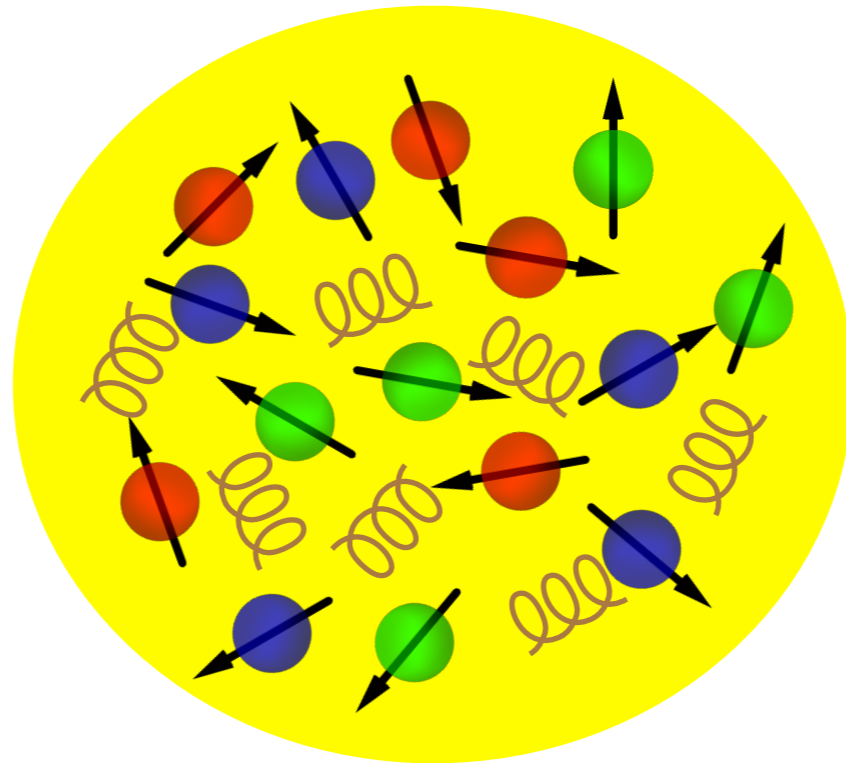


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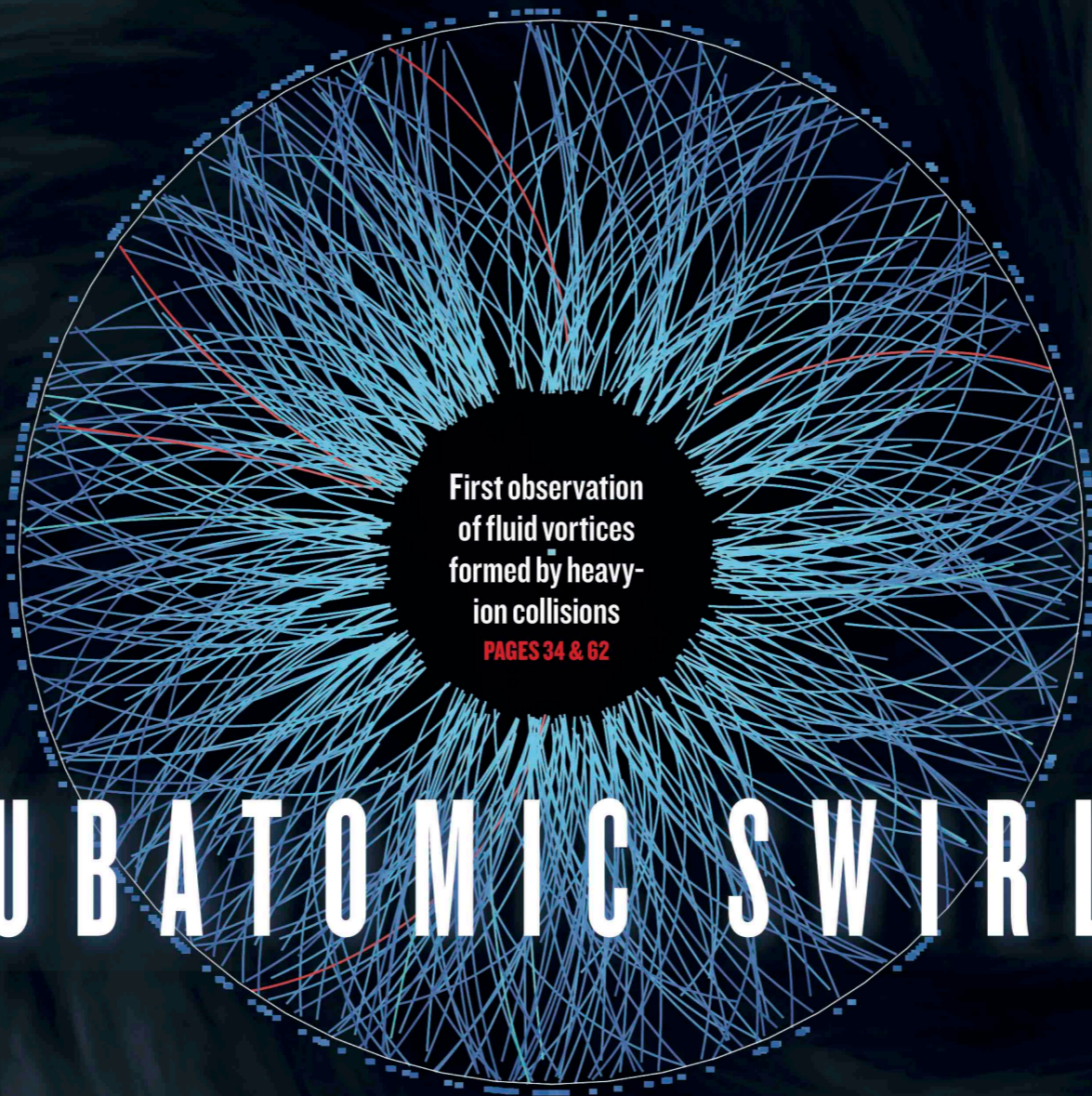
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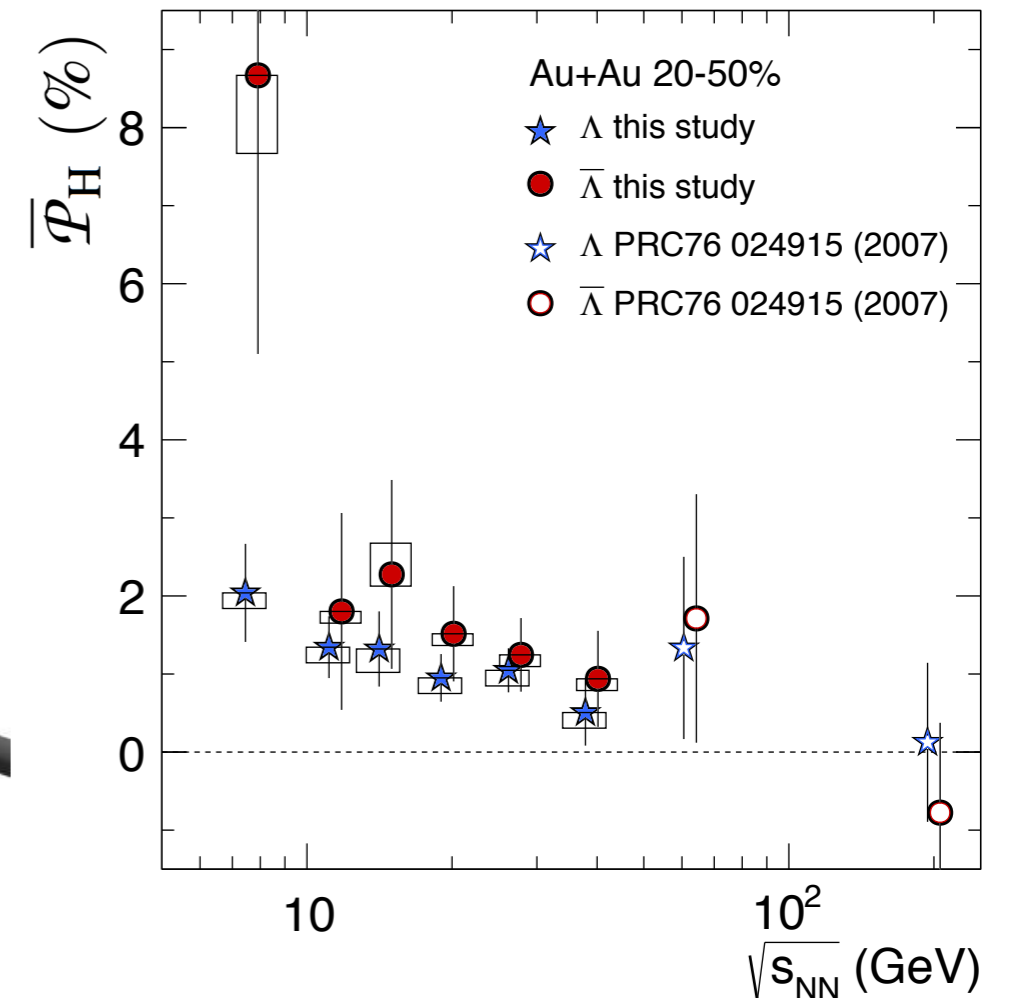
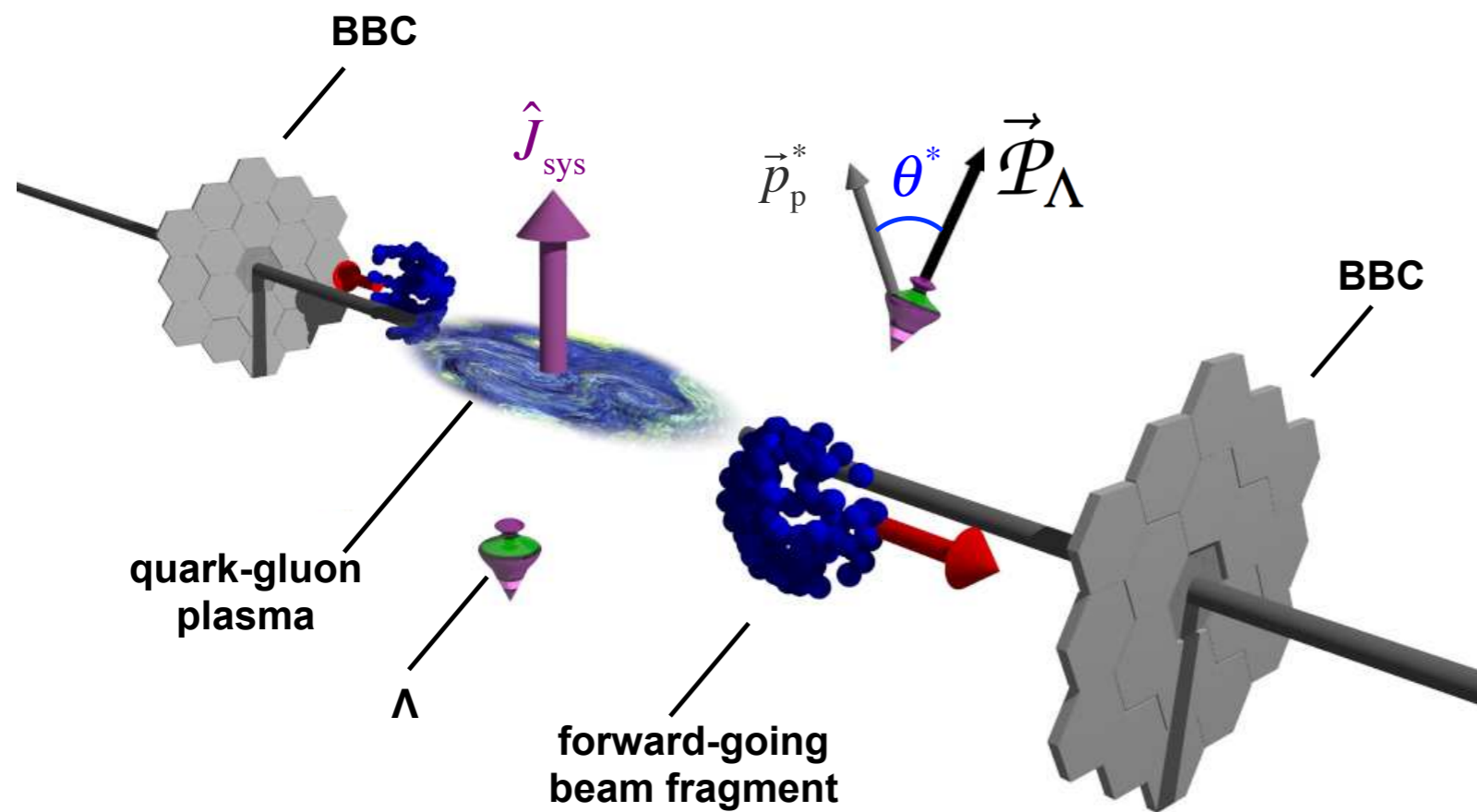
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Spin in heavy-ion collisions

