

Stochastic Thermodynamics of Quantum Measurements: Engines, Refrigerators, and Clocks

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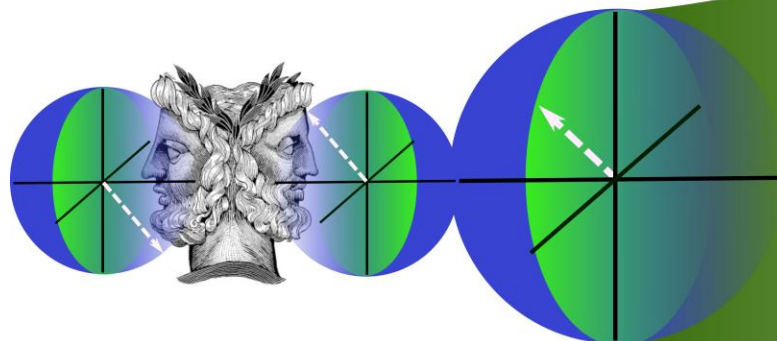
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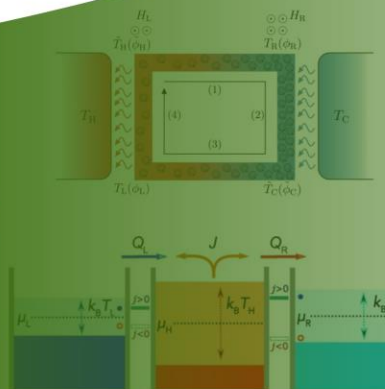
Table-top quantum analogies, and tests of gravity in the quantum regime

Quantum thermodynamic control and cooling applications

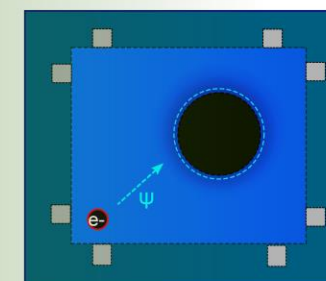
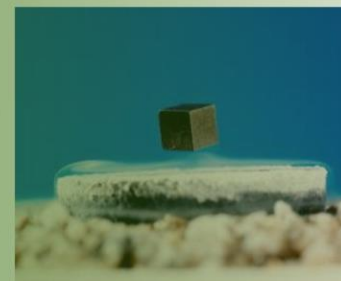
Time-symmetries of quantum measurements, the arrow of time, quantum clocks



Small quantum systems



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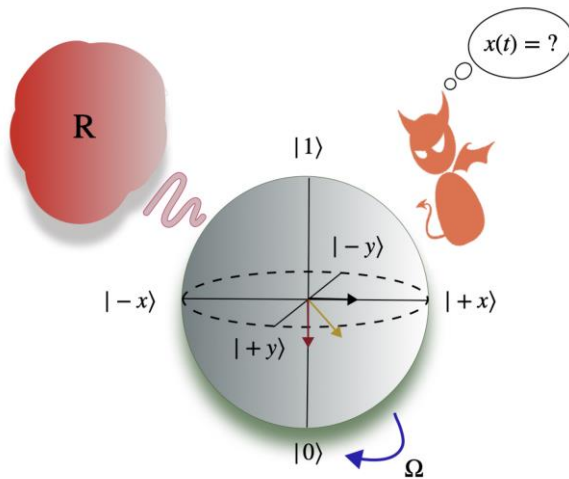
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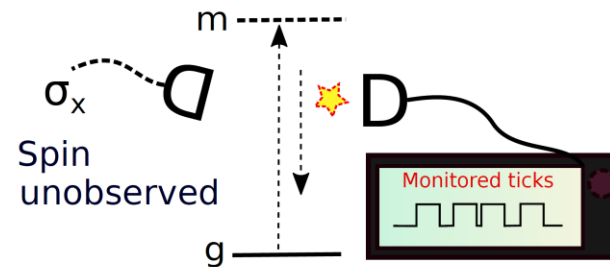


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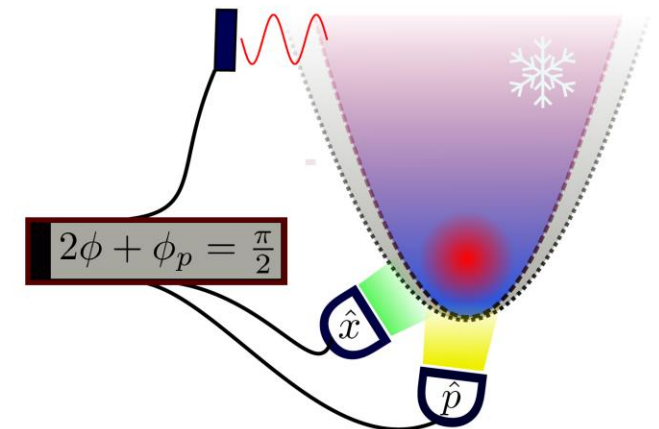
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The arrow of time perceived by a quantum Maxwell's demon

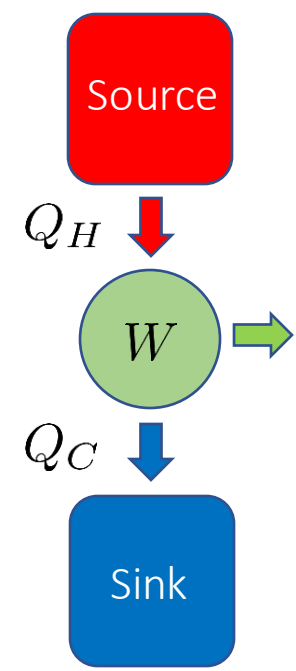
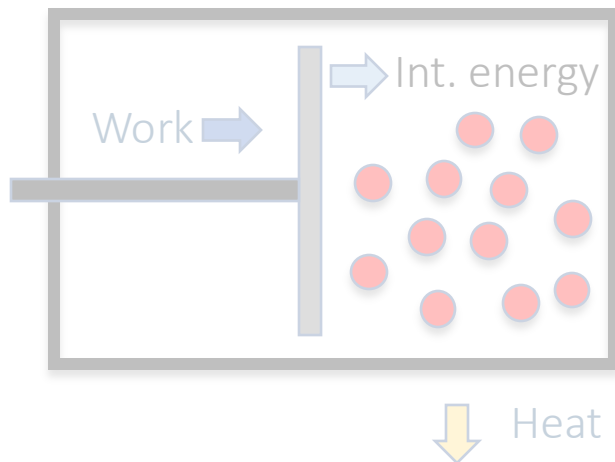


Autonomous quantum clocks



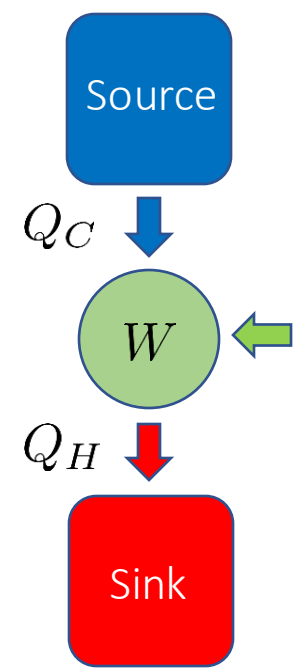
Optimal quantum parametric feedback cooling

Engines and refrigerators, and clocks



$$\eta = \frac{W}{Q_H}$$

Efficiency of the engine



$$\text{COP} = \frac{Q_C}{W}$$

Coefficient of Performance
of the refrigerator



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- ❖ Erker, Paul, et al. "Autonomous quantum clocks: does thermodynamics limit our ability to measure time?." *Physical Review X* 7.3 (2017): 031022.
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From classical to the quantum regime of thermodynamics

Quantum systems in contact with thermal reservoirs, and measurement apparatuses

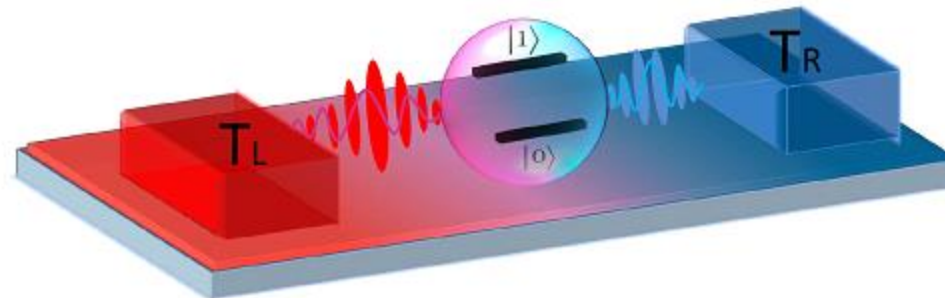
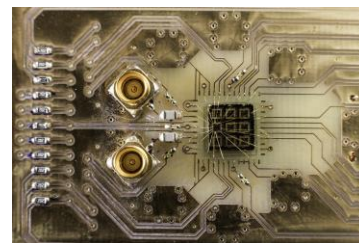


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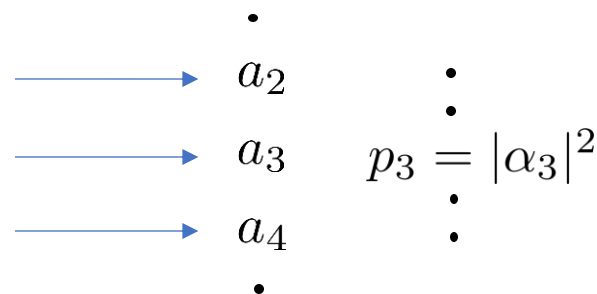
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Quantum measurement:

