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We want to understand **hydrodynamics from first principles**.

Hydrodynamics is a **thermal** system **out-of-equilibrium** → the **Schwinger-Keldysh partition function** is the natural formalism

$$t = -\infty$$
 $\rho_{-\infty}$
 $\mathcal{U}_1[A_1]$
 $\mathcal{U}_2^{\dagger}[A_2]$
 $t = +\infty$

This formalism allows to systematically account for **all** the universal, time-ordered, thermal correlators (retarded, advanced, symmetric,...)

$$\begin{split} Z[A_1,A_2] &= \operatorname{Tr} \left(\mathcal{U}_1[A_1] \rho_{-\infty} \mathcal{U}_2^\dagger[A_2] \right) = \int \mathcal{D} \phi_1 \mathcal{D} \phi_2 e^{iS_1[\phi_1;A_1] - iS_2[\phi_2;A_2]} \\ &= \int \mathcal{D} \xi_1 \, \mathcal{D} \xi_2 \, e^{iS_{eff}[\xi_1,\xi_2;A_1,A_2]} & \text{[S. Grozdanov, J. Polonyi (2013)],} \\ &\text{[M. Harder, P. Kovtun, A. Ritz (2015)],} \\ &\text{IR degrees of freedom} & \text{low-energy Schwinger-Keldysh} \\ &\text{freedom} & \text{effective action} & \text{[K. Jensen, N. P. F., A. Yarom (2017)],} \end{split}$$

[F. Haehl, R. Loganayagam, M. Rangamani (2015-2017)].

The symmetries of the Schwinger-Keldysh effective action will be implemented using superspace techniques. Our construction complements existing formulations.

The Schwinger-Keldysh partition function

The **symmetries** of the Schwinger-Keldysh partition function can be deduced from its microscopic representation

$$Z[A_1, A_2] = \operatorname{Tr}(\mathcal{U}[A_1]\rho_{-\infty}\mathcal{U}^{\dagger}[A_2])$$

1) Topological Schwinger-Keldysh symmetry:

$$Z[A_1 = A_2] = \operatorname{Tr}(\rho_{-\infty})$$

$$\frac{\delta Z}{\delta A_r \dots \delta A_r} \Big|_{A_a = 0} = \langle \mathcal{O}_a \dots \mathcal{O}_a \rangle = 0$$

$$A_r = \frac{1}{2} (A_1 + A_2) , \quad A_a = A_1 - A_2$$

$$\int d\sigma \left(A_1 \mathcal{O}_1 - A_2 \mathcal{O}_2 \right) = \int d\sigma \left(A_r \mathcal{O}_a + A_a \mathcal{O}_r \right)$$

2) Reality condition and positivity:

$$Z[A_1, A_2]^* = Z[A_2^*, A_1^*]$$

$$Im S_{eff} \ge 0$$

For **thermal states** there is yet another symmetry of the Schwinger-Keldysh partition function

$$\rho_{-\infty} = e^{-b\mathcal{H}}$$
 \Rightarrow as a translation operator in imaginary time $t \to t - ib$

3) KMS symmetry (for thermal states) + CPT:

$$Z[A_1(t_1), A_2(t_2)] = Z[A_1(-t_1), A_2(-t_2 - ib)]$$

3 bis) Topological KMS symmetry

$$\left. \frac{\delta Z}{\delta \tilde{A}_r \dots \delta \tilde{A}_r} \right|_{\tilde{A}_a = 0} = \langle \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_a \dots \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_a \rangle = 0$$

$$\tilde{A}_r(t) = \frac{1}{2} (A_1(t) + A_2(t - ib))$$
 $\tilde{A}_a(t) = A_1(t) - A_2(t - ib)$

$$\int d\sigma \left(\tilde{A}_r \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_a + \tilde{A}_a \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_r \right)$$

The IR degrees of freedom are maps between target spaces and a worldvolume manifold.

4) Symmetries are doubled

- Each of the two target spaces is endowed with a set of symmetries
- A worldvolume manifold is convenient to compare source/operators

$$g_{1 ij}(\sigma) = \partial_{i} x_{1}^{\mu} \partial_{j} x_{1}^{\nu} g_{1 \mu\nu}(x_{1}(\sigma))$$

$$B_{1 i}(\sigma) = \partial_{i} x_{1}^{\mu} B_{1 \mu}(x_{1}(\sigma)) + \partial_{i} c_{1}(\sigma)$$

$$B_{r i} = \frac{1}{2} (B_{1 i} + B_{2 i})$$

$$B_{a i} = B_{1 i} - B_{2 i}$$

Promote the maps to dynamical fields, the equations of motion are related to the Ward identities s_C

$$\frac{\delta S_{eff}}{\delta c_1} = 0, \qquad \frac{\delta S_{eff}}{\delta c_2} = 0 \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad \nabla_{\mu} J_1^{\mu} = 0, \quad \nabla_{\mu} J_2^{\mu} = 0$$

The superspace implementation of the symmetries

A **topological sector** can be implemented using a **BRST-type symmetry**, in the same way as for (Witten-type) topological QFTs

