

Current fluctuations in biomolecular systems

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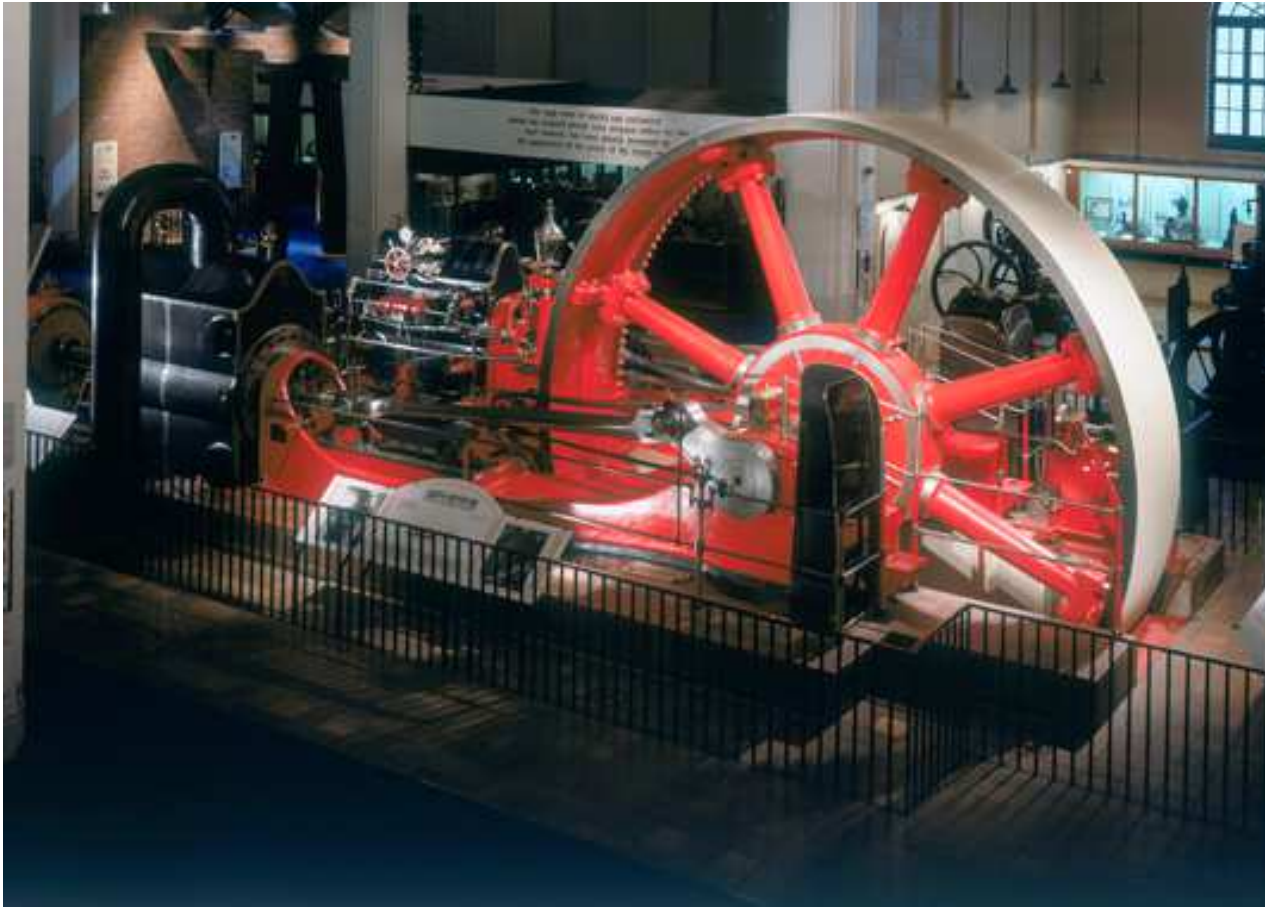
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- Intro: Stochastic thermodynamics and molecular motors
- Fine-structured fluctuation theorem [E Zimmermann](#) + [P Pietzonka](#)
- Thermodynamic uncertainty relation [AC Barato](#)

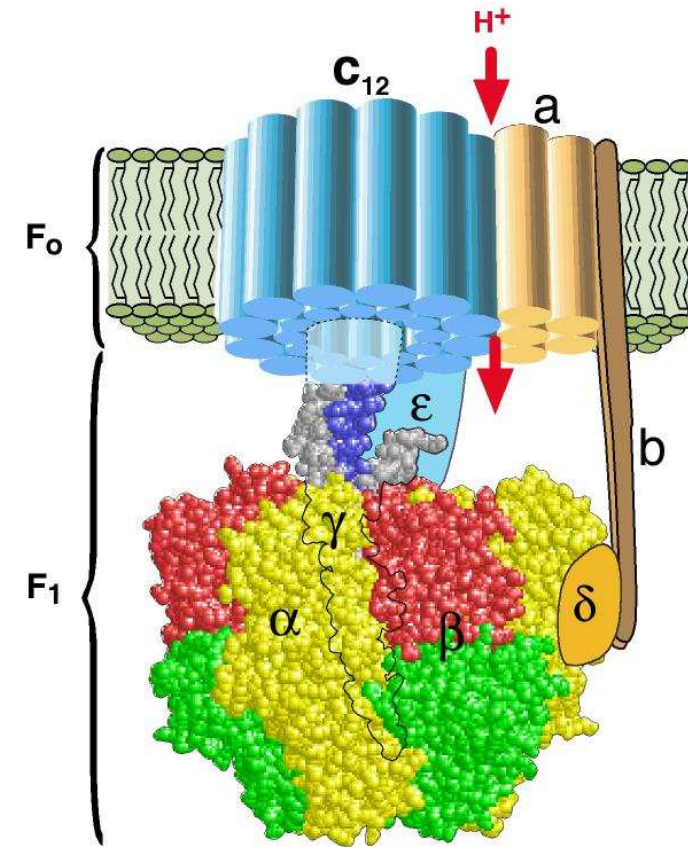
• Classical

vs

stochastic thermodynamics



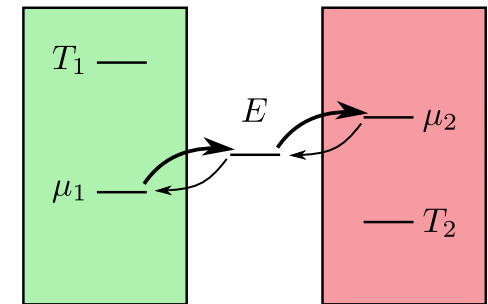
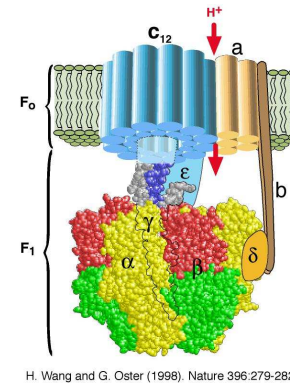
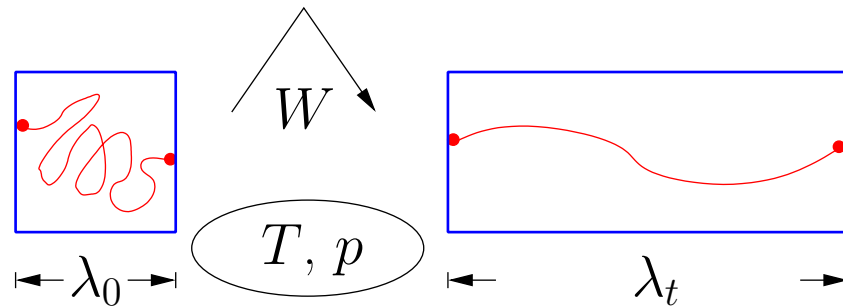
Steam engine (Science museum London)



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

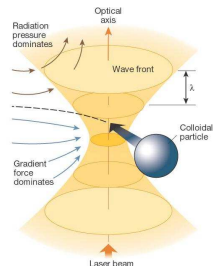
F₁ATP-ase

- **Stochastic thermodynamics** applies to such systems where
 - non-equilibrium is caused by mechanical or chemical forces
 - ambient solution provides a thermal bath of well-defined T and μ_i
 - fluctuations are relevant due to small numbers of involved molecules

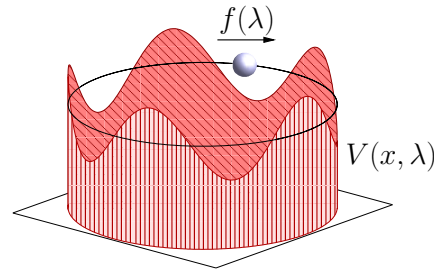


- Main idea: Energy conservation (1^{st} law) and entropy production (2^{nd} law) along an individual stochastic trajectory
- Review: U.S., Rep. Prog. Phys. **75** 126001, 2012.

