Stochastic Thermodynamics and Thermodynamics of Information

Lecture V: Stochastic thermodynamics in biological systems

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Energy scale vs. length scale



□: hydrogen bond; △: phosphate bond; ○: covalent bond PHILLIPS AND QUAKE, 2006

A rotary motor: ATP synthase



Yasuda et al., 2002

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Yasuda et al., 2002



ATP Synthase motion is reversible: ATP degradation \longrightarrow proton gradient

A processing motor: kinesin



Fehr, Asbury and Block, 2008

A signalling network



Ma, Buer and Zeng, 2004

Formalism developed in a simple case

• Enzyme E catalyzing the isomerization:

$$\mathsf{A} + \mathsf{E} \underset{k_{1}^{-}}{\overset{k_{1}^{+}}{\rightleftharpoons}} \mathsf{E}^{*} \underset{k_{2}^{-}}{\overset{k_{2}^{+}}{\Leftrightarrow}} \mathsf{B} + \mathsf{E}$$

- Define $\epsilon^* = \epsilon_{\mathsf{E}^*} \epsilon_{\mathsf{E}}$
- Ratios of reaction rates:

$$\frac{k_1^+}{k_1^-} = e^{-(\epsilon^* - \epsilon_{\mathsf{A}})/k_{\mathsf{B}}T} \qquad \frac{k_2^+}{k_2^-} = e^{(\epsilon^* - \epsilon_{\mathsf{B}})k_{\mathsf{B}}T}$$

 \cdot Therefore

$$\frac{k_1^+ k_2^+}{k_1^- k_2^-} = e^{-(\epsilon_{\rm B} - \epsilon_{\rm A})/k_{\rm B}T}$$

Passive catalysis

 \cdot Set

$$k_1^+ = \omega_1 e^{-(\epsilon^* - \epsilon_A)/k_B T} \qquad k_1^- = \omega_1$$

$$k_2^+ = \omega_2 \qquad k_2^- = \omega_2 e^{-(\epsilon^* - \epsilon_B)/k_B T}$$

• Rate equations (average):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mathrm{d}\langle n\rangle}{\mathrm{d}t} &= k_2^+[\mathsf{E}^*] - k_2^-[\mathsf{E}][\mathsf{B}]\\ \frac{\mathrm{d}[\mathsf{E}^*]}{\mathrm{d}t} &= k_1^+[\mathsf{E}][\mathsf{A}] + k_2^-[\mathsf{E}][\mathsf{B}] - \left(k_1^- + k_2^+\right)[\mathsf{E}] \end{aligned}$$

• Production of B-molecules vanishes at equilibrium:

$$\frac{[\mathsf{B}]}{[\mathsf{A}]} = \frac{k_1^+ k_2^+}{k_1^- k_2^-} = \mathrm{e}^{-(\epsilon_\mathsf{B} - \epsilon_\mathsf{A})/k_\mathsf{B}T}$$

i.e.

$$[\mathsf{A}] e^{-\epsilon_{\mathsf{A}}/k_{\mathsf{B}}T} = [\mathsf{B}] e^{-\epsilon_{\mathsf{B}}/k_{\mathsf{B}}T}$$

Beyond the rate equations:

- $\cdot\,$ Number of B-molecules synthesized: n
- Enzyme free (0) or bound (1)
- Chemostats fix [A] and [B]
- Master equation for p_{in} , $i \in \{0,1\}$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}p_{0n}}{\mathrm{d}t} = k_1^- p_{1n} + k_2^+ p_{1,n-1} - \left(k_1^+[\mathsf{A}] + k_2^-[\mathsf{B}]\right) p_{0n}$$
$$\frac{\mathrm{d}p_{1n}}{\mathrm{d}t} = k_1^+[\mathsf{A}] p_{0n} + k_2^-[\mathsf{B}] p_{0,n+1} - \left(k_1^- + k_2^+\right) p_{1n}$$

Non-equilibrium steady state

Chemostat [A] and [B] away from the equilibrium values:

$$[\mathsf{A}] e^{-\epsilon_{\mathrm{A}}/k_{\mathrm{B}}T} \neq [\mathsf{B}] e^{-\epsilon_{\mathrm{B}}/k_{\mathrm{B}}T}$$

