

# Nonequilibrium thermodynamics for active matter

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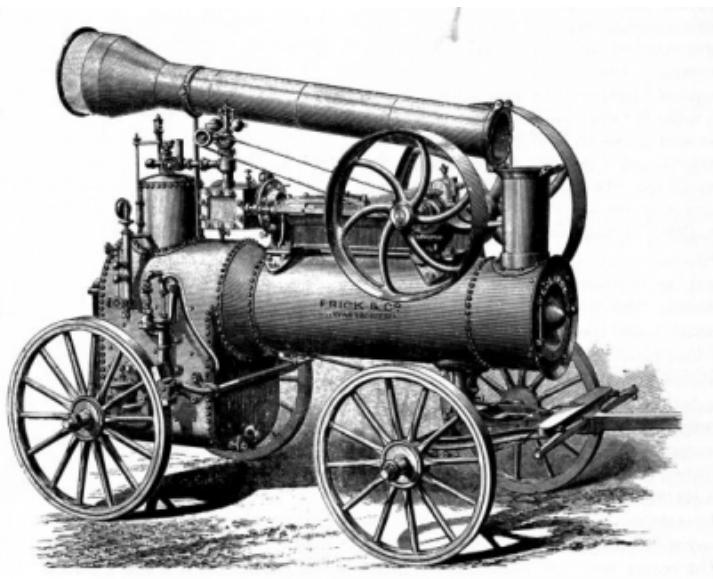


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# Equilibrium predictions



Carnot efficiency

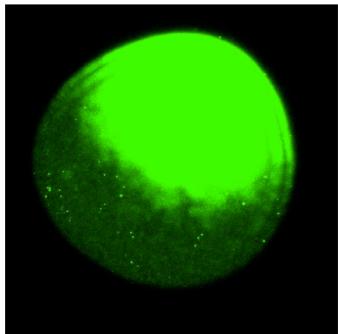
$$\eta \leq 1 - \frac{T_c}{T_h}$$

Universal energy  
constraint

Optimal engine design

# Nature is nonequilibrium

## Patterns



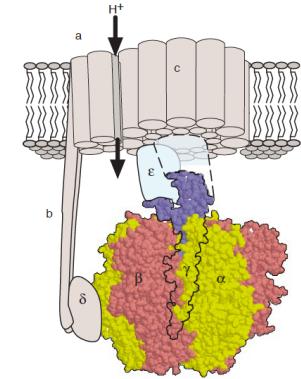
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## Information processing



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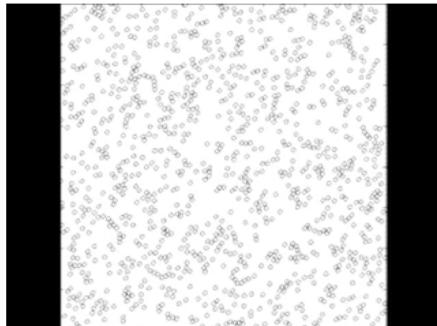
## Molecular motors



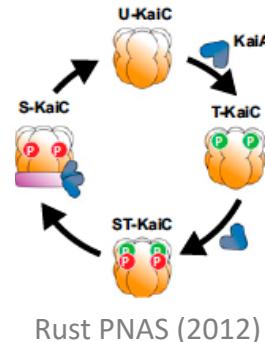
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## Chemical clocks

## Active matter

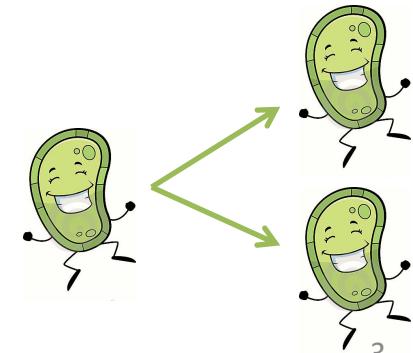


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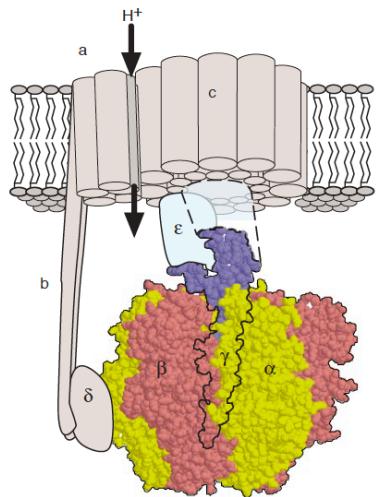
## Replication



