

Quantum advantages in nonequilibrium thermodynamics

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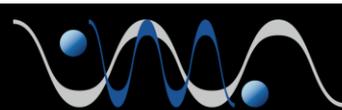
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H. Tajima, **KF**, PRL **127**, 190604 (2021)

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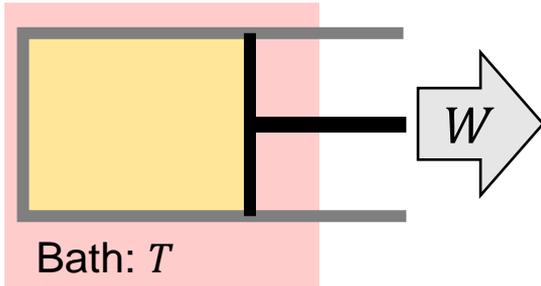
Thermodynamics in small systems

Classical thermodynamics



Steam engine

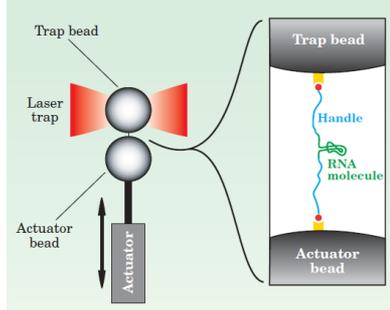
Wikipedia



Macroscopic

Equilibrium theory (established in 19th century)

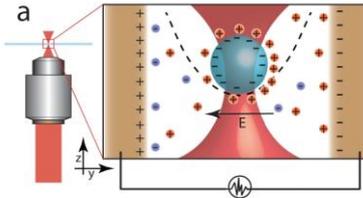
Stochastic thermodynamics



RNA molecules

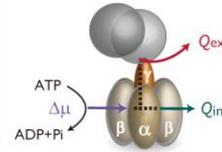
C. Bustamante *et al.*, *Physics Today* (2015)

Colloidal particles



S. Krishnamurthy, *et al.*, *Nat. Commun.* (2023)

F1-ATPase

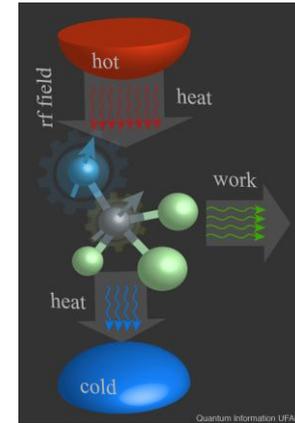


S. Toyabe *et al.*, *PRL* (2010)

$\sim m$ **Thermal fluctuation**

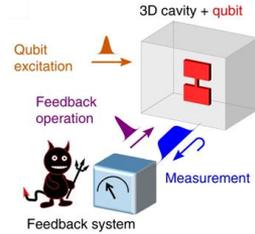
Quantum thermodynamics

NMR systems

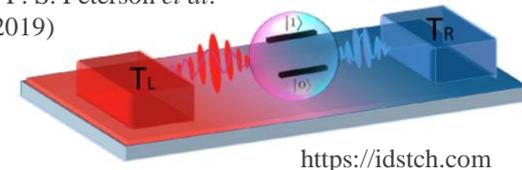


J. P. S. Peterson *et al.* (2019)

Superconducting qubits



Y. Masuyama, *et al.*, *Nat. Commun.* (2018)



Quantum effects $\mu m \sim nm$

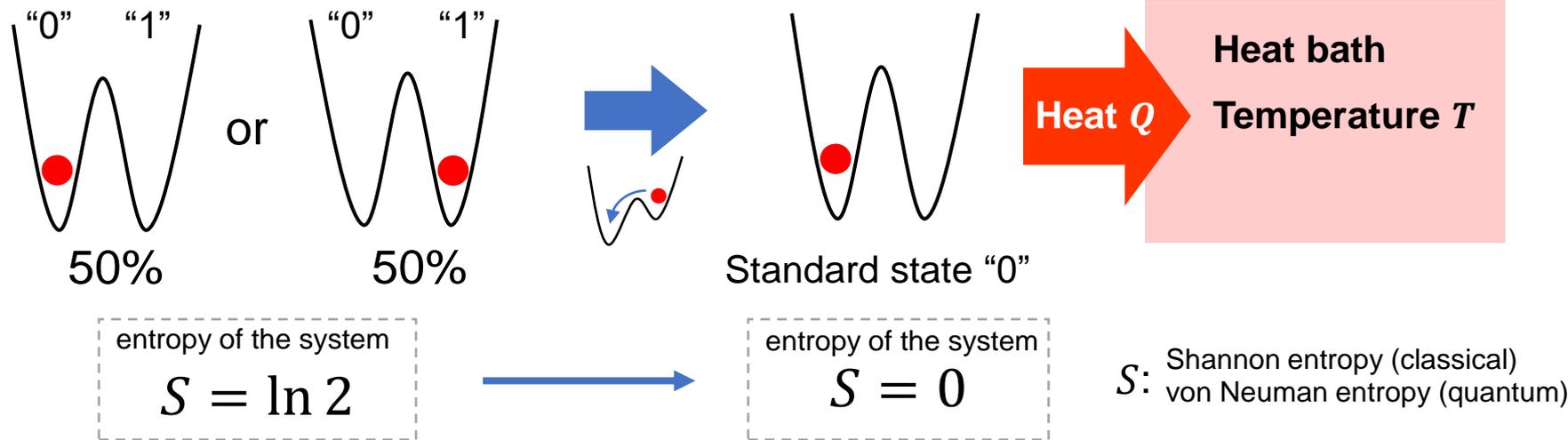
Microscopic

Extended to **microscopic, nonequilibrium, and fluctuating** systems (late 1990s ~)

Thermodynamic laws out of equilibrium?

