

Analytical solutions and attractors of dissipative hydrodynamics for Bjorken flow

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Overview

- Non-relativistic and relativistic Navier-Stokes (acausal) theory.
- Attractor in minimal causal Maxwell-Cattaneo theory.
- Higher-order hydrodynamic theories: MIS, DNMR and Third-order.
- Setup: Conformal system + Bjorken flow.
- Fixed points, Lyapunov exponents and attractors.
- Approximate analytical solutions.
- Attractor and Lyapunov exponent from analytical solutions.
- Convergence of IC in small and large Knudsen number regime.
- Summary.

Non-relativistic hydrodynamics

- Degrees of freedom: Mass density (ρ), thermodynamic pressure (P) and fluid velocity (\vec{v}).
- The continuity equation and Euler equation for ideal (perfect) fluid:

$$\partial_t \rho + \rho \vec{\partial} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\partial} \rho = 0, \quad \partial_t \vec{v} + (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\partial}) \vec{v} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \vec{\partial} P.$$

- For non-ideal fluids, Euler equation generalizes to the Navier-Stokes equation—

$$\frac{\partial v^i}{\partial t} + v^k \frac{\partial v^i}{\partial x^k} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x^i} - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \Pi^{ki}}{\partial x^k},$$

$$\Pi^{ki} = -\eta \left(\frac{\partial v^i}{\partial x^k} + \frac{\partial v^k}{\partial x^i} - \frac{2}{3} \delta^{ki} \frac{\partial v^l}{\partial x^l} \right) - \zeta \delta^{ik} \frac{\partial v^l}{\partial x^l}.$$

Here η is the coefficient of shear viscosity and ζ is the coefficient of bulk viscosity.

Relativistic hydrodynamics: Navier-Stokes

- Degrees of freedom: Local energy density (ϵ), thermodynamic pressure (P), hydrodynamic four velocity (u^μ).
- General form of energy-momentum tensor:

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \epsilon u^\mu u^\nu - (P + \Pi)\Delta^{\mu\nu} + \pi^{\mu\nu}.$$

$$\pi^{\mu\nu} = 2\eta \left[\frac{1}{2}(\nabla^\mu u^\nu + \nabla^\nu u^\mu) - \frac{1}{3}\Delta^{\mu\nu}\nabla_\alpha u^\alpha \right], \quad \Pi = -\zeta \nabla_\alpha u^\alpha.$$

$$\Delta^{\mu\nu} \equiv g^{\mu\nu} - u^\mu u^\nu, \quad \nabla^\alpha \equiv \Delta^{\alpha\beta}\partial_\beta.$$

- $u_\nu \partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \Rightarrow$ Continuity equation.
- $\Delta^\alpha_\nu \partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \Rightarrow$ Navier-Stokes equation.
- Relativistic Navier-Stokes is acausal theory!

Maxwell-Cattaneo law: Minimal causal theory

J. C. Maxwell, Phil. Trans. R. Soc. 157:49 (1867),

C. Cattaneo. Sulla conduzione del calore. Atti Sem. Mat. Fis. Univ. Modena, 3:3, (1948)

- Simplest way to restore causality: “Maxwell-Cattaneo” law—

$$\tau_{\pi} \dot{\pi}^{\langle \mu \nu \rangle} + \pi^{\mu \nu} = 2\eta \nabla^{\langle \mu} u^{\nu \rangle}.$$

Dissipative forces relax to their Navier-Stokes values in some finite relaxation time τ_{π} : Restores causality.

