Measurement of Azimuthal Anisotropy and the QGP

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- i) What is azimuthal anisotropy
- ii) How it is measured
- iii) What is learned

Part 1

What is azimuthal anisotropy

Azimuthal anisotropy











J.Y. Ollitrault, P.R.D48('93)1132

- In non-central col., participant has almond shape at initial stage.
 - ie., anisotropy in coordinate space
- Emission of particle in azimuth is influenced by $\lambda \& R$ relation.
 - $\lambda >> R$; isotropic
 - $\lambda << R$; hydro. \rightarrow elliptic
 - Anisotropy of the coordinate space converted to that of the momentum space.
- Conversion of anisotropy from coordinate space to momentum space

Azimuthal distr wrt reaction plane





• Evaluate as Fourier components

Evaluation with Fourier exp.





- Obtain azimuthal distributions w.r.t. the reaction plane.
- Evaluate the distribution with Fourier components

$$N(\phi) = N_{0} \{ 1 + 2v_{1} \cos(\phi - \Psi_{0}) + 2v_{2} \cos(2(\phi - \Psi_{0})) \}$$

Fourier harmonics





Sensitivity to the early stage



RQMD



- Anisotropy in coordinate space disappears quickly
- Direct measure of the conversion mechanism



Expect Eccentricity to disappear quickly



- Ratio of eccentricity after a time delay
 - Disappears quickly
 - \rightarrow v₂ senses early stage of collision

Reasons why I like v₂





$$\varepsilon_{ecc} = \left\langle \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} \right\rangle \qquad v_2 = \left\langle \frac{p_x^2 - p_y^2}{p_x^2 + p_y^2} \right\rangle$$

- Clear origin of the signal !
 - Geometry is clear
 - From eccentricity to v₂
 - Centrailty dependence gives good tests
- Sensitivity to the early stage of collisions !
 - Mean free path λ vs. R



How it is measured



How it is analyzed





- Three methods;
 - Pairwise Method
 - Cumulant Method
 - Reaction Plane Method

Two Methods







- Event by event determination of R.P.
- Once the R.P. is established, easier to apply other particle species.



- Pairwise Method
 - No Reaction Plane.
 - Measure azimuthal corr. of all the pairs
 - Small effects ~v₂**2, but high statistics







PHENIX; non-uniform in azimuthHow it works?





PHENIX Detector - First Year Physics Run

R. P. method & flattening corr.





Azimuthal acceptance of PHENIX

$$\tan 2\psi_0^{\,cal} = \frac{\langle \sin 2\phi_I \rangle}{\langle \cos 2\phi_I \rangle}$$

Toy Simulation





- Determine azimuthal direction of R.P. every event
 - Define average of azimuthal angles of all the measured particles as R.P.
 - Most probable direction as R.P.
 - Artificial peak due to detector acceptance !
- Flattening the peak

$$\Delta \psi_{c} = \sum_{n} (A_{n} \cos(2n\psi_{0}^{cal})) + B_{n} \sin(2n\psi_{0}^{cal}))$$
$$A_{n} = -\frac{2}{n} \langle \sin(2n\psi_{0}^{cal}) \rangle$$
$$B_{n} = \frac{2}{n} \langle \cos(2n\psi_{0}^{cal}) \rangle$$
$$\psi_{0}^{flat} = \psi_{0}^{cal} + \Delta \psi_{c}$$

Flattening corr. works for PHENIX



• Toy simulation assuming

- PHENIX acceptance
- V₁, V₂
- multiplicity
- After resolution corr., v₂ can be reconstructed successfully
- It works!

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Pairwise Method & Acc. Corr.





Pairwise method works!





 $F(x) = F_0(1 + 2V_1 \cos x + 2V_2 \cos 2x)$ H 1.2.: $\ddot{\mathbf{x}}$

- Toy simulation assuming
 - PHENIX acceptance
 - V₁, V₂
 - multiplicity
- Observed anisotropy $=v_2^{**2}$
- Good agreement with the input



Stability of results





Toy Analysis

- With smaller acceptance, weaker effect observed.
 - Poorer resolution
- But, after resolution correction, consistent results obtained.