England JCP (2013)

# Nonequilibrium thermodynamics

Molecular motors



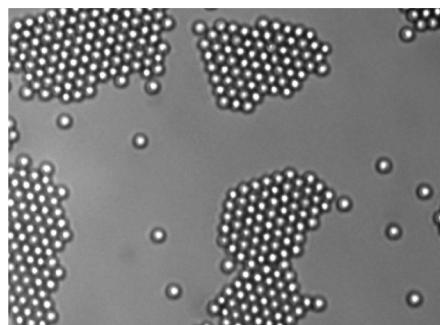
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Fundamental energetic limitations?

Rectify energy to do a useful task?

Material properties?

Active matter

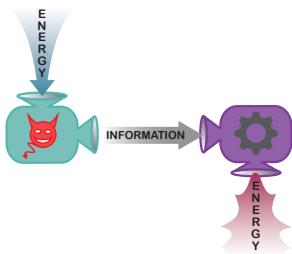


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# Research overview

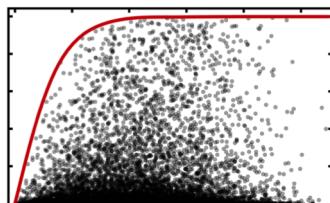
## Horowitz Lab

### Information



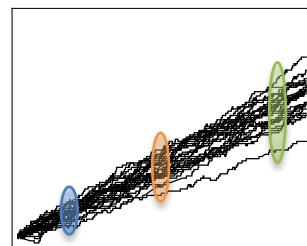
JMH/Esposito PRX 2014  
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JMH/Vaikuntanathan PRE 2010

### Response



Owen/Gingrich/JMH PRX 2020

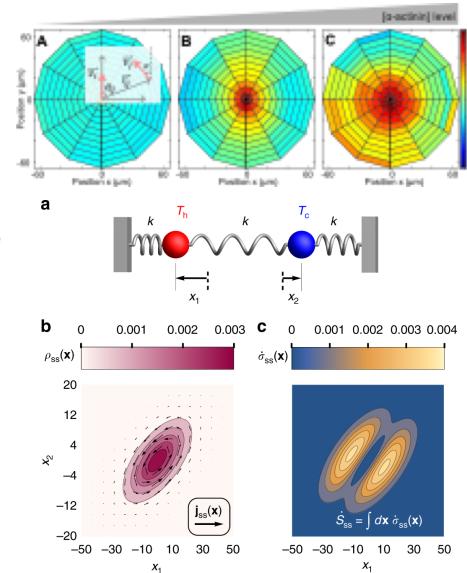
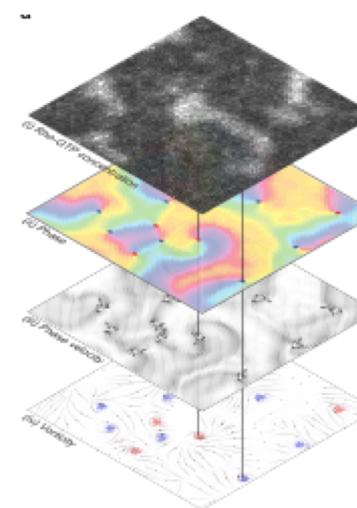
### Fluctuations



Gingrich/JMH/Perunov/ England PRL 2016  
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JMH/Gingrich Nat. Phys. 2020

