

# Exact Work Distribution and Jarzynski's Equality of a Relativistic Particle in an Expanding Piston

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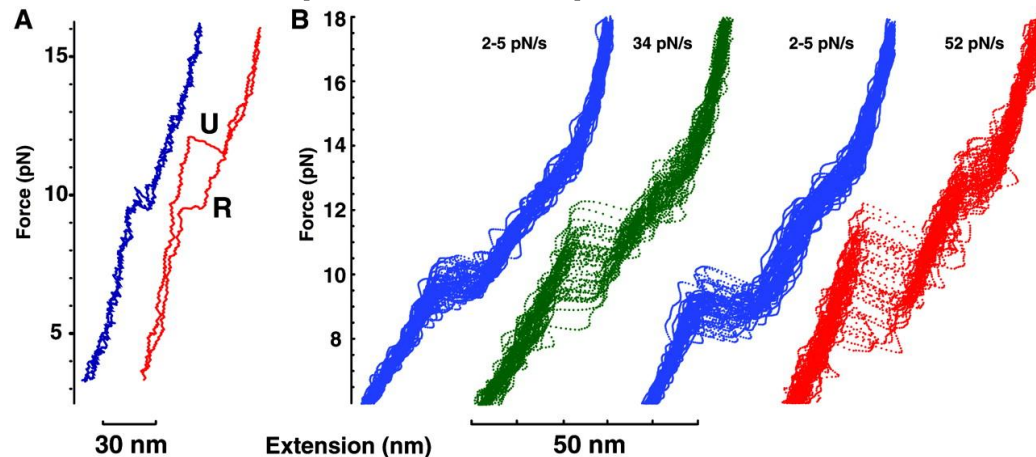
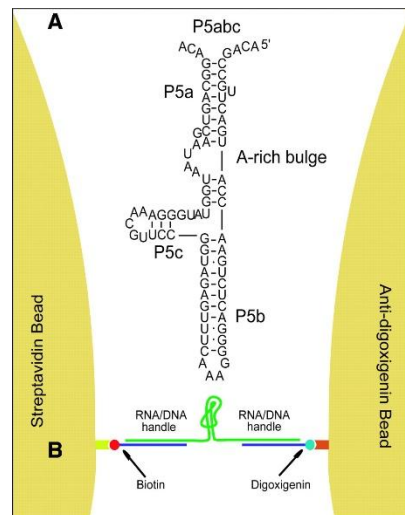
# Background and motivation

## The Jarzynski's equality

- Second law of thermodynamics:  $\langle W \rangle \geq \Delta F$
- Jarzynski's equality:

$$\langle e^{-\beta W} \rangle = e^{-\beta \Delta F}$$

- It is possible to obtain equilibrium thermodynamic parameters from non-equilibrium processes.

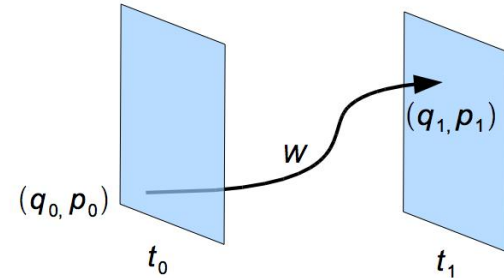


Liphardt, et al., Science 296, 1832 (2002)

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## The Jarzynski's equality

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$$W(q_0, p_0) = H(q_1, p_1; \lambda_1) - H(q_0, p_0; \lambda_0)$$

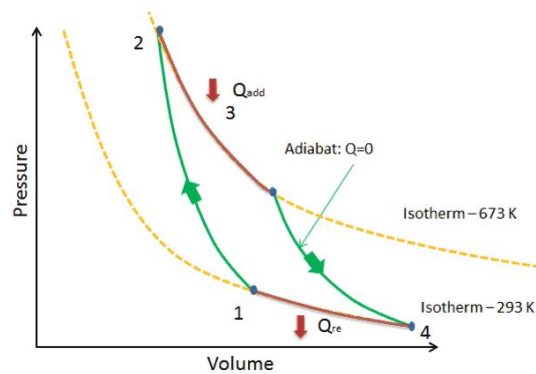
- The proof of Jarzynski's equality:

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle e^{\beta W} \rangle \\ &= \int dp_{i,0} dq_{i,0} \rho(p_{i,0}, q_{i,0}) e^{\beta W(p_{i,0}, q_{i,0}, \tau)} \\ &= \frac{1}{Z_0} \int dp_{i,0} dq_{i,0} e^{-\beta H_{\lambda(\tau)}(p_{i,\tau}, q_{i,\tau})} \\ &= \frac{1}{Z_0} \int dp_{i,\tau} dq_{i,\tau} e^{-\beta H_{\lambda(\tau)}(p_{i,\tau}, q_{i,\tau})} \\ &= \frac{Z_\tau}{Z_0}, \end{aligned}$$

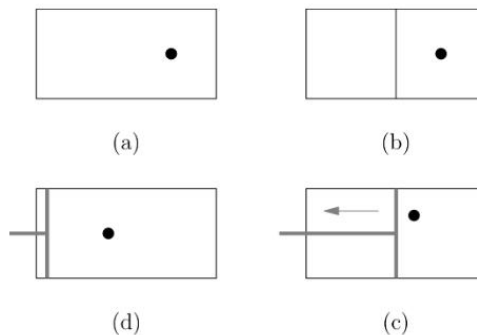
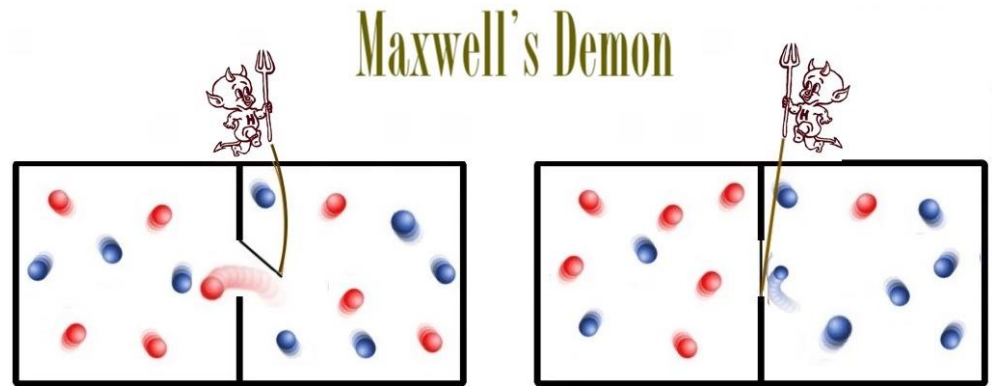
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## Piston model

- Piston model: Paradigmatic



Carnot cycle



Landauer Principle

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## Piston model

- Piston model: Exact solvable
- Previous work:

Classical Newtonian piston [R. C. Lua and A. Y. Grosberg, 2005]

Quantum non-relativistic piston [H. T. Quan and C. Jarzynski, 2012]

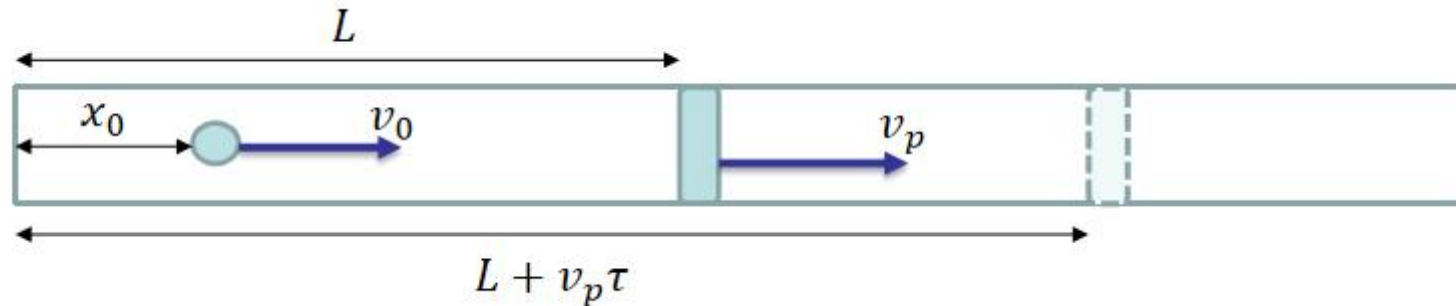
Classical relativistic piston (single kick limit) [R. Nolte and A. Engel, 2009]