Attractor in Maxwell-Cattaneo

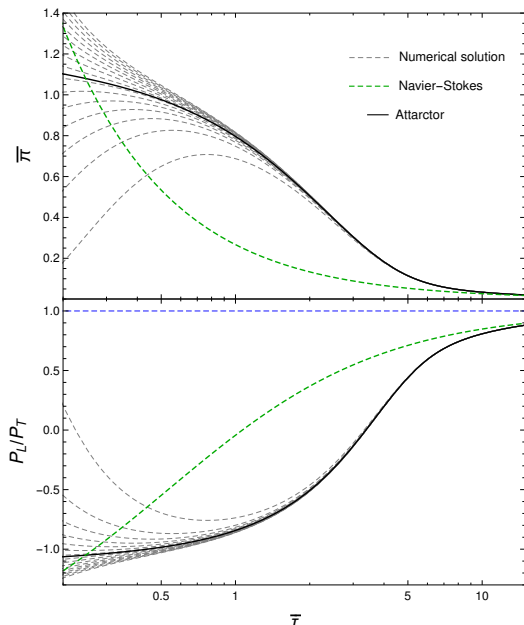
- Consider conformal system + Bjorken flow.
- Energy conservation and shear evolution equation:

$$\frac{d\epsilon}{d\tau} = -\frac{1}{\tau} \left(\frac{4}{3}\epsilon - \pi \right), \quad \frac{d\pi}{d\tau} = -\frac{\pi}{\tau_{\pi}} + \frac{16}{45} \frac{\epsilon}{\tau}.$$

- Can be decoupled. Normalized shear ($\bar{\pi}$) evolution equation:

$$\left(\frac{\bar{\pi} + 2}{3} \right) \frac{d\bar{\pi}}{d\bar{\tau}} + \bar{\pi} = \frac{1}{\bar{\tau}} \left[\frac{4}{15} + \frac{4}{3}\bar{\pi} - \frac{4}{3}\bar{\pi}^2 \right], \quad \bar{\pi} \equiv \frac{\pi}{\epsilon + P}, \quad \bar{\tau} \equiv \frac{\tau}{\tau_{\pi}}.$$

Attractor in Maxwell-Cattaneo theory



$$\bar{\pi} \equiv \frac{1}{\text{Reynolds No.}} \equiv \frac{\pi}{\epsilon + P}$$

$$\bar{\tau} \equiv \frac{1}{\text{Knudsen No.}} \equiv \frac{\tau}{\tau_{\pi}}$$

$$\frac{P_L}{P_T} = \frac{1 - 4\bar{\pi}}{1 + 2\bar{\pi}}$$

Attractor exists for all causal hydrodynamic theories!

Hydrodynamics from kinetic theory

- Hydrodynamic theories can be derived from kinetic theory assuming system to be close to thermal equilibrium, $f = f_0 + \delta f$.

$$T^{\mu\nu}(x) = \int dp p^\mu p^\nu f(x, p), \quad \pi^{\mu\nu} = \Delta_{\alpha\beta}^{\mu\nu} \int dp p^\alpha p^\beta \delta f.$$

- Boltzmann equation in the relaxn. time approx. is solved iteratively:

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f = -\frac{u \cdot p}{\tau_R} (f - f_0) \Rightarrow f = f_0 - (\tau_R / u \cdot p) p^\mu \partial_\mu f.$$

- Expand f about its equilibrium value: $f = f_0 + \delta f^{(1)} + \delta f^{(2)} + \dots$,

$$\delta f^{(1)} = -\frac{\tau_R}{u \cdot p} p^\mu \partial_\mu f_0,$$

$$\delta f^{(2)} = \frac{\tau_R}{u \cdot p} p^\mu p^\nu \partial_\mu \left(\frac{\tau_R}{u \cdot p} \partial_\nu f_0 \right),$$

$$\delta f^{(3)} = \dots$$

Second-order hydrodynamics

- **DNMR theory**: Keep all terms till second order for conformal system.
[G. S. Denicol, H. Niemi, E. Molnar, and D. H. Rischke, Phys. Rev. D85, 114047 (2012)]
Substituting $\delta f = \delta f^{(1)} + \delta f^{(2)}$:

$$\dot{\pi}^{\langle\mu\nu\rangle} + \frac{\pi^{\mu\nu}}{\tau_\pi} = 2\beta_\pi\sigma^{\mu\nu} - \frac{4}{3}\pi^{\mu\nu}\theta + 2\pi_\gamma^{\langle\mu}\omega^{\nu\rangle\gamma} - \frac{10}{7}\pi_\gamma^{\langle\mu}\sigma^{\nu\rangle\gamma},$$

where $\beta_\pi \equiv \frac{\eta}{\tau_\pi} = \frac{4P}{5}$.

