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Shake It

'till you make it

Driving precision in thermometry

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Motivation:

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Temperature in bread

Temperature control is key when proofing bread



Low temp



Just right

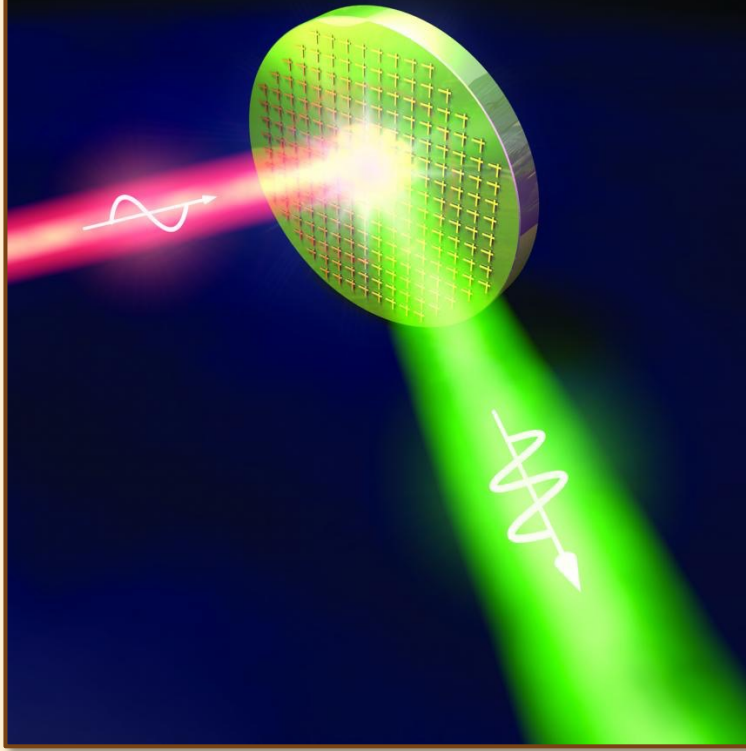


High temp

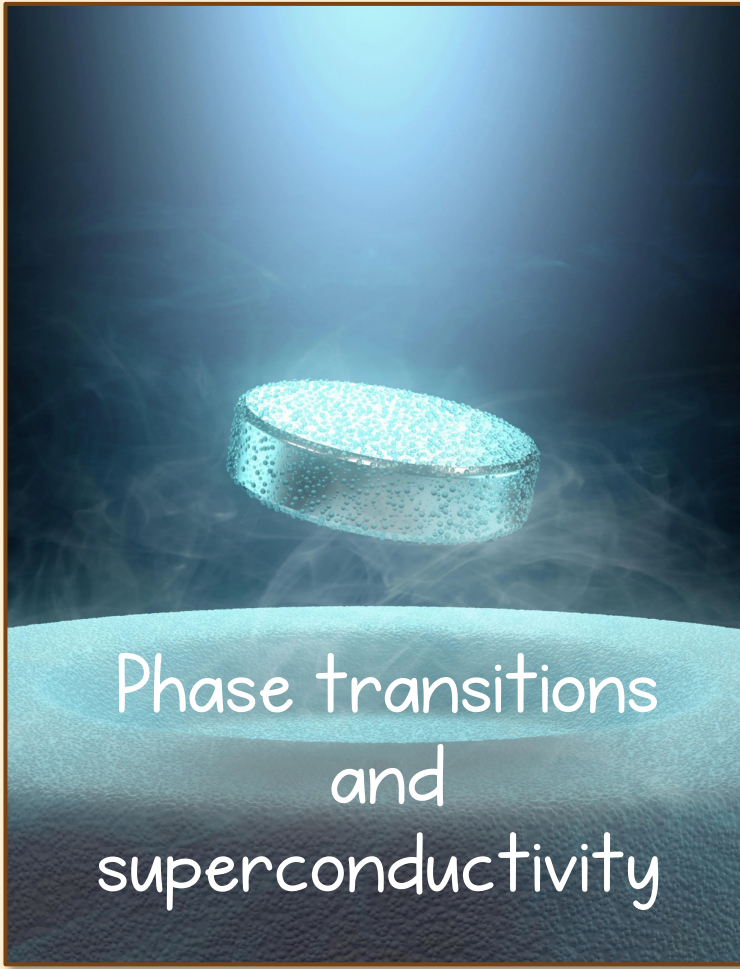
Temperature in physics

But also in all ranges of physical phenomena

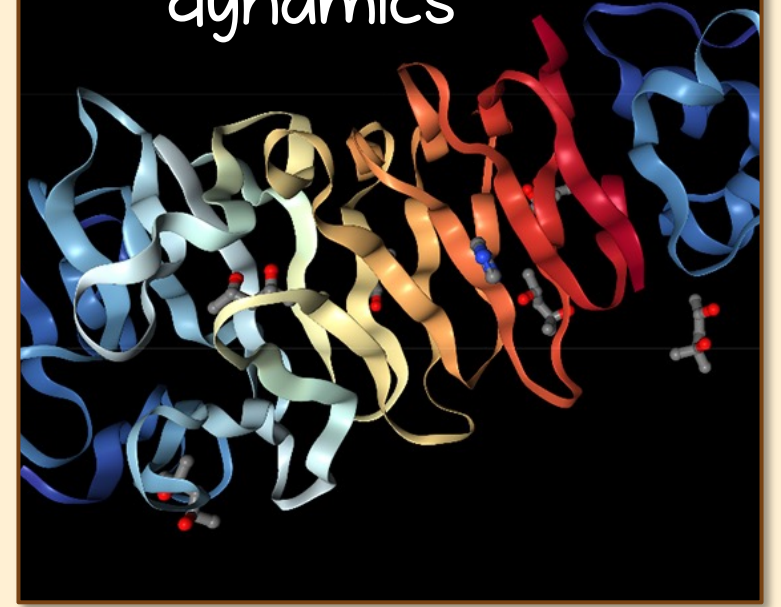
Nonlinear optical
phenomena



Phase transitions
and
superconductivity



Protein folding
dynamics



Motivation (serious):

Measuring the temperature of a quantum system is non-trivial

Quantum systems are fragile

Temperature is not an observable

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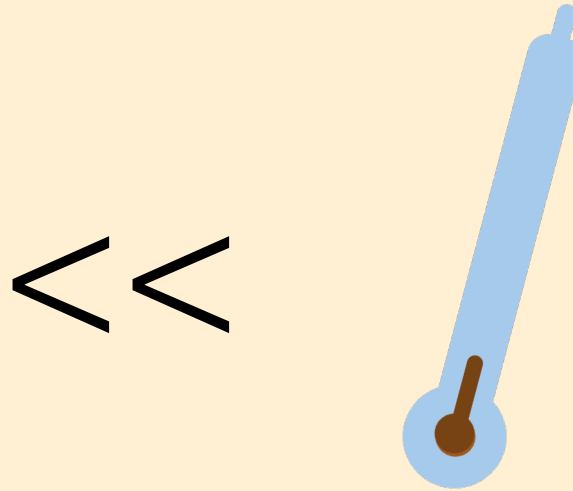
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“Probe”

H_{int}

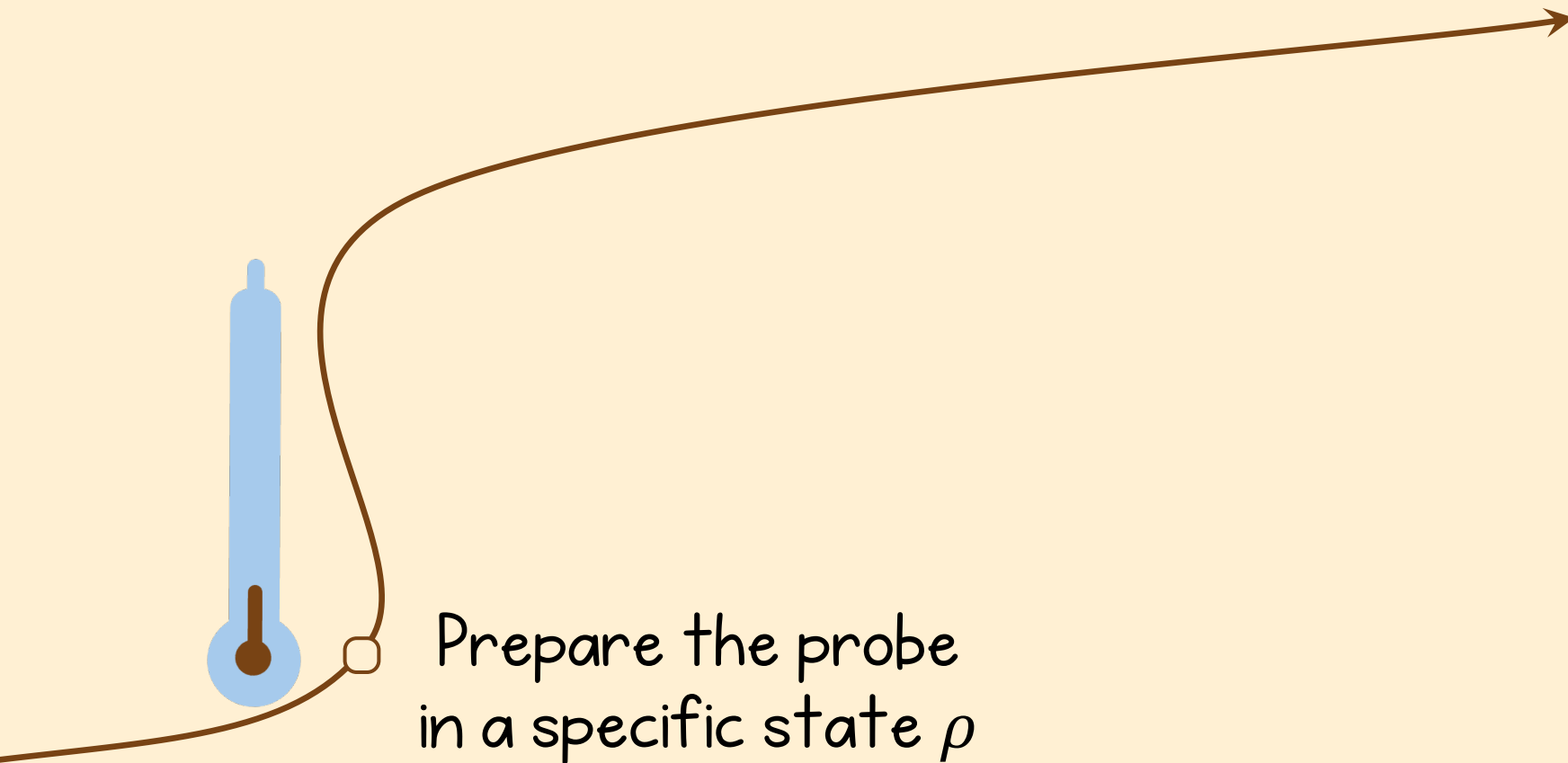
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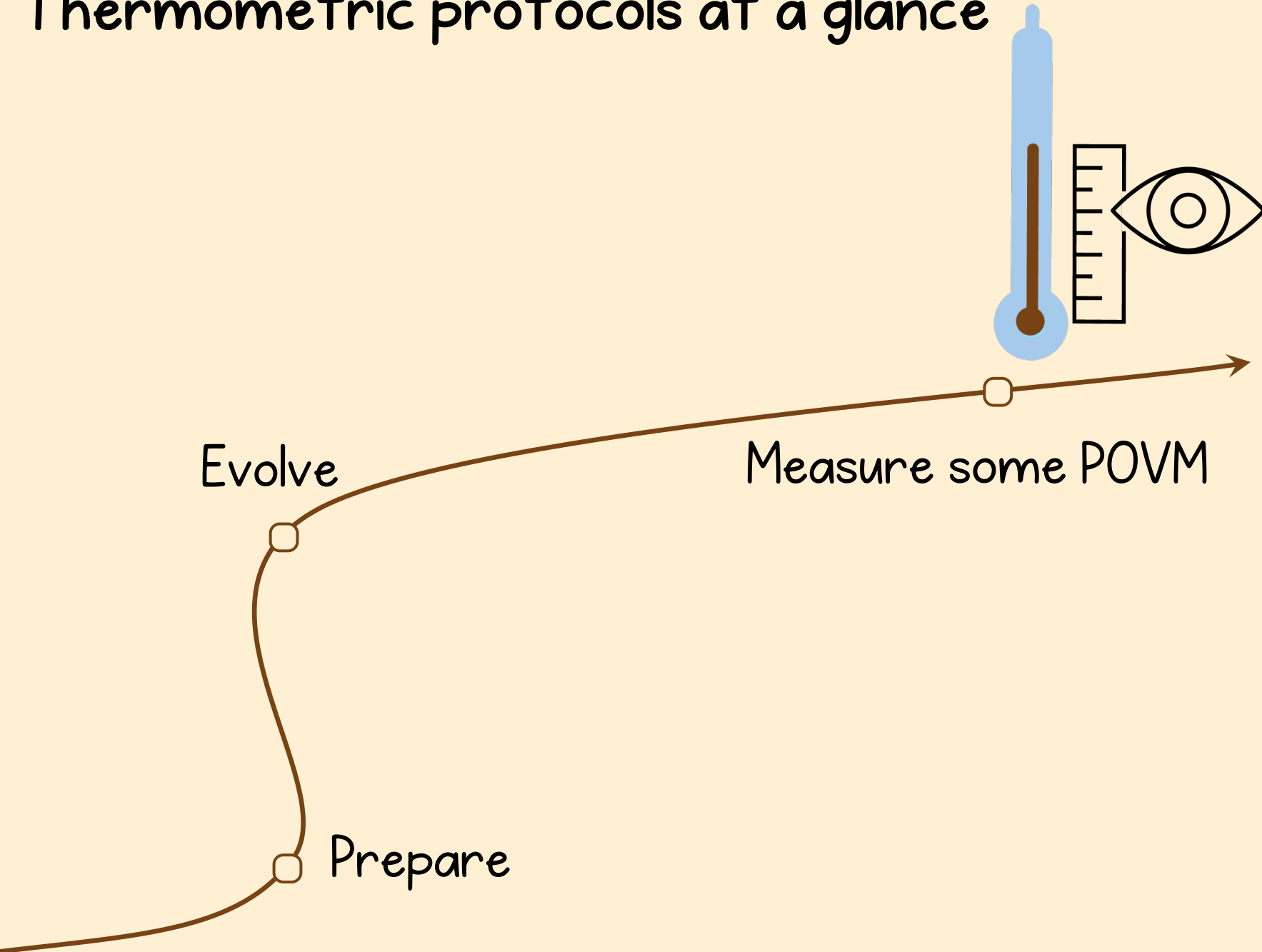
A quantum channel that imprints
info on T

