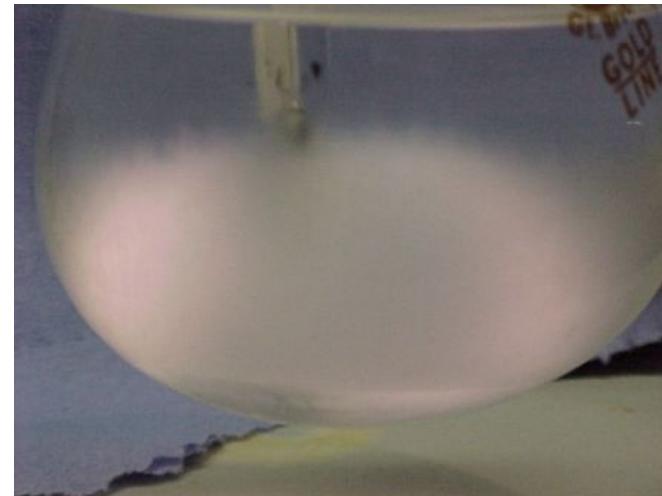
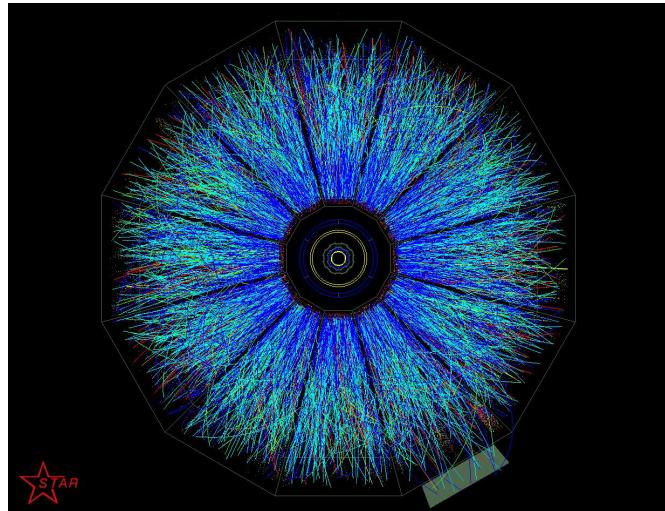


# Simulating stochastic fluids

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# Dynamical Theory

What is the dynamical theory near the critical point?

The basic logic of fluid dynamics still applies. Important modifications:

- Critical equation of state.
- Stochastic fluxes, fluctuation-dissipation relations.
- Possible Goldstone modes (chiral field in QCD?)

## Outline:

1. Stochastic field theories: Diffusion of a conserved charge.
2. What if fluctuations are large? Functional methods, the nPI action.
3. Numerical approaches to stochastic diffusion.

## 1. Stochastic diffusion

Consider diffusion of a conserved charge

$$\partial_0 \psi + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} = 0 \quad \vec{j} = -D \nabla \psi + \dots$$

Introduce noise and non-linear interactions

$$\partial_0 \psi = \kappa \nabla^2 \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \psi} + \xi$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \int d^d x \left[ \frac{\gamma}{2} (\vec{\nabla} \psi)^2 + \frac{m^2}{2} \psi^2 + \frac{\lambda}{3} \psi^3 + \frac{u}{4} \psi^4 \right]$$

$$\langle \xi(x, t) \xi(x', t') \rangle = \kappa T \nabla^2 \delta(x - x') \delta(t - t') \quad D = \kappa m^2$$

Equilibrium distribution

$$P[\psi] \sim \exp \left( -\frac{\mathcal{F}[\psi]}{k_B T} \right)$$

## Stochastic Field Theory

Stochastic effective lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \tilde{\psi} (\partial_0 - D \nabla^2) \psi + \tilde{\psi} D T \nabla^2 \tilde{\psi} + \tilde{\psi} D \lambda \nabla^2 \psi^2 + \dots$$

