

# How small hydrodynamics can go



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**Hydrodynamics = effective field theory = continuum description  
valid when  $L \gg \gg a$**

# Hydrodynamics in a slide



slowest



faster



much faster

+ ...



largest



smaller



much smaller

+ ...



Until which scale can we trust the hydrodynamic expansion ?

Which is the physical scale setting the breakdown of the hydrodynamic expansion ?

**Hydrodynamic modes**  $\omega(k \rightarrow 0) = 0$  [conserved quantities, Goldstones]

**Non-Hydrodynamic modes**  $\omega(k \rightarrow 0) \neq 0$  [relaxing modes, transient modes]

$$\mathcal{D}_{AB}(\omega, k) \boxed{\delta\psi^A} = 0$$

Dynamical matrix

Field fluctuations  
(e.g. energy, momentum)

Example:

$$\mathcal{D}_{AB}^\perp(\omega, k) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\eta k^2}{\chi\pi\pi} - i\omega & -iGk \\ -\frac{ik}{\chi\pi\pi} & Gk^2 \xi_\perp - i\omega \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\omega_{\text{diff}}(z \equiv \mathbf{q}^2) = -i \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n z^n,$$

$$\omega_{\text{sound}}^\pm(z \equiv \sqrt{\mathbf{q}^2}) = -i \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{\pm \frac{i\pi n}{2}} z^n,$$

Hydrodynamics = theory of slow and large-scale processes (expansion in gradients)

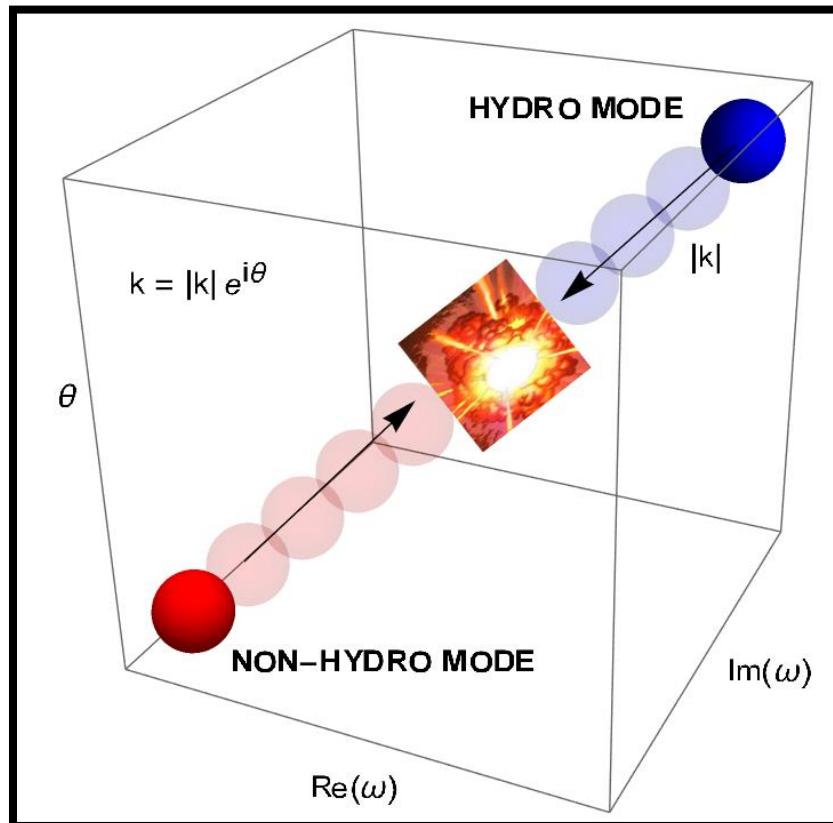
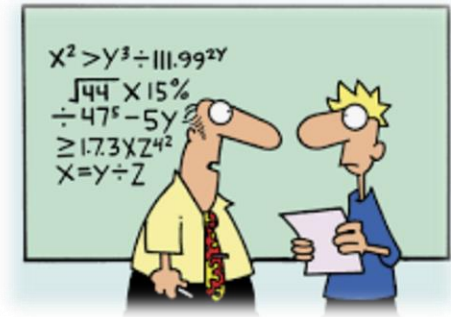
[Withers, Grozdanov, Starinets, Kovtun, Tadic, and many more ...]

$$\text{Det} \mathcal{D}_{ab} = F(\omega, k^2) = 0$$

Critical points

$$\omega_c, k_c^2 \in \mathbb{C}$$

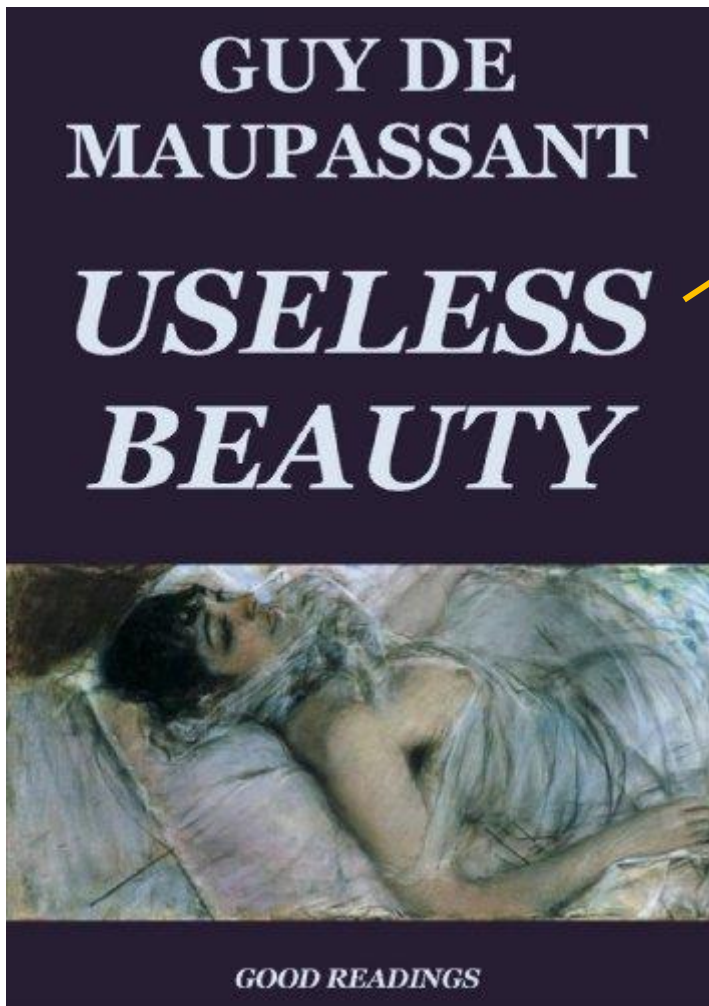
$$F(\omega_c, k_c^2) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial F(\omega_c, k_c^2)}{\partial \omega} = 0,$$



$$\mathcal{R} \equiv |k_c|$$

Position of the lowest critical point determines the regime of applicability of linearized hydrodynamics (in momentum space)

“until when non-hydro modes are harmless”



Or not ?

