

# Fluctuations in conservative systems and SPDEs

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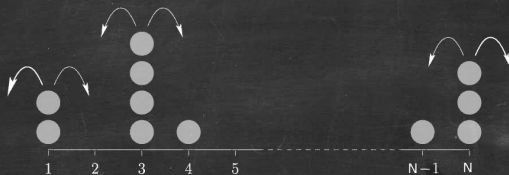
From interacting particle systems to conservative SPDEs

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Parabolic-hyperbolic PDE with irregular drift

## From interacting particle systems to conservative SPDEs

**The zero range process** (could also consider simple exclusion, independent particles, ..).



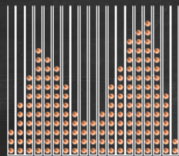
- State space  $\mathbb{M}_N := \mathbb{N}_0^{\mathbb{T}_N}$ , i.e. configurations  $\eta : \mathbb{T}_N \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$  : System in state  $\eta$  if container  $k$  contains  $\eta(k)$  particles.
- Local jump rate function  $g : \mathbb{N}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0^+$ .
- Translation invariant, asymmetric, zero mean transition probability

$$p(k, l) = p(k - l), \quad \sum_k kp(k) = 0.$$

- Markov jump process  $\eta(t)$  on  $\mathbb{M}_N$ .
- $\eta(k, t)$  = number of particles in box  $k$  at time  $t$ .

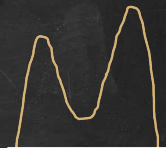
# - Hydrodynamic limit? Multi-scale dynamics

Microscopic scale: Particles



$$\text{Gridsize} = \frac{1}{N}$$

Macroscopic scale: PDEs



Mean dynamics

- Empirical density field:  $\mu^N(x, t) := \frac{1}{N} \sum_k \delta_{\frac{k}{N}}(x) \eta(k, tN^2)$ .
- [Hydrodynamic limit - Ferrari, Presutti, Vares; 1987]

$$\mu^N(t) \rightharpoonup^* \bar{\rho}(t) dx$$

with

$$\partial_t \bar{\rho} = \partial_{xx} \Phi(\bar{\rho})$$

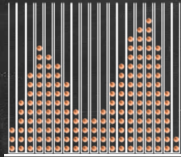
with  $\Phi$  the mean local jump rate  $\Phi(\rho) = \mathbb{E}_{\nu_\rho} [g(\eta(0))]$ .

- Loss of information:

- ▶ Fluctuations, rare events / large deviations?
- ▶ Model / Approximation error:  $\mu^N = \bar{\rho} + O(N^{-\frac{1}{2}})$ .

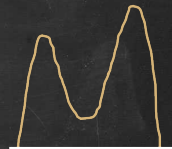
# Fluctuating Hydrodynamics?

Microscopic scale: Particles



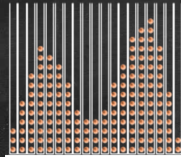
Gridsize =  $\frac{1}{N}$

Macroscopic scale: PDEs



Mean dynamics

Microscopic scale: Particles



Gridsize =  $\frac{1}{N}$

Mesoscopic scale: Conservative  
SPDEs



Fluctuation correction

Macroscopic scale: PDEs



Mean dynamics

## Ansatz: Conservative SPDEs

$$\partial_t \rho^N = \partial_{xx} \Phi(\rho^N) + N^{-\frac{1}{2}} \partial_x \left( \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}}(\rho^N) \xi^N \right),$$

with  $\xi^N$  noise, spatially correlated with decorrelation length  $\frac{1}{N}$ , and white in time,  
e.g.  $\xi^N(t, x) = \sum^N e_k(x) \dot{\beta}_t^k$ .

