

Latest updates on ideal-spin hydrodynamics

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Motivations:

- ▶ Do we understand the surprising success of local-equilibrium (LEQ) assumption (A. Palermo's talk)
- ▶ How can we simplify semi-classical spin hydrodynamics (a made-up name for formulation of [\[Weickgenannt et al. \(2022\)\]](#))

Outline:

- ▶ What is semi-classical (ideal)-spin hydrodynamics?
- ▶ The poor man's toolbox (I): linearized spin hydro
- ▶ The poor man's toolbox (II): conformal Bjorken flow
- ▶ Final words

Recap: surprising success of the local-equilibrium (LEQ) assumption

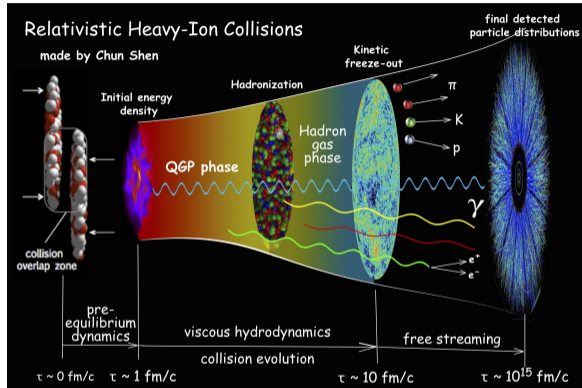
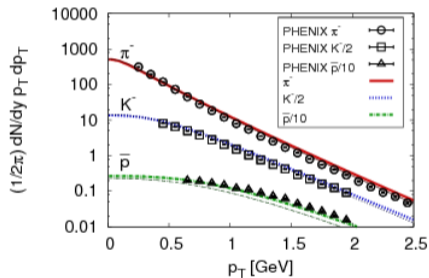
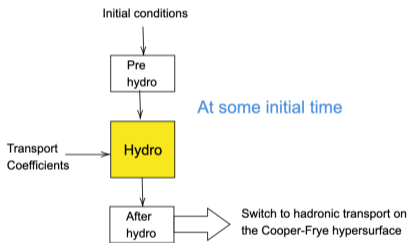


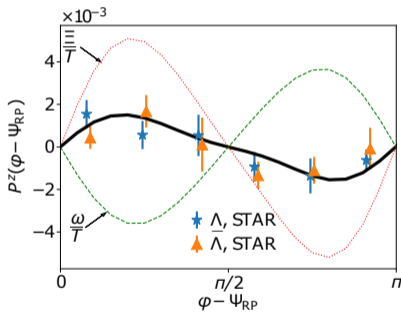
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Parent cell's field (in spacetime) \longrightarrow final hadron's properties (in phase space)



[Schenke et al. (2010)]

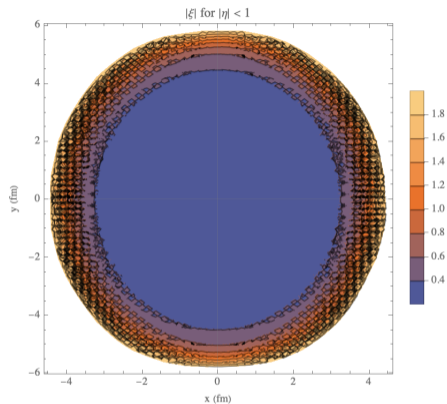
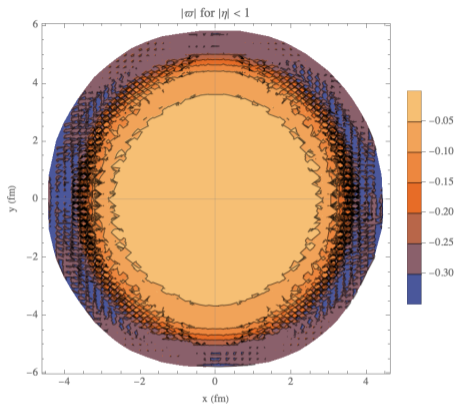
Gradients of the fields of parent fluid cell \longrightarrow polarization of final-state hadrons [Becattini et al. (2013)]



[Becattini et al. (2021)]

The sign puzzle seems to have been solved but ...

