

Redox

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Note:

- This example is discussed in detail by [Gawthrop and Pan \[2020\]](#) available [here](#).
- This is the Redox.ipynb notebook. The PDF version is available [here](#).

1 Introduction

Redox reactions and proton pumps play a fundamental role in Biology. This note illustrates this using a bond graph model of complex I of the mitochondrial electron transport chain.

```
[1]: ## Some useful imports
import BondGraphTools as bgt
print('BGT version is', bgt.version)
import numpy as np
import sympy as sp
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

## Stoichiometric analysis
import stoich as st

## SVG
import svgBondGraph as sbg
```

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## Display (eg disp.SVG(), disp.
import IPython.display as disp

## Potential data
import phiData

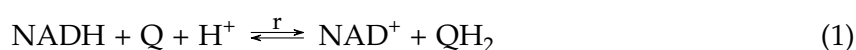
quiet = True
TranslateSVG = False

```

BGT version is 0.3.7

2 Redox reaction

A key energy-generating redox reaction that within the mitochondrial respiratory chain is



This reaction can be divided into the half reactions:



A bond graph representation of this decomposition is given below.

2.1 Bond graph

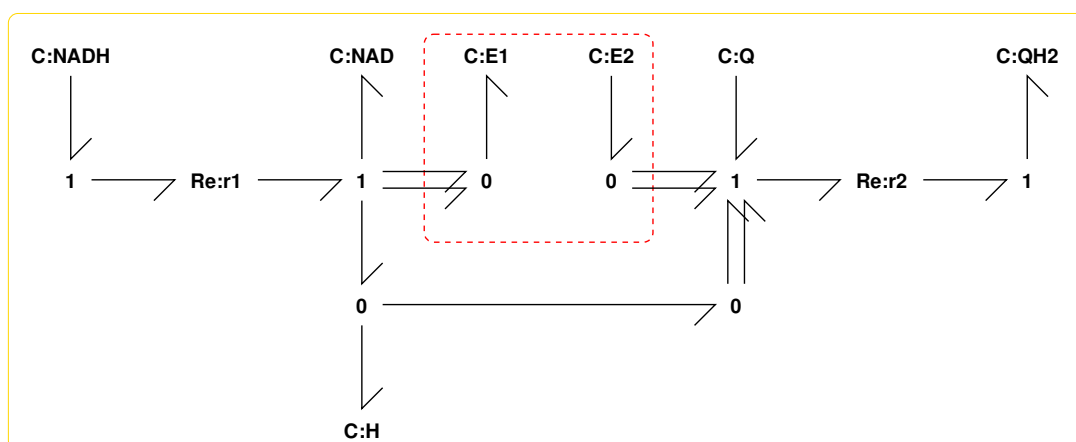
C:E1 and C:E2 represent the electron potentials and the other The C components represent the species; the two Re components the two half reactions.

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[2]: ## Redox reaction
if TranslateSVG:
    sbg.model('Redox_abg.svg',quiet=False)
import Redox_abg
disp.SVG('Redox_abg.svg')

```

[2]:



2.2 Stoichiometry

```
[3]: ## Stoichiometry
linear = ['E1','E2']
s = st.stoich(Redox_abg.model(),linear=linear,quiet=quiet)
chemostats = ['NADH','NAD','Q','QH2','H']
sc = st.statify(s,chemostats=chemostats)
```

```
[4]: ## Stoichiometric matrix
disp.Latex(st.sprintrl(s,'N'))
```

[4]:

$$N = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \\ 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

2.3 Reactions

These are automatically generated from the bond graph

```
[5]: ## Reactions
disp.Latex(st.sprintrl(s,chemformula=True,all=True))
```

[5]:



2.4 Potentials

The reaction (Faraday Equivalent) potentials are computed from tables gleaned from the literature

```
[6]: ## Standard potetials
phi_Std = phiData.phi_Std()

## Typical concentrations
conc = phiData.ParRubXu16_conc()

## From BazBeaVin16
conc['Q'] = conc['QH2'] = 1e-2

## pH 7
conc['H'] = 1e-7

## Table for paper and put values in to phi_NADH etc.
print('%% Table')
ch='\ch'
```

