

Towards a Nonequilibrium Thermodynamics of Complex Systems

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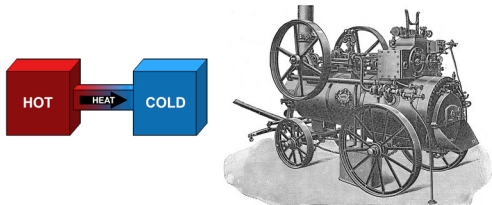


Introduction

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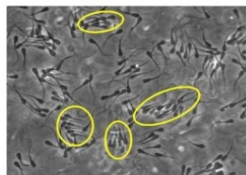
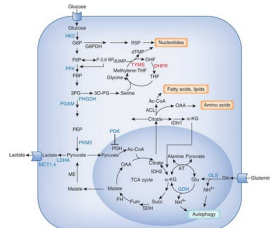
Classical Thermo



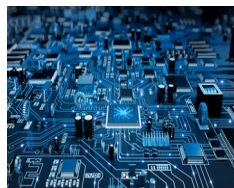
Macro machines

Macro (+ fluct) ST

CRNs

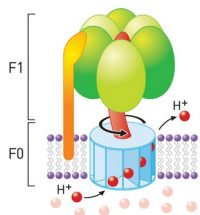


Active matter

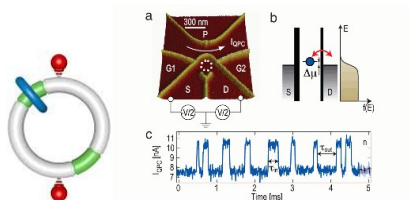


Electronics

Stochastic Thermo (Qu. & Cl.)



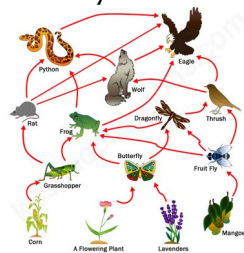
Nano machines



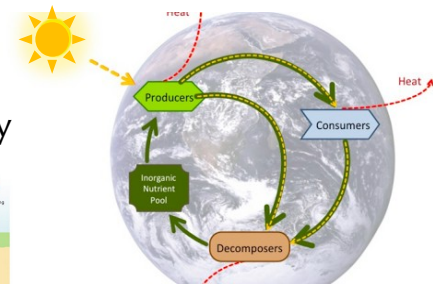
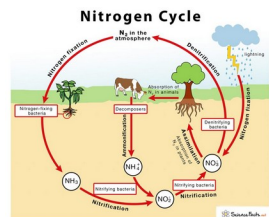
"Emergent effects"

Networks Thermo

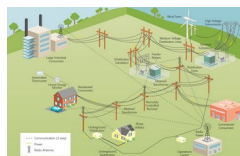
Ecosystems



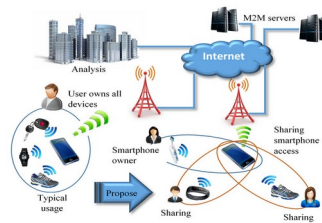
Biogeochemistry



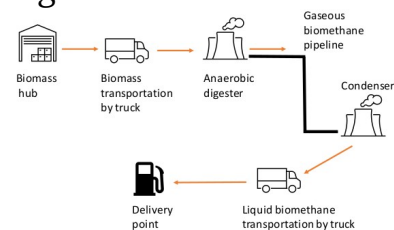
Gaia



Power grid



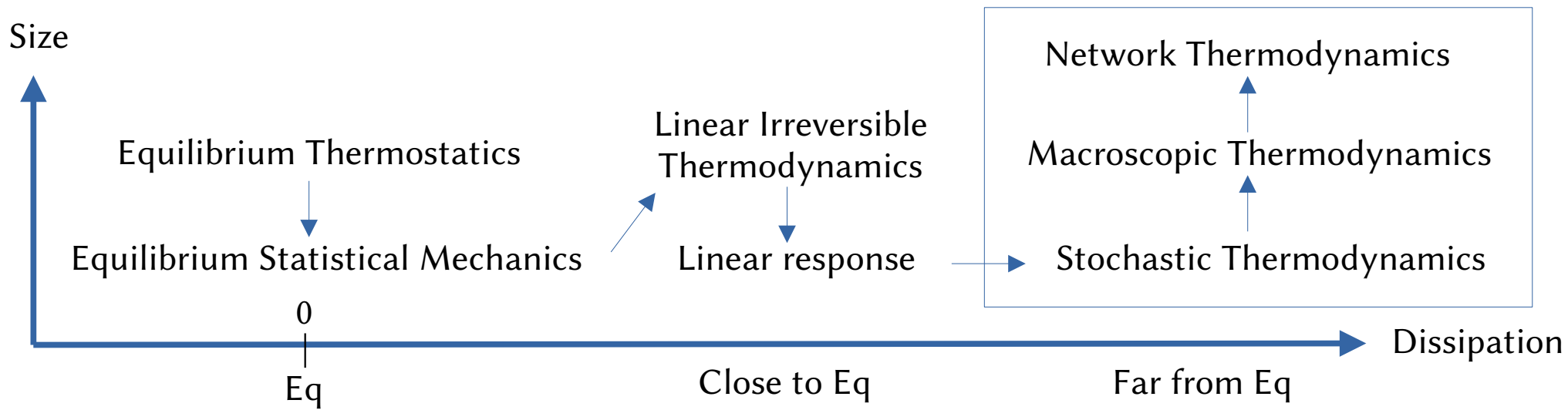
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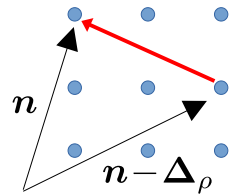
Supply networks

