

Bulk viscosity-driven suppression of shear viscosity effects on the flow harmonics at energies available at the BNL Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider

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The interplay between shear and bulk viscosities on the flow harmonics, v_n 's, at the BNL Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider is investigated using the newly developed relativistic 2 + 1 hydrodynamical code V-USPHYDRO that includes bulk and shear viscosity effects both in the hydrodynamic evolution and at freeze-out. While shear viscosity is known to attenuate the flow harmonics, we find that the inclusion of bulk viscosity decreases the shear viscosity-induced suppression of the flow harmonics, bringing them closer to their values in ideal hydrodynamical calculations. Depending on the value of the bulk viscosity to entropy density ratio, ζ/s , in the quark-gluon plasma, the bulk viscosity-driven suppression of shear viscosity effects on the flow harmonics may require a reevaluation of the previous estimates of the shear viscosity to entropy density ratio, η/s , of the quark-gluon plasma previously extracted by comparing hydrodynamic calculations to heavy-ion data.

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I. INTRODUCTION

One of the the main results stemming from heavy-ion collision experiments at the BNL Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) and the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) is the discovery that the quark-gluon plasma (QGP) behaves as a nearly perfect fluid [1] in which the lowest value of $\eta/s \sim 0.2$ [2]. While there have been several model calculations that support such a small value for η/s in the QGP [3–14], much less is known about the bulk viscosity to entropy density ratio, ζ/s . In fact, though it is true that ζ/s vanishes at sufficiently large temperatures [15], it is not clear at the moment how large this quantity can be [16,17] in the range of temperatures probed in heavy-ion collisions, $T \sim 100\text{--}400$ MeV.

This has led to the idea that the bulk viscosity may be extremely small and have negligible effects on observable quantities such as the azimuthal flow anisotropies (for phenomenological consequences of large bulk viscosity in heavy-ion collisions see [18–20]). Most studies have used only shear viscous calculations and then fitted the calculated flow harmonics to experimental data to estimate the shear viscosity of the QGP [21,22]. There are a few exceptions of those who have explored bulk viscosity [23–28] and its effects on elliptic flow but further work was needed to quantify the effects of bulk viscosity on the higher-order flow harmonics. Recently, in Ref. [29] the effects solely from bulk viscosity on the flow harmonics at RHIC were investigated using event-by-event hydrodynamics and it was found that bulk viscosity enhances the differential flow harmonics with respect to the ideal case, which is the opposite effect found in the case of shear viscosity [22].

In this paper we explore the interplay between bulk and shear viscosities within the framework of relativistic hydrodynamical modeling using V-USPHYDRO [29], which is a boost invariant viscous hydrodynamical code that runs event-by-event initial conditions using smoothed particle hydrodynamics (SPH) [30–32] to solve the equations of motion. For some choices of the model parameters, we find that for $\sqrt{s} = 200$ A GeV RHIC collisions bulk viscosity can almost entirely negate the effects of shear viscosity

when they are of a comparable size for both the integrated and p_T -dependent flow harmonics. In fact, in this case for differential flow harmonics bulk viscosity effects dominate over the effects from shear. However, we find that there is a strong dependence on the model choice of bulk viscous corrections at freeze-out for the differential flow harmonics at intermediate $p_T > 1.5$ GeV (at low p_T both methods converge and, thus, the integrated flow harmonics are much more robust with respect to model changes in the viscous contribution to the particle distributions). Finally, we find that bulk viscosity has a nontrivial effect on the shear stress tensor even when the chosen ζ/s is significantly smaller than the shear viscosity.

This paper is organized as follows. In Sec. II we cover the relativistic hydrodynamical model that we are using. In Sec. II A we discuss the equations of motion for 2 + 1 relativistic hydrodynamics with bulk and shear viscosity using the SPH formalism; then in Sec. II B we show the transport coefficients used for this paper. In Sec. II C the setup for our Glauber event-by-event initial conditions are discussed and in Sec. II D we discuss the parameters and equations for the freeze-out with viscous corrections. In Sec. III we explore the effects of shear and bulk viscosities on the hydrodynamical evolution, while in Sec. IV we discuss the results of our work for both the integrated v_n 's in Sec. IV A and the differential v_n 's in Sec. IV B. We also show a comparison for the case when bulk and shear viscosities have the same magnitude in Sec. IV C. Finally, in Sec. V we discuss the consequences of our work. Details about the equations and tests of the accuracy of V-USPHYDRO can be found in the Appendixes.

Definitions. We use a flat space-time metric in Milne coordinates defined as $g_{\mu\nu} = (1, -1, -1, -\tau^2)$, where $x^\mu = (\tau, \mathbf{r}, \eta)$ and

$$\begin{aligned}\tau &= \sqrt{t^2 - z^2}, \\ \eta &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{t+z}{t-z} \right),\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

are the proper time and space-time rapidity, respectively. Furthermore, we assume boost invariance for the flow velocity

so $u_\mu = (\sqrt{1 + u_x^2 + u_y^2}, u_x, u_y, 0)$ and also $u_\mu u^\mu = 1$. Natural units are employed throughout this work, i.e., $\hbar = k_B = c = 1$.

II. DETAILS OF THE HYDRODYNAMIC MODEL

A. Equations of motion for 2 + 1 relativistic hydrodynamics with bulk and shear viscosities

In this paper we use a boost invariant setup with a vanishing baryon chemical potential and the conservation of energy and momentum $\nabla_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$ can be written as

$$\frac{1}{\tau} \partial_\mu (\tau T^{\mu\nu}) + \Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^\nu T^{\lambda\mu} = 0, \quad (2)$$

where the Christoffel symbol is

$$\Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^\nu = \frac{1}{2} g^{\nu\sigma} (\partial_\mu g_{\sigma\lambda} + \partial_\lambda g_{\sigma\mu} - \partial_\sigma g_{\mu\lambda}). \quad (3)$$

The general expression for energy-momentum tensor that includes both bulk and shear viscosity effects is

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \varepsilon u^\mu u^\nu - (p + \Pi) \Delta^{\mu\nu} + \pi^{\mu\nu}, \quad (4)$$

where Π is the bulk viscous pressure, $\pi^{\mu\nu}$ is the shear stress tensor, and the spatial projection operator is $\Delta_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu} - u_\mu u_\nu$. Above, we use the Landau definition for the local rest frame, $u_\nu T^{\mu\nu} = \varepsilon u^\mu$ and the remaining dynamical quantities are the energy density ε , the pressure p (which can be written in terms of ε via the equation of state), and the fluid 4-velocity u^μ . The dissipative currents Π and $\pi^{\mu\nu}$ obey relaxation-type differential equations and the full form of these equations, at least according to kinetic theory, can be found in Ref. [33]. In this paper we do not consider all the terms found in Ref. [33] owing to the large uncertainty regarding the values of the many new transport coefficients involved (for a recent study involving the determination of these coefficients in certain limits, see Ref. [34]). Rather, we use, as in our previous work [29], the simplest equation for the bulk scalar (obtained originally via the memory function prescription [35] and used also in Refs. [26,27])

$$\tau_\Pi (D\Pi + \Pi\theta) + \Pi + \zeta\theta = 0, \quad (5)$$

where $D = u^\mu \nabla_\mu$ is the comoving covariant derivative, $\theta \equiv \nabla_\mu u^\mu = \tau^{-1} \partial_\mu (\tau u^\mu)$ is the fluid expansion rate, and τ_Π is the bulk relaxation time coefficient. For the description of the shear stress tensor we use the minimal Israel-Stewart description (compatible with conformal invariance),

$$\tau_\pi (\Delta_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} D\pi^{\alpha\beta} + \frac{4}{3} \pi_{\mu\nu} \theta) + \pi_{\mu\nu} = 2\eta\sigma_{\mu\nu}, \quad (6)$$

where we defined the tensor projector $\Delta_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{2} [\Delta_{\mu\alpha} \Delta_{\nu\beta} + \Delta_{\mu\beta} \Delta_{\nu\alpha} - \frac{2}{3} \Delta_{\mu\nu} \Delta_{\alpha\beta}]$, the shear tensor $\sigma_{\mu\nu} = \Delta_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \nabla^\alpha u^\beta$, and the shear relaxation coefficient τ_π . Therefore, in this work we have four transport coefficients: ζ , η and their respective relaxation times τ_Π and τ_π . We note that we included the term $\pi^{\mu\nu} \theta$ in the equations of motion for $\pi^{\mu\nu}$ to make it possible to check the accuracy of our code against the analytical and semianalytical solutions found in Ref. [36] (shown in detail in Appendix A 2).

The fluid-dynamical evolution is written using the Lagrangian approach within the SPH. An in-depth discussion

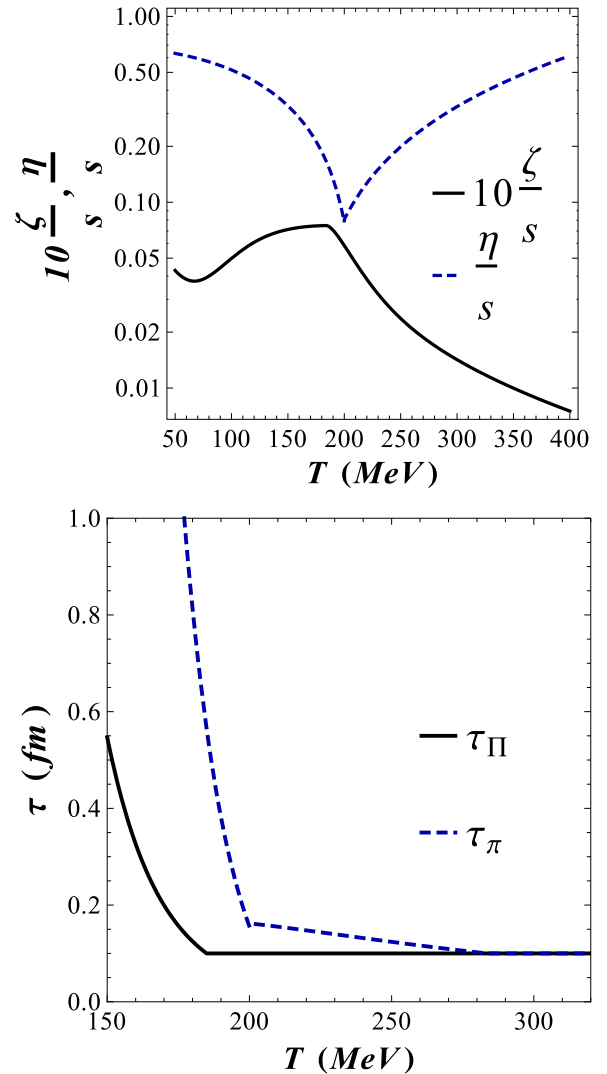


FIG. 1. (Color online) (Top) Temperature dependence of η/s from Eq. (7) (dashed blue line) and ζ/s (multiplied by a factor of 10 for clarity) obtained from Eq. (9) (solid black line). (Bottom) The relaxation time coefficients τ_π from Eq. (8) for shear (dashed blue line) and τ_Π for bulk from Eq. (10) (solid black line).

of the SPH formalism and its relationship to the equations of motion can be found in Refs. [26,27,29,37–39].

B. Model choice for the transport coefficients and equation of state

The v-USPHYDRO code has the ability to run ideal, bulk, shear, and shear + bulk 2 + 1 hydrodynamics (a generalization of the code to include full 3 + 1 dynamics is in the making). In this paper we consider the temperature-dependent shear, bulk, and relaxation time coefficients shown in Fig. 1.

