



Landau  
- Boltzmann equation is an example of a kinetic equation

$$f(x_1, v_1, \dots, x_N, v_N, t) \xrightarrow{\text{BBGKY}} f(x, v, t) + \text{Boltzmann Eqn}$$

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Liouvillean

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standard distribution eqn.  
(phase space density)

e.g. involves { coarse graining, averaging }, from  $\Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_N \rightarrow x, v$

- for stochastic processes, can formulate hierarchy of equations:

① Master Equation ~~for stochastic processes~~

$P(n, t) \equiv$  probability to find system in  $n^{\text{th}}$  state

then, "birth" "death"

$$\frac{\partial P(n, t)}{\partial t} = \underbrace{c_n}_{\substack{\text{transitions} \\ \text{in from} \\ \text{other states} \\ n'}} - \underbrace{d_n}_{\substack{\text{transitions} \\ \text{out from } n \\ \text{to other states } n'}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} P(n, t) = \sum_{n'} \left[ \overset{\substack{n' \rightarrow n \text{ transition} \\ \text{probability} \\ \text{(rate)}}}{P(n', t) W(n', n)} - \overset{\substack{n \rightarrow n' \text{ transition} \\ \text{probability} \\ \text{(rate)}}}{P(n, t) W(n, n')} \right]$$

$\uparrow$  probability of state  $n'$                        $\uparrow$  probability of state  $n$

here: probability in  $\sim$  (P of other states) \* (transition probability (rate))  
 probability out  $\sim$  (P of  $n$ ) \* (transition probability (rate))

Master equation is splendid example of "garbage in, garbage out" nature of kinetic equations, in that Master Egn. is only as good as transition probabilities used to construct it!

Master equation tacitly "coarse-grains", in that  $P$  evolution slower than transition event rate

$$t \rightarrow t + \tau \rightarrow t + 2\tau \rightarrow \dots$$

then  $n \rightarrow n'$  event occurs faster than  $\tau$ .



transition probability, of  $x$ , of  
step  $\Delta x$  in time  $\tau$

$$P(x_2, t_2 | x_1, t_1) = T(x, \Delta x, \tau)$$

i.e.  $t_2 - t_1$  is jump time  $\tau$   
 $x_2 - x_1$  is jump step  $\Delta x$

then Chapman - Kolmogorov Equation becomes:

$$P(x, t + \tau) = \int d(\Delta x) P(x - \Delta x, t) T(x, \Delta x, \tau)$$

and expansion (with  $\tau$  indep.  $x$ )  $\Rightarrow$

i.e.  $\Delta x$  small  $\Rightarrow$  small increments

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left\{ \frac{\langle \Delta x \rangle}{\tau} P - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\langle \Delta x \Delta x \rangle}{2\tau} P \right\}$$

$$= - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \Gamma_P$$

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probability flux

generic form of  
Fokker-Planck Equation.  
(F-P. E.)

Note:

- F-P. Equation - no memory on scales  $t > \tau$
- F-P. Equation - "coarse-grains" out  $\begin{cases} t < \tau \\ x < \Delta x \end{cases}$

- F-P Equation is less general, but more tractable than Master Equation.
- intimately connected to diffusion.

③ Zwanzig - Mori Equation is

F-P Egn. with Memory kernel (Memory correction)

i.e. variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$

for  $t$  slower than some  $\tau_i$ , separate into 'fast' and 'slow' variables

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p & \} & x_{p+1}, \dots, x_N \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \text{slow} & & \text{fast} \\
 \dot{x}_i/x_i < 1/\tau & & \dot{x}_i/x_i > 1/\tau
 \end{array}$$

Z-M theory:

- assumes fast variables come to  $\odot$  equilibrium on time scales  $\tau$
- can describe evolution in terms of slow variables, only.

then:

$$- \underline{P}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p) \rightarrow (x_1, \dots, x_p)$$

Projection operator  $\underline{P}$ , projects evolution onto reduced # degrees of freedom, the slow variables.

- write projected Liouville equation, for slow variables  $\Rightarrow$  Z-M. Egn.
- not surprisingly, Z-M. Egn. can reduce to F-P. Egn.
- Z-M. clearly coarse-grains over fast variables
- Z-M: projection procedure part., but not all, of R.G. procedure (Renormalization Group) theory.

### 6.) Fokker-Planck Theory

Extends basic ideas notes

- seek. Pdf  $\rho$  of Markovian, stochastic variable
- Markovian  $\equiv$  stochastic process s/t  $t + \Delta t$  determined by state at  $t$ , only.

