

# Relativistic hydrodynamics as an asymptotic series

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# Hydrodynamization

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# Relativistic hydrodynamics

hydrodynamics is

an EFT of the slow (?) evolution of conserved currents in collective media close to equilibrium (?)

**DOFs:** always local energy density  $\epsilon$  and local flow velocity  $u^\mu$  ( $u_\nu u^\nu = -1$ )

**EOMs:** conservation eqns  $\nabla_\mu \langle T^{\mu\nu} \rangle = 0$  for  $\langle T^{\mu\nu} \rangle$  expanded in gradients

$$\langle T^{\mu\nu} \rangle = \epsilon u^\mu u^\nu + P(\epsilon) \{ g^{\mu\nu} + u^\mu u^\nu \} - \eta(\epsilon) \sigma^{\mu\nu} - \zeta(\epsilon) \{ g^{\mu\nu} + u^\mu u^\nu \} (\nabla \cdot u) + \dots$$

$\overleftrightarrow{\hspace{10em}} \Pi^{\mu\nu} \overleftrightarrow{\hspace{10em}}$

microscopic  
input:

$(P(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{3}\epsilon \text{ for CFTs})$

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EoS

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shear viscosity

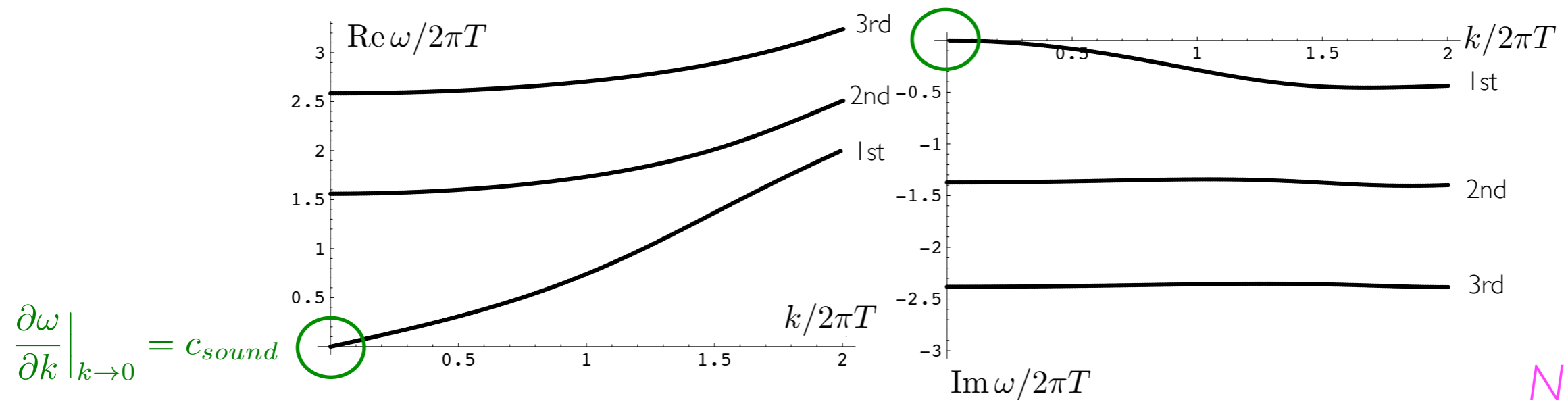
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bulk viscosity  
(vanishes for CFTs)

This talk: behaviour of the gradient expansion at large orders in the number of  $\nabla$

# Excitations in strongly-coupled plasmas

see, e.g. Kovtun & Starinets [hep-th/0506184]



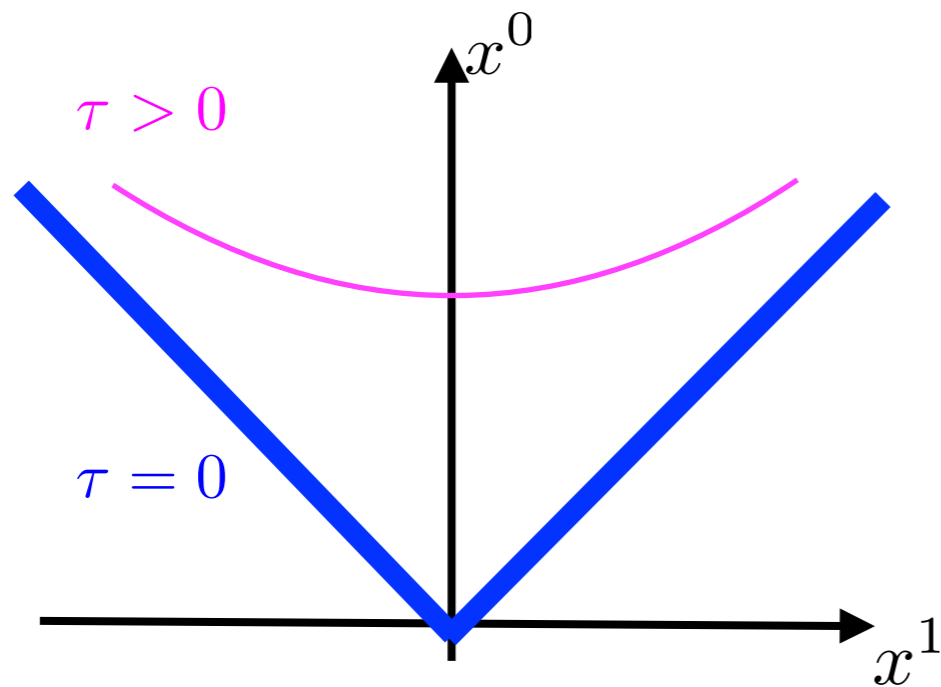
$\omega(k) \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow 0$  : slowly dissipating modes (hydrodynamic sound waves)

all the rest: far from equilibrium (QNM) modes damped over  $t_{\text{therm}} = \mathcal{O}(1)/T$

