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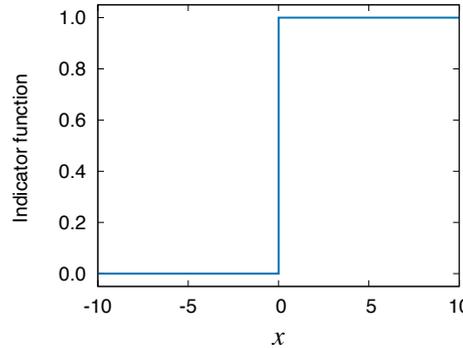
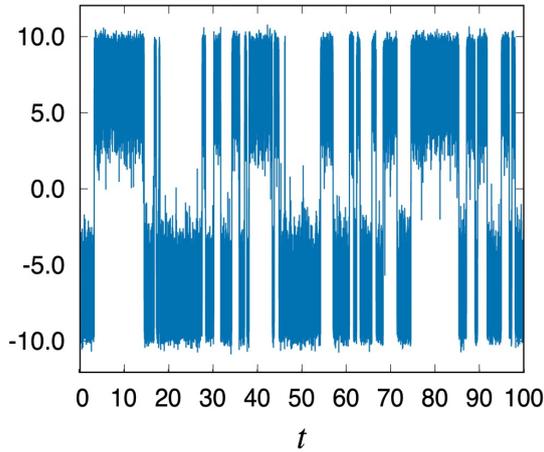
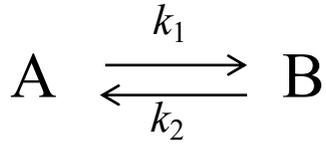
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Reactive flux formalism (Chandler 1978)

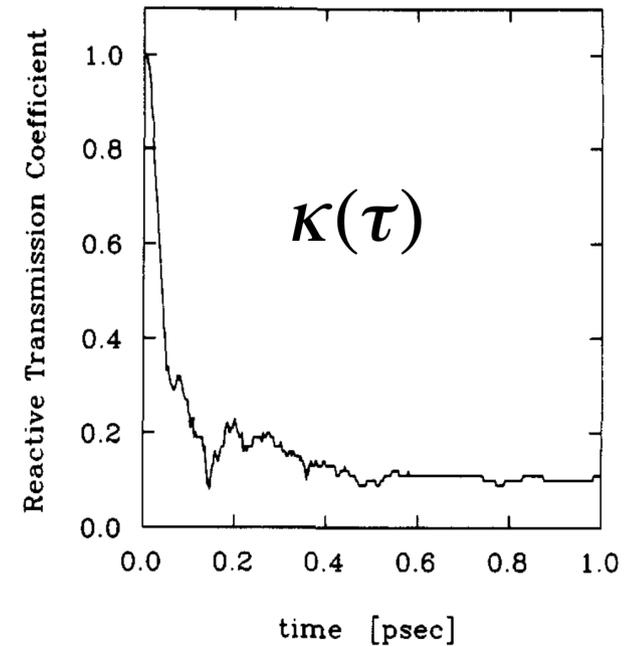
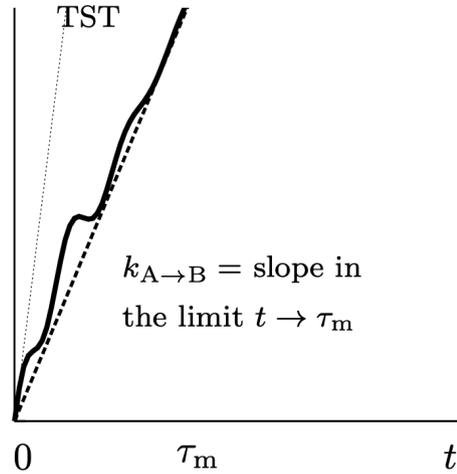
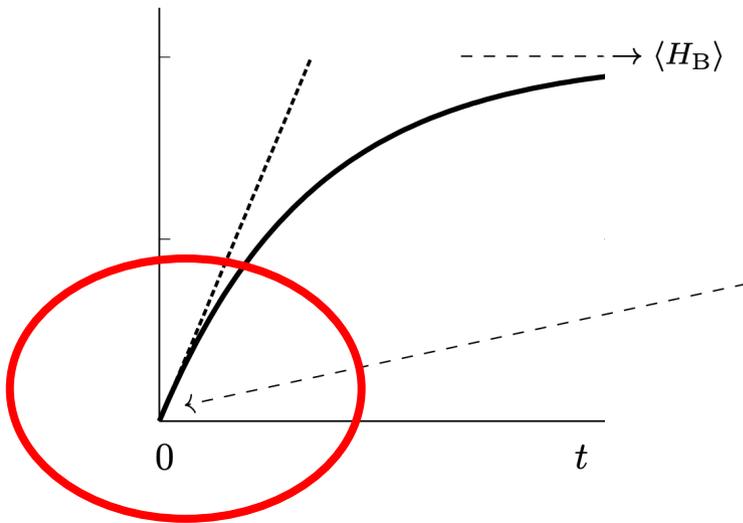


Indicator functions

$H_A(x) = 1$ if in state A, = 0 otherwise
 $H_B(x) = 1$ if in state B, = 0 otherwise

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_{A \rightarrow B} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \tau_m} \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\langle H_A(0) H_B(t) \rangle}{\langle H_A \rangle} \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \tau_m} \frac{1}{\langle H_A \rangle} \left\langle H_A(0) \dot{H}_B(t) \right\rangle \\
 &= k_{\text{TST}} \mathcal{K}(\tau)
 \end{aligned}$$

$\langle H_B(t) \rangle_{(\text{in A at } t=0)}$



Calcium pump SERCA

(sarco/endoplasmic reticulum Ca^{2+} -ATPase)

E1-2Ca (1SU4)

Cytoplasm

H^+



H^+

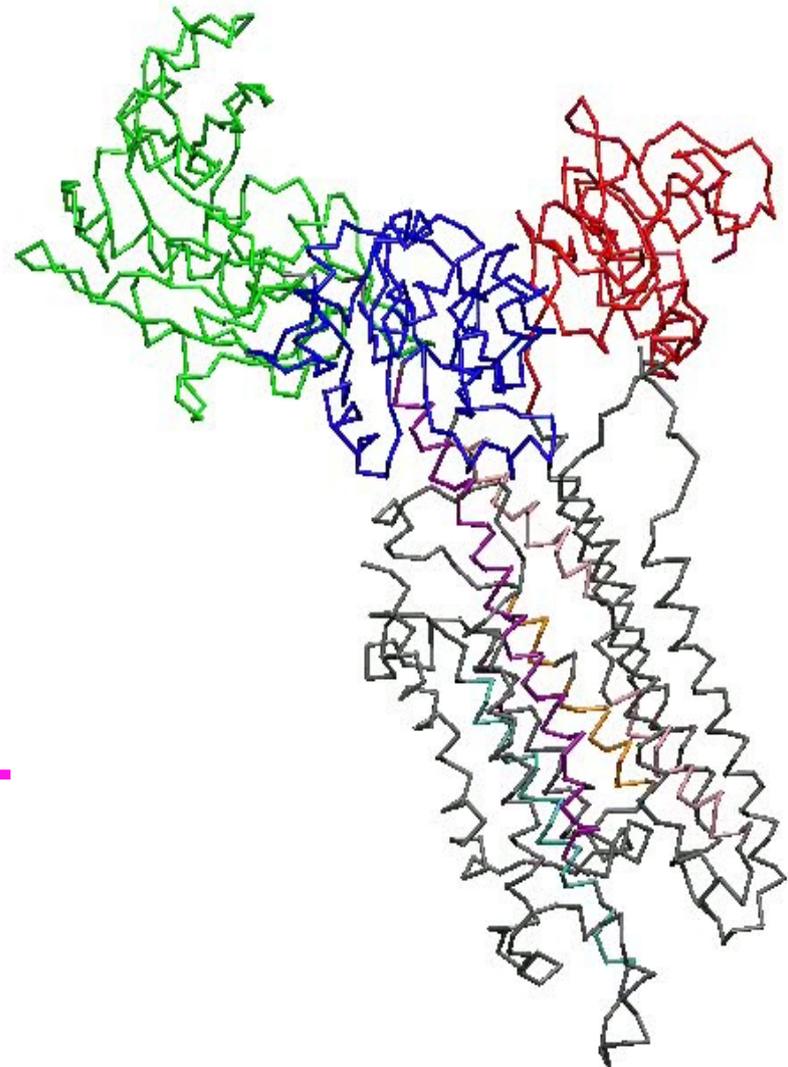
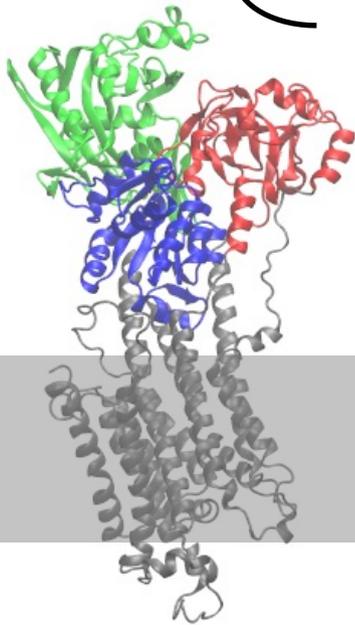
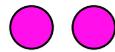
Lumen