Free-energy imbalance:

$$\Delta G = \epsilon_{\mathsf{B}} - k_{\mathsf{B}}T\log[\mathsf{B}] - (\epsilon_{\mathsf{A}} - k_{\mathsf{B}}T\log[\mathsf{A}]) = k_{\mathsf{B}}T\log\frac{k_{1}^{+}k_{2}^{+}[\mathsf{A}]}{k_{1}^{-}k_{2}^{-}[\mathsf{B}]}$$

Steady-state probability of charged enzyme:

$$p_1 = \frac{k_1^+[\mathsf{A}] + k_2^-[\mathsf{B}]}{k_1^- - k_1^+[\mathsf{A}] + k_2^+ - k_2^-[\mathsf{B}]}$$

Net production rate (cf. rate equation):

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\langle n\rangle}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{k_1^+ k_2^+ [\mathsf{A}] - k_1^- k_2^- [\mathsf{B}]}{k_1^- - k_1^+ [\mathsf{A}] + k_2^+ - k_2^- [\mathsf{B}]}$$

Generating function:

$$\Psi_{\alpha}(\mu, t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{\mu(n+\alpha/2)} p_{\alpha,n}(t) \qquad \alpha \in \{0, 1\}$$

Evolution equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_0 \\ \Psi_1 \end{pmatrix} &= \mathcal{L}(z) \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_0 \\ \Psi_1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad z = \mathrm{e}^{\mu/2} \\ \mathcal{L}(z) &= \begin{pmatrix} -\left(k_1^+[\mathsf{A}] + k_2^-[\mathsf{B}]\right), & z^{-1}k_1^- + zk_2^+ \\ zk_1^+[\mathsf{A}] + z^{-1}k_2^-[\mathsf{B}], & -(k_1^- + k_2^+) \end{pmatrix} \\ \Psi &\sim \mathrm{e}^{t\,\theta(\mu)} \qquad \theta(\mu) : \text{largest e.v. of } \mathcal{L} \end{aligned}$$

Large deviations

Distribution function of n: $P(n,t) = e^{-t \,\omega(J)}$, J = n/t

$$\theta(\mu) = \max_{J} \left(\mu J - \omega(J) \right)$$

E.v.'s of $\mathcal{L}(z)$ depend only on $z^{-2}k_1^+k_2^+[A] + z^2k_1^-k_2^-[B]$ Gallavotti-Cohen symmetry: $z \longrightarrow \overline{z}$:

$$\begin{split} \bar{z}^{-2}k_1^-k_2^-[\mathsf{B}] &= z^2k_1^+k_2^+[\mathsf{A}] \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mu \longrightarrow \bar{\mu} = \Delta G/k_{\mathrm{B}}T - \mu \\ \\ \theta(\mu) &= \theta(\Delta G/k_{\mathrm{B}}T - \mu) \\ \\ J(\mu) &= -J(\Delta G/k_{\mathrm{B}}T - \mu) \\ \\ \omega(J) - \omega(-J) &= J\Delta G/k_{\mathrm{B}}T = \dot{S} \end{split}$$

Reaction scheme: $ATP + A \rightleftharpoons ADP + P + B$



Rate equations

$$\frac{d[\mathsf{E}]}{dt} = k_4^+[\mathsf{E}_3] + k_1^-[\mathsf{E}_1] - k_1^+[\mathsf{E}][\mathsf{ATP}] - k_4^-[\mathsf{E}][\mathsf{B}]$$

$$\frac{d[\mathsf{E}_1]}{dt} = k_1^+[\mathsf{E}][\mathsf{ATP}] + k_2^-[\mathsf{E}_2] - k_1^-[\mathsf{E}_1] - k_2^+[\mathsf{E}_1][\mathsf{A}]$$

$$\frac{d[\mathsf{E}_2]}{dt} = k_2^+[\mathsf{E}_1][\mathsf{A}] + k_3^-[\mathsf{E}_3][\mathsf{ADP}][\mathsf{P}] - (k_2^- + k_3^+)[\mathsf{E}_2]$$

$$\frac{d[\mathsf{E}_3]}{dt} = k_3^+[\mathsf{E}_2] + k_4^-[\mathsf{E}][\mathsf{B}] - (k_4^+ + k_3^-[\mathsf{ADP}][\mathsf{P}])[\mathsf{E}_3]$$