For the moment, a very beautiful mathematical result and few computations in holographic models, SYK model and kinetic theory

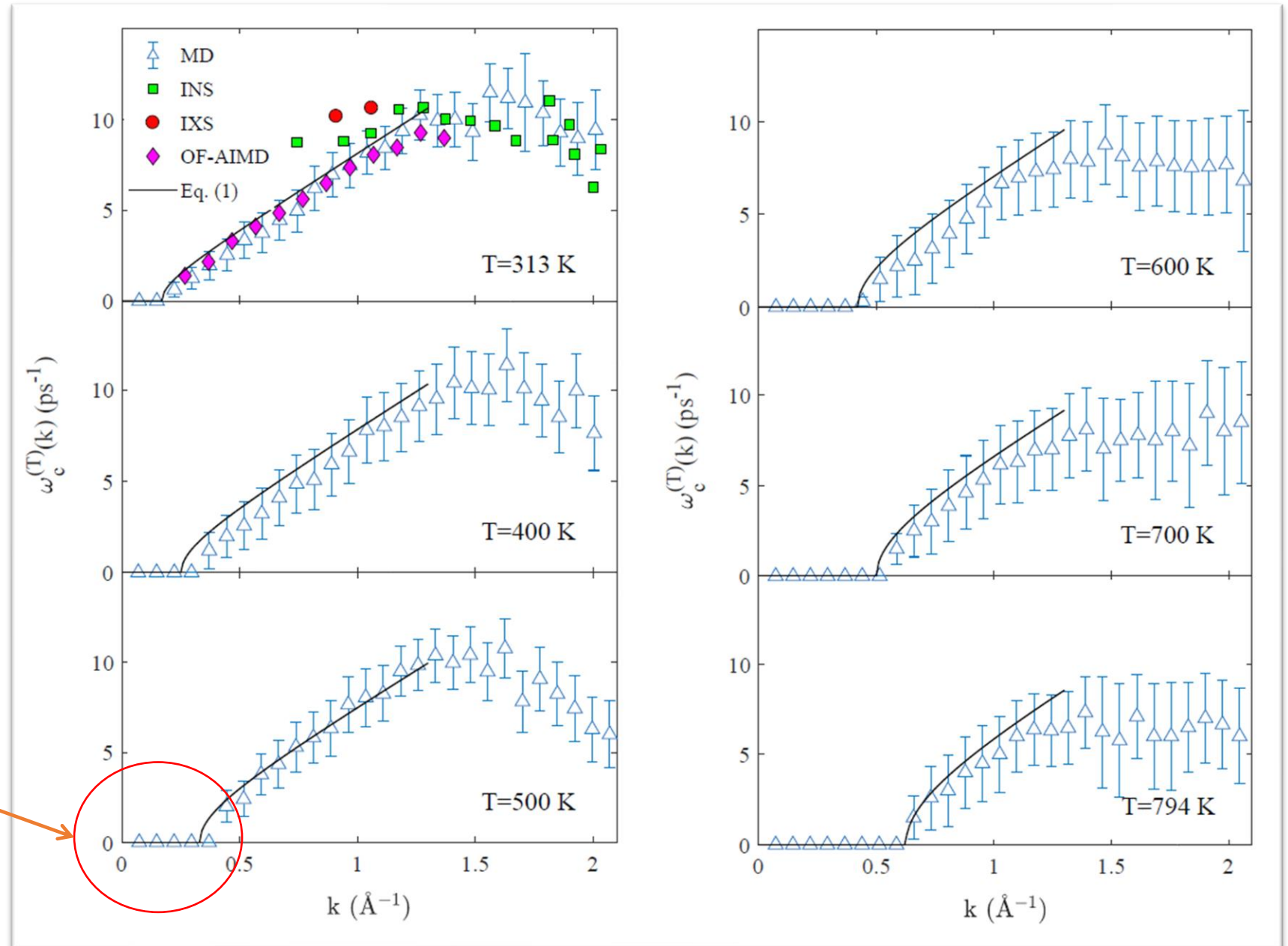


Can we apply these concepts to realistic liquids ?

