

# **CLASSICAL EMULATION OF QUANTUM-COHERENT THERMAL MACHINES**

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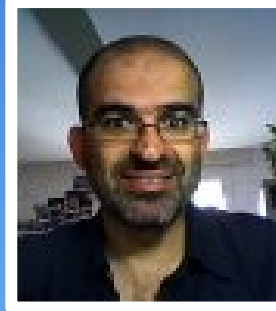
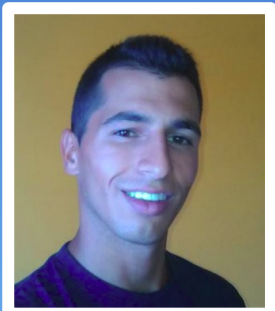


**Charge and Energy Transfer Processes –  
Open Problems in Open Quantum Systems**

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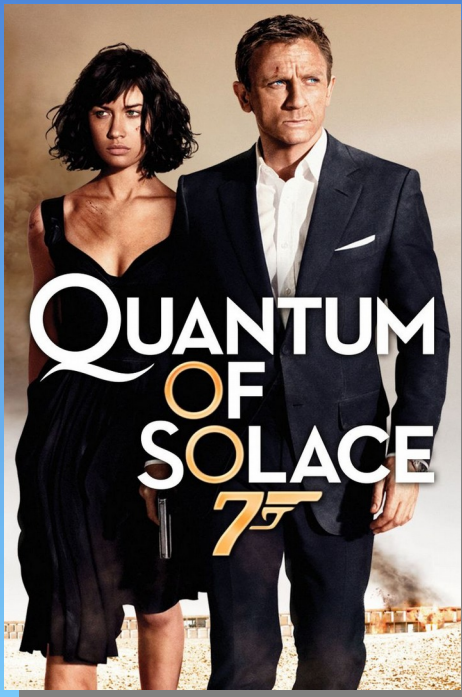
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**QUANTUM THERMODYNAMICS ?**

# QUANTUM THERMODYNAMICS

## THREE-LEVEL MASERS AS HEAT ENGINES\*

H. E. D. Scovil and E. O. Schulz-DuBois  
Bell Telephone Laboratories,  
Murray Hill, New Jersey  
(Received January 16, 1959)

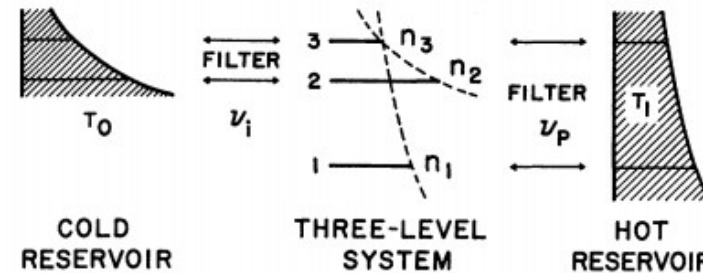


FIG. 1. Three-level system in thermal contact with two heat reservoirs.

J. Phys. A: Math. Gen., Vol. 12, No. 5, 1979.

## The quantum open system as a model of the heat engine†

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Received 9 January 1979

WHAT IS QUANTUM  
THERMODYNAMICS ABOUT?

Describing individual (open) quantum systems in thermodynamic language and take the analogy as far as possible to try to learn about the emergence of thermodynamics from quantum theory.

# ~~QUANTUM THERMODYNAMICS~~

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## THERMODYNAMICS IN THE QUANTUM REGIME

Does **QUANTUMNESS** play any rôle  
in the thermodynamics of  
quantum systems ?



# ...BUT WHICH “QUANTUMNESS”?

## ENERGY-LEVEL STRUCTURE

**L.A.C. *et al.*, PRE (2014)**  
**Niedenzu *et al.*, PRE (2015)**  
**Silva *et al.*, PRE (2016)**

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**Gelbwaser-Klimovsky *et al.*, PRE (2013)**

**Abah & Lutz, EPL (2014)**

**L.A.C. *et al.*, Sci. Rep. (2014)**

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QUANTUM  
RESERVOIR  
ENGINEERING

## QUANTUM CORRELATIONS

**L.A.C. *et al.*, PRE (2013)**  
**Brunner *et al.*, PRE (2014)**  
**Brask & Brunner, PRE (2015)**  
**Reid *et al.*, EPL (2017)**

...

**Friedenberger & Lutz, EPL (2017)**

**Strasberg & García Díaz, PRA (2019)**

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JOINT  
PROBABILITY  
DISTR.

