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# THE THERMODYNAMICS OF THE QUANTUM MPEMBA EFFECT

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# Recent work

## The thermodynamics of the quantum Mpemba effect

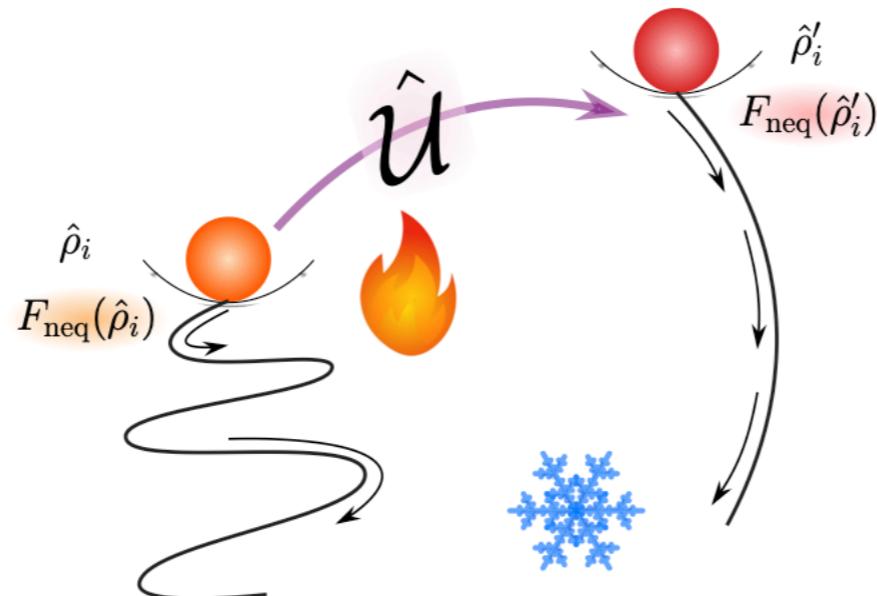
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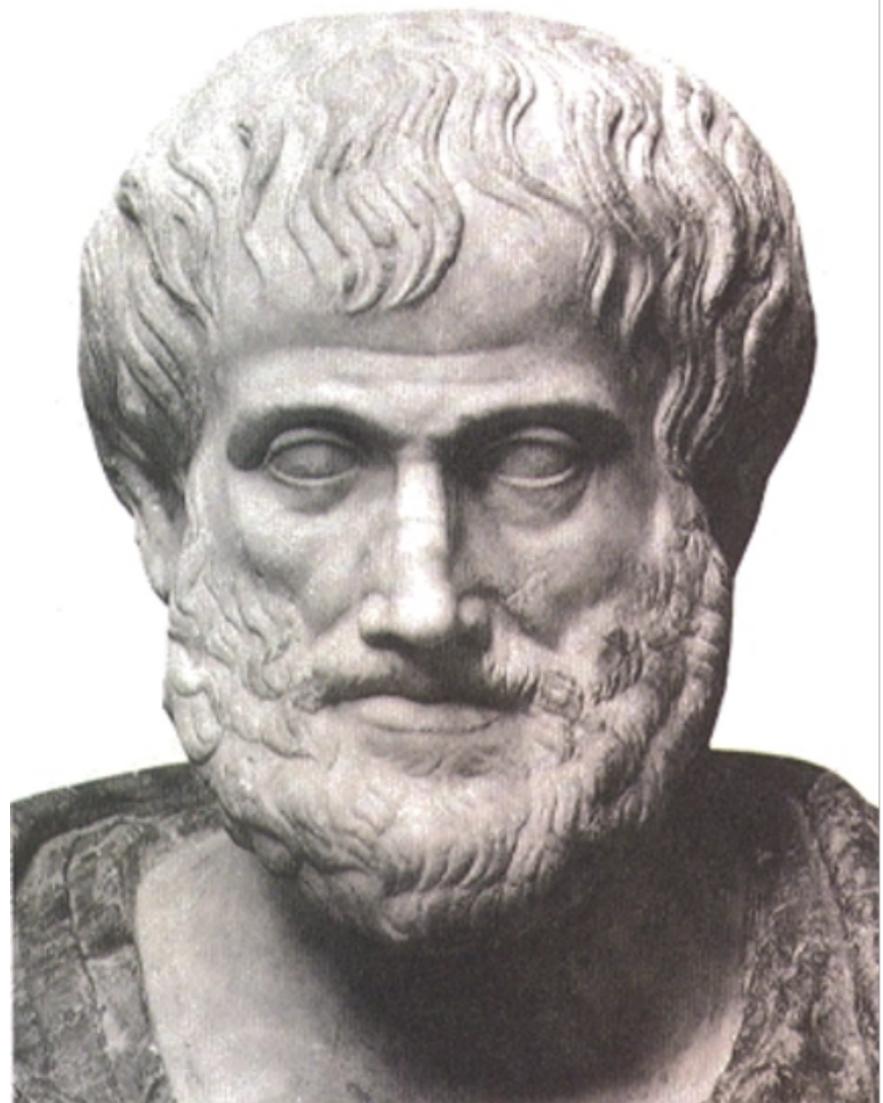
V. Something related I am currently working on

# Hot water can freeze faster than colder water



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# History



“The inhabitants of Pontus when they encamp on the ice to fish pour warm water round their reeds that it may freeze the quicker”

Further references to the phenomena have been made by:  
Francis (or Roger?) bacon

“A little warm water will freeze more easily than completely cold”

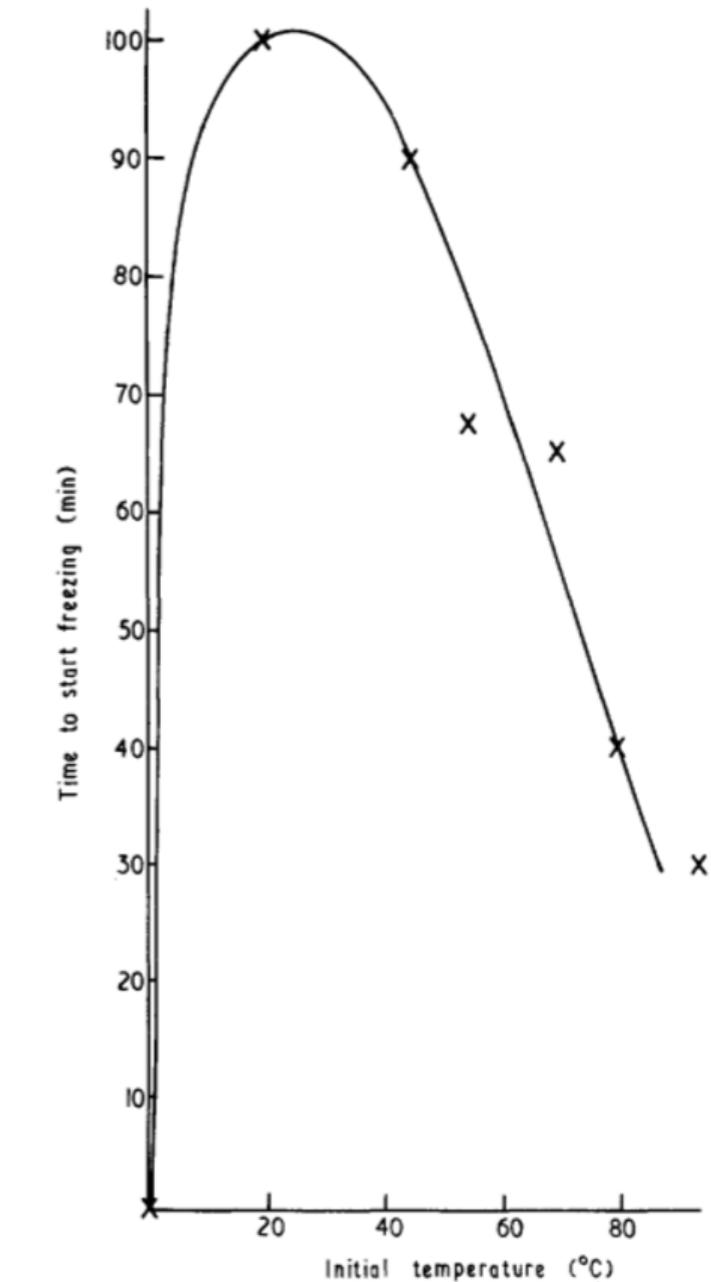
Rene Descartes

“water that has been kept on a fire for a long time freezes faster than other”

# The Mpemba Effect



E. B. Mpemba and D. G. Osborne,  
Physics Education 4, 172 (1969).



# Interest

## Nonequilibrium thermodynamics of the Markovian Mpemba effect and its inverse

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## The Mpemba effect in spin glasses is a persistent memory effect

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## Mpemba effect in driven granular Maxwell gases

Apurba Biswas, V. V. Prasad, O. Raz, and R. Rajesh  
Phys. Rev. E **102**, 012906 – Published 23 July 2020

## When does hot water freeze faster than cold water? A search for the Mpemba effect

James D. Brownridge



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## Non-equilibrium memory effects: Granular fluids and beyond

