

# Hydrodynamics: the other expansion parameter

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Heavily influenced by work of  
(Related to talks of Kodama/Koide, Hirano at this conference)

“Lower limits” on viscosity

**Danielewicz and Gyulassy** used the uncertainty principle and Boltzmann equation

$$\eta \sim \frac{1}{5} \langle p \rangle n l_{mfp} \quad , \quad l_{mfp} \sim \langle p \rangle^{-1}$$

but In strongly coupled system the Boltzmann equation is inappropriate

**KSS and extensions** from AdS/CFT (actually any Gauge/gravity)

$$\eta/s = 1/(4\pi)$$

but theories not realistic, “highly symmetric”/[athological (the UV-completion is conformally invariant and strongly coupled ).

Is there a more general and intuitive way of thinking about these things?

## A prelude: Kovtun, Moore, Romatschke, 1104.1586

Basic idea: Kubo formula measures “IR limit” of correlation between energy momentum tensors. As  $\eta \rightarrow 0$  sound waves can travel to this limit and alter correlation. (“infinite propagation of soundwaves” impacts “IR limit of Kubo formula”).

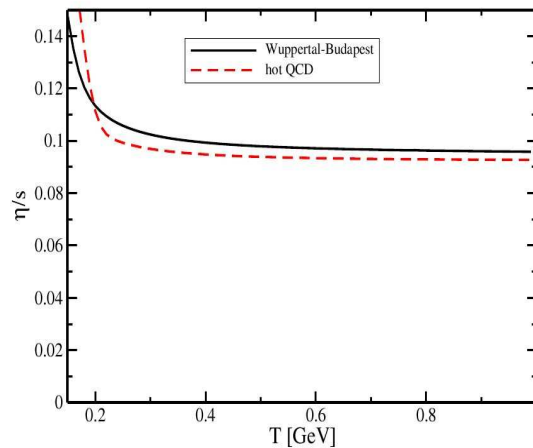
$$G_{R,\text{shear-shear}}^{xyxy}(\omega) \simeq -i\omega \frac{7T p_{max}}{60\pi^2 \gamma_\eta} + (i+1)\omega^{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{7T}{240\pi \gamma_\eta^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

where  $p_{max}$  is the maximum momentum scale and  $\gamma_\eta = \eta/(e+p)$

$$\eta_{reno} = \eta_{bare} + \frac{17 p_{max} \frac{\eta_{bare}}{e+p} T (\epsilon+P)^2}{120\pi^2 \eta_{bare}^2}$$

Given a  $p_{max}$ ,  $\eta_{bare} \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \eta_{reno} \rightarrow p_{max}/\eta \rightarrow \infty$ .

Kovtun, Moore and Romatschke plug in  $p_{max}$  in terms of  $p_{max} \sim (\tau_\pi)^{-1} \sim \eta/(Ts)$ . Putting in  $\eta_{bare} = s/(4\pi)$  and lattice EoS, they get



G.Moore,P.Romatschke

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$N_c=3,$   $\eta/s=KSS$

This however, “assumes what you are trying to prove”: If there is a “microscopic length”, you will eventually get a viscosity. Moreover,  $p_{max}$  effect on  $s$  neglected, hence no renormalized  $\eta/s$  at  $p_{max} \rightarrow \infty$ . **What is  $p_{max}$  in a generic strongly coupled theory?**

is there a more general definition of  $p_{max}$ , independent of any dissipative length? Well, let us take a cue from AdS/CFT

The effect described below is not in classical supergravity: sound-waves always  $\sim N_c^0$ , microscopic degrees of freedom  $\sim N_c^2$

$$\frac{\eta}{s} \sim \frac{N_c^2 + \mathcal{O}(N_c^0)}{4\pi N_c^2}$$

But the theory might be strongly coupled and conformal,  $N_c = 3 \ll \infty$ .  
• Could  $p_{max}$  have something to do with the microscopic rather than dissipative length scale?

Landau and Lifshitz (also D.Rishke,B Betz et al): Hydrodynamics has three length scales

$$\underbrace{l_{micro}}_{\sim s^{-1/3}, n^{-1/3}} \ll \underbrace{l_{mfp}}_{\sim \eta/(sT)} \ll L_{macro}$$

**Weakly coupled:** Ensemble averaging in Boltzmann equation good up to  $\mathcal{O}((1/\rho)^{1/3} \partial_\mu f(\dots))$

**Strongly coupled:** classical supergravity requires  $\lambda \gg 1$  but  $\lambda N_c^{-1} = g_{YM} \ll 1$  so

$$\frac{1}{TN_c^{2/3}} \ll \frac{\eta}{sT} \quad \left( \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda T}} \right) \ll L_{macro}$$

**QGP:**  $N_c = 3 \ll \infty$ , so  $l_{micro} \sim \frac{\eta}{sT}$ . **Cold atoms:**  $l_{micro} \sim n^{-1/3} > \frac{\eta}{sT}$  ?

Why is  $l_{micro} \ll l_{mfp}$  necessary? Without it, microscopic fluctuations (which come from the finite number of DoFs and have nothing to do with viscosity ) will drive fluid evolution.

$\Delta\rho/\rho \sim C_V^{-1} \sim N_c^{-2}$ , thermal fluctuations “too small” to be important!

But we know this approximation is far from perfect

- $N_c = 3 \ll \infty$
- $dN/dy \sim 10^{1-3} \ll \infty$

Lagrangian hydrodynamics (Kodama and others ): “Many” particles flowing together in a “small” volume cell. But what does a strongly coupled theory with “finitely many” DoFs look like? How to describe? (non)linear hydrodynamics coupled driven by microscopic fluctuations? QM might help!

