Out-of-equilibrium system and relativistic hydro in heavy-ion collisions

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A 'standard' picture for heavy-ion collisions



The system is assumed in thermal equilibrium \Rightarrow hydrodynamics

Hydrodynamics is an effective theory for system in/close to equilibrium

e.g.,
$$\partial_{\mu}T^{\mu\nu} = 0$$
, $T^{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{E} & 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & \mathcal{P} & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & \mathcal{P} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathcal{P} \end{pmatrix} + \Pi^{\mu\nu}$

$$\Pi^{\mu\nu} = -\eta\sigma^{\mu\nu} + \nabla^2 \underbrace{+\nabla^3 + \nabla^4 + \nabla^5 + \nabla^6 + \dots}_{\text{not included in simulations}}$$

- Gradient expansion: Knudsen number $\sim \nabla$
- 2nd order in gradients: Israel-Stewart, BRSSS, DNMR Baier, Romatschke, Son, Starinets, Stephonov, Niemi, Denicol, ...
- Hydro predictions are compatible with heavy-ion experiments. P. Romatschke, M.Luzum, K. Dusling, D. Teaney, U. Heinz, H. Song
- η/s, etc. are estimated based on flow measurements: M.Luzum, J. Ollitrault, B. Schenke, C. Gale, S. Jeon, ...

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\eta}{s} = 1 \sim 3 \times \left(\frac{1}{4\pi}\right)$$



QGP is strongly coupled medium!

A 'modified' picture for heavy-ion collisions



- Is it possible the system is out-of-equilibrium?
- For the system evolution, is it still fluid dynamics to be considered?

Out-of-equilibrium QGP system in heavy-ion collisions



Thermalization is even more changlenged in small colliding systems !

Beyond pressure anisotropy: \mathcal{L} -moment

 p^2 -moment weighted with Legendre Polynomial P_{2n} :

$$\mathcal{L}_n = \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3 p^0} p^2 P_{2n}(p_z/p_\perp) f(\tau, \vec{p}_\perp, p_z),$$

- Lowest order moment conincides with energy density: $\mathcal{L}_0 = \mathcal{E}$.
- First order moment describes isotropization: $\mathcal{L}_1 = \mathcal{P}_L \mathcal{P}_T$.
- Higher order moments capture finer structure of f (or δf).



Equation of motion for \mathcal{L}_n

Consider relaxation time approximation, τ_R indep. of \vec{p} :

$$\left[\partial_{\tau} - \frac{p_z}{\tau}\partial_{p_z}\right]f(\mathbf{p},\tau) = -\frac{f(\mathbf{p},\tau) - f_{\rm eq}(p/T)}{\tau_R}, \qquad \tau_R = \tau_R(T)$$

which is equivalent to

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_n}{\partial \tau} = -\frac{1}{\tau} \left[a_n \mathcal{L}_n + b_n \mathcal{L}_{n-1} + c_n \mathcal{L}_{n+1} \right] - \frac{\mathcal{L}_n}{\tau_R} \quad (n \ge 1)$$
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_0}{\partial \tau} = -\frac{1}{\tau} \left[a_0 \mathcal{L}_0 + c_0 \mathcal{L}_1 \right],$$

where

$$a_n = \frac{2(14n^2 + 7n - 2)}{(4n - 1)(4n + 3)}, \quad b_n = \frac{(2n - 1)2n(2n + 2)}{(4n - 1)(4n + 1)},$$
$$c_n = \frac{(1 - 2n)(2n + 1)(2n + 2)}{(4n + 1)(4n + 3)},$$

 $1/(\tau/\tau_R)$ defines Knudsen number.



 $a_0 = 4/3, \, a_1 = 38/21, \, a_n + b_n + c_n = 2 \, \dots$

Truncation of the coupled equations

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_n}{\partial \tau} = -\frac{1}{\tau} \left[a_n \mathcal{L}_n + b_n \mathcal{L}_{n-1} + c_n \mathcal{L}_{n+1} \right] - \frac{\mathcal{L}_n}{\tau_R} \quad (n \ge 1)$$
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_0}{\partial \tau} = -\frac{1}{\tau} \left[a_0 \mathcal{L}_0 + c_0 \mathcal{L}_1 \right],$$

Truncate at n-th order (ignore all \mathcal{L} -moments higher than *n*-th order) : • at n = 0

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial \tau} + \frac{4}{3} \frac{\mathcal{E}}{\tau} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathcal{E} \sim \tau^{-4/3} \qquad \text{ideal hydro}$$

• at n = 1

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_0}{\partial \tau} = -\frac{1}{\tau} \left[a_0 \mathcal{L}_0 + c_0 \mathcal{L}_1 \right]$$
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_1}{\partial \tau} = -\frac{1}{\tau} \left[a_1 \mathcal{L}_1 + b_1 \mathcal{L}_0 \right] - \frac{\mathcal{L}_1}{\tau_R}$$

• ..









