

Non-Gaussian Correlations in Hydrodynamics with *Velocity* Fluctuations

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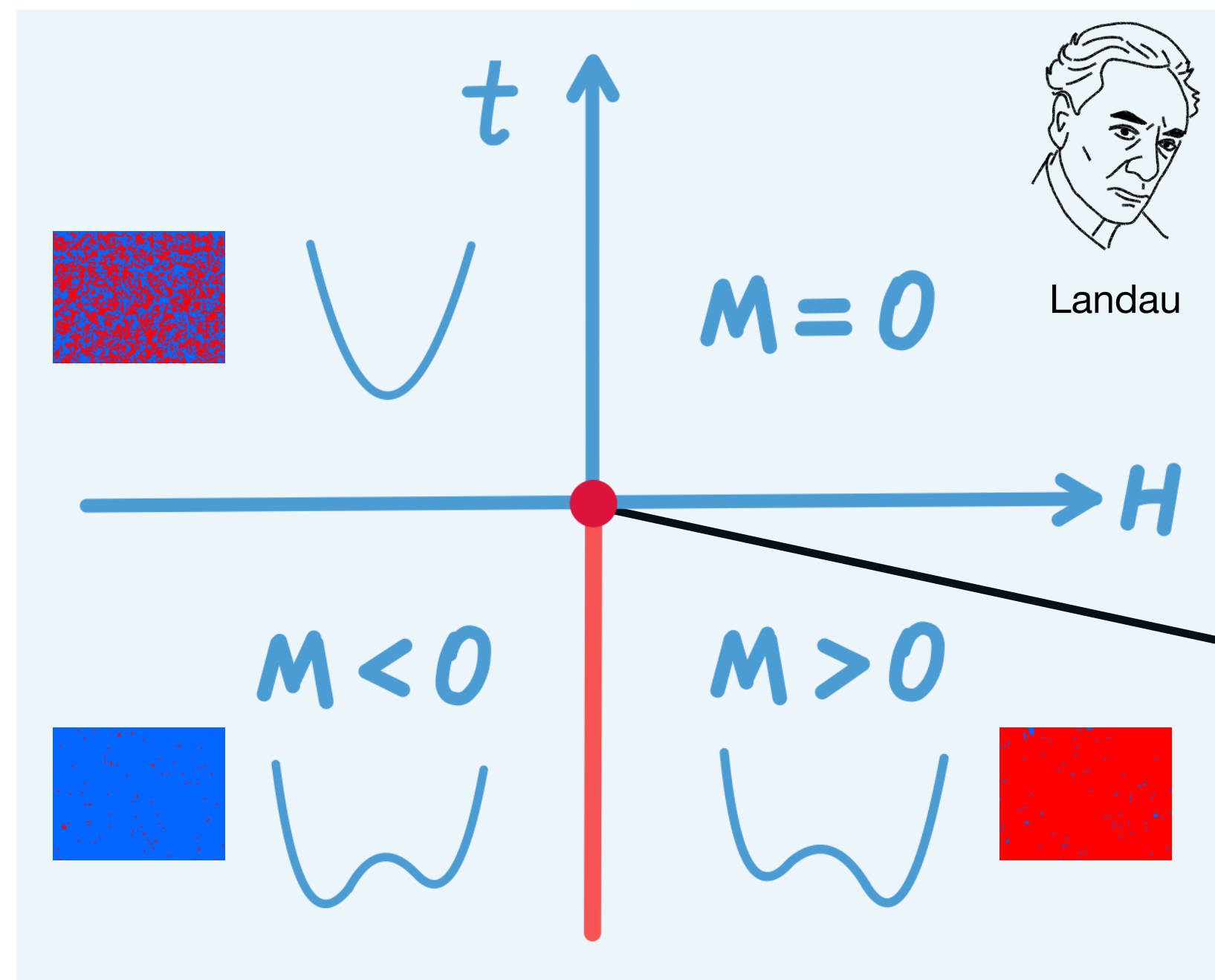
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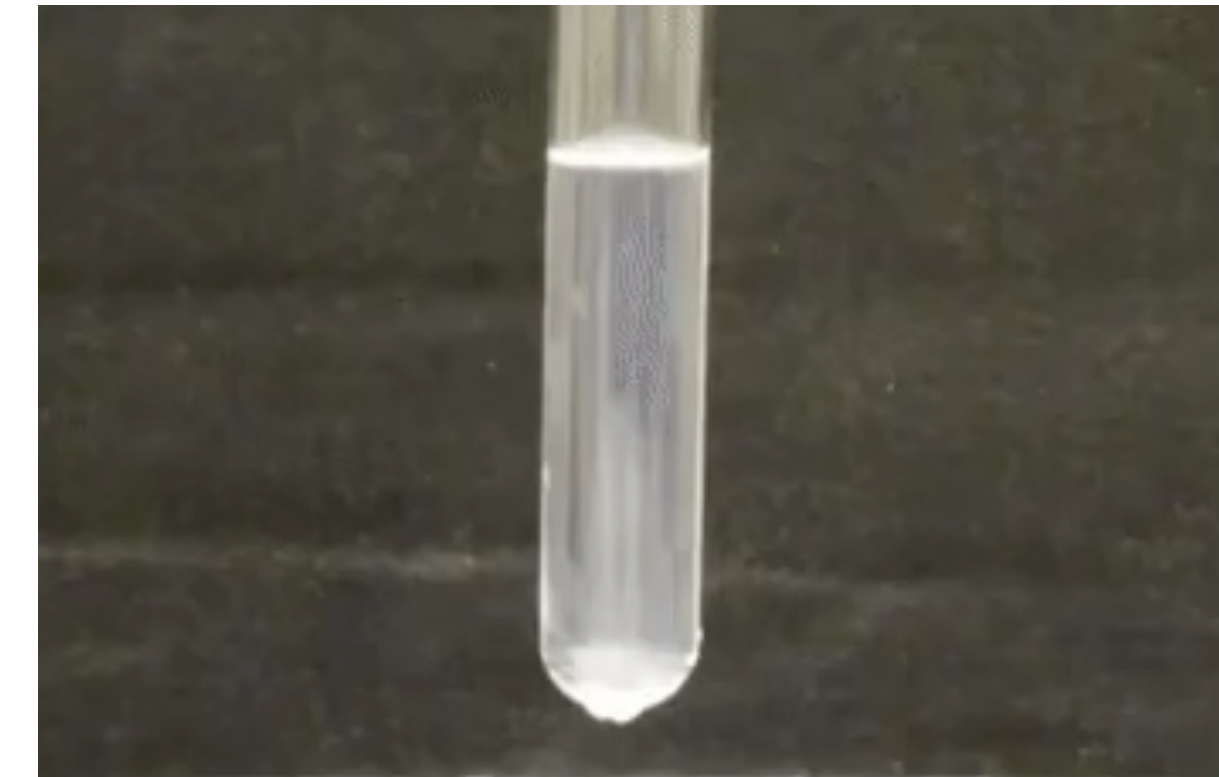
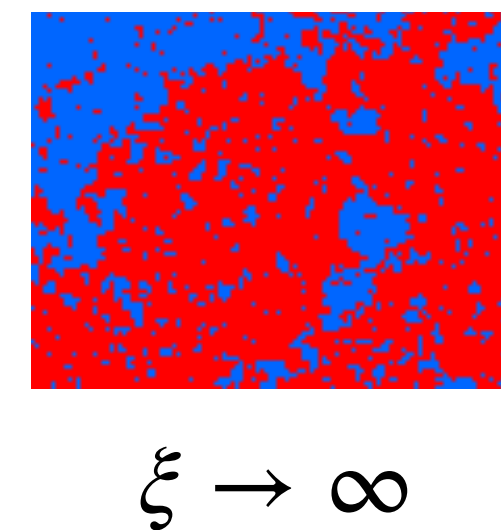
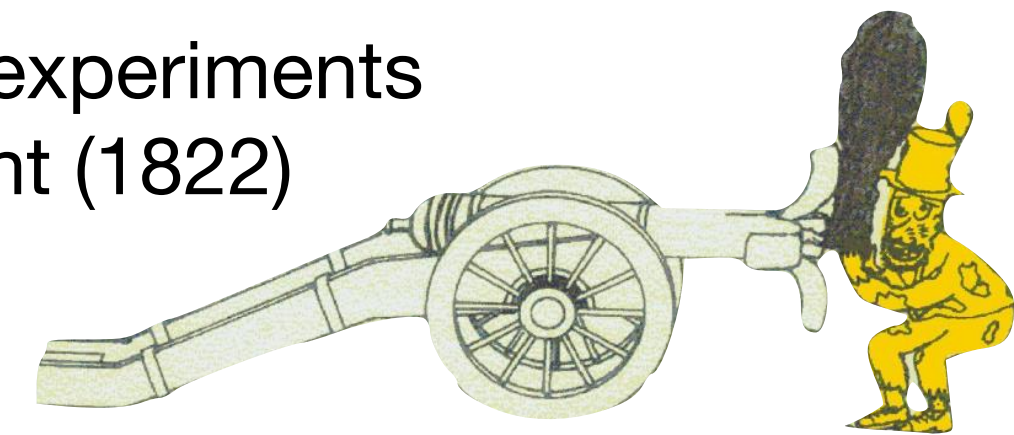


Thermodynamic fluctuations

- Fluctuations are important measures of criticality, due to the reduction of the number of effective DOFs near the critical point.



