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# Vortical waves in a chiral fluid

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## Polarisation mechanism: Chiral vortical effect $(CVE)^1$



Non-vanishing vorticity  $\omega$  induces electric ( $\mathbf{J}_V$ ) and chiral ( $\mathbf{J}_A$ ) currents via CVE:

$$\mathbf{J}_{V} = \sigma_{V} \boldsymbol{\omega}, \qquad \qquad \sigma_{V} = \frac{\mu_{V} \mu_{A}}{\pi^{2}},$$
$$\mathbf{J}_{A} = \sigma_{A} \boldsymbol{\omega}, \qquad \qquad \sigma_{A} = \frac{T^{2}}{6} + \frac{\mu_{V}^{2} + \mu_{A}^{2}}{2\pi^{2}}.$$

 $\mathbf{J}_A \neq 0$  even when  $\mu_A = 0!$ 

<sup>1</sup>D. E. Kharzeev *et al.*, Nucl. Phys. **88** (2016) 1.

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# V/A/H charges for (not so) free fermions

The Dirac field is described by

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{free}} = \frac{i}{2} (\overline{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} \partial_{\mu} \psi - \partial_{\mu} \overline{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} \psi), \qquad i \partial \!\!\!/ \psi = 0.$$
(1)

The (free) theory supports (at least) three conserved currents:

$$J_V^{\mu} = \overline{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}\psi, \qquad J_A^{\mu} = \overline{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^5\psi, \qquad J_H^{\mu} = \overline{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}h\psi + \overline{h\psi}\gamma^{\mu}\psi.$$
(2)

The vector current is always conserved:

$$\partial_{\mu}J_{V}^{\mu} = 0. \tag{3}$$

The axial current cons. is broken by (effective) mass and by anomaly:

$$\partial_{\mu}J^{\mu}_{A} = 2im\bar{\psi}\gamma^{5}\psi - \frac{e^{2}}{16\pi^{2}}\varepsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}F_{\mu\nu}F_{\alpha\beta}$$
(4)

The helicity current cons. is broken by HVPA (helicity-violating pair annihilation) processes:

$$\partial_{\mu}J_{H}^{\mu} = -\frac{1}{\tau_{H}}Q_{H} + ??, \qquad (5)$$

where we leave ?? for possible (unknown) anomalies.

## Helicity number violation (HVPA)

•  $e_R^+ e_L^- \rightarrow e_L^+ e_R^-$  violates helicity:  $Q_A^i = Q_A^f = 0$  vs.  $Q_H^i = -2 = -Q_H^f$ . • In QED, the HVPA cross section is

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(e_R^+e_L^- \to e_L^+e_R^-) = \frac{\alpha^2}{4E_{\rm cm}^2}(1 - \cos\theta_{cm})^2,\tag{6}$$

where  $\alpha = e^2/4\pi$  while  $E_{cm}$  and  $\theta_{cm}$  are related to Mandelstam s and t via

$$s = (p+k)^2 = E_{cm}^2, \qquad t = (p-p')^2 = -\frac{1}{2}E_{cm}^2(1-\cos\theta_{cm}), \qquad (7)$$

with (p, k) and (p', k') the incoming and outgoing momenta, respectively. In QCD, the HVPA processes take place via gluon exchange:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(q_R^i \bar{q}_L^j \to q_L^{i'} \bar{q}_R^{j'}) = \frac{\alpha_{QCD}^2}{4E_{\rm cm}^2} (1 - \cos\theta_{cm})^2 \sum_{a,b} t_{ji}^a t_{j'i'}^a t_{ij}^b t_{i'j'}^b, \tag{8}$$

where  $t_{ij}^a$   $(1 \le a \le 8)$  are the SU(3) generators, while (i, j) and (i', j') are the colour indices of the initial and final quarks.

### Kinetic model: Collision term

[VEA & MC, EPJC 82 (2023)]

Consider a helically-imballanced state described by

$$f_{\mathbf{p},\lambda}^{\mathrm{eq};\varsigma} = \left[ \exp\left(\frac{p \cdot u - \boldsymbol{q}_{\varsigma,\lambda} \cdot \boldsymbol{\mu}}{T}\right) + 1 \right]^{-1}, \quad \boldsymbol{q}_{\varsigma,\lambda} \cdot \boldsymbol{\mu} = \varsigma \mu_V + 2\lambda \mu_A + 2\varsigma \lambda \mu_H.$$
(9)

