

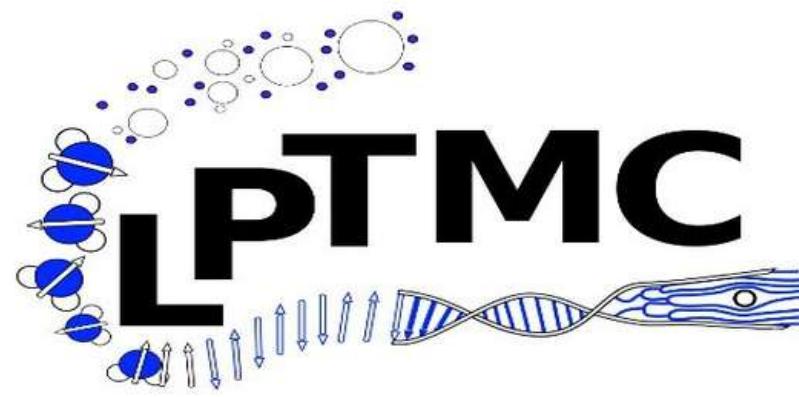
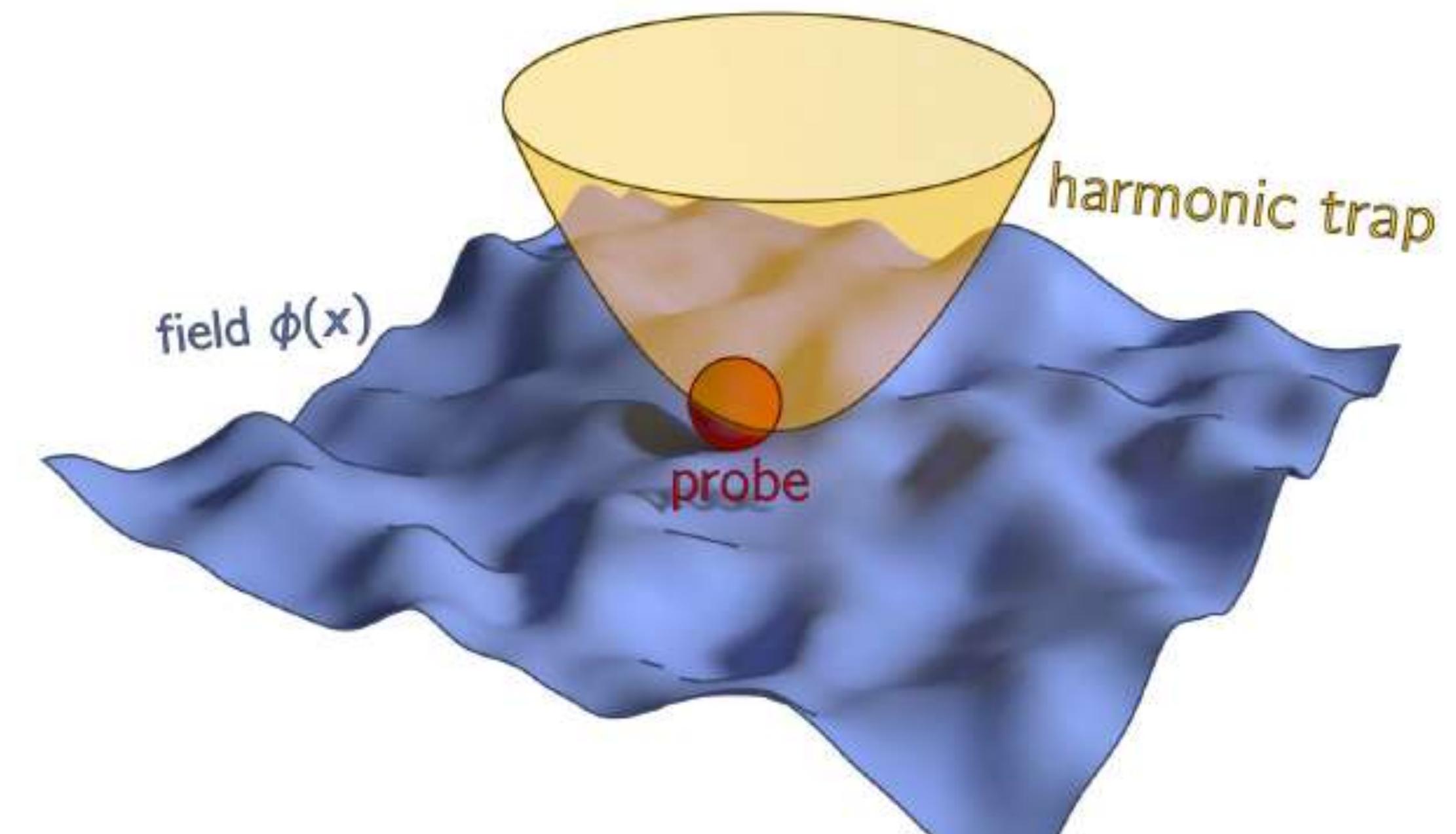
Dynamical signatures of field-mediated interactions

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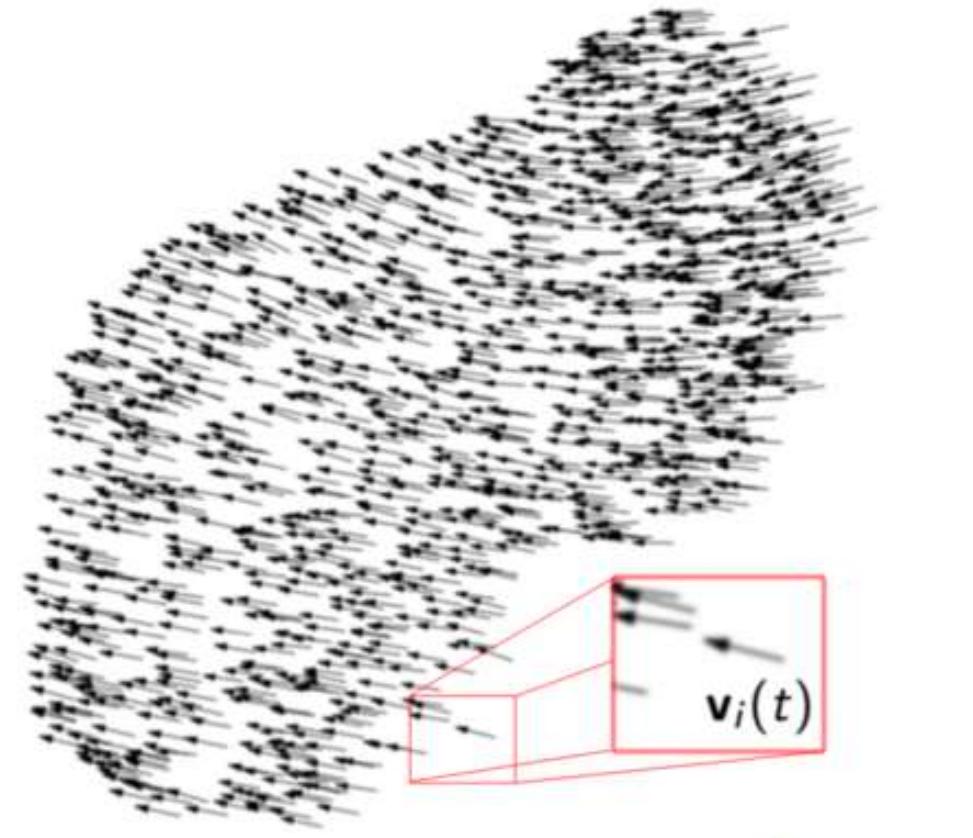
Besides this talk

✿ **Before LPTMC:** Sapienza (MSc, Rome), SISSA (PhD, Trieste) + visiting LPTHE

Active matter & collective behavior

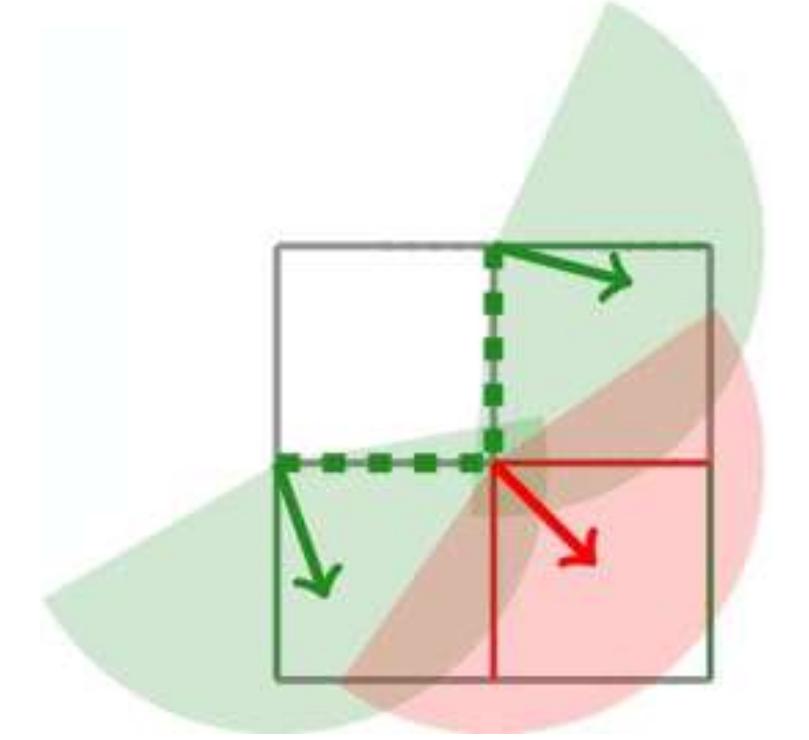
- Dynamical **response** to a local **perturbation** in the Inertial Spin Model

*with I. Giardina and E. Loffredo, 2023 Phys. Biol. **20** 035003*



- LRO *without* non-reciprocal interactions in **XY** model + **vision cones**

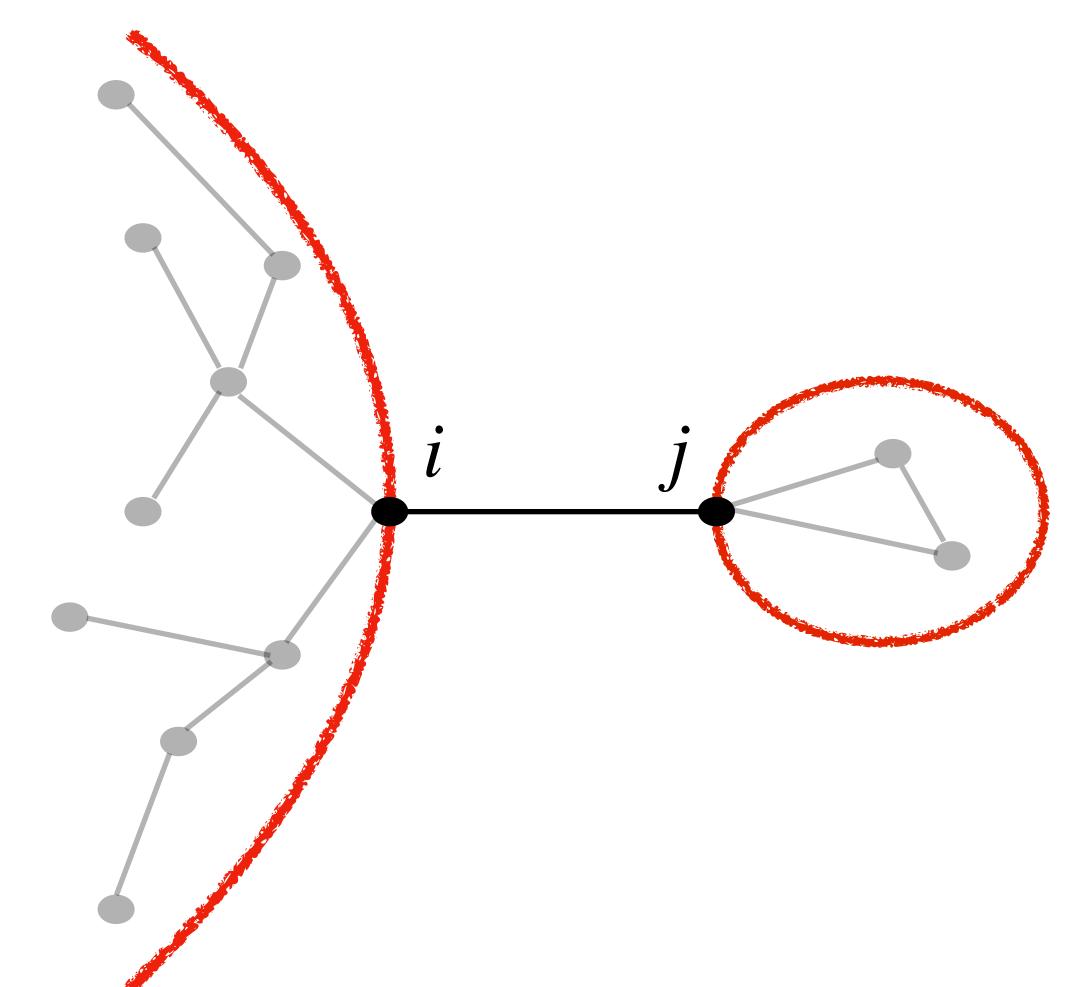
with G. Bandini, S. A. M. Loos, A. Gambassi, A. Jelic, arXiv:2412.19297



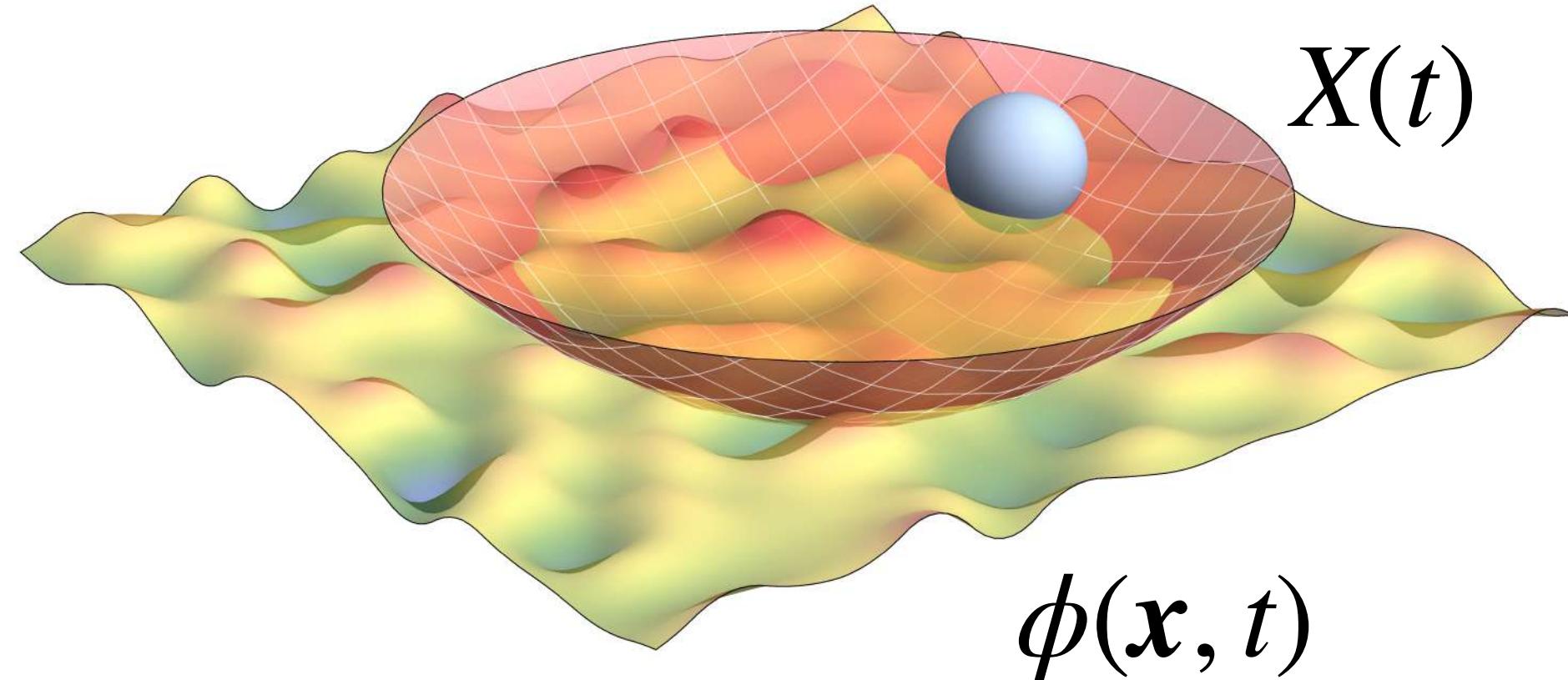
Random matrix theory & localization

- Partial wavefunction delocalization (**GRP** model, **Erdős-Rényi** graph)
- Spectral and correlation properties (**replica field theory**, cavity)

*with M. Tarzia, L. Cugliandolo, G. Schehr, V. Delapalme, P. Vivo, P. Le Doussal
SciPost Phys. **14**, 110 (2023); Phys. Rev. B **110**, 174202 (2024)*



A minimal model



$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}(t) = -\nu \nabla_X \mathcal{H} + \boldsymbol{\xi}(t)$$

$$\partial_t \phi(\mathbf{x}, t) = -D(i\nabla)^\alpha \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \phi(\mathbf{x}, t)} + \zeta(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

$$\boxed{\mathcal{H}[\phi, \mathbf{X}] = \mathcal{H}_\phi + \mathcal{U}(\mathbf{X}) - \lambda \mathcal{H}_{\text{int}}}$$

📌 **For what?** Effective dynamics of tracer(s) in complex fluctuating media, e.g.