$\text{ADP} + \text{P}_i$

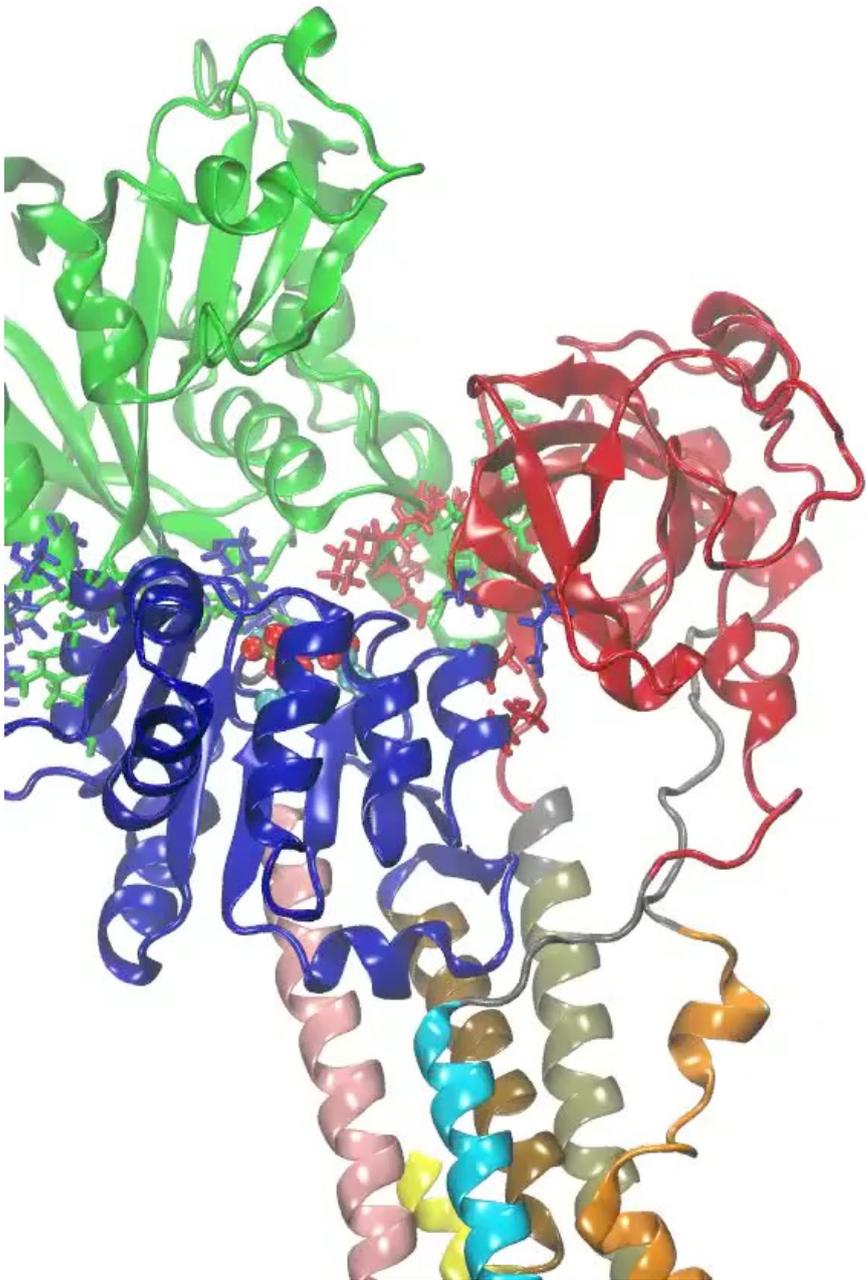
ATP

Ca^{2+}

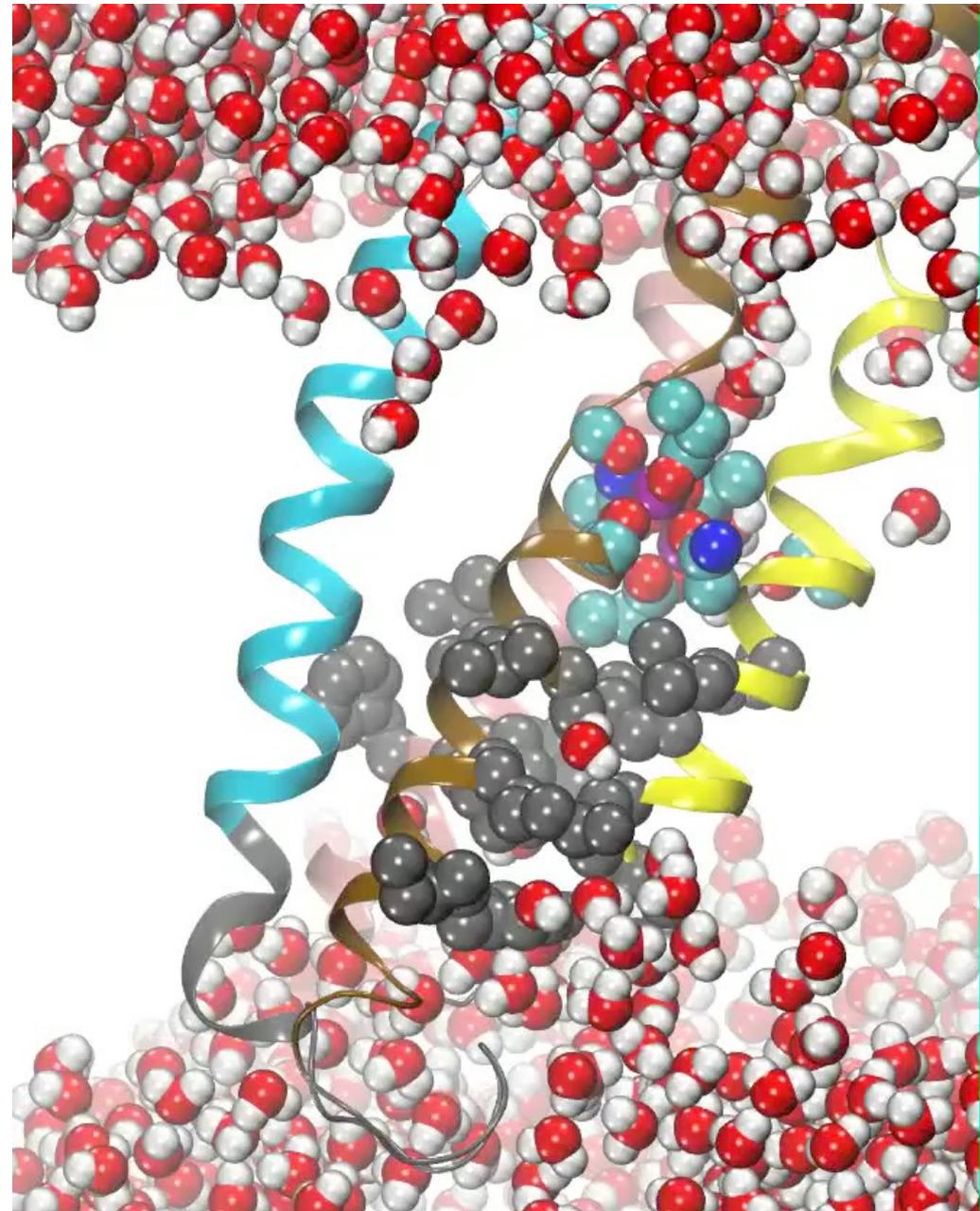
Ca^{2+}



Opening the Luminal Access



Interacting residues on **P** and **A** domains shield the phosphorylated Asp351 from back reaction



Hydrophobic residues on **M6** and **M4** are shown in space filling

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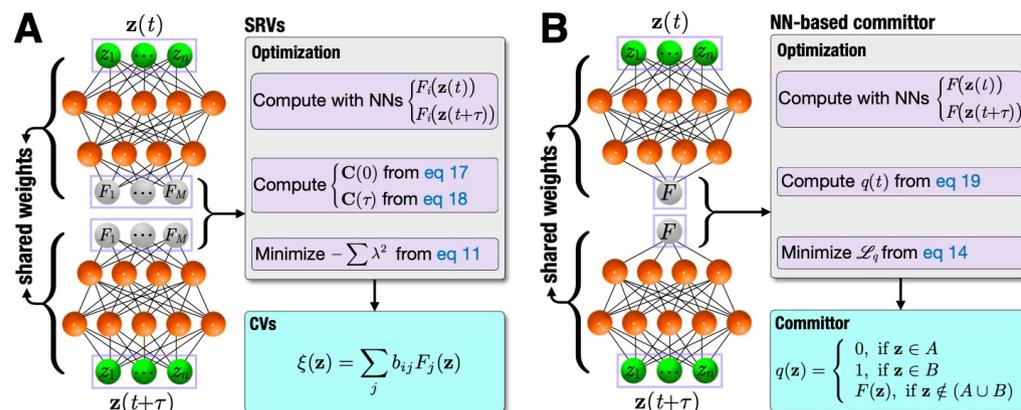
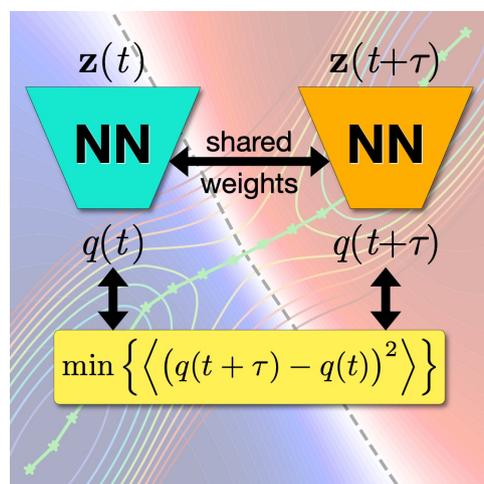
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Propagator

$$\rho(\mathbf{z}'; t + \tau) = \int d\mathbf{z} \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}'|\mathbf{z}) \rho(\mathbf{z}; t)$$

forward propagation step ($\mathbf{z} \rightarrow \mathbf{z}'$) from the time t to the time $t + \tau$

Markovian dynamics

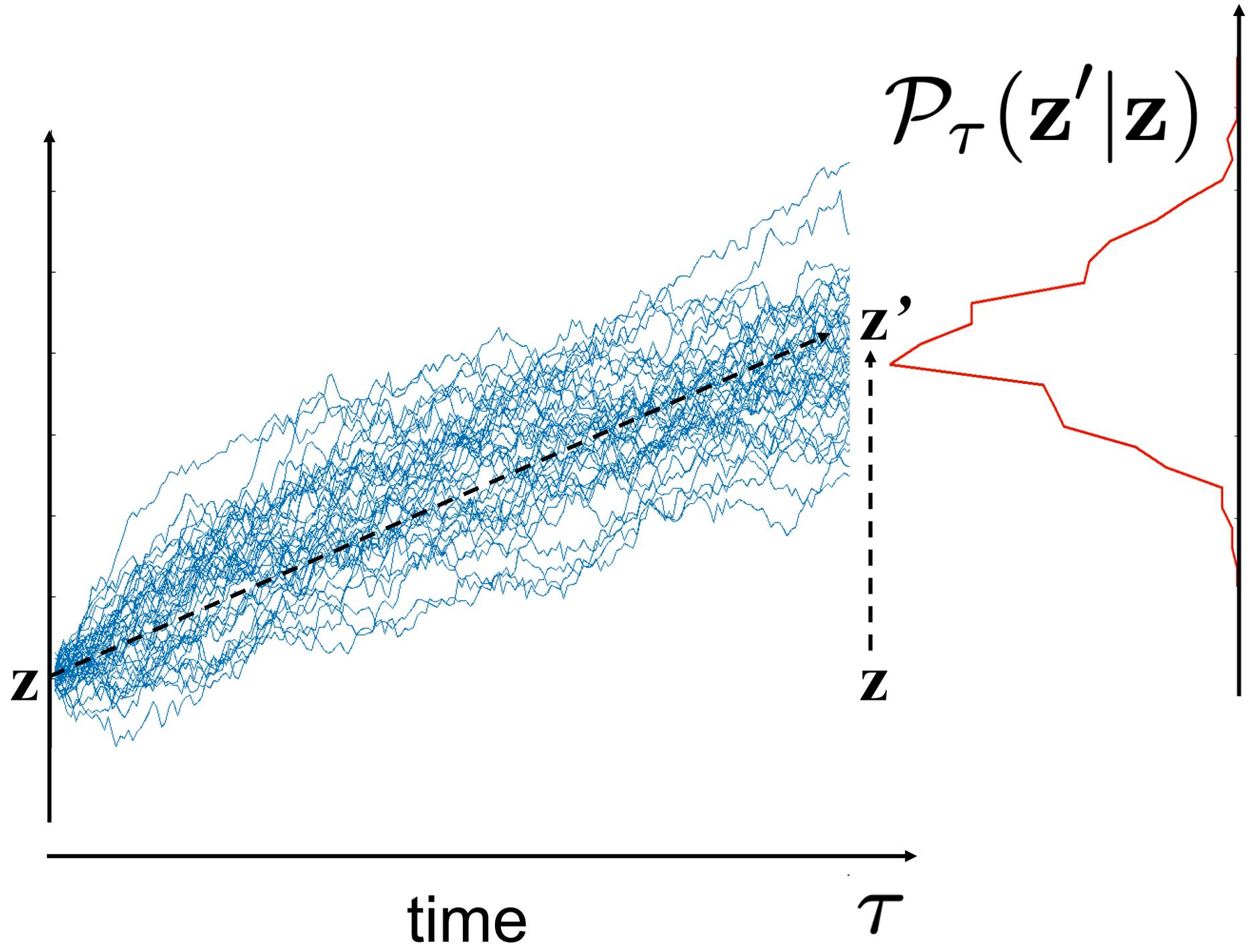
$$\rho(t + n\tau) = \mathcal{P}_{n\tau} \cdot \rho(t),$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{n\tau} = (\mathcal{P}_\tau)^n.$$

Microscopic detailed balance

$$\mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}'|\mathbf{z}) \rho_{\text{eq}}(\mathbf{z}) = \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{z}') \rho_{\text{eq}}(\mathbf{z}')$$

Forward propagation step z to z'



Spectral decomposition

$$\lambda_k(\tau) \psi_k^{\text{R}}(\mathbf{z}') = \int d\mathbf{z} \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}'|\mathbf{z}) \psi_k^{\text{R}}(\mathbf{z}) \quad \psi_1^{\text{R}}(\mathbf{z}) = \rho_{\text{eq}}(\mathbf{z})$$

$$\lambda_k(\tau) \psi_k^{\text{L}}(\mathbf{z}) = \int d\mathbf{z}' \psi_k^{\text{L}}(\mathbf{z}') \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}'|\mathbf{z}) \quad \psi_1^{\text{L}}(\mathbf{z}) = 1$$

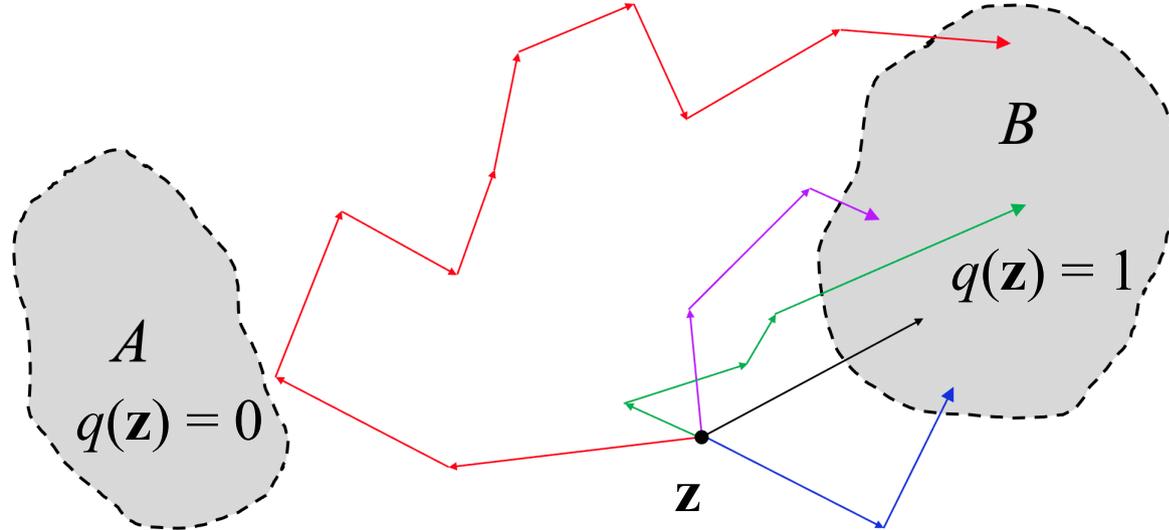
$$\delta_{kl} = \int d\mathbf{z} \psi_k^{\text{L}}(\mathbf{z}) \psi_l^{\text{R}}(\mathbf{z}) = (\psi_k^{\text{L}} \cdot \psi_l^{\text{R}})$$

$$\delta_{kl} = \int d\mathbf{z} \psi_k^{\text{L}}(\mathbf{z}) \psi_l^{\text{L}}(\mathbf{z}) \rho_{\text{eq}}(\mathbf{z})$$

Time correlation functions

$$\begin{aligned} \langle v(\tau) v(0) \rangle &= \int d\mathbf{z} \int d\mathbf{z}' v(\mathbf{z}') \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}'|\mathbf{z}) v(\mathbf{z}) \rho_{\text{eq}}(\mathbf{z}) \\ &= \sum_k (v \cdot \psi_k^{\text{R}})^2 e^{-\mu_k \tau} \end{aligned}$$

