

# Freezing out fluctuations in Hydro<sup>+</sup> near the QCD critical point

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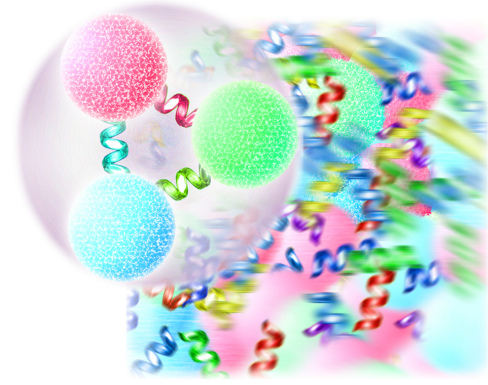
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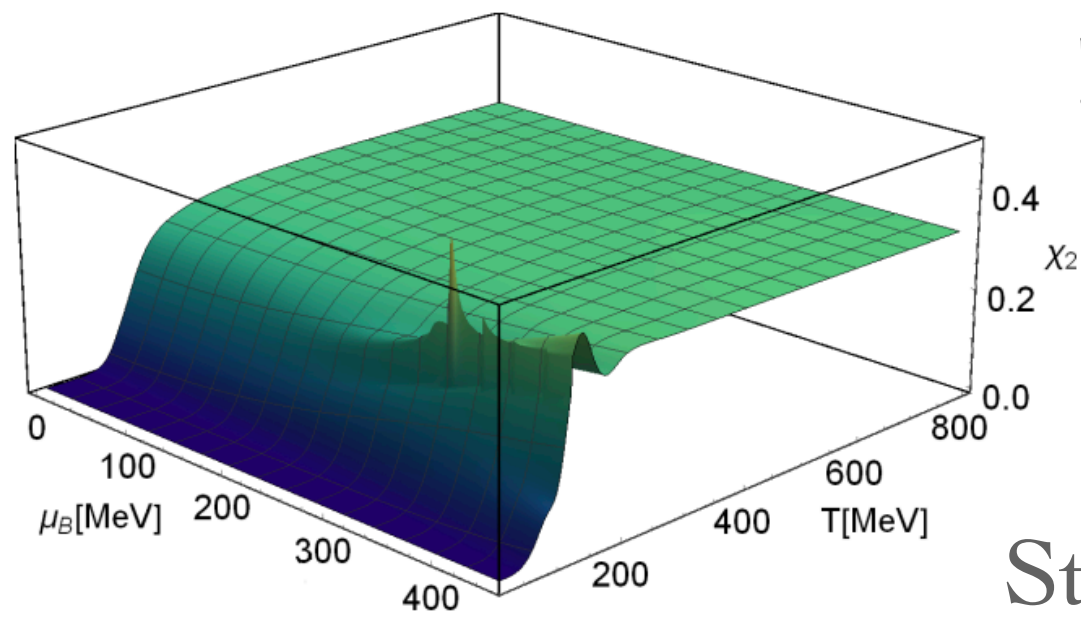
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# Overview



## Hydrodynamic fluctuations of QGP



Parotto et al., 18

Stephanov., 08

$$\langle \delta N^2 \rangle \sim \xi^2, \quad \langle \delta N^3 \rangle \sim \xi^{4.5}, \quad \langle \delta N^4 \rangle_c \sim \xi^7$$

Conservation laws

Finite time

Critical slowing down

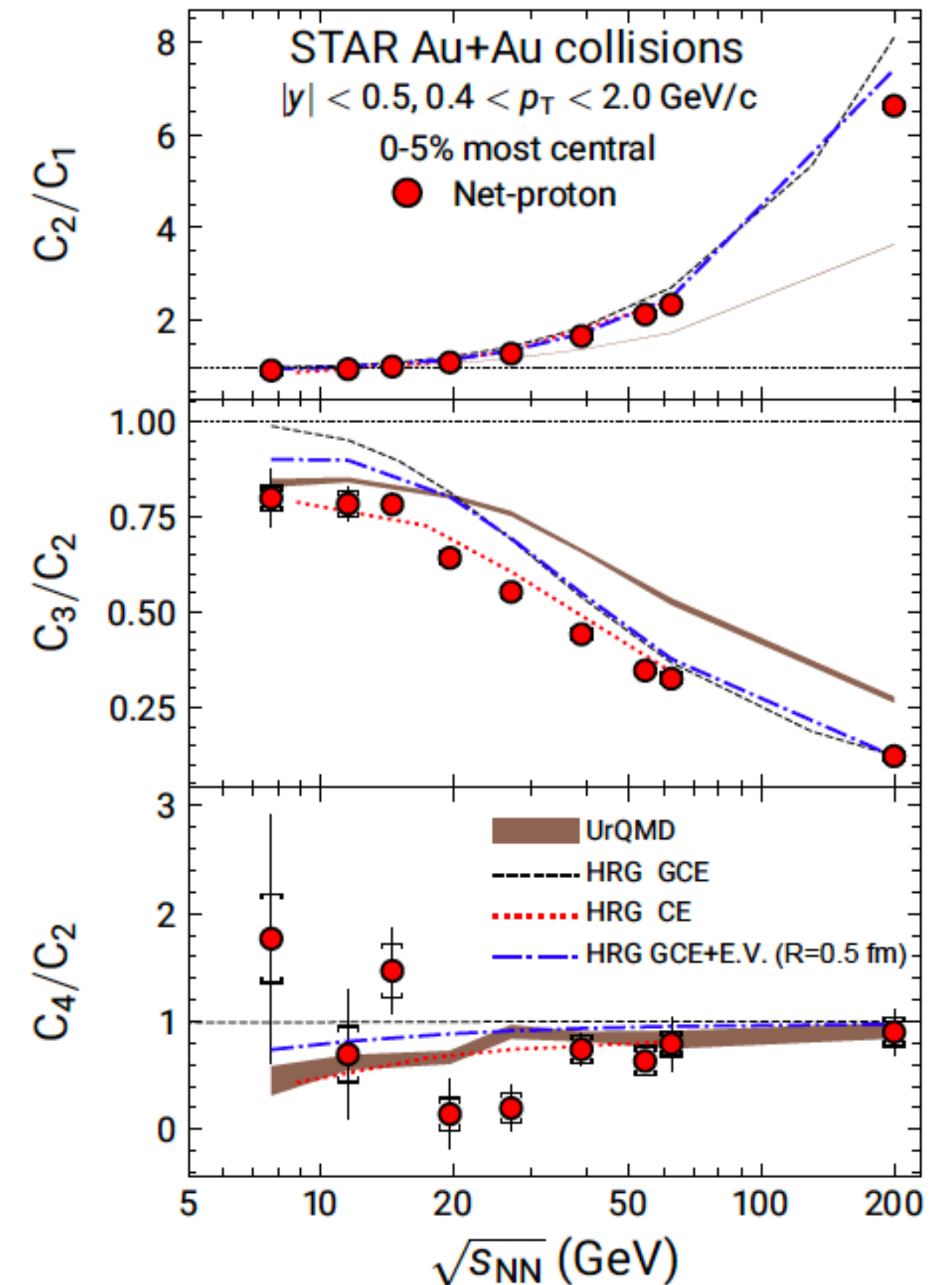
Fluctuations as observables for the QCD critical point



Non-monotonic deviation from baseline is suggestive of the presence of a critical point!

This talk : Freeze-out of Gaussian fluctuations

STAR Collaboration, 21



Cumulants of particle multiplicities

# Dynamics of fluctuations near the critical point

In the previous talk, we heard about the stochastic description of fluctuations. Here, we'll use the complementary deterministic treatment.