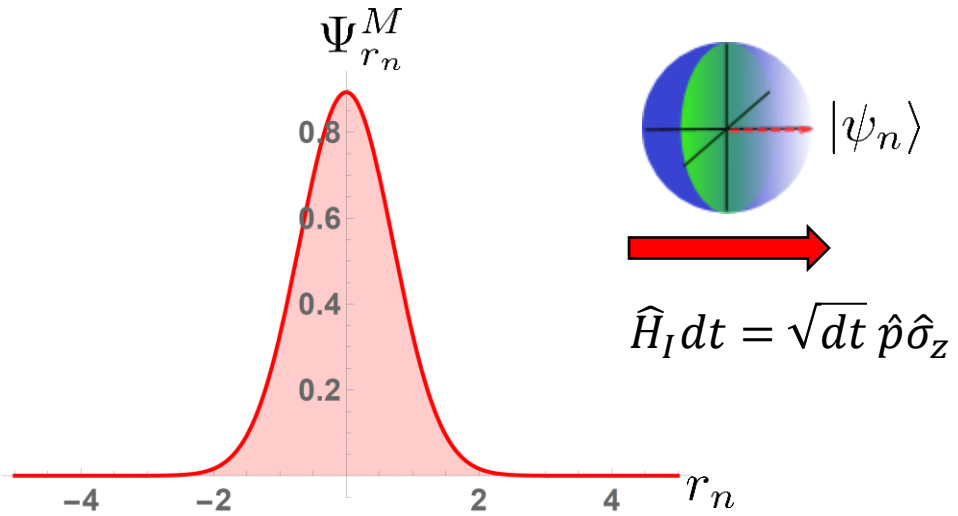
$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_n \alpha_n |a_n\rangle \longrightarrow$$



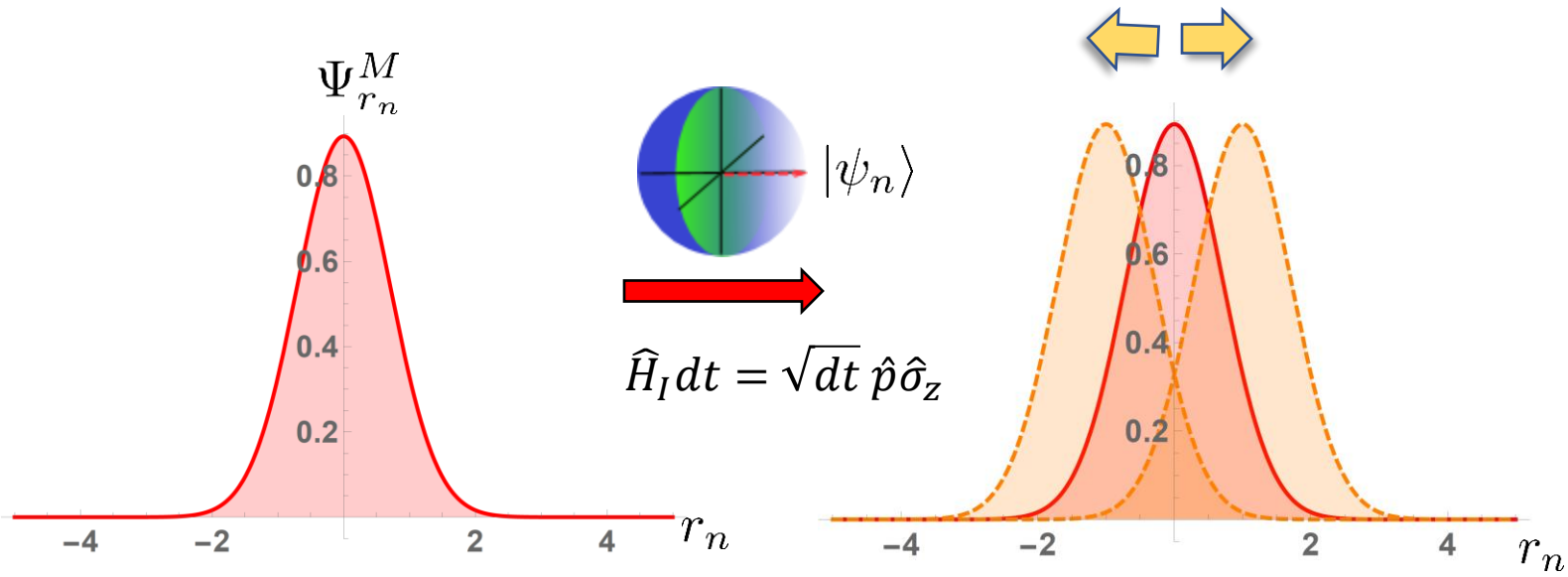
$$\hat{A} = \sum_n a_n |a_n\rangle \langle a_n|$$

$$|\Psi'\rangle = |a_n\rangle \langle a_n | \Psi \rangle \propto |a_n\rangle.$$

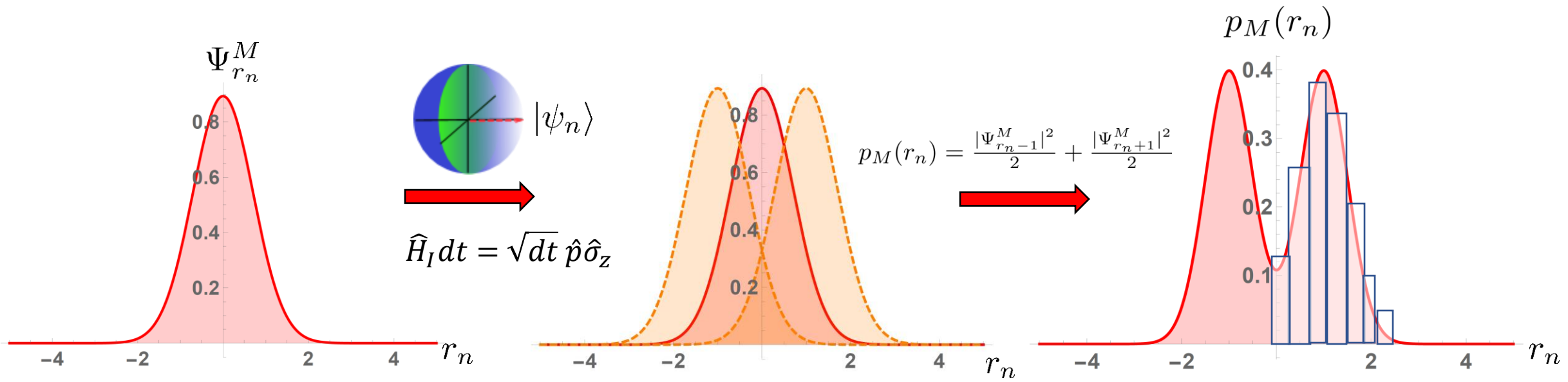
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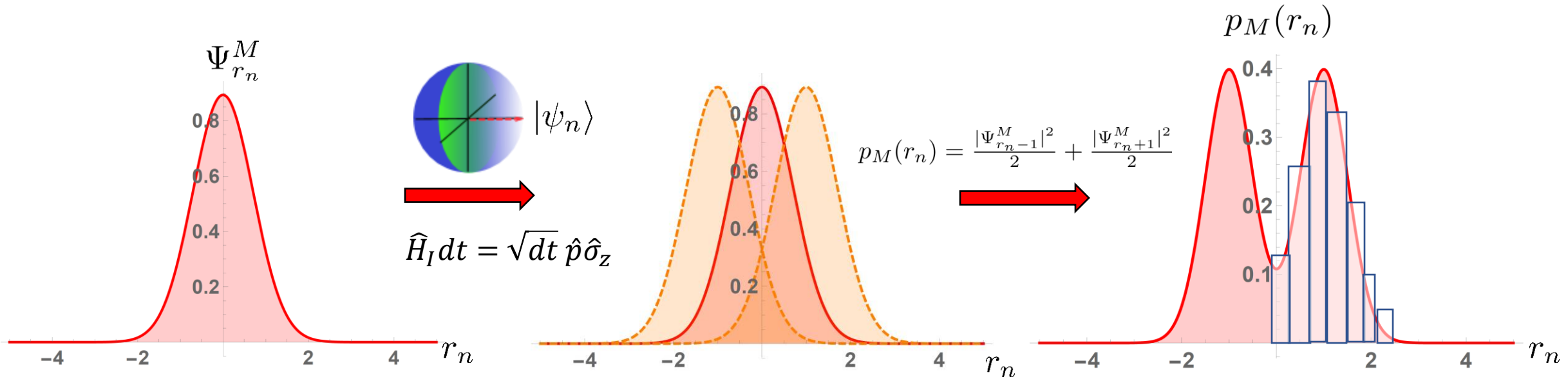
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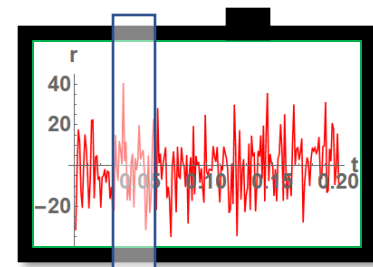
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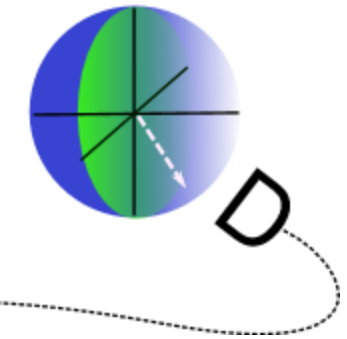


