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Stochastic thermodynamics*

for biomolecular and cellular processes

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- Intro: Classical vs stochastic thermodynamics
- Equilibrium thermodynamics along a trajectory for biomolecules
- Open systems: Non-equilibrium energetics of F1-ATPase
- Thermodynamic uncertainty relation
- Cost of coherent oscillations

From classical th'dynamics

to



Steam engine

stochastic th'dynamics



H. Wang and G. Oster (1998). Nature 396:279-282.

F_1ATP -ase

• Macroscopic vs mesoscopic vs molecular machines



[Bustamante et al, Physics Today, July 2005]

• Perspective

$1820 \simeq 1850$	classical thermodynamics	$dW = dU + dQ$ $dS \ge 0$
$\simeq 1900$	eq stat phys	$p_i = \exp[-(E_i - F)/k_B T]$
$1930 \simeq 1960$	non-eq: linear response	Onsager Green-Kubo, FDT
\geq 1993	non-eq: beyond linear response stochastic thermodynamics	Fluctuation theorem Jarzynski relation
2015		thermod'dyn uncertainty rel'

• Thermodynamics of macroscopic systems



- First law energy balance:

$$W = \Delta E + Q = \Delta E + T \Delta S_{\rm res}$$

- Second law:

$$\Delta S_{\text{tot}} \equiv \Delta S + \Delta S_{\text{res}} > 0$$
$$W > \Delta E - T\Delta S \equiv \Delta F$$
$$W_{\text{diss}} \equiv W - \Delta F > 0$$

• Stochastic thermodynamics for small systems



driving: mechanical

(bio)chemical

- First law: how to define work, internal energy and exchanged heat?
- fluctuations imply distributions: $p(W; \lambda(\tau)) \dots$
- entropy: distribution as well?

• Nano-experiment: Stretching of RNA



[Liphardt et al, Science 296 1832, 2002.]







- distribution of dissipated work $W_{\rm diss} = W \Delta F \label{eq:Wdiss}$
- Jarzynski relation (1997):

 $\langle \exp[-W/k_BT] \rangle_{neq} = \exp[-\Delta F/k_BT]$

• Biomolecules in equilibrium: Meso-states of calmodulin

[J. Stigler et al, Science **334** 512 (2011)]







- Closed system in thermal equilibrium
 - micro-states $\{\xi\}$ with energy $H(\xi)$ in contact with a heat bath at β
 - free energy, internal energy and entropy

$$F = -(1/\beta) \ln \sum_{\xi} \exp[-\beta H(\xi)], \quad E = \partial_{\beta}(\beta F), \quad S = \beta(E - F)$$

- meso-states $\{I\}$ to which many micro-states $\xi \in I$ contribute
 - * probability

$$P_I^e = \sum_{\xi \in I} \exp[-\beta(H(\xi) - F)] \equiv \exp[-\beta(F_I - F)]$$

* free energy, internal energy, entropy

$$F_I \equiv -(1/\beta) \ln \sum_{\xi \in I} \exp[-\beta H(\xi)], \quad E_I = \partial_\beta(\beta F_I), \quad S_I \equiv \beta(E_I - F_I)$$

* recoverable from equilibrium trajectories

$$\tau_I/\tau_J = P_I^e/P_J^e = \exp[\beta(F_J - F_I)]$$

• Thermodynamically consistent markovian dynamics on meso-states



- trajectory I(t)
- crucial time-scale separation:
 - * transitions between meso-states are slow
 - * transitions between the micro-states belonging to one meso-state are fast
- master equation

$$\partial_t P_I(t) = \sum_J [P_J(t)K_{JI} - P_I(t)K_{IJ}].$$

- local detailed balance condition on the rates $\{K_{IJ}\}$

$$\Rightarrow K_{IJ}/K_{JI} = P_J^e/P_I^e = \exp(-\beta \Delta_{IJ}F) = \exp(-\beta \Delta_{IJ}E + \Delta_{IJ}S)$$



- Thermodynamics along a trajectory I(t) and in the ensemble
 - internal energy $E(t) = E_{I(t)}$ becomes stochastic
 - first law (Sekimoto 1998)

$$\Delta_{IJ}E \equiv E_J - E_I = -Q_{IJ}$$

- entropy change of bath βQ_{IJ}
- entropy of "system"

$$S^{\text{sys}}(t) \equiv S_{I(t)} - \ln[P_{I(t)}(t)]$$

- * intrinsic entropy $S_{I(t)}$
- * stochastic entropy $-\ln[P_{I(t)}(t)]$ [U.S., PRL 2005]
- total entropy change in a transition from I to J at time t

$$\Delta_{IJ}S^{\text{tot}}(t) = \beta Q_{IJ} + \Delta_{IJ}S^{\text{sys}}(t) = \ln[P_I(t)K_{IJ}/P_J(t)K_{JI}]$$

