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# Connecting thermodynamics to statistical mechanics for strong system-environment coupling

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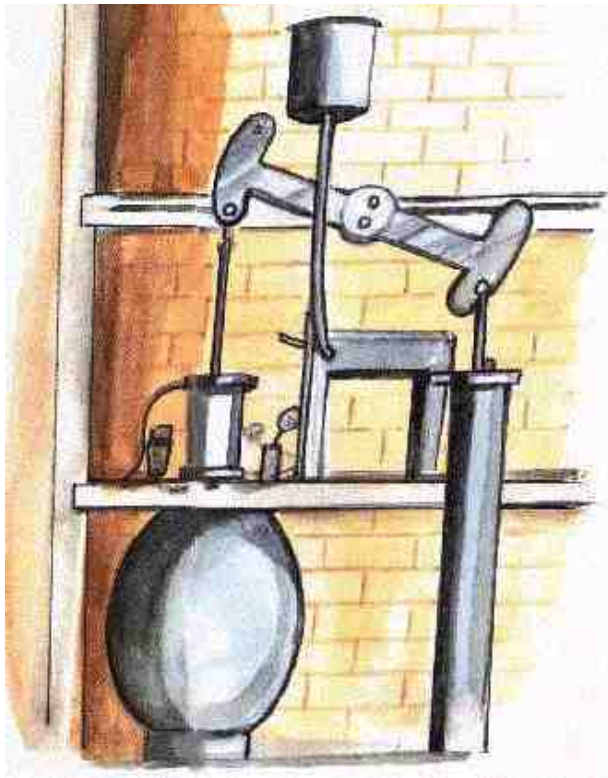
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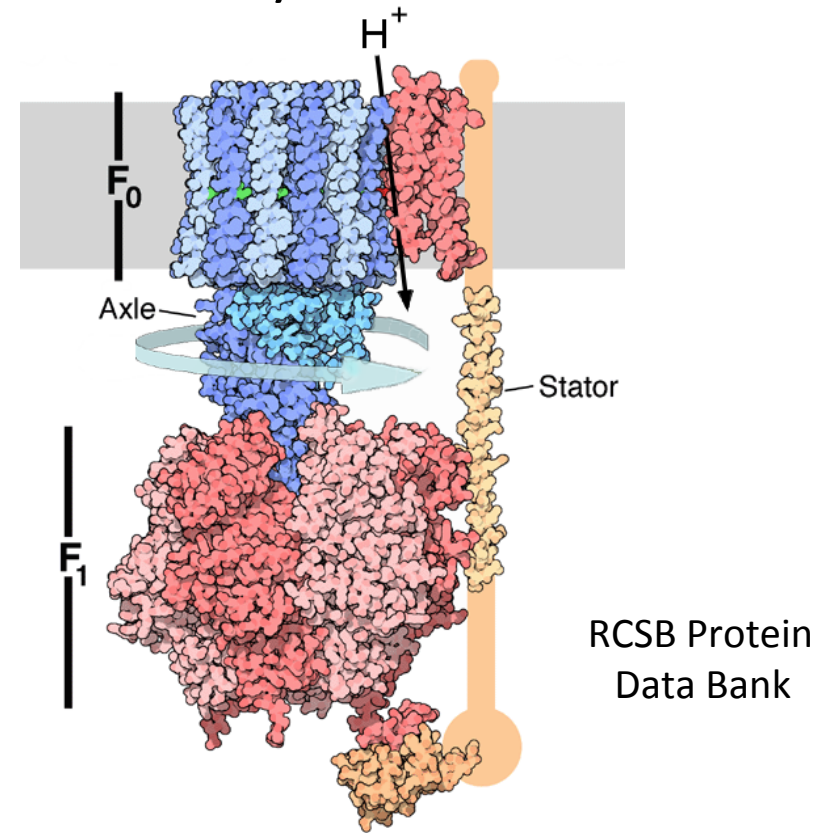


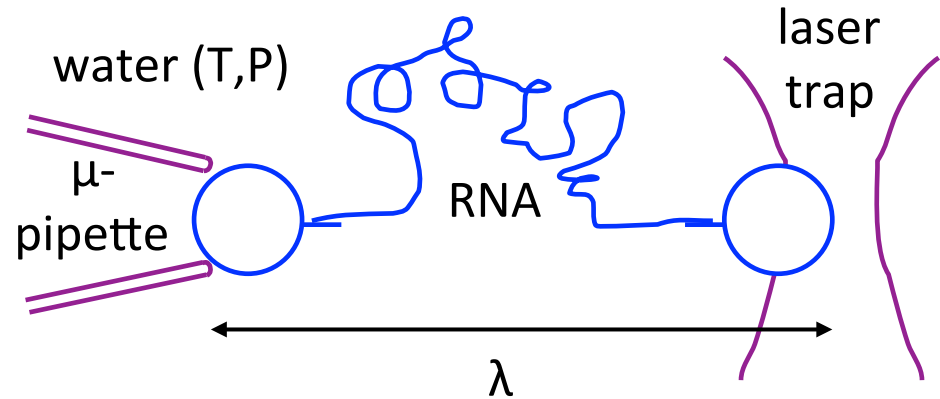
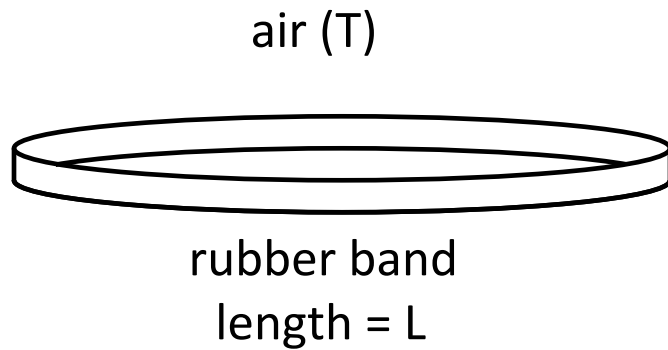
# Macroscopic and microscopic machines

