

Feedback Control and Counting Statistics in Quantum Transport

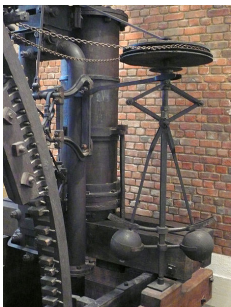
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- Quantum Transport
 - ▶ Example: particle counting.
 - ▶ Moments, cumulants, generalized density operators.
 - ▶ Quantum dots.
- Feedback control
 - ▶ Introduction, various kinds of feedback control.
 - ▶ Wiseman-Milburn control.
 - ▶ Information and thermodynamics, Maxwell demon control.
- (Talk on Tuesday)
 - ▶ Time-versus-number feedback control.
 - ▶ A recent experiment with quantum dots.



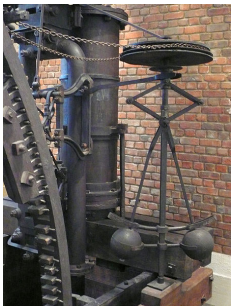
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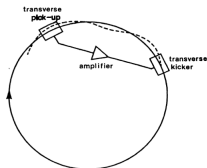


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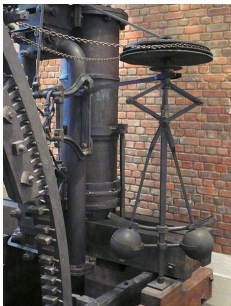


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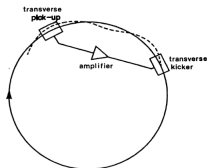


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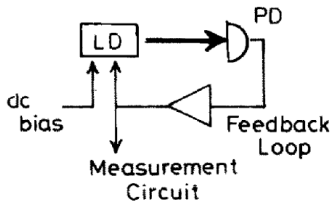
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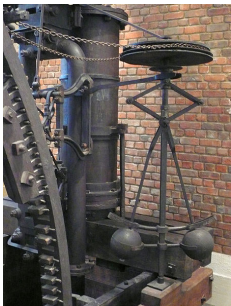


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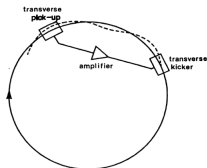


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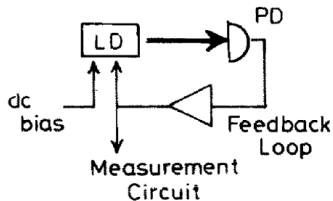
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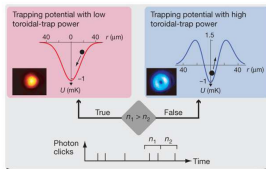
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Feedback control of a single-atom trajectory, A. Kubanek, M. Koch, C. Sames, A. Ourjoumtsev, P. W. H. Pinkse, K. Murr and G. Rempe (2009).

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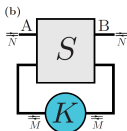
Challenge for Quantum Systems

- Unitary dynamics versus measurement process.
- How to model the feedback loop?

H. M. Wiseman, G. J. Milburn, *Quantum measurement and Control* (2009)

Passive versus active feedback

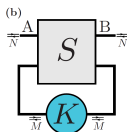
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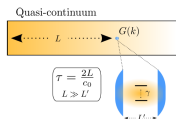
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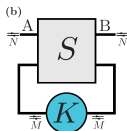
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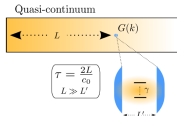
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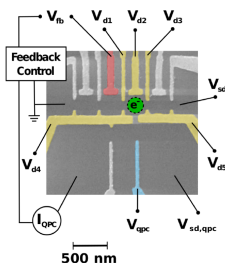
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- (Active): feedback control of electron counting statistics.

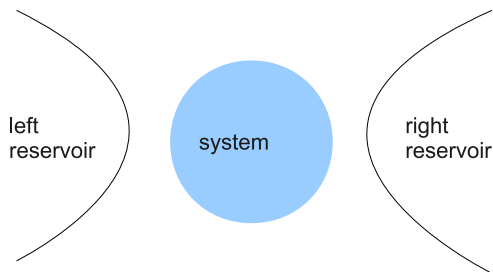


TB; Phys. Rev. Lett. **105**, 060602 (2010);
 T. Wagner, P. Strasberg, J. C. Bayer, E. P. Rugeramigabo, TB, R. J. Haug; nature nanotechnology (2016).

