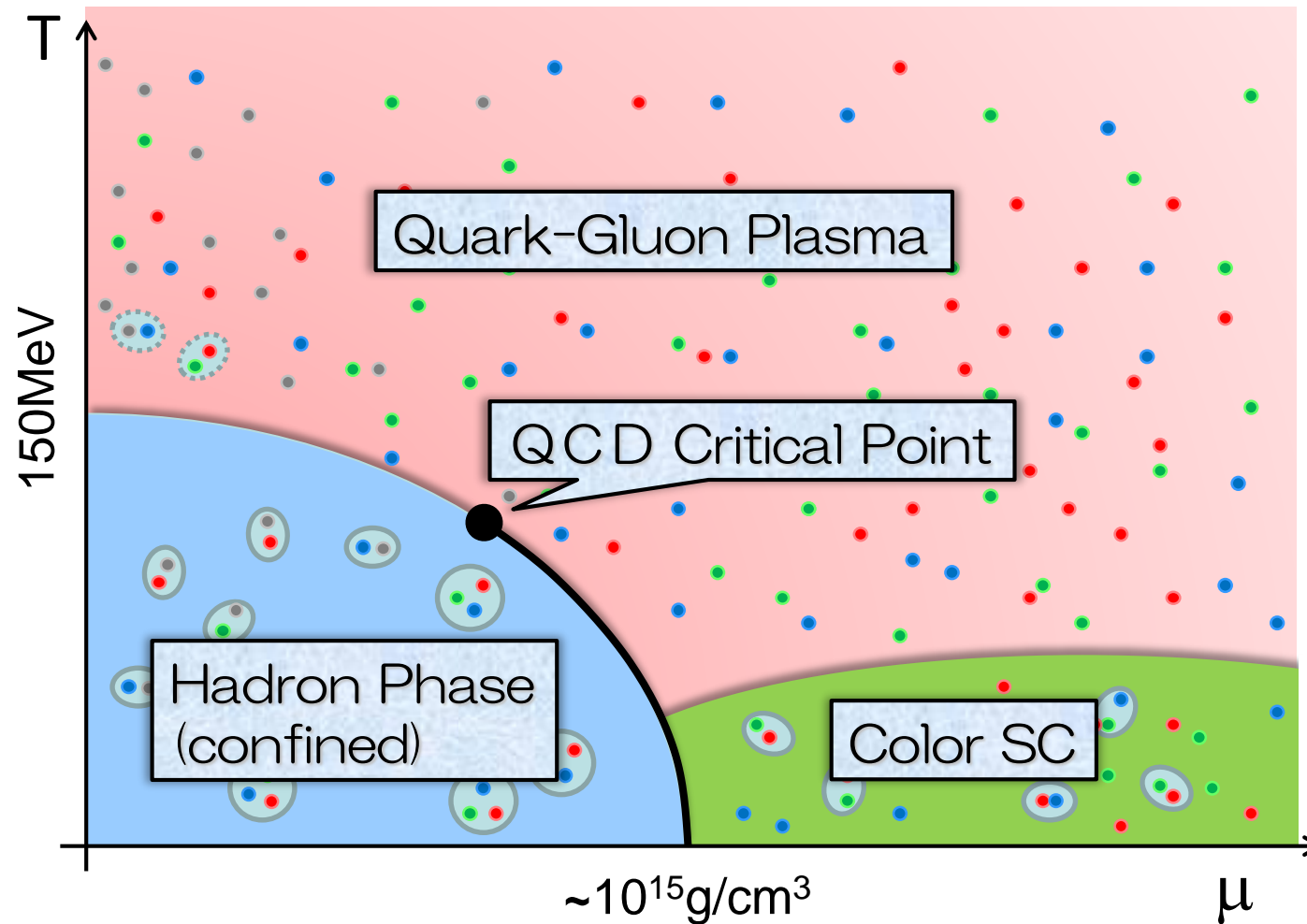


# Critical Fluctuation in a Dynamically Expanding Heavy-Ion Collisions

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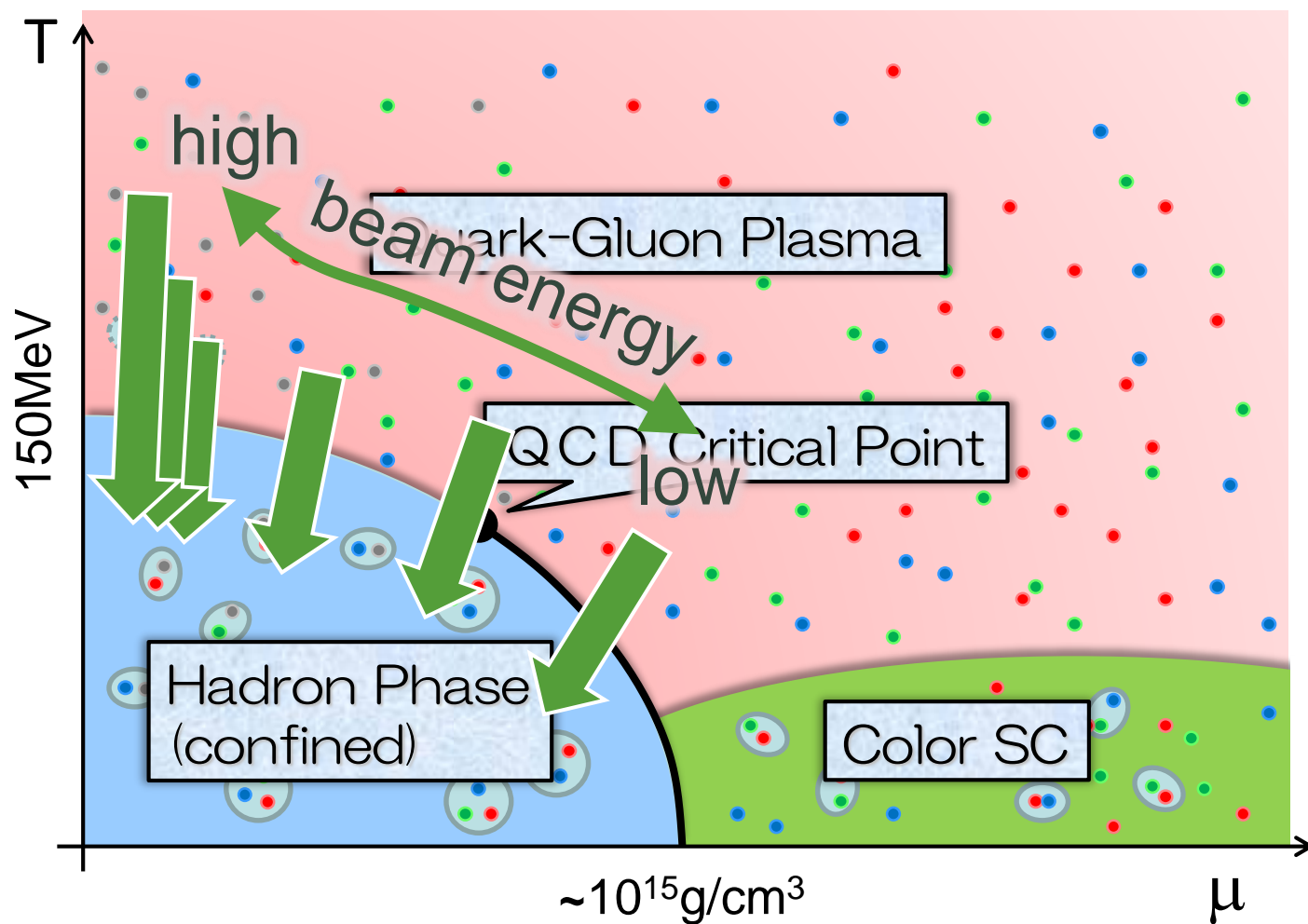
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**Possible existence of**

- 1st order transition
- QCD critical point

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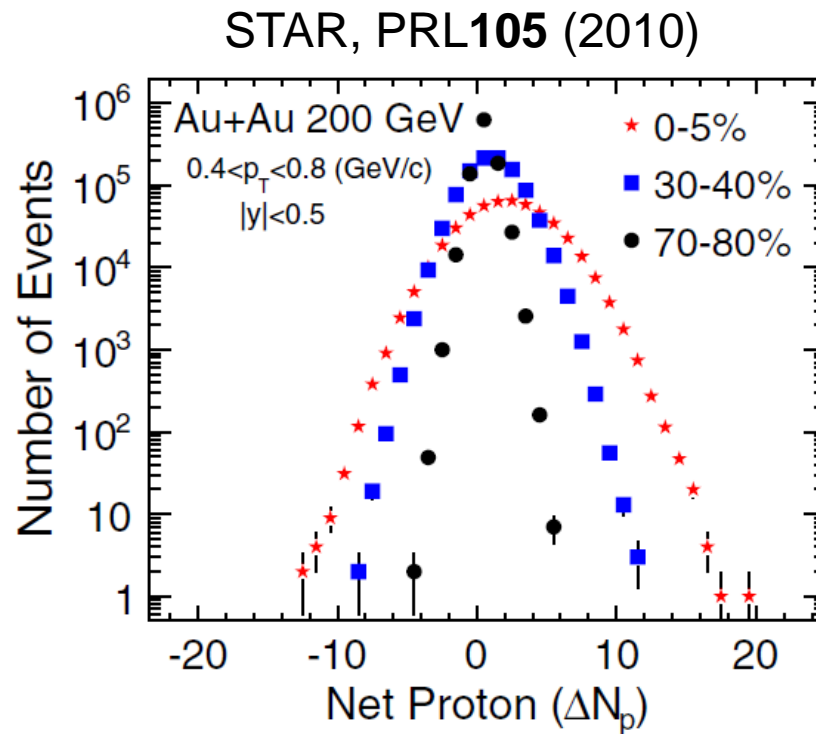
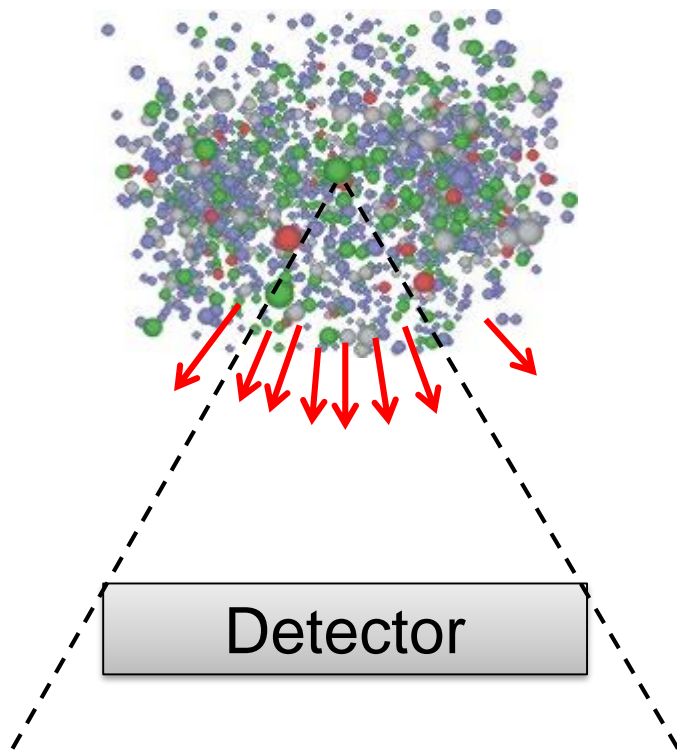
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## Beam-energy scan