- Stochastic th'dynamics for a driven colloidal particle
 - Langevin dynamics



D.G. Grier A revolution in optical manipulation, Nature 424, 810 (2003)



$$\dot{x} = \mu[-V'(x, \lambda) + f(\lambda)] + \zeta$$

$$\text{with } \langle \zeta_1 \zeta_2 \rangle = 2\mu k_B T \delta_{12}$$

- external driving $\lambda(\tau)$

- First law [(Sekimoto, 1997)]:

$$dw = du + dq$$

- applied work: $dw = \partial_\lambda V(x, \lambda) d\lambda + f dx$

- internal energy: $du = dV$

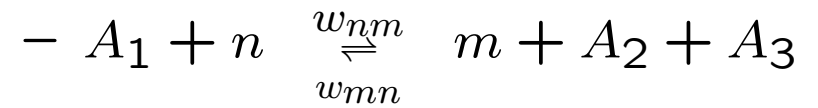
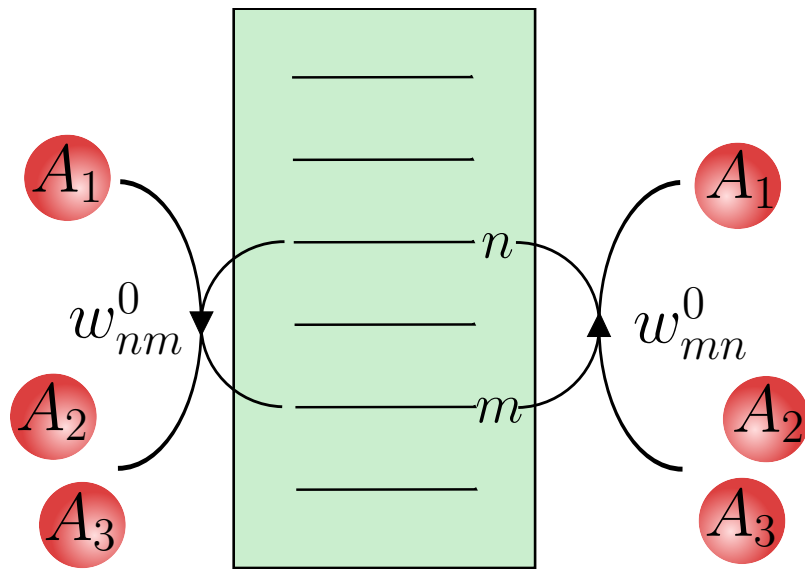
- dissipated heat: $dq = dw - du = [-\partial_x V(x, \lambda) + f] dx = T ds_m$

- stochastic entropy and second law [U.S., PRL 95, 040602, 2005]

$$ds \equiv -d [\ln p(x, t)] \Rightarrow \langle \exp[-\Delta(s + s_m)] \rangle = 1 \Rightarrow \langle \Delta s_{\text{tot}} \rangle \geq 0$$

- Stochastic th'dynamics of a driven enzyme with internal states

[T.Schmiedl, T.Speck and U.S., JSP **128** 77, 2007; U.S., EPJ E **34** 26, 2011]



$$- F_n = E_n - TS_n$$

– mass action law kinetics:

$$- \frac{w_{nm}}{w_{mn}} = \frac{w_{nm}^0}{w_{mn}^0} [A_1] / [A_2][A_3]$$

– th'dynamically consistent rates

$$\ln w_{nm}/w_{mn} = \Delta\mu - (F_m - F_n)$$

– first law

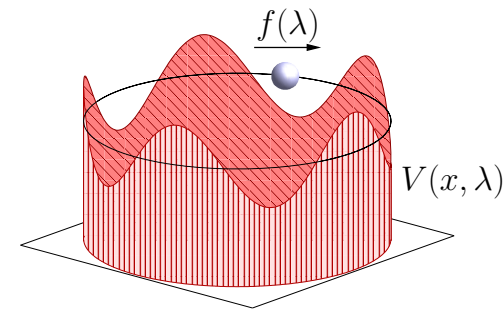
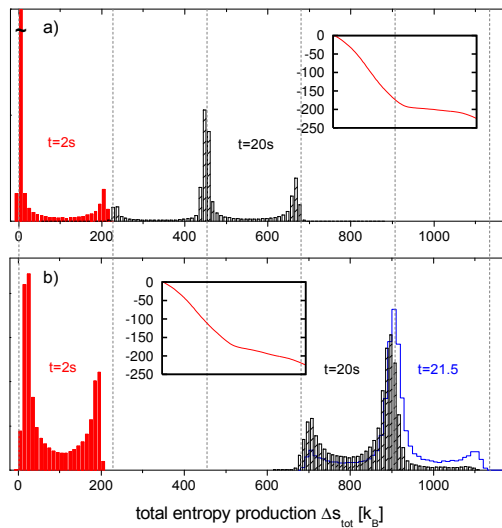
$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \Delta E + q \\ &= (E_m - E_n) + \Delta E^{\text{sol}} + q^{nm} \\ \Rightarrow \Delta\mu &= \mu_1 - \mu_2 - \mu_3 = q^{nm} + (E_m - E_n) + \Delta S^{\text{sol}} \end{aligned}$$

- NESS: Fluctuation theorem $p(-\Delta s_{\text{tot}})/p(\Delta s_{\text{tot}}) = \exp(-\Delta s_{\text{tot}})$

long-time limit: Evans et al (1993), Gallavotti & Cohen (1995), Kurchan (1998),
 Lebowitz & Spohn (1999) ... **finite times:** U.S., PRL'05

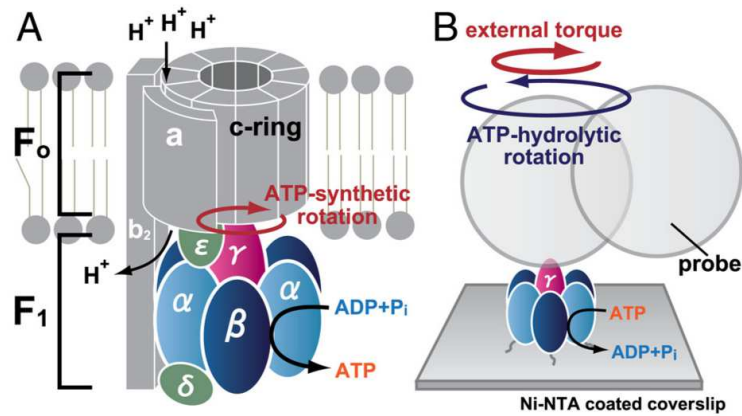
– experimental data

[Speck, Blickle, Bechinger, U.S., EPL **79**
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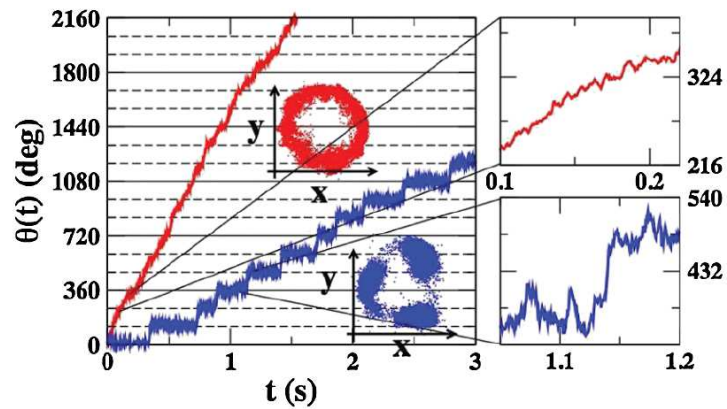


- An isothermal nano-rotor: F1-ATP-ase

[K. Hayashi, ... H. Noji, PRL 104, 218103 (2010)]

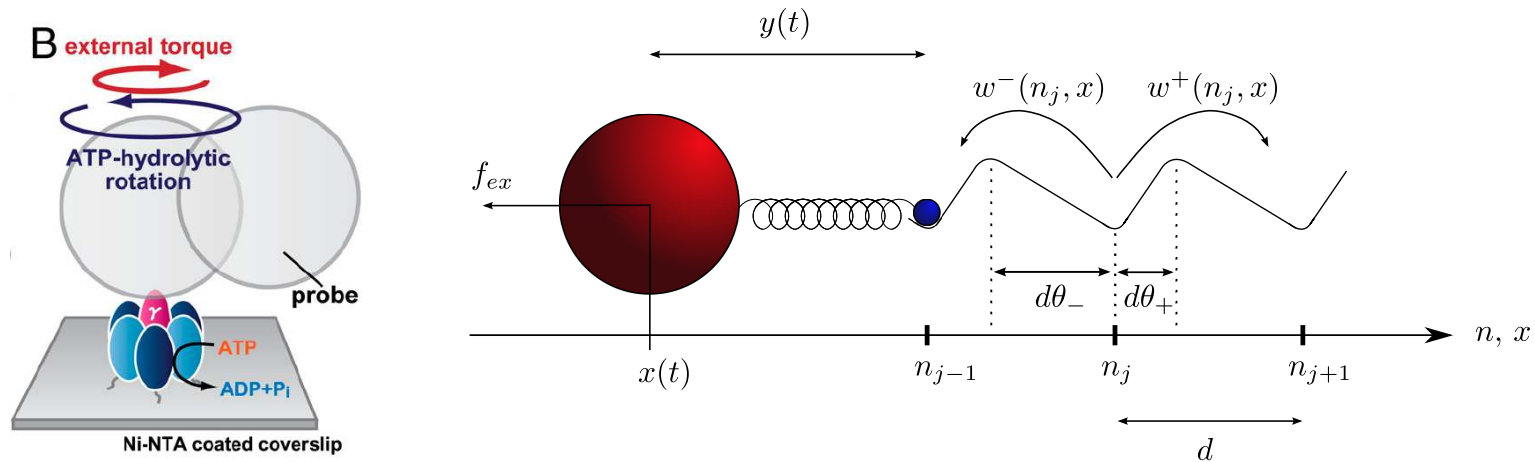


- kinetics vs thermodynamics
- first law?
- efficiency(ies)?