Conclusion of Toy model study



- Even with PHENIX acceptance, we obtain consistent results both from R.P. method and Pairwise method, if they are pure elliptic flow.
- We might get different results if there are
 - higher harmonics
 - non-flow effect such as HBT, particle decay, kinematical correlations
- Reliable determination of R.P. is more important !
 - avoid non-flow effect as much as possible
 - Take wide rapidity gap from central detector
 - →BBC as main R.P. detector







Beam Beam Counter (BBC) $|\eta|=3-4$

- Wide rapidity gap from central detector
- Full Azmimuthal Coverage
- Enough multiplicity for resolution

R.P. from BBC



Reaction plane distribution

Correlation of two reaction plane BBC north v.s south



• Clear and consistent correlation among two BBC's.

Further R.P. studies







• To establish R.P., need to confirm global(whole event) correlations



R.P. from elliptic flow





- Better resolution with MVD since wider acceptance
- Confirm clear event-wide correlations among detectors



- Clear correlation between SMD(spect) and BBC(part) in v1
 - As seen at SPS, back-to-back corr of Neutrons and Pions.

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Comparison of three methods



Striking agreement (!) even with R.P. method.
No strong non-flow effect !?



What is learned



What we expected before RHIC



- There is a tendency of saturation!?
- Hadron cascade predicts a few %.







Large azimuthal anisotropy



$N(\phi) = N_0 \{ 1 + 2v_1 \cos(\phi - \Psi_0) + 2v_2 \cos(2(\phi - \Psi_0)) \}$





- Larger in higher energies.
 - Scaling w. η-y_{beam} !?
- As high as 5%

Failure of hadronic scenarios



M. Bleicher, H. Stocker Phys. Lett. B526 (2003) 309



 Hadronic scenario underestimates v₂ at RHIC.

 System thermalized early with the mechanism other than hadronic rescatterings.

v₂ vs. Eccentricity





- At low pt region, the ratio stays ~constant
 - \rightarrow Scaling with eccentricity shows v₂ builds up at early stage

Success of hydrodynamics





- Low pt region;
 - $v2(\pi) > v2(K) > v2(p)$
 - Good agreement with hydrodynamics
 - Very early thermalization (0.6 fm/c) required !
 - What brings the system thermalization in such a short time!
 - →Partonic degree of freedom
- Deviations from the hydro at higher pt (> 2 GeV/c);
 - v2(π,K) < v2(p)
 - Order Reversed !
 - Other mechanism?

Anisotropy at jet region



M. Gyulassy, I. Vitev and X.N. Wang, PRL 86 (2001) 2537



In higher gluon density, larger energy loss of partons

 Anisotropy at high pt caused by the parton energy loss.

What increases from SPS to RHIC



Filled ; RHIC Open ; SPS

- How we compare RHIC and SPS data; pt-integrated-v₂?
 - Need to separete the effects; increase of < pT > and increase of v_2
 - pt integrated-v₂ includes the effect of increase of <pT>

Saturation of v₂ at the same pT





pT integratedv₂ increases, since <pT> increases with energy.

- v₂ increases up to 62 GeV, then saturate.
 - May be indication of softening of EOS.

2nd surprise; baryon dominance





- We had many reasons to consider > 2GeV/c is the jet region.
 - In peripheral, p/π ratio similar to those in ee/pp suggesting fragmentaton process.
 - Fragmentation process should show $n_p < n_{\pi}$ as seen in ee/pp.
- In central Au+Au, p/π ratio increases with centrality, suggesting other mechanism.