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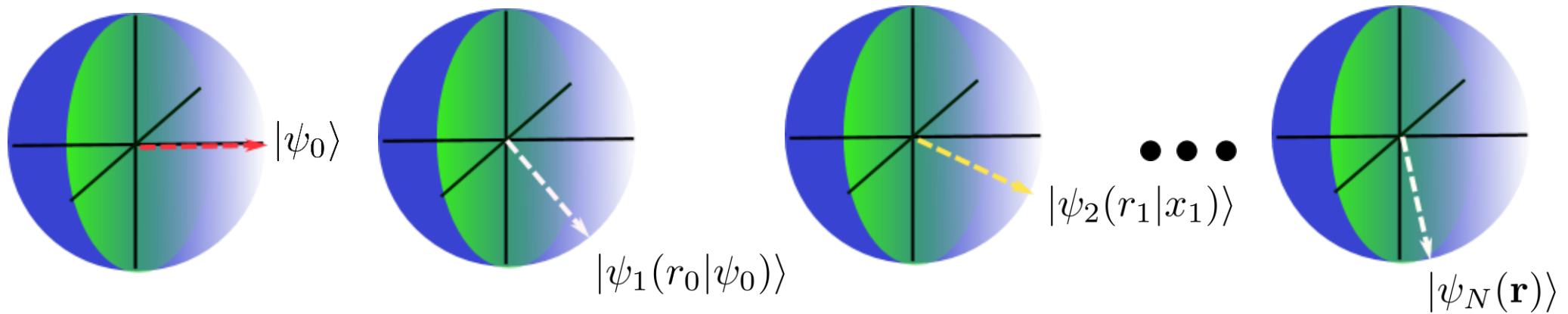
$$r_n \approx \langle \hat{\sigma}_z \rangle_n + \sqrt{\tau} \zeta_n$$



$t = t_n$



Quantum trajectory: A single realization

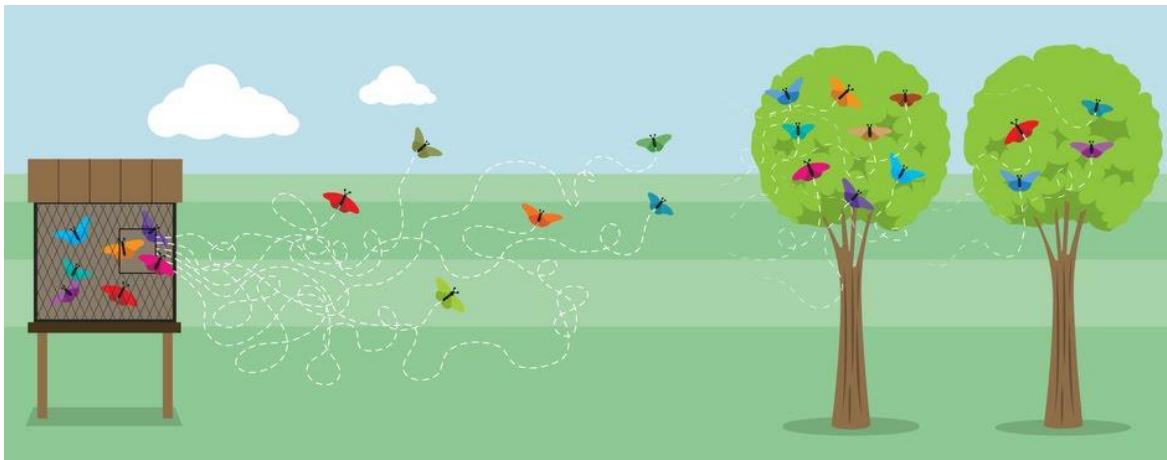


A quantum trajectory is the sequence:

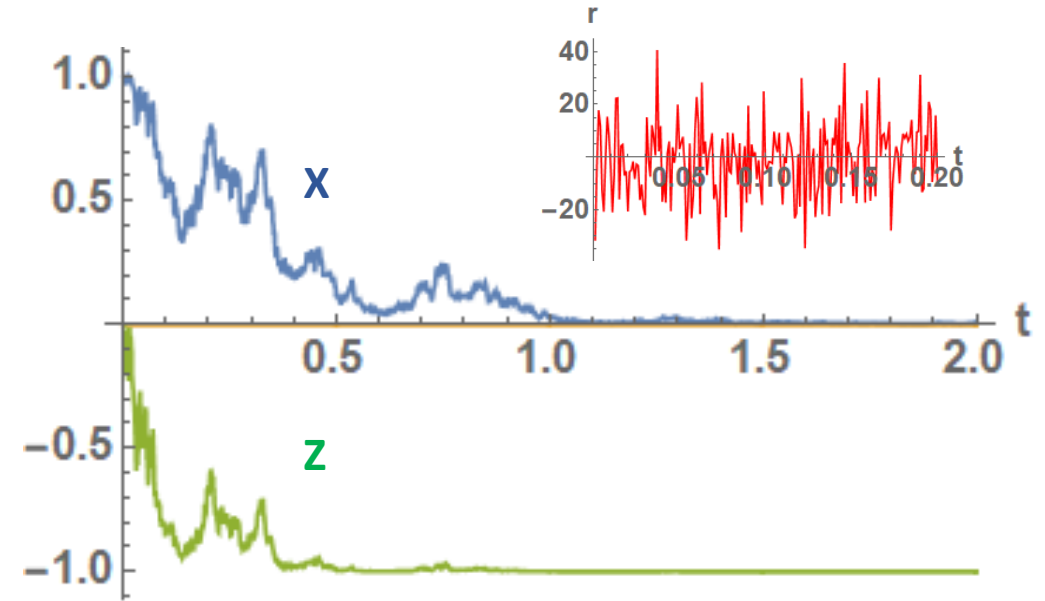
$$\Gamma_{|\psi_0, \mathbf{r}} \equiv \{\psi_0, \psi_1(r_0|\psi_0), \psi_2(r_1|\psi_1) \dots \psi_N(\mathbf{r})\}, \psi_N(\mathbf{r}) = \psi_N[r_{(N-1)}|\psi_{(N-1)}]$$

The sequence is realized with probability: $P_F(\Gamma_{|\psi_0, \mathbf{r}}) \equiv P_F(\mathbf{r}|\psi_0) = \|\overleftarrow{\prod}_n M(r_n)|\psi_0\rangle\|^2$

Quantum measurement reversibility



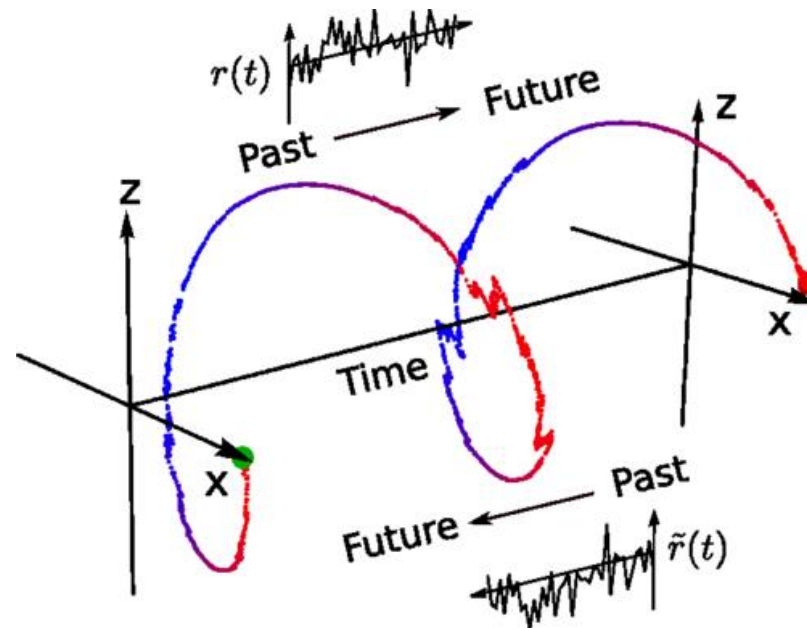
Andrew N Jordan, *Nature* **502**, 177 (2013)



$$M_z(r_n) = (dt/2\pi\tau)^{1/4} e^{-(dt/4\tau)(r_n - \sigma_z)^2}$$

Reversibility at each step: $M_z(-r_n)M_z(r_n) \propto \hat{1}$

Time-symmetry of dynamical equations



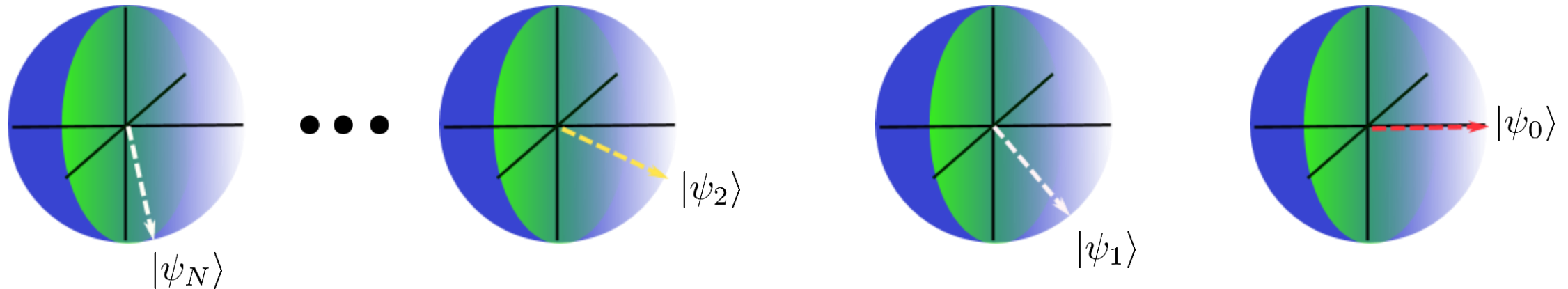
$$dt \leftrightarrow \Delta t$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \Omega z - \frac{xzr}{\tau}, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{y z r}{\tau}, \quad \frac{dz}{dt} = -\Omega x + \frac{(1 - z^2)r}{\tau}.$$