For the temperature-dependent shear viscosity we use the parametrization done in Ref. [40] that describes the low-temperature region using the result from the extended mass spectrum hadronic model [12] while at high temperatures η/s

is given by the lattice data of Ref. [5]. It reads

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\eta}{s}(T > T_{\text{tr}}) &= -0.289 + 0.288\left(\frac{T}{T_{\text{tr}}}\right) + 0.0818\left(\frac{T}{T_{\text{tr}}}\right)^2, \\ \frac{\eta}{s}(T < T_{\text{tr}}) &= 0.681 - 0.0594\left(\frac{T}{T_{\text{tr}}}\right) - 0.544\left(\frac{T}{T_{\text{tr}}}\right)^2, \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where $T_{\text{tr}} = 180$ MeV and the shear relaxation time [41,42] is taken to be

$$\tau_{\pi} = 5\eta/(\varepsilon + p). \quad (8)$$

We have used the bulk viscosity coefficient (inspired by Buchel's formula [43] for a strongly coupled plasma)

$$\frac{\zeta}{s} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \left(\frac{1}{3} - c_s^2 \right), \quad (9)$$

with the corresponding temperature-dependent bulk relaxation time, τ_{Π} (see Ref. [44]),

$$\tau_{\Pi} = 9 \frac{\zeta}{\varepsilon - 3p}. \quad (10)$$

Given the small value of ζ/s used here, we note that in Fig. 1 we actually plot $10\zeta/s$ to better illustrate its temperature dependence. Furthermore, we always ensure that τ_{Π} and τ_{π} are greater than 0.1 fm (the time step size of the numerical code) to avoid stability issues.

In this paper we use we used the lattice-based equation of state known as EOS S95n-v1 from Ref. [45] (for lower temperatures, i.e., $T < 50$ MeV, this equation of state is matched to that of a massive gas of pions).

C. Initial conditions

In this paper we only consider Monte Carlo Glauber simulations of Au + Au collisions at RHIC at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV as our initial conditions for the energy density taken from the code described in Ref. [46] (for general references on the Monte Carlo Glauber model, see also Ref. [47]). We begin the relativistic fluid-dynamical evolution at $\tau_0 = 1$ fm (for testing of this assumption, see Ref. [29]). Our centrality classes are found by binning the results for N_{part} over 15 000 events and they are well in agreement with other Monte Carlo Glauber simulations [48]. The relationship between N_{part} and the centrality classes is shown in Table I. Within each

TABLE I. Relationship between the number of participants, N_{part} , and the different centrality classes for Au + Au collisions at RHIC at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV used in this paper.

Centrality (%)	N_{part}
0–10	>275
10–20	196–274
20–30	140–195
30–40	97–139
40–50	62–96
50–60	38–61

centrality class we calculate 150 hydrodynamical events on an event-by-event basis.

As in our previous work using the v-USPHYDRO code [29], our initial energy density is

$$\varepsilon(\mathbf{r}) = c n_{\text{coll}}(\mathbf{r}), \quad (11)$$

where n_{coll} is the local number density of binary collisions in the event [46,49], which is fixed to obtain on average 123 direct π^+ 's in central (averaged 0%–5%) RHIC collisions (this number of direct pions, when added to the yield coming from particle decays, leads to the correct number of π^+ 's in this case). Our definition for the initial energy density in terms of the number density of binary collisions is the same as the one used in Ref. [21] (we have also used their definition for n_{coll}). Also, in this paper particle decays and hadronic transport have not been taken into account. Furthermore, we assume that Π , $\pi^{\mu\nu}$, and the spatial components of u^{μ} vanish at τ_0 .

D. Cooper-Frye freeze-out

Viscous corrections enter not only in the hydrodynamical equations of motion discussed in Sec. II A but also in the distribution function for the Cooper-Frye freeze-out [50]. We perform the freeze-out on an isothermal hypersurface with the freeze-out temperature $T_0 = 150$ MeV [29]. The distribution function for a given hadron is described as

$$f_p = f_{0p} \{1 + (1 - af_{0p})[\delta f_p^{\text{bulk}} + \delta f_p^{\text{shear}}]\}, \quad (12)$$

where the ideal component of the distribution function, f_{0p} , is

$$f_{0p} = \frac{1}{e^{(p^{\mu}u_{\mu})/T_0} + a}, \quad (13)$$

where $a = 1$ for fermions, $a = -1$ for bosons, and $a = 0$ for classical Boltzmann statistics. The general form of the correction term for bulk viscosity, δf_p^{bulk} , up to second order in powers of $(u^i \cdot p_i)$ is [29]

$$\delta f_p^{\text{bulk}} = \Pi [B_0 + D_0(u^i \cdot p_i) + E_0(u^i \cdot p_i)^2], \quad (14)$$

where B_0 , D_0 , and E_0 depend on the particle type (mass, degeneracy) and freeze-out temperature. In this paper we consider both the coefficients determined from the moments method (MOM) in Refs. [29,33,51] and those derived by Monnai and Hirano (MH) in Ref. [25]. MH implemented Grad's 14-moment method for multiparticle species to compute the bulk viscous contribution to the distribution function. MOM is based on the novel procedure proposed in Ref. [33] to derive viscous hydrodynamic equations from the Boltzmann equation, generalized to include the case involving different hadron species.

The exact coefficients for each method were determined in Ref. [29] for the case of pions with $T_0 = 150$ MeV and for MOM we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} B_0^{(\pi)} &= -65.85 \text{ fm}^4, \\ D_0^{(\pi)} &= 171.27 \text{ fm}^4/\text{GeV}, \\ E_0^{(\pi)} &= -63.05 \text{ fm}^4/\text{GeV}^2, \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

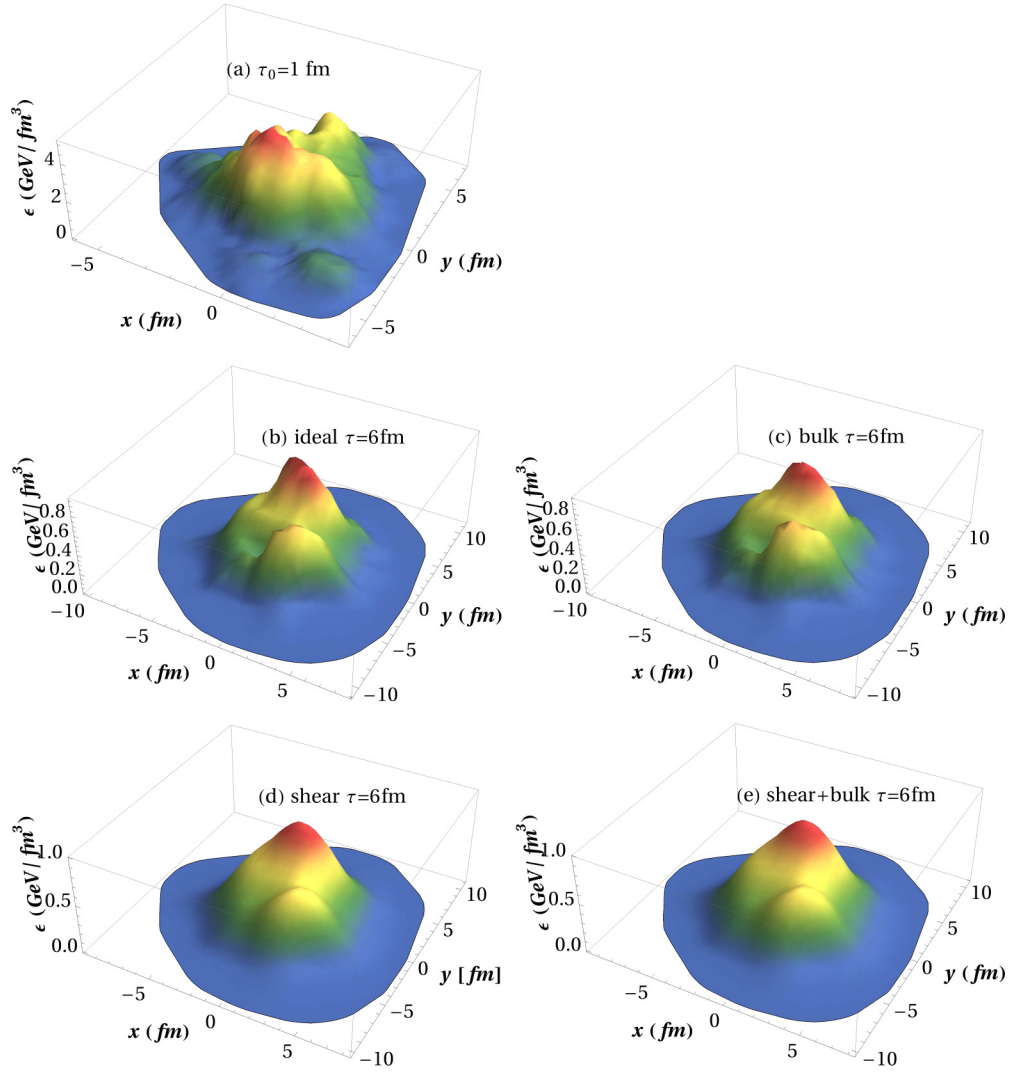


FIG. 2. (Color online) Energy density distribution for a random event in peripheral (20%–30%) collisions at RHIC for different times. (a) Initial time $\tau_0 = 1$ fm. Energy distribution at $\tau = 6$ fm for (b) ideal hydrodynamics, (c) viscous hydrodynamics with only bulk viscosity, (d) viscous hydrodynamics with only shear viscosity, and (e) viscous hydrodynamics with both bulk and shear viscosity effects. The transport coefficients are the ones shown in Fig. 1.

while for MH

$$\begin{aligned} B_0^{(\tau)} &= -0.69 \text{ fm}^4, \\ D_0^{(\tau)} &= -38.96 \text{ fm}^4/\text{GeV}, \\ E_0^{(\tau)} &= 49.69 \text{ fm}^4/\text{GeV}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Finally, we take the “democratic” ansatz for the correction term for shear viscosity, $\delta f_p^{\text{shear}}$

$$\delta f_p^{\text{shear}} = \frac{\pi^{\mu\nu} p_\mu p_\nu}{2(\varepsilon + P)T^2} \quad (17)$$

(for a recent discussion on the validity of such an ansatz in kinetic theory, see Ref. [52]).

The final expression for the pion spectrum in the SPH formalism, including both shear and bulk viscosity effects, is worked out in Appendix B and we refer the reader to that section for the necessary details.

III. VISCIOUS EFFECTS IN THE HYDRODYNAMICAL EVOLUTION

In this section we describe the interplay between shear and bulk viscosity within the fluid evolution. To do so we consider here first the effects of viscosity on the energy density over an interval of $\Delta\tau = 5$ fm (we start the evolution at $\tau_0 = 1$ fm and plot the energy density profile at $\tau = 6$ fm) for a random initial condition shown in Fig. 2(a) for RHIC’s 20%–30% centrality class. We then include plots of the fluid evolution of the energy density at $\tau = 6$ fm for [Fig. 2(b)] ideal hydrodynamics, [Fig. 2(c)] viscous hydrodynamics with only bulk viscosity, [Fig. 2(d)] viscous hydrodynamics with only shear viscosity effects, and [Fig. 2(e)] viscous hydrodynamics with both bulk and shear viscosity.

