Negative absolute temperatures for mobile particles



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Bose-Einstein condensate of Potassium ³⁹K atoms

3D optical lattice

Thermal states: Canonical distribution



Negative Temperatures are *hotter* than all positive temperatures

(continuous + monotonously increasing scale: $-\beta = -\frac{1}{k_BT}$)

Energy-Entropy relation



Requirement: Hamiltonian bounded from above: $\frac{E}{N} \leq \epsilon_{max}$

Applicability

a priori, T>0 and T<0 are equally valid</p>



▶ Most Hamiltonians are unbounded from above, e.g. $E_{kin} \propto p^2$ → in practice often only T>0 possible

How to get to negative Temperatures?

Heat, Heat, Heat, ?

Impossible: Above $T = \infty$ entropy decrease again

- \rightarrow Cannot dissipate work in heat anymore
- Quasi-static state change ?
 Impossible: No (class)

Impossible: No (classical) adiabatic path can change sign of T (Landsberg 1959)



Previous work

A Nuclear Spin System at Negative Temperature

E. M. PURCELL AND R. V. POUND Department of Physics, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts November 1, 1950

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Suddenly flipped

sign of external

magnetic field

Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics at Negative Absolute Temperatures

NORMAN F. RAMSEY* Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Clarendon Laboratory, Oxford, England (Received March 26, 1956)

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Spin Gradient Demagnetization Cooling of Ultracold Atoms

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We demonstrate a new cooling method in which a time-varying magnetic field gradient is applied to an ultracold spin mixture. This enables preparation of isolated spin distributions at positive and negative effective spin temperatures of ± 50 pK. The spin system can also be used to cool other degrees of freedom,

Population inversion: Basis of Laser

 steady state but *no equilibrium state*

Optical lattice band structure (1D)



kinetic energy is bounded from above and below

Many-body states at commensurate density



$$H = -\mathbf{J}\sum_{\langle i,j\rangle} a_i^+ a_j + \frac{\mathbf{U}}{2}\sum_i n_i(n_i - 1)$$

Momentum distribution

Energy bounds in Bose Hubbard Model



limited to T > 0



- U tunable via Feshbach resonance in ³⁹K
- V can be inverted due to *blue-detuned* optical lattice

Experimental Sequence





Bose gas at pos. and negative Temperature



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Kinetic energy distribution



Blue:
$$T_{fit} = 2.7 \frac{J}{k_B}$$

Red: $T_{fit} = -2.2 \frac{J}{k_B}$

Critical temperature in 2D:

• homogeneous, interacting $|T_{RVT}| \approx 1.8 \frac{J}{2}$

$$|I_{BKT}| \sim 1.0 \frac{1}{k_B}$$

trapped, non-interacting

$$|T_c| = 3.4(2) \frac{J}{k_B}$$

Kinetic energy distribution is well fitted by Bose-Einstein distribution. \rightarrow System is (locally) in thermal state.

Lifetime of Negative Temperature state



Negative Temperature at U<0 as stable as positive T at U>0

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Stability?

$$\left. \frac{\partial S}{\partial V} \right|_{E} \geq 0 \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{Stability criterium} \\ \text{Landau-Lifshitz, Vol5} \end{array} \right.$$

- Container only gives upper limit for volume
- Thermal state = maximum entropy state (for given constraints)

$$dE = T \, dS - p \, dV \qquad dS = \frac{1}{T} \, dE + \frac{p}{T} \, dV \qquad \frac{\partial S}{\partial V} \bigg|_E = \frac{p}{T}$$

 $T > 0 \Rightarrow$ positive pressure



$$T < 0 \Rightarrow$$
 negative pressure

Negative Temperature stabilizes attractive Bose gas →No Bose-Nova

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Second law

Entropy

In an isolated system, entropy will only increase.

Clausius

Heat does not flow spontaneously from colder to hotter system.

Kelvin-Planck (original)

It is impossible to extract heat from a thermal reservoir and transform it completely into work. Violated 8

Kelvin-Planck (modified)

It is impossible to extract heat from a positive temperature reservoir and transform it completely into work, and

it is impossible to transfer work into heat that is completely inserted into a negative temperature reservoir.

Carnot limit for positive temperatures



Energy-Entropy relation



Carnot limit including negative Temperatures



Carnot limits



Energy and Entropy are globally conserved!

► No violation of thermodynamic laws → No solution to energy problem!

Applications

$$\hat{\rho} = e^{-\frac{\hat{H}}{k_B T}} = e^{-\frac{(-\hat{H})}{k_B(-T)}}$$

Bipartite lattices: (e.g. simple cubic, hexagonal)

$$J \to -J \quad \hat{=} \quad k \to k + Q \quad (Q = (\pi, \pi, \pi)/d)$$

attractive model at *T<0* = *repulsive* model at *T>0*

e.g. simulate attractive SU(3) model with ¹⁷³Yb A. Rapp *PRA* **85**, 043612 (2012)

Non-Bipartite lattices: (e.g. triangular, Kagome)

 \rightarrow New many-body systems

e.g. stabilize Bosons in flat band of Kagome lattice (Stamper-Kurn setup)

Summary

- Bose Gas at negative absolute Temperatures
 realized for U<0, V₀<0
- Thermodynamically stable state with T<0, p<0 → No collapse!
- Enables above unity Carnot efficiency

 $\eta = \frac{\Delta W}{\Delta E_2} > 1$ but **No** perpetuum mobile (E, S still conserved!)

- New many-body systems:
 - e.g. in Kagome lattice, attractive SU(3) in ¹⁷³Yb,

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