Criterion for ultra-fast bubble walls: the impact of hydrodynamic obstruction (2401.05911)

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- Arises naturally in many BSM models
 - \rightarrow baryo/leptogenesis, dark matter, primordial black holes, \ldots

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• Ballistic limit $(L_w \ll \gamma_w L_{MFP}), \ \delta f_i \to f_i^{eq}(p, T_n) - f_i^{eq}(z, p, T(z))$:

$$\Delta V_0 = \sum_i \frac{a_i n_i m_i^2 T_n^2}{48} = \mathcal{P}_{BM}$$

$$a_i : \text{DoF of species } i$$
$$n_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{fermions} \\ 2 & \text{bosons} \end{cases}$$

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Pressure from *hydrodynamical* effects will not be monotonously and gives extra criterion

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- Different expansion modes:



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$$\partial_{\mu}(su^{\mu}) = 0 \tag{3}$$

 \rightarrow Equivalent to total entropy conservation = LTE

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• Ai, Garbrecht & Tamarit (2109.13710): Assuming LTE

$$\begin{cases} \nabla_{\mu} T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \\ \partial_{\mu} (su^{\mu}) = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \omega_{+} \gamma_{+}^{2} v_{+} = \omega_{-} \gamma_{-}^{2} v_{-} \\ \omega_{+} \gamma_{+}^{2} v_{+}^{2} + p_{+} = \omega_{-} \gamma_{-}^{2} v_{-}^{2} + p_{-} \\ \gamma_{+} T_{+} = \gamma_{-} T_{-} \end{cases}$$
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LTE pressure

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• However, at Jouguet, where pressure is maximal:

$$\begin{split} \bar{\mathcal{P}}_{\text{LTE}}^{\text{max}} &= a_{+} T_{+}^{4} \left[\frac{4}{3} [\gamma(v_{+})]^{2} v_{+} (v_{+} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}) \right] \\ (-\Delta V_{T})|_{\xi_{w} = \xi_{J}} &= \frac{a_{+} T_{+}^{4}}{3} \left[1 - \frac{4}{9} \gamma(v_{+})^{4} b \right] \\ \Delta V_{0} &= a_{+} T_{+}^{4} \alpha_{+} \end{split} \qquad \begin{aligned} a : \text{Total DoF} \\ b &\equiv \frac{a_{-}}{a_{+}} \\ \alpha_{+} &\equiv \frac{\Delta V_{0}}{a_{+} T_{+}^{4}} \\ \alpha_{n} &\equiv \frac{\Delta V_{0}}{a_{n} T_{n}^{4}} \end{aligned}$$

• $v_+(\alpha_+(\alpha_n)) \Rightarrow$ pressure depends only on $\alpha_n \& b$

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- Saturation of α_+
 - \rightarrow Pressure independent of α_n for supercooled PT

Unlimited efficient heating



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$$\xi_{w} \to \xi_{J} \Rightarrow |\xi_{sw} - \xi_{w}| \searrow$$

 $\Rightarrow T_{+} \nearrow \Rightarrow \alpha_{+} \searrow$

• Unphysical result \rightarrow Need for microphysics



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- Validity of expansion modes obtained in static picture
 - $\rightarrow\,$ Numerical simulations: Is adaptation to profile with new velocity faster than bubble acceleration?

LTE vs. B & M



• If LTE picture holds, much more parameter space excluded to be runaway!

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• Extra criterion on top of B & M criterion

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