Methods used to measure azimuthal anisotropies

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- Little history of anisotropic transverse flow
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- Directed flow transverse momentum analysis
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- ♦ Correlations arising from jet fragmentation
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Collective flow - motivation

- Collective properties of nuclear matter
- ♦ Contemporary nuclear physics and bulk properties nuclear medium
- Equation of state
- ♦ Extraction of pressure build up during the collisions of nuclei
- Constituents at early time of the collision system
- ♦ Partonic matter
- Study of little Bang in the laboratory
- ♦ Cosmological aspect

QCD is a fundamental theory of strong interaction

"The study of the strong interaction is now a mature subject – we have a theory of fundamentals that is correct and complete"

- Frank Wilczek, 2014

Different phenomena, like many body QCD system, emerge

 $\mathcal{J} = \frac{1}{4g^2} G_{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu} + \sum_{j} \overline{g}_{j} (i \partial^{\mu} D_{\mu} + m_{j}) q_{j}$ where $G_{\mu\nu}^{a} \equiv \partial_{\mu} A_{\nu}^{a} - \partial_{\nu} A_{\mu}^{a} + i f_{ba}^{a} A_{\mu}^{b} A_{\nu}^{b}$ and Du= du + it ? An That's it !

"More is different" P.W. Anderson







QCD phenomena – from hadrons to QGP

Deconfinement

At high enough T, quarks and gluons are liberated from their 'home' hadrons and can move at distances significantly bigger than the size of the nucleons



QCD phase diagram

New phase(s) of QCD matter – QGP

- \diamond explore its properties
- ♦ phase transition
- ♦ critical point?
- ♦ Equation of state





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phases of water
♦ gas
♦ solid
♦ liquid
phase transitions
♦ gas ← → solid
♦ gas ← → liquid
♦ liquid ← → solid
critical point

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Part of the Universe history and little Bang

- Expanding, the Universe passed through different phases
- Temperature and energy density was dropping
- When, T dropped to 170 MeV, partons are glued together to form hadrons
- ♦ Universe was not transparent
- ♦ After ≈ 3×10⁵y neutral atoms are formed and Universe became transparent

 0^{-15} m 10^{-15} m quark-gluon proton & neutron formation of formation of dispersion of today Big star formation low-mass nuclei neutral atoms formation Bang plasma massive elements 10^{12} K 50 K-3 K <50 K-3 K $>10^{12}$ K 10⁹ K 3 K 4.000 K Tuniverse $14 \times 10^9 \text{vr}$ 3×10^8 yr 10⁻⁶ s 400,000 yr $>3 \times 10^8$ yr time 10⁻⁴ s 3 min

- ♦ How to 'see' QGP?
- One can recreate such a state by placing enough energy into a given volume
- Can be done by ultrarelativistic heavy ion collisions (HIC)
- With high enough incident energy maybe even in proton-proton collisions
- \diamond In a laboratory created a little Big Bang
- \diamond For it, one needs accelerators

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HIC experiments



LHC

PHENIX

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RHIC

... as well as other detectors

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Evolution of a heavy ion collision



0

≈ 1

≈ 10

There are different observables to study QGP

- ♦ particle spectra
- \diamond particle ratios
- ♦ particle interferometry
- ♦ direct photons
- \diamond thermal leptons
- \diamond jet quenching
- and anisotropic flows

≈ 20 fm/c

Some basic denotations



Shock waves – 1959 (angle depends on speed of sound which depends on the EOS)
 – first prediction of flow at high energy

Relativistic collisions – 1977
 -fireball
 Coalescence
 "At still higher densities it is possible that the nucleons might break up into their constituents to produce quark matter" 1979, A. M. Poskanzer

♦ Inspiration from hydrodynamics – 1995

H. Stöcker, J.A. Maruhn, and W. Greiner, PRL 44, 725 (1980)





participant-spectator picture

J.D. Bowman, W.J. Swiatecki, and C.F. Tsang, LBL-2908 (1973)