# ...BUT WHICH “QUANTUMNESS”?

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## QUANTUM COHERENCE

**Scully *et al.*, Science (2003)**

**Scully, PRL (2010)**

**Anatoly *et al.*, PRA (2011)**

**Killoran *et al.*, JCP (2015)**

**Mitchison *et al.*, NJP (2015)**

**Uzdin *et al.*, PRX (2015)**

**Kilgour & Segal, PRE (2018)**

**Holubec & Novotny, J. Low. Temp. Phys. (2018)**

**Klatzow *et al.*, PRL (2019)**

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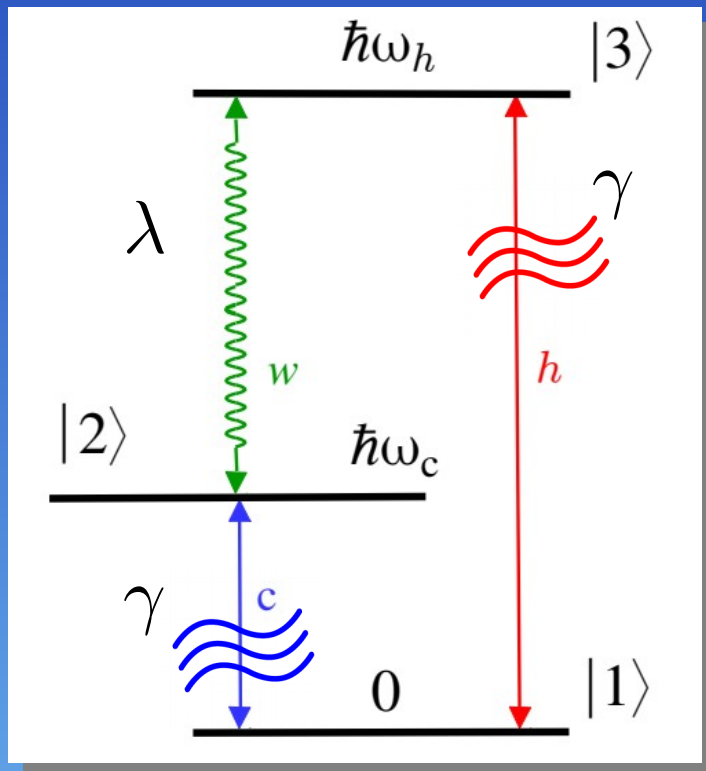
**Is QUANTUM COHERENCE really  
necessary ?**

# OUTLINE

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1. ~~Motivation~~
2. Two quantum-coherent models
3. How to build a “classical emulator”

# POWER-DRIVEN CHILLER

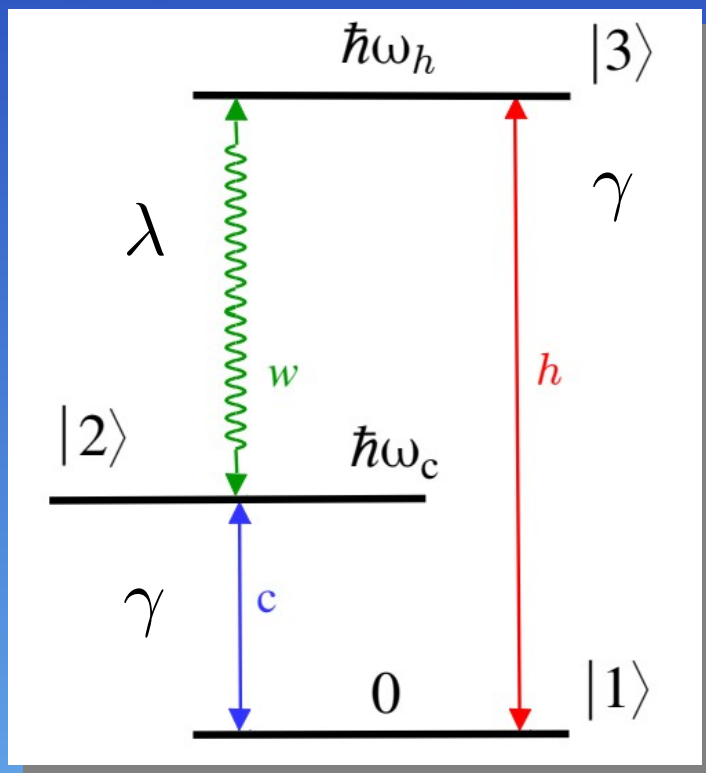


$$\hat{H}_s(t) = \hat{H}_0 + \hat{H}_d(t)$$

$$\hat{H}_0 = \hbar\omega_c|2\rangle\langle 2| + \hbar\omega_h|3\rangle\langle 3|$$

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# POWER-DRIVEN CHILLER



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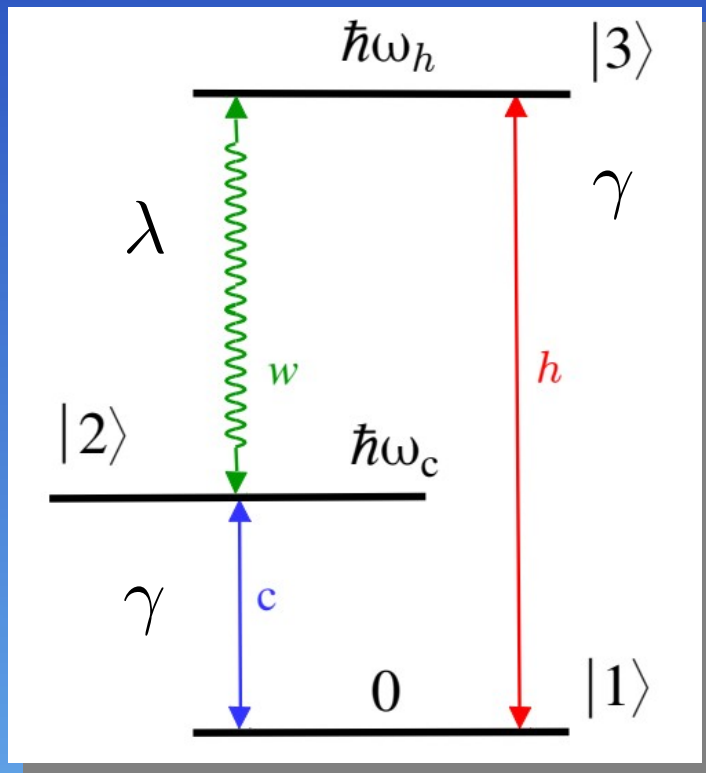
**Markov-Floquet master eq.**

$$\frac{d\hat{\rho}}{dt} = \sum_{\alpha} \mathcal{D}_{\alpha} \hat{\rho} + \mathcal{O}(\gamma^3)$$

Breuer & Petruccione (2002)

Szczygielski, J. Math. Phys. (2014)