- It is not clear how and when the spin degrees of freedom are equilibrated



Thermal vorticity and thermal shear are small and of the same order on the FO surface (surface analysis with VHLLE output [Karpenko et al. (2014)])

What is semi-classical spin hydrodynamics?

- ▶ Conservation of energy-momentum and angular momentum

$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \partial_\lambda J^{\lambda\mu\nu} = 0$$

- ▶ Perfect fluid ($J^{\lambda\mu\nu}$ is automatically conserved)

$$T_{(0)}^{\mu\nu} = \varepsilon u^\mu u^\nu - P \Delta^{\mu\nu} \quad J^{\lambda\mu\nu} = L^{\lambda\mu\nu} \equiv 2T^{\lambda[\nu} x^{\mu]}$$

- ▶ Dissipative hydrodynamics (Schematically ϵ_∂ is the expansion parameter \rightarrow David Wagner's talk)

$$T^{\mu\nu} = T_{(0)}^{\mu\nu} + \epsilon_\partial T_{(1)}^{\mu\nu} + \epsilon_\partial^2 T_{(2)}^{\mu\nu} + \dots$$

Notations and conventions:

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(1, -1, -1, -1) \quad A^{[\mu\nu]} \equiv \frac{1}{2}(A^{\mu\nu} - A^{\nu\mu})$$

This dog wants to perform a coordinate transformation



...and the definition of $L^{\lambda\mu\nu}$ annoys it!

- ▶ Question of covariance (\rightarrow A. Chiarini's poster)

$$L^{\lambda\mu\nu} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{\lambda h} = K_{\nu}^h T^{\lambda\nu} \quad h = 1, 2, 3$$

K^h are generators of rotations $D_{\mu} K_{\nu}^h + D_{\nu} K_{\mu}^h = 0$

- ▶ Then $D_{\mu} T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \implies D_{\mu} \mathcal{L}^{\mu} = 0 \rightarrow Q^h = \int_{\Sigma} d\Sigma_{\mu} K^{\mu h}$ being conserved
- ▶ Quantum nature of the fluid encoded in transport coefficients

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- * D is the covariant derivative
 - * In Minkowski coordinates h is related to $\mu\nu$ e.g., $K^{\lambda(yx)} = (0, -y, x, 0)$
 - * Σ is a Cauchy hypersurface



Happy now? Remember this is only in flat spacetime!

- ▶ Macroscopic quantum corrections \rightarrow semi-classical expansion in \hbar (for more details \rightarrow David Wagner's talk)
- ▶ We truncate all the **equations** up to first order in \hbar [Weickgenannt et al. (2022)]
- ▶ **Assumption I**: decomposition of angular momentum

$$J^{\lambda\mu\nu} = L^{\lambda\mu\nu} + \hbar S^{\lambda\mu\nu}$$

or the covariant form: $\mathcal{J}^{\lambda h} = T^{\lambda\nu} K_{\nu}^h + \frac{1}{2} \hbar S^{\lambda\mu\nu} D_{[\mu} K_{\nu]}^h$

- ▶ $D_{\lambda} \mathcal{J}^{\lambda h} = 0$ if the spacetime is flat ($\implies D_{\lambda} D_{\mu} K_{\nu} = 0$) and

$$\hbar D_{\lambda} S^{\lambda\mu\nu} = 2T^{[\nu\mu]}$$

- ▶ **Assumption II:** In global equilibrium

$$T^{[\nu\mu]} \stackrel{\text{geq}}{=} 0 \quad D_\lambda S^{\lambda\mu\nu} \stackrel{\text{geq}}{=} 0 \quad T^{(\mu\nu)} \stackrel{\text{geq}}{=} T_{(0)}^{\mu\nu}$$