One can clearly see in Fig. 2 that there are qualitative differences between the ideal and viscous fluids. The ideal hydrodynamical evolution preserves most of the initial structure of the energy density even after $\Delta\tau = 5$ fm. The bulk viscous

case evolution does not maintain as many peaks and valleys at the ideal case but still displays more structure than both the shear and shear + bulk hydrodynamical events. Moreover, it is “flatter” than all the other events (recall that bulk viscosity acts against radial expansion) in that the maximum in the energy density is slightly lower and not as stiffly peaked and the spatial position is slightly more spread out. For the energy density profile we are able to see no difference between the bulk and the shear + bulk case, which indicates that the shear viscosity dominates the viscous corrections to energy density throughout the hydrodynamical evolution. This is not surprising considering that our chosen ζ/s is relatively small in comparison to η/s and the energy density is a relatively robust observable.

While there is little difference between the case involving only shear and the shear + bulk within the energy density profile, it is interesting to see if an effect shows up in the nonzero components of the shear stress tensor $\pi^{\mu\nu}$ and, in the bulk pressure Π .

To see how the inclusion of shear viscosity affects the bulk pressure, we first look at the mean (averaged over all the SPH particles) of the bulk pressure for each individual event, $\langle \Pi \rangle_{\text{ev}}$, and its corresponding variance and define

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Pi \rangle_{\text{ev}} &= 100 \frac{(\Pi_{sb})_{\text{ev}} - (\Pi_b)_{\text{ev}}}{(\Pi_b)_{\text{ev}}}, \\ \langle \sigma_{\Pi}^2 \rangle_{\text{ev}} &= 100 \frac{(\sigma_{\Pi sb}^2)_{\text{ev}} - (\sigma_{\Pi b}^2)_{\text{ev}}}{(\sigma_{\Pi b}^2)_{\text{ev}}}, \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

where $(\Pi_{sb})_{\text{ev}}$ is the mean bulk pressure of a given event “ev” with the corresponding variance $(\sigma_{\Pi sb}^2)_{\text{ev}}$ when the equations of motion include both shear viscosity and bulk viscosity while $(\Pi_b)_{\text{ev}}$ is the mean bulk pressure of the same event, ev, with the corresponding variance $(\sigma_{\Pi b}^2)_{\text{ev}}$ when the equations of motion include only bulk viscosity. We then average the percentage change over all the events within each individual centrality class such that we look at the mean percentage change of the bulk pressure $\langle \Pi \rangle$ and the mean percentage change of the variance of the bulk pressure $\langle \sigma_{\Pi}^2 \rangle$ over all the events.

In Table II, $\langle \Pi \rangle$ and σ_{Π}^2 take into account the parts of the fluid that have frozen out throughout the whole time evolution,

TABLE II. Percentage change of the mean values of the bulk pressure Π and its corresponding variance σ_{Π}^2 averaged over all events for different centrality classes owing to the presence of shear viscosity. $\langle \Pi \rangle$ and σ_{Π}^2 take into account the parts of the fluid that have frozen out throughout the whole time evolution, $\langle \Pi \rangle_{\text{early}}$ and $(\sigma_{\Pi}^2)_{\text{early}}$ are computed using only the parts of the fluid that have frozen out between $\tau_0 = 1$ fm and $\tau = 2$ fm, and $\langle \Pi \rangle_{\text{late}}$ and $(\sigma_{\Pi}^2)_{\text{late}}$ are computed using only the parts of the fluid that have frozen out in the last fm of the time evolution.

	$\langle \Pi \rangle$	σ_{Π}^2	$\langle \Pi \rangle_{\text{early}}$	$(\sigma_{\Pi}^2)_{\text{early}}$	$\langle \Pi \rangle_{\text{late}}$	$(\sigma_{\Pi}^2)_{\text{late}}$
0%–10%	1.79	8.59	1.14	−59.72	2.03	20.50
10%–20%	2.48	8.95	2.89	−52.37	2.19	20.59
20%–30%	2.87	8.96	4.07	−40.70	2.02	20.66
30%–40%	3.49	9.15	3.47	−36.96	2.15	19.97
40%–50%	4.14	9.11	3.52	−37.23	2.00	20.86
50%–60%	4.98	9.23	6.27	−22.55	2.28	19.73

TABLE III. The percentage change in the mean values and variance of the π^{00} and π^{12} components of the shear stress tensor $\pi^{\mu\nu}$ averaged over all events and all SPH particles owing to the inclusion of bulk viscosity in the time evolution. These quantities are computed taking into account the parts of the fluid that have frozen out throughout the whole time evolution.

Centrality	$\langle \pi^{00} \rangle$	$\sigma_{\pi^{00}}^2$	$\langle \pi^{12} \rangle$	$\sigma_{\pi^{12}}^2$
0%–10%	−17.61	−19.09	−2.87	−8.50
10%–20%	−17.77	−18.53	−2.25	−8.45
20%–30%	−19.22	−18.56	−3.48	−8.44
30%–40%	−22.98	−18.53	−3.26	−8.35
40%–50%	−38.11	−19.37	−2.81	−8.01
50%–60%	−44.63	−19.61	−5.05	−7.68

$\langle \Pi \rangle_{\text{early}}$ and $(\sigma_{\Pi}^2)_{\text{early}}$ are computed using only the parts of the fluid that have frozen out between $\tau_0 = 1$ fm and $\tau = 2$ fm, and $\langle \Pi \rangle_{\text{late}}$ and $(\sigma_{\Pi}^2)_{\text{late}}$ are computed using only the parts of the fluid that have frozen out in the last fm of the time evolution. In general, we see that when shear viscosity is added to our hydrodynamical evolution the changes in the bulk pressure are not large. The mean percentage change of the bulk pressure $\langle \Pi \rangle$ is small and only increases for more peripheral events. Also, the mean percentage change of the variance of the bulk pressure $\langle \sigma_{\Pi}^2 \rangle$ is around 9% across all centrality classes, which means that the shear viscosity slightly increases Π and also makes the distribution of Π only 9% wider on average. The mean percentage change of $\langle \Pi \rangle_{\text{early}}$ and $\langle \Pi \rangle_{\text{late}}$ are positive and $< 10\%$, respectively, and one can see that the percentage change of the variance (σ_{Π}^2) decreases significantly at early times while at late times it increases by $\sim 20\%$ for all centrality classes owing to the inclusion of shear. This shows that even though the mean bulk pressure is not that affected by the presence of shear, its distribution computed event by event becomes sharper around the mean at early times and gets broadened at late times.

While the effects of shear on the bulk pressure are not large, the effects of bulk viscosity on the shear stress tensor are not so trivial. In Table III we show the percentage change in the mean values and variance of the π^{00} and π^{12} components of the shear stress tensor $\pi^{\mu\nu}$ averaged over all events and all SPH particles owing to the inclusion of bulk viscosity in the time evolution. These quantities are computed taking into account the parts of the fluid that have frozen out throughout the whole time evolution. We note that because $\pi^{\mu\nu}$ is traceless, $\pi^{00} = \pi^{11} + \pi^{22} + \tau^2 \pi^{33}$. One can see that the inclusion of bulk viscosity considerably affects $\langle \pi^{00} \rangle$: There is a suppression in its average value that increases towards more peripheral collisions while its variance also decreases by $\sim 20\%$ for all centralities owing to the nonzero bulk viscosity. Therefore, the distribution of π^{00} has a smaller mean and becomes sharper around the mean owing to bulk viscosity. This occurs because bulk viscosity dampens out radial disturbances of pressure and flow, which in turn should decrease the diagonal components of the shear stress tensor. However, π^{12} is only slightly affected by bulk viscosity both in terms of its mean and variance, which could be expected from symmetry arguments.

TABLE IV. The percentage change in the mean values and variance of the π^{00} and π^{12} components of the shear stress tensor $\pi^{\mu\nu}$ averaged over all events and all SPH particles owing to the inclusion of bulk viscosity in the time evolution. These quantities are computed taking into account only the parts of the fluid that have already frozen for early times (between $\tau = \tau_0$ and $\tau = 2$ fm).

Centrality	$\langle \pi^{00} \rangle_{\text{early}}$	$(\sigma_{\pi^{00}}^2)_{\text{early}}$	$\langle \pi^{12} \rangle_{\text{early}}$	$(\sigma_{\pi^{12}}^2)_{\text{early}}$
0%–10%	−6.66	−12.79	−5.94	−10.66
10%–20%	−5.32	−11.31	−4.87	−9.46
20%–30%	−6.07	−12.72	−4.81	−9.15
30%–40%	−7.01	−14.08	−4.80	−9.19
40%–50%	−4.75	−9.00	−4.75	−8.99
50%–60%	−6.83	−15.02	−4.63	−8.76

In Table IV we show the corresponding quantities obtained from the parts of the fluid that have already frozen out after 1 fm passed the initial time τ_0 . In this case, one can see that at early times the modification of the fluid velocity owing to bulk viscosity has not yet affected the shear stress tensor by much. The mean value of π^{00} decreases by $<7\%$ in a way that is almost independent on centrality. This should be contrasted to the results in Table III, which took into account the modification in this component throughout the whole time evolution owing to bulk viscosity, which becomes more significant in peripheral collisions. Its variance

TABLE V. The percentage change in the mean values and variance of the π^{00} and π^{12} components of the shear stress tensor $\pi^{\mu\nu}$ averaged over all events and all SPH particles owing to the inclusion of bulk viscosity in the time evolution. These quantities are computed taking into account only the parts of the fluid that have frozen during the last fm of the time evolution.

Centrality	$\langle \pi^{00} \rangle_{\text{late}}$	$(\sigma_{\pi^{00}}^2)_{\text{late}}$	$\langle \pi^{12} \rangle_{\text{late}}$	$(\sigma_{\pi^{12}}^2)_{\text{late}}$
0%–10%	−17.68	−29.13	−5.94	−10.80
10%–20%	−15.98	−29.09	−4.80	−9.38
20%–30%	−15.45	−28.56	−4.77	−9.06
30%–40%	−14.97	−28.28	−4.88	−9.34
40%–50%	−13.83	−27.91	−4.80	−9.20
50%–60%	−12.75	−26.18	−4.50	−8.51

decreases by $\sim 13\%$ in the most central collisions while it for peripheral collisions the suppression is $\sim 15\%$. Once more, the distribution of π^{12} is only slightly affected ($<10\%$) by the presence of bulk viscosity.