Global Λ polarization [STAR Collaboration, Nature (2017)]



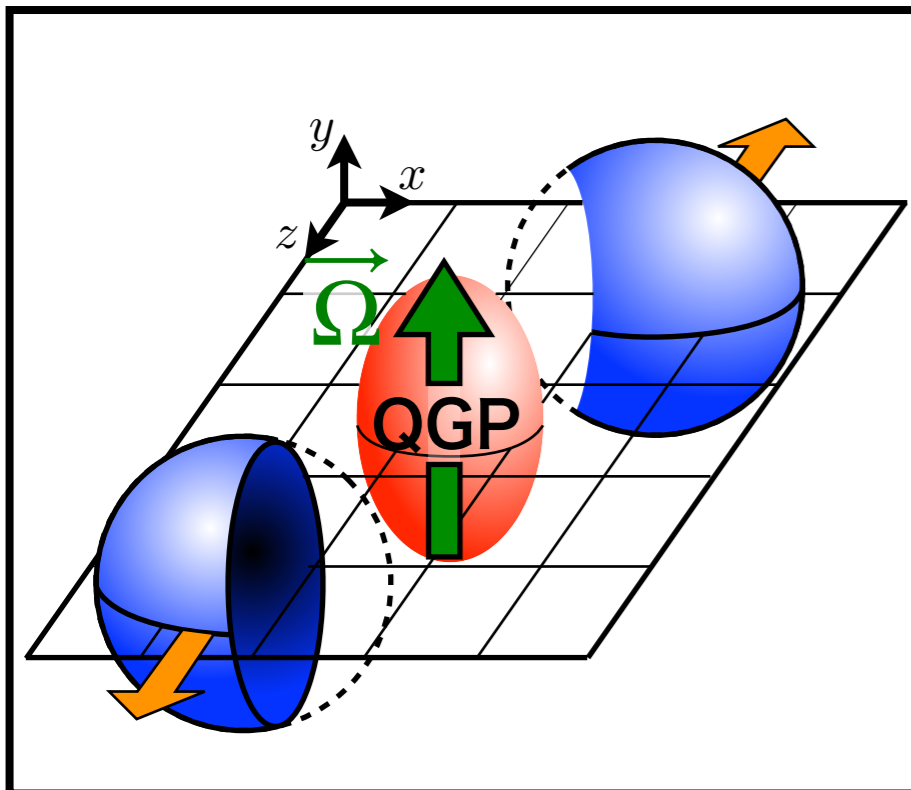
“Non-central collisions have angular momentum on the order of $1000\hbar$, and the resulting fluid may have a strong vortical structure...”

The extreme condition with a huge angular momentum!

[In terms of vorticity, it reaches $\omega \sim 9 \times 10^{21} \text{ s}^{-1} \simeq 10 \text{ MeV}$]

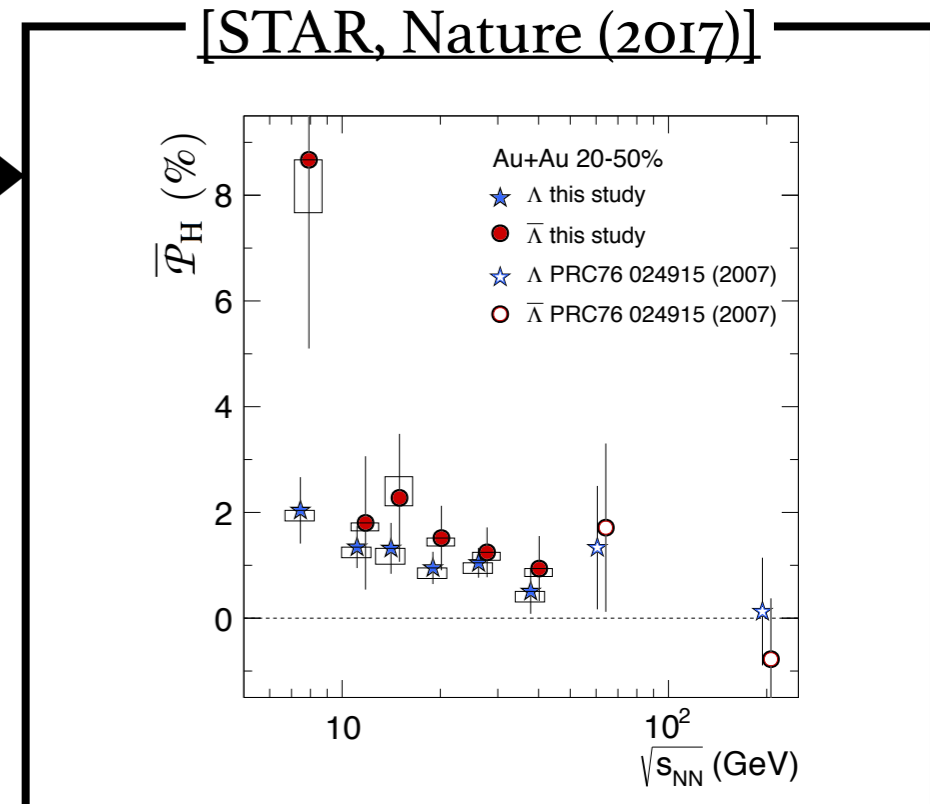
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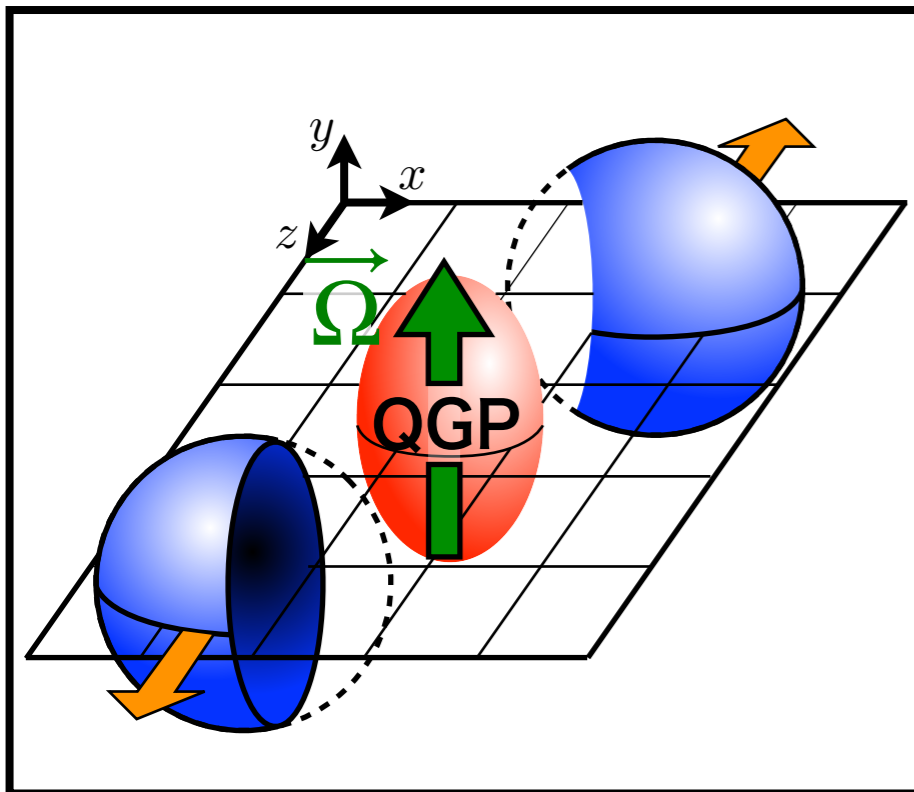


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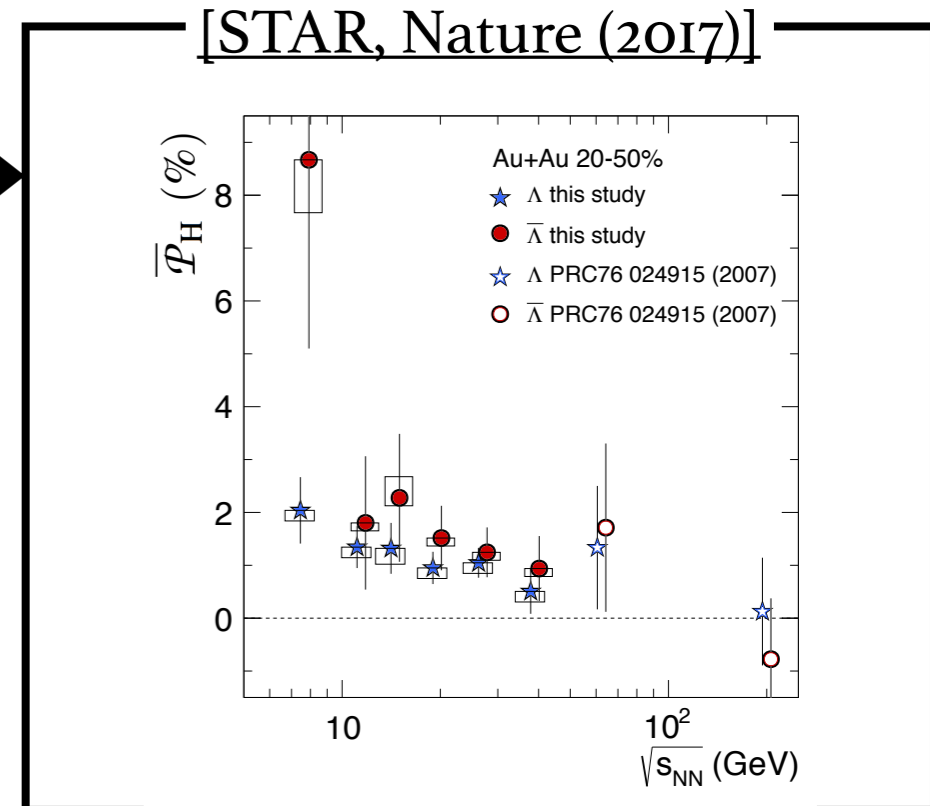
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◆ Questions

- What is intrinsic spin dynamics at a hydrodynamics stage?
- What is intrinsic spin dynamics at a hadronic stage?

