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Geometric quantum thermodynamics

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Building on parallels between geometric quantum mechanics and classical mechanics, we explore an alternative basis for quantum thermodynamics that exploits the differential geometry of the underlying state space. We focus on microcanonical and canonical ensembles, looking at the geometric counterpart of Gibbs ensembles for distributions on the space of quantum states. We show that one can define quantum heat and work in an intrinsic way, including single-trajectory work. We reformulate thermodynamic entropy in a way that accords with classical, quantum, and information-theoretic entropies. We give both the first and second laws of thermodynamics and Jarzynki's fluctuation theorem. Overall, this results in a more transparent physics than conventionally available. The mathematical structure and physical intuitions underlying classical and quantum dynamics are seen to be closely aligned. The experimental relevance is brought out via a stochastic model for chiral molecules (in the two-state approximation) and Josephson junctions. Numerically, we demonstrate this invariably leads to the emergence of the geometric canonical ensemble.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Geometric quantum mechanics (GQM) exploits the tools 19 of differential geometry to analyze the phenomenology of 20 quantum systems. It does so by focusing on the interplay 21 between statistics and geometry of quantum state space. 22

For finite-dimensional quantum systems, that we consider 23 here, the state space \mathcal{H} is isomorphic to a complex projective 24 space $\mathbb{C}P^n$ of dimension n = D - 1, where $D := \dim \mathcal{H}$. Our 25 goal is to explore the statistical and thermodynamic conse-26 quences of the geometric approach. In particular, structural 27 and informational properties can be properly formulated. And, 28 the close parallels in the mathematical foundations of classical 29 and quantum dynamics become clear. 30

To the best of our knowledge, the development of the geo-3 32 metric formalisms started with early insights from Strocchi [1] and then work by Kibble [2], Marsden [3], Heslot [4], 33 Gibbons [5], Ashtekar and Shilling [6,7], and a host of others 34 [8–18]. Although geometric tools for quantum mechanics are 35 an interesting topic in their own right, the following explores 36 their consequences for statistical mechanics and nonequilib-37 rium thermodynamics. 38

As one example in this direction, Brody and Hughston 39 [19–21] showed that a statistical mechanics treatment of quan-40 tum systems based on the geometric formulation differs from 41 standard quantum statistical mechanics: The former can de-42 scribe phase transitions away from the thermodynamic limit, 43 the latter not [22]. This arises, most directly, since the geomet-44 ric formulation puts quantum mechanics on the same footing 45 as the classical mechanics of phase space [1,4], bringing to 46

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That said, these insights do not come for free. The conundrum of a consistent foundation of thermodynamic behavior arises. On the one hand, we have quantum statistical mechanics, a description of macroscopic behavior that, despite limitations, has proven to be remarkably successful. On the other, transitioning from microphysics to macrophysics via quantum mechanics is conceptually different than via classical mechanics. Consistency between these approaches begs for a conceptually unique route from microphysics to macrophysics.

With this broad perspective in mind, unifying the two coexisting statistical mechanics of quantum systems, though challenging, deserves further attention. To address the challenge, the following advocates a geometric development of a practical, macroscopic companion of geometric quantum statistical mechanics: a geometric quantum thermodynamics.

Beyond foundations, geometric quantum thermodynamics is all the more timely due to recent success in driving thermodynamics down to the mesoscopic scale. There statistical fluctuations, quantum fluctuations, and collective behavior not only cannot be neglected, but are essential. Largely, this push is articulated in two research thrusts: stochastic thermodynamics [23,24] and quantum thermodynamics [25,26]. The following draws ideas and tools from both, in effect showing that geometric tools provide a robust and conceptually incisive crossover between them.

Our development unfolds as follows. First, it recalls the 77 basic elements of geometric quantum mechanics. Second, it 78 shows how this formalism emerges naturally in a thermody-79 namic context. Third, it describes our version of the statistical 80

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light the symplectic geometry of quantum state space. It is then straightforward to build on the principles of classical statistical mechanics to lay out a version of quantum statistical mechanics that takes advantage of such state-space features.

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treatment of geometric quantum mechanics, what we refer to 81 as geometric quantum statistical mechanics. Fourth, it builds 82 on this to establish two fundamental equations of geomet-83 ric quantum thermodynamics. The first is a unique version 84 of the first law of quantum thermodynamics, with its def-85 inition of quantum heat and quantum work. The second is 86 a quantum version of Jarzynski's inequality, one that does 8 not require a two-time measurement scheme. Fifth, the de-88 velopment proposes an experiment that highlights geometric 89 quantum thermodynamics' practical relevance. Finally, it ex-90 pands on the geometric approach's increasing relevance to the 91 thermodynamics of quantum information and computing. 92

II. GEOMETRIC QUANTUM MECHANICS

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94 Geometric quantum mechanics arose from efforts to exploit differential geometry to probe the often-counterintuitive 95 behaviors of quantum systems. This section summarizes the 96 relevant concepts, adapting them to our needs. Detailed ex-97 positions are found in the original literature [1-18]. Here, 98 we present the main ideas in a constructive way, focusing 99 on the aspects that are of direct relevance to thermodynamic 100 behavior. 101

Any statistical mechanics requires an appropriate, work-102 able concept of ensemble. To do this, one identifies ensembles 103 with coordinate-invariant measures on the space of quantum 104 states, a treatment first introduced in Ref. [19]. We call these 105 distributions geometric quantum states and in Ref. [27] we 106 give a generic procedure to compute them in a quantum ther-107 modynamic setting of a small system interacting with a large 108 environment. 109

Achieving this, though, requires a series of technical steps. 110 The first identifies the manifold of pure states and defines 111 their observables. The second introduces a suitable metric, 112 scalar product, and coordinate-invariant volume element for 113 the pure-state manifold. From these, the third step derives 114 the evolution operator and equations of motion. Finally, states 115 are described via functionals that map observables to scalar 116 values. This is done so that the associated ensembles are 117 coordinate-invariant measures. 118

Our quantum system of interest has Hilbert space \mathcal{H} of finite dimension *D*. The space of pure states is therefore the *complex projective space* $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \sim \mathbb{C}P^{D-1}$ [10]. Given an arbitrary basis $\{|e_{\alpha}\rangle\}_{\alpha=0}^{D-1}$ a generic pure state is parametrized by *D* complex homogeneous coordinates Z^{α} , up to normalization and an overall phase:

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{lpha=0}^{D-1} Z^{lpha} |e_{lpha}\rangle$$

where $Z \in \mathbb{C}^D$, $Z \sim \lambda Z$, and $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}/\{0\}$.

For example, the pure state Z_{qubit} of a single qubit can be given real coordinates: $Z_{\text{qubit}} = (\sqrt{p}, \sqrt{1 - p}e^{i\nu})$. An observable \mathcal{O} is a quadratic real function of the state. It associates to each point of the pure-state manifold $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$ the expectation value $\langle \psi | \mathcal{O} | \psi \rangle$ of the corresponding operator \mathcal{O} on that state:

$$\mathcal{O}(Z) = \sum_{\alpha,\beta} \mathcal{O}_{\alpha,\beta} Z^{\alpha} \overline{Z}^{\beta}$$
(1)

and $\mathcal{O}_{\beta,\alpha} = \overline{\mathcal{O}}_{\alpha,\beta}$. And so, $\mathcal{O}(Z) \in \mathbb{R}$.

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These complex projective spaces are *Kahler spaces*. This means there is a function *K*, which in our case is $K = \ln Z \cdot \overline{Z}$, from which one obtains both a metric *g*:

$$g_{\alpha\overline{\beta}} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\alpha} \overline{\partial}_{\beta} \ln Z \cdot \overline{Z},$$

with $\overline{g_{\alpha\beta}} = g_{\beta\alpha}$, and a symplectic two-form:

 $\Omega = 2ig_{\alpha\beta}dZ^{\alpha} \wedge d\overline{Z}^{\beta},$

using shorthand $\overline{\partial}_{\alpha} := \partial/\partial \overline{Z}^{\alpha}$. It is not too hard to see that these two structures are parts of the Hermitian form that defines the scalar product $\langle \psi_1 \rangle \psi_2$ in \mathcal{H} . Indeed, using the standard notation, one has [5]

$$\langle \psi_1 \rangle \psi_2 = g(Z_1, Z_2) + i\Omega(Z_1, Z_2).$$

Each geometric term provides an independent volume element. 140

Agreement between these volumes, together with invariance under unitary transformations, selects a unique coordinate-invariant volume element dV_{FS} [19], based on the Fubini-Study metric on $\mathbb{C}P^{D-1}$:

$$dV_{\rm FS} = \frac{1}{(D-1)!} \left(\frac{\Omega}{2}\right) \wedge \left(\frac{\Omega}{2}\right) \wedge \dots \wedge \left(\frac{\Omega}{2}\right) \quad (2a)$$
$$= \sqrt{\det g(Z, \overline{Z})} dZ \, d\overline{Z}. \quad (2b)$$

(See also Ref. [10] for a textbook treatment.) Equipped with this unique volume element, the total volume of the pure-state manifold $\mathbb{C}P^{D-1}$ is [5,10] ¹⁴⁶

$$\operatorname{Vol}(\mathbb{C}P^n) = \frac{\pi^{D-1}}{(D-1)!}.$$

Since symplectic geometry is the correct environment in 149 which to formulate classical mechanics, one can see how the 150 geometric formalism brings classical and quantum mechanics 151 closer together, a point previously raised by Strocchi [1] and 152 made particularly clear by Heslot [4]. Indeed, as in classical 153 mechanics, the symplectic two-form Ω is an antisymmetric 154 tensor with two indices that provides Poisson brackets, Hamil-155 tonian vector fields, and the respective dynamical evolution. 156

Given two functions *A* and *B* on manifold $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$ we have 157

$$\Omega(A, B) = \partial_{\alpha} A \overline{\partial}_{\beta} B \Omega^{\alpha \beta}$$
$$= \{A, B\},$$

where we used $\Omega = \frac{1}{2} \Omega_{\alpha\beta} dZ^{\alpha} \wedge d\overline{Z}^{\beta}$ and $\Omega^{\alpha\beta} = (\Omega^{-1})_{\alpha\beta}$ is the inverse: $\Omega^{\alpha\gamma} \Omega_{\gamma\beta} = \delta^{\alpha}_{\beta}$. Using the symplectic two-form one can show that Schrödinger's unitary evolution under operator *H* is generated by a Killing vector field *V_H* as follows: 161

$$V_H^{\alpha} = \Omega^{\alpha\beta} \partial_{\beta} h(Z), \qquad (3a)$$

$$\frac{dF}{dt} = \{F, h\},\tag{3b}$$

where $h(Z) = \sum_{\alpha\beta} H_{\alpha\beta} Z^{\alpha} \overline{Z}^{\beta}$ and $F : \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \to \mathbb{R}$ is a real but otherwise arbitrary function. Indeed, it can be shown that Schrödinger's equation is nothing other than Hamilton's equations of motion in disguise [4,10]:

$$\frac{d |\psi_t\rangle}{dt} = -iH |\psi_t\rangle \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \frac{dF}{dt} = \{F, h\}, \qquad (4)$$

for all *F*. Here, we use units in which $\hbar = 1$.

