

# Anisotropic fluid dynamics

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## Outline

We wish to extract the properties of nearly perfect (low viscosity) fluids from experiments with trapped gases, colliding nuclei, etc.

The natural tool for these studies is the Navier-Stokes equation, which describes the macroscopic motion of a fluid in which viscous corrections are small.

The problem is that this is not the case for the entire system. There is a dilute corona in which fluid dynamics is not applicable.

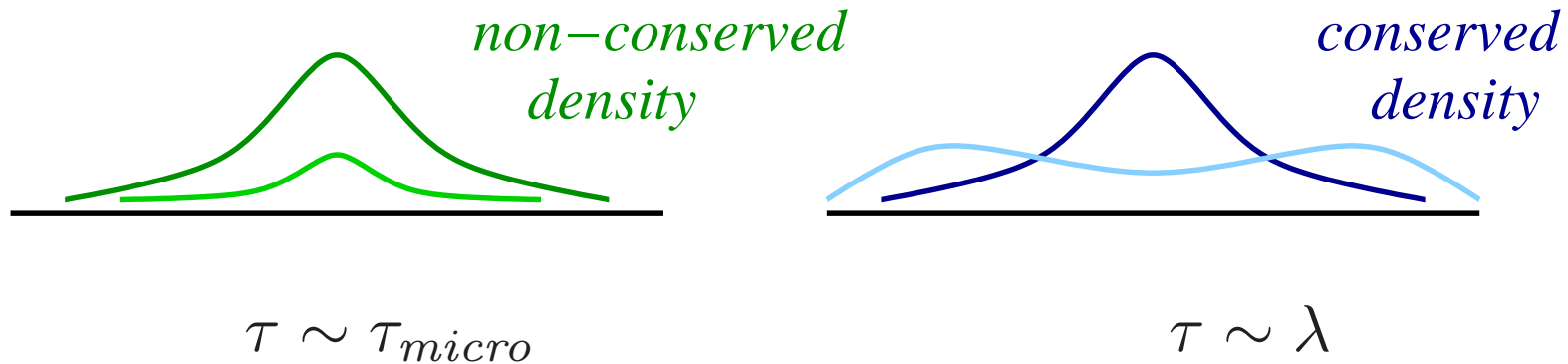
# Hydrodynamics

Hydrodynamics (undergraduate version): Newton's law for continuous, deformable media.



# Fluids: Gases, liquids, plasmas, ...

Hydrodynamics (postmodern): Effective theory of non-equilibrium long-wavelength, low-frequency dynamics of any many-body system.



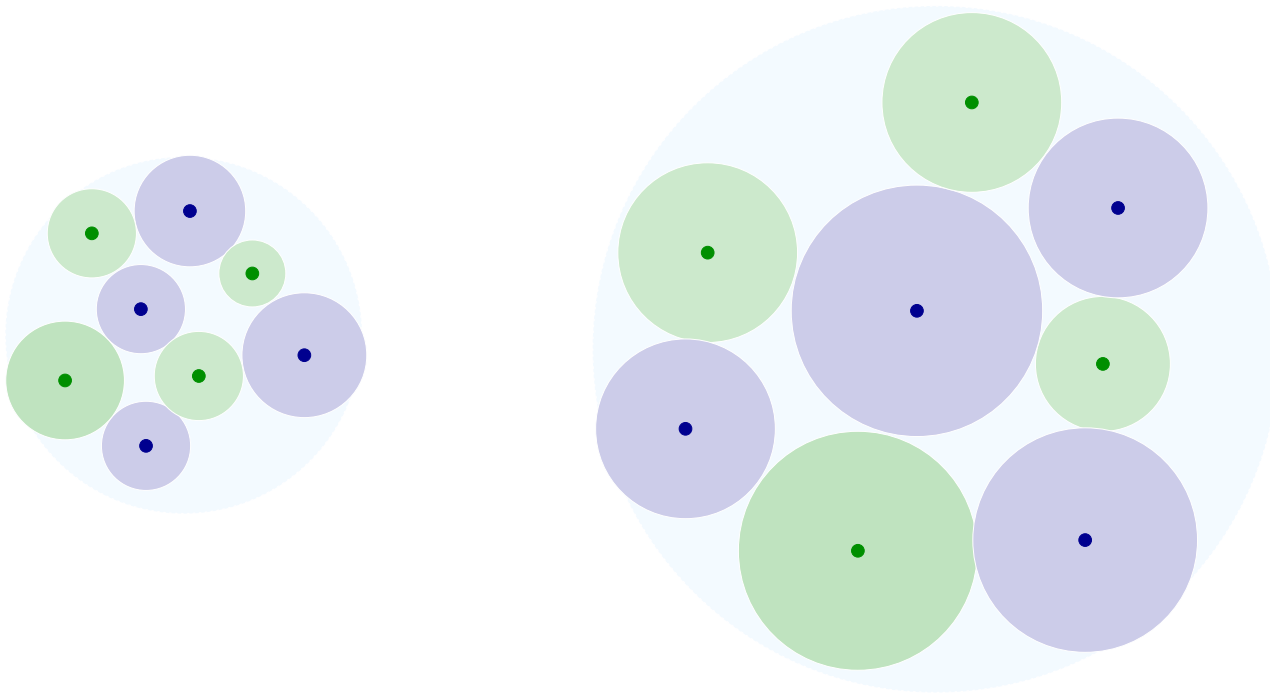
$\tau \gg \tau_{micro}$ : Dynamics of conserved charges.