We seek to compute the helicity relaxation time, defined via

$$\frac{dQ_H}{dt} \simeq -\frac{Q_H}{\tau_H}, \quad Q_H = g \sum_{\varsigma,\lambda} \int dP(u \cdot p) f_{\mathbf{p},\lambda}^{\mathrm{eq};\varsigma}, \tag{10}$$

with  $dP = d^3p/[(2\pi)^3 E_{\mathbf{p}}]$  and  $g = N_c N_f$ . Assuming  $p^{\mu} \partial_{\mu} f_{\mathbf{p},\lambda}^{\varsigma} = C[f]$ ,  $dQ_H/dt$  selects just the HVPA  $2 \rightarrow 2$  processes:

$$\frac{dQ_{H}}{dt} = g \sum_{\lambda,\varsigma} 2\varsigma\lambda \int dP dK dP' dK' \delta^{4}(p+k-p'-k')s(2\pi)^{6} \\
\times \left[f_{\mathbf{p}',-\lambda}^{\varsigma} f_{\mathbf{k}',\lambda}^{-\varsigma} \tilde{f}_{\mathbf{p},\lambda}^{\varsigma} \tilde{f}_{\mathbf{k},-\lambda}^{-\varsigma} - f_{\mathbf{p},\lambda}^{\varsigma} f_{\mathbf{k},-\lambda}^{-\varsigma} \tilde{f}_{\mathbf{p}',-\lambda}^{\varsigma} \tilde{f}_{\mathbf{k}',\lambda}^{-\varsigma}\right] \\
\times N_{f} \sum_{i',j,j'} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \left(q_{\mathbf{p},\lambda}^{\varsigma,i} q_{\mathbf{k},-\lambda}^{-\varsigma,j} \to q_{\mathbf{p}',-\lambda}^{\varsigma,i'} q_{\mathbf{k}',\lambda}^{-\varsigma,j'}\right), \quad (11)$$

where  $\tilde{f}_{\mathbf{p},\lambda}^{\varsigma} = 1 - f_{\mathbf{p},\lambda}^{\varsigma}$  etc are the Pauli blocking factors.

### Helicity relaxation time $\tau_H$

[VEA & MC, EPJC **82** (2023)]

We now consider that the plasma is charge-neutral ( $\mu_V = 0$ ) and slightly polarized, (small  $\mu_H$ ), such that

$$f_{\mathbf{p},\lambda}^{\varsigma} \simeq f_{0\mathbf{p}} + 2\lambda\varsigma\beta\mu_H f_{0\mathbf{p}}\tilde{f}_{0\mathbf{p}}, \qquad f_{0\mathbf{p}} = [e^{\beta E_{\mathbf{p}}} + 1]^{-1}, \quad \tilde{f}_{0\mathbf{p}} = [1 + e^{-\beta E_{\mathbf{p}}}]^{-1}.$$
(12)

► In this case,  $Q_H \simeq g\mu_H/3\beta^2$  and  $\frac{dQ_H}{dt} = -\frac{Q_H}{\tau_H}$ , where

$$\tau_{H}^{-1} = \frac{8}{3} (2\pi)^{6} g \alpha_{\text{QCD}}^{2} \beta^{3} \int dP dK dP' dK' (1 - \cos \theta_{cm})^{2} \delta^{4} (p + k - p' - k') \\ \times f_{0\mathbf{p}} f_{0\mathbf{k}} \tilde{f}_{0\mathbf{p}'} \tilde{f}_{0\mathbf{k}'} (\tilde{f}_{0\mathbf{p}} + f_{0\mathbf{p}'}).$$
(13)

The momentum integrals appearing above can be performed, eventually leading to

$$\tau_H = 0.392 \times \frac{\pi^3 \beta}{N_f \alpha_{\rm QCD}^2} \simeq \left(\frac{250 \text{ MeV}}{k_B T}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\alpha_{\rm QCD}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2}{N_f}\right) \times 4.80 \text{ fm/c.} \quad (14)$$

► Unexpectedly,  $\tau_H \simeq 4.80 \, \text{fm}/c \gg \tau_A \simeq 0.25 \, \text{fm}/c$ , giving helicity imbalance a chance to survive in the hot QGP.

# V/A/H charges in QCD

Chiral and helicity imbalance can be modelled in LSM<sub>q</sub>:

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_q + \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{M}}, \quad \mathcal{L}_q = \bar{\psi}(i\partial \!\!\!/ - g\sigma + \mu_V \gamma^0 + \mu_A \gamma^0 \gamma^5 + 2\mu_H \gamma^0 h)\psi, \qquad (15)$$

with  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{M}} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\mu} \sigma \partial^{\mu} \sigma - V(\sigma)$  and  $V(\sigma) = \frac{\lambda}{4} (\sigma - v^2)^2 - h\sigma$ .

