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# Divergence of the gradient expansion and the applicability of fluid dynamics

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arxiv:1608.07869, arXiv:1711.01657, arXiv:1709.06644

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# Preview

- Introduction & motivation
- Hydro from kinetic theory: Method of moments
- Divergence of the Gradient expansion in KT
- Generalized Gradient expansion

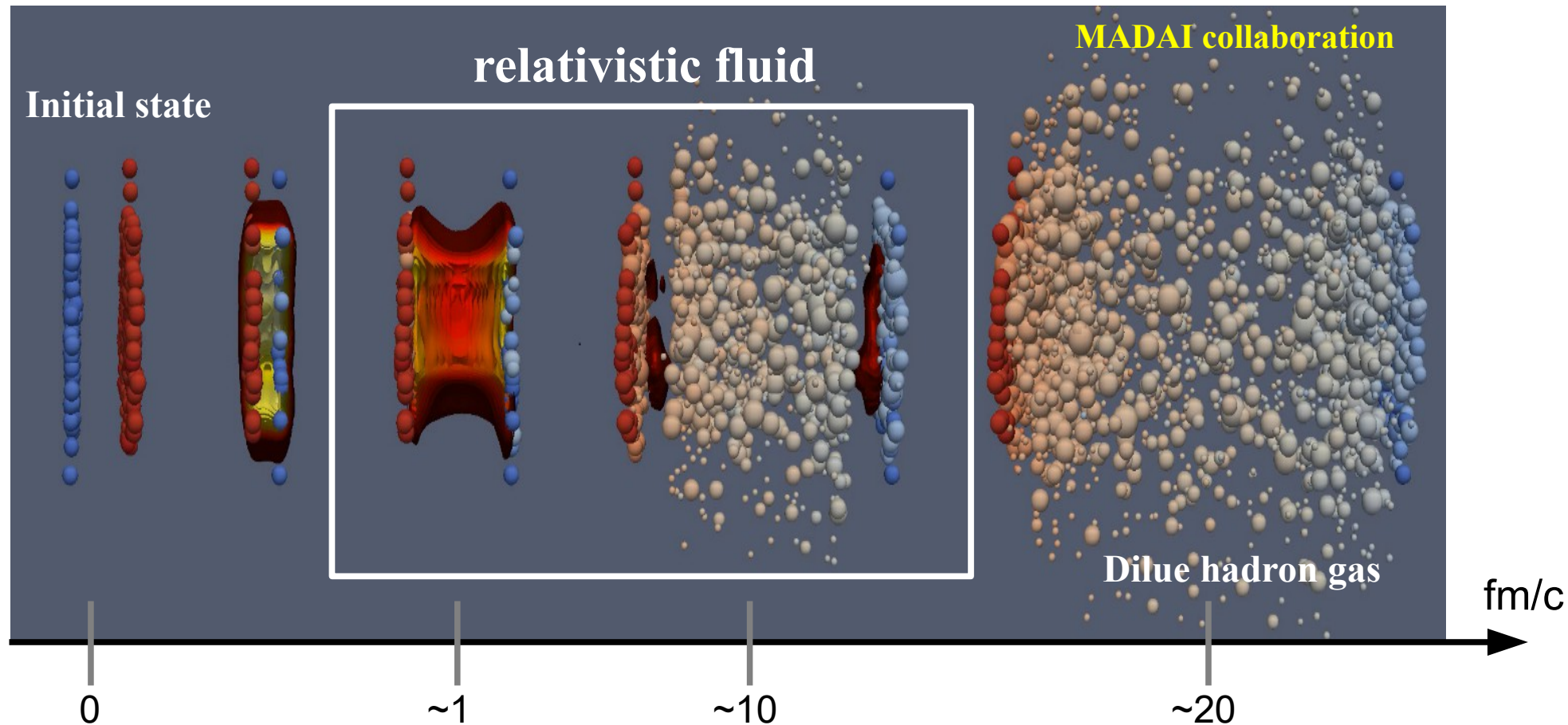
**if**( $t < T_{\text{seminar}}$ )**{**

- Israel Stewart theory and gradient expansion

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# Theoretical description of HIC

**Empirical:** Fluid-dynamical modeling of heavy ion collisions works well at RHIC and LHC energies



**Main assumption:** fluid dynamics can be applied at the very early stages – *Why?*

# Validity of fluid dynamics

- **proximity to (local) equilibrium**
- **“small” gradients**

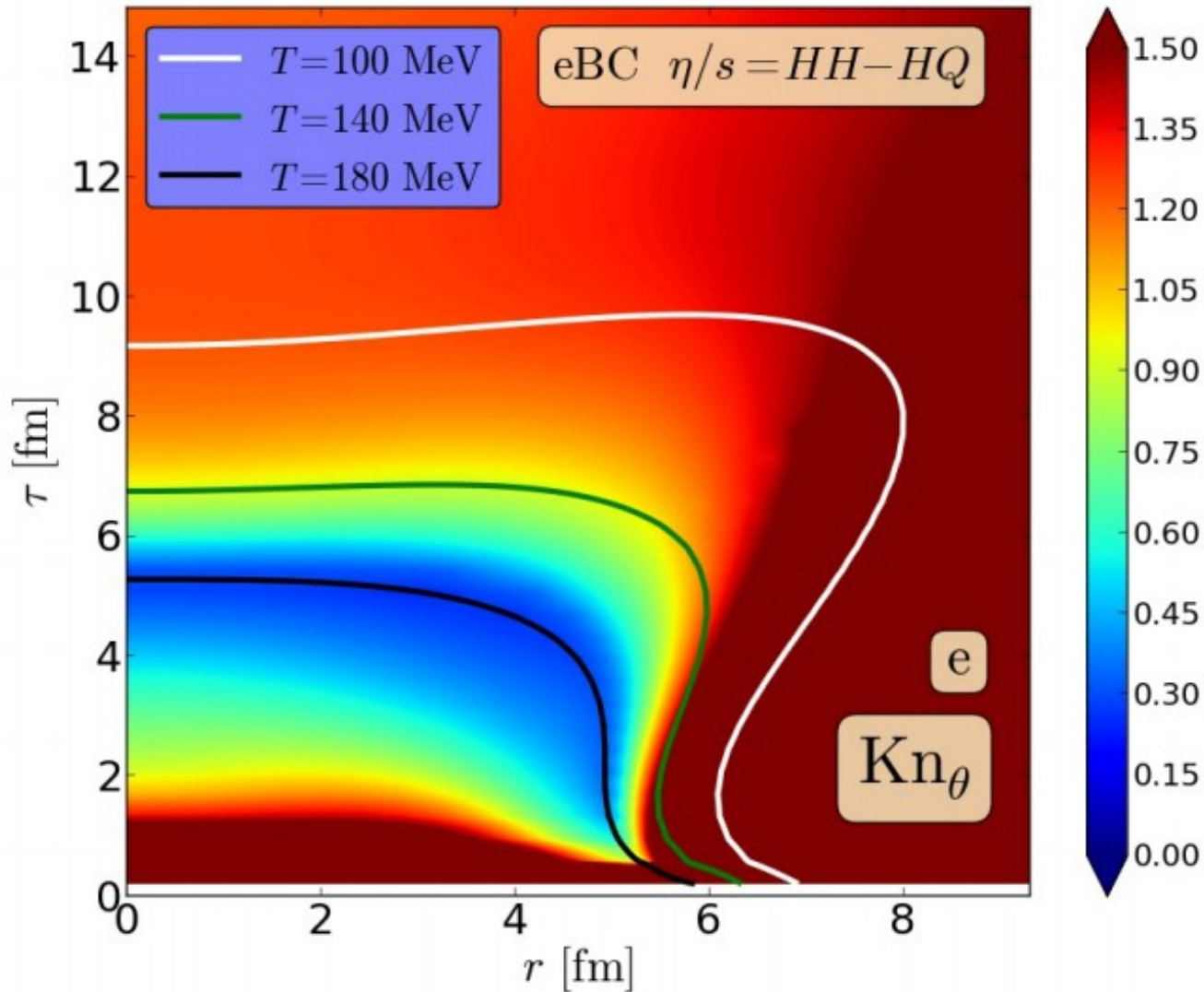
Separation of scales → macroscopic:  $L$  microscopic:  $\ell$

**Knudsen number:**  $K_N \sim \frac{\ell}{L} \ll 1$

Do these things occur early in HIC?

# Are the gradients small? no.

Niemi&GSD, arXiv:1404.7327



Knudsen number

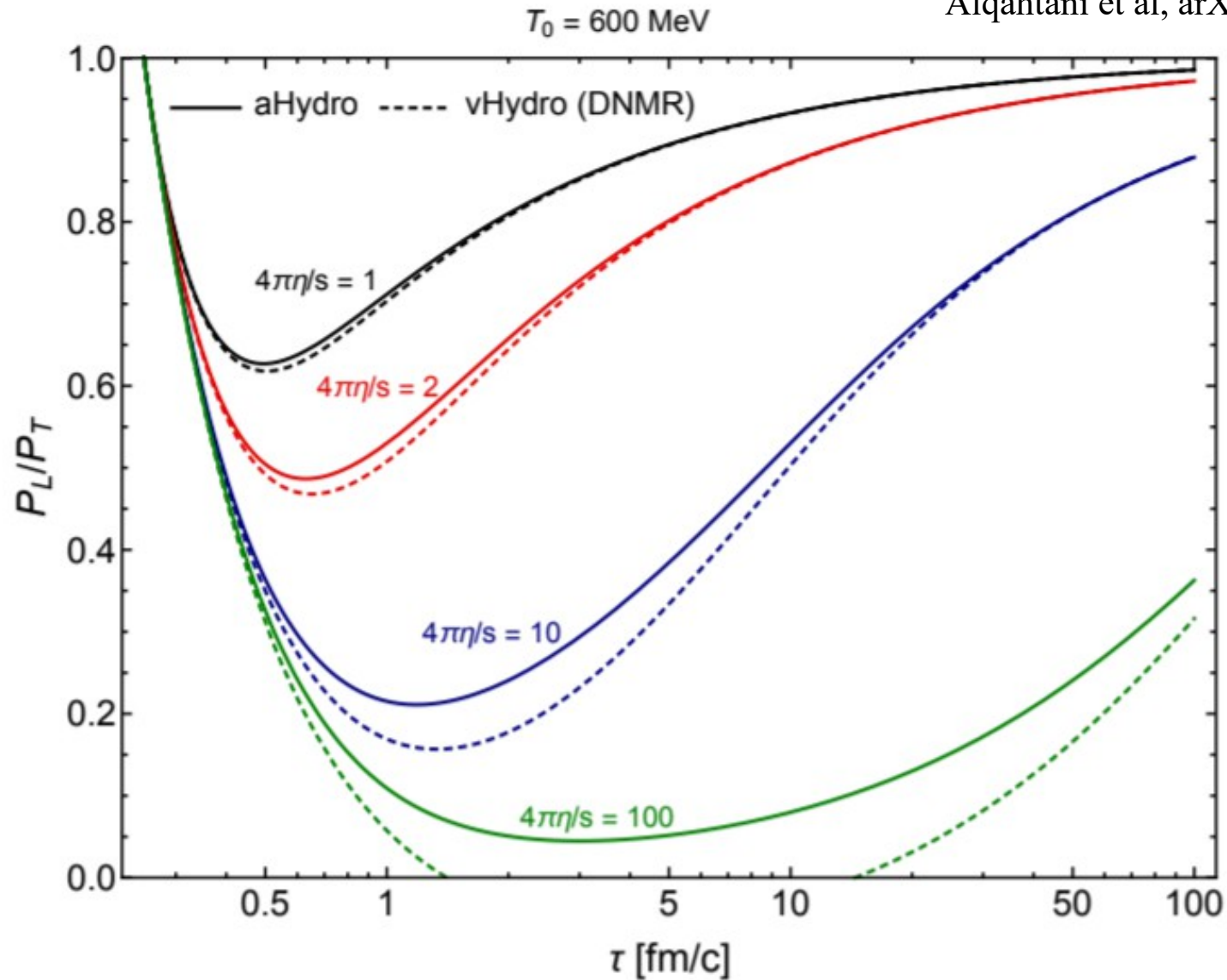
$$Kn = \tau_\pi \nabla_\mu u^\mu$$

is not small at  
early times

Can this system really be close to equilibrium?