## Stochastic approach

$$\partial_t \check{\psi} = - \nabla \cdot (\text{flux} [\check{\psi}] + \text{noise}) \quad (\text{conservation})$$

$$\langle \text{noise}(x) \text{noise}(y) \rangle \sim \delta^{(4)}(x - y) \quad \text{FDT}$$

Previous talk by M. Singh

Bluhm et al.,  
2020

## Deterministic approach

$$\partial_t \psi = - \nabla \cdot \text{flux} [\psi, G],$$

$$\partial_t G = \text{relaxation} [G - G^{\text{eq}}; \psi]$$

This talk

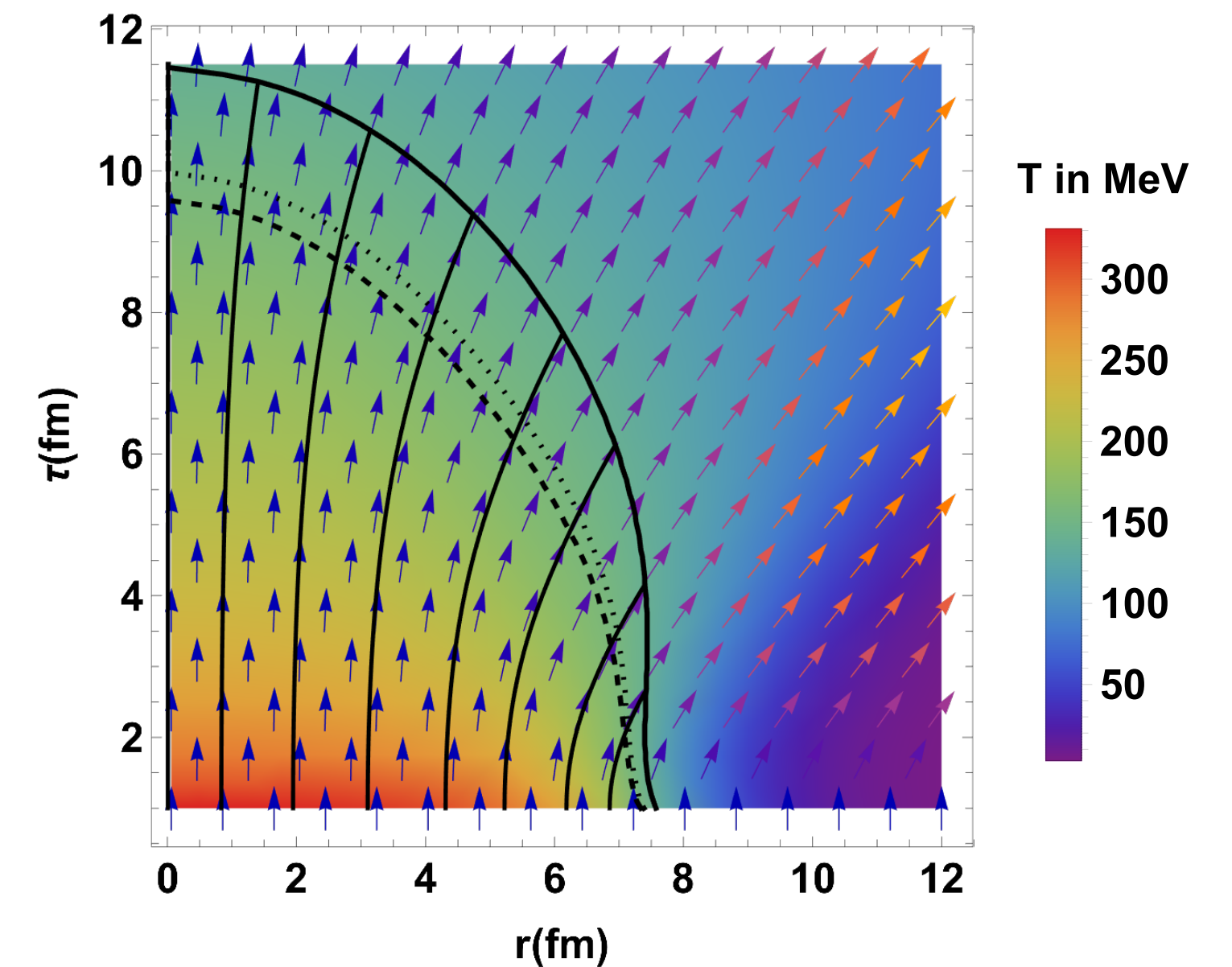
In particular, we use Hydro<sup>+</sup> framework. We'll demonstrate the freeze-out in one of the available Hydro<sup>+</sup> simulation.

Rajagopal et al, 19,  
Du et al. 20

# Hydro+ simulation

- \* Hydrodynamics + relaxation equation for the slowest non-hydrodynamic mode

Stephanov & Yin, 2017



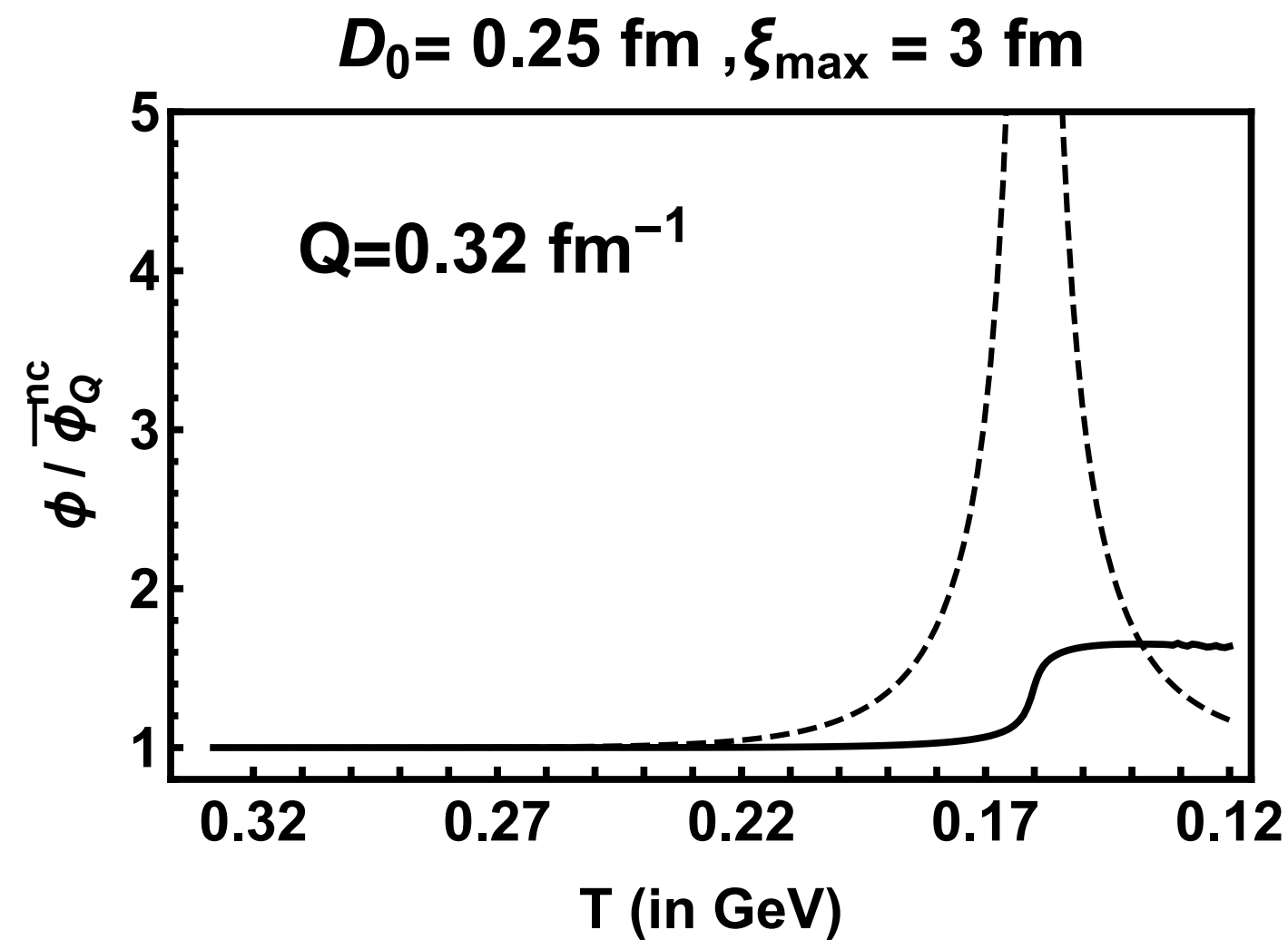
Baier and Romatschke, 2007

This talk :

Azimuthally symmetric, boost invariant hydrodynamic background with radial expansion with fluctuations discussed in **Rajagopal, Ridgway, Weller, Yin, 19**

# Evolution of fluctuations

Stephanov & Yin, 2017



- \* The slowest and the most singular mode near the critical point corresponds to fluctuations of  $\hat{S} \equiv \frac{S}{n}$
- \* The relaxation rate  $\Gamma \sim \xi^{-3}$
- \* Equilibrium fluctuations  $\propto C_p \sim \xi^2$

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$$\phi_{\mathbf{Q}} = \int_{\Delta \mathbf{x}} e^{-i \mathbf{Q} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{x}} \langle \delta \hat{S}(x_+) \delta \hat{S}(x_-) \rangle$$

**Zeroth mode doesn't evolve**

$$u \cdot \partial \phi_{\mathbf{Q}} = -\Gamma(\mathbf{Q}) (\phi_{\mathbf{Q}} - \bar{\phi}_{\mathbf{Q}})$$

$$\Gamma(\mathbf{Q}) = \frac{2D_0 \xi_0}{\xi^3} K(|\mathbf{Q} \xi|), K(x) \sim x^2 \text{ for } x \ll 1$$