- ▶ **Assumption III:**

$$T^{(\mu\nu)} = \underbrace{T^{(\mu\nu)}}_{\text{standard}} + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2) \quad T^{[\mu\nu]} = \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2)$$

- ▶ No back-reaction from spin to fluid $D_\mu T^{(\mu\nu)} = \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2)$

* In global equilibrium $\beta^\mu = u^\mu/T$ is a Killing vector

$$T^{(\mu\nu)} = \mathcal{E}u^\mu u^\nu - \mathcal{P}\Delta^{\mu\nu} + Q^\mu u^\nu + Q^\nu u^\mu + \mathcal{T}^{\mu\nu}$$

Semiclassical Landau frame

$$\mathcal{E} = u_\mu u_\nu T^{(\mu\nu)} = \varepsilon + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2) \quad \mathcal{P} = -\frac{1}{3}\Delta_{\alpha\beta}T^{\alpha\beta} = p + \Pi + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2)$$

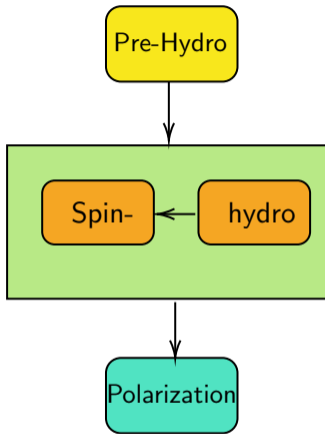
$$Q^\mu = \Delta^{\mu\alpha}u^\beta T_{\alpha\beta} = \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2) \quad \mathcal{T}^{\mu\nu} = \Delta_{\alpha\beta}^{\mu\nu}T^{(\alpha\beta)} = \pi^{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2)$$

MIS-type EOM for dissipative fluxes

$$\tau_\Pi \dot{\Pi} + \Pi = -\zeta\theta + \dots \quad \tau_\pi \dot{\pi}^{\langle\mu\nu\rangle} + \pi^{\mu\nu} = 2\eta\sigma^{\mu\nu} + \dots$$

Notations:

$$\dot{X} \equiv u^\mu D_\mu X \quad \Delta_{\alpha\beta}^{\mu\nu} := \Delta_\alpha^{(\mu} \Delta_\beta^{\nu)} - \Delta^{\mu\nu} \Delta_{\alpha\beta}/3$$



- ▶ N_f fluid fields $\{\varphi^A\} = \{\varepsilon, u^\mu, \Pi, \pi^{\mu\nu}, \dots\}$
- ▶ By solving standard dissipative hydro (DNMR in our case) we find $\{\varphi^A\}$
- ▶ Also N_s spin degrees $\{\psi^A\}$ of freedom (spin potential ...)
- ▶ Knowing $\{\varphi^A\}$ we can solve $\hbar D_\lambda S^{\lambda\mu\nu} = 2T^{[\nu\mu]}$ and other required equations to find $\{\psi^A\}$
- ▶ Inserting the results into the formula for S^μ on the FO surface we find the polarization

- ▶ 24 components of $S^{\lambda\mu\nu}$ and 6 equations \rightarrow further equations are needed (e.g., from the method of moments)
- ▶ In ideal-spin approximation d.o.f in $S^{\lambda\mu\nu}$ are only the 6 ones in $\Omega^{\mu\nu}$

$$S^{\lambda\mu\nu} = Au^\lambda\Omega^{\mu\nu} + Bu^\lambda u_\alpha\Omega^{\alpha[\mu}u^{\nu]} + Cu^\lambda\Omega^{\alpha[\mu}\Delta^{\nu]\alpha} + Du_\alpha\Omega^{\alpha[\mu}\Delta^{\nu]\lambda} + E\Delta^\lambda{}_\alpha\Omega^{\alpha[\mu}u^{\nu]}$$