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Warm up

Derivation of diffusion eq.

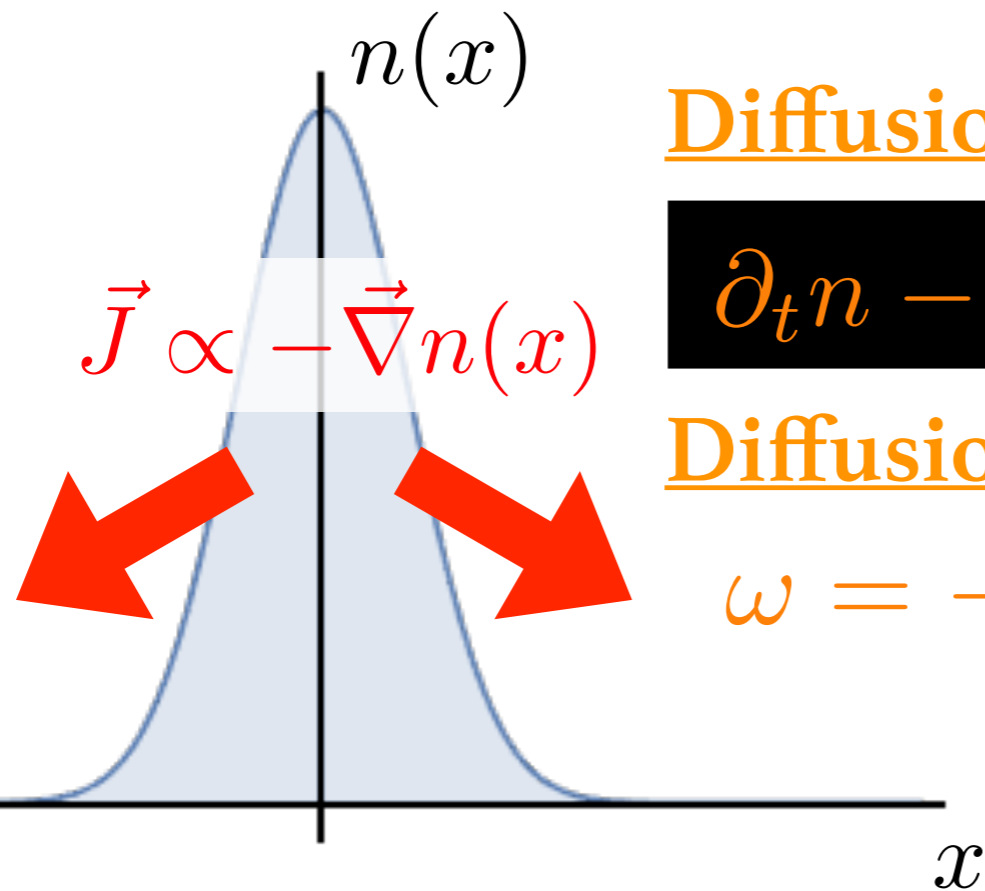
Prototype: Charge diffusion

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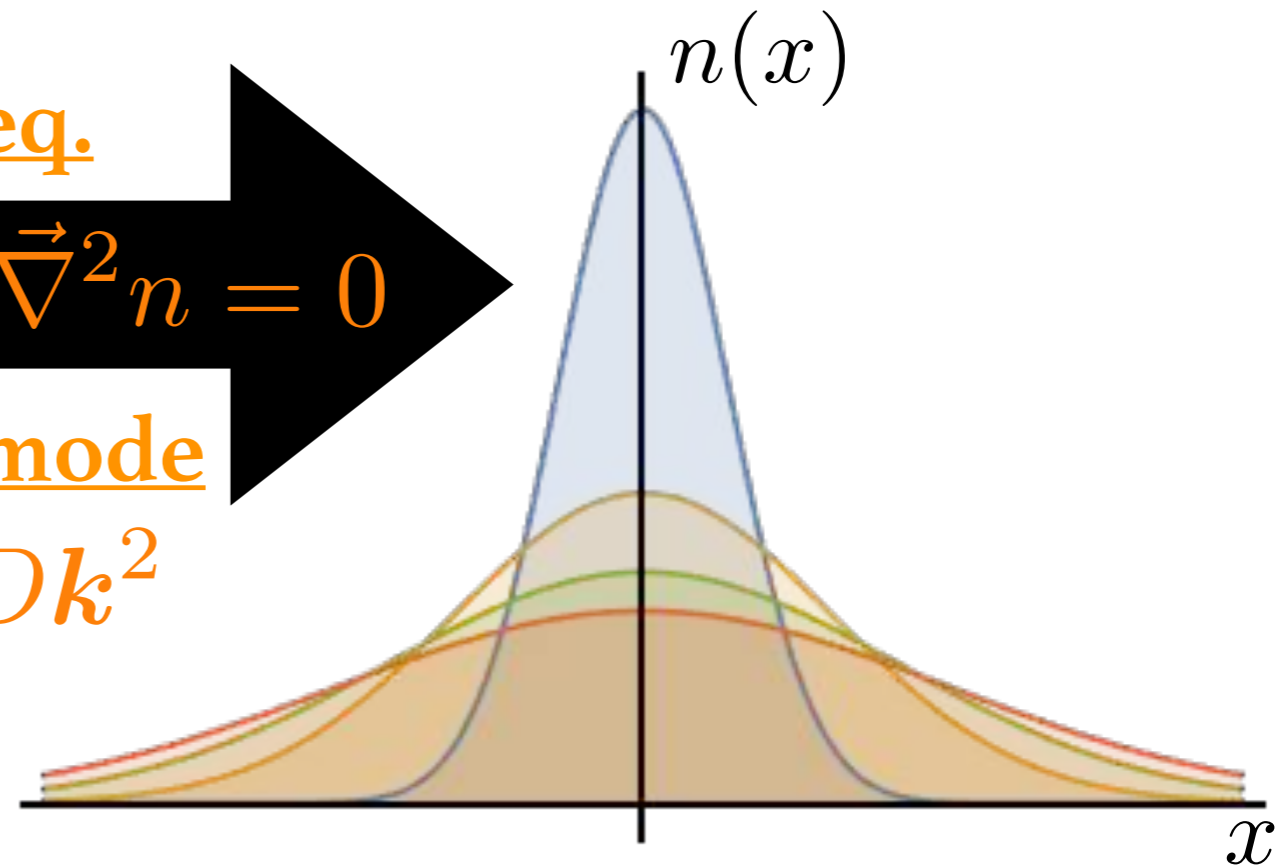


Diffusion eq.

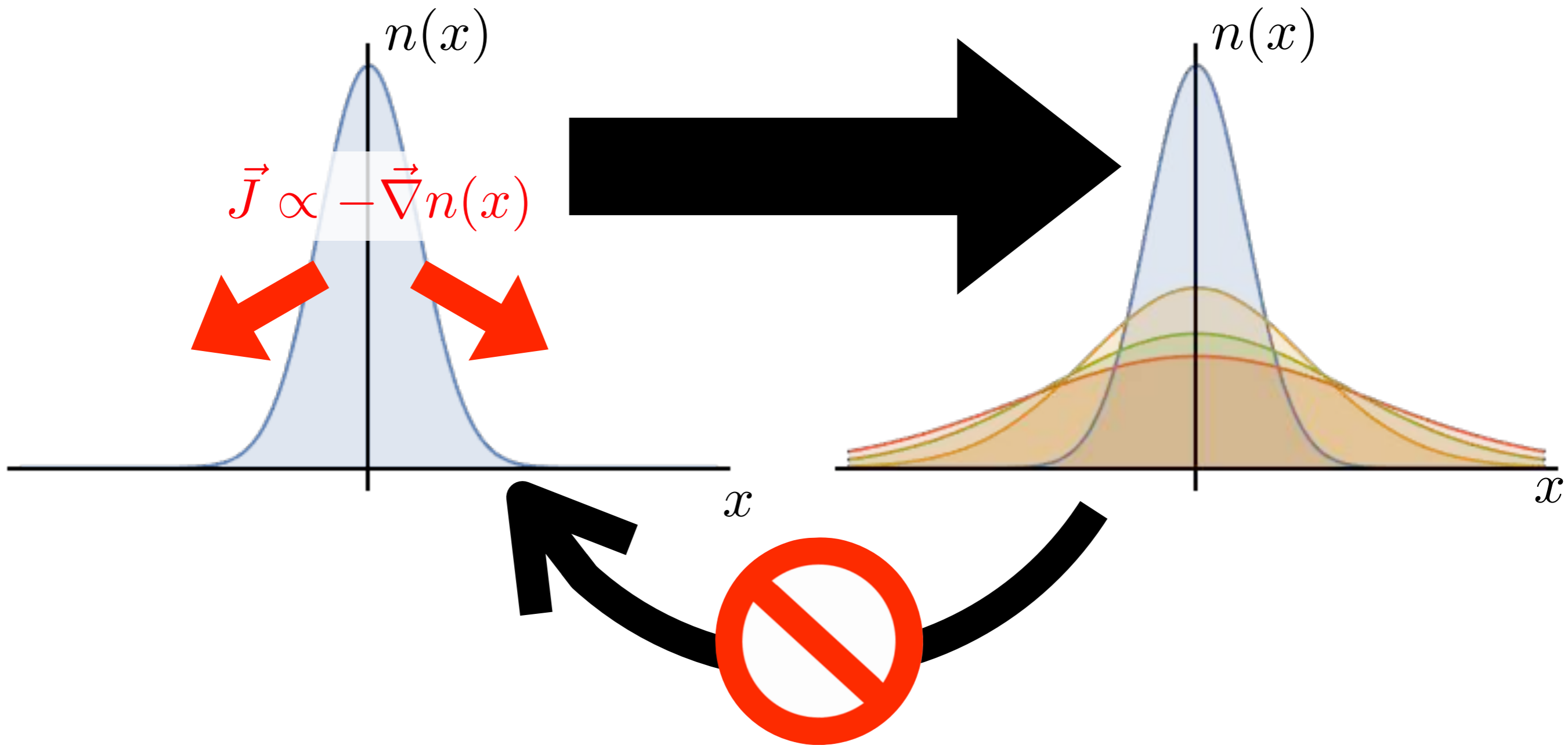
$$\partial_t n - D \vec{\nabla}^2 n = 0$$

Diffusion mode

$$\omega = -i D k^2$$



Irreversibility of diffusion



No-go for time-reversal process!

Thermodynamic concepts, especially, The 2_{nd} law, should be there!

