Influence of initial-state momentum anisotropy on the final-state collectivity in small collision systems

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#### "ridge" in different collision system



Where is the onset of collectivity flow if any?

#### Origin of vn in small system



### **Emergence of collectivity**

Credit: Sören Schlichting, IS2019



Event multiplicity (dNch/dq)

**Qualitatively not Quantitatively!** 

• Sizable azimuthal anisotropy can be induced by the initial state correlations or parton escape mechanism at low multiplicity.

# Go beyond the long ongoing debate between



### **AMPT model**



#### **AMPT model setup**

- **AMPT-string melting**
- parton cross section
- $p+Pb \sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02 \text{ TeV}$

M. MASERA et al PRC 79, 064909 (2009)

for each parton: **σ=3mb** keep the x, y, z unchanged (geometry response remains) keep the  $p_T$ ,  $\eta$  unchanged, change the  $\phi$  $\phi = \sum \frac{2}{n} v_n \sin(n(\phi - \Psi_n))$ A so-called "initial flow  $= \phi_0$ is introduced at the initial stage. v<sub>n</sub> is controllable in the equation!  $\Psi_{MP}$  is randomly choose form 0-2 $\pi$  $\Psi_{MP}$  initial momentum plane • $\Psi_{PP}$  initial geometry plane  $\Psi_{\rm EP}$  final state flow event plane

### Simplify the idea





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#### Test with AMPT

#### • randomize azimuthal angle of the parton, $v_2^{ini} = 0$



- long-range correlation (LRC) -> geometry response
- short-range correlation (SRC) -> non-equilibrium dynamics

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#### • With an input $v_2^{ini} = 0.1$ at initial stage



#### A simultaneous study of LRC and SRC are essential to disentangle the geometry response and non-equilibrium behavior.

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- Initial anisotropy survives and biases both the geometry-driven flow and flow fluctuation.

#### phase correlation



• Final EP is more influenced at low Nch and less influenced at high Nch.

#### What do we learn so far...



Event multiplicity ( $dN_{ch}/d\eta$ )

- The final flow(both magnitude and phase) can be large influenced by the initial anisotropy, especially at low Nch.
- **Smaller systems** (O+O, Ar+Ar) can shed light on the mechanism of collectivity.

#### Summary

- The presence of initial momentum anisotropy can change dramatically the final observed flow.
- Mere evidence for geometry response does not rule out possible large contributions from initial state in small systems.
- Disentangling these requires further detailed small system scan (O+O, Ar+Ar).

## Backup

#### AMPT model





### Further investigation with fixed $\Psi_{MP}$ initial flow $v_2^{ini} = 0.05$

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#### Further investigation with fixed $\Psi_{\text{MP}}$



• When  $\Psi_{MP}$  is aligned with  $\Psi_{PP}$ , the final  $v_2$  and the angular correlations are stronger.

#### eccentricity vs. Nch



#### <Ncoll> vs. Nch