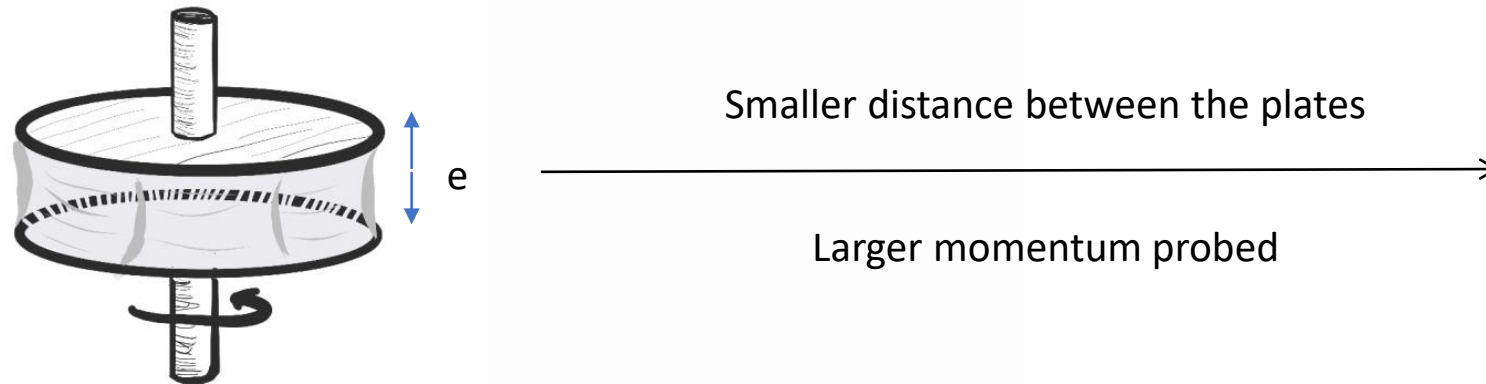
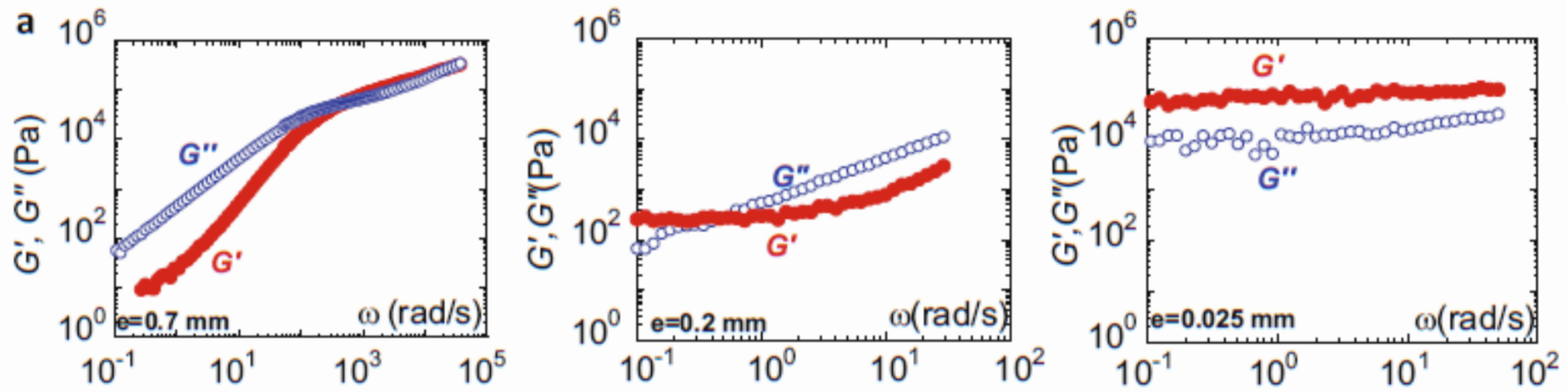
# Dispersion relation of shear waves in real liquids

[Trachenko et Al,  
+ many more]

Diffusion to propagation  
crossover







***There is a liquid to solid crossover going to small sizes (or large momenta)***

Identification of a low-frequency elastic behaviour in liquid water

Laurence Noirez<sup>1</sup> and Patrick Baroni<sup>1</sup>

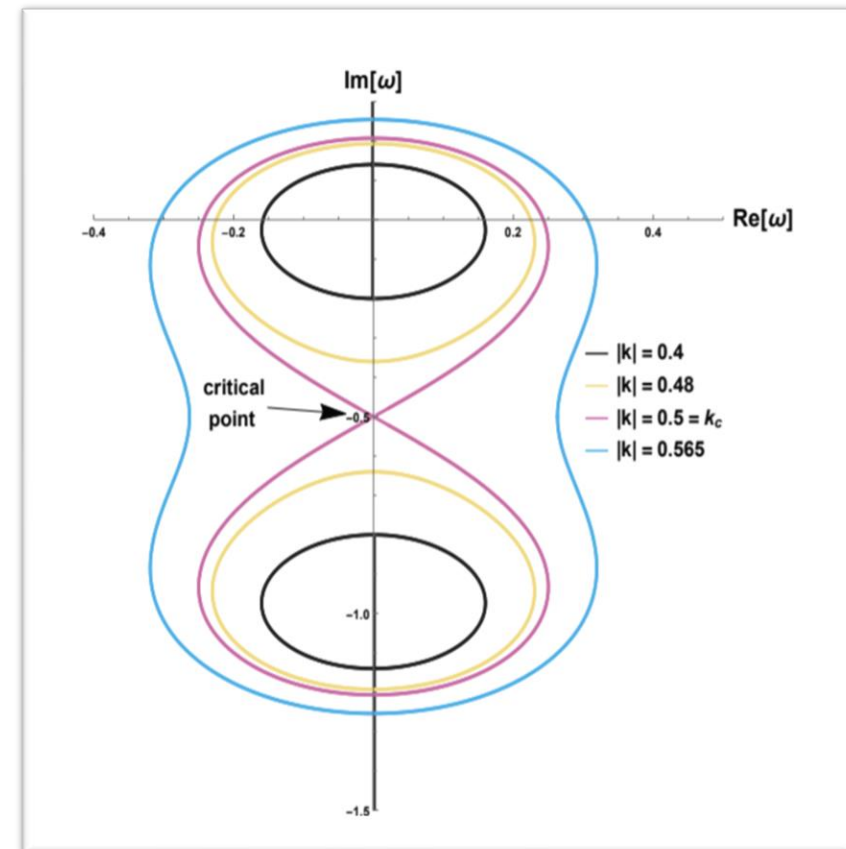
# TELEGRAPHER EQUATION (Heaviside)