TPT: Committer probability



$$\begin{aligned}
 q(\mathbf{z}) &= \int_{\in B} d\mathbf{z}' \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}'|\mathbf{z}) + \int_{\notin A, B} d\mathbf{z}' \int_{\in B} d\mathbf{z}'' \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}''|\mathbf{z}') \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}'|\mathbf{z}) \\
 &\quad + \int_{\notin A, B} d\mathbf{z}' \int_{\notin A, B} d\mathbf{z}'' \int_{\in B} d\mathbf{z}''' \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}'''|\mathbf{z}'') \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}''|\mathbf{z}') \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}'|\mathbf{z}) + \dots \\
 &= \int_{\in B} d\mathbf{z}' \left(\mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}'|\mathbf{z}) + \int_{\notin A, B} d\mathbf{z}'' \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}''|\mathbf{z}') \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}'|\mathbf{z}) + \dots \right) \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}'|\mathbf{z}) \\
 &= 0 + \int_{\in B} d\mathbf{z}' \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}'|\mathbf{z}) \left(\mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}'|\mathbf{z}) + \int_{\notin A, B} d\mathbf{z}'' \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}''|\mathbf{z}') \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}'|\mathbf{z}) + \dots \right) \\
 &= \int_{\in B} d\mathbf{z}' \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}'|\mathbf{z}) q(\mathbf{z}') \\
 &= \int_{\in A} d\mathbf{z}' q(\mathbf{z}') + \int_{\in B} d\mathbf{z}' q(\mathbf{z}') \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}'|\mathbf{z}) + \int_{\notin A, B} d\mathbf{z}' q(\mathbf{z}') \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}'|\mathbf{z}) \\
 &= \int_{\in B} d\mathbf{z}' q(\mathbf{z}') \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}'|\mathbf{z})
 \end{aligned}$$

The reactive flux from A to B

$$J_{AB} = \frac{1}{2\tau} \langle (q(\tau) - q(0))^2 \rangle$$

Minimizing the steady-state flux J_{AB} with respect to a trial function $q(\mathbf{z})$ yields,

$$0 = \frac{\delta J_{AB}[q]}{\delta q(\mathbf{z}'')}$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{2\tau} \int d\mathbf{z} \int d\mathbf{z}' (q(\mathbf{z}') - q(\mathbf{z})) \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}'|\mathbf{z}) \rho_{\text{eq}}(\mathbf{z}) (\delta(\mathbf{z}' - \mathbf{z}'') - \delta(\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{z}''))$$

$$0 = \int d\mathbf{z} (q(\mathbf{z}'') - q(\mathbf{z})) \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}''|\mathbf{z}) \rho_{\text{eq}}(\mathbf{z}) - \int d\mathbf{z}' (q(\mathbf{z}') - q(\mathbf{z}'')) \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}'|\mathbf{z}'') \rho_{\text{eq}}(\mathbf{z}'')$$

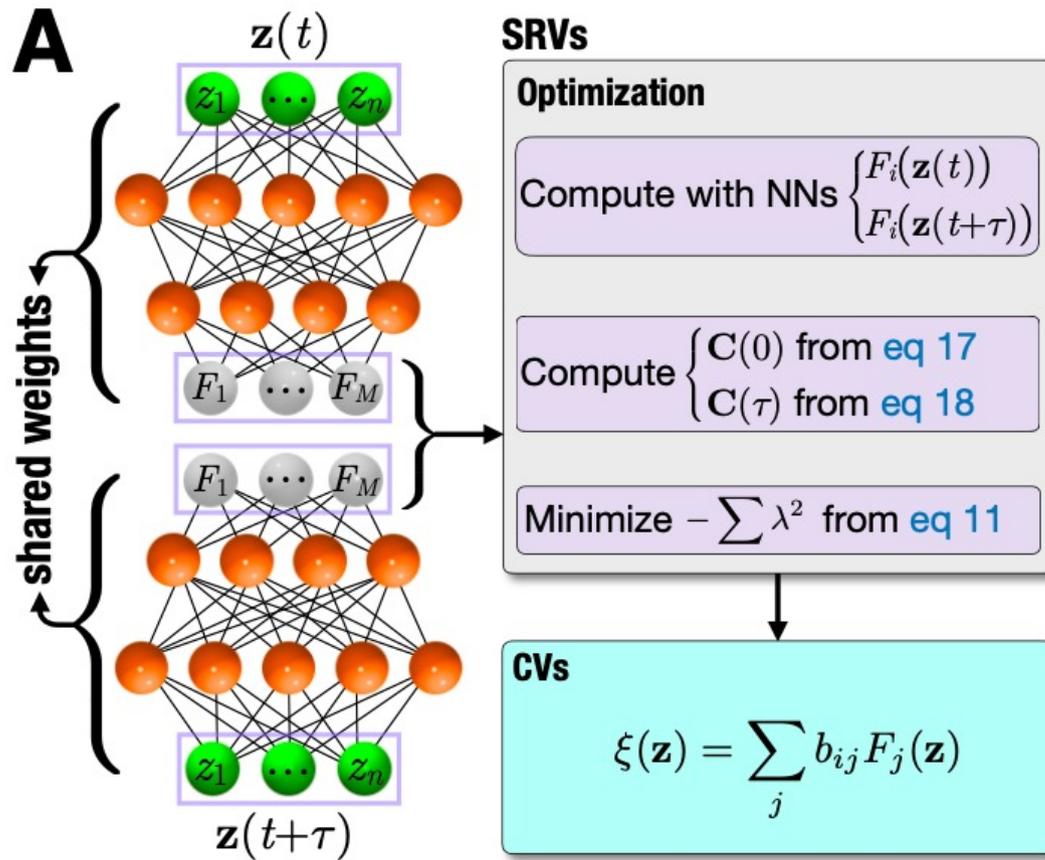
$$0 = 2 \rho_{\text{eq}}(\mathbf{z}'') \int d\mathbf{z} (q(\mathbf{z}'') - q(\mathbf{z})) \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{z}'')$$

$$0 = \int d\mathbf{z} (q(\mathbf{z}'') - q(\mathbf{z})) \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{z}'')$$

**can serve as a
variational principle**

$$q(\mathbf{z}'') = \int d\mathbf{z} q(\mathbf{z}) \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{z}'')$$

Spectral decomposition and ML

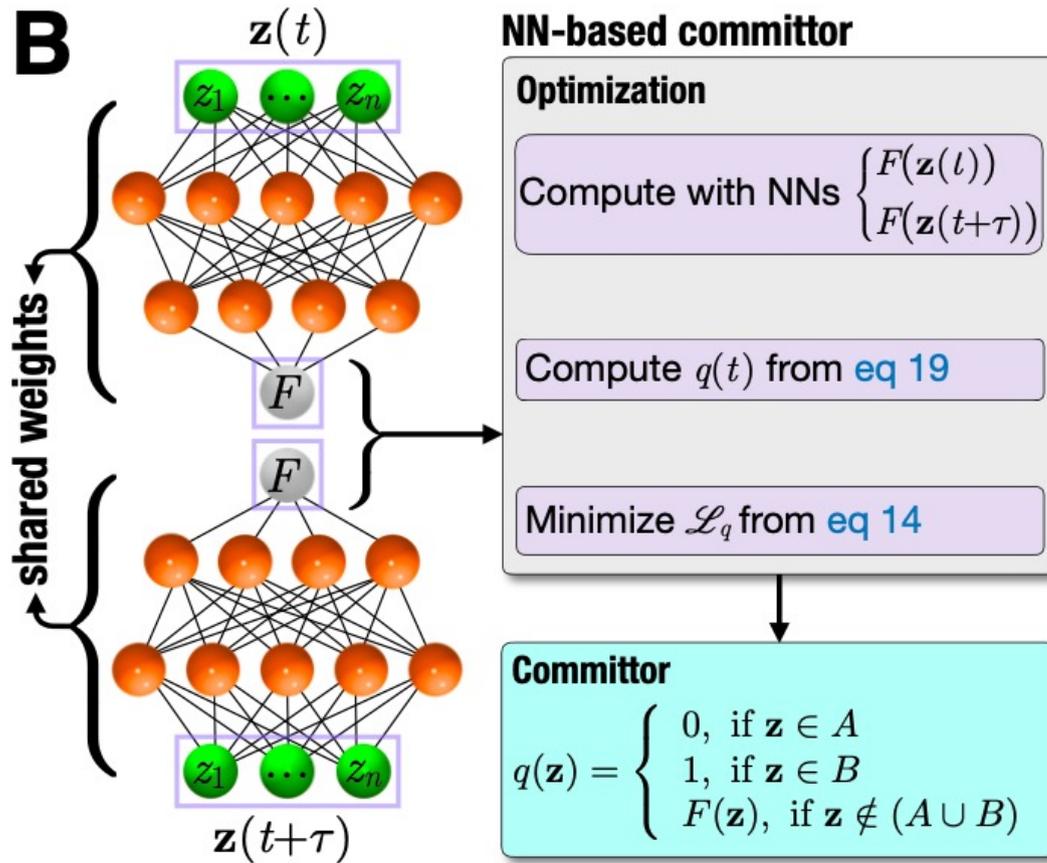


$$\mathcal{L}_v = -\frac{\langle v(\tau) v(0) \rangle}{\langle v(0) v(0) \rangle}$$

$$v(\mathbf{z}) = \sum_{i=1}^M b_i F_i(\mathbf{z})$$

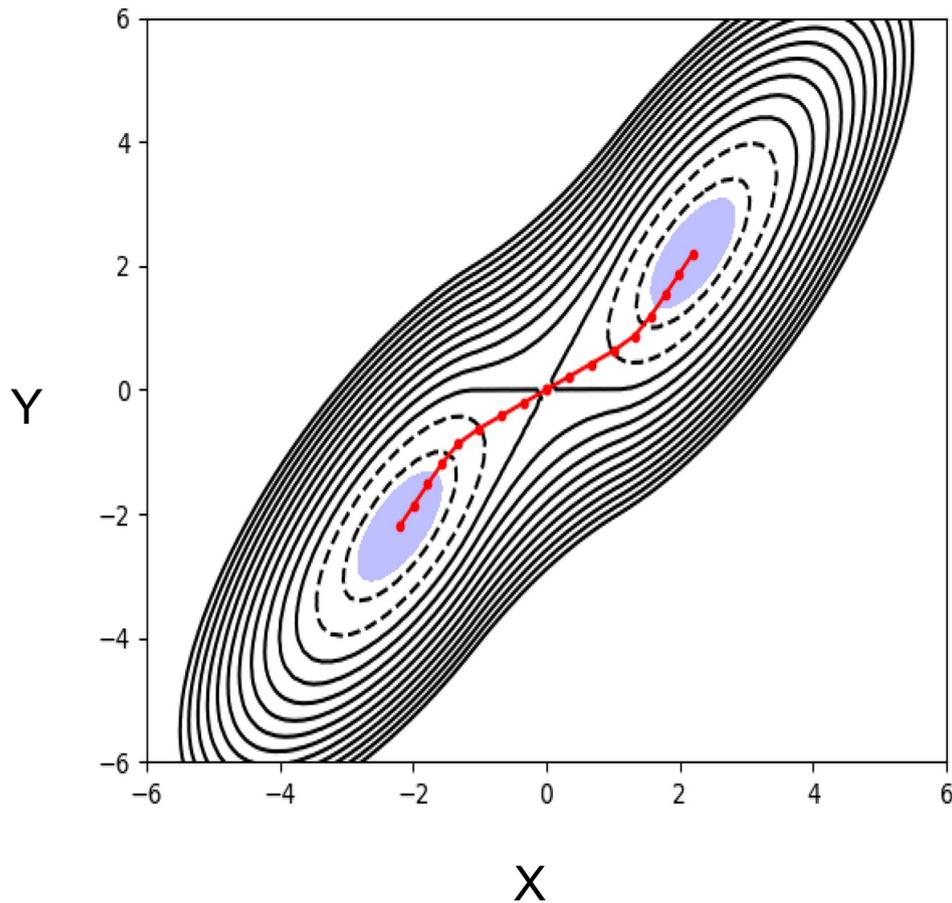
$$\mathbf{C}(\tau)\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{C}(0)\mathbf{B}\mathbf{\Lambda}$$

Committer probability and ML



$$\mathcal{L}_q = 2\tau J_{AB} = \left\langle (q(\tau) - q(0))^2 \right\rangle$$

Berezhkovskii-Szabo 2D potential



$$\beta V(x, y) = \beta V(x) + 1.01\omega^2(x - y)^2/2$$

$V(x)$ is calculated from,

$$\beta V(x) = \begin{cases} -\omega^2 x_0^2/4 + \omega^2(x + x_0)^2/2, & x < -x_0/2 \\ -\omega^2 x^2/2, & -x_0/2 \leq x \leq x_0/2 \\ -\omega^2 x_0^2/4 + \omega^2(x - x_0)^2/2, & x_0/2 < x \end{cases}$$

$Dy/Dx = 0.1$

$Dy/Dx = 1.0$

$Dy/Dx = 10.0$

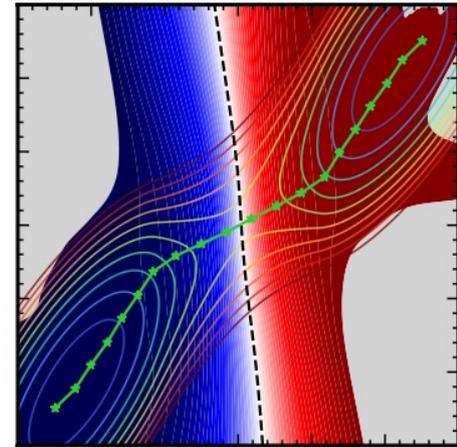
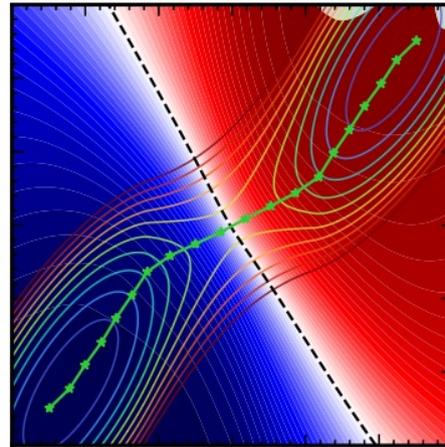
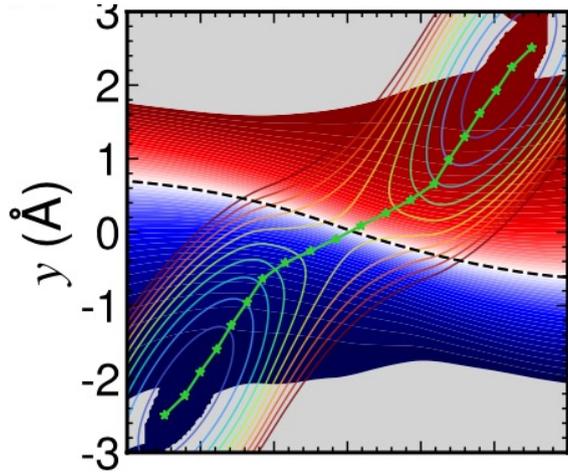
Committer and slowest eigenvector