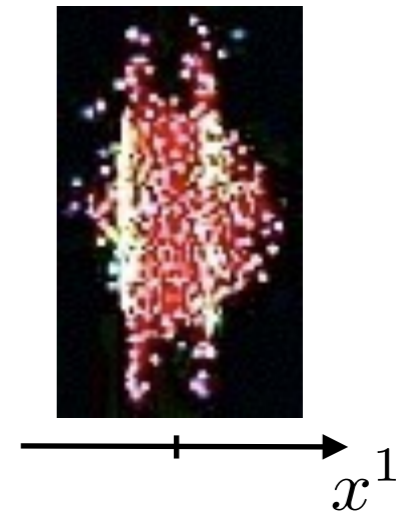
Linear response theory:

$$\delta \langle T^{\mu\nu} \rangle = \int d^3k \sum_{\text{modes}} e^{-i\omega_{\text{mode}}(k)t + i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} \left[ \left( \text{Res}_{\omega=\omega_{\text{mode}}(k)} G_R(\omega, \vec{k}) \right) \cdot \delta g(\omega_{\text{mode}}(k), \vec{k}) \right]_{\mu\nu}$$

# Boost-invariant flow [Bjorken 1982]



const  $x^0$  slice:



Boost-invariance: in  $(\tau \equiv \sqrt{x_0^2 - x_1^2}, \quad y \equiv \text{arctanh} \frac{x_1}{x_0}, x_2, x_3)$  coords no  $y$ -dep

In a CFT:  $\langle T^\mu_\nu \rangle = \text{diag} \left\{ -\mathcal{E}(\tau), -\mathcal{E} - \tau \dot{\mathcal{E}}, \mathcal{E} + \frac{1}{2} \tau \dot{\mathcal{E}}, \mathcal{E} + \frac{1}{2} \tau \dot{\mathcal{E}} \right\}$

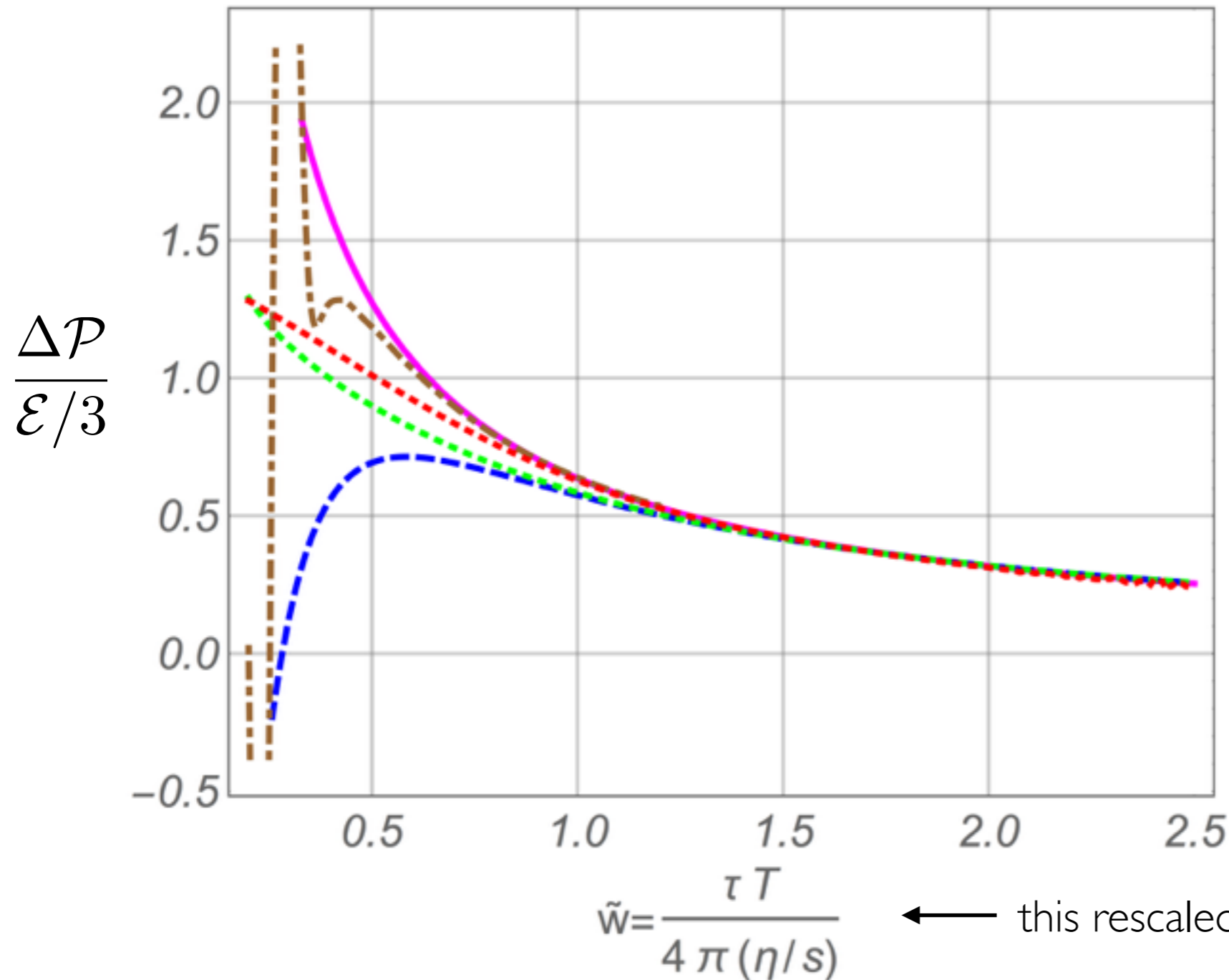
and via scale-invariance  $\frac{\Delta \mathcal{P}}{\mathcal{E}/3} \equiv \langle T^2_2 \rangle - \langle T^y_y \rangle$  is a function of  $w \equiv \tau T \equiv \left( \frac{\mathcal{E}(\tau)}{\frac{3}{8} \pi^2 N_c^2} \right)^{1/4}$

Gradient expansion: series in  $\frac{1}{w}$ .

