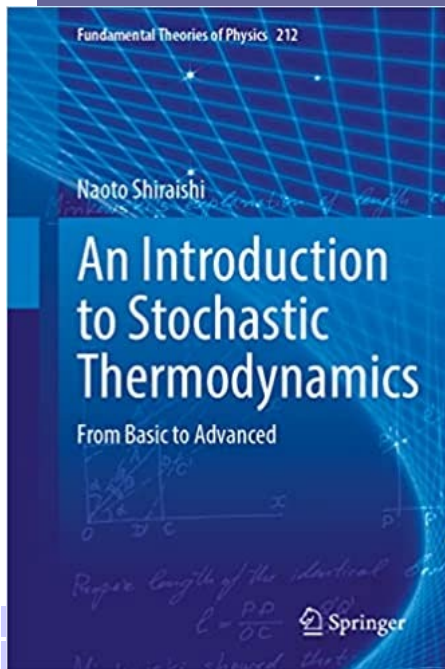


# Entropy production bounds (almost) everything



## Naoto Shiraishi (University of Tokyo)

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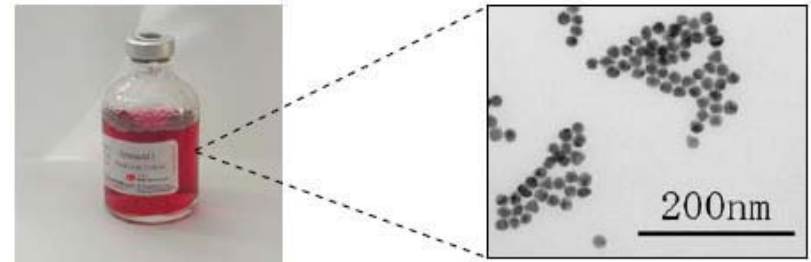
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# Setup of stochastic thermodynamics

Consider classical small systems evolving stochastically due to thermal noise.

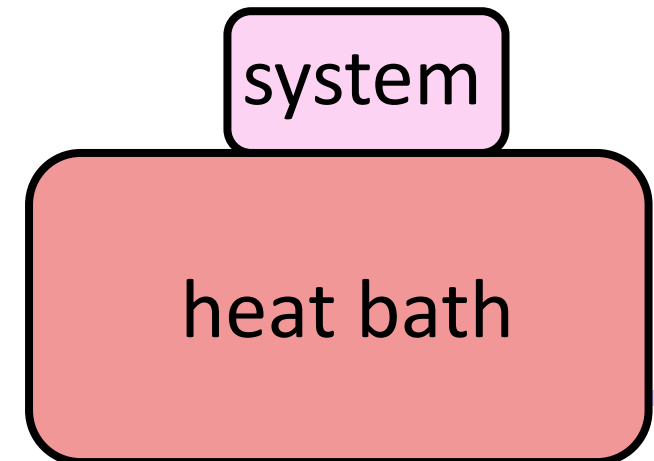


Colloidal particle

Setup throughout this talk

Heat bath is in equilibrium

→ describe as **Markov process**

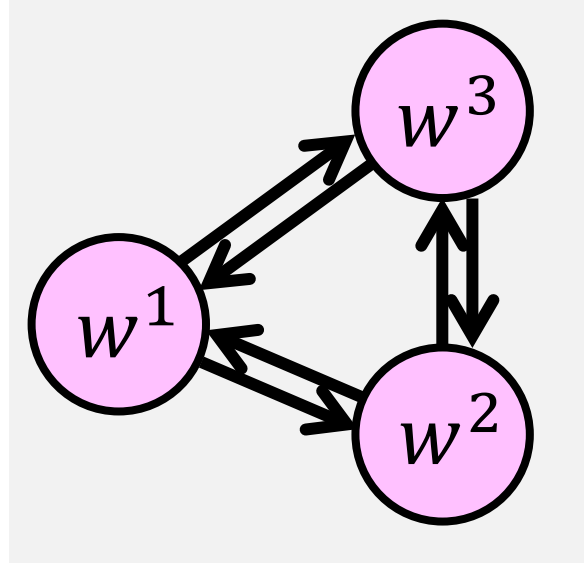


# Description of classical stochastic process

Probability distribution  $p$  evolves according to the master equation.

$$\frac{d}{dt} p_{w,t} = \sum_{w'} R_{ww'} p_{w',t}$$

transition matrix



normalization condition:  $\sum_w R_{ww'} = 0$

(only  $R_{w'w'}$  is negative, others are nonnegative)

# Definition of entropy production rate

Entropy production rate (single heat bath)

$$\dot{\sigma} = \underbrace{- \sum_w \beta E_w \frac{dp_w}{dt}}_{\text{Entropy increase of bath}} + \underbrace{\frac{d}{dt} \left( - \sum_w p_w \ln p_w \right)}_{\text{(Shannon) entropy increase of system}}$$

Entropy increase of bath  
( $dQ/T$ )

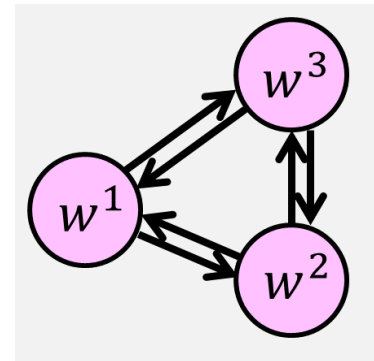
(Shannon) entropy  
increase of system

# Local detailed-balance condition

## Local detailed-balance (LDB)

If distribution is canonical (equilibrium), there is no microscopic probability current.

$$\frac{R_{ww'}}{R_{w'w}} = e^{-\beta(E_w - E_{w'})}$$



(For case of multiple baths, LDB is imposed on each single bath)

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$$= \sum_{w,w'} R_{w'w} p_w \ln \frac{R_{w'w} p_w}{R_{ww'} p_{w'}}$$

Assuming local detailed-balance (LDB)



# Pseudo entropy production $\Pi$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\sigma} &= \sum_{w \neq w'} R_{w'w} P_w \ln \frac{R_{w'w} P_w}{R_{ww'} P_{w'}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{w \neq w'} (R_{w'w} P_w - R_{ww'} P_{w'}) \ln \frac{R_{w'w} P_w}{R_{ww'} P_{w'}} \\ &\geq \sum_{w \neq w'} \frac{(R_{w'w} P_w - R_{ww'} P_{w'})^2}{R_{w'w} P_w + R_{ww'} P_{w'}}\end{aligned}$$

**$\dot{\sigma} =: \dot{\Pi}$**

pseudo entropy production rate

# Second law

Integration of entropy production rate is entropy production (entropy increase)

$$\sigma = \int_0^{\tau} dt \dot{\sigma}$$

$\dot{\sigma} \geq 0$  implies  $\sigma \geq 0$ .

