

# Gradient flow structures and large deviations for porous media equations

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## Stochastic porous medium equation

Stochastic porous medium equation,  $\alpha \geq 1$ ,

$$\partial_t \rho = \Delta \rho^\alpha + \underbrace{\text{noise}}_?$$

Rewrite the PME as a gradient flow

$$\partial_t \rho = \Delta \rho^\alpha \stackrel{=?}{=} -\nabla_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{H}(\rho) = -M(\rho) \frac{D\mathcal{H}}{D\rho}(\rho),$$

where  $M(\rho)$  the inverse Riemannian tensor,  $\mathcal{H}$  some entropy. Choose noise so that  $\mu(d\rho) = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\mathcal{H}(\rho)} d\rho$  becomes an invariant measure, i.e.

$$\partial_t \rho = -M(\rho) \frac{D\mathcal{H}}{D\rho}(\rho) + M^{\frac{1}{2}}(\rho) \diamond \xi.$$

Different gradient flow structures lead to different SPDEs.

## Gradient flows for PME:

Brezis ['71]:  $\mathcal{M} = H^{-1}$ ,  $M(\rho) = -\Delta$ ,  $\mathcal{H}(\rho) = \int \rho^{\alpha+1}$ ,

$$\partial_t \rho = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \rho^\alpha).$$

Otto ['01]:  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{T}^d)$ ,  $M(\rho) = -\nabla \cdot (\rho \nabla \cdot)$ ,  $\mathcal{H}(\rho) = \int \rho^\alpha$  pressure,

$$\partial_t \rho = \nabla \cdot (\rho \nabla \rho^{\alpha-1}).$$

“Thermodynamic metric”:  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{T}^d)$ ,  $M(\rho) = -\nabla \cdot (\rho^\alpha \nabla \cdot)$ ,  $\mathcal{H}(\rho) = \mathcal{H}(\rho)$   
Boltzmann entropy,

$$\partial_t \rho = \nabla \cdot (\rho^\alpha \nabla \log(\rho)).$$

Sideremark: Leads to fluctuating hydrodynamics SPDE

$$\partial_t \rho = \Delta \rho^\alpha + \nabla \cdot (\rho^{\alpha/2} \diamond \xi).$$

“**Thermodynamic metric**”? Manifold  $\mathcal{M}$  = set of probability measures. Formally, the inverse Riemannian tensor should be

$$M(\rho) = \nabla \cdot \rho^\alpha \nabla = \nabla \cdot \rho^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} (\rho^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \nabla)$$

Following [Otto; 2001], but replacing  $\rho \mapsto \rho^\alpha$ , suggests

$$T_\rho \mathcal{M} := \overline{\{\rho^{\alpha/2} \nabla \varphi : \varphi \in C^2(\mathbb{T}^d)\}}^{L^2}$$

with

$$g_\rho(\zeta_1, \zeta_2) = \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \rho^{\alpha/2} \nabla \xi_1 \cdot \rho^{\alpha/2} \nabla \xi_2$$

and

$$\zeta_i + \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} \rho^\alpha \nabla \xi_i \right) = 0.$$

However, this does not lead to a Riemannian metric, since we can have  $\rho_0 \neq \rho_1$  with  $d(\rho_0, \rho_1) = 0$  (unbounded diffusivity), or  $d(\rho_0, \rho_1) = \infty$  (degeneracy). ( $\alpha > 1$ ).

**“Thermodynamic metric”:** Consider the non-degenerate case

$$\partial_t \rho = \nabla \cdot (\rho \nabla \log(\rho)).$$

Then there is a rigorous meaning for

$$\partial_t \rho = \Delta \rho = -\nabla_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{H}(\rho) = -M(\rho) \frac{D\mathcal{H}}{D\rho}(\rho). \quad (*)$$

Note

$$\partial_t \mathcal{H}(\rho) = -(\partial_t \rho, \frac{D\mathcal{H}}{D\rho})_{M(\rho)} \geq -|\partial_t \rho|_{M(\rho)} \left| \frac{D\mathcal{H}}{D\rho} \right|_{M(\rho)} \geq -\frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{D\mathcal{H}}{D\rho} \right|_{M(\rho)}^2 - \frac{1}{2} |\partial_t \rho|_{M(\rho)}^2$$

with equality iff  $\rho$  solves  $(*)$ .  $((v, w) = -\frac{1}{2}|v|^2 - \frac{1}{2}|w|^2$  iff  $v = -w$ )