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## Mpemba-Like Behavior in Carbon Nanotube Resonators

Symposium: Modeling, Simulation, and Theory of Nanomechanical Materials Behavior | Published: 16 August 2011

Volume 42, pages 3907–3912, (2011) [Cite this article](#)

# Recent work

## Exploring Quantum Mpemba Effects

Ulrich Warring

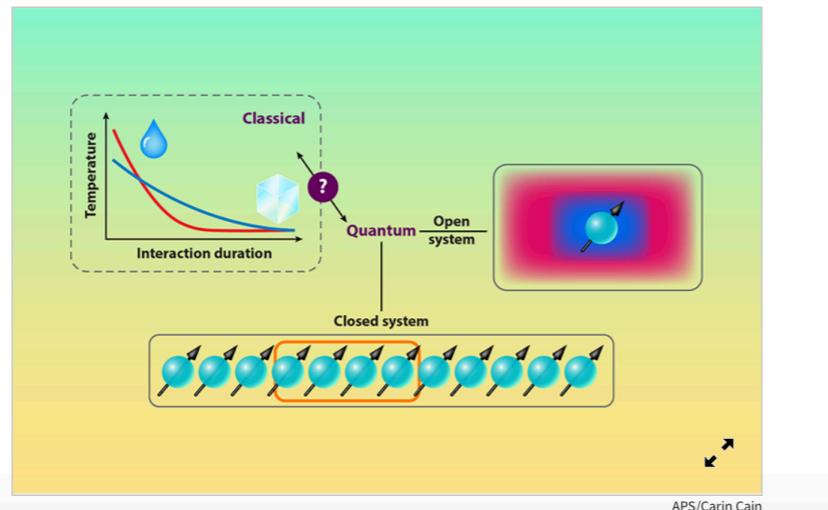
Institute of Physics, University of Freiburg, Freiburg, Germany

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In the Mpemba effect, a warm liquid freezes faster than a cold one. Three studies investigate quantum versions of this effect, challenging our understanding of quantum thermodynamics.

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### Inverse Mpemba Effect Demonstrated on a Single Trapped Ion Qubit

Shahaf Aharony Shapira, Yotam Shapira, Jovan Markov, Gianluca Teza, Nitzan Akerman, Oren Raz, and Roee Ozeri

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### Observing the Quantum Mpemba Effect in Quantum Simulations

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### Microscopic Origin of the Quantum Mpemba Effect in Integrable Systems

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# Markovian Mpemba effect

Z. Lu and O. Raz, Non equilibrium thermodynamics of the Markovian Mpemba Effect, PNAS (2017)

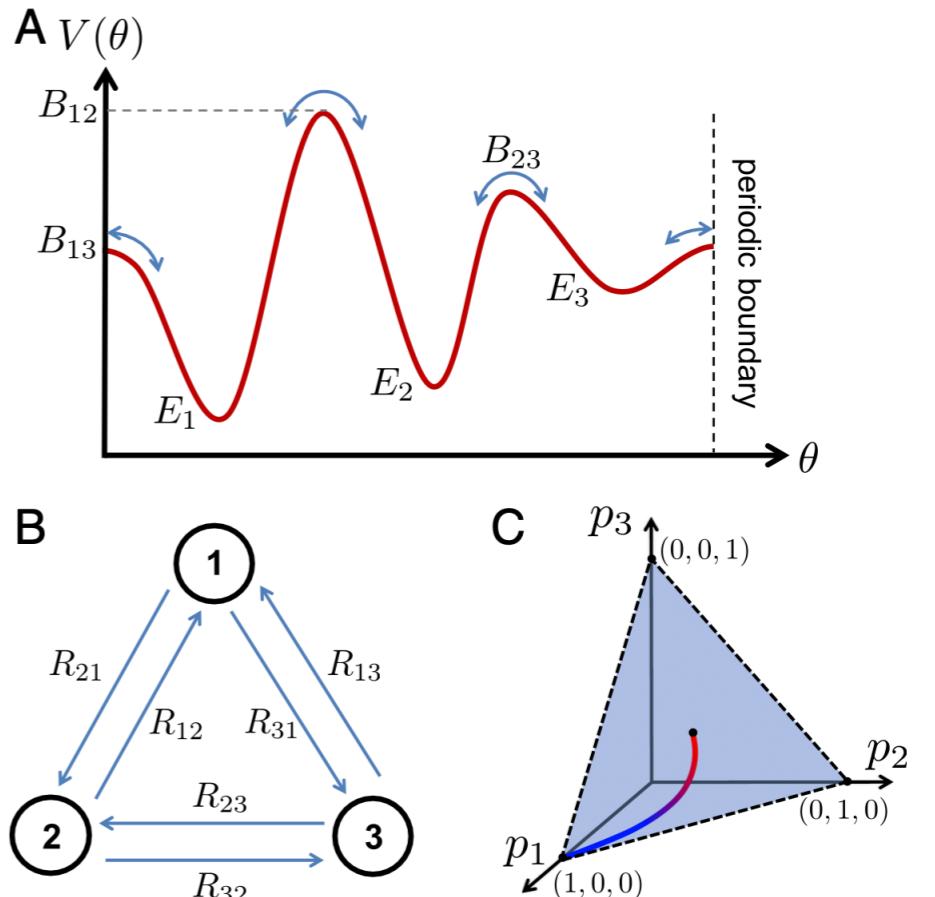
$$\frac{d\vec{p}(t)}{dt} = \mathcal{L}_{T_b}\vec{p}(t),$$

$$\frac{dp_i(t)}{dt} = \sum_j R_{ij}(T_b)p_j(t) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

$$R_{ij}(T_b) = \begin{cases} \Gamma e^{-\frac{B_{ij}-E_j}{k_B T_b}} & i \neq j \\ -\sum_{k \neq i} R_{ki} & i = j \end{cases}$$

Drives system towards a thermal fixed point:

$$\pi_i(T_b) = \frac{e^{-E_i/k_B T_b}}{\sum_i e^{-E_i/k_B T_b}}.$$



**Fig. 1.** (A) Sketch of an energy landscape with three metastable states. The energy of each state is denoted by  $E_i$ , and the barrier between two states is denoted by  $B_{ij}$ . (B) An effective description of  $A$  as a three-state system, where  $R_{ij}$  denotes transition rate from  $j$  to  $i$  and is given by Eq. 3. (C) The probability distribution among the three states can be described by the vector  $\vec{p} = (p_1, p_2, p_3)$ , and all possible values of  $\vec{p}$  form a simplex in  $(p_1, p_2, p_3)$  (shaded triangle). The curved line is the quasistatic locus, namely the set of Boltzmann distributions  $\vec{\pi}(T)$  corresponding to different temperatures from 0 (blue end) to  $\infty$  (red end).

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- Distance measure on space of probability distributions  $D(\vec{p}(t); \vec{\pi}(T_b))$  (monotonically decreasing in time)
- Temperatures  $T_b < T_c < T_h$
- Initially  $\vec{P}^h(0) = \vec{\pi}(T_h)$  and  $\vec{P}^c(0) = \vec{\pi}(T_c)$  relax to same equilibrium at  $\vec{\pi}_{T_b}$
- Mpemba effect if  $\exists$  some time  $t_m$  such that  $D(\vec{p}_h(t); \vec{\pi}(T_b)) < D(\vec{p}_c(t); \vec{\pi}(T_b))$   
 $\forall t > t_m$
- Markovian system - probabilities evolve according to

$$\vec{P}(t) = \vec{\pi}_{T_b} + e^{\lambda_2} a_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + e^{\lambda_n} a_n \vec{v}_n$$

