

STATIONARY STATES  
AND FLUCTUATIONS

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## I. STATIONARY STATES

1. In a Stationary State macroscopic (=average) properties of a system do not change with time.
2. Microscopic particle motion continues unabatedly and causes fluctuations around macroscopic (=average) properties.

## II. Equilibrium + Fluctuations around it

1. Equilibrium is simplest stationary state.
2. Characterized by  $T$ ,  $p$ ,  $\rho$  etc.
3. Fluctuations around equilibrium guided by .  
Onsager's Hypothesis

“The average decay of a fluctuation away from equilibrium back to equilibrium, follows the ordinary macroscopic linear law”

- Thus for an adiabatically insulated system, characterized by the macroscopic properties  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$ , with fluctuations from their equilibrium values  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ , the average average decay back to equilibrium follows:

- $\bar{\dot{a}}_i = J_i = \sum_{k=1}^n L_{ik} X_k \quad (i = 1, \dots, n)$

$\bar{\dot{a}}_i$  = average decay of fluctuation away from equilibrium;

$J_i$  = macroscopic current;

$L_{ik}$  = Linear transport coefficient;

$X_k$  = force (gradient);

- The average is taken with the microcanonical ensemble

$$P(a_1 \dots a_n) \prod_{i=1}^n da_i = \frac{\exp(\Delta S/k) \prod_{i=1}^n da_i}{\int \exp(\Delta S/k) \prod_{i=1}^n da_i}$$



## Consequences of Onsager's Hypothesis:

- Onsager's reciprocal relations are between linear transport coefficients  $L_{ik}$ : i.e. a linear relation between currents  $J_i$  and gradients  $X_k$ :  $J_i = \sum_k L_{ik} X_k$ .

- In a mixture with components  $1, \dots, i, \dots, k, \dots, n$ : the Onsager relations are:

$$L_{ik} = L_{ki}$$

They are based on the time reversal invariance of the (microscopic) equations of motion.

- Green-Kubo formulae for linear transport coefficients.
- Fluctuation - Dissipation Relation = relation of equilibrium fluctuations and linear transport coefficients.

## Irreversible Thermodynamics:

- Onsager's Hypothesis makes it possible to construct a purely macroscopic theory of irreversible processes.
- That is: generalization of Thermodynamics of systems in equilibrium to a Thermodynamics of Non-equilibrium systems, close to equilibrium, but where irreversible processes take place.
- The system is then still in local equilibrium, where it can be partitioned in "physically infinitesimal" cells, in each of which, i.e. locally, the usual thermodynamic relations of equilibrium hold.

- In particular, in any local cell at position  $\vec{r}$  and at time  $t$ , the specific entropy  $s$  is the same function of the specific internal energy  $u$  and the specific volume  $v = 1/\rho$ , as in equilibrium:

$$s = s(u, \rho)$$

and

$$T \frac{ds}{dt} = \frac{du}{dt} + p \frac{dv}{dt}$$

- Here  $d/dt$  is the barycentric (or center of mass) time derivative and  $s$ ,  $u$  and  $v = 1/\rho$  are all per unit mass.



- Using the hydrodynamic equations for  $du/dt$  and  $d\rho/dt$  - which are based on local equilibrium, the conservation laws and the linear transport laws - gives a local form of the Second Law as an entropy balance equation:

$$\rho \frac{ds}{dt} = -\text{div} J_s + \sigma$$

with  $\sigma = \sum_i J_i X_i$  and  $J_i = \sum_k L_{ik} X_k$

- Here  $\rho$  is the mass density,  $J_s$  the (baricentric) entropy flow per unit area and time and  $\sigma > 0$  the entropy production per unit volume and time.
- These equations together with Onsager's Hypothesis form the basis of Irreversible Thermodynamics.

## Fluctuations in Irreversible Thermodynamics

Fluctuations from "fluctuating hydrodynamics" by adding (Landau-Lifshitz) stochastic terms to the hydrodynamical equations.

Fluctuations are due to spontaneously arising (random) local stresses and heat fluxes in the fluid, not related to the macroscopic gradients (linear laws) in the macroscopic hydrodynamic equations, but determined by the microscopic motion of the fluid.



## (Fluctuating) Hydrodynamic Equations

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} = -\rho \nabla \cdot \vec{v} \quad (\text{continuity equation})$$

$$\rho \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \nabla \cdot \vec{P} \quad (\text{equation of motion})$$

$$\rho \frac{du}{dt} = -\nabla \cdot \vec{J}_q - p \nabla \cdot \vec{v} - \left( \vec{P} - p\vec{U} \right) : \nabla \vec{v}$$

(energy equation)

- $\vec{P} =$  Stress Tensor +  $\tilde{\vec{P}}$ ;  $\tilde{\vec{P}} \rightarrow \vec{s}$
- $\vec{J}_q =$  Heat current +  $\tilde{\vec{J}}_q$ ;  $\tilde{\vec{J}}_q \rightarrow \vec{g}$
- $p =$  pressure
- $\rho =$  mass density
- $\vec{U} =$  unit tensor
- $:$  tensor product

- Conditions:
1. Local Equilibrium
  2. Conservation Laws
  3. Linear Transport Laws.

# Hydrodynamic Fluctuations

Lifshitz:

between the components of the  
heat flux:

$$\overline{q_i(\vec{r}_1, t_1) q_j(\vec{r}_2, t_2)} = 2\kappa T^2 \delta_{ik} \delta_{jl} \delta(t_1 - t_2) \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2)$$

can similarly obtain formulae for the  
between the components of the  
stress tensor:

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{p_{ik}(\vec{r}_1, t_1) p_{lm}(\vec{r}_2, t_2)} &= 2T [\eta(\delta_{il}\delta_{km} + \delta_{im}\delta_{kl}) \\ &+ (\zeta - \frac{2}{3}\eta)\delta_{ik}\delta_{lm}] \\ &\times \delta(t_1 - t_2) \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) \end{aligned}$$

