

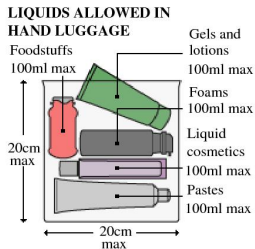
How to build a coarse-grained model

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My Background: Soft Matter Physics

Soft Matter



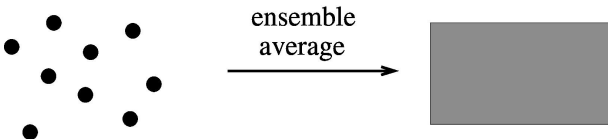
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- Suspensions, Gels, Glasses, Liquid Crystals
- Strongly non-linear response
- Slow relaxation
→ non-equilibrium physics
- **Entropy** matters

Coarse-grained models:

Evolution equations for mesoscopic observables (e.g. local concentrations of solutes, order parameter fields)
or for macroscopic observables (e.g. viscosity, electrical conductivity)

Reminder: Basics of Statistical Mechanics



Microscopic World (classical)

N particles

positions \vec{r}^N

momenta \vec{p}^N

Fully characterized by Hamiltonian

$$H(\vec{r}^N, \vec{p}^N) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{2m_i} \vec{p}_i \cdot \vec{p}_i + V(\vec{r}^N)$$

Macroscopic World (equilibrium)

internal energy U

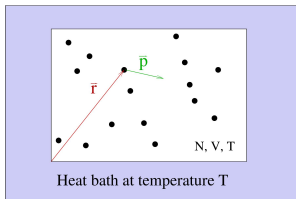
particle number N

volume V

Fully characterized by entropy

$$S = f(U, N, V)$$

Reminder: Basics of Statistical Mechanics



In thermal equilibrium, the probability to find a state $\Gamma = (\vec{r}^N, \vec{p}^N)$ is

$$\rho(\Gamma) = \frac{e^{-\beta H(\Gamma)}}{\int d\Gamma e^{-\beta H(\Gamma)}}$$

where $\beta := \frac{1}{k_B T}$.

Free energy

$$G(N, V, T) = -k_B T \ln \int d\Gamma e^{-\beta H(\Gamma)}$$

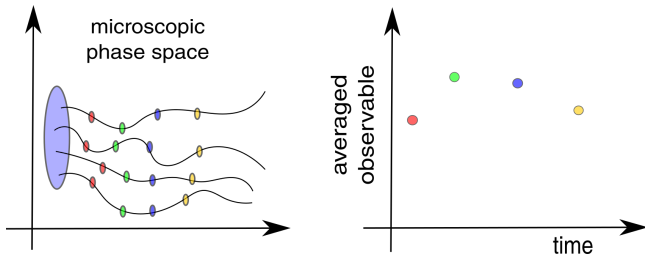
Marcoscopic average of an observable $\mathbb{A}(\Gamma)$

$$\langle \mathbb{A} \rangle_{N, V, T} = \frac{\int d\Gamma \mathbb{A}(\Gamma) e^{-\beta H(\Gamma)}}{\int d\Gamma e^{-\beta H(\Gamma)}}$$

Multi-Scale Modelling

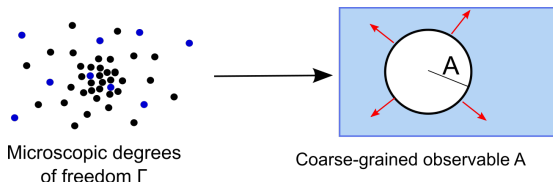
We would like to **"coarse-grain"** dynamics, i.e.

To derive from the underlying microscopic theory an equation of motion for an observable averaged over non-equilibrium trajectories



... or at least approximate it numerically.

Multi-Scale Modelling



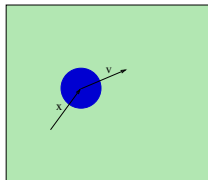
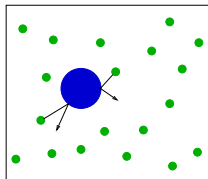
- Classical system, phase space coordinates Γ , Hamiltonian $H(\Gamma)$.
- Liouville equation for the dynamics of the microscopic degrees of freedom

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho(\Gamma, t) = \{H, \rho\} = -i\mathcal{L}\rho$$

- What is the equation of motion of a coarse-grained observable $\mathbb{A}(\Gamma)$?
- **Does it make sense to transfer notions from macroscopic, equilibrium thermodynamics (entropy, free energy etc.) to the non-equilibrium case?**

Example I: Brownian Motion

Task: To find an equation of motion for the position of a solute particle.