The energy eigenvalues read

$$p_{0,\lambda}^{(\varsigma)}(\mathbf{p}) = -\mu_V - 2\lambda\mu_H + \varsigma\sqrt{m_q^2 + (|\mathbf{p}| - 2\lambda\mu_A)^2}, \quad m_q = g\sigma.$$
(16)

The grand potential of the model reads

$$\Phi = -\frac{T}{V} \ln \mathcal{Z} = V(\sigma) + \Phi_q^{\mathrm{zp}} + \Phi_q^{\beta},$$

$$\Phi_q^{\mathrm{zp}} = -\frac{N_c N_f}{2} \sum_{\sigma,\lambda} \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \varsigma p_{0,\lambda}^{(\varsigma)}(\mathbf{p}) = -N_c N_f \int \frac{dp \, p^2}{2\pi^2} \sum_{\lambda=\pm\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{m_q^2 + (p - 2\lambda\mu_A)}$$

$$\Phi_q^{\beta} = -T N_c N_f \sum_{\sigma,\lambda} \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \ln(1 + e^{-\varsigma p_{0,\lambda}^{(\varsigma)}(\mathbf{p})/T}).$$
(17)

• When  $\mu_A \neq 0$ ,  $\Phi_q^{\text{zp}}$  is medium-dependent!

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## QCD with chiral chemical potential

• Due to its  $\mu_5$  dependence, the infinite  $\Phi_q^{zp}$  must be regularized in a consistent manner:

$$\begin{split} \Omega_q^{\rm zp} &= \Omega_0^{\rm zp}(s) + \Omega_5^{\rm zp}(\xi) + \delta \Omega_{\rm fin}^{\rm zp},\\ \Omega_0(s) &= -\frac{N_c N_f}{2\pi^2} \mathcal{I}_1,\\ \Omega_5(\xi) &= -m_q^2 \mu_5^2 \frac{N_c N_f}{2\pi^2} \mathcal{I}_2,\\ \Omega_{\rm fin}^{\rm zp} &= -\mu_5^4 \frac{N_c N_f}{12\pi^2}, \end{split}$$



where the divergent integrals  $\mathcal{I}_1$  and  $\mathcal{I}_2$  can be obtained using dimensional regularization:

$$\mathcal{I}_{1} = 2\mu^{2s} \int \frac{p^{2}dp}{(p^{2} + m_{q}^{2})^{s - \frac{1}{2}}} = -\frac{m_{q}^{4}}{8s} + \frac{m_{q}^{4}}{16} \left[ -3 + 2\gamma_{E} + 2\psi(-\frac{1}{2}) + 4\ln\frac{m_{q}}{\mu} \right],$$
$$\mathcal{I}_{2} = \mu^{2\xi} \int \frac{p^{2}dp}{(p^{2} + m_{q}^{2})^{\xi + \frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{1}{2\xi} - \left[ \frac{\gamma_{E}}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\psi(\frac{3}{2}) + \ln\frac{m_{q}}{\mu} \right].$$

Renormalizing the LSM model using 3 schemes gives 3 different results

## QCD with helical chemical potential



• When  $\mu_A = 0$ ,  $\Omega_q^{\text{zp}}$  is independent of T,  $\mu_V$ ,  $\mu_H$ .

•  $\mu_H$  plays a role dual to that of  $\mu_V$ , the PD exhibiting a *self-duality* with respect to  $\mu_V \leftrightarrow \mu_H$ .

### Kinematic frame for rigid rotation



A "kinematic" orthogonal tetrad is given by:

[Becattini, Grossi, PRD 2015]

 $\begin{array}{lll} \mbox{Velocity}: & u = \Gamma(e_{\hat{t}} + \rho \Omega e_{\hat{\varphi}}), & \Gamma = (1 - \rho^2 \Omega^2)^{-1/2}, \\ \mbox{Acceleration}: & a = \nabla_u u = -\rho \Omega^2 \Gamma^2 e_{\hat{\rho}}, \\ \mbox{Vorticity}: & \omega = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^{\hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}\hat{\gamma}\hat{\sigma}} e_{\hat{\alpha}} u_{\hat{\beta}} (\nabla_{\hat{\gamma}} u_{\hat{\sigma}}) = \prod^2 \Omega e_{\hat{z}}, \\ \mbox{Image of the table of table of$ 

## Rigidly-rotating thermal states

	$Q_V$	$Q_A$	$Q_H$	$J_V$	$J_A$	$oldsymbol{J}_H$	$\omega$
	_	+	—	_	+	—	+
P	+	_	—	_	+	+	+
T	+	+	+	_		—	_

Rotating thermal states can be constructed using

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle = Z^{-1} \operatorname{Tr}(\hat{\varrho} \hat{A}), \qquad Z = \operatorname{Tr}(\hat{\varrho}),$$
$$\hat{\varrho} = \exp\left[-\beta_0 \left(\hat{H} - \Omega \widehat{M}^z - \sum_{\ell} \mu_{\ell;0} \widehat{Q}_{\ell}\right)\right],$$

where  $eta_0=T_0^{-1}$  and  $\mu_{V/A/H;0}$  are measured on the rotation axis.

