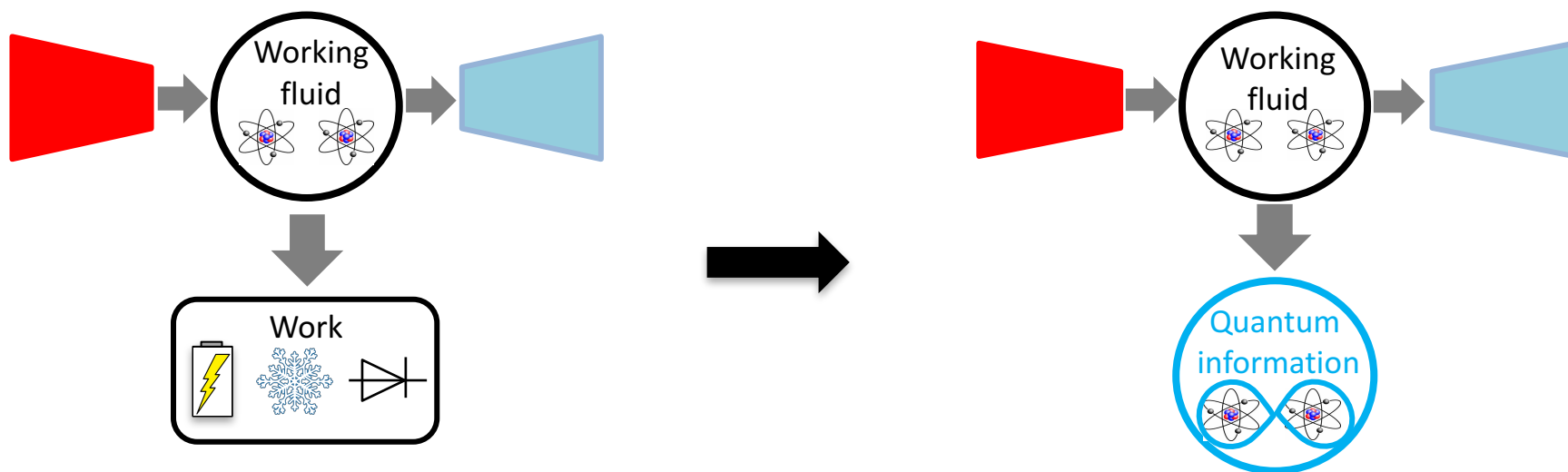


# Autonomous nanoscale entanglement engines

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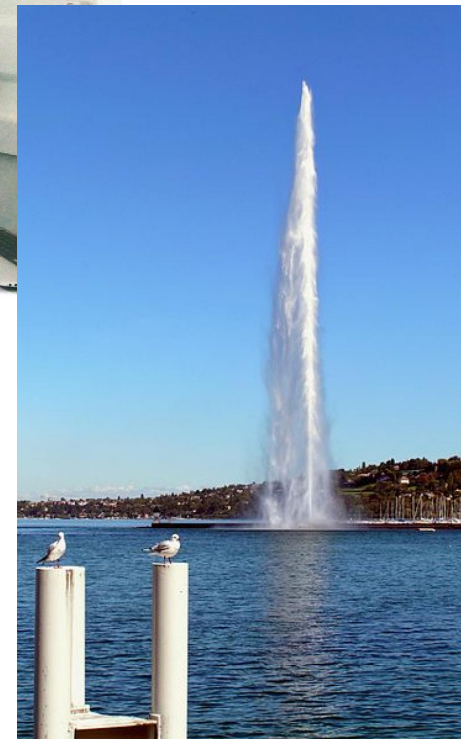
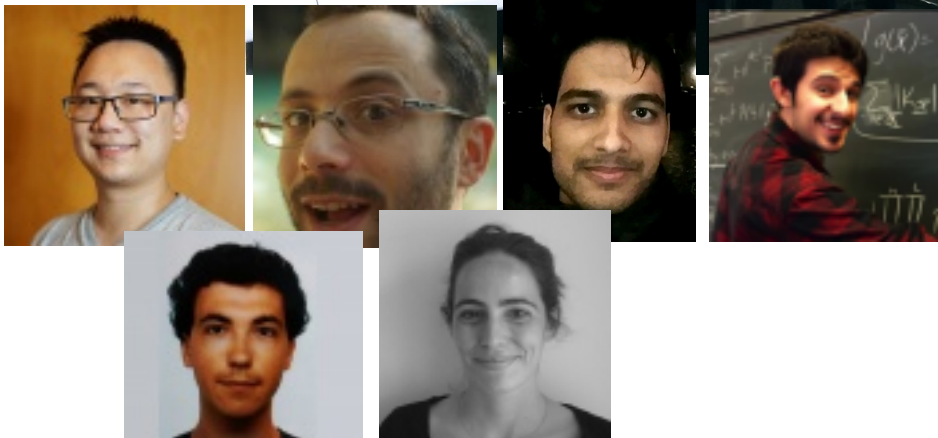
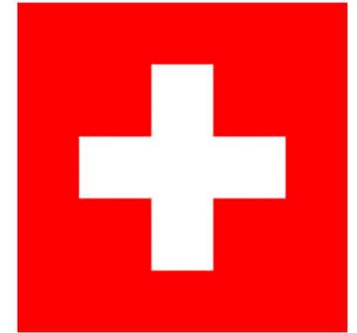
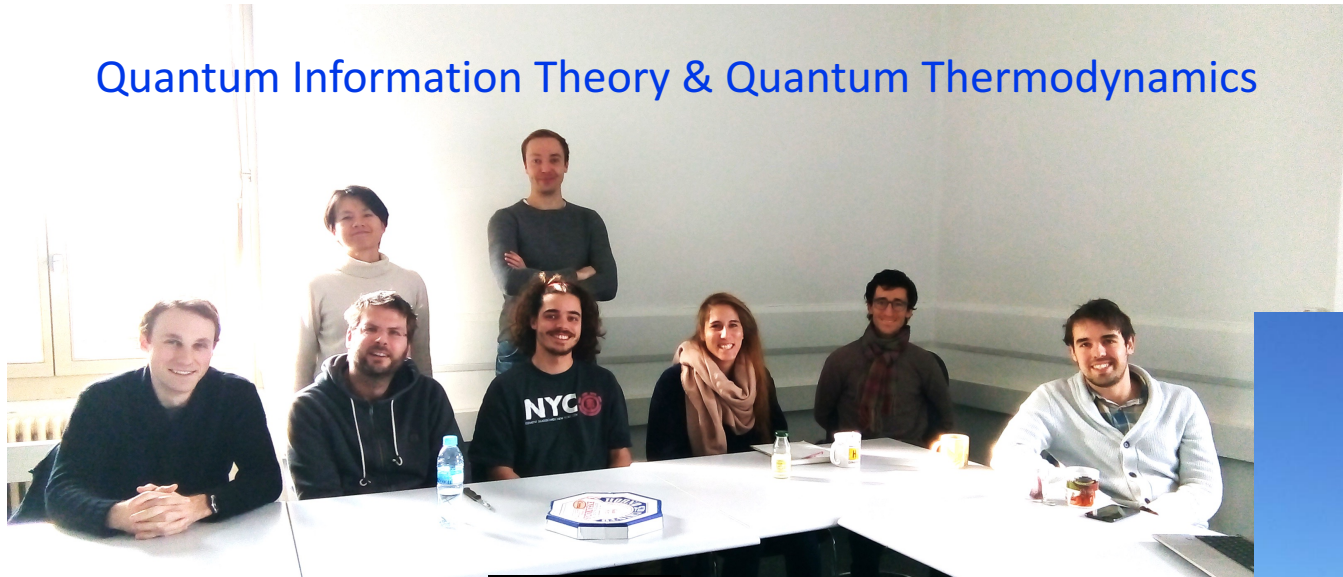
The reset master equation: thermodynamics and open questions