Water:  $(\rho, \epsilon, \vec{\pi})$

# Not your grandfathers fluid

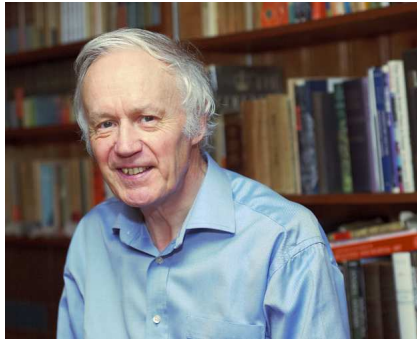
Consider a many body system (unitary Fermi gas) with  $\sigma \sim 1/k^2$

Can be made using Feshbach resonances in dilute atomic gases.



Systems remains hydrodynamic despite expansion

# Effective theories for fluids (Unitary Fermi Gas, $T > T_F$ )



$$\mathcal{L} = \psi^\dagger \left( i\partial_0 + \frac{\nabla^2}{2M} \right) \psi - \frac{C_0}{2} (\psi^\dagger \psi)^2$$



$$\frac{\partial f_p}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_x f_p = C[f_p] \quad \omega < T$$



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho v_i) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \Pi_{ij} = 0 \quad \omega < T \frac{s}{\eta}$$

# Effective theories (Strong coupling)



$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\lambda}(i\sigma \cdot D)\lambda - \frac{1}{4}G_{\mu\nu}^a G_{\mu\nu}^a + \dots \Leftrightarrow S = \frac{1}{2\kappa_5^2} \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{R} + \dots$$

$$SO(d+2, 2) \rightarrow Schr_d^2$$

$$AdS_{d+3} \rightarrow Schr_d^2$$



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho v_i) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \Pi_{ij} = 0 \quad (\omega < T)$$

# Gradient expansion (simple non-relativistic fluid)

Simple fluid: Conservation laws for mass, energy, momentum

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j}^\rho = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j}^\epsilon = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \pi_i}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \Pi_{ij} = 0$$

Ward identity: mass current = momentum density

$$\vec{j}^\rho \equiv \rho \vec{v} = \vec{\pi}$$

Constitutive relations: Gradient expansion for currents

Energy momentum tensor

$$\Pi_{ij} = P \delta_{ij} + \rho v_i v_j + \eta \left( \partial_i v_j + \partial_j v_i - \frac{2}{3} \delta_{ij} \partial_k v_k \right) + O(\partial^2)$$



## Gradient expansion, Kubo formula

Consider background metric  $g_{ij}(t, x) = \delta_{ij} + h_{ij}(t, x)$ . Linear response

$$\delta\Pi^{xy} = -\frac{1}{2}G_R^{xyxy}h_{xy}$$

Harmonic perturbation  $h_{xy} = h_0 e^{-i\omega t}$

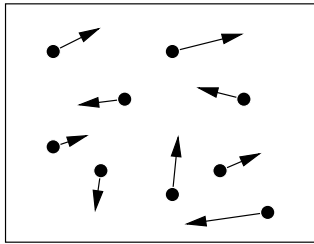
$$G_R^{xyxy} = P - i\eta\omega + \dots$$

Kubo relation: 
$$\eta = -\lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{1}{\omega} \text{Im} G_R^{xyxy}(\omega, 0) \right]$$

Gradient expansion: 
$$\omega \leq \frac{P}{\eta} \simeq \frac{s}{\eta} T.$$

# Fluid dynamics from kinetic theory

Microscopic picture:  
Quasi-particle distribution  
function  $f_p(x, t)$



$$\rho(x, t) = \int d\Gamma_p m f_p(x, t)$$

$$\pi_i(x, t) = \int d\Gamma_p p_i f_p(x, t)$$

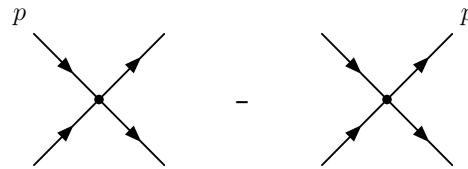
$$\Pi_{ij}(x, t) = \int d\Gamma_p p_i v_j f_p(x, t)$$

