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Projecting energy-momentum conservation along the 4-velocity:

$$u^\mu(x)d_\mu\epsilon(x) + [\epsilon(x) + \mathcal{P}(x)]d_\mu u^\mu(x) = 0$$

and perpendicular to the 4-velocity:

$$\frac{\epsilon(x) + \mathcal{P}(x)}{c^2}u^\mu(x)d_\mu u^\nu(x) + \left[g^{\mu\nu}(x) + \frac{u^\mu(x)u^\nu(x)}{c^2}\right]d_\mu \mathcal{P}(x) = 0$$

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Invoking $\Gamma_{\nu\rho}^\mu = \frac{1}{2}g^{\mu\lambda}\left[\frac{\partial g_{\lambda\nu}}{\partial x^\rho} + \frac{\partial g_{\lambda\rho}}{\partial x^\nu} - \frac{\partial g_{\rho\nu}}{\partial x^\lambda}\right]$ with $\partial_0=0$, one finds

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$$-g_{00} \left(\frac{df}{dn} \right)^2 = \text{constant}$$

With the Ansatz $f(n) = \alpha n^{1+c_s^2}$:

$$n^{2c_s^2} = \frac{\text{const}}{-g_{00}}$$
$$\mathcal{P} = c_s^2 \epsilon = \text{const} (-g_{00})^{-\frac{1+c_s^2}{2c_s^2}}$$

Dust ($c_s = 0$): only if $-g_{00}$ is constant.

$c_s^2 = -1$ ("cosmological constant"): ϵ, \mathcal{P} are uniform

$c_s^2 = \frac{1}{3}$ (ultrarelativistic matter): $\mathcal{P} \propto (-g_{00})^{-2}$

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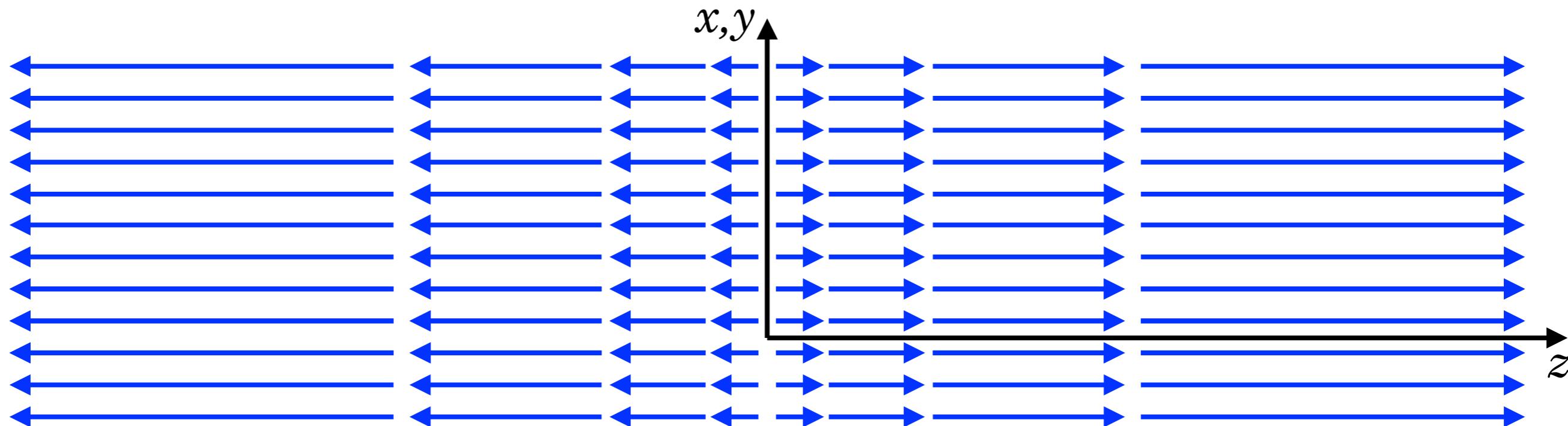
- ☞ introduced to model the boost-invariant* longitudinal expansion of the hot & dense medium created in high-energy nuclear collisions.
- Analytically tractable in a finite amount of time in case the medium, modeled as a fluid, has a constant speed of sound c_s
- in both cases of a perfect and a dissipative fluid.

*more on this topic later!