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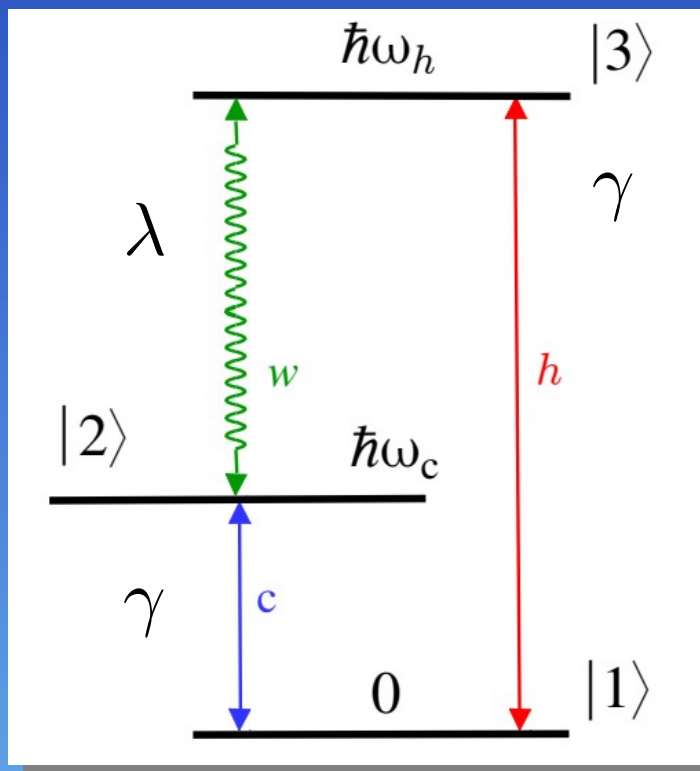
$$\hat{H}_s(t) = \hat{H}_0 + \hat{H}_d(t)$$

$$\hat{U}_s^\dagger \hat{O} \hat{U}_s = e^{i\hat{H}_0 t/\hbar} \hat{O} e^{-i\hat{H}_0 t/\hbar} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda)$$

## Local master equation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\hat{\rho}}{dt} = & -i[\hat{H}_0 + \hat{H}_d(t), \hat{\rho}] \\ & + \sum_{\alpha} \mathcal{L}_{\alpha}(\hat{\sigma}_{\alpha}) \hat{\rho} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda\gamma^2) \end{aligned}$$

# POWER-DRIVEN CHILLER



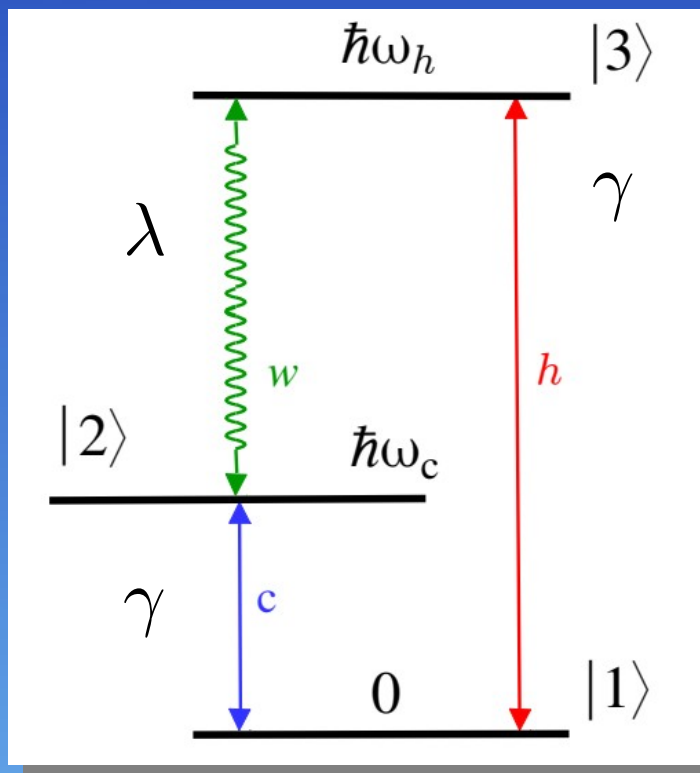
$$\frac{d\hat{\rho}_\infty}{dt} = 0$$

$$\dot{Q}_\alpha = \text{tr} \{ \hat{H}_0 \mathcal{L}_\alpha \hat{\rho}_\infty \} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda\gamma^2)$$

$$\mathcal{P} = -\dot{Q}_c - \dot{Q}_h$$

$$\frac{\dot{Q}_c}{T_c} + \frac{\dot{Q}_h}{T_h} \leq 0$$

# POWER-DRIVEN CHILLER



$$\frac{d\hat{\rho}_\infty}{dt} = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{Q}_\alpha &= \hbar\omega_\alpha J \\ \mathcal{P} &= \hbar\omega_w J \end{aligned} \right\} \varepsilon = \frac{\omega_c}{\omega_w}$$

