

# The ring of Brownian motion: the good, the bad, and the simply silly

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# Brownian motion

Gypsum crystals in a closterium moniliferum

Movie

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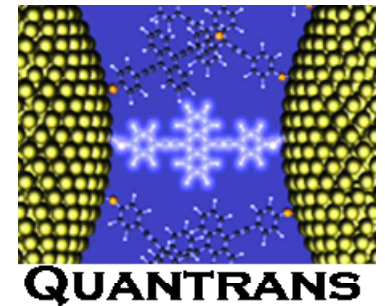
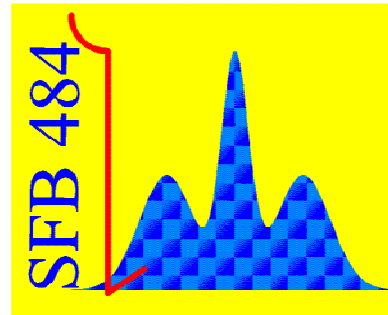
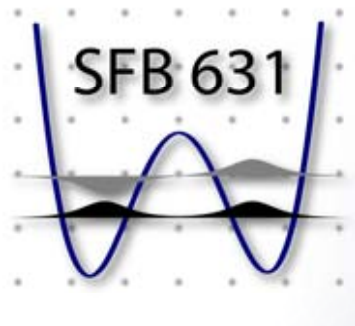
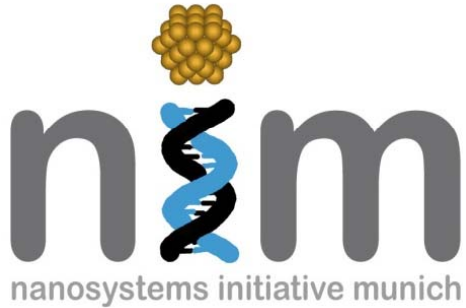


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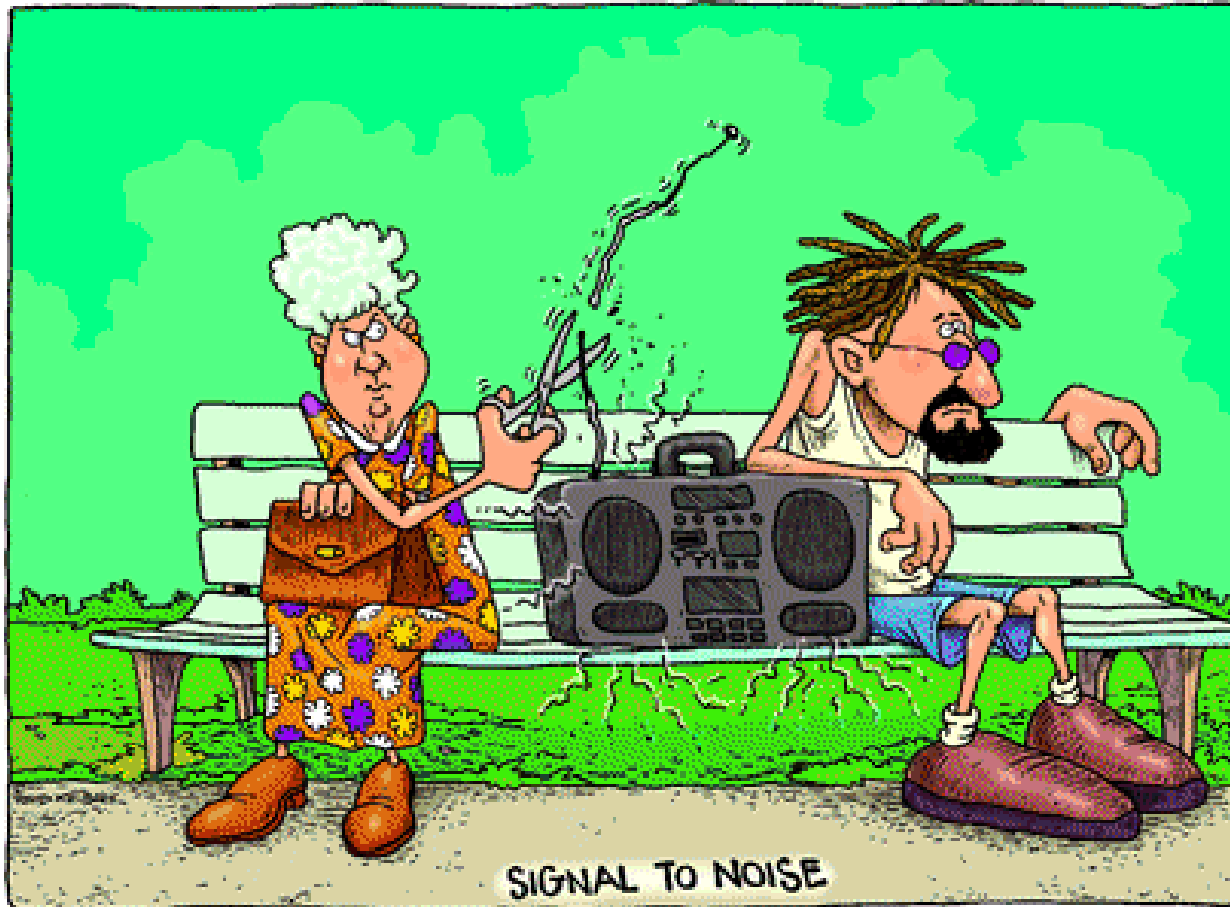


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# Noise – always bad ?



Source: Agilent Technologies

# Why you should **not do** Brownian motion

- You know nothing about the subject
- Many very good people worked on it  
(Einstein, Langevin, Smoluchowski, Ornstein, Uhlenbeck, Wiener, Onsager, Stratonovich, ...)
- You don't have your own pet theory yet

# Why you should **do** Brownian motion

- You know nothing about the subject
- Many very good people worked on it
- You still can do your own pet theory

# History



# Robert Brown (1773-1858)



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<http://www.brianjford.com/wbbrowna.htm>

1827 – irregular motion of granules of pollen in liquids

- Brown, *Phil. Mag.* **4**, 161 (1828)
- Deutsch: *Did Robert Brown observe Brownian Motion: probably not*, *Sci. Am.* **256**, 20 (1991)
- Ford: *“Brownian movement in clarkia pollen: a reprise of the first observations”*,  
*The Microscope* **39**, 161 (1991)

# Jan Ingen-Housz (1730-1799)



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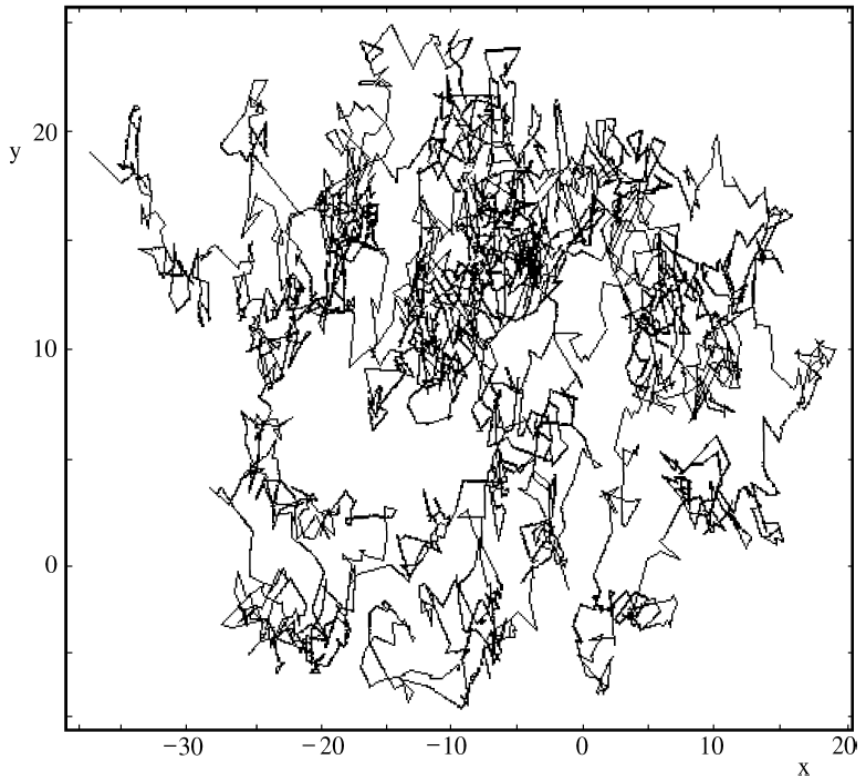


To see clearly how one can deceive one's mind on this point if one is not careful, one has only to place a drop of alcohol in the focal point of a microscope and introduce a little finely ground charcoal therein, and one will see these corpuscles in a confused, continuous and violent motion, as if they were animalcules which move rapidly around.

# Mean squared displacement

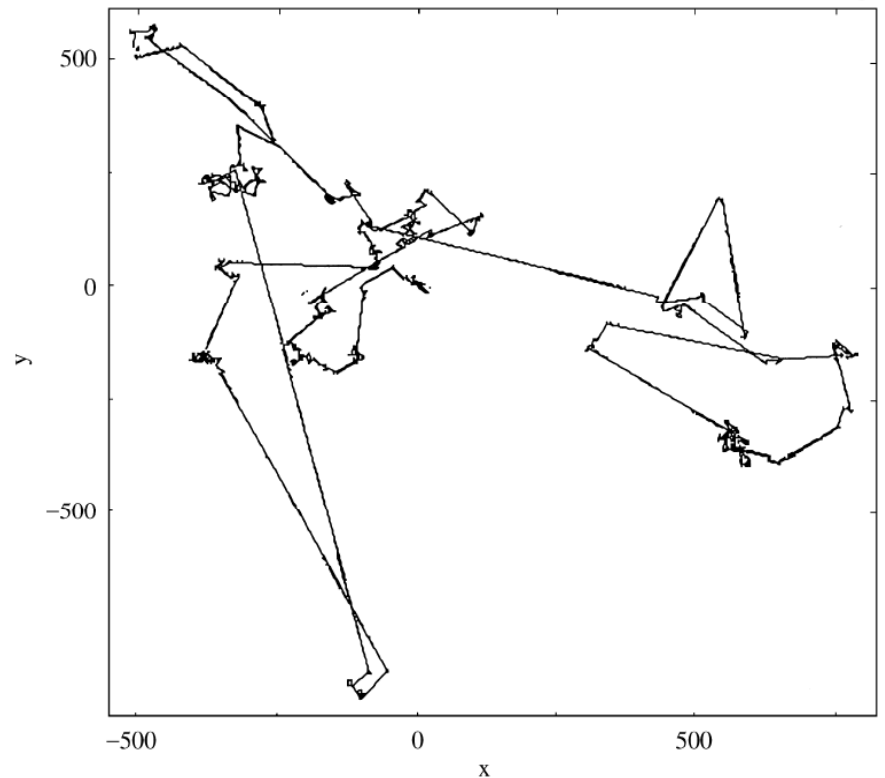
$$\langle x^2(t) \rangle \propto t^\alpha$$

Brownian movement  $\alpha = 1$



Source: Physica A **282**, 13 (2000)

Lévy-Brownian movement  $\alpha = \frac{4}{3}$



Source: Physica A **282**, 13 (2000)

# Theory of Brownian motion

W. Sutherland (1858-1911)

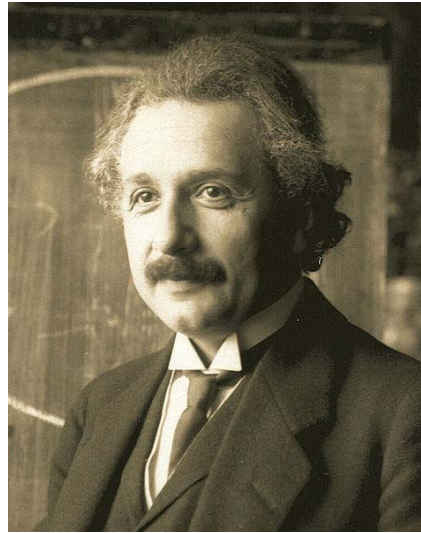


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$$D = \frac{RT}{6\pi\eta aC}$$

Phil. Mag. **9**, 781 (1905)

A. Einstein (1879-1955)



Source: [wikipedia.org](http://wikipedia.org)

$$\langle x^2(t) \rangle = 2Dt$$

$$D = \frac{RT}{N} \frac{1}{6\pi kP}$$

Ann. Phys. **17**, 549 (1905)