Reversal of arbitrary rank-two measurements

Inverse of a generalized rank-2 qubit measurement:

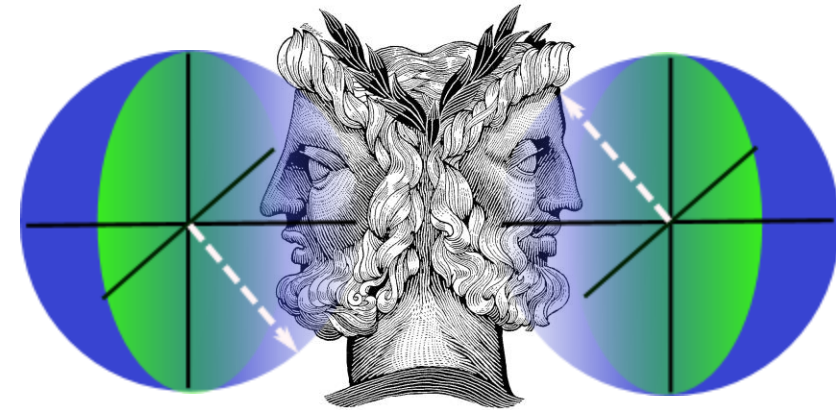
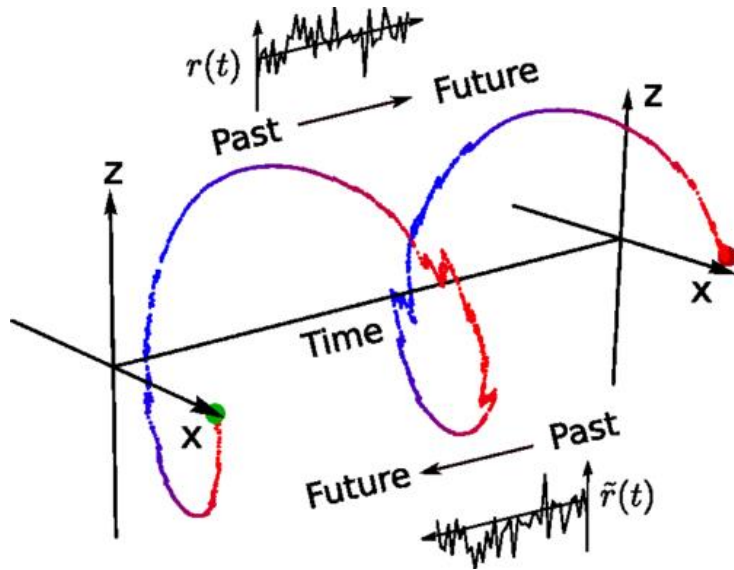
$$\tilde{M}(r_n) = \Theta^{-1} M(r_n)^\dagger \Theta, \quad \text{since } \tilde{M}(r_n) M(r_n) \propto \hat{1}. \quad \Theta = -i\hat{\sigma}_y K$$



$$P_B[\tilde{\Gamma}_{|\psi_N(\mathbf{r}), \tilde{\mathbf{r}}}] \equiv P_B(\tilde{\mathbf{r}}|\psi_N) = \|\overleftarrow{\prod}_n \tilde{M}(\tilde{r}_n) |\psi_N\rangle\|^2.$$

❖ Sreenath K. Manikandan, and Andrew N. Jordan. "Time reversal symmetry of generalized quantum measurements with past and future boundary conditions." Quantum studies: mathematics and foundations 6.2 (2019): 241-268.

The quantum measurement arrow of time

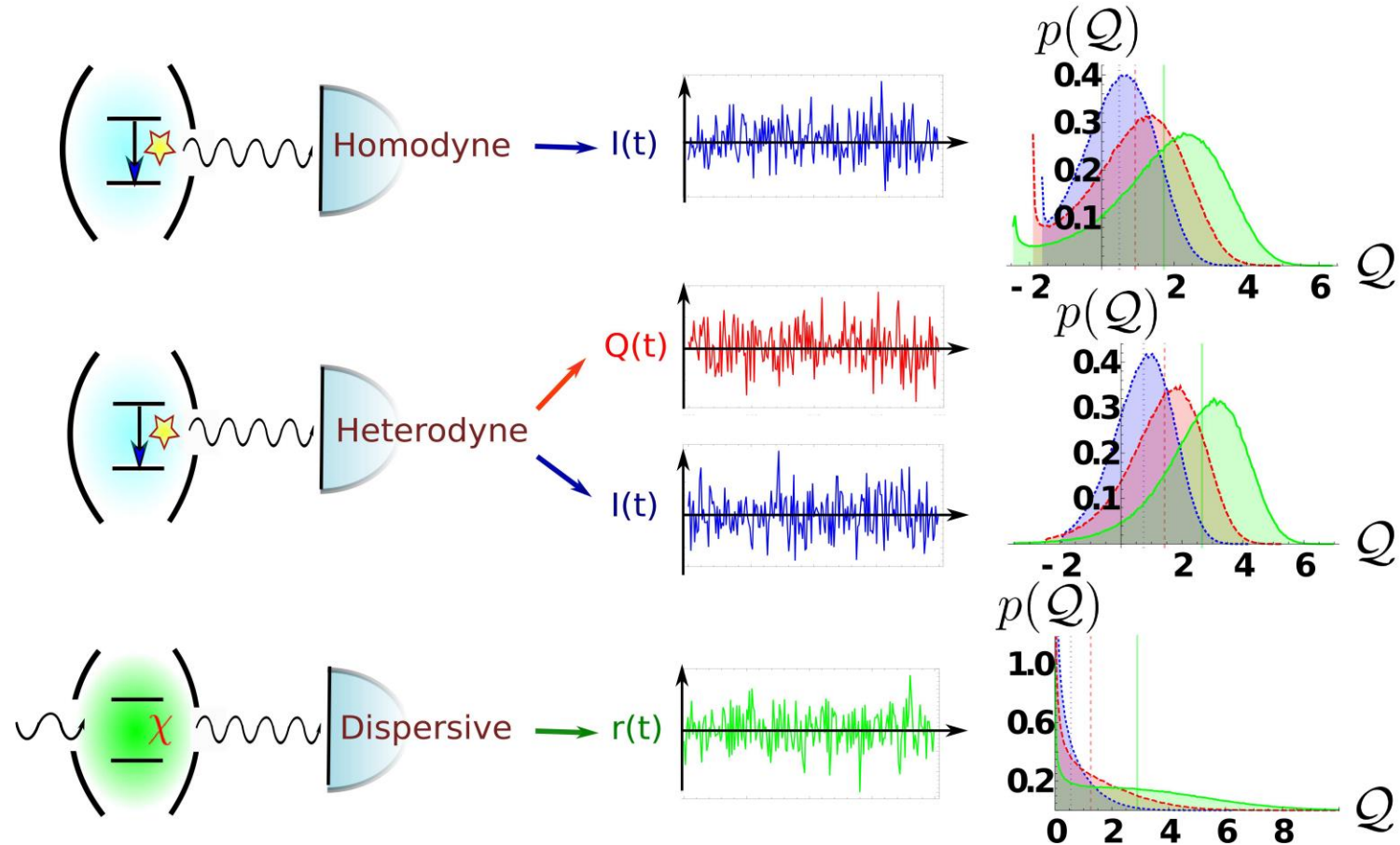


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The Arrow of Time Measure (using Bayes theorem):

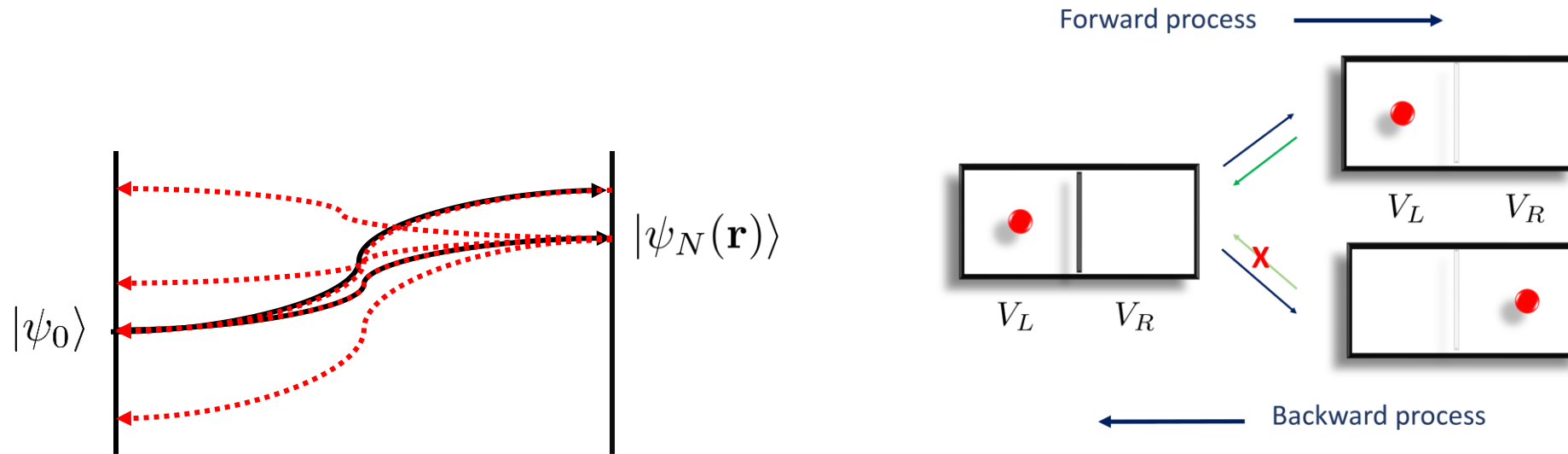
$$Q(\Gamma | \psi_0, \mathbf{r}) = \log \left\{ P_F[\Gamma | \psi_0, \mathbf{r}] / P_B[\tilde{\Gamma} | \psi_N(\mathbf{r}), \tilde{\mathbf{r}}] \right\}.$$

The probability distribution of arrow of Time



We set $\gamma^{-1} = \tau$. $T = 0.5\tau, \tau, 2\tau$. All starting from $x = 1$.