# Simple example: Bjorken scaling

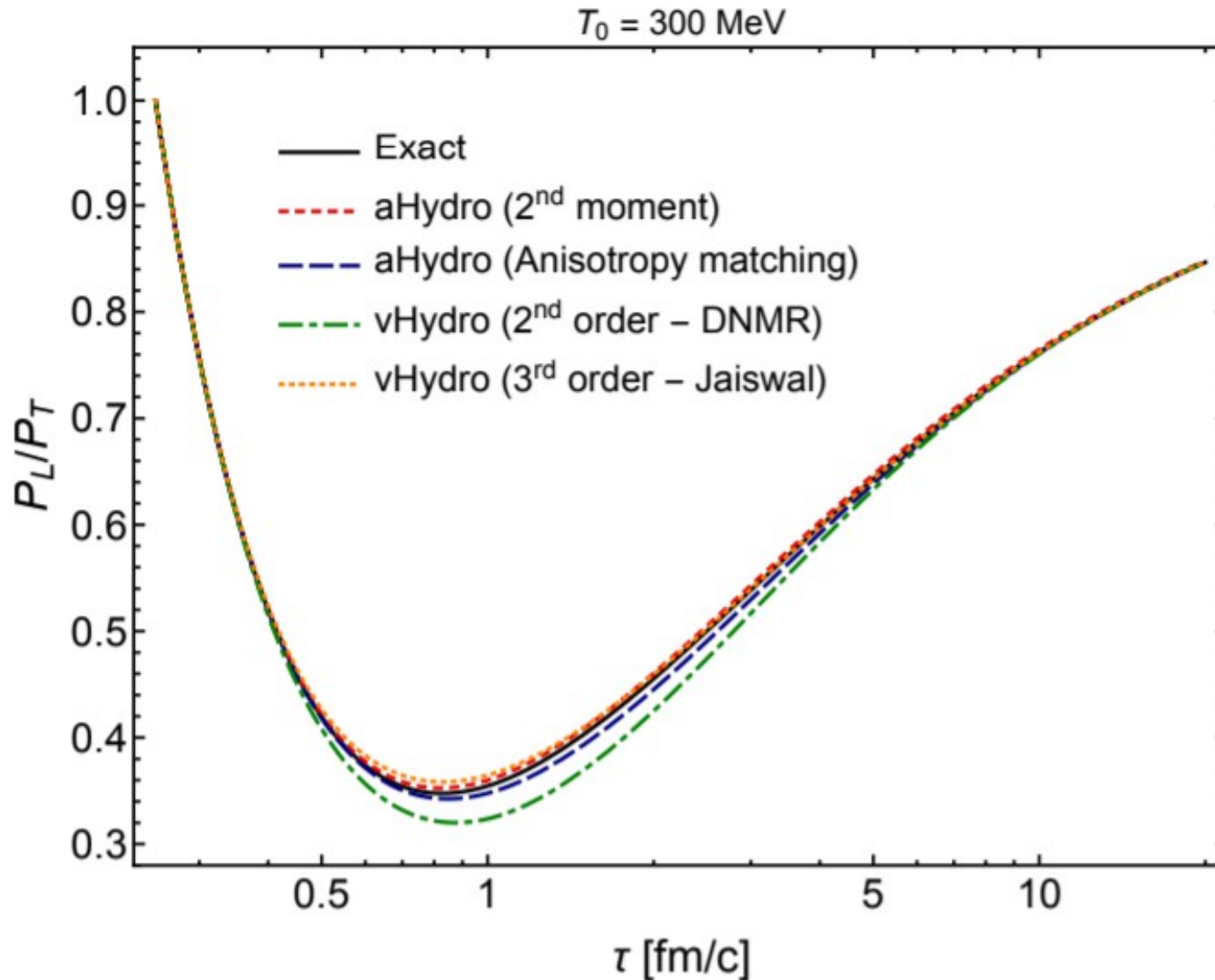
Alqahtani et al, arXiv:1712.03282v1



Approach to equilibrium is *inconsistent* with current “fluid-dynamical” theories

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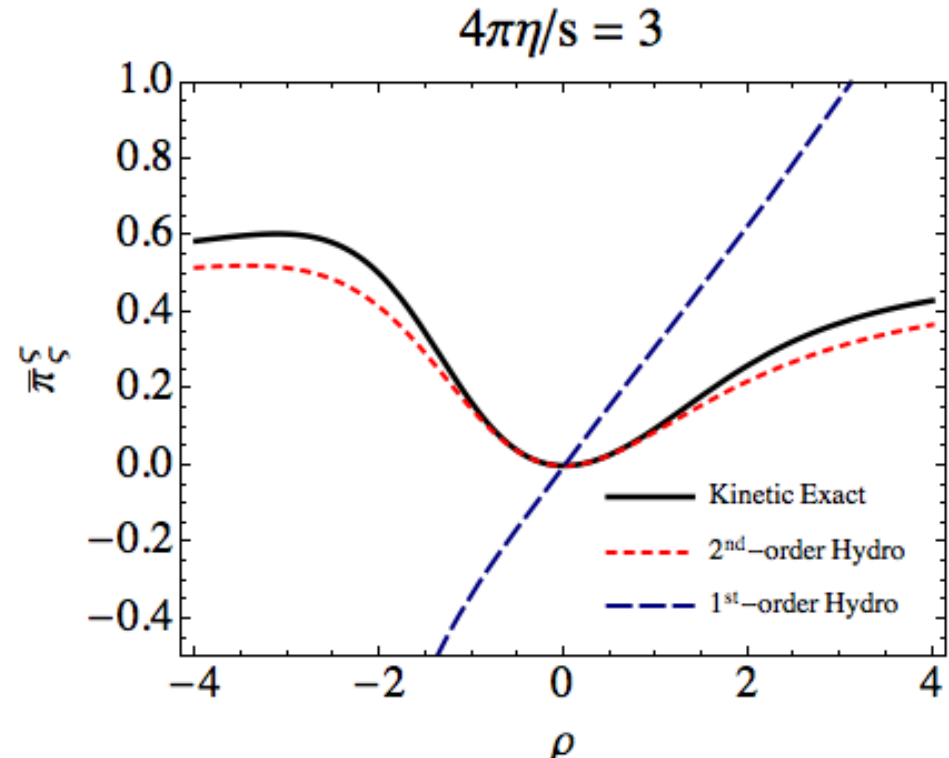
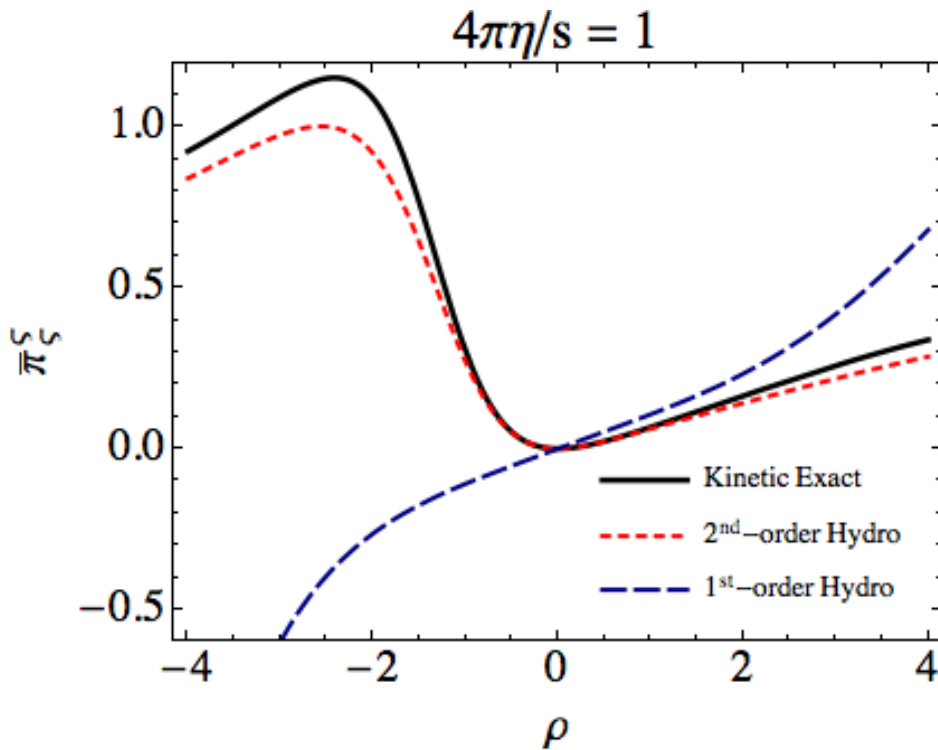


second-order fluid dynamics displays  
surprising accuracy

# 2<sup>nd</sup> order hydro works too well ...

Solution of the (conformal) Boltzmann equation under the relaxation time approximation

GSD et al, PRL 113 (2014) no.20, 202301  
 GSD et al, PRD 90 (2014) no.12, 125026

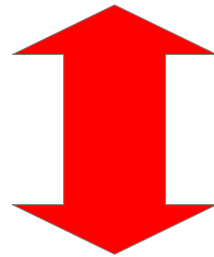


$$\rho(\tau, r) = -\operatorname{arcsinh} \left( \frac{1 - q^2\tau^2 + q^2r^2}{2q\tau} \right)$$

$$\theta(\tau, r) = \operatorname{arctan} \left( \frac{2qr}{1 + q^2\tau^2 - q^2r^2} \right)$$



# Validity of 2<sup>nd</sup> order fluid dynamics



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**Proximity to equilibrium,  
small gradients**

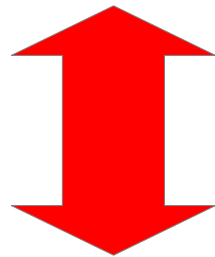
I will argue that our intuition about the validity of hydro comes mostly from the gradient expansion

# We can study this problem in Kinetic theory



$$k^\mu \partial_\mu f_{\mathbf{k}} = C[f]$$

**Boltzmann eq.**



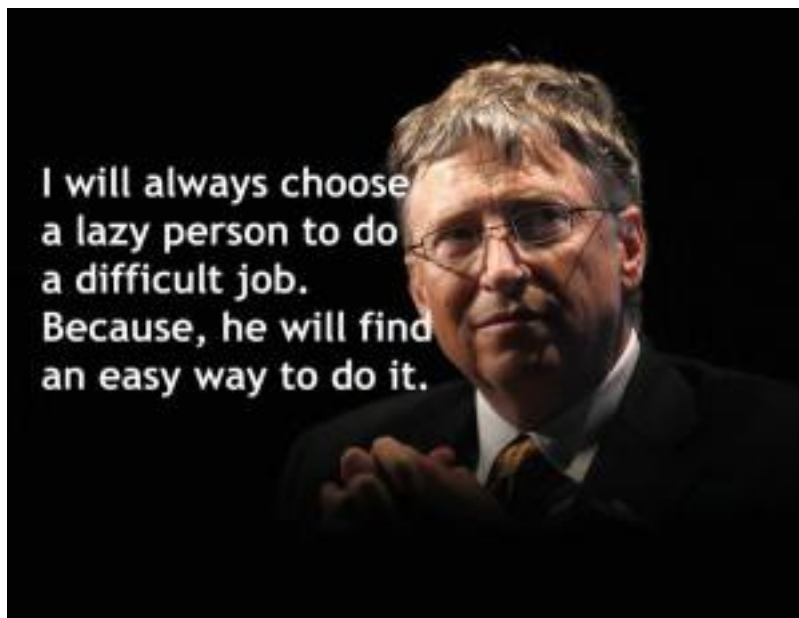
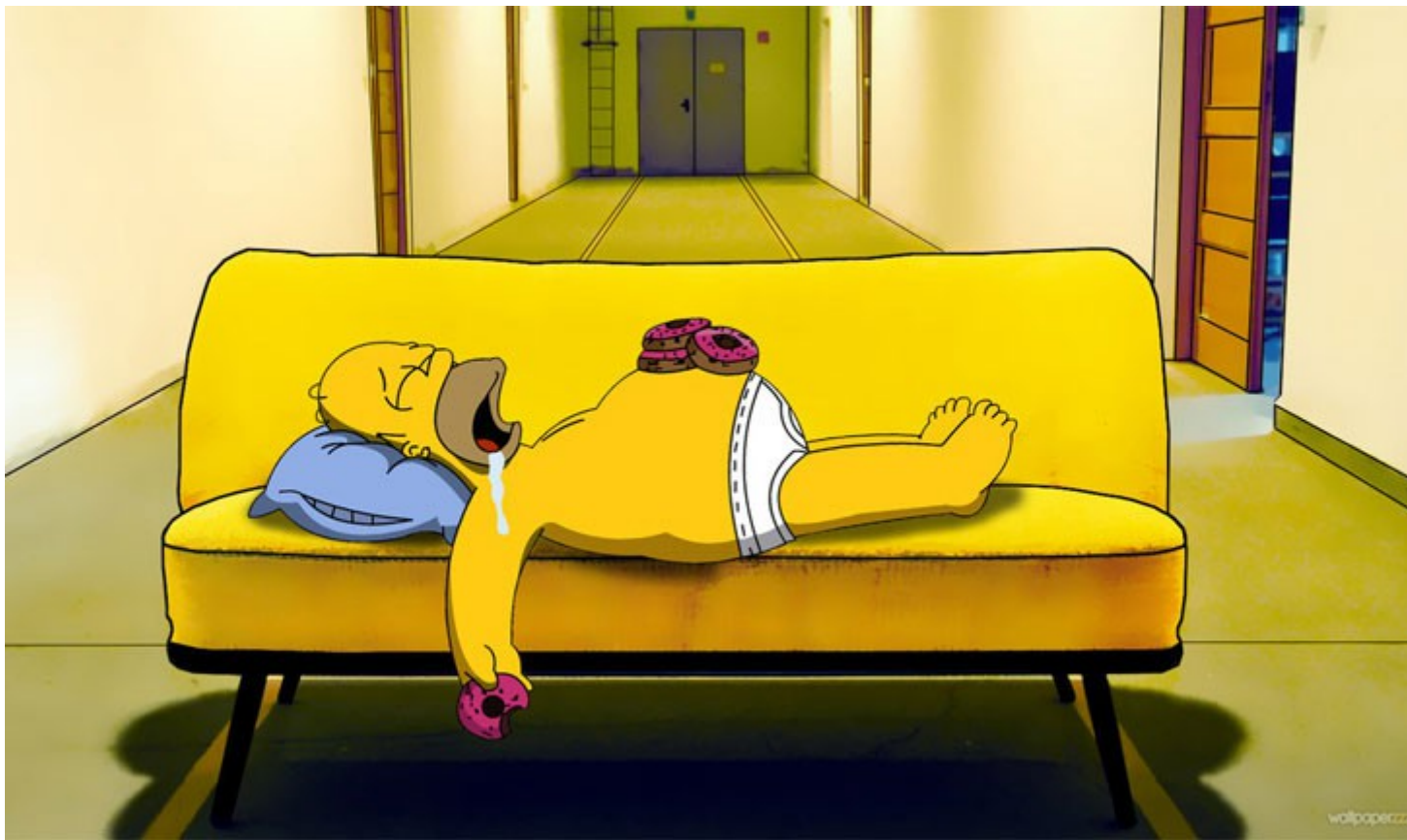
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Chapman-Enskog series

Method of moments

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_\Pi \dot{\Pi} + \Pi &= -\zeta \theta + \dots \\ \tau_\pi \dot{\pi}^{\langle \mu\nu \rangle} + \pi^{\mu\nu} &= 2\eta \sigma^{\mu\nu} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

**2<sup>nd</sup>-order hydro**



**Here, I will be  
lazy.**

We can study this problem  
in Kinetic theory



## Bjorken scaling + RTA

$$k_0 \partial_\tau f_{\mathbf{k}} = C[f] \iff C[f] = -k_0 \frac{f_{\mathbf{k}} - f_{\text{eq}}}{\tau_R}$$
$$f_{\mathbf{k}} \equiv f(\tau, k_\eta, k_0)$$

**Knudsen number:**  $K_N \sim \hat{\tau}^{-1} \equiv \tau_R / \tau$

**Hydrodynamics**  
**from kinetic theory:**  
**method of moments**

# Basics of fluid dynamics

Effective theory describing the dynamics of a system over long-times and long-distances