## Non-Eq. Stationary States “far” from Equil.

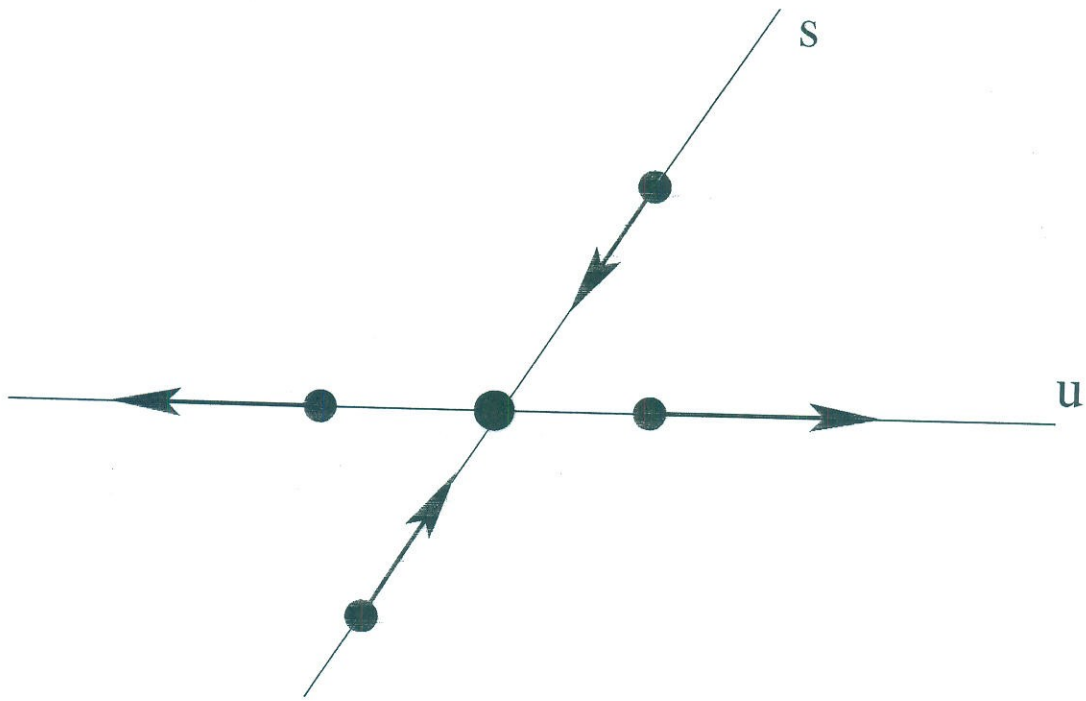
- These states cannot be characterized by local equilibrium quantities, like  $T, u, \rho$ , alone, but also by stationary currents of mass, momentum and energy, which, in general, will not obey linear relations between currents and gradients of  $T, u, \rho$ .
- Their probability distribution is not described by a modified (static) Gibbs ensemble, but by a (dynamic) Sinai-Ruelle-Bowen (SRB) distribution, at least if the system is smooth and very chaotic (Anosov-like).

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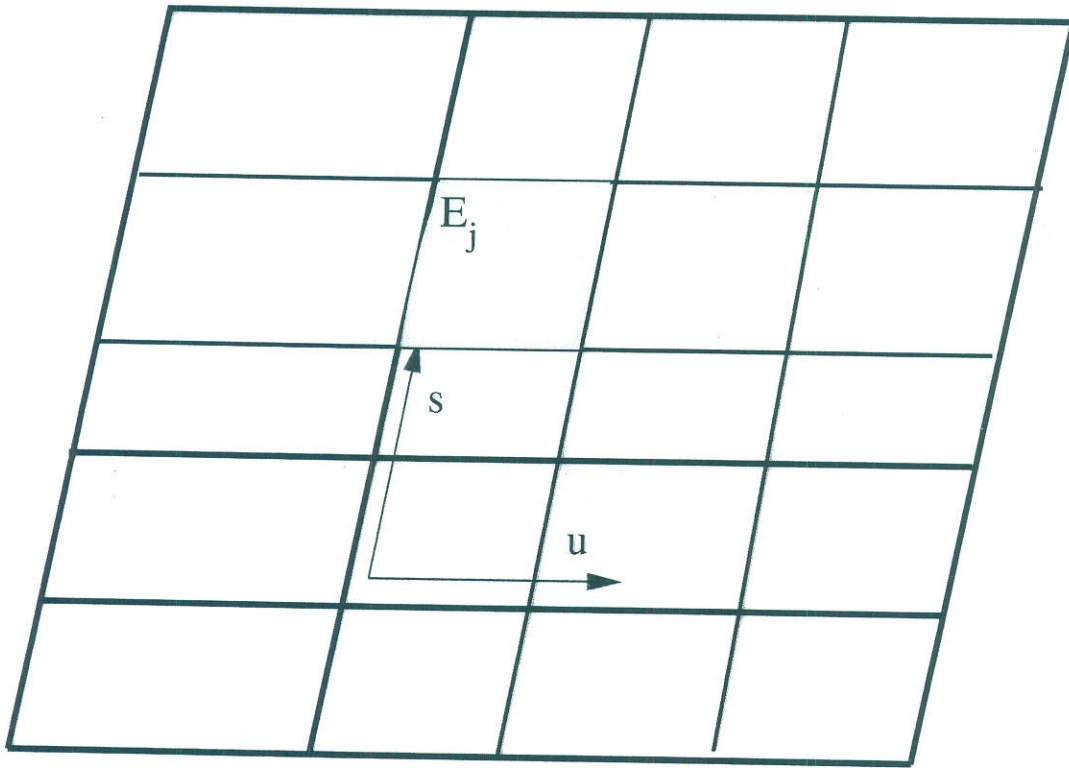
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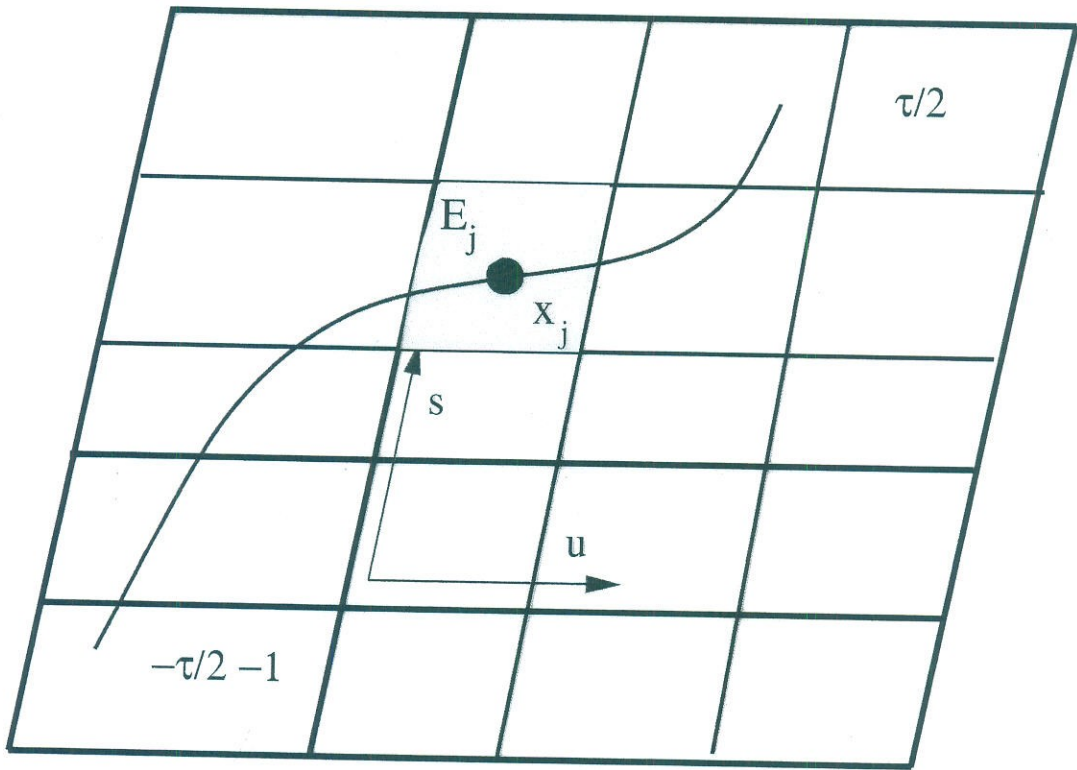