Active feedback master equation

General setup

- Open system Hamiltonian. $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_S + \mathcal{H}_{\text{res}} + \mathcal{H}_T$.
 - ▶ \mathcal{H}_S system.
 - ▶ \mathcal{H}_{res} reservoir.
 - ▶ \mathcal{H}_T system-reservoir coupling.



G. Schaller, *Open Quantum Systems Far From Equilibrium* (2014)

Active feedback master equation

Quantum jumps

- n -resolved density operator $\rho(t) \equiv \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \rho^{(n)}(t)$
- Stochastic trajectories $\{x_n\} = x_n, \dots, x_1$: jumps of type l_i at time t_i .
- 'path integral'

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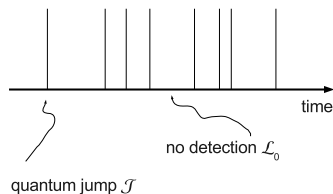
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Without feedback:

- $\rho(t | \{x_n\}) \equiv S_{t-t_n} \mathcal{J}_{l_n} S_{t_n-t_{n-1}} \mathcal{J}_{l_{n-1}} \dots \mathcal{J}_{l_1} S_{t_1} \rho_{\text{in}}$.
- Reduced density matrix $\dot{\rho}(t) = \mathcal{L}\rho(t)$,
 $\mathcal{L} \equiv \mathcal{L}_0 + \mathcal{J}$, $S_t \equiv e^{\mathcal{L}_0 t}$.



Moelmer, Zoller, Hegerfeldt, Carmichael, ... 1980s

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$$\begin{aligned} \rho(t | \{x_n\}) &= S(t | \{x_n\}) \mathcal{J}_{l_n}(t_n | \{x_{n-1}\}) S(t_n | \{x_{n-1}\}) \dots \\ &\times \mathcal{J}_{l_2}(t_2 | \{x_1\}) S(t_2 | \{x_1\}) \mathcal{J}_{l_1}(t_1) S(t_1) \rho_{\text{in}}. \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Future time evolution conditioned upon full trajectory.

Active feedback master equation

Feedback protocols

- 0 Open loop control,

$$\mathcal{J}_I(t|\{x_n\}) = \mathcal{J}_I(t).$$

- 1 Feedback conditioned on the previous jump,

$$\mathcal{J}_I(t|\{x_n\}) = \mathcal{J}_{I|n}(t - t_n).$$

- ▶ Wiseman-Milburn quantum feedback control, $\mathcal{J}_{I|n}(t - t_n) = e^{\mathcal{K}_I} \mathcal{J}_I$.
Wiseman, Milburn ('90s); Pörtl, Emary TB (2011); Schaller, Kiesslich, Emary, TB (2011); Kiesslich, Emary, Schaller, TB (2012); Daryanoosh, Wiseman, TB (2016).
- ▶ Waiting time feedback control TB, Emary (2016).
- ▶ Delayed quantum control, Emary (2013).

- 2 Time-versus-number feedback,

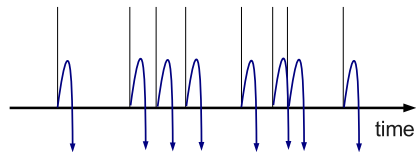
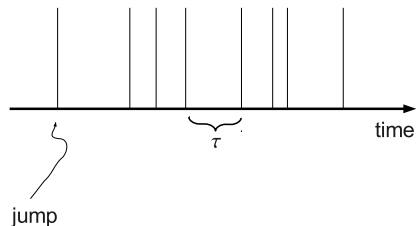
$$\mathcal{J}_I(t|\{x_n\}) = \mathcal{J}_I(t, n).$$

Wiseman-Milburn feedback

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The idea

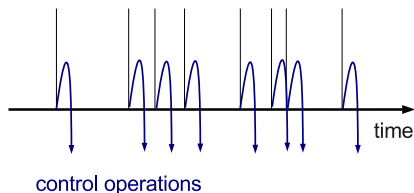
- Dissipation originates from quantum jumps.
- Fight dissipation by acting immediately after each jump: *feedback control*.



control operations

Wiseman-Milburn feedback

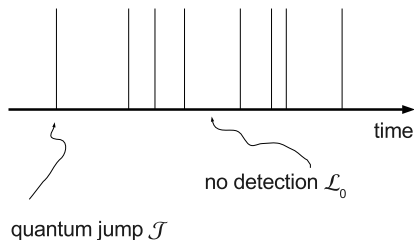
Counting fields and feedback



- $\dot{\rho} = (\mathcal{L}_0 + e^{i\chi} \mathcal{J})\rho$, counting field χ . (R. J. Cook 1981).
- FEEDBACK: complex number $e^{i\chi} \rightarrow$ superoperator $e^{\mathcal{K}}$ (Wiseman, ... 1990s).

