

# Beyond the Second Law of Thermodynamics

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## Dissipation: The Phase-Space Perspective

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# The Second Law of Thermodynamics



William Thomson  
Lord Kelvin  
(1822-1873)

There exists no thermodynamic transformation whose *sole* effect is to extract a quantity of heat from a given heat reservoir and to convert it entirely into work.

**They state what cannot happen  
but do not tell you what will actually happen!**

There exists no thermodynamic transformation whose *sole* effect is to extract a quantity of heat from a colder reservoir and to deliver it to a hotter reservoir.



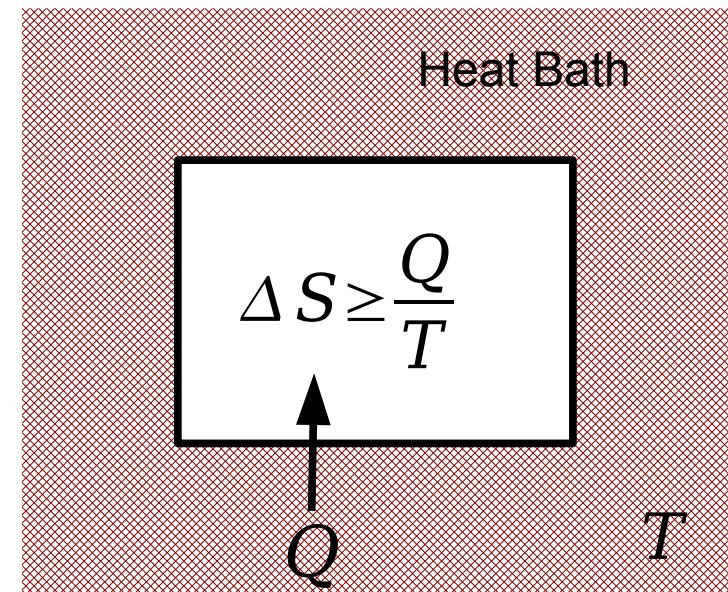
Rudolf Clausius  
(1822-1888)

# Entropy and the Second Law

$$\Delta S \geq 0$$

Isolated Systems

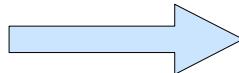
No exchange of energy or matter between the system and the environment is allowed.



Closed Systems

Energy exchange is allowed but not matter exchange.

**Second Law**



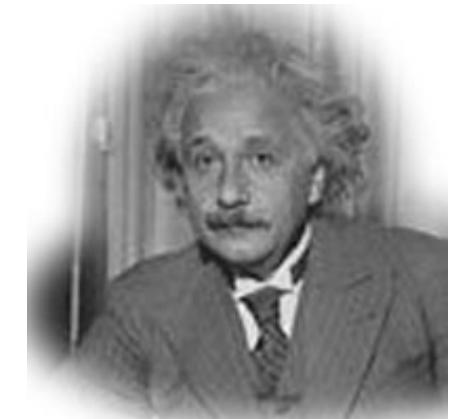
**Time's Arrow!**



**Sir Arthur Eddington**  
**(1882-1944)**

“The law that entropy always increases holds, I think, the supreme position among the laws of nature. If someone points out to you that your pet theory of the universe is in disagreement with Maxwell's equation – then so much the worse for Maxwell's equations ... but if your theory is found to be against the second law of thermodynamics, I can give you no hope; there is nothing for it but to collapse in deepest humiliation.” (1928)

“The second law of thermodynamics is the only physical theory of universal content concerning which I am convinced that, within the framework of the applicability of the basic concepts, it will never be overthrown.” (1949)



**Albert Einstein**  
**(1879-1955)**

# Why is the second law an inequality?

$$\Delta S - \frac{Q}{T} =$$

Holy Grail  
of  
Statistical Mechanics

$$\geq 0$$

$$S = S_r + S_i$$

reversible entropy change

$$\Delta S_r = \frac{Q}{T}$$

irreversible entropy production

$$\Delta S_i \geq 0$$

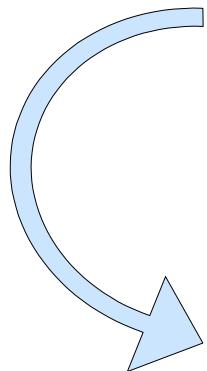


Ludwig E. Boltzmann  
(1844-1906)

## Second Law with Work

$$\Delta U = W + Q \quad (\text{First Law of Thermodynamics})$$

$$\Delta F = \Delta U - T \Delta S \quad (\text{Helmholtz Free Energy})$$



$$W - \Delta F = T \Delta S - Q = \boxed{\text{Holy Grail}} \geq 0$$

$$W = W_{\text{rev}} + W_{\text{dis}}$$

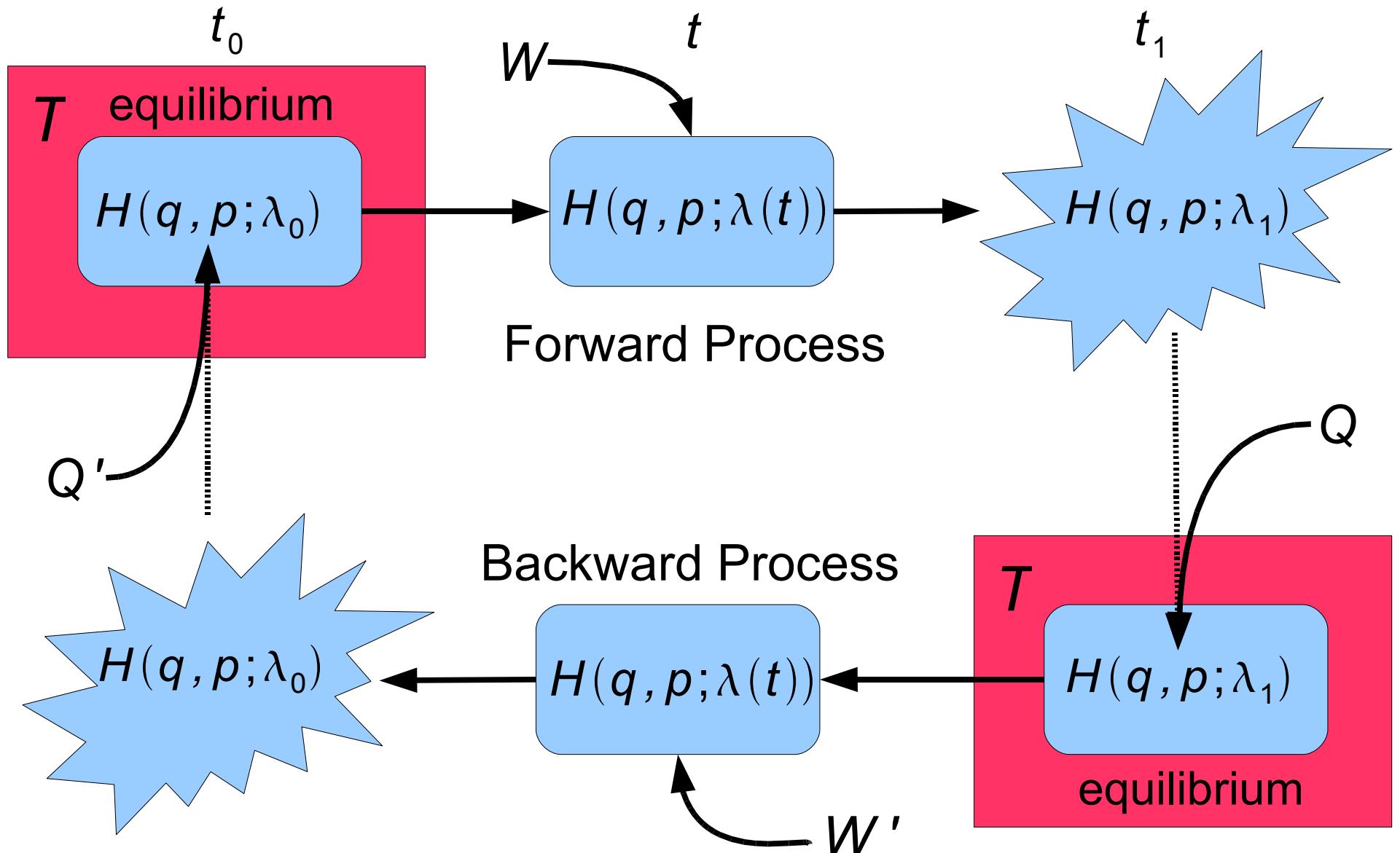
$$\text{reversible work} \quad W_{\text{rev}} = \Delta F$$