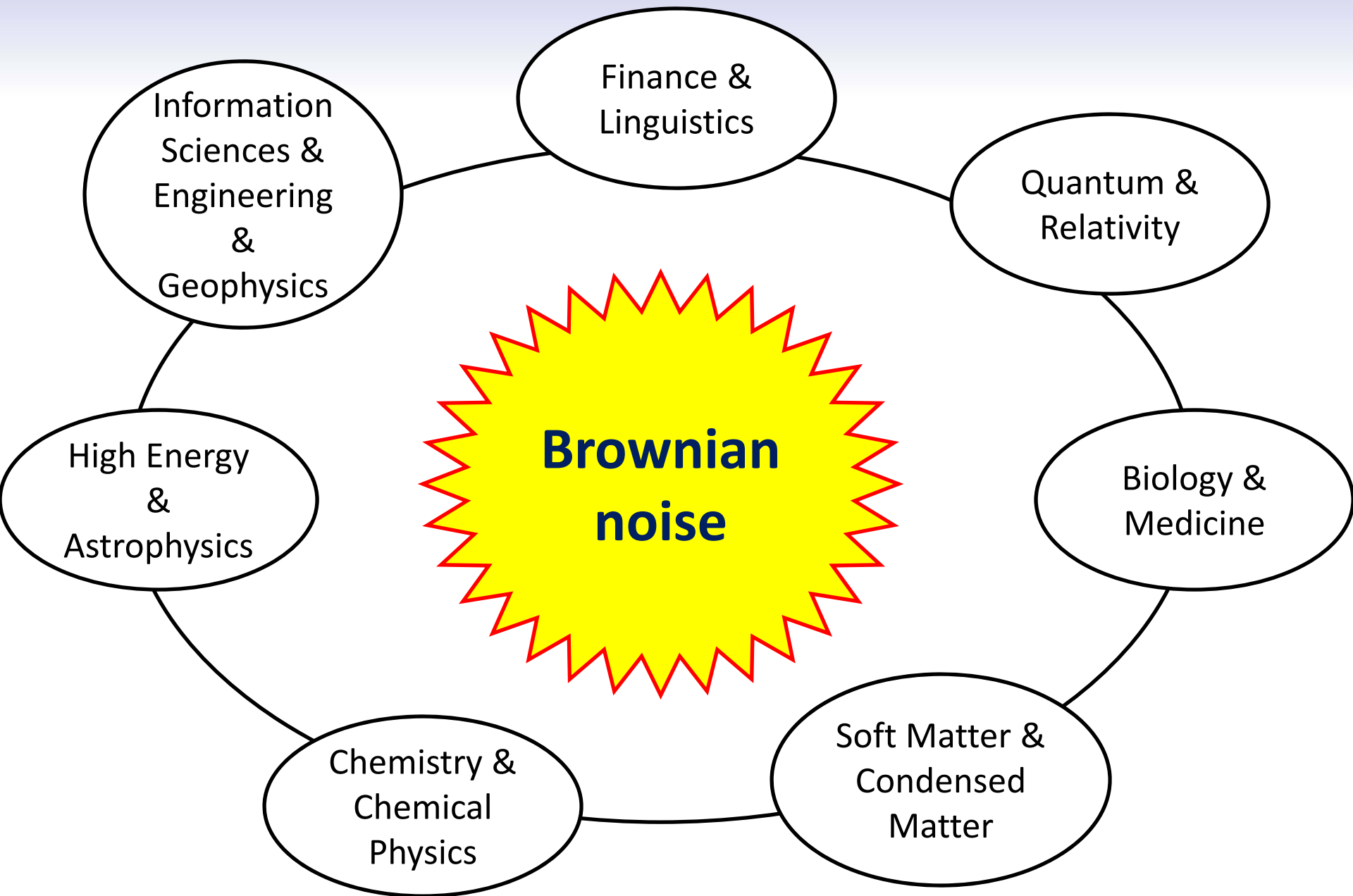
M. Smoluchowski  
(1872-1917)



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$$D = \frac{32}{243} \frac{mc^2}{\pi\mu R}$$

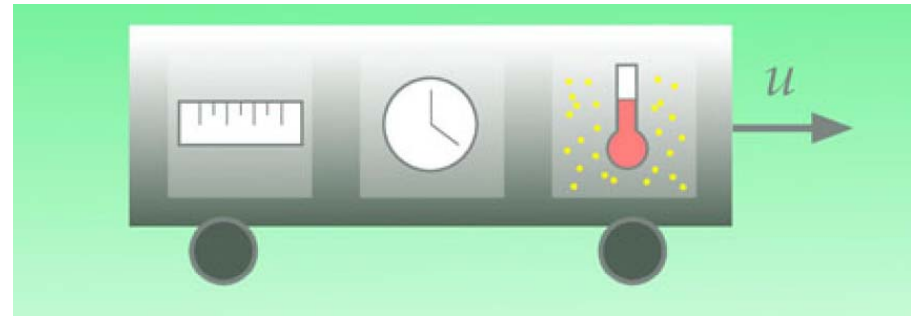
Ann. Phys. **21**, 756 (1906)





# Relativistic Brownian motion

J. Dunkel, P.H., Phys. Rep. **471**, 1 (2009)

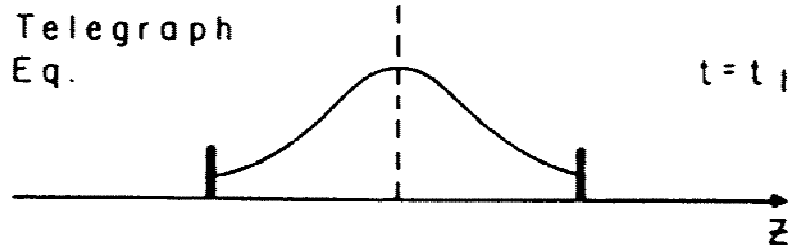
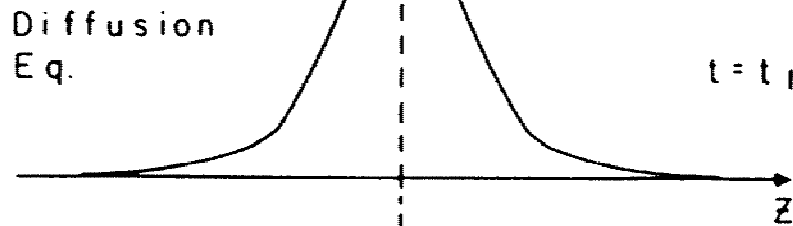
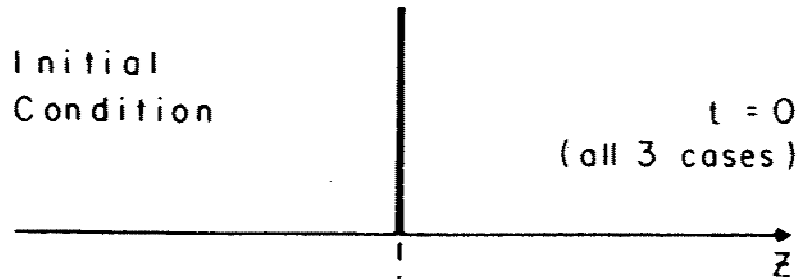


$$\gamma = \left[ 1 - (u/c)^2 \right]^{-1/2}$$

$$l(u) = l_0 \gamma^{-1} \quad t(u) = t_0 \gamma^{+1}$$

$$T(u) = T_0 \gamma^\alpha$$

$$\alpha = ?$$



Masoliver & Weiss,  
Eur. J. Phys. **17**: 190 (1996)

**J. Dunkel, Mon 10:30 (BAR SCHÖ)**

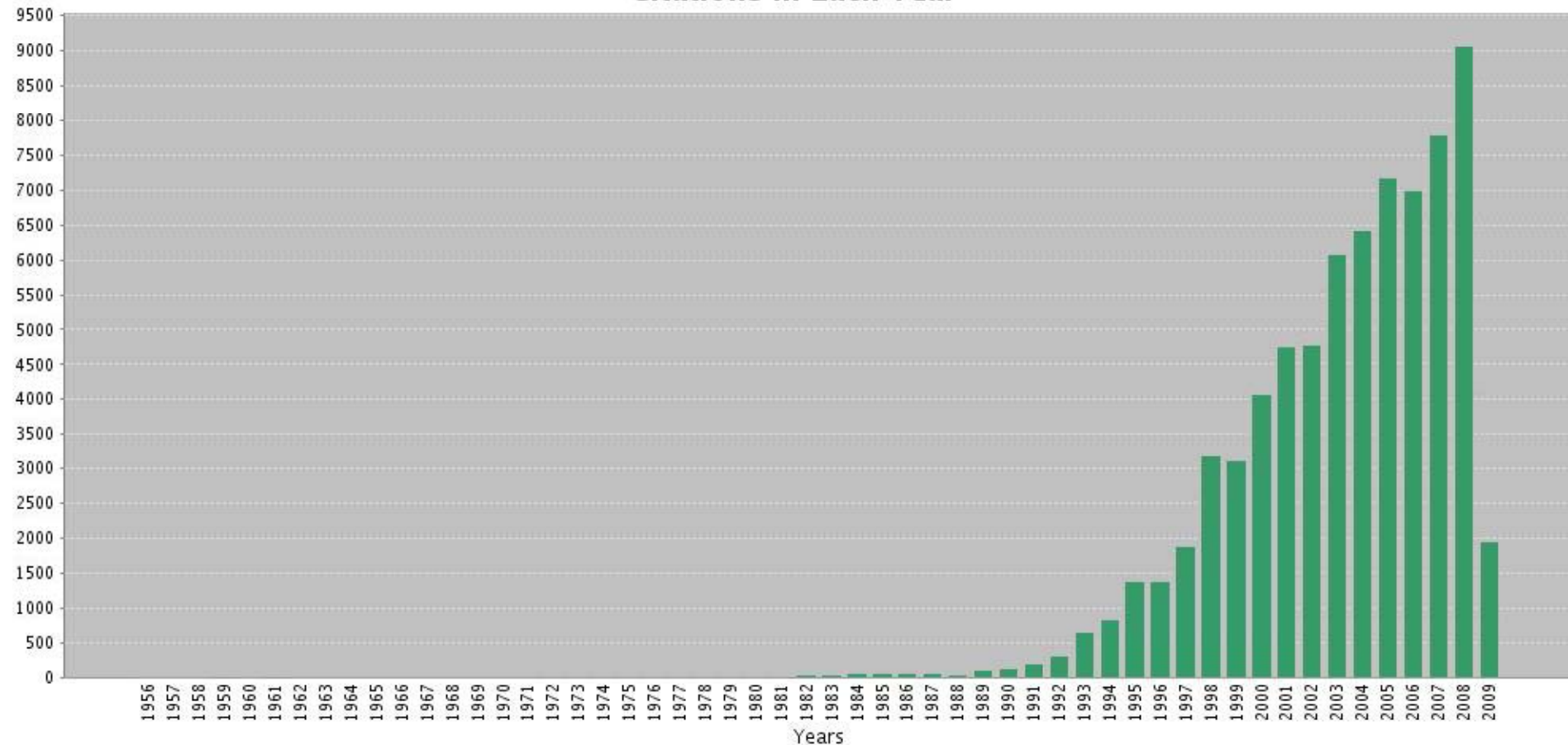
# Two prominent examples

Stochastic  
Resonance

Brownian  
Motors

# SR - Citations

Citations in Each Year

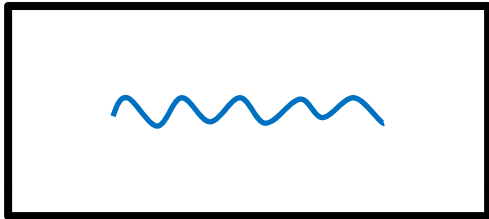


# papers in 2008:  $\approx 450$   
>72000 cites in total

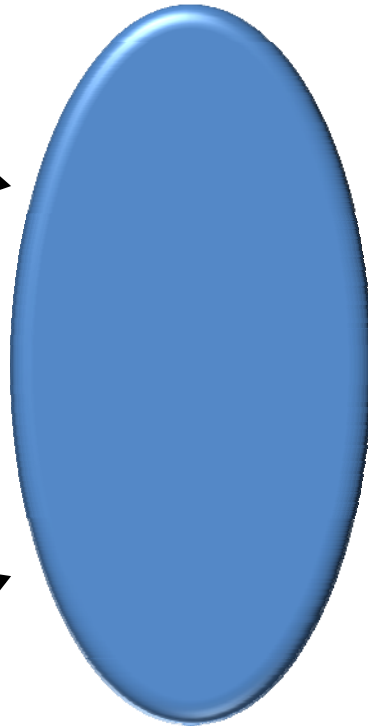
# Stochastic Resonance

( in a nutshell )

Weak signal

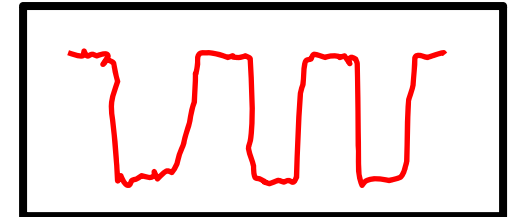


Noise source



System

Output signal



# SR - Ingredients

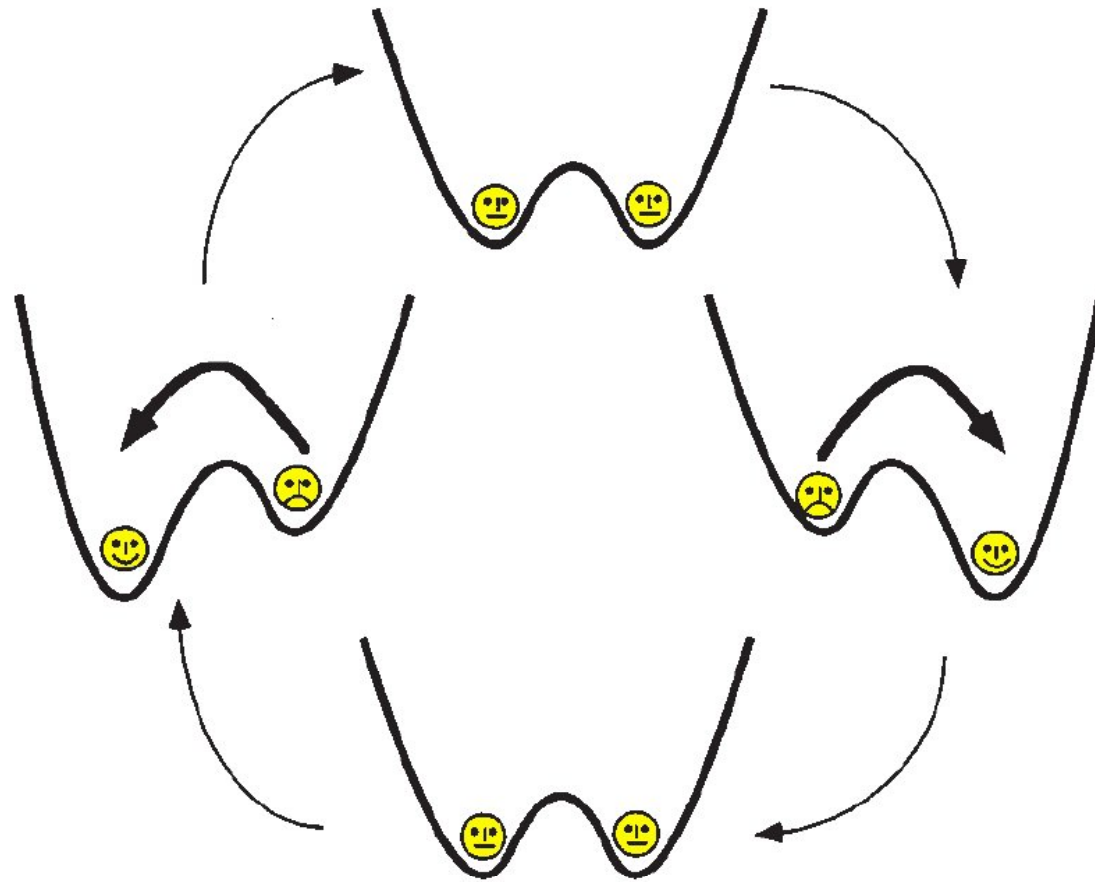
- ✓ Threshold system
- ✓ Weak ( subthreshold ) signal
- ✓ Noise