- Hybrid model

[E. Zimmermann and U.S., NJP 14, 103023, 2012; PRE 91, 22709, 2015]



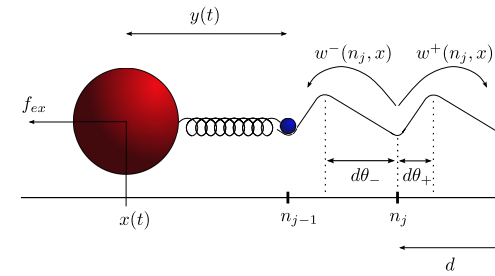
– probe particle

* $\dot{x} = \mu(-\partial_y V(y) + f^{ex}) + \zeta$ with $y(\tau) \equiv n(\tau) - x(\tau)$

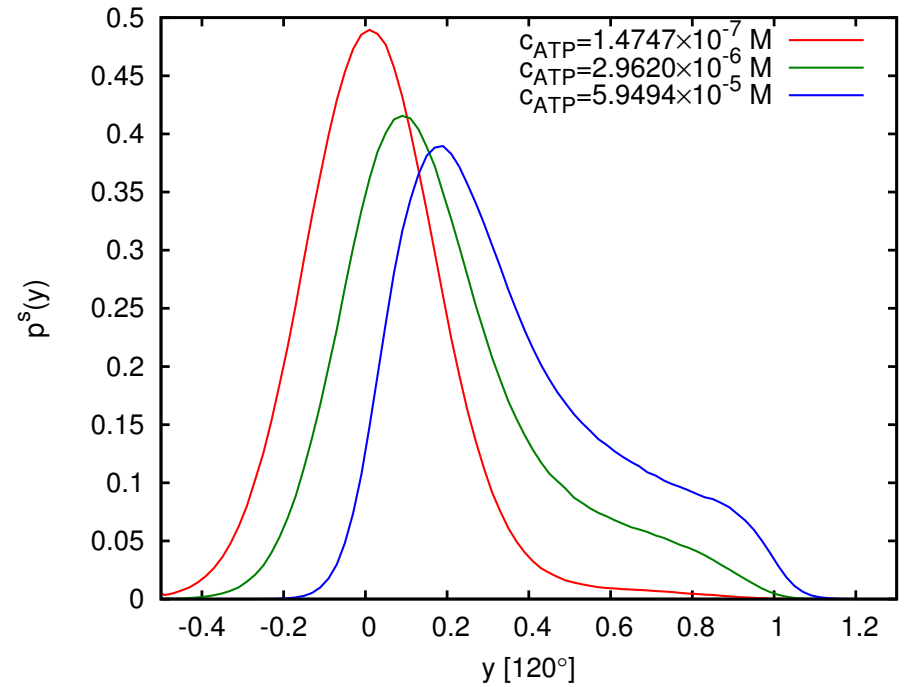
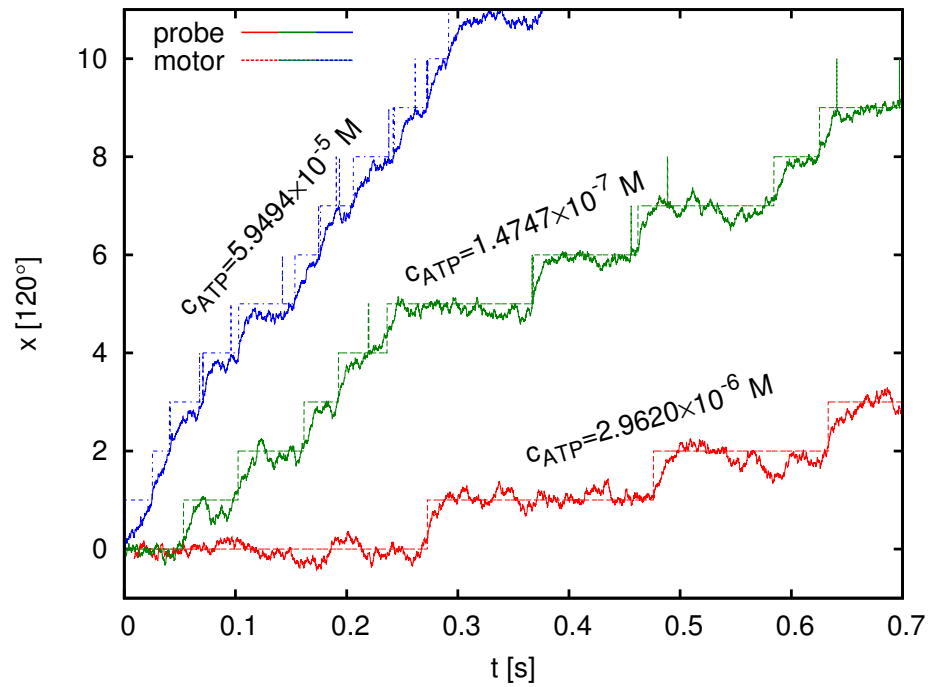
– motor

* $w^+/w^- = \exp[\Delta\mu - V(n + d, x) - V(n, x)]$

* local detailed balance condition

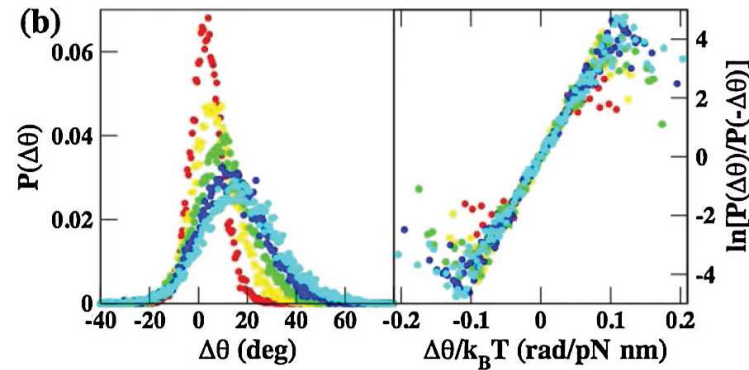


- Simulated trajectories and stationary distribution $p^s(y)$



- F1-ATPase and the fluctuation theorem

[K. Hayashi, ... H. Noji, PRL 104, 218103 (2010)]



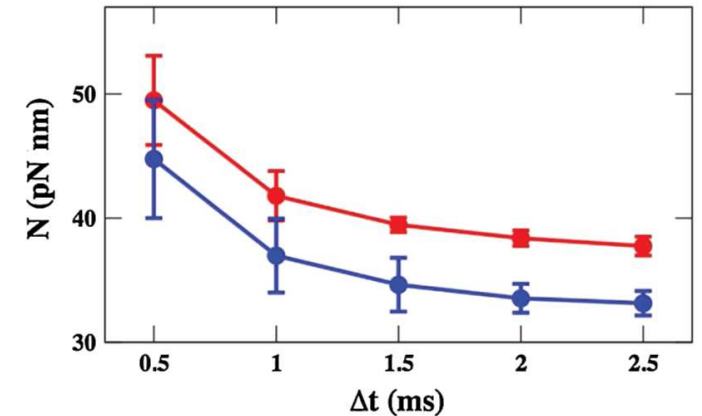
$$- \Gamma \dot{\theta} = N + \zeta \quad \langle \zeta_1 \zeta_2 \rangle = 2\Gamma k_B T \delta(\tau_1 - \tau_2)$$

