# Nonequilibrium phase transitions: Energetics and macroscopic fluctuations

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### Introduction



We can use it to study the Thermodynamics of Nonequilibrium Phase Transitions:

- Energetics of synchronization and minimum EP principle in nonequilibrium Potts model
- Energetics of dissipative structures in non-ideal reaction diffusion
- Finite-time dynamical phase transition after quenches in Ising model

## Stochastic thermodynamics

### Stochastic thermodynamics

$$
\partial_t P_t(\boldsymbol{n}) = \sum_{\rho} \left[ \lambda_{\rho} (\boldsymbol{n} - \boldsymbol{\Delta}_{\rho}) P_t(\boldsymbol{n} - \boldsymbol{\Delta}_{\rho}) - \lambda_{\rho} (\boldsymbol{n}) P_t(\boldsymbol{n}) \right]
$$



Thermodynamic consistency is introduced via the local detailed balance condition:

$$
\log \frac{\lambda_{\rho}(\boldsymbol{n})}{\lambda_{-\rho}(\boldsymbol{n}+\boldsymbol{\Delta}_{\rho})} = -\frac{1}{k_b T} \left[ \Phi(\boldsymbol{n}+\boldsymbol{\Delta}_{\rho}) - \Phi(\boldsymbol{n}) - W_{\rho}(\boldsymbol{n}) \right]
$$
For simplicity: isothermal, autonomous  
In general see:  
  

$$
\Phi(\boldsymbol{n}) = E(\boldsymbol{n}) - TS(\boldsymbol{n})
$$
Nonconservative  
work  
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Reservoirs causing the transitions are at equilibrium

$$
\text{1st Law: } d_t \langle E \rangle = \langle \dot{W} \rangle + \langle \dot{Q} \rangle \qquad \text{2nd Law: } \dot{\Sigma} = d_t S - \frac{\langle \dot{Q} \rangle}{T} = \frac{\langle \dot{W} \rangle - d_t \Phi}{T} \geq 0
$$

**Heat** 
$$
\langle \dot{Q} \rangle = \sum_{\rho, n} Q_{\rho}(n) j_{\rho}(n)
$$
  
\n**Work**  $\langle \dot{W} \rangle = \sum_{\rho, n} W_{\rho}(n) j_{\rho}(n)$   $j_{\rho}(n) = \lambda_{\rho}(n) P_t(n)$ 

**Entropy production** 
$$
\dot{\Sigma} = \frac{k_b}{2} \sum_{\rho, n} (j_\rho(\boldsymbol{n}) - j_{-\rho}(\boldsymbol{n} + \boldsymbol{\Delta}_\rho)) \log \frac{j_\rho(\boldsymbol{n})}{j_{-\rho}(\boldsymbol{n} + \boldsymbol{\Delta}_\rho)} \geqslant 0
$$

**System entropy** 
$$
S = \sum_{n} P_t(n) (S(n) - k_b \log P_t(n))
$$

Free energy	$\Phi = \langle E \rangle - TS$	$\Phi - \Phi^{eq} = k_b T D(p p^{eq}) \geq 0$	$\left( \begin{array}{c} D(p_i p_i') \equiv \sum p_i \ln \frac{p_i}{p_i'} \geq 0 \\ \text{Kullback-Leibler divergence} \end{array} \right)$
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Detailed balance dynamics,  $\,W_\rho(\boldsymbol{n})=0$  , minimizes free energy

Entropy production along a stochastic trajectory

$$
\Gamma \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} n=1 \\ \downarrow \end{array} \qquad \qquad \rho = 1 \\ \rho = 1 \\ \hline \begin{array}{c} n=1 \\ \downarrow \end{array} \qquad \rho = 2 \\ \qquad \qquad \square
$$

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

Fluctuation theorem

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

Overview: Rao, Esposito, Entropy 20, 635 (2018)