$Dy/Dx = 0.1$

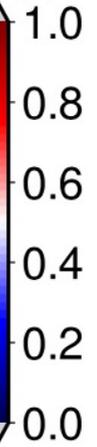
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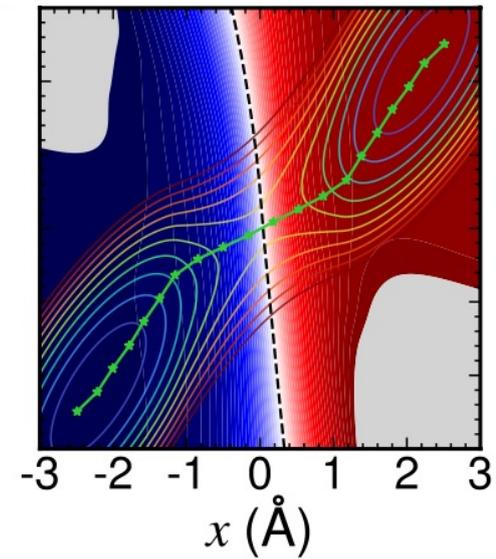
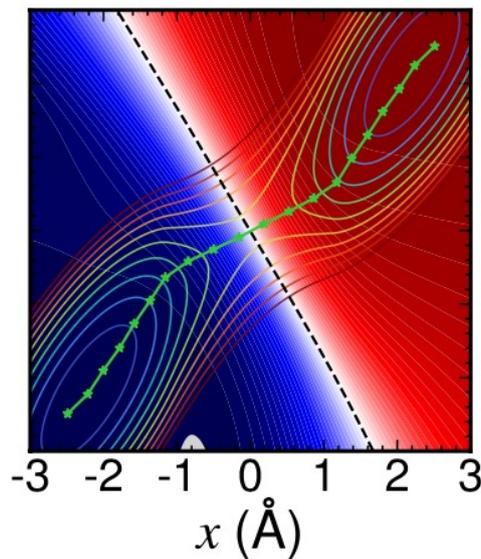
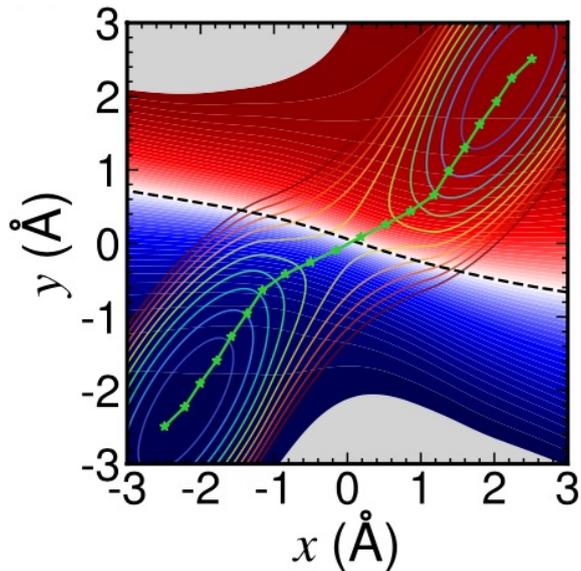
Committer



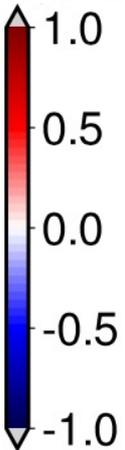
$q(\mathbf{z})$



SRVs



$\psi_2^L(\mathbf{z})$

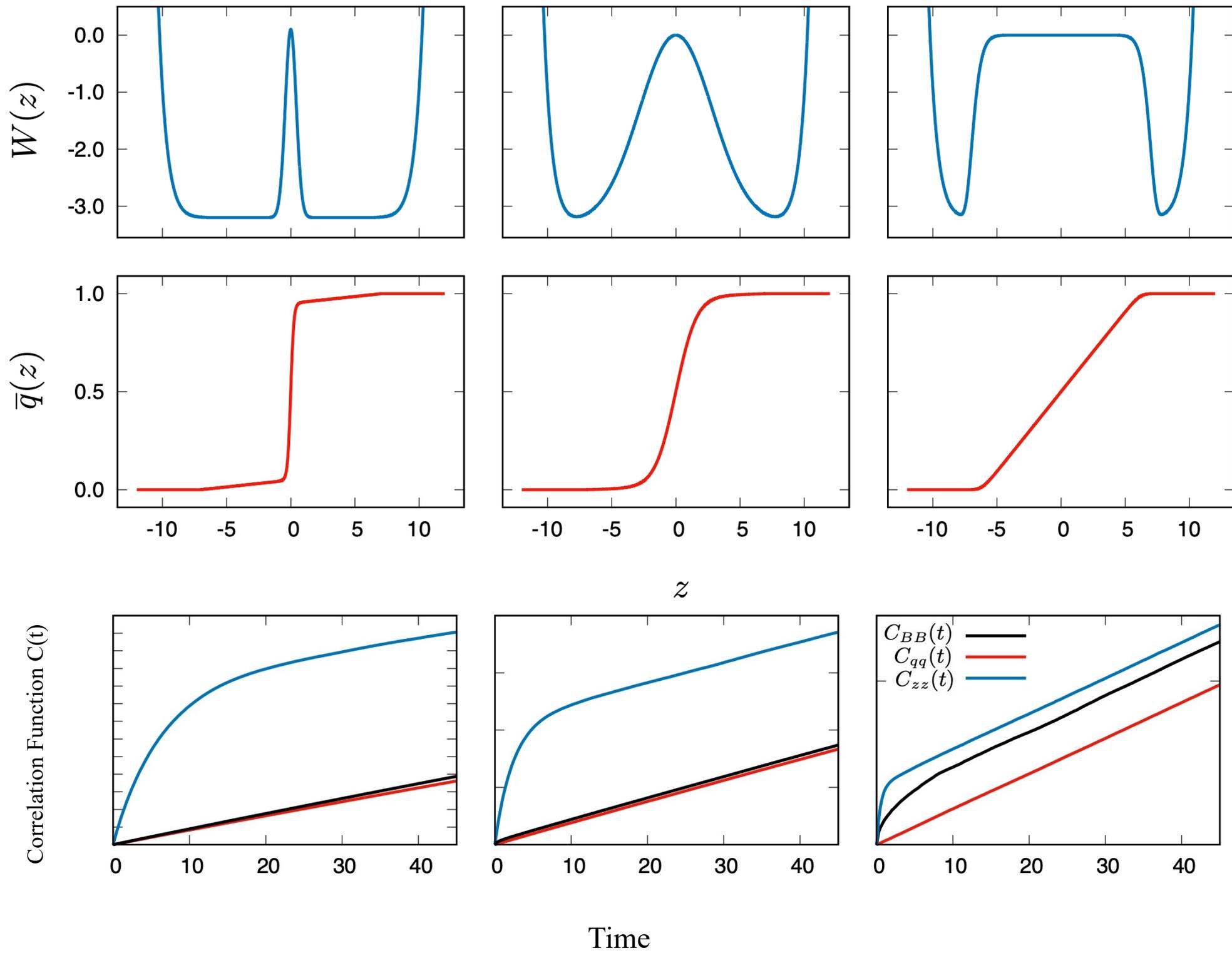


Committer and slowest eigenvector

$$q(\mathbf{z}) \approx - \left(\frac{a}{b-a} \right) \psi_1^L(\mathbf{z}) + \left(\frac{1}{b-a} \right) \psi_2^L(\mathbf{z})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int d\mathbf{z}' q(\mathbf{z}') \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}'|\mathbf{z}) &= - \left(\frac{a}{b-a} \right) \int d\mathbf{z}' \psi_1^L(\mathbf{z}') \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}'|\mathbf{z}) \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{1}{b-a} \right) \int d\mathbf{z}' \psi_2^L(\mathbf{z}') \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}'|\mathbf{z}) \\ &= - \left(\frac{a}{b-a} \right) \psi_1^L(\mathbf{z}) + \left(\frac{1}{b-a} \right) \lambda_2 \psi_2^L(\mathbf{z}) \\ &= q(\mathbf{z}) + \left(\frac{\lambda_2 - 1}{b-a} \right) \psi_2^L(\mathbf{z}) \\ &\approx q(\mathbf{z}) \end{aligned}$$

$$|(\lambda_2 - 1)/(b - a)| \ll 1$$



Reactive flux formalism

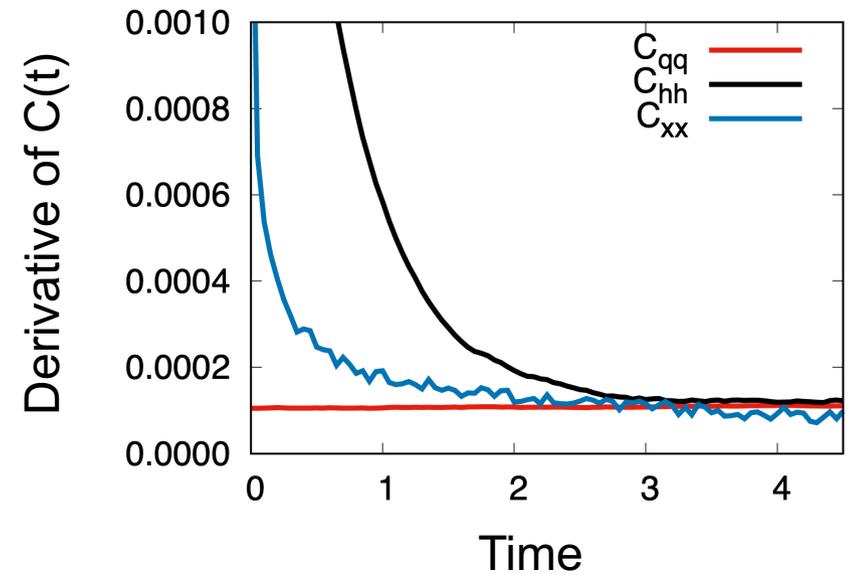
$$k_{AB} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \tau_m} -\frac{1}{p_A} \langle H_B(0) \dot{H}_B(t) \rangle$$

$$H_B(\mathbf{x}) = \theta\left((\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{z}^\dagger) \cdot \mathbf{n}\right)$$

\mathbf{n} must be parallel to $\nabla q(\mathbf{z})$

Transition path theory

$$k_{AB} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \tau} -\frac{1}{p_A} \langle q(0) \dot{q}(t) \rangle$$



Using a less-than-perfect committor?

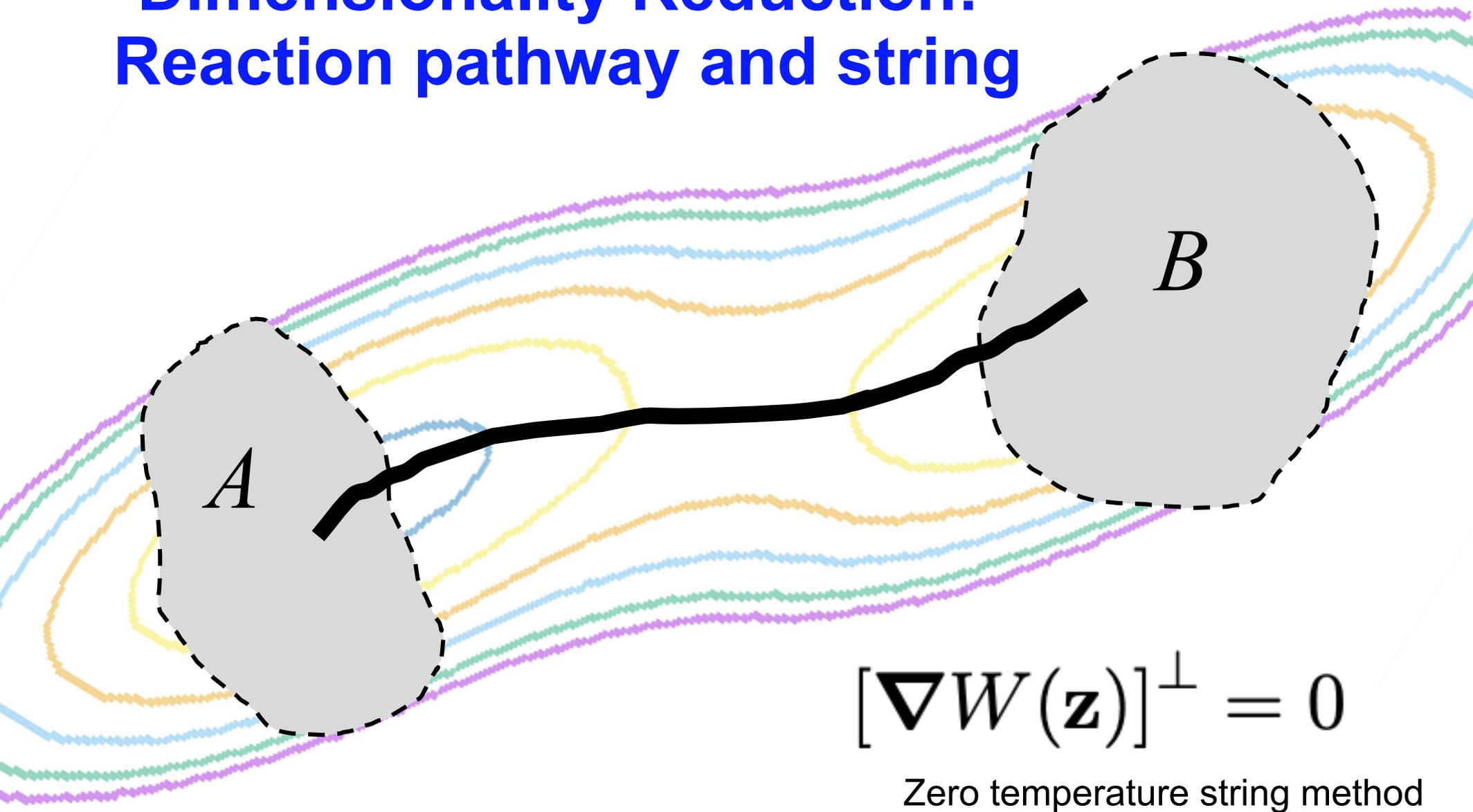
$$\begin{aligned}\langle q_\star(0) q_\star(\tau) \rangle &= \int d\mathbf{z} \int d\mathbf{z}' q_\star(\mathbf{z}) q_\star(\mathbf{z}') \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}'|\mathbf{z}) \rho_{\text{eq}}(\mathbf{z}) \\ &= \sum_k (q_\star \cdot \psi_k^{\text{R}})^2 e^{-\mu_k \tau}\end{aligned}$$
$$(q_\star \cdot \psi_k^{\text{R}}) = \int d\mathbf{z} q_\star(\mathbf{z}) \psi_k^{\text{R}}(\mathbf{z})$$