Fundamental cost of information erasure

Information erasure (Memory reset)



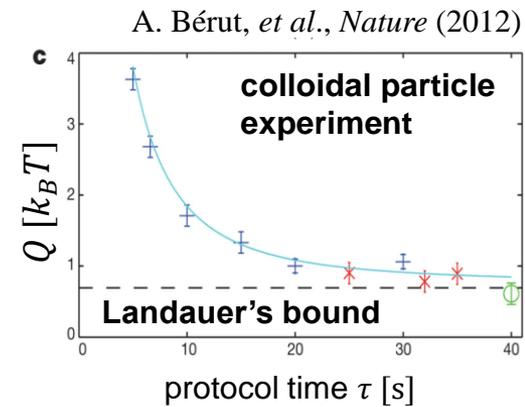
Landauer's bound

R. Landauer (1961)



$$Q \geq k_B T \ln 2$$

- Information erasure (decreasing the system entropy)
→ **Heat dissipation is inevitable**
- Minimal energetic costs** required for *information processing*



Information thermodynamics

Parrondo, Horowitz, & Sagawa, *Nat. Phys.* (2015)

Thermodynamics of computation

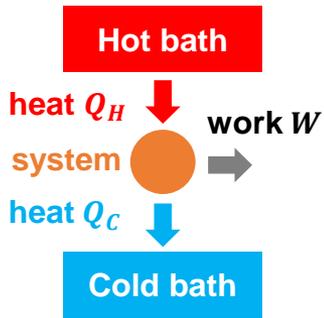
D. H. Wolpert, *et al.*, *PNAS* (2024)

Thermodynamics and energetic costs

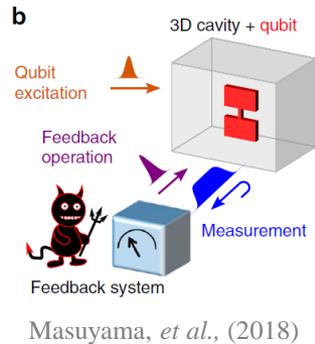
Stochastic thermodynamics & Quantum thermodynamics

✓ Fundamental energetic costs

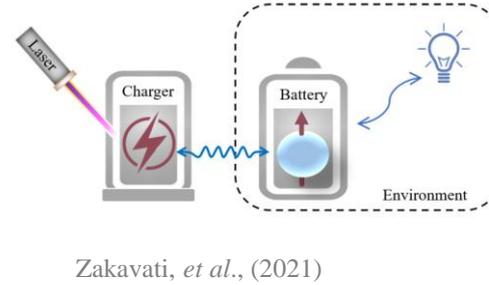
Heat engine



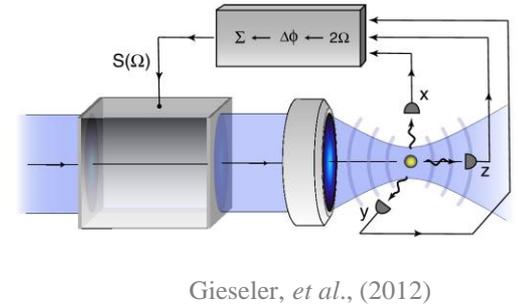
Information engine



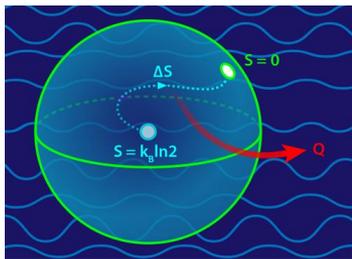
Quantum batteries



Feedback cooling

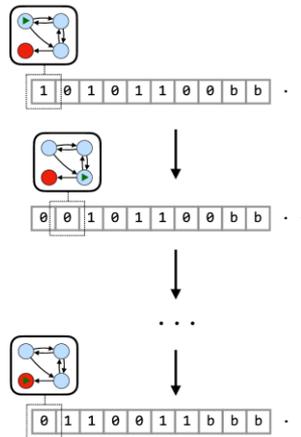


Information erasure



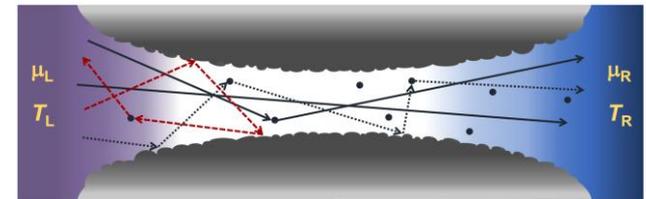
Physics, 11, 49, (2018)

Thermodynamics of computation



Kolchinsky and Wolpert (2020)

Heat transport



Pekola and Karimi (2021)

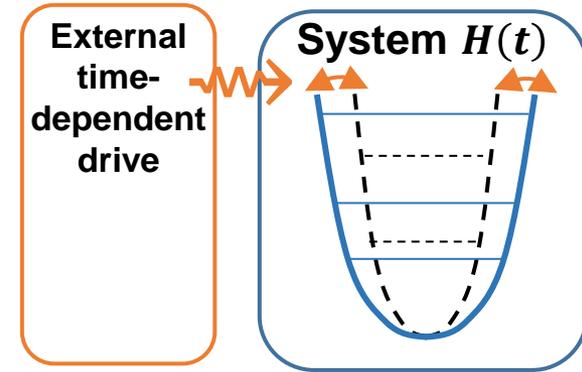
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Quantum master equation and detailed balance

■ Quantum master equation

$$\partial_t \rho = \mathcal{L}_t[\rho] = \underbrace{-\frac{i}{\hbar} [H(t), \rho]}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{unitary time-evolution} \\ \text{(including external drive)}}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{D}_t[\rho]}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{effect of the bath}}}$$



• Dissipator

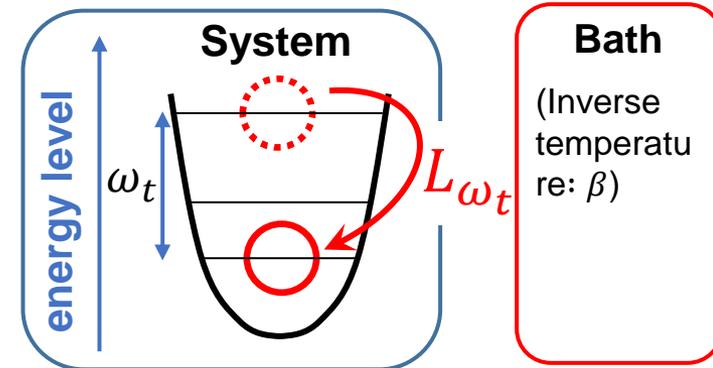
$$\mathcal{D}_t[\rho] = \sum_{\omega_t} \gamma(\omega_t) \left(L_{\omega_t} \rho L_{\omega_t}^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \{ L_{\omega_t}^\dagger L_{\omega_t}, \rho \} \right)$$

- L_{ω_t} : jump operator
decay, thermal excitation, decoherence

- $\gamma(\omega_t)$: decay/excitation rate

local detailed balance: $\gamma(\omega_t)/\gamma(-\omega_t) = \exp[\beta\omega_t]$

→ steady-state = thermal equilibrium state i.e., $\mathcal{L}_t[\rho_t^{\text{th}}] = 0$, $\rho_t^{\text{th}} = e^{-\beta H(t)} / Z(t)$



- ✓ provides **thermodynamically consistent dynamics**

→ allows us to study **nonequilibrium thermodynamics**

Work, heat and 1st law out of equilibrium

■ 1st law of thermodynamics (energy conservation)

$$\underbrace{\partial_t(\text{Tr}[H\rho])}_{\text{internal energy change } \dot{E}} = \underbrace{\text{Tr}[(\partial_t H)\rho]}_{\text{work flux } \dot{W}} + \underbrace{\text{Tr}[H\partial_t\rho]}_{\text{heat flux } J}$$