Complexity





Stochastic thermodynamics



$$\partial_t P_t(\mathbf{n}) = \sum_{\rho} [\lambda_{\rho}(\mathbf{n} - \Delta_{\rho}) P_t(\mathbf{n} - \Delta_{\rho}) - \lambda_{\rho}(\mathbf{n}) P_t(\mathbf{n})]$$

Thermodynamic consistency is introduced via the **local detailed balance** condition:

$$\log \frac{\lambda_{\rho}(\mathbf{n})}{\lambda_{-\rho}(\mathbf{n} + \Delta_{\rho})} = -\beta [\Phi(\mathbf{n} + \Delta_{\rho}) - \Phi(\mathbf{n}) - W_{\rho}(\mathbf{n})]$$

Free energy of the state

$$\Phi(\mathbf{n}) = E(\mathbf{n}) - TS(\mathbf{n})$$

Nonconservative work

Simplifying assumption:
Isothermal, autonomous

Rao, Esposito, *NJP* **20**, 023007 (2018)

1st Law: $d_t \langle E \rangle = \langle \dot{W} \rangle + \langle \dot{Q} \rangle$

2nd Law: $\dot{\Sigma} = d_t S - \frac{\langle \dot{Q} \rangle}{T} = \frac{\langle \dot{W} \rangle - d_t \Phi}{T} \geq 0$

$j_{\rho}(\mathbf{n}) = \lambda_{\rho}(\mathbf{n}) P_t(\mathbf{n})$

$\langle \dot{Q} \rangle = \sum_{\rho, \mathbf{n}} Q_{\rho}(\mathbf{n}) j_{\rho}(\mathbf{n})$

Entropy production $\dot{\Sigma} = \frac{k_b}{2} \sum_{\rho, \mathbf{n}} (j_{\rho}(\mathbf{n}) - j_{-\rho}(\mathbf{n} + \Delta_{\rho})) \log \frac{j_{\rho}(\mathbf{n})}{j_{-\rho}(\mathbf{n} + \Delta_{\rho})} \geq 0$

$\langle \dot{W} \rangle = \sum_{\rho, \mathbf{n}} W_{\rho}(\mathbf{n}) j_{\rho}(\mathbf{n})$

System entropy

Shannon

$$S = \sum_{\mathbf{n}} P_t(\mathbf{n}) (S(\mathbf{n}) - k_b \log P_t(\mathbf{n}))$$

Free energy

$$\Phi = \langle E \rangle - TS$$

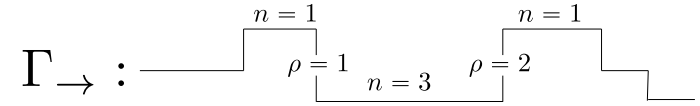
$$\Phi - \Phi^{eq} = k_b T D(p|p^{eq}) \geq 0$$

$$\left(D(p_i|p'_i) \equiv \sum_i p_i \ln \frac{p_i}{p'_i} \geq 0 \right)$$

Kullback-Leibler divergence

Detailed balance ($W_{\rho}(\mathbf{n}) = 0$) dynamics minimizes free energy

Entropy production along a stochastic trajectory



$$\sigma = k_B \ln \frac{\mathcal{P}[\Gamma_{\rightarrow}]}{\mathcal{P}[\Gamma_{\leftarrow}]}$$

Fluctuation theorem

$$\frac{P(\sigma)}{P(-\sigma)} = e^{\sigma/k_B}$$

$$\left(D(p_i|p'_i) \equiv \sum_i p_i \ln \frac{p_i}{p'_i} \geq 0 \right)$$

(Kullback-Leibler divergence)

$$\Sigma = \langle \sigma \rangle = D(\mathcal{P}_{\rightarrow} | \mathcal{P}_{\leftarrow}) \geq 0$$

statistical measure of time-reversal breaking



Coarse graining underestimates entropy production $D(\mathcal{P}_{\rightarrow} | \mathcal{P}_{\leftarrow}) \geq D(\bar{\mathcal{P}}_{\rightarrow} | \bar{\mathcal{P}}_{\leftarrow})$

E.g. in active matter, $\bar{\Gamma}$ is often real space, but Γ should also contain the powering mechanism