Boltzmann equation

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_x + \vec{F} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_p \right) f_p(t, x, ) = C[f_p]$$

Collision term

$$C[f_1] = \int d\Gamma_{234} (f_1 f_2 - f_3 f_4) w(12; 34)$$



# Fluid dynamics from kinetic theory

Conservation laws (collision term)

$$\int d\Gamma_p M_p C[f_p] = 0 \quad M_p = \{1, p, E_p\}$$

Moments of Boltzmann equation imply fluid dynamic conservation laws

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j}^\rho = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j}^\epsilon = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \pi_i}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \Pi_{ij} = 0$$

Need constitutive equations (and equation of state)

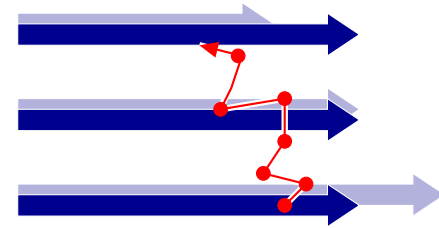
$$\vec{j}^\rho = ? \quad \vec{j}^\epsilon = ? \quad \Pi_{ij} = ?$$

# Kinetic theory: Knudsen expansion

Chapman-Enskog expansion  $f = f_0 + \delta f_1 + \delta f_2 + \dots$

$$\text{Gradient exp. } \delta f_n = O(\nabla^n)$$

$$\equiv \text{Knudsen exp. } \delta f_n = O(Kn^n)$$



Zeroth order result:  $f_0 = \exp(-\beta(E_p - \vec{p} \cdot \vec{u} - \mu)) \quad \beta = 1/T$

$$\vec{j}^\rho = \vec{\pi} = \rho \vec{u}$$

$$\vec{j}^\epsilon = (\mathcal{E} + P) \vec{u} \quad P = \frac{2}{3} \mathcal{E}$$

$$\Pi_{ij} = \rho u_i u_j + P \delta_{ij}$$

First order result:  $\delta f_1 = -f_0 \frac{\eta}{P T} v^i v^j \sigma_{ij} + \dots$

$$\delta^{(1)} \Pi_{ij} = -\eta \sigma_{ij}$$

$$\delta^{(1)} j_i^\epsilon = -\eta u^j \sigma_{ij} - \kappa \nabla_i T$$

## Kinetic theory: Knudsen expansion

For given  $w(12; 34)$  also obtain prediction for  $\eta, \kappa$

$$\eta = \frac{15}{32\sqrt{\pi}} (mT)^{3/2} \quad \kappa = \frac{225}{128\sqrt{\pi}m} (mT)^{3/2}$$

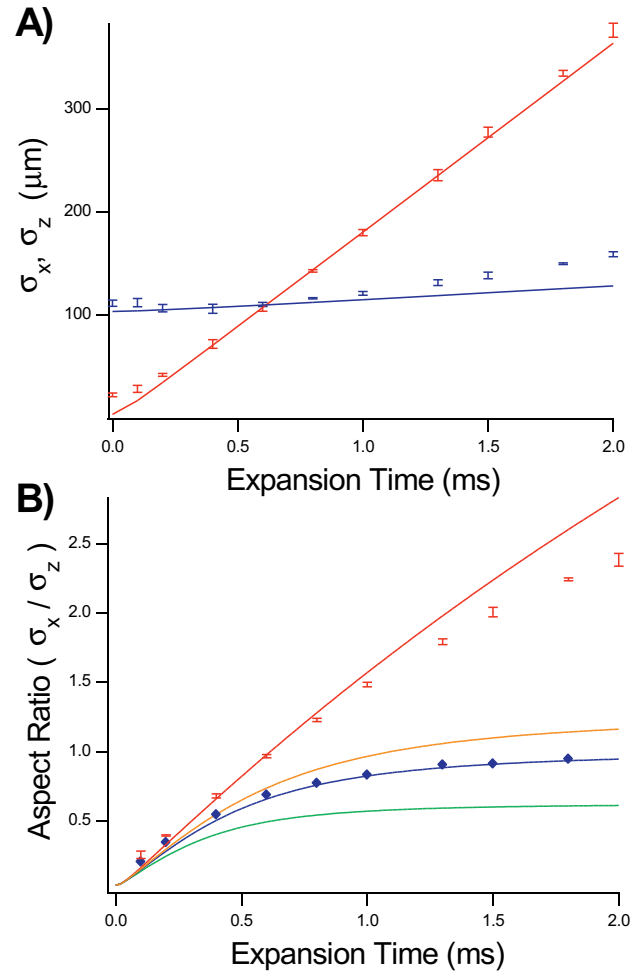
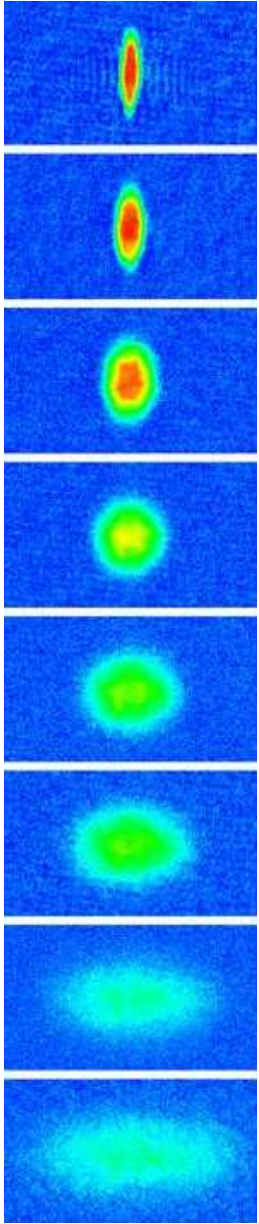
Second order result