**Consequence:**  $\rho$  is a gradient flow for  $(*)$  iff

$$0 = I(\rho) = \mathcal{H}(\rho_0) - \mathcal{H}(\rho_T) - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \int_x \frac{|\nabla \rho|^2}{\rho} dx dt - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{A}(\rho)$$

where

$$\mathcal{A}(\rho) = \int_0^T |\dot{\rho}|_{M(\rho)}^2 = \inf \{ \|g\|_{L^2_{t,x}}^2 : \partial_t \rho + M^{\frac{1}{2}}(\rho)g = 0 \}.$$

is the action of  $\rho$ .

**Definition:**  $\rho$  is a “thermodynamic” gradient flow of

$$\partial_t \rho = \nabla \cdot (\rho^\alpha \nabla \log(\rho)).$$

iff

$$0 = \mathcal{I}(\rho) = \mathcal{H}(\rho_0) - \mathcal{H}(\rho_T) - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \int \frac{|\nabla \rho^{\frac{\alpha+1}{2}}|^2}{\rho} dx dt - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{A}(\rho).$$

## Gradient flows and large deviations

Rare events are the (im-)probability to observe a fluctuation  $\rho$ :

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

We say that a gradient flow structure corresponding to an energy  $\mathcal{I}$  is thermodynamic, if there is a particle system  $\mu^N$  satisfying an LDP with rate function  $\mathcal{I}$ .

Macroscopic Fluctuation Theory [Bertini, De Sole, Gabrielli, Jona-Lasinio, Landim; 2015].

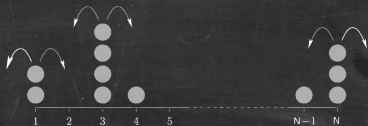
**Q:** it is not (rigorously) known which, if any, of the gradient flow structures of PME are thermodynamic.

## The porous medium equation as a hydrodynamic limit

Can we obtain the PME as a limit of a (stochastic) particle system?

E.g. [Suzuki, Ushiyama; 1993], [Ekhaus, Seppäläinen; 1996], [Oelschläger; 1990], [Gonçalves, Landim, Toninelli; 2009], [Gonçalves, Nahum, Simon; 2023], also fractional cases [Cardoso, de Paula, Gonçalves; 2023]

The zero range process:



Local jump rate function  $g(\eta) = \eta^\alpha : \mathbb{N}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0^+$ ,  $\alpha > 1$ .

Translation invariant, asymmetric, zero mean transition probability

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

Generator

$$L_N F(\eta) := \sum_{x, y \in \mathbb{T}_N^d} p(x, y) \eta^\alpha(x) (F(\eta^{x, y}) - F(\eta)).$$

Hydrodynamic limit Empirical density field:

$$\mu^N(x, t) := \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_k \delta_k(x) \eta(k, t) \right) (xN, tN^2).$$

[Hydrodynamic limit - Ferrari, Presutti, Vares; 1987]

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

with

$$\partial_t \bar{\rho} = \Delta \Phi(\bar{\rho})$$

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

The  $\Phi$  is non-degenerate:  $\Phi' \geq c > 0$ . Even if  $g(\eta) = \eta^\alpha$  we do not see the porous medium equation, that is,  $\Phi(\bar{\rho}) \neq \bar{\rho}^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \geq 1$ .



The porous medium equation,  $\alpha \geq 1$ ,

$$\partial_t \bar{\rho} = \Delta \bar{\rho}^\alpha$$

Scaling invariance of PME: Let  $\tilde{\rho}(t, x) = \chi \bar{\rho}(\tau t, \lambda x)$ . Then

$$\partial_t \tilde{\rho} = \tau \chi^{1-\alpha} \lambda^{-2} \Delta \tilde{\rho}^\alpha.$$

Get a one parameter family of scaling invariances

$$\tau \chi^{1-\alpha} \lambda^{-2} = 1.$$

Consider the ZRP with local jump rate function  $g(\eta) = \eta^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \geq 1$ .