steam engine



ATP synthase





$$U_{S+E} = U_{sys} + U_{env}$$

neglect interaction energy

➔ heat, work, entropy ...  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Laws of Thermodynamics

$$U_{S+E} = u_{sys} + U_{env} + u_{int}$$

**can't** neglect interaction energy !

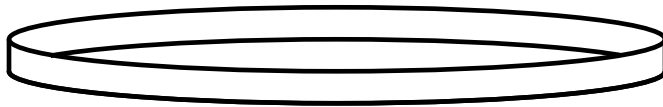
➔ ??

Goal: *microscopic* definitions that preserve  
the structure of thermodynamic laws

# Macroscopic thermodynamics

air (T)

variables: (L,T) ... *equilibrium state*



rubber band

length = L

state functions: U internal energy  
S entropy  
 $\Psi$  tension

thermodynamic potential:

$$F = U - ST$$

Helmholtz free energy

First Law:

$$\Delta U = Q + W$$

$$W = \int \Psi \cdot dL$$

Second Law:

$$Q \leq T\Delta S$$

Clausius inequality

$$W \geq \Delta F$$

... all about equilibrium states and thermodynamic processes

# Statistical mechanics

$\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p})$  = microstate of system

$U_{\text{sys}}(\mathbf{x}; \lambda)$  = Hamiltonian (energy function)

*equilibrium states*  $(\lambda, T)$

$\longleftrightarrow$  statistical ensembles

$$p^{eq}(x; \lambda, T) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp[-\beta U_{\text{sys}}(x; \lambda)]$$

$$\beta = \frac{1}{k_B T}$$

fluctuating  
observable

state  
functions

$$U = \int p^{eq} U_{\text{sys}}$$

$$S = - \int p^{eq} \ln p^{eq}$$

$$F = -k_B T \ln Z$$



$$F = U - ST$$

# Statistical mechanics

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$U_{\text{sys}}(\mathbf{x}; \lambda)$  = Hamiltonian (energy function)

*thermodynamic processes*

$$\lambda : A \rightarrow B, \quad 0 \leq t \leq \tau$$

$\lambda(t)$  = *protocol* - how we act on the system

$\mathbf{x}(t)$  = *trajectory* - how the system responds

$$U_{\text{sys}}(\mathbf{x}_{\tau}; B) - U_{\text{sys}}(\mathbf{x}_0; A) = \int_0^{\tau} dt \dot{\mathbf{x}} \frac{\partial U_{\text{sys}}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} + \int_0^{\tau} dt \dot{\lambda} \frac{\partial U_{\text{sys}}}{\partial \lambda} = Q + W$$

Average over realizations:

$$A \rightarrow B$$

$$\Delta U = \langle Q \rangle + \langle W \rangle$$

First Law

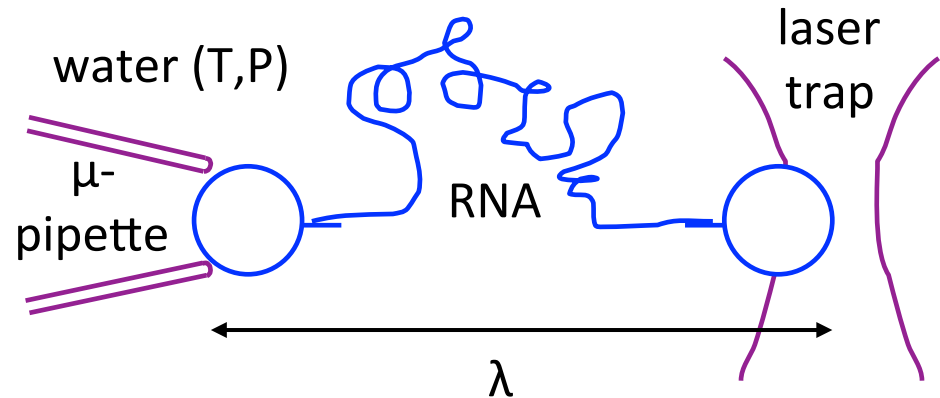
$$\langle W \rangle \geq \Delta F$$

Second Law

$$F = U - ST$$

# Nanoscale statistical mechanics

$x$  = microstate of system  
 $y$  = microstate of environment  
 $\lambda$  = work parameter

