

Non-dissipative Electric Fluids

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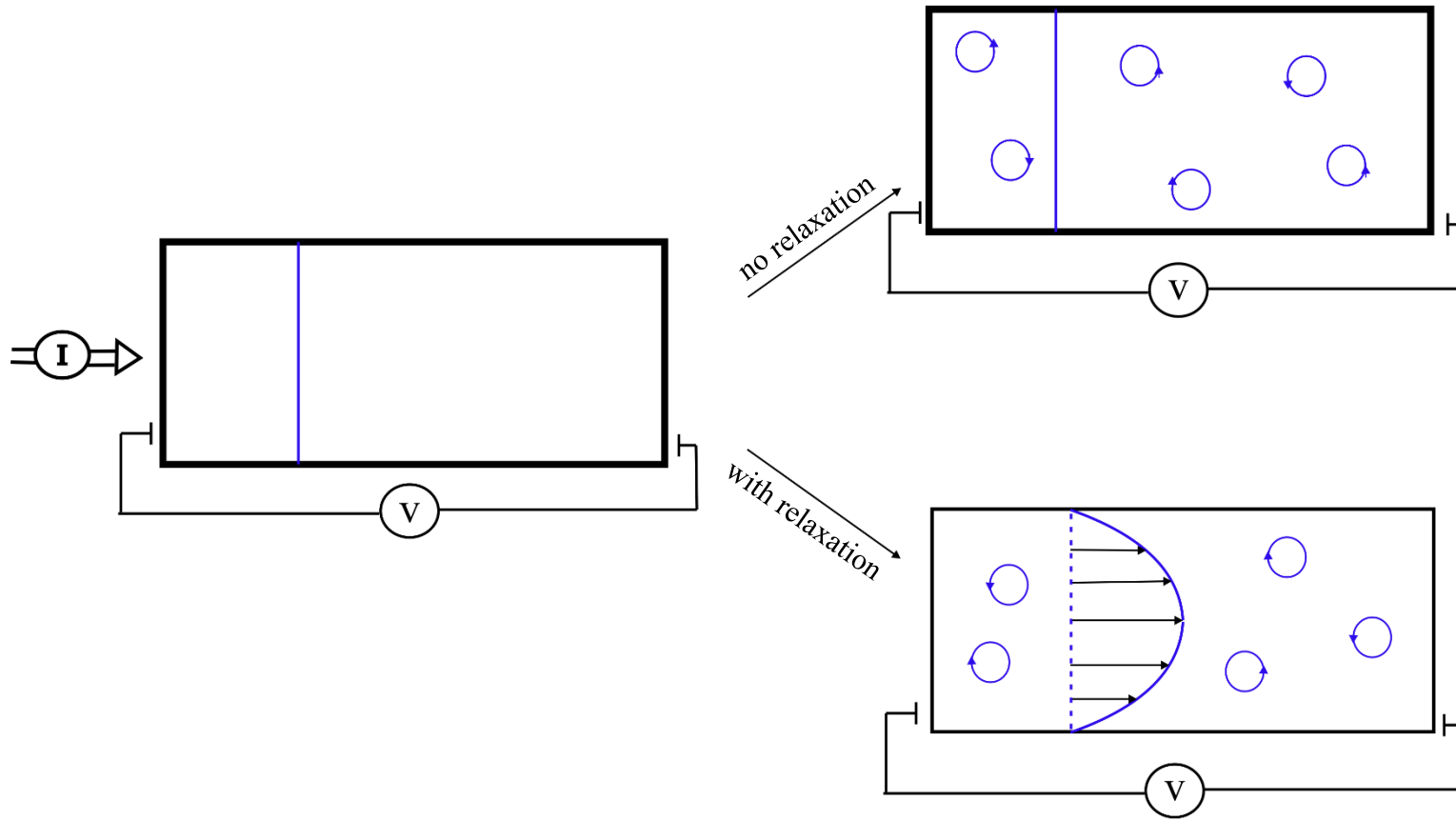
Motivation

Setup:

Charged fluid in a channel

Homogeneous electric field

Wait



Stationary by balancing
electric field to chemical
potential

Polarization currents flowing

No charge/heat flow

Equilibrium state
[\[Kovtun JHEP 28 \(2016\)\]](#)

