

Electric conductivity and flavor diffusion in a viscous, resistive quark-gluon plasma for weak and strong magnetic field

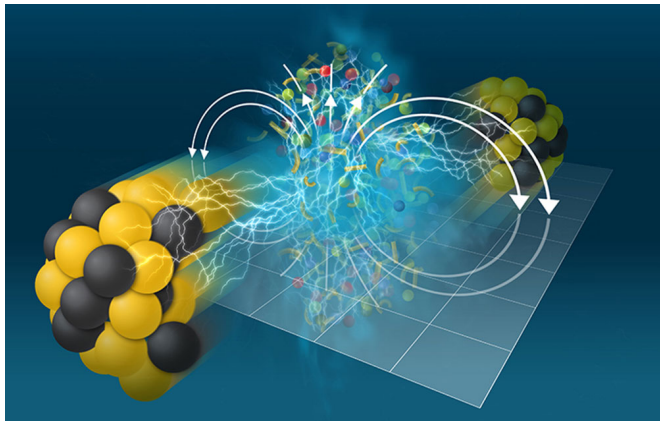
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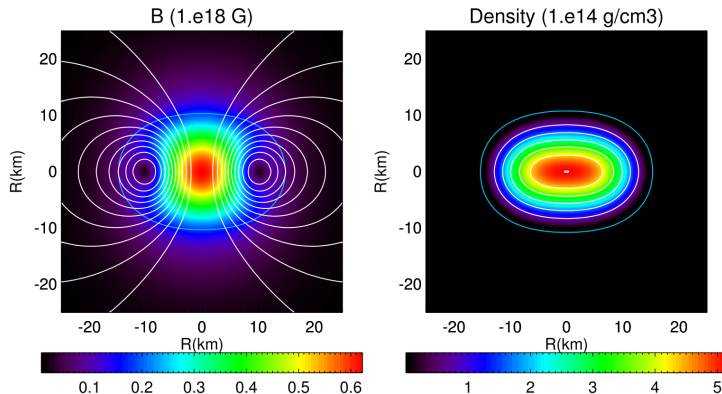


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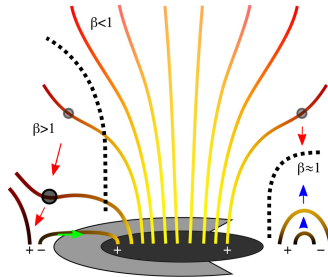
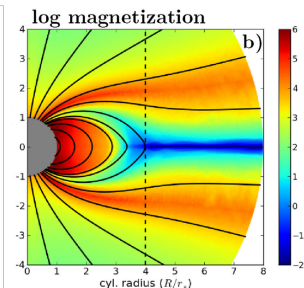
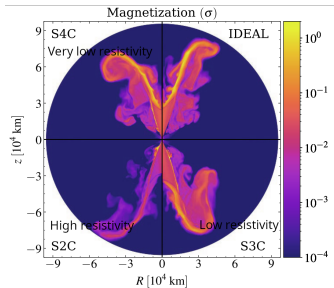
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- $B_{\text{max}} \sim 10^{18} \text{G}$ even larger than in Magnetars (A. G. Pili, N. Bucciantini and L. Del Zanna, MNRAS 439, 3541–3563 (2014))

Why resistive? Strong wrt what?

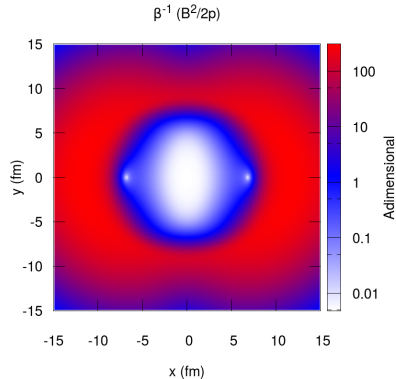


In plasma physics magnetic vs matter dominance usually quantified by

$$\underbrace{\beta_V^{-1} \equiv \frac{B^2/2}{P}}_{\text{Inverse Beta-value}}, \quad \underbrace{\sigma \equiv \frac{B^2}{\epsilon + P}}_{\text{magnetization}}$$