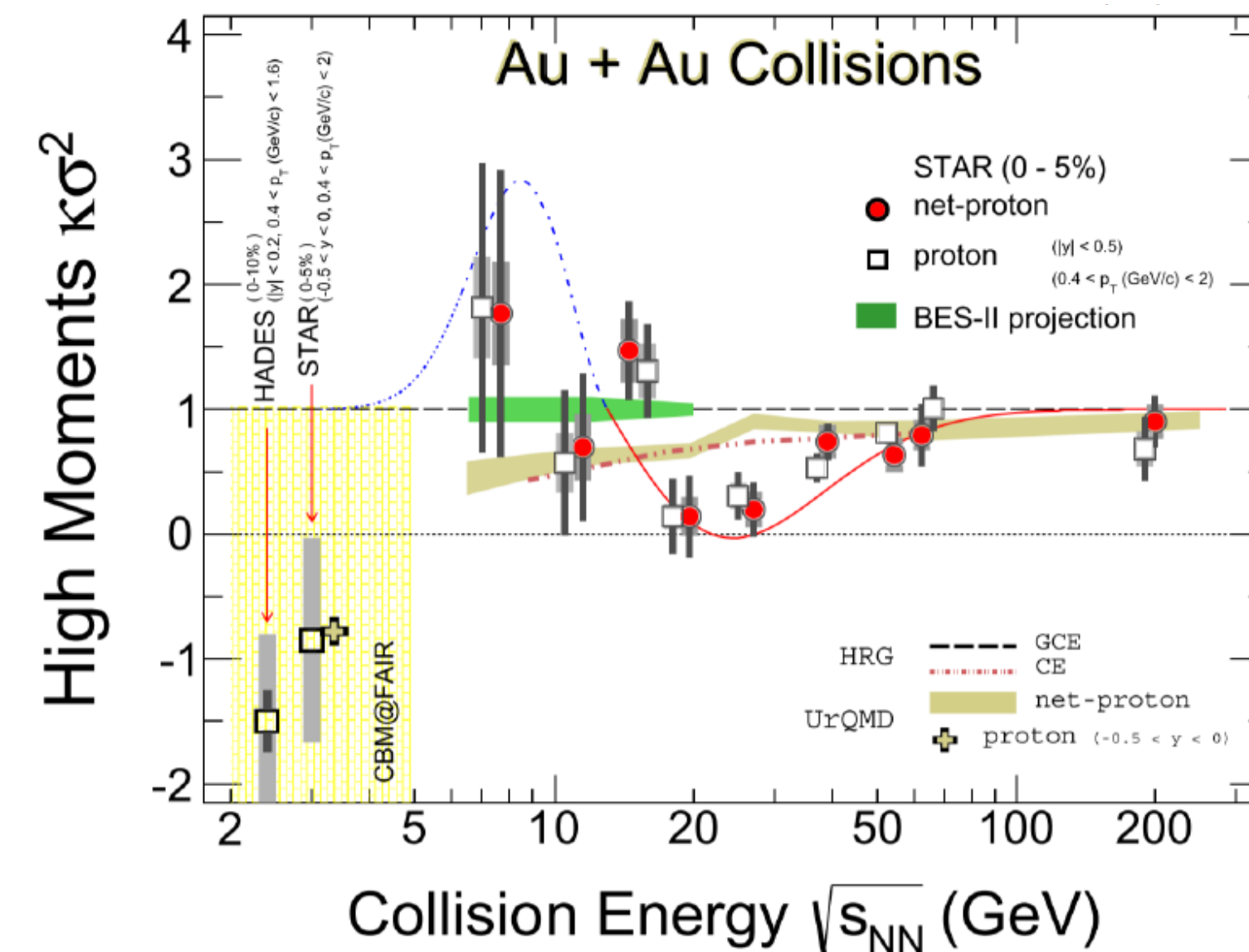
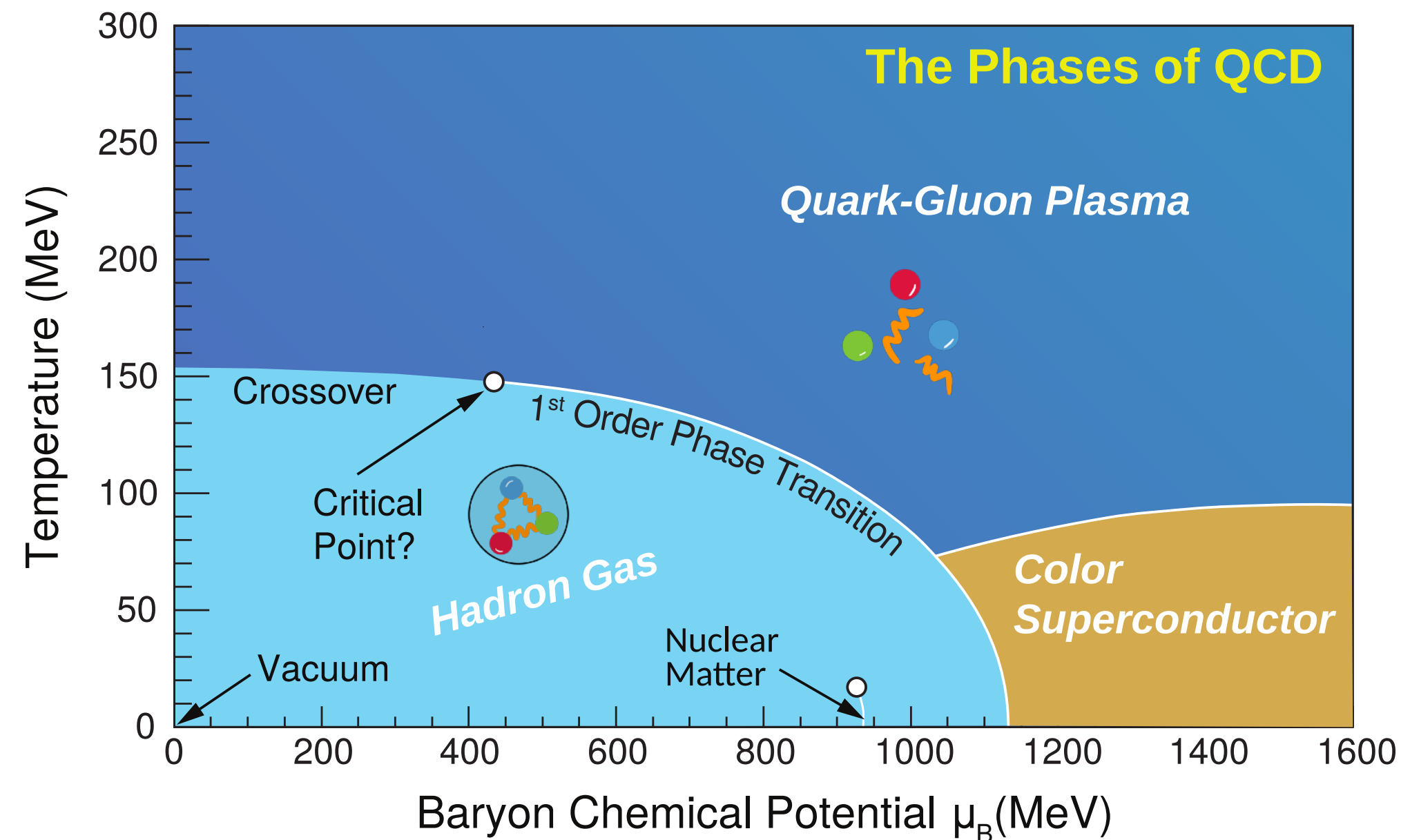
Charles Cagniard's gun barrel experiments for the discovery of critical point (1822)



Critical opalescence: $\xi \leftrightarrow \lambda_{\text{light}}$

Thermodynamic fluctuations and QCD critical point

- The intriguing hint of the QCD critical point from BES-I data relies on the assumption of **equilibrated** and **static** medium. [Stephanov, 1104.1627](#); [STAR, 2112.00240](#)

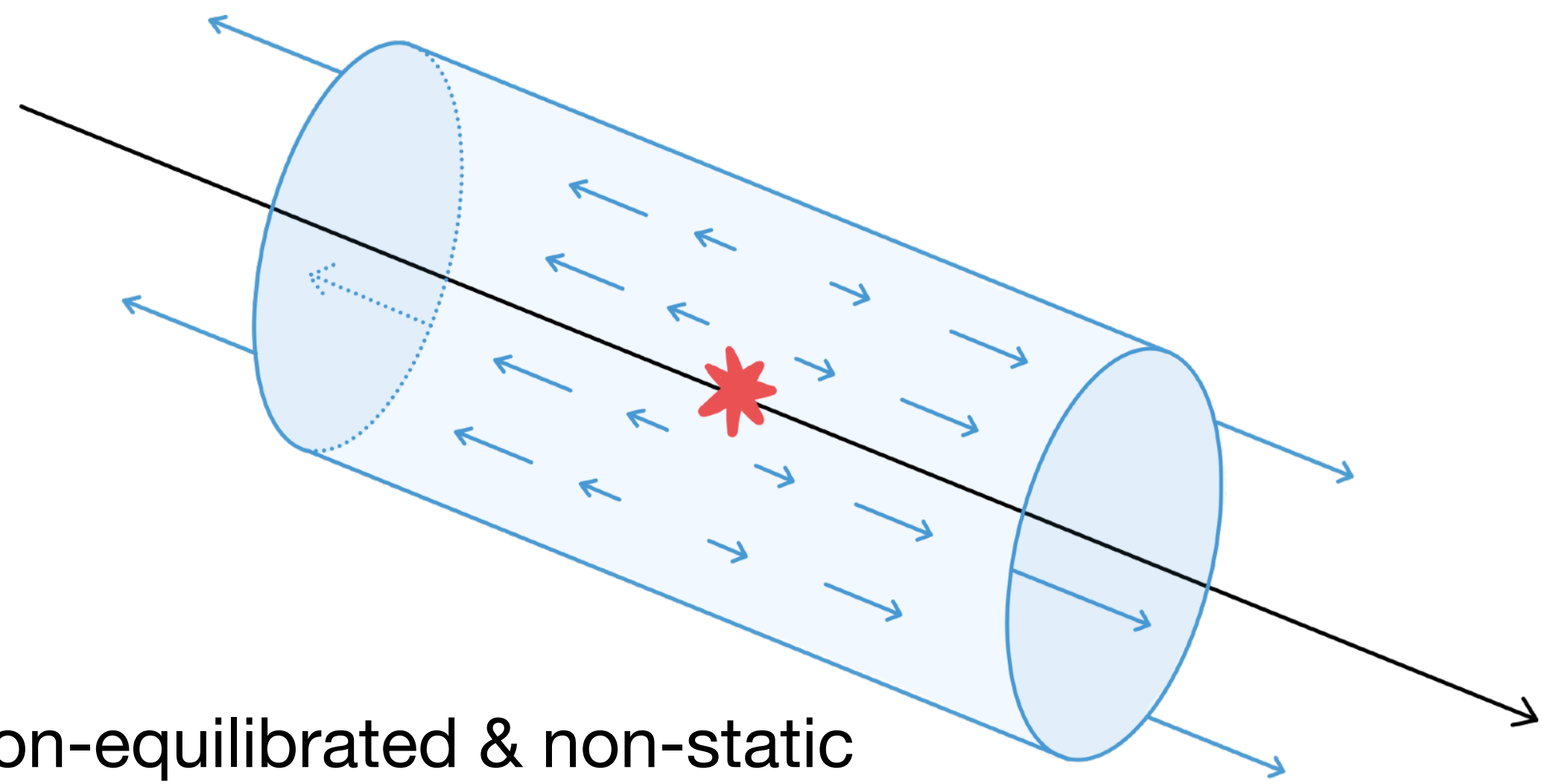


static universality class of 3D Ising model, see also M. Pradeep's talk

- Recent progress: **non-equilibrium** thermodynamic fluctuations, in particular, non-Gaussian density fluctuations dynamics with **non-fluctuating moving** background near the critical point. [E.g., XA et al, 2212.14029](#) and many others