Stationary by balancing
energy/momentum with
environment

Polarization currents flowing

With charge/heat flow

Steady state

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Hydrodynamics of the equilibrium state

- Hydrodynamics = EFT for thermalized matter
- Dynamics = conservation equations

$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = F^{\mu\nu} J_\mu \qquad \partial_\mu J^\mu = 0$$

- IR/Mean fields of hydrodynamics = thermodynamic parameters
- EFT = derivative expansion of charges

$$T^{\mu\nu} = T_{(0)}^{\mu\nu} + T_{(1)}^{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{O}(\partial^2) \qquad J^\mu = J_{(0)}^\mu + J_{(1)}^\mu + \mathcal{O}(\partial^2)$$

Thermodynamic parameters

[Jensen et al. PRL 109 (2012) 101601; de Boer et al., SciPostPhys. 9, 018 (2020); Armas, Jain, SciPostPhys. 11, 054 (2021)]

- Split spacetime \rightarrow space + time*

$$\Sigma_p = \{V \in T\mathcal{M}_p : \tau(V) = 0\} \quad \nu^\mu \tau_\mu = -1 \quad h_{\mu\nu} = \delta_{ab} e_\mu^a e_\nu^b (= \text{diag}(0, 1, 1, 1)) \quad \Sigma_2$$

- Thermal vector (energy/momentum conjugate)

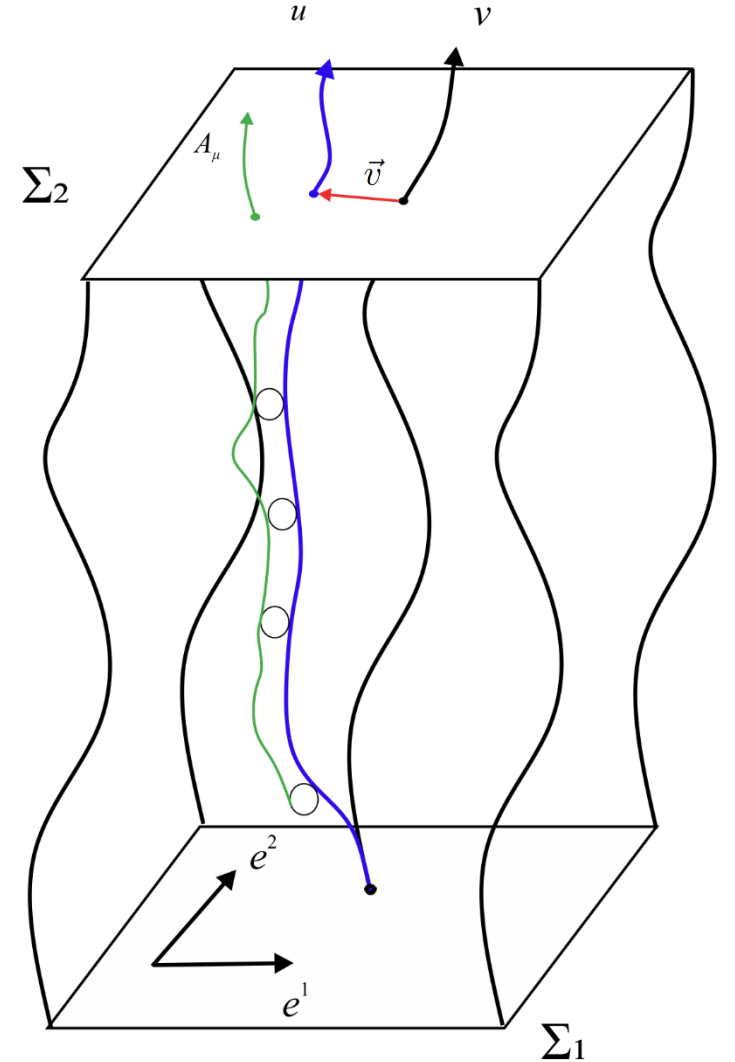
$$T = \frac{1}{\tau_\mu \beta^\mu}, \quad u^\mu = T \beta^\mu$$

- Chemical potential (charge conjugate)

$$\mu = T (A_\mu \beta^\mu + \Lambda_V)$$

- Electric field (polarization conjugate)

$$\mathbb{E}_\mu = -F_{\mu\nu} \nu^\nu, \quad F_{\mu\nu} = 2\partial_{[\mu} A_{\nu]} = \mathbb{E}_\mu \tau_\nu - \mathbb{E}_\nu \tau_\mu$$



