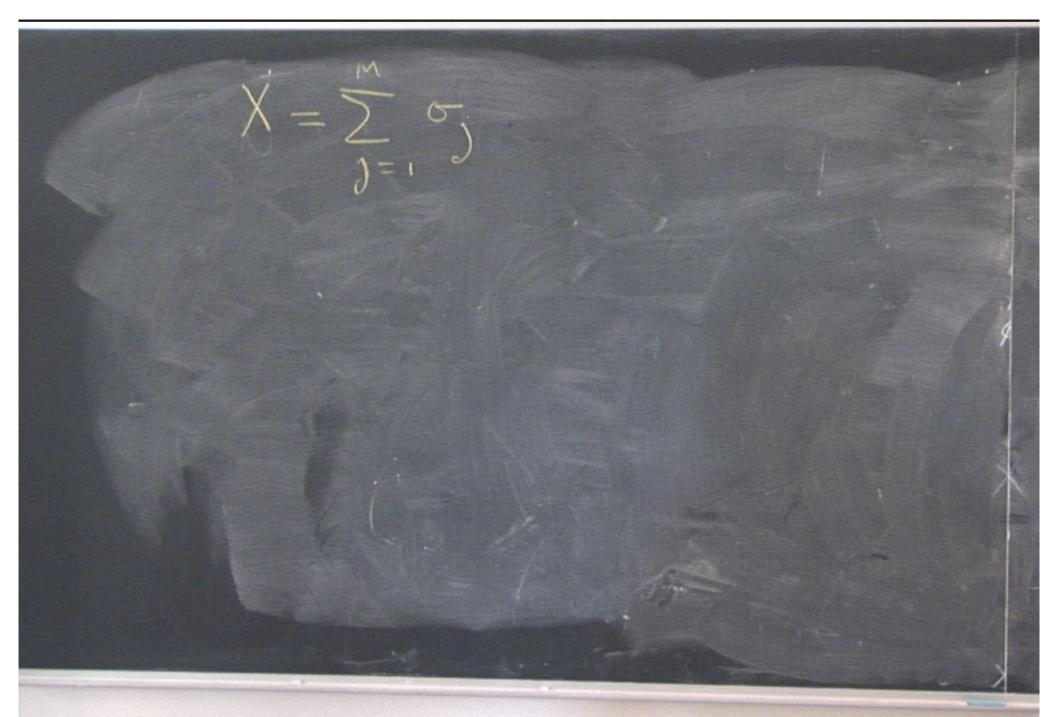
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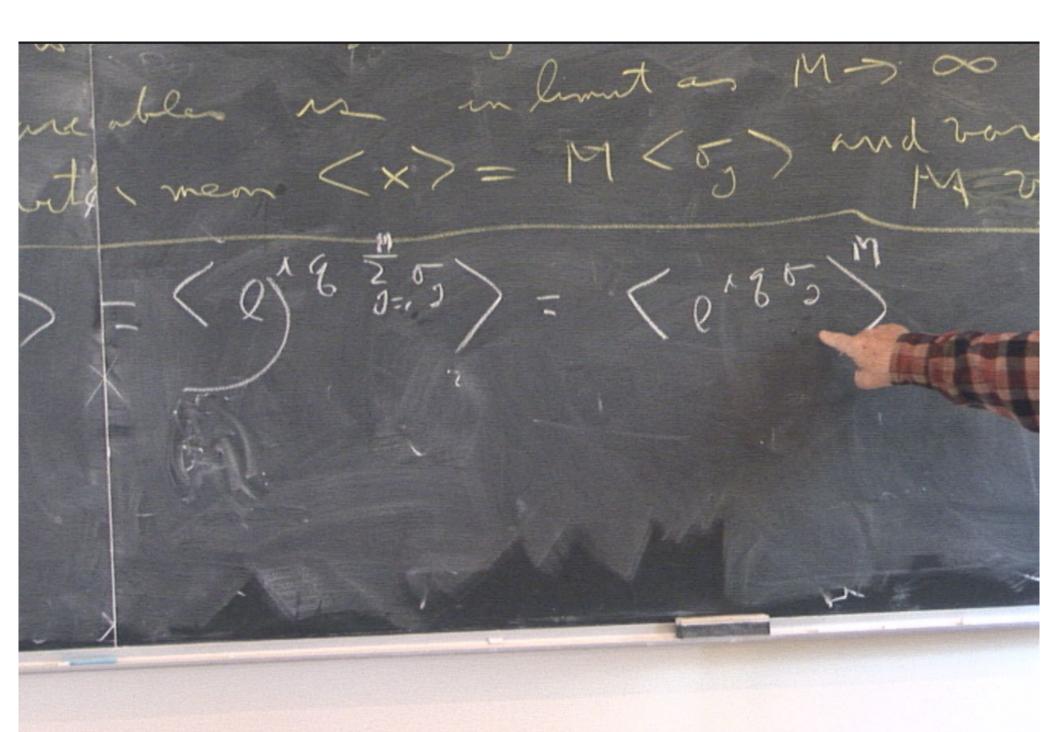
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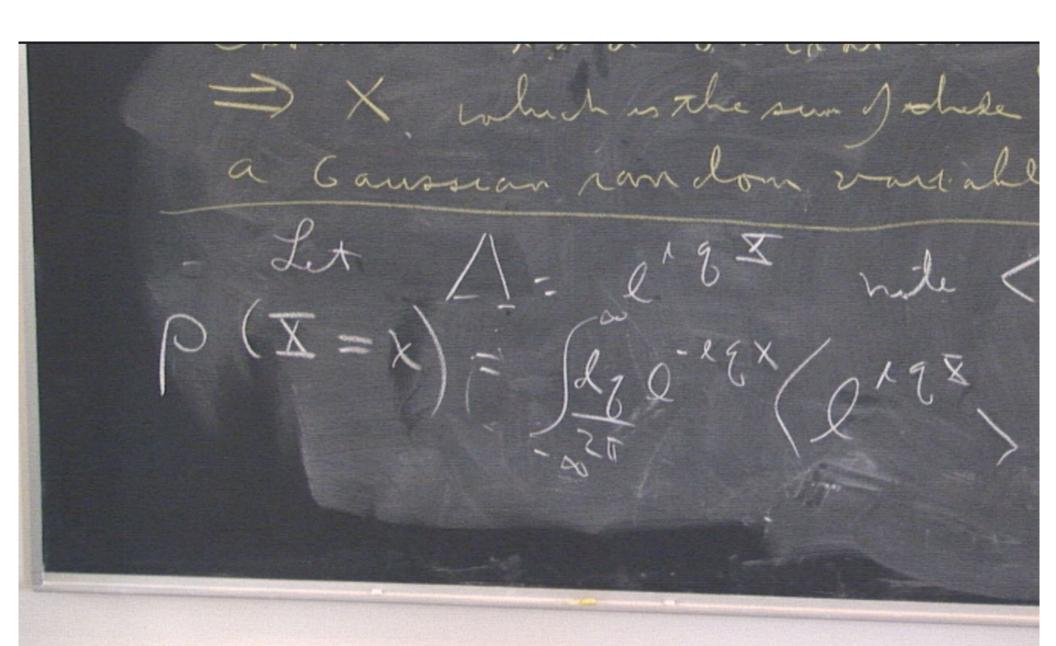