- Einstein, Smoluchowski
Diffusion equation for probability of position

$$\frac{\partial p(x, t)}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 p(x, t)}{\partial x^2}$$

D : diffusion constant.

- Langevin
Stochastic differential equation for velocity

$$m \frac{dv}{dt} = -\nu v + \xi(t)$$

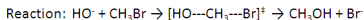
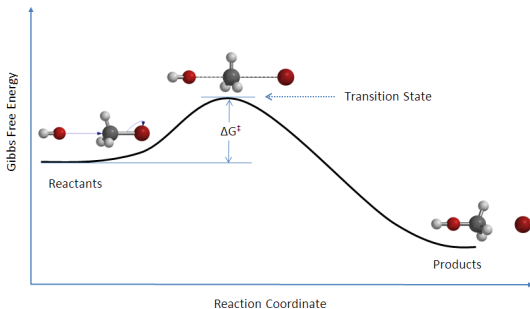
ν : friction coefficient, $\langle \xi(t)\xi(t') \rangle = 2\nu k_B T \delta(t - t')$

- Descriptions are equivalent: $D\nu = k_B T$

A. Einstein, Annalen der Physik **322** (1905) 549-560, M. M. von Smoluchowski, Bulletin International de l'Académie des Sciences de Cracovie **3** (1906) 202-213) P. Langevin, Compt. Rendus **146** (1908) 530-533

Example II: Rates of Chemical Reactions

Task: To find the rate of a chemical reaction.



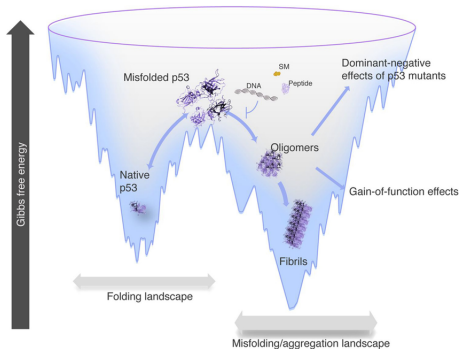
Eyring equation for reaction rate:

$$k = \frac{k_B T}{h} \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta G}{RT}\right)$$

H. Eyring, J. Chem. Phys. **3**, 107 (1935), Source of image: Chem540grp1f08, CC BY-SA 3.0

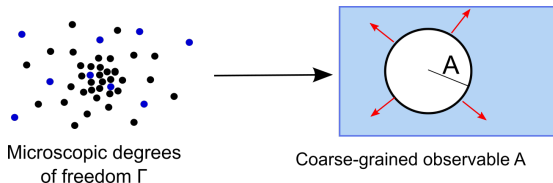
Example III: Transition State Theory

Task: To find equations of motion for reaction coordinates.



Source: Silva, J., Cordeiro, Y., J. Bio. Chemistry **291**, 15482 (2016) 10.1074/jbc.R116.733428.

Principle of “Quasi-Equilibrium” Coarse-Graining



- Pick a coarse-grained observable, a “reaction coordinate” $\mathbb{A}(\Gamma)$
- Compute the **equilibrium probability** to find a certain value A_0 of $\mathbb{A}(\Gamma)$

$$\langle p(A_0) \rangle_{N,V,T} = \frac{\int d\Gamma \delta(\mathbb{A}(\Gamma) - A_0) e^{-\beta H(\Gamma)}}{\int d\Gamma e^{-\beta H(\Gamma)}}$$

- Interpret $-k_B T \ln(p(A))$ as an “**effective free energy**” $\Delta G(A)$ or a “**potential of mean force**” $W(A)$.
- Model the dynamics as a **stochastic process** in the **free energy landscape**.