Evolve

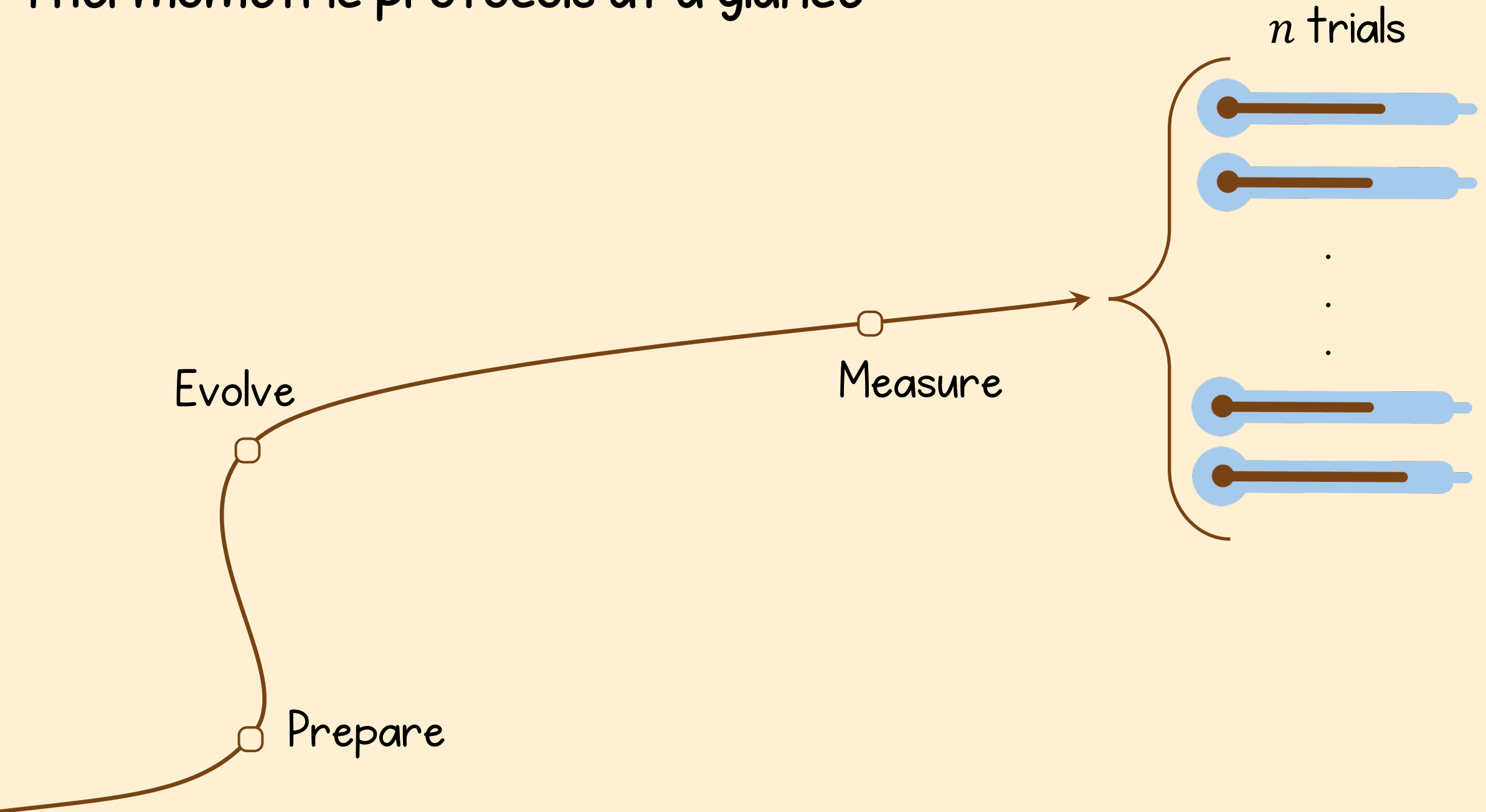
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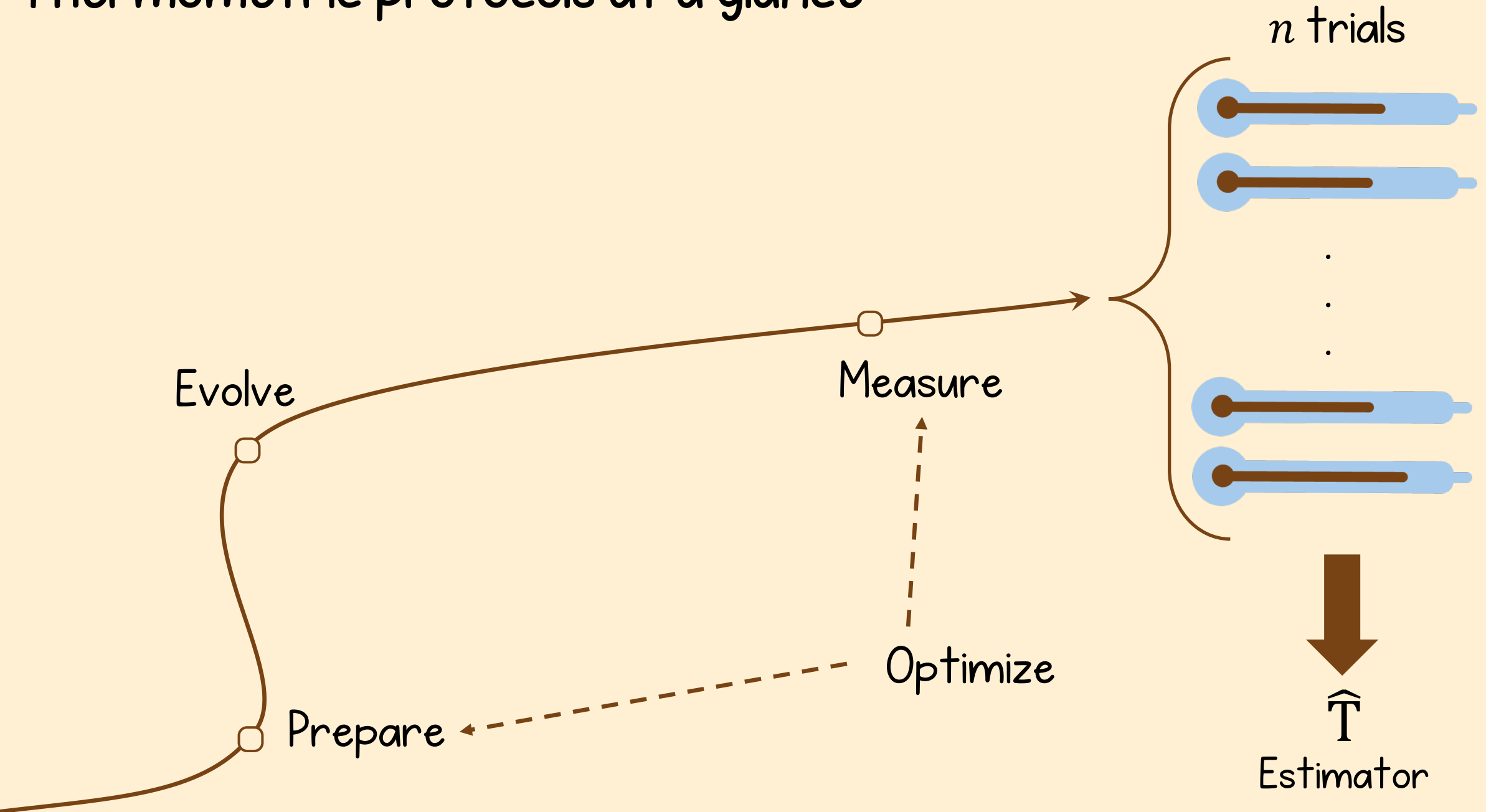
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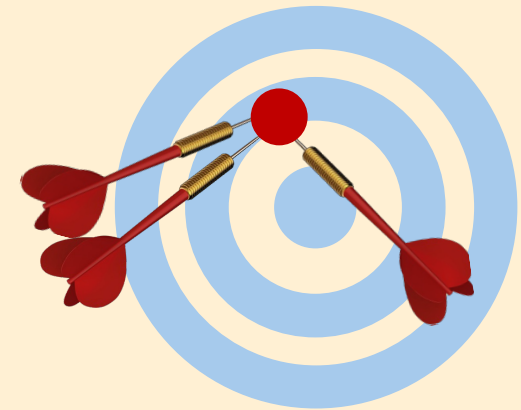
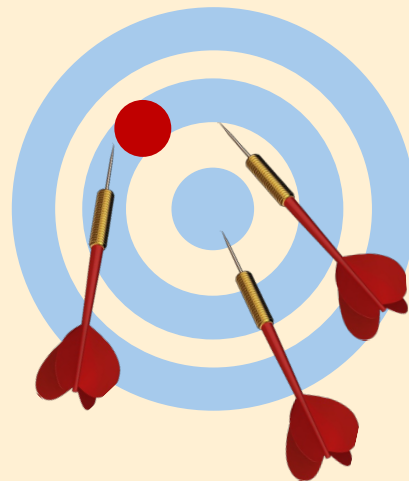
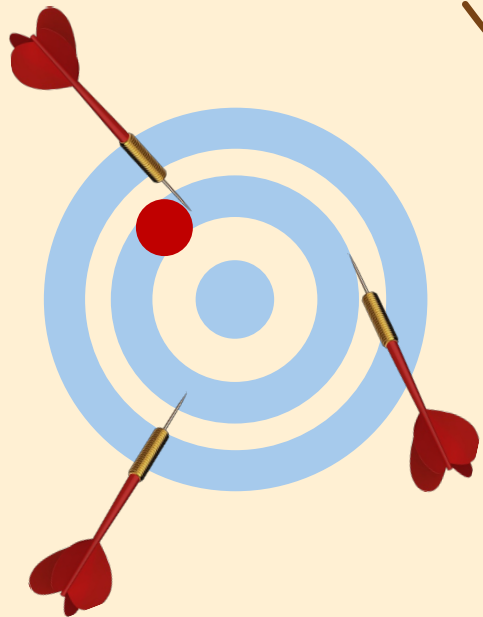
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Quantum Fisher information (QFI)



