

Correlations and work

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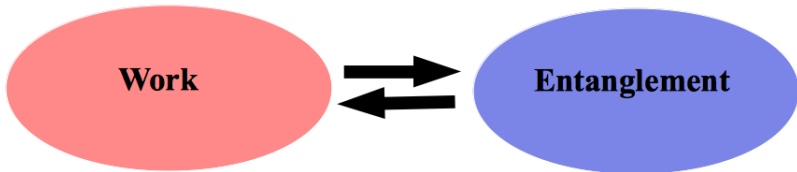


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Interconversion between two resources: entanglement (quantum information theory) and work (thermodynamics).



I. Correlations from work.

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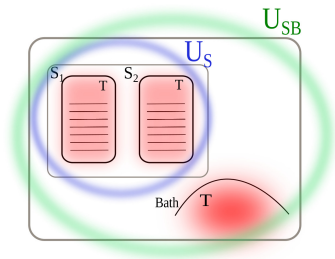
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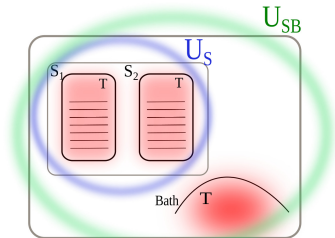
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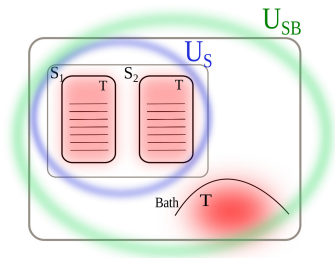
Every U_{SB} defines a cyclic process:

State	Hamiltonian	Time
τ	H	$t = 0$
$U(t)\tau U^\dagger(t)$	$H + V(t)$	$0 < t < \tau$
$U_\tau U^\dagger$	H	$t = \tau$

Average work cost,

$$W = \text{Tr}(HU_\tau U^\dagger) - \text{Tr}(H\tau) \geq 0.$$

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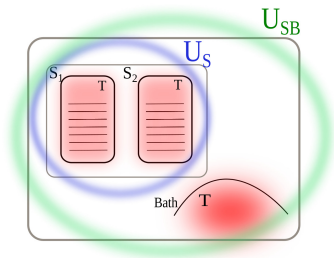
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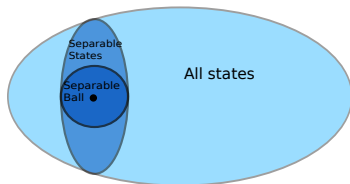
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Entanglement

Consider a N -partite system,

- ▶ Entanglement,

$$\rho \text{ is entangled} \iff \rho \neq \sum_i p_i \rho_1 \otimes \rho_2 \otimes \dots \otimes \rho_N$$

- ▶ Genuine multipartite entanglement (GME),

$$\rho \text{ is GME} \iff \rho \neq \sum_i p_i \rho_{1\dots k} \otimes \rho_{k+1,\dots,N}, \quad k < N$$

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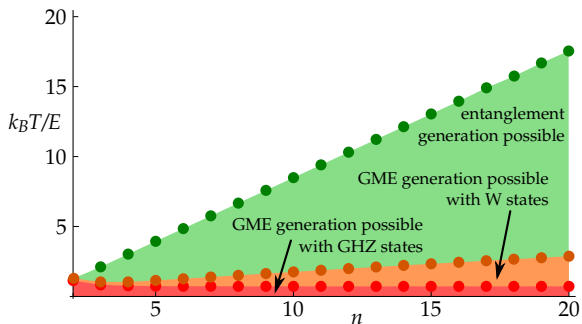
Upper bounds on T_{max}

- ▶ Using the ball of separable states,² $T_{max} \propto e^N$.
- ▶ Using the form of the spectrum,³ $T_{max} \propto N$.