* + compatible connection

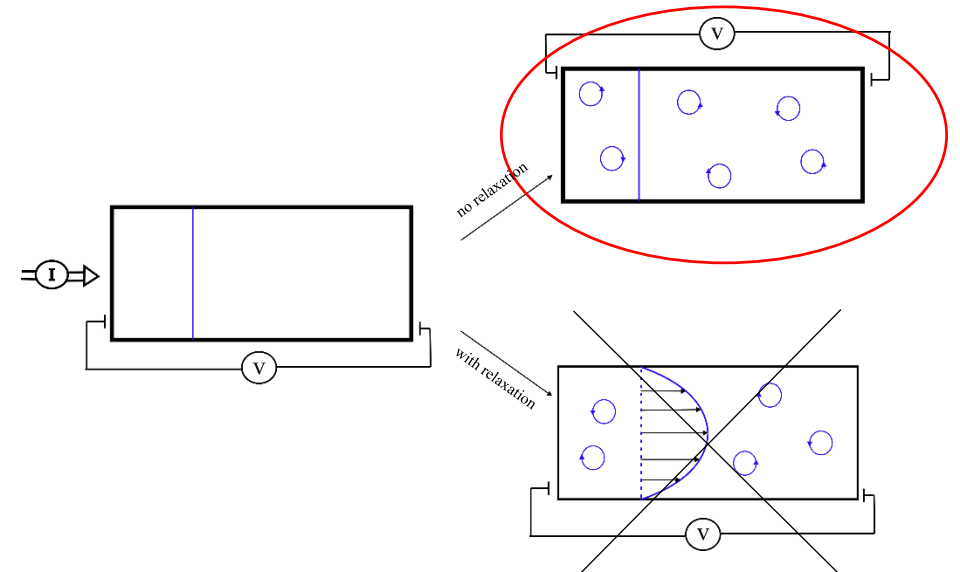
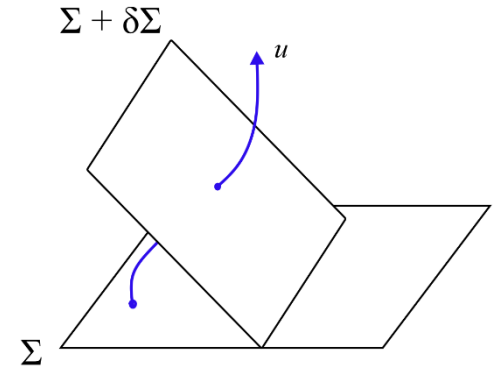
Equilibrium conditions

- Thermal equilibrium w.r.t. co-moving frame

$$\mathcal{L}_\beta \tau_\mu = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{\partial_\mu T}{T} - u^\nu (\partial_\nu \tau_\mu - \partial_\mu \tau_\nu) = 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\beta A_\mu = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathbb{E}_\mu - \partial_\mu \mu = u^\nu (\mathbb{E}_\nu \tau_\mu - \mu \partial_{[\nu} \tau_{\mu]})$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\beta h_{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \partial_{[\mu} F_{\nu\rho]} = 0 \quad \mathcal{L}_\beta \mathbb{E}_\mu = 0$$



Constitutive relations

- From thermodynamics: $W_{(0)} = \int d^{d+1}x \, |e| P(S) \, , \, e = \det(\tau_\mu, e_\mu^a)$

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|---------------------------------|---|---|
| | Elementary | Composite |
| Scalars: | T, μ | $h_{\mu\nu}u^\mu u^\nu, h^{\mu\nu}\mathbb{E}_\mu\mathbb{E}_\nu, \mathbb{E}_\mu u^\mu$ |
| One-forms: | $\tau_\mu, \mathbb{E}_\mu, \partial_\mu\mu$ | $h_{\mu\nu}u^\mu$ |
| Vectors: | ν^μ, u^μ | $h^{\mu\nu}\mathbb{E}_\nu, h^{\mu\nu}\partial_\mu\mu$ |
| Covariant 2-tensors: | $h_{\mu\nu}$ | $\tau_\mu\tau_\nu, \tau_\mu\mathbb{E}_\nu, \tau_\mu\partial_\nu\mu \dots$ |
| Contravariant 2-tensors: | $h^{\mu\nu}$ | $\nu^\mu\nu^\nu, \nu^\mu u^\nu, u^\mu u^\nu$ |