Increasing $\mathcal{F}(T)$

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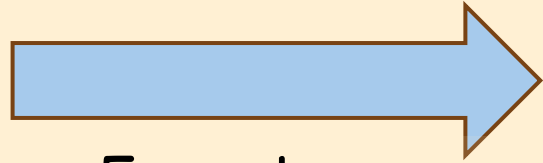
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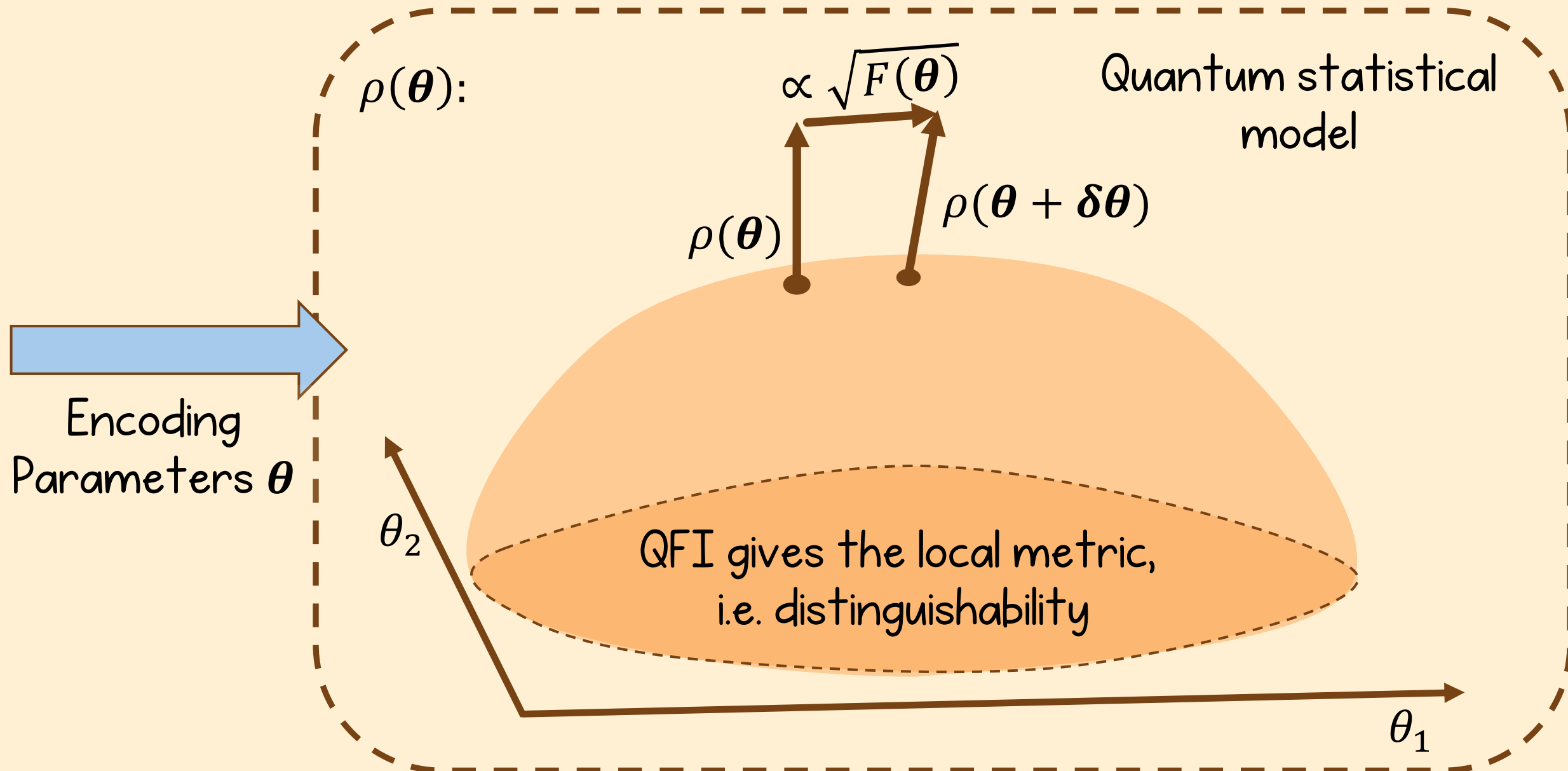
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Encoding
Parameters θ

Understanding the QFI

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What is the most “classical”
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Equilibrium

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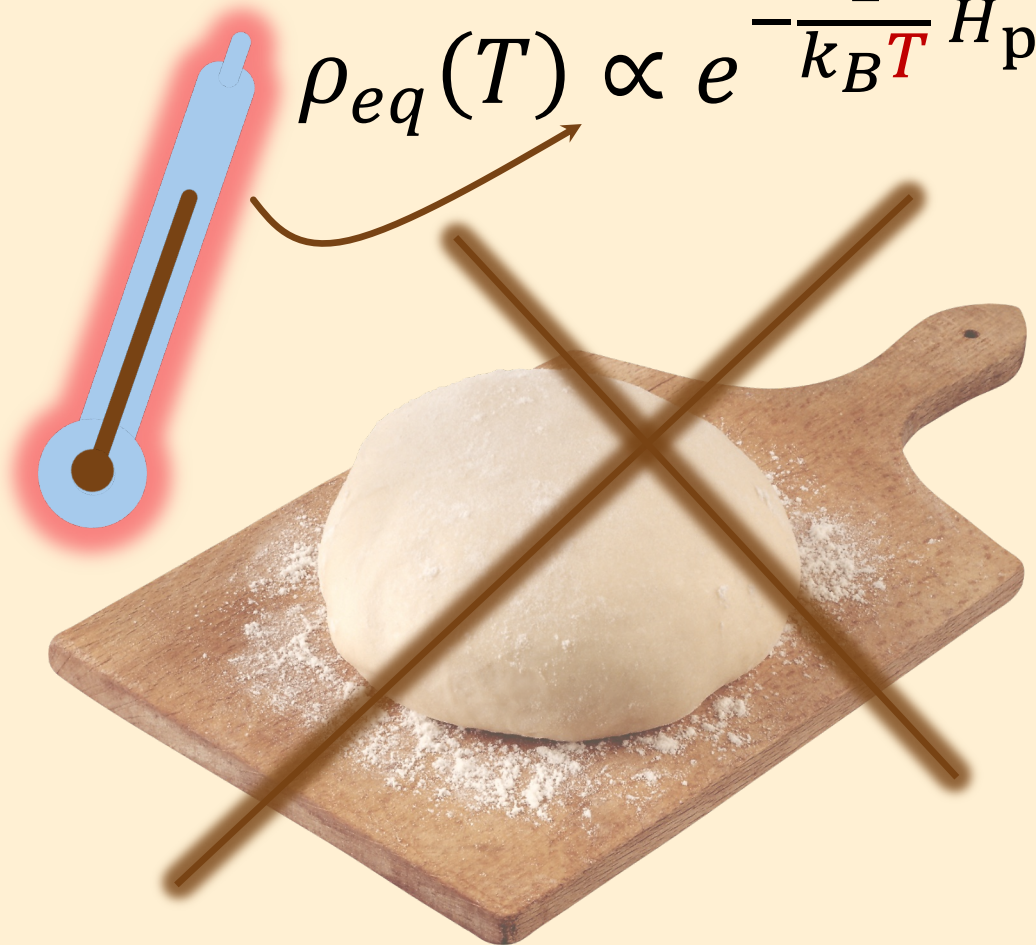
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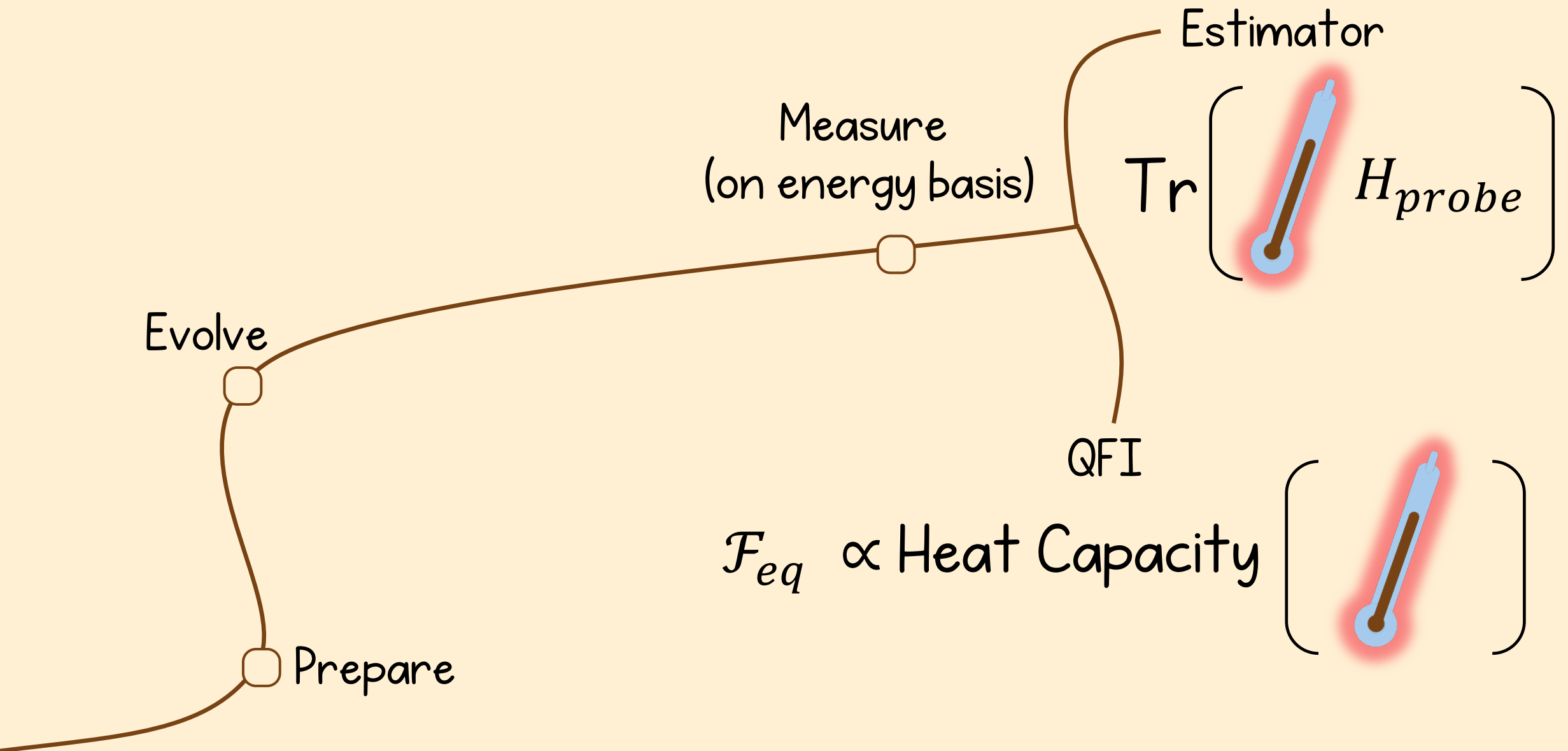
$$\rho_{eq}(T) \propto e^{-\frac{1}{k_B T} H_{\text{probe}}}$$



Tracing out the bath gets us a thermal state for the probe

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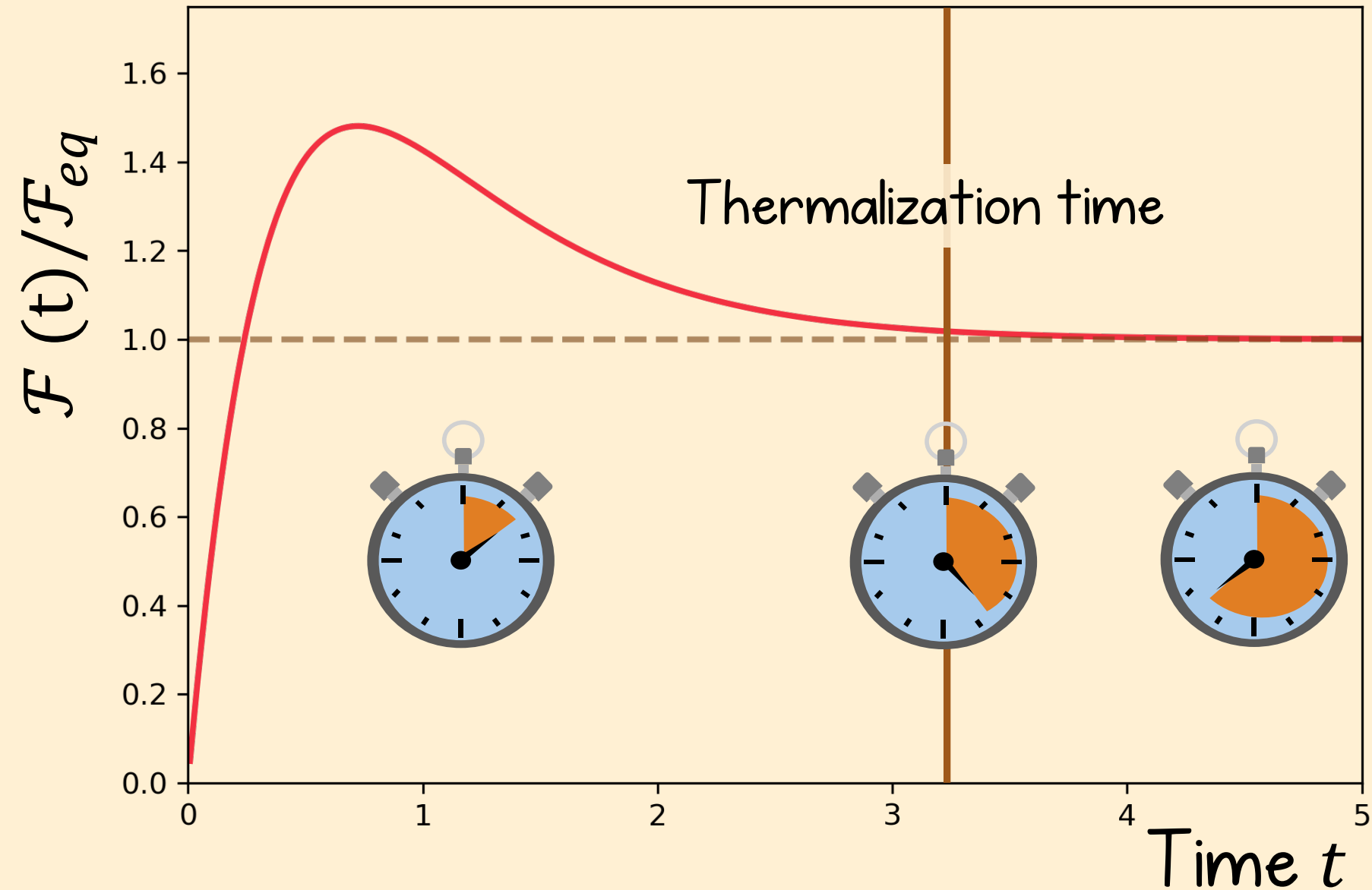