Anomalous amplification properties



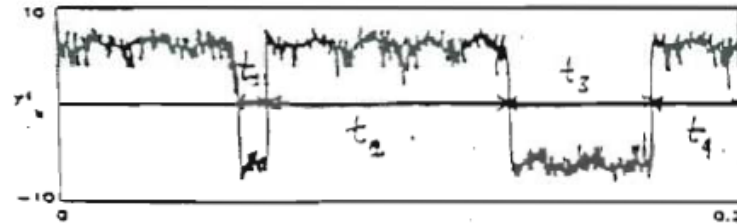
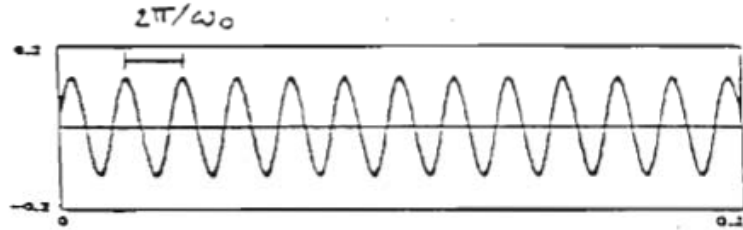
# Noise-assisted synchronized hopping



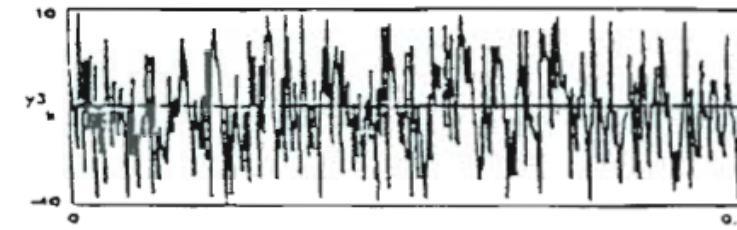
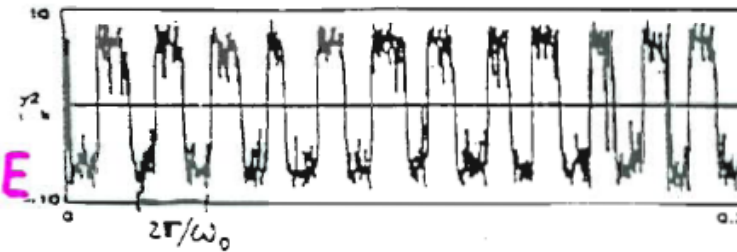
$$T_{\text{period}} \cong 2T_{\text{escape}}$$

# Synchronization

SIGNAL

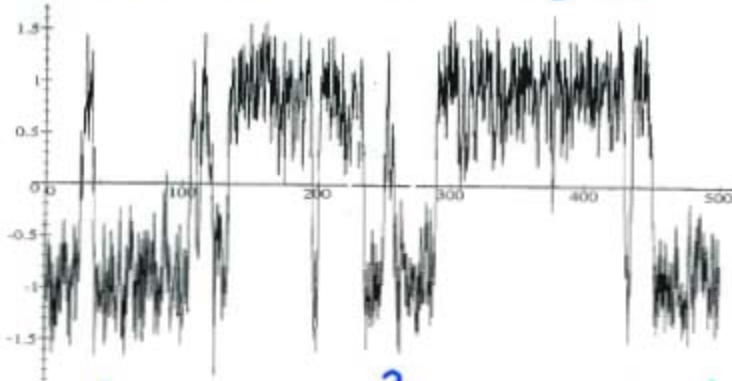


$T_e \sim 2\tau^{-1}$   
ESCAPE

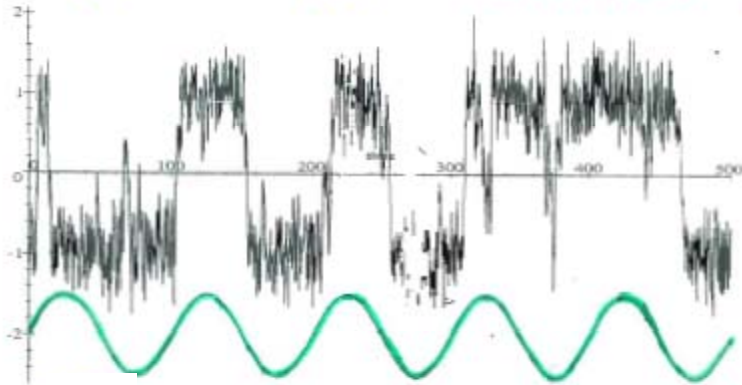


# Power spectral density

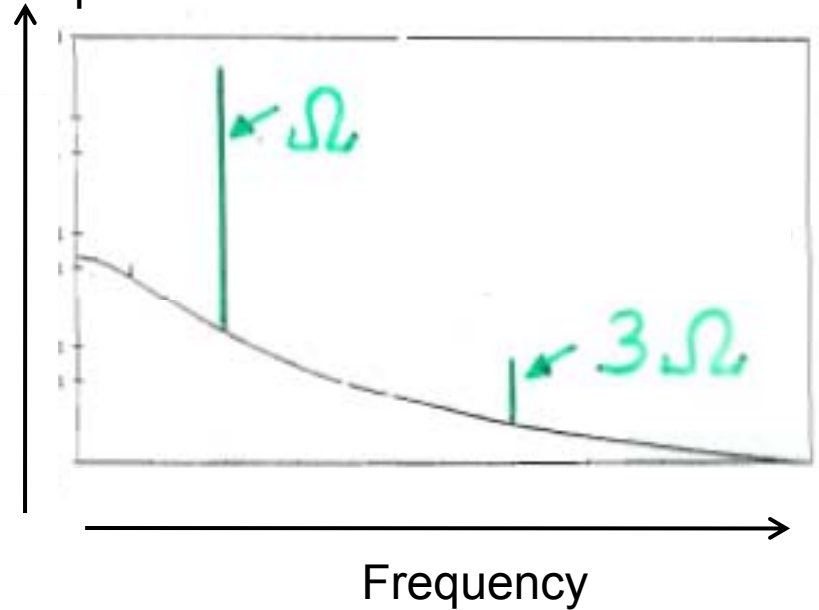
$$\dot{X} = X - X^3 + \xi(t)$$



$$\dot{X} = X - X^3 + A \sin(\Omega t) + \xi(t)$$



Spectrum



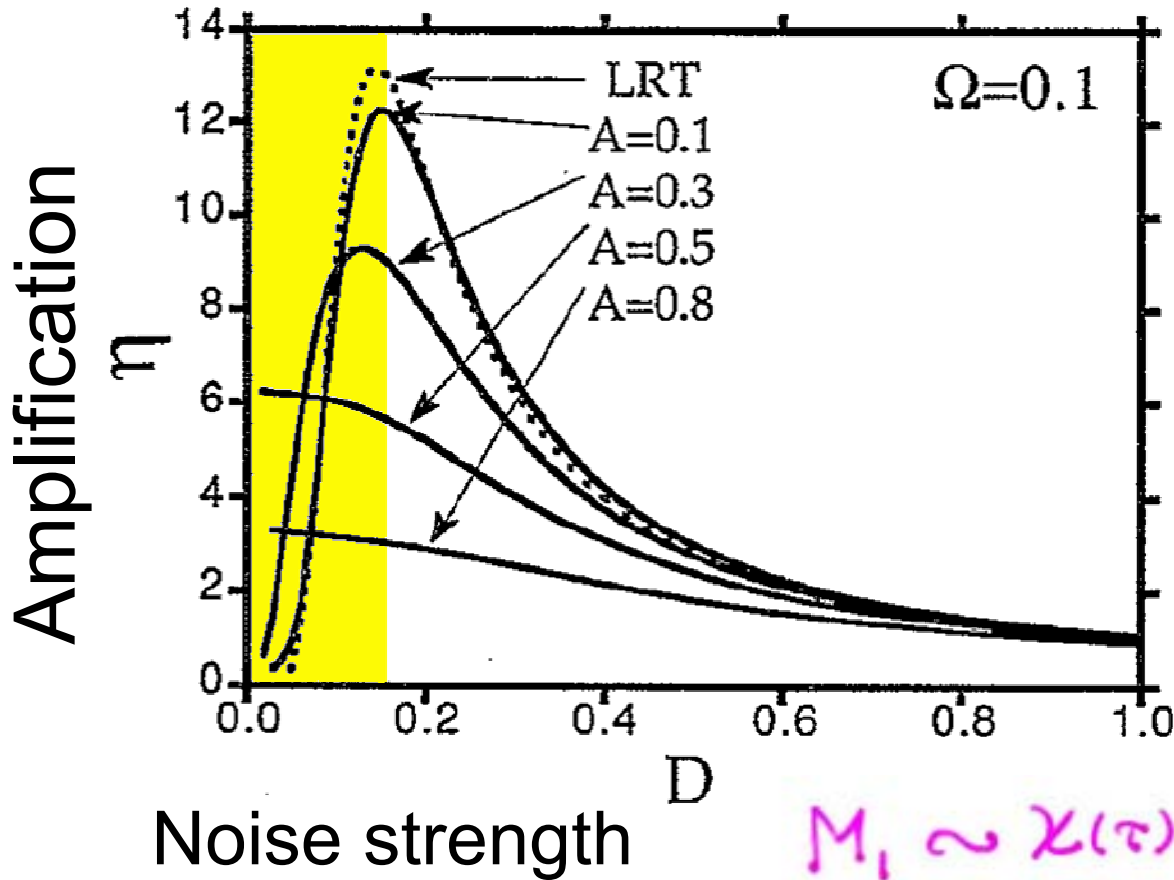
# Measuring SR

- Signal to noise ratio
- Spectral amplification
- mutual information
- cross-correlation: input  $\leftrightarrow$  output
- peak area, (phase-) synchronization, ...

## SR-reviews:

L. Gammaitoni, P. Hänggi, P. Jung, F. Marchesoni, Rev. Mod. Phys. **70**, 223 (1998)  
P. Hänggi, ChemPhysChem **3**, 285 (2002)

# Signal amplification



MORE NOISE



MORE SIGNAL

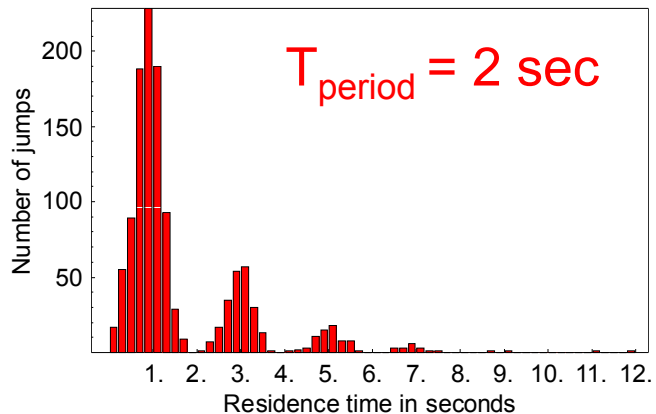
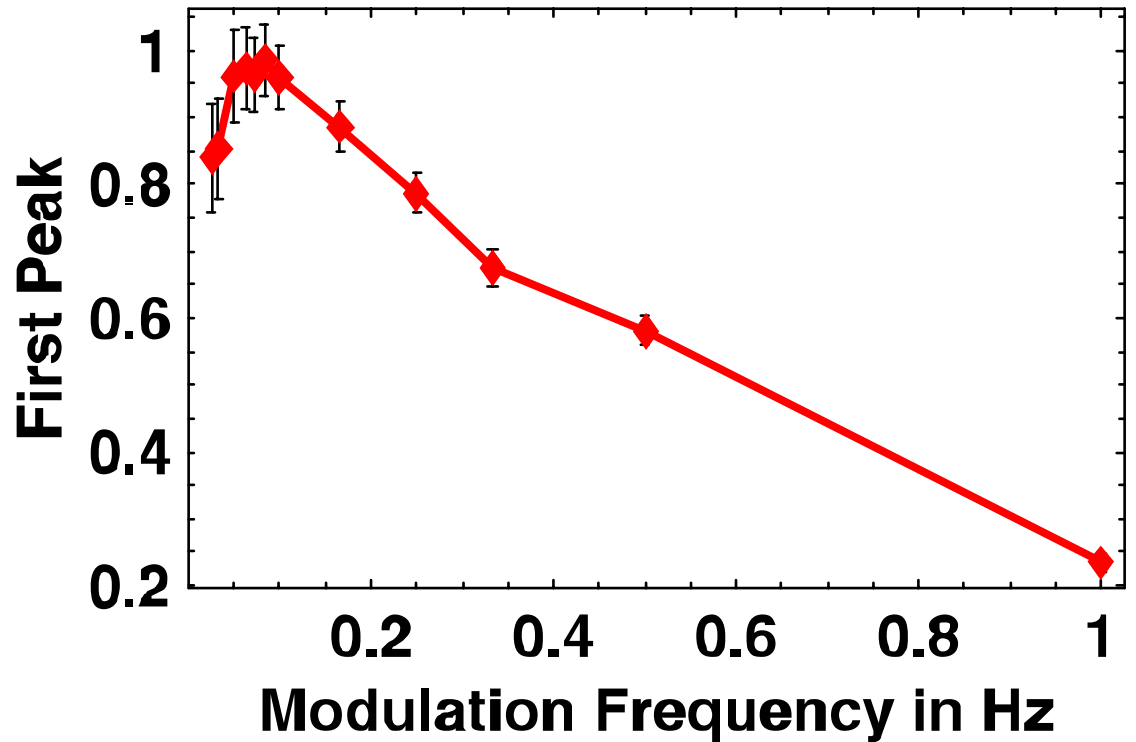
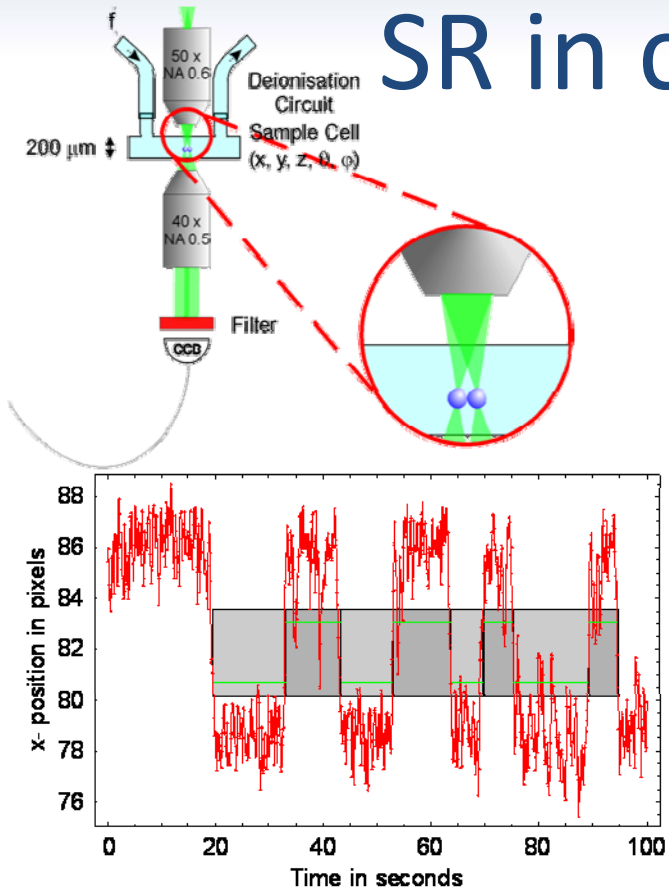
$$M_1 \sim \chi(\tau) = -\frac{1}{D} \frac{d}{d\tau} \langle \delta x(\tau) \delta \xi(0) \rangle$$