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

independent of friction coefficient

– cf f'theorem

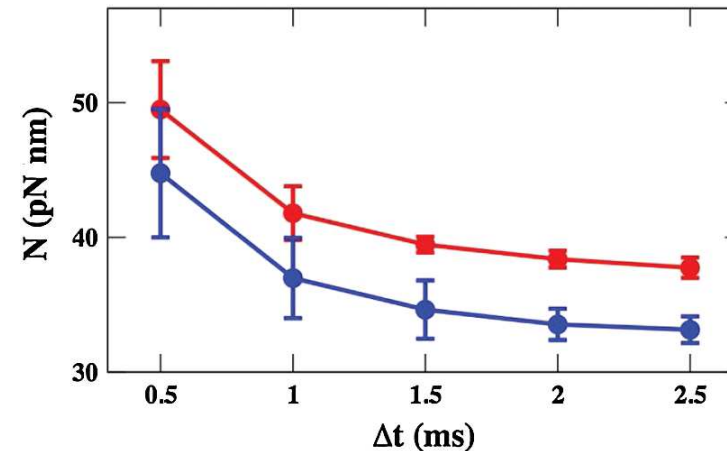
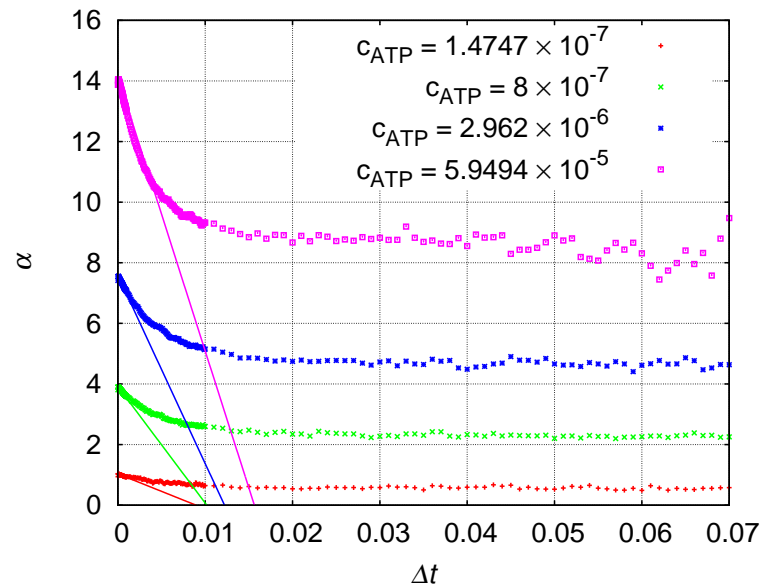
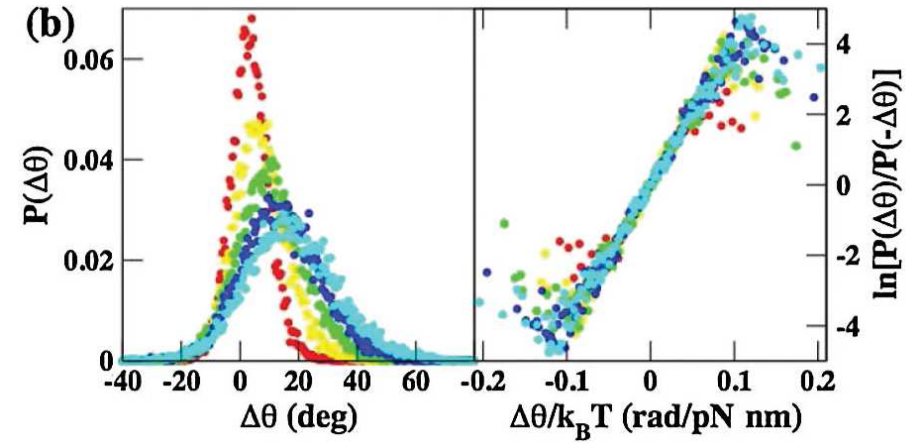
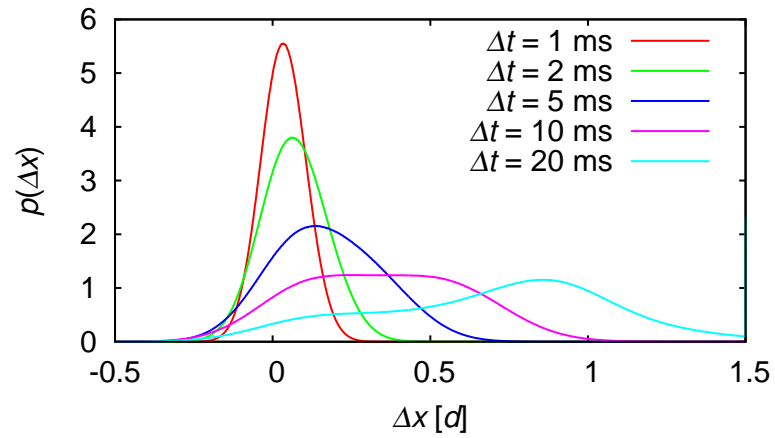
$$\ln[p(\Delta s_{\text{tot}})/p(-\Delta s_{\text{tot}})] = \Delta s_{\text{tot}}/k_B$$



time-dependence?

torque from $\Delta t \rightarrow \infty$?

- FT-slope from simulations vs experiment



$\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ limit yields average force/torque

- F-theorem and slow hidden degrees of freedom

[J. Mehl, B. Lander, C. Bechinger, V. Blickle and U.S., PRL 108, 220601, 2012]

- total entropy production in the NESS

$$\Delta s_{\text{tot}} \equiv \int_0^t d\tau [\dot{x}_1 \nu_1(x_1, x_2) + \dot{x}_2 \nu_2(x_1, x_2)]$$

with $\nu_1(x_1, x_2) \equiv \langle \dot{x}_1 | x_1, x_2 \rangle$

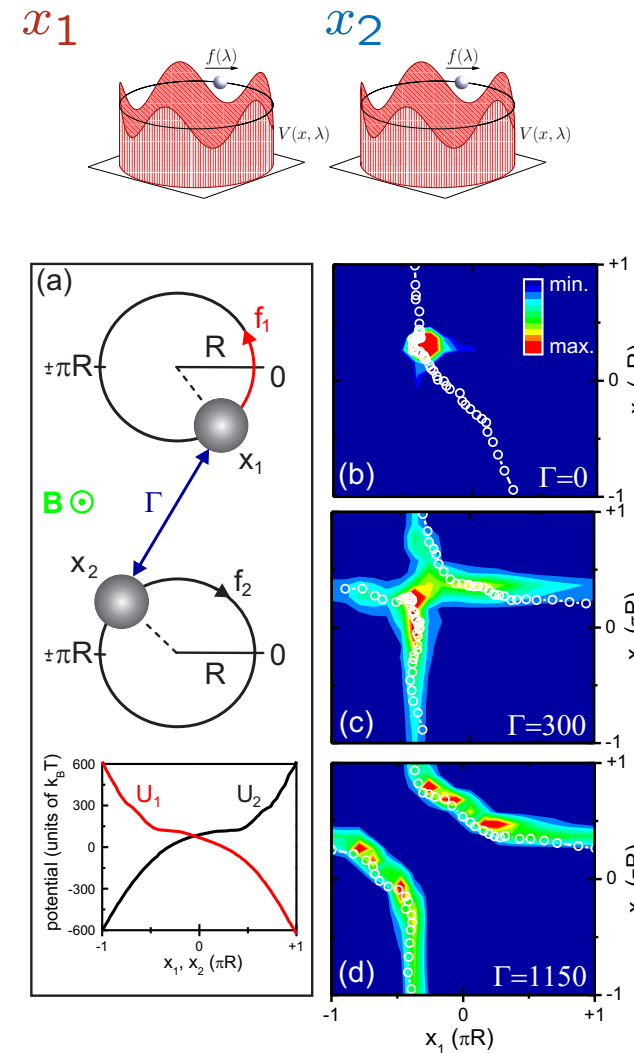
obeys FT $p(\Delta s_{\text{tot}})/p(-\Delta s_{\text{tot}}) = \exp \Delta s_{\text{tot}}$

- suppose x_2 is hidden:

$$\tilde{\nu}_1(x_1) \equiv \int \nu(x_1, x_2) p(x_2 | x_1) dx_2$$

- apparent entropy production

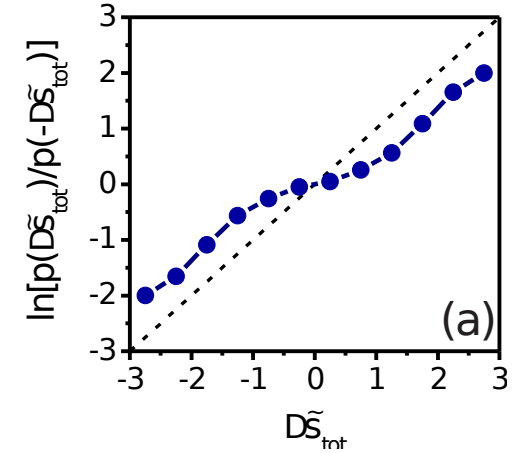
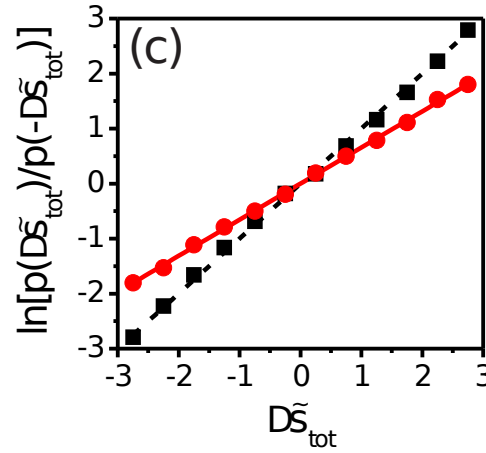
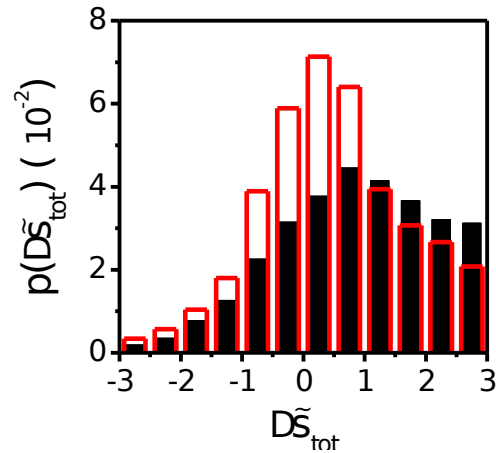
$$\Delta \tilde{s}_{\text{tot}} \equiv \int_0^t d\tau \dot{x}_1 \tilde{\nu}_1(x_1) \quad \text{obeys FT ??}$$



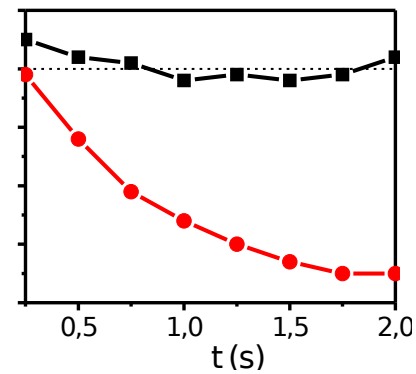
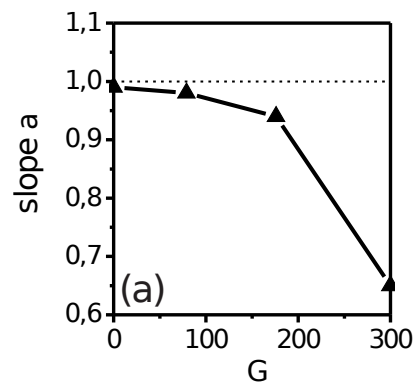
- Experimental data

