas: minimal interactions isotropic expansion



fluid: lots of interactions anisotropic expansion steep pressure change

gradual pressure change

hydrodynamic modeling

eccentricity in initial state \rightarrow anisotropy in final state



role of fluctuations

Alver & Roland, Phys.Rev. C81 (2010) 054905



fluctuations in the nucleon position can create any shape of the initial nucleon positions \rightarrow not just ellipticity, ϵ_2 , but ϵ_3 , ϵ_4 , ...

decomposing geometry



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 $\epsilon_2 \rightarrow v_2$ $\epsilon_3 \rightarrow v_3$

 $\epsilon_n > 2$: generated by fluctuations larger n: v_n increasingly damped by viscosity

beautiful measurements of flow





dominance of overall elliptical shape $\rightarrow v_2 > v_{n>2}$ fluctuations generate v_3 and higher EPJC 78 (2018) 997

data constrained extractions of QGP parameters

using LHC vn data to constrain shear & bulk viscosity



these (and other) analyses are a big step forward! but have assumptions about the form of the initial state, conversion to hadrons, ...



vn from geometry & fluctuations

Sievert & Noronha-Hostler, PRC 100 024904 (2019)



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v₂: impact parameter driven, except for very small systems v₃: always driven by fluctuations so it depends on the size of the system

two-particle correlations

$\frac{dN}{d\phi} \propto 1 + 2v_N \cos[N(\phi - \Psi_N)]$	correlations of particles wrt ψ_{N}
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XeXe / PbPb





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XeXe has:







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looking for vn in smaller systems



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PRL 110 182302 (2013) PRL 116 172301 (2016)



v₂ & v₃ in proton-proton collisions

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geometry and hydrodynamics in small systems



PHENIX, Nature Phys. 15 (2019) 214

*v*₂, *v*₃ clearly tied to geometry through hydrodynamic calculations

photon-Pb collisions

direct $\gamma\text{-Pb}$ collision

resolved γ -Pb collision





multiplicity in γ -Pb collisions

OnXn: at least 1 neutron in one ZDC and 0 in the other



$$\begin{split} \Sigma \Delta \eta_{\text{gap}} &: \text{sum of all gaps (including tracks \& clusters)} > 0.5 \\ & \text{require: } \Sigma_{Y} \Delta \eta_{\text{gap}} &: > 2.5 \& \Sigma_{A} \Delta \eta_{\text{gap}} < 3 \end{split}$$

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γ-Pb event display



Pb

template fitting



simultaneous fit to low (LM) and high (HM) multiplicity distributions

v2 in photon-nucleus collisions



 $v_2(\gamma Pb) < v_2(pp) < v_2(pPb)$

could be sensitive to different geometries than in pp/pPb collisions

shrinking the QGP

from Pb-Pb collisions to pp hydrodynamic calculations can describe the data

v_2 measurement in γ -Pb collisions are a provocative frontier...



the different role of geometry and fluctuations provides an opportunity to constrain the properties of the QGP

image: C. Shen (QM19)

heavy quarks

- charm and bottom quarks are interesting because their v_n values are sensitive to how much these more massive quark flow with the QGP
- ATLAS has measured the μ^{\pm} from the decay of charm and bottom hadrons (combined)



charm & bottom v₂, separately

much larger Run2 dataset!

charm $v_2 > bottom v_2$



charm & bottom v₂ in pp collisions

what about in pp collisions? overall v_2 is smaller than in PbPb collisions & the size of the system is also smaller



charm $v_2 > bottom v_2 \approx 0$



can we see how the jets experience different path lengths?

jet quenching

 R_{AA} = number of jets in PbPb collisions/ pp collisions scaled by nuclear thickness function $R_{AA} = 1 \rightarrow$ jets in PbPb collisions like pp collisions



picture: energy is lost from the jet cone as jets interact with the QGP

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PRL 111 152301 (2013)

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 $\frac{dN}{d\phi} \propto 1 + 2v_2 \cos 2(\phi - \Psi_2)$



jets also have v₂



more energy loss

jet v_2 attributed to path length dependence of jet energy loss but no quantitive model to explain both the R_{AA} and the v_2 of jets



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light ion collisions with a different geometry but the same size as pPb could help clarify this

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we're looking forward to more analyses from Run 2 data and new opportunities in Run 3

backups

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