$\Leftrightarrow$  no memory

so, as in Brownian Motion

$$P(\underline{v}, t + \Delta t) = \int d(\underline{\Delta v}) P(\underline{v} - \underline{\Delta v}, t) T(\underline{\Delta v}, \Delta t)$$

↑ state at  $t + \Delta t$ 
↑ state at  $t$ 
↑ transition probability

$\Rightarrow$  expand

$$P(\underline{v}, t) + \Delta t \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = \int d(\underline{\Delta v}) \left\{ P(\underline{v}, t) T(\underline{\Delta v}, \Delta t) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{v}} \left( \underline{\Delta v} T(\underline{\Delta v}, \Delta t) P(\underline{v}, t) \right) + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \underline{v}^2} \left( \underline{\Delta v} \underline{\Delta v} T(\underline{\Delta v}, \Delta t) P(\underline{v}, t) \right) \right\}$$

now, as  $T$  is transition probability, it is normalized, so  $\Rightarrow$



30  $\int d\underline{\Delta V} T(\underline{\Delta V}, \Delta t) = 1$

$\int d\underline{\Delta V} \underline{\Delta V} T(\underline{\Delta V}, \Delta t) = \langle \underline{\Delta V} \rangle$  expectation  
(must exist)

$\int d\underline{\Delta V} \underline{\Delta V} \underline{\Delta V} T(\underline{\Delta V}, \Delta t) = \langle \underline{\Delta V} \underline{\Delta V} \rangle$  variance  
(must exist)

$P(\underline{V}, t) + \Delta t \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = P(\underline{V}, t) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{V}} \cdot \left( \langle \underline{\Delta V} \rangle P(\underline{V}, t) \right)$   
 $+ \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{V}} \cdot \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{V}} \cdot \left( \langle \underline{\Delta V} \underline{\Delta V} \rangle P(\underline{V}, t) \right) \right]$

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$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial P(\underline{V}, t)}{\partial t} &= - \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{V}} \cdot \left\{ \frac{\langle \underline{\Delta V} \rangle}{\Delta t} P(\underline{V}, t) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{V}} \cdot \frac{\langle \underline{\Delta V} \underline{\Delta V} \rangle}{2\Delta t} P(\underline{V}, t) \right\} \\ &= - \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{V}} \cdot \underline{\Gamma} P \end{aligned} \right\}$$

- Fokker-Planck Equation,

Now, can note:

-  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = - \nabla \cdot \underline{J}_P$  structure assures F-P Egn.  
conserves probability. Derivative order matters!

- Obviously, can relate F-P Egn. to Master Egn.  
 in "small" kick limit. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

- as example, for Brownian Motion:

$$\frac{\partial \underline{V}}{\partial t} = -\beta \underline{V} + \tilde{q}(t)$$

↑  
broadband noise

$$\infty \frac{\langle \Delta \underline{V} \rangle}{\Delta t} = -\beta \underline{V}$$

$$\frac{\langle \Delta \underline{V} \Delta \underline{V} \rangle}{2\Delta t} = D_V \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D_V = \frac{\tilde{q}_0^2}{2\beta} \tau$$

(uncorrelated directions)

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = - \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{V}} \cdot \left\{ -\beta \underline{V} P \quad \frac{-\partial \cdot D_V}{\partial \underline{V}} P \right\} \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{F-P Egn.} \\ \text{for} \\ \text{Brownian Motion} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\sim 1D, \quad \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = + \frac{\partial}{\partial V} \left\{ \beta V P + D_V \frac{\partial P}{\partial V} \right\}$$

$$D_V = \beta V_{Th}^2$$

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so, at equilibrium ( $\partial \rho / \partial t = 0$ )

$$\rho \approx \exp\left[-\beta V^2 / 2D_V\right]$$

i.e. Gaussian pdf formed by balance of drag with diffusion.

In the absence of drag, with  $\rho(V, 0) = \delta(V - V_0)$

$$\rho(V, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi D_V t}} \exp\left[-V^2 / 2D_V t\right] \quad \text{i.e. diffusion P.d.f.}$$

- F-P. Equation structure (general):

$$\text{drag/drift term} \rightarrow \frac{\langle \Delta V \rangle}{\Delta t} \rho = \underline{V} \rho \quad \hookrightarrow \text{drift velocity}$$

$$\text{diffusion term} \rightarrow - \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{V}} \cdot \frac{\langle \Delta V \Delta V \rangle}{2\Delta t} \rho = - \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{V}} \cdot \underline{D}_V \rho$$

↓  
diffusion tensor

$$\text{and: } \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \underline{D}_V \cdot (\underline{V} \rho) = + \underline{D}_V \cdot \underline{D}_V \rho$$

$$\underline{D}_V = - \underline{V} \rho \quad + \underline{D}_V \cdot \underline{D}_V \rho$$

drift  $\rightarrow$  deterministic part of motion

diffusion  $\rightarrow$  random part. (noise related)