At low colliding energies – bounce-off of the colliding niclei

Anisotropic flow – strong dependence on colliding energy

Radial flow – used to measure temperature of the formed fireball



Kinds of Flow

Directed Flow

$$F = \frac{1}{A} \frac{d\langle p_x \rangle}{dy} |_{y=y_0}$$

- ✤ F is the slope of the p_x distribution at midrapidity
- Describes collective transverse momentum transfer
- Mass dependence
- Incident energy dependence



Plastic Ball, K.G.R. Doss et al., PRL 57, 302 (1986)





Beam Energy (MeV/A)

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Directed Flow – Transverse momentum analysis

$$Q_1 = \sum_{j=1}^N w_j u_j$$

- Analysis in the transverse plane
- Definition of the 1st harmonic Q-vector
- Using of weights w_i
- Weights are negative in the backward hemishere
- Using of sub-events
- Removing auto-correlations
- Reaction plane resolution



P. Danielewicz and G. Odyniec, Phys. Lett. **157B**, 146 (1985)

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A little history of methods used to study flows Fourier harmonics

$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} \propto 1 + 2v_1 \cos(\phi - \Psi_{RP}) + 2v_2 \cos[2(\phi - \Psi_{RP})] + \dots$$

 $v_n = \left\langle \cos[n(\phi - \Psi_{RP})] \right\rangle$

- event plane resolution used for each harmonic
- Weights negative in backward hemisphere for odd harmonics

$$Q_{n,x} = \sum_{j=1}^{N} w_j \cos(n\phi_j)$$
 and $Q_{n,y} = \sum_{j=1}^{N} w_j \sin(n\phi_j)$ \rightarrow

Transverse Plane



- S. Voloshin and Y. Zhang, hep-ph/940782; Z. Phys. C 70, 665 (1996)
- J.-Y. Ollitrault, arXiv nucl-ex/9711003 (1997)
- J.-Y. Ollitrault, Nucl. Phys. A590, 561c (1995)

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Directed and elliptic flow at SPS



NA49, C. Alt et al., PRC 68, 034903 (2003)

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Anisotropy harmonics v_n – conventional methods



Event plane method – event plane Ψ_n

Event plane is defined by the vector b (connects centers of the colliding nuclei) and the beam axis. A mathematical simplification. Event plane is not known apriori

• From
$$Q_n$$
 vector $Q_{n,x} = \sum_{j=1}^N w_j \cos(n\phi_j)$ and $Q_{n,y} = \sum_{j=1}^N w_j \sin(n\phi_j)$ - event plane angle Ψ_n

- ♦ The beam can be shifted or a bit titled form the z-axis. One corrects it by shifting (or recentering) method: $Q_{n,x} \rightarrow Q_{n,x} \langle Q_{n,x} \rangle$ and $Q_{n,y} \rightarrow Q_{n,y} \langle Q_{n,y} \rangle$ averaging is performed over many events and then event plane angle is recalculated
- ♦ If the resulting dN/dΨ_n is not flat then additionally a Fourier flattening can be applied: $\Delta \Psi_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{m=1}^{4} \frac{2}{m} \Big[-\langle \sin(mn\Psi_n) \rangle \cos(mn\Psi_n) + \langle \cos(mn\Psi_n) \rangle \sin(mn\Psi_n) \Big]$



 After applying recentering and Fourier flattening, the final dN/dΨ_n distribution must be flat (up to the statistical fluctuations)