Models

In the literature on modelling, we often find an effective equation of motion of the form

$$m\ddot{A}_t = - \left. \frac{dW(A)}{dA} \right|_{A=A_t} - \gamma\dot{A}_t + \sqrt{2\gamma k_B T} \xi_t$$

- A_t : coarse-grained variable
- m : effective mass
- ξ_t : Gaussian white noise
- γ : friction coefficient
- $W(A)$: “potential of mean force”

- The equation is constructed in **analogy to Newtonian mechanics**.
- The potential of mean force or effective free energy is defined as

$$W(A) := -k_B T \ln(\rho_{\mathbb{A}}^{\text{eq}}(A)) =: \Delta G(A)$$

- γ is related to ξ_t by the **fluctuation dissipation theorem**

$$\langle \xi_t \xi_{t'} \rangle = 2\gamma k_B T \delta(t - t')$$

- Dots indicate time-derivatives, but this is a **stochastic** differential equation.

- Compare Langevin's equation for the velocity of a Brownian particle

$$m \frac{dv}{dt} = -\nu v + \xi(t)$$

to

$$m\ddot{A}_t = - \left. \frac{dW(A)}{dA} \right|_{A=A_t} - \gamma \dot{A}_t + \sqrt{2\gamma k_B T} \xi_t$$

This equation is a version of the **Langevin Equation**.

- Dynamics of coarse-grained observables is also often modelled by **other versions of the Langevin equation**.
- The overdamped case

$$\gamma \dot{A}_t = - \left. \frac{dW(A)}{dA} \right|_{A=A_t} + \sqrt{2\gamma k_B T} \xi_t$$

- Phase-field models of phase transitions:

$$\frac{\partial \phi_t(\vec{r})}{\partial t} = -\gamma \left. \frac{\delta G^{\text{PF}}[\phi(\vec{r})]}{\delta \phi} \right|_{\phi(\vec{r})=\phi_t(\vec{r})} + \xi_t(\vec{r})$$

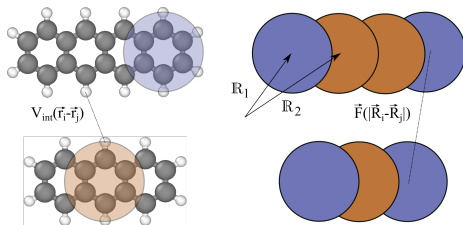
$\phi_t(\vec{r})$: order parameter field, G^{PF} effective free energy.

- Dynamic Density Functional Theory

$$\frac{\partial \rho_t(\vec{r})}{\partial t} = \gamma \nabla \cdot \left(\rho_t(\vec{r}) \nabla \left. \frac{\delta G[\rho(\vec{r})]}{\delta \rho} \right|_{\rho(\vec{r})=\rho_t(\vec{r})} \right)$$

ρ : single particle density

- Dissipative Particle Dynamics



Source: TS, *Coarse-Grained Modelling Out of Equilibrium*, accepted by Physics Reports (2022)

$$m_i \frac{d^2 \vec{R}_i}{dt^2} = - \left. \frac{\partial U(\vec{R}^M)}{\partial \vec{R}} \right|_{\vec{R}=\vec{R}_i} - \sum_{j \neq i, j=1}^M \gamma \omega^D(R_{ij}) (\vec{v}_{ij} \cdot \vec{e}_{ij}) \vec{e}_{ij} + \sum_{j \neq i, j=1}^M \sigma \nu^R(R_{ij}) \vec{e}_{ij} \xi_{ij}$$

R_{ij} : distance between coarse-grained units, \vec{v}_{ij} : relative velocity, $\vec{e}_{ij} := \frac{\vec{R}_i - \vec{R}_j}{|\vec{R}_i - \vec{R}_j|}$.

Also frequently encountered in the literature is an **integro-differential equation**

$$m\ddot{A}_t = - \left. \frac{dW(A)}{dA} \right|_{A=A_t} - \int_0^t ds K(t-s)\dot{A}_s + \xi_t$$

$K(t)$: the “memory kernel”

ξ_t : the “fluctuating force”

With the generalized **fluctuation-dissipation theorem**,

$$K(t) \propto \langle \xi_0 \xi_t \rangle$$

Can we derive these equations?

Are they controlled approximations to the true dynamics?