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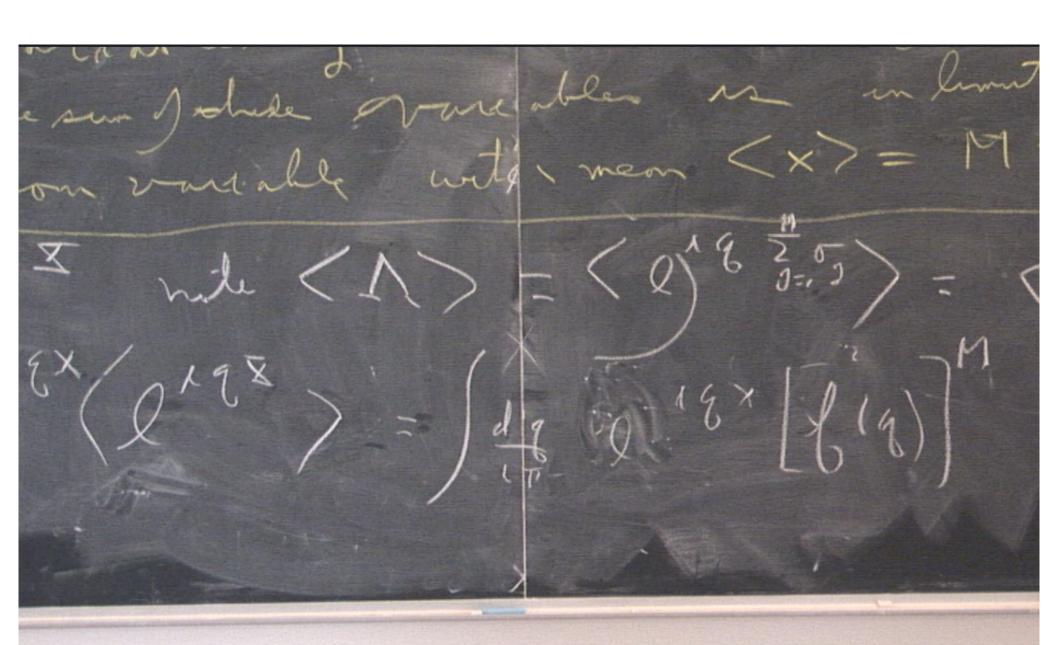
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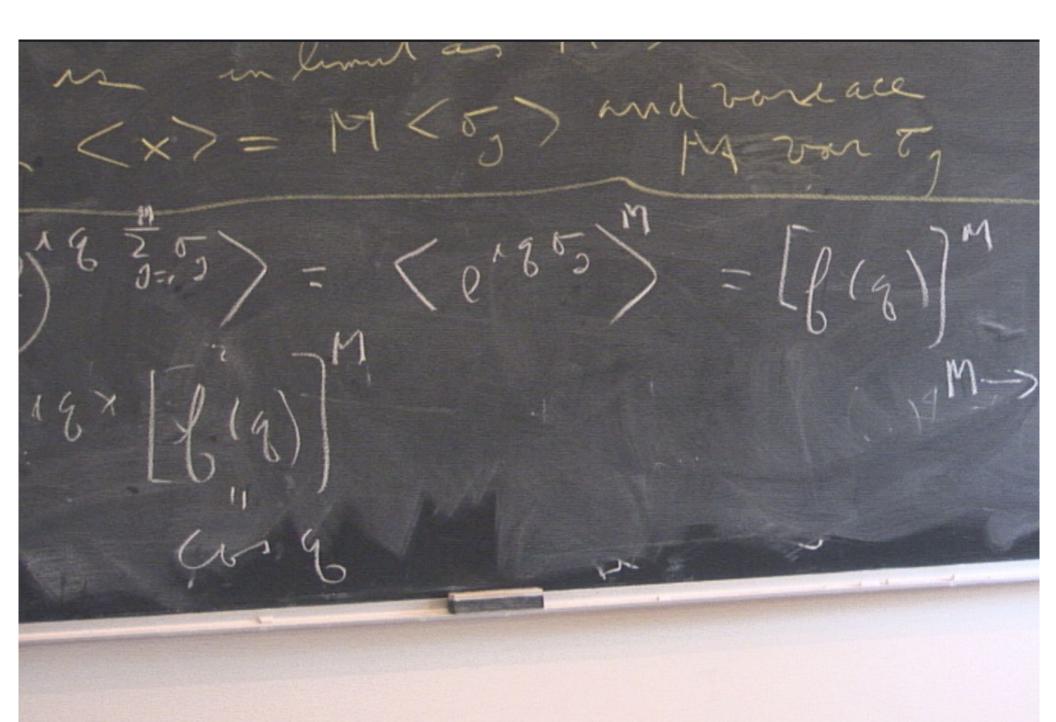
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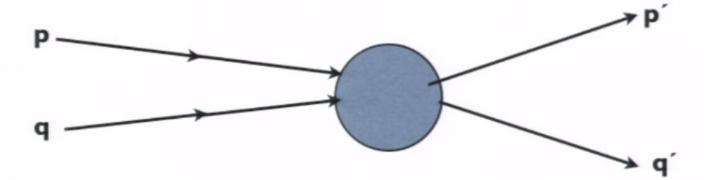
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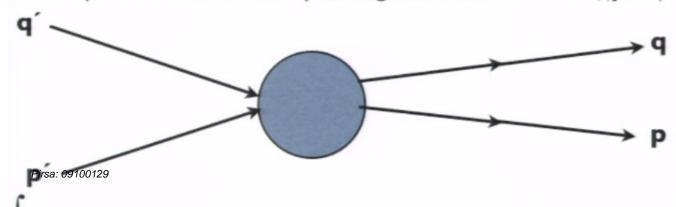