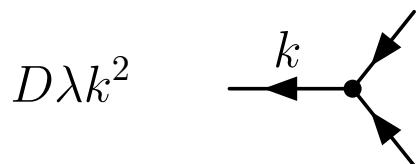
Diffusion      Noise      Interactions

Matrix propagator

$$\begin{pmatrix} \langle \tilde{\psi} \tilde{\psi} \rangle & \langle \tilde{\psi} \psi \rangle \\ \langle \psi \tilde{\psi} \rangle & \langle \psi \psi \rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & G_R \\ G_A & G_S \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{---} & \text{---} \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow & \leftarrow \square \rightarrow \end{pmatrix}$$

Analytic structure of the Schwinger-Keldysh propagator

Interaction vertex



What are the rules for constructing  
more general vertices?

## Time reversal invariance

Stochastic theory must describe detailed balance

$$\frac{P(\psi_1 \rightarrow \psi_2)}{P(\psi_2 \rightarrow \psi_1)} = \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta\mathcal{F}}{k_B T}\right)$$

Related to T-reversal symmetry

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(t) &\rightarrow \psi(-t) \\ \tilde{\psi}(t) &\rightarrow -\left[\tilde{\psi}(-t) + \frac{\delta\mathcal{F}}{\delta\psi}\right] \end{aligned} \quad \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L} + \frac{d\mathcal{F}}{dt}$$

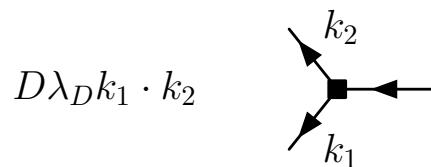
Ward identities: Fluctuation-Dissipation relations

$$2\kappa \operatorname{Im} \left\{ k^2 \langle \psi(\omega, k) \tilde{\psi}(-\omega, -k) \rangle \right\} = \omega \langle \psi(\omega, k) \psi(-\omega, -k) \rangle$$

## New and non-classical interactions

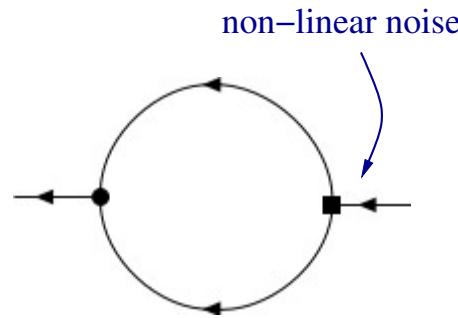
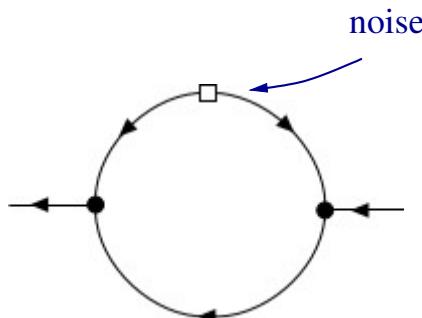
At this order ( $\Psi^3, \nabla^2$ ) there is one more interaction

Multiplicative noise :  $\mathcal{L} \sim D\lambda_D \psi (\vec{\nabla} \tilde{\psi})^2$



Non-linear noise vertex

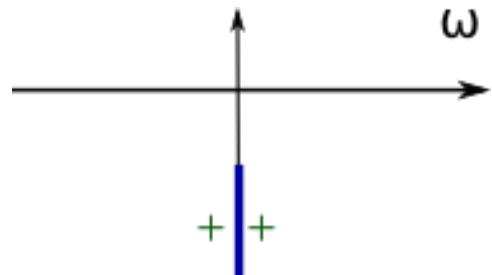
Retarded self energy



Contribute to (non-critical) order parameter relaxation

$$\Sigma(\omega, k) = \frac{\lambda'}{32\pi} \left( i\lambda' \omega k^2 + \lambda_D [i\omega - Dk^2] k^2 \right) \sqrt{k^2 - \frac{2i\omega}{D}}$$

Analytical structure



Diffusive cut dominates over (split)  
diffusive pole.

