

Sound of rigidly moving fluids: on linear waves in inhomogeneous backgrounds

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A theory of dissipative hydrodynamics must predict that the **equilibrium** state is stable against small perturbations



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- ▶ Traditional relativistic Navier-Stokes theory predicts that small perturbations in a homogeneous background can grow forever

[Hiscock and Lindblom (1985)]

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Our goal: extending [\[Hiscock and Lindblom \(1985\)\]](#) to inhomogenous equilibrium configurations

- 1 Introduction: Categorization of equilibrium configurations
- 2 Extending to the tangent bundle
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- 5 Application to MIS theory

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Introduction

Only rigid motion is allowed in equilibrium

- ▶ Equilibrium state is defined by

$$\overbrace{\nabla_{\mu}\beta_{\nu} + \nabla_{\nu}\beta_{\mu} = 0}^{\text{a Killing vector}} \quad \text{and} \quad \overbrace{\beta \cdot \beta > 0}^{\text{that is timelike}}$$

- ▶ Geometry \rightarrow Physics in equilibrium (see, e.g., [\[Becattini \(2016\)\]](#))

$$u^{\mu} = \beta^{\mu} / \sqrt{\beta \cdot \beta} \quad T = 1 / \sqrt{\beta \cdot \beta} \quad \mathcal{L}_{\beta} \text{Phys.} = 0$$

- ▶ Thermal vorticity $\varpi_{\mu\nu} \equiv -\frac{1}{2} (\nabla_{\mu}\beta_{\nu} - \nabla_{\nu}\beta_{\mu})$

* ∇ is the covariant derivative

In flat spacetime using thermal vorticity, we can categorize equilibrium configurations

- ▶ Homogenous configurations $\varpi_{\mu\nu} = 0$: hydrostatic and uniformly moving fluids
- ▶ Inhomogenous configurations $\varpi_{\mu\nu} \neq 0$: pure acceleration and rigid rotation (see e.g. [\[Becattini \(2018\)\]](#))
- ▶ To keep β timelike we need to enforce a boundary that introduces a length scale ℓ_{vort}

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- * Thermal vorticity $\varpi_{\mu\nu} \equiv -\nabla_{[\mu}\beta_{\nu]} = \frac{2}{T}a_{[\mu}u_{\nu]} + \frac{1}{T}\epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}\omega^\alpha u^\beta$
 - * Hydrostatic (fluid at rest with constant temperature) $\beta = \frac{1}{T_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$
 - * Uniformly moving fluid with constant temperature $\beta = \frac{1}{T_0} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right)$
 - * Uniformly accelerating fluid $\beta = \frac{1}{T_0} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + a_0 \left(z \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + t \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \right]$
 - * Rigidly rotating fluid $\beta = \frac{1}{T_0} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \Omega_0 \left(x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \right]$

How do we study stability?

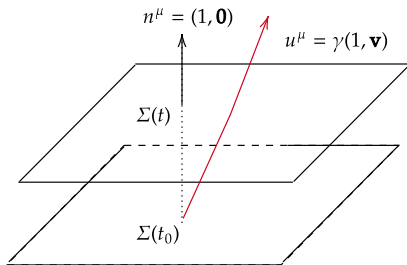
- ▶ Information current method:
The **equilibrium** state must have the maximum entropy between the solutions with a shared initial state
[\[Hiscock and Lindblom \(1983\)\]](#) - [\[Olson \(1990\)\]](#) - [\[Gavassino et al. \(2022\)\]](#)
- ▶ Mode stability analysis:
Plane wave solutions of linearized hydrodynamics equations of motion around an **equilibrium** state may not grow with time
[\[Hiscock and Lindblom \(1985\)\]](#)

Linearized equations of hydrodynamics in a homogenous equilibrium configuration have linear wave solutions which reveal the nature of the theory in the linear regime and can be used to investigate linear stability