Absolute irreversibility

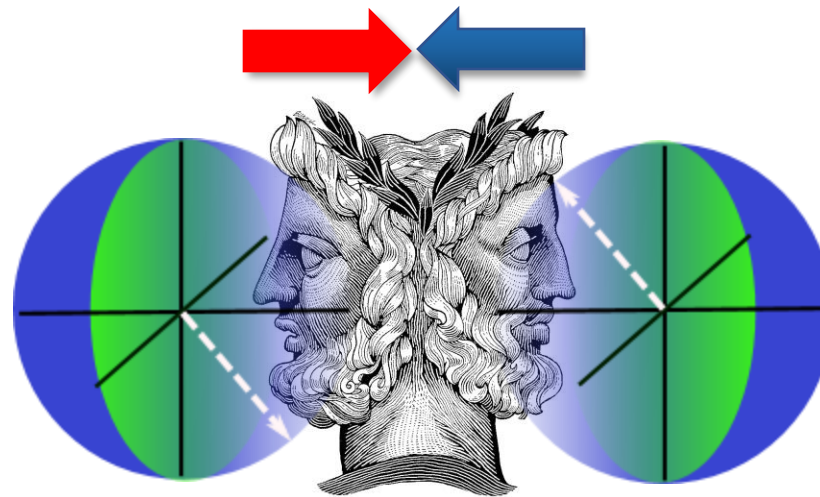


Murashita, Yûto, Ken Funo, and Masahito Ueda. "Nonequilibrium equalities in absolutely irreversible processes." *Physical Review E* 90.4 (2014): 042110.

$$\langle e^{-\mathcal{Q}(\Gamma)} \rangle = 1 - \mu, \quad \mu = 1 - \int D\tilde{\Gamma} P_B(\tilde{\Gamma}).$$

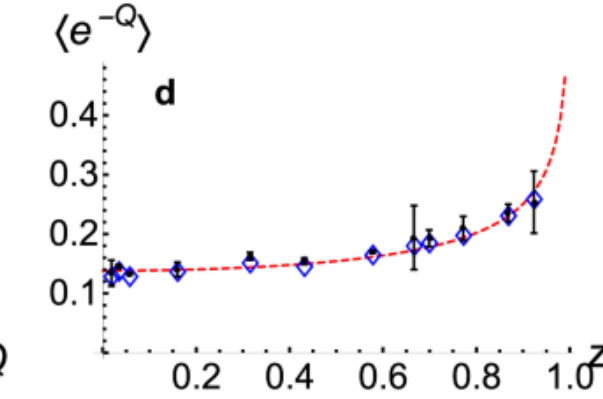
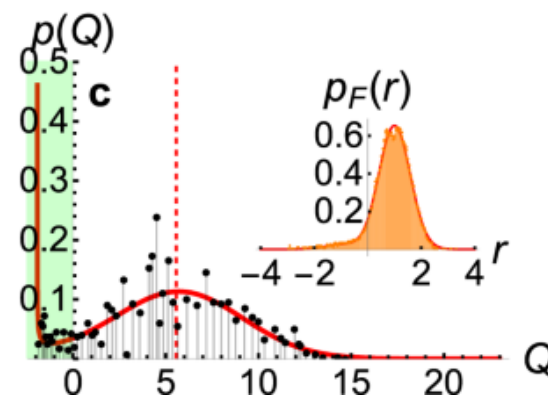
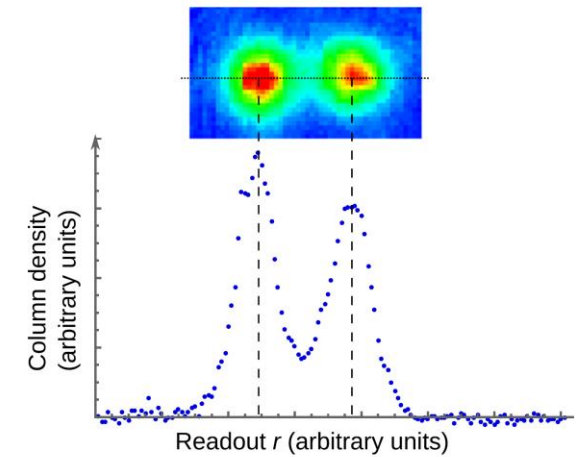
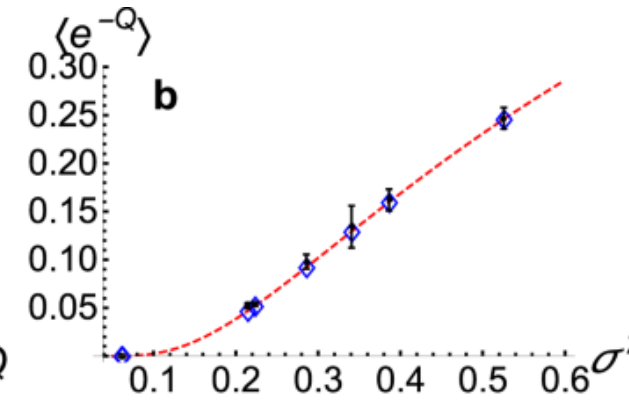
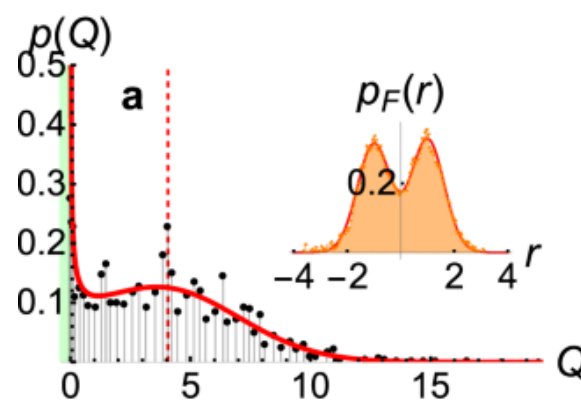
Using $e^{-\langle \mathcal{Q} \rangle} \leq \langle e^{-\mathcal{Q}} \rangle$, we find $\langle \mathcal{Q} \rangle \geq -\log(1 - \mu)$,

$$\langle e^{-\mathcal{Q}(\Gamma)} \rangle = 1 - \mu, \quad \mu = \int D\mathbf{r} \frac{|\langle \bar{\psi}_0 | \mathcal{M}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{r}) | \psi_0 \rangle|^2}{\langle \psi_0 | \mathcal{M}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{r}) | \psi_0 \rangle}.$$



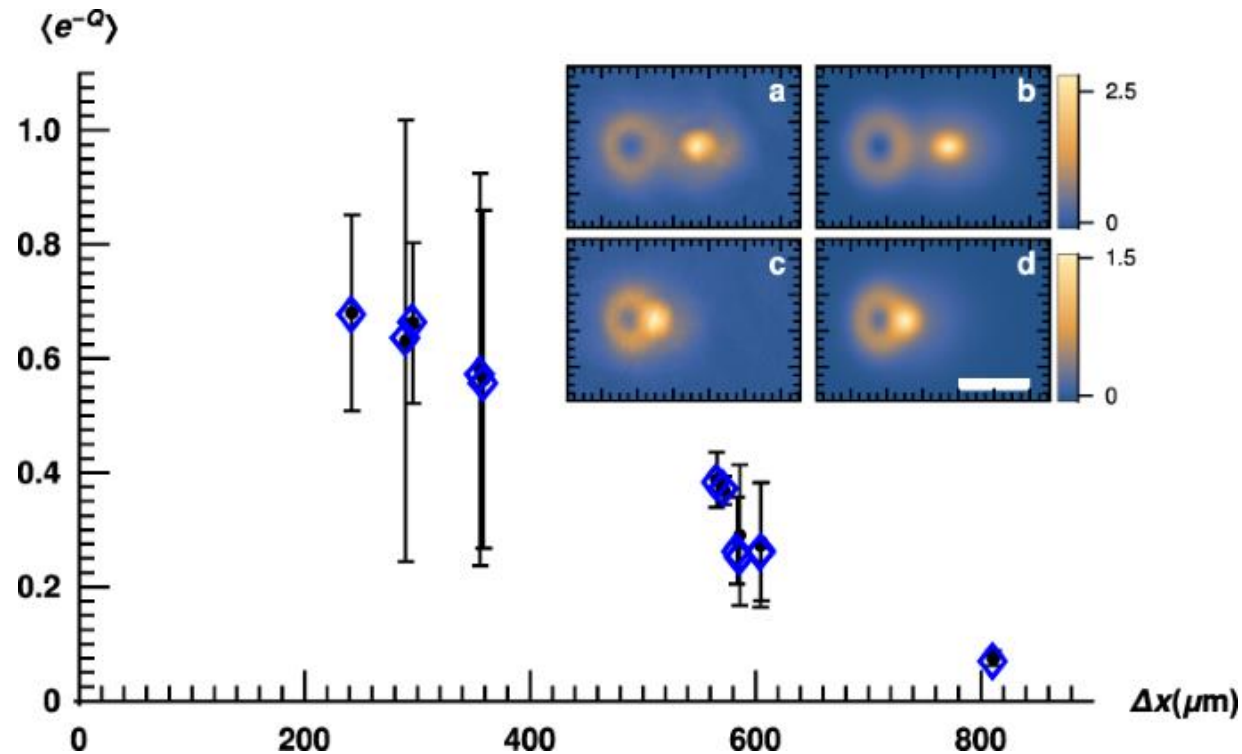
- A complementary description is contained in μ
- Reflects the many to one mapping aspect of the quantum measurement problem.