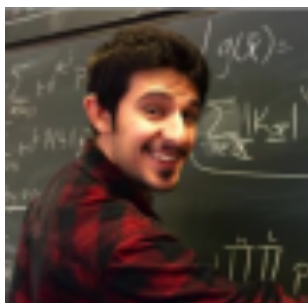
BIRS workshop, Banff, 22.08.2019

“Charge and Energy Transfer Processes: Open Problems in Open Quantum Systems”

# Quantum Correlations Group (Prof. Nicolas Brunner)

## Quantum Information Theory & Quantum Thermodynamics





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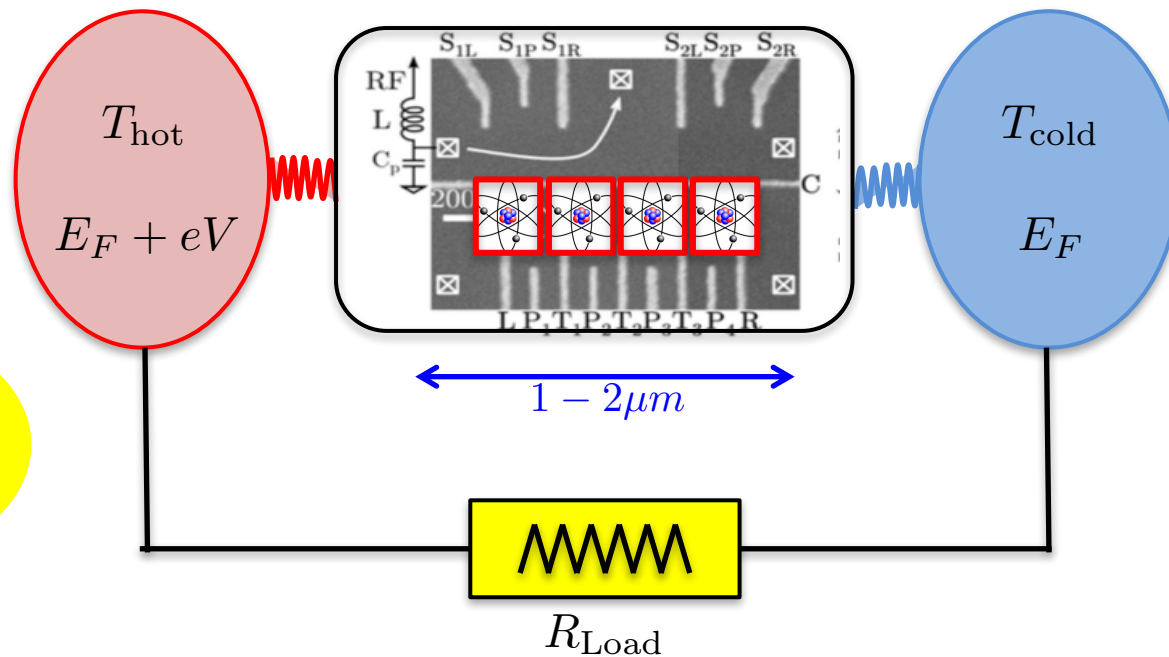
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# Exploiting quantum properties of the working fluid



Correa, Kosloff  
Hanna, Nitzan,  
...

Typical outputs : Power (heat engine), cooling ratio (fridge)

Take advantage of quantum properties to enhance efficiency

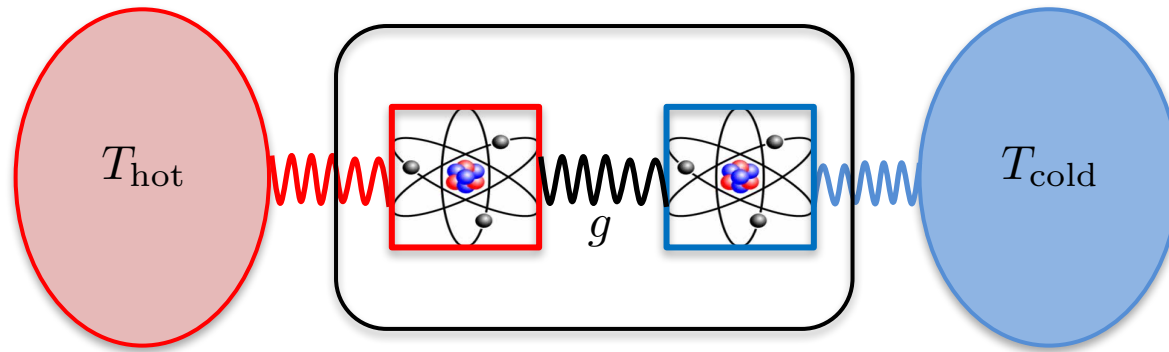
Haack, Giazotto, arXiv:1905.12672, Chiaracane et al., arXiv:1908.05139

Can we use thermal machines to generate quantum resources?