At later times we see a larger effect on the shear stress tensor components from the bulk viscosity. In Table V we see that for almost every case both the mean and the variance, regardless of centrality class, are significantly larger for late freeze-out (the last $\Delta\tau = 1$ fm of the hydrodynamical evolution). This indicates that as the hydrodynamical evolution progresses the effects of bulk viscosity are more visible, which, in the end,

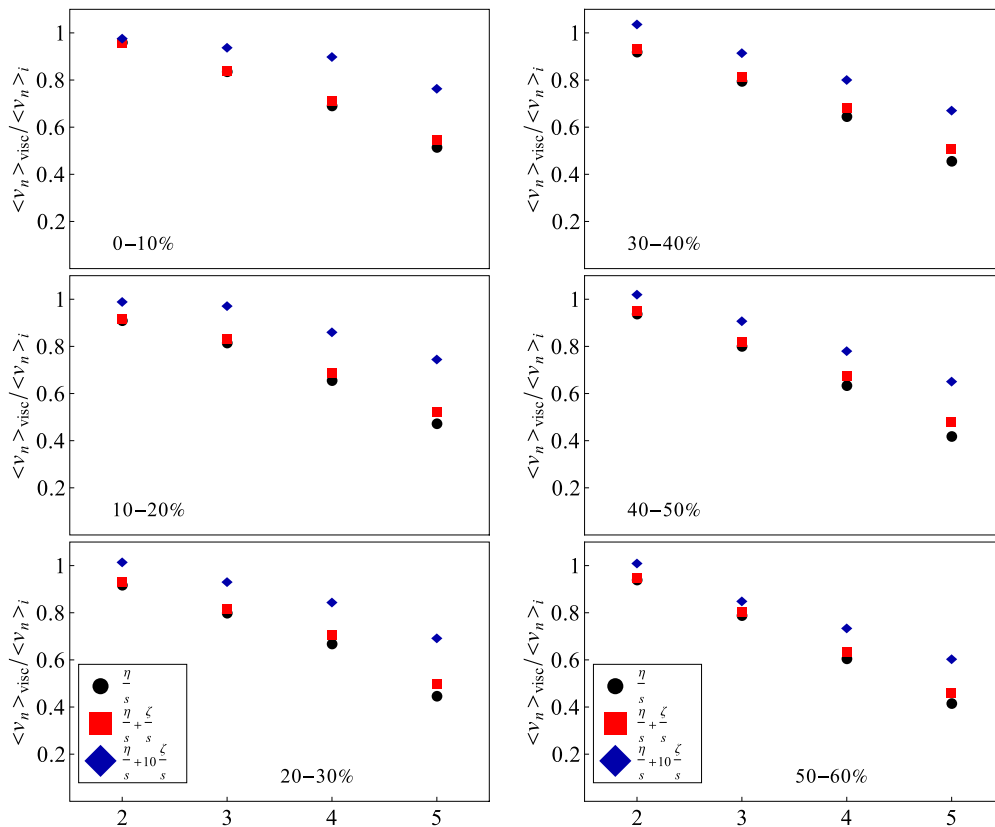


FIG. 3. (Color online) Ratio between the integrated v_n 's of viscous and ideal hydrodynamics of direct pions over all centralities at RHIC computed using the MOM for the bulk viscosity contribution at freeze-out. The circles correspond to the case where only shear viscosity is taken into account, the squares represent the case with both shear and bulk viscosity, while the diamonds correspond to the case where shear and bulk are included but ζ/s is multiplied by a factor of 10.

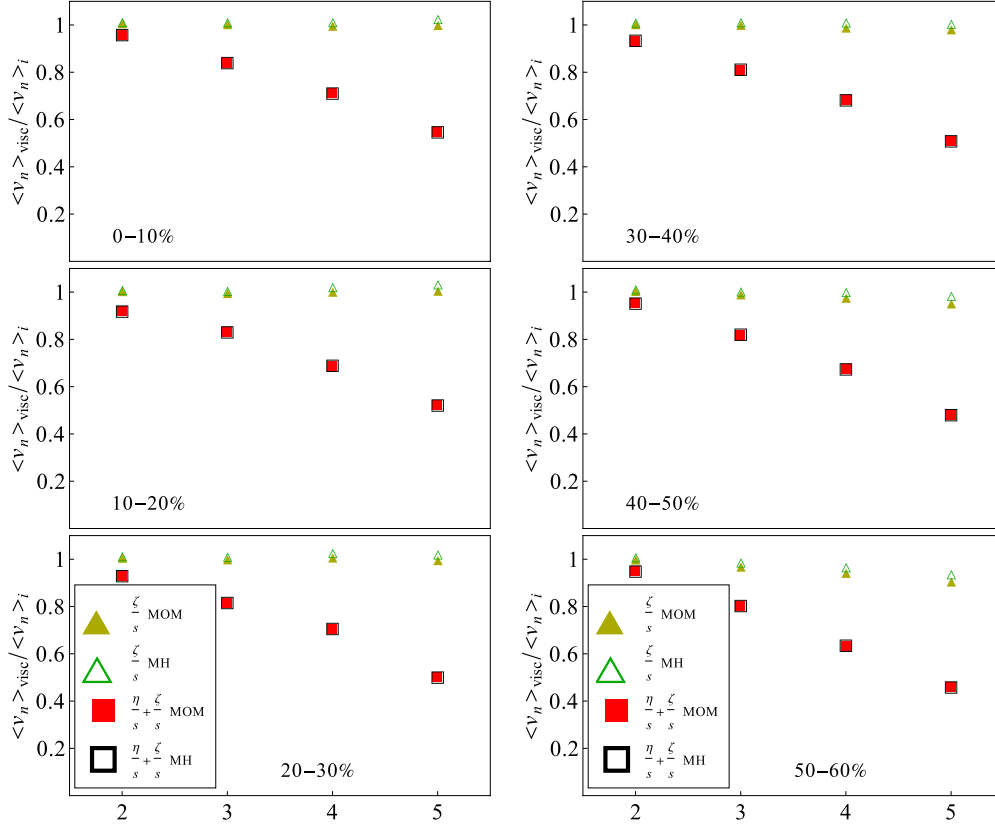


FIG. 4. (Color online) Ratio between the integrated v_n 's of viscous and ideal hydrodynamics of direct pions over all centralities at RHIC computed using the MOM and the MH formulas for the bulk viscosity contribution at freeze-out. The solid triangles correspond to the case with only bulk viscosity with δf^{bulk} from MOM while the open triangles correspond to the analogous case computed with δf^{bulk} from MH. The solid squares correspond to the case with shear and bulk viscosities with δf^{bulk} from MOM, while open squares correspond to the analogous case computed with δf^{bulk} from MH.

is consistent with the results in Table III. This occurs because it takes some time for the bulk viscosity to affect the flow and then the shear tensor and, consequently, the shear stress tensor. Furthermore, one expects that by lowering the freeze-out temperature (here we use $T_0 = 150$ MeV) one can increase the effects from bulk viscosity. By the same reason, going from energies available at RHIC to those available at LHC one would expect that bulk viscosity becomes more relevant to the dynamical evolution of the system because at large energies the fluid stays in the QGP phase for a longer period of time.

Tables II–V suggest that the interplay between bulk and shear viscosities have a very nontrivial, nonlinear effect on the shear stress tensor and bulk pressure already during the hydrodynamical evolution itself. While the shear only slightly increases the mean value of Π , the inclusion of bulk viscosity leads to a significant suppression of the shear stress tensor components. This indicates that the expected suppression of flow harmonics owing to shear viscosity can be softened by the presence of bulk viscosity. In fact, in our previous work [29] we suggested that it may be possible for the bulk viscosity-driven enhancement of the integrated flow harmonics v_n 's compensate for the expected damping of these coefficients owing to shear viscosity. However, it appears that their relationship is more complicated than we initially believed.

IV. RESULTS FOR THE FLOW HARMONICS

In this section we show the results for both the p_T -integrated and the differential flow harmonics, taking into account the effect of bulk and shear viscosities. We use the event-plane method [53] to calculate the event-plane angles ψ_n 's and a detailed explanation of the method as done in V-USPHYDRO can be found in Ref. [29]. Additionally, in each centrality class we consider 150 events on an event-by-event basis (we have checked that the results found here are robust with respect to the inclusion of more events).

Unless stated otherwise, for the p_T -integrated v_n 's we take the limits of integration to be $p_T = 0-5$ GeV. However, owing to issues previously discussed with the bulk viscous corrections within Cooper-Frye freeze-out [29], the overall viscous correction to the particle distribution at freeze-out can become larger (and negative) than the equilibrium contribution at intermediate values of p_T (which would lead to a negative particle spectra for those values of p_T) if the viscous transport coefficients are large (for the coefficients shown in Fig. 1 this problem does not occur). To avoid such problems in the spectra and the integrated v_n 's when ζ/s is 10 times larger than that in Eq. (9), we did not take into account the negative contribution from the corresponding part of the integral over p_T .

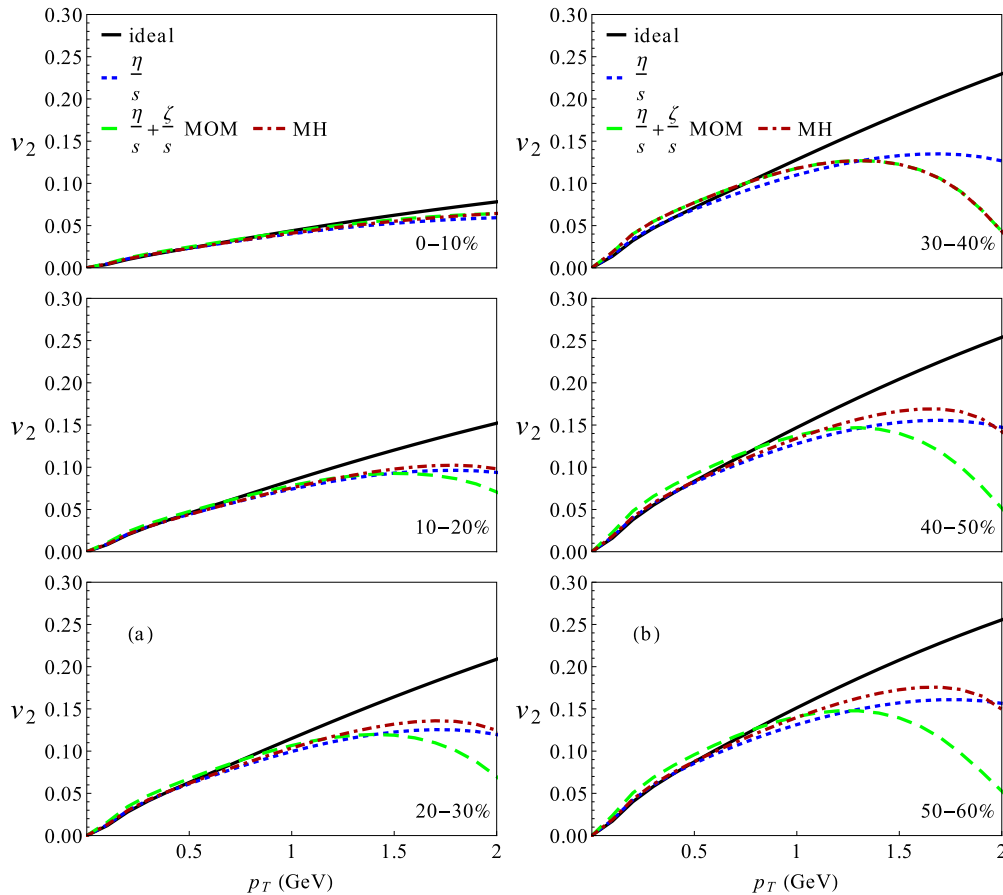


FIG. 5. (Color online) Comparison of v_2 of direct pions across the centrality classes 0%–10%, 10%–20%, 20%–30% [in column (a)] and 30%–40%, 40%–50%, and 50%–60% [in column (b)] for RHIC. The solid black lines denote the ideal hydrodynamical results, the short-dashed blue lines were computed taking into account only shear viscosity, the long-dashed green curves were computed using shear + bulk with the MOM expression for the freeze-out, while the dark red dot-dashed curves correspond to shear + bulk with the MH formula.

A. Integrated v_n 's

In Fig. 3 we show the ratio between the integrated v_n 's of direct pions at RHIC of viscous and ideal hydrodynamics across all centrality classes investigated in this paper. These quantities were computed using the MOM to determine the viscous correction to the particle distribution at freeze-out. The transport coefficients we used are defined in Sec. II B. The v_n dependence on n has the steepest curve when only shear viscosity is included. The effect of bulk viscosity combined with shear viscosity slightly increases the v_n 's, in accordance with the conclusions found in Ref. [29] that the bulk viscosity slightly increases the v_n 's. It is, however, a small increase because our chosen ζ/s is significantly smaller than η/s . The suppression of shear viscosity effects here occurs because, as shown in the previous section, the inclusion of bulk viscosity decreases the magnitude of the shear stress tensor components.

