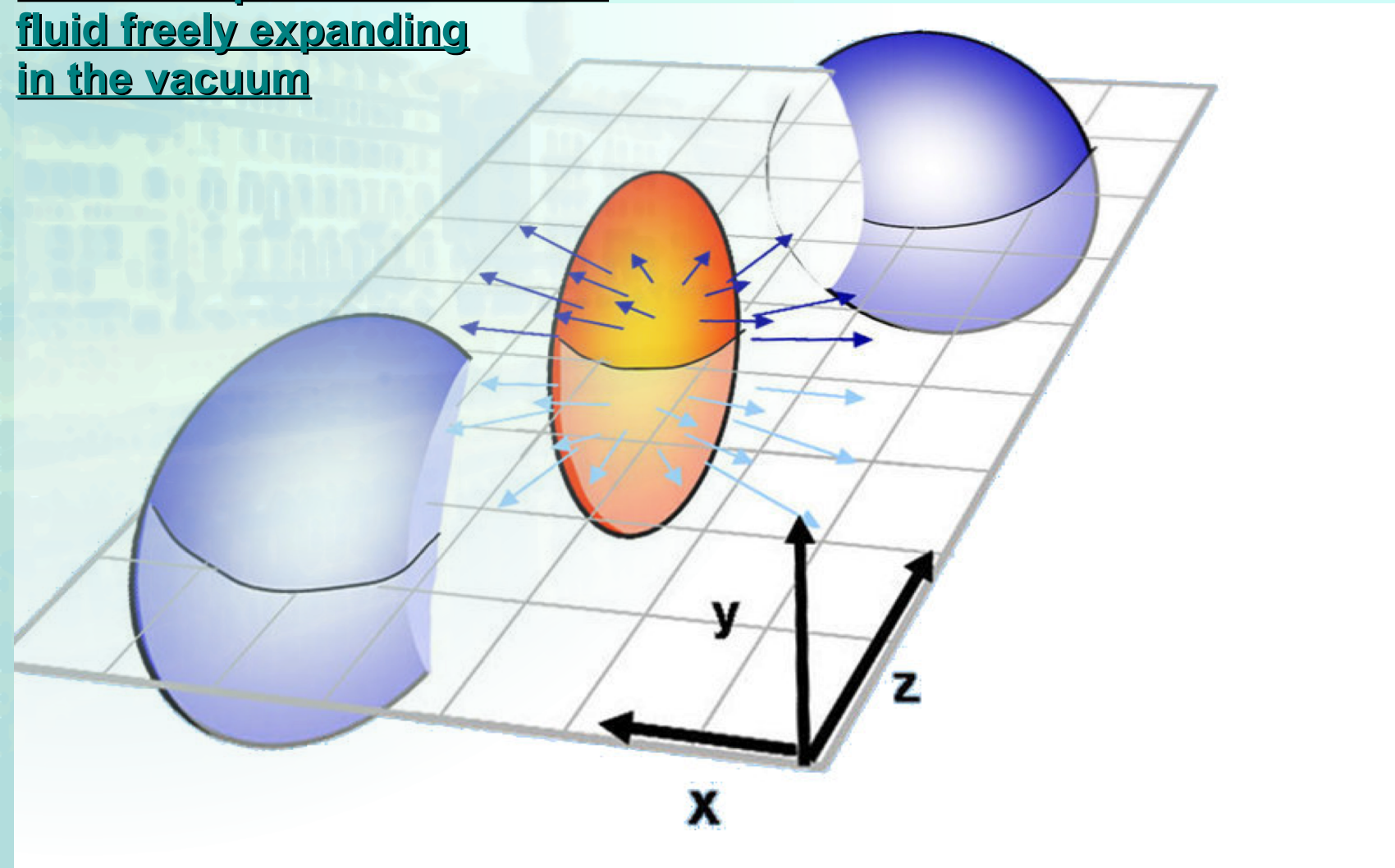


# Quantum spin tensor and transport coefficients in a relativistic fluid

- **Motivations and introduction**
- **Thermodynamical inequivalence of microscopic tensors**
- **Linear response**

# Motivations

In heavy ion collision Quark Gluon Plasma has been successfully described as an almost perfect relativistic fluid freely expanding in the vacuum