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 $f(\mathbf{p},\mathbf{r},t)$  dq  $f(\mathbf{q},\mathbf{r},t)$ , so that the total scattering rate for this process is

$$(p,r,t) \int dq \, f(q,r,t) \, dp' \, dq' \, Q(p,q \rightarrow p',q')$$

The process itself reduces the number described by p,r at the rate shown. Conversely, there is an inverse process, and a corresponding rate of increase of f(p,r,t)



## Outline: Momentum Hops and Time Dependence

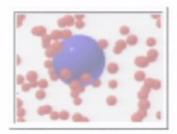
#### Brownian Motion

Homework

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Define Situation
    Calculate momentum
   Calculate Variance
    Calculate Probability Distribution
Probability Distribution in Classical Mechanics
    Statistical and Hamiltonian Dynamics
    Probability Distributions in Dynamical Systems
    time dependence of dynamical systems
             calculation set up
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    a unique probability distribution
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    Scattering
        forward
        backward
        all together
    Symmetries
        detailed balance-local equilibrium
        conservation of particle number
        H-theorem
        sign of dissipation term
        dS/dt
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### Brownian motion:

Robert Brown (1773-1858) saw particles of pollen "dance around" in fluid under microscope. Thi motion was caused by many tiny particles hitting the grains of pollen.



The many moving tiny particles are of course **molecules of the**liquid. They were too small to see under a microscope when

Brownian motion was discovered, but it was obvious they were
there. You can see the molecules of liquid hitting the bigger particle
in the animation on the left. (The size of the molecules has been
dramatically *increased* in order to make them visible).

http://www.worsleyschool.net/science/files/brownian/motion.html

Albert Einstein (1905) explained this dancing by many, many collisions with molecules in fluid

$$dp/dt=....+\eta(t)-p/T$$

$$p=(p_x, p_y, p_z) \qquad \qquad \eta = (\eta_x, \eta_y, \eta_z) \qquad \qquad v.1$$

 $\eta(t)$  is a Gaussian random variable resulting from random kicks produced by collisions. Since the kicks have random directions  $\langle \eta(t) \rangle = 0$ . Different collisions are assumed to be statistically independent

$$\langle \eta_j(t) | \eta_k(s) \rangle = \Gamma \delta(t-s) \delta_{j,k}$$
 v.2

The relaxation time, T, describes friction slowing down as the particles moves through the medium. In contrast Γ describes the extra momentum picked up via the collisions. Both represent the same physical effect, little particles hitting our big one. However, they operate in a somewhat different fashion. The individual kicks point in every which direction and only in Pirsat through run produce any concerted change in momentum. On the other hand the term in a friction tending to continually push our particle toward smaller speeds relative to the

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 v.3

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Notice that if this works out for us, it will be our first "proof" that the ideas of Gibbs, Boltzmann, and Maxwell about the canonical distribution was correct. So we would have a proof that this "law" works, at least in this situation. In physics, we often use laws long before there is any substantial proof that they are correct. We use little bits of evidence, intuition, and guesswork and gradually convince ourselves that X "must be" right. If X is attractive, we hold on to that view until there is overwhelming evidence to the contrary.