1. Near-critical media
2. Viscoelastic media
3. Interacting particle systems

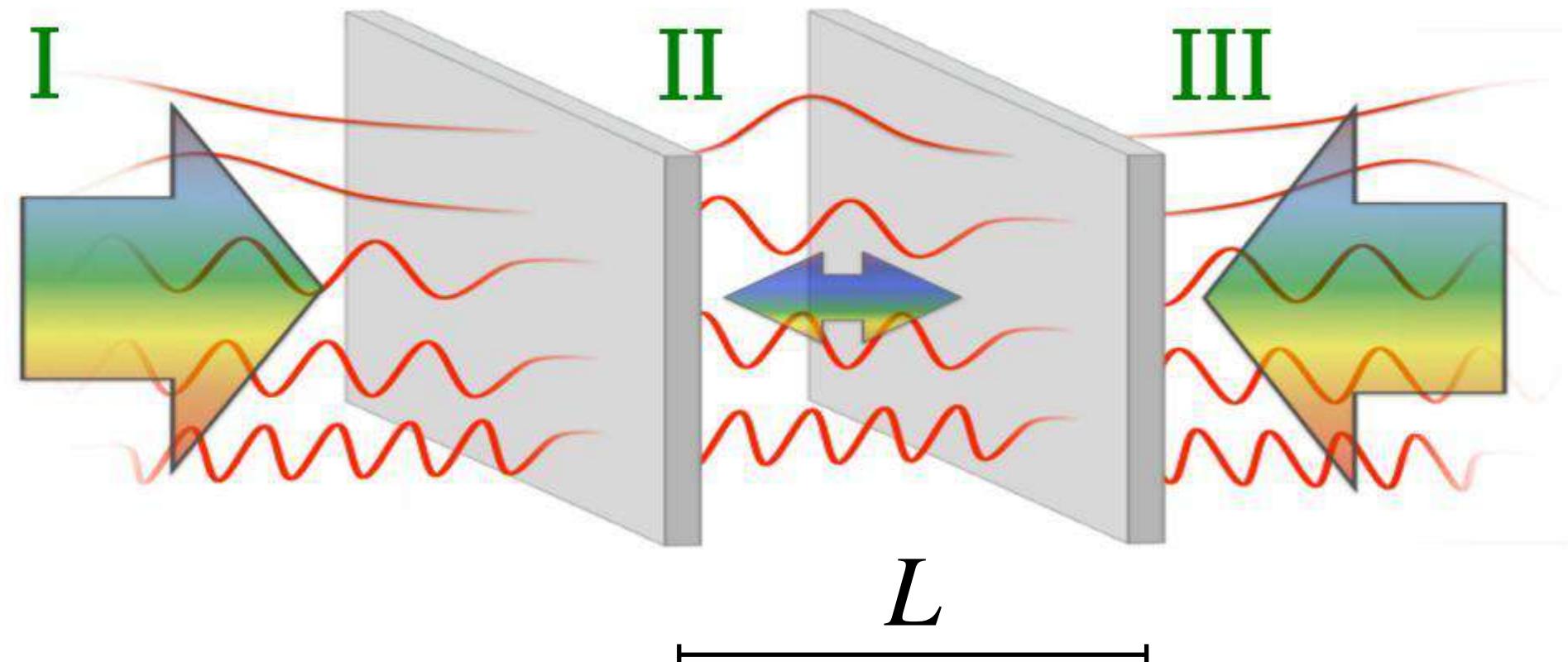
} spatial and temporal correlations

1. Near-critical media

Casimir forces and thermal fluctuations

- In QED, boundary conditions on EM field

$$\text{energy } E = E(L) \implies \text{force} \propto \hbar c$$



- In a binary liquid mixture, order parameter

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = c_A(\mathbf{x}) - c_B(\mathbf{x}), \quad \langle \phi(\mathbf{x})\phi(\mathbf{x}') \rangle \propto e^{-|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}'|/\xi}$$

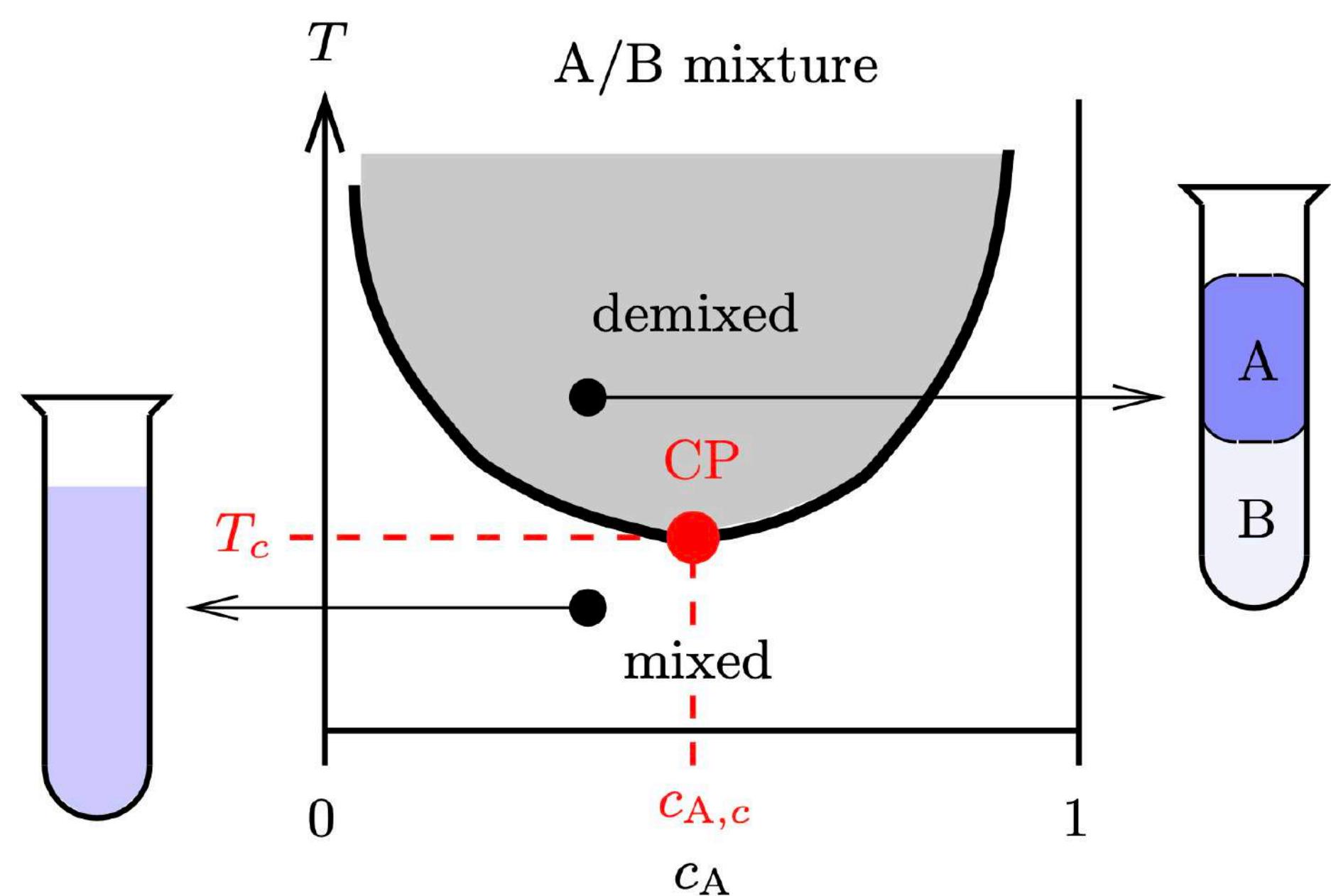
with $\xi \rightarrow \infty$ close to CP

- Preferential absorption of A or B \rightarrow constraint on ϕ

- forces from free energy $\propto k_B T$, range $\propto \xi$

- strong enough for colloidal particles

Hertlein et al., Nature (2008)



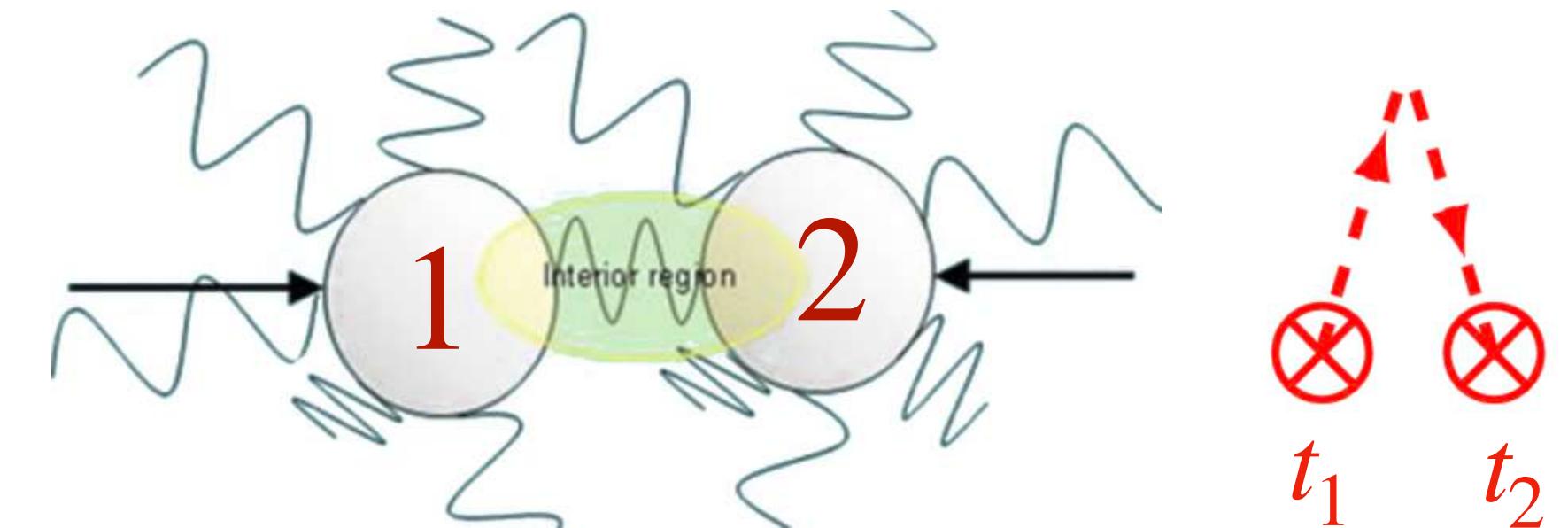
Field-mediated forces in non-static scenarios?

- Close to a continuous PT, **universality**
→ few relevant slow coarse-grained d.o.f. (order parameter, conserved densities)
- Critical dynamics, e.g. **model A/B** (relaxation towards $\mathcal{P}[\phi] \propto e^{-\beta \mathcal{H}_{LG}[\phi]}$)

A
$$\partial_t \phi(x, t) = -D \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}_{LG}[\phi]}{\delta \phi(x, t)} + \zeta(x, t)$$

B
$$\partial_t \phi(x, t) = D \nabla^2 \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}_{LG}[\phi]}{\delta \phi(x, t)} + \zeta(x, t) = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}(x, t)$$

conserved

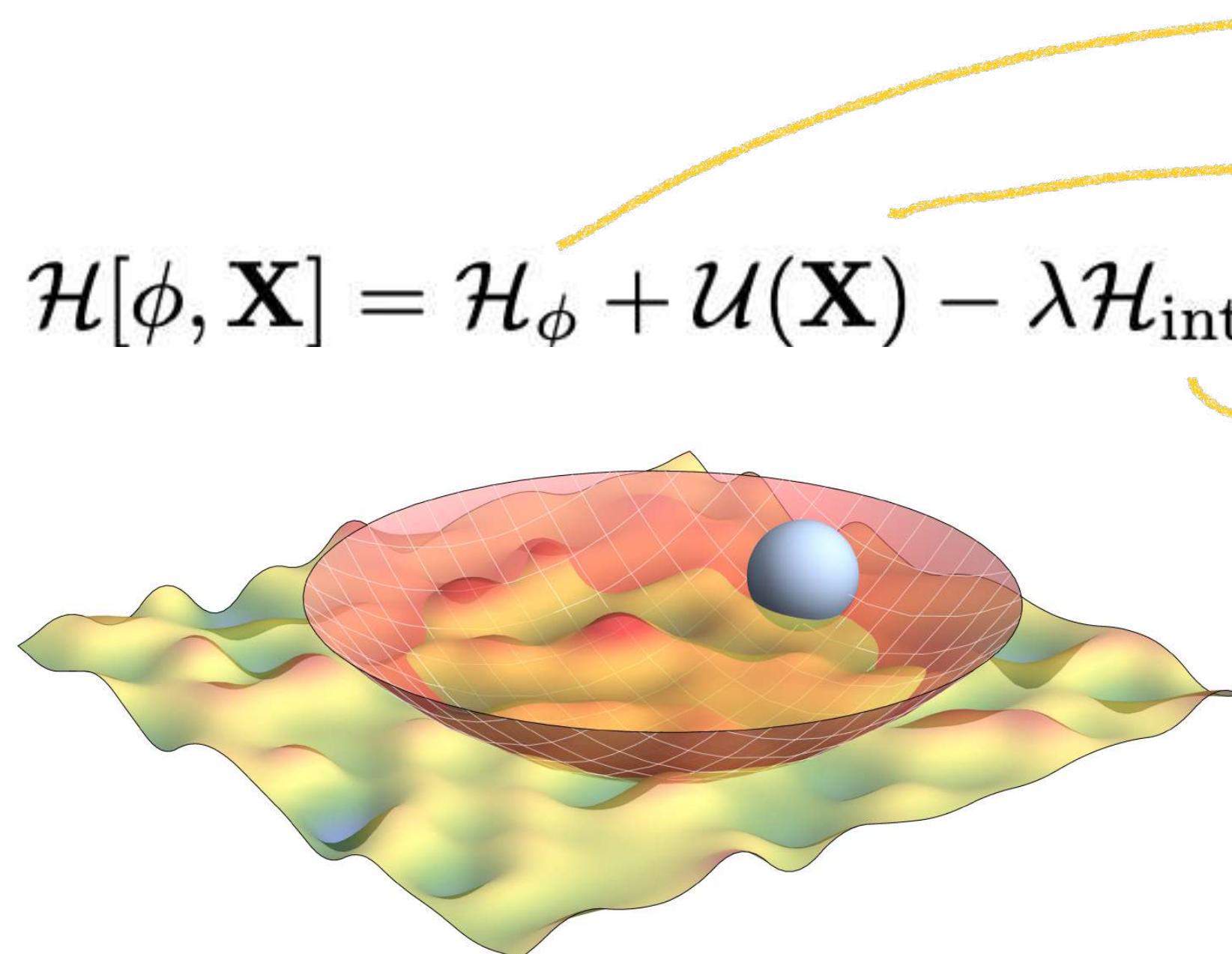


- $\tau \sim \xi^z$, critical **slowing down** → forces do not propagate **instantaneously**
- **Dynamic** field-mediated forces (+ self-interaction) are an **open problem**, relevant for experiments

Hertlein *et al.*, Nature (2008); A. Magazzù *et al.*, Soft Matter (2018)

Minimal model

$\xi = r^{-1/2}$ sets the range of spatial correlations of $\phi(x, t)$

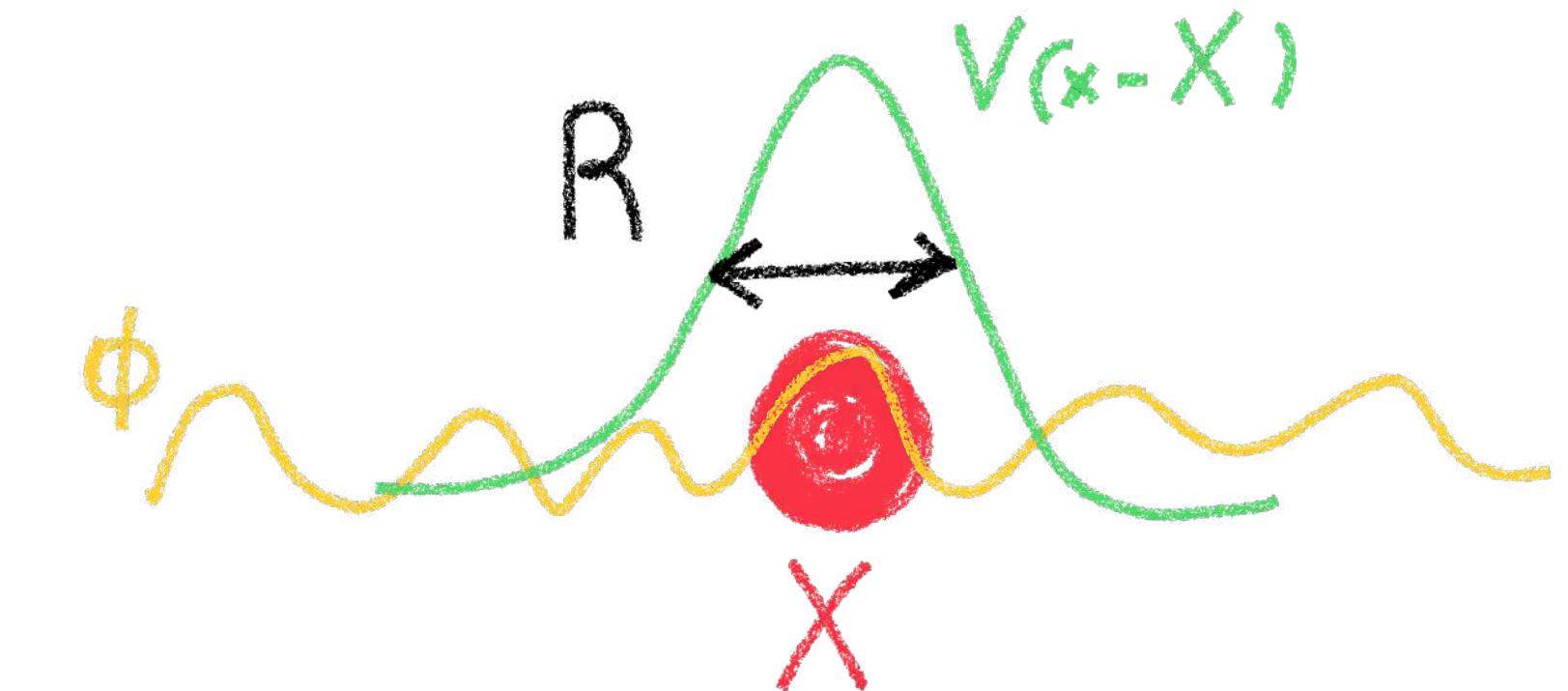


$$\mathcal{H}[\phi, \mathbf{X}] = \mathcal{H}_\phi + \mathcal{U}(\mathbf{X}) - \lambda \mathcal{H}_{\text{int}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{H}_\phi &= \int d^d \mathbf{x} \left[\frac{1}{2} (\nabla \phi)^2 + \frac{1}{2} r \phi^2 \right] \\ \mathcal{U}(\mathbf{X}) &= \frac{\kappa}{2} X^2 \\ \mathcal{H}_{\text{int}} &= \int d^d \mathbf{x} \phi(\mathbf{x}) V(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{X})\end{aligned}$$