$$\text{dissipative work} \quad W_{\text{dis}} \geq 0$$

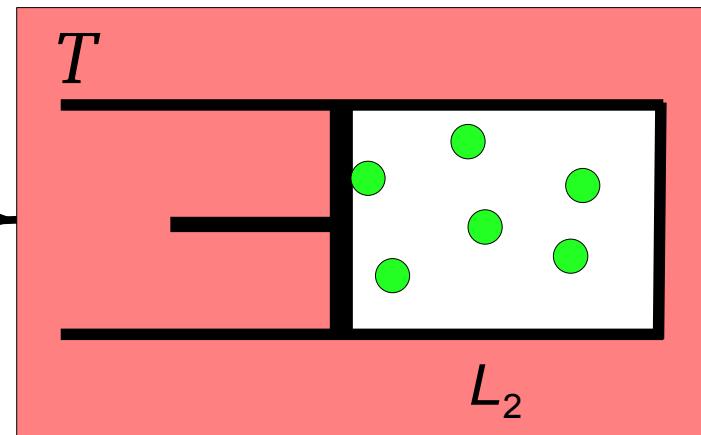
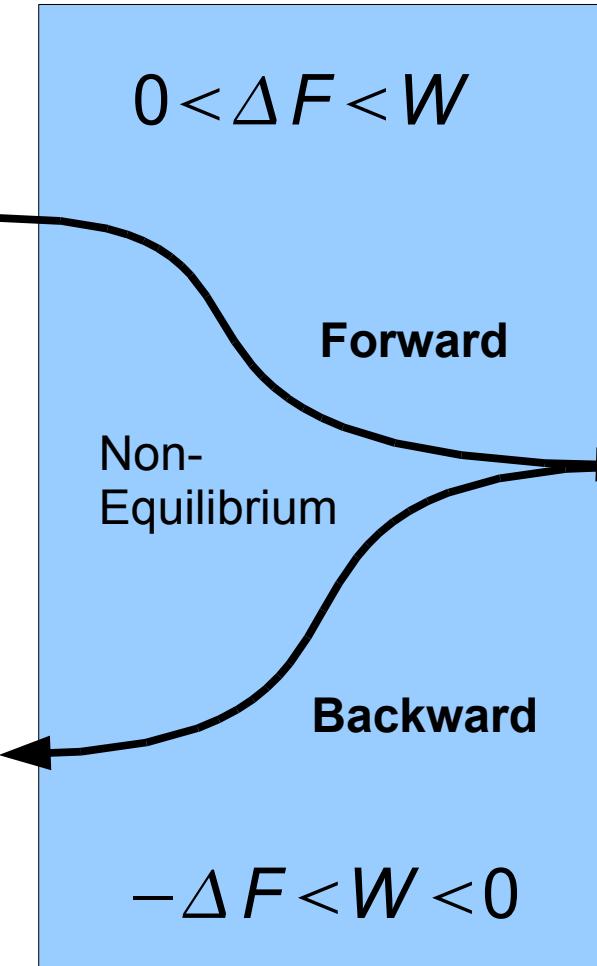
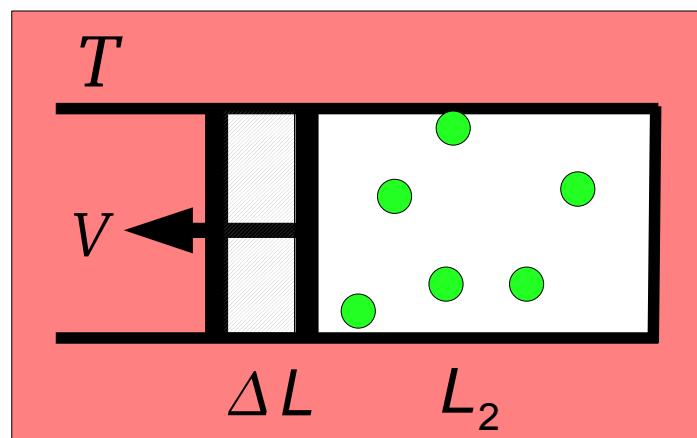
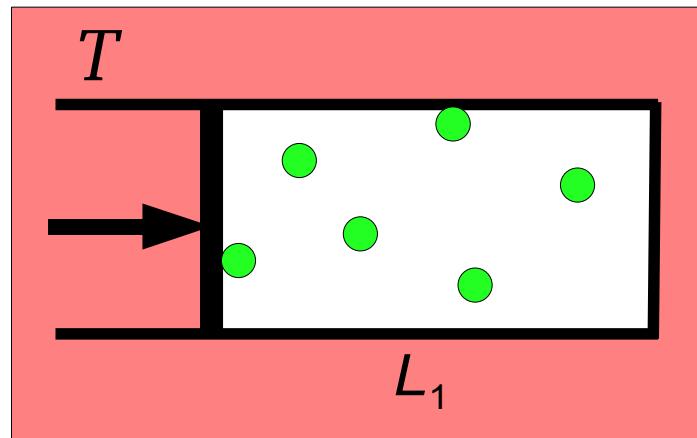
## Holy Grail Revealed in Phase Space

$$\begin{aligned}\langle W \rangle - \Delta F &= k_B T \int \rho_F(q, p, t) \ln \frac{\rho_F(q, p, t)}{\rho_B(q, -p, t)} dq dp \\ &= k_B T D(\rho_F || \rho_B)\end{aligned}$$

# A Non-Equilibrium Process: Time-Dependent Hamiltonian

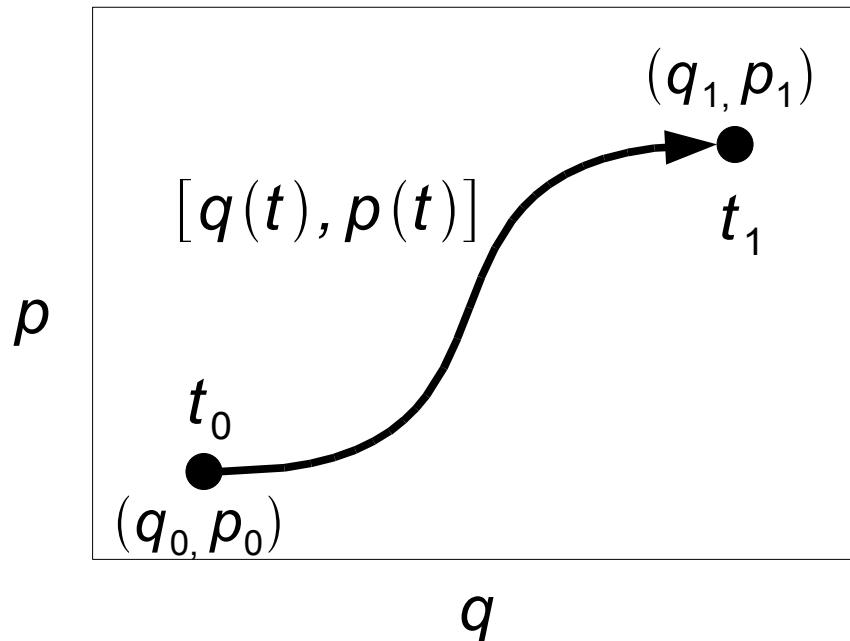


# Example



# Phase Space Trajectory and Density

$6N$ -dimension phase space



$q = (q_1, q_2, \dots, q_{3N})$  position

$p = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_{3N})$  momentum

$[q(t), p(t)]$  = phase trajectory

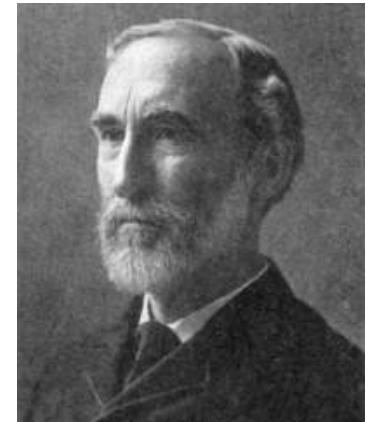
$\rho(q, p, t)$  = probability density

**Liouville Theorem**  $\rho(q_0, p_0, t) = \rho(q(t), p(t), t) = \rho(q_1, p_1, t_1)$



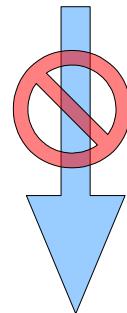
**Microscopic Time Reversibility**  $(q_0, p_0) \rightarrow (q_1, p_1)$   
 $(q_1, -p_1) \rightarrow (q_0, -p_0)$

Joseph Liouville  
(1809-1882)



## Gibbs Entropy

$$S = -k_B \int \rho(q, p) \ln \rho(q, p) dq dp$$



**J. Willard Gibbs**  
**(1839-1903)**

$$S(t) = -k_B \int \rho(q, p, t) \ln \rho(q, p, t) dq dp$$

Invariant under Hamiltonian Dynamics       $S(t_0) = S(t) = S(t_1)$

$\int \rho(q, p, t) \ln \eta(q, p, t) dq dp$  is invariant!

