Machine learning based estimator for elliptic flow in heavy-ion collisions

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Matter – from molecules to quarks



- Quarks fundamental bits of matter; Gluons mediators for strong interaction
- Quarks and gluons have color degrees of freedom and can't exist freely



Heavy-ion collisions (HIC) and Quark gluon plasma (QGP)

- Quark gluon plasma (QGP) is a hot and dense state of deconfined quarks and gluons in thermal equilibrium
- The value of the strong coupling constant decreases as the energy density increases: Asymptotic Freedom







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Kinematic Observable in HIC



- Transverse Momentum, $p_T = \sqrt{p_x^2 + p_y^2}$
- Azimuthal Angle, $\phi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{p_y}{p_x}\right)$
- Polar angle, $\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{p_T}{p_z}\right)$

- Rapidity, $y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{E + p_Z}{E p_Z} \right)$
- Pseudo-rapidity, $\eta = -\ln\left(\tan\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$
- Reaction plane angle, ψ_R : Angle made by impact parameter (*b*) with *x*-axis

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Elliptic Flow (v_2)



□ Anisotropic flow: hydrodynamic response to spatial deformation of the initial density profile.

$$E\frac{d^{3}N}{dp^{3}} = \frac{d^{2}N}{2\pi p_{T}dp_{T}dy} \left(1 + 2\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_{n} \cos[n(\phi - \psi_{n})]\right) = \frac{d^{2}N}{2\pi p_{T}dp_{T}dy} \left(1 + 2v_{1} \cos(\phi - \psi_{1}) + 2v_{2} \cos[2(\phi - \psi_{2})] + 2v_{3} \cos[3(\phi - \psi_{3}) + ...]\right)$$
Directed flow Elliptic flow Triangular flow
$$v_{2} = \left(\cos[2(\phi - \psi_{2})]\right)$$
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Deep Neural Network (DNN)

- It is an ML algorithm inspired by the structure of the neurons in the animal brain
- Three key layers

Input layer: Takes different features as input Hidden layer: Connects to different neurons to weights Output layer: gives the result as a number or class

- Weights: represents the importance of a neuron
- Activation function: Guides the outcome of each node
- Cost function: Evaluates the accuracy of the prediction
- Optimizer: Methods/Algorithms used to minimize the cost function by updating the weights



• For an input layer *x*, two hidden layers, the output *y* can be represented as:

$$y = F_3\left(CF_2(BF_1(Ax))\right)$$

A, *B*, *C* represent the weight matrices F_1 , F_2 , F_3 represent the activation functions

Input to the Model

- Elliptic flow (v_2) is an event property, depends upon: η , mass, p_T , centrality, etc.
- v_2 is calculated using the event plane method and ψ_R is set to zero in AMPT. ($\Rightarrow v_2 = (\cos(2\phi))$)
- $(\eta \phi)$ space is considered as primary input space, divided into (32x32) bin space
- Weighted p_T , mass and $\log(\sqrt{(s_{NN}/s_0)})$ are taken as input to the DNN architecture.
- $32 \times 32 \times 3$ (= 3072) features per event
- Trained with 150K minimum bias events of Pb-Pb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV simulated with AMPT.



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DNN Architecture

- Each event has 3072 input features mapped into the first dense layer with 128 nodes and ReLU activation function
- 3 hidden layers with 256 nodes and ReLU activation function
- The final layer has single node as v_2 and linear activation function is used
- ReLU $(x) = \max(0, x)$
- Cost Function: mean squared error
- Optimiser: adam
- Early stopping mechanism is used to stop the training
- Early stopping patience level of maximum 10 epochs
- Max Epoch=60, batch size = 32

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Quality Assurance

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- Loss is the mean squared error of predicted v₂ w.r.t true v₂
- Loss is in the order of 10⁻⁴ : Good training
- Less to no overfitting/underfitting.
- Mean absolute error (MAE) of v₂ is defined as:

$$\Delta v_2 = \frac{1}{N_{\text{events}}} \sum_{n=1}^{N_{\text{events}}} |v_{2_n}^{\text{true}} - v_{2_n}^{\text{pred}}|$$

- $v_2^{true} = v_2^{pred}$ straight line is well populated
- 32x32 bin size is faster and has optimum performance compared to other bin size
- Model is quite sturdy and less sensitive to noise of different weights

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Results and Discussions



- AMPT results do not match with experimental data, which can be optimised with different settings available in AMPT
- DNN predictions almost match with the v_2 value from the AMPT, not only at LHC but also at RHIC energies, which is new to DNN

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Summary

- Elliptic flow is one of the important observables to understand the physics of QGP, and it can be successfully predicted with machine learning based DNN algorithm
- The DNN model retains the centrality, energy and p_T dependence and predicts with accuracy
- The DNN model is quite robust and it's less sensitive to input data with uncorrelated noise

Outlook

- The DNN model is yet to be tested for particle dependence (mass dependence).
- In AMPT, we have set $\psi_R = 0$, The model is yet to be tested for random orientation of ψ and its dependence
- This DNN model takes nonflow effects into account while calculating v_2 , which can be improved.

Thank YouFor the attention

Backup Slides

A Multi-phase Transport Model (AMPT)

- Initialisation of collisions (HIJING)
- Parton Transport (ZPC)
- Hadronisation (Lund string fragmentation / Quark coalescence)
- Hadron Transport (ART)



SM Version

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