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One way to determine κ_n

◆ Linearized constitutive relation

$$\vec{J} = -T\kappa_n \vec{\nabla}(\beta\mu) \simeq -D\vec{\nabla}n \quad \text{with} \quad D \equiv \frac{\kappa_n}{\chi_n}$$

➔ Diffusion equation: $\partial_t n - D\vec{\nabla}^2 n = 0$

➔ Dispersion relation: $\omega(\mathbf{k}) = -iDk^2$

◆ Green's function interpretation of the result

$$\tilde{G}_R^{nn}(\omega, \mathbf{k}) = \frac{i\chi_n Dk^2}{\omega + iDk^2} \quad \left(\chi_n = \lim_{\mathbf{k} \rightarrow 0} \tilde{G}_R^{nn}(\omega = 0, \mathbf{k}) \right)$$

➔ Charge density correlator enables us to obtain D

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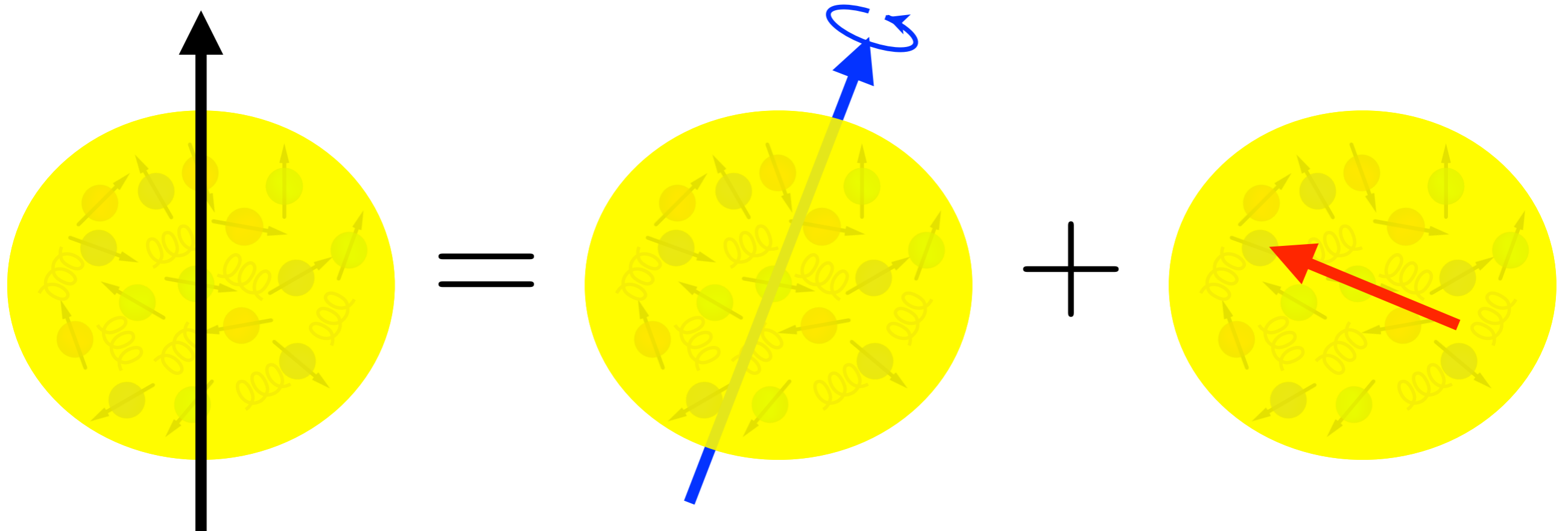
Conservation law: $\partial_\mu \Theta^{\mu\nu} = 0, \partial_\mu J^{\mu\nu\rho} = 0$

Decomposition: $J^{\mu\nu\rho} = x^\nu \Theta^{\mu\rho} - x^\rho \Theta^{\mu\nu} + \Sigma^{\mu\nu\rho}$

Total AM

Orbital AM

Spin AM



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$$\Sigma^\mu{}_{\nu\rho} = \varepsilon^\mu{}_{\nu\rho\sigma} \sigma^\sigma$$

◆ Transport coefficient: η, ζ, η_s

$$\eta^\mu{}_\nu{}^\rho{}_\sigma = 2\eta \left(\frac{1}{2} (\Delta^{\mu\rho} \Delta_{\nu\sigma} + \Delta_\sigma^\mu \Delta_\nu^\rho) - \frac{1}{3} \Delta_\nu^\mu \Delta_\sigma^\rho \right) + \zeta \Delta_\nu^\mu \Delta_\sigma^\rho$$

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**Linear-mode analysis
on spin-hydro to compute η_s**

Linearized spin-hydro

Perturbation on the top of **global static** thermal equilibrium:

Pickup $O(\delta)$ -terms only

$$\begin{cases} \epsilon(x) = \epsilon_0 + \delta\epsilon(x) \\ v^i(x) = 0 + \delta v^i(x) \\ \sigma^{\hat{a}}(x) = 0 + \delta\sigma^{\hat{a}}(x) \end{cases}$$

with the flat background

◆ Linearized spin-hydrodynamic equations:

$$0 = \partial_0 \delta\epsilon + \partial_i \delta\pi^i,$$

$$0 = \partial_0 \delta\pi_i + c_s^2 \partial_i \delta\epsilon - \gamma_{\parallel} \partial_i \partial^j \delta\pi_j - (\gamma_{\perp} + \gamma_s) (\delta_i^j \nabla^2 - \partial_i \partial^j) \delta\pi_j + \frac{1}{2} \Gamma_s \epsilon_{0ijk} \partial^j \delta\sigma^k,$$

$$0 = \partial_0 \delta\sigma_i + \Gamma_s \delta\sigma_i + 2\gamma_s \epsilon_{0ijk} \partial^j \delta\pi^k,$$

with a set of parameters:

$$\begin{cases} c_s^2 \equiv \frac{\partial p}{\partial \epsilon}, & \gamma_{\parallel} \equiv \frac{1}{\epsilon_0 + p_0} \left(\zeta + \frac{4}{3} \eta \right), & \gamma_{\perp} \equiv \frac{\eta}{\epsilon_0 + p_0}, \\ \chi_s \delta_{ij} \equiv \frac{\partial \sigma_i}{\partial \mu^j}, & \gamma_s \equiv \frac{\eta_s}{2(\epsilon_0 + p_0)}, & \Gamma_s \equiv \frac{2\eta_s}{\chi_s}. \end{cases}$$

Linear-mode analysis

Linearized eom can be solved by the use of Fourier tr.!

$$\delta\mathcal{O}(x) = e^{-i(\omega t - \mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x})} \delta\tilde{\mathcal{O}}(k) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{EoM: } A(\omega, \mathbf{k})\delta\tilde{\mathcal{O}}(k) = 0$$

($A(\omega, \mathbf{k}) : 7 \times 7$ matrix)

Characteristic equation: $\det A(\omega, \mathbf{k}) = 0$

◆ Dispersion relation

$$\omega_{\text{sound}}(\mathbf{k}) = \pm c_s |\mathbf{k}| - \frac{i}{2} \gamma_{\parallel} \mathbf{k}^2 + O(\mathbf{k}^3),$$

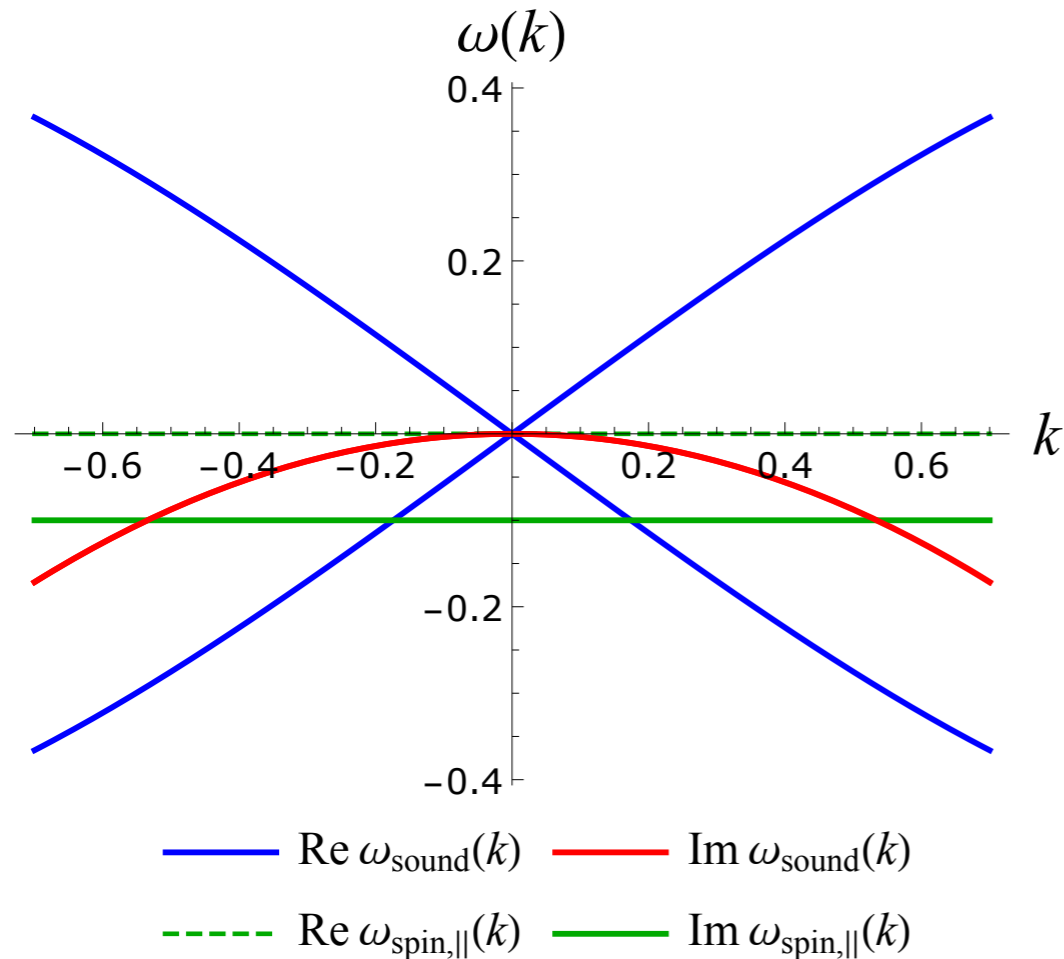
$$\omega_{\text{spin},\parallel}(\mathbf{k}) = -i\Gamma_s$$

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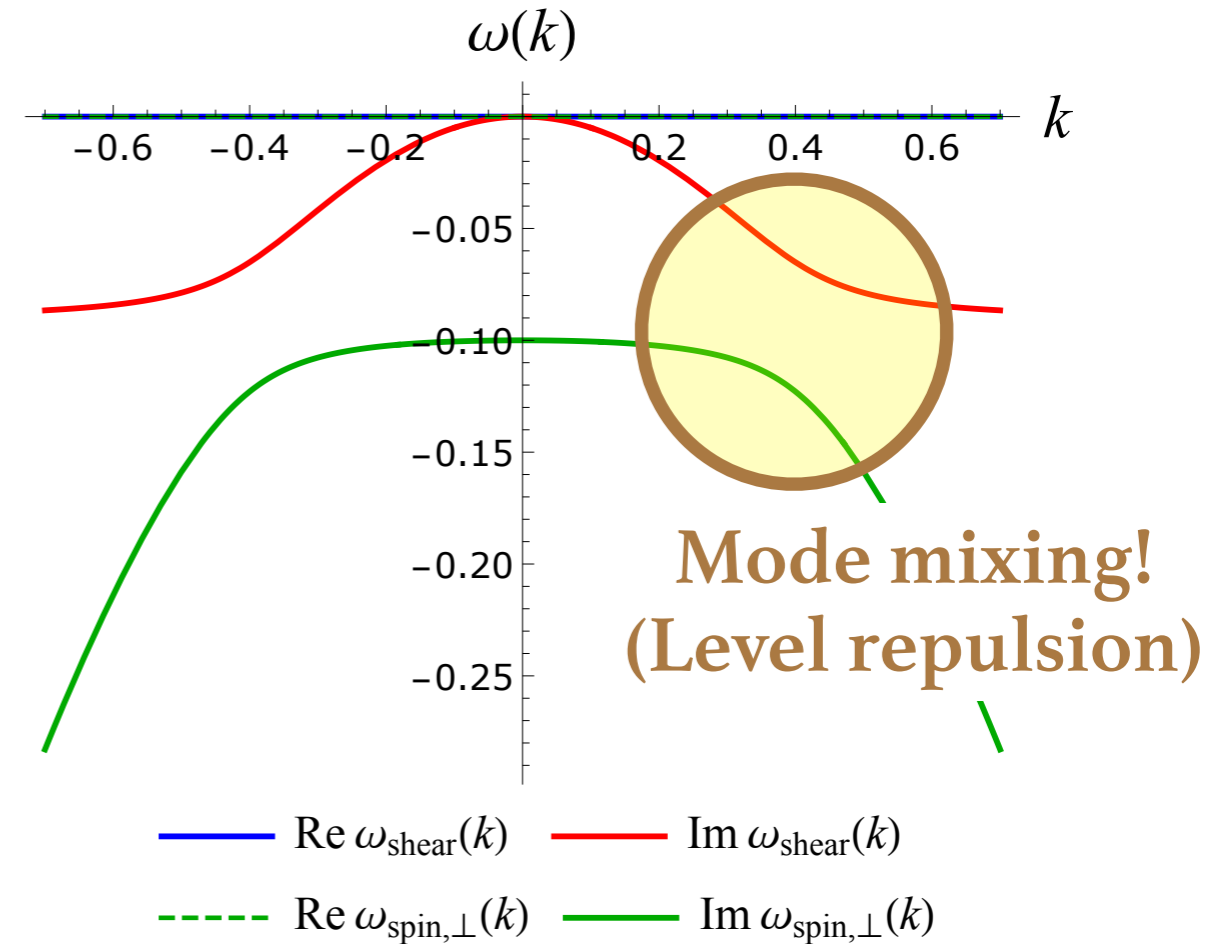
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Dispersion relation