# Thermal Equilibrium

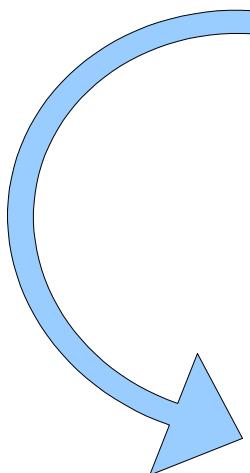
## Equilibrium Density

$$\rho_{\text{eq}}(q, p) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp[-\beta H(q, p)]$$

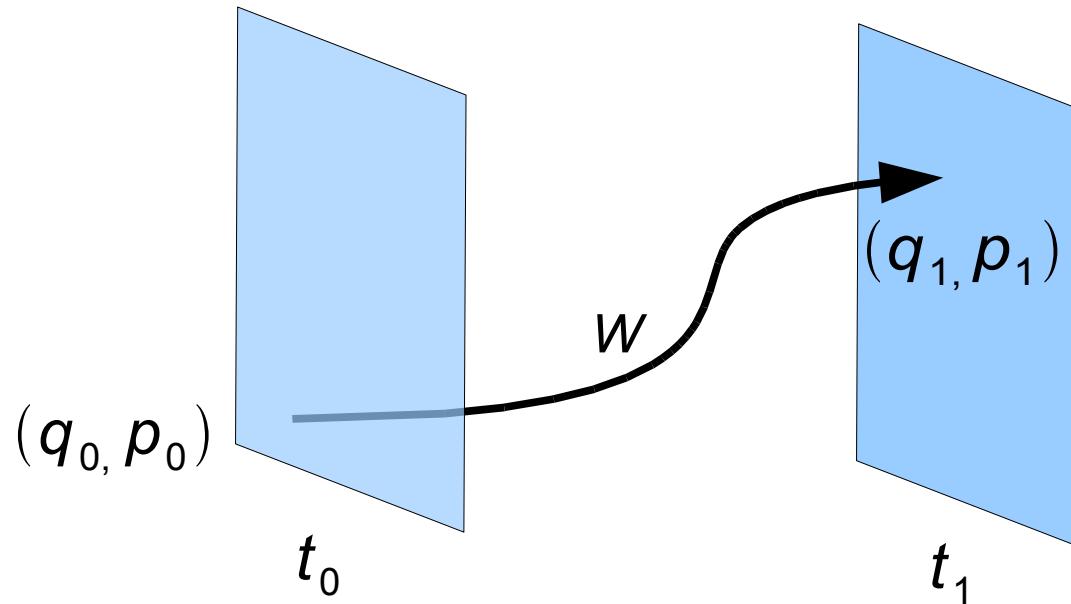
$$Z = \int \exp[-\beta H(q, p)] dq dp \quad (\text{partition function})$$

$$\rho_{\text{eq}}(q, p) = \rho_{\text{eq}}(q-p) \quad (\text{detailed balance})$$

$$H(q, p) = -k_B T \ln Z - k_B T \ln \rho_{\text{eq}}(q, p)$$



# Definition of Work



$$W(q_0, p_0) = H(q_1, p_1; \lambda_1) - H(q_0, p_0; \lambda_0)$$

Statistical Average

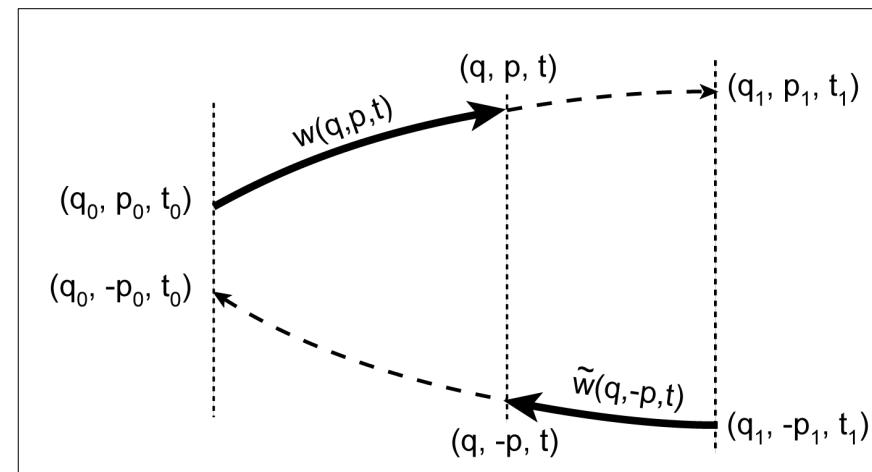
$$\begin{aligned}\langle W \rangle &= \int \rho(q_0, p_0; t_0) W(q_0, p_0) dq_0 dp_0 \\ &= \int \rho(q_0, p_0; t_0) [H(q_1, p_1; \lambda_1) - H(q_0, p_0; \lambda_0)] dq_0 dp_0\end{aligned}$$

# Proof

$$\langle W \rangle = \int \rho(q_0, p_0; t_0) [H(q_1, p_1; \lambda_1) - H(q_0, p_0; \lambda_0)]$$

$$= -kT \int \rho_F(q_1, p_1, t_1) \ln \rho_B(q_1, -p_1, t_1) dq_1 dp_1 \\ + kT \int \rho_F(q_0, p_0, t_0) \ln \rho_F(q_0, p_0, t_0) dq_0 dp_0 \\ + kT \ln(Z_0/Z_1)$$

$$= -kT \int \rho_F(q, p, t) \ln \rho_B(q, -p, t) dq dp \\ + kT \int \rho_F(q, p, t) \ln \rho_F(q, p, t) dq dp \\ + \Delta F$$



$$\langle W \rangle - \Delta F = kT \int \rho_F(q, p, t) \ln \left[ \frac{\rho_F(q, p, t)}{\rho_B(q, -p, t)} \right] dq dp = kT D(\rho_F \| \rho_B)$$

# Relative Entropy (Kullback-Leibler distance)

$$D(\rho\|\eta) = \int \rho(x) \ln \frac{\rho(x)}{\eta(x)} dx$$

$$\rho(x) \geq 0, \eta(x) \geq 0; \int \rho(x) dx = \int \eta(x) dx = 1$$

$D(\rho\|\eta)$  is a ‘distance’ between two densities.

$$D(\rho\|\eta) \geq 0, \quad D(\rho\|\eta) = 0 \text{ iff } \rho(x) = \eta(x)$$

$\exp[-D(\rho\|\eta)]$  is a measure of the difficulty to statistically distinguish two densities. (Stein's lemma)

$$D(\rho\|\eta) \geq D(\tilde{\rho}\|\tilde{\eta})$$

if  $\tilde{\rho}$  and  $\tilde{\eta}$  have less information than  $\rho$  and  $\eta$

## Relative Entropy: Exercise with Dice

normal	$p_1 = \frac{1}{6}$	$p_2 = \frac{1}{6}$	$p_3 = \frac{1}{6}$	$p_4 = \frac{1}{6}$	$p_5 = \frac{1}{6}$	$p_6 = \frac{1}{6}$
biased I	$q_1 = \frac{1}{3}$	$q_2 = \frac{1}{12}$	$q_3 = \frac{1}{12}$	$q_4 = \frac{1}{12}$	$q_5 = \frac{1}{6}$	$q_6 = \frac{1}{4}$
biased II	$r_1 = \frac{95}{100}$	$r_2 = \frac{1}{100}$	$r_3 = \frac{1}{100}$	$r_4 = \frac{1}{100}$	$q_5 = \frac{1}{100}$	$r_6 = \frac{1}{100}$

$$D(p||q) = \sum_{i=1}^6 p_i \ln \frac{p_i}{q_i} = 0.163\cdots$$

$$D(p||r) = \sum_{i=1}^6 p_i \ln \frac{p_i}{r_i} = 2.054\cdots$$

## Find which dice you have by rolling it $N$ times

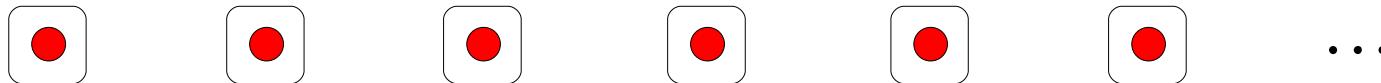
$p$  vs.  $q$  (good one vs. slightly biased one)



$$P_{\text{err}}(N) = e^{-ND(p||q)}, \quad P_{\text{err}}(10) = 0.196, \quad P_{\text{err}}(20) = 0.04, \quad P_{\text{err}}(50) = 0.00028$$

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$p$  vs.  $r$  (good one vs. extremely biased one)



$$P_{\text{err}}(N) = e^{-ND(p||r)}, \quad P_{\text{err}}(5) = 0.3 \times 10^{-4}, \quad P_{\text{err}}(10) = 0.1 \times 10^{-9}$$



You will notice already here.