How low can viscosity go if  $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$  ? In the limit where viscosity is so low that soundwaves

**Of amplitude** so that momentum  $P_{sound} \sim (area)\lambda (\delta\rho) c_s \gg T$

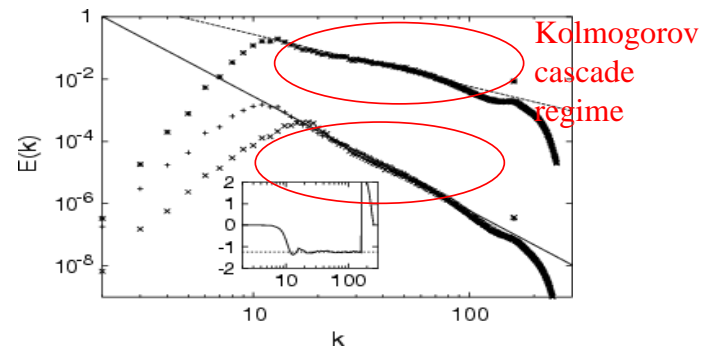
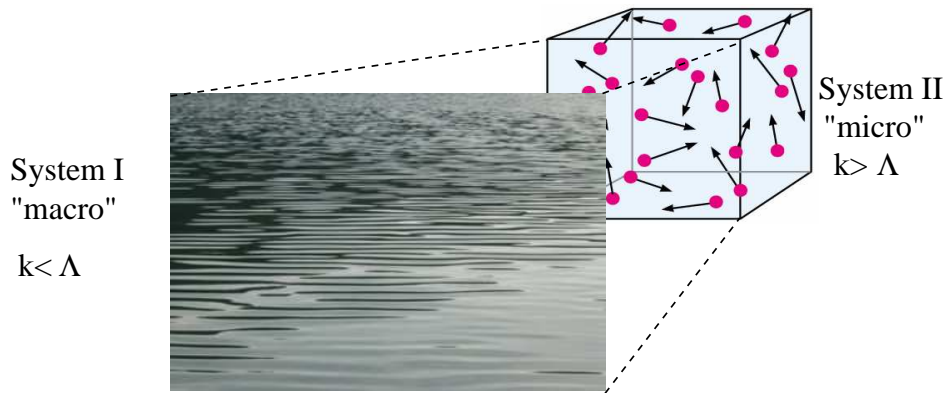
**And wavenumber**  $k_{sound} \sim P_{sound}$

**Survive** (ie their amplitude does not decay to  $E_{sound} \sim T$ )  $\tau_{sound} \gg 1/T$

Quantum corrections to sound will be non-negligible, And in “conventional wisdom” its not clear how to deal with this!

Is it relevant to physics? good question!

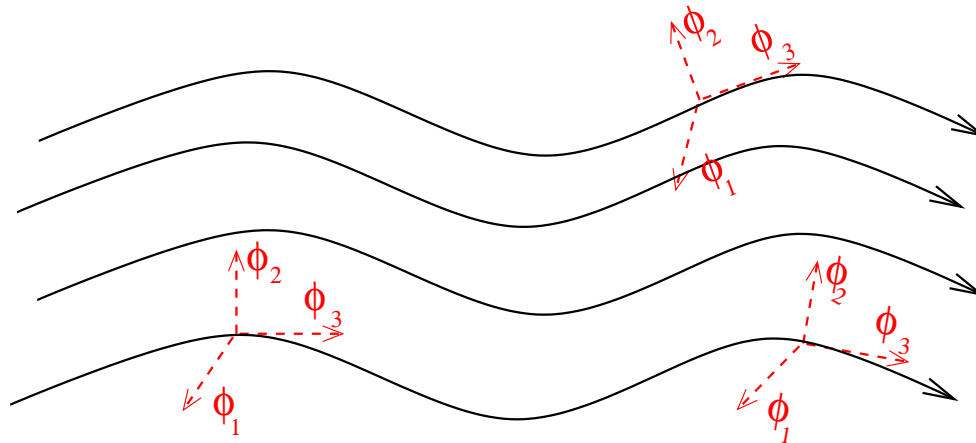




A classical low-viscosity fluid is turbulent. Typically, low- $k$  modes cascade into higher and higher  $k$  modes via sound and vortex emission (phase space looks more "fractal"). Classically this process goes on until dissipation,  $k \sim \eta/(Ts)$ . By essentially dimensional analysis, Kolmogorov has shown that provided  $\eta/(sT) \ll L_{eddy} \ll L_{boundary}$ ,  $E(k) \sim \left(\frac{dE}{dt}\right)^{2/3} k^{-5/3}$ . For a classical ideal fluid, it can go on forever, since  $\delta E(k) \sim \delta \rho k c_s$  can be arbitrarily small for arbitrarily high  $k$  by making  $\delta \rho$  even smaller. **but for quantum perturbations,  $E \geq k$  so conservation of energy has to cap cascade. A quantum viscosity!**

## Hydro as fields: (Nicolis et al, 1011.6396 (JHEP))

Continuum mechanics (fluids, solids, jellies,...) is written in terms of 3-coordinates  $\phi_I(x^\mu), I = 1...3$  of the position of a fluid cell originally at  $\phi_I(t = 0, x^i), I = 1...3$ . (Lagrangian hydro . NB: no conserved charges)



The system is a **Fluid** if its Lagrangian obeys some symmetries (Ideal hydrodynamics  $\leftrightarrow$  Isotropy in comoving frame) Excitations (Sound waves, vortices etc) can be thought of as "Goldstone bosons", arising when a theory is expanded around a classical solution.

**Translation invariance** at Lagrangian level  $\leftrightarrow$  Lagrangian can only be a function of  $B^{IJ} = \partial_\mu \phi^I \partial^\mu \phi^J$  Now we have a “continuous material”!

**Homogeneity/Isotropy** means the Lagrangian can only be a function of  $B = \det B^{IJ}, \text{diag} B^{IJ}$   
The comoving fluid cell must not see a “preferred” direction  $\Leftarrow SO(3)$  invariance

**Invariance under Volume-preserving diffeomorphisms** means the Lagrangian can only be a function of  $B$   
In all fluids a cell can be infinitesimally deformed  
(with this, we have a fluid. If this last requirement is not met, Nicolis et al all call this a “Jelly”)

A few exercises for the bored public Check that  $L = F(B)$  leads to

$$T_{\mu\nu} = (P + \rho)u_\mu u_\nu - P g_{\mu\nu}$$

provided that

$$\rho = F(B) , \quad p = F(B) - 2F'(B)B , \quad u^\mu = \frac{1}{6\sqrt{B}} \epsilon^{\mu\alpha\beta\gamma} \epsilon_{IJK} \partial_\alpha \phi^I \partial_\beta \phi^J \partial_\gamma \phi^K$$

Equation of state chosen by specifying  $F(B)$ . "Ideal":  $\Leftrightarrow F(B) = B^{4/3}$   
 $\sqrt{B}$  is identified with the entropy and  $\sqrt{B} \frac{dF(B)}{dB}$  with the microscopic temperature. You can also show that

$$\partial_\mu \sqrt{B} u^\mu = 0 \quad , \quad s = -\frac{dP}{dT} = \frac{p + \rho}{T}$$

ie,  $\sqrt{B}$  is the conserved quantity corresponding to our earlier group.