The free-streaming fixed points: $\tau/\tau_R \to 0$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_n}{\partial \tau} = -\frac{1}{\tau} \left[a_n \mathcal{L}_n + b_n \mathcal{L}_{n-1} + c_n \mathcal{L}_{n+1} \right]$$

For infinite n:

•
$$\mathcal{L}_0 = \mathcal{L}_1 = \mathcal{L}_2 = \mathcal{L}_3 = \dots$$

 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_n = \mathcal{L}_n(\tau_0) \left(\frac{\tau_0}{\tau}\right)^2 \quad \rightarrow \tau \partial_\tau \ln \mathcal{L}_n = 2$
• $\mathcal{L}_n(\tau) = P_{2n}(0)\mathcal{L}_0(\tau),$
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_n(\tau) = \mathcal{L}_n(\tau_0) \left(\frac{\tau_0}{\tau}\right) \quad \rightarrow \tau \partial_\tau \ln \mathcal{L}_n = 1$

For finite n,

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_0 & c_0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ b_1 & a_1 & c_1 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & b_2 & a_2 & c_2 & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda \approx 2 \text{(unstable) and} \approx 1 \text{(stable)}$$

The hydro fixed points: $\tau/\tau_R \to \infty$

Restore hydro EoM via truncation order by order:

• Truncation at n = 1 gives 2nd order hydro: $(c_0 \mathcal{L}_1 = \Pi = \Pi_{\xi}^{\xi})$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{\tau} \mathcal{L}_{0} &= -\frac{1}{\tau} (a_{0} \mathcal{L}_{0} + c_{1} \mathcal{L}_{1}) \quad \rightarrow \quad \partial_{\tau} \mathcal{E} + \frac{\mathcal{E} + \mathcal{P}_{L}}{\tau} = 0 \\ \partial_{\tau} \mathcal{L}_{1} &= -\frac{1}{\tau} (a_{1} \mathcal{L}_{1} + b_{1} \mathcal{L}_{0}) - \frac{1}{\tau_{R}} \mathcal{L}_{1} \quad \rightarrow \quad \Pi = -\eta \sigma - a_{1} \frac{\tau_{R}}{\tau} \Pi - \tau_{R} \partial_{\tau} \Pi \,. \end{aligned}$$

- * Note $a_1 = 38/21 = \beta_{\pi\pi}$ is 2nd transport coefficient in DNMR. * Also compatible with BRSSS with respect to conformal symmetry.
- Truncation at n = 2 gives 3rd order hydro: $(c_0 \mathcal{L}_2 = \Sigma = \Sigma_{\xi}^{\xi})$

$$\Pi = -\eta\sigma - \tau_{\pi} \left[\partial_{\tau}\Pi + \frac{4}{3}\Pi\nabla \cdot u \right] + \frac{3\tau_{\pi}}{\underline{4\eta}}(a_1 - 4/3)\Pi\Pi + \frac{3c_1\tau_{\pi}}{\underline{4\eta}}\Sigma\Pi$$

The hydro fixed points: $\tau/\tau_R \to \infty$

Ansatz expansion form (hydro gradient expansion)

$$\mathcal{L}_n = \sum_{i=n} \frac{\alpha_n^{(i)}}{\tau^i}$$

 $\alpha_n^{(i)}$ is transport coefficient (of order n+i).

The leading and subleading coefficients can be found analytically.