Rescaling particle sizes by  $\chi_N$

$$\mu^N(x, t) := \chi_N \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_k \delta_k(x) \eta(k, t) \right) \left( xN, t \frac{N^2}{\chi_N^{1-\alpha}} \right).$$

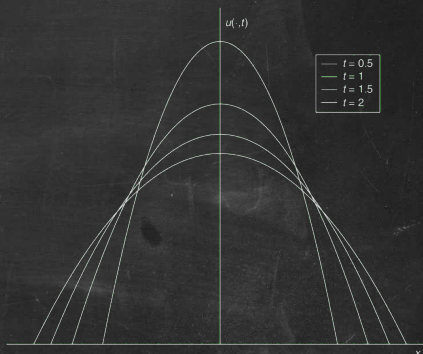
## Two difficulties:

- Superlinear growth of  $g(\eta) = \eta^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha > 1$ . Possible concentration of mobility  $(\eta^N(x))^\alpha$ .
- Degeneracy of  $g(\eta) = \eta^\alpha$  at  $\eta = 0$ . Now becomes visible with  $\chi$  small. Dirichlet form degenerates.

As a result, the classical one-block, two-block approach to the superexponential replacement lemma is not applicable.

**Solution:** New microscopic, “pathwise” entropy-dissipation inequality

## Macroscopic: Barenblatt solution



Theorem (Hydrodynamic limit, G., Heydecker, 2023)

Let  $\rho_0 \in L^1_{\geq 0}(\mathbb{T}^d)$  with finite entropy  $\mathcal{H}(\rho_0) = \int \rho_0 \log \rho_0 - \rho_0 + 1 < \infty$ ,

$\limsup_{M \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{H}(\eta_0^N) > M) = 0$  and

$$\mathbb{P}(d(\eta_0^N, \rho_0) > \varepsilon) \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $d$  is a metric inducing the weak-\* topology of  $L^1_{\geq 0}(\mathbb{T}^d)$ . Assume the scaling relation  $\chi_N^{1 \wedge \alpha/2} \leq CN^{-2}$ . Then

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

in probability, where  $\bar{\rho}$  is the solution to

$$\partial_t \bar{\rho} = \Delta \bar{\rho}^\alpha.$$

“Pathwise” entropy-dissipation inequality: Let  $\mathcal{F}_N$  be the following functional on discrete paths

$$\mathcal{F}_N(\eta^N) := \sup_{t \leq T} \mathcal{H}(\eta_t^N) + \int_0^T \mathcal{D}_{\alpha, N}(\eta_s^N) ds$$

where  $\mathcal{D}_{\alpha, N}$  is a lattice discretisation of  $\mathcal{D}_{\alpha}(\rho) = \int_x |\nabla \rho^{\alpha/2}|^2 dx$ :

$$\mathcal{D}_{\alpha, N}(\eta^N) := \frac{1}{2\alpha N^{d-2}} \sum_{x \sim y} ((\eta^N(x))^{\alpha/2} - (\eta^N(y))^{\alpha/2})^2.$$

Macroscopically

$$\mathcal{H}(\bar{\rho}_T) + \int_0^T \int_x |\nabla \bar{\rho}^{\alpha/2}|^2 dx \leq \mathcal{H}(\bar{\rho}_0).$$

Mesoscopically/SPDE

$$\mathcal{H}(\rho_T) + \int_0^T \int_x |\nabla \rho^{\alpha/2}|^2 dx \leq \mathcal{H}(\rho_0) + \text{martingale} + \frac{\chi_N^2 C(N)}{N^d} \text{Ito-correction}.$$

Explicit computation, using  $\chi_N^{1 \wedge \alpha/2} \leq CN^{-2}$  yields that

$$Z_t^N = \exp \left( \frac{N^d \alpha}{2 \chi_N} \left( \mathcal{H}(\eta_t^N) - \int_0^t \mathcal{D}_{\alpha, N}(\eta_s^N) ds - Ct \right) \right)$$

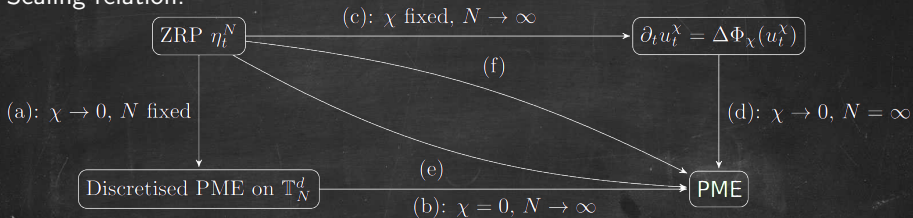
is a supermartingale.