- ▶ We perturb our around a homogenous equilibrium $X_0 \rightarrow X_0 + \delta X$ ($X = \varepsilon, u, \dots$) with Fourier modes $\delta X(x) \rightarrow \delta X(k) \exp(-i\omega t + i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x})$
- ▶ Insert these into the EOM $\partial_\mu \delta T^{\mu\nu} = \mathcal{O}(\delta^2)$
- ▶ Find the matrix form of the EOM $M^{AB} \delta X^B = 0$
- ▶ This has solutions if $\det(M) = 0 \implies$ dispersion relations $\omega = \omega(\mathbf{k})$

Sound waves in a perfect fluid

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \omega & -h_{\text{eq}}k \\ -\frac{\partial p}{\partial \varepsilon}k & h_{\text{eq}}\omega \end{pmatrix}}_{M^{AB}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \delta \varepsilon(k) \\ \delta u^x(k) \end{pmatrix}}_{\delta X^B} = 0 \quad \det(M) = 0 \implies \omega^2 - \frac{\partial p}{\partial \varepsilon} k^2 = 0$$



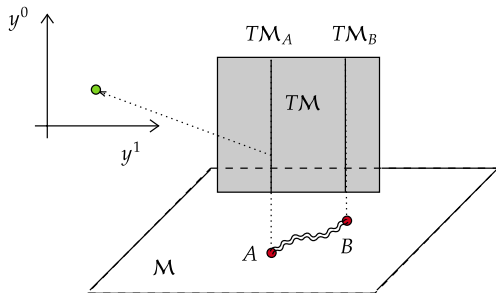
- ▶ Dissipative hydrodynamics \rightarrow complex ω
- ▶ Linear stability requires $\text{Im } \omega \leq 0$ [Hiscock and Lindblom (1985)]
- ▶ If $\text{Im } \omega > 0$ for some domain of \mathbf{k} the norm of δX over subsequent spacelike hypersurfaces grows without a bound

Linear stability analysis in inhomogeneous configurations

- ▶ (Q.1) Can we find linear wave solutions in inhomogeneous configurations?
- ▶ Naive Fourier modes do not work ($\omega = \omega(x, \mathbf{k})$ is inconsistent with $\partial_\mu \rightarrow -ik_\mu$)
- ▶ (Q.2) How are they related to stability?
- ▶ (Q.2.a) ... How do the known stability criteria in homogeneous configurations generalize to inhomogeneous ones?

To the tangent bundle

- ▶ The idea: plane waves in an infinitesimal neighborhood
- ▶ Tangent space $\mathbb{T}_x\mathcal{M}$ as a local infinitesimal homogeneous configuration
- ▶ $\mathbb{T}_x\mathcal{M}$ is the space of infinitesimal displacements at point P
- ▶ Superposition of wave propagating in this space \rightarrow solutions of the EOM in the base manifold



Wigner transform extends a tensor to the tangent bundle (Inspired by [Fonarev (1994)])

$$F_{\nu_1\nu_2\dots}^{\mu_1\mu_2\dots}(x, y) = \left(1 + y^\alpha \nabla_\alpha + \frac{1}{2!} y^\alpha y^\beta \nabla_\alpha \nabla_\beta + \dots \right) F_{\nu_1\nu_2\dots}^{\mu_1\mu_2\dots}(x)$$

It knows all the local information about the base tensor

$$F_{\nu_1\nu_2\dots}^{\mu_1\mu_2\dots}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{T}_x M} d^4 y \delta^4(y) F_{\nu_1\nu_2\dots}^{\mu_1\mu_2\dots}(x, y)$$

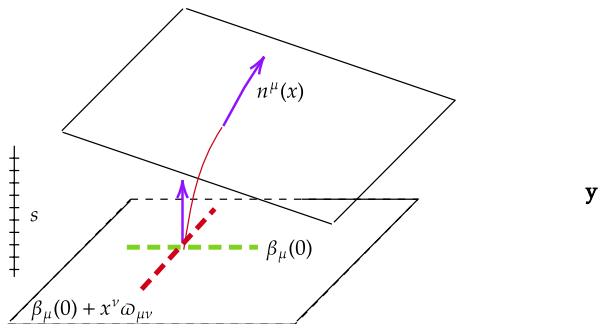
$$\nabla_\mu F_{\nu_1\nu_2\dots}^{\mu_1\mu_2\dots}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{T}_x M} d^4 y \delta^4(y) \partial_\mu^y F_{\nu_1\nu_2\dots}^{\mu_1\mu_2\dots}(x, y)$$

