The Little Bang Standard Model



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Big Bang vs. Little Bang



Similarities: Hubble-like expansion, expansion-driven dynamical freeze-out chemical freeze-out (nucleo-/hadrosynthesis) before thermal freeze-out (CMB, hadron p_T -spectra) initial-state quantum fluctuations imprinted on final state

Differences: Expansion rates differ by 18 orders of magnitude Expansion in 3d, not 4d; driven by pressure gradients, not gravity Time scales measured in fm/*c* rather than billions of years Distances measured in fm rather than light years "Heavy-lon Standard Model" still under construction

Animation: P. Sorensen



Collision of two Lorentz contracted gold nuclei

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The Big Bang vs. the Little Bangs

credit: Paul Sorensen







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Big vs. Little Bang: The fluctuation power spectrum

Mishra, Mohapatra, Saumia, Srivastava, PRC77 (2008) 064902 and C81 (2010) 034903 $\,$

Mocsy & Sorensen, NPA855 (2011) 241, PLB705 (2011) 71



Higher flow harmonics get suppressed by shear viscosity

A detailed study of fluctuations is a powerful discriminator between models!

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Every Little Bang evolves differently!

Density evolution of a single $b=8\,{\rm fm}$ Au+Au collision at RHIC, with IP-Glasma initial conditions, Glasma evolution to $\tau=0.2\,{\rm fm}/c$ followed by (3+1)-d viscous hydrodynamic evolution with MUSIC using $\eta/s=0.12=1.5/(4\pi)$

Schenke, Tribedy, Venugopalan, PRL 108 (2012) 252301:



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Event-by-event shape and flow fluctuations rule!

(Alver and Roland, PRC81 (2010) 054905)



- Each event has a different initial shape and density distribution, characterized by different set of harmonic eccentricity coefficients ε_n
- \bullet Each event develops its individual hydrodynamic flow, characterized by a set of harmonic flow coefficients v_n and flow angles ψ_n
- At small impact parameters fluctuations ("hot spots") dominate over geometric overlap effects (Alver & Roland, PRC81 (2010) 054905; Qin, Petersen, Bass, Müller, PRC82 (2010) 064903)

Definition of flow coefficients:

$$\frac{dN^{(i)}}{dy \, p_T dp_T \, d\phi_p}(b) = \frac{dN^{(i)}}{dy \, p_T dp_T}(b) \left(1 + 2\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \boldsymbol{v_n^{(i)}}(\boldsymbol{y}, \boldsymbol{p_T}; \boldsymbol{b}) \cos(\phi_p - \boldsymbol{\Psi}_n^{(i)}) \right).$$

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Panta rhei: "soft ridge"="Mach cone"=flow!



• anisotropic flow coefficients v_n and flow angles ψ_n correlated over large rapidity range! M. Luzum, PLB 696 (2011) 499: All long-range rapidity correlations seen at RHIC are consistent with being entirely generated by hydrodynamic flow.

- in the 1% most central collisions $v_3 > v_2$
 - ⇒ prominent "Mach cone"-like structure!
 - ⇒ event-by-event eccentricity fluctuations dominate!

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Event-by-event shape and flow fluctuations rule!



• in the 1% most central collisions $v_3 > v_2 \Longrightarrow$ prominent "Mach cone"-like structure!

- triangular flow angle uncorrelated with reaction plane and elliptic flow angles
 - \Longrightarrow due to event-by-event eccentricity fluctuations which dominate the anisotropic flows in the most central collisions

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Viscous relativistic hydrodynamics (Israel & Stewart 1979)

Include shear viscosity η , neglect bulk viscosity (massless partons) and heat conduction ($\mu_B \approx 0$); solve

$$\partial_{\mu}\,T^{\mu\nu}=0$$

with modified energy momentum tensor

$$T^{\mu\nu}(x) = (e(x) + p(x))u^{\mu}(x)u^{\nu}(x) - g^{\mu\nu}p(x) + \pi^{\mu\nu}.$$

 $\pi^{\mu\nu} = \text{traceless viscous pressure tensor}$ which relaxes locally to 2η times the shear tensor $\nabla^{\langle\mu}u^{\nu\rangle}$ on a microscopic kinetic time scale τ_{π} :

$$D\pi^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{\tau_{\pi}} \left(\pi^{\mu\nu} - 2\eta \nabla^{\langle \mu} u^{\nu \rangle} \right) + \dots$$

where $D \equiv u^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}$ is the time derivative in the local rest frame.