3 distribution can be obtained by a partition of the phase space of the  $n$  "parallelograms",  $\{E_j\}$ , based on ergodicity of the phase space.

"horizontal sides" of the cells or parallelograms form the unstable manifold, "vertical sides" form the stable

of the cells is determined by a parameter  $T$ , so that for  $T \rightarrow \infty$  their size goes to zero.

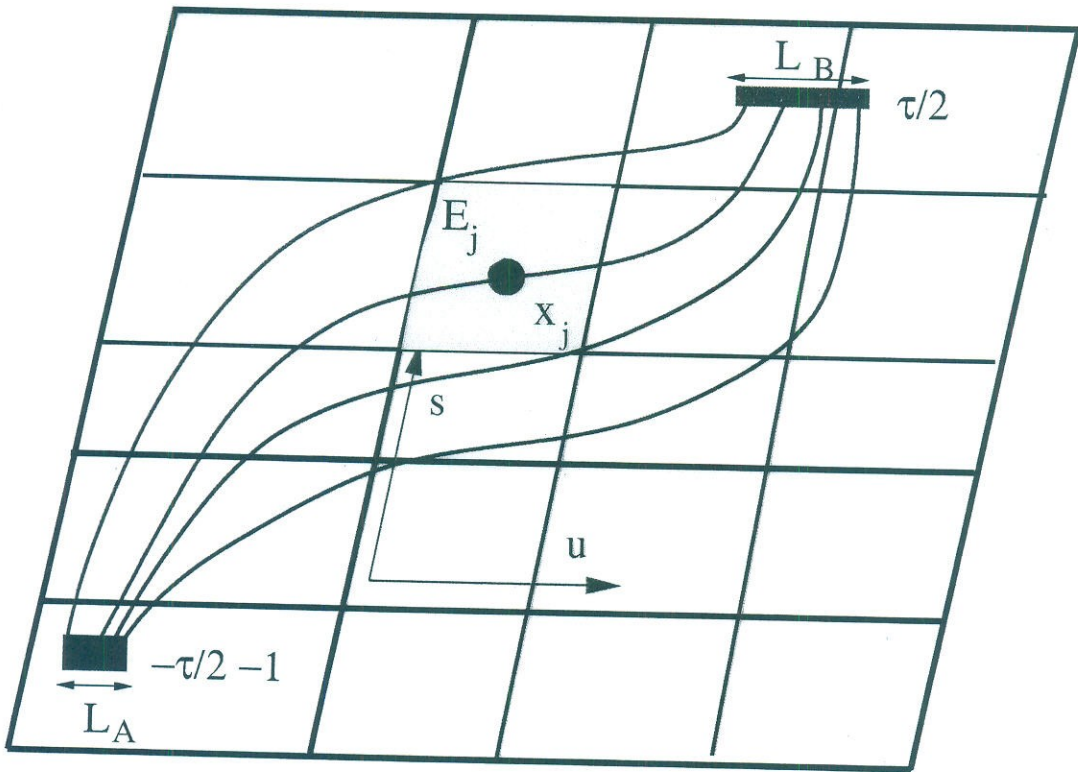
- Now each cell  $E_j$  in phase space is given a statistical weight equal to the inverse of a characteristic phase space volume expansion rate (along the unstable (expanding) manifold)  $\bar{\lambda}_{u,\tau}^{-1}(x_j)$  associated with this cell.
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- Consider thereto a phase point moving during a discrete time  $\tau$  along a phase space trajectory from  $-\tau/2 - 1$  to  $\tau/2$ , which goes through the center  $x_j$  of the cell  $E_j$ .



- Considering a small phase space volume  $A$  around the initial point at  $-\tau/2 - 1$ , all points in  $A$  will go via phase space trajectories to corresponding points in the phase space volume  $B$  around the final point at  $+\tau/2$ .
- The larger the phase space volume expansion  $\Lambda_{u,\tau}(x_j)$  in the direction of the unstable manifold  $u$  is in time  $\tau$ , i.e. the larger  $L_B/L_A$ , the more the phase space trajectories will tend to avoid (bypass) the point  $x_j$ .
- The inverse of this ratio  $\sim L_A/L_B \sim \Lambda_{u,\tau}^{-1}(x_j)$  will therefore be a measure of the “eagerness” or frequency of the phase space trajectories to be near  $x_j$ , i.e. that the system will visit the cell  $E_j$ .

