

# Causality analysis and late time attractors for spin hydrodynamics

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# Introduction to spin hydrodynamics

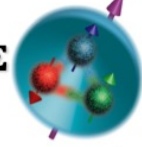
# Spin in high energy physics

Striking spin effects have been observed in high energy reactions since 1970s

## “Proton spin crisis” 质子自旋危机

夸克模型:

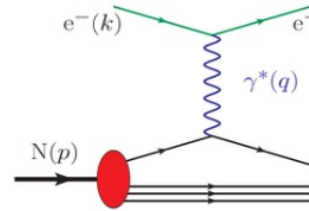
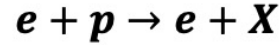
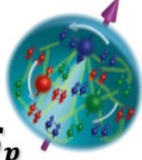
夸克自旋之和  
= 质子自旋  $S_p$



DIS实验:

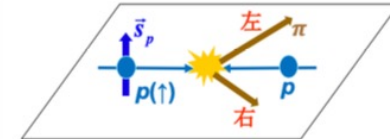
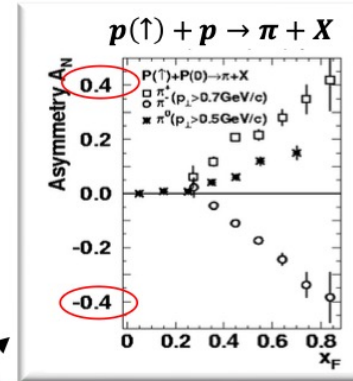
89年:  $\Sigma \sim 0$

目前:  $\Sigma \sim 20\% S_p$



EMC, PLB 206.364 (1988)

## “Single spin left-right asymmetry (SSA)”

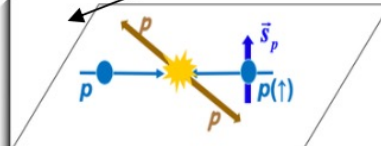
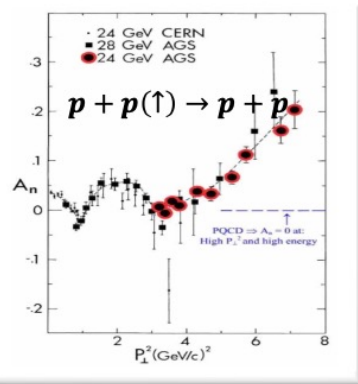


$$A_N \equiv \frac{N(\uparrow) - N(\downarrow)}{N(\uparrow) + N(\downarrow)}$$

e.g. FNAL E704,  
PLB264, 462 (1991)

Predictions of pQCD  $\sim 0$

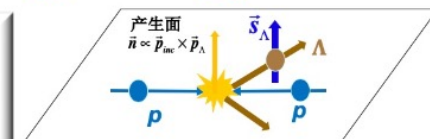
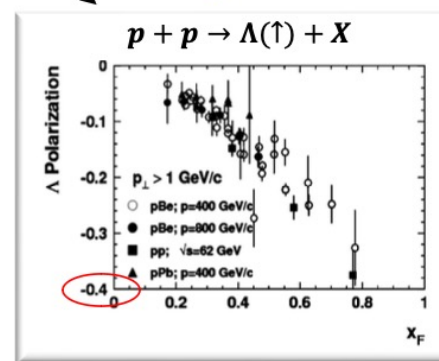
## “Spin analyzing power in $pp \rightarrow pp$ ”



$$A_N \equiv -\frac{N(\uparrow) - N(\downarrow)}{N(\uparrow) + N(\downarrow)}$$

e.g. D. Grab et al.,  
PRL41, 1257 (1978)

## “Transverse polarization of hyperon in $pp \rightarrow \Lambda X$ ”

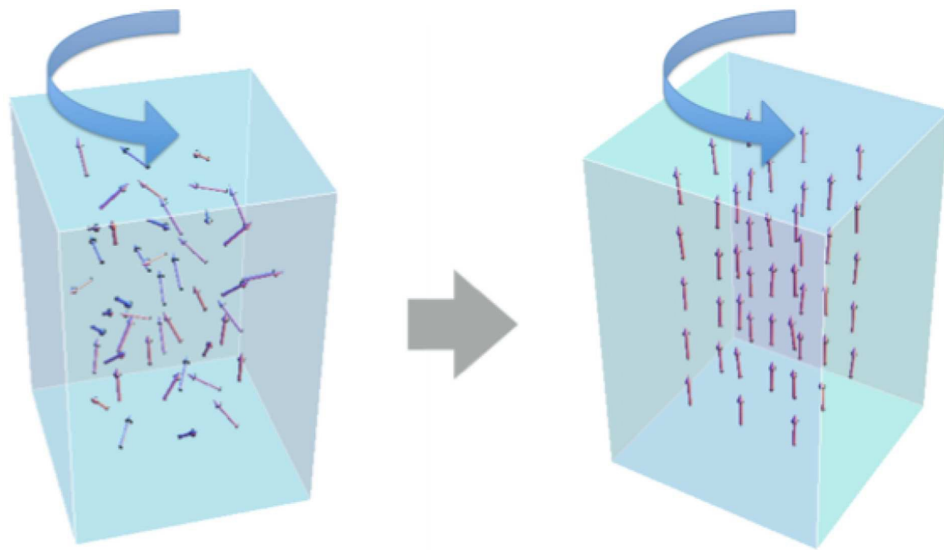


$$P_\Lambda \equiv \frac{\sigma(\uparrow) - \sigma(\downarrow)}{\sigma(\uparrow) + \sigma(\downarrow)}$$

e.g. S.A. Gourlay et al.,  
PRL56, 2244 (1986)

Slides copy from Prof. Zuo-tang Liang's review talk

# Barnett and Einstein-de Haas effects



## Barnett effect:

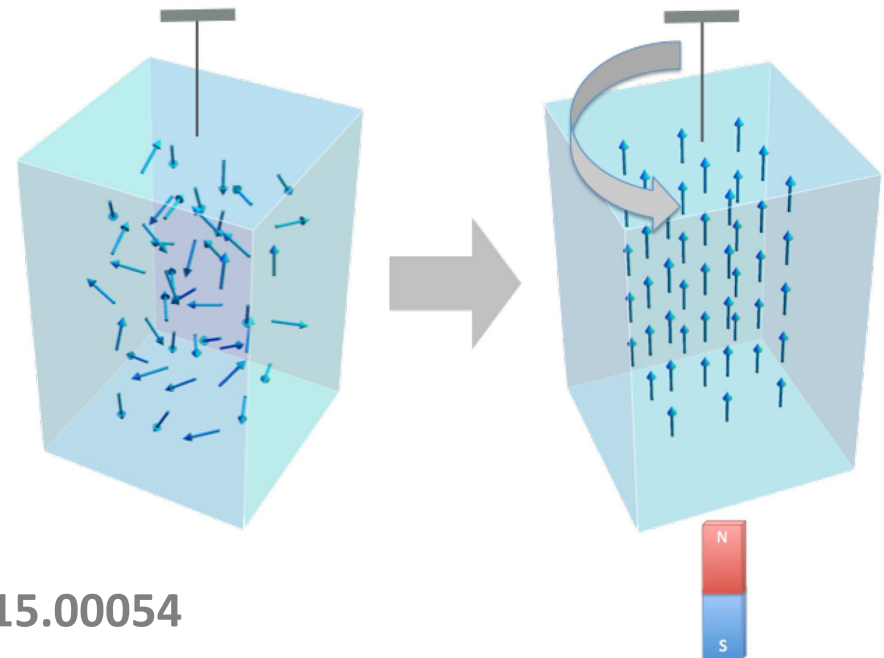
Rotation  $\Rightarrow$  Magnetization

*Barnett, Magnetization by rotation, Phys Rev. (1915) 6:239–70.*

## Einstein-de Haas effect:

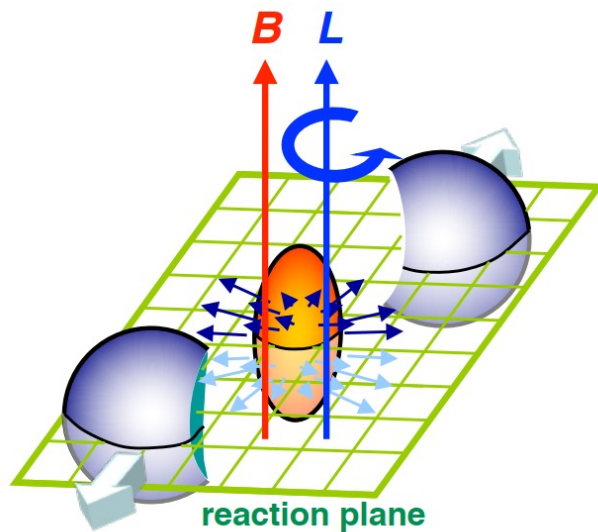
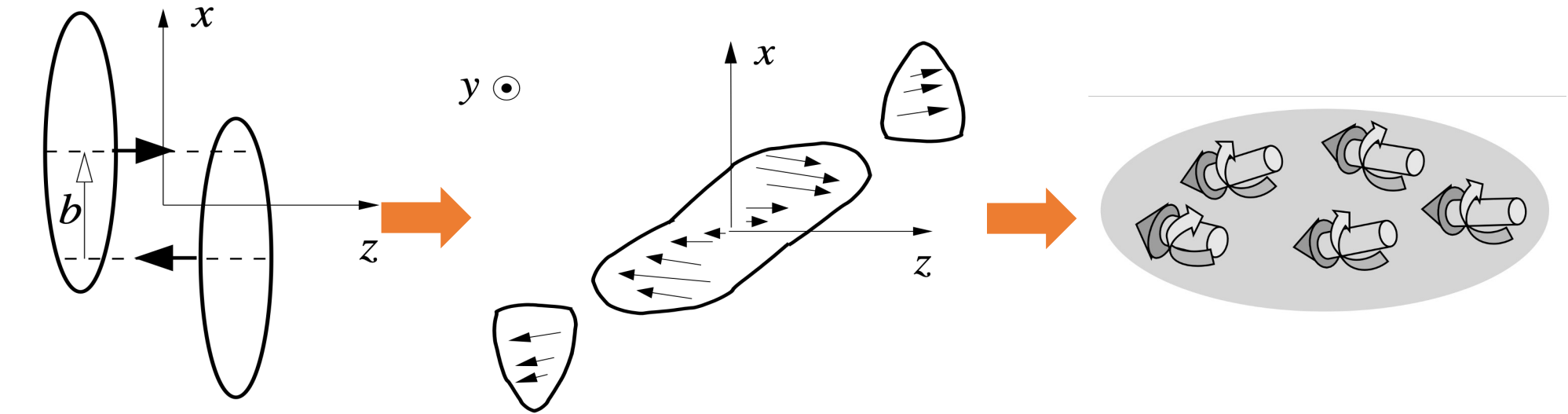
Magnetization  $\Rightarrow$  Rotation

*Einstein, de Haas, Experimental proof of the existence of Ampere's molecular currents. Verh Dtsch Phys Ges. (1915) 17:152.*



Figures: copy from paper doi: 10.3389/fphy.2015.00054

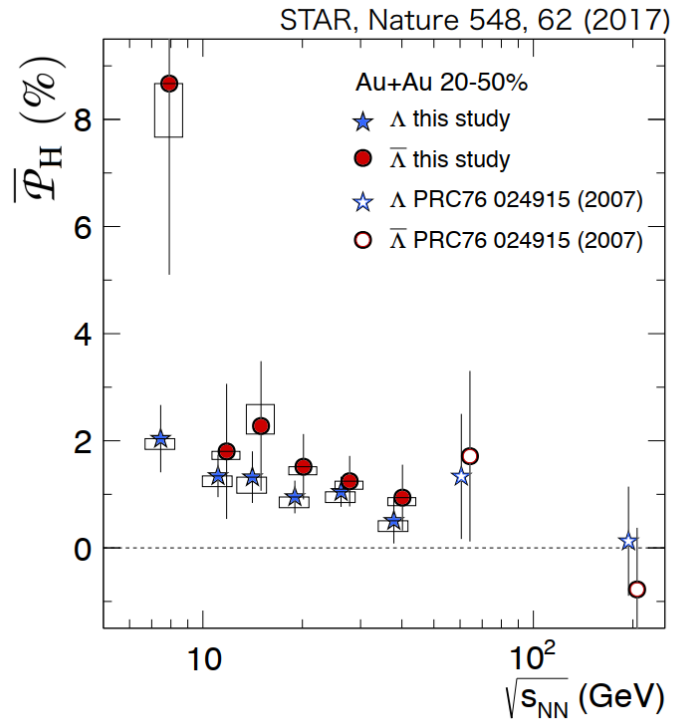
# OAM to polarization in HIC



- Huge global orbital angular momenta ( $L \sim 10^5 \hbar$ ) are produced in HIC.
- Global orbital angular momentum leads to the polarizations of  $\Lambda$  hyperons and vector mesons through spin-orbital coupling.