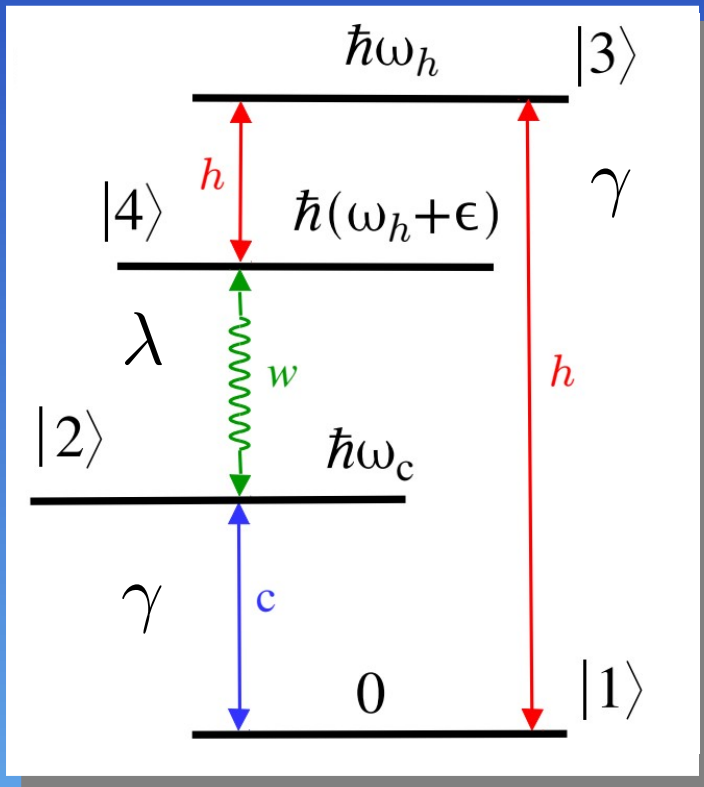
$$J = 2\lambda \text{Im} \langle 2 | \hat{\rho}_\infty | 3 \rangle$$

\* The device is **ENDOREVERSIBLE**

\* The energy-conversion rate is **PROPORTIONAL** to the steady-state coherence



# HYBRID CHILLER

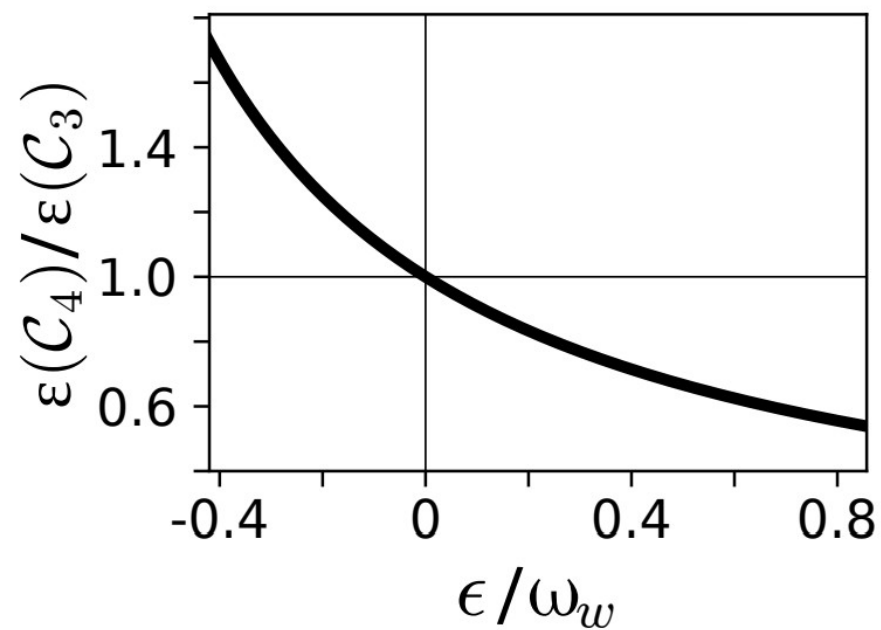
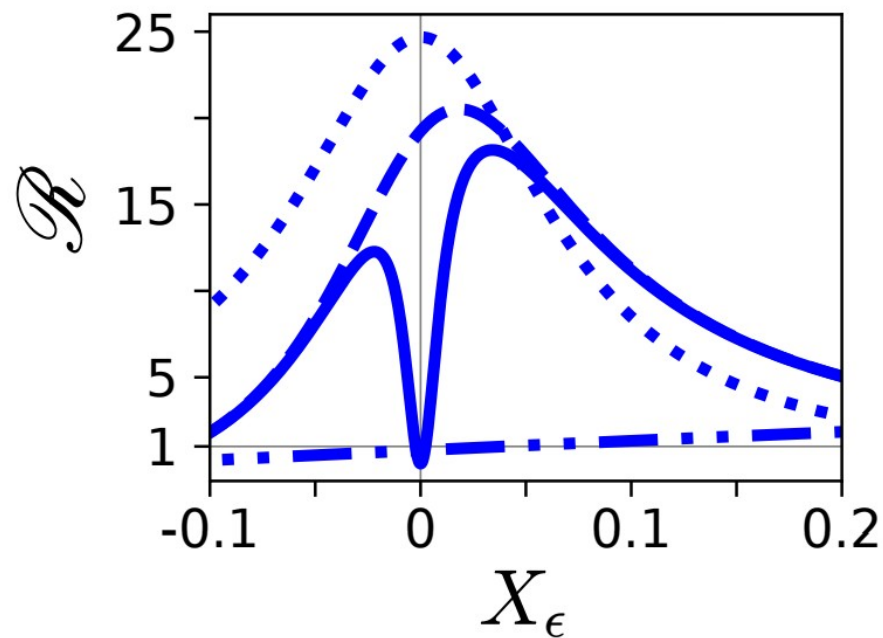


$$\frac{d\hat{\rho}'_{\infty}}{dt} = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{Q}'_{\alpha} &= \hbar\omega_{\alpha} J' \\ \mathcal{P}' &= \hbar(\omega_w + \epsilon) J' \end{aligned} \right\} \epsilon' = \frac{\omega_c}{\omega_w + \epsilon}$$