Quark Recombination Model (Quark Coalescence Model)

Quark recombination model





$$\frac{dN_{M}}{d\phi} \propto (1 + 2v_{2,q}\cos 2\phi)^{2} \quad \frac{dN_{B}}{d\phi} \propto (1 + 2v_{2,q}\cos 2\phi)^{3}$$

$$\approx (1 + 4v_{2,q}\cos 2\phi) \qquad \approx (1 + 6v_{2,q}\cos 2\phi)$$

$$v_{2,M} \approx 2v_{2,q} (\frac{p_{t}}{2}), \quad v_{2,B} \approx 3v_{2,q} (\frac{p_{t}}{3})$$

This process wins when the distribution is very steep

- Other possible production mechanism of high pt hadrons than the frag.
- Quarks, anti-quarks combine to form mesons and baryons from universal quark distribution, *w*.
 - Mesons from 2 q with 1/2 of $p_{\rm T}$, baryons from 3 q with 1/3 of $p_{\rm T}$.
 - Bacause of the steep distr. of w, this process wins at mid-pt.
 - Characteristic scaling features expected.
 - →Quark number scaling

Quark number scaling





- Quark number scaling clearly observed in v₂.
- Distinct difference between Baryon Meson also seen in R_{CP}

Other particle species





 Once the R.P. is established, the rest is easier.

Quark Number Scaling



Phenix; H. Masui @ QM05



- Quark number scaling holds.
- Collectivity at partonic level.

Electron and charm





Origins of electrons

"photonic"

- Dalitz decays of $\pi 0, \eta, \rho, \omega$,
- Photon conversions
- "non-photonic"
 - Semi-leptonic decays of heavy flavored mesons
- Method of Analysis
 - Cocktail
 - Photon converter
- →Results are consistent with those photonic + charm decays.

Open charm production in AA



- consistent with \sqrt{s} systematics and binary scaling.
- Centrality dependence shows N_{binary} scaling.
 - → support charm contribution

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Info. of charm from electrons





Charm seems to flow !?





- Data seem to favor flow of the charm.
- If so, thermalized & flowing charm supports quarkcoalescence & formation of QGP.

Summary of my talk



- v_2 is fun!
 - Establishment of R.P. is great !
- v₂ is even useful !
 - Sensitive to the early stage of collisions
 - Thermalization as early as 0.6 fm/c
 - Large azimuthal anisotropy cannot be created with hadronic process.
 - Support the quark recombination model
 - Collectivity at parton level
 - Phenomenological, but universal quark distribution function!
 - → statistical description of quarks → QGP
- Much fun to come
 - Even charm seem to flow !

One more thing,



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N_{part} **vs N**_{binary}





- Since nucleus is extended object, centrality of collision plays important role.
- For comparison with pp or dAu also for centrality study, we need scaling variables.
 - N_{part};
 - # of participant nucleons
 - Particle production in hA is prop. to Npart, (Wounded-Nucleon Model)
- N_{binary};
 - # of binary nucleon-nucleon collisions
 - Pass through at high energy.
- Evaluation of N_{part} & N_{binary} by Glauber Model.

Measured vs Real correlation



$$\frac{dG}{d\phi} = \frac{G}{2\pi} \left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{N} 2v_n \cos(n\phi) \right) \qquad \qquad \frac{dG}{d\phi'} = \frac{G}{2\pi} \left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{N} 2v'_n \cos(n\phi') \right)$$
$$\phi = \phi_{lab} - \Psi_{real} \qquad \qquad \phi' = \phi_{lab} - \Psi_{measured}$$

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R.P. Resolution from sub-event





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 Ψ_{A} : R. P. angle of Sub-event A

 Ψ_{B} : R. P. angle of Sub-event B

- Split 1 event to sub-event A and B randomly
- Determine R.P. in each sub-event ; Ψ_A Ψ_B

$$\begin{split} &\langle \cos(n(\Psi_{A} - \Psi_{B})) \rangle \\ &= \langle \cos(n(\Psi_{A} - \Psi_{real})) \rangle \langle \cos(n(\Psi_{B} - \Psi_{real})) \rangle + (\sin - term) \\ &= \langle \cos(n(\Psi_{A} - \Psi_{real})) \rangle \langle \cos(n(\Psi_{B} - \Psi_{real})) \rangle \\ &\approx \left(\langle \cos(n(\Psi_{A} - \Psi_{real})) \rangle \right)^{2} \end{split}$$