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Fundamental work cost of quantum processes

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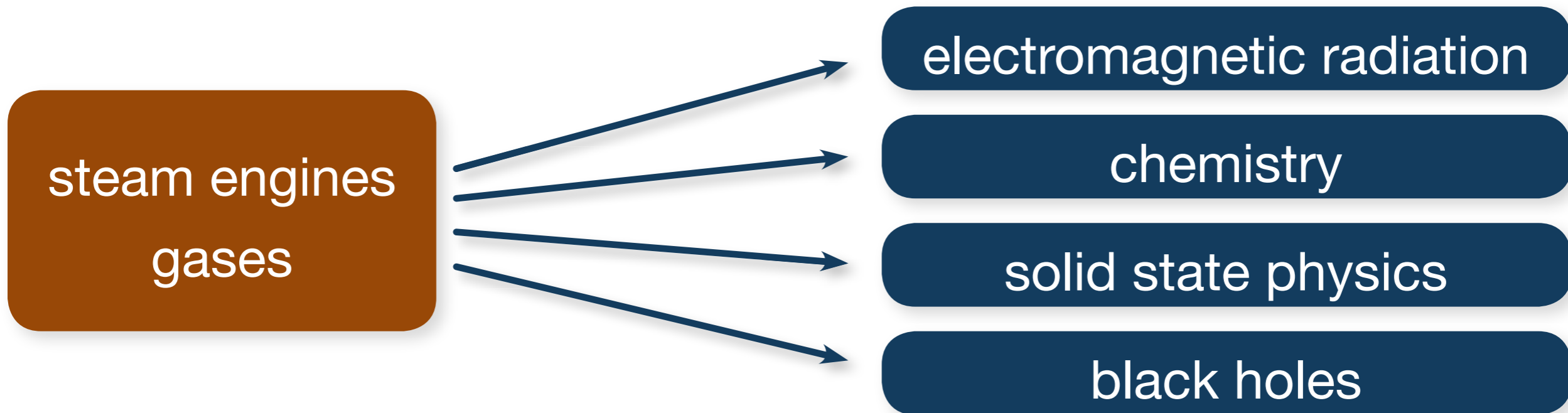
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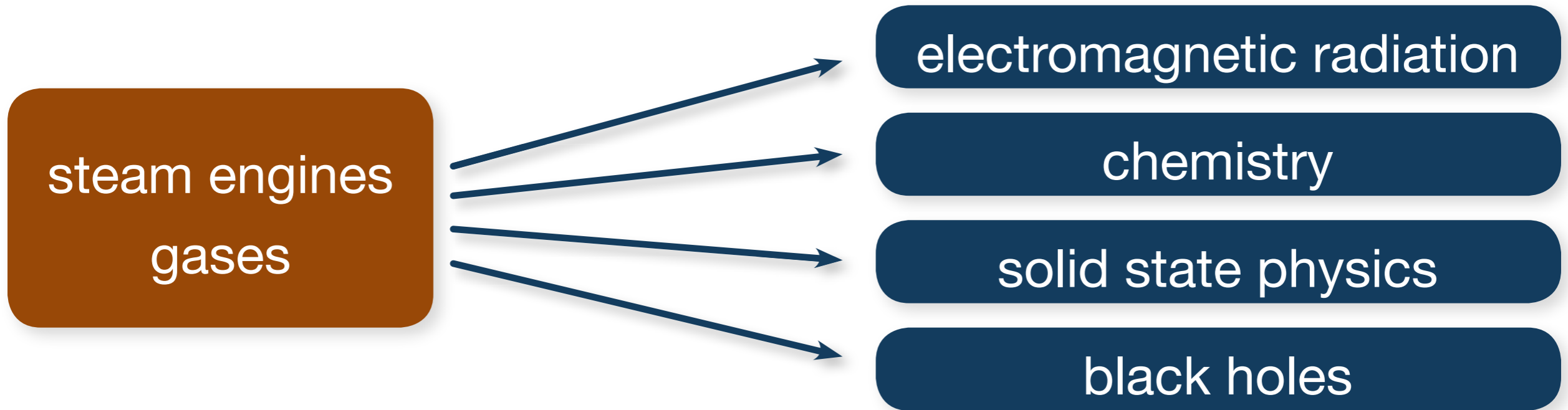
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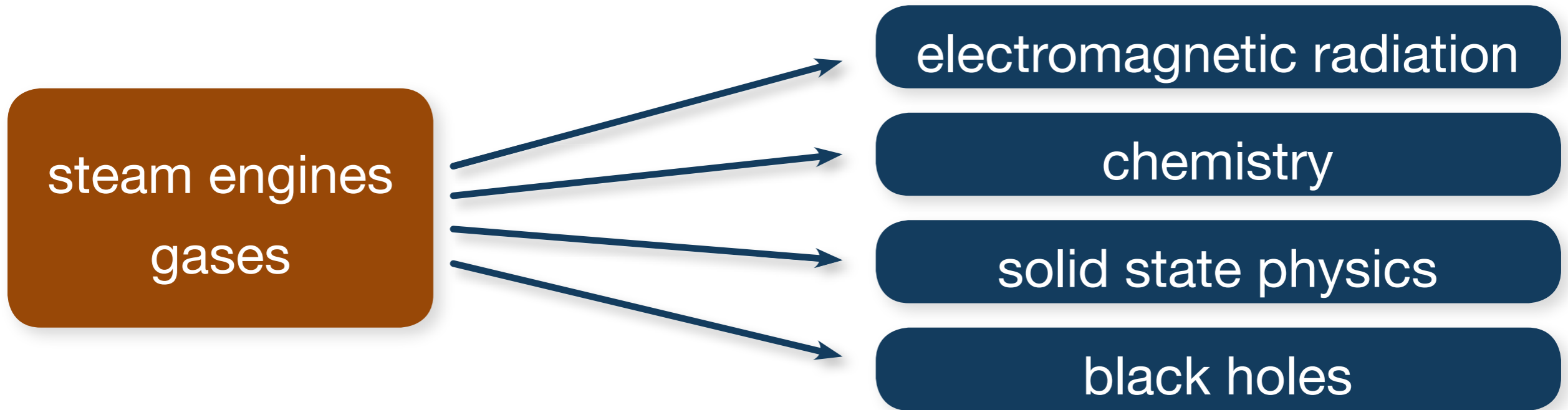
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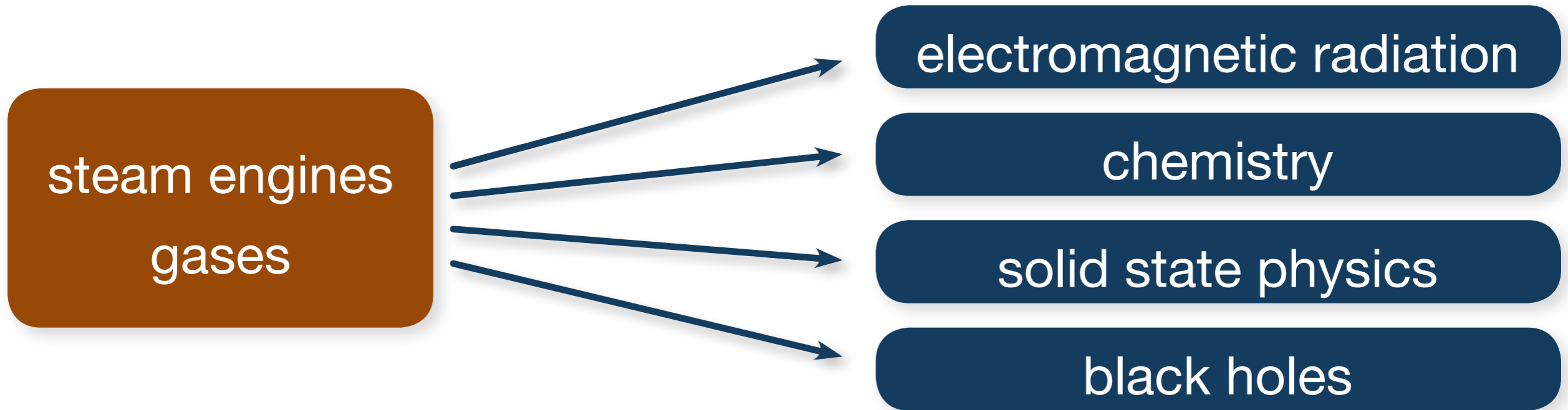
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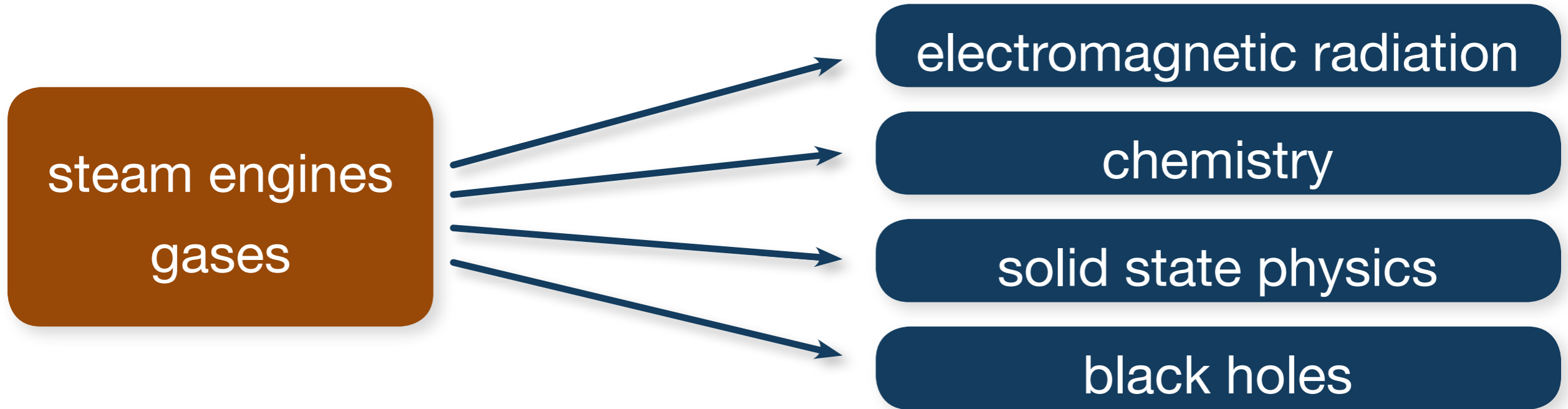
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- ▶ **What is the most general formulation of thermodynamics?**



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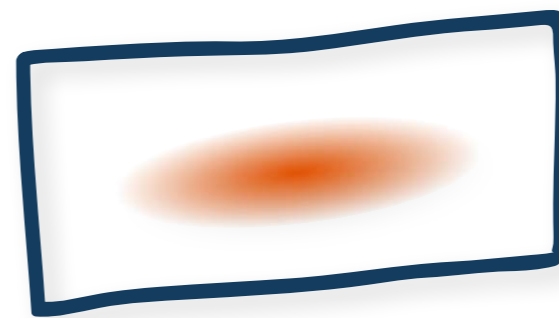
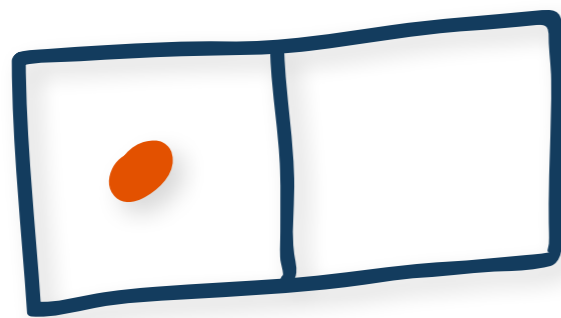
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Idea: role of information

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Information and Thermodynamics