Here  $\vec{v}_n$  are the right eigenvectors of the rate matrix  $R_{ij}$

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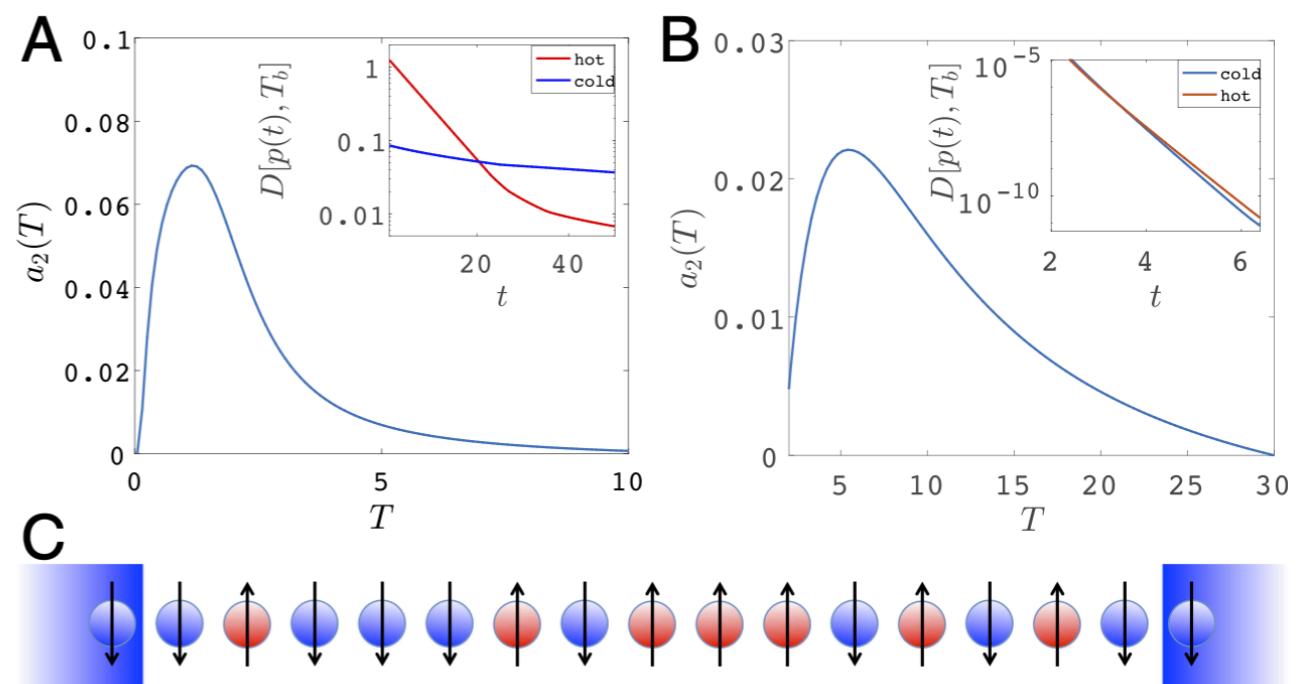
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$$\vec{P}(t) = \vec{\pi}_{T_b} + e^{\lambda_2} a_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + e^{\lambda_n} a_n \vec{v}_n \quad \lambda_1 > \lambda_2 \geq \lambda_3 \dots \geq \lambda_n$$

Long time limit

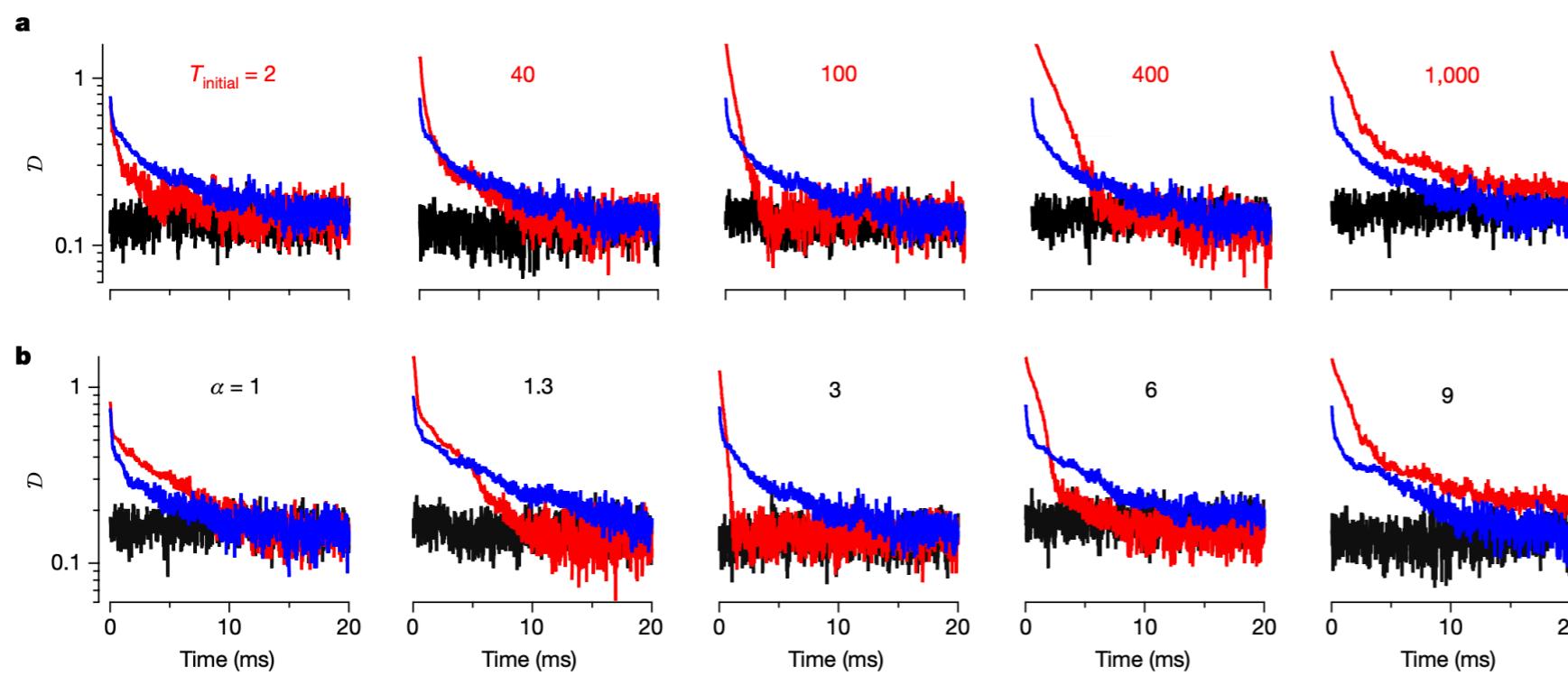
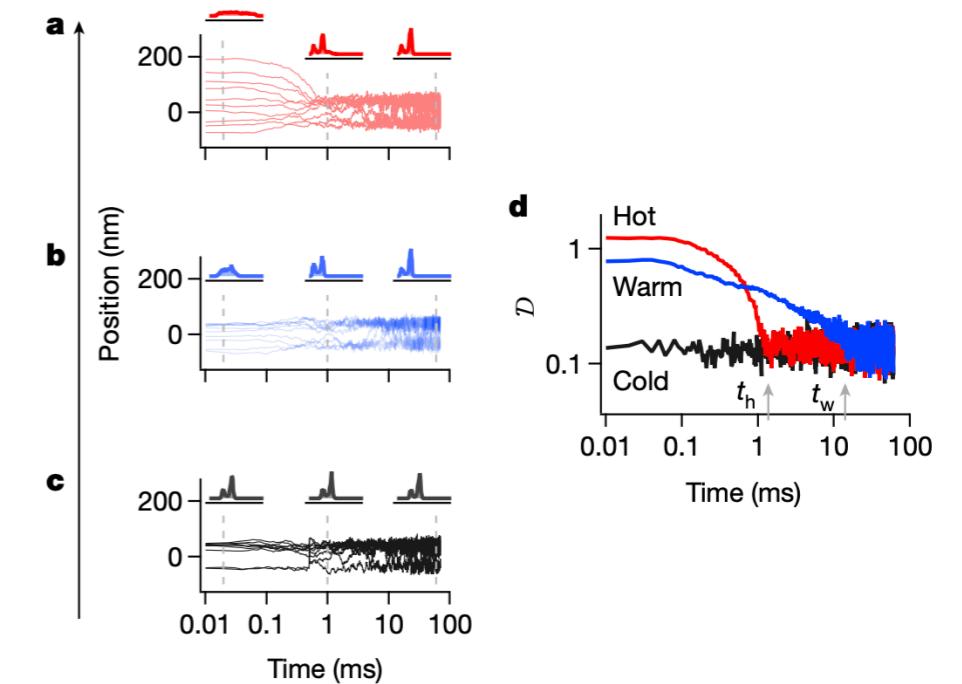
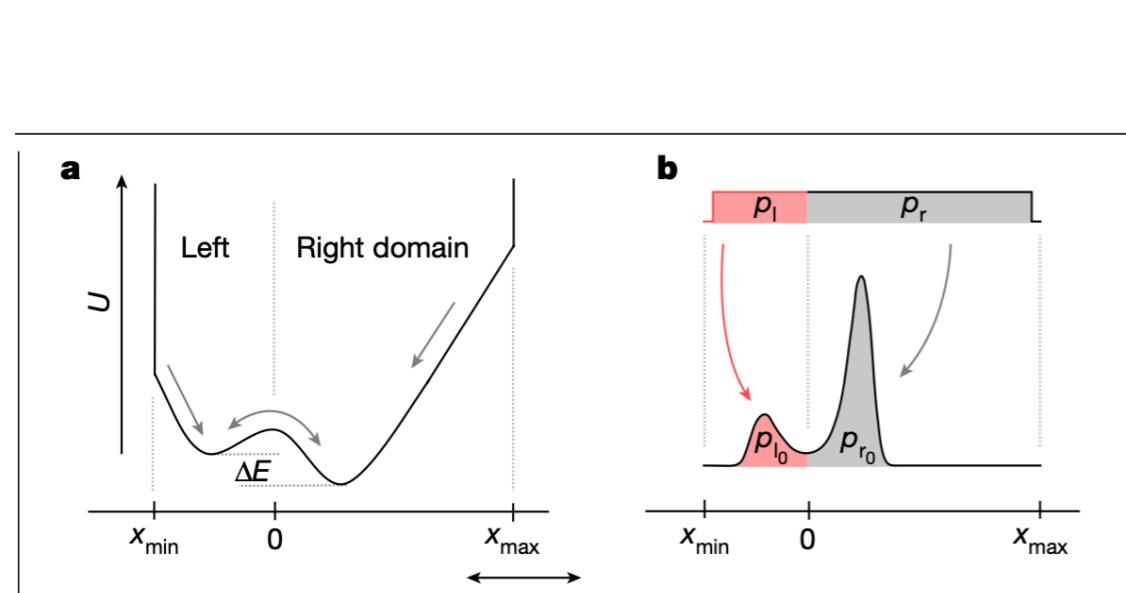
$$\vec{P}^h(t) \approx \vec{\pi}_{T_b} + e^{\lambda_2} a_2^h \vec{v}_2 \quad \vec{P}^c(t) \approx \vec{\pi}_{T_b} + e^{\lambda_2} a_2^c \vec{v}_2$$

Mpemba effect when:  $|a_2^c| > |a_2^h|$



# Experiment

A. Kumar and J. Bechhoefer, Exponentially faster cooling in a colloidal system , Nature, 64, (2020)



Strong Mpemba effect  
when:  $|a_2^h| = 0$

Exponentially faster cooling !