(Both inequalities are called the second law)

( $\dot{\Pi} \geq 0$  implies  $\Pi = \int dt \dot{\Pi} \geq 0$ )



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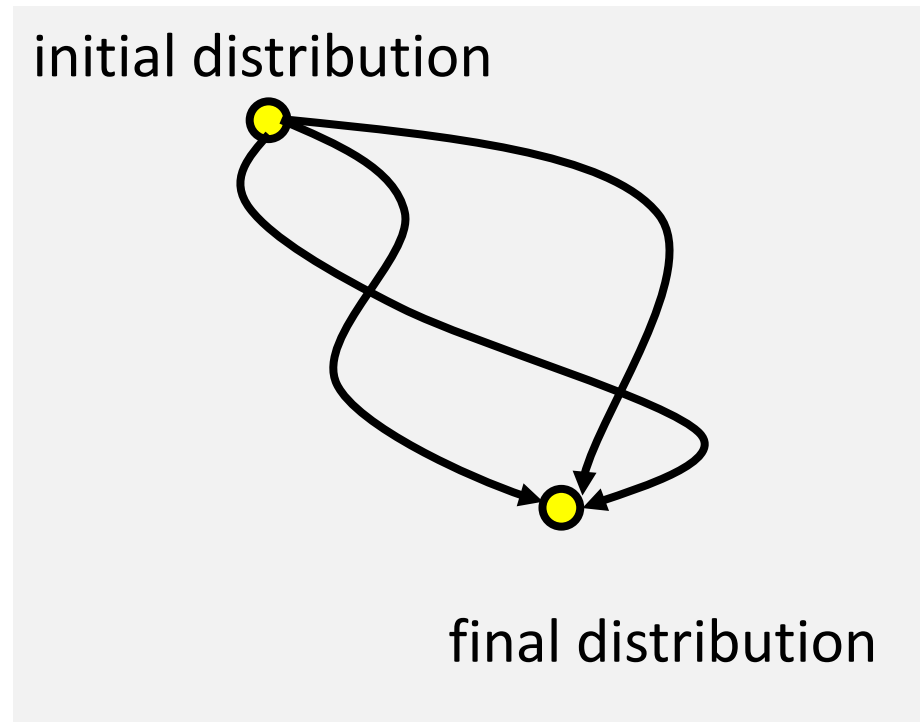
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# Speed limit: problem

Problem: Given Initial and final distributions.  
**How quick can we transform this distribution?**

We can tune how to change the control parameters.

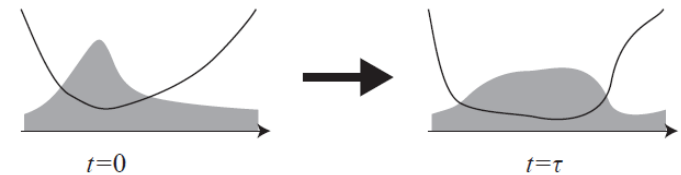


# Speed limits: some attempts

## Overdamped Langevin systems

K. Sekimoto and S.-i. Sasa, J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. 66, 3326 (1997).

E. Aurell, et.al., J. Stat. Phys. 147, 487 (2012).



Entropy production is a cost of quick state transformation.

**Physical picture is clear.**

**But system (and derivation) is specific to overdamped Langevin systems.**

# Main result (Part 1)

For any Markov jump process with LDB, we have

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}(p, p')^2}{2\sigma\langle A \rangle} \leq \tau$$

(N. Shiraishi, K Funo, and K. Saito, PRL 121, 070601 (2018))

$\mathcal{L}(p, p') := \sum_w |p_w - p'_w|$  : total variation distance

$\langle A \rangle$ : averaged dynamical activity  $\int_0^\tau dt A(t)$

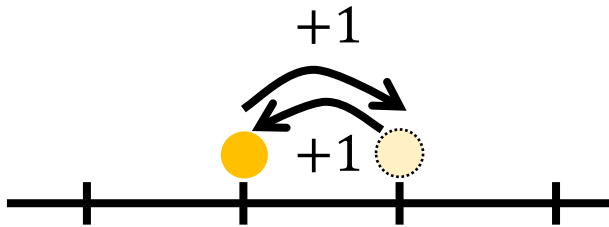
# What is dynamical activity?

Dynamical activity: How frequently jumps occur.

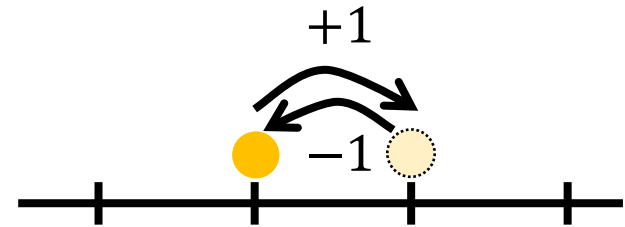
$$A(t) := \sum_{w \neq w'} R_{w'w} p_w(t)$$

Activity determines **time-scale of dynamics**.

Activity



cf) Current



Glassy dynamics: J. P. Garrahan, et al., PRL 98, 195702 (2007).

Nonequilibrium steady state: M. Baiesi, et al., PRL 103, 010602 (2009).

# Physical meaning of this inequality

Length between initial and final distributions

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}(p, p')^2}{2\sigma\langle A \rangle} \leq \tau$$

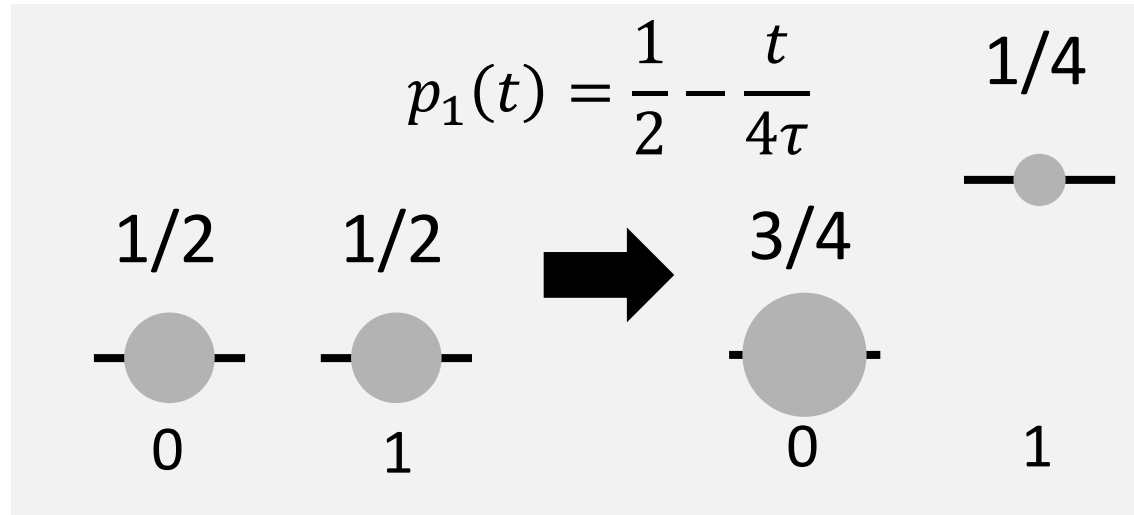
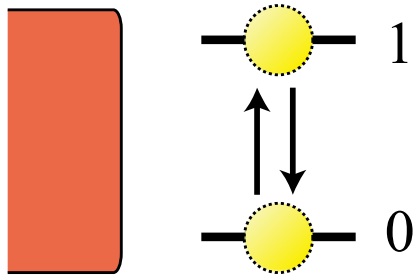
Entropy production:  
Cost of quick state transformation