In opposite, non-zero

$$\left< \sin[n(\phi - \Psi_n)] \right>$$

will appears

Event plane method - resolution

- Due to the finite multiplicity, the resolution of the reconstructed event plane is finite. So, the observed flow magnitude has to be corrected for the event plane resolution
- The event plane resolution is given by $\left\langle \cos[n(\Psi_n \Psi)] \right\rangle$ where Ψ is the true event plane angle
- The event plane resolution can be determined using the sub-event techniques
- Sub-events **a** and **b** are correlated: $\left\langle \cos\left[n(\Psi_n^a \Psi_n^b)\right]\right\rangle$
- From the simple relation: $\left\langle \cos\left[n(\Psi_{n}^{a}-\Psi_{n}^{b})\right]\right\rangle = \left\langle \cos\left[n(\Psi_{n}^{a}-\Psi)\right]\right\rangle \left\langle \cos\left[n(\Psi_{n}^{a}-\Psi)\right]\right\rangle$

follows:
$$\Re^{sub-event} = \left\langle \cos\left[n(\Psi_n^a - \Psi)\right] \right\rangle = \sqrt{\left\langle \cos\left[n(\Psi_n^a - \Psi_n^b)\right] \right\rangle}$$

As the multiplicity of the sub-event is a half of the event multiplicity

$$\Re = \sqrt{2\left\langle \cos\left[n(\Psi_n^a - \Psi_n^b)\right]\right\rangle}$$

There could be more than 2 sub-events. In case of 3 sub-events resolution is given with:

$$\Re = \sqrt{\frac{\left\langle \cos\left[n(\Psi_n^a - \Psi_n^b)\right]\right\rangle \left\langle \cos\left[n(\Psi_n^a - \Psi_n^c)\right]\right\rangle}{\left\langle \cos\left[n(\Psi_n^b - \Psi_n^c)\right]\right\rangle}}$$

Event plane method – Fourier harmonics

- Beside the directed and elliptic flow there are other anisotropic effects in heavy-ion collisions. All of them are present at the same time it makes the picture more complicated
- ★ A way to characterize them is to use a Fourier expansion of the invariant particle distribution: $E\frac{d^3N}{d^3p} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d^2N}{p_T dp_T} \left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2v_n \cos[n(\phi - \Psi_n)]\right)$
- One correlate particles with the event plane $v_n^{obs}(p_T, \eta) = \langle \cos[n(\phi \Psi_n)] \rangle$ where $\langle ... \rangle$ denotes averaging over all particles and over all events of interest
- Due to the finite event plane resolution, the observed Fourier coefficients must be corrected for it:



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Non-flow contributions

- There are physical correlations which look like flow *
- The Hanbury-Brown & Twiss (HBT) effect produce a spurious flow *
- The HBT effect between, let's say, two identical pions with momenta p_1 and p_2 apperas * only if: $|\vec{p}_2 - \vec{p}_1| \le \hbar / R$

where *R* is a typical size of the interacting zone

- The HBT affects only pairs with quite low momenta ٠.
- In P. M. Dinh, N. Borghini, and J.-Y. Ollitrault, Phys. Lett. **B477**, 51 (2000) was shown it was shown * procedure which should be applied in order to correct the contribution form the HBT effect



elliptic flow

triangular flow

Two-particle correlation method

- If particles are correlated with the event plane then they are also mutually correlated
- Thus, distribution formed from pairs of particles could be also Fourier decomposed as:

$$\frac{dN^{pairs}}{d\Delta\phi} = C_0 \left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2v_n^2 e^{in\Delta\phi} \right) = C_0 \left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2v_n^2 \cos(n\Delta\phi) \right)$$

where $\Delta \phi = \phi^a - \phi^b$ and $v_n^2 = \left\langle \cos \left[n(\phi^a - \phi^b) \right] \right\rangle$

- The main advantage tis that one does not need the event plane
- Now, usually, one constructs two-dimensional, in $\Delta \phi$ and in $\Delta \eta$, correlation by pairing particles from the same event. In order to increase the statistics, the procedure is repeated over many events of interest. This we call, signal **S** distribution
- In order to avoid the finite acceptance effect, one construct the background *B* distribution using the mixed-event technique
- The two-dimensional of associated particles per trigger particle is then defined as