# Quantum Markov Systems

$$\frac{d\hat{\rho}(t)}{dt} = \mathcal{G}\hat{\rho}(t) \quad \mathcal{G} = i\delta + \mathcal{D}$$

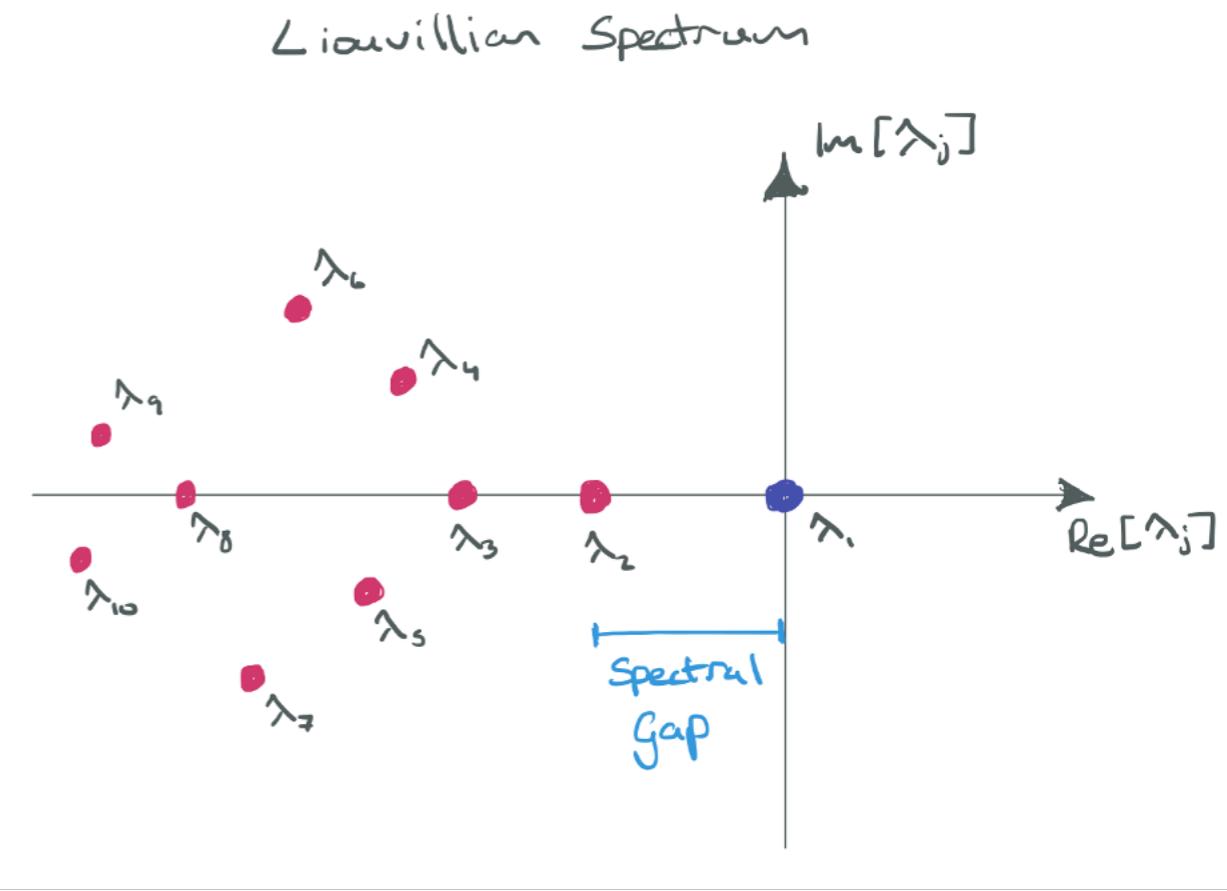
$$\delta(\cdot) = -[\hat{H}, \cdot]$$

$$\mathcal{D}(\cdot) = \sum_l \hat{L}_l(\cdot) \hat{L}_l^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \{ \hat{L}_l^\dagger \hat{L}_l, (\cdot) \}$$

$$\mathcal{G}[\hat{r}_k] = \lambda_k \hat{r}_k \quad \mathcal{G}^\dagger[\hat{l}_k] = \lambda_k \hat{l}_k$$

Eigenvalues ordered in ascending order according to their real part :

$$0 = \lambda_1 < |\Re(\lambda_2)| \leq |\Re(\lambda_3)| \leq \dots$$



# Quantum Markov Systems

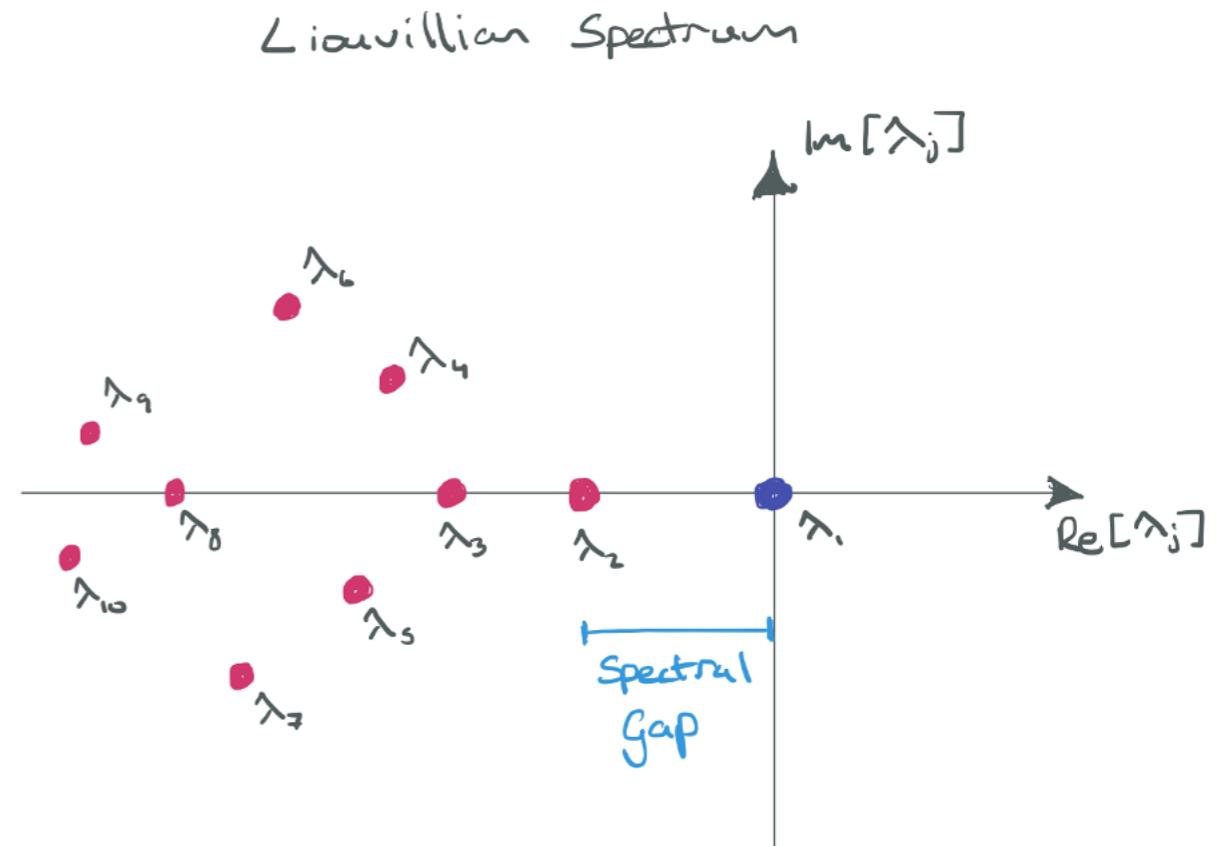
$$\hat{\rho}(t) = e^{\mathcal{G}t} \hat{\rho}_i = \hat{\tau} + \sum_{k=2}^{D^2} \text{Tr}[\hat{l}_k^\dagger \hat{\rho}_i] \hat{r}_k e^{\lambda_k t}$$

