

Effective dynamics for stochastic differential equations

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Motivation: entropic force for polymer chains

Let us recall the basic micro-macro model for polymeric fluids.

We consider a **dilute solution of polymers**, with polymer chains which are:

1. very numerous (statistical mechanics),
2. small and light (Brownian effects),
3. within a Newtonian solvent.

Macroscopic level

Momentum equations (incompressible fluid):

$$\rho(\partial_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = -\nabla p + \operatorname{div}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) + \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}},$$

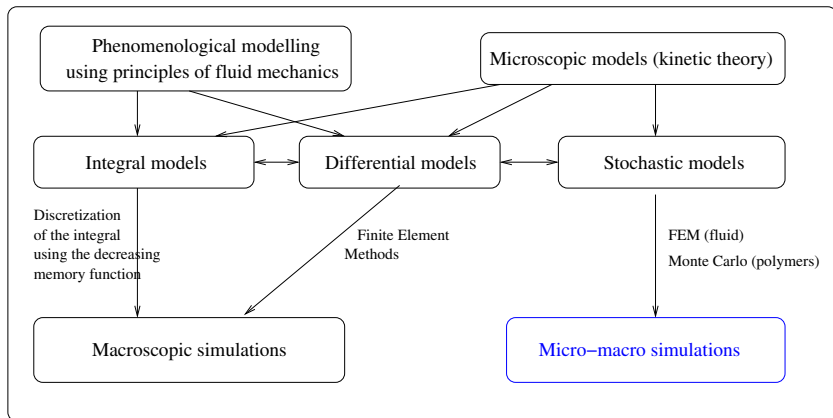
$$\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{u}) = 0.$$

Non-Newtonian fluids:

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \eta \left(\nabla \mathbf{u} + (\nabla \mathbf{u})^T \right) + \boldsymbol{\tau},$$

where the extra-stress $\boldsymbol{\tau}$ depends on *the history of the deformation*.

Multiscale modeling



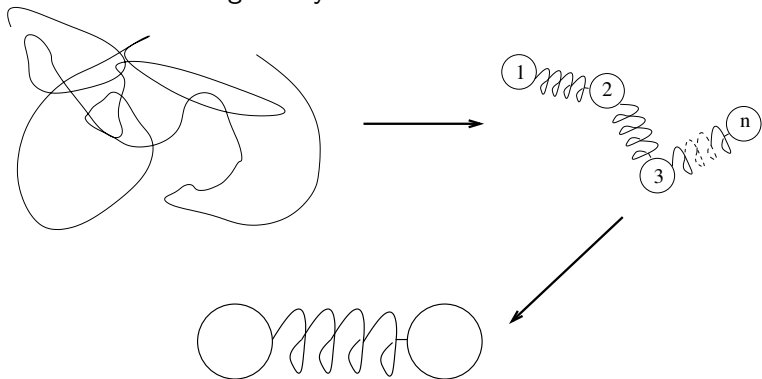
Differential models : $\frac{D\tau}{Dt} = f(\tau, \nabla \mathbf{u}),$

Integral models : $\tau = \int_{-\infty}^t m(t - t') \mathbf{S}_t(t') dt'.$

(Macroscopic approach: R. Keunings & al., B. van den Brule & al., M. Picasso & al.)

Microscopic model (1/4)

A **coarse-grained** description: consider blobs (1 blob $\simeq 20$ CH_2 groups). The basic model (**the dumbbell model**): only two blobs. The conformation is given by the “end-to-end vector”.



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Microscopic model (2/4)

Forces on bead i ($i = 1$ or 2) of coordinate vector \mathbf{X}_t^i in a velocity field $\mathbf{u}(t, \mathbf{x})$ of the solvent (zero mass Langevin equation):

- Drag force:
$$-\zeta \left(\frac{d\mathbf{X}_t^i}{dt} - \mathbf{u}(t, \mathbf{X}_t^i) \right),$$
- Entropic force on bead i : $\mathbf{F}^1 = -\mathbf{F}^2 = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}_t^2 - \mathbf{X}_t^1)$. For example:

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}) = H\mathbf{X} \text{ (Hookean dumbbell),}$$

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}) = \frac{H\mathbf{X}}{1 - \|\mathbf{X}\|^2/(bkT/H)} \text{ (FENE dumbbell).}$$

- “Brownian force”:
$$\sqrt{2kT\zeta} d\mathbf{B}_t^i$$

with \mathbf{B}_t^i a Brownian motion.