# Hydrodynamization (across conformal theories)

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see Andrei Starinets' talk  
for musings of similar flavour



$$\frac{\Delta \mathcal{P}}{\mathcal{E}/3} = \frac{2}{\pi} \tilde{w}^{-1}$$

$N=4$  SYM

EKT with  $\eta/s = 0.624$

RTA with  $\eta/s = 0.624$

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

← this rescaled variable is motivated by 1512.05347

Viscous hydrodynamics works despite huge anisotropy captured by  $-\eta \sigma^{\mu\nu}$

see Paul Romatschke's talk for  
possible implication for HIC pheno

# Why can hydrodynamization occur?

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# Hydrodynamic gradient expansion is divergent

In **I302.0697** we computed  $f(w) \equiv \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{6} \frac{\Delta \mathcal{P}}{\mathcal{E}}$  up to  $O(w^{-240})$ :

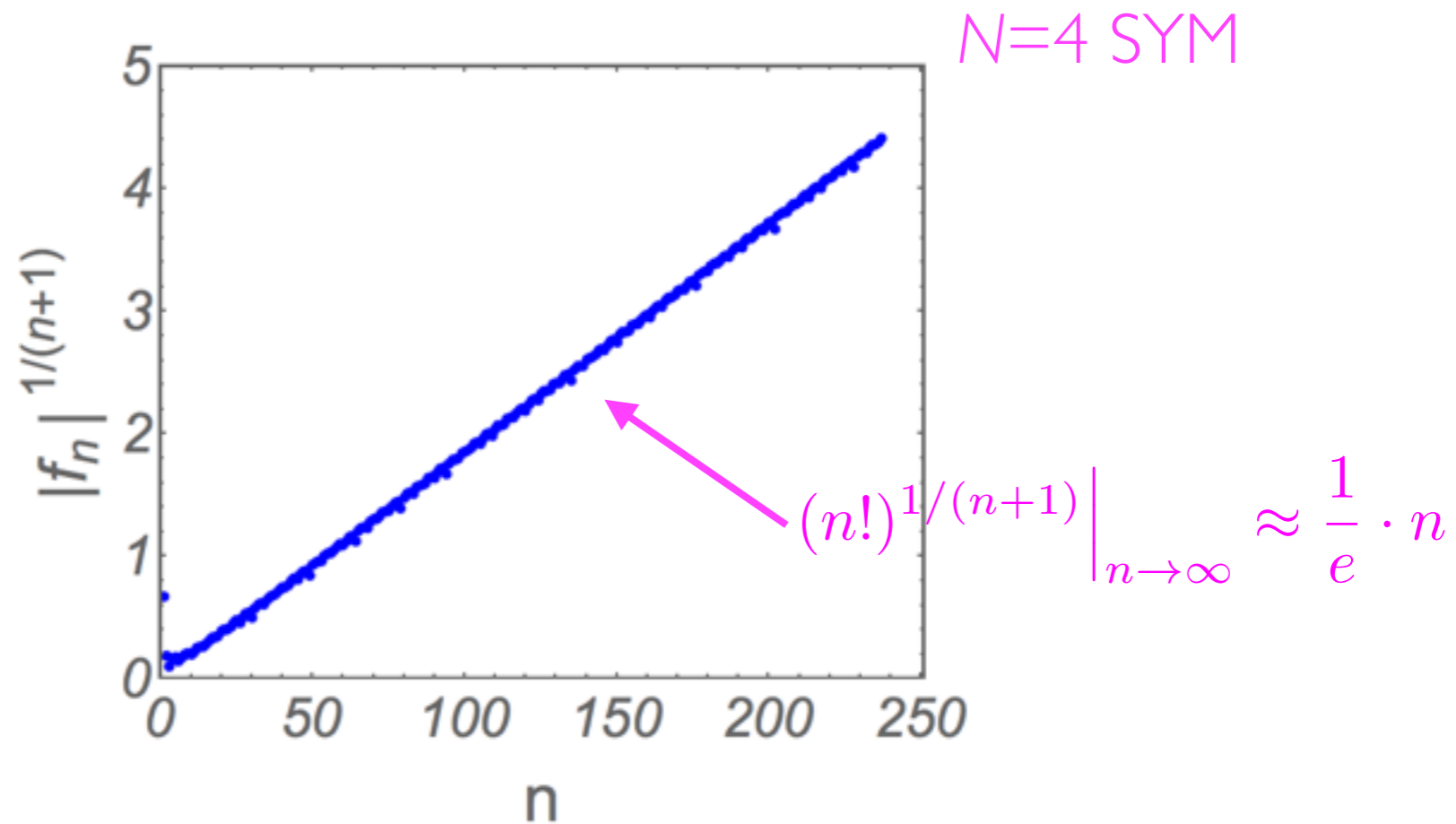
$$\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{9\pi} w^{-1} + \dots$$

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$$f(w) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n w^{-n}$$