Spectral gap:  $|\Re(\lambda_2)|$

Defines longest timescale:

$$|\hat{\rho}(t) - \hat{\tau}| \propto \exp(\Re(\lambda_2)t)$$

timescale:  $t = \frac{1}{|\lambda_2|}$



# Speeding up equilibration

Liouvilian Spectrum

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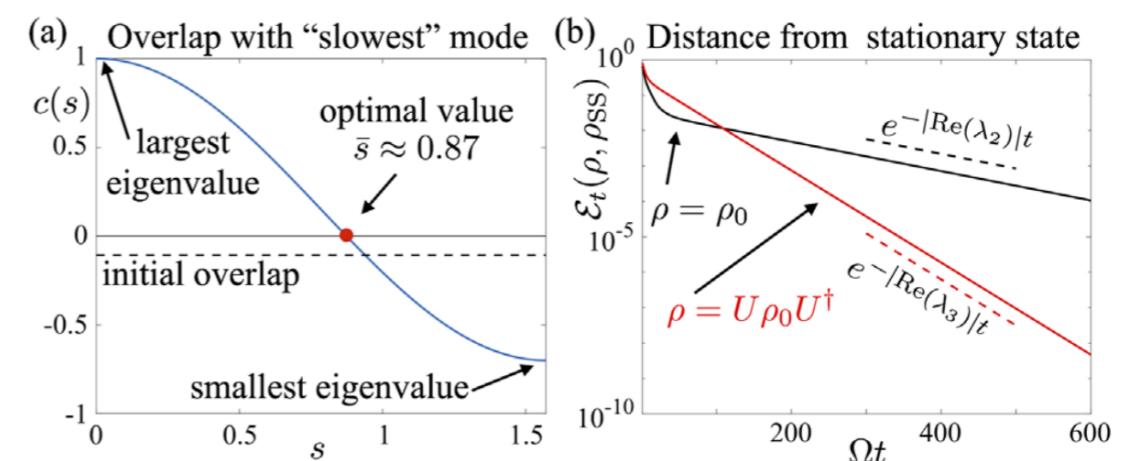
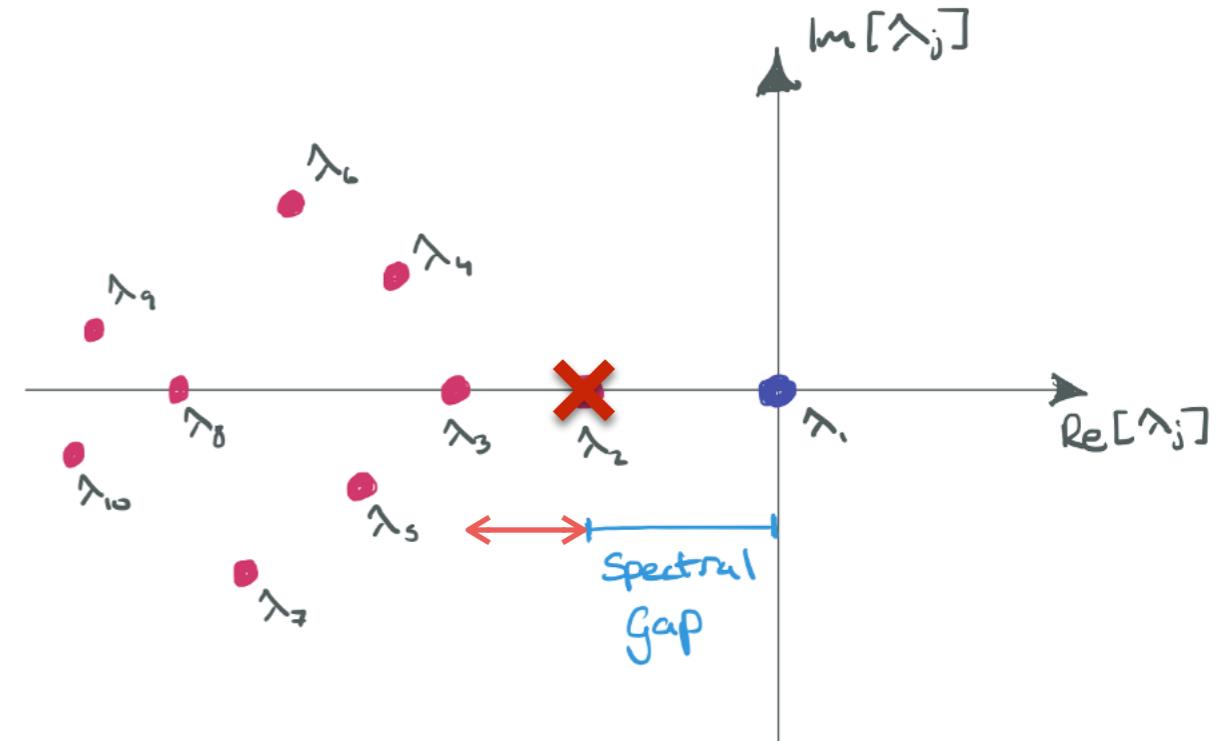
Find  $U$  such that:

$$\text{Tr}(\hat{l}_2 \hat{U} \hat{\rho}_i \hat{U}^\dagger) = 0$$

$$\hat{\rho}(t) = e^{\mathcal{G}t} \hat{\rho}_i = \hat{\tau} + \sum_{k=3}^{D^2} \text{Tr}[\hat{l}_k^\dagger \hat{U} \hat{\rho}_i \hat{U}^\dagger] \hat{r}_k e^{\lambda_k t}$$

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Exponential speed up !

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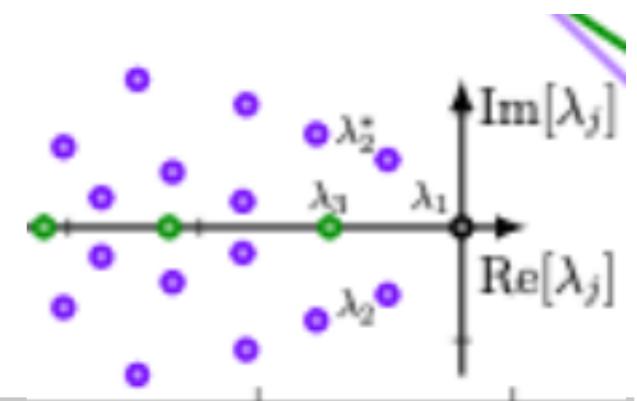
## Assumptions on constructing $\mathbf{U}$

Restricted to initial pure states

Spectral gap defined by a real eigenvalue ! Restrictive

Can have a spectral gap defined by a complex conjugate pair

$$\hat{\rho}(t) \propto \hat{\tau} + e^{\Re(\lambda_2)t} \left( \underbrace{\text{Tr}(\hat{l}_2 \hat{\rho}_i) \hat{r}_2 e^{i\Im(\lambda_2)t}}_{\text{Red}} + \underbrace{\text{Tr}(\hat{l}_2^\dagger \hat{\rho}_i) \hat{r}_2^\dagger e^{-i\Im(\lambda_2)t}}_{\text{Red}} \right)$$



# Thermodynamics

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## The thermodynamics of the quantum Mpemba effect

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Interested in thermal fixed points

Quantum detailed balance wrt to thermal state

$$\frac{d\hat{\rho}(t)}{dt} = \mathcal{G}\hat{\rho}(t) \quad \mathcal{G} = i\delta + \mathcal{D}$$

Davies maps:

E. Davies, J. Funct. Anal. 34, 421 (1979).

# Davies Generator

$$\frac{d\hat{\rho}(t)}{dt} = \mathcal{G}\hat{\rho}(t) \quad \mathcal{G} = i\delta + \mathcal{D}$$

Quantum detailed balance wrt to thermal state:  $\hat{\tau}_\beta = e^{-\beta\hat{H}}/Z$

Mathematically this means :

$$\langle \hat{A}, \mathcal{D}^\dagger(\hat{B}) \rangle_{\hat{\tau}_\beta} = \langle \mathcal{D}^\dagger(\hat{A}), \hat{B} \rangle_{\hat{\tau}_\beta} \quad \text{With: } \langle \hat{A}, \hat{B} \rangle_{\hat{\tau}_\beta} = \text{Tr}(\hat{\tau}_\beta \hat{A}^\dagger \hat{B})$$

KMS inner product:

$$[\hat{H}, \hat{\tau}_\beta] = 0$$

$$|n\rangle\langle m|$$

Importantly  $\delta$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  share a common eigenspace:

$$\omega_{nm} = E_n - E_m$$

# Davies Generator

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$$\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}_P \oplus \mathcal{G}_C \quad \begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}_P &= \mathcal{D}_P && \text{Populations sub-block} \\ \mathcal{G}_C &= i\delta + \mathcal{D}_C && \text{Coherences sub-block} \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{G}} = \begin{pmatrix} & & 2^L & \\ & populations & & \\ & 2^L & & \\ & & & 4^L - 2^L \\ & & coherences & \\ & & & \\ 4^L - 2^L & & & \end{pmatrix},$$