This framework naturally views a quantum system's states as the functional encoding that associates expectation values with observables, as done in the C^* -algebra formulation of quantum mechanics [28]. Thus, states are described via functionals $P[\mathcal{O}]$ from the algebra \mathcal{A} of observables to the reals:

$$P[\mathcal{O}] = \int_{\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})} p(Z)\mathcal{O}(Z)dV_{\rm FS} \in \mathbb{R},$$

for $p(Z) \ge 0$ and all $\mathcal{O} \in \mathcal{A}$. Here, p is the distribution as-172 sociated to the functional P. It is important to note here that 173 $dV_{\rm FS}$ and $\mathcal{O}(Z)$ are both invariant under coordinate changes. 174 Thus, for $P[\mathcal{O}]$ to be a scalar, p(Z) must be a scalar itself. A 175 pure state $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$ is represented by a Dirac-delta functional 176 concentrated on a single point of $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$. However, Dirac delta 177 functions $\delta(\cdot)$ are not invariant under coordinate changes: they 178 transform with the inverse of the Jacobian $\delta \rightarrow \delta/\det J$. 179

To build an invariant quantity, then, we divide it by 180 the square root \sqrt{g} of the metric's determinant. This trans-181 forms in the same way, making their ratio $\delta = \delta / \sqrt{g}$ an 182 invariant quantity. This is a standard rescaling that turns 183 coordinate-dependent measures, such as Cartesian measure, 184 into coordinate-invariant ones. And, this is how the Fubini-185 Study measure (2) is defined from the Cartesian product 186 measure. Thus, 187

$$P_{\psi_0}[\mathcal{O}] = \int_{\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})} \tilde{\delta}[Z - Z_0] \mathcal{O}(Z) dV_{\text{FS}}$$
$$= \mathcal{O}(Z_0)$$
$$= \langle \psi_0 | \mathcal{O} | \psi_0 \rangle, \qquad (5)$$

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$$\tilde{\delta}[Z - Z_0] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \prod_{\alpha} \delta \left(Z^{\alpha} - Z_0^{\alpha} \right)$$

189 and

$$\delta(Z^{\alpha} - Z_0^{\alpha}) = \delta(\operatorname{Re}[Z^{\alpha}] - \operatorname{Re}[Z_0^{\alpha}])\delta(\operatorname{Im}[Z^{\alpha}] - \operatorname{Im}[Z_0^{\alpha}]).$$

This extends by linearity to ensembles $\rho = \sum_{k=1}^{M} p_k |\psi_k\rangle \langle \psi_k |$ as

$$P_{\rho}[\mathcal{O}] = \sum_{h=1}^{M} p_k \int_{\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})} \tilde{\delta}[Z - Z_k] \mathcal{O}(Z) dV_{\text{FS}}$$
$$= \sum_{h=1}^{M} p_k \mathcal{O}(Z_k)$$
$$= \sum_{h=1}^{M} p_k \langle \psi_k | \mathcal{O} | \psi_k \rangle .$$

It is now quite natural to consider generalized ensembles that correspond to functionals with a continuous measure on the pure-state manifold. Such ensembles have appeared previously in Refs. [9,19–21] and elsewhere, where aspects of their properties have been investigated extensively. For our purposes, it will be useful to look at them from the following point of view.

¹⁹⁹ Consider a probability measure on the natural numbers: ²⁰⁰ $\{p_k\}$ such that $p_k \ge 0$ and $\sum_k p_k = 1$. Now let Z_k be a countable collection of points in $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$, then $\delta_k(dZ)$ is the Dirac measure concentrated on the point Z_k . Then, given $\{p_k\}$ 201 one can define the measure $\mu(dZ)$ on $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$ as 203

$$\mu(dZ) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k \delta_k(dZ),\tag{6}$$

which gives precise meaning to the notion of a geometric quantum state with support on a countably infinite number of points. Indeed, with the measure in Eq. (6) and arbitrary observable function $\mathcal{O}(Z)$ one has that 207

$$P_{\infty}[\mathcal{O}] = \int_{\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})} \mathcal{O}(Z)\mu(dZ)$$
$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k \mathcal{O}(Z_k).$$

In more general terms, calling \mathcal{B} the Borel σ algebra of the open sets of $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$, then, this procedure defines a measure μ on $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$ such that for a set $S \in \mathcal{B}$ one has 210

$$\iota(S) = \int_{S} \mu(dZ)$$
$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k I(Z_k \in S)$$

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where $I(Z_k \in S)$ is the indicator function which is 1 if $Z_k \in S$ and zero otherwise.

The resulting geometric quantum state has all the prop-213 erties desired of an appropriately generalized pure-state 214 ensemble: It preserves normalization and convexity of linear 215 combinations, each of its elements are invariant under coor-216 dinate changes, and the entire functional P_{∞} is also invariant 217 under unitary transformations. With some abuse of language, 218 we will often refer to both the functional P and its underlying 219 measure μ as geometric quantum states. 220

III. GEOMETRIC QUANTUM STATE AND THE THERMODYNAMIC LIMIT

We are now equipped to address how the geometric formalism arises quite naturally for subsystems of a larger system in a pure state, in particular, in a quantum thermodynamic setting. 223

If we have a bipartite system $\mathcal{H}_{AB} = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$ and $|\psi_{AB}\rangle = \sum_{\alpha,i} \psi_{AB}^{\alpha i} |a_{\alpha}\rangle |b_i\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_{AB}$, the partial trace over the subsystem *B* is 229

 $\rho^{A} = \sum_{\alpha,\beta=1}^{d_{A}} \rho^{A}_{\alpha\beta} |a_{\alpha}\rangle \langle a_{\beta}|,$

$$egin{aligned} & {}^{A}_{lphaeta} = \sum_{i=1}^{d_B} \psi^{lpha i} \overline{\psi}^{eta i} \ & = (\psi \, \psi^\dagger)_{lphaeta}. \end{aligned}$$

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 $_{231}$ d_A and d_B are *A*'s and *B*'s dimensions, respectively. Hence, we can write the partial trace as

$$\rho^A = \sum_{j=1}^{d_B} |v_j\rangle \langle v_j|,$$

with $|v_i\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_A$ given as

$$|v_i\rangle \coloneqq \sum_{lpha=1}^{d_A} \psi^{lpha i} |a_{lpha}
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However, $|v_j\rangle$ is not normalized. To address this, we notice that

$$\langle v_j \rangle v_k = (\psi^{\dagger} \psi)_{jk}$$

= ρ^B_{jk}
= $\langle b_j | \rho^B | b_k \rangle$

236 This gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{P}_{k}^{B} = \rho_{kk}^{B} \\ & = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{d_{A}} |\psi^{\alpha k}|^{2} \end{aligned}$$

We see that $\langle v_j \rangle v_k$ is a Gramian matrix of vectors $|v_j\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_A$ that conveys the information about the reduced state ρ^B on the subspace \mathcal{H}_A . Although the vectors $|v_k\rangle$ are not normalized,

²⁴⁰ we readily define their normalized counterpart:

$$\begin{aligned} |\chi_k\rangle &\coloneqq \frac{|v_k\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle v_k\rangle \, v_k}} \\ &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^{d_A} \frac{\psi^{\alpha k}}{\sqrt{\sum_{\beta=1}^{d_A} |\psi^{\beta k}|^2}} \, |a_\alpha\rangle \,. \end{aligned}$$

And, eventually, we obtain

$$\rho^{A} = \sum_{k=1}^{d_{B}} p_{k}^{A} |\chi_{k}^{A}\rangle \langle\chi_{k}^{A}|, \qquad (7)$$

where $\{|\chi_j\rangle\}_{j=1}^{d_B}$ is a set of d_B pure states on \mathcal{H}_A which, usually, are nonorthogonal. This provides the following geometric quantum state, at fixed d_B :

$$\mu_{d_B}^A(dZ) \coloneqq \sum_{k=1}^{d_B} p_k^B \delta_{\chi_k}(dZ),$$

where δ_{χ_k} is the Dirac measure with support only on the point $\chi_k \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}_A)$ corresponding to the ket $|\chi_k\rangle$.