• The currents  $J_{\ell}^{\mu} = Q_{\ell}u^{\mu} + \sigma_{\ell}^{\omega}\omega_{\ell}^{\mu} + \sigma_{\ell}^{\tau}\tau^{\mu}$  have vortical conductivities:

$$\sigma_V \simeq \frac{2\mu_H T}{\pi^2} \ln 2 + \frac{\mu_V \mu_A}{\pi^2}, \quad \sigma_A \simeq \frac{T^2}{6} + \frac{\mu_V^2 + \mu_A^2 + \mu_H^2}{2\pi^2}, \quad \sigma_H \simeq \frac{2\mu_V T}{\pi^2} \ln 2 + \frac{\mu_H \mu_A}{\pi^2}.$$

In rigid rotation,  $T = T_0 \Gamma$  and  $\mu_\ell = \mu_{\ell;0} \Gamma$ , with  $\Gamma = (1 - \rho^2 \Omega^2)^{-1/2}$ .

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#### Neutral isothermal plasma at rest

• At leading order w.r.t. T,  $\sigma^{\omega}_{V/H}$  are given by

$$\sigma_V^{\omega} = \frac{2\mu_H T}{\pi^2} \ln 2, \qquad \sigma_H^{\omega} = \frac{2\mu_V T}{\pi^2} \ln 2.$$

Close to the rotation axis,

$$J_{\ell} \simeq Q_{\ell} \partial_t + \Omega \sigma_{\ell}^{\omega} + O(\rho \Omega).$$

Considering a neutral plasma ( $\mu_V = \mu_A = \mu_H = 0$ ), the charge densities and vortical conductivities are

$$Q_{\ell} = \frac{T^2}{3} \delta \mu_{\ell}, \qquad \sigma_V = \frac{2T \ln 2}{\pi^2} \delta \mu_H, \qquad \sigma_H = \frac{2T \ln 2}{\pi^2} \delta \mu_V.$$

• Considering  $\delta \mu_{V/H} = \delta \mu_{V/H;0} e^{-ik(vt-z)}$ , imposing  $\partial_{\mu} J^{\mu}_{V/H} = 0$  and neglecting fluctuations in T and  $u^{\mu}$ , the velocity of the HVW is

$$v_{\rm HVW} = \frac{6\ln 2}{\pi} \frac{\hbar |\Omega|}{k_B T} c.$$

The V and H (not A) dofs naturally combine in the HVW!
 In the context of the QGP, ħΩ ≃ 6.6 MeV, k<sub>B</sub>T ≃ 150 MeV and v<sub>HVW</sub> ≃ 2 × 10<sup>-2</sup>c.

# Vortical waves overview





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Chiral Vortical Wave

Axial-Helical Vortical Wave

#### From $\beta$ to Landau frame

• Neglecting  $O(\Omega^2)$  terms,  $J^{\mu}_{\ell} = \langle \widehat{J}^{\mu}_{\ell} \rangle$  and  $T^{\mu\nu} = \langle \widehat{T}^{\mu\nu} \rangle$  read

$$J^{\mu}_{\ell} = Q^{\beta}_{\ell} u^{\mu}_{\Omega} + \sigma^{\mu}_{\ell;\beta}, \quad T^{\mu\nu} = E_{\beta} u^{\mu}_{\Omega} u^{\nu}_{\Omega} - P_{\beta} \Delta^{\mu\nu}_{\Omega} + \sigma^{\omega}_{\varepsilon;\beta} (\omega^{\mu}_{\Omega} u^{\nu}_{\Omega} + \omega^{\nu}_{\Omega} u^{\mu}_{\Omega}), \quad (18)$$

with  $\Delta^{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} - u^{\mu}_{\Omega}u^{\nu}_{\Omega}$  and  $E_{\beta} = 3P_{\beta}$ .

• The study is simpler in the Landau frame,  $T^{\mu}{}_{\nu}u^{\nu}_{L} = E_{L}u^{\mu}_{L}$ , with

$$T^{\mu\nu} = E_L u_L^{\mu} u_L^{\nu} - P_L \Delta_L^{\mu\nu}, \quad J_{\ell}^{\mu} = Q_{\ell}^L u_L^{\mu} + \sigma_{\ell;L}^{\omega} \omega_L^{\mu}, \quad \sigma_{\ell;L}^{\omega} = \sigma_{\ell;\beta}^{\omega} - \frac{Q_{\ell} \sigma_{\varepsilon;\beta}^{\omega}}{E+P}.$$
 (19)