- For minimal causal conformally symmetric systems:

$$\dot{\pi}^{\langle\mu\nu\rangle} + \frac{\pi^{\mu\nu}}{\tau_\pi} = 2\beta_\pi\sigma^{\mu\nu} - \frac{4}{3}\pi^{\mu\nu}\theta.$$

We will call it **“MIS” theory**.

Close variant of : I. Muller, Z. Phys. 198, 329 (1967)

W. Israel and J. M. Stewart, Annals Phys. 118, 341 (1979)

Third-order hydrodynamics

Third-order equation for shear stress tensor [A. Jaiswal, PRC 88, 021903 (2013)]:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\pi}^{\langle\mu\nu\rangle} = & -\frac{\pi^{\mu\nu}}{\tau_\pi} + 2\beta_\pi\sigma^{\mu\nu} + 2\pi_\gamma^{\langle\mu}\omega^{\nu\rangle\gamma} - \frac{10}{7}\pi_\gamma^{\langle\mu}\sigma^{\nu\rangle\gamma} - \frac{4}{3}\pi^{\mu\nu}\theta - \frac{10}{63}\pi^{\mu\nu}\theta^2 \\ & + \tau_\pi \left[\frac{50}{7}\pi^{\rho\langle\mu}\omega^{\nu\rangle\gamma}\sigma_{\rho\gamma} - \frac{76}{245}\pi^{\mu\nu}\sigma^{\rho\gamma}\sigma_{\rho\gamma} - \frac{44}{49}\pi^{\rho\langle\mu}\sigma^{\nu\rangle\gamma}\sigma_{\rho\gamma} \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{2}{7}\pi^{\rho\langle\mu}\omega^{\nu\rangle\gamma}\omega_{\rho\gamma} - \frac{2}{7}\omega^{\rho\langle\mu}\omega^{\nu\rangle\gamma}\pi_{\rho\gamma} + \frac{26}{21}\pi_\gamma^{\langle\mu}\omega^{\nu\rangle\gamma}\theta - \frac{2}{3}\pi_\gamma^{\langle\mu}\sigma^{\nu\rangle\gamma}\theta \right] \\ & - \frac{24}{35}\nabla^{\langle\mu}\left(\pi^{\nu\rangle\gamma}\dot{u}_\gamma\tau_\pi\right) + \frac{6}{7}\nabla_\gamma\left(\tau_\pi\dot{u}^\gamma\pi^{\langle\mu\nu\rangle}\right) + \frac{4}{35}\nabla^{\langle\mu}\left(\tau_\pi\nabla_\gamma\pi^{\nu\rangle\gamma}\right) \\ & - \frac{2}{7}\nabla_\gamma\left(\tau_\pi\nabla^{\langle\mu}\pi^{\nu\rangle\gamma}\right) - \frac{1}{7}\nabla_\gamma\left(\tau_\pi\nabla^\gamma\pi^{\langle\mu\nu\rangle}\right) + \frac{12}{7}\nabla_\gamma\left(\tau_\pi\dot{u}^{\langle\mu}\pi^{\nu\rangle\gamma}\right).\end{aligned}$$

Setup: Conformal system

Bjorken flow [J. D. Bjorken, PRD 27, 140 (1983)]

- For boost-invariant longitudinal expansion, $v^z = \frac{z}{t}$, $v^x = v^y = 0$.
- Milne coordinate system: proper time $\tau = \sqrt{t^2 - z^2}$ and space-time rapidity $\eta_s = \tanh^{-1}(z/t)$.