Two-particle correlation method

- The N^{trigg} is the total number of trigger particles, wile $B(0,0)/B(\Delta\phi,\Delta\eta)$ accounts for the pair-acceptance effect
- One-dimensional projection onto $\Delta \phi$ -axis is then used to extract two-particle Fourier coefficients $V_{n\Delta}$ from the following Fourier decomposition

$$\frac{1}{N^{trig}}\frac{dN^{pairs}}{d\Delta\phi} = \frac{N^{assoc}}{2\pi} \left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2V_{n\Delta}\cos(n\Delta\phi)\right)$$

In order to avoid of the short range correlations arising from fragmentation of jets and resonance decays, a cut $|\Delta \eta| \ge 2$ is applied

↔ The $V_{n\Lambda}$ can be directly calculated as

$$V_{n\Delta} = \left\langle \left\langle \cos(n\Delta\phi) \right\rangle \right\rangle_{S} - \left\langle \left\langle \cos(n\Delta\phi) \right\rangle \right\rangle_{B}$$

where $\langle \langle ... \rangle \rangle$ denotes averaging over all particles pairs and over all events of interest

✤ It was thought that if the correlation is purely driven by hydrodynamics then $V_{n\Delta}$ factorizes into a product of single-particle anisotropies

$$V_{n\Delta}(p_T^{trig}, p_T^{assoc}; \eta^{trig}, \eta^{assoc}) = v_n(p_T^{trig}, \eta^{trig}) \times v_n(p_T^{assoc}, \eta^{assoc})$$

factorization!

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$$\eta_{1,032}^{1,033}$$

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Two-particle correlation method

The single-particle anisotropy harmonics can be then extracted as:

$$v_n(p_T) = \frac{V_{n\Delta}(p_T, p_T^{ref})}{\sqrt{V_{n\Delta}(p_T^{ref}, p_T^{ref})}}$$

where p_T^{ref} is a wide range of the 'referent particles' bin

- ★ The near-side jet as well as the big part of the away-side jet remnants could be excluded from the flow study by applying the $|\Delta \eta| \ge 2$
- ★ The $V_{n\Delta}$ calculation: $V_{n\Delta} = \langle \langle \cos(n\Delta\phi) \rangle \rangle_S \langle \langle \cos(n\Delta\phi) \rangle \rangle_B$ is performed using only pairs which satisfy condition $|\Delta\eta| \ge 2$ This, up to some extent removes also contribution from the resonance decays



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away-side

Multi-particle cumulant method

- Multi-particle method based on Q-cumulants by correlating no less then 4 particles has the advantage of suppressing short-range two or three-particle correlations arising from jet fragmentation and resonance decays.
- Single-event average 2- and 4-particle correlations are defined as:

$$\left< 2 \right> = \left< e^{in(\phi_1 - \phi_2)} \right> = \frac{2!(n-2)!}{n!} \sum_{i,j} e^{in(\phi_i - \phi_j)} \quad \text{and} \quad \left< 4 \right> = \left< e^{in(\phi_1 + \phi_2 - \phi_3 - \phi_4)} \right> = \frac{4!(n-4)!}{n!} \sum_{i,j,k,l} e^{in(\phi_i + \phi_j - \phi_k - \phi_l)}$$

The next step is to average over events of interest

$$\left\langle \left\langle 2\right\rangle \right\rangle = \left\langle \left\langle e^{in(\phi_1 - \phi_2)} \right\rangle \right\rangle = \frac{\sum\limits_{events} \overline{\varpi_i^{(2)}} \left\langle \left\langle 2\right\rangle \right\rangle_i}{\sum\limits_{events} \overline{\varpi_i^{(2)}}} \quad \text{and} \quad \left\langle \left\langle 4\right\rangle \right\rangle = \left\langle \left\langle e^{in(\phi_1 + \phi_2 - \phi_3 - \phi_4)} \right\rangle \right\rangle = \frac{\sum\limits_{events} \overline{\varpi_i^{(4)}} \left\langle \left\langle 4\right\rangle \right\rangle_i}{\sum\limits_{events} \overline{\varpi_i^{(4)}}}$$

