

# Performance of shortcut-to-adiabaticity quantum engines

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## **Sales of inefficient vacuum cleaners banned**

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Powerful vacuum cleaners are to be banned from today after the European Union introduced new rules which aim to improve [energy efficiency](#) across the continent.

### **'Widespread misconception'**

The European Environment Bureau (EEB) said: "[Power doesn't always equal performance](#), though the misconception has become widespread."

"Some efficient models maintained high standards of dust pick-up while using significantly less energy - due to [design innovation](#)."

From **BBC News** 01/09/2017

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# Introduction

## Miniaturization:

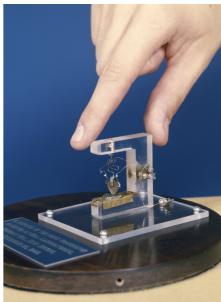
is about building **smaller** devices

Drexler 1981

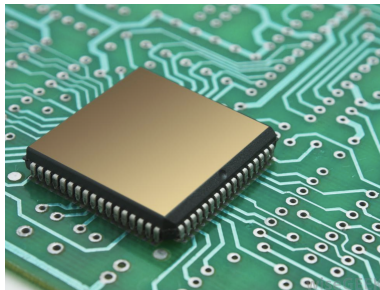
→ fundamental limit = atomic structure of matter

## Transistor:

1947



Today





# Introduction

## Mobile phone:

1973/1983



Today



→ weight 1.1kg, 30min talk time, 10h charge time, price 4000\$

# Introduction

"There is plenty of room at the bottom":

Feynman 1959

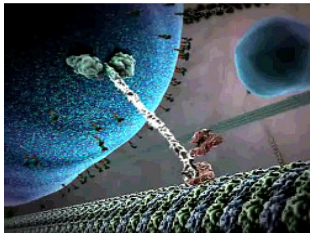
*"Consider any machine – for example, an automobile – and ask about the problems of making an infinitesimal machine like it"*

Two basic strategies:

Follow **engineers**

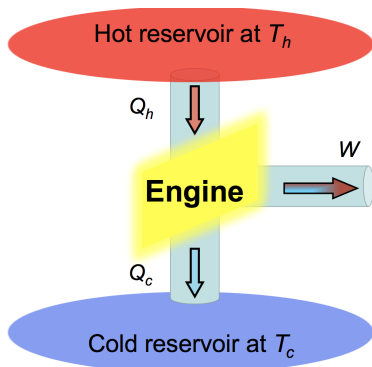


Follow **nature**



# Macroscopic heat engine

→ convert thermal energy into mechanical work = motion



Carnot efficiency:

$$\eta = \frac{\text{Work produced}}{\text{Heat absorbed}} \leq 1 - \frac{\beta_h}{\beta_c} = 1 - \frac{T_c}{T_h}$$

(James Watt 1783:  $\eta \sim 5 - 7 \%$ )

→ maximum efficiency

Today's gasoline engines:  $\eta \sim 25 - 30 \%$

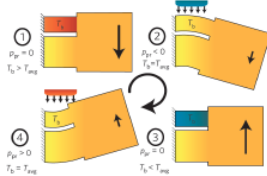
# Downscaling of heat engines

**Car engine**



**Piezoresistive engine**

Steeneken et al., Nat. Phys. 7 (2011)



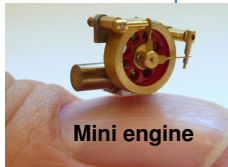
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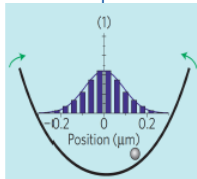
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**Mini engine**



**Colloidal engine**

Blickle-Bechinger, Nature Phys. (2011)

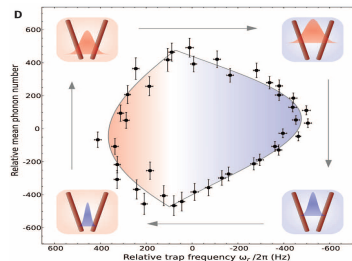
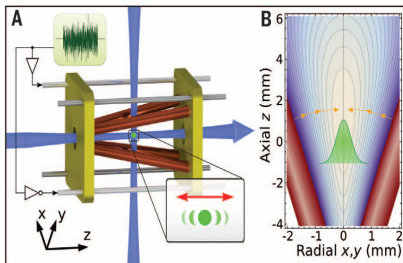
**Nano heat engine**  
(Classical or quantum)