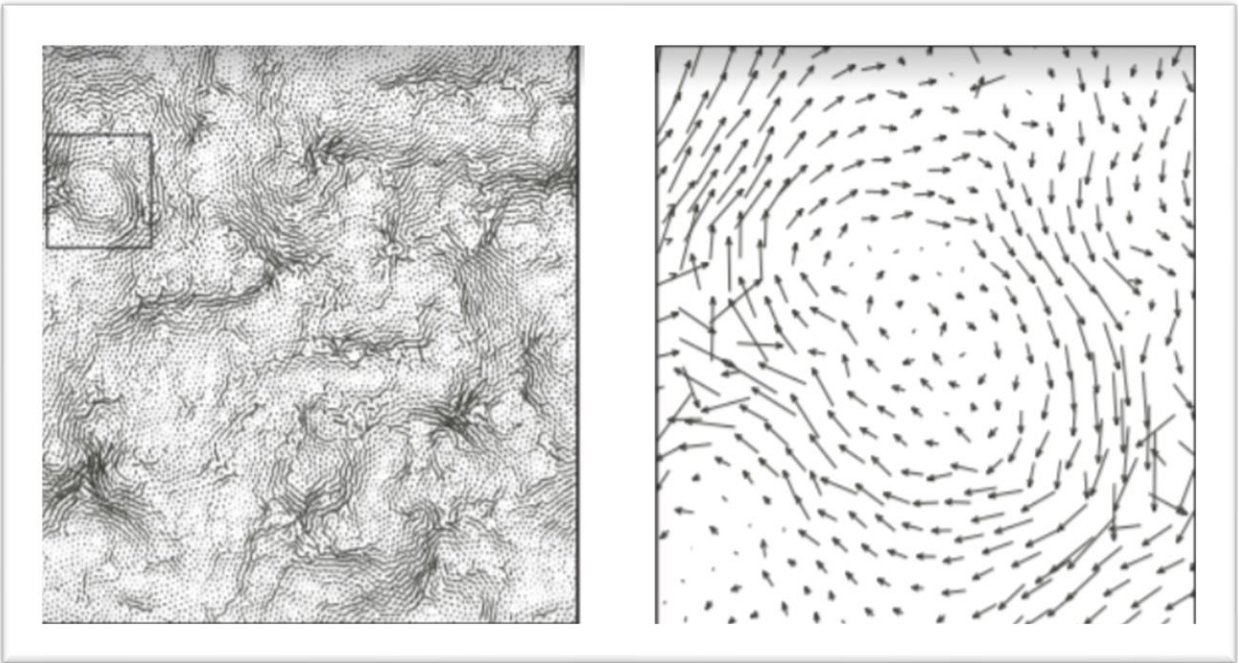
$$\omega^2 + i\omega/\tau - v^2 k^2 = 0,$$

*Several simulations and (few) experiments confirm this is a good description for shear waves in liquids*

$$\omega = -\frac{i}{2\tau} \pm \sqrt{v^2 k^2 - \frac{1}{4\tau^2}},$$

$$\mathcal{R} \equiv |k_c| = \frac{1}{2v\tau} = k_g.$$





**Non-affine  
displacements**

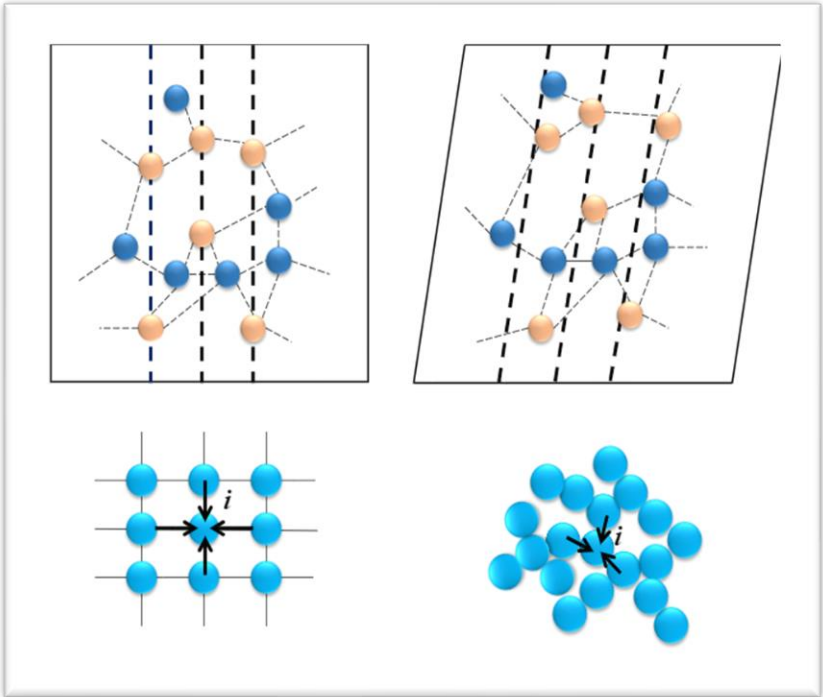
*Singular parts  
of the displacements  
(cf. dislocations  
and vortices)*

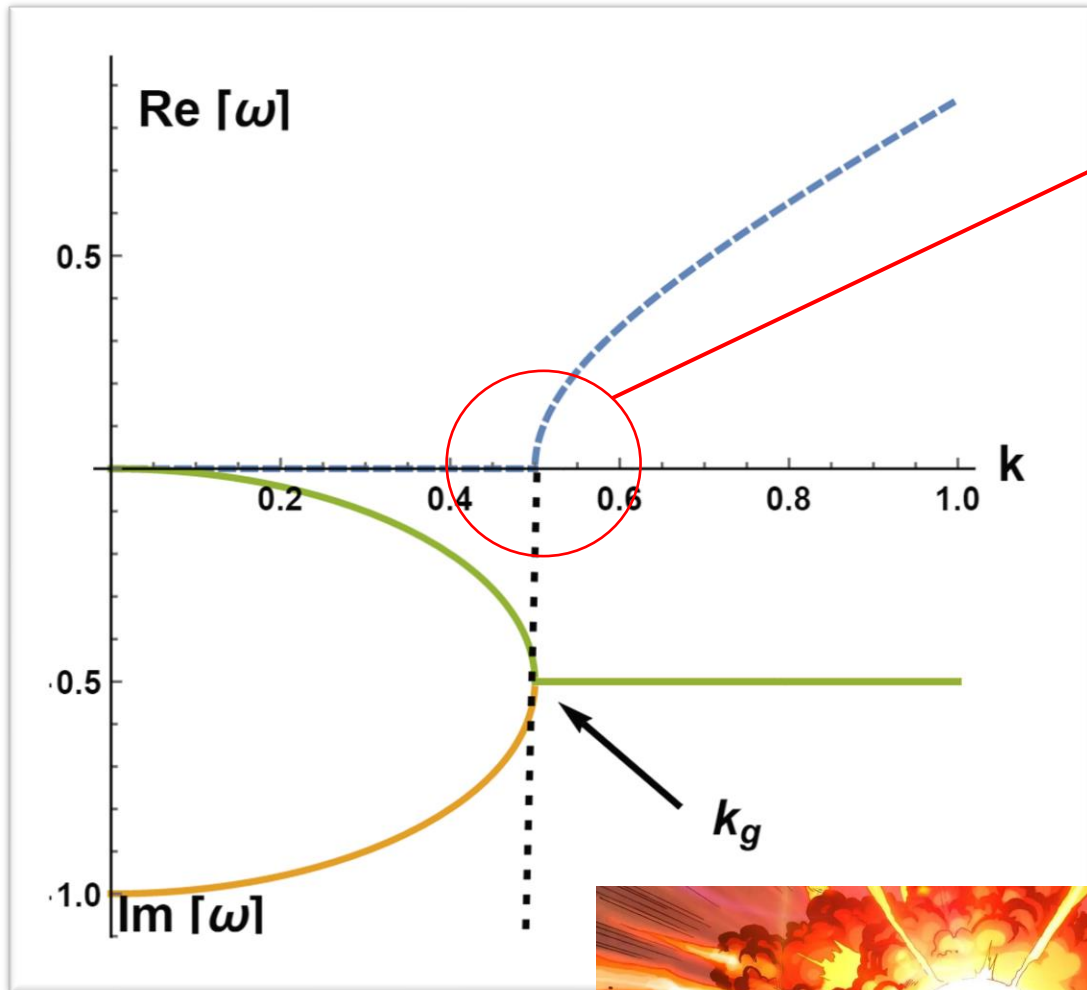
[MB et Al]