Even higher order: Non-linear noise with no contribution to constitutive equations.

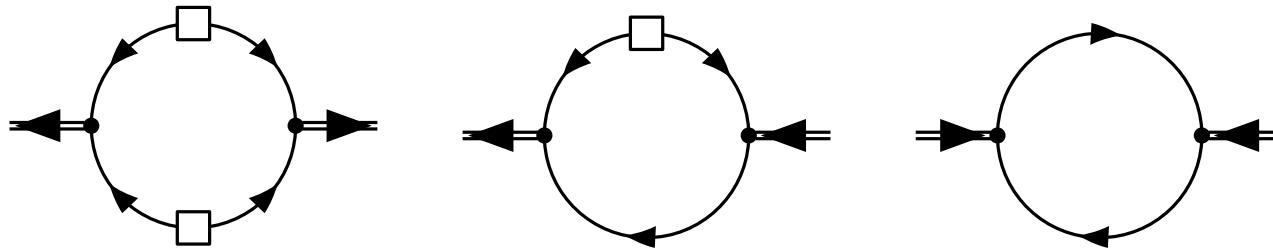
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## 2. 1PI effective action

Consider 1PI effective action

$$\Gamma[\Psi, \tilde{\Psi}] = W[J, \tilde{J}] - \int dt d^3x (J\Psi + \tilde{J}\tilde{\Psi}) \quad \frac{\delta W}{\delta J} = \langle \psi \rangle = \Psi,$$

Loop expansion



“Classical” equation of motion

$$(\partial_t - D\nabla^2)\Psi - \frac{D\lambda}{2}\nabla^2\Psi^2 + \int d^3x dt \Psi(x', t')\Sigma(x, t; x', t') = 0$$

$$\Sigma(t, x) \sim \frac{\lambda^2\theta(t)}{t^{3/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{Dk^2t}{2}\right)$$

## 2PI effective action

Consider 2PI effective action

$$\Gamma[\Psi_a, G_{ab}] = W[J_a, K_{ab}] - J_A \Psi_A - \frac{1}{2} K_{AB} [\Psi_A \Psi_B + G_{AB}]$$

Matrix propagator  $G_{ab}$ , Bilocal source  $K_{ab}$

Equation of motion for  $\Psi_a$  unchanged, but  $\Sigma_{ab}$  satisfies Dyson-Schwinger equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Diagram 1} & \text{Diagram 2} \\ \text{Diagram 3} & \text{Diagram 4} \end{pmatrix}$$

The diagrammatic representation consists of four circular loops arranged in a 2x2 grid. Each loop has arrows indicating direction. Diagram 1 (top-left) has two open squares at the top and bottom vertices. Diagram 2 (top-right) has an open square at the top vertex and a closed black square at the bottom vertex. Diagram 3 (bottom-left) has an open square at the bottom vertex and a closed black square at the top vertex. Diagram 4 (bottom-right) has two closed black squares at the top and bottom vertices.

## Gap equation (mixed representation)

Consider mixed representation  $\Sigma(t, k^2)$ . Free propagator  $G_R^0 = \Theta(t)e^{-tDk^2}$

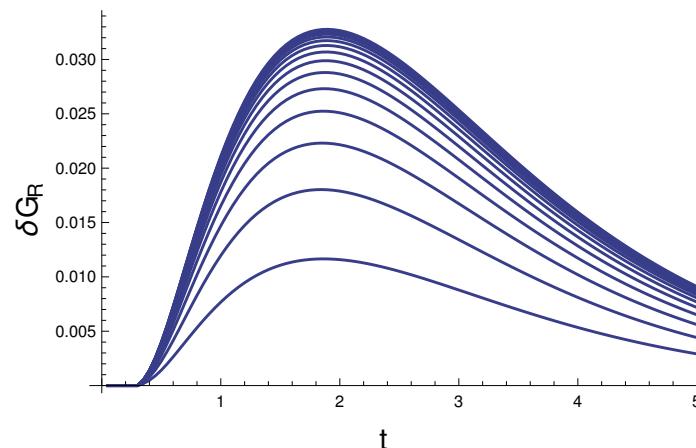
$$\Sigma(t, k^2) \sim \lambda^2 \int d^3 k' G(t, k - k') G(t, k')$$