- Free energy as a generating functional:

[Jensen et al. PRL 109 (2012) 101601]

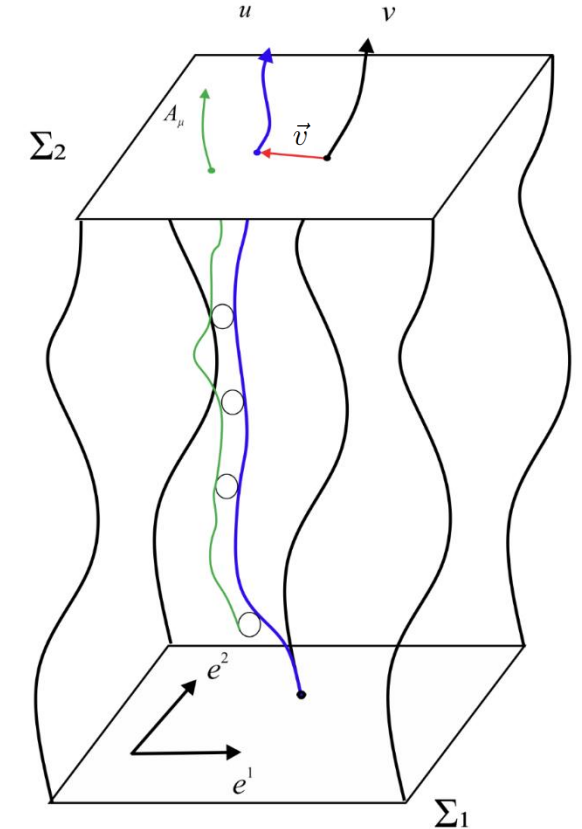
$$\delta W_{(0)}[\tau, h, A, F] = \int d^{d+1}x \, e \left(\boxed{-T^\mu \delta \tau_\mu + \frac{1}{2} T^{\mu\nu} \delta h_{\mu\nu}} + \boxed{J^\mu} \delta A_\mu + \frac{1}{2} \boxed{M^{\mu\nu}} \delta F_{\mu\nu} \right)$$

Energy-stress-momentum tensor

$$\rightarrow T^\mu{}_\nu = -T^\mu \tau_\nu + T^{\mu\rho} h_{\rho\nu}$$

U(1) current

Magnetization/Polarization tensor



Constitutive relations

Current takes expected form

$$J^\mu = nu^\mu + \frac{1}{e} \partial_\nu (2e\nu^{[\mu} \mathbb{P}^{\nu]}) \begin{cases} J^0 = \partial_i \mathbb{P}^i \\ J^i = \partial_t \mathbb{P}^i \end{cases}$$

Velocity-dependent polarization

$$\vec{\mathbb{P}} = \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial \vec{\mathbb{E}}} \right) = \kappa_{\mathbb{E}} \vec{\mathbb{E}} + \beta_{\mathbb{P}} \vec{v}$$

$$\beta_{\mathbb{P}} = \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial (\vec{\mathbb{E}} \cdot \vec{v})} \right) , \quad \kappa_{\mathbb{E}} = 2 \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial \vec{\mathbb{E}}^2} \right)$$

Constitutive relations

New heat and stress terms

$$T^\mu{}_\nu = -\varepsilon u^\mu \tau_\nu - \underbrace{(P - \mathbb{P}^\sigma \mathbb{E}_\sigma) h^{\mu\rho} h_{\rho\sigma} u^\sigma \tau_\nu}_{\text{new}} + P h^{\mu\rho} h_{\rho\nu} + \rho_{\text{m}} u^\mu u^\rho h_{\rho\nu} - \kappa_{\mathbb{E}} \mathbb{E}_\alpha \mathbb{E}_\beta h^{\alpha\mu} h^{\beta\rho} h_{\rho\nu} - \underbrace{\beta_{\mathbb{P}} \mathbb{E}_\alpha h^{\alpha\rho} \nu^\mu h_{\rho\nu}}_{\text{new}}$$