$$|M_1|^2 \propto \frac{1}{D^2} \exp(-2\alpha U/D)$$



# SR examples

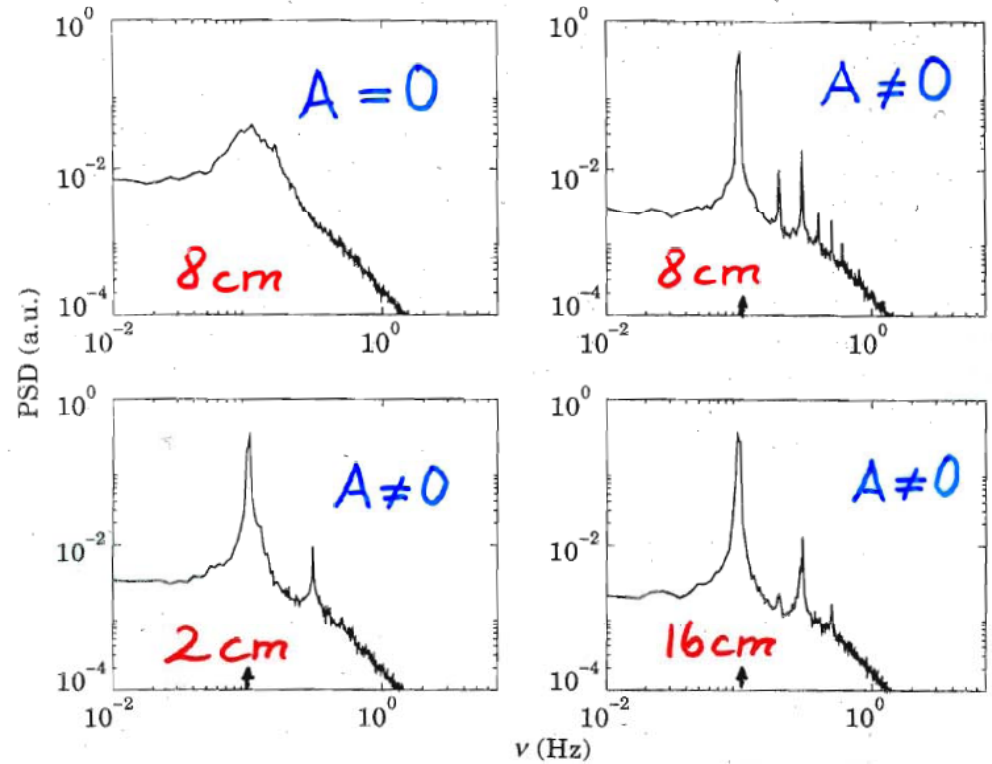
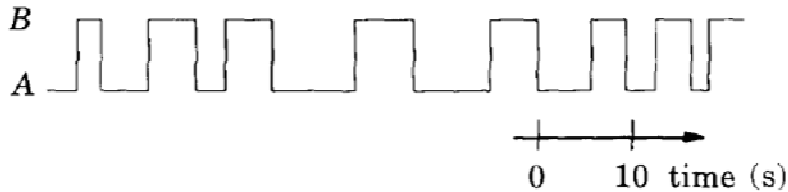
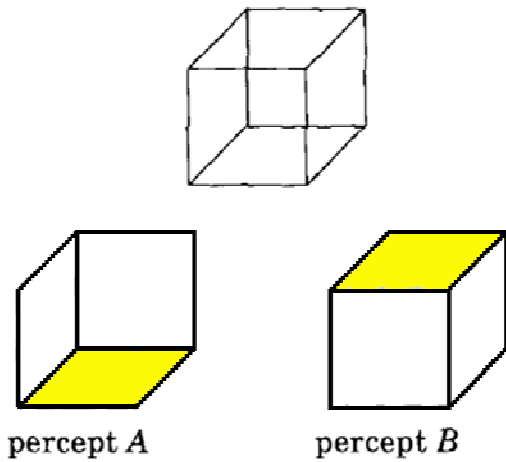
# SR in colloidal systems



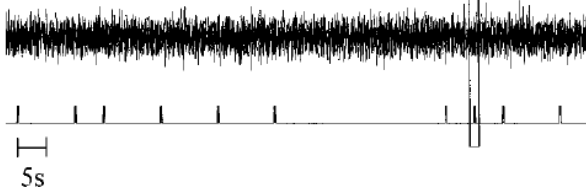
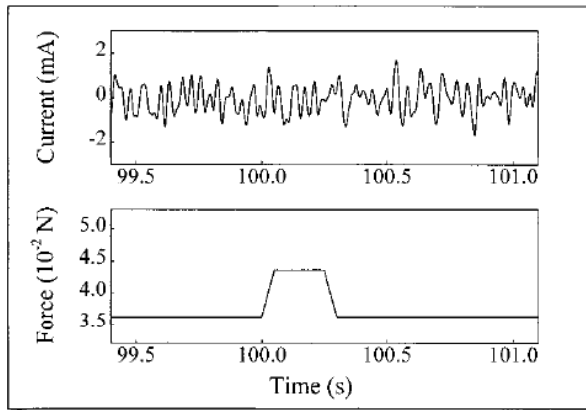
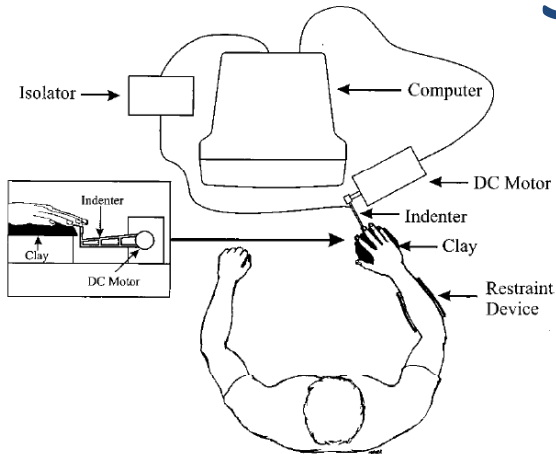
D. Babic, C. Schmitt, I. Poberaj, C. Bechinger,  
Europhys. Lett. **67**, 158 (2004)

# SR in Visual Perception

Experiment:



# SR in tactile sensation – SRT - Zeptoring



- Parkinson
- Multiple sclerosis (MS)
- Stroke / skull-brain-trauma
- Cross-section paralysis
- Depression
- Pain
- ...