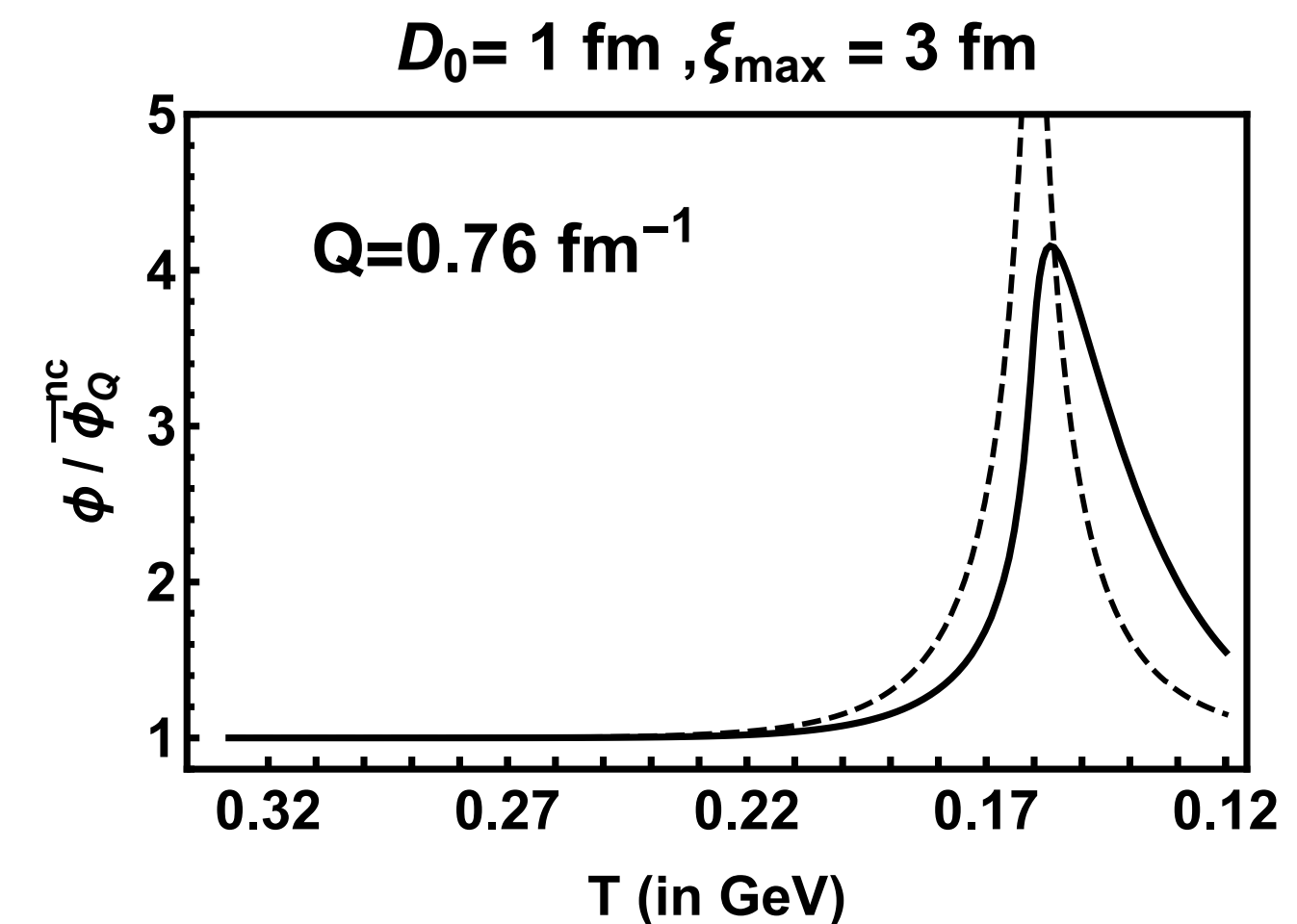
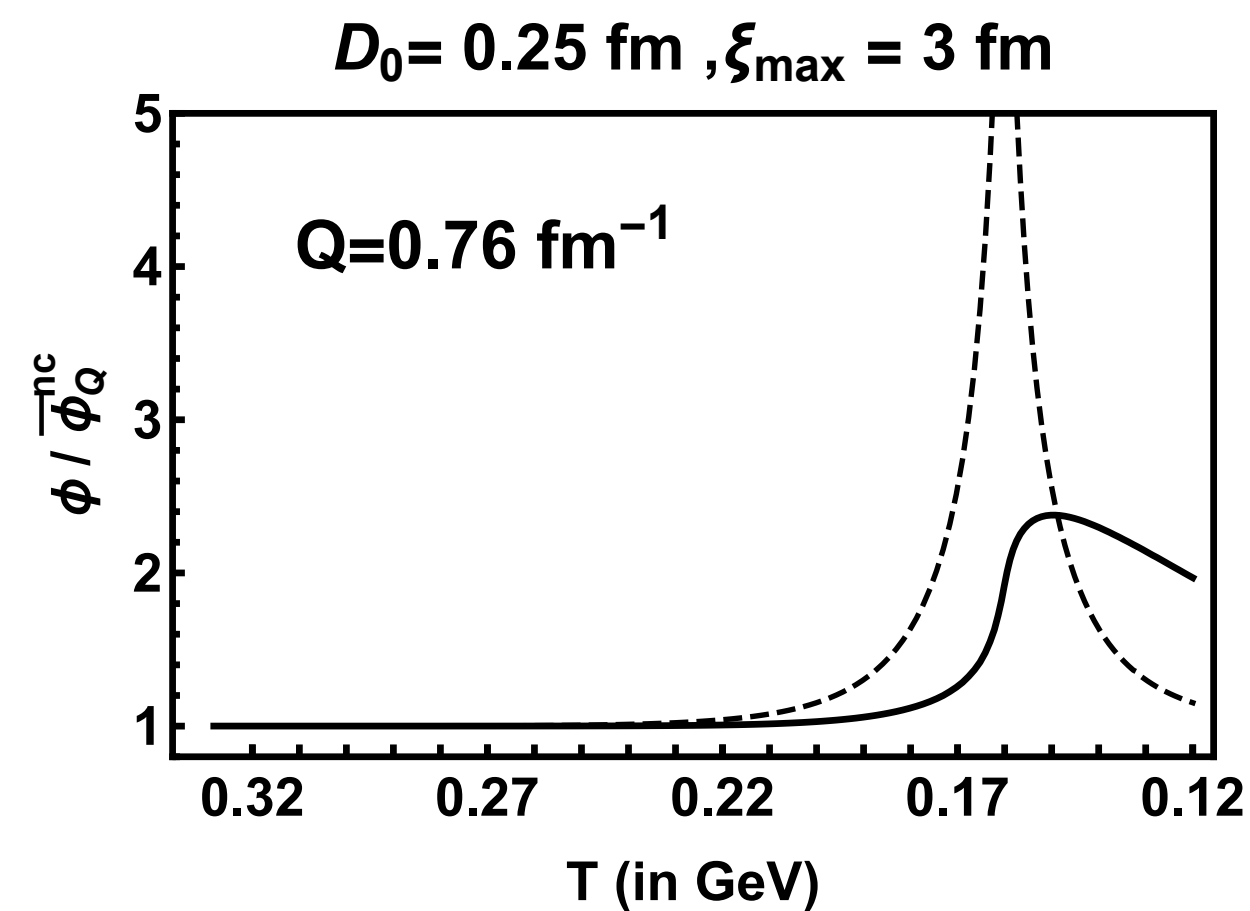