We begin with the **Liouville equation**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho(\Gamma, t) = \{H, \rho\} = -i\mathcal{L}\rho \quad ,$$

which entails the equation of motion of $\mathbb{A}(\Gamma_t)$

$$\frac{dA_t}{dt} = \frac{d\mathbb{A}(\Gamma_t)}{dt} = \dot{\Gamma}_t \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbb{A}}{\partial \Gamma}(\Gamma_t) = i\mathcal{L}\mathbb{A}(\Gamma_t) \quad .$$

This is formally solved by

$$\frac{dA_t}{dt} = e^{ti\mathcal{L}} i\mathcal{L}\mathbb{A}(\Gamma_0) \quad .$$

Projection Operator Formalisms

How do we get from the exact expression

$$\frac{dA_t}{dt} = e^{t\mathcal{L}} i\mathcal{L}\mathbb{A}(\Gamma_0)$$

to an equation of motion of the form of the Langevin equation?

We define a **projection operator** \mathcal{P} on the space of phase space functions.

Using $\mathcal{Q} := 1 - \mathcal{P}$ and

$$e^{t\mathcal{L}} \circ = e^{t\mathcal{Q}\mathcal{L}} \circ + \int_0^t ds e^{(t-s)\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{P} i\mathcal{L} e^{s\mathcal{Q}\mathcal{L}} \circ ,$$

we write the exact equation of motion as

$$\frac{dA_t}{dt} = e^{t\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{P} i\mathcal{L}\mathbb{A}(\Gamma_0) + \int_0^t ds e^{s\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{P} i\mathcal{L} \mathcal{Q} e^{(t-s)\mathcal{L}\mathcal{Q}} i\mathcal{L}\mathbb{A}(\Gamma_0) + \mathcal{Q} e^{t\mathcal{L}\mathcal{Q}} i\mathcal{L}\mathbb{A}(\Gamma_0) .$$

Now the task is to **choose a suitable projection operator**.

Depending on the choice, we will obtain different versions of the Langevin equation.

Mori's Approach

Mori defined a **linear projection operator**

$$\mathcal{P}^M \mathbb{X}(\Gamma) := \frac{(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{A})}{(\mathbb{A}, \mathbb{A})} \mathbb{A}(\Gamma) \quad \text{with} \quad (\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y}) := \int d\Gamma \mathbb{X}(\Gamma) \mathbb{Y}(\Gamma) \rho_N^{\text{EQ}}(\Gamma) \quad .$$

Application of \mathcal{P}^M to $\frac{dA_t}{dt} = e^{t\mathcal{L}} i\mathcal{L} \mathbb{A}(\Gamma_0)$ produces

$$\frac{dA_t}{dt} = \omega A_t + \int_0^t d\tau K(t-\tau) A_\tau + f_t$$

The linear, generalized Langevin Equation

with the drift $\omega := \frac{(i\mathcal{L}\mathbb{A}, \mathbb{A})}{(\mathbb{A}, \mathbb{A})}$, the fluctuating force $f_t := e^{t\mathcal{Q}_M i\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{Q}_M i\mathcal{L} \mathbb{A}(\Gamma_0)$ and the memory kernel

$$K(t) := \frac{(i\mathcal{L} e^{t\mathcal{Q}_M i\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{Q}_M i\mathcal{L} \mathbb{A}, \mathbb{A})}{(\mathbb{A}, \mathbb{A})} \quad .$$

H. Mori, Prog. Theor. Phys **33**, 423 (1965)

Mori's Approach

Notes on the linear generalized Langevin equation

$$\frac{dA_t}{dt} = \omega A_t + \int_0^t d\tau K(t-\tau)A_\tau + f_t$$

The equation is

- ... **deterministic**. To obtain the Langevin equation, we need a stochastic interpretation of f_t .
- ... **non-local in time**, resp. non-Markovian in the stochastic interpretation.
- ... **linear**.
- ... invariant under translations in time, i.e. it holds only in **equilibrium**.

The memory kernel is related to the fluctuating force

$$K(t) := \frac{(i\mathcal{L}e^{tQ_M i\mathcal{L}} Q_M i\mathcal{L}A, A)}{(A, A)} = -\frac{(f_0, f_t)}{(A, A)}.$$

This relation is often called the **second fluctuation dissipation theorem**.