Hydrodynamic equations for Bjorken for MIS, DNMR and third-order theories can be brought into the generic form:

$$\frac{d\epsilon}{d\tau} = -\frac{1}{\tau} \left(\frac{4}{3}\epsilon - \pi \right), \quad \frac{d\pi}{d\tau} = -\frac{\pi}{\tau} + \frac{1}{\tau} \left[\frac{4}{3}\beta_\pi - \left(\lambda + \frac{4}{3} \right) \pi - \chi \frac{\pi^2}{\beta_\pi} \right],$$

where $\beta_\pi \equiv \frac{\eta}{\tau_\pi} = \frac{4P}{5}$ and $\tau_\pi = 5\bar{\eta}/T$.

Theory	β_π	a	λ	χ	γ
MIS	$4P/5$	$4/15$	0	0	$4/3$
DNMR	$4P/5$	$4/15$	$10/21$	0	$4/3$
Third-order	$4P/5$	$4/15$	$10/21$	$72/245$	$412/147$

The coefficients β_π , a , λ , χ , and γ for MIS, DNMR and Third-order.

Bjorken equations: Lyapunov exponent

- Bjorken equations in terms of dimensionless parameters, proper time variable $\bar{\tau} \equiv \tau/\tau_\pi$ and normalized shear $\bar{\pi} \equiv \pi/(\epsilon + P)$:

$$\frac{d\bar{\tau}}{d\tau} = \left(\frac{\bar{\pi} + 2}{3}\right) \frac{\bar{\tau}}{\tau}, \quad \left(\frac{\bar{\pi} + 2}{3}\right) \frac{d\bar{\pi}}{d\bar{\tau}} = -\bar{\pi} + \frac{1}{\bar{\tau}} (a - \lambda\bar{\pi} - \gamma\bar{\pi}^2).$$

- Series expansion in powers of $1/\bar{\tau}$,

$$\bar{\pi}(\bar{\tau}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{c_n}{\bar{\tau}^n} = \frac{a}{\bar{\tau}} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\bar{\tau}^2}\right).$$

- Linear perturbation around this solution:

$$\delta\bar{\pi}(\bar{\tau}) \sim \bar{\tau}^{\frac{3}{4}(a-2\lambda)} \exp\left(-\frac{3}{2}\bar{\tau}\right) \left[1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\bar{\tau}^2}\right)\right].$$

Lyapunov exponent: $\Lambda = -3/2$.

M. P. Heller and M. Spaliski, Phys.Rev. Lett. 115 (2015) 072501 [1503.07514]

G. Basar and G. V. Dunne, Phys. Rev. D92 (2015) 125011 [1509.05046]

A. Behtash, S. Kamata, M. Martinez and H. Shi, Phys. Rev. D99 (2019) 116012

Bjorken equations: Fixed points

- Hydrodynamic equations in terms of temperature $T(\tau)$ and $\bar{\pi}(\tau)$:

$$\frac{dT}{d\tau} = \frac{T}{3\tau} (\bar{\pi} - 1), \quad \frac{d\bar{\pi}}{d\tau} = -\frac{\bar{\pi}T}{5\bar{\eta}} + \frac{1}{\tau} (a - \lambda\bar{\pi} - \gamma\bar{\pi}).$$