No Landau frame

$$T^\mu{}_\nu u^\nu = -(\varepsilon - \rho_{\text{m}} u^2 - \mathbb{P} \cdot \mathbb{E}) u^\mu + (\mathbb{P} \cdot \mathbb{E} - \beta_{\mathbb{P}} (\mathbb{E} \cdot u)) \nu^\mu - \kappa_{\mathbb{E}} (\mathbb{E} \cdot u) h^{\mu\nu} \mathbb{E}_\nu$$

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Prelude

- Equilibrium conditions = Ideal hydro equations
- Fix clock-form and metric (“Minkowski” spacetime)

$$\tau_\mu = \delta_\mu^0 \quad \nu^\mu = -\delta_0^\mu \quad h_{\mu\nu} = \delta_\mu^i \delta_\nu^j \delta_{ij} \quad h^{\mu\nu} = \delta_i^\mu \delta_j^\nu \delta^{ij}$$

- E.g. momentum conservation: $\mathbb{E}^i - \partial^i \mu = 0 \quad (E_\mu - \partial_\mu \mu = u^\nu (E_\nu \tau_\mu - \mu \partial_{[\nu} \tau_{\mu]}))$
- Equilibrium state \rightarrow steady state = modifying ideal hydro equations

Introducing relaxation (0th Order)

Relax energy/momentum (“Minkowski” spacetime):

$$0 = \partial_t n + \partial_i J^i$$

$$0 = \partial_t \varepsilon + \partial_i J_\varepsilon^i - \mathbb{E}_i J^i + \hat{\Gamma}_\varepsilon$$

$$0 = \partial_t P_i + \partial_j T^{ij} - n \mathbb{E}_i + \hat{\Gamma}_{\vec{P}}^i$$

Most general 0th order relaxations: $\hat{\Gamma}_{\vec{P}}^i = \Gamma_{\vec{\mathbb{P}}} \mathbb{P}^i + \Gamma_{\vec{P}} P^i + \mathcal{O}(\partial)$, $\hat{\Gamma}_\varepsilon = \Gamma_\varepsilon + \mathcal{O}(\partial)$

$$\vec{\mathbb{P}} = \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial \vec{\mathbb{E}}} \right) = \kappa_{\mathbb{E}} \vec{\mathbb{E}} + \beta_{\mathbb{P}} \vec{v} \quad \vec{P} = \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial \vec{v}} \right) = \rho_{\mathbb{m}} \vec{v} + \beta_{\mathbb{P}} \vec{\mathbb{E}}$$

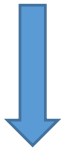
Keep constant temperature, chemical potential E-field $\mathcal{L}_\beta \tau_\mu = 0$ $\mathcal{L}_\beta h_{\mu\nu} = 0$ $\partial_{[\mu} F_{\nu\rho]} = 0$ $\mathcal{L}_\beta \mathbb{E}_\mu = 0$

~~$$\mathcal{L}_\beta A_\mu = 0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{E}_\mu \partial_\mu \mu = u^\nu (\mathbb{E}_\nu \tau_\mu - \mu \partial_{[\nu} \tau_{\mu]})$$~~

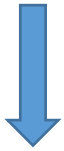


$$n (\mathbb{E}^i - \partial^i \mu) = \Gamma_{\vec{\mathbb{P}}} \mathbb{P}^i + \Gamma_{\vec{P}} P^i + \mathcal{O}(\partial)$$

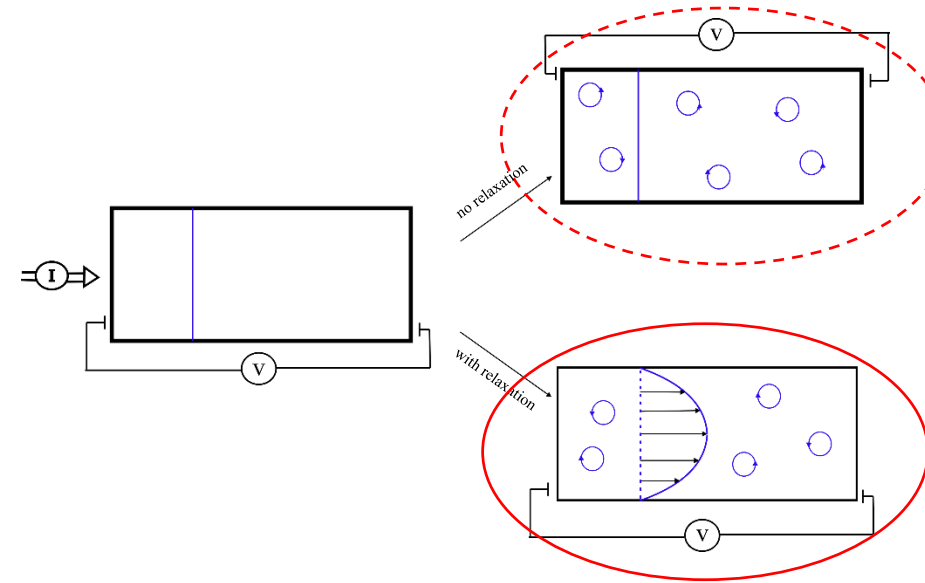
$$n v^i (\mathbb{E}_i - \partial_i \mu) = \Gamma_\varepsilon + \mathcal{O}(\partial)$$