- requirements for applicability of Fokker-Planck Theory

$\rightarrow$  stochastic motion

$\rightarrow$  step size

$\Delta v, \Delta x$

$\rightarrow$  no memory ( $t > \Delta t$ )

and

$\langle \Delta v \rangle < \infty$   
 $\langle \Delta v^2 \rangle < \infty$

$\rightarrow$  convergence of lowest 2 moments

aka Central Limit Theorem.

if  $\langle \Delta v^2 \rangle \rightarrow \infty$ , need turn to Fractional Kinetics.  
CTRW  
 $\rightarrow$  Levy Flights, etc.

- Fokker-Planck equation  $\leftrightarrow$  Markov process or chain, which is gradual unfolding of transition probability just as

conservative dynamical system is gradual unfolding of contact transformation.

- for - Hamiltonian system  $\leftrightarrow$  Liouville Thm.
- no systematic bias

can show: (HW)

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial V} \cdot \langle \underline{\Delta V} \underline{\Delta V} \rangle = \langle \underline{\Delta V} \rangle$$

i.e. partial cancellation of diffusion and drag/drift

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = - \frac{\partial}{\partial V} \cdot \left( \frac{\langle \underline{\Delta V} \rangle}{\Delta t} \rho - \frac{\partial}{\partial V} \cdot \frac{\langle \underline{\Delta V} \underline{\Delta V} \rangle}{2 \Delta t} \rho \right)$$

$$= - \frac{\partial}{\partial V} \cdot \left( \frac{\langle \underline{\Delta V} \rangle}{\Delta t} - \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial V} \cdot \frac{\langle \underline{\Delta V} \underline{\Delta V} \rangle}{2 \Delta t} \right) \rho \right)$$

$$- \frac{\langle \underline{\Delta V} \underline{\Delta V} \rangle}{2 \Delta t} \cdot \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial V}$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial V} \cdot \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial V} = \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial V^2}$$

$\rightarrow$  Form of diffusion equation for Hamiltonian system  
(note order of derivatives!)

Here  $\langle \underline{AV} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{V}}$ .  $\langle \underline{AV} \underline{AV} \rangle$  is analogue

of incompressibility of phase space flow for stochastic system.

→ Now, can extend Fokker-Planck theory to bivariate evolution.

i.e. consider Brownian Motion in External Force Field ---

$$\frac{\partial \underline{V}}{\partial t} = -\beta \underline{V} + \underline{q}_{\text{ext}} + \underline{\tilde{q}}$$

$\underline{q}_{\text{ext}} = -\frac{\nabla \Phi}{m_p} \rightarrow$  potential (i.e. spring, gravity)  
 $\underline{\tilde{q}} \rightarrow$  Brownian force

$$\frac{d\underline{x}}{dt} = \underline{v}$$

so obviously, particle random walks in  $\underline{x}$  and  $\underline{v}$ .  
 For phase space pdf:

$$P(\underline{x}, \underline{v}, t + \Delta t) = \int d(\underline{\Delta x}) \int d(\underline{\Delta v}) \left\{ P(\underline{x} - \underline{\Delta x}, \underline{v} - \underline{\Delta v}, t) T(\underline{\Delta x}, \underline{\Delta v}, \Delta t) \right\}$$

Furthermore, Brownian kick applied only in  $\underline{v}$   
 so  $\underline{x}$  kinematic

$\Rightarrow$

$$T(\underline{\Delta x}, \underline{\Delta v}, \Delta t) = \delta(\underline{\Delta x} - \underline{v} \Delta t) T(\underline{\Delta v}, \Delta t)$$

$\therefore$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\underline{x}, \underline{v}, t + \Delta t) &= \int d(\underline{\Delta x}) \int d(\underline{\Delta v}) P(\underline{x} - \underline{\Delta x}, \underline{v} - \underline{\Delta v}, t) * \\ &\quad \delta(\underline{\Delta x} - \underline{v} \Delta t) T(\underline{\Delta v}, \Delta t) \\ &= \int d(\underline{\Delta v}) P(\underline{x} - \underline{v} \Delta t, \underline{v} - \underline{\Delta v}, t) T(\underline{\Delta v}, \Delta t) \end{aligned}$$

so can re-write:

$$P(\underline{x} + \underline{v} \Delta t, \underline{v}, t + \Delta t) = \int d \underline{\Delta v} P(\underline{x}, \underline{v} - \underline{\Delta v}, t) T(\underline{\Delta v}, \Delta t)$$

and now expand, as before:

$$+ \underline{a}_{\text{ext}} \cdot \partial P / \partial \underline{v}$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} + \underline{v} \cdot \nabla_x P \Big|_{\underline{v}} = - \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{v}} \cdot \left[ \frac{\langle \underline{\Delta v} \rangle}{\Delta t} P - \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{v}} \cdot \frac{\langle \underline{\Delta v} \underline{\Delta v} \rangle}{2 \Delta t} P \right]$$

more generally, have shown can write:

$$\left. \frac{d\rho}{dt} \right\} = \underbrace{F-P}_{\substack{\text{deterministic} \\ \text{orbits}}} \text{ Operator} = \underbrace{\beta \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{v}} \cdot (\underline{v} \rho)}_{\substack{\text{randomly} \\ \text{fluctuating} \\ \text{orbits}}} + D_v \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial v^2}$$

where "deterministic orbits" means:

$$\frac{d\underline{x}}{dt} = \underline{v}, \quad \frac{d\underline{v}}{dt} = \underline{a}_{\text{ext}}$$

→ Now  $\rho = \rho(\underline{x}, \underline{v}, t)$ .

Often seek only  $\rho(\underline{x}, t)$ , & ... can obtain full  $\rho(\underline{x}, \underline{v}, t)$  and integrate over  $\underline{v}$ , which is laborious

or  
 derive moment equations of F-P. Equation in  $\underline{\Gamma}$ , yield "fluid equations" in  $\underline{x}$ !

obviously

akin to deriving fluid equations from Boltzmann equation



i.e. from F-P eqn. for  $P(\underline{x}, \underline{v}, t)$

derive equations for:

$$n(\underline{x}, t) = \int d\underline{v} P(\underline{x}, \underline{v}, t) \rightarrow \text{density}$$

$$\underline{V}(\underline{x}, t) = \int d\underline{v} \underline{v} P(\underline{x}, \underline{v}, t) / n(\underline{x}, t) \rightarrow \text{Eulerian Velocity}$$

$\Lambda$ -equation  $\Leftrightarrow$  Schmalchowski Equation

Next, have: (for Brownian Particle)

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} + \underline{v} : \underline{\nabla}_x P + \underline{a}_{\text{ext}} \cdot \underline{\nabla}_v P$$

$$= \beta \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \cdot (\underline{v} P) + D_v \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial v^2}$$

which can be re-written as:

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in a superficially very  
complicated form, as...

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \beta \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial v} - \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \cdot \left( v \rho + \frac{D_v}{\beta} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial v} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{q_{\text{ext}}}{\beta} \rho + \frac{D_v}{\beta^2} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} \right) \quad (1) \\ + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \cdot \left( \frac{D_v}{\beta} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} - \frac{q_{\text{ext}}}{\beta} \rho \right) \quad (2)$$

$$\text{now: } n(x, t) = \int dv \rho(x, v, t) \\ \underline{x + \frac{v}{\beta} = x_0}$$

i.e. integrate along line s.t.  $\dot{x} = -\frac{\dot{v}}{\beta}$

→ This annihilates term # ① ↓

$$\text{i.e. } \underline{x + \frac{v}{\beta} = \text{const}} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial v} - \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} = 0$$

So obtain:

$$\frac{\partial n(x, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{D_v}{\beta^2} \frac{\partial n}{\partial x} - \frac{q_{\text{ext}}}{\beta} n \right)$$

- the Schmolachowski eqn. for  $n(x, t) \rightarrow$   
spatial pdf!

Observe:

- can short-circuit complicated derivation by simply going to "terminal velocity" limit.

i.e. eqns of motion:

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = -\beta v + q_{\text{ext}} + \tilde{q}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = v$$

at terminal velocity,

$$v = \frac{q_{\text{ext}}}{\beta} + \frac{\tilde{q}}{\beta}$$

$\rightarrow$  random

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{q_{\text{ext}}}{\beta} + \frac{\tilde{q}}{\beta}$$

$\rightarrow$  deterministic

$$\therefore \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \underbrace{\frac{dx}{dt}}_{\text{deterministic}} n \right) = D_{xx} \frac{\partial^2 n}{\partial x^2} \\ D_{xx} = D_v / \beta^2 \end{array} \right.$$

$\Rightarrow$  Schmoluchowski Egn.

- still conservative?

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} = - \frac{\partial \Gamma_n}{\partial x}$$

$$\Gamma_n = \left( \underbrace{\frac{q_{\text{ext}}}{\beta}}_n - \frac{D_v}{\beta^2} \frac{\partial n}{\partial x} \right)$$

$\downarrow$   
convection  
velocity

$\downarrow$   
diffn