Post-process:

$$\limsup_{M \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_N \frac{\chi_N}{N^d} \log \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}_N(\eta^N) > M) = -\infty.$$

Implies  $L^\beta(\mathbb{T}^d)$ -estimate, some  $\beta > \alpha$ , equicontinuity. One can then conclude by (stochastic) compactness / Aubin-Lions-Simon type theory.

Scaling relation:



Here: Assume the “scaling relation”

$$\chi_N^{1 \wedge \alpha/2} \leq CN^{-2}.$$

## Large deviations around the porous medium equation?

Rate function

$$I(\rho) = \inf \left\{ \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{T}} |g|^2 dx ds : g \in L^2_{t,x}, \underbrace{\partial_t \rho = \Delta \rho^\alpha + \nabla \cdot (\rho^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} g)}_{\text{"skeleton equation"}} \right\}$$
$$= \inf \left\{ \underbrace{\|H\|_{H^1_{\rho^\alpha}}^2}_{= \int_{t,x} |\nabla H|^2 \rho^\alpha} : \underbrace{\partial_t \rho = \Delta \rho^\alpha + \nabla \cdot (\rho^\alpha \nabla H)}_{\text{"controlled nonlinear Fokker-Planck equation"}} \right\}.$$

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

For every  $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{O} \subseteq D([0, T], \mathcal{M}_+)$  closed, open sets resp. we have

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

where  $A$  is the set of nice fluctuations  $\mu = \rho dx$  with  $\rho$  a solution to

$$\partial_t \rho = \Delta \rho^\alpha + \nabla \cdot (\rho^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} g)$$

for some  $g \in C^{1,3}_{t,x}$ . Problem:  $I = \overline{I}_A$ ?

One approach: Show well-posedness of

$$\partial_t \rho = \Delta \rho^\alpha + \nabla \cdot (\rho^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} g), \quad \text{with } g \in L^2_{t,x}.$$

Theorem (The skeleton equation, Fehrman, G. 2023)

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

$$\partial_t \rho = \Delta \rho^\alpha + \nabla \cdot (\rho^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} g).$$

The map  $g \mapsto \rho$ ,  $L^2_{t,x} \rightarrow L^1_{t,x}$ , is weak-strong continuous.

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

The rescaled zero range process satisfies the full large deviations principle with speed  $\frac{N^d}{\chi N}$  and rate function

$$I(\rho) = \inf \left\{ \|g\|_{L^2_{t,x}}^2 : \partial_t \rho = \Delta \rho^\alpha + \nabla \cdot (\rho^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} g) \right\}.$$



## Gradient flow structures for the porous medium equation

The PME as a gradient flow

$$\partial_t \rho = \Delta \rho^\alpha \stackrel{=}=? -\nabla_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{H}(\rho^\alpha) = -M(\rho) \frac{D\mathcal{H}}{D\rho}(\rho),$$

The large deviations select the skeleton equation

$$\partial_t \rho = \Delta \rho^\alpha + \underbrace{\nabla \cdot (\rho^{\alpha/2} g)}_{=: M^{\frac{1}{2}}(\rho)}.$$

This suggests

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \rho &= \nabla \cdot (\rho^\alpha \nabla \log(\rho)) + \nabla \cdot (\rho^{\alpha/2} g) \\ &= -M(\rho) \frac{D\mathcal{H}}{D\rho}(\rho) + M^{\frac{1}{2}}(\rho) g, \end{aligned}$$

i.e. the “thermodynamic metric”.

Obstacle: Have to rewrite rate function in terms of energy.