Same motion , different dissipation

Macroscopic limit at equilibrium

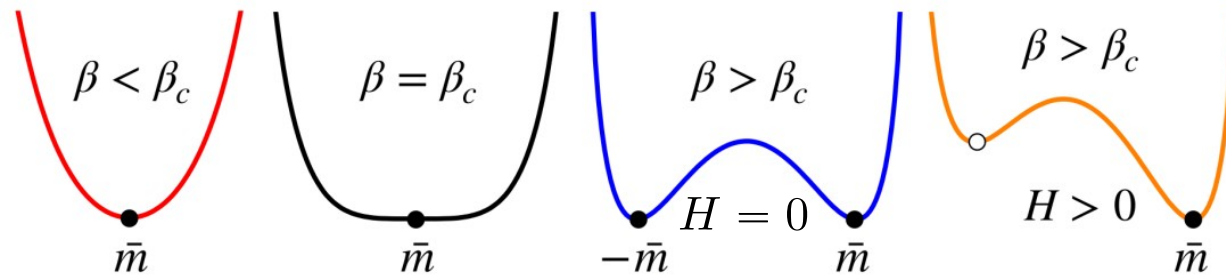
$$P_{\text{eq}}(x) = \frac{e^{-\Phi(x)/k_b T}}{Z} \underset{\text{Macro limit}}{\asymp} e^{-\Omega(\phi(x) - \phi_{\min})/k_b T}$$

Free energy of state x

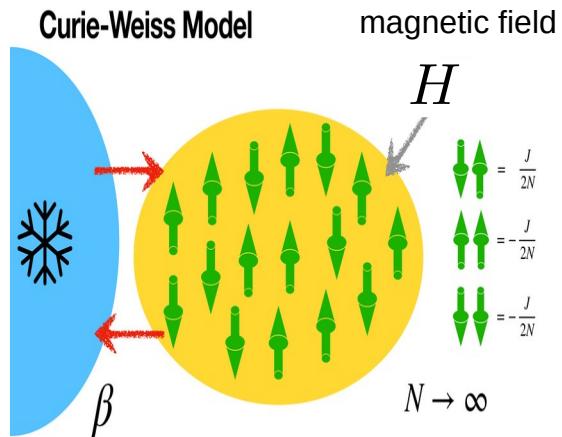
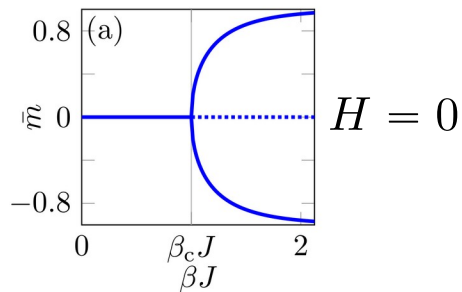
Ω : Scale parameter

Phase transitions: changes in minima

Magnetization



Bifurcations



Macroscopic dynamics

$$\partial_t P(\mathbf{n}, t) = \sum_{\rho} [\lambda_{\rho}(\mathbf{n} - \Delta_{\rho}) P(\mathbf{n} - \Delta_{\rho}, t) - \lambda_{\rho}(\mathbf{n}) P(\mathbf{n}, t)]$$

Scale parameter Ω

$\Omega \rightarrow \infty$

Density $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{n}/\Omega$ remains finite

Transition rates scale linearly with Ω : $\omega_{\rho}(\mathbf{x}) = \lim_{\Omega \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lambda_{\rho}(\Omega \mathbf{x})}{\Omega}$

Free energies are extensive: $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \lim_{\Omega \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Phi(\Omega \mathbf{x})}{\Omega}$

Under those conditions a large deviations principle applies:

R. Kubo 1973

**Macroscopic
Fluctuations**

$$P(\mathbf{x}, t) \asymp e^{-\Omega I(\mathbf{x}, t)} \quad \partial_t I(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{\rho} \omega_{\rho}(\mathbf{x}) \left[1 - e^{\Delta_{\rho} \cdot \nabla I(\mathbf{x}, t)} \right]$$

Peaks around the deterministic trajectory \mathbf{x}_t : $I(\mathbf{x}_t, t) = 0 \quad \nabla I(\mathbf{x}_t, t) = 0$

**Macroscopic
Dynamics**

$$d_t \mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}_t) \quad \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\rho} \omega_{\rho}(\mathbf{x}) \Delta_{\rho}$$

\neq Det Dyn +
Gaussian noise

Falasco, Esposito,
arXiv:2307.12406

Typically nonlinear

Macroscopic thermodynamics

$$\Omega \rightarrow \infty$$

Shannon entropy: $S_{\text{sh}} = -k_b \sum_{\mathbf{x}} P_t(\mathbf{x}) \log(P_t(\mathbf{x})) = k_b \Omega \sum_{\mathbf{x}} P_t(\mathbf{x}) I(\mathbf{x}, t) \simeq k_b \Omega I(\mathbf{x}_t, t) = 0$