– with and without coupling

[rarely:]

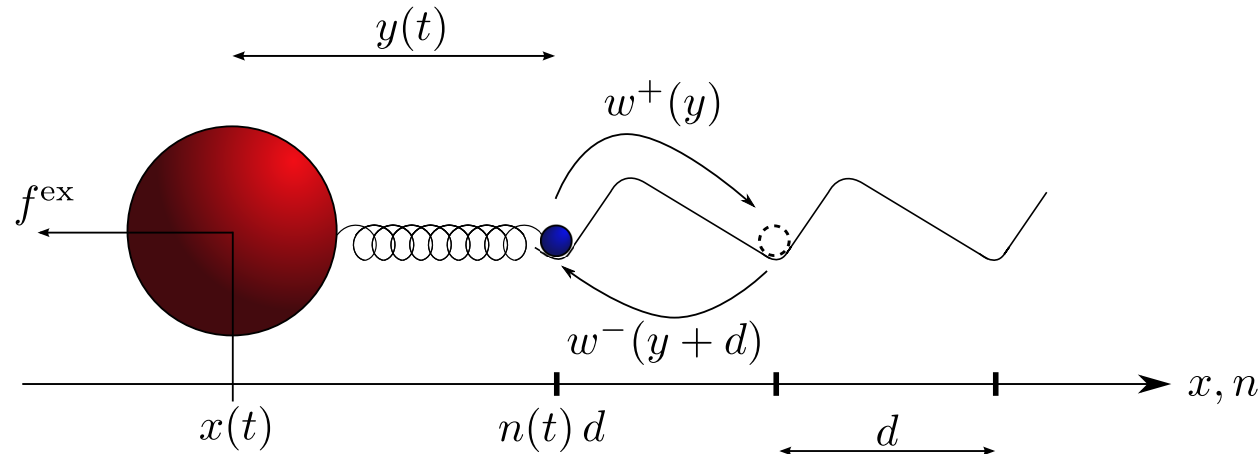


– FT-slope



- Fine-structured large deviations

[P. Pietzonka, E. Zimmermann and U.S., EPL **107** 20002, 2014]



- dynamics $\partial_t p(n, y, t) = (L_1 + L_2)p(n, y, t)$

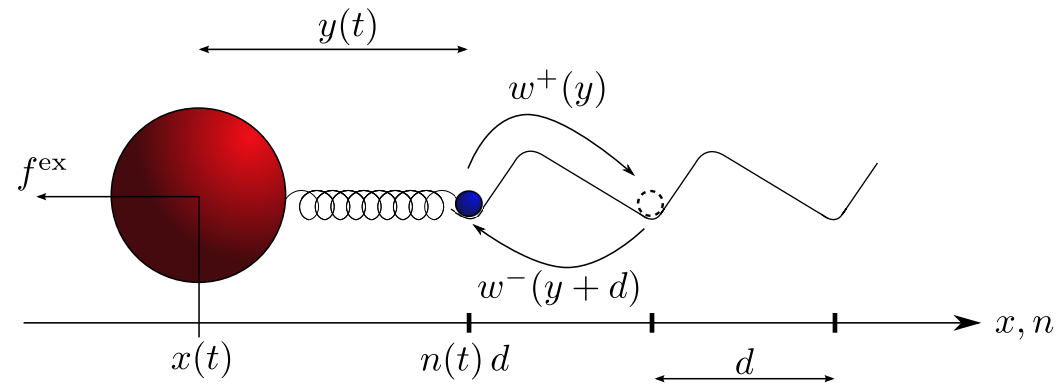
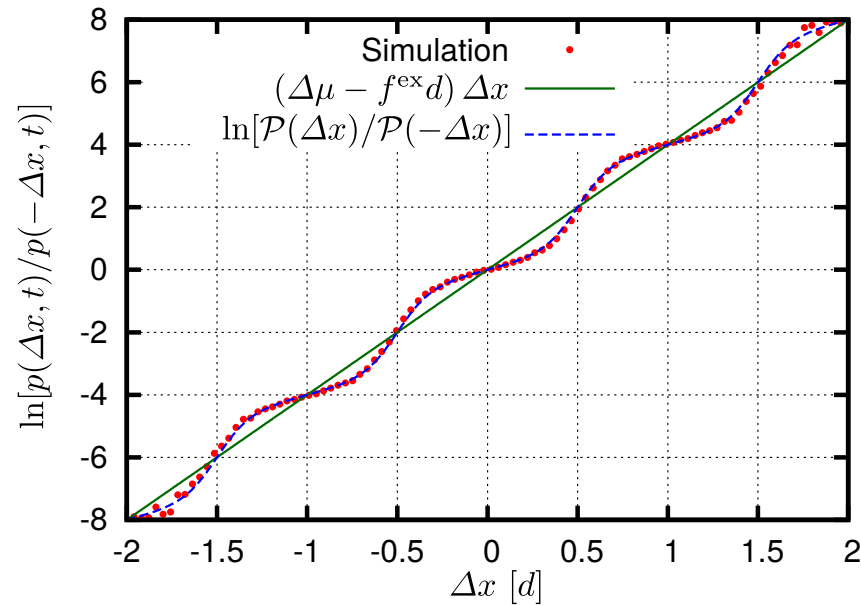
- generating function $g(\lambda, y, t) \equiv \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\lambda n} p(n, y, t) \approx e^{\alpha_0(\lambda)t} Q(\lambda, y, y_0)$

- large deviation form with amplitude

$$p(n, y, t | y_0) \approx e^{-th(n/t)} Q(\lambda(n/t), y, y_0)$$

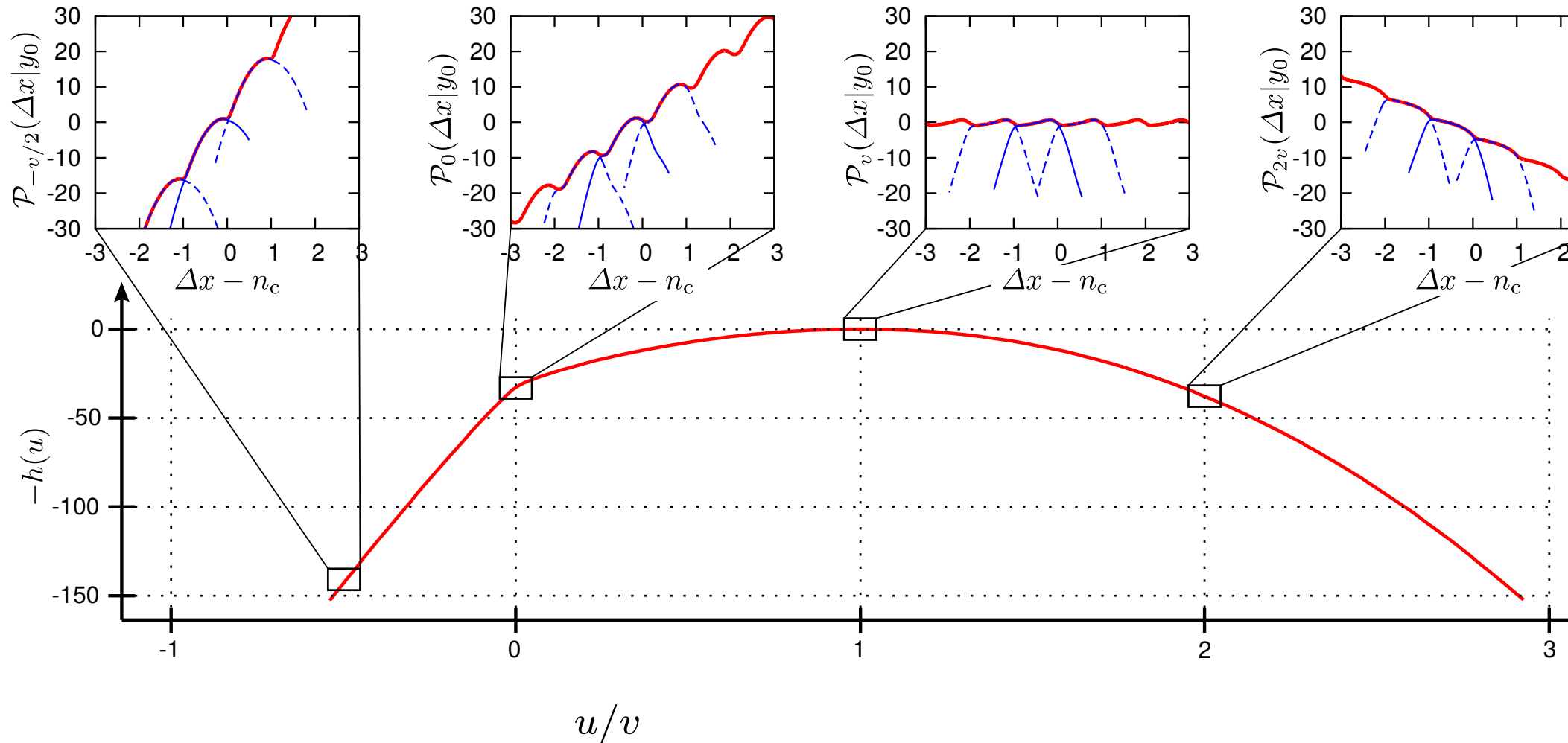
- rate function $h(u) \equiv u\lambda(u) - \alpha_0(\lambda(u))$

