

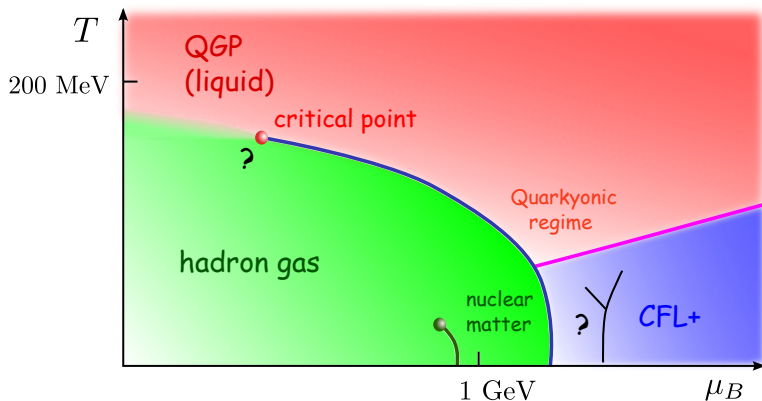
# Hydrodynamics for QCD critical point

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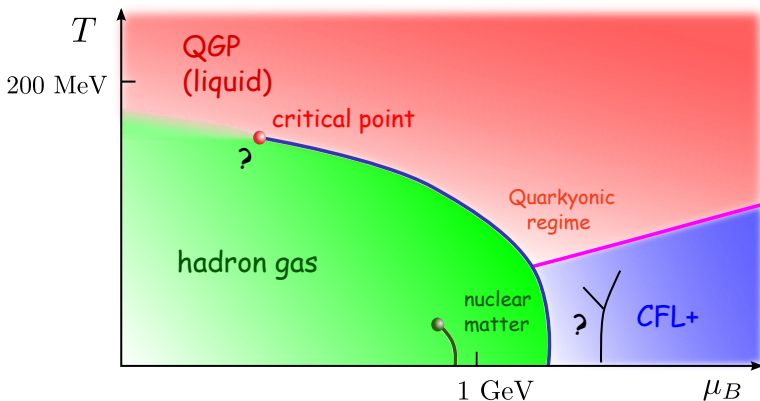


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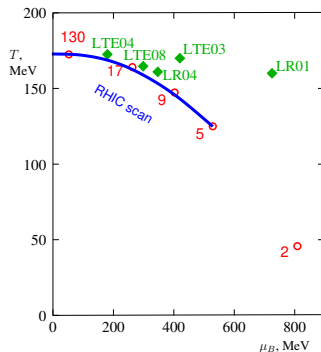
C.P. is ubiquitous in models (NJL, RM, Holog., Strong coupl. LQCD, ...)

Essentially two approaches to discovering the QCD critical point.

Each with its own challenges.

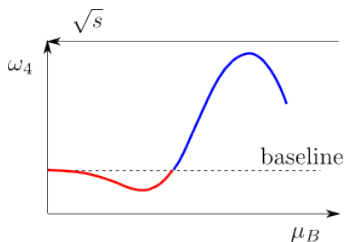
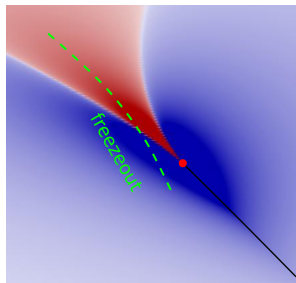
● Lattice simulations. Sign problem.

● Heavy-ion collisions. *Non-equilibrium*.