## Relative Entropy and Reduced Information

normal dice     $\tilde{p}_{odd} = p_1 + p_3 + p_5 = \frac{1}{2}$ ,     $\tilde{p}_{even} = p_2 + p_4 + p_6 = \frac{1}{2}$

biased dice     $\tilde{q}_{odd} = q_1 + q_3 + q_5 = \frac{7}{12}$ ,     $\tilde{q}_{even} = q_2 + q_4 + q_6 = \frac{5}{12}$

$$D(p\|q) = 0.163$$

$$D(\tilde{p}\|\tilde{q}) = \tilde{p}_{odd} \ln \frac{\tilde{p}_{odd}}{\tilde{q}_{odd}} + \tilde{p}_{even} \ln \frac{\tilde{p}_{even}}{\tilde{q}_{even}} = 0.014$$

$$D(p\|q) > D(\tilde{p}\|\tilde{q})$$

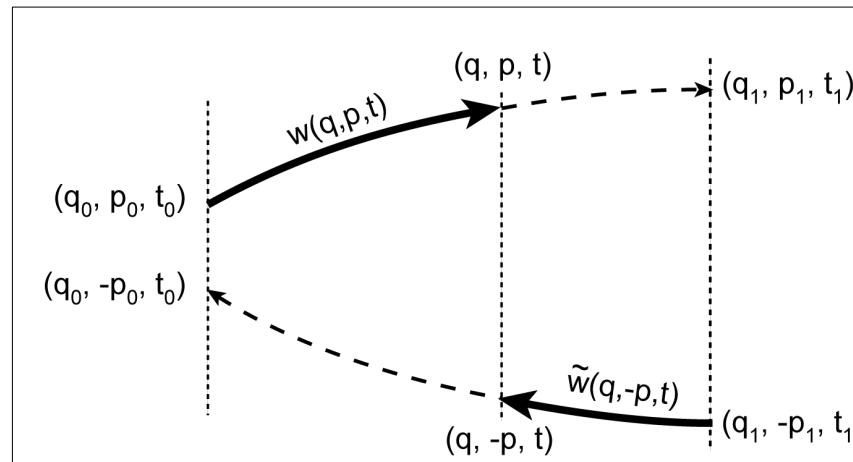
# Dissipation and Time's Arrow

$$\langle W \rangle - \Delta F = kT \int \rho_F(q, p, t) \ln \left[ \frac{\rho_F(q, p, t)}{\rho_B(q, -p, t)} \right] dq dp = kT D(\rho_F \| \rho_B)$$

$D(\rho_F \| \rho_B) \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{Second Law}$

If  $\rho_F = \rho_B$ ,  $D(\rho_F \| \rho_B) = 0 \rightarrow \text{No Dissipation}$

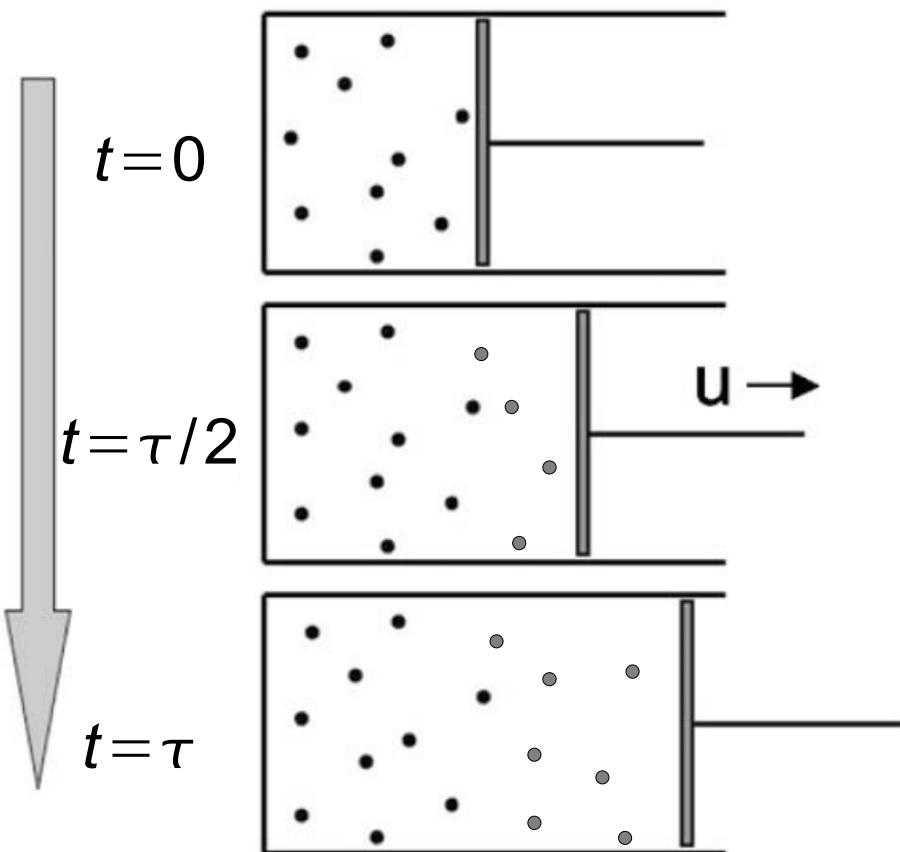
Dissipation is a quantitative measure of Irreversibility (time's arrow)!