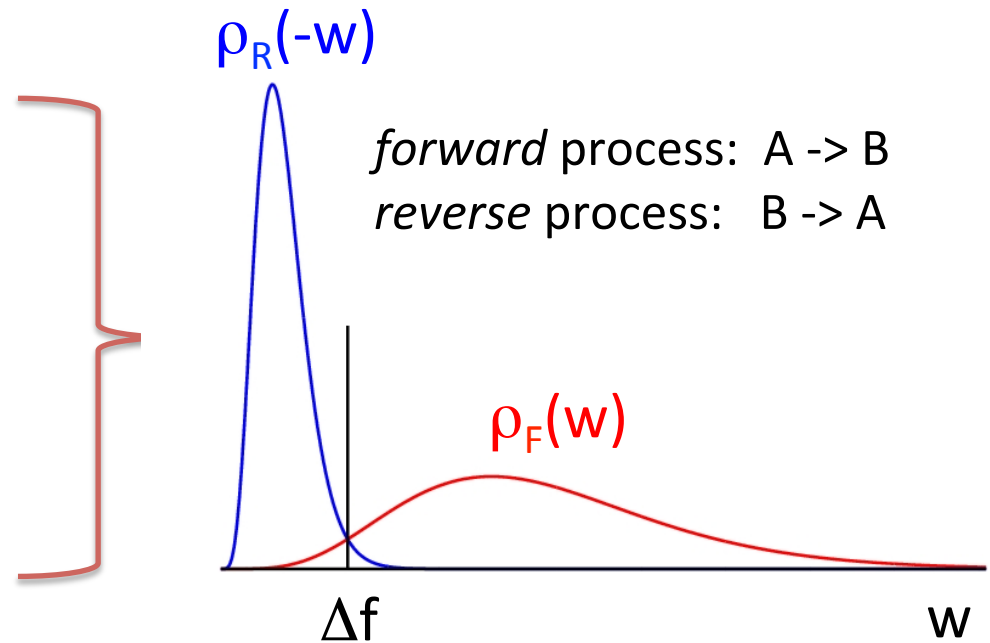


## Fluctuation Theorems

$$\langle e^{-\beta w} \rangle = e^{-\beta \Delta f}$$

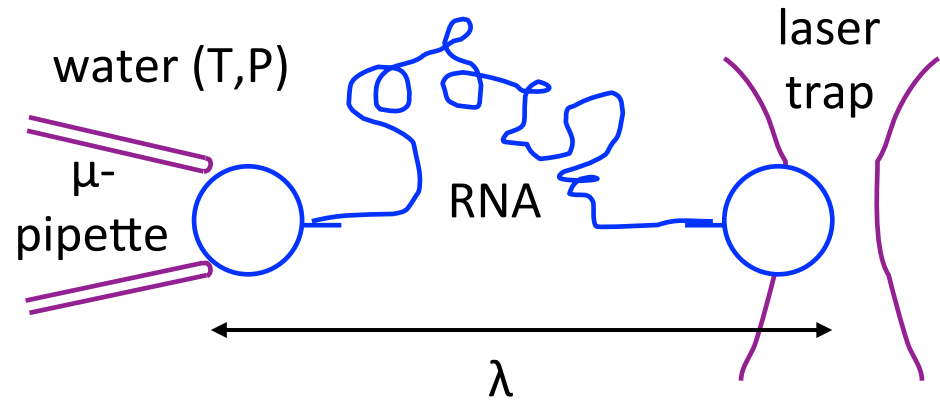
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... & others



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$\Delta f$  or  $\Delta g$  ?

## Thermodynamics

equilibrium states

thermodynamic processes

$$F = U - ST$$

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## Statistical Mechanics

ensembles  $p^{eq} \propto e^{-\beta U_{sys}}$

trajectories

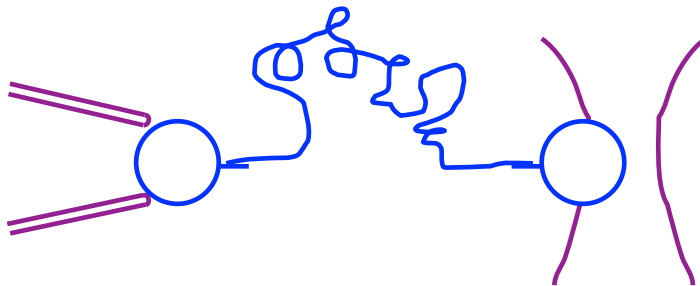
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+ *fluctuation theorems*

$$U_{S+E}(x, y; \lambda) = u_{sys}(x; \lambda) + U_{env}(y) + u_{int}(x, y)$$



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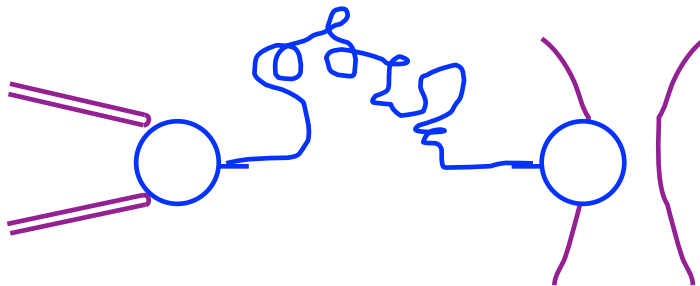
# Thermodynamics