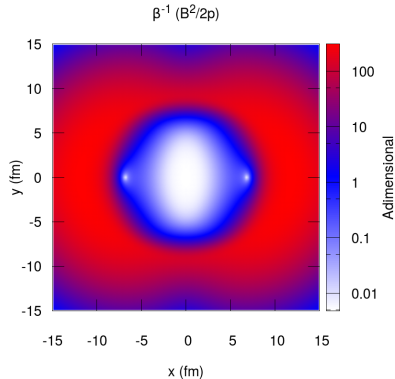
Strongly magnetized plasmas very common in astrophysics: post BNS-merger jets (Mattia, G., et al.: A&A, 691, A105 (2024)), pulsar magnetosphere (M. A. Belyaev, MNRAS 449, 2759–2767 (2015)), solar atmosphere (Ph.-A. Bourdin, ApJL 850:L29, 2017).

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- B -field evolution affected by transport coefficients
- **Can transport coefficients be affected by strong B -field?**

(GR)MHD description of HIC's

Self-consistent solution of **conservation laws**

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_\mu J_f^\mu &= 0 & (f = u, d, s) \\ \nabla_\mu T^{\mu\nu} &= 0 & \text{with } T^{\mu\nu} \equiv T_{\text{m}}^{\mu\nu} + T_{\text{em}}^{\mu\nu}\end{aligned}$$

and **Maxwell equations**

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_\mu F^{\mu\nu} &= -J_Q^\nu & \text{where } F^{\mu\nu} \equiv u^\mu e^\nu - u^\nu e^\mu + \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\kappa} b_\lambda u_\kappa & (e^\mu = F^{\mu\nu} u_\nu) \\ \nabla_\mu {}^*F^{\mu\nu} &= 0 & \text{where } {}^*F^{\mu\nu} \equiv u^\mu b^\nu - u^\nu b^\mu - \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\kappa} e_\lambda u_\kappa & (b^\mu = {}^*F^{\mu\nu} u_\nu)\end{aligned}$$

Energy-momentum transfer between fields and matter:

$$\nabla_\mu T_{\text{m}}^{\mu\nu} = -(J_Q)_\mu F^{\mu\nu}$$

Macroscopic conserved currents ($q = \mathcal{B}, Q, S$) connected to flavor ones by

$$J_q^\mu \equiv \mathcal{M}_{qf} J_f^\mu \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{M} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3}|e| & -\frac{1}{3}|e| & -\frac{1}{3}|e| \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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In the absence of any source of dissipation ($\Delta^{\mu\nu} \equiv g^{\mu\nu} + u^\mu u^\nu$)

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However, from kinetic theory one would get (more details in the following)

$$\underbrace{\eta = \frac{1}{5} \tau_R (\varepsilon + P)}_{\text{shear viscosity}}, \quad \underbrace{\sigma_Q \sim \tau_R e^2 T^2}_{\text{electric conductivity}}$$

One cannot have at the same time an unviscid fluid and an ideal conductor

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Constitutive relations for the dissipative corrections:

- Macroscopic approach, $\nabla_\mu S^\mu \geq 0$, as a starter (generalized Ohm's law)
- Boltzmann-Vlasov equation, extended to strongly magnetized plasmas

Generalized Ohm's law for multiple conserved charges

Non-negative entropy production rate

$$\nabla_\mu \mathcal{S}^\mu \geq 0, \quad \text{where} \quad \mathcal{S}^\mu = s u^\mu - \sum_f^{u,d,s} \alpha_f j_f^\mu$$

One gets

$$T \nabla_\mu \mathcal{S}^\mu = -\Pi \Theta - \pi^{\mu\nu} \sigma_{\mu\nu} + \sum_f^{u,d,s} (\mu_f - \alpha_f T) \nabla_\mu j_f^\mu + \sum_f^{u,d,s} j_f^\mu \left[\mathbb{Q}_f |e| e_\mu - T \Delta_\mu \left(\frac{\mu_f}{T} \right) \right] \geq 0$$

which is satisfied if $\alpha_f = \mu_f / T$ and

$$\Pi \equiv -\zeta \Theta, \quad \pi^{\mu\nu} \equiv -2\eta \sigma^{\mu\nu}, \quad j_f^\mu \equiv \kappa'_{ff'} (\mathbb{Q}_{f'} |e| e^\mu - T \Delta^\mu \alpha_{f'})$$

so that

$$T \nabla_\mu \mathcal{S}^\mu = \frac{\Pi^2}{\zeta} + \frac{\pi^{\mu\nu} \pi_{\mu\nu}}{2\eta} + j_f^\mu (\kappa'^{-1})_{ff'} (j_{f'})_\mu \geq 0$$