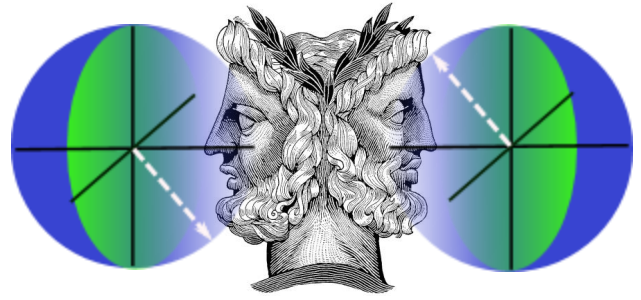
Experiments In the cold atom platform



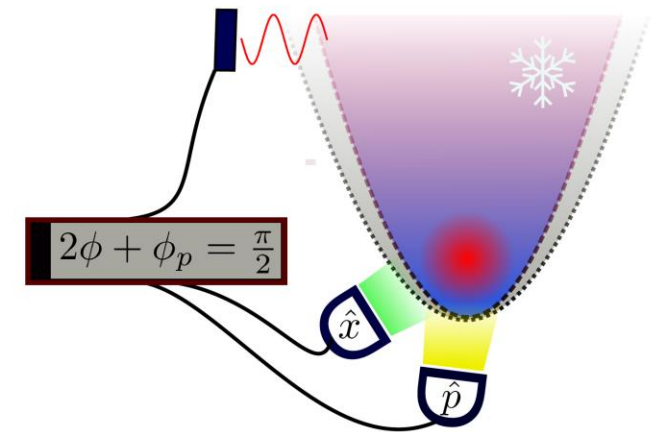
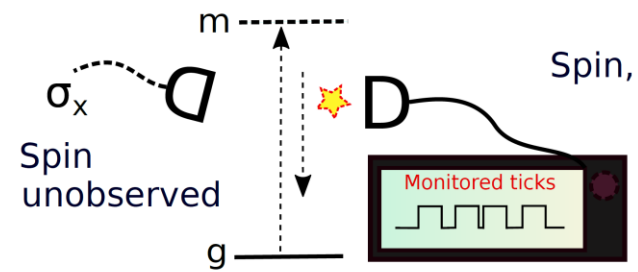
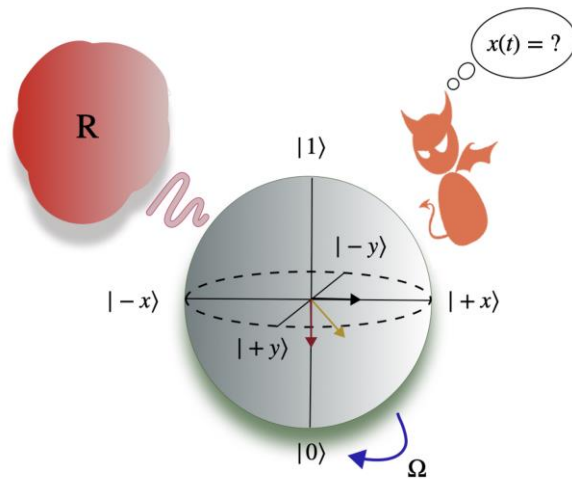
The green shaded region represents realizations where arrow of time was inferred to be negative.

The cold atom platform sheds light on absolute irreversibility of quantum measurements with initial quantum many body interactions.

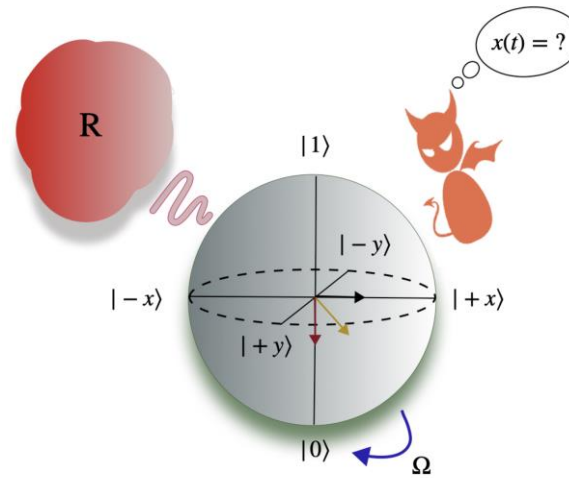




- ❖ Introduction: quick recap of thermodynamics, the arrow of time problem, fluctuation theorems
- ❖ Arrow of time, fluctuation theorems for quantum measurements
- ❖ Thermodynamic device applications of measurement driven quantum systems:



Example one: a qubit engine

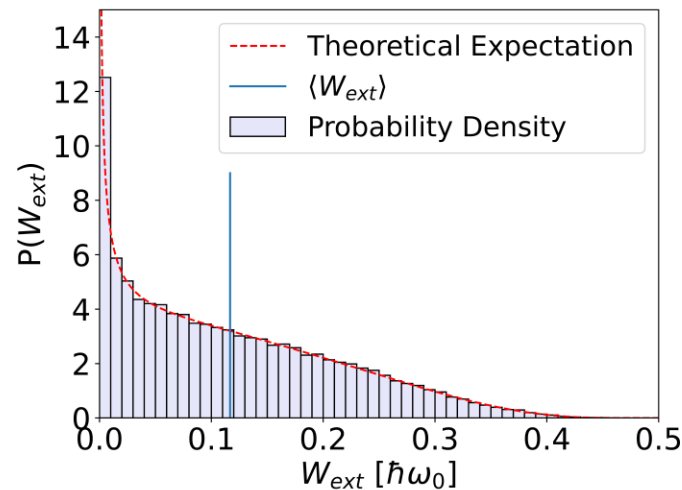


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Time-continuous and weak Gaussian measurements

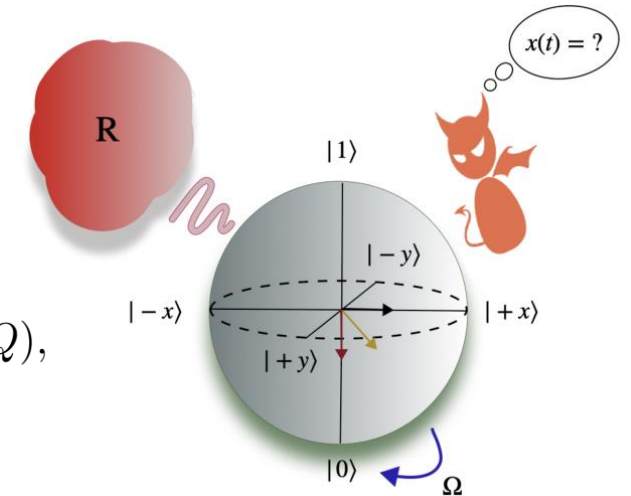
❖ Exact finite time distribution of Q (for $x_0 = 0$):

$$P(Q) = \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{2\pi T}} \frac{e^Q}{\sqrt{e^Q - 1}} e^{\left(-\frac{T}{2\tau} - \frac{\tau}{2T} [\cosh^{-1}(e^{Q/2})]^2\right)}$$



$$P(W_{\text{ext}}) = -\frac{4e^Q}{\hbar\omega_0} \frac{1}{z_0 e^{Q/2} + \frac{z_0^2 - 1}{\sqrt{1 + (z_0^2 - 1)e^{-Q}}}} P(Q),$$