Wigner transform of the β -vector

- ▶ Equilibrium-preserving directions

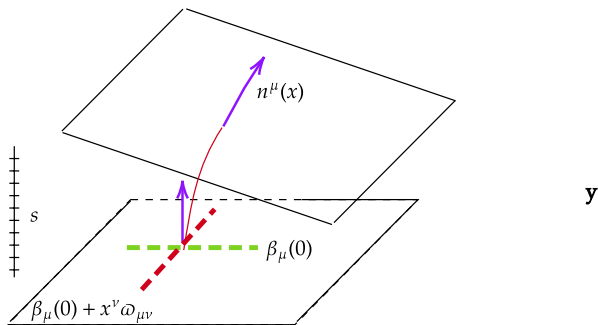
$$\beta_\mu(x, y_e) = \beta_\mu(x)$$

- ▶ ... exist if the spacetime is flat and $\omega_\mu a^\mu = 0$
- ▶ Direction of acceleration is an example of NEP directions



They are given by $y_e^\mu \varpi_{\mu\nu}(x) = 0$

$$\nabla_\mu \varpi_{\alpha\beta} = R_{\alpha\beta\mu\sigma} \beta^\sigma$$



The procedure

Step 1. Extending the EOM to our *local infinitesimal homogeneous configuration*

- ▶ (S1.a) We extend the EOM to the whole tangent space

$$\partial_\mu^y \delta T^{\mu\nu}(x, y) = 0 \quad \text{then} \quad \nabla_\mu \delta T^{\mu\nu}(x) = 0$$

- ▶ (S1.b) ... and Fourier transform using the cotangent space

$$\delta T^{\mu\nu}(x, y) = \int_k \delta T^{\mu\nu}(x, k) e^{-ik \cdot y}$$

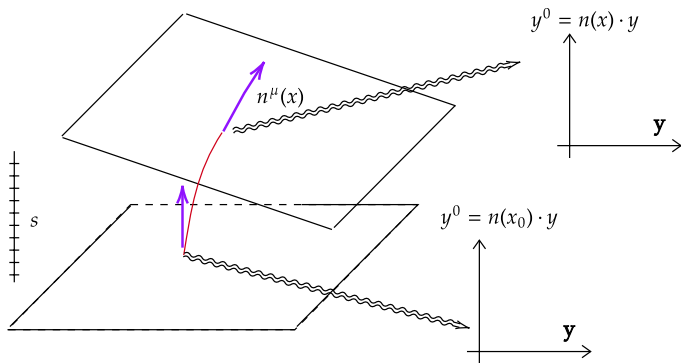
- ▶ ... therefore

$$k_\mu \delta T^{\mu\nu}(x, k) = 0$$

Step 2. To find a plane-wave solution we need to define our *local time*

- ▶ (S2) We choose a future-directed timelike $n^\mu(x)$ normalized as $n \cdot n = 1$
- ▶ ... to find $\omega = n \cdot k$ in terms of k_\perp

We will work in the LRF $n^\mu(x) = u^\mu(x)$



Step 3. Finding $\delta T^{\mu\nu}(x, k)$

- ▶ (S3) Decompose $\delta T^{\mu\nu}(x, k)$ with $u_{\text{eq}}^\mu(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta T^{\mu\nu}(x, k) &= \delta \mathcal{E}(x, k) u_{\text{eq}}^\mu(x) u_{\text{eq}}^\nu(x) - \delta \mathcal{P}(x, k) \Delta_{\text{eq}}^{\mu\nu}(x) \\ &\quad + h_{\text{eq}}(x) \left[u_{\text{eq}}^\mu(x) \delta u^\nu(x, k) + u_{\text{eq}}^\nu(x) \delta u^\mu(x, k) \right] \\ &\quad + \delta \mathcal{Q}(x)^\mu(x, k) u_{\text{eq}}^\nu(x) + \delta \mathcal{Q}^\nu(x, k) u_{\text{eq}}^\mu(x) \\ &\quad + \delta \pi^{\mu\nu}(x, k)\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Equilibrium quantities are not Wigner transformed