A closer look at the dissipative currents

Dissipative **quark-flavor currents** (off-diagonal response possible!)

$$j_f^\mu \equiv \kappa'_{ff'} \left(\underbrace{Q_{f'} |e| e^\mu}_{\text{conduction}} - \underbrace{T \Delta^\mu \alpha_{f'}}_{\text{diffusion}} \right)$$

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- “Good” electric conductor: $e^\mu \neq 0$ but small, of **first order in the gradients**. However, **no constraints on b^μ**

The Boltzmann-Vlasov equation

BV equation for the (anti-)particle distribution f_f^\pm (flat spacetime for simplicity):

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Conditions to fulfill in order **for truncated** (\sim Chapman-Enskog) **expansion** to be meaningful

- $\text{Kn} \equiv \lambda_{\text{mfp}}/L \sim \tau_R \partial \ll 1$: gradient expansion
- $\xi \equiv \tau_R |e| E/T \ll 1$: negligible energy gain between two collisions
- $\chi \equiv \tau_R |e| B/T \sim \lambda_{\text{mfp}}/r_{\text{Larm}} \ll 1$: negligible bending between two collisions

HIC's: weakly or strongly-magnetized QGP?

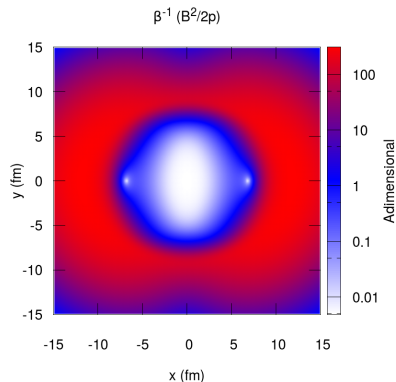
Back-of-the envelope estimates for a conformal plasma of classical particles:

$$\tau_R = 5 (\eta/s) \frac{1}{T}, \quad P = \frac{g_{\text{dof}}}{\pi^2} T^4, \quad \beta_V \equiv \frac{P}{B^2/2}$$

Hence, for $\eta/s \approx 0.2$ and $g_{\text{dof}} \approx 50$

$$\chi^2 = \frac{50 g_{\text{dof}} (\eta/s)^2 4\pi \alpha_{\text{em}}}{\pi^2} \beta_V^{-1} \approx \beta_V^{-1}$$

- Bulk of the fireball weakly magnetized
- Peripheral regions may require self-consistent resummation of magnetic effects



Dissipative current: microscopic derivation

Quark-flavor currents expressed in terms of off-equilibrium distributions

$$j_f^\mu \equiv g_f \Delta^\mu{}_\nu \int d\chi p^\nu [\delta f_f^+ - \delta f_f^-] , \quad \text{with} \quad d\chi \equiv \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\epsilon_p}$$

where

$$\delta f_f^\pm = \frac{\tau_R}{p \cdot u} \left(p^\mu \partial_\mu + Q_f^\pm |e| F^{\mu\nu} p_\nu \frac{\partial}{\partial p^\mu} \right) f_f^\pm$$

We consider a plasma of gluons and 3 light quark flavors:

$$P = \beta^{-4} \left[\frac{(4g_g + 7 \sum_f g_f) \pi^2}{360} + \sum_f \left(\frac{g_f}{12} \alpha_f^2 + \frac{g_f}{24\pi^2} \alpha_f^4 \right) \right]$$

At first order in κ and ξ (but to all orders in χ) one has

$$D \alpha_f = 0$$

$$D \beta = \frac{1}{3} \beta \Theta$$

$$\Delta^\mu \beta = \beta a^\mu + \sum_f \frac{n_f}{\epsilon + P} (\Delta^\mu \alpha_f - \beta Q_f |e| e^\mu) - \frac{\beta}{\epsilon + P} \sum_f Q_f |e| \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} (j_f)_\nu u_\lambda b_\rho$$