- ♦ The second order cumulant is 2-particle correlation: $c_n \{2\} = \langle \langle 2 \rangle \rangle$
- ♦ The 4-th order cumulant is genuine 4-particle correlation: $c_n \{4\} = \langle \langle 4 \rangle \rangle 2 \cdot \langle \langle 2 \rangle \rangle^2$
- ♦ The 6-th order cumulant is genuine 6-particle correlation: $c_n \{6\} = \langle \langle 6 \rangle \rangle 9 \cdot \langle \langle 4 \rangle \rangle \langle \langle 2 \rangle \rangle + 12 \cdot \langle \langle 2 \rangle \rangle^3$
- ♦ And there are more …..
- ♦ The next step is to calculate integrated Fourier coefficients

more details in A. Bilandzic et al., PRC83, 044913 (2011) and references in

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Multi-particle cumulant method

♦ The integrated second order cumulant v_n harmonic: $v_n \{2\} = \sqrt{c_n \{2\}}$

- \diamond The integrated 4-th order cumulant v_n harmonic:
- \diamond The integrated 6-th order cumulant v_n harmonic:
- ♦ And there are more



To get single-particle differential cumulant v_n harmonic, one of particle with a given index is required to belong to a given p_T bin (denoted with a prime). The corresponding equations are:

$$d_{n} \{4\} = \langle \langle 4' \rangle \rangle - \langle \langle 2' \rangle \rangle \langle \langle 2 \rangle \rangle$$
$$d_{n} \{4\} = \langle \langle 6' \rangle \rangle - 6 \cdot \langle \langle 4' \rangle \rangle \langle \langle 2 \rangle \rangle - 3 \cdot \langle \langle 2' \rangle \rangle \langle \langle 4 \rangle \rangle + 12 \cdot \langle \langle 2' \rangle \rangle \langle \langle 2 \rangle \rangle^{2}$$

 \diamond And there are more and finally, 4-, 6- ,.... differential $v_n(p_T,\eta)$ coefficients are given as:

$$v_n \{4\} (p_T, \eta) = -d_n \{4\} \cdot (-c_n \{4\})^{-3/4}$$
$$v_n \{6\} (p_T, \eta) = d_n \{6\} \cdot (c_n \{6\})^{-5/6} \cdot 4^{-1/6}$$

more details in A. Bilandzic et al., PRC83, 044913 (2011) and references in

Lee-Yang Zero (LYZ) method

✤ First, one should calculate the integrated flow magnitude. To perform it, a complex-valued function: $g^{\theta}(ir) = \prod_{i=1}^{N} \left[1 + irw_{i} \cos[n(\phi_{i} - \theta)]\right]$

for various values of the real variable *r* and the angle θ ($0 \le \theta < \pi/n$)

- In each event one compute: $Q_x = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \cos(n\phi_i)$ and $Q_y = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \sin(n\phi_i)$
- Averaging over events for each *r* and θ value: $G^{\theta}(i)$

$$r$$
) = $\left\langle g^{\theta}(ir) \right\rangle_{events}$ = $\frac{1}{N_{events}} \sum_{events} g^{\theta}(ir)$

- ↔ For each θ value find the first minimum r_0^{θ} of the $|G^{\theta}(ir)|$:
- The integrated flow magnitude is then given with: $V_n^{\theta} \{\infty\} = \frac{\dot{j}_{01}}{r_0^{\theta}}$

where j_{01} = 2.40483 is the first zero of the Bessel function J_0

- ♦ If the detector acceptance is azimuthally symmetric, then V_n^{θ} does not depends on θ . One can average over θ to get smaller statistical errors
- ♦ The differential v_n are then calculated as: $\left(\int e_{\theta \leftarrow \theta} \cos[mn(\psi \theta)] \right)$