1 bit of information can be traded for $kT \ln 2$ work



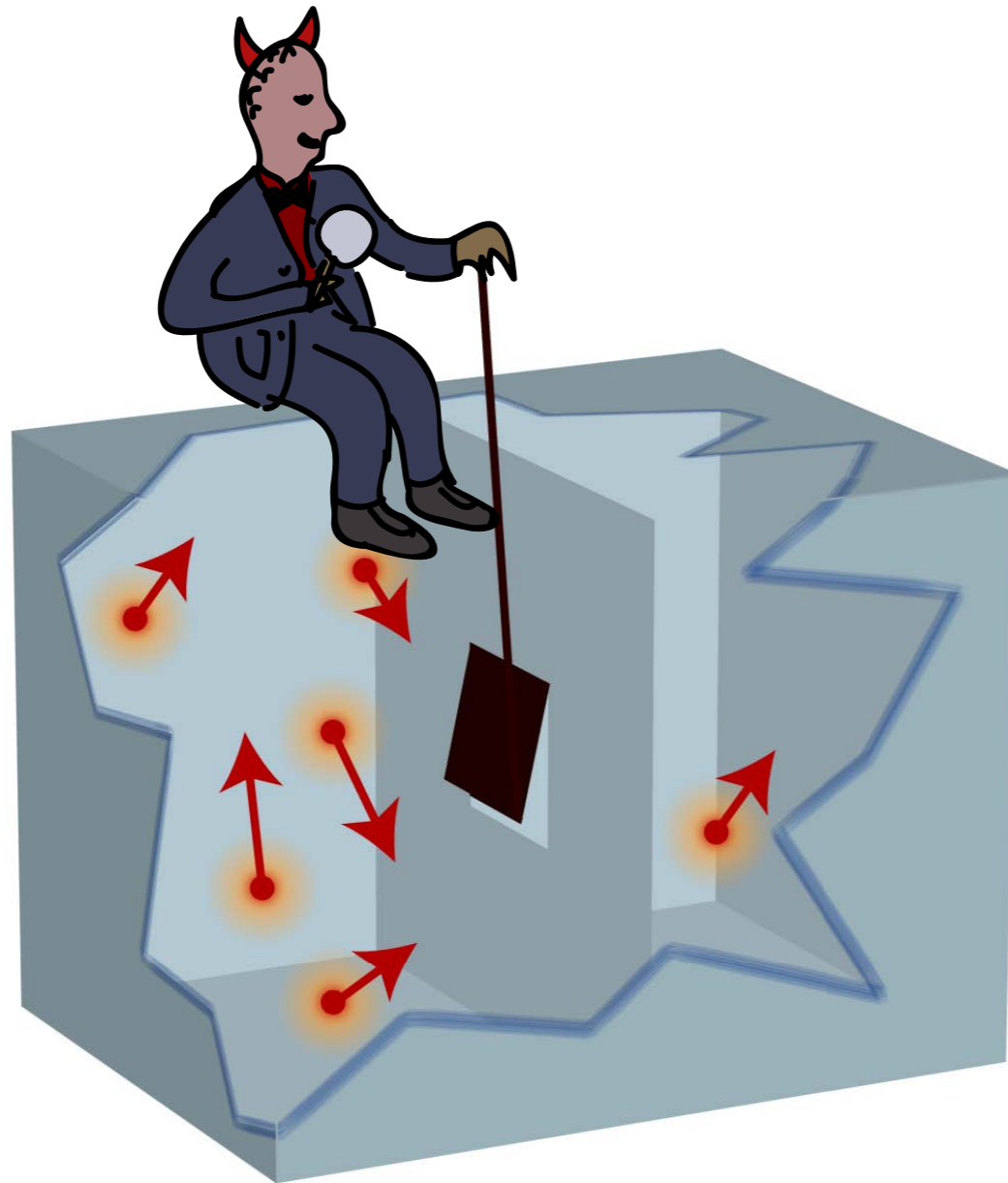
Szilárd
engine

Szilárd, 1929

Landauer: Irreversible information processing
incurs thermodynamic cost

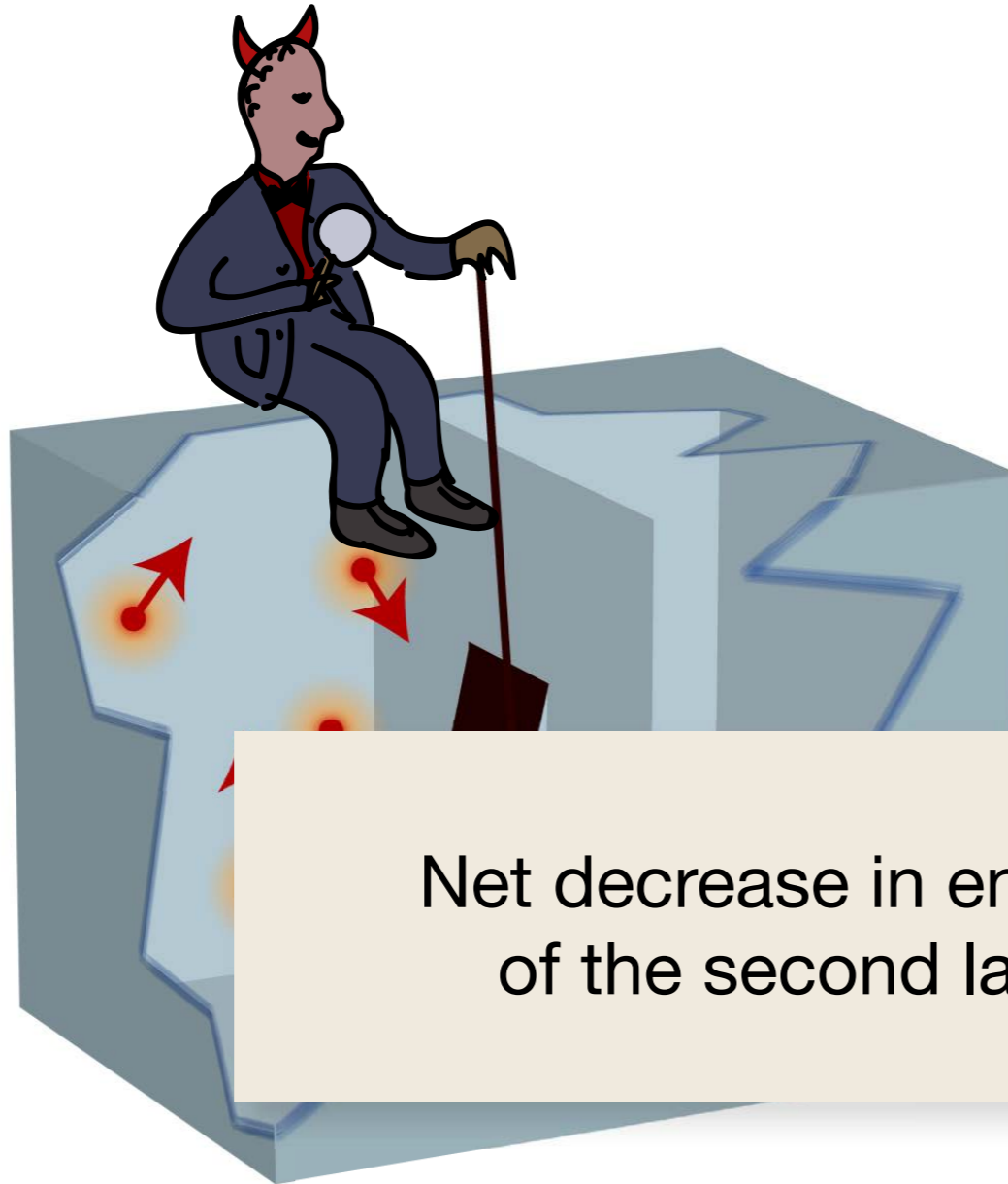
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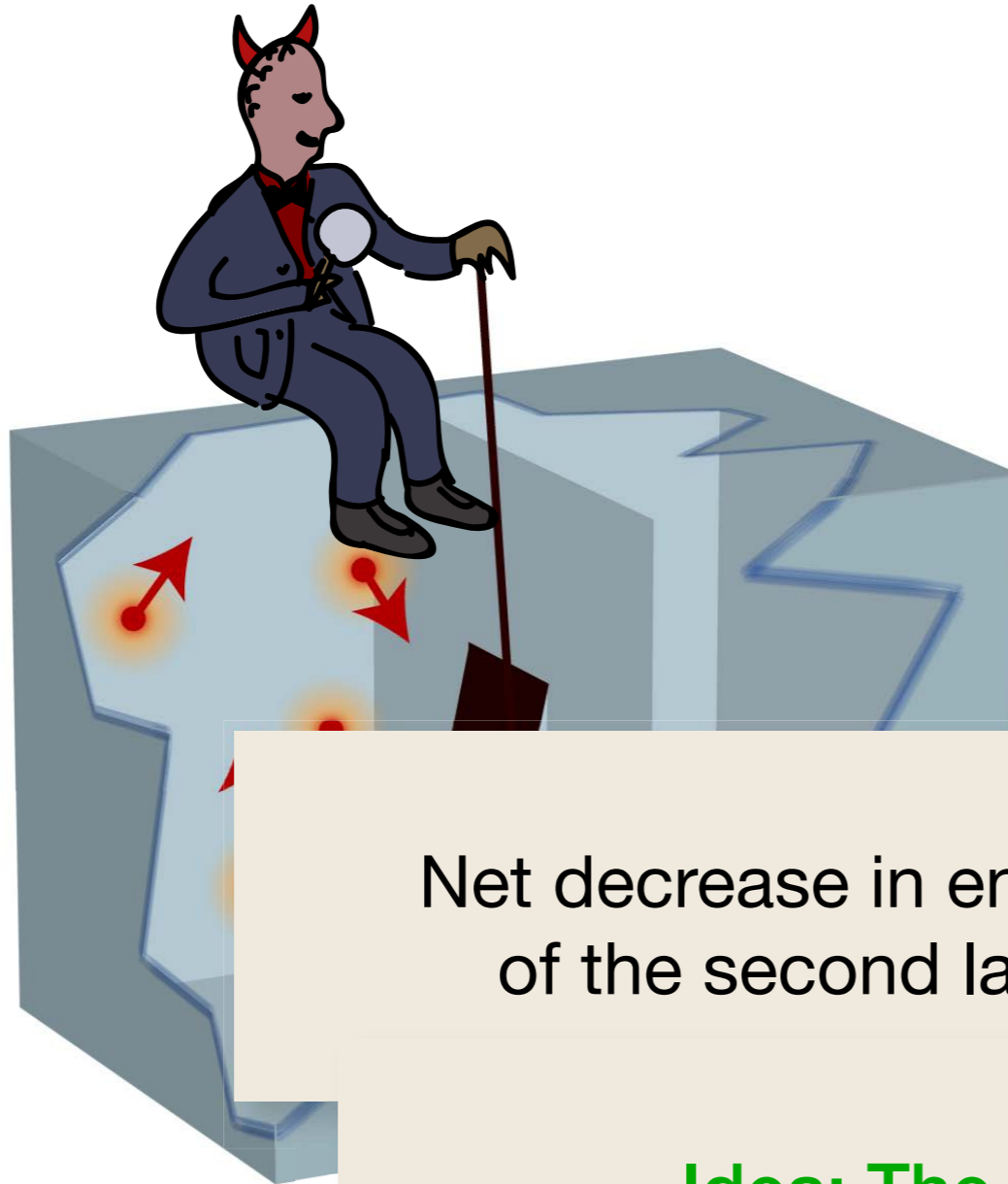
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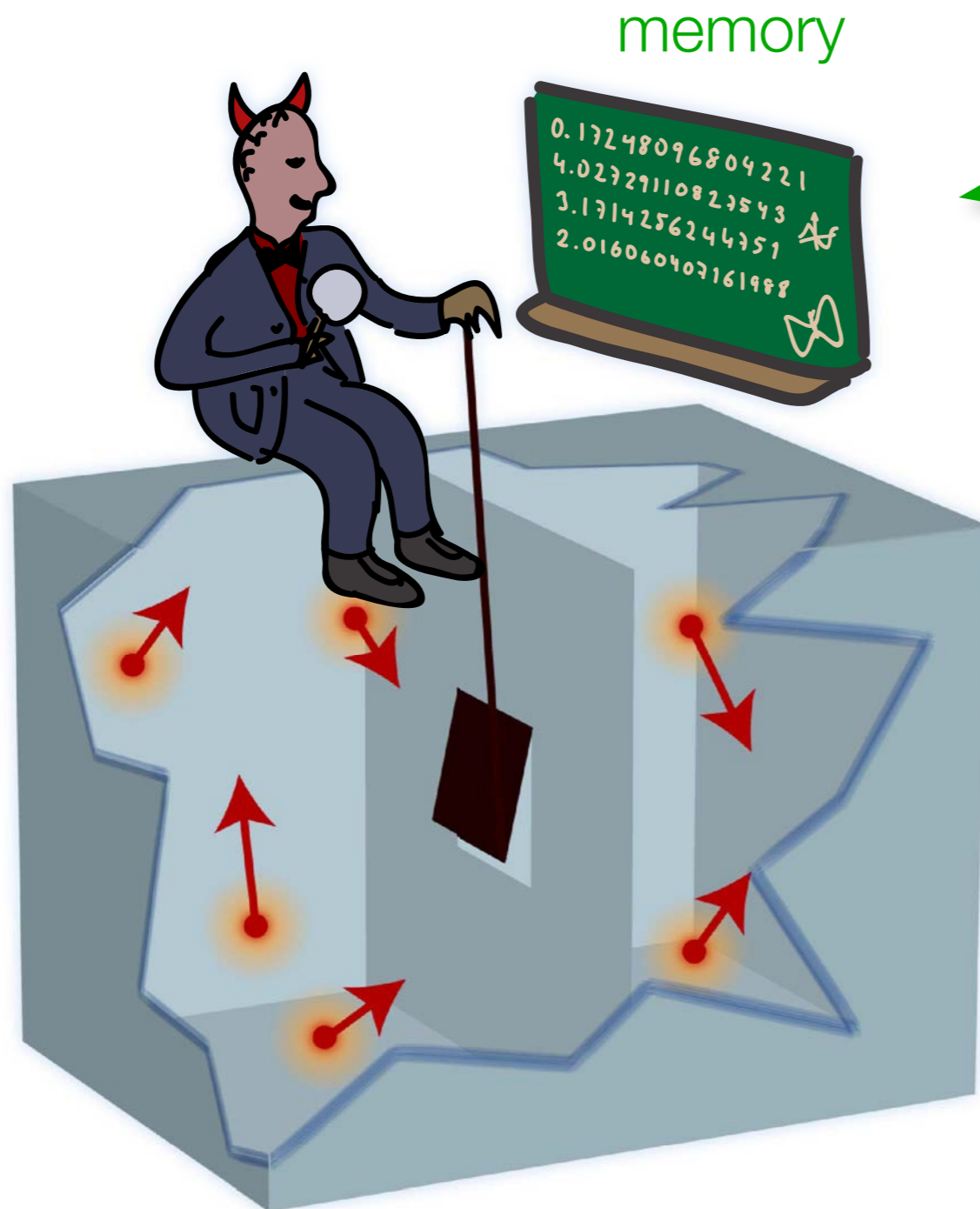


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**Idea: The demon has access to
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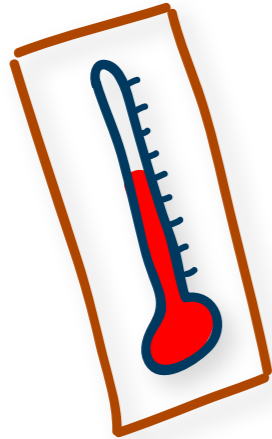


The demon stores
the measurement
results

Resetting this
memory costs
work!

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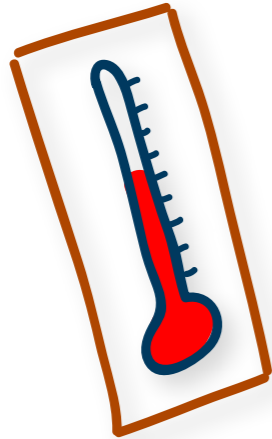
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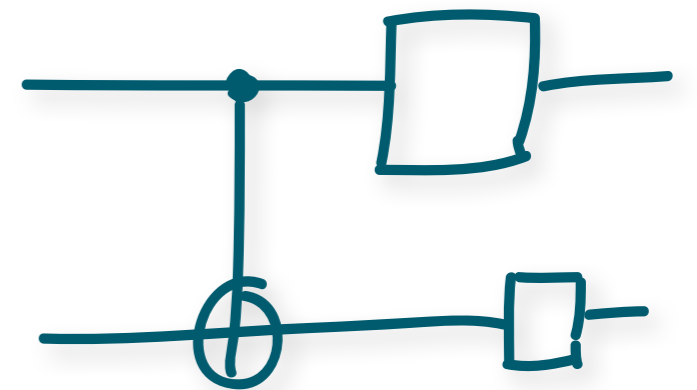


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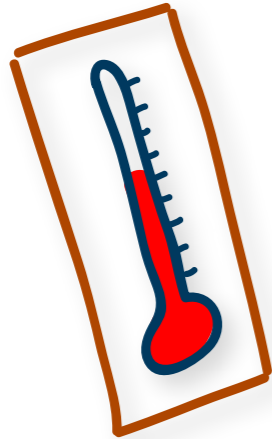
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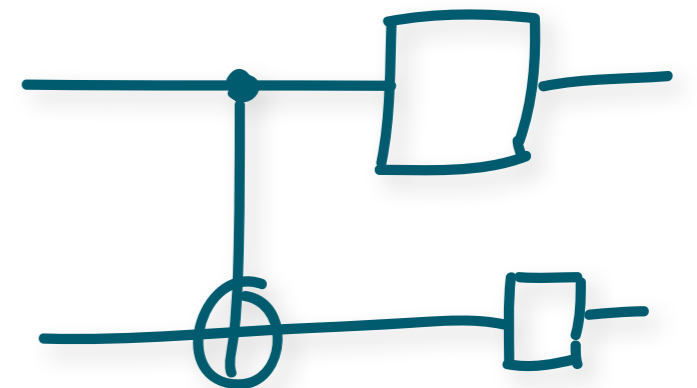


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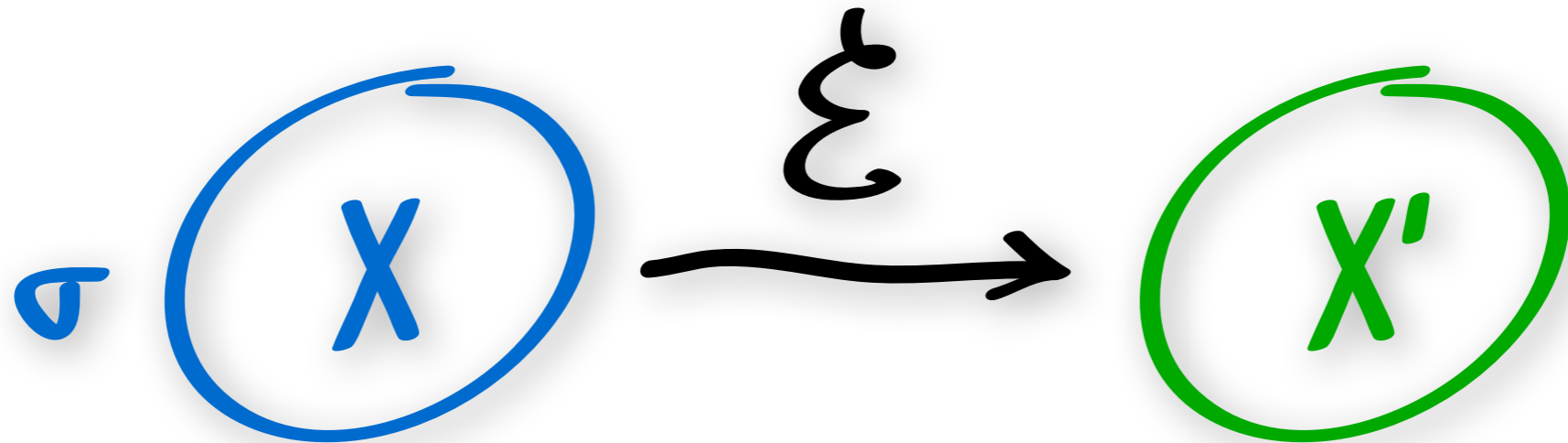
- Allowed to discard any system

Known Results

- Necessary and sufficient conditions for $\rho \rightarrow \sigma$
(thermo-majorization, block-diagonal states)
Horodecki & Oppenheim, Nat. Comm. 2013
- Conversion rates $\rho^{\otimes m} \leftrightarrow \sigma^{\otimes n}$
Brandão *et al.*, PRL, 2013
- Rényi- α entropies monotones: “second laws”
Brandão *et al.*, PNAS, 2015
- Generalized thermodynamic baths
Yunger Halpern & Renes, PRE, 2016 , ...
- Catalytical transformations, correlations ...
Ng *et al.*, NJP, 2015; Lostaglio *et al.*, PRL, 2015 ...

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Thermodynamic cost of any process?



- ▶ mapping of **input states** to **output states**
 - AND, XOR, ... gate
 - any classical or quantum computation
 - any physical process (completely positive, trace-preserving map)

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present

**Fundamental thermodynamic limit
to the cost of implementing \mathcal{E} ?**

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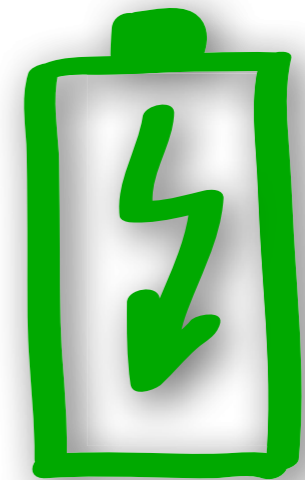


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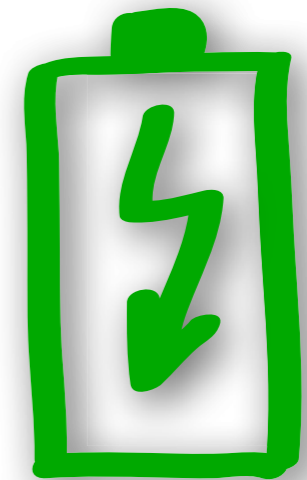
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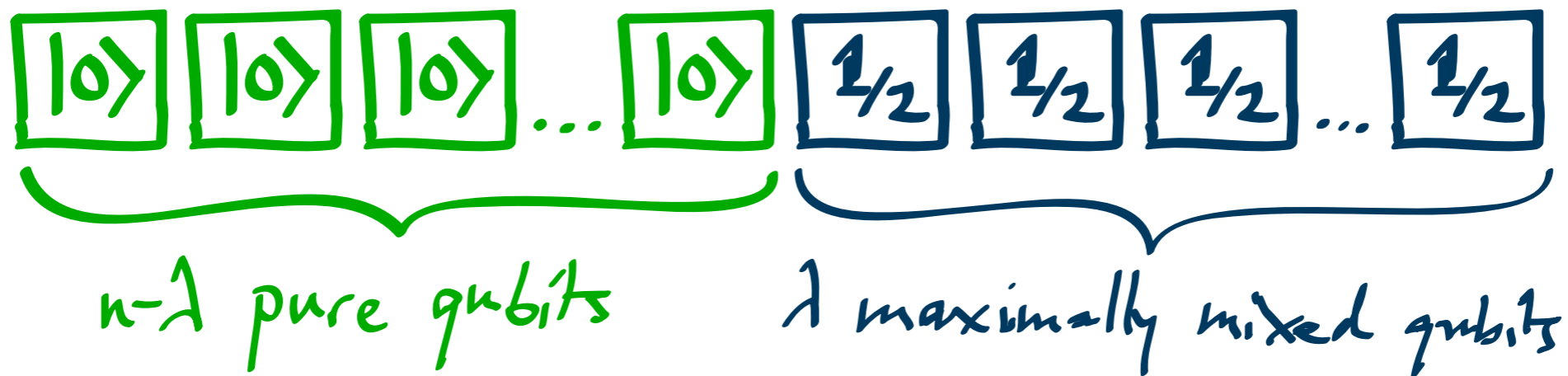
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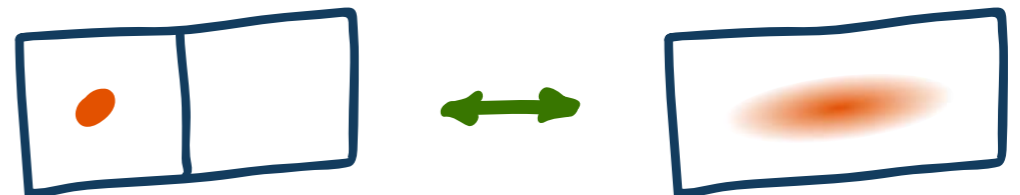
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Large family of battery models are equivalent