Chao, Schaefer (2012), Schaefer (2014)

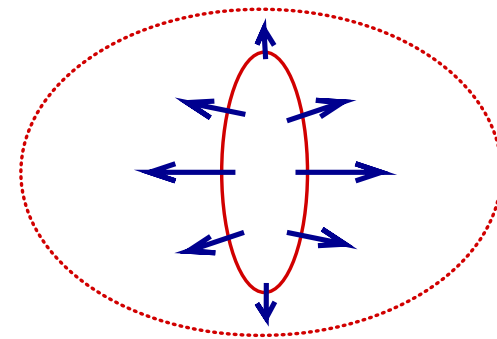
$$\begin{aligned} \delta^{(2)}\Pi^{ij} &= \frac{\eta^2}{P} \left[ \langle D\sigma^{ij} \rangle + \frac{2}{3} \sigma^{ij} (\nabla \cdot v) \right] \\ &+ \frac{\eta^2}{P} \left[ \frac{15}{14} \sigma^{\langle i}{}_{k} \sigma^{j \rangle k} - \sigma^{\langle i}{}_{k} \Omega^{j \rangle k} \right] + O(\kappa\eta \nabla^i \nabla^j T) \end{aligned}$$

relaxation time  $\tau_{\pi} = \eta/P$

# Experiments: Elliptic flow

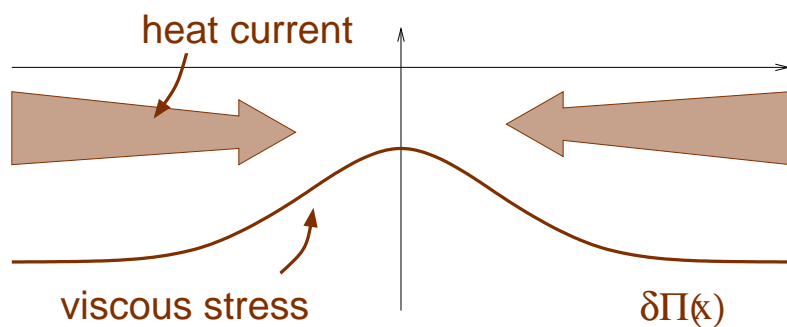
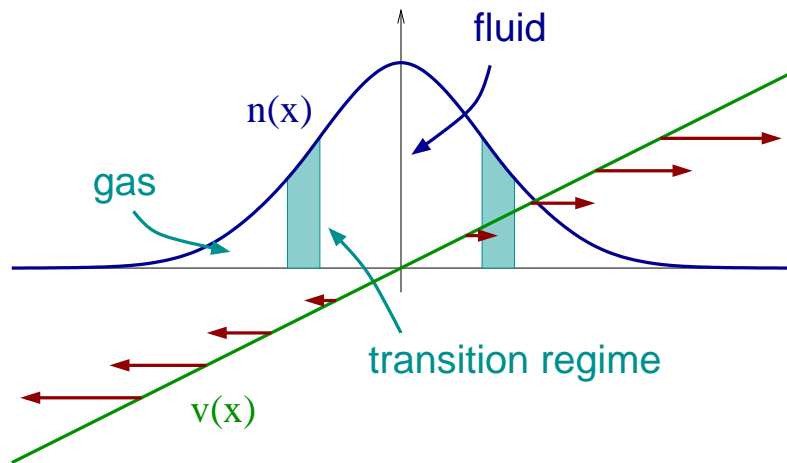


Hydrodynamic expansion converts  
coordinate space  
anisotropy  
to momentum space  
anisotropy



# Determination of $\eta(n, T)$

Measurement of  $A_R(t, E_0)$  determines  $\eta(n, T)$ . But:



The whole cloud is not a fluid.  
Can we ignore this issue?