## Ideal hydrodynamics and the microscopic scale

The most general Lagrangian is

$$L = T_0^4 F\left(\frac{B}{T_0^6}\right), \quad B = T_0^6 \det B^{IJ}, \quad B^{IJ} = |\partial_\mu \phi^I \partial^\mu \phi^J|$$

Where  $\phi^{I=1,2,3}$  is the comoving coordinate of a volume element of fluid.

**NB:**  $T_0 \sim \Lambda g$  microscopic scale, includes thermal wavelength and  $g \sim N_c^2$  (or  $\mu/\Lambda$  for dense systems).  $T_0 \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow$  classical limit

It is therefore natural to identify  $T_0$  with the microscopic scale!

At  $T_0 < \infty$  quantum and thermal fluctuations can produce sound waves and vortices, “weighted” by the usual path integral prescription!

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}\phi_i \exp\left[-T_0^4 \int F(B) d^4x\right], \quad \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle \sim \frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{Z}}{\partial \dots} \left( \text{eg. } \langle T_{\mu\nu}^x T_{\mu\nu}^{x'} \rangle = \frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{Z}}{\partial g_{\mu\nu}^x \partial g_{\mu\nu}^{x'}} \right)$$

And we discover a fundamental problem: Vortices carry arbitrary small energies but stay put! No S-matrix in hydrostatic solution!

$$L_{linear} = \underbrace{\dot{\vec{\pi}}_L^2 - c_s^2 (\nabla \cdot \vec{\pi}_L)^2}_{\text{sound wave}} + \underbrace{\dot{\pi}_T^2}_{\text{vortex}} + \text{Interactions}$$

Unlike sound waves, Vortices can not give you a theory of free particles, since they do not propagate: They carry energy and momentum but stay in the same place! Can not expand such a quantum theory in terms of free particles.

Physically: “quantum vortices” can live for an arbitrary long time, and dominate any vacuum solution with their interactions. **This does not mean the theory is ill-defined, just that its strongly non-perturbative!**

A perturbative attempt GT, Phys.Rev. D85 (2012) 065006

Give “quantum vortices” a propagation speed,  $E = c_T p$ . Equivalent to modifying Lagrangian to

$$F(B) \rightarrow F(B) + \frac{1}{2} c_T^2 B_{II} (= \partial_\mu \phi^I \partial^\mu \phi^I)$$

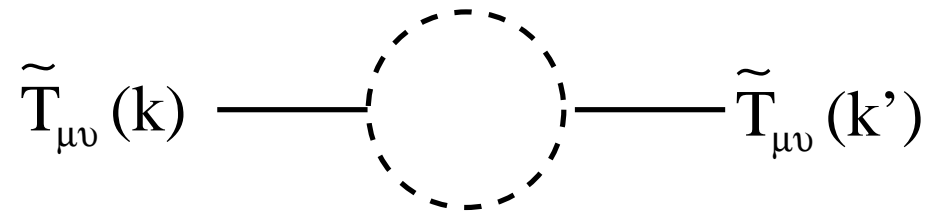
A quantum jelly,  $\rightarrow$  fluid as  $c_T \rightarrow 0$  Cross-sections have been computed using these Feynman rules (NB: singular at  $c_T \rightarrow 0$ ).

$$\sigma_{\text{sound-sound}} = \frac{1}{256\pi} \left(\frac{13}{15}\right) \frac{1}{p^2} \left(\frac{p^4}{w_0 c_T}\right)^2, \quad \sigma_{\text{sound-vortex}} \sim \frac{c_T}{c_s} \frac{1}{p^2} \left(\frac{p^4}{w_0 c_s}\right)^2 \dots$$

where  $p$  is the exchanged momentum,  $w_0$  is the *microscopic* enthalpy density ( $= Ts$ ) of the background fluid and  $\alpha \equiv (f_4/c_s^2 - 2f_3^2/c_s^4 + 3c_s^2 + 2f_3 + c_s^4) = \mathcal{O}(1) + \mathcal{O}(c_s^2) + \mathcal{O}(c_s^4)$ .

$$\langle T_{xy}(x)T_{xy}(x') \rangle = \mathcal{N} \int \mathcal{D}B (T_{xy}(x)T_{xy}(x')) \exp \left[ -iT_0^4 \int F(B)d^4x \right]$$

find IR limit and compare it with Kubo formula!. Can be done by Feynman diagram techniques. “small parameter” the speed of sound.



S.Jeon ( PRD **52**, 3591 (1995)) showed us that to tree level the Kubo formula viscosity is exactly equivalent to “Lifshitz-Landau formula”  $\eta = \# \langle p \rangle \langle n \rangle l_{mfp}$  ,  $l_{mfp} = \frac{1}{\langle \langle n\sigma \rangle \rangle}$  **NB** This breaks unitarity. unsurprising: Quantum theories can have anomalies, where the UV scale ( $T_0^4$ ) breaks “fundamental” IR symmetries. Unitarity broken order-by-order in  $\sigma$ -models



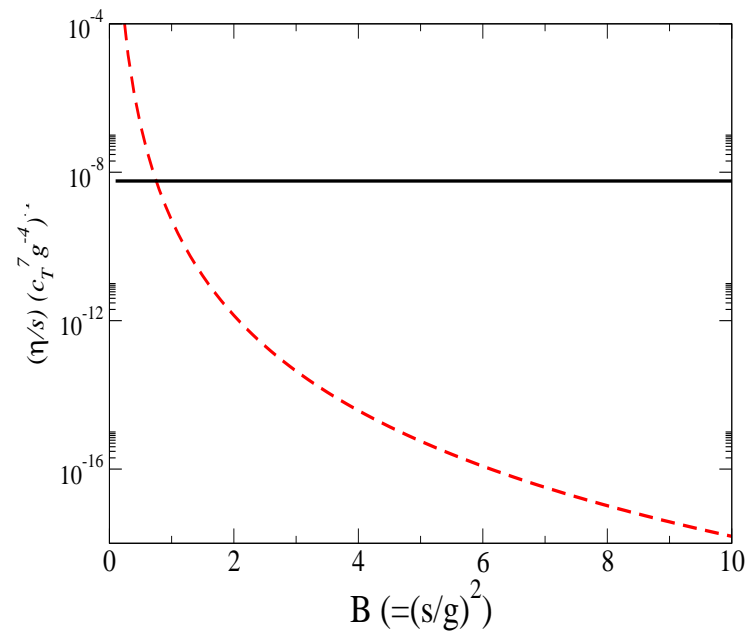
## The leading order result

$$\frac{\eta}{s} = K_0 \frac{c_T^{14} g^8}{B^2 (dF/dB)^6}, K_0 = \frac{\zeta(3)^2 \zeta(9)}{80640} \frac{4}{256\pi} \frac{13\pi^2}{45 \cdot 15} \left(\frac{4\pi^4}{45}\right)^{-1} \simeq 1.96(10^{-9})$$