*What are the consequences of the presence of other degrees of freedom (spin)? Especially in peripheral collision?*

# Relativistic fluids with spin

We describe relativistic fluids with two tensors, the stress-energy  $T^{\mu\nu}$  and spin tensor  $\mathcal{S}^{\lambda,\mu\nu}$  fulfilling the equations:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \\ \partial_\lambda \mathcal{S}^{\lambda,\mu\nu} = T^{\nu\mu} - T^{\mu\nu} \end{cases}$$

Which imply the total four-momentum and angular momentum conservation

$$\int_V T^{0\mu} d^3\mathbf{x} = P^\mu \quad \text{Total four-momentum}$$

$$\int_V (\mathcal{S}^{0,\mu\nu} + x^\mu T^{0\nu} - x^\nu T^{0\mu}) d^3\mathbf{x} = J^{\mu\nu} \quad \text{Total angular momentum}$$

Provided that the flux at the boundary vanishes

$$\int_{\partial V} d\Sigma_i T^{i\mu} = 0$$

$$\int_{\partial V} d\Sigma_i \mathcal{J}^{i,\mu\nu} = 0$$

# General approach to the study of relativistic fluids

**Macroscopic (classical) properties stem from a microscopic (quantum) description**

$$\mathcal{O}_{\text{cl.}} = \text{tr} \left( \hat{\rho} : \hat{O} : \right)$$

Therefore we would like to take as the (macroscopic) stress-energy and spin tensors:

$$T^{\mu\nu}(x) = \text{tr} \left( \hat{\rho} : \hat{T}^{\mu\nu}(x) : \right)$$

$$\mathcal{S}^{\lambda,\mu\nu}(x) = \text{tr} \left( \hat{\rho} : \hat{\mathcal{S}}^{\lambda,\mu\nu}(x) : \right)$$

# Noether's theorem give us canonical stress-energy and spin operators

*From space-time translation invariance:*

$$\hat{T}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \hat{\phi}_i)} \partial^\nu \hat{\phi}_i - \mathcal{L} g^{\mu\nu} \quad \partial_\mu \hat{T}^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

*and Lorentz group:*

$$\hat{\mathcal{J}}_{\lambda,\mu\nu} = -i \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial^\lambda \hat{\phi}_i)} (\Sigma_{\mu\nu})_i^j \hat{\phi}_j + x_\mu \hat{T}_{\lambda\nu} - x_\nu \hat{T}_{\lambda\mu}$$
$$\partial_\lambda \hat{\mathcal{J}}^{\lambda,\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{S}}_{\lambda,\mu\nu} = -i \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial^\lambda \hat{\phi}_i)} (\Sigma_{\mu\nu})_i^j \hat{\phi}_j$$

# Pseudo-gauge transformations

$$\widehat{T}'^{\mu\nu} = \widehat{T}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\alpha \left( \widehat{\phi}^{\alpha, \mu\nu} - \widehat{\phi}^{\mu, \alpha\nu} - \widehat{\phi}^{\nu, \alpha\mu} \right)$$

$$\widehat{\mathcal{S}}'^{\lambda, \mu\nu} = \widehat{\mathcal{S}}^{\lambda, \mu\nu} - \widehat{\phi}^{\lambda, \mu\nu}$$

*provided that the boundary integrals vanish*

$$\int_{\partial V} dS \left( \widehat{\phi}^{0, i\nu} - \widehat{\phi}^{i, 0\nu} - \widehat{\phi}^{\nu, 0i} \right) n_i = 0 \quad \int_{\partial V} dS \left[ x^\mu \left( \widehat{\phi}^{0, i\nu} - \widehat{\phi}^{i, 0\nu} - \widehat{\phi}^{\nu, 0i} \right) - x^\nu \left( \widehat{\phi}^{0, i\mu} - \widehat{\phi}^{i, 0\mu} - \widehat{\phi}^{\mu, 0i} \right) \right] n_i = 0$$

*the new couple fulfill the same equations and give same generators of the Poincaré group.*