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l='{ '
r='}'
eol = r'\ \ '
phi_std = {}
for spec in ['NAD', 'NADH', 'Q', 'QH2', 'H']:
    phi0 = phi_std[spec]
    con = conc[spec]
    phi_std_spec = phi0 + st.V_N()*np.log(con)
    phi_std[spec] = phi_std_spec
    #print(f'phi_std_{spec} = {1000*phi0:0.0f}, phi_{spec} =
→{1000*phi_std[spec]:.0f}, conc_{spec}={conc[spec]}')
    print(f'{ch}{l}{spec}{r} & {1000*phi0:.0f} & {con:1.2e} &
→{1000*phi_std_spec:.0f}{eol}')
    exec(f'phi_{spec} = {phi_std_spec}')

## Print the worked example for the paper.
print('\n% Equations')
E1 = 0.5*(phi_NADH - phi_NAD - phi_H)
E2 = 0.5*(phi_QH2 - phi_Q - 2*phi_H)
print(f'E1 = 0.5({1000*phi_NADH:.0f} - {1000*phi_NAD:.0f} - {1000*phi_H:.0f})
→ {1000*E1:.0f} mV')
print(f'E2 = 0.5({1000*phi_QH2:.0f} - {1000*phi_Q:.0f} - 2x{1000*phi_H:.0f})
→ {1000*E2:.0f} mV')
print(f'E1-E2 = {1000*(E1-E2):.0f} mV')
print(f'PMF = {1000*(E1-E2)/2:.0f} mV')

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```

%% Table
\ch{NAD} & 188 & 5.02e-04 & -15\\
\ch{NADH} & 407 & 7.50e-05 & 154\\
\ch{Q} & 675 & 1.00e-02 & 552\\
\ch{QH2} & -241 & 1.00e-02 & -365\\
\ch{H} & 0 & 1.00e-07 & -431\\

%% Equations
E1 = 0.5(154 - -15 - -431) = 300 mV
E2 = 0.5(-365 - 552 - 2x-431) = -28 mV
E1-E2 = 328 mV
PMF = 164 mV

```

3 Proton pump

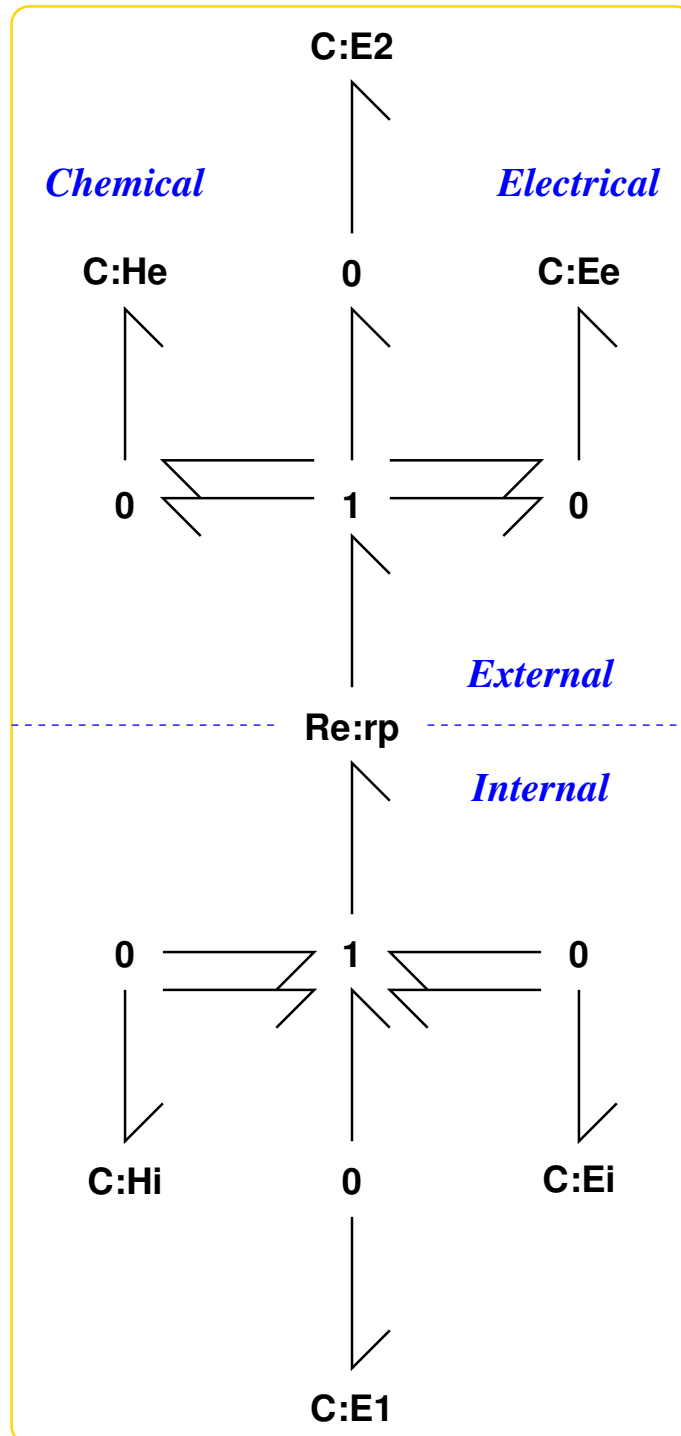
The redox reaction of complex I drives a proton pump.

3.1 Bond graph

C:E1 and C:E2 correspond to the redox reaction and provide the potential to drive protons in the interior H_i^+ to the exterior H_e^+ of the mitochondrial membrane. The protons have both electrical and chemical potential.

