System Size Scan at NICA Energies

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Beam Energy Scan programs

STAR at RHIC: $3 < \sqrt{s_{NN}} < 200 \text{ GeV} (750 < \mu_B < 25 \text{ MeV})$ 8°. 10⁴ BES-I BES-II SFXT Events (M) 10³ 10² 10 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.1 μ_{B} (GeV) Au+Au Collisions at RHIC Collider Runs Fixed-Target Runs $\sqrt{S_{NN}}$ √S_{NN} #Events #Events run μ_B run μ_B Ybeam Ybeam (GeV) (GeV) 200 380 M 25 MeV 5.3 Run-10, 19 13.7 (100) 50 M 280 MeV -2.69Run-21 62.4 46 M 75 MeV Run-10 11.5 (70) 50 M 320 MeV -2.51 Run-21 54.4 1200 M 85 MeV Run-17 9.2 (44.5) 50 M 370 MeV -2.28 Run-21 39 7.7 (31.2) Run-18, 19, 20 86 M 112 MeV Run-10 260 M 420 MeV -2.1 27 585 M 156 MeV 3.36 Run-11, 18 7.2 (26.5) 470 M 440 MeV -2.02 Run-18, 20 19.6 595 M 206 MeV 3.1 Run-11, 19 6.2 (19.5) 120 M 490 MeV 1.87 Run-20 17.3 256 M 230 MeV Run-21 5.2 (13.5) 100 M 540 MeV -1.68 Run-20 340 M 262 MeV 4.5 (9.8) 590 MeV 14.6 Run-14, 19 110 M -1.52 Run-20 11.5 157 M 3.9 (7.3) 120 M 633 MeV -1.37 316 MeV Run-10, 20 Run-20 9.2 160 M 372 MeV Run-10, 20 3.5 (5.75) 120 M 670 MeV -1.2 Run-20 7.7 104 M 420 MeV 3.2 (4.59) 200 M 699 MeV Run-21 -1.13 Run-19 3.0 (3.85) 2000 M 750 MeV Run-18, 21 -1.05

NA61SINE at SPS: $5.1 < \sqrt{s_{NN}} < 17$ (27) GeV



beam momentum (A GeV/c)



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Initial eccentricity (and its attendant fluctuations) ϵ_n drive momentum anisotropy v_n with specific viscous modulation



STAR, Phys. Rev. Lett. 122 (2019) 172301



System size scan at top RHIC energy



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State-of-the-art modeling of HI collisions

Data-model comparison via Bayesian inference to optimize constraining power.



Detailed temperature dependence of viscosity!



Jetscape PRL.126.242301 Trjactum PRL.126.202301

Major uncertainty: initial condition and pre-hydro phase

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Anisotropic flow in heavy-ion collisions at high baryon density



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Anisotropic flow in Au+Au collisions at Nuclotron-NICA energies



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Elliptic flow: transition from out-of-plane to in-plane: geometry



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A.T Czech.J.Phys. 50S4 (2000) 139-166





New HADES results on flow correlations

Decoding the flow evolution using hadron V_1 - V_2 correlations and dileptons

Tom Reichert et al., Phys.Lett.B 841 (2023) 137947



Use dileptons as independent probe to observe the early expansion of the matter

Rapidity dependence of v2 and EOS

HM – stiff momentum dependent with K=376 MeV

FOPI data : Nucl. Phys. A 876 (2012) 1 IQMD : Nucl Phys. A 945 (2016)



Large rapidity coverage is important for flow measurements: MPD forward upgrade

Directed flow of protons: BM@N – MD FXT



Please see Mikhail Mamaev and Peter Parfenov talks at the workshop

Collision centrality issue

M. O Kuttan et al., Eur. Phys. J. C (2023) 83:792



 N_{part} is a strongly model dependent quantity. In addition, for any given centrality class, Glauber MC and UrQMD predicts drastically different N_{part} distributions.

The impact parameter b and the number of charged particles N_{ch} are much more correlated and give an almost model independent centrality estimator.

Collision centrality: different estimators



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Finite-Size Effects and search for CEP

In HIC, both the size (L) and duration of formed system are finite.

Critical behavior changes with L

If the L is too small, the correlation length $\boldsymbol{\xi}$ can not be fully developed to cause a phase transition.

$$\xi \sim \left|T - T_c\right|^{-\nu} \leq L$$

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if the correlation length the finite-size effect is not negligible and only a **pseudo-critical point**, **shifted from the genuine CEP, is observed.**

large L 1000 $\chi_{\rm M}$ 100 small L 10 =0.75 0.8 0.9 b.70.85 ß

16² - 256² Ising model

Note change in peak heights positions & widths with L

- ✓ Finite-size effects have a specific dependencies on size (L)
- The scaling of these dependencies give access to the CEP's location, it's critical exponents and scaling function.

Summary and outlook

- Measurements of anisotropic flow, flow fluctuations, correlations between flow of different harmonics are sensitive to many details of the initial conditions and the system evolution. It may provides access to the transport properties of the medium: EOS, sound speed (cs), viscosity, etc.
- v_n at energies 2.5-11 GeV (SIS, STAR BESII, NICA, FAIR) shows strong energy dependence: possible transition between hadronic and partonic matter.
- System size scan is very important in order to understand the effect of spectators on the experimental observables

- Feasibility study for anisotropic flow in MPD/MPD FXT/ BM@N:
- Programs for flow analysis are available for MPD/BM@N collaborations first preliminary flow results from BM@N will be published soon.



v₂ Flow at SIS-AGS: scaling relations

(KAOS – Z. Phys. A355 (1996); (E895) - PRL 83 (1999) 1295 V₂ vs P_T for protons (semi-central coll) 0.1 > Bi+Bi 0.4 GeV (KAOS) Bi+Bi 0.7 GeV (KAOS) Bi 1.0 GeV (KAOS) Au 2.0 GeV (E895) -0.1 -0.2 -0.3 -0.4 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.2 P₊, GeV/c



FOPI: v₂ of protons from *Elab=0.09 to 1.49 GeV* Phys.Lett. B612 (2005) 173-180



The rather good scaling observed suggest that c_s does not change significantly over beam energy range 0.4 – 2.0 AGeV.

Vn of protons in Au+Au collisions at 2.4 GeV - HADES



Describing proton flow is not enough

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Strange baryons are not well described

- the results may depend on:
- nucleon-hyperon and hyperon-hyperon interactions
- · in-medium modifications of interactions

Pions and kaons NOT described! Not very surprising: UrQMD, JAM, and SMASH don't have mean-fields for mesons