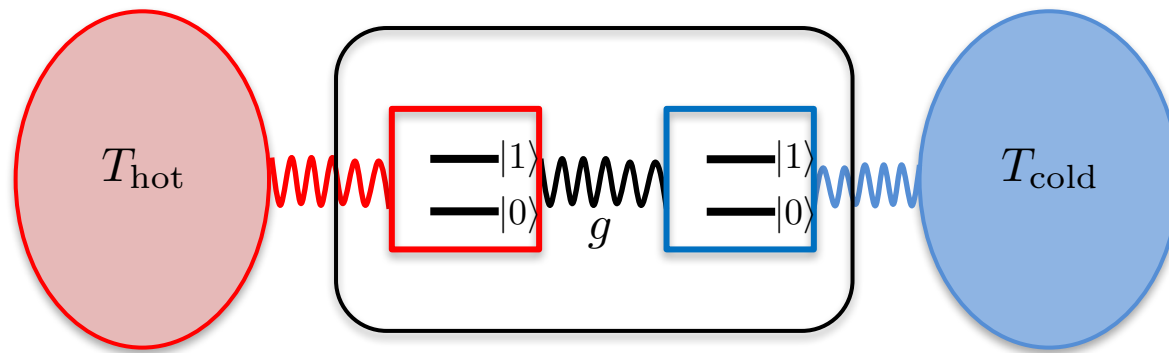
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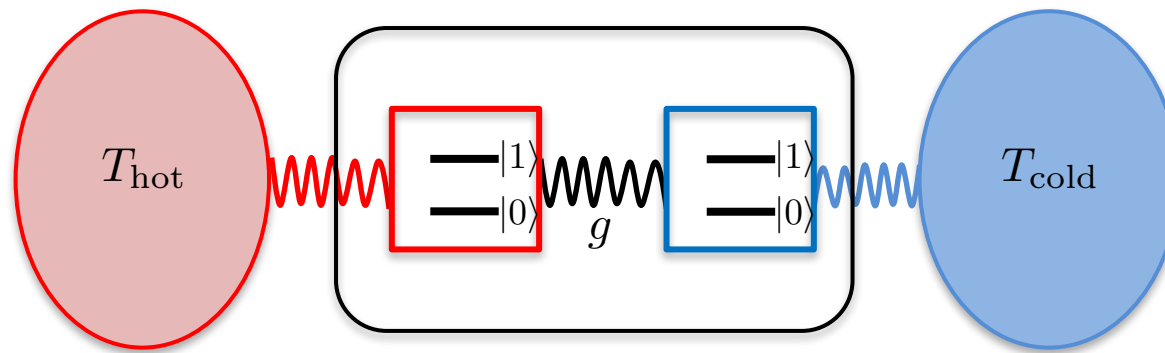
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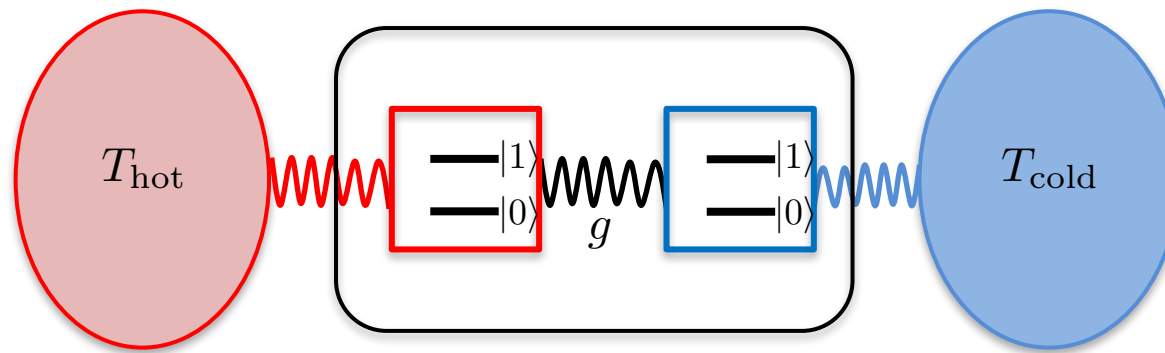
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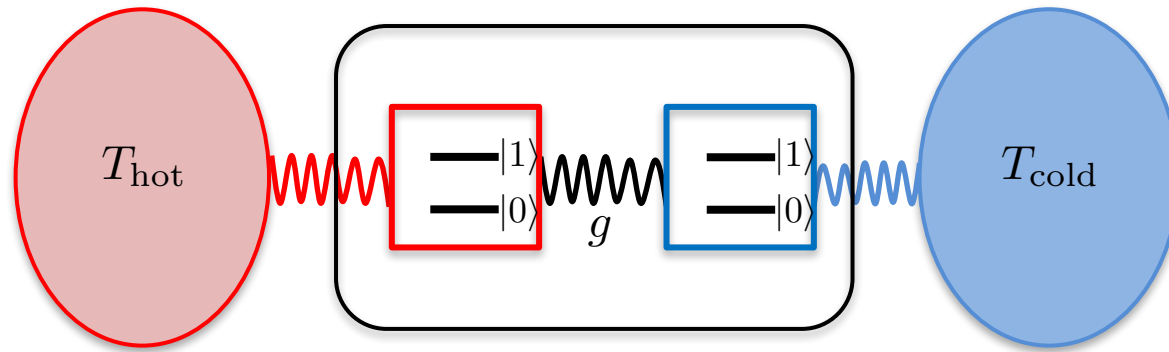


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- Time-independent interaction Hamiltonian, time-independent bath couplings  
    → Thermodynamics: no work, only heat exchange
- Autonomous quantum thermal machine
- Ground state is a product state when  $g < E$  (weak inter-qubit coupling)
- Solve master equation to obtain the steady-state solution

