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Effective dynamical models for fluctuations at the QCD phase transition

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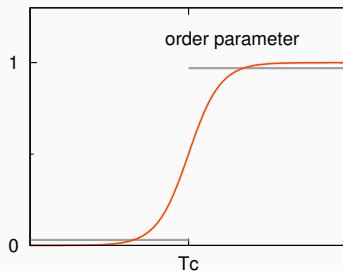
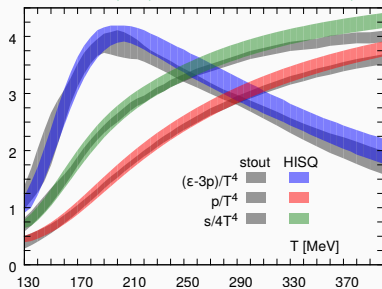
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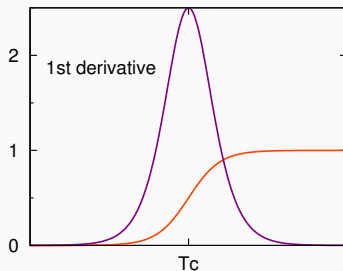
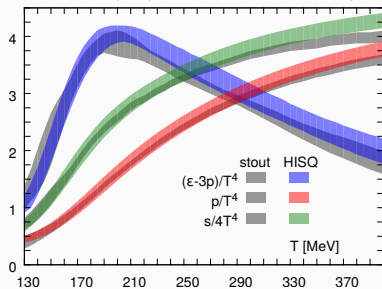
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- Thermodynamic quantities change characteristically at the phase transition.
- Speed of sound $c_s^2 = (\partial p / \partial e)_S \rightarrow$ minimum at the phase transition
- Compressibility $\kappa_S = -1/V(\partial V / \partial p)_S \rightarrow$ maximum at the phase transition