Informally, correct large deviations:

- Recall

$$\partial_t \rho^N = \partial_{xx} (\Phi(\rho^N)) + N^{-\frac{1}{2}} \partial_x \left( \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}}(\rho^N) \xi^N \right).$$

- Rare events: (Im-)probability to observe a fluctuation  $\rho$ :

$$\mathbb{P}[\rho^N \approx \rho] = e^{-N I(\rho)} \quad N \text{ large}$$

- Informally applying the contraction principle to the solution map

$$F : N^{-\frac{1}{2}} \xi \mapsto \rho$$

yields as a rate function

$$I(\rho) = \inf \{ I_\xi(g) : F(g) = \rho \}.$$

- Schilder's theorem for Brownian sheet suggests

$$I_\xi(g) = \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{T}} |g|^2 dx dt.$$

- Get

$$I(\rho) = \inf \left\{ \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{T}} |g|^2 dx dt : \partial_t \rho = \partial_{xx} (\Phi(\rho)) + \partial_x \left( \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}}(\rho) g \right) \right\}.$$

*Model / Approximation error:*

$$\partial_t \rho^N = \partial_{xx} \Phi(\rho^N) + \partial_x \left( \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}}(\rho^N) N^{-\frac{1}{2}} \xi^N \right).$$

Central limit theorems predict

$$\rho^N = \bar{\rho} + N^{-\frac{1}{2}} Y^1 + O(N^{-1})$$

$$\mu^N = \bar{\rho} + N^{-\frac{1}{2}} Y^1 + O(N^{-1}).$$

Conclude: Higher order of approximation

$$\mu^N = \rho^N + O(N^{-1}).$$

## Challenges:

- Well-posedness of conservative SPDEs (2013–): [Lions, Perthame, Souganidis; 2013, 2014], [G., Souganidis; 2015, 2017], [Fehrman, G.; 2021], [Dareiotis, G.; 2020], [Fehrman, G.; 2022].
- Large deviations: [Fehrman, G.; 2022], [Mariani, 2010]
- Expansions / quantified central limit theorems: [Dirr, Fehrman, G.; 2021], Linear case [Cornalba, Fischer, Ingmanns, Raithel]; [Djurdjevac, Kremp, Perkowski].

## From large deviations to parabolic-hyperbolic PDE with irregular drift

Rare events: (Im-)probability to observe a fluctuation  $\rho$ :

$$\mathbb{P}[\mu^N \approx \rho] = e^{-N I(\rho)} \quad N \text{ large}$$

A bit more precisely, for every open set  $O$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}[\mu^N \in \bar{O}] &\lesssim e^{-N \inf_{\rho \in \bar{O}} I(\rho)} \\ e^{-N \inf_{\rho \in O} I(\rho)} &\lesssim \mathbb{P}[\mu^N \in O] \end{aligned}$$

Zero range process

$$I(\rho) = \inf \left\{ \underbrace{\int_{t,x} |\partial_x H|^2 \Phi(\rho)}_{=:\|H\|_{H^1_{\Phi(\rho)}}} : \underbrace{\partial_t \rho = \partial_{xx} \Phi(\rho) + \partial_x(\Phi(\rho) \partial_x H)}_{\text{"controlled nonlinear Fokker-Planck equation"}} \right\}.$$



Theorem ([Large deviation principle, Kipnis, Olla, Varadhan; 1989 & Benois, Kipnis, Landim; 1995])

For every open set  $O \subseteq D([0, T], \mathcal{M}_+)$  we have

$$\mathbb{P}[\mu^N \in \bar{O}] \lesssim e^{-N \inf_{\rho \in \bar{O}} I(\rho)}$$

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$$e^{-N \inf_{\rho \in O} J(\rho)} \lesssim \mathbb{P}[\mu^N \in O]$$

where  $J = \overline{I|_A}$  and  $A$  is the set of nice fluctuations  $\mu = \rho dx$  with  $\rho$  a solution to

$$\partial_t \rho = \partial_{xx} \Phi(\rho) + \partial_x(\Phi(\rho) \partial_x H)$$

for some  $H \in C_{t,x}^{1,3}$ .

This is a frequently observed problem: E.g. Fluctuations around Boltzmann equation [Rezakhanlou 1998], [Bodineau, Gallagher, Saint-Raymond, Simonella 2020]. Counter-examples for Boltzmann [Heydecker; 2021].