Wiseman-Milburn feedback

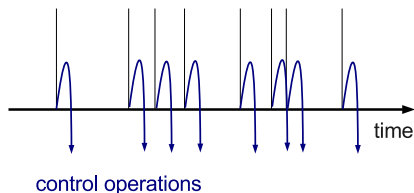
Stabilization: the effective Hamiltonian (C. Emary, 2011)



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- FEEDBACK IDEA: No mixing if $\mathcal{L}_0\rho_k = \lambda_k\rho_k$.
- Compensate quantum jumps by rotation into ρ_k via $e^{\mathcal{K}}\mathcal{J}\rho = \rho_k$.

\rightsquigarrow eigenvalue problem to determine \mathcal{K} in $\mathcal{L}_0 e^{\mathcal{K}} \mathcal{J} \rho_k = \lambda_k \rho_k$.

Wiseman-Milburn feedback

Stabilization: the effective Hamiltonian

- Effective, non-Hermitian 'Hamiltonian' \mathcal{H}_{eff} via

$$\mathcal{L}_0\rho = -i(\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}\rho - \rho\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^\dagger).$$

- Eigenstates

$$\rho_k = |\Psi_k\rangle\langle\tilde{\Psi}_k|$$

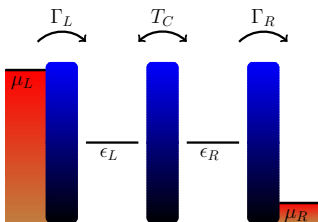
of \mathcal{L}_0 are pure density matrices.

- The $|\Psi_k\rangle$ are (right) eigenstates of \mathcal{H}_{eff} .

(Non-hermitian part of \mathcal{H}_{eff} contains the back-action of the measurement process.)

Wiseman-Milburn feedback: charge qubit

C. Pörtl, C. Emary, TB; Phys. Rev. B **84**, 085302 (2011).



- Effective Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} \equiv \mathcal{H}_S - \frac{i\Gamma_L}{2}|0\rangle\langle 0| - \frac{i\Gamma_R}{2}|R\rangle\langle R|$$

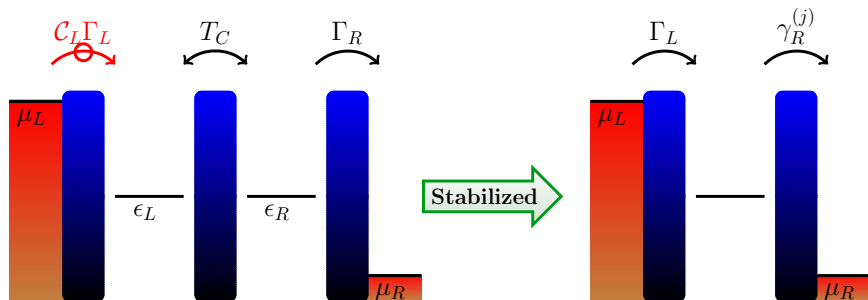
- Pure eigenstates $|0\rangle\rangle\langle\langle\tilde{0}|, |\psi_{\pm}\rangle\rangle\langle\langle\tilde{\psi}_{\pm}|$

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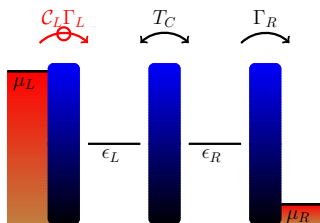
Control Stabilization

Electron tunnels into $|L\rangle\rangle$ which is instantaneously rotated into $|\psi_+\rangle\rangle$ (alternatively, $|\psi_-\rangle\rangle$).

