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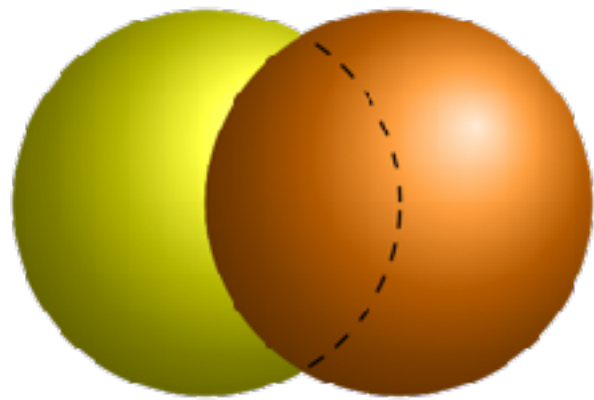
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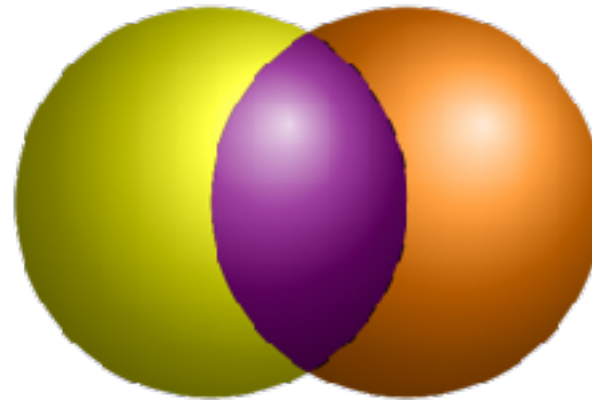
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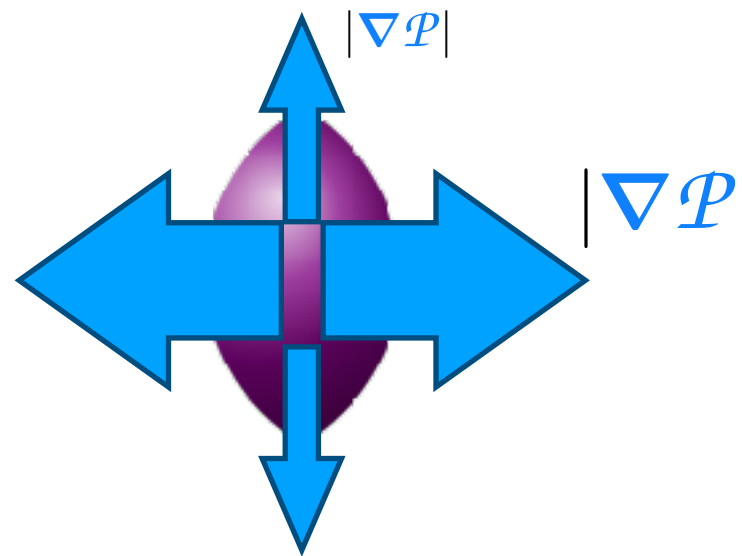


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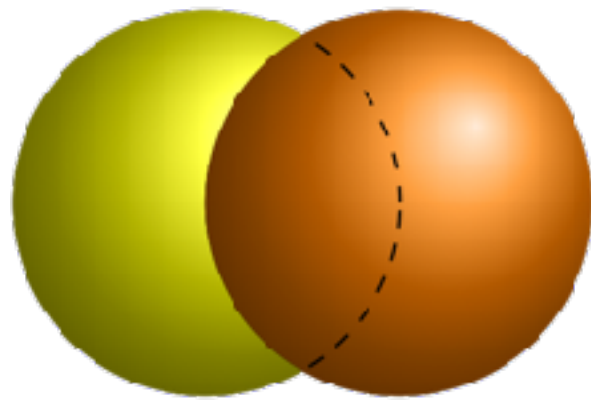