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

statistical measure of time-reversal breaking





Thermodynamic uncertainty relation



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

## Macroscopic limit

### Macroscopic dynamics

$$
\partial_t P(\boldsymbol{n},t)=\sum_{\rho} \left[\lambda_{\rho}(\boldsymbol{n}-\boldsymbol{\Delta}_{\rho})P(\boldsymbol{n}-\boldsymbol{\Delta}_{\rho},t)-\lambda_{\rho}(\boldsymbol{n})P(\boldsymbol{n},t)\right]
$$

Density  $x = n/\Omega$  remains finite

Scale parameter  $\Omega$ Free energies are extensive:  $\phi(\bm{x}) = \lim_{\Omega \to \infty} \frac{\Phi(\Omega \bm{x})}{\Omega}$ Transition rates scale linearly with  $\Omega \colon\;\; \omega_\rho(\bm{x}) = \lim_{\Omega \to \infty} \frac{\lambda_\rho(\Omega \bm{x})}{\Omega}$ 

Chemical Reaction Networks Electronic Circuits

 $\Omega \rightarrow \infty$ 



Potts models



Rao, Esposito, J. Chem. Phys. 149, 245101 (2018)



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



Herpich, Cossetto, Falasco, Esposito, New J. Phys. 22, 063005 (2020)



### Macroscopic dynamics

Macroscopic Fluctuations

$$
P(\boldsymbol{x},t) \asymp e^{-\Omega I(\boldsymbol{x},t)}
$$

Macroscopic Fluctuations

$$
\partial_t I(\boldsymbol{x},t) = \sum_{\rho} \omega_{\rho}(\boldsymbol{x}) \left[ 1 - e^{\boldsymbol{\Delta}_{\rho} \cdot \nabla I(\boldsymbol{x},t)} \right]
$$
 Kubo 1973

**Deterministic dynamics** (minimum of  $I(\boldsymbol{x},t)$ )

$$
d_t \boldsymbol{x}_t = \boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{x}_t) \bigg| = \sum_{\rho} \omega_{\rho}(\boldsymbol{x}_t) \boldsymbol{\Delta}_{\rho} \qquad \text{Fixed points} \quad \boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{x}^*) = 0
$$

Freitas, Esposito, Nat Com 13, 5084 (2022) Falasco, Esposito, arXiv:2307.12406

### Macroscopic nonequilibrium thermodynamics  $\Omega \rightarrow \infty$

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

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

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

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

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## Nonequilibrium Potts Model: Synchronization & Minimum dissipation principle

### Noninteracting Potts Model



 $\dot{p}_i = j(p_i, p_{i-1})|_{\mathcal{J}=0} - j(p_{i+1}, p_i)|_{\mathcal{J}=0}$ Master equation  $j(p_{i+1}, p_i)|_{g=0} = k^+ p_i - k^- p_{i+1}$ 

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$$
\text{Since } \frac{k^{\pm}}{k^{\mp}} = e^{\pm \beta f}
$$

Fourier modes 
$$
\dot{\hat{p}}_k = \sum_{n=0}^{q-1} e^{\frac{i2\pi kn}{q}} p_n \qquad \dot{\hat{p}}_k = (\mu_k |_{\mathcal{J}=0} + i\omega_k |_{\mathcal{J}=0}) \hat{p}_k
$$
 Decoherent fixed point  $\mathbf{p}^* = \left(\frac{1}{q}, \dots, \frac{1}{q}\right)^T$ 

$$
\mu_k|_{\mathcal{J}=0} = -2(k^+ + k^-)\sin^2\left(\frac{\pi k}{q}\right) \qquad \omega_k|_{\mathcal{J}=0} = (k^+ - k^-)\sin\left(\frac{2\pi k}{q}\right)
$$

### Interacting Potts Model



$$
N = (N_0, N_1, ..., N_{q-1})^T
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$$
E(N) = -\frac{\mathcal{F}}{N}(N \cdot N - N)
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$$
S_{int}(N) = \log \Omega(N) \qquad \Omega(N) = \frac{N!}{\prod_{i=0}^{q-1} N_i!}
$$
  
