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Quantum Thermodynamics



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Lecture overview

I - Work extraction from quantum coherences (long)

II - Maxwell's demon and his exorcism - experimental evidence
(short)

III - Thermodynamics beyond the weak coupling limit (long)

IV - Optional: Non-equilib. temperature of levitated nanospheres
(short)

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Recap: Standard thermodynamic potentials

classical description:

phase space coordinates x

Hamiltonian $H_S(x)$

partition function $Z_S = \int dx e^{-\beta H_S(x)}$

equilibrium distribution

$$\rho_S(x) = \frac{e^{-\beta H_S(x)}}{Z_S}$$

for equilibrium state at
inverse temperature

$$\beta = 1/T$$

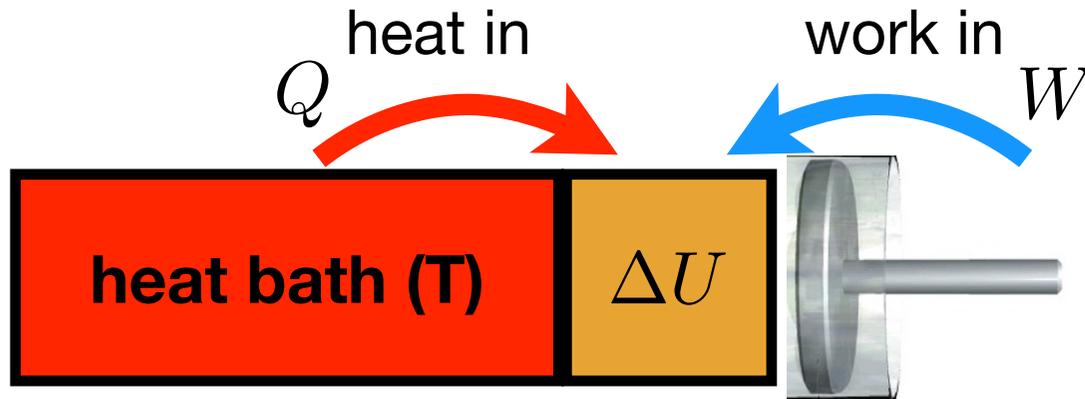
$$k_B = 1$$

internal energy $U_S = -\partial_\beta \ln Z_S$

free energy $F_S = -\frac{1}{\beta} \ln Z_S$

entropy $S_S = \beta(U_S - F_S) = - \int dx \rho_S(x) \ln \rho_S(x)$

Recap: Standard laws of thermodynamics



First law

$$\Delta U_S = W + Q$$

with sign conventions:

$$\Delta U = U_{\text{end}} - U_{\text{start}}$$

$$Q = Q_{\text{abs}} \quad W = W_{\text{abs}}$$

Second law

$$\Delta S_S \geq \frac{Q}{T} \quad \leftarrow \text{for one bath at } T$$

$$\text{or } W \geq \Delta F_S$$

Violation of standard thermodynamics

- The 2nd law of thermodynamics is *the* core principle in physics.

Eddington: The law that entropy always increases, holds, I think, the supreme position among the laws of Nature. If someone points out to you that your pet theory of the universe is in disagreement with Maxwell's equations — then so much the worse for Maxwell's equations. If it is found to be contradicted by observation — well, these experimentalists do bungle things sometimes. But if your theory is found to be against the second law of thermodynamics I can give you no hope; there is nothing for it but to collapse in deepest humiliation.

- Landauer's principle links thermodynamics with information and is equivalent to the second law.
- But there is a well-cited paper that proves that the 2nd law of thermodynamics/Landauer's erasure principle is violated in the quantum regime.

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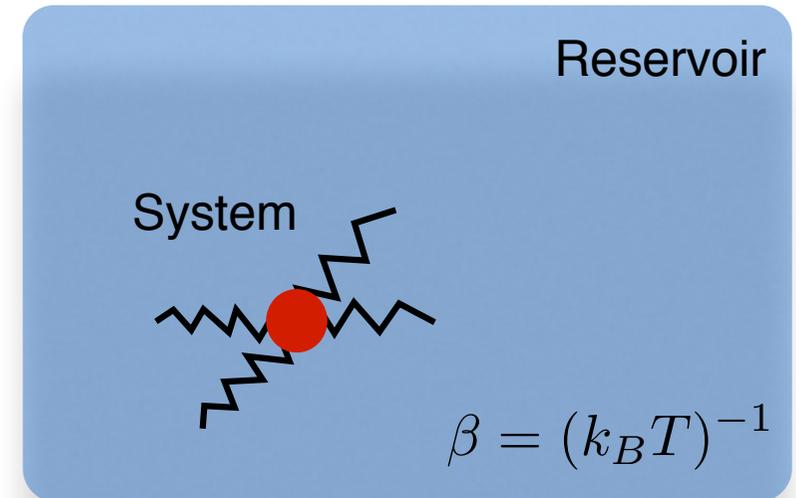
Caldeira-Leggett model

$$H = H_S + H_B + H_{int}$$

interaction term

$$H_S = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{m\omega^2 q^2}{2}$$

$$H_B + H_{int} = \sum_j \left[\frac{p_j^2}{2m_j} + \frac{m_j \omega_j^2}{2} \left(q_j - \frac{c_j q}{m_j \omega_j^2} \right)^2 \right]$$



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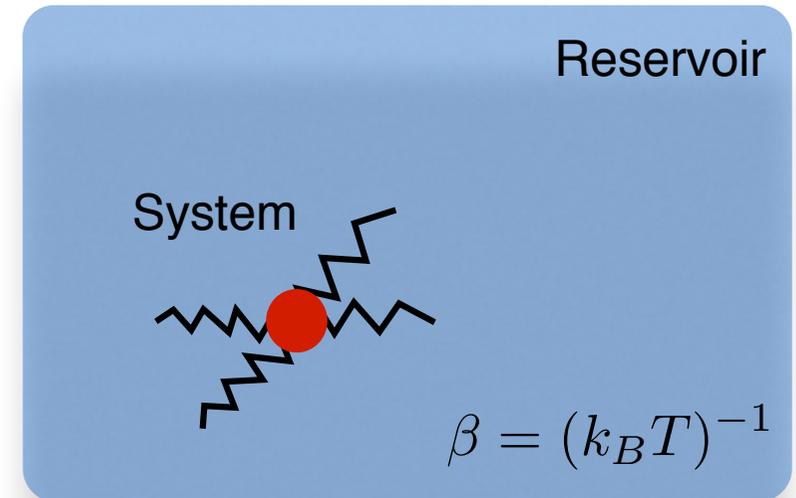
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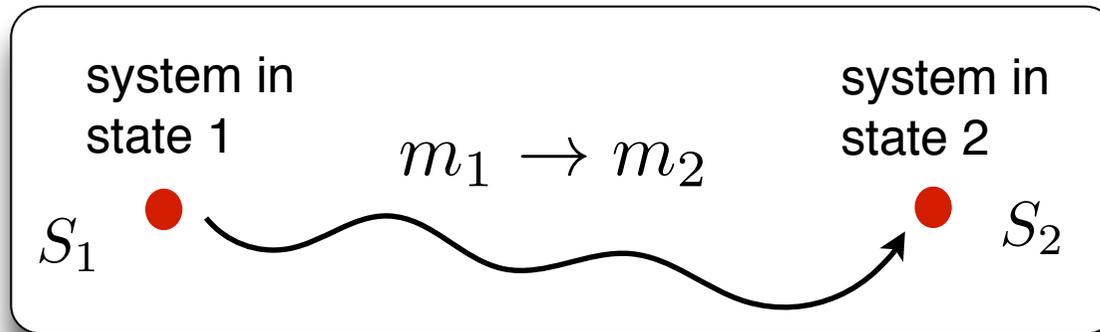
$$\rho = \frac{e^{-\beta H}}{Z}$$

reduced state of the oscillator

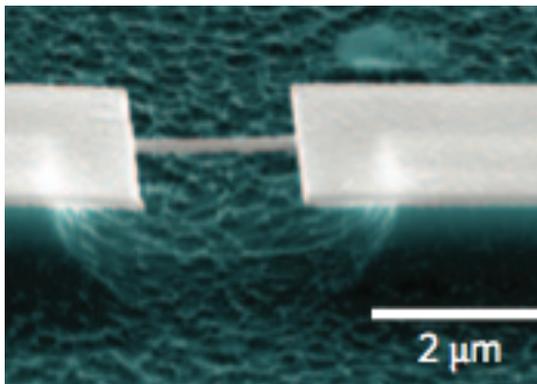
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The paradox