Time-scale of dynamics

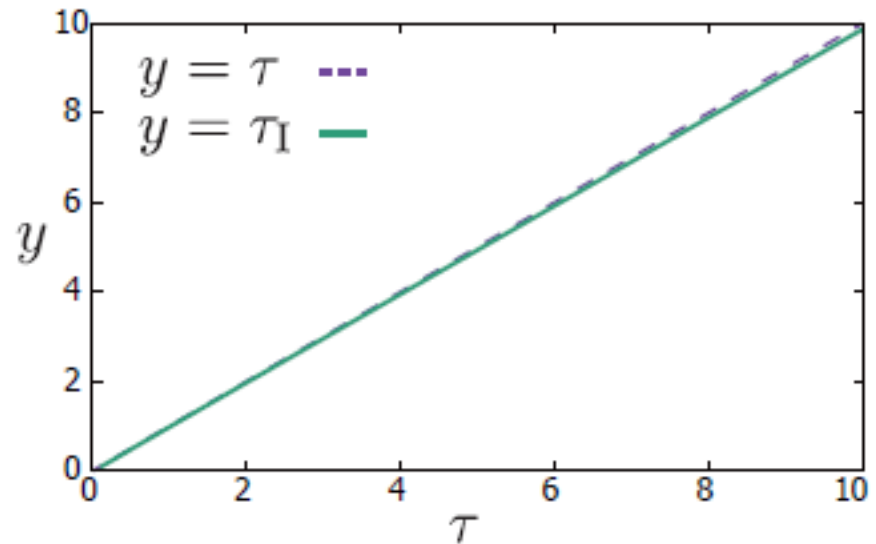


# Numerical demonstration

## 2-state system



$$\tau_I := \frac{\mathcal{L}(p, p')^2}{2\sigma\langle A \rangle} \leq \tau$$



# Derivation (instantaneous quantities)

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_w \left| \frac{d}{dt} p_w \right| \\ &= \sum_w \left| \sum_{w'(\neq w)} (R_{w'w} P_w - R_{ww'} P_{w'}) \right| \\ &\leq \sum_w \sqrt{\sum_{w'(\neq w)} (R_{w'w} P_w + R_{ww'} P_{w'})} \cdot \sum_{w'(\neq w)} \frac{(R_{w'w} P_w - R_{ww'} P_{w'})^2}{R_{w'w} P_w + R_{ww'} P_{w'}} \end{aligned}$$

Schwarz inequality  $|\sum_i a_i b_i|^2 \leq (\sum_i a_i^2) (\sum_i b_i^2)$

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# Derivation (time integration)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(p_i, p_f) &\leq \sum_w \int_0^\tau dt \left| \frac{d}{dt} p_w \right| \\ &\leq \int_0^\tau dt \sqrt{2\dot{\sigma}A} \leq \sqrt{2\tau\sigma\langle A \rangle}\end{aligned}$$

This is the desired result!

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}(p, p')^2}{2\sigma\langle A \rangle} \leq \frac{\mathcal{L}(p, p')^2}{2\Pi\langle A \rangle} \leq \tau$$

# Note: some development

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Using Wasserstein distance  $\mathcal{W}(p, p')$  (a distance defined in optimal transport theory), we have

$$\frac{\mathcal{W}(p, p')^2}{2\Pi\langle A \rangle} \leq \tau$$

and its equality is achievable (tight).

(A. Dechant, J. Phys. A Math. Theor. 55, 094001 (2022))

Its derivation is more technical and complicated.



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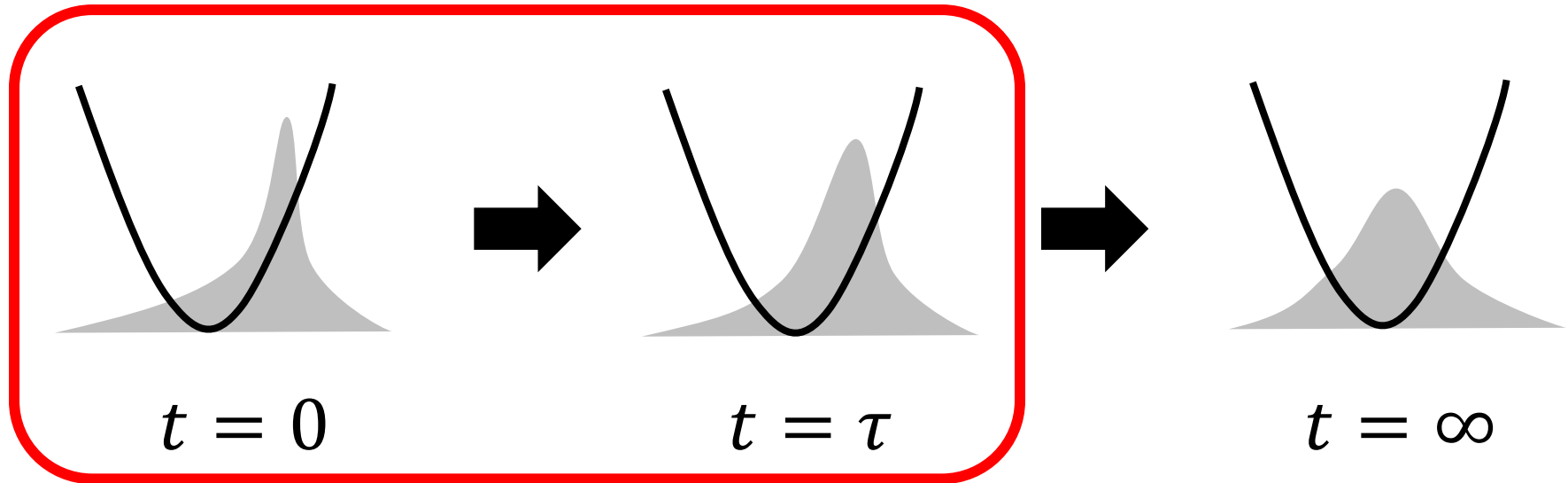
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# Problem: entropy production in thermal relaxation process

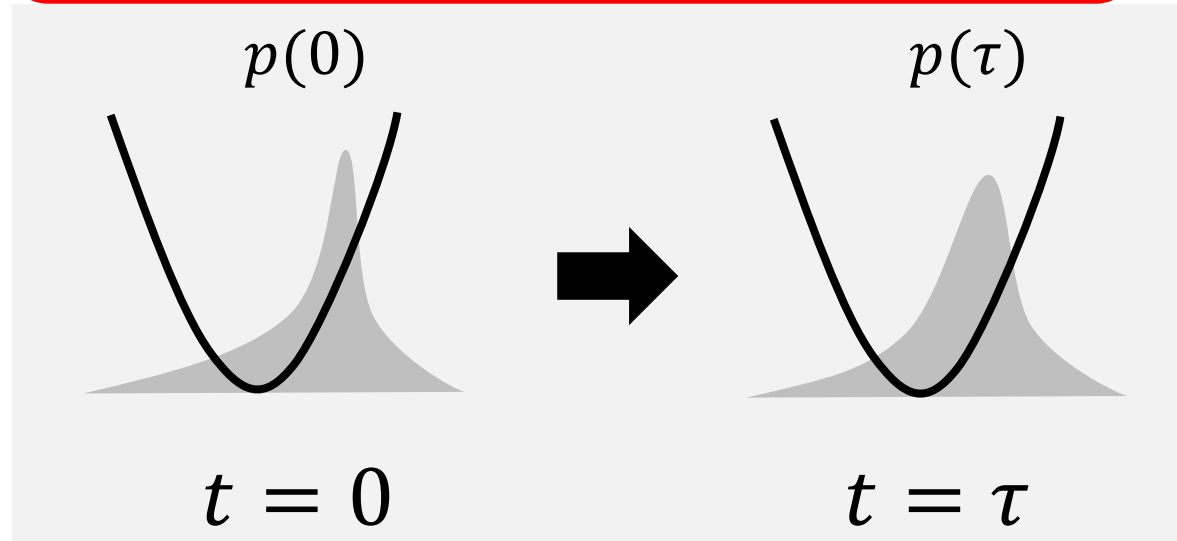
Situation : relaxation process with a single heat bath in continuous time. We assume LDB.



