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# Quantum Thermodynamics: Hot Entanglement?

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Quantum thermodynamics is a fast emergent new field which studies the statistical mechanical and thermodynamic properties of quantum systems, especially small systems. It goes beyond traditional textbook quantum statistical mechanics in that the quantum features pertaining to the *quantum correlation, coherence, fluctuations and entanglement* of a system are now of primary concern, not just the spin-statistics aspects, and the *nonequilibrium dynamics* of such systems occupies the center stage. I will discuss one exemplary investigation we carried out recently in this field: whether quantum entanglement can be maintained up to some high temperatures.

\* *Quantum Entanglement at High Temperatures? I. Bosonic Systems in Nonequilibrium Steady State* [[arXiv:1503.03587](https://arxiv.org/abs/1503.03587)]

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