2nd law $\dot{\Sigma}/\Omega = d_t \langle S \rangle / \Omega - \langle \dot{Q} \rangle / (T\Omega) \simeq \dot{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}_t) = d_t s(\mathbf{x}_t) - \dot{q}(\mathbf{x}_t) / T = (\dot{w}(\mathbf{x}_t) - d_t \phi(\mathbf{x}_t)) / T$

$$= k_b \sum_{\rho > 0} (\omega_{\rho}(\mathbf{x}) - \omega_{-\rho}(\mathbf{x})) \ln \frac{\omega_{\rho}(\mathbf{x})}{\omega_{-\rho}(\mathbf{x})} \geq 0$$

1st law $d_t \langle E \rangle / \Omega = \langle \dot{W} \rangle / \Omega + \langle \dot{Q} \rangle / \Omega \simeq d_t e(\mathbf{x}_t) = \dot{w}(\mathbf{x}_t) + \dot{q}(\mathbf{x}_t)$

We have a macroscopic nonequilibrium thermodynamics!

NESS fluctuations – macroscopic dissipation

Adiabatic non-adiabatic decomposition of entropy production: $\dot{\Sigma} = \dot{\Sigma}_a + \dot{\Sigma}_{na} \geq 0$
 $\geq 0 \quad \geq 0$

$$\dot{\Sigma}_{na} = -k_b d_t D \geq 0 \quad D = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} P_t(\mathbf{x}) \log(P_t(\mathbf{x})/P_{ss}(\mathbf{x})) \simeq \Omega \sum_{\mathbf{x}} P_t(\mathbf{x}) I_{ss}(\mathbf{x}) \simeq \Omega I_{ss}(\mathbf{x}_t)$$

NESS: $P_{ss}(\mathbf{x}) \asymp e^{-\Omega I_{ss}(\mathbf{x})}$

$$\dot{\Sigma}_{na}/\Omega \simeq -k_b d_t I_{ss}(\mathbf{x}_t) \geq 0$$

Lyapunov fct of the det. dynamics

Emergent 2nd law

$$\dot{\Sigma}_a/\Omega \simeq \dot{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}_t) + k_b d_t I_{ss}(\mathbf{x}_t) \geq 0$$

Macroscopic entropy production

Steady state fluctuations

Freitas, Esposito, Nat Com 13, 5084 (2022)

“Close” to equilibrium:

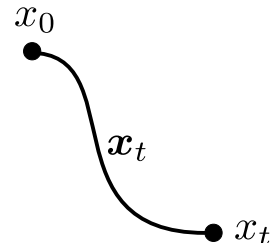
W_ρ small

Linear response theory for rate functions instead of probabilities !!!

$$\dot{\sigma}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}_t)/k_b = \beta(\dot{w}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}_t) - d_t \phi(\mathbf{x}_t)) \simeq -d_t I_{ss}(\mathbf{x}_t)$$

solution of the detailed balanced dynamics

$$W_\rho = 0$$

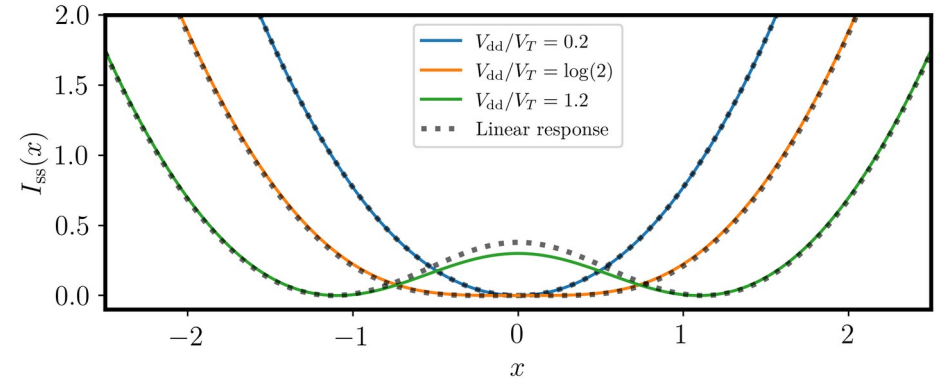
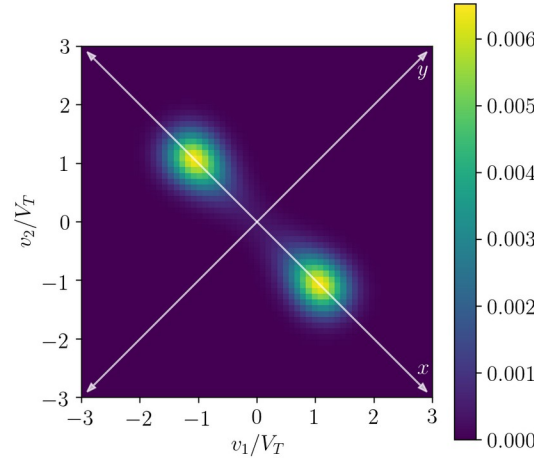
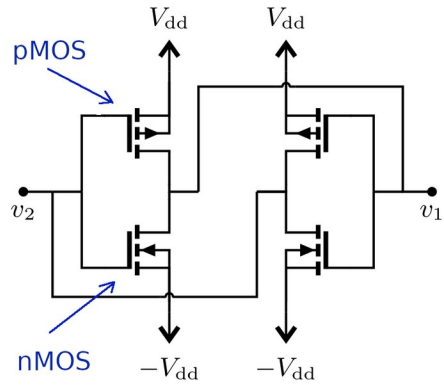