# Dynamics



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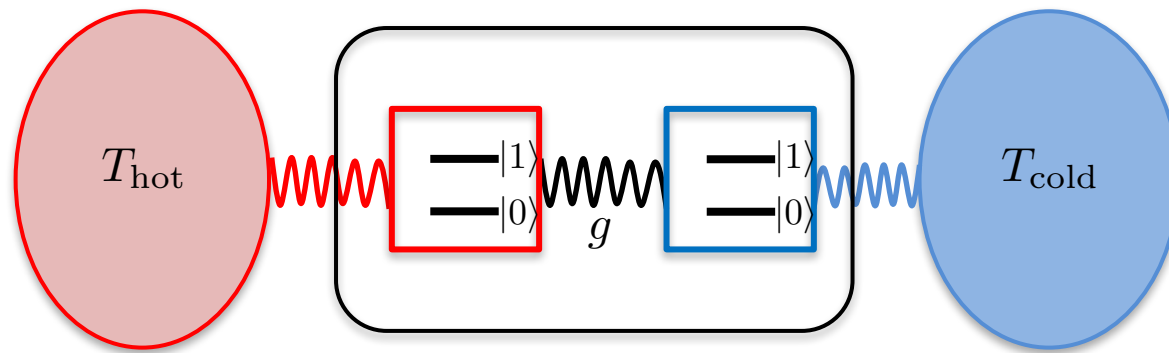
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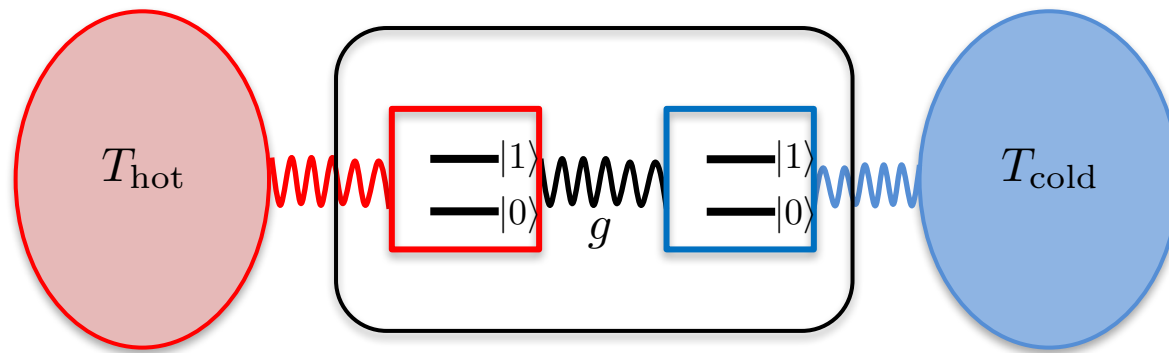
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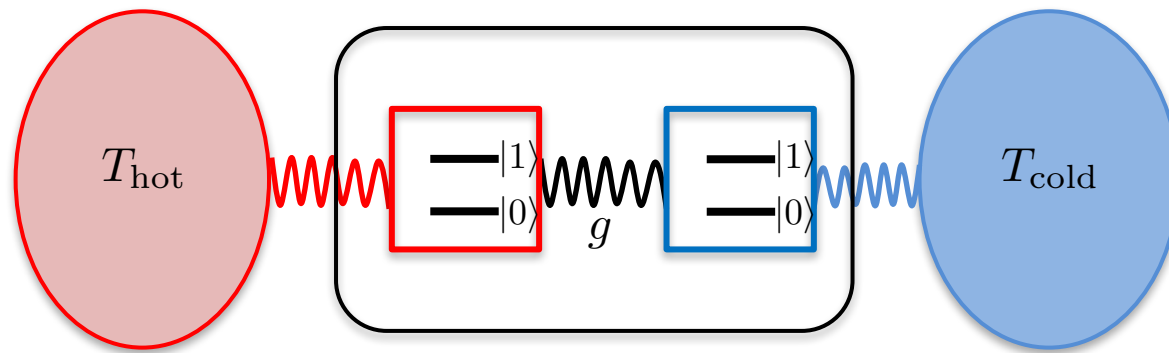
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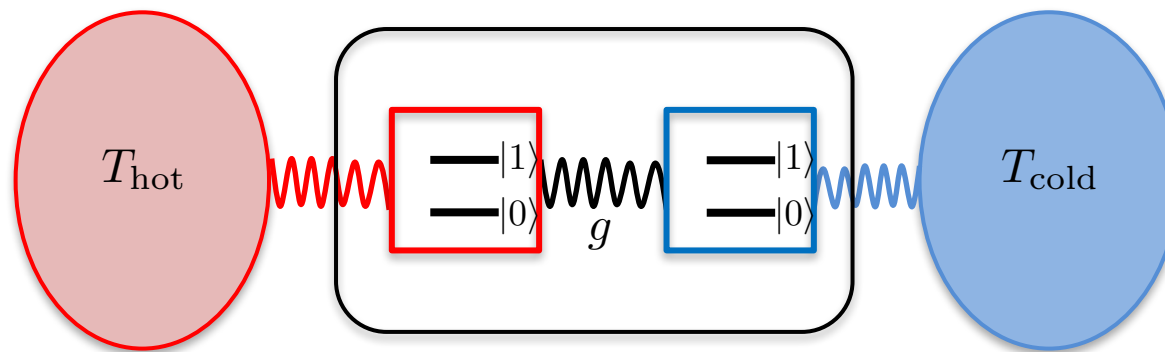
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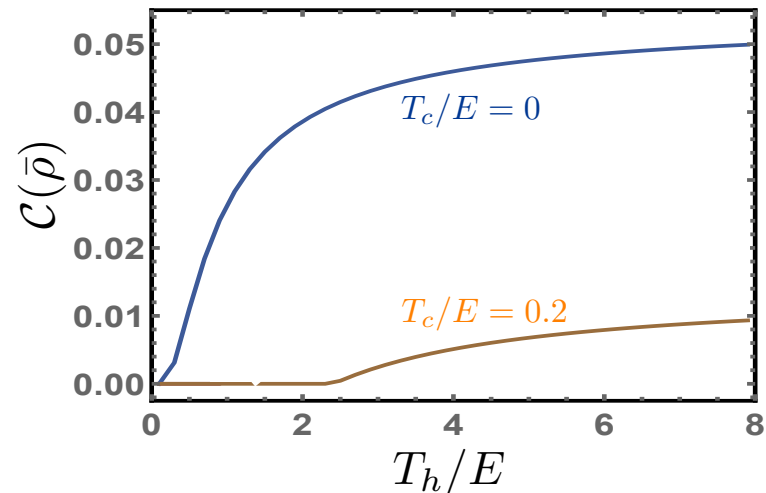
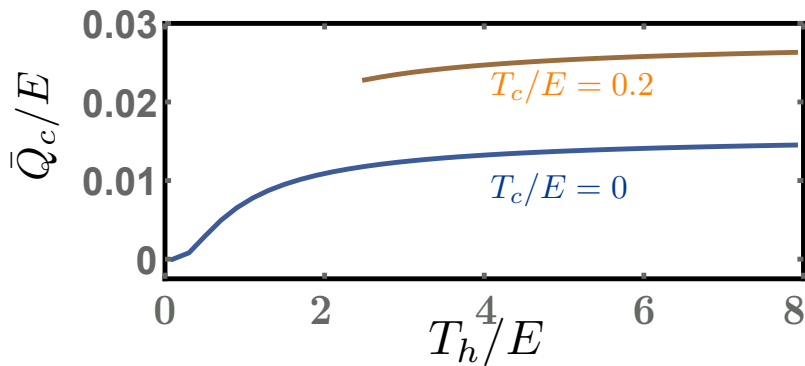
 talk by C. Koch on optimal control for reset