Detailed balance:

$$\frac{k_i^+}{k_i^-} = e^{-\Delta\epsilon_i/k_{\rm B}T}$$

$$\frac{k_1^+ k_2^+ k_3^+ k_4^+}{k_1^- k_2^- k_3^- k_4^-} = e^{-(\Delta\epsilon_{\rm A} + \Delta\epsilon_{\rm ATP})/k_{\rm B}T}$$

$$\Delta\epsilon_{\rm A} = \epsilon_{\rm B} - \epsilon_{\rm A}$$

$$\Delta\epsilon_{\rm ATP} = \epsilon_{\rm ADP} + \epsilon_{\rm P} - \epsilon_{\rm ATP}$$

Generating function

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \Psi_0}{\partial t} &= k_4^+ \mathrm{e}^{\mu_1/2} \Psi_3 + k_1^+ \mathrm{e}^{-\mu_2/2} \Psi_1 - \left(k_1^+ [\mathsf{ATP}] + k_4^-\right) \Psi_0 \\ \frac{\partial \Psi_1}{\partial t} &= k_1^+ [\mathsf{ATP}] \, \mathrm{e}^{\mu_2/2} \Psi_0 + k_2^- \mathrm{e}^{-\mu_1/2} \Psi_2 - \left(k_1^- + k_2^+ [\mathsf{A}]\right) \Psi_1 \\ \frac{\partial \Psi_2}{\partial t} &= k_2^+ [\mathsf{A}] \mathrm{e}^{\mu_1/2} \Psi_1 + k_3^- [\mathsf{ADP}] [\mathsf{P}] \, \mathrm{e}^{-\mu_2/2} \Psi_3 - \left(k_2^- + k_3^+\right) \Psi_2 \\ \frac{\partial \Psi_3}{\partial t} &= k_3^+ \, \mathrm{e}^{\mu_2/2} \Psi_2 + k_4^- [\mathsf{B}] \, \mathrm{e}^{-\mu_1/2} \Psi_0 - \left(k_4^- + k_3^+ [\mathsf{ADP}] [\mathsf{P}]\right) \Psi_3 \\ \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} &= \mathcal{L}_{\mu} \, \Psi, \end{aligned}$$

The Gallavotti-Cohen symmetry involves the simultaneous change of μ_1, μ_2 :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\overline{\mu}} = \mathsf{Q}^{-1} \mathcal{L}_{\mu}^{\dagger} \mathsf{Q}$$
$$e^{\overline{\mu}_{1}} = \frac{k_{2}^{-} k_{4}^{-}[\mathsf{B}]}{k_{2}^{+} k_{4}^{+}[\mathsf{A}]} e^{-\mu_{1}} \qquad e^{\overline{\mu}_{2}} = \frac{k_{1}^{-} k_{3}^{-}[\mathsf{ADP}][\mathsf{P}]}{k_{1}^{+} k_{3}^{+}[\mathsf{ATP}]} e^{-\mu_{2}}$$

Fluctuation relations

GASPARD, 2005

Chemical Reaction Network:



$$\sum_{\sigma} \nabla^{\sigma}_{+\rho} X_{\sigma} + \sum_{\tau} \nabla^{\tau}_{+\rho} A_{\tau} \stackrel{k^{-\rho}}{\stackrel{k^{-\rho}}{\underset{k^{+\rho}}{\longleftarrow}}} \sum_{\sigma} \nabla^{\sigma}_{-\rho} X_{\sigma} + \sum_{\tau} \nabla^{\tau}_{-\rho} A_{\tau}$$

Stoichiometric matrix:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\pm\rho} &= (\nabla^{\sigma,\tau}_{\pm\rho}) & \nabla^{\sigma,\tau}_{\pm\rho} \in \mathbb{N} \\ \nabla_{\rho} &= \nabla_{-\rho} - \nabla_{+\rho} & \nabla^{\sigma,\tau}_{\rho} \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

Chemical species: $X = (X_{\sigma}), A = (A_{\tau})$

 X_{σ} : intermediate A_{τ} : chemostatted

Transitions

Elementary transitions:

$$X \xrightarrow{\pm \rho} X' : \quad X' - X = \pm \nabla_{\rho}$$

Mass-action law:

$$R_{X'X}^{\pm\rho} = \delta_{X',X\mp\nabla\rho} \Omega k_{\pm\rho} \prod_{\tau} [\mathsf{A}_{\tau}]^{\nu_{\pm\rho}^{\tau}} \\ \times \prod_{\sigma} \left(\frac{X^{\sigma}}{\Omega} \frac{X^{\sigma} - 1}{\Omega} \cdots \frac{X^{\sigma} - \nabla_{\pm\rho}^{\sigma} + 1}{\Omega} \right)$$