While it is possible to track all information about $\{p_k^A\}_{k=1}^{d_B}$ 247 for small d_B , in the thermodynamic limit this rapidly be-248 comes infeasible. A probabilistic description becomes more 249 appropriate. One could object that this is not a concern since, 250 at each step in the limit, the spectral decomposition $\rho^A =$ 251 $\sum_{i=1}^{d_A} \lambda_i |\lambda_i\rangle \langle \lambda_i |$, where the λ_i are the Schmidt coefficients of 252 $|\psi_{AB}\rangle$, is always available. However, this retains only ρ^{A} 's 253 matrix elements, erasing the information contained in the 254 vectors $|v_j\rangle = \sqrt{p_j^A |\chi_j^A\rangle}$. That is, ρ^B has been erased from the 255 description. 256

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However, this information can be crucial to understanding 257 A's behavior. The geometric formalism resolves this issue 258 as it naturally keeps the "relevant" information by handling 259 measures and probability distributions. In the limit of a large 260 "environment" *B*, despite the fact that storing all information 261 about the environment's details is exponential in B's size, the 262 geometric quantum state's form (convex sum of Dirac deltas) 263 facilitates working with smooth approximations of increasing 264 accuracy. It does so by retaining the information about its 265 "purifying environment." 266

Since we are interested here in the thermodynamics, one 267 needs to operationally define the thermodynamic-limit proce-268 dure. We do so by confining ourselves to modular systems and 269 defining an iterative procedure. Modular systems are those 270 made by identical subsystems, each described by a Hilbert 271 space \mathcal{H}_d of dimension d. Thus, we imagine our system to 272 contain N_A such repetitive units, while the environment con-273 tains $N_B \ge N_A$. This means $\mathcal{H}_A = \mathcal{H}_d^{\otimes N_A}$ and $\mathcal{H}_B = \mathcal{H}_d^{\otimes N_B}$, so that $d_A = d^{N_A}$ and $d_B = d^{N_B}$. At any given iteration, the joint 274 275 system will always be in a pure state $|\psi_{AB}(N_B)\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$. 276

We also imagine that the system's global dynamics has a Hamiltonian H_{AB} of fixed functional form: for example, the XXZ model. Starting with $N_B = N_A$, at each step we add one repetitive unit $N_B \rightarrow N_B + 1$ and choose a series of pure states $\{|\psi_{AB}(N_B)\rangle\}_{N_B}$ with the required property that the limit of the average energy has to be finite: 282

$$\lim_{l_B \to \infty} \frac{\langle \psi_{AB}(N_B) | H_{AB} | \psi_{AB}(N_B) \rangle}{N_A + N_B} = \varepsilon$$

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For example, one can decide to consistently pick the ground state of the Hamiltonian H_{AB} . In general, though, there is no unique way of performing the procedure. However, with any specific choice of the series $\{|\psi_{AB}(N_B)\rangle\}_{N_B}$ satisfying the constraint on average energy, the procedure is well defined, physical, and meaningful. It provides an operational way to study the thermodynamic limit of the geometric quantum state μ_{A}^{A} .

 $\mu_{d_B}^A.$ That said, by no means does this guarantee the limit always exists. However, it does allow exploring it in a physically meaningful way. In particular, given this operational implementation of the thermodynamic limit, we say that 294

$$\lim_{d_B\to\infty}\mu^A_{d_B}=\mu^A_\infty.$$

This requires a geometric quantum state μ_{∞}^{A} on $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}_{A})$ 295 such that, for any $\epsilon > 0$ arbitrarily small, one can always 296 find some finite \overline{d}_B such that for any $d_B \ge \overline{d}_B$ one has 297 that $D(\mu_{d_R}^A, \mu_{\infty}^A) \leq \epsilon$. Here, $D(\mu, \nu)$ is a notion of distance 298 between geometric quantum states that we take to be the 299 measure-theoretic counterpart of the total variation distance: 300 $D(\mu, \nu) := \sup_{S \in \mathcal{B}} |\mu(S) - \nu(S)|$, where \mathcal{B} is σ algebra of 301 $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$'s Borel sets. 302

When the limit exists, we say that the thermodynamic limit of the geometric quantum state is μ_{∞}^{A} or, equivalently, P_{∞}^{A} : 303

$$\begin{split} P^{A}_{\infty}[\mathcal{O}] &= \int_{\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}_{A})} \quad \mu^{A}_{\infty}(dZ)\mathcal{O}(Z) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p^{A}_{k}\mathcal{O}(\chi^{A}_{k}). \end{split}$$

 P^A_{∞} is a functional whose operational meaning is understood 305 in terms of ensemble theory, as explained above. Geometric 306 quantum states describe ensembles of independent and non-307 interacting instances of the same quantum system whose pure 308 states are distributed according to a given probability distribu-309 tion. Loosely speaking, if we pick a random pure state out of 310 the ensemble described by P_{∞}^A , the probability of finding it in a small region around Z is $dP_Z = \mu_{\infty}^A(dZ)$. 311

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IV. FROM GEOMETRY TO STATISTICS

Several observations serve to motivate defining statistical 314 mechanics using the geometric formalism. Consider a large 315 system consisting of a macroscopic number M of qubits from 316 which we extract, one by one, $\mathcal N$ qubit states. Describing 317 small subsystems of a macroscopic quantum system places 318 us in the realm of quantum statistical mechanics. It is there-319 fore reasonable to assume that the qubit states are distributed 320 according to Gibbs' canonical state $\gamma_{\beta} = e^{-\beta H}/Z_{\beta}$. This is statistically meaningful by means of ensemble theory and, 321 322 thus, interpreted as a collection of identical noninteracting 323 systems, each in an energy eigenstate, with relative frequency 324 given by Boltzmann rule. 325

However, one can see how the assumption that all systems 326 must be in one of the energy eigenstates can be relaxed. After 327 we extract the kth sample from the macroscopic system, that 328 sample's state is supposed to be an energy eigenstate $|E_i^{(k)}\rangle$ with probability $p(Z(|E_i^{(k)}\rangle)) \propto e^{-\beta E_i^{(k)}}$. A priori, however, 329 330 there is no reason to assume that the Hamiltonians H_k of all the 331 samples are identical to each other. In fact, $|E_i^h\rangle \neq |E_i^k\rangle$ and 332 $E_i^h \neq E_i^k$. Even if they are, in principle there is no reason why 333 the qubits should be in their energy eigenstates. This point was 334 originally made by Khinchin [29] and Schrödinger [30], who 335 advocated for the use of ensembles of wave functions. 336

To address this, a description of the system's state that 337 does not contain this assumption is provided by the contin-338 uous counterpart of Gibbs canonical state, first introduced in 339 Ref. [19], written as the following functional: 340

$$P_{\beta}[A] = \frac{1}{Q_{\beta}[h]} \int_{\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})} e^{-\beta h(Z)} A(Z) dV_{\text{FS}},$$

where 34

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$$Q_{\beta}[h] = \int_{\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})} e^{-\beta h(Z)} dV_{\text{FS}},$$

with $h(Z) = \sum_{\alpha\beta} H_{\alpha\beta} Z^{\beta} \overline{Z}^{\alpha}$. While this distribution retains a 342 characteristic feature of the canonical Gibbs ensemble 343

$$\frac{p_{\beta}(Z(|E_n\rangle))}{p_{\beta}(Z(|E_m\rangle))} = e^{-\beta(E_n - E_m)}$$

it also extends this "Boltzmann" rule to arbitrary states: 344

$$-\ln\left[\frac{p_{\beta}(Z(|\psi\rangle))}{p_{\beta}(Z(|\phi\rangle))}\right] = \beta[h(Z(\psi)) - h(Z(\phi))].$$

Therefore, formulating the statistical mechanics of quantum 345 states via the geometric formalism differs from the standard 346 development, based on an algebraic formalism. This becomes 347 obvious when we write the Gibbs canonical density matrix γ_{β} 348

in the geometric formalism

$$p_{\text{Gibbs}}(Z) = \sum_{k=0}^{D-1} \frac{e^{-\beta E_k}}{\text{Tr}e^{-\beta H}} \delta[Z - Z(|E_k\rangle)]$$
$$\neq \frac{e^{-\beta h(Z)}}{Q_{\beta}[h]}.$$

This makes explicit the standard formalism's assumption that the measure is Dirac like: peaked on energy eigenstates.

Despite quantum statistical mechanics' undeniable suc-352 cesses, this assumption is not, in general, justified. In point 353 of fact, it is the origin of the missing environmental infor-354 mation noted above. These arguments motivate an alternative 355 formulation of the statistical mechanics of quantum systems, 356 first introduced in Ref. [19], one based on geometric quantum 357 states rather than on the familiar density matrices. 358

V. STATISTICAL TREATMENT OF GEOMETRIC **OUANTUM MECHANICS**

Representing a quantum system's state as a continuous 361 mixed state was first broached, to our knowledge, by Brody 362 and Hughston [19,20]. Our goal here is to advance the idea, 363 going from statistical mechanics to thermodynamics. To set 364 the stage for a geometric quantum thermodynamics, the fol-365 lowing first presents our version of their results, derived via 366 the formalism defined in Sec. III, and then expands on them. 367 We begin with the fundamental postulate of classical statisti-368 cal mechanics and its adaptation to quantum mechanics: the 369 microcanonical and canonical ensembles. 370

A. Classical microcanonical ensemble: A priori equal probability

At its most basic level, the fundamental postulate of classi-373 cal statistical mechanics is that, in an isolated system's phase 374 space, microstates with equal energy have the same chance of 375 *being populated.* Calling \vec{q} and \vec{p} generalized velocities and 376 positions, which provide a coordinate frame for the classical 377 phase space, the postulate corresponds to assuming that the 378 microcanonical probability distribution $P_{\rm mc}$ of finding the sys-379 tem in a microstate (\vec{p}, \vec{q}) is, at equilibrium, 380

$$P_{\rm mc}(\vec{q}, \vec{p}) = \begin{cases} 1/W(\mathcal{E}) & \text{if } E(\vec{q}, \vec{p}) \in [\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E} + \delta \mathcal{E}], \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Here, $W(\mathcal{E})$ is the number of microstates (\vec{q}, \vec{p}) belonging to 381 energy shell $I_{mc} := [\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E} + \delta \mathcal{E}]$: 382