■ Physical interpretation

Work flux: $\dot{W} = \text{Tr}[(\partial_t H)\rho]$

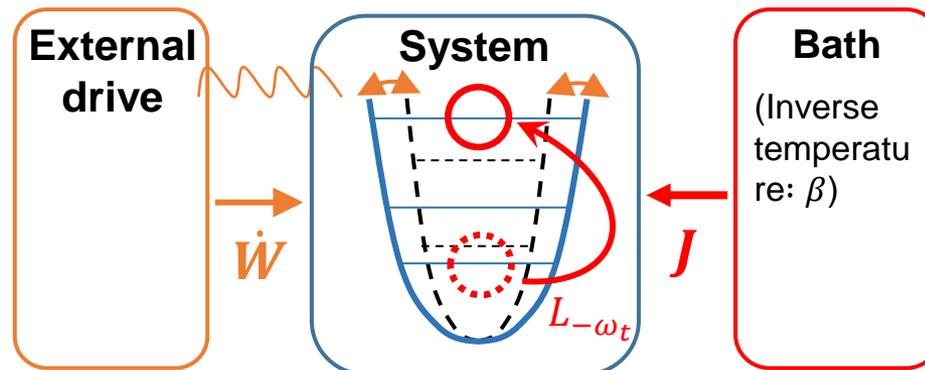
energy from the **external time-dependent driving**

Heat flux: $J = \text{Tr}[H\partial_t\rho]$

$$= -\sum_{\omega} \omega \gamma(\omega) \text{Tr}[L_{\omega}^{\dagger} L_{\omega} \rho]$$

↑
substitute ME: $\partial_t \rho = -\frac{i}{\hbar}[H, \rho] + \mathcal{D}[\rho]$

energy exchange with the **bath via quantum jumps** L_{ω}



Entropy production and 2nd law out of equilibrium

■ Entropy production rate

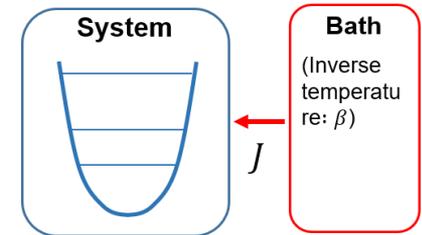
$$\dot{\sigma}(\rho) = \underbrace{\dot{S}(\rho)}_{\text{von Neumann entropy change of the system}} - \underbrace{\beta J(\rho)}_{\text{entropy change of the bath}} \geq 0 \quad \text{2nd law}$$

von Neumann entropy change of the system ($S(\rho) = -\text{Tr}[\rho \ln \rho]$)

entropy change of the bath ($\dot{S}_B = -\beta J$)

entropy of the entire system

$$\dot{\sigma} = \dot{S} + \dot{S}_B$$

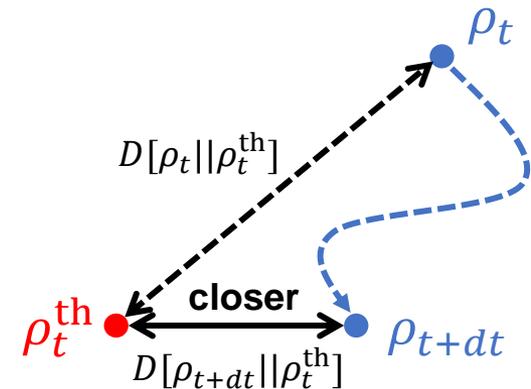


■ 2nd law of thermodynamics

- Spohn's representation [J. Math. Phys. **19**, 1227, (1978)]

$$\dot{\sigma} = \lim_{dt \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{dt} (D[\rho_t || \rho_t^{\text{th}}] - D[\rho_{t+dt} || \rho_t^{\text{th}}]) \geq 0$$

- $\rho_t^{\text{th}} = e^{-\beta H(t)} / Z(t)$: thermal equilibrium state
- $D[\rho || \sigma] = \text{Tr}[\rho(\ln \rho - \ln \sigma)]$: relative entropy



quantifies how a nonequilibrium state ρ_t becomes **closer** to the thermal equilibrium state ρ_t^{th}

- Measure of **thermodynamic irreversibility** (approach to equilibrium)
- Quantifies **energetic costs** (c.f. dissipated work $\sigma = \beta W_{\text{dis}}$)

$$W_{\text{dis}} = -\Delta \mathcal{F} - W_{\text{ext}}$$

\mathcal{F} : nonequilibrium free-energy

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■ Second law of thermodynamics

$$\dot{\sigma} \geq 0$$

equality is achieved by **quasi-static** (infinitely slow) processes

- However, we want to achieve **high-speed operation** with **low energetic costs**
→ *fundamental limit in finite-time?*

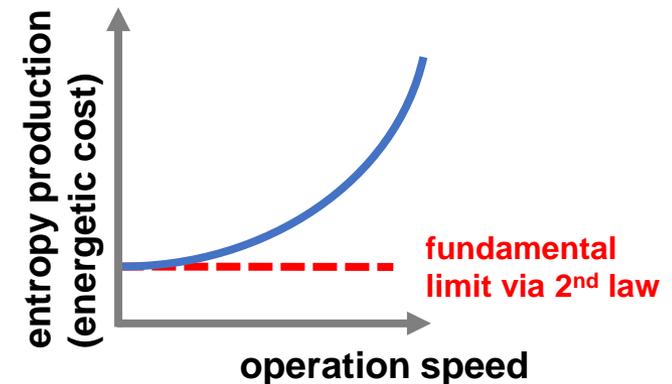
■ Thermodynamic speed limits

$$\frac{\overset{\text{L1 distance}}{L(p_0, p_\tau)}}{\underset{\text{time duration}}{\tau}} \leq \sqrt{\overset{\text{entropy production}}{2\sigma \bar{A}_{\text{act}}}}$$

activity (average transition rate)

- fundamental *trade-off relation* between **speed** and **energetic costs**

Thermodynamic speed limit



- Classical master equation: N. Shiraishi, **KF**, K. Saito, PRL (2018)
- Quantum master equation: **KF**, N. Shiraishi, K. Saito, NJP (2019)
- Recent development using optimal transport theory: T. Van Vu, K. Saito, PRX (2023), and many more

Thermodynamic trade-off relations

■ Nonequilibrium and finite-time thermodynamic trade-off relations

current (speed) \Leftrightarrow energetic costs

- Thermodynamic uncertainty relations (TUR)

precision of general current \Leftrightarrow entropy production

Barato, Seifert PRL (2015)
Gingrich, *et al.*, PRL (2016)

- Current-dissipation trade-off relation

heat current \Leftrightarrow entropy production

N. Shiraishi, K. Saito, H. Tasaki, PRL (2016)
H. Tajima & KF, PRL (2021)

- Thermodynamic speed limits

probability current (speed) \Leftrightarrow entropy production

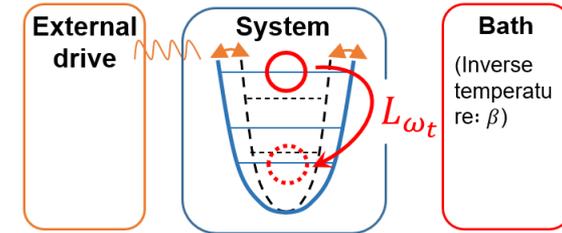
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Quantum effects (coherence, entanglement)

→ **Enhancing the operation speed** while **suppressing energetic costs**?

