

Thermodynamics of Accuracy

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Summary

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From Maxwell's demon to Szilard's engine

Maxwell's demon:

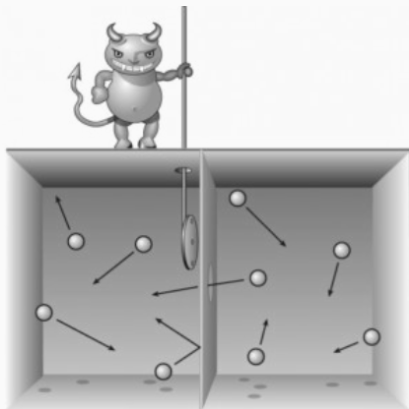
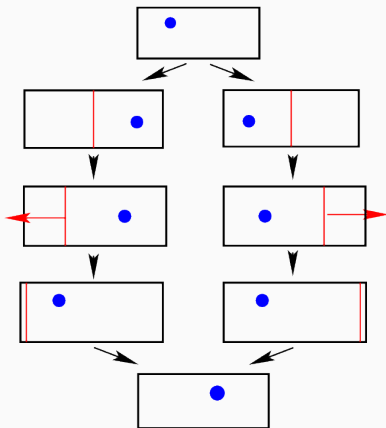


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From Maxwell's demon to Szilard's engine

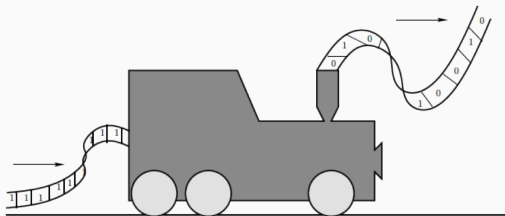
Szilard's engine:



$$W = k_B T \log 2 \text{ per cycle}$$

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Feynman's engine:

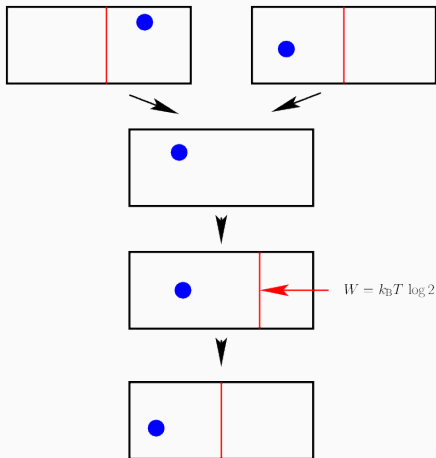


$H = - \sum_i p_i \log p_i$: Shannon entropy

$$W \leq N k_B T (H_{\text{out}} - H_{\text{in}})$$

Landauer's Principle

Reconciling Szilard's demon with the Second Law:



Landauer's Principle

Any logically irreversible manipulation of information, such as the erasure of a bit or the merging of two computation paths, must be accompanied by a corresponding entropy increase in non-information bearing degrees of freedom of the information processing apparatus or its environment.

Bennett, 2003

In particular, error correction is logically irreversible, thus implies dissipation

Kelly's horse races:

- There are n horses in a race, the i -th horse can win with probability p_i and yields o_i times the bet
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Results:

1. Maximize the expected growth rate of the capital:

$$\Lambda(b) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \langle \log(S_N/S_0) \rangle / N = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \log(o_i b_i)$$

2. If the bet is "fair", $o_i = (p_i)^{-1}$, $\forall i$, then $\Lambda_{\max} = 0$

3. If the "true" probabilities are $p_i(y)$, the optimal strategy is

$$b_i^* = p_i(y)$$

4. Then $\Lambda(b^*) = \sum_i p_i(y) \log(p_i(y)/p_i) = D_{\text{KL}}(p(y)||p) \geq 0$

5. Thus $D_{\text{KL}}(p(y)||p)$ measures the value of the extra information y

Horse races

$X_k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$: k -th res.

y : extra info

p_X : prob. vector for X

$p_X(y)$: prob. with extra info

o_X : odds vector

$b_X(y)$: bet on X , given y

$\log(o_{X_k} b_{X_k})$: log capital incr.