# Single atom heat engine

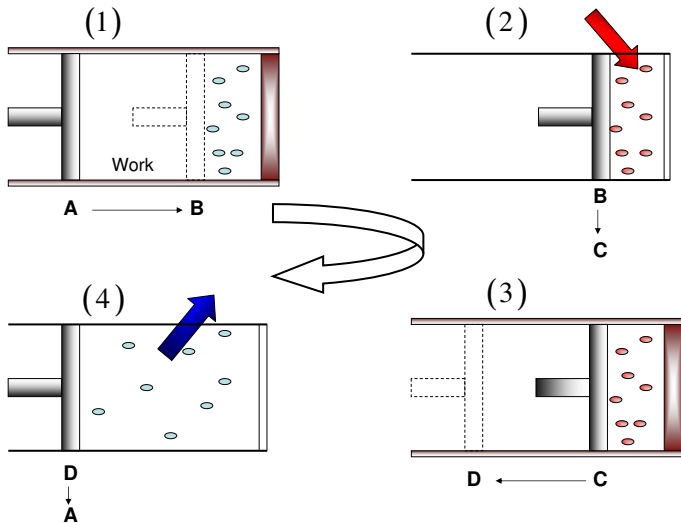
Rossnagel et al., Science 352, 325 (2016)

## Reservoir engineering:

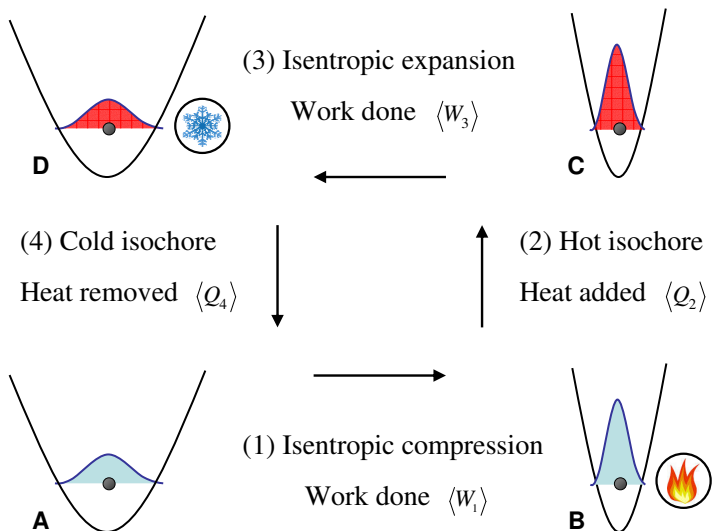
- Cold reservoir: laser (Doppler) cooling (always on)
- Hot reservoir: electrode noise (switched on/off)



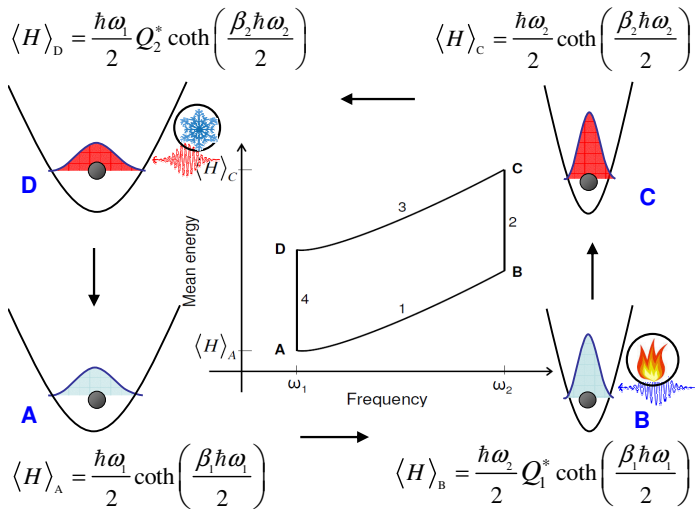
# Classical four-stroke heat engine



# Quantum Otto heat engine



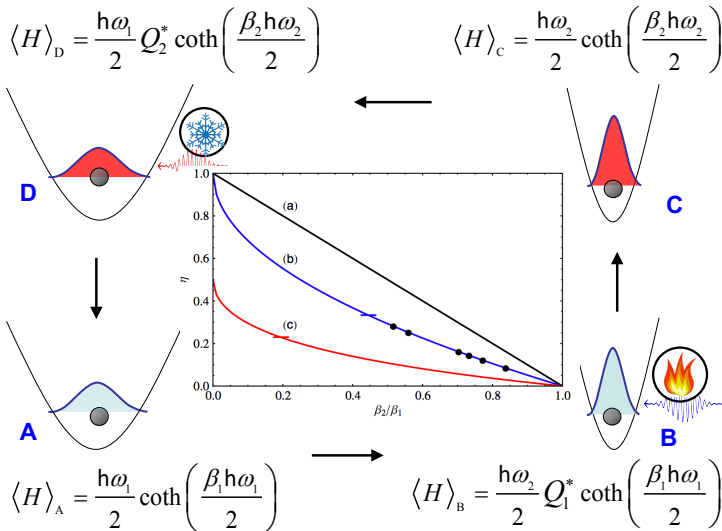
# Quantum Otto heat engine: theory





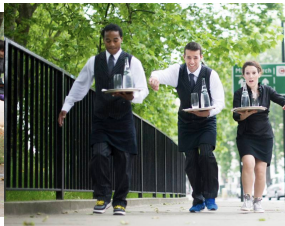
# Quantum Otto heat engine

Abah et al, PRL **112**, 030602 (2012)