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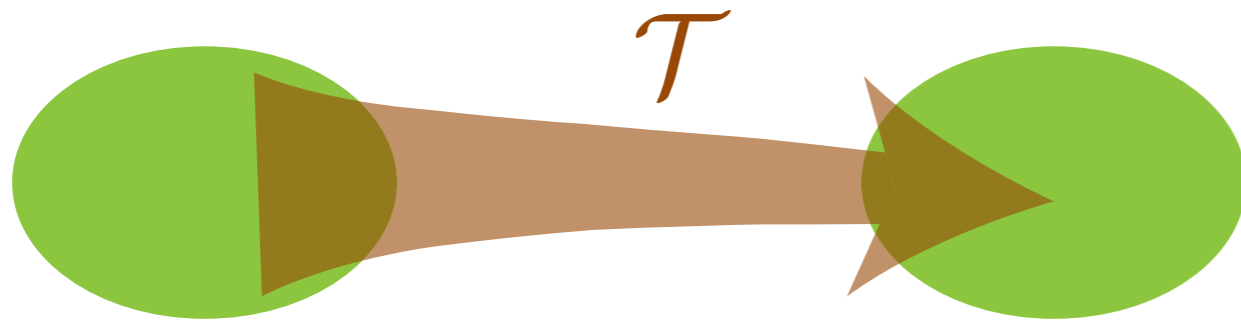
↑
“stored work”



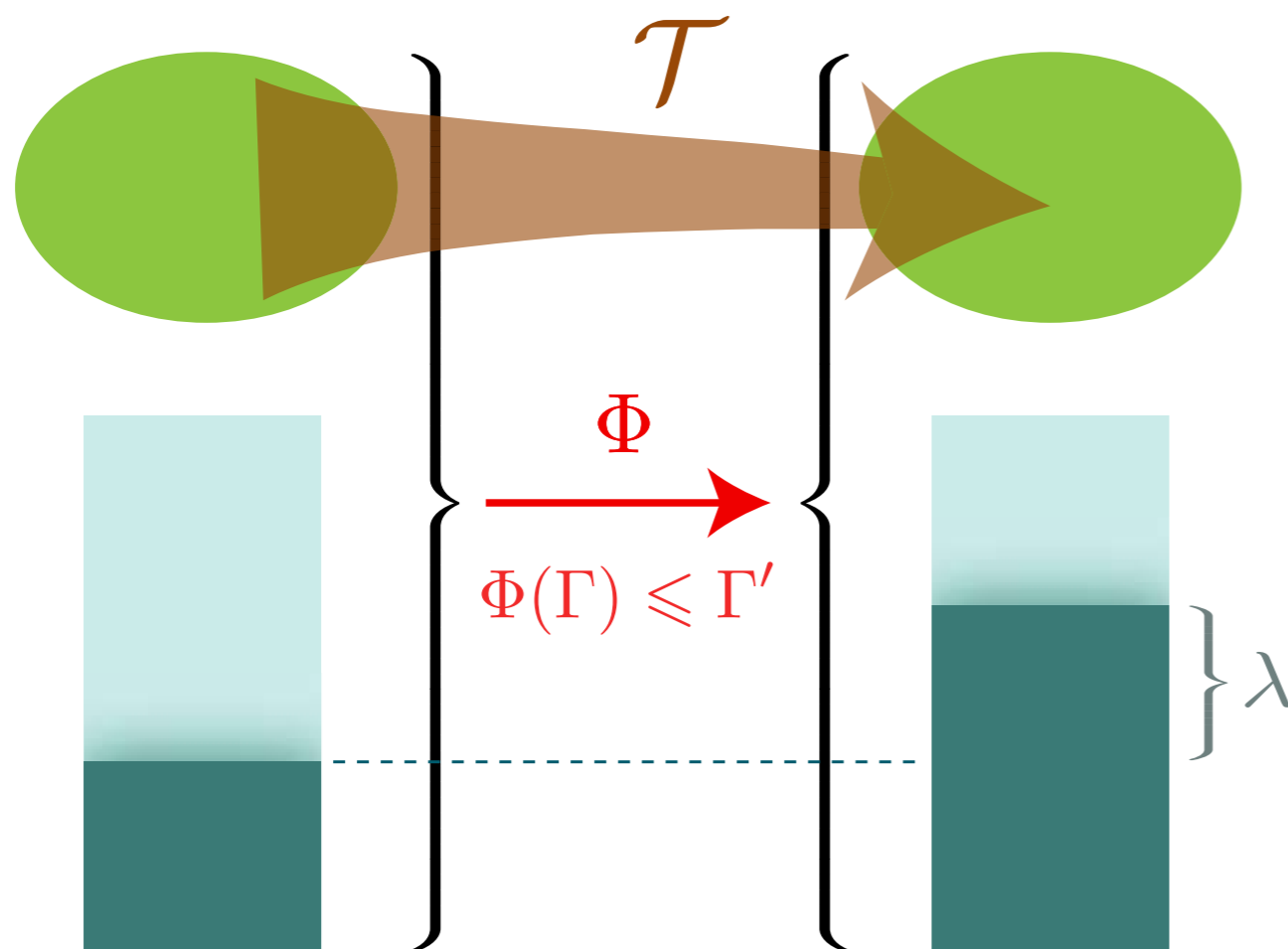
Landauer/Szilárd:
1 pure qubit = $kT \ln 2$ work

$$H=0 \longrightarrow \Gamma=1$$

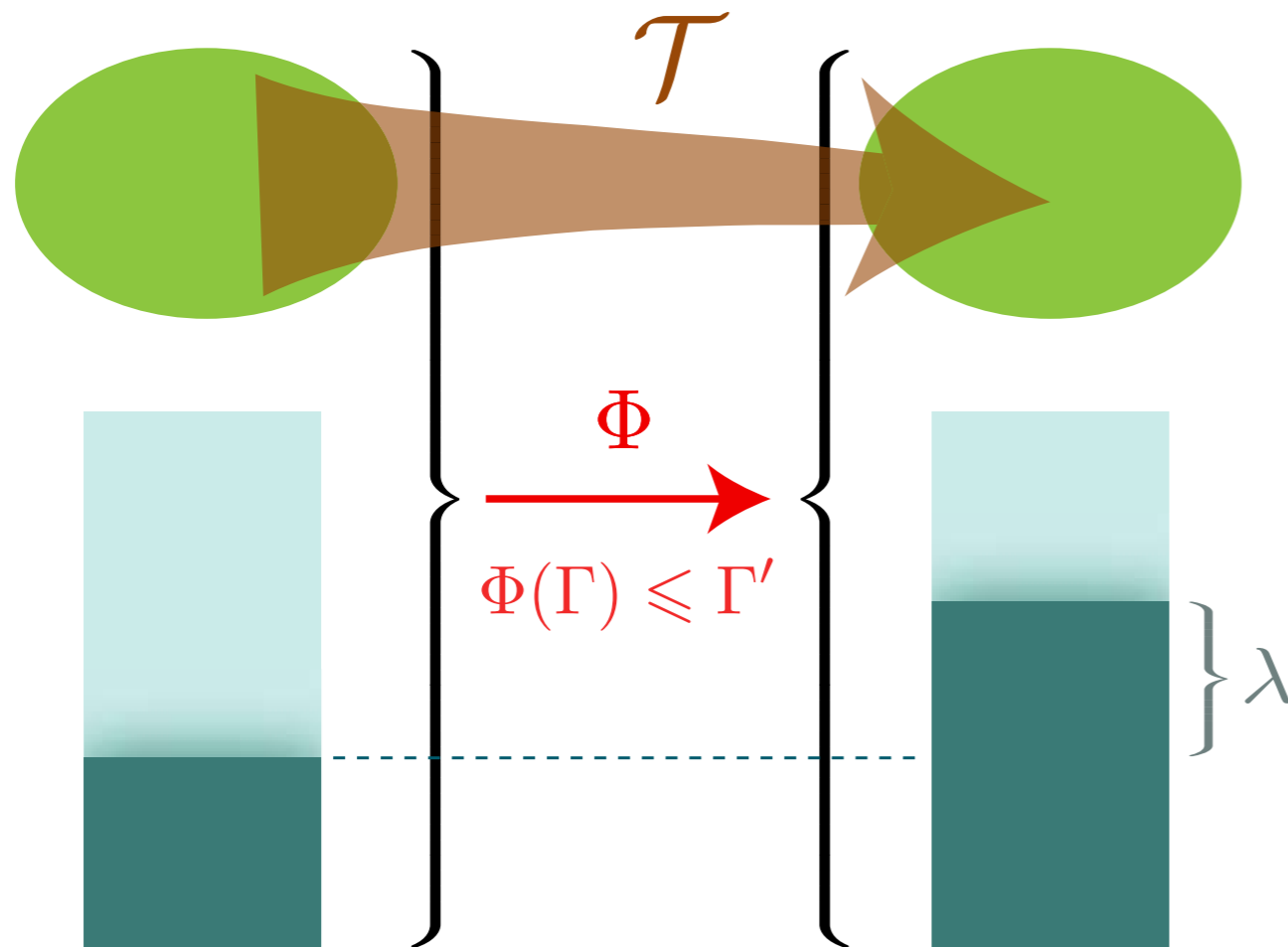
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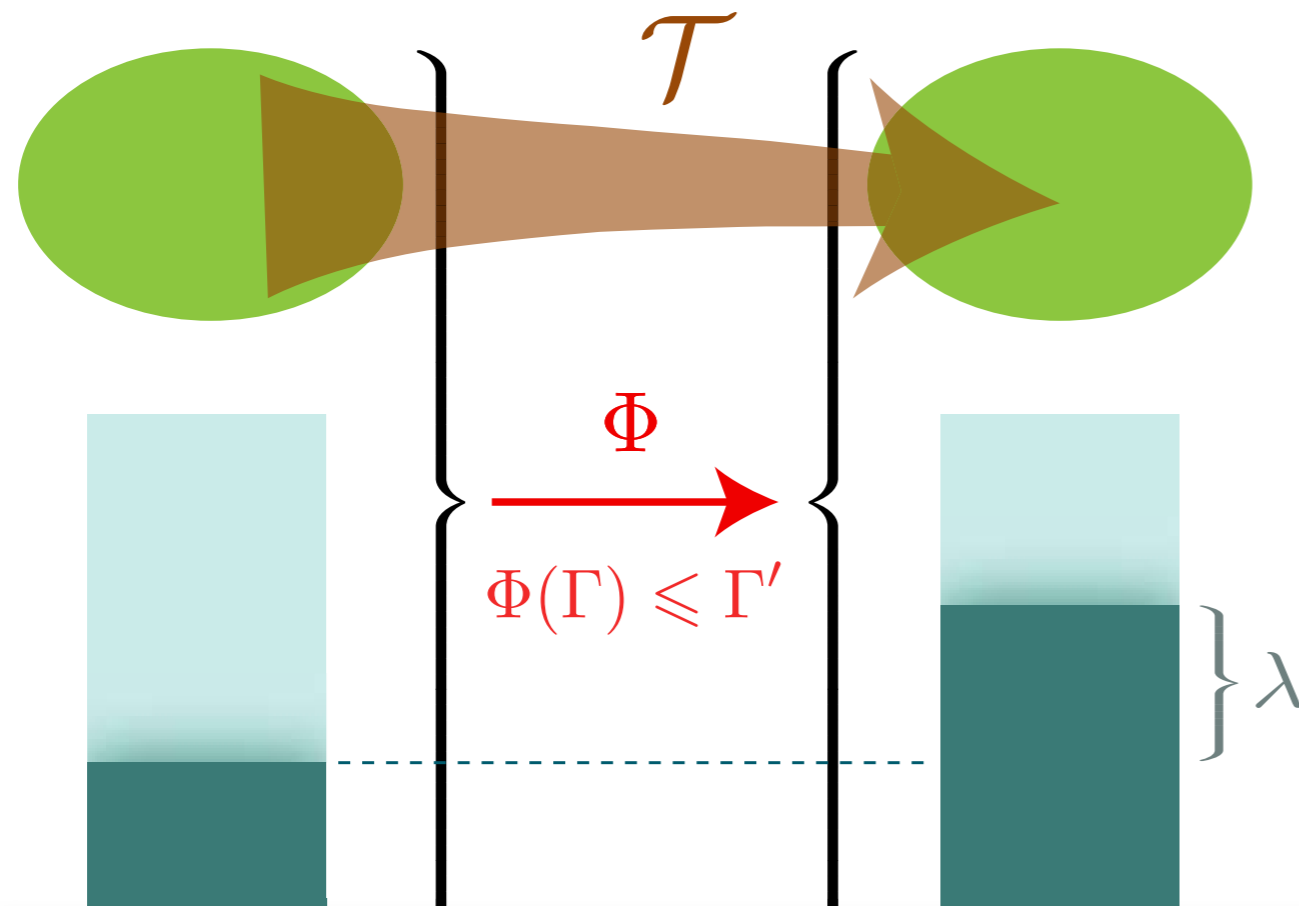


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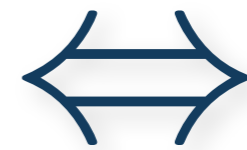


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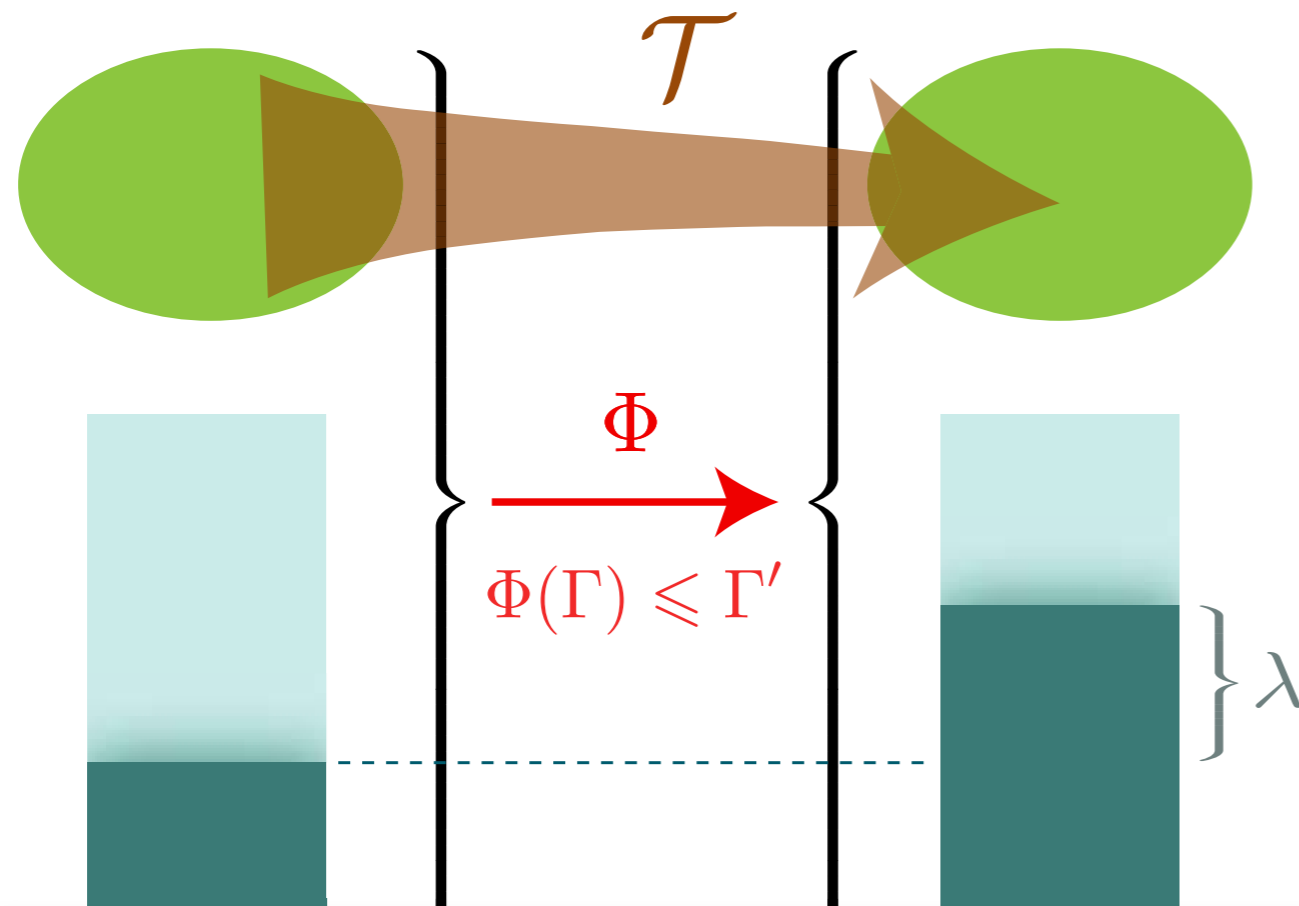
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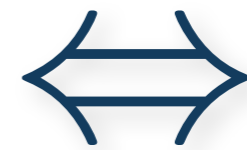
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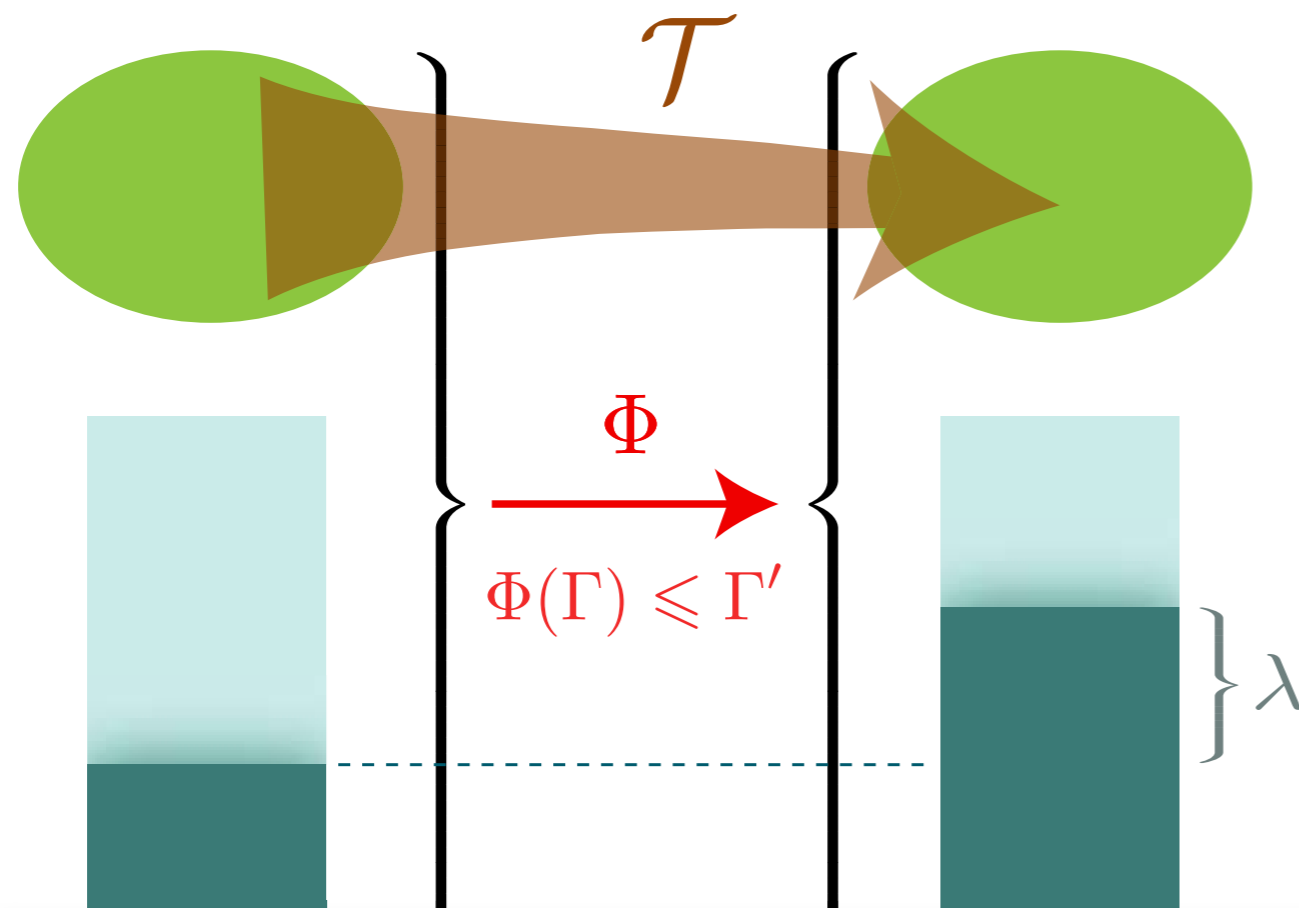