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at fixed t :



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*Other possibility (for particles with $v \approx c$): light-cone coordinates

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- covariant derivatives

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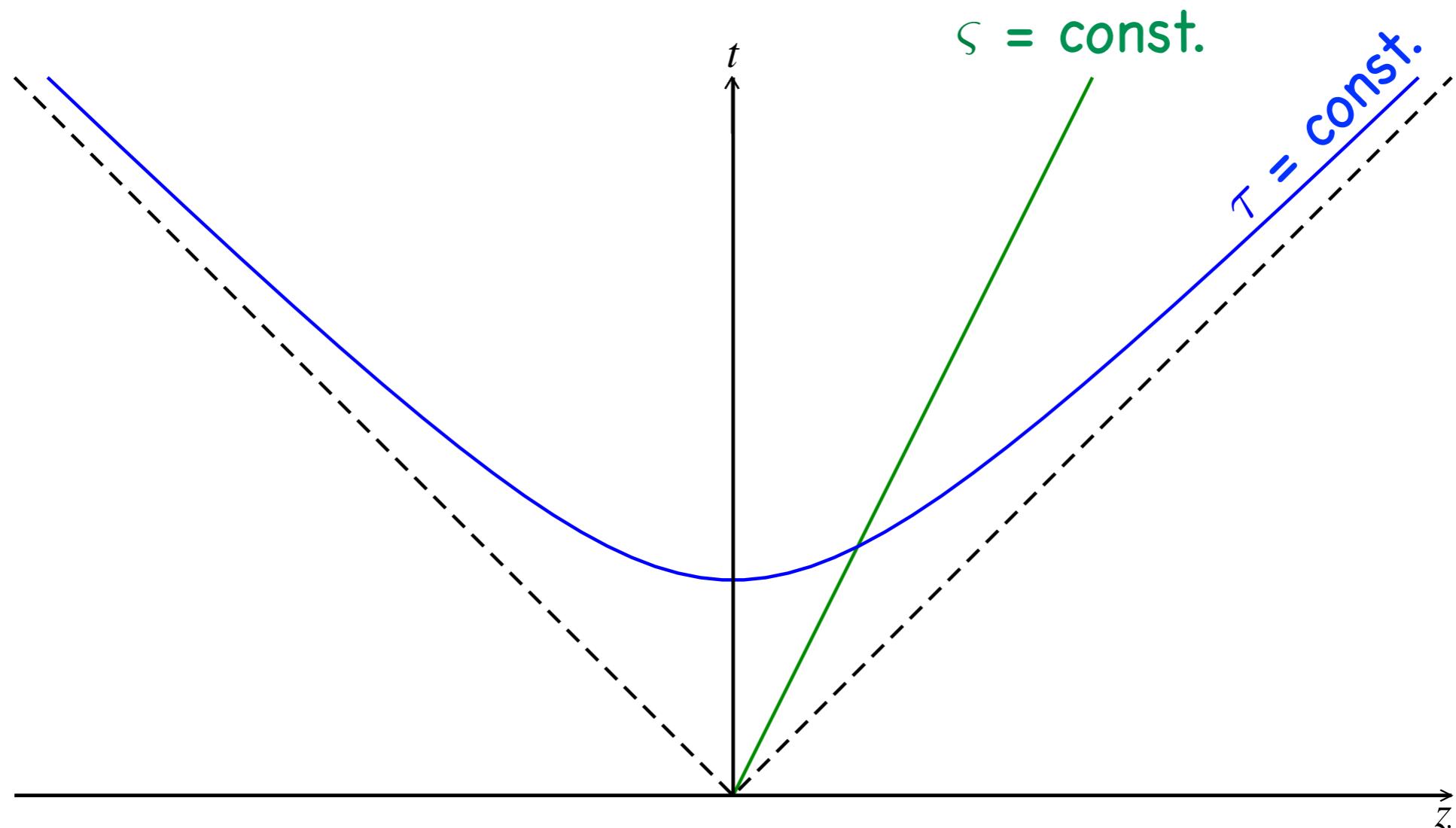
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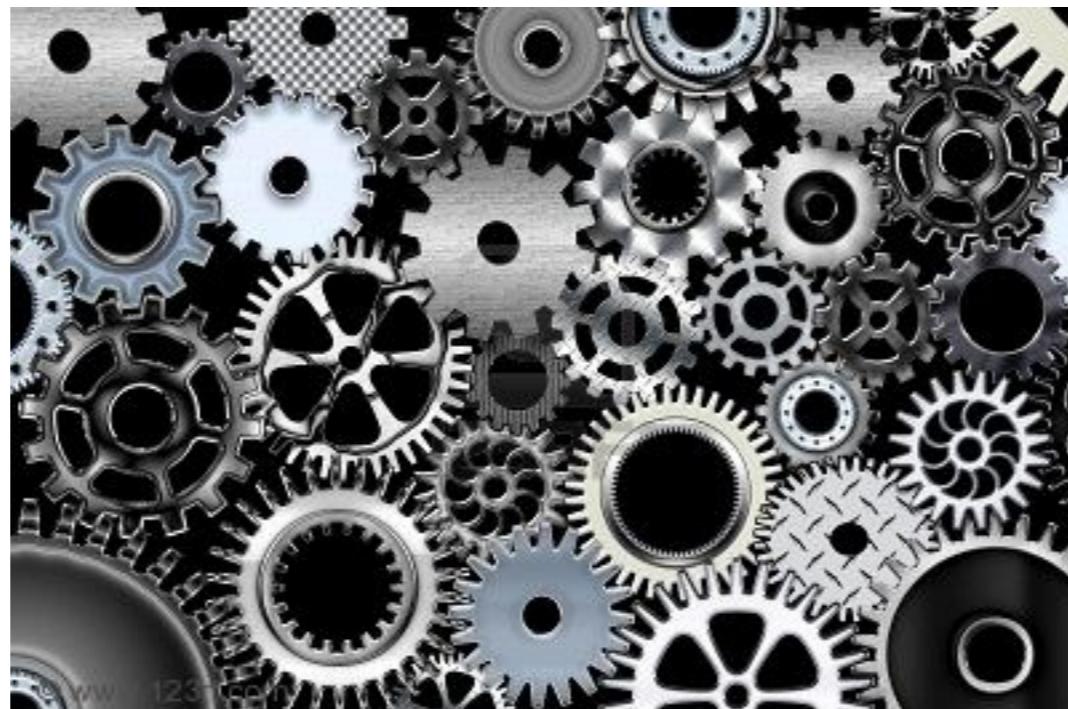
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$$\frac{dc^\mu}{dx^\rho} = \frac{\partial c^\mu}{\partial x^\rho} + \Gamma_{\nu\rho}^\mu c^\nu \dots$$

