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Surface Slip in Spin-Polarized and Binary Quantum and Classical Systems

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Abstract

We calculate accurate upper and lower bounds for slip coefficients in hydrodynamic boundary conditions for mass, spin, and thermal flows in polarized or binary classical and quantum gases at arbitrary polarizations and temperatures. The results have the most transparent form for high-temperature Boltzmann and low-temperature degenerate gases.

Introduction

The large temperature and/or magnetization gradients, which are practically unavoidable¹⁻⁴ in experiments with systems in long-lived quasi-equilibrium polarized state, cause large slip, thermal, and mass flows through boundary layers. The thickness of those boundary layers, expressed via slip coefficients, is proportional to the mean free path l and, therefore, increases dramatically with increasing spin polarization^{5,6}. For the accurate interpretation of the existing experiments the estimates for all slip coefficients are prerequisite.

Main equations

There are 9 coefficients α_{ik} in the slip boundary conditions:

$$\mathbf{u}_t(z=0) = \alpha_{11} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}_t(z \rightarrow 0)}{\partial z} + \alpha_{12} \nabla_t \mu(z=0) + \alpha_{13} \nabla_t T(z=0),$$

$$\mathbf{J}_t^{(s)}(z=0) = \alpha_{21} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}_t(z \rightarrow 0)}{\partial z} + \alpha_{22} \nabla_t \mu(z=0) + \alpha_{23} \nabla_t T(z=0),$$

$$\mathbf{Q}_t(z=0) = \alpha_{31} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}_t(z \rightarrow 0)}{\partial z} + \alpha_{32} \nabla_t \mu(z=0) + \alpha_{33} \nabla_t T(z=0),$$

where \mathbf{u} is the mass velocity, $\mathbf{J}^{(s)}$ and \mathbf{Q} are the boundary slip diffusion and heat slip flows; the index t marks the components of vectors along the boundary $z=0$.

We estimated all of the coefficients α_{ik} separately, by solving the transport equation for each of the gradients $\nabla_x T(z)$, $\nabla_x \mu(z)$, $\nabla_x n(z)$ and expressing $n(z)$, $J^{(s)}$ and $Q^{(s)}$ via the distribution function $g(p)$. The off-diagonal slip coefficients are related to each other via Onsager relations.

Results

The coefficients α_{ik} are expressed via the integrals:

$$\begin{cases} L_n^{(\alpha)}(z) \\ K_n^{(\alpha)}(z) \\ M_n^{(\alpha)}(z) \\ Q_n^{(\alpha)}(z) \\ V_n^{(\alpha)}(z) \\ G_n^{(\alpha)}(z) \\ S_n^{(\alpha)}(z) \end{cases} = - \int_{(v_z > 0)} \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \frac{\partial f_B^0}{\partial \varepsilon} \tau^{\alpha-1} e^{-\tau \frac{v_z}{v_T}} \begin{cases} p_x^2 v_z^2 \\ p_x^2 v_z^2 - 1 \\ p_x^2 v_z^2 - 1, v_z^2 \\ p_x v_z v_z^2 - 2 \\ p_x v_z v_z^2 - 2, v_z^2 \\ \varepsilon p p_x v_z v_z^2 - 2 \\ \varepsilon p p_x v_z v_z^2 - 2, v_z^2 \end{cases}$$

and have the following bounds:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{12} > 0; \quad \alpha_{21} < -(K_2^+(0) - K_2^-(0)) \left[\frac{\sum_{\alpha} L_2^{(\alpha)}(0)}{\sum_{\alpha} L_1^{(\alpha)}(0)} - \frac{K_3^+(0) - K_3^-(0)}{K_2^+(0) - K_2^-(0)} \right] \\ \alpha_{13} < 0; \quad 2\alpha_{31} > -\alpha_{11} [M_2^+(0) + M_2^-(0)] + M_3^+(0) + M_3^-(0); \\ \alpha_{22} > A \sum_{\alpha} \frac{Q_3^{(\alpha)}(0)}{Q_2^{(\alpha)}(0)}; \quad T\alpha_{33} < \sum_{\alpha} [S_3^{(\alpha)}(0) - \frac{V_3^{(\alpha)}(0)G_2^{(\alpha)}(0)}{Q_2^{(\alpha)}(0)}] + B \frac{V_3^{(\alpha)}(0)}{Q_2^{(\alpha)}(0)}; \\ \alpha_{32} < A \left[\frac{V_3^+(0)}{Q_2^-(0)} - \frac{V_3^-(0)}{Q_2^+(0)} \right]; \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T\alpha_{23} < G_3^+(0) - G_3^-(0) - \frac{Q_3^+(0)G_2^+(0)}{Q_2^-(0)} + \frac{Q_3^+(0)G_2^-(0)}{Q_2^-(0)} + B \sum_{\alpha} \frac{Q_3^{(\alpha)}(0)}{Q_2^{(\alpha)}(0)} \\ A = m_+ m_- \frac{Q_2^+(0)Q_2^-(0)}{m_+ Q_2^+(0) + m_- Q_2^-(0)}; \quad 16B = \frac{5T}{172} T_+ T_- \frac{N_+ - N_-}{N_+ T_+ + N_- T_-}; \end{aligned}$$

where N_{\pm} and T_{\pm} are the number of particles and the relaxation times for spin-up and spin-down components. The bounds for the slip coefficients in the limiting cases of Boltzmann and degenerate gases are given in Figs. 1-5.

Note that at low temperatures all heat-related coefficients α_{31} , α_{32} , α_{33} contain extra powers of T/T_F , and therefore are small and insignificant.

