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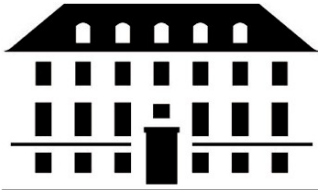
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In collaboration with Karel Proesmans  
(arXiv:2310.16627)

# **INTRODUCTION**

# Classical thermodynamics

Deals with the rules that govern conversion of different forms of energy in macroscopic systems

First law:  $dE = dQ + dW$

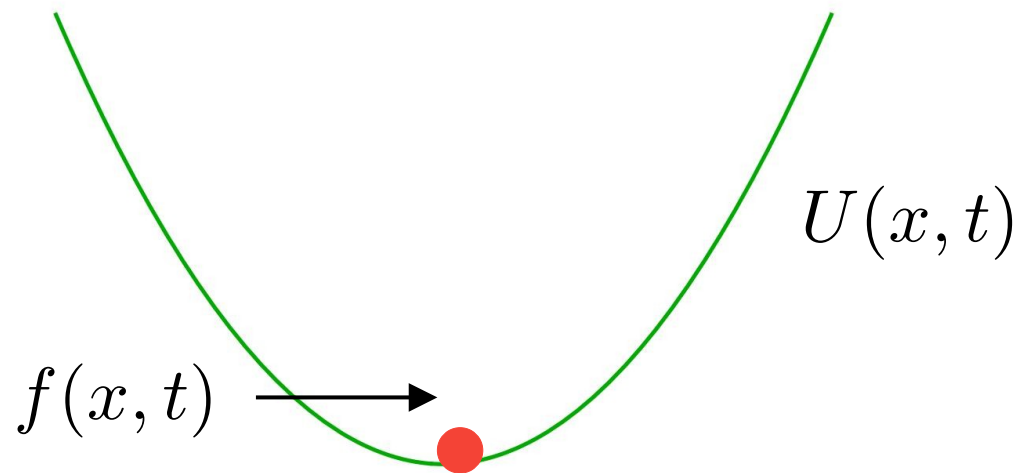
Second law:  $\Delta S_{\text{tot}} = \Delta S_{\text{sys}} + \Delta S_{\text{env}}$   
 $\geq 0$

# **Stochastic thermodynamics**

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Heat  $Q(\{x(t)\}) \equiv \int \left[ -\gamma \frac{dx}{dt} + \sqrt{2D}\eta(t) \right] \circ dx(t)$

Work  $W(\{x(t)\}) \equiv \int \left[ \frac{\partial U(x, t)}{\partial t} dt + f(x, t) \circ dx(t) \right]$

First law for a single trajectory

$$Q(\{x(t)\}) + W(\{x(t)\}) = \Delta U(x, t)$$

# Stochastic entropy production

U. Seifert, PRL (2005)

$$S_{\text{sys}}(t) \equiv -k_B \ln P(x(t), t)$$

$$S_{\text{env}}(t) \equiv \frac{Q(t)}{T}$$

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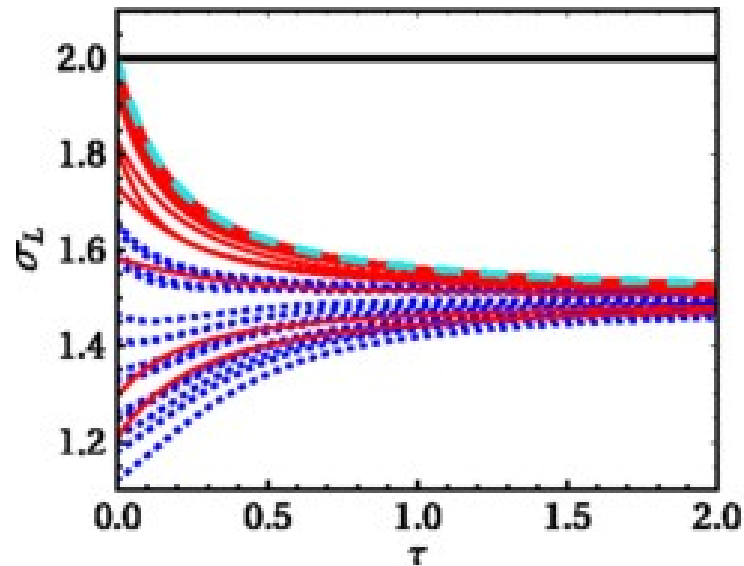
$$S_{\text{env}}(t) \equiv \frac{Q(t)}{T}$$