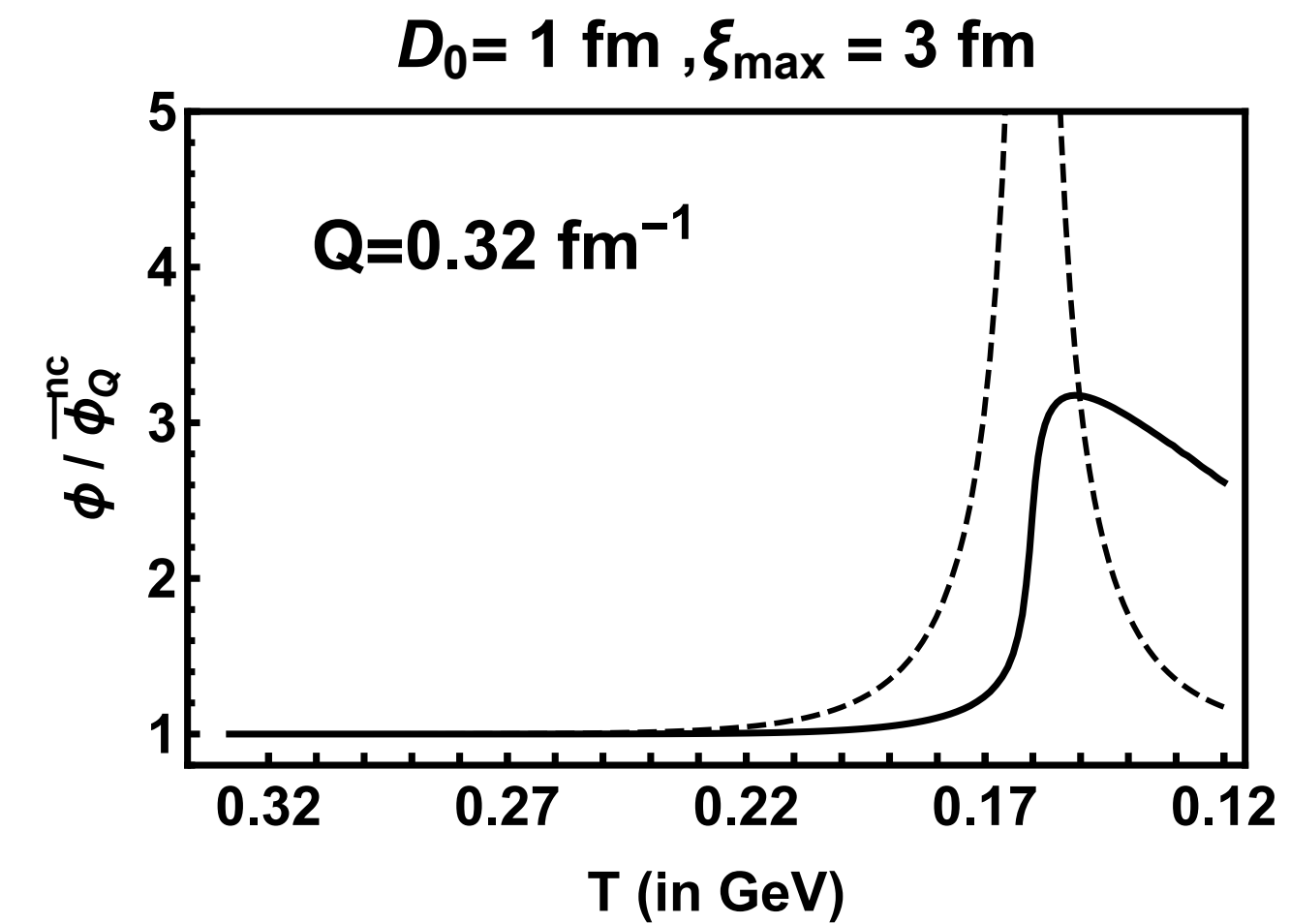
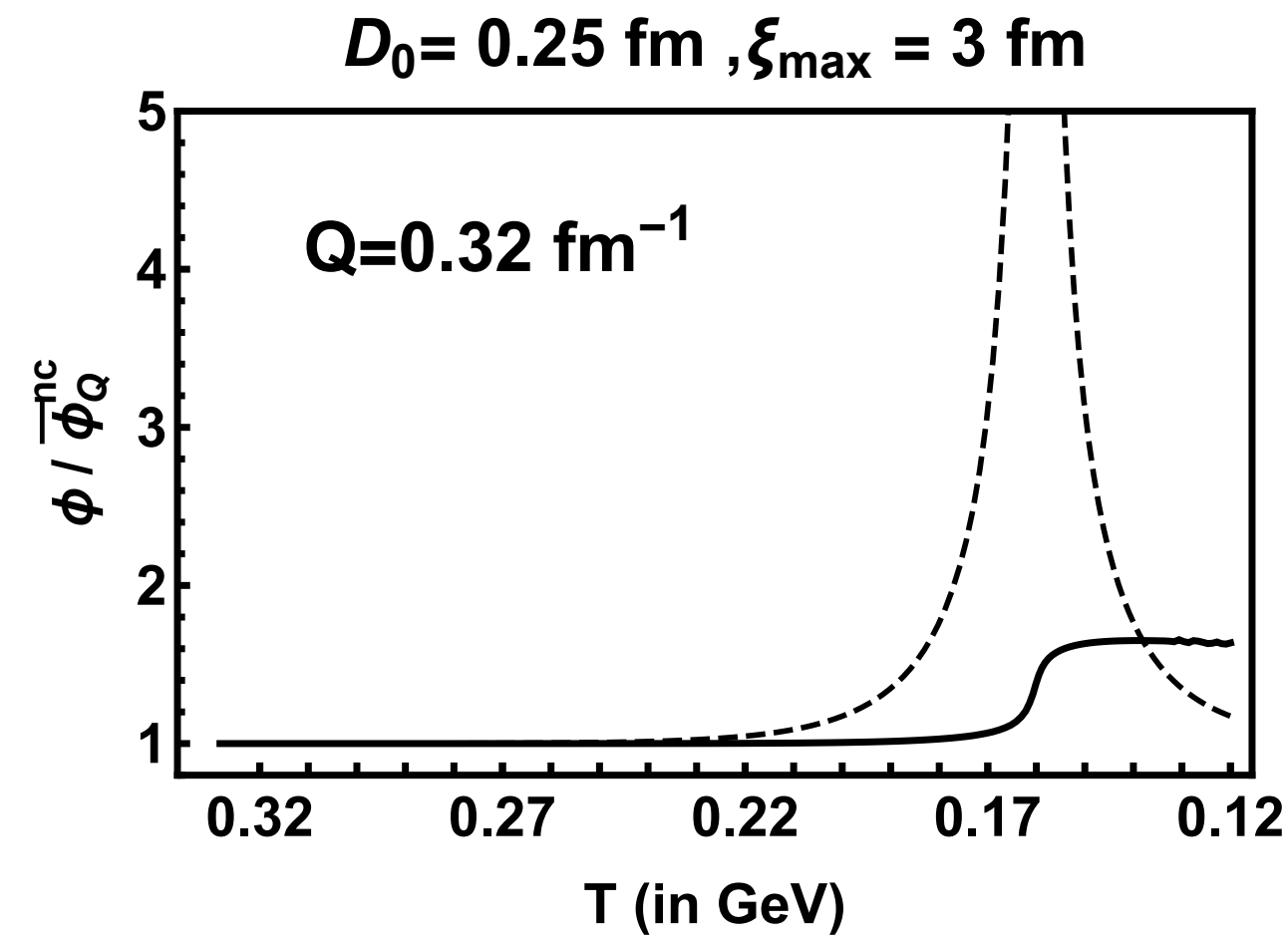
# Demonstrating critical slowing down