⇒ larger fluid acceleration along the impact parameter direction

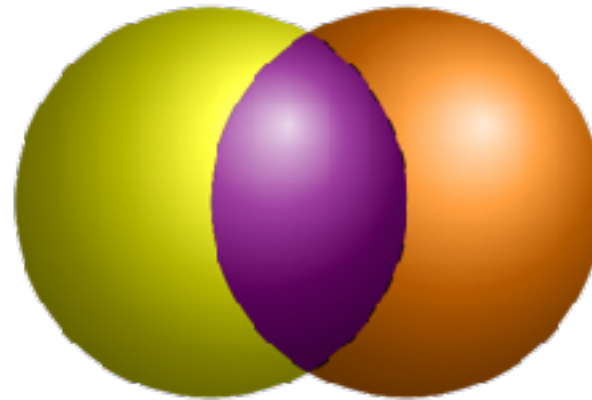
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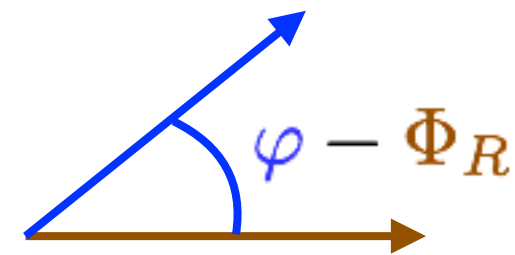
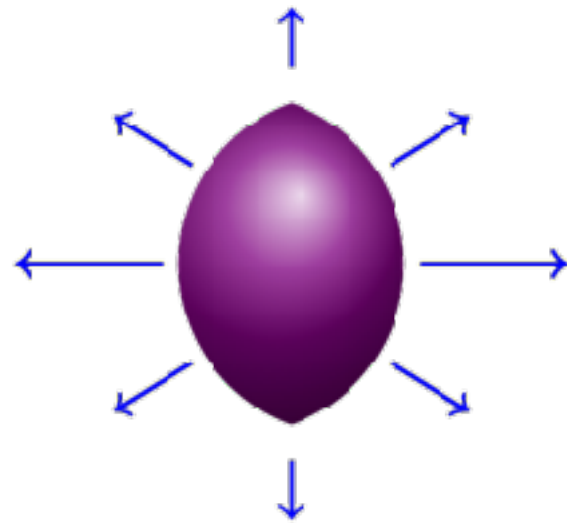


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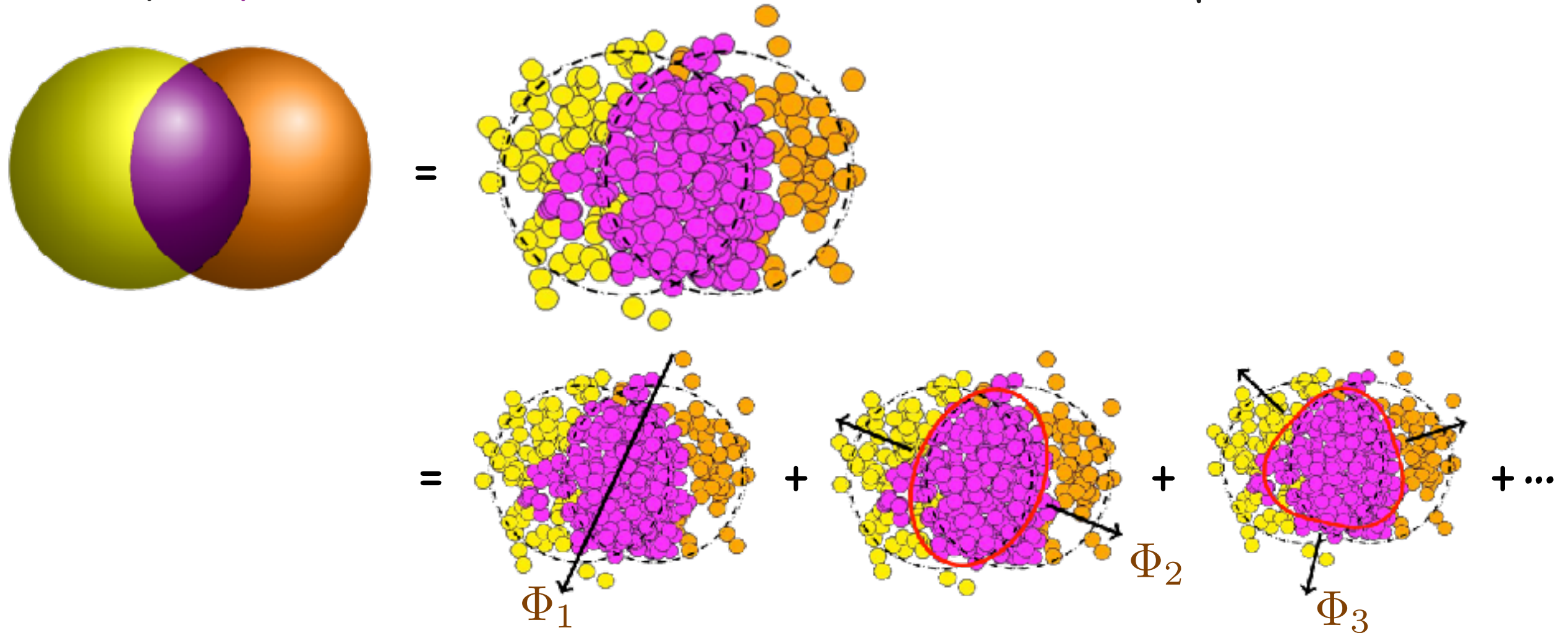