Microscopic model (3/4)

We have:

$$\begin{cases} d\mathbf{X}_t^1 = \mathbf{u}(t, \mathbf{X}_t^1) dt + \zeta^{-1} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}_t) dt + \sqrt{2kT\zeta^{-1}} d\mathbf{B}_t^1 \\ d\mathbf{X}_t^2 = \mathbf{u}(t, \mathbf{X}_t^2) dt - \zeta^{-1} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}_t) dt + \sqrt{2kT\zeta^{-1}} d\mathbf{B}_t^2 \end{cases}$$

Let us introduce the **end-to-end vector** $\mathbf{X}_t = (\mathbf{X}_t^2 - \mathbf{X}_t^1)$ and the **position of the center of mass** $\mathbf{R}_t = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{X}_t^1 + \mathbf{X}_t^2)$:

$$\begin{cases} d\mathbf{X}_t = (\mathbf{u}(t, \mathbf{X}_t^2) - \mathbf{u}(t, \mathbf{X}_t^1)) dt - 2\zeta^{-1} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}_t) dt + 2\sqrt{kT\zeta^{-1}} d\mathbf{W}_t^1, \\ d\mathbf{R}_t = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{u}(t, \mathbf{X}_t^1) + \mathbf{u}(t, \mathbf{X}_t^2)) dt + \sqrt{kT\zeta^{-1}} d\mathbf{W}_t^2, \end{cases}$$

where $\mathbf{W}_t^1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\mathbf{B}_t^2 - \mathbf{B}_t^1)$ and $\mathbf{W}_t^2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\mathbf{B}_t^1 + \mathbf{B}_t^2)$.

Microscopic model (4/4)

Approximations:

- $\mathbf{u}(t, \mathbf{X}_t^i) \simeq \mathbf{u}(t, \mathbf{R}_t) + \nabla \mathbf{u}(t, \mathbf{R}_t)(\mathbf{X}_t^i - \mathbf{R}_t)$,
- the noise on \mathbf{R}_t is negligible.

We finally get

$$\begin{cases} d\mathbf{X}_t = \nabla \mathbf{u}(t, \mathbf{R}_t) \mathbf{X}_t dt - \frac{2}{\zeta} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}_t) dt + \sqrt{\frac{4kT}{\zeta}} d\mathbf{W}_t, \\ d\mathbf{R}_t = \mathbf{u}(t, \mathbf{R}_t) dt. \end{cases}$$

Eulerian version: at a fixed macroscopic point \mathbf{x}

$$\begin{aligned} d\mathbf{X}_t(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{u}(t, \mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla \mathbf{X}_t(\mathbf{x}) dt \\ = \nabla \mathbf{u}(t, \mathbf{x}) \mathbf{X}_t(\mathbf{x}) dt - \frac{2}{\zeta} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}_t(\mathbf{x})) dt + \sqrt{\frac{4kT}{\zeta}} d\mathbf{W}_t. \end{aligned}$$

Micro-macro model

The Kramers formula gives the stress tensor $\boldsymbol{\tau}$ in terms of the polymer chain configurations:

$$\boldsymbol{\tau}(t, \mathbf{x}) = n_p \left(-kT \text{Id} + \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X}_t(\mathbf{x}) \otimes \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}_t(\mathbf{x}))) \right).$$

This yields the complete coupled system:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho(\partial_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = -\nabla p + \eta \Delta \mathbf{u} + \text{div}(\boldsymbol{\tau}) + \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}}, \\ \text{div}(\mathbf{u}) = 0, \\ \boldsymbol{\tau} = n_p \left(-kT \text{Id} + \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X}_t \otimes \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}_t)) \right), \\ d\mathbf{X}_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{X}_t dt = \left(\nabla \mathbf{u} \mathbf{X}_t - \frac{2}{\zeta} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}_t) \right) dt + \sqrt{\frac{4kT}{\zeta}} d\mathbf{W}_t. \end{array} \right.$$

Entropic force and coarse-graining

Where does the entropic force come from?

