

Resurgence and Relativistic Hydrodynamics — Status Report

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based on **1802.08225** with Svensson, **1609.04803v2** with Kurkela, Spaliński, Svensson, **2007.05524** with Serantes, Spaliński, Svensson, Withers, as well as earlier works and papers by other people

Introduction

Motivation

Relativistic hydrodynamics is important for HEP since it encapsulates effective reduction of degrees of freedom in non-equilibrium processes in QFTs

Key applications to heavy ion collisions at RHIC and LHC, now also of interest in neutron star mergers, long-standing connections with black holes

The topic of my talk: **large order behaviour** of this classical dissipative EFT:

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

$\longleftrightarrow \pi^{\mu\nu}$

microscopic
input:

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

EoS

↑

shear viscosity
contribution

↑

bulk viscosity
(vanishes for CFTs)

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Some developments since the KITP program

Resurgence and Hydrodynamic Attractors in Gauss-Bonnet Holography

Jorge Casalderrey-Solana (Oxford U., Theor. Phys.), Nikola I. Gushterov (Oxford U., Theor. Phys.), Ben Meiring (Oxford U., Theor. Phys.) (Dec 7, 2017)

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Hydrodynamization in kinetic theory: Transient modes and the gradient expansion

Michał P. Heller (Potsdam, Max Planck Inst. and Perimeter Inst. Theor. Phys. and Warsaw, Inst. Nucl. Studies), Alekski Kurkela (CERN and Stavanger U.), Michał Spaliński (Warsaw, Inst. Nucl. Studies and Białystok U.), Viktor Svensson (Warsaw, Inst. Nucl. Studies and Potsdam, Max Planck Inst.) (Sep 15, 2016)

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How does relativistic kinetic theory remember about initial conditions?

Michał P. Heller (Potsdam, Max Planck Inst. and NCBJ, Warsaw), Viktor Svensson (Potsdam, Max Planck Inst. and NCBJ, Warsaw) (Feb 22, 2018)

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Short-lived modes from hydrodynamic dispersion relations

Benjamin Withers (Geneva U., Dept. Theor. Phys.) (Mar 21, 2018)

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Hydrodynamic attractor and the fate of perturbative expansions in Gubser flow

Gabriel S. Denicol (Niteroi, Fluminense U.), Jorge Noronha (Sao Paulo U.) (Apr 12, 2018)

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Non-perturbative rheological behavior of a far-from-equilibrium expanding plasma

Alireza Behtash (North Carolina State U.), C.N. Cruz-Camacho (Colombia, U. Natl.), Syo Kamata (North Carolina State U.), M. Martinez (North Carolina State U.) (May 20, 2018)

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Universal behaviour, transients and attractors in supersymmetric Yang-Mills plasma

Michał Spaliński (Białystok U. and Warsaw U.) (May 29, 2018)

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Gradient resummation for nonlinear chiral transport: an insight from holography

Yanyan Bu (Harbin Inst. Tech.), Tuna Demircik (Ben Gurion U. of Negev), Michael Lublinsky (Ben Gurion U. of Negev) (Jul 30, 2018)

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Exact hydrodynamic attractor of an ultrarelativistic gas of hard spheres

Gabriel S. Denicol (Niteroi, Fluminense U.), Jorge Noronha (Illinois U., Urbana and Sao Paulo U.) (Aug 26, 2019)

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Resummed hydrodynamic expansion for a plasma of particles interacting with fields

L. Tinti (Ohio State U. and Frankfurt U.), G. Vujanovic (Ohio State U.), J. Noronha (Sao Paulo U.), U. Heinz (CERN) (Aug 20, 2018)

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The large proper-time expansion of Yang-Mills plasma as a resurgent transseries

Inês Aniceto (Jagiellonian U. and Southampton U.), Ben Meiring (Oxford U., Theor. Phys.), Jakub Jankowski (Warsaw U.), Michał Spaliński (Białystok U. and Warsaw U.) (Oct 16, 2018)

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Dynamical systems and nonlinear transient rheology of the far-from-equilibrium Bjorken flow

Alireza Behtash (North Carolina State U.), Syo Kamata (North Carolina State U.), Mauricio Martinez (North Carolina State U.), Haosheng Shi (North Carolina State U.) (Jan 24, 2019)

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Convergence of the Gradient Expansion in Hydrodynamics

Sašo Grozdanov (MIT, Cambridge, CTP), Pavel K. Kovtun (Victoria U.), Andrei O. Starinets (Oxford U., Theor. Phys.), Petar Tadić (Trinity Coll., Dublin) (Apr 1, 2019)

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The complex life of hydrodynamic modes

Sašo Grozdanov (MIT, Cambridge, CTP), Pavel K. Kovtun (Victoria U.), Andrei O. Starinets (Oxford U.), Petar Tadić (Trinity Coll., Dublin) (Apr 2019)

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The hydrodynamic gradient expansion in linear response theory

Michał P. Heller, Alexandre Serantes, Michał Spaliński, Viktor Svensson, Benjamin Withers (Jul 10, 2020)

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Non-conformal holographic Gauss-Bonnet hydrodynamics

Alex Buchel (Western Ontario U.) (Jan 18, 2018)

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Holographic Bjorken Flow at Large- D