Master equation:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}p_X}{\mathrm{d}t} = \sum_{\epsilon=\pm 1} \sum_{\rho} \left[R_{XX'}^{\epsilon\rho} p_{X'} - R_{X'X}^{-\epsilon\rho} p_X \right] = (\mathcal{L} p)_X$$

Steady state $p^{ss}(X)$ (not trivial to evaluate)

Average entropy production

Entropy of a state p_X : $S(P) = \sum_{X} S^{(0)}(X) p_X - k_{\rm B} \sum_{X} p_X \log p_X$ "internal" Shannon Total average entropy production: $\dot{S}^{\text{tot}} = \frac{\mathrm{d}S}{\mathrm{d}t} - \frac{\mathrm{d}S^{(\mathrm{r})}}{\mathrm{d}t}$ $J_{\rho}(X;t) = R^{\rho}_{X'X}p_X - R^{-\rho}_{XX'}p_{X'}$ $A_{\rho}(X;t) = k_{\rm B} \log \frac{R^{\rho}_{XX'} p_{X'}}{R^{-\rho}_{X'X} p_X}$ $-\frac{\mathrm{d}S^{(\mathrm{r})}}{\mathrm{d}t} = \sum_{X,\rho} S^{(0)}(X) J_{\rho}(X;t) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{X,\rho} J_{\rho}(X;t) \log \frac{R_{XX'}^{\rho}}{R_{X'X}^{-\rho}}$ advection Heat flow Q/T $\dot{S}^{\text{tot}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} J_{\rho}(X;t) A_{\rho}(X;t) \ge 0$

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Fluctuation relation

• Trajectory:

$$\boldsymbol{X} = (X(t)) = (X_0, t_0) \xrightarrow{\rho_1} (X_1, t_1) \xrightarrow{\rho_2} \cdots \xrightarrow{\rho_n} (X_n, t_n) \to t_{\mathrm{f}}$$

- \cdot Time-reversed trajectory \hat{X}
- Probability density of a path $\mathcal{P}({old X})$
- Detailed fluctuation relation:

$$\frac{\mathcal{P}(\boldsymbol{X}|X_0)}{\mathcal{P}(\hat{\boldsymbol{X}}|X_{\mathrm{f}})} = \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{R_{X_k X_{k-1}}}{R_{X_{k-1} X_k}} = \mathrm{e}^{\mathcal{Q}(\boldsymbol{X})/k_{\mathrm{B}}T}$$

- + $\mathcal{Q}/T \neq -\Delta S^{(\mathrm{r})}$ because of the advection term
- Integral fluctuation relation:

$$\frac{\mathcal{P}(\boldsymbol{X})}{\mathcal{P}(\hat{\boldsymbol{X}})} = e^{(\mathcal{Q}(\boldsymbol{X}) - \Delta \mathcal{S}(\boldsymbol{X}))/k_{\mathrm{B}}T}$$

+ $\Delta \mathcal{S}$ cancels the advection term...

Thus

$$\left\langle \mathrm{e}^{-(\mathcal{Q}-\Delta\mathcal{S})/k_{\mathrm{B}}T} \right\rangle = 1$$
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Generating function

Define

$$\Psi_X(\mu;t) = \int \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{X} \ \mathcal{P}^{\mathrm{ss}}(\boldsymbol{X}) \ \delta_{X(t)X} \,\mathrm{e}^{-\mu \,Q(\boldsymbol{X})/k_{\mathrm{B}}T}$$

it satisfies

$$\Psi_X(\mu; t_0) = p_X^{\rm ss}$$
$$\frac{\partial \Psi_X}{\partial t} = (\mathcal{L} \Psi)_X - \sum_{\rho} \sum_{X' \ (\neq X)} ' \left(\frac{R_{XX'}^{\rho}}{R_{X'X}^{-\rho}} \right)^{\mu} \Psi_{X'} = (\mathcal{L}_{\mu} \Psi)_X$$