Finally, when one includes the effect of a “large” bulk viscosity, i.e., $10\zeta/s$, we see that the v_n 's are shifted upwards much closer to the ideal case. In this case the bulk viscosity-driven suppression of the shear stress tensor is very significant. We note here that our initial bulk viscosity is so small that even after multiplying by a factor of 10, its peak is still not as large as the minimum of the shear viscosity (see Fig. 1). Thus, we

do not expect that the bulk viscosity can completely counteract shear viscous effects even in this case. Furthermore, owing to the above-mentioned limitations in the δf , for the case with $10\zeta/s$ one can only integrate to $p_T = 0.8$ GeV (which in any case is the integration interval that gives the major contribution to this quantity) before the spectrum becomes negative.

We note that the inclusion of bulk viscosity has the net effect to decrease the difference between v_2 and v_3 in central collisions. In fact, in the case of $10\zeta/s$ there is very little difference between v_2 and v_3 in the most central collisions, which is not the case towards peripheral collisions. If the bulk viscosity of the QGP is not really much smaller than η/s , further improvements to the viscous correction δf involving bulk and shear are necessary for a more accurate calculation of v_n 's to verify the trend regarding v_2 and v_3 in central collisions found here.

In Fig. 4 we compare the difference between two different choices of δf^{bulk} viscous corrections within Cooper-Frye freeze-out. As discussed in the previous section, the MOM is derived in Refs. [33,51], while MH comes from Ref. [25]. It appears that at least in the case of the integrated v_n 's there is almost no difference between the two methods for all centrality classes and v_n 's. The MOM shows a slight increase for the integrated v_n 's for both bulk and shear + bulk but the change

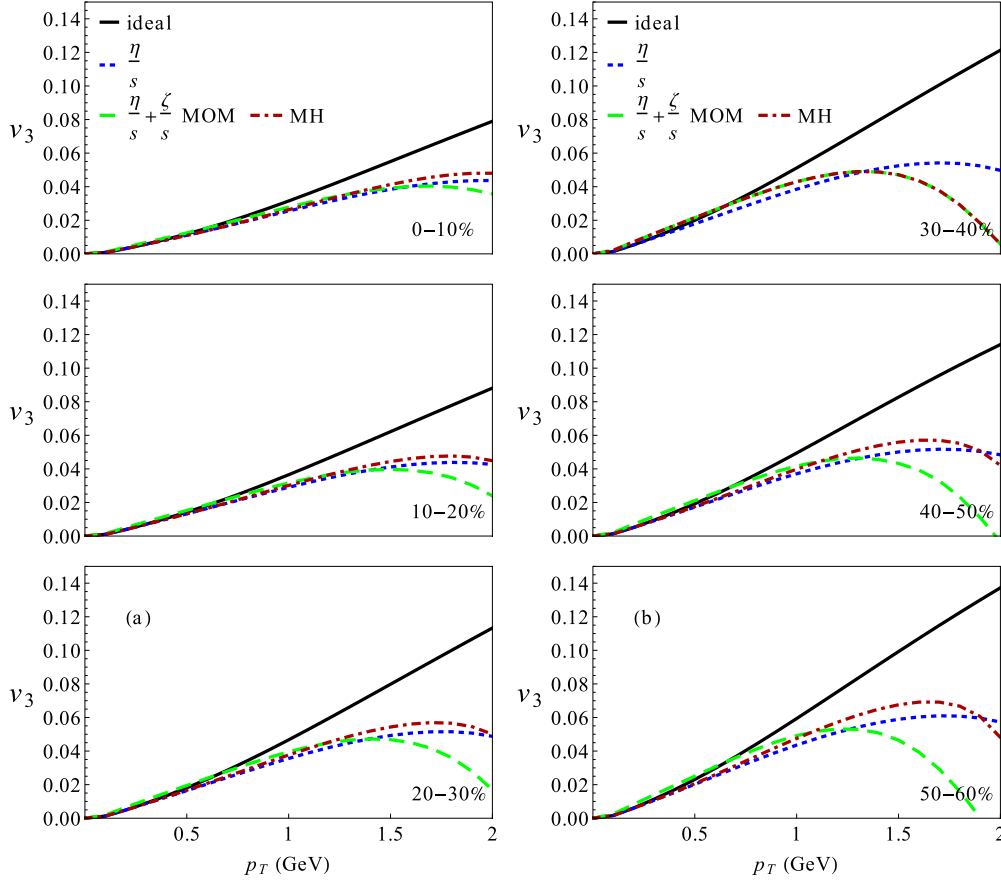


FIG. 6. (Color online) Comparison of v_3 of direct pions across the centrality classes 0%–10%, 10%–20%, 20%–30% [in column (a)] and 30%–40%, 40%–50%, and 50%–60% [in column (b)] for RHIC. The solid black lines denote the ideal hydrodynamical results, the short-dashed blue lines were computed taking into account only shear viscosity, the long-dashed green curves were computed using shear + bulk with the MOM expression for the freeze-out, while the dark red dot-dashed curves correspond to shear + bulk with the MH formula.

is very small. This is because the integrated v_n 's are more dependent on the lower p_T region, wherein there is little difference between MOM and MH.

B. Differential v_n 's

In this section we consider the p_T -dependent v_n 's across all centrality classes and look for the effects of bulk and shear viscosity. In Figs. 5–8 we show $v_2(p_T)$ – $v_5(p_T)$, respectively. We do not include the effect of $\eta/s + 10\zeta/s$ because for this large ζ/s value we are only able to calculate the spectrum reliably up to $p_T < 1$ GeV for MOM (in the case of MH one can integrate up to $p_T < 1.5$ GeV). One can see that the viscous corrections considerably change the $v_n(p_T)$'s, especially for large p_T . For all the $v_n(p_T)$'s and all the centralities we see a pattern in the large transverse momentum region, i.e., $p_T > 1$ GeV: Ideal hydrodynamics (solid black lines) gives the largest $v_n(p_T)$, followed by the viscous case with shear and bulk computed using the MH formula (dark red dot-dashed curves) and then the shear + bulk computed using the MOM expression (long-dashed green lines), for which the $v_n(p_T)$'s are a bit larger than the case including only shear viscosity (short-dashed blue lines) for $p_T < 1.5$ GeV. These results show that the bulk viscosity-driven suppression of shear

effects also occurs for the differential flow harmonics in the larger transverse momentum region.

In the previous section we showed that both MH and MOM give very similar integrated v_n 's. The same cannot be said about the p_T differential flow harmonics. Using the MOM correction, we found that the case including $\eta/s + \zeta/s$ effects uniformly decreases the $v_n(p_T)$'s and the effect is strongest for the most peripheral collisions. Additionally, higher-order v_n 's are more strongly affected by the combined effect of shear and bulk viscosities. We also note that for $v_2(p_T)$ the MH curves with shear and bulk nearly match the ideal curves for all centrality classes. The same does not occur for higher-order flow coefficients. In fact, as discussed in Ref. [29], the MH correction to the particle distribution diverges quickly for large p_T . The curves computed with the MOM method start to decrease (faster than those for pure shear viscosity effects) for $p_T > 1.5$ GeV.

C. Equal shear and bulk viscosities

Up until this point we have always assumed that the bulk viscosity is significantly smaller than the shear viscosity. However, owing to our very limited knowledge about the magnitude of ζ/s in the QGP, there is no *a priori* reason

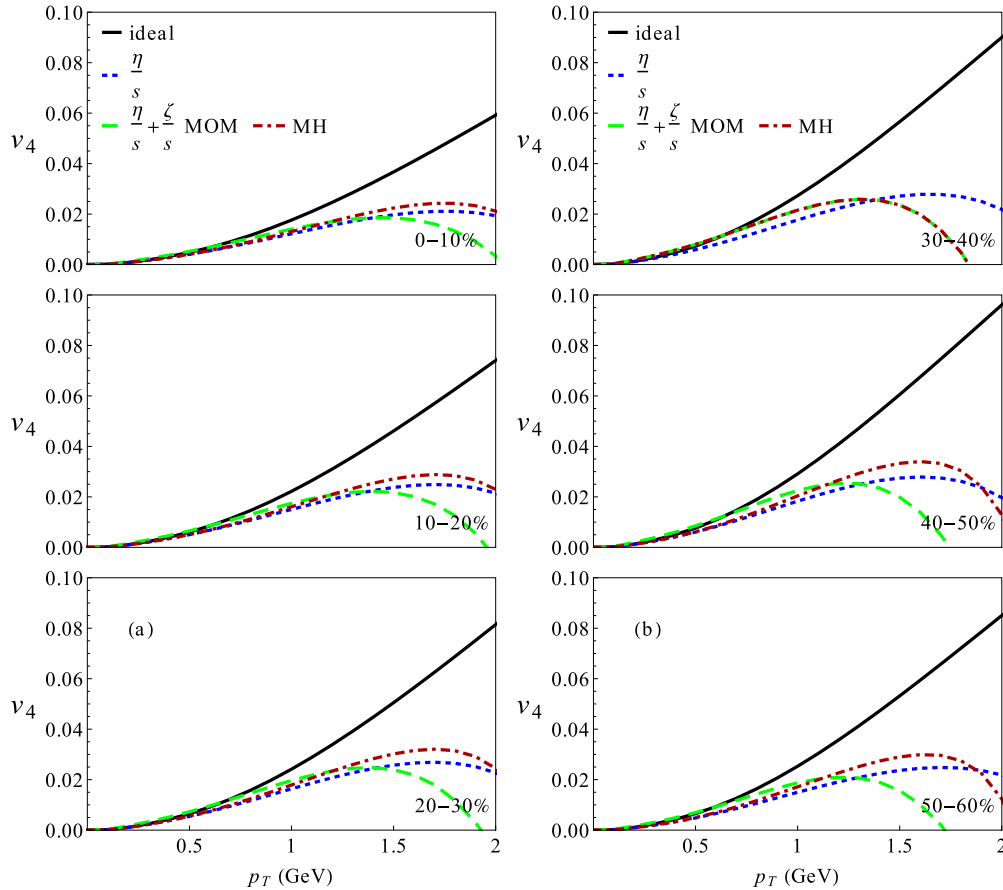


FIG. 7. (Color online) Comparison of v_4 of direct pions across the centrality classes 0%–10%, 10%–20%, 20%–30% [in column (a)] and 30%–40%, 40%–50%, and 50%–60% [in column (b)] for RHIC. The solid black lines denote the ideal hydrodynamical result, the short-dashed blue lines were computed taking into account only shear viscosity, the long-dashed green curves were computed using shear + bulk with the MOM expression for the freeze-out, while the dark red dot-dashed curves correspond to shear + bulk with the MH formula.

why that must be the case. While there are no limitations from the point of view of the hydrodynamic code to use larger ζ/s 's (aside from possible cavitation effects for sufficiently large ζ/s), unfortunately, owing to limitations with the δf corrections for bulk viscosity we cannot include a bulk viscosity that is as large as the generally accepted shear viscosity that is as large as the generally accepted shear viscosity $\sim 1/4\pi$. However, to understand what happens when both the bulk and the shear viscosities have equal magnitude, we can consider a very small shear viscosity that is of the same order of magnitude as our bulk viscosity. In this section we consider the temperature-independent situation where $\zeta/s = \eta/s = 0.007$ and compare it to the case where only shear viscosity $\eta/s = 0.007$ is included. Because the bulk viscosity generally increases the integrated v_n 's and the shear viscosity generally decreases them, it is possible that when they are both of the same order of magnitude they will reproduce the ideal results [an indication of that possibility was already found in the previous section when comparing the shear + bulk MH results for $v_2(p_T)$ with its ideal value]. Here we only look at the 20%–30% centrality class.