Problem:

$$I = J = \overline{I|_A}?$$

Existence of a “recovery sequence”? Given fluctuation  $\rho$  so that  $I(\rho dx) < \infty$ , i.e. for some  $H \in H^1_{\Phi(\rho)}$ ,

$$\partial_t \rho = \partial_{xx} \Phi(\rho) + \partial_x (\Phi(\rho) \underbrace{\partial_x H}_{\in H^1_{\Phi(\rho)}}).$$

Need to find sequence of nice fluctuations  $\rho^\varepsilon \in A$  so that  $\rho^\varepsilon \rightarrow \rho$  and  $I(\rho^\varepsilon) \rightarrow I(\rho)$ . That is, find  $H^\varepsilon \in C^{1,3}([0, T] \times \mathbb{T})$  so that

$$I(\rho^\varepsilon) = \|H^\varepsilon\|_{L^2_t H^1_{\Phi(\rho)}} \rightarrow \|H\|_{L^2_t H^1_{\Phi(\rho)}} = I(\rho)$$

and

$$\partial_t \rho^\varepsilon = \partial_{xx} \Phi(\rho^\varepsilon) + \partial_x (\Phi(\rho^\varepsilon) \partial_x H^\varepsilon)$$

satisfies  $\rho^\varepsilon \rightarrow \rho$ .

Difficult: Open problem for the zero range process since [Benois, Kipnis, Landim; 1995].

Recall: Informally the LDP expected from

$$\partial_t \rho = \partial_{xx} \Phi(\rho) + N^{-\frac{1}{2}} \partial_x (\Phi^{\frac{1}{2}}(\rho) \xi^N)$$

is

$$I(\rho) = \inf \left\{ \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{T}} |g|^2 dx dt : \underbrace{\partial_t \rho = \partial_{xx} \Phi(\rho) + \partial_x (\Phi^{\frac{1}{2}}(\rho) g)}_{\text{"skeleton equation"}} \right\}.$$

**Observation:** Stability properties are better studied via the skeleton PDE

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \rho &= \partial_{xx} \Phi(\rho) + \partial_x (\Phi(\rho) \partial_x H) \\ &= \partial_{xx} \Phi(\rho) + \partial_x (\Phi^{\frac{1}{2}}(\rho) \underbrace{\Phi^{\frac{1}{2}}(\rho) \partial_x H}_{L^2_{t,x}}) \\ &= \underbrace{\partial_{xx} \Phi(\rho) + \partial_x (\Phi^{\frac{1}{2}}(\rho) \underbrace{g}_{\in L^2_{t,x}})}_{\text{"skeleton equation"}} \end{aligned}$$

Stability:  $g \mapsto \rho, L^2_{t,x} \rightarrow L^1_{t,x}$  continuous?

I.e. Stability and uniqueness of a PDE with irregular coefficients  $g \in L^2_{t,x}$ .

Eventually it turns out that stability is studied better on the level of the skeleton equation than on the level of the nonlinear Fokker-Planck equation.

# Parabolic-hyperbolic PDE with irregular drift

## Skeleton equation

$$\partial_t \rho = \partial_{xx} \Phi(\rho) + \partial_x \left( \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}}(\rho) \underbrace{g}_{\in L^2_{t,x}} \right).$$

How difficult is the well-posedness?

- Difficulty: Stable a-priori bound?  $L^p$  framework does not work.
- Do we expect non-concentration of mass / well-posedness?

## Scaling and criticality of the skeleton equation

- We consider,  $\Phi(\rho) = \rho^m$ ,

$$\partial_t \rho = \Delta \rho^m + \operatorname{div}(\rho^{\frac{m}{2}} g)$$

with  $g \in L^q_t L^p_x$  and  $\rho_0 \in L^r_x$ .

- Via rescaling ("zooming in"):
  - ▶  $p = q = 2$  is critical.
  - ▶  $r = 1$  is critical,  $r > 1$  is supercritical.