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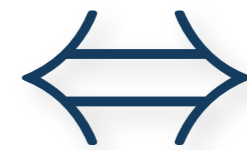


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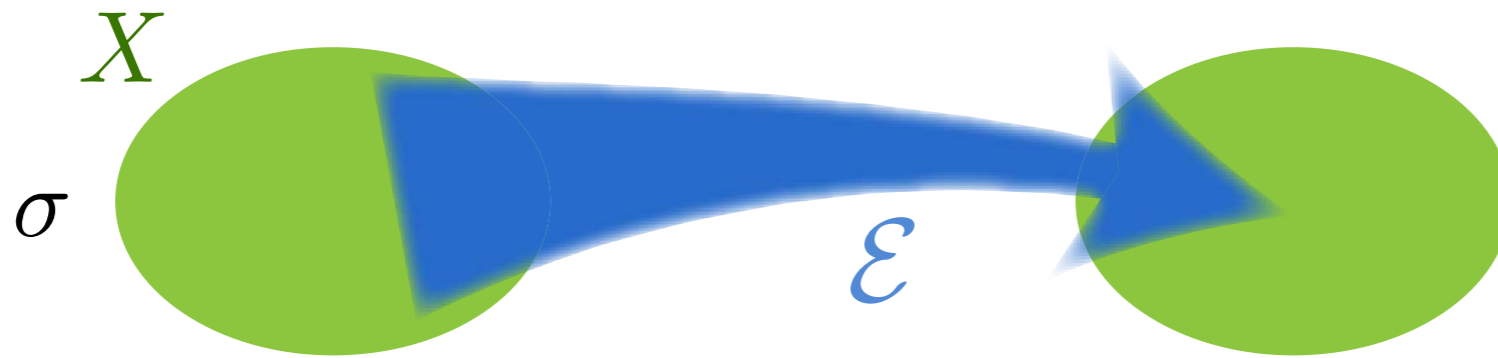
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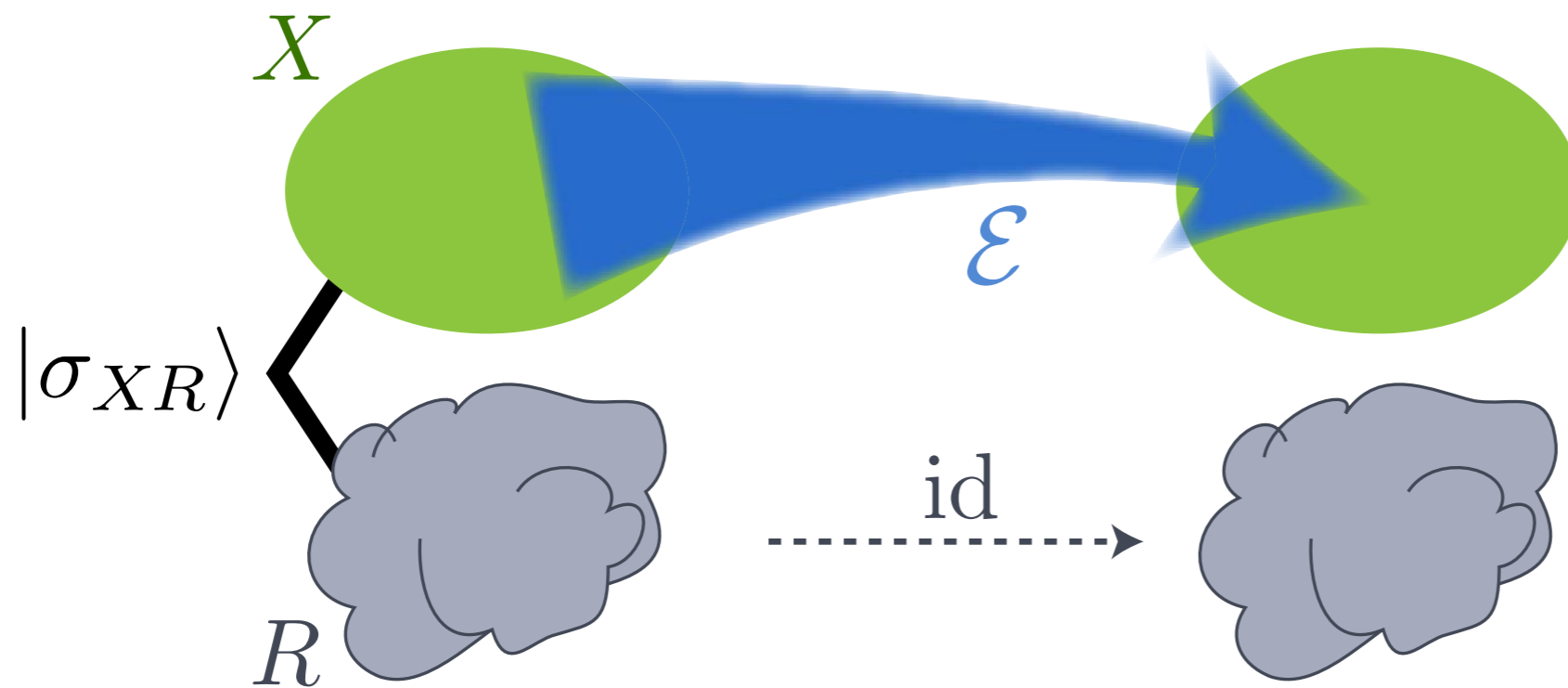
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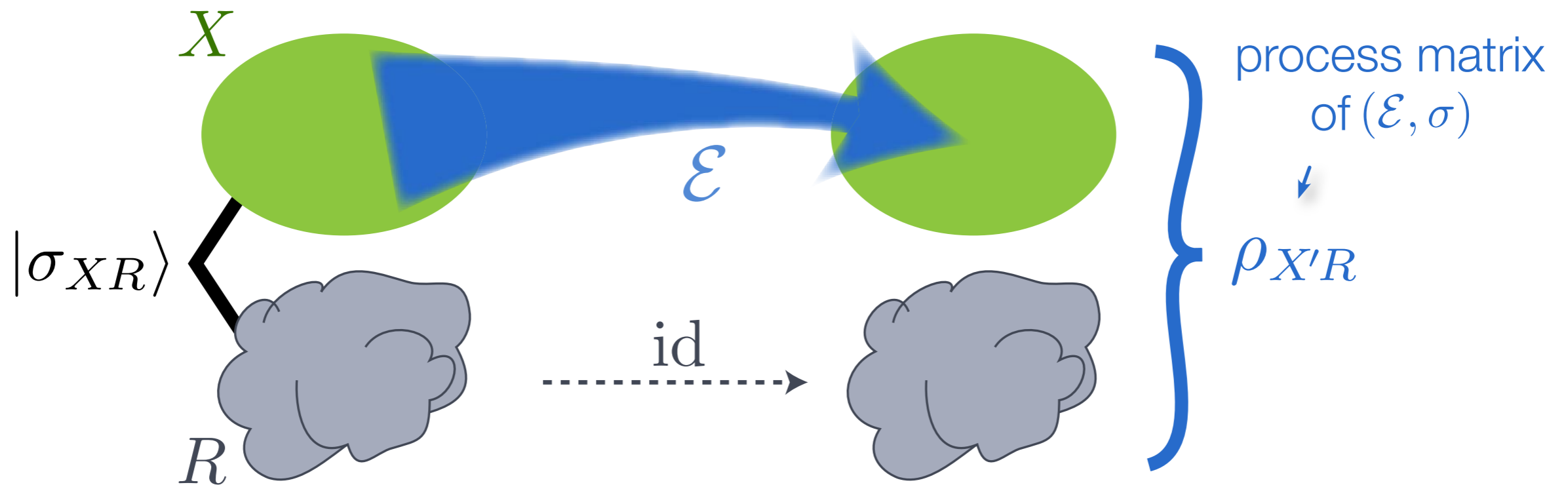
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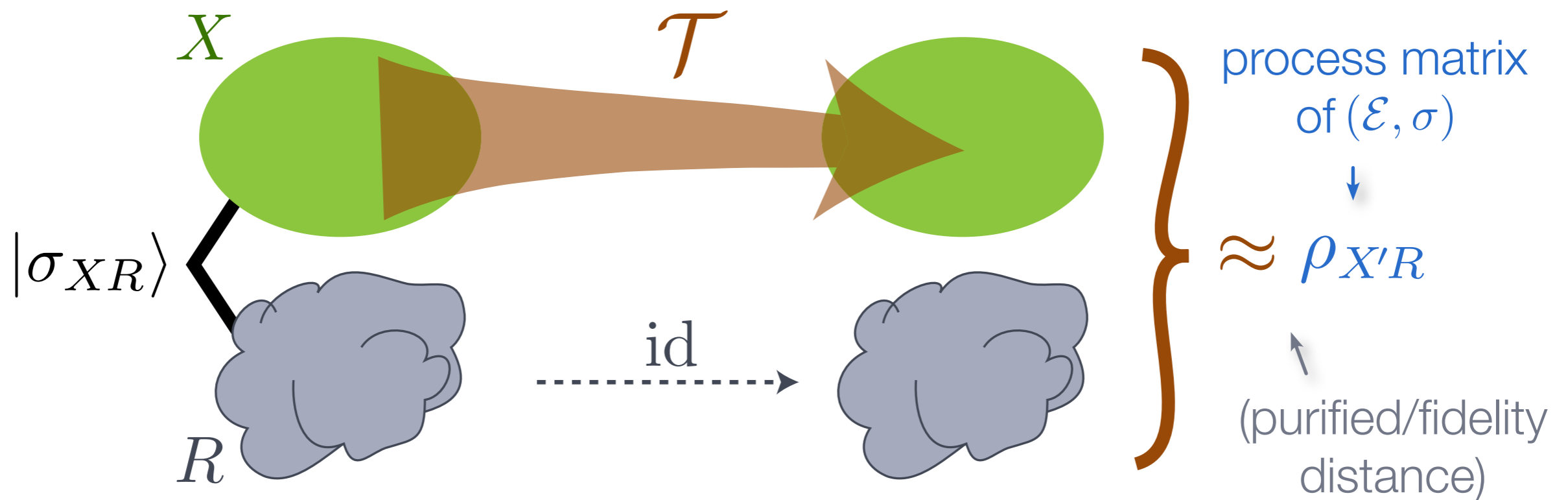
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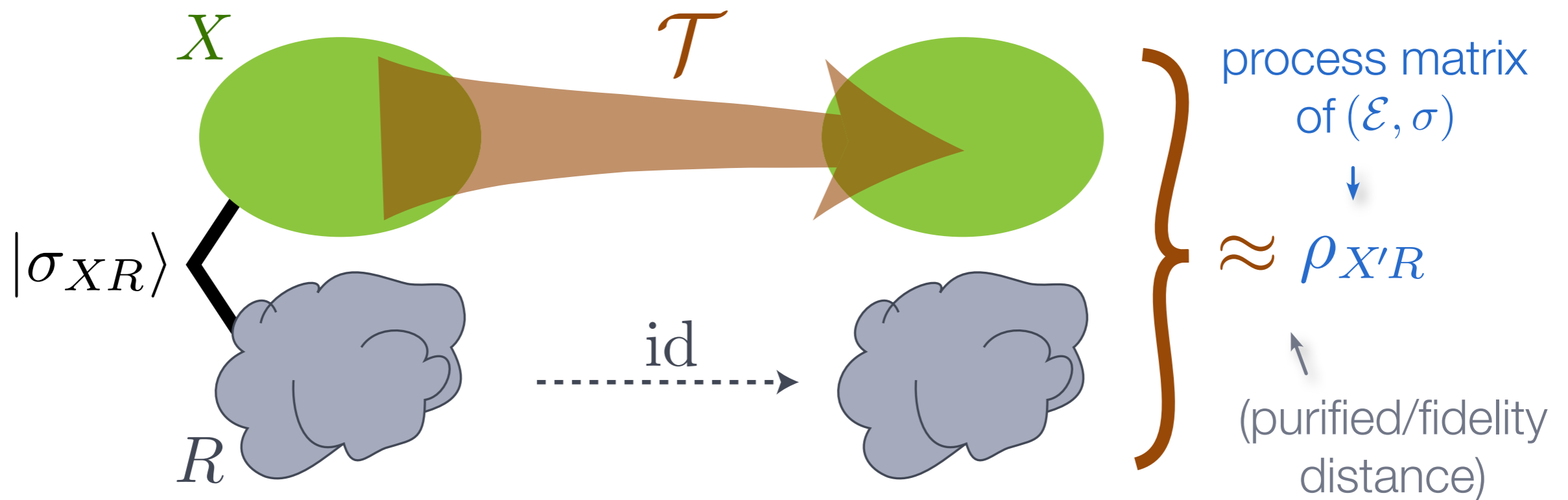
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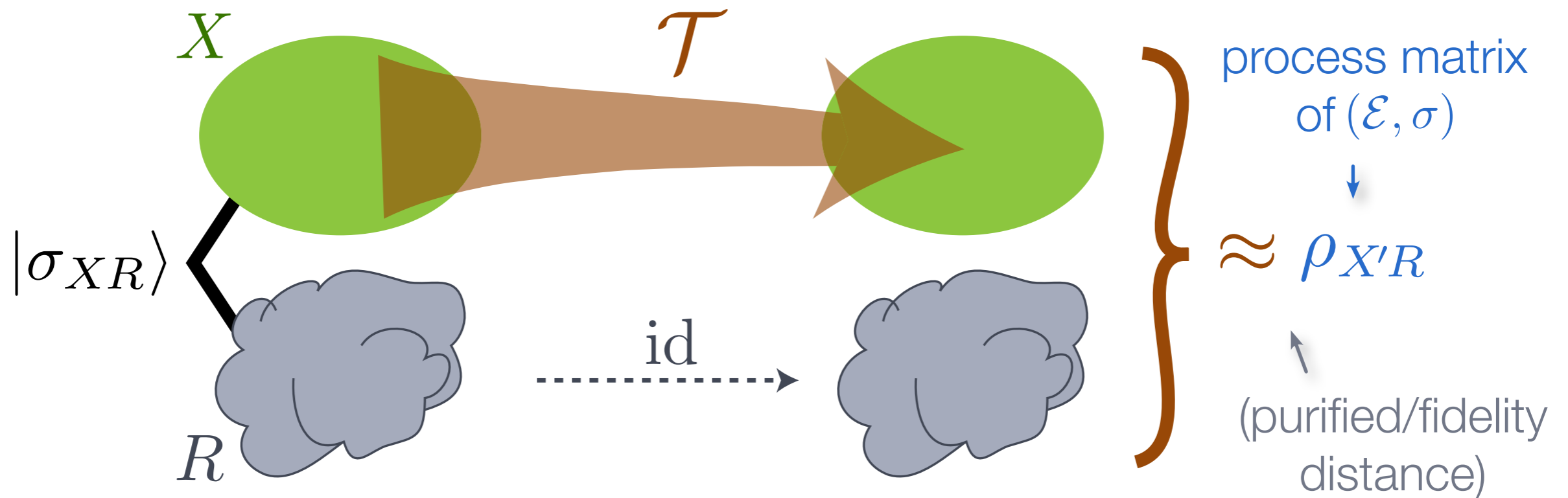