# Statistical Mechanics

Develop a statistical mechanical framework that:

- [correctly describes the equilibrium state of a nanoscale system]
- provides precise microscopic definition of relevant state functions (internal energy, entropy, free energy, etc.), heat & work
- includes statements of first & second laws, fluctuation theorems
- scales up to macroscopic thermodynamics, when the system is large

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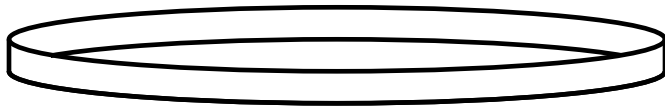


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**V volume**

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“non-PdV work”

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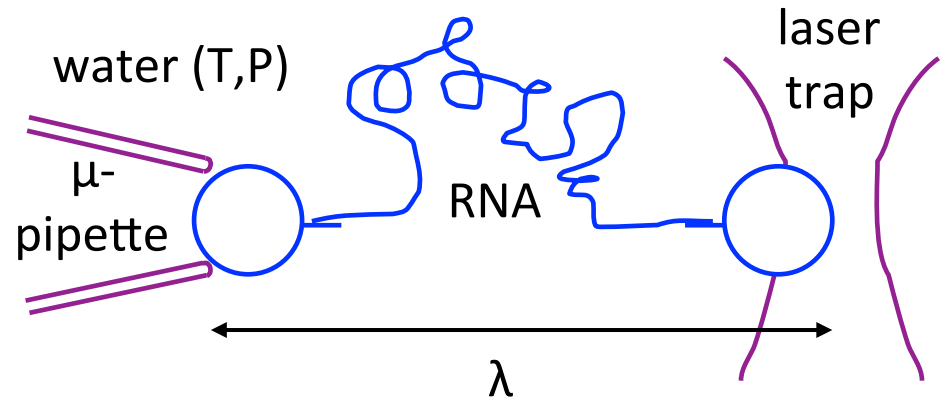
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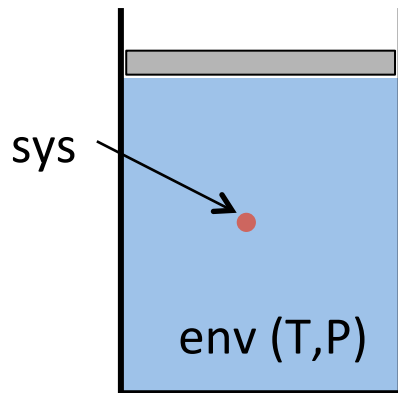
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fluctuating observable



$$p^{eq}(x, y; \lambda) = \frac{1}{Z_{S+E}} \exp(-\beta U_{S+E})$$

Define state functions  $u, s, v, h, g$  that describe the thermodynamic state of the *system of interest*.

## Equilibrium state of the system of interest

$$p^{eq}(x, y; \lambda) = \frac{1}{Z_{S+E}} \exp(-\beta U_{S+E}) \quad U_{S+E} = u_{sys} + U_{env} + u_{int}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p^{eq}(x; \lambda) &= \int dy p^{eq}(x, y; \lambda) \\ &= \frac{1}{Z_{S+E}} \exp(-\beta u_{sys}) \int dy \exp[-\beta(U_{env} + u_{int})] \end{aligned}$$

$$\propto e^{-\beta(u_{sys} + \phi)} \quad \phi \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } u_{int} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\phi(x) = -\frac{1}{\beta} \ln \frac{\int dy \exp[-\beta(U_{env} + u_{int})]}{\int dy \exp(-\beta U_{env})}$$

## Equilibrium state of the system of interest

$$p^{eq}(x; \lambda) \propto \exp[-\beta(u_{sys} + \phi)] \stackrel{?}{=} \exp(-\beta \bar{u}_{sys})$$

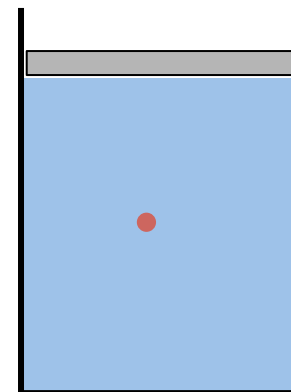
U. Seifert, Phys Rev Lett **116**, 020601 (2016)

$$\phi(x) = -\frac{1}{\beta} \ln \frac{\int dy \exp[-\beta(U_{env} + u_{int})]}{\int dy \exp(-\beta U_{env})}$$