$$E \frac{dN}{d^3\mathbf{p}} \propto \frac{dN}{p_T dp_T dy} [1 + 2v_1 \cos(\varphi - \Phi_R) + 2v_2 \cos 2(\varphi - \Phi_R) + \dots]$$

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Newer paradigm (since 2010) in collisions of “large” systems:

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$$E \frac{dN}{d^3\mathbf{p}} \propto \frac{dN}{p_T dp_T dy} \left[1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n \cos n(\varphi - \Phi_n) \right]$$

pictures shamelessly stolen from Matt Luzum

Preamble: Anisotropic collective flow

The asymmetric initial-state (transverse) geometry, characterized by “eccentricities” ϵ_n :*

$$\epsilon_n e^{in\Phi_n} \equiv - \frac{\langle r^n e^{in\theta} \rangle_r}{\langle r^n \rangle_r}$$

is converted by the system evolution into final-state anisotropies in (transverse) momentum space, characterized by Fourier coefficients v_n .

$$v_n = f_n(\{\epsilon_m\})$$

* and by other similar quantities

Anisotropic flow in fluid dynamics

$$v_n = f_n(\{\epsilon_m\})$$

The “response functions” f_n still depend on the system size, but also on more intrinsic properties of the expanding fireball.

👉 in a (classical*) fluid-dynamical description of the fireball as a continuous medium, dependence on the equation of state and on the transport coefficients ($\eta, \zeta \dots$).

* i.e. relying on local thermodynamic equilibrium

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• pentagonal flow:

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• hexagonal flow:

$$v_6 \simeq \mathcal{K}_{6,222}^{\text{hydro}} \epsilon_2^3 + \mathcal{K}_{6,33}^{\text{hydro}} \epsilon_3^2 + \mathcal{K}_{6,42}^{\text{hydro}} \epsilon_2 \epsilon_4 + \mathcal{K}_{6,6}^{\text{hydro}} \epsilon_6$$

* discarding ϵ_1 and considering only the leading contributions

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nonlinear flow!

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In a fluid dynamical description of the heavy-ion fireball evolution, one finds both linear and nonlinear **responses** to the initial **eccentricities**.

Intuition / prejudice: the nonlinear response terms should emerge more slowly(?), and thus possibly probe a different stage of the evolution.

(N.B. & J.-Y. Ollitrault 2005: nonlinearity as a freeze-out effect?)

👉 How does it look like in other approaches to the fireball dynamics?

⇒ in a kinetic description à la Boltzmann?

Further motivation for such models: data from “small systems”

An apology...

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actually means

Anisotropic flow far from equilibrium

N.B., Steffen Feld & Nina Kersting, [arXiv:1804.05729](https://arxiv.org/abs/1804.05729)