(a) Longitudinal modes



(b) Transverse modes



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Spin-spin correlator

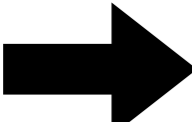
Taking $k = 0$, all spin modes has $\omega_{\text{spin}}(k = 0) = -i\Gamma_s$

 Spin densities shows a gapped relaxation dynamics with a characteristic time scale $\tau_s = \Gamma_s^{-1}$

◆ Green's function interpretation of the result

Spin-spin correlator:
$$\tilde{G}_{\text{R}}^{\sigma^i \sigma^j}(\omega, \mathbf{k}) = \frac{i\chi_s \Gamma_s + \dots}{\omega + i\Gamma_s + O(\mathbf{k}^2)} \delta^{ij}$$

(Definition of spin susceptibility: $\lim_{\mathbf{k} \rightarrow 0} \tilde{G}_{\text{R}}^{\sigma^i \sigma^j}(\omega = 0, \mathbf{k}) = \chi_s \delta^{ij}$)

 Spin-spin correlator enables us to obtain $\Gamma_s \equiv \frac{2\eta_s}{\chi_s}$

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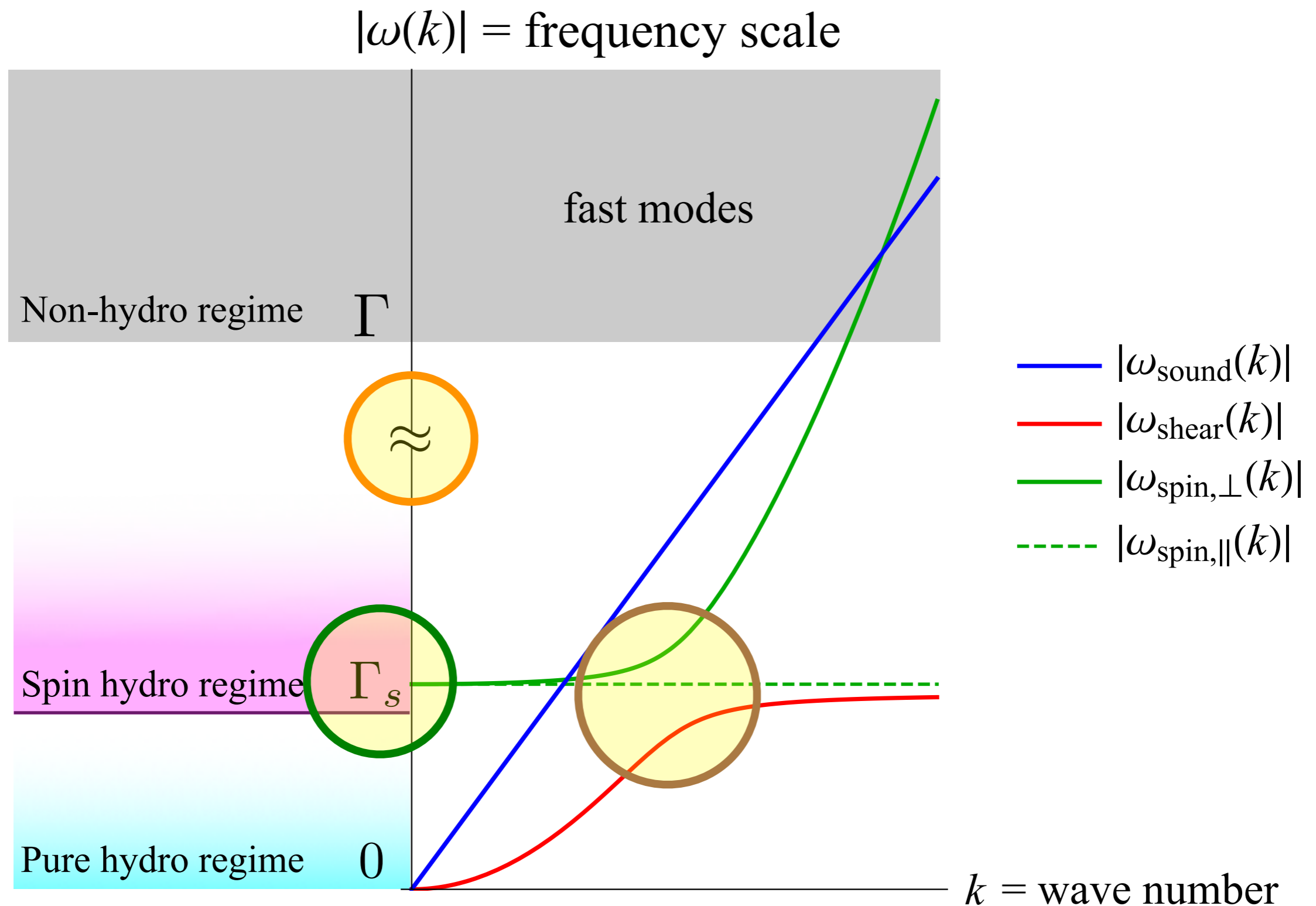
$$\Sigma^\mu{}_{\nu\rho} = \varepsilon^\mu{}_{\nu\rho\sigma} \sigma^\sigma$$

◆ Green-Kubo-formula for rotational viscosity η_s

$$(\eta_s)^\mu{}_{\hat{a}}{}^\nu{}_{\hat{b}} = \frac{1}{2} \eta_s (\Delta^{\mu\nu} \Delta_{\hat{a}\hat{b}} - \Delta_{\hat{b}}{}^\mu \Delta_{\hat{a}}{}^\nu)$$

$$\eta_s = 2 \lim_{\Gamma_s \ll \omega \ll \Gamma} \lim_{\mathbf{k} \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\omega} \text{Im} \tilde{G}_R^{\Theta^x_{\hat{y}}|_{(a)}, \Theta^x_{\hat{y}}|_{(a)}}(\omega, \mathbf{k})$$

Sketch of our result

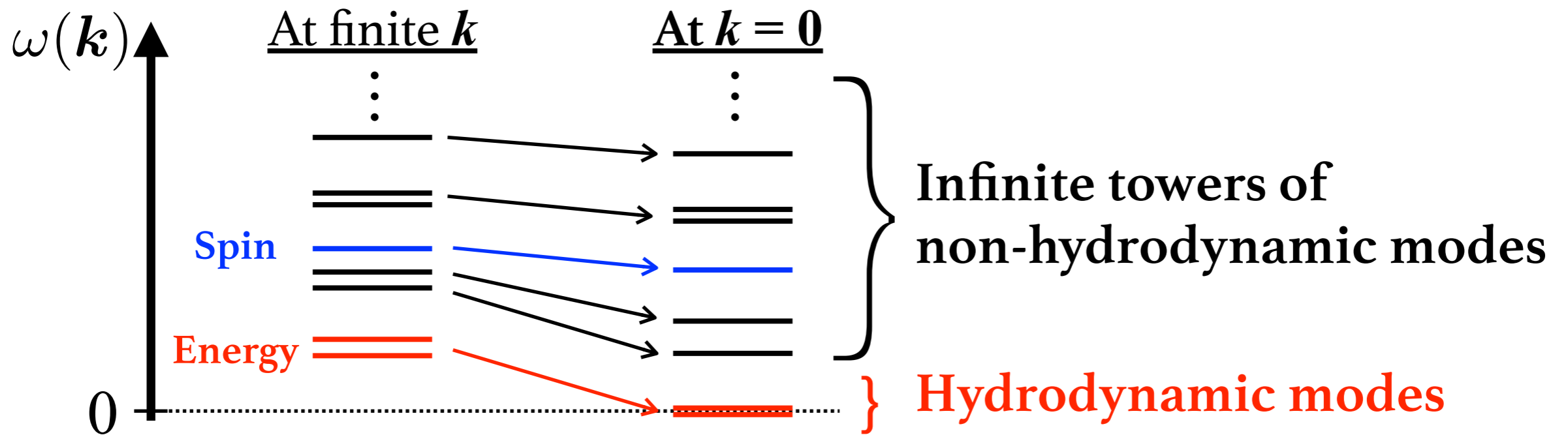


When **scale separation** occurs?

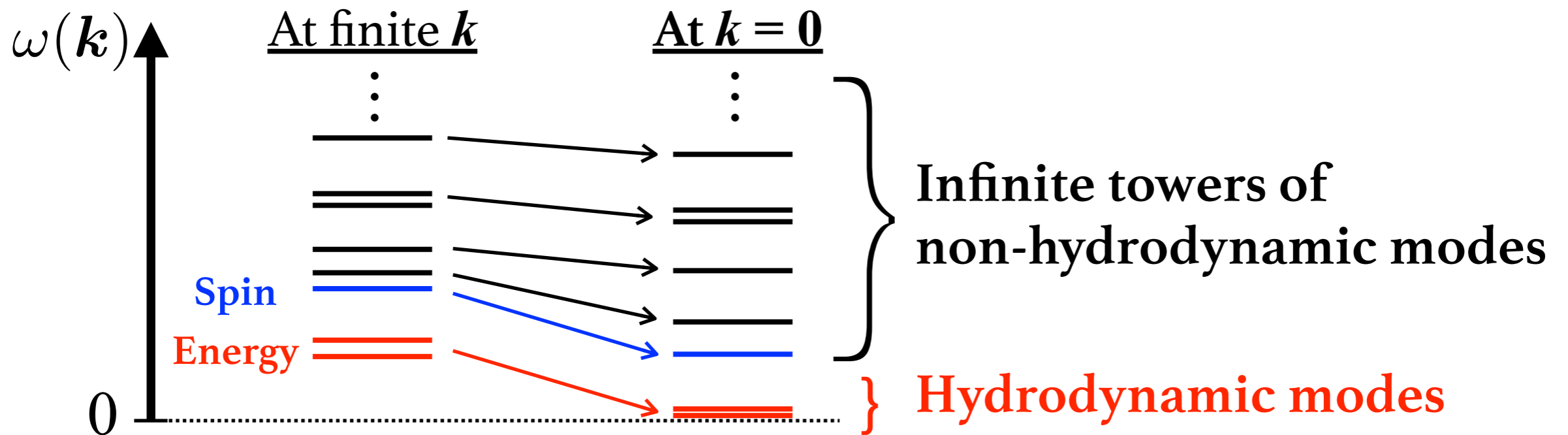
$$(\Gamma_s \ll \Gamma)$$

Spin hydro is ill-defined

◆ Scenario 1 (Bad: Spin hydro = Hydro++++?)