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- This inverse expansion rate is a measure of the stability of the trajectories near  $x_j$ .
- Weighing the Markov partitions in phase space this way, one obtains in a dynamical fashion the probability to find the system anywhere in phase.
- The average of a smooth function  $F(x)$ , where  $x$  is a point in phase space, is then given by the following SRB measure:

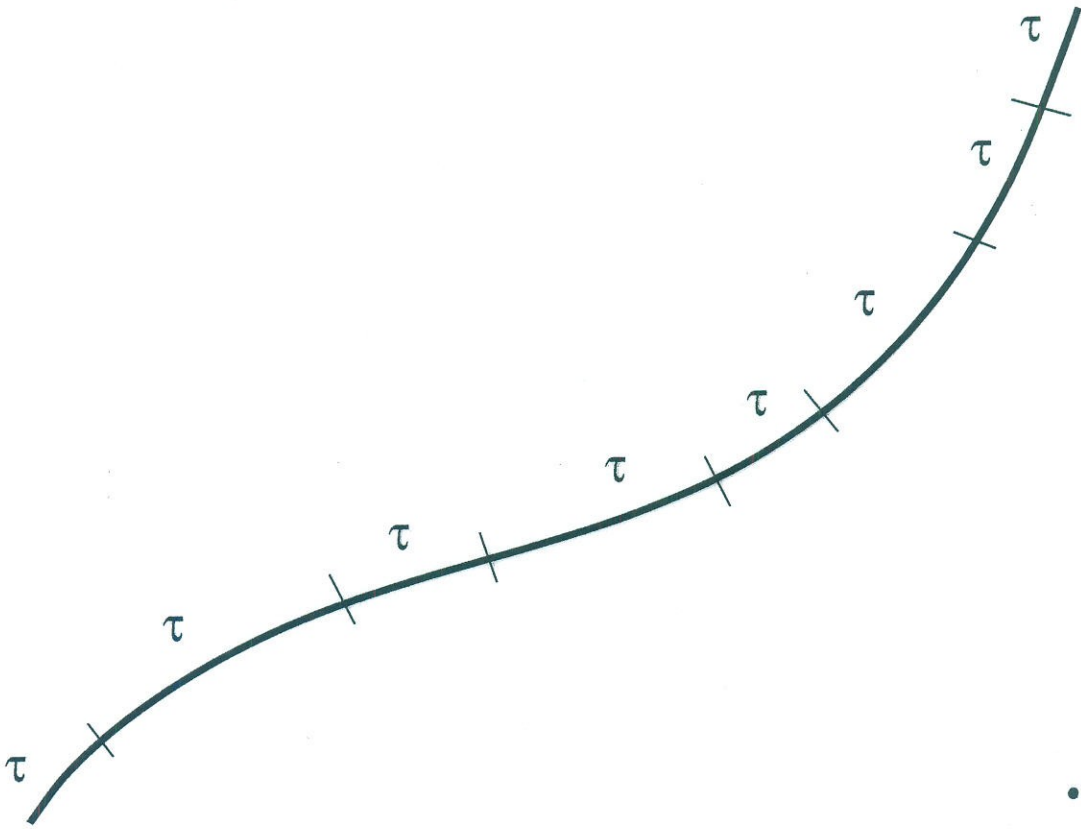
$$\int_C \mu_{SRB}(dx) F(x) = \lim_{T \geq \tau/2 \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_j \bar{\Lambda}_{u,\tau}^{-1}(x_j) F(x_j)}{\sum_j \bar{\Lambda}_{u,\tau}^{-1}(x_j)}$$

- $\mu_{SRB} = \mu_{microcan.}$  in equilibrium.

- Here  $\int_{\mathcal{C}}$  is an integral over phase space and the phase space weight  $\bar{\Lambda}_{u,\tau}^{-1}(x_j)$  is  $\ln \det |\partial S_{\tau}(x)_u|$  i.e. the logarithm of the determinant of the Jacobian matrix of the map  $\partial S_{\tau}(x)_u$ , giving the expansion rate over a time  $\tau$  along the unstable manifold, where  $S_{\tau}$  represents the dynamics of the system over a time  $\tau$ .

## Fluctuations Far From Equilibr. (The CFT)

- A Fluctuation theorem has been derived based on the SRB distribution, for the heat fluctuations of a reversible, very chaotic, smooth (Anosov-like) many particle system in a non-equilibrium stationary state.
- To understand this Conventional Fluctuation Theorem (CFT), one considers a long trajectory in the phase space of the system in a non-equilibrium stationary state.