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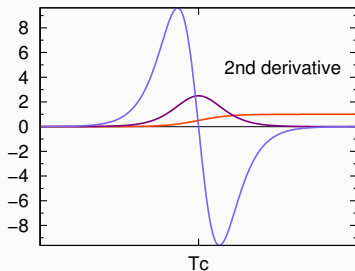
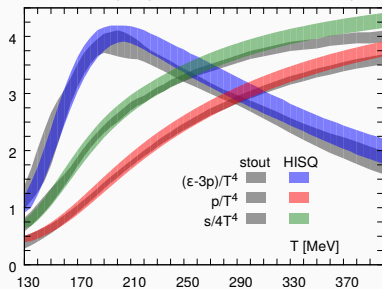
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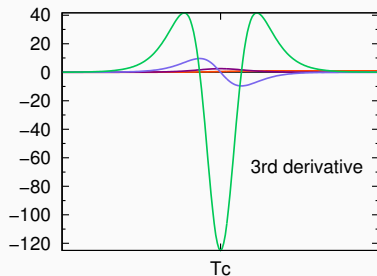
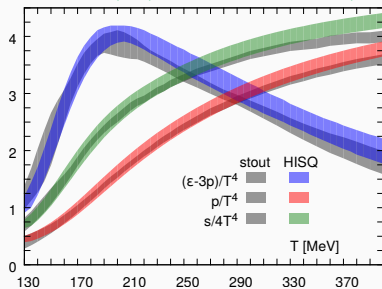
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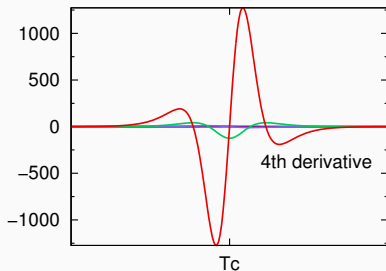
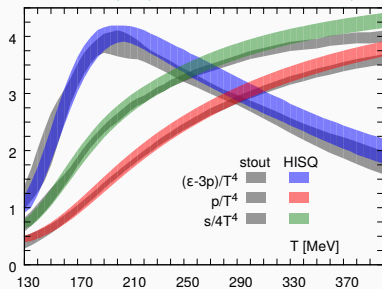
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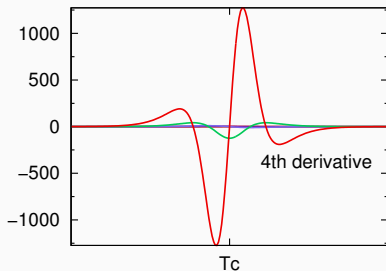
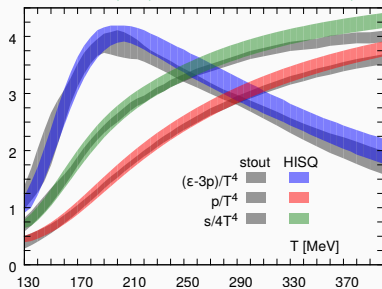
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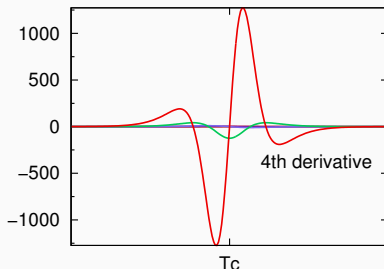
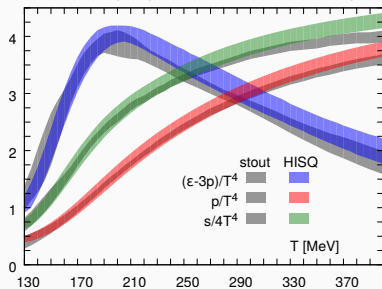
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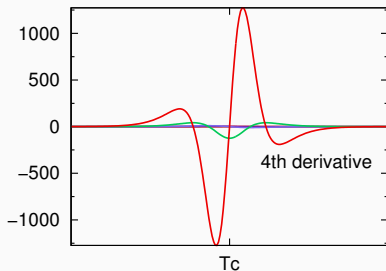
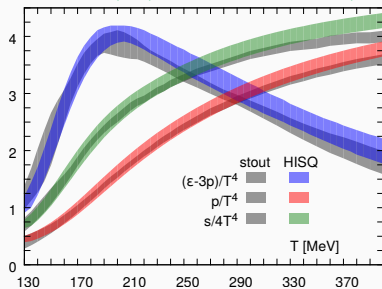
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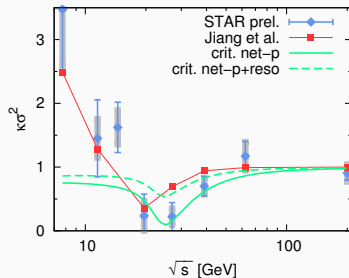
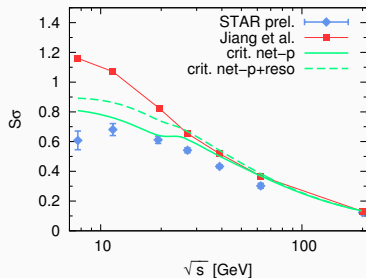
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toy model! $\langle \Delta\sigma \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow$ no change in actual proton mass!

Critical net-proton fluctuations - phenomenology



MN, QM2015 proceedings, 1601.07437

- Equilibrium 3d Ising model assumptions for $\Delta\sigma$
- Fluctuations in net-protons at chemical freeze-out
- Critical fluctuations are reduced but survive when resonance decays are included

M. Bluhm, MN, S. Bass, T. Schaefer work in progress

- Particle emission during Cooper-Frye freeze-out over a hypersurface from fluid dynamical evolution

L. Jiang, P. Li and H. Song, arXiv:1512.06164

Still no dynamical fluctuations...