\rightsquigarrow effective *single* level system, decay rate $\gamma_R^{(\pm)} \equiv -2\Im\epsilon_{\pm}$



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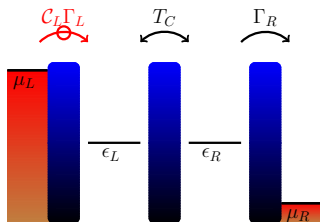
Controlled master equation

$$\dot{\rho} = (\mathcal{L}_0 + C_L \mathcal{J}_L + \mathcal{J}_R)$$
$$C_L \equiv e^{-2i\theta_C \mathbf{n}_0 \cdot \boldsymbol{\Sigma}}, \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \rho \equiv [\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \rho]$$

- Rotation in Liouville-space about angle θ_C around direction $\mathbf{n}_0 = (\sin \theta, 0, \cos \theta)$, Pauli matrix vector $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$.
- Every qubit rotation as possible control operation, J. Wang and H. M. Wiseman, Phys. Rev. A **64**, 063810 (2001).

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- Project out empty state ($\Gamma_L \rightarrow \infty$).
- Bloch representation of stationary state $\rho_{\text{stat}} = (\langle \sigma_x \rangle, \langle \sigma_y \rangle, \langle \sigma_z \rangle)$.

Wiseman-Milburn feedback: charge qubit

Right eigenvalues of H_{eff} :

$$\varepsilon_0 = -i\frac{\Gamma_L}{2}, \quad \varepsilon_{\mp} = \frac{1}{4} \left(-i\Gamma_R \mp \sqrt{16T_C^2 - \Gamma_R^2} \right)$$

Eigenstates of the free Liouvillian

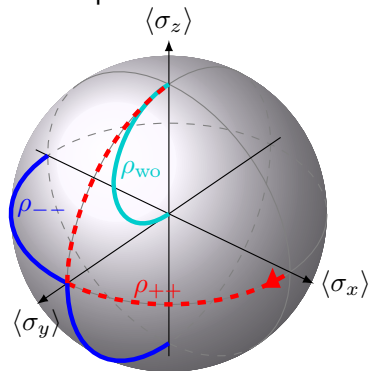
For $\Gamma_R > 4T_C$:

$$\langle \sigma_x \rangle = 0, \quad \langle \sigma_y \rangle = \frac{4T_C}{\Gamma_R}, \quad \langle \sigma_z \rangle = \mp \frac{\sqrt{\Gamma_R^2 - 16T_C^2}}{\Gamma_R}$$

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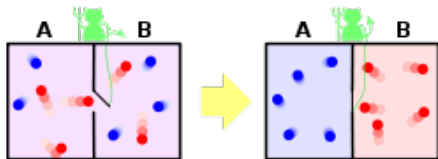
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Bloch sphere



Maxwell demon type feedback

Introduction



- Maxwell's thought experiment

- ▶ Two volumes of gas in equilibrium separated by sliding door.
- ▶ Demon opens/closes door, separates fast from slow gas molecules.
- ▶ Decrease of entropy. "... to show that the second law of thermodynamics has only a statistical certainty".

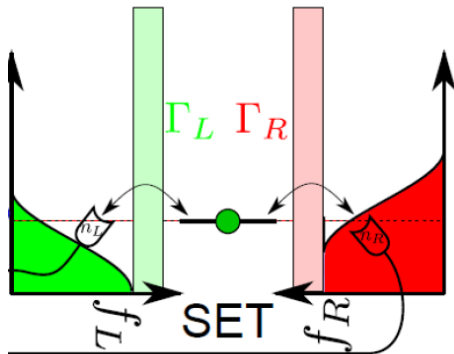
- Concept of a transport device that acts like Maxwell's demon.

Colloquium: The physics of Maxwell's demon and information; K. Maruyama, F. Nori, and V. Vedral, *Rev. Mod. Phys.* **81**, 1 (2009).

Maxwell demon type feedback

Single electron transistor

- Modify tunnel rates, e.g. Γ_R , depending on dot occupation.



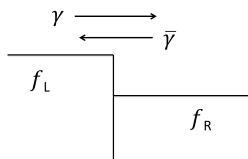
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Single junction

- Integrate out the dot for $\Gamma_L \gg \Gamma_R \equiv \Gamma$.
- Rates $\gamma = \Gamma f_L(1 - f_R)$, $\bar{\gamma} = \bar{\Gamma} f_R(1 - f_L)$.
- $p_n(t)$ probability for n charges transferred to right reservoir.