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$$
F(N) = E(N) - \beta^{-1} S_{int}(N)
$$

local detailed balance  $\frac{W_i^{\pm}(N)}{W_{i\pm 1}^{\mp}(N')} = e^{-\beta(\Delta F \mp f)}$ 

Macro limit  $N \to \infty$ 

$$
\dot{p}_i(t) = j(p_i, p_{i-1}) - j(p_{i+1}, p_i)
$$

$$
j(p_{i+1}, p_i) = k^+(p_{i+1} - p_i)p_i - k^-(p_i - p_{i+1})p_{i+1}
$$

$$
n = N/N \qquad p(t) \equiv \langle n \rangle
$$

 $P(n, t) \rightarrow \delta(n - p(t))$ 

$$
\langle \dot{\sigma} \rangle = f \sum_{i=0}^{q-1} j(p_{i+1}, p_i) - \beta \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{F}[\boldsymbol{p}(t)]
$$

Herpich, Esposito, PRX 8, 031056 (2018); PRE 99, 022135 (2019) Arrhenius rates Meibohm, Esposito, arXiv:2401.14980, arXiv:2401.14982

$$
\hat{p}_k = \hat{h}_k(\hat{p}) \sim \boxed{(\mu_k + i\omega_k)\hat{p}_k + \hat{h}_k^{(2)}(\hat{p}) + \hat{h}_k^{(3)}(\hat{p})}
$$
\n(a)  $\lim_{\substack{\text{Im}(D_k) \\ \text{odd}}} q$  even\n(b)  $\lim_{\substack{\text{Im}(D_k) \\ \text{odd}}} q$  odd\n  
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$$
\nNonlinear transformation

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$$
\hat{p}_k' = \hat{p}_k + \hat{f}_k^{(2)}(\hat{p}) + \hat{f}_k^{(3)}(\hat{p}) \qquad z_k' = \left(\mathbb{D}_k - \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor q/2 \rfloor} \mathbb{C}_{kk'} |z_k'|^2\right) z_k'
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### Stability-dissipation relation

 $L(N) = W_{\text{in}}(N) - W_{\text{out}}(N)$  $W_{\text{out}}(\boldsymbol{N}) = \sum_{n=0}^{q-1} \left[ W_n^+(\boldsymbol{N}) + W_n^-(\boldsymbol{N}) \right]$ <br>  $W_{\text{in}}(\boldsymbol{N}) = \sum_{n=0}^{q-1} \left[ W_n^+(\boldsymbol{N}-\boldsymbol{\Delta}_n^+) + W_n^-(\boldsymbol{N}-\boldsymbol{\Delta}_n^-) \right]$ 

$$
\mathcal{L} \equiv \lim_{N \to \infty} \langle L(\boldsymbol{N}) \rangle = -\nabla_{\boldsymbol{p}} \cdot \boldsymbol{p}
$$

Phase space contraction rate

Close to the bifurcation:

$$
\Delta \dot{\sigma} \sim -\overline{\Gamma \lambda} \overline{\Delta \mathcal{L}}^0
$$

$$
\Delta \dot{\mathcal{O}} \equiv \frac{\langle \dot{\mathcal{O}} \rangle - \langle \dot{\mathcal{O}} \rangle_0}{|\langle \dot{\mathcal{O}} \rangle_0|} \text{ Free unit}
$$

Synchronization decreases dissipation and increases phase space contraction rate



Meibohm, Esposito, arXiv:2401.14980, arXiv:2401.14982

 $N=10^5$  $q=7$ 1 stable states



## Minimum entropy production principle

For large, but not infinite systems, the state selected in the long time limit is the one with minimum dissipation (maximum phase space contraction) is selected



Meibohm, Esposito, arXiv:2401.14980, arXiv:2401.14982

 $N=10^5$  $q=17$ 3 stable states

## Energetics of Dissipative Structures in Nonideal Reaction-Diffusion

### Motivation

Active Phase Separation is important in biology. We need tools to study dynamics and thermodynamics of APS