$+e^{-\# w} + \dots$

QNM contributions  
are not captured by  
the gradient expansion

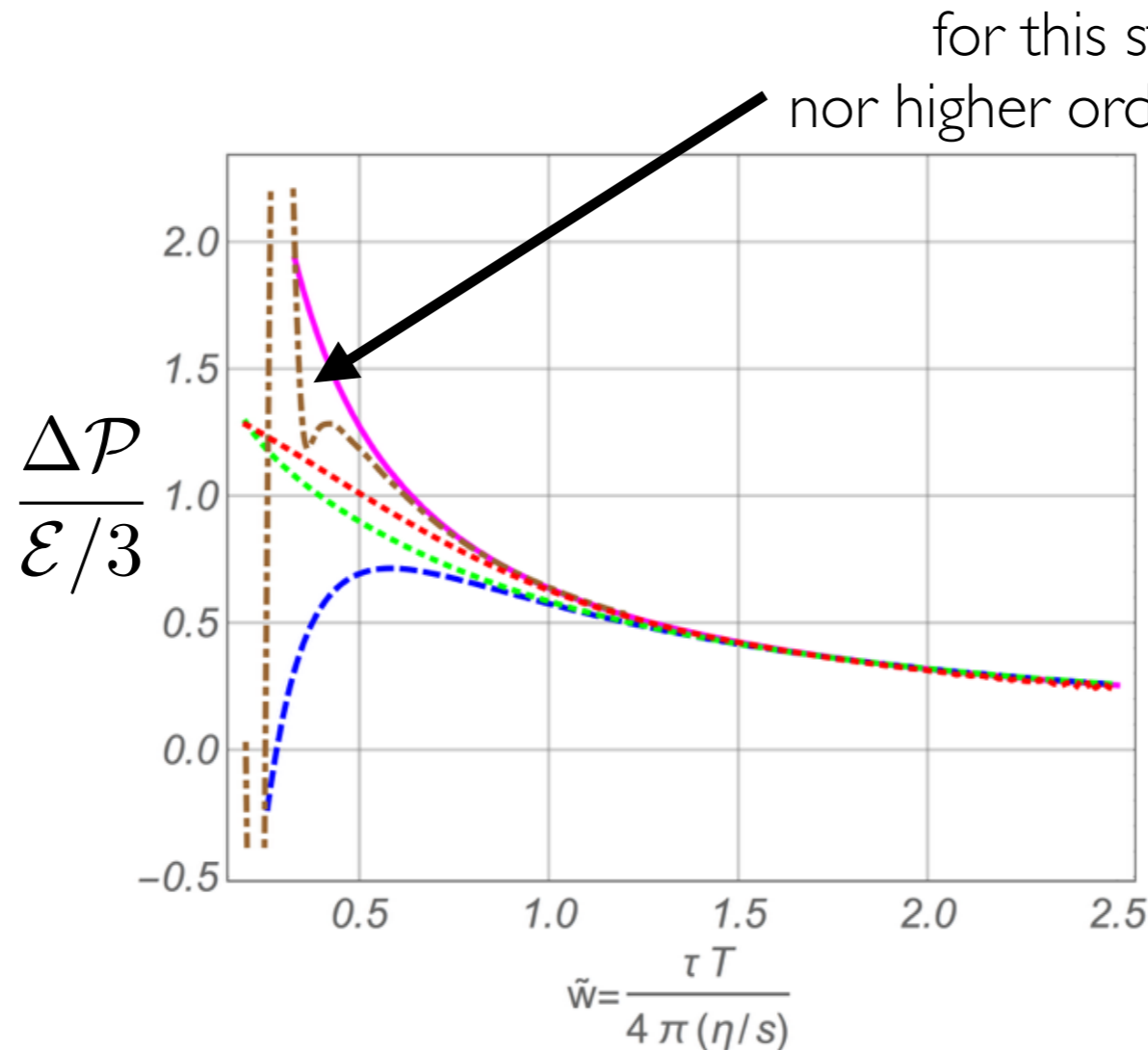


→ The gradient expansion cannot converge as **I302.0697** explicitly demonstrated

# Outlook: why can hydrodynamization occur?

Divergent series are better than convergent series since their applicability is not limited by the series itself but whether one can neglect effects not captured by it

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for this state neither transient QNMs nor higher order hydro matter yet  $\frac{\Delta \mathcal{P}}{\varepsilon/3}$  is gigantic

$$\Pi^{\mu\nu} = -\eta \sigma^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\frac{\Delta \mathcal{P}}{\varepsilon/3} = \frac{2}{\pi} \tilde{w}^{-1}$$

This does not mean that second (or third) order hydro is not important → other flows?

Note that for ~~CFT~~s the bulk viscosity term can also be very large at hydro threshold

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Hydrodynamization with anomalous transport?