**Separation of scales** → macroscopic:  $L$  microscopic:  $\ell$

**Knudsen number:**  $K_N \sim \frac{\ell}{L} \ll 1$

**Conservation laws**  
+  
**simple constitutive relations**

# Basics of fluid dynamics

Energy-momentum  
conservation

$$\partial_{\mu} T^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

tensor decomposition

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \varepsilon u^{\mu} u^{\nu} - \Delta^{\mu\nu} (P_0 + \Pi) + \pi^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\Delta^{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} - u^{\mu} u^{\nu}$$

Bulk viscous  
pressure

Shear stress  
tensor

**Closing the equations ...**

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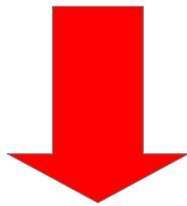
# Method of moments

H. Grad, Comm. Pure Appl. Math. 2, 331 (1949)



H. Grad

$$f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$$



Expansion of  $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$  using  
a complete basis

$$f_{\mathbf{k}} = f_{0\mathbf{k}} + f_{0\mathbf{k}} \tilde{f}_{0\mathbf{k}} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{N_{\ell}} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{k}}^{(n\ell)} \rho_{(n)}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{\ell}} k_{\langle \mu_1} \dots k_{\mu_{\ell} \rangle} \cdot$$

truncation leads to hydro – *no small parameter*

# Expansion of distribution function

GSD et al, PRD 85, 114047 (2012)

Distribution function expressed in terms of its moments,

$$f_{\mathbf{k}} = f_{0\mathbf{k}} + f_{0\mathbf{k}} \tilde{f}_{0\mathbf{k}} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{N_{\ell}} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{k}}^{(n\ell)} \rho_{(n)}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{\ell}} k_{\langle \mu_1} \dots k_{\mu_{\ell} \rangle} .$$

Orthogonality relations imply that,

$$\rho_{(r)}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{\ell}} \equiv \left\langle (E_{\mathbf{k}})^r k^{\langle \mu_1} \dots k^{\mu_{\ell} \rangle} \right\rangle_{\delta} ,$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{k}}^{(n\ell)} \equiv \frac{W_{\ell}}{l!} \sum_{m=n}^{N_{\ell}} a_{mn}^{(\ell)} P_{\mathbf{k}}^{(m\ell)} .$$

$$\langle \dots \rangle_{\delta} \equiv \int dK (\dots) \delta f_{\mathbf{k}}$$

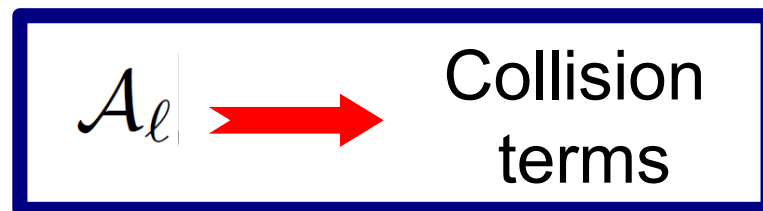
# Equations of motion for moments

Obtain the **exact** equations of motion for the moments,

$$\dot{\rho}_{(r)}^{\langle \mu_1 \dots \mu_\ell \rangle} = \Delta_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_\ell}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_\ell} \frac{d}{d\tau} \int dK (E_{\mathbf{k}})^r k^{\langle \nu_1} \dots k^{\nu_\ell \rangle} \delta f_{\mathbf{k}},$$

They have the following form,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\rho}_{(r)} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{A}_0^{(rn)} \rho_{(n)} &= \beta_{\zeta}^{(r)} \theta + \dots \\ \dot{\rho}_{(r)}^{\langle \mu \rangle} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{A}_1^{(rn)} \rho_{(n)}^{\mu} &= \beta_{\kappa}^{(r)} \nabla^{\mu} \alpha_0 + \dots \\ \dot{\rho}_{(r)}^{\langle \mu\nu \rangle} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{A}_2^{(rn)} \rho_{(n)}^{\mu\nu} &= 2\beta_{\eta}^{(r)} \sigma^{\mu\nu} + \dots \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$



Contains the information of the microscopic theory

# Bjorken scaling + RTA

$$k_0 \partial_\tau f_{\mathbf{k}} = C[f] \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad C[f] = -k_0 \frac{f_{\mathbf{k}} - f_{\text{eq}}}{\tau_R}$$
$$f_{\mathbf{k}} \equiv f(\tau, k_\eta, k_0)$$

**Moments of the distribution function:**

$$\rho_{n,\ell} = \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3 \tau} (k^0)^n \left( \frac{k_\eta}{k^0 \tau} \right)^{2\ell} f_{\mathbf{k}}$$

**Fluid-dynamical variables:**  $\varepsilon = \rho_{1,0}$     $\rho_{1,1} = \frac{1}{3}\varepsilon - \pi_\eta^\eta$

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**Moment equations:**

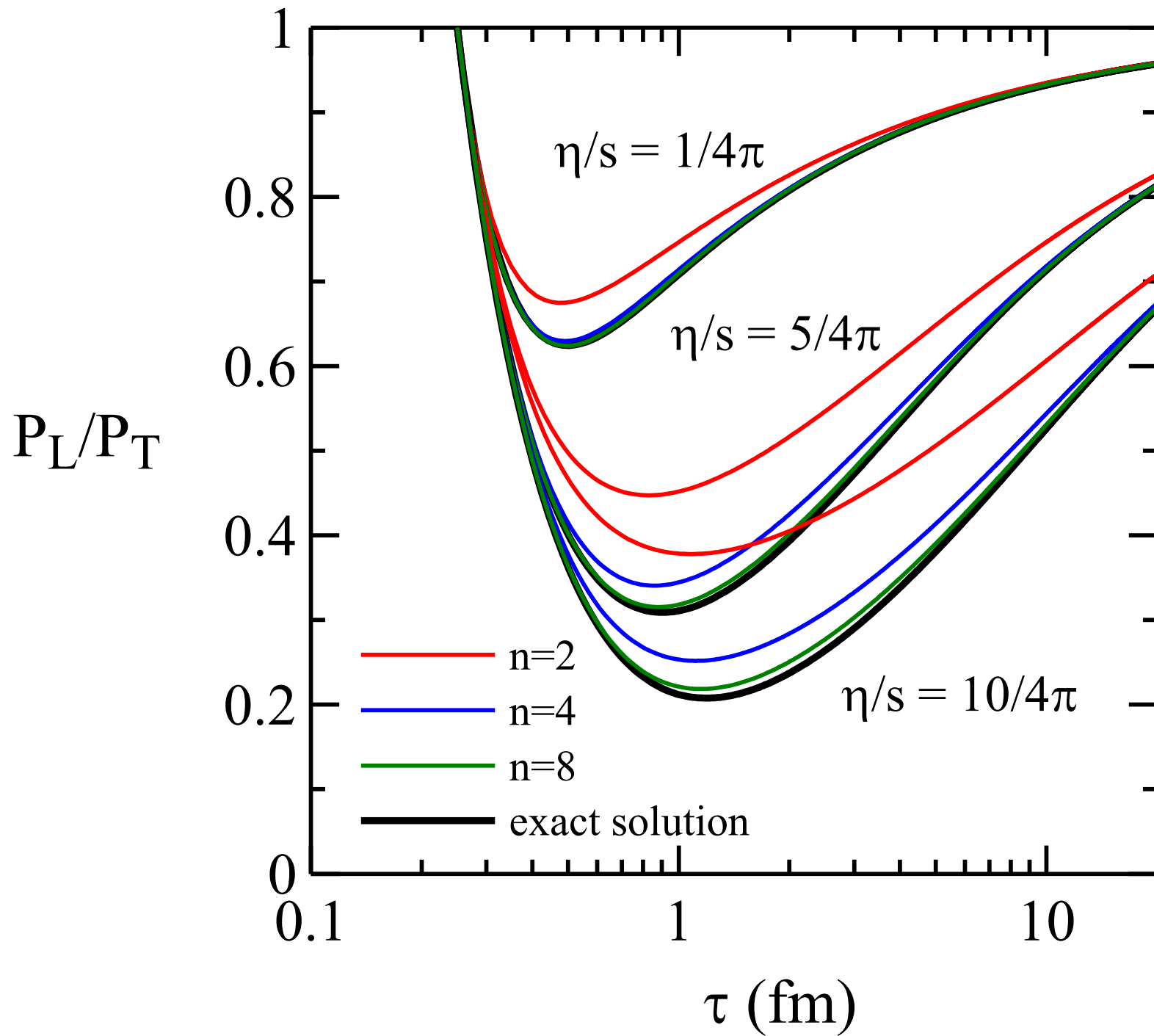
$$\partial_\tau \rho_{n,l} + \frac{1+2l}{\tau} \rho_{n,l} + \frac{n-2l}{\tau} \rho_{n,l+1} = -\frac{1}{\tau_R} \rho_{n,l} + \frac{1}{\tau_R} \rho_{n,l}^{\text{eq}}$$

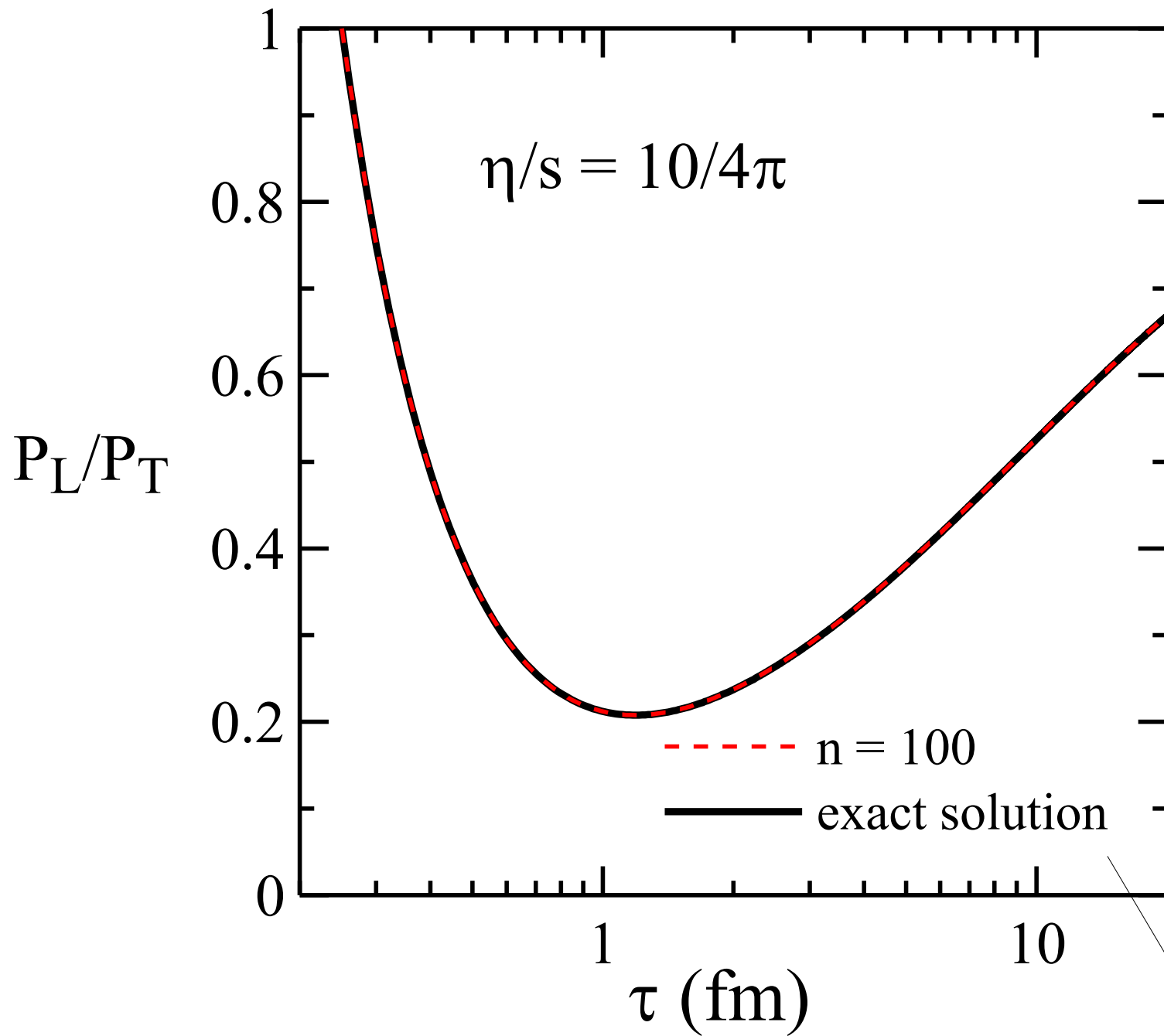
Lower rank moments always couple to higher rank ones

$$\rho_{n,l}^{\text{eq}} = \frac{(n+2)!}{2l+1} \frac{T^{n+3}}{2\pi^2}$$

how can these equations be truncated?  
does the moment expansion converge?