## Fakhri Lab

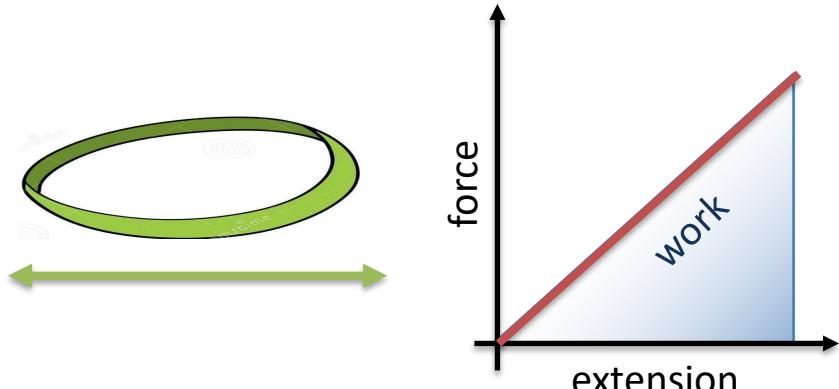
### Broken symmetries in living systems



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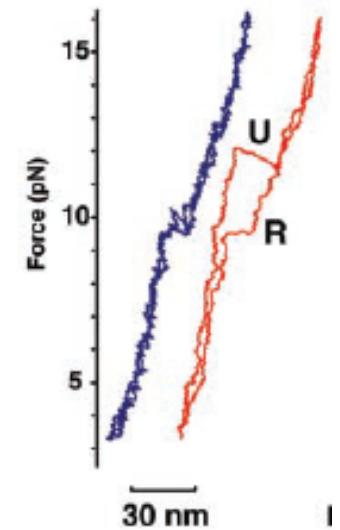
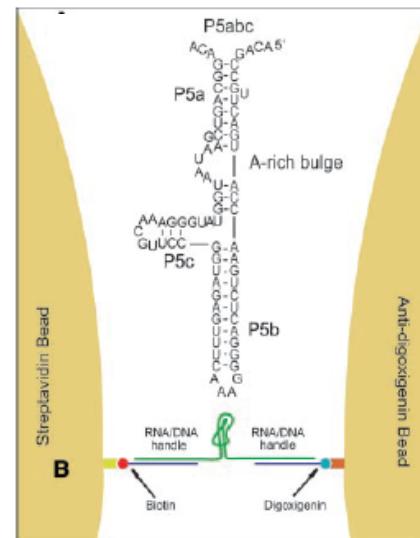
# Thermodynamics structures fluctuations

Rubber band



$$W \geq \Delta F$$

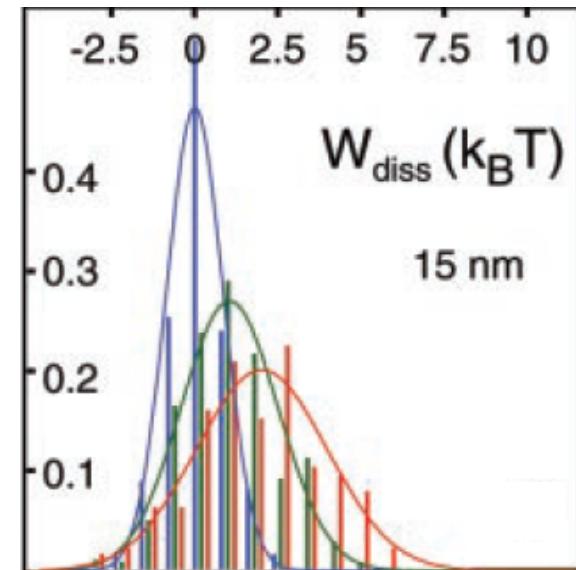
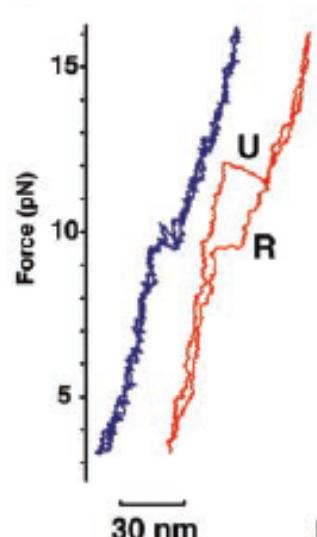
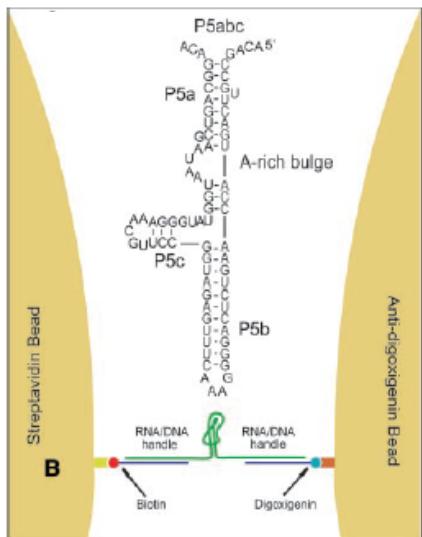
RNA Hairpin