Have to determine  $G$  from Dyson equation (matrix structure suppressed)

$$G(t, k^2) = G_0(t, k^2) - \int dt_1 dt_2 G_0(t_1, k^2) \Sigma(t_2 - t_1, k^2) G(t - t_2, k^2)$$

Short time singularities regulated by Pauli-Vilars “Diffuson”

$G_R(t, k^2)$  at fixed  $k$  is  
non-perturbative for  
 $t > \frac{\tau}{(k\xi)^2} \log \left( \frac{2}{\alpha g_3^2 (k\xi)^2} \right)$   
 $D = \xi^4 / \tau, g_3 = \lambda_3 \xi^{3/2} T^{1/2}$



### 3. Stochastic relaxation/diffusion

Stochastic relaxation equation (“model A”)

$$\partial_t \psi = -\Gamma \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \psi} + \zeta \quad \langle \zeta(x, t) \zeta(x', t') \rangle = \Gamma T \delta(x - x') \delta(t - t')$$

Naive discretization

$$\psi(t + \Delta t) = \psi(t) + (\Delta t) \left[ -\Gamma \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \psi} + \sqrt{\frac{\Gamma T}{(\Delta t) a^3}} \theta \right] \quad \langle \theta^2 \rangle = 1$$

Noise dominates as  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ , leads to discretization ambiguities in the equilibrium distribution.

Idea: Use Metropolis update

$$\psi(t + \Delta t) = \psi(t) + \sqrt{2\Gamma(\Delta t)} \theta \quad p = \min(1, e^{-\beta \Delta \mathcal{F}})$$

## Stochastic relaxation

Central observation

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \psi(t + \Delta t, \vec{x}) - \psi(t, \vec{x}) \rangle &= -(\Delta t) \Gamma \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \psi} + O((\Delta t)^2) \\ \langle [\psi(t + \Delta t, \vec{x}) - \psi(t, \vec{x})]^2 \rangle &= 2(\Delta t) \Gamma T + O((\Delta t)^2).\end{aligned}$$

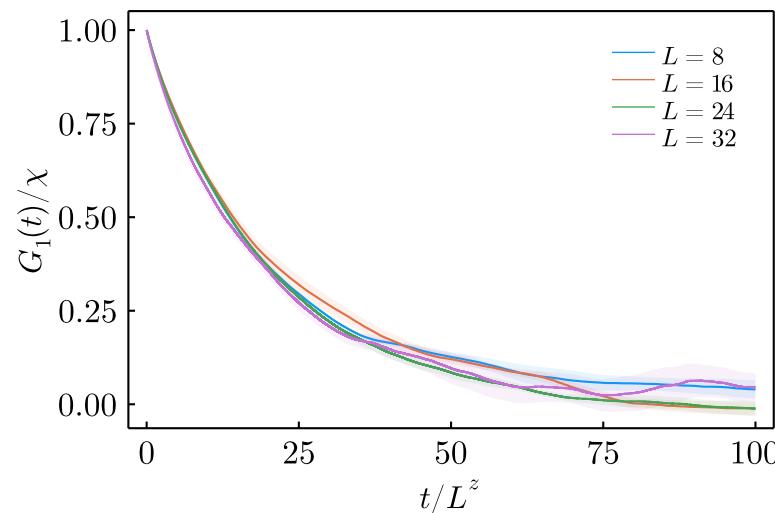
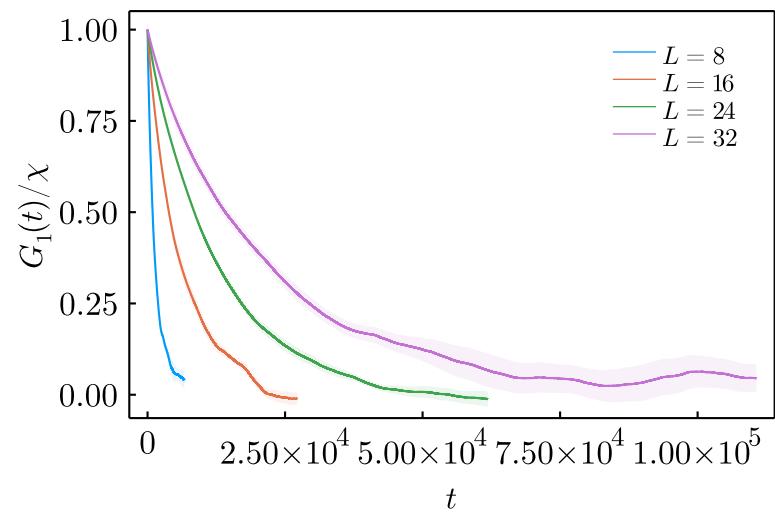
Metropolis realizes both diffusive and stochastic step. Also