limit for specific $\mathcal{T} =$

Step #1

$$\lambda: \mathcal{T}(\Gamma) \leq 2^{-\lambda} \Gamma \quad \lambda$$

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Step #2

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semidefinite program ✓

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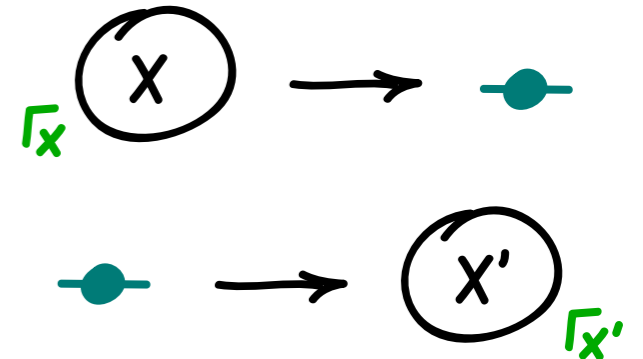
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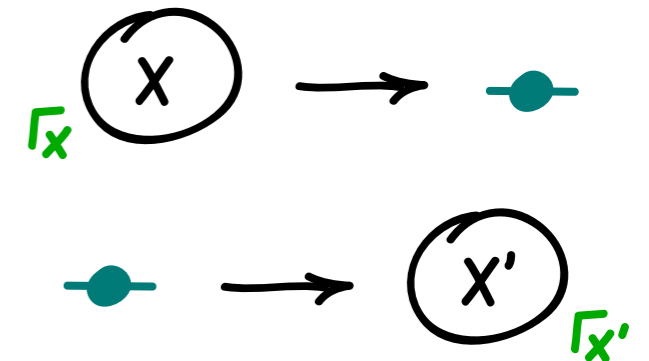
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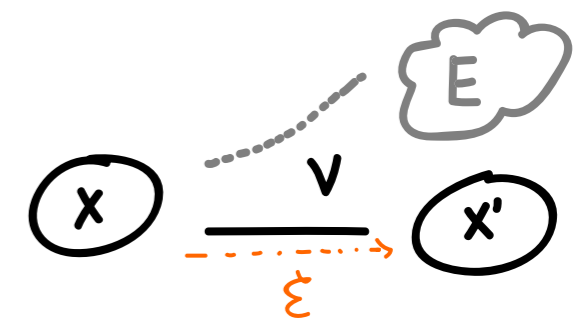
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“coherent” (“conditional”)

$$\hat{D}_{X \rightarrow X'}^\epsilon(\rho_{X'R} \parallel \mathbb{1}_X, \mathbb{1}_{X'}) = -\hat{H}_{\max}^\epsilon(E | X')_\rho$$

for pure $|\rho\rangle_{X'R_X E}$




Examples (with trivial Hamiltonian)

“Pure information processing” — no internal energy

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discarded information output

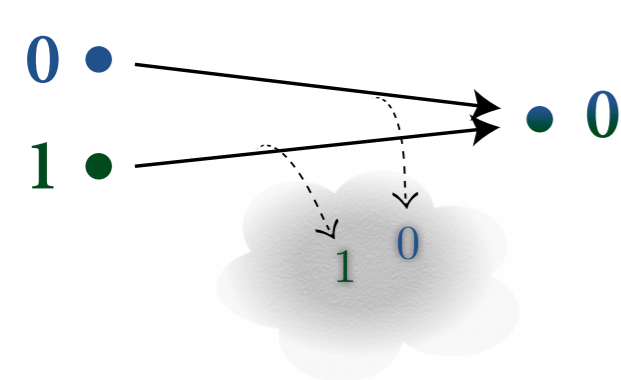


PhF, Dupuis, Oppenheim, Renner, Nat Comm, 2015

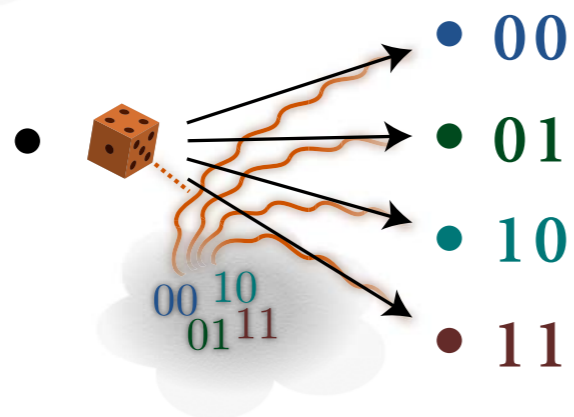
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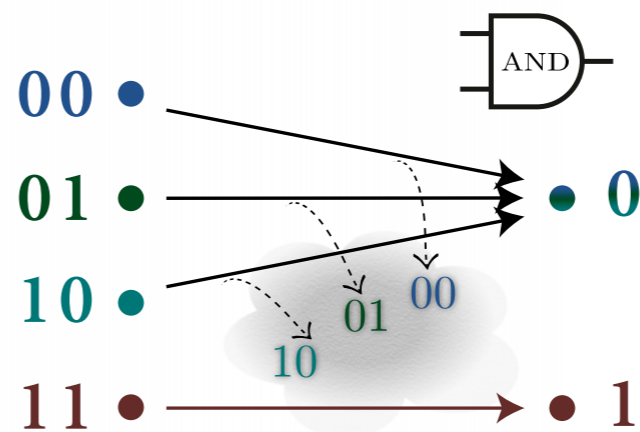
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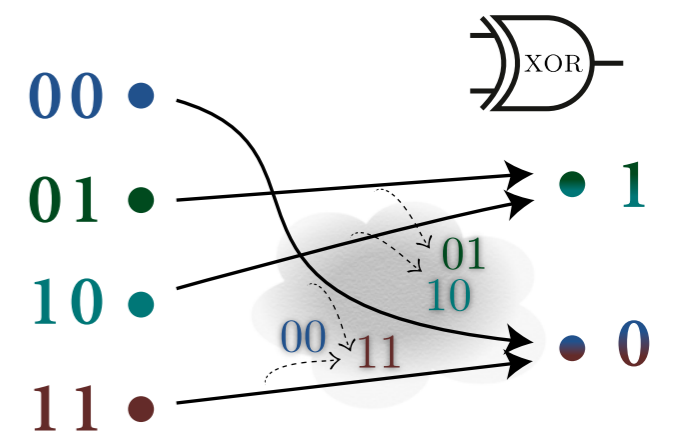


extract: 2 bits



cost: 1 bit

cost:
 $\log(3) \approx 1.6$ bits



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The coherent relative entropy:

- ▶ measure of information
- ▶ has desirable properties
- ▶ reduces to known special cases

Battery models

Define $\tau(P) = \frac{P\Gamma P}{\text{tr}(P\Gamma)}$ for $[P, \Gamma] = 0$

For $\tau(P) \rightarrow \tau(P')$:

$$\hat{D}_{X \rightarrow X'}(\rho_{X'R} \parallel \Gamma, \Gamma') = \log \text{tr}(P'\Gamma) - \log \text{tr}(P\Gamma)$$

► **Reversibly interconvertable**

► **Some common battery models equivalent**

(information battery, wit, weight)

► **Battery states are robust to smoothing**

(no need to smooth battery states)

Brandão et al., PNAS (2015)

Emergence of Macro Thermodynamics

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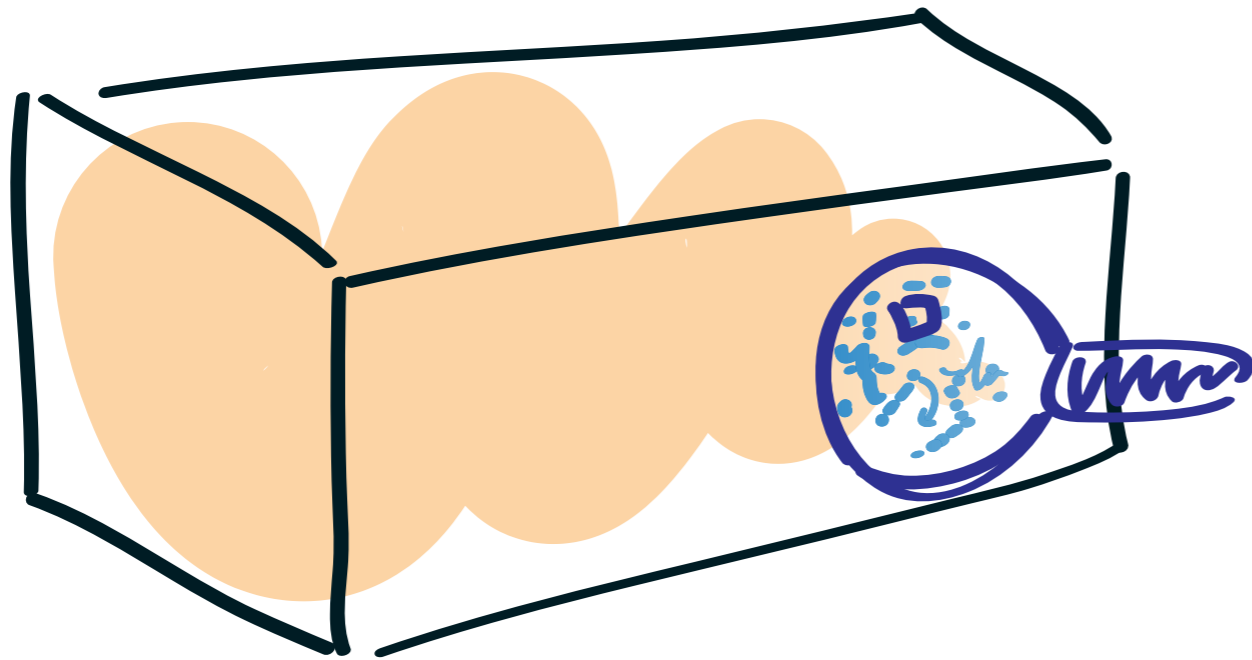
free $\rho \rightarrow \rho + d\rho$ within class $\rightarrow d\Lambda \leq 0$

▶ isolated system: $\Lambda = -S$

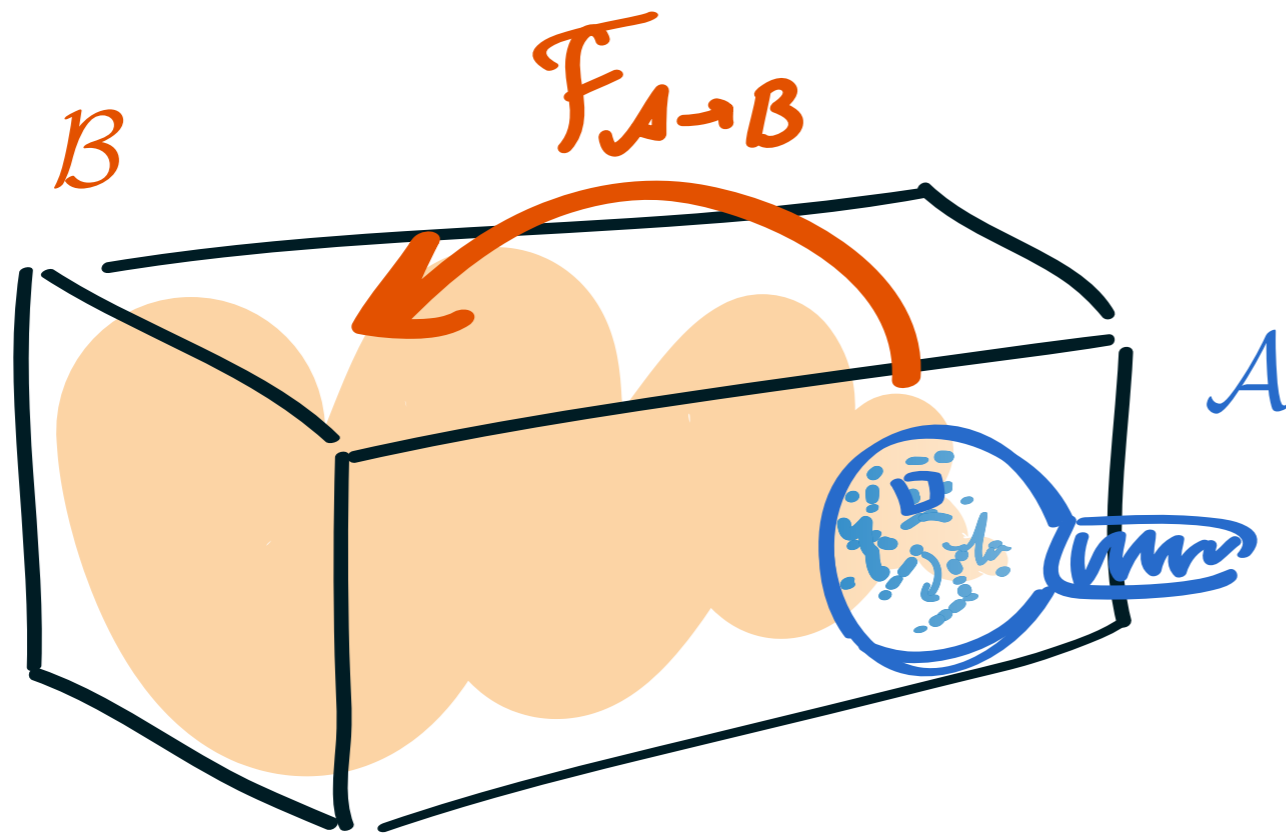
▶ contact with heat bath: $\Lambda = \beta F$

▶ no i.i.d.
assumption

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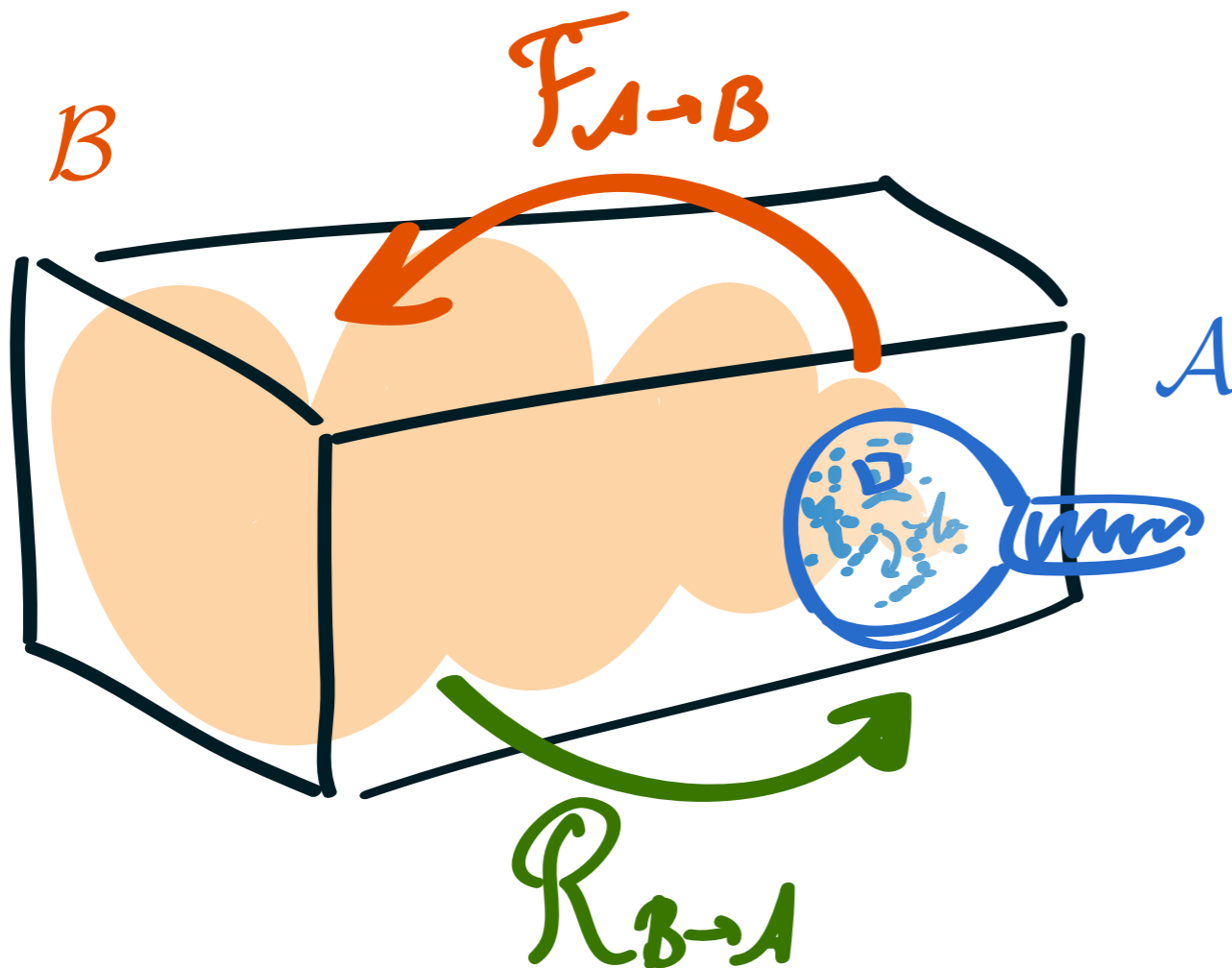