Therefore

$$\Psi \underset{t \to \infty}{\sim} e^{-t \,\theta(\mu)}$$

where

$$\theta(\mu) = -\log \Lambda_{\max}(\mathcal{L}_{\mu})$$

Gallavotti-Cohen symmetry

We have of course

$$\mathcal{P}^{\rm ss}(\boldsymbol{X}) \left(\frac{\mathcal{P}^{\rm ss}(\hat{\boldsymbol{X}})}{\mathcal{P}^{\rm ss}(\boldsymbol{X})}\right)^{\mu} = \mathcal{P}^{\rm ss}(\hat{\boldsymbol{X}}) \left(\frac{\mathcal{P}^{\rm ss}(\boldsymbol{X})}{\mathcal{P}^{\rm ss}(\hat{\boldsymbol{X}})}\right)^{1-\mu} = \mathcal{P}^{\rm ss}(\boldsymbol{X}) \left(\frac{\mathcal{P}^{\rm ss}(\boldsymbol{X})}{\mathcal{P}^{\rm ss}(\hat{\boldsymbol{X}})}\right)^{1-\mu}$$

which implies the Gallavotti-Cohen symmetry:

$$\theta(\mu) = \theta(1-\mu)$$

The large-deviation (Cramér) function $\omega(s)$ is defined by

$$\operatorname{Prob}(Q,t) \underset{t \to \infty}{\sim} e^{-t \,\omega(s)}, \qquad \frac{Q}{k_{\rm B}T} = s \, t$$

since

$$\int dQ \operatorname{Prob}(Q,t) e^{-\mu Q/k_{\rm B}T} = \sum_X \Psi_X(\mu;t) \sim e^{-t \,\theta(\mu)}$$

we have (if the saddle-point integration can be inverted!)

$$\omega(s) = \max_{\mu} \left(\theta(\mu) - \mu s\right)$$

and $\omega(s) - \omega(-s) = -s$

Chemical reaction rates with a given number of particles:

$$\sum_{\sigma} \nabla^{\sigma}_{+\rho} X_{\sigma} + \sum_{\tau} \nabla^{\tau}_{+\rho} A_{\tau} \stackrel{k^{-\rho}}{\underset{k^{+\rho}}{\longleftarrow}} \sum_{\sigma} \nabla^{\sigma}_{-\rho} X_{\sigma} + \sum_{\tau} \nabla^{\tau}_{-\rho} A_{\tau}$$

Rates for reaction $\rho (= \pm \rho)$:

$$R_{X'X}^{\rho} = \delta_{X',X+\nabla_{\rho}} \Omega \, k_{\rho} \prod_{\tau} [\mathsf{A}_{\tau}]^{\nu_{\rho}^{\tau}} \\ \times \prod_{\sigma} \left(\frac{X^{\sigma}}{\Omega} \frac{X^{\sigma}-1}{\Omega} \cdots \frac{X^{\sigma}-\nabla_{\rho}^{\sigma}+1}{\Omega} \right)$$

Simulation algorithm:

GILLESPIE, 1976, 1977

- 1. Given the time t number $\{n_\sigma\}$ of all species involved, evaluate the rates R_ρ of all possible reactions
- 2. Define $R = \sum_{\rho}$ and extract the time τ to the next reaction, exponentially distributed with average R^{-1} : update t to $t + \tau$
- 3. Choose the next reaction $ho^{
 m next}$ with probability $R_
 ho/R$
- 4. Change the number of the affected species according to the stoichiometry of the reaction $ho^{
 m next}$ and return to step 1

Difficulties:

- The number of possible reactions can become large
- Thus τ can become too small—simulation sluggish!
- Several tricks have been invented to speed up the simulation, at some cost in precision

Simulation of chemical reactions

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# Schlögl model (1972)
FIX: A B
# Reactions
R1:
    A + \{2\} X > \{3\} X
    1/2*c1*A*X*(X-1)
R2:
    \{3\} X > A + \{2\} X
    1/6*c2*X*(X-1)*(X-2)
R3:
    B > X
    c3 * B
R4:
    X > B
    c4*X
# Fixed species
A = 100000
B = 200000
# Variable species
X = 250
c1 = 3*10**-7
c2 = 10 * * - 4
c_3 = 10 * * - 3
c4 = 3.5
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Simulation of chemical reactions

Python module: **stochpy**



Fluctuation Theorem for molecular motors

Gaspard, 2006; Lacoste, Lau and Mallick, 2008

A model of a molecular motor:



The motor is kept in a nonequilibrium state by the chemical imbalance of the ATP \Rightarrow ADP + P reaction:

$$\frac{[\mathsf{ATP}]}{[\mathsf{ADP}][\mathsf{P}]} \neq e^{(\epsilon_{\mathsf{ATP}} - \epsilon_{\mathsf{ADP}} - \epsilon_{\mathsf{P}})/k_{\mathrm{B}}T}$$

The "product" is displacement

The model

NISHINARI ET AL., 2005 et al.