$$P[\psi] \sim \exp(-\beta \mathcal{F}[\psi])$$

Note: Still have short distance noise; need to adjust bare parameters such as  $\Gamma, m^2, \lambda$  to reproduce physical quantities.

## Dynamic scaling (model A)

Correlation functions at  $T_c$ ,  $V = L^3$ ,  $L = 8, 16, 24, 32$



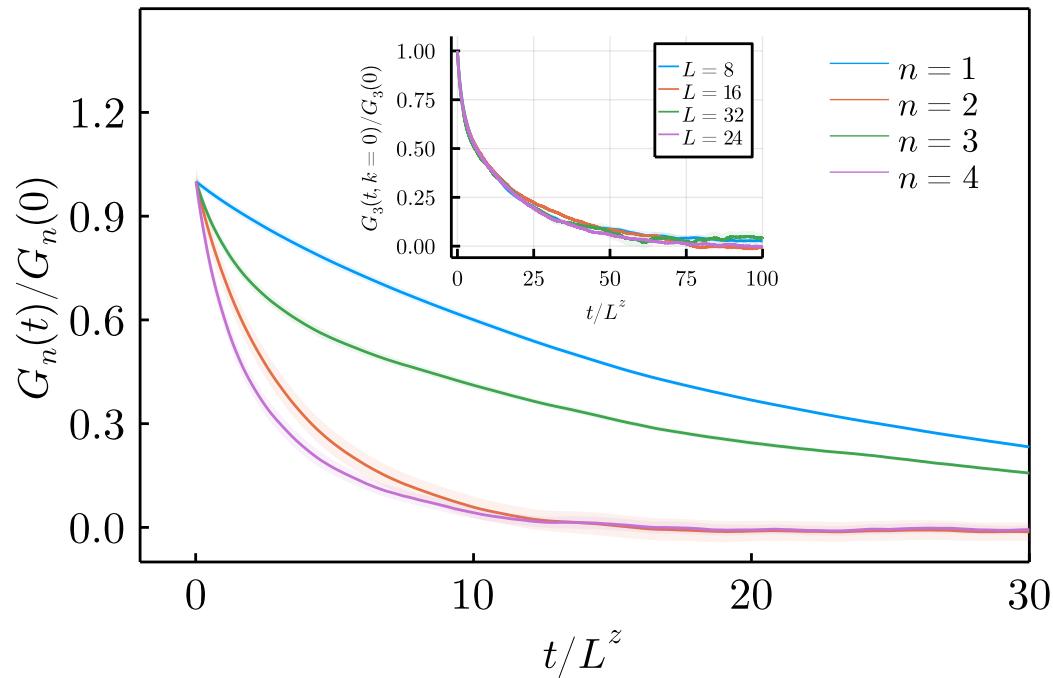
$$G_1(t) = \langle M(0)M(t) \rangle$$

$$M(t) = \int d^3x \psi(x)$$

Dynamic critical exponent  $z = 2.026(56)$ .

