The dynamics of obesity

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US obesity epidemic



Data from National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES)

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ΔStorage = Intake - Expenditure

Energy flux

Rate of storage = intake rate - expenditure rate

$$\frac{d(\rho_M M)}{dt} = I - E$$

M = body mass

Energy density ρ_M converts energy to mass

Energy density

Fat 37.7 kJ/g

Carbs (glycogen) 16.8 kJ/g

Protein 16.8 kJ/g



Water

Bone

Minerals

Multiple fuel sources



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 $\rho_F \frac{dF}{dt}$ $\rho_G \frac{dG}{dt}$ $\rho_P \frac{dP}{dt}$

 $=I_F + I_C + I_P - E$

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Glycogen supply small, ~ fixed on long time scales

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Change in *L* due to change $\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{1}{1+h_P}\frac{dL}{dt}$

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Lean intake = carbs + protein $I_P + I_C = I_L$

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 $f(F,L) = \frac{I_F}{I}$ macronutrient balance

Possible phase plane dynamics



Chow and Hall, PLoS Comp Bio,4: e1000045, 2008

E =



Basal metabolic rate (BMR)





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E ~ **10** MJ/day





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E ~ 10 MJ/day ~115 W





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 $E \sim 10 \text{ MJ/day} \sim 115 \text{ W} \sim 3 \text{ KWH/day}$

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e.g. BMR (MJ/day) = 0.9 L (kg) + 0.01 F (kg) + 1.1

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E is linear in *F* and *L*





Single fixed point is generic



Multi-stability or limit cycle requires fine tuning



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Must invert in dynamic situation

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Forbes Law



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Impose Forbes law

$$\frac{dF}{dL} = \frac{F}{10.4}$$

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Matches data



Hall, Bain, and Chow, Int J. Obesity, (2007)

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Most previous models use energy partition -difference is choice of p

Weight and fat loss



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Effect of perturbations



L

fixed point

line attractor

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$$\rho_F \frac{dF}{dt} = (1-p)(I-E)$$

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 $L = 10.4 \ln F + D$ $L \approx mF + b$
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10 Calories a day = 1 pound

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100 \\
99 \\
98 \\
97 \\
96 \\
0 \\
1 \\
2
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Years

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Intake variations have little effect on weight

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No paradox because of long time constant

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Simulated data 10 years



CV ~ 23%

CV ~ 2%

Correlations increase fluctuations



CV ~ 26%

CV ~ 5%

Correlations increase fluctuations



 $CV \sim 26\%$ $CV \sim 5\%$

Longer correlations \Rightarrow higher BMI

Periwal and Chow, AJP:EM, 291:929-36 (2006)











Hall, Guo, Dore, Chow. PLoS One (2009)



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Excess food more than explains obesity epidemic





NHANES data



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Does Forbes law explain distribution change?

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Does Forbes law explain distribution change?

$$\frac{P(\text{Not Forbes}^*|\text{NHANES})}{P(\text{Forbes}|\text{NHANES})} \simeq 1.6$$

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Transformed 1985





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