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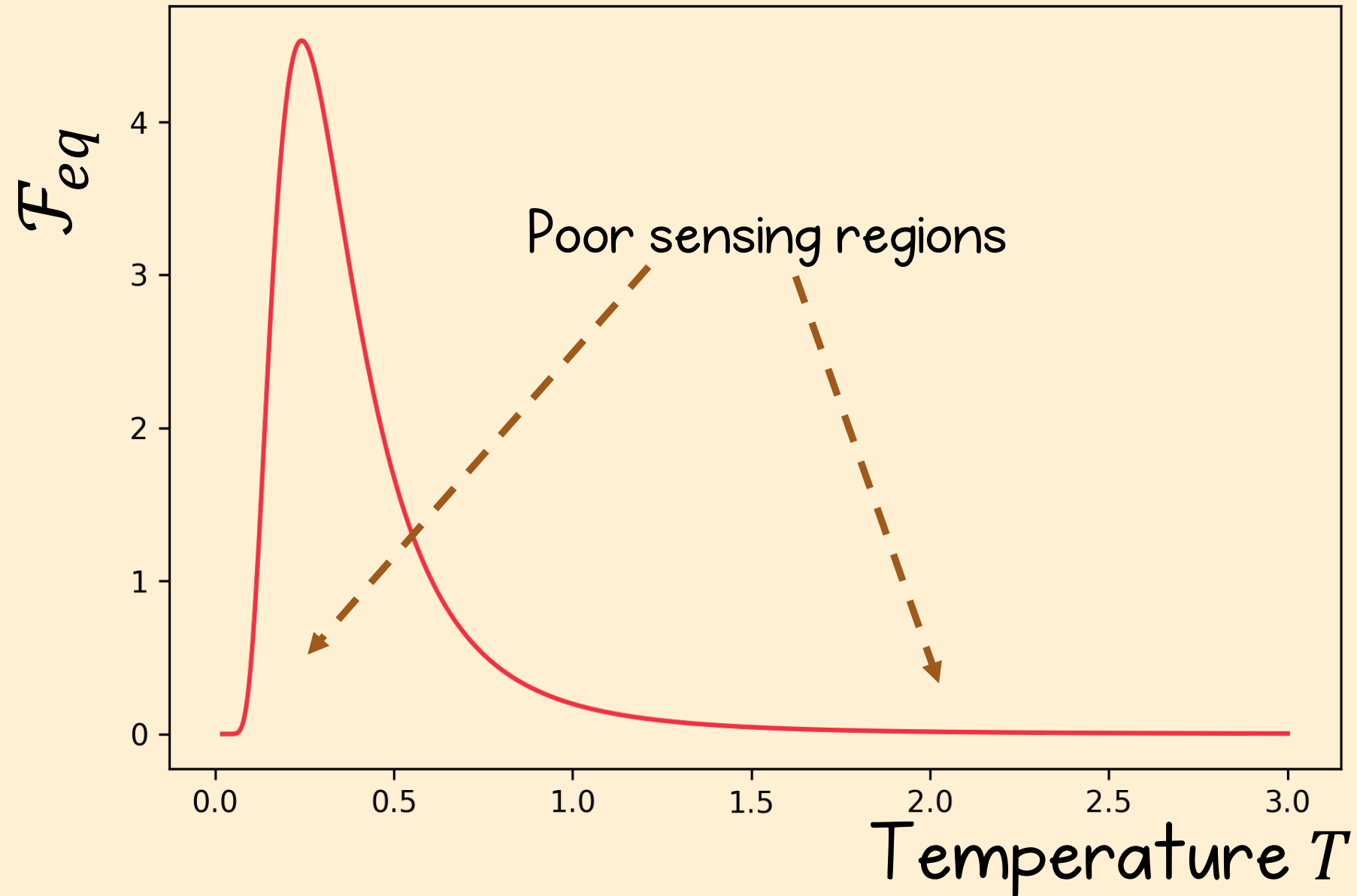


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Can we do better?

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Enter **driven**
thermometry

The state of the literature

Quantum Thermometry for Ultra-Low Temperatures Using Probe and Ancilla Qubit Chains

by Asghar Ullah ^{1,*} , Vipul Upadhyay ²  and Özgür E. Müstecaplıoğlu ^{1,3} 

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Floquet Engineering to Overcome No-Go Theorem of Noisy Quantum Metrology

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Enhancement of sensitivity in low-temperature quantum thermometry via reinforcement learning



Exploring the role of asymmetric-puls
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[Qing-Shou Tan](#) ^{1,*}, [Xulin Liu](#)¹, [Lan Xu](#)^{2,†}, [Wei Wu](#)³, and [Le-Man Kuang](#) ^{4,5,‡}

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Low-temperature quantum thermometry boosted by coherence generation


Asghar Ullah ^{1,*}, M. Tahir Naseem,^{1,2,†} and Özgür E. Müstecaplıoğlu ^{1,3,‡}

Thermometry of ultracold atoms via nonequilibrium work distributions

[T. H. Johnson](#)^{1,2,3,*}, [F. Cosco](#)^{2,4,5}, [M. T. Mitchison](#)^{2,6}, [D. Jaksch](#)^{1,2,3}, and [S. R. Clark](#)^{2,3,7,8}

with time-dependent Hamiltonians

› Theorem of Noisy Quantum Metrology

Jun-Hong An ^{1,*}

Bending the rules of low-temperature thermometry with periodic driving

Jonas Glatthard and Luis A. Correa

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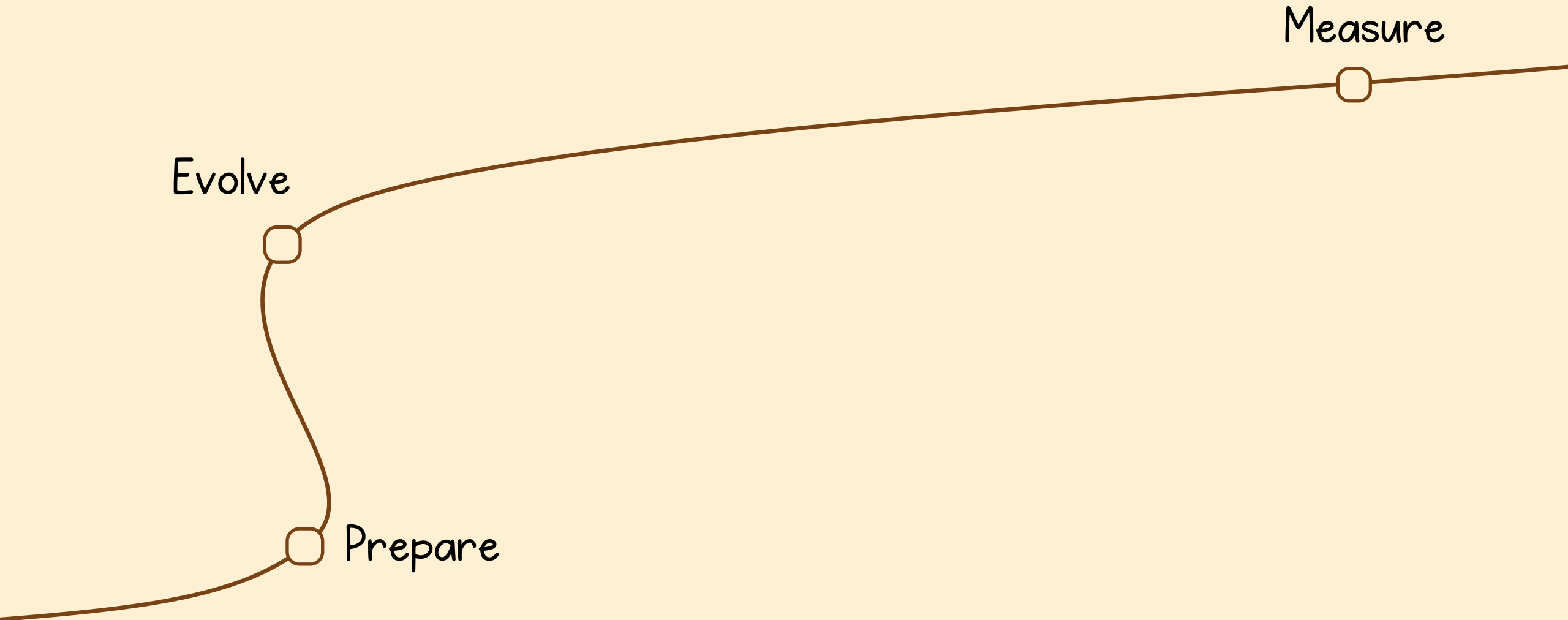
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Our question:

How much can driving, in principle,
enlarge the QFI for temperature?
Is it always an enhancement?

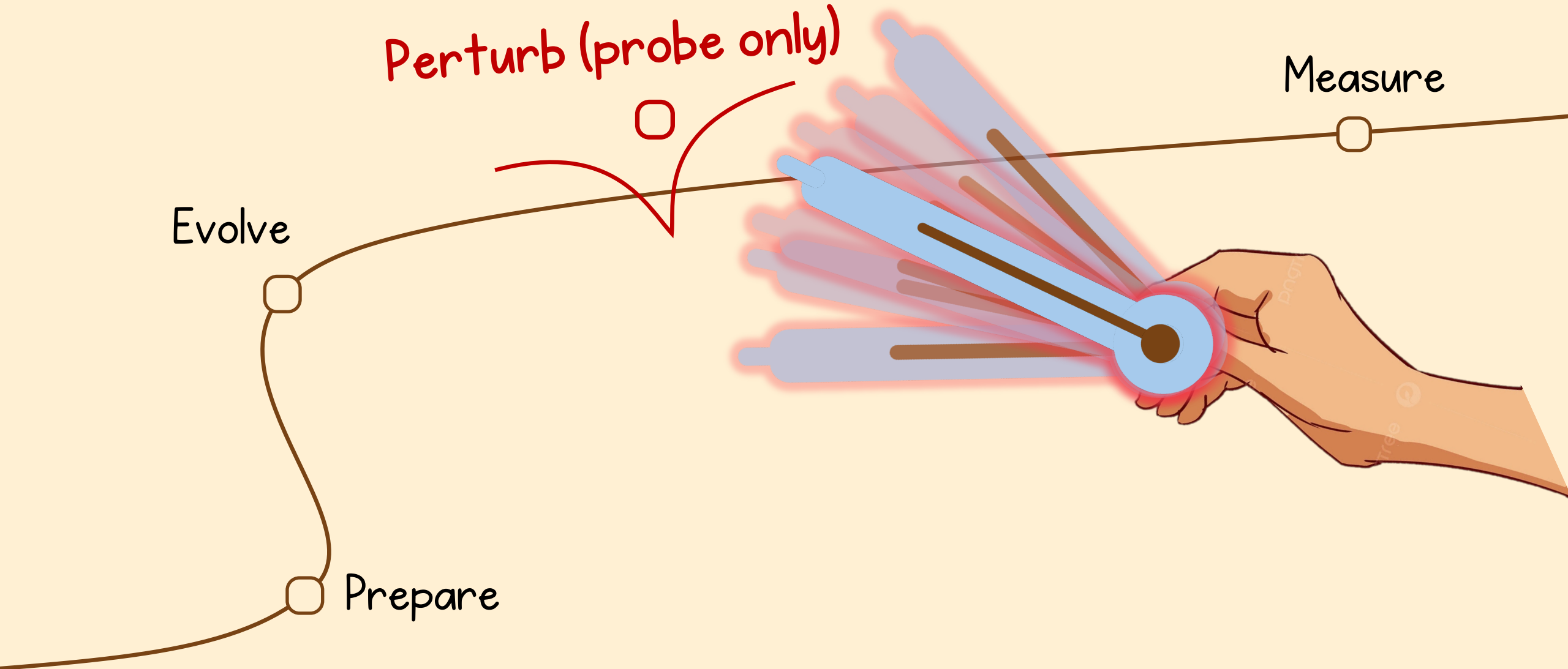
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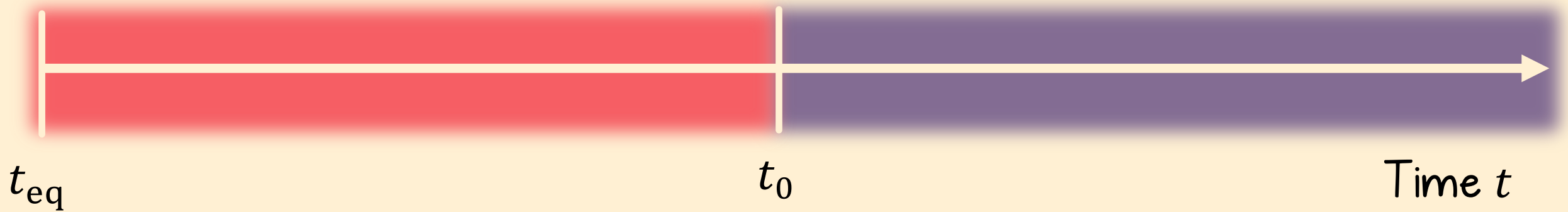
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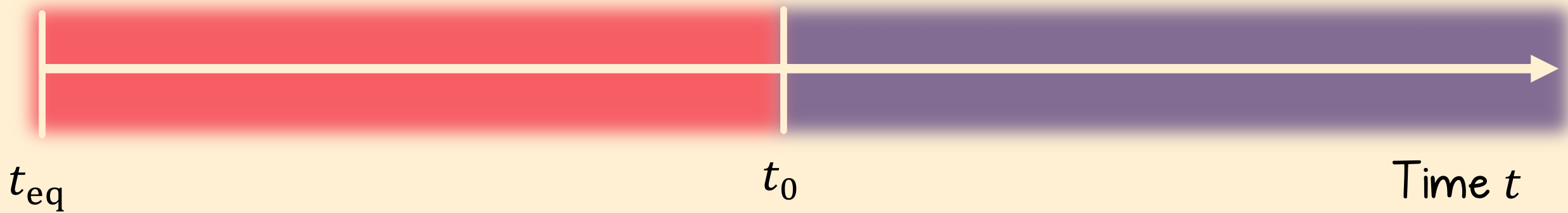
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Driving profile

perturbation

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$$\rho_{eq}(T) \xrightarrow{U(t, t_0, T)} \rho(t, T)$$

A curved arrow points from the $\rho_{eq}(T)$ term to the expression $\mathcal{F}(T, t)?$.