**Recall:** [Le Bris, Lions; CPDE 2008], [Karlssen, Risebro, Ohlberger, Chen, ...]

$$\partial_t \rho = \frac{1}{2} D^2 : (\sigma \sigma^* \rho) + \operatorname{div}(\rho g)$$

needs  $g \in W^{1,1}_{loc,x}$ ,  $\operatorname{div} g \in L^\infty$ .

## Overview of ingredients of the proof:

- **Part 1:** Apriori-bounds; entropy-entropy dissipation estimates
- **Part 2:** Extending the concepts of DiPerna-Lions, Ambrosio, Le Bris-Lions to nonlinear PDE (but going beyond).
- **Part 3:** Uniqueness for renormalized entropy solutions (variable doubling): New treatment of kinetic dissipation measure. Exploit finite *singular* moments.

## Part 1: Apriori-bounds

- Consider

$$\partial_t \rho = \Delta \rho^m + \operatorname{div}(\rho^{\frac{m}{2}} g) \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{T}^d \quad (*)$$

with  $g \in L^2_{t,x}$ ,  $m \in [1, \infty)$ . E.g.

$$\partial_t \rho = \Delta \rho + \operatorname{div}(\rho^{\frac{1}{2}} g).$$

- Use entropy-entropy dissipation: Evolution of entropy given by  $\int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \log(\rho) \rho$ . Informally gives

$$\int_x \log(\rho) \rho \Big|_0^t + \int_0^t \int_x (\nabla \rho^{\frac{m}{2}})^2 \lesssim \int_0^t \int_x g^2.$$

- Caution: Can only be true for non-negative solutions.
- Non-standard weak solutions, rewriting (\*) as

$$\partial_t \rho = 2 \operatorname{div}(\rho^{\frac{m}{2}} \nabla \rho^{\frac{m}{2}}) + \operatorname{div}(\rho^{\frac{m}{2}} g).$$

- Stability in the control: for  $g^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup g$  in  $L^2_{t,x}$  by compactness  $\rho^\varepsilon \rightarrow \hat{\rho}$  weak solution to (\*).
- Conclusion: Have to prove uniqueness within this class of solutions.

## Part 2: Renormalization

**Recall:** Linear case [DiPerna, Lions, Invent. 1989; Ambrosio Invent. 2004]

$$\partial_t \rho = \operatorname{div}(\rho g).$$

Then  $\rho$  is a renormalized solution, if for all smooth  $f$  we have

$$\partial_t f(\rho) = \operatorname{div}(f(\rho)g) - (f(\rho) + f'(\rho)\rho)\operatorname{div}g.$$

Let  $\rho$  be a weak solution to

$$\partial_t \rho = 2\operatorname{div}(\rho^{\frac{m}{2}} \nabla \rho^{\frac{m}{2}}) + \operatorname{div}(\rho^{\frac{m}{2}} g).$$

Show that every weak solution is a renormalized (= kinetic) solution (merging renormalization [DiPerna, Lions; Ambrosio] with kinetic solutions [Lions, Perthame, Tadmor, J. Amer. Math. Soc. 1994]).

Let

$$\chi(t, x, \xi) = f_\xi(\rho(x, t)) = 1_{0 < \xi < \rho(x, t)} - 1_{\rho(x, t) < \xi < 0}.$$

Then, informally,

$$\partial_t \chi = m \xi^{m-1} \Delta_x \chi - g(x, t) (\partial_\xi \xi^{\frac{m}{2}}) \nabla_x \chi + (\nabla_x g(x, t)) \xi^{\frac{m}{2}} \partial_\xi \chi + \partial_\xi q$$

with  $\rho$  parabolic defect measure

$$q = \delta(\xi - \rho(x, t)) |\nabla \rho^{\frac{m+1}{2}}|^2.$$

- Note: Additional commutator errors by commuting convolution and nonlinearities.
- Commutator estimate using non-standard (optimal) regularity  $\rho^{\frac{m}{2}} \in L_t^2 \dot{H}_x^1$
- Additional renormalization step to compensate low time integrability  $\rho^{\frac{m}{2}} g \in L_t^1 L_x^1$ .