Non-critical effects on fluctuation observables

- Limited acceptance & detector efficiency. (A. Bzdak, V. Koch, PRC86 (2012); PRC91 (2015))
 - Isospin randomization. (M. Kitazawa, M. Asakawa, PRC85, PRC86 (2012))
 - Volume fluctuations (V. Skokov, B. Friman, K. Redlich, PRC88 (2013))
(→ strongly intensive measures).
(E. Sangaline, arxiv:1505.00261; M. Gorenstein, M. Gazdzicki, PRC84 (2011))
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- ⇒ These effects are or can be included in microscopic transport models, e.g. UrQMD, (P)HSD, or hybrid models = valuable baseline studies!
- Initial fluctuations due to baryon stopping.

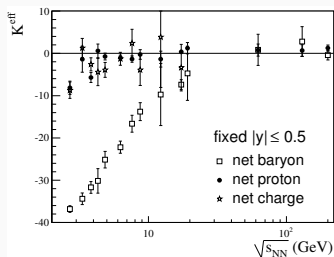
⇒ Need to be well understood!

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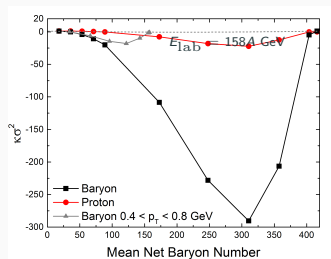
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- In a microscopic transport model the microcanonical nature of individual scatterings is preserved.
- Strongly negative kurtosis of net-baryon number due to global conservation and volume fluctuations.
- Net-proton fluctuations follow this trend slightly.



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by J. Steinheimer

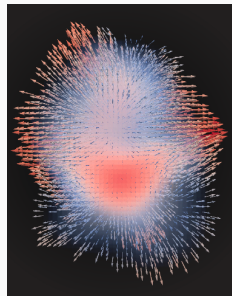
Why is dynamical modeling important?

In a grand-canonical ensemble, the system is

- in thermal equilibrium (= long-lived),
- in equilibrium with a particle heat bath,
- spatially infinite
- and static.

Systems created in heavy-ion collisions are

- short-lived,
- spatially small,
- inhomogeneous,
- and highly dynamical!



plot by H. Petersen, madai.us

Propagate the critical mode σ coupled to a fluid dynamical expansion

- Relaxational equation for the critical mode: **damping** and **noise** from the interaction with the fermions

$$\partial_\mu \partial^\mu \sigma + \frac{\delta U}{\delta \sigma} + g \rho_s + \eta \partial_t \sigma = \xi$$

- Phenomenological dynamics for the Polyakov-loop

$$\eta_\ell \partial_t \ell T^2 + \frac{\partial V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial \ell} = \xi_\ell$$

- Fluid dynamical expansion** of the fermion fluid = heat bath, including energy-momentum exchange

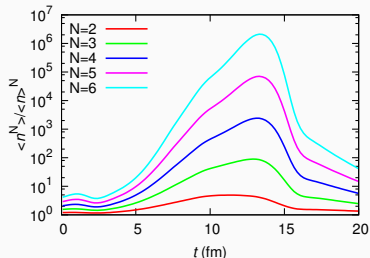
$$\partial_\mu T_q^{\mu\nu} = S^\nu = -\partial_\mu T_\sigma^{\mu\nu}, \quad \partial_\mu N_q^\mu = 0$$

⇒ includes a **stochastic source term!**

MN, S. Leupold, I. Mishustin, C. Herold, M. Bleicher, PRC 84 (2011); PLB 711 (2012); JPG 40 (2013);
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JPG 41 (2014); MN and C. Herold, 1602.07223; C. Herold, MN, Y. Yan and C. Kobdaj, PRC93 (2016) no.2

Domain formation & decay at the QH phase transition

- use a chiral effective model with correct low-temperature degrees of freedom in N_χ FD! V. Dexheimer, S. Schramm, PRC81 (2010); M. Hempel, V. Dexheimer, S. Schramm, I. Iosilevskiy PRC88 (2013)