The road so far

Results: QFI enhancement

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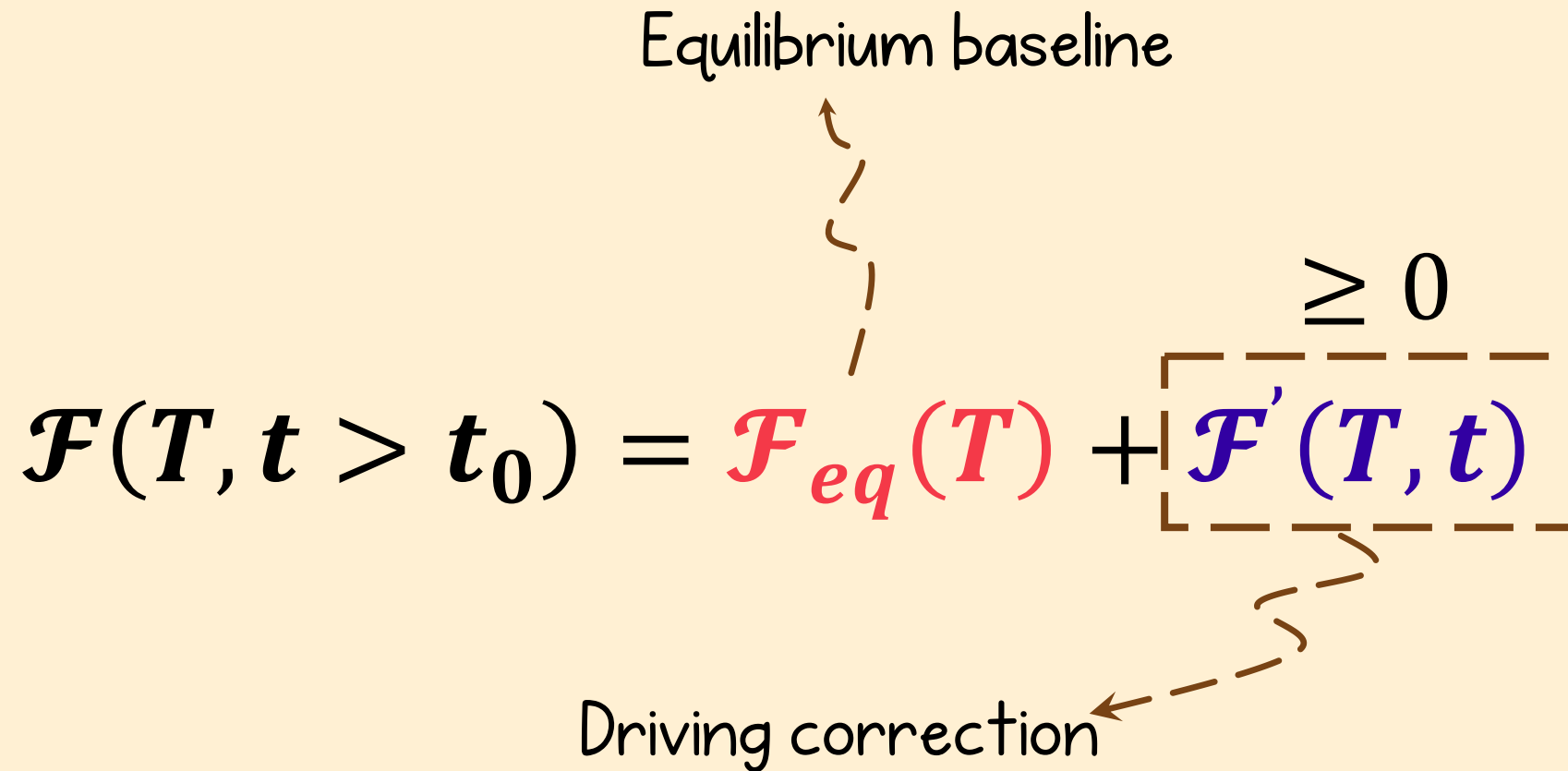
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Independently of dynamics details

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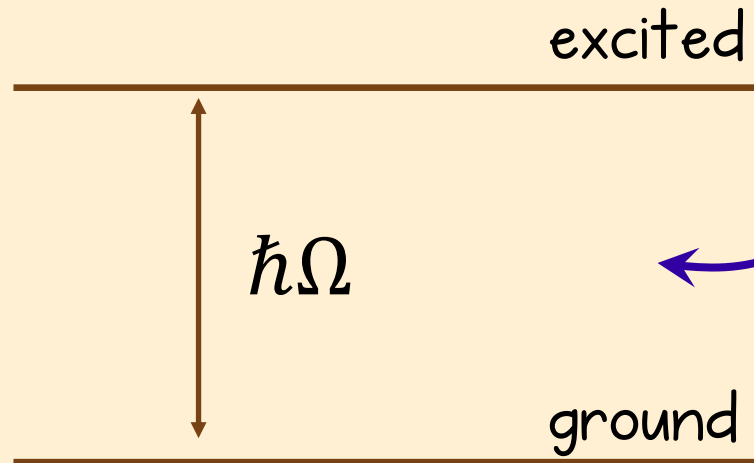
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- $J_V(u) = f([V(u), \rho_{eq}])$ - “information current operator”:
No coherence, even less party



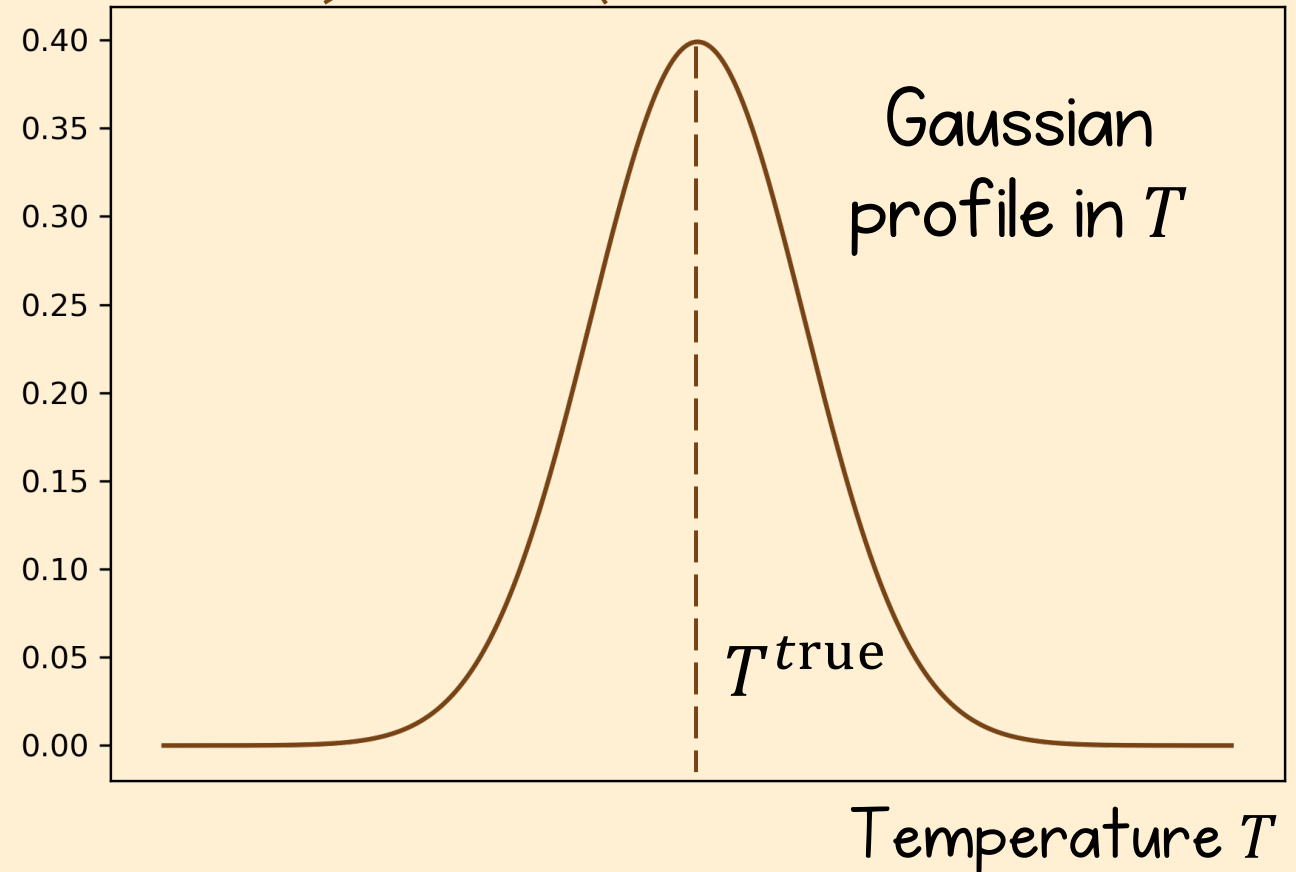
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Toy model - single two level system