# What is the hydro gradient expansion?

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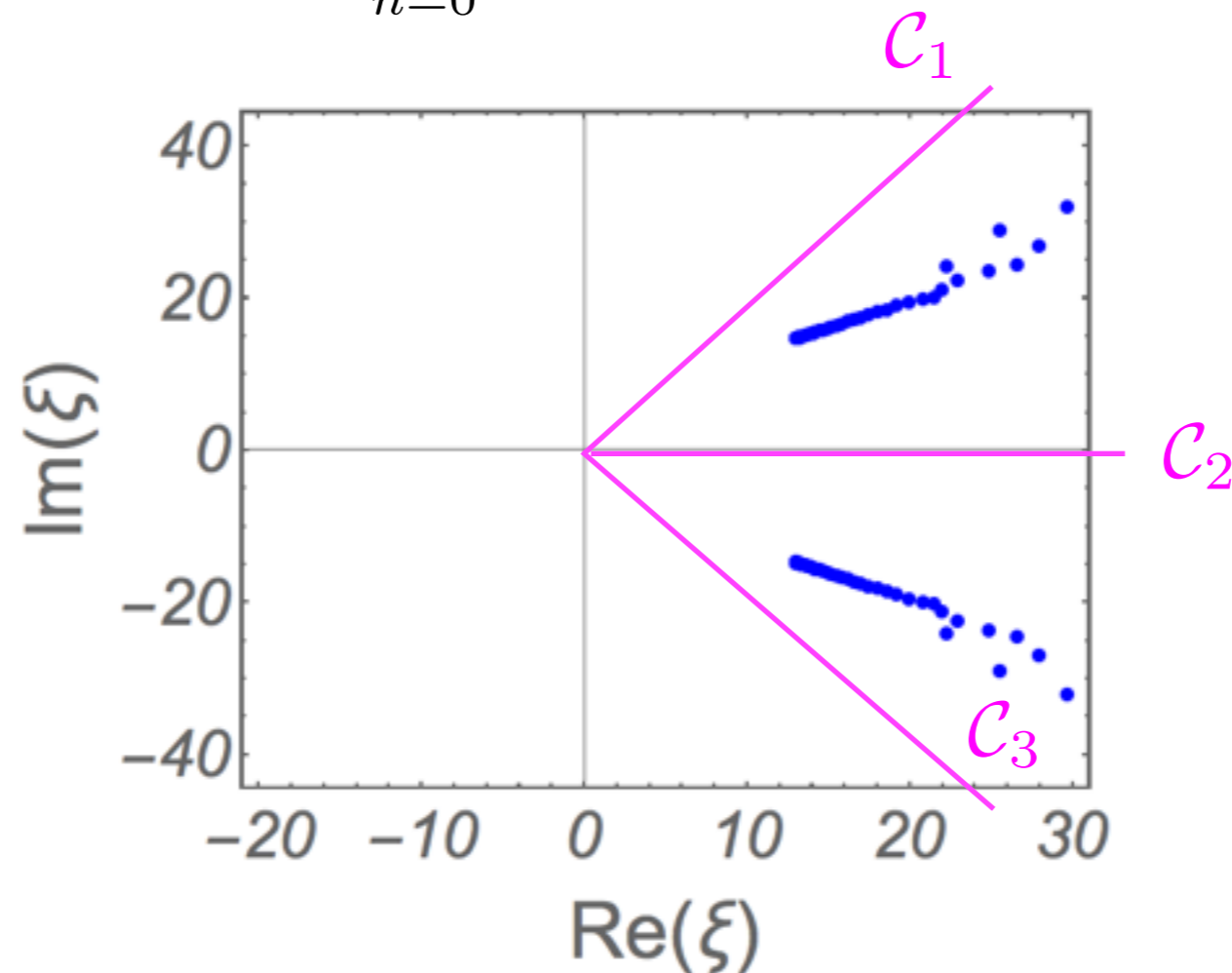
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# Borel transform, gradient expansion and QNMs

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Analytic continuation of  $f_B(\xi) \approx \sum_{n=0}^{240} \frac{1}{n!} f_n \xi^n$  revealed the following singularities:

$N=4$  SYM:



Branch cuts start at  $\frac{3}{2}i \hat{\omega}_{QNM_1} = \frac{3}{2}i T \times \omega_{QNM_1} (k=0)$ . Inverse trafo ambiguous:

$$\left( \int_{C_i} d\xi - \int_{C_j} d\xi \right) [w e^{-\xi w} f_B(\xi)] \sim w^{\alpha_{QNM_1}} \boxed{e^{-\frac{3}{2}i \hat{\omega}_{QNM_1} w}} \times (\dots) + \dots$$

$$e^{-i \hat{\omega}_{QNM_1} T t} \longrightarrow e^{-i \hat{\omega}_{QNM_1} \int T d\tau}$$

# Lesson from MIS 1503.07514

$$(\tau_{\Pi} u^{\alpha} \nabla_{\alpha} + 1) \Pi_{\mu\nu} = -\eta \sigma_{\mu\nu} + \dots$$

$$\downarrow C_{\eta} = \frac{\eta}{s} \text{ and } C_{\tau_{\Pi}} \equiv \hat{\omega}_{MIS} = \tau_{\Pi} T$$

$$f' = -\frac{1}{C_{\tau_{\Pi}}} + \frac{2}{3 C_{\tau_{\Pi}} f} + \frac{16}{3 w} - \frac{16}{9 w f} + \frac{4 C_{\eta}}{9 C_{\tau_{\Pi}} w f} - \frac{4 f}{w} + \dots$$

$$\downarrow \text{gradient expansion and 1 transient QNM:}$$

$$f = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f_n}{w^n} + \delta f_{\sim} \exp\left(-\frac{3}{2C_{\tau_{\Pi}}} w\right) \times \dots$$

$$\downarrow \text{transseries:}$$

$$f = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (C_{amb} + r)^m \left\{ w^{\frac{C_{\eta}}{C_{\tau_{\Pi}}}} \exp\left(-\frac{3}{2C_{\tau_{\Pi}}} w\right) \right\}^m \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{m,n} w^{-n}$$