Setup: quantum master equation with detailed balance

$$\partial_t \rho = -i[H, \rho] + \sum_{a,\omega} \gamma_{a,\omega} \left[L_{a,\omega} \rho L_{a,\omega}^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \{ L_{a,\omega}^\dagger L_{a,\omega}, \rho \} \right]$$



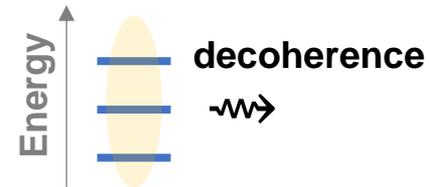
- Bath **destroys** coherence between different energy levels

$$\dot{\sigma}(\rho_{\text{diag}}) \leq \dot{\sigma}(\rho)$$

No energy level coherence **With coherence**

$$\rho_{\text{diag}} = \sum_i \Pi_i \rho \Pi_i$$

Π_i : projection to i -th energy eigenspace



- energy level coherence \rightarrow larger $\dot{\sigma}$ (**disadvantage**)

J. P. Santos, *et al.*, *npj Quantum Information* (2019); H. Tajima & KF, PRL (2021)

- Coherence between degenerate states **may not be destroyed**

c.f. decoherence-free subspace, Review: D. A. Lidar, *Adv. Chem. Phys.* (2014)



- We show that coherence between degenerate states is **useful** based on thermodynamic trade-off relations

H. Tajima & KF, PRL (2021)

H. Tajima, **KF**, PRL **127**, 190604 (2021)
 [Editors' suggestion, featured in Physics]

■ Current-dissipation trade-off relation

□ Without degeneracy coherence

$$\frac{J^2(\rho_{\text{inc}})}{\dot{\sigma}(\rho_{\text{inc}})} \leq \frac{A_{\text{cl}}}{2}$$

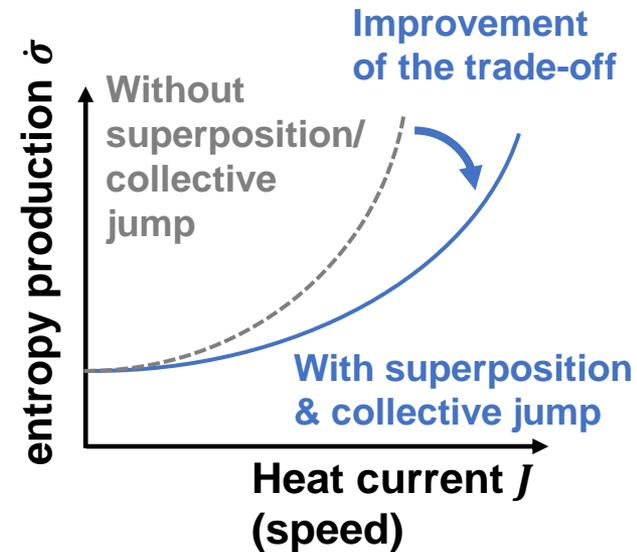
□ With degeneracy coherence

$$\frac{J^2(\rho_{\text{coh}})}{\dot{\sigma}(\rho_{\text{coh}})} \leq \frac{A_{\text{cl}} + \underbrace{A_{\text{qm}}}_{\text{Quantum effect!}}}{2}$$

- J : heat current, $\dot{\sigma}$: entropy production rate
- Average transition rate (Activity-like quantity)

$$A = \sum_{\omega} \underbrace{\omega^2}_{\text{transition energy}} \sum_a \underbrace{\gamma_{a,\omega}}_{\text{transition rate}} \text{Tr} \left[\underbrace{L_{a,\omega}^\dagger L_{a,\omega}}_{\text{collective jumps}} \rho \right] = A_{\text{cl}} + \underbrace{A_{\text{qm}}}_{\text{superposition of degenerate states} \times \text{collective jumps}}$$

(superposition of degenerate states) × (collective jumps)



■ **Quantum advantages** based on universal thermodynamic trade-off relation

✓ **Quantum superposition + collective jumps** → **higher speed & lower energetic cost**

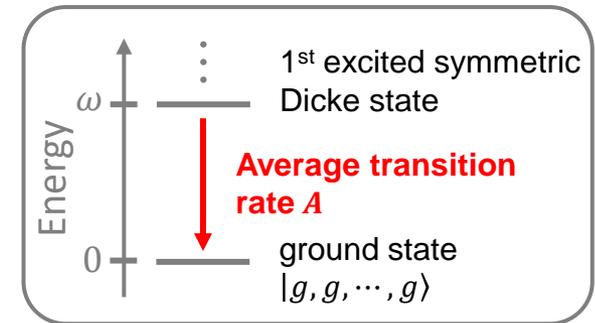
Example: Super-radiance

■ Identical N qubit system

- Hamiltonian: $H = \frac{\omega}{2} \sum_i \sigma_i^z$
- Initial state: symmetric Dicke state:

$$|\psi\rangle = N^{-\frac{1}{2}} (|e, g, \dots, g\rangle + \dots + |g, \dots, g, e\rangle)$$

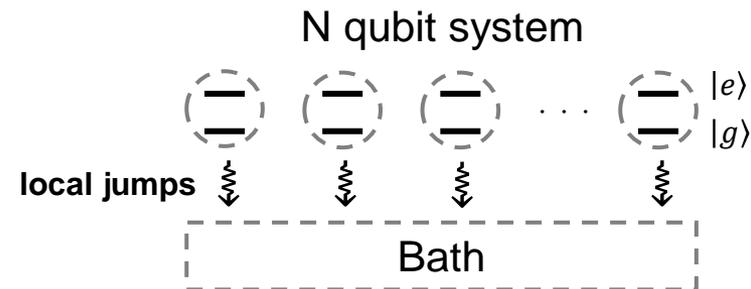
superposition of N states with one excitation