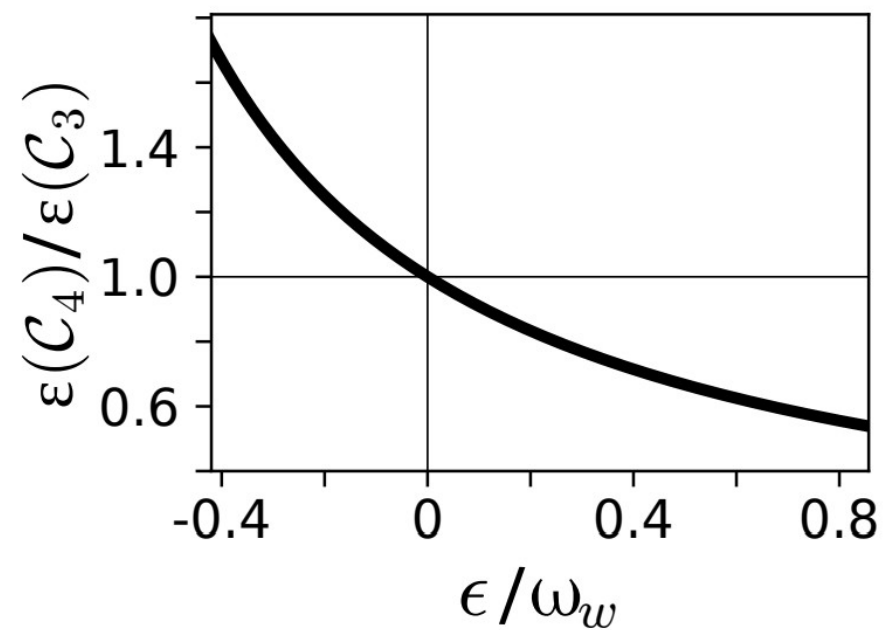
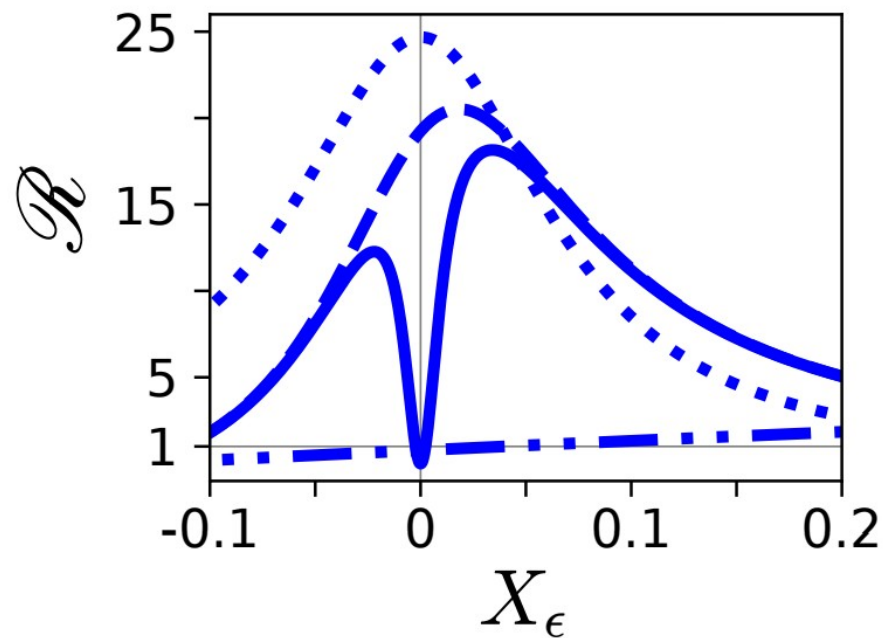
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# POWER-DRIVEN vs. HYBRID



$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{\dot{Q}'_c}{\dot{Q}_c}$$

# POWER-DRIVEN vs. HYBRID



$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{\dot{Q}'_c}{\dot{Q}_c} = \frac{C_{l_1}(\hat{Q}'_\infty)}{C_{l_1}(\hat{Q}_\infty)} > 1$$

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# 3-STATE EMULATOR

Local master equation in the (bare) energy basis

$$\frac{d\rho_{11}}{dt} = \Gamma_{\omega_h}^h \rho_{33} - (\Gamma_{-\omega_h}^h + \Gamma_{-\omega_c}^c) \rho_{11} + \Gamma_{\omega_c}^c \rho_{22}$$

$$\frac{d\rho_{22}}{dt} = \Gamma_{-\omega_c}^c \rho_{11} - \Gamma_{\omega_c}^c \rho_{22} - 2\lambda \text{Im} \rho_{23}$$

$$\frac{d\rho_{33}}{dt} = \Gamma_{-\omega_h}^h \rho_{11} - \Gamma_{\omega_c}^c \rho_{33} + 2\lambda \text{Im} \rho_{23}$$

$$\frac{d\rho_{23}}{dt} = -\frac{1}{2} (\Gamma_{\omega_c}^c + \Gamma_{\omega_h}^h) \rho_{23} - i(\rho_{33} - \rho_{22})$$

$$\Gamma_{-\omega_\alpha}^\alpha = e^{-\frac{\hbar\omega_\alpha}{k_B T_\alpha}} \Gamma_{\omega_\alpha}^\alpha$$

# 3-STATE EMULATOR

## Stationary solution

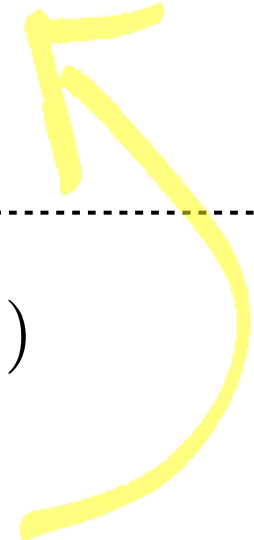
$$0 = \Gamma_{\omega_h}^h \rho_{33} - (\Gamma_{-\omega_h}^h + \Gamma_{-\omega_c}^c) \rho_{11} + \Gamma_{\omega_c}^c \rho_{22}$$