Goal : Deriving lower bound of entropy production within  $0 \leq t \leq \tau$  (denoted by  $\sigma_{[0,\tau]}$ )

# Main result (Part 2)

$$\sigma_{[0,\tau]} \geq D(p(\mathbf{0}) || p(\boldsymbol{\tau}))$$



$D(p||q) := \sum_i p_i \ln \frac{p_i}{q_i}$  : Kullback-Leibler divergence  
(a kind of (pseudo-)distance)



# Significance

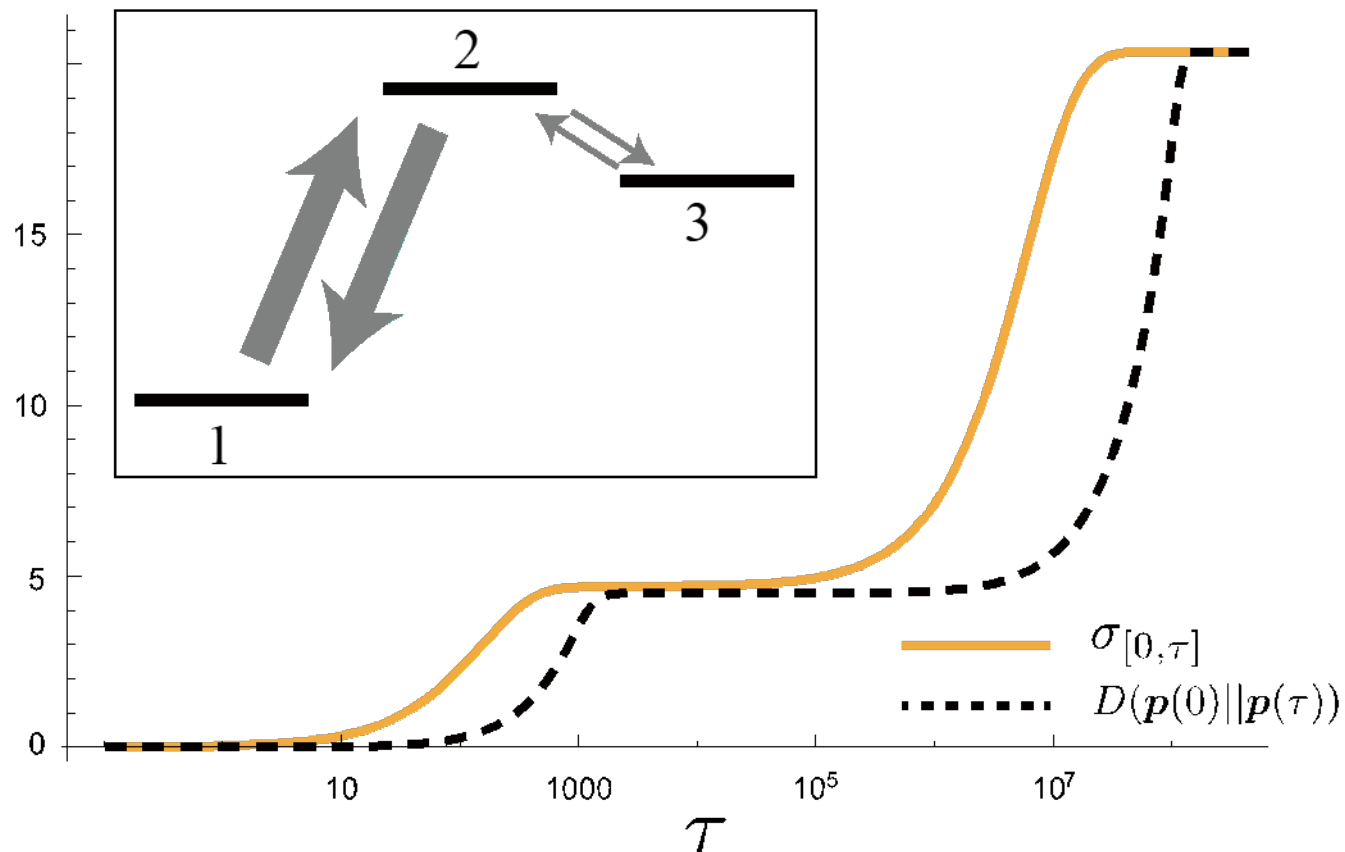
$$\sigma_{[0,\tau]} \geq D(p(\mathbf{0}) || p(\boldsymbol{\tau}))$$

- Only for relaxation processes (It does not hold in general process).
- Equality holds for both  $\tau = 0$  and  $\boldsymbol{\tau} = \infty$ .
- It does not hold in discrete time Markov chain.

# Numerical demonstration

Setup : three-state model

Take a system with anomalous (two-step) relaxation.