An approximate committor overlaps with higher order eigenvectors $\psi_k^{\text{L}}(\mathbf{z})$

The committor time-correlation function is not linear at short time even if the dynamics within the subspace \mathbf{z} is Markovian

As t increases to some lag-time τ_m then $C_{qq}(t)$ becomes linear

Dimensionality Reduction: Reaction pathway and string



$$[\nabla W(\mathbf{z})]^\perp = 0$$

Zero temperature string method

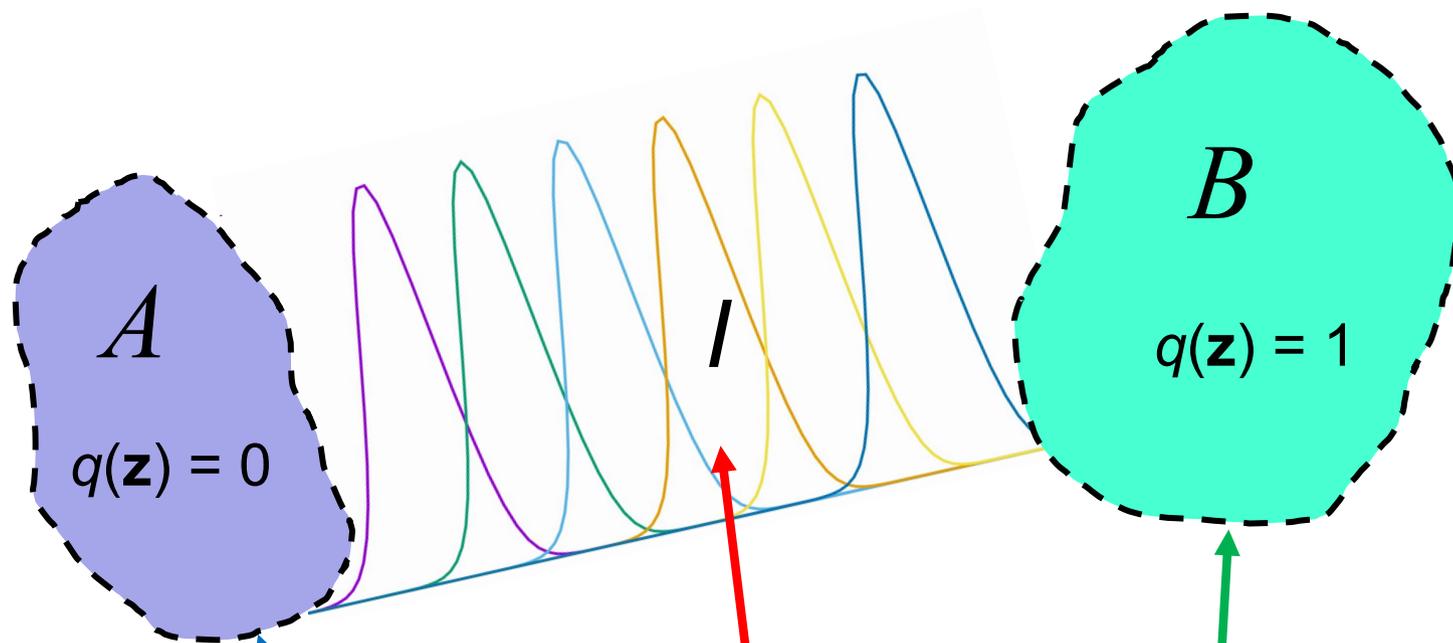
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Basis set expansion for the committor



We write the committor as

$$q(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}(\mathbf{x})) = h_A(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}(\mathbf{x})) q_A + h_I(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}(\mathbf{x})) \left(\sum_i b_i f_i(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}(\mathbf{x})) \right) + h_B(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}(\mathbf{x})) q_B$$

The committor time-correlation function

$$\langle q(\tau)q(0) \rangle = \left\langle \left(h_A(\tau)q_A + h_I(\tau) \left(\sum_i b_i f_i(\tau) \right) + h_B(\tau) \right) \left(h_A(\tau)q_A + h_I(0) \left(\sum_j b_j f_j(0) \right) + h_B(0) \right) \right\rangle$$

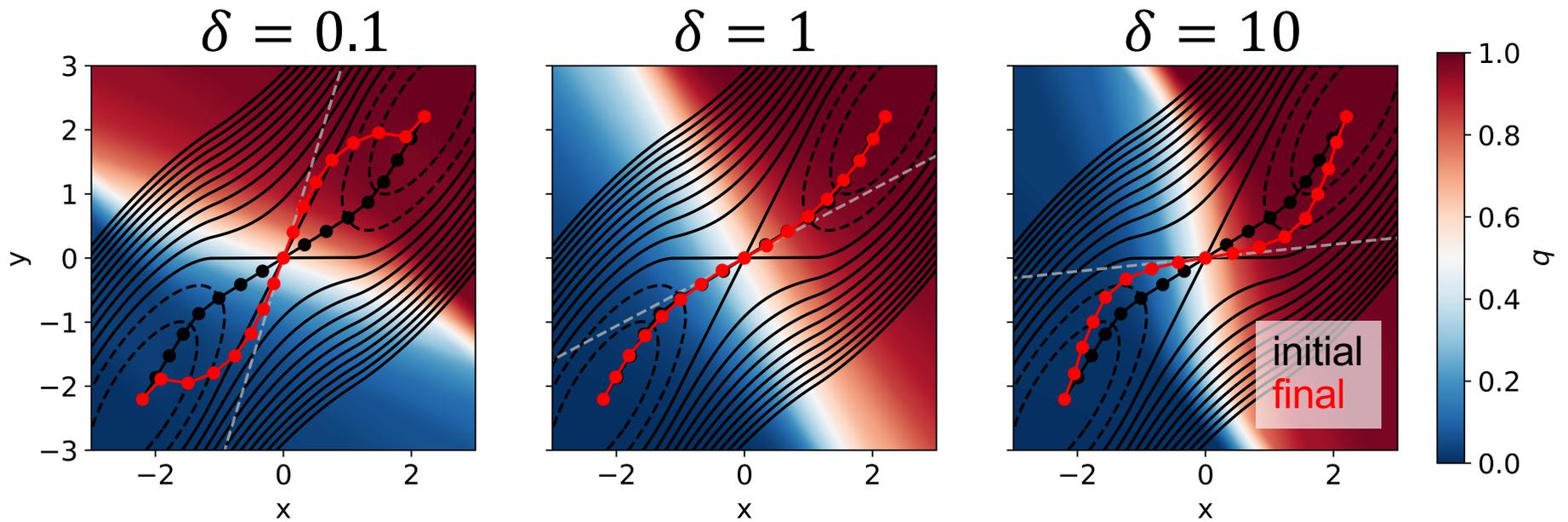
$$\langle (q(\tau) - q(0))^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{b}^t (\mathbf{D}(0) - \mathbf{D}(\tau)) \mathbf{b} + (\mathbf{g}(0) - \mathbf{g}(\tau)) \cdot \mathbf{b}$$

Minimization of this simple quadratic form:

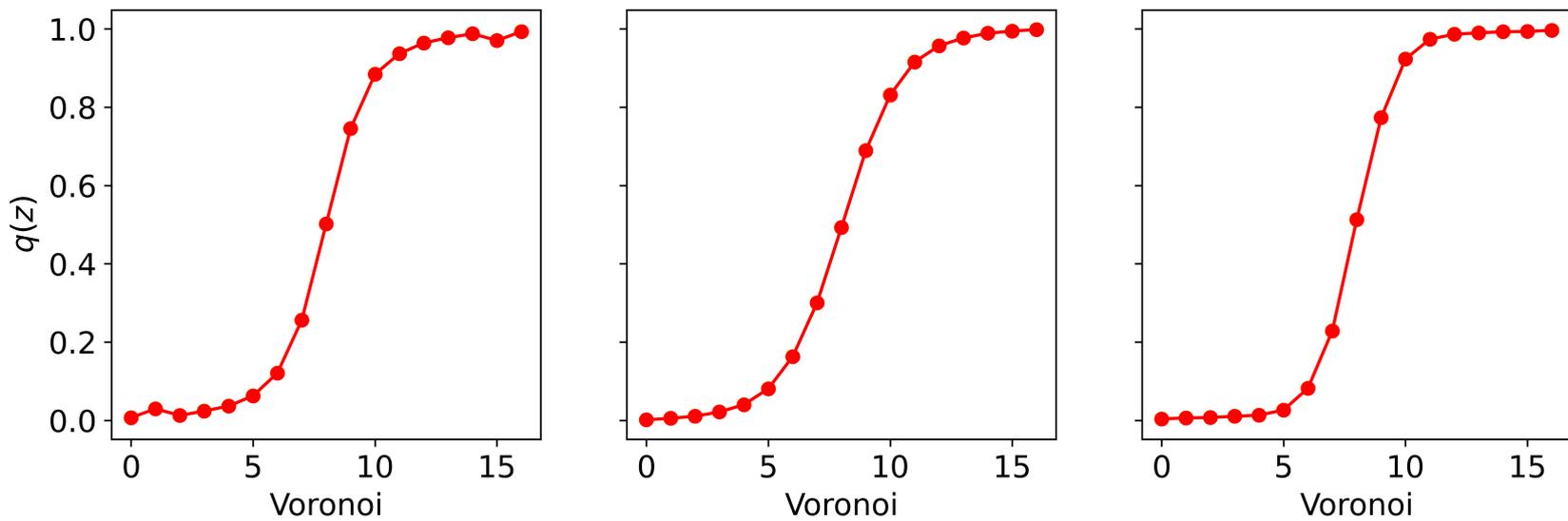
$$\mathbf{b} = -(\mathbf{D}(0) - \mathbf{D}(\tau))^{-1} (\mathbf{g}(0) - \mathbf{g}(\tau))$$