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- * We will work in the local rest frame $n^\mu(x) = u^\mu(x)$
 - * In our mostly minus metric sign convention $\Delta^{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} - u_{\text{eq}}^\mu u_{\text{eq}}^\nu$
 - * For example

$$\delta \mathcal{E}(x, k) = u_{\text{eq}}^\alpha(x) u_{\text{eq}}^\beta(x) \delta T_{\alpha\beta}(x, k) \quad \delta \mathcal{P}(x, k) = -\frac{1}{3} \Delta_{\text{eq}}^{\alpha\beta}(x) \delta T_{\alpha\beta}(x, k)$$

Step 4. Finding the dispersion relation

- ▶ (S4) Now we can write $k_\mu \delta T^{\mu\nu}(x, k) = 0$ in matrix form and find $\omega_a(x, k)$
 - ▶ Applying to perfect fluids we find $\omega_\pm(x, \mathbf{k}) = \pm v_s(x) \mathbf{k}$
 - ▶ The resulting dispersion relations are valid for any fixed background metric
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- ▶ For dissipative fluids we need derivatives of $\delta X(x, k)$
 - ▶ ... which are found by taking the derivative of the definition
 - ▶ For example

$$\nabla_\mu \delta \mathcal{E}(x) \rightarrow -ik_\mu \delta \mathcal{E}(x, k) - 2T_{\text{eq}}(x) \varpi_{\mu\nu}(x) \delta \tilde{Q}^\nu(x, k)$$

$$\delta \tilde{Q}^\mu(x, k) = \delta Q^\mu(x, k) + h_{\text{eq}}(x) \delta u^\mu(x, k)$$

Stability analysis

Does $\text{Im}\omega > 0$ means instability?

- ▶ Recall that instability is the growth of the norm of the solutions on subsequent spacelike hypersurfaces without a bound
- ▶ This is not easy anymore . . .
- ▶ But in many cases, in flat spacetime, the norm can be separated into equilibrium-preserving and nonequilibrium-preserving directions

The norm

$$\|\delta X\|^2 = \sum_A \int d\Sigma_n |\delta X_A(x)|^2$$

A separation between EP and NEP directions is possible in the hydrodynamics regime

- ▶ Restrict k_{\perp} via $(k_{\perp}^{\mu} \varpi_{\mu\nu}(x) = 0)$ to \mathbf{k}_e in the dispersion relations
- ▶ If $\text{Im} \omega_a > 0$ in this case
- ▶ ... and the EP part dominates the NEP parts which requires

$$l_{\text{micro}} \ll l_{\text{vort}}$$

- ▶ ... instability is proved
- ▶ But hydro is applicable if $l_{\text{micro}} \ll l_{\text{macro}} \sim l_{\text{vort}}$
- ▶ If $\text{Im} \omega_a > 0$ for k in NEP directions \rightarrow inconclusive

Application to MIS hydrodynamics

- ▶ According to the info-current method: **same** stability criteria for homogeneous/accelerating/rotating/non-self-gravitating equilibria [Hiscock and Lindblom (1983)]

Linearized MIS hydrodynamics

$$\delta T^{\mu\nu} = \delta \mathcal{E} u_{\text{eq}}^\mu u_{\text{eq}}^\nu - \left(v_s^2 \delta \mathcal{E} + \delta \Pi \right) \Delta_{\text{eq}}^{\mu\nu} + h_{\text{eq}} \left(u_{\text{eq}}^\mu \delta u^\nu + u_{\text{eq}}^\nu \delta u^\mu \right) + \delta \pi^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\tau_\Pi u_{\text{eq}} \cdot \nabla \delta \Pi + \delta \Pi + \zeta \nabla \cdot \delta u = 0$$

$$\tau_\pi \Delta_{\alpha\beta\text{eq}}^{\mu\nu} \left(u_{\text{eq}} \cdot \nabla \delta \pi^{\alpha\beta} - 2 \delta \pi_\lambda^\alpha \Omega_{\text{eq}}^{\beta\lambda} \right) + \delta \pi^{\mu\nu} - 2\eta \delta \sigma^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