- integral fluctuation theorem for total entropy production

$$\langle \exp[-\Delta S^{\text{tot}}] \rangle = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \langle \Delta S^{\text{tot}} \rangle \ge 0$$

any lengths t, any initial distribution $\{P_I^0\}$

- second law on ensemble level (Schnakenberg 1976)

$$\langle \dot{S}^{\text{tot}}(t) \rangle \equiv \sum_{IJ} P_I(t) K_{IJ} \Delta_{IJ} S^{\text{tot}}(t) \ge 0$$

• From a closed to an open system in a non-eq steady state (NESS)







 $ATP \rightarrow ADP + P_i$

- system = core system (enzyme/mol motor) + surrounding solution
- change in free energy difference

$$\Delta_{IJ}F = F_{i_J} - F_{i_I} - \sum_{\alpha} \mu^{\alpha} \Delta_{ij} N^{\alpha} + f d_{IJ}$$

- local detailed balance condition

$$k_{ij}/k_{ji} = \exp[-\beta(\Delta_{ij}F - \sum_{\alpha} \mu^{\alpha} \Delta_{ij}N^{\alpha} + fd_{ij})]$$

– for fixed chemical potentials and force f: NESS

- Stochastic th'dynamics of NESS: Driven colloidal particle as paradigm
 - Langevin dynamics $\dot{x} = \mu [-V'(x) + f] + \zeta$ with $\langle \zeta_1 \zeta_2 \rangle = 2\mu k_B T \delta(t_2 t_1)$
 - first law [(Sekimoto, 1997)]: dw = du + dq
 - * applied work: dw = f dx
 - * internal energy : du = dV
 - * dissipated heat: $dq = dw du = [-\partial_x V(x) + f]dx = T ds_{res}$
 - total entropy as quantitive measure of broken time reversal symmetry $x(t) \rightarrow \tilde{x}(t) \equiv x(T-t)$

 $\Delta s^{\text{tot}}[x(t)] \equiv \ln[p[x(t)]/p[\tilde{x}(t)]] = \Delta[-\ln p(x)] + q/T$

- "affinity" $\mathcal{A} \equiv 2\pi R f$

• Fluctuation theorem $p(-\Delta s^{\text{tot}})/p(\Delta s^{\text{tot}}) = \exp(-\Delta s^{\text{tot}})$ in any NESS

Evans et al (1993), Gallavotti & Cohen (1995), Kurchan (1998), Lebowitz & Spohn (1999), U.S. (2005)

- experimental data [Speck, Blickle, Bechinger, U.S., EPL 79 30002 (2007)]





- FT-representation:

• F1-ATPase and the fluctuation theorem [K. Hayashi et al, PRL 104, 218103 (2010)]



 $\Rightarrow \ln[p(\Delta\theta)/p(-\Delta\theta)] = N\Delta\theta/k_BT$

independent of friction coefficient Γ



time-dependence?

• Hybrid model [E. Zimmermann and U.S., New J. Phys. 14, 103023, 2012]













• Efficiency of F_1 -ATPase as a thermodynamic machine



– First law

(i) probe
$$-f^{ex}\Delta x = \Delta q_p + \Delta V_{|p}$$
 Sekimoto '97
ii) motor $0 = \Delta q_m + \Delta V_{|m} + \Delta E_{sol}$ U.S., EPJE **34** 26, 2011
mean $-f^{ex}v = \dot{Q}_p + \dot{Q}_m + \Delta \dot{E}_{sol}$ $\Delta E_{sol} = -\Delta \mu + T\Delta S_{sol}$
 $\rightarrow \dot{\Delta}\mu - f^{ex}v = \dot{Q}_p + \dot{Q}_m + T\dot{S}_{sol}$

• Inferring the efficiency of a molecular motor







S. Toyabe et al, PRL 104, 198103 (2010)



E. Zimmermann and US, NJP 2012

• Thermodynamic uncertainty relation: Cost of precision

[AC Barato and US, Phys. Rev. Lett. 114, 158101, 2015; full proof by Gingrich et al, PRL 2016]



- output n(t) with $\langle n \rangle = Jt = (k^+ k^-)t$
- variance $\langle (n(t) \langle n \rangle)^2 \rangle = 2Dt = (k^+ + k^-)t$
- uncertainty $\epsilon^2 \equiv var/output^2 = 2D/J^2t$
- th'dyn cost $\mathcal{C} = \sigma t = (k^+ k^-) \ln(k^+/k^-)t$ with $\sigma \equiv$ rate of entropy production

$$- \quad \boxed{\mathcal{C}\epsilon^2 = 2\sigma D/J^2 \ge 2k_BT} \quad \text{independent of run time } t$$



- inevitable, universal cost of precision (within any model based on a stationary Markov process)

• Thermodynamic inference: Efficiency of a molecular motor



- experimental data on
 - \ast velocity v
 - * diffusion constant D
 - * randomness parameter $r\equiv 2D/v\ell$



• Thermodynamic inference: Universal bound on the efficiency of molecular machines