In Fig. 9 the integrated v_n 's for direct pions are shown for RHIC's 20%–30% most central collisions. While such a small shear viscosity of $\eta/s = 0.007$ has an extremely small effect on the integrated v_n 's, one can still see that it does decrease the v_n 's

and the higher-order n 's are most strongly affected. However, when bulk viscosity is included we see that the integrated v_n 's return to almost precisely the result for ideal hydrodynamics (with the exception of v_5 , which remains slightly below still). This indicates that it may be possible for bulk viscosity to compensate for the effects of shear viscosity in the integrated v_n 's when they are both of the same order of magnitude.

In Fig. 10 we observe the p_T -dependent flow harmonics of direct pions in the centrality class 20%–30% for the small η/s case. One can see that there is no visible difference between the ideal case and that of a small shear viscosity of $\eta/s = 0.007$. However, when the bulk and shear viscosities are identical the p_T -dependent v_n 's increase, which indicates that the effect of bulk viscosity dominates the p_T -dependent v_n 's when bulk and shear are of the same order of magnitude. This was hinted already in Fig. 3 when we used $10\zeta/s$. However, in that case we were limited to a small p_T range over which we could integrate our spectrum owing to the problems of the δf . Here we avoid that problem owing to the small value of ζ/s and η/s .

V. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper we used v-USPHYDRO (a 2 + 1 Lagrangian hydrodynamical model) to study the effects of both bulk

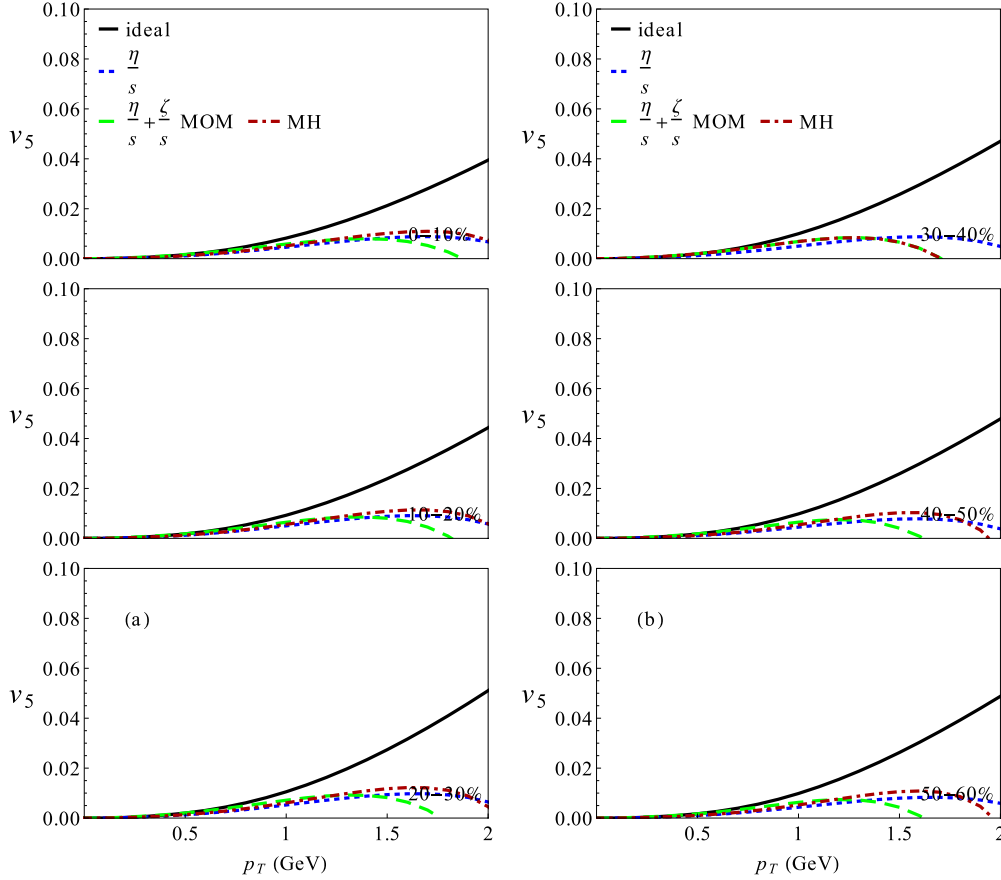


FIG. 8. (Color online) Comparison of v_5 of direct pions across the centrality classes 0%–10%, 10%–20%, 20%–30% [in column (a)] and 30%–40%, 40%–50%, and 50%–60% [in column (b)] for RHIC. The solid black lines denote the ideal hydrodynamical result, the short-dashed blue lines were computed taking into account only shear viscosity, the long-dashed green curves were computed using shear + bulk with the MOM expression for the freeze-out, while the dark red dot-dashed curves correspond to shear + bulk with the MH formula.

and shear viscosities on the hydrodynamical evolution of the QGP and the resulting anisotropic collective flow harmonics at RHIC. We found that even though in our equations of motion the shear stress tensor $\pi^{\mu\nu}$ and the bulk scalar Π do not couple directly, their indirect coupling via the flow velocity is still strong enough for them to influence each other in a nonlinear fashion. We found that the inclusion of even a

small bulk viscosity decreases the well-known shear viscosity-induced suppression of both the integrated and the differential flow harmonics bringing them closer to their values in ideal hydrodynamical calculations. This is a new effect brought in by bulk viscosity in event-by-event hydrodynamic simulations.

Furthermore, we found that when the bulk and shear viscosities are roughly the same order of magnitude the bulk viscosity negates a significant portion of the contribution from shear viscosity for the integrated flow harmonics. In fact, for the differential flow harmonics the bulk viscosity dominates and actually increases the flow harmonics, which is the opposite effect when only the shear viscosity is considered. Even if one considers only a small ζ/s we find that the bulk viscosity tempers the suppression typically demonstrated from the shear viscosity. When one looks only at the relativistic hydrodynamical expansion, one can clearly see that the presence of bulk viscosity suppresses the components of the shear stress tensor. Additionally, we find that this effect plays the largest role the longer the system is expanding. Thus, for the case of lower freeze-out temperatures and also for higher collision energies where one expects to see more time spent within the hydrodynamical expansion, one would expect that the effects of bulk viscosity are more relevant.

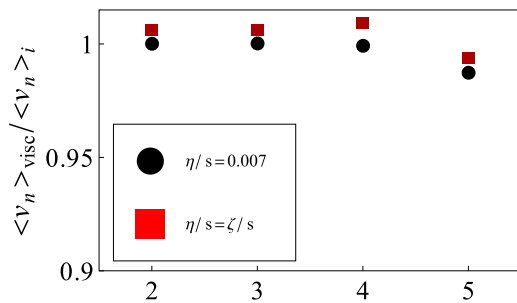


FIG. 9. (Color online) Ratio between the integrated v_n 's of viscous and ideal hydrodynamics of direct pions in the 20%–30% centrality class at RHIC computed using the MOM in the pure shear case $\eta/s = 0.007$ (black dots) and the bulk + shear calculation where $\zeta/s = \eta/s = 0.007$ (red squares).

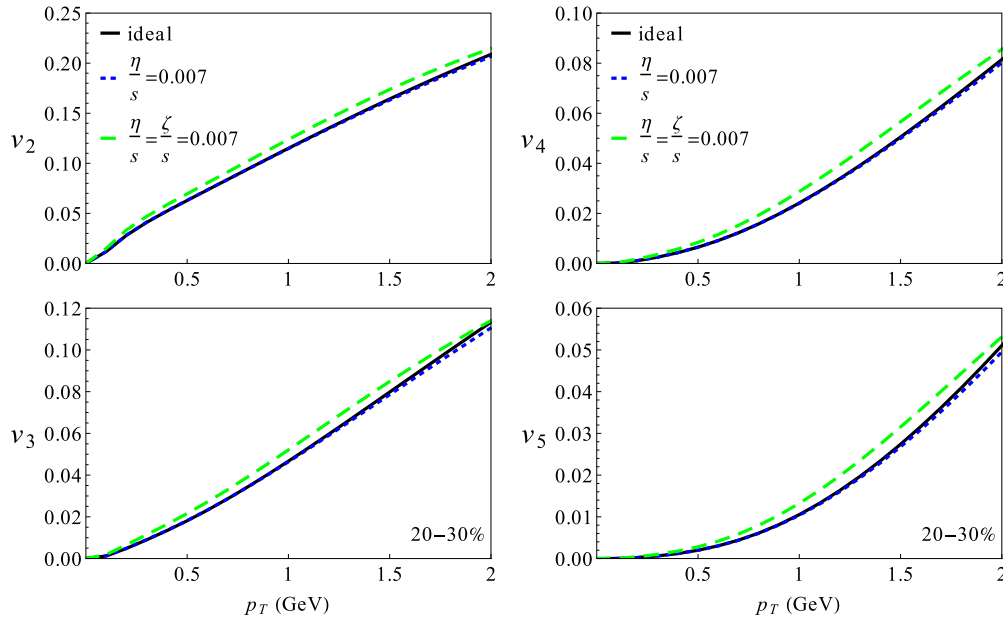


FIG. 10. (Color online) Comparison between the $v_n(p_T)$'s of direct pions for the centrality class 20%–30% at RHIC when bulk and shear viscosities have equal magnitude. The solid black curves denote the ideal hydrodynamics results, the short-dashed blue curves show the result in the case where there is only shear viscosity $\eta/s = 0.007$, while the long-dashed green curves correspond to the case where $\zeta/s = \eta/s = 0.007$ computed using the MOM approach.

The effects of viscosity are most relevant for peripheral collisions and higher-order flow harmonics for both the integrated and differential v_n 's. Furthermore, we find that for the integrated v_n 's when we include a large ζ/s $v_2 \approx v_3$ for the most central collisions but that v_3 is more significantly suppressed for more peripheral collisions. When $\eta/s = \zeta/s$ (but both are small) v_4 basically returns to its value in ideal hydrodynamics while the same is not true for v_5 . This could indicate that the higher-order flow harmonics may be vital in helping us estimate η/s and ζ/s within relativistic heavy-ion collisions because they do not allow for a complete compensation of shear viscosity effects owing to bulk viscosity.

Our calculations need to be improved in a number of ways. First, in this paper we did not look into the flow harmonics of hadronic species other than pions and no particle decays or hadronic afterburner effects have been included. Clearly, this must be improved to allow for a comparison to data and adequately evaluate the role played by bulk viscosity in the flow harmonics of the QGP formed in heavy-ion collisions. Also, a different set of initial conditions (we have only used MC Glauber in this paper) and different collision systems and energies should be investigated. Furthermore, the considerable difference found in the differential anisotropic flow coefficients computed using two different δf 's formulas is an issue that should serve as a motivation for finding a better behaved expression for the species-dependent viscous corrections at freeze-out including both bulk and shear effects. Moreover, as discussed in Ref. [54], constraints on the entropy production generate a correlation between the values of transport coefficients and the initial time for hydrodynamics. If bulk viscosity effects compensate the effects from shear, η/s could be larger than used here and, consequently, τ_0 may

actually be larger than usually considered in hydrodynamic simulations.