AIM: effective dynamics of $X(t)$,
in out-of-equilibrium settings



Dynamics

ϕ, X influence each other:

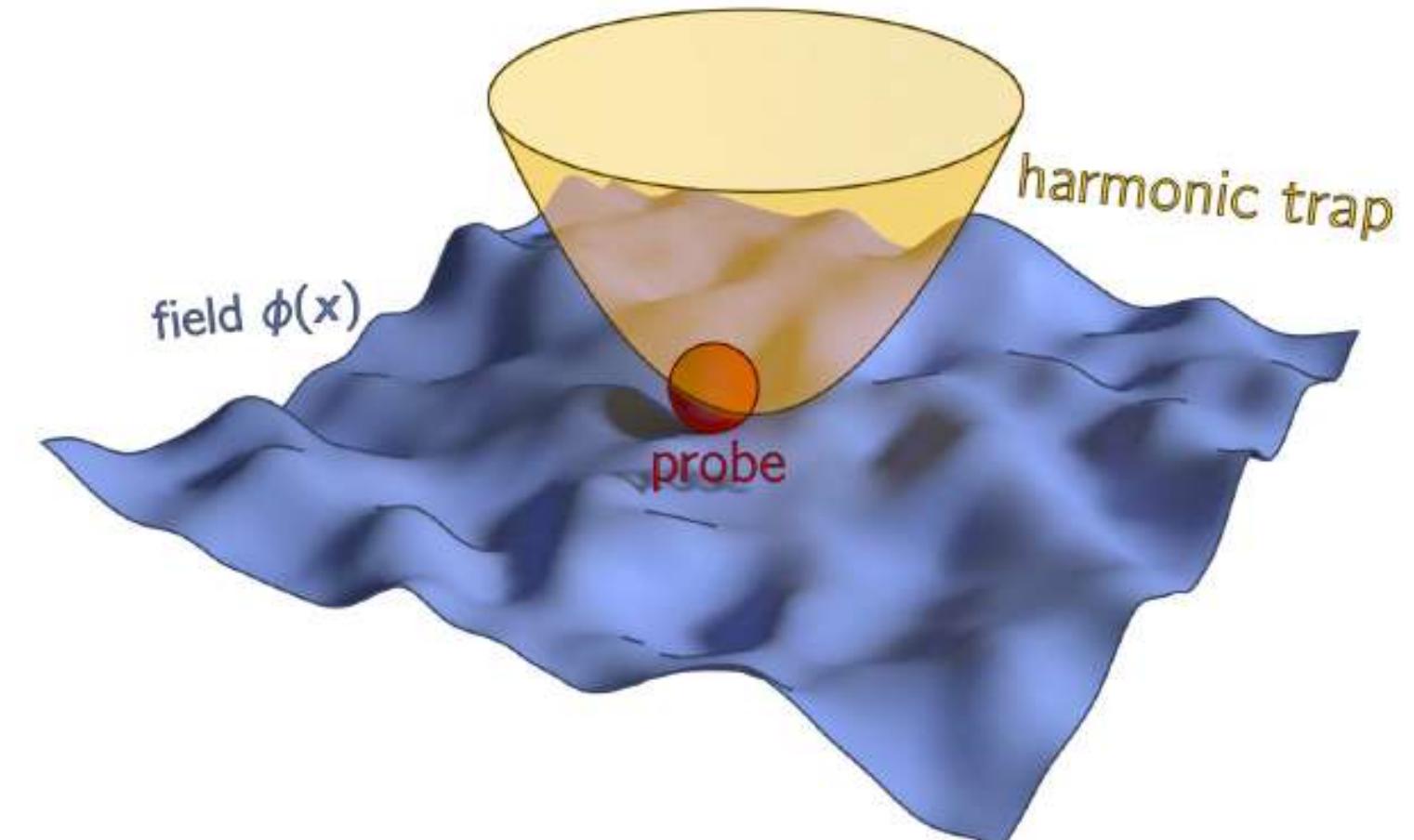
$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}(t) = -\nu \nabla_X \mathcal{H} + \boldsymbol{\xi}(t)$$

$$\partial_t \phi(\mathbf{x}, t) = -D(i\nabla)^\alpha \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \phi(\mathbf{x}, t)} + \zeta(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

$$\alpha = 0, 2$$

$$\langle \xi_i(t) \xi_j(t') \rangle = 2\nu T \delta_{ij} \delta(t - t')$$

$$\langle \zeta(\mathbf{x}, t) \zeta(\mathbf{x}', t') \rangle = 2DT(i\nabla)^\alpha \delta^d(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') \delta(t - t')$$



Go in **Fourier**:

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}(t) = -\nu \kappa \mathbf{X}(t) + \lambda \nu \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{d^d q}{(2\pi)^d} i\mathbf{q} V_{-q} \phi_q(t) e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{X}(t)} + \boldsymbol{\xi}(t)$$

slow for small q , and $r \rightarrow 0$

$$\partial_t \phi_q = -Dq^\alpha (q^2 + r) \phi_q + \cancel{\lambda Dq^\alpha V_q} e^{-i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{X}} + \zeta_q \quad \longrightarrow$$

$$\tau_\phi^{-1}(q) \equiv Dq^\alpha (q^2 + r)$$

Relaxation towards equilibrium

Perturbation theory

@ long times, **non-exponential** relaxation:

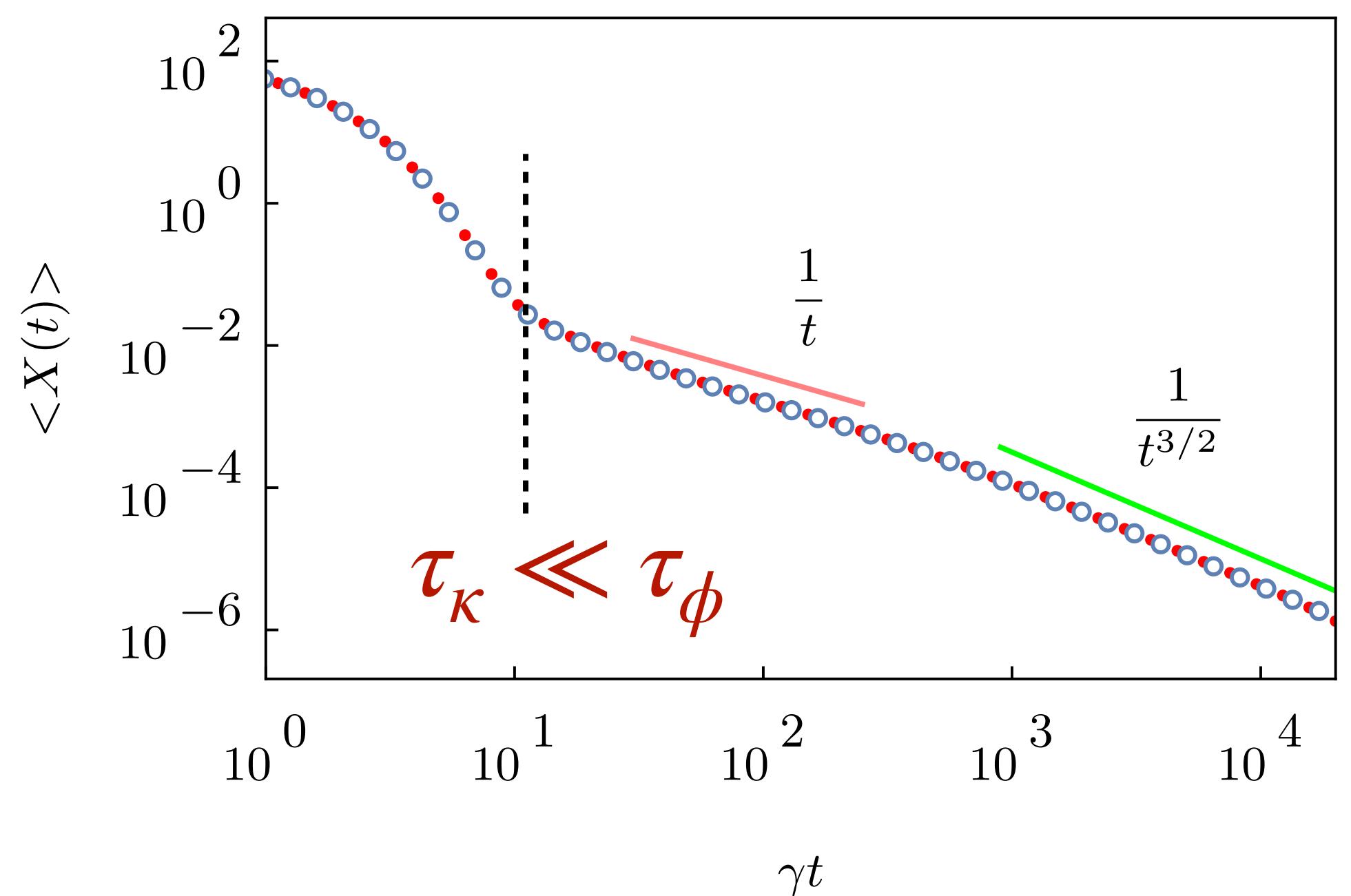
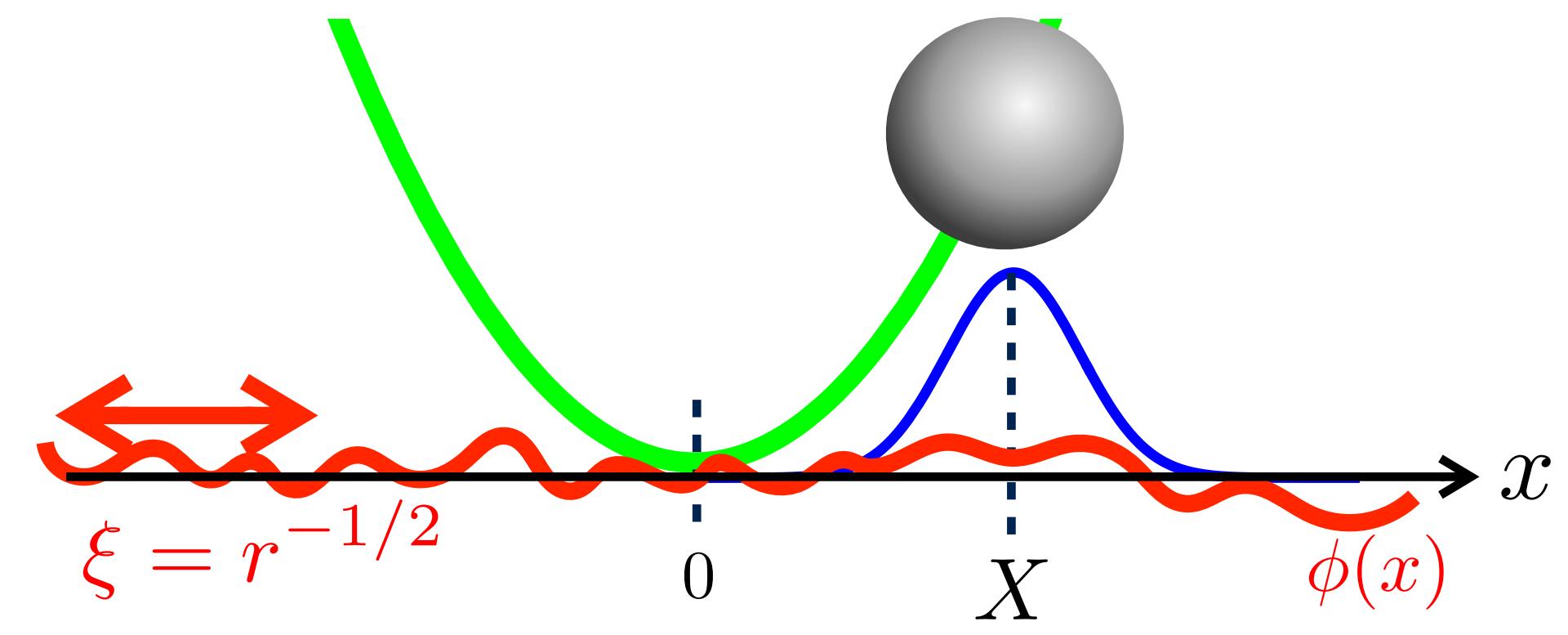
$$\langle X(t) \rangle \sim \begin{cases} t^{-(1+\frac{d}{2})}, & \text{Model A, } r = 0 \\ t^{-(1+\frac{d}{4})}, & \text{Model B, } r = 0 \\ t^{-(2+\frac{d}{2})}, & \text{Model B, } r > 0 \end{cases}$$

At the critical point,

$$\langle X(t) \rangle \sim t^{-(1 + d/z)}$$

dynamical critical exponent of ϕ

link long- t behavior of $X(t)$
to critical properties of ϕ

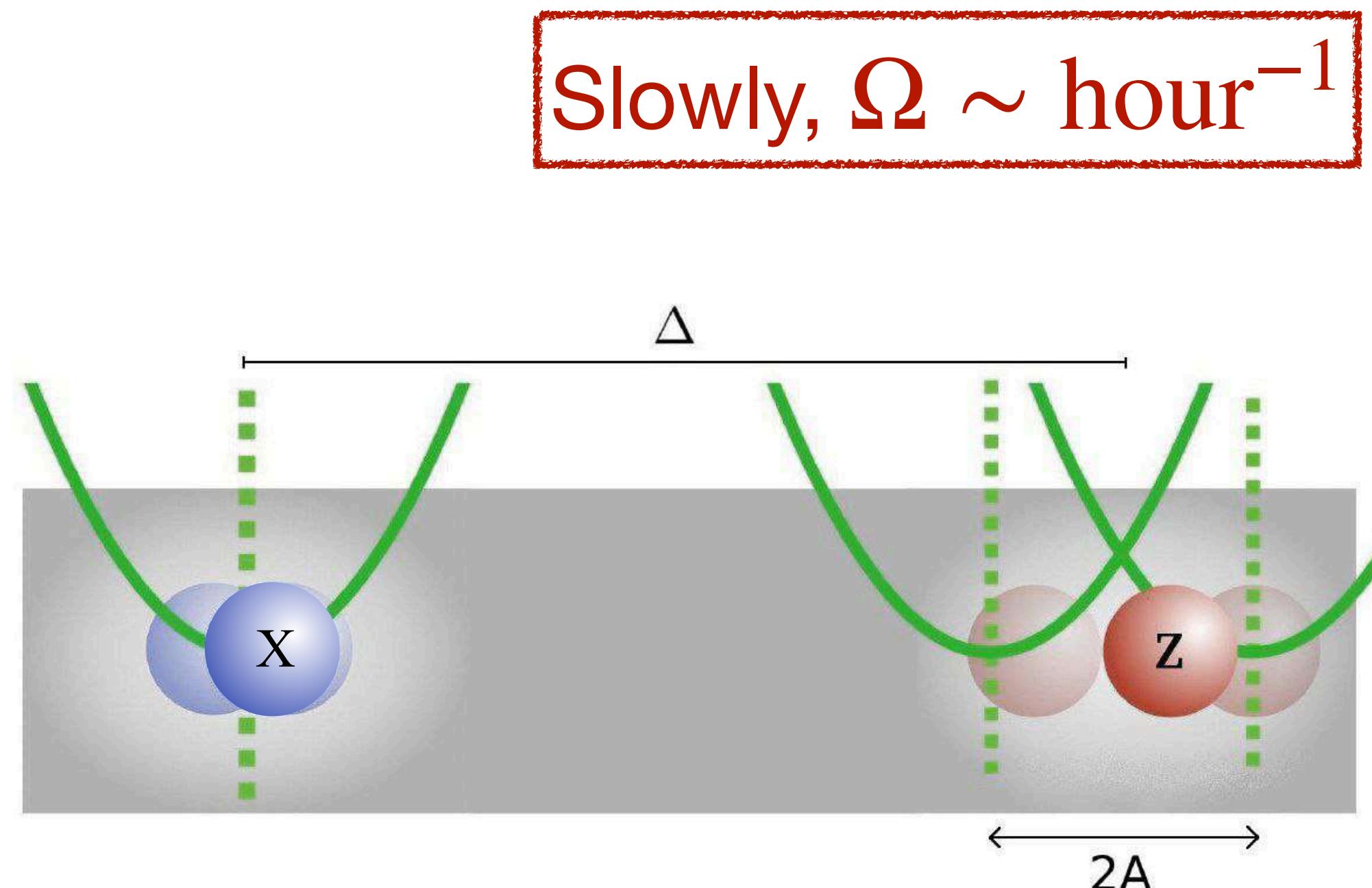
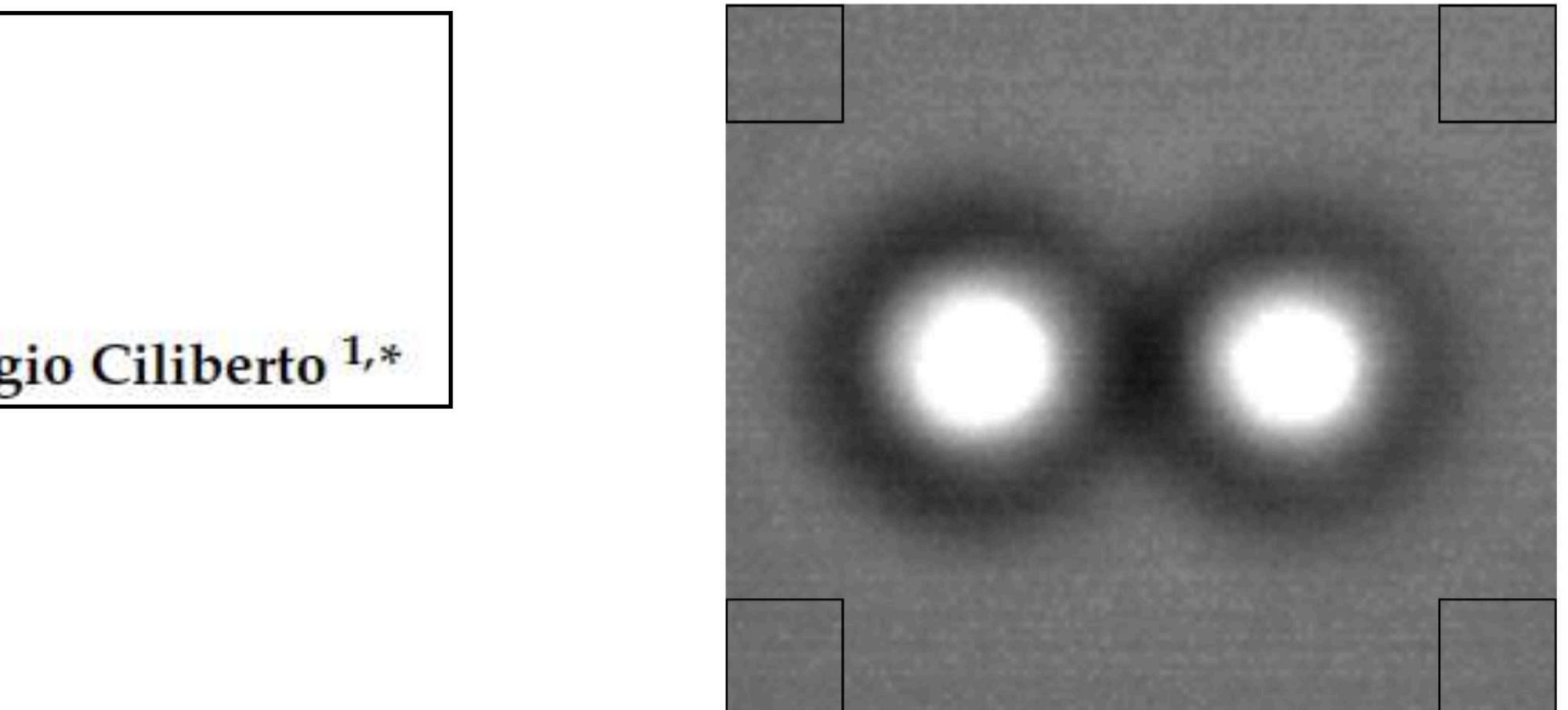
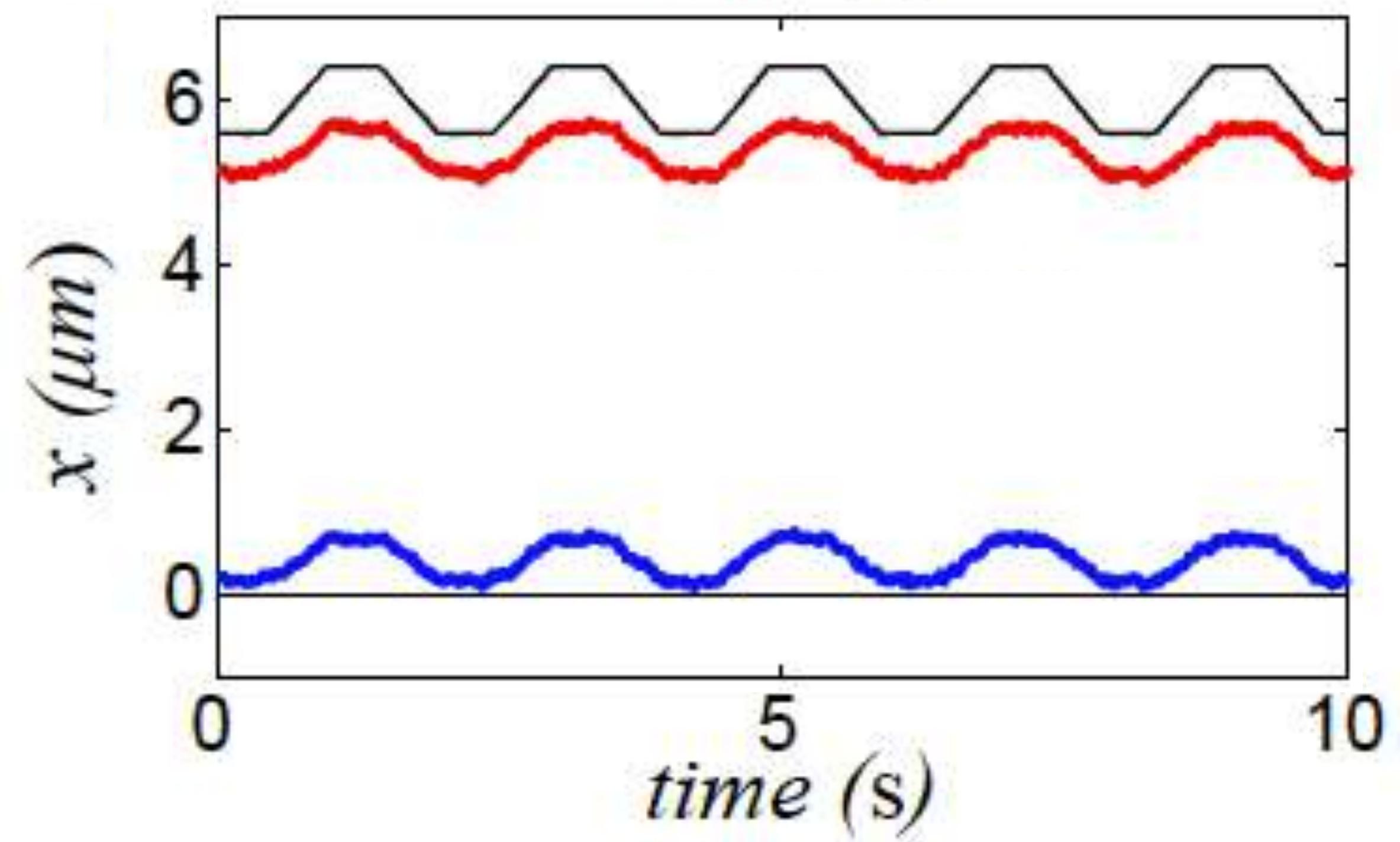