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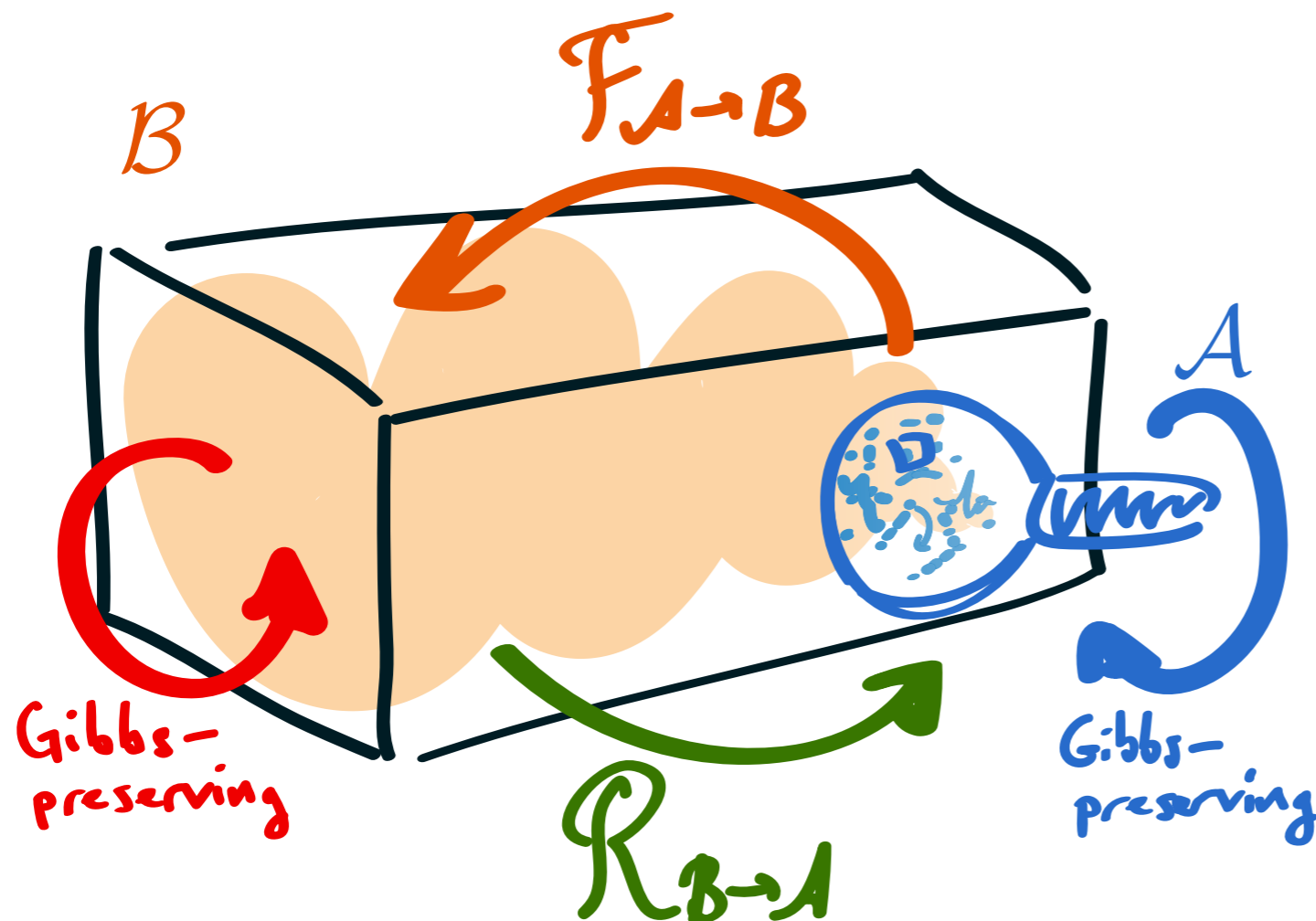


$$\Gamma_B = \mathcal{F}(\Gamma_A)$$

$$\mathcal{R}(\Gamma_B) = \Gamma_A$$

Petz, CMP (1986);
Fawzi & Renner CMP (2015);
Wilde PRSA (2015); ...

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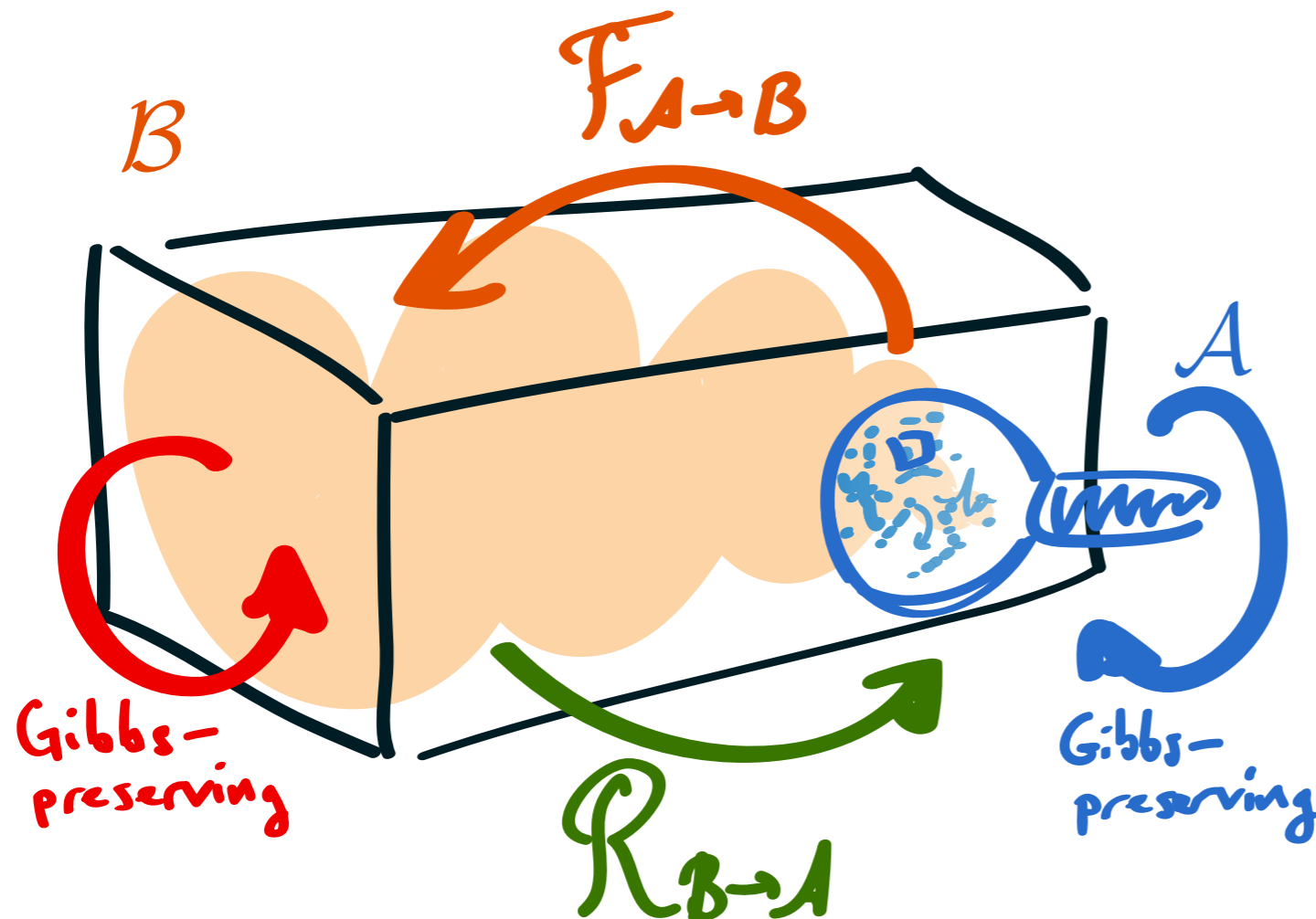
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implies

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Petz, CMP (1986);
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Observers in Thermodynamics



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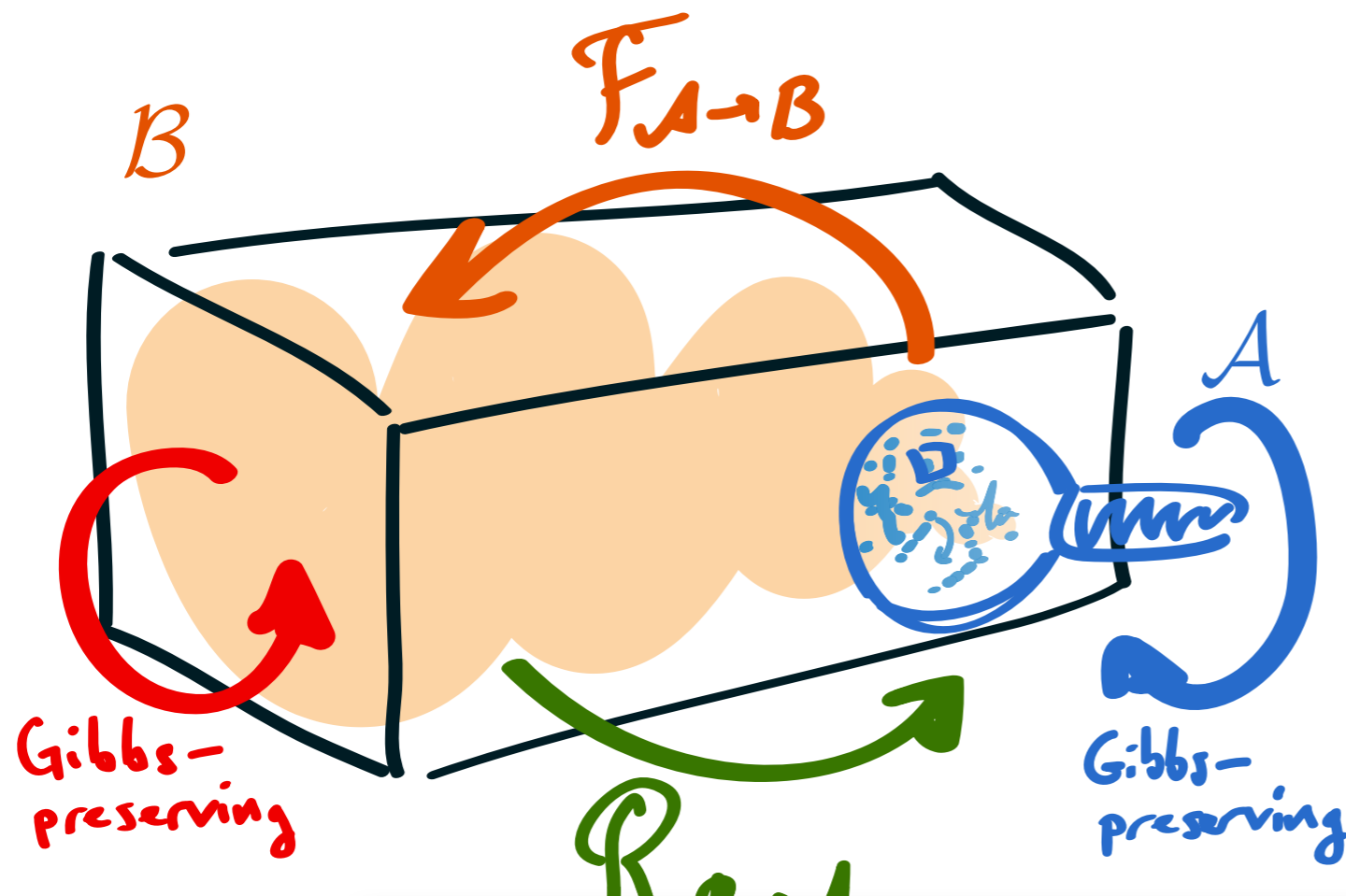
$$\mathcal{E}^B(\Gamma_B) \leq \Gamma_B$$

What if $\rho^A \neq \mathcal{R}(\rho^B)$?

- ▶ possible apparent violation of second law

Petz, CMP (1986);
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Observers in Thermodynamics



$$\Gamma_B = \mathcal{F}(\Gamma_A)$$

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$$\varepsilon^B = \mathcal{F} \circ \varepsilon^A \circ \mathcal{R}$$

$$\varepsilon^A(\Gamma_A) \leq \Gamma_A$$

implies

$$\varepsilon^B(\Gamma_B) \leq \Gamma_B$$

What if ρ

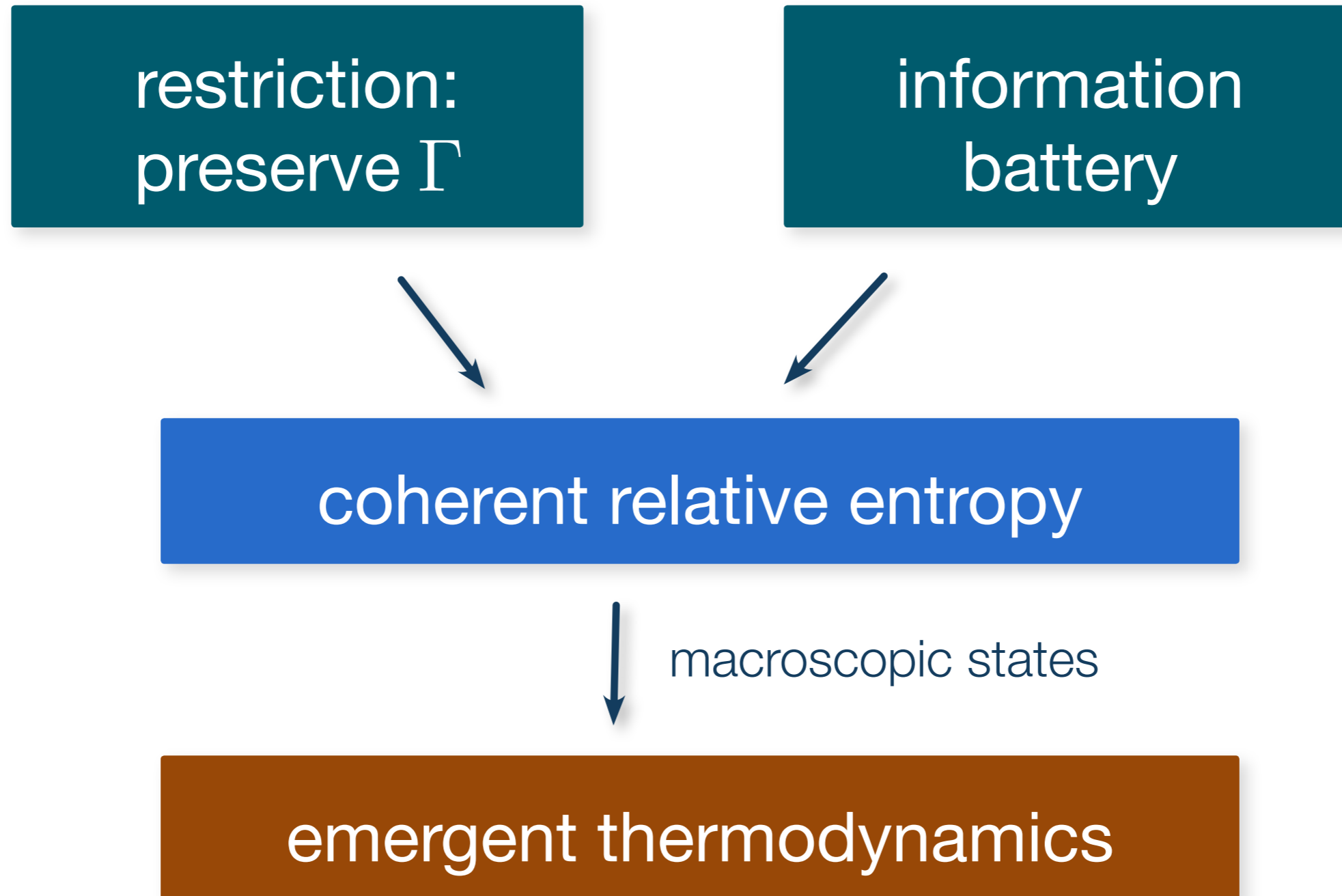
- possible
- secor

- Criterion for when coarse-grained laws of thermodynamics hold:

$$\rho^A = \mathcal{R}(\rho^B)$$

P (1986);
P (2015);
2015); ...

A picture of thermodynamics



Physics

Hamiltonian
time evolution

Information Theory

quantum state
unitary operation

Physics

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energy, number of
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Information Theory

quantum state
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thermodynamics
(at least 2nd law)

Outlook

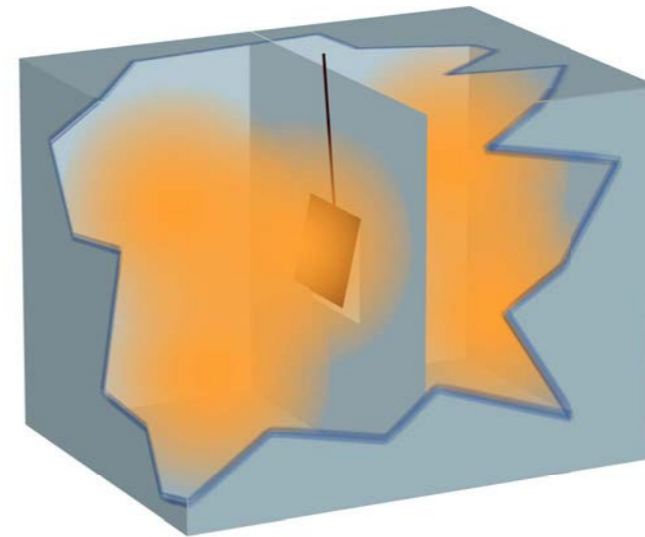
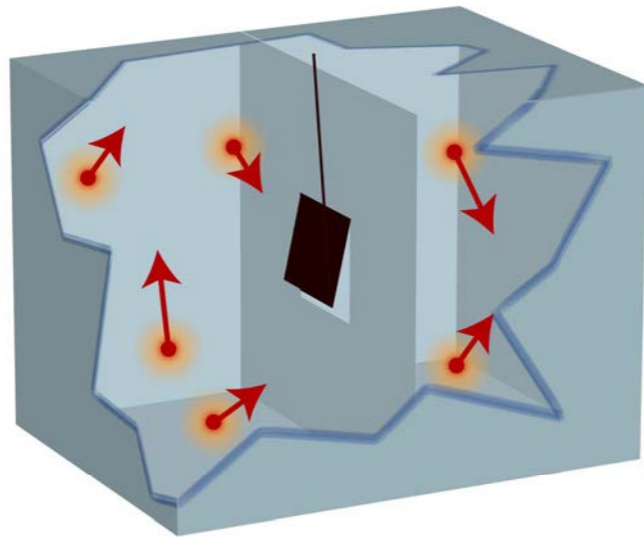
- A simple yet general, single-instance, observer-dependent view of thermodynamics
 - better understanding of universality of thermodynamics
- New measure of information
 - non-i.i.d. version of **relative entropy difference**
- Achievability with thermal operations (+ ...)?
- Applications to information theory, coding?
- Applications to physical systems?

