Squeezed thermal reservoirs for efficient heat engines and cooler computers

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- 2. Landauer's erasure principle in a squeezed thermal memory



Squeezed states

Coherent state of light:

 $E(t) \propto X_1 \cos \omega t + X_2 \sin \omega t$ minimum uncertainty: $\Delta X_1 \Delta X_2 = \frac{1}{4}$



Squeezed states

squeezed thermal state

squeezed vacuum state



Otto cycle with squeezed thermal reservoirs



J. Roßnagel, O. Abah, F. Schmidt-Kaler, K. Singer, & E. Lutz, PRL 112, 030602 (2014).

Tunable nano-beam oscillator



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Squeezed heat bath

Squeezed heat is provided by engineered electronic noise:

$$f_{\text{bath}}(t) = a_0 \left[e^{+\tilde{r}} \xi_1(t) \cos(\omega t) + e^{-\tilde{r}} \xi_2(t) \sin(\omega t) \right]$$

Theory: Fearn et al. (1988), Kim et al. (1989), Tucci (1991), ...

Energy statistics & caloric EOS

Otto cycle with squeezed heat

2 adiabats, 2 isochores

design choice:

 $\omega_{\min} < \omega < \omega_{\max}$

maximum power:

$$rac{\omega_{\max}}{\omega_{\min}} = \cosh r \sqrt{T_{\mathsf{h}}/T_{\mathsf{c}}}$$

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Cycle implementation

- A isentropic compression $T_i/\omega = \text{const}$
- B isochoric heat addition $\omega = \text{const}$
- (C) isentropic expansion $T_i/\omega = \text{const}$
- b isochoric heat rejection $\omega = \text{const}$

p-*V*-diagram & *T*-*S*-diagram

$$W \simeq 26 \text{ meV} \\ Q_{h} = Q_{1} - Q_{2} \simeq 244 \text{ meV} \end{cases} \eta = W/Q_{h} = (10.6 \pm 0.5)\%$$

Efficiency

Work extraction from a single heat bath

See also: Scully et al., Science **299**, 862-864 (2003). (work from quantum coherence)

Phase-selective coupling 15x / 0.4 squeezed heat on coupling off Phase 0.6 Energy (eV) 0.4 0.2 0 π/2 3π/2 2π 0 π Relative phase Δ

Work extraction

Nanomechanical heat engine

- realization of a minimalist heat engine driven by squeezed thermal reservoirs
- efficiency unbounded by Carnot limit
- work extraction from single reservoir

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Logically irreversible operations are associated with energetic costs of at least $W = (\ln 2) k_{\rm B} T$.

Pop, Nano Res. 3, 147 (2010)

Erasing/resetting 1 bit of information

Experimental verification: Berut et al., Nature 483, 183 (2012)

Assumption of thermal equilibrium?

Logical gates as periodic heat source

Squeezed thermal bath

A thermal environment can be characterized by random forces it exerts on a physical system.

Squeezed thermal bath:

Single particle subject to squeezed noise

stroboscopic phase space picture

Erasing 1 bit in a squeezed thermal memory

- i. remove partition (free expansion)
- ii. isothermal & iso-squeezed compression
- iii. insert partition

Spatially compressed squeezed thermal state

under-damped regime: squeezing canceled by piston

Isothermal compression step

General idea: use squeezing to reduce the pressure on the piston during the compression step.

Work for compression step (numerical)

Work for compression step (analytical approx.)

$$\rho_{\rm sq}(\hat{x},\hat{p}) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{\hbar\omega\hat{x}^2}{2k_{\rm B}T_x} - \frac{\hbar\omega\hat{p}^2}{2k_{\rm B}T_p}\right)$$

$$\rho(\hat{x}, \hat{p}) = Z^{-1} \rho_{\mathrm{sq}}(\hat{x}, \hat{p}) \Theta(x_0 - \hat{x})$$

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momentum transfer on piston:

$$P = \int_0^\infty 2\hbar\omega \hat{p}^2 \rho(x_0, p) d\hat{p} \qquad \text{pressure}$$
$$= 2b_0 g(b_0) k_{\rm B} T_p / x_0$$

$$ightarrow W = \ln 2 k_{\rm B} T_p = \ln 2 k_{\rm B} T \, {
m e}^{-2r}$$
 work

Entropy production for erasing 1 bit:

 $\Delta S = k_{\rm B} \ln 2$

Work required for erasing 1 bit:

$$W = T_x \Delta S = (\ln 2) k_{\rm B} T \,\mathrm{e}^{-r}$$

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Squeezed thermal memory

• exponential work cost reduction for erasing operation possible

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