Szilard engine

$X_k \in \{L, R\}$: k -th cycle location

y_k : (noisy) measure result

p_X : prob. vector of location

$p_X(y)$: prob. after measure

$o_X: v^{\text{tot}}/v_0(x), x \in \{L, R\}$

$v_f(x)/v^{\text{tot}}$: normalized final volume

$W_k = k_B T \sum_x p_x(y) \log(v_f(x)/v_0(x))$

N.B.: We take the liberty to choose the initial and final locations of the barrier $v_0(x), v_f(x)$

$$\max \langle W_N \rangle = N k_B T \left\langle \log \frac{p_X(Y)}{p_X} \right\rangle = N k_B T I(X; Y)$$

Generalized Second Law

A generalized Clausius inequality

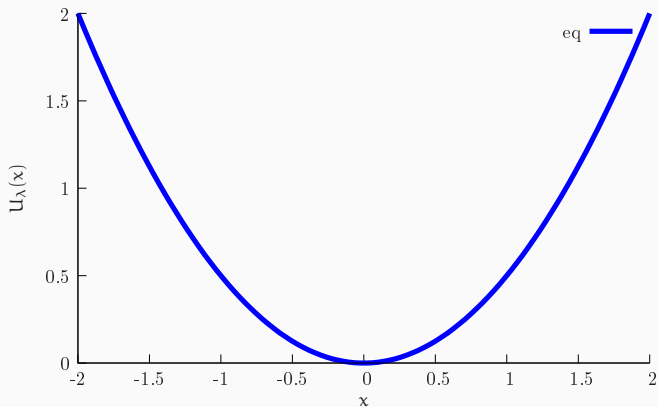
- System described by a hamiltonian $H_x(\lambda)$,
 $p_x^{\text{eq}}(\lambda) := e^{-(H_x(\lambda) - F(\lambda))/T}$
- Information content: $I(p|\lambda) := D_{\text{KL}}(p||p^{\text{eq}}) := \sum_x p_x \log(p_x/p_x^{\text{eq}})$
- Manipulation: $\lambda = \lambda(t)$, $\lambda(0) = \lambda_0$, $\lambda(t_f) = \lambda_f$
- Work: $W := \int_0^{t_f} dt \dot{\lambda}(t) \partial_\lambda H_{x(t)}$
- $W_{\text{irr}} := W - (F_{\lambda_f} - F_{\lambda_0})$

$$\langle W_{\text{irr}} \rangle \geq T [I(p(t_f)|\lambda_f) - I(p(0)|\lambda_0)]$$

Esposito and van den Broeck, 2011

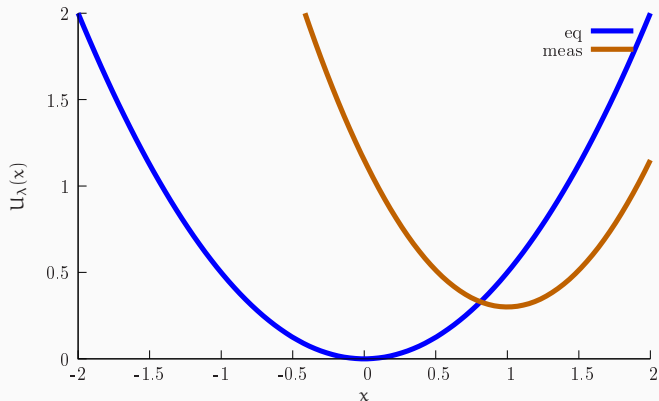
Optimal Protocol for Work Extraction

Equilibrium: $U = U_0$



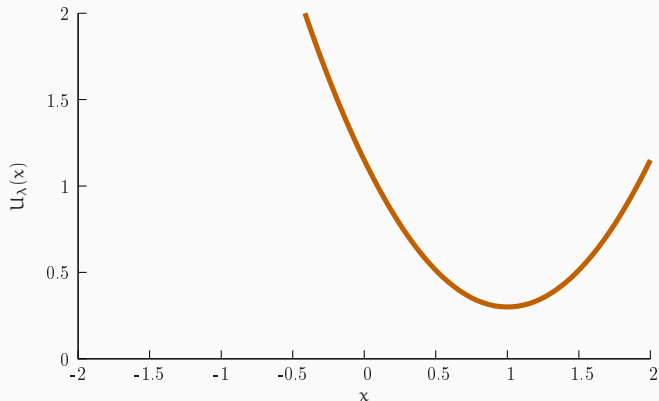
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Measurement: $U = U_\lambda = -T \log p^{\text{meas}}(x|\lambda)$