$$\Delta S_{\text{tot}}(t) = S_{\text{sys}}(t) + S_{\text{env}}(t)$$

$$\langle \Delta S_{\text{tot}}(t_f) \rangle = \frac{k_B}{D} \int_0^{t_f} dt \int dx P(x, t) v^2(x, t)$$

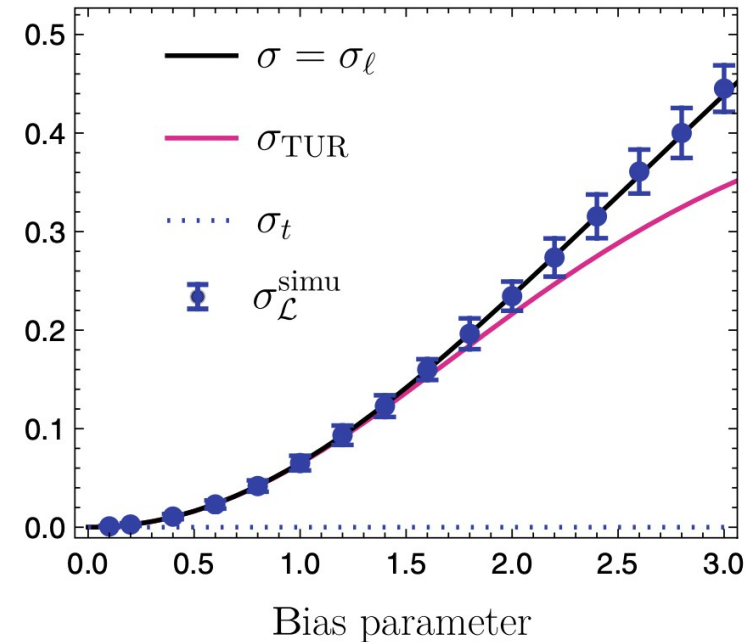
$$v(x, t) = \frac{D}{k_B T} \left[ F(x, t) - k_B T \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \ln P(x, t) \right]$$

# Inferring thermodynamic quantities



TUR based

- S K Manikandan, D Gupta and S Krishnamurthy, PRL, 124, 120603 (2020)

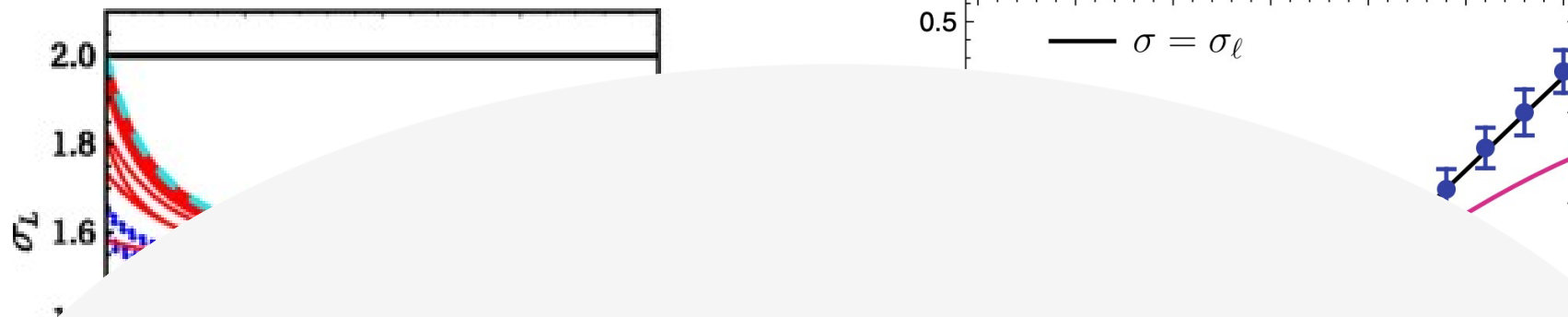


Based on waiting time distribution

- P E Harunari, A Dutta, M Poletti, E Roldan, PRX 12, 041026 (2022)

Some other for steady-state systems....