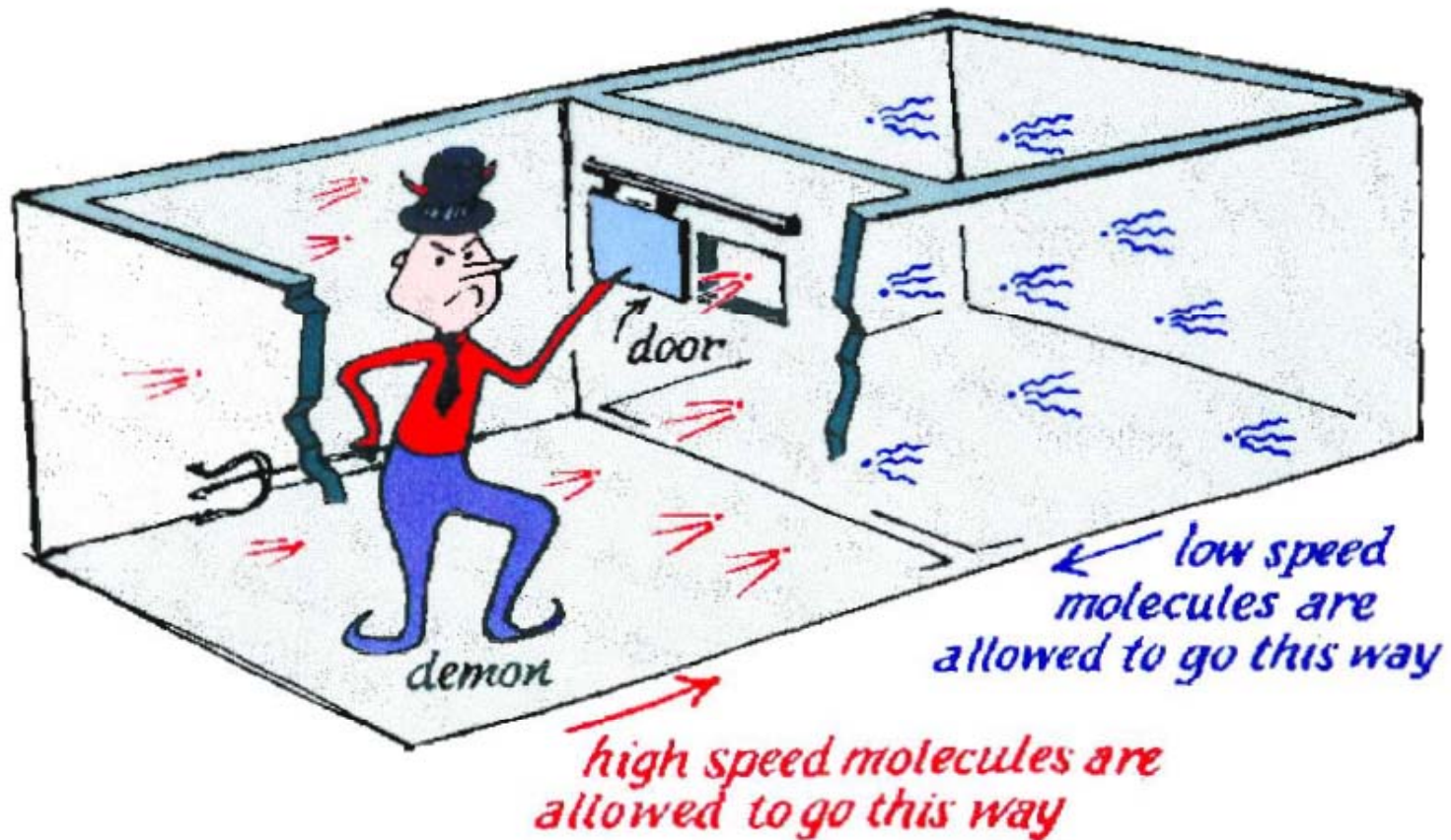


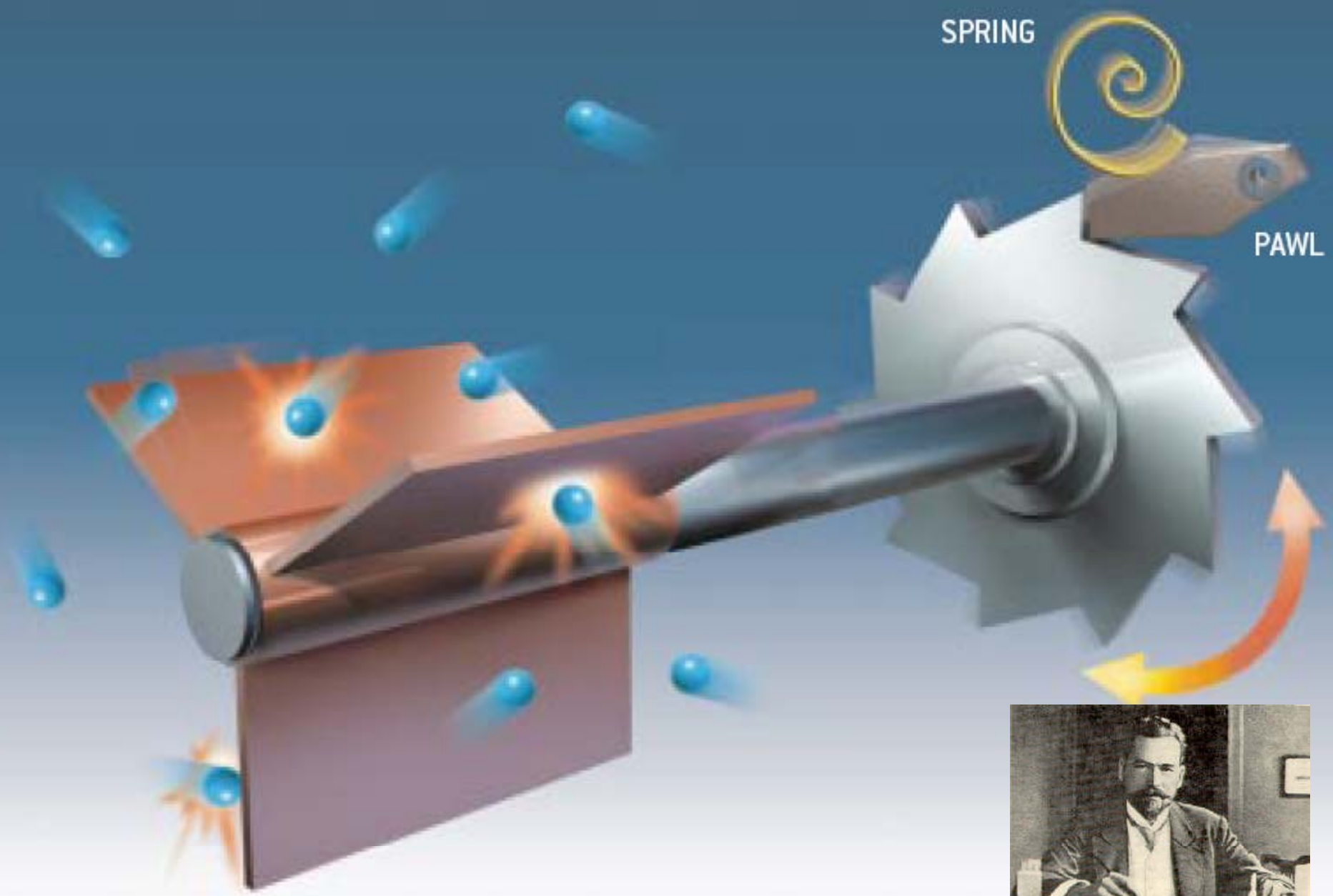
# SR trends

- Spatio – temporal SR
- Aperiodic SR
- Quantum SR

# Brownian motors:

## EX(E/O)RCISING DEMONS

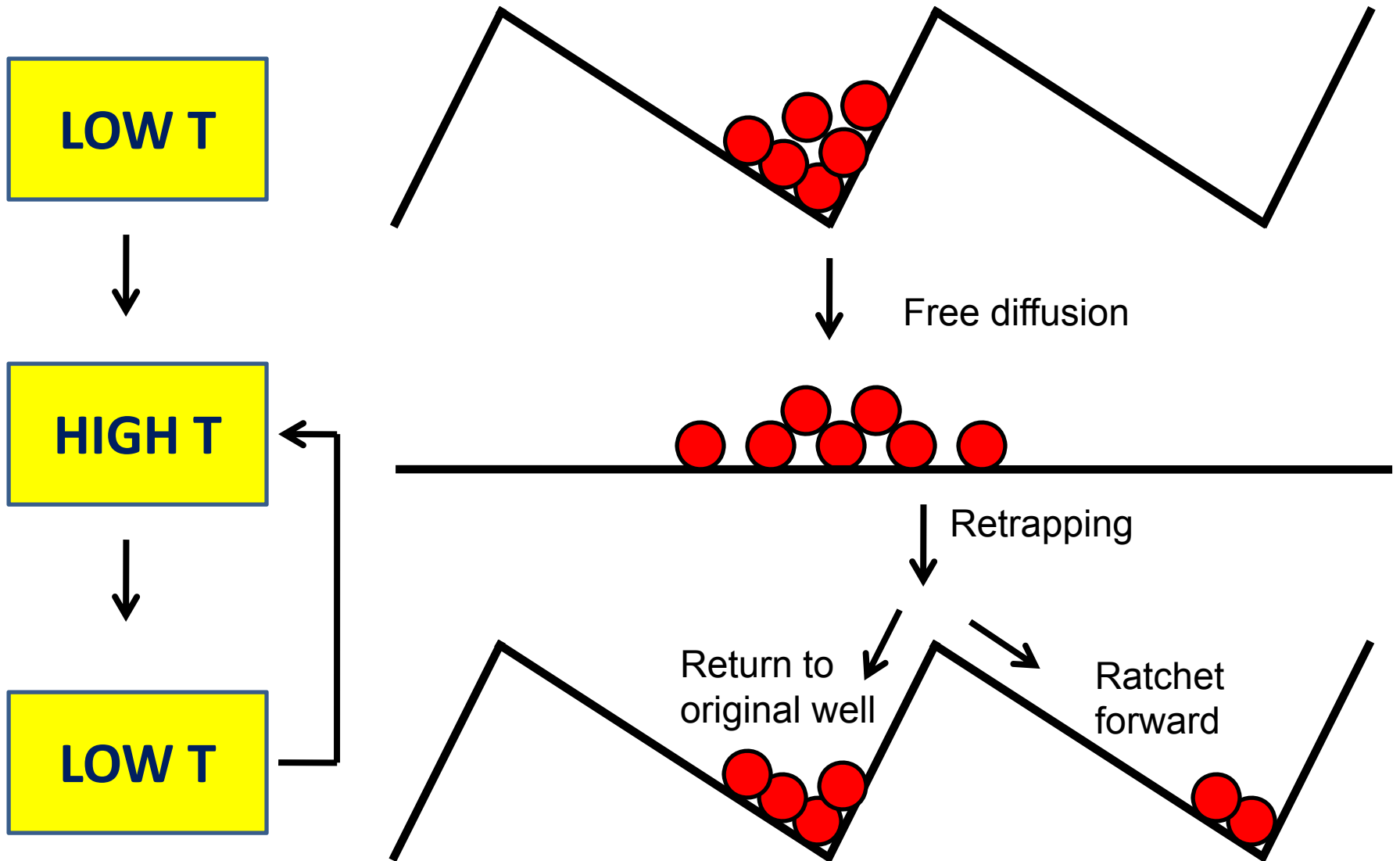




Source: Scientific American (2001)



# Temperature / Flashing Ratchet





# Brownian motor

Movie

# Brownian motors - Characteristics

- Noise & AC-Input → **DC-Output**
- Non-equilibrium Noise → **Directed Transport**
- **Current reversals**
- **Applications:**
  - **Novel pumps and traps for charged or neutral particles**
  - **Brownian diodes & transistors**

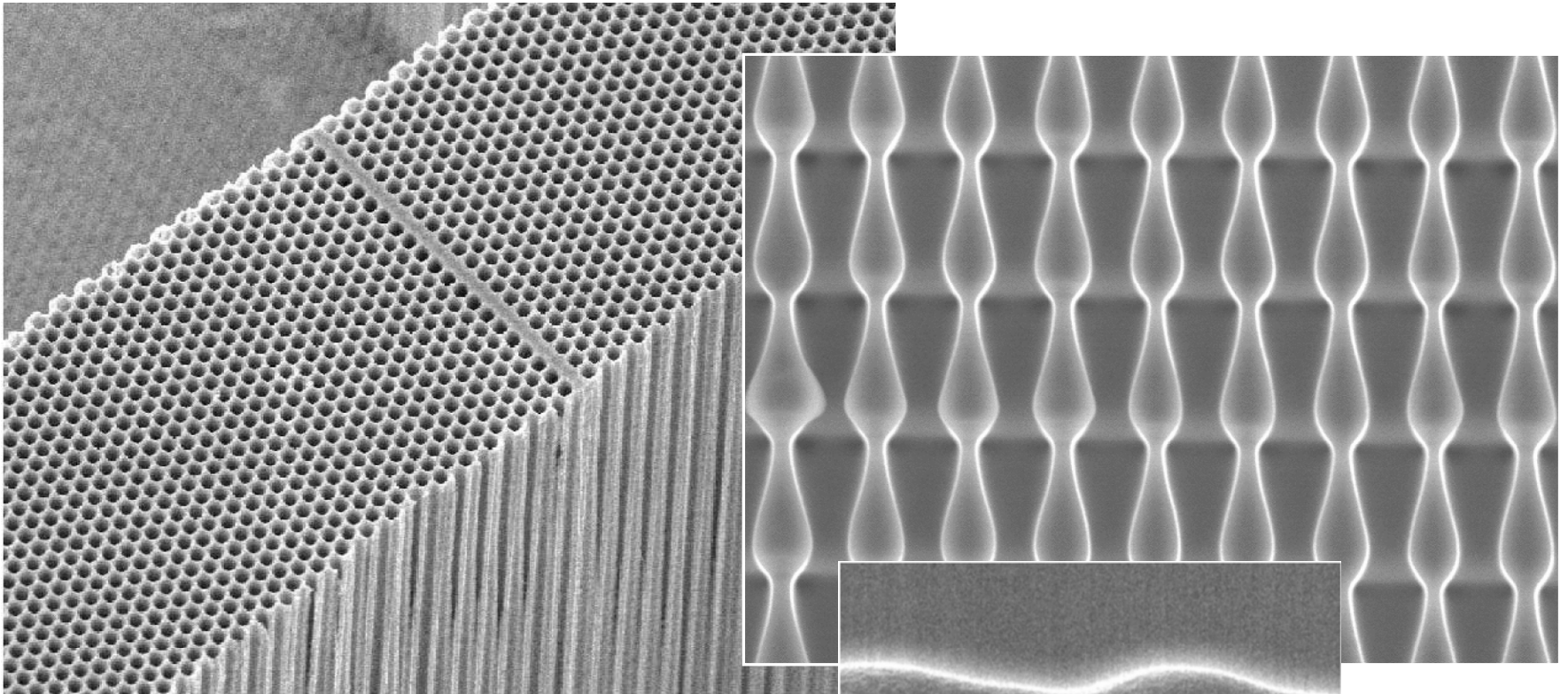
Ask not what physics can do  
for biology, ask what biology  
can do for physics

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**Artificial Brownian motors: Controlling transport on the nanoscale**