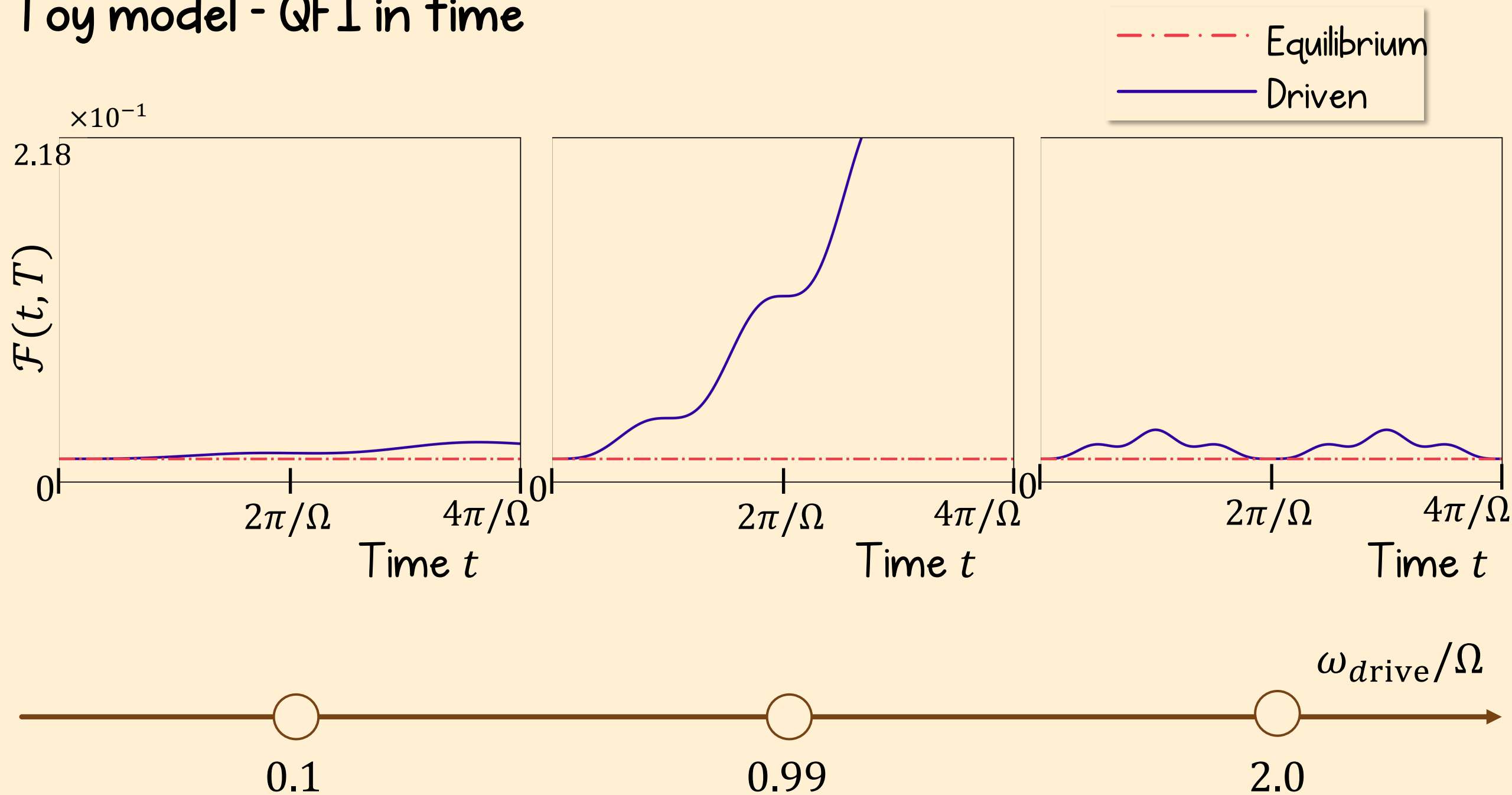


$$H_0 = \frac{\hbar}{2} \Omega \sigma_z$$

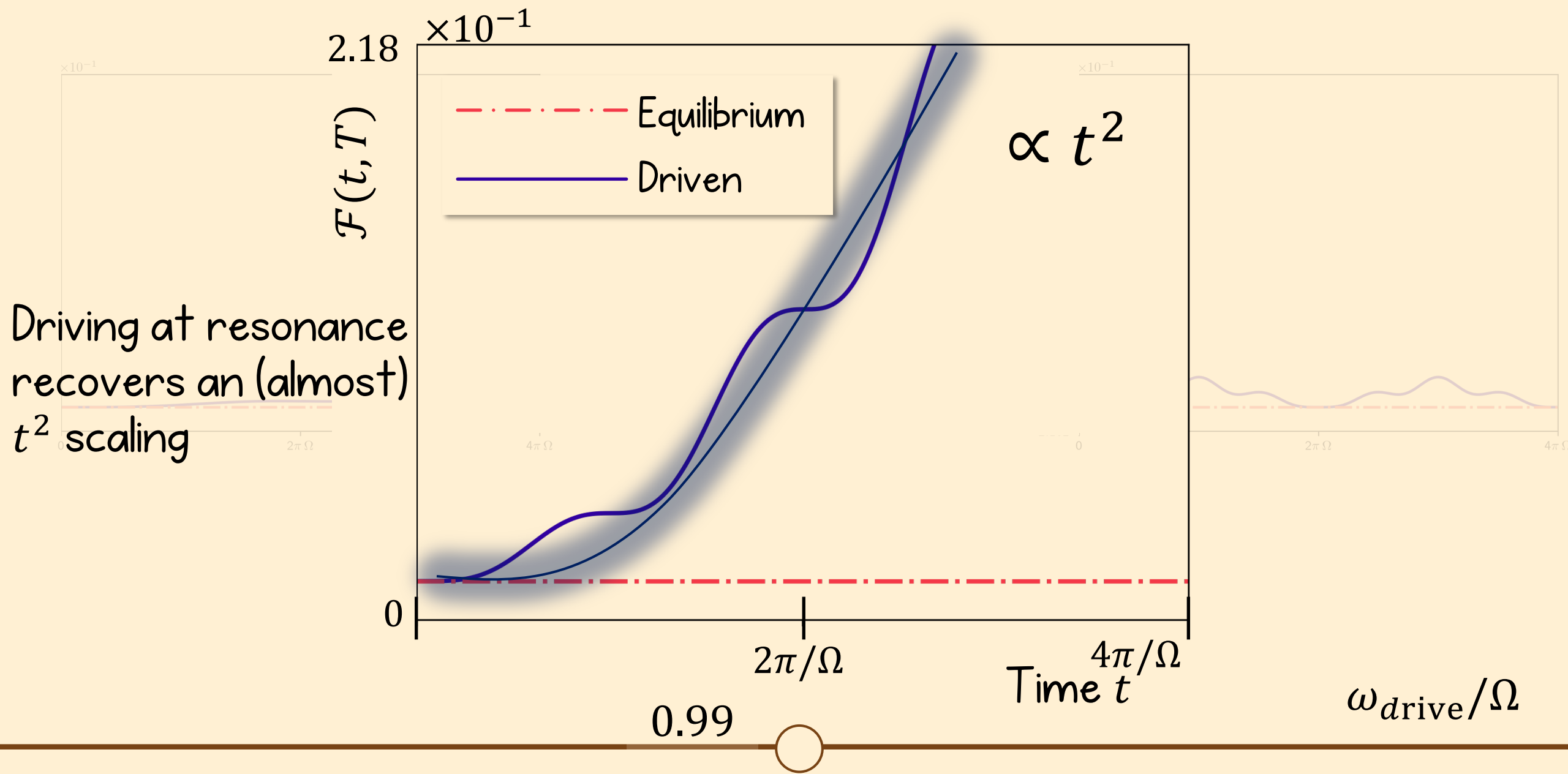
← $\lambda_0 f(T) \sin(\omega_{\text{drive}} t + \phi) \sigma_x$



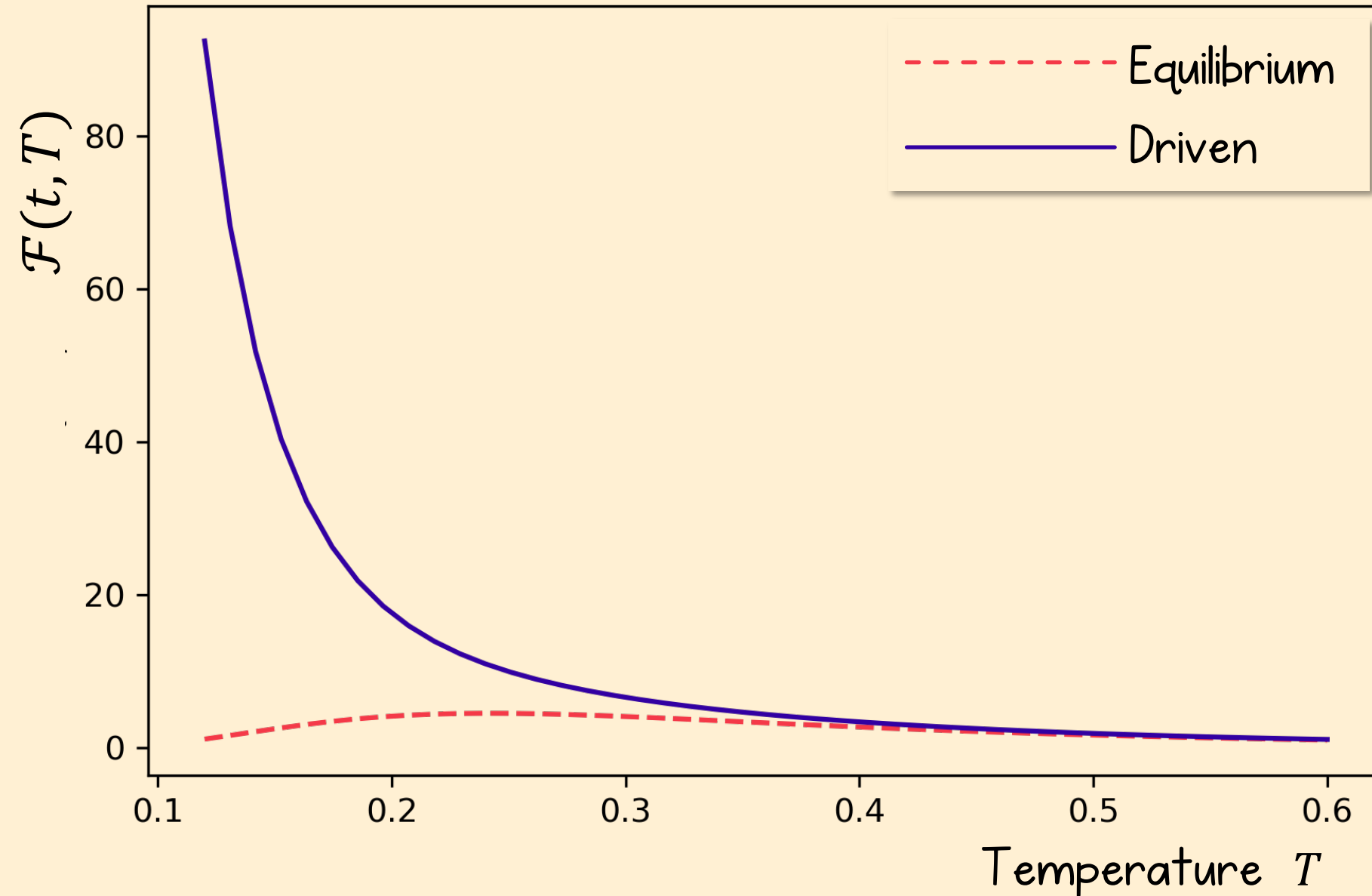
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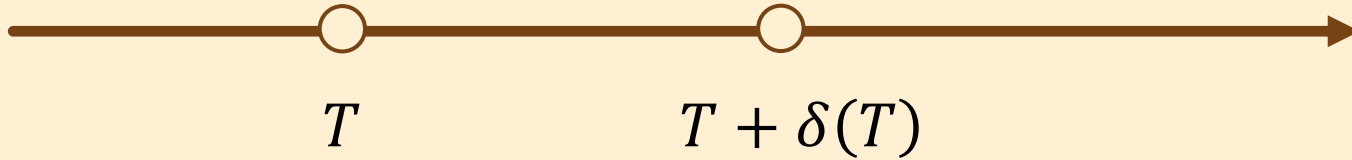
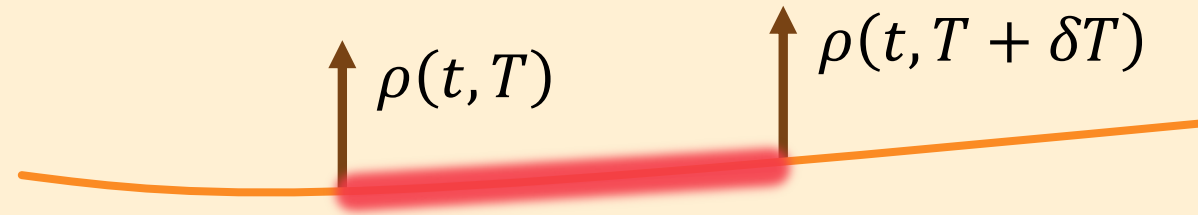