Velocity and its fluctuations in heavy-ion collisions

- QGP matter produced in HIC exhibits event-by-event collective motion.



non-equilibrated & non-static

Velocity fluctuations are essential in measuring flow harmonics v_n and quantifying non-flow contribution.

[XA et al, 2312.17237](#)

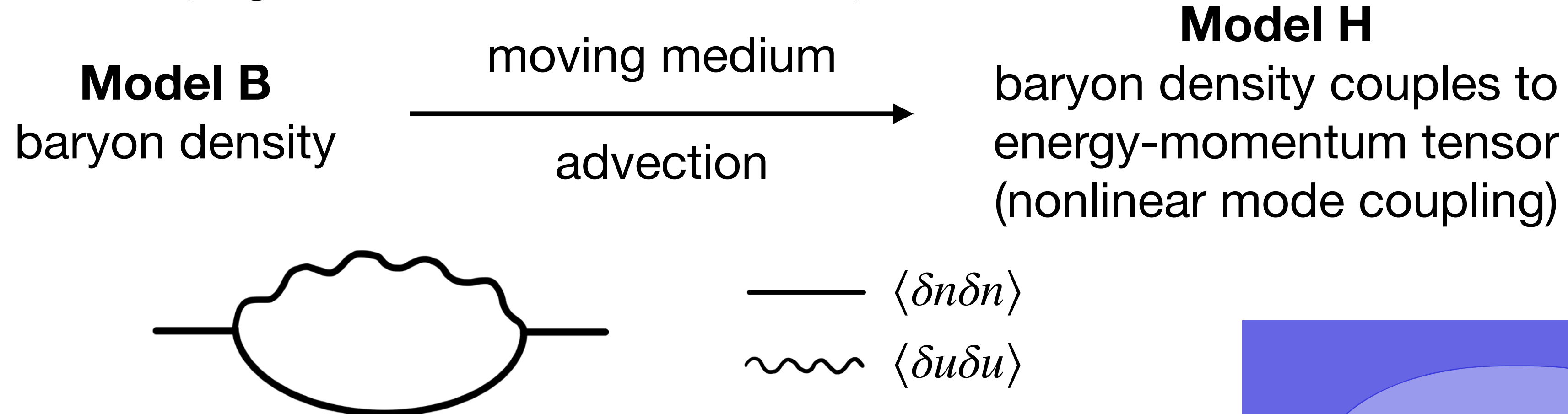
Lagrangian specification of the flow:
observer (Ponyo) in the LRF of a fluid cell (fish)



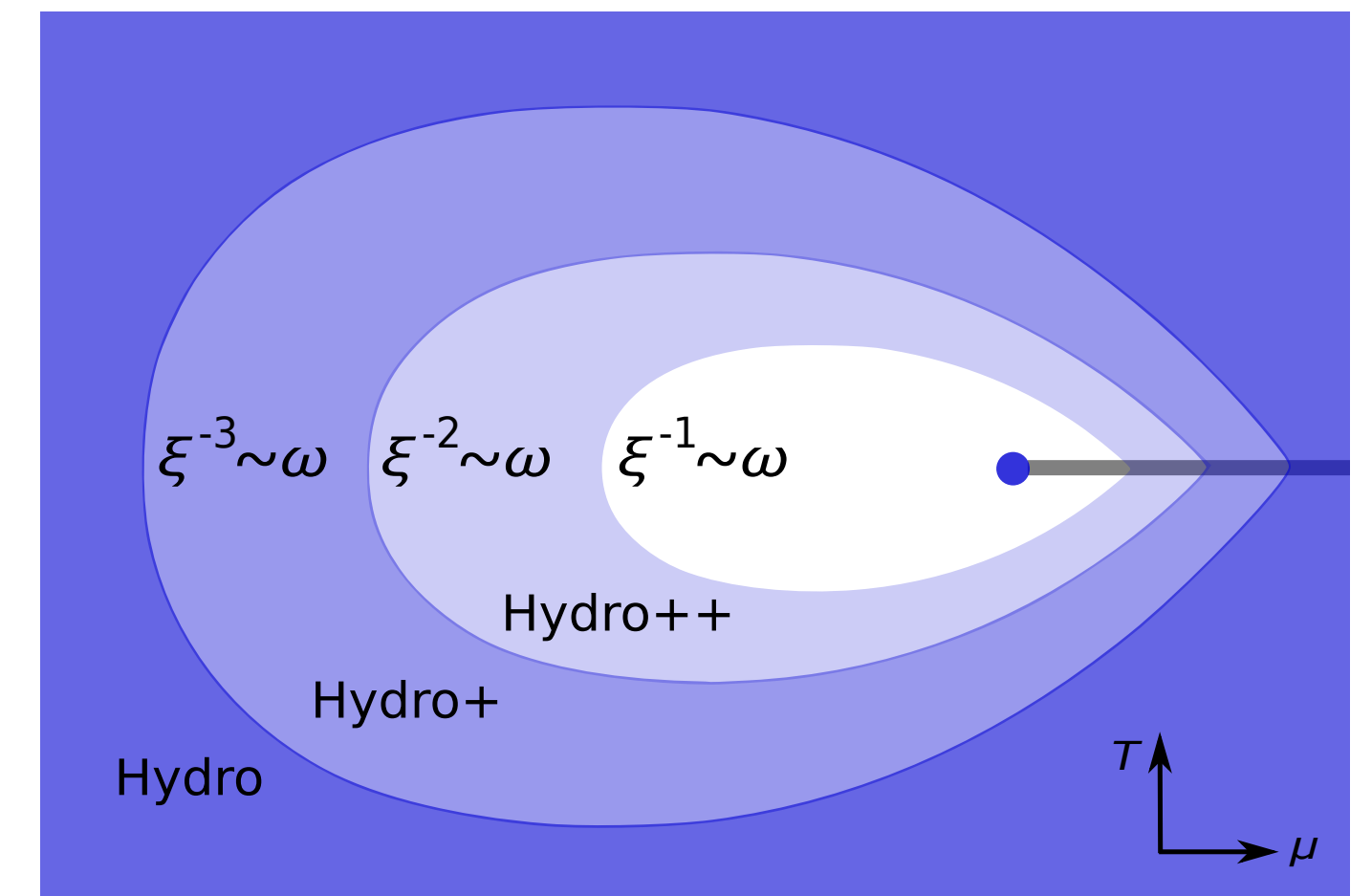
Ponyo (2008)

Velocity fluctuations and QCD critical point

- The dynamic universality class of a critical point depends on the **relevant hydro DOFs**. Critical points in the same static universality class (e.g., 3D Ising) could differ in dynamic universality class by the **involvement of velocity fluctuations** (e.g., Model B vs Model H).



- Velocity fluctuations matter near the critical point due to time scale hierarchy (Hydro++, Model H), and are equally important as other thermodynamic fluctuations far from it (hydro-kinetic theory).



Velocity fluctuations in Brownian motion

- Einstein's formula for diffusion coefficient in $\partial_t \rho = D \nabla^2 \rho$: [Einstein, 1905](#)

$$D = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2t} \langle \Delta x^2(t) \rangle = \int_0^\infty d\tau \langle v(\tau)v(0) \rangle \quad \text{Kubo formula}$$