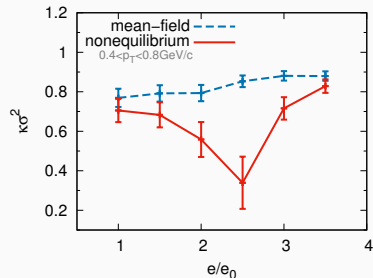
- droplets of quark density decay in the hadronic phase due to non-vanishing large pressure (cf. also J. Steinheimer, J. Randrup, V. Koch PRC89 (2014))
- future: combine initial and dynamical fluctuations, include particlization and late hadronic interactions

Net-Proton fluctuations near the critical point

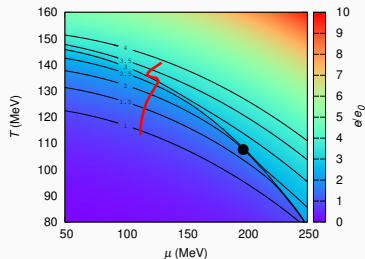
- From densities to particle via Cooper-Frye particlization:

$$E \frac{dN_i}{d^3p} = \int d\sigma^\mu p_\mu (f_i^{\text{eq}}(p) + \delta f)$$

- Here: couple the densities of the order parameter field with the fluid dynamical densities



C. Herold, MN, Y. Yan and C. Kobdaj, PRC93 (2016) no.2



- Future: include δf in the particlization and perform calculations for BES!

See talk by C. Herold, Fri 14:30!

About the critical mode

- At $\mu_B \neq 0$ σ mixes with the net-baryon density n (and e and \vec{m})
- In a Ginzburg-Landau formalism:

$$V(\sigma, n) = \int d^3x \left(\sum_m (a_m \sigma^m + b_m n^m) + \sum_{m,l} c_{m,l} \sigma^m n^l \right) - h\sigma - jn$$

- $V(\sigma, n)$ has a flat direction: $(a\sigma, bn)$ with vanishing curvature $D \rightarrow 0$ at the CP
- Equations of motion (including symmetries in $V(\sigma, n)$):

$$\partial_t^2 \sigma = -\Gamma \delta V / \delta \sigma + \dots \quad \partial_t n = \gamma \vec{\nabla}^2 \delta V / \delta n + \dots$$

- eigenfrequencies

$$\omega_1 \propto -i\Gamma a \quad \rightarrow \text{short time scale}$$

$$\omega_2 \propto -i\gamma D / a \vec{q}^2 \quad \rightarrow \text{long time scale}$$

- The diffusive mode becomes the critical mode in the long-time dynamics. These fluctuations need to be included at the critical point!

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- $\langle T^{\mu\nu} T^{\mu\nu} \rangle$ give viscosities (Kubo-formula), consistently with dissipation-fluctuation theorem fluctuations need to be included as well!
- This is especially important at the critical point, because the true critical mode is the net-baryon density!

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Linearized fluid dynamical fluctuations

- Linearized fluid dynamical equations: small fluctuations $\bar{e} + \delta e$, $\bar{p} + \delta p$ and δv^i with: $\delta T^{00} = \delta e$ and $\delta T^{ij} = m^i = (\bar{e} + \bar{p})v^i = \bar{w}v^i$

$$\partial_t \mathbf{m}_\perp + \eta / \bar{w} \mathbf{k}^2 \mathbf{m}_\perp = 0$$

$$\partial_t \delta e + i \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{m}_\parallel = 0$$

$$\partial_t \mathbf{m}_\parallel + i v_s^2 \mathbf{k} \delta e + \gamma v \mathbf{k}^2 \mathbf{m}_\parallel = 0$$