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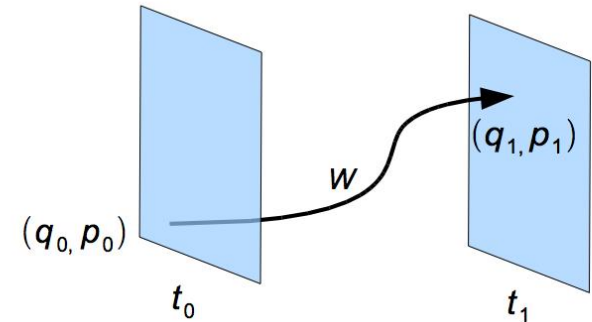
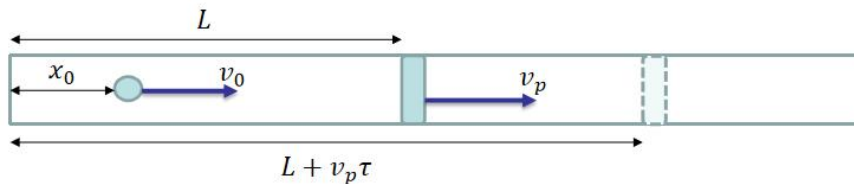


# Setup of the relativistic piston model



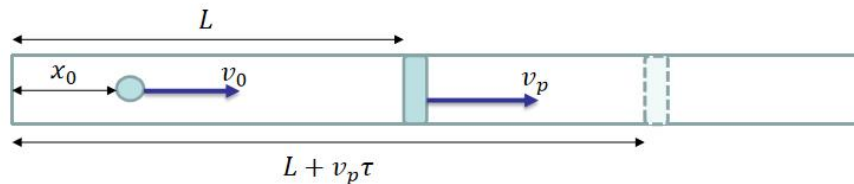
- A single particle inside a one-dimensional cylinder with a moving piston
- The collision with the piston is elastic.
- The gas is of the inverse temperature  $\beta$ .

# Setup of the relativistic piston model

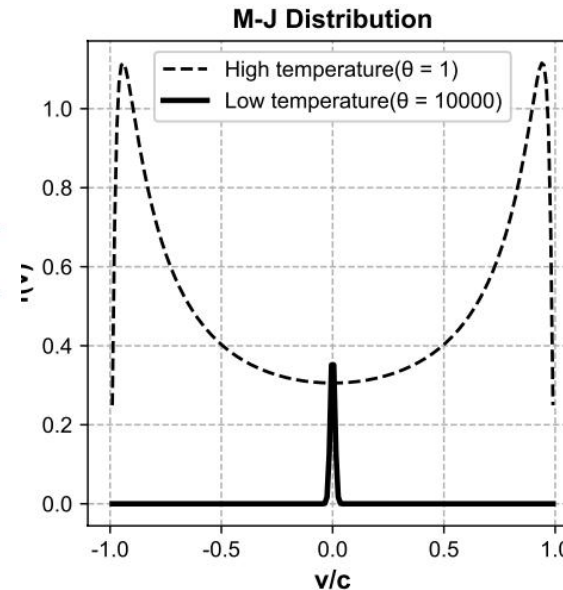


- Elastic collision: in the piston frame, the speed of the particle doesn't change during a collision.
- Trajectory work:  $W(q_0, p_0) = H(q_1, p_1; \lambda_1) - H(q_0, p_0; \lambda_0)$
- Time slides are defined in the laboratory frame.

# Setup of the relativistic piston model



- Classical
- Relativistic
- Adiabatic



$$f(x, p) = \frac{1}{2K_1\left(\frac{mc^2}{k_B T}\right)mcL} e^{-\frac{mc^2}{k_B T} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{p}{mc}\right)^2}},$$

