How Much Does NOT Cost?

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OR, "The Thermodynamic Cost of Information Processing."

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- (perhaps) shed light on approaching those bounds.

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Information Ratchets!

Modified Information Ratchet



Output Tape





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Inside the Ratchet





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⇒Tradeoff!

Consider Dynamic 1.









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- Nature? (Evolutionary Dynamics?)

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Questions?

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