N.Kersting & N.B., work (= more explicit calculations) in progress

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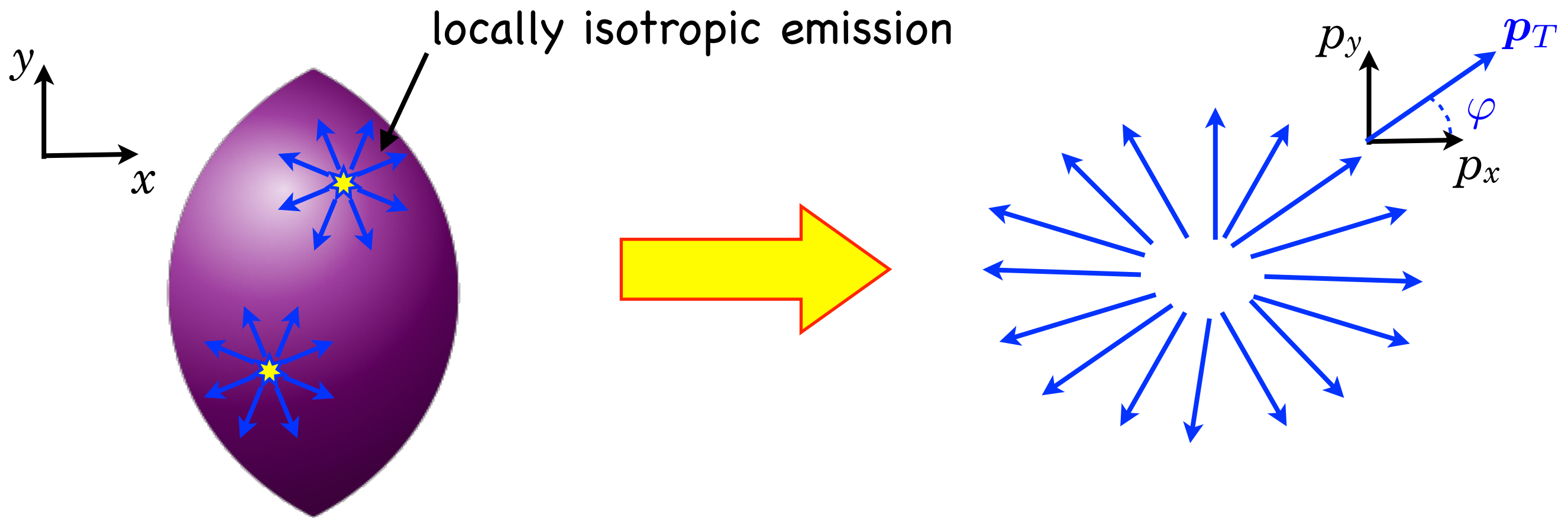
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Anisotropic flow: the particle picture



In **non-central** nucleus-nucleus collisions, the initial **spatial asymmetry** of the overlap region in the transverse plane is converted by **particle rescatterings** into an anisotropic transverse-momentum distribution of the outgoing particles: **anisotropic flow**.

Kinetic theoretical approach

Ingredients for a classical* particle-based description:

● single-particle phase space distribution: $f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$

● total particle number $\int_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}} f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) = N(t)$

● momentum distribution $\int_{\mathbf{x}} f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) = E \frac{dN}{d^3\mathbf{p}}(t, \mathbf{p})$

\Rightarrow anisotropic flow coefficients $v_n(t)$

final-state observables: let $t \rightarrow \infty$

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Focus on transverse anisotropic flow: consider 2-dimensional system

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- eccentricities: “ellipticity” ϵ_2 , “triangularity” ϵ_3 ...

- typical (transverse) size R

\Rightarrow typical particle number density $n \sim \frac{N}{R^2}$ (remember: 2D)

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proportional to ϵ_2, ϵ_3

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require a cutoff

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- evolution equation, of the kinetic type

$$p_\mu \partial^\mu f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) = -\mathcal{C}_{\text{coll.}}[f]$$

⇒ various possible choices for the collision term (“setups”)

- 2-to-2 elastic (Boltzmann), $2 \leftrightarrow 3$ scatterings

- include / ignore Pauli blocking / Bose-Einstein enhancement

- rescattering cross section σ .

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Warm up: free streaming

Assume first that there are no rescatterings, $\mathcal{C}_{\text{coll.}}[f] = 0$.

\Rightarrow the evolution equation becomes $p_\mu \partial^\mu f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) = 0$

with free-streaming solutions $f^{(0)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) = f^{(0)}(t_0, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{v}(t - t_0), \mathbf{p})$.

integration over space

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{dN}{d^2\mathbf{p}}(t, \mathbf{p}) \right] = 0$$

Multiply by $\cos(n\varphi)$, average over φ , let $t \rightarrow \infty \dots$

$$v_n = v_n(t) = v_n(t_0)$$

Boring!