## Theorem

A function  $\rho \in L_t^\infty L_x^1$  is a weak solution to

$$\partial_t \rho = 2 \operatorname{div}(\rho^{\frac{m}{2}} \nabla \rho^{\frac{m}{2}}) + \operatorname{div}(\rho^{\frac{m}{2}} g)$$

if and only if  $\rho$  is a renormalized entropy solution (kinetic solution).



### Part 3: Uniqueness for renormalized entropy solutions (variable doubling)

- Established arguments [Chen, Perthame; 2003] not applicable.
- Additional errors from space-inhomogeneity (with little regularity)
- Note: Entropy dissipation measure

$$q(x, \xi, t) = \delta(\xi - \rho(x, t)) |\nabla \rho^{\frac{m+1}{2}}|^2 = \delta(\xi - \rho(x, t)) \frac{\xi^m}{\xi^{m-1}} |\nabla \rho^{\frac{m}{2}}|^2$$

does not satisfy

$$\lim_{|\xi| \rightarrow \infty} \int_{t,x} q(x, \xi, t) dx dt = 0.$$

- Only finite singular moment

$$\int_{t,x,\xi} |\xi|^{-1} q(x, \xi, t) d\xi dx dt < \infty.$$

## Theorem (The skeleton equation, Fehrman, G. 2022)

Let  $g \in L^2_{t,x}$ ,  $\rho_0$  non-negative and  $\int \rho_0 \log(\rho_0) dx < \infty$ . There is a unique weak solution to

$$\partial_t \rho = \Delta \Phi(\rho) + \operatorname{div}(\Phi^{\frac{1}{2}}(\rho)g).$$

The map  $g \mapsto \rho$ ,  $L^2_{t,x} \rightarrow L^1_{t,x}$ , is weak-strong continuous. E.g. including all  $\Phi(\rho) = \rho^m$ ,  $m \in [1, \infty)$ .

## Theorem (LDP for zero range process, G., Heydecker, 2023)

The rescaled zero range process satisfies the full large deviations principle with rate function

$$I(\rho) = \|\partial_t \rho - \partial_{xx} \Phi(\rho)\|_{H^{-1}_{\Phi(\rho)}}.$$

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- mathematics of machine learning
- stochastic dynamics.



Construction of the recovery sequence  $\rho^n$  with smooth controls  $H^n$ : Recall

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t \rho &= \partial_{xx} \Phi(\rho) + \partial_x(\Phi(\rho) \partial_x H) \\ &= \partial_{xx} \Phi(\rho) + \partial_x(\underbrace{\Phi^{\frac{1}{2}}(\rho) \Phi^{\frac{1}{2}}(\rho)}_{\Phi(\rho)}) \partial_x H.\end{aligned}$$

Let

$$g_n = g * \kappa^{\frac{1}{n}}, \quad \rho_{0,n} = ((\rho_0 \vee \frac{1}{n}) \wedge n) * \kappa^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\psi_n = 0 \text{ on } [0, \frac{1}{2n}] \cup [2n, \infty) \quad \psi_n = 1 \text{ on } [\frac{1}{n}, n]$$

Let  $\rho_n$  be the solution to

$$\partial_t \rho_n = \Delta \Phi(\rho_n) - \nabla \cdot (\Phi^{\frac{1}{2}}(\rho_n) \psi(\rho_n) g_n).$$

By comparison get

$$1/2n \leq \rho_n \leq 2n,$$

by parabolic regularity get  $\rho^n$  smooth. Consider the equation

$$\partial_t \rho_n = \Delta \Phi(\rho_n) - \nabla \cdot (\Phi(\rho_n) \nabla H_n)$$

as a (non-degenerate) elliptic equation for  $H_n$ . We get existence of a smooth  $H_n$  and thus  $\rho^n$  is a nice fluctuation.

The entropy dissipation estimate for  $\rho_n$  is still applicable since  $\|\psi(\rho_n) g_n\|_{L^2} \leq \|g\|_{L^2}$ . This allows to show convergence to a solution  $\rho$ , which by uniqueness is the pre-given function  $\rho$ .