# Slow Expansion

Forward

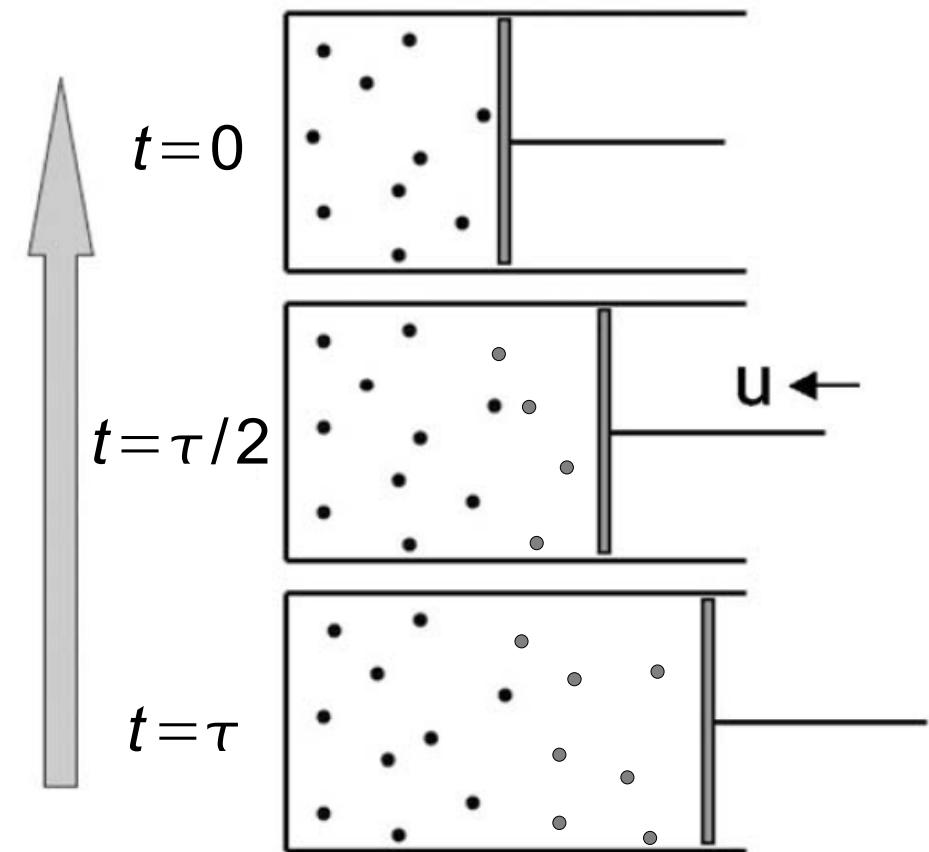
$$(q_0, p_0)$$



$$(q_1, p_1)$$

Backward

$$(q_0, -p_0)$$



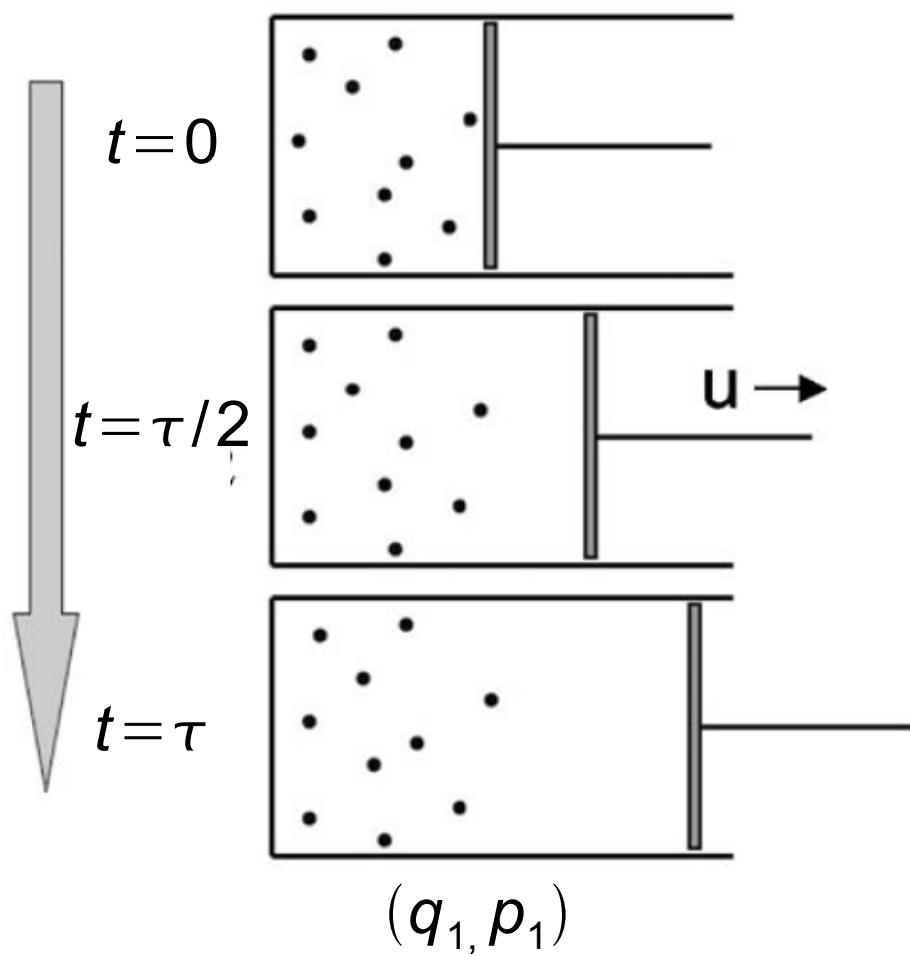
$$(q_1, -p_1)$$

No Dissipation

# Rapid Expansion

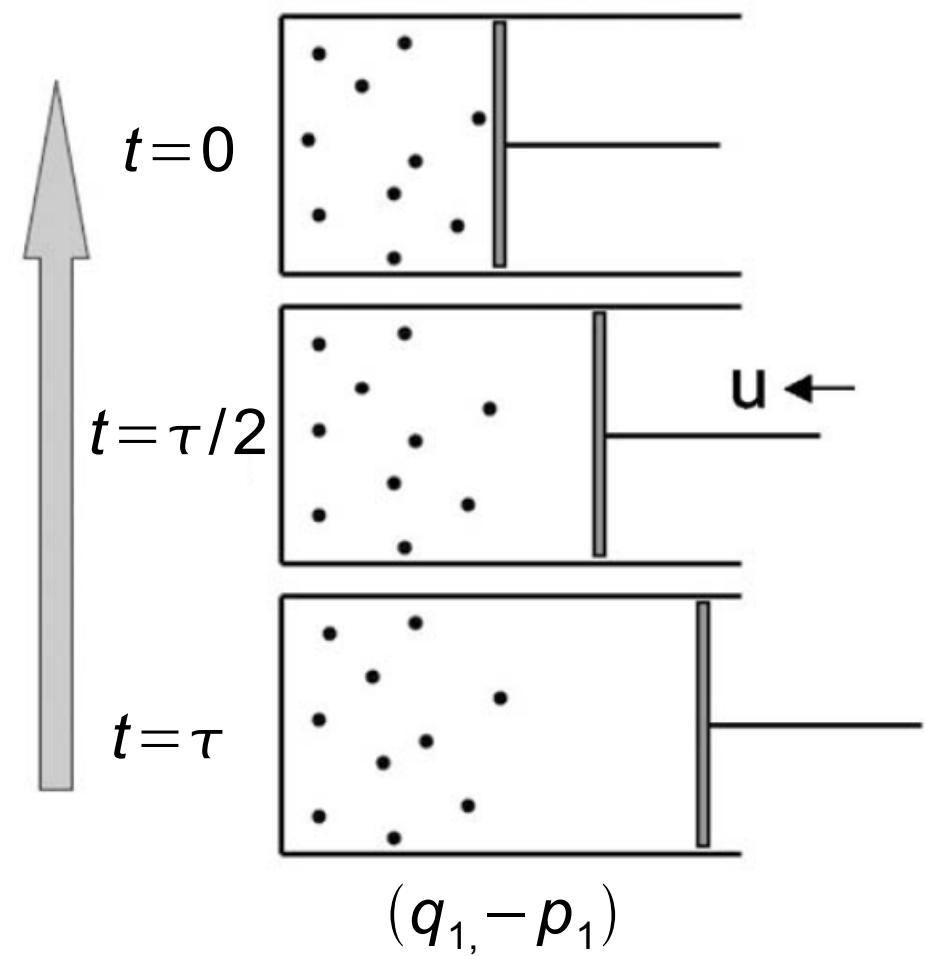
Forward

$$(q_0, p_0)$$

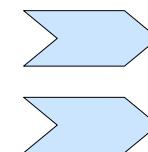
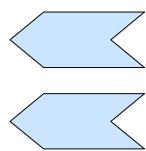
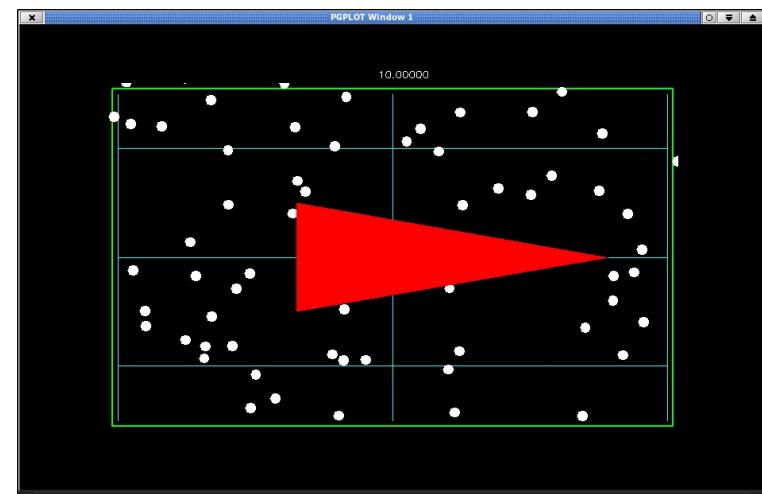
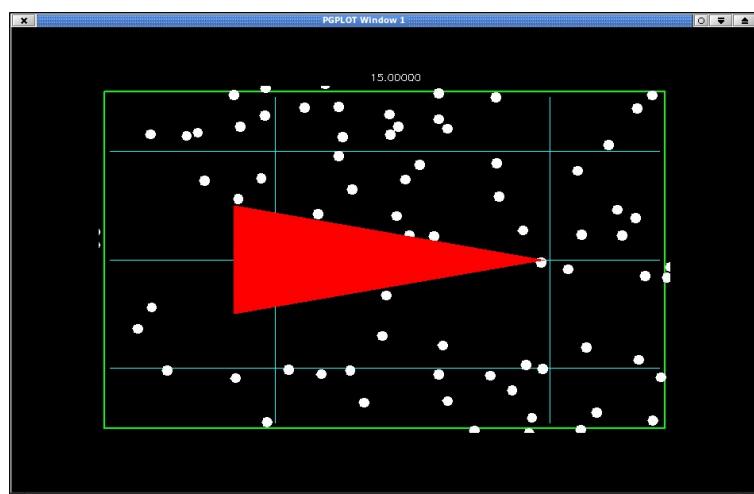


Backward

$$(q_0, -p_0)$$



Which direction is the triangle moving?



## Jarzinski equality and Crooks Theorem

$$\langle W_{\text{dis}} \rangle = kT \int \rho_F(q, p, t) \ln \left[ \frac{\rho_F(q, p, t)}{\rho_B(q, -p, t)} \right] dq dp$$

**Work at  
a phase point**

$$W_{\text{dis}}(q, p, t) = kT \ln \frac{\rho_F(q, p, t)}{\rho_B(q, -p, t)} \quad (\text{can be negative})$$

**Crooks theorem**

$$\exp[-\beta W_{\text{dis}}(q, p, t)] = \frac{\rho_B(q, -p, t)}{\rho_F(q, p, t)}$$

**Jarzynski equality**

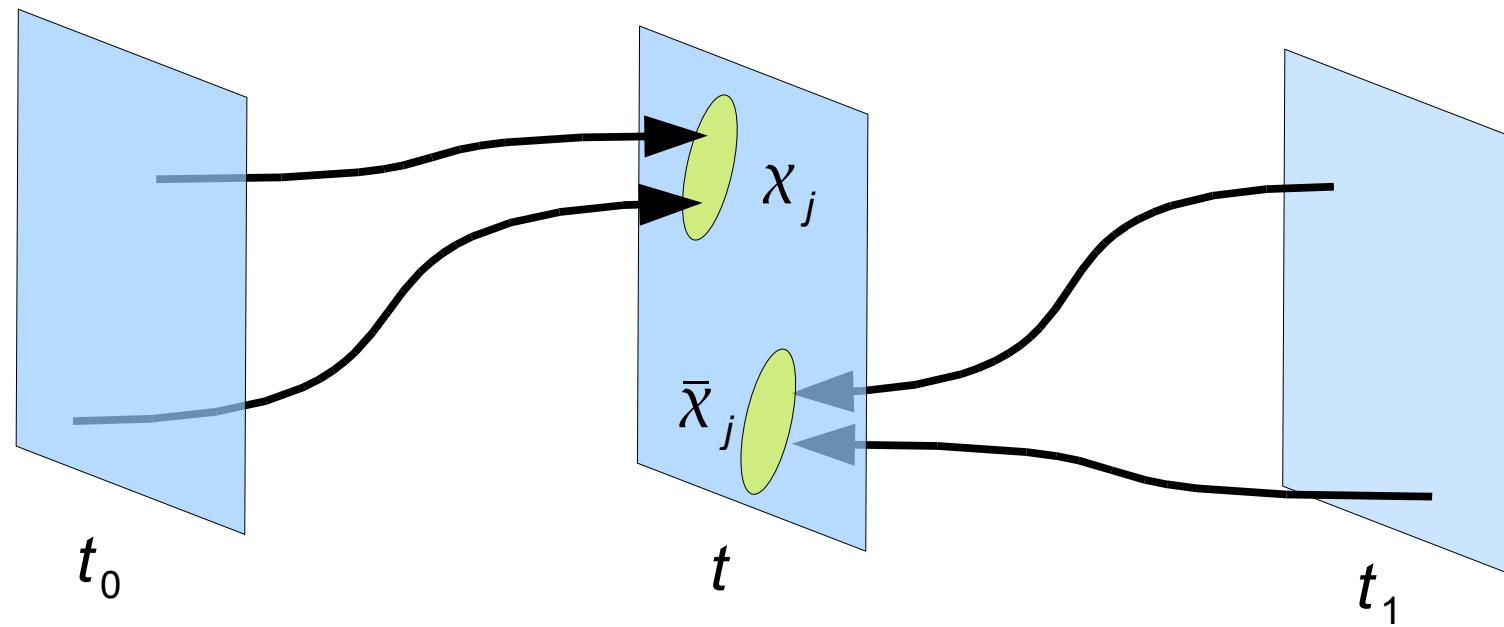
$$\langle \exp[-\beta W_{\text{dis}}] \rangle = \int \rho_F(q, p, t) \exp[-\beta W_{\text{dis}}(q, p, t)] dq dp = 1$$

