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Transient quantum fluctuation fluctuation relations

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Abstract: Transient fluctuation relations are exact expressions restricting the statistics of work that can be applied to a system by the action of a prescribed force-protocol. We will present an overview about the content of the two prominent transient fluctuation relations, the Jarzynski equality and the Crooks relation, in general, and shall describe in some detail the specific problems when quantum systems are considered. In particular we shall discuss how to determine work performed on a quantum system as well as the role measurements play for determining work.

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