

**Quantum Systems:  
Entanglement, Simulations and Information  
(QUANTUM)**

# OUTLINE

*Investigation of the recent developments that have changed the status of quantum mechanics (a new “quantum revolution”) and led the development of Quantum Technologies:*

- quantum simulations of many-body physics and lattice gauge theories,*
- entanglement in applied quantum technologies,*
- open quantum systems and quantum thermodynamic machines, energetics at the nanoscale, ...*

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# Quantum Thermodynamics

Fundamental questions at the interface between quantum theory and thermodynamics, vital for the development of quantum thermo-machines:

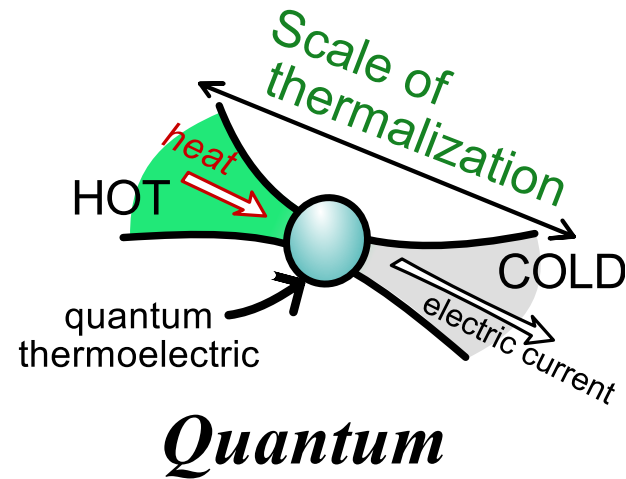
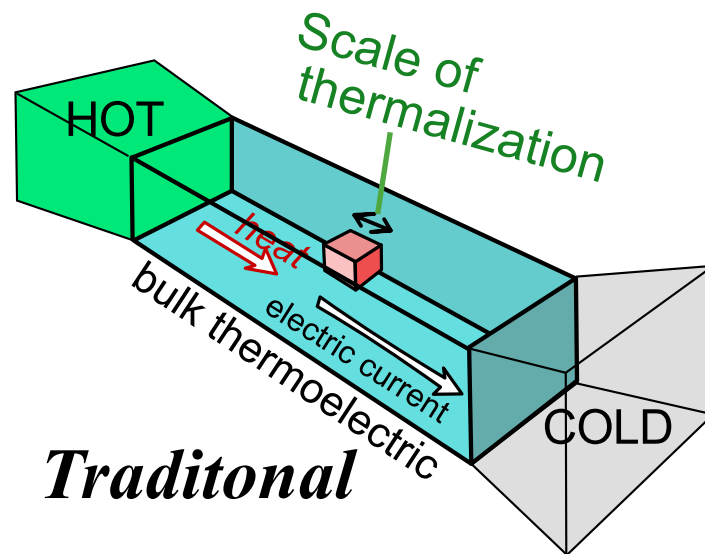
Definition of heat and work in quantum mechanics

Role of coherence, entanglement, quantum measurements and fluctuations in quantum machines

Efficiency and power of small, nanoscale thermal machines

Heat management at the nanoscale (cooling hot spots, thermal diodes and transistors)

# Traditional versus quantum thermoelectrics



Relaxation length (tens of nanometers at room temperature) of the order of the mean free path; inelastic scattering (phonons) thermalizes the electrons

Structures smaller than the relaxation length (many microns at low temperature); quantum interference effects; Boltzmann transport theory cannot be applied

[see G. B., G. Casati, K. Saito, R. S. Whitney, Phys. Rep. **694**, 1 (2017)]