[P. Pietzonka, AC Barato, U.S., J Stat Mech, 124004, 2016; U.S., Physica A 504, 176, 2018]



- entropy production rate $\sigma = P^{\text{in}} - P^{\text{out}} = "\text{chem energy}" - fv \ge v^2/D$

- efficiency

$$\eta \equiv \frac{P^{\text{out}}}{P^{\text{in}}} = \frac{fv}{\text{unknown}} = \frac{fv}{fv + \sigma} \le \frac{1}{1 + vk_BT/(Df)}$$



- completely independent of the specific chemo-mechanical cycles and of $\Delta \mu$

• Temporal precision in an aqueous finite temperature environment



- Biochemical oscillators
 - Kai-system circadian clock reconstructed from cyanobacterium



C. Phong et al. PNAS 110, 1124 (2013).

• Toy model

– Unicycle with N equivalent states and driving affinity $\mathcal{A} = N \ln(k^+/k^-)$



- Correlation function $C(1,t|1,0) = p_1^s + \sum_{j=2}^N c_j \exp[-\lambda_j t]$

- coherence is lost after

$$\mathcal{N} \equiv \frac{t_{\text{rel}}}{t_1} = \frac{\Im \lambda_2}{2\pi \Re \lambda_2} = \frac{\tanh(\mathcal{A}/2N)}{2\pi \tan(\pi/N)} \le \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \min(\mathcal{A}, 2N) \qquad \text{cycles}$$

- bounded by the \ldots
 - $*\,$ number of states: $\mathcal{N} \leq N/2\pi^2$
 - * free energy spent per cycle: $\mathcal{N} \leq \mathcal{A}/4\pi^2 \Rightarrow \text{cost/cycle} \geq 4\pi^2 \mathcal{N}$ ($\simeq 400 k_B T$ for $\mathcal{N} = 10$)

• Continuum version: "Langevin clock"



 $\dot{\phi} = \mu \mathcal{T} + \zeta$

- affinity

$$\mathcal{A} = 2\pi \mathcal{T}$$

- cycle time

$$t_1 = 2\pi/\mu \mathcal{T}$$

- coherence lost if

 $\Delta \phi \simeq \pi/2$

- decoherence time

 $t_{\rm dec} = \pi^2/8\mu$

- number of coherent oscillations

 $\mathcal{N} = t_{\rm dec}/t_1 = \mathcal{A}/32$

- cf discrete relation

 $\mathcal{N} \leq \mathcal{A}/4\pi^2$



• Conjecture for an arbitrary multicyclic network (based on limiting cases and lots of numerics) [AC Barato and U.S, Phys Rev E 95, 062409 (2017)]



- number of coherent oscillations is bounded by "best" cycle in the network

$$\mathcal{N} \leq \max_{ ext{cycles}} \quad rac{ anh(\mathcal{A}/2N)}{2\pi an(\pi/N)} \leq rac{\max \mathcal{A}}{4\pi^2}$$

• Activator-inhibitor model

[AC Barato and U.S, Phys Rev E 95, 062409 (2017)] inspired by Y. Cao, ..., Y. Tu, Nat. Phys 11, 772 (2015)]



 $M + MR + M_p + M_p K = N_M = const$ $K + M_p K = N_K = const$ $\Delta \mu = 12, N_M = 500, N_K = 30$

• Coherence of oscillations

 $C(t) \equiv \langle (N_X(t) - \langle N_X \rangle) (N_X(0) - \langle N_X \rangle) \rangle$





– \mathcal{A} and N of best cycle in this enormous space of states?

chemical master equation

$$\partial_t P(\mathbf{N}, t) = -\sum_{\rho} \left[\nu_{+\rho} (\mathbf{N}) P(\mathbf{N}, t) - \nu_{-\rho} (X + \nabla_{\rho}) p(\mathbf{N} + \nabla_{\rho}, t) \right]$$

with $\mathbf{N} \equiv (M, MR, M_p, M_pK, K, X, R)$



 $\mathcal{N}_{\text{est}} = N_K \Delta \mu / 4\pi^2$

- Generalizations to periodically driven systems with period $\mathcal{T}=2\pi/\Omega$
 - thermodynamic uncertainity relation

 $\sigma(\Omega)D(\Omega)/j(\Omega)^2 \ge (1-j'(\Omega)/j(\Omega))^2 \implies \text{dissipationless precision}$

[T. Koyuk and U.S., Phys. Rev. Lett. 122, 230601, 2019]

- no N-dependent fundamental limit on number of coherent oscillations

[L. Oberreiter, U.S, AC Barato, Phys. Rev. E 100, 012135, 2019]

- Summary
 - stochastic thermodynamics along individual trajectories
 - * first law, fluctuation theorems as refinements of the second law
 - * efficiency of molecular machines
 - universal bounds through the thermodynamic uncertainty relation for NESSs
 - thermodynamic inference can reveal hidden properties of molecular motors and biochemical networks
 - inevitable cost of temporal precision: coherent oscillations
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