NISHINARI ET AL., 2005 et al.

States:

- 1: Bound to ATP
- 2: Bound to ADP or empty

Moves:

Brownian motion: $(i, 2) \xrightarrow{\omega_{\rm B}} (i \pm 1, 2)$ ATP binding: $(i, 2) \xrightarrow{\omega_{\rm s}} (i, 1)$ Ratchet: $(i, 1) \xrightarrow{\omega_{+}} (i + 1, 2)$ Reverse ratchet: $(i, 2) \xrightarrow{\omega_{-}} (i - 1, 1)$ Hydrolysis: $(i, 1) \xrightarrow{\omega_{\rm h}} (i, 2)$

Rates $\omega = \{\omega(f, \Delta \mu)\}$ with a few measurable and 4 adjustable kinetic parameters, constrained by a thermodynamic relation

Application to kinesin

Lacoste, Lau and Mallick, 2008



Data from SCHNITZER AND BLOCK, 1995 Lines for f = -1.05, -3.59, -5.63 pN Inset: v vs. f for fixed [ATP] 2 μ M 5 μ M

The phase diagram

LACOSTE, LAU AND MALLICK, 2008



v: average velocity *r*: average ATP consumption rate
Modes: A: ATP consumed, work performed; B: work consumed to
produce ATP
C: ADP consumed to produce work; D: Work consumed to produce
ADP

LACOSTE, LAU AND MALLICK, 2008



Normalized eigenvalue of $\mathcal{L}_{(fd/k_{\rm B}T)\eta, -\Delta\mu/2k_{\rm B}T}$ vs. η (parameter of the generating function) for various values of $(fd/k_{\rm B}T, \Delta\mu/k_{\rm B}T)$: (5,0) (dashed), (5,10) (solid), (2,10) (dotted)

Comments

• The Gallavotti-Cohen symmetry appears in the pdf of the fluxes *v*, *r*:

$$\ln \frac{P(v, r, \mathcal{T})}{P(-v, -r, \mathcal{T})} \sim \underbrace{\left[(f/k_{\rm B}T)v + (\Delta \mu/k_{\rm B}T)r \right] \mathcal{T}}_{\text{entropy production}}$$

• The *reduced* distribution $P_i(n,t) = \sum_y P_i(n,y,t)$ does not exhibit the symmetry:



Lack of symmetry hints at the existence of hidden dynamical variables

Information processing in the cell:

Copy: Transcription (DNA→RNA), Replication (DNA→DNA) **Translation:** DNA→Proteins

tRNA aminoacylation: The "interpreters" of the genetic code are tRNA, carrying the *anticodon* on one side and the corresponding amino acid on the other. Amino acids are charged by *activation enzymes*

Sensing: All processes which monitor the environment

"High fidelity" is a requirement

Andrieux and Gaspard, 2008, 2009; Sartori and Pigolotti, 2014, 2015

Transcription, translation, replication are instances of *template-assisted polymerization*



r: Right residue w: Wrong residue

Template-assisted polymerization



Template-assisted polymerization



- \cdot Elongation speed v
- + Error rate η
- Rate of "right" incorporations: $v^{r} = (1 - \eta) v$
- Rate of "wrong" incorporations: $v^{w} = \eta v$
- Equation for the error η :

$$\frac{\eta}{1-\eta} = \frac{v^{\mathbf{w}}(\eta)}{v^{\mathbf{r}}(\eta)}$$

Rates: μ_{ij} chemical driving, δ_{ij} kinetic barrier



B $k_{ij}^{r} = \omega_{ij} \exp[(\Delta E_{j}^{r} + \mu_{ij} + \delta_{ij})/T]$ $k_{ij}^{w} = \omega_{ij} \exp[(\Delta E_{j}^{w} + \mu_{ij})/T]$ $k_{ji}^{r} = \omega_{ij} \exp[(\Delta E_{i}^{r} + \delta_{ij})/T]$ $k_{ji}^{w} = \omega_{ij} \exp[\Delta E_{i}^{w}/T]$

Dictionary: $k \longrightarrow R$, $T \longrightarrow k_{\rm B}T$

Definitions

Definitions:

- Entropy produced per incorporated monomer: $\Delta S^{\rm tot}$
- Entropy produced per *wrong* incorporated monomer: $\Delta S^{
 m tot,w}$

$$\Delta W = \sum_{(ij),\alpha \in \{r,w\}} J_{ij}^{\alpha} \mu_{ij} / v$$
$$\Delta F^{eq} = -k_{B}T \log \sum_{\alpha} e^{-\Delta E^{\alpha}/k_{B}T}$$
$$\eta^{eq} = \exp\left[\left(-\Delta E^{w} + \Delta F^{eq}\right) / k_{B}T\right]$$
$$D_{KL}(\eta \| \eta^{eq}) = \eta \log \frac{\eta}{\eta^{eq}} + (1 - \eta) \log \frac{1 - \eta}{1 - \eta^{eq}}$$
$$\Delta W^{w} = \sum_{(ij)} J_{ij}^{w} \mu_{ij} / v^{w}$$

Main results

In the steady state:

$$T\Delta S^{\text{tot}} = \Delta W - \Delta F^{\text{eq}} - k_{\text{B}}TD_{\text{KL}}(\eta \| \eta^{\text{eq}}) \ge 0$$
$$T\Delta S^{\text{tot,w}} = \Delta W^{\text{w}} - \Delta F^{\text{eq}} - k_{\text{B}}T\log\frac{\eta}{\eta^{\text{eq}}} \ge 0$$

Therefore

$$\eta = \eta^{\rm eq} \exp\left[\left(-\Delta S^{\rm tot,w} + \left(\Delta W^{\rm w} - \Delta F^{\rm eq}\right)\right)/k_{\rm B}T\right]$$

Possible copying regimes:

Error amplification: $\Delta W^{w} - \Delta F^{eq} > 0$ and $\eta > \eta^{eq}$

Demon: $\Delta W^{w} - \Delta F^{eq} < 0$ and $\eta < \eta^{eq}$ (but $\Delta W - \Delta F^{eq} > 0$ due to right matches)

Error correction: $\Delta W^{\mathrm{w}} - \Delta F^{\mathrm{eq}} > 0$ and $\eta < \eta^{\mathrm{eq}}$, thus $\eta \geq \eta^{\mathrm{eq}} \,\mathrm{e}^{-\Delta S^{\mathrm{tot,w}}/k_{\mathrm{B}}}$

Two regimes:

Energetic discrimination: $\Delta E = \Delta E^{w} - \Delta E^{r} \ge \delta$ Kinetic discrimination: $\Delta E < \delta$

In energetic discrimination:

- + $\eta \geq \eta^{\mathrm{eq}}$ (error amplification)
- η monotonically decreases as v decreases, minimum error at zero dissipation

In kinetic discrimination:

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$$\eta^{\mathrm{eq}} \ge \eta \ge \eta^{\mathrm{min}} = \mathrm{e}^{-\delta/k_{\mathrm{B}}T}$$

+ η decreases as v and dissipation increases

Single-step polymerization machines



Proofreading

NINIO, HOPFIELD, 1974, 1975



Extra pathway with negative velocity $v_{\rm p} \leq 0$ preferentially removes wrong monomers

Proofreading



Since $\dot{S}_{\mathrm{p}}^{\mathrm{tot},w} \geq 0$ and $v_{\mathrm{p}} \leq 0$ one can show

$$\eta \ge \eta^{\rm eq} \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta W_{\rm p} + \Delta F^{\rm eq}}{k_{\rm B}T}\right)$$

Proofreading



$$\eta^{\min} \simeq e^{(-\delta + \delta_{p} - \Delta E^{w} + \Delta E^{r})/k_{B}T}$$

Stochastic polymerization dynamics

- State of the growing polymer: rrwr...
- State of the machine: $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$
- Intermediate states (with a *tentatively* matched monomer): $rrwrr_i \text{ or } rrwrw_i$
- Copying protocol: network of transitions $j \longrightarrow i$ with rates $R_{ij}^{\mathrm{r,w}}$
- · Discrimination is due to differences in rates
- Probabilities: $P(...\mathbf{r})$, $P(...\mathbf{w})$, $P(...\mathbf{r}_i)$, $P(...\mathbf{w}_i)$ satisfying master equations:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}P(\ldots\mathbf{r}_i) = \sum_{j=0}^{n+1} \mathcal{J}_{ij}^{\mathrm{r}}(\ldots) \qquad \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}P(\ldots\mathbf{w}_i) = \sum_{j=0}^{n+1} \mathcal{J}_{ij}^{\mathrm{w}}(\ldots)$$