Freitas, Falasco, Esposito, New J. Phys. 23, 093003 (2021)

Example of a CMOS bit

Freitas, Delvenne, Esposito, Phys. Rev. X **11**, 031064 (2021)

$$P_{ss}(x) \asymp e^{-\Omega I_{ss}(x)}$$

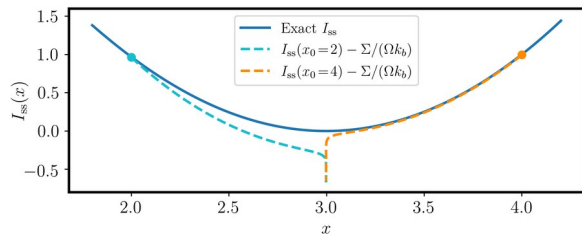


$$v_e = q_e/C \quad V_T = k_b T/q_e$$

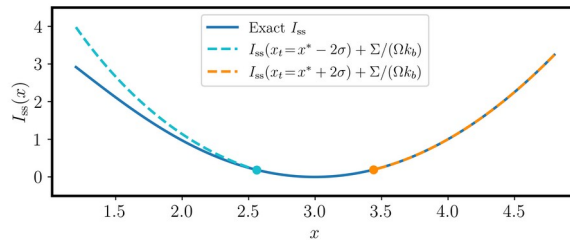
- Bistability as a nonequilibrium phase transition

- Macro can be small! $\Omega = V_T/v_e = 10$

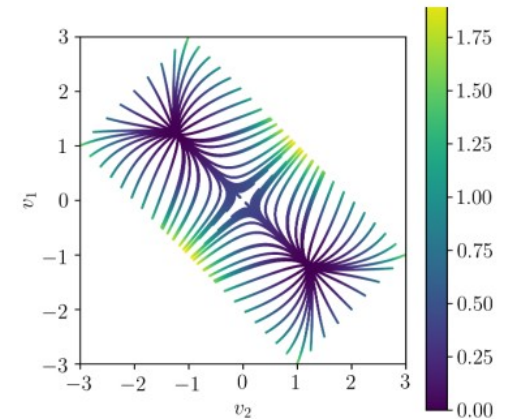
- Testing the bound



- Reconstructing the NESS:



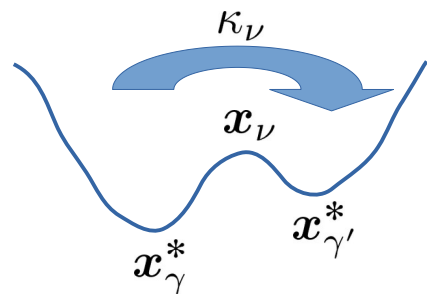
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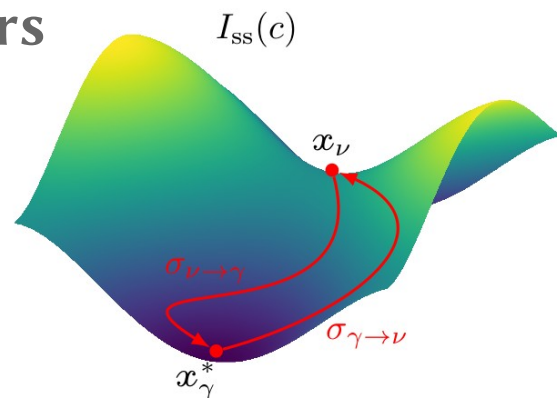
$$k_b = 1$$

Transition rates between attractors



$$\kappa_{\nu} \simeq e^{-V[I_{ss}^{(\gamma)}(\mathbf{x}_{\nu}) - I_{ss}^{(\gamma)}(\mathbf{x}_{\gamma}^*)]}$$

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}^*) = 0 \quad \text{Fixed points of the det. dynamics}$$