**Question** How can we speed up the heat engine?

# National waiters day



- gadgets – shoes, tray, ...
- optimal protocol

More bang for your buck:  
Super-adiabatic quantum engines

A. del Campo<sup>1,2</sup>, J. Goolbs<sup>3</sup> & M. Paternostro<sup>4</sup>

Scientific Report 4 : 6208 (2014)

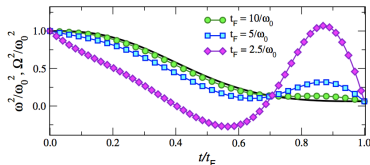
Waiters race, fast service is a priority!

# Shortcut-to-adiabaticity (STA)

... inducing a "fast motion video of the adiabatic dynamics."

Effective Hamiltonian:  $H_{\text{eff}}(t) = H_0(t) + H_{\text{STA}}^i(t)$

$H_{\text{STA}}^i(t)$  - STA driving Hamiltonian and  $i = (1, 3)$  - compression/expansion steps  
→ fast and reduces irreversible losses



Demirplak and Rice, JPC A **107**, 9937 (2003)

Berry, JPA **42**, 365303 (2009)

Chen et al, PRL **109**, 100403 (2010)

del Campo, PRL **111**, 100502 (2013)

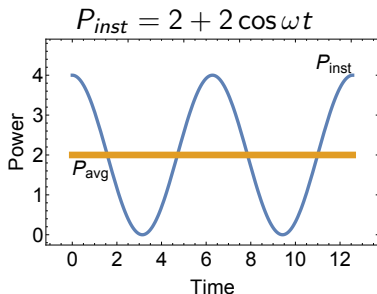
$$\begin{aligned}\omega(0) &= \omega_i, & \dot{\omega}(0) &= 0, & \ddot{\omega}(0) &= 0, \\ \omega(\tau) &= \omega_f, & \dot{\omega}(\tau) &= 0, & \ddot{\omega}(\tau) &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

**For harmonic oscillator:**  
LCD technique

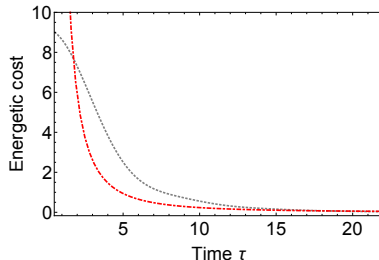
$$\begin{aligned}H_{\text{STA}} &= \frac{m}{2} (\Omega_t^2 - \omega_t^2) x^2 \\ &= \frac{m}{2} \left( -\frac{3\dot{\omega}_t^2}{4\omega_t^2} + \frac{\ddot{\omega}_t}{2\omega_t} \right) x^2\end{aligned}$$

# Energetic cost of the shortcut driving

## Elementary power analysis



$$P_{avg} = (1/T) \int_0^T P_{inst} dt$$



Cost of the driving:

$$\langle H_{STA}^i \rangle_\tau = (1/\tau) \int_0^\tau dt \langle H_{SA}^i(t) \rangle$$

Nonadiabatic work (friction):

$$\langle W_i \rangle_{NA} = \langle W_i \rangle - \langle W_i \rangle_{AD}$$

Abah and Lutz, EPL **118**, 40005 (2017)

- the actual and the adiabatic work

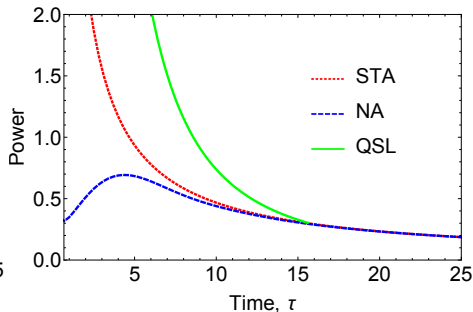
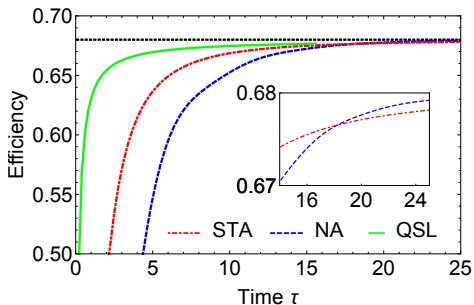
# Performance of STA quantum engines

