

Nonequilibrium thermodynamics with feedback

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Observation:

Thermodynamics describes equilibrium transformations

Challenge:

Generalization to arbitrary nonequilibrium processes

Motivation:

Far from equilibrium quantum regime accessible in recent cold-atom experiments



Equilibrium (nonequilibrium) processes:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{Entropy: } \Delta S = Q/T + \Sigma \\ \mbox{Work: } & W = \Delta F + W_{irr} \\ \mbox{with } \langle \Sigma \rangle \geq 0 \mbox{ and } \langle W_{irr} \rangle \geq 0 \\ \end{array} \ \ (\mbox{Second law}) \end{array}$$

→ Thermodynamics does not allow computation of Σ , W_{irr}

Nonequilibrium entropy production:

$$\Sigma = \beta (W - \Delta F) = \beta W_{irr}$$
 $\beta = 1/(kT)$

→ Difference between total work and equilibrium work

Nonequilibrium entropy production

Maximum extractable work:

$$-\langle W \rangle = -\Delta F - kT \langle \Sigma \rangle \leq -\Delta F$$

→ is reduced by nonequilibrium entropy production

Efficiency of thermodynamic devices:

$$\mathcal{E} = (1 - \frac{T_1}{T_2})Q - T_1\Sigma$$



→ fundamental quantity

In large systems, fluctuations are negligible $(\sim 1/\sqrt{N})$

→ W, Q and Σ are deterministic variables

In small systems, fluctuations are important

- → *W*, *Q* and Σ are stochastic variables, in particular $\Sigma < 0$
- → second law needs to be generalized

Here: we focus on work P(W) and entropy $P(\Sigma)$ distribution

Generalizations of the second law

Fluctuation theorem:

Evans, Morris and Cohen PRL (1993)



→ negative fluctuations exponentially small: $P(-\Sigma) = P(\Sigma)e^{-\Sigma}$

Jarzynski equality:

Jarzynski PRL (1997)

$$\langle \exp(-\beta W)
angle = \exp(-\beta \Delta F)$$

→ equilibrium free energy from nonequilibrium work P(W)

 $\begin{array}{lll} \mbox{General form:} & \langle e^{-\Sigma} \rangle = 1 & \mbox{ implies } & \langle \Sigma \rangle \geq 0 \end{array}$

→ valid far from equilibrium (beyond linear response)

Experiment: Fluctuation theorem

Colloidal particle in a driven optical trap:

Wang et al. PRL (2002)



quadrant photodiode position detector sensitive to 15 nm, means that we can resolve forces down to 0.002 pN ($c.f. k_BT=4.1 \text{ pNnm}$, or thermal forces of 0.2 pN)

Wang, Sevick, Mittag, Searles & Evans, PRL 2002

Latex beads d= 6,3 micron

$$\Sigma = \beta W_{ir} = \beta \int_0^t ds \, v.F(s)$$



Average over 540 trajectories: t= .01s (black) and t=2s (grey)



Experiment: Jarzynski equality

Stretching of single RNA molecule:



red: $W(z) = \int_0^z dx F(x)$ green: $\Delta F = \langle W_{rev} \rangle$ black: $\langle W \rangle > \Delta F$ blue: $\Delta F = -kT \ln \langle \exp(-\beta W) \rangle$



Average over 40 pullings



Usefulness of the Jarzynski equality

Free-energy surface reconstruction:

Gupta et al. Nature Phys. (2011)



About 2000-3000 force extension curves:



Yield free energy surface:



Quantum experiment: Crooks equality

Batalhão et al. PRL (2014)



NMR system with B field quench:





Quantum work distribution



Quantum experiment: Jarzynski equality

Shifted harmonic potential (trapped ion): An et al. Nature Phys. (2015)



Based on theory presented in Huber, Schmidt-Kaler, Deffner, Lutz PRL (2008)

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Information thermodynamics

What happens when a system is measured (feedback)?

- → information is gained about the system
- → second law needs to be generalized (again)

Generalized second law:

Sagawa and Ueda, PRL (2010)

$$\langle e^{-(\Sigma-I)}
angle = 1$$

Maximal extractable work:

Sagawa and Ueda, PRL (2008)

$$-\langle W \rangle \leq -\Delta F + kT \langle I \rangle$$

where $\langle I \rangle = H(P) - \sum_{i} p_{i} H(\tilde{P}_{i}) =$ mutual information

→ more work can be extracted with feedback (Maxwell's demon) Lutz and Ciliberto, Physics Today (2015)

Maxwell's demon

Gas in a partitioned box

Maxwell 1867/1871



Information about particle (position/velocity) leads to sorting

- → temperature difference (decrease of entropy without work) (could be used to run a heat engine and produce work)
- → apparent violation of the second law

Classical experiment

Brownian particle in a tilted periodic potential

Toyabe et al. Nature Phys. (2010)



→ demonstration of information-to-work conversion

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Toyabe et al. Nature Phys. (2010)



→ more work is extracted in white area

Quantum Maxwell's demon experiments



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Information-to-work conversion by Maxwell's demon in a superconducting circuit quantum electrodynamical system

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- → projective measurements destroy coherence
- → can be explained with *classical* information

Quantum information

Information in classical measurements:

Shannon (1948)

$$\langle I \rangle_c = H(P) - \sum_i p_i H(\tilde{P}_i) \ge 0$$

where H is the Shannon entropy

→ information always gained

Information in quantum measurements:

Groenewold (1971)

$$\langle I \rangle_{q} = S(\rho) - \sum_{i} p_{i}S(\tilde{\rho}_{i})$$

where *H* is the von Neumann entropy

- → can be negative for weak measurements because of backaction
- → information sometimes lost: disturbance larger than gain Fund PRE 2013

Quantum experiment

Periodically driven qubit in a superconducting circuit

Naghiloo et al., arXiv:1802.07205

(1) Information: qubit (coherent) evolution weakly measured(2) Feedback: qubit brought to ground state (work extraction)



→ Maxwell's demon with quantum information $z_0 = \tanh(\beta \omega/2)$



- in small systems thermal/quantum fluctuations dominate
 - → second law needs to be generalized (fluctuation theorems)
- measurements are not included in thermodynamics
 - → second law needs to be generalized (FT with feedback: more work can be extracted)
- information can be lost due to quantum backaction
 - → typical quantum signature