 $W(\mathcal{E}) = \int_{E(\vec{a},\vec{p})\in I_{\mathrm{max}}} d\vec{q} \wedge d\vec{p},$

with $\int d\vec{q} \wedge d\vec{p} P_{\rm mc}(\vec{q}, \vec{p}) = 1.$

B. Quantum microcanonical ensemble: A priori equal probability

Quantum statistical mechanics relies on the quantum ver-386 sion of the Gibbs ensemble. For macroscopic isolated systems 387 this is usually interpreted as the quantum system having equal 388 chance $p_{\rm mc}$ to be in any one of the energy eigenstates $|E_n\rangle$, as 389

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³⁹⁰ long as E_n ∈ I_{mc} :

$$p_{\rm mc}(E_n) = \begin{cases} 1/W_{\rm mc} & \text{if } E_n \in [\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E} + \delta \mathcal{E}], \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

³⁹¹ Here, $W_{\rm mc} = \sum_{E_n \in I_{\rm mc}} 1$ is the number of energy eigenstates ³⁹² that belong to the microcanonical window $I_{\rm mc}$. Thus, the ³⁹³ equal-probability postulate provides the following definition ³⁹⁴ for the microcanonical density matrix:

$$\rho_{\rm mc} = \frac{1}{W_{\rm mc}} \sum_{E_n \in I_{\rm mc}} |E_n\rangle \langle E_n| \,.$$

Geometric quantum mechanics gives an alternative way to ex tend equal probability to quantum systems, which we discuss
 now.

C. Geometric quantum microcanonical ensemble: A priori equal probability

The following summarizes an approach to the statistical mechanics of quantum systems first presented in Refs. [19,20,22]. In geometric quantum mechanics the role of the Hamiltonian operator as the generator of unitary dynamics is played by the real quadratic function

$$h(Z) = \sum_{\alpha\beta} H_{\alpha\beta} Z^{\alpha} \overline{Z}^{\beta}$$

where $H_{\alpha\beta}$ are the matrix elements of the Hamiltonian operator in a reference basis [see Eq. (3)]. As *h* is the generator of Liouville dynamics on the pure-state manifold $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$, it is easy to see that there is a straightforward geometric implementation of the *a priori* equal-probability postulate in the quantum setting:

$$p_{\rm mc}(Z) = \begin{cases} 1/\Omega(\mathcal{E}) & h(Z) \in I_{\rm mc} \text{ for all } Z \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

⁴¹¹ Due to normalization, $\Omega(\mathcal{E})$ is the volume of the quantum-⁴¹² state manifold enclosed by the microcanonical energy shell ⁴¹³ $I_{\rm mc}$:

$$\Omega(\mathcal{E}) = \int_{h(Z) \in I_{\rm mc}} dV_{\rm FS},$$

where $dV_{\rm FS}$ is the Fubini-Study volume element introduced in Sec. II. In probability-and-phase coordinate $Z^{\alpha} = \sqrt{p_{\alpha}}e^{iv_{\alpha}}$ the volume element has the explicit form

$$dV_{\rm FS} = \prod_{\alpha=1}^{n} \frac{dp_{\alpha}dv_{\alpha}}{2}$$

Following Heslot [4], we introduce dimensional coordinates via

$$Z^{\alpha} = \frac{X^{\alpha} + iY^{\alpha}}{\sqrt{\hbar}},$$

where X^{α} and Y^{α} are real numbers with dimensions $[X] = [\sqrt{\hbar}] = \text{length}\sqrt{\text{mass}/\text{time}}$ and $[Y] = [\sqrt{\hbar}] =$ momentum $\sqrt{\text{time}/\text{mass}}$. The ratio X/Y is a pure number, while their product XY has the dimension \hbar of an action. Note that $d p_{\alpha} d v_{\alpha}/2 = d X_{\alpha} d Y_{\alpha}/\hbar$. This allows us to write the PHYSICAL REVIEW E **00**, 004100 (2022)

Fubini-Study measure in a classical fashion:

$$dV_{\rm FS} = \prod_{\alpha=1}^{D-1} \frac{dX^{\alpha} dY^{\alpha}}{\hbar}$$
$$= \frac{d\vec{X} d\vec{Y}}{\hbar^{D-1}},$$

where the X^{α} play the role of generalized coordinates and Y^{α} that of generalized momenta. However, it is worth noting that the global geometry of the classical phase space differs substantially from that of $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$.

Given these definitions, it is now possible to calculate the number of states $\Omega(\mathcal{E}) \approx \omega(\mathcal{E})\delta\mathcal{E}$, where $\delta\mathcal{E}$ is the size of the microcanonical energy shell and $\omega(\mathcal{E})$ is the density of states: 431

$$\omega(\mathcal{E}) = \int_{h(Z)=\mathcal{E}} dV_{\text{FS}}$$

= $\frac{\pi^{D-1}}{(D-1)!} \sum_{k=0}^{D-1} \prod_{\substack{i \neq k, i=0}}^{D-1} \frac{(\mathcal{E} - E_k)_+}{(E_i - E_k)}$

where $(x)_+ := \max(0, x)$. Since $\mathcal{E} \in [E_0, E_{\max}]$, there exists an \overline{n} such that $\mathcal{E} \in]E_{\overline{n}}, E_{\overline{n}+1}[$. This means that we can stop the sum at $k = \overline{n}(\mathcal{E})$ since for all $k > \overline{n}$ we have $(\mathcal{E} - E_k)_+ = 0$. This gives

$$\omega(\mathcal{E}) = \frac{\pi^{D-1}}{(D-1)!} \sum_{k=0}^{\overline{n}(\mathcal{E})} \frac{(D-1)(\mathcal{E}-E_k)^{D-2}}{\prod_{j\neq k, j=0}^{D-1} (E_j - E_k)}.$$
 (8)

This is in agreement with Eq. (5) of Ref. [20]. Appendix B 3436provides a detailed proof, using a convenient mathematical437result by Ref. [31].438

D. Quantum canonical ensemble: Statistical physics of quantum states

The geometric approach to microcanonical ensembles extends straightforwardly to the canonical case, defining the continuous canonical ensemble as 441

$$p_{\beta}(Z) = \frac{e^{-\beta h(Z)}}{Q_{\beta}[h]},\tag{9}$$

where

$$Q_{\beta}[h] = \int_{\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})} e^{-\beta h(Z)} dV_{\text{FS}}$$

Reference [19] first proposed the general form of the canonical partition function $Q_{\beta}[h]$, working it out explicitly in several low-dimensional cases. Follow-on work provided an exact formula valid for arbitrary finite-dimensional Hilbert spaces [20]. Appendix **B** 3 provides an alternative proof and explicit examples of

$$Q_{\beta}[h] = \sum_{k=0}^{D-1} \frac{e^{-\beta E_k}}{\prod_{j=0, \ j \neq k}^n (\beta E_k - \beta E_j)}.$$
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This is in full agreement with Eq. (6) of Ref. [20].

With the ensembles laid out we can now see the emergence of geometric quantum thermodynamics, with its fundamental laws. 452

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With a consistent statistical geometric quantum mechanics
in hand, we can now formulate geometric quantum thermodynamics. This is modeled via the geometric canonical state (9).
Notice that, in this setting, an appropriate entropy definition
has yet to be given. Paralleling early work by Gibbs, one can
consider the functional

$$H_q[p] = -k_{\rm B} \int_{\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})} p(Z) \ln p(Z) dV_{\rm FS}.$$

An information-theoretic analysis of this quantity and its relation with the von Neumann entropy was done in Ref. [32]. This functional allows properly evaluating p(Z)'s entropy if and only if the dimension of the support of p has the same real dimension of $\mathbb{C}P^n$. Reference [33] defined and explored the appropriate generalization to geometric quantum states with generic support, including fractal distributions.

Let us consider H_q 's role, though, for the quantum foundations of thermodynamics. For Eq. (9)'s geometric canonical ensemble this gives

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$$U := \int_{\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})} p_{\beta}(Z)h(Z)dV_{\text{FS}} \text{ and}$$
$$F := -\frac{1}{\beta}\ln Q_{\beta}$$

 $H_q = \beta (U - F),$

⁴⁷³ are, respectively, the average energy and the free energy aris-⁴⁷⁴ ing from the geometric partition function Q_{β} .

This means that we can directly import a series of fundamental results from classical thermodynamics and statistical
mechanics into the quantum setting, fully amortizing the effort
invested to develop the geometric formalism.

A. First law

⁴⁸⁰ The first result is a straightforward derivation of the first law:

$$dU = \int_{\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})} dV_{\rm FS} p(Z) dh(Z) + \int_{\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})} dV_{\rm FS} dp(Z) h(Z)$$

= $dW + dQ.$ (11)

We call the contribution dW work since it arises from a change in the Hamiltonian h(Z) generated by an external control operating on the system. We call the contribution dQ heat, as it is associated with a change in entropy. Indeed, by direct computation one sees that

$$dH_a = \beta dQ$$
 and $dF = dW$.

