

Hydro+

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- This time-scale hierarchy is **controllable** (by wavenumber k).

The hydro degrees of freedom are **controllably** slow at long wavelengths (small k) because they are conserved.

- Let us focus on this scale hierarchy and see what happens when it breaks, **controllably**.

So that some effective description is still possible (not full QFT).

Parametrically slow local relaxation processes

What if there is a local process (or processes), whose relaxation rate Γ_s is *finite* but *parametrically*, i.e., **controllably**, small compared to typical local rate Γ ?

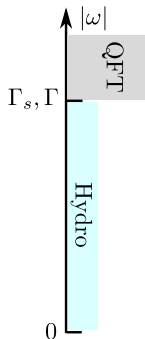
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Examples:

- slow chemical processes
- slow e/w processes in QGP, neutron star cooling, etc.
- approximately conserved charge (axial, isospin, etc.)
- would-be Goldstone field of spontaneously broken approximate symmetry
- spin-orbit interaction for nonrelativistic spin
- equilibration at the critical point

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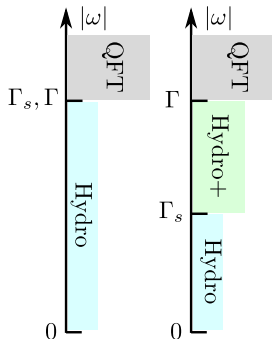


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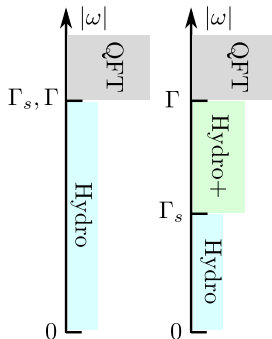
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- Unlike hydro variables these additional d.o.f. are not diffusive, i.e., they relax locally. But *very* slowly.



- Let us introduce generic notation ϕ for such a local field.
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- New equation of motion (Second Law dictates $\gamma_s \geq 0$):
 $\partial_t \phi = -\gamma_s \pi + \text{gradients}$
i.e. ϕ relaxes to equilibrium ($\pi = 0$) at rate $\Gamma_s = \gamma_s / \chi_s$,
where $\chi_s = (\partial \phi / \partial \pi)_\varepsilon$ is susceptibility.

Bulk viscosity

- However, the equilibrium value of ϕ could depend on ε , which evolves:

$$\partial_t \varepsilon = -w(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}).$$

As a result bulk mode (expansion $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}$) and ϕ mix:

$$\partial_t \pi = -\Gamma_s \pi - \frac{\beta p_\pi}{\chi_s} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v})$$

where $p_\pi \equiv (\partial p_{(+)} / \partial \pi)_\varepsilon = -T w (\partial \phi / \partial \varepsilon)_\pi$ (Maxwell relation).

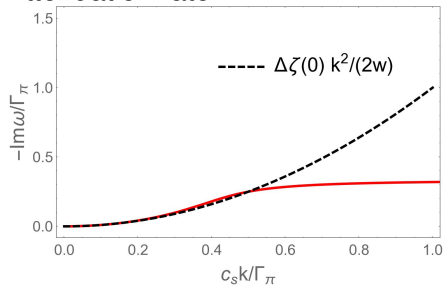
- Therefore, pressure is kept away from equilibrium:

$$p_{(+)} = p + p_\pi \pi = p - \frac{\beta p_\pi^2}{\chi_s} \frac{1}{\Gamma_s - i\omega} \underbrace{(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v})}_{\text{expansion rate}}$$

- Bulk viscosity: $\Delta \zeta = \frac{\beta p_\pi^2}{\chi_s \Gamma_s}$. Viscosity “lags” for $\omega \sim \Gamma_s$.

Sound attenuation and sound speed

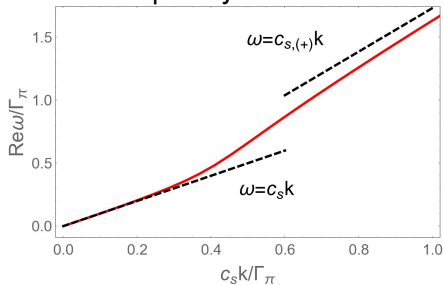
Attenuation rate



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Sound frequency



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When $\omega \sim \Gamma_s \equiv \Gamma_\pi$, hydro breaks down. Crossover to Hydro+ regime.

Equation of state “stiffens” for $\omega \gg \Gamma_s$: $\Delta c_s^2 \equiv c_{s,(+)}^2 - c_s^2 > 0$.

In hydro regime $\Delta\zeta = w \frac{\Delta c_s^2}{\Gamma_s}$

Mandelstam, Leontovich, 1937

Landau-Lifshits

Approximately conserved axial charge

• Constitutive equations:

MS, Yin, [1712.10305](#)

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- But consider magnetic field B

$$\partial_t n = -\nabla(C\mu_A \mathbf{B}); \quad \partial_t n_A = -\gamma_A \mu_A - \nabla(C\mu \mathbf{B});$$

Now n_A mixes with n .