# Inferring thermodynamic quantities



In this talk, I will present a method for time-dependent systems

Refs: [arXiv:2310.16627](https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.16627), PS and K. Proesmans

Other works:

(1) S. Otsubo, S. Manikandan, T. Sagawa and S. Krishnamurthy  
Comm. Phys. (2022)

(2) S. Lee, D-K Kim, J. Park, W. Kim, H. Park, and J. S. Lee  
Phys. Rev. Research (2023)

# **METHOD**

# Bound on total entropy production

Our method gives a general bound on  $\Delta S_{\text{tot}}(t)$  in terms of moments of  $x(t)$

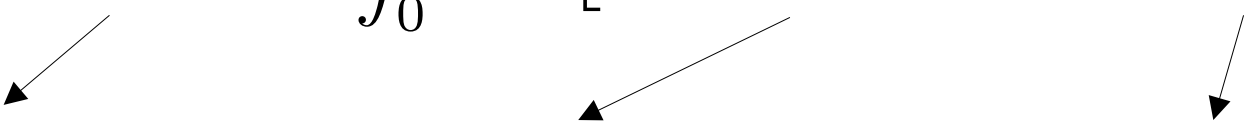
$$\Delta S_{\text{tot}}(t_f) \geq \frac{k_B}{D} \int_0^{t_f} dt \left[ \frac{\dot{\Sigma}^2(t)}{4\Sigma(t)} + \dot{X}_1(t)^2 \right],$$

$$\Sigma(t) = \langle x^2(t) \rangle - \langle x(t) \rangle^2 \quad X_1(t) = \langle x(t) \rangle$$

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Optimisation of the action

$$\mathcal{S}(x, v, t_f) = \Delta S_{\text{tot}}(t_f) + \int_0^{t_f} dt \left[ \mu_1(t) \langle x(t) \rangle + \mu_2(t) \langle x^2(t) \rangle \right]$$


Entropy production

First moment

Second moment

# Bound on total entropy production

$$\mathbb{S}(x, v, t_f) = \int_0^{t_f} dt \int dx P(x, t) [v^2(x, t) + \mu_1(t)x + \mu_2(t)x^2]$$

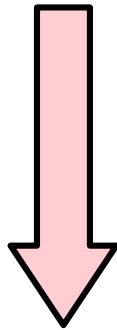
$$\text{with } v(x, t) = \frac{D}{k_B T} \left[ F(x, t) - k_B T \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \ln P(x, t) \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial P(x, t)}{\partial t} = - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [v(x, t) P(x, t)]$$

**In general, difficult to carry out this optimisation because  $P(x, t)$  depends on the force field  $F(x, t)$ .**

# Bound on total entropy production

$$\mathbb{S} = \int_0^{t_f} dt \int dx P(x, t) [v^2(x, t) + \mu_1(t)x + \mu_2(t)x^2]$$



$$\dot{y}(x, t) = v(y(x, t), t)$$

$$y(x, 0) = x$$

$$\mathbb{S} = \int_0^{t_f} dt \int dx P_0(x) [\dot{y}(x, t)^2 + \mu_1(t)y(x, t) + \mu_2(t)y(x, t)^2]$$

JD Benamou and Y Brenier, Numer. Math. (2000)

E Aurell, C Mejía-Monasterio and P Muratore-Ginanneschi, PRL (2011)



# Bound on total entropy production

$\delta\mathcal{S} = 0$  gives Euler-Lagrange equation

$$2\ddot{y}(x, t) = \mu_1(t) + 2\mu_2(t)y(x, t).$$

with boundary conditions

$$2\dot{y}(x, t_f) = -\zeta_1(t_f) - 2\zeta_2(t_f)y(x, t_f)$$

$$y(x, 0) = x$$

# Bound on total entropy production

$$\Delta S_{\text{tot}}(t_f) \geq \frac{k_B}{D} \int_0^{t_f} dt \left[ \frac{\dot{\Sigma}^2(t)}{4\Sigma(t)} + \dot{X}_1(t)^2 \right],$$