Diffusion and conduction in a weakly-magnetized plasma

Truncating the expansion at first-order one replaces

$$f_f^\pm \rightarrow f_{0f}^\pm \equiv f_0(x_f^\pm) = \frac{1}{e^{x_f^\pm} + 1}, \quad \text{where} \quad x_f^\pm \equiv -\beta(p \cdot u) - \alpha_f^\pm \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_f^\pm \equiv \pm \alpha_f$$

The off-equilibrium correction is then given by ($\widetilde{f}_{0f}^\pm \equiv 1 - f_{0f}^\pm$)

$$\begin{aligned} \delta f_f^\pm &= \frac{\tau_R}{p \cdot u} \left(p^\mu \partial_\mu + Q_f^\pm |e| F^{\mu\nu} p_\nu \frac{\partial}{\partial p^\mu} \right) f_{0f}^\pm \\ &= \frac{\tau_R}{p \cdot u} \left(-f_{0f}^\pm \widetilde{f}_{0f}^\pm \right) \left(\underbrace{p^\mu \partial_\mu x_f^\pm}_I + \underbrace{\beta Q_f^\pm |e| p^\nu e_\nu}_{II} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Writing only the terms providing a non-zero contribution to j_f^μ

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu x_f^\pm = \underbrace{-p^\rho \Delta_\rho \alpha_f^\pm}_{Ia} - \underbrace{(p \cdot u) p^\rho \sum_{f'} \frac{n'_f}{\varepsilon + P} (\Delta_\rho \alpha_{f'} - \beta Q_{f'} |e| e_\rho)}_{Ib} + \dots$$

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Non-diagonal, symmetric flavor-diffusion matrix. Matrix elements in flavor space are scalars, given by the integral

$$\kappa_{ff'} = g_f \frac{1}{3} \int d\chi \vec{p}^2 (A_{ff'}^+ - A_{ff'}^-)$$

Electric conductivity: numerical estimates for $\alpha_f = 0$

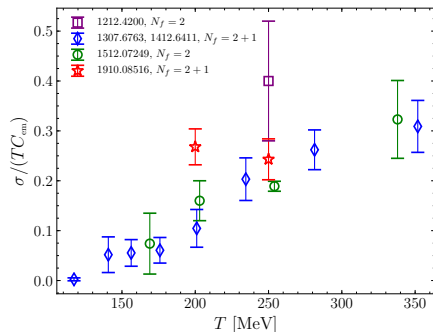
For zero quark density the diffusion matrix is diagonal. From the WF law one gets ($g_f = 6$)

$$\sigma_Q = \sum_{f,f'} |e|^2 \frac{Q_f \kappa_{ff'} Q_{f'}}{T} = \frac{\tau_R}{T} \frac{T^3}{3} |e|^2 \sum_f Q_f^2 \equiv \tau_R \frac{T^2}{3} C_{\text{em}}$$

From $\tau_R = 5(\eta/s) \frac{1}{T}$ one gets

$$\frac{\sigma}{T C_{\text{em}}} = \frac{5}{3} (\eta/s)$$

comparable, for $0.1 \lesssim \eta/s \lesssim 0.2$, with lattice-QCD calculations ([G. Aarts and A. Nikolaev, Eur.Phys.J.A 57 \(2021\) 4, 118](#))



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Deriving the diffusion tensor (I)

Ansatz for off-equilibrium fluctuation (LRF for simplicity):

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Substitute into the previous equation and use also to get the induced current

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Flavor-diffusion tensor

$$\kappa_{ff'}^{ij} = \kappa_{ff'}^\perp \Xi^{ij} + \kappa_{ff'}^\parallel \hat{b}^i \hat{b}^j + \kappa_{ff'}^\times \epsilon^{ijk} \hat{b}^k$$

where

$$\kappa_{ff'}^\parallel = \frac{g_f}{3} \int d\chi \vec{p}^2 (L_{ff'}^+ - L_{ff'}^-) \quad \kappa_{ff'}^\perp = \frac{g_f}{3} \int d\chi \vec{p}^2 (E_{ff'}^+ - E_{ff'}^-) \quad \kappa_{ff'}^\times = \frac{g_f}{3} \int d\chi \vec{p}^2 (H_{ff'}^+ - H_{ff'}^-)$$