If we are able to write  $\Delta\rho^\alpha = -\nabla_{\mathcal{M}}\mathcal{H}(\rho^\alpha)$  then we have the following identity

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}(\rho) &= \inf \left\{ \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{T}} |g|^2 dx ds : g \in L^2_{t,x}, \partial_t \rho = \Delta\rho^\alpha + \nabla \cdot (\rho^{\alpha/2} g) \right\} \\ &= \|\partial_t \rho - \Delta\rho^\alpha\|_{H_{\rho^\alpha}^{-1}}^2 = \|\partial_t \rho\|^2 - 2(\partial_t \rho, -\nabla_{\mathcal{M}}\mathcal{H}(\rho^\alpha))_{H_{\rho^\alpha}^{-1}} + \|\Delta\rho^\alpha\|_{H_{\rho^\alpha}^{-1}}^2 \\ &= \mathcal{H}(\rho_T) - \mathcal{H}(\rho_0) + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \|\partial_t \rho\|_{\dot{H}_{\rho^\alpha}^{-1}}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\Delta\rho^\alpha\|_{\dot{H}_{\rho^\alpha}^{-1}}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Define the action

$$\mathcal{A}(\rho) = \inf \{ \|g\|_{L^2_{t,x}}^2 : \partial_t \rho + \underbrace{\nabla \cdot (\rho^{\alpha/2} g)}_{=M^{\frac{1}{2}}(\rho)} = 0 \}.$$

Informally

$$\mathcal{A}(\rho) = \int_0^T \|\partial_t \rho\|_{\dot{H}_{\rho^\alpha}^{-1}}^2.$$

In conclusion, the gradient flow picture suggests the energy identity

$$\mathcal{J}(\rho) = \mathcal{H}(\rho_T) - \mathcal{H}(\rho_0) + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{A}(\rho) + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \|\rho^{\alpha/2}\|_{\dot{H}^1}^2.$$

Theorem (Entropy dissipation equality, G., Heydecker, 2023)

Let  $D_\alpha(\rho) < \infty$ ,  $\mathcal{H}(\rho_0) < \infty$ ,  $u_0 > 0$ . Then

$$\mathcal{J}(\rho) = \mathcal{H}_{u_0}(\rho_T) - \mathcal{H}_{u_0}(\rho_0) + \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{A}(\rho) + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \|\rho^{\alpha/2}(s)\|_{\dot{H}^1}^2 ds.$$

If  $\rho$  is a solution to the PME, we have the energy equality

$$0 = \mathcal{H}_{u_0}(\rho_T) - \mathcal{H}_{u_0}(\rho_0) + \int_0^T \|\rho^{\alpha/2}(s)\|_{\dot{H}^1}^2 ds.$$

### Sketch of the proof

In equilibrium, detailed balance  $\implies (\mathcal{T}\eta_\bullet^N)_t := \eta_{T-t-}^N$  has the same law as the original process.

Contraction principle and uniqueness of rate functions:

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{T}\rho) = \mathcal{I}(\rho)$$

for all  $\rho$ . Analyse identity without assuming any more regularity on  $\rho$  than necessary.

Recall

$$\mathcal{I}(\rho) = \inf \left\{ \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{T}} |g|^2 dx ds : g \in L^2_{t,x}, \partial_t \rho = \Delta \rho^\alpha + \nabla \cdot (\rho^{\alpha/2} g) \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{A}(\rho) = \inf \{ \|\theta\|_{L^2_{t,x}}^2 : \partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho^{\alpha/2} \theta) = 0 \}.$$

Optimal  $g, \theta$  are uniquely characterised by membership in

$$\Lambda_\rho := \overline{\{ \rho^{\alpha/2} \nabla \varphi : \varphi \in C^{1,2}([0, T] \times \mathbb{T}^d) \}}_{L^2_{t,x}}.$$

Let  $\Pi[\rho]$  be orthogonal projection to this space.