resurgence

# Lesson from cosmology

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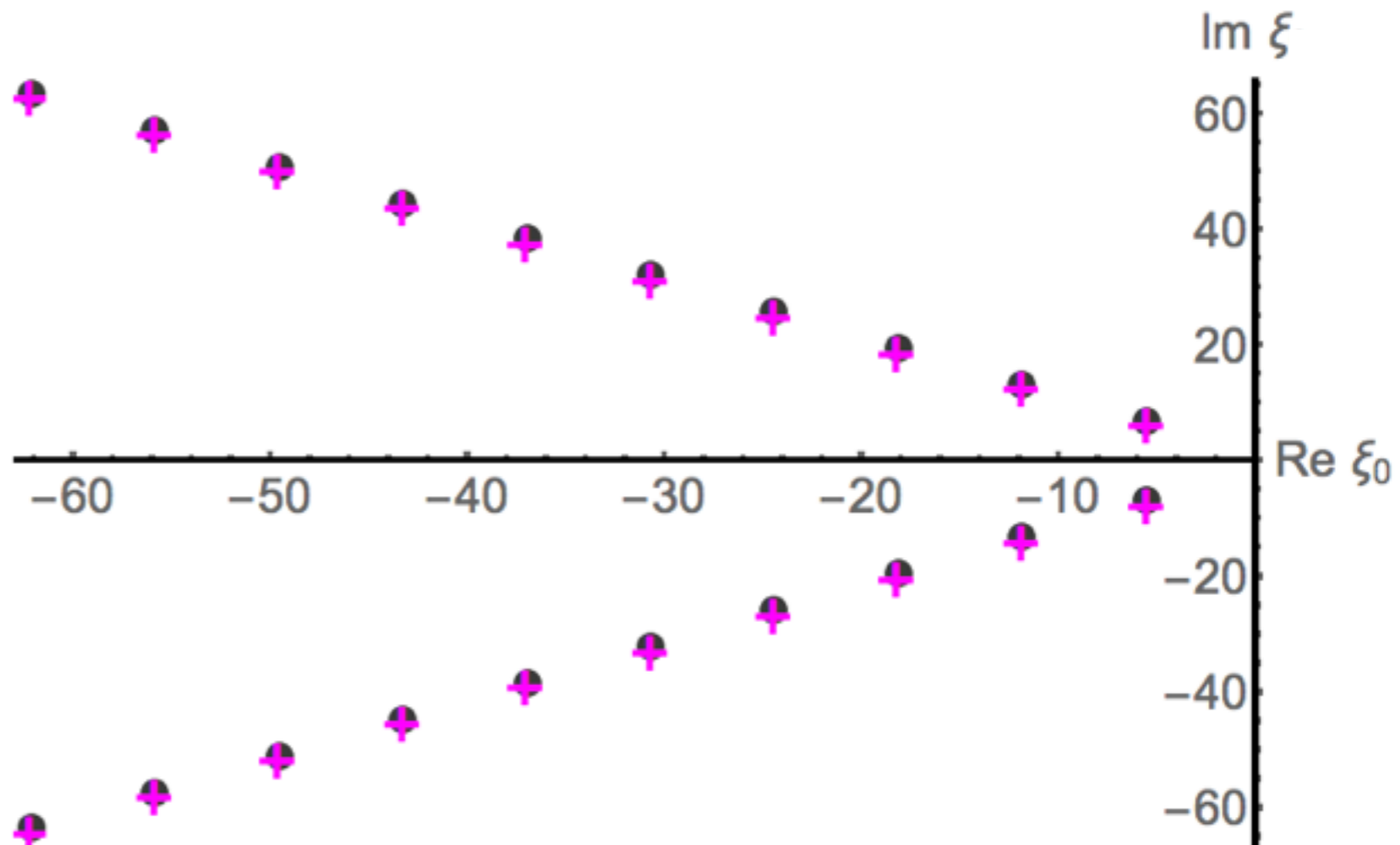
$$\frac{d \text{Entropy}}{dt} = V \times \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \xi^n \right)^2 + \dots \text{ with } \xi = \frac{H}{T} \text{ for a hCFT in } -dt^2 + e^{2Ht} d\vec{x}^2$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{300} \frac{c_n}{n!} \xi^n \approx \frac{\sum_{m=0}^{150} d_m \xi^m}{\sum_{l=0}^{150} e_l \xi^l}$$

● singularities of Borel trafo



+ 10 lowest transient QNM  $\hat{\omega}$ 's



Hydrodynamic gradient expansion knows about all transient QNMs

# Transseries for $N=4$ SYM 1610.02023

divergent hydro  
gradient expansion

transient QNMs contribution on top of hydro

resurgent relations

$$\sim e^{-i\frac{3}{2}\hat{\omega}_{QNM_q} w} (\dots)$$

$$f(w) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} f_m w^{-m} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{3}{2}i\hat{\omega}_{QNM_n} w} w^{\alpha_{QNM_n}} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} g_{n,m} w^{-m}$$

$$+ \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{3}{2}\hat{\omega}_{QNM_l} w} e^{-\frac{3}{2}\omega_{Q\hat{N}M_n} w} w^{\alpha_{QNM_l}} w^{\alpha_{QNM_n}} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} g_{l,n,m} w^{-m} + \dots$$

quadratic interactions from Einstein's equations

$$\sim c_{\text{amb}}^{(n)} + r^n$$

all sums =  
Borel summations

**non-equilibrium physics**

**QM with**  $V = -\frac{1}{2}x^2(1 - \sqrt{g}x)^2$

Appealing analogy:

gradient expansion in  $\frac{1}{w}$

perturbative series in  $g$

transient QNMs  $e^{-i\frac{3}{2}\hat{\omega}_{QNM_n} w} (\dots)$

instanton  $e^{-1/(3g)} (\dots)$

Open problem: covariantize to  $\Pi^{\mu\nu} = \boxed{\eta \sigma^{\mu\nu} + \dots} + \boxed{e^{i\hat{\omega}_{QNM_1}} \int dx^\alpha T u_\alpha \times (\dots)} + \dots$

see also Mukund Rangamani's talk

# “Weak” coupling

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see also Gabriel Denicol's talk

# RTA kinetic theory

Natural language to talk about weakly coupled media is the Boltzmann equation:

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu g(x, p) = C[g(x, p)] \quad \text{with} \quad \langle T^{\mu\nu} \rangle(x) = \int_{\text{momenta}} g(x, p) p^\mu p^\nu$$

LO  $C[g(x, p)]$  for gauge theories is complicated. We will use instead

$$C[g(x, p)] = -\frac{p^\mu u_\mu}{\hat{\mathcal{T}}} \left\{ g(x, p) - g_0(x, p) \right\} \quad \text{with} \quad g_0(x, p) = e^{\frac{u_\mu p^\mu}{T}}$$