$\mathbf{F}^1 = \nabla_{\mathbf{x}^1} \ln \psi_{eq}(\|\mathbf{X}_t^2 - \mathbf{X}_t^1\|)$, where ψ_{eq} is the equilibrium density of the end-to-end distance $\|\mathbf{X}^2 - \mathbf{X}^1\|$, in zero velocity field. In statistical physics, this force is called the mean force associated with the collective variable “end-to-end vector”.

General question: Starting from dynamics on the full-atom polymer chain $X_t = (X_t^1, \dots, X_t^n)$ with values in \mathbb{R}^{3n} (n atoms), and the coarse-graining map $\xi(X) = X^n - X^1$ (end-to-end vector), we would like to derive effective Markov dynamics in \mathbb{R}^3 close to $(\xi(X_t))_{t \geq 0}$. Is the mean force a good coarse-grained force?

General setting

Let us consider a stochastic dynamics

$$dX_t = -\nabla V(X_t) dt + \sqrt{2}dW_t.$$

and a smooth one dimensional function $\xi : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. This dynamics admits as an invariant measure:

$$\mu(dx) = Z^{-1} \exp(-V(x)) dx.$$

Problem: Propose a Markovian dynamics (say on $Z_t \in \mathbb{R}$) that approximates the dynamics $(\xi(X_t))_{t \geq 0}$.

In all what follows, to keep things simple, let us assume that $d = 2$ and

$$\xi(x_1, x_2) = x_1.$$

Free energy

The free energy $A : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by:

$$\exp(-A(x_1)) = Z^{-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp(-V(x_1, x_2)) dx_2.$$

Notice that, $\xi * \mu = \exp(-A(x_1)) dx_1$: for all test function φ ,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \varphi \circ \xi d\mu = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi(x_1) \exp(-A(x_1)) dx_1.$$

Question: Is the effective dynamics

$$dZ_t = -A'(Z_t) dt + \sqrt{2} dB_t$$

close to $(\xi(X_t))_{t \geq 0} = (X_t^1)_{t \geq 0}$? It is thermodynamically consistent (correct invariant measure) but is it **dynamically consistent** ?

Construction of the effective dynamics (1/3)

Original dynamics:

- SDE on $X_t = (X_t^1, X_t^2)$:

$$dX_t = -\nabla V(X_t) dt + \sqrt{2}dW_t.$$

PDE on $\mathcal{L}(X_t) = \psi(t, x) dx = \psi(t, x_1, x_2) dx_1 dx_2$:

$$\partial_t \psi = \operatorname{div}(\nabla V \psi) + \Delta \psi.$$

Equilibrium: $\psi_\infty = Z^{-1} \exp(-V)$.

- SDE on X_t^1 :

$$dX_t^1 = -\partial_1 V(X_t^1, X_t^2) dt + \sqrt{2}dW_t^1.$$

PDE on $\mathcal{L}(X_t^1) = \bar{\psi}(t, x_1) dx_1$, where

$$\bar{\psi}(t, x_1) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(t, x_1, x_2) dx_2:$$

$$\partial_t \bar{\psi} = \partial_1 \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} \partial_1 V \psi dx_2 \right) + \partial_{1,1} \bar{\psi}.$$

We need a **closure approximation**.

Construction of the effective dynamics (2/3)

First attempt: Closure by conditional expectation

SDE on \tilde{Z}_t :

$$d\tilde{Z}_t = -\tilde{b}(t, Z_t) dt + \sqrt{2}dW_t^1$$

where

$$\tilde{b}(t, z) = \mathbb{E}(\partial_1 V(X_t^1, X_t^2) | X_t^1 = z) = \frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}} \partial_1 V(x) \psi(t, x) dx_2}{\int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(t, x) dx_2}.$$

PDE: One has $\mathcal{L}(\tilde{Z}_t) = \bar{\psi}(t, x_1) dx_1!$ Indeed,

$$\partial_t \bar{\psi} = \partial_1(\tilde{b}\bar{\psi}) + \partial_{1,1}\bar{\psi}$$

since $\int_{\mathbb{R}} \partial_1 V \psi dx_2 = \tilde{b}\bar{\psi}$.