Liang, Wang, PRL (2005); PLB (2005);  
Gao, Chen, Deng, Liang, Wang, Wang, PRC (2008)

# Global polarization for $\Lambda$ and $\bar{\Lambda}$ hyperons

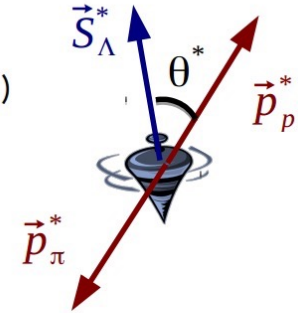


## parity-violating decay of hyperons

In case of  $\Lambda$ 's decay, daughter proton preferentially decays in the direction of  $\Lambda$ 's spin (opposite for anti- $\Lambda$ )

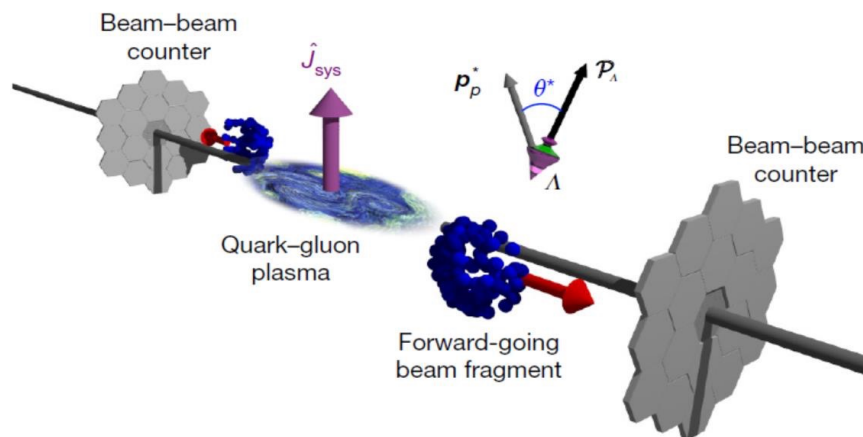
$$\frac{dN}{d\Omega^*} = \frac{1}{4\pi} (1 + \alpha \mathbf{P}_\Lambda \cdot \mathbf{p}_p^*)$$

$\alpha$ :  $\Lambda$  decay parameter ( $=0.642 \pm 0.013$ )  
 $\mathbf{P}_\Lambda$ :  $\Lambda$  polarization  
 $\mathbf{p}_p^*$ : proton momentum in  $\Lambda$  rest frame



$\Lambda \rightarrow p + \pi^+$   
 (BR: 63.9%,  $c\tau \sim 7.9$  cm)

- The vorticity of QGP can be as large as  $(9 \pm 1) \times 10^{21}/s$ .
- It is the most vortical fluid so far.



Liang, Wang, PRL (2005)

Betz, Gyulassy, Torrieri, PRC (2007)

Becattini, Piccinini, Rizzo, PRC (2008)

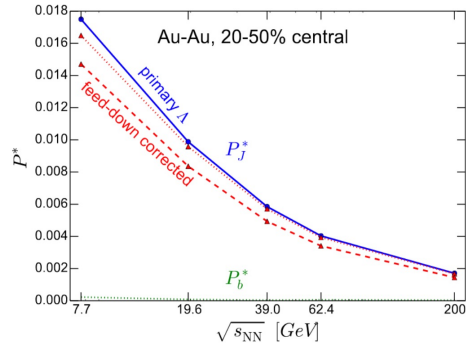
Becattini, Karpenko, Lisa, Upsal, Voloshin, PRC (2017)

Fang, Pang, Q. Wang, X. Wang, PRC (2016)

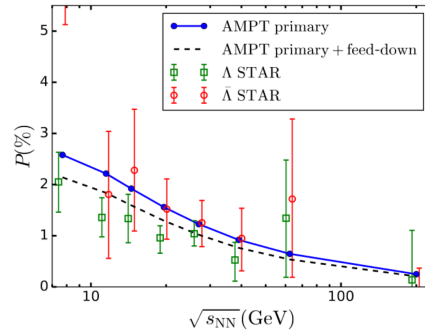
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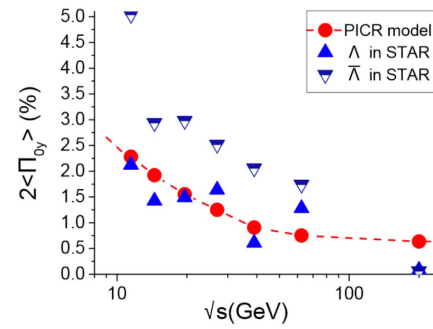
# Phenomenological models for global polarization



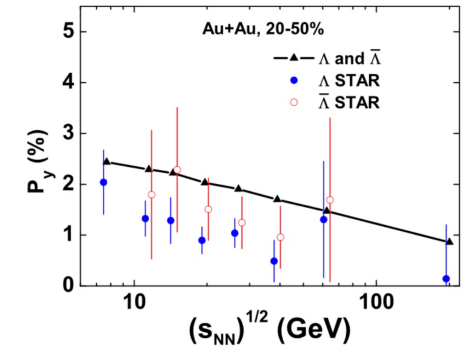
Karpenko, Becattini, EPJC(2017)



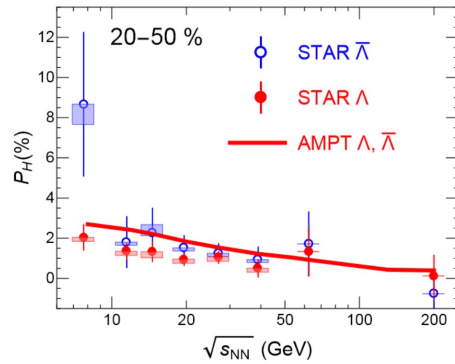
Li, Pang, Wang, Xia PRC(2017)



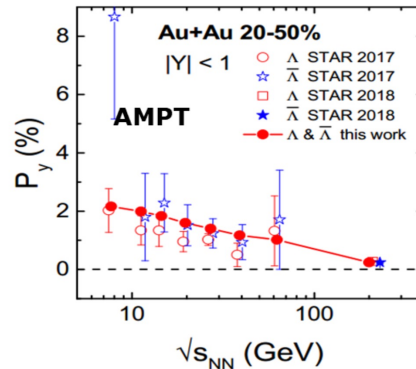
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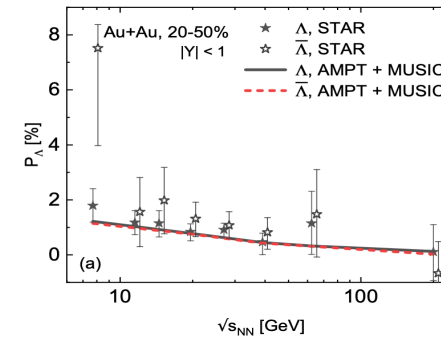
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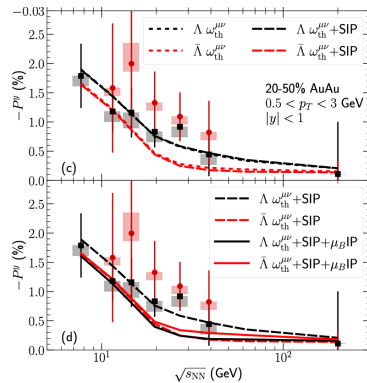
Shi, Li, Liao, PLB(2018)



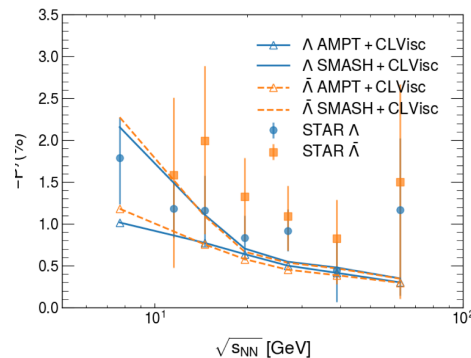
Wei, Deng, Huang, PRC(2019)



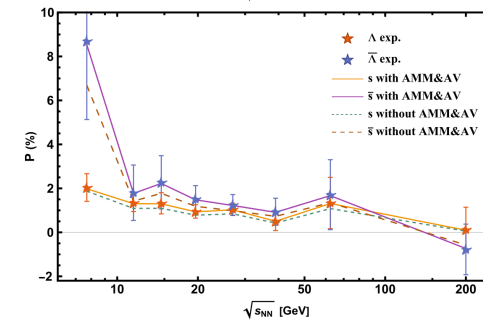
Fu, Xu, Huang, Song, PRC (2021)



S. Ryu, V. Jupic, C. Shen, PRC (2021)



Y.X. Wu, C. Yi, G.Y. Qin, SP, PRC (2022)

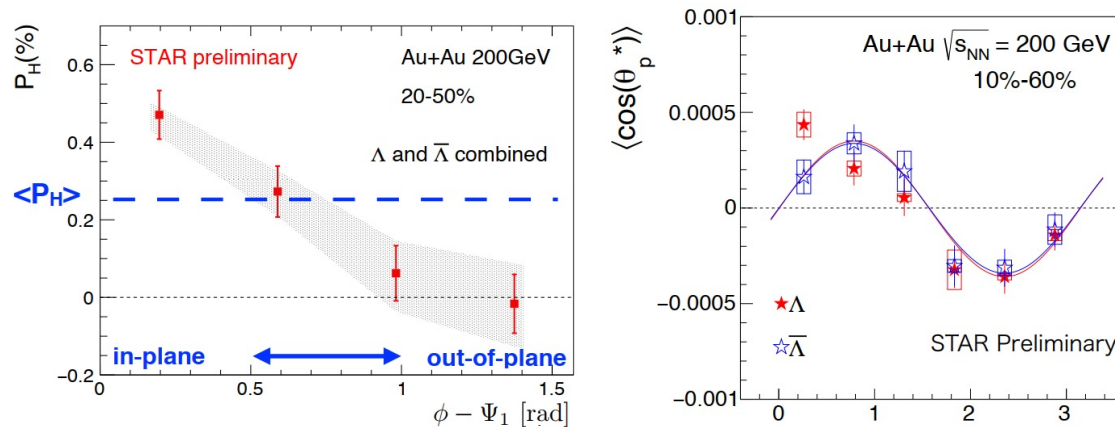


Xu, Lin, Huang, Huang, PRDL (2022)



# Local polarization

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{shear}}^\mu(\mathbf{p}) = -\frac{\hbar}{4m_\Lambda N} \int d\Sigma \cdot p f_V^{(0)} (1 - f_V^{(0)}) \frac{\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_\alpha u_\beta}{(u \cdot p) T} \frac{1}{2} \{ p^\sigma (\partial_\sigma u_\nu + \partial_\nu u_\sigma) - D u_\nu \}$$



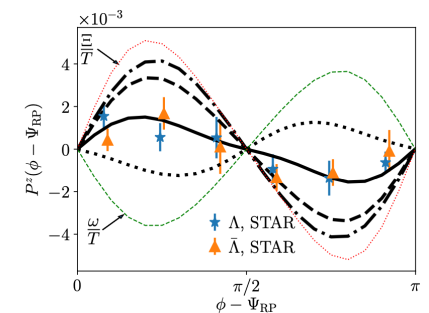
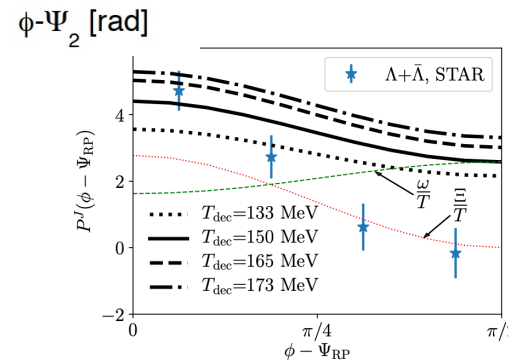
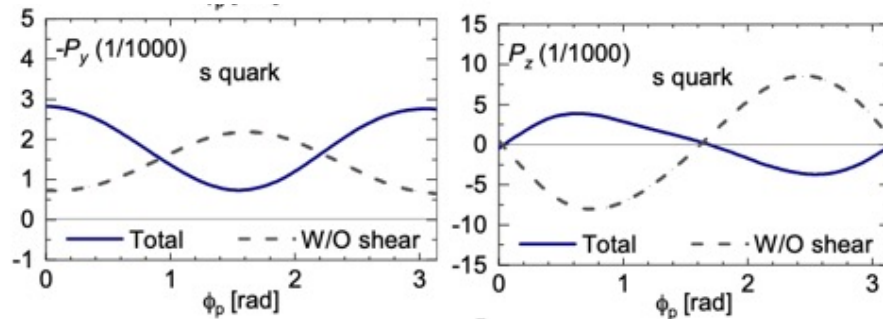
**Early works:**  
(thermal vorticity only)