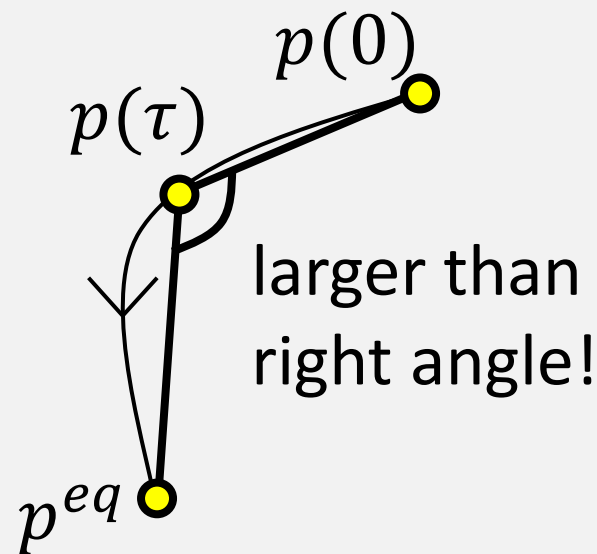
# Geometric visualization

Relation  $\sigma_{[0,\tau]} = D(p(0)||p^{eq}) - D(p(\tau)||p^{eq})$   
implies

$$D(p(0)||p^{eq}) \geq D(p(0)||p(\tau)) + D(p(\tau)||p^{eq})$$

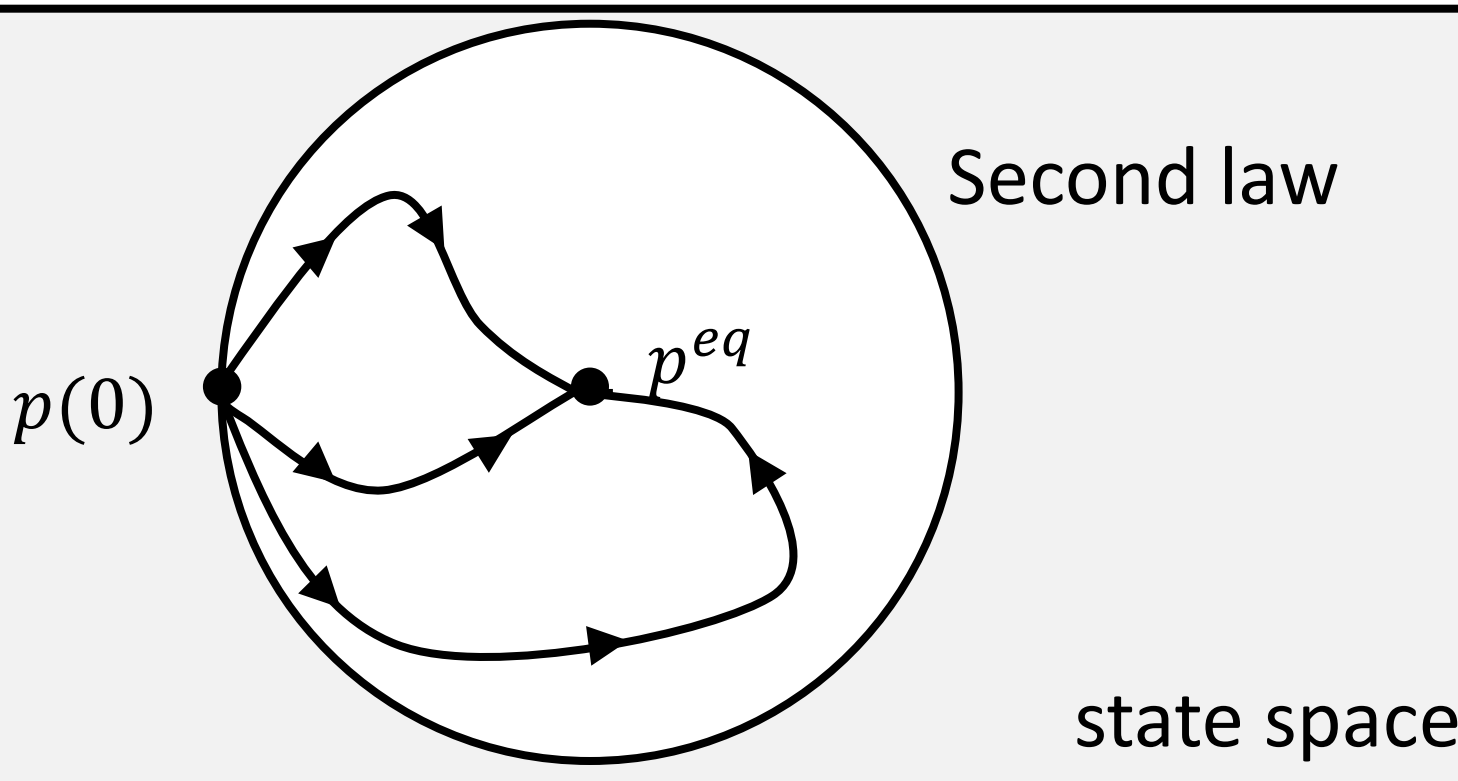
Remark:

KL-divergence  $\leftrightarrow$  square of distance



# Restriction on possible trajectory

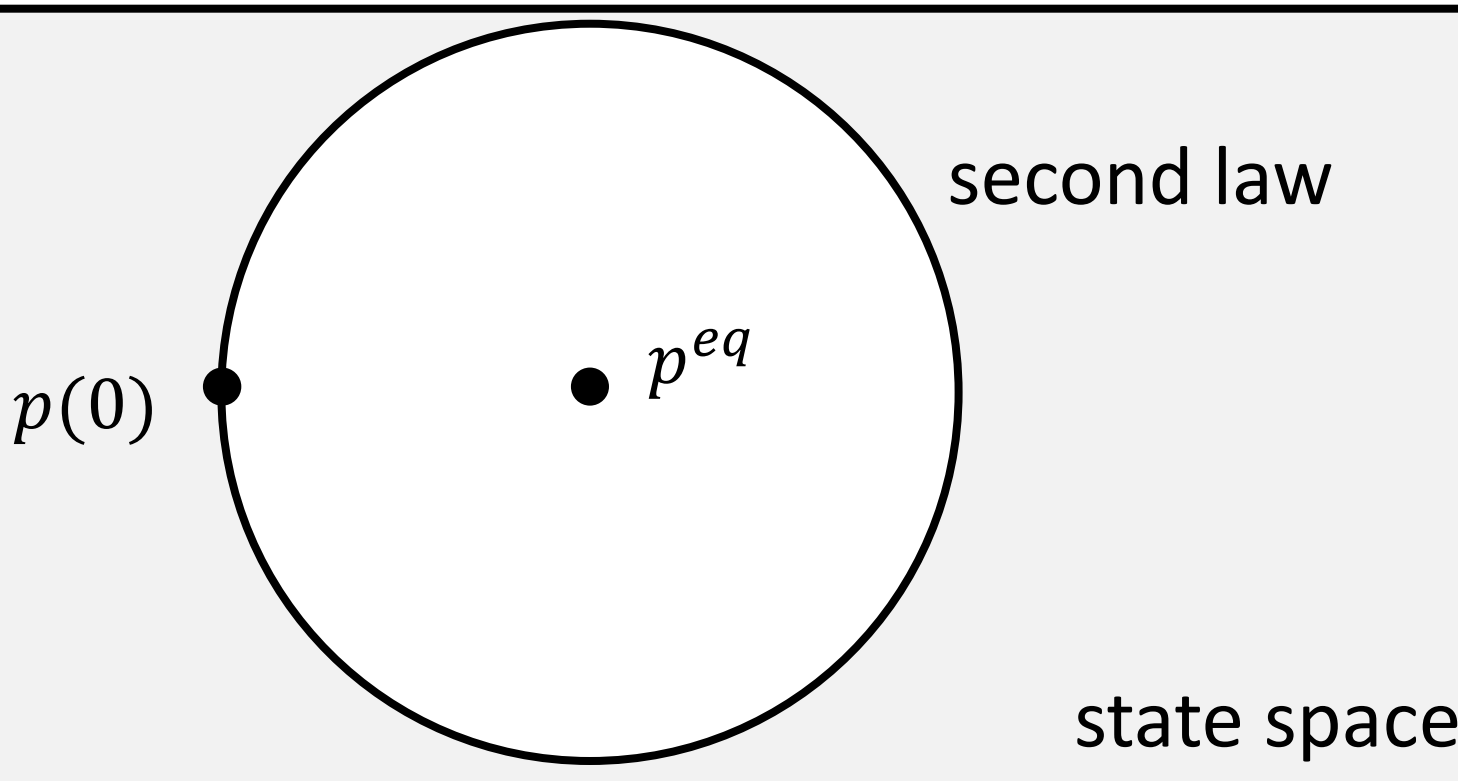
Given both initial and equilibrium distribution.  
What is possible pass of relaxation processes?