An important example is the Belinfante symmetrization, where

$$\widehat{\phi}^{\lambda, \mu\nu} \equiv \widehat{\mathcal{S}}^{\lambda, \mu\nu}$$

and

$$\widehat{T}_{\text{B.}}^{\mu\nu} = \widehat{T}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\alpha \left( \widehat{\mathcal{S}}^{\alpha, \mu\nu} - \widehat{\mathcal{S}}^{\mu, \alpha\nu} - \widehat{\mathcal{S}}^{\nu, \alpha\mu} \right)$$

$$\widehat{\mathcal{S}}_{\text{B.}}^{\lambda, \mu\nu} = 0$$

where the conservation laws are

$$\begin{cases} \partial_\mu \widehat{T}_{\text{B.}}^{\mu\nu} = 0 \\ 0 = \widehat{T}_{\text{B.}}^{\nu\mu} - \widehat{T}_{\text{B.}}^{\mu\nu} \end{cases}$$

If the new couple were actually equivalent, we would expect the same average values for observable quantities.

Four momentum density and angular momentum density are in principle observable

$$\begin{aligned} T'^{0\mu}(x) &= T^{0\mu}(x) \\ \mathcal{J}'^{0,ij}(x) &= \mathcal{J}^{0,ij}(x) \end{aligned}$$

to be true in any inertial frame, it means

$$\begin{aligned} T'^{\mu\nu} &= T^{\mu\nu} \\ \mathcal{J}'^{\lambda,\mu\nu} &= \mathcal{J}^{\lambda,\mu\nu} + g^{\lambda\mu} K^\nu - g^{\lambda\nu} K^\mu \end{aligned}$$

**the method used to get the new primed tensors  
constrains the possible values of the vector field:**

$$\Rightarrow \partial^\nu K^\mu = 0$$

# Are these conditions fulfilled?

Being the conditions on the average values, the symmetry of the state of the system plays a fundamental role. In the *grand-canonical ensemble* we proved that any microscopic tensor give the same macroscopic results

$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(-\hat{H}/T + \mu\hat{Q}/T)$$

$$Z = \text{tr}[\exp(-\hat{H}/T + \mu\hat{Q}/T)]$$

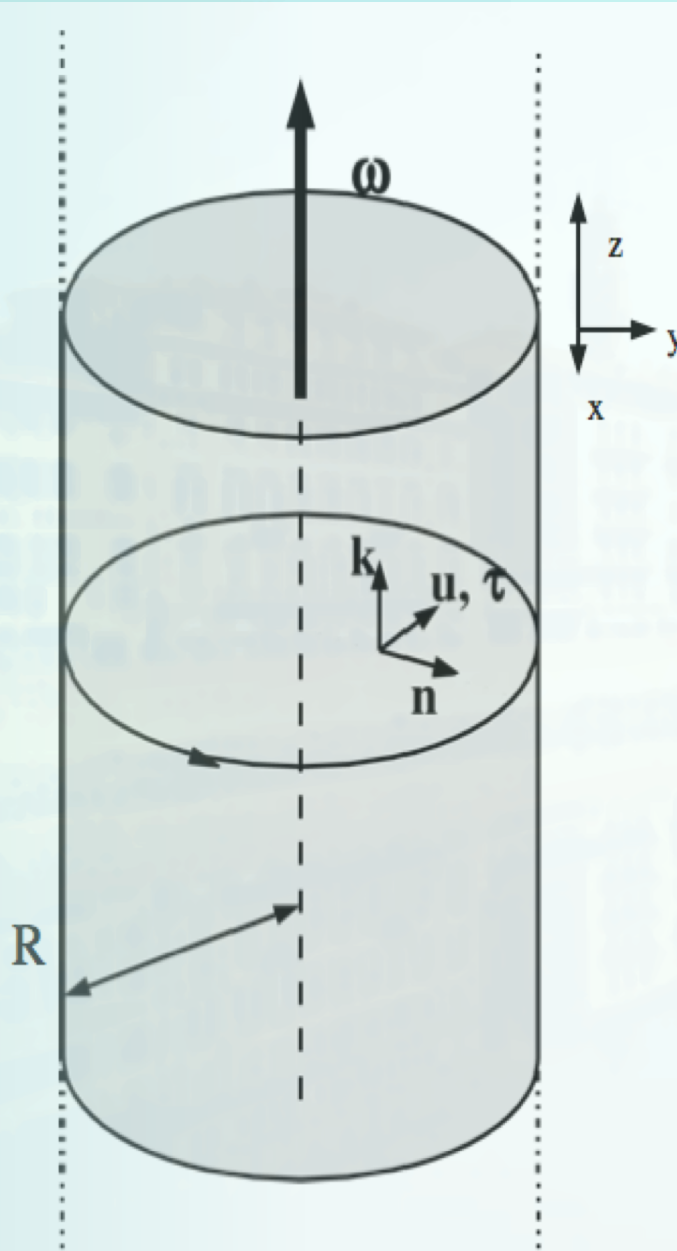
The situation is completely different in a less symmetric case