# Convergence of the method of moments



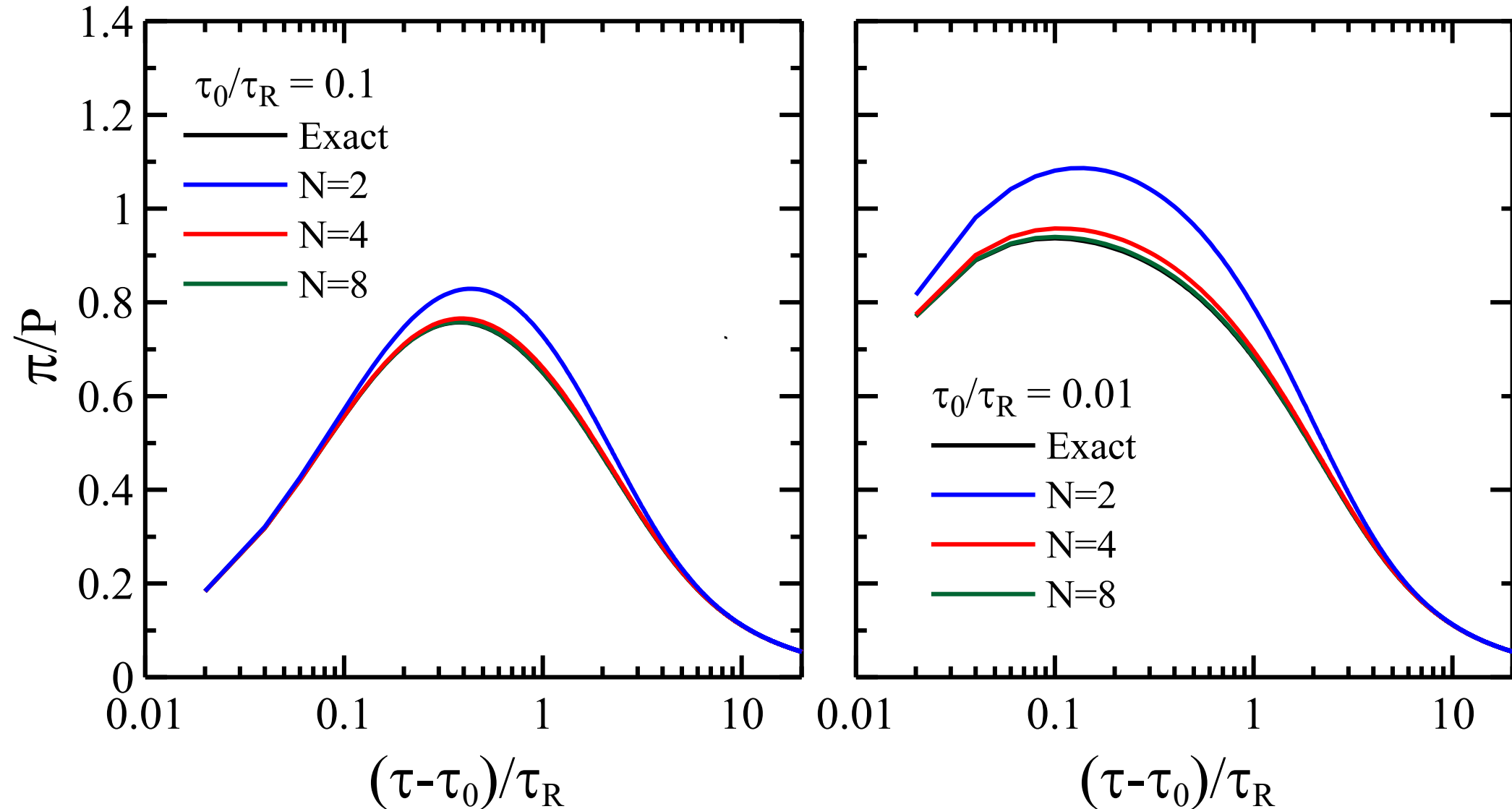


Ryblewski, Florkowski, Strickland  
PRC 88 024903, NPA 916, 249



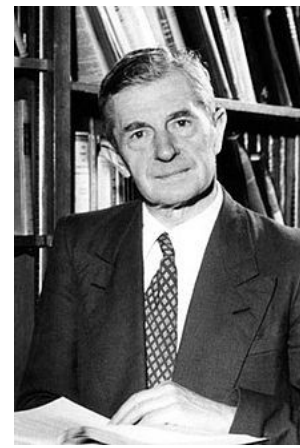
# Bjorken scaling + RTA

Convergence of the method of moments -  
**constant relaxation time (rest of this talk!)**



# **Divergence of the Gradient expansion**

# Chapman-Enskog theory (1910-1920)



Chapman



Enskog

$$k^\mu \partial_\mu f_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} C[f_{\mathbf{k}}]$$

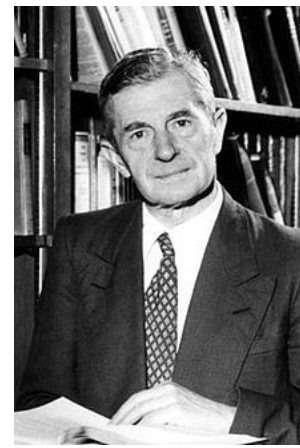
→ Knudsen number

## Perturbative expansion

$$f_{\mathbf{k}} = f_{\mathbf{k}}^{(0)} + \epsilon f_{\mathbf{k}}^{(1)} + \epsilon^2 f_{\mathbf{k}}^{(2)} + \dots$$

Result is an expansion in **powers of gradients**  
of  $\mu, T$ , and  $u^\mu$  (gradient expansion)

# Chapman-Enskog theory (1910-1920)



Chapman



Enskog

**Zeroth order** truncation  $\longrightarrow$  **Ideal hydrodynamics**

**First order** truncation  $\longrightarrow$  **Navier-Stokes theory**

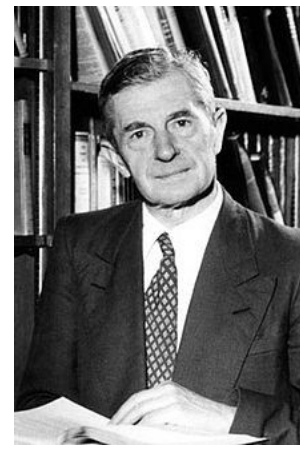
**Higher order** truncations are **unstable** (Bobylev)

**H. Grad:** CE is an asymptotic series, *Physics of Fluids* 6, 147 (1963).

**First example of divergence:** Couette flow problem (RTA),  
Santos *et al*, *PRL* 56, 1571 (1986).

**Heller et al:** Holography+Bjorken scaling, *PRL* 110,  
211602 (2013).

# Chapman-Enskog theory (1910-1920)



Chapman



Enskog

## 1<sup>st</sup> order truncation: Navier-Stokes theory

$$\pi^{\mu\nu} = 2\eta\sigma^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\sigma^{\mu\nu} \equiv \frac{1}{2} (\nabla^\mu u^\nu + \nabla^\nu u^\mu) - \frac{1}{3} \Delta^{\mu\nu} \theta.$$

## 2<sup>nd</sup> order truncation: Burnett theory

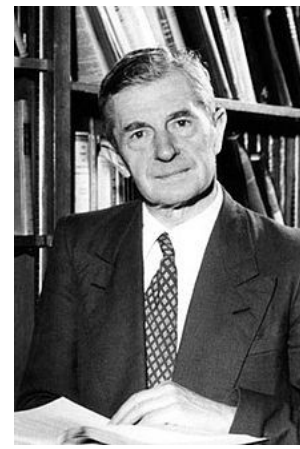
$$\begin{aligned} \pi^{\mu\nu} = & 2\eta\sigma^{\mu\nu} + \eta_1 \omega_\lambda^{\langle\mu} \omega^{\nu\rangle\lambda} + \eta_2 \theta \sigma^{\mu\nu} + \eta_3 \sigma^{\lambda\langle\mu} \sigma_{\lambda}^{\nu\rangle} + \eta_4 \sigma_\lambda^{\langle\mu} \omega^{\nu\rangle\lambda} + \eta_5 I^{\langle\mu} I^{\nu\rangle} \\ & + \eta_6 J^{\langle\mu} J^{\nu\rangle} + \eta_7 I^{\langle\mu} J^{\nu\rangle} + \eta_8 \nabla^{\langle\mu} I^{\nu\rangle} + \eta_9 \nabla^{\langle\mu} J^{\nu\rangle}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\omega^{\mu\nu} \equiv \frac{1}{2} (\nabla^\mu u^\nu - \nabla^\nu u^\mu).$$

$$\theta = \nabla_\mu u^\mu,$$

$$I^\mu \equiv \nabla^\mu \alpha_0, \quad J^\mu \equiv \nabla^\mu \beta_0,$$

# Chapman-Enskog theory (1910-1920)



Chapman



Enskog

## Second-order truncation: Burnett theory

$$\pi^{\mu\nu} = 2\eta\sigma^{\mu\nu} + \eta_1\omega_\lambda^{\langle\mu}\omega^{\nu\rangle\lambda} + \eta_2\theta\sigma^{\mu\nu} + \eta_3\sigma^{\lambda\langle\mu}\sigma_\lambda^{\nu\rangle} + \eta_4\sigma_\lambda^{\langle\mu}\omega^{\nu\rangle\lambda} + \eta_5I^{\langle\mu}I^{\nu\rangle} \\ + \eta_6J^{\langle\mu}J^{\nu\rangle} + \eta_7I^{\langle\mu}J^{\nu\rangle} + \eta_8\nabla^{\langle\mu}I^{\nu\rangle} + \eta_9\nabla^{\langle\mu}J^{\nu\rangle}.$$

Hydrodynamical constitutive equations are usually derived by *truncating* this series.

**Effective theory:** can be systematically corrected

**Convergence is assumed!**

# Bjorken scaling + RTA

**Moment equations:**  $M_{n,\ell} \equiv \frac{\rho_{n,\ell} - \rho_{n,\ell}^{\text{eq}}}{\rho_{n,\ell}^{\text{eq}}} \quad M_{1,1} = -\pi/P$

$$\partial_\tau M_{n,\ell} + \frac{1}{\tau_R} M_{n,\ell} + \frac{6\ell - n}{3\tau} M_{n,\ell} - \frac{n+3}{12\tau} M_{1,1} (1 + M_{n,\ell}) + \frac{1}{\tau} \frac{(n-2\ell)(1+2\ell)}{2\ell+3} M_{n,\ell+1} = -\frac{1}{\tau} \frac{4\ell(n+3)}{3(2\ell+3)}$$

**Chapman-Enskog series:**  $K_N \sim \hat{\tau}^{-1} \equiv \tau_R/\tau$

$$M_{n,\ell} = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha_p^{(n,\ell)}}{\hat{\tau}^p}$$

Taylor series in Knudsen number

# Bjorken scaling + RTA

**Series expansion:** 
$$M_{n,\ell} = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha_p^{(n,\ell)}}{\hat{\gamma}^p}$$

## Zeroth and first order solution

$$\alpha_0^{(n,\ell)} = 0 \quad \alpha_1^{(n,\ell)} = -\frac{4\ell(n+3)}{3(2\ell+3)}$$

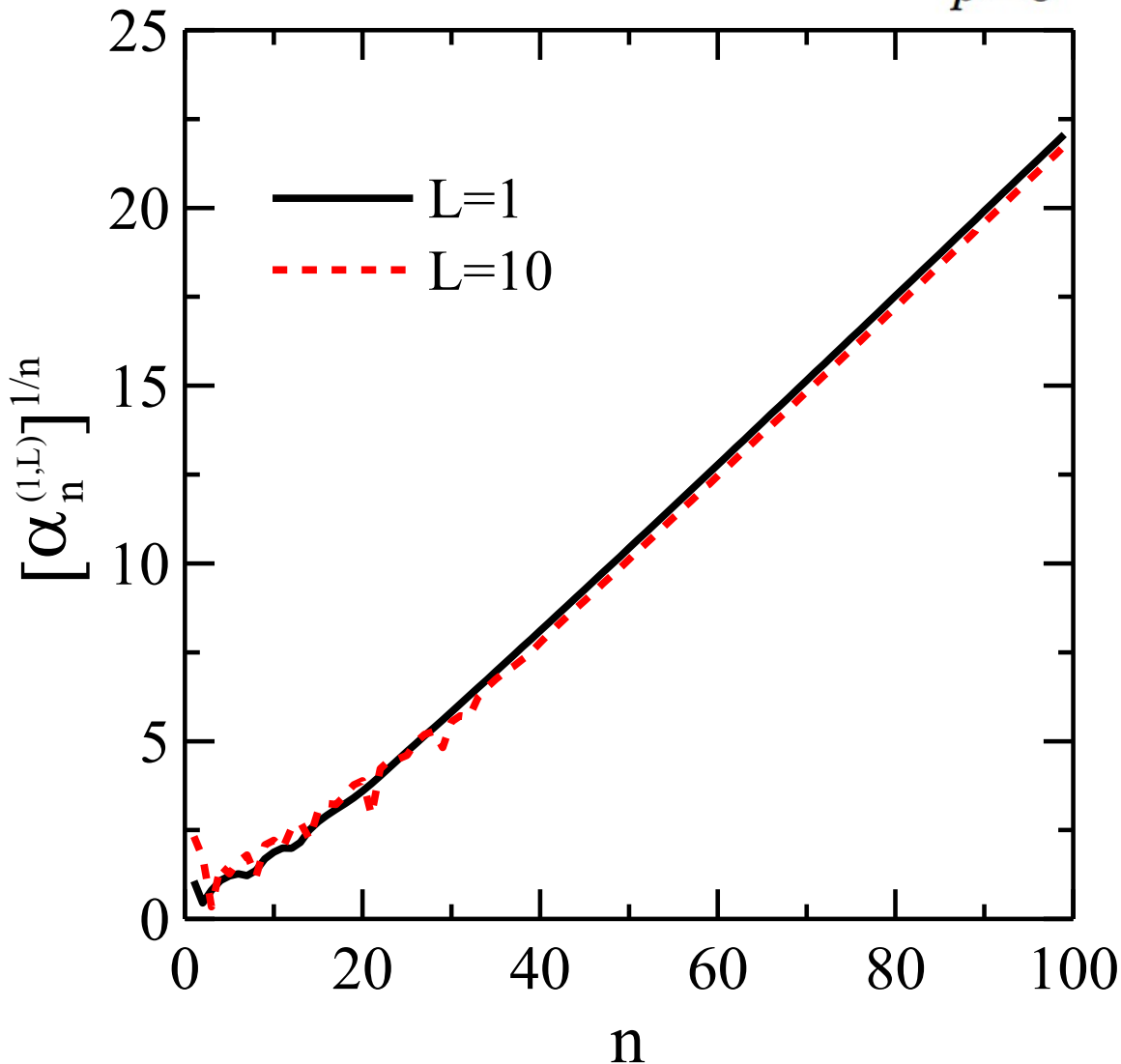
## Higher order solutions

$$\alpha_{m+1}^{(n,\ell)} = -\frac{6\ell - n - 3m}{3} \alpha_m^{(n,\ell)} + \frac{n+3}{12} \alpha_m^{(1,1)} - \frac{(n-2\ell)(1+2\ell)}{2\ell+3} \alpha_m^{(n,\ell+1)} + \frac{n+3}{12} \sum_{p=0}^m \alpha_p^{(1,1)} \alpha_{m-p}^{(n,\ell)}$$