- ▶ Constraint from Assumption III: $B - C - D + T\frac{\partial E}{\partial T} = 0$

* $\{A, B, C, D, E\}$ are functions of ε or, equivalently, T

* In quantum kinetic theory

$$A = \frac{\hbar T^2}{4m^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial T} (\varepsilon - 3P) \quad B = \frac{\hbar T^2}{4m^2} \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial T} \quad C = D = E = -\frac{\hbar T^2}{4m^2} \frac{\partial P}{\partial T}$$

- ▶ The antisymmetric part of energy-momentum tensor

$$T^{[\mu\nu]} = -\hbar^2 \Gamma^{(\kappa)} u^{[\mu} \left(\kappa^{\nu]} + \varpi^{\nu]\alpha} u_\alpha \right) + \frac{1}{2} \hbar^2 \Gamma^{(\omega)} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} u_\rho (\omega_\sigma + \beta \Omega_\sigma) \\ + \hbar^2 \Gamma^{(a)} u^{[\mu} \left(\beta a^{\nu]} + \nabla^{\nu]} \beta \right)$$

- ▶ Why “ideal”: **spin** contributions to entropy production is of higher order in \hbar

* $\{\Gamma^{(\kappa)}, \Gamma^{(\omega)}, \Gamma^{(a)}\}$ are functions of ε or, equivalently, T

* Notations

$$\varpi_{\mu\nu} = -D_{[\mu} \beta_{\nu]} \quad \beta = 1/T \quad \Omega^\mu = -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} u_\nu D_\alpha u_\beta \quad \nabla^\mu = \Delta^{\mu\nu} D_\nu \\ \kappa^\mu = -\Omega^{\mu\nu} u_\nu \quad \omega^\mu = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} u_\nu \Omega_{\alpha\beta} \quad a_\mu = u^\alpha D_\alpha u_\mu$$



Please stay with me, I will entertain you in a moment.

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In a poor man's toolbox:

- ▶ **Damping of spin waves in a hydrostatics background** [D. Wagner, M.S., and D. H. Rischke arXiv:2405.00533] (Similar works: [\[Ambrus et al. \(2022\)\]](#) and [\[Singh et al. \(2023\)\]](#))
- ▶ **Linear spin hydro** [J. Sammet, M.S., D. Wagner, and D. H. Rischke, in preparation] (Similar works: [\[Ren et al. \(2024\)\]](#) and [\[Daher et al. \(2024\)\]](#))
- ▶ **Bjorken spin hydro** [A. Chiarini, M.S., D. Wagner, and D. H. Rischke work in progress] [(Kind of) similar work: [\[Singh et al. \(2021\)\]](#)]
- ▶ **Rigidly rotating fluid** [A. Chiarini, M.S., D. Wagner, A. Dash, and D. H. Rischke work in progress] → A. Chiarini's poster

Different contributions can be investigated in these three simple setups

$$\tau_{\kappa} \dot{\kappa}^{\langle \mu} = \overbrace{F(\theta, \dot{\beta})}^{\text{Bjorken}} \kappa^{\mu} + (\dots) \left(\overbrace{\omega^{\mu\nu}}^{\text{Rigid rot.}} + \overbrace{\sigma^{\mu\nu}}^{\text{Bjorken}} \right) \kappa_{\nu}$$

$$+ \overbrace{\epsilon^{\mu\alpha\beta\sigma} \omega_{\sigma} G_{\alpha\beta}}^{\text{Linear and Rigid rot.}} + (\dots) \overbrace{u_{\mu} T^{[\mu\nu]}}^{\text{Linear and Rigid rot.}}$$

Equations for both κ and ω are relaxation-type equations

$$\tau_{\kappa} = -\frac{A - B - C}{\hbar\Gamma(\kappa)} \quad \tau_{\omega} = -\frac{E}{\hbar\Gamma(\kappa)}$$