□ Local jumps: $\{\sigma_i^-\}_{i=1}^N$

$$\partial_t \rho = -i[H, \rho] + \Gamma_{\downarrow} \sum_i (\sigma_i^- \rho \sigma_i^+ - \frac{1}{2} \{\sigma_i^+ \sigma_i^-, \rho\})$$

- Average transition rate: $A = \omega^2 \Gamma_{\downarrow}$

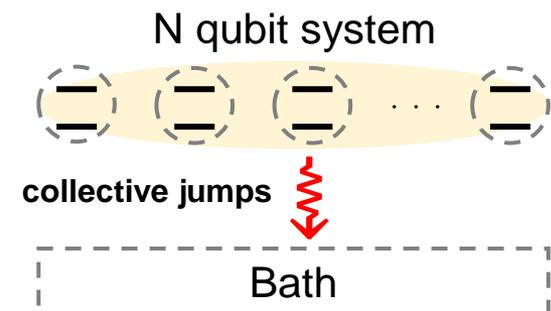


□ Collective jumps: $J^- = \sum_i \sigma_i^-$

$$\partial_t \rho = -i[H, \rho] + \Gamma_{\downarrow} (J^- \rho J^+ - \frac{1}{2} \{J^+ J^-, \rho\})$$

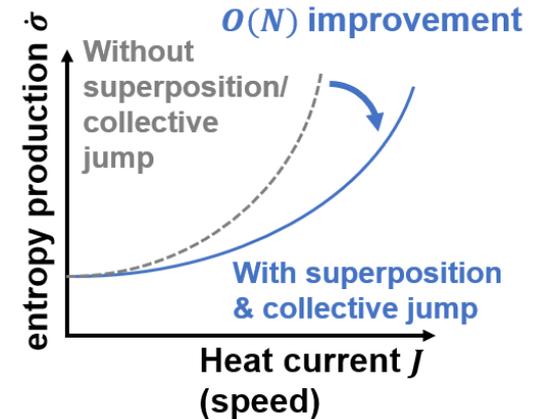
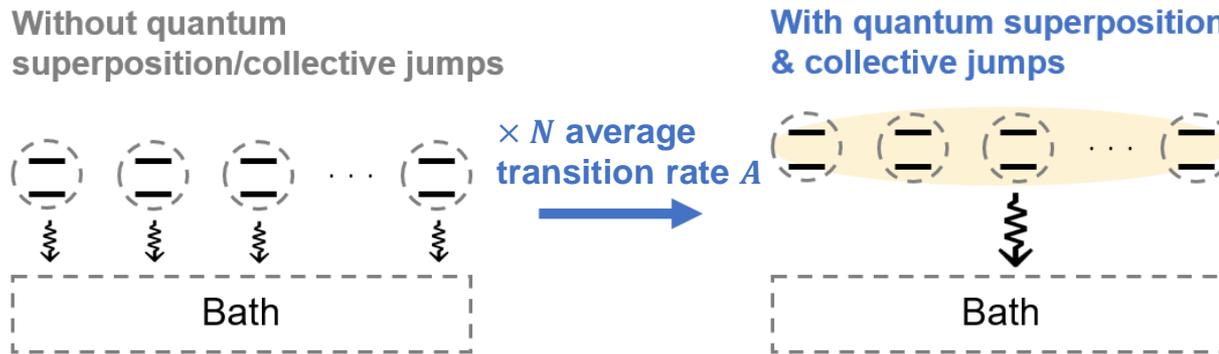
- Average transition rate: $A = \omega^2 N \Gamma_{\downarrow}$ (**super-radiance**)

Dicke, Phys. Rev. (1954)



superposition + collective jumps $\rightarrow O(N)$ enhancement of average transition rate

- Dicke super-radiance model and $O(N)$ enhancement of A



- We have shown **quantum advantages** based on universal thermodynamic trade-off relation

$$\frac{J^2(\rho_{\text{coh}})}{\dot{\sigma}(\rho_{\text{coh}})} \leq \frac{A_{\text{cl}} + A_{\text{qm}}}{2}$$

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fundamental limit of the average jump rate A ?

→ Main result 2

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fundamental limit of the effective jump rate A ?

■ Symmetry and decoherence-free subspace

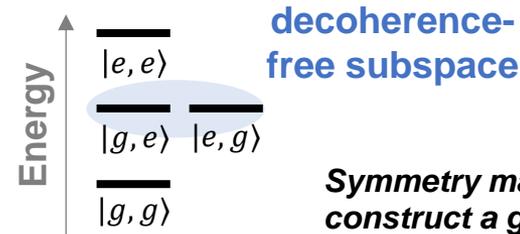
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- Symmetric noise (same random phase ϕ)

$$|g\rangle_j \rightarrow |g\rangle_j, \quad |e\rangle_j \rightarrow \underline{e^{i\phi}} |e\rangle_j$$

$$\begin{aligned} |g, g\rangle &\rightarrow |g, g\rangle \\ |g, e\rangle &\rightarrow e^{i\phi} |g, e\rangle \\ |e, g\rangle &\rightarrow e^{i\phi} |e, g\rangle \\ |e, e\rangle &\rightarrow e^{2i\phi} |e, e\rangle \end{aligned}$$

acquire the same phase



Symmetry may be the key to construct a general theory

Symmetry-based framework

KF & H. Tajima arXiv:2408.04280 (*accepted in PRL*)

- ✓ ***General upper bound on the effective jump rate A***

■ Quantum master equation

$$\partial_t \rho = \mathcal{L}(\rho) = -i[H, \rho] + \sum_{a,\omega} \gamma_{a,\omega} \left[L_{a,\omega} \rho L_{a,\omega}^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \{ L_{a,\omega}^\dagger L_{a,\omega}, \rho \} \right]$$

- $H = \sum_k \epsilon_k \Pi_k$
 - ϵ_k : energy eigenvalues, Π_k : projection to k-th energy eigenspace
 - $\mathcal{N}_k = \dim(\Pi_k)$: number of degeneracy for k-th energy level

□ Symmetry of the Hamiltonian

$$[H, V_g] = 0 \text{ for all } g \in G$$

□ Symmetry of Liouville superoperator

B. Buča, T. Prosen, *NJP* (2012)

Weak symmetry condition

$$\mathcal{L}(V_g x V_g^\dagger) = V_g \mathcal{L}(x) V_g^\dagger$$

for any operator x and for all $g \in G$

Time-evolution preserves the symmetry of quantum states ρ

(We assume this weaker condition)

Strong symmetry condition

$$[V_g, L_{a,\omega}] = 0, \quad [H, V_g] = 0$$

for all $g \in G$

Time-evolution is block-decomposed into different symmetry sectors



→ analyze the average jump rate $A = \sum_{\omega} \omega^2 \sum_a \gamma_{a,\omega} \text{Tr} [L_{a,\omega}^\dagger L_{a,\omega} \rho]$