But \tilde{b} is not easy to compute... and where is the free energy?

Construction of the effective dynamics (3/3)

Second attempt: Closure by conditional expectation at equilibrium

SDE on Z_t :

$$dZ_t = -b(Z_t) dt + \sqrt{2}dW_t^1$$

where

$$b(x_1) = \mathbb{E}_\mu(\partial_1 V(X^1, X^2) | X^1 = x_1) = \frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}} \partial_1 V \exp(-V) dx_2}{\int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp(-V) dx_2}.$$

Notice that, since $A(x_1) = -\ln \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp(-V) dx_2 + \ln Z$,

$$b(x_1) = A'(x_1).$$

PDE on $\mathcal{L}(Z_t) = \phi(t, x_1) dx_1$:

$$\partial_t \phi = \partial_1(A' \phi) + \partial_{1,1} \bar{\phi}.$$

Related approaches: Mori-Zwanzig and projection operator formalism [E/Vanden-Eijnden, ...], asymptotic approaches [Papanicolaou, Freidlin,

Error analysis: time marginals

Theorem [Legoll, TL, 2010]

Let us recall that $\xi(x_1, x_2) = x_1$. Under the assumptions:

- (H1) For all x_1 , the conditional probability measures $\mu(\cdot | \xi(x) = x_1) = \frac{\psi_\infty(x_1, x_2) dx_2}{\psi_\infty(x_1)}$ satisfy a Logarithmic Sobolev Inequality with constant ρ ,
- (H2) Bounded coupling assumption: $\|\partial_{1,2} V\|_{L^\infty} \leq \kappa$.

Then, if $\mathcal{L}(\xi(X_0)) = \mathcal{L}(Z_0)$, $\exists C > 0$, $\forall t \geq 0$,

$$H(\mathcal{L}(\xi(X_t)), \mathcal{L}(Z_t)) \leq C \frac{\kappa}{\rho} \left(H(\mathcal{L}(X_0) | \mu) - H(\mathcal{L}(X_t) | \mu) \right)$$

where $H(\mu | \nu) = \int \ln(d\mu/d\nu) d\mu$ denotes the relative entropy.

Longtime convergence and entropy (1/3)

Recall the original dynamics:

$$dX_t = -\nabla V(X_t) dt + \sqrt{2}dW_t.$$

The associated Fokker-Planck equation writes:

$$\partial_t \psi = \operatorname{div} (\nabla V \psi) + \Delta \psi.$$

where $X_t \sim \psi(t, x) dx$.

The rate of convergence of ψ to $\psi_\infty = Z^{-1} \exp(-V)$ in entropy is dictated by the LSI constant of $\mu(dx) = \psi_\infty(x) dx$.

Longtime convergence and entropy (2/3)

Notice that the Fokker-Planck equation rewrites

$$\partial_t \psi = \operatorname{div} \left(\psi_\infty \nabla \left(\frac{\psi}{\psi_\infty} \right) \right)$$

where $\psi_\infty = Z^{-1} \exp(-V)$.

Let us introduce **the entropy**:

$$H(\psi(t, \cdot) | \psi_\infty) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \ln \left(\frac{\psi}{\psi_\infty} \right) \psi.$$

Longtime convergence and entropy (3/3)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dH(\psi(t, \cdot) | \psi_\infty)}{dt} &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \ln \left(\frac{\psi}{\psi_\infty} \right) \partial_t \psi \\
 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \ln \left(\frac{\psi}{\psi_\infty} \right) \operatorname{div} \left(\psi_\infty \nabla \left(\frac{\psi}{\psi_\infty} \right) \right) \\
 &= - \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \left| \nabla \ln \left(\frac{\psi}{\psi_\infty} \right) \right|^2 \psi =: -I(\psi(t, \cdot) | \psi_\infty).
 \end{aligned}$$

Definition: The meas $\psi_\infty(x) dx$ satisfies a **Logarithmic Sobolev Inequality** (LSI(R)) iff: $\forall \phi$ pdf,

$$H(\phi | \psi_\infty) \leq \frac{1}{2R} I(\phi | \psi_\infty)$$

Lemma: ψ_∞ satisfies LSI(R) \iff for all IC $\psi(0, \cdot)$, for all $t \geq 0$, $H(\psi(t, \cdot) | \psi_\infty) \leq H(\psi(0, \cdot) | \psi_\infty) \exp(-2Rt)$.