In quantum kinetic theory

$$\tau_{\kappa} = \frac{T}{2m^2\Gamma(\kappa)} (\varepsilon + P) \quad \tau_{\omega} = \frac{T}{4m^2\Gamma(\omega)} (\varepsilon + P) \left(1 - \frac{1}{v_s^2} \right)$$

Linear regime

Main idea: linearized equations of hydrodynamics in a homogeneous equilibrium configuration have linear wave solutions

- ▶ Independent degrees of freedom in $T^{(\mu\nu)}$ are $\varphi \in \{\beta = 1/T, u^\mu, \dots\}$ and in $S^{\lambda\mu\nu}$ are $\psi \in \{\kappa^\mu, \omega^\mu, \dots\}$
- ▶ For each $X \in \{\phi, \psi\}$: $X_0 \rightarrow X_0 + \delta X$ (X_0 is constant in a homogeneous equilibrium configuration)
- ▶ Fourier transform

$$\delta X(x) = \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} e^{ik \cdot x/\hbar} \delta X(k)$$

- ▶ Insert δX into the EOM (in Fourier space)

$$ik_\mu \delta T^{(\mu\nu)} = 0 \quad ik_\lambda \delta S^{\lambda\mu\nu} = \delta T^{[\nu\mu]} \quad \text{and EOM for dissipative fluxes}$$

- ▶ EOM to the matrix form $\mathbf{M} \delta \vec{\mathbf{X}} = 0$
- ▶ This equation has solutions iff $\det(\mathbf{M}) = 0$
- ▶ \implies dispersion relations for eigenfrequencies $\omega = \omega(\mathbf{k})$ (if $k^\mu = (\omega, \mathbf{k})$)
- ▶ Performing this procedure for the example of ideal-spin hydrodynamics and DNMR (or MIS) theory with shear viscosity alone \rightarrow **spin and fluid waves are decoupled!**

$$\omega^2 - i\hbar a \omega - v_s^2 \mathbf{k}^2 - \hbar^2 b = 0 \quad a = \frac{\tau_\kappa + \tau_\omega}{\tau_\kappa \tau_\omega} \quad b = \frac{1}{\tau_\kappa \tau_\omega} \quad v_s^2 = \frac{\Gamma^{(\kappa)} \tau_\kappa}{4\Gamma^{(\omega)} \tau_\omega}$$

- ▶ Let's assume a fluid with N_f degrees of freedom: φ^A where $A = 1 \cdots N_f$ (all possible dissipative contributions, multiple charges etc)
- ▶ Such that all these equations in the linear order are written as

$$M_f^{AB} \delta\varphi^B = \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2)$$

- ▶ And $S^{\lambda\mu\nu}$ with N_s degrees of freedom: ψ^A where $A = 1 \cdots N_s$ (ideal and dissipative)
- ▶ The N_s equations in linear order take the form

$$M_s^{AB} \delta\psi^B + \underbrace{M_{fs}^{AB} \delta\varphi^B}_{\text{source terms}} = 0$$

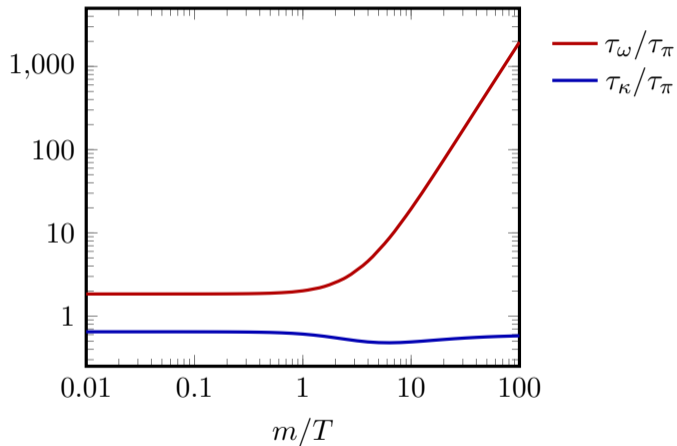
- ▶ All equations can be collectively written as

$$\begin{pmatrix} M_f & \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2) \\ M_{fs} & M_s \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta\varphi \\ \delta\psi \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}.$$