# Restriction on possible trajectory

Obtained relation

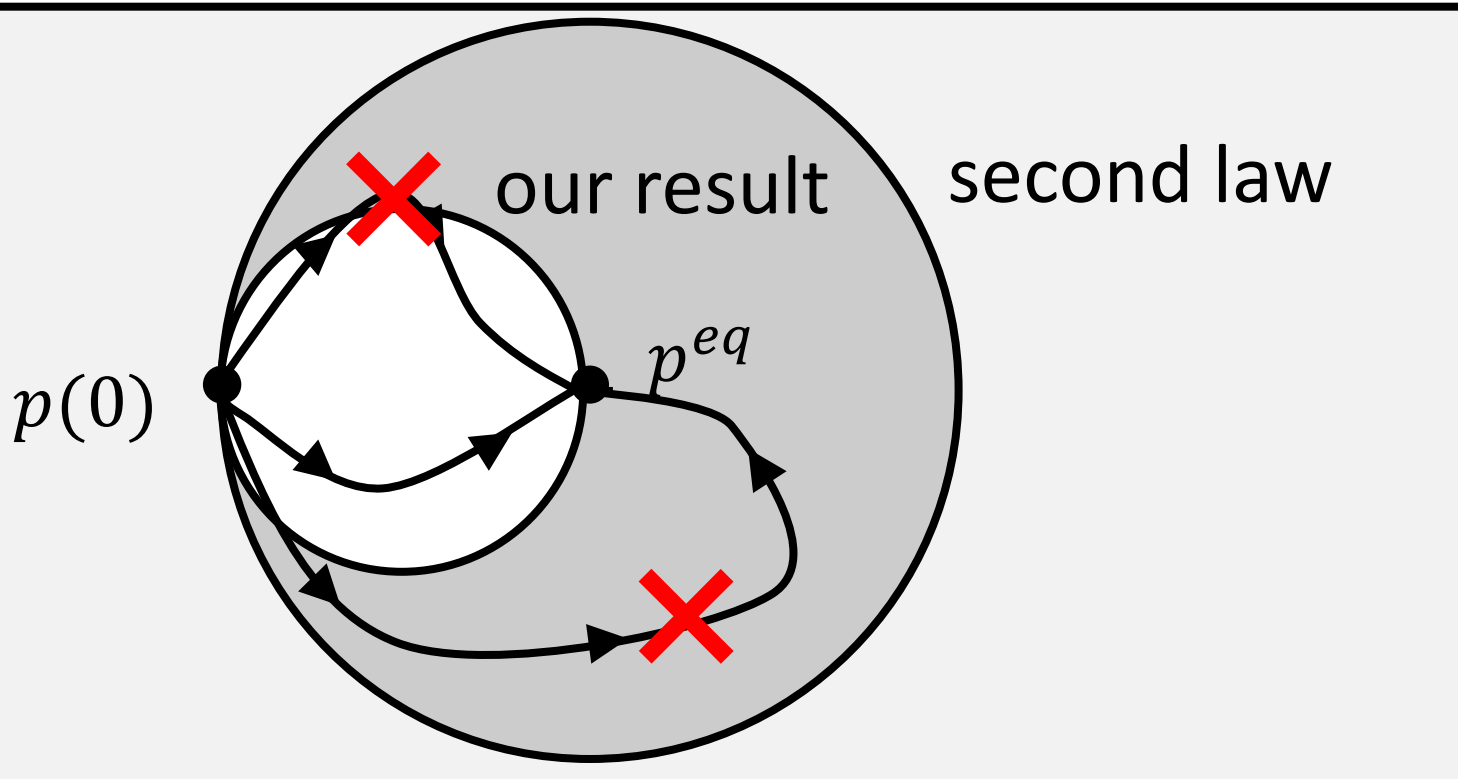
$$D(p(0) || p^{eq}) \geq D(p(0) || p(\tau)) + D(p(\tau) || p^{eq})$$



# Restriction on possible trajectory

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$$D(p(0) || p^{eq}) \geq D(p(0) || p(\tau)) + D(p(\tau) || p^{eq})$$



# Key relation: variational expression of entropy production rate

$$\dot{\sigma} = -\frac{d}{dt} D(p(t) || p^{eq})$$

Because right-hand side equals

$$-\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \sum_i p_i \ln p_i - p_i \ln \frac{e^{-\beta E_i}}{Z} \right] = \frac{d}{dt} H(\mathbf{p}) + \frac{d}{dt} \langle E \rangle = \dot{\sigma}$$

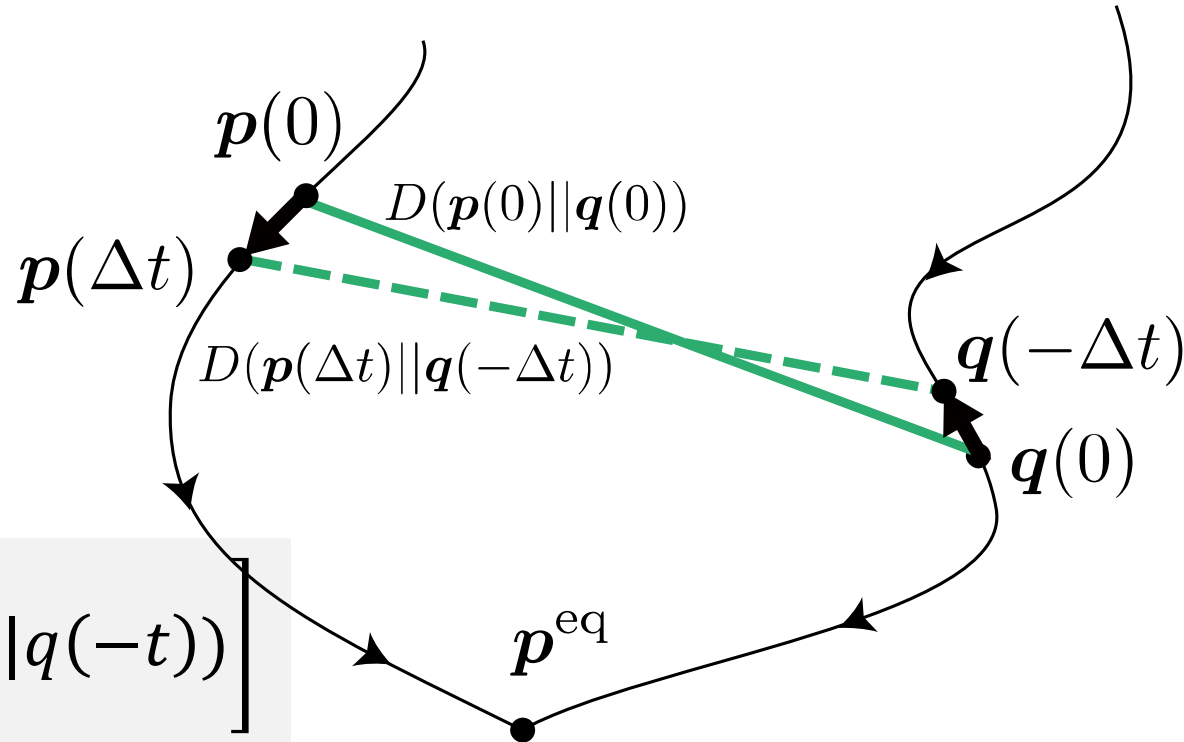
# Key relation: variational expression of entropy production rate

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\sigma} &= -\frac{d}{dt} D(p(t) || p^{eq}) \\ &= \max_q \left[ -\frac{d}{dt} D(p(t) || q(-t)) \right]\end{aligned}$$

$q(-t)$  : distribution evolves backward in time  
under the same transition matrix as  $p(t)$ .