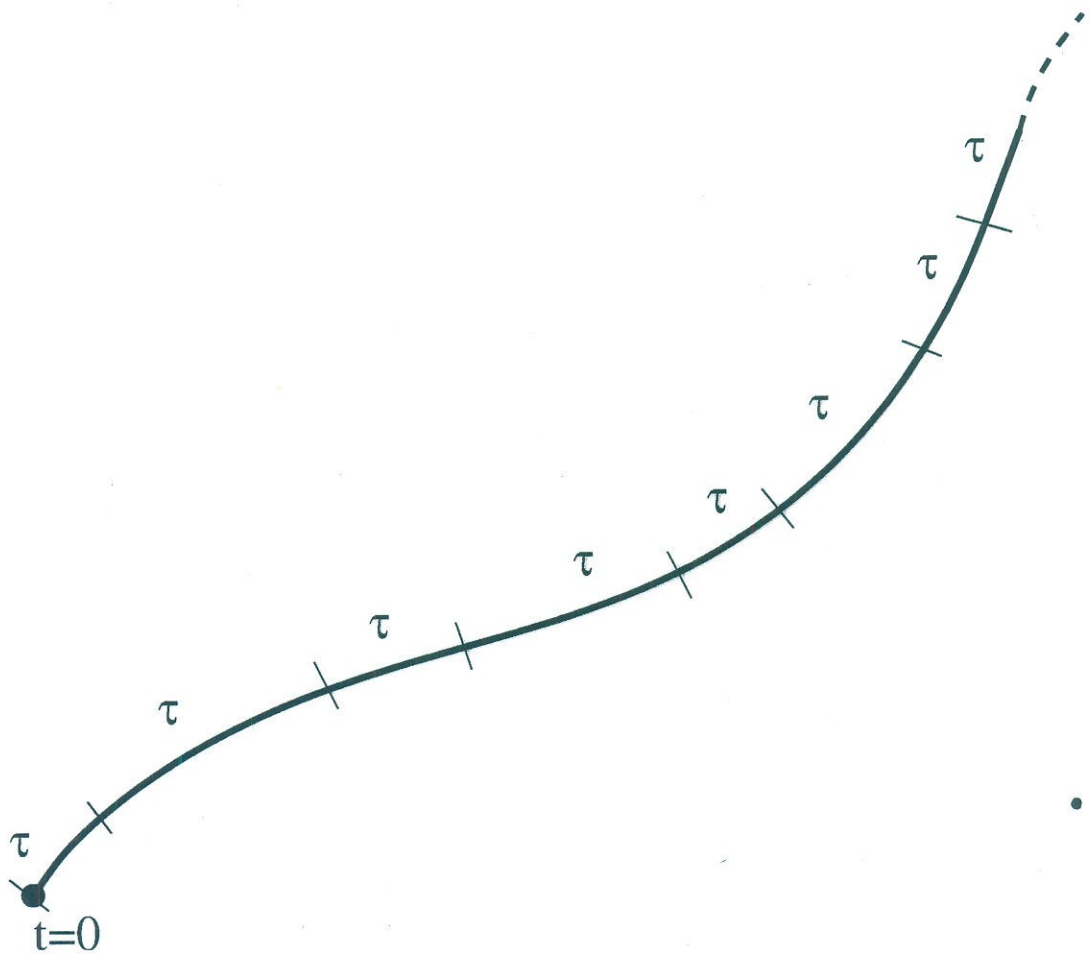


1. One cuts this trajectory in many segments, on each of which the system spends an equal time  $\tau$ .
2. One determines the heat produced  $Q_\tau$  or absorbed  $-Q_\tau$  on each segment and makes a histogram of them.
3. This leads to a probability distribution  $P(Q_\tau)$  for the heat production or absorption on a trajectory segment of duration  $\tau$ .

- This has led to the following (CFT):  
Conventional Heat Fluctuation Theorem  
for smooth potentials when  $\tau \rightarrow \infty$ :

$$\frac{P(Q_\tau)}{P(-Q_\tau)} = \exp[\beta Q_\tau] \text{ for } Q_\tau < p^* \bar{Q}_\tau$$

- Here  $\bar{Q}_\tau$  is the average heat produced in the stationary state over all segments  $\tau$ , for positive times  $t$ .
- Extension of Second Law of Thermodynamics.



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- In terms of a scaled  $Q_\tau$ :  $p = Q_\tau/\bar{Q}_\tau$ , the CFT reads then for smooth potentials and  $\tau \rightarrow \infty$ :

$$\frac{\pi_\tau(p)}{\pi_\tau(-p)} = \exp[p\tau\sigma_+] \text{ for } p < p^*$$

- Here  $p^*$  is a limiting magnitude of  $p$  related to the dynamics of the system and  $\sigma_+ = \beta\bar{Q}_\tau/\tau$ , the average entropy production rate ( $\beta = 1/k_B T$ ).

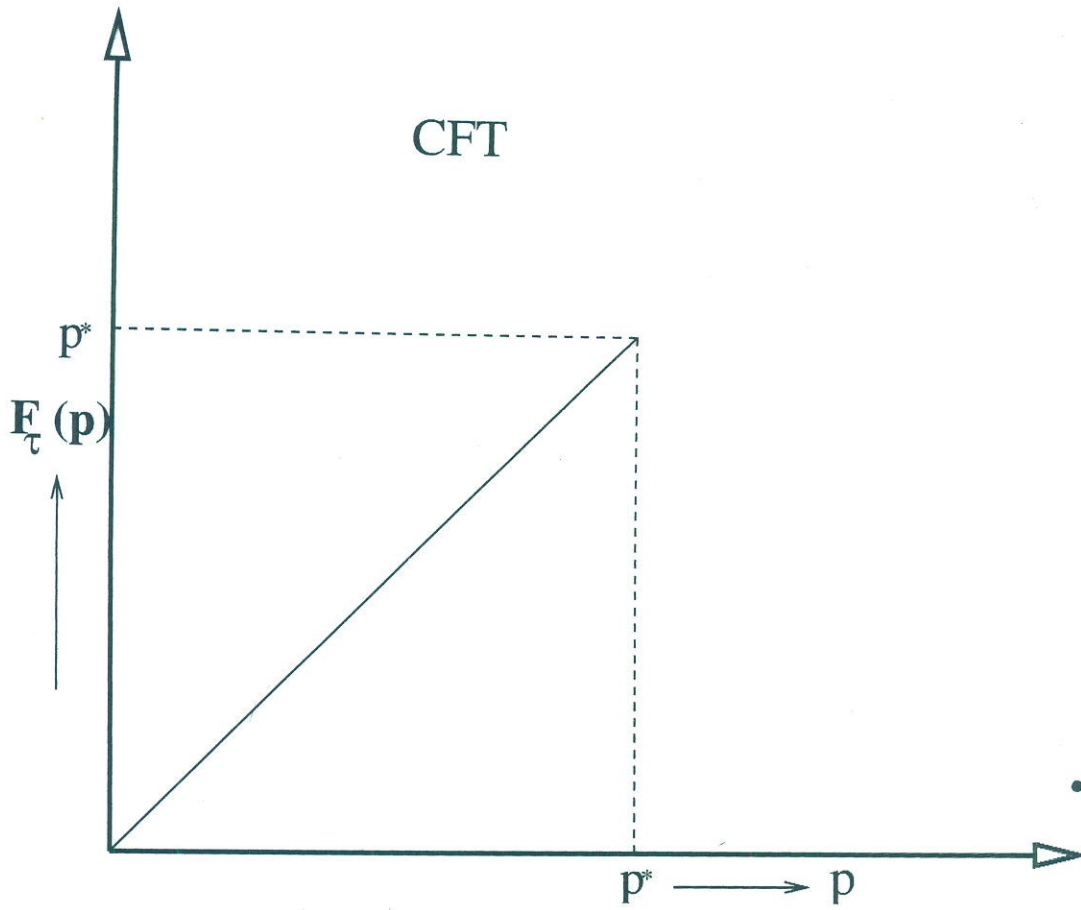
- Introducing a Fluctuation Function,  $F_\tau(p)$ , the CFT can be written for  $\tau \rightarrow \infty$  as:

$$F_\tau(p) \equiv \frac{1}{\beta \bar{Q}_\tau} \ln \frac{\pi_\tau(p)}{\pi_\tau(-p)} = p < p^*$$

i.e.  $F_\tau(p)$  is a straight line with slope 1 as a function of  $p$ .

- Gallovotti and Ruelle derived the Onsager and GK relations from the CFT, if the system is near equilibrium, in agreement with IT.
- In this form the CFT has been confirmed both by laboratory and computer experiments.