Few-scattering approach

Let us turn on particles rescatterings: $\mathcal{C}_{\text{coll.}}[f] \neq 0$.

\Rightarrow need an ansatz for the collision term (next-to-next slide)

If the number of rescatterings per particle is low enough, f should not differ much from the free-streaming solution $f^{(0)}$:

$$f = f^{(0)} + f^{(1)}$$

“low density limit”: [Heiselberg & Levy, PRC 59 \(1999\) 2716](#)

“far from equilibrium”: [N.B. & Gombeaud, EPJC 71 \(2011\) 1612](#)

“eremitic expansion”, [Romatschke, arXiv:1802.06804](#)

“one hit dynamics”, [Kurkela, Wiedemann & Wu, arXiv:1803.02072](#)

Note: (small) expansion parameter needed: wait till slide 20!

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In the absence of initial momentum-space anisotropy, the generated **anisotropic flow** is due to $f^{(1)}$, i.e. to rescatterings.

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Insert into the kinetic evolution equation:

$$\begin{aligned} p_\mu \partial^\mu f^{(1)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) &= -\mathcal{C}_{\text{coll.}}[f^{(0)} + f^{(1)}] \\ &\simeq -\mathcal{C}_{\text{coll.}}[f^{(0)}] \end{aligned}$$

Integrate over \mathbf{x} , multiply by $\cos(n\varphi)$, average over φ

\Rightarrow anisotropic flow growth rate $\frac{d}{dt} v_n(t)$

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(nonlinearities hidden in u_μ and $f_{\text{eq.}}[f]$)

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● collision integral, including a rescattering cross section, as e.g.

$$\mathcal{C}_{\text{coll.}}[f(\mathbf{1})] = \int_{\mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_3, \mathbf{p}_4} [f(\mathbf{3})f(\mathbf{4})w(\mathbf{3}+\mathbf{4} \rightarrow \mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}) - f(\mathbf{1})f(\mathbf{2})w(\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2} \rightarrow \mathbf{3}+\mathbf{4})]$$

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What is the small parameter here?

Goal: small number of rescatterings per particle: $(\sigma R) \frac{N}{R^2} \ll 1$

$$N_{\text{resc.}} \sim \frac{N\sigma}{R} \ll 1$$

For an explicit calculation, take an initial configuration, a given collision integral (with the free-streaming solution), integrate over \mathbf{x} , t , and the still unspecified momentum.

Scaling behaviors

$$f = f^{(0)} + f^{(1)}$$

- The free-streaming solution $f^{(0)}$ propagates the initial distribution, and thus only contains linear terms in the **eccentricities** ϵ_n .

$$p_\mu \partial^\mu f^{(1)}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) = -\mathcal{C}_{\text{coll.}}[f^{(0)} + f^{(1)}] \simeq -\mathcal{C}_{\text{coll.}}[f^{(0)}]$$

- The first-order correction $f^{(1)}$
 - is linear in the cross section / the small parameter $N_{\text{resc.}}$.
 - contains nonlinear terms in the **eccentricities** ϵ_n .

$$\mathcal{C}_{\text{coll.}}[f^{(0)}] \ni \int f^{(0)}(\mathbf{1}) f^{(0)}(\mathbf{2}) \sigma \ni \int \underbrace{\epsilon_2 \cos(2\theta_1) \epsilon_2 \cos(2\theta_2)} \sigma$$

$$\text{will contribute to } v_4 \longrightarrow \ni \epsilon_2^2 \cos\left(4\frac{\theta_1 + \theta_2}{2}\right)$$

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 - is linear in the cross section / the small parameter $N_{\text{resc.}}$.
 - contains linear and quadratic terms in the **eccentricities** ϵ_n .

if the collision integral is quadratic in f
(as in the Boltzmann ansatz)

Anisotropic flow far from equilibrium

Summary of findings with the Boltzmann collision kernel:

- elliptic flow: $v_2 = \mathcal{O}(N_{\text{resc.}}) \epsilon_2$
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Anisotropic flow far from equilibrium vs. in fluid dynamics

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reminder from slide 7

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not there at order $\mathcal{O}(N_{\text{resc.}})$

👉 As anticipated(?), some of the nonlinear response terms seem to require more time (rescatterings) to be generated!

v_6 far from equilibrium

What about the contribution of order ϵ_2^3 to v_6 ?