Kinetic theory relates η and τ_{π} , but for a strongly coupled QGP neither η nor this relation are known \implies treat η and τ_{π} as independent phenomenological parameters. For consistency: $\tau_{\pi}\theta \ll 1$ ($\theta = \partial^{\mu}u_{\mu} = \text{local expansion rate}$).

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Numerical precision: "Gubser-Test"

Gubser (PRD82 (2010) 085027) found analytical solution for relativistic Navier-Stokes equation with conformal EOS, boost-invariant longitudinal and non-zero transverse flow, corresponding to a specific transverse temperature profile.

Marrochio, Noronha *et al.* (arXiv:1307.6130) found semianalytical generalization of this solution for Israel-Stewart theory. This solution provides a stringent test for numerical Israel-Stewart codes (very rapid and non-trivial transverse expansion!)

VISH2+1 (C. Shen, 2013)



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Converting initial shape fluctuations into final flow anisotropies the QGP shear viscosity $(\eta/s)_{
m QGP}$

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The University of Queensland pitch drop experiment



SI unit for shear viscosity:

 $[\eta] = \text{Poise} = \text{kg}/(\text{m} \cdot \text{s})$

 $\eta_{\text{water}} = \mathcal{O}(10^{-2} \text{Poise})$

 $\eta_{\rm pitch} \approx 2.3 \times 10^{11} \, \eta_{\rm water} = \mathcal{O}(10^9 \, {\rm Poise})$

(\sim one drop per decade – last drop fell in April 2014 – 2 years late!)

 $\eta_{\rm QGP} \approx 10^3 \, \eta_{\rm pitch} = \mathcal{O}(10^{12} \, \rm Poise)$

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A measure of fluidity

(a.k.a. Knudsen number)

$$rac{\eta}{e\!+\!p} imes \partial \!\cdot\! u = rac{\Gamma_{ ext{exp}}}{\Gamma_{ ext{sound}}} \!\sim \!rac{\eta}{s} rac{1}{T au}$$

The **specific viscosity** η/s (s=entropy density) is conceptually related to the "kinematic viscosity" η/n in non-relativistic fluid dynamics

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QGP – the most perfectly fluid liquid ever observed!

AdS/CFT universal lower viscosity bound conjecture:





Kovtun, Son, Starinets, PRL 94 (2005) 111601

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How to use elliptic flow for measuring $(\eta/s)_{ m QGP}$



The observable that is most directly related to the total hydrodynamic momentum anisotropy ε_p is the total (*p*_T-integrated) charged hadron elliptic flow v_2^{ch} :

$$\varepsilon_p = \frac{\langle T^{xx} - T^{yy} \rangle}{\langle T^{xx} + T^{yy} \rangle} \Longleftrightarrow \frac{\sum_i \int p_T dp_T \int d\phi_p \, p_T^2 \, \cos(2\phi_p) \frac{dN_i}{dyp_T dp_T d\phi_p}}{\sum_i \int p_T dp_T \int d\phi_p \, p_T^2 \frac{dN_i}{dyp_T dp_T d\phi_p}} \iff v_2^{\rm ch}$$

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Extraction of $(\eta/s)_{ m QGP}$ from AuAu@RHIC



 $1 < 4\pi (\eta/s)_{
m QGP} < 2.5$

- All shown theoretical curves correspond to parameter sets that correctly describe centrality dependence of charged hadron production as well as p_T-spectra of charged hadrons, pions and protons at all centralities
- v_2^{ch}/ε_x vs. $(1/S)(dN_{ch}/dy)$ is "universal", i.e. depends only on η/s but (in good approximation) not on initial-state model (Glauber vs. KLN, optical vs. MC, RP vs. PP average, etc.)
- dominant source of uncertainty: $\varepsilon_x^{\rm Gl}$ vs. $\varepsilon_x^{\rm KLN}$
- smaller effects: early flow \to increases $\frac{v_2}{\varepsilon}$ by $\sim {\rm few}\,\% \to {\rm larger}\; \eta/s$

bulk viscosity
$$\rightarrow$$
 affects $v_2^{\rm ch}(p_T),$ but \approx not $v_2^{\rm ch}$