Energy Transfer between Colloids via Critical Interactions

Ignacio A. Martínez ^{1,2,*}, Clemence Devailly ^{1,3}, Artyom Petrosyan ¹ and Sergio Ciliberto ^{1,*}

[Entropy 2017]

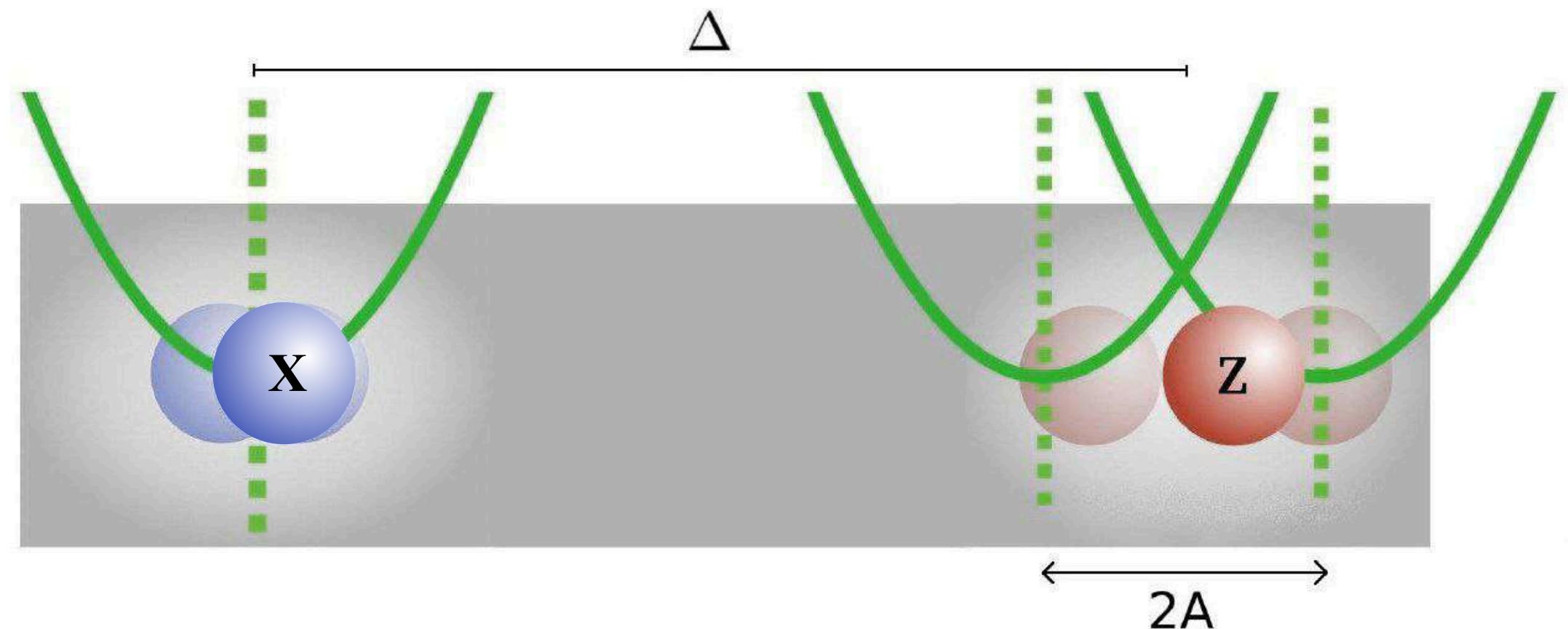
$$r \propto (T_c - T)/T_c \propto \xi^{-2}$$



Dynamical response

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_\phi + \mathcal{U}(X) - \lambda \mathcal{H}_{\text{int}}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{int}} = \int d^d x \phi(x) [V(x - X) + V(x - Z(t))]$$



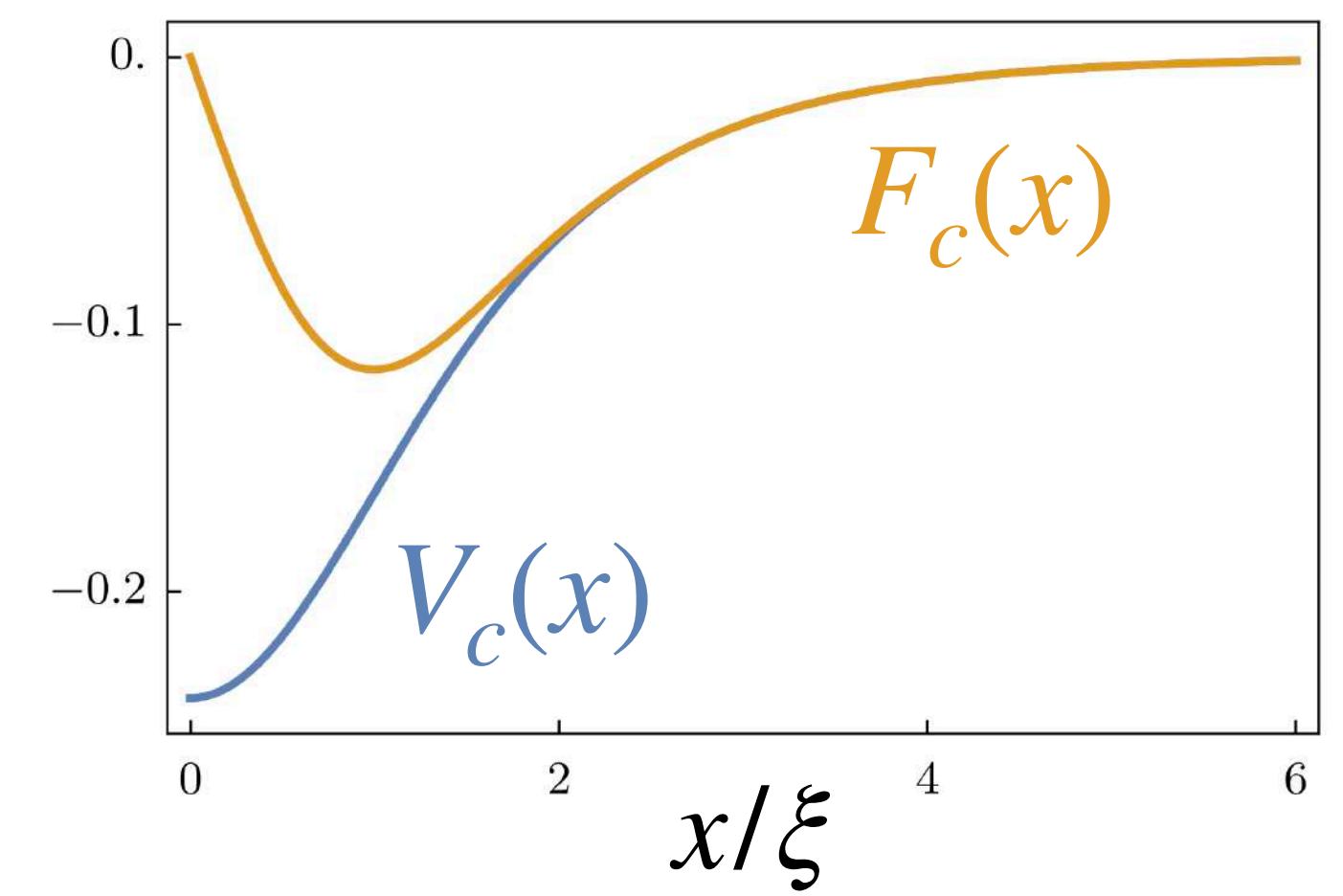
- AIM: effective dynamics of $X(t)$ upon driving $Z(t) = \Delta + A \sin(\Omega t)$
- Naive (adiabatic):

$$\int \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-\beta \mathcal{H}} = e^{-\beta [\mathcal{U}(X) - \lambda^2 V_c(Z(t) - X)]}$$

- Competing timescales

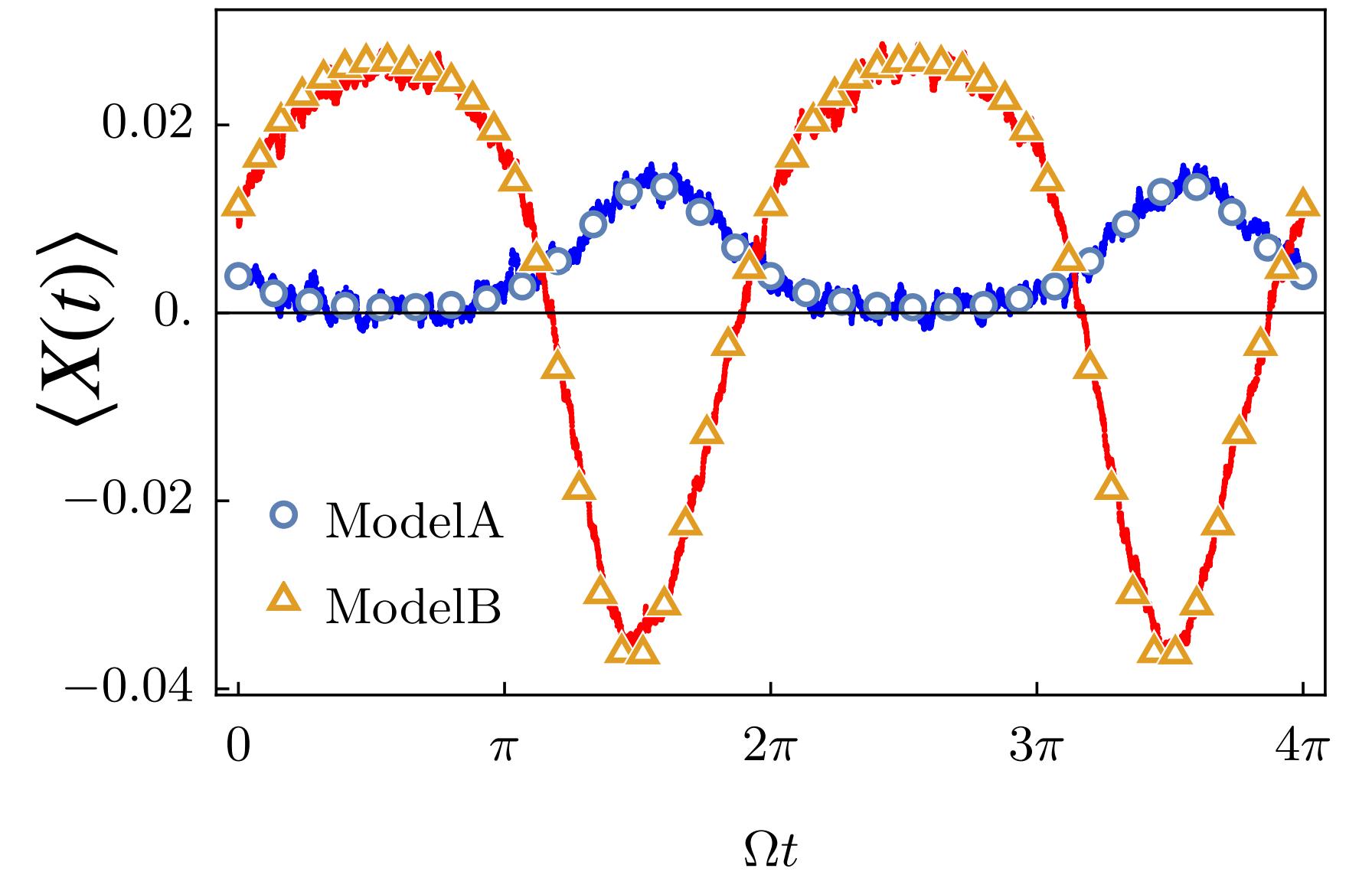
larger Ω ?

$$\begin{cases} \tau_\phi^{-1} \sim Dq^\alpha(q^2 + r) \\ \tau_\Omega^{-1} \sim \Omega \end{cases}$$



Response $\langle \exp[iq \cdot X(t)] \rangle$

Perturbation theory (weak coupling)