The meat: If  $c_T^{14} g^8 \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$ ,  $\eta/s$  finite and evolves with EoS.

$$\text{Result for } F(B) = \begin{cases} B^{2/3} & \text{Ideal gas} \\ f_1 B^\zeta / B_0^{f_2/2-2/3} & \text{IQCD fit} \end{cases}$$

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But we deformed the theory Can we do better? Yes, Lattice!

The non-deformed theory is essentially non-perturbative, but it might be amenable to a lattice treatment

$$\int \mathcal{D}\phi_I \exp \left( i \int d^4x L \right) \xrightarrow{\text{lattice+Wick}} \int d\phi_I^i \exp \left[ -(T_0 \Delta x)^4 \sum_i F(\phi_i) \right]$$

Continuum limit:  $\delta \rightarrow \Delta x T_0 \ll 1$  . Study the behaviour of  $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \langle X \rangle$  .

**Some specific considerations:**

recall that  $B_{IJ} = \partial_\mu \phi^I \partial^\mu \phi^J$  and  $u^\mu = \frac{1}{b} \epsilon^{\mu\alpha\beta\gamma} \partial_\alpha \phi^1 \partial_\beta \phi^2 \partial_\gamma \phi^3$  and:  $\mathcal{L} = F(b)$  ;  $b = \sqrt{\det B_{IJ}}$  to avoid problems with periodic boundaries use “shifted” fields (“subtract” the hydrostatic background)...

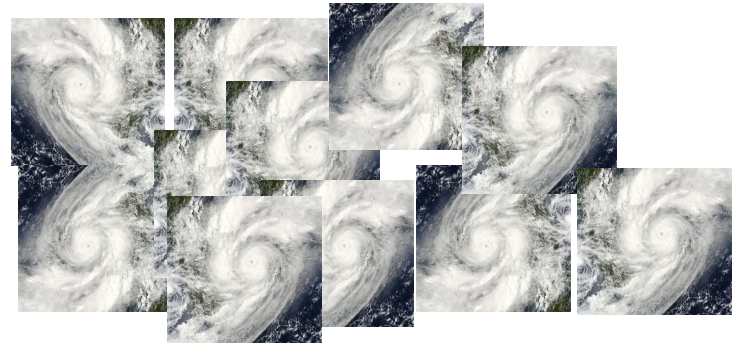
$$\pi^I = \phi^I - x^I \quad \rightarrow \quad \partial_\alpha \phi^I = \partial_\alpha \pi^I + 1 \delta_\alpha^I$$

## Some interesting observables

- "Scalar perturbation"  $\frac{\langle B(dF/dB) \rangle}{\langle T_\mu^\mu \rangle}$
- "Vector perturbation"  $\langle u_\mu u_\nu + g_{\mu\nu} \rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{B_{IJ}} \partial_\mu \phi^I \partial_\nu \phi^J \right\rangle$
- Vorticity  $C_P = \oint_P (p + \rho) u_\mu dx^\mu$

Averages and **Fluctuation, correlator, spectral function** interesting. Modifications of either with  $T_0$  could indicate transition to "quantum turbulence".

So, what  
can we  
calculate?



Non-trivial ground state

**Is there a phase transition** at a critical  $T_0$  between a “classical” hydrostatic vacuum and a vacuum dominated by quantum/thermal turbulence (bound states of quantum vortices and the like)?

**Is the theory trivial** in the RG group sense?

What  $F(B)$  admit to a well-behaved continuum limit?

These questions can be answered by a lattice calculation. No spurious  $c_T$  parameter or perturbative expansion needed