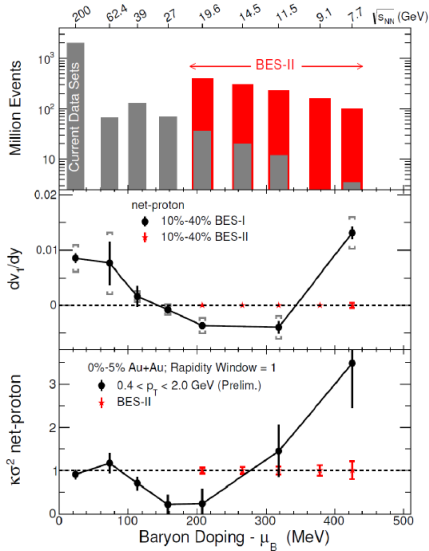
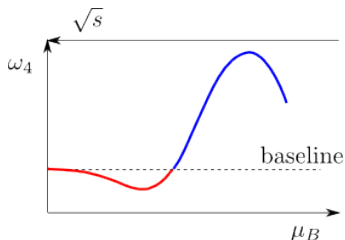
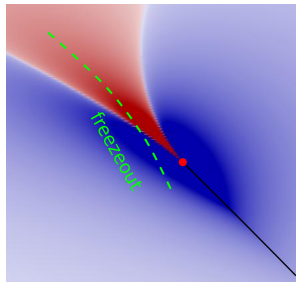
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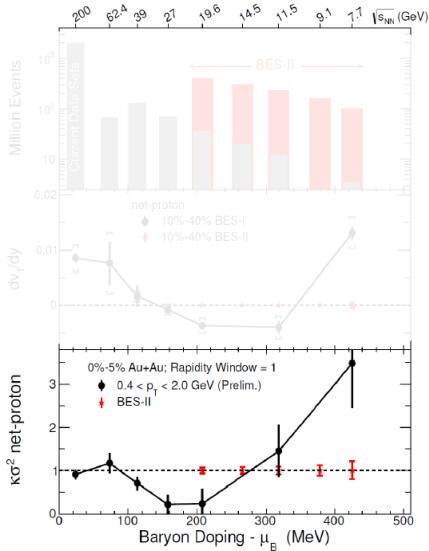
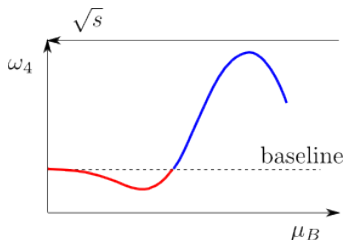
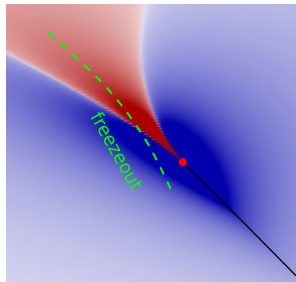
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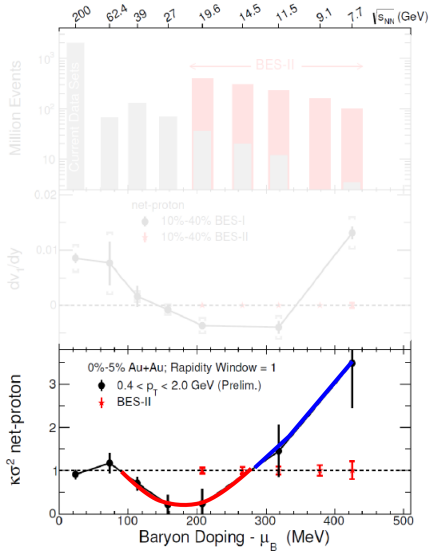
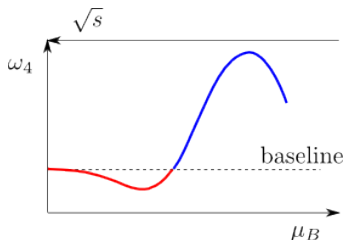
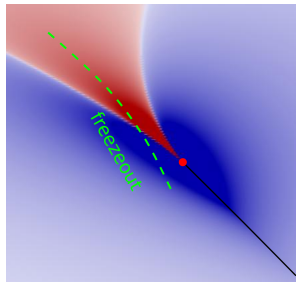
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“intriguing hint” (2015 LRPNS)



Non-equilibrium physics is essential near the critical point.

The challenge taken on by  **BEST**  
COLLABORATION

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- Can we describe magnitudes of *critical* fluctuations *directly* from non-equilibrium (hydro)dynamical framework?

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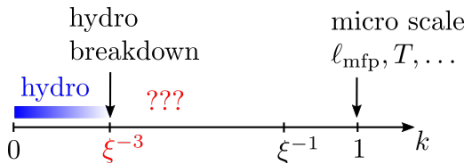
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Hydrodynamics breaks down because of *large relaxation time*.