# Coarse Graining

Devide the whole phase space into N subsets  $\chi_j$  ( $j=1 \cdots N$ )

$$\rho_F^j(t) = \int_{\chi_j} \rho_F(q, p, t) dq dp; \quad \rho_B^j(t) = \int_{\bar{\chi}_j} \rho_B(q, -p, t) dq dp$$

$$\langle W \rangle_j - \Delta F \geq kT \ln \frac{\rho_F^j}{\rho_B^j}$$



$$\langle W \rangle - \Delta F \geq kT D(\rho_F^j || \rho_B^j)$$

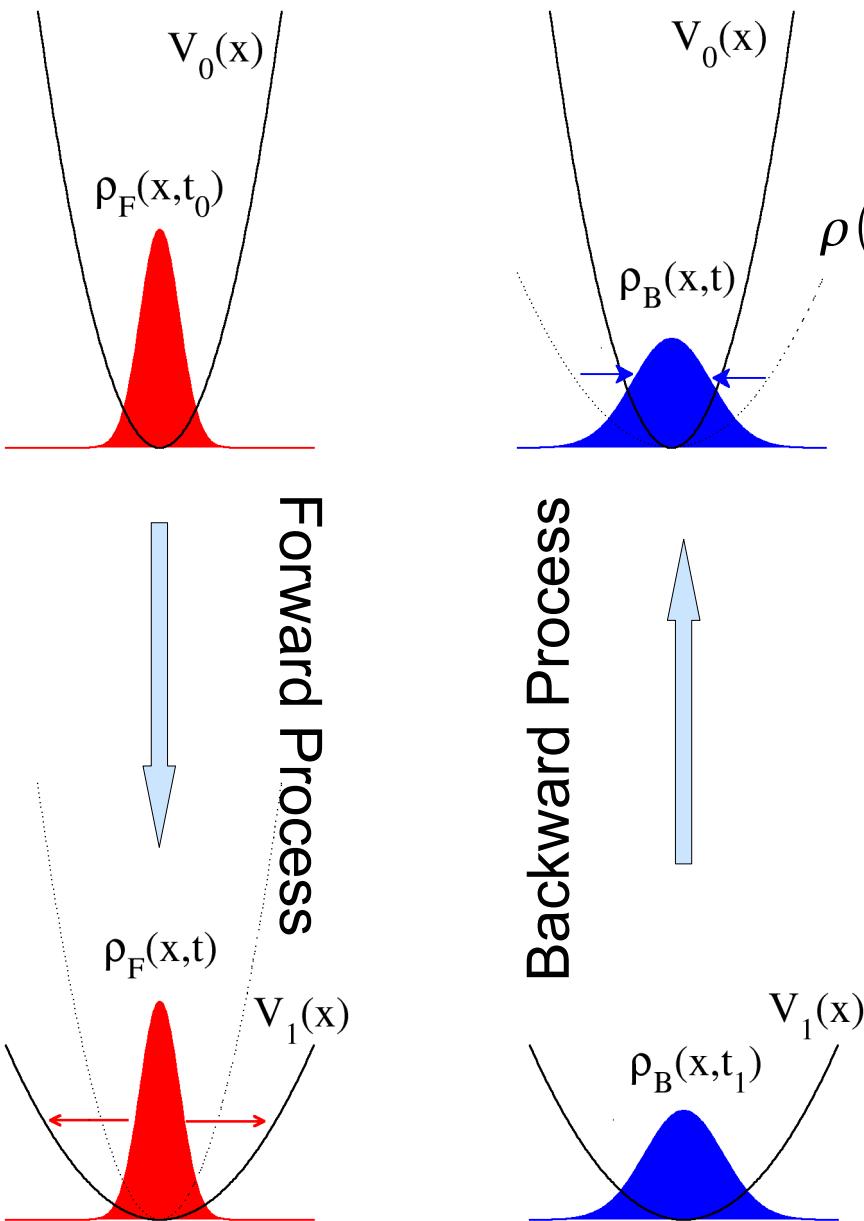
where  $D(\rho_F^j || \rho_B^j) = \sum_{j=1}^N \rho_F^j \ln \frac{\rho_F^j}{\rho_B^j}$

Since we don't have full information of the phase densities, we can have only a lower bound.

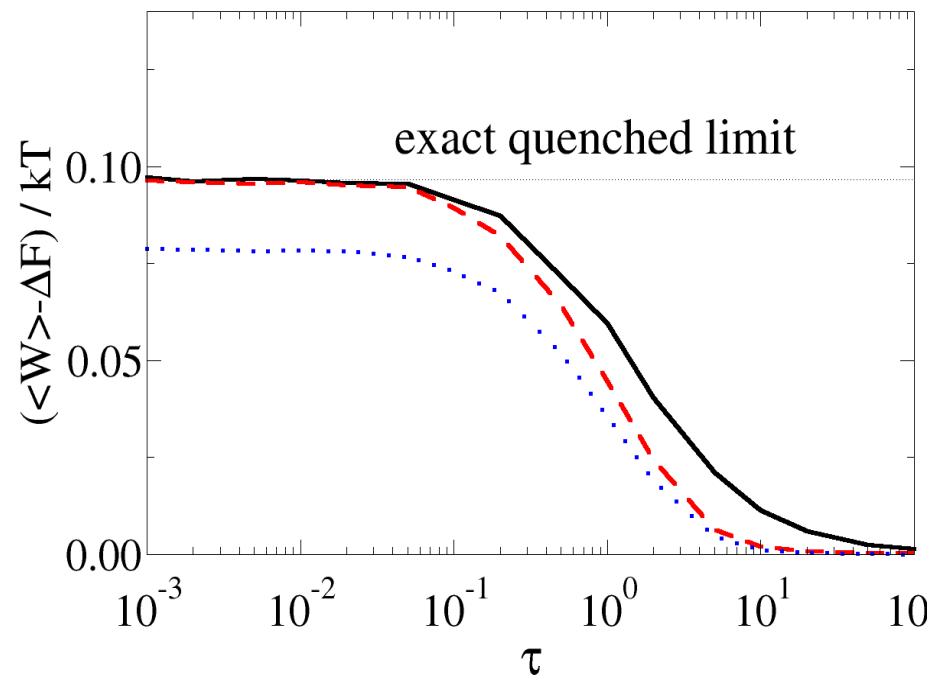
If we have no information at all ( $N=1$ ), then

$$D(\rho_F || \rho_B) = 0 \rightarrow \langle W \rangle \geq \Delta F \quad \text{2nd law!}$$

# Overdamped Brownian Particle in a Harmonic Potential



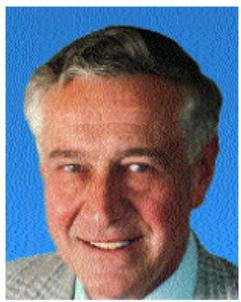
$$\langle W \rangle - \Delta F \geq D(\rho_F(x, t) \| \rho_B(x, t))$$



# Application: Physics and Information



Leó Szilárd  
(1898-1964)



Rolf Landauer  
(1929-1999)

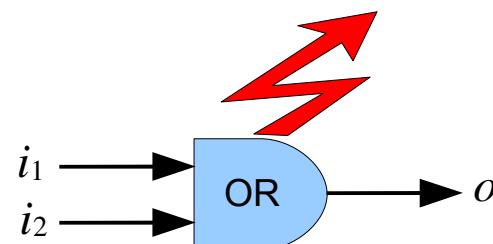
Szilard found a relation between physics and information.

$$1 \text{ bit} = k_B \log 2$$

## Landauer principle

The erasure of one bit of information is necessarily accompanied by a dissipation of at least  $k_B T \log 2$  heat. Information can be obtained without dissipation of heat.