Jorge Casalderrey-Solana (Barcelona U. and ICC, Barcelona U. and Oxford U.), Christopher P. Herzog (King's Coll. London, Dept. Math and YITP, Stony Brook), Ben Meiring (Oxford U.) (Oct 4, 2018)

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Holographic Viscoelastic Hydrodynamics

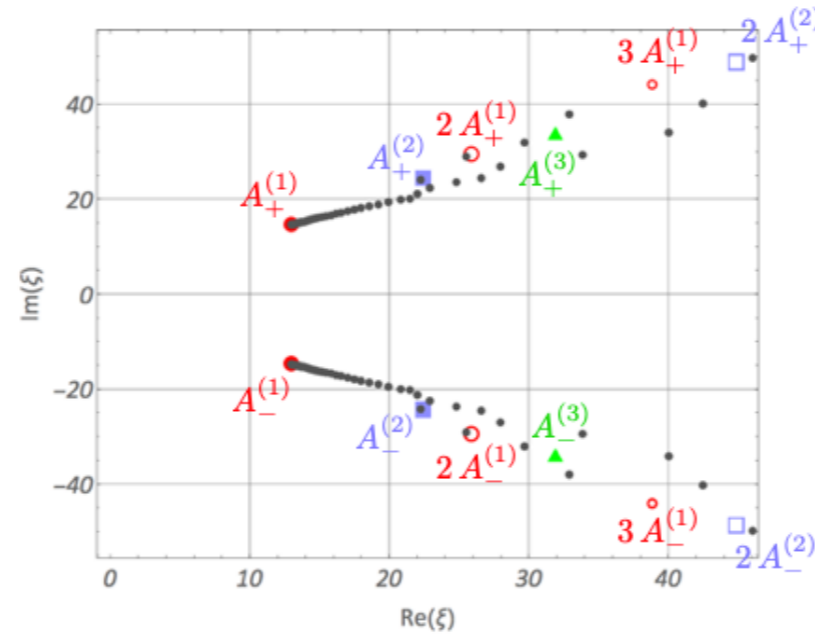
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$O(20)$ developments related to resurgence in hydrodynamics since Nov 2017. This talk covers **the red ones**. I am very sorry for inevitable omissions.

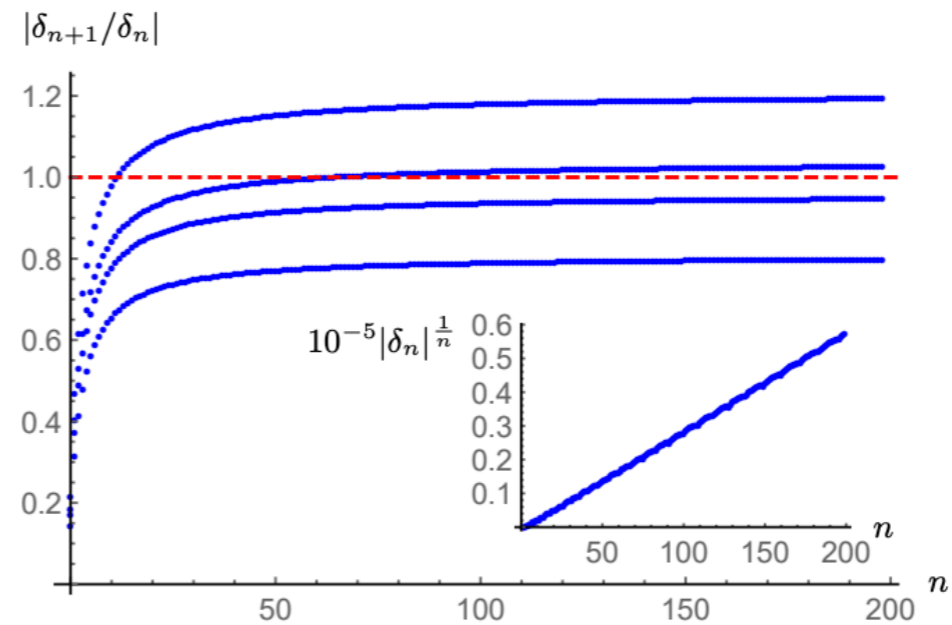
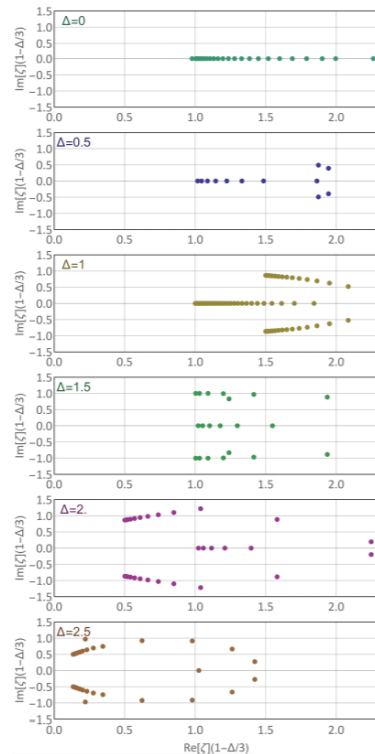
Goal