$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{1}{Z_\omega} P_V \exp(-\hat{H}/T + \omega \cdot \hat{\mathbf{J}}/T + \mu\hat{Q}/T)$$

$$Z_\omega = \text{tr}[P_V \exp(-\hat{H}/T + \omega \cdot \hat{\mathbf{J}}/T + \mu\hat{Q}/T)]$$

where the average value is less constrained by the symmetry of the system and the the new primed tensors don't fulfill the equivalence conditions by construction any longer.

$$\phi^{\lambda, \mu\nu} = \langle \hat{\phi}^{\lambda, \mu\nu} \rangle$$





# Thermodynamical inequivalence of stress-energy and spin tensor

An example, the free Dirac field:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{i}{2} \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\mu \Psi - m \bar{\Psi} \Psi$$

$$\hat{T}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{2} \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{\partial}^\nu \Psi$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{S}}^{\lambda, \mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{\Psi} \{ \gamma^\lambda, \Sigma^{\mu\nu} \} \Psi = \frac{i}{8} \bar{\Psi} \{ \gamma^\lambda, [\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu] \} \Psi$$

Are the tensor given by Belinfante symmetrization equivalent like in the grand-canonical ensemble?

$$\hat{T}_{\text{B.}}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{4} \left[ \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{\partial}^\nu \Psi + \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\nu \overleftrightarrow{\partial}^\mu \Psi \right]$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{S}}_{\text{B.}}^{\lambda, \mu\nu} = 0$$

i.e. does the spin tensor operator represent a suitable transformation ?

For symmetry reasons the average value of  $\hat{\mathcal{S}}^{\lambda, \mu\nu}$ , decomposed using the basis:

$$u = (\gamma, \gamma \mathbf{v}) \quad \tau = (\gamma v, \gamma \hat{\mathbf{v}})$$

$$n = (0, \hat{\mathbf{r}}) \quad k = (0, \hat{\mathbf{k}})$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{x}$$

$$\mathcal{S}^{\lambda, \mu\nu} = D(r) [(n^\mu \tau^\nu - n^\nu \tau^\mu) u^\lambda + (n^\lambda \tau^\mu - n^\mu \tau^\lambda) u^\nu - (n^\lambda \tau^\nu - n^\nu \tau^\lambda) u^\mu]$$

is fully described by a function:

$$\mathcal{S}^{0,12} = \text{tr} \left( \hat{\rho} \hat{\mathcal{S}}^{0,12} \right) = D(r)$$

# Free rotating Dirac field in a cylindrical region

$$T_{\text{Belinfante}}^{0i} = T_{\text{canonical}}^{0i} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{dD(r)}{dr} \hat{v}^i$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{Belinfante}} = \mathcal{J}_{\text{canonical}} - \left( \frac{1}{2} r \frac{dD(r)}{dr} + D(r) \right) \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

From an explicit calculation we found:

$$\text{tr}[\hat{\rho} : \Psi^\dagger(0, \mathbf{x}) \Sigma_z \Psi(0, \mathbf{x}) :] = D(r)$$

$$= \sum_M \sum_{\xi=\pm 1} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp_z \left[ \frac{1}{e^{(\varepsilon - M\omega + \mu)/T} + 1} + \frac{1}{e^{(\varepsilon - M\omega - \mu)/T} + 1} \right] \frac{p_{Tl}^2 \left[ J_{|M-\frac{1}{2}|}^2(p_{Tl}r) - b_\xi^{(+)^2} J_{|M+\frac{1}{2}|}^2(p_{Tl}r) \right]}{4\pi R J_{|M-\frac{1}{2}|}^2(p_{Tl}R) (2Rm_{Tl}^2 + 2\xi M m_{Tl} + m)}$$