Zwanzig's Approach

Zwanzig defined a **non-linear projection operator**

$$\mathcal{P}^Z_{\mathbb{X}}(\Gamma) := \frac{\int d\Gamma' \delta(\mathbb{A}(\Gamma') - \mathbb{A}(\Gamma)) \mathbb{X}(\Gamma')}{\int d\Gamma' \delta(\mathbb{A}(\Gamma') - \mathbb{A}(\Gamma))}$$

and obtained the equation of motion

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \rho(A, t)}{\partial t} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial A} (v(A)\rho(A, t)) \\ &+ \int_0^t d\tau \int dA' \frac{\partial}{\partial A} (W(A)K(A, A', \tau)) \frac{\partial}{\partial A'} \left(\frac{\rho(A', t - \tau)}{W(A')} \right) \end{aligned}$$

with $W(A) := \int d\Gamma \delta(\mathbb{A}(\Gamma) - A)$ and the transport coefficients v and K .

This equation is

- ... **non-linear**, **deterministic** and **non-local in time**.
- "...too complicated to be useful for any but the most formal applications"
(R. Zwanzig)

R. Zwanzig, Phys. Rev. **124**, 983 (1961)

Zwanzig II

- How do we construct an equation of this form

$$m\ddot{A}_t = - \left. \frac{dW(A)}{dA} \right|_{A=A_t} - \gamma \dot{A}_t + \sqrt{2\gamma k_B T} \xi_t \quad ?$$

- Define two observables $\vec{\mathbb{A}} = (\mathbb{A}_1, \mathbb{A}_2)$
 - \mathbb{A}_1 is **linear** in the generalized coordinates.
 - \mathbb{A}_2 is the **time-derivative** of \mathbb{A}_1 , i.e. $\vec{\mathbb{A}} = (\mathbb{A}, i\mathcal{L}\mathbb{A})$.
- Define a “Zwanzig-like projector”

$$\mathcal{P}_{\vec{\mathbb{A}}} \mathbb{X}(\Gamma) := \frac{1}{\rho_{\vec{\mathbb{A}}}(\vec{\mathbb{A}}(\Gamma))} \int d\Gamma' \rho^{\text{eq}}(\Gamma') \mathbb{X}(\Gamma') \delta(\vec{\mathbb{A}}(\Gamma) - \vec{\mathbb{A}}(\Gamma'))$$

with the “relevant density”

$$\rho_{\vec{\mathbb{A}}}(\vec{\mathbb{A}}) := \int d\Gamma \rho^{\text{eq}}(\Gamma) \delta(\vec{\mathbb{A}}(\Gamma) - \vec{\mathbb{A}}(\Gamma'))$$

(Recall the definition of the potential of mean force $W(A) = -k_B T \ln(\rho_{\mathbb{A}}^{\text{eq}}(A))$.)

- We insert these definitions into the equation of motion

$$\frac{d\vec{A}_t}{dt} = e^{t\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{P} i\mathcal{L} \vec{\mathbb{A}}(\Gamma_0) + \int_0^t ds e^{s\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{P} i\mathcal{L} \mathcal{Q} e^{(t-s)\mathcal{L} \mathcal{Q}} i\mathcal{L} \vec{\mathbb{A}}(\Gamma_0) + \mathcal{Q} e^{t\mathcal{L} \mathcal{Q}} i\mathcal{L} \vec{\mathbb{A}}(\Gamma_0) .$$

- For the second component of the first term, we obtain

$$e^{t\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{P} i\mathcal{L} \mathbb{A}_2 \propto \frac{\partial}{\partial A_1} \underbrace{k_B T \ln(\rho_A(\vec{A}))}_{=: W(\vec{A})} \Big|_{\vec{A}_t} .$$

This is a derivative of a potential of mean force.

Details of the calculation can be found in Fabian Glatzel, TS, Europhysics Letters **136** 36001 (2021).

- Recall that we intend to construct

$$m\ddot{A}_t = - \left. \frac{dW(A)}{dA} \right|_{A=A_t} - \int_0^t ds K(t-s)\dot{A}_s + \xi_t$$

- Up to now we have got

$$\frac{dA_{2,t}}{dt} = \frac{d^2A_{1,t}}{dt^2} = - \frac{1}{m} \left. \frac{\partial W(\vec{A})}{\partial A_1} \right|_{\vec{A}=\vec{A}_t} + \left(\int_0^t ds e^{si\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{P}i\mathcal{L}\mathcal{Q}e^{(t-s)i\mathcal{L}\mathcal{Q}} i\mathcal{L}\vec{A} + \mathcal{Q}e^{ti\mathcal{L}\mathcal{Q}} i\mathcal{L}\vec{A} \right)_2$$