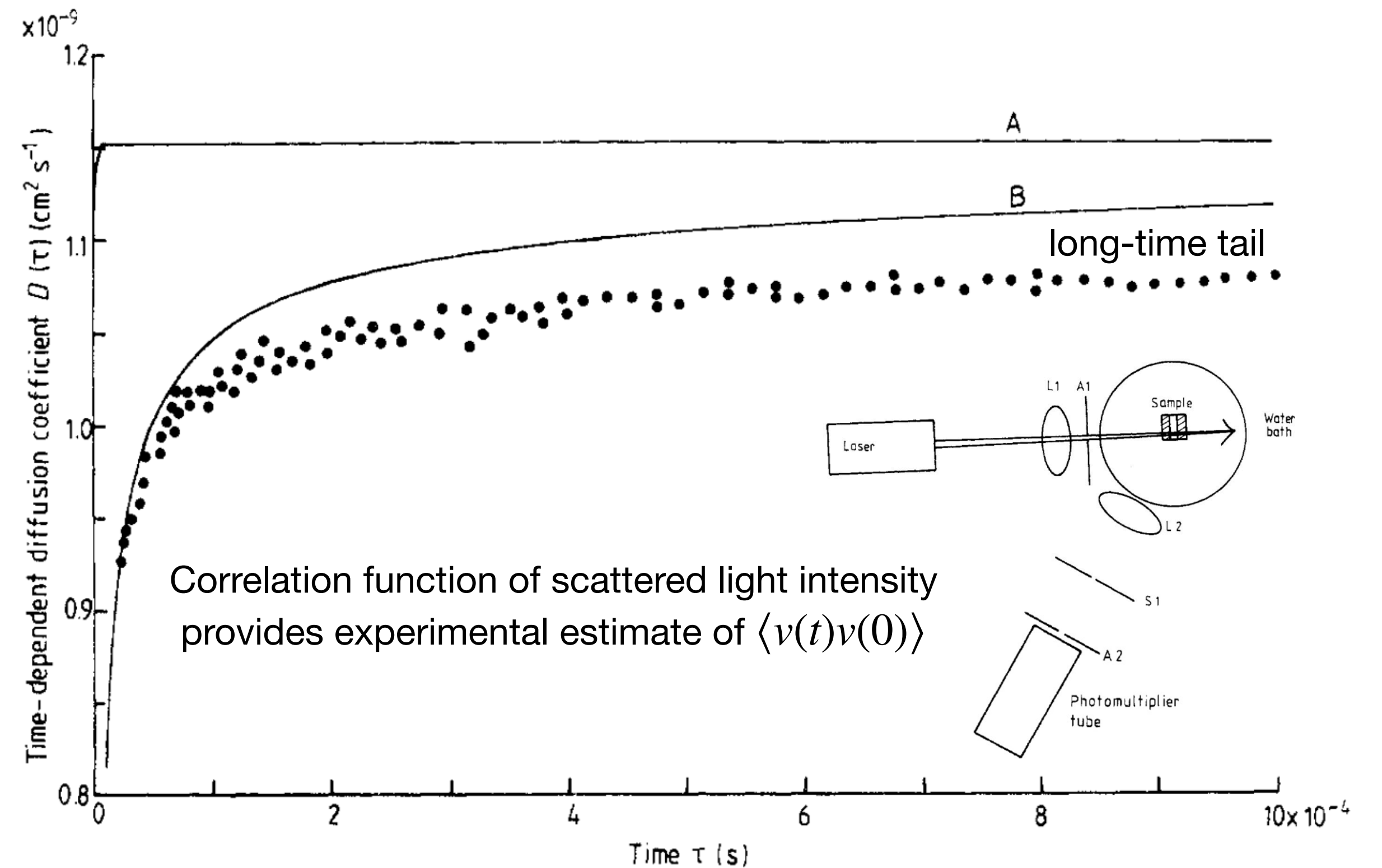
- Measurable long-time behavior:

$$\langle v(t)v(0) \rangle \sim e^{-\mu t} \rightarrow D \sim \mu^{-1}$$

with only dissipation

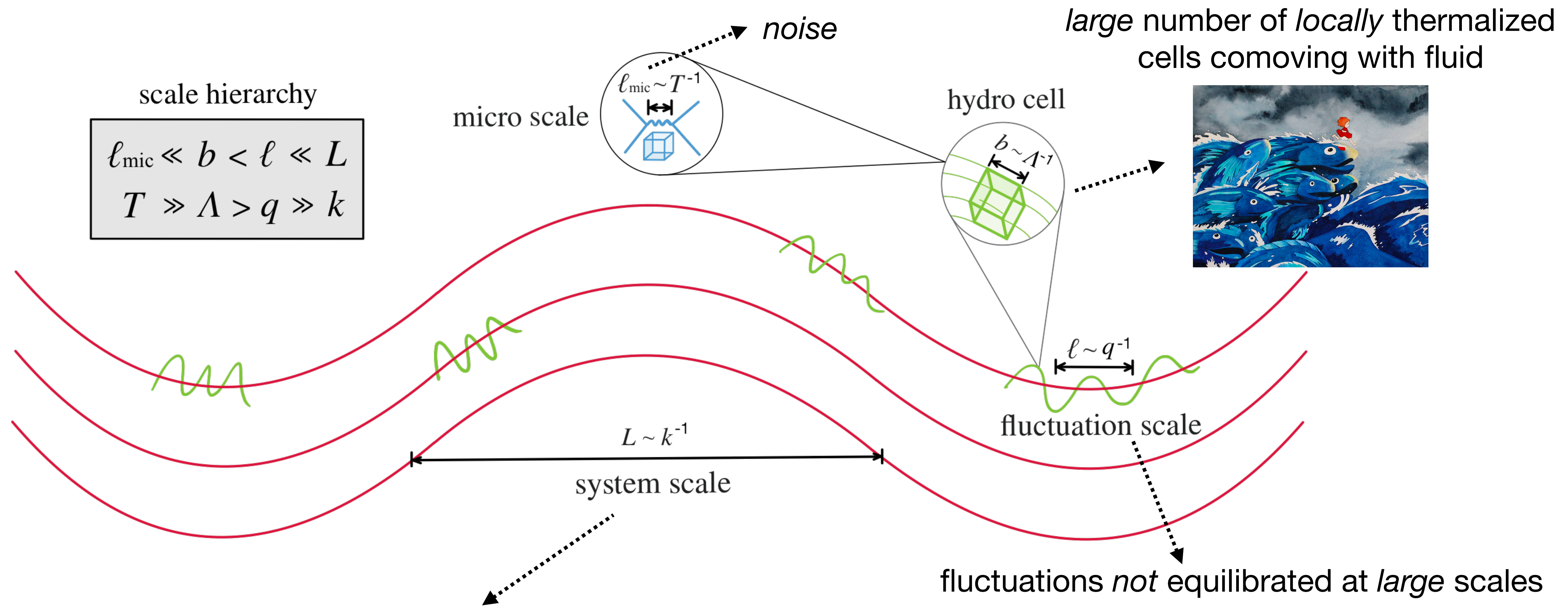
$$\langle v(t)v(0) \rangle \sim t^{-3/2} \rightarrow D \sim t^{-1/2}$$

with also fluctuation



Hydrodynamic scales

- The scale hierarchy ensures: 1) local thermalization; 2) small Knudsen number; 3) separation of fluctuations and background.



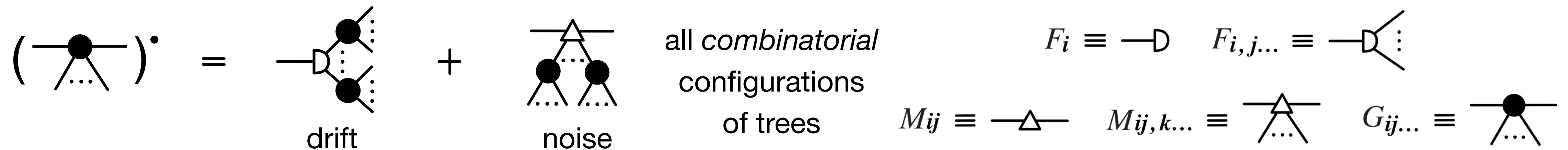
evolution described by a set of conservation equations $\partial_t \psi = \nabla \cdot (\text{flux} [\psi])$ where $\psi =$ conserved quantities

Correlator evolution equations

- The deterministic approach provides the truncated evolution equations for the fluctuation correlators. [XA et al, 2009.10742, 2212.14029](#)

$$\partial_t G_n = \mathcal{F} [\langle \psi \rangle, G_2, G_3, \dots, G_n] + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^n) \quad \text{where} \quad G_n \sim \varepsilon^{n-1}, \quad F_i \sim 1, \quad M_{ij} \sim \varepsilon.$$

loop-expansion parameters: $\varepsilon \sim (\xi/\ell)^3 \sim 1/\text{number of correlated volumes}$ $\phi \sim \sqrt{\varepsilon}$ CLT!



see T. Schaefer's talk for alternative, stochastic approach using Model H

Relativistic dynamics

- **1-pt:** covariant Langevin equations

$$\check{u} \cdot \partial \check{\psi}_i = F_i(\check{\psi}) + \xi_i(\check{\psi})$$