This gives the standard form of the first law for isothermal,quasistatic processes:

$$dU = T dH_q + dF,$$

where $T := (k_{\rm B}\beta)^{-1}$. Conforming to the conventional statistical approach to thermodynamics, beyond energy conservation, one can use the first law to extract phenomenological relations (e.g., Maxwell's relation) that hold at thermodynamic equilibrium: $\partial U/\partial H_q = T$. In this, the partial derivatives are intended as infinitesimal changes occurring 494 while maintaining the system at thermal equilibrium. 495

B. Second law

The second law follows from the Crooks [34] and Jarzynski [35] fluctuation theorems [26,36,37]. Their treatment can be straightforwardly exploited, thanks to the Hamiltonian nature of Schrödinger's equation when written on the quantum-state manifold $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$. 501

As summarized in Eq. (3), given a Hamiltonian $h(Z, \lambda)$ 502 on $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$ that depends on an externally controlled parameter $\lambda = \lambda(t)$, the unitary evolution is given by the Liouville 504 equation (3) as in classical mechanics: 505

$$\frac{\partial p(Z)}{\partial t} = \{ p(Z), h(Z, \lambda) \}.$$

Notably, one can apply Jarzynski's original argument [38] to driven quantum systems, without the need to exploit the *twotimes measurement scheme* [26]. The setup is standard.

$$W = \int_0^1 \dot{\lambda}(t) \frac{\partial h}{\partial \lambda} \big(Z(\psi_t), \lambda(t) \big) dt,$$

where $\lambda = d\lambda/dt$ and $Z(\psi_t)$ are the homogeneous coordinates on $\mathbb{C}P^{D-1}$ for $|\psi_t\rangle$. Therefore, $|\psi_t\rangle$ are the solutions of Eq. (4).

With these premises, Jarzynski's original argument applies 518 mutatis mutandis to give 519

$$\langle e^{-\beta W} \rangle_{\text{ens}} = \frac{Q_{\beta}[h(\lambda_f)]}{Q_{\beta}[h(\lambda_i)]}$$
$$= e^{-\Delta F}, \qquad (12)$$

where $\lambda(0) = \lambda_i$ and $\lambda(1) = \lambda_f$ and $\langle x \rangle_{ens}$ denotes the ensemble average over many protocol realizations. From this, one directly applies Jensen's inequality 522

$$\langle e^{-\beta W} \rangle_{\text{ens}} \ge e_{\text{ens}}^{-\beta \langle W \rangle}$$

to obtain the second law's familiar form

$$\langle W \rangle_{\text{ens}} \ge F.$$
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VII. GEOMETRIC THERMALIZATION IN A PHENOMENOLOGICAL MODEL

The validity of geometric quantum thermodynamics, as defined above, hinges on the assumption of (geometric) thermal equilibrium. It therefore implicitly relies on a dynamical mechanism driving the system towards the geometric canonical ensemble. This section shows that this occurs in at least one model for the out-of-equilibrium dynamics of a single qubit.

A quantum system interacting with its surroundings evolves in a nonunitary fashion due to the fact that it exchanges energy (or other extensive quantities) and so becomes

correlated with its environment. This can be modeled using 536 the theory of open quantum systems and its dissipative dy-537 namics [39-42]. While most approaches focus on establishing 538 an equation governing the dynamical evolution of the system's 539 density matrix, here we are interested in the thermodynamics 540 of the geometric quantum state as the ensemble behind the 54 density matrix. A principled description and modeling of the 542 dynamics of an open quantum system within the geometric 543 approach is beyond the present scope, although, its develop-544 ment is currently ongoing. 545

Instead, the following shows how to represent dissipation
within the geometric formalism for a stochastic model. This
serves a twofold purpose. First, it provides simple examples
of how geometric quantum mechanics evolves open quantum
systems in a variety of cases. Second, it supports the theory
developed above with a numeric analysis of an experimentally
relevant scenario.

While the emphasis is still on the geometric formalism, 553 and its natural phase-space geometry, this approach is not far 554 from "stochastic Schrödinger equations." See, for example, 555 Refs. [39,43–46] that import techniques from the classical 556 theory of stochastic processes. The following exploits this 557 idea, applying it to the geometric language and drawing from 558 a variety of known approaches. It does so by examining a 559 phenomenological model for dissipative dynamics that, as we 560 show, exhibits thermalization towards the geometric canonical 561 ensemble. 562

It considers the stochastic dynamics of a two-level sys-563 tem with state space $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \sim \mathbb{C}P^1$. Generally, this results 564 from a two-state approximation of a more complex system 565 interacting with an environment. It gives a standard approxi-566 mation that provides sensible results in a variety of physical 567 regimes. These include systems that inherently consist of 568 two states, such as spin $\frac{1}{2}$, chiral molecules [47–53], and 569 atoms at low temperature, considering only the two lowest 570 states. They also include, though, continuous-variable sys-571 tems in a double-well potential, Josephson junctions [54], 572 and effective descriptions of macroscopic condensates. As a 573 related technical aside beyond quantum mechanics, we note 574 that the proper analysis and simulation of stochastic dynam-575 ics on Riemannian manifolds is a topic of its own interest 576 [55.56]. 577

Accounting for the nonisolated nature of the system in-578 volves modeling the environment and the latter's effect on 579 the effective qubit. This, therefore, depends on the specific 580 case under study and leads to different effective equa-581 tions governing the qubit's nonequilibrium behavior. From 582 the system's perspective, however, a general setup is avail-583 able in a regime in which coupling with the environment 584 is weak and the environment is effectively large and dis-585 ordered. These approximations are expected to hold for 586 large environments, where one can argue for the emer-587 gence of stochastic dynamics for the evolution of the open 588 589 system.

The prototypical case, in which a specific form of these equations can be derived by integrating out the environmental degrees of freedom, is given by the Caldeira-Leggett model [57–59] with an environment modeled by an infinite number of noninteracting harmonic oscillators. Respecting these approximations' validity, a generic model of Langevin-type dynamics on $\mathbb{C}P^1$ is

$$\dot{p} = -\partial_{\phi}E + V_p + W_p, \qquad (14)$$

 $\dot{\phi} = \partial_p E + V_{\phi} + W_{\phi},$ in (p, ϕ) coordinates. In this, $E = E(p, \phi)$ is an effective Hamiltonian generating the deterministic part of the dynamics [see Eq. (4)]. This is a renormalized version of the system's Hamiltonian. V_p and V_{ϕ} depend linearly on (p, ϕ) and $(\dot{p}, \dot{\phi}).$ They describe (i) dissipative mechanisms such as friction, modeled with a dependence on \dot{p} or $\dot{\phi}$, as in standard Langevin

equations, and (ii) unstable states, modeled with a dependence $V_p = -kp$ to allow for exponential decay $p_{decay}(t) \sim p_0 e^{-kt}$, as in a two-level atom decaying into its ground state. Finally, W_p and W_{ϕ} are stochastic variables with no drift that account for the environment's mixing effect on the system. When the environment is sufficiently large and

drift that account for the environment's mixing effect on the system. When the environment is sufficiently large and unstructured, they can be modeled as Gaussian processes $\mathbb{E}[W_a(s+t)W_b(s)] = \mathbb{E}[W_a(t)W_b(0)] \approx \delta_{ab}\gamma_a\delta(t)$, with $a, b \in$ $\{p, \phi\}$ and $\gamma_a \propto k_B T$, with T the temperature of the environment. This is true in the Caldeira-Leggett model for Ohmic baths.

As anticipated above, specific forms of these equa-614 tions have successfully modeled the evolution of a variety 615 of two-level systems. We also note how, in several cases, 616 and also in Refs. [60-64], this approach to open quantum 617 systems is quite similar to GQM as it relies on canoni-618 cal representations of the quantum state space. For chiral 619 molecules, for example, one has $E(p, \phi) = \delta \langle \sigma_x \rangle + \epsilon \langle \sigma_z \rangle =$ 620 $\delta 2\sqrt{p(1-p)}\cos\phi + \epsilon(1-2p), V_p = -k\dot{p}, \text{ with } k \sim 10^{-1},$ 621 $W_{\phi} = V_{\phi} = 0$ and $W_p(t)$ white noise with strength $\gamma_p \propto k_{\rm B}T$. 622 The thermodynamics arising from this set of dynamical equa-623 tions has been studied in detail [47-53]. 624

The goal here is rather to showcase the experimental rel-625 evance of the geometric canonical ensemble. The following 626 does so showing, numerically, that the evolution provided by 627 the stochastic equations above leads to the dynamical emer-628 gence of the geometric canonical ensemble. This is directly 629 relevant to the out-of-equilibrium dynamics of an ensemble 630 of chiral molecules or of an ensemble of experiments with 631 Josephson junctions. 632

The specific stochastic equations under study are

$$\dot{p} = \delta 2 \sqrt{p(1-p)} \sin \phi - k_d p - k_f \dot{\phi} + \sqrt{\gamma} \xi(t), \quad (15)$$
$$\dot{\phi} = -\delta \frac{1-2p}{\sqrt{p(1-p)}} \cos \phi + 2\epsilon,$$

where k_d and k_f are coefficients accounting for dissipation mechanisms, such as instability of a state and friction. Up to simple redefinition of variables, that does not change the physics, the model with $k_d = 0$ is the same as in Refs. [49,50].