http://online.kitp.ucsb.edu/online/resurgent_c17/heller/



1802.08225 with Svensson

2007.05524 with Serantes, Spaliński, Svensson, Withers



Pre(KITP conference)history

Hydrodynamic and transient modes

see, for example, [1707.02282](#) with Florkowski and Spaliński

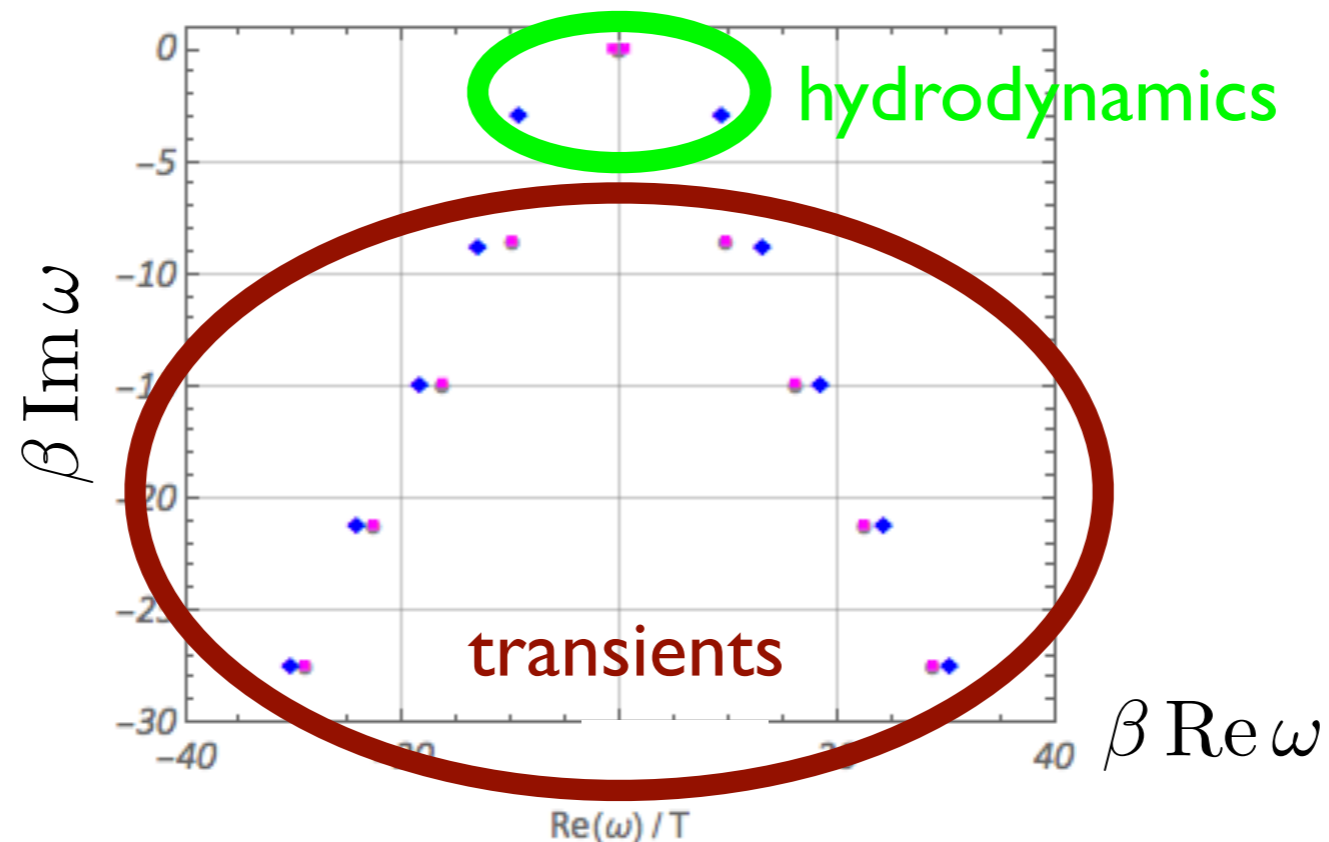
Linear response theory on top $\rho \sim e^{-\frac{1}{T}H}$ is the simplest and very powerful model of nonequilibrium physics with a hydrodynamic tail

$$\delta\langle\mathcal{O}(t,p)\rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega e^{-i\omega t} G_R^{\mathcal{O}}(\omega,p) \mathcal{J}(-\omega,-p)$$

$$\text{with } G_R^{\mathcal{O}}(t,x) = i\theta(t) \text{tr}(\rho [\mathcal{O}(t,x), \mathcal{O}(0,0)])$$

The response is encoded in singularities in ω of $G_R^{\mathcal{O}}(\omega,p)$ at fixed value of p

$\mathcal{O} = T_{\mu\nu}$
in a holographic
CFT:



$$\beta p = 0.1$$

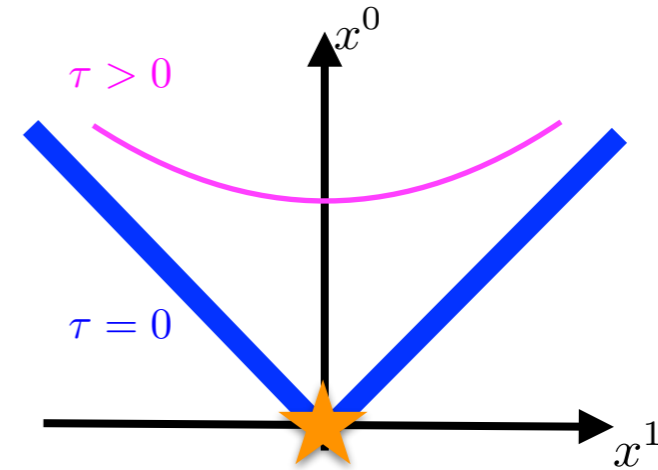
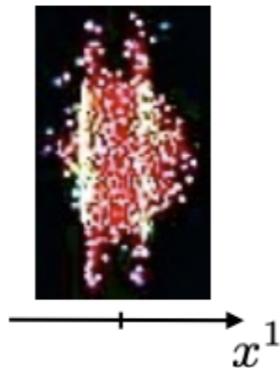
$$\beta p = 1$$