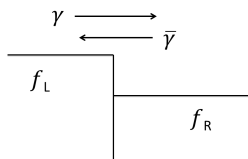
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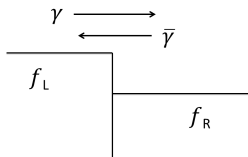
- Identical microscopic forward and backward rates $\Gamma = \bar{\Gamma}$.
- Local **detailed balance** condition with affinity \mathcal{A} ,

$$\frac{\gamma}{\bar{\gamma}} = e^{\mathcal{A}}, \quad \mathcal{A} \equiv \frac{\mu_L - \mu_R}{k_B T}$$

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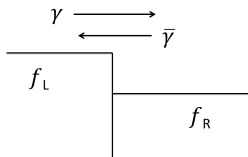
- Different forward and backward rates $\Gamma \neq \bar{\Gamma}$ ('by hand')
- Violates local detailed balance condition,

$$\frac{\gamma}{\bar{\gamma}} = e^{\mathcal{A} + \ln \frac{\Gamma}{\bar{\Gamma}}}, \quad \mathcal{A} \equiv \frac{\mu_L - \mu_R}{k_B T}$$

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- Elevate (violated) local detailed balance to modified *exchange fluctuation theorem*

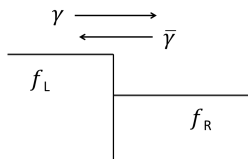
$$\frac{p_n(t)}{p_{-n}(t)} = e^{(\mathcal{A} + \ln \frac{\Gamma}{\bar{\Gamma}})n}, \quad \mathcal{A} \equiv \frac{\mu_L - \mu_R}{k_B T}.$$

Maxwell demon type feedback

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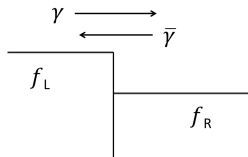
- Stationary charge current $\mathcal{J} = \gamma - \bar{\gamma}$ (set $-e = 1$).
- With feedback $\Gamma \neq \bar{\Gamma} \rightsquigarrow$ finite \mathcal{J} even for zero voltage drop.

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- Only n (number of transferred charges) thermodyn. relevant.
- Shannon entropy $S \equiv -\sum_n p_n \ln p_n$.
- Decompose $\dot{S} = \dot{S}_e + \dot{S}_i$ with $\dot{S}_i \geq 0$, J. Schnakenberg, Rev. Mod. Phys. **48**, 571 (1976); M. Esposito, C. Van den Broek, Phys. Rev. E **82**, 011143 (2010).

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{p_n(t)}{p_{-n}(t)} = e^{\dot{S}_i t}, \quad \dot{S}_i = \mathcal{A} \mathcal{J} + \ln \frac{\Gamma}{\bar{\Gamma}} \mathcal{J}, \quad \mathcal{J} \equiv \gamma - \bar{\gamma}$$

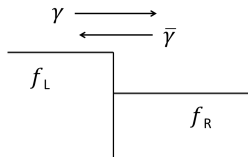
\dot{S}_i = dissipated electric power per $k_B T$ plus *information current*.

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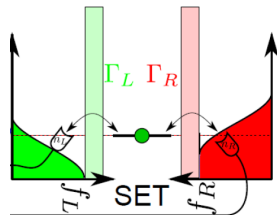
- Information gain via feedback modifies exchange fluctuation relation.
- General scenario T. Sagawa and M. Ueda ('08), J. M. P. Parrondo ('11); D. Abreu, U. Seifert ('12); T. Munakata, M. L. Rosinberg ('12); H. Tasaki ('13); J. M. Horowitz, M. Esposito ('14); D. Hartich, A. C. Barato, U. Seifert ('14); J. M. Horowitz ('15); J. M. Horowitz, K. Jacobs ('15)
- Example $\langle e^{-\beta(W - \Delta F) - I} \rangle = 1$ modified Jarzynski relation.