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v.4

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### Probability distribution

 $\Gamma \tau = 2MkT$ 

Whenever this relation is satisfied, p has the right variance, MkT, and the right Maxwell-Boltzmann probability distribution.

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More generally, if we have a Hamiltonian,  $H(\mathbf{p},\mathbf{r})$ , for the one-particle system, the Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution takes the form

$$\rho(\mathbf{p},\mathbf{r}) = \exp[-\beta H(\mathbf{p},\mathbf{r})]/Z,$$
 v.7

where, the the simplest case the Hamiltonian is

$$H(p,r) = p^2/(2M) + U(r)$$

Maxwell and Boltzmann expected that, in appropriate circumstances, if they waited long enough, a Hamiltonian system would get to equilibrium and they would end up with a Maxwell-Boltzmann probability distribution

Question: Should we not be able to derive this distribution from classical mechanics alone? Maybe we should have to assume that we must long enough to reach equilibrium? Anything more?

Pirsa: 091001291 ething of the form v.7 is called by mathematicians a Gibbs measure and by plage 41/52sts a Boltzmann distribution or often a Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution. Why? Should we care?

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## Statistical and Hamiltonian Dynamics

We have that the equilibrium  $\rho = \exp(-\beta H)/Z$ . How can this arise from time dependence c system? One very important possible time-dependence is given by Hamiltonian mechanics

$$\frac{dq_{\alpha}}{dt} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial p_{\alpha}}$$
$$\frac{dp_{\alpha}}{dt} = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial q_{\alpha}}$$

The simplest case is a particle moving in a potential field with a Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}=\mathbf{p}^2/(2M)+U(\mathbf{r})$$
 and consequently equations of motion

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = -\nabla U$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = \mathbf{p}/M$$

The statistical mechanics of such situations is given by a probability density function  $\rho(\mathbf{p,r},t)$  such that the probability of finding the particle in a volume element **dp dr** about **p,r** at time t is  $\rho(\mathbf{p,r,t})$  **dp dr**. The next question is, what is the timedependence of this probability density? Or maybe, how do we get equilibrium Page 43/52

# Time Dependence of Dynamical systems: A much more general problem

Instead of carrying around the variables  $\bf p$  and  $\bf r$ , let me do something with much simpler formulas. I'm going to imagine solving the dynamical systems problem in which there is a differential equation dX/dt=V(X(t),t) to get a solution X(t). I will have a probability function  $\rho(x,t)$  dx which is the probability that the solution will be in the interval dx about x. This is a probability because, when we start out the initial data is not just one value of x but a probability distribution, given by  $\rho(x,0)$ . So the situation at a later time must be described by a probability distribution then as well. So what is the time dependence of the probability distribution? One way to approach this problem is to ask what does the distribution mean. Specifically, if we have some function g(X) of the particle coordinates at time t, that function has an average at time t given by  $\int dx \ g(x) \ \rho(x,t)$ . Naturally the average at time t + dt is  $\int dx \ g(x) \ \rho(x,t+dt)$ . That same average is obtained by taking the solution at time t+dt, which is

$$X(t+dt) \approx X(t)+V(X(t),t))dt$$
 v.7

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 v.9

We call the second term on the left the divergence term. It describes the dilation of the volume element by the changes in the x's caused by the time development. The last term is the direct result of the time-change in each coordinate X(t) Now we have the general result for the time development of the probability density. We go look at the Hamiltonian

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