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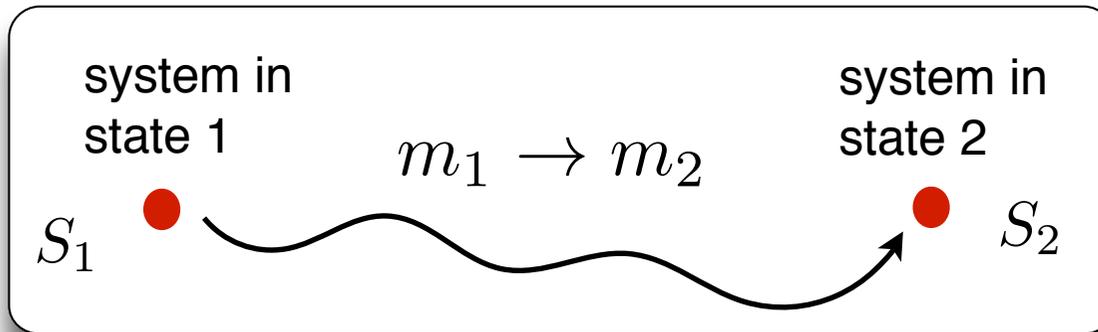
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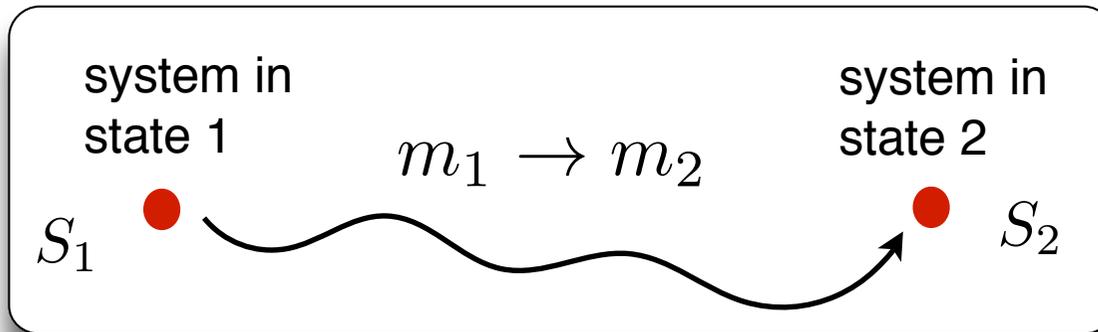
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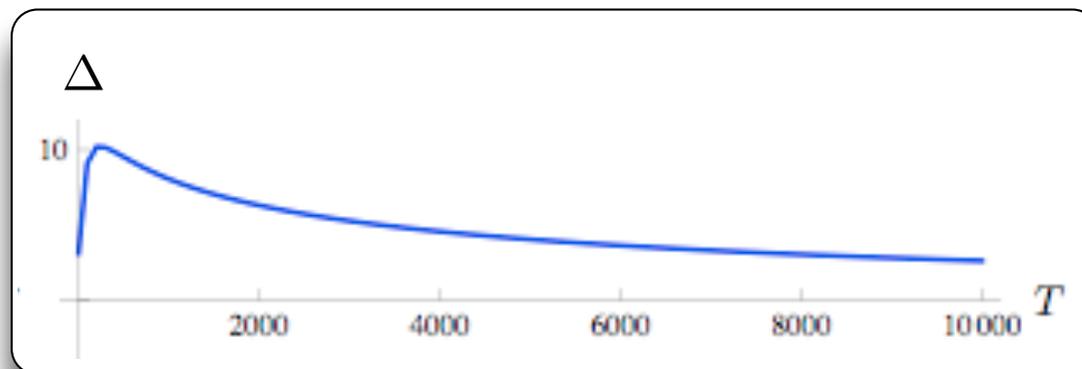
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calculate ΔS and Q_{abs} for this process



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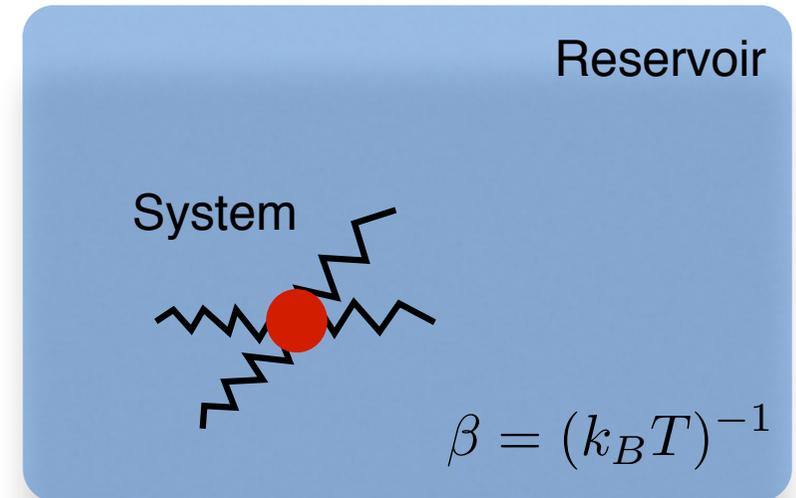
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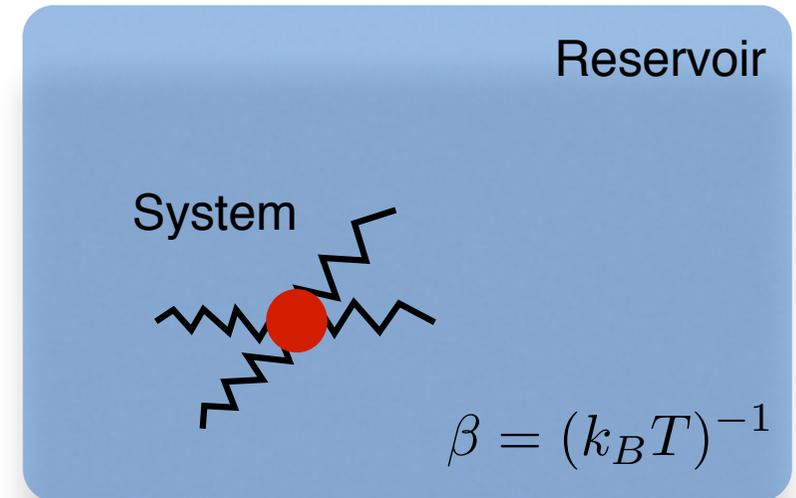
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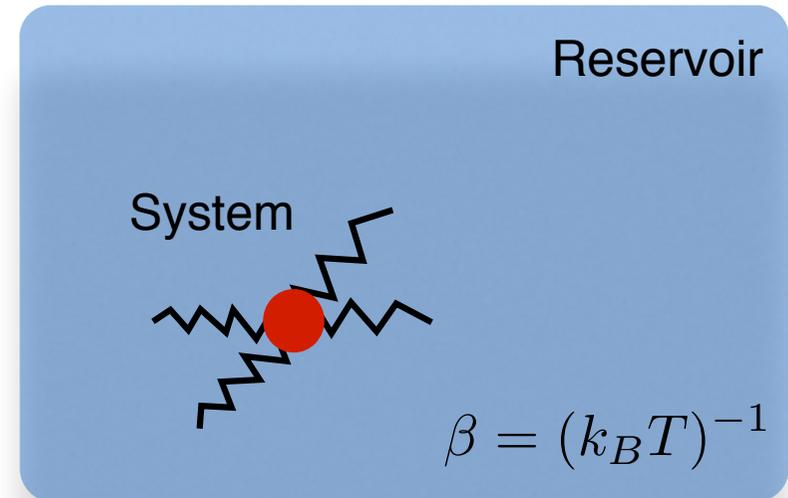
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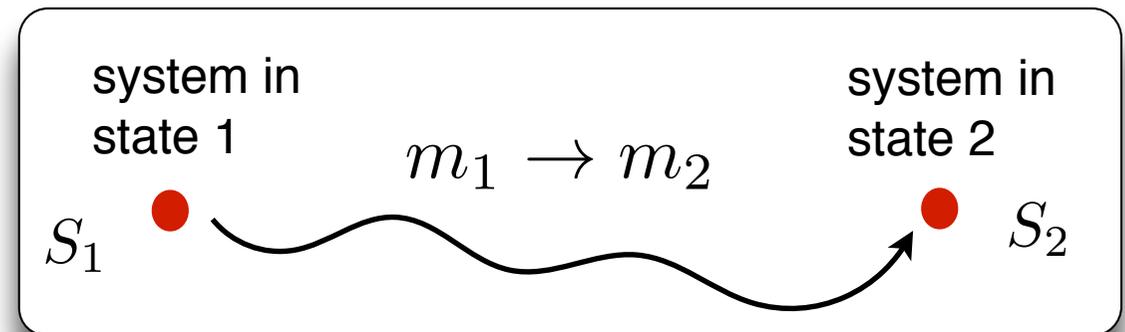
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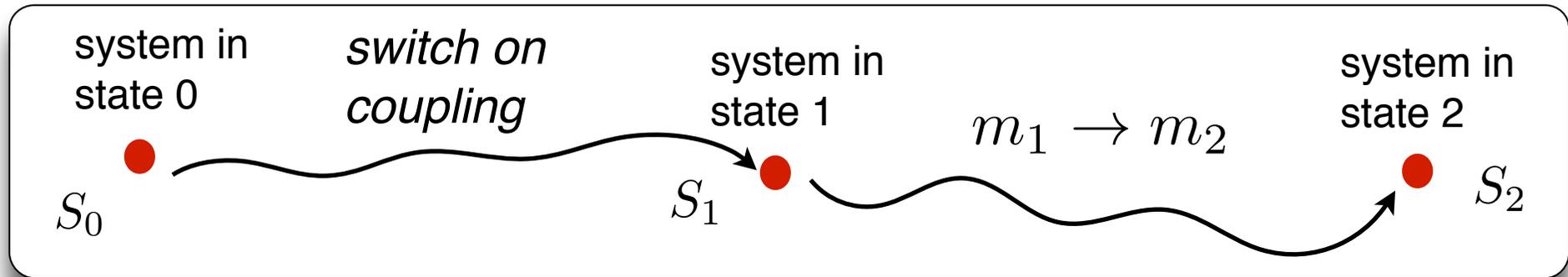