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$$0 = -\frac{1}{2}(\Gamma_{\omega_c}^c + \Gamma_{\omega_h}^h) \rho_{23} - i(\rho_{33} - \rho_{22})$$

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# 3-STATE EMULATOR

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# 3-STATE EMULATOR

## Classical emulator

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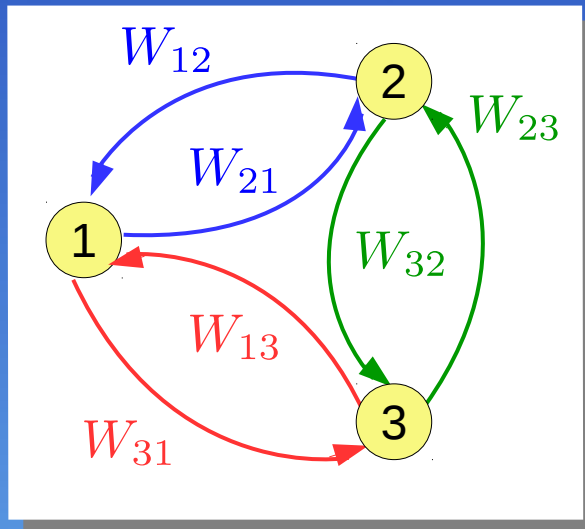
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$$\frac{dp}{dt} = Wp$$



# THERMODYNAMIC EQUIVALENCE

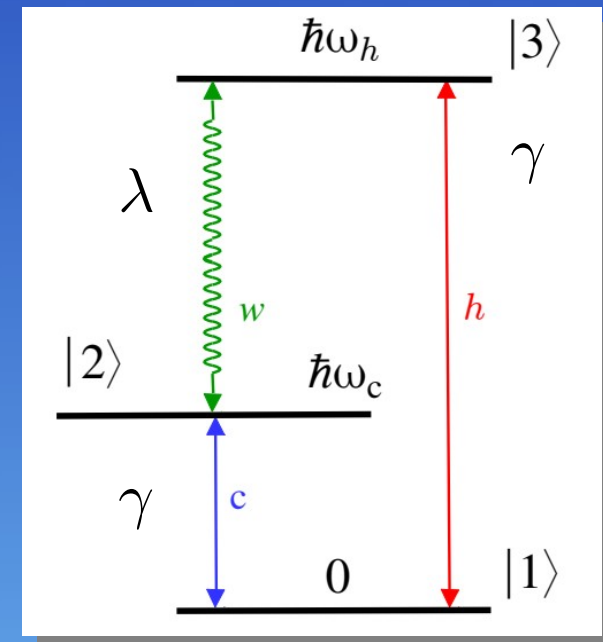
## Classical emulator



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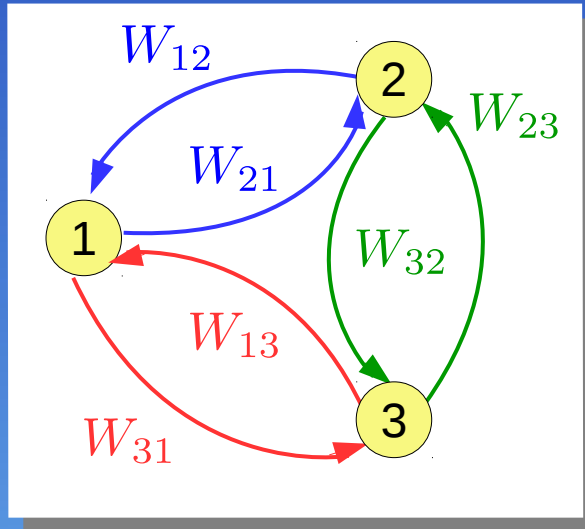
## Coherent chiller



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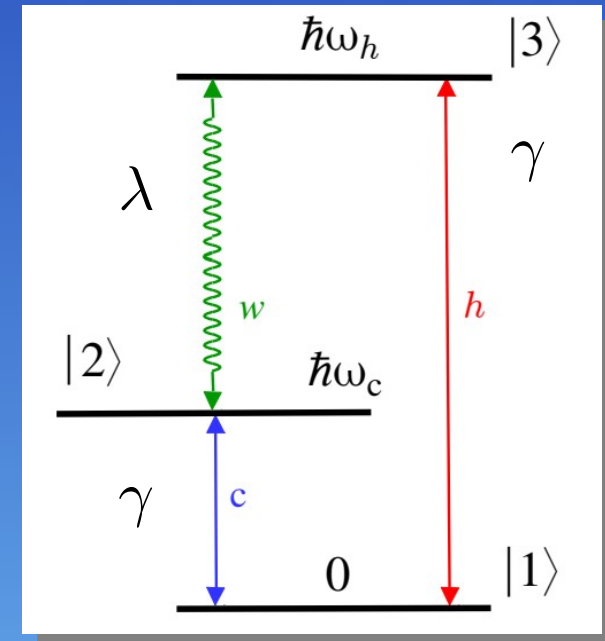
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## Classical emulator