e.g., for velocity field $\psi = u_\mu$,

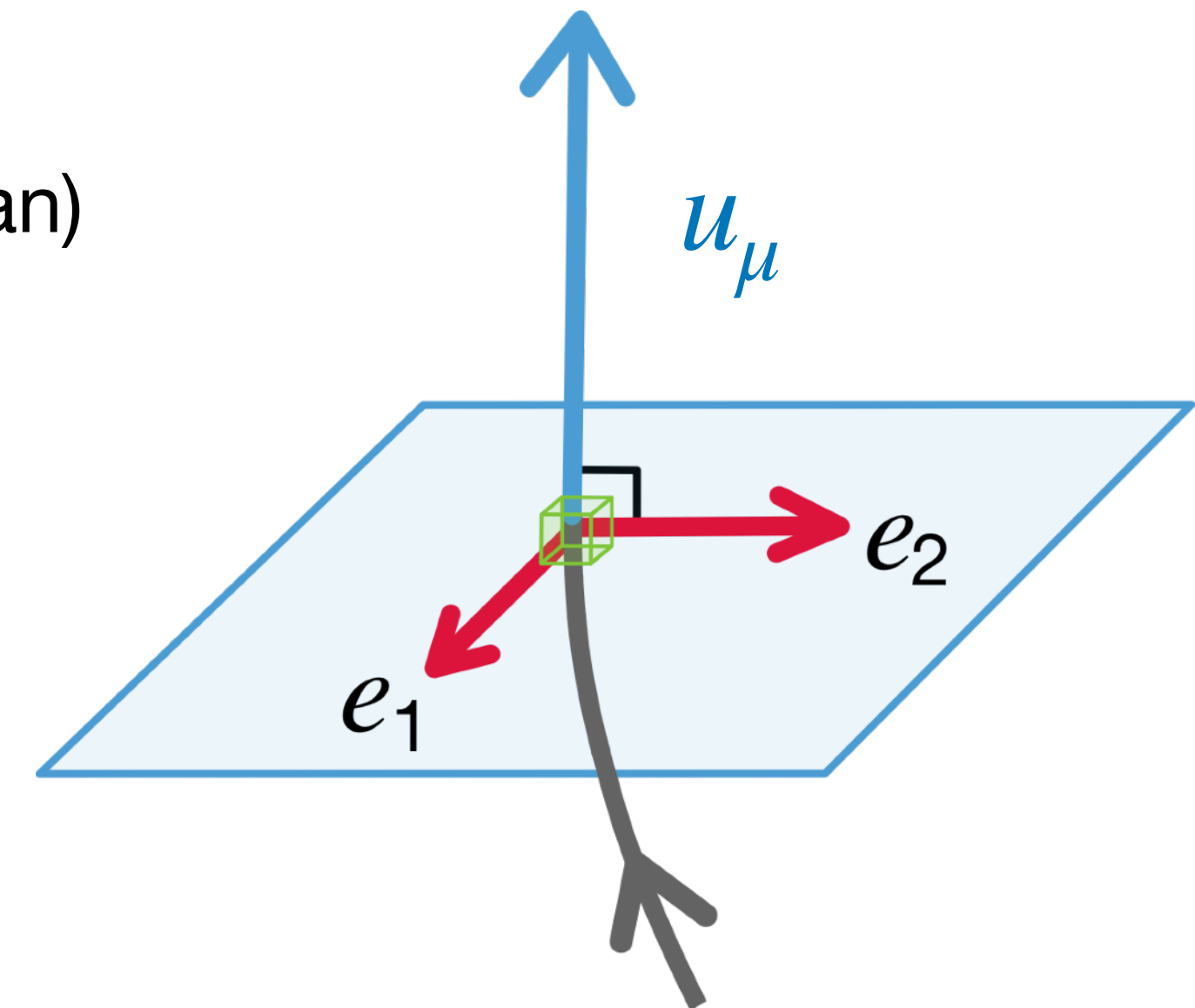
$$F_\mu = -\frac{1}{w} \Delta_\mu^\lambda \left(\partial_\lambda p + \partial^\alpha (2\eta \Delta_{\lambda\alpha\nu\beta} + \zeta \Delta_{\lambda\alpha} \Delta_{\nu\beta}) \partial^\beta u^\nu \right) \quad \xi_\mu = -\frac{1}{w} \Delta_\mu^\lambda \partial^\nu H_{\lambda\nu}^{ab} \eta_{ab}$$

where $H_{ab}^{\mu\nu} = \sqrt{\frac{T\eta}{2}} \left(e_a^\mu e_b^\nu + e_b^\mu e_a^\nu - \frac{2}{3} \Delta^{\mu\nu} \delta_{ab} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{T\zeta}{3}} \Delta^{\mu\nu} \delta_{ab}$ (FDT)

$$\langle \eta_{ab}(x_1) \eta_{cd}(x_2) \rangle = (\delta_{ac} \delta_{bd} + \delta_{ad} \delta_{bc}) \delta^{(4)}(x_1 - x_2) \quad (\text{Gaussian})$$

where we introduced *spatial triad* e_μ^a ($a = 1,2,3$) perp. to temporal vector u_μ .

- **n-pt:** separation of the evolution at midpoint and the relative motion to it in the *equal-time* hypersurface.

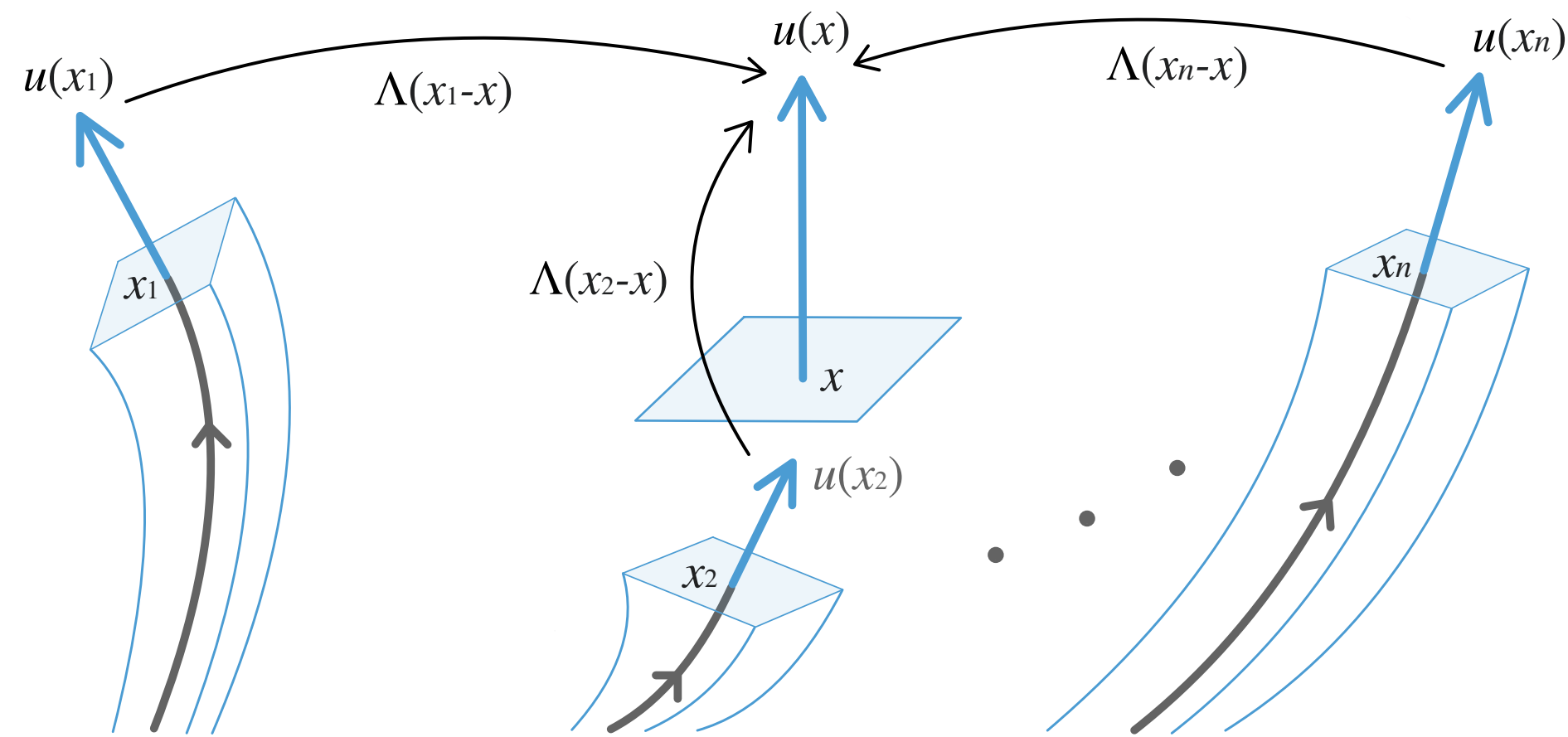


Confluent formulation: correlator and derivative

- Confluent formulation: covariant description for the comoving fluctuations.

See XA et al, 2212.14029 for more details

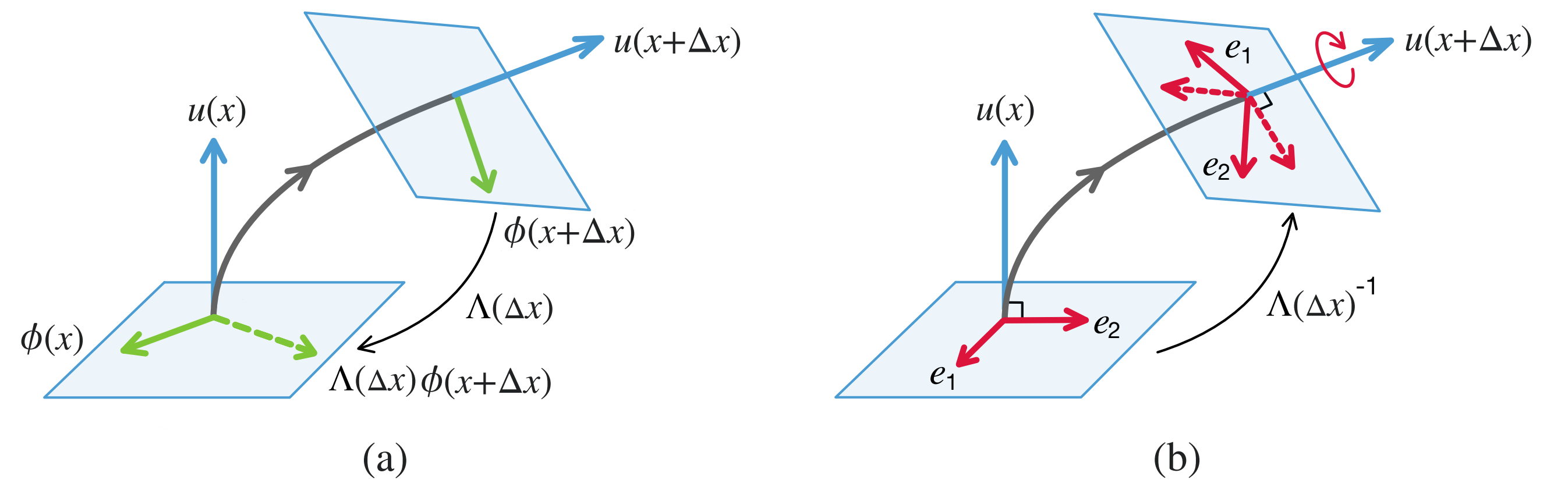
Confluent correlator \bar{G}



$$\bar{G}_{i_1 \dots i_n} = \Lambda_{i_1}^{j_1}(x - x_1) \dots \Lambda_{i_n}^{j_n}(x - x_n) \bar{G}_{j_1 \dots j_n}$$

boost all fields (measured at their own local rest frame) to one common frame (chosen at their midpoint)