- retarded Green's function for δe and \mathbf{m}_\parallel :

$$G_{ab}^{\text{ret}}(\omega, \mathbf{k}) = \frac{\bar{w}}{\omega^2 - v_s^2 \mathbf{k}^2 + i \omega \gamma_s \mathbf{k}^2} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{k}^2 & \omega |\mathbf{k}| \\ \omega |\mathbf{k}| & v_s^2 \mathbf{k}^2 - i \omega \gamma_s \mathbf{k}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- including the transverse momentum density:

$$G_{m_i, m_j}^{\text{ret}}(\omega, \mathbf{k}) = \left(\delta_{ij} - \frac{k_i k_j}{\mathbf{k}^2} \right) \frac{\eta \mathbf{k}^2}{i \omega - \gamma_\eta \mathbf{k}^2} + \frac{k_i k_j}{\mathbf{k}^2} \frac{\bar{w} (v_s^2 \mathbf{k}^2 - i \omega \gamma_s \mathbf{k}^2)}{\omega^2 - v_s^2 \mathbf{k}^2 + i \omega \gamma_s \mathbf{k}^2}$$

- Kubo-formulas for viscosities:

$$\eta = -\frac{\omega}{2 \mathbf{k}^2} \left(\delta_{ij} - \frac{k_i k_j}{\mathbf{k}^2} \right) \Im G_{m_i m_j}^{\text{ret}}(\omega, \mathbf{k} \rightarrow 0)$$

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 &\quad \times \left(\underbrace{\omega^2 G_{ee}^S(\omega, \mathbf{k})}_{\text{FDT}} - 2\omega |\mathbf{k}| \underbrace{G_{em_{||}}^S(\omega, \mathbf{k})}_{\text{FDT}} + \mathbf{k}^2 \underbrace{G_{m_{||}m_{||}}^S(\omega, \mathbf{k})}_{\text{FDT}} \right) \\
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finally boost to arbitrary frame

Fluid dynamical equations with fluctuations

$$T^{\mu\nu} = T_{\text{eq}}^{\mu\nu} + \Delta T_{\text{visc}}^{\mu\nu} + \Xi^{\mu\nu}$$
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with the noise correlator in linear response theory:

$$\langle \Xi^{\mu\nu}(x) \Xi^{\alpha\beta}(x') \rangle = 2T[\eta(\Delta^{\mu\alpha} \Delta^{\nu\beta} + \Delta^{\mu\beta} \Delta^{\nu\alpha}) + (\zeta - 2/3\eta)\Delta^{\mu\nu} \Delta^{\alpha\beta}] \delta^4(x - x')$$

- In second-order fluid dynamics there are relaxation equations for $\Xi^{\mu\nu}$:

$$u^{\gamma} \partial_{\gamma} \Xi^{\langle\mu\nu\rangle} = -\frac{\Xi^{\mu\nu} - \xi_{\text{gauss}}^{\mu\nu}}{\tau_{\pi}}$$

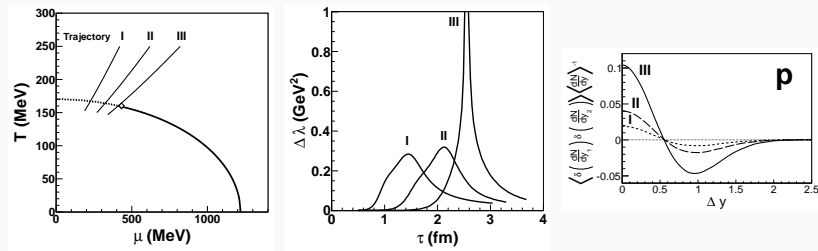
- In white noise approximation and ignoring bulk viscosity ($\zeta = 0$):

$$\langle \xi_{\text{gauss}}^{\mu\nu}(x) \xi_{\text{gauss}}^{\alpha\beta}(x') \rangle = 4T\eta \Delta^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \delta^4(x - x')$$

Fluid dynamical fluctuations in Bjorken expansion

Bjorken expansion example with a critical point:

J. Kapusta, J. Torres-Rincon PRC86 (2012)



- near the CP the thermal conductivity is enhanced \Rightarrow enhancement of the rapidity correlator of protons
- how to implement in a 3 + 1d relativistic causal fluid dynamical evolution?