As mentioned above, the bulk viscosity-driven suppression of the shear stress tensor found here occurs in a very indirect way mediated by the modification of the flow velocity owing to bulk viscosity. Indeed, in our equations of motion we do not include the known terms [33] which display a direct coupling between Π and $\pi^{\mu\nu}$. It would be interesting to see if the effect discussed here remains when the more general equations of motion of Ref. [33] and transport coefficients [34] are used in the hydrodynamical evolution. We hope to address this question in the near future.¹

We remark that the actual magnitude (and temperature dependence) of ζ/s in heavy-ion collisions is largely unknown and it is conceivable that, depending on the value of ζ/s in the QGP, the bulk viscosity-driven suppression of shear viscosity effects on the flow harmonics found here may require a reevaluation of the previous estimates of η/s extracted from comparisons of hydrodynamic calculations (which did not include bulk viscosity effects) to heavy-ion data.

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¹Recent calculations at LHC energies presented at QM2014 by the McGill group using the MUSIC 2.0 code, which includes the direct coupling between Π and $\pi^{\mu\nu}$ at the level of the equations of motion, find that for ultracentral collisions the integrated v_2 and v_3 become comparable owing to bulk viscosity and also other effects related to the initial conditions.

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APPENDIX A: TESTS OF THE NUMERICAL CODE

Because of the complexity of viscous relativistic hydrodynamical equations, it is vital to test the accuracy of our numerical code. Fortunately, there are now well-known numerical and semianalytical solutions for this purpose.

1. TECHQM

One aspect of TECHQM bulk evolution working group [55] was to ensure the overall accuracy of relativistic hydrodynamical codes and solutions for both ideal and viscous hydrodynamical evolution (with only shear viscosity) have become available. We use an ideal equation of state and the $b = 0$ fm central Au-Au optical Glauber initial condition at RHIC $\sqrt{s} = 200$ A GeV. We take the starting time for hydrodynamics to be $\tau_0 = 0.6$ fm, $\eta/s = 0.08$, $\tau_\pi = 3\eta/(sT)$, and the freeze-out temperature is $T_0 = 130$ MeV. In Fig. 11 we compare our results (dots) to the TECHQM results (lines) [55] over time $\tau = 0.6$ (solid black lines), 1.6 (blue short-dashed lines), and 2.6 fm (red long-dashed lines). One can clearly see

that the results match well for multiple time steps. In the code we used the SPH smoothing parameter is $h = 0.2$ fm, the total number of SPH particles is $N_{\text{SPH}} = 25\,432$, and the time step $d\tau = 0.02$ fm.

2. $\text{SO}(3) \otimes \text{SO}(1,1) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2$ test of conformal Israel-Stewart dynamics

Using symmetry arguments, Gubser [56] found analytical solutions of ideal and Navier-Stokes conformal hydrodynamics that are invariant under $\text{SO}(3) \otimes \text{SO}(1,1) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_2$ [a subgroup of $\text{SO}(2,4)$]. The symmetries imply that the solution is radially symmetric in the transverse plane and boost invariant with the flow,

$$\begin{aligned} u_\tau &= -\cosh \left[\tanh^{-1} \left(\frac{2q^2\tau r}{1 + q^2\tau^2 + q^2r^2} \right) \right], \\ u_r &= \sinh \left[\tanh^{-1} \left(\frac{2q^2\tau r}{1 + q^2\tau^2 + q^2r^2} \right) \right], \\ u_\phi &= u_\eta = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A1})$$

where q is a free parameter with dimensions of energy. This approach has been used in Ref. [36] to find the first analytical and semianalytical solutions of conformal Israel-Stewart hydrodynamics which includes nontrivial dynamics in the transverse plane. These solutions are described in detail in Ref. [36] and they provide a very stringent test of the accuracy of viscous hydrodynamic codes. Because the equations of motion involving shear viscosity used here have the same structure as those in Ref. [36], we can directly test the accuracy of v-USPHYDRO in this case. We also note that novel analytical

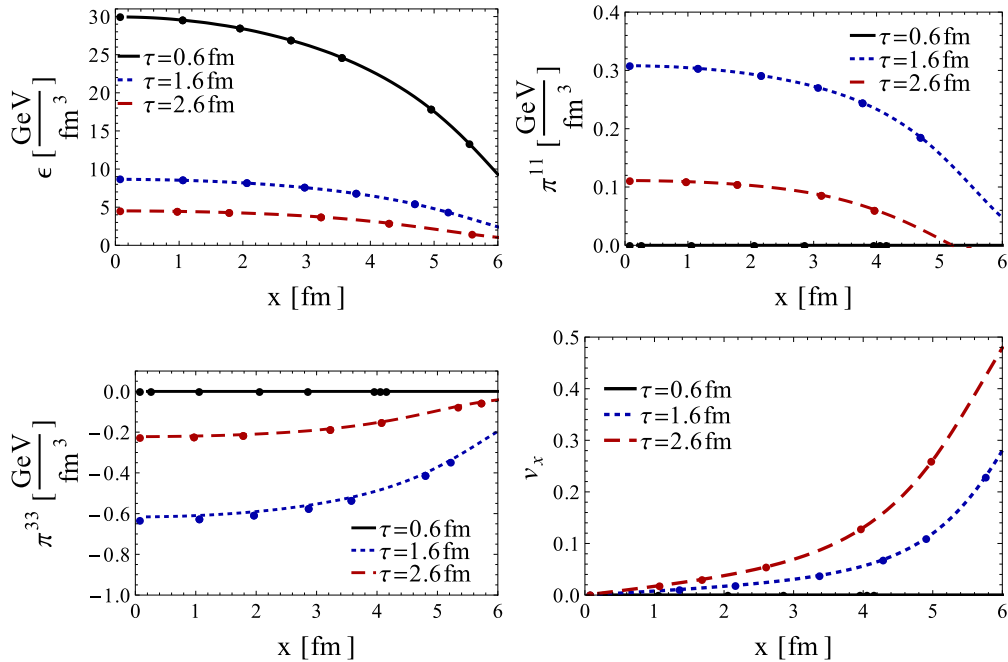


FIG. 11. (Color online) Comparison between the TECHQM results (lines) and our results (dots) for the energy density ϵ , the shear stress components π^{11} and π^{33} , as well as the x component of the flow velocity. The comparison is made at the times $\tau = 0.6$ (solid black lines), 1.6 (blue short-dashed lines), and 2.6 fm (red long-dashed lines).

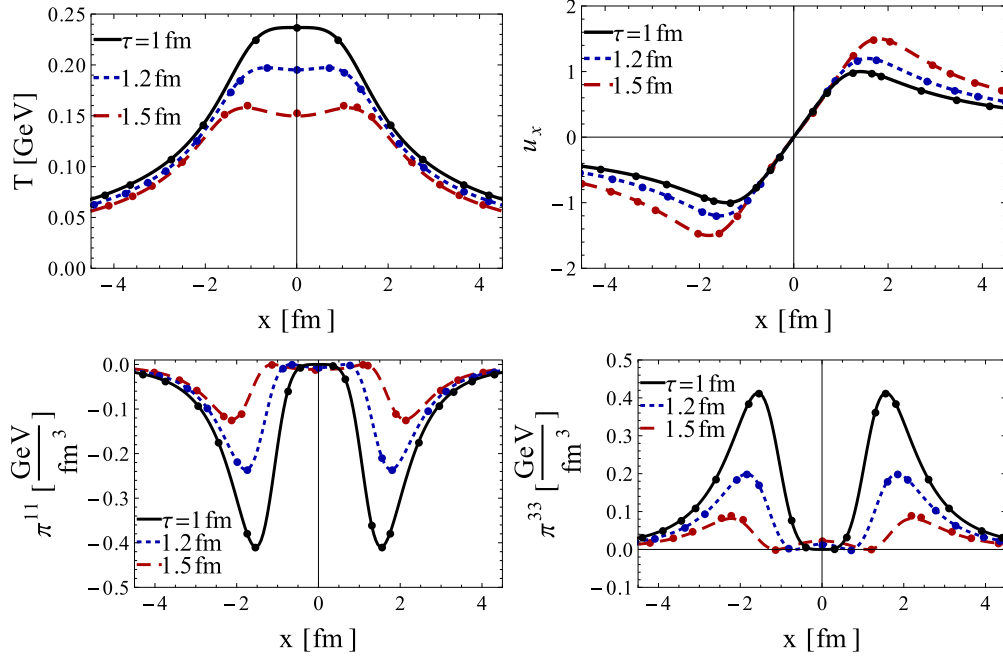


FIG. 12. (Color online) Comparison between the semianalytical solutions of Ref. [36] (lines) and v-USPHYDRO (dots). Here we compare for the time steps $\tau = 1.0$ fm (first time step, which sets the initial condition for the fields) (solid black lines), 1.2 fm (blue short-dashed lines), and 1.5 fm (red long-dashed lines).

solutions of conformal Israel-Stewart hydrodynamics with full $3 + 1$ dynamics can be found in Refs. [57,58].

Here we compare the results from v-USPHYDRO to the semianalytical solution [36] in the case where $\eta/s = 0.2$, $\tau_\pi = 5(\eta/s)/T$, and $q = 1 \text{ fm}^{-1}$. The comparison involving the temperature, the flow, and a few components of the shear stress tensor can be found in Fig. 12. For our comparison we used $h = 0.1$, $d\tau = 0.001 \text{ fm}$, $\tau_0 = 1 \text{ fm}$, and the total number of SPH particles is $N_{\text{SPH}} = 40401$. We see that v-USPHYDRO is able to match the semianalytical solution pretty well at early times (the agreement remains at later times).

APPENDIX B: DETAILS OF THE COOPER-FRYE FREEZE-OUT IN THE SPH FORMALISM

Our distribution function for a single-particle species that includes effects from both shear and bulk viscosity is

$$f_p = f_{0p} [1 + (1 - af_{0p})(\delta f_p^{\text{bulk}} + \delta f_p^{\text{shear}})], \quad (\text{B1})$$

where p^μ is the particle on-shell momentum. The ideal distribution, f_{0p} , is defined as

$$f_{0p} = \frac{1}{e^{(p^\mu u_\mu)/T_0} + a}, \quad (\text{B2})$$

where $a = 1$ for fermions, -1 for bosons, and 0 for classical Boltzmann statistics. For the ideal component we have

$$f_{0p} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-a)^n e^{-(n+1)\frac{p^\mu u_\mu}{T_0}}, \quad (\text{B3})$$

whereas

$$f_{0p}(1 - af_{0p}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)(-a)^n e^{-(n+1)\frac{p^\mu u_\mu}{T_0}} \quad (\text{B4})$$

and

$$f_p = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-a)^n e^{-(n+1)\frac{p^\mu u_\mu}{T_0}} \{1 + (n+1)[\delta f_p^{\text{bulk}} + \delta f_p^{\text{shear}}]\}. \quad (\text{B5})$$

In Cartesian coordinates the scalar product of the particle momentum and the hypersurface normal vector (see Appendix C), n^μ , is

$$p^\mu \cdot n_\mu = En_t + p^x n_x + p^y n_y + p^z n_z; \quad (\text{B6})$$

switching to hyperbolic coordinates,

$$p^\mu \cdot u_\mu = m_\perp u_\tau \cosh(\eta - y) - \vec{p}_\perp \cdot \vec{u}_\perp, \quad (\text{B7})$$

$$p^\mu \cdot n_\mu = m_\perp n_\tau \cosh(\eta - y) - \vec{p}_\perp \cdot \vec{n}_\perp, \quad (\text{B8})$$

$$u^\mu \cdot n_\mu = u_\tau n_\tau + u^x n_x + u^y n_y. \quad (\text{B9})$$

In the SPH formalism the integral over the isothermal hypersurface is written in terms of a sum of SPH particles as

$$\frac{dN}{dy d^2 p_T} = \frac{g}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_{\text{SPH}}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\eta_\alpha \frac{(p \cdot n)_\alpha v_\alpha}{(n \cdot u)_\alpha \sigma_\alpha} \times f(T_{\text{FO}}, (p \cdot u)_\alpha, \Pi_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^{\mu\nu}), \quad (\text{B10})$$

where N_{SPH} is the total number of SPH particles, $(n_\mu)_\alpha$ is the normal vector of the isothermal hypersurface reconstructed

using the α th SPH particle, $(u_\mu)_\alpha$ is the 4-velocity of the SPH particle, Π_α is the bulk viscosity of the SPH particle, there is an integral over the space-time rapidity of each SPH particle η_α , and $\pi_\alpha^{\mu\nu}$ is the shear stress tensor of the SPH particle.

