

# Thermodynamics beyond free energy relations or “Quantum” Quantum Thermodynamics

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This is wind, he is actually slim

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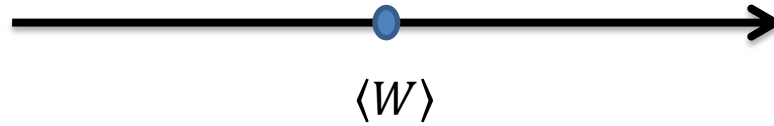
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**What makes quantum  
thermodynamics really quantum?**

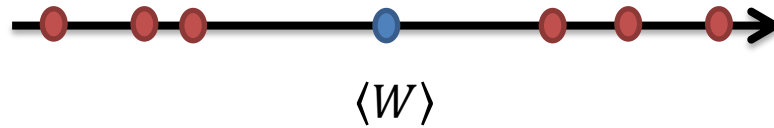
**Can we develop a general  
framework to understand  
coherence?**

# Single-shot

Try to maximize  
average work



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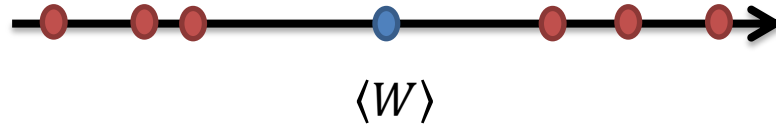


**Truly work-like work extraction**

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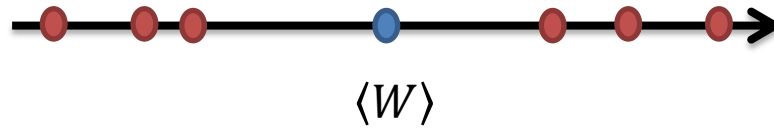
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Classical sector