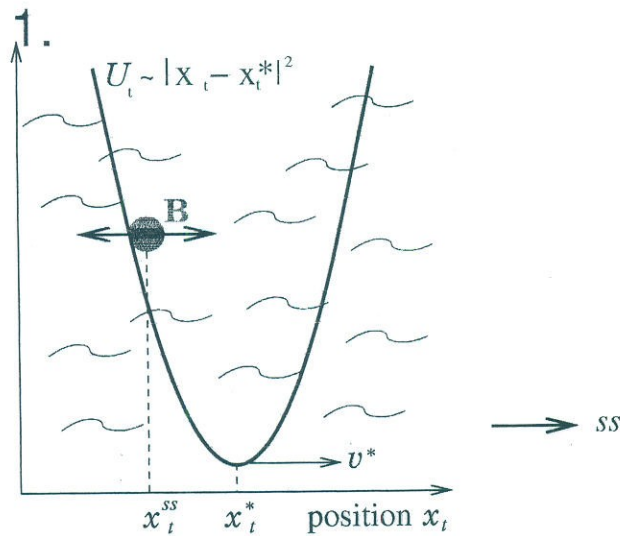




## Extended Heat Fluc. Theorem. (EFT)

- Very recently the CFT has been extended, from smooth Anosov-like systems, using the SRB distribution, to systems of particles interacting with singular potentials e.g. with singularities as for the LJ potential at  $r = 0$  or for the harmonic potential for  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .
- This has led formally to an Extended FT (EFT) that goes beyond the CFT and holds for fluctuations:  $p = Q_\tau / \bar{Q}_\tau \leq p^{**}$ .
- The EFT has been obtained explicitly for a Brownian particle system. It is identical to that of a parallel electric circuit, for which a laboratory verification of the EFT has been obtained.

# Brownian particle Fluctuations



## 2. Energy Conservation:

$$W_\tau = Q_\tau + \Delta U_\tau \quad .$$

$$\text{or } Q_\tau = W_\tau - \Delta U_\tau$$

3.  $W_\tau$  = total work done on system in time  $\tau$   
 $Q_\tau$  = heat = friction energy dissipated by  $B$   
into water in time  $\tau$  (stochastic)  
 $\Delta U_\tau = U_{\tau+t} - U_t$  = potential energy difference  
of the particle in time  $\tau$  (deterministic)

## Brownian particle Fluctuations

- Based on overdamped ( $m=0$ ) Langevin equation:

$$0 = \underbrace{-\alpha \dot{\vec{x}}_t}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Friction} \\ \text{dissipative}}} - \underbrace{\kappa(\vec{x}_t - \vec{x}_t^*)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{linear force} \\ \text{deterministic}}} + \underbrace{\vec{\zeta}_t}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{fluctuations} \\ \text{stochastic}}}$$

- Harmonic potential:  $U_t = \frac{\kappa}{2} |\vec{x}_t - \vec{x}_t^*|^2$  ;  
 $\vec{x}_t^* = \vec{v}^* t =$  position of the pot. min.

White noise

$$\vec{\zeta}_t: \overline{\vec{\zeta}_t} = \mathbf{0}; \overline{\vec{\zeta}_t \vec{\zeta}_{t'}} = \frac{2\alpha}{\beta} \delta(t - t') \vec{U}$$

Relaxation time:  $\tau_r = \frac{\alpha}{\kappa}$

- Dimensionless units:

$$\alpha = \kappa = \beta = 1 \rightarrow \tau_r = 1$$

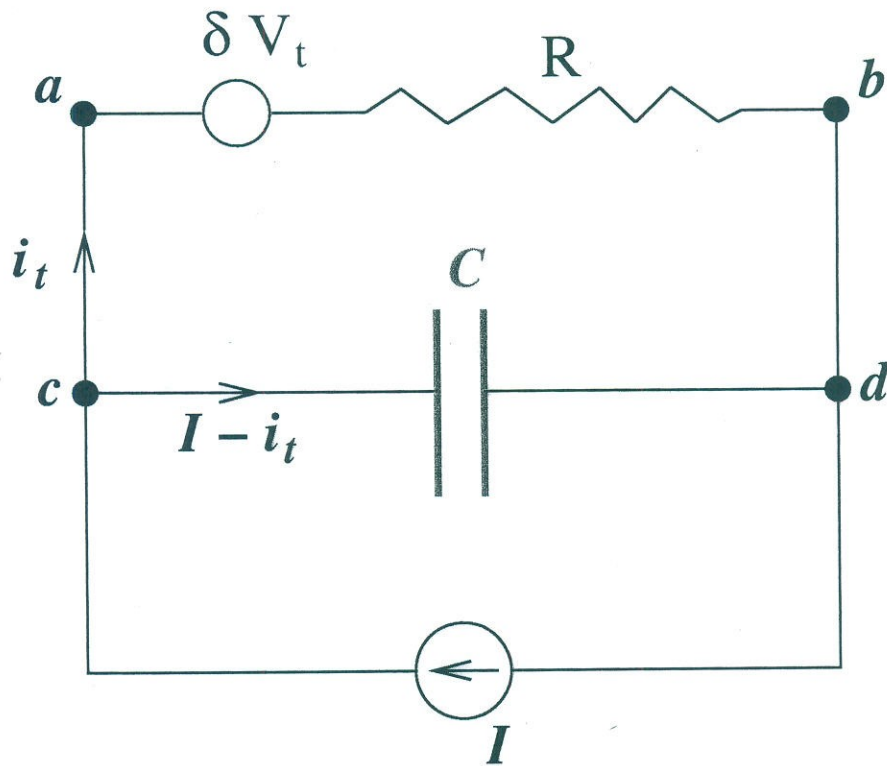
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**ANALOGY : BROWNIAN MOTION  
AND  
ELECTRIC CIRCUITS .**

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## Parallel Circuit



$\delta V_t$  = Nyquist noise at time  $t$  (“stochastic”)

$R$  = resistor

$i_t$  = current through  $R$  at time  $t$

$C$  = capacitor (“mechanical”)

$I$  = current source

## Analogy

a) Brownian motion  $\rightarrow$  Langevin Equation with  $m = 0$  and harmonic potential:

$$0 = -\alpha \dot{\vec{x}}_t - \kappa(\vec{x}_t - \vec{v}^* t) + \vec{\zeta}_t$$

b) Parallel circuit  $\rightarrow$  Langevin equation with  $L = 0$  and  $V_{ab} = V_{cd}$ :

$$0 = -R\dot{q}_t - \frac{1}{C}(q_t - It) - \delta V_t$$

c) Analogy:

Brown.	$\vec{x}_t$	$\dot{\vec{x}}_t$	$\vec{v}^*$	$\vec{\zeta}_t$	$\alpha$	$\kappa$
Par. Circuit	$q_t$	$i_t$	$I$	$-\delta V_t$	$R$	$\frac{1}{C}$

## EFT: Extended (Heat) FT (from SPM)

Fluctuation function:

$$F_{\tau}(p) = \frac{1}{\beta \bar{Q}_{\tau}} \ln \left[ \frac{\pi_{\tau}(p)}{\pi_{\tau}(-p)} \right]$$

versus

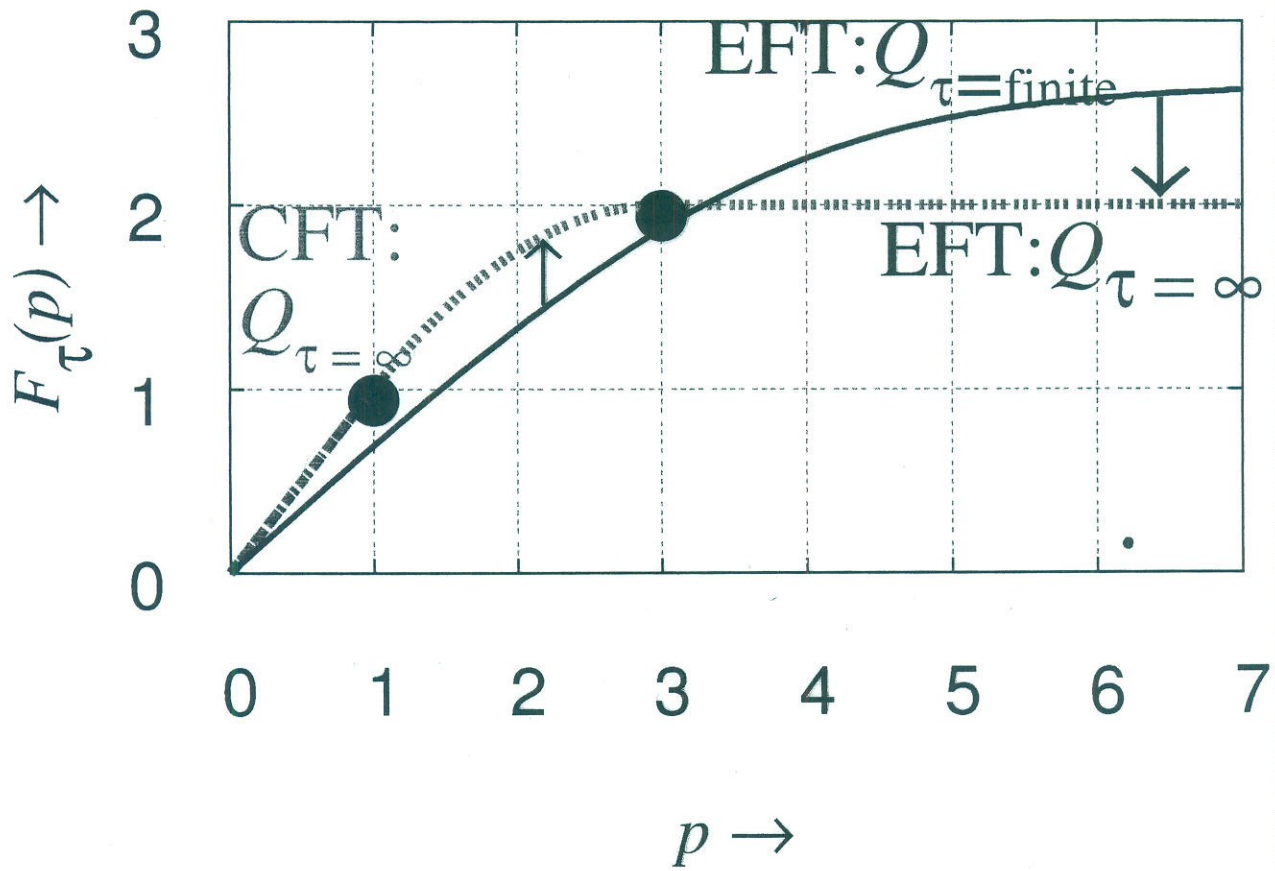
$$p = \frac{Q_{\tau}}{\bar{Q}_{\tau}}$$

result:

$$F_{\tau}(p) = \begin{cases} p + O\left(\frac{1}{\tau}\right) & \text{for } \begin{cases} 0 < p \leq 1^* \\ 1 < p \leq 3 \\ 3 < p < \infty^{**} \end{cases} \\ p - \frac{1}{4}(p-1)^2 + O\left(\frac{1}{\tau}\right) & \\ 2 + \left[\frac{8(p-3)}{\tau}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} + O\left(\frac{1}{\tau}\right) & \end{cases}$$

\* CFT for  $\tau \rightarrow \infty$  with  $p^* = 1$ .

\*\* EFT for  $\tau \rightarrow \infty$  with  $p^{**} \rightarrow \infty$ .