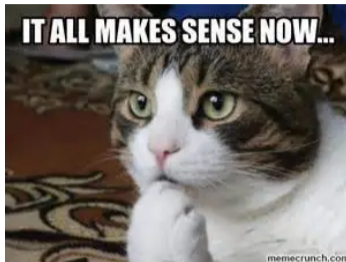
- ▶ But

$$\begin{vmatrix} M_f & 0 \\ M_{fs} & M_s \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} M_f & 0 \\ 0 & M_s \end{vmatrix} = \det(M_f) \det(M_s)$$

In the absence of back-reaction from the spin to the fluid, the linear characteristic equation that determines the spin modes is decoupled from the fluid modes.



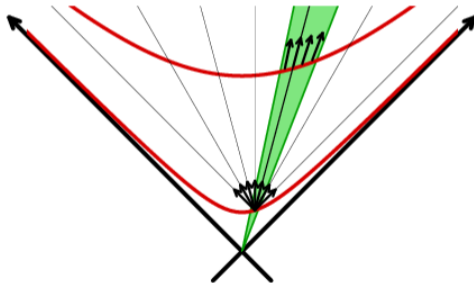
Relaxation times similar/larger than typical dissipative timescale τ_π for small/large m/T [Wagner et al. (2024)]



- ▶ At late times and small k the timescale t_d in damping factor $\exp(-t/t_d)$ is determined by τ_ω
- ▶ Spin degrees of freedom relax quite fast in high-energy collisions
- ▶ ... while these timescales for low-energy collisions might be even larger than the lifetime of the fireball
- ▶ A possible explanation of why the results of [\[Becattini et al. \(2021\)\]](#) are consistent with data

Bjorken flow

A theorist's favorite solution which unfortunately does not have thermal vorticity.



- ▶ Let's assume conformal symmetry: $\varepsilon = 3P \sim T^4$ $\tau_\pi = C_{\tau\pi}/T$ $\eta = C_\eta \frac{\varepsilon+P}{T}$
- ▶ Reasons to love Bjorken flow (as a theorist):
 1. A coordinate system (Milne) in which $u^\mu = (1, \mathbf{0})$:

$$ds^2 = d\tau^2 - dx^2 - dy^2 - \tau^2 d\eta_s^2 \quad \tau^2 = t^2 - z^2 \quad \tanh \eta_s = \frac{z}{t}$$

2. All quantities are functions of τ only \implies EOM become ODEs
 3. Energy-momentum tensor is diagonal $T_\nu^\mu = \text{diag}(\varepsilon, P_\perp, P_\perp, P_\parallel)$
- ▶ The pressure anisotropy is due to the shear-stress tensor (which has one degree of freedom)

$$\mathcal{A} \equiv \frac{P_\parallel - P_\perp}{P_{\text{EQ}}}$$

- ▶ There is a clever parameterization found by Heller and Spalinski (2015):

$$w = T\tau \quad f(w) = 1 + \frac{\tau}{T} \frac{dT}{d\tau} \quad \mathcal{A} = 18 \left(f(w) - \frac{2}{3} \right)$$

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- ▶ Slow-roll approximation captures the MIS **attractor** at early and late times

$$f(w) = \frac{2}{3} - \frac{w}{8C_{\tau\pi}} + \frac{\sqrt{64C_{\eta}C_{\tau\pi} + 9w^2}}{24C_{\tau\pi}} \quad C_{\tau\pi} = T\tau_{\pi} \quad C_{\eta} = \frac{\eta}{s}$$

- ▶ The coefficients from conformal symmetry

$$\{A, B, C, D, E\} \rightarrow \{A, B, C, D, E\}T^3 \quad \{\Gamma^{(\kappa)}, \Gamma^{(\omega)}\} \rightarrow \{\Gamma^{(\kappa)}, \Gamma^{(\omega)}\}T^4$$