oscillator
non-thermal

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thermal,
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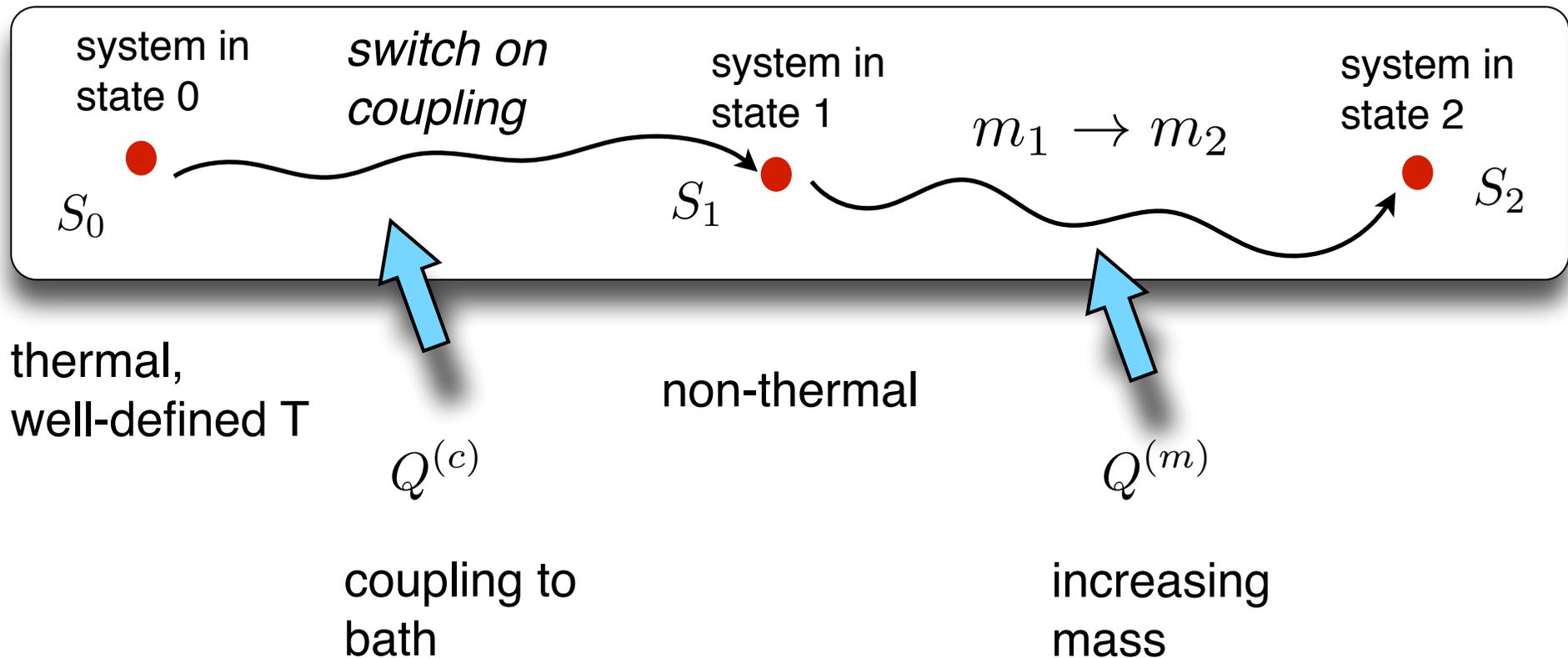
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have initial temperature,
can use Clausius inequality

no temperature,
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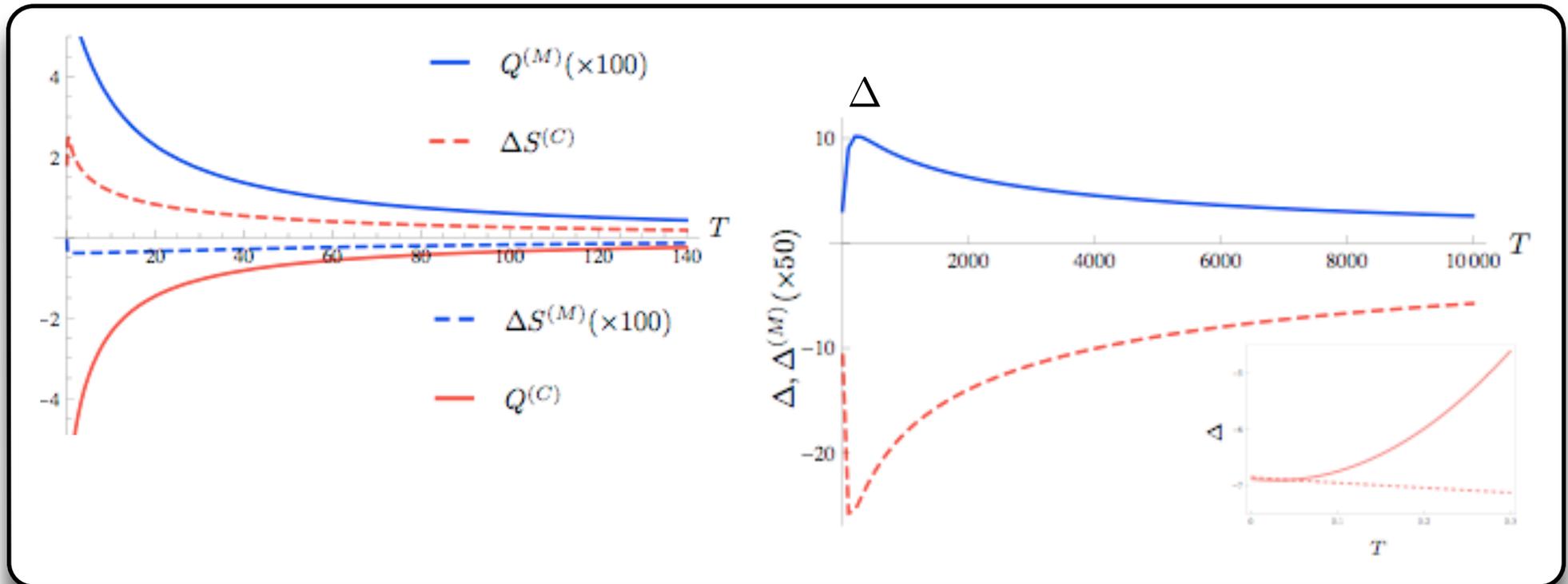
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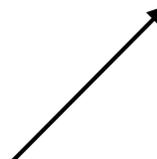
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actually: mathematical identity $\Delta^{(c)} = -\langle \Delta H_S \rangle$

with Hamiltonian difference: $\Delta H_S = H_S^* - H_S$

where **H*** is the mean force
Hamiltonian defined through:

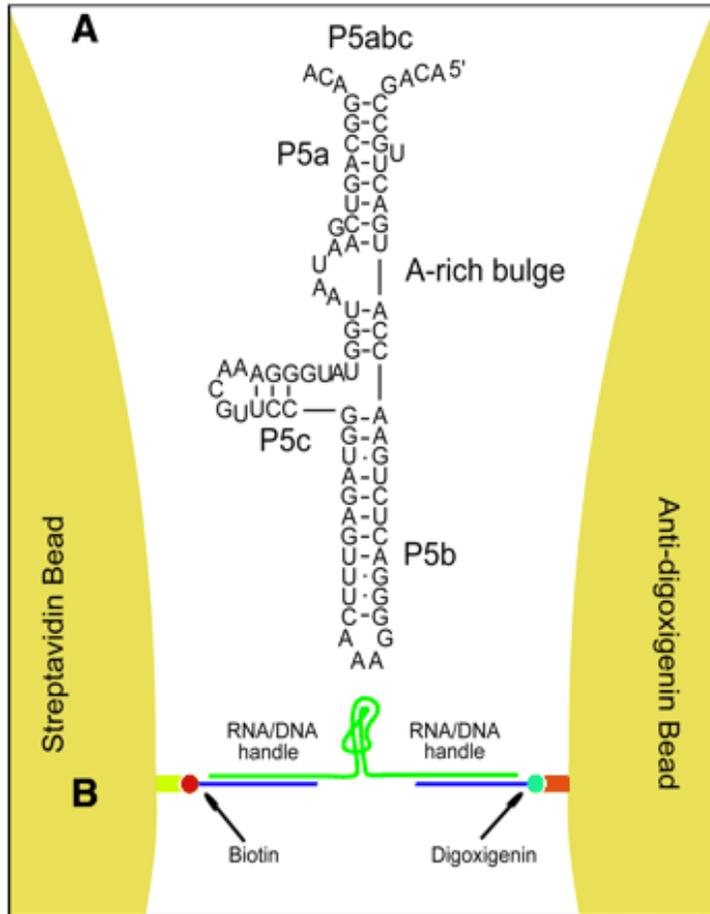
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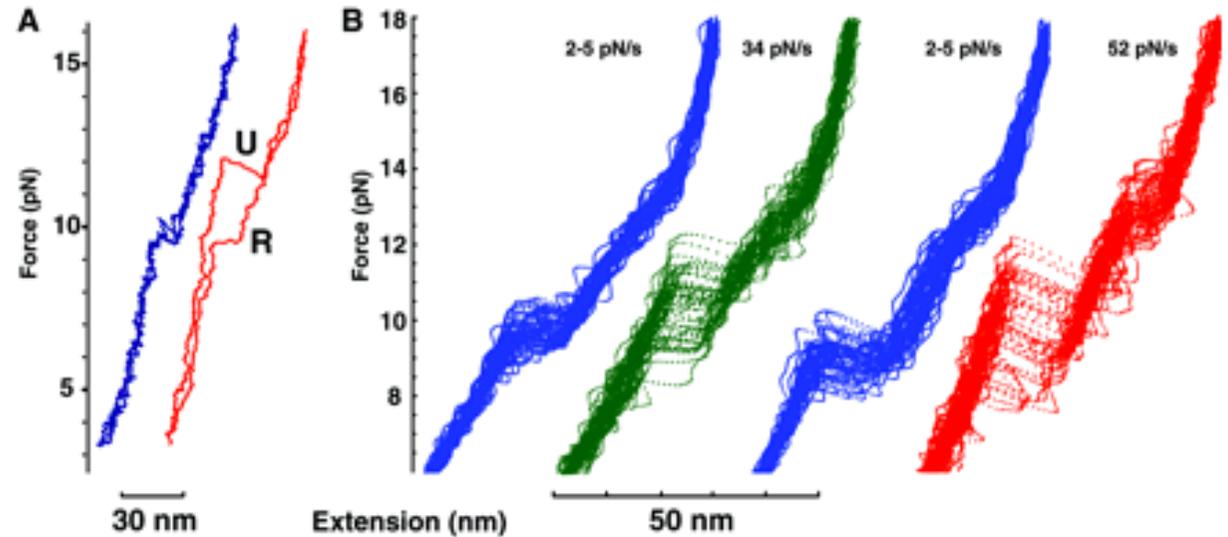
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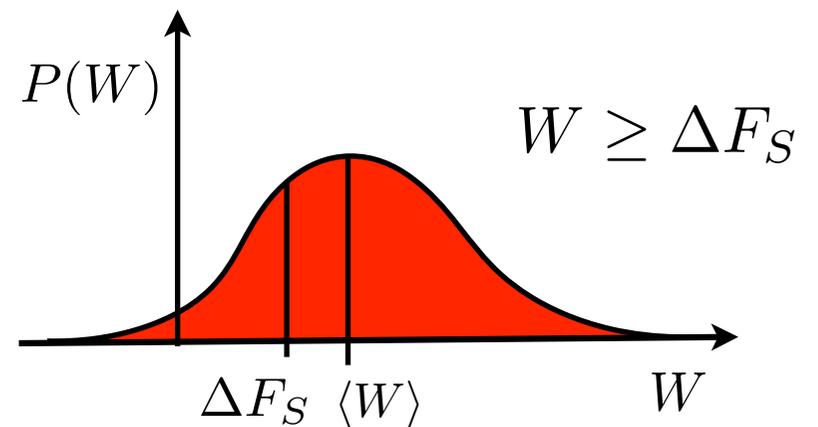
Liphardt, *et al.*,
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also: stochastic energy, entropy, ...

work becomes a stochastic variable



get work distribution rather than just one "work"



Stochastic thermodynamics

not just for the entire distribution,
but for each phase space point x define:

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stochastic work $W_{x_0 \rightarrow x_\tau} = \int_0^\tau dt \frac{\partial H_S(x_t, t)}{\partial t}$ partial derivative for Hamiltonian that changes in time

work for particular trajectory in phase space

sampling generates probability distribution $P(W)$

Example: harmonic osci with time-dependent frequency

$$H_S((q_t, p_t), t) = \frac{p_t^2}{2m} + \frac{m\omega_t^2 q_t^2}{2}$$

x_t

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get standard (macroscopic)
thermo potentials from averaging
over thermal distribution

stochastic entropy \longrightarrow

stochastic work $W_{x_0 \rightarrow x_\tau}$ \longrightarrow

work for particular
trajectory in phase space

get standard (macroscopic) work
from averaging over all trajectories
during protocol

$$\langle W \rangle = \int dW W P(W)$$

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Micro: Stochastic thermodynamics

for initial **thermal** states (Gibbs state for $H_S(x)$)

Crooks relation

$$P^f(W) = P^b(-W) e^{\beta(W - \Delta F)}$$



 forward work distribution backward work distribution exponentiell factor

protocol: controlled change of time-dependent parameter, e.g. in/de-crease of h.o. frequency

$$\omega_0 \rightarrow \omega_\tau \quad \omega_\tau \rightarrow \omega_0$$

(forward) (backward)

averaging over all initial phase space points/
phase space trajectories:

Jarzynski equality

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



 non-equilibrium work inverse temperature equilibrium free energy

Jensen's inequality



$$\langle W \rangle \geq \Delta F$$

Crooks and Jarzynski relations are more fundamental than 2nd law

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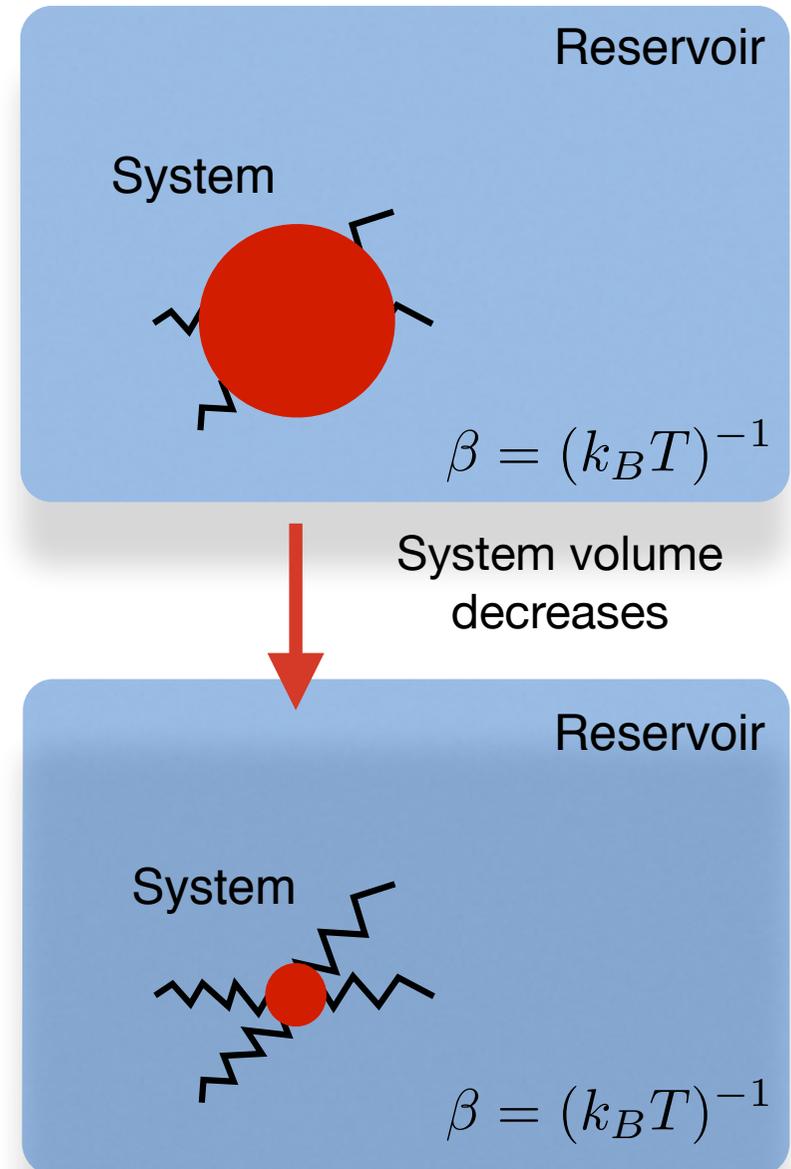
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Beyond the weak coupling limit

For a **macroscopic** system its **coupling** to the environment can be **neglected**.

For a **smaller** scale system its **coupling** to the environment becomes **relevant**.

Task: Identify corrections to **thermodynamic potentials** (e.g. energy) and **stochastic thermo relations**. (e.g. Crooks relation)



Beyond weak coupling: need to describe system and bath

phase space coordinates
for system and bath $z = (x, y)$

global Hamiltonian

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interaction term

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effective system partition function

$$Z_S^* = \int dx e^{-\beta H_S^*(x)}$$

average over
uncoupled thermal
phase space
distribution of bath

defines mean force
Hamiltonian
(function of T)

$$H_S^*(x) = H_S(x) - \frac{1}{\beta} \ln \langle e^{-\beta V_{int}(x, y)} \rangle_B$$

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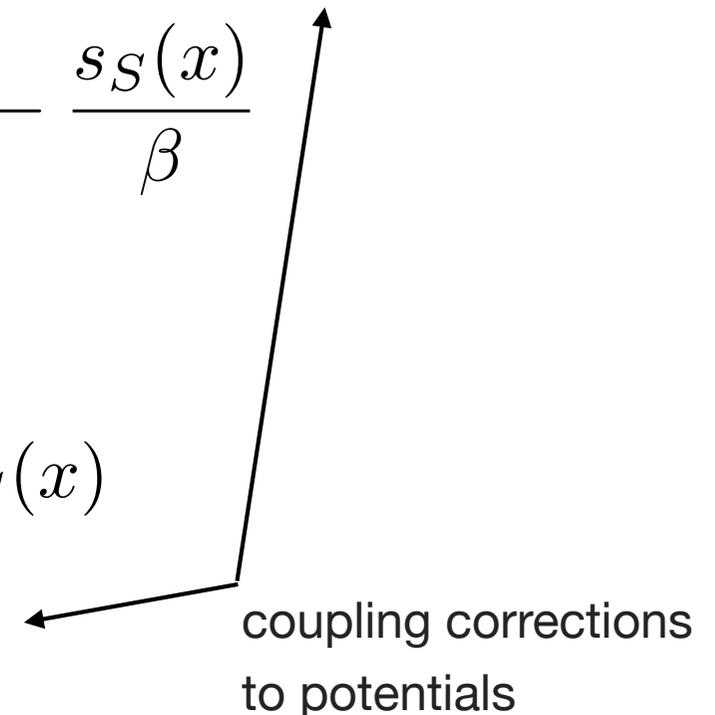
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Result: Additivity of potentials

Def: class D_β (stationary preparation class/conditional states)

= the global state takes the form $\sigma(x, y) = \rho_S(x) \rho_B^{eq}(y|x)$

$$\text{where } \rho_B^{eq}(y|x) = \frac{\rho_{tot}(x, y)}{\int dy \rho_{tot}(x, y)} \quad \text{with } \rho_{tot}(x, y) = \frac{e^{-\beta H_{tot}(x, y)}}{Z_{tot}}$$

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For this class: the **bath** is in a **thermal state** conditioned on the system phase space value, but tracing the bath gives an **arbitrary system state** $\rho_S(x)$

Result: Miller, Anders, PRE (2017)

For states in class D_β the **effective system** and **free bath potentials add**

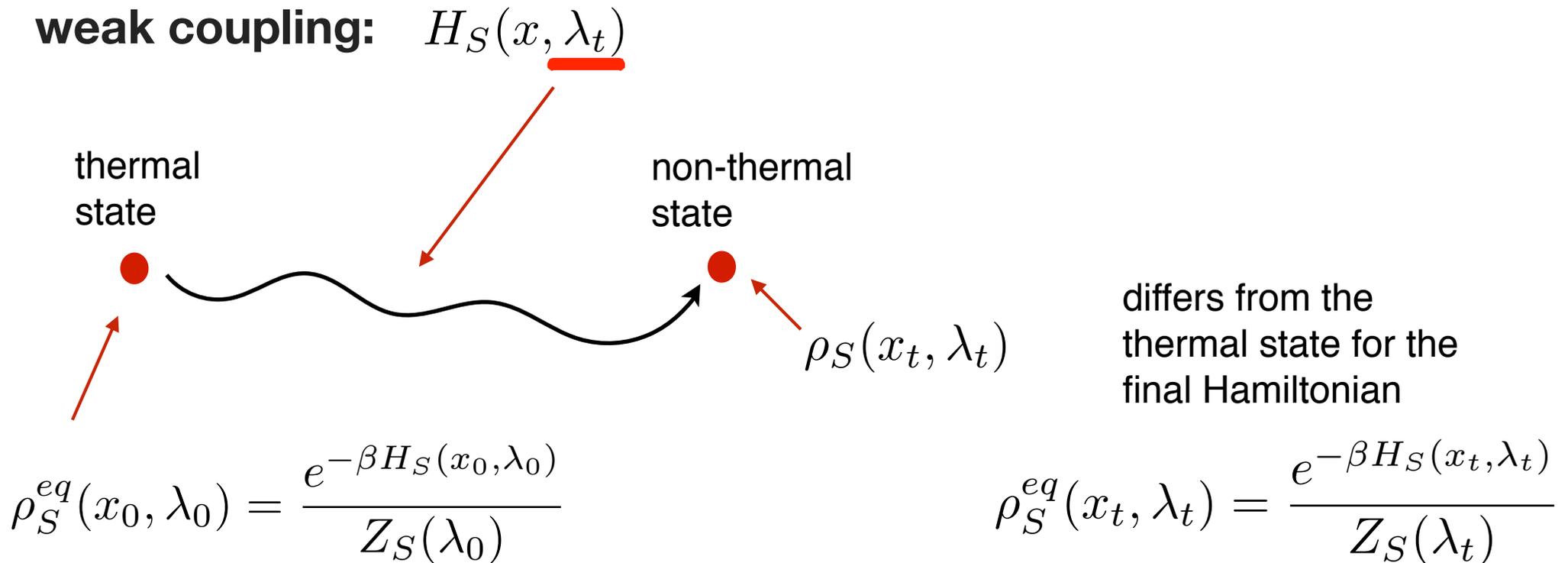
$$\chi_{tot} = \chi_S + \chi_B^{eq} \quad \text{for } \chi = U, F, S$$