# Bjorken scaling + RTA

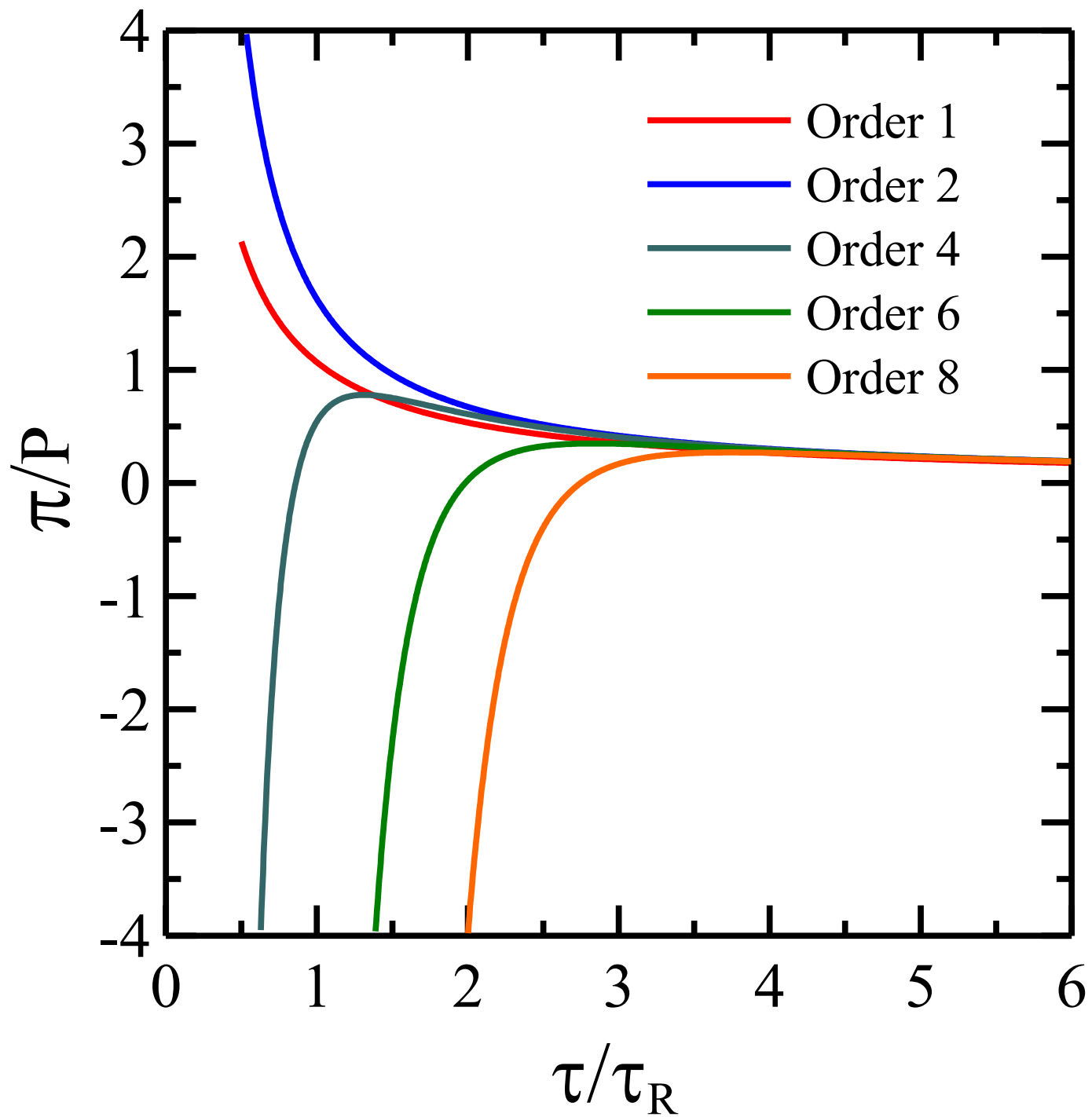
**Series expansion:** 
$$M_{n,\ell} = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha_p^{(n,\ell)}}{\hat{\tau}^p}$$



$$\alpha_p \sim p!$$

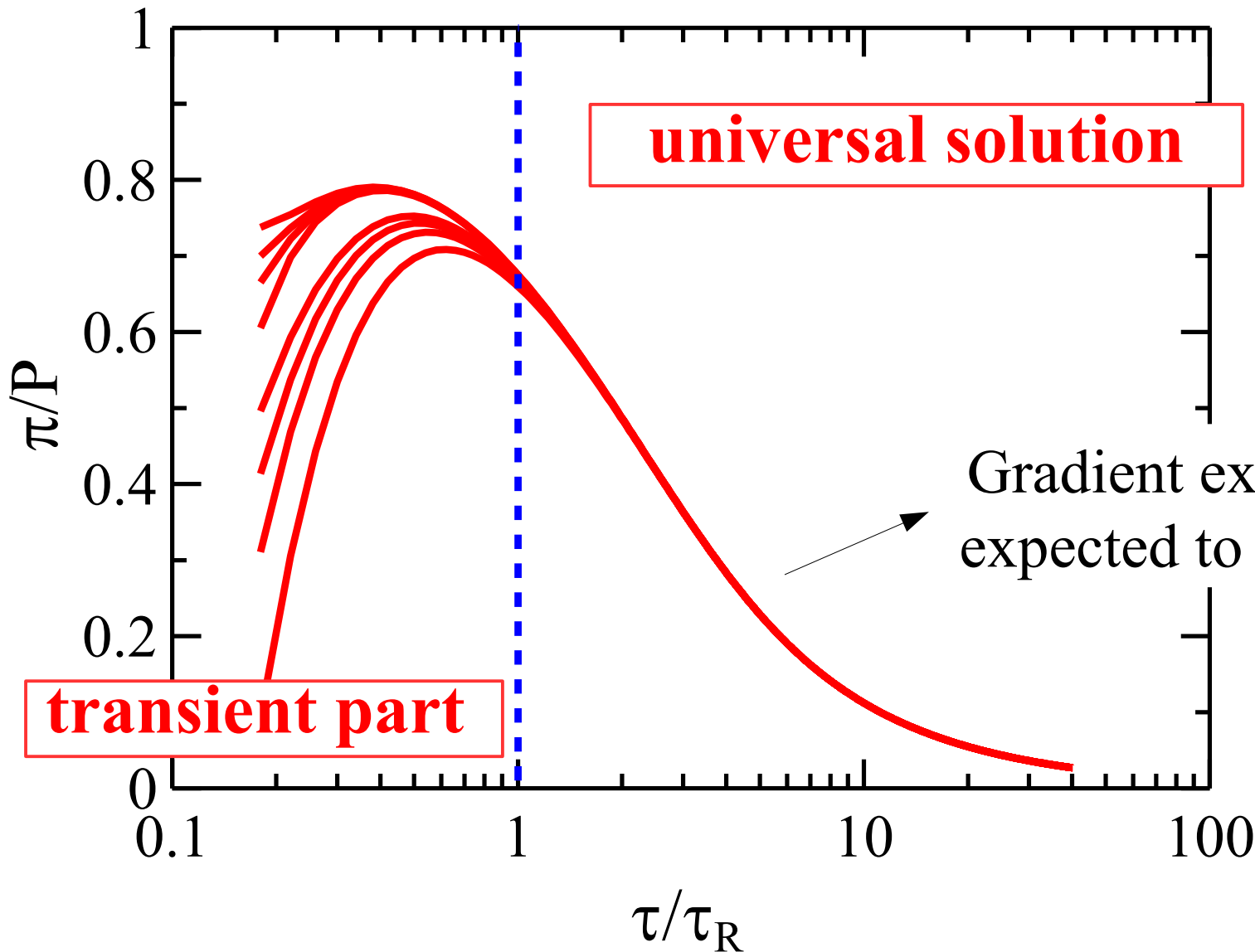
Series has a  
**zero radius of  
convergence**

This is valid for  
all n and L



# Fluid-dynamical regime

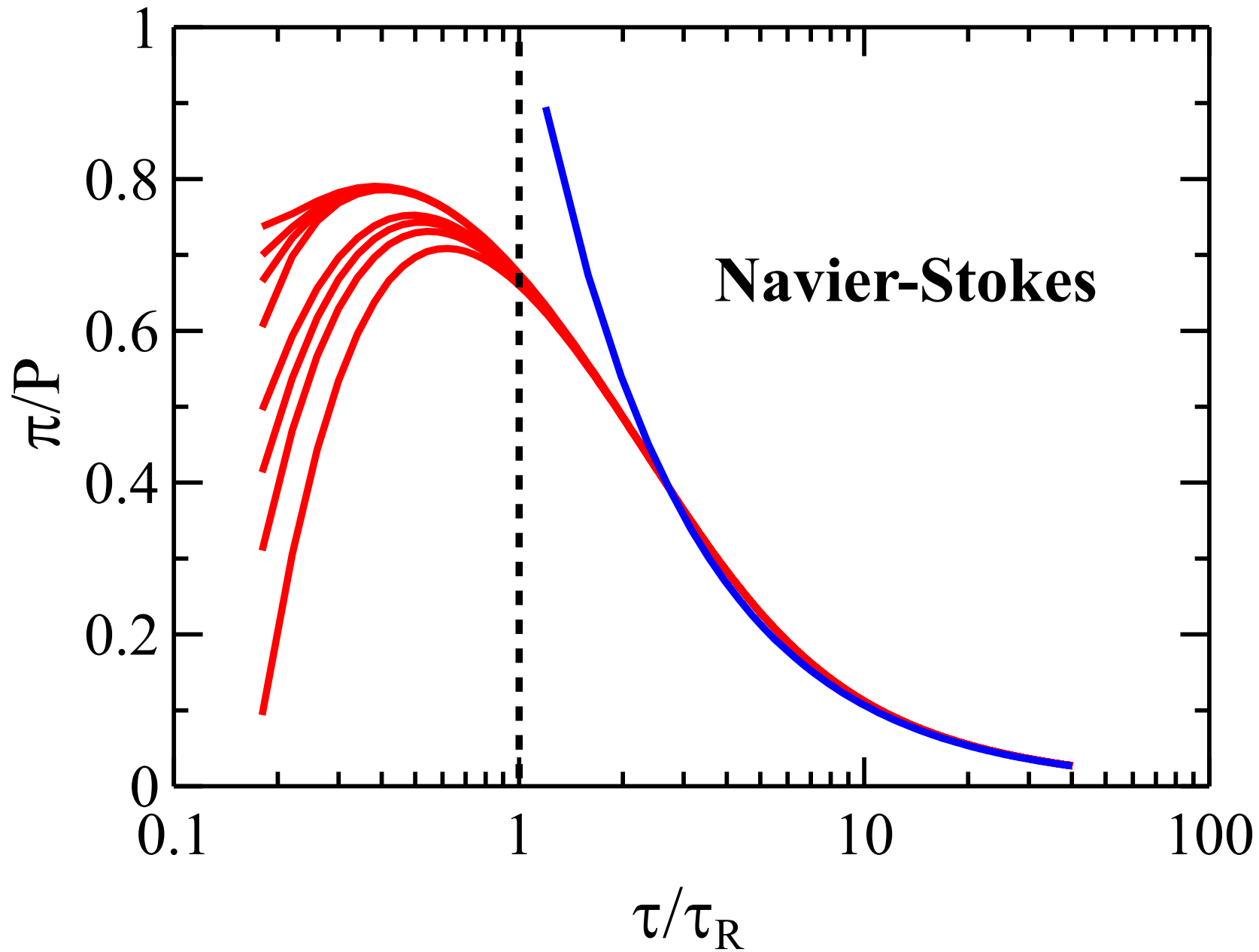
Late-time solution of the Boltzmann equation appears to be universal – constitutive relations?