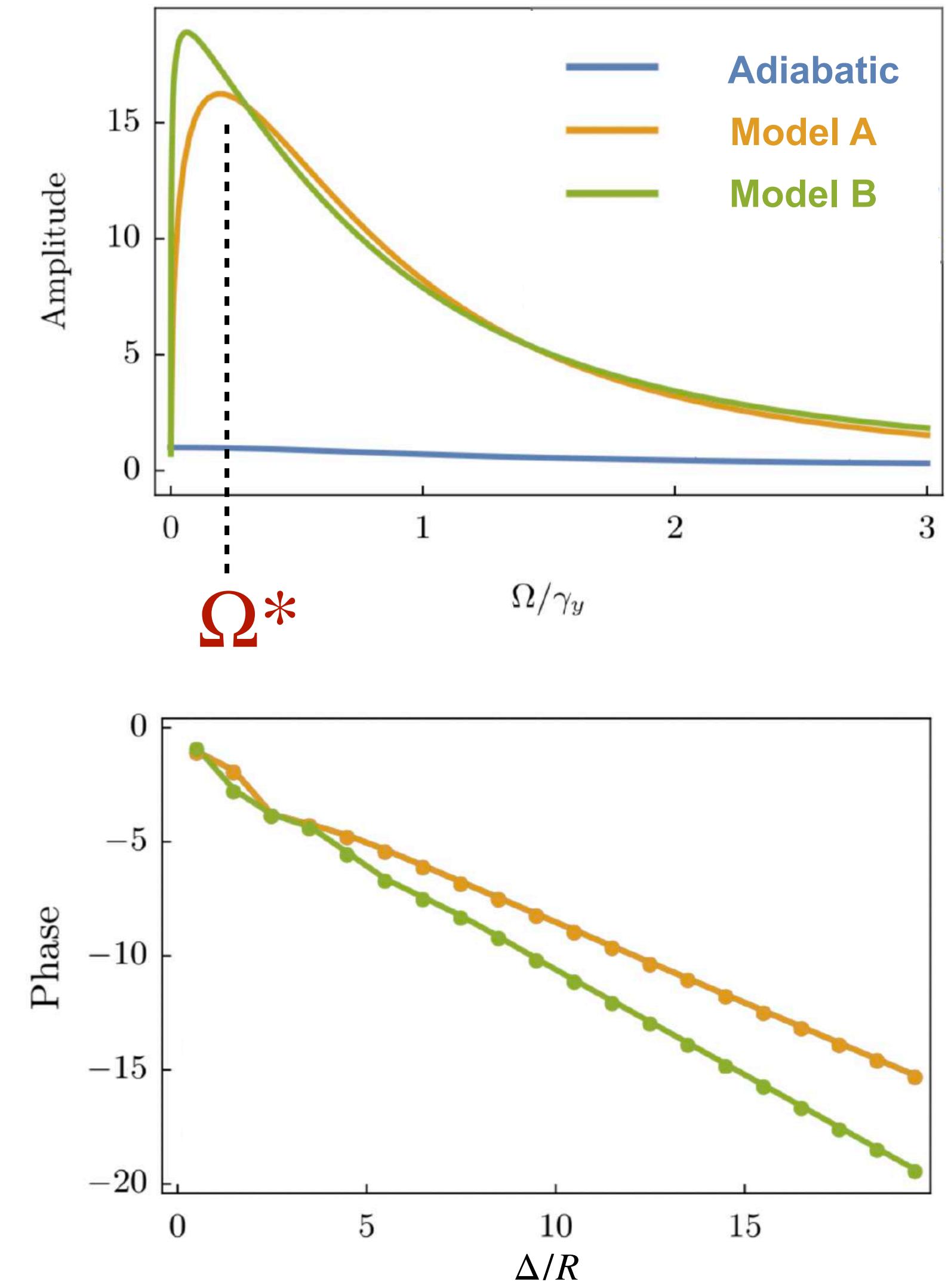


- Nonequilibrium effects:

- Resonance** $\Omega^* \sim \tau_\phi^{-1} (q \sim \Delta^{-1}) \propto \Delta^{-z}$
- Delay (phase shift)**

avg separation

[D. Venturelli, A. Gambassi, PRE 106, 044112 (2022)]



new phenomena in a medium with slow response + spatial structure

2. Viscoelastic media

Tracer in a viscoelastic medium

- Viscoelastic (strain ε , stress σ): τ_s is large

$$\sigma(t) = \int_0^t dt' G(t-t') \dot{\varepsilon}(t'), \quad G(t) \xrightarrow{t \gg \tau_s} \begin{cases} G_\infty, & \text{solids} \\ 0, & \text{liquids} \end{cases}$$

shear modulus

- GLE

$$\gamma \dot{X}(t) + \int_0^t dt' \Gamma(t-t') \dot{X}(t') = -\mathcal{U}'(X(t)) + \xi(t)$$

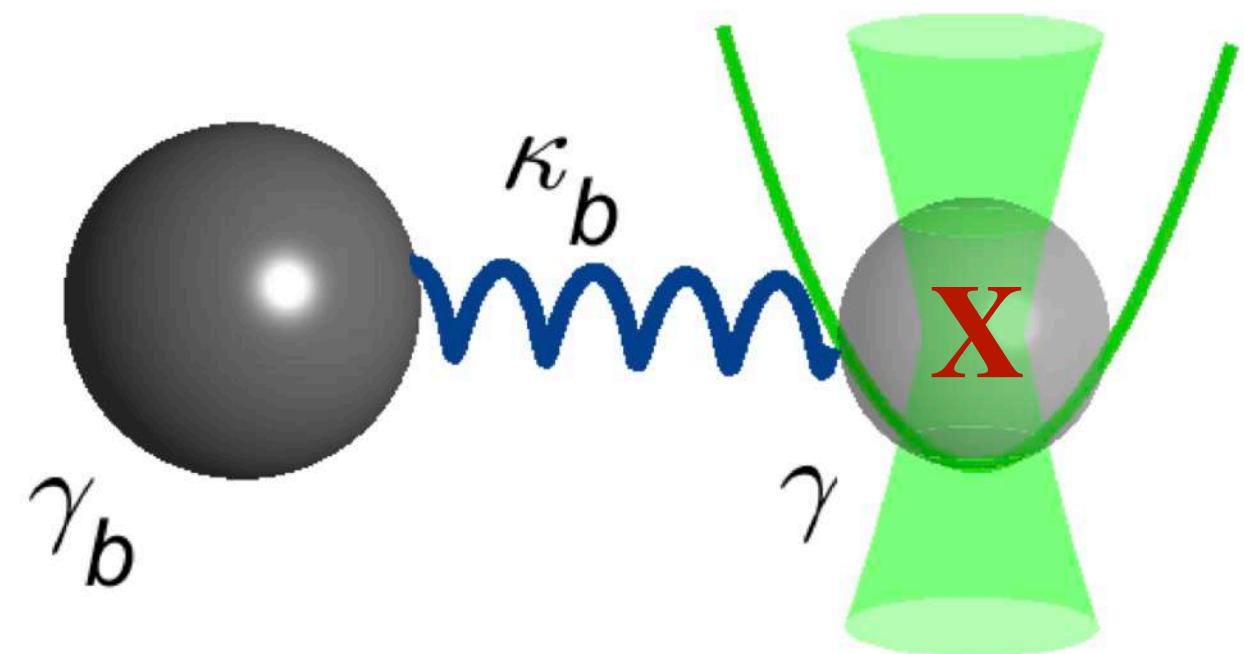
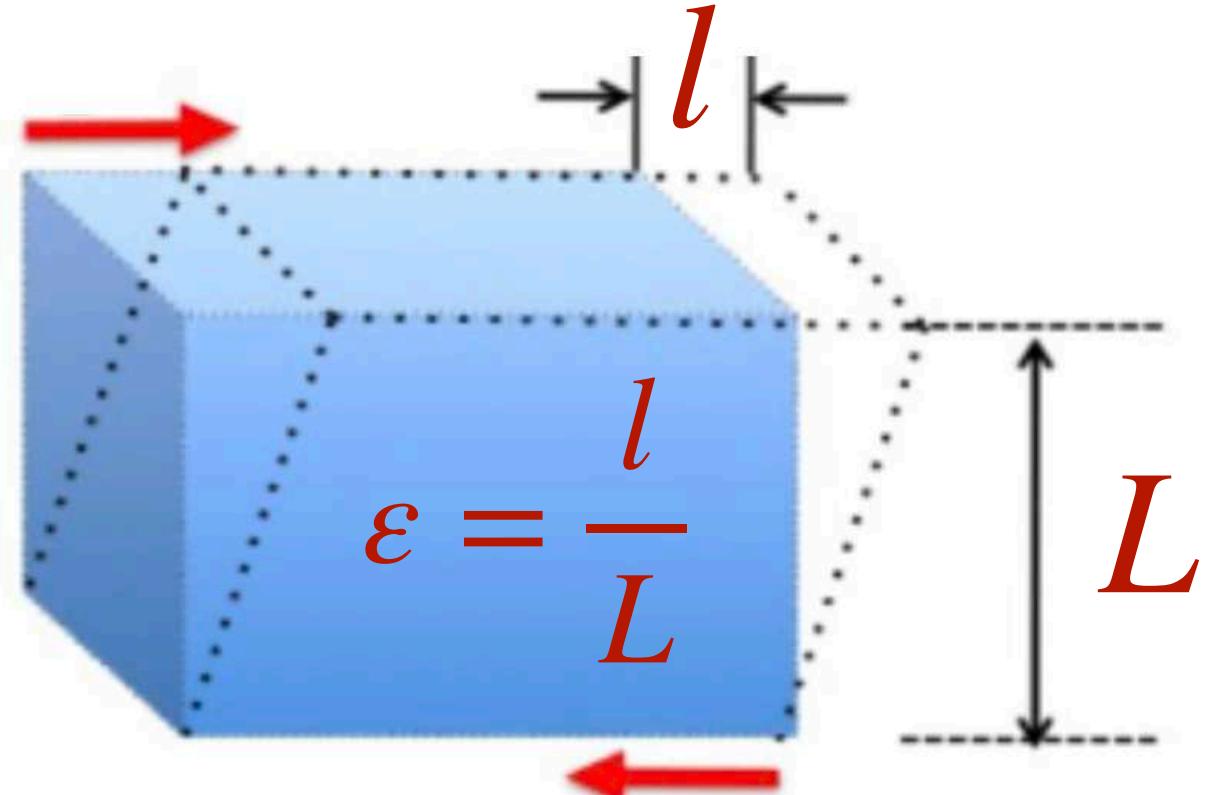
$$\langle \xi(t) \xi(t') \rangle = k_B T [\gamma \delta(t-t') + \Gamma(|t-t'|)]$$

[e.g. Caldeira-Leggett, Mori-Zwanzig]

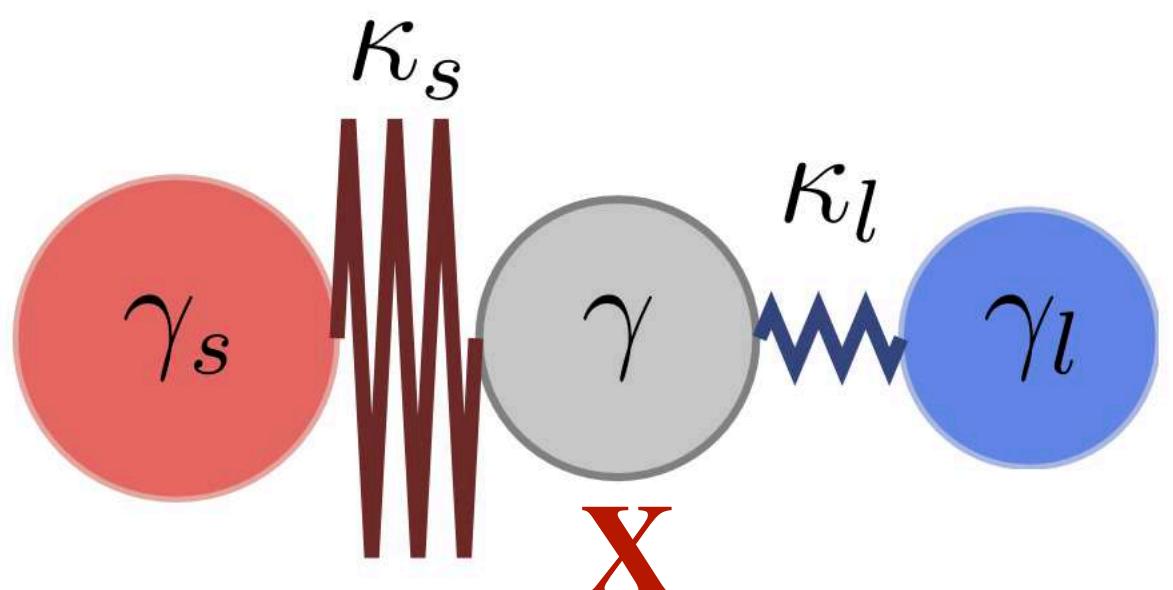
- Limitations:

- No field-mediated interactions (no space)
- Assumed linear in \dot{X} , may cause Γ to depend on \mathcal{U} (*ad hoc*)

Daldrop *et al.*, PRX (2025)

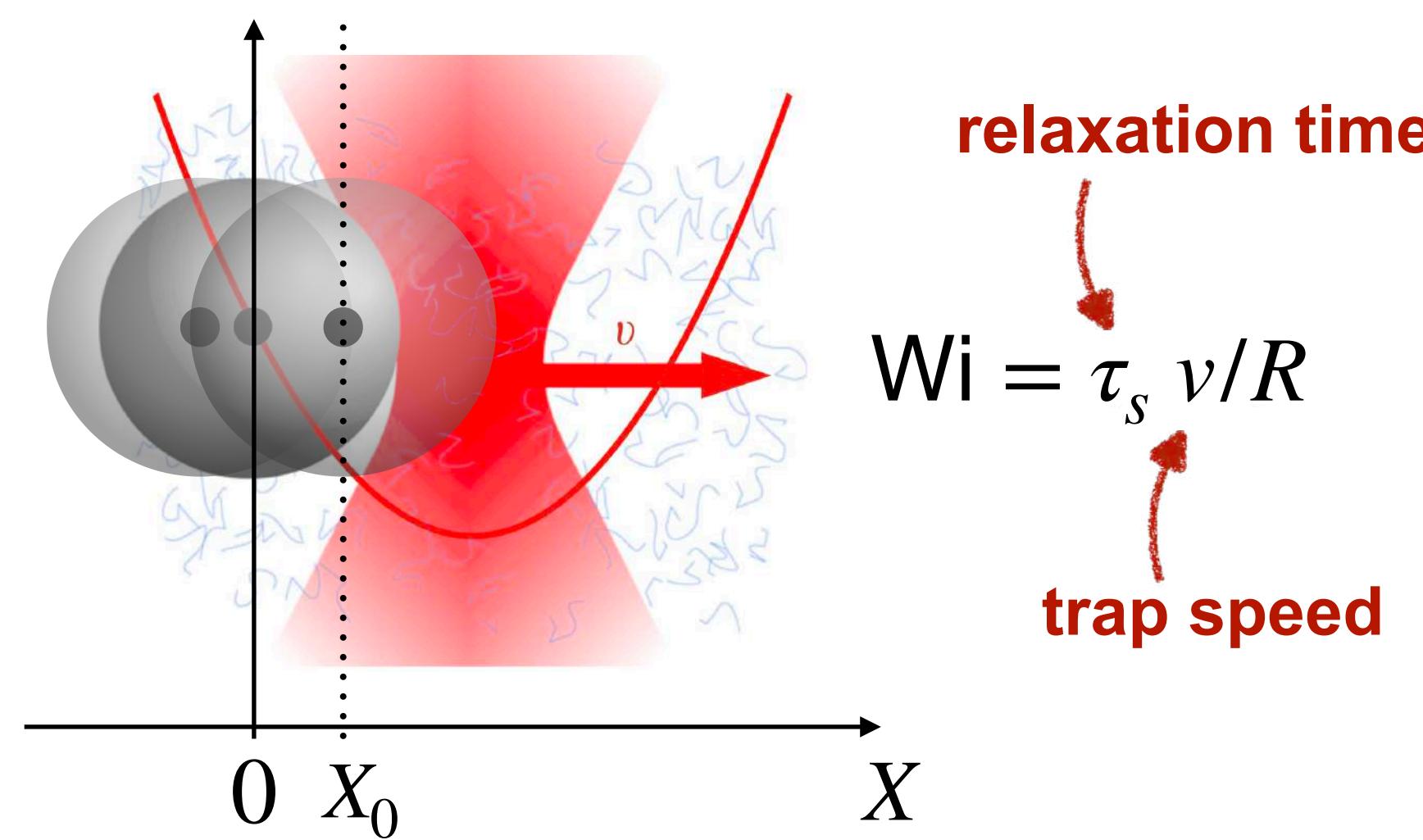


Loos *et al.*, PRX (2024)



Caspers *et al.*, J. Chem. Phys. (2023)

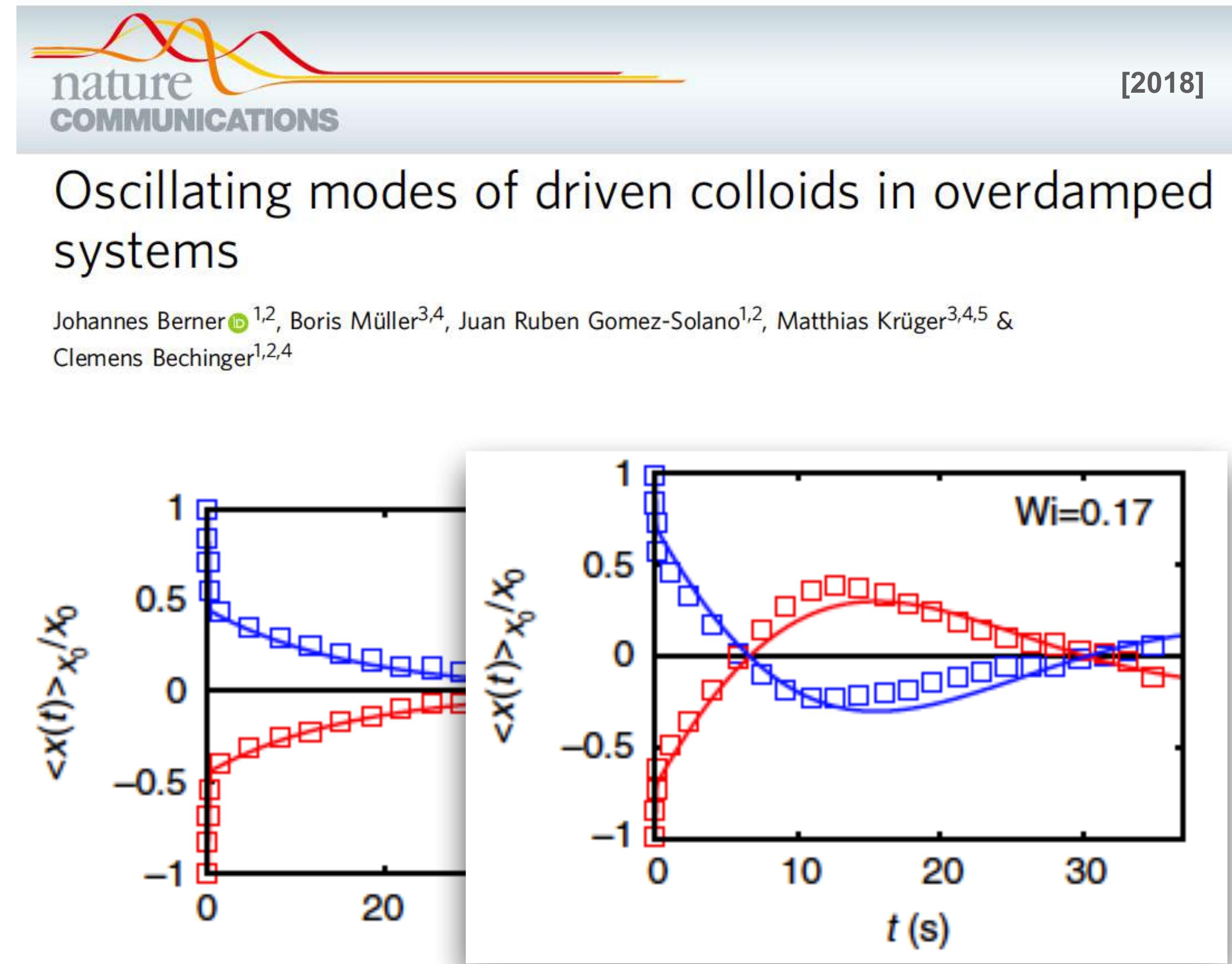
Memory-induced oscillations in viscoelastic media