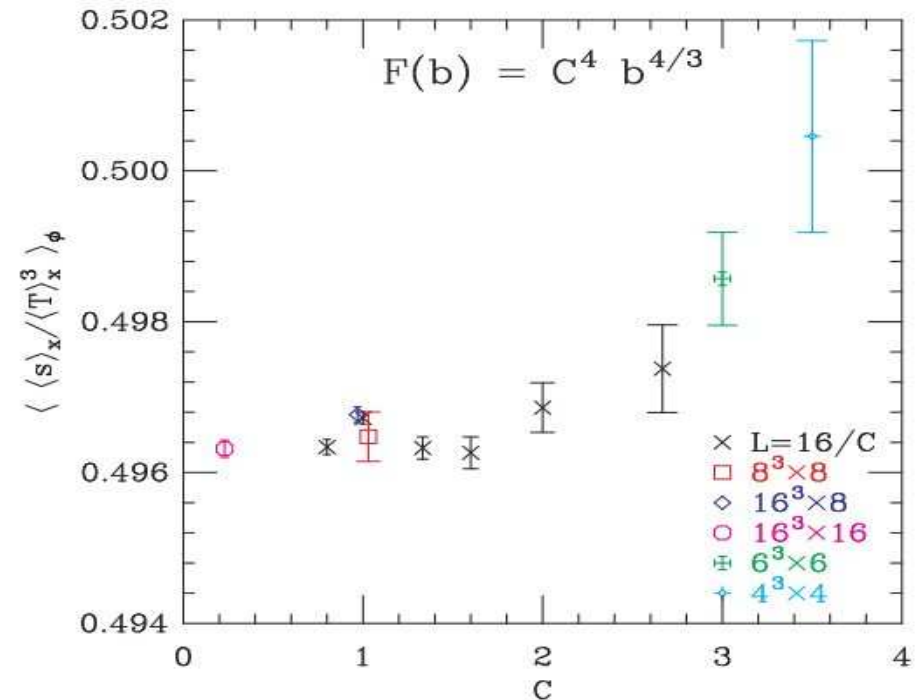
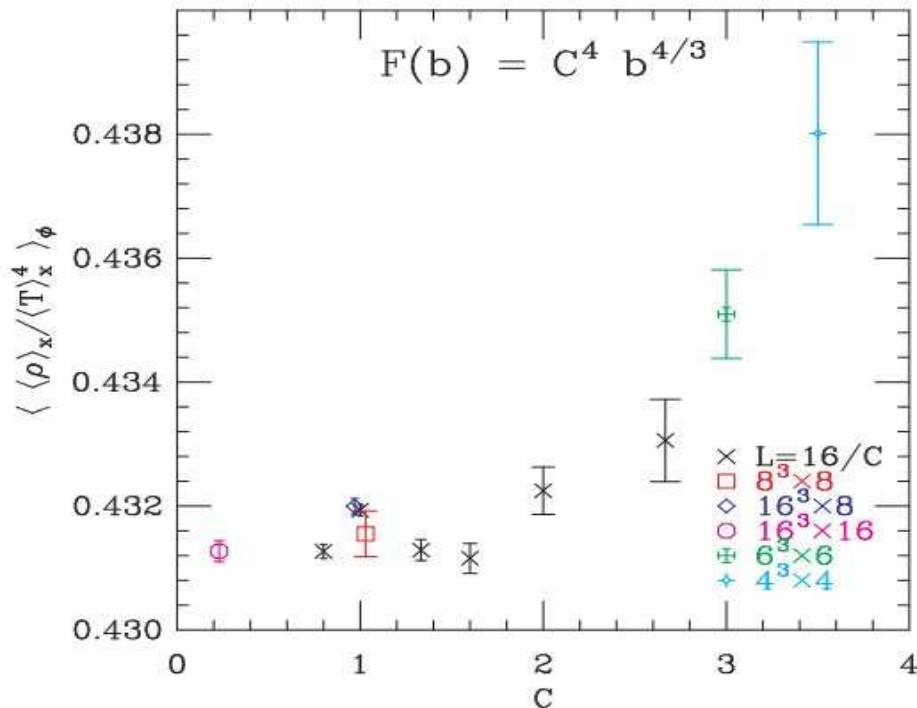
Consider a conformal fluid with no degeneracy and one microscopic DoF  
 In the classical hydrostatic limit (Where  $B = 1$  )

$$\left. \begin{aligned} e &= T_0^4 B^{2/3} = \frac{g\pi^2}{60} T^4 \\ s &= T_0^3 \sqrt{B} = \frac{g\pi^2}{45} T^3 \\ T &= \frac{e+p}{s} = \frac{4}{3g} T_0 B^{1/6} \end{aligned} \right\} T = \frac{4}{3g} T_0 = \frac{\chi}{a}?$$

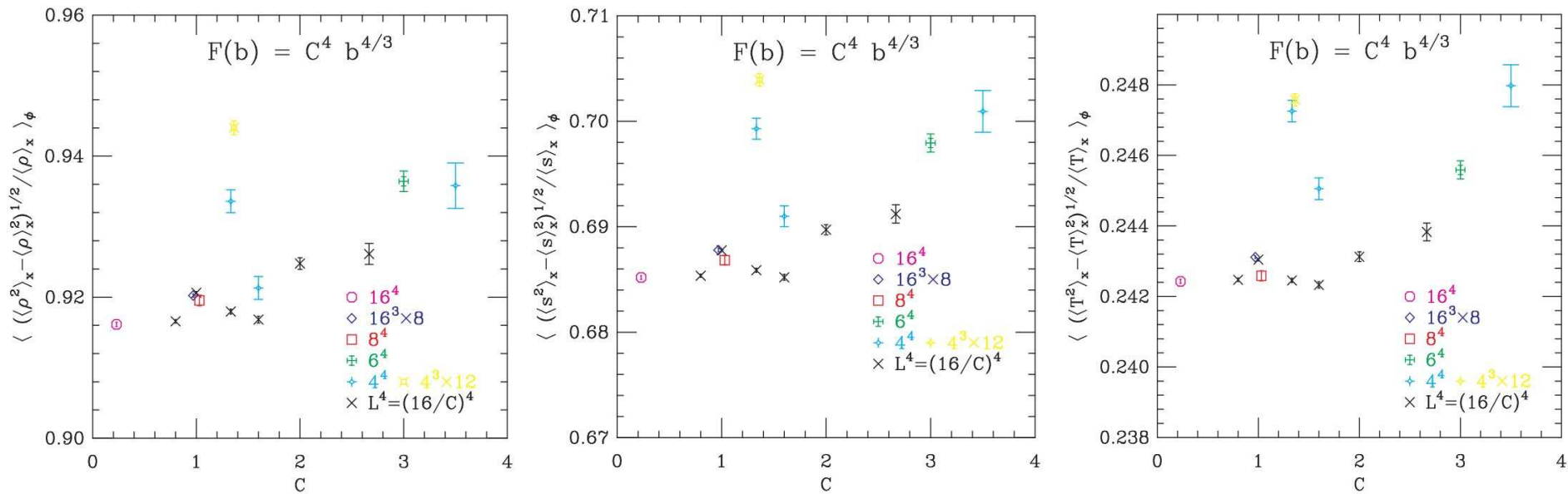
where  $g$  is the microscopic degeneracy  $\sim N_c^2$  . And of course

$$\vec{u}^\mu = (1, \vec{0}), \langle u_\mu u_\nu \rangle = \delta_{00} \quad , \quad \langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle = \frac{\delta \ln Z}{\delta g_{\mu\nu}} \begin{pmatrix} e & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e/3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & e/3 \end{pmatrix}$$