Efficiency:

$$\eta_{\text{STA}} = \frac{\text{energy output}}{\text{energy input}} = \frac{-(\langle W_1 \rangle_{\text{STA}} + \langle W_3 \rangle_{\text{STA}})}{\langle Q_2 \rangle + \langle H_{\text{STA}}^1 \rangle_{\tau} + \langle H_{\text{STA}}^3 \rangle_{\tau}}$$

Power:

$$P_{\text{STA}} = \frac{\text{energy output}}{\text{Cycle time}} = -\frac{\langle W_1 \rangle_{\text{STA}} + \langle W_3 \rangle_{\text{STA}}}{\tau_{\text{cycle}}}.$$



# Generic bounds: quantum speed limit (QSL)

Quantum: limits the speed of evolution of a system

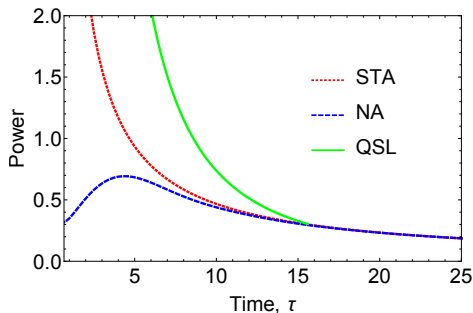
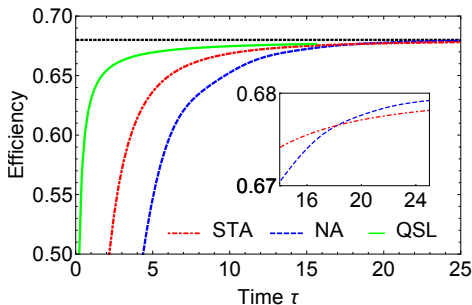
Anandan and Aharonov, PRL (1990)

**QSL time:**  $\tau_{\text{QSL}} = \frac{\hbar \mathcal{L}(\rho_i, \rho_f)}{\langle H_{\text{STA}} \rangle_\tau} \leq \tau$       $\mathcal{L}(\rho_i, \rho_f)$  - the Bures angle between density operators

**Efficiency:**  $\eta_{\text{STA}} \leq \eta_{\text{STA}}^{\text{QSL}} = -\frac{\langle W_1 \rangle_{\text{AD}} + \langle W_3 \rangle_{\text{AD}}}{\langle Q_2 \rangle + \hbar(\mathcal{L}_1 + \mathcal{L}_3)/\tau}$

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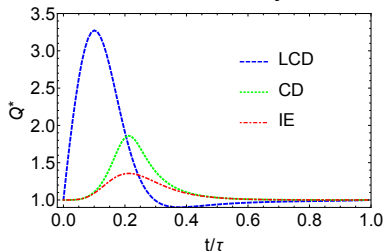
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# Fast and efficient quantum engines

**Question:** Is it true for every shortcut-to-adiabaticity protocol?

Abah and Lutz, arXiv. 1707.09963 (2017)



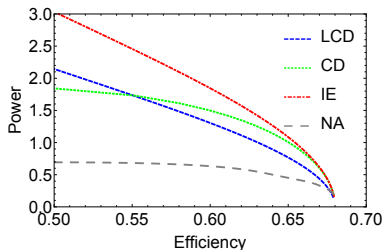
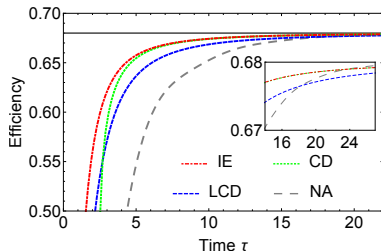
$Q^*$  - Adiabaticity parameter

LCD - local counterdiabatic driving

CD - counterdiabatic driving

IE - inverse engineering

NA - nonadiabatic driving



→ simultaneous increase of efficiency and power for fast cycles

# Take-Home message

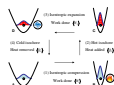
- **STA engine** are energy efficient machines
  - **outperform** their convention counterpart
- **Quantum speed limit** impose bounds to performance
  - **fundamental limit** for quantum machines
  - **tighter** than the second law of thermodynamics
- **Power** doesn't always equal performance
  - overall **efficiency** is important quantity



## ★ *Energy efficient quantum machines*

O. Abah and E. Lutz

EPL (Europhys. Lett.) **118**, 40005 (2017)



## Physicists investigate fundamental limits of quantum engines

(Phys.org)—Quantum engines are known to operate differently than—and in some cases, outperform—their classical counterparts.

## ★ *Performance of shortcut-to-adiabaticity quantum engines*

O. Abah and E. Lutz

arxiv: 1707.09963 (2017)

## ★ *Shortcut-to-adiabaticity quantum refrigerator*

O. Abah, M. Paternostro, and E. Lutz

(to appear soon)

# Thanks for your attention!!