- The other two terms are **difficult to tackle by a Zwanzig projector**.
- We construct a work-around. Note that

$$\mathcal{P}\mathbb{X}(\Gamma) = \frac{1}{\rho_A(\vec{A}(\Gamma))} \int d\Gamma' \rho^{\text{eq}}(\Gamma') \mathbb{X}(\Gamma') \delta(\vec{A}(\Gamma) - \vec{A}) = \left. \frac{(\delta(\vec{A} - \vec{A}), \mathbb{X})}{(\delta(\vec{A} - \vec{A}), 1)} \right|_{\vec{A}=\vec{A}(\Gamma)}$$

with the inner product

$$(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y}) := \int d\Gamma \rho^{\text{eq}}(\Gamma) \mathbb{X}(\Gamma)\mathbb{Y}(\Gamma) \quad .$$

Zwanzig II

We pick a **basis** $\{f_i(\vec{\mathbb{A}})\}$ for the space of phase space functions, which depend on Γ solely through $\vec{\mathbb{A}}(\Gamma)$, and write the Zwanzig-projector

$$\mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{X}}(\Gamma) = \frac{(\delta(\vec{\mathbb{A}} - \vec{\mathbb{A}}), \mathbb{X})}{(\delta(\vec{\mathbb{A}} - \vec{\mathbb{A}}), 1)} \Big|_{\vec{\mathbb{A}} = \vec{\mathbb{A}}(\Gamma)}$$

as

$$\mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{X}}(\Gamma) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (f_i(\vec{\mathbb{A}}), \mathbb{X}) f_i(\vec{\mathbb{A}}) \quad .$$

Recall the definition by Mori:

$$\mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{X}}^{\text{M}} = \frac{(\mathbb{A}, \mathbb{X})}{(\mathbb{A}, \mathbb{A})} \mathbb{A} \quad .$$

A Zwanzig projector can be expressed as a Mori-projector which projects onto infinitely many observables!

Idea taken from: S. Izvekov JCP **138**, 134106 (2013) and S. Kawai and T. Komatsuzaki JCP **134**, 114523 (2011)

- We insert $\mathcal{P}\mathbb{X}(\Gamma) = \sum_i \left(f_i(\vec{A}), \mathbb{X} \right) f_i(\vec{A}(\Gamma))$ in

$$\frac{d\vec{A}_t}{dt} = e^{ti\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{P}i\mathcal{L}\vec{A}(\Gamma_0) + \int_0^t ds e^{si\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{P}i\mathcal{L}\mathcal{Q}e^{(t-s)i\mathcal{L}\mathcal{Q}} i\mathcal{L}\vec{A}(\Gamma_0) + \mathcal{Q}e^{ti\mathcal{L}\mathcal{Q}} i\mathcal{L}\vec{A}(\Gamma_0)$$

- The 2nd component of the orange term is

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \int_0^t ds K_{2,i}(t-s) f_i(\vec{A}_s) \quad \text{with} \quad K_{j,i}(t-s) = \left(f_i(\vec{A}), i\mathcal{L}\mathcal{Q}e^{(t-s)i\mathcal{L}\mathcal{Q}} i\mathcal{L}A_j \right)$$

- Compare to

$$m\ddot{A}_t = - \left. \frac{dW(A)}{dA} \right|_{A=A_t} - \int_0^t ds K(t-s) \dot{A}_s + \xi_t \quad .$$

The memory term differs considerably.

Details in Fabian Glatzel, TS, Europhysics Letters **136** 36001 (2021)

Zwanzig II

- Choose e.g. **orthonormal polynomials in \vec{A}** as basis functions $\{f_i\}$.
Then the memory term of the exact equation

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \int_0^t ds K_{2,i}(t-s) f_i(\vec{A}_s) \quad \text{with} \quad K_{j,i}(t-s) = \left(f_i(\vec{A}), i\mathcal{L}Qe^{(t-s)i\mathcal{L}Q}i\mathcal{L}A_j \right)$$

contains powers **$(A_s)^n$ and $(\dot{A}_s)^n$ to any order n** – rather than just $K(t-s)\dot{A}_s!$