 $\blacktriangleright$   $u_L^{\mu}$  has a vorticity correction that can be eliminated via a Lorentz boost L:

$$u_{L}^{\mu} = u_{\Omega}^{\mu} + \frac{\sigma_{\varepsilon;\beta}^{\omega}}{E+P} \omega_{\Omega}^{\mu} \xrightarrow{L} u_{\Omega}^{\mu}, \quad \underline{L}^{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} - \frac{\sigma_{\varepsilon;\beta}^{\omega}}{E+P} (u_{\Omega}^{\mu} \omega_{\Omega}^{\nu} - u_{\Omega}^{\nu} \omega_{\Omega}^{\mu}).$$
(20)

In what follows, we work in the boosted Landau frame, where

$$P \simeq -\frac{T^4}{\pi^2} \sum_{\sigma,\lambda} \operatorname{Li}_4(-e^{\mu_{\sigma,\lambda}/T}), \quad Q_\ell = \frac{\partial P}{\partial \mu_\ell}, \quad \sigma_\ell^\omega = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial \mu_\ell \partial \mu_A} - \frac{Q_A Q_\ell}{E+P}.$$
(21)

### Conservation equations

- We work in the boosted Landau frame ("L" subscript dropped).
- The energy-momentum conservation  $\partial_{\mu}T^{\mu\nu} = 0$  leads to

$$DE + (E+P)\theta = 0, \quad (E+P)Du^{\mu} - \nabla^{\mu}P = 0,$$
 (22)

with  $D = u^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}$ ,  $\nabla^{\mu} = \Delta^{\mu\nu}\partial_{\nu}$  and  $\theta = \partial_{\mu}\theta^{\mu}$ .

Non-conservation of  $J_A^{\mu}$ ,  $J_H^{\mu}$  can be modelled as a relaxation process, in two ways:

$$\partial_{\mu}J^{\mu}_{\ell} = -\frac{Q_{\ell}}{\tau_{\ell}}$$
 (leads to instabilities)  
 $\partial_{\mu}J^{\mu}_{\ell} = -\frac{\mu_{\ell}T^2}{3\tau_{\ell}}$  (compatible with GCE)

We take the second approach and solve

$$DQ_V + Q_V \theta + \partial_\mu (\sigma_V^\omega \omega^\mu) = 0, \qquad (24)$$

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$$DQ_A + Q_A\theta + \partial_\mu(\sigma_A^\omega\omega^\mu) = -\frac{\mu_A T^2}{3\tau_A},$$
(25)

$$DQ_H + Q_H\theta + \partial_\mu(\sigma_H^\omega\omega^\mu) = -\frac{\mu_H T^2}{3\tau_H}.$$
(26)

The limit \(\tau\_A, \tau\_H \rightarrow \epsilon\) ideal plasma;
The limit \(\tau\_A \rightarrow \cdot 0 < \tau\_H < \infty \epsilon\) \(\epsilon\) Plasma; \(\Leftarrow \neq 0 < \tau\_A, \tau\_H < \infty \epsilon\) \(\epsilon\) Plasma.</li>
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# Kinetic dissipation

- In real fluids, interparticle collisions happending on a timescale  $\tau_R$  lead both to the equilibration of the fluid and to viscous dissipation.
- The "perfect fluid" limit means  $\tau \to 0$ , which should imply also  $\tau_A, \tau_H \to 0$  (frozen axial and helical dofs).
- For consistency, when  $\tau_A, \tau_H > 0$ , one should consider the effects of  $\tau_R$ .
- In the simplest model, dissipation is added as a first order term:

$$T^{\mu\nu} = (E+P)u^{\mu}u^{\nu} - Pg^{\mu\nu} + \pi^{\mu\nu}_{d}, \quad J^{\mu}_{\ell} = Q_{\ell}u^{\mu} + \sigma^{\omega}_{\ell}\omega^{\mu} + V^{\mu}_{\ell;d}.$$
(27)

In the RTA by Anderson-Witting,

$$\pi_d^{\mu\nu} = 2\eta\sigma^{\mu\nu}, \quad V_{\ell;d}^{\mu} = \tau_R \left(\frac{1}{3}\nabla^{\mu}Q_{\ell} - \frac{Q_{\ell}\nabla^{\mu}P}{E+P}\right), \tag{28}$$

with  $\eta = \frac{4}{5}\tau_R P$  and  $\sigma^{\mu\nu} = \nabla^{(\mu}u^{\nu)} - \frac{1}{3}\Delta^{\mu\nu}\theta$ .