(i.e. thermodynamically extensive)

Recall: Non-equilibrium fluctuation relation

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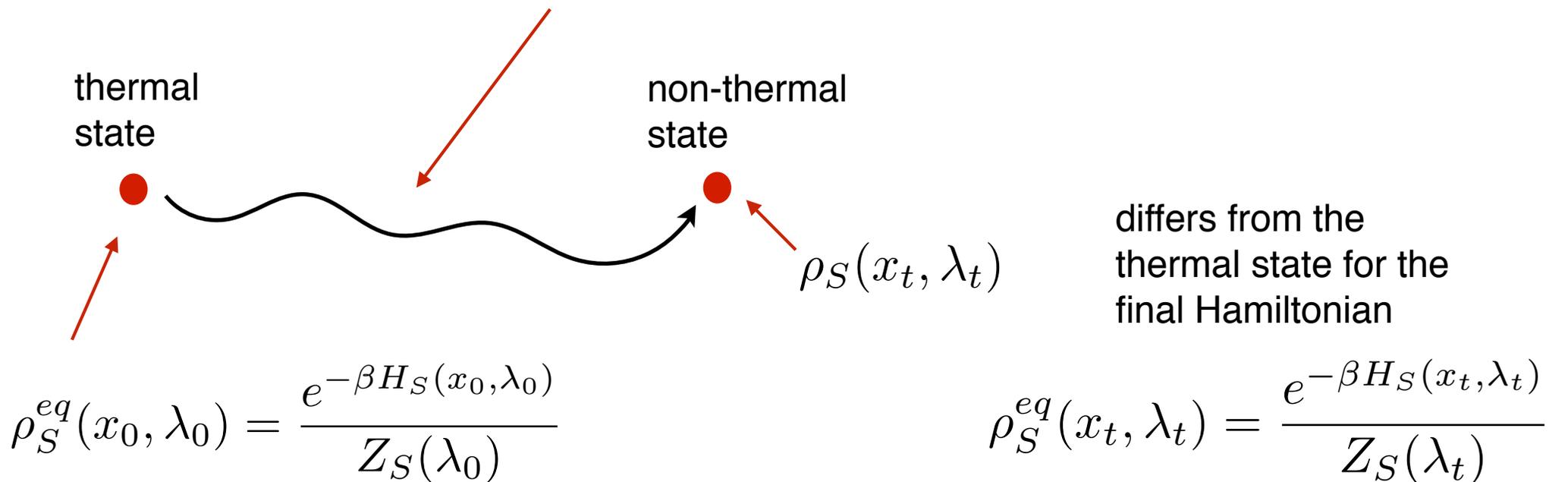
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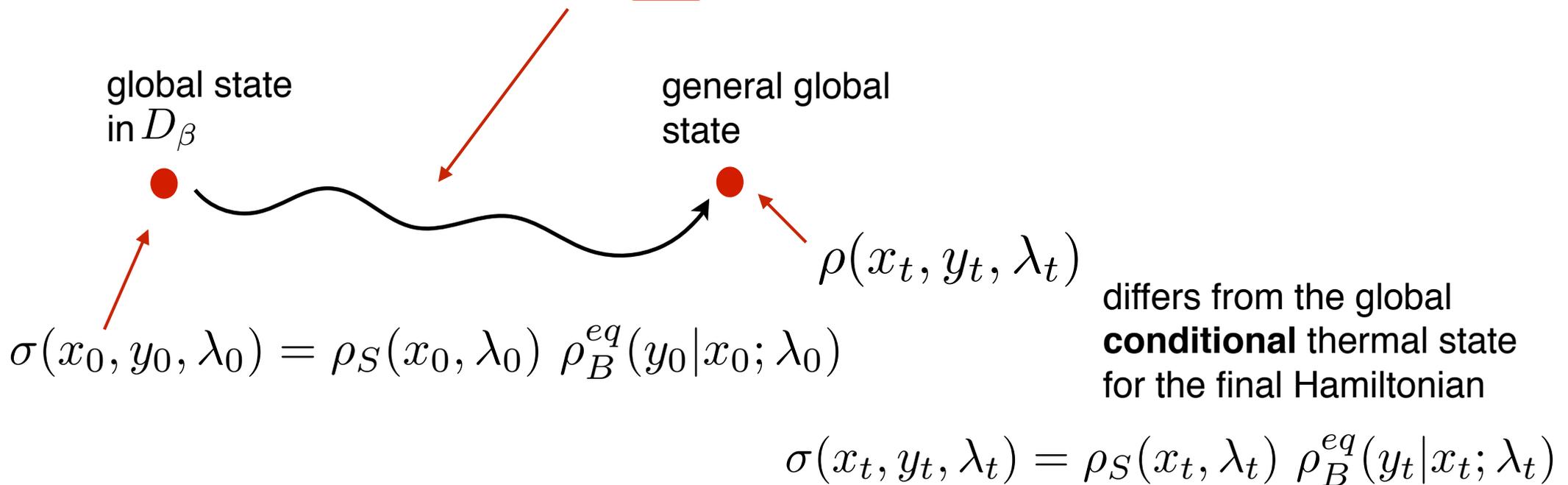
$$\Sigma(x) = s_S(x_t, \lambda_t) - s_S(x_0, \lambda_0) + \beta Q(x_0 \rightarrow x_t)$$

$$Q(x_0 \rightarrow x_t) = u_S(x_t, \lambda_t) - u_S(x_0, \lambda_0) + \int_0^t d\tau \partial_{\lambda_\tau} u_S(x_\tau, \lambda_\tau) \dot{\lambda}_\tau$$

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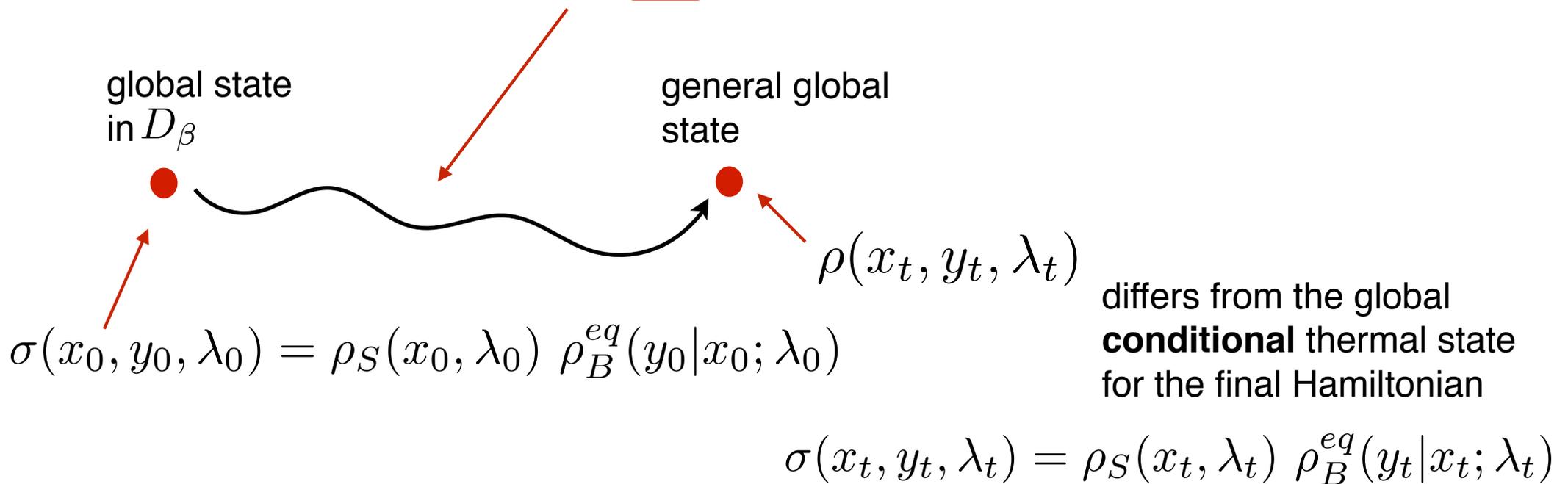
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Result: Non-equilibrium fluctuation relation

and hence: average entropy production
 = KL divergence between entropy production distributions

entropy production measures irreversibility

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i.e. discrepancy between forwards and backwards entropy production