Confluent derivative $\bar{\nabla}$



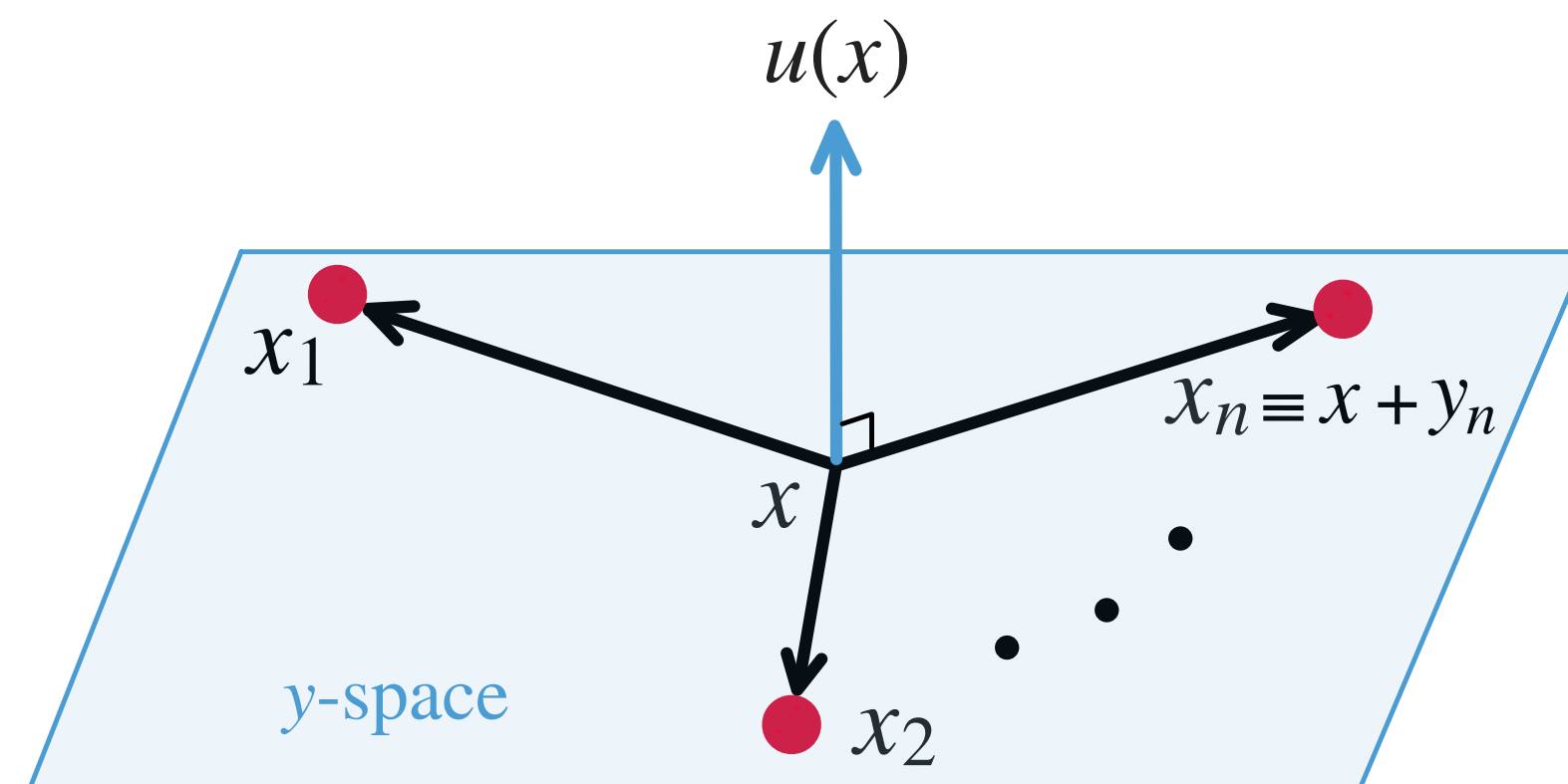
$$\bar{\nabla}_\mu \bar{G}_{i_1 \dots i_n} = \partial_\mu \bar{G}_{i_1 \dots i_n} - n \left(\bar{\omega}_{\mu i_1}^{j_1} \bar{G}_{j_1 \dots i_n} + \bar{\omega}_{\mu b}^a y_1^b \partial_a^{(y_1)} \bar{G}_{i_1 \dots i_n} \right)_{\text{perm.}}$$

compare the difference of a given field along the time direction in one frame, with the equal-time constraint preserved

Confluent formulation: Wigner function

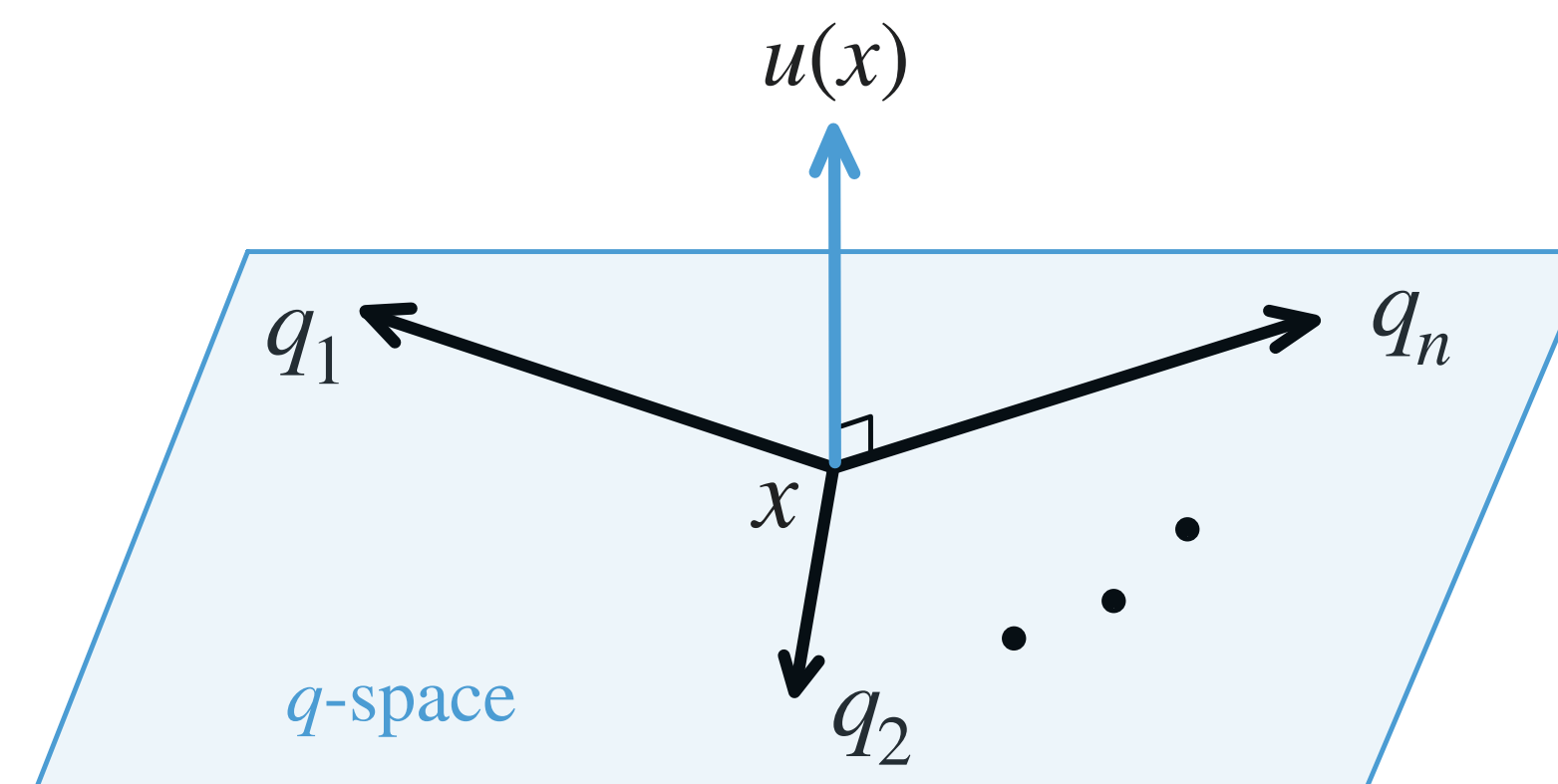
- Equal-time **constraint** $u \cdot y = 0$ allows us to write $y^\mu = y^a e_a^\mu$. Thus we only need confluent n -pt Wigner transform between y^a and q^a . [XA et al, 2212.14029](#)

$$W_n(x; q_1^a, \dots, q_n^a) = \int \prod_{i=1}^n (d^3 y_i^a e^{-i q_{ia} y_i^a}) \delta^{(3)} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^a \right) \bar{G}_n(x + e_a y_1^a, \dots, x + e_a y_n^a)$$



$$u(x) \cdot y_i = 0 \quad \& \quad y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_n = 0$$

(a)



$$u(x) \cdot q_i = 0 \quad \& \quad q_1 + q_2 + \dots + q_n = 0$$

(b)

“While the bottom-up approach is useful in order to calculate two-point correlation functions, it is not immediately obvious how it should be generalized for the calculation of n -point correlation functions.” [Romatschke, 2019](#)

Stochastic variables with constraint

- Velocity is not a suitable primary variable due to the **constraint** $u^2 = -1$, i.e.,

$$\langle \check{u}_\mu \rangle \neq u_\mu.$$

Thus we introduce a fluctuating 3-vector \check{u}_a represented in the non-fluctuating coordinates (e_μ^a, u_μ) such that