# “Classical” Quantum Thermodynamics

system



bath

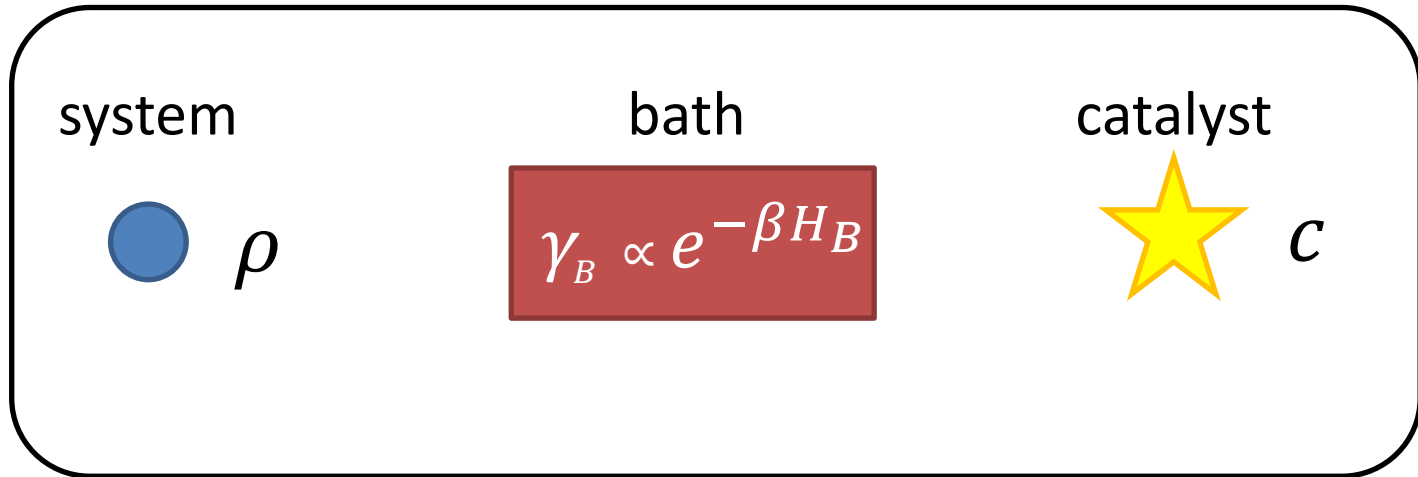
$$\gamma_B \propto e^{-\beta H_B}$$

catalyst





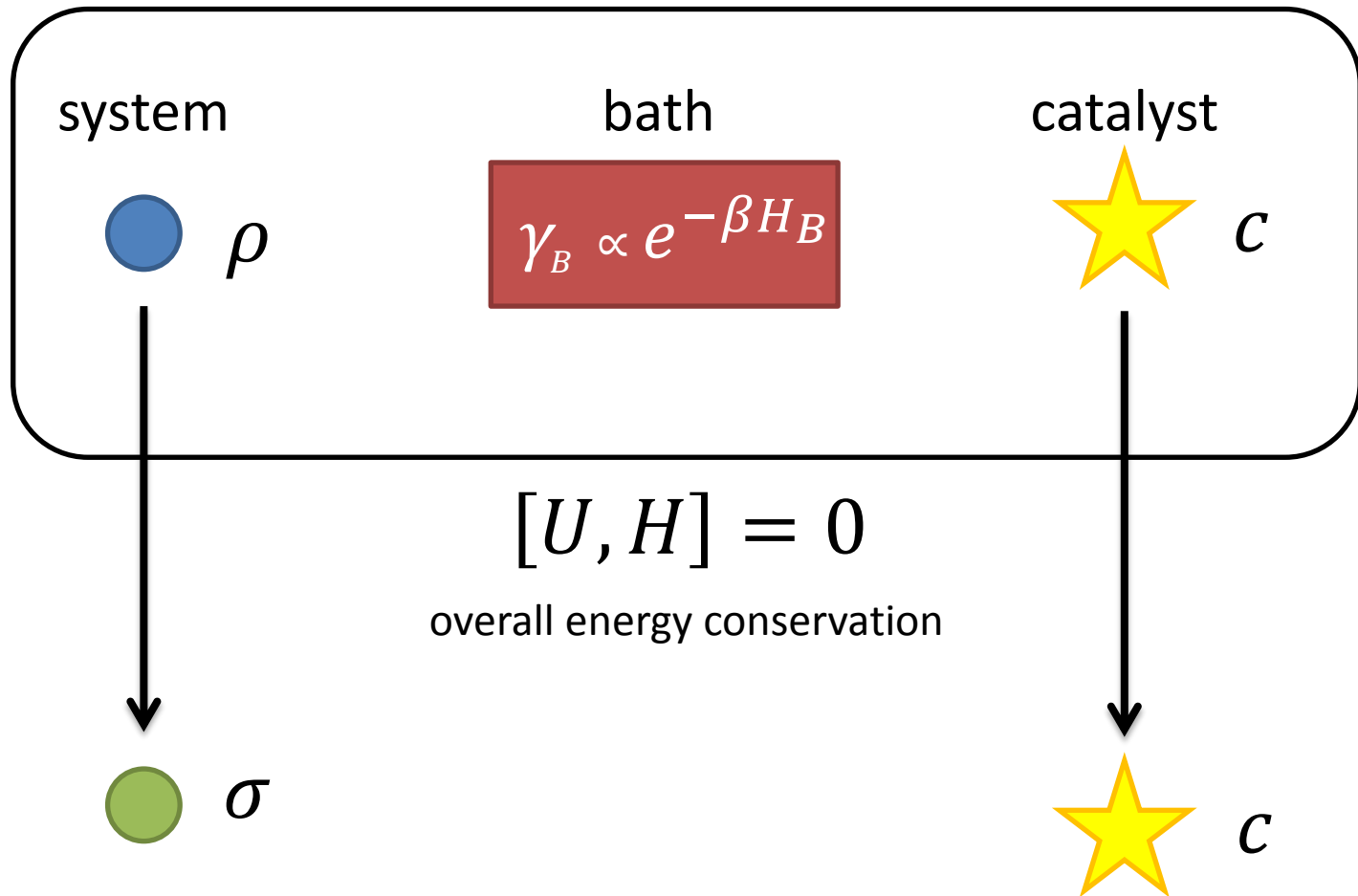
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overall energy conservation

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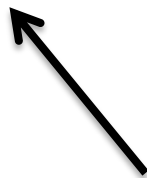
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c.f. two-measurement  
protocol in fluctuation  
theorems (?)