# Steady-state entanglement quantum engine



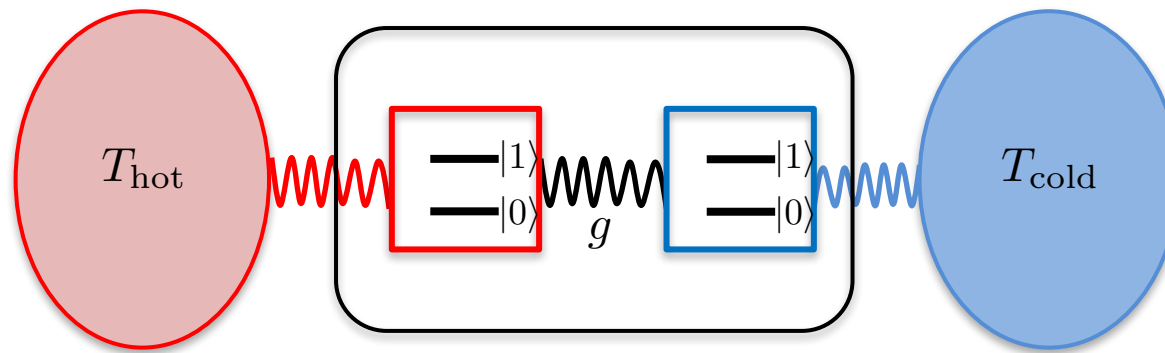
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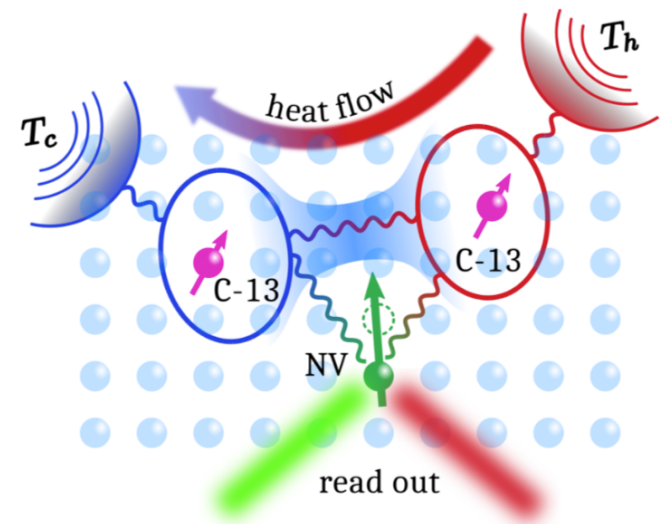
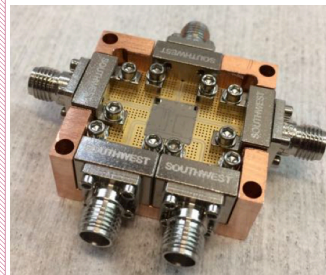
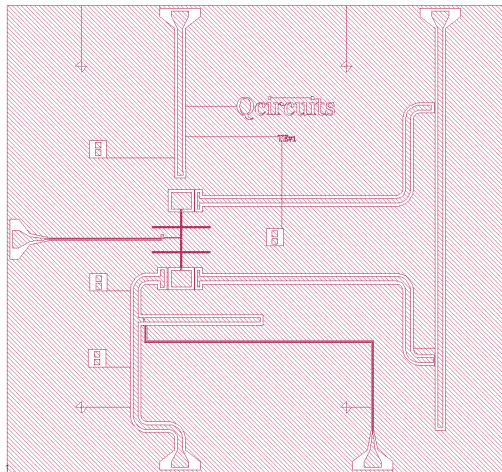
Steady-state heat flow sustains the generation of entanglement

# Steady-state entanglement quantum engine



Circuit QED platform  
Huard group (ENS Lyon, France)

NV centres  
Houck and Berg-Sorensen (DTU, Denmark)



Thermal baths : Spectral density of current noise

$$\propto E \operatorname{Re}[Y(E)] \frac{1}{1 - e^{-E/(k_B T)}}$$

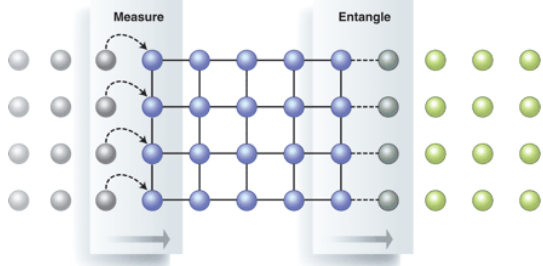
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# Multipartite entanglement?