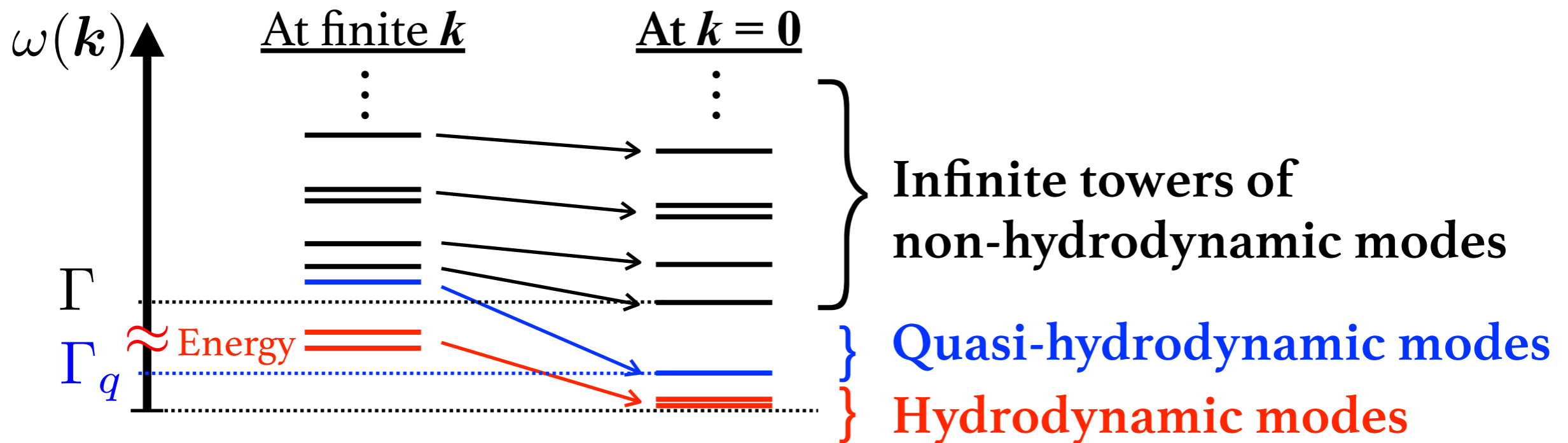


◆ Scenario 2 (Better but still not good: Spin hydro = Hydro+?)



Well-defined Hydro+

◆ When Hydro+ is well-defined



If $\Gamma_q \ll \Gamma$ is satisfied, **Hydro+ becomes well-defined!!**

This generally happens when

emergent symmetry appears by tuning parameters (T, m, \dots)!

- (- Critical fluid: Scale symmetry emerges at $T = T_c$
- (- $SU(2)_A$ chiral fluid: $SU(2)_A$ symmetry emerges at $m_q = 0$

HQ-spin hydro is well-defined

When we consider **heavy quark limit: $M \rightarrow \infty$** ,
emergent heavy quark symmetry appears!

◆ Heavy quark spin dynamics

Heavy quark spin relaxation rate is suppressed by M^{-1} ,
so that **HQ-spin hydro is well-defined Hydro+**!

◆ Heavy quark spin hydro & its relaxation rate

(1) Hydrodynamic equation for HQ-spin density

(2) Evaluation of the HQ-spin relaxation rate at high-T limit

(i) Kubo formula (ii) HQ-spin correlator (iii) Spin kinetic theory

$$\Gamma_s = C_2(R) \frac{g^2 m_D^2 T}{6\pi M^2} \log(1/g)$$

[[MH-Huang-Kaminski-Stephanov-Yee, JHEP \(2022\)](#)]

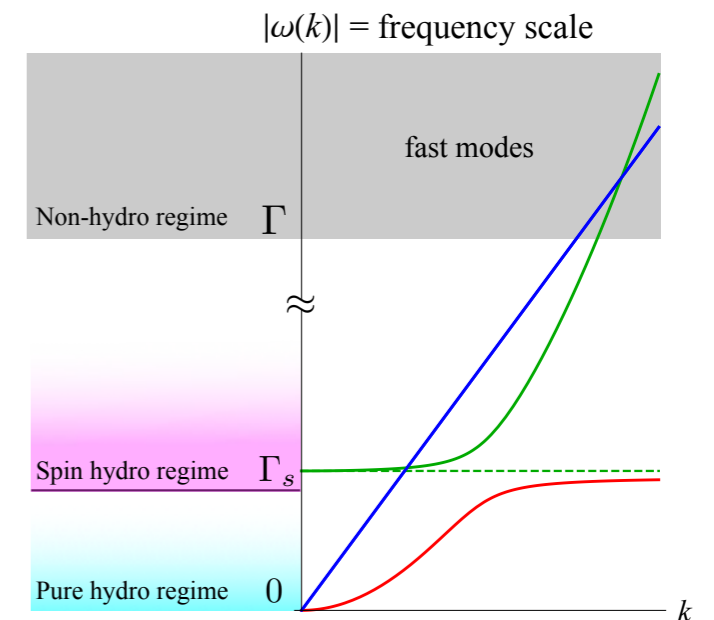
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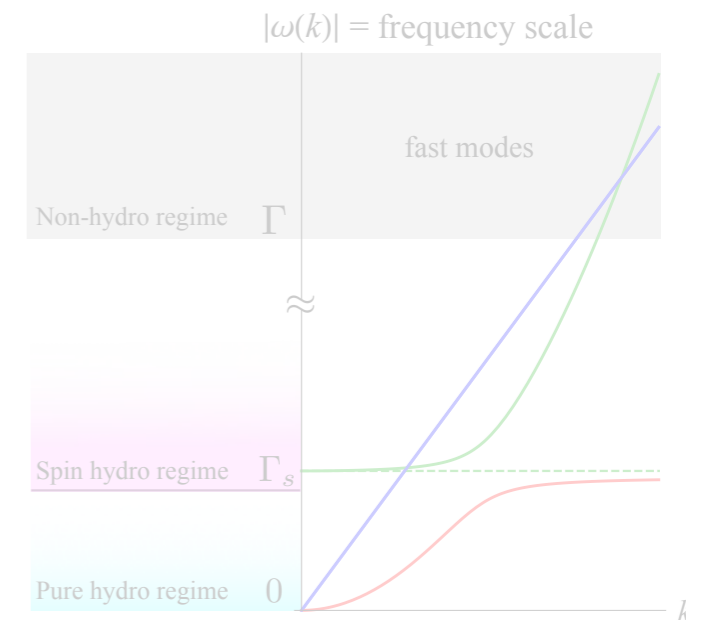
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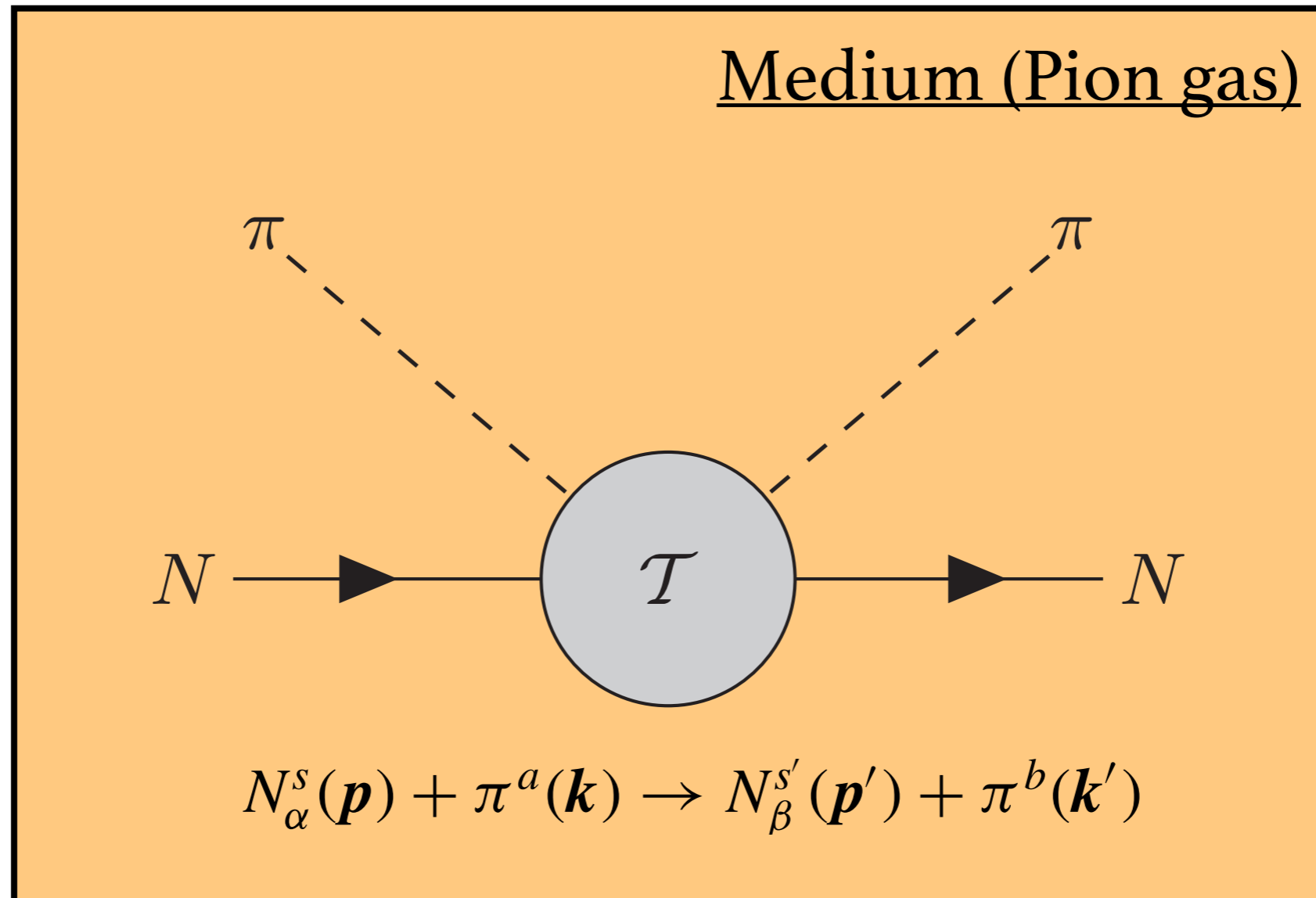


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Baryon spin relaxation



Dynamics of baryons (p, n, Λ, \dots) at low temperature $T < f_{\pi}$ is dominated by scattering with pions in a medium!