- Currents: $\mathcal{J}_{ij}^{\mathrm{r}}(\ldots) = R_{ij}^{\mathrm{r}}P(\ldots\mathrm{r}_j) R_{ji}^{\mathrm{r}}P(\ldots\mathrm{r}_i)$
- : $j = 0 \longrightarrow j = n + 1$ corresponds to the incorporation of a monomer
- All transitions are reversible

Stochastic polymerization dynamics

Rates of incorporation:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}P(\ldots \mathbf{w}) = \sum_{j=0}^{n+1} \left[\underbrace{\mathcal{J}_{n+1,j}^{\mathbf{w}}(\ldots)}_{\text{incorporation}} \underbrace{-\mathcal{J}_{j0}^{\mathbf{r}}(\ldots \mathbf{w}) - \mathcal{J}_{j0}^{\mathbf{w}}(\ldots \mathbf{w})}_{\text{attempted incorp.}} \right]$$

and analog for $\ensuremath{\mathbf{r}}$

Assume errors are uncorrelated:

$$P(\ldots) \propto \eta^{N_{\rm w}} \left(1-\eta\right)^{N-N_{\rm w}}$$

• Then

$$P(\ldots \mathbf{r}) = P(\ldots)(1 - \eta)$$
 $P(\ldots \mathbf{w}) = P(\ldots) \eta$

- Assume states i-occupancy $p_i^{\mathrm{r,w}}$ to be independent of (\ldots) . Then

$$P(\ldots \mathbf{r}_i) = P(\ldots) p_i^{\mathbf{r}} \qquad P(\ldots \mathbf{w}_i) = P(\ldots) p_i^{\mathbf{v}}$$

• Occupation fluxes:

$$J_{ij}^{\mathbf{r}} = \mathcal{N} \left(R_{ij}^{\mathbf{r}} p_j - R_{ji}^{\mathbf{r}} p_i \right) \qquad \mathcal{J}_{ij}^{\mathbf{r}} (\ldots) = P(\ldots) J_{ij}^{\mathbf{r}} / \mathcal{N}$$

Entropy production rate

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}S^{\mathrm{tot}}}{\mathrm{d}t} = k_{\mathrm{B}} \underbrace{\sum_{\dots} P(\dots)}_{=1} \sum_{(ij),\alpha \in \{\mathrm{r,w}\}} \left[J_{ij}^{\alpha} \log\left(\frac{R_{ij}^{\alpha} p_{j}^{\alpha}}{R_{ji}^{\alpha} p_{i}^{\alpha}}\right) \right]$$
$$\frac{\mathrm{d}S^{\mathrm{tot}}}{\mathrm{d}t} = k_{\mathrm{B}} \sum_{(ij),\alpha} \frac{J_{ij}^{\alpha} \mu_{ij}}{k_{\mathrm{B}}T} - \eta v \left(\log \eta + \frac{\Delta E^{\mathrm{w}}}{k_{\mathrm{B}}T}\right) + (1-\eta) v \left(\log \left(1 - \eta + \frac{\Delta E^{\mathrm{r}}}{k_{\mathrm{B}}T}\right)\right)$$
Thus ΔS^{tot} per incorporated monomer is given by

$$\Delta S^{\text{tot}} = \frac{1}{v} \frac{\mathrm{d}S^{\text{tot}}}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{1}{T} \left(\Delta W - \Delta F^{\text{eq}} - k_{\mathrm{B}} T D_{\mathrm{KL}}(\eta \| \eta^{\mathrm{eq}}) \right) \ge 0$$

Entropy production per *wrong* incorporated polymer:

$$\Delta S^{\text{tot,w}} = \frac{1}{T} \left(\Delta W^{\text{w}} - \Delta F^{\text{eq}} - k_{\text{B}} T \log \frac{\eta}{\eta^{\text{eq}}} \right) \ge 0$$

- ST helps in setting up a unified frame for discussing dissipation in several biochemical processes
- Several regimes can be exhibited: we discussed no general "tradeoff" principle

The interplay between speed, dissipation and accuracy has been addressed in the so-called "uncertainty relations" in ST

Thank you!

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