arXiv:2101.05015

$$u_i(\mathbf{x}) = \underbrace{\gamma_{ij} x^j}_{\text{affine}} + \underbrace{u'_i(\mathbf{x})}_{\text{non-affine}},$$

**Macroscopic phase relaxation  
(symmetry restoration)**





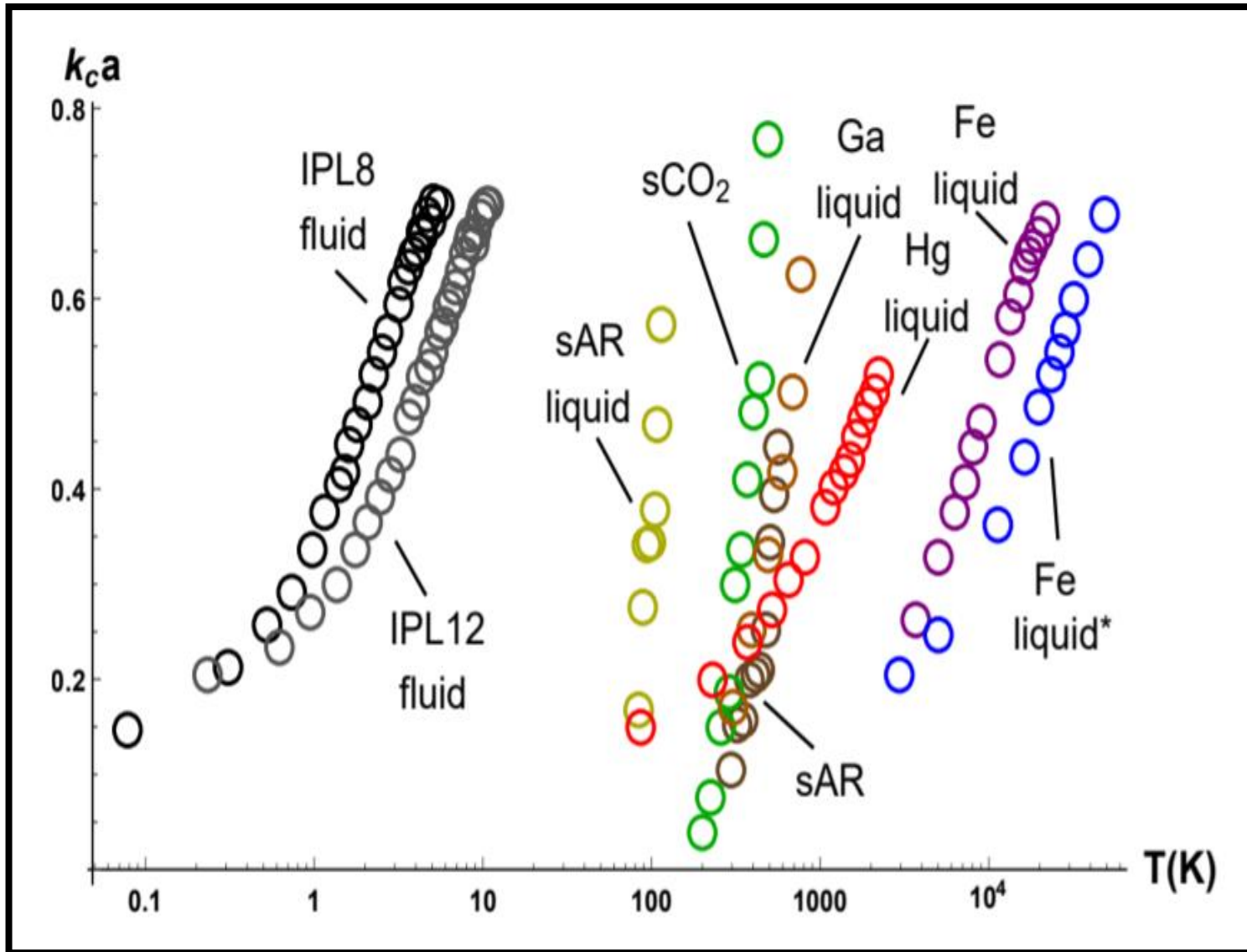
We can extract the radius of convergence from real data (MD simulations + experiments)

- Simple because the collision happens at real values of momentum (unfortunately not the same in the longitudinal sector)
- The simple telegrapher equation would certainly receive corrections but it fits very well the data around the critical point (=corrections & higher order modes negligible)



[MB]

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Hydrodynamics works worse  
and worse going towards  
small temperatures!