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Lower Q modes are suppressed strongly due to conservation and relax more slowly

$$\bar{\phi}_Q^{nc} \sim \frac{\xi_0^2}{1 + (Q\xi_0)^2}$$

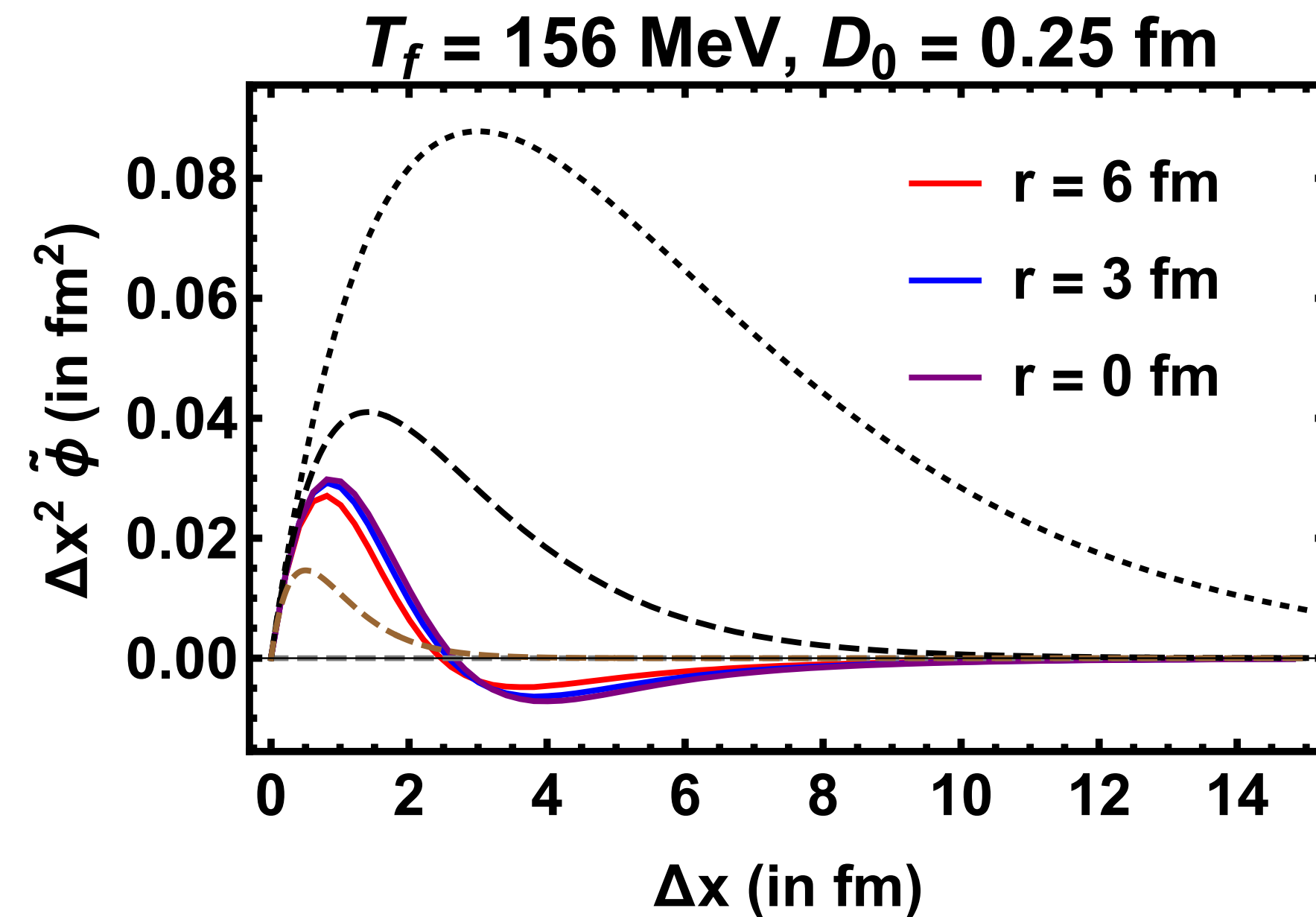
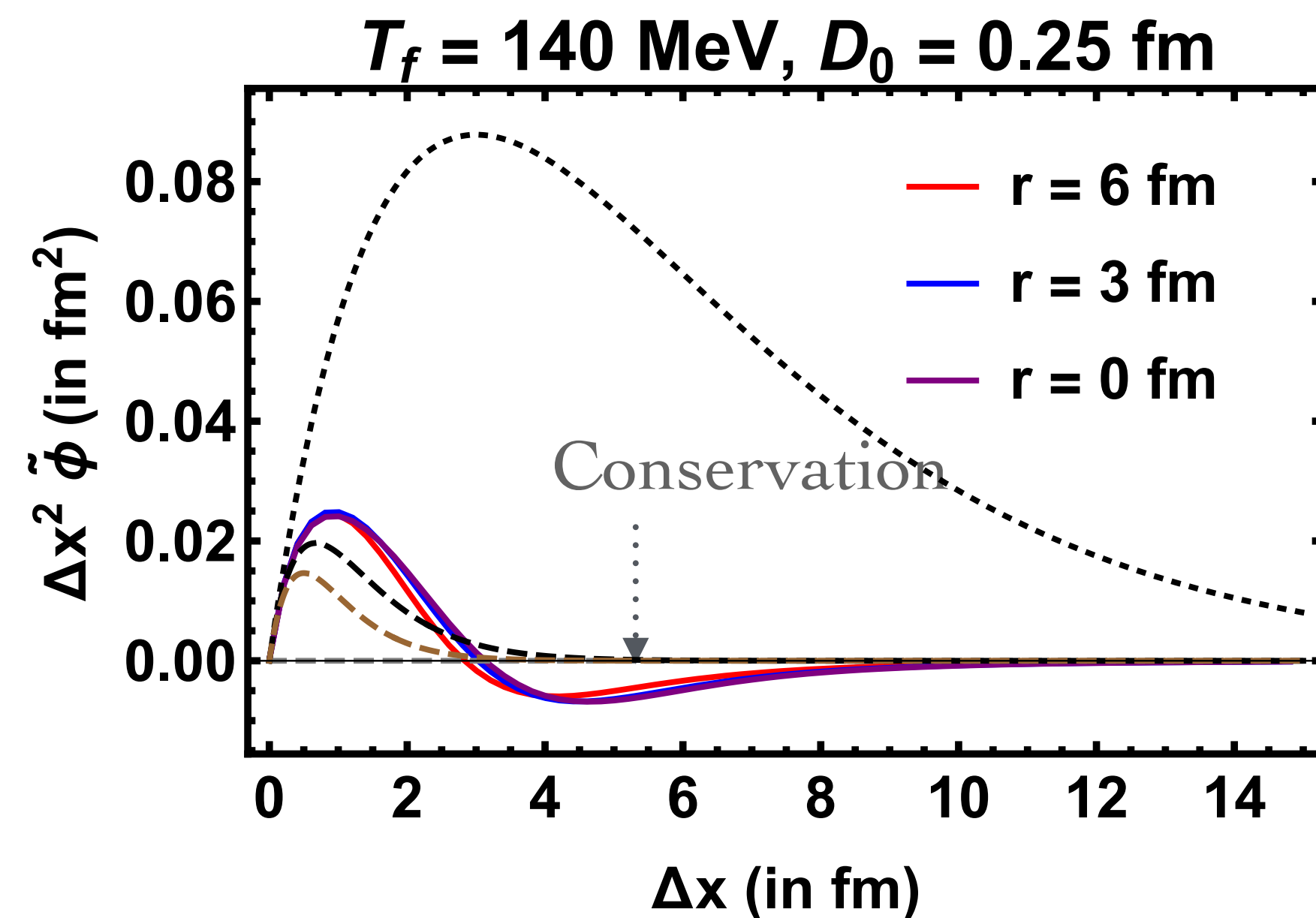
Normalized  
out-of-equilibrium  
fluctuations  
for two Q modes  
and two relaxation  
rates



# Critical correlations in space

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We consider two isothermal freeze-out scenarios:  $T=140$  MeV and  $T=156$  MeV



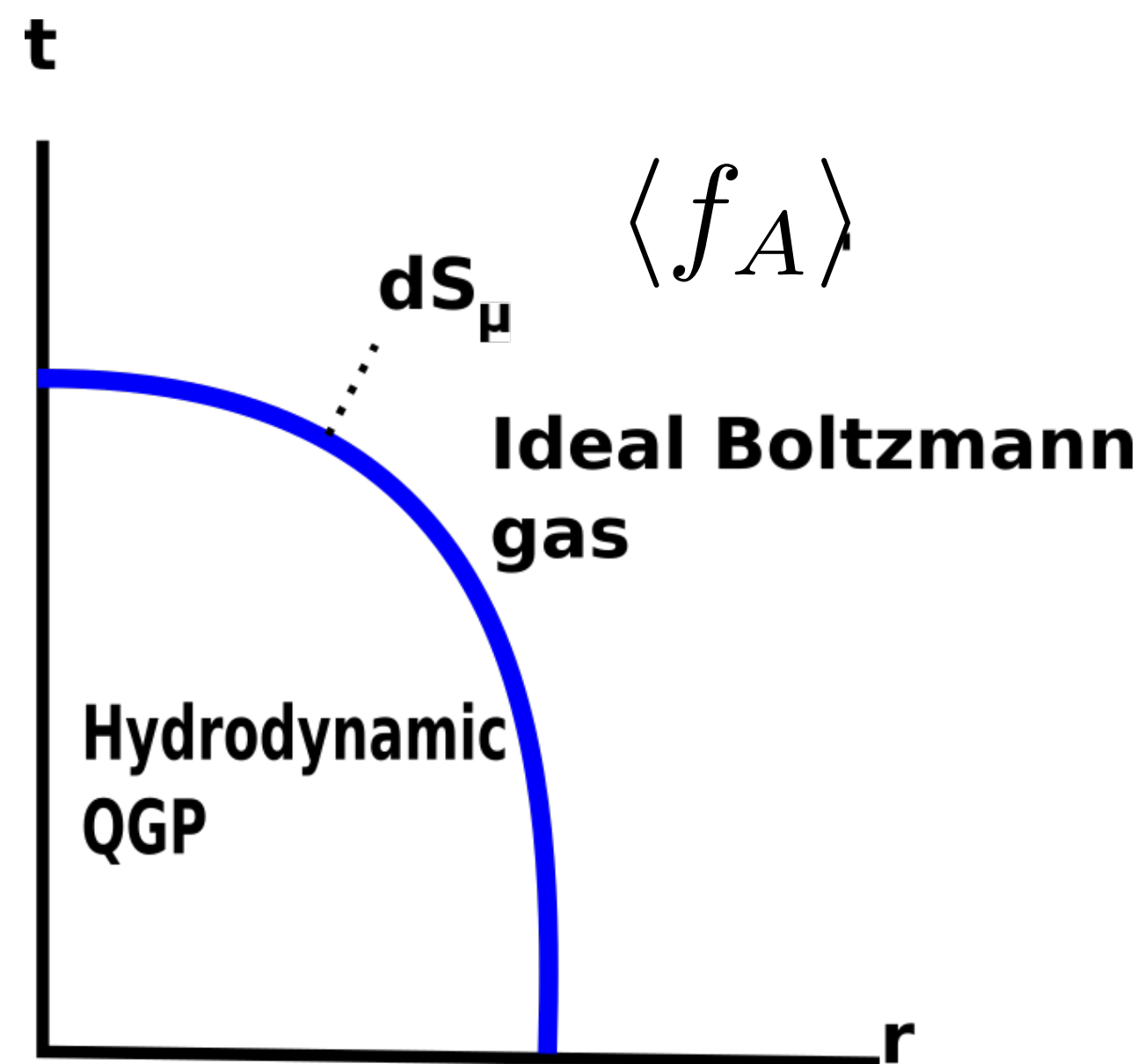
Memory

Out-of equilibrium fluctuations "remember" their past, so the difference between the two freeze-out scenarios is not too large