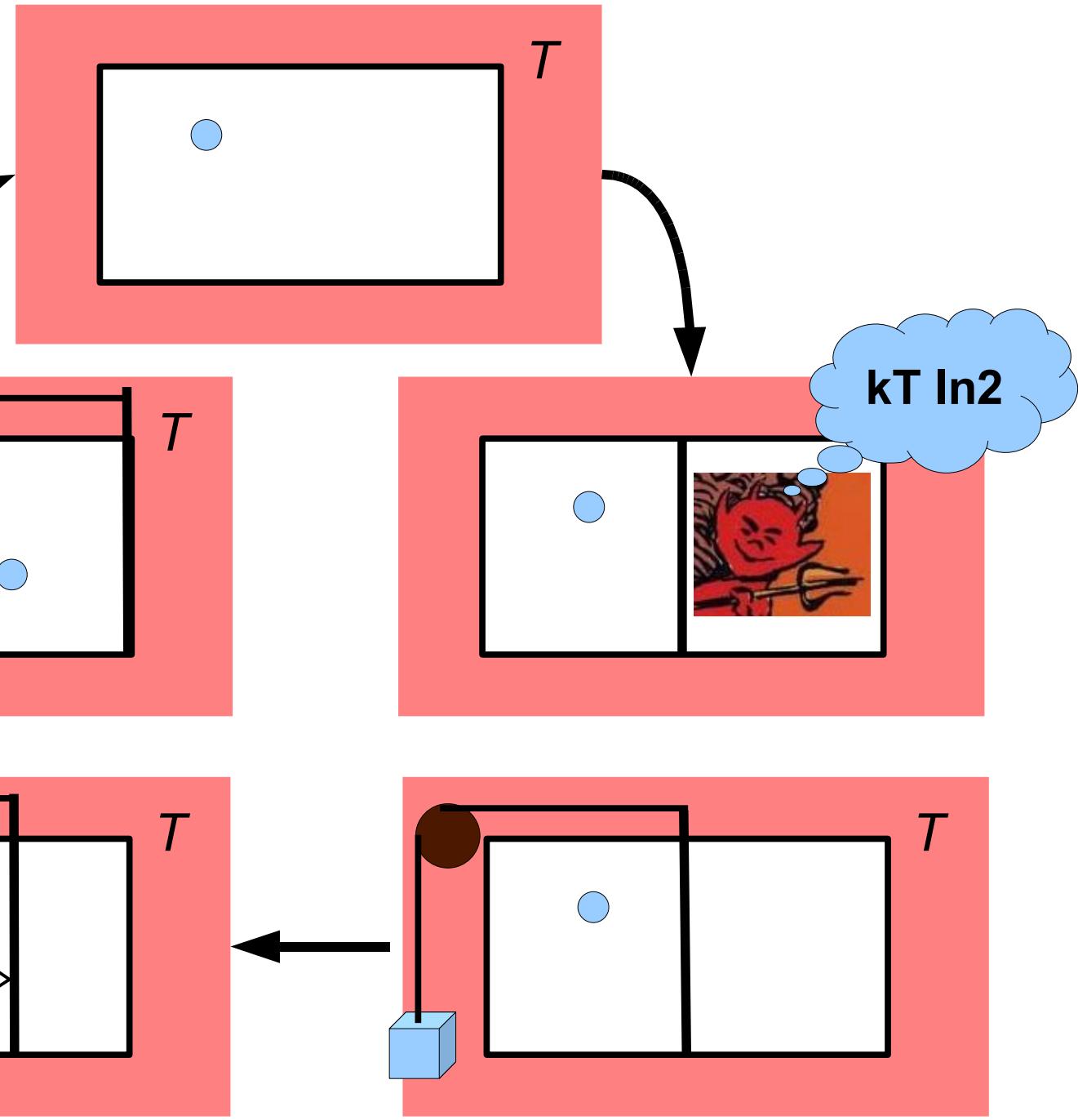
$$Q \geq k_B T \log 2$$



# Szilard's Engine

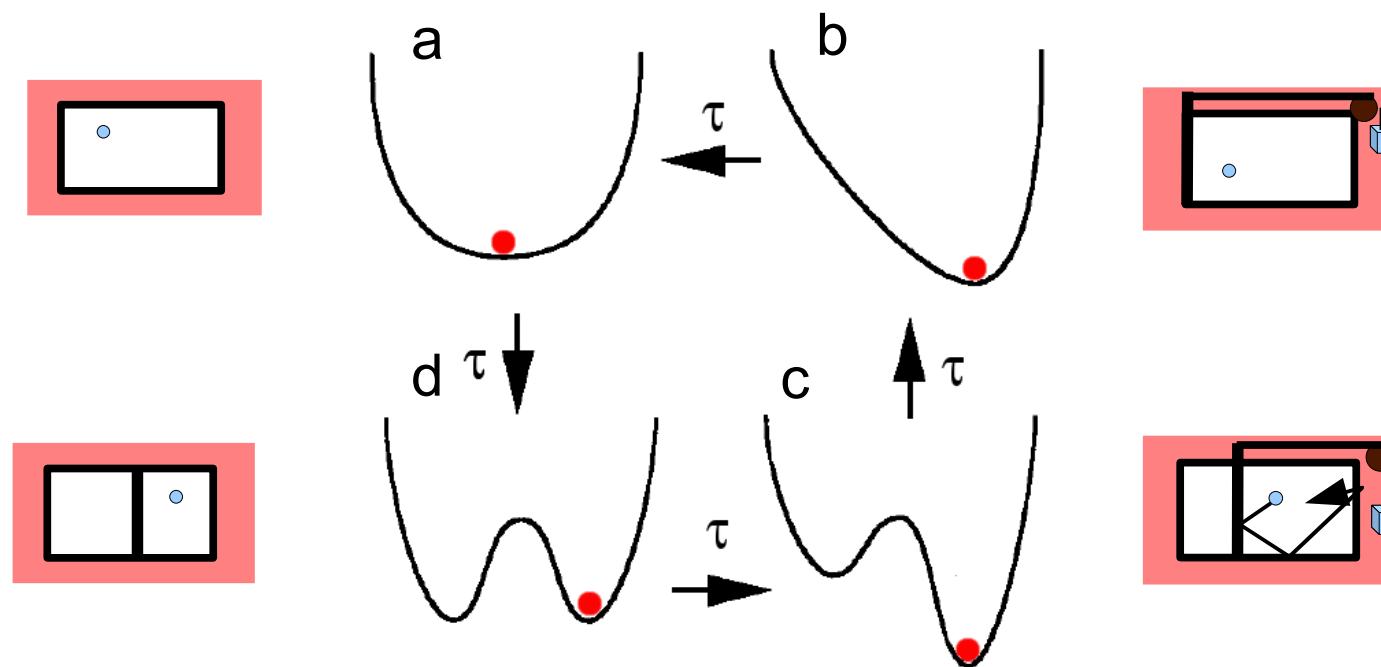
$$Q \rightarrow W = k_B T \ln 2$$

Contradiction to  
2<sup>nd</sup> Law?