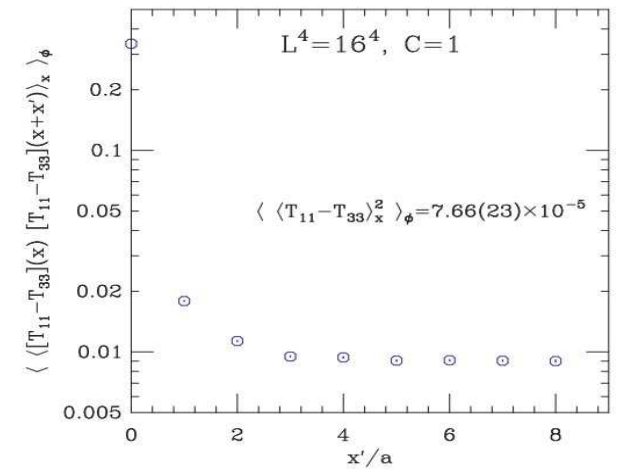
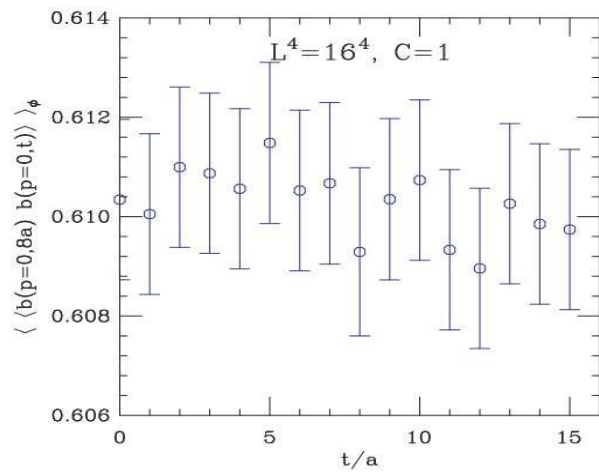
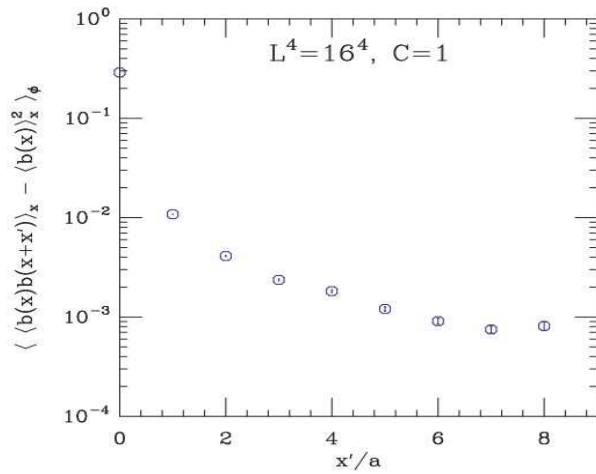
with higher order correlations vanishing. **If quantum vacuum non-trivial**  
 $T_{\mu\nu} = (p + \rho)u_\mu u_\nu + pg_{\mu\nu}$  so  $e = F(B) \neq T_{00}, p = B \frac{dF(b)}{dB} \neq T_{ii}$  etc.



Quantum mechanics means scale  $a$  potentially physical "cutoff", dominating dynamics  $aT_0 \sim C$ . **interesting structure at high C...** Crossover to **collective-dominated regime** or lattice artifact?

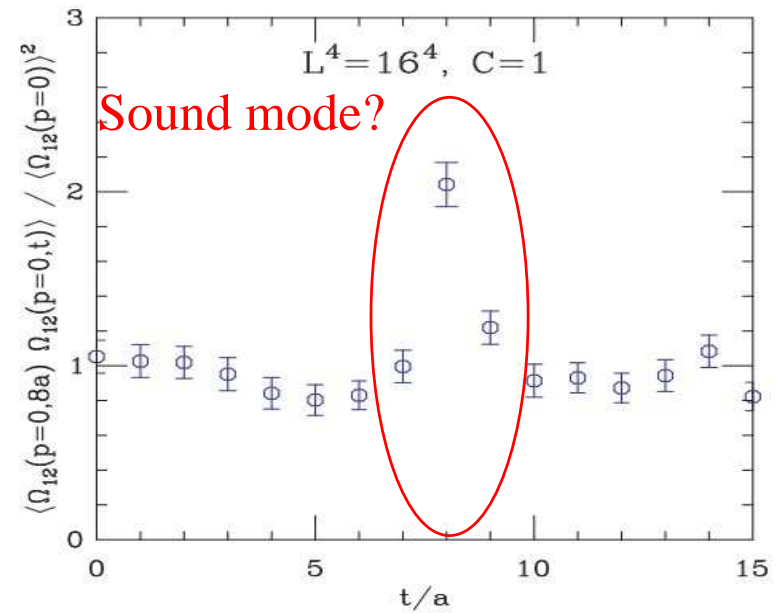
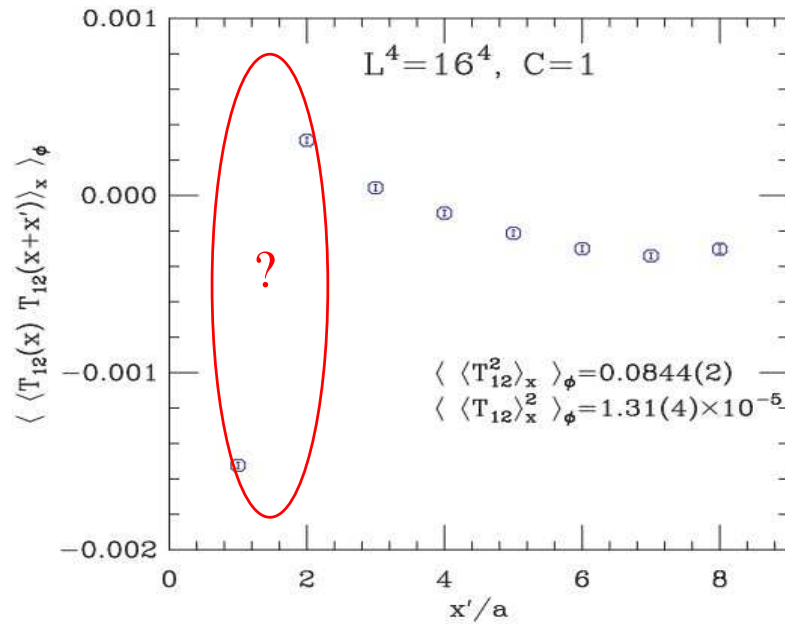


Normalized fluctuations independent of  $C$ , but the constants of proportionality non-trivial  
 Fluctuations high **Are we "missing" phase transition by measuring average observables?** **Are fluctuations part of "new phase" ?**



Entropy and energy density correlators, “quantum corrections” to equations of state?