*We choose a “natural” V_g for given H for the sake of simplicity in this presentation. For general V_g , please see arXiv:2408.04280

- For **any** density matrices ρ and jump operators $\{L_{a,\omega}\}$, we obtain

$$A(\rho, \{L_{a,\omega}\}) \leq \sum_{\omega} \omega^2 \sum_k p_k \mathcal{N}_k c_k(L_{a,\omega})$$

- A can be enhanced up to \mathcal{N}_k times the norm of jump operators c_k for each k -th subspace

- \mathcal{N}_k : **number of degeneracy**
- $p_k = \text{Tr}[\Pi_k \rho]$: occupation probability of k -th state
- $c_k(L_{a,\omega}) := \mathcal{N}_k^{-1} \sum_a \gamma_{a,\omega} \text{Tr} [L_{a,\omega}^\dagger L_{a,\omega} \Pi_k]$
(**Hilbert-Schmidt norm** of $L_{a,\omega}$ in the k -th subspace divided by its dimension \mathcal{N}_k)

*Trivial rescaling $\sqrt{\gamma_{a,\omega}} L_{a,\omega} \rightarrow \sqrt{C \gamma_{a,\omega}} L_{a,\omega}$ leads to $A \rightarrow CA$.
To exclude such effects, we introduce the norm c_k

■ Optimal condition

□ **Symmetric state** ρ^{sym}

$$V_g \rho^{\text{sym}} = \rho^{\text{sym}} V_g^\dagger = \rho^{\text{sym}} \quad \text{for all } g \in G$$

□ **Symmetric jump operator** $\{L_{a,\omega}^{\text{sym}}\}$

$$V_g L_{a,\omega}^{\text{sym}} = L_{a,\omega}^{\text{sym}} V_g^\dagger = L_{a,\omega}^{\text{sym}} \quad \text{for all } g \in G$$

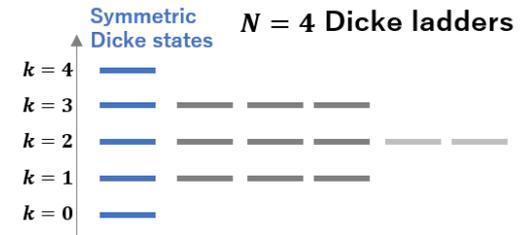
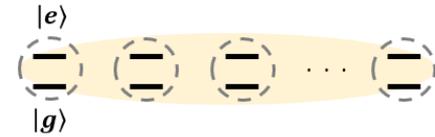
unchanged by the action of V_g

- ✓ Number of degeneracy \mathcal{N}_k sets the fundamental limit of A
- ✓ Optimal symmetry condition is identified

Example: Permutation-invariant N qubit systems 21

Permutation symmetry

- Hamiltonian $H = \frac{\omega}{2} \sum_i \sigma_i^z$
- Invariant under permutation of subsystem labels i
- $\mathcal{N}_k = {}_N C_k$: number of degeneracy (k-th energy level)



Optimal condition

□ **Symmetric state** $\rho_k^{sym} = |\psi_k^{sym}\rangle\langle\psi_k^{sym}|$

$$|\psi_k^{sym}\rangle = \mathcal{N}_k^{-1/2} \sum_g V_g |e\rangle^{\otimes k} \otimes |g\rangle^{\otimes N-k}$$

superposition of all states with k -excitation

- **symmetric Dicke states**

□ **Symmetric jump operator** L_ω^{sym}

$$L_\omega^{sym} = \sum_{n=0}^{[N/2]-1} \sum_{g \in S_N} V_g \underbrace{\sigma_1^- \cdots \sigma_{n+1}^- \sigma_{n+2}^+ \cdots \sigma_{2n+1}^+}_{(2n+1)\text{-body jump operators}} V_g^\dagger$$

- requires multi-qubit nonlinear and collective jump

Scaling of A for permutation-invariant system

Scaling of A for different jump operators

We consider a symmetric Dicke state with $k = N/2$
(i.e., half of the qubits are excited)

$$|\psi_{N/2}^{\text{sym}}\rangle = \mathcal{N}_{N/2}^{-1/2} \sum_{g \in \mathcal{S}_N} V_g |e\rangle^{\otimes N/2} \otimes |g\rangle^{\otimes N/2}$$

■ Symmetric jump operator

$$L_{\omega}^{\text{sym}} = \sum_{m=0}^{N/2} \sum_{g \in \mathcal{S}_N} V_g \sigma_1^- \cdots \sigma_{m+1}^- \sigma_{m+2}^+ \cdots \sigma_{2m+1}^+ V_g^\dagger$$

multi-qubit nonlinear and collective jumps

$$\rightarrow A / \omega^2 c_{N/2} = \mathcal{N}_{N/2} \sim 2^N / \sqrt{N} \quad (\text{optimal})$$

■ Three-body approximation

$$L_{\omega}^{3\text{-ap}} = \sum_i \sigma_i^- + \sum_{(i<j) \neq l} \sigma_i^- \sigma_j^- \sigma_l^+ \rightarrow A / \omega^2 c_{N/2} = O(N^3)$$

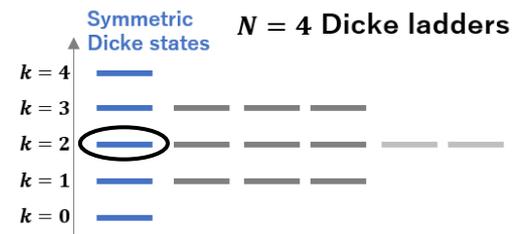
3-body jumps

■ One-body approximation

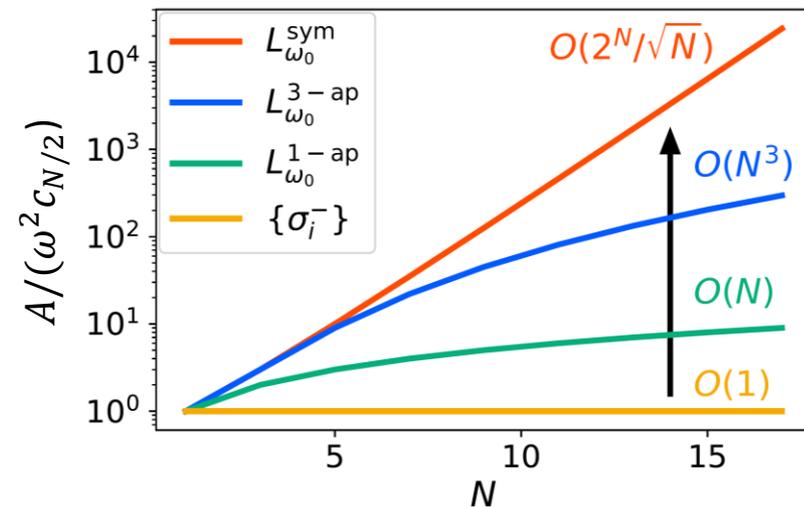
$$L_{\omega}^{1\text{-ap}} = \sum_i \sigma_i^- \rightarrow A / \omega^2 c_{N/2} = O(N) \quad (\text{super-radiance})$$