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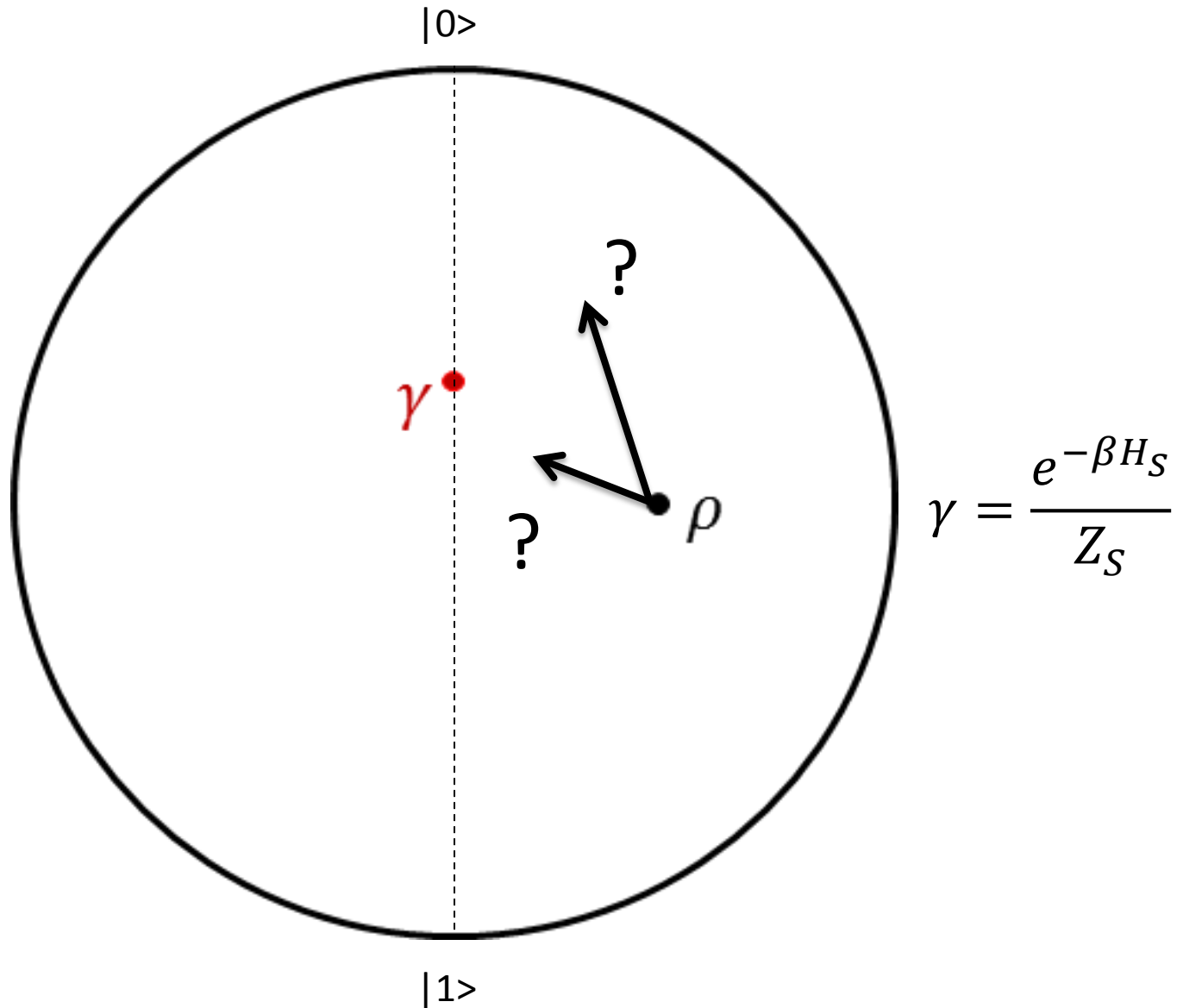
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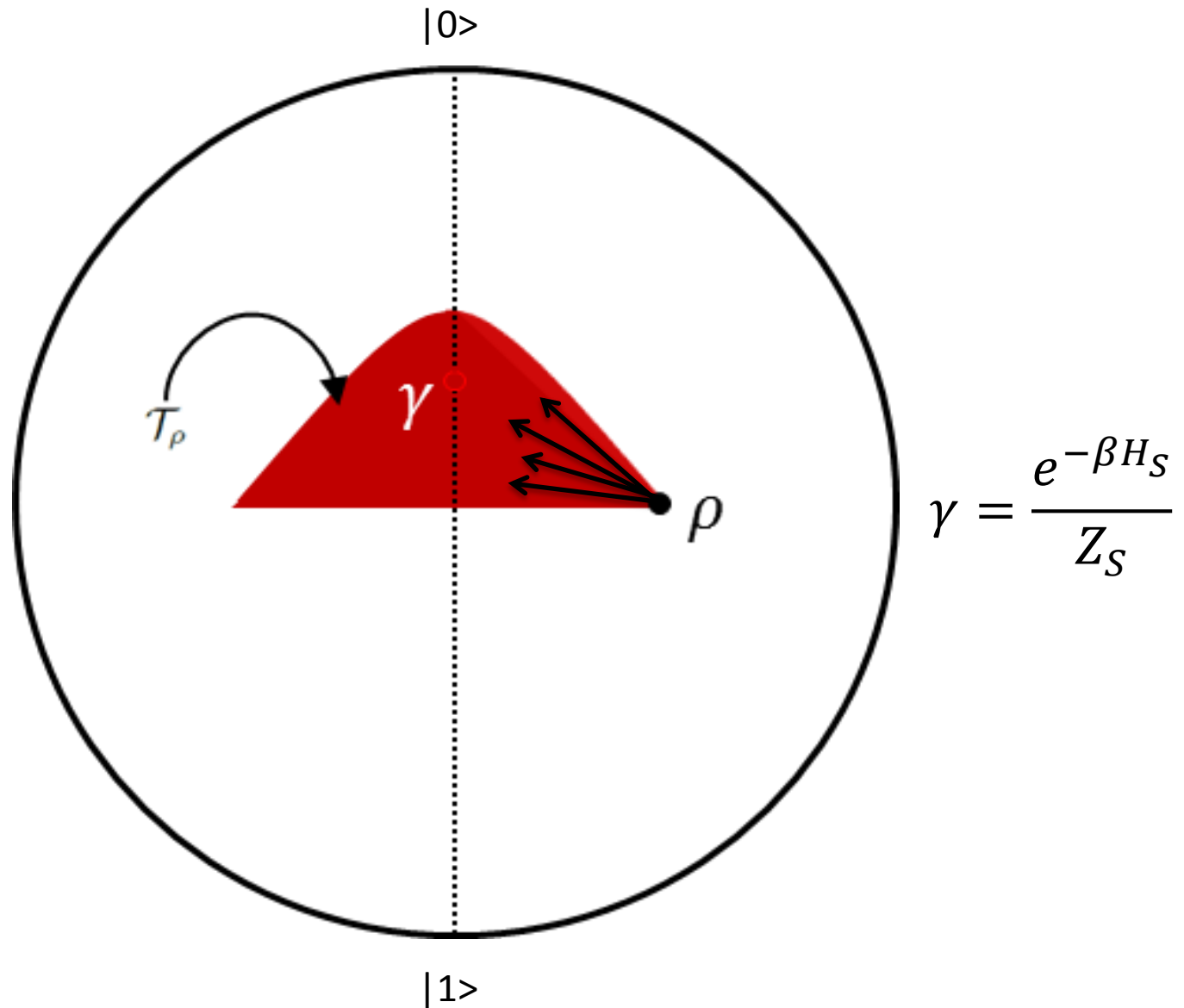
Now  $[\rho, H_S] \neq 0$   
(superpositions)