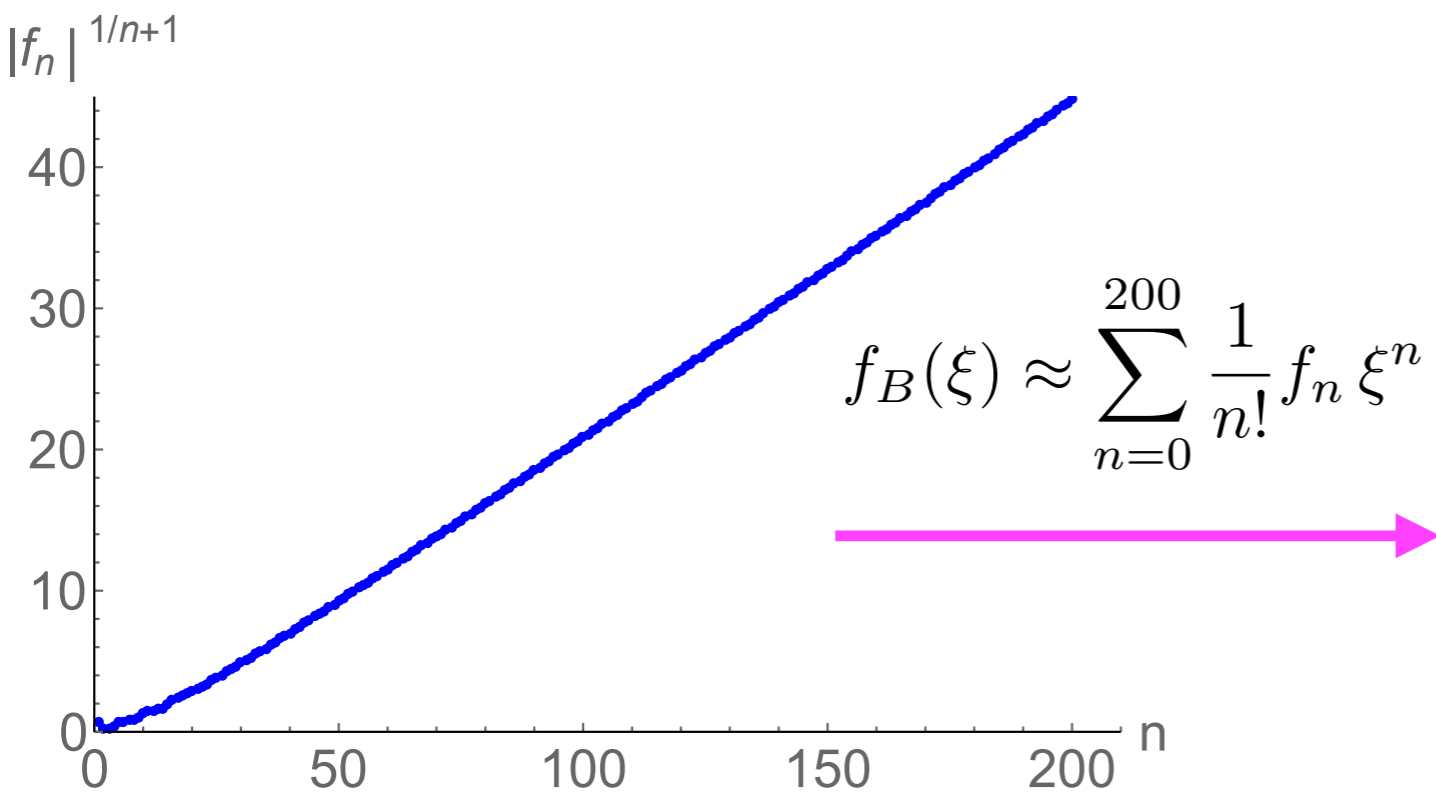
This equation is, typically, highly nonlinear due to  $\langle T^{\mu\nu} \rangle u_\nu = -\mathcal{E}(T) u^\mu$

CFTs:  $p^\mu p_\mu = 0$  and  $\hat{\mathcal{T}} = \frac{\gamma}{T}$ . Note that  $\gamma$  can be scaled-away (we set it to 1).