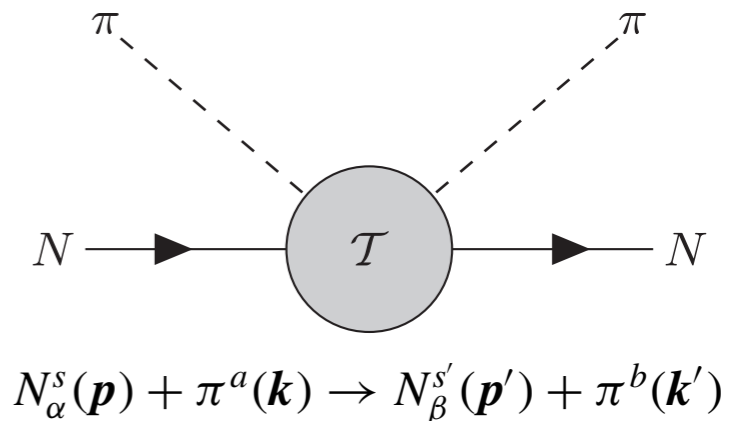
➔ Spin flipping amplitude induces spin relaxation!

Baryon spin density matrix $\rho^{2 \times 2}(\mathbf{p})$

[Hidaka-MH-Stephanov-Yee, PRC (2024)]

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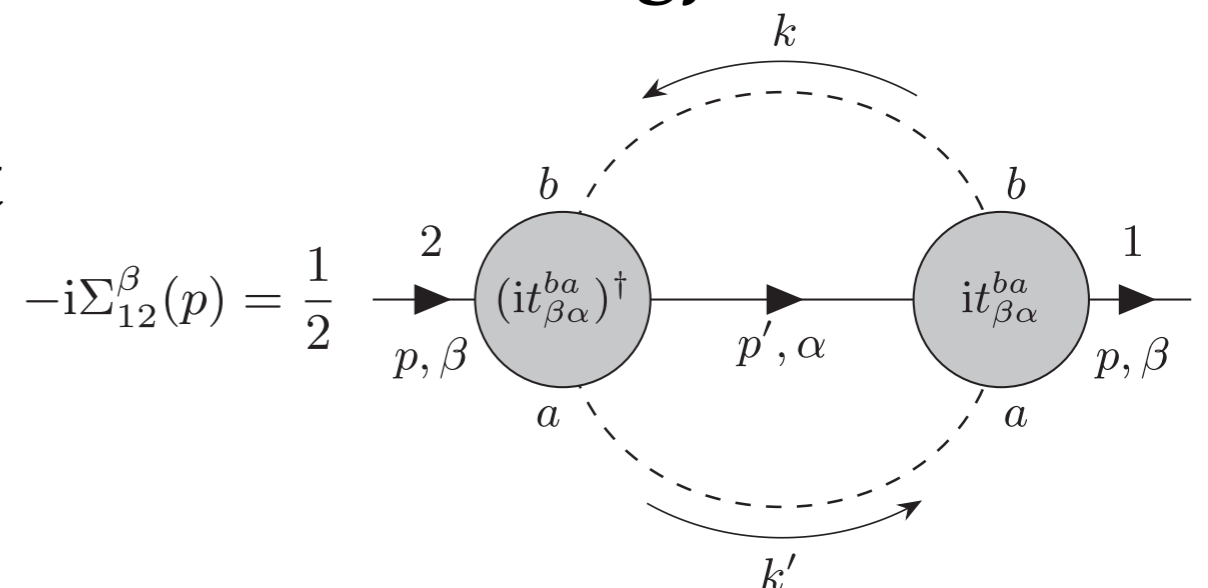
$$\frac{\partial \rho_p^{2 \times 2}(\mathbf{p})}{\partial t} = \int_{\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'} \sum_{a, b, \beta} \mathcal{T}_{p\beta}^{ba}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}; \mathbf{p}', \mathbf{k}') \rho_{\beta}^{2 \times 2}(\mathbf{p}') [\mathcal{T}_{p\beta}^{ba}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}; \mathbf{p}', \mathbf{k}')]^{\dagger} \\ \times n_B(\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}'})[1 + n_B(\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}})] (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{p}' - \mathbf{k}') \delta(E_p + \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - E_{p'} - \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}'}) - \tilde{\gamma}_N(\mathbf{p}) \rho_p^{2 \times 2}(\mathbf{p}),$$

Derivation [See, e.g., Appendix of Hidaka-MH-Stephanov-Yee, PRC (2024)]

1. Write down Kadanoff-Baym eq. with the self energy shown below

2. Consider the nonrelativistic limit

3. Take the dilute baryon limit by neglecting the $O(\rho^2)$ -terms



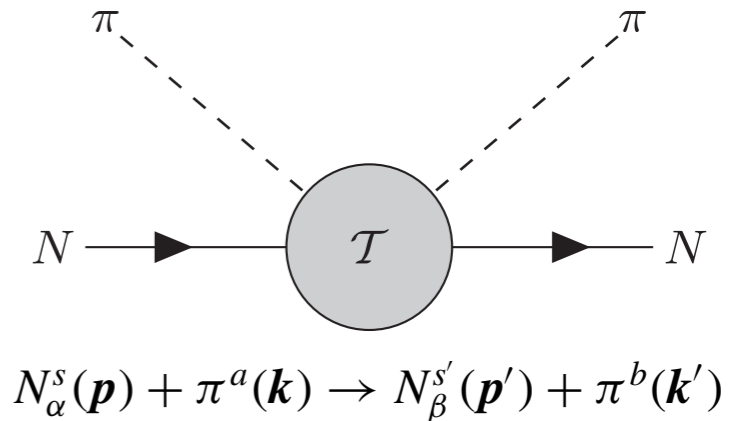
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We can evaluate the baryon spin relaxation rate

once we know the scattering amplitude $[\mathcal{T}_{\beta\alpha}^{ba}(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{k}'; \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k})]_{s', s}$

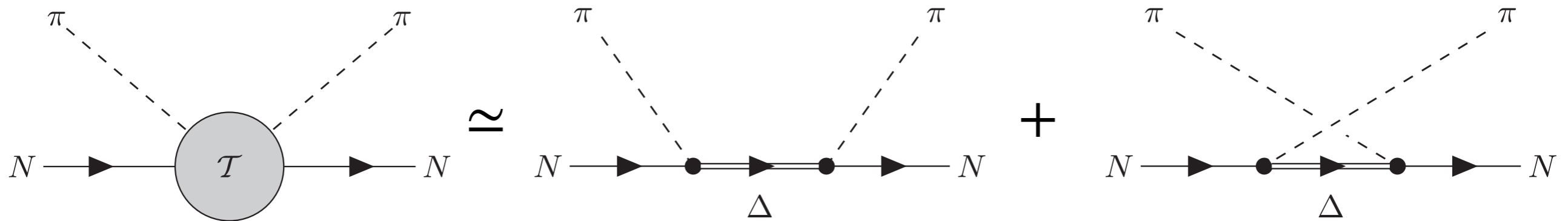
- $N\pi$ -scattering: Enough experimental data (phase shifts)
- $\Lambda\pi$ -scattering: Experimental input/SU(3)-Chiral perturbation

➡ Evaluate spin relaxation rates of nucleon & Λ -baryon!

Nucleon spin relaxation rate γ_{N_s}

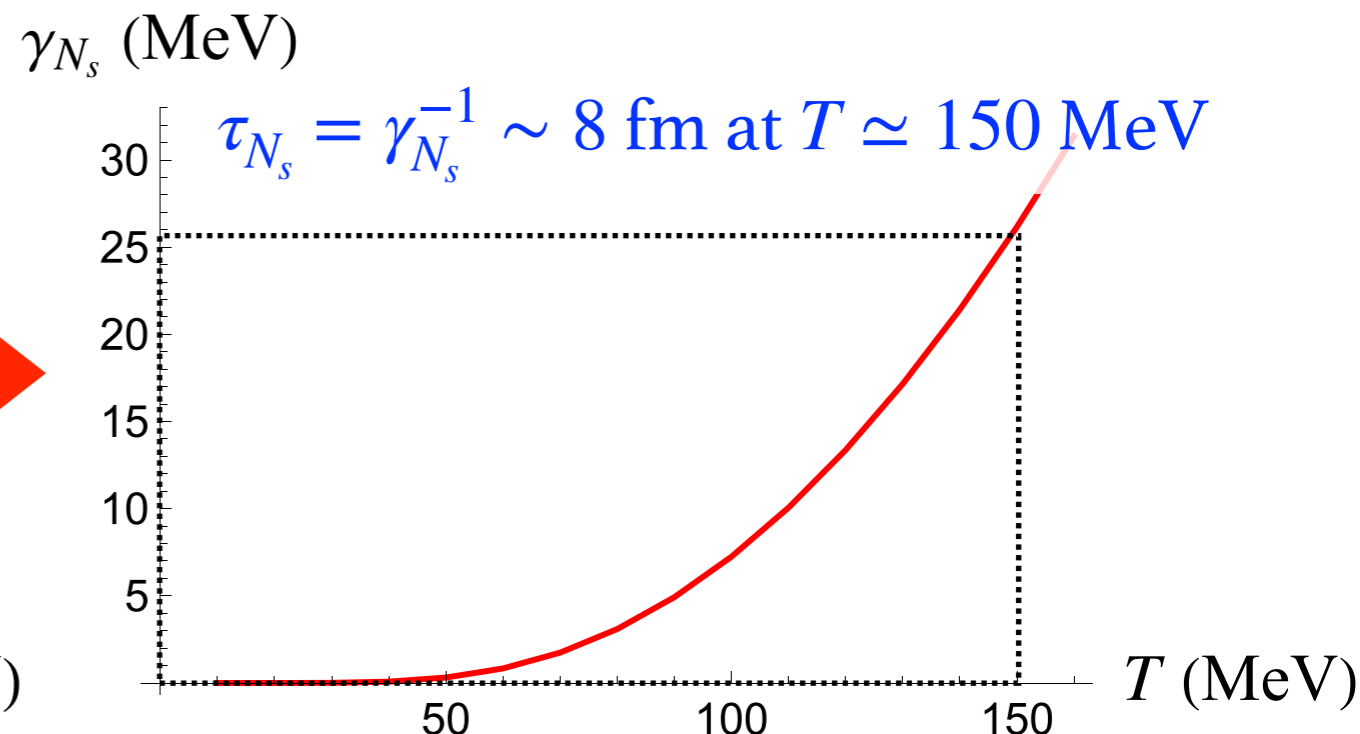
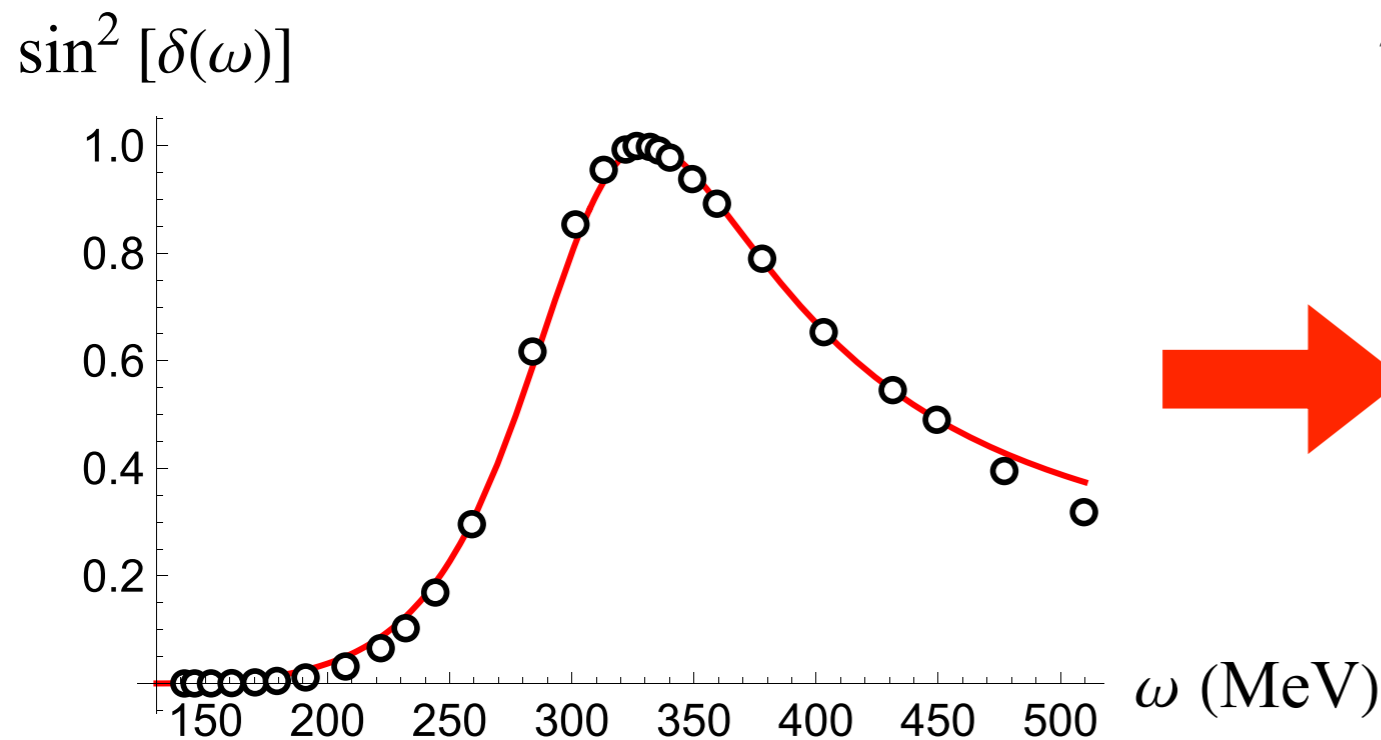
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◆ Nucleon spin relaxation in Δ -resonance approximation