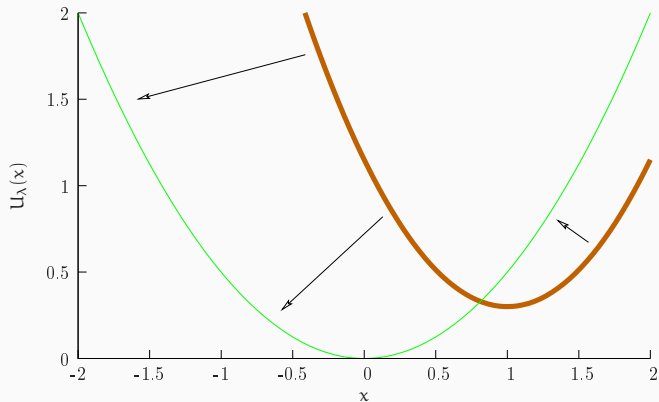
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Quench: $U \rightarrow U_\lambda, W_{\text{irr}} = \langle (U_\lambda - F_\lambda) - (U_0 - F_0) \rangle$



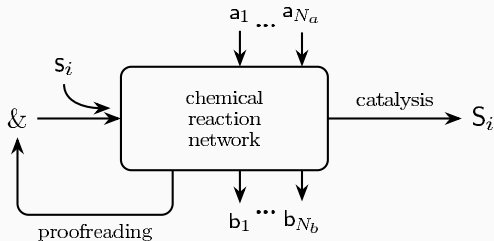
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Slow relaxation: $U_\lambda \rightarrow U_0$



Dissipation-Speed-Accuracy Trade-off

Enzyme-assisted assembly process



$$s \in \{\text{r "right", w "wrong"}\}$$

Examples:

- tRNA aminoacylation: $\text{tRNA} + \text{aa} \rightarrow \text{activated tRNA}$
- DNA transcription: $\text{ssDNA} + \text{nucleotide} \rightarrow \text{DNA} + \text{RNA}$

Error rate:

$$\xi := \frac{\text{rate of wrong catalysis: } J_w}{\text{total rate of catalysis: } J_r + J_w}$$

The problem

- Physiological error rates are much smaller than thermodynamically expected
- Kinetic (non-equilibrium) mechanisms have been suggested to explain this fact (Ninio 1974, Hopfield 1975, Bennett 1979)
- Correction entails thermodynamic expense
- Can we characterize the thermodynamic efficiency of proofreading?
- Can we characterize how different proofreading mechanisms fare in efficiency, speed and accuracy?

Description

- Enzyme-substrate complexes identify states i
- Dynamics described by master equation:

$$\frac{dp_i}{dt} = \sum_{j (\neq i)}' (k_{ij}p_j - k_{ji}p_i)$$

- Irreversible catalysis rate: F
- Kramers' form for the reaction rates ($k_B T = 1$):

$$k = \Omega e^{-\Delta}$$

- Entropy production \dot{S}_i and entropy flow \dot{S}_e (steady state: \bar{p}_i):

$$\dot{S}_i := \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j}' (k_{ij}\bar{p}_j - k_{ji}\bar{p}_i) \log \frac{k_{ij}\bar{p}_j}{k_{ji}\bar{p}_i}$$

$$\dot{S}_e := -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j}' (k_{ij}\bar{p}_j - k_{ji}\bar{p}_i) \log \frac{k_{ij}}{k_{ji}}$$

Observables

Entropy balance in the steady state:

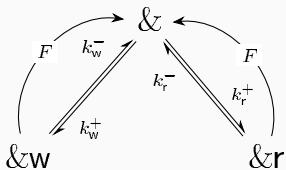
$$-\frac{d}{dt} \sum_k p_k \log p_k = \dot{S}_i + \dot{S}_e \underbrace{-\dot{S}_F}_{\text{catalysis}} = 0$$