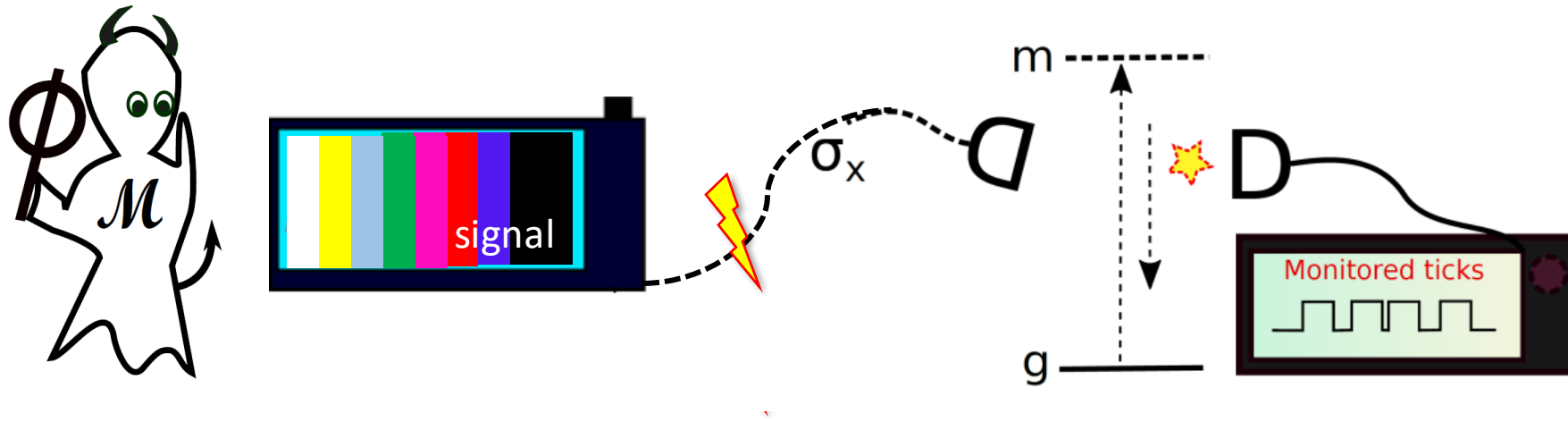
$$e^{-Q} = \left[\frac{2W_{\text{ext}} z_0}{\hbar\omega_0} + \sqrt{1 + \frac{4W_{\text{ext}}^2}{\hbar^2 \omega_0^2} (z_0^2 - 1)} \right]^2.$$



Dressel, Justin, et al. "Arrow of time for continuous quantum measurement." *Physical review letters* 119.22 (2017): 220507

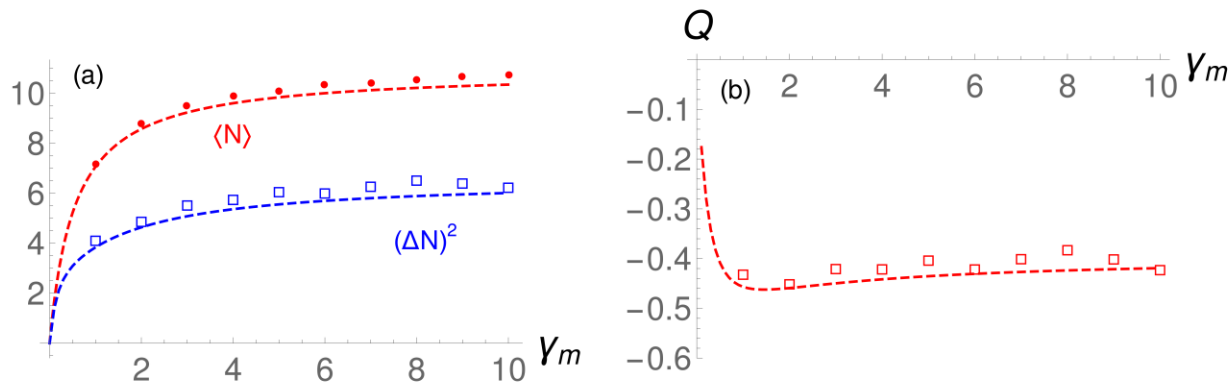
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Example two: an autonomous quantum clock



Manikandan, Sreenath K. "Autonomous quantum clocks using athermal resources." arXiv preprint arXiv:2207.07909 (2022).

Statistics of ticks: Large deviation principle



Mean and variance of ticks

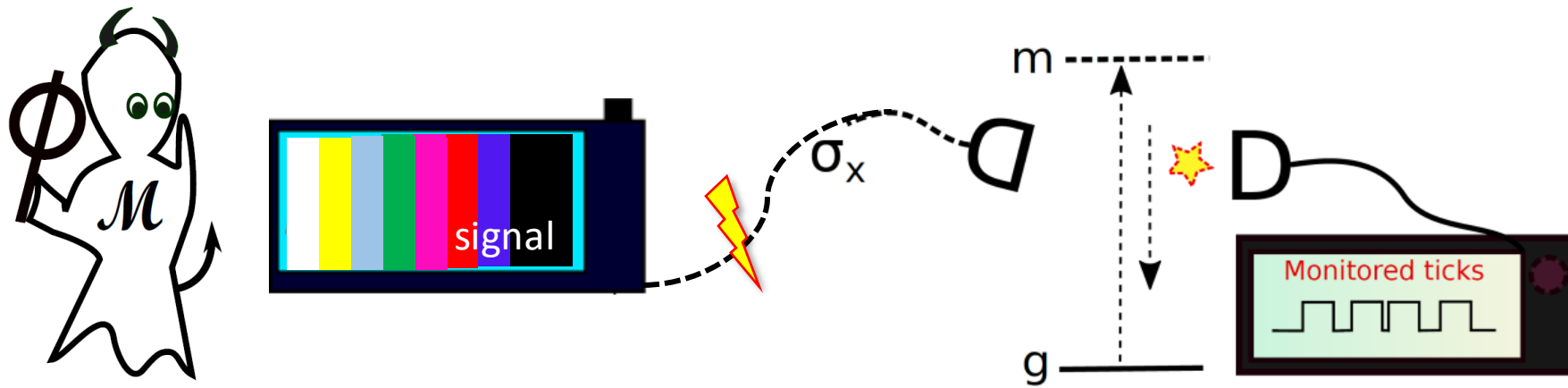
Mandel's Q parameter

Tilted Lindbladian operator:

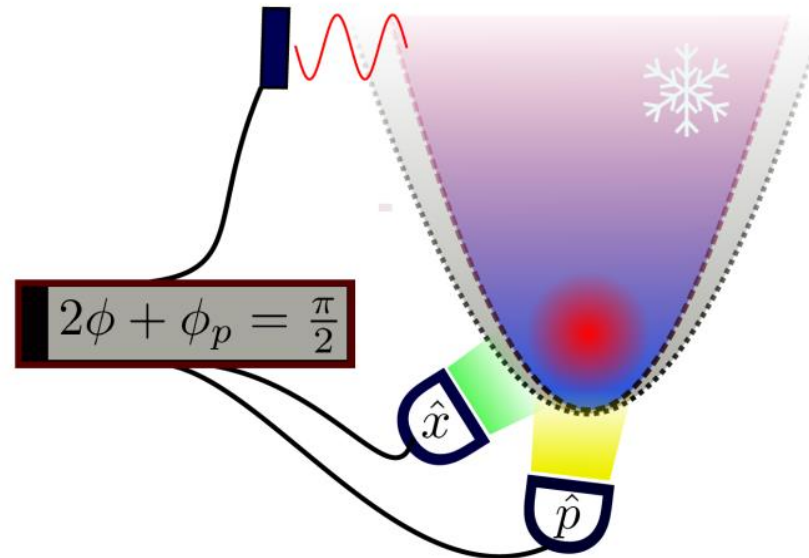
$$\mathcal{W}(s)[\rho] = -i[H, \rho] - \gamma_m[\sigma_x, [\sigma_x, \rho]] + \gamma_w e^{-s} \sigma_- \rho \sigma_+ - (\sigma_+ \sigma_- \rho + \rho \sigma_+ \sigma_-)/2.$$

Accuracy of the clock:

$$\frac{\delta t_w}{t_w} = \sqrt{(1 + Q)} / \sqrt{\gamma_{\text{tick}} t_w}$$



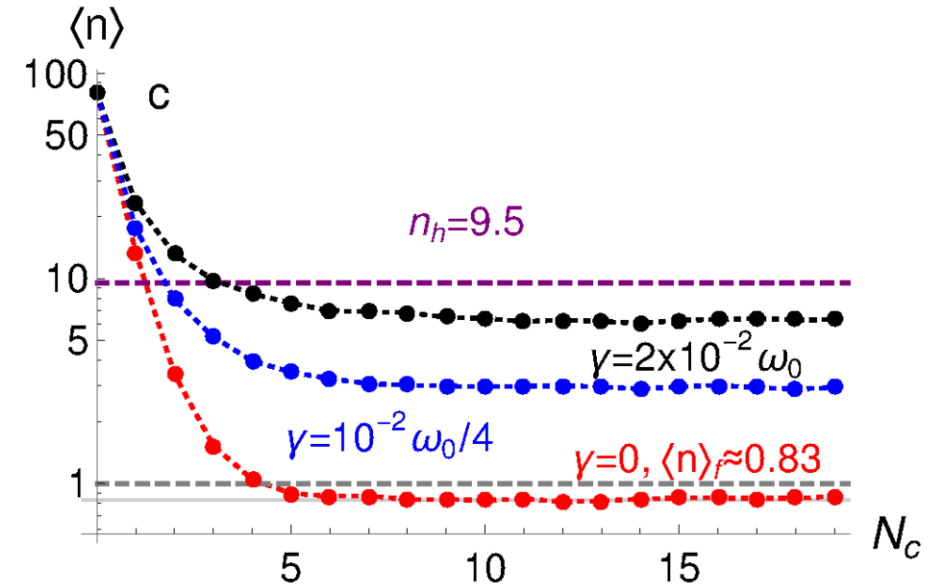
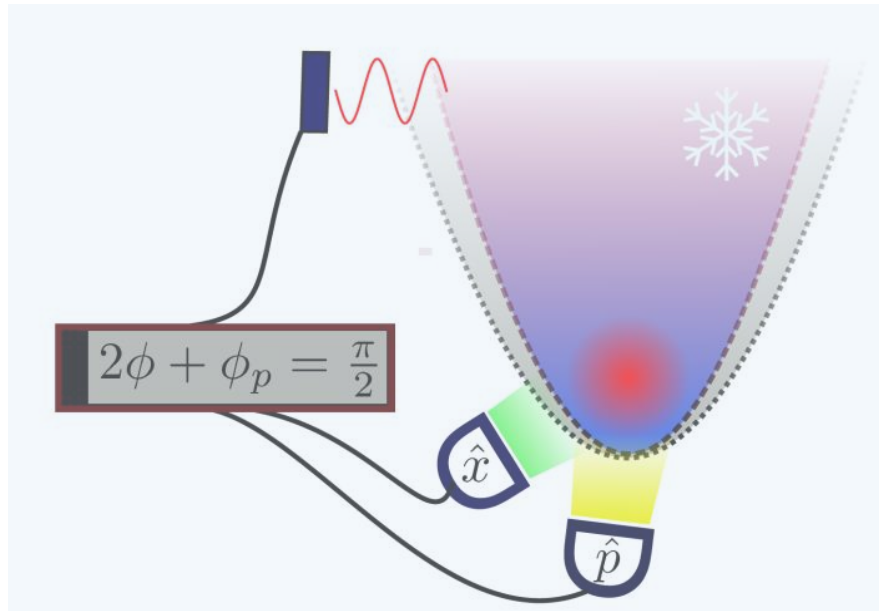
Example three: parametric quantum feedback cooling