```
[7]: ## Proton pump
if TranslateSVG:
    sbg.model('ProtonPump_abg.svg')
import ProtonPump_abg
disp.SVG('ProtonPump_abg.svg')
```

[7]:



3.2 Stoichiometry

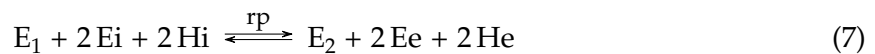
```
[8]: ## Stoichiometry
linear = ['E1', 'E2', 'Ei', 'Ee']
s = st.stoich(ProtonPump_abg.model(), linear=linear, quiet=quiet)
chemostats = ['E1', 'E2', 'Ei', 'Ee', 'Hi', 'He']
sc = st.statify(s, chemostats=chemostats)
#print(s['species'])
#disp.Latex(st.sprint(s0, 'K'))
#print(st.sprints(s))
```

3.3 Reactions

These are automatically generated from the bond graph

```
[9]: ## Reactions
disp.Latex(st.sprinrl(s, chemformula=True, all=True))
```

[9]:



```
[10]: ## Flows
disp.Latex(st.sprintvl(s))
```

[10]:

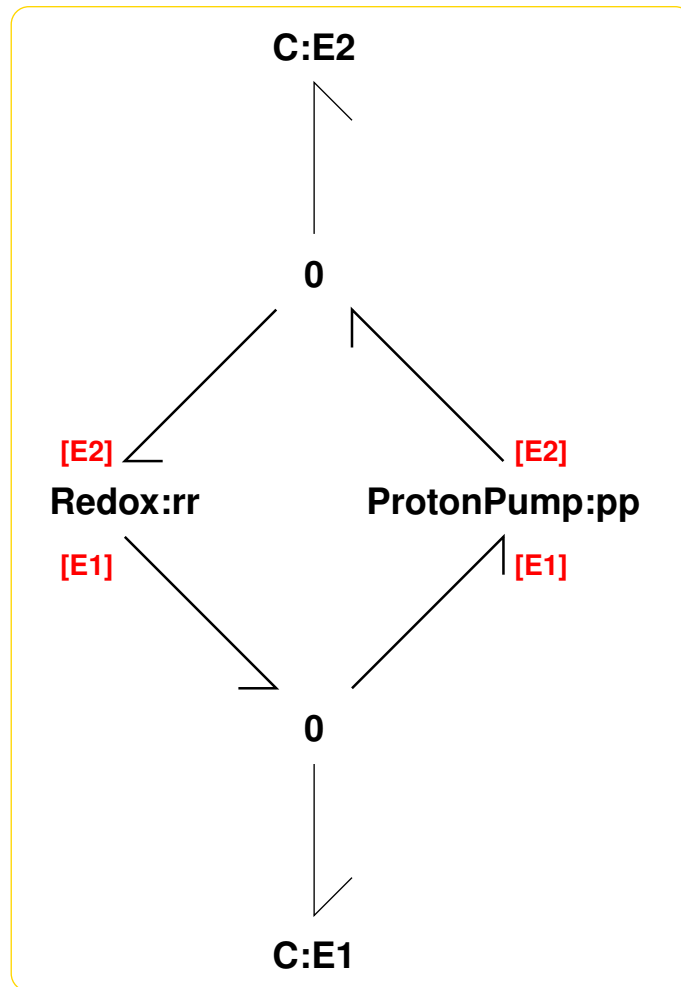
$$v_{rp} = \kappa_{rp} \left(-K_{He}^2 x_{He}^2 e^{\frac{K_{E2} x_{E2} + 2K_{Ee} x_{Ee}}{V_N}} + K_{Hi}^2 x_{Hi}^2 e^{\frac{K_{E1} x_{E1} + 2K_{Ei} x_{Ei}}{V_N}} \right) \quad (8)$$

4 Complex I

The model of mitochondrial complex I comprises two modules: the redox reaction and the proton pump.