An essential point :

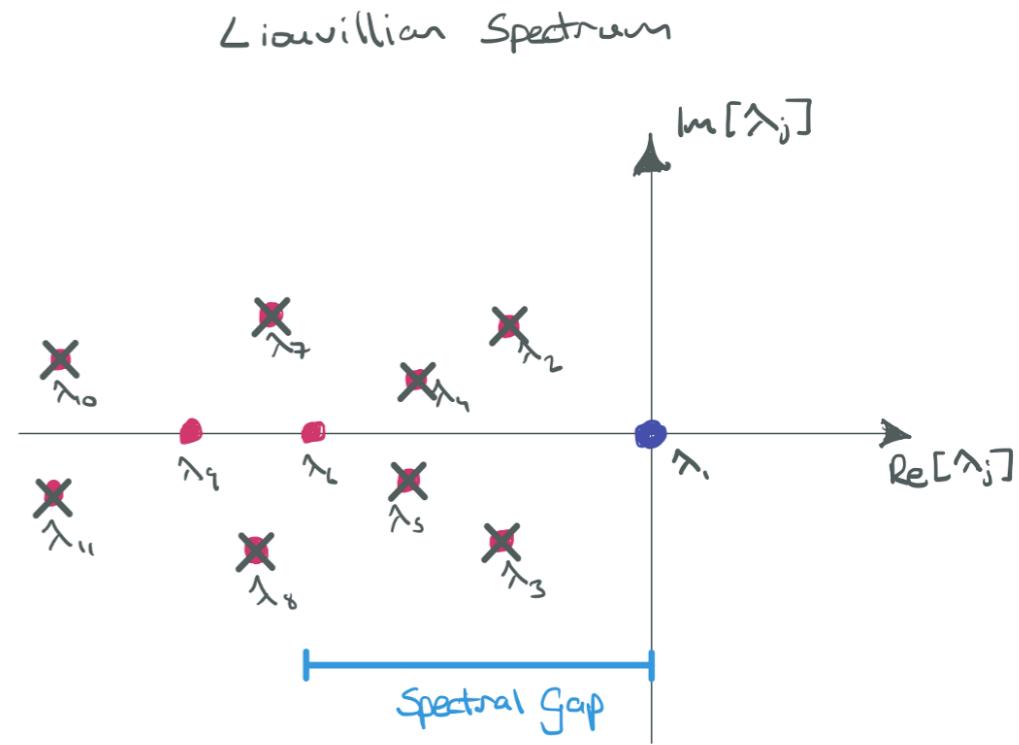
Left eigenmatrices,  $\hat{l}_k$ , corresponding to **populations** are **diagonal** in energy eigenbasis with purely real eigenvalues  $\lambda_k$

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# Deleting coherent overlaps

Left eigenmatrices,  $\hat{l}_k$ , corresponding to **coherences** are pure **off diagonal** in energy eigenbasis with eigenvalues  $\lambda_k$  in complex conjugate pair

Any transformation that brings the initial state to be diagonal in the energy eigenbasis will kill **all** overlaps with coherent modes !



New thermalisation rate now defined by the first real eigenvalue !

Exponential speed up !       $\hat{U}_1 \hat{\rho}_i \hat{U}_1^\dagger = \hat{\Lambda}$

But is this a Mpemba effect ?

# Non equilibrium free energy

Consider internal energy of some arbitrary state

$$\begin{aligned} U(\hat{\rho}(t)) &= -\beta^{-1} \text{Tr}[\hat{\rho}(t) \log e^{-\beta \hat{H}}] \\ &= \beta^{-1} \text{Tr}[\hat{\rho}(t) \log \frac{e^{-\beta \hat{H}}}{Z}] - \beta^{-1} \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}(t) \log Z) \\ &= \beta^{-1} \text{Tr}[\hat{\rho}(t) \log \hat{\tau}_\beta] - \beta^{-1} S(\hat{\rho}(t)) + \beta^{-1} S(\hat{\rho}(t)) + F_{eq} \\ &= \beta^{-1} D(\hat{\rho}(t) \mid \mid \hat{\tau}_\beta) + \beta^{-1} S(\hat{\rho}(t)) + F_{eq} \end{aligned}$$

$$F_{\text{neq}}(\hat{\rho}(t)) = \beta^{-1} D(\hat{\rho}(t) \mid \mid \hat{\tau}_\beta) + F_{\text{eq}}$$

# Relative entropy

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$$F_{\text{neq}}(\hat{\rho}(t)) = \beta^{-1} D(\hat{\rho}(t) || \hat{\tau}_\beta) + F_{\text{eq}}$$

Relative entropy       $D(\hat{\rho} || \hat{\sigma}) = \text{Tr} \hat{\rho} (\log \hat{\rho} - \log \hat{\sigma})$

Klein's inequality       $D(\hat{\rho} || \hat{\sigma}) \geq 0$

Pinkers inequality:     $D(\hat{\rho} || \hat{\sigma}) \geq \|\hat{\rho} - \hat{\sigma}\|_1^2 / 2$

Monoticity:             $D(\Gamma[\hat{\rho}] || \Gamma[\hat{\sigma}]) \leq D(\hat{\rho} || \hat{\sigma})$

$$F_{\text{neq}}(\hat{\rho}(t)) \geq F_{\text{eq}} \quad \forall t$$

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# Entropy production in Davies maps

$$F_{\text{neq}}(\hat{\rho}(t)) = \beta^{-1} D(\hat{\rho}(t) || \hat{\tau}_\beta) + F_{\text{eq}}$$

$$\frac{dS_s}{dt} = \dot{\Sigma} - \dot{\Phi} \quad \dot{\Phi} = \beta \dot{Q}$$

Entropic heat flow

$$\dot{\Sigma} = -\beta \frac{dF_{\text{neq}}(\hat{\rho}(t))}{dt} \quad \dot{\Sigma} \geq 0 \quad \text{Relative entropy}$$
$$\dot{\Sigma} = 0 \quad \hat{\rho}(t) \rightarrow \hat{\tau}_\beta$$

Nice division:  $D(\hat{\rho}(t) || \hat{\tau}_\beta) = \mathcal{P}(p(t) || \hat{\tau}_\beta) + \mathcal{C}(\hat{\rho}(t))$

Francica, Goold, Plastina PRE ,99 (2019)

Santo,Celeri, Landi Paternostro NPJ Quantum info ,23 (2019)

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$$\mathcal{P}(p(t) || t_\beta) = \sum_n p_n(t) \ln \frac{p_n(t)}{t_n^\beta}$$

$$\mathcal{C}(\hat{\rho}(t)) = S(\Delta(\hat{\rho}(t))) - S(\hat{\rho}(t))$$

Division allows us to study the coherent and incoherent contributions to entropy production

# Quantum Mpemba effect

Three states:  $\hat{\rho}(t_0) \quad \hat{\rho}'(t_0) = \hat{U}\hat{\rho}(t_0)\hat{U}^\dagger \quad \hat{\tau}_\beta = e^{-\beta\hat{H}}/Z$

Non equilibrium free energies :  $F_{\text{neq}}(\hat{\rho}'(t_0)) > F_{\text{neq}}(\hat{\rho}(t_0)) > F_{\text{eq}}$

Mpemba effect  $\exists t_m \quad \text{Such that} \quad F_{\text{neq}}(\hat{\rho}'(t)) < F_{\text{neq}}(\hat{\rho}(t)) \forall t > t_m$   
if :

Key finding of our work:

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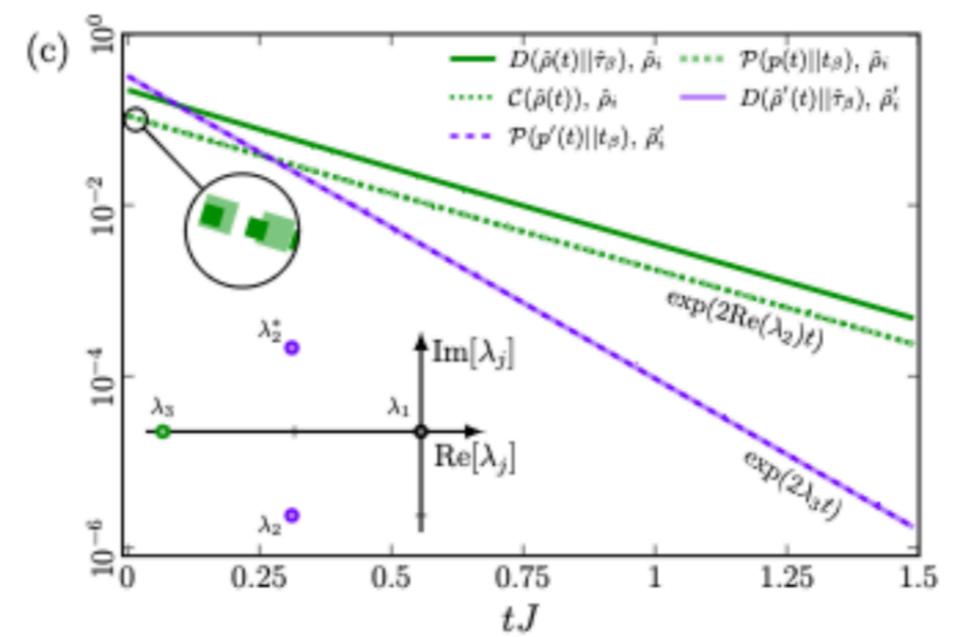
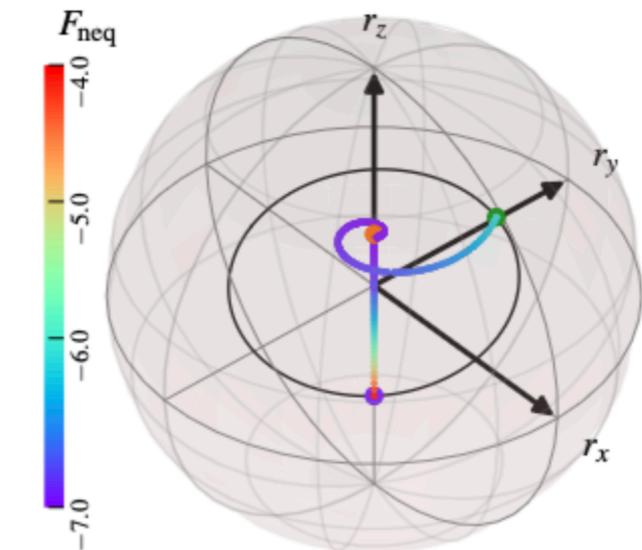
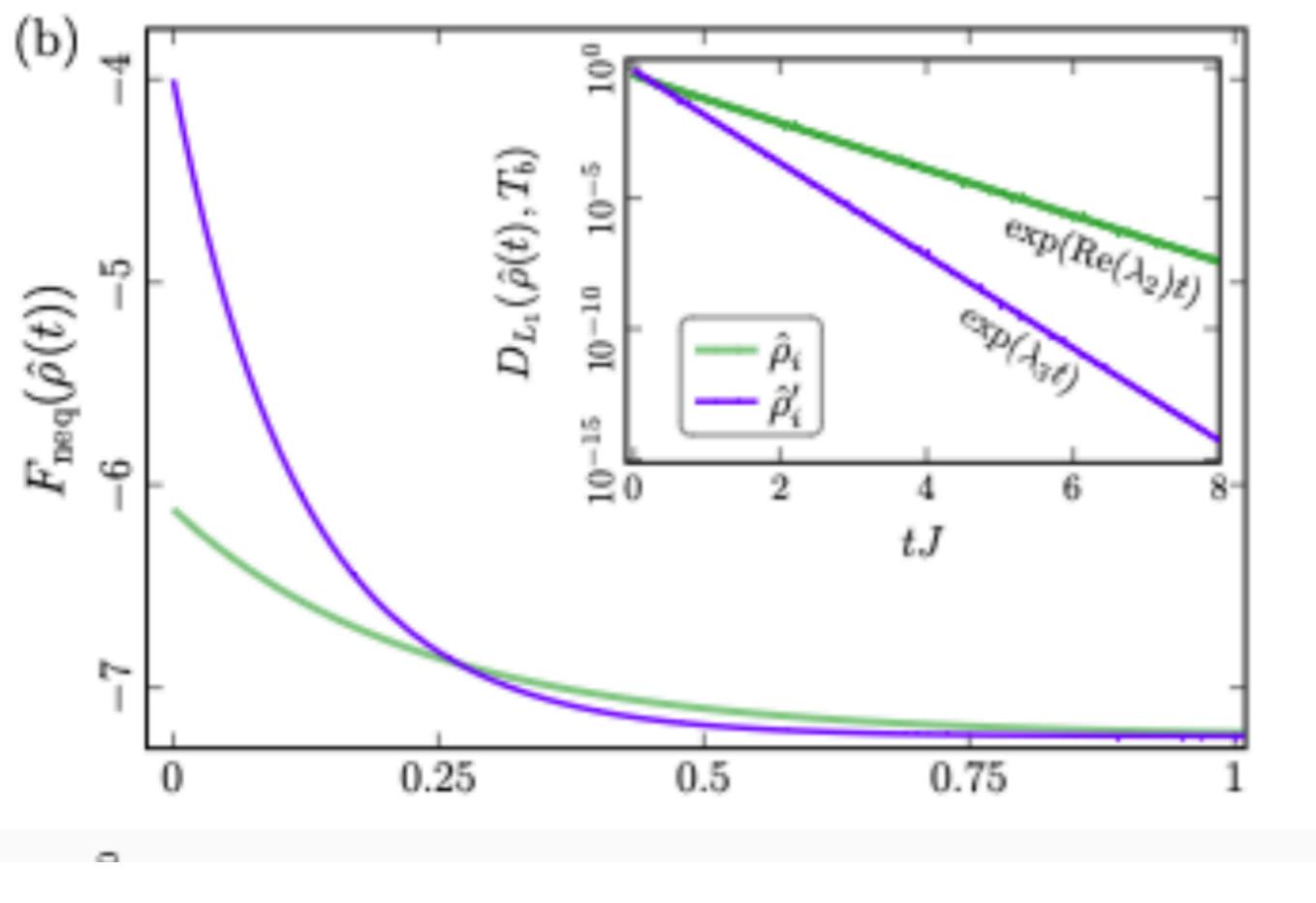
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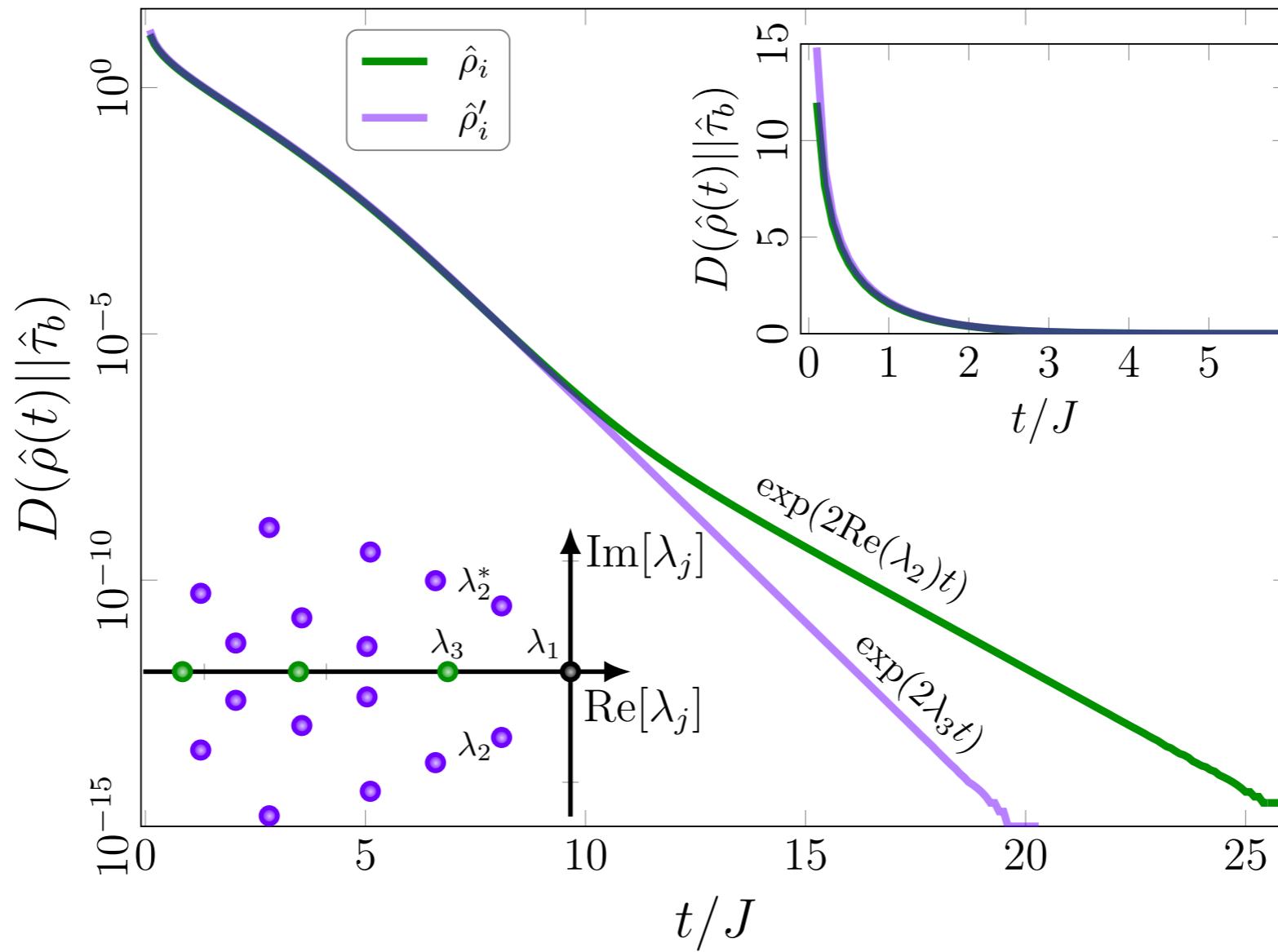
# Single qubit example

$$\hat{\rho}_i = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{1} + \mathbf{r} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\sigma}})$$