# Quantum aspects relevant for nanoscale applications

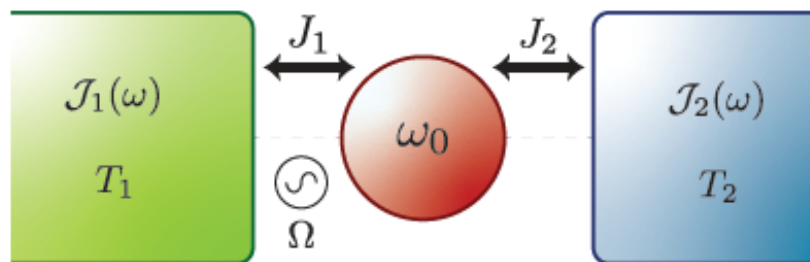
Mildred Dresselhaus et al. (Adv. Materials, 2007):

*“a newly emerging field of low-dimensional thermoelectricity, enabled by material nanoscience and nanotechnology...*

*Thermoelectric phenomena are expected to play an increasingly important role in meeting the energy challenge for the future...”*

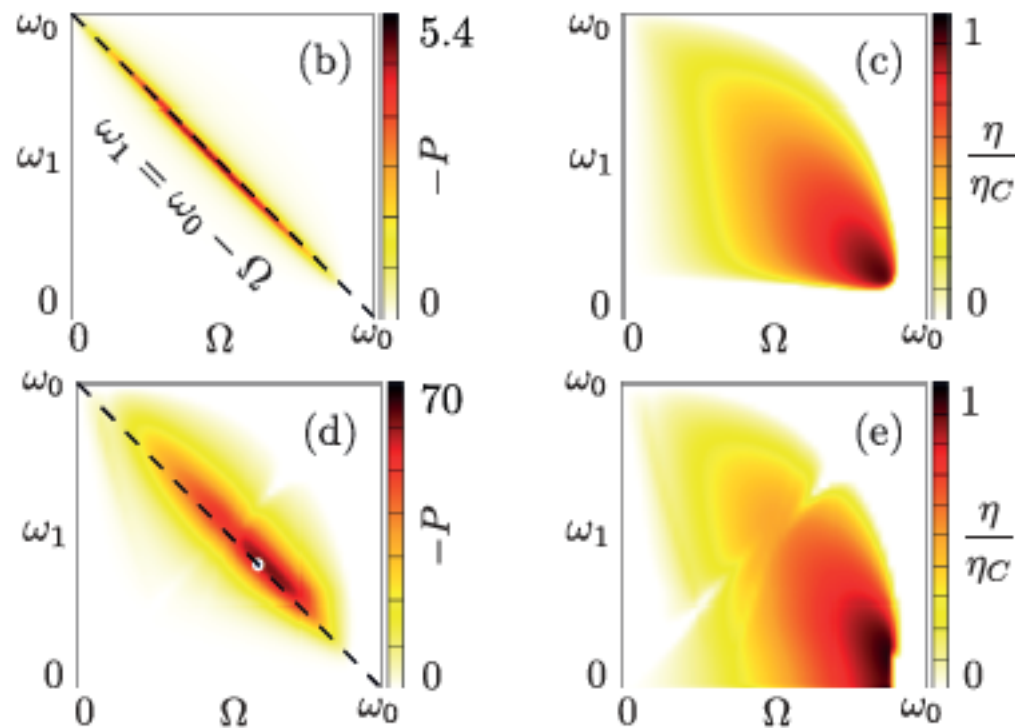
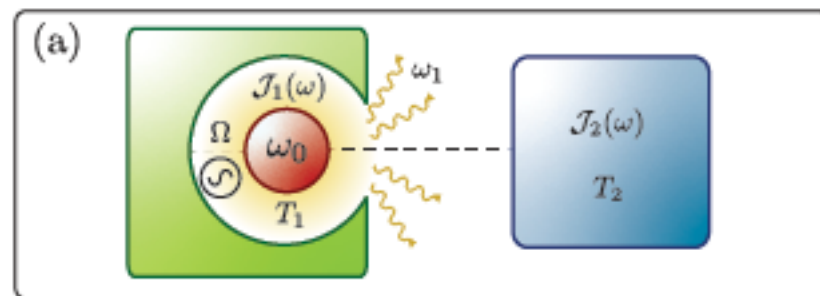
*Small scale (quantum) thermoelectricity* could be relevant for cooling directly on chip, by purely electronic means. **Nanoscale heat management** is crucial to reduce the energy cost in many applications of microelectronics and for the development of quantum machines.