- Mean step duration:

$$\tau := (\text{total catalysis rate: } J_r + J_w)^{-1}$$

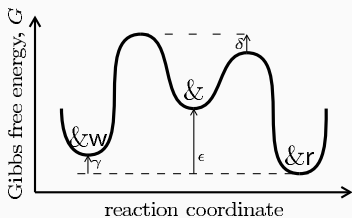
- Entropy production per step: $\Delta_i S := \tau \dot{S}_i \geq 0$
- Entropy flow per step: $\Delta_e S := \tau \dot{S}_e \leq 0$
- Free-energy dissipation in the final catalysis:
 $\Delta S_F := \tau \dot{S}_F = \tau F \sum_s \bar{p}_{\text{final state}(s)} \Delta \mu_{\text{final step}}$
- Efficiency: $\eta := \Delta S_F / \Delta_e S = 1 + \Delta_i S / \Delta_e S, 0 \leq \eta \leq 1$

Michaelis-Menten model



$$k_r^+ = \omega e^{\delta + \epsilon},$$

$$k_w^+ = \omega e^{\epsilon},$$



$$k_r^- = \omega e^{\delta}$$

$$k_w^- = \omega e^{\gamma}$$

After Sartori & Pigolotti, 2013

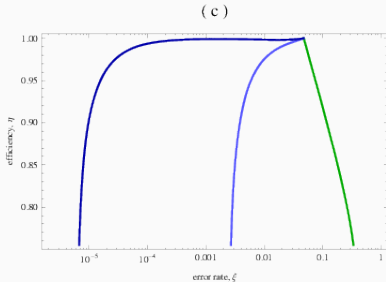
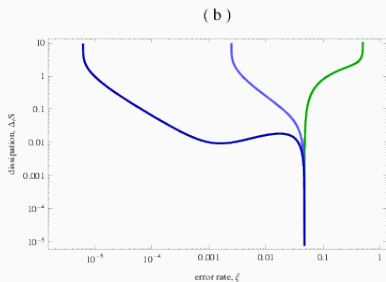
$$\begin{aligned}\xi &= \frac{F\bar{p}_w}{F\bar{p}_w + F\bar{p}_r} = \frac{e^{\delta}\omega + F}{(e^{\gamma} + 1)e^{\delta}\omega + (e^{\delta} + 1)F} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{e^{\max\{\delta,\gamma\}} + 1} \simeq e^{-\max\{\delta,\gamma\}}\end{aligned}$$

Two regimes (Sartori & Pigolotti, 2013):

Energetic discrimination: $\gamma > \delta$; ξ_{\min} is reached for $F \rightarrow 0$

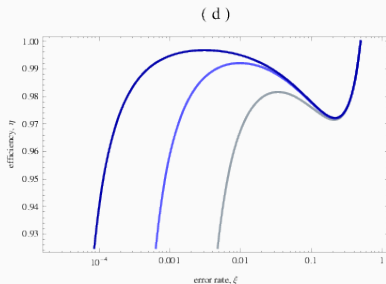
Kinetic discrimination: $\gamma < \delta$; ξ_{\min} is reached for $F \rightarrow \infty$

Michaelis-Menten model



$\gamma = 3$, $\epsilon = 10$, $\omega = 1$ and
 $\delta = 0$ (green), $\delta = 6$ (light blue), $\delta = 12$ (dark blue)

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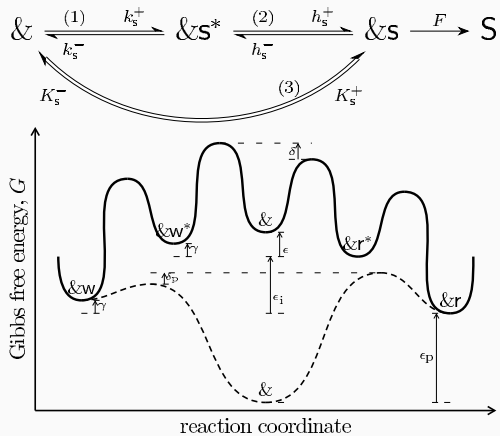


Efficiency-error trade-off in the purely kinetic regime of discrimination (scale change!)