$$\frac{v_{mn}^{\theta}\left\{\infty\right\}}{V_{n}^{\theta}\left\{\infty\right\}} = \frac{J_{1}(j_{01})}{J_{m}(j_{01})} \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{\left\langle g^{\theta}(ir_{0}^{\theta})\frac{1+ir_{0}^{\theta}w_{\psi}\cos[n(\psi-\theta)]}{1+ir_{0}^{\theta}w_{\psi}\cos[n(\psi_{j}-\theta)]}\right\rangle_{\psi}}{i^{m-1}\left\langle g^{\theta}(ir_{0}^{\theta})\sum_{j}\frac{w_{j}\cos[n(\phi_{j}-\theta)]}{1+ir_{0}^{\theta}w_{\psi}\cos[n(\phi_{j}-\theta)]}\right\rangle_{events}}\right)$$

more details in N. Borghini et al., JPG 30, S1213 (2004) and in R.S. Bhalerao et al., NPA 727, 373 (2003)

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Lee-Yang Zero (LYZ) and cumulants



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Scalar Product (SP) method

The SP method is used to measure anisotropy that are long-range in pseudorapidity



- The SP method excellently suits in the experiments with huge pseudorapidity coverage
- Forming sub-events from different detector parts separated with a large η gap suppresses ٠. few-particle non-flow correlations, such as those induced by dijets fragmentation and



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Principal Component Analysis (PCA) method

A simple 2D example



 Random data generated by 2D multivariate Gauss distribution

$$\vec{X}_n = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

$$\vec{Y}_n = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$$

✤ a matrix

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \operatorname{var}(X) & \operatorname{cov}(X,Y) \\ \operatorname{cov}(X,Y) & \operatorname{var}(Y) \end{bmatrix}$$

eigenvectors *e_i* and eigenvalues λ_i by diagonalization Σ

$$\left[e\right]^{T} \Sigma \left[e\right] = diag(\lambda_{1}, \lambda_{2})$$

- First Principal Component: eigenvector e_1 points to maximum variance of data cloud. Its magnitude is $\sqrt{\lambda_1}e_1$
- Second Principal Component: eigenvector e_2 points to the next maximum variance of data cloud. Its magnitude is $\sqrt{\lambda_2}e_2$

PCA method in hydrodynamic flow - prescription

Two very recent theoretical papers: R.S.Bhalerao, J-Y. Ollitrault, S.Pal and D.Teaney, Phys.Rev.Lett. 114 (2015) 152301 and A.Mazeliauskas and D.Teaney, Phys.Rev. C91 (2015) 044902 introduced the PCA as a new method to study hydrodynamics flows

* "The simplest correlations are pairs. The principal component analysis is a method which extracts all the information from pair correlations in a way which facilitates comparison between theory and experiment." J.-Y. Ollitrault

In this analysis:

- ♦ 7 p_T bins (0.3< p_T <3.0 GeV/c); the eigenvalue problem of a matrix $[V_{n\Delta}(p_i, p_j)]$

PCA method in hydrodynamic flow - prescription



- The new introduced p_T dependent variable, flow mode, is defined as $V_n^{(\alpha)}(p_i) = \sqrt{\lambda^{(\alpha)}} e^{(\alpha)}(p_i)$ where $\alpha = 1, ..., 7$
- corresponding single-particle flow mode $v_n^{(\alpha)}(p) = \frac{V_n^{(\alpha)}(p)}{\langle M(p) \rangle}$
- ♦ experimental data → $V_{n\Delta}(p_i, p_j)$ → it has its own statistical error $\Delta V_{n\Delta}(p_i, p_j)$
- ↔ The error propagation through $V_n^{(\alpha)}$ up to $v_n^{(\alpha)}$

Conclusions

- We presented motivation why to study QGP
- One of observables used to study QGP is azimuthal anisotropy
- Some of the first, now old and mainly outdated methods for studying azimuthal anisotropies are presented
- We presented several methods which are now extensively used in measuring of the azimuthal anisotropies
- We also shortly mentioned some techniques which could be used to correct or to avoid of some non-flow effects