- Fine-structured fluctuation theorem



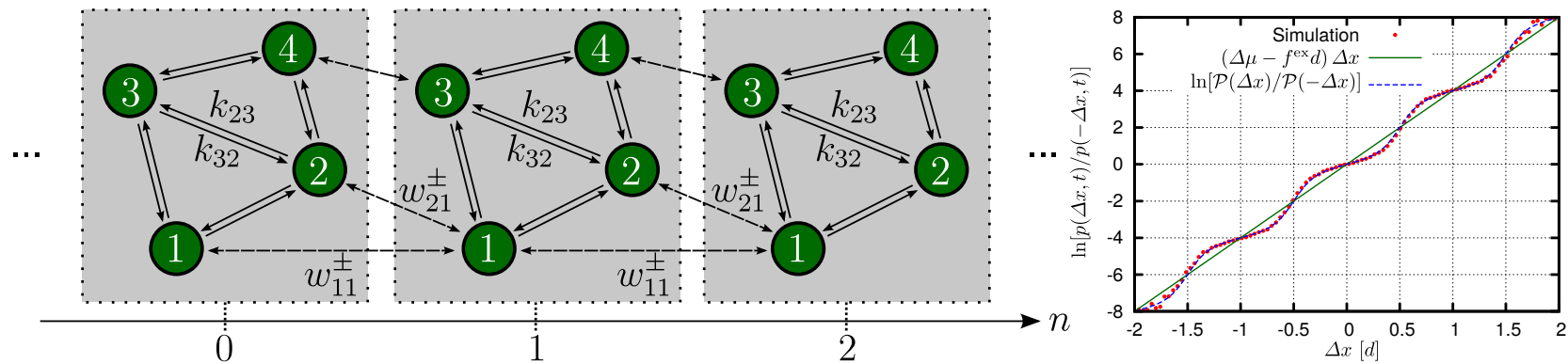
- for $t \rightarrow \infty$: discrete symmetry: $\mathcal{P}(\Delta x + m) = e^{-\lambda_0 m} \mathcal{P}(\Delta x)$
- $\ln \frac{\mathcal{P}(\Delta x)}{\mathcal{P}(-\Delta x)} = -2\lambda_0 \Delta x + \psi(\Delta x)$ with $\lambda_0 = -(\Delta\mu - f^{\text{ex}}d)/2$.
and periodic antisymmetric $\psi(\Delta x)$
- slope at 0 model specific, certainly not given by entropy production
- "finite-difference slope" determines ent' production

- Fine structure at any "base point" $n_c = ut$



- Generalizations

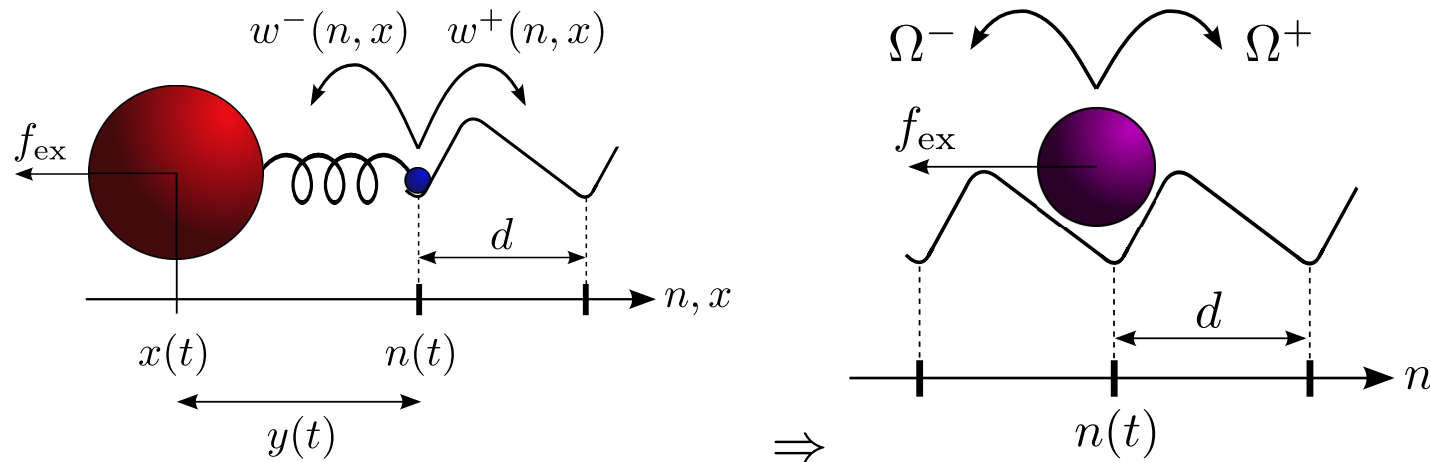
- fine structure holds for any model with spatial periodicity and hidden degrees of freedom



- Dynamically and thermodynamically consistent coarse-graining of molecular motor models

[E. Zimmermann and U.S., Phys Rev E 91, 022709, 2015]

- one-state motor



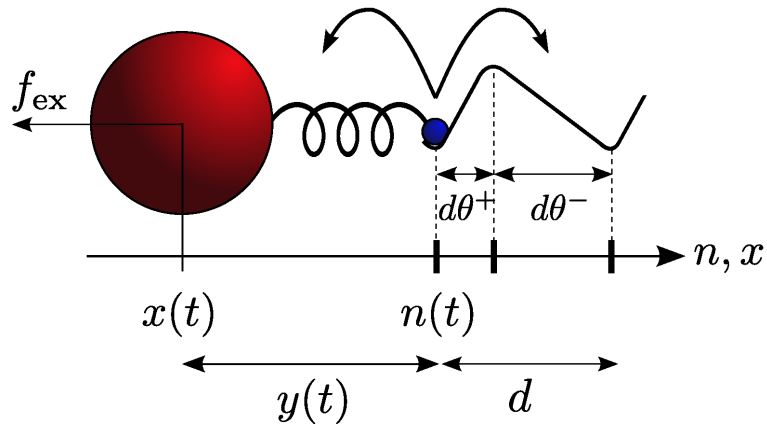
- conditions: $v = d(\Omega^+ - \Omega^-)$ $\frac{\Omega^+}{\Omega^-} = \exp[\Delta\mu - f_{ex}d]$

- coarse-grained rates

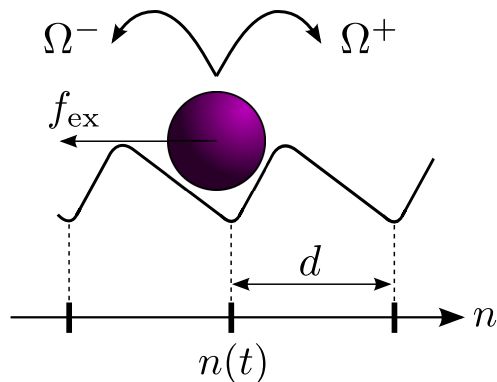
$$\Omega^+ = \frac{v \exp[\Delta\mu - f_{ex}d]/d}{\exp[\Delta\mu - f_{ex}d] - 1} \quad \Omega^- = \frac{v/d}{\exp[\Delta\mu - f_{ex}d] - 1}$$

• Coarse-graining versus traditional model

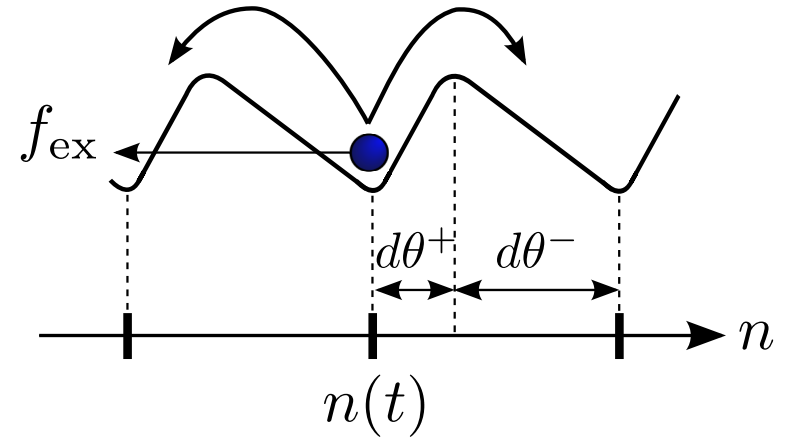
$$w^-(y) = k^- e^{\Delta V^-(y, \theta^-)} \quad w^+(y) = k^+ e^{-\Delta V^+(y, \theta^+)}$$