$$\langle W \rangle \geq \Delta F$$

# Thermodynamics structures fluctuations: Jarzynski equality

RNA Hairpin



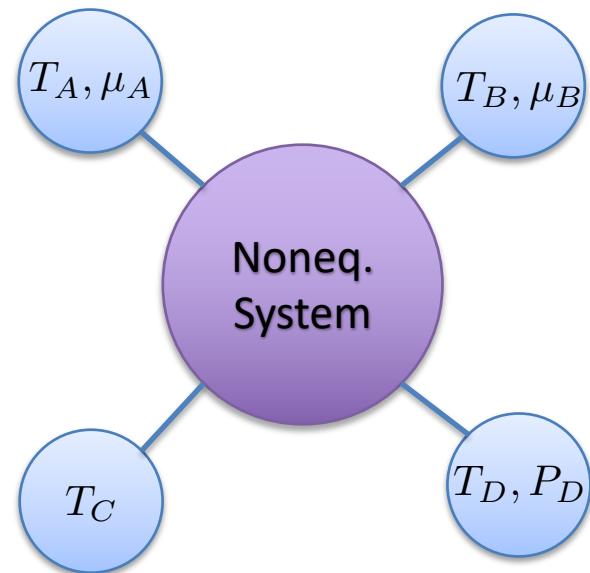
$$\left\langle e^{-\beta(W - \Delta F)} \right\rangle = 1$$

# Stochastic thermodynamics

## Dynamics linked to thermodynamics

The coupling of a system to many equilibrium thermodynamic reservoirs imposes specific constraints on the dynamics

Identifies fluctuating work,  
heat, and entropy along  
individual stochastic trajectories



# Paradigm: driven colloid

## Langevin equation

$$\gamma \dot{x}_t = -\partial_x U(x_t; \lambda_t) + f + \sqrt{2D} \xi_t$$

viscous damping

energy

Non-conservative force

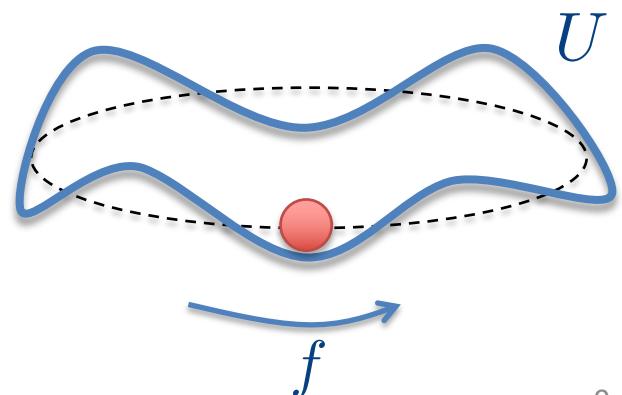
external work parameter

thermal noise

## Dynamics-thermo link

fluctuation-dissipation  
theorem

$$D = \gamma k_B T$$



# 1<sup>st</sup> Law: stochastic energetics

$$-\gamma \dot{x}_t + \sqrt{2\gamma k_{\text{B}} T} \xi_t - \partial_x U(x_t; \lambda_t) + f = 0$$


 The equation is shown with two curly braces underneath it. The first brace covers the term  $-\gamma \dot{x}_t + \sqrt{2\gamma k_{\text{B}} T} \xi_t$  and is labeled "force due to reservoir". The second brace covers the term  $-\partial_x U(x_t; \lambda_t) + f$  and is labeled "external forces".