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# **APPLICATION TO BIT ERASURE EXPERIMENT**

# Application in Bit erasure

Landauer in 1961 proposed that the minimal thermodynamic cost to erase a bit:

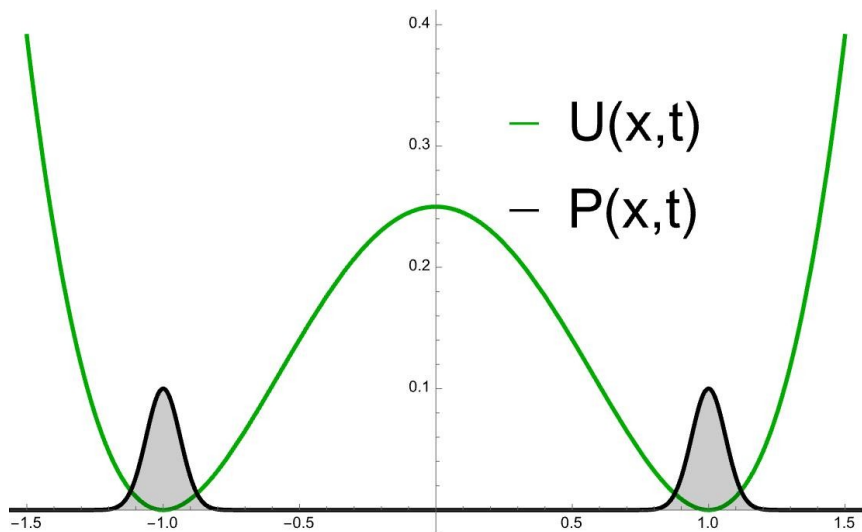
$$W \geq k_B T \ln 2$$

Equality holds only in the quasi-static limit