$$\beta p = 10$$

Bjorken flow in holographic CFTs

1302.0697 with Janik and Witaszczyk, see also 1810.07130 by Aniceto, Meiring, Jankowski and Spaliński

const x^0 slice:

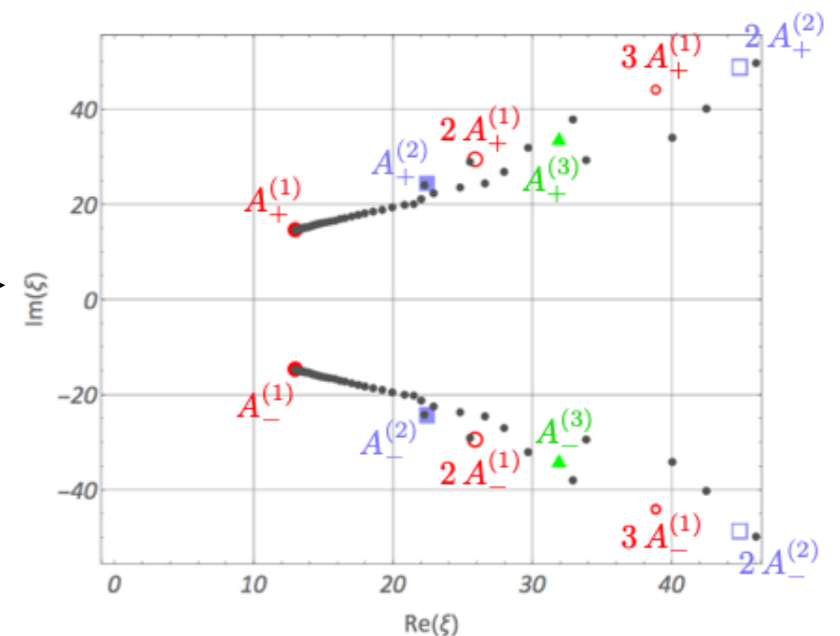


In Bjorken flow in a CFT symmetries fix $u^\mu \partial_\mu = \partial_\tau$ and the dynamics lies in a single function of a single dimensionless variable: $\mathcal{A}(w \sim \tau \mathcal{E}^{1/4}) \equiv \frac{\mathcal{P}_T - \mathcal{P}_L}{\mathcal{E}/3}$

Since $\nabla_\mu u^\mu \sim \frac{1}{\tau}$, on-shell gradient expansion: $\mathcal{A}(w) \approx \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{w^n} = \left(\sim \frac{\eta}{s} \right) \frac{1}{w} + \dots$

We calculated up to $n = 240$ terms using 2013 state of the art numerical relativity in AdS_5 and found out vanishing radius of convergence: $a_n = \frac{\Gamma(n + \beta)}{A^n}$

Borel-Padé
 →
 reveals **transients**



Trans-series for Bjorken flow in a simple model

I503.07114 with Spaliński, see also I509.05046 by Basar and Dunne

The key insight: in Bjorken flow the gradient expansion and transients form a trans-series in which the gradient expansion is perturbative in the “coupling constant” $\frac{1}{w}$ and transient are non-perturbative and behave as $\exp\left(-\frac{1}{w}\right)$

To conclude this, we simplified the problem and considered a model, which has only one transient and produces a first order ODE for $\mathcal{A}(w)$. We got:

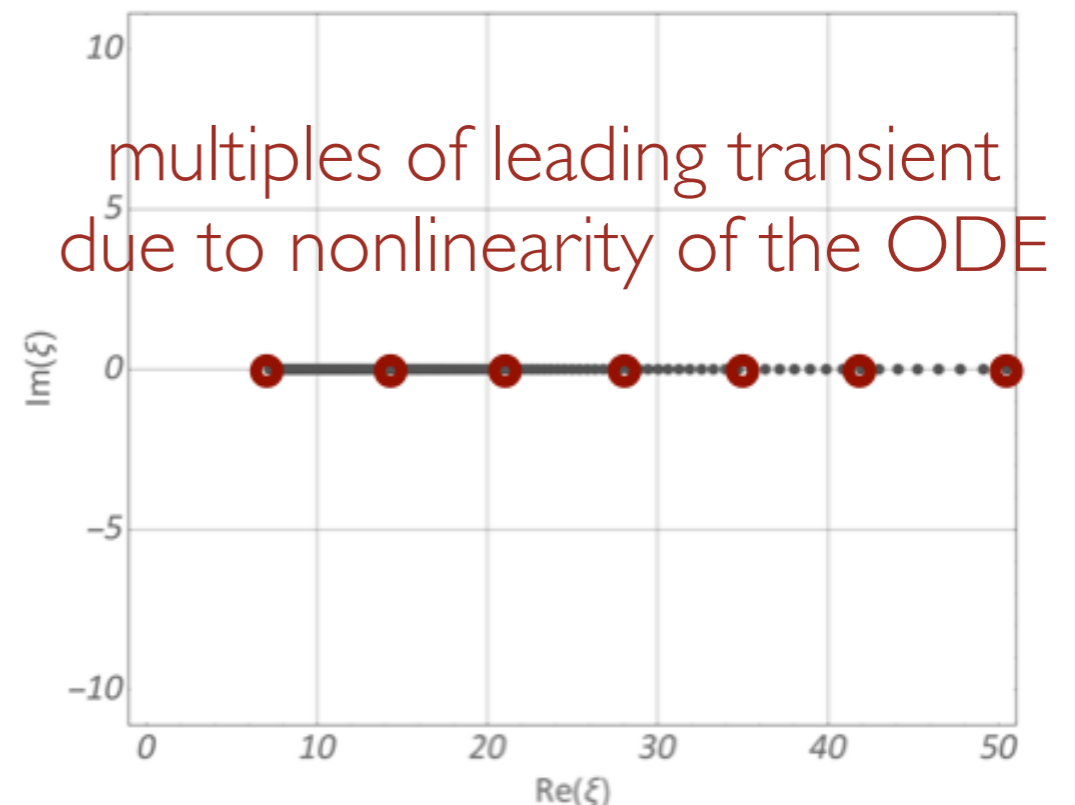
single trans-series parameter

$$\mathcal{A}(w) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sigma^m e^{-mA w} \Phi_m(w)$$

$$\Phi_m(w) = w^{m\beta} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n^{(m)}}{w^n}$$

with $a_n^{(0)} \equiv a_n$

Borel-Padé
 $\xrightarrow{\hspace{1.5cm}}$
 for $m = 0$



Bjorken flow in kinetic theory

I609.04803v1 with Kurkela and Spaliński

The previous devs concerned strong coupling physics

It was then natural to ask what happens at weak coupling \longrightarrow kinetic theory

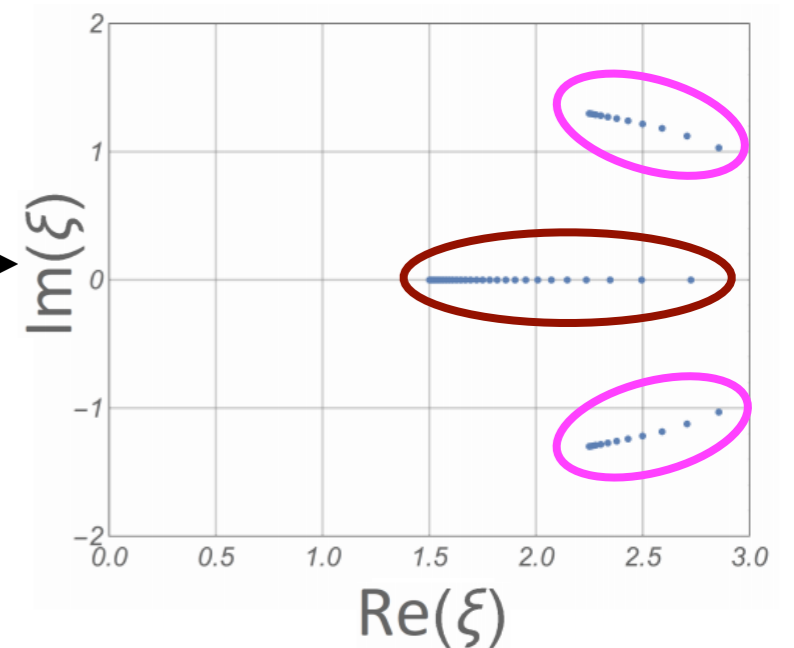
In the relaxation time approximation kinetic theory for $f(x, k)$ one gets