Similar to breakdown of an effective theory (non-locality) due to a low-energy mode which should not have been integrated out.

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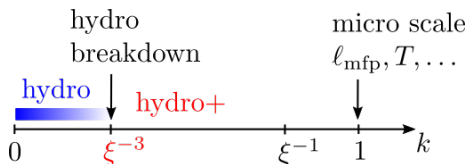
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- “Hydro+” extends the range of validity of hydro to parametrically shorter time ( $\omega \gg 1/\tau_\phi \sim \xi^{-3}$ ) and length ( $k \gg \xi^{-3}$ ) scales.



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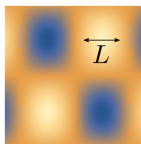
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- Hydrodynamics describes *partial-equilibrium states*, i.e., equilibrium is only local, because equilibration time  $\sim L^2$ .

*Fluctuations* in such states are not necessarily in equilibrium.



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- Relaxation rates of 2pt functions is of the same order as that of corresponding 1pt functions.

But effects of fluctuations are *usually* suppressed due to averaging out:  $\sqrt{\xi^3/V} \sim (k\xi)^{3/2}$  by CLT.



# Critical fluctuations

- Near CP there is *parametric* separation of relaxation time scales. The slowest and thus most out-of-equilibrium mode is  $s/n \equiv m$ .

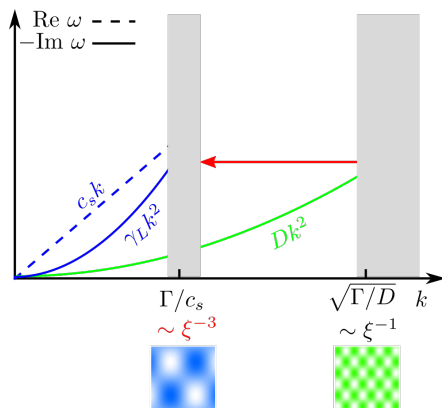
- Rate of  $m$  at scale  $k \sim \xi^{-1}$ ,

$$\Gamma \sim D\xi^{-2} \sim \xi^{-3},$$

is of order of that for sound at much smaller  $k \sim \xi^{-3}$ .

- The effect of  $\delta m$  fluctuations  $(k\xi)^{3/2} = \mathcal{O}(1)$ .

- Thus we need  $\langle \delta m \delta m \rangle$  as the independent variable(s) in hydro+ equations.



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- Hydro(+) describes relaxation to equlbrm, maximizing entropy.

To ensure the 2nd law of thermodynamics is obeyed we need to know the entropy:  $s_{(+)}(\varepsilon, n, \phi_Q)$ , i.e., “EOS+”.

Derivation: Given an ensemble of state probabilities  $p_i$

$$S = \sum_i p_i \log(1/p_i), \quad \dots$$

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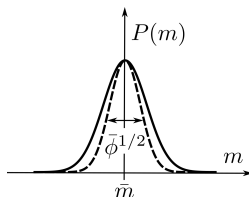
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Two competing effects: e.g., for  $\phi > \bar{\phi}$

Wider distribution – more microstates  
– more entropy:  $\log(\phi/\bar{\phi})^{1/2}$  ;

vs

Penalty for larger deviations from  
peak entropy (at  $\delta m = 0$ ):  $-(1/2)\phi/\bar{\phi}$ .



Maximum of  $s_{(+)}$  is achieved at  $\phi = \bar{\phi}$ .

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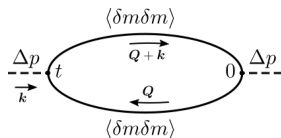
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- In equilibrium, Hydro+ = 1-loop.  
Similar to kinetic theory vs HTL.  
Separation of scales:  $Q \gg k \sim 1/L$ .