Then, the contribution from a SPH particle to the ideal distribution function is

$$f_{0p}^{(\alpha)} = e^{\vec{p}_\perp \cdot \vec{u}_\perp^{(\alpha)}/T_0} e^{-m_\perp u_\tau^{(\alpha)}/T_0 \cosh(\eta_\alpha - y)}. \quad (\text{B11})$$

Substituting this into Eq. (B5), we find

$$f_p^{(\alpha)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-a_\alpha)^n \lambda_\alpha^{n+1} e^{-(n+1)m_\perp u_\tau^{(\alpha)}/T_0 \cosh(\eta_\alpha - y)} \times \{1 + (n+1)[\delta f_p^{(\alpha)\text{bulk}} + \delta f_p^{(\alpha)\text{shear}}]\}, \quad (\text{B12})$$

where $\lambda_\alpha = e^{\vec{p}_\perp \cdot \vec{u}_\perp^{(\alpha)}/T_0}$.

The integral over the isothermal hypersurface becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dN}{dy d^2 p_T} &= \frac{g}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_{\text{SPH}}} \frac{1}{(n \cdot u)_\alpha} \frac{v_\alpha}{\sigma_\alpha} \left\{ m_\perp n_\tau^{(\alpha)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\eta_\alpha \cosh(\eta_\alpha - y) f(T_{\text{FO}}, (p \cdot u)_\alpha, \Pi_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^{\mu\nu}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + [p^x n_x^{(\alpha)} + p^y n_y^{(\alpha)}] \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\eta_\alpha f(T_{\text{FO}}, (p \cdot u)_\alpha, \Pi_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^{\mu\nu}) \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B13})$$

where we can then substitute in

$$(q_\nu)_\alpha = \frac{(n_\nu)_\alpha}{(n \cdot u)_\alpha} \frac{v_\alpha}{\sigma_\alpha}, \quad (\text{B14})$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dN}{dy d^2 p_T} &= \frac{g}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_{\text{SPH}}} \left\{ m_\perp q_{0\alpha} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\eta_\alpha \cosh(\eta_\alpha - y) f(T_{\text{FO}}, (p \cdot u)_\alpha, \Pi_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^{\mu\nu}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (\mathbf{p}_T \cdot \mathbf{q}_T)_\alpha \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\eta_\alpha f(T_{\text{FO}}, (p \cdot u)_\alpha, \Pi_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^{\mu\nu}) \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B15})$$

$$= \frac{g}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_{\text{SPH}}} [q_{0\alpha} \mathcal{I}_1(\alpha, m, T_{\text{FO}}) - (\mathbf{p}_T \cdot \mathbf{q}_T)_\alpha \mathcal{I}_2(\alpha, m, T_{\text{FO}})], \quad (\text{B16})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_1(\alpha, m, T_{\text{FO}}) &= m_\perp \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\eta_\alpha \cosh(\eta_\alpha - y) f(T_{\text{FO}}, (p \cdot u)_\alpha, \Pi_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^{\mu\nu}), \\ \mathcal{I}_2(\alpha, m, T_{\text{FO}}) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\eta_\alpha f(T_{\text{FO}}, (p \cdot u)_\alpha, \Pi_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^{\mu\nu}). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B17})$$

We can now insert the distribution function in Eq. (B12),

$$\mathcal{I}_1(\alpha, m, T_0) = m_\perp \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-a_\alpha)^n \lambda_\alpha^{n+1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\eta_\alpha \cosh(\eta_\alpha - y) e^{-(n+1)m_\perp \frac{u_\tau^{(\alpha)}}{T_0} \cosh(\eta_\alpha - y)} [1 + (n+1)(\delta f_p^{(\alpha)\text{bulk}} + \delta f_p^{(\alpha)\text{shear}})], \quad (\text{B18})$$

$$\mathcal{I}_2(\alpha, m, T_0) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-a_\alpha)^n \lambda_\alpha^{n+1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\eta_\alpha e^{-(n+1)m_\perp \frac{u_\tau^{(\alpha)}}{T_0} \cosh(\eta_\alpha - y)} \{1 + (n+1)(\delta f_p^{(\alpha)\text{bulk}} + \delta f_p^{(\alpha)\text{shear}})\},$$

but we already know a portion of this from the combination of the ideal and bulk in Ref. [29], to which we refer here as $I_1^{\alpha+b}$ and $I_2^{\alpha+b}$, so

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_1(\alpha, m, T_{\text{FO}}) &= I_1^{\alpha+b} + m_\perp \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) (-a_\alpha)^n \lambda_\alpha^{n+1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\eta_\alpha \cosh(\eta_\alpha - y) e^{-(n+1)m_\perp u_\tau^{(\alpha)}/T_0 \cosh(\eta_\alpha - y)} \delta f_p^{(\alpha)\text{shear}}, \\ \mathcal{I}_2(\alpha, m, T_{\text{FO}}) &= I_2^{\alpha+b} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) (-a_\alpha)^n \lambda_\alpha^{n+1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\eta_\alpha e^{-(n+1)m_\perp u_\tau^{(\alpha)}/T_0 \cosh(\eta_\alpha - y)} \delta f_p^{(\alpha)\text{shear}}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B19})$$

1. Details about δf for shear

The correction term from shear viscosity effects for a given particle species is

$$\delta f_p^{(i)\text{shear}} = \frac{1}{2s_0 T_0^3} \pi^{\mu\nu} p_\mu p_\nu, \quad (\text{B20})$$

where s_0 is the entropy density at freeze-out.

Using the properties of the shear stress tensor we find, in explicit form,

$$\pi^{\mu\nu} p_\mu p_\nu = m_\perp^2 [\pi^{00} \cosh^2(\eta - y) + \tau^2 \pi^{33} \sinh^2(\eta - y)] + p_x^2 \pi^{11} + p_y^2 \pi^{22} + 2p_x p_y \pi^{12}. \quad (\text{B21})$$

Substituting that expression in the shear correction term, one obtains for each SPH particle

$$\mathcal{I}_1(\alpha, m, T_0) = I_1^{\alpha+b} + \frac{m_\perp}{2s_0 T_0^3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) (-a_\alpha)^n \lambda_\alpha^{n+1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\eta_\alpha \cosh(\eta_\alpha - y) e^{-(n+1)m_\perp u_\tau^{(\alpha)}/T_0 \cosh(\eta_\alpha - y)} \pi_\alpha^{\mu\nu} p_\mu p_\nu, \quad (\text{B22})$$

$$\mathcal{I}_2(\alpha, m, T_0) = I_2^{\alpha+b} + \frac{1}{2s_0 T_0^3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) (-a_\alpha)^n \lambda_\alpha^{n+1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\eta_\alpha e^{-(n+1)m_\perp u_\tau^{(\alpha)}/T_0 \cosh(\eta_\alpha - y)} \pi_\alpha^{\mu\nu} p_\mu p_\nu.$$

After some manipulations, our final equations become

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_1(\alpha, m, T_0) &= I_1^{\alpha+b} + \frac{1}{s_0 T_0^3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) (-a_\alpha)^n \lambda_\alpha^{n+1} \left\{ \left(E [p_x^2 \pi_\alpha^{11} + p_y^2 \pi_\alpha^{22} + 2p_x p_y \pi_\alpha^{12}] + \frac{1}{4} E^3 [3\pi_\alpha^{00} - \tau^2 \pi_\alpha^{33}] \right) K_1 \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \left[(n+1) \frac{E u_\tau^{(\alpha)}}{T_0} \right] + \frac{1}{4} m_\perp^3 [\pi_\alpha^{00} + \tau^2 \pi_\alpha^{33}] K_3 \left[(n+1) \frac{m_\perp u_\tau^{(\alpha)}}{T_0} \right] \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B23})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_2(\alpha, m, T_0) &= I_2^{\alpha+b} + \frac{1}{s_0 T_0^3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) (-a_\alpha)^n \lambda_\alpha^{n+1} \left\{ \left(p_x^2 \pi_\alpha^{11} + p_y^2 \pi_\alpha^{22} + 2p_x p_y \pi_\alpha^{12} + \frac{1}{2} m_\perp^2 [\pi_\alpha^{00} - \tau^2 \pi_\alpha^{33}] \right) K_0 \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \left[(n+1) \frac{m_\perp \gamma_\alpha}{T_0} \right] + \frac{1}{2} m_\perp^2 (\pi_\alpha^{00} + \tau^2 \pi_\alpha^{33}) K_2 \left[(n+1) \frac{m_\perp \gamma_\alpha}{T_0} \right] \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where $K_\beta(x)$ is the modified Bessel function.

APPENDIX C: NORMAL VECTOR OF ISOTHERMAL SURFACE AND THE SPH FORMALISM

The normalized normal vector to the isothermal surface is

$$n_\mu = \frac{(\partial_\tau T, \partial_x T, \partial_y T)}{\sqrt{(\partial_\tau T)^2 - (\partial_x T)^2 - (\partial_y T)^2}}. \quad (\text{C1})$$

Because in the SPH method the spatial gradients of the pressure are known [37] and, using the Gibbs-Duhem relation $\partial_\mu T = \partial_\mu P/s$, we just need to determine $\partial_\tau T$ to obtain n_μ . Using that $DP = \gamma \partial_\tau P + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla P)$, $dP/d\varepsilon = c_s^2$ (hence, $DP = c_s^2 D\varepsilon$), and the energy conservation equation

$$D\varepsilon + (\varepsilon + P + \Pi)\theta - \pi_{\mu\nu} \sigma^{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad (\text{C2})$$

we find that

$$\partial_\tau P = \frac{1}{\gamma} [-c_s^2 \theta (\varepsilon + P + \Pi) + c_s^2 \pi_{\mu\nu} \sigma^{\mu\nu} - (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla P)] \quad (\text{C3})$$

and thus

$$\partial_\tau T = \frac{1}{\gamma s} [-c_s^2 \theta (\varepsilon + P + \Pi) + c_s^2 \pi_{\mu\nu} \sigma^{\mu\nu} - (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla P)]. \quad (\text{C4})$$

Both η/s and ζ/s are still relatively small in all of our calculations, which means that the contributions from the bulk pressure and shear stress tensor in Eq. (C4) are still, in general, very small compared to that from the energy density and pressure ($\varepsilon + P \approx 1.5$, whereas the components of $\pi^{\mu\nu} \approx 10^{-3}$ and $\Pi \approx 10^{-3}-10^{-1}$). This then means that the primary contribution to the uncorrected flow harmonics comes from the viscous corrected flow and not from the details of the freeze-out hypersurface (which remains very similar to the one found in the ideal hydrodynamical case).

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