Off diagonal and diagonal elements have long-time correlation. To what extent is this “similar to a quantum viscosity” ?

Instead of a conclusion: further steps

**Understand the continuum limit** How do observables converge when it is approached?

- Langevin semi-classical limit? (Relativistic generalization of T.Koide, T.Kodama, 1105.6256 )
- Under what circumstances is the hydrostatic limit stable?
- If vacuum non-trivial, what are the effective degrees of freedom?  
(e.g. Entropy/Vortex crystal in 2D? Breakdown in translational invariance easy to see in simulation!)

**Connecting to "usual" transport** BBGKY hierarchy, gradient expansion



Spare slides

$T_0 \rightarrow \infty$  limit on the lattice

**If**  $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \langle X \rangle \sim \langle X_0 \rangle_{\text{thermostatic}}$  , Thermostatic state is stable.

**If**  $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \langle X \rangle / \langle X_0 \rangle \sim f(B)$  , vacuum non-trivial but “well-behaved”.

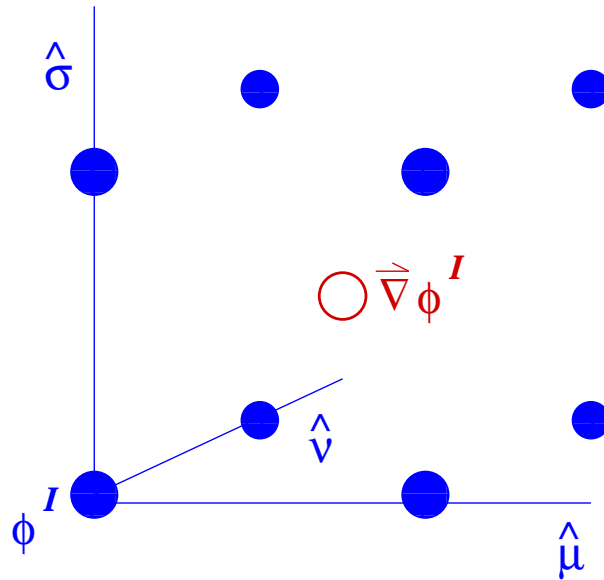
**If**  $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \langle X \rangle / \langle X_0 \rangle \sim \delta^{-\alpha}$  or  $\sim \exp(\alpha\delta^{-1})$  for universal degrees of diverge  $\alpha$ , the theory is renormalizeable:  $\delta$  is needed to set an absolute scale, but dimensionless ratios are independent of it.

**If**  $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \langle X \rangle / \langle X_0 \rangle \sim \delta^{-\alpha}$  or  $\sim \exp(\alpha\delta^{-1})$  for  $\alpha$ s that are  $\langle X \rangle$ -specific (One  $\alpha$  for the scalar and another for the tensor, defined below) the theory is “trivial” , in that taking  $\delta \rightarrow 0$  makes the vacuum diverge. In this case, step **(ii)** of the previous section is strictly impossible.

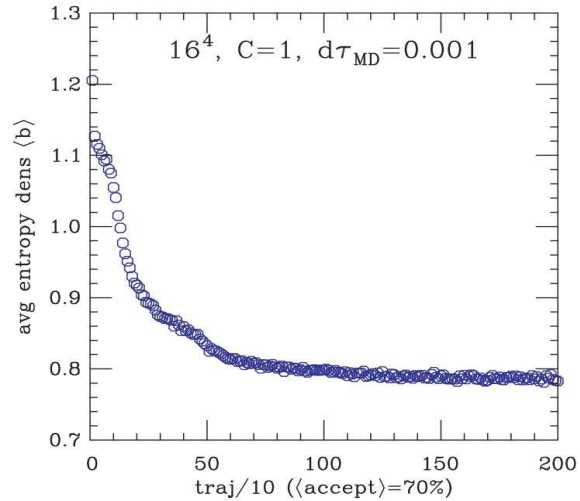
since we expect extended structures (e.g., vortices) we use HMC updates: one therefore needs the variation of the action w.r.t. the local field values...

$$\frac{\delta S}{\delta \phi^I(x)} = \frac{\delta S}{\delta b} \frac{\delta b}{\delta (\partial_\alpha \phi^J)} \frac{\delta (\partial_\alpha \phi^J)}{\delta \phi^I(x)} =$$

$\sum_{y, \mu, \nu, \sigma} \frac{dF}{db} \delta^{IJ} \delta(y - x \pm \hat{\mu}/2 \pm \hat{\nu}/2 \pm \hat{\sigma}/2) \frac{b}{8} B_{JK}^{-1} |\epsilon_{\mu\nu\sigma\alpha}| \partial_\alpha \phi^K \Big|_{y+\hat{\alpha}/2}^{y-\hat{\alpha}/2}$   
 fields ( $\phi^I$ ) occupy lattice sites; derivatives (and hence  $B_{IJ}$ ,  $b$ ,  $u_\mu$ ,  $T_{\mu\nu}$ , etc.) defined at body centers of hypercubes:



$L^4$	$C(= aT_0)$	traj	$d\tau_{MD}$	accept
$20^4$	0.8	4000	0.001 / 0.0005	49% / 85%
$16^4$	1	10000	0.001	52%
$12^4$	1.33333	10000	0.0005	61%
$10^4$	1.6	10000	0.0005	41%
$8^4$	2	10000	0.00025	72%
$6^4$	2.66667	10000	0.00025	56%