Recall

$$\Delta_{\alpha\beta}^{\mu\nu} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left(\Delta_\alpha^\mu \Delta_\beta^\nu + \Delta_\beta^\mu \Delta_\alpha^\nu \right) - \frac{1}{3} \Delta^{\mu\nu} \Delta_{\alpha\beta} \quad \sigma_{\mu\nu} \equiv \Delta_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha\beta} \nabla_\alpha u_\beta$$

- ▶ The sound modes are modified in the direction of the **acceleration** ($\alpha \equiv a/T_{\text{eq}}$)

$$\Omega_{\text{sound}} = \pm \sqrt{v_s^2 \kappa_t^2 + \frac{1}{4} \alpha^2 \mathcal{V}_\zeta^2 \kappa_\ell^2} - \frac{1}{2} \alpha \mathcal{V}_\zeta \kappa_\ell + \dots$$

- ▶ Decomposition of k (a generalization of [Brito and Denicol (2020)])

$$k^\mu = T_{\text{eq}} (\Omega u_{\text{eq}}^\mu + \kappa_\ell \ell^\mu + \kappa^\mu) \quad \omega = T_{\text{eq}} \Omega \quad \kappa_\ell = k \cdot \ell$$

- * Tetrad of orthonormal vectors $\{u, \ell, \tilde{\kappa}, \chi\}$

$$\ell_\mu = a_\mu / \sqrt{-a \cdot a} \quad \tilde{\kappa}_\mu = \kappa_\mu / \sqrt{-\kappa \cdot \kappa} \quad \chi^\mu \equiv \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} u_\nu^{\text{eq}} \ell_\alpha \tilde{\kappa}_\beta$$

- * Auxiliary parameter

$$\mathcal{V}_\zeta = \left(2 + \frac{1}{v_s^2}\right) C_\zeta - \frac{2}{3} (1 - 3v_s^2) R_\zeta \quad R_\zeta = \tau_\Pi T_{\text{eq}} \quad C_\zeta = T_{\text{eq}} \zeta / h_{\text{eq}}$$

MIS hydrodynamics with bulk viscosity alone

- ▶ The nonhydro mode receives linear contribution $\sim \kappa_\ell$

$$\Omega_{\text{gapped}} = -\frac{i}{R_\zeta} + \alpha \mathcal{V}_\zeta \kappa_\ell + \dots$$

- ▶ There is no novel contribution in EQP directions
- ▶ The acceleration-induced terms disappear in $\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \infty$: standard causality/stability criteria [Pu et al. (2010)]

$$R_\zeta > C_\zeta, \quad \frac{C_\zeta}{R_\zeta} < 1 - v_s^2$$

- ▶ But $\text{Im}\omega$ can be positive in ℓ direction if $\alpha > \alpha_c$

Is this physically relevant?

- ▶ Assume a cylinder of QGP rotating with $\Omega_0 \sim 10^{22} \text{s}^{-1}$ and $T_0 \sim 200 \text{MeV}$
- ▶ Then $\alpha \sim 0.01$ while $\alpha_c \sim 0.1$
- ▶ The unknown effects of a positive $\text{Im}\omega$ don't seem to be physically relevant in the domain of applicability of vanilla MIS