# Heat

# work due to reservoir

$$q_t = \int_0^t (\gamma \dot{x}_s - \sqrt{2\gamma k_{\text{B}}} T \xi_s) dx_s$$

## Work

$$w_t = \int_0^t \partial_\lambda U d\lambda_s + f dx_s$$

## Energy

$$\Delta U_t = w_t - q_t$$

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Law: stochastic entropy

Reservoir entropy change

$$\Delta s_t^{\text{res}} = q_t/T$$

System entropy

$$s_t(x_t) = -k_{\text{B}} \ln p_t(x_t)$$

Entropy production

$$\sigma_t = \Delta s_t + \Delta s_t^{\text{res}}$$

# Irreversibility

Forward process

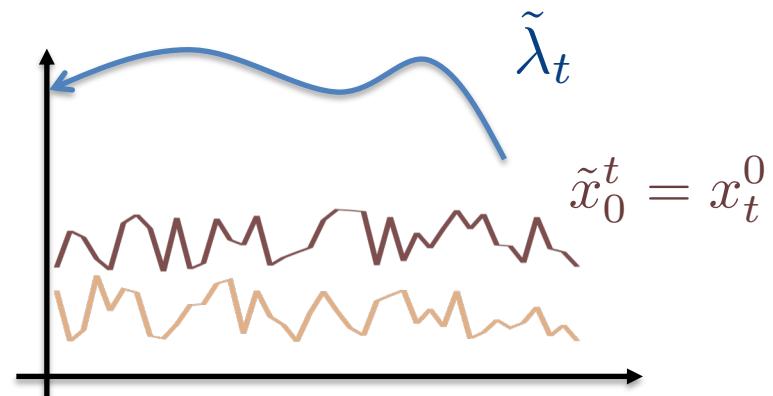
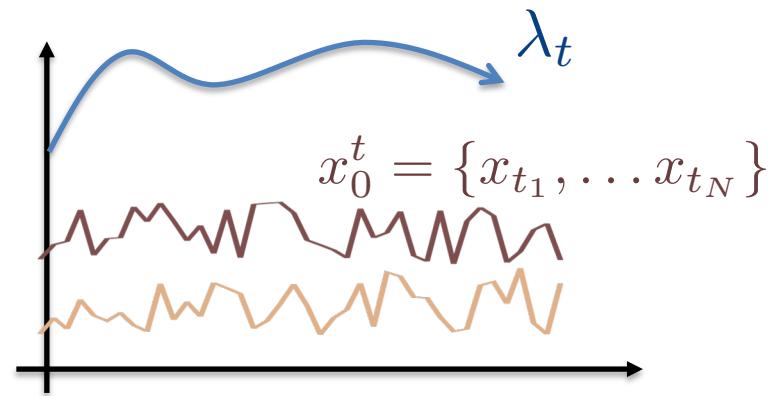
external parameter  
protocol

$$\mathcal{P}[x_0^t]$$

Reverse process

time-reversed protocol

$$\tilde{\mathcal{P}}[\tilde{x}_0^t]$$



# Measuring entropy production with irreversibility

## Detailed fluctuation theorem

$$\frac{\mathcal{P}[x_0^t]}{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}[\tilde{x}_0^t]} = e^{\sigma_t[x_0^t]}$$