= *solvation free energy* for system in “frozen” microstate x

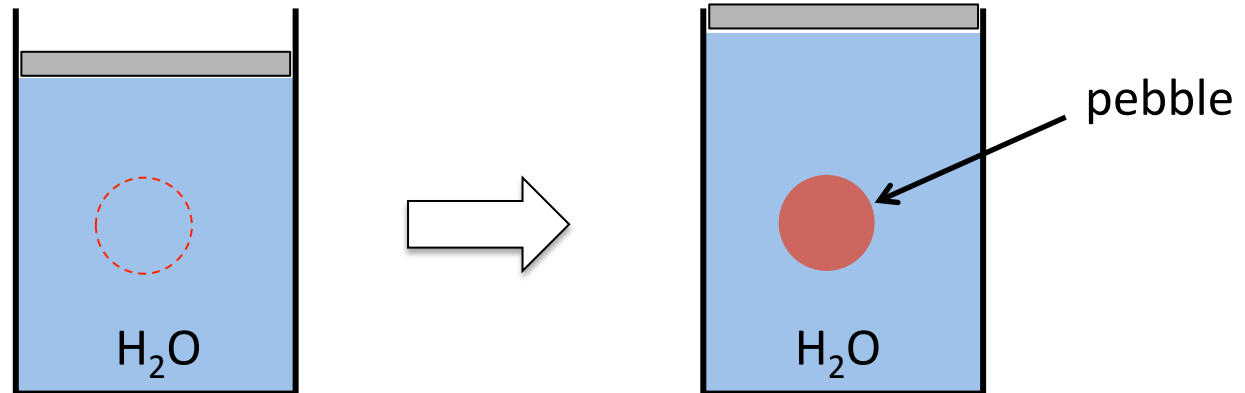
= *reversible work* required to insert system  
into environment

J.G. Kirkwood, *J Chem Phys* **3**, 300 (1935)



# Solvation free energy and volume

Macroscopic system:

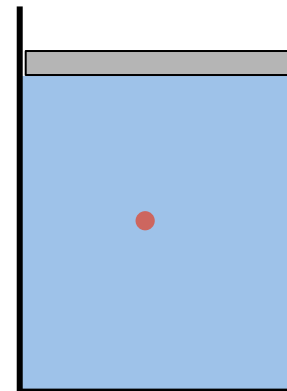


$\phi$  = solvation free energy = reversible work of insertion =  $P V_{\text{peb}}$

$$V_{\text{peb}} = \phi / P \quad \text{"thermodynamic" definition of } V_{\text{peb}}$$

Use this relation to *define* the volume of our microscopic system:

$$v_{\text{sys}}(x) \equiv \phi(x) / P$$



# Fluctuating observables and state functions

$$\begin{aligned}
 p^{eq}(x; \lambda) &\propto \exp[-\beta(u_{sys} + \phi)] \\
 &= \exp[-\beta(u_{sys} + P v_{sys})] \\
 &\equiv \exp(-\beta h_{sys})
 \end{aligned}$$

$v_{sys}(x) \equiv \phi(x) / P$   
fluctuating observables

Now define state functions (of  $\lambda, T, P$ ):

$$u \equiv \int dx p^{eq} u_{sys}(x; \lambda)$$

$$v \equiv \int dx p^{eq} v_{sys}(x)$$

$$h \equiv \int dx p^{eq} h_{sys}(x; \lambda)$$

$$s \equiv -\int dx p^{eq} \ln p^{eq}$$

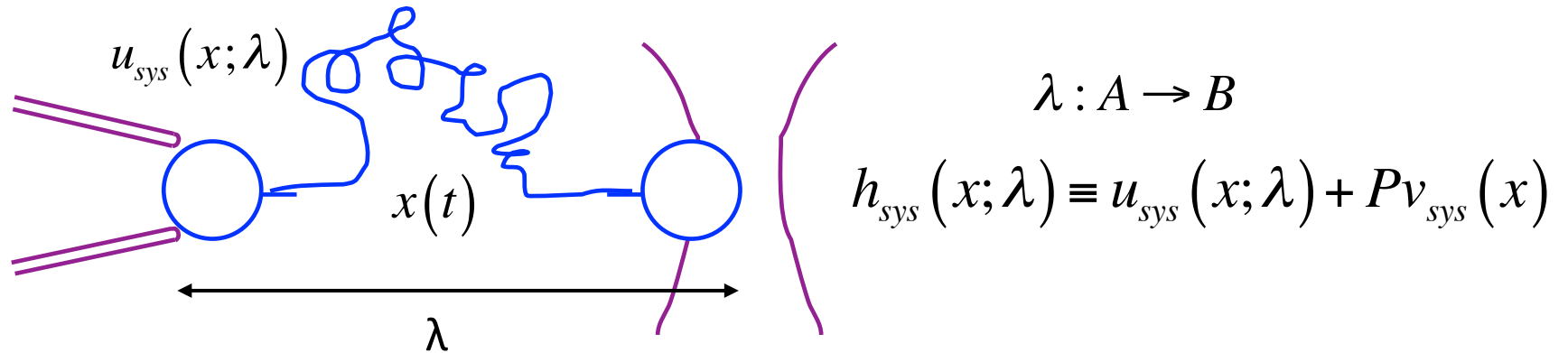
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$$h = u + Pv$$

$$g = h - sT$$

# First Law of Thermodynamics , $\Delta U = Q - P\Delta V + W$



$$\Delta u_{sys} = \int dt \left( \dot{x} \frac{\partial u_{sys}}{\partial x} + \dot{\lambda} \frac{\partial u_{sys}}{\partial \lambda} \right) = \int dt \dot{x} \frac{\partial h_{sys}}{\partial x} - \int P dv_{sys} + \int dt \dot{\lambda} \frac{\partial u_{sys}}{\partial \lambda}$$

heat (Q)