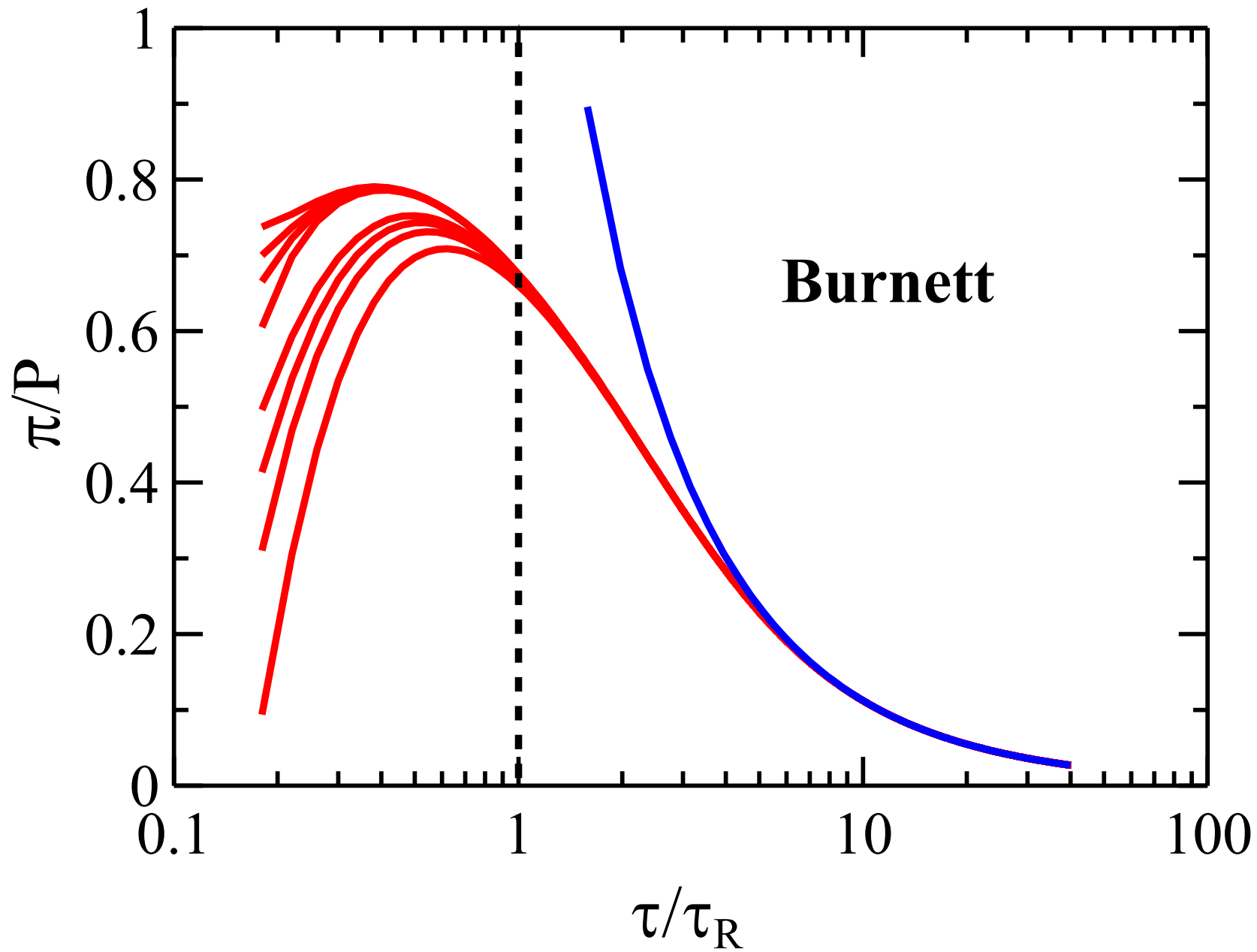


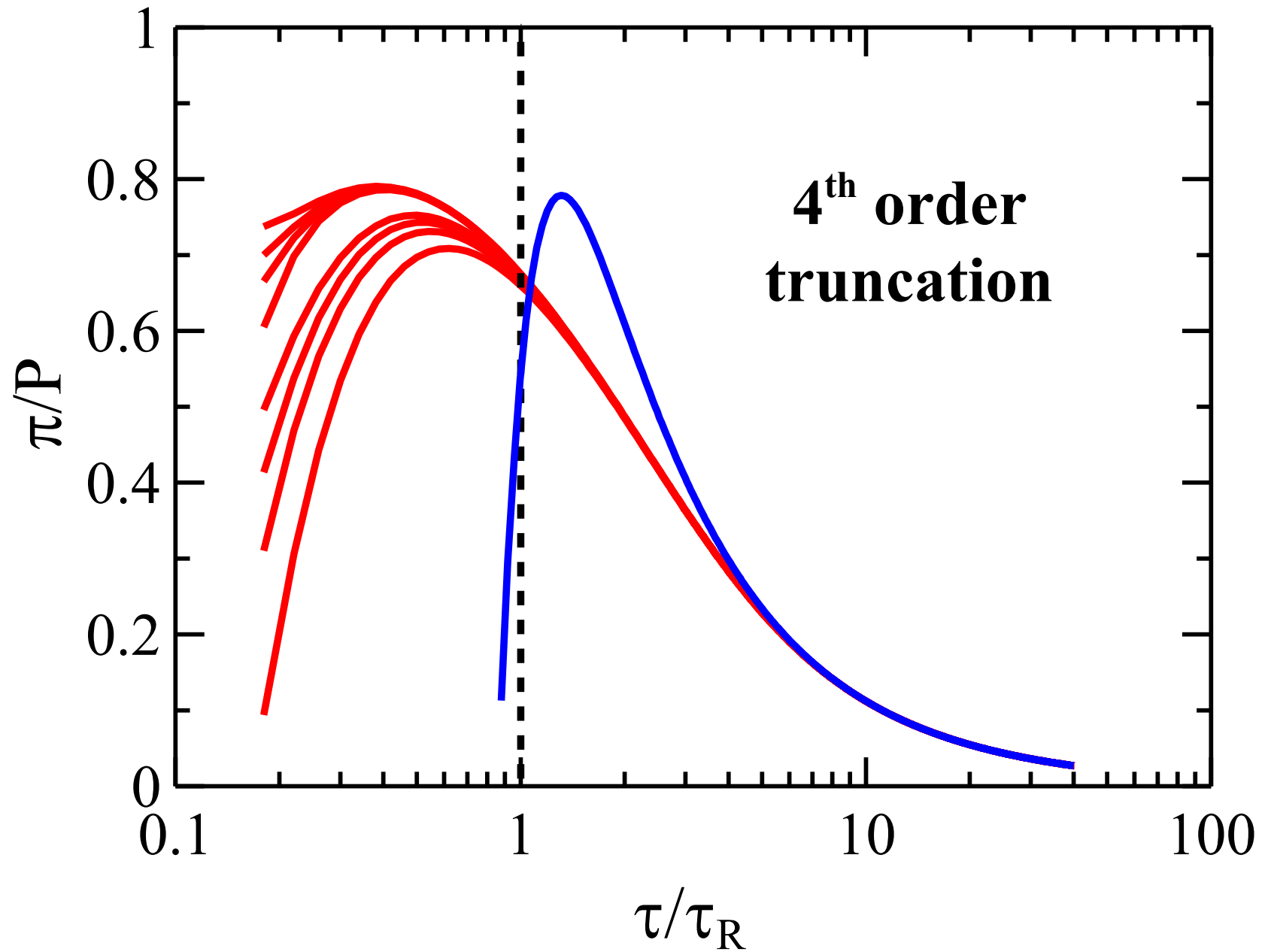
M. Heller et al,  
arxiv:1103.3452

Gradient expansion was  
expected to describe this

**What now?**





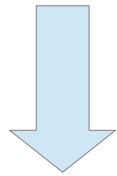


# Generalized Chapman-Enskog series

**Series expansion:** 
$$M_{n,\ell}(\hat{\tau}) = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{\beta_p^{(n,\ell)}(\hat{\tau})}{\hat{\tau}^p}$$

Non-perturbative dependence in Kn  
 $K_N \sim \hat{\tau}^{-1}$

$$f(\xi, \mathbf{x}, t; \epsilon) = \sum_0^{\infty} \epsilon^n f^n(\xi, \mathbf{x}, t).$$



$$f = \sum_m \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda_m t}{\epsilon}\right) f_m, \quad f_m = \sum_n \epsilon^n f_m^n.$$



H. Grad

Physics of Fluids 6, 147 (1963).

# Another Chapman-Enskog series

**Series expansion:**  $M_{n,\ell}(\hat{\tau}) = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{\beta_p^{(n,\ell)}(\hat{\tau})}{\hat{\tau}^p}$

Non-perturbative dependence in Kn  
 $K_N \sim \hat{\tau}^{-1}$

**Zeroth order:**  $\partial_{\hat{\tau}} \beta_0^{(n,\ell)} + \beta_0^{(n,\ell)} = 0$

**Higher orders:**

$$\partial_{\hat{\tau}} \beta_{m+1}^{(n,\ell)} + \beta_{m+1}^{(n,\ell)} = -\frac{4\ell(n+3)}{3(2\ell+3)} \delta_{m,0}$$

$$- \frac{(n-2\ell)(1+2\ell)}{2\ell+3} \beta_m^{(n,\ell+1)} - \frac{6\ell-n-3m}{3} \beta_m^{(n,\ell)}$$

$$+ \frac{n+3}{12} \beta_m^{(1,1)} + \frac{n+3}{12} \sum_{p=0}^m \beta_{m-p}^{(1,1)} \beta_p^{(n,\ell)}$$



# Solutions of the expansion: eq. initial state

## New zeroth order solution

$$\Delta\hat{\tau} \equiv \hat{\tau} - \hat{\tau}_0$$

$$\beta_0^{(n,l)}(\hat{\tau}) = \beta_0^{(n,l)}(\hat{\tau}_0) \exp(-\Delta\hat{\tau})$$

purely transient

It is not zero, but tends to zero

## New first order solution

$$\Delta\hat{\tau} \equiv \hat{\tau} - \hat{\tau}_0$$

$$\beta_1^{(n,l)} = \alpha_1^{(n,l)} [1 - \exp(-\Delta\hat{\tau})]$$

asymptotic part

transient part

# Solutions of the expansion: eq. initial state

**New second order solution**

$$\Delta\hat{\tau} \equiv \hat{\tau} - \hat{\tau}_0$$

$$\beta_2^{(n,l)}(\hat{\tau}) = \underbrace{\alpha_2^{(n,l)}}_{\text{asymptotic part}} \underbrace{\exp(-\Delta\hat{\tau}) [\exp(\Delta\hat{\tau}) - \Delta\hat{\tau} - 1]}_{\text{transient part}}$$