- W_{ρ} small \rightarrow Local detailed balance Falasco, Esposito, PRE **103**, 042114 (2021)

$$\lim_{V \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{V} \ln \frac{\kappa_{\nu}}{\kappa_{-\nu}} = \beta(\phi(\mathbf{x}_{\gamma}^{\text{eq}}) - \phi(\mathbf{x}_{\gamma'}^{\text{eq}})) + \sigma_{\nu}^{(0)}$$

$$\sigma_{\nu}^{(0)} := -\sigma_{\text{nc}}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}_{\nu}, \mathbf{x}_{\gamma}^{\text{eq}}) + \sigma_{\text{nc}}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}_{\nu}, \mathbf{x}_{\gamma'}^{\text{eq}})$$

$$\sigma_{\text{nc}}^{\nu \rightarrow \gamma}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') := \beta \int_{\mathbf{x}}^{\mathbf{x}'} dt \sum_{\rho} W_{\rho} \omega_{\rho}(\mathbf{x}(t))$$

- General bound relaxation \leftarrow

$$-\sigma_{\nu \rightarrow \gamma} \leq \lim_{V \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{V} \ln \kappa_{\nu} \leq \sigma_{\gamma \rightarrow \nu}$$
 \rightarrow instanton Falasco, Esposito, arXiv:2307.12406

$$W_{\rho} \text{ small } \rightarrow -\sigma_{\nu \rightarrow \gamma} = \lim_{V \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{V} \ln \kappa_{\nu} = \sigma_{\gamma \rightarrow \nu} < 0$$

(smallest κ_{ν})

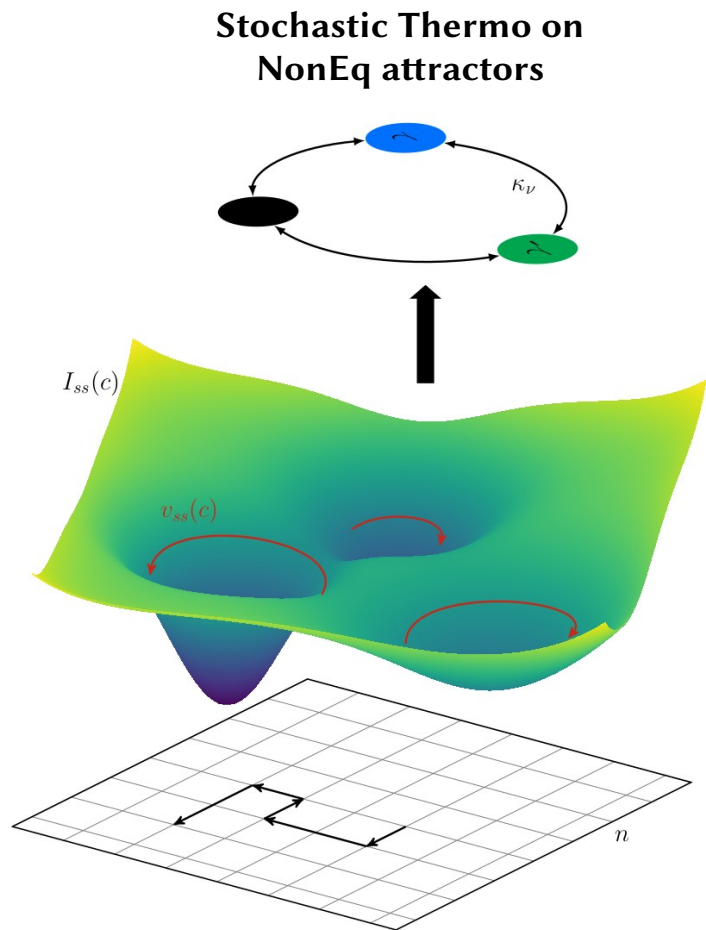
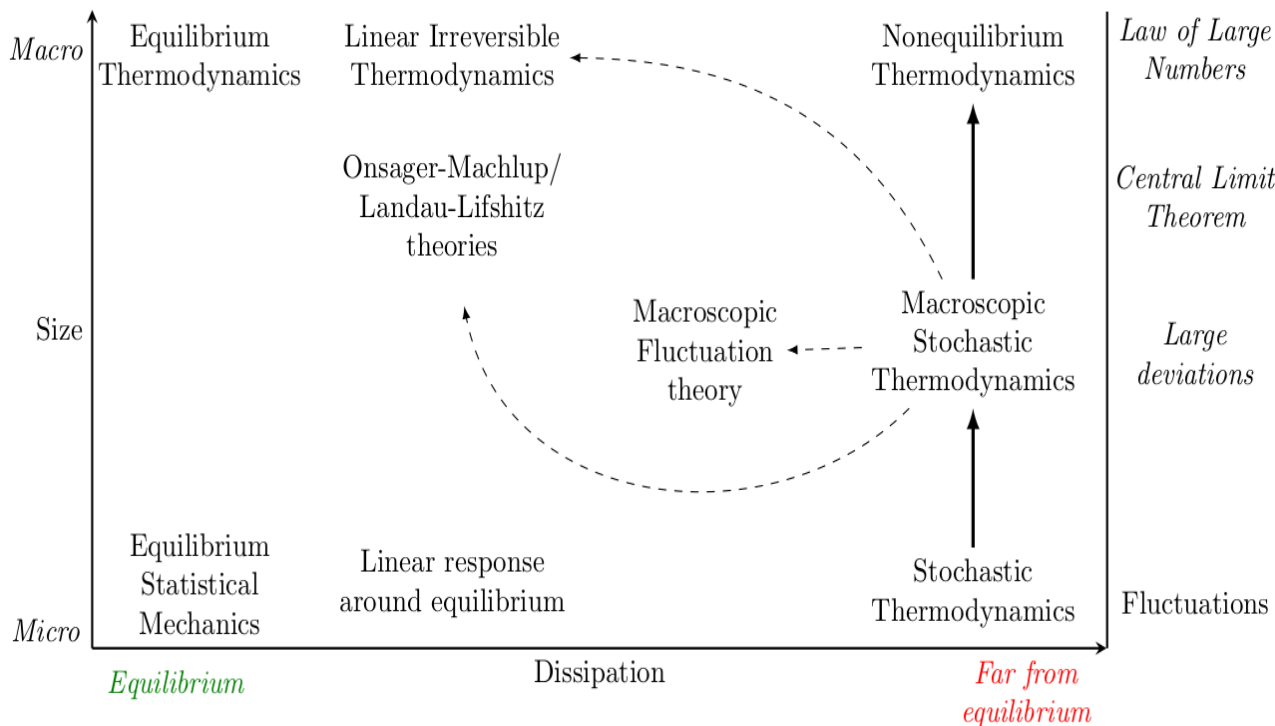
(largest $\sigma_{\nu \rightarrow \gamma}$)