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Concerning the first term, it receive a **correction from the magnetic term in the Euler equation**:

$$\frac{\tau_R}{p \cdot u} \left[p^\mu \partial_\mu + Q_f^\pm |e| (e^\nu p_\nu) u^\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial p^\mu} \right] f_{0f}^\pm = \underbrace{p^i A_{ff'}^\pm \delta^{ij} \tilde{e}_{f'}^j}_{\text{weak-field result}} +$$

$$+ \frac{\tau_R}{p \cdot u} \left[-f_{0f}^\pm \widetilde{f_{0f}^\pm} \right] \frac{\beta (p \cdot u)}{\epsilon + P} p^i \sum_{f''} Q_{f''} |e| B (-1) \epsilon^{ilk} \hat{b}^k j_{f''}^l$$

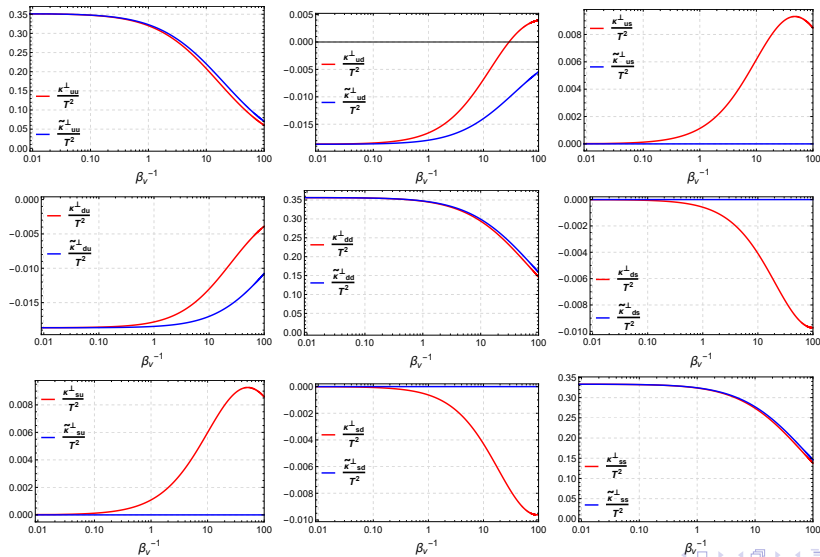
where one has to substitute the previous decomposition

$$j_{f''}^l = \left[\kappa_{f''f'}^\perp \Xi^{lj} + \kappa_{f''f'}^\parallel \hat{b}^l \hat{b}^j + \kappa_{f''f'}^\times \epsilon^{lj k} \hat{b}^k \right] \tilde{e}_{f'}^j$$

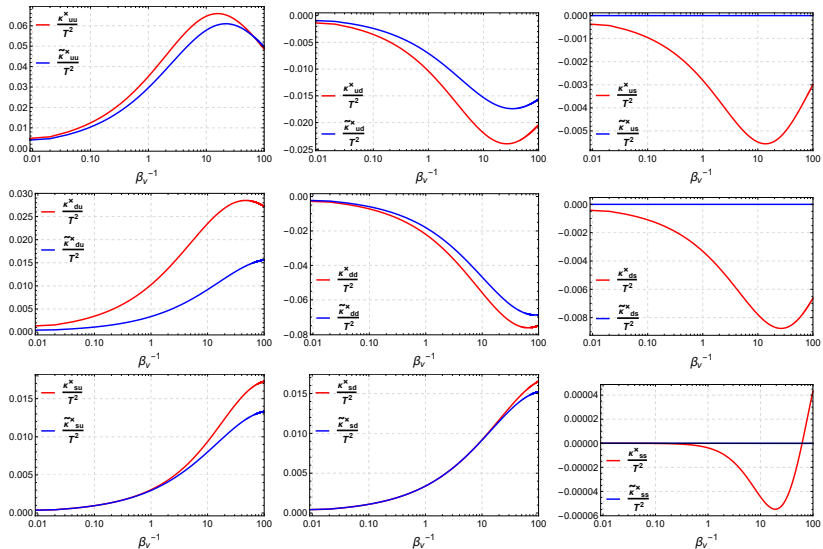
Numerical results

- Results are presented at fixed s/n_B and for $n_Q/n_B = 0.4|e|$ and zero net-strangeness
- For a conformal plasma dimensionless diffusion components κ/T^2 only functions of the the scaling variable β_V^{-1} (no need to specify neither temperature nor the magnetic field)