- UrQMD :

Becattini, Karpenko, PRL (2018)

- AMPT:

Xia, Li, Tang, Wang, PRC (2018)



**s quark scenarios (Thermal vorticity + shear)**  
Fu, Liu, Pang, Song, Yin, PRL 2021

**Also see:**

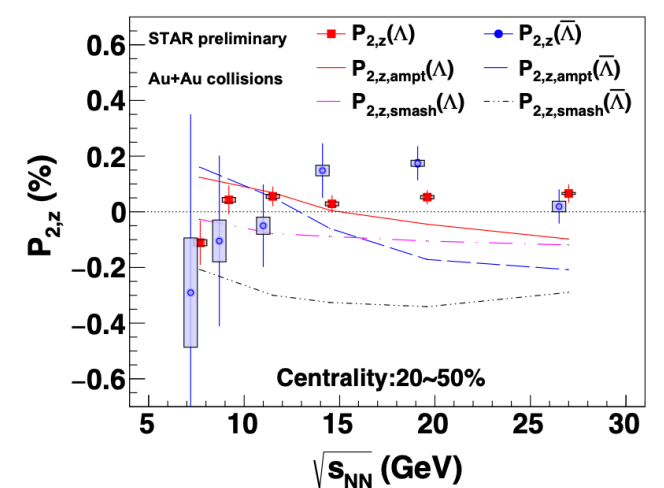
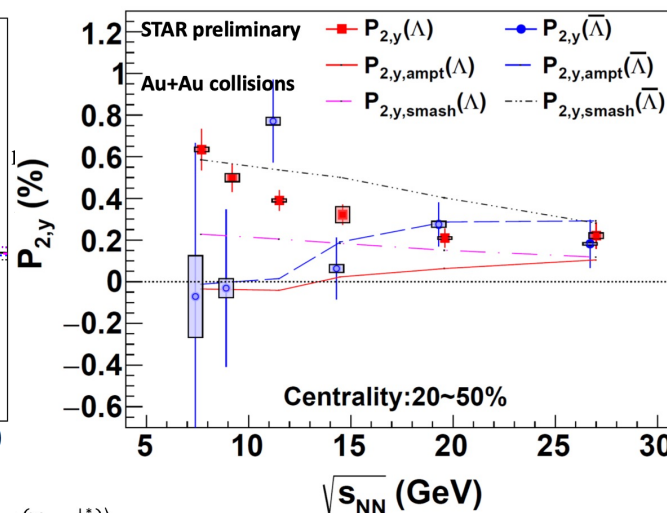
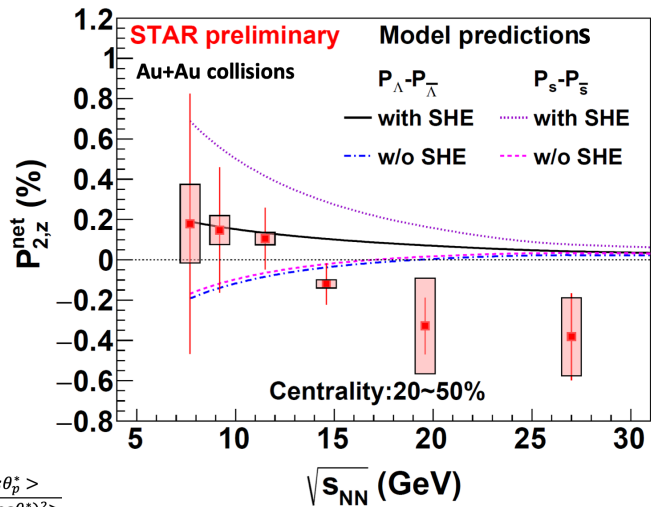
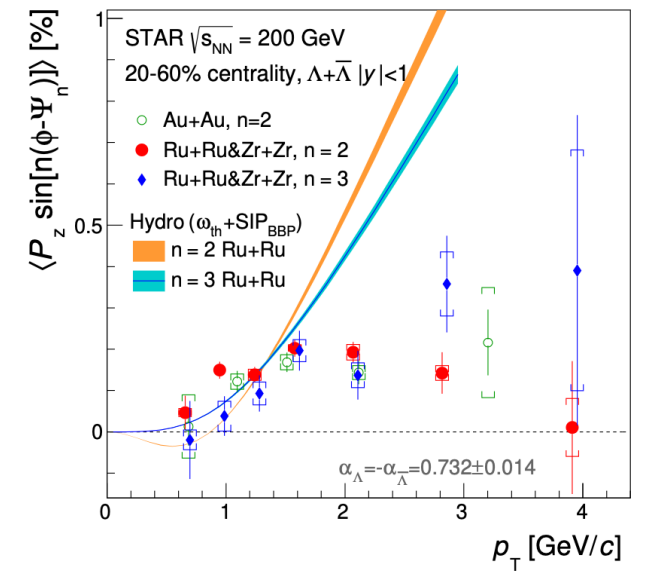
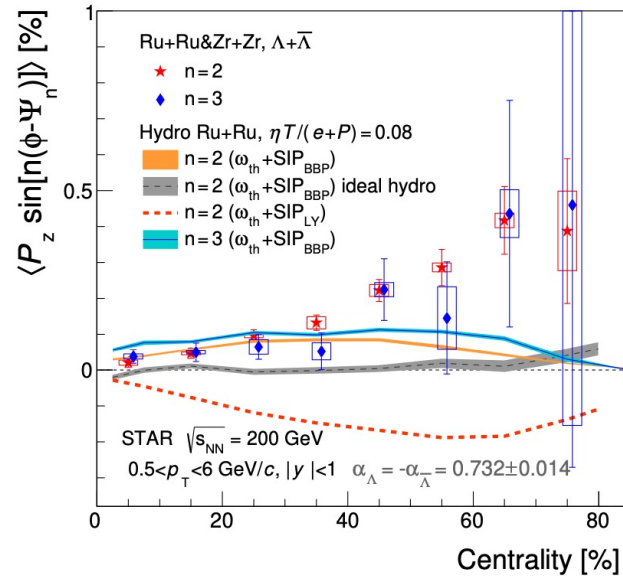
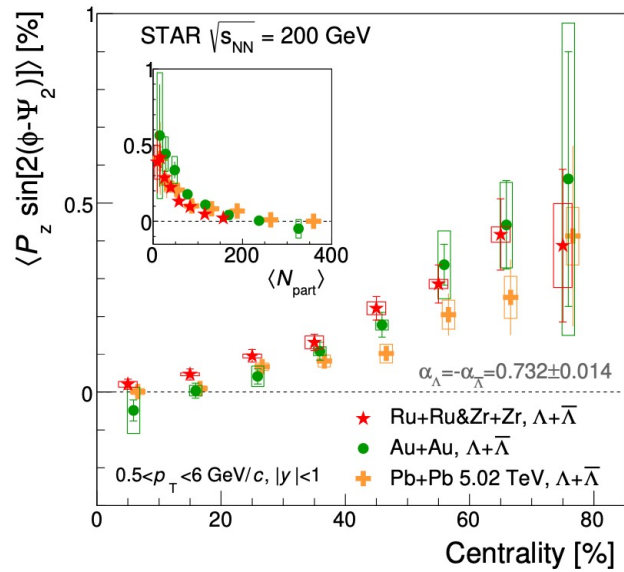
Yi, Pu, Yang, PRC (2021); Yi, Wu, Qin, Pu, PRC (2022)

Ryu, Jupic, Shen, PRC (2021)

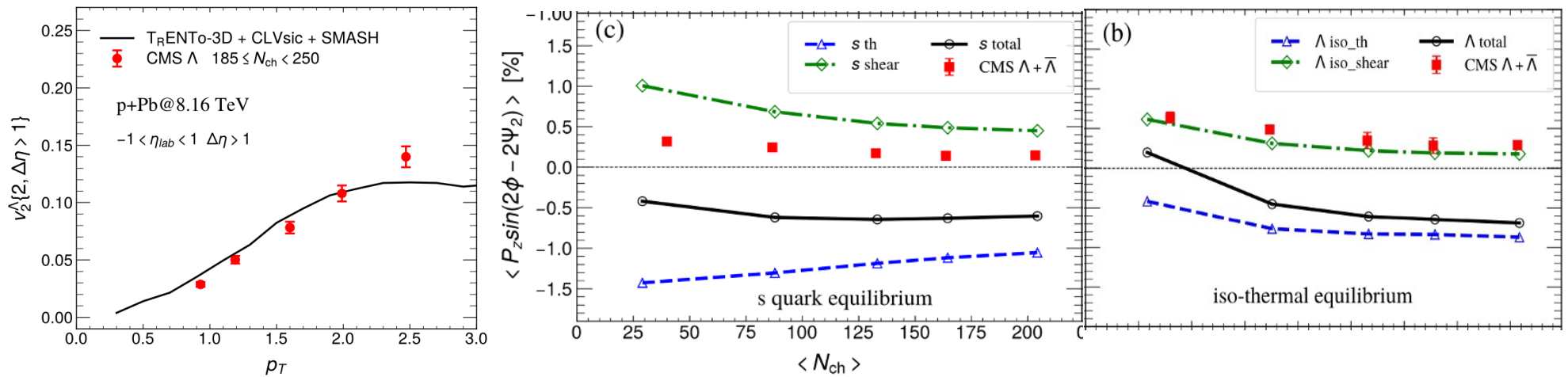
**Isothermal equilibrium**  
(Thermal vorticity + shear)

Becattini, Buzzegoli, Palermo, Inghirami,  
Karpenko, PRL 2021

# Puzzles in local polarization at AA system

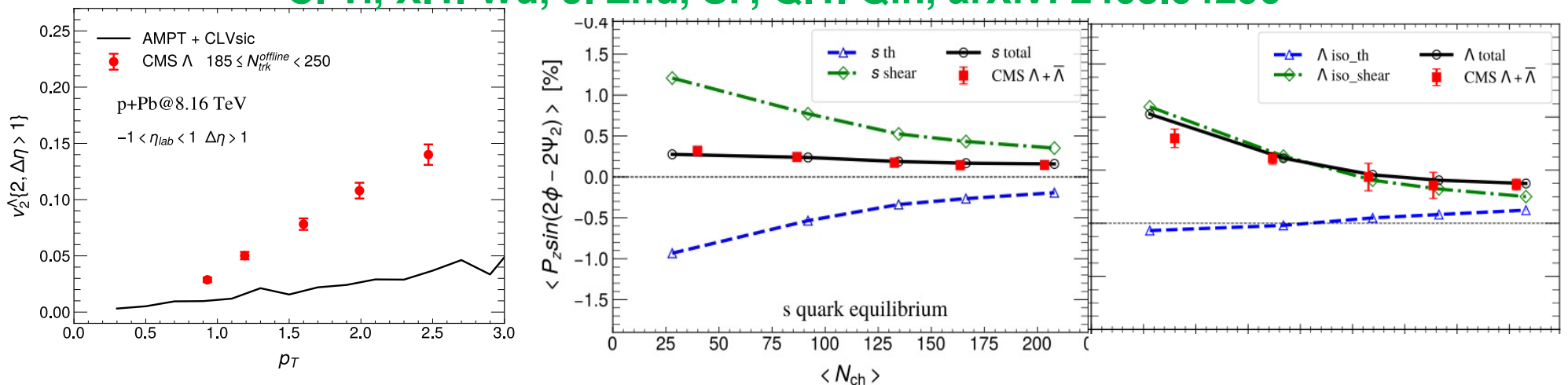


# Puzzles in local polarization at pA system



Smaller  $v_2$  gives a larger polarization along beam direction ?  
 Smaller  $v_2$ , larger shear induced polarization, smaller thermal vortical induced polarization  
 Sensitive to initial conditions?