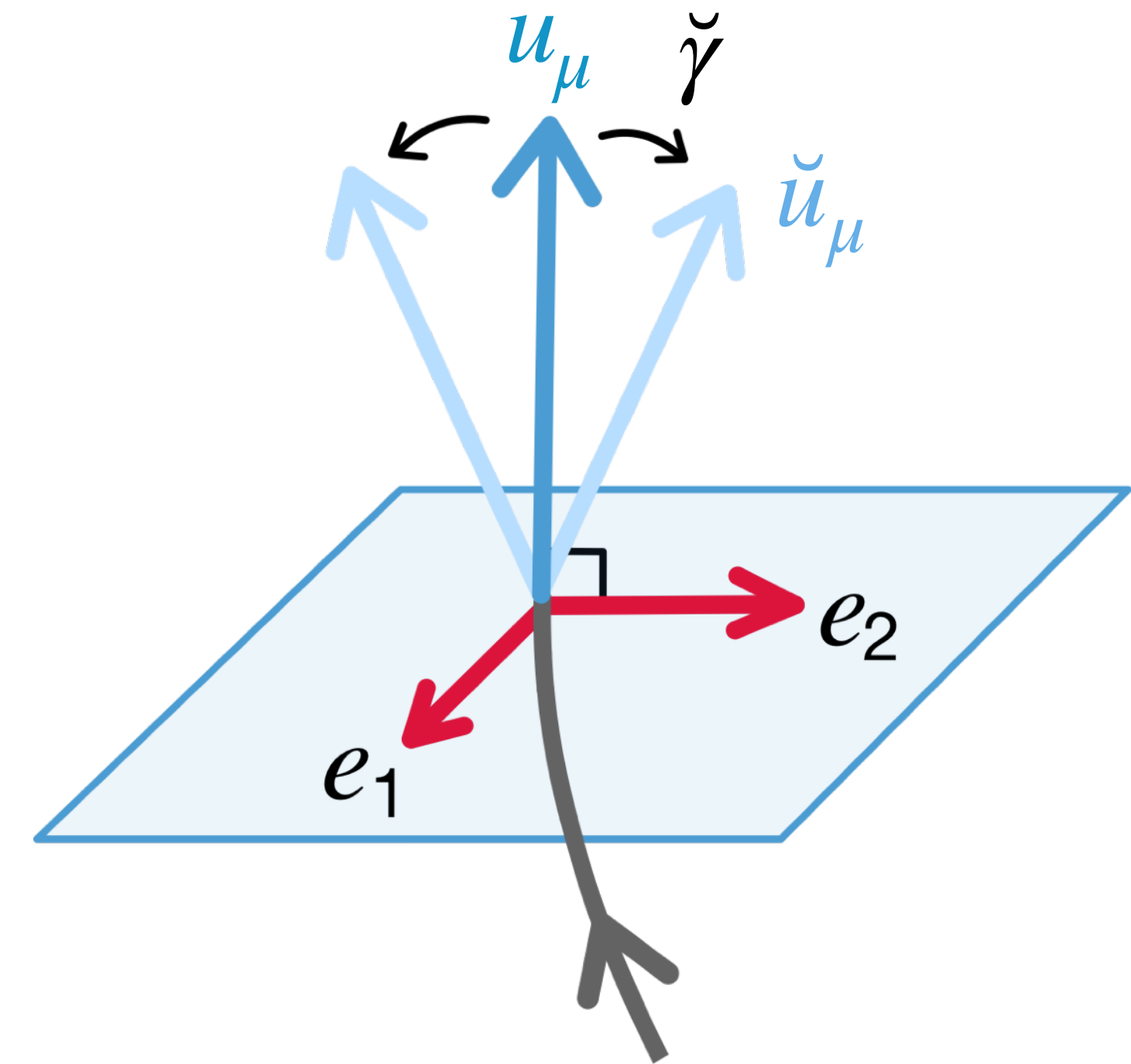
$$\langle \check{u}_a \rangle = u_a.$$

$$\check{u}_\mu = \check{u}_a e_\mu^a + \check{\gamma} u_\mu$$

$$\check{\gamma} \equiv \gamma(\check{u}_a) = (1 + \check{u}_a^2)^{1/2}$$

non-negligible
non-linearity for
non-Gaussian dynamics.

velocity fluctuation \check{u}_μ is measured in terms of its independent spatial components \check{u}_a in the LRF of u_μ , which is a comoving “LF” of \check{u}_μ , instead of an arbitrary *fixed* LF.



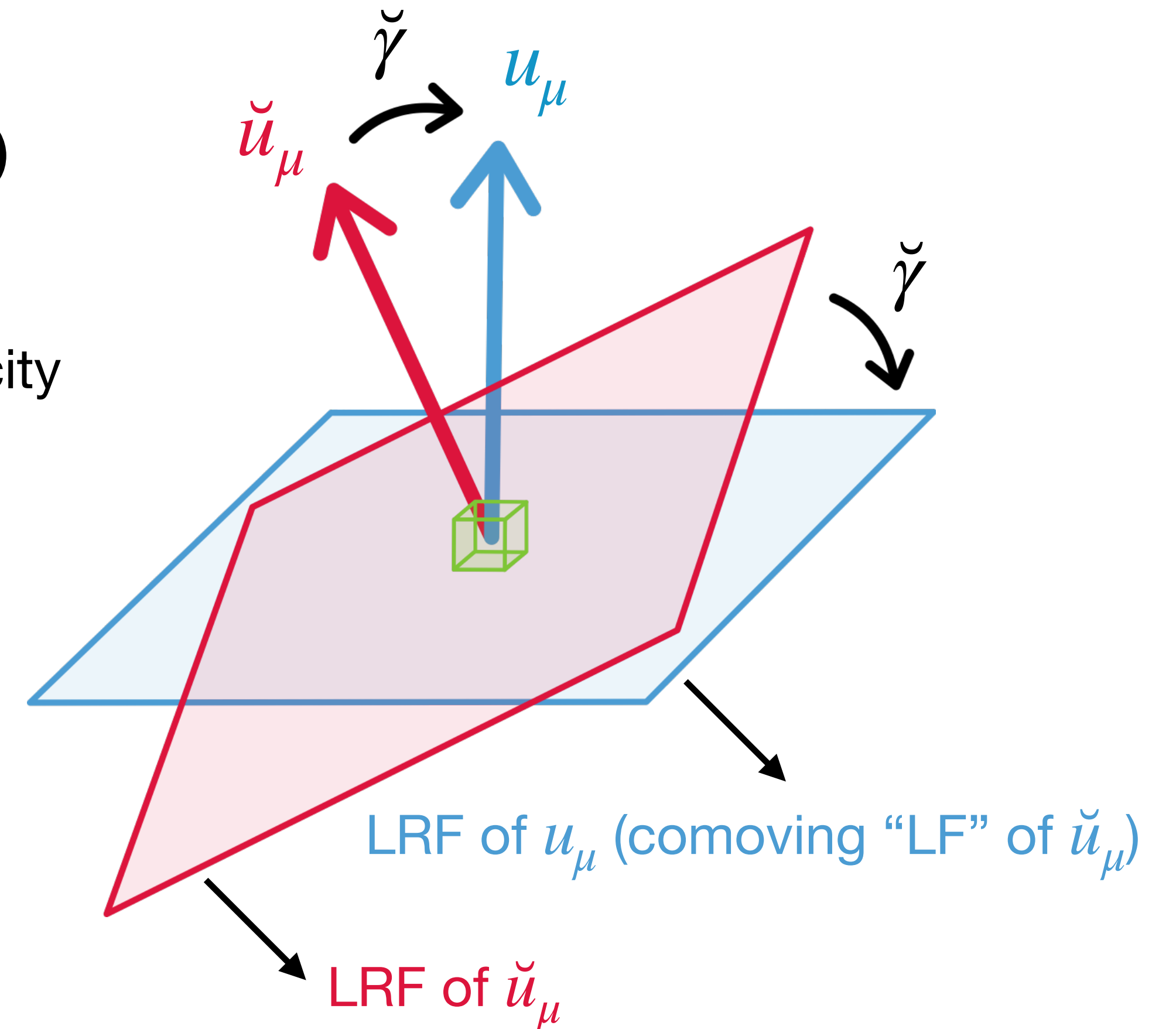
Entropy measured in the comoving “lab frame”

- Entropy is measured in the non-fluctuating LRF of u_μ in terms of fluctuating variables measured in the LRF of \check{u}_μ (related by boost $\check{\gamma}$).

$$S(\check{\epsilon}, \check{n}, \check{u}_a) = \int_x \check{\gamma} \check{s} + \alpha \check{\gamma} \check{n} - \beta (\check{\gamma}^2 \check{w} - \check{p})$$

ϵ : energy density; n : charge density; u_a : three-velocity

where $\check{\gamma} = (1 + \check{u}_a^2)^{1/2}$, $\check{w} = \check{\epsilon} + \check{p}$, $\check{p} = p(\check{\epsilon}, \check{n})$,
 α and β are Lagrange multipliers controlling the
 fluctuations of charge and energy respectively,
 in the LRF of u_μ .



Confluent fluctuation evolution equations

- Fluctuation evolution equations in the *impressionistic* form:

$$\mathcal{L}W_n = \underbrace{iqW_n}_{\text{sound/advection}} - \underbrace{\gamma q^2(W_n - \dots)}_{\text{dissipation}} - \underbrace{\partial\psi W_n}_{\text{background}} + \dots \quad \text{where} \quad \mathcal{L} = u \cdot \bar{\nabla}_x + f \cdot \nabla_q$$

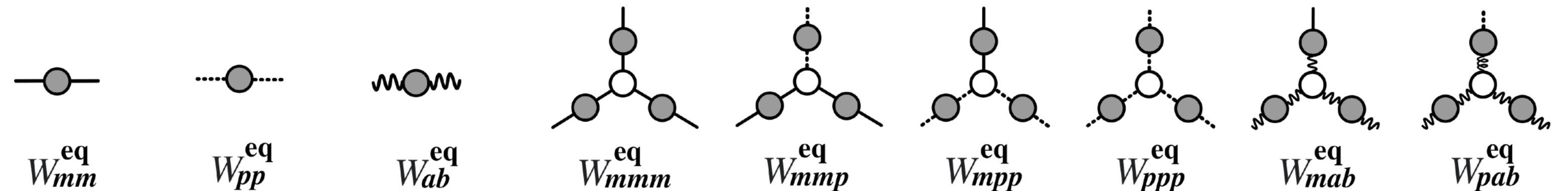
of which the solutions match results determined from entropy $S(\check{m}, \check{p}, \check{u}_a)$.