**R. Landauer, IBM Journal of Research and Development, (1961)**

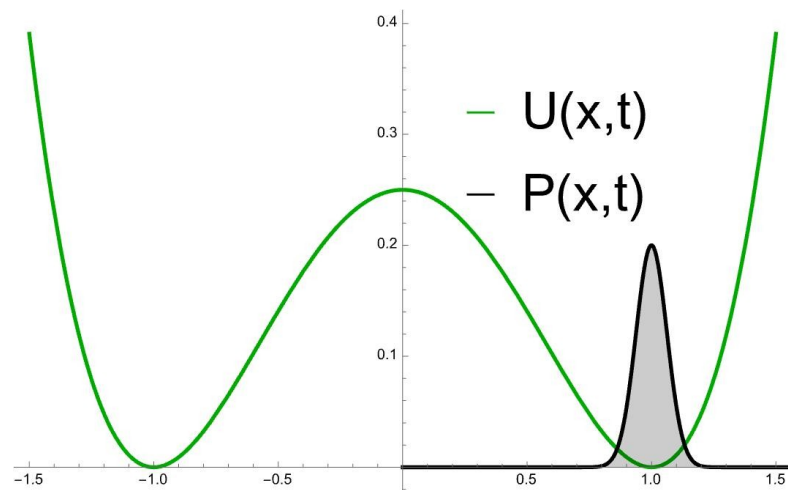
# Bit erasure

at time  $t = 0$



$$p(x>0)=p(x<0)=1/2$$

at final time  $t = t_f$

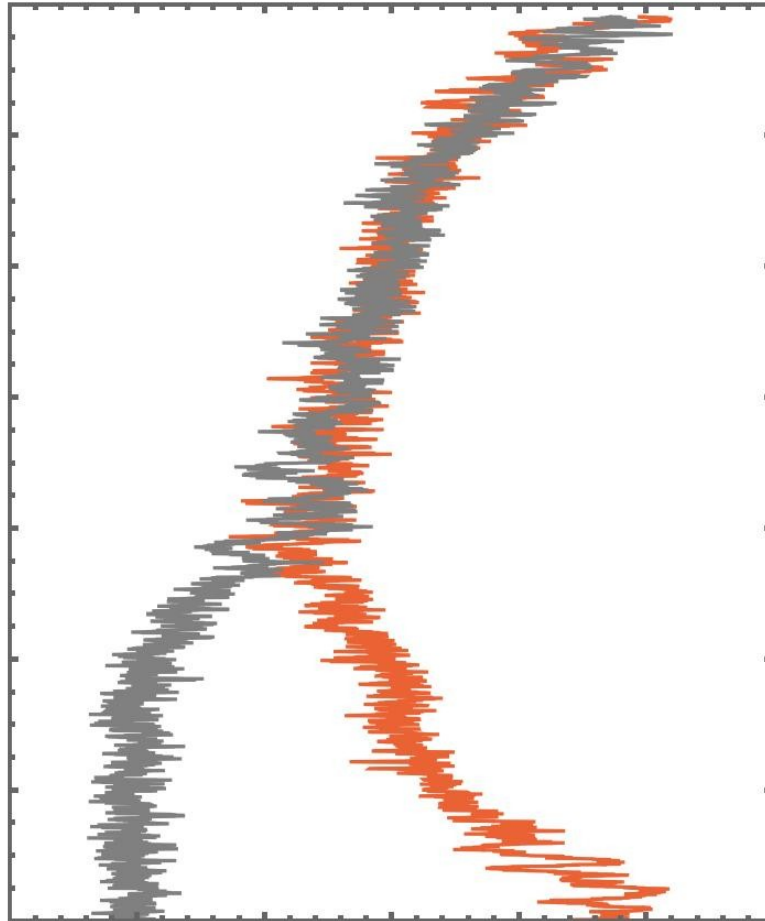


$$p(x>0)=1, \quad p(x<0)=0$$

$$U(x, t) = 4E_b \left[ -\frac{g(t)}{2} x^2 + \frac{x^4}{4} - Af(t) x \right]$$