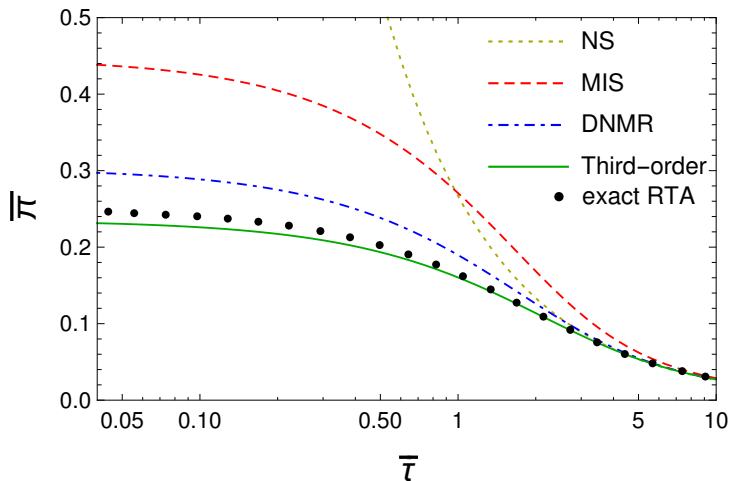
- Both derivatives should vanish at the fixed points. This conditions is satisfied at:

$$(0, \bar{\pi}_+, \tau), \quad (0, \bar{\pi}_-, \tau), \quad \left(-\frac{5\bar{\eta}}{\tau} (\lambda + \gamma - a), 1, \tau \right).$$

Notation: $(T, \bar{\pi}, \tau)$, $\bar{\pi}_{\pm} \equiv \frac{-\lambda \pm \sqrt{4a\gamma + \lambda^2}}{2\gamma}$.

- First fixed point is the stable fixed point (attractor). The second fixed point is unstable (repulsor).
- Third fixed point (red) lies in unphysical region (-ve temperature).

Attractors for different theories



Numerical attractors are obtained following the prescription—
M. P. Heller and M. Spaliski, *Phys.Rev. Lett.* 115 (2015) 072501 [1503.07514]

Exact differential equation:

$$\left(\frac{\bar{\pi} + 2}{3}\right) \frac{d\bar{\pi}}{d\bar{\tau}} = -\bar{\pi} + \frac{1}{\bar{\tau}} (a - \lambda\bar{\pi} - \gamma\bar{\pi}^2)$$

Has the form of an Abel differential equation of the second kind for which, to the best of our knowledge, an analytical solution does not exist.

Approximate solutions \Rightarrow

Analytical solution assuming const. relaxation time

G. S. Denicol and J. Noronha, PRD 97, 056021 (2018).

- Bjorken equations can also be written as,

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon\tau^{4/3}} \frac{d(\epsilon\tau^{4/3})}{d\tau} = \frac{4}{3} \frac{\bar{\pi}}{\tau}, \quad \frac{d\bar{\pi}}{d\tau} = -\frac{\bar{\pi}}{\tau} + \frac{1}{\tau} (a - \lambda\bar{\pi} - \gamma\bar{\pi}^2).$$

- Assume a constant relaxation time: $\tau_\pi(\tau) = \text{const.}$

Introduces new length scale τ_π in addition to $1/T$. Consequences on Lyapunov exponent.

- Equation in terms of $\bar{\pi}, \bar{\tau}$:

$$\frac{d\bar{\pi}}{d\bar{\tau}} = -\bar{\pi} + \frac{1}{\bar{\tau}} (a - \lambda\bar{\pi} - \gamma\bar{\pi}^2).$$

Riccati equation. Solution exists.

Analytical solution approximating relaxation time from ideal hydrodynamics:

- Bjorken equations:

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon\tau^{4/3}} \frac{d(\epsilon\tau^{4/3})}{d\tau} = \frac{4\bar{\pi}}{3\tau}, \quad \frac{d\bar{\pi}}{d\tau} = -\frac{\bar{\pi}}{\tau} + \frac{1}{\tau} (a - \lambda\bar{\pi} - \gamma\bar{\pi}^2).$$

- For conformal system: $\tau_\pi \propto 1/T$.