P.H. and F. Marchesoni

# Drift Ratchet - Device

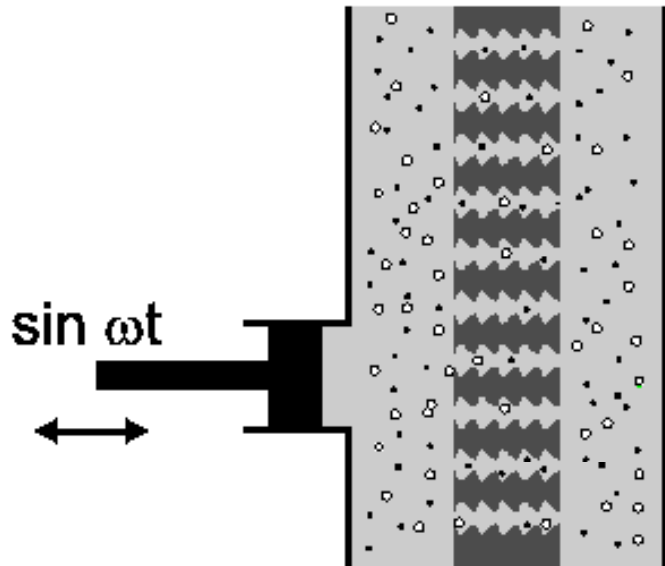


Source: F. Müller, MPI for microstructure physics, Halle

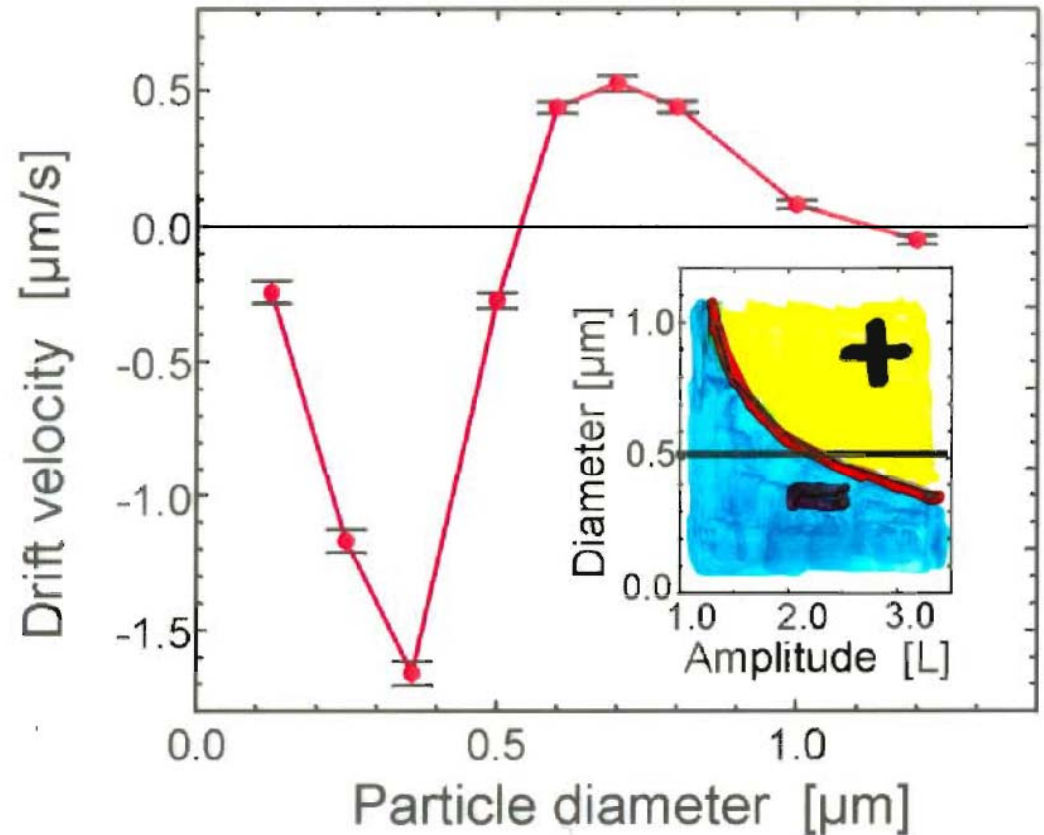
# Drift Ratchet - Theory

C. Kettner, P. Reimann, P. H., F. Müller, Phys. Rev. E **61**, 312 (2000)

Setup

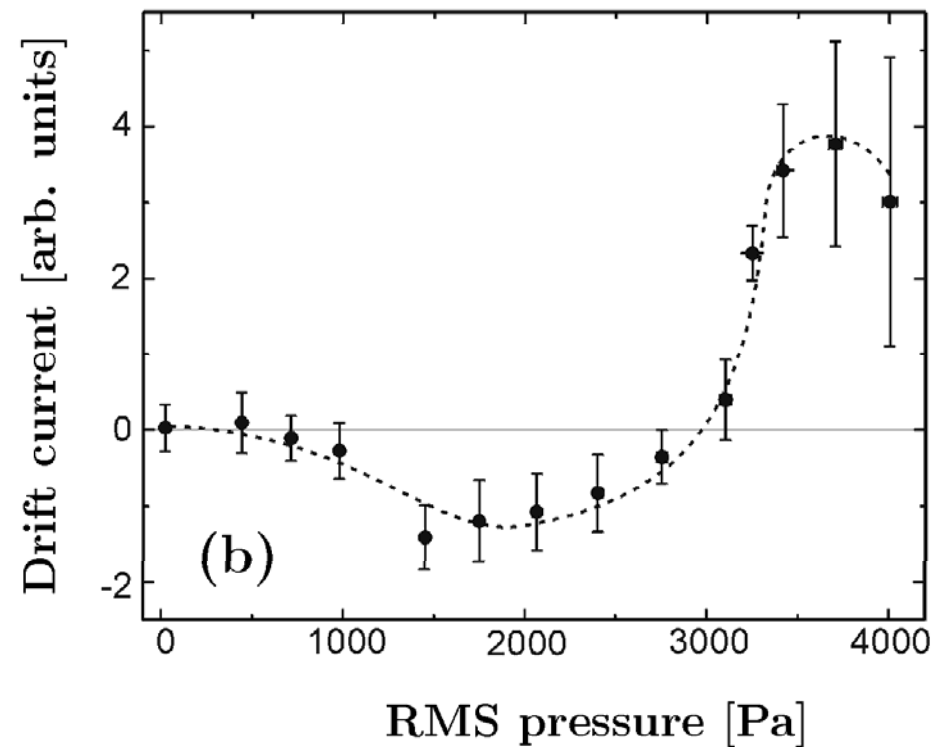
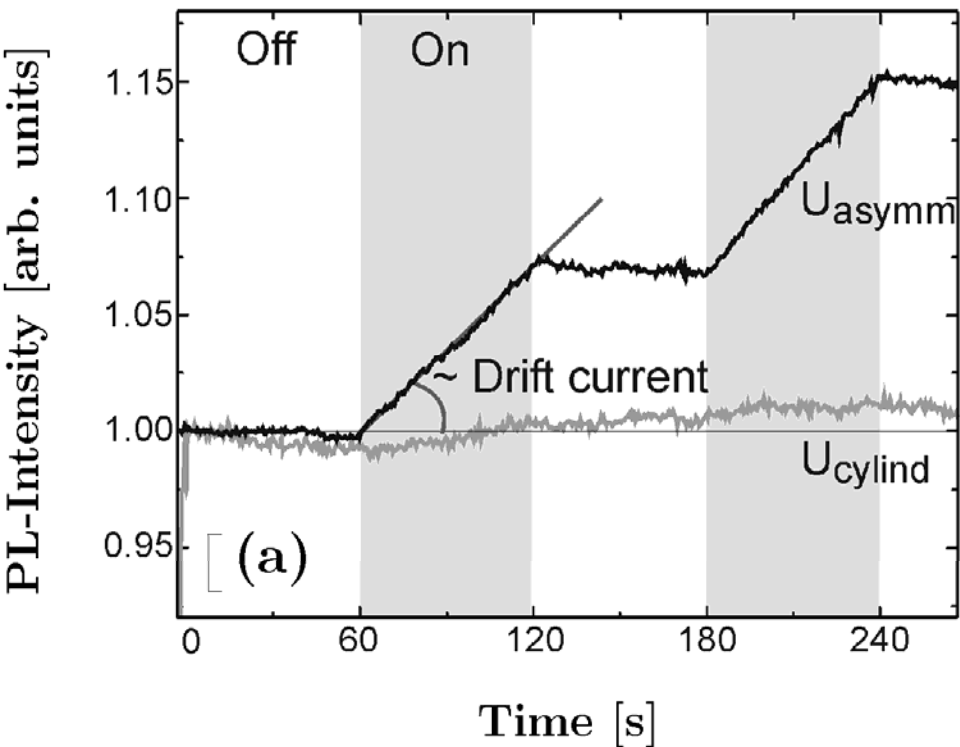


## Particle Separation



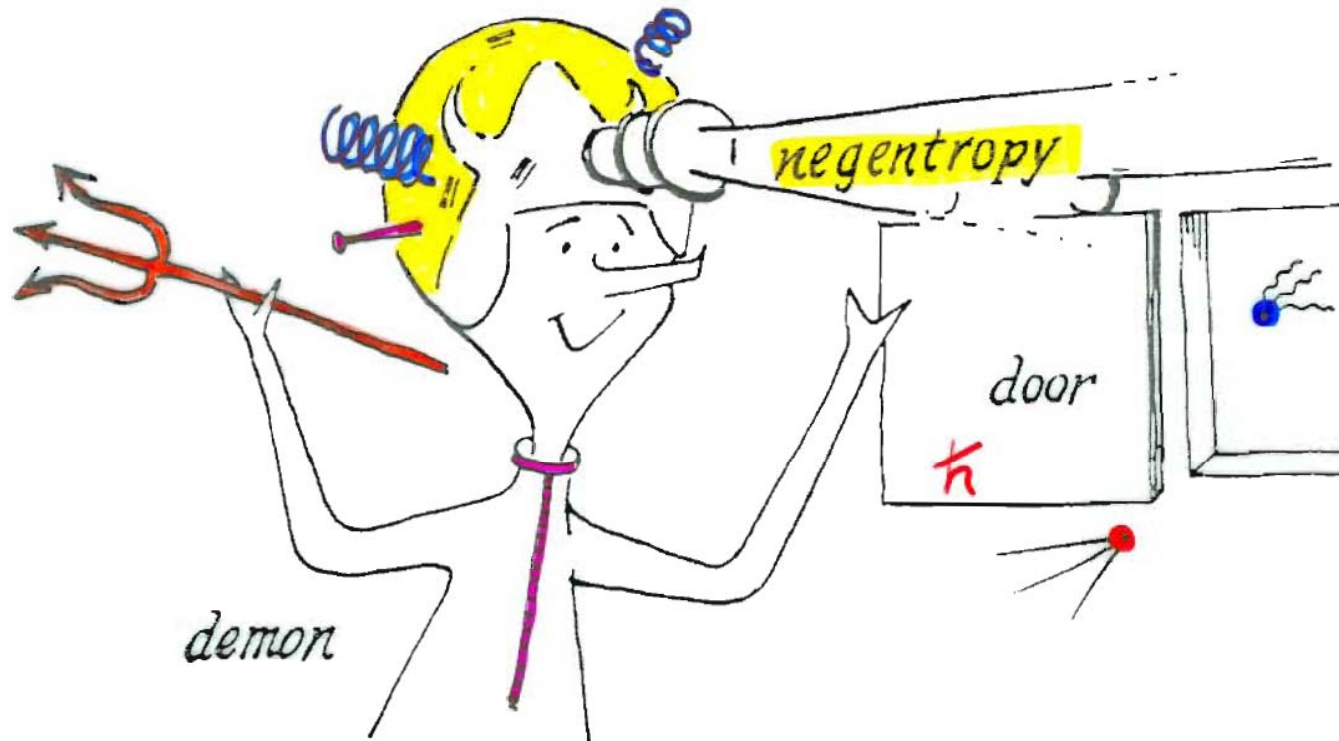
# Drift Ratchet – Experiment

S. Matthias, F. Müller, Nature **424**, 53 (2003)



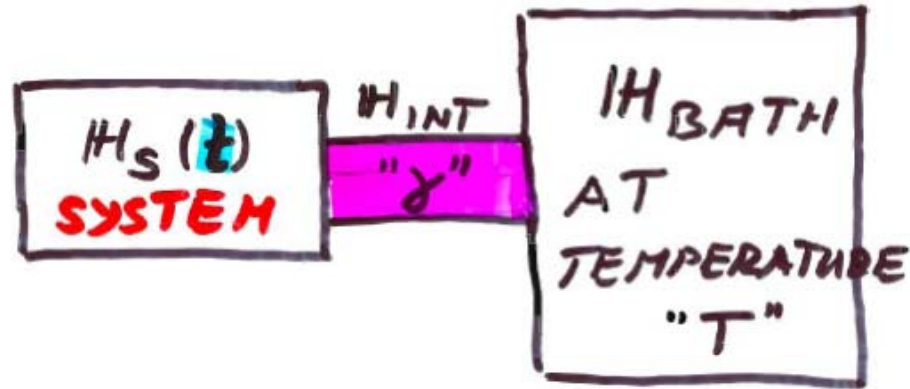
# Quantum Demon ?

A measurement  $\rightarrow$  Increase information  $\rightarrow$  Reduction of entropy



Source: H.S. Leff, *Maxwell's Demon* (Adam Hilger, Bristol, 1990)

# Quantum Brownian Motors



$$i\hbar \dot{\rho} = [H_S(t) + H_{INT} + H_{BATH}, \rho]$$

Hilbert space:  $\text{SYSTEM} \otimes \text{BATH}$

SUPER-  
BATH



# Quantum-Langevin-equation

$$m\ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \int_{-\infty}^t \gamma(t-t') \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t') dt' + V'(\mathbf{x}; t) = \boldsymbol{\xi}(t)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \langle \boldsymbol{\xi}(t)\boldsymbol{\xi}(s) + \boldsymbol{\xi}(s)\boldsymbol{\xi}(t) \rangle_{\text{bath}} = \frac{m}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \text{Re} \hat{\gamma}(-i\omega + 0^+) \hbar \omega \coth \left( \frac{\hbar}{2k_{\text{B}}T} \right) \cos[\omega(t-s)] d\omega$$

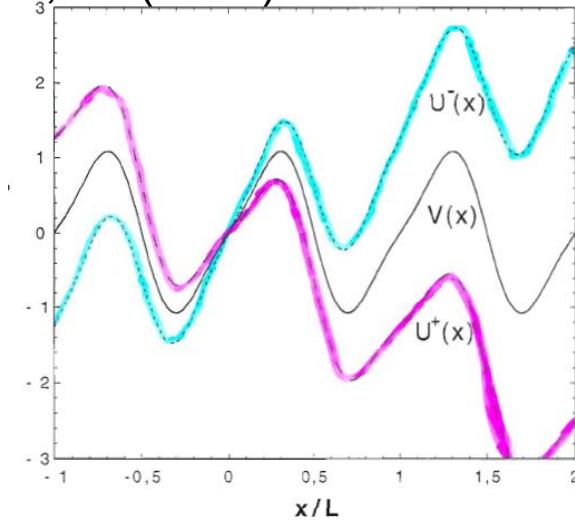
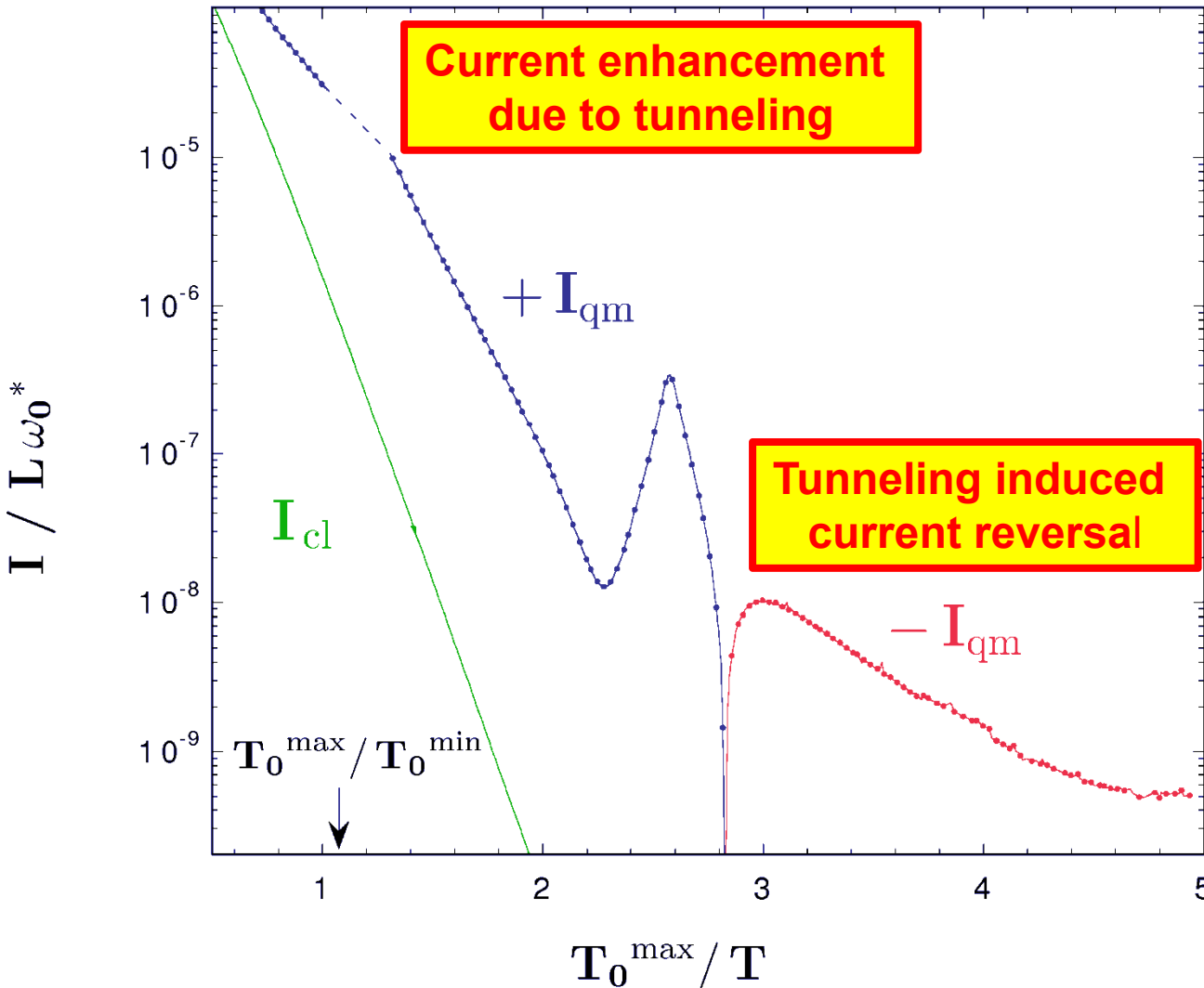
And:

$$[\boldsymbol{\xi}(t), \boldsymbol{\xi}(s)] = -i\hbar \dots \neq 0$$



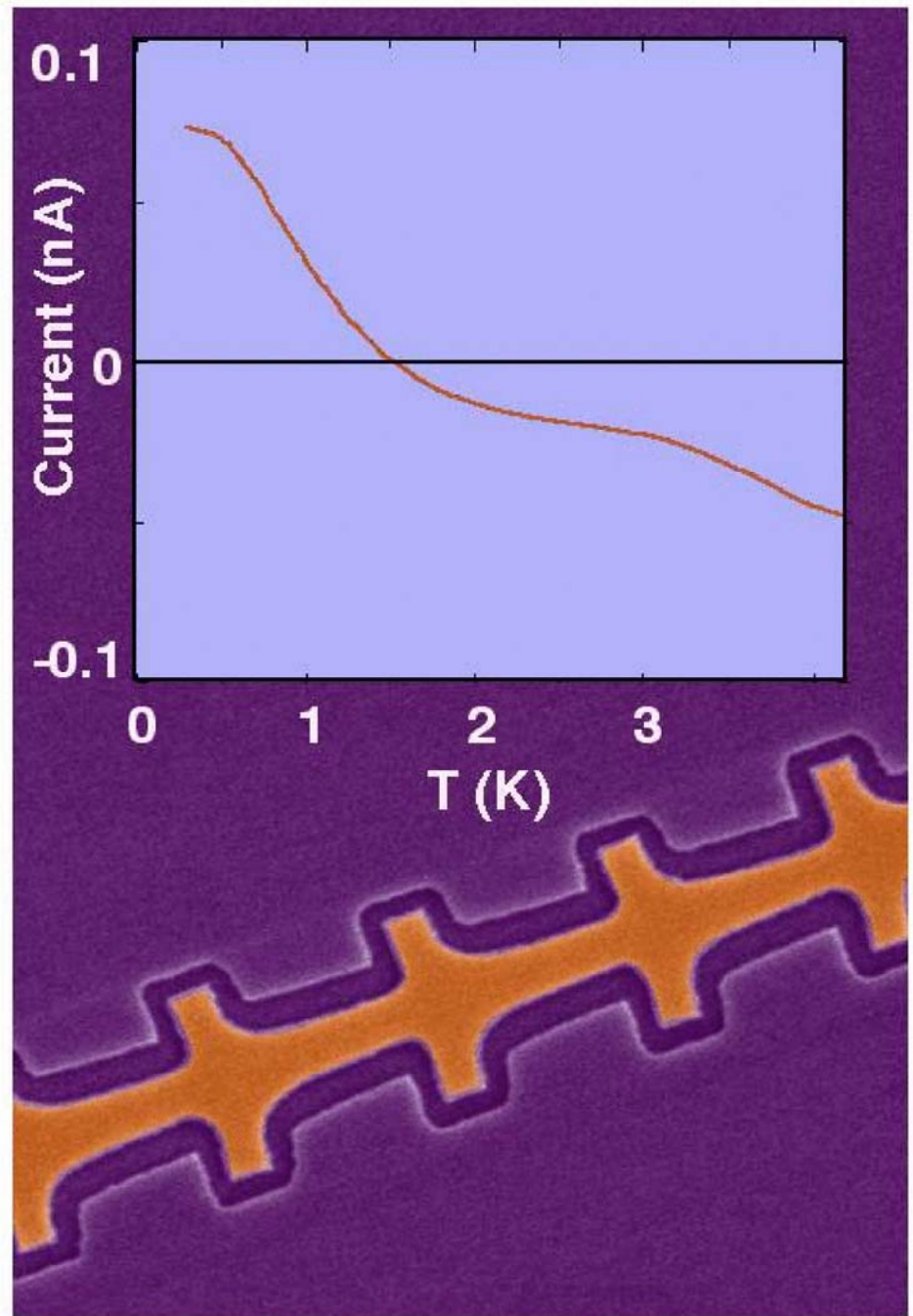
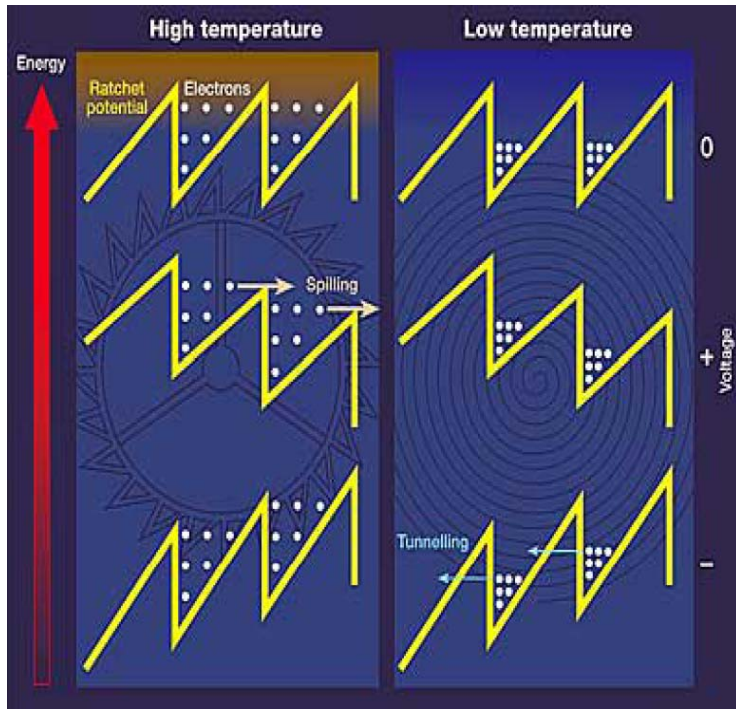
# Rocking Ratchet - Theory

P. Reimann, M. Grifoni, P. H., Phys. Rev. Lett. **79**, 10 (1997)



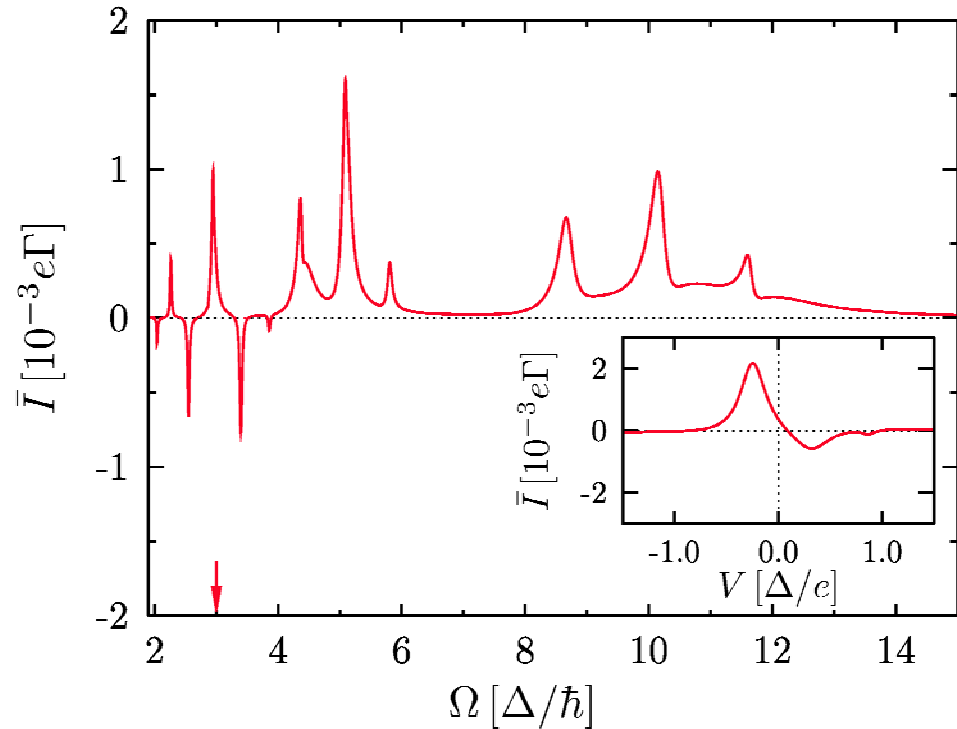
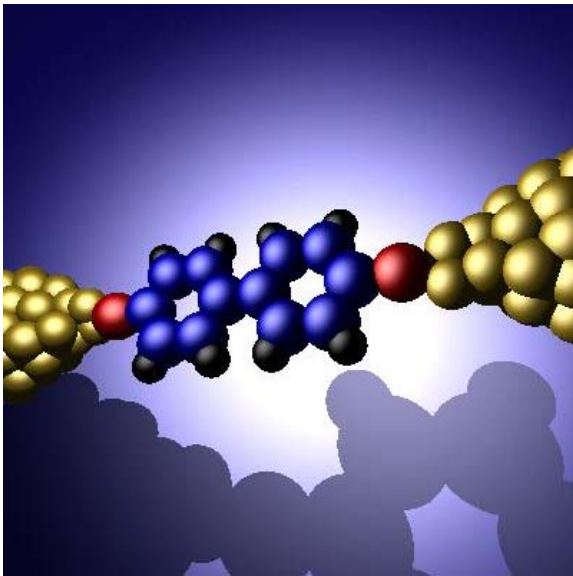
# Rocking QM Ratchet – Experiment

H. Linke, *et al.*,  
SCIENCE **286**, 2314 (1999)



# Molecular wires

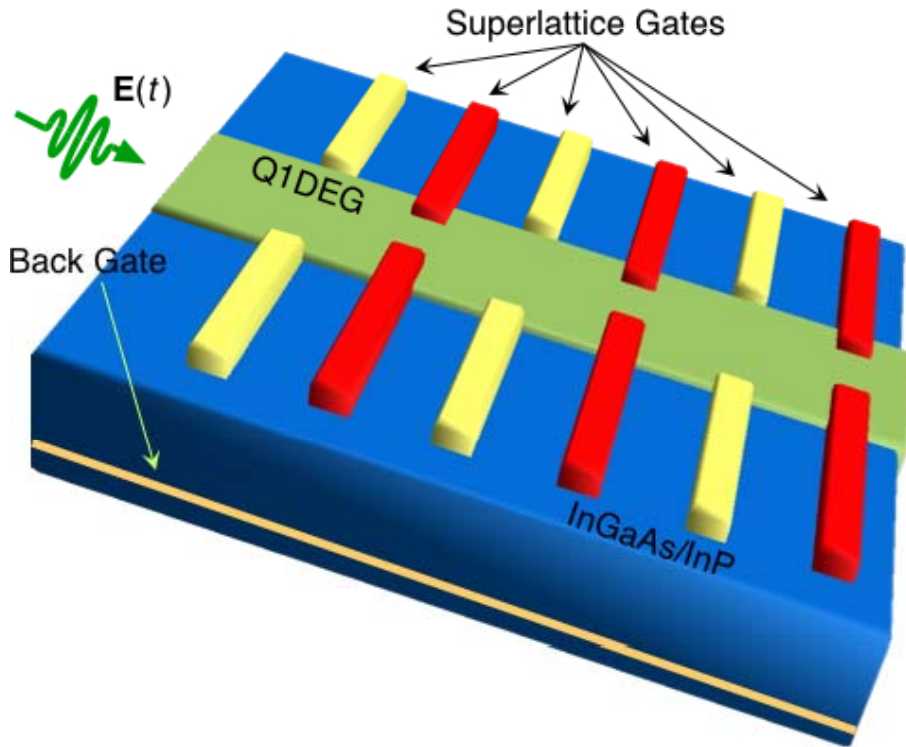
J. Lehmann, S. Kohler, P. H., A. Nitzan, Phys. Rev. Lett. **88**, 228305 (2002)



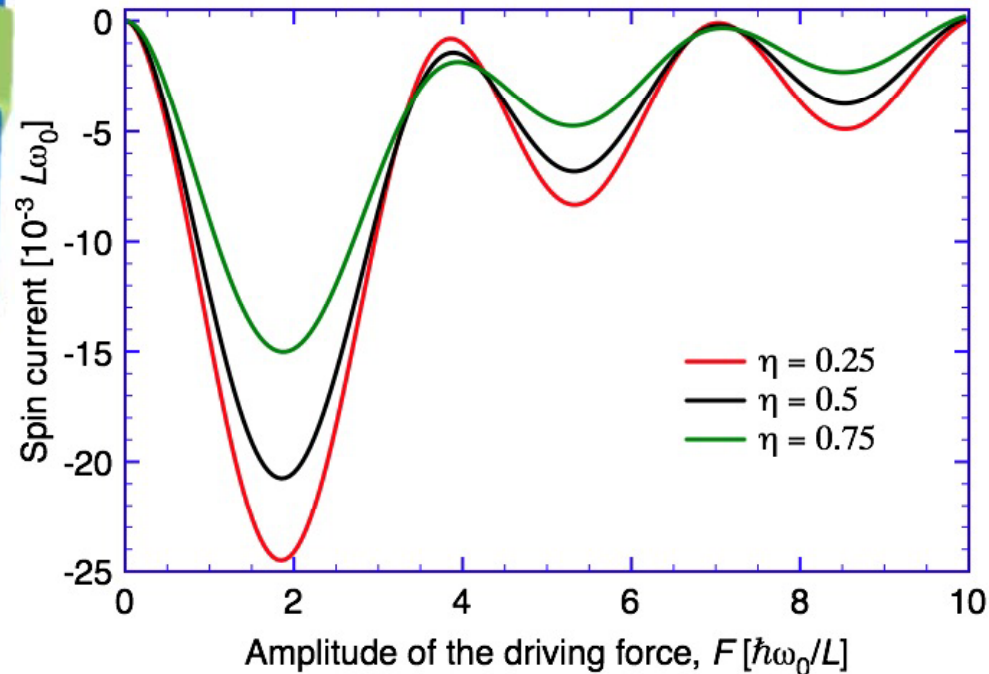
- Field strength  $E=106$  V/cm
- $\Omega=3\Delta$  corresponds to  $4\mu\text{m}$  wavelength
- typical current: some nA

# Spin Ratchet

S. Smirnov, D. Bercioux, M. Grifoni, K. Richter, Phys. Rev. Lett. **100**, 230601 (2008)




**M. Grifoni, Thu 11:30 (HSZ 105)**



# Generalizations of Brownian Motion

# Brownian motion: Generalized Langevin-equation

Hamiltonian:  $H_{\text{tot}} = H_{\text{sys}} + H_{\text{env}} + H_{\text{WW}}$

  $m\ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \int_{-\infty}^t \gamma(t-t') \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t') dt' + V'(\mathbf{x}; t) = \boldsymbol{\xi}(t)$

Asymptotically normal, anomalously fast, or anomalously slow  
– via fractional Brownian motion –

$$\int_0^{\infty} \gamma(t) dt = \begin{cases} \text{const} & \Rightarrow \text{normal} \\ 0 & \Rightarrow \text{superfast} \\ \infty & \Rightarrow \text{superslow} \end{cases}$$

Connection to the fractional Fokker-Planck-equation

# Fractional Fokker-Planck equation

Subdiffusion ( $\alpha < 1$ ):

$$\frac{\partial P(x, t)}{\partial t} = \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{V'(x, t)}{\gamma_\alpha} + K_\alpha \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \right] \circlearrowleft {}_0 D_t^{1-\alpha} P(x, t)$$

Riemann-Liouville Operator

Fat tails in the distribution of the residence times



Superdiffusion ( $\alpha > 1$ ):

$$\frac{\partial P(x, t)}{\partial t} = \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{V'(x, t)}{\gamma_\alpha} + K_\alpha \frac{\partial^{2/\alpha}}{\partial |x|^{2/\alpha}} \right] P(x, t)$$

Riesz-derivative

Fat tails in the distribution of the jump lengths



# Quantum-Mechanics

= Brownian Motion ?