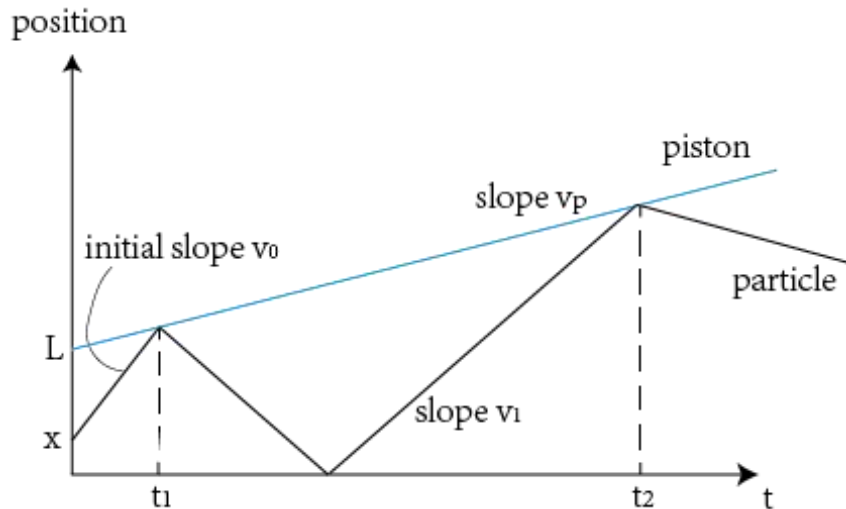
$$F(x, v) = \frac{1}{2K_1\left(\frac{mc^2}{k_B T}\right)cL} e^{-\frac{mc^2}{k_B T} \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}} \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right)^{-\frac{3}{2}}.$$

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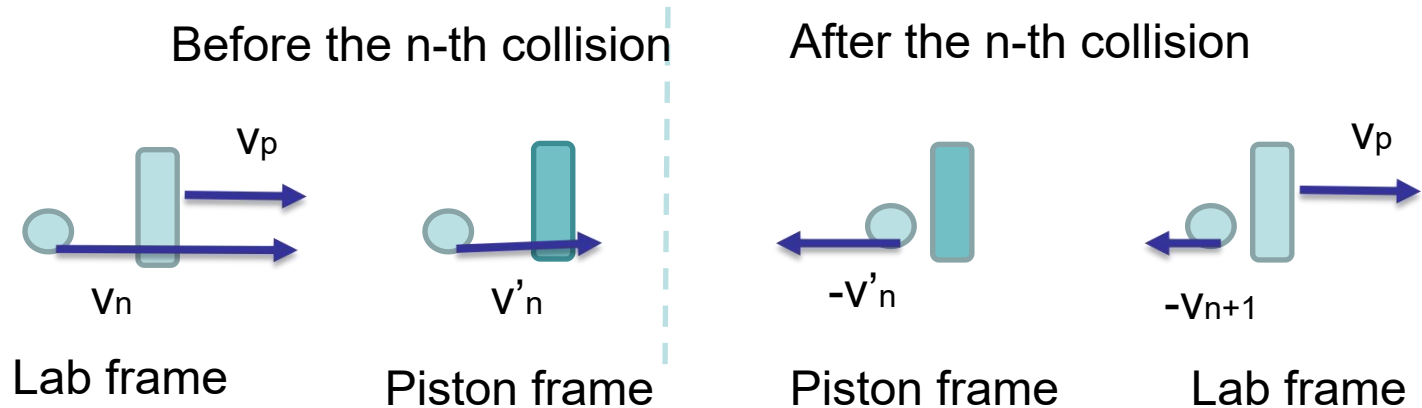
# Trajectory of a particle and verification of the Jarzynski's equality

- Trajectory of a particle:



- The key is to obtain the speed after the  $n$ -th collision and the time of the  $n$ -th collision with the moving piston.

# Trajectory of a particle and verification of the Jarzynski's equality



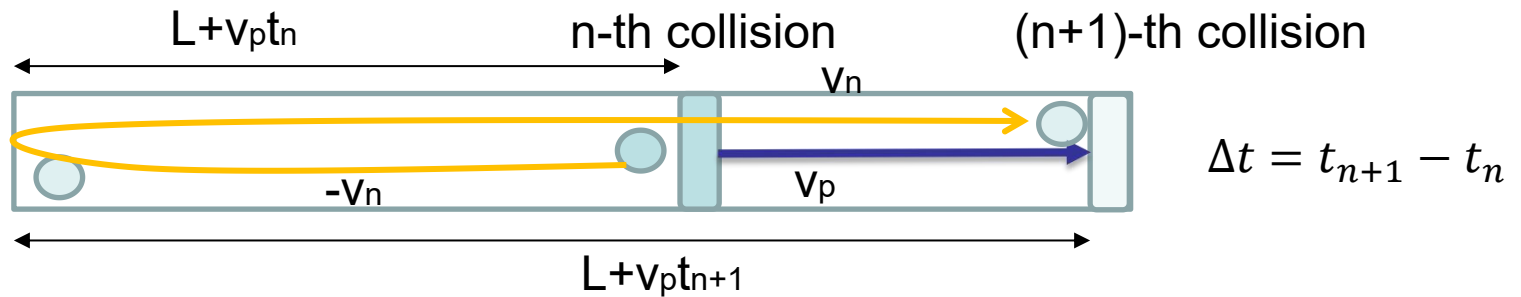
- Recursion relation of the speed :