$$k^\mu \partial_\mu f \sim \frac{1}{\tau_{rel}} (f - f_{eq})$$

with $\tau_{rel} \sim \frac{1}{T}$

$$\longrightarrow \mathcal{A}(w) \approx \sum_{n=1}^{200} \frac{a_n}{w^n}$$

Borel-Padé \longrightarrow



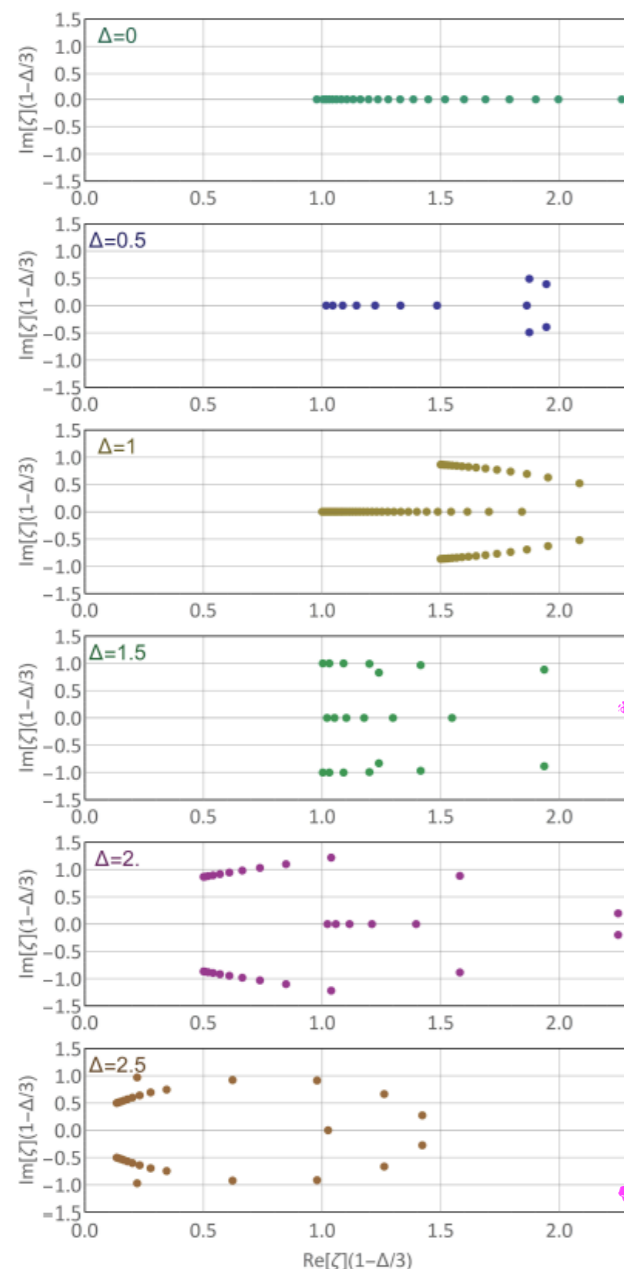
The singularities on the real axis are **transients**, but what are **the other ones**?

> 2017: “ghost modes”

Towards resolution of the kinetic theory puzzle

1802.08225 with Svensson

If the additional singularities are transients, then we should see them in the evolution. For $\tau_{rel} \sim \frac{1}{T}$ they would be subleading $\longrightarrow \tau_{rel} \sim \frac{1}{T^\Delta}$:



in this range of Δ the additional singularity would be the dominant transient effect, but our very accurate solution of kinetic theory did not see any trace of them

Solution of the kinetic theory puzzle

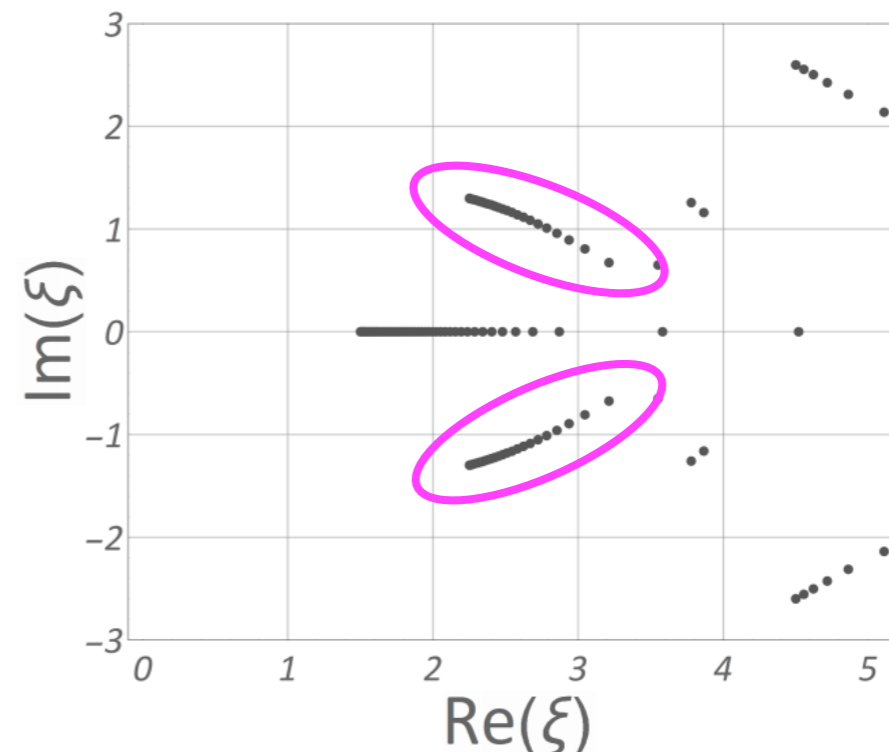
I609.04803v2 with Kurkela, Spaliński and Svensson (online on 22 Feb 2018)

Our kinetic theory admits an integral equation representation for $\mathcal{E}(\tau)$:

$$\mathcal{E}(\tau) \exp\left(\int_{\tau_0}^{\tau} \frac{d\tau'}{\tau_{\text{rel}}(\tau')}\right) = \mathcal{E}_0(\tau) + \int_{\tau_0}^{\tau} \frac{d\tau'}{\tau_{\text{rel}}(\tau')} H\left(\frac{\tau'}{\tau}\right) \mathcal{E}(\tau') \exp\left(\int_{\tau_0}^{\tau'} \frac{d\tau''}{\tau_{\text{rel}}(\tau'')}\right)$$

Physical contour of integration in τ is homologous to the real axis and this is how we solved the initial value problem

Resurgence knows about nontrivial contour deformations, which provide access to singularities in $H\left(\frac{\tau'}{\tau}\right)$. They lead precisely to **the additional cuts**:



> 2017: mode collisions

Fourier space statement: mode collisions

1803.08058 by Withers; **1904.01018** and **1904.12862** by Grozdanov, Kovtun, Starinets, Tadić

At the level of the linear response theory, hydrodynamic gradient expansion leads to the expansion of hydrodynamic mode frequencies ω_h in p , e.g.

$$\omega_h = -i \frac{\eta}{sT} p^2 - i \left(\frac{\eta^2 \tau_\pi}{s^2 T^2} - \frac{\theta_1}{2sT} \right) p^4 + \dots$$

The quoted works showed that this expansion has a finite radius of convergence set by the smallest $|p_*|$ for which $\omega_h(p_*) = \omega_{some\ transient}(p_*)$

For example, in the simple model we considered in **1503.07114** with Spaliński based on **0712.2451** by Baier, Romatschke, Son, Starinets, Stephanov with only 1 transient one has

$$\omega_h = i \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1 - 4 \frac{\eta}{sT} \tau_\pi p^2}}{2 \tau_\pi} \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_{transient} = i \frac{-1 - \sqrt{1 - 4 \frac{\eta}{sT} \tau_\pi p^2}}{2 \tau_\pi}$$

In this case p_* is real and equals $\pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{sT}{\eta \tau_\pi}}$

> 2017: gradient expansion without symmetries

Basic idea

2007.05524 with Serantes, Spaliński, Svensson, Withers

Linearized hydrodynamics, $u^\mu \partial_\mu = \partial_t + u^j \partial_j$ and $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}_0 + \epsilon$, allows us to overcome the need of high symmetry, as was the case for the Bjorken flow

As we realized, in linearized hydrodynamics the hydrodynamic constitutive relations can be written as only three contributions at each order

$$\Pi_{jl} = -A(\partial^2) \sigma_{jl} - B(\partial^2) \pi_{jl}^u - C(\partial^2) \pi_{jl}^\epsilon \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{aligned} \sigma_{jl} &= \left(\partial_j u_l + \partial_l u_j - \frac{2}{d-1} \delta_{jl} \partial_r u^r \right) \\ \pi_{jl}^\epsilon &= \left(\partial_j \partial_l - \frac{1}{d-1} \delta_{jl} \partial^2 \right) \epsilon \\ \pi_{jl}^u &= \left(\partial_j \partial_l - \frac{1}{d-1} \delta_{jl} \partial^2 \right) \partial_r u^r \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, the properties of $A(\partial^2)$ etc determined by $\omega_h : A(\partial^2) = i s T \omega_h|_{p^2 = -\partial^2}$

This allows to translate the properties of the expansion of $A(\partial^2)$ when acting on a solution to the properties of ω_h and $|p_*|$, as well as $u^j(p)$

Real space example

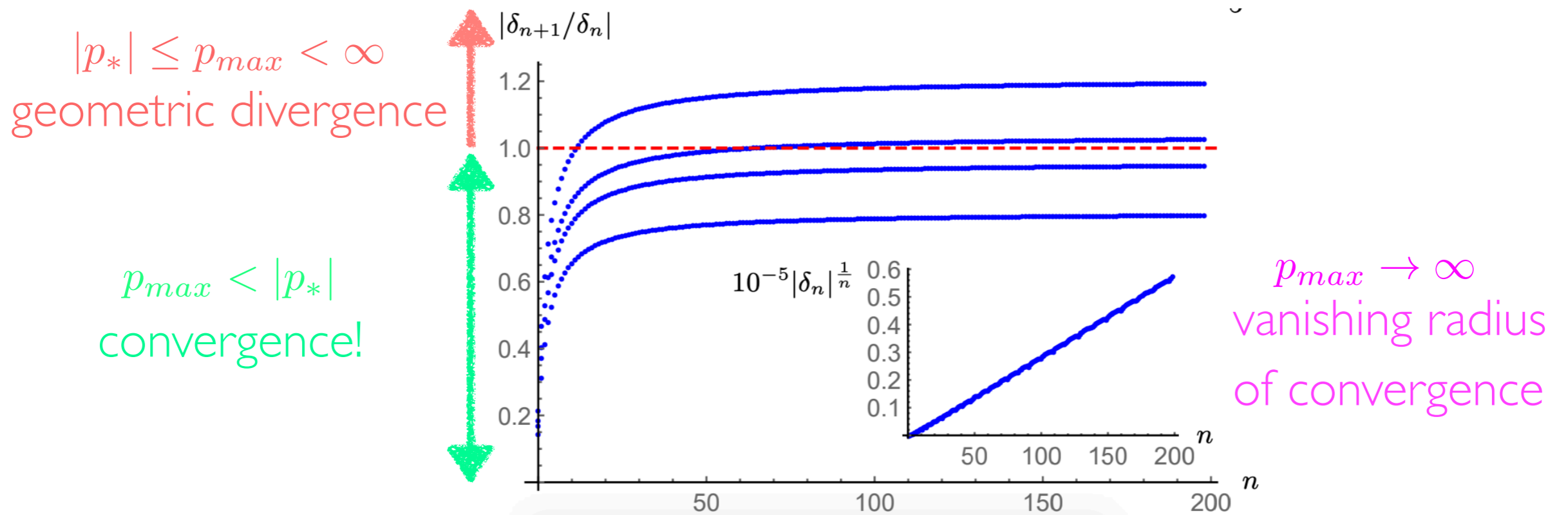
2007.05524 with Serantes, Spaliński, Svensson, Withers