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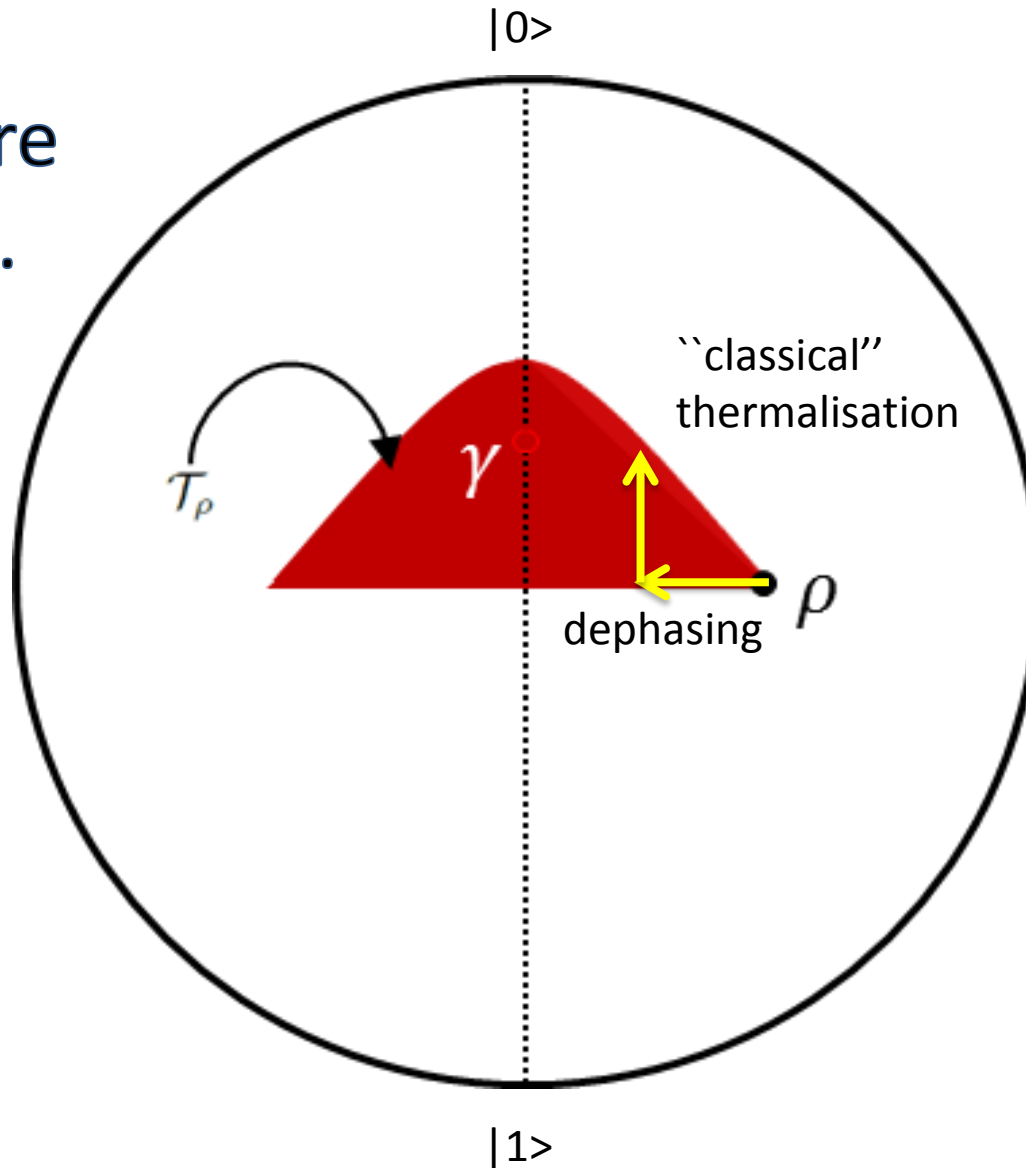