No. Hubble flow & low density  
viscosity  $\eta \sim T^{3/2}$  lead to  
paradoxical fluid dynamics.

$$\dot{Q} = \int \sigma \cdot \delta\Pi = \infty$$

## Possible Solutions

Combine hydrodynamics & Boltzmann equation. Not straightforward.

Hydrodynamics + non-hydro degrees of freedom ( $\mathcal{E}_a$ ;  $a = x, y, z$ )

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}_a}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j}_a^\epsilon = -\frac{\Delta P_a}{2\tau} \quad \Delta P_a = P_a - P$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j}^\epsilon = 0 \quad \mathcal{E} = \sum_a \mathcal{E}_a$$

$\tau$  small: Fast relaxation to Navier-Stokes with  $\tau = \eta/P$

$\tau$  large: Additional conservation laws. Ballistic expansion.



# Anisotropic hydro from kinetic theory

Consider modified expansion

$$f = f_A + \delta f'_1 + \delta f'_2 + \dots$$

Anisotropic distribution function

$$f_A = \exp \left( -\frac{(p_a - mu_a)^2}{2mT_a} - \frac{\mu}{\bar{T}} \right) \quad \bar{T} = \left( \prod T_a \right)^{1/3}$$

- $f_A$  is an exact solution of the Boltzmann equation in the ballistic limit.
- The viscous stresses and dissipative corrections to the energy current have the same form as in the Chapman-Enskog theory.

## Anisotropic Hydrodynamics from kinetic theory

Moments of the Boltzmann equation with  $M_p = \{1, \vec{p}, E_P\}$ .

$$\text{Navier-Stokes with } \delta\Pi_{aa} = \Delta P_a$$

Moments of the Boltzmann equation with  $p_a^2$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}_a}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j}_a^\epsilon = -\frac{\Delta P_a}{2\tau} \quad \Delta P_a = P_a - P$$

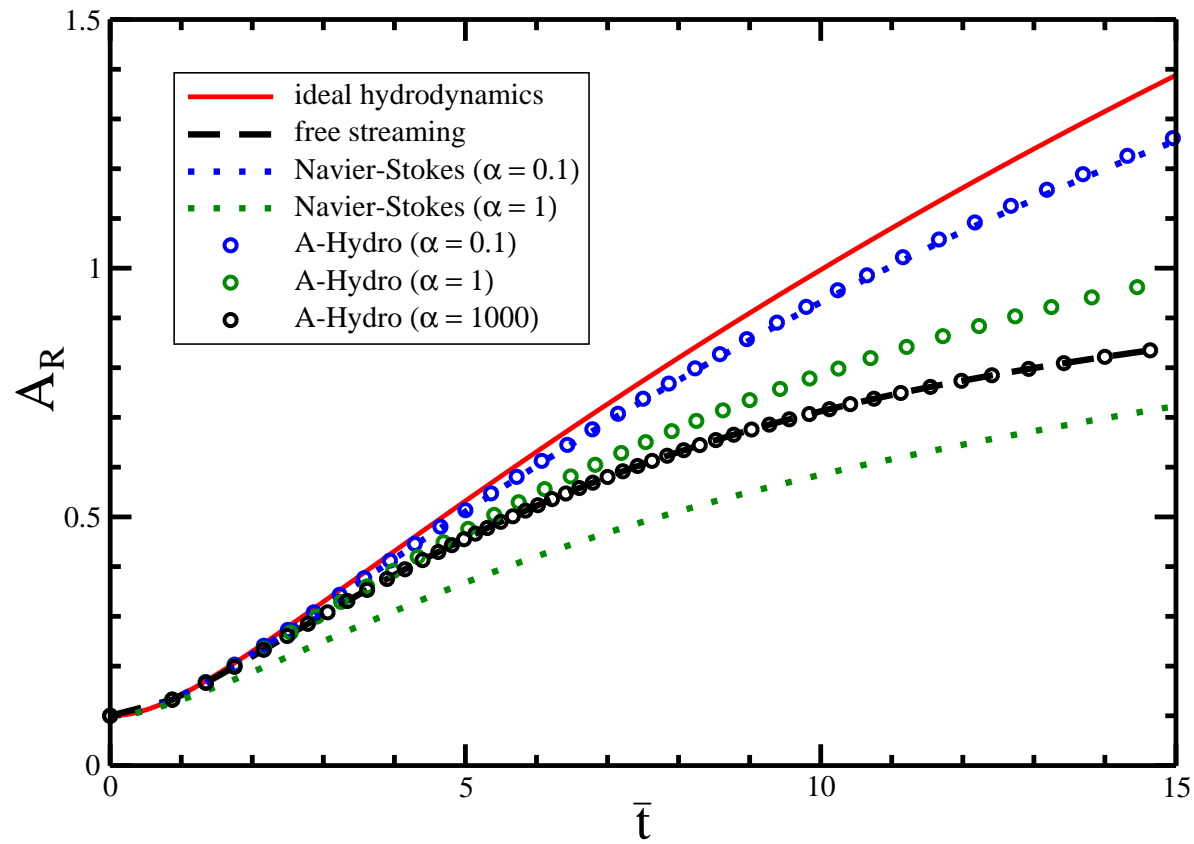
with  $P_a = 2\mathcal{E}_a$  ( $P = \frac{2}{3}\mathcal{E}$ ) and  $\tau = \eta/P$ .