Conservation  $\int d\Delta x \Delta x^2 \tilde{\phi}(\Delta x) = \phi_0$

Zeroth mode doesn't evolve

# Traditional Cooper-Frye freeze-out procedure



$$\langle N_A \rangle = \int dS_\mu \int Dp p^\mu \langle f_A(x, p) \rangle$$

Matches the averages of conserved densities before (hydrodynamic) and after (hadron resonance gas) freeze\_out

**Does not describe fluctuations**

Cooper and Frye, 74



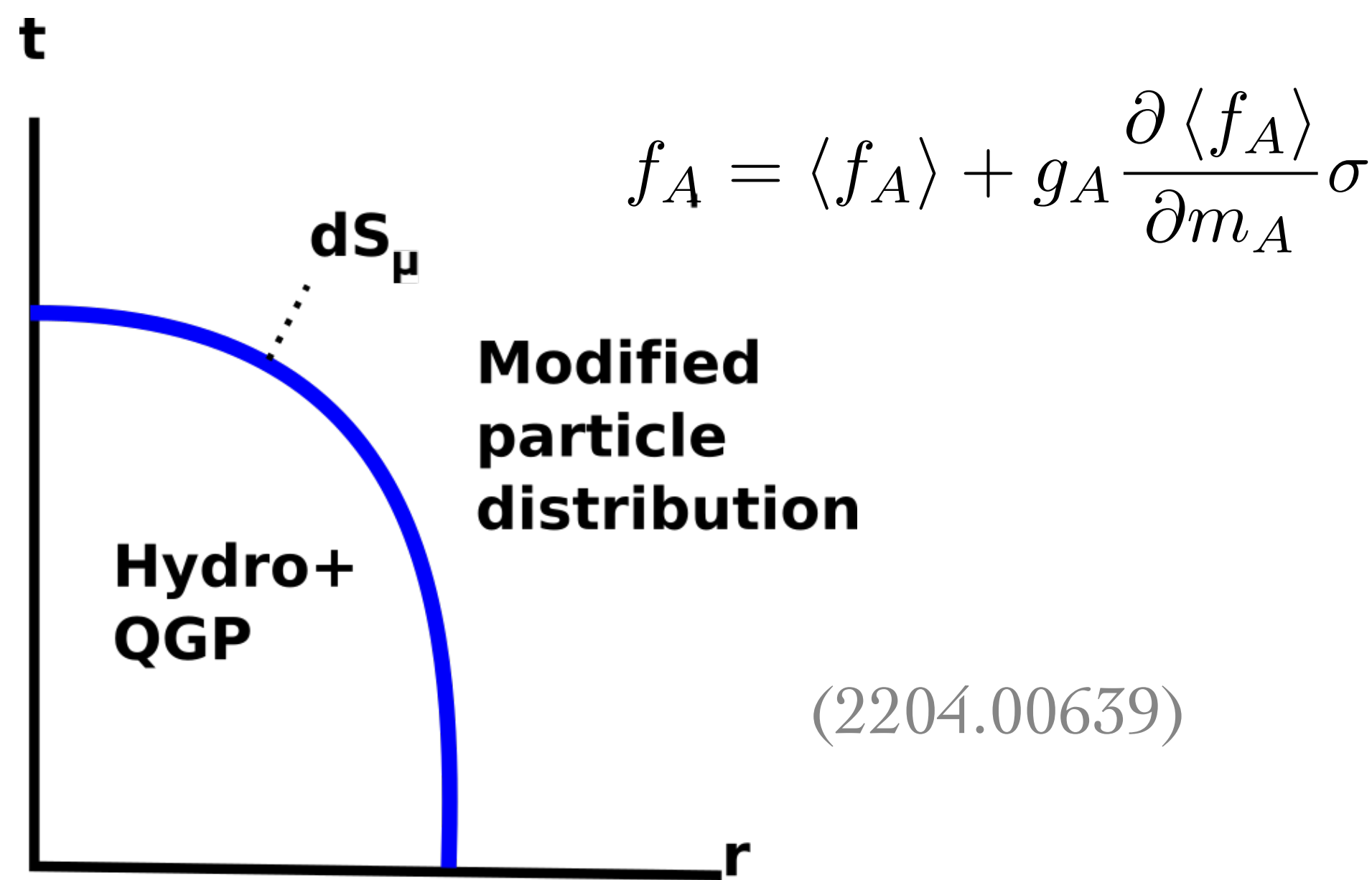
# Critical fluctuations in hadron resonance gas

- \* We incorporate the effects of critical fluctuations via the modification of particle masses due to their interaction with a critical sigma field

$$\delta m_A \approx g_A \sigma$$

We match the two point function of  $\sigma$  to the two point function of the Hydro+ mode,  $\hat{s} \equiv s/n$

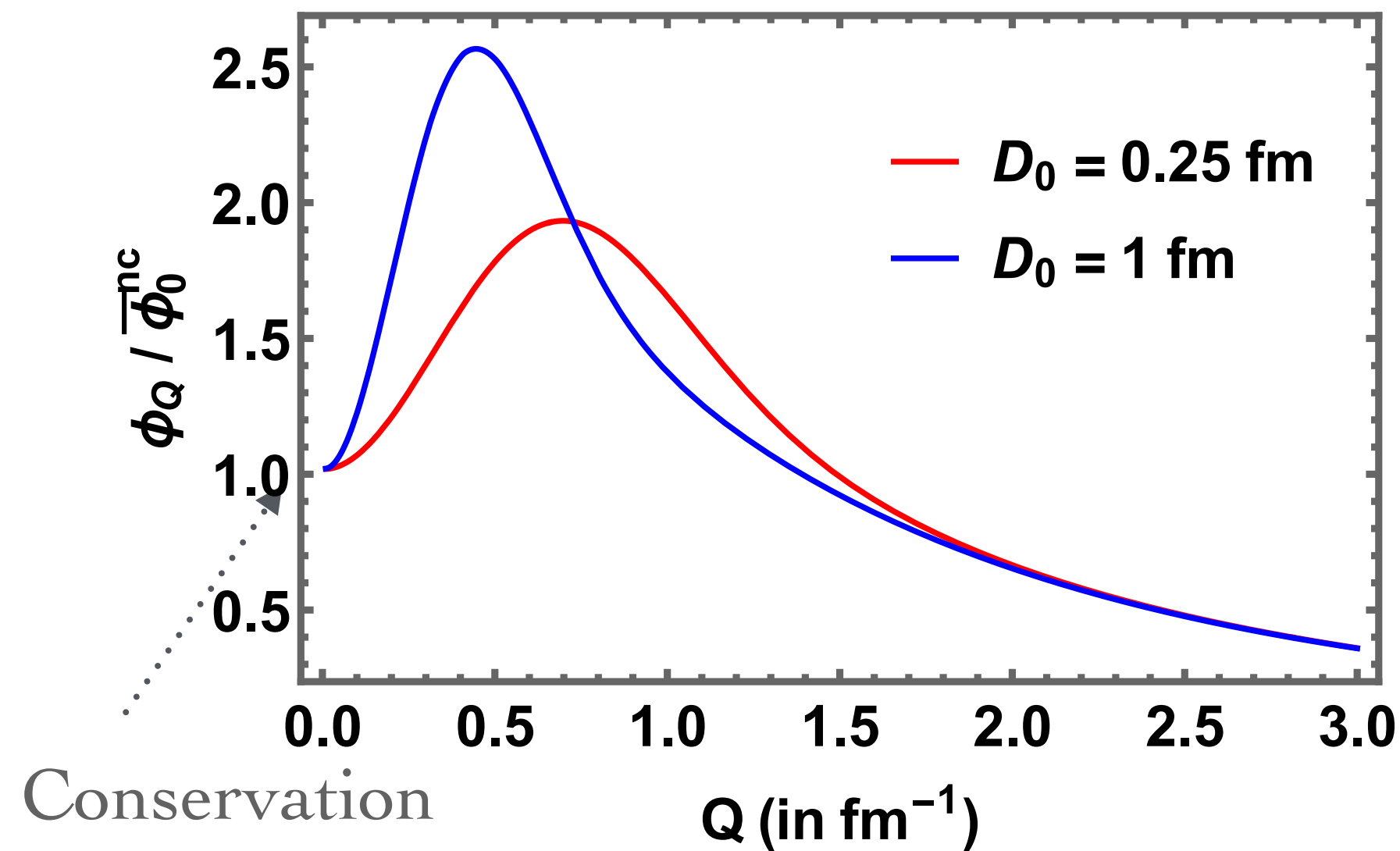
$$\langle \sigma(x_+) \sigma(x_-) \rangle \approx Z^{-1} \langle \delta \hat{s}(x_+) \delta \hat{s}(x_-) \rangle$$