$$\Gamma_\varepsilon = \vec{v} \cdot \hat{\Gamma}_{\vec{P}}^i$$



$$\vec{v} = \left(\frac{n - \kappa_{\mathbb{E}} \Gamma_{\vec{\mathbb{P}}} - \beta_{\mathbb{P}} \Gamma_{\vec{P}}}{\beta_{\mathbb{P}} \Gamma_{\vec{\mathbb{P}}} + \rho_{\text{m}} \Gamma_{\vec{P}}} \right) \vec{\mathbb{E}} - \frac{n}{\beta_{\mathbb{P}} \Gamma_{\vec{\mathbb{P}}} + \rho_{\text{m}} \Gamma_{\vec{P}}} \vec{\partial} \mu + \mathcal{O}(\partial)$$



“Drude” constraint

Global charge/entropy conservation

Kinematic constraint

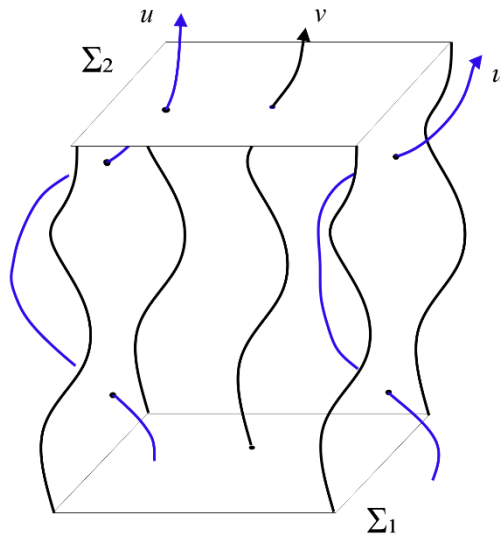
$$\Gamma_\varepsilon = \vec{v} \cdot \hat{\Gamma}_{\vec{P}}^i$$

2nd law

$$\partial_\mu s^\mu = \Gamma_\varepsilon - \vec{v} \cdot \hat{\Gamma}_{\vec{P}}^i$$

$$\partial_\mu (u_\nu T^{\mu\nu}) = \Gamma_\varepsilon - \vec{v} \cdot \hat{\Gamma}_{\vec{P}}^i$$

Flow energy con.



Stability and conductivities

Perturb around steady state: constant $T, \mu, \vec{\mathbb{E}} = (\mathbb{E}_x, 0), v_x = \left(\frac{n - \kappa_{\mathbb{E}} \Gamma_{\vec{\mathbb{P}}} - \beta_{\mathbb{P}} \Gamma_{\vec{P}}}{\beta_{\mathbb{P}} \Gamma_{\vec{\mathbb{P}}} + \rho_{\mathbb{m}} \Gamma_{\vec{P}}} \right) \mathbb{E}_x$

Zero-k modes in 2+1d: $\omega = -i\Gamma_{\text{eff.}}, \quad \Gamma_{\text{eff.}} = \frac{1}{\rho_{\mathbb{m}}} (\beta_{\mathbb{P}} \Gamma_{\vec{\mathbb{P}}} + \rho_{\mathbb{m}} \Gamma_{\vec{P}})$