Solve fluid dynamic equations for small  $\tau$

$$\delta\Pi_{aa} = \Delta P_a = -\eta\sigma_{aa}$$

Ballistic limit  $\tau \rightarrow \infty$ : Conservation law for  $\mathcal{E}_a$ .

# Anisotropic Hydrodynamics: Aspect ratio



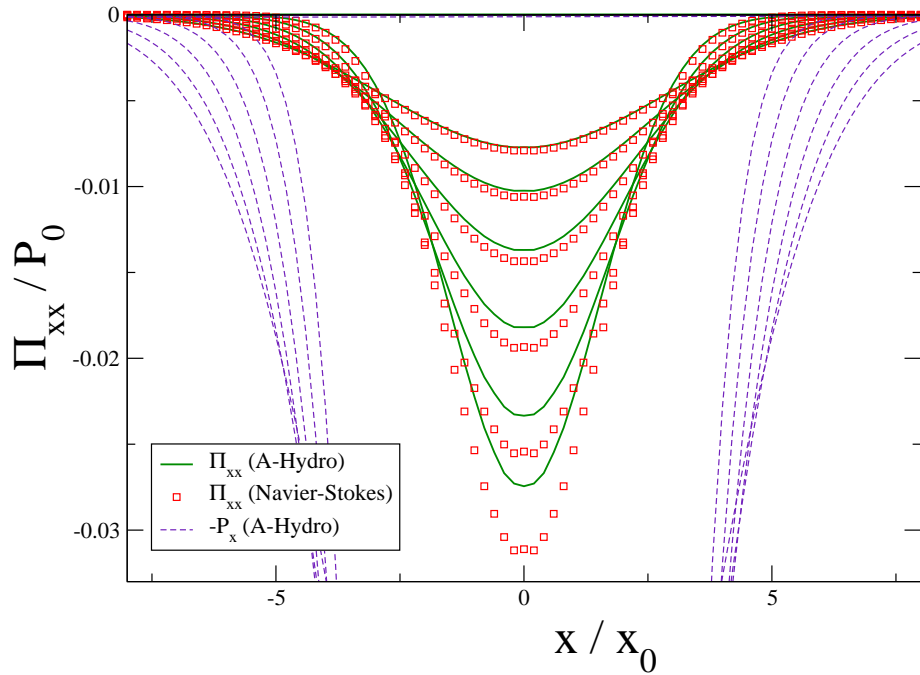
Consider  $\eta = \alpha n$  and  $\alpha \in [0, \infty)$

Navier-Stokes: Ideal hydro  $\rightarrow$  very viscous hydro.

A-hydro: Ideal hydro  $\rightarrow$  ballistic expansion.