• E.g.,
$$\mathcal{P}_L - \mathcal{P}_T = \mathcal{L}_1 = \frac{2\eta}{\tau} + \frac{4}{3\tau^2} (\lambda_1 - \eta \tau_\pi) + O(1/\tau^3)$$

• E.g.,
$$\mathcal{L}_2 = \frac{4}{3\tau^2} (\lambda_1 + \eta \tau_\pi) + O(1/\tau^3)$$

• Conformal gas and relaxation time approximantion $\tau_R \propto p^2$:

$$\alpha_n^{(n)} = (-1)^n \frac{(2n)!}{(4n+1)!!} \Gamma(2n+4) \left(\frac{\eta}{s}\right)^n \frac{T^{4-n}}{2\pi^2}$$

Factorial growth of $\alpha_n^{(n)} \sim n!$: gradient expansion is asymptotic! H. Grad, M. Heller, M. Spalinski, G. Denicol, J. Noronha

The hydro fixed points: $\tau/\tau_R \to \infty$

Asymptotic decay rate determined by the leading term: $\mathcal{L}_n \sim \alpha_n^{(n)} / \tau$

$$\Rightarrow \tau \partial_{\tau} \ln \mathcal{L}_n = -\frac{4+2n}{3} \quad (\tau_R \propto 1/T)$$
$$\Rightarrow \tau \partial_{\tau} \ln \mathcal{L}_n = -\frac{4+3n}{3} \quad (\tau_R \text{ constant})$$

These are stable fixed points in the hydro regime.

A simple summary on the fixed points



- Degenerated fixed point of all g_n in the free-streaming limit.
- Hydro fixed points of g_n split according to n.
- System evolves between there two types of fixed points attractor.

Attractor solution





P. Romatschke

- Attractor solution exists, with or without conformal symmetry
- Non-hydro modes decay exponentially, w.r.t. attractor solutions. P. Romatschke, A. Kurkela, U. Wiedemann

 \Rightarrow fluid dynamics can be extended to out-of-equilibrium system!

• Attractor corresponds to Borel resummed hydro gradient expansion. M.Heller, M. Spalinski, R. Janik, P. Witaszczky, G. Basar, G. Dunne, ...

Renormalization of η/s

Effects from higher order moments/viscous hydro (leading order):

$$\partial_{\tau} \mathcal{L}_{0} = -\frac{1}{\tau} (a_{0} \mathcal{L}_{0} + c_{0} \mathcal{L}_{1}),$$

$$\partial_{\tau} \mathcal{L}_{1} = -\frac{1}{\tau} (a_{1} \mathcal{L}_{1} + b_{0} \mathcal{L}_{0}) - \underbrace{\left[1 + \frac{c_{1} \tau_{R}}{\tau} \frac{\mathcal{L}_{2}}{\mathcal{L}_{1}}\right]}_{Z_{\eta/s}^{-1}} \frac{\mathcal{L}_{1}}{\tau_{R}} \qquad (\mathcal{L}_{2} \text{ in 2nd hydro}),$$

$$g_{2}(\tau/\tau_{R}) = -a_{2} - b_{2} \frac{\mathcal{L}_{2}}{\mathcal{L}_{1}} - \frac{\tau}{\tau_{R}}.$$

- Taking attractor solution for g_2 : resummed of gradients.
- Effectively, for 2nd order hydro, η/s is renormalized.

Attractor solution



Out-of-equilibrium physics can be effectively absorbed into a reduced η/s . E. Shuryak, M. Lublinsky



Summary

- $\bullet~\mathcal{L}\text{-moments}$ are proposed to quantify system thermalization.
- Coupled equations for \mathcal{L}_n are derived, and valid truncations.

 \Rightarrow fluid dynamics for out-of-equilibrium system

- Attractor solution smoothly connect fixed points of \mathcal{L}_n in two limits.
- The systems in heavy-ion collisions may be out-of-equilibrium:
 - Actual value of η/s could be larger than expectation.

Back-up slides

Kinetic theory description



• In kinetic theory: $p^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}f(\tau, p_{\perp}, p_z) = -\mathcal{C}[f]$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_L &= \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3 p^0} p_z^2 f(\tau, p_\perp, p_z), \qquad \mathcal{P}_T = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3 p^0} (p_x^2 + p_y^2) f(\tau, p_\perp, p_z) \\ \mathcal{E} &= \mathcal{P}_L + 2\mathcal{P}_T = \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3 p^0} p^2 f(\tau, p_\perp, p_z) \end{aligned}$$

Bjorken symmetry: boost invariance along ξ , translation invariance in \vec{x}_{\perp} .



Solved by kinetic theory with respect to QCD 2-to-2 scattering.