= Stochastic Mechanics ?

(E. Nelson; 1966, 1986)

$$p(x, t) = |\Psi(x, t)|^2$$

Schrödinger-  
gleichung

$$\Psi(x, t) = |\Psi(x, t)| e^{iS(x, t)}$$

$$\dot{p}(x, t) = -\frac{\hbar}{m} \nabla [(\nabla \ln |\Psi(x, t)| + \nabla S(x, t)) p(x, t)] + \frac{\hbar}{2m} \nabla^2 p(x, t)$$

$$\mathbf{f}_1 \geq 0, \mathbf{f}_2 \geq 0 : \quad \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{f}_1(t_1) \mathbf{f}_2(t_2) + \mathbf{f}_2(t_2) \mathbf{f}_1(t_1) \rangle \geq 0$$

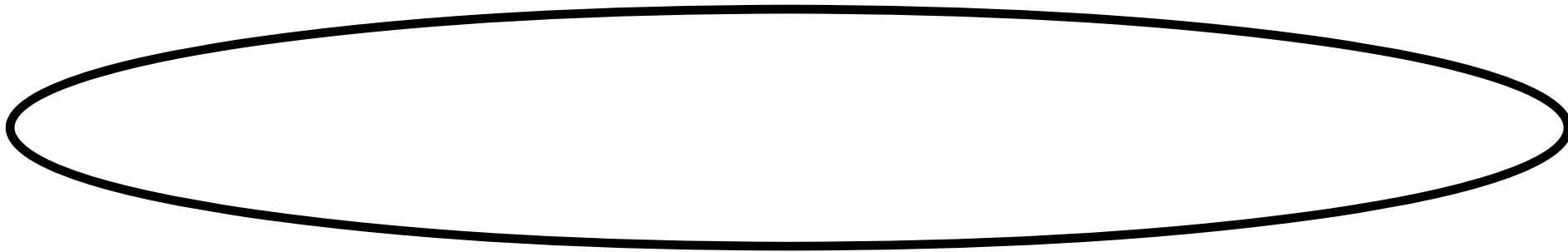
**QM: NO !**

# Brownian motion

EQ. & NONEQ.  
STAT. MECHANICS

NUISANCE

MISUSE



# The good, the bad and the simply silly

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# ! B.-M.-IMPACT !

## FDT & RESPONSE

EINSTEIN, NYQUIST

CALLEN-WELTON

GREEN-KUBO

$t \leftrightarrow -it$

$D \leftrightarrow \hbar / 2M$

## NON-EQ.

P.H., BOCHKOV & KUZOLEV

JARZYNSKI

GALLAVOTTI-COHEN-EVANS

## NOISE

LEVY, CAUCHY

## S: D. EQ'S

ITO, STRATONOVICH

MONTE CARLO METH., MOL.-DYN., NOISE-IND.-TRANSITIONS

COLLOIDAL DYN, SOFTMATTER, S.R., B.-MOTORS, ...

RATE THEORY

## Q.-M.

SUM OVER PATHS

FEYNMAN, KAC, ONSAGER, MACHLUP

STOCHASTIC QUANTIZATION

PARISI-WU

STOCHASTIC (Q)-E.-D.

STOCHASTIC "MECHANICS"

NELSON

DISSIPATIVE-Q.-M.

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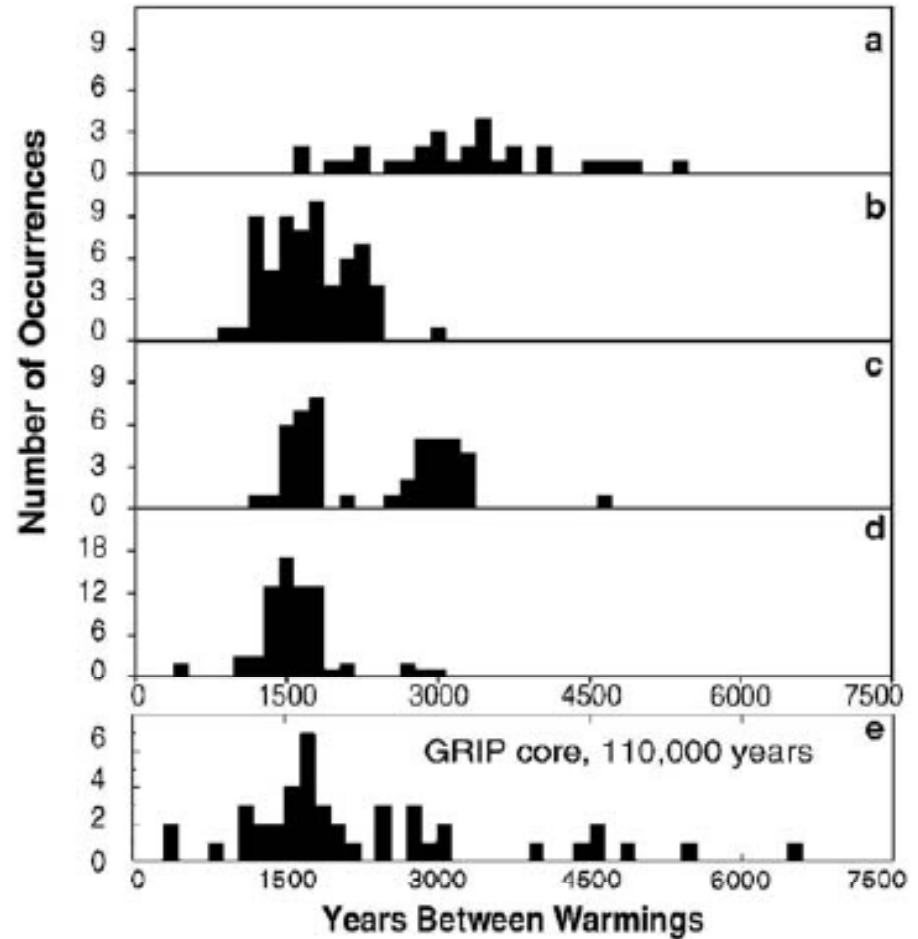
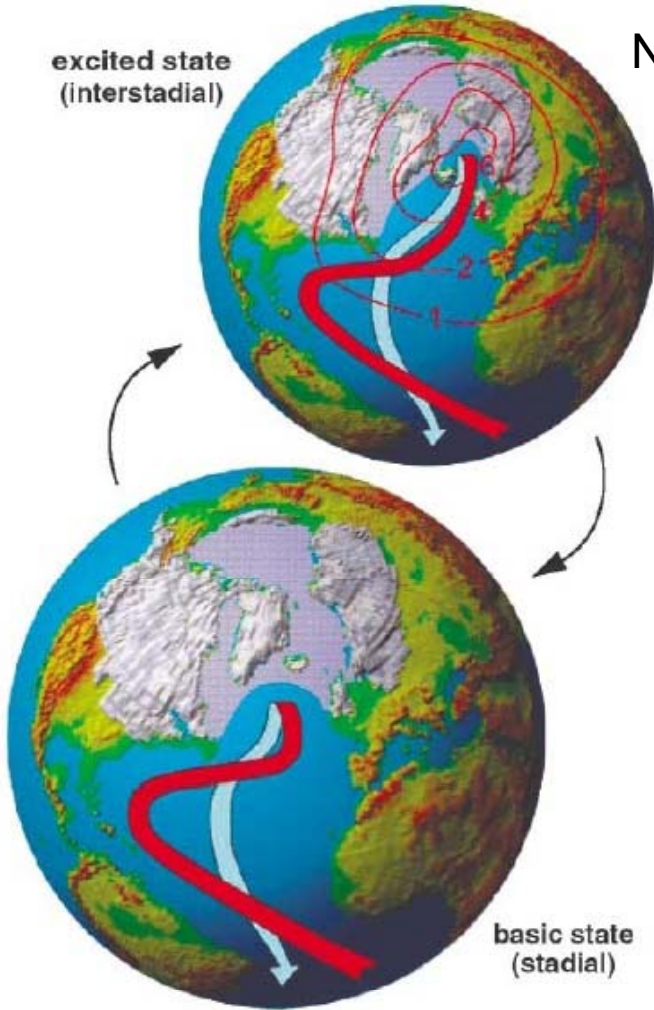
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# Occurrence of ice ages

Noise and periodic of solar origin





# SR – Medical Purpose

## SRT - Zeptoring

- Prevention
- Ataxie
- M. Parkinson
- Multiple sclerosis (MS)
- Stroke / skull-brain-trauma
- Cross-section paralysis
- Depression
- Urine-incontinence
- Orthopedic Lesioning
- Osteoporosis
- Neuropathie / diabetes
- Pain



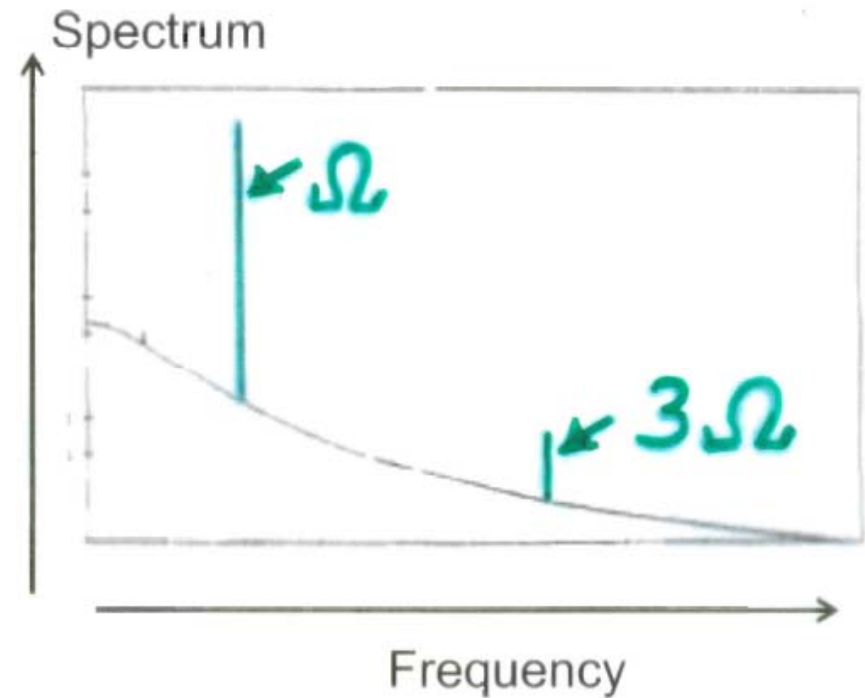
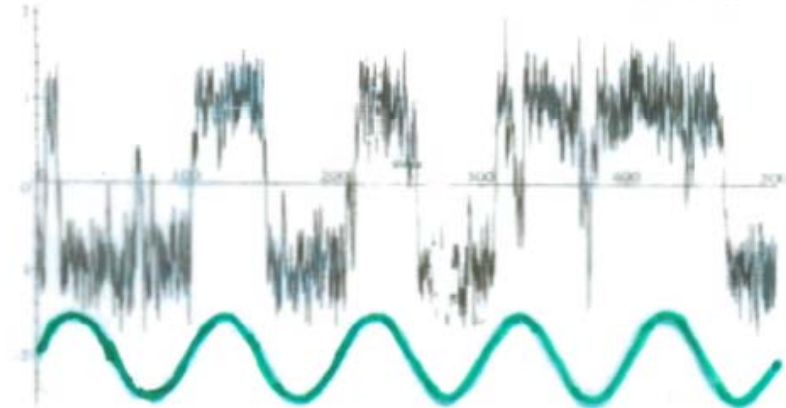
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# Power spectral density

$$\dot{X} = X - X^3 + \xi(t)$$



$$\dot{X} = X - X^3 + A \sin(\Omega t) + \xi(t)$$



# Fractional Fokker-Planck equation

subdiffusive ( $\alpha < 1$ )

$$\frac{\partial P(x, t)}{\partial t} = \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{V'(x, t)}{\eta_\alpha} + K_\alpha \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \right] {}_0 D_t^{1-\alpha} P(x, t)$$

Riemann-Liouville Operator

$${}_0 D_t^{1-\alpha} f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t \frac{f(t')}{(t-t')^{1-\alpha}} dt'$$