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³N. Johnston, Phys. Rev. A 88, 062330 (2013)

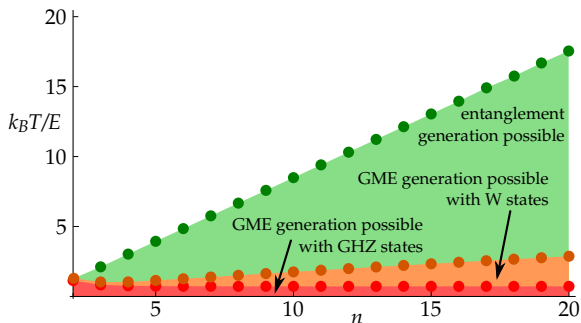
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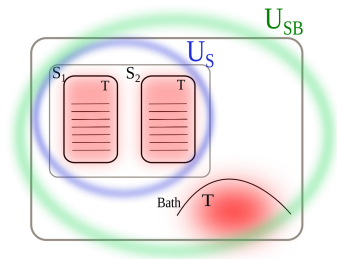
Comparison with previous results. Assuming an initial (experimentally) achievable polarization in a NMR setting,

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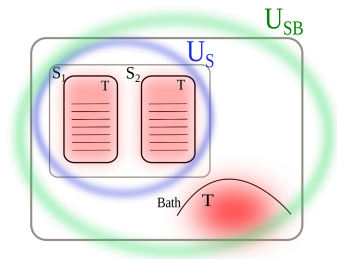
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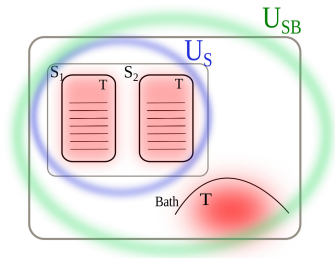


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- ▶ Nevertheless, how complex is U_{SB}^* ? what is the energy cost?

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If the available work is limited, $W \leq \Delta E$, how much correlations can we create? In particular, we consider

- ▶ Total correlations,

$$\mathcal{I}_{S_1 S_2} = S(\rho_{S_1}) + S(\rho_{S_2}) - S(\rho_S)$$

- ▶ Quantum correlations (entanglement),

$$E_{oF}(\rho) = \frac{1}{2} \inf_{\mathcal{D}(\rho)} \left(\sum_i p_i \mathcal{I}(|\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|) \right)$$

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For

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- ▶ large bath, $S(\gamma_B || \tau_B) \approx 0$

so that $W = \Delta F_S^{\text{non-eq.}}$.

Recall that,

$$\gamma_{S_1} = \text{Tr}_{B, S_2} \left(U_{SB} \tau U_{SB}^\dagger \right)$$

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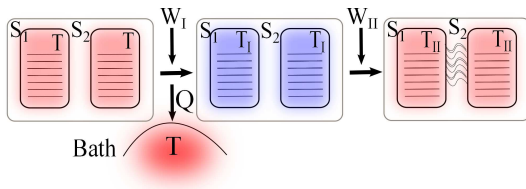
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Isolate the system from the bath and apply a transformation U such that:

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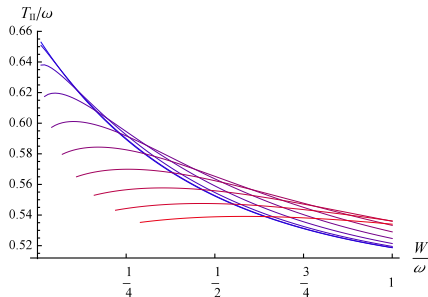
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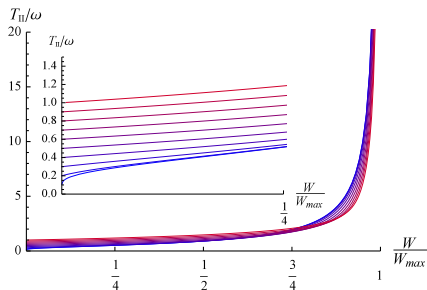
For maximising entanglement generation, it is beneficial to move the local states out of equilibrium.

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II. Work from correlations.

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- ▶ Example: a microcanonical state.⁶

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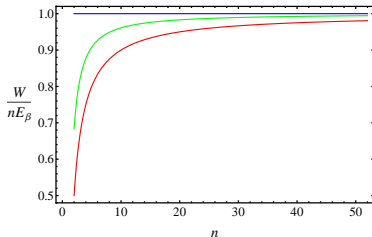
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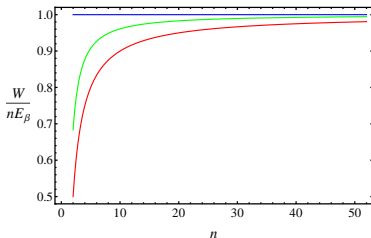
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