- RHIC-BES-I 2010~
- RHIC-BES-II 2019~
- Future: FAIR, NICA, J-PARC-HI, HADES, ...

# Event-by-Event Fluctuations



## Cumulants

$$\langle N^2 \rangle_c = \langle \delta N^2 \rangle = \sigma^2$$

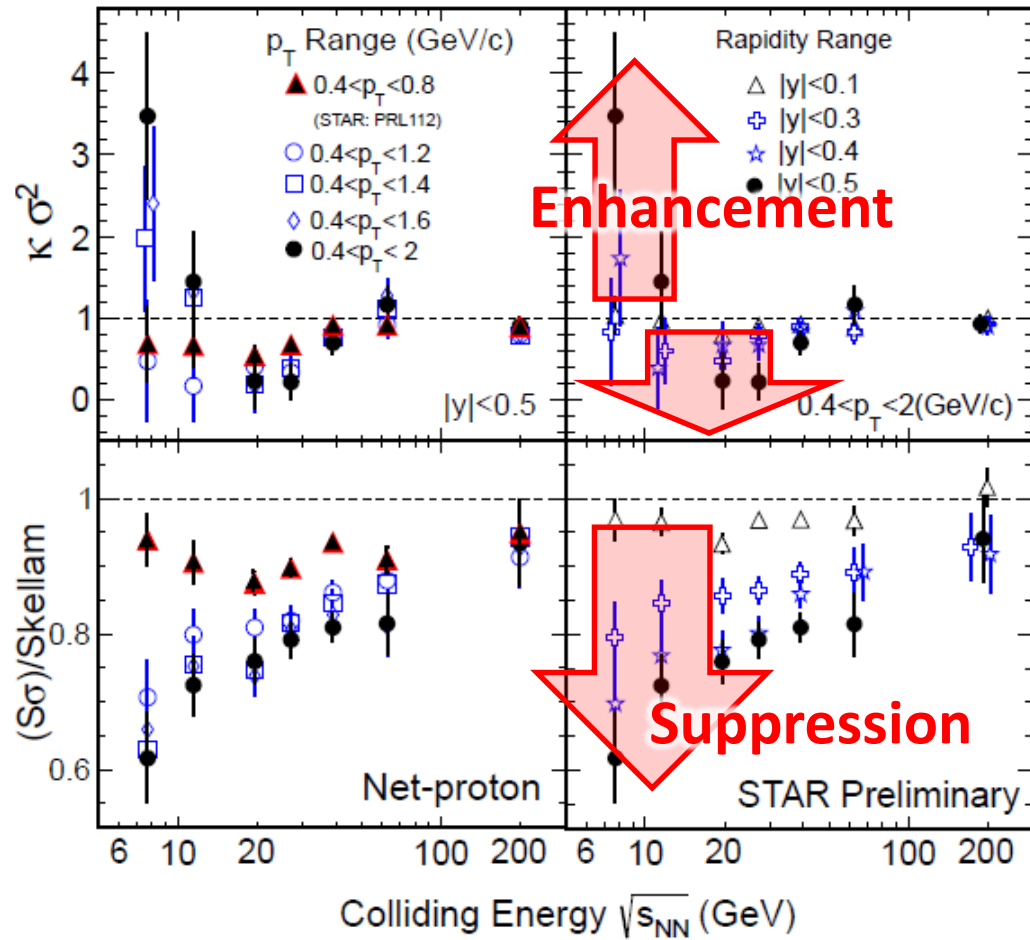
$$\langle N^3 \rangle_c = S\sigma^3$$

$$\langle N^4 \rangle_c = \kappa\sigma^4$$

General Review:  
Asakawa, MK, PPNP (2016)

# Event-by-Event Fluctuations

0-5% Au+Au Central Collisions at RHIC

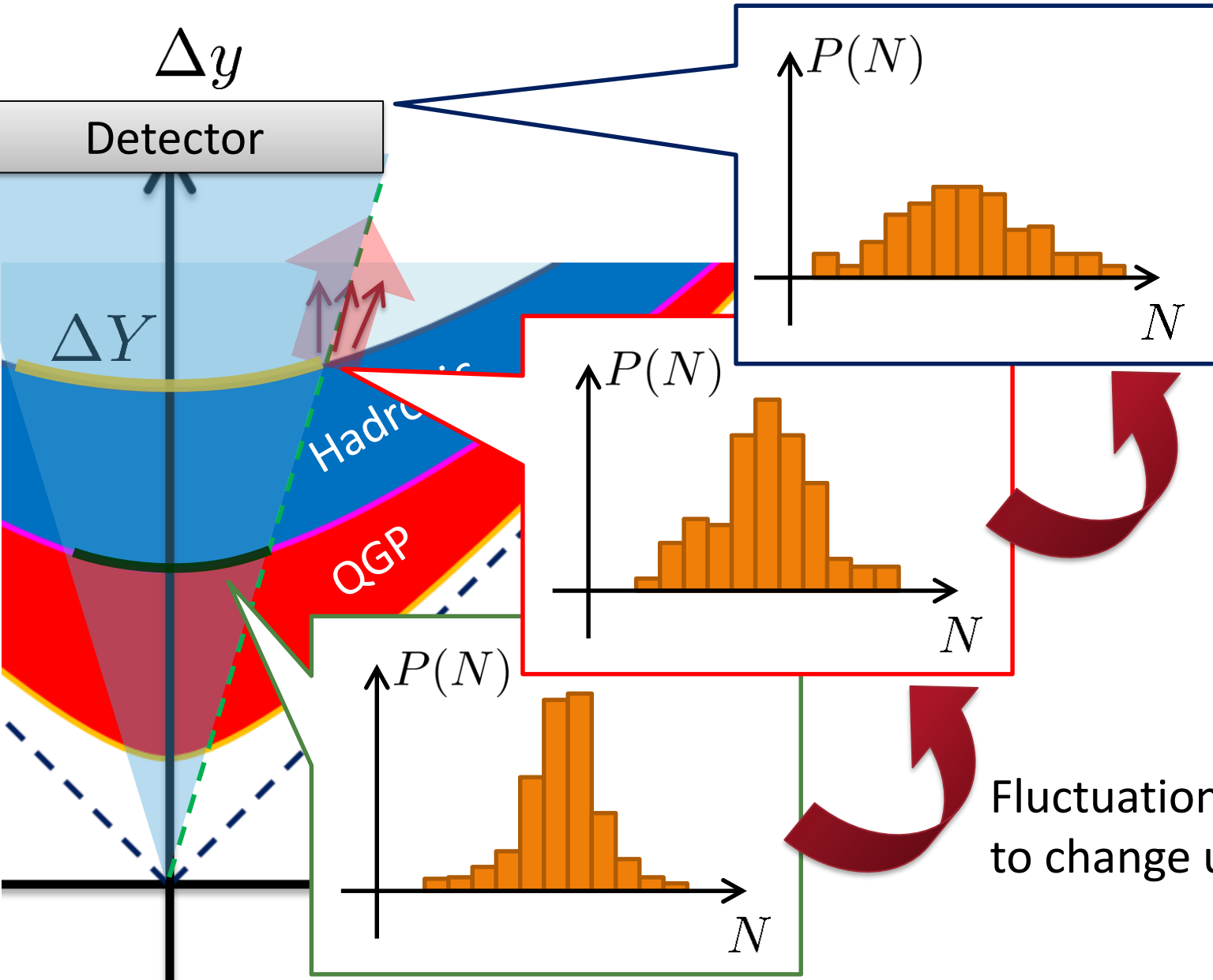


STAR 2010~

## Net-proton number cumulants

- **Non-zero non-Gaussian cumulants** have been established experimentally!
- **Are they the signal of the QCD-CP?**
- **Note:** Baryon number cumulants are actually needed! MK, Asakawa, 2012;2012