## Correlation functions of higher moments

Correlation functions at  $T_c$



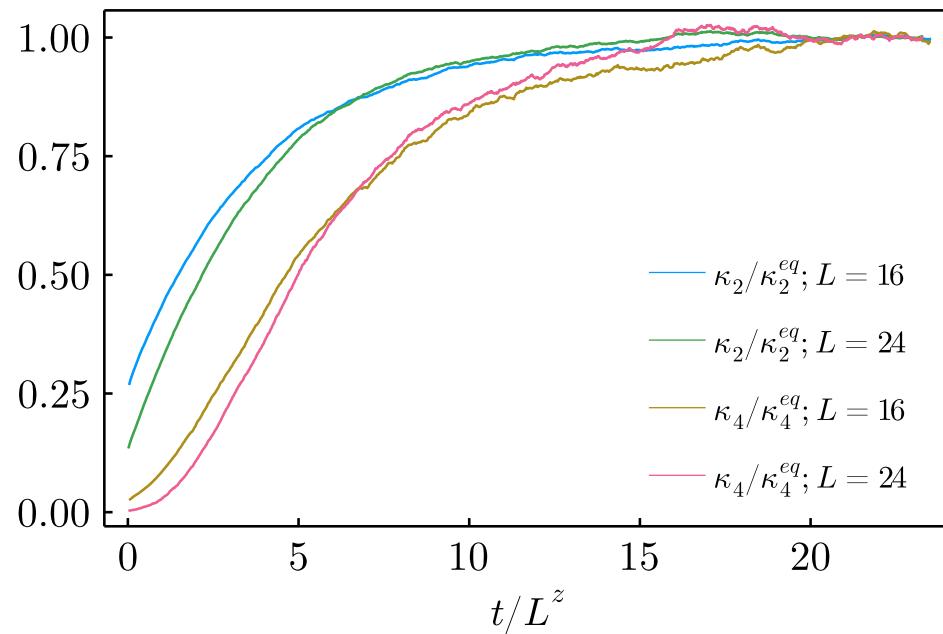
Inset: Dynamic scaling of  
 $G_3(t)$  with  
 $z = 2.026(56)$ .

$$G_n(t) = \langle M^n(0)M^n(t) \rangle \quad M(t) = \int d^3x \psi(x)$$

Dynamic scaling holds for all  $n$ , but decay constant depends on  $n$ .

## Relaxation after a quench

Thermalize at  $T > T_c$ . Study evolution at  $T_c$



$$C_n(t) = \langle\langle M^n(t) \rangle\rangle_{M(0)} \quad (n = 2, 4) \qquad M(t) = \int d^3x \psi(x)$$

Observe separate early (“slip”) and late (“dynamical”) exponents.

## Stochastic diffusion (model B)

Stochastic diffusion equation (“model B”)

$$\partial_t \psi = \Gamma \nabla^2 \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \psi} + \zeta \quad \langle \zeta(x, t) \zeta(x', t') \rangle = -\Gamma T \nabla^2 \delta(x - x') \delta(t - t')$$

Write this as a conservation law

$$\partial_t \psi + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j} = 0, \quad \vec{j} = -\Gamma \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \psi} + \vec{\xi}$$

