

# The Kac model and non-equilibrium statistical mechanics

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We study the evolution of a system of  $N$  particles (modeled by the Kac master equation) in contact with a thermostat or with a finite heat reservoir with  $M \gg N$  particles initially in equilibrium. We discuss and compare various notions of approach to equilibrium.

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