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The Quantum Noise Limit To Cooling



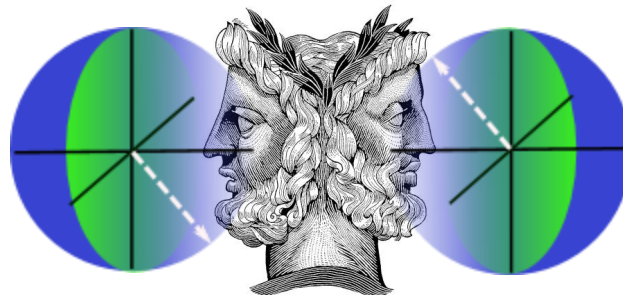
In the absence of any dissipation, the oscillator can be cooled down to $n_f = 0.83$. The noise added by measurements plays a crucial role.

$$n_{min}(\xi_{j-1}) = \int d^2 \xi_j Q[\xi_j, |\xi_{j-1}|, r_{sq}(\xi_{j-1})] n_{min}(\xi_j),$$

$$n_{min}(\xi_j) = (\sqrt{1 + 4|\xi_j|^2} - 1)/2.$$

Conclusions and outlook

- ❖ The thermodynamics of quantum measurement driven devices is a fascinating field where principles of quantum mechanics and stochastic thermodynamics meet. Measurements can be thought of an additional resource in the problem.
- ❖ This also allows to address fundamental questions, such as the emergence of an arrow of time in the quantum regime (time-reversal symmetry breaking), and the nature of clocks (time-translational symmetry breaking) in the quantum regime.
- ❖ Experiments can be done in superconducting quantum circuits, or ultracold atoms:
 - Harrington, P. M., Tan, D., Naghiloo, M., & Murch, K. W. (2019). Characterizing a statistical arrow of time in quantum measurement dynamics. *Physical Review Letters*, 123(2), 020502.
 - Jayaseelan, M., K. Manikandan, S., Jordan, A. N., & Bigelow, N. P. (2021). Quantum measurement arrow of time and fluctuation relations for measuring spin of ultracold atoms. *Nature communications*, 12(1), 1847.



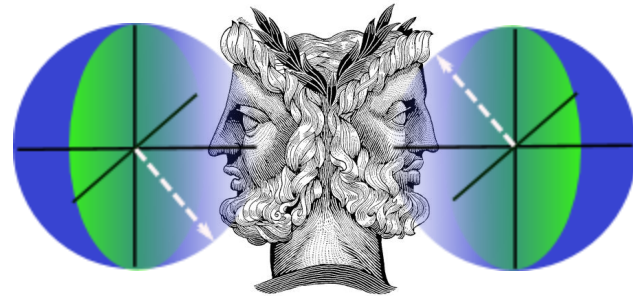
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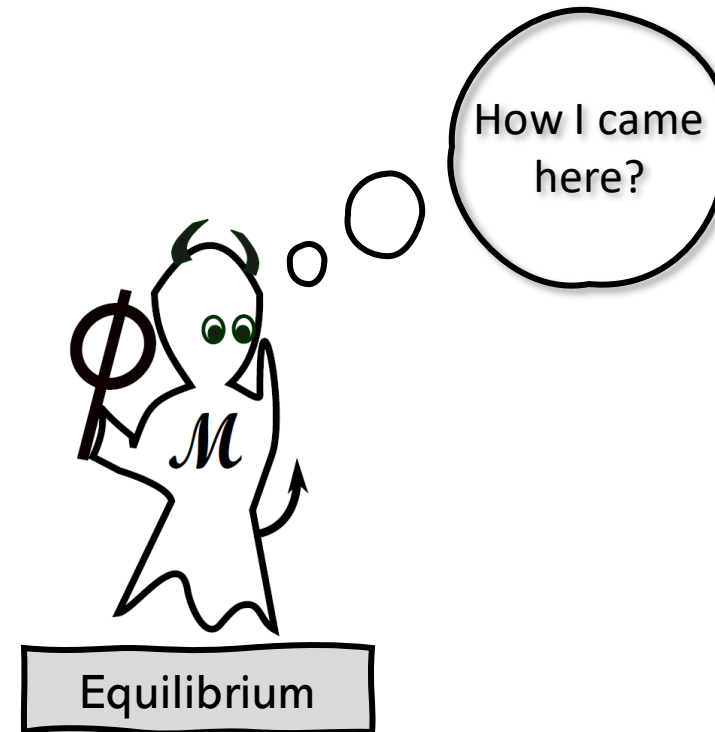
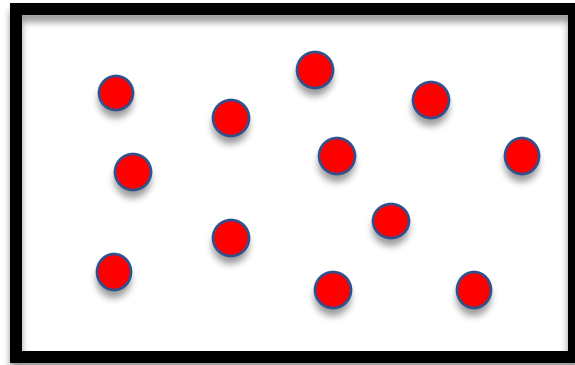
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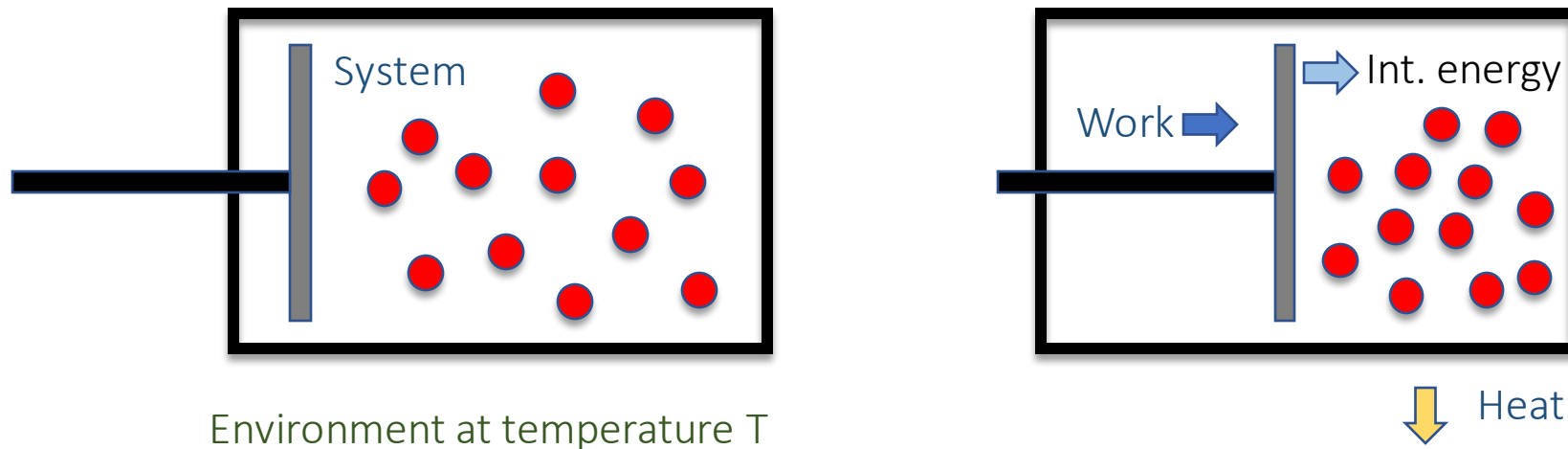


Principles of thermodynamics



Equilibrium states, characterized by very few parameters, U , V , N ... are the ones which maximizes entropy.

Processes in thermodynamics



Work: W

Internal energy: E

Heat: Q

The first law: $dW = dE - dQ$

The second law: $dS_{\text{tot}} = dS_{\text{sys}} + dS_{\text{env}} \geq 0$

For systems in equilibrium at initial and final stages, $dW \geq dE - TdS_{\text{sys}} \equiv dF$.