Many studies are not thermodynamically consistent or focus on linear reactions

We need to bring together:

- Dynamics of phase separation (Cahn-Hilliard and Flory-Huggins theories) Intermolecular interaction but no reactions: dynamics goes to equilibrium
- Dynamics of Turing patterns Reactions but no interactions: dynamics remains out-of-equilibrium
- Thermodynamics of
	- Ideal reaction-diffusion (Turing Patterns Falasco, Rao, Esposito, PRL 121, 108301 (2018); & Chemical Waves Avanzini, Falasco, Esposito, J. Chem. Phys. 151, 234103 (2019))
	- Non-ideal reactions Avanzini, Penocchio, Falasco, Esposito, JCP 154, 094114 (2021)

### Nonideal Reaction-Diffusion



### Entropy Production

Dissipation due to diffusion: Dissipation due to reactions:

$$
T\dot{\Sigma}_{\text{diff}}[\mathbf{c}] = -\sum_{i} \int_{V} d\mathbf{r} \, \mathbf{\nabla} \mu_{i}(\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{r})) \cdot \mathbf{J}_{i}(\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{r})) \qquad T\dot{\Sigma}_{\text{ret}}[\mathbf{c}] = -\sum_{i} \sum_{\rho>0} \int_{V} d\mathbf{r} \, \mu_{i}(\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{r})) S_{i,\rho} j_{\rho}(\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{r}))
$$

$$
T\dot{\Sigma}_{\text{diff}}[c] = \int_{V} d\mathbf{r} \underbrace{\sum_{i,j} \nabla \mu_{i}(c(\mathbf{r})) \cdot O_{i,j}(c(\mathbf{r})) \nabla \mu_{j}(c(\mathbf{r}))}_{\equiv T\dot{\sigma}_{\text{diff}}(\mathbf{r}) \ge 0} \ge 0
$$

$$
T\dot{\Sigma}_{\text{rct}}[c] = \int_{V} \mathrm{d}r \, RT \sum_{\rho > 0} j_{\rho}(c(r)) \ln \frac{\omega_{\rho}(c(r))}{\omega_{-\rho}(c(r))} \ge 0
$$
\n
$$
= T\dot{\sigma}_{\text{rct}}(r) \ge 0
$$

#### Avanzini, Aslyamov, Fodor, Esposito, arXiv:2407.09128

### Model

### X: internal species diffuse, interact and react Y: chemostatted species react but are homogeneous & ideal

Cahn-Hilliard-like 
$$
F^{\text{ni}}[c] = \frac{RT}{2} \sum_{x,x'} \int_{V} dr \left[ c_x(r) M_{x,x'} c_{x'}(r) + \nabla c_x(r) \cdot K_{x,x'} \nabla c_{x'}(r) \right]
$$
  
interface cost

No cross-diffusion  $O_{i,j}(c(r)) = D_i c_i(r) \mathbb{1}_{i,j}$ 

Arrhenius-like 
$$
\omega_{\rho}(\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{r})) = A_{\rho} e^{\frac{\sum_{x} \mu_{x}(\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{r})) v_{x,\rho}}{RT}} e^{\frac{\sum_{y} \mu_{y} v_{y,\rho}}{RT}}
$$

### Stability of the Homogeneous Solution



We look for 
$$
\det(\mathbb{B}(q_0)\cdot \mathbb{M}(q_0)) = (\det \mathbb{B}(q_0))(\det \mathbb{M}(q_0)) = 0
$$
  
\nR-type instability   
\nE-type instability

Aslyamov, Avanzini, Fodor, Esposito, PRL 131, 138301 (2023)