Write $f = f^{(0)} + f^{(1)} + f^{(2)}$, insert into the evolution equation

$$\begin{aligned} p_\mu \partial^\mu [f^{(1)} + f^{(2)}] &= -\mathcal{C}_{\text{coll.}}[f^{(0)} + f^{(1)} + f^{(2)}] \\ &\simeq -\mathcal{C}_{\text{coll.}}[f^{(0)} + f^{(1)}] \\ &= \underbrace{-\mathcal{C}_{\text{coll.}}[f^{(0)}]}_{\text{yields } f^{(1)}} - \underbrace{\left(\mathcal{C}_{\text{coll.}}[f^{(0)} + f^{(1)}] - \mathcal{C}_{\text{coll.}}[f^{(0)}] \right)}_{\text{The terms } \mathcal{O}(N_{\text{resc.}}^2) \text{ yield } f^{(2)}} \end{aligned}$$

$f^{(2)}$ does contain a term in ϵ_2^3

$$\text{👉 } v_6 = \mathcal{O}(N_{\text{resc.}}) \epsilon_3^2 + \mathcal{O}(N_{\text{resc.}}^2) \epsilon_2^3 \quad \text{nontrivial?}$$

v_6 far from equilibrium

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How robust is this?

To get a contribution in ϵ_2^3 to v_6 already at order $\mathcal{O}(N_{\text{resc.}})$, one must modify the collision integral:

- include $2 \leftrightarrow 3$ scatterings (actually, only $3 \rightarrow 2$ is useful)

however $\sigma_{3 \rightarrow 2}$ is smaller than $\sigma_{2 \rightarrow 2}$: does not really work

- include Pauli blocking / Bose-Einstein enhancement factors

$$f(\mathbf{1})f(\mathbf{2})[1 \pm f(\mathbf{3})][1 \pm f(\mathbf{4})]$$

relevant only for a dense system

👉 Does one remain in the “small number of rescatterings” regime?

Anisotropic flow far from equilibrium

One can find various scaling behaviors between initial **eccentricities** and final-state **anisotropic flow harmonics**.

- Are they confirmed by numerical studies?
 - Ultimately, how does the scaling with the number of rescatterings manifest themselves in the fluid-dynamical regime: dependence on viscosity of the proportionality coefficients $\mathcal{K}_{n,..}^{\text{hydro}}$?
- Are they of any relevance for experimental data?
 - Small systems
 - Pre-hydrodynamization stage in heavy ion collision.

... And another thing...

An unpleasant curiosity?

A simple setup:

$$f(t_0, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) = F(\mathbf{p}) e^{-r^2/2R^2} \left[1 + \bar{\epsilon}_2 \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \cos[2(\theta - \Phi_2)] + \bar{\epsilon}_3 \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^3 \cos[3(\theta - \Phi_3)] \right]$$

for massless particles with $2 \leftrightarrow 2$ elastic scatterings, with an isotropic cross section.

Leads to finite v_2, v_4, v_6 but vanishing v_3, v_5 at order $\mathcal{O}(N_{\text{resc.}})$...

... And another thing...

$$f(t_0, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) = F(\mathbf{p}) e^{-r^2/2R^2} \left[1 + \bar{\epsilon}_2 \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \cos[2(\theta - \Phi_2)] + \bar{\epsilon}_3 \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^3 \cos[3(\theta - \Phi_3)] \right]$$

The calculation involves that of the integral

$$\int f^{(0)}(t_0, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{v}_1(t - t_0), \mathbf{p}_1) f^{(0)}(t_0, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{v}_2(t - t_0), \mathbf{p}_2) d^2\mathbf{x} =$$
$$\int f^{(0)}(t_0, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}_1) f^{(0)}(t_0, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{p}_2) d^2\mathbf{x}$$

where $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}_1)(t - t_0)$

A term linear in $\bar{\epsilon}_3$ comes with an odd contribution to the integrand, thus does not contribute to the integral... Leading to no v_3 .

But do I understand the physics here?