Thank you for
your attention!

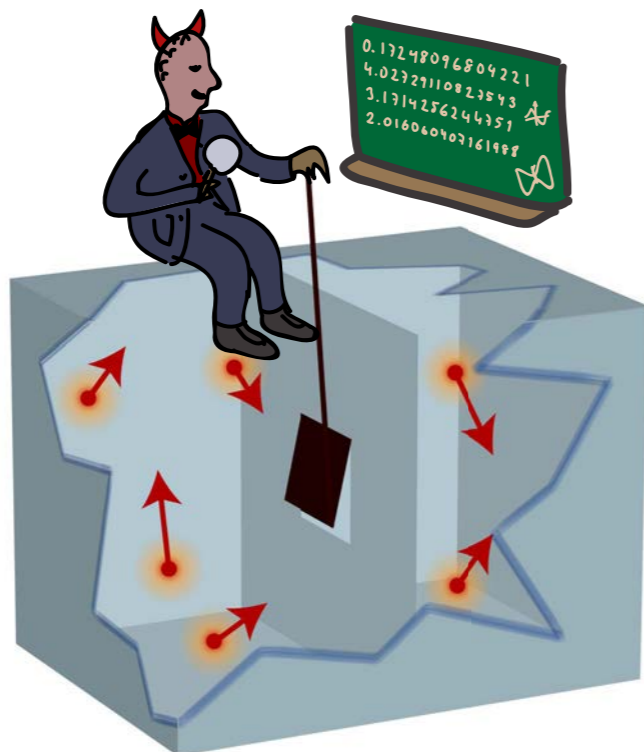
Example: Maxwell's Demon

microscopic picture

macroscopic picture



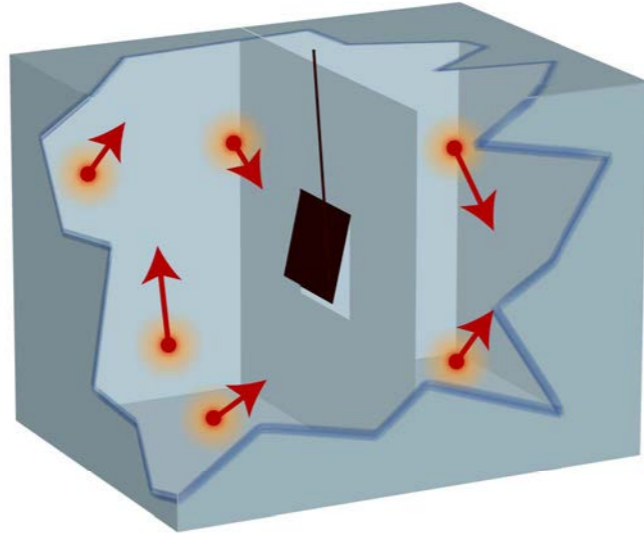
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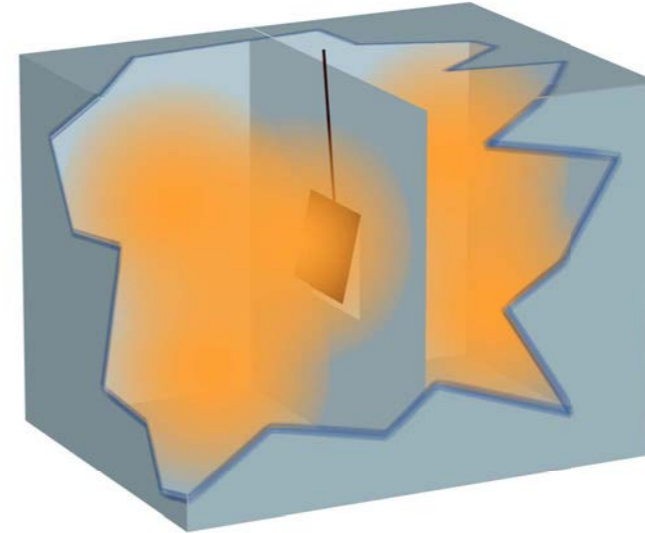
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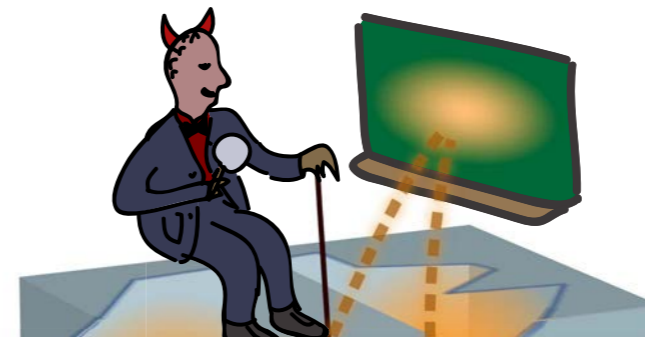
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macroscopic picture



implicit
demon



explicit
demon

**thermodynamic entropy is
observer-dependent!**

General case: non-trivial Hamiltonian

Fundamental work cost for any process

$$W = kT \ln 2 \cdot \hat{D}_{X \rightarrow X'}^\epsilon(\rho_{X'R_X} \parallel \Gamma_X, \Gamma_{X'})$$

coherent
relative
entropy



process matrix,
characterizes \mathcal{E}
and input state



measures information
relative to Gibbs weights
 $\Gamma = e^{-\beta H}$



Approaches to information thermodynamics

statistical mechanics

Piechocinska, PRA, 2000

...

resource theory
approach

Brandão *et al.*, PRL, 2013

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axiomatic approach

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work probability distributions, time evolution, fluctuation relations

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resource theory approach

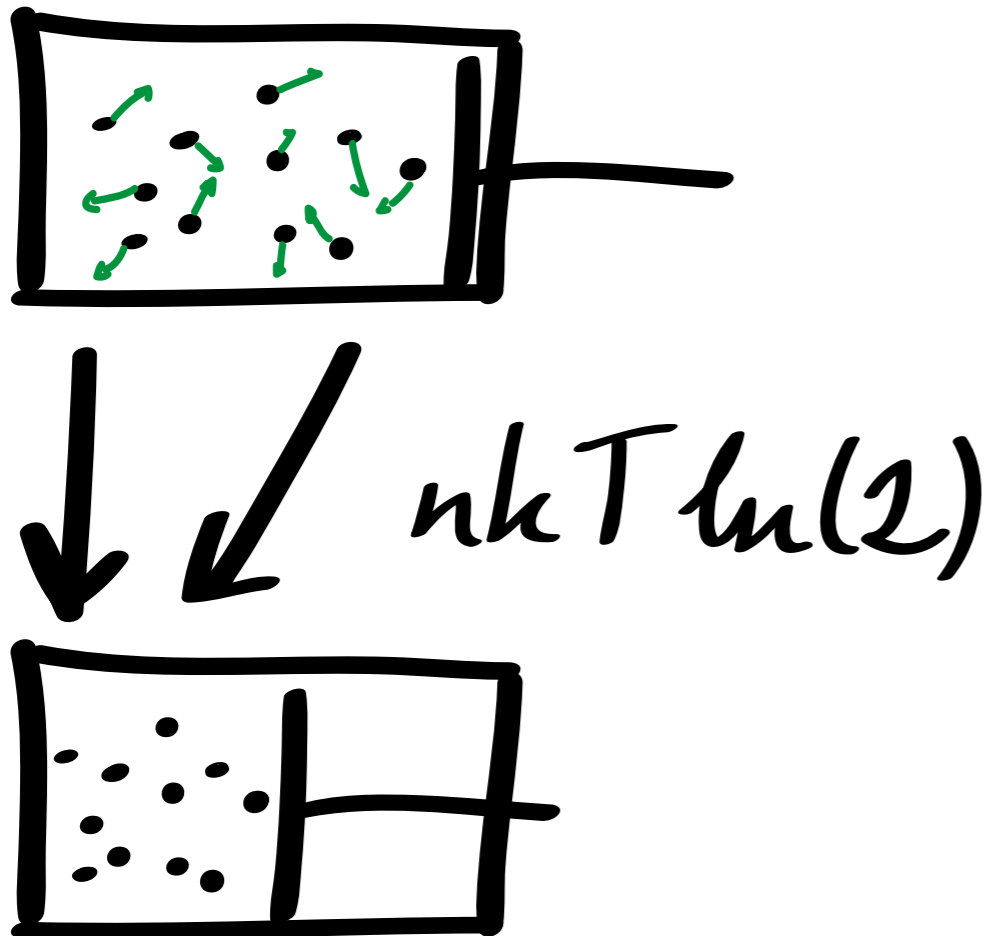
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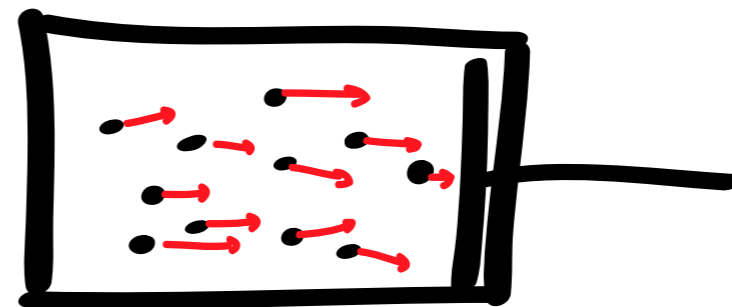
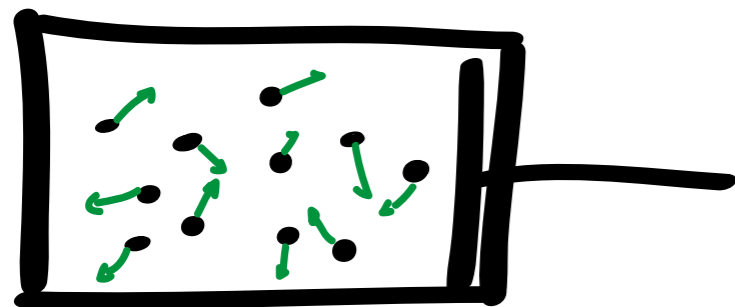
inherently one-shot, epsilon-work, general processes

abstract, first-principles approach, structure of thermodynamics

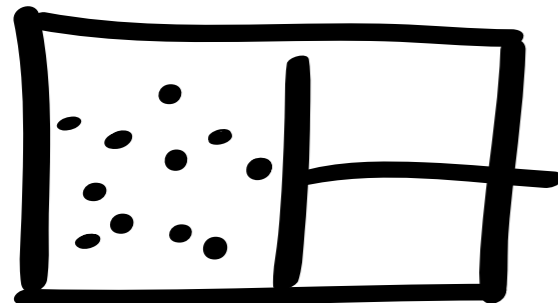
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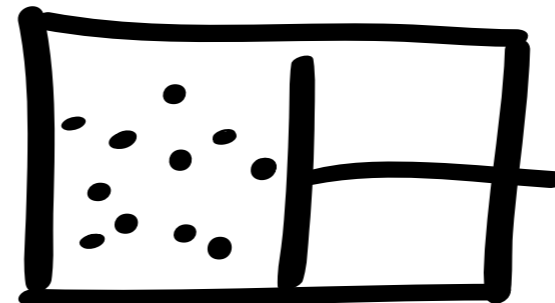
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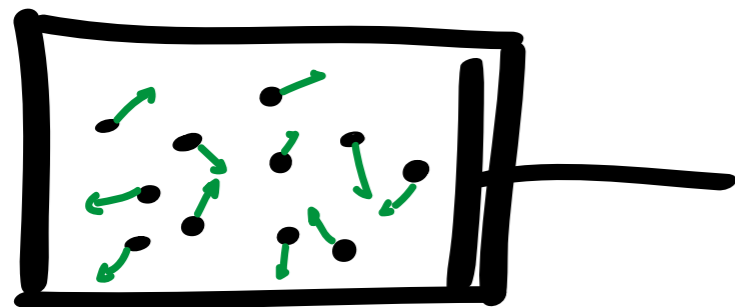
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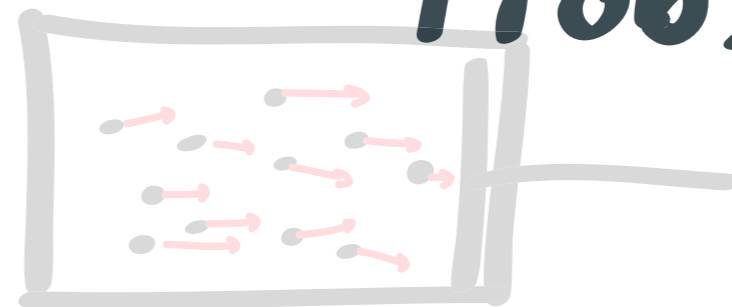
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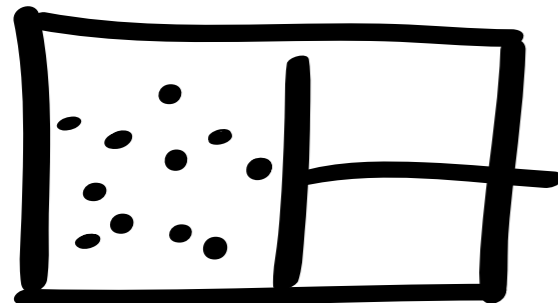
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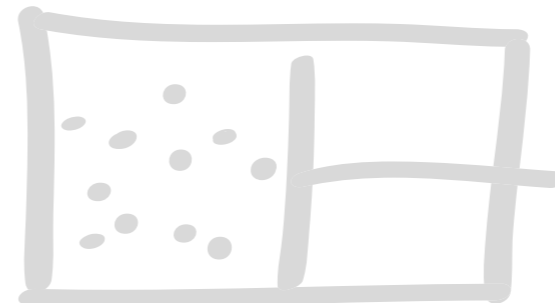
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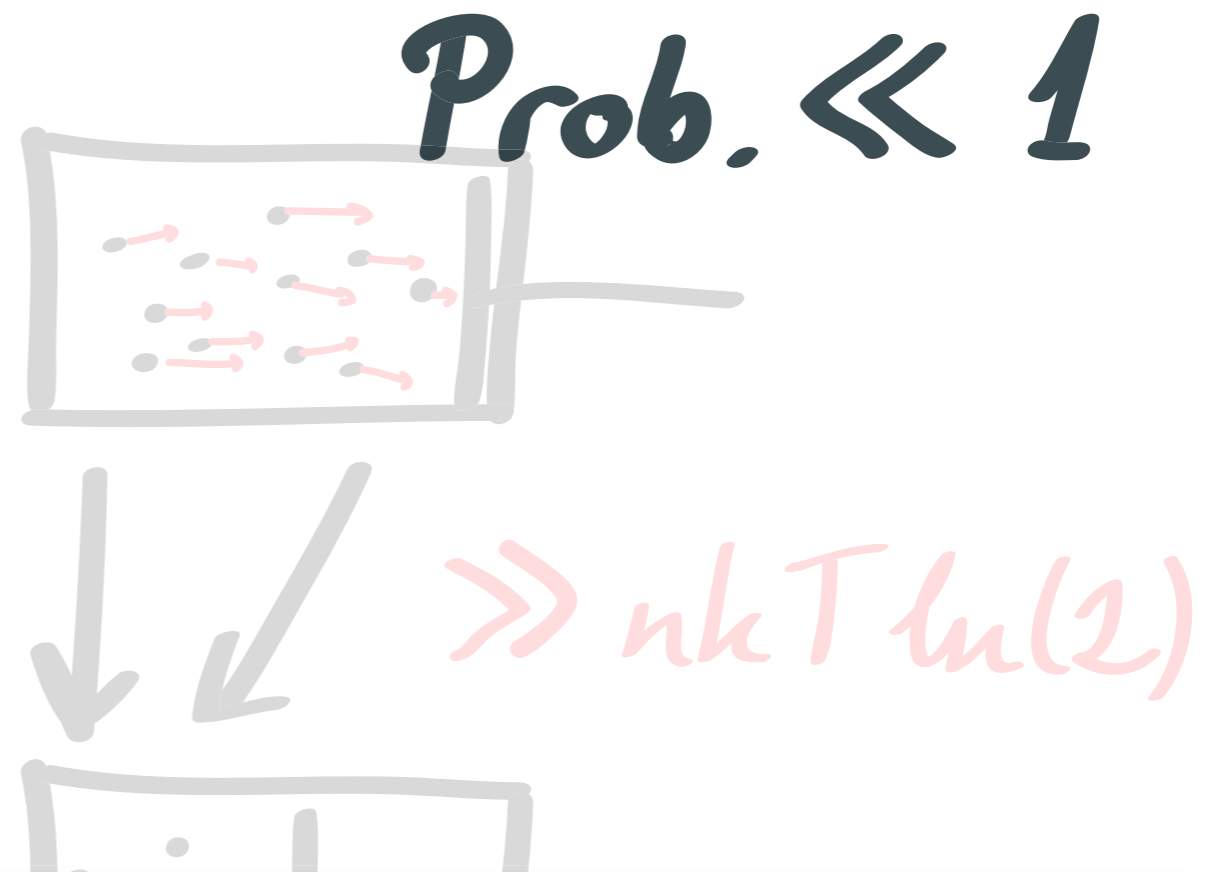
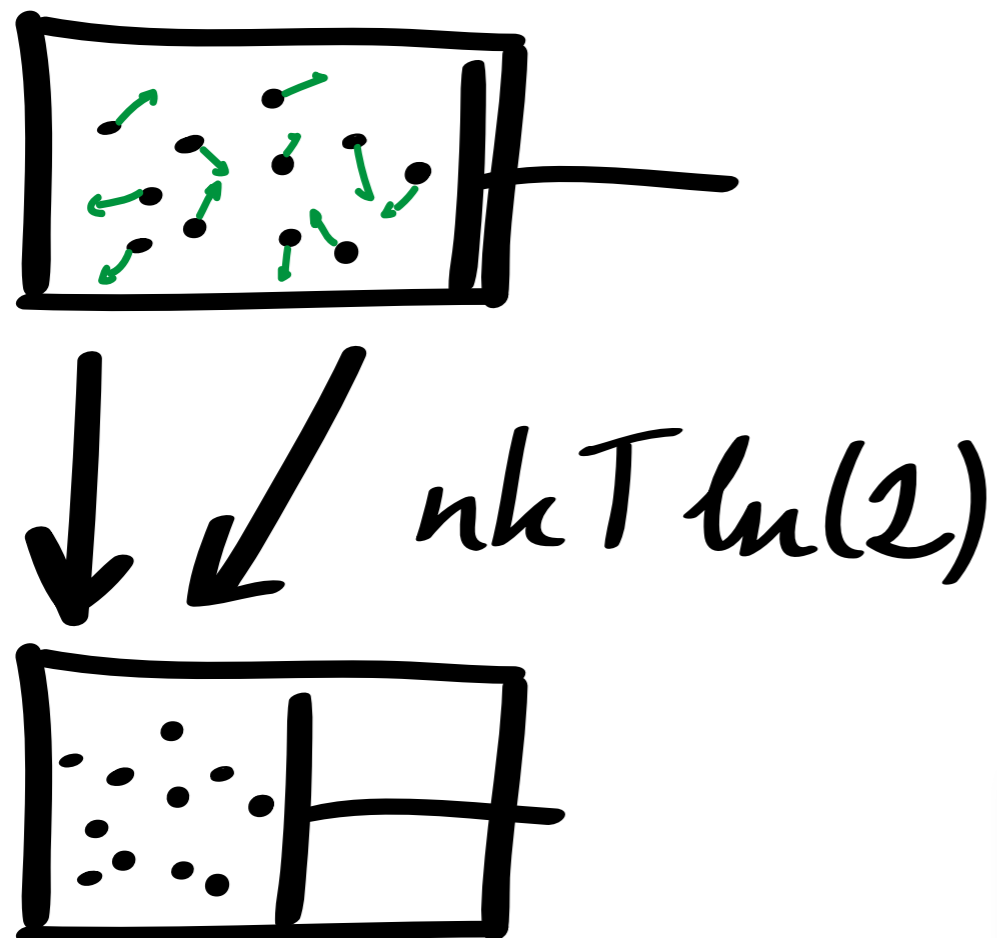
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Smoothing