# Hydro+ vs Hydro: real-time bulk response

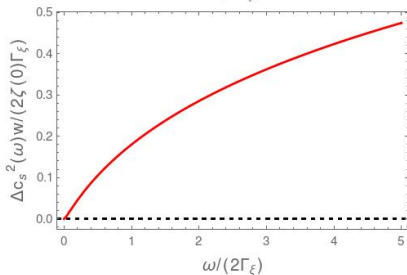
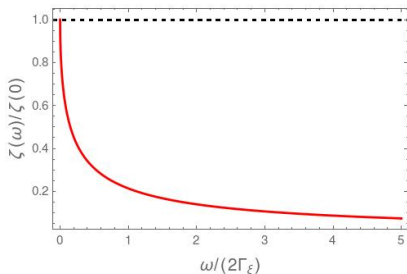
Characteristic Hydro/Hydro+ crossover rate  $\Gamma_\xi = D\xi^{-2} \sim \xi^{-3}$ .

Dissipation during expansion is overestimated in hydro (dashed):


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Stiffness of eos (sound speed) is underestimated in hydro (dashed):

Only modes with  $\omega \ll \Gamma_\xi$  are critically soft ( $c_s \rightarrow 0$  at CP).



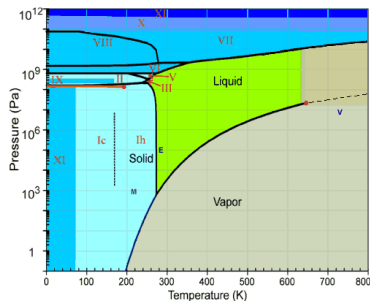
# Summary

- A fundamental question for Heavy-Ion collision experiments:  
Is there a critical point on the boundary between QGP and hadron gas phases – the endpoint of a first-order transition?
- Intriguing results from experiments (BES-I).  
More to come (BES-II, FAIR/CBM, NICA, J-PARC).  
*Quantitative* theoretical framework is needed  $\Rightarrow$   .
- In H.I.C., the magnitude of the fluctuation signatures of CP is controlled by dynamical *non-equilibrium effects*.  
In turn, critical fluctuations affect hydrodynamics.  
The interplay of critical and dynamical phenomena: Hydro+.

More

Substance <sup>[13][14]</sup> †	Critical temperature †	Critical pressure (absolute) †
Argon	−122.4 °C (150.8 K)	48.1 atm (4,870 kPa)
Ammonia <sup>[15]</sup>	132.4 °C (405.5 K)	111.3 atm (11,280 kPa)
Bromine	310.8 °C (584.0 K)	102 atm (10,300 kPa)
Caesium	1,664.85 °C (1,938.00 K)	94 atm (9,500 kPa)
Chlorine	143.8 °C (416.9 K)	76.0 atm (7,700 kPa)
Ethanol	241 °C (514 K)	62.18 atm (6,300 kPa)
Fluorine	−128.85 °C (144.30 K)	51.5 atm (5,220 kPa)
Helium	−267.96 °C (5.19 K)	2.24 atm (227 kPa)
Hydrogen	−239.95 °C (33.20 K)	12.8 atm (1,300 kPa)
Krypton	−63.8 °C (209.3 K)	54.3 atm (5,500 kPa)
CH <sub>4</sub> (methane)	−82.3 °C (190.8 K)	45.79 atm (4,640 kPa)
Neon	−228.75 °C (44.40 K)	27.2 atm (2,760 kPa)
Nitrogen	−146.9 °C (126.2 K)	33.5 atm (3,390 kPa)
Oxygen	−118.6 °C (154.6 K)	49.8 atm (5,050 kPa)
CO <sub>2</sub>	31.04 °C (304.19 K)	72.8 atm (7,380 kPa)
N <sub>2</sub> O	36.4 °C (309.5 K)	71.5 atm (7,240 kPa)
H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	654 °C (927 K)	45.4 atm (4,600 kPa)
Xenon	16.6 °C (289.8 K)	57.6 atm (5,840 kPa)
Lithium	2,950 °C (3,220 K)	652 atm (66,100 kPa)
Mercury	1,476.9 °C (1,750.1 K)	1,720 atm (174,000 kPa)
Sulfur	1,040.85 °C (1,314.00 K)	207 atm (21,000 kPa)
Iron	8,227 °C (8,500 K)	5,000 atm (510,000 kPa)
Gold	6,977 °C (7,250 K)	5,000 atm (510,000 kPa)
Water <sup>[2][16]</sup>	373.946 °C (647.096 K)	217.7 atm (22.06 MPa)