# Time Evolution of Fluctuations

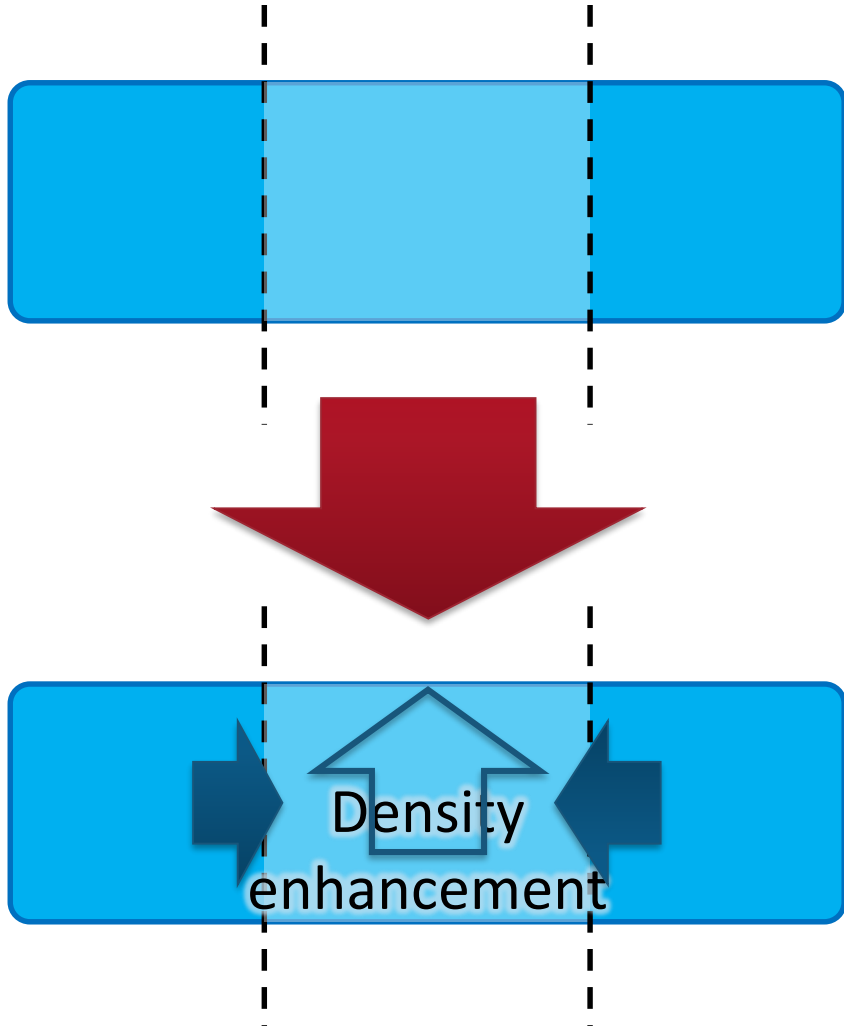


Distributions in  $\Delta Y$  and  $\Delta y$  are different due to "thermal blurring".  
Ohnishi, MK, Asakawa, PRC(2016)

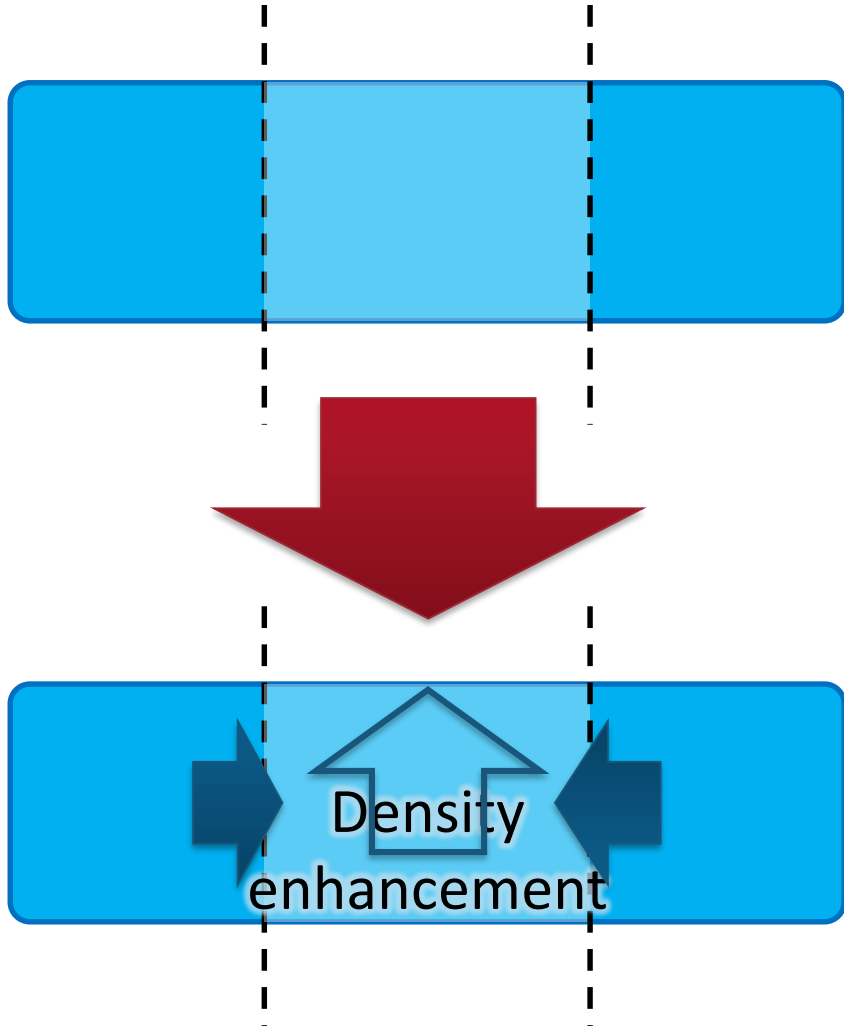
Fluctuations in  $\Delta Y$  continue to change until kinetic f.o.

# Evolution of Conserved-Charge Fluct.

Equations describing the transport of  $n$ :



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Equations describing the transport of  $n$ :

□ Diffusion Equation

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} = D \nabla^2 n$$

□ Stochastic Diffusion Equation (SDE)

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} = D \nabla^2 n + \nabla \xi(x, t) \quad \langle \xi(1) \xi(2) \rangle = 2D \chi_2 \delta(1 - 2)$$

□ SDE with non-linear terms

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} = \kappa \nabla^2 \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta n} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \xi(x, t)$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \int dx (a \Delta n^2 + c (\nabla n)^2 + \lambda_3 \Delta n^3 + \dots)$$

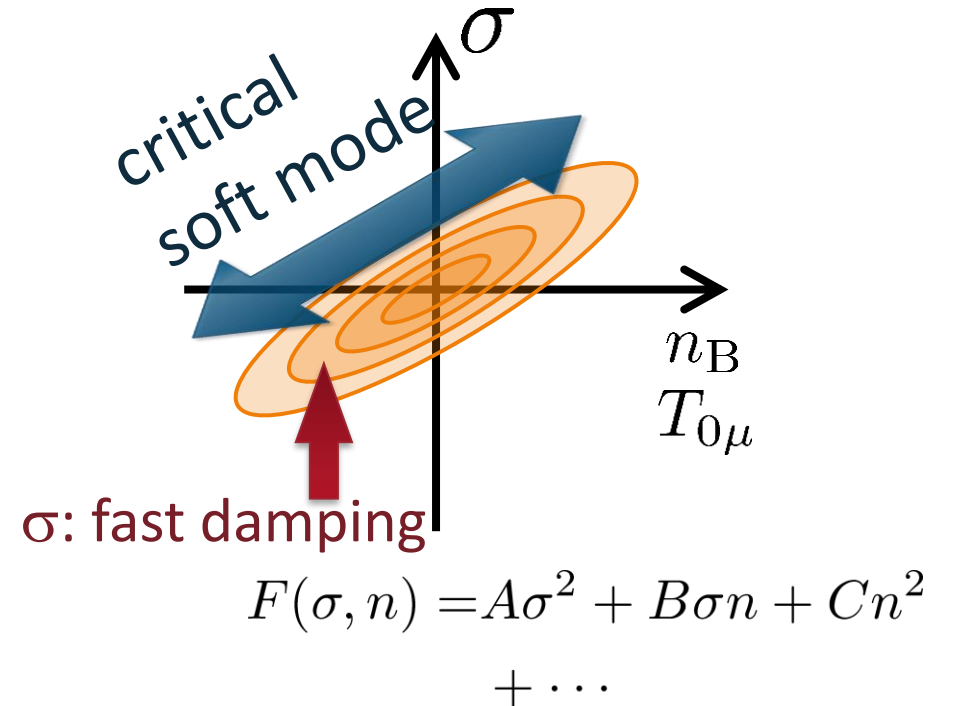
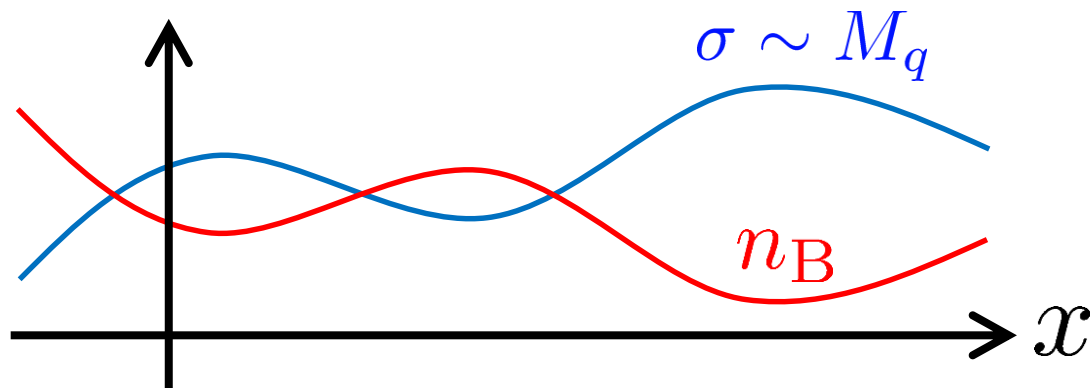


# Soft Mode of QCD-CP

Fujii 2003; Fujii, Ohtani, 2004; Son, Stephanov, 2004

Fluctuations of  $\sigma$  and  $n_B$  are coupled around the CP!

$$\delta\sigma \simeq \delta n_B$$



- ❑ To a first approximation, SDE describes the soft mode of the CP.
- ❑ Coupling to  $\sigma$  &  $T_{\mu\nu}$  has to be included for more accurate description.