Exploiting the Markovian character of Gaussian noise, the 638 statistics of many independent realizations of this stochastic 639 process on $\mathbb{C}P^1$ can be extracted by examining the time-640 aggregated statistics of a single, very long, trajectory. We thus 641 simulate the long-time dynamics of a qubit initiated in a fully 642 out-of-equilibrium configuration $q_0(p, \phi) = \delta(p - p_0)\delta(\phi - \phi)$ 643 ϕ_0 , corresponding to a pure state $|p_0, \phi_0\rangle = \sqrt{1 - p_0} |0\rangle + \sqrt{1 - p_0} |0\rangle$ 644 $\sqrt{p_0}e^{i\phi_0}|1\rangle$, where $|0\rangle$, $|1\rangle$ are the standard computational 645 basis. For chiral molecules, these are the (left and right) 646

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chiral eigenstates. Here, we show the results for $p_0 = 0.9$ and 647 $\phi = 4\pi/3$ and checked that they do not depend on this choice. 648 Results are shown for parameter values $\delta = \epsilon = 1$, $\gamma = 0.2$, 649 and $k_d = 0$. While these match the model in Refs. [49,50], the 650 results are largely independent of this specific choice and hold 65 for broad regimes in $(\delta, \epsilon, k_d, \gamma)$ parameter space. 652

The analysis was performed as follows. After generating 653 a single long-time trajectory using the Milstein method, we 654 collected statistics P_{nk} . We then generated a histogram to ap-655 proximate the probability that, at any given time, the system is 656 found in a small region of the state space $\tilde{P}_{nk} \approx \Pr[Z \in \mathcal{I}_{nk}] =$ 657 $\lim_{T\to\infty}\int_0^T \int_{\mathcal{I}_{nk}} q_t(Z) dV_{\text{FS}}. \text{ In this, } \{\mathcal{I}_{nk}\}_{n,k=1}^N \text{ is a coarse}$ 658 graining of $\mathbb{C}P^1$ in which each region $\mathcal{I}_{nk} = [p_n, p_{n+1}] \times$ 659 $[\phi_k, \phi_{k+1}]$ has the same Fubini-Study volume $\mu_{FS}(\mathcal{I}_{nk}) =$ 660 N^{-2} , $p_k = n/N$, and $\phi_k = 2\pi k/N$. Reference [33] gives a 66 detailed analysis of why this is an appropriate coarse graining, 662 its information-theoretic relevance, and how to generalize it to 663 arbitrary $\mathbb{C}P^n$. 664

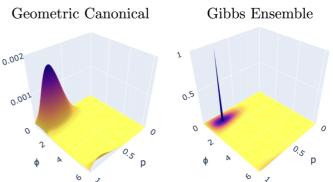
Concretely, the numerical analysis used N = 50. The dy-665 namics was generated setting $T = 10^2$ in units in which $\hbar =$ 666 $\delta = 1$. This was chosen by numerically checking that the 667 reconstructed histogram does not change significantly when 668 increasing T. The time window [0, T] was discretized to 669 use the Milstein algorithm to generate Gaussian noise with 670 $dt = 10^{-4}$. These, again, are consistent with the choices in 671 Refs. [49,50]. In short, the number of time steps $N_T = 10^6$, 672 with $N_T dt = T$. 673

To extract the inverse temperature β the collected statistics 674 were used to perform a 2D least-square fit to the geometric 675 canonical ensemble. The latter's appropriateness was estab-676 lished by using the following figure of merit: $f = \sum_{n,k} |\tilde{P}_{nk} - q_{nk}^{\text{fit}}|^2 \in [0, 1]$, where $q_{nk}^{\text{fit}} = Q^{-1}\beta^* \int_{\mathcal{I}_{nk}} dV_{\text{FS}} e^{-\beta^* E(Z)}$ and β^* is 67 678 the optimal value extracted from the least-square fit. This is 679 the total variation distance between the coarse-grained geo-680 metric quantum states obtained from the data $\{\tilde{P}_{nk}\}_{n,k}$ and the 68 one obtained from the best fit to the geometric canonical en-682 semble $\{q_{nk}^{\text{fit}}\}_{n,k}$. It ranges from zero to one and is the classical 683 analog of the well-known trace distance for density matrices. 684 At selected parameters, $f \approx 5.6 \times 10^{-4}$. This quantifies the 685 visually excellent agreement seen in Fig. 2. 686

Before drawing broad conclusions, a few comments are in 687 order regarding specific results. First, thermalization is ob-688 served even when changing parameter values. This is true for 689 any of the Hamiltonian parameters δ and ϵ . Moreover, there 690 are good numerical indications that this holds for any $k_d > 0$. 691 However, k_d and γ do affect the effective (inverse) temper-692 ature β^* the system reaches. Analyzing how this happens 693 and the underlying mechanisms is beyond the present scope, 694 which aimed only at establishing the predictive relevance of 695 the geometric canonical ensemble in an experimentally realis-696 tic setting. 697

Second, we ignored issues related to the timescale at which 698 the aggregated geometric quantum state reaches the canonical 699 form. These were bypassed by using a time window [0, T]700 that guaranteed the aggregated data does not change when 701 increasing T. 702

Third, Eq. (15)'s model arises from a bath that is a set of 703 noninteracting harmonic oscillators with Ohmic correlation 704 functions and interactions linear in the phase difference ϕ , 705



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FIG. 1. Alternate ensembles in the geometric and standard settings: differences are plainly evident. Canonical probability distributions on a qubit's state manifold $\mathbb{C}P^1$ with coordinates Z = $(Z^0, Z^1) = (\sqrt{1-q}, \sqrt{q}e^{i\chi})$ where $q \in [0, 1]$ and $\chi \in [-\pi, \pi]$. $\mathbb{C}P^1$ discretized using a 100 × 100 grid on the (q, χ) coordinates exploiting the fact that, with these coordinates, the Fubini-Study measure is directly proportional to the Cartesian volume element $dV_{\rm FS} = dq \, d\chi/2$. The Hamiltonian is $H = \sigma_x + \sigma_y + \sigma_z$, with $\hbar =$ 1 and inverse temperature $\beta = 5$ ($k_{\rm B} = 1$). (Right) Gibbs ensemble, where the measure is concentrated around coordinates of the respective eigenvectors $(q(|E_0\rangle), \chi(|E_0\rangle)) = (0.789, -2.356)$ and $(q(|E_1\rangle), \chi(|E_1\rangle)) = (0.211, 0.785).$ (Left) Geometric canonical ensemble. Notice the difference in scale, due to the fact that the geometric canonical ensemble has continuous support on the quantum state space, not just on single points (energy eigenstates).

leading to a friction $\propto \phi$. A different kind of interaction is 706 possible, linear in the population p, that leads to a friction term 707 \dot{p} . While not reported here, there are numerical indications 708 that this alternative exhibits thermalization to the geometric 709 canonical ensemble as well. This supports the intuition that 710 thermalization is mostly driven by the lack of memory of the 711 stochastic term, ultimately due to the Ohmic nature of the 712 bath's correlation functions. 713

Fourth, the effective nature of the description makes the 714 model widely applicable. And so, a number of straightfor-715 ward generalizations would be quite interesting to explore. 716

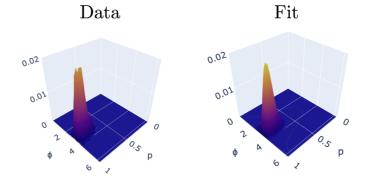


FIG. 2. Comparing time-aggregated data of a single trajectory generated by Eq. (15)'s stochastic model (left) to the fit to a geometric canonical ensemble with functional form as in Eq. (9) (right). Here, $h(Z) = E(p, \phi) = \delta \langle \sigma_x \rangle + \epsilon \langle \sigma_z \rangle =$ $\delta 2\sqrt{p(1-p)}\cos\phi + \epsilon(1-2p)$, with $\delta = \epsilon = 1$. The excellent agreement is visually clear, and it is quantified by a total variation distance between the two distributions of $f \approx 5.6 \times 10^{-4}$.

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These include, for example, changing the noise structure to 717 accommodate limited memory and allowing for competition 718 between the different ways in which the system interacts with 719 the harmonic bath and the decay in both p and ϕ . Of particu-720 lar interest, both conceptually and practically, is determining 721 which terms lead to dynamical localization and what kinds 722 of system-bath interactions are necessary for these terms to 723 emerge by integrating out the bath degrees of freedom. 724

VIII. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

⁷²⁶ While historically quantum mechanics is firmly rooted in ⁷²⁷ an algebraic formalism, an alternative based on the differential ⁷²⁸ geometry of quantum state space $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H}) \sim \mathbb{C}P^{D-1}$ is readily ⁷²⁹ available.

As previous works repeatedly emphasized [1,4,10], the 730 geometric approach brings quantum and classical mechan-731 ics much closer, aiming to leverage the best of both. The 732 space $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$ of quantum states is a Kähler space, with two 733 intertwined notions of geometry: Riemannian and symplec-734 tic. It also sports a preferred notion of measure, selected by 735 invariance under unitary transformations: the Fubini-Study 736 measure. One can exploit this rich geometric structure to 737 define generic probability measures on $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$. The result is a 738 new kind of quantum state, the geometric quantum state [27], 739 that generalizes the familiar density matrix but provides more 740 information about a quantum system's physical configuration. 741 Essentially, it expresses the multitude of ensembles, induced 742 by different environments, behind a density matrix. 743

Leveraging parallels between the geometric formalism and 744 classical mechanics, the statistical treatment of geometric 745 quantum mechanics provides a continuous counterpart of 746 Gibbs ensembles. Section VI laid out how to establish quan-747 tum thermodynamics on the basis of the geometric formalism. 748 Building on Sec. V's statistical treatment of geometric quan-749 tum mechanics, it derived the First and Second Laws of 750 geometric quantum thermodynamics. Despite the two results 751 appearing identical to the existing laws, derived within stan-752 dard quantum statistical mechanics, they involve quantities 753 that are genuinely different. Understanding how Eqs. (11), 754 (12), and (13) connect to their standard counterparts [26] 755 is a challenge that we must leave for the future. We note 756 Ref. [65] obtained a similar result that, lacking the geometric 757 perspective, considered microcanonical and canonical ensem-758 bles of pure states, as first advocated by Khinchin [29] and 759 Schrödinger [30]. 760

Remarkably, predictions from standard quantum statistical 761 mechanics and its geometric counterpart differ. This poses 762 a challenge: Which theory should one use? Ultimately, this 763 problem does not have a generic solution. Answering the 764 question requires understanding the details of the long-time 765 dynamic of an open quantum system and, in general, this will 766 767 be be model specific. Here, to showcase the relevance of the geometric approach, we showed that there is a class of known 768 769 stochastic models, aimed at describing chiral molecules and Josephson's junctions, that indeed does exhibit dynamical 770 evolution towards the geometric canonical ensemble. One 771 thus expects the predictions from geometric quantum thermo-772 dynamics to hold in the cases where the dynamical model in 773 Eq. (15) is justified. 774