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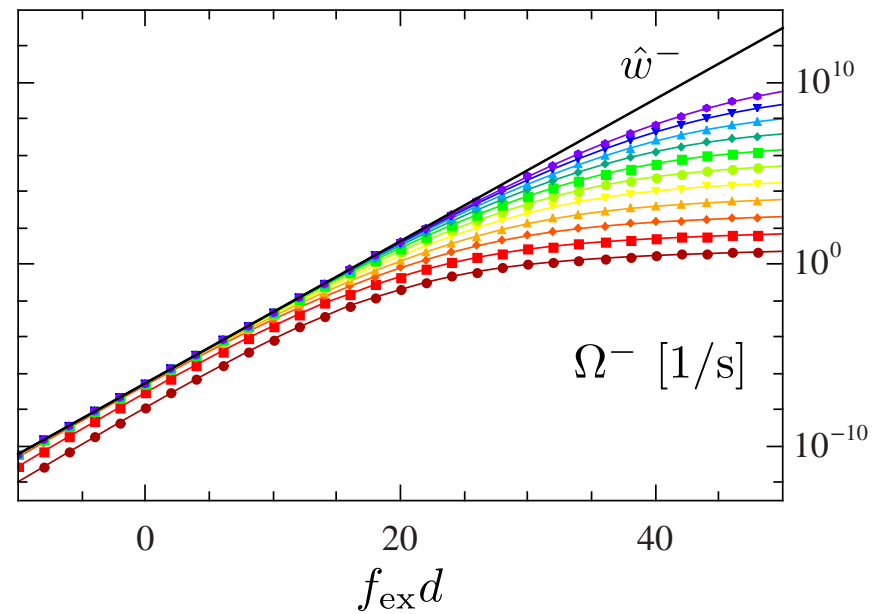
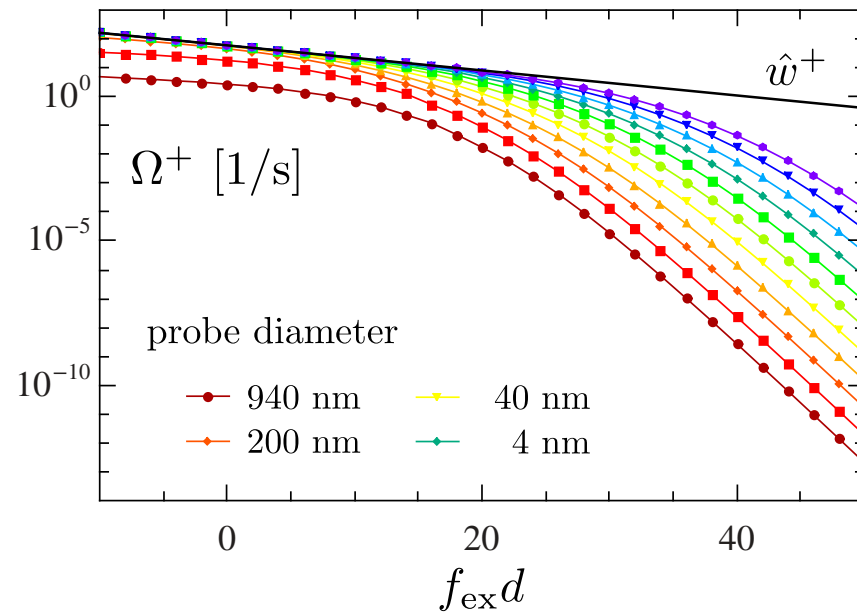


$$\hat{w}^-(f_{\text{ex}}) = k^- e^{f_{\text{ex}} d \theta^-} \quad \hat{w}^+(f_{\text{ex}}) = k^+ e^{-f_{\text{ex}} d \theta^+}$$



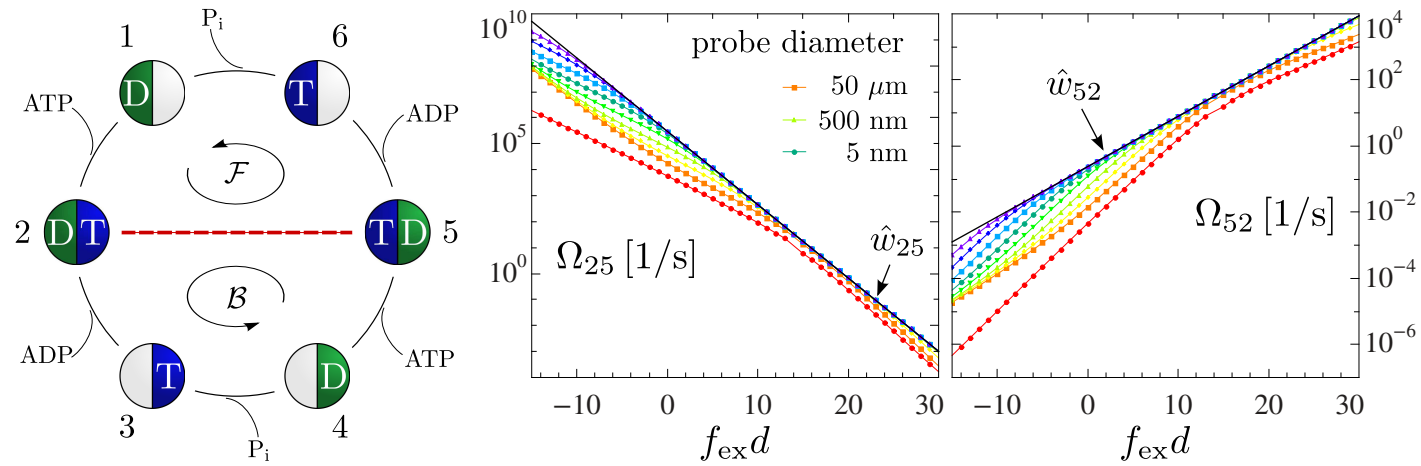
- probe particle omitted
- external force assumed to act directly on the motor
- exponential dependence of the rates on the external force

- Example: F_1 -ATPase

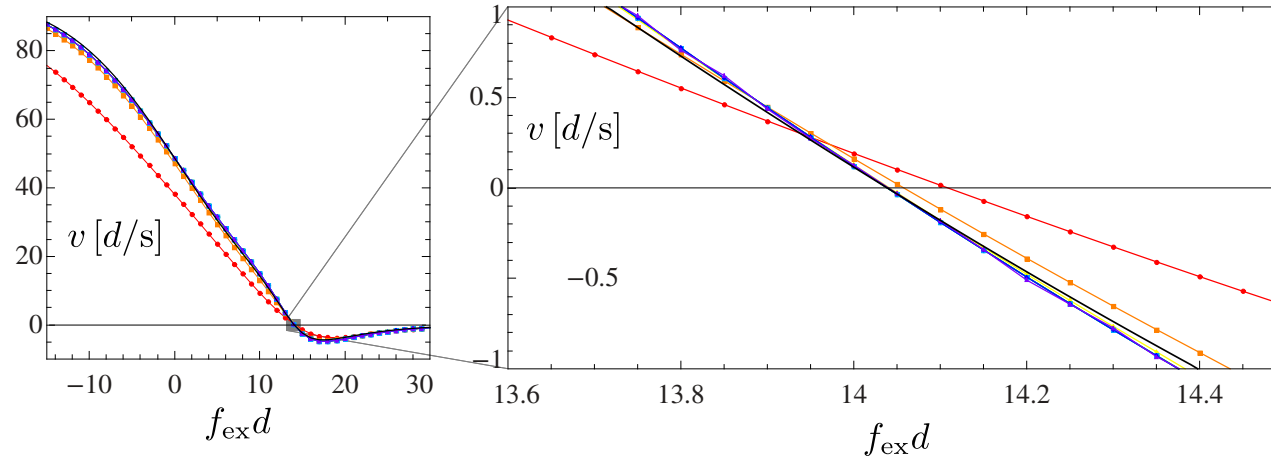


- Ω^\pm approach \hat{w}^\pm with decreasing probe size
- non-exponential dependence of Ω^\pm on external force

- Coarse-graining multi-state models (Example: Kinesin)

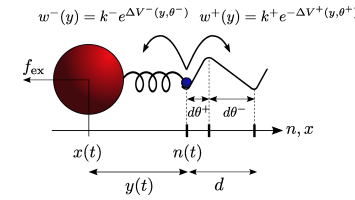


[S. Liepelt et al, PRL 98 (2007)]



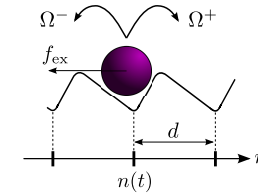
– stall force depends on probe size

- Invariance of entropy production under coarse-graining



- detailed model with explicit dynamics of the probe particle:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{S}_{\text{tot}} &= \underbrace{\sum_i \int \frac{\gamma j_i^2}{p_i(y)} dy}_{\text{probe}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i,j} \int p_i(y) w_{ij}(y) \ln \frac{p_i(y) w_{ij}(y)}{p_j(y + d_{ij}) w_{ji}(y + d_{ij})} dy}_{\text{motor}} \\ &= \sum_{i < j} \Delta \mu_{ij} j_{ij} - f_{\text{ex}} v \end{aligned}$$

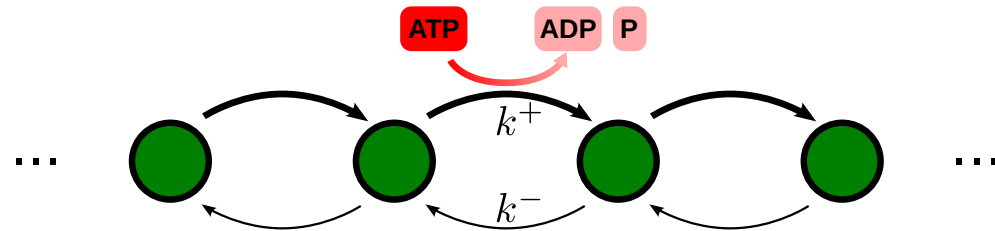


- coarse-grained model:

$$\dot{S}_{\text{tot}} = \sum_{i,j} P_i \Omega_{ij} \ln \frac{P_i \Omega_{ij}}{P_j \Omega_{ji}} = \sum_{i < j} \Delta \mu_{ij} j_{ij} - f_{\text{ex}} v$$