m : entropy per baryon; p : pressure; u_a : three-velocity

$$\mathcal{L}W_{ab}(\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2) = -\gamma_\eta(\mathbf{q}_1^2 + \mathbf{q}_2^2)(W_{ab} - W_{ab}^{\text{eq}}) + \dots;$$

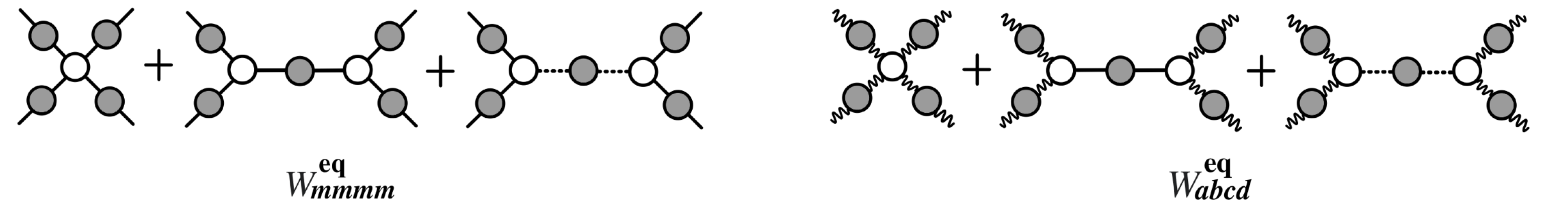
$$\mathcal{L}W_{abc}(\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \mathbf{q}_3) = -\gamma_\eta(\mathbf{q}_1^2 + \mathbf{q}_2^2 + \mathbf{q}_3^2)W_{abc} + \dots; \quad \dots$$

$$W_{ab}^{\text{eq}} = -(\beta w)^{-1} \delta_{ab}$$



$$W_{abc}^{\text{eq}} = 0$$

$$W_{abcd}^{\text{eq}} \sim -3(\beta w)^{-3} \delta_{ab} \delta_{cd}$$



Rotating wave approximation

- We further introduce a local *spatial dyad* perpendicular to each \mathbf{q} , such that longitudinal velocity fluctuations decouple from their transverse partners.

$$\phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_m \\ \phi_p \\ \phi_a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \delta m \\ \delta p \\ \delta u_a \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_m \\ \Phi_{\pm} \\ \Phi_{(i)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \delta m \\ \delta p \pm c_s w \hat{\mathbf{q}}^a \delta u_a \\ t_{(i)}^a \delta u_a \end{pmatrix} \quad (i) = 1, 2$$

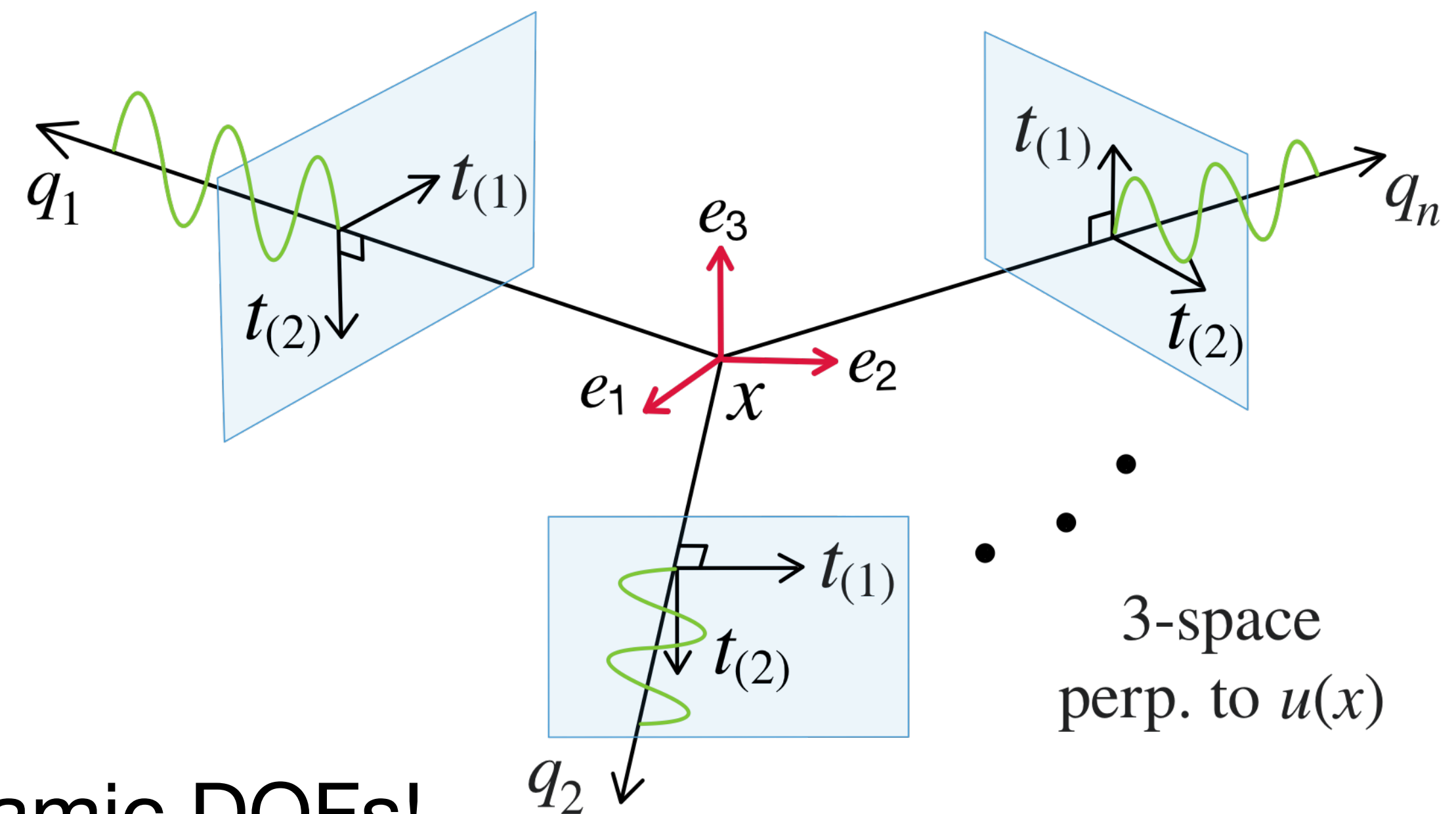
the “sound-front” basis with 5 eigenvalues
 $\lambda_{\pm}(\mathbf{q}) = \pm c_s |\mathbf{q}|, \lambda_m(\mathbf{q}) = \lambda_{(i)}(\mathbf{q}) = 0$

$$\mathcal{L}W_{\Phi_1 \dots \Phi_n} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_{\Phi_i}(\mathbf{q}_i) \right) W_{\Phi_1 \dots \Phi_n} + \dots$$

- In the “sound-front” basis RWA says

$$\text{if } \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_{\Phi_i}(\mathbf{q}_i) \begin{cases} = 0 & \longrightarrow \text{slow mode (kept)} \\ \neq 0 & \longrightarrow \text{fast mode (averaged)} \end{cases}$$

a significant reduction of *independent* dynamic DOFs!



RWA equations

- We end up with 1 equation for W_{+-} , and other 12 (diagrammatically different) equations with $A = (m, (i))$ up to 4-pt: [in progress](#)

$$\mathcal{L}[W_{A_1 A_2}(\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2)] = 2 \left[L_{A_1, B_1}(\mathbf{q}_1,) W_{B_1 A_2}(, \mathbf{q}_2) + Q_{A_1 A_2}(\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2) \right]_{\overline{12}},$$

$$\mathcal{L}[W_{A_1 A_2 A_3}(\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \mathbf{q}_3)]$$

$$= 3 \left[L_{A_1, B_1}(\mathbf{q}_1,) W_{B_1 A_2 A_3}(, \mathbf{q}_2, \mathbf{q}_3) + L_{A_1, B_1 B_2}(\mathbf{q}_1, ,) W_{B_1 A_2}(, \mathbf{q}_2) W_{B_2 A_3}(, \mathbf{q}_3) + 2 Q_{A_1 A_2, B_1}(\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2,) W_{B_1 A_3}(, \mathbf{q}_3) \right]_{\overline{123}},$$

$$\mathcal{L}[W_{A_1 A_2 A_3 A_4}(\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \mathbf{q}_3, \mathbf{q}_4)]$$

$$= 4 \left[L_{A_1, B_1}(\mathbf{q}_1,) W_{B_1 A_2 A_3 A_4}(, \mathbf{q}_2, \mathbf{q}_3, \mathbf{q}_4) + 3 L_{A_1, B_1 B_2}(\mathbf{q}_1, ,) W_{B_1 A_2}(, \mathbf{q}_2) W_{B_2 A_3 A_4}(, \mathbf{q}_3, \mathbf{q}_4) \right.$$

$$+ L_{A_1, B_1 B_2 B_3}(\mathbf{q}_1, , ,) W_{B_1 A_2}(, \mathbf{q}_2) W_{B_2 A_3}(, \mathbf{q}_3) W_{B_3 A_4}(, \mathbf{q}_4)$$

$$\left. + 3 Q_{A_1 A_2, B_1}(\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2,) W_{B_1 A_3 A_4}(, \mathbf{q}_3, \mathbf{q}_4) + 3 Q_{A_1 A_2, B_1 B_2}(\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, ,) W_{B_1 A_3}(, \mathbf{q}_3) W_{B_2 A_4}(, \mathbf{q}_4) \right]_{\overline{1234}},$$

numerical implementation welcome!

Recap

- Velocity fluctuations matter in HIC (collectivity and criticality).
- The incorporation of velocity fluctuations into the general deterministic formalism for non-Gaussian fluctuations is challenging, but can be done systematically.

Outlook

- Establish quantitative connection between parametrized EOS and experiment, taking into account the non-equilibrium evolution (including flow and its fluctuations).
- Use BES-II data to constrain the EOS and transport coefficients.

Thank You!