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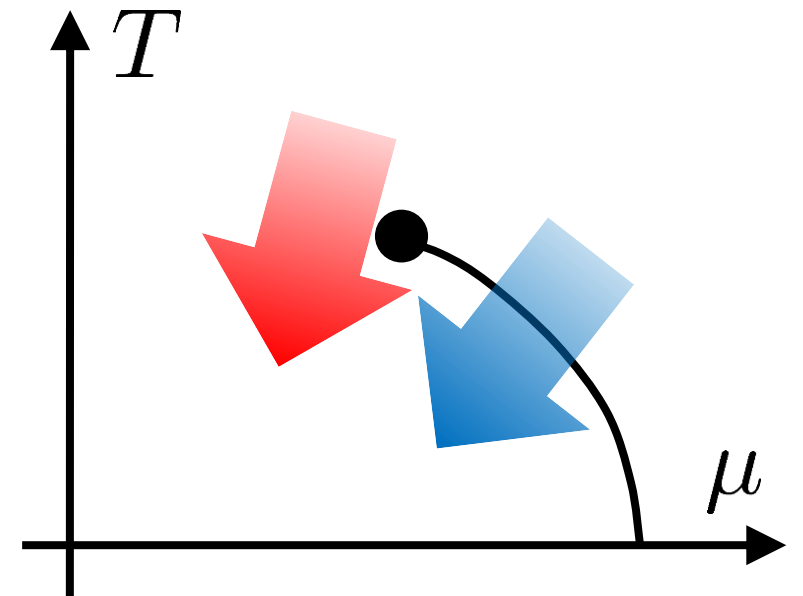
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# Stochastic Diffusion Equation (Gaussian)

$$\partial_t n = D(t) \partial_x^2 n + \partial_x \xi$$

$$\langle \xi(x_1, t_1) \xi(x_2, t_2) \rangle = 2D \chi_2 \delta^{(2)}(1 - 2)$$

$D(t)$ ,  $\chi_2(t)$  : parameters characterizing evolution of the medium

- Analytic solution is obtained.
- Study 2<sup>nd</sup> order cumulant & correlation function.

## Cartesian coordinates

$$\partial_t n = D(t) \partial_x^2 n + \partial_x \xi$$



## Milne coordinates

$$\partial_\tau n = \frac{D(t)}{\tau^2} \partial_Y^2 n + \frac{1}{\tau} \partial_Y \xi - \frac{n}{\tau}$$

↑  
suppression  
of diffusion

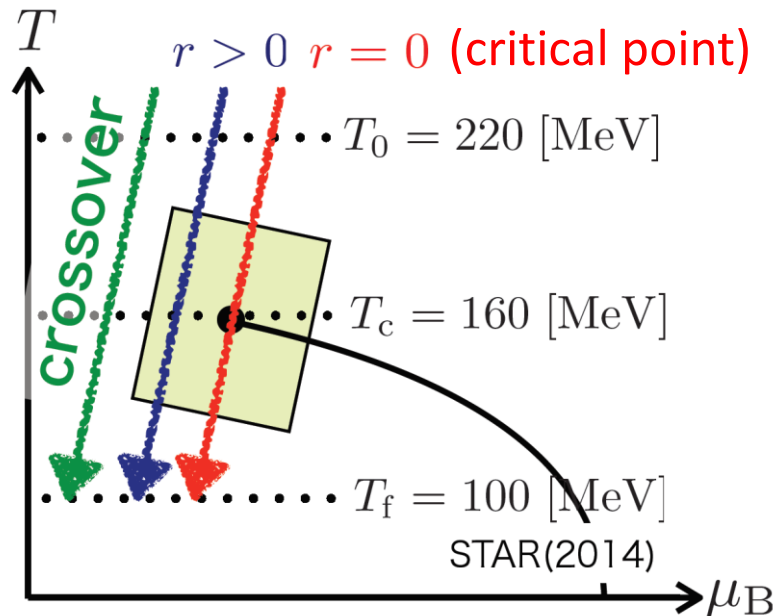
↑  
density  
reduction

# Evolution of Parameters

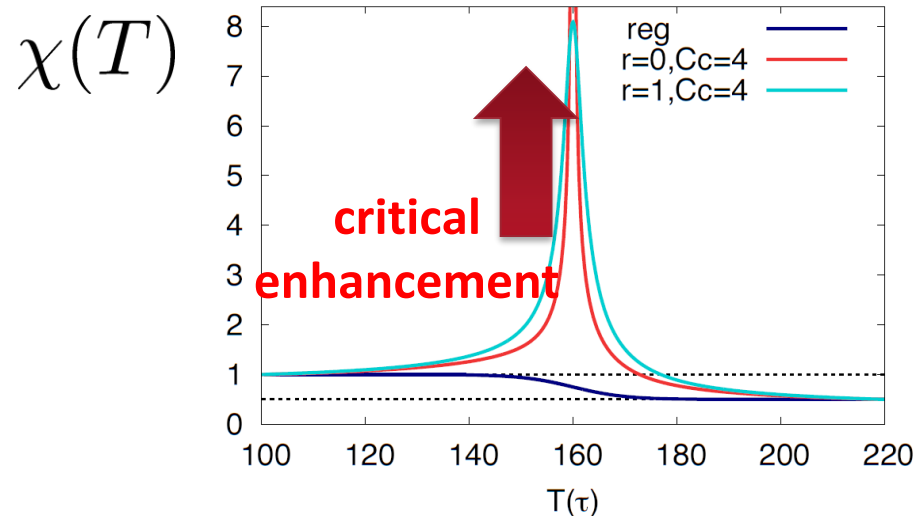
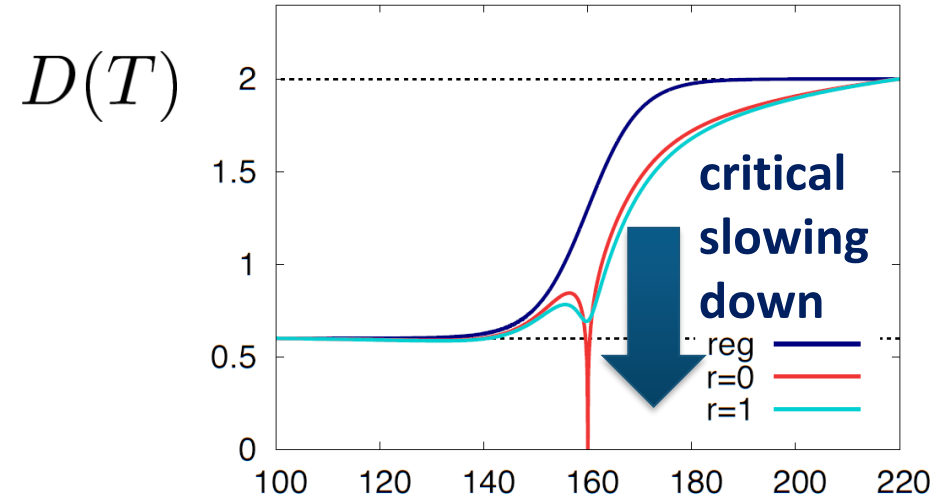
## □ Critical behavior

- 3D Ising (r,H)
- model H

Berdnikov, Rajagopal (2000)  
Stephanov (2011); Mukherjee+(2015)