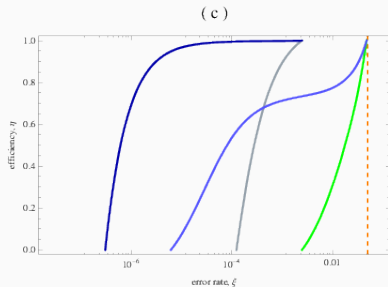
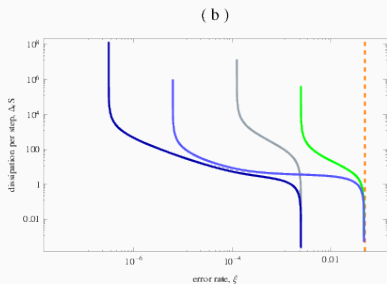
$\gamma = 3$, $\epsilon = 10$, $\omega = 1$ and

$\delta = 6$ (grey), $\delta = 8$ (light blue), $\delta = 10$ (dark blue)

The Ninio-Hopfield model



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$\epsilon = 10$, $\omega = 1$, $\gamma = 3$ and

$(\delta, \delta_p) = (0, 0)$ (green: energetic-energetic)

$(\delta, \delta_p) = (6, 0)$ (grey: kinetic-energetic)

$(\delta, \delta_p) = (0, 6)$ (light blue: energetic-kinetic)

$(\delta, \delta_p) = (6, 6)$ (dark blue: kinetic-kinetic)

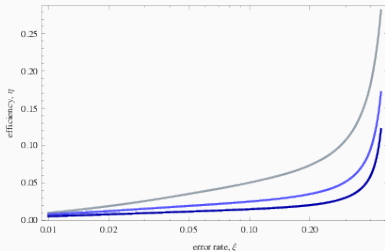
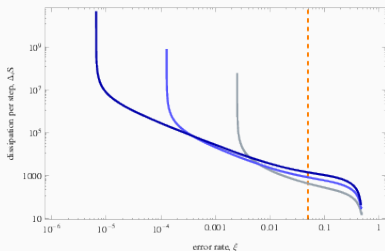
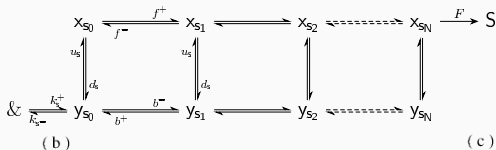
The Ninio-Hopfield model

- Kinetic and energetic discrimination regimes can cooperate in the proofreading pathway reducing the error rate
- faster, more dissipative and more efficient process obtains when the kinetic discrimination predominates on the first pathway
- Minimum error rate (Hopfield 1975: $\xi_{\min} = e^{-2\gamma}$):

$$\xi_{\min} \simeq e^{-(\max(\gamma, \delta) + \gamma + \delta_p)}$$

- ξ_{\min} is reached in the $F \rightarrow 0$ limit

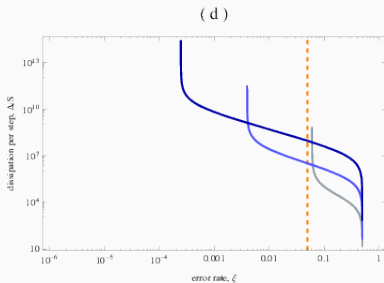
The Murugan-Huse-Leibler model



Energetic discrimination: $\delta = 0$, $\gamma = 3$, $\epsilon_u = 8$, $\epsilon_f = 8$, $\epsilon_b = 8$
 grey: $N = 1$; light blue: $N = 2$; dark blue: $N = 3$

The Murugan-Huse-Leibler model

Dissipation per step in the kinetic discrimination regime:



$$\gamma = 0, \omega = 1, \epsilon = 10, \delta = 3, N = 1, 2, 3$$

Summary

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- We analyzed **accuracy vs. speed trade-off** for several proposed models of kinetic proofreading
- The **kinetic vs. energetic discrimination** concept plays an essential role
- We introduced and evaluated an **efficiency measure** for the process

- Outlook
 - We have also considered processes with short-time memory: the results are very similar
 - The analysis can be extended to other kinds of information processing (e.g., sensing)