Let us take 0712.2451 by Baier, Romatschke, Son, Starinets, Stephanov:

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We look at the initial conditions $u_1(0, p) = 0$, $\partial_t u_1(0, p) = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \gamma^2 p^2} \Theta(p_{max}^2 - p^2)$

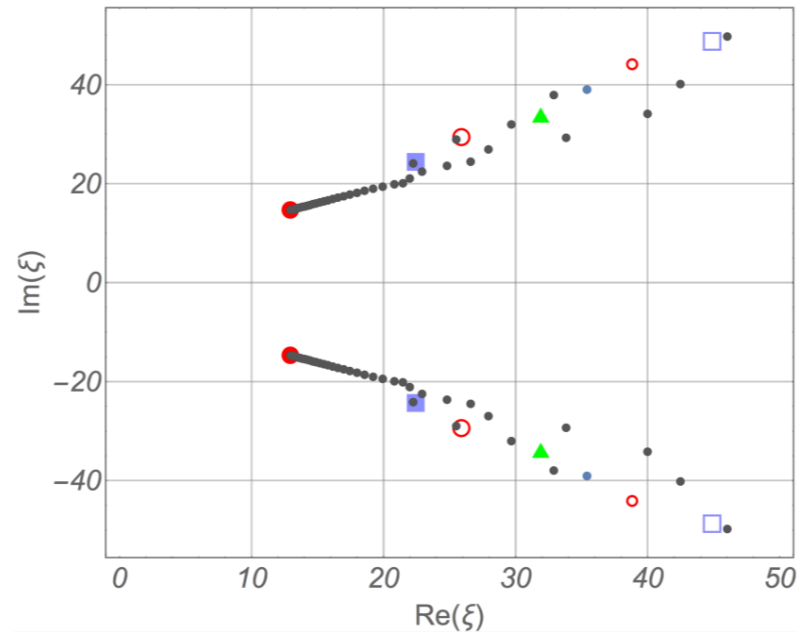
consider $\Pi_{1,3}(t, x) = A(\partial_x^2) \partial_x u_1(t, x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \delta_n$ with δ_n having $2n + 1$ derivatives:



Outlook

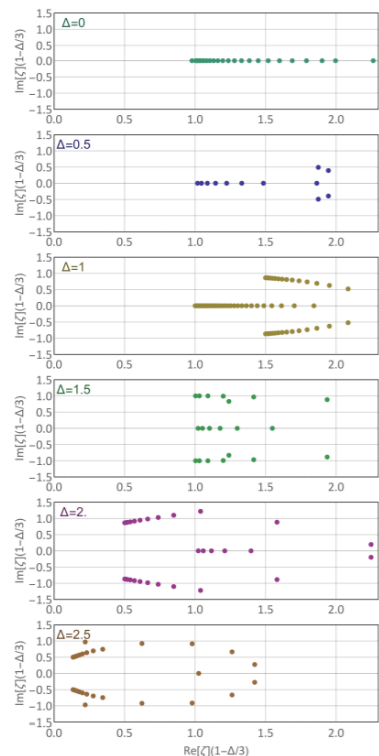
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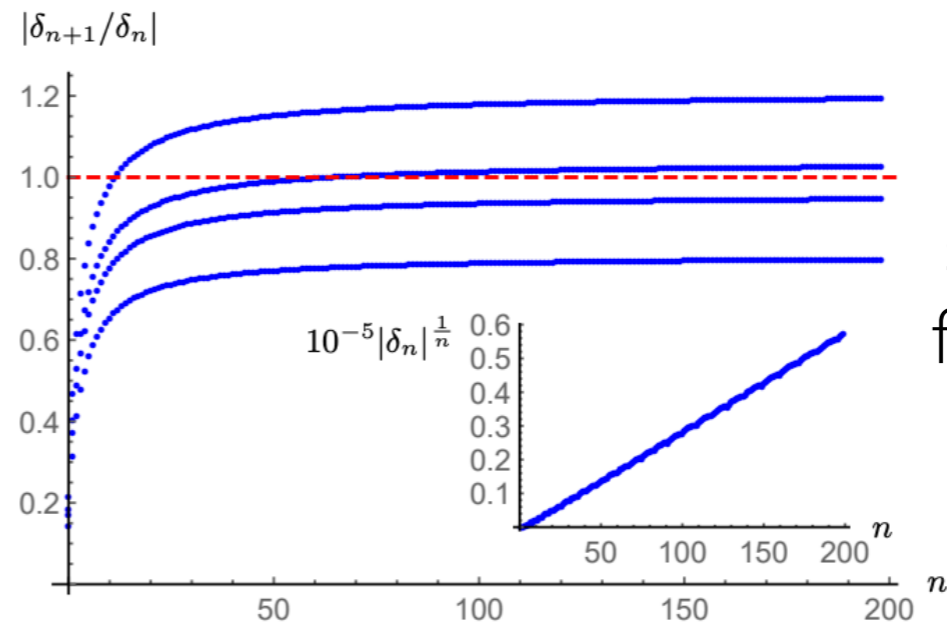
Bjorken flow:
divergent gradient
expansion + transients
= trans-series

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kinetic theory:
richer mathematical
structure due to
integral eoms

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Svensson, Withers



the first
statement
for generic
flows