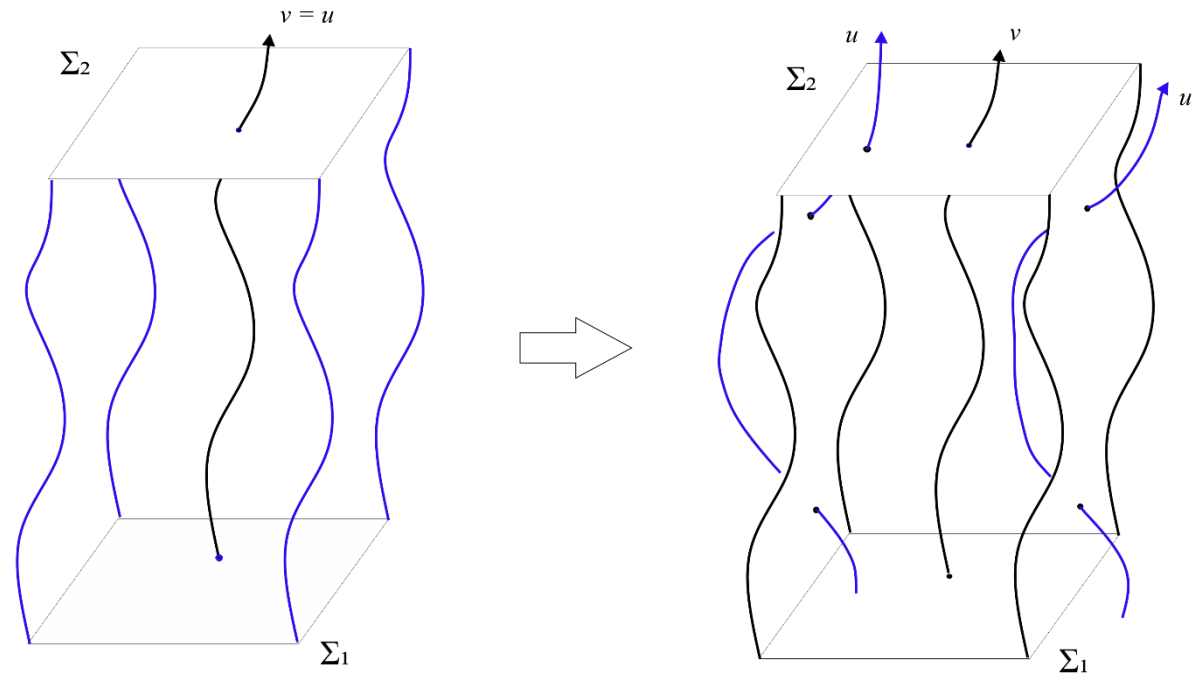
Relaxation times < 0 possible: $\Gamma_{\vec{\mathbb{P}}} = - \left(n + \frac{\beta_{\mathbb{P}} \Gamma_{\vec{P}}}{\kappa_{\mathbb{E}}} \right) \quad \vec{v} = \frac{n}{\Gamma_{\vec{P}} \left(\rho_{\mathbb{m}} - \frac{\beta_{\mathbb{P}}^2}{\kappa_{\mathbb{E}}} \right)} \left(\vec{\mathbb{E}} + \vec{\mathbb{P}} - \vec{\partial} \mu \right)$

Non-trivial heat/charge transport (Drude-like): $\vec{Q} = sT\vec{v} = \frac{sTn\tau}{\rho_{\mathbb{m}}} \vec{\mathbb{E}} \quad \sigma_{\text{DC}} = \vec{J}/\vec{E} = \frac{n^2\tau}{\rho_{\mathbb{m}}}$

$$\tau = \Gamma_{\vec{P}}^{-1} \left(\frac{1 - \frac{\kappa_{\mathbb{E}} \Gamma_{\vec{\mathbb{P}}}}{n} - \frac{\beta_{\mathbb{P}} \Gamma_{\vec{P}}}{n}}{1 + \frac{\beta_{\mathbb{P}} \Gamma_{\vec{\mathbb{P}}}}{\rho_{\mathbb{m}} \Gamma_{\vec{P}}}} \right)$$

Conclusions

- Extended polarized hydro to include finite equilibrium velocity
- New susceptibility at equilibrium, no Landau frame
- Defined Drude-like steady state by relaxing hydro equations
- Stable with finite thermoelectric conductivities
- Satisfies 2nd law and energy conservation



Outlook

- Work out diffusive corrections (work in progress)
- Extend to fully covariant theory
- Introduce steady state in holographic models

[\[B. Withers, JHEP 8 \(2016\)\]](#)

Thank you!