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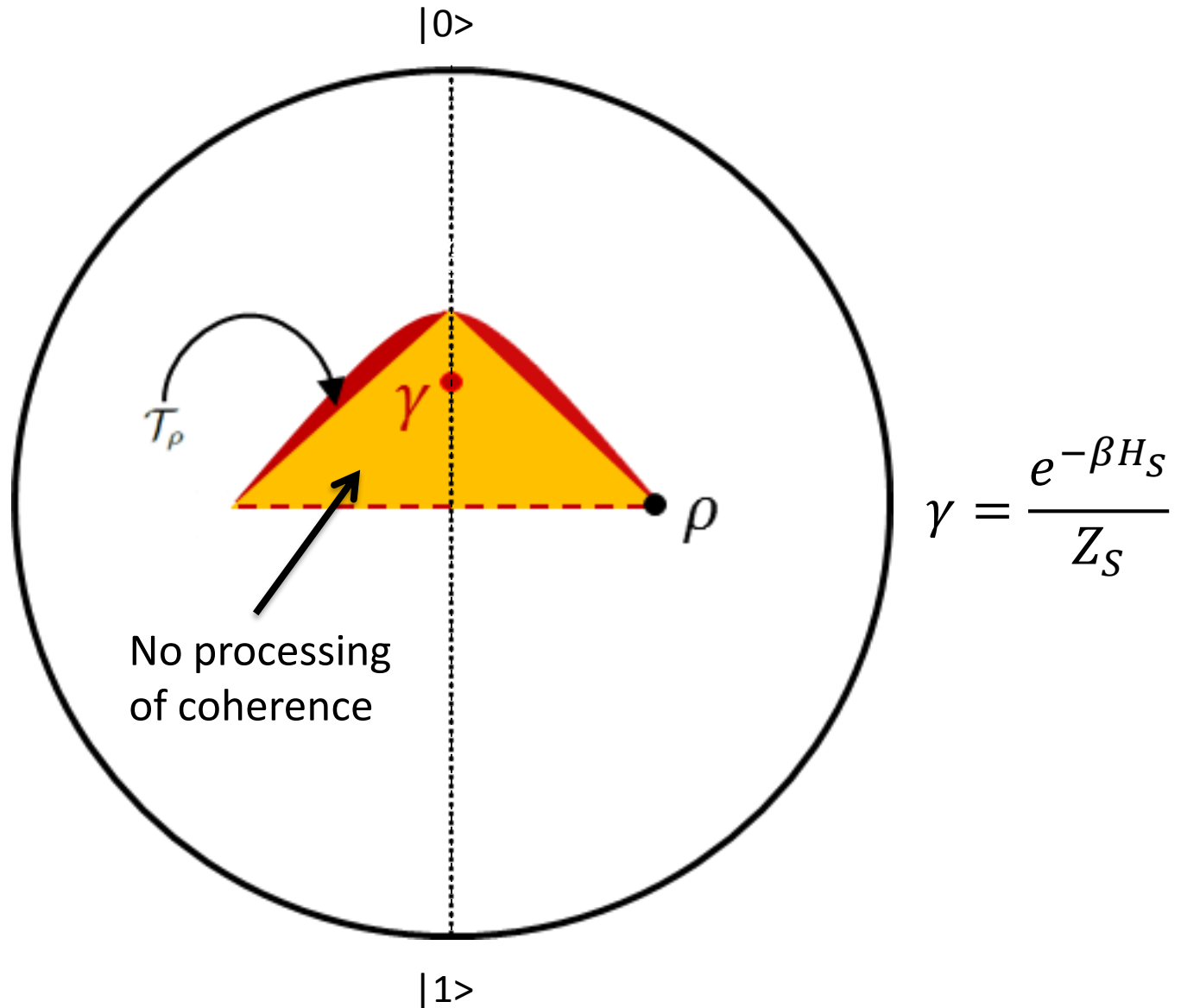
Is this more than just...