Cf. naïve argument

$$\omega/T \ll 1, \quad k/T \ll 1$$

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Liquid	$k_c a$
2D Yukawa (MD) [20]	0.25
dusty plasma (MD) [21, 22]	0.3-1.2
2D Yukawa (EXP) [23]	0.16-0.31
Liquid Fe (EXP) [24, 25]	0.3
Liquid Cu (EXP) [24, 25]	0.4
Liquid Zn (EXP) [24, 25]	0.3
3D LJ fluid (MD) [26]	0.2-0.7
Liquid Fe (MD) [26]	0.2-0.7
IPL8-IPL12 fluid (MD) [26]	0.2-0.7
Liquid Hg (MD) [26]	0.15-0.55
Supercritical Ar (MD) [27]	0.05-0.8
Subcritical liquid Ar (MD) [27]	0.2-0.7
Supercritical CO <sub>2</sub> [27]	0.1-0.5
Liquid Ga (EXP, MD) [28]	0.25-0.6
2D Coulomb classical fluids (MD) [29]	0.3-2
Quark Gluon Plasma [30]	3.3

$$k_c a \approx \mathcal{O}(1)$$

Breakdown scale given by the only microscopic scale available: the inter-molecular distance  $a$

Below “ $a$ ”, the continuum clearly stops to make sense because we start seeing the individual fluid particles (cf. phonons with wavelength comparable to lattice spacing)

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# Holographic results

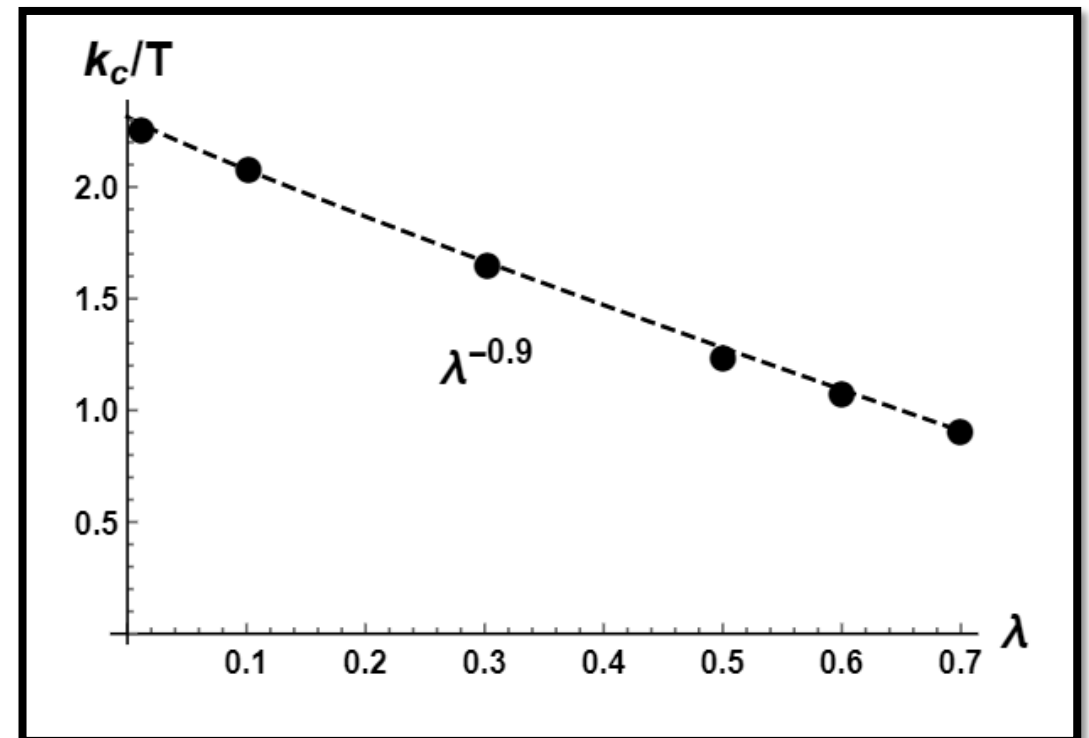
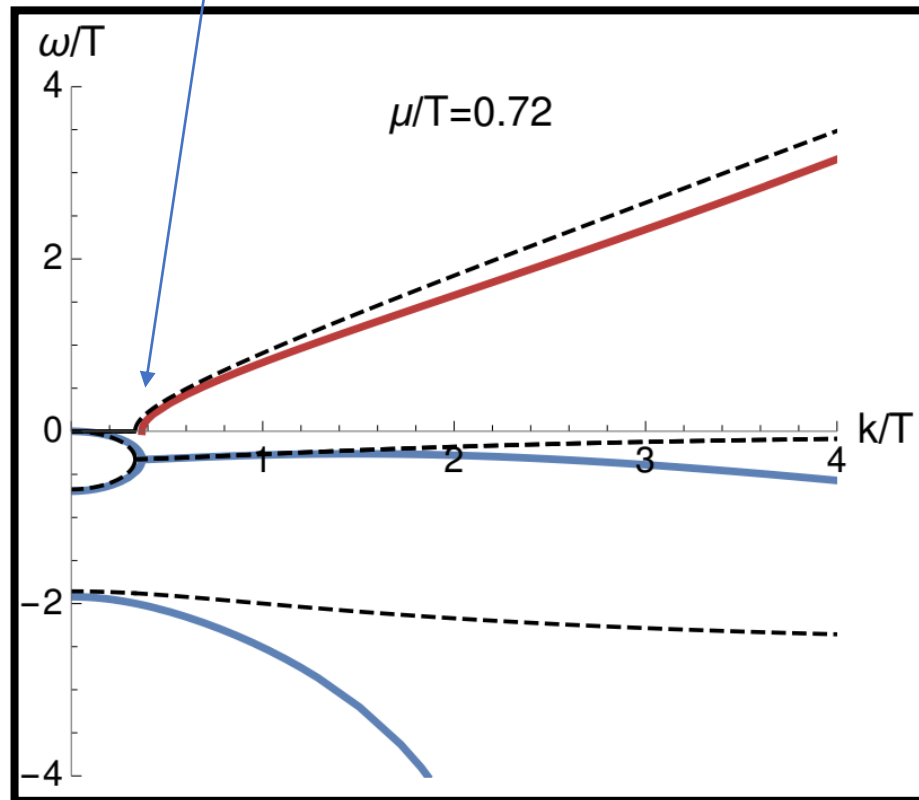
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[Baggioli, Gran, Tornso 2020]