C. Yi, X.Y. Wu, J. Zhu, SP, Q.Y. Qin, arXiv: 2408.04296



# Theoretical developments

- **Spin hydrodynamics (macroscopic approach)**

Florkowski, Friman, Jaiswal, Ryblewski, Speranza (2017-2018);

Montenegro, Tinti, Torrieri (2017-2019);

Hattori, Hongo, Huang, Matsuo, Taya PLB(2019) ; arXiv: 2201.12390; arXiv: 2205.08051

Fukushima, SP, Lecture Note (2020); PLB(2021); Wang, Fang, SP, PRD(2021); Wang, Xie, Fang, SP, PRD (2022); ...

S.Y. Li, M.A Stephanov, H.U Yee, arXiv:2011.12318

D. She, A. Huang, D.F. Hou, J.F Liao, arXiv: 2105.04060

Weickgenannt, Wanger, Speranza, Rischke, PRD 2022; PRD 2022; Weickgennatt, Wanger, Speranza, PRD 2022; arXiv:2306.05936;

Peng, Zhang, Sheng, Wang, CPL 2021

- **Quantum kinetic theory with collisions (microscopic approach)**

Weickgenannt, Sheng, Speranza, Wang, Rischke, PRD 100, 056018 (2019)

Hattori, Hidaka, Yang, PRD100, 096011 (2019); Yang, Hattori, Hidaka, arXiv: 2002.02612.

Liu, Mameda, Huang, arXiv:2002.03753.

Gao, Liang, PRD 2019

Wang, Guo, Shi, Zhuang, PRD100, 014015 (2019) ; Z.Y. Wang, arXiv:2205.09334;

Li ,Yee, PRD100, 056022 (2019)

Hou, Lin, arXiv: 2008.03862; Lin, arXiv: 2109.00184; Lin, Wang, arXiv:2206.12573

Fang, SP, Yang, PRD (2022)

- **Other approaches:**

Side-jump effect Liu, Sun, Ko PRL(2020)

Mesonic mean-field Csernai, Kapusta, Welle, PRC(2019)

Using different vorticity Wu, Pang, Huang, Wang, PRR (2019)

- **Recent reviews:**

Gao, Ma, SP, Wang, NST (2020)

Gao, Liang, Wang, IJMPA (2021)

Hidaka, SP, Yang, Wang, PPNP (2022)

Becattini, Buzzegoli, Niida, SP, Tang,

Wang, arXiv:2402.04540

# Basic conservation equations in canonical form

- **Total angular momentum conservation**

$$\partial_\alpha J_{\text{can}}^{\alpha\mu\nu} = 0 \quad J^{\lambda\mu\nu} = \underbrace{x^\mu \Theta^{\lambda\nu} - x^\nu \Theta^{\lambda\mu}}_{\text{Orbital part}} + \underbrace{\Sigma^{\lambda\mu\nu}}_{\text{Spin tensor}},$$



$$\partial_\lambda \Sigma^{\lambda\mu\nu} = -2\Theta^{[\mu\nu]},$$

- **Energy-momentum conservation**

$$\partial_\mu \Theta^{\mu\nu} = 0,$$

- **Currents conservation**

$$\partial_\mu j^\mu = 0,$$

# Spin tensor, spin density and chemical potential

$\mu, \nu$  is anti-symmetric

$$\Sigma^{\alpha\mu\nu} = u^\alpha S^{\mu\nu} + \Sigma_{(1)}^{\alpha\mu\nu}$$

**spin tensor**

Parallel to fluid velocity  $u^\mu$ ;  
Leading order

Perpendicular to fluid velocity  $u^\mu$ ;  
Higher order

**Spin density:**  
has 6 independent components  
 $S^{ij}$  3 rotating;  $S^{0i}$  3 boosting

## Thermodynamic relations

$$e + p = Ts + \mu n + \omega_{\mu\nu} S^{\mu\nu}$$

energy density      pressure      temperature X entropy density      spin chemical potential      spin density



# 6-d.o.f Spin hydrodynamics

- By using entropy principle, one can get

$$\Theta^{\mu\nu} = (e + p)u^\mu u^\nu - pg^{\mu\nu} + 2h^{(\mu}u^{\nu)} + 2q^{[\mu}u^{\nu]} + \pi^{\mu\nu} + \phi^{\mu\nu},$$

$$q^\mu = \lambda[(u \cdot \partial)u^\mu + \frac{1}{T}\Delta^{\mu\nu}\partial_\nu T - 4\omega^{\mu\nu}u_\nu],$$

$$\phi^{\mu\nu} = 2\gamma[T\omega_{th}^{\mu\nu} + 2(g^{\mu\alpha} - u^\mu u^\alpha)(g^{\nu\beta} - u^\nu u^\beta)\omega_{\alpha\beta}]/T.$$

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Speranza, Rischke, PRD 2022; PRD 2022; Weickgenannt, Wanger, Speranza, PRD 2022;

arXiv:2306.05936

## Recent review:

SP, X.G. Huang, "Relativistic spin hydrodynamics", Acta Phys.Sin. 72 (2023) 7, 071202



# Causality analysis on spin hydrodynamics

# Causality and stability for relativistic systems

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- **Causality:**

The speed of propagating signal cannot be larger than the speed of light.

- **Stability:**

The small perturbation near the equilibrium (or the solutions of differential equations) must decay with time.

# Linear modes analysis (I)

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- **Relativistic hydrodynamics:**

Energy-momentum and currents conservation equations

- **In the linear mode analysis, one considers the perturbations of independent macroscopic variables within the system, e.g. energy density  $e$ , number density  $\rho$ , etc., near the equilibrium.**

$$\partial_t \varphi(t, \vec{x}) + \mathbf{M}(\partial) \varphi(t, \vec{x}) = 0,$$

$$\varphi(t, \vec{x}) = (\delta e, \delta \rho, \dots)^T$$

$$\mathbf{M}(\partial) = \sum_{i=0}^N \mathbf{M}^{(i)} \partial_{i_1} \partial_{i_2} \dots \partial_{i_N}$$

# Linear mode analysis (II)

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- We usually consider a plane-wave type perturbation:

$$\varphi = \varphi_0 e^{-i\omega t + i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}}, \quad \varphi_0 = \text{const.}$$

- The differential equations in linear mode analysis becomes

$$0 = \mathcal{P}(\omega, \vec{k}) \equiv \det[\omega + iM(\vec{k})].$$

- **Stability:** perturbation decays with time

$$\text{Im } \omega \leq 0, \quad \text{for } \vec{k} \in \mathbb{R}^3,$$

- **Causality:** group velocity of perturbation is smaller than 1.

$$\lim_{|\vec{k}| \rightarrow +\infty} \left\{ \frac{|\text{Re } \omega|}{|\vec{k}|} \leq 1, \quad |\omega/\vec{k}| \text{ is bounded} \right\}, \quad \vec{k} \in \mathbb{R}^3.$$

E. Krotscheck and W. Kundt, *Communications in Mathematical Physics* **60**, 171 (1978)

# Why is $|\omega/k|$ bounded?

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- **Example: Non-relativistic diffusion equation which is acausal,**

$$\partial_t n - D_n \partial_x^2 n = 0 \quad \omega = i D_n k^2$$

- **although**

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{|Re\omega|}{|k|} = 0$$

- **Reason:**

$$n \sim n_0 e^{-D_n k^2 t}$$

**With any initial value for  $n(t_0, x)$ , the  $n(t_0 + \Delta t, x)$  at  $x \rightarrow \infty$  can still get the influence. It does not obey the causality.**

# Applications to relativistic hydro (I)

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- The conventional relativistic hydrodynamics up to the first order in gradient expansion is acausal and unstable.
- Relativistic hydrodynamics have been extended to
  - **Second order hydro:**
    - Müller-Israel-Stewart (MIS) theory
    - Baier-Romatschke-Son-Starinets-Stephanov (BRSSS) theory
    - Denicol-Niemi-Molnar- Rischke (DNMR) theory
  - **Generalized first order causal hydro**
    - Bemfica-Disconzi-Noronha-Kovtun (BDNK) theory

# Applications to relativistic hydro (II)

- Asymptotic causality condition :

**Shear viscosity**

$$\boxed{\text{Relaxation time for shear viscous tensor}} \times \left[ \text{Energy density} + \text{Pressure} \right] \leq \frac{3}{4} \left[ 1 - \text{Speed of sound}^2 \right]$$

$$\frac{\text{剪切粘滞系数}}{\text{弛豫时间} \times (\text{能量密度} + \text{压强})} \leq \frac{3}{4} [1 - \text{声速}^2]$$

SP, Koide, Rischke, Phys. Rev. D 81, 114039 (2010)

- Does stability of relativistic dissipative fluid dynamics imply causality?



# Causality conditions for spin hydrodynamics in linear mode analysis

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# 1<sup>st</sup> order spin hydrodynamics

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- We now consider the small perturbations on top of static equilibrium,

$$\varphi = \{\delta e, \delta u^i, \delta S^{\mu\nu}\} \quad \varphi = \varphi_0 e^{-i\omega t + i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}}, \quad \varphi_0 = \text{const..}$$

- Main linearized equations for spin hydro becomes

$$\mathcal{M}_1 \delta \tilde{X}_1 = 0,$$

$$\delta \tilde{X}_1 \equiv (\delta \tilde{e}, \delta \tilde{v}^x, \delta \tilde{S}^{0x}, \delta \tilde{v}^y, \delta \tilde{S}^{0y}, \delta \tilde{S}^{xy}, \delta \tilde{v}^z, \delta \tilde{S}^{0z}, \delta \tilde{S}^{xz}, \delta \tilde{S}^{yz})^T,$$

$$\mathcal{M}_1 \equiv \begin{pmatrix} M_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ A_1 & M_2 & 0 & 0 \\ A_2 & 0 & M_2 & 0 \\ A_3 & 0 & 0 & M_3 \end{pmatrix},$$

# Propagating modes in 1<sup>st</sup> order spin hydro

- Large  $k \rightarrow$  infinity limit

$$\omega = -4iD_b\gamma_{\parallel}^{-1}\lambda'^{-1}k^{-2} + O(k^{-3}),$$

$$\omega = -ic_s^{2/3}\gamma_{\parallel}^{1/3}k^{4/3} + O(k),$$

$$\omega = (-1)^{1/6}c_s^{2/3}\gamma_{\parallel}^{1/3}k^{4/3} + O(k),$$

$$\omega = (-1)^{5/6}c_s^{2/3}\gamma_{\parallel}^{1/3}k^{4/3} + O(k),$$

$$\omega = -2iD_b + O(k^{-1}),$$

$$\omega = 2iD_s\gamma_{\perp}(\gamma' + \gamma_{\perp})^{-1} + O(k^{-1}),$$

$$\omega = \pm ik\sqrt{2\lambda'^{-1}(\gamma' + \gamma_{\perp})} + O(k^0),$$

$$\omega = i(\gamma' + \gamma_{\perp})k^2 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty,$$

Breaks causality criteria

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\omega}{k} \right| \text{ is bounded.}$$

**1<sup>st</sup> order spin hydrodynamics is always unstable and acausal!**

# Minimal extension to 2<sup>nd</sup> order hydro

- We add the relaxation time term to the spin hydro

$$\tau_q \Delta^{\mu\nu} \frac{d}{d\tau} q_\nu + q^\mu = \lambda [T^{-1} \Delta^{\mu\alpha} \partial_\alpha T + (u \cdot \partial) u^\mu - 4\omega^{\mu\nu} u_\nu],$$
$$\tau_\phi \Delta^{\mu\alpha} \Delta^{\nu\beta} \frac{d}{d\tau} \phi_{\alpha\beta} + \phi^{\mu\nu} = 2\gamma_s \Delta^{\mu\alpha} \Delta^{\nu\beta} (\partial_{[\alpha} u_{\beta]} + 2\omega_{\alpha\beta}),$$
$$\tau_\pi \Delta^{\alpha<\mu} \Delta^{\nu>\beta} \frac{d}{d\tau} \pi_{\alpha\beta} + \pi^{\mu\nu} = 2\eta \partial^{<\mu} u^{\nu>}, \quad \text{Shear viscous tensor}$$
$$\tau_\Pi \frac{d}{d\tau} \Pi + \Pi = -\zeta \partial_\mu u^\mu, \quad \text{Bulk viscous pressure}$$

Also see: [Y.C. Liu and X.G. Huang, Nucl. Sci. Tech. 31, 56 \(2020\), 2003.12482.](#)