```
[11]: ## Complex I
if TranslateSVG:
    sbg.model('ComplexI_abg.svg')
import ComplexI_abg
disp.SVG('ComplexI_abg.svg')
```

[11]:



4.1 Stoichiometry

```
[12]: ## Stoichiometry
linear = ['E1', 'E2', 'pp_Ei', 'pp_Ee']
s = st.stoich(ComplexI_abg.model(), linear=linear, quiet=quiet)
print(s['species'])
chemostats = ['pp_Ee', 'pp_Ei', 'pp_He', 'pp_Hi', 'rr_H', 'rr_NAD',
             → 'rr_NADH', 'rr_Q', 'rr_QH2']
sc = st.statify(s, chemostats=chemostats)
#print(s['species'])
#disp.Latex(st.sprint(s0, 'K'))
#print(st.sprints(s))
```

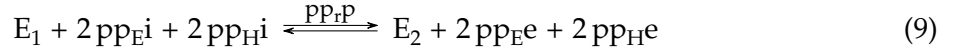
```
['E1', 'E2', 'pp_Ee', 'pp_Ei', 'pp_He', 'pp_Hi', 'rr_H', 'rr_NAD', 'rr_NADH',
'rr_Q', 'rr_QH2']
```

4.2 Reactions

These are automatically generated from the bond graph

```
[13]: ## Reactions
disp.Latex(st.sprintrl(s,chemformula=True,all=True))
```

[13]:



```
[14]: ## Flows
disp.Latex(st.sprintvl(s))
```

[14]:

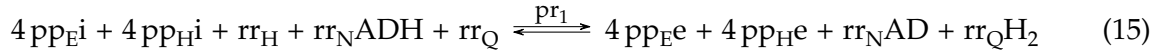
$$v_{pprp} = \kappa_{pprp} \left(-K_{ppHe}^2 x_{ppHe}^2 e^{\frac{K_{E2} x_{E2} + 2K_{ppEe} x_{ppEe}}{V_N}} + K_{ppHi}^2 x_{ppHi}^2 e^{\frac{K_{E1} x_{E1} + 2K_{ppEi} x_{ppEi}}{V_N}} \right) \quad (12)$$

$$v_{rr} = \kappa_{rr} \left(-K_{rrH} K_{rrNAD} x_{rrH} x_{rrNAD} e^{\frac{2K_{E1} x_{E1}}{V_N}} + K_{rrNADH} x_{rrNADH} \right) \quad (13)$$

$$v_{rr} = \kappa_{rr} \left(K_{rrH}^2 K_{rrQ} x_{rrH}^2 x_{rrQ} e^{\frac{2K_{E2} x_{E2}}{V_N}} - K_{rrQH2} x_{rrQH2} \right) \quad (14)$$

```
[15]: ## Path
sp = st.path(s,sc)
## Reactions
disp.Latex(st.sprintrl(sp,chemformula=True,all=True))
```

[15]:



References

Peter J. Gawthrop and Michael Pan. Network thermodynamical modelling of bioelectrical systems: A bond graph approach. Available at arXiv:2009.02217, 2020.