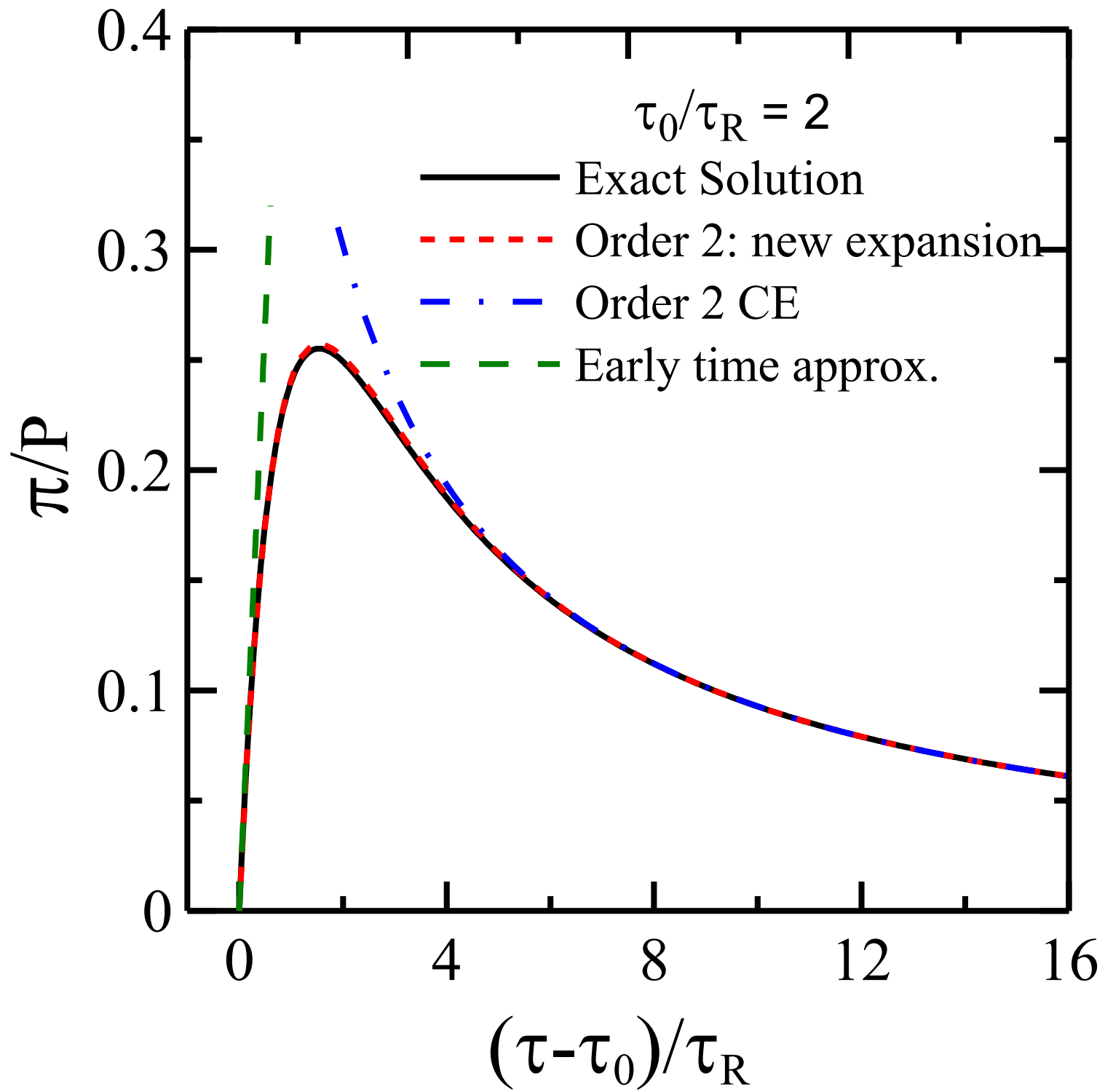
asymptotic part

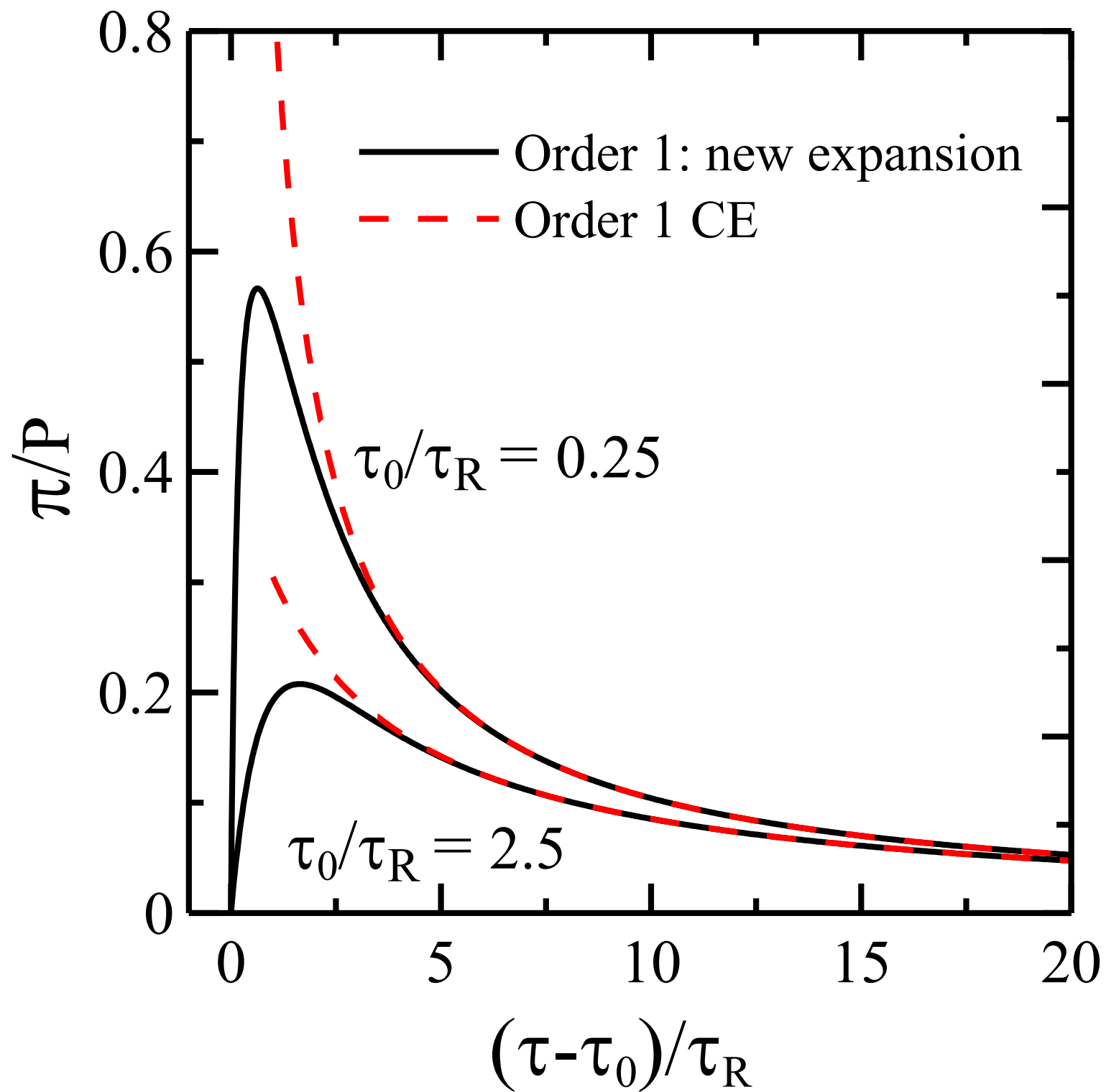
transient part

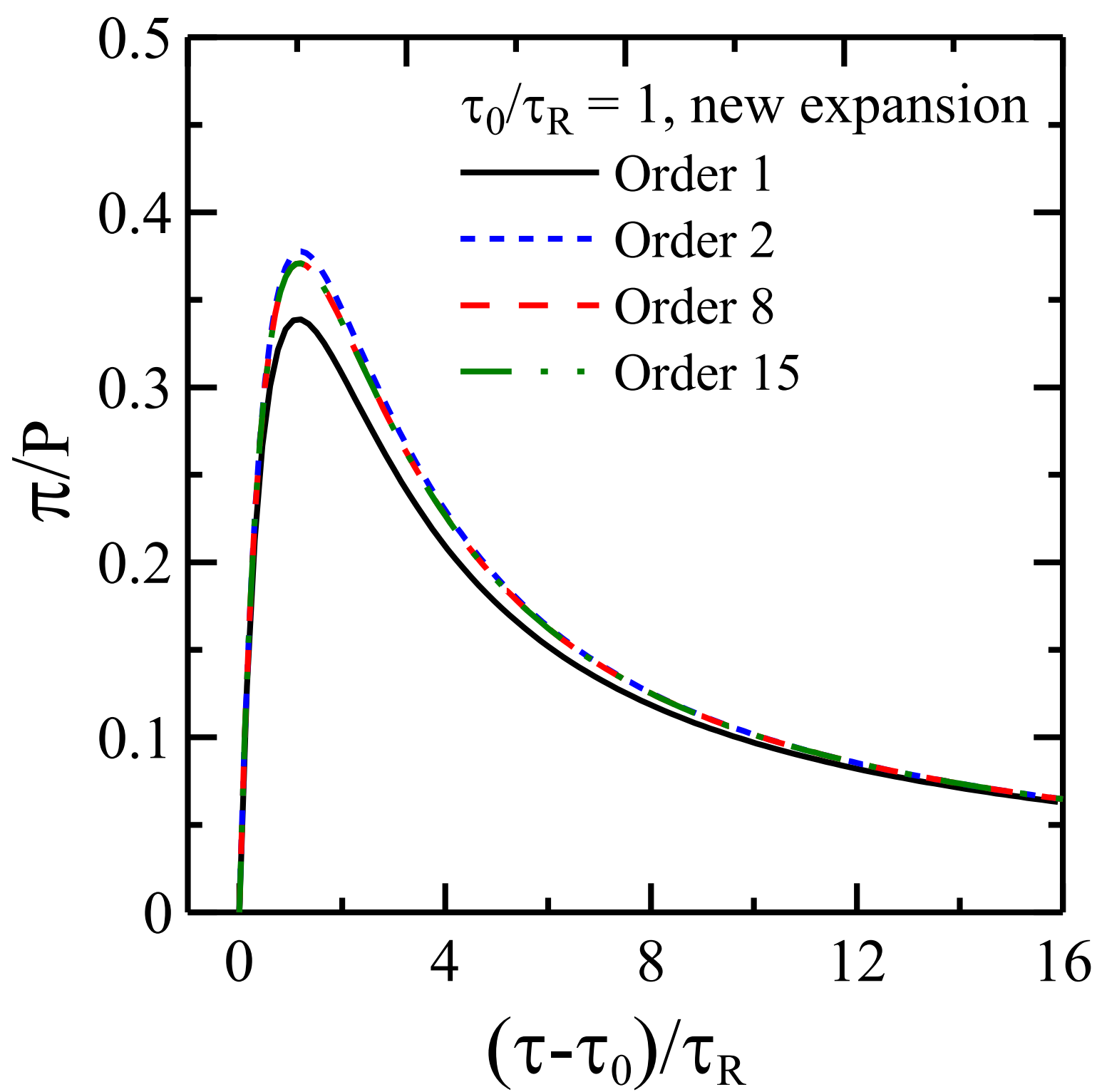
Transient terms appear naturally. Israel-Stewart theory arises as a natural consequence of this expansion scheme.

→  $\underbrace{\exp(-\Delta\hat{\tau}) \sim \exp(-\text{Kn}^{-1})}$

Expansion in powers of Knudsen number impossible



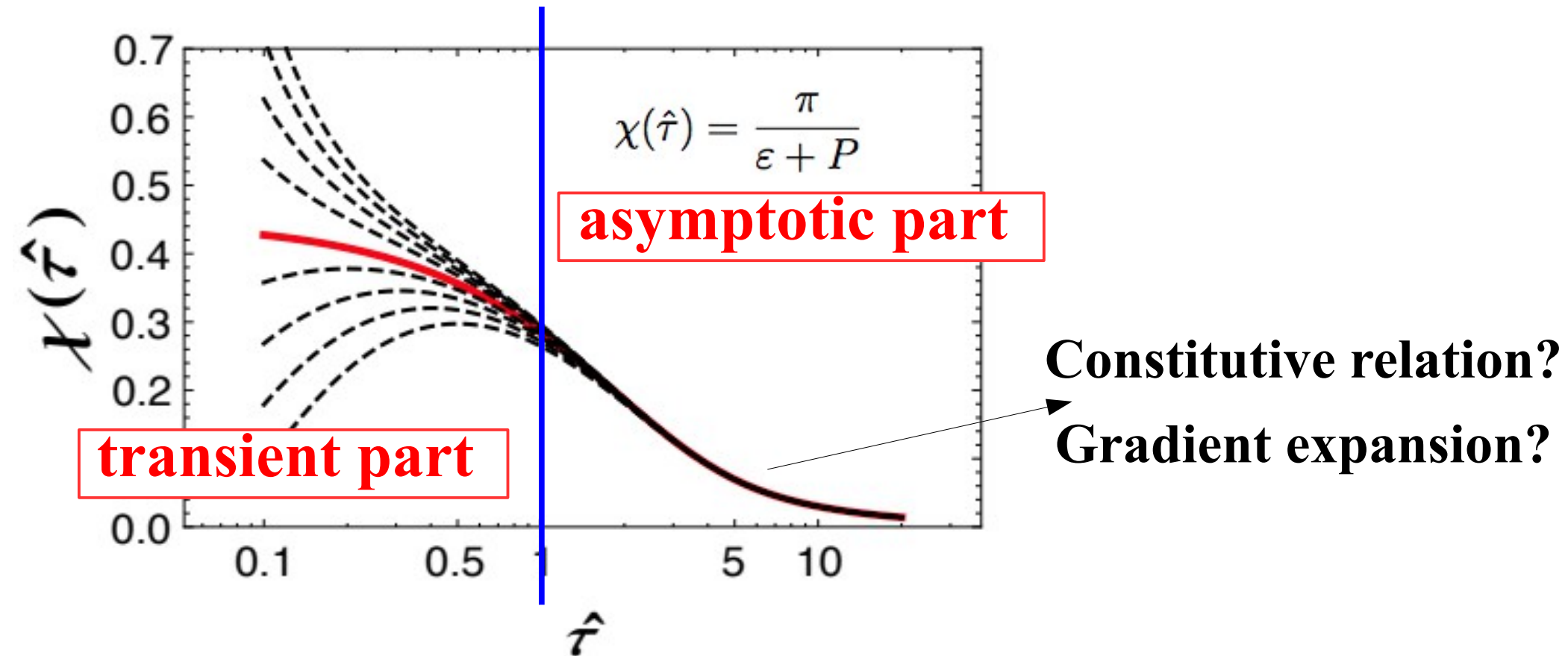




# **Israel-Stewart theory and the gradient expansion**

# Attractor: Israel-Stewart theory

$$\tau_R \Delta_{\alpha\beta}^{\mu\nu} D\pi^{\alpha\beta} + \delta_{\pi\pi} \theta \pi^{\mu\nu} + \tau_{\pi\pi} \Delta_{\alpha\beta}^{\mu\nu} \pi^{\alpha\lambda} \sigma_{\lambda}^{\beta} - 2\tau_R \Delta_{\alpha\beta}^{\mu\nu} \pi_{\lambda}^{\alpha} \omega^{\beta\lambda} + \pi^{\mu\nu} = 2\eta\sigma^{\mu\nu}.$$



So we can study these expansions here as well

# Analytical Solution for constant relaxation times

$$\partial_{\hat{\tau}} \chi + \chi + \frac{4}{3\hat{\tau}} \chi^2 = \frac{3a}{4\hat{\tau}},$$

$$a = \frac{16}{9(\tau_R T)} \frac{\eta}{s}.$$

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**First analytical expression for a hydrodynamic attractor**

$$\chi(\hat{\tau}) \rightarrow \chi_{att}(\hat{\tau}) = \frac{3\sqrt{a}}{4} \left[ \frac{I_{\sqrt{a}-\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{\hat{\tau}}{2} \right) - I_{\sqrt{a}+\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{\hat{\tau}}{2} \right)}{I_{\sqrt{a}-\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{\hat{\tau}}{2} \right) + I_{\sqrt{a}+\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{\hat{\tau}}{2} \right)} \right]$$



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$$= \frac{3}{4} \frac{1}{(\hat{\tau} - 1)} - \frac{3}{4} \alpha e^{-\hat{\tau}} \frac{\hat{\tau}^2}{(\hat{\tau} - 1)^2} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2 e^{-2\hat{\tau}}),$$



**non-perturbative**

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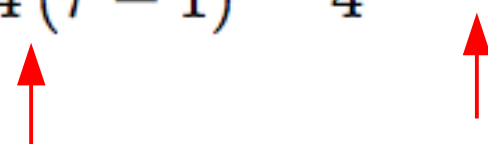
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For physical case, gradient expansion does not converge

$$a=16/45$$

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$$\epsilon \hat{\tau} \frac{d\chi}{d\hat{\tau}} + \frac{4}{3} \chi^2 + \hat{\tau} \chi - \frac{3a}{4} = 0$$

$$a = \frac{16}{9(\tau_R T)} \frac{\eta}{s}.$$

$$\chi(\hat{\tau}; \epsilon) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \chi_n(\hat{\tau}) \epsilon^n$$

Solution of the form:

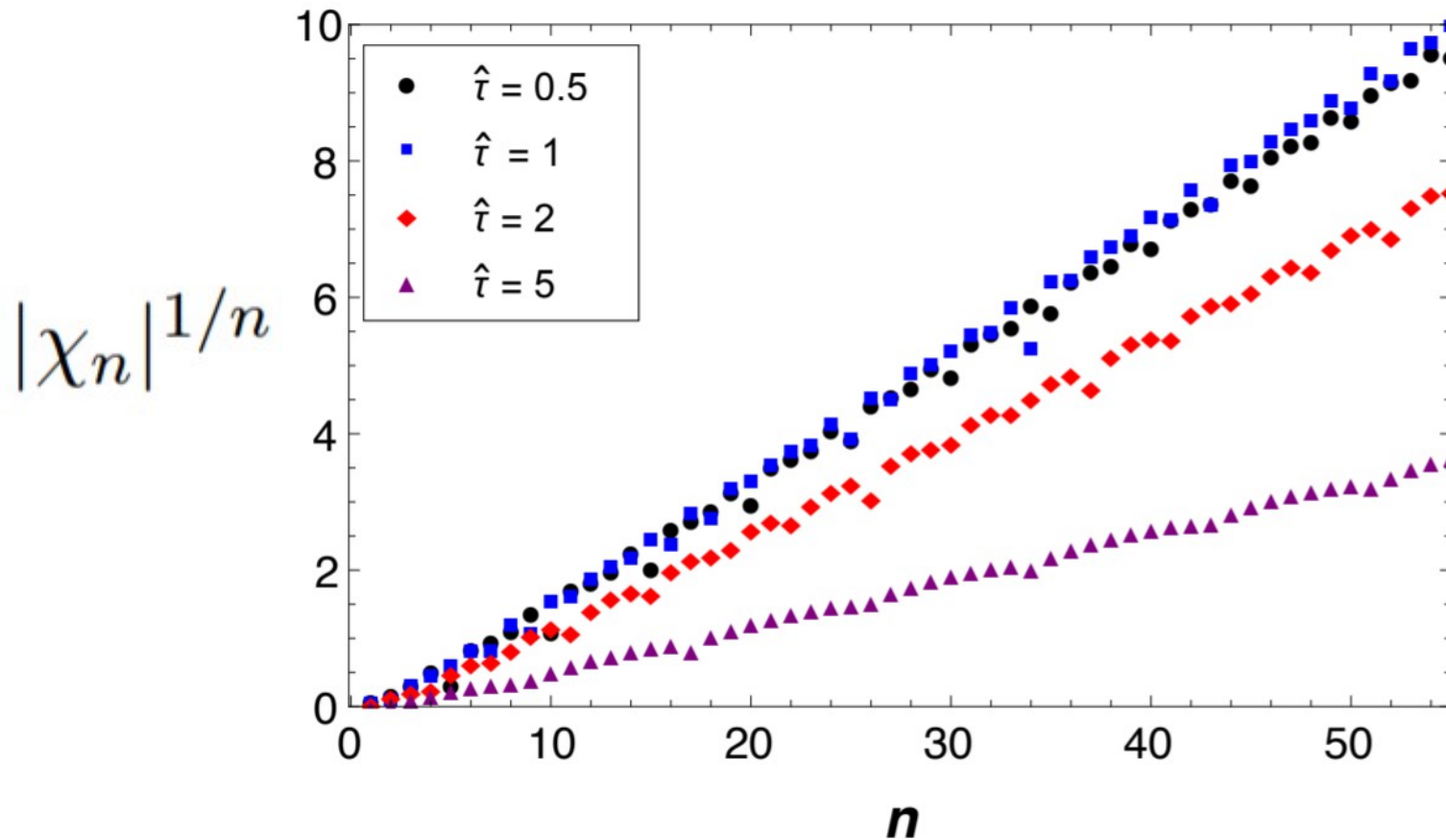
$$\chi_0(\hat{\tau}) = \frac{3}{8} \left( \sqrt{\hat{\tau}^2 + 4a} - \hat{\tau} \right)$$

$$\chi_n(\hat{\tau}) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{\hat{\tau}^2 + 4a}} \left( \hat{\tau} \frac{d\chi_{n-1}}{d\hat{\tau}} + \frac{4}{3} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \chi_{n-m} \chi_m \right)$$