The value of  $\tau_R$  can be estimated from the ratio  $\eta/s$ :

$$\tau_R = \frac{5\eta}{sT} = 0.26 \text{ fm}/c \times (4\pi\eta/s) \times \left(\frac{300 \text{ MeV}}{T}\right).$$
(29)

First-order dissipation is acausal. More rigorous frameworks include Chiral kinetic theory
[E.V. Gorbar, D.O. Rybalka, I.A. Shovkovy, PRD 95 (2017), 096010]

### Energy-momentum sector

- In the following, we consider perturbations around rigid rotation, localized in the vicinity of the rotation axis ( $\rho\Omega \rightarrow 0$ ).
- A perturbed quantity  $\overline{f}$  is split into background and perturbations:

$$\bar{f} = f + \delta \bar{f}, \quad \delta \bar{f} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk \, e^{ikz} \sum_{\omega} e^{-i\omega(k)t} \delta f_{\omega}(k), \tag{30}$$

The conservation of  $T^{\mu\nu}$  (dissipation included) gives rise to a closed set of equations:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -3\omega & 4kP\\ k & -4P\omega - \frac{4}{3}i\eta k^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta P_{\omega}\\ \delta u_{\omega}^z \end{pmatrix} = 0,$$
(31)

where we assume the perturbations are purely longitudinal.

Imposing vanishing determinant reveals the sound modes:

[E.V. Gorbar, D.O. Rybalka, I.A. Shovkovy, PRD 95 (2017) 096010]

$$\omega_{\rm ac.}^{\pm} = \pm k c_s(\eta) - \frac{ik^2 \eta}{6P}, \quad c_s(\eta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{k^2 \eta^2}{12P^2}}.$$
 (32)

- A small discrepancy in  $\omega_{ac.}^{\pm}$  w.r.t. Gorbar et al is due to neglecting  $\delta \mathbf{u}_{\perp}$  in Ref. [Gorbar et al].
- For the charge modes, the determinant no longer vanishes and it follows that  $\delta P_{\omega} = \delta u_{\omega}^{z} = 0!$

#### Charge current modes

- For the charge modes,  $\delta P_{\omega} = \delta u_{\omega}^{\mu} = 0$ .
- When charge  $\ell$  is not conserved, its chemical potential also becomes infinitesimal:  $\bar{\mu}_{\ell} = \delta \bar{\mu}_{\ell}$ :

$$\left(\omega + \frac{ik^2\tau_R}{3}\right)\delta Q_{\ell;\omega} - k\Omega\delta\sigma^{\omega}_{\ell;\omega} = -\frac{T^2}{3\tau_\ell}\delta\mu_\ell.$$
(33)

Expressing now  $\tilde{\omega} = \omega + \frac{ik^2 \tau_R}{3}$  and writing  $\delta Q_{\ell;\omega}$  and  $\delta \sigma^{\omega}_{\ell;\omega}$  in terms of  $\delta T_{\omega}$  and  $\delta \mu_{\ell;\omega}$  gives

$$\mathbb{M}_{\ell\ell'}\delta\mu_{\ell';\omega} = 0, \quad \frac{1}{T^2}\mathbb{M} = \tilde{\omega}\mathbb{M}_{\omega} - \kappa_{\Omega}\mathbb{M}_{\Omega} + \frac{i}{3\tau_A}\mathbb{I}_A + \frac{i}{3\tau_H}\mathbb{I}_H, \qquad (34)$$

with  $\kappa_{\Omega} = k\Omega/T$ ,  $(\mathbb{I}_A)_{\ell\ell'} = \delta_{\ell A}\delta_{\ell'A}$  and  $(\mathbb{I}_H)_{\ell\ell'} = \delta_{\ell H}\delta_{\ell'H}$ , as well as

$$\mathbb{M}_{\ell\ell'}^{\omega} = \frac{1}{T^2} \left( \frac{\partial Q_{\ell}}{\partial \mu_{\ell'}} - \frac{3Q_{\ell}Q_{\ell'}}{sT} + \frac{Q_{\ell'}\vec{\mu}}{sT} \cdot \frac{\partial Q_{\ell}}{\partial \vec{\mu}} \right), \tag{35}$$

$$\mathbb{M}_{\ell\ell'}^{\Omega} = \frac{1}{T} \left( \frac{\partial \sigma_{\ell}^{\omega}}{\partial \mu_{\ell'}} - \frac{2\sigma_{\ell}^{\omega} Q_{\ell'}}{sT} + \frac{Q_{\ell'} \vec{\mu}}{sT} \cdot \frac{\partial \sigma_{\ell}^{\omega}}{\partial \vec{\mu}} \right). \tag{36}$$

## Conserved A and H charges: large T limit

• Let us consider first  $\tau_A, \tau_H \to \infty$ .