- ▶ Constraint becomes algebraic

$$3E + B - C - D = 0$$

- ▶ Using rotational symmetry

$$\kappa^\mu = \left(0, \kappa_\perp(\tau), 0, \frac{\kappa_\parallel(\tau)}{\tau} \right) \quad \omega^\mu = \left(0, \omega_\perp(\tau), 0, \frac{\omega_\parallel(\tau)}{\tau} \right)$$

- ▶ The same equations are found for $\mathbf{x} \in \{\omega, \kappa\}$:

$$C_{\tau\mathbf{x}} \left(w \frac{d}{dw} + \frac{\mathcal{A}}{6} \right) \mathbf{x}_{\perp} + (w - \rho_{\mathbf{x}}) \mathbf{x}_{\perp} = 0$$

$$C_{\tau\mathbf{x}} \left(w \frac{d}{dw} + \frac{\mathcal{A}}{6} \right) \mathbf{x}_{\parallel} + w \mathbf{x}_{\parallel} = 0$$

- ▶ The timescales are redefined as $C_{\tau\mathbf{x}} = T\tau_{\mathbf{x}}$
- ▶ Couplings to the shear tensor: $T\rho_{\kappa} = D/(\hbar\Gamma^{\kappa})$ and $T\rho_{\omega} = E/(\hbar\Gamma^{\omega})$


- ▶ Using the slow-roll approximation we find at late times

$$\mathbf{x}_{\perp} \propto \exp\left(-\frac{C_{\tau\mathbf{x}}}{C_{\tau\pi}^2}w\right)w^{C_{\tau\mathbf{x}}/\rho_{\mathbf{x}}} \quad \mathbf{x}_{\parallel} \propto \exp\left(-\frac{C_{\tau\mathbf{x}}}{C_{\tau\pi}^2}w\right)$$

- ▶ Numerical inspection with the assumption of a very small initial value of \mathbf{x} shows that:
 - τ_{π} has a much more important effect than τ_{ω} and τ_{κ}
 - A large value of ρ_{κ} (ρ_{ω}) can amplify a very small initial spin potential to a very large one

Final words

- ▶ Numerically solving spin EOM on top of an uncharged fluid in global equilibrium with a non-vanishing thermal vorticity
- ▶ ... to understand better the equilibration timescale of spin degrees of freedom [A. Chiarini, M.S., D. Wagner, A. Dash, and D. H. Rischke, work in progress]
- ▶ Multi-formalism polarization calculator code [N. Saß, M.S, A. Palermo, David Wagner, H. Elfner, and Dirk H. Rischke, work in progress]



Thank you for your attention,

**please do not ask
hard question**

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Backup

Solving standard dissipative hydrodynamics and feeding the results into polarization formula of [Weickgenannt et al. (2022)] on the freezeout surface: preliminary results signal that the **standard shear tensor contributes** in the right direction [N. Saß, M.S, A. Palermo, David Wagner, H. Elfner, and Dirk H. Rischke, work in progress]

$$S^\mu(p)_{\text{NS}} = \int d\Sigma \cdot p \frac{f_{0p}}{2\mathcal{N}} \left\{ -\frac{\hbar}{2m} \tilde{\Omega}^{\mu\nu} p_\nu + \left(g_\nu^\mu - \frac{u^\mu p_{\langle\nu} \rangle}{E_p} \right) \right. \\ \left. \times \left[\epsilon_{\chi p} \left(\tilde{\Omega}^{\nu\rho} - \tilde{\omega}^{\nu\rho} \right) u_\rho - \chi_q \partial\beta_0 \sigma_\rho^{\langle\alpha\beta\rangle\nu\sigma\rho} u_\sigma p_{\langle\alpha p\beta\rangle} \right] \right\}$$

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