- Even if there is time-scale separation at all orders

$$K_{j,i}(t-s) \propto \delta(t-s) =: \gamma_{i,j} \delta(t-s) \quad ,$$

we obtain

$$m\ddot{A}_t = - \left. \frac{dW(A)}{dA} \right|_{A=A_t} - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \gamma_{2,i} f_i(A_s, \dot{A}_s) + \varepsilon_t$$

rather than

$$m\ddot{A}_t = - \left. \frac{dW(A)}{dA} \right|_{A=A_t} - \gamma \dot{A}_t + \sqrt{2\gamma k_B T} \xi_t$$

Details in Fabian Glatzel, TS, Europhysics Letters **136** 36001 (2021)

- Also recall that most modellers assume

$$K(t) \propto \langle \xi_0 \xi_t \rangle$$

- We define a short-hand for the third term

$$\vec{\varepsilon}_t := \mathcal{Q} e^{t\mathcal{L}\mathcal{Q}} i\mathcal{L}\vec{A}$$

- As we used a linear projection operator

$$K_{j,i}(t) = - \left(i\mathcal{L}f_i(\vec{A}), \mathcal{Q} e^{t\mathcal{L}\mathcal{Q}} i\mathcal{L}A_j \right) = - \left(i\mathcal{L}f_i(\vec{A}), \vec{\varepsilon}_{j,t} \right)$$

- This brings us close to a **fluctuation-dissipation theorem** but not quite there...

$$K_{j,i}(t) = - \left(i\mathcal{L}f_i(\vec{A}), \vec{\varepsilon}_{j,t} \right) = - \left\langle \varepsilon_{j,t} \left(\vec{\varepsilon}_0 \cdot \frac{df_i(\vec{A})}{d\vec{A}} \Big|_{\vec{A}=\vec{A}(\Gamma_0)} \right) \right\rangle$$

i.e.

$$K_{2,1}(t) \neq \langle \varepsilon_{2,0} \varepsilon_{2,t} \rangle \quad !$$

The Non-linear Generalized Langevin Equation

In summary, we obtained an equation of the form

$$m\ddot{A}_t = - \left. \frac{dW(A)}{dA} \right|_{A=A_t} - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \int_0^t ds K_i(t-s) f_i(A_s, \dot{A}_s) + \varepsilon_t$$

rather than

$$m\ddot{A}_t = - \left. \frac{dW(A)}{dA} \right|_{A=A_t} - \int_0^t ds K(t-s) \dot{A}_s + \xi_t$$

- The exact equation contains **all powers of A_s and \dot{A}_s** in the memory term.
- The expansion in $\{f_i\}$ is **not an expansion in a small parameter**. Thus the memory term **cannot simply be truncated after the linear term**.
- A potential of mean force is obtained only if the coarse-grained variable is **linear in the generalized coordinates**.
- **Stochastic interpretation of ε_t is difficult** due to lacking FDT.

Non-Equilibrium

- So far we have not allowed for time-dependent external forces. We only discussed equilibrium dynamics and relaxation into equilibrium.
- In the case of a **time-dependent Liouvillian** $i\mathcal{L}(t)$ observables evolve according to

$$\frac{dA_t}{dt} = U(0, t) i\mathcal{L}(t) \mathbb{A}(\Gamma_0)$$

with

$$U(0, t) \circ = \exp_- \left(\int_0^t dt' i\mathcal{L}(t') \circ \right) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_0^t dt_1 \cdots \int_0^{t_{n-1}} dt_n i\mathcal{L}(t_n) \cdots i\mathcal{L}(t_1) \circ$$

- Again, we split the equation of motion and choose a suitable projector

$$\frac{dA_t}{dt} = U(0, t) [\mathcal{P}(t) i\mathcal{L}(t) \mathbb{A}(\Gamma_0) + \mathcal{Q}(t) i\mathcal{L}(t) \mathbb{A}(\Gamma_0)]$$

Note: **$\mathcal{P}(t)$ is allowed to depend on time.**

S. Nordholm, *Nonlinearities and fluctuations in microscopic transport theory*, Dissertation, U. Maryland (1972)

Grabert, H. *Projection Operator Techniques in Nonequilibrium Statistical Mechanics*, Springer 1982