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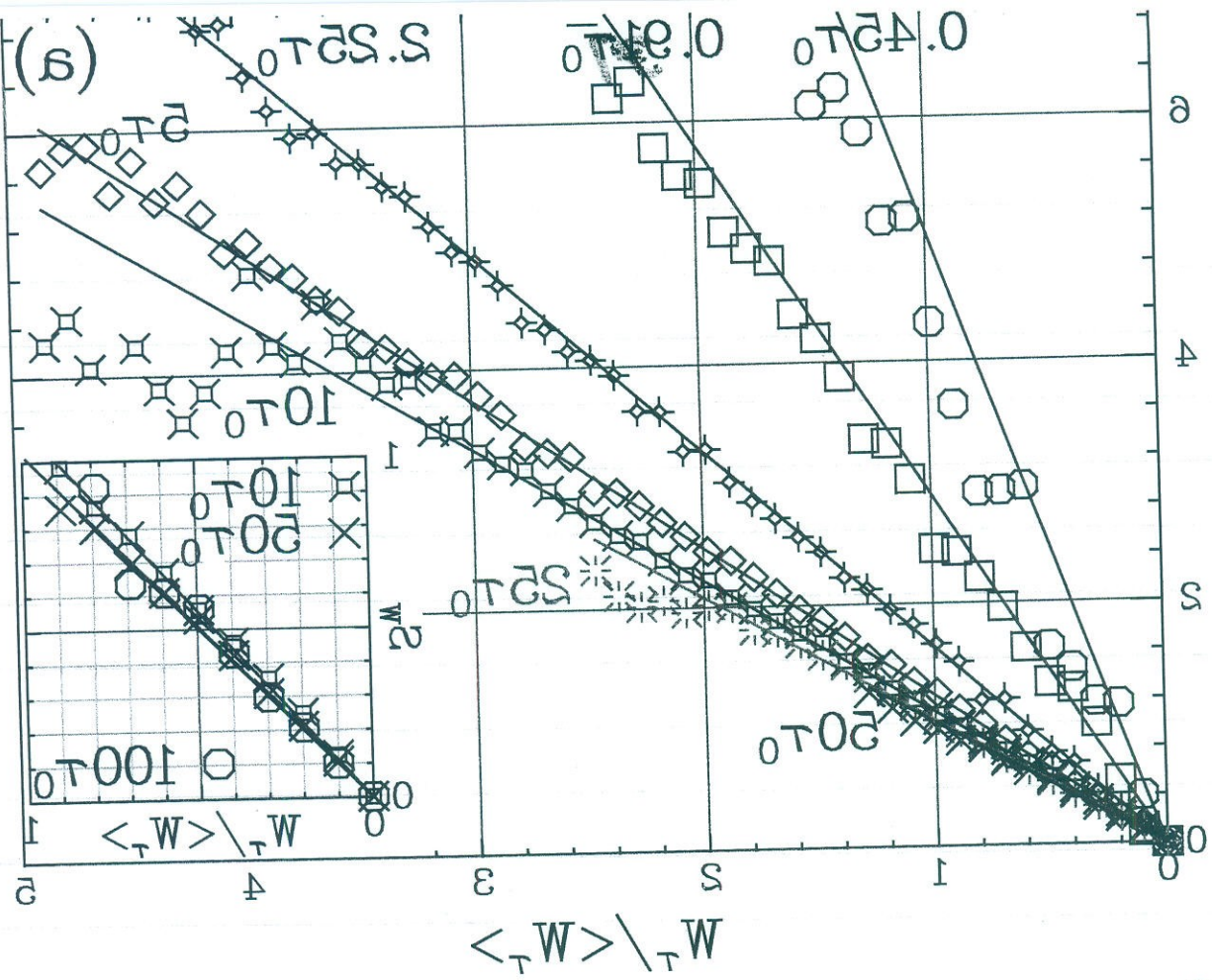
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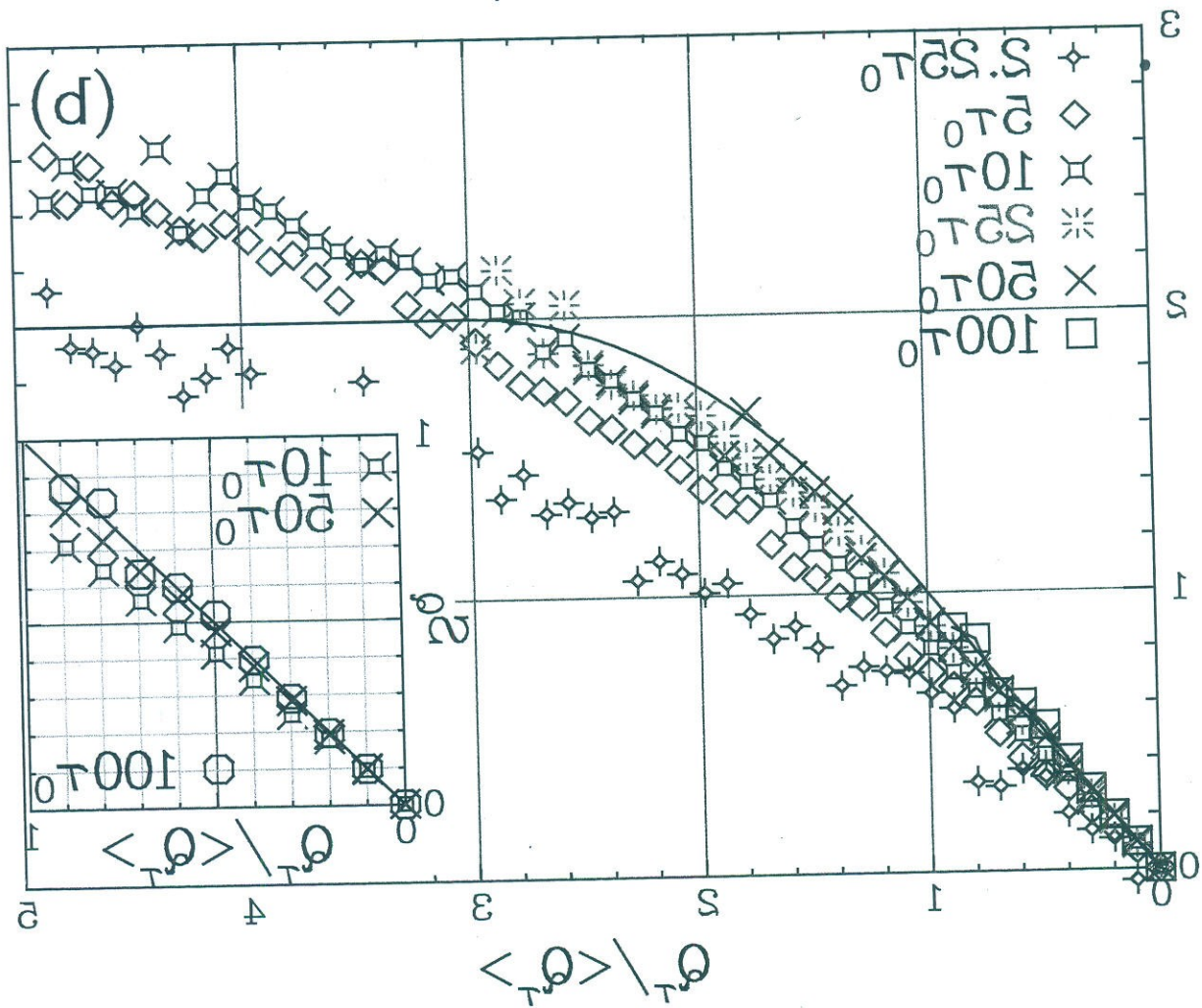
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