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## Coherent chiller



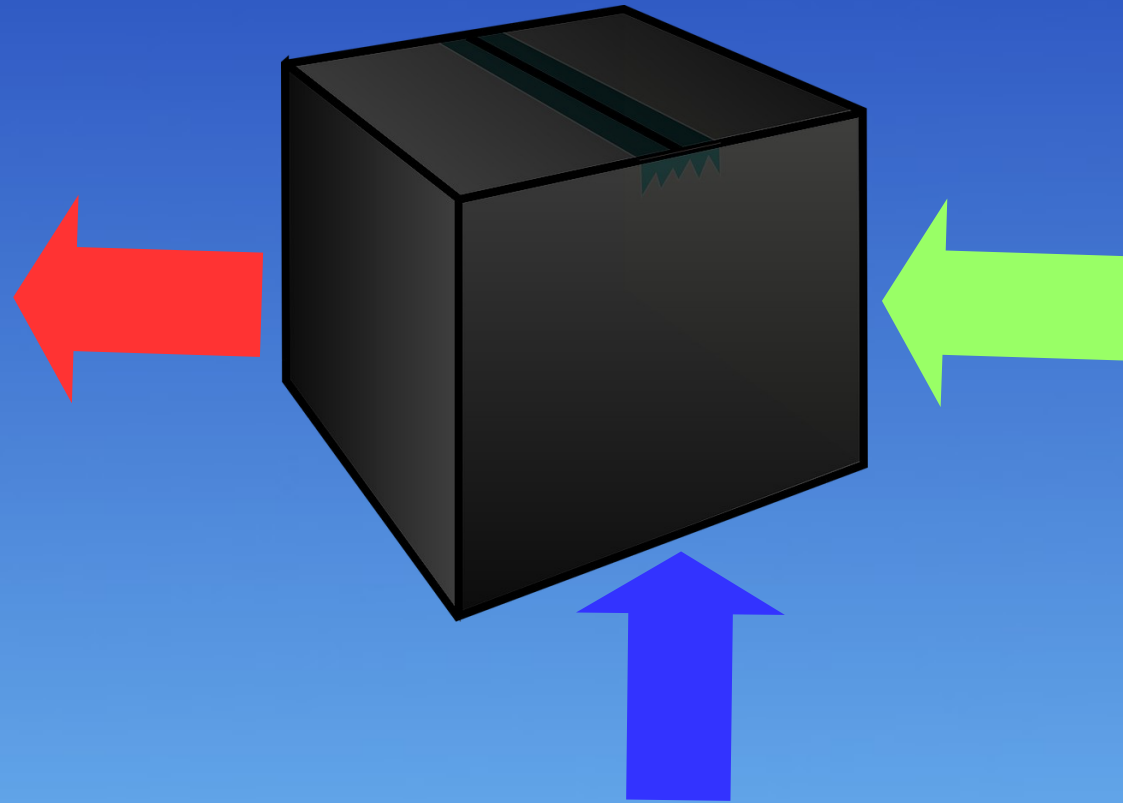
$$\dot{Q}_\alpha(\mathcal{G}_3) = \dot{Q}_\alpha$$

Hill, J. *Theoret. Biol.* (1966)  
Schnackenberg, *RMP* (1976)

González *et al.*, *Entropy* (2016)  
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# COHERENT OR INCOHERENT?

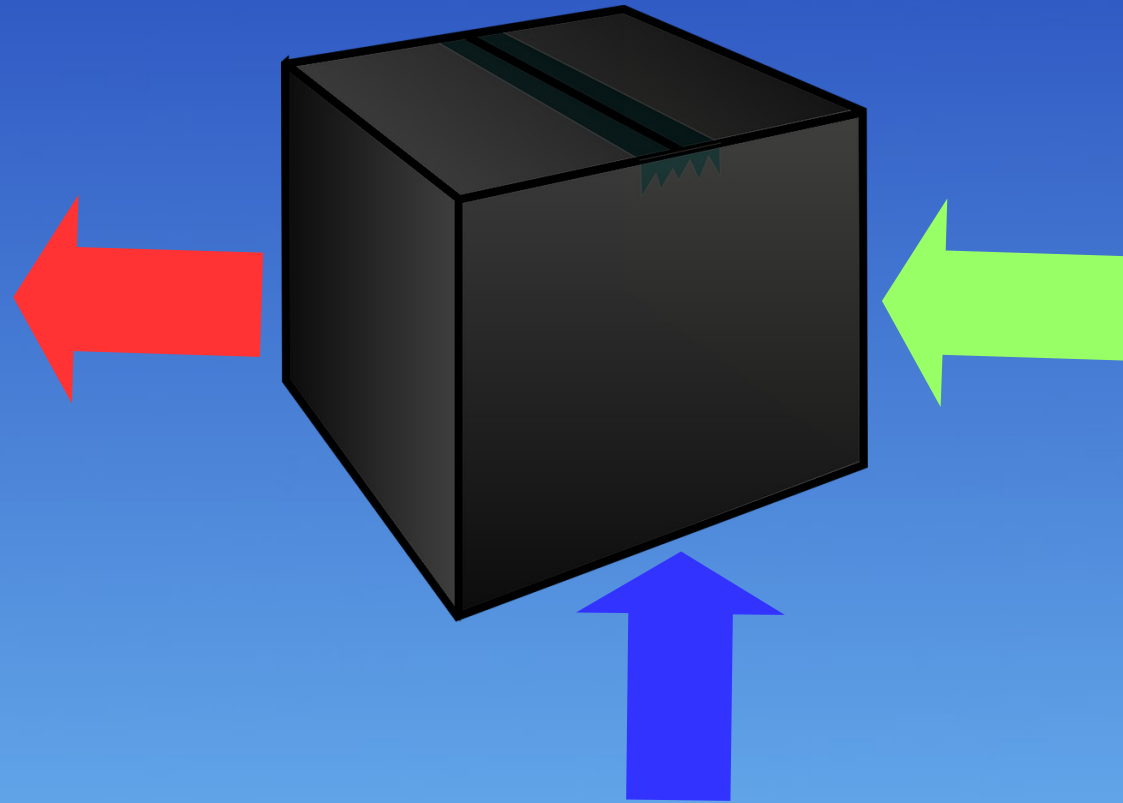
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**Cyclic weakly-driven (coherent) heat devices can all be emulated classically.**  
**Quantum coherence is **NOT NECESSARY** to explain their thermodynamic behaviour.**