A. Latz J. Phys. Condens. Mat. **12** 6252 (2000)

The Linear, Non-stationary GLE

One possible approach is to use a **linear (“Mori”-type) projector**

$$\mathcal{P}(t)\mathbb{X} = \frac{(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{A})_t}{(\mathbb{A}, \mathbb{A})_t} \mathbb{A}$$

with the inner product

$$(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y})_t = \int d\Gamma \rho_0(\Gamma) (U(0, t)\mathbb{X}(\Gamma)) (U(0, t)\mathbb{Y}(\Gamma)) \quad .$$

This yields the

linear, non-stationary, Generalized Langevin Equation

$$\frac{dA_t}{dt} = \omega(t)A_t + \int_0^t d\tau K(t, \tau)A_\tau + \varepsilon_{0,t}$$

- $\omega(t)$: the generalized, time-dependent “drift”
- $K(t, \tau)$: the “memory kernel” (which depends on two times)
- $\varepsilon_{0,t}$: the “fluctuating force”

The linear non-stationary GLE

$$\frac{dA_t}{dt} = \omega(t)A_t + \int_0^t d\tau K(t, \tau)A_\tau + \varepsilon_{0,t}$$

Due to the linearity, there is a generalized **fluctuation-dissipation theorem**

$$K(t, \tau) = -\frac{\langle \varepsilon_{0,t} \varepsilon_{0,\tau} \rangle}{\langle |A_t|^2 \rangle}$$

This equation is **exact**.

It can be used to coarse-grain systems out of thermal equilibrium in practice, see e.g.

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The Non-Linear Non-Equilibrium Case

- Include **time as a coordinate** $\Gamma^a = (\Gamma, t)$.
- Define Liouvillian on this “augmented” phase space

$$i\mathcal{L}^a \circ = \dot{\Gamma}^a(\Gamma^a) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \Gamma^a} \circ$$

- Observables evolve according to

$$A_t(\Gamma^a) = \exp(i\mathcal{L}^a t) \mathbb{A}^a(\Gamma^a)$$

- Define inner product

$$(\mathbb{X}^a, \mathbb{Y}^a)_t^a = \int d\Gamma^a \rho^a(\Gamma^a, t) \mathbb{X}^a(\Gamma^a) \mathbb{Y}^a(\Gamma^a)$$

- Define Zwanzig projector

$$\mathcal{P}(t) \mathbb{X}^a(\Gamma^a) = \frac{\int d\Gamma^{a'} \rho^a(\Gamma^{a'}, t) \delta(\mathbb{A}^a(\Gamma^{a'}) - \mathbb{A}^a(\Gamma^a)) \mathbb{X}^a(\Gamma^{a'})}{\int d\Gamma^{a'} \rho^a(\Gamma^{a'}, t) \delta(\mathbb{A}^a(\Gamma^{a'}) - \mathbb{A}^a(\Gamma^a))}$$

The Non-Linear Non-Equilibrium Case

- As before, define a basis $\{f_i^a(\mathbb{A}^a, \tau)\}$.
- Now the basis depends on time

$$(f_i^a(\mathbb{A}^a, \tau), f_j^a(\mathbb{A}^a, \tau))_t = \delta_{i,j} \quad \forall t \quad .$$

- Again, Zwanzig projector can be written as

$$\mathcal{P}(t)\mathbb{X}^a(\Gamma^a) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (f_i^a(\mathbb{A}^a(\Gamma^a), \tau), \mathbb{X}^a(\Gamma^a))_t f_i^a(\mathbb{A}^a(\Gamma^a), t) \quad .$$

- This produces an equation of motion of the form

$$\frac{dA_t}{dt} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\omega_i(t) f_i^a(A_t, t) + \int_0^t ds K_i(t, s) f_i^a(A_s, s) \right) + \varepsilon_t \quad ,$$

which **differs considerably** from the coarsened-grained models typically used for active matter, biomolecules and other non-equilibrium systems.

- We discussed equations of motion for coarse-grained observables.
- We recalled the projection operator formalisms by Mori and Zwanzig.
- Versions of the Langevin equation, which contain a potential of mean force (i.e. a non-linear drift term), also require a non-linear friction term. This statement holds true, even if there is time-scale separation.
- When there is a potential of mean force, there is in general no fluctuation-dissipation theorem.
- We showed how to use projection operator formalisms to construct coarse-grained models for systems with explicitly time-dependent Liouvillians.

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