2D model: Berezhevskii-Szabo potential

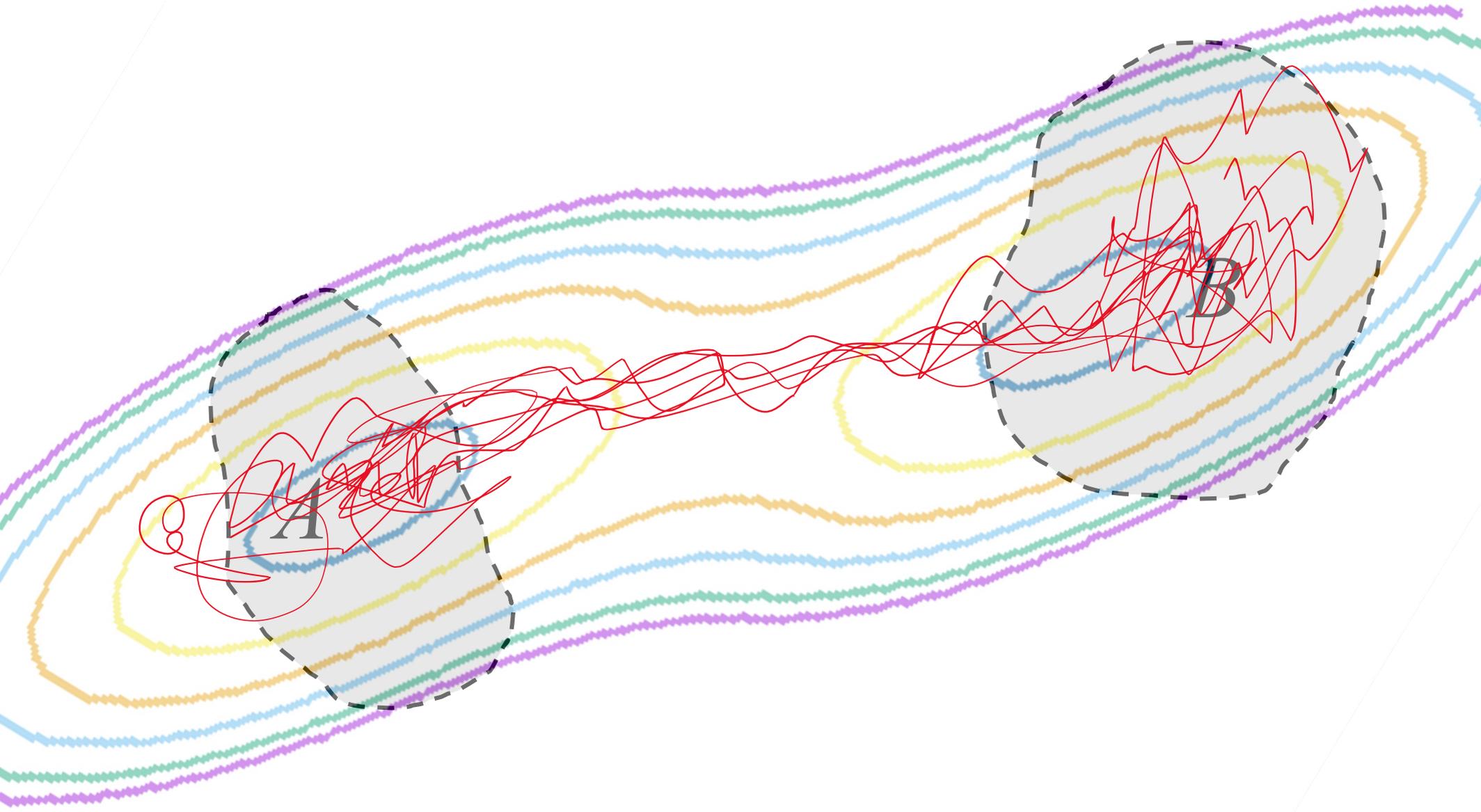
String



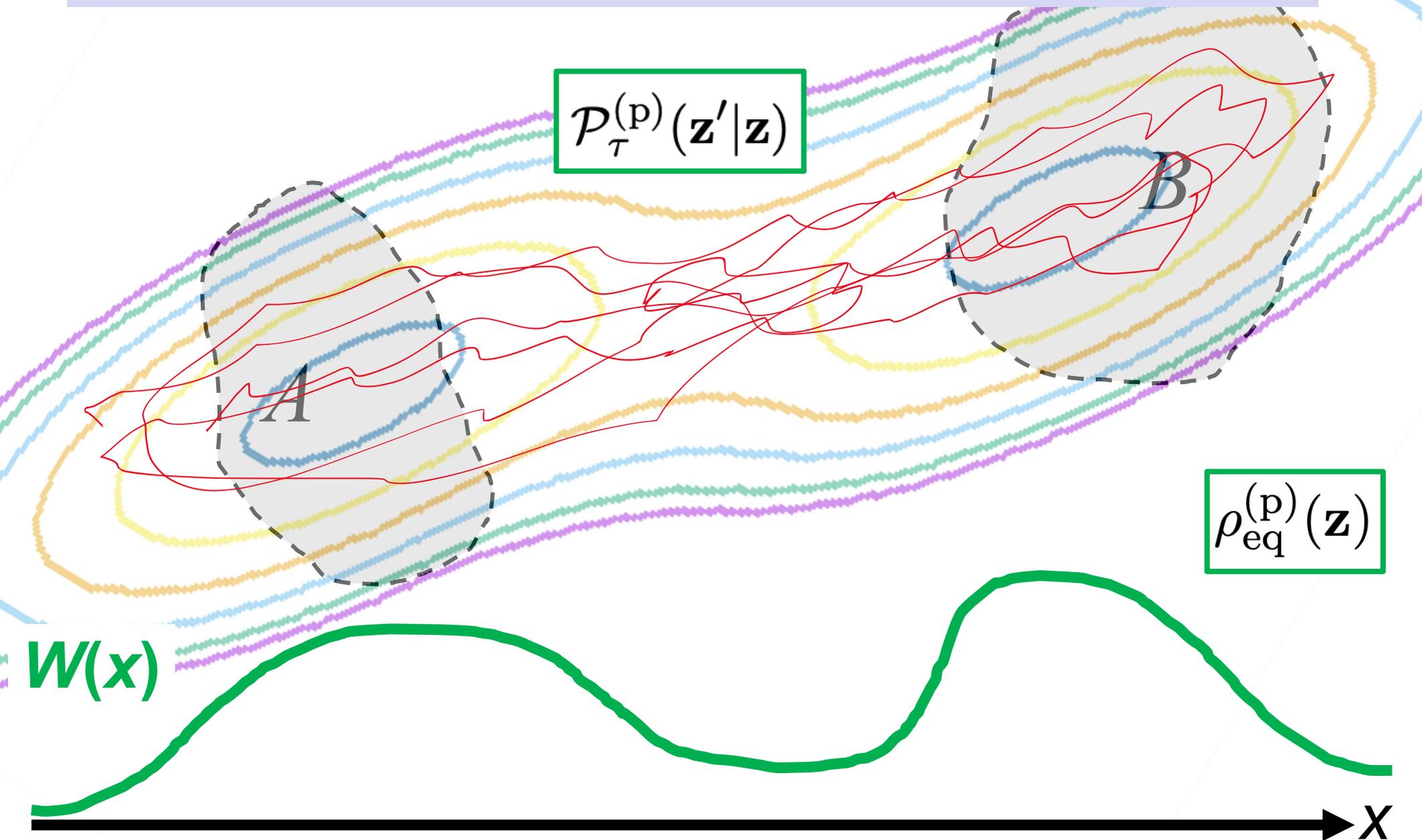
Committer



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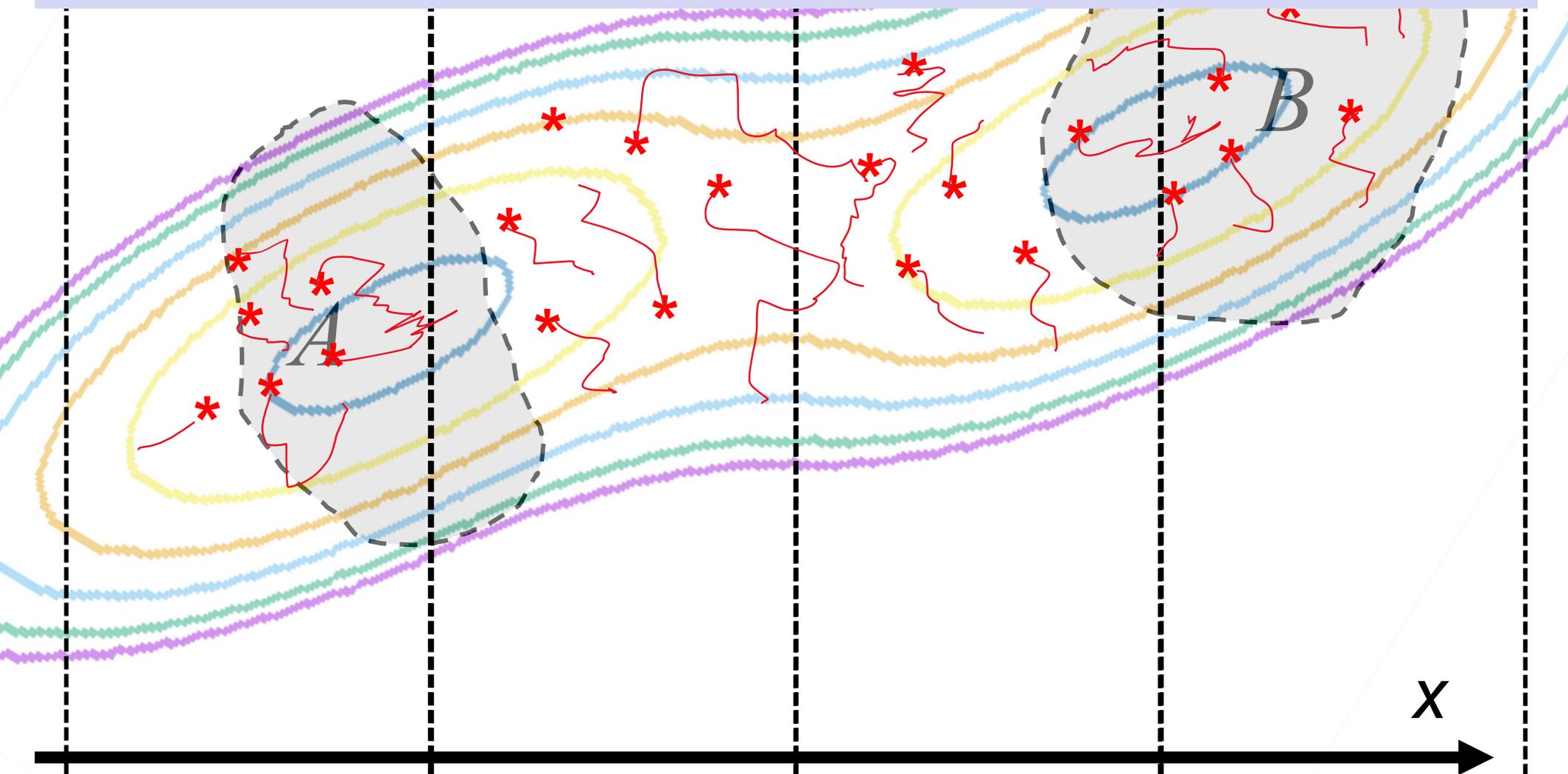
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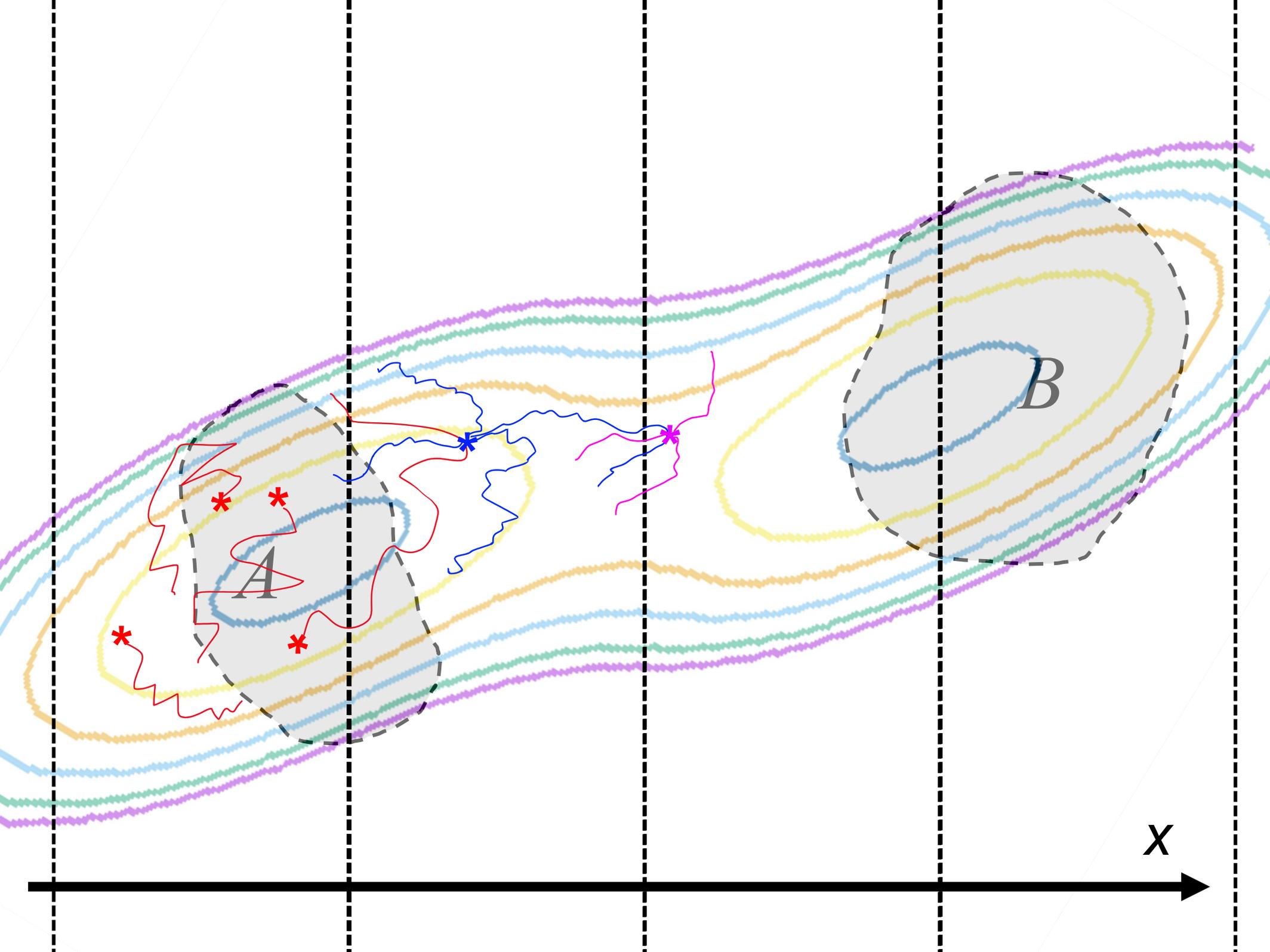
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Enhanced Sampling?

Unbiased trajectories

- Picking initial conditions
- Non-ergodic sampling
- Reconstruct equilibrium
- Natural unbiased dynamics
 - Reweights based on initial conditions
- **Generate rare configurations?**

Biased trajectories

- Run dynamics with biasing potential
- Ergodic sampling
- Equilibrium from Boltzmann reweighting
- Can populate top of free energy barriers
- **Dynamics corrupted by biasing potential**
 - Run unbiased trajectories & reweight?
 - Unbiasing the dynamics?