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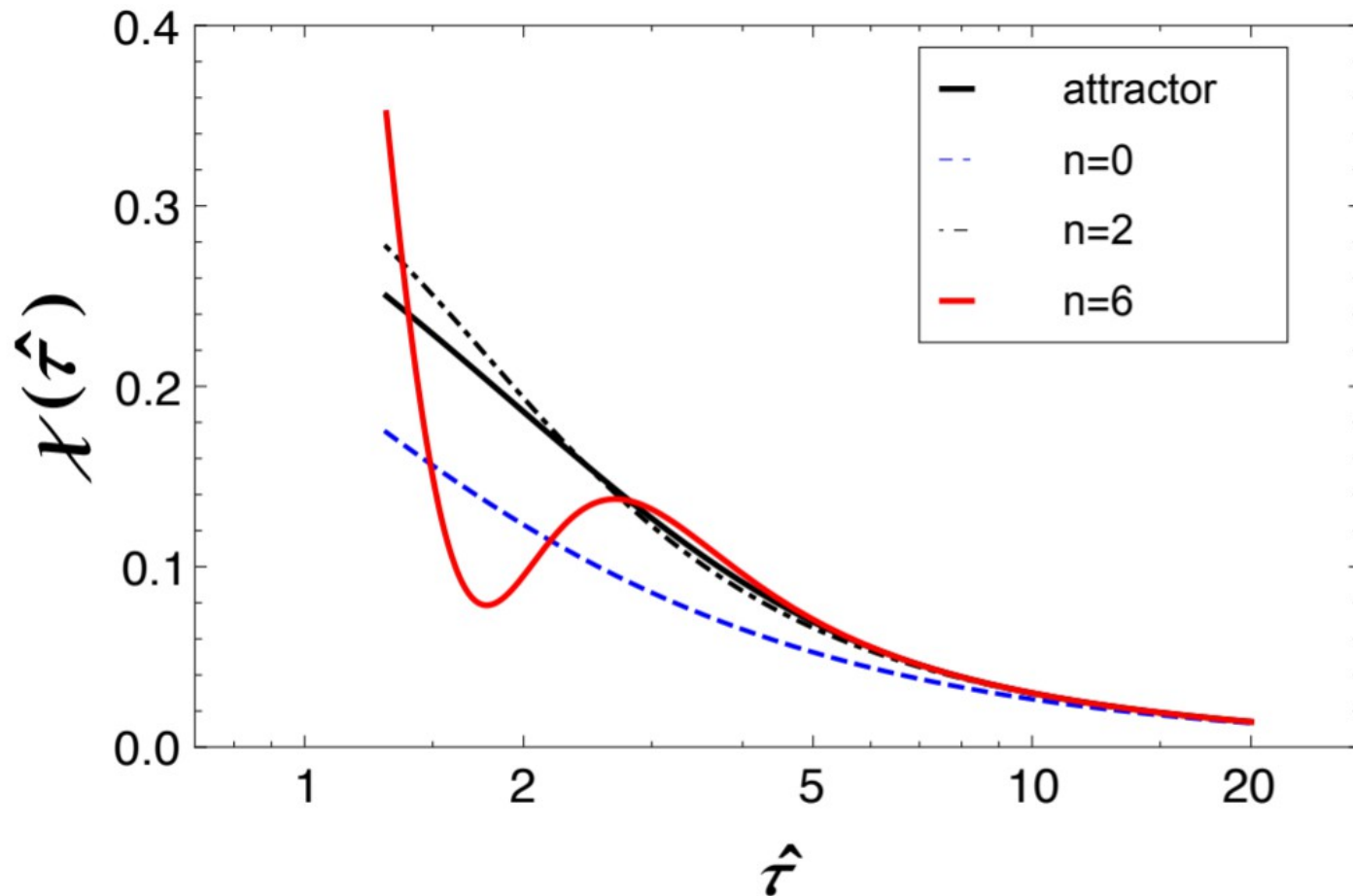
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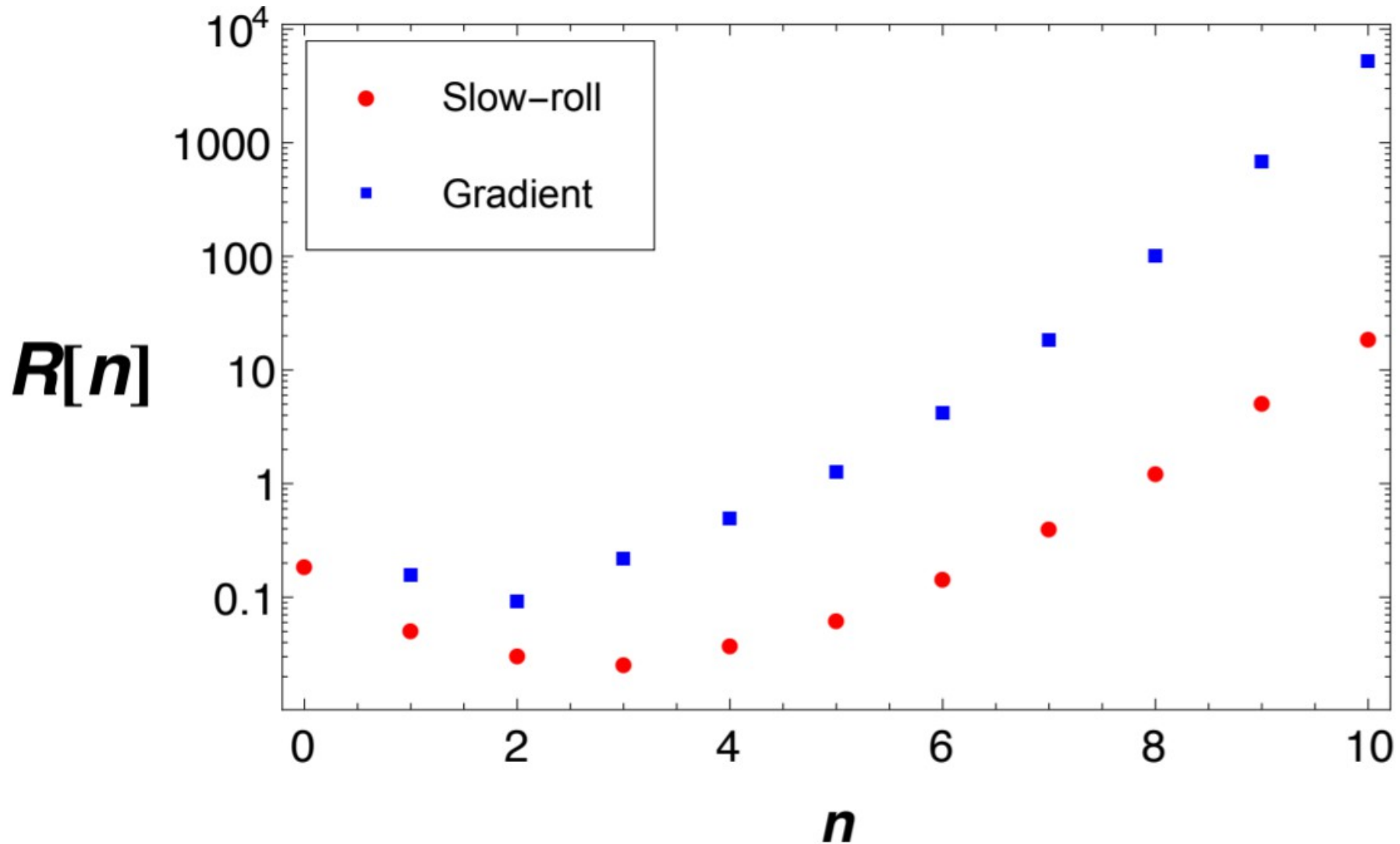
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**Optimal truncation:** 
$$R[n] = \frac{\int_{\hat{\tau}_0}^{\hat{\tau}_f} d\hat{\tau} \left| \chi_{att}(\hat{\tau}) - \sum_{m=0}^n \chi_m(\hat{\tau}) \right|}{\int_{\hat{\tau}_0}^{\hat{\tau}_f} d\hat{\tau} \chi_{att}(\hat{\tau})}$$



# Generalized gradient expansion

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$$\chi(\hat{\tau}) = \frac{3a}{4} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{c_n(\hat{\tau})}{\hat{\tau}^n}$$

$$c_0(\hat{\tau}) = \frac{4\chi_0}{3a} e^{-(\hat{\tau}-\hat{\tau}_0)}$$

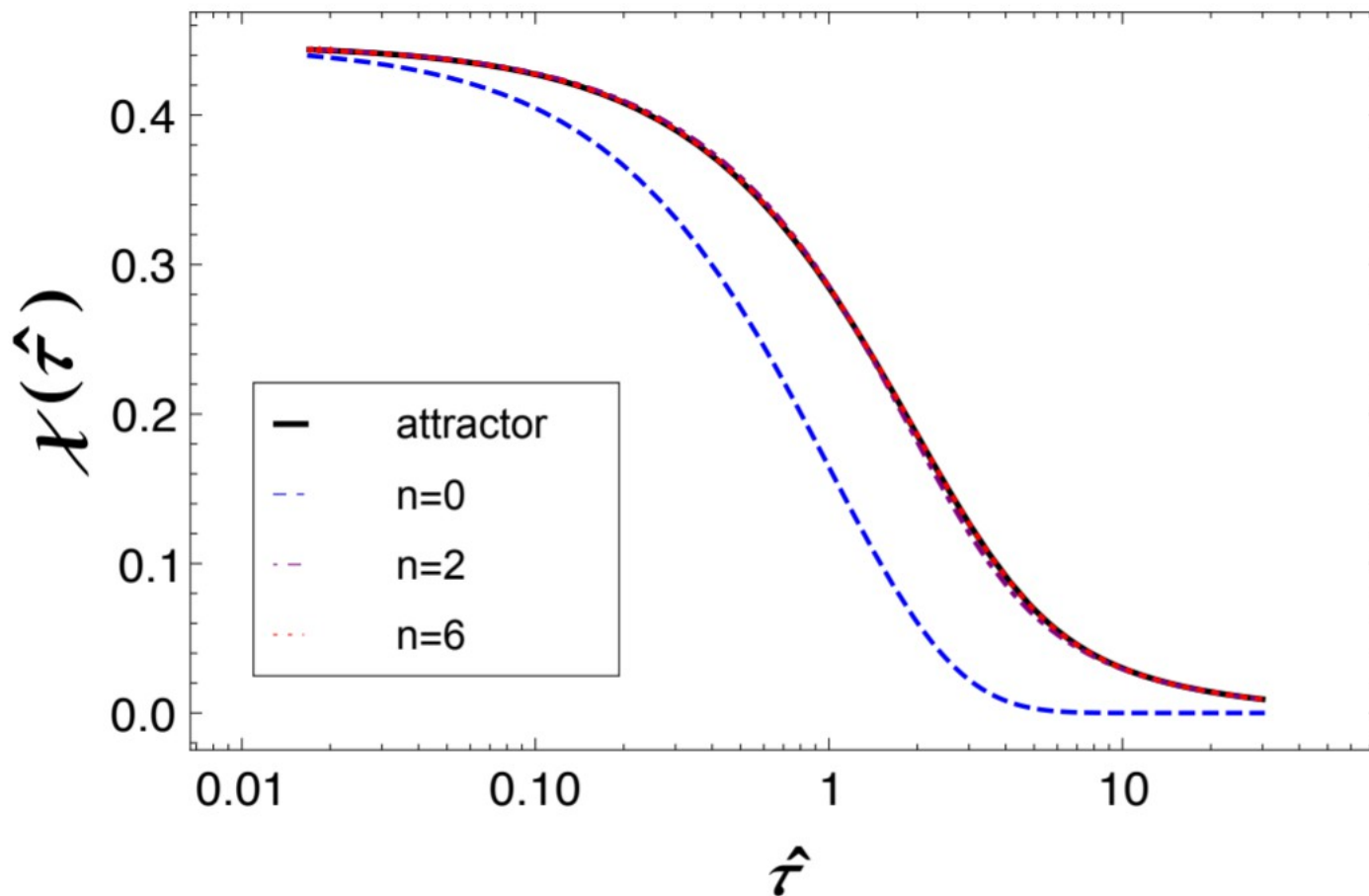
$$c_1(\hat{\tau}) = (1 - e^{-(\hat{\tau}-\hat{\tau}_0)}) \left( 1 - \frac{16\chi_0^2}{9a} e^{-(\hat{\tau}-\hat{\tau}_0)} \right)$$

$$\frac{dc_{n+1}}{d\hat{\tau}} + c_{n+1} = n c_n - a \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} c_{n-m} c_m.$$

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# Conclusions

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**Assumptions: kinetic theory + RTA + Bjorken scaling**

- CE series diverges, just like in holography.
- Method of moments converges (fast) to exact solution
- We proposed a new expansion that considers non-perturbative corrections in Knudsen number

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- Lack of convergence is not necessarily a problem – divergent series can capture some features of solution
- This is why NS and Burnett are not that bad
- How can the theory be systematically improved?  
What is the domain of applicability?