- Temperature from ideal fluid law: $T_{\text{id}} = T_0 \left(\frac{\tau_0}{\tau}\right)^{1/3}$

$$\implies \tau_\pi(\tau) = b\tau^{1/3}, \quad b \equiv \frac{5\bar{\eta}}{T_0\tau_0^{1/3}} = \text{const.}$$

- Equation reduces to Riccati equation:

$$\frac{2}{3} \frac{d\bar{\pi}}{d\bar{\tau}} = -\bar{\pi} + \frac{1}{\bar{\tau}} (a - \lambda\bar{\pi} - \gamma\bar{\pi}^2).$$

Analytical solution approximating relaxation time from Navier-Stokes evolution:

- Bjorken equations:

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon\tau^{4/3}} \frac{d(\epsilon\tau^{4/3})}{d\tau} = \frac{4\bar{\pi}}{3\tau}, \quad \frac{d\bar{\pi}}{d\tau} = -\frac{\bar{\pi}}{\tau} + \frac{1}{\tau} (a - \lambda\bar{\pi} - \gamma\bar{\pi}^2).$$

- For conformal system: $\tau_\pi \propto 1/T$.

- Temperature from NS: $T_{\text{NS}} = T_0 \left(\frac{\tau_0}{\tau}\right)^{1/3} \left[1 + \frac{2\bar{\eta}}{3T_0 T_0} \left\{1 - \left(\frac{\tau_0}{\tau}\right)^{2/3}\right\}\right]$

$$\implies \tau_\pi(\tau) = \frac{\tau^{1/3}}{d - \frac{2}{15}\tau^{-2/3}}, \quad d \equiv \left(\frac{T_0\tau_0}{5\bar{\eta}} + \frac{2}{15}\right) \tau_0^{-2/3} = \text{const.}$$

- Reduces to Riccati equation:

$$\left(\frac{a/\bar{\tau} + 2}{3}\right) \frac{d\bar{\pi}}{d\bar{\tau}} = -\bar{\pi} + \frac{1}{\bar{\tau}} (a - \lambda\bar{\pi} - \gamma\bar{\pi}^2).$$

General solutions for all three approximations

The approximate analytical solutions for all three cases in terms of Whittaker functions $M_{k,m}(\bar{\tau})$ and $W_{k,m}(\bar{\tau})$:

$$\bar{\pi}(\bar{\tau}) = \frac{(k+m+\frac{1}{2})M_{k+1,m}(w) - \alpha W_{k+1,m}(w)}{\gamma|\Lambda| [M_{k,m}(w) + \alpha W_{k,m}(w)]},$$

$$\epsilon(\bar{\tau}) = \epsilon_0 \left(\frac{w_0}{w}\right)^{\frac{4}{3} \left(|\Lambda| - \frac{k}{\gamma}\right)} e^{-\frac{2}{3\gamma}(w-w_0)} \left(\frac{M_{k,m}(w) + \alpha W_{k,m}(w)}{M_{k,m}(w_0) + \alpha W_{k,m}(w_0)}\right)^{\frac{4}{3\gamma}}.$$

$T(\tau)$	w	Λ	k	m
const.	$\bar{\tau}$	-1	$-\frac{1}{2}(\lambda+1)$	$\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{4a\gamma+\lambda^2}$
ideal	$\frac{3}{2}\bar{\tau}$	$-\frac{3}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{4}(3\lambda+2)$	$\frac{3}{4}\sqrt{4a\gamma+\lambda^2}$
NS	$\frac{3}{2}(\bar{\tau}+\frac{a}{2})$	$-\frac{3}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{4}(3(\lambda-\frac{a}{2})+2)$	$\frac{3}{4}\sqrt{4a\gamma+(\lambda-\frac{a}{2})^2}$

Arguments and parameters for the obtained analytical solutions.

α encodes the initial condition $\bar{\pi}_0$.