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The geometric approach to quantum thermodynamics 775 opens the door to new and interesting questions and novel 776 research avenues. Let us mention two. First, the ensem-777 ble interpretation of geometric quantum mechanics suggests 778 employing the geometric formalism to describe the thermo-779 dynamics of ensembles, rather than relying on that of density 780 matrices. The main advantage is that this delineates the en-781 vironmental resources required to support a given density 782 matrix. Indeed, while two different experimental setups can 783 give rise to the same density matrix, their difference implicitly 784 lies in the distinct ways the density matrix is created. This is 785 directly relevant to the energetics of information processing 786 technologies built from quantum computers and quantum sen-787 sors. 788

Second, from a conceptual perspective, geometric quantum 789 thermodynamics and statistical mechanics are as at least as 790 powerful as their standard counterpart. Yet, they can make 791 different predictions. Self-consistency of thermodynamic pre-792 dictions suggests that this difference should be negligible in 793 a truly macroscopic regime in which both system and envi-794 ronment are macroscopically large. This is, however, a highly 795 nontrivial statement whose proof requires a much better un-796 derstanding of the emergence of thermodynamic predictions 797 from fully dynamical considerations. We believe the new re-798 search avenues, together with the larger perspective provided 799 by geometric quantum mechanics, will greatly enrich our 800 understanding of the phenomenology of many-body quantum 801 systems. 802

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APPENDIX A: INDEPENDENT RESULT

For completeness, the following summarizes the Ref. [31] result called on in calculating the density of states. Given the *n*-simplex Δ_n : { $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n_+$: $\vec{e} \cdot \vec{x} \leq 1$ }, where \vec{e} is the vector of ones in \mathbb{R}^n , a section of the simplex is defined by a vector $\vec{a} \in \mathbb{S}^n$ and we want to compute the *n*-dimensional and (n-1)dimensional volumes of the following sets:

$$\Theta(\vec{a},t) \coloneqq \Delta_n \cap \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \vec{a}^T \cdot \vec{x} \leqslant t\} \text{ and } S(\vec{a},t) \coloneqq \Delta_n \cap \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \vec{a}^T \cdot \vec{x} = t\},$$

where \vec{a}^T is the transpose of \vec{a} . The result assumes flat geometry, which is obtained from the volume element 825

 $dp_1dp_2\dots dp_n$. Letting $(x)_+ := \max(0, x)$ and $a_0 = 0$, then

$$\operatorname{Vol}(\Theta(\vec{a}, t)) = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{(t - a_k)_+^n}{\prod_{j \neq k, j=0}^{n} (a_j - a_k)}$$
$$= \frac{1}{n!} \frac{t^n}{\prod_{k=1}^{n} a_k} + \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{(t - a_j)_+^n}{\prod_{j \neq k, j=0}^{n} (a_j - a_k)}$$

827 and

$$\operatorname{Vol}(S(\vec{a},t)) = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{(t-a_k)_+^{n-1}}{\prod_{j\neq k, \ j=0}^{n} (a_j-a_k)}$$
$$= \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \frac{t^{n-1}}{\prod_{k=1}^{n} a_k}$$
$$+ \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{(t-a_j)_+^{n-1}}{\prod_{j\neq k, \ j=0}^{n} (a_j-a_k)}.$$

APPENDIX B: GEOMETRIC QUANTUM DENSITY OF STATES AND CANONICAL ENSEMBLE

Again for completeness, we first recall the basic definitions, given in the main text, used in the two sections that follow to calculate the density of states and statistical physics of quantum states in the geometric formalism.

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1. Setup and notation

Consider a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} of finite dimension D. The 835 manifold $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{H})$ of states is the complex projective space 836 $\mathbb{C}P^{D-1}$. A point *Z* on the manifold is a set of *D* homogeneous 837 and complex coordinates $\{Z^{\alpha}\}$. A point corresponds to a pure 838 state with the identification $Z \leftrightarrow |\psi\rangle = \sum_{\alpha=0}^{D-1} Z^{\alpha} |e_{\alpha}\rangle$, where 839 $\{|e_{\alpha}\rangle\}_{\alpha}$ is an arbitrary but fixed basis of $\overline{\mathcal{H}}$. This parametriza-840 tion underlies the choice of a reference basis that, however, 841 is ultimately irrelevant. While concrete calculations of exper-842 imentally measurable quantities can be made easier or harder 843 by an appropriate coordinate system, the overall result is 844 independent on such choices. The quantum mechanical expec-845 tation value is a quadratic and real function on the manifold 846 of the quantum states: 847

$$\begin{split} a(Z) &:= \langle \psi(Z) | A | \psi(Z) \rangle \\ &= \sum_{\alpha, \beta=0}^{D-1} A_{\alpha,\beta} Z^{\alpha} \overline{Z}^{\beta}. \end{split}$$

When A = H is the system's Hamiltonian, the function 848 a(Z) = h(Z) generates the vector field V_H on $\mathbb{C}P^{D-1}$. The 849 associated Hamiltonian equations of motion become the 850 Schrödinger equation (and its complex conjugate) when using 85 the standard formalism with Hilbert spaces. In the geometric 852 formalism, states are functionals from the algebra of observ-853 ables to the real numbers. Effectively, they are probability 854 distributions, both discrete and continuous, on the quantum-855 state manifold $\mathbb{C}P^{D-1}$. 856

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2. Microcanonical density of states: Proof of Eq. (8)

We start with the *a priori* equal-probability postulate and build the microcanonical shell as follows:

$$p_{\rm mc}(Z) = \begin{cases} 1/W(\mathcal{E}) & \text{if } h(Z) \in [\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E} + \delta \mathcal{E}], \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Due to normalization we have

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$$(\mathcal{E}) = \int_{h(z)\in I_{\rm mc}} dV_{\rm FS},$$

where $dV_{\rm FS}$ is the volume element of the Fubini-Study metric: 861

$$dV_{\rm FS} = \frac{1}{2^n} dp_1 dp_2 \dots dp_n d\nu_1 \dots d\nu_n$$

This gives the manifold volume

$$\operatorname{Vol}(\mathbb{C}P^n) = \frac{\pi^n}{n!}.$$

For concrete calculations, normalize the measure so that $\mathbb{C}P^{D-1}$'s total volume is unity, using 864

$$d\mu_n = \frac{dV_{\text{FS}}}{\text{Vol}(\mathbb{C}P^n)}$$
$$= \frac{n!}{(2\pi)^n} \prod_{k=1}^n dp_k \prod_{k=1}^n d\nu_k$$

This does not alter results in the main text. On the one hand,
calculations of measurable quantities are independent of this
value. On the other, here, at the calculation's end, we reintro-
duce the appropriate normalization.865
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We can now compute $W(\mathcal{E})$ for a generic quantum system. Assuming that $\delta \mathcal{E} \ll |E_{\max} - E_{\min}|$, we have $W(\mathcal{E}) = \Omega(\mathcal{E})\delta \mathcal{E}$ and $\Omega(\mathcal{E})$ is the area of the surface Σ defined by $_{871}h(Z) = \mathcal{E}$:

$$\Omega(\mathcal{E}) = \int_{\Sigma} d\sigma,$$

where $d\sigma$ is the area element resulting from projecting both the symplectic two-form and the metric tensor onto the surface Σ . To compute this we choose an appropriate coordinate system

$$Z^{\alpha} = \langle E_{\alpha} \rangle \psi(Z)$$
$$= n_{\alpha} e^{i\nu_{\alpha}}$$

adapted to the surface Σ :

$$h(Z) = \langle \psi(Z) | H | \psi(Z) \rangle$$
$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n} E_{k} | \langle \psi \rangle E_{k} |^{2}$$
$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n} E_{k} n_{k}^{2}$$
$$= \mathcal{E}.$$

On both sides we subtract the ground-state energy E_0 878 and divide by $E_{\text{max}} - E_0$ to obtain the following defining 879

equation for $\Sigma \subset \mathbb{C}P^n$:

$$F(n_0, n_1, \ldots, n_n, \nu_1, \ldots, \nu_n) = \sum_{k=0}^n \varepsilon_k n_k^2 - \varepsilon = 0,$$

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$$\varepsilon_k = \frac{E_k - E_0}{E_{\max} - E_0} \in [0, 1] \text{ and}$$
$$\varepsilon = \frac{\mathcal{E} - E_0}{E_{\max} - E_0} \in [0, 1].$$

⁸⁸² We use octant coordinates for $\mathbb{C}P^n$:

$$(Z_0, Z_1, \ldots, Z_n) = (n_0, n_1 e^{i\nu_1}, n_2 e^{i\nu_2} \ldots, n_n e^{i\nu_n}),$$

where $n_k \in [0, 1]$ and $\nu_k \in [0, 2\pi[$. With the transformation $p_k = n_k^2$ the equation for Σ becomes

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} p_k \varepsilon_k - \varepsilon = 0.$$

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a. Qubit case

The state space of a single qubit is $\mathbb{C}P^1$. The latter's parametrization

$$p\varepsilon_0 + (1-p)\varepsilon_1 = 1-p$$

means that $h(Z) \leq \mathcal{E}$ is equivalent to $1 - p \leq \varepsilon$. The volume is therefore given by

$$\operatorname{Vol}_{n=1}(\mathcal{E}) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{h(\phi) \leq \mathcal{E}} dV_{\mathrm{FS}}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{1-\varepsilon}^{1} dp \int_{0}^{2\pi} d\nu$$
$$= \varepsilon$$
$$= \frac{\mathcal{E} - E_{0}}{E_{1} - E_{0}}.$$

890 In turn, this gives

$$W_{n=1}(\mathcal{E}) = \operatorname{Vol}_{n=1}(\mathcal{E} + \delta \mathcal{E}) - \operatorname{Vol}_{n=1}(\mathcal{E})$$
$$= \frac{1}{E_1 - E_0} \delta \mathcal{E}.$$