Critical point is  
a ubiquitous phenomenon



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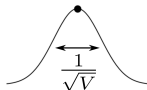
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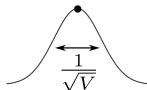
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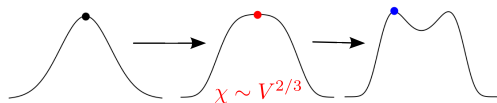
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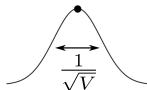


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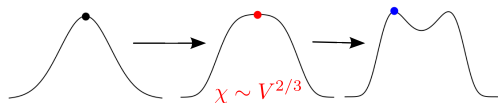
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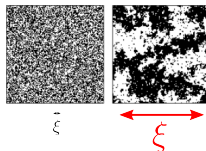
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# Higher order cumulants

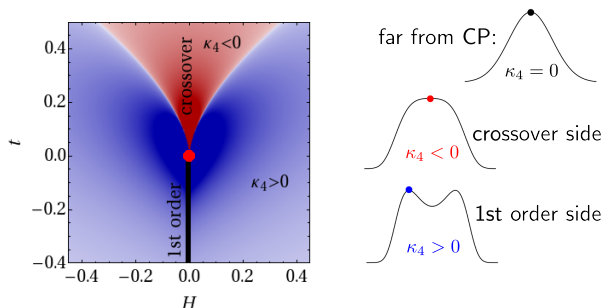
- $n > 2$  cumulants (shape of  $P(\sigma)$ ) depend stronger on  $\xi$ .

E.g.,  $\langle \sigma^2 \rangle \sim \xi^2$  while  $\kappa_4 = \langle \sigma^4 \rangle_c \sim \xi^7$  [PRL102(2009)032301]

- For  $n > 2$ , **sign** depends on which **side** of the CP we are.

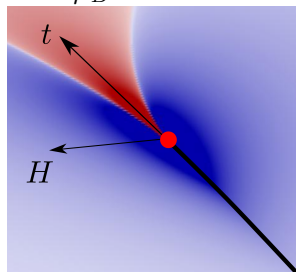
This dependence is also universal. [PRL107(2011)052301]

- Using Ising model variables:



# Mapping Ising to QCD phase diagram

$T$  vs  $\mu_B$ :



● In QCD  $(t, H) \rightarrow (\mu - \mu_{\text{CP}}, T - T_{\text{CP}})$

●  $\kappa_n(N) = N + \mathcal{O}(\kappa_n(\sigma))$

# Critical fluctuations and experimental observables

Observed fluctuations are related to fluctuations of  $\sigma$ .

[MS-Rajagopal-Shuryak PRD60(1999)114028; MS PRL102(2009)032301]

Think of a collective mode described by field  $\sigma$  such that  $m = m(\sigma)$ :

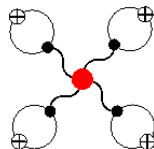
$$\delta n_{\mathbf{p}} = \delta n_{\mathbf{p}}^{\text{free}} + \frac{\partial \langle n_{\mathbf{p}} \rangle}{\partial \sigma} \times \delta \sigma$$

The cumulants of multiplicity  $M \equiv \int_{\mathbf{p}} n_{\mathbf{p}}$ :

$$\kappa_4[M] = \underbrace{\langle M \rangle}_{\text{baseline}} + \underbrace{\kappa_4[\sigma] \times g^4 \left( \underbrace{\text{diagram}}_{\sim M^4} \right)^4}_{\text{this is } \hat{\kappa}_4 \text{ (a.k.a. } C_4^{\text{Bzdak-Koch})}} + \dots,$$

$$\text{diagram} = \int_{\mathbf{p}} \frac{n_{\mathbf{p}}}{\gamma_{\mathbf{p}}}$$

← acceptance dependent



# Why $\xi$ is finite

System expands and is *out of equilibrium*

Kibble-Zurek mechanism:

Critical slowing down means  $\tau_{\text{relax}} \sim \xi^z$ .