Feedback controlled tunnel barrier

Single electron transistor

- Rate equation $\dot{\rho} = \mathcal{L}\rho$, $\rho = (\rho_0, \rho_1)^T$.
- Explicitly break local detailed balance:

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{\alpha=L,R} \begin{pmatrix} -\Gamma_{\alpha} f_{\alpha} & \bar{\Gamma}_{\alpha}(1-f_{\alpha})e^{i\chi} \\ \Gamma_{\alpha} f_{\alpha} & -\bar{\Gamma}_{\alpha}(1-f_{\alpha}) \end{pmatrix}$$



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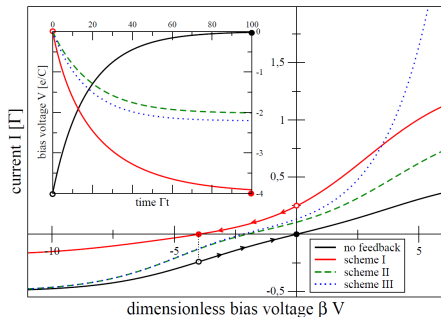
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Hardwiring the demon

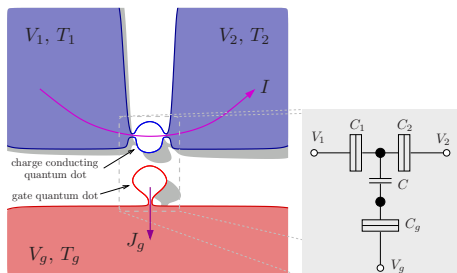
Key idea

- Microscopic model for larger system : SET + detector.
- Reduced SET dynamics described by effective model as above.

Hardwiring the demon

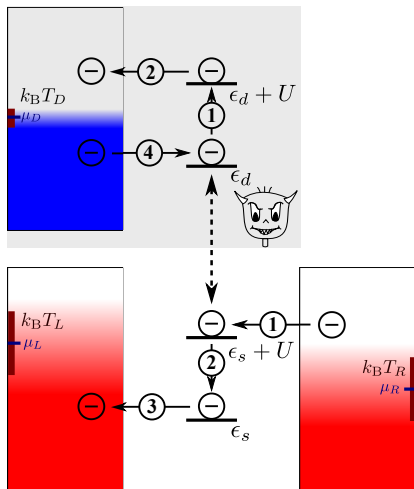
Thermoelectric device

- Energy to current converter.
- Different temperatures in different parts of the system.
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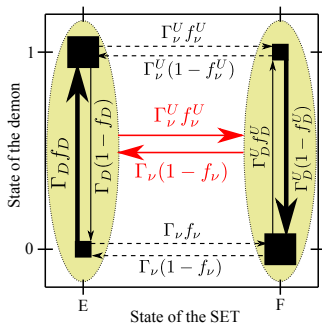
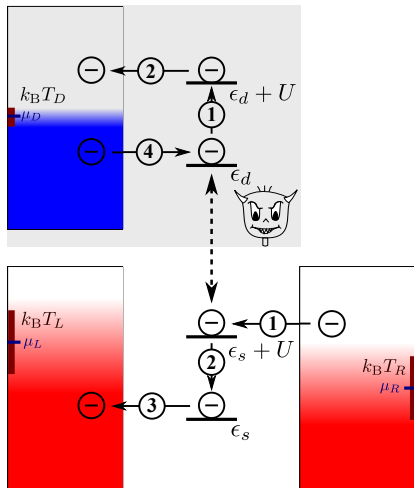
Hardwiring the demon



- Single level SET (bottom, two reservoirs L/R) and detector (top, one reservoir).
- States $|0E\rangle\rangle$, $|0F\rangle\rangle$, $|1E\rangle\rangle$, $|1F\rangle\rangle$.
- Energies 0 , ϵ_s , ϵ_d , $\epsilon_s + \epsilon_d + U$.
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Hardwiring the demon



- Detector requirements:

- ▶ Fast $\Gamma_D, \Gamma_D^U \gg \Gamma_\alpha, \Gamma_\alpha^U$.
- ▶ Precise $U \gg k_B T_D$.

- SET requirements:

- ▶ Spatial asymmetry $\Gamma_R^U \gg \Gamma_L^U$, $\Gamma_L \gg \Gamma_R$.