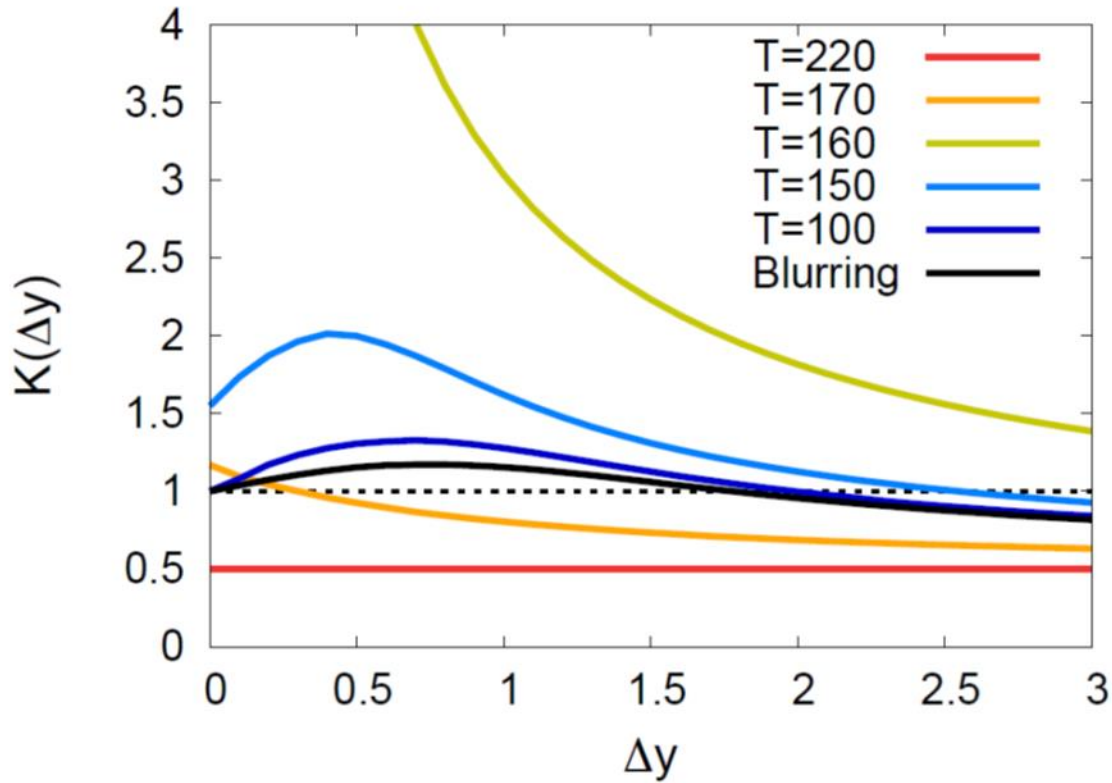


## □ Temperature dependence

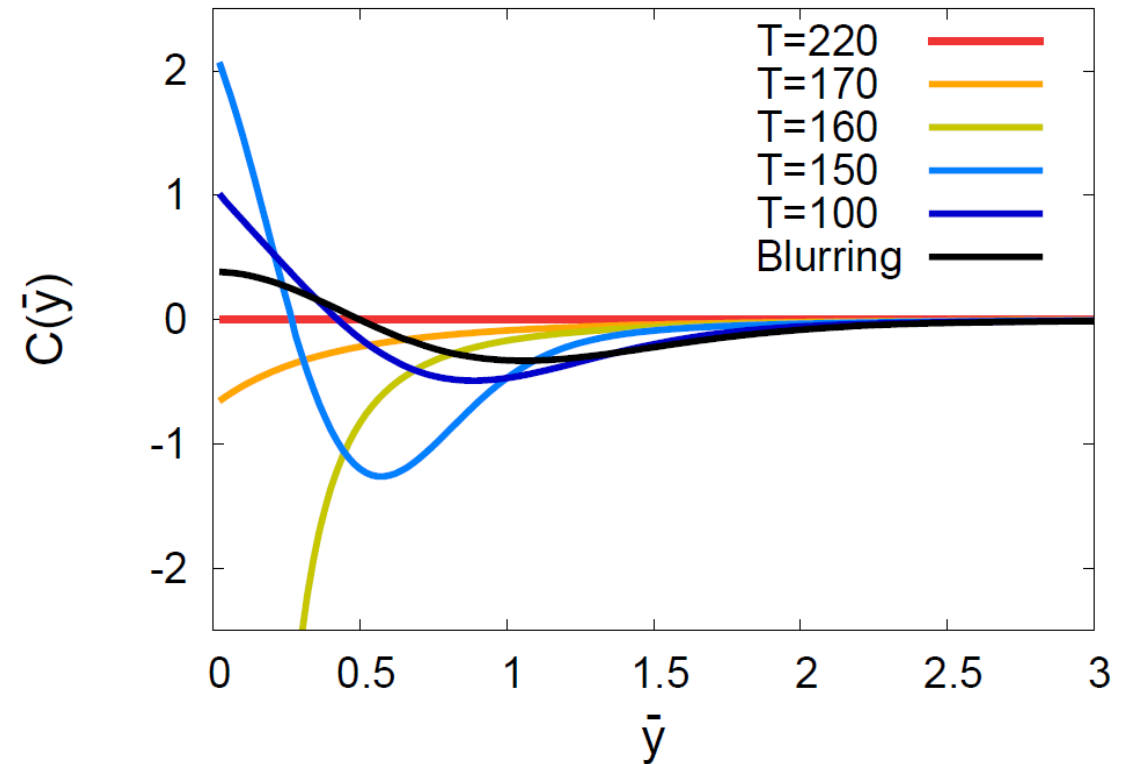


# Time Evolution

**Cumulant**  $K(\Delta y) = \langle \delta Q^2 \rangle / \langle \delta Q^2 \rangle_{\text{eq.}}$



**Corr. Func.**  $C(\bar{y}) = \langle \delta n(\bar{y}) \delta n(0) \rangle / \chi_H$



Non-monotonic  
rapidity dependence

Analytic  
property

$C(\Delta y)$   
non-monotonic



$\chi(\tau)$   
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See also,  
Kapusta, Torres-Rincon,  
PRC86 (2012);  
Wu, Song,  
Chin. Phys. C43 (2019)

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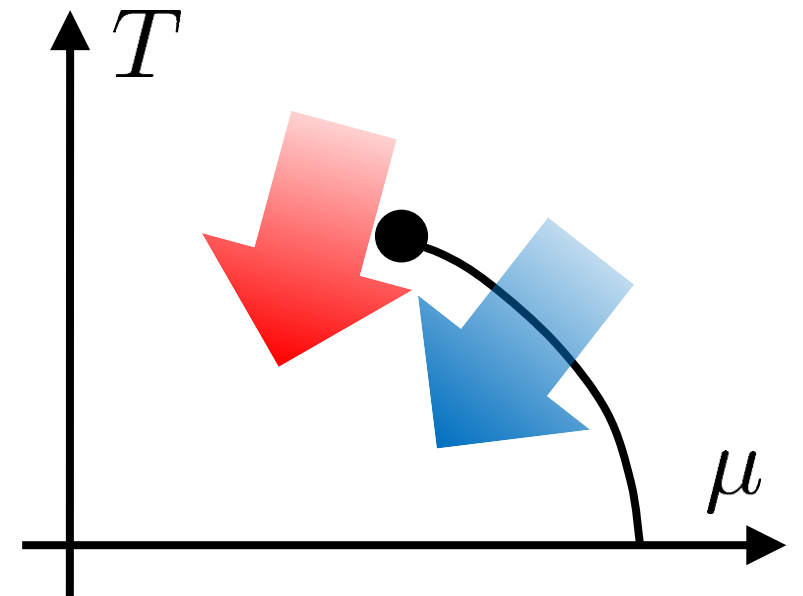
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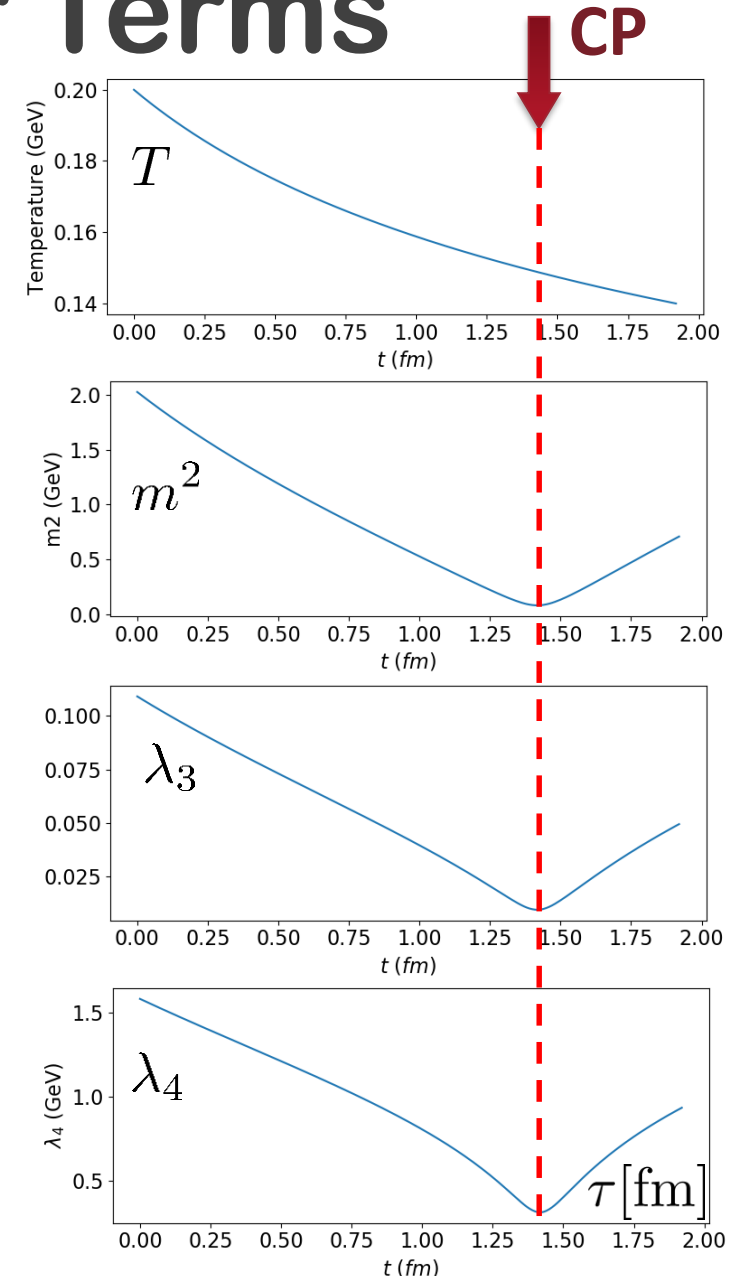