## Quantifying irreversibility

relative entropy – measure of distinguishability

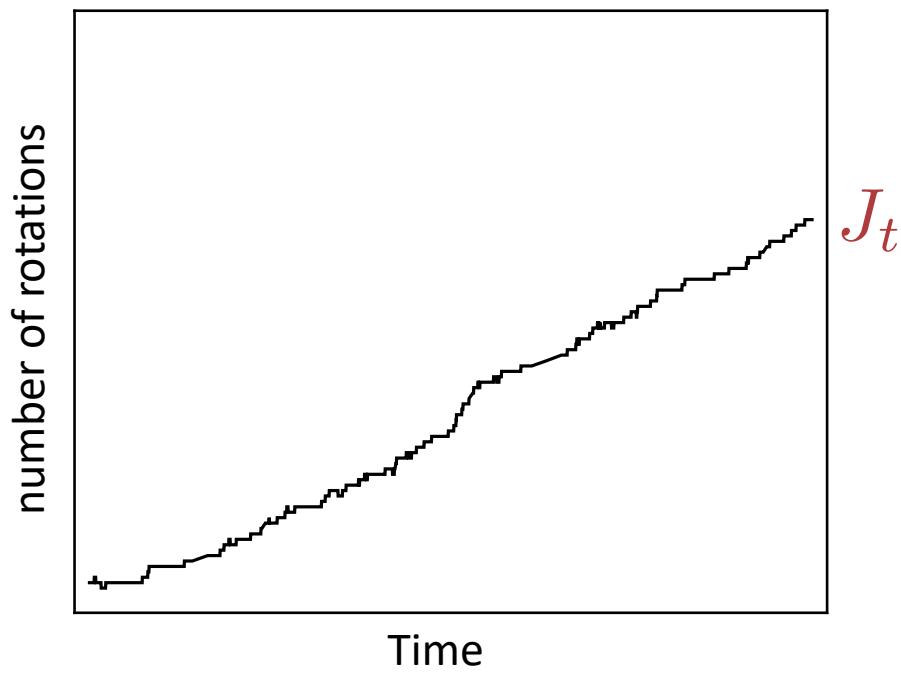
$$\Sigma_t = D(\mathcal{P} || \tilde{\mathcal{P}})$$

average entropy  
production  $\langle \sigma_t \rangle$



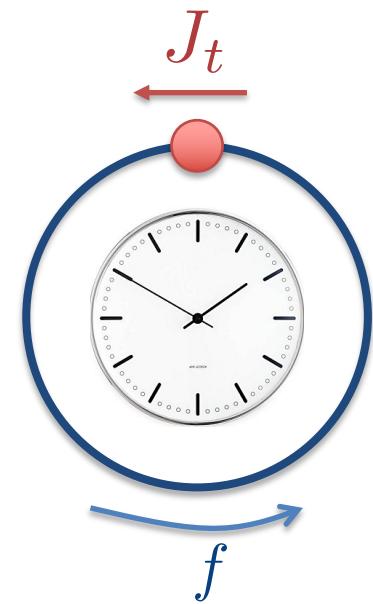
$$\int \mathcal{D}[x_0^t] \mathcal{P}[x_0^t] \ln \frac{\mathcal{P}[x_0^t]}{\tilde{\mathcal{P}}[\tilde{x}_0^t]}$$