$$v_{n+1} = \frac{(c^2 + v_p^2)v_n - 2v_p c^2}{c^2 + v_p^2 - 2v_p v_n}.$$

- Solution to the recursion relation:

$$v_n = \frac{(c + v)\alpha_p^{2n} - c + v}{(c + v)\alpha_p^{2n} + c - v} \cdot c, \quad \text{with} \quad \alpha_p = \frac{c - v_p}{c + v_p}.$$

# Trajectory of a particle and verification of the Jarzynski's equality



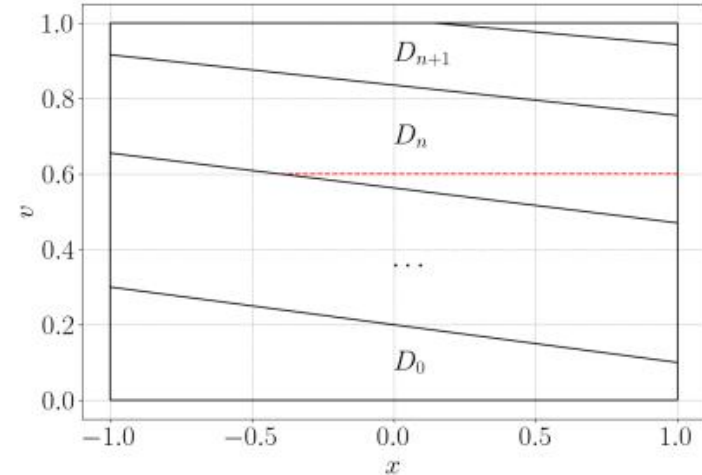
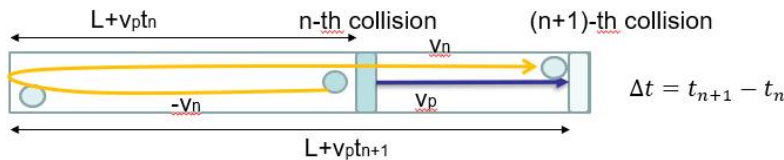
- Recursion relation of the time of the  $n$ -th collision

with the piston: 
$$t_{n+1} = \frac{2L + (v_p + v_n)t_n}{v_n - v_p},$$

- Solution to the recursion relation:

$$t_n = \left[ (-\alpha_p^{2n} - \alpha_p + \alpha_p^{n+1} + \alpha_p^n) \frac{v}{c} + (-\alpha_p^{n+1} + \alpha_p^n) \frac{x}{L} + (\alpha_p - \alpha_p^{2n}) \right] \left[ -\alpha_p + \alpha_p^{2n} + (\alpha_p + \alpha_p^{2n}) \frac{v}{c} \right]^{-1} \cdot \frac{L(1 + \alpha_p)}{c(1 - \alpha_p)},$$

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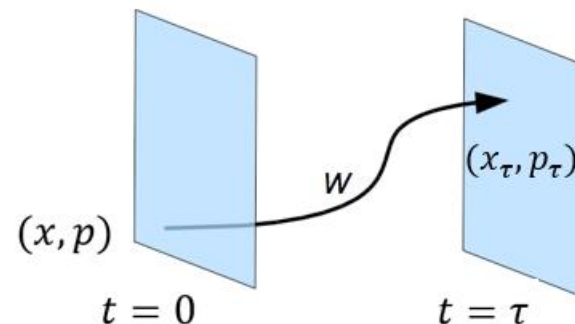
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- Final collision number:  $n = \max\{N | t_N \leq \tau\}$



# Trajectory of a particle and verification of the Jarzynski's equality



- Final position and momentum:

$$(x_\tau, p_\tau) = (|L - v_n \tau + (v_n + v_p)t_n|, p_n) \quad \text{with} \quad p_n = \frac{mv_n}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{v_n}{c}\right)^2}}.$$

- Liouville's theorem can be proved:

$$\left| \frac{\partial(x_\tau, p_\tau)}{\partial(x, p)} \right| = 1,$$

which verifies the Jarzynski's equality.

