

# Constraining the small system collectivity using d+Au and O+O collisions at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 200$ GeV from STAR

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1 The understanding of collectivity in small collision systems must address  
2 three key issues related to the initial conditions: (1) the role of nucleon and  
3 sub-nucleon fluctuations, (2) nucleon forces and emergent correlations in light  
4 ions, such as alpha clustering, and (3) the influence of longitudinal fluctuations  
5 and their impact on flow decorrelations. We present two- and four-particle cu-  
6 mulants of  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  based on new d+Au and O+O datasets collected in the  
7 year 2021 with extended forward and midrapidity acceptance of STAR. No-  
8 tably, we observe a significant enhancement in both  $v_2\{2\}$  and  $v_2\{4\}$  in d+Au  
9 collisions compared to O+O collisions, in the highest-multiplicity events, sug-  
10 gesting markedly different ellipticities in these two systems. Comparisons with  
11 model calculations reveal a clear influence of sub-nucleon fluctuations and nu-  
12 clear structure effects. The  $v_n$  measurements are performed using two-particle  
13 correlations in rapidity ranges  $|\eta| < 1.5$  and  $2.1 < |\eta| < 5.1$ . The role of flow decor-  
14 relations with rapidity is investigated and the findings are compared to previous  
15 RHIC measurements and model predictions. These new findings greatly expand  
16 our understanding of small system collectivity.