At large temperatures, the pressure becomes

$$P = \frac{7\pi^2 T^4}{180} + \frac{\vec{\mu}^2 T^2}{6} + \frac{4\mu_{\times}^3 T}{\pi^2} \ln 2 + \frac{(\vec{\mu}^2)^2}{12\pi^2} + \frac{\mu_A^2 \mu_H^2 + \mu_V^2 \mu_H^2 + \mu_V^2 \mu_A^2}{3\pi^2} + O(T^{-1}).$$
 (37)

• The matrices  $\mathbb{M}_{\omega}$  and  $\mathbb{M}_{\Omega}$  become:

$$\mathbb{M}_{\omega} = \frac{1}{3}\mathbb{I} + \frac{4\ln 2}{\pi^2 T} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mu_H & \mu_A \\ \mu_H & 0 & \mu_V \\ \mu_A & \mu_V & 0 \end{pmatrix} + O(T^{-2}),$$
(38)

$$\mathbb{M}_{\Omega} = \frac{2\ln 2}{\pi^2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1\\ 0 & 0 & 0\\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{2}{7\pi^2 T} \begin{pmatrix} \mu_A & \mu_V & 0\\ \mu_V & -4\mu_A & \mu_H\\ 0 & \mu_H & \mu_A \end{pmatrix} + O(T^{-2}).$$
(39)

• Writing  $\tilde{\omega} = \tilde{\omega}_0 + T^{-1}\tilde{\omega}_1 + T^{-2}\tilde{\omega}_2 + O(T^{-3})$  reveals:

$$\mathsf{HVW}: \qquad \frac{\omega_h^{\pm}}{k} = \pm \frac{6\ln 2}{\pi^2} \frac{\Omega}{T} - \frac{6}{7\pi^2} \left[ \frac{84}{\pi^2} (\ln 2)^2 - 1 \right] \frac{\Omega \mu_A}{T^2} + O(T^{-3}), \qquad (40)$$

AVW: 
$$\frac{\omega_{\mathfrak{a}}}{k} = -\frac{24}{7\pi^2} \frac{\mu_A \Omega}{T^2} + O(T^{-3}).$$
 (41)

The AVW is non-reciprocal (only travels in one direction).

Non-reciprocity seen in the HVW, in the subleading term. =

## HVW propagation: split of helical signal



• We take  $\bar{\mu}_V(0,z) = \delta \bar{\mu}_{V;0} e^{-z^2/2\sigma^2}$ .

The exact solution for the propagation of the initial Gaussian lump reads:

$$\delta\bar{\mu}_V(t,z) = \frac{\delta\bar{\mu}_{V;0}}{2} \left[ e^{-(z-c_h t)^2/2\sigma^2} + e^{-(z+c_h t)^2/2\sigma^2} \right],$$
(42)

$$\delta\bar{\mu}_{H}(t,z) = \frac{\delta\bar{\mu}_{V;0}}{2} \left[ e^{-(z-c_{h}t)^{2}/2\sigma^{2}} - e^{-(z+c_{h}t)^{2}/2\sigma^{2}} \right].$$
 (43)

## AVW propagation: non-reciprocity



The AVW propagates only at finite μ<sub>A</sub>, which we take as μ<sub>T</sub> = 0.1T.
 For the initial profile μ

 <sup>A</sup>(0, z) = μ<sub>A</sub> + δμ

 <sup>A</sup>e<sup>-z<sup>2</sup>/2σ<sup>2</sup></sup>, we find

$$\bar{\mu}_A(t,z) = \mu_A + \delta \bar{\mu}_A \, e^{-(z-v_{\mathfrak{a}}t)^2/2\sigma^2}.$$
(44)

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#### Charged, unpolarized plasma: $\mu_A = \mu_H = 0$

The pressure of the unpolarized plasma reads

$$P = \frac{7\pi^2 T^4}{180} + \frac{\mu_V^2 T^2}{6} + \frac{\mu_V^4}{12\pi^2}.$$
(45)

• The matrix  $T^{-2}\mathbb{M} = \tilde{\omega}\mathbb{M}_{\omega} - \kappa_{\Omega}\mathbb{M}_{\Omega}$  becomes

$$\mathbb{M}_{\omega} = \frac{2}{T^{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{A}^{\omega} - \frac{T^{2}}{3} \Delta H & 0 & 0\\ 0 & \sigma_{A}^{\omega} & \sigma_{H}^{\omega} \\ 0 & \sigma_{H}^{\omega} & \sigma_{A}^{\omega} \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \mathbb{M}_{\Omega} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{H}A & \frac{1}{H}B\\ A & 0 & 0\\ B & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad (46)$$

where  $\Delta H = H - 1$ , H = (E + P)/sT, while A and B are

$$A = \frac{\alpha_V}{\pi^2} - \frac{Q_V}{3s}, \qquad B = \frac{HL}{\pi^2} - \frac{2Q_V}{sT^2}\sigma_H^{\omega}.$$
 (47)