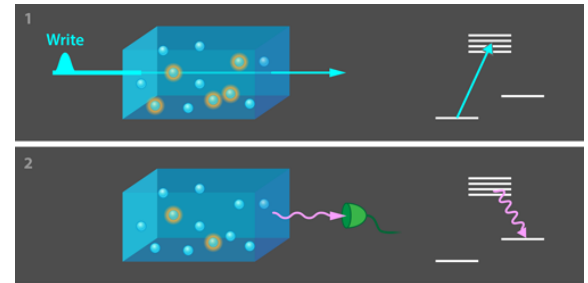


## Cluster states



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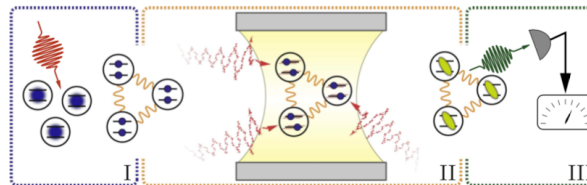
## Dicke states / W-states



Nunn, Physics 10 (2017)  
Quantum memories



## GHZ states



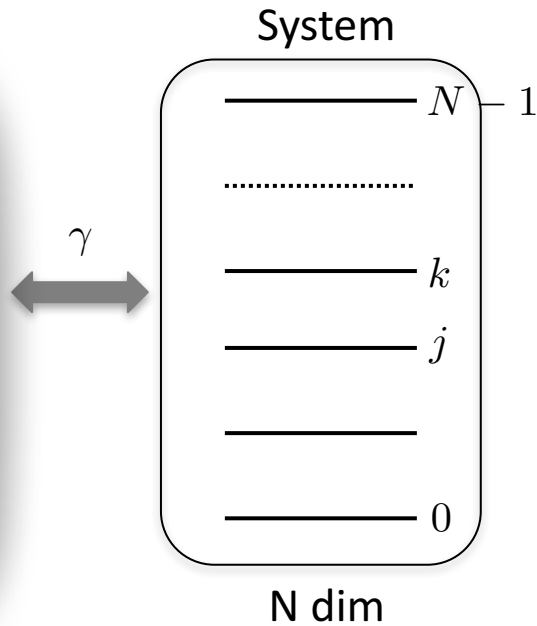
Haase *et al.*, NJP 20 (2018)  
Quantum metrology

Which quantum states can be generated via an autonomous thermal machine?

# The reset evolution equation

## Open questions on open quantum systems

Environment



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Reset state not specified

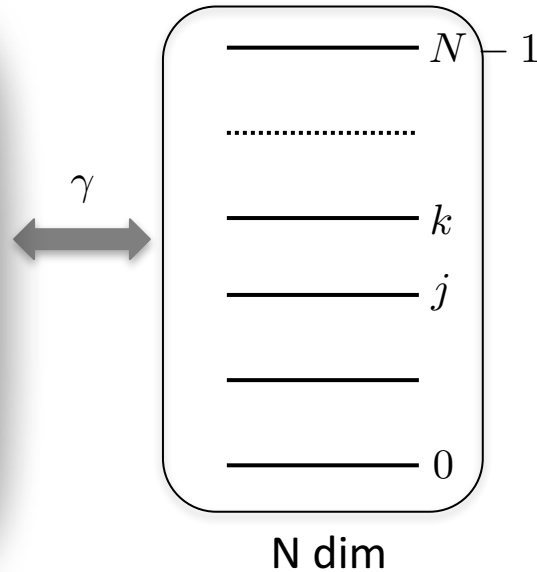
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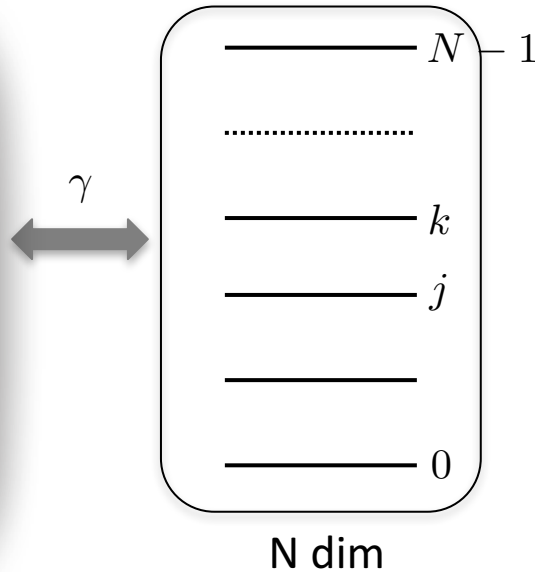
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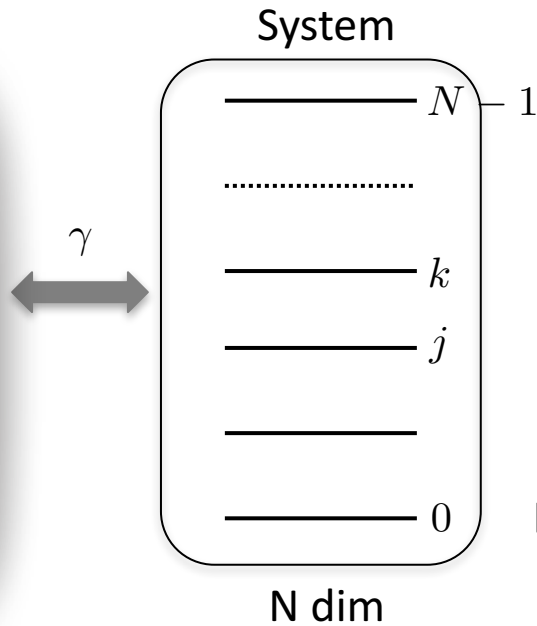
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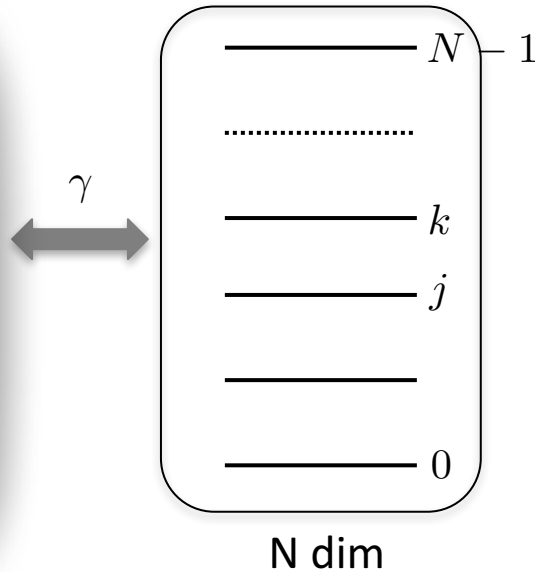
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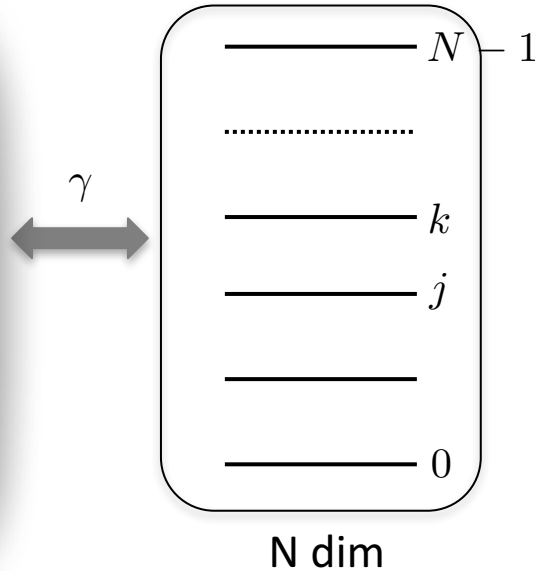
- Rate equations for the populations for Lindblad dissipators