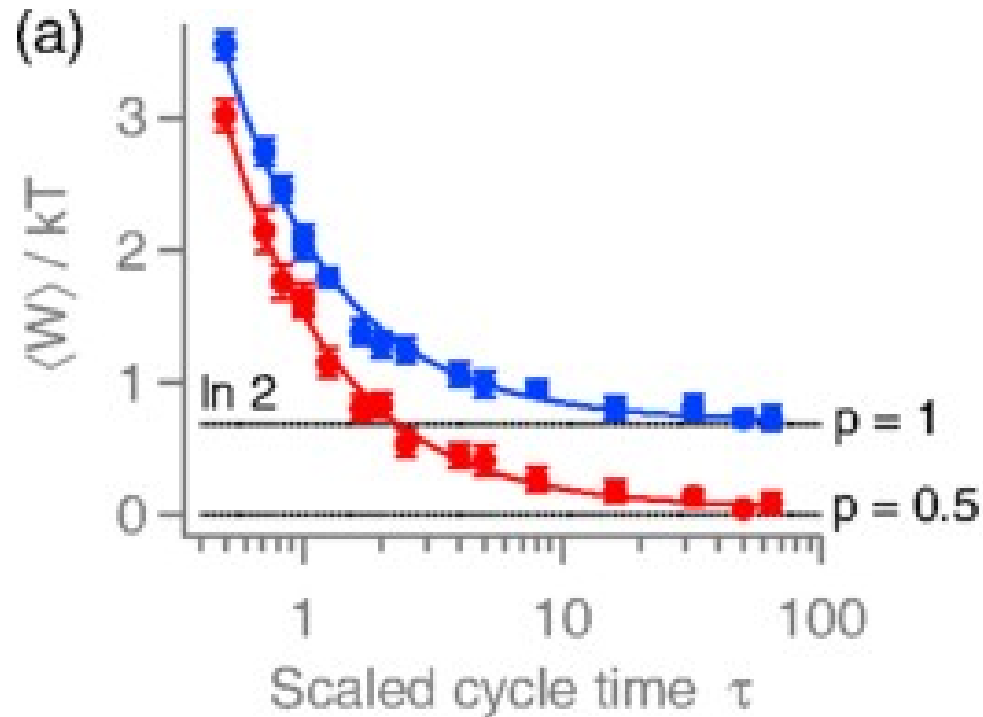
# Bit erasure

time  $t$



position  $x$

# Work done



$$W = \int_0^{t_f} \frac{\partial U(x, t)}{\partial t} dt$$

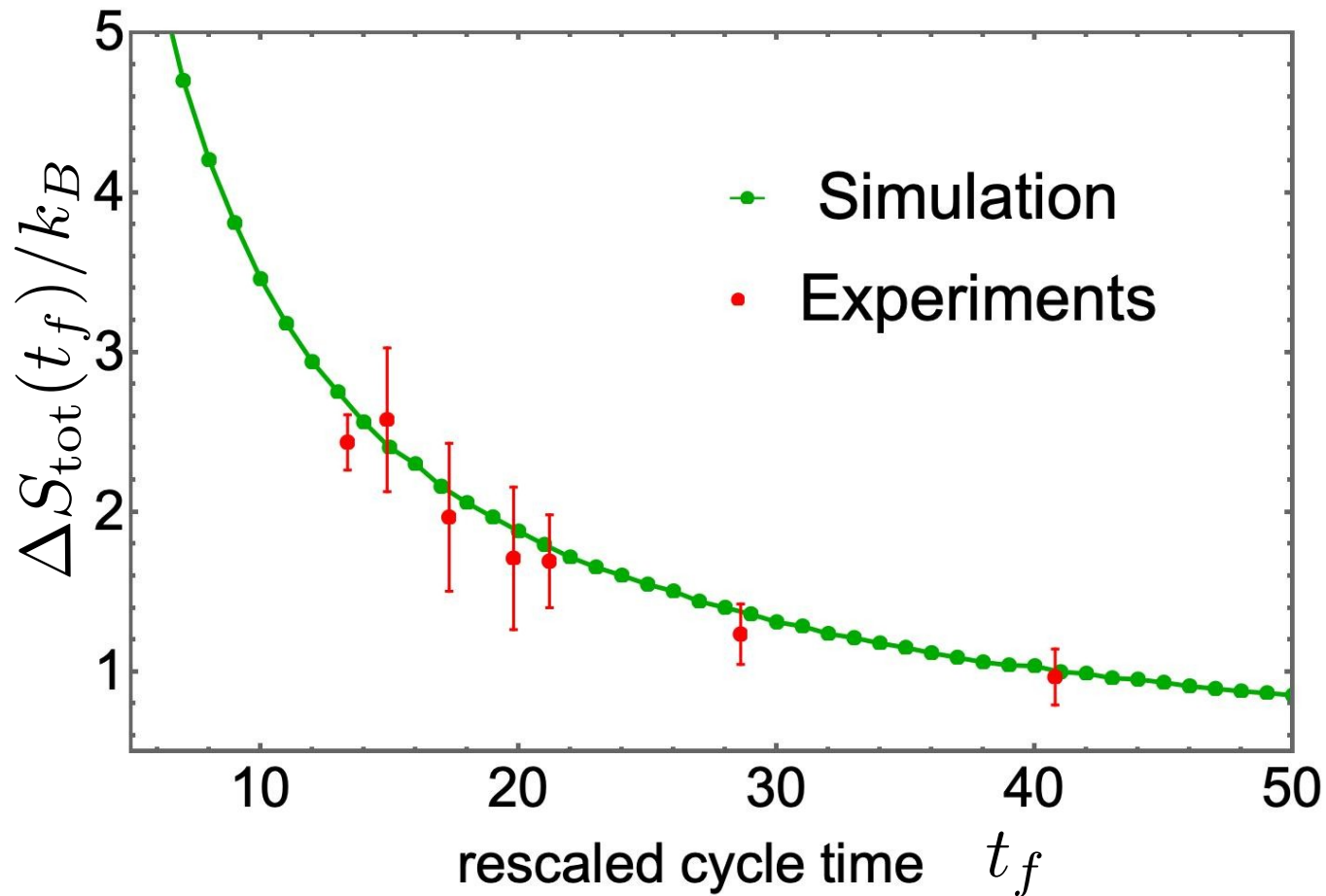
$$\langle W \rangle \geq k_B T \ln 2$$

Y Jun, M Gavrilov, and J Bechhoefer, PRL, 113, 190601 (2014)