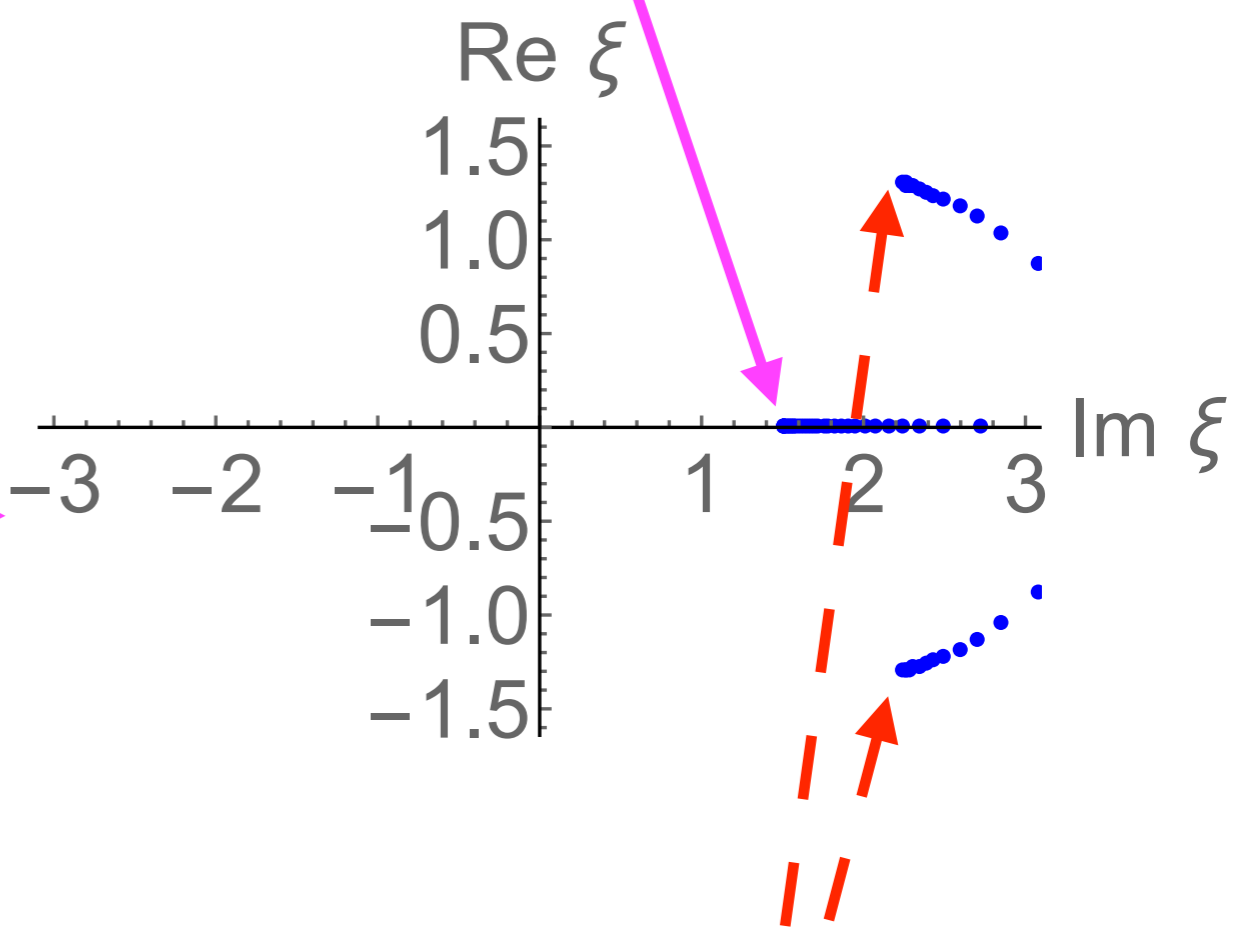
# QNM in kinetic theory

$$\xi_{sing} = \frac{3}{2\gamma} \longrightarrow \delta f \sim \exp\left(-\frac{3}{2\gamma}w\right) \times \dots$$

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$$f_B(\xi) \approx \sum_{n=0}^{200} \frac{1}{n!} f_n \xi^n$$



$$\delta f \sim \exp\left(-\frac{2.25}{\gamma} \pm \frac{1.3}{\gamma} i\right)$$

**???**

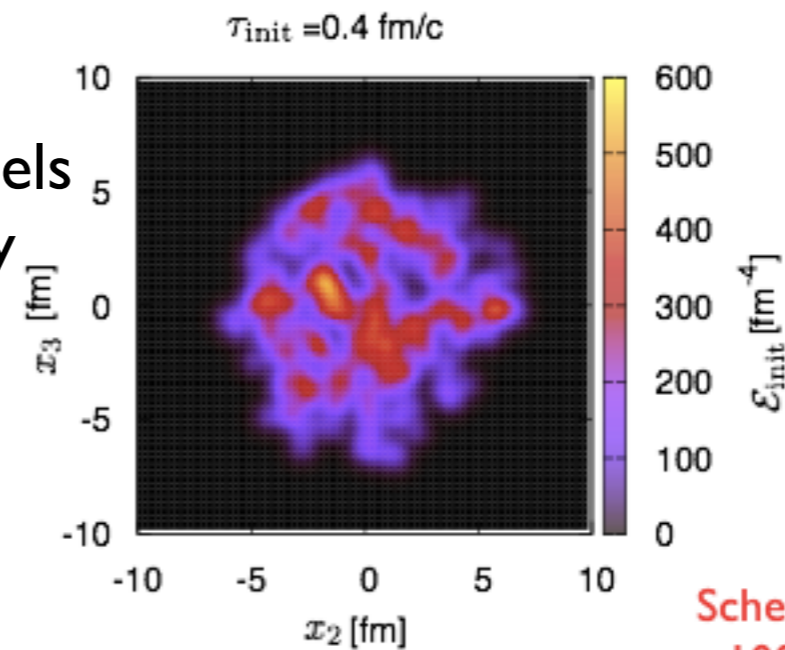
# Executive summary

# HIC pheno:

hydrodynamization suggests using simple hydro models  
under extreme conditions is not completely crazy

related: ~~equilibration~~ in HICs???

see Paul Romatschke's talk



**new effects (???)**:

large contributions from  
other transport? ( $-\zeta \Delta^{\mu\nu} \nabla \cdot u$ )

hydrodynamic gradient expansion diverges

**new connections:**

resurgent series (also in QM & QFT)  
gradient expansion as a part of transseries

**towards genericity:**

2 flows and  
 $\infty + \infty$  hQFTs + RTA + MIS + aHYDRO + linear  
response

discussion ???

see also Gabriel Denicol's talk    see Wojtek Florkowski's talk

Support

# Evolution equations for relativistic viscous fluids

$\nabla_\mu \{ \epsilon u^\mu u^\nu + P(\epsilon) \{ g^{\mu\nu} + u^\mu u^\nu \} - \eta(\epsilon) \sigma^{\mu\nu} \} = 0$  is acausal.

**Remedy:** make  $\Pi^{\mu\nu} = \langle T^{\mu\nu} \rangle - (\epsilon u^\mu u^\nu + P(\epsilon) \{ g^{\mu\nu} + u^\mu u^\nu \})$  a new DOF, e.g.

$$(\tau_\Pi \mathcal{D} + 1) \Pi^{\mu\nu} = -\eta \sigma^{\mu\nu}$$

Small perturbations obey Maxwell-Cattaneo equation

$$\partial_t^2 \delta u_z - \frac{\eta}{s} \frac{1}{\tau_\Pi T} \partial_x^2 \delta u_z + \frac{1}{\tau_\Pi} \partial_t \delta u_z = 0$$

Take it seriously:

$$\omega = -i \frac{\eta}{sT} k^2 + \dots$$

hydrodynamics

$$\omega = -i \frac{1}{\tau_\Pi} + i \frac{\eta}{sT} k^2 + \dots$$

purely imaginary “quasinormal mode”

Generalization that adds  $\text{Re}(\omega_{QNM})$ :  $\left( \left( \frac{1}{T} \mathcal{D} \right)^2 + 2\omega_I \frac{1}{T} \mathcal{D} + |\omega|^2 \right) \Pi^{\mu\nu} = -\eta |\omega|^2 \sigma^{\mu\nu}$

extra

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