# TRULY QUANTUM?

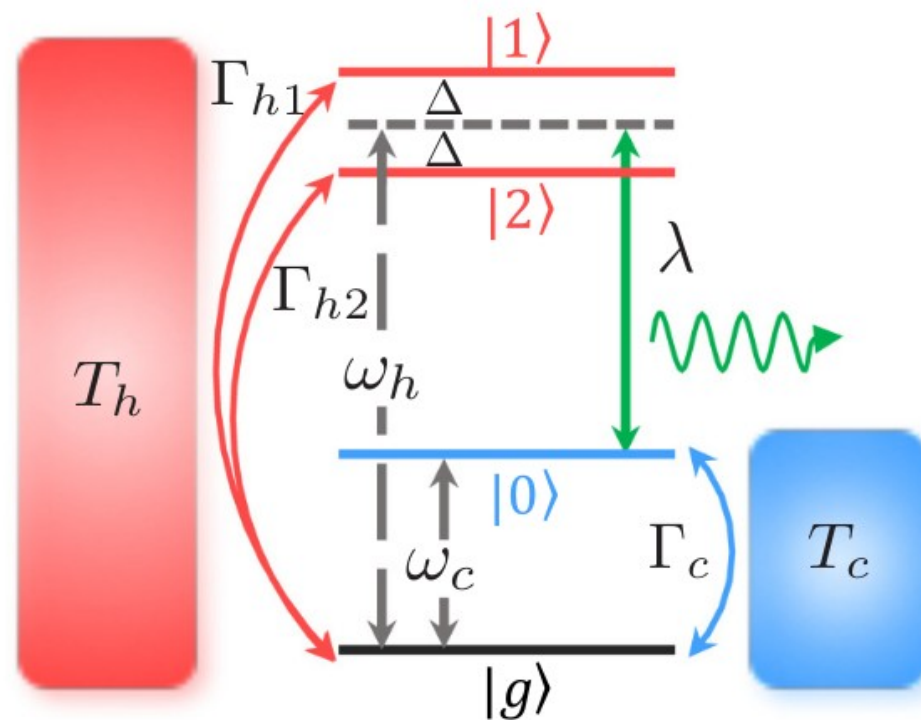
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Are there coherent models that **CANNOT**  
be emulated classically

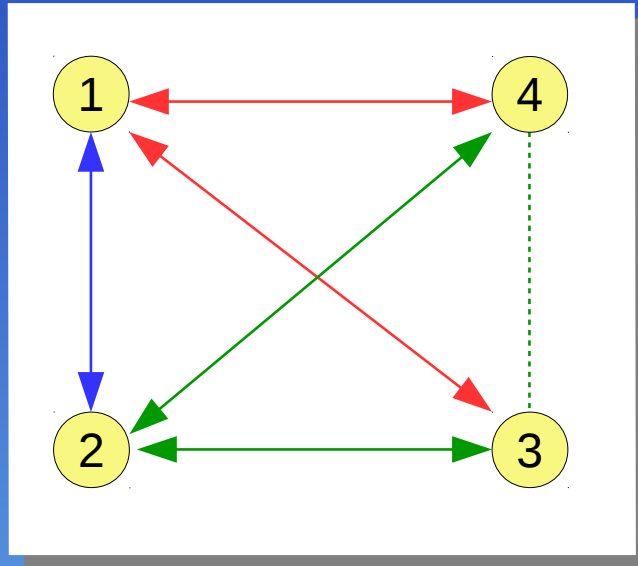


# TRULY QUANTUM



$$\hat{U}_0^\dagger \hat{H}_d(t) \hat{U}_0 = \hbar\lambda(|1\rangle\langle 0| + |2\rangle\langle 0| + \text{h.c.})$$

# TRULY QUANTUM



$$\frac{dp}{dt} = Wp$$

Not always positive!

$$\{W_{34}, W_{43}\}$$

$$\dot{Q}_\alpha = \sum_k \dot{Q}_\alpha(\mathcal{C}_j) = \dot{Q}_\alpha^{\text{class}} + \dot{Q}_\alpha^{\text{quant}}$$

Quantum is **NOT** better?!

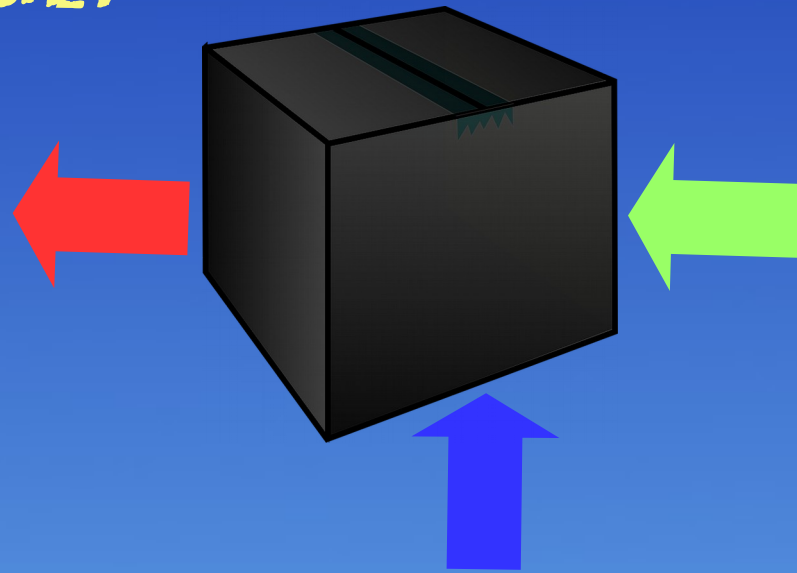
$$\dot{Q}_c^{\text{quant}} < 0$$

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*...IS IT QUANTUM  
OR CLASSICAL?*



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**Thanks for your attention!**