Given  $\tau_{\text{relax}} \lesssim \tau$  (expansion time scale):

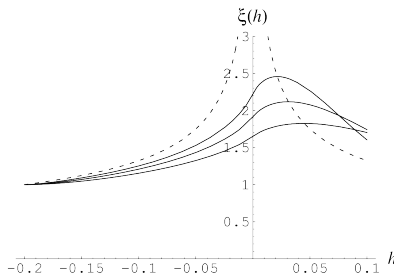
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# Critical slowing down and $\xi$

Estimates:  $\xi \sim 2 - 3$  fm  
(Berdnikov-Rajagopal)

KZ scaling for  $\xi(t)$   
and cumulants  
(Mukherjee-Venugopalan-Yin)



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Equilibrium entropy is the maximum of  $s_{(+)}$ :

$$s(\varepsilon, n) = \max_{\phi} s_{(+)}(\varepsilon, n, \phi)$$

- The 6th equation (constrained by 2nd law):

$$(u \cdot \partial)\phi = -\gamma_{\pi}\pi - A_{\phi}(\partial \cdot u), \quad \text{where } \pi = -\frac{\partial s_{(+)}}{\partial \phi}$$

$\phi$  relaxes to equilibrium ( $\pi = 0$ ) at a rate  $1/\tau_{\phi} \equiv \Gamma = \gamma_{\pi}(\partial\pi/\partial\phi)$ .

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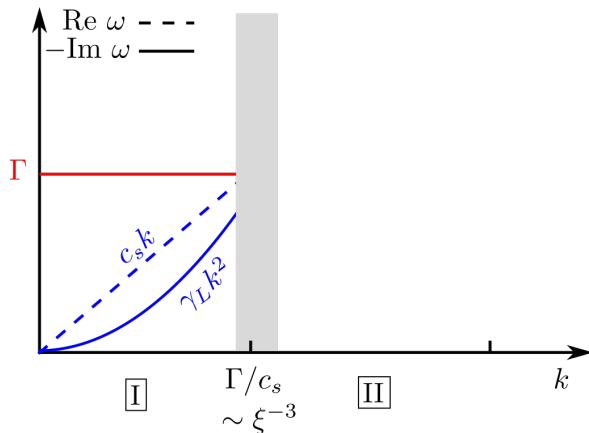
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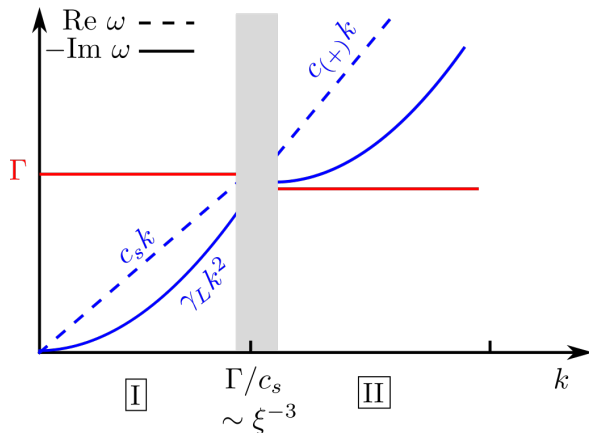
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$$S = \sum_i p_i \log \frac{1}{p_i}$$

● Microcanonical:  $e^{S_0}$  states in interval  $\Delta\Psi$  –  $p_i = e^{-S_0}$ .

$$S = S_0(\Psi). \quad \Psi = (\varepsilon, n, \dots)$$

● Canonical:  $p_i = e^{J\Psi - W[J]}$ .

$$S = W[J] - J\langle\Psi\rangle. \text{ “1-PI.” } \quad J = (\beta, \beta\mu, \dots).$$

● Partial equilibrium:  $p_i = e^{J\Psi + \frac{1}{2}\Psi K\Psi - W[J, K]}$ .

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# Hydro+ vs one slow mode vs just hydro