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- Non-dimensionalize:  $m, L, k_B, c=1$ .
- Definition of the work distribution:

$$P(W) = \int_{-1}^1 dx \int_0^1 dv \frac{e^{-\frac{\beta}{\sqrt{1-v^2}}} \delta(W - W_\tau(x, v))}{2K_1(\beta)(1-v^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}},$$

- After some tedious calculations, the distribution function of  $W$  can be analytically expressed as

$$P(W) = P_0 \delta(W) + \frac{1}{2K_1(\beta)} \sum_{n=1}^N \varphi_n(v_n(W)) \times \frac{e^{-\beta/\sqrt{1-v_n(W)^2}}}{(\alpha_p^{-n} - 1) [1 + \alpha_p^n - v_n(W)(1 - \alpha_p^n)]}.$$

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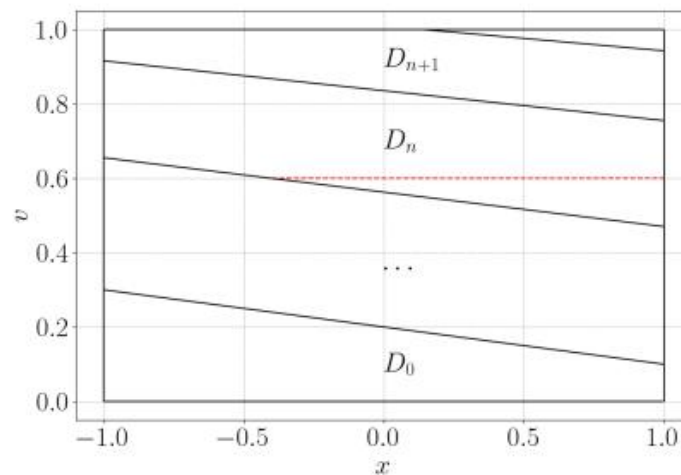
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- With

$$v_n(W) = \frac{(1 - \alpha_p^n)^3(1 + \alpha_p^n) + 4W \sqrt{\alpha_p^{3n} ((1 - \alpha_p^n)^2 + \alpha_p^n W^2)}}{(1 - \alpha_p^{2n})^2 + 4\alpha_p^{2n} W^2},$$

$$\varphi_n(v) = \begin{cases} 1 - \xi_n(v), & \frac{X_n - 1}{T_n} < v_n(W) \leq \frac{X_n + 1}{T_n} \\ 2, & \frac{X_n + 1}{T_n} < v_n(W) \leq \frac{X_{n+1} - 1}{T_{n+1}} \\ 1 + \xi_{n+1}(v), & \frac{X_{n+1} - 1}{T_{n+1}} < v_n(W) \leq \frac{X_{n+1} + 1}{T_{n+1}} \end{cases},$$

- Overlap factor:



# Relativistic work distribution and its non-relativistic limit

- We may recover the dimension of the expressions and let  $c \rightarrow \infty$ , then we have the non-relativistic limit of the work distribution.

$$P(W) = P_0 \delta(W) + \frac{\sqrt{\beta}}{\sqrt{2\pi n v_p}} e^{-\frac{\beta}{2} \left( \frac{W}{2n v_p} + n v_p \right)^2} f(W),$$

$$f(W) = \begin{cases} -(n-1)\left(1 + \frac{v_p}{2}\right) + \frac{W}{4n v_p}, & (n-1)(v_p + 2) < \frac{W}{2n v_p} \leq (n-1)(v_p + 2) + 2 \\ 1, & (n-1)(v_p + 2) + 2 < \frac{W}{2n v_p} \leq (n-1)(v_p + 2) + 2 + 2v_p \\ (n+1)\left(1 + \frac{v_p}{2}\right) - \frac{W}{4n v_p}, & (n-1)(v_p + 2) + 2 + 2v_p < \frac{W}{2n v_p} \leq (n+1)(v_p + 2) \end{cases}$$