Ignore unlikely events up to total probability ϵ

What About Statistical Mechanics?

- Model system's time evolution
- Average energy, von Neumann entropy; one-shot statements more tricky
- Count work? $p(W)$ not well defined quantum
- Closer to applications than resource-theory approaches

Work?

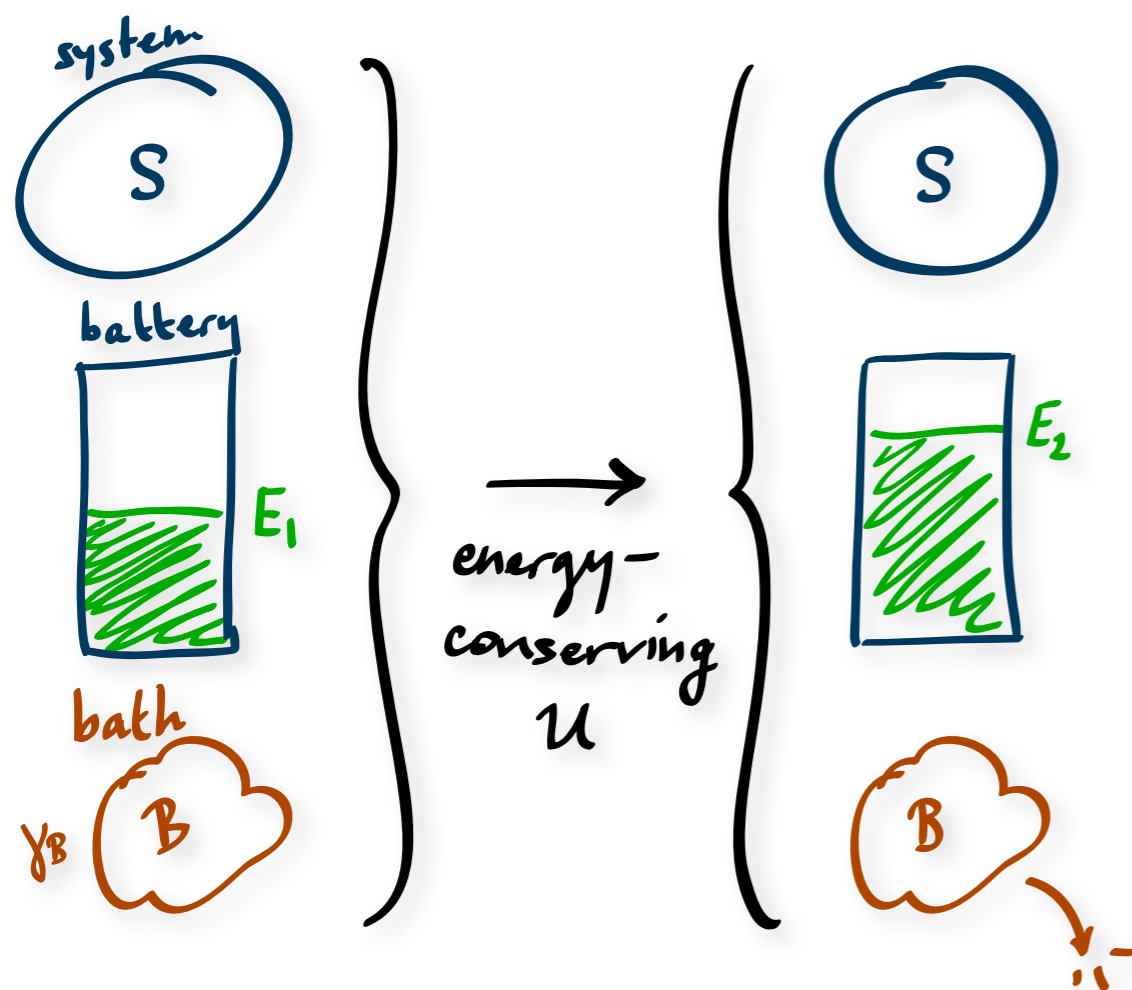
Count *work* using a battery system



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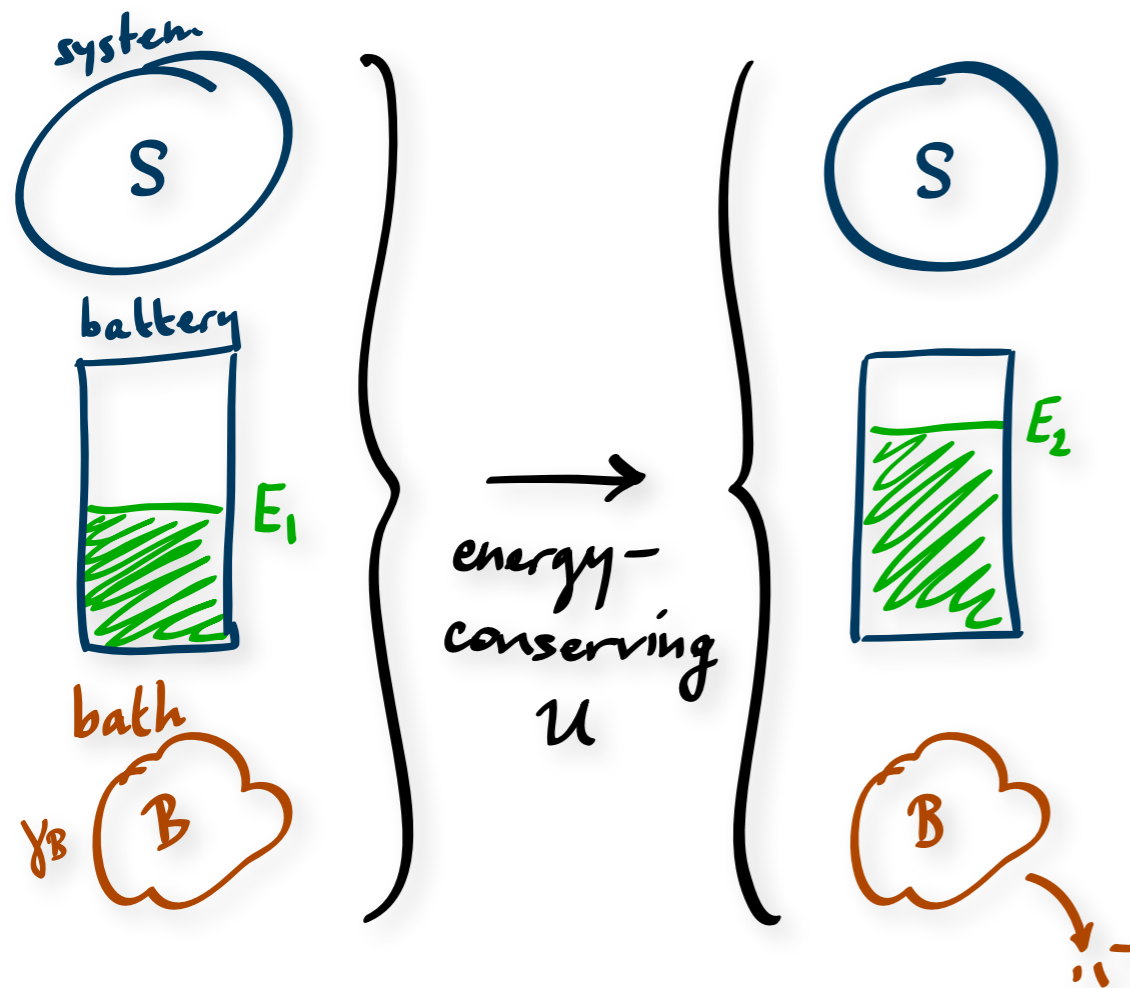
Count *work* using a battery system



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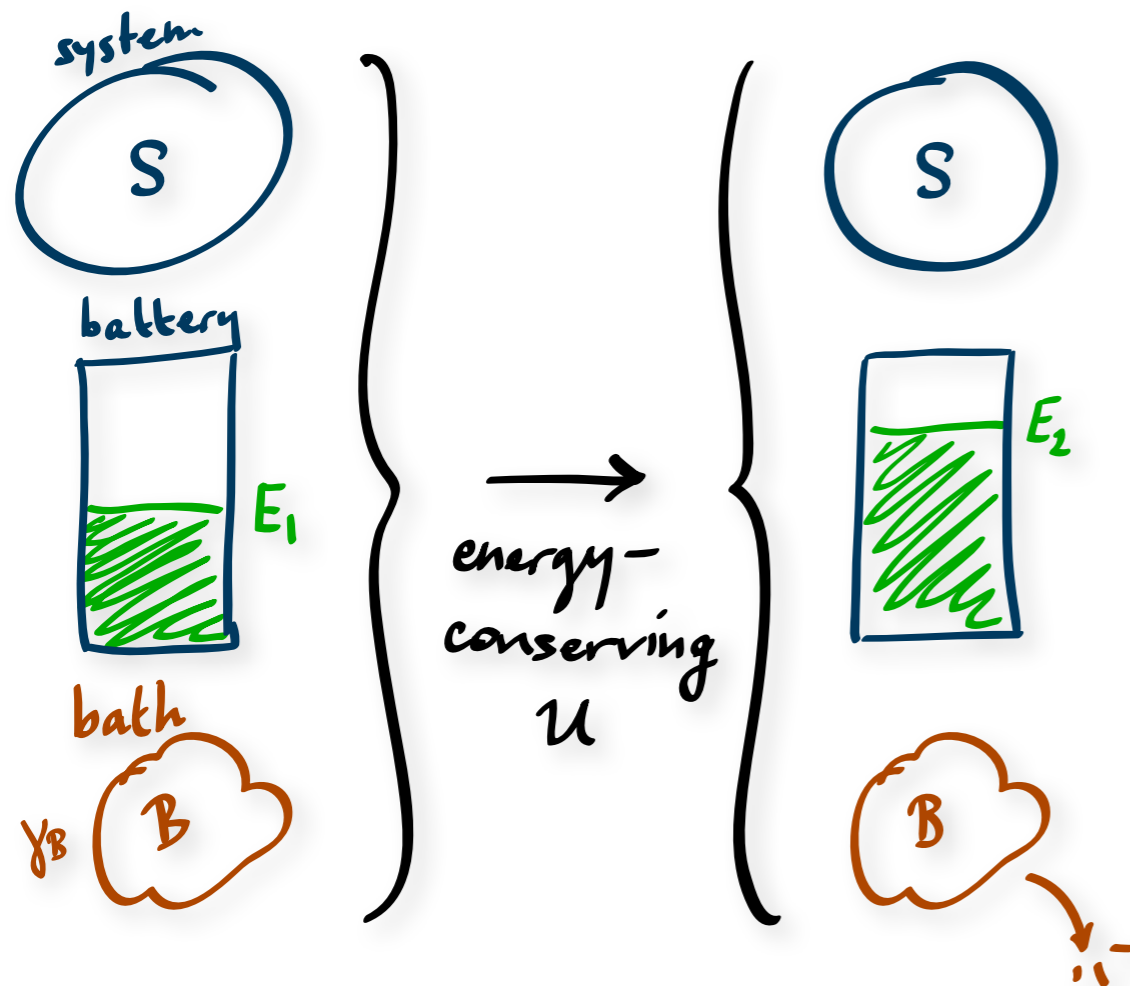
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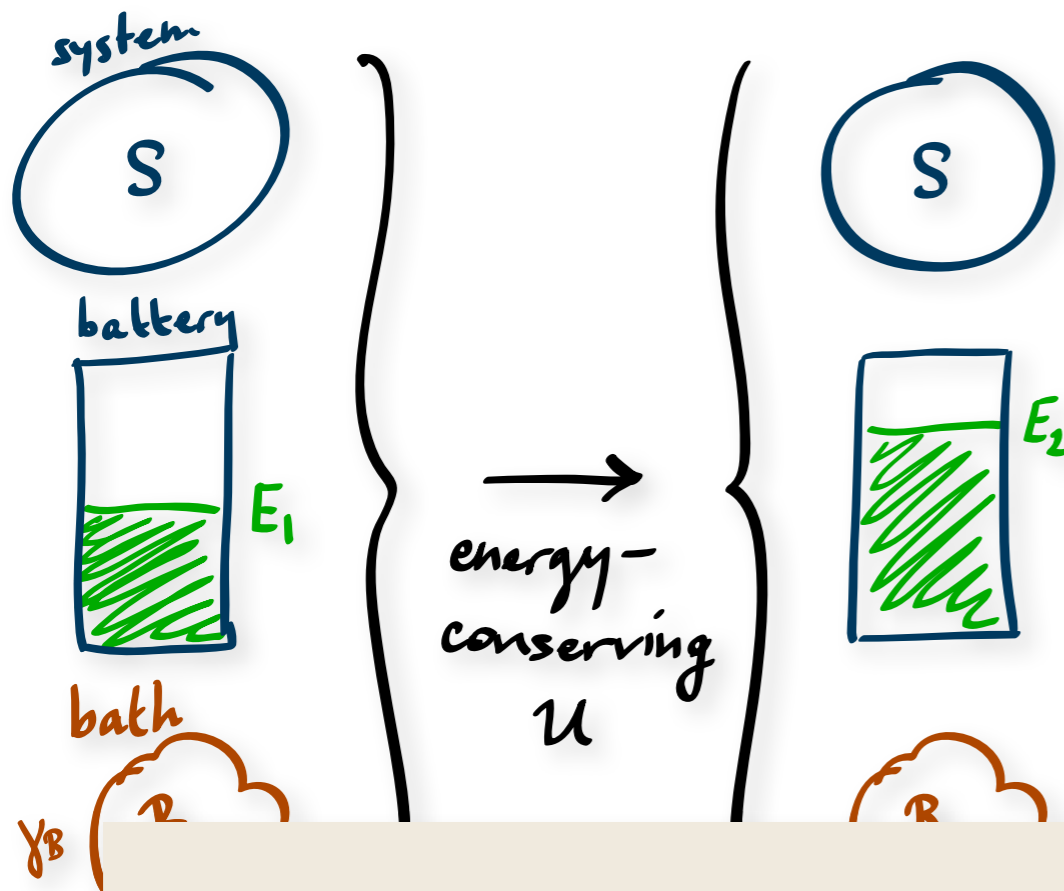
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Work cost of formation $\gamma \rightarrow \rho$:

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- ▶ valid for single instance of the process
- ▶ macroscopic limit $F_{\min}^{\epsilon}(\rho), F_{\max}^{\epsilon}(\rho) \rightarrow F(\rho)$

2013