- 1. There exists a scalar, Grassmannian, nilpotent charge Q
- 2. The action S and observables are Q-closed
- 3. The operator belonging to the topological sector is Q-exact

e.g.
$$\frac{\delta Z}{\delta g_{\mu\nu}} \sim \langle T^{\mu\nu} \rangle = \int \mathcal{D}\phi \, T^{\mu\nu} e^{iS} = \int \mathcal{D}\phi \, \delta_Q \left(V^{\mu\nu} e^{iS} \right) = 0$$

The Schwinger-Keldysh partition function has 2 topological sectors for \mathcal{O}_a and $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_a$ hence we may use 2 Grassmannian charges: Q_{SK} and \bar{Q}_{KMS}

$$[Q_{SK}, \mathcal{O}_a] = 0 \qquad \{Q_{SK}, \mathcal{G}\mathcal{O}_g\} = -\mathcal{A}\mathcal{O}_a \qquad [Q_{SK}, \mathcal{R}\mathcal{O}_r] = \bar{\mathcal{G}}O_{\bar{g}} \qquad \{Q_{SK}, \mathcal{O}_{\bar{g}}\} = 0$$
$$[\bar{Q}_{KMS}, \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_a] = 0 \qquad \{\bar{Q}_{KMS}, \tilde{\bar{\mathcal{G}}}\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_{\bar{g}}\} = \tilde{\mathcal{A}}\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_a \qquad [\bar{Q}_{KMS}, \tilde{\mathcal{R}}\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_r] = \tilde{\mathcal{G}}\tilde{O}_g \qquad \{\bar{Q}_{KMS}, \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_g\} = 0$$

The action of the nilpotent charges can be geometrized in superspace

$$\mathbb{O} = \mathcal{R}\mathcal{O}_r + \theta \bar{\mathcal{G}}\mathcal{O}_{\bar{g}} + \bar{\theta} \mathcal{G}\mathcal{O}_g + \bar{\theta} \theta \mathcal{A}\mathcal{O}_a$$

$$\delta_{Q_{SK}} \mathbb{O} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \mathbb{O} \qquad \delta_{\bar{Q}_{KMS}} \mathbb{O} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\theta}} + i\delta_{\beta}\theta\right) \mathbb{O}$$

$$\delta_{\bar{g}} = \delta_{\beta} [\beta^i, \Lambda_{\beta}]$$

$$D_{\bar{\theta}} \mathbb{O} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\theta}} \mathbb{O} \qquad D_{\theta} \mathbb{O} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - i\delta_{\beta}\bar{\theta}\right) \mathbb{O}$$
Covariant generalization of the time-translation generator of the initial thermal state
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[G. Parisi, N. Sourlas (1979)].

The most general low-energy Schwinger-Keldysh effective action is a functional of superfields, bosonic derivatives and superderivatives in superspace

The reality condition (2)

$$S_{eff} = \int d\sigma \, d\theta \, d\bar{\theta} L(\mathbb{O}, \partial, iD_{\theta}, D_{\bar{\theta}}) + (KMS \text{ conjugate})$$
Full KMS symmetry

The topological Schwinger-Keldysh (1) and KMS (3bis) symmetries (3)

Let us for example consider a probe U(1) gauge field:

$$\mathbb{B}_{i} = \mathcal{R}B_{r\,i} + (\text{ghosts}) + \bar{\theta}\theta\mathcal{A}B_{a\,i} \qquad \qquad \mathcal{A}\mathcal{R}^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}\coth\left(\frac{i\delta_{\beta}}{2}\right)i\delta_{\beta}$$

The most general action up to quadratic order in field expansion:

$$S_{eff} = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} d\theta d\bar{\theta} \bigg(\mathbb{B}_i(k) F^{ij}(-ik,\beta) \mathbb{B}_j(-k) + iD_{\theta} \mathbb{B}_i(k) \sigma^{ij}(-ik,\beta) D_{\bar{\theta}} \mathbb{B}_j(-k) + \widetilde{\mathbb{B}}_i(k) F^{ij}(ik,\beta) \widetilde{\mathbb{B}}_j(-k) - i\widetilde{D}_{\bar{\theta}} \widetilde{\mathbb{B}}_i(k) \sigma^{ij}(ik,\beta) \widetilde{D}_{\theta} \widetilde{\mathbb{B}}_j(-k) \bigg)$$

Fluctuation-dissipation relations are also satisfied

$$iG_{sym}^{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \coth\left(\frac{b\omega}{2}\right) \left(G_{ret}^{ij} - G_{adv}^{ij}\right)$$

Conclusions

We used the symmetries of the microscopic Schwinger-Keldysh partition function to constrain the form of effective field theories for thermal states using superspace.

Compared to previous literature:

- Our arguments for the topological Schwinger-Keldysh and KMS symmetries are given a priori.
- We impose 2 supercharges only.
- We implement the full KMS symmetry which accounts for the fluctuation-dissipation relations.
- We work beyond the classical statistical limit.

Outlook:

- A complete effective action?
- o Entropy current?
- Generalization to out-of-time ordered correlators (important for detecting chaos)
- AdS/CFT embedding? Where would be the ghosts?
- Applications to turbulence, cosmology,...

Thank you!