If  $\mathcal{I}(\rho) < \infty$ , let  $g$  be optimal. Since

$$\partial_t \rho = \Delta \rho^\alpha + \nabla \cdot (\rho^{\alpha/2} g) = \nabla \rho^{\alpha/2} \cdot (2 \nabla \rho^{\alpha/2} + g)$$

optimal  $\theta$  is

$$-2\Pi[\rho] \nabla \rho^{\alpha/2} - g.$$

For time reversal  $\rho_r := \mathcal{T}\rho$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t \rho_r &= -\Delta \rho_r^\alpha + \nabla \cdot (\rho_r^{\alpha/2} \mathcal{T}g) \\ &= \Delta \rho_r^\alpha - \nabla \cdot \rho_r^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} (2\nabla \rho_r^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} - \mathcal{T}g).\end{aligned}$$

So optimal  $g$  for  $\rho_r$  is

$$g_r := 2\Pi[\rho] \nabla \rho^{\alpha/2} - \mathcal{T}g.$$

We get

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= \mathcal{I}(\mathcal{T}\rho) - \mathcal{I}(\rho) \\ &= \alpha \mathcal{H}(\rho_T) + \frac{1}{2} \|g_r\|^2 - \alpha \mathcal{H}(\rho_0) - \frac{1}{2} \|g\|^2 \\ &= \alpha \mathcal{H}(\rho_T) - \alpha \mathcal{H}(\rho_0) + \frac{1}{2} (\|g_r\|^2 + \|\mathcal{T}g\|^2) - \frac{1}{2} \|g\|^2 \\ &= \alpha \mathcal{H}(\rho_T) - \alpha \mathcal{H}(\rho_0) + \frac{1}{4} (\|g_r + \mathcal{T}g\|^2 + \|g_r - \mathcal{T}g\|^2) - \frac{1}{2} \|g\|^2 \\ &= \alpha \mathcal{H}(\rho_T) - \alpha \mathcal{H}(\rho_0) + \left\| \Pi[\rho] \nabla \rho^{\alpha/2} \right\|_{L_{t,x}^2}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{A}(\rho) - \frac{1}{2} \|g\|^2.\end{aligned}$$

We get

$$\mathcal{J}(\rho) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \alpha \mathcal{H}(\rho_T) - \alpha \mathcal{H}(\rho_0) + \left\| \Pi[\rho] \nabla \rho^{\alpha/2} \right\|_{L_{t,x}^2}^2 + \mathcal{A}(\rho) \right).$$

Since  $\left\| \Pi[\rho] \nabla \rho^{\alpha/2} \right\|_{L_{t,x}^2}^2 \leq \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_0^T \mathcal{D}_\alpha(\rho_s) ds$ , the previous argument yields the inequality

$$\mathcal{J}(\rho) \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \alpha \mathcal{H}(\rho_T) - \alpha \mathcal{H}(\rho_0) + \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_0^T \mathcal{D}_\alpha(\rho_s) ds + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{A}(\rho) \right). \quad (1)$$

If  $\mathcal{F}(\rho) < \infty$ , then  $\nabla \rho^{\alpha/2} = \frac{2}{\alpha} \rho^{\alpha/2} \nabla \log \rho \in \Lambda_\rho$ , so both of the inequalities are equalities.

For the general case, use recovery sequences and use (1) again.

## Remark

- The same identity as informally suggested in Dirr-Stamatakis-Peletier.
- Sandier-Serfaty (in)equality for the formal Riemannian structure.
- LDP allows us to avoid proving a 'chain rule for entropy' (Erbar, '16).
- Same argument: equality in the  $H$ -Theorem for (PME):

$$\mathcal{H}(u_t) + \int_0^t \alpha \mathcal{D}_\alpha(u_s) ds = \mathcal{H}(u_0).$$

## A new look at properties of the skeleton equation

$$\partial_t \rho = \Delta \rho^\alpha + \nabla \cdot (\rho^\alpha \nabla H) = \Delta \rho^\alpha + \nabla \cdot (\rho^{\alpha/2} g)$$

- Construction of  $g_r$  shows how *antidissipative* effects can arise, since

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \rho_r &= -\Delta \rho_r^\alpha + \nabla \cdot (\rho_r^{\alpha/2} \mathcal{T} g) \\ &= \Delta \rho_r^\alpha - \nabla \cdot \rho_r^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(g_r). \end{aligned}$$

- Hence why  $L_x^p$  estimates had to be false: trajectories with  $\rho_0 \notin L_x^p$ ,  $\rho_T \in C_x^\infty$  give reversal  $\rho_0 \in C_x^\infty$  but  $\rho_T \notin L_x^p$ .

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