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{p}_0 &= \sum_{j>0}^{N-1} \left( \Gamma_{0j}^- p_j - \Gamma_{0j}^+ p_0 \right) & \dot{p}_k &= - \left( \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \bar{\Gamma}_{jk} + \sum_{j=k+1}^{N-1} \Gamma_{kj} \right) p_k \\ \dot{p}_{N-1} &= \sum_{j=0}^{N-2} \left( \Gamma_{jN-1}^+ p_j - \Gamma_{jN-1}^- p_{N-1} \right) & &+ \left( \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \Gamma_{jk} + \sum_{j=k+1}^{N-1} \bar{\Gamma}_{kj} \right) p_j \quad \forall k = 0, \dots, N-1 \end{aligned}$$

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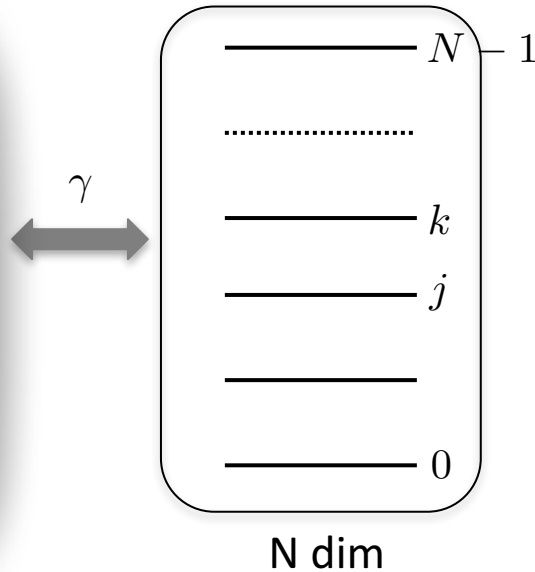
- Reset

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{p}_k &= \gamma(\sigma_{kk} - p_k) \\ &= \gamma \left( \sigma_{kk} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} p_j - p_k \right) \\ &= \gamma(\sigma_{kk} - 1) p_k + \gamma \sigma_{kk} \left( \sum_{j < k} p_j + \sum_{j > k} p_j \right) \end{aligned}$$

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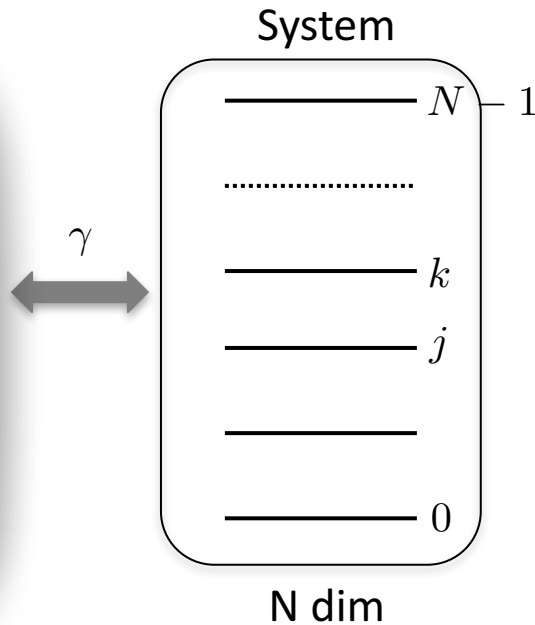
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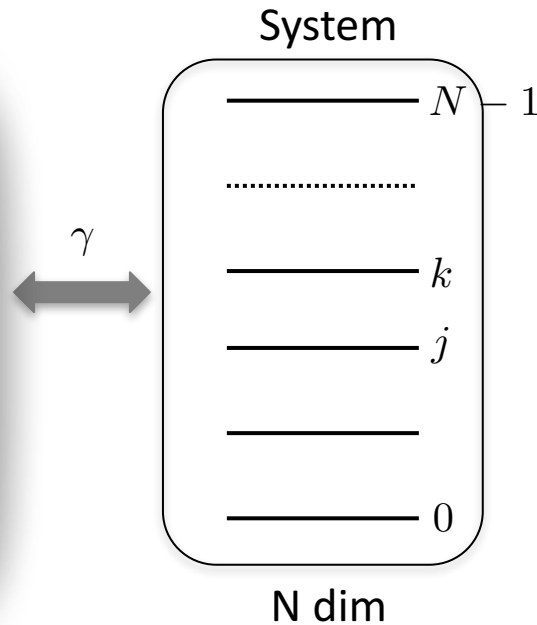
- For the coherences ?