### R-type instability E-type instability



- Impossible in pseudo-unimolecular and certain multimolecular CRNs  $\nu_{+\rho}^y Z_y + m_{\rho} \varepsilon_{x,+\rho} Z_x \stackrel{+\rho}{\underset{-\rho}{\longrightarrow}} \nu_{-\rho}^y Z_y + m_{\rho} \varepsilon_{x',-\rho} Z_{x'}$
- Caused by multimolecular reactions but  $\bigcirc$ controlled by intermolecular interactions



Caused by intermolecular interactions  $\bigcirc$ 

Aslyamov, Avanzini, Fodor, Esposito, PRL 131, 138301 (2023)

### **Space-Resolved Entropy Production**



Avanzini, Aslyamov, Fodor, Esposito, arXiv:2407.09128

### Pseudo Detailed Balanced & Complex Balanced CRNs



Avanzini, Aslyamov, Fodor, Esposito, arXiv:2407.09128

## Finite-time dynamical phase transitions



Meibohm & Esposito, PRL, 128 110603 (2022)

Meibohm & Esposito, NJP 25 023034 (2023)

### Dynamics of Curie-Weiss Model



Express in terms of **total magnetisation**  $M = N_{\uparrow} - N_{\downarrow}$ .  $F(M) = -\frac{J}{2N} (M^2 - N) - MH - \beta^{-1}S(M)$ <br>Internal entropy

**Stochastic dynamics** 

$$
\dot{P}(M,t) = \sum_{\pm} \left[ W_{\pm}(M \mp 2)P(M \mp 2,t) - W_{\pm}(M)P(M,t) \right]
$$
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$$
\Rightarrow M \rightarrow M + 2
$$
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$$
\Rightarrow M \rightarrow M - 2
$$

Rates with properties

 $W_{\pm}(M)|_{H=0} = W_{\mp}(-M)|_{H=0}$  and  $W_{\pm}(M)P^{eq}(M) = W_{\mp}(M \pm 2)P^{eq}(M \pm 2)$ 

### Review of the equilibrium phase transition

Define intensive quantities  $m = M/N$  and  $\mathcal{F}(m) = F(M)/N$ .

Equilibrium distribution takes **large-deviation form**  $P^{eq}(m) \approx \exp[-N\mathcal{V}^{eq}(m)]$ , with equilibrium **rate function**  $\mathcal{V}^{eq}(m) = \beta [\mathcal{F}(m) - \mathcal{F}_{min}]$ .

Equilibrium phase transition at  $\beta_c = 1/J$ :





### Dynamics in the macroscopic limit

In thermodynamic limit  $P(m, t) \approx \exp[-NV(m, t)]$ , and master equation becomes **Hamilton-Jacobi equation** for  $V(m, t)$ .

 $0 = \partial_t V(m, t) + \mathcal{H}[m, \partial_m V(m, t)],$  with  $V(m, 0) = \mathcal{V}^{eq}(m)$  and  $V(m, \infty) = \mathcal{V}^{eq}(m)$ .

Solved by **characteristics** that obey Hamilton equations  $\dot{q}(s) = \partial_p \mathcal{H}(q, p)$ ,<br> $\dot{p}(s) = -\partial_q \mathcal{H}(q, p)$ , and boundary conditions  $p(0) = \frac{d}{dm} \mathcal{V}^{eq}[q(0)]$ ,  $q(t) = m$ .

Rate function obtained by  $V(m, t) = \int_0^t ds [p\dot{q} - \mathcal{H}(q, p)] + \mathcal{V}^{eq}[q(0)]$ , and obeys variational principle  $\delta V(m, t) = 0$ 

Meibohm & Esposito, PRL, 128 110603 (2022)

### Dynamical phase transition

Hamilton equations solved by numerical shooting method.

Method generates **three fields**,  $V(m, t)$ ,  $\partial_m V(m, t)$ , and  $m_0(m, t)$ .



Meibohm & Esposito, PRL, 128 110603 (2022)



## Conclusions

We now have tools to study the nonequilibrium thermodynamics of macroscopic nonlinear phenomena (provided we know the underlying stochastic thermodynamics description of it)