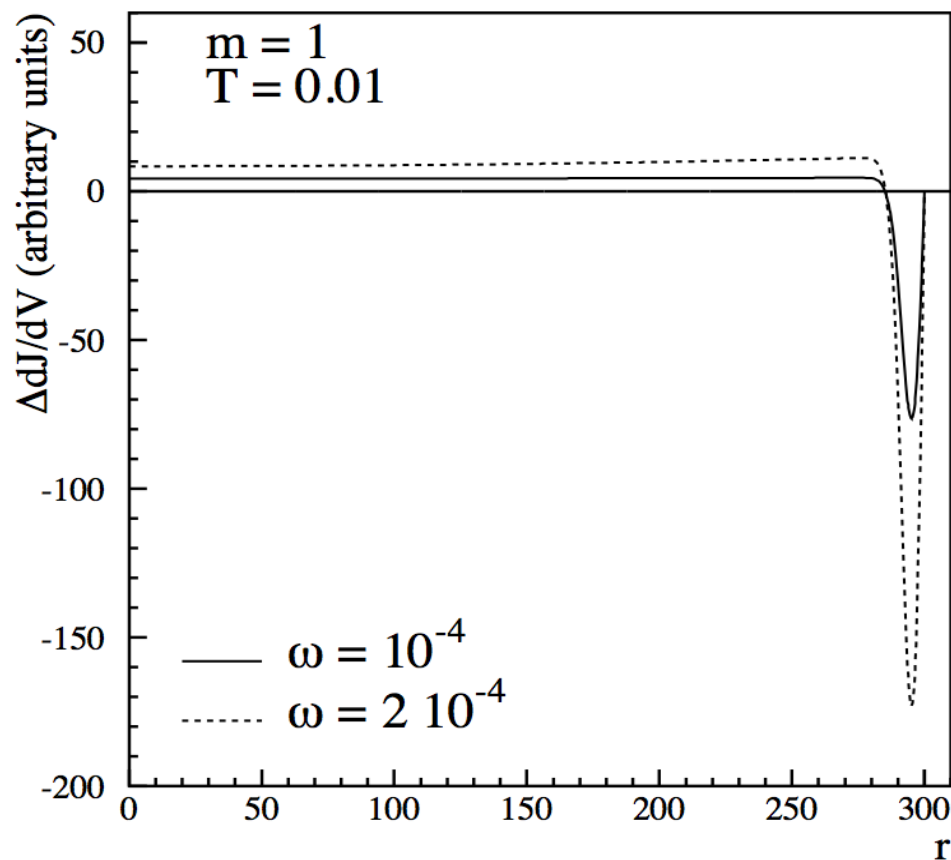
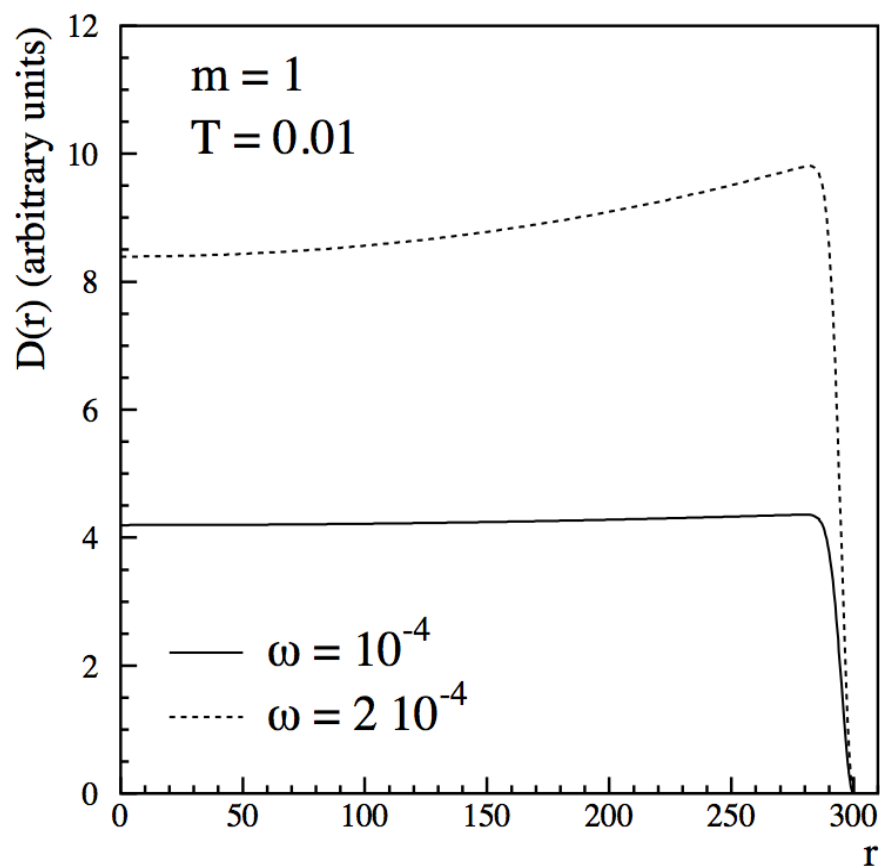
**We proved that this function is not vanishing if there is a non vanishing angular velocity**