Attractor with largest lifetime has the largest relaxation entropy production !

Maximum entropy production principle **if** most $\sigma_{\nu \rightarrow \gamma}$ occurs close to \mathbf{x}_{γ}^*

There is much more...

Falasco, Esposito, *Macroscopic Stochastic Thermodynamics*, arXiv:2307.12406



Field theory: $\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{c})$

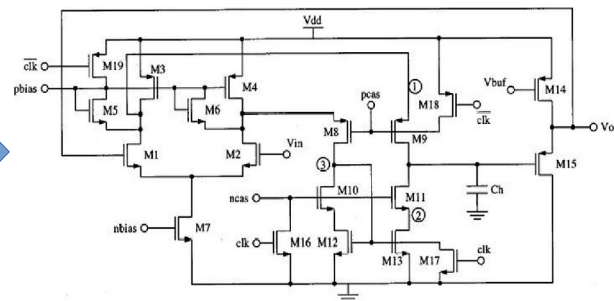
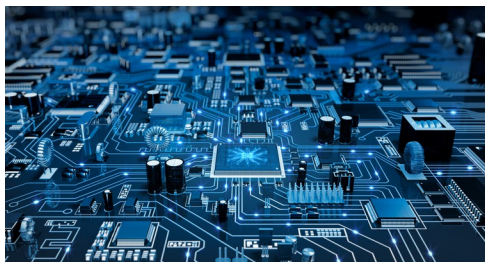
- ▶ Real space (diffusive scaling)
- ▶ Internal dof e.g. chemistry (not diffusive)

TDDFT (Dean Equation): If no internal dof $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{r}$

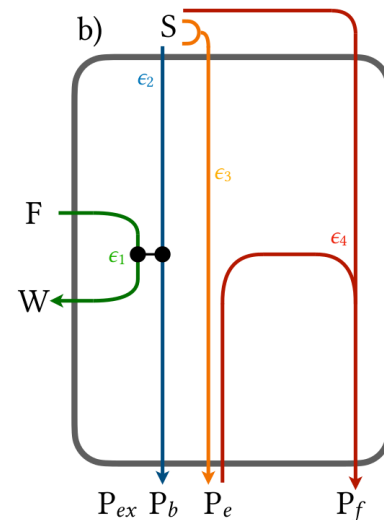
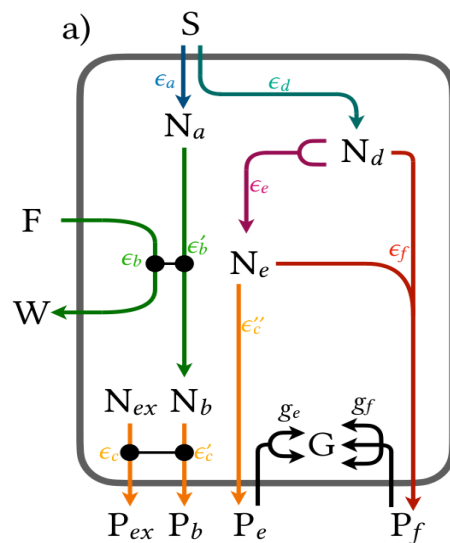
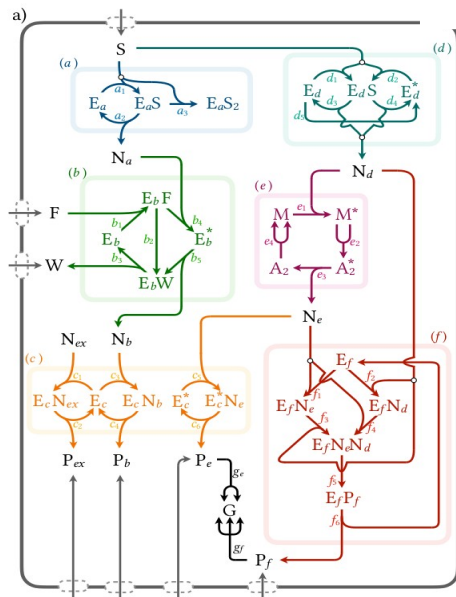
A few words about Network Thermodynamics