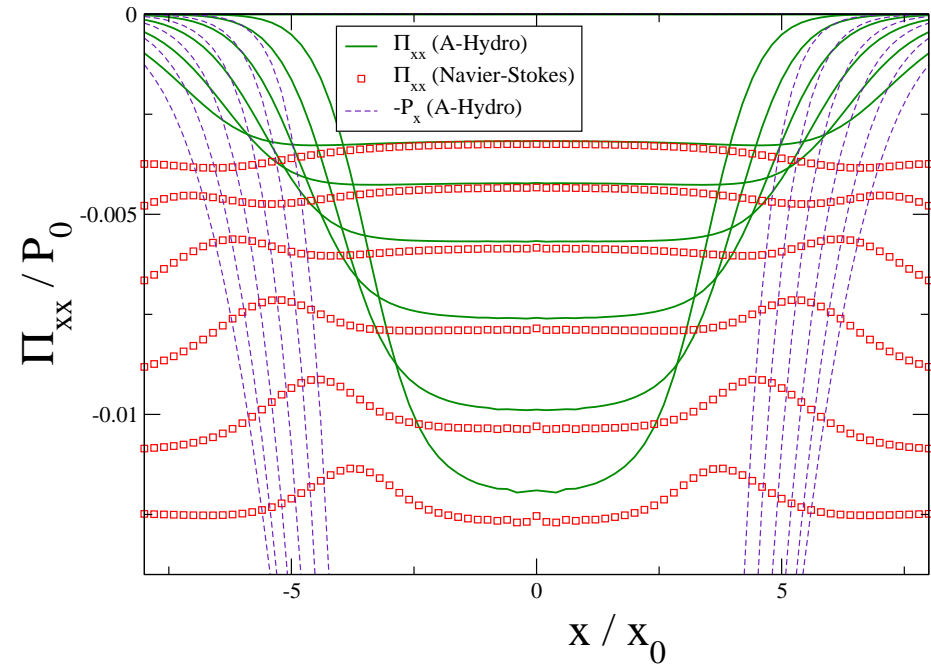
# Anisotropic Hydrodynamics: Evolution of $\delta\Pi_{aa}$

$$\eta = \alpha_n n$$



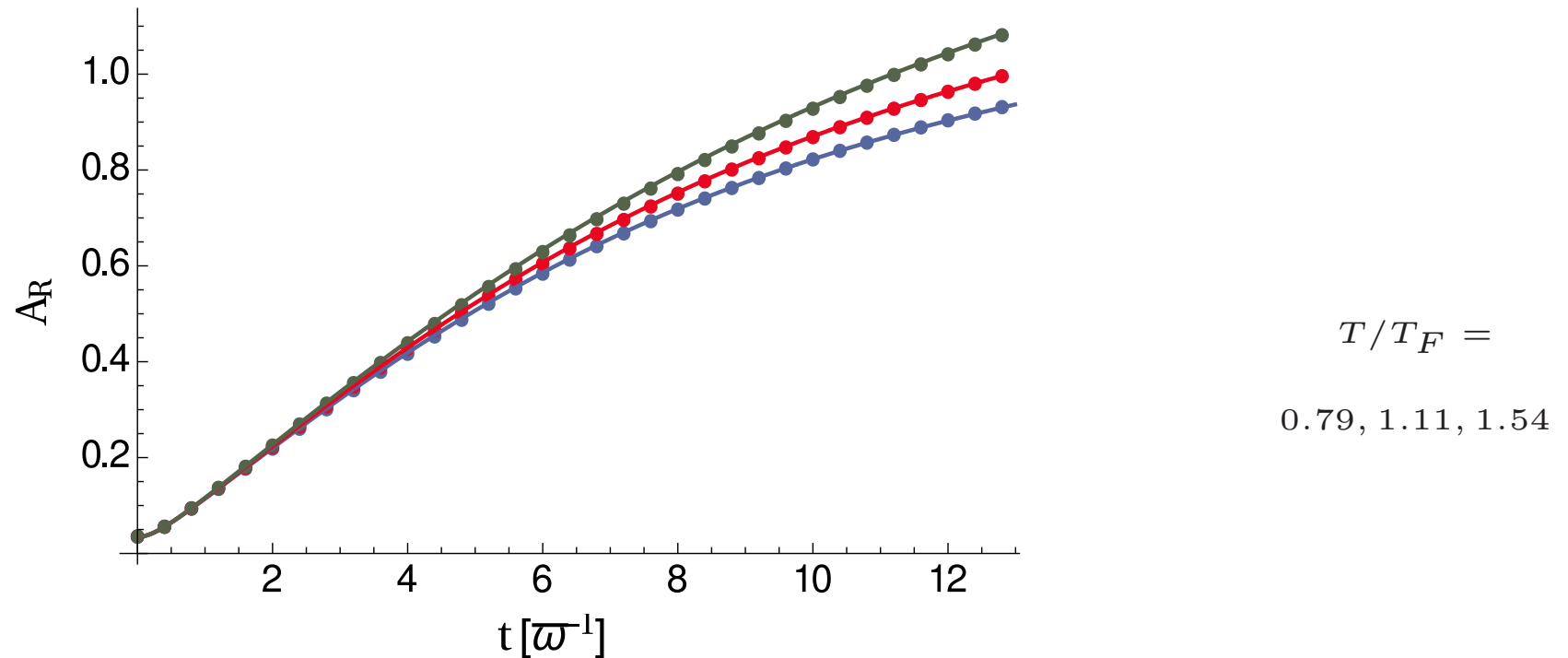
$\delta\Pi_{xx}$  (Navier-Stokes)

$$\eta = \alpha_T (mT)^{3/2}$$



$\delta\Pi_{xx}$  (A-Hydro)