# Causality conditions

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- Causality can be satisfied if the following inequalities are fulfilled:

$$0 \leq \frac{b_1^{1/2} \pm (b_1 - b_2)^{1/2}}{6(2\tau_q - \lambda')\tau_\pi\tau_\Pi} \leq 1 \text{ and } 0 \leq \frac{2\tau_q(\gamma'\tau_\pi + \gamma_\perp\tau_\phi)}{(2\tau_q - \lambda')\tau_\pi\tau_\phi} \leq 1,$$

$$b_1 = \{8\gamma_\perp\tau_q\tau_\Pi + \tau_\pi[2\tau_q(3\gamma_\parallel - 4\gamma_\perp) + 3\tau_\Pi c_s^2(3\lambda' + 2\tau_q)]\}^2,$$

$$b_2 = 12c_s^2\lambda'(2\tau_q - \lambda')\tau_\pi\tau_\Pi[\tau_\pi(3\gamma_\parallel - 4\gamma_\perp) + 4\gamma_\perp\tau_\Pi].$$

# Non-trivial Stability conditions

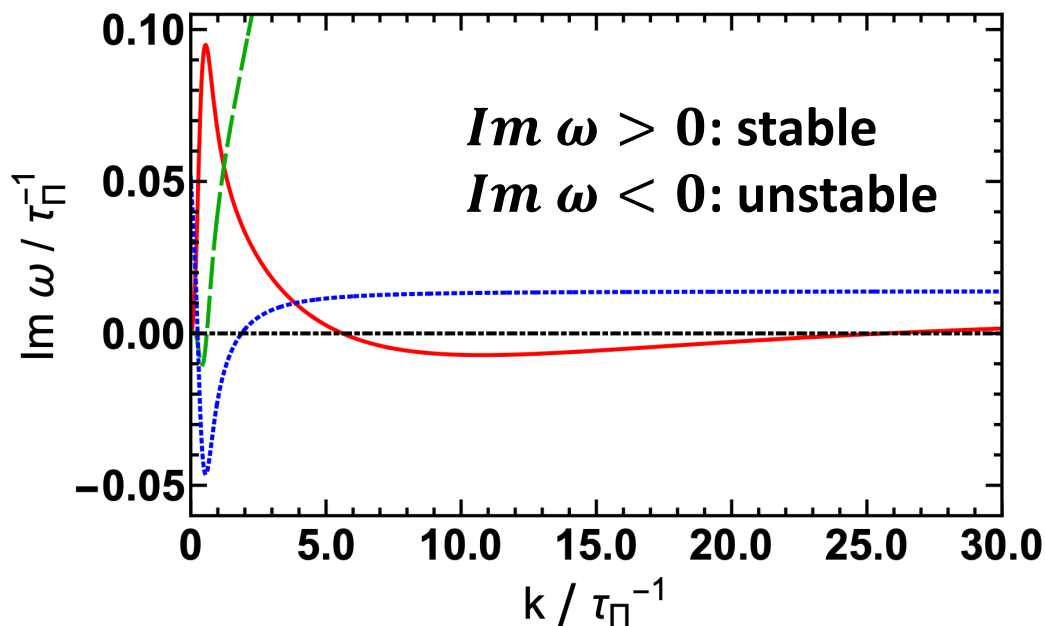
- We implement the conventional stability conditions and derive the following inequality:

$$\tau_q > \lambda'/2,$$

$$D_s > 0, \quad D_b < -4c_s \lambda \gamma_{\parallel}^{-1} |\chi_e^{0x}| \leq 0,$$

$$b_1 > b_2 > 0, \quad \frac{c_2}{c_3} > 0.$$

- The above conditions can make the system be stable at  $k \rightarrow 0$  and  $k \rightarrow \infty$  limits. **But, the system is unstable for finite  $k$ !**



**Conventional  
stability criteria  
fails ?!!**

# Thermodynamic stability in relativistic viscous and spin hydrodynamics

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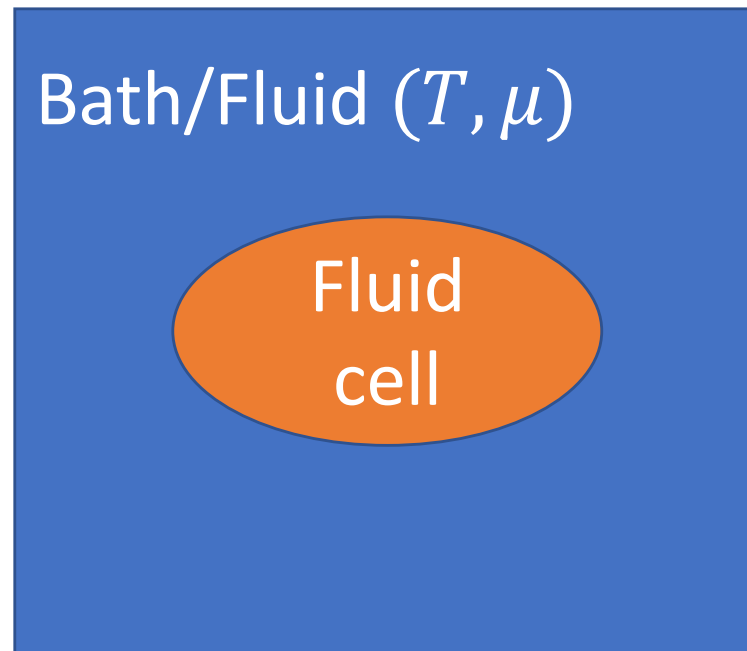


# Thermodynamic stability

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- Considering a fluid cell with a bath (fluid).
- Thermodynamic stability: 2nd law of thermodynamics

$$\Delta S = \Delta S_F + \Delta S_B \geq 0,$$



L. Gavassino, M. Antonelli, and B. Haskell, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **128**, 010606 (2022)

# Thermodynamic stability

$$dS = - \sum_a \alpha^a dQ^a. \quad \begin{array}{l} Q^a : \text{conserved quantities} \\ \alpha^a : \text{their thermodynamic conjugates} \end{array}$$

e.g.  $Q$ : number density,  $\alpha$ : chemical potential

$Q$ : energy momentum tensor,  $\alpha$ : temperature velocity  $u^\mu/T$

$$\Delta S = \Delta S_F + \Delta S_B$$

$$= \Delta S_F - \sum \alpha_B^a dQ_B^a$$

$$= \Delta S_F + \sum \alpha_F^a dQ_F^a \geq 0$$

$$dQ_B^a = -dQ_F^a.$$

Total Q is conserved.

$$\alpha_F^a \simeq \alpha_B^a$$

The bath is huge, fluid cell shares the same  $\alpha$  with bath.

L. Gavassino, M. Antonelli, and B. Haskell, Phys. Rev. Lett. 128, 010606 (2022)

# Information current

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- One can also define the information current

$$E^\mu \equiv -\delta S_F^\mu - \sum_a \alpha_F^a \delta J_F^{a,\mu},$$

- The thermodynamic stability (2<sup>nd</sup> law of thermodynamics) requires,

$$E \equiv \int d\Sigma E^\mu n_\mu \geq 0, \quad \begin{array}{l} \Sigma : \text{the space-like three-dimensional surface for fluid cell} \\ n^\mu : \text{time-like and future-directed normal unit vector for } \Sigma \end{array}$$

- the information current  $E_\mu$  must satisfy the following conditions, (thermodynamic stability conditions)

- (i).  $E^\mu n_\mu \geq 0$  for any  $n^\mu$  with  $n_0 > 0$ ,  $n^\mu n_\mu = 1$ ,
- (ii).  $E^\mu n_\mu = 0$  if and only if all perturbations are zero,
- (iii).  $\partial_\mu E^\mu \leq 0$ .

L. Gavassino, M. Antonelli, and B. Haskell, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **128**, 010606 (2022)

# Thermodynamic analysis VS linear modes analysis

Thermodynamic analysis	Linear modes analysis
2nd law of thermodynamics	Perturbation should decay with time; Propagating of perturbation cannot be faster than the speed of light.
Information current	Plane-wave type perturbation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i). <math>E^\mu n_\mu \geq 0</math> for any <math>n^\mu</math> with <math>n_0 &gt; 0, n^\mu n_\mu = 1,</math></li> <li>(ii). <math>E^\mu n_\mu = 0</math> if and only if all perturbations are zero,</li> <li>(iii). <math>\partial_\mu E^\mu \leq 0.</math></li> </ul>	$\text{Im } \omega \leq 0, \quad \text{for } \vec{k} \in \mathbb{R}^3,$ $\lim_{ \vec{k}  \rightarrow +\infty} \left\{ \frac{ \text{Re } \omega }{ \vec{k} } \leq 1,  \omega/\vec{k}  \text{ is bounded} \right\}, \vec{k} \in \mathbb{R}^3.$

# Example: Thermodynamic stability for viscous hydrodynamics

- We consider a relativistic hydro with viscous tensors only.
- We consider the variation of hydrodynamic quantities.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2n_0 T E^\mu n_\mu}{e + P} = & \frac{n_0^2 \tau_\pi}{\eta(e + P)} \sum_{i < j} \left[ \delta\pi^{ij} - \frac{1}{n_0 \chi_\pi} n_{(i} \delta u_{j)} \right]^2 \\ & + \frac{n_0^2 \tau_\pi}{\eta(e + P)} \left[ \delta\pi^{11} + \frac{1}{2} \delta\pi^{22} + \frac{1}{2n_0 \chi_\pi} (n_3 \delta u_3 - n_1 \delta u_1) \right]^2 \\ & + \frac{3n_0^2 \tau_\pi}{4\eta(e + P)} \left[ \delta\pi^{22} + \frac{1}{3n_0 \chi_\pi} (n_3 \delta u_3 + n_1 \delta u_1 - 2n_2 \delta u_2) \right]^2 \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^5 a_i (\delta A_i)^2, \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Information current includes the variation of hydro quantities up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> order.



$$\begin{aligned} c_s^2, \tau_\pi, \tau_\Pi &> 0, \\ 1 - c_s^2 - \frac{4\eta}{3\tau_\pi(e + P)} - \frac{\zeta}{\tau_\Pi(e + P)} &> 0, \end{aligned}$$

They are the same as casual and stable conditions derived in linear modes analysis!

G. S. Denicol, T. Kodama, T. Koide, and P. Mota, J. Phys. G 35, 115102 (2008) ;  
SP, T. Koide, and D. H. Rischke, Phys. Rev. D 81, 114039 (2010)

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# Application to spin hydrodynamics



$$\begin{aligned}
 & c_s^2, \lambda, \gamma_s, \eta, \zeta, \tau_q, \tau_\phi, \tau_\pi, \tau_\Pi, -\chi_b, \chi_s > 0, \\
 & 1 - \frac{\lambda'}{2\tau_q} - \frac{4\gamma_\perp}{3\tau_\pi} - \frac{1}{3\tau_\Pi}(3\gamma_\parallel - 4\gamma_\perp) > 0, \\
 & 1 - \frac{\lambda'}{2\tau_q} - \frac{\gamma_\perp}{\tau_\pi} - \frac{\gamma'}{\tau_\phi} > 0, \\
 & 1 - c_s^2 - \frac{(1 + 3c_s^2)\lambda'}{2\tau_q} - \frac{(2\tau_q - c_s^2\lambda')[4\gamma_\perp\tau_\Pi + \tau_\pi(3\gamma_\parallel - 4\gamma_\perp)]}{6\tau_q\tau_\pi\tau_\Pi} > 0, \\
 & 2 - c_s^2 - \frac{(2 + 3c_s^2)\lambda'}{2\tau_q} - \frac{4\gamma_\perp\tau_\Pi + \tau_\pi(3\gamma_\parallel - 4\gamma_\perp)}{3\tau_\pi\tau_\Pi} > 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

- The above conditions can give the causality condition for spin hydrodynamics.
- The thermodynamic stability conditions for spin hydrodynamics are more stringent than those derived from linear mode analysis.

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# Improved Causality and stability criteria in linear response theory



D.L. Wang, SP, **Phys.Rev.D (Lett)**, 109 (2024) 3, L031504



# Motivation

Let me put it in this way, the dumplings were made just for this vinegar.





# Problems in conventional analysis

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- **A practical challenge arises:**

Commonly, the causality and stability conditions are first derived from the conventional criteria in the **rest frame**. Then, the verification of these criteria in **other reference** frames follows. However, this process of examining conditions across different frames is frequently **burdensome**.