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$$\mathcal{P}_\tau^{(\text{p})}(\mathbf{z}'|\mathbf{z})$$

$$\rho_{\text{eq}}^{(\text{p})}(\mathbf{z})$$

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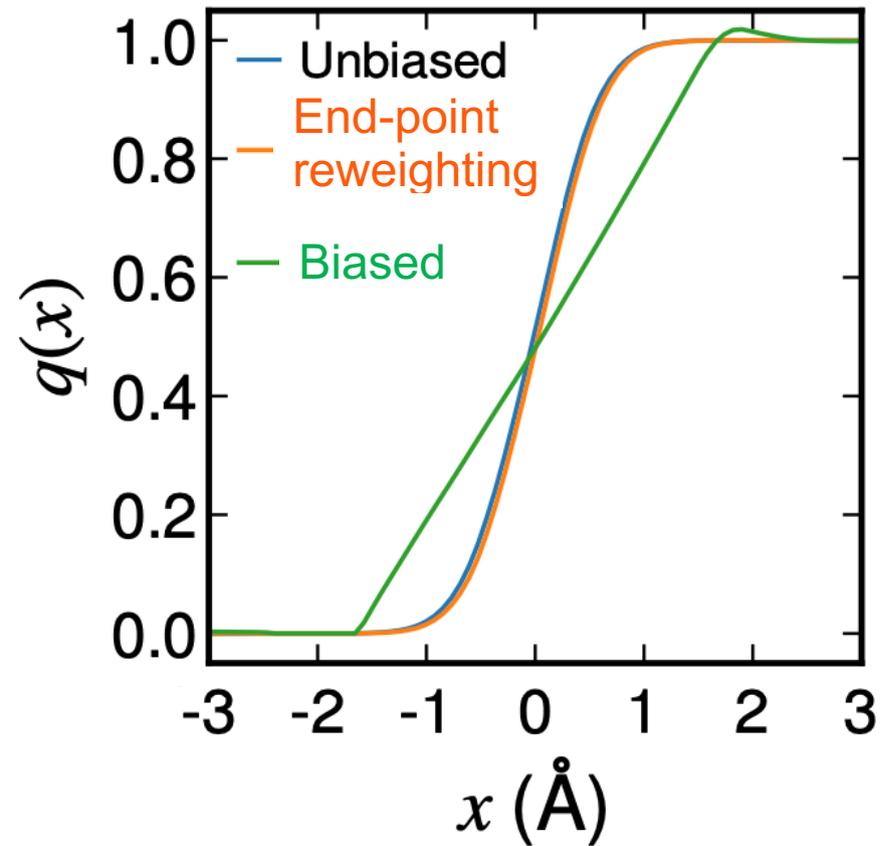
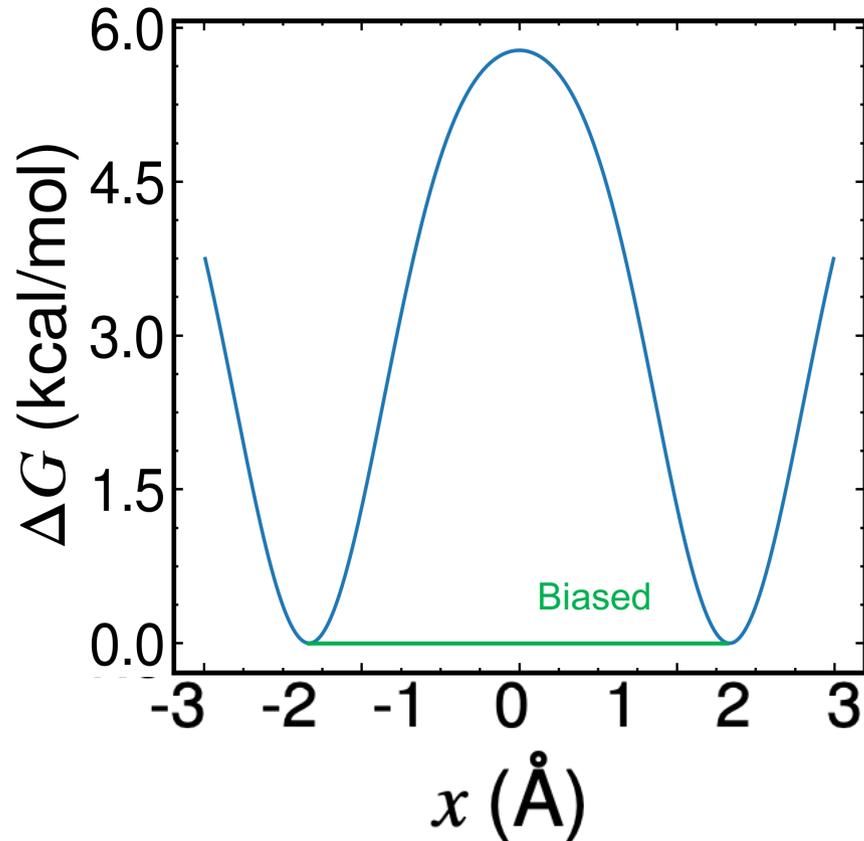
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$$\mathcal{P}_\tau^{(\text{p})}(\mathbf{z}'|\mathbf{z}) \approx e^{-\delta W(\mathbf{z}')/2k_{\text{B}}T} \mathcal{P}_\tau(\mathbf{z}'|\mathbf{z}) e^{\delta W(\mathbf{z})/2k_{\text{B}}T}$$

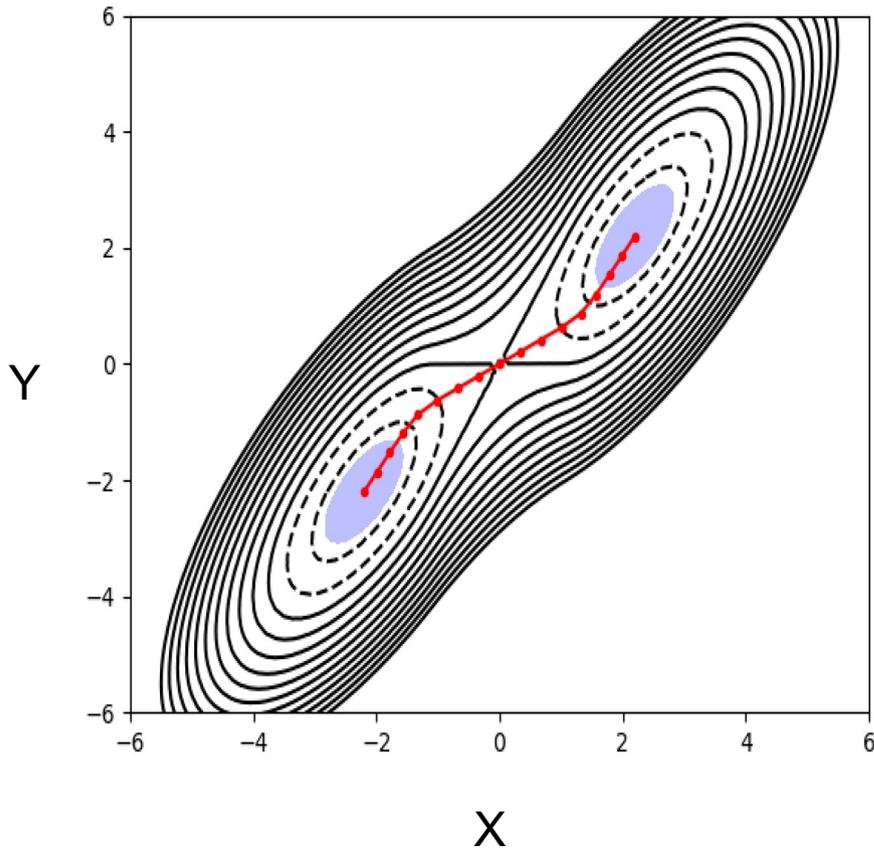
End-point reweighting

Using WTM-eABF biased simulation:



$$J^{AB} = \frac{1}{2\tau} \left\langle (q(\tau) - q(0))^2 e^{\frac{w(\tau) + w(0)}{2k_b T}} \right\rangle$$

Adaptive Biasing Force (ABF) based on the Path Coordinate Variable (PCV) along String



$$s(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^K \left(\frac{k}{K} \right) e^{-\lambda(\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{z}^{(k)})^2}}{\sum_{k=0}^K e^{-\lambda(\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{z}^{(k)})^2}}$$

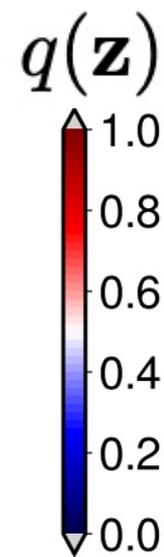
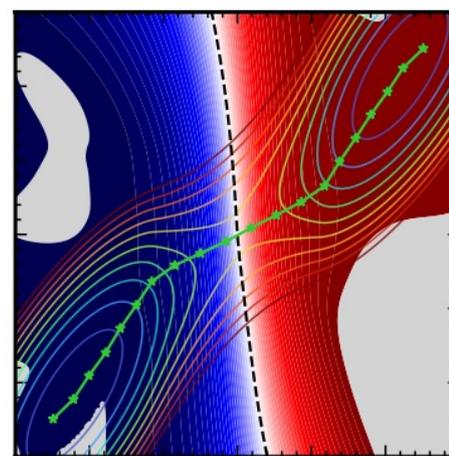
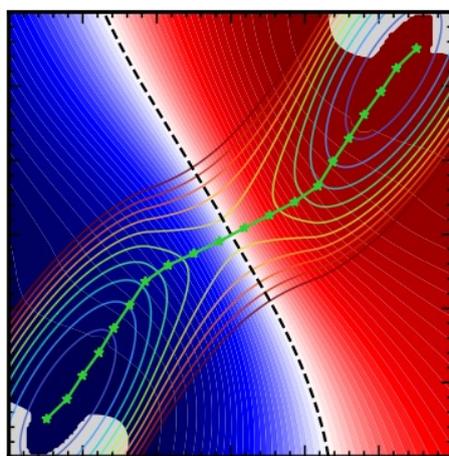
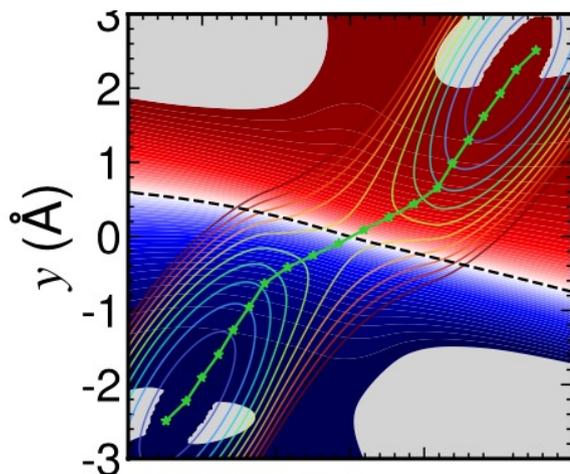
ABF sampling along PCV and re-weighting

$Dy/Dx = 0.1$

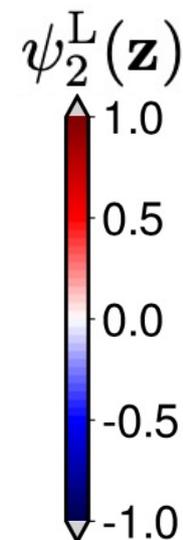
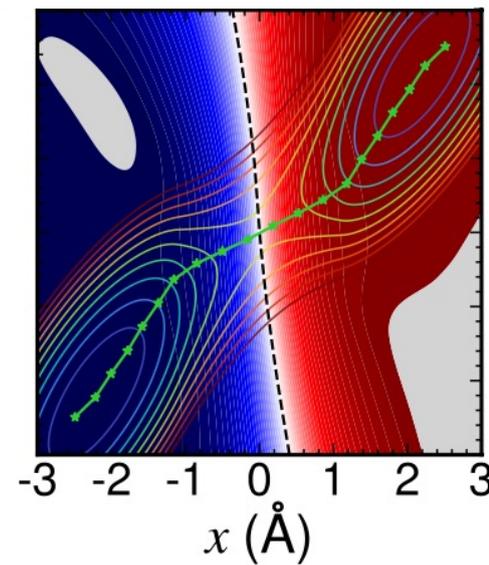
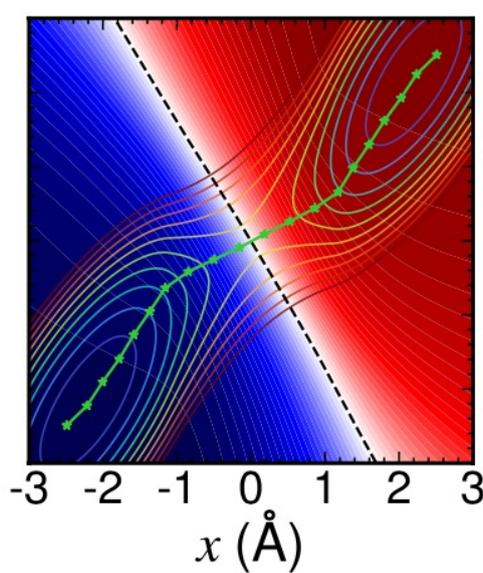
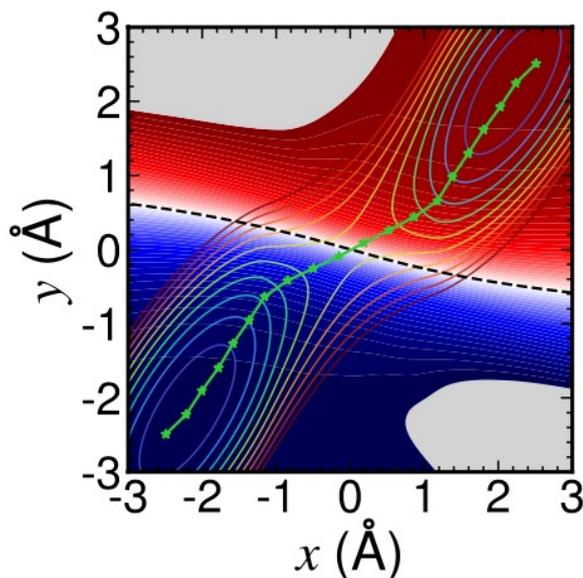
$Dy/Dx = 1.0$