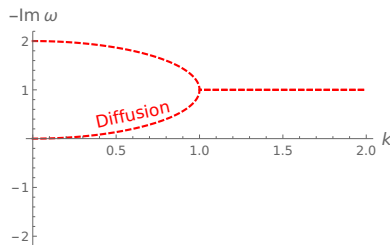
Well-known CMW phenomenon

Kharzeev, Yee, 2010

- The slow rate is $\Gamma_s = \gamma_A/\chi_A$ and $v_{\text{CMW}}^2 = C^2 B^2 / (\chi\chi_A)$

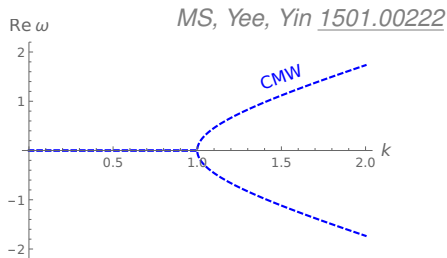
$$\omega_{\text{CMW}} = \pm v_{\text{CMW}} k_{\parallel} - i\Gamma_s/2 \quad \text{when } \omega \gg \Gamma_s.$$

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- $\omega \ll \Gamma_s$ – hydrodynamic regime (proper).

Diffusion: $\omega_V = -i \underbrace{\frac{v_{\text{CMW}}^2}{\Gamma_s}}_{\Delta D} k^2$, and non-hydro mode $\omega_A = -i\Gamma_s$.

- Conductivity $\Delta\lambda = \chi\Delta D = \chi \frac{v_{\text{CMW}}^2}{\Gamma_s}$, similar to $\Delta\zeta = w \frac{\Delta c_s^2}{\Gamma_s}$

Negative magnetoresistance

$$\Delta\lambda = \chi \frac{v_{\text{CMW}}^2}{\Gamma_s} = \frac{C^2 B^2}{\chi_A} \frac{1}{\Gamma_s} \quad - \quad \text{negative magnetoresistance}$$

Son, Spivak, 2012

Mechanism is similar to $\Delta\zeta$, with $\phi \rightarrow n_A$, $\pi \rightarrow \mu_A$, but $p \rightarrow J$:

$$\partial_t n_A = -\gamma_A \mu_A + CEB \quad (\text{anomaly})$$

$$\text{thus} \quad \mu_A = \frac{CEB/\chi_A}{\Gamma_s - i\omega} \quad (\chi_A = \frac{\partial n_A}{\partial \mu_A}),$$

$$\text{and} \quad \Delta J_{\parallel} = C\mu_A B = \frac{C^2 B^2 / \chi_A}{\Gamma_s - i\omega} E.$$

CME contribution to conductivity $\Delta\lambda = \Delta J_{\parallel} / E$ at $\omega \rightarrow 0$.

CME conductivity “lags” for $\omega \sim \Gamma_s$. Measurable?

Spontaneously broken approximate symmetry (PCAC)

Grossi, Soloviev, Teaney, Yan, 2020

- QCD near the chiral limit, $m_q \ll \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$.

Additional mode is pion field and hydro+ regime is two-fluid Landau hydrodynamics (superfluid) *Son, 2002; Son, MS, 2002*

- $\Gamma_s \sim Dm_q^2$ – pion “attenuation” rate.

Γ_s sets the boundary between hydro and hydro+ regimes.

- In hydro regime ($\omega \ll \Gamma_s$): $\lambda \sim \frac{T}{Dm_q} \sim \frac{\chi_I^{(\pi)}}{\Gamma_s}$

where $\chi_I^{(\pi)} \sim Tm_q$ – pion contribution to isospin susceptibility.

$\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ in the chiral limit $m_q \rightarrow 0$.

Spin hydrodynamics

- σ^i – spin density. EOM: $\partial_t \sigma^i = \epsilon^{ijk} \Theta^{[jk]}$.

Stress tensor has antisymmetric part:

$$\Theta^{ij} = p \delta^{ij} - \dots - \underbrace{\eta_s}_{\text{rotational viscosity}} \left(\underbrace{\partial^{[i} v^{j]}}_{\text{vorticity}} - \underbrace{\mu^{ij}}_{\text{spin chem. potential}} \right)$$

$\partial \mu^{ij} / \partial \sigma^k = \epsilon^{ijk} / \chi_s$ – where χ_s is spin susceptibility.

- Spin relaxation rate: $\Gamma_s = 2\eta_s / \chi_s$.