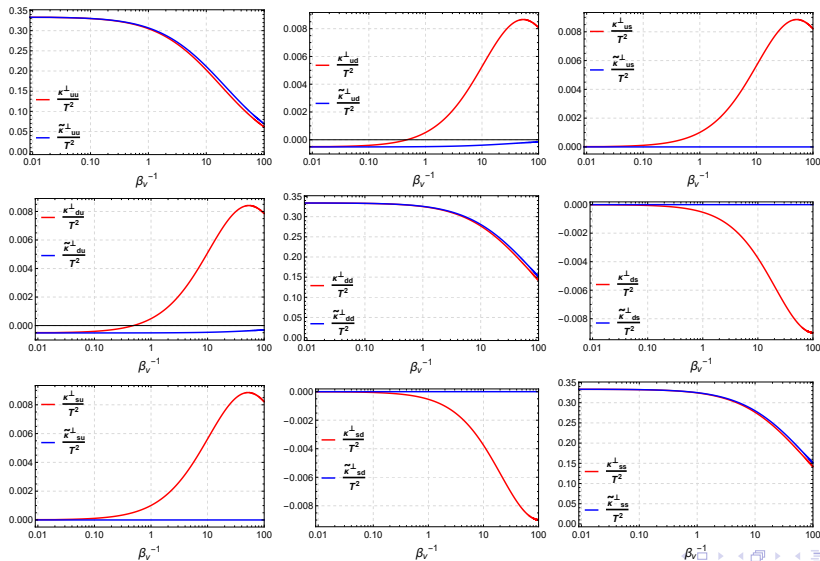
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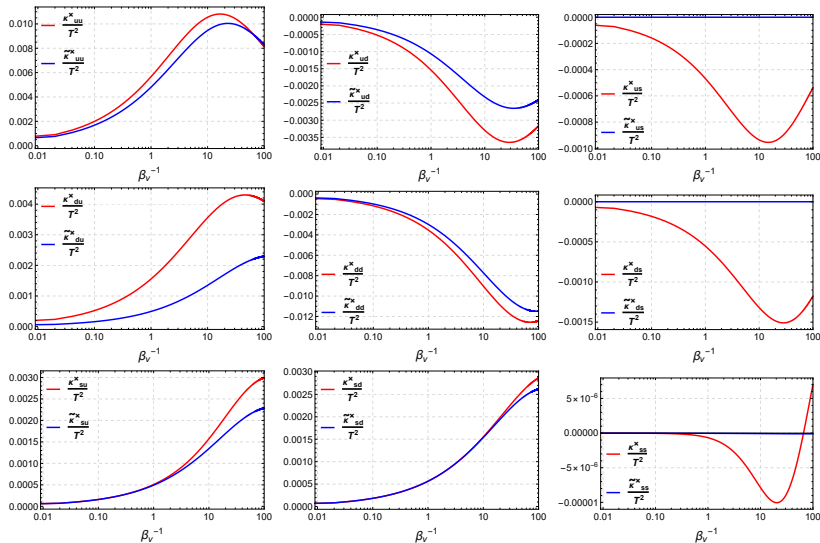
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Conclusions

- Work in progress (for details see [F. Frascà poster](#)), from $\kappa_{ff'}$ get σ_Q ;
- In HIC's for most of the fireball 4-volume $\kappa_{ff'}$ just a scalar and σ_Q from RTA-BV in agreement with l-QCD, but in some domain B -induced breaking of isotropy has to be accounted for;
- In astrophysics strongly-magnetized plasmas much more common and hopefully RTA-BV approach can be a good guidance;
- Deriving the same tensorial constitutive relation $j_f^i = \kappa_{ff'}^{ij} \tilde{e}_{f'}^j$ in the large- β_V^{-1} regime from $\nabla_\mu \mathcal{S}^\mu \geq 0$ non trivial: separate treatment of (non-conserved) particle and antiparticle currents;
- Extension to second order in Kn and ξ a big challenge if β_V^{-1} is large.