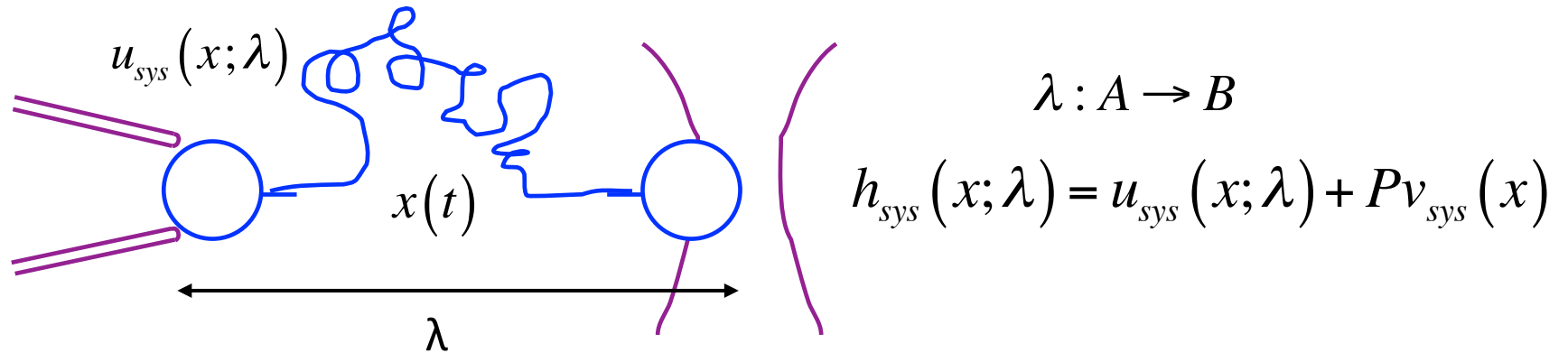
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non-PdV  
work  
(W)

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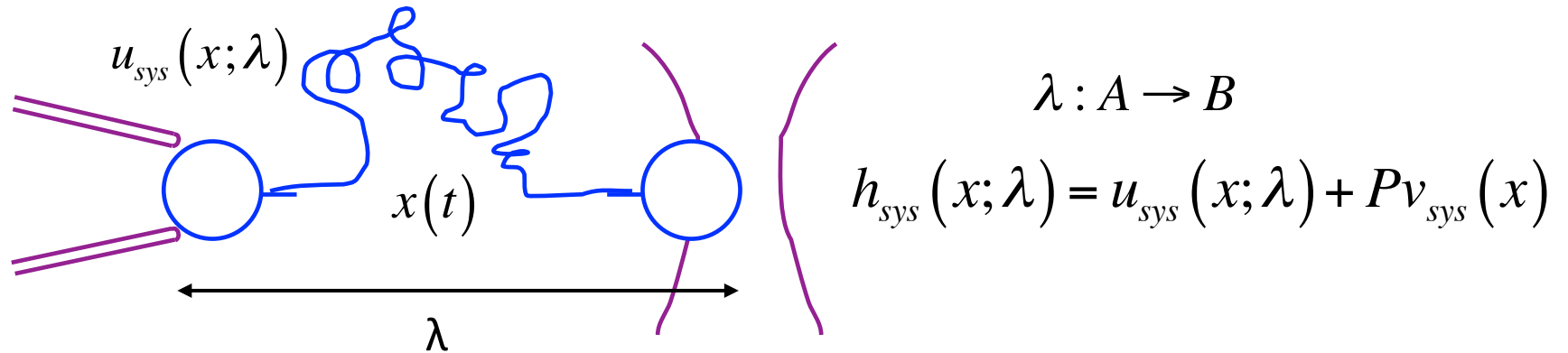


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# First Law of Thermodynamics , $\Delta U = Q - P\Delta V + W$



$$\Delta u_{sys} = q - P\Delta v_{sys} + w \quad \text{for one realization of the process}$$

Averaging over an ensemble of realizations from one equilibrium state to another gives:

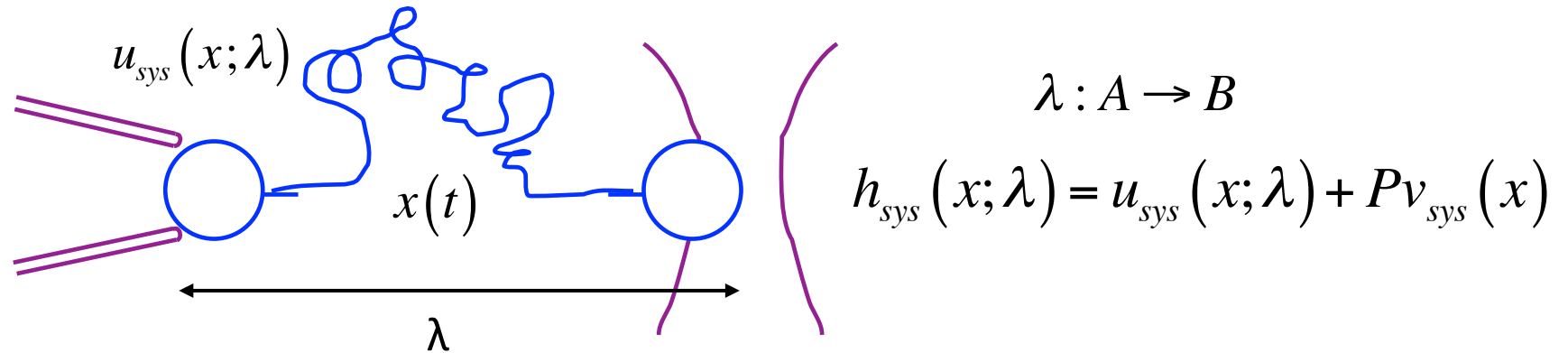
$$\Delta u = \langle q \rangle - P\Delta v + \langle w \rangle$$

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## Second Law of Thermodynamics , $W \geq \Delta G$



$$w \equiv \int dt \dot{\lambda} \frac{\partial u_{\text{sys}}}{\partial \lambda} \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle e^{-\beta w} \rangle = e^{-\beta \Delta g} \\ \frac{\rho_F(+w)}{\rho_R(-w)} = e^{\beta(w - \Delta g)} \end{array} \right. \longrightarrow \langle w \rangle \geq \Delta g$$

$$g \equiv -\frac{1}{\beta} \ln \int dx \exp[-\beta(u_{\text{sys}} + P v_{\text{sys}})] = u + P v - s T$$

## Summary to this point

$$p^{eq}(x; \lambda) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp[-\beta(u_{sys} + \phi)]$$

|                   |                                                                                                         |                                        |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Internal energy   | $u_{sys}(x; \lambda)$                                                                                   | $u = \langle u_{sys} \rangle^{eq}$     |
| Volume            | $v_{sys}(x) = \phi / P$                                                                                 | $v = \langle v_{sys} \rangle^{eq}$     |
| Enthalpy          | $h_{sys} = u_{sys} + P v_{sys}$                                                                         | $h = \langle h_{sys} \rangle^{eq}$     |
| Entropy           |                                                                                                         | $s = -\langle \ln p^{eq} \rangle^{eq}$ |
| Gibbs free energy |                                                                                                         | $g = -\beta^{-1} \ln Z$                |
| Heat , Work       | $\dot{q} = \dot{x} \partial_x h_{sys} \quad , \quad \dot{w} = \dot{\lambda} \partial_{\lambda} u_{sys}$ |                                        |

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Also:  $u, v, h, s, g \rightarrow U, V, H, S, G$  for a macroscopic system of interest.

*bare representation*

C.J., Phys Rev X **7**, 011008 (2017)

## Alternative framework

$$\bar{v}_{sys}(x) = \partial\phi / \partial P$$

$$\phi_T \equiv T \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial T} \quad , \quad \phi_P \equiv P \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial P}$$

|                   |                                                                                                       |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Internal energy   | $\bar{u} = u + \langle \phi \rangle^{eq} - \langle \phi_T \rangle^{eq} - \langle \phi_P \rangle^{eq}$ |
| Volume            | $\bar{v} = \langle \bar{v}_{sys} \rangle^{eq}$                                                        |
| Enthalpy          | $\bar{h} = h - \langle \phi_T \rangle^{eq}$                                                           |
| Entropy           | $\bar{s} = s - \frac{\langle \phi_T \rangle^{eq}}{T}$                                                 |
| Gibbs free energy | $\bar{g} = g$                                                                                         |
| Heat , Work       | $\bar{q} = q - \Delta\phi_T \quad , \quad \bar{w} = w$                                                |

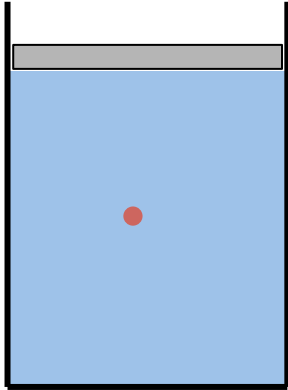
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PRL (2016)

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*partial molar representation*

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Derivation of  $\langle e^{-\beta w} \rangle = e^{-\beta \Delta g}$



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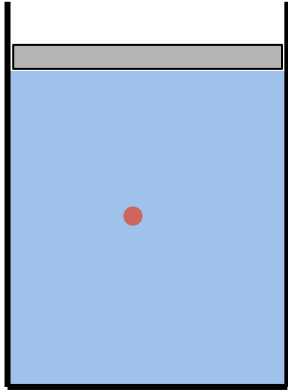
$\zeta = (x, y)$

↑  
includes the piston

Assume:

- (1) Initial conditions are sampled from  $p^{eq}(x, y; \lambda)$ .
- (2) Evolution is governed by Hamiltonian dynamics, with externally imposed protocol  $\lambda(t)$ .