⁸⁹¹ In other words,

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$$\Omega_{n=1}(\mathcal{E}) = \frac{1}{E_1 - E_0},$$

⁸⁹² which is a constant density of states.

b. Qutrit case

The state space of qutrits is $\mathbb{C}P^2$, with parametrization $Z = (Z_0, Z_1, Z_2) = (1 - p - q, pe^{i\nu_1}, qe^{i\nu_2})$. With these coordinates, the equation defining the constant-energy hypersurface is

$$(1 - p - q)\varepsilon_0 + p\varepsilon_1 + q\varepsilon_2 = p\varepsilon_1 + q \leqslant \varepsilon_1$$

⁸⁹⁸ And, it has volume

$$\operatorname{Vol}_{n=2}(\mathcal{E}) = \frac{2}{(2\pi)^2} \int \int dq \, dq \int \int d\nu_1 d\nu_2$$

$$= 2 \int \int_{S} dp \, dq.$$

In this, we have the surface $S := \{(p, q) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : p, q \ge 0, p + q \le 1, q \le \varepsilon - p\varepsilon_1\}$. Examining the geometry we directly see that the region's area is

$$A(S) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(1-\varepsilon)^2}{1-\varepsilon_1} & \text{when } \varepsilon \ge \varepsilon_1, \\ \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2\varepsilon_1} & \text{when } \varepsilon < \varepsilon_1 \end{cases}$$

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$$(S) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(E_2 - \mathcal{E})^2}{(E_2 - E_1)(E_2 - E_0)} & \text{when } \mathcal{E} \ge E_1, \\ \frac{1}{2} \frac{(\mathcal{E} - E_0)^2}{(E_1 - E_0)(E_2 - E_0)} & \text{when } \mathcal{E} < E_1. \end{cases}$$

One can check that the function $A(S)[\mathcal{E}]$ and its first derivative are continuous. Eventually, we have 904

$$W_{n=2}(\mathcal{E}) = \operatorname{Vol}_{n=2}(\mathcal{E} + \delta \mathcal{E}) - \operatorname{Vol}_{n=2}(\mathcal{E})$$
$$= \begin{cases} \frac{2(E_2 - \mathcal{E})}{(E_2 - E_1)(E_2 - E_0)} \delta \mathcal{E} & \text{when } \mathcal{E} \ge E_1 m \\ \frac{2(\mathcal{E} - E_0)}{(E_2 - E_0)(E_1 - E_0)} \delta \mathcal{E} & \text{when } \mathcal{E} < E_1. \end{cases}$$

c. Generic qudit case: $\mathbb{C}P^n$

To use the Ref. [31] result, summarized in Appendix A, we must change coordinates. Again, using "probability + phase" 906 coordinates 907

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} p_k E_k = \mathcal{E}$$

means that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_k a_k = t(\mathcal{E}),$$

$$a_k = a(E_k)$$

$$= \frac{E_k - E_0}{R},$$

$$R = \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^{n} (E_k - E_0)^2}, \text{ and}$$

$$t(\mathcal{E}) = \frac{\mathcal{E} - E_0}{R}.$$

In this way, we can apply the result, finding

$$\operatorname{Vol}_{n}(\mathcal{E}) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{(t-a_{k})_{+}^{n}}{\prod_{j\neq k, \ j=0}^{n} (a_{j}-a_{k})}$$
$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{(\mathcal{E}-E_{k})_{+}^{n}}{\prod_{j\neq k, \ j=0}^{n} (E_{j}-E_{k})}.$$

Since $\mathcal{E} \in [E_0, E_{\max}]$, there exists an \overline{n} such that $\mathcal{E} \in \mathbb{P}_{11}$ $]E_{\overline{n}}, E_{\overline{n}+1}[$. This means that the sum in the second term stops at $k = \overline{n}$ because after that $(\mathcal{E} - E_k)_+ = 0$. Hence, there exists $\overline{n}(\mathcal{E})$ such that for all $k > \overline{n}$ we have $(\mathcal{E} - E_k)_+ = 0$. This, in \mathbb{P}_{14} turn, shows that \mathbb{P}_{15}

$$\operatorname{Vol}_{n}(\mathcal{E}) = \sum_{k=0}^{\overline{n}(\mathcal{E})} \frac{(\mathcal{E} - E_{k})^{n}}{\prod_{j \neq k, j=0}^{n} (E_{j} - E_{k})}.$$

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This leads to the desired fraction of $\mathbb{C}P^n$ microstates in a microcanonical energy shell $[\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E} + d\mathcal{E}]$:

$$W_n(\mathcal{E}) = \Omega_n(\mathcal{E})d\mathcal{E}$$
$$= \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\overline{n}(\mathcal{E})} \frac{n(\mathcal{E} - E_k)^{n-1}}{\prod_{j \neq k, j=0}^n (E_j - E_k)}\right) d\mathcal{E}.$$

⁹¹⁸ This allows defining the *statistical entropy* $S(\mathcal{E})$ of a quantum ⁹¹⁹ system with finite-dimensional Hilbert space of dimension ⁹²⁰ D = n + 1 as

$$S(\mathcal{E}) = \ln W_{D-1}(\mathcal{E}).$$

3. Statistical physics of quantum states: Canonical ensemble

⁹²² The continuous canonical ensemble is defined as

$$\rho_{\beta}(\psi) = \frac{e^{-\beta h(\psi)}}{Q_{\beta}[h]},$$

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$$Q_{\beta}[h] = \int_{\mathbb{C}P^{D-1}} e^{-\beta h(\psi)} dV_{\text{FS}}.$$

The following analyzes the simple qubit case and then moves to the general treatment of a finite-dimensional Hilbert space \mathcal{H} .

a. Single qubit

The Hilbert space here is \mathcal{H} while the pure-state manifold is $\mathbb{C}P^1$. And so, we have

$$Q_{\beta}[h] = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\pi} d\theta \, \sin \theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \, e^{-\beta h(\theta, \phi)},$$

930 with $h(\theta, \phi) = \vec{\gamma} \cdot \langle \vec{\sigma} \rangle = \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{b}(\theta, \phi)$.

Since we consider a single qubit, whose state space is S^2 embedded in \mathbb{R}^3 , we can write $\vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{b}(\psi) = ||\vec{\gamma}|| \cos \theta$, where θ is the angle between $\vec{\gamma}$ and $\vec{b}(\psi)$. Thus, we can use an appropriate coordinate $h(\phi, \theta) = ||\vec{\gamma}|| \cos \theta$ aligned with $\vec{\gamma}$ to find

$$Q_{\beta}[h] = \pi \frac{\sinh \beta ||\vec{\gamma}||}{\beta ||\vec{\gamma}||}$$

Or, using "probability + phase" coordinates (p, ν) we can also write

$$\frac{1}{2}\int_0^1 dp \int_0^{2\pi} dv \, e^{-\beta[(1-p)E_0+pE_1]} = \pi \frac{e^{-\beta E_0} - e^{-\beta E_1}}{\beta(E_1 - E_0)}.$$

The change in coordinates is given by the result of diagonalization: $E_0 = -||\vec{\gamma}||$ and $E_1 = ||\vec{\gamma}||$. This yields the expected result

$$Q_{\beta}[h] = \pi \frac{e^{-\beta E_0} - e^{-\beta E_1}}{\beta (E_1 - E_0)} \\ = \pi \frac{\sinh \beta ||\vec{\gamma}||}{\beta ||\vec{\gamma}||}.$$

b. Generic treatment of $\mathbb{C}P^n$

⁹⁴² We are now ready to address the general case of qudits:

$$Q_{\beta}[h] = \int_{\mathbb{C}P^n} e^{-\beta h(Z)} dV_{\rm FS}$$

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$$= \frac{1}{2^n} \int \prod_{k=0}^n e^{-\beta p_k E_k} \prod_{k=1}^n dp_k d\nu_k$$
$$= \pi^n \int_{\Delta_n} \prod_{k=0}^n e^{-\beta p_k E_k} \delta\left(\sum_{k=0}^n p_k - 1\right) dp_1 \dots dp_n.$$

To evaluate the integral we first take the Laplace transform

$$I_n(r) := \int_{\Delta_n} \prod_{k=0}^n e^{-\beta p_k E_k} \delta\left(\sum_{k=0}^n p_k - r\right) dp_1 \dots dp_n$$

to get

$$\tilde{I}_n(z) := \int_0^\infty e^{-zr} I(r) dr.$$

Calculating, we find

$$\tilde{I}_n(z) = \prod_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{(\beta E_k + z)}$$
$$= (-1)^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} \prod_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{z - z_k}$$

with $z_k = -\beta E_k \in \mathbb{R}$.

The function $\tilde{I}_n(z)$ has n + 1 real and distinct poles: $z = \frac{947}{2k} = -\beta E_k$. Hence, we can exploit the partial fraction decomposition of $\tilde{I}_n(z)$, which is

$$(-1)^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} \prod_{k=0}^{n} \frac{1}{z-z_k} = (-1)^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{R_k}{z-z_k},$$

where

$$R_{k} = \left[(z - z_{k}) \tilde{I}_{n}(z) \right]_{z = z_{k}}$$
$$= \prod_{j=0, \ j \neq k}^{n} \frac{(-1)^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}}{z_{k} - z_{j}}.$$

The inverse Laplace transform's linearity, coupled with the basic result 951

 $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+a}\right](t) = e^{-at}\Theta(t),$

where

$$\Theta(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & t \ge 0\\ 0, & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

gives

$$I_n(r) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[\tilde{I}_n(z)](r)$$
$$= \Theta(r) \sum_{k=0}^n R_k e^{z_k r}.$$

And so, we finally see that

$$Q_{\beta}[h] = I_{n}(1)$$

= $\sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{e^{-\beta E_{k}}}{\prod_{j=0, j \neq k}^{n} (\beta E_{k} - \beta E_{j})}.$

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