- ▶ Modes are modified by **acceleration** and **rotation**
- ▶ ... not only in EQP directions
- ▶ $\text{Im} \omega$ becomes positive for some modes if (1) a and/or ω are large enough or (2) we are very close to the causal boundary
- ▶ ... not only in EQP directions!!
- ▶ (1) requires $\alpha > 1 \rightarrow \ell_{\text{micro}} \sim$ Maximum size of the system!
- ▶ Homogeneous modes are recovered in $k \rightarrow \infty$ limit
- ▶ In the domain of applicability of MIS hydrodynamics stability requires

$$T\tau_{\pi} > 2\eta/s > 0$$

- ▶ We numerically investigated the full MIS and ended up with similar results

Summary and outlook

- ▶ We extended the equations to the tangent bundle to find linear wave solutions in inhomogeneous equilibrium configurations
- ▶ This machinery can be consistently applied to hydrodynamics
- ▶ Novel modes are found in MIS theory arising from coupling between dissipative fluxes and thermal vorticity
- ▶ Such modes are only present in the **long wavelength regime**
- ▶ The bulk viscous pressure couples only to the acceleration
- ▶ Shear stress tensor couples both to acceleration and kinematic vorticity
- ▶ MIS theory **in its domain of validity and far from the boundary** remains linearly stable in purely accelerating and rigidly rotating configurations, with the standard stability and causality conditions.
- ▶ In **agreement** with the info-current method

- ▶ Applications to hydro theories with the explicit presence of thermal vorticity in fluxes (Spin hydrodynamics, hydrodynamic theories with quantum corrections arising from acceleration and rotation, . . .)
- ▶ Boundary effects

Backup

Information current method has pros

- + Doesn't assume a homogenous configuration
- + Is more fundamental in some sense: *proves* that u and T must be related to the thermal Killing vector, leads to some important thermodynamic inequalities . . .
- + *Can* be easier to apply
- + Is independent of the equations of motion for dissipative fluxes
- + Recently applied to electromagnetic fields and charged equilibria:

The electromagnetic part of the information current is stable and causal by construction and, therefore, the stability criteria found for Israel-Stewart theories of hydrodynamics automatically extend to similar formulations of magnetohydrodynamics. L. Gavassino and MS [2307.11615]

... and cons

- Neglects the existence of boundaries
- Works only for certain types of theories
- Doesn't tell us much about the nature of the solutions

- ▶ One defines

$$\phi^\mu = S^\mu + \alpha_\star N^\mu - \beta_\nu^\star T^{\nu\mu}$$

- ▶ A common perturbation parameter λ , with $\lambda = 0$ denoting the equilibrium
- ▶ (1) In equilibrium

$$\frac{d\phi^\mu(0)}{d\lambda} = 0$$

- ▶ (2) The information current must be future-directed non-spacelike:

$$E^\mu = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2\phi^\mu(0)}{d\lambda^2}$$

- ▶ We can add the generator of boost along z -direction (see for example [\[Becattini \(2018\)\]](#))

$$\beta = \frac{1}{T_0} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + a_0 \left(z \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + t \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \right]$$

- ▶ To keep β timelike we need to enforce boundary $|1 + a_0 z| > |a_0 t|$
- ▶ Thermal vorticity scale $\ell_{\text{vort}} \sim a_0^{-1}$
- ▶ In Rindler coordinates (τ, x, y, ξ)

$$u^\mu = e^{-a_0 \xi} (1, \mathbf{0}) \quad T = e^{-a_0 \xi} T_0 \quad a^\mu = a_0 e^{-2a_0 \xi} (0, 0, 0, 1),$$

$$\tau = \frac{1}{2a_0} \log \left[\frac{1 + a_0(z+t)}{1 + a_0(z-t)} \right] \quad \xi = \frac{1}{2a_0} \log \left[(1 + a_0 z)^2 - a_0^2 t^2 \right]$$

- ▶ ... and/or we can the generator of rotation around z -direction (see for example [\[Palermo et al. \(2021\)\]](#))

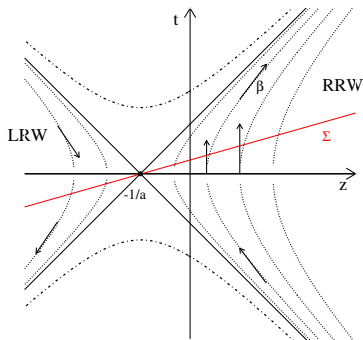
$$\beta = \frac{1}{T_0} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \Omega_0 \left(x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \right]$$