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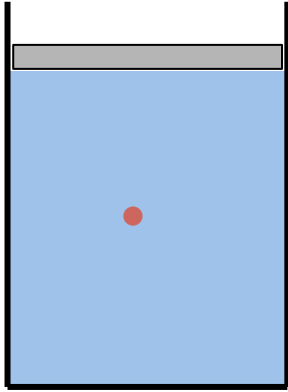
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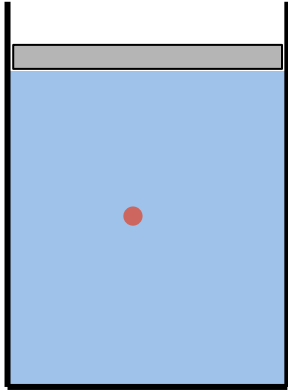


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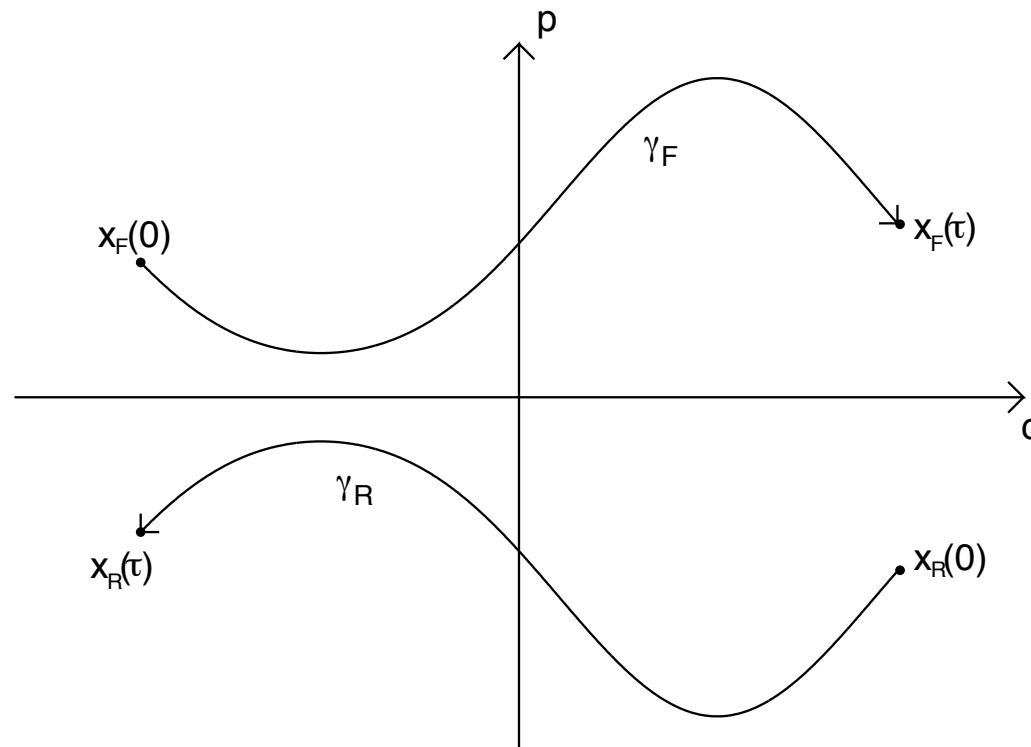
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# Conjugate (forward & reverse) processes

Forward process:  $A \rightarrow B$

Reverse process:  $A \leftarrow B$

$$\lambda_t^F = \lambda_{\tau-t}^R$$

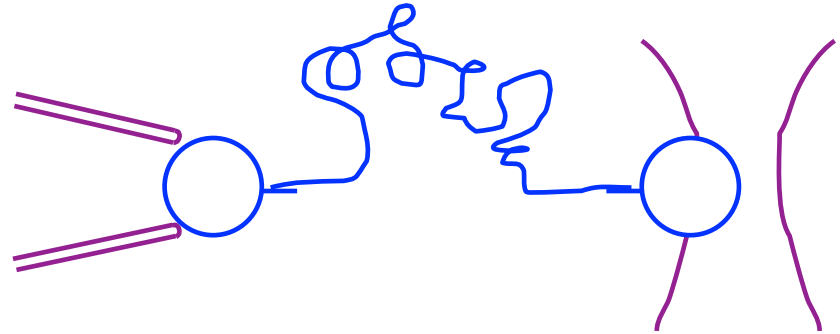


$$\frac{P^F[x_t^F | x_0^F]}{P^R[x_t^R | x_0^R]} = \exp(-\beta q[x_t^F])$$

compare w/  
G.E. Crooks, J Stat Phys  
**90**, 1481 (1998)

# Summary

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state functions  $U, V, S \dots$   
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