# Dynamical heat engines with non-Markovian reservoirs



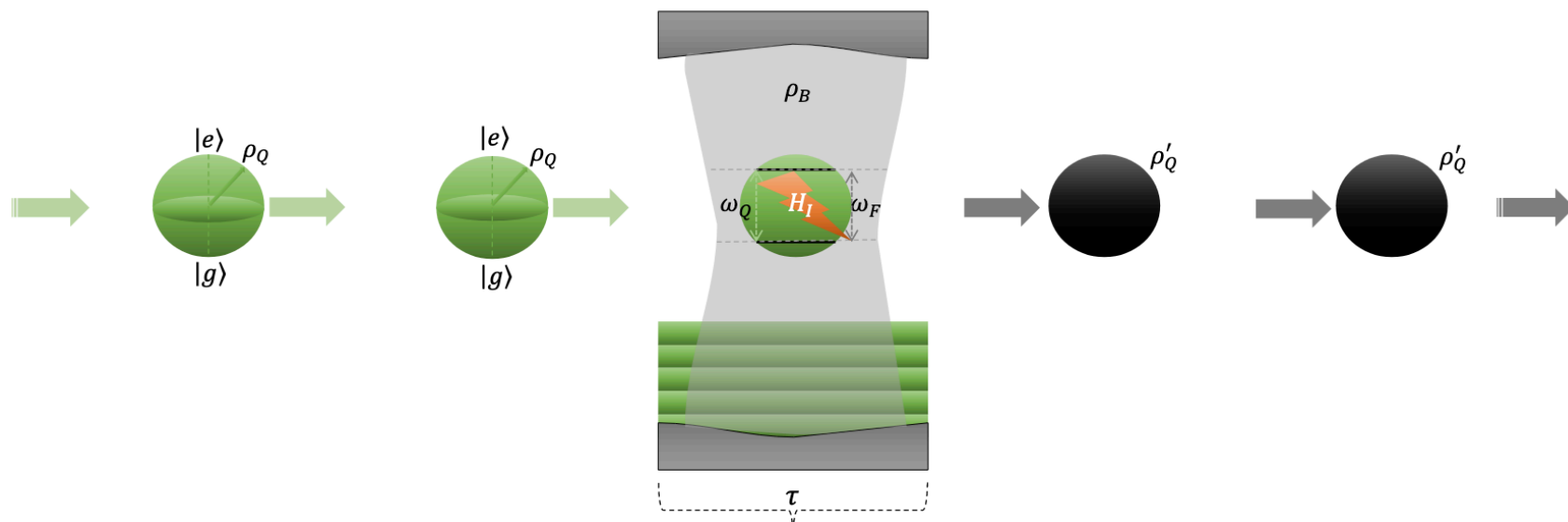
Non-Markovianity  
necessary condition to  
obtain a heat engine

Project: explore  
thermal diode and  
transistor regimes



[M. Carrega *et al.*, PRX Quantum **3**, 010323 (2022);  
F. Cavaliere *et al.*, preprint arXiv:2205.01650 [quant-ph]]

# Micromasers as quantum batteries



A highly excited, pure, and effectively steady state of the cavity mode, charged by coherent qubits, can be achieved

Project: explore dissipation and many-body effects

[V. shaghghi *et al.*, preprint arXiv:2204.09995 [quant-ph]]

## Summary (keywords)

Optimizing the performances of nanoscale quantum thermal engines and quantum batteries (optimal control, machine learning techniques)

Heat management in nanodevices

Quantum information protocols in the ultra-strong coupling regime

Other research lines:

Quantum chaos and characterization of quantum complexity  
Quantum computing on actual quantum hardware (IBMQ, IONQ)



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