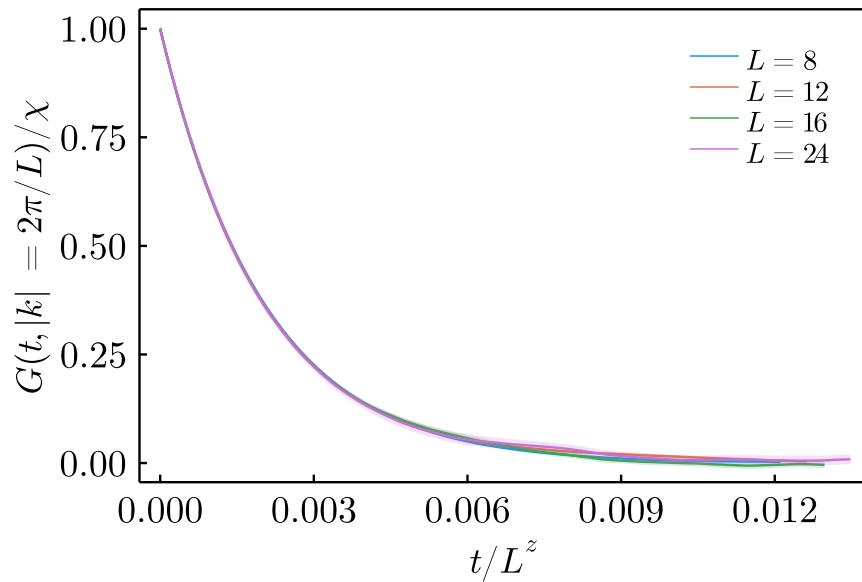
and update fluxes  $q_\mu = \hat{n}_\mu \cdot \vec{j}$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(t + \Delta t, \vec{x}) &= \psi(t, \vec{x}) + q_\mu, \\ \psi(t + \Delta t, \vec{x} + \hat{\mu}) &= \psi(t, \vec{x} + \hat{\mu}) - q_\mu, \end{aligned}$$

with  $q_\mu = \sqrt{2\Gamma \Delta t} \theta$ .

## Dynamic scaling (model B)

Correlation functions at  $T_c$ ,  $V = L^3$ ,  $L = 8, 12, 16, 24$

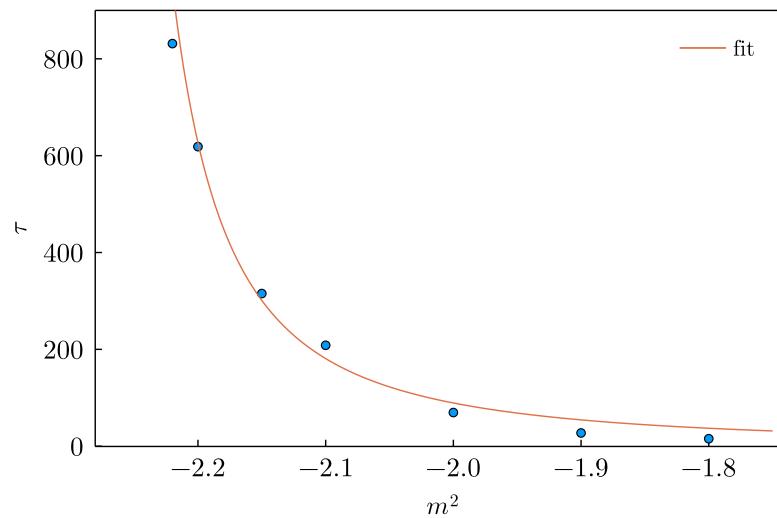
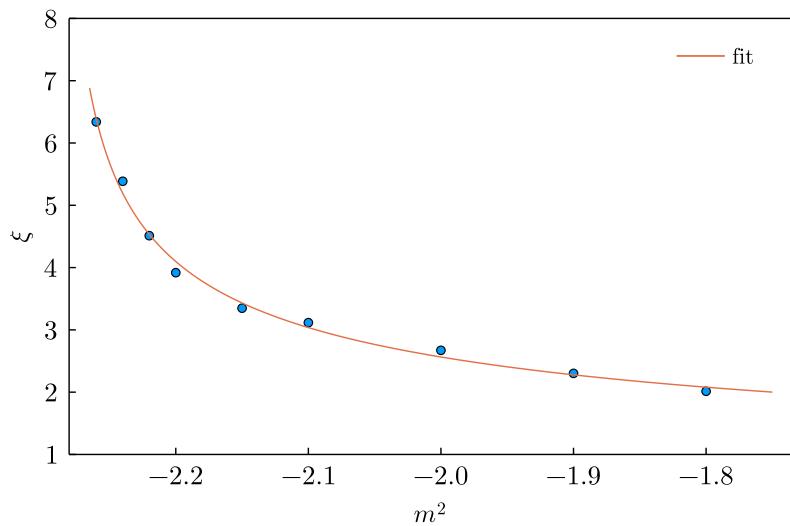


$$G_1(t, k) = \langle M(0, k)M(t, k) \rangle \quad M(t, k) = \int d^3x \psi(x) e^{ix \cdot k}$$

Dynamic critical exponent  $z = 3.972(2)$ .