# The comparison between relativistic work distribution and its non-relativistic limit

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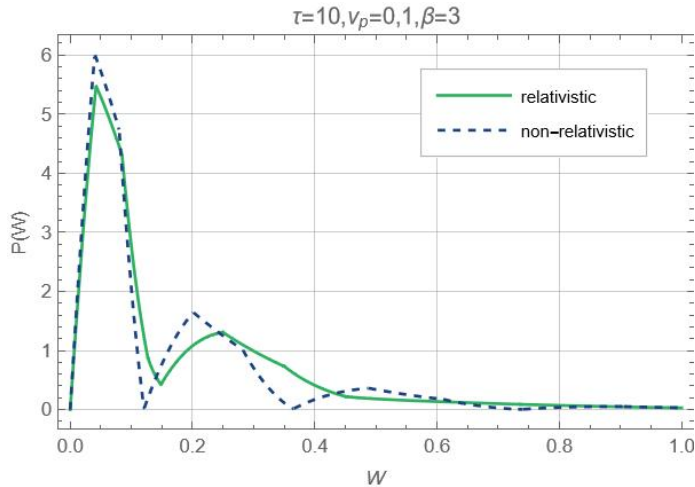
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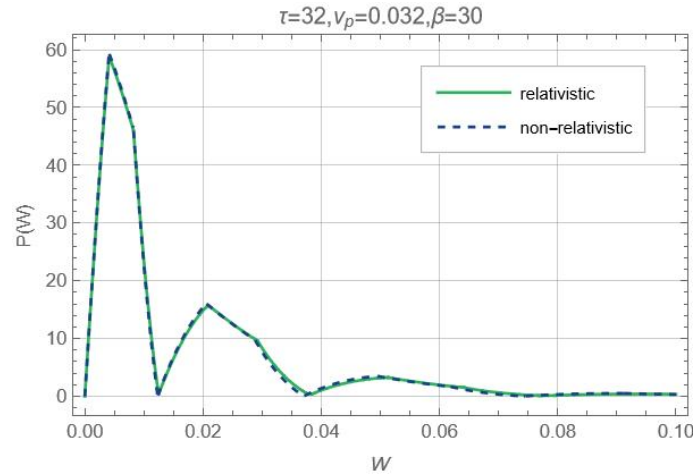

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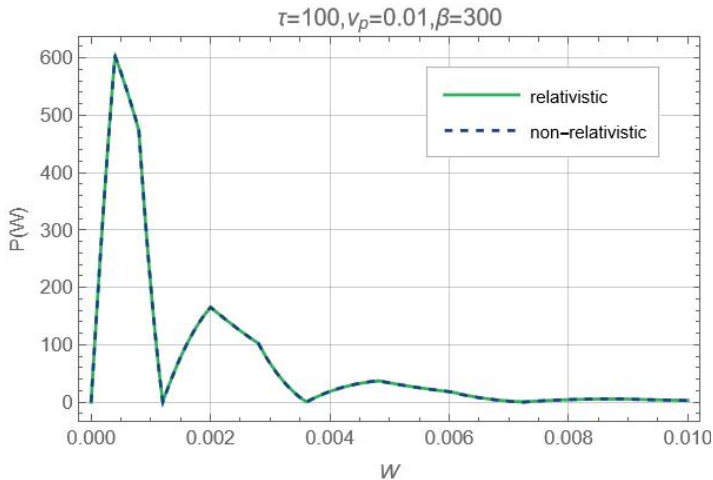
# The comparison between relativistic work distribution and its non-relativistic limit



(a)



(b)



(c)

Relativistic and non-relativistic work distribution with different parameters.

The initial length is  $1\text{cm}$ . The protocol is:

(a)  $\tau = 0.3\text{ns}$ ,  $v_p = 3 \times 10^7\text{m/s}$ ,  $T = 3 \times 10^{12}\text{K}$ ;

(b)  $\tau = 1\text{ns}$ ,  $v_p = 1 \times 10^7\text{m/s}$ ,  $T = 3 \times 10^{11}\text{K}$ ;

(c)  $\tau = 3\text{ns}$ ,  $v_p = 3 \times 10^6\text{m/s}$ ,  $T = 3 \times 10^{10}\text{K}$ .

Relativistic work distribution has no zeros, which might be detected.

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# Summary

- 1D classical relativistic piston model is an exact solvable model. We analytical solve the trajectory and the work distribution of the relativistic piston model, and verify the Jarzynski's equality.
- In the non-relativistic limit, our results recover the non-relativistic results [Lua, & Grosberg, J. Phys. Chem. B, 109, 6805(2005)].
- We also find that, unlike the non-relativistic case, the maximum number of collisions in this relativistic gas model is finite, and the relativistic work distribution no longer has zeros.
- It is difficult to detect the relativistic effects of the work distribution of the ideal gas in a piston system with the current experimental techniques.

Thank you!