Micellar solution (overdamped!)

$$\Gamma(t) = \gamma_\infty \delta(t) + a_0 e^{-t/\tau_s} + \sum_i a_i e^{-t/\tau_i}$$

Problem: need more terms as v increases,
some $a_i < 0$



Memory-induced oscillations in correlated media

- Reintroduce **spatial** d.o.f. \rightarrow bath **density** $\phi(\mathbf{x}, t)$

- Nonlinear (v -dependent) memory kernel

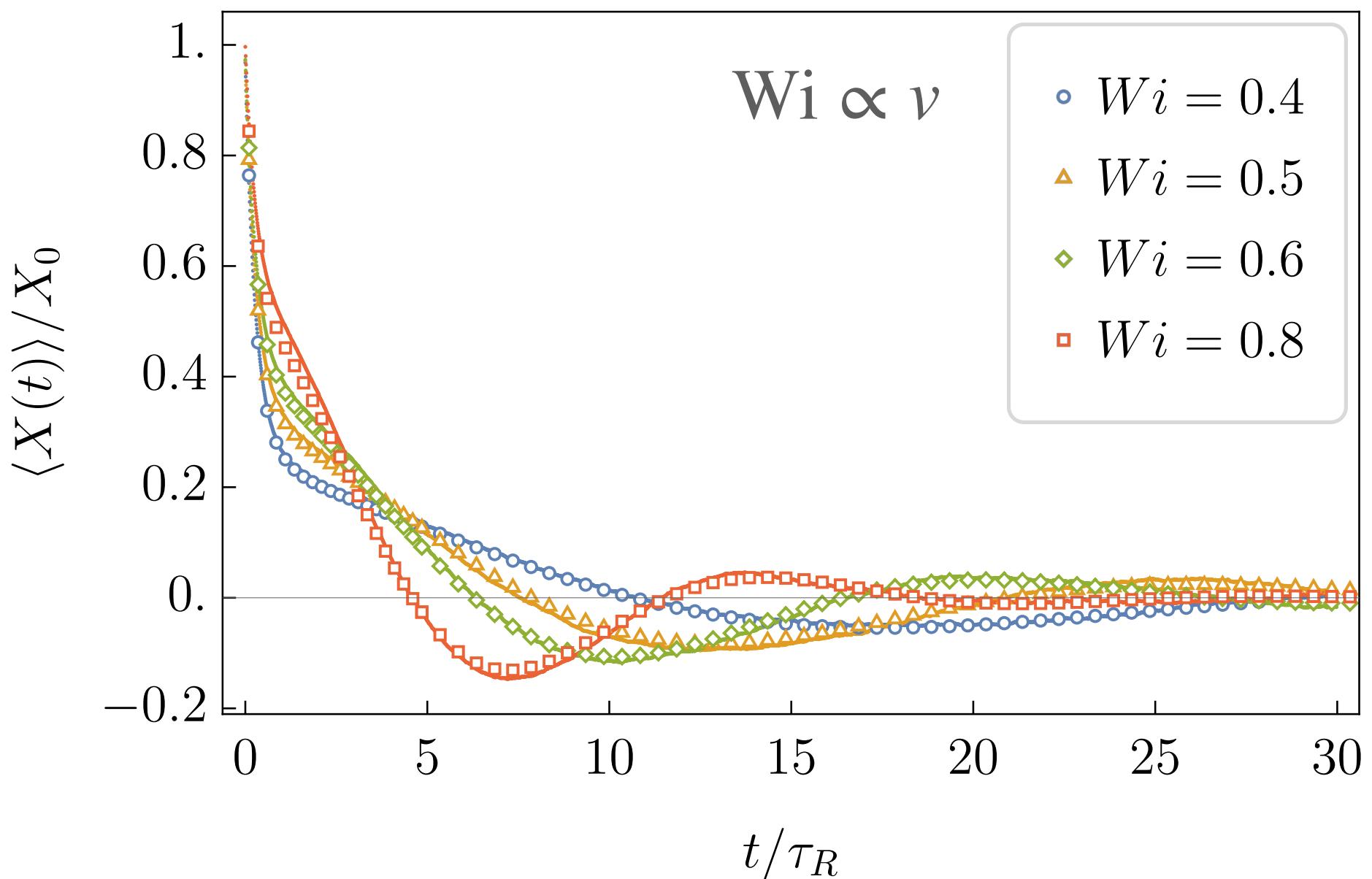
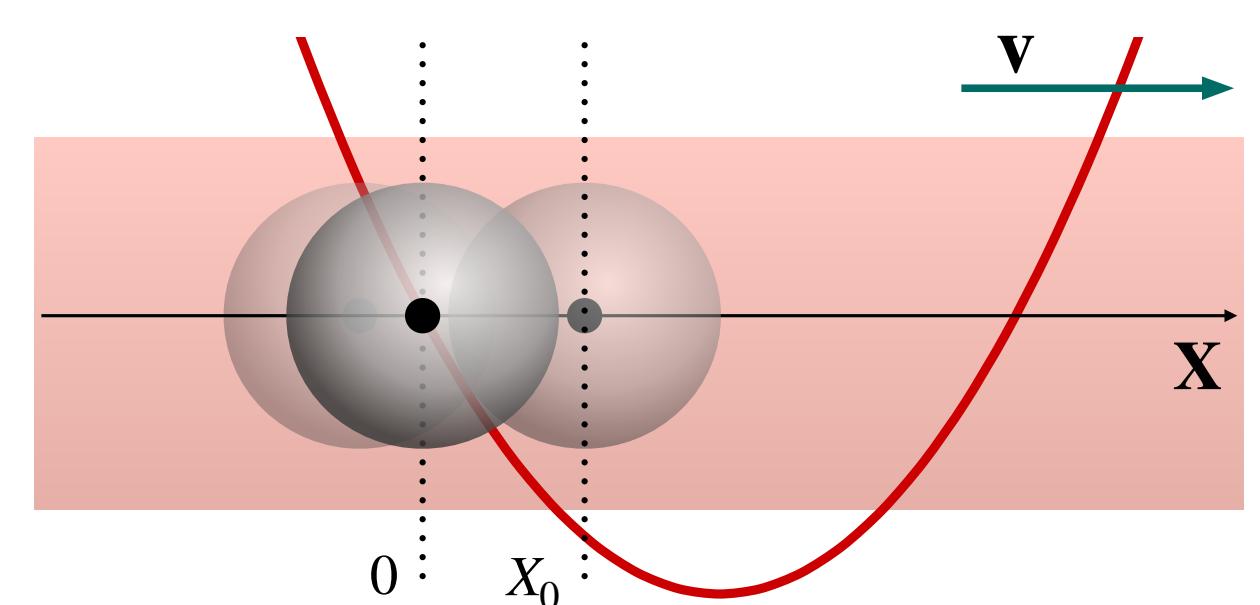
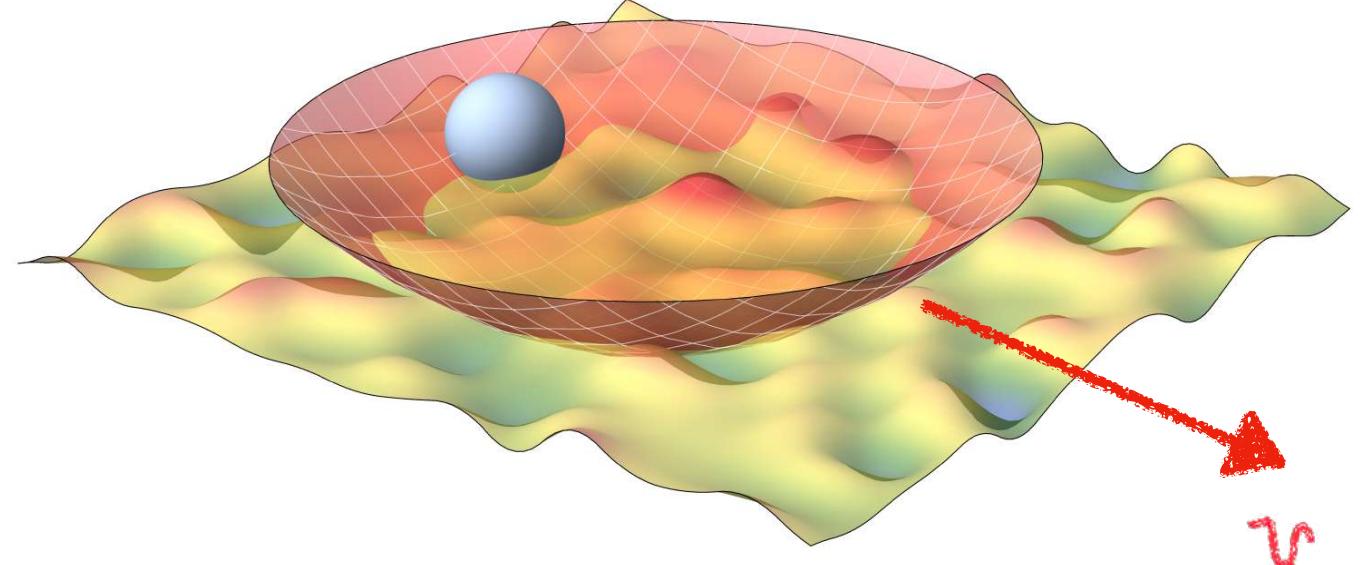
$$\partial_t \phi_q = - [Dq^\alpha(q^2 + r) - i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{v}] \phi_q + \lambda Dq^\alpha V_q e^{-i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{X}} + \zeta_q$$

$$\phi_q(t) = \int^t d\tau G_q(t-\tau) [\dots e^{-i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{X}(\tau)} \dots]$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}} = -\nu\kappa\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{v} + \lambda\nu \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{d^d q}{(2\pi)^d} i\mathbf{q} V_{-q} e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{X}(t)} \phi_q(t) + \xi$$

- Oscillations in $\langle \mathbf{X}(t) \rangle$ upon increasing ν

- Generic feature due to memory + spatial correlations



3. Interacting particle systems

Soft interacting particles

- $N+1$ overdamped Brownian particles, tracer $i = 0$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_i(t) = -\mu \sum_{j \neq i} \nabla_i U(\mathbf{X}_i(t) - \mathbf{X}_j(t)) + \boldsymbol{\eta}_i(t), \quad \langle \boldsymbol{\eta}_i(t)^T \boldsymbol{\eta}_j(t') \rangle = 2\mu T \delta_{ij} \delta(t - t') I_d$$

- Dean-Kawasaki equation for $\rho(x, t) = \sum_{i=1}^N \delta(x - X_i(t))$,

$$\partial_t \mathbf{X}(t) = -\mu \nabla_{\mathbf{X}} \mathcal{F}[\rho, \mathbf{X}] + \boldsymbol{\eta}_0(t),$$

$$\partial_t \rho(\mathbf{x}, t) = \mu \nabla \cdot \left[\rho(\mathbf{x}, t) \nabla \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{x}, t)} \right] + \nabla \cdot \left[\rho^{\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbf{x}, t) \boldsymbol{\xi}(\mathbf{x}, t) \right],$$

$$\mathcal{F}[\rho, \mathbf{X}] = T \int d\mathbf{x} \rho(\mathbf{x}) \log \left(\frac{\rho(\mathbf{x})}{\rho_0} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{x} d\mathbf{y} \rho(\mathbf{x}) U(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) \rho(\mathbf{y}) + \int d\mathbf{y} \rho(\mathbf{y}) U(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X})$$

- Linearize about $\rho(\mathbf{x}, t) = \rho_0 + \sqrt{\rho_0} \phi(\mathbf{x}, t)$, assuming $\phi/\sqrt{\rho_0} \ll 1$
→ coupled eqs for $\mathbf{X}(t), \phi(\mathbf{x}, t)$

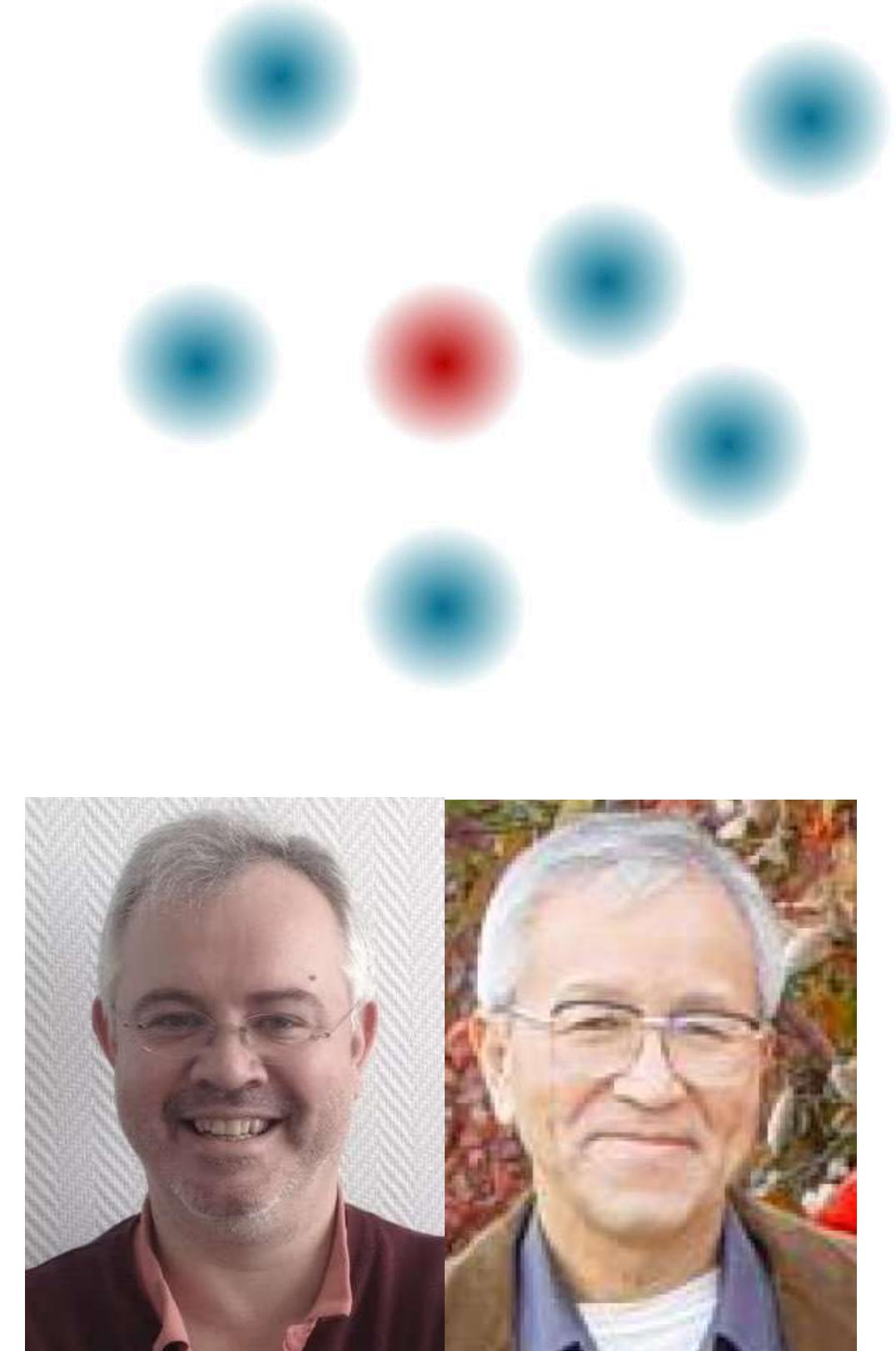


FIG. 1. David Dean and Kyozi Kawasaki, who are very happy that their equation is being used for the zillionth time.