- **A concern arises:**

Conventional causality criterion is **incomplete**.

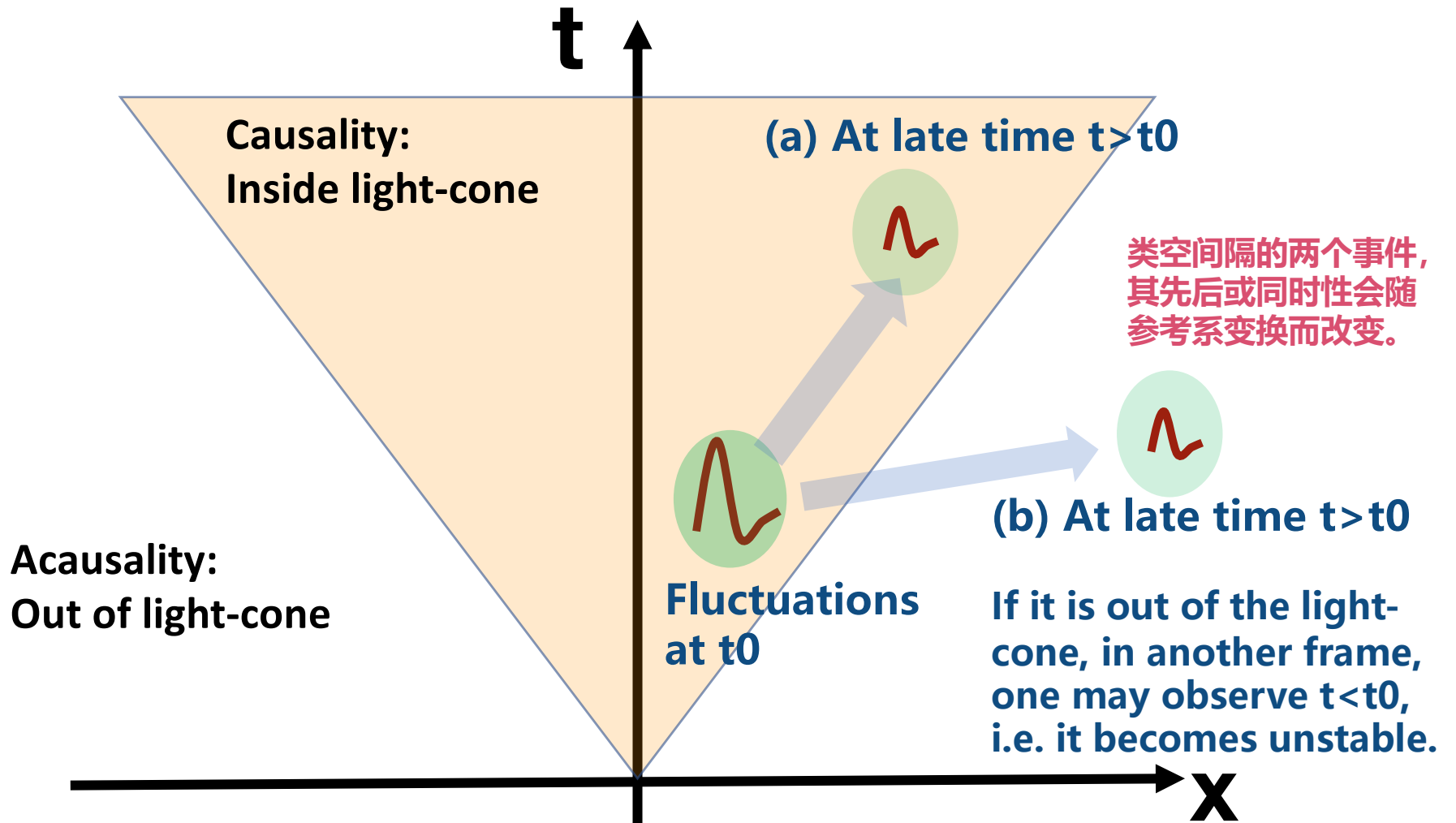
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- **An question arises:**

What constitutes the relationship between the stability and the causality criteria?

# Connection between causality and stability

- Acausal propagating can lead to unstable.



L. Gavassino, Phys. Rev. X 12, 041001 (2022)

# Updated stability criterion

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- The improved stability condition for a 3 + 1 dimensional relativistic system is,

$$\text{Im } \omega \leq |\text{Im } \vec{k}|, \quad \text{for } \vec{k} \in \mathbb{C}^3.$$

Complex

M. P. Heller, A. Serantes, M. Spaliński, and B. Withers, 2212.07434.

L. Gavassino, Phys. Lett. B 840, 137854 (2023).

- The imaginary part of  $k$  comes from the Lorentz transformation.

Assuming the system is stable in one frame, i.e.  $\text{Im } \omega \leq 0$ . Then, if we transform them to another frame,  $(\omega, k) \rightarrow (\omega', k')$  by Lorentz transformation, the  $k'$  will also have a imaginary part.

# Extending stability criterion to all frames

**Theorem 1.** The stability criterion holds true across all IFR if it is satisfied in a single IFR.

$$\text{Im } \omega \leq |\text{Im } \vec{k}|, \quad \text{for } \vec{k} \in \mathbb{C}^3.$$

**Dong-ling Wang, SP, Phys. Rev. D (Lett), 109 (2024) 3, L031504**

# Improved causality criterion (I)

**Theorem 2.** *Suppose that the initial data  $\varphi(0, \vec{x})$  for differential equations (1) is smooth with respect to  $\vec{x}$ , and the volume of the support of  $\varphi(0, \vec{x})$  is both finite and non-vanishing. If two constants  $R > 0$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}$  exist such that*

$$\text{Im } \omega \leq |\text{Im } \vec{k}| + b, \text{ for } |\vec{k}| > R, \quad (8)$$

*then the influence of the initial data propagates with subluminal speed.*

**Simplified version:**

$$\text{Im } \omega \leq |\text{Im } \vec{k}| + b', \text{ for } \vec{k} \in \mathbb{C}^3.$$

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**Theorem 3.** *The causality criterion (8) or (9) holds true across all IFR if it is fulfilled in a single IFR.*

**Dong-ling Wang, SP, Phys.Rev.D (Lett), 109 (2024) 3, L031504**

# Improved causality criterion (II)

- Consider the dispersion relation  $\omega = k(1 + i)/2$  satisfying the conventional causality condition

$$\lim_{|\vec{k}| \rightarrow +\infty} \left\{ \frac{|\operatorname{Re} \omega|}{|\vec{k}|} \leq 1, |\omega/\vec{k}| \text{ is bounded} \right\}, \vec{k} \in \mathbb{R}^3.$$

does not obey

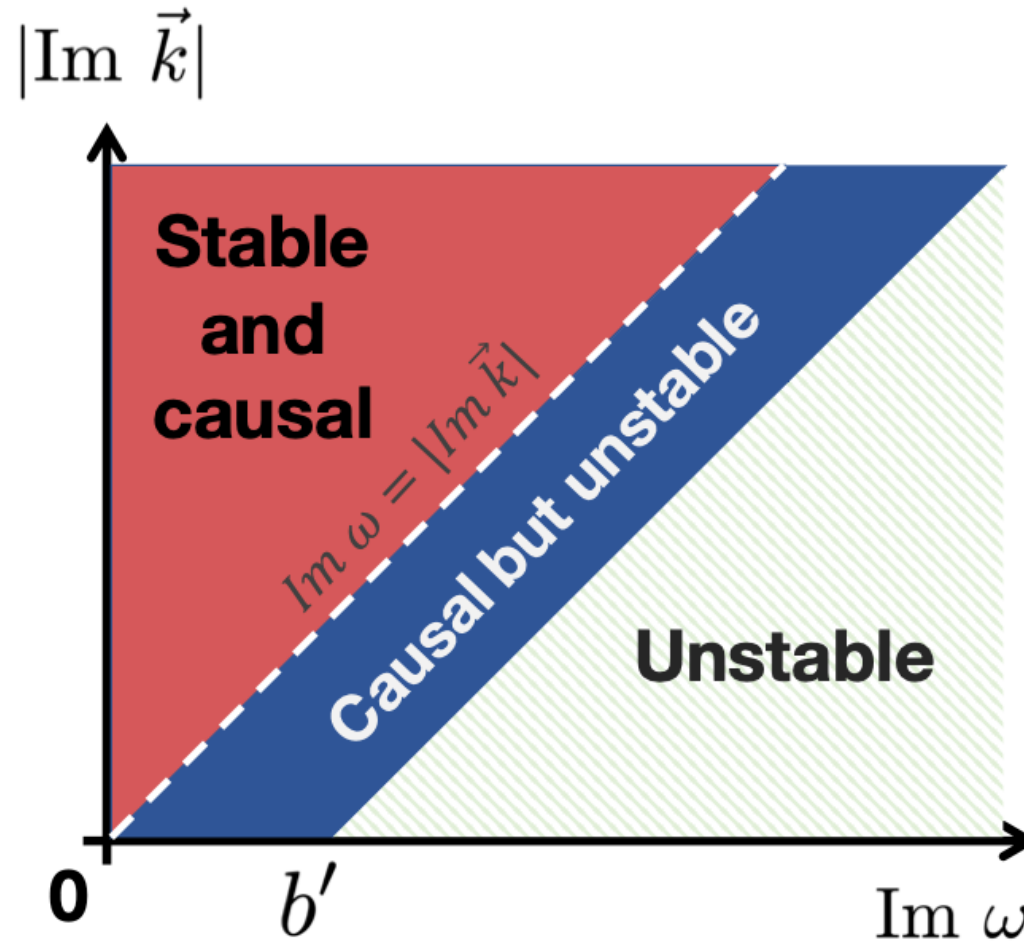
$$\operatorname{Im} \omega \leq |\operatorname{Im} \vec{k}| + b', \text{ for } \vec{k} \in \mathbb{C}^3.$$

e.g. if we set  $k$  be real, then the above inequality becomes,  $k/2 < b'$ . We cannot find a constant  $b'$  to keep this inequality be satisfied for large  $k$  limit.

- We know that the above desperation relations are proved to be acausal.

**P. D. Lax, Hyperbolic Partial Differential Equations Courant Lecture Notes (American Mathematical Society/Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, 2006)**

# Stability means causality



## Conclusion:

**Stability in all inertial frame of reference means causality in linear mode analysis.**

# What is the **necessary and sufficient** causality criteria?

1.  $\text{Im } \omega \leq |\text{Im } \vec{k}|, \quad \vec{k} \in \mathbb{C}^3.$

Heller, Serantes, Spalinski, Withers, Phys.Rev.Lett. 130, 261601 (2023).

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2.  $\text{Im } \omega \leq |\text{Im } \vec{k}| + b', \text{ for } \vec{k} \in \mathbb{C}^3.$

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3.  $0 \leq \lim_{|\vec{k}| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\text{Re } \omega|}{|\vec{k}|} \leq 1, \quad \lim_{|\vec{k}| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{Im } \omega}{|\vec{k}|} = 0, \quad \vec{k} \in \mathbb{R}^3,$

$$\mathcal{O}_\omega \left[ F(\omega, \vec{k} \neq 0) \right] = \mathcal{O}_{|\vec{k}|} \left[ F(\omega = a|\vec{k}|, \vec{k}) \right].$$

Hoult, Kovtun, Phys.Rev.D 109, 046018 (2024).