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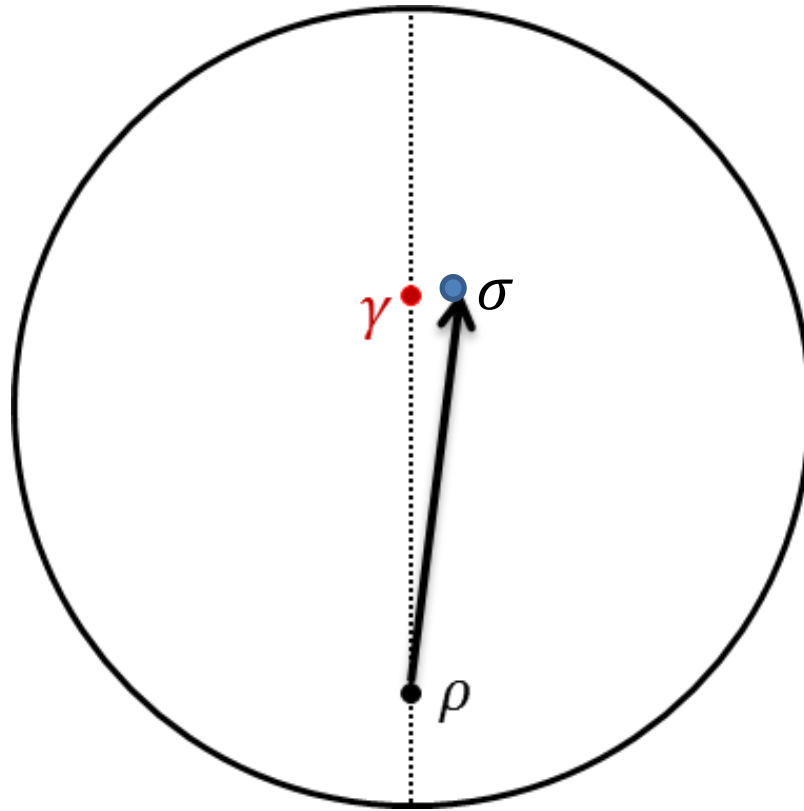
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Yes!



# Free energy is not enough

If first law  $[U, H] = 0$ , this is impossible:



Despite any condition on F being satisfied.

# What new ideas can we use to incorporate coherence in the description?

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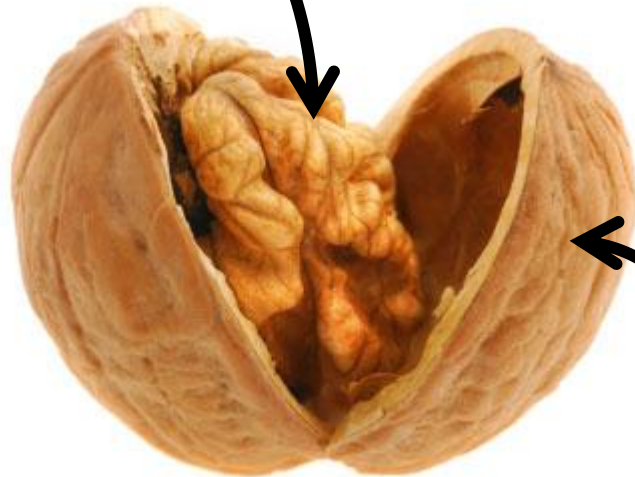
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**THERMODYNAMICS!**