## Stochastic diffusion

Correlation length and relaxation time as a function of  $m^2$

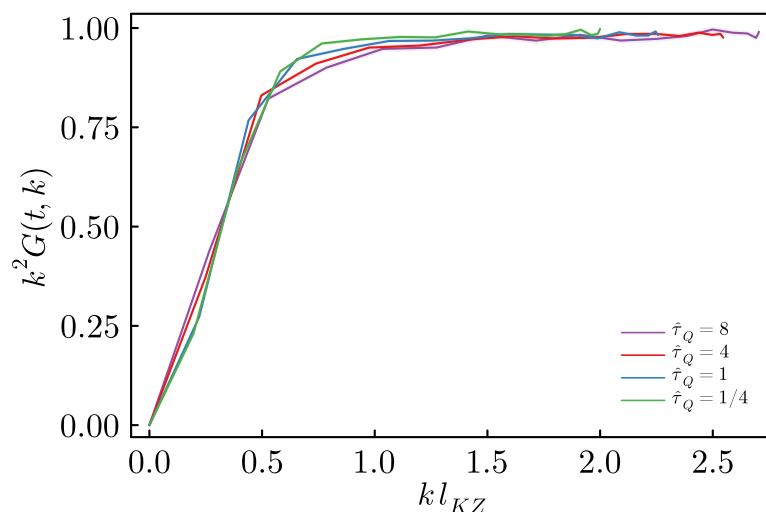
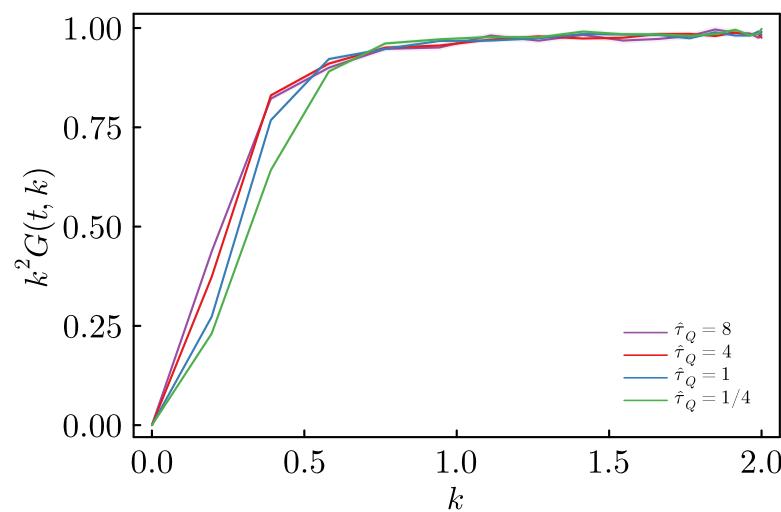


$$\xi \sim \frac{1}{(m^2 - m_c^2)^\nu} \quad (\nu \simeq 0.54)$$

$$\tau \sim \xi^z \quad (z \simeq 3.73)$$

## Kibble-Zurek scaling

$$\text{Sweep } m^2 = m_c^2[1 + \Gamma_Q(t - t_c)] \ (\tau_Q = \Gamma_Q^{-1})$$



Expect scaling with  $\tau_{KZ} \sim \tau_Q^{2/3}$  and  $l_{KZ} \sim \tau_Q^{1/6}$

## Summary

Dynamical evolution of fluctuations is important.

Old and new ideas about effective actions on the Keldysh contour. In principle allows systematic derivation of hydro equations for n-point functions.

Alternative approach: Direct simulation of stochastic fluid dynamics.  
New idea: Ignore back-reaction, and use Metropolis (or heat bath?) algorithm.