**It is not the end of the story, but merely the beginning of it.**



# Attractors and focusing behavior in spin hydrodynamics



D.L. Wang, Y. Li, SP, arXiv: 2408.03781

# Analytic solutions for spin hydrodynamics

- **Solution for Bjorken type spin hydrodynamics:**

$$\omega^{xy}(\tau) = \omega_0^{xy} \left(\frac{\tau_0}{\tau}\right)^{1/3} \exp\left[-\frac{2\gamma\tau_0}{a_1 T_0^3} \left(\frac{\tau^2}{\tau_0^2} - 1\right)\right] \left\{ 1 + \left(\frac{2\eta_s}{3s} + \frac{\zeta}{s}\right) \frac{1}{T_0^4} \right. \\ \times \left. \left[ \frac{T_0^3}{\tau_0} \left(\left(\frac{\tau_0}{\tau}\right)^{2/3} - 1\right) + \frac{\gamma}{a_1} \left(3\left(\frac{\tau}{\tau_0}\right)^2 - \frac{9}{2}\left(\frac{\tau}{\tau_0}\right)^{4/3} + \frac{3}{2}\right) \right] \right\} \\ + \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\omega_0^{xy}/T_0\right)^2, \left(\eta_s/s\right)^2, \left(\zeta/s\right)^2, \left(\eta_s\zeta/s^2\right)\right),$$

D.L. Wang, S. Fang, SP, Phys.Rev.D 104 (2021) 11, 114043

- **Solution for Gubser type spin hydrodynamics:**

$$S^{0x} = \frac{4L^2}{\tau} C_+ G(L, \tau, x_\perp)^{-1}, \quad S^{xz} = \frac{4L^2}{\tau} D_+ G(L, \tau, x_\perp)^{-1}, \\ S^{0y} = \frac{4L^2}{\tau} C_- G(L, \tau, x_\perp)^{-1}, \quad S^{yz} = \frac{4L^2}{\tau} D_- G(L, \tau, x_\perp)^{-1}.$$

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- **Spin density: Power law X exponential decay**

**Ordinary hydro variables: power law decay**

**No spin effects at late time?**

# Revisited Bjorken type spin hydro (I)

- For Bjorken type spin hydro, we have

$$\frac{d^2 S^{xy}}{dw^2} + (\Delta_1^{-1} + w^{-1}) \frac{dS^{xy}}{dw} + \Delta_1^{-2} (w^{-1} - w^{-2} + 8\alpha w^{\Delta_2}) S^{xy} = 0.$$

$$\text{Kn}^{-1} \approx w \equiv \frac{\tau}{\tau_\phi}, \quad w \equiv \frac{\tau}{\tau_\phi} = \left( \frac{\tau}{\tau_1} \right)^{\Delta_1}, \quad \frac{\tau_\phi \gamma}{\chi} = \alpha w^{\Delta_2},$$

$\Delta_1, \Delta_2$  are constant

$\gamma$ : transport coefficient

$\tau_\phi$ : relaxation time

$\chi$ : spin susceptibility

$$f(w) \equiv \Delta_1 \frac{w}{S^{xy}} \frac{dS^{xy}}{dw} = \frac{\tau}{S^{xy}} \frac{dS^{xy}}{d\tau}$$

Here, we assume the  $\gamma$  is proper time dependent different with our previous work.

$$\Delta_1 w f' + f^2 + w f + w - 1 + 8\alpha w^{2+\Delta_2} = 0,$$

# Revisited Bjorken type spin hydro (II)

$$\Delta_1 w f' + f^2 + w f + w - 1 + 8\alpha w^{2+\Delta_2} = 0,$$

$$w \equiv \frac{\tau}{\tau_\phi} = \left( \frac{\tau}{\tau_1} \right)^{\Delta_1}, \quad \frac{\tau_\phi \gamma}{\chi} = \alpha w^{\Delta_2}, \quad f(w) \equiv \Delta_1 \frac{w}{S^{xy}} \frac{dS^{xy}}{dw} = \frac{\tau}{S^{xy}} \frac{dS^{xy}}{d\tau}$$

If  $\alpha w^{2+\Delta_2} \rightarrow 0$ , then the late time behavior reads

$$\cancel{\Delta_1 w f'} + f^2 + \cancel{w f} + \cancel{w} - 1 + \cancel{8\alpha w^{2+\Delta_2}} = 0,$$

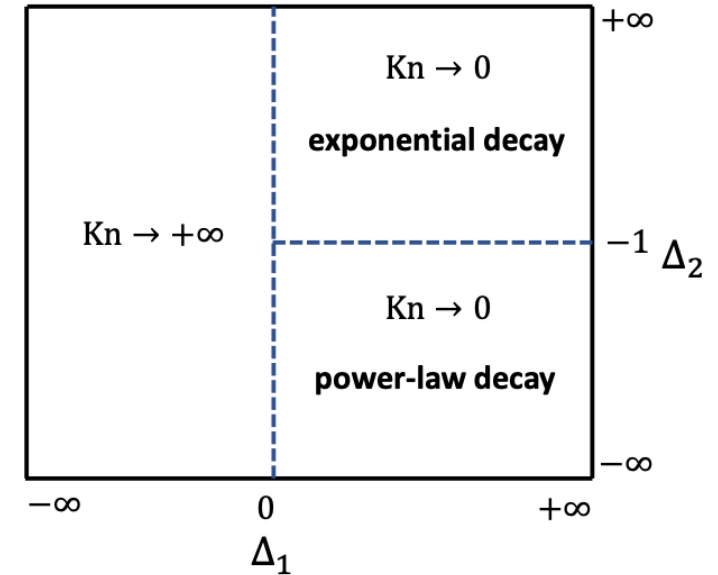
→  $f \sim \pm 1$

Trivial solution? But one kind of attractors!

Spin density: power law decay

# Asymptotic solutions for $S = S^{xy}$

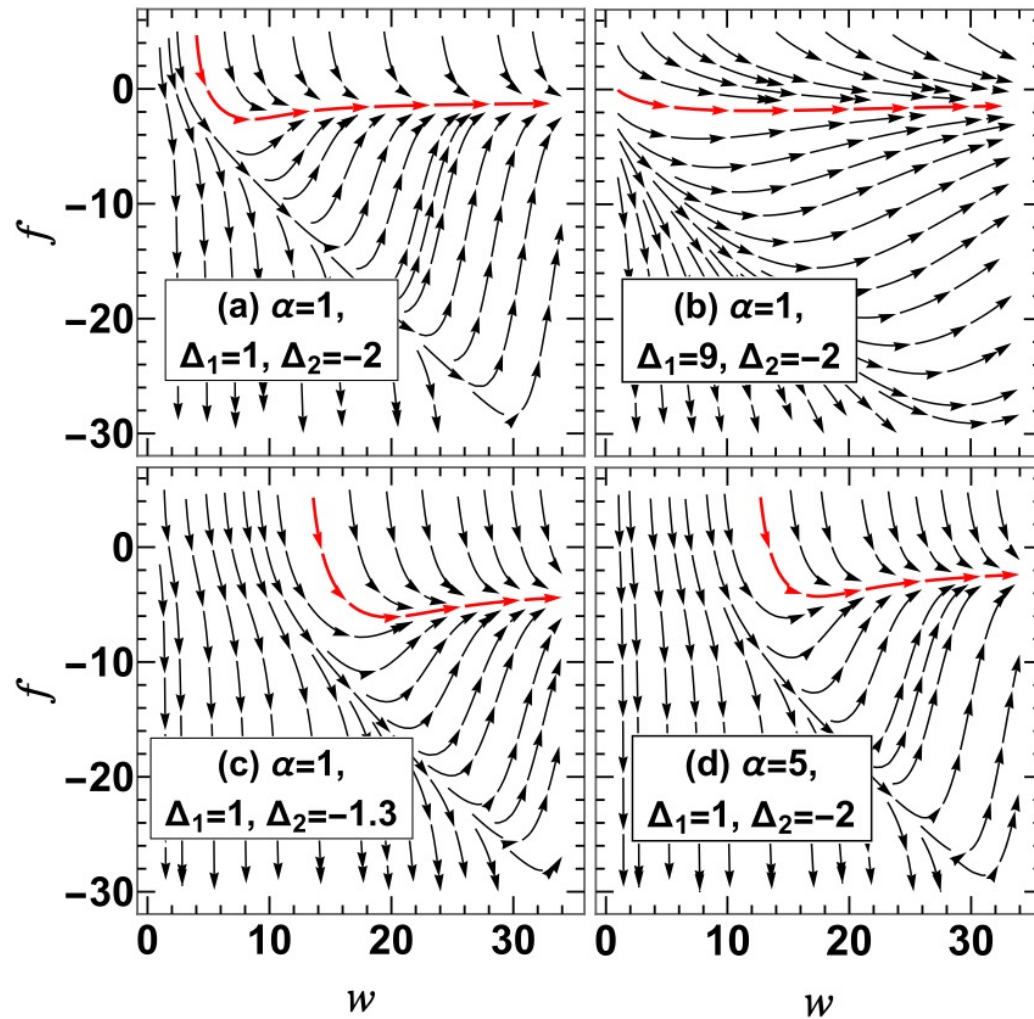
$w \rightarrow +\infty$	
$\Delta_2 > 0$	$S_{(1),(2)} \propto e^{-w/(2\Delta_1)}$
$\Delta_2 = 0$	$S_{(1),(2)} \propto e^{-w(1 \pm \sqrt{1-32\alpha})/(2\Delta_1)}$
$-1 < \Delta_2 < 0$	$S_{(1)} \propto e^{-w/\Delta_1}, S_{(2)} \propto \exp\left[-\frac{8\alpha w^{1+\Delta_2}}{\Delta_1(1+\Delta_2)}\right]$
$\Delta_2 = -1$	$S_{(1)} \propto e^{-w/\Delta_1}, S_{(2)} \sim w^{-(1+8\alpha)/\Delta_1}$
$\Delta_2 < -1$	$S_{(1)} \propto e^{-w/\Delta_1}, S_{(2)} \sim w^{-1/\Delta_1}$



**We focus on the region:**

$$\Delta_1 > 0, \quad \Delta_2 \leq -1.$$

# Late time attractors



$$f_{(1)} \rightarrow -w,$$

$$f_{(2)} \rightarrow \begin{cases} -1 - 8\alpha, & \Delta_2 = -1, \\ -1, & \Delta_2 < -1, \end{cases}$$

# Why late time attractors exist?

- Assuming spin susceptibility is a constant for simplicity.

$$\gamma \sim \tau^{1+\Delta_2-1/\Delta_1}$$

When  $\gamma$  is small (or  $\Delta_1 > 0, \Delta_2 \leq -1$ ),

$$\tau \phi \Delta^{\mu\alpha} \Delta^{\nu\beta} u^\rho \nabla_\rho \phi_{\alpha\beta} + \phi^{\mu\nu} = 2\gamma \Delta^{\mu\alpha} \Delta^{\nu\beta} (\nabla_{[\alpha} u_{\beta]} + 2\omega_{\alpha\beta}),$$

➔ 
$$\phi^{xy} \approx \phi_0 \exp\left(-\frac{w}{\Delta_1}\right) + \mathcal{O}(\gamma),$$

While  $\phi$  is the source generating spin density

$$\partial_\lambda \Sigma^{\lambda xy} \approx 0,$$

$$\frac{dS^{xy}}{d\tau} + \frac{1}{\tau} S^{xy} \approx 0, \quad \text{➔} \quad S^{xy} \approx S_0 \frac{\tau_1}{\tau} = S_0 w^{-1/\Delta_1}$$

In this case, spin density decays due to expanding only, just like energy or number density in a Bjorken flow.

Beyond the non-hydro modes?