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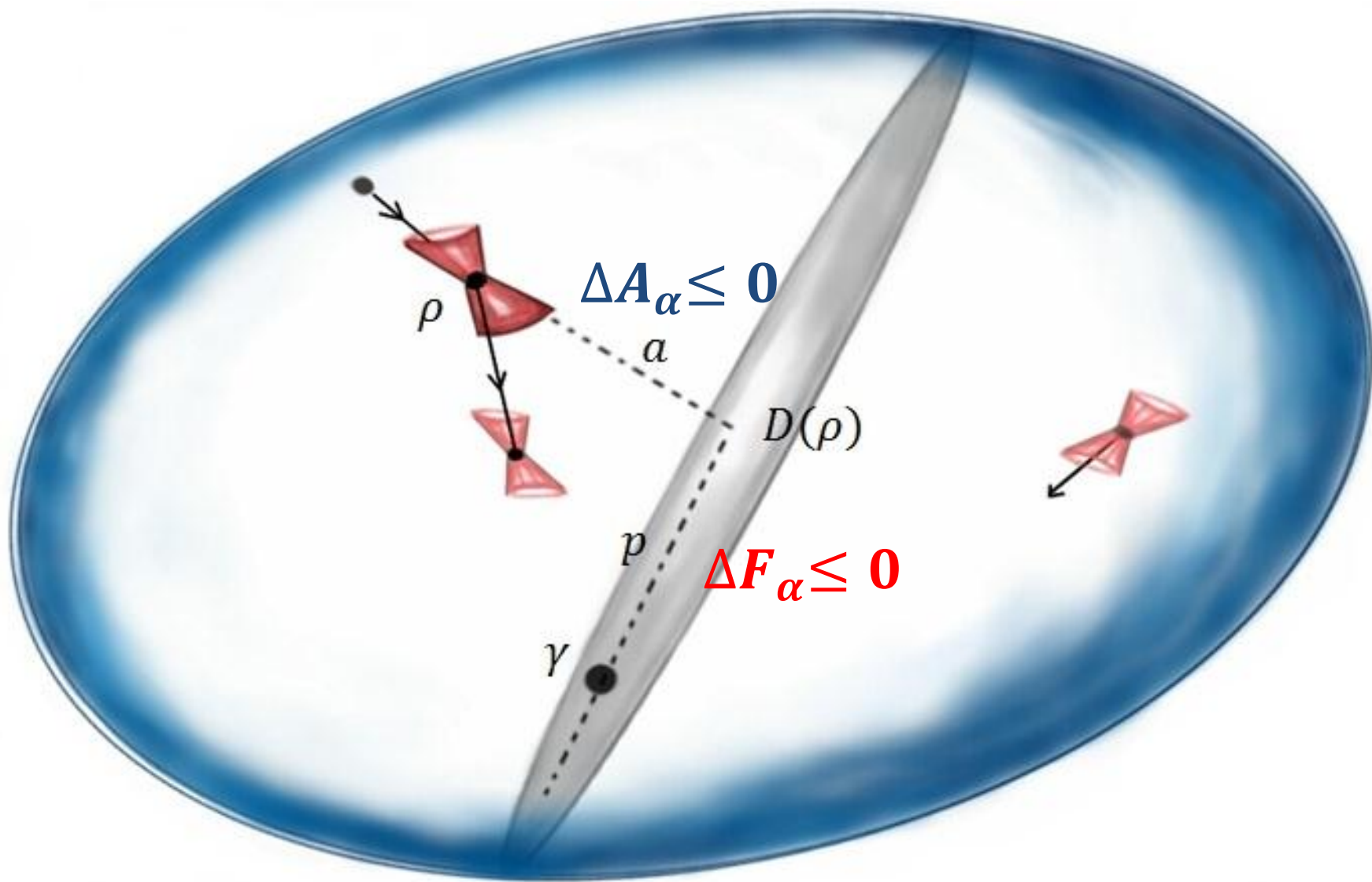
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Macroscopically irrelevant:  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A_\alpha(\rho^{\otimes N})}{N} = 0$



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$$F\left(D(\rho^{\otimes 2})\right) \geq 2F(D(\rho)) \quad (\text{strict if } [\rho, H_S] \neq 0)$$

c.f. passive states...