# $D(r)$ in the non-relativistic limit

It is the sum of a particle and antiparticle term:

$$D(r)^\pm = \hbar \text{tr} \left[ \hat{\rho} (:\Psi^\dagger \Sigma_z \Psi:)^\pm \right] \simeq \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hbar \omega}{KT} \hbar \text{tr} \left[ \hat{\rho} (:\Psi^\dagger \Psi:)^\pm \right] = \hbar \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hbar \omega}{KT} \left( \frac{dn}{d^3 \mathbf{x}} \right)^\pm$$

we can make a numerical computation of the  $D(r)$  function:



# Linear response and kinetic coefficients

for an isotropic fluid:

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \varepsilon u^\mu u^\nu - p \Delta^{\mu\nu} + q^\mu u^\nu + q^\nu u^\mu + \Pi^{\mu\nu} + \Pi_0 \Delta^{\mu\nu} \quad \Delta^{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} - u^\mu u^\nu$$

where:

$$q^\mu = k(\Delta^{\mu\alpha} \partial_\alpha T - T A^\mu) \quad \Pi^{\mu\nu} = \eta \left( \Delta^{\mu\alpha} \partial_\alpha u^\nu + \Delta^{\nu\alpha} \partial_\alpha u^\mu - \frac{2}{3} \partial \cdot u \Delta^{\mu\nu} \right) \quad \Pi_0 = \zeta \partial \cdot u$$

the variation from the equilibrium

$$T_{\text{eq.}}^{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & p & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & p \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u_{\text{eq.}}^\mu = (1, \mathbf{0})$$

linear in the small change:

$$\delta u^y \Rightarrow u^0 = \sqrt{1 + (\delta u^y)^2} \simeq 1 + \frac{1}{2} (\delta u^y)^2 = 1$$

$$\partial_x \delta u^y \neq 0$$

is

$$T_{xy} = \delta T_{xy} = q_x u_y + \Pi_{xy} = \eta \partial_x u_y$$

# Zubarev method for relativistic Kubo formulas

$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\hat{\Upsilon}}$$

$$Z = \text{tr} \left( e^{-\hat{\Upsilon}} \right)$$

*We use the non equilibrium stationary operator to obtain the macroscopic energy momentum tensor*

*for the Belinfante symmetrized case:*

$$\hat{\Upsilon} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \epsilon \int_{-\infty}^t dt_1 e^{\epsilon(t_1 - t)} \int d^3 \mathbf{x} \hat{T}^{0\mu}(t_1, \mathbf{x}) \beta_{\mu}(t_1, \mathbf{x})$$

where  $\beta^{\mu} = (1/T)u^{\mu}$  is a relativistic generalization of the temperature of a system

**In the specific case of the canonical**

**equilibrium where**  $\beta_{\text{eq.}}^{\mu} = \bar{\beta} \delta_0^{\mu}$

**it reduces to the known canonical density matrix**

$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\bar{\beta} \hat{H}}$$

To get the average values of the stress-energy tensor we divide the exponent in

$$-\hat{\Upsilon} = \hat{A} + \hat{B}$$

where  $\hat{A} = - \int d^3 \mathbf{x} \hat{T}^{0\mu} \beta_\mu$  corresponds to a local equilibrium distribution

$$\hat{\rho}_{\text{L.E.}} = \frac{1}{Z_{\text{L.E.}}} e^{\hat{A}}$$

and  $\hat{B}$  linearly depends on the four temperature gradients.