# Multi qubit example

$$\hat{H} = -J \sum_{j=1}^{L-1} \hat{\sigma}_j^z \hat{\sigma}_{j+1}^z + h \sum_{j=1}^L \hat{\sigma}_j^x$$



# Information geometry considerations

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Recent interest in connection between information geometry and stochastic thermodynamics  
(Ito, Dechant, Nicholson, Hasegawa and others )

Basic idea: random variable  $X$  depending on  $\theta = \{\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n\}$   
with probability density  $p(X|\theta)$

Fisher information matrix: 
$$I_{ij}(\theta) = \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\partial \log p(X|\theta)}{\partial \theta_i} \frac{\partial \log p(X|\theta)}{\partial \theta_j} \right]$$

Diagonal elements represent amount of information that observable random variable provides about parameter

# Information geometry considerations

The Fisher information defines a Riemannian metric on parameter space

$$ds^2 = \sum_{i,j} g_{ij} d\theta_i d\theta_j$$

Gives statistical measure of distance over a manifold of probability distributions

$$D_{KL}(p(x; \theta) \parallel p(x; \theta + d\theta)) = \int p(x; \theta) \log \frac{p(x; \theta)}{p(x; \theta + d\theta)} dx$$

$$ds^2 = D_{KL}(p(x; \theta) \parallel p(x; \theta + d\theta)) \approx \frac{1}{2} I(\theta) d\theta^2$$

Statistical length in parameter space:  $\mathcal{L} = \int_{\gamma} ds = \int_{\gamma} \frac{ds}{d\theta} d\theta = \int_{\theta_i}^{\theta_f} \sqrt{I_F(\theta)} d\theta$

# Quantum considerations

Working in progress with Laetitia Bettmann (TCD)

Classically the fisher information is  
**uniquely** contractive metric on space of probability distributions  
under stochastic maps  
(Chestnov's theorem)



Quantum mechanically there is a “garden” of Fisher information metrics that are contractive under CPTP trace preserving maps (Petz 1997)

Consider density matrix:

$$\hat{\rho}(\theta) = \sum_x p(\theta)_x |x(\theta)\rangle\langle x(\theta)|$$

$$ds^2 = \sum_x \frac{|dp_x|^2}{p_x} + \sum_{x,y} \frac{|\partial_\theta \rho_{xy}|^2}{p_x f(p_y/p_x)}$$

$$f(x) = xf(1/x) \quad \text{and} \quad f(1) = 1$$

# Quantum considerations

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Eg.

$$f_{SLD}(x) = \frac{x+1}{2}$$

$$f_{KMB}(x) = \frac{x-1}{\log(x)}$$

$$f_{WY}(x) = \frac{1}{4}(\sqrt{x} + 1)^2$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \int_\gamma ds = \int_\gamma \frac{ds}{d\theta} d\theta = \int_{\theta_i}^{\theta_f} \sqrt{I_F(\theta)} d\theta = \int_{\theta_i}^{\theta_f} \sqrt{I_F^I(\theta)} d\theta + \int_{\theta_i}^{\theta_f} \sqrt{I_F^C(\theta)} d\theta$$

Time as a parameter:

$$\theta = t$$

Instantaneous velocity:

$$v(t) = \sqrt{I(t)}$$

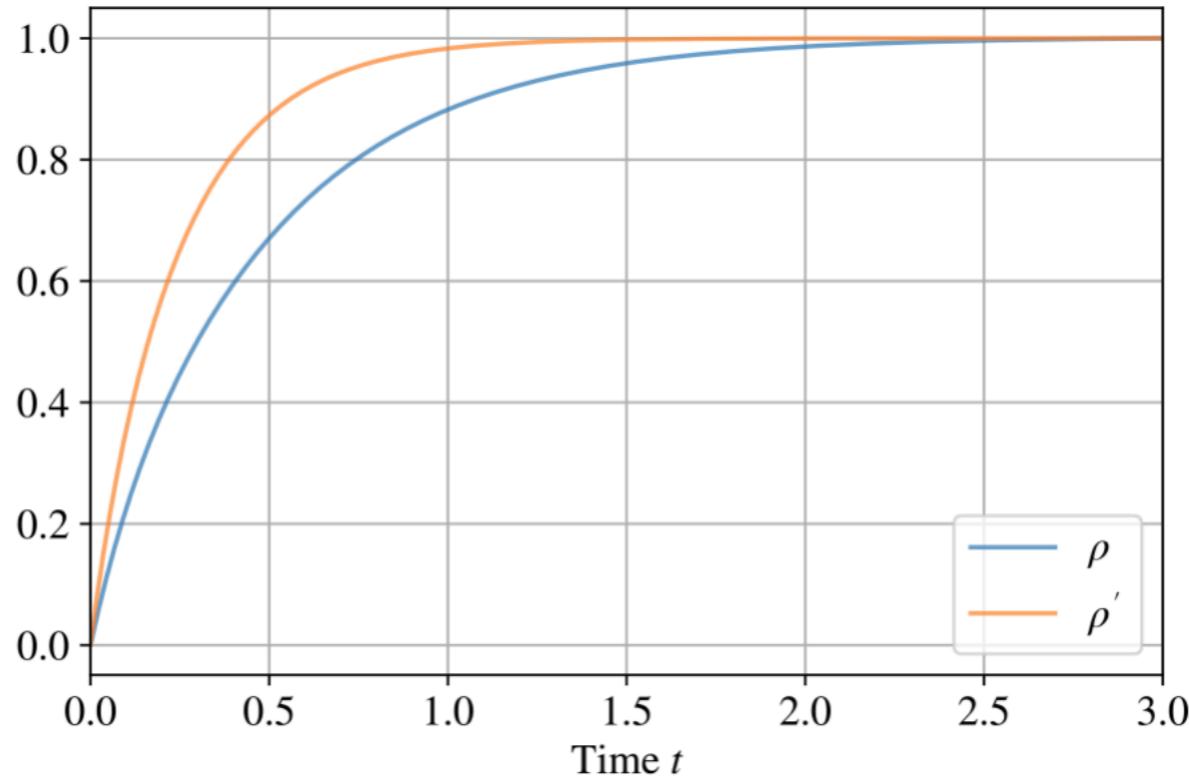
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Degree of completion:  $\phi(s) = \frac{\mathcal{L}_0^s}{\mathcal{L}_0^{t_f}}$

Mpemba:



# Some conclusions

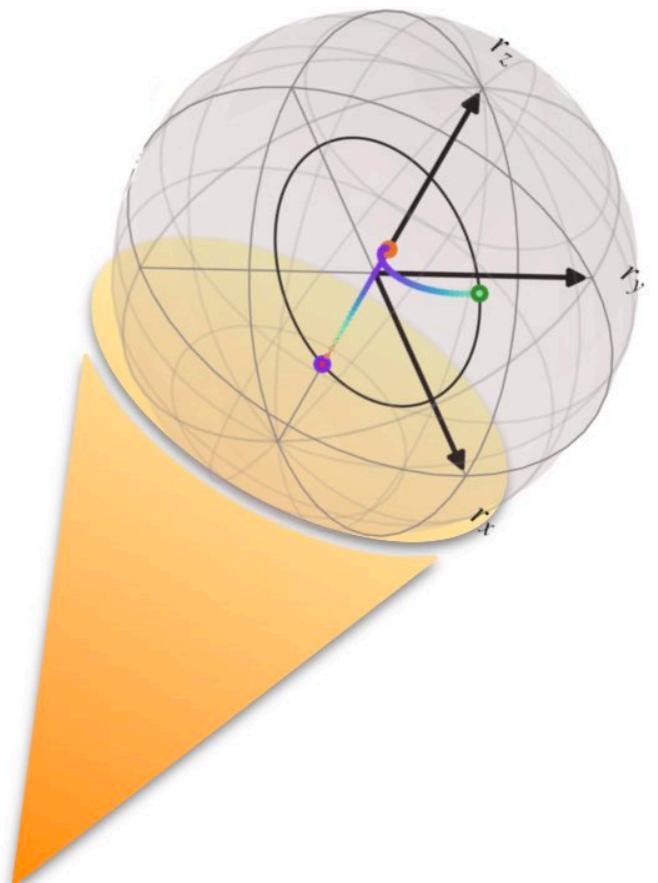
**If the generator has a spectral gap defined by a complex eigenpair  
then a unitary can always be found such that an exponential speed up and a genuine  
Mpemba effect occurs**

**Closest quantum study to Lu and Raz or**

**Novel cooling schemes**

**Dissipative quantum computing**

**Information geometry a nice framework for unifying the  
Mpemba effects ? ?**



# thanks



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thanks for listening

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