A Berut, S Ciliberto et al, Nature, 483 (2012)

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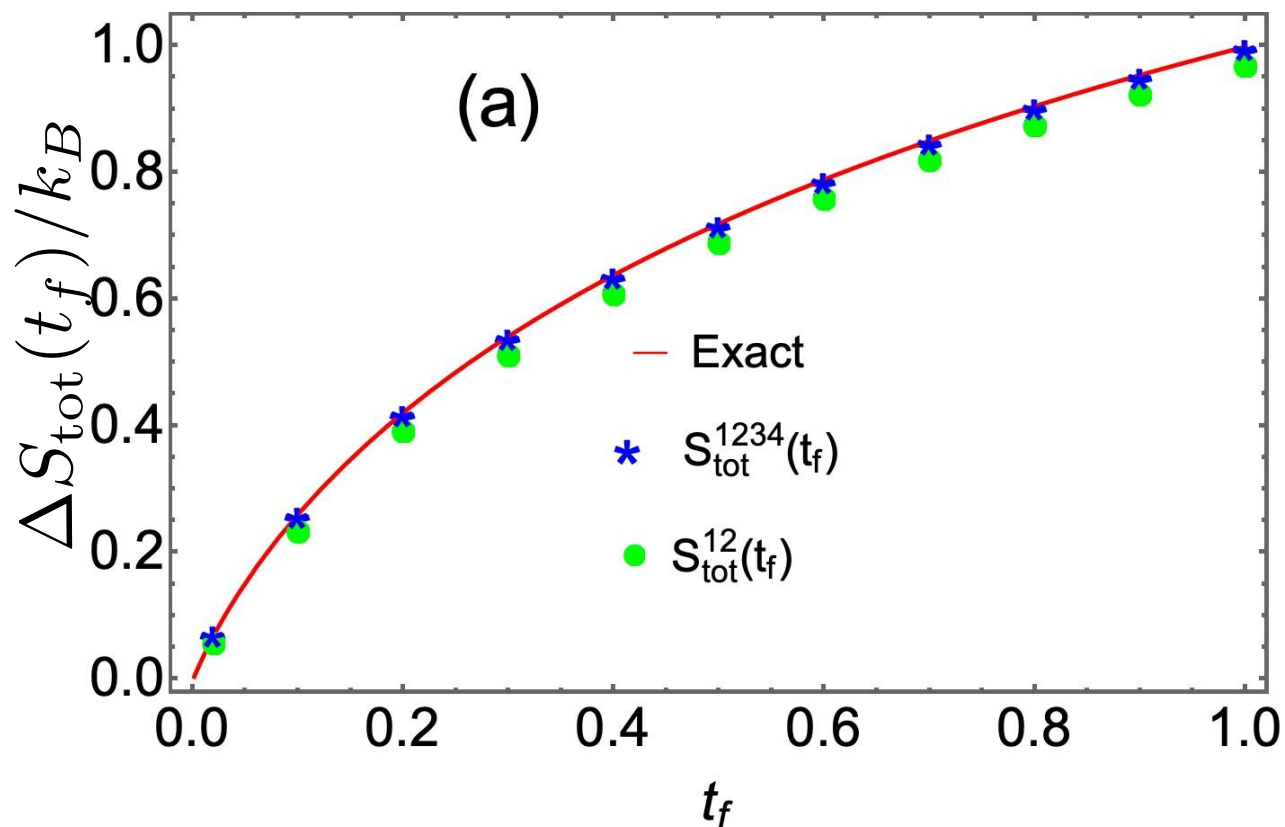
(Inference with  $< 100$  trajectories)





# Other examples

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \sqrt{2D} \eta(t), \quad \text{with } P(x_0) \sim e^{-x_0^4}$$



# Summary

- We derived a general lower bound on the mean total entropy production for time-dependent systems in terms of the moments.
- We applied this bound to infer total entropy production for bit erasure experiment and found an excellent match with simulation
- Can be extended to general moments and also to higher dimensions

Refs:

PS and K Proesmans [arXiv:2310.16627](https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.16627)

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