Holographic models with dynamical gauge fields  
(EM interactions at the boundary)

$$\omega^2 \mathcal{A}_x + \mathcal{J}_x = 0$$

*Mixed b.c.s.*





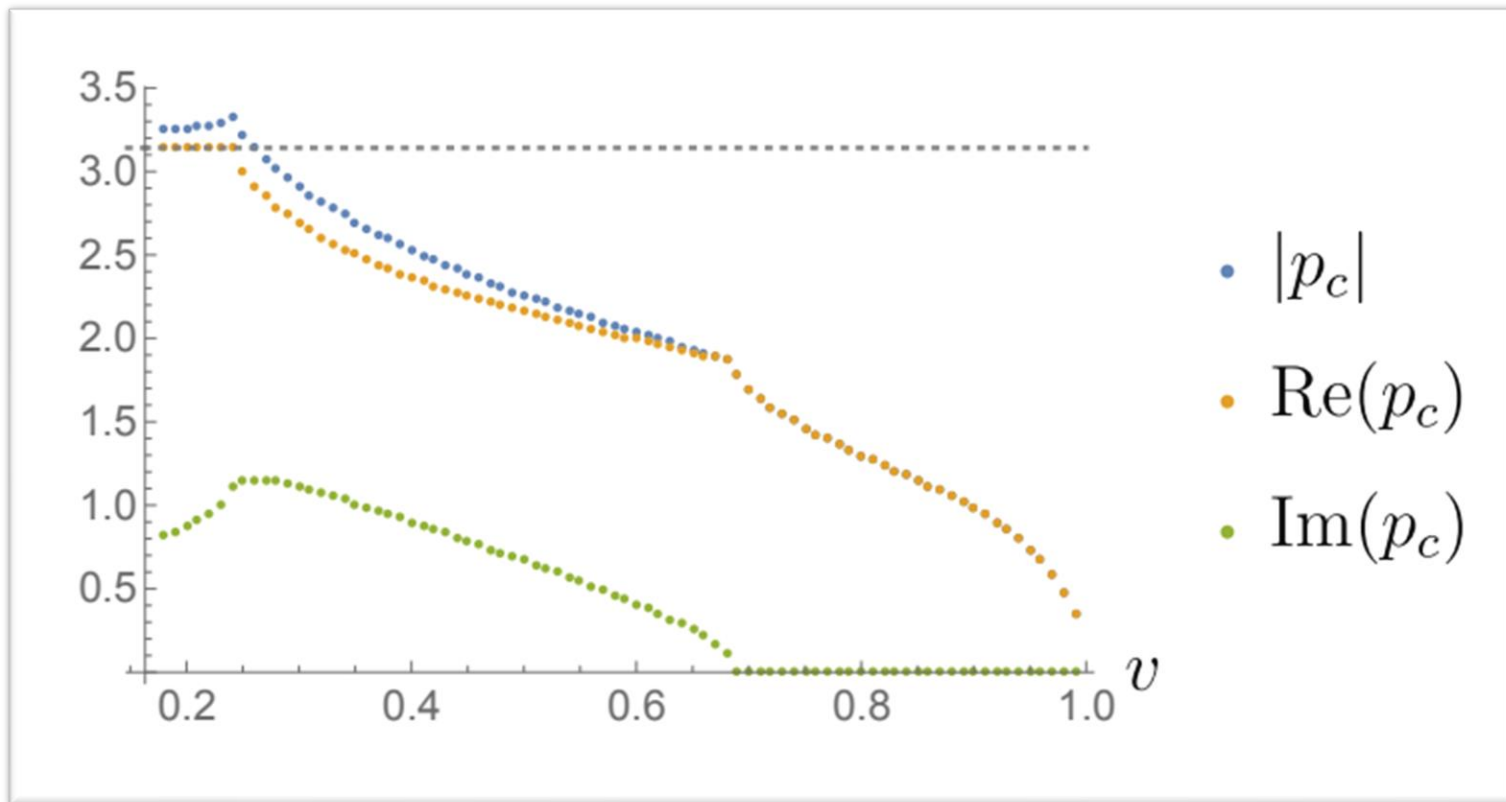
Hydrodynamics works better  
at strong coupling !!



Not supported by any quantitative computation !  
Wrong (or not so simple) ???

**JUST DO IT.**

**Direct computations  
challenge this slogan**



## Results in SYK model

[Choi, Mezei, Sarosi, 2020]

Do these results support our idea ?



# Conclusions



Direct application of the recent mathematical framework to realistic systems



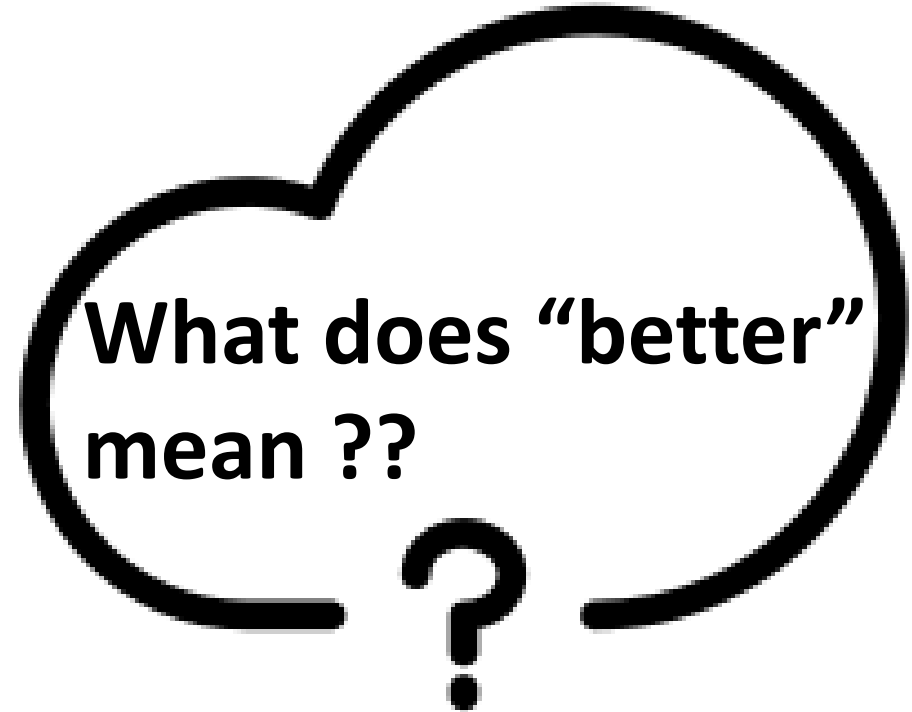
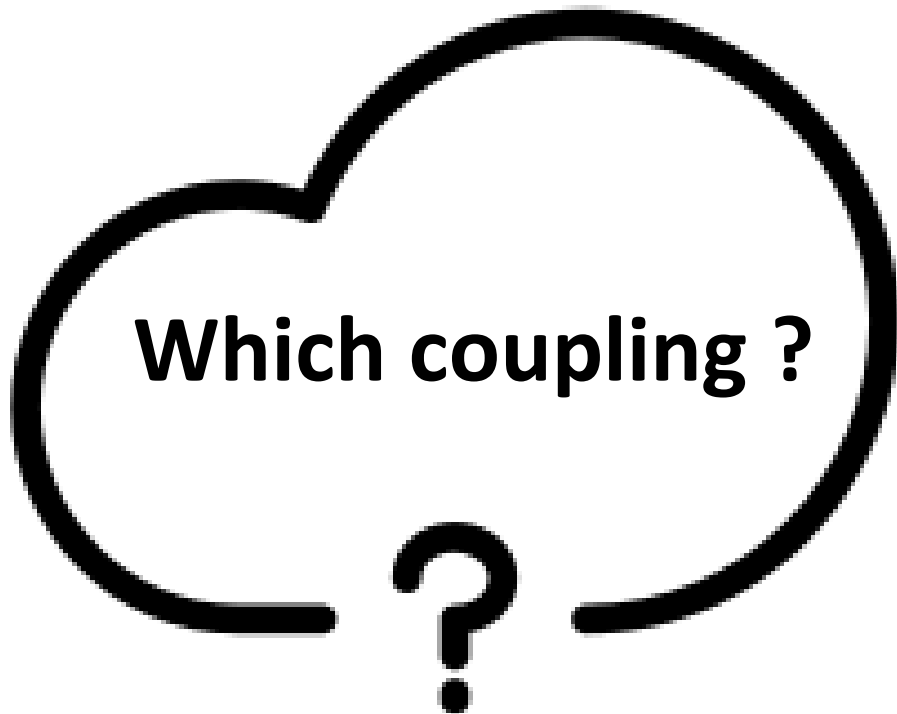
“Experimental verification” of intuitive arguments :  
Hydro limited by microscopic inhomogeneities scale,  
Hydro work worse at low temperature