Toy model - QFI vs Temperature

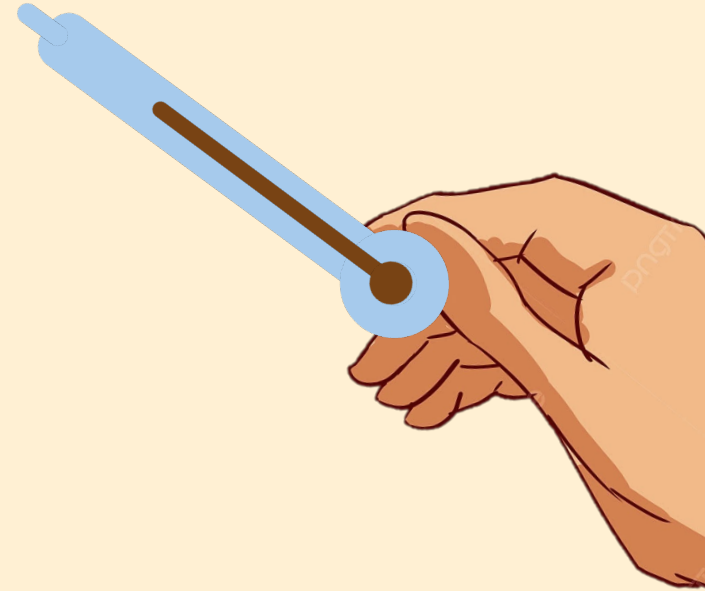


Drive engineering
allows to shift
optimal sensing
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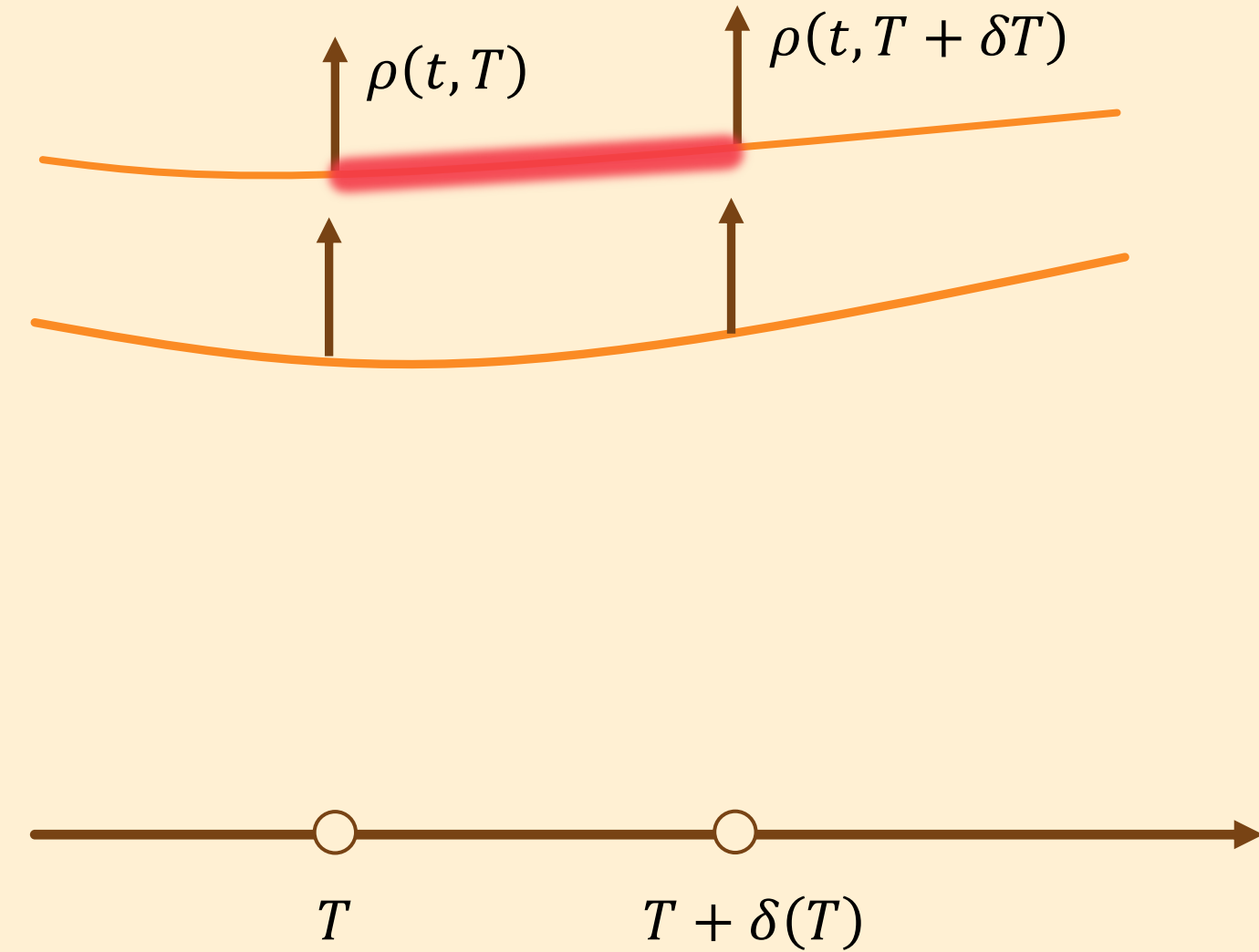
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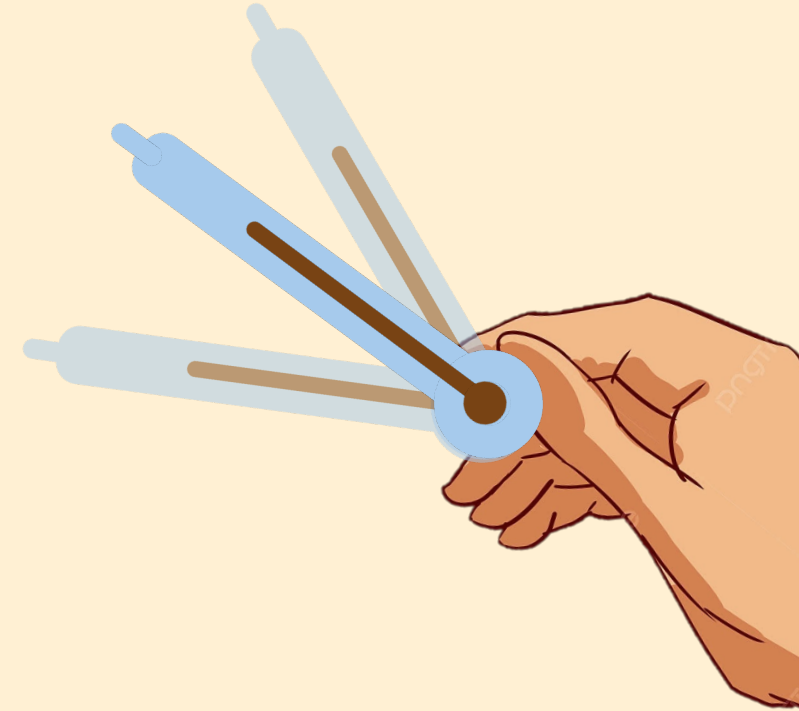
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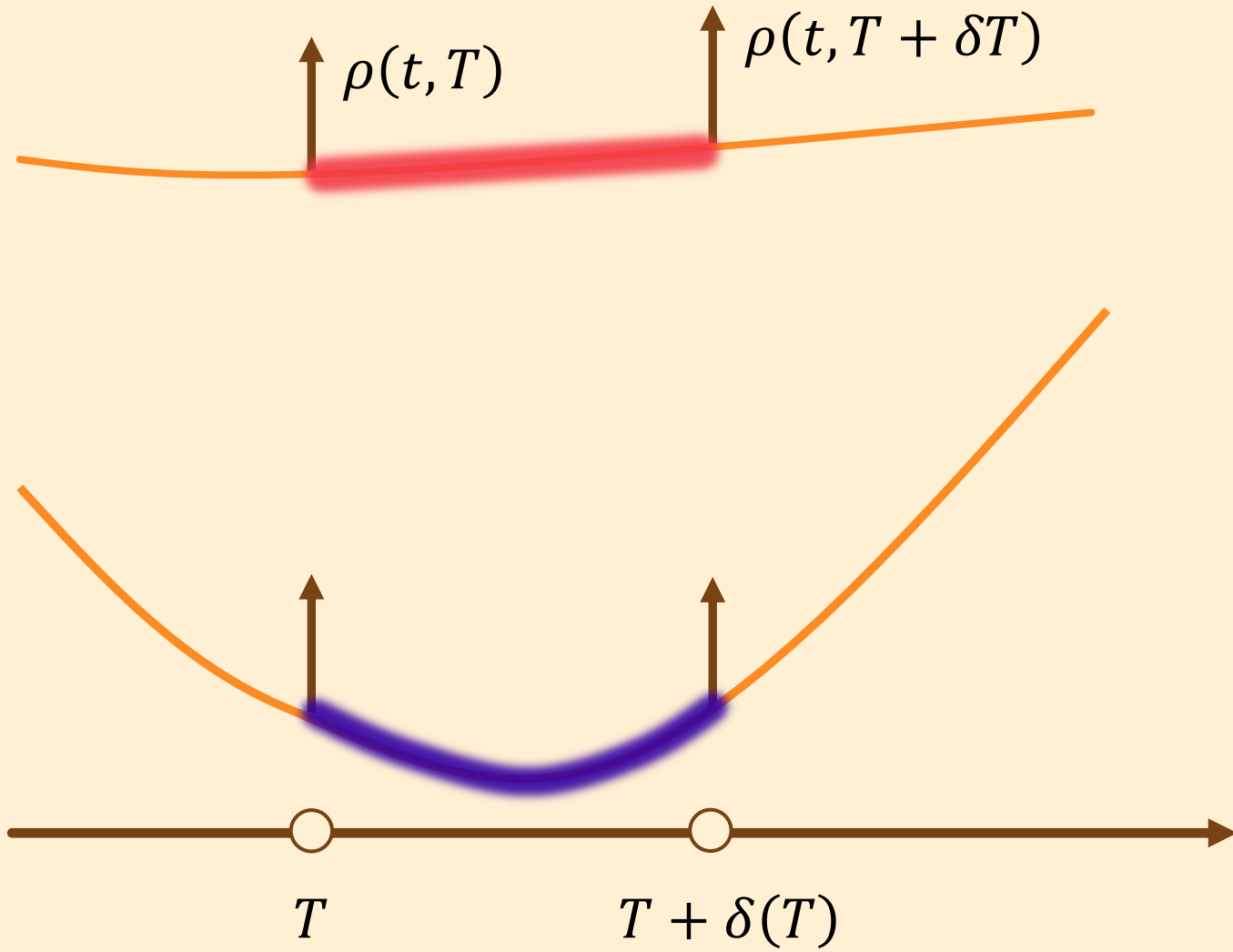
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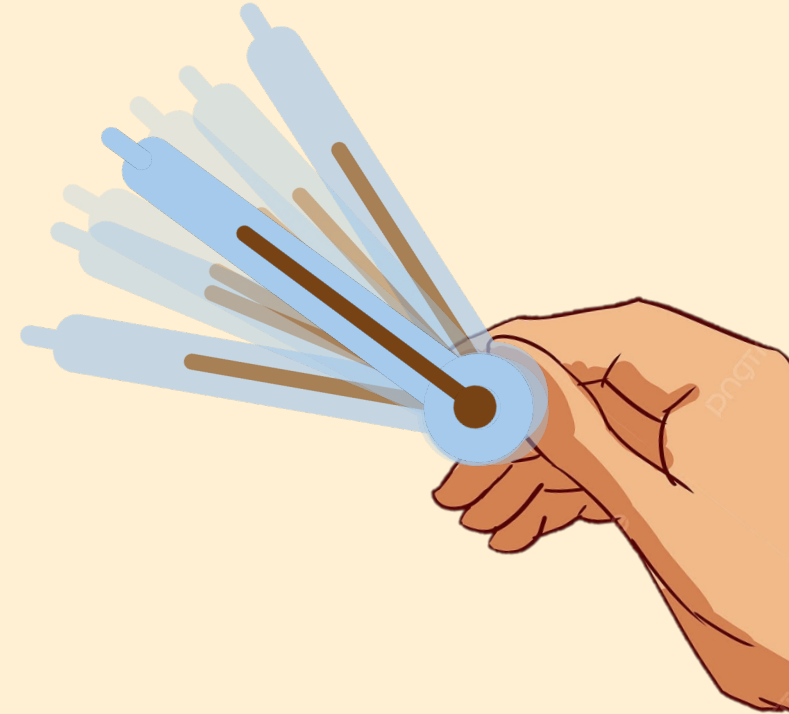
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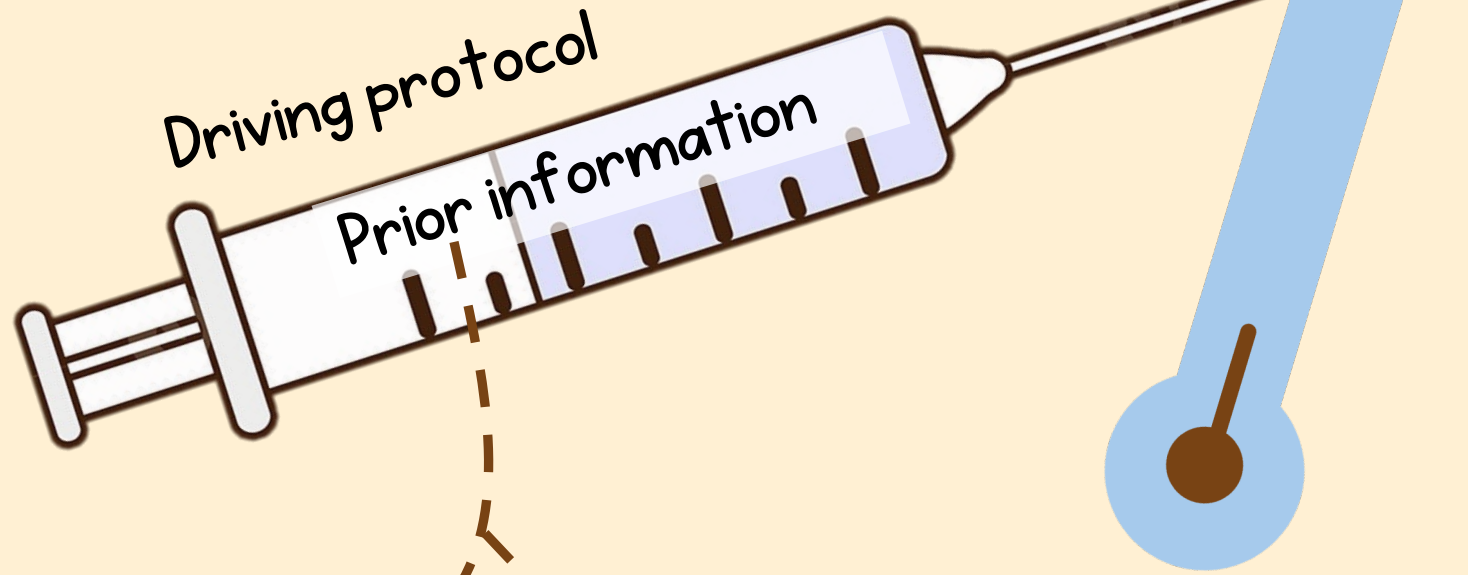
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Results: operational interpretation