The corresponding characteristic equation reads

$$\det\left(\tilde{\omega}\mathbb{M}_{\omega} - \kappa_{\Omega}\mathbb{M}_{\Omega} + \frac{i}{3\tau_{H}}\mathbb{I}_{H} + \frac{i}{3\tau_{A}}\mathbb{I}_{A}\right)$$

$$= \frac{2\omega}{T^{2}}\left\{\left(\frac{2\omega}{T^{2}}\right)^{2}\left(\sigma_{A}^{\omega} - \frac{T^{2}}{3}\Delta H\right)\left[(\sigma_{A}^{\omega})^{2} - (\sigma_{H}^{\omega})^{2}\right] - \frac{\kappa_{\Omega}^{2}}{H}\left[(A^{2} + B^{2})\sigma_{A}^{\omega} - 2AB\sigma_{H}^{\omega}\right]\right\}$$

$$+ \frac{i}{3}\left[\left(\frac{2\omega}{T^{2}}\right)^{2}\sigma_{A}^{\omega}\left(\sigma_{A}^{\omega} - \frac{T^{2}}{3}\Delta H\right)\left(\frac{1}{\tau_{H}} + \frac{1}{\tau_{A}}\right) - \frac{\kappa_{\Omega}^{2}}{H}\left(\frac{A^{2}}{\tau_{H}} + \frac{B^{2}}{\tau_{A}}\right)\right]$$

$$- \frac{2\omega}{9T^{2}\tau_{A}\tau_{H}}\left(\sigma_{A}^{\omega} - \frac{T^{2}}{3}\Delta H\right) = 0. \quad 2(48)$$

## Damping of the HVW



• Consider the  $|\mu_V| \ll T$  limit  $(\mu_A = \mu_H = 0)$ . The HVW behaves as

$$\omega_{\rm HVW} = -\frac{i}{2\tau_H} \pm kc_h \sqrt{1 - \frac{k_{\rm th}^2}{k^2}}, \quad k_{\rm th} = \frac{1}{2\tau_H c_h} = \frac{\pi^2}{12\ln 2} \frac{T}{\Omega \tau_H}.$$
 (49)

 $\bullet$   $\tau_H$  prevents the propagation of large wavelengths.

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#### Freezing the H mode: resurgence of AVW



When  $\tau_H = 0$ , the  $\delta \mu_H \to 0$  instantaneously  $\Rightarrow$  the helical dof doesn't propagate and

$$\omega_h = -\frac{iT^2 \sigma_A^{\omega}}{6\tau_H [(\sigma_A^{\omega})^2 - (\sigma_H^{\omega})^2]}.$$
(50)

In this regime, the A and V dofs couple and give rise to a propagating wave:

$$\omega_{\mathfrak{a}}^{\pm} = \pm \frac{AT^2}{2\sigma_A^{\omega}\sqrt{H}} \left(1 - \frac{T^2\Delta H}{3\sigma_A^{\omega}}\right)^{-1/2} \frac{k\Omega}{T}.$$
(51)

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#### Wave spectrum



# Damping of the AVW



• Consider the  $|\mu_V| \ll T$  limit ( $\mu_A = \mu_H = 0$ ). The AVW behaves as

$$\omega_{\mathfrak{a}} = \frac{3i\alpha_{V}^{2}}{\pi^{2}\tau_{A}(\tau_{A} - \tau_{H} - \tau_{H}\tau_{A}^{2}k^{2}c_{h}^{2})} \times \left[ (\tau_{A} - \tau_{H})\left(1 + \frac{12}{49\pi^{2}}\kappa_{\Omega}^{2}\tau_{A}^{2}\right) + \tau_{H}\frac{48}{\pi^{2}}(\ln 2)^{2}\left(1 + \frac{3}{28\pi^{2}}\kappa_{\Omega}^{2}\tau_{A}^{2}\right) \right].$$
(52)

#### Wave spectrum



## Conclusion

- The Dirac theory allows for (at least) three conserved currents:  $J_V^{\mu}$ ,  $J_A^{\mu}$  and  $J_H^{\mu}$ .
- Associated to  $Q_H$  is  $\mu_H$ , which accounts for helicity imbalance.
- For m = 0,  $(\mu_V, \mu_A, \mu_H)$  form a triad, contributing non-trivially to anomalous transport (vortical effects).
- At  $m \neq 0$ ,  $Q_H$  remains conserved and  $\mu_H$  is well defined.
- The  $\mu_H$  dof gives rise to the helical vortical wave (HVW), which propagates faster than the CVW.
- While  $\mu_A$  is incompatible with the  $\text{LSM}_q$ ,  $\mu_H$  appears to be dual to  $\mu_V$ .
- Neither  $J_H^{\mu}$  nor  $J_A^{\mu}$  are conserved in interacting theories  $\Rightarrow \tau_H$  and  $\tau_A$  inhibit the propagation of the HVW and AVW at large wavelengths.
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