# Anisotropic Hydrodynamics: Comparison with Boltzmann

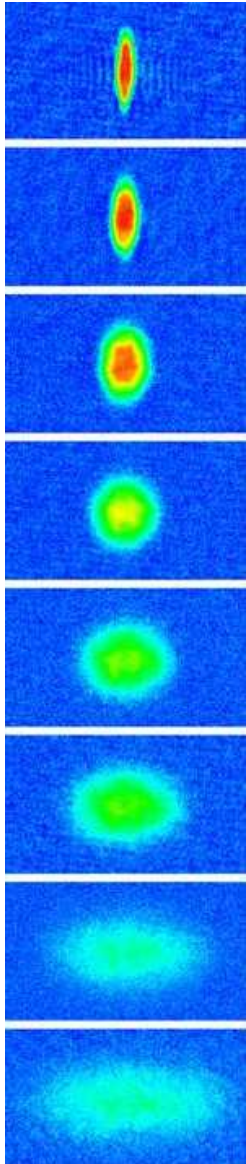


Dots: Two-body Boltzmann equation with full collision kernel

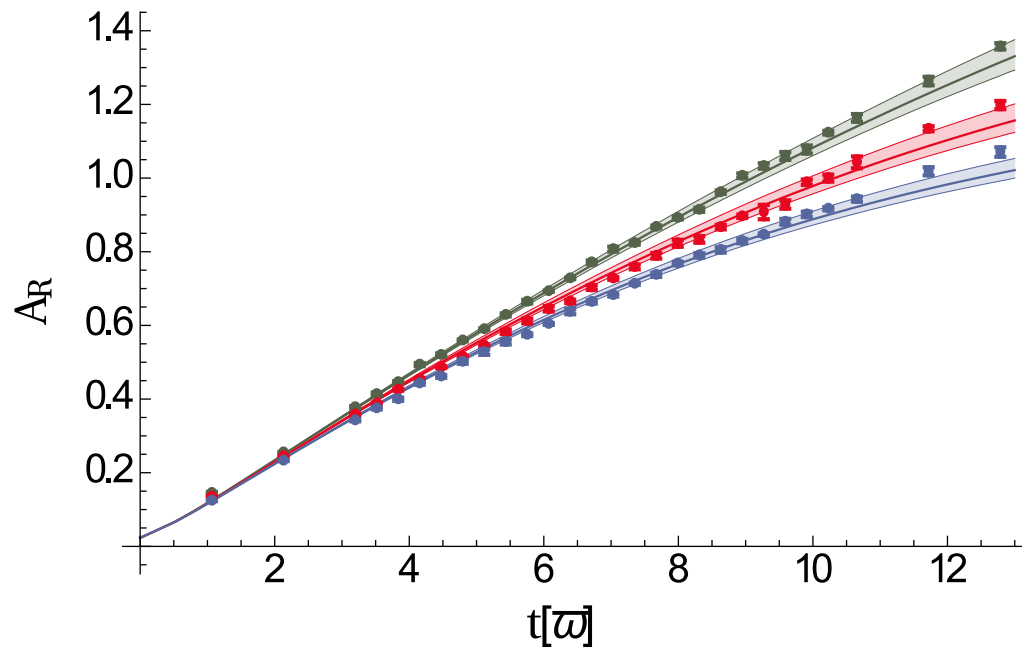
Lines: Anisotropic hydro with  $\eta$  fixed by Chapman-Enskog

High temperature (dilute) limit: Perfect agreement!

# Elliptic flow: High T limit



$$\text{Quantum viscosity } \eta = \eta_0 \frac{(mT)^{3/2}}{\hbar^2}$$



Cao et al., Science (2010)

Bluhm et al., PRL (2016)

$$T/T_F =$$

0.79, 1.11, 1.54

$$\text{fit: } \eta_0 = 0.28 \pm 0.02$$

$$\text{theory: } \eta_0 = \frac{15}{32\sqrt{\pi}} = 0.269$$

## Outlook

Fluid dynamics as an E(F)T?

Unfold temperature, density dependence of  $\eta/s$ .

Applications to other transport problems: Diffusion, superfluid hydrodynamics.