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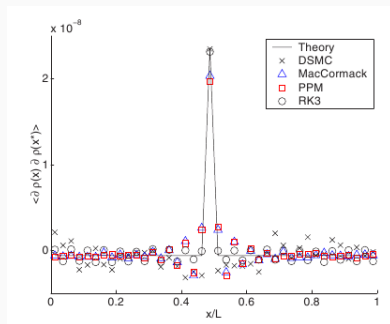
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Non-relativistic dynamical fluctuations

- Fluctuations depend on the cut-off scale of fluid dynamics: $\Lambda \sim 1/\Delta x$.
- In a numerical treatment \rightarrow discretization: $\langle \xi^2 \rangle \propto \frac{1}{\Delta V}$.

- Example: non-relativistic Navier-Stokes + fluctuations
- 1d, dilute gas, periodic boundary conditions

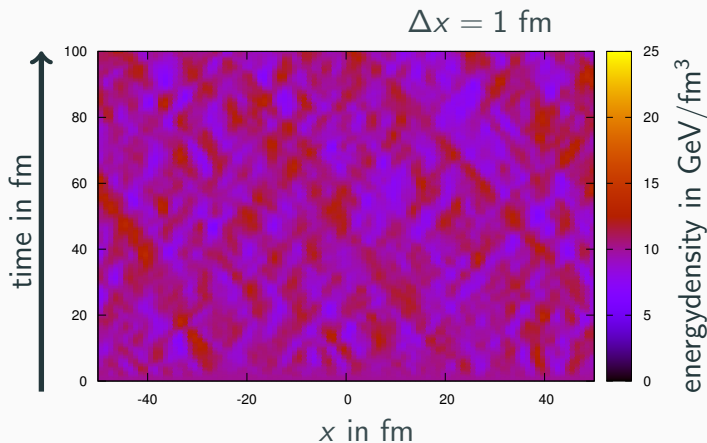


J. Bell, A. Garcia, S. Williams, PRE76 (2007)

- Different algorithms treat fluctuations differently, third-order methods seem to work best.

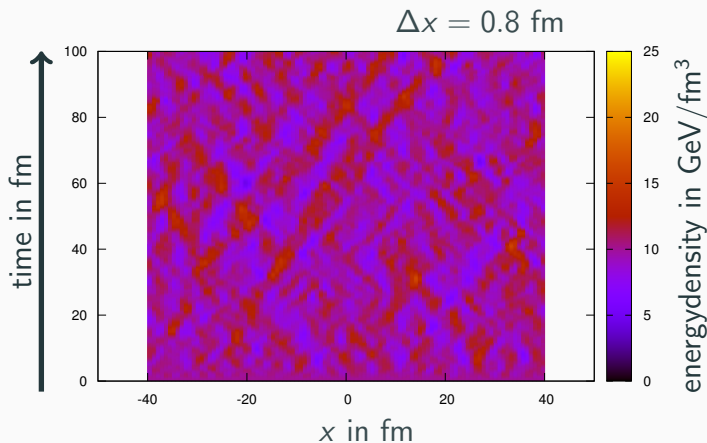
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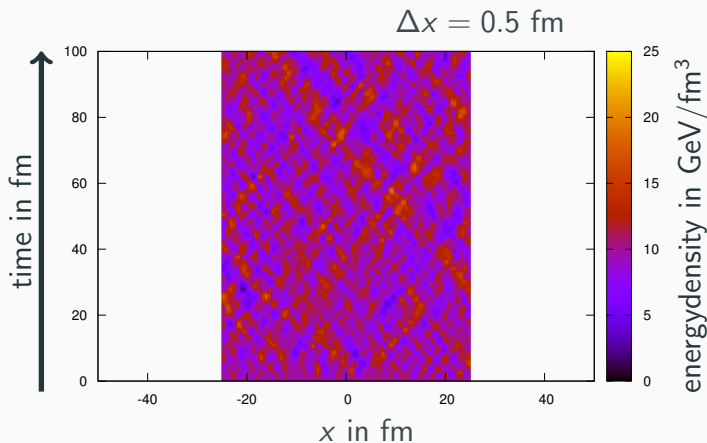
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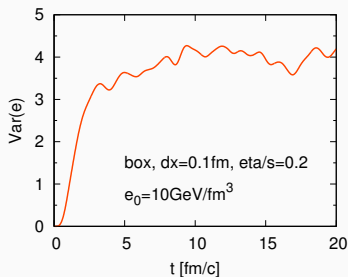