**As long as the deviation from equilibrium is small we can make the approximations:**

$$Z = \text{tr} \left( e^{\hat{A} + \hat{B}} \right) \simeq \text{tr} \left( e^{\hat{A}} \left[ 1 + \hat{B} \right] \right) = Z_{\text{L.E.}} \left( 1 + \langle \hat{B} \rangle_{\text{L.E.}} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{Z} \simeq \frac{1}{Z_{\text{L.E.}}} \left( 1 - \langle \hat{B} \rangle_{\text{L.E.}} \right)$$

$$e^{\hat{A} + \hat{B}} = \left[ 1 + \int_0^1 dz e^{z(\hat{A} + \hat{B})} \hat{B} e^{-z\hat{A}} \right] e^{\hat{A}} \simeq \left[ 1 + \int_0^1 dz e^{z\hat{A}} \hat{B} e^{-z\hat{A}} \right] e^{\hat{A}}$$

**to finally get the relativistic Kubo formula:**

$$\eta = -i \lim_{\epsilon, \kappa \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\infty}^0 d\tau \frac{1 - e^{\epsilon\tau}}{\epsilon} \int d^3 \mathbf{x} \langle \left[ \hat{T}^{xy}(\tau, \mathbf{x}), \hat{T}^{xy}(0, \mathbf{0}) \right] \rangle_{\text{eq.}} \cos(\kappa x)$$

## When there is a spin tensor we have to add another contribution

$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{1}{Z} P_V \exp \left\{ - \left[ \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \epsilon \int_{-\infty}^t dt_1 d^3 \mathbf{y} e^{\epsilon(t_1 - t)} \left( \hat{T}^{0\nu}(t_1, \mathbf{y}) \beta_\nu(t_1, \mathbf{y}) - \frac{1}{2} \hat{\mathcal{S}}^{0,\mu\nu} \omega_{\mu\nu} \right) \right] \right\}$$

*otherwise we wouldn't get the rotating density matrix*

$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{1}{Z} P_V e^{-\bar{\beta} \hat{H} + \omega \hat{J}_z}$$

corresponding to the equilibrium four temperature:

$$\beta_{\text{eq.}} = \bar{\beta} (1, \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{x})$$

*There is a constraint at equilibrium  
over the two rank tensor*

$$\omega_{\text{eq.}}^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{2} (\partial^\mu \beta_{\text{eq.}}^\nu - \partial^\nu \beta_{\text{eq.}}^\mu)$$

## The density matrix changes if we change the quantum tensors

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\Upsilon}' - \hat{\Upsilon} = & \frac{1}{2} \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \epsilon \int_{-\infty}^t dt_1 e^{\epsilon(t_1-t)} \left\{ \int dS n_i \left[ \hat{\phi}^{i,0\nu} - \hat{\phi}^{0,i\nu} - \hat{\phi}^{\nu,i0} \right] \delta\beta_\nu + \right. \\ & - \int d^3 \mathbf{x} \hat{\phi}^{\lambda,0\nu} (\partial_\lambda \delta\beta_\nu + \partial_\nu \delta\beta_\lambda) + \\ & \left. + \int d^3 \mathbf{x} \hat{\phi}^{0,\mu\nu} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \delta\beta_\nu - \partial_\nu \delta\beta_\mu) + \delta\omega_{\mu\nu} \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