- entropy production is conserved

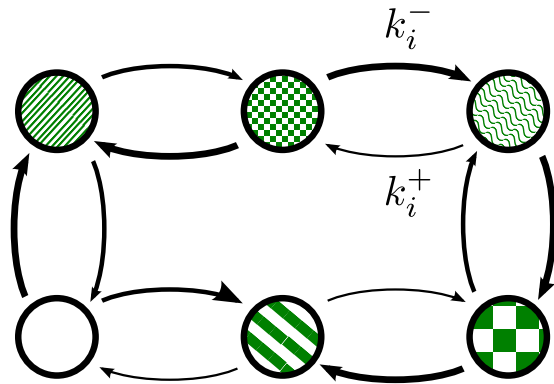
- A th'dynamic perspective on an asymmetric random walk



- output X with $\langle X \rangle = Jt = (k^+ - k^-)t$
- variance $\langle (X - \langle X \rangle)^2 \rangle = 2Dt = (k^+ + k^-)t$
- uncertainty $\epsilon^2 \equiv \text{var}/\text{output}^2 = 2D/J^2t$
- th'dyn cost $\mathcal{C} = T\sigma t = J\mathcal{A}t$
- with affinity $\mathcal{A} = k_B T \ln(k^+/k^-) = \mu_{\text{ATP}} - \mu_{\text{ADP}} - \mu_{\text{P}}$
- $\boxed{\mathcal{C}\epsilon^2 = \mathcal{A} \coth[\mathcal{A}/2k_B T] \geq 2k_B T}$

- Thermodynamic uncertainty relation: General unicyclic process

[AC Barato and US, Phys. Rev. Lett. 114, 158101, 2015]



$$\mathcal{A} \equiv k_B T \ln[\prod_i (k_i^+ / k_i^-)], \quad N \text{ states}$$

$$\mathcal{C}\epsilon^2 \geq (\mathcal{A}/N) \coth[\mathcal{A}/2Nk_B T] \geq 2k_B T$$

- 1st bound saturates for uniform rates $k_i^+ = k_i^-$
- 2nd bound saturates close to equilibrium (i.e. in LR)
i.e. lowest cost, longest time

- Modified generator

$$[\mathcal{L}^\alpha(z)]_{ij} = \begin{cases} k_{ij} \exp(zd_{ij}^\alpha) & \text{if } i \neq j \\ -\sum_j k_{ij} & \text{if } i = j \end{cases} .$$

- Maximum eigenvalue $\lambda(z) \rightarrow J_\alpha = \lambda', D_\alpha = \lambda''$
- Calculating $\lambda(z)$ is in general hard
- Expression for diffusion coefficient through characteristic polynomial

$$P(z, y) \equiv \det(yI - \mathcal{L}^\alpha(z)) = \sum_{n=0}^N C_n(z)y^n$$

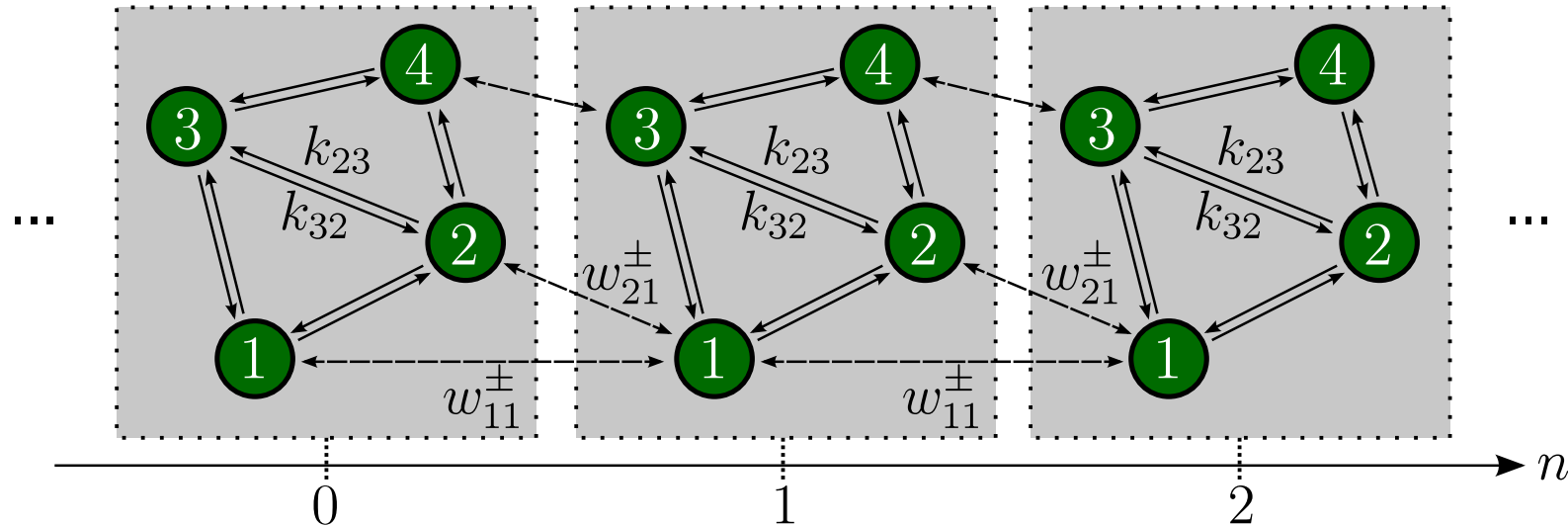
$$\lambda \text{ is a root} \implies \sum_{n=0}^N C_n(z)\lambda^n(z) = 0$$

$$\text{From } \lambda(0) = 0 \implies \begin{cases} J_\alpha = \lambda' = -C'_0/C_1 \\ D_\alpha = \lambda'' = -[C''_0 + 2C'_1\lambda' + 2C_2(\lambda')^2]/(C_1) \end{cases}$$

- from Z. Koza, JPA 32, 7637, 1999.

- Thermodynamic uncertainty rel'n cont'd: General multicyclic process

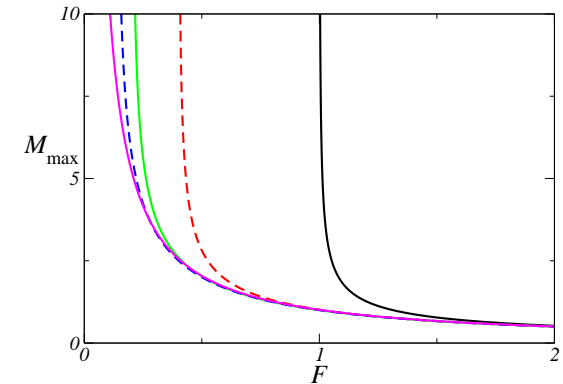
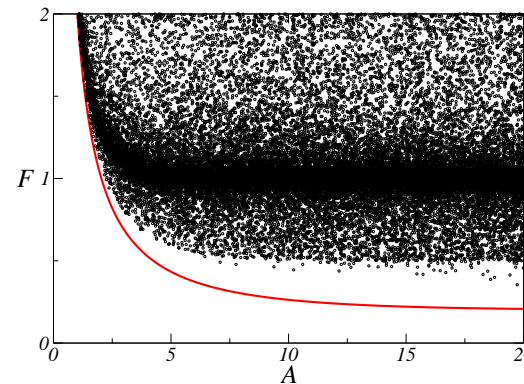
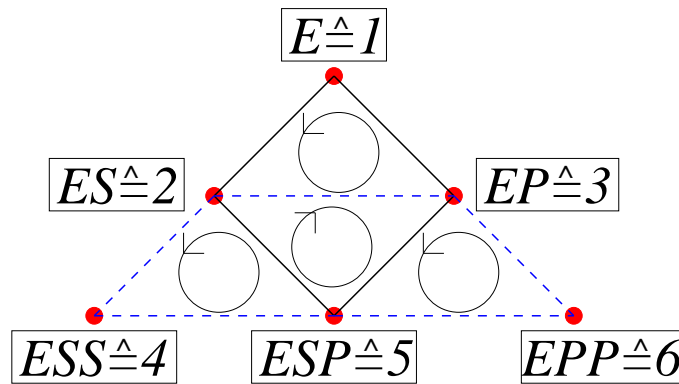
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- $\mathcal{C} \geq 2k_B T / \epsilon^2$ for any th'dyn consistent process at finite T
- a precision of 1% costs at least $20.000 k_B T$
- adding cycles to a unicycle increases fluctuations, i.e., uncertainty
 - * math proven in linear response
 - * extensive numerics beyond LR

- Implications for single enzyme (statistical) kinetics

[AC Barato and U.S., J. Phys. Chem. B, 2015, 119, 6555, 2015]



$$M_{\max} = 5 \quad \mathcal{A} = \infty \quad 5 \quad 2$$

– Fano factor

$$\mathcal{F} \equiv \frac{\langle (X - \langle X \rangle)^2 \rangle}{\langle X \rangle} \geq \frac{1}{M_{\max}} \coth[\mathcal{A}/2M_{\max}] \geq \frac{2}{\mathcal{A}}$$

bounded by the cycle with the largest effective length $M = (N/n)$

– diagnostic tool for network topology

- ST as quantitative framework for biochemical/biophysical processes
 - efficiency of molecular motor F_1 -ATPase E Zimmermann + P Pietzonka
 - fine-structured FT
 - coarse-graining in ST
- Thermodynamic uncertainty relation provides constraints on AC Barato
 - ... cost of any process with given ϵ at finite T
 - ... Fano factor in enzyme kinetics
 - ... the topology of the network
 - open: mathematical proof for multicyclic case