$Dy/Dx = 10.0$

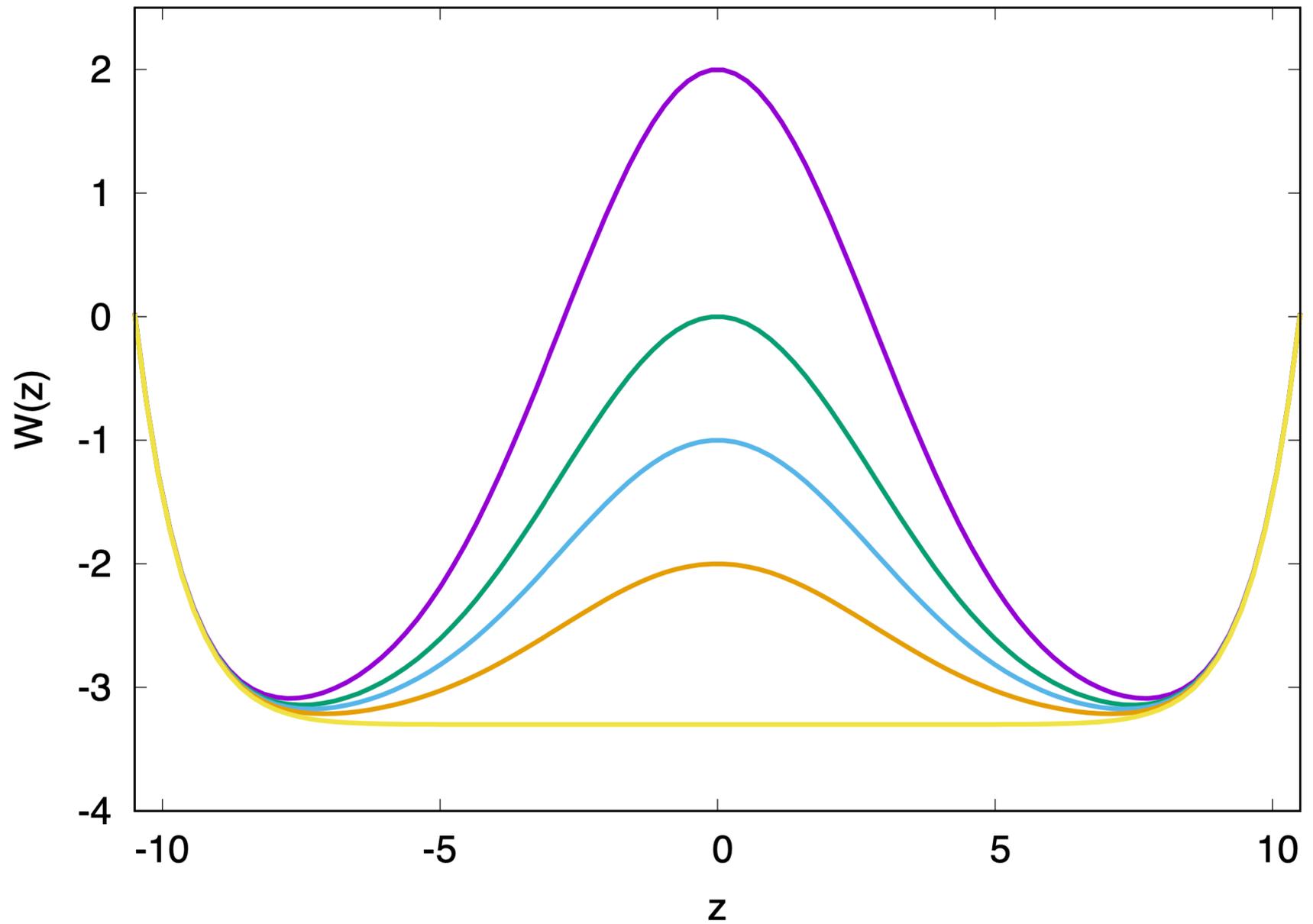
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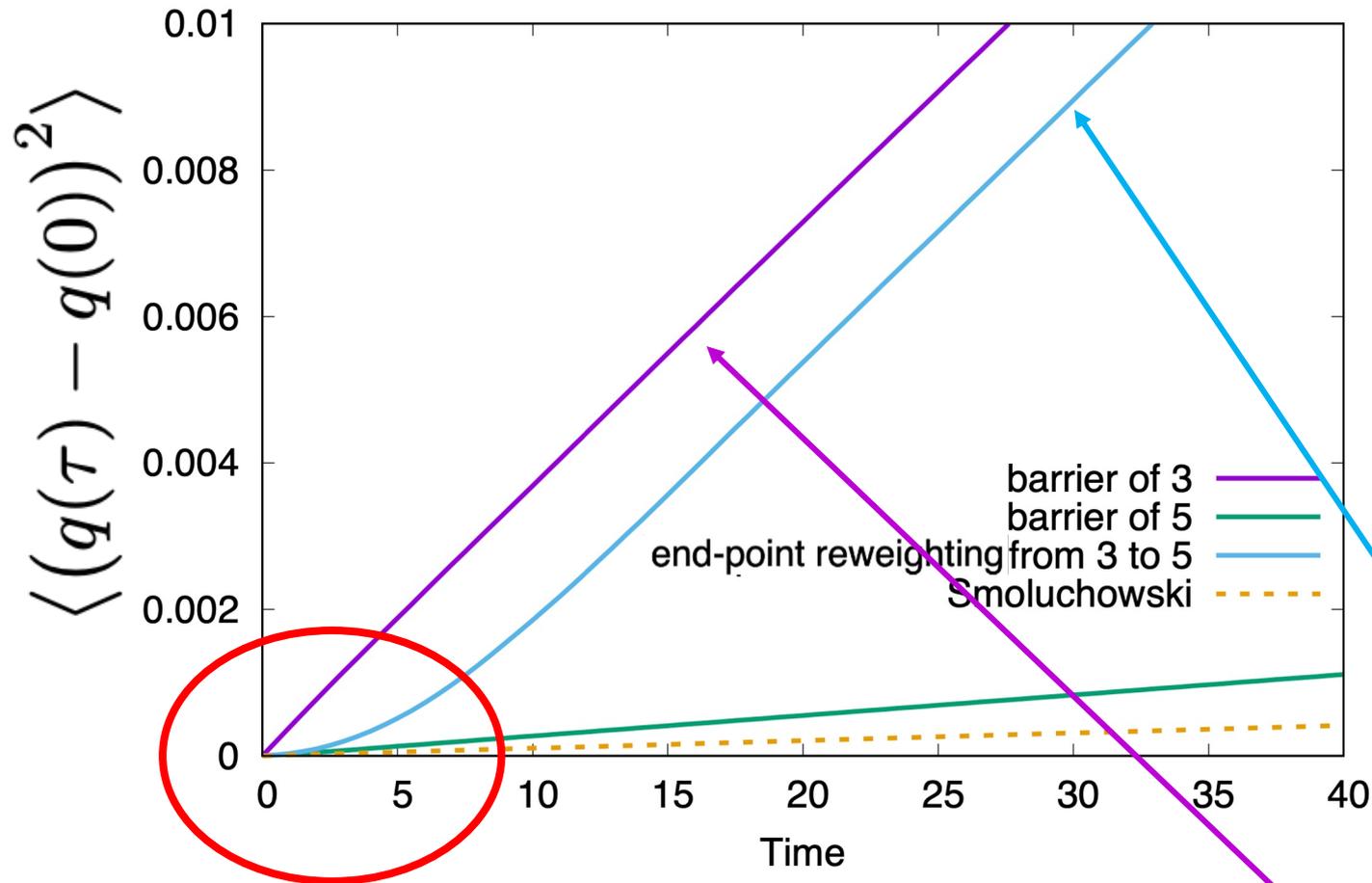
SRVs



Unbiasing biased simulations?



End-point reweighting leaves the dynamics biased



$$\begin{aligned}
 \left\langle \left(f(\tau) e^{-\delta W(\tau)/2k_B T} \right) \left(g(0) e^{-\delta W(0)/2k_B T} \right) \right\rangle &= \langle F(\tau) G(0) \rangle \\
 &= \sum_k (F \cdot \psi_k^R) (G \cdot \psi_k^R) e^{-\mu_k \tau}
 \end{aligned}$$

Unbiasing biased simulations?

$$\mathcal{P}_{\Delta t}(z'|z) = \left(\frac{e^{-\Delta z^2/4D\Delta t}}{\sqrt{4\pi D\Delta t}} \right) e^{-[W(z')-W(z)]/2k_B T} e^{-\langle \Delta z \rangle_{(z)} F/4k_B T}$$

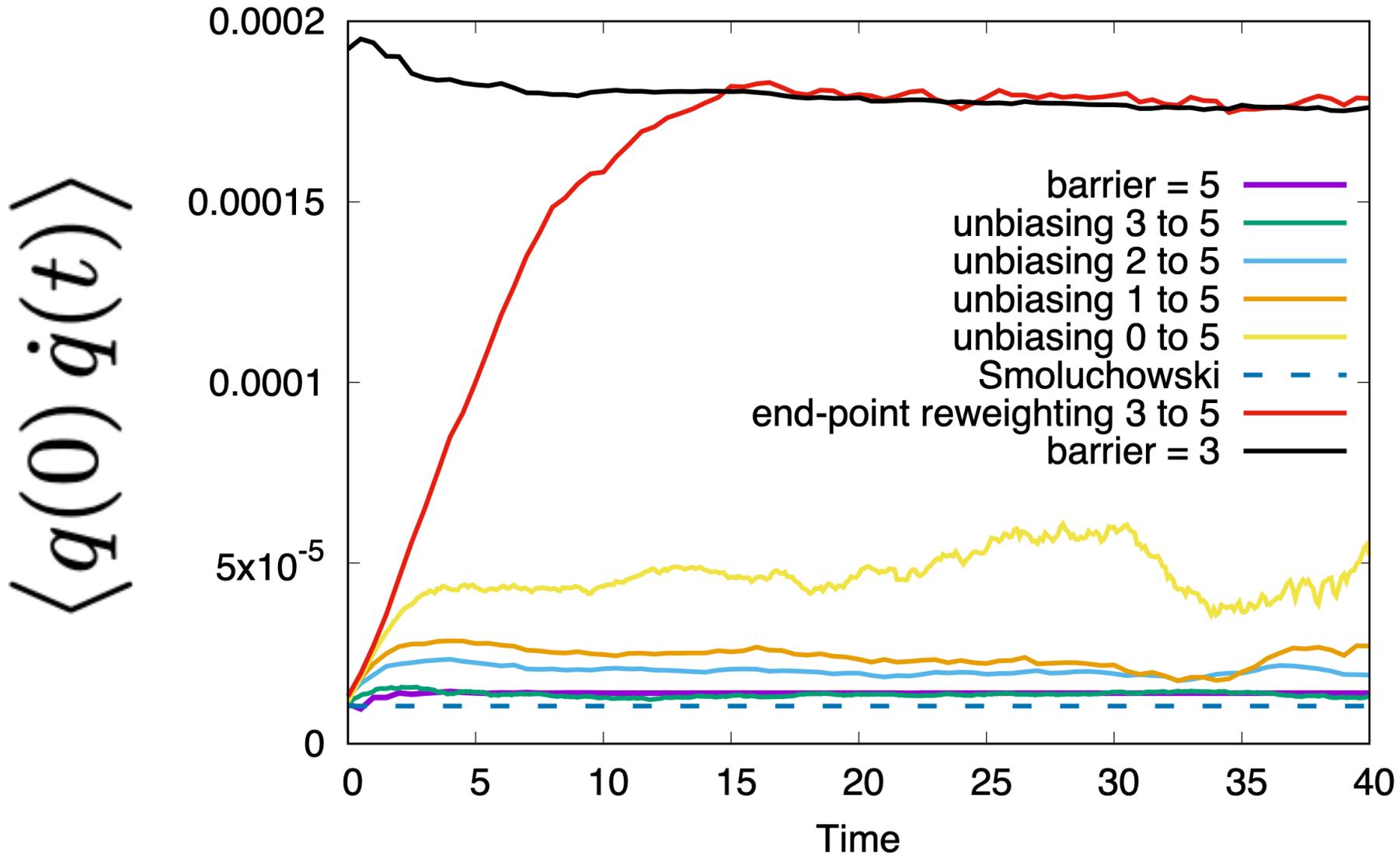
$$\mathcal{P}_{\Delta t}^p(z'|z) = \left(\frac{e^{-\Delta z^2/4D\Delta t}}{\sqrt{4\pi D\Delta t}} \right) e^{-[W^p(z')-W^p(z)]/2k_B T} e^{-\langle \Delta z \rangle_{(z)}^p F^p/4k_B T}$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{P}_{\Delta t}^p(z'|z)}{\mathcal{P}_{\Delta t}(z'|z)} = \frac{e^{-[W^p(z')-W^p(z)]/2k_B T} e^{-\langle \Delta z \rangle_{(z)}^p F^p/4k_B T}}{e^{-[W(z')-W(z)]/2k_B T} e^{-\langle \Delta z \rangle_{(z)} F/4k_B T}}$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{P}_{\tau}^p(z'|z)}{\mathcal{P}_{\tau}(z'|z)} = e^{-[\delta W(z')-\delta W(z)]/2k_B T} e^{-\mathcal{A}_{\tau}(z',z)/4k_B T}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{\tau}(z',z) = \frac{1}{4k_B T} \sum_{n=0}^N \left(\langle \Delta z \rangle_{z(n\Delta t)}^p F^p(z(n\Delta t)) - \langle \Delta z \rangle_{z(n\Delta t)} F(z(n\Delta t)) \right)$$

Unbiasing biased simulations?



$$\frac{\mathcal{P}_\tau^p(z'|z)}{\mathcal{P}_\tau(z'|z)} = e^{-[\delta W(z') - \delta W(z)]/2k_B T} e^{-\mathcal{A}_\tau(z',z)/4k_B T}$$

Conclusions

- Build on a formal Markovian propagator of the dynamics in configurational space
- Spectral analysis offers a rich but open-ended perspective
- TPT formulation can focus on a given transition of interest between two metastable states
- Time correlation function from biased simulations (various options)
- Leverage new machine learning technologies
- Enable iterative strategies to discover and refine a guess reaction coordinate