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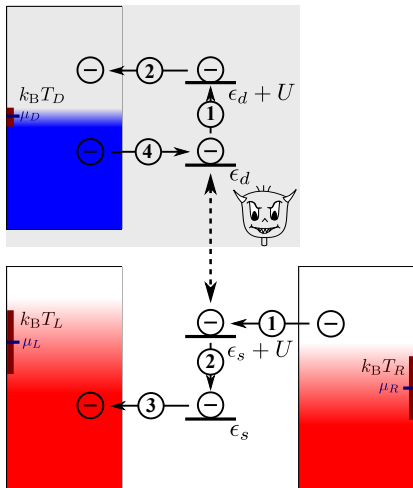
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- Reduction to previous model ('feedback by hand'):

$$f_\alpha^U / f_\alpha = 1 \rightsquigarrow I \times t = (\ln \Gamma_L^U \Gamma_R / \Gamma_R^U \Gamma_L) n$$

Maxwell demon limit

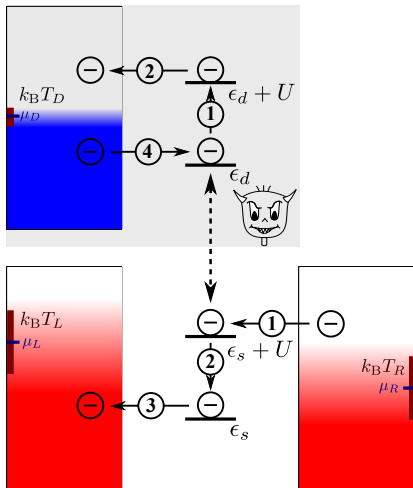
Energetics: first law



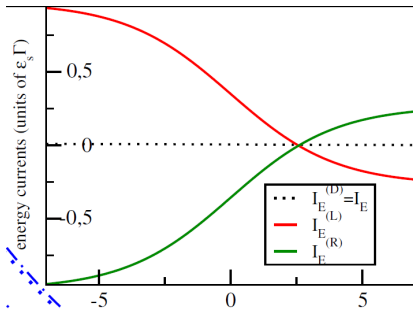
- Cycle between system energies:
 $\epsilon_d \rightarrow \epsilon_s + \epsilon_d + U \rightarrow \epsilon_s \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \epsilon_d$.
- Net energy U transferred from SET to detector.

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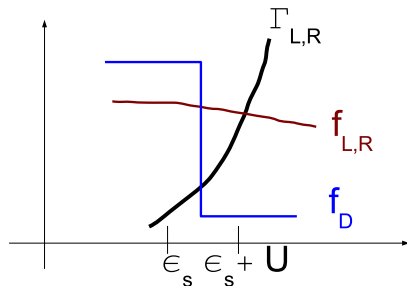
- For $\epsilon_S \gg U$, modification of **first law** $I_L^E + I_R^E = -I_D^E \approx 0$ negligible.



Maxwell demon limit

Summary of demon conditions

- Separation of time scales:
 - ▶ Fast demon $\Gamma_D, \Gamma_D^U \gg \Gamma_\alpha, \Gamma_\alpha^U$.
- Separation of energy scales:
 - ▶ No back-action, precision:
 $k_B T \gg U \gg k_B T_D$.
 - ▶ Almost no work done:
 $\epsilon_S \gg U$.
- Spatial/ energy lever condition
 - ▶ $\Gamma_\alpha \neq \Gamma_\alpha^U, \Gamma_L \neq \Gamma_R^U, \alpha = L, R$.



$$\rightsquigarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{p_n(t)}{p_{-n}(t)} \approx \exp \left[\left(\mathcal{A} + \ln \frac{\Gamma_L^U \Gamma_R}{\Gamma_R^U \Gamma_L} \right) n \right], \quad \mathcal{A} \equiv \frac{\mu_L - \mu_R}{k_B T}.$$

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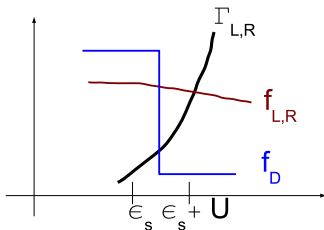
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Maxwell's demon

A feedback mechanism that shuffles particles against a chemical or thermal gradient by adjusting barriers without requiring work.



- 'Hardwiring' of the feedback mechanism.
- 'Information' is really physical: rates in term $\ln(\Gamma_L^U \Gamma_R / \Gamma_R^U \Gamma_L)$.

Summary

- Transport master equations
 - ▶ Example: particle counting.
 - ▶ Moments, cumulants, generalized density operators.
 - ▶ Quantum dots.
- Feedback control
 - ▶ Introduction, various kinds of feedback control.
 - ▶ Wiseman-Milburn control.
 - ▶ Information and thermodynamics, Maxwell demon control.

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