# Introducing Non-Linear Terms

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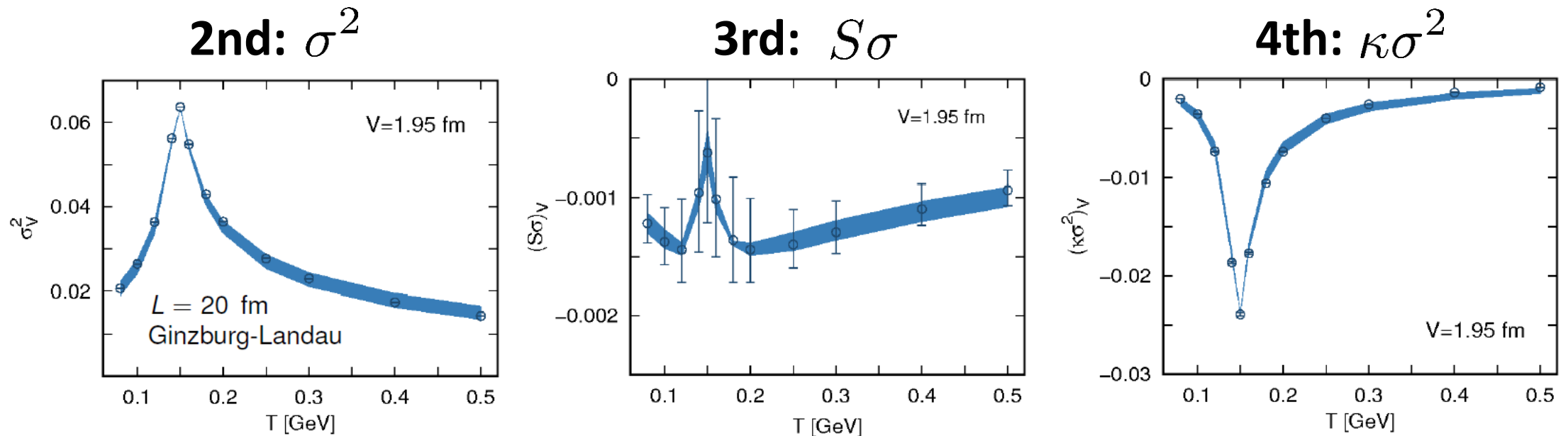
$$\mathcal{F}[n] = T \int d^3r \left( \frac{m^2}{2n_c^2} \Delta n^2 + \frac{K}{2n_c^2} (\nabla n)^2 + \frac{\lambda_3}{3n_c^3} \Delta n^3 + \frac{\lambda_4}{4n_c^4} \Delta n^4 + \frac{\lambda_6}{6n_c^6} \Delta n^6 \right)$$

- Diffusive dynamics of **higher order** cumulants can be described.
- No analytic solution. Need numerical analysis.
- Parameters:  $\kappa$ ,  $m$ ,  $K$ ,  $\lambda_3$ ,  $\lambda_4$ ,  $\lambda_6$ 
  - ← Hubble expansion, Ising universality



# Cumulants in Equilibrium

Nahrgang, Bluhm, Schaefer, Bass PRD99 (2019)



- ❑ Simulation with fixed  $T$ .
- ❑ Spatial length  $L=20$ fm
- ❑ Weaker criticality due to the finite volume effects
- ❑ Shape of  $S\sigma$  can be explained by the finite volume effects



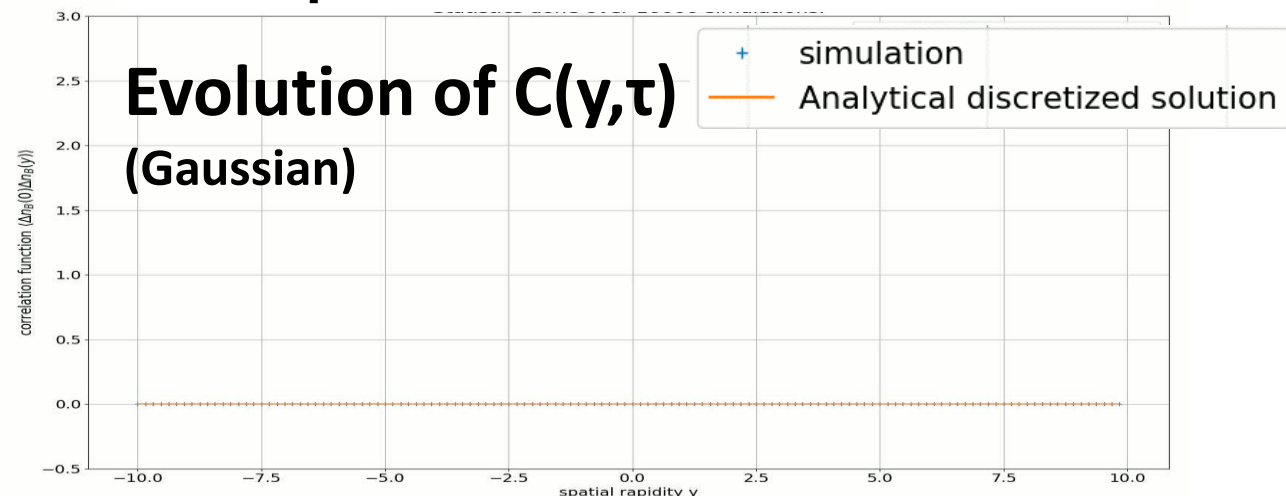
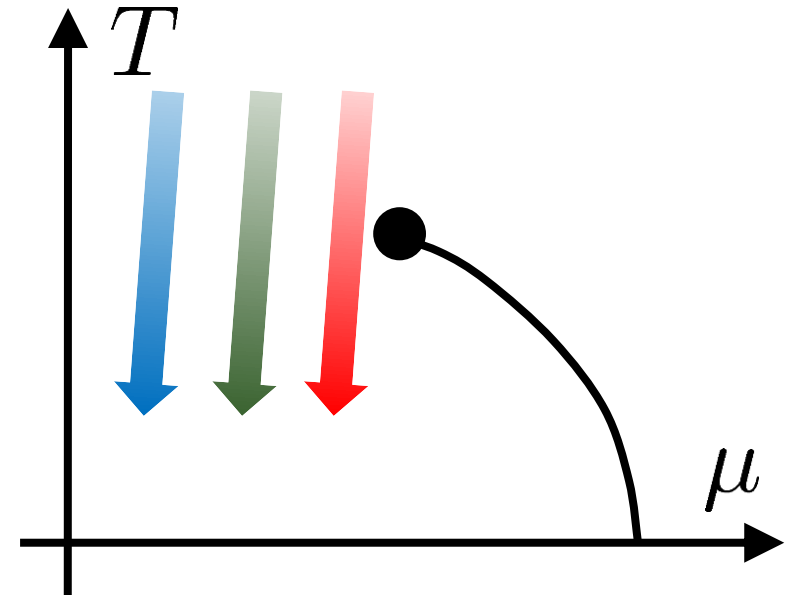
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- ❑ Critical Point:  $T=150$  MeV,  $\mu=390$  MeV
- ❑ Initial temperature:  $T=200$  MeV
- ❑  $\mu=50, 200, 300, 350$  MeV
- ❑ Cumulants on a single cell
  
- ❑ Compare results with & without NL terms

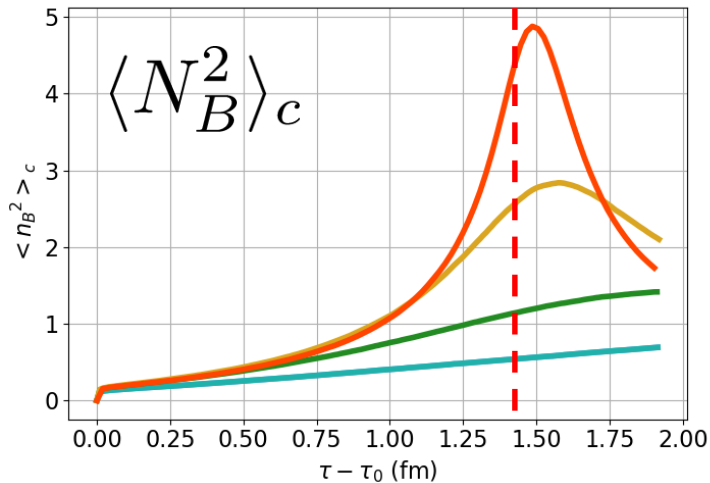


# Numerical Result

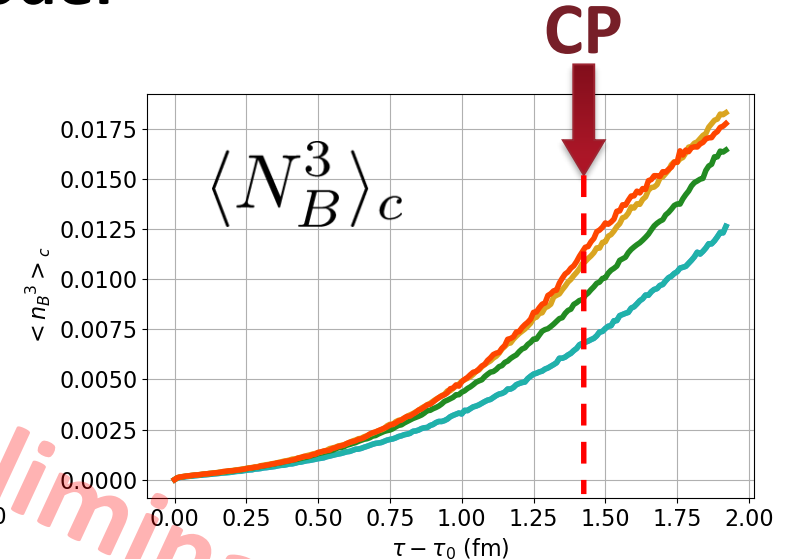
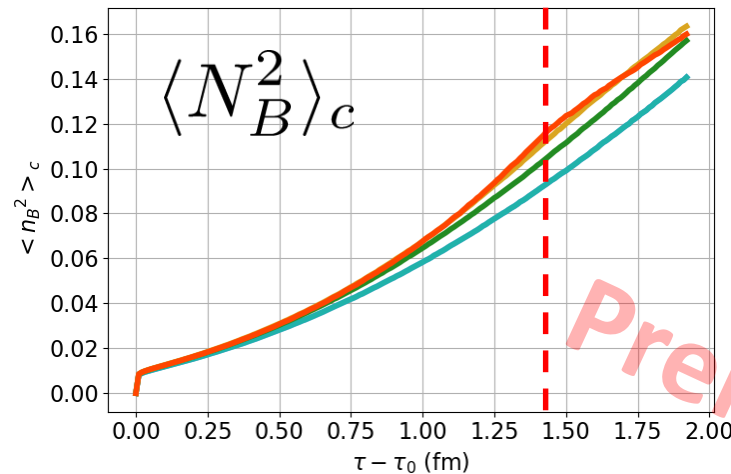
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## □ Gaussian