# New discovery: focusing behavior

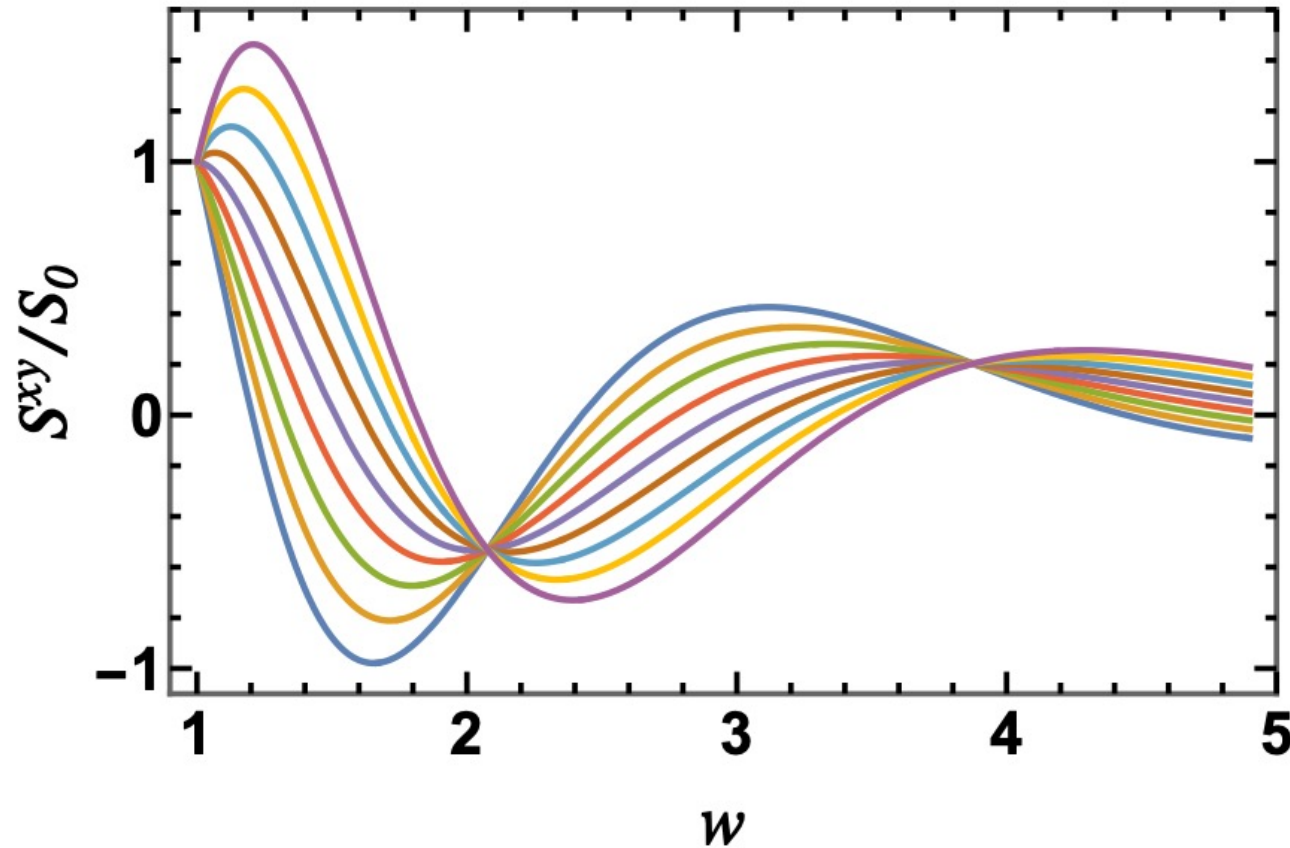


FIG. 5. The focusing behavior for  $S^{xy}(w)/S_0$  with different  $S'_0$ . The parameters are set to be  $\Delta_1 = 1$ ,  $\Delta_2 = -1.5$ , and  $\alpha = 2$ . The initial conditions are chosen as  $w_0 = 1$  and  $S'_0 = -4.9, -3.7, -2.5, -1.3, -0.1, 1.1, 2.3, 3.5$ , and  $4.7$ . All solutions  $S^{xy}(w)/S_0$  pass through the same point at  $w = 2.077, 3.876, 6.804$ , and  $11.974$  (the last two are not shown in this figure).



# Summary and outlook

# Summary

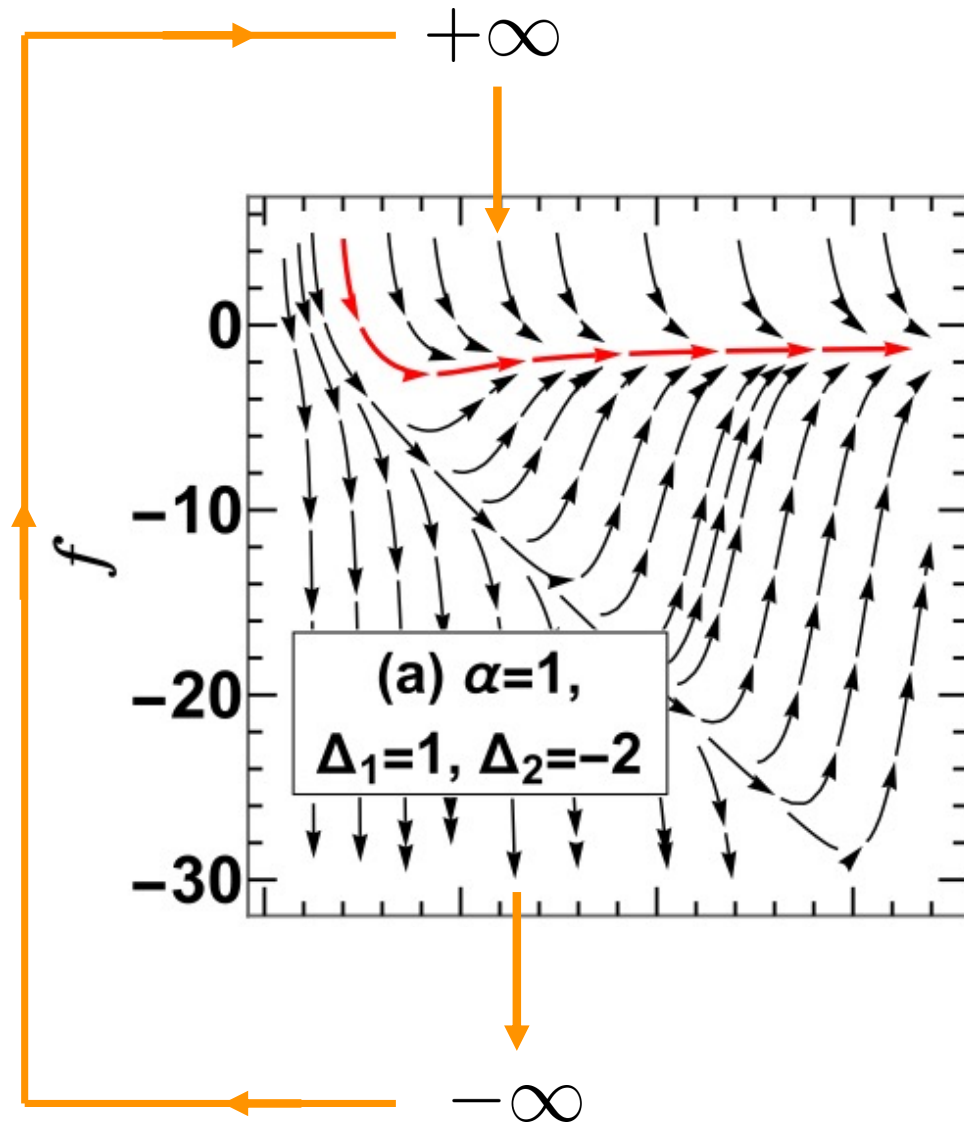
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- We study the causality and stability for spin hydrodynamics. We derived the causality conditions and find the **conventional stability criterion (fails)** cannot make the system be stable for finite wave length limit.
- The thermodynamic stability provides the constrains, which is more **stringent** than those derived from linear mode analysis.
- We introduced and proved an **improved causality criteria**. By the new criteria, we find that **stability in all inertial frame of reference means causality in linear mode analysis**.
- We derive the **late time attractors** and focusing behavior for spin hydrodynamics. It implies that spin density can be treated as other thermodynamic variables in certain region.

# Thank you!

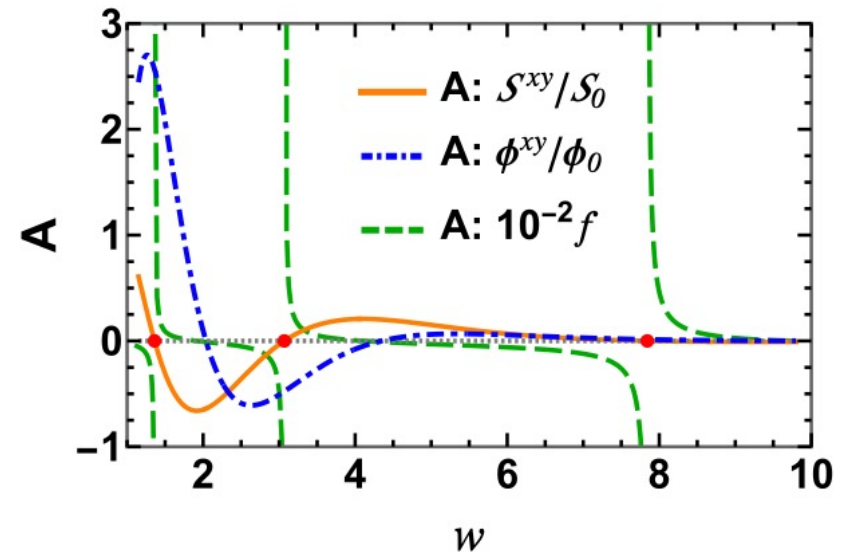
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# No singularity for spin density



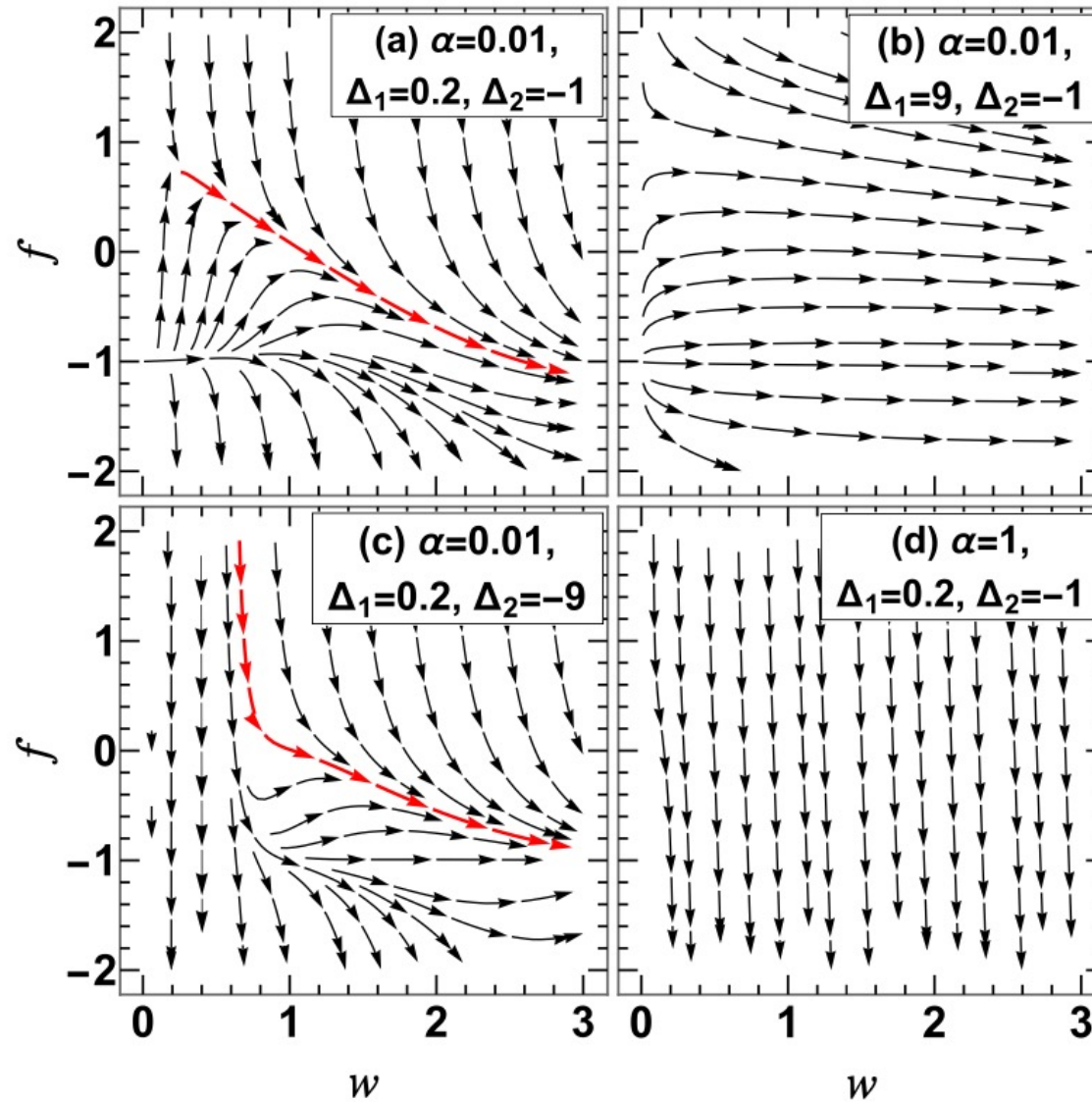
$$f(w) \equiv \Delta_1 \frac{w}{S^{xy}} \frac{dS^{xy}}{dw} = \frac{\tau}{S^{xy}} \frac{dS^{xy}}{d\tau}$$

$$S^{xy} \rightarrow 0, f \rightarrow \pm\infty$$



$$\Delta_1 = 1, \Delta_2 = -2, \text{ and } \alpha = 2$$

# Early time attractors



# A practical challenge arises

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- Commonly, the causality and stability conditions are first derived from the conventional criteria in the **rest frame**.
- Then, the verification of these criteria in **other reference frames** follows.
- However, this process of examining conditions across different frames is frequently **burdensome**.