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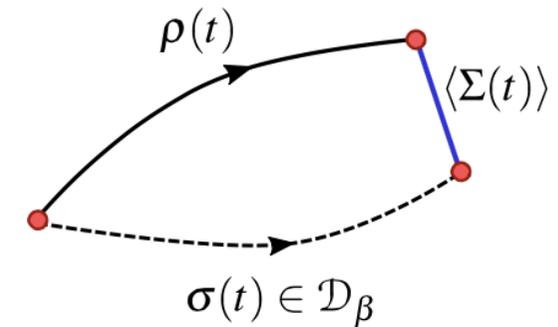
For initial states in class D_β and Ham. dynamics in full phase space

$$\langle \Sigma(\lambda_t) \rangle = S[\rho(x_t, y_t, \lambda_t) || \sigma(x_t, y_t, \lambda_t)]$$

since Kullbeck-Leibler divergence is positive \Rightarrow

$$\langle \Sigma(\lambda_t) \rangle \geq 0$$

implying $\Delta S_S^* \geq \frac{Q^*}{T}$ (2nd law)



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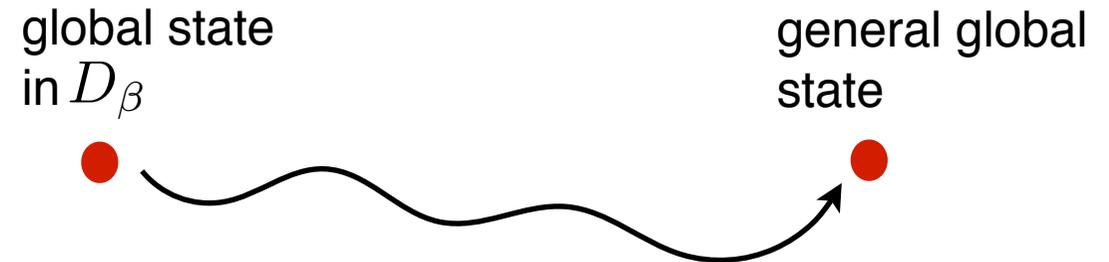
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Summary: **strong coupling stoch. thermo**

Defining appropriate stochastic thermodynamic potentials, including **strong coupling corrections**, one obtains effective standard stochastic thermodynamics results.



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entropy production measures distance from “equilibrium” $\langle \Sigma(\lambda_t) \rangle = S[\rho(x_t, y_t, \lambda_t) \parallel \sigma(x_t, y_t, \lambda_t)]$

Outline - III

- Recap: standard thermodynamic potentials
- Violation of laws of thermodynamics in the quantum regime?
- Resolution of paradox/lessons
- (weak coupling) Stochastic thermodynamics
- Thermodynamic potentials and stochastic thermodynamics beyond weak coupling (classical)
- Thermodynamic uncertainty relation (quantum)

 *a bit chewy ...*

Energy-temperature uncertainty relation

Bohr $\Delta\beta \Delta U \geq 1$ for thermal states

valid for systems weakly coupled to environment

(quantum notation)

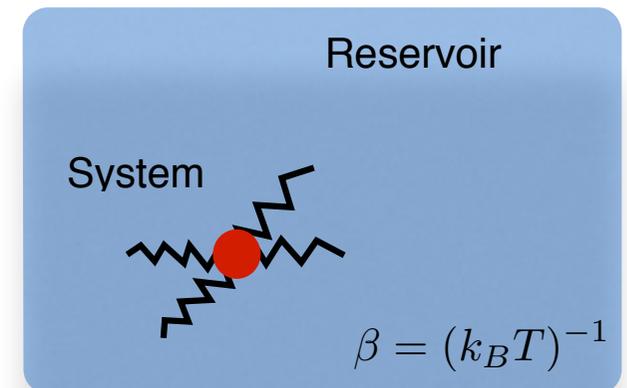
$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_S + \hat{H}_E + \cancel{\hat{V}_{SE}}$$

with system state

$$\rho_S \approx \frac{e^{-\beta \hat{H}_S}}{Z_S}$$

when this term becomes important

Correction for systems **strongly** coupled to their environment?



Energy uncertainty

reduced system state

$$\rho_S := \text{tr}_E \left[\frac{e^{-\beta(\hat{H}_S + \hat{H}_E + \hat{V}_{SE})}}{Z} \right]$$

mean force Hamiltonian

$$\rho_S =: \frac{e^{-\beta \hat{H}_S^*}}{Z_S^*}$$

Kirkwood, ..., Jarzynski, Lutz,
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but $U_S \neq \text{tr}[\hat{H}_S^* \rho_S]$

instead $U_S = \text{tr}[\hat{E}_S \rho_S]$

Seifert, PRL (2016)

$\hat{E}_S := \partial_\beta \left(\beta \hat{H}_S^* \right)$ effective energy operator of system

energy uncertainty

$\Delta U_S = \sqrt{\text{Var}_{\rho_S}[\hat{E}_S]}$

Mean force H and effective energy operator

weak coupling

state

$$\rho_S = \frac{e^{-\beta \hat{H}_S}}{Z_S}$$

energy

$$U_S = \text{tr}[\hat{H}_S \rho_S]$$

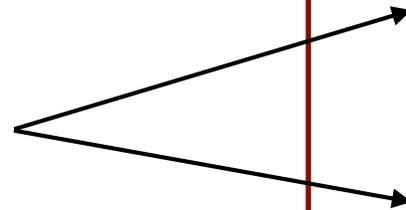
strong coupling

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Hamiltonian of
mean force

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effective energy
operator



Example: Damped Harmonic Oscillator

$$\hat{H}_S = \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2M} + \frac{M\omega^2 \hat{x}^2}{2} \longrightarrow \hat{H}_S^*(T) = \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2M_T} + \frac{M_T \omega_T^2 \hat{x}^2}{2}$$

$$\hat{H}_R = \sum_{j=1}^N \left(\frac{\hat{p}_j^2}{2M_j} + \frac{M_j \omega_j^2 \hat{x}_j^2}{2} \right)$$

$$M_T = \omega_T^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}^2}{\hat{x}^2}}$$

$$\hat{V}_{SUR} = \sum_{j=1}^N \left(-\lambda_j \hat{x} \otimes \hat{x}_j + \frac{\lambda_j^2}{2M_j \omega_j^2} \hat{x}^2 \right)$$

$$\omega_T = 2T \operatorname{arcoth}(2\sqrt{\langle \hat{p}^2 \rangle \langle \hat{x}^2 \rangle})$$

Drude-Ullersma spectrum

$$\lambda_j = \sqrt{\frac{2\gamma M_j M \omega_j^2 \Delta}{\pi} \frac{\omega_D^2}{\omega_D^2 + \omega_j^2}}$$

Grabert, Weiss, Talkner, Z. Phys. B. (1983)

$$\hat{E}_S^*(T) := \partial_\beta [\beta \hat{H}_S^*(T)] = \alpha_T \hat{H}_S^*(T) - g_T \frac{\hat{a}_T^2 + (\hat{a}_T^\dagger)^2}{2}$$

Constants dependent
on effective mass and
frequency

T-dependent annihilation
operator

Temperature uncertainty

optimal parameter estimation:

considering all possible measurements (POVMs) on the quantum system, what is the ultimate precision that we can hope for?

$$\beta = 1/(k_B T)$$

Get bound on $\Delta\beta$
for states

$$\rho_S =: \frac{e^{-\beta \hat{H}_S^*}}{Z_S^*}$$

General answer: *Cramer-Rao* bound

$$\Delta\theta \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{nF(\theta)}}$$

Rao (1945), Cramer (1946)

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Miller, Anders, Nat. Comms. 9:2203 (2018)

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strongly coupled

weakly coupled

With the *skew information*:

$$Q[\hat{E}_S, \rho_S] = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 da \operatorname{tr} \{ [\hat{E}_S, (\rho_S)^a] [\hat{E}_S, (\rho_S)^{1-a}] \}$$

Wigner, Yanase, J. Phys. Chem. (1963)