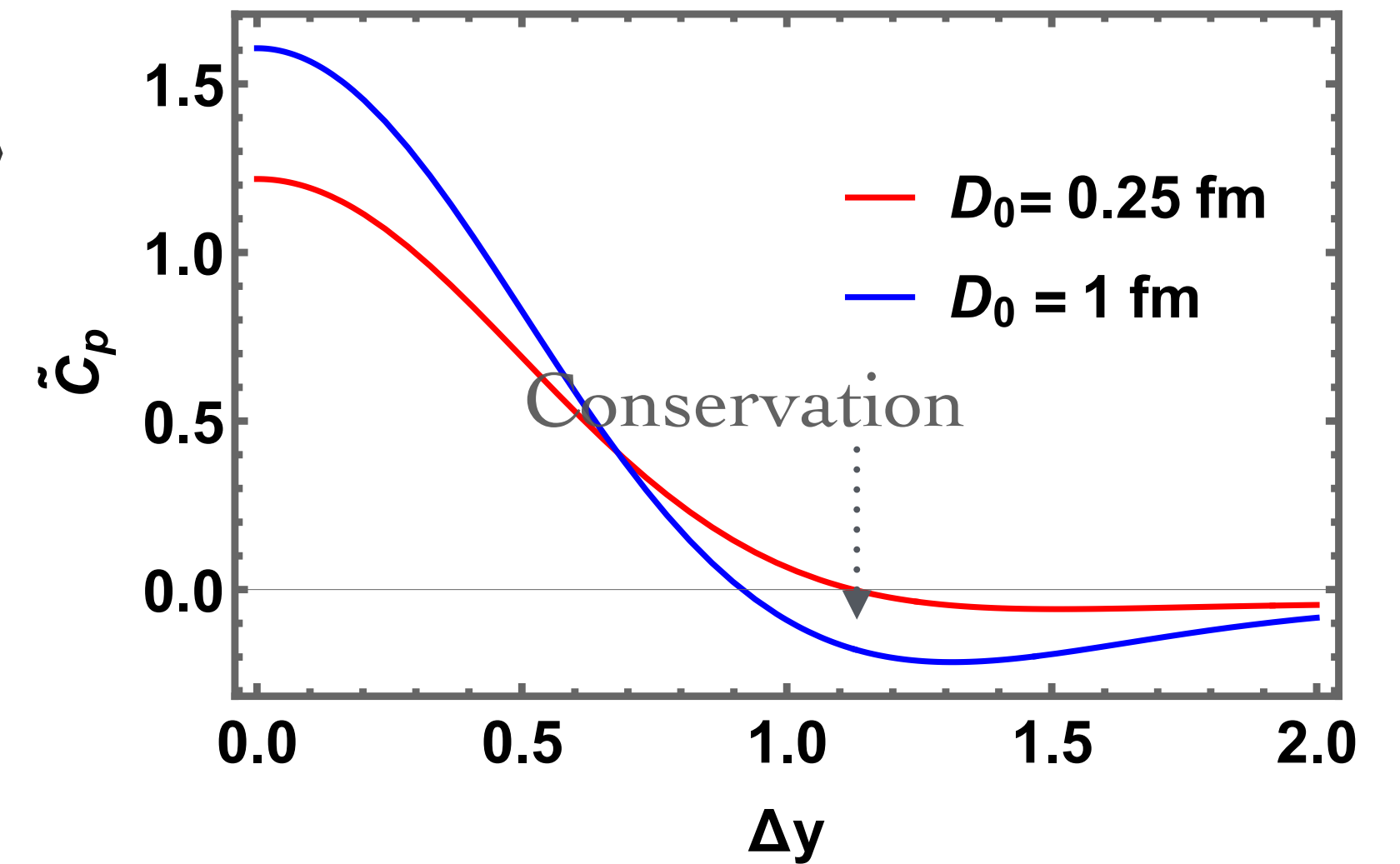
$$\langle \delta N_A^2 \rangle = \langle N_A \rangle + \langle \delta N_A^2 \rangle_\sigma$$

$$\langle \delta N_A^2 \rangle_\sigma = g_A^2 Z^{-1} \int dS_\mu J_A^\mu(x_+) \int dS_\nu J_A^\nu(x_-) \tilde{\phi}(x, \Delta \tilde{x})$$

# Effect of conservation laws on particle (anti)correlations at freeze-out



$$C_A(y_+, y_-) = \left\langle \delta \frac{dN_A}{dy_+} \delta \frac{dN_A}{dy_-} \right\rangle$$