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Projection of the 4-gradient on the velocity: $u^\mu(x)d_\mu = u^\tau(x)d_\tau = d_\tau$

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+ an equation of state $\mathcal{P}(x) = c_s(x)^2 \epsilon(x)$ involving the speed of sound

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or equivalently

$$d_\tau [\tau \epsilon(x)] = -\mathcal{P}(x)$$

which simply relates the change in the energy in a comoving volume (proportional to τ) to the work of pressure forces...

Bjorken flow

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$$\nu = \varsigma : [\epsilon(x) + P(x)] d_\tau u^\varsigma(x) + \frac{1}{\tau^2} d_\varsigma P(x) = \frac{1}{\tau^2} \partial_\varsigma P(x) = 0$$

pressure is independent of space-time rapidity

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Assuming from now on that the speed of sound is constant:

$$\epsilon(x) \propto \frac{1}{\tau^{1+c_s^2}}$$

$$\mathcal{P}(x) \propto \frac{1}{\tau^{1+c_s^2}}$$

Both are independent of space-time rapidity

Bjorken flow

Entropy conservation: $d_\mu [s(x) u^\mu(x)] = 0$

👉 $d_\tau s(x) + \frac{s(x)}{\tau} = 0$

which leads at once to

$$s(x) \propto \frac{1}{\tau}$$

Together with $\epsilon(x) \propto \frac{1}{\tau^{1+c_s^2}}$, $\mathcal{P}(x) \propto \frac{1}{\tau^{1+c_s^2}}$ and $\epsilon + \mathcal{P} = Ts$

one obtains for temperature

$$T(x) \propto \frac{1}{\tau^{c_s^2}}$$

Everything is independent of space-time rapidity!

Bjorken flow

We have found $\epsilon(x) \propto \frac{1}{\tau^{1+c_s^2}}$, $\mathcal{P}(x) \propto \frac{1}{\tau^{1+c_s^2}}$, $s(x) \propto \frac{1}{\tau}$

and indirectly $T(x) \propto \frac{1}{\tau^{c_s^2}}$

For an ultrarelativistic gas $\epsilon \propto T^4$ (Stefan-Boltzmann!), $\mathcal{P} \propto T^4$
 $s \propto T^3$ (remember $\epsilon + \mathcal{P} = Ts$) and $c_s^2 = \frac{1}{3}$... Everything is OK!