Reset:  $\dot{\rho}_{jk} = \gamma(\sigma_{jk} - \rho_{jk})$

Lindblad : ... → Need an additional pure dephasing channel!  $\Gamma_{jk}^\phi \mathcal{D}[\sigma_z^{jk}] \rho$

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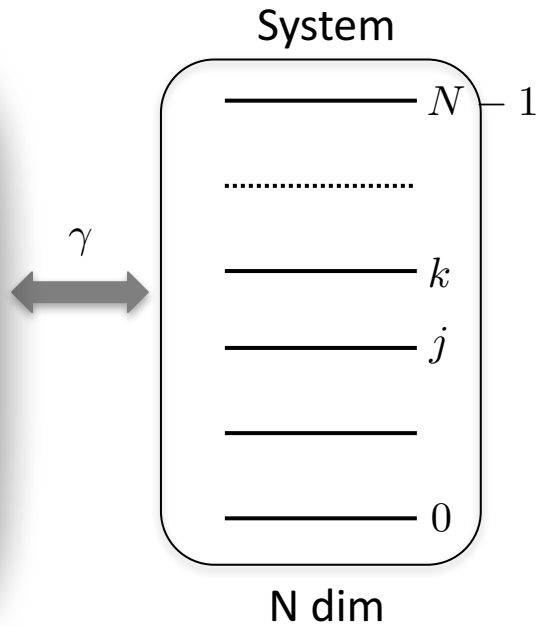
Reset ME : Lindblad-type ME + additional dephasing channel

Relevant for experiments!



# Local detailed balance

Environment



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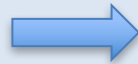
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$$\frac{\Gamma_{jk}^+}{\Gamma_{jk}^-} = e^{-E_{jk}/k_B T}$$



$$\sigma_{kk} = \frac{e^{-E_k/(k_B T)}}{\mathcal{Z}}$$

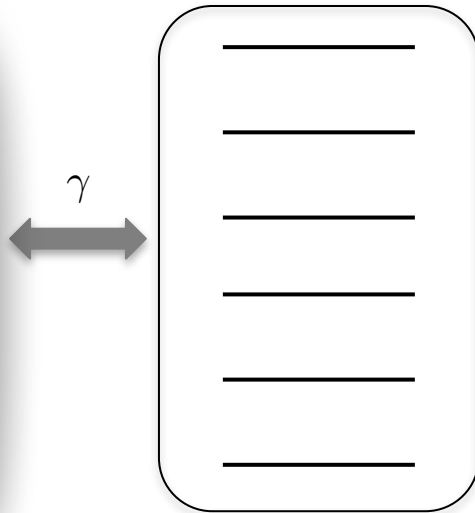
$$\sigma_{jk} = 0$$

Reset state must be thermal  
to satisfy local detailed balance

# First law of thermodynamics

Environment

System



N dim

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$$\dot{E}(t) = \dot{Q}(t)$$

- Energy change

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{E}(t) &= \sum_k E_k(t) \dot{p}_{kk}(t) \\ &= \gamma \sum_k E_k(t) (\sigma_{kk} - p_{kk}). \end{aligned}$$

- Heat flow

$$\dot{Q}(t) = \sum_k \sum_{j < k} (E_k - E_j) (\Gamma_{jk}^+ p_j - \Gamma_{jk}^- p_k)$$

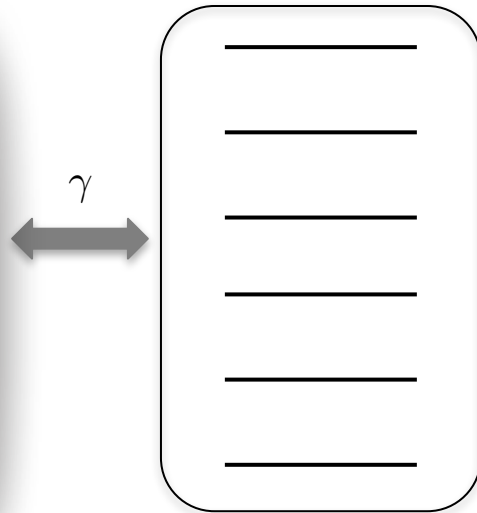
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Identification =  $\dot{E}(t)$

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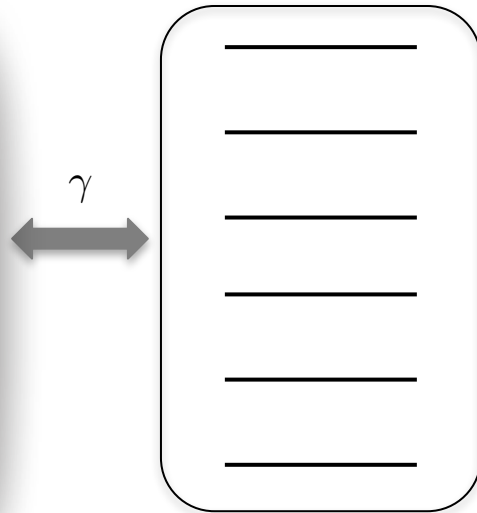
$$= \dots$$

Identification  $= \dot{E}(t)$

# Second law of thermodynamics

Environment

System



N dim

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- Entropy change

$$\dot{S}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} (-\text{Tr}(\rho \ln \rho)) = -\text{Tr}(\dot{\rho} \ln \rho) = -\gamma \text{Tr}((\sigma - \rho) \ln \rho) = \underbrace{\gamma \mathcal{D}(\sigma || \rho)}_{>0} + \underbrace{\gamma (S(\sigma) - S(\rho))}_{\text{Entropy flow ?}}$$

Entropy production      Entropy flow ?

Can the entropy flow be written in terms of heat flow ?

Does it necessarily imply a thermal reset state ?

# Conclusion and outlook

For autonomous entanglement engines, reset ME turned out to be very useful

- Steady-state entanglement between two qubits  
Brask, Haack, Brunner, Huber, NJP 17 (2015).
- Generalization to multipartite entanglement (cluster & GHZ & W states)  
Tavakoli, Haack, Huber, Brunner, Brask, Quantum 2 (2018)  
Tavakoli, Haack, Brunner, Brask, arXiv:1906.00022

## Reset ME

Equivalent to a Lindblad-type ME + pure dephasing channel

Local detailed balance only verified for a thermal reset state

First law of thermodynamics seems to not required a thermal state

Second law ?

Non-Markovianity ? Engineered environment ?

Haack et al., in preparation (2019)