■ Local jump operator

$$\{L_{a,\omega}^{\text{loc}}\} = \{\sigma_i^-\} \rightarrow A / \omega^2 c_{N/2} = 1$$



Plot of $A(|\psi_{N/2}^{\text{sym}}\rangle \langle \psi_{N/2}^{\text{sym}}|, \{L_{a,\omega}\})$



Scaling of A and symmetry condition

Scaling of A for different jump operators

We consider a symmetric Dicke state with $k = N/2$ (i.e., half of the qubits are excited)

$$|\psi_{N/2}^{\text{sym}}\rangle = \mathcal{N}_{N/2}^{-1/2} \sum_{g \in \mathcal{S}_N} V_g |e\rangle^{\otimes N/2} \otimes |g\rangle^{\otimes N/2}$$

■ Symmetric jump operator

$$L_{\omega}^{\text{sym}} = \sum_{m=0}^{N/2} \sum_{g \in \mathcal{S}_N} V_g \underbrace{\sigma_1^- \cdots \sigma_{m+1}^- \sigma_{m+2}^+ \cdots \sigma_{2m+1}^+}_{\text{multi-qubit nonlinear and collective jumps}} V_g^\dagger$$

$$\rightarrow A / \omega^2 c_{N/2} = \mathcal{N}_{N/2} \sim 2^N / \sqrt{N} \quad (\text{optimal})$$

■ Three-body approximation

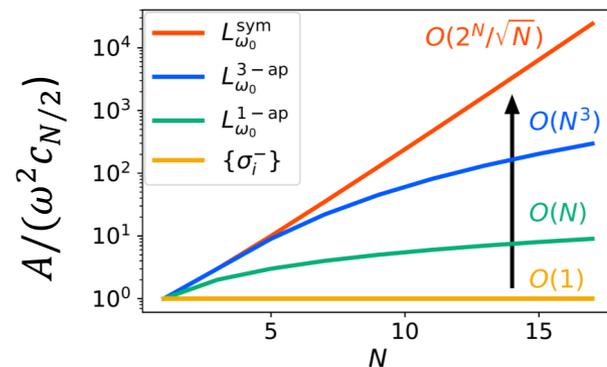
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Optimal symmetry condition

$$V_g L_{\omega}^{\text{sym}} = L_{\omega}^{\text{sym}} V_g^\dagger = L_{\omega}^{\text{sym}}$$

Strong symmetry

$$[V_g, L_{\omega}^{n-ap}] = 0$$

Weak symmetry

$$\mathcal{L}(V_g x V_g^\dagger) = V_g \mathcal{L}(x) V_g^\dagger$$

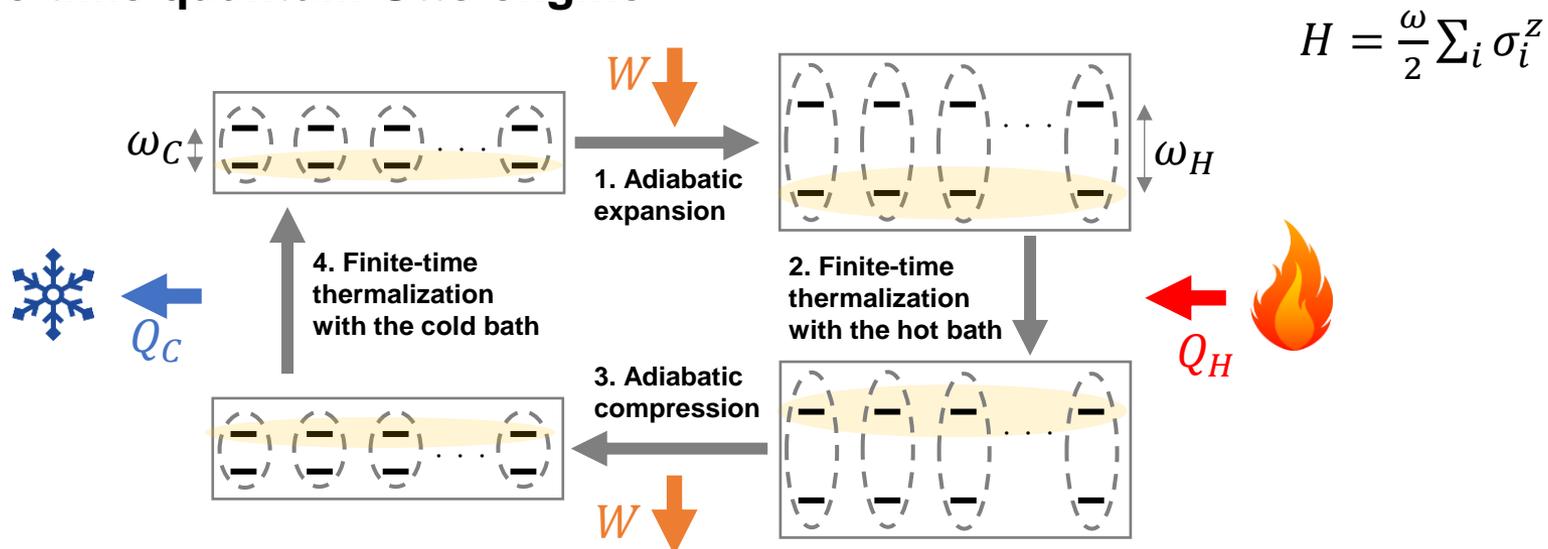
✓ Larger scaling when $\{L_{a,\omega}\}$ better respects the optimal symmetry condition

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Application to heat engines

■ Finite-time quantum Otto engine



■ Performance of heat engines

- **Efficiency** : $\eta = W/Q_H$
Heat-to-work conversion efficiency

- **Power** : $P = W/\tau$
Extracted work per unit time

τ : time duration to complete one cycle

■ Otto efficiency and Carnot efficiency

$$\eta = \eta_{\text{Otto}} = 1 - \frac{\omega_C}{\omega_H} \leq \eta_{\text{Car}} = 1 - \frac{\beta_H}{\beta_C}$$

Otto efficiency

Carnot efficiency
(ideal efficiency)

Note: The efficiency of *finite-time* quantum Otto engine is given by η_{Otto} if the adiabatic strokes (1 and 3) are ideal