The last term vanishes if we assume that the relation

$$\omega_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \beta_\nu - \partial_\nu \beta_\mu)$$

holds out of equilibrium as at equilibrium

It will still remain

$$-\frac{1}{2} \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \epsilon \int_{-\infty}^t dt_1 e^{\epsilon(t_1-t)} \int d^3 \mathbf{x} \hat{\phi}^{\lambda,0\nu} (\partial_\lambda \delta\beta_\nu + \partial_\nu \delta\beta_\lambda)$$



## For a generic “pseudo-gauge” transformation

$$\widehat{T}'^{\mu\nu} = \widehat{T}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\alpha \left( \widehat{\phi}^{\alpha,\mu\nu} - \widehat{\phi}^{\mu,\alpha\nu} - \widehat{\phi}^{\nu,\alpha\mu} \right)$$

$$\widehat{\mathcal{S}}'^{\lambda,\mu\nu} = \widehat{\mathcal{S}}^{\lambda,\mu\nu} - \widehat{\phi}^{\lambda,\mu\nu}$$

If we call  $\widehat{\Xi}^{\alpha\mu\nu} = \widehat{\phi}^{\mu,\alpha\nu} + \widehat{\phi}^{\nu,\alpha\mu}$

the transport coefficients will be different in general, in particular for the shear viscosity:

$$\eta' - \eta = i \lim_{\epsilon, \kappa \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^0 d\tau e^{\epsilon\tau} \int_V d\mathbf{x} \langle [\widehat{\Xi}^{0xy}(\tau, \mathbf{x}), \widehat{T}_s^{xy}(0, \mathbf{0})] \rangle_{\text{eq.}} \cos(\kappa x) + \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{1}{4} \int_{-\infty}^0 d\tau \left( \delta(\tau) - \epsilon e^{\epsilon\tau} \right) \int_V d\mathbf{x} \langle [\widehat{\Xi}^{0xy}(\tau, \mathbf{x}), \widehat{\Xi}^{0xy}(0, \mathbf{0})] \rangle_{\text{eq.}} \cos(\kappa x) \right\}$$

**This difference in transport coefficients directly depends on the microscopic spin tensor**

$$\widehat{\mathcal{S}}'^{\lambda, \mu\nu} = \widehat{\mathcal{S}}^{\lambda, \mu\nu} - \widehat{\phi}^{\lambda, \mu\nu} \Rightarrow \widehat{\phi}^{\lambda, \mu\nu} = -\Delta \widehat{\mathcal{S}}^{\lambda, \mu\nu} = -\left(\widehat{\mathcal{S}}'^{\lambda, \mu\nu} - \widehat{\mathcal{S}}^{\lambda, \mu\nu}\right)$$

so, if the starting couple is the Belinfante one  $\widehat{\phi}^{\lambda, \mu\nu} = -\widehat{\mathcal{S}}^{\lambda, \mu\nu}$

$$\eta - \eta_{\text{B.}} = -i \lim_{\epsilon, \kappa \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^0 d\tau e^{\epsilon\tau} \int_V d\mathbf{x} \langle [\widehat{\mathcal{S}}^{x,0y}(\tau, \mathbf{x}) + \widehat{\mathcal{S}}^{y,0x}(\tau, \mathbf{x}), \widehat{T}_{\text{B.}}^{xy}(0, \mathbf{0})] \rangle_{\text{eq.}} \cos(\kappa x) + \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{4} \int_{-\infty}^0 d\tau \left( \delta(\tau) - \epsilon e^{\epsilon\tau} \right) \int_V d\mathbf{x} \langle [\widehat{\mathcal{S}}^{x,0y}(\tau, \mathbf{x}) + \widehat{\mathcal{S}}^{y,0x}(\tau, \mathbf{x}), \widehat{\mathcal{S}}^{y,0x}(0, \mathbf{0}) + \widehat{\mathcal{S}}^{x,0y}(0, \mathbf{0})] \rangle_{\text{eq.}} \cos(\kappa x) \right\}$$

*Can we measure it?*

**What's the magnitude of this difference in relevant cases?**

# Summary & outlook

- **Couples of stress-energy and spin tensor, previously thought equivalent are actually thermodynamically inequivalent.**
- **This inequivalence persists in the non-relativistic limit and can be measured, at least in principle.**
- **Different couples of microscopic tensors give different transport coefficients.**
- **How can this difference in transport coefficients prediction be measured?**