# Steady-state currents fluctuate

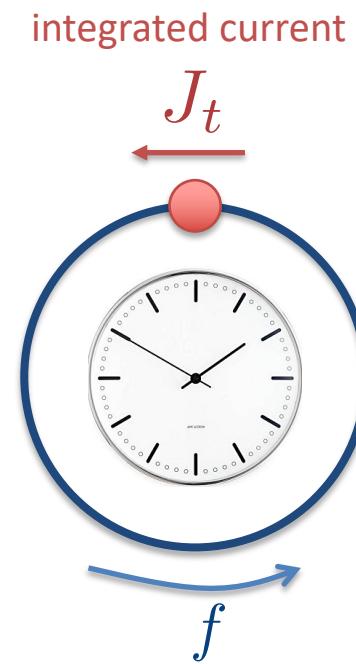
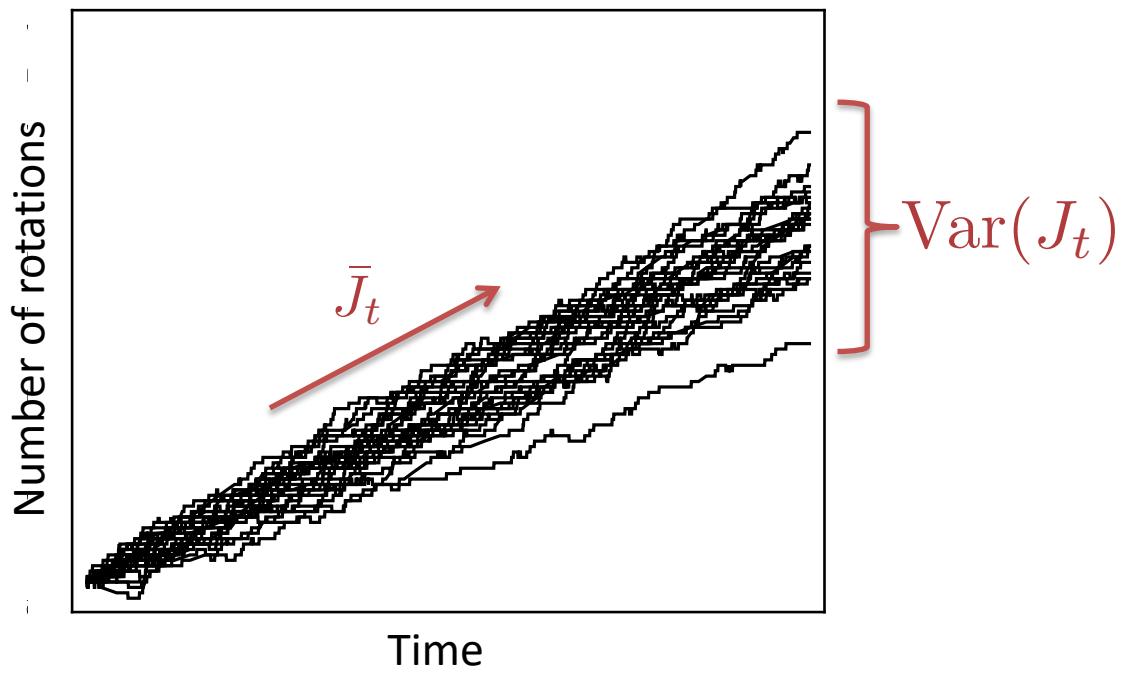


$J_t$

integrated current

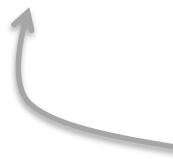


# Quantifying fluctuations



# Precision costs energy

## Thermodynamic uncertainty relation

$$\text{relative uncertainty} \left[ \frac{\text{Var}(J_t)}{\bar{J}_t^2} \right] \geq \frac{2k_B}{\Sigma_t}$$


energy dissipation

Currents: particle, energy, distance...

Tightest: near equilibrium, heat fluctuations

# Applications

## Power fluctuations in heat engines

Pietzonka/Seifert PRL (2018)

## Efficiency of molecular motors

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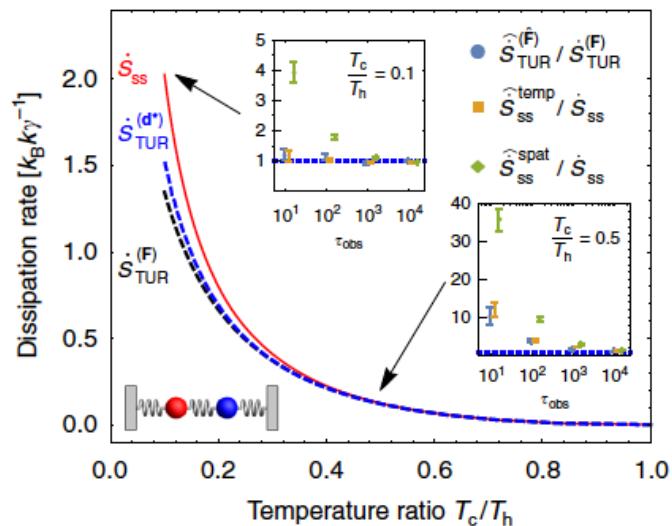
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# So far...

Stochastic thermodynamics offers a theoretical framework for consistent thermodynamic accounting along individual stochastic trajectories

## ...Up next

Application of stochastic thermodynamic tools to complex nonequilibrium matter opens new insights into the mechanisms of dissipation

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