Zhi Qiu, UH, PRC84 (2011) 024911 0.8 07 0.6 3 0.5 £.0 € 0.2 0.1 0 10 15 b (fm) (A) (□) (A) (□) (A) →

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Hydrodynamics - a theory with predictive power

After tuning initial conditions and viscosity at RHIC to obtain a good description of all soft hadron data simultaneously (Song et al. 2010) the first LHC spectra and elliptic flow measurements were successfully **pre**dicted:



Towards a Standard Model of the Little Bang



With inclusion of sub-nucleonic quantum fluctuations and pre-equilibrium dynamics of gluon fields:



 \rightarrow outstanding agreement between data and model

Rapid convergence on a standard model of the Little Bang!

Perfect liquidity reveals in the final state initial-state gluon field correlations of size $1/Q_s$ (sub-hadronic)!

Effect of "afterburning" on p_T -spectra::

IP-Glasma + MUSIC + UrQMD, S. Ryu et al., PRC97 (2018) 034910



"Afterburning" builds additional radial flow, with little effect on abundance ratios

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Ridge in pp, pPb and PbPb





Flow in Pb+Pb, p+Pb and even p+p at the LHC!



Requires fluctuating proton substructure (gluon clouds clustered around valence quarks (K. Welsh et al. PRC94 (2016) 024919))

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This is a collective effect!



Whatever its origin, the "flow signal" represents a collective response (to what?) of all particles!

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"Small" systems are so only initially:

Three collision systems with the same multiplicity $dN_{\rm ch}/d\eta = 100$

(iEBE-VISHNU, Scott Moreland)



Collision systems with similar $dN_{
m ch}/d\eta$ have similar freeze-out volumes!

 \implies Stronger radial flow in initially smaller systems!

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Strong radial flow in pp collisions at the LHC

Werner, Guiot, Karpenko, Pierog (EPOS3), PRC 89 (2014) 064903; Data: CMS Collaboration (8, 84, 160, 235 charged tracks)



Elliptic flow (double ridge) discovered in high-multiplicity pp by CMS at 7 TeV (and confirmed by ATLAS at 13 TeV) also reproduced by EPOS.

"One fluid that rules them all" 🕖 (Weller & Romatschke 2017)

Schenke, Quark Matter 2018 (Schenke, Shen, Tribedy, in preparation)



Except for pp, hydro describes all collision systems at all "centralities"

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Towards quantitative quark-gluon plasma spectroscopy

- Relativistic viscous hydrodynamics (+ pre-hydrodynamic early stage and hadronic rescattering "afterburner") has become the workhorse of dynamical modeling of ultra-relativistic heavy-ion collisions
- It has been successfully used in a Bayesian analysis of LHC Pb+Pb collision data for putting meaningful constraints on the initial conditions and medium properties of QGP created in heavy-ion collisions:

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Calibrated Posterior Distribution



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 Flow-like signatures are also obtained from kinetic theory in the limit of *large Knudsen numbers* ("single scattering limit") Heiselberg & Levy '99, Kolb et al. '01, Alver et al. '10, Borghini & Gombeaud '11, Romatschke '18, Kurkela & Wiedemann '18, Borghini et al. '18, ...

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- This may actually explain the anisotropic flow measured at high p_T: (Romatschke '18)



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- Initial-state momentum correlations (Dusling & Venugopalan '13, Lappi et
 - al. '15, Kovchegov & Skokov '18, Schlichting et al. '16, Greif et al. '17, '18, ...)



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Much additional work needed to *quantitatively* understand small collision systems!

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Conclusions

- Signs of hydrodynamic behavior are pervasive in heavy-ion collisions, from high to relatively low energies and from large to small collision systems.
- The Little Bang Standard Model, consisting of (1) QCD-motivated fluctuating initial conditions, (2) a short-lived pre-hydrodynamic stage, followed by (3) (anisotropic) relativistic dissipative fluid dynamics until hadronization and (4) a hadronic cascade to describe the final freeze-out, has been very successful and opens the door for precision spectroscopy of the quark-gluon plasma.
- Small collision systems still provide theoretical challenges: Where does the hydrodynamic approach really break down?

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Thanks!

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