Surprise : hydro does not work better at strong coupling  
(see more later)

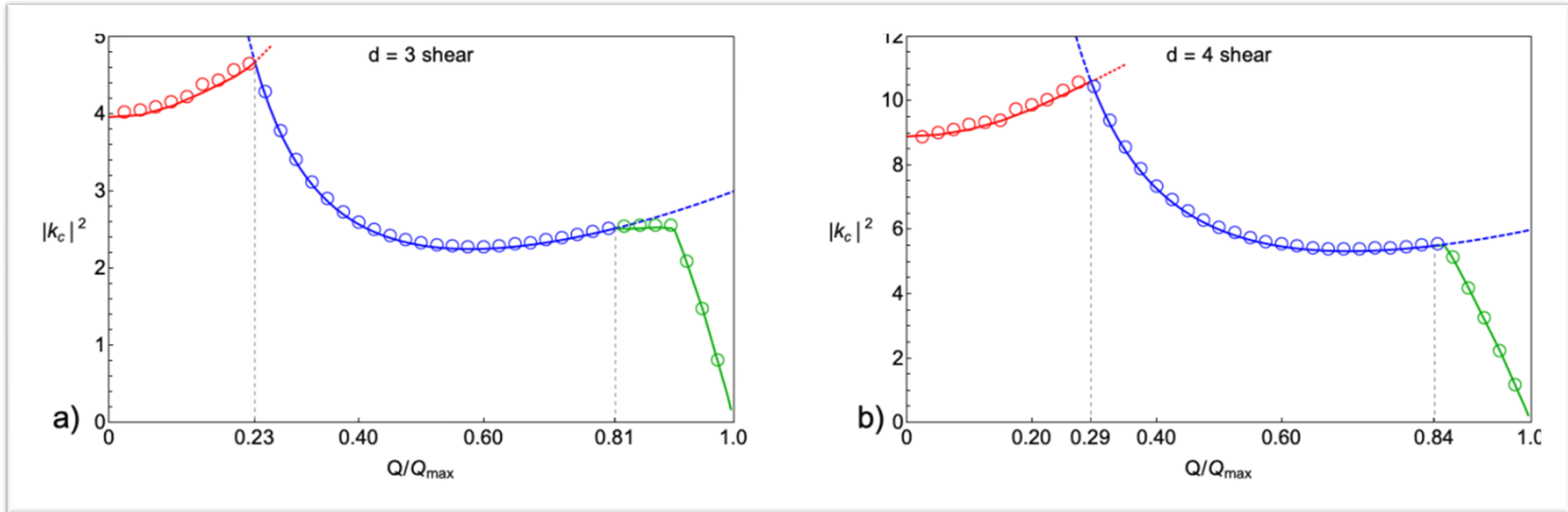
# Comments

“Hydro works better at strong coupling”



# Comments

[Pantelidou, Jansen]



Hydro works better in large number of dimensions (true?).

Why ?

$$a = \left( \frac{2(D-1)}{D} n \right)^{-1/D}$$

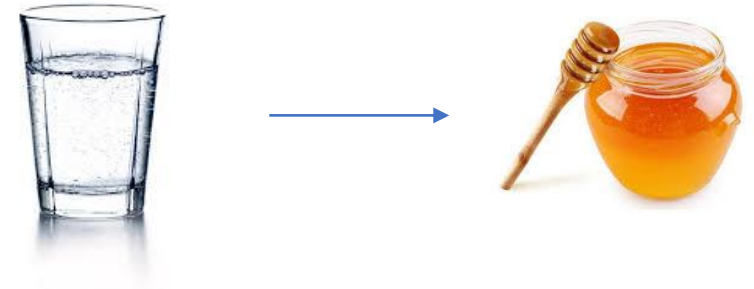
Can we explain it from this ?

# Simple (or not) questions

Given a liquid, is the radius of convergence growing if I make it more viscous and why ?

Which physical properties determine the radius of convergence ? And how the latter depends on them ?

Other expansions in physics  
(chiral perturbation theory, elasticity,  
cosmology)



Do we really need complex space ?  
For experiments it's a no-go!  
Other ideas ?  
See [Heller & friends]

# CONCLUSIONS



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**Thanks!**