Circuit theory: Description based on modules characterized by an I-V curve + Kirchhoff laws

Electrical circuits



Chemical reaction networks

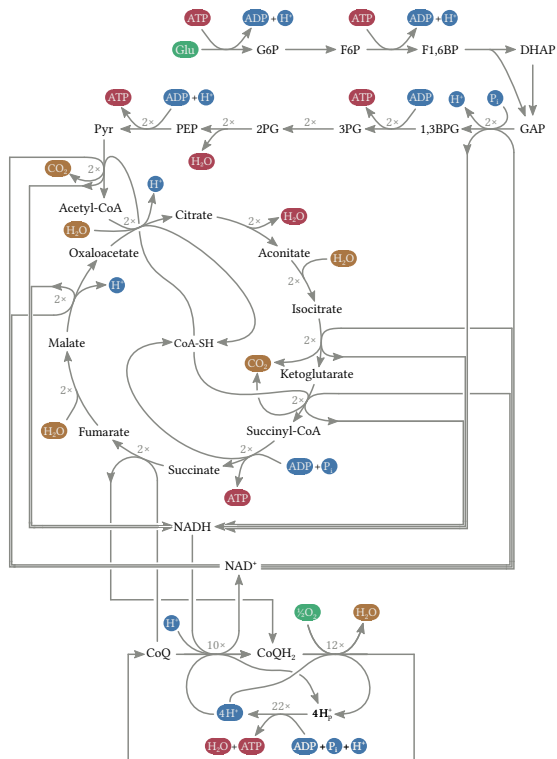


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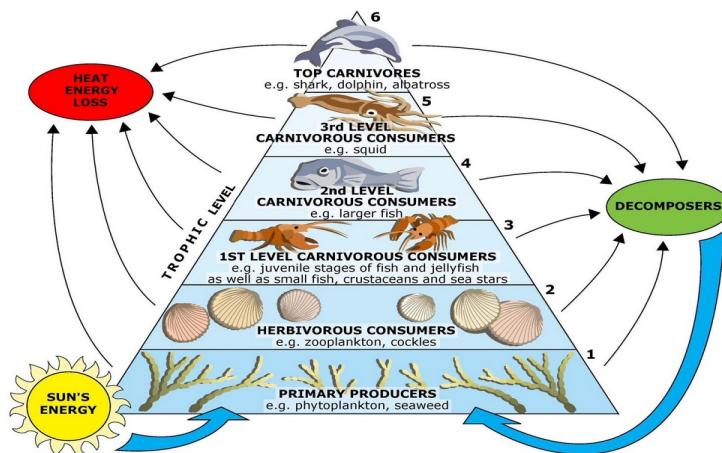
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Applications

Metabolism

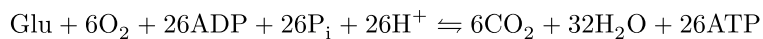
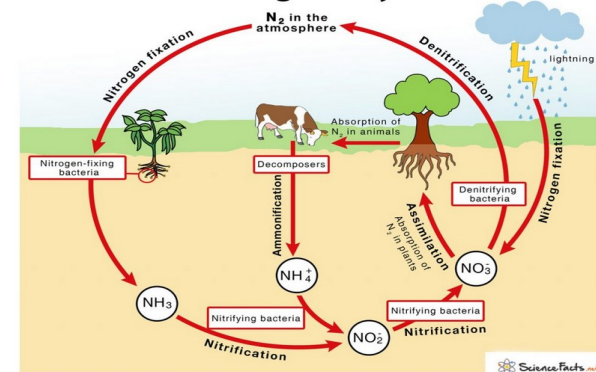


Trophic pyramid



Biogeochemistry

Nitrogen Cycle

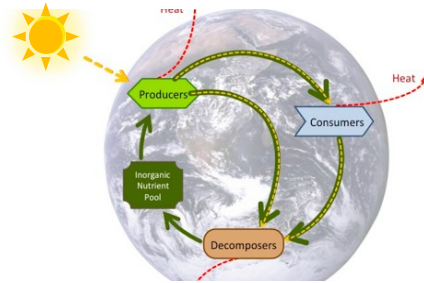


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Conclusions

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Nonlinear dynamics,
Fluctuations,
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Networks



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