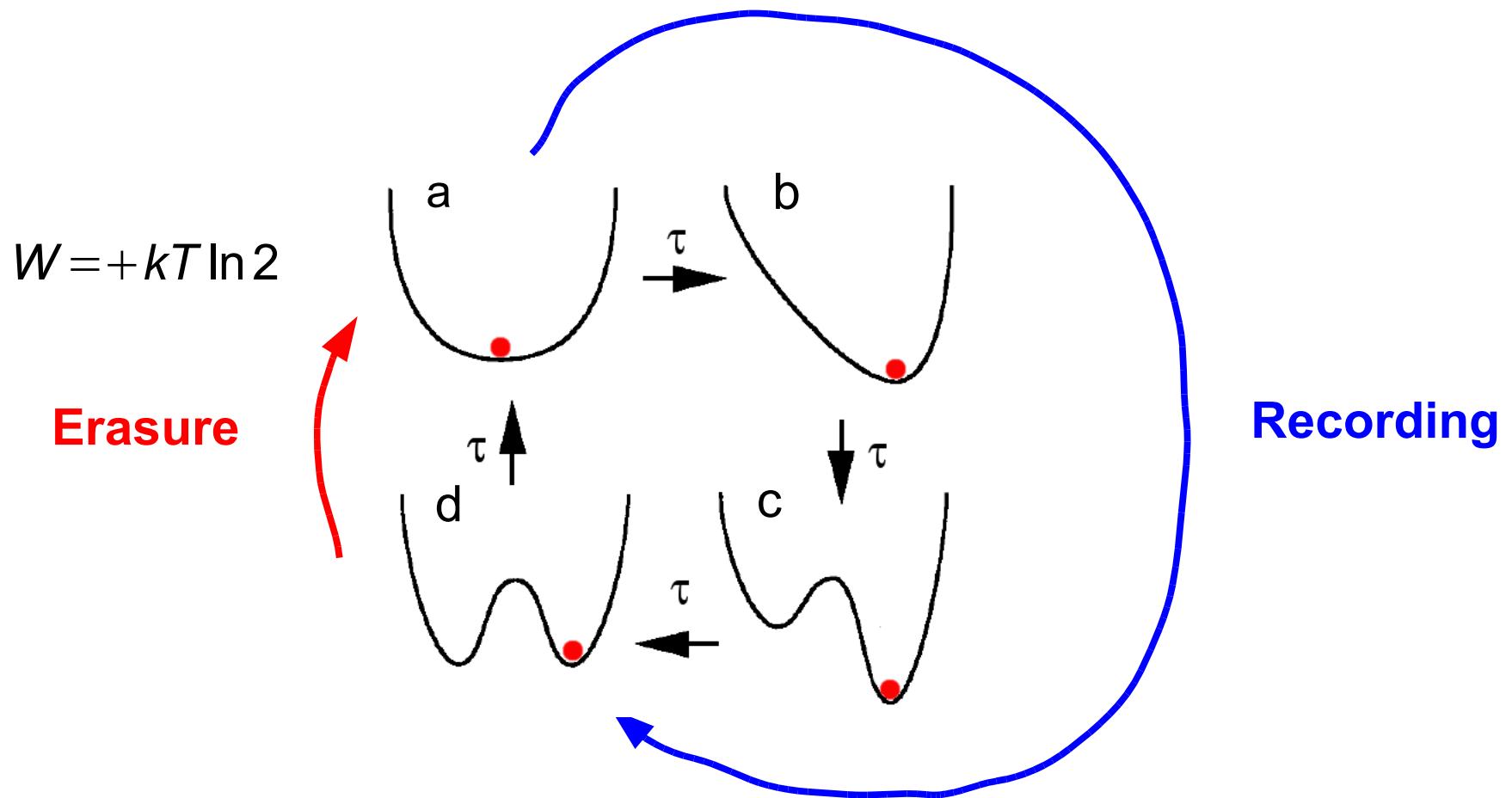


# Brownian Engine (Backword Process)

$$W = -kT \ln 2$$

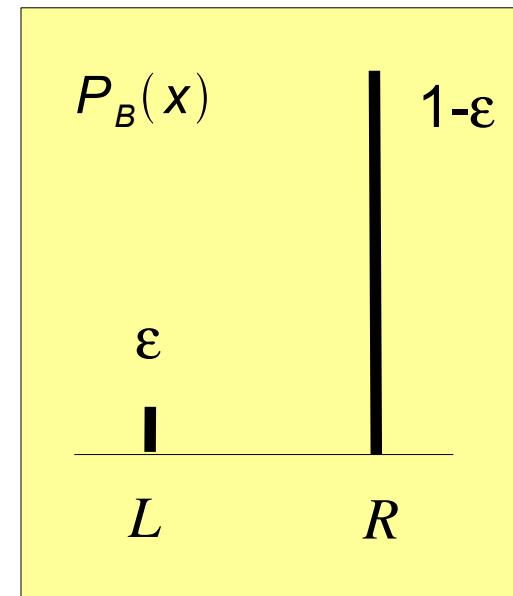
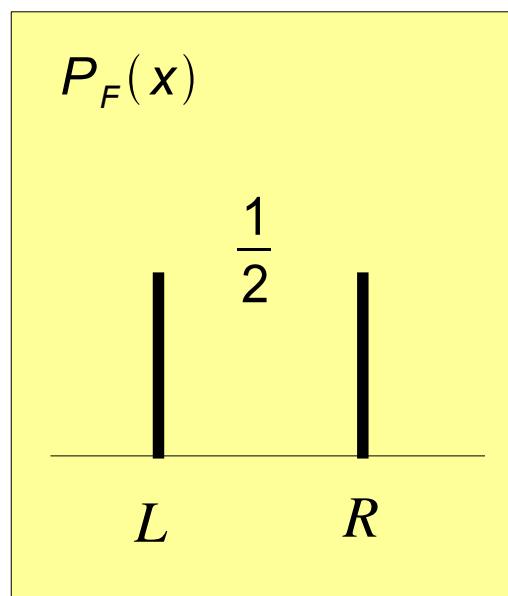
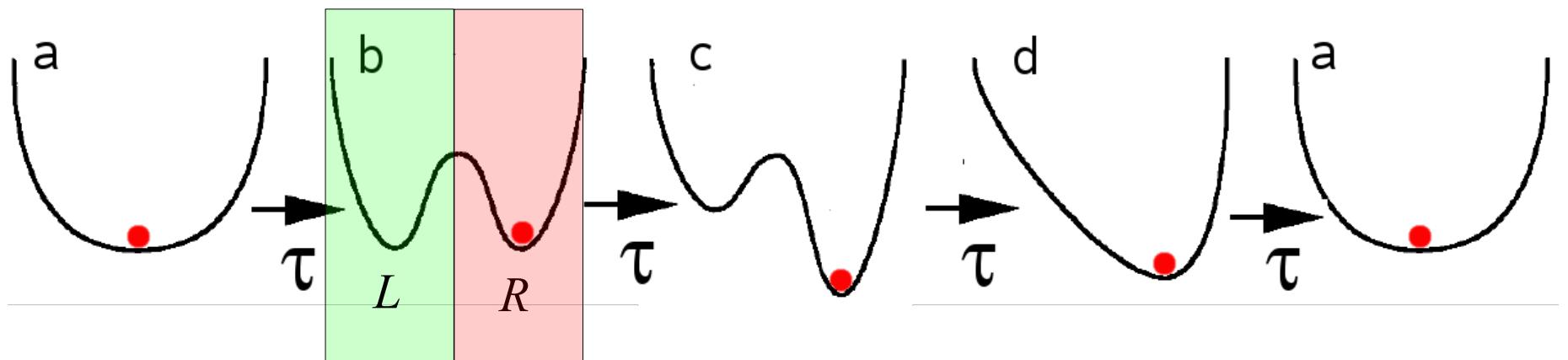


# Brownian Computer (Forward Process)

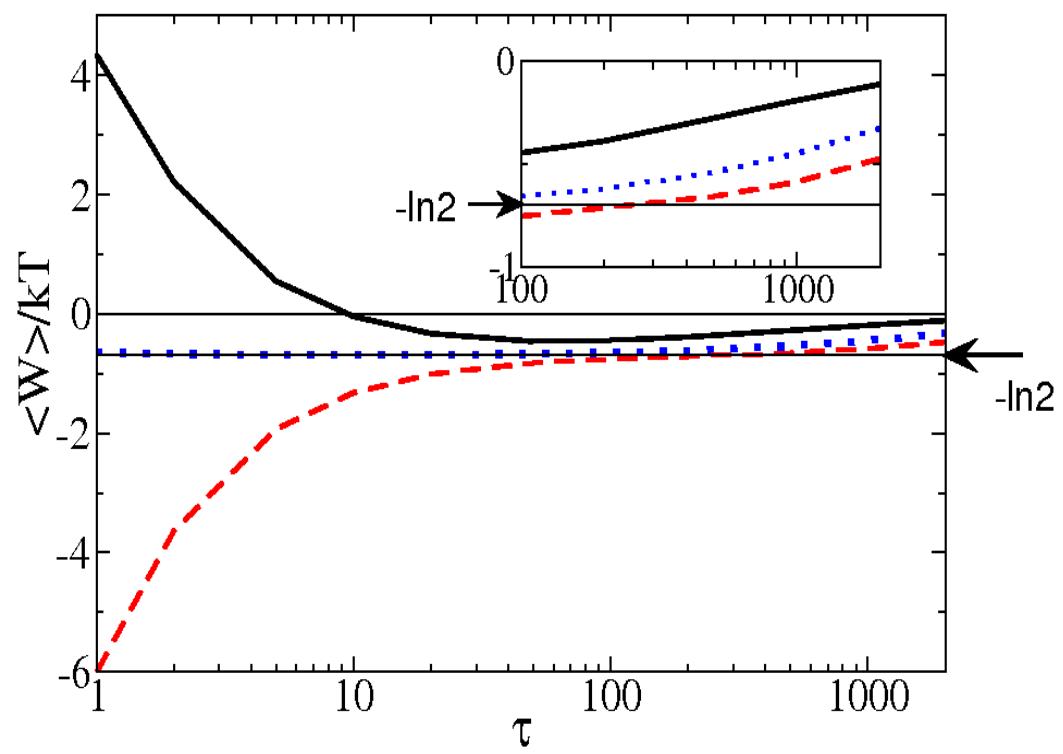


Restore-to-One Procedure:  $d \rightarrow a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c \rightarrow d$

## Coarse Grained Measurement



$$\langle W \rangle_R \geq \ln \left[ \frac{P_F(R)}{P_B(R)} \right] = k_B T \ln 2 + k_B T \ln(1 - \epsilon)$$



## **For quantum systems**

von Neumann Entropy :  $S = -k \operatorname{Tr} \hat{\rho} \ln \hat{\rho}$

$$\langle W_{\text{dis}} \rangle = kT [\operatorname{Tr} \hat{\rho}_F \ln \hat{\rho}_F - \operatorname{Tr} \hat{\rho}_F \ln (\theta \hat{\rho}_B \tilde{\theta})]$$

# Conclusion

$$\begin{aligned}\langle W \rangle - \Delta F &= k_B T \int \rho_F(q, p, t) \ln \frac{\rho_F(q, p, t)}{\rho_B(q, -p, t)} dq dp \\ &= k_B T D(\rho_F || \rho_B)\end{aligned}$$

- An exact expression of dissipation is obtained.  
Now the second law of thermodynamics is an equality!
- Dissipation is a direct measure of irreversibility (time's arrow).
- Even when full information is not available, the formula provides a lower bound of the dissipation
- The relation between information and physical processes is unambiguously formulated. The Landauer principle is proven.