Proof (1/4)

Truth: X_t^1 with law $\bar{\psi}(t, x_1)dx_1$ and

$$\partial_t \bar{\psi} = \partial_1(\tilde{b}\bar{\psi}) + \partial_{1,1}\bar{\psi} \text{ where } \tilde{b}(t, x_1) = \frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}} \partial_1 V(x)\psi(t, x)dx_2}{\bar{\psi}(t, x_1)}.$$

Approximation: Z_t with law $\phi(t, x_1)dx_1$ and

$$\partial_t \phi = \partial_1(A'\phi) + \partial_{1,1}\phi \text{ where } A'(x_1) = \frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}} \partial_1 V(x)\psi_{\infty}(x)dx_2}{\bar{\psi}_{\infty}(x_1)}.$$

We would like to estimate $H(\bar{\psi}(t, \cdot)|\phi(t, \cdot)) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \ln\left(\frac{\bar{\psi}}{\phi}\right) \bar{\psi} dx_1.$

Proof (2/4)

Step 1: Entropy estimate

One has

$$\partial_t \bar{\psi} = \partial_1(A' \bar{\psi}) + \partial_{1,1} \bar{\psi} + \partial_1((\tilde{b} - A') \bar{\psi})$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dH(\bar{\psi}|\phi)}{dt} &= -I(\bar{\psi}|\phi) + \int_{\mathbb{R}} (A' - \tilde{b}) \bar{\psi} \partial_1 \left(\ln \frac{\bar{\psi}}{\phi} \right) dx_1 \\ &\leq -I(\bar{\psi}|\phi) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\partial_1 \left(\ln \frac{\bar{\psi}}{\phi} \right) \right)^2 \bar{\psi} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (A' - \tilde{b})^2 \bar{\psi} dx_1 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (A' - \tilde{b})^2 \bar{\psi} dx_1. \end{aligned}$$

Proof (3/4)

Step 2: Transport inequality [Grunewald/Otto/Villani/Westdickenberg]

For fixed t and x_1 , let $\pi_t^{x_1}(dx_2, d\tilde{x}_2)$ be a coupling measure with marginals $\nu_t^{x_1} = \frac{\psi(t, x_1, x_2)}{\psi(t, x_1)}$ and $\nu_\infty^{x_1} = \frac{\psi_\infty(x_1, \tilde{x}_2)}{\psi_\infty(x_1, x_2)}$. We have, using (H2),

$$\begin{aligned} \left| A'(x_1) - \tilde{b}(t, x_1) \right| &= \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} (\partial_1 V(x_1, x_2) - \partial_1 V(x_1, \tilde{x}_2)) \pi_t^{x_1}(dx_2, d\tilde{x}_2) \right| \\ &\leq \|\partial_{12} V\|_{L^\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |x_2 - \tilde{x}_2| \pi_t^{x_1}(dx_2, d\tilde{x}_2). \end{aligned}$$

Taking the infimum on $\pi_t^{x_1} \in \Pi(\nu_t^{x_1}, \nu_\infty^{x_1})$,

$$\left| A'(x_1) - \tilde{b}(t, x_1) \right| \leq \|\partial_{12} V\|_{L^\infty} W_1(\nu_t^{x_1}, \nu_\infty^{x_1}).$$

We now use the Talagrand inequality and the LSI on $\nu_\infty^{x_1}$ (H1) to get

$$\left| A'(x_1) - \tilde{b}(t, x_1) \right| \leq \frac{\|\partial_{12} V\|_{L^\infty}}{\rho} \sqrt{I(\nu_t^{x_1} | \nu_\infty^{x_1})}$$