# Schematic of variational expression



$$\dot{\sigma} = \max_q \left[ -\frac{d}{dt} D(p(t)||q(-t)) \right]$$

Green lines : KL divergence  $D(p||q)$

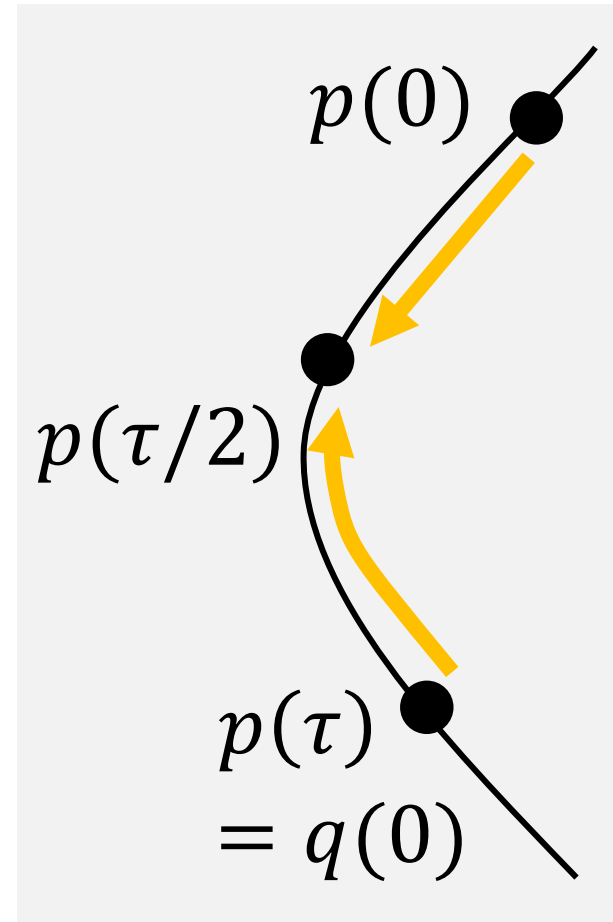
Difference between solid line and dashed line takes maximum when  $q = p^{eq}$ .

# Variational expression leads to bound on relaxation processes

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{[0,\tau/2]} &\geq - \int_0^{\tau/2} dt \frac{d}{dt} D(p(t) || q(-t)) \\ &= D(p(0) || p(\tau))\end{aligned}$$

From  $\sigma_{[0,\tau]} \geq \sigma_{[0,\tau/2]}$ , we have

$$\sigma_{[0,\tau]} \geq D(p(0) || p(\tau))$$



# Proof of variational expression

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It suffices to prove

$$\frac{d}{dt} [D(p(t) || q(-t)) - D(p(t) || p^{eq})] \geq 0$$

for any  $q$ .

The left-hand side is equal to

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \sum_i p_i(t) \ln \frac{p_i^{eq}}{q_i(-t)} \right]$$

# Proof of variational expression

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \sum_i p_i(t) \ln \left( \frac{p_i^{\text{eq}}}{q_i(-t)} \right) \right] \\ &= \sum_i \sum_j R_{ij} p_j \ln \left( \frac{p_i^{\text{eq}}}{q_i} \right) + \sum_i p_i \sum_j \frac{R_{ij} q_j}{q_i} \end{aligned}$$

We used  $\sum_{i(\neq j)} R_{ij} p_j \ln \left( \frac{q_j}{p_j^{\text{eq}}} \right) = -R_{jj} p_j \ln \left( \frac{q_j}{p_j^{\text{eq}}} \right)$

# Proof of variational expression

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(We used  $x - 1 - \ln x \geq 0$ )



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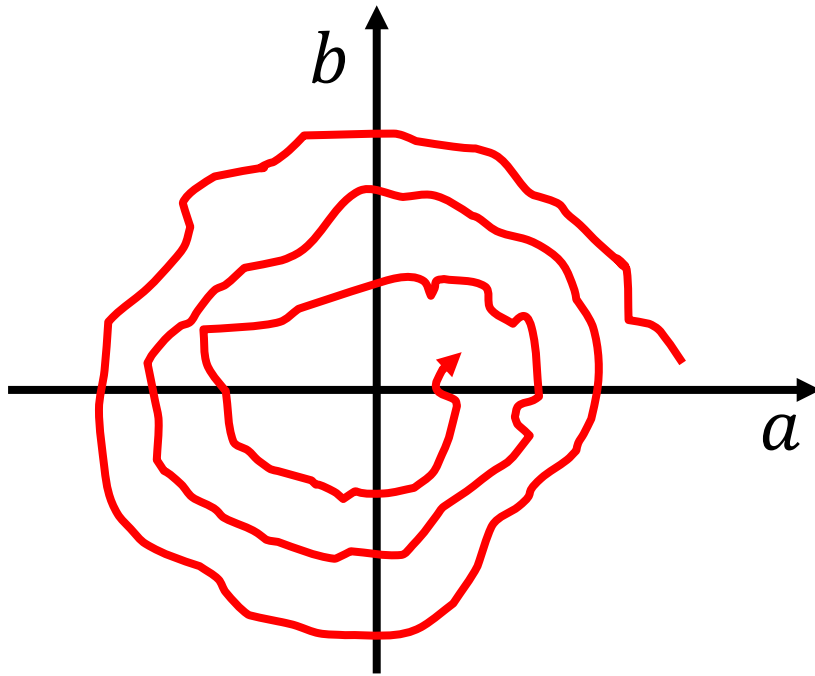
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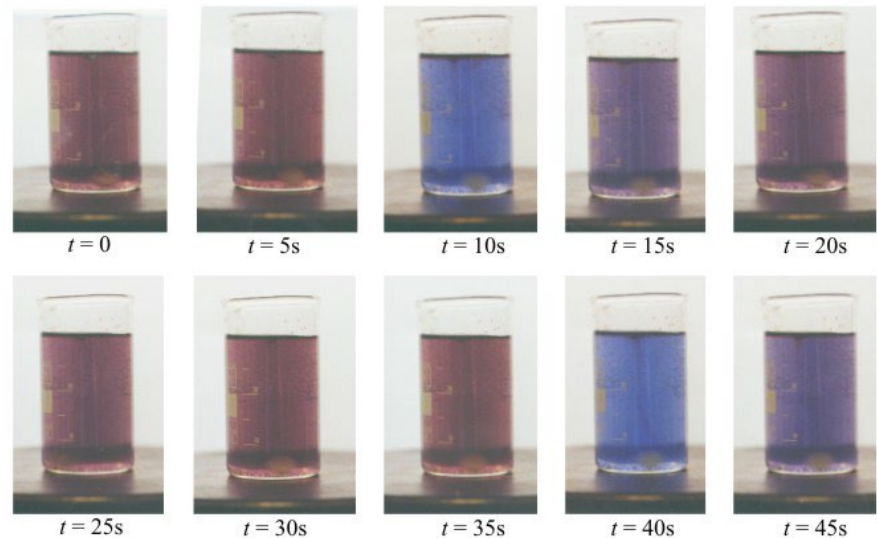


# Fluctuation oscillation phenomena

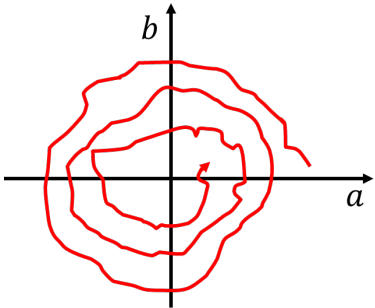


$a, b$ : state variable

Fluctuation oscillates in  $a$ - $b$  plane.



# Quantifying oscillation



Oscillation is quantified by

$$\alpha_{ab} := \langle a\dot{b} - b\dot{a} \rangle$$

To normalize the speed of oscillation by relaxation speed, we introduce autocorrelation:

$$D_a := -\langle a\dot{a} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} (a_i - a_j)^2 R_{ij} p_j^{ss}$$

Task: Bound  $\frac{2\alpha_{ab}}{D_a + D_b}$  by entropy production.