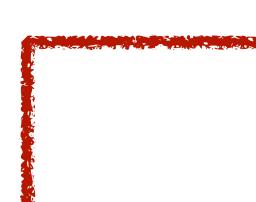
Tracer-bath correlation profiles

- How does $\Psi(\lambda, t) = \ln \langle e^{\lambda \cdot \mathbf{X}(t)} \rangle$ evolve?

$$\partial_t \Psi(\lambda, t) = \lambda^2 \mu T + \sqrt{\rho_0} \mu \lambda \cdot \int d^d r U(\mathbf{r}) \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} w(\mathbf{r}, \lambda, t),$$

with the profile

$$w(\mathbf{r}, \lambda, t) = \frac{\langle \phi(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{X}(t), t) e^{\lambda \cdot \mathbf{X}(t)} \rangle}{\langle e^{\lambda \cdot \mathbf{X}(t)} \rangle} = \langle \phi(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{X}(t), t) \rangle + \lambda \cdot \langle \mathbf{X}(t) \phi(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{X}(t), t) \rangle + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$$

average density profile 

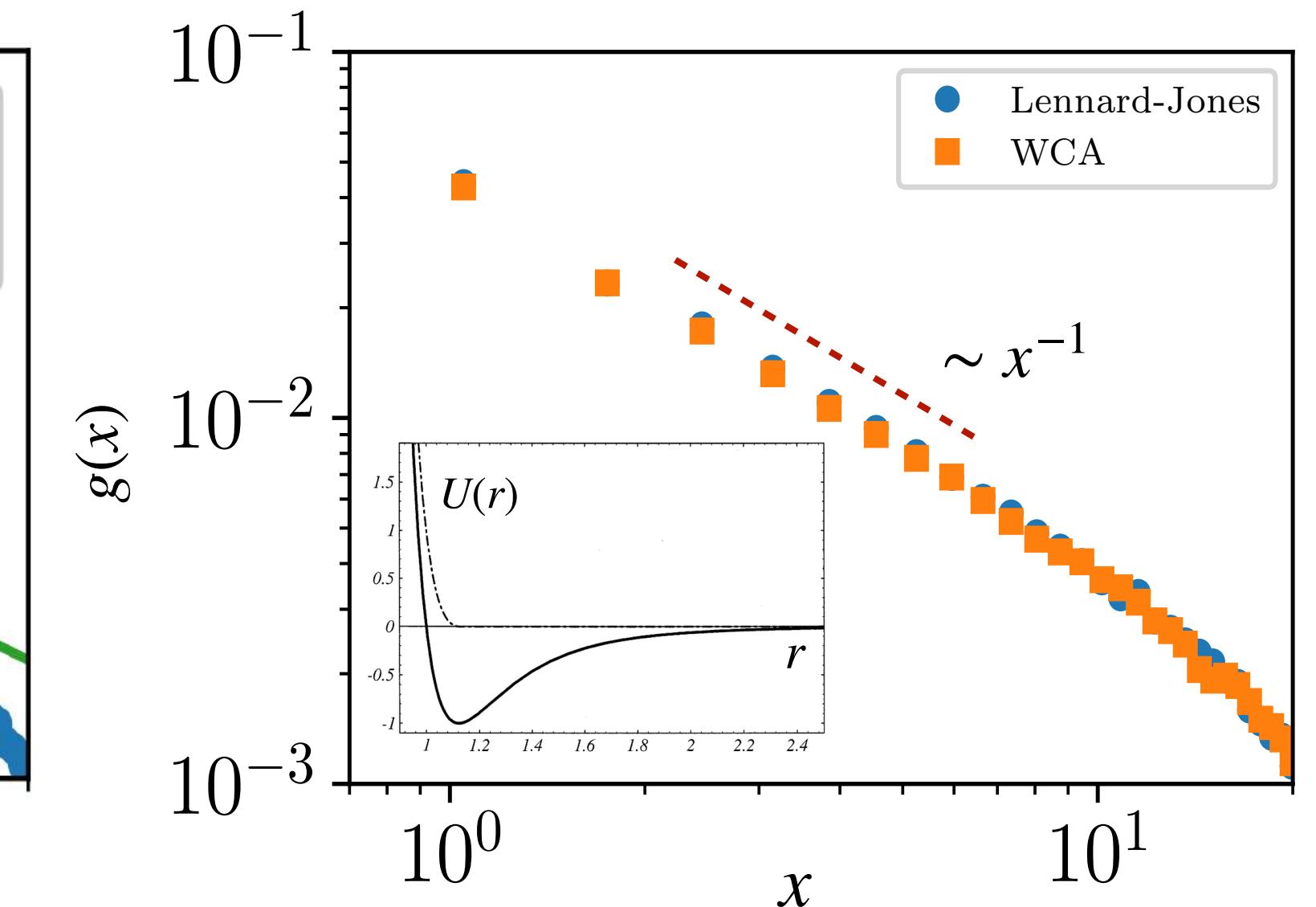
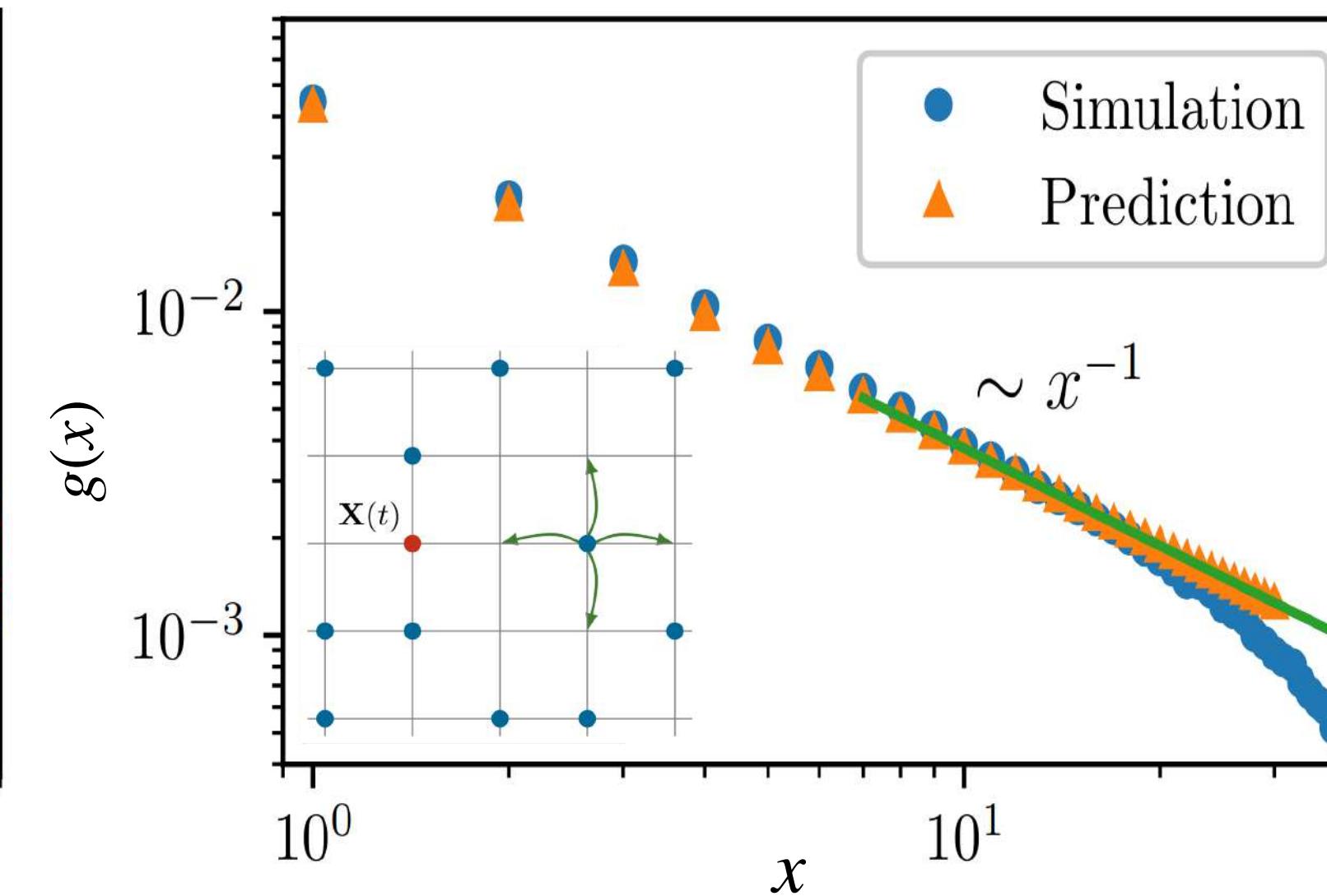
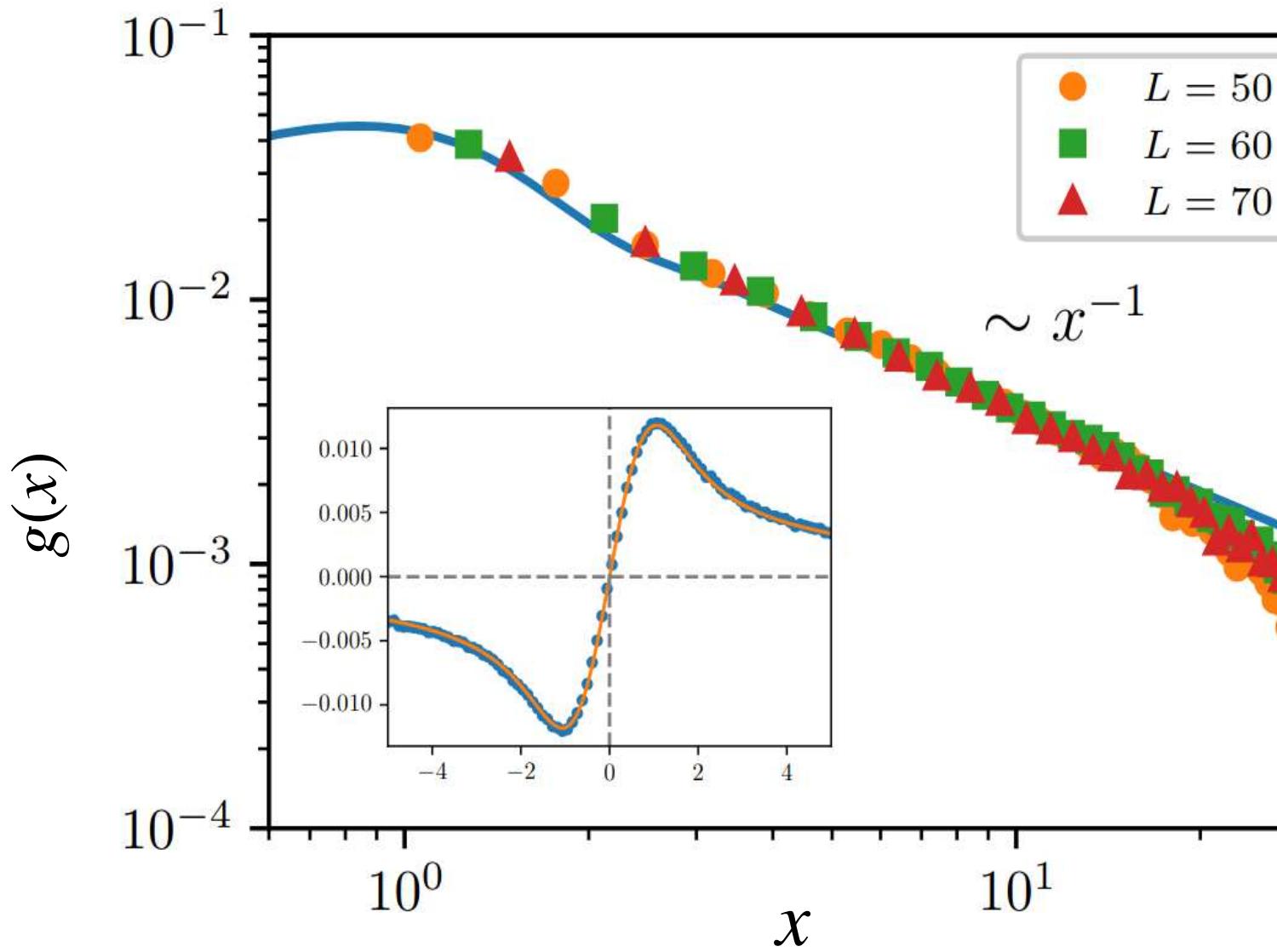
correlation profile $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ 

- Correlation profiles encode the **response** of the bath

Tracer-bath correlation profile

large-distance behavior @ stationary state:

$$\langle X \phi_{X+r} \rangle_c \sim r^{1-d}$$



Soft-core potentials
(Dean-Kawasaki theory)

Simple exclusion process
(master equation)

Lennard-Jones fluids
(simulation)

Universal?

D. Venturelli, P. Illien, A. Grabsch, O. Bénichou, arXiv:2411.09326 (2024)

Extensions

Dynamics in fluctuating correlated media

- **Spatial confinement**
Effective tracer dynamics

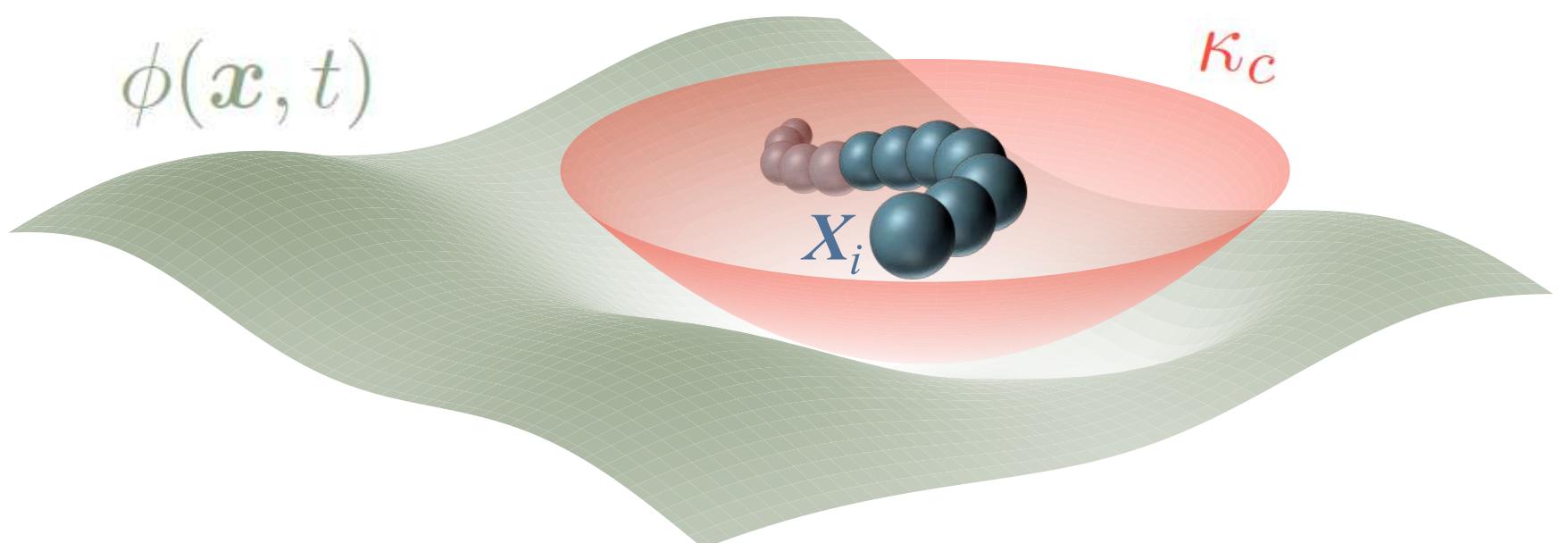
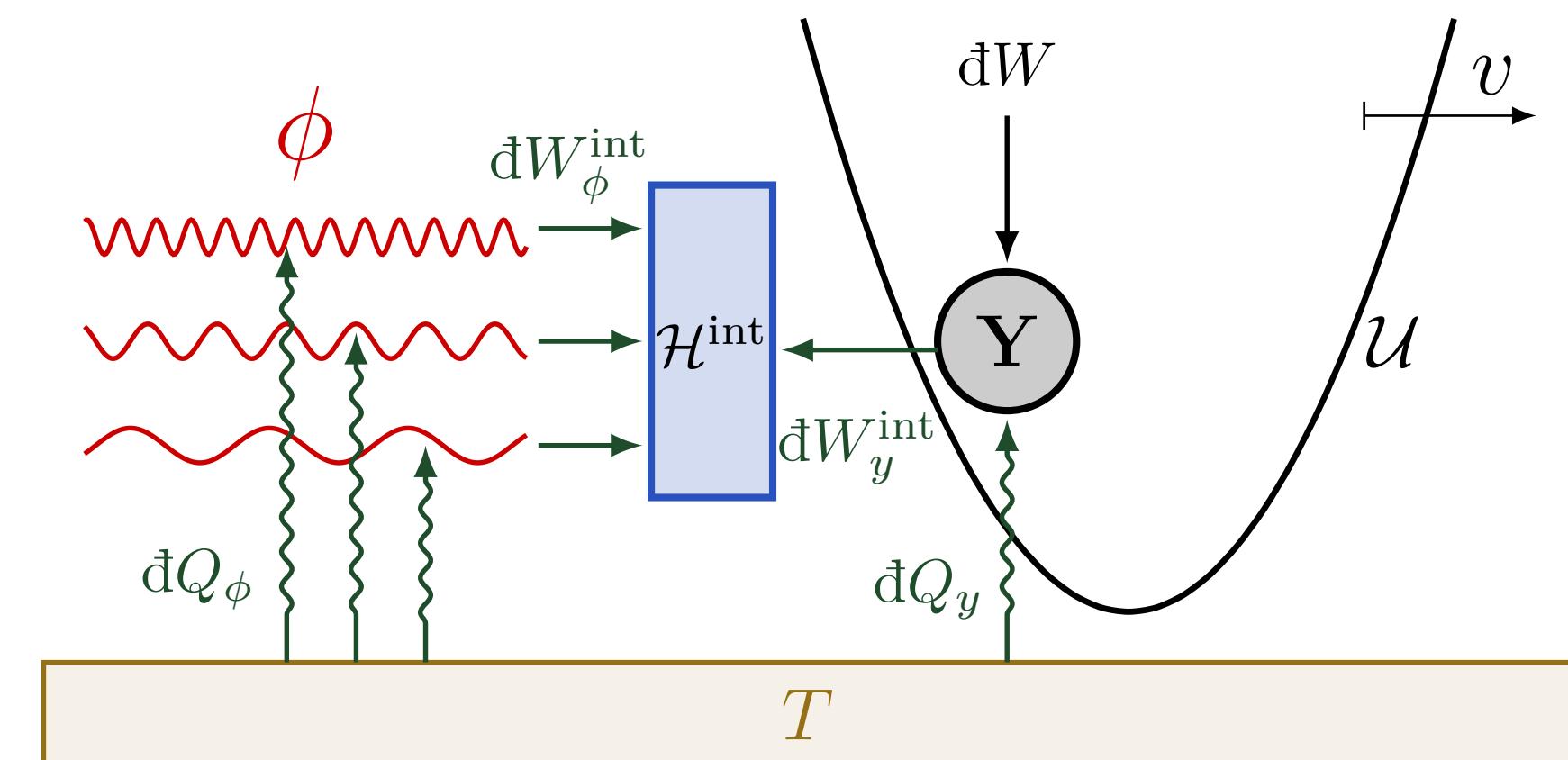
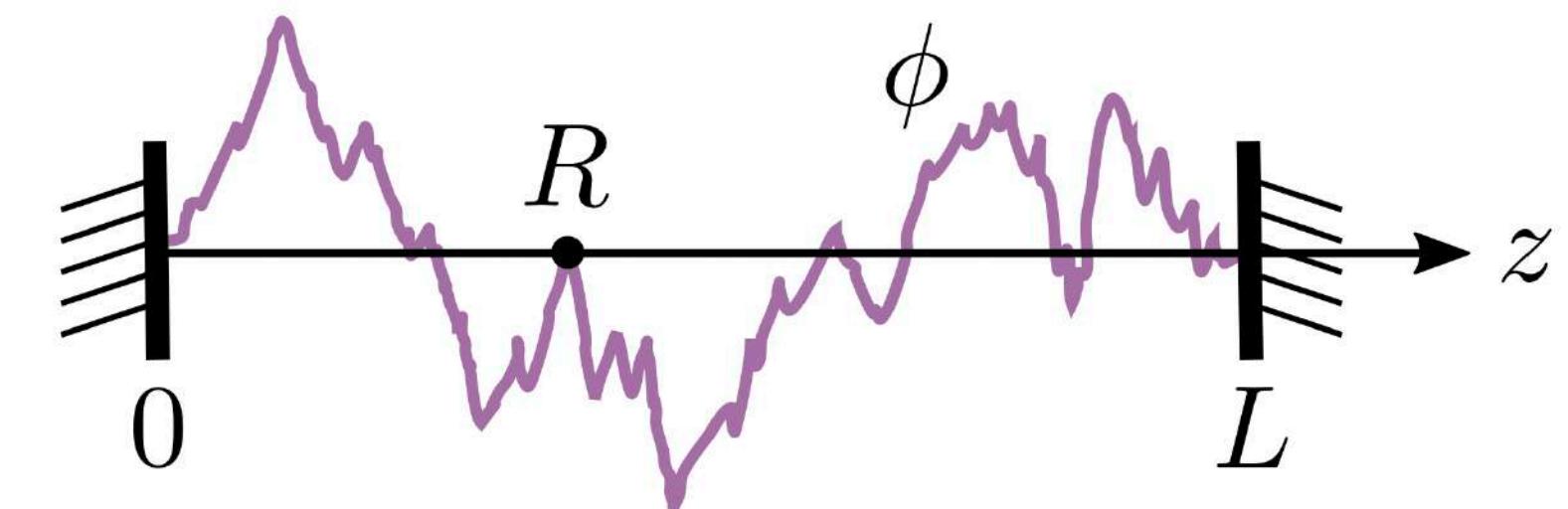
[D. Venturelli, M. Gross, J. Stat. Mech. (2022) 123210]