Li, et al, Eur Phys Jour D (2011)

commutators

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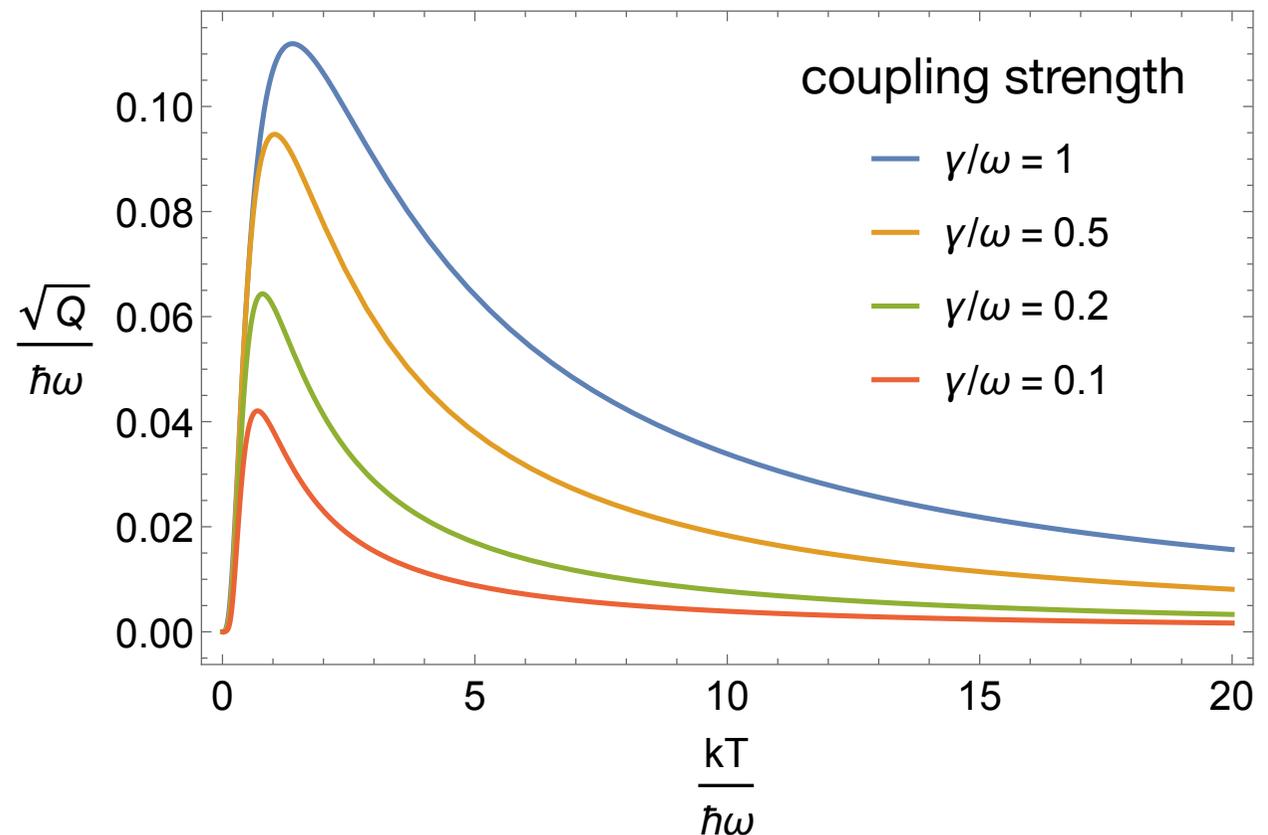
commutators

for damped quantum
harmonic oscillator

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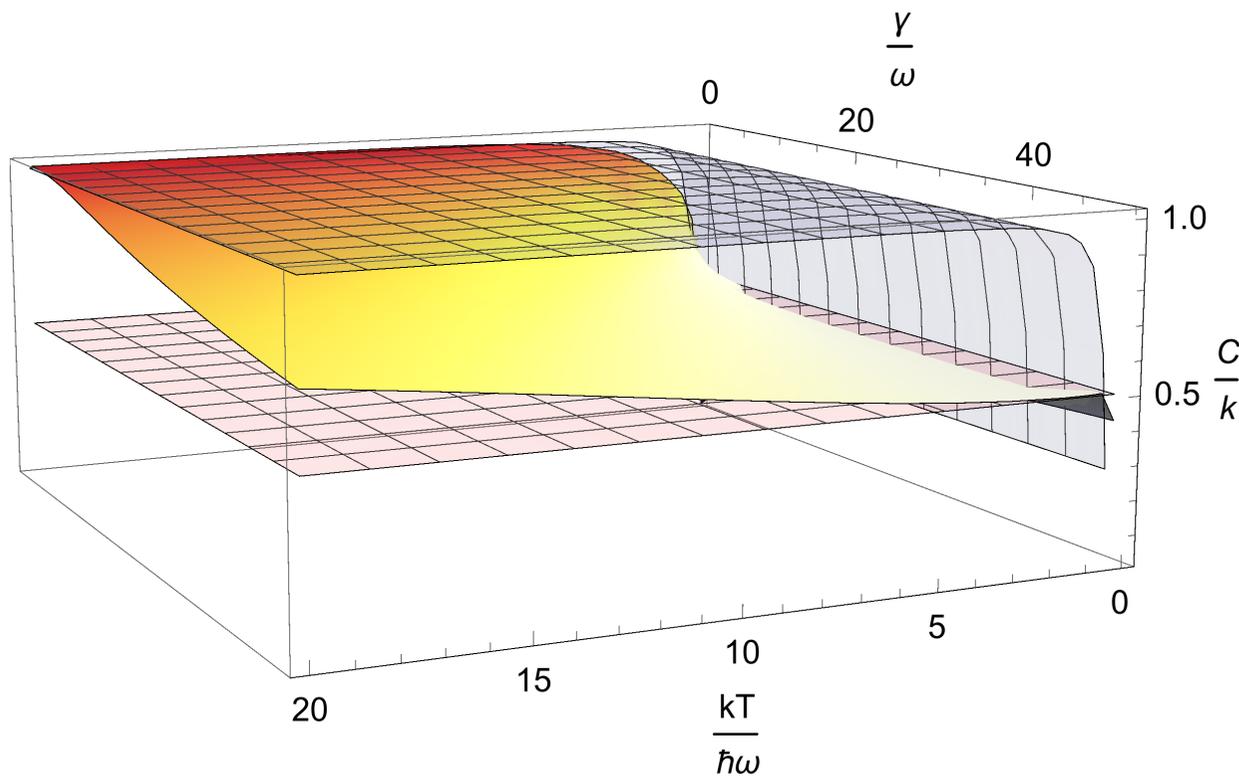
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Heat capacity $C_S(T) := \frac{\partial U_S}{\partial T}$

weakly coupled: $C_S(T) = \frac{\Delta U_S^2}{T^2}$

strongly coupled: $C_S(T) = \frac{\Delta U_S^2}{T^2} - \frac{Q[\hat{E}_S, \rho_S]}{T^2} + \langle \partial_T \hat{E}_S \rangle$



quantum
correction

classical
correction

for damped quantum
harmonic oscillator

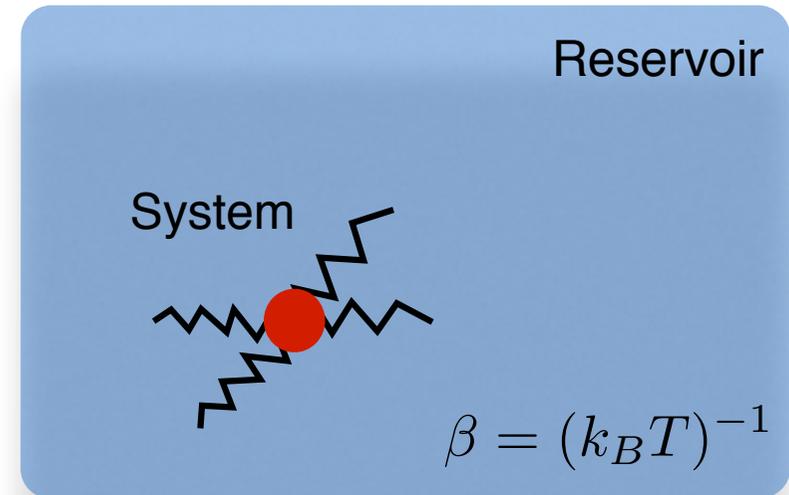
Summary: QuTh. beyond weak coupling

It is possible to include a system's **coupling** to environmental degrees of freedom in a **generalised thermodynamic framework**.

The energy operator that includes **strong coupling** corrections may not commute with Gibbs state (\Rightarrow skew information $Q[\hat{E}_S, \rho_S]$).

Thermodynamic **uncertainty relation** with strong coupling corrections:

$$\Delta\beta \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Delta U_S^2 - Q[\hat{E}_S, \rho_S]}} \geq \frac{1}{\Delta U_S}$$



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Strong coupling stochastic thermodynamics
PRE **95**, 062123 (2017)

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Uncertainty relation
Nature Comms **9**, 2203 (2018)

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