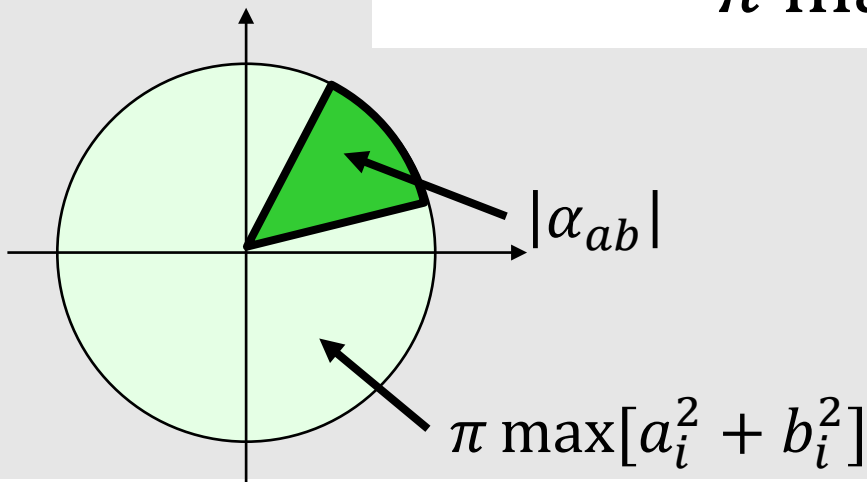


# Main result (Part 3)

$$\frac{2|\alpha_{ab}|}{D_a + D_b} \leq \frac{\dot{\sigma}}{2\pi\omega_{\text{osci}}}$$

$\omega_{\text{osci}}$  is a characteristic maximum angular speed of oscillation:

$$\omega_{\text{osci}} := \frac{|\alpha_{ab}|}{\pi \max[a_i^2 + b_i^2]}$$

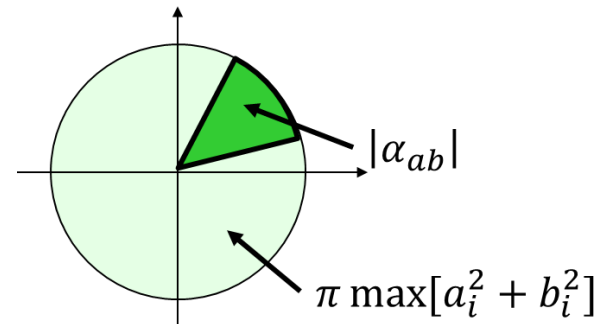
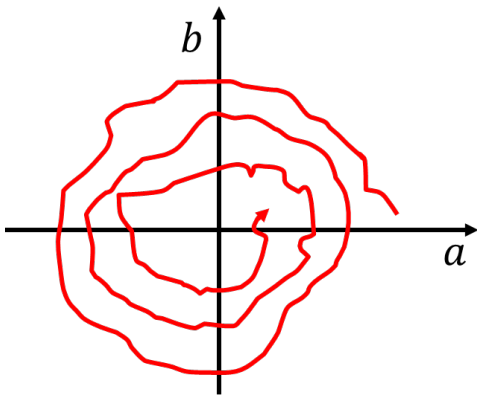


# Physical meaning of main result

$$\frac{2|\alpha_{ab}|}{D_a + D_b} \leq \frac{\dot{\sigma}}{2\pi W_{\text{osci}}}$$

Strength of oscillation  
(relative to relaxation)

Entropy production per  
single oscillation



# Geometric interpretation 1

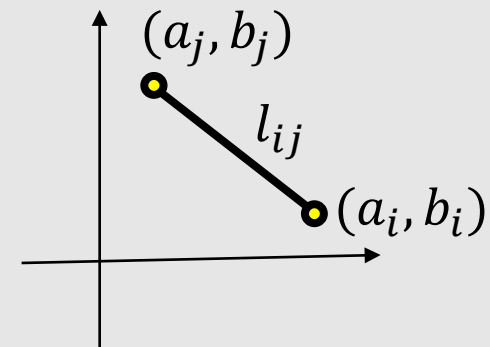
Autocorrelation is written as  $\frac{D_a + D_b}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{(i,j)} A_{ij} l_{ij}^2$

$A_{ij}$ : activity

(N. Ohga, et al., arXiv:2303.13116)

$l_{ij} := \sqrt{(a_i - a_j)^2 + (b_i - b_j)^2}$ : length from  $i$  to  $j$

(Intuitive: autocorrelation = average squared displacement)



# Geometric interpretation 2

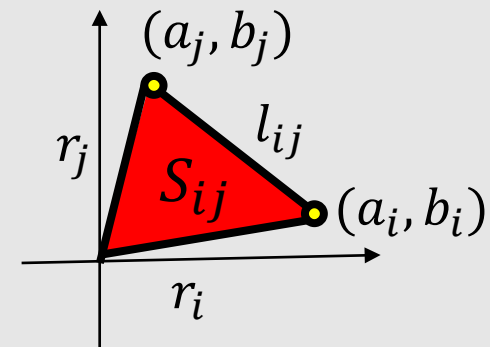
Fluctuation oscillation is evaluated as

$$\alpha_{ab} = \sum_{i,j} (a_i b_j - b_i a_j) R_{ij} p_j^{SS} = \sum_{(i,j)} S_{ij} J_{ij}$$

We define length from origin as  $r_i := \sqrt{a_i^2 + b_i^2}$ .

Important evaluation:

$$S_{ij} \leq \frac{1}{2} r_i l_{ij} \leq \frac{1}{2} r_{\max} l_{ij}$$



# Proof

$$\frac{2 |\alpha_{ab}^2|}{D_a + D_b} = \frac{2 \left( \sum_{(i,j)} J_{ij} S_{ij} \right)^2}{\sum_{(i,j)} A_{ij} l_{ij}^2} \leq \frac{r_{\max}^2}{2} \frac{\left( \sum_{(i,j)} J_{ij} l_{ij} \right)^2}{\sum_{(i,j)} A_{ij} l_{ij}^2}$$

$$\leq \frac{r_{\max}^2}{2} \sum_{(i,j)} \frac{J_{ij}^2}{A_{ij}}$$

Schwarz inequality:  $\left( \sum_{(i,j)} J_{ij} l_{ij} \right)^2 \leq \left( \sum_{(i,j)} A_{ij} l_{ij}^2 \right) \left( \sum_{(i,j)} \frac{J_{ij}^2}{A_{ij}} \right)$

# Proof

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2 |\alpha_{ab}^2|}{D_a + D_b} &= \frac{2 \left( \sum_{(i,j)} J_{ij} S_{ij} \right)^2}{\sum_{(i,j)} A_{ij} l_{ij}^2} \leq \frac{r_{\max}^2 \left( \sum_{(i,j)} J_{ij} l_{ij} \right)^2}{2 \sum_{(i,j)} A_{ij} l_{ij}^2} \\ &\leq \frac{r_{\max}^2}{2} \sum_{(i,j)} \frac{J_{ij}^2}{A_{ij}} \\ &= \frac{r_{\max}^2}{2} \dot{\Pi} \leq \frac{r_{\max}^2}{2} \dot{\sigma} \end{aligned}$$

# Summary

- Trade-off relation between speed and entropy production:

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}(p, p')^2}{2\sigma\langle A \rangle} \leq \tau$$

- Bound on entropy production in relaxation process:

$$\sigma \geq D(p(0) || p(\tau))$$

- Trade-off between oscillation and entropy production

$$\frac{2|\alpha_{ab}|}{D_a + D_b} \leq \frac{\dot{\sigma}}{2\pi W_{\text{osci}}}$$

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