- **Stochastic thermodynamics**
Spatial distribution of dissipated heat $Q(x)$

[D. Venturelli, S. M. Loos, B. Walter, É. Roldán, A. Gambassi, 2024 *EPL* **146** 27001]

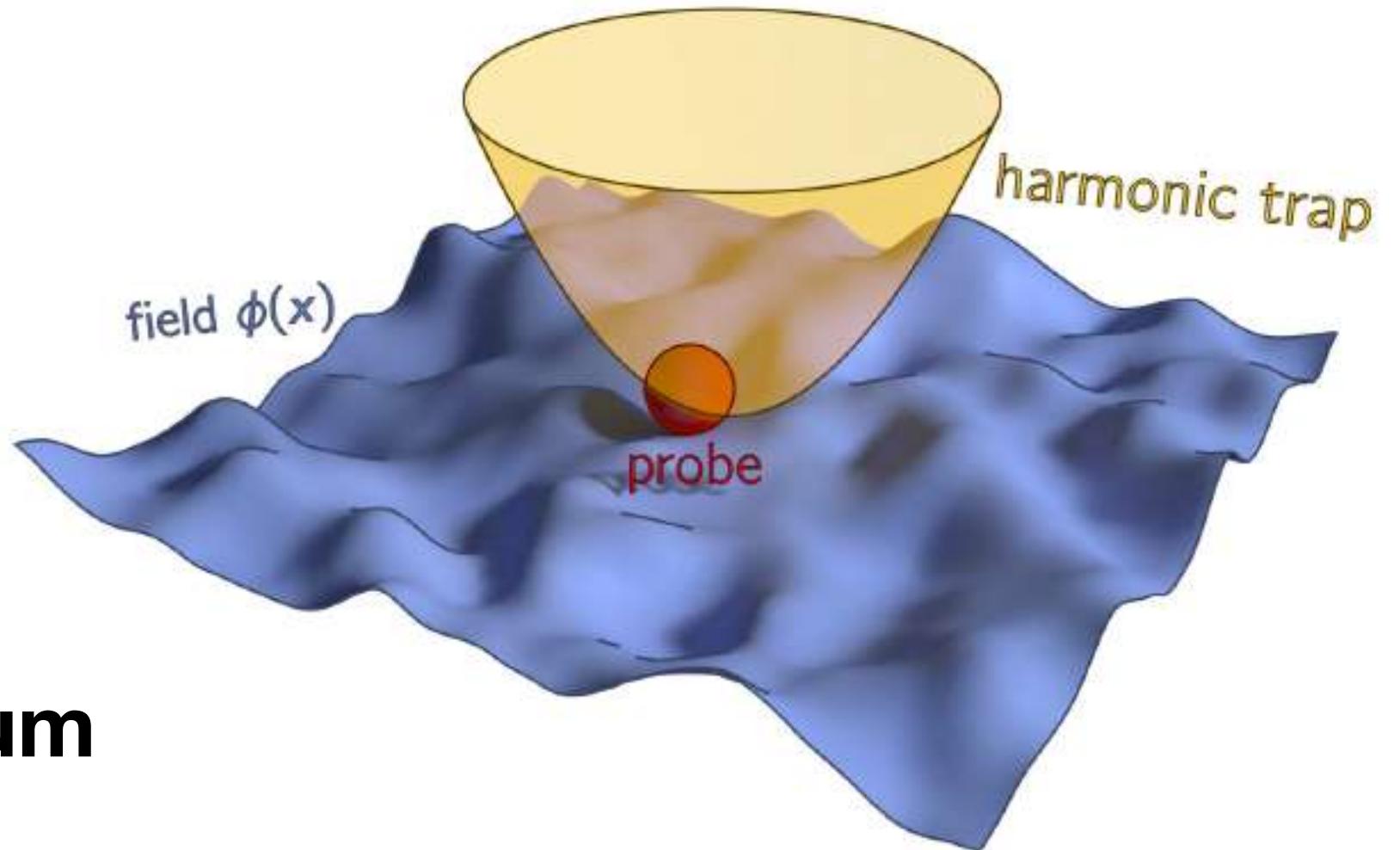
- **Polymers**
Relaxation and structural properties

[P. L. Muzzeddu, D. Venturelli, A. Gambassi, *arXiv:2503:03572*]



Summing up

Dynamic field-mediated forces



Minimal model for field-mediated interactions, out of equilibrium

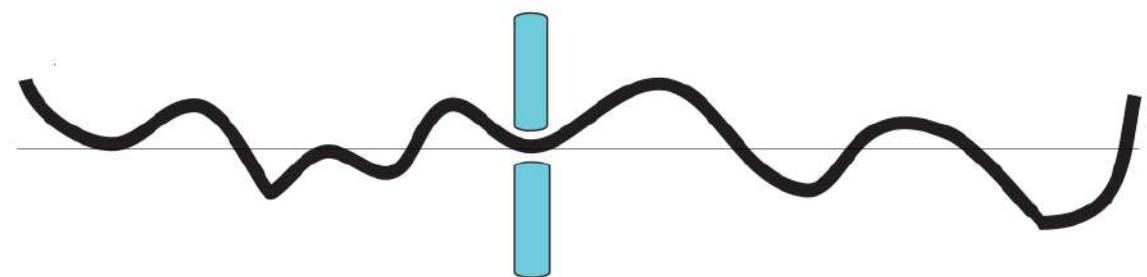
- near-critical media, viscoelastic media, interacting particle systems
- **fluctuating media with spatial correlations and slow relaxation**

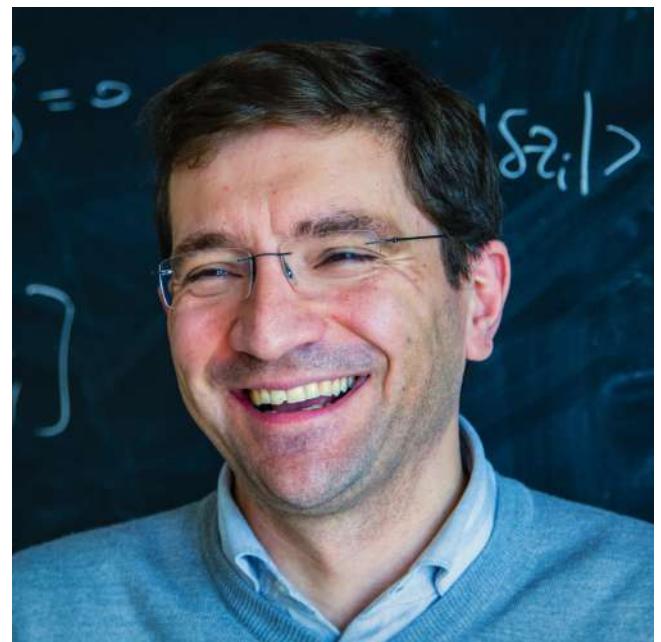
Effective tracer dynamics: algebraic relaxation, delayed response to periodic driving, oscillations

Tracer-bath correlations in interacting particle systems (universal large-distance behavior)

Some future perspectives:

- Other dynamic universality classes (e.g. model H, relevant for experiments)
- Strong-coupling regime (actual boundary conditions)





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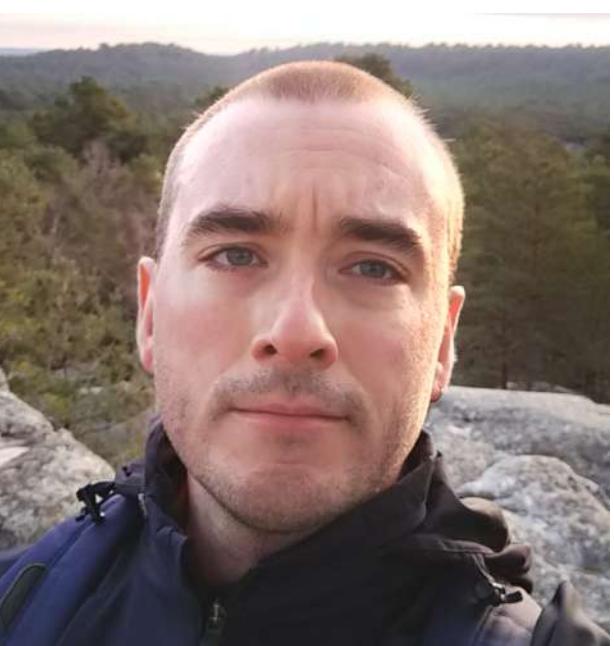


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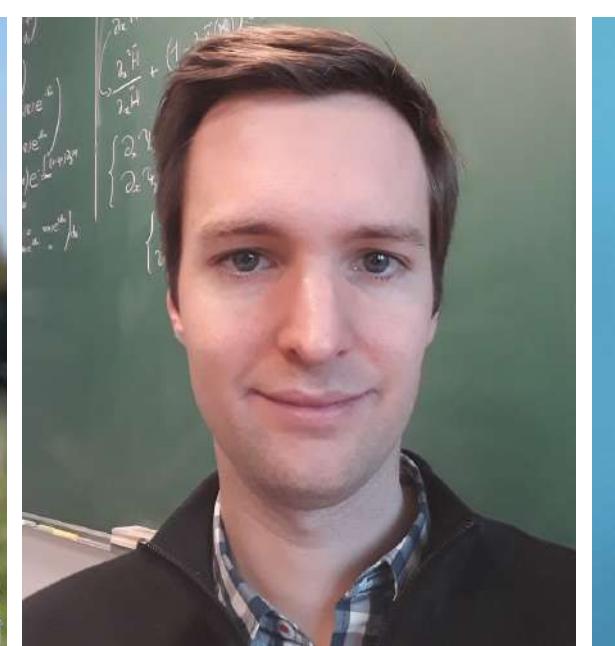
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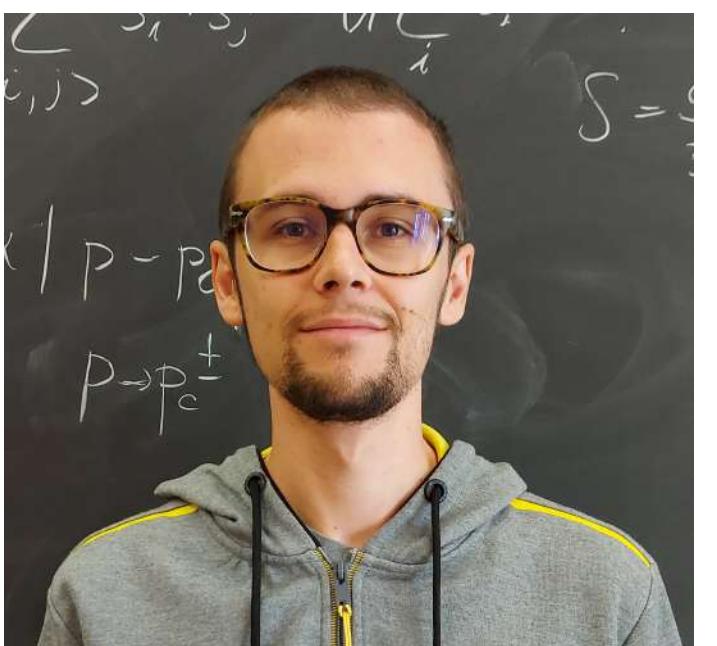
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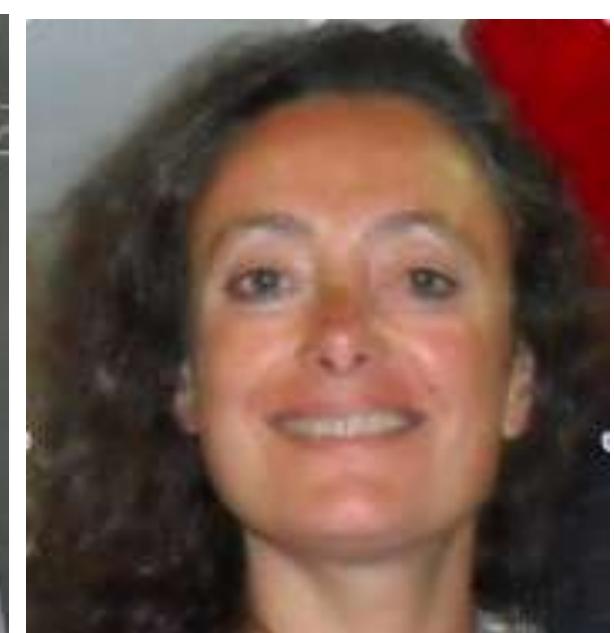
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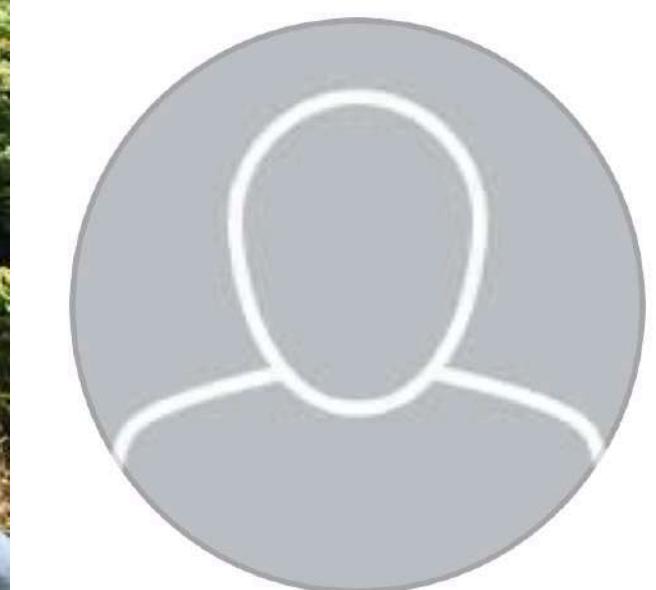
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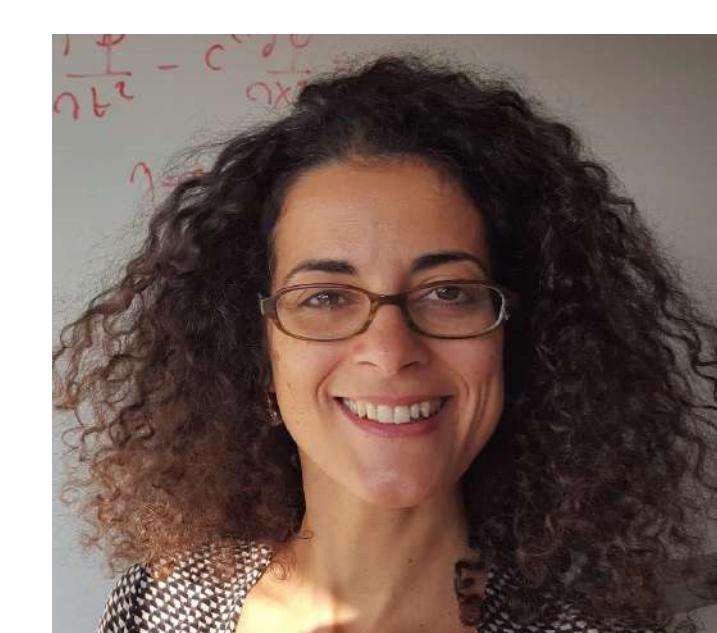
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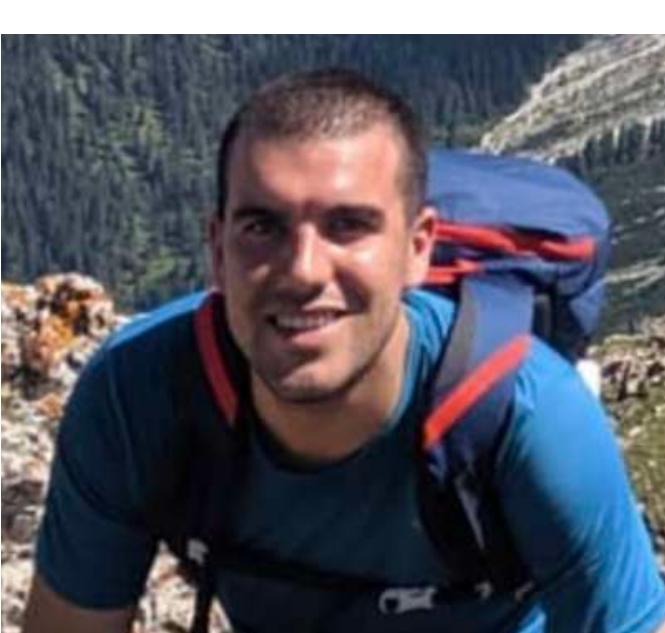
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