(without nonlinear terms)



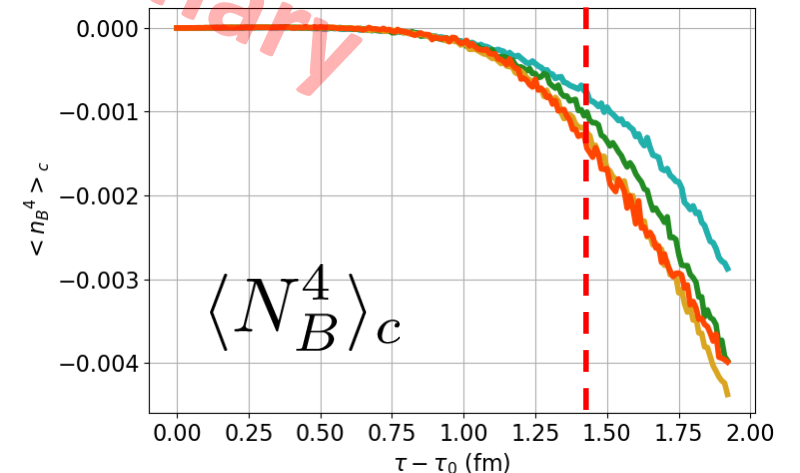
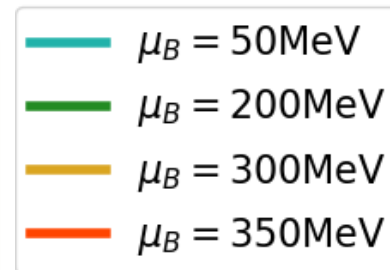
## □ Full Non-linear model



□ 2nd cumulant in Gaussian model has a peak at the CP.

□ But, this behavior is washed out by the effect of the non-linear terms.

□ Need further investigation.



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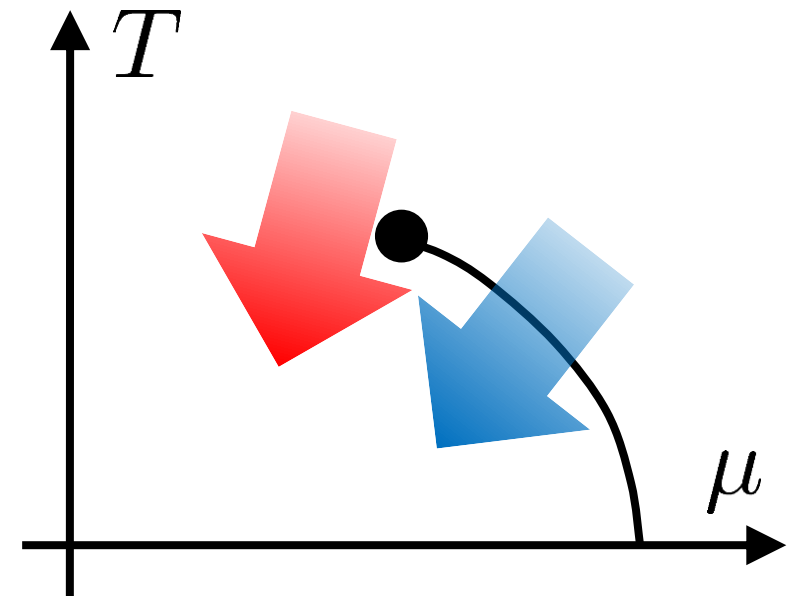
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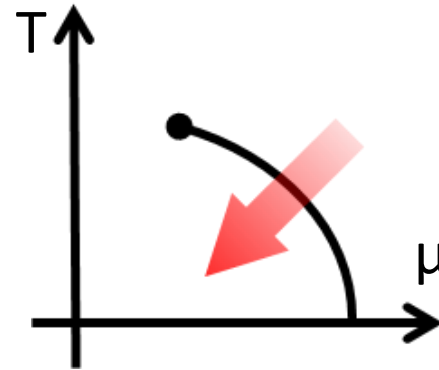
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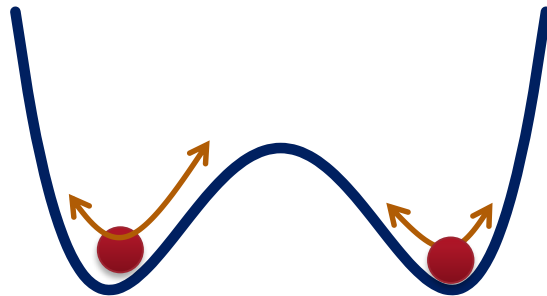
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# 1<sup>st</sup>-Order Transition



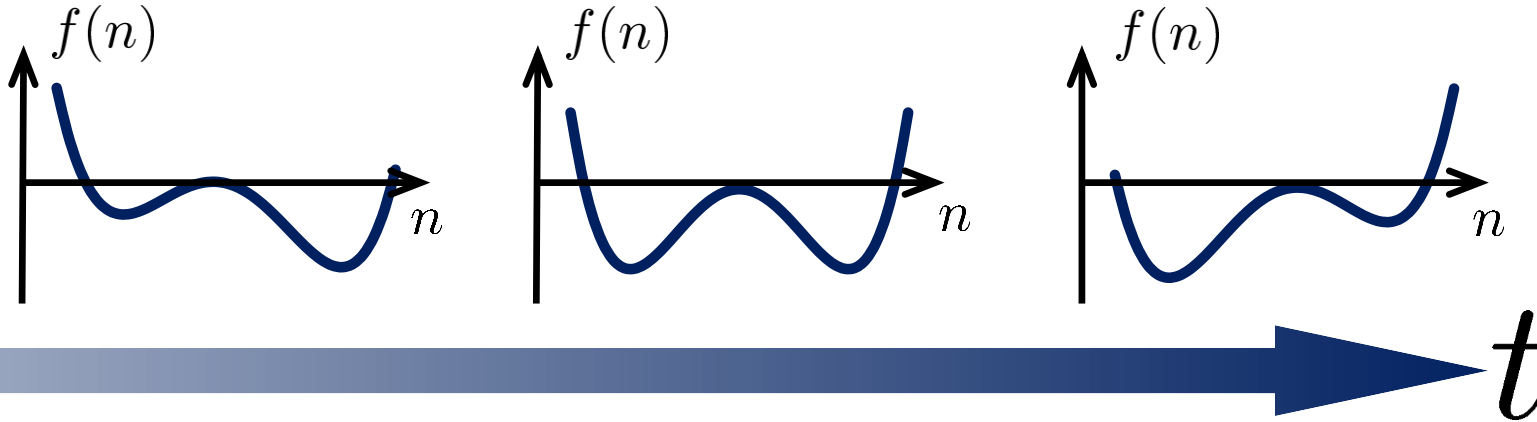
- Domain formation
- Non-uniform system



Herold, Nahrgang, et al. (2011~);  
Steinheimer, Randrup (2012; 2013)

# Free Energy

## □ At 1<sup>st</sup> transition point



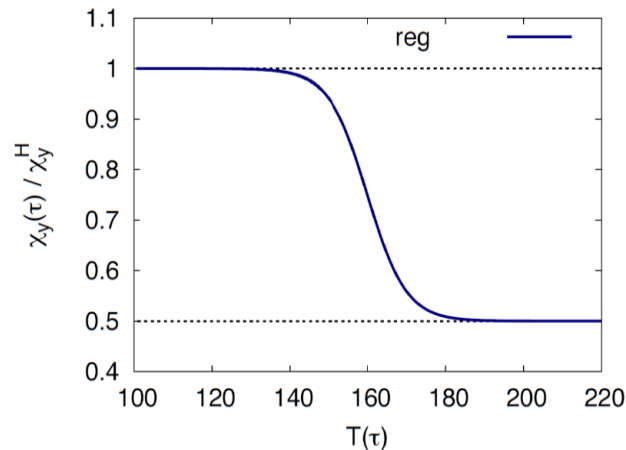
$$f(n) = \frac{1}{2}a(n - n_s)^2 + \frac{1}{4}b(n - n_s)^4 + c(\tau)n + k(\partial_Y n)^2$$