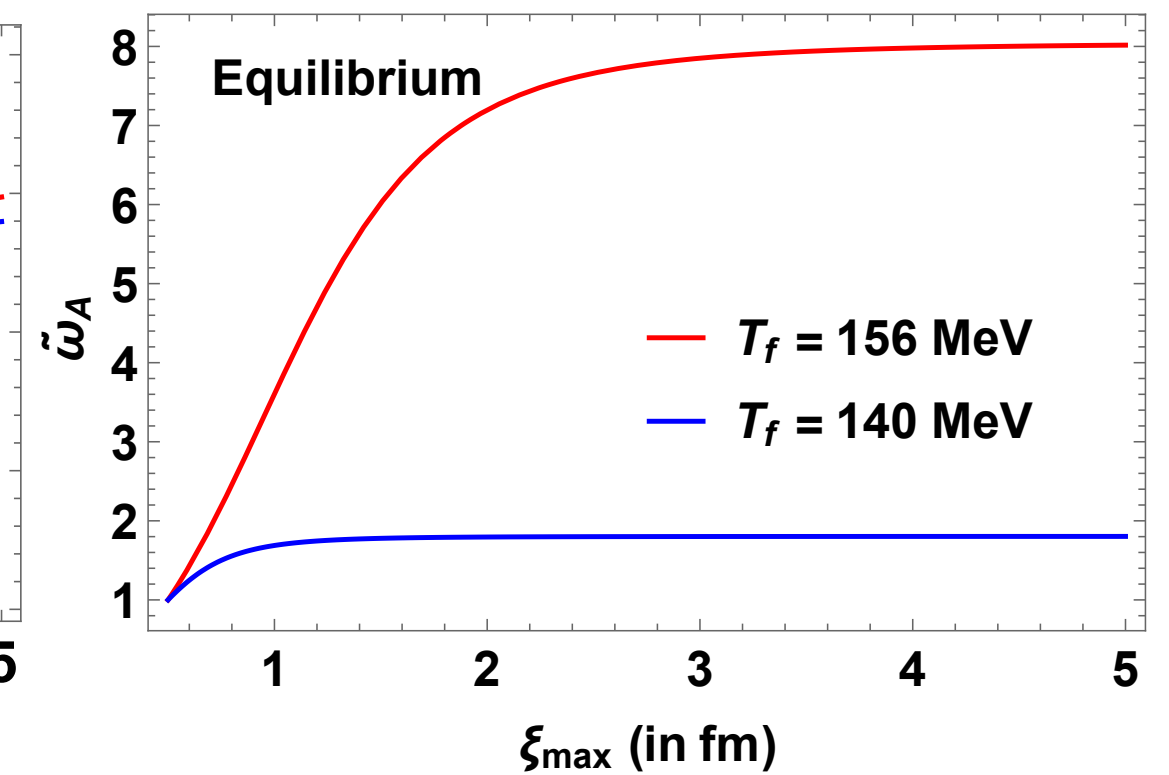
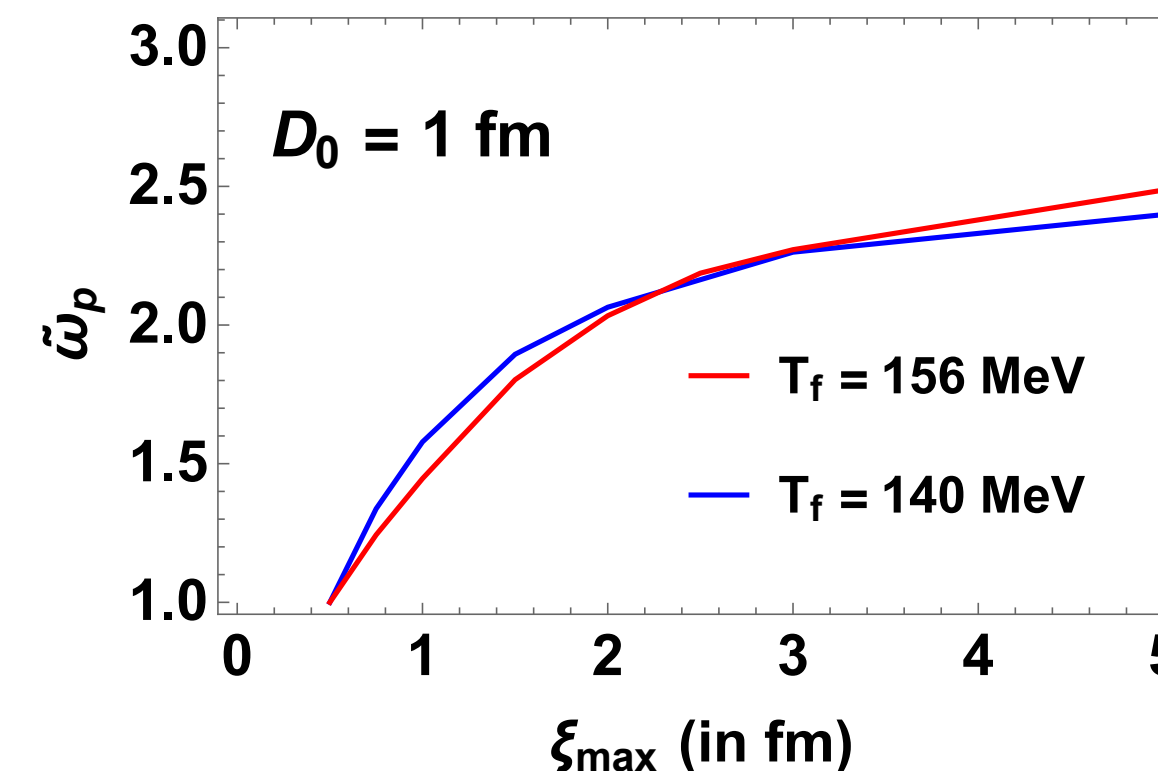
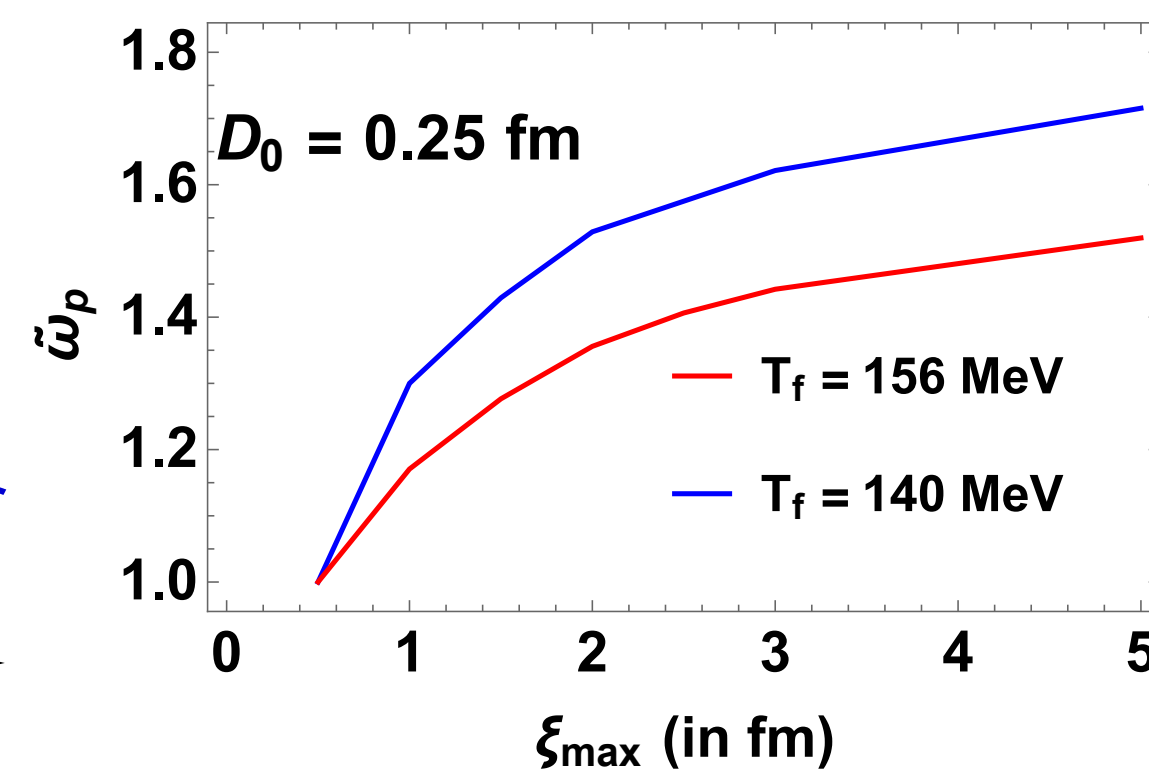
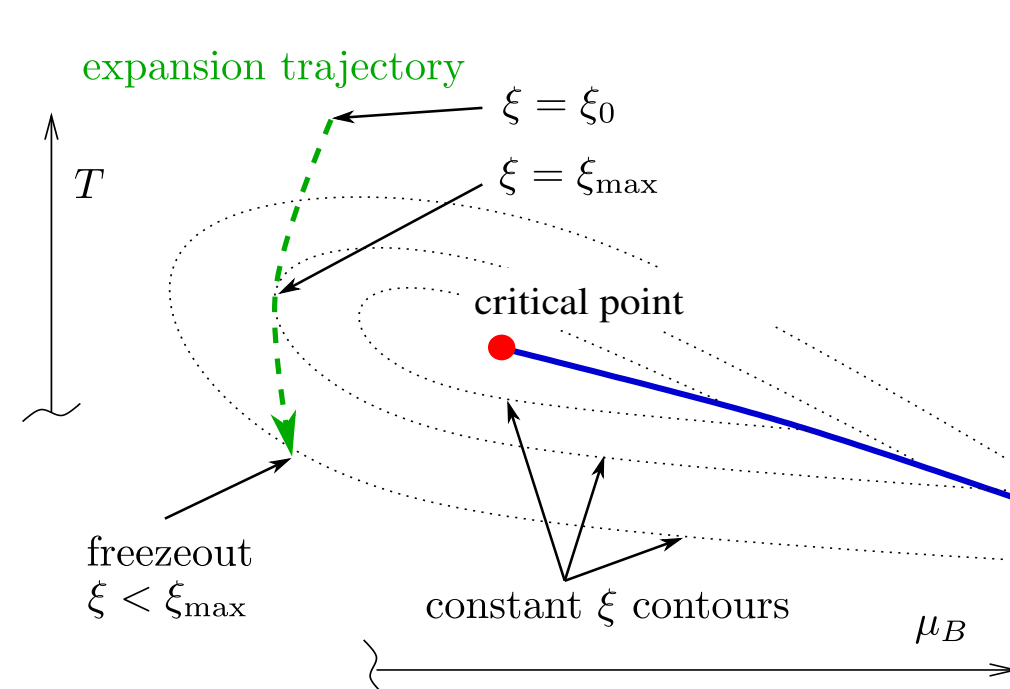


See next talk by J. Hammelmann for effects of conservation on cumulants during hadronic transport

Enhancement at low  $\Delta y$ , anti-correlations at large  $\Delta y$   
The low  $Q$  modes contribute the most to rapidity correlations

# Critical contribution to variance of proton multiplicities

$$\omega_p \equiv \frac{\langle \delta N_p^2 \rangle_\sigma}{\langle N_p \rangle}$$



Max.  $\xi$  is achieved at  $T = 160$  MeV

$$\tilde{\omega}_p \equiv \frac{\omega_p}{\omega_p^{\text{nc}}}$$

- \* The fluctuations are reduced relative to equilibrium value (due to conservation laws)
- \* The fluctuations are found to increase with  $D_0$  (faster diffusion)
- \* Compared to the equilibrium scenario, the fluctuations are less sensitive to freeze-out temperature

# Outlook

- \* The freeze-out procedure developed here can already be integrated into the full numerical simulation of heavy ion collisions relevant for BES program
- \* Freeze-out of higher point fluctuations needs to be implemented and analyzed
- \* There procedure can be improved by adding less singular contributions and modes which are not critical
- \* Although there are estimates available, these estimates must be verified by determining the coupling constants  $g_A$ s from the EoS

Thank you!