Adaptive protocols

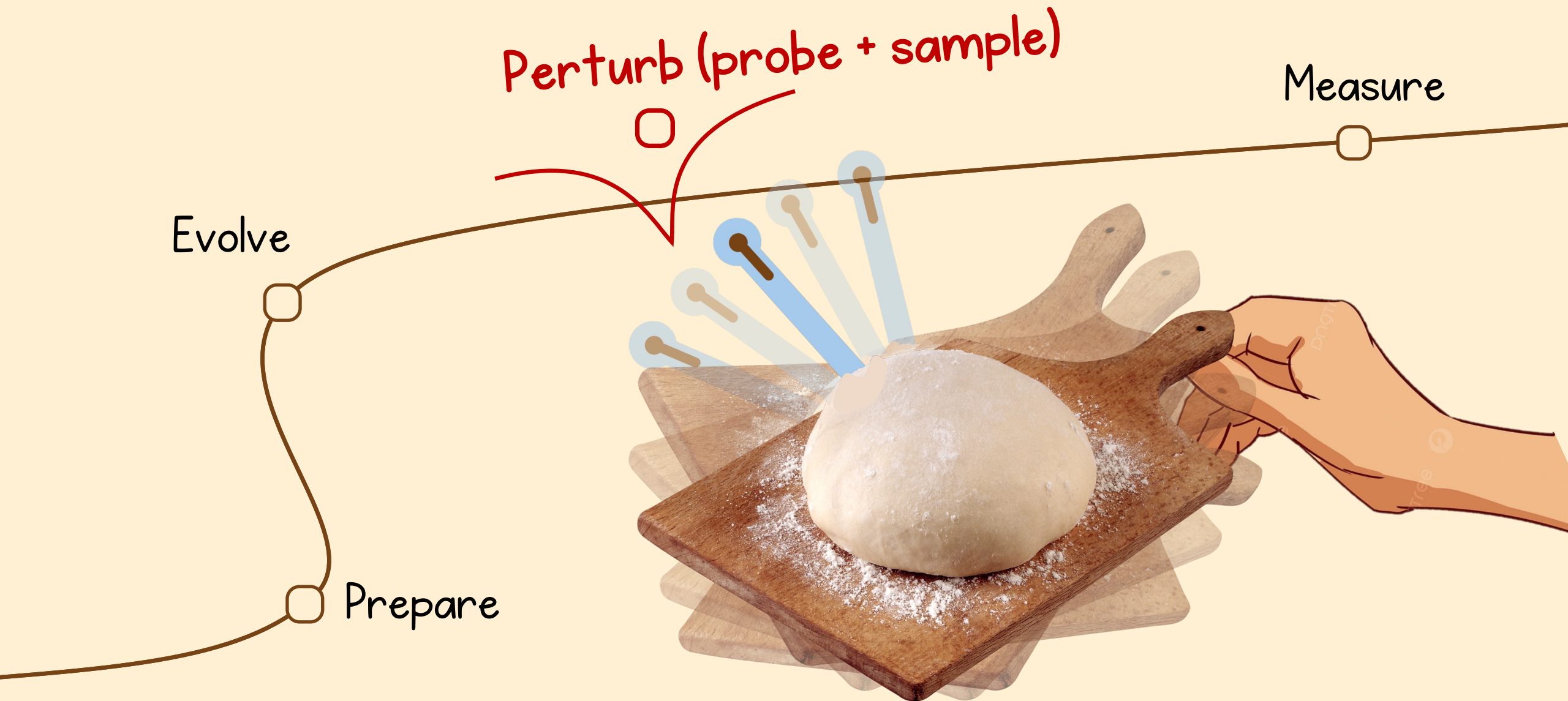
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“Work reservoirs”

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What about non-unitary driving?

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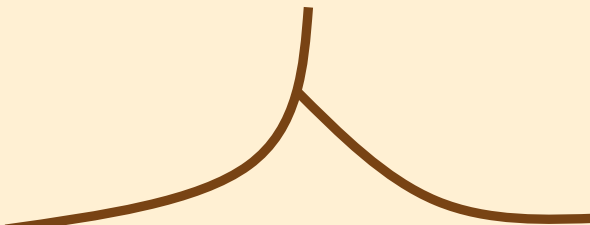
$$\rho(t, T) = U(\rho_{eq})U^\dagger$$

Driving an open system:

$$\rho(t, T) = \underline{\Lambda(t, t_0, T)}[\rho_{eq}]$$

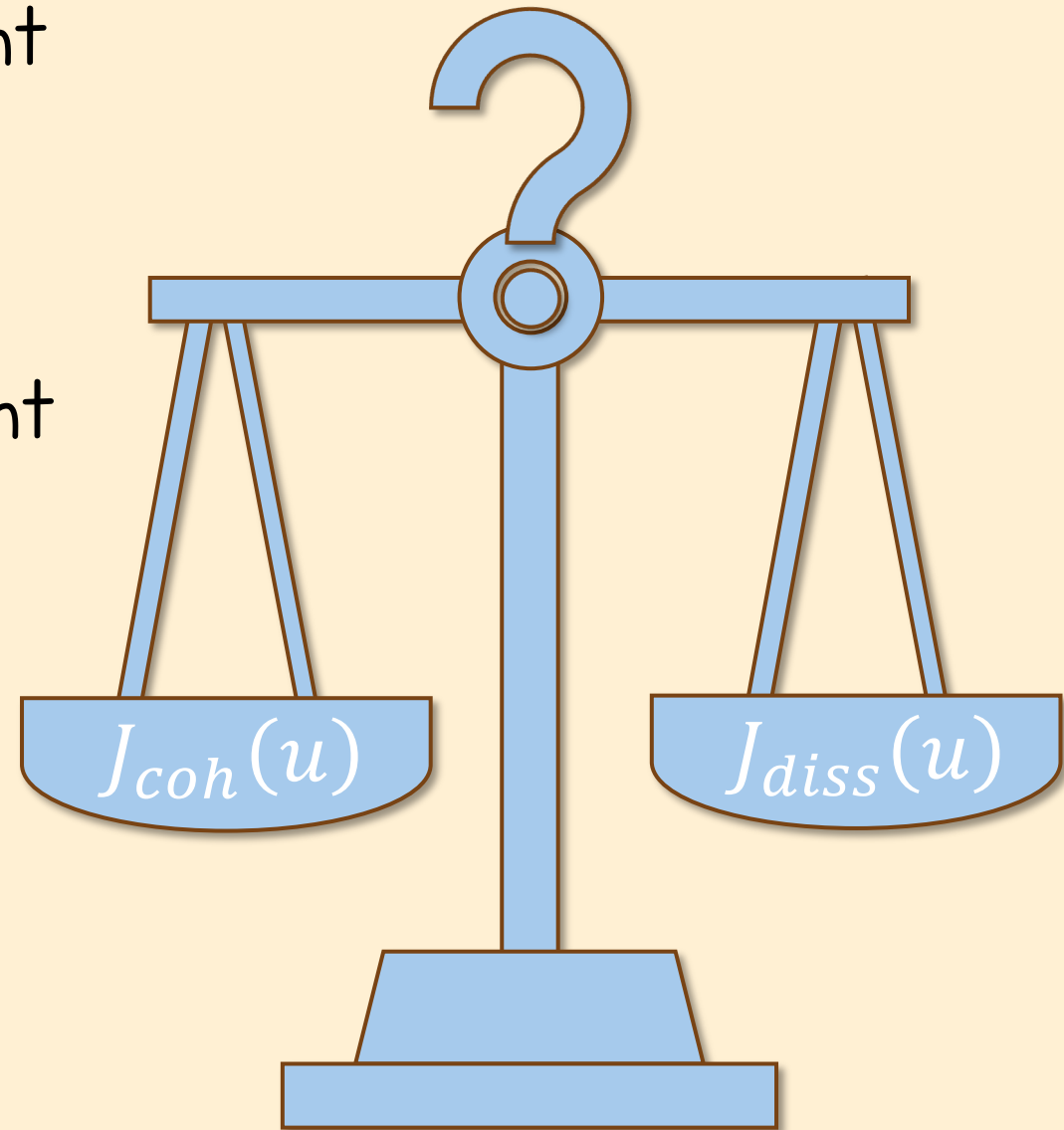
CPTP map from Master Equation dynamics

Coherent + Dissipation



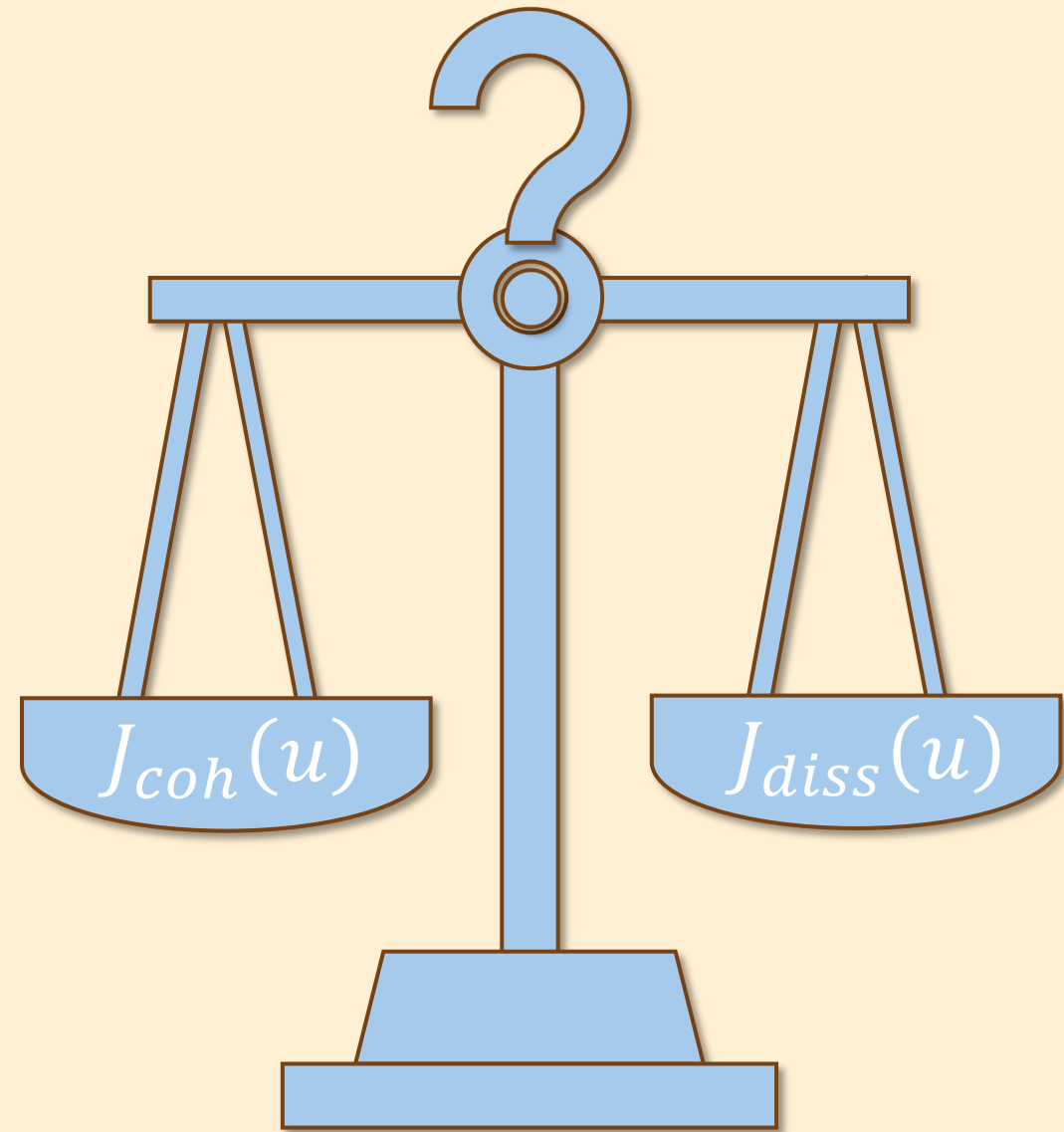
Driving an open system:

$J_V(u)$ { $J_{coh}(u)$ coherent current
increases QFI
 $J_{diss}(u)$ dissipative current
decreases QFI

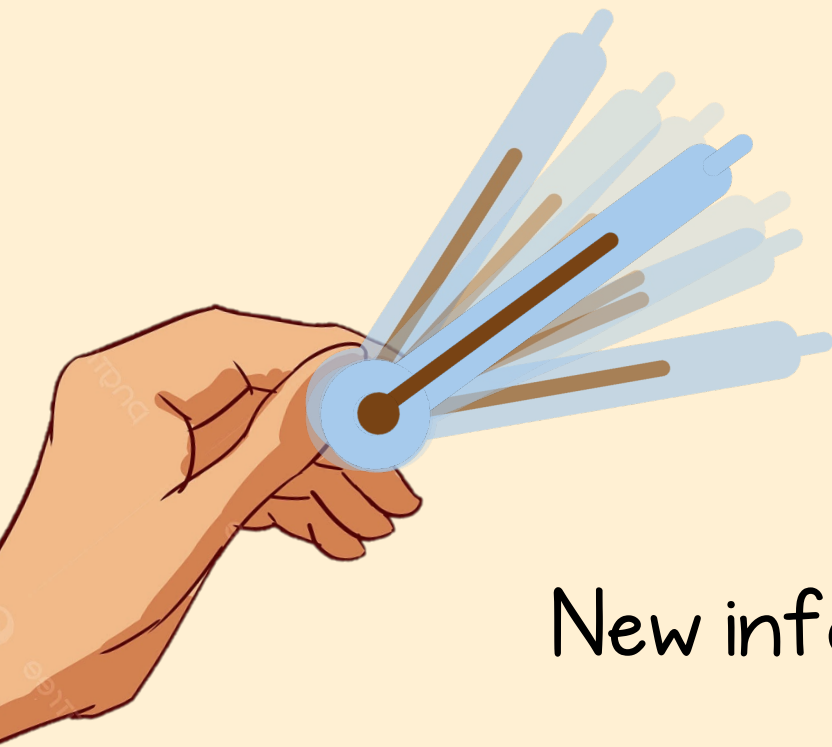


Current directions

- Realistic model to capitalize on driving enhancement
- Comparison with other non-equilibrium schemes
- Investigating different metrics in state space



Conclusions



(Unitarily) shaking your thermometer
always helps

New information is stored in coherences:
Purely quantum effect

Possibility for enhancement even with
dissipation

Sometimes all you need is a little push

Don't be afraid to be shaken

Backup

Equilibrium thermometry

Zero-th law of thermodynamics

«If C is in thermal equilibrium with A and B , then A and B are in thermal equilibrium with one another»