- ▶ Again, we have a boundary $\Omega_0^2 (x^2 + y^2) < 1$
- ▶ Thermal vorticity length scale $\ell_{\text{vort}} \sim \Omega_0^{-1}$
- ▶ In cylindrical coordinates (t, ρ, φ, z)

$$u^\mu = \gamma(\rho) (1, 0, \Omega_0, 0), \quad T = \gamma(\rho) T_0 \quad \gamma(\rho) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \rho^2 \Omega_0^2}}$$

$$a^\mu = -\gamma^2(\rho) \rho \Omega_0^2 (0, 1, 0, 0), \quad \omega^\mu = \gamma^2(\rho) \Omega_0 (0, 0, 0, 1)$$

- ▶ In pure accelerating equilibrium T changes in ξ -direction while w^μ changes in τ -direction (Figure from [Becattini (2018)])
- ▶ x and y are EP directions
- ▶ In the cylindrical rotation z is the only EP directions



- ▶ Let's assume a toy model (f and m are functions of T_{eq})

$$\left(\square - \frac{f(x)}{T_{\text{eq}}(x)} u_{\text{eq}}(x) \cdot \partial + m(x)^2 \right) \phi(x) = 0$$

- ▶ Wave equation in the tangent space

$$\left[\square_y^2 - f(x)\beta(x) \cdot \partial_y + m^2(x) \right] \phi(x, y) = 0$$

- ▶ Characteristic equation at x in the LRF

$$\omega(x, \mathbf{k})^2 - \mathbf{k}^2 - i \frac{f(x)}{T(x)} \omega(x, \mathbf{k}) - m^2(x) = 0$$

- ▶ The base solution

$$\phi(x) = \int_k \sum_{a=\pm} \phi_a(x, k) \delta(u \cdot k - \omega_a)$$

- ▶ The amplitudes fulfill

$$\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_\mu [\phi_a(x, k) \delta(u \cdot k - \omega_a)] = -i k_\mu \phi_a(x, k) \delta(u \cdot k - \omega_a) + \text{curvature terms.}$$

- ▶ Horizontal lift in the cotangent bundle

$$\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_\mu \phi(x, k) = \nabla_\mu \phi(x, k) + \Gamma_{\mu\sigma}^\rho k_\rho \partial_k^\sigma \phi(x, k)$$

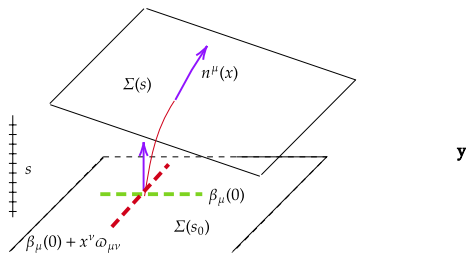
- ▶ Separate EQP part

$$\phi(x) = \int \frac{d^d k_e}{(2\pi)^d} \sum_{a=\pm} e^{\Gamma_a(x_{ne}, \mathbf{k}_e) + i\mathbf{k}_e \cdot \mathbf{x}_e} \phi_a(x_{ne}, \mathbf{k}_e)$$

- ▶ Frequencies depend on \mathbf{k} and equilibrium quantities

$$\Gamma_a(x_{ne}, k) = -i \int_0^s ds' \omega_a(x_{ne}, k)$$

- ▶ $f(T) > 0 \implies \Gamma_+(x, \mathbf{k}) > \Lambda s > 0$ the norm grows without a bound



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Step 3. What is $\delta T^{\mu\nu}(x, k)$?

- ▶ This does not work

$$\delta T^{\mu\nu}(x) \rightarrow \text{Decompose w.r.t } u_{\text{eq}}^{\mu}(x) \rightarrow \delta T^{\mu\nu}(x, k)$$

- ▶ This works

$$\delta T^{\mu\nu}(x) \rightarrow \delta T^{\mu\nu}(x, k) \rightarrow \text{Decompose w.r.t } u_{\text{eq}}^{\mu}(x)$$