Proof (4/4)

Step 3: Conclusion

We thus have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(A'(x_1) - \tilde{b}(t, x_1) \right)^2 \bar{\psi}(t, x_1) dx_1 &\leq \frac{\|\partial_{12} V\|_{L^\infty}^2}{\rho^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} I(\nu_t^{x_1} | \nu_\infty^{x_1}) \bar{\psi} \\ &\leq \frac{\|\partial_{12} V\|_{L^\infty}^2}{\rho^2} I(\psi | \psi_\infty). \end{aligned}$$

Plugging this into the entropy estimate, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dH(\bar{\psi} | \phi)}{dt} &\leq \frac{\|\partial_{12} V\|_{L^\infty}^2}{2\rho^2} I(\psi | \psi_\infty) \\ &= - \frac{\|\partial_{12} V\|_{L^\infty}^2}{2\rho^2} \frac{dH(\psi | \psi_\infty)}{dt}. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating in time (since $H(\bar{\psi}(0, \cdot) | \phi(0, \cdot)) = 0$):

$$\forall t \geq 0, H(\bar{\psi}(t) | \phi(t)) \leq \frac{\|\partial_{12} V\|_{L^\infty}^2}{2\rho^2} (H(\psi(0) | \psi_\infty) - H(\psi(t) | \psi_\infty)).$$

Entropy techniques

Other results based on this set of assumptions (LSI for the conditional measures and bounded coupling):

- [TL, JFA 2008]
LSI for the cond. meas. $\mu(\cdot|\xi(x) = z)$ + bdd coupling
+ LSI for the marginal $\xi * \mu \implies$ LSI for μ .
- [TL, Rousset, Stoltz Nonlinearity, 2008] Analysis of the adaptive biasing force method which writes, for $\xi(x_1, x_2) = x_1$:

$$\begin{cases} dX_t = -\nabla(V - A_t \circ \xi)(X_t) dt + \sqrt{2}dW_t, \\ A'_t(z) = \mathbb{E}(\partial_1 V(X_t)|\xi(X_t) = z). \end{cases}$$

Error analysis: trajectories

Theorem [Legoll, TL, Olla, 2017]

Let us recall that $\xi(x_1, x_2) = x_1$. Under the assumptions:

- (H1') For all x_1 , the conditional probability measures $\mu(\cdot | \xi(x) = x_1)$ satisfy a Poincaré inequality with constant ρ ,
- (H2') Bounded coupling assumption: $\|\partial_{12} V\|_{L^2(\mu)} \leq \kappa$,
- (H3) b is one-sided Lipschitz ($-b' \leq L_b$) and such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \sup_{z \in [-|x_1|, |x_1|]} |b'(z)|^2 \bar{\mu}(dx_1) < \infty.$$

Then, if $Z_0 = \xi(X_0)$ is distributed according to a measure μ_0 such that $\frac{d\mu_0}{d\mu} \in L^\infty$,

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |\xi(X_t) - Z_t| \right) \leq C \frac{\kappa}{\rho}$$

The proof uses probabilistic arguments (Poisson equations and Doob's martingale inequalities).

Remark: Application to averaging principle

These techniques can be used to obtain quantitative results for averaging principles. For example, let us consider

$$\begin{cases} dX_t^{1,\varepsilon} = -\partial_1 V(X_t^\varepsilon) dt + \sqrt{2} dW_t^1 \\ dX_t^{2,\varepsilon} = -\frac{\partial_2 V(X_t^\varepsilon)}{\varepsilon} dt + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\varepsilon}} dW_t^2 \end{cases}$$

Then, under the assumptions above:

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |X_t^{1,\varepsilon} - Z_t| \right) \leq C \sqrt{\varepsilon} \frac{\kappa}{\rho}.$$

Recent extensions and on-going works

We recently extended these results to general vectorial reaction coordinates and to **non-reversible dynamics** (non-gradient forces)

(collab. with U. Sharma and W. Zhang).

From a numerical viewpoint, these coarse-grained dynamics can be used as predictors in predictor-corrector schemes (parareal algorithms) (collab. with G. Samaey).

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