## □ Large and small n

$$\chi(n) = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial n^2} \rightarrow \chi_{\text{QGP}} (n \rightarrow \infty)$$

$$\rightarrow \chi_{\text{hadron}} (n \rightarrow 0)$$

Poisson

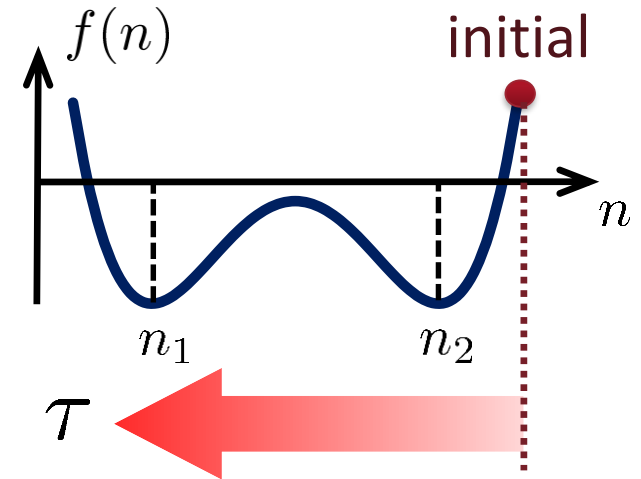
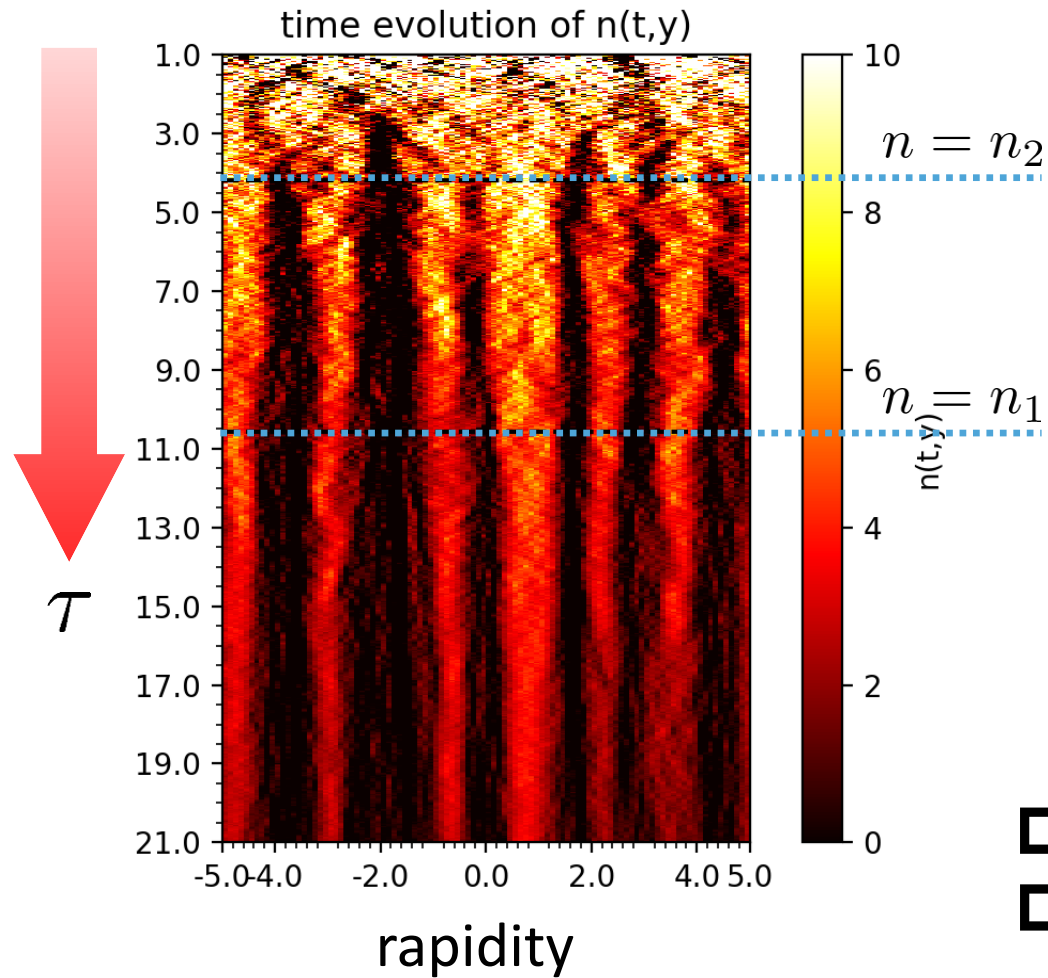


□  $\kappa$ : positive

□ adjust  $\kappa$  and  $A$  to reproduce the behavior of  $D$  at small and large  $n$

$$\tilde{D} = \Gamma \left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial n^2} + X \right) \quad A = 2D\chi_2$$

# Time Evolution

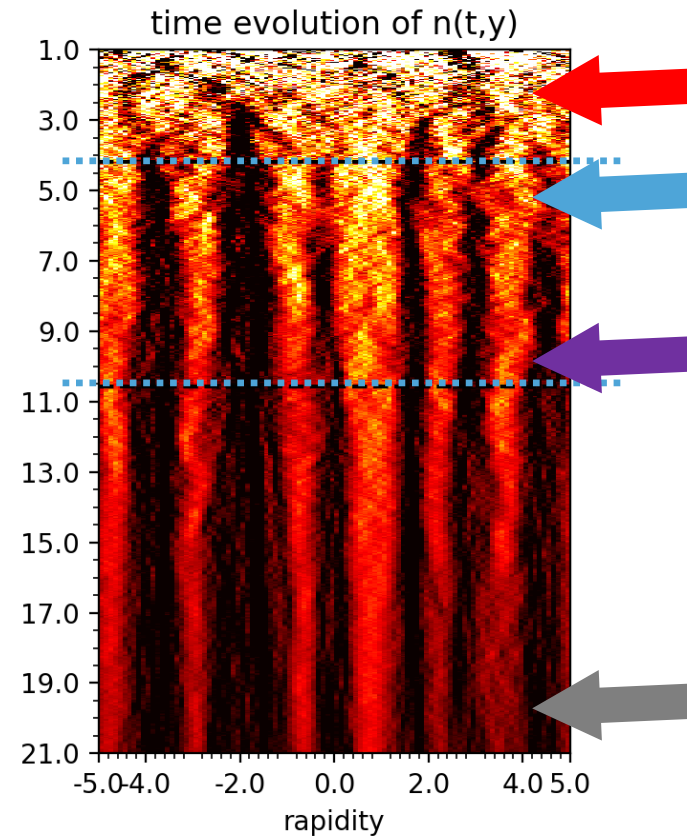
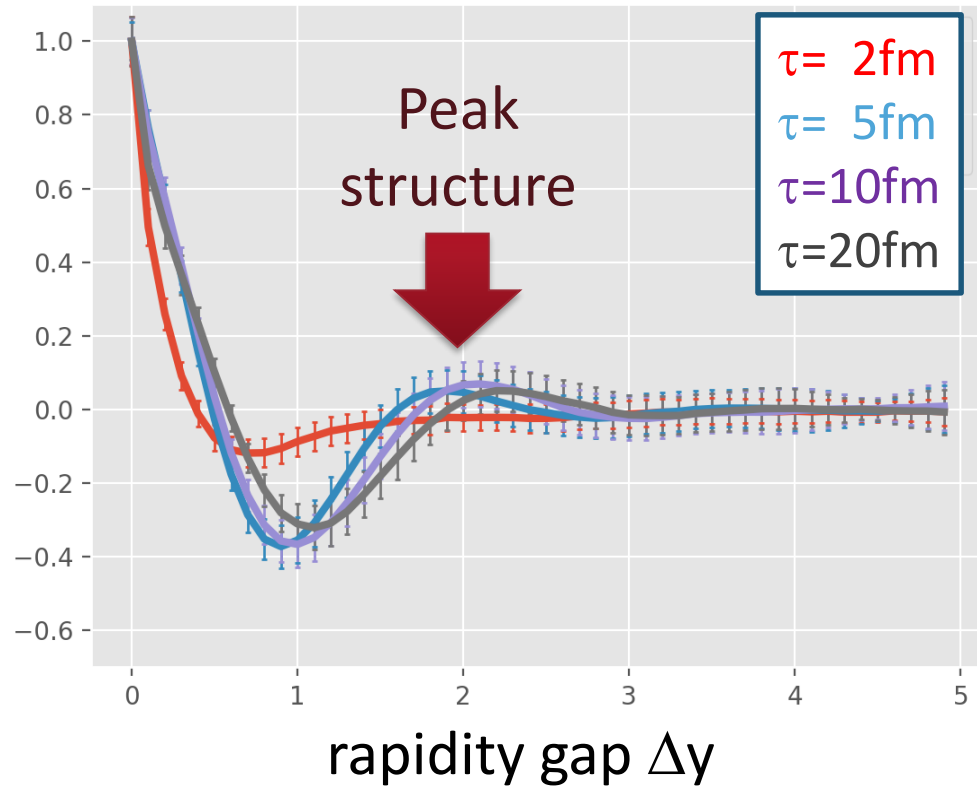


- Dynamical domain formation
- Domains survive even after 1<sup>st</sup> transition

# Correlation Function

## Correlation Function

$$C(\bar{y}) = \langle \delta n(\bar{y}) \delta n(0) \rangle / \chi_{\text{hadron}}$$



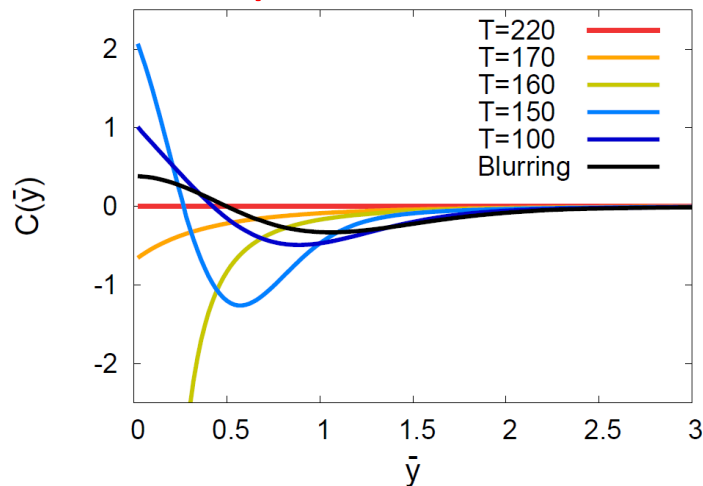
- Domain leads to a peak structure in  $C(y)$ .
- The peak can survive even in the final state.

# Summary

- ❑ Diffusive dynamics is important in describing fluctuations in heavy-ion collisions.
- ❑ We studied dynamical evolution near the QCD-CP and at the 1st transition in stochastic diffusion equation with and without non-linear terms.
- ❑ Future: coupling with sigma & momentum / more realistic space-time evolution

## Correlation function

Critical point/ crossover



1<sup>st</sup> order transition