For heavy quarks: $\Gamma_s \sim g^4 \log(1/g) T^3 / M^2 \sim (T/M)^2 \Gamma \ll \Gamma$,

so there is Hydro+ regime

Hongo et al, [2201.12390](#)

- Linearised e.o.m.:

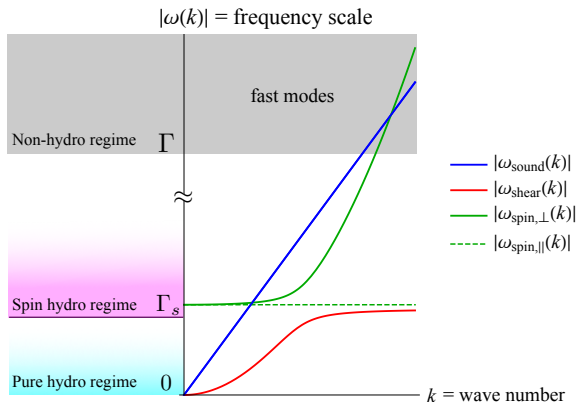
$$\left. \begin{aligned} (\partial_t + \Gamma_s) \boldsymbol{\sigma} &= \eta_s \nabla \times \mathbf{v}_\perp, \\ (\partial_t + \frac{\eta + \eta_s / 2}{w} \nabla^2) \boldsymbol{\pi}_\perp &= \eta_s \nabla \times \boldsymbol{\mu}, \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Spin ($\boldsymbol{\sigma}$) and shear ($\boldsymbol{\pi}_\perp$) modes mix.

Barnett and Einstein-de-Haas effects.

Linear response spectrum

Hongo et al, [2107.14231](#)



Mixing is maximal when rates of shear diffusion and spin relaxation are similar, i.e., on the boundary of Hydro regime.

Hydro regime of spin hydrodynamics

- Unlike previous examples, no diverging corrections to η , the limit of $\Gamma_s \rightarrow 0$ is smooth. Because mixing $\sim \eta_s \sim \Gamma_s$.
- In Hydro regime spin d.o.f. can be removed by pseudo-gauge transformation. Stress tensor becomes symmetric. Spin hydro becomes equivalent to ordinary hydro.
- Certain 2nd order coefficients in constitutive relations must also change. For example:

$$\Delta T^{ij} = a_0 \delta^{ij} (\nabla \times \mathbf{v})^2 + a_1 \nabla^{[i} v^{k]} \nabla^{[k} v^{j]}$$

These coefficients are nondissipative.

Li et al, [2011.12318](#)

Summary

- Hydrodynamics is a low-frequency **effective theory** and its validity is limited by the local relaxation rate Γ to $\omega \ll \Gamma$.
- If **controllably** slow local relaxation degrees of freedom exist, one can extend hydrodynamics into **Hydro+** regime $\Gamma_s \ll \omega \ll \Gamma$.
- Examples: (generic) bulk mode, fluctuations and long-time tails, approximate chiral symmetry, heavy quark spin.
- In hydro regime ($\omega \ll \Gamma_s$) the presence of slow modes is manifested in contributions to transport coefficients such as $\Delta\zeta$ (Mandelstam-Leontovich), $\Delta\lambda$ (negative magnetoresistance).
- Typically singular (as $1/\Gamma_s$). But not always (see spin hydro). Depends on how hydro modes mix with the slow hydro+ mode.

More

Fluctuations and Hydro+

- Fluctuations at wavenumber q equilibrate at rate $\Gamma_s(q) \sim q^2$. They act as Hydro+ variables. Continuous spectrum of them.

- Each q contributes to $\Delta\zeta$ and the total contribution is **non-analytic** in ω due to small- q fluctuations:

$$\Delta\zeta(\omega) \sim \int d^3q \frac{\Gamma_s(q)}{\Gamma_s(q)^2 + \omega^2} \sim \underbrace{\Delta\zeta(0)}_{\xi^3 \text{ near C.P.}} - \underbrace{\mathcal{O}(\omega^{1/2})}_{\text{long-time tail}}$$

- Hydrodynamics with fluctuations (“hydrokinetics”) is a Hydro+ theory which accounts for these effects.
- Note: these non-analytic contributions to dissipation are of order $\Delta\zeta k^2 \sim \omega^{1/2} k^2 \sim k^{3/2} \gg k^2$.

I.e., fluctuation effects are larger than 2nd order gradients.

Real-time bulk response: hydro vs hydro+

Characteristic Hydro-to-Hydro+ crossover rate $\Gamma_\xi = D\xi^{-2} \sim \xi^{-3}$.

● Dissipation is overestimated in hydro (---):

Only modes with $\omega \ll \Gamma_\xi$ experience large ζ .

● Stiffness of eos (sound speed) is underestimated (---):

Only modes with $\omega \ll \Gamma_\xi$ are critically soft ($c_s \rightarrow 0$ at CP).