C/Open MP code

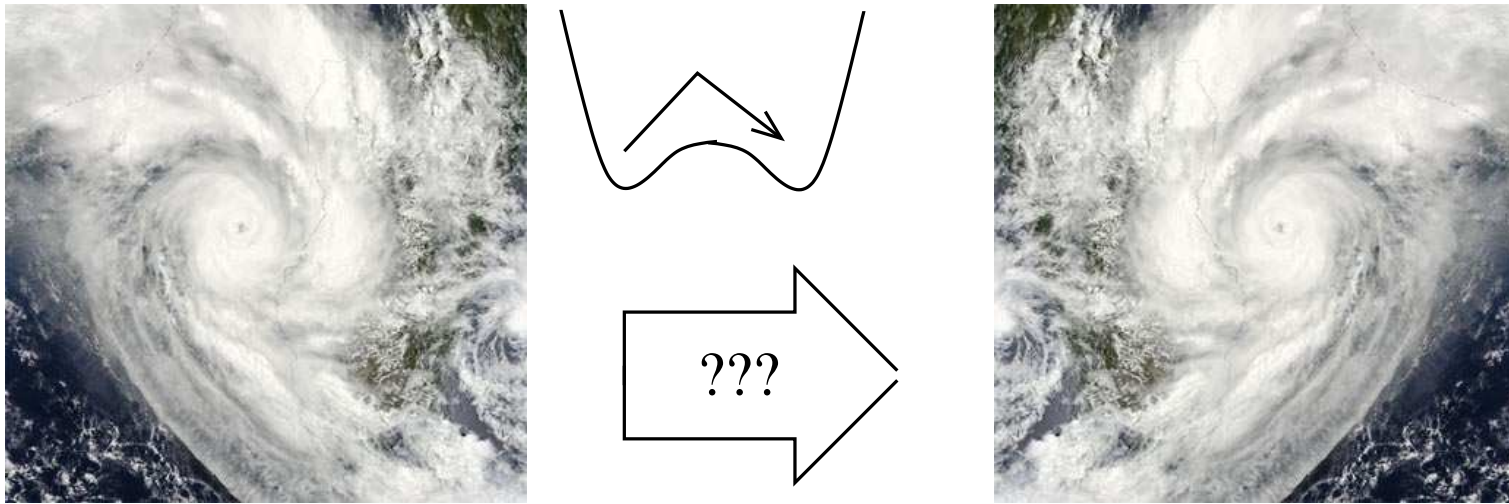
HMC algorithm

Runs with constant physical volume

$$L^4 = (16/C)^4$$

C: assumed fundamental  
scale  $\sim aT_0$

## Non-perturbative dissipation loss (“quantum” turbulence)

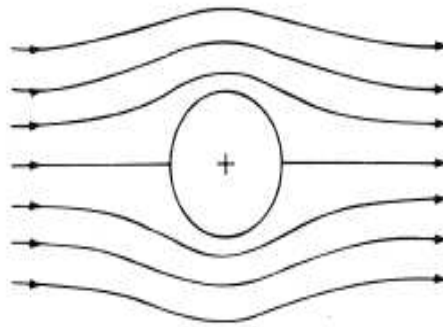


Classical hydrodynamics has infinitely many solutions arbitrarily close together.

Could WKB-type jumps among solutions with different entropy content be allowed? work in progress!

## Example: The D'Alembert problem

Analytical  
solution  
Euler equation



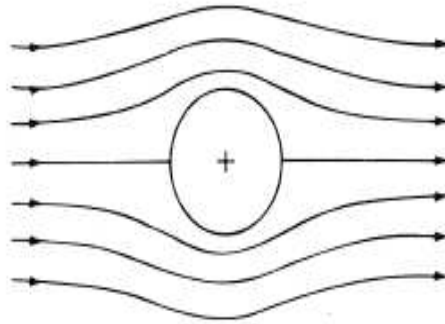
Cylinder  
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Analytically solvable:

$$v_r = U \left( 1 - \frac{R^2}{r^2} \right) \cos \theta \quad , \quad v_\theta = -U \left( 1 + \frac{R^2}{r^2} \right) \sin \theta$$



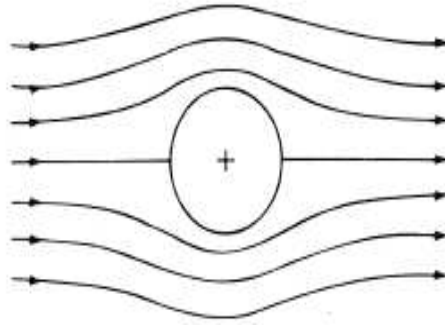
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For Energy to be the same  $\frac{\rho(U_1)}{\rho(U_2)} = \left(\frac{U_2}{U_1}\right)^2$   
NB: Entropy density different for each  $U$

Analytical  
solution  
Euler equation



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asymptotic flow

Rewrite in  $\phi_I$  and find minima in  $\langle \phi_{\vec{x}_0, U, \varepsilon}^I \mid \mid \phi_{\vec{x}'_0, U', \varepsilon'}^I \rangle \sim \exp [-\Delta S_{U, U'}]$

$$\Delta S_{U, U'} = \int d^4x \sum_{IJ} \frac{\delta^2 S}{\delta \phi^I \delta \phi^J} \Big|_{\phi^{I, J} = \phi_{\vec{x}_0, U, \varepsilon}^I} \sum_{IJ} \left( \phi_{\vec{x}_0, U, \varepsilon}^I - \phi_{\vec{x}'_0, U', \varepsilon'}^I \right) \left( \phi_{\vec{x}_0, U, \varepsilon}^J - \phi_{\vec{x}'_0, U', \varepsilon'}^J \right)$$

What does this mean?

Why does a quintessentially unitary theory (quantum mechanics!) set a lower limit to dissipative processes?

How does one reconcile quantum viscosity with Von Neumann's theorem?

$$\frac{d}{dt} \text{Tr} \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho} = 0$$

My tentative answer: Quantum field theory also sets limit to scale beyond which we measure! Quantum correlations in a many particle system inevitably go over that scale.

## What the hell does this all mean? II

Loss of unitarity at the renormalization scale. A quantum field with many particles obeys the fully quantum equation of motion

$$\frac{d\hat{\rho}}{dt} = i [\mathcal{H}, \hat{\rho}]$$

where  $\hat{\rho}$  is the density operator for the field

$$\hat{\rho}(x) = \sum_{k,k'} A_{k,k'} a_{k,k'}^+ |0\rangle \langle 0| a_{k,k'}$$

and  $\mathcal{H}$  is the Hamiltonian density.

Like all QFT equations, this has to be regulated by a momentum scale  $\Lambda$  (plus, fluid theory non-renormalizable). Generally, information should flow across the cut-off (ie, get lost among the “fast” degrees of freedom), so effective theory dissipative

## Conclusions

I.e., what needs to be done before I have a result

**Understand divergences** Under what circumstances, if any, can  $g, c_T, p_{max}$  diverge while  $\eta/s$  is constant

**Understanding how** does this constrain the “running” of  $\eta/s$  with  $\sqrt{B}, c_T$

**Understanding whether** this makes any sense...

Work in progress... if you think you can help, I'd like to hear from you!