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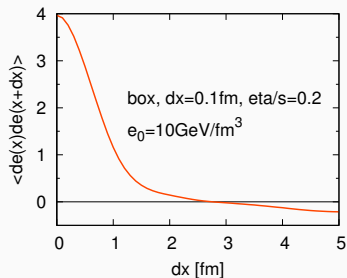
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time evolution of the variance $\langle \Delta e^2 \rangle$:



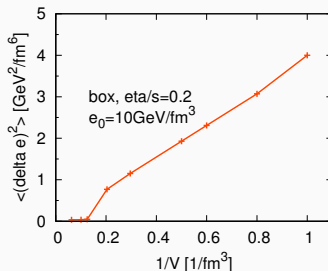
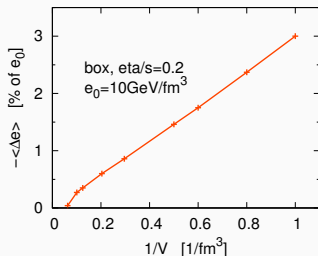
$\langle \delta e(x) \delta e(x + dx) \rangle$ correlation function:



- The variance $\langle \Delta e^2 \rangle$ saturates after ~ 5 fm.
- Fluctuations are large in the computational cell of fluid dynamics \Rightarrow noise correlated over $\sim 1 \text{ fm}^3$ - reproduced.

Fluid dynamical fluctuations - 3+1d nonlinearities

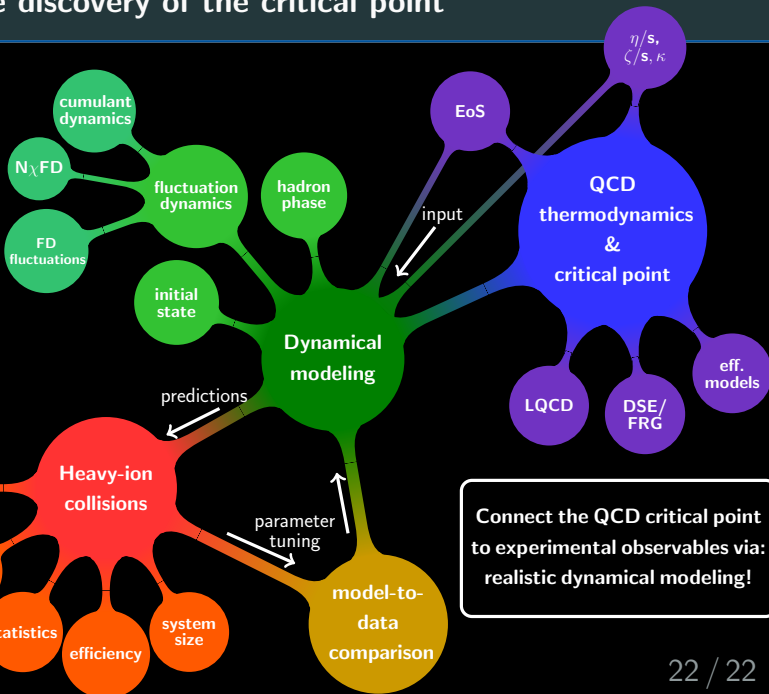
- Important check: equilibrium expectations for fluctuations and nonlinear effects.



- Proportionality to $1/V$ reproduced for the correction to the average and the variance of energy density in the local rest frame.
- **Implementing fluid dynamical fluctuations is important,**
but requires a sustained and systematic effort!

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