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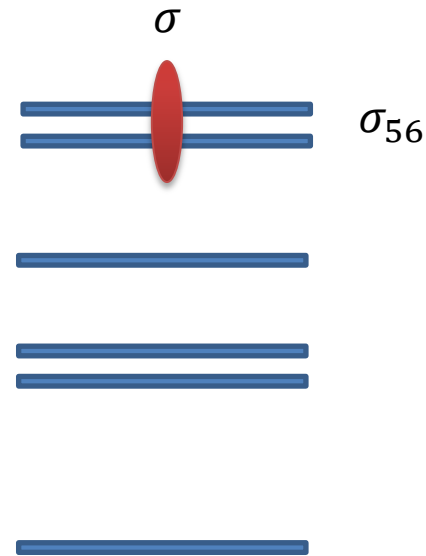
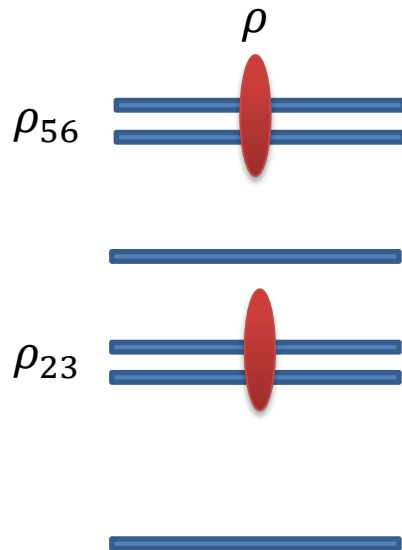
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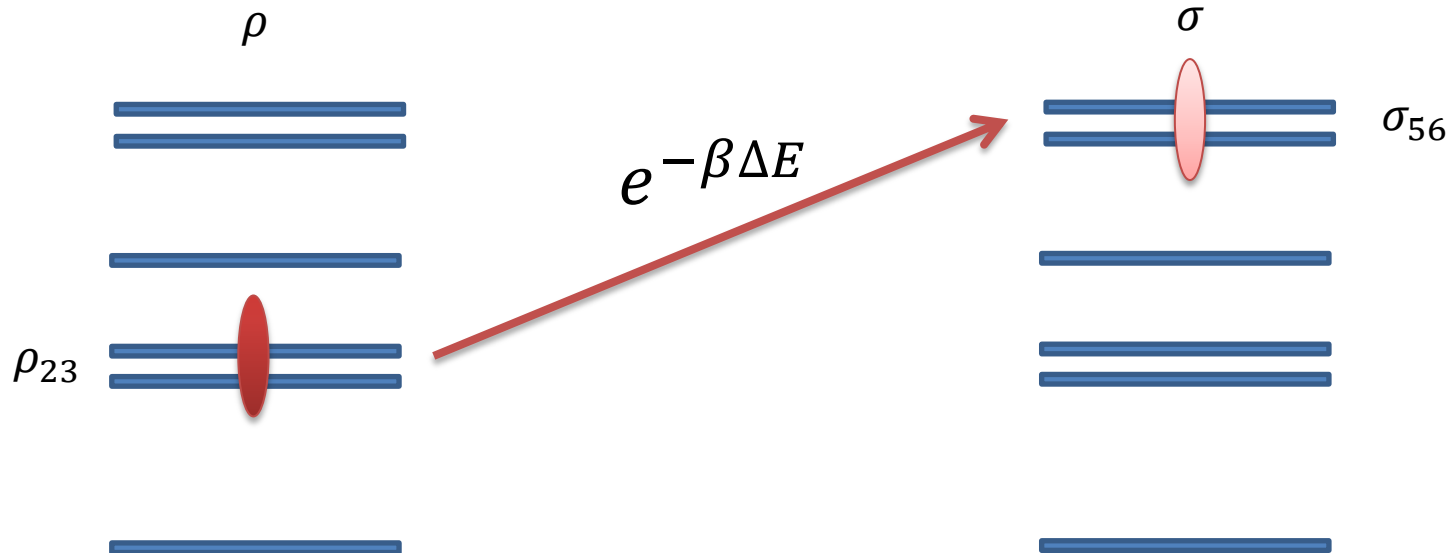
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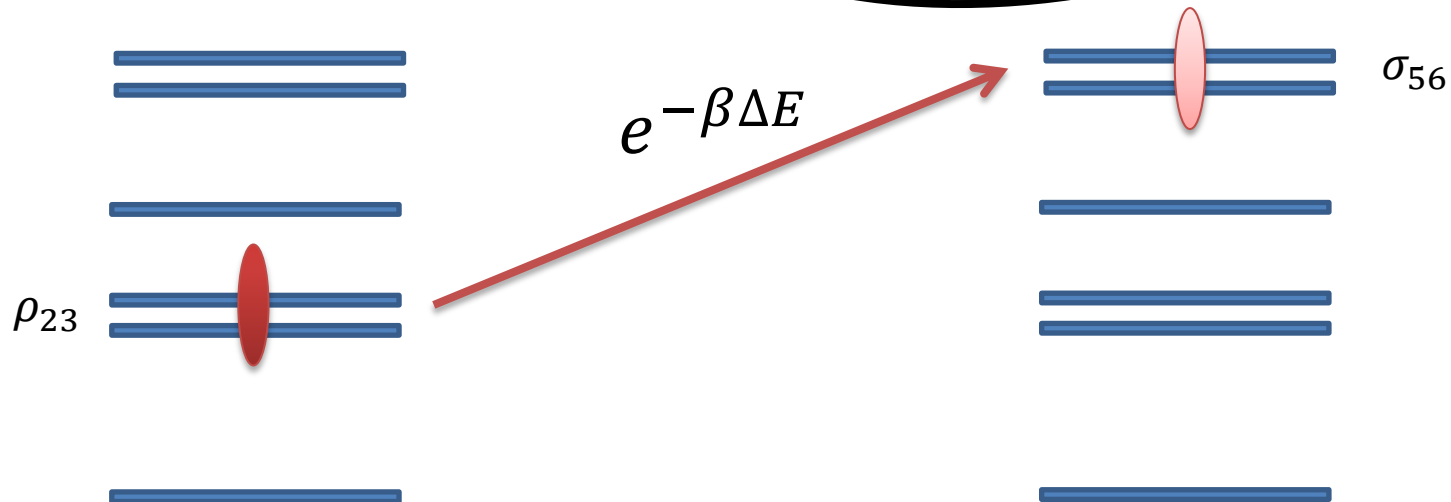


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Kamil: Uououo!! This is explained better in my poster!



# Conclusions

1. **Coherence** in thermodynamics can be understood through symmetry principles
2. **Coherence** + **Thermo** > Free energy consideration
3. **Bias towards energetic considerations?**
4. **More to be done!**

# Thank you for your attention!

More details:

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**Work extraction from coherence**

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Soon on ArXiv!





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$$S_{\alpha}(\rho||\gamma) = \frac{\alpha/|\alpha|}{\alpha - 1} \log \text{Tr} \begin{cases} \rho^{\alpha} \gamma^{1-\alpha} & 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1 \\ \left( \rho^{\frac{1-\alpha}{2\alpha}} \gamma \rho^{\frac{1-\alpha}{2\alpha}} \right)^{\alpha} & \alpha > 1 \end{cases}$$

**Quantum hypothesis testing and the operational interpretation of the quantum Renyi relative entropies**

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