Analytical attractors

- Uniquely determining attractor:**

We propose the quantity—

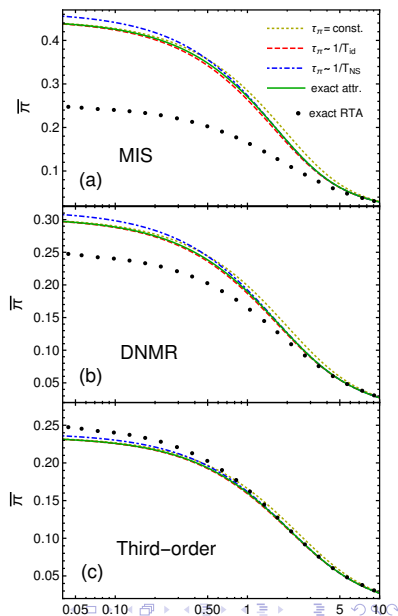
$$\psi(\alpha_0) \equiv \lim_{\bar{\tau} \rightarrow \bar{\tau}_0} \frac{\partial \bar{\pi}}{\partial \alpha} \Big|_{\alpha=\alpha_0}$$

diverges at α_0 which corresponds to attractor. $\bar{\tau}_0$ slice contains fixed points. $\alpha_0 = 0$ for cases studied here.

- Attractor solution:**

$$\bar{\pi}_{\text{attr}}(\bar{\tau}) = \frac{k+m+\frac{1}{2}}{\gamma|\Lambda|} \frac{M_{k+1,m}(w)}{M_{k,m}(w)}.$$

Independent of initial conditions α !



Lyapunov exponent from analytical solutions

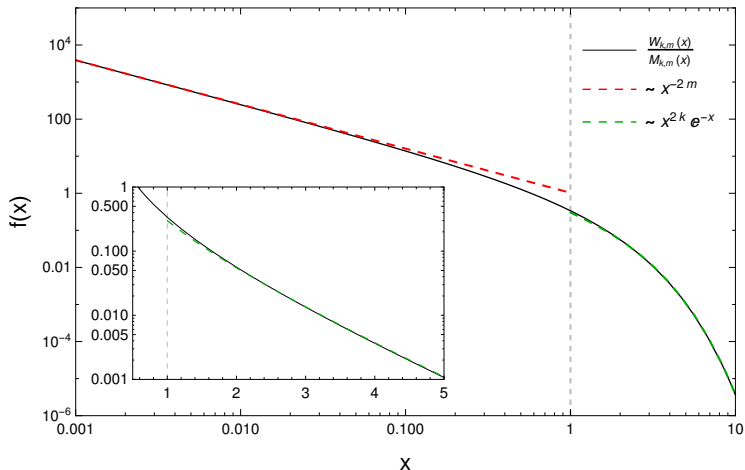
Lyapunov exponent (Λ) can be extracted from the analytical solutions—

$$\Lambda = \lim_{\bar{\tau} \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\tau}} \left[\ln \left(\frac{\partial \bar{\pi}}{\partial \alpha} \right) \right].$$

For constant relaxation time approximation, $\Lambda = -1$. Consequence of introducing new length scale τ_π .

For the other two cases (τ_π from ideal and NS), $\Lambda = -\frac{3}{2}$.

Power law and exponential decay of initial conditions



$$\delta\bar{\pi} \propto \frac{W_{k,m}(x)}{M_{k,m}(x)}.$$

Power-law decay ($\delta\bar{\pi} \approx \bar{\tau}^{-2m}$) in large Knudsen number regime .
[\[A. Kurkela, U. A. Wiedemann, and B. Wu, \(2019\),:1907.08101v1\]](#).

Exponential decay ($\delta\bar{\pi} \approx \bar{\tau}^{2k} e^{-|\Lambda|\bar{\tau}}$) for small Knudsen numbers.

Summary

- Existence of attractor in Minimal causal theory.
- Comparison of attractors for various hydrodynamic theories.
- Analytical solutions for different hydrodynamic theories for Bjorken expansion in different approximations.
- Uniquely determining attractor from obtained analytical solutions.
- Lyapunov exponents from analytical solutions.
- Early and late “time” behavior of initial conditions.

Thank You!