Power-efficiency trade-off relation

$$P \leq b \bar{A} \eta (\eta_{\text{Car}} - \eta)$$

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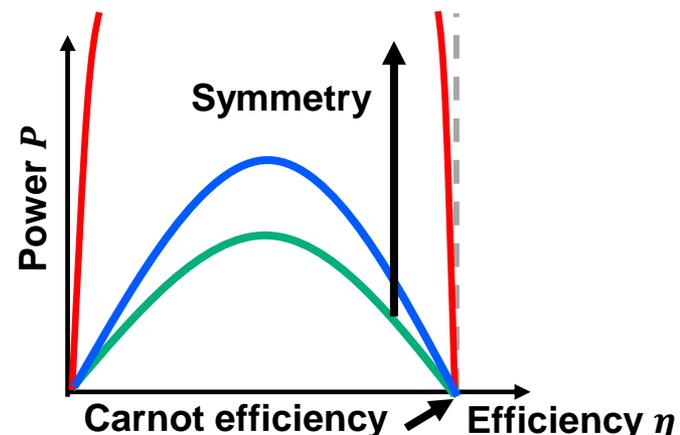
- constant factor: $b = 2(2 - \eta_{\text{Car}})^2 / \beta_C$
- $\bar{A} = \tau^{-1} \int_0^\tau dt A(\rho(t), \{L_{a,\omega}\})$

time-average **average jump rate**

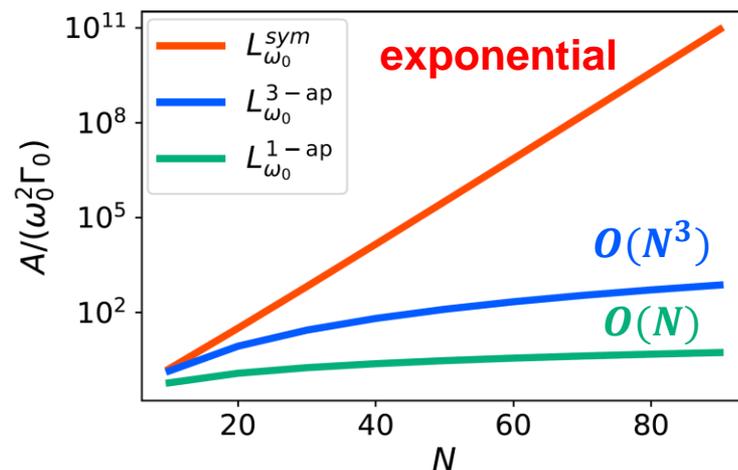
Scaling analysis

- \bar{A} can be **enhanced** by considering the **symmetry condition** on the jump operator
- ⇒ Allows approaching **close to the Carnot efficiency** while **maintaining high power**

Power-efficiency trade-off relation



Scaling of A for thermal state and jump operators with detailed balance



Scaling of the power and efficiency

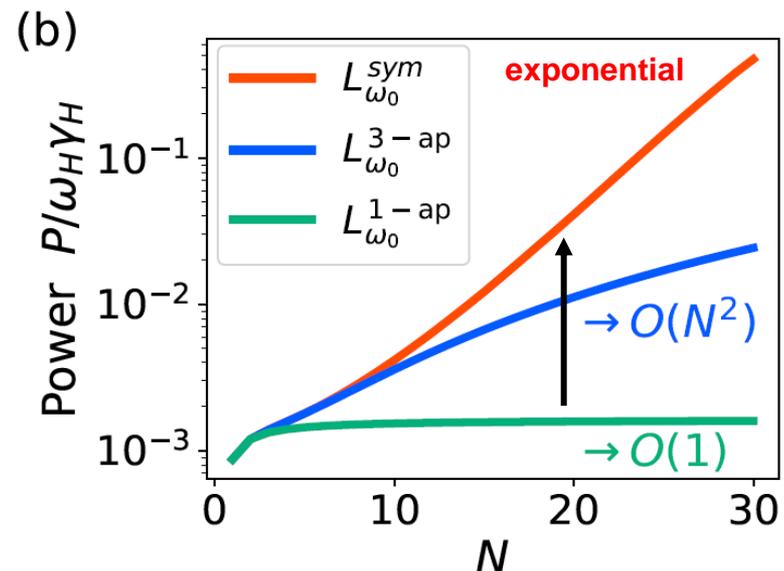
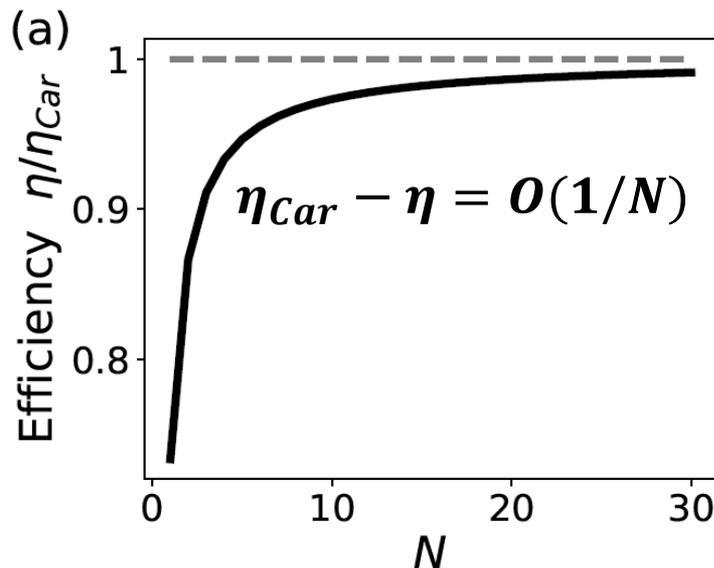
Numerical calculation of N-qubit heat engine model

- Consider a protocol that asymptotically reaches the Carnot efficiency: $\eta_{\text{Car}} - \eta = O(1/N)$

Specifically, we choose (δ is a constant)

$$\omega_C = \left(\frac{\beta_H}{\beta_C} + \frac{\delta}{N} \right) \omega_H \rightarrow \eta = 1 - \frac{\omega_C}{\omega_H} = \eta_{\text{Car}} - \frac{\delta}{N}$$

- Super-radiant heat engine: $L^{1-ap} = \sum_i \sigma_i^-$ $\bar{A} = O(N) \rightarrow P = O(1)$ **power saturates**
- 3-body jump approximation: L^{3-ap} $\bar{A} = O(N^3) \rightarrow P = O(N^2)$ **beyond super-radiant scaling**
- Symmetric jump operator: L_{ω}^{sym} $\bar{A} \ \& \ P \rightarrow$ **exponential scaling**



✓ $O(N^2)$ to exponential power enhancement compared to super-radiant heat engines

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Summary

- We have shown *quantum advantages* based on universal thermodynamic trade-off relation



- We have introduced a *symmetry-based framework* to show the **fundamental limit of the average jump rate A**

- Heat engine model asymptotically reaching the **Carnot efficiency** while **exponential scaling of power**

