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Optimized efficiency and figure of merit for a tight-coupling molecular motor: their bounds and phase diagrams¹ MULUGETA BEKELE, TADLE NURU, Department of Physics, Addis Ababa University — We consider a model translational motor that consumes one fuel molecule against a given amount of load at the same physiological temperature. Taking the chemical step to be tightly coupled to the mechanical step, we derive thermodynamic quantities such as input and output power as well as power efficiency. Using optimization criteria of energy utilization, we determine the motor's optimized efficiency as well as its figure of merit. Bounds and phase daigrams of these quantities are studied.

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