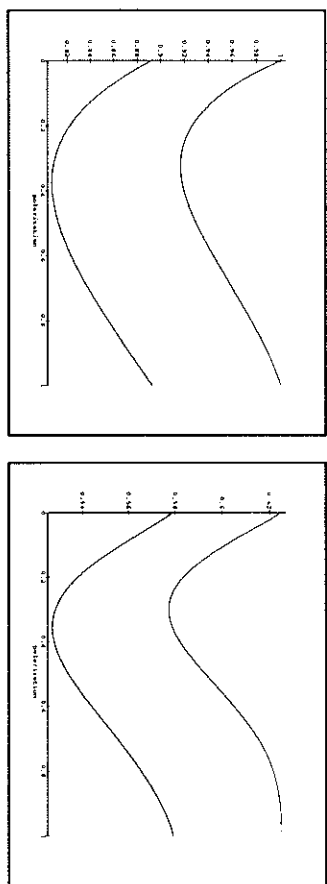


Figure 1: The coefficients $\frac{\alpha_{11} T_+}{\sqrt{8T/m\pi}}$ in the Boltzmann, and α_{11} in degenerate region.

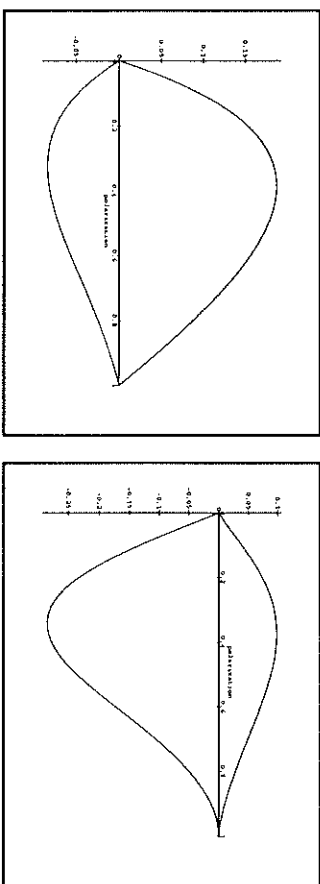


Figure 2: The coefficients $\frac{8\alpha_{21}}{mN_+ T_+^2}$ in the Boltzmann, and $\frac{8\alpha_{21}}{mN_+ T_+^2}$ in degenerate region.

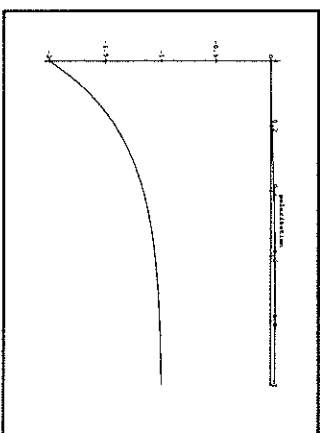


Figure 3: The coefficient $\frac{25\alpha_{23}}{T^2 N_+ T_+^2}$ in the Boltzmann region.

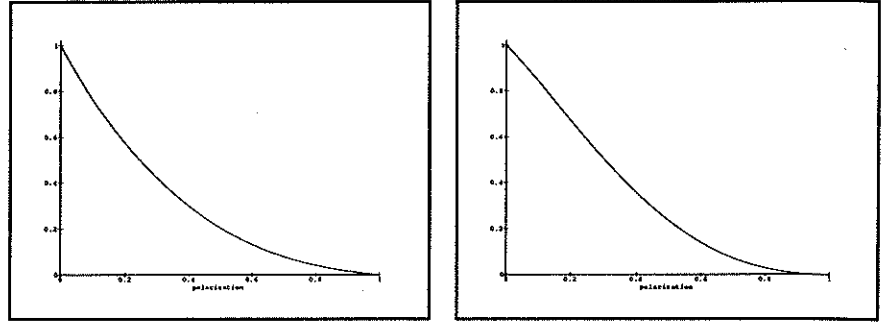


Figure 4: The coefficients $\frac{8\alpha_{22}}{\sqrt{2mT}N_+\tau_+^2}$ in the Boltzmann, and $\frac{16\alpha_{22}}{3mN_+\tau_+^2}$ in degenerate region.

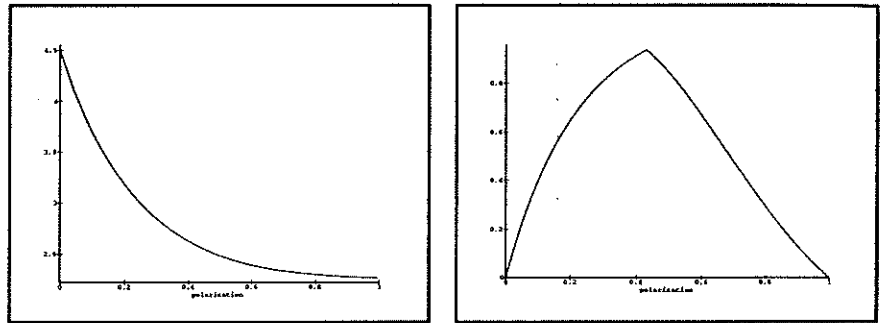


Figure 5: The coefficients $\frac{2m\alpha_{33}}{TN_+\tau_+^2}\sqrt{\frac{m\pi}{2T}}$, and $\frac{16\alpha_{33}}{TN_+\tau_+^2}\sqrt{\frac{m\pi}{2T}}$ in the Boltzmann region.

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