- Fit the experimental phase shift $\delta(\omega)$ for $I = J = 3/2$ channel

- Use that to evaluate
$$\gamma_{N_s} = \frac{8}{9\pi} \int_{m_\pi}^{\infty} d\omega |e^{2i\delta(\omega)} - 1|^2 n_B(\omega) [1 + n_B(\omega)]$$

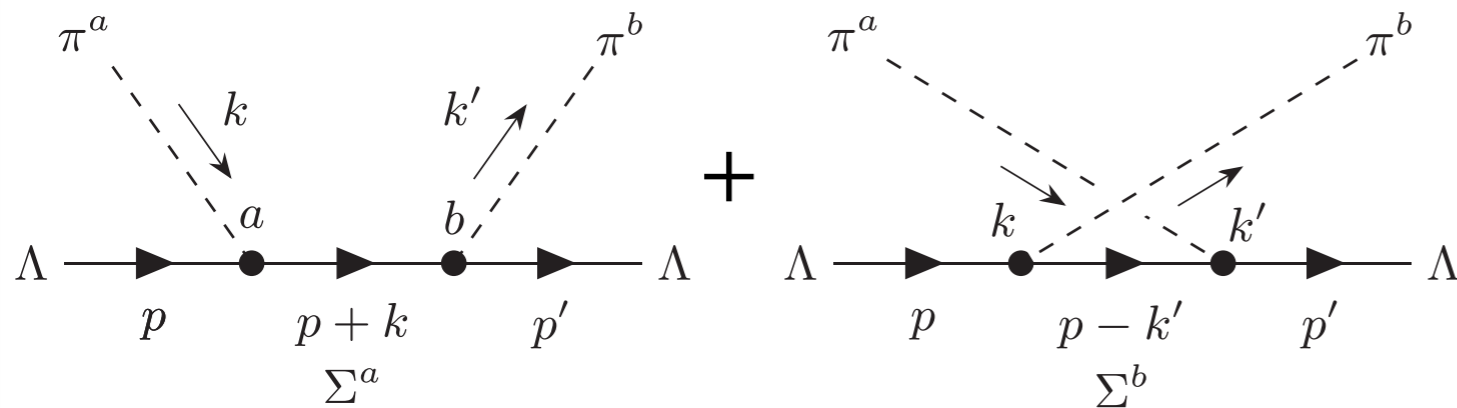


Λ -baryon spin relaxation rate γ_{Λ_s}

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◆ Two ways to obtain the scattering amplitude

1. SU(3) chiral perturbation



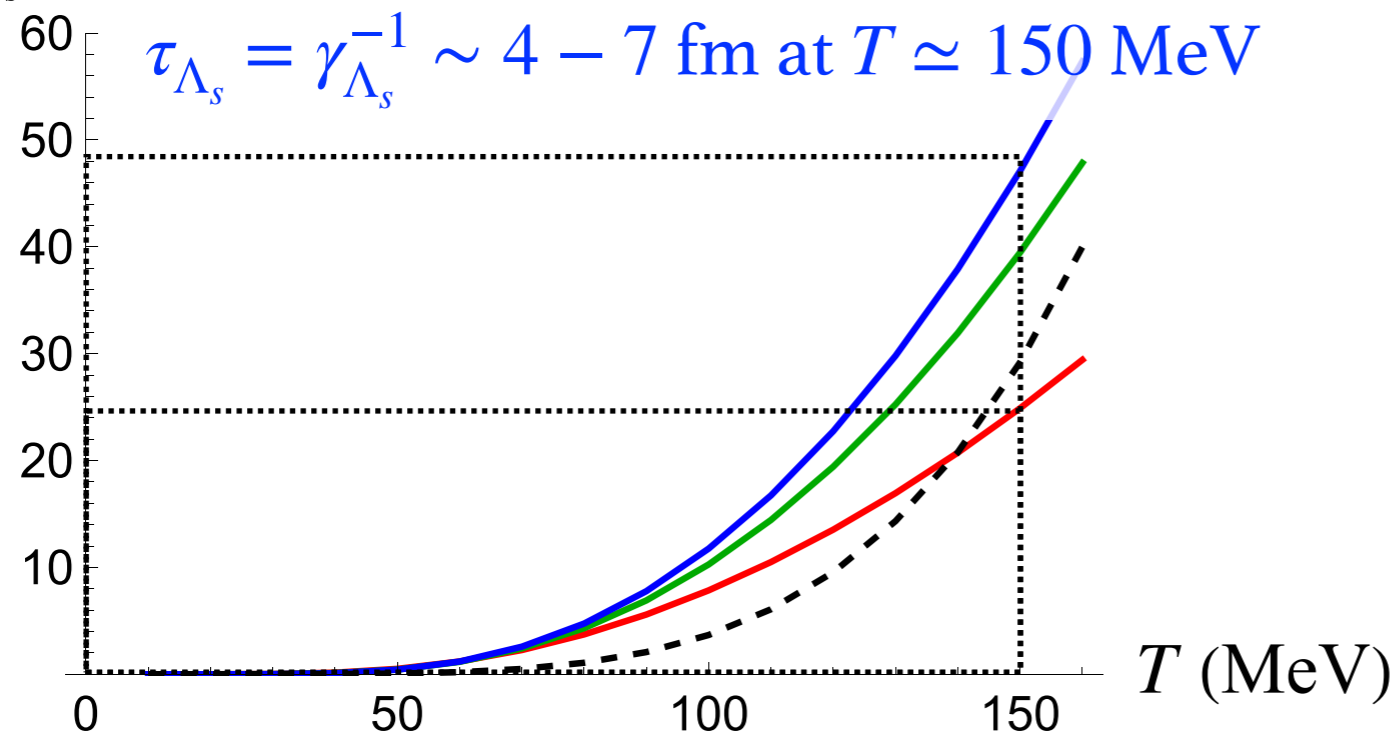
2. Low-energy scattering

Reasonable parametrization reproducing spectrum of $\Lambda, \Sigma, \Sigma^*$

$$e^{2i\delta_{1/2}(k)} \simeq \frac{ik - \frac{1}{a^3 k^2} - \frac{1}{r}}{-ik - \frac{1}{a^3 k^2} - \frac{1}{r}}$$

γ_{Λ_s} (MeV)

$\tau_{\Lambda_s} = \gamma_{\Lambda_s}^{-1} \sim 4 - 7$ fm at $T \simeq 150$ MeV



— $(a, r) = (-0.64$ fm, -0.1 fm)

— $(a, r) = (-1.02$ fm, -0.5 fm)

— $(a, r) = (-1.2$ fm, -1.0 fm)

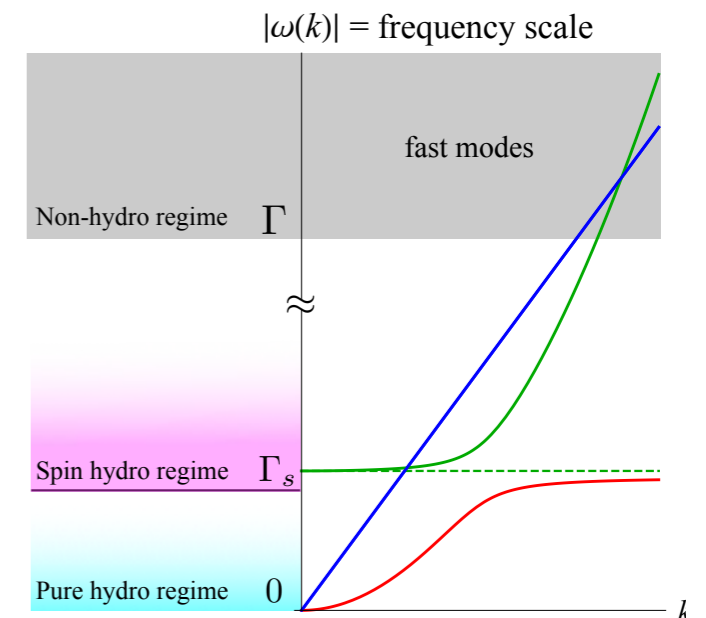
- - - Chiral perturbation theory

Summary

◆ Spin relaxation at a hydrodynamics stage

- Semi-phenomenological approach
- Heavy quark spin relaxation at $T \gg \Lambda_{QCD}$

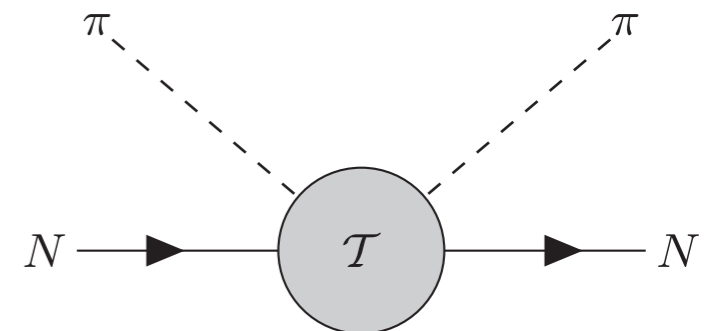
$$\Gamma_s = C_2(R) \frac{g^2 m_D^2 T}{6\pi M^2} \log(1/g)$$



[MH-Huang-Kaminski-Stephanov-Yee, JHEP (2021), JHEP (2022)]

◆ Spin dynamics at a hadronic stage

- Kinetic eq. for Baryon spin density matrix
- Experimental input/chiral perturbation



$$\tau_{N_s} = \gamma_{N_s}^{-1} \sim 8 \text{ fm at } T \simeq 150 \text{ MeV}, \quad \tau_{\Lambda_s} = \gamma_{\Lambda_s}^{-1} \sim 4 - 7 \text{ fm at } T \simeq 150 \text{ MeV}$$

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