# **III. Fokker-Planck equations**

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# Stochastic processes

$$Y = f(X, t)$$
 X is a stochastic variable

$$p_Y(y,t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx \,\delta\Big(y - f(x,t)\Big) p_X(x) \bigg|$$

Construct the probability density





#### • Probability density order n

$$p_n^{(Y)}(y_n, t_n; \dots; y_1, t_1) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx \,\delta\Big(y_1 - f(x, t_1)\Big) \dots \delta\Big(y_n - f(x, t_n)\Big) p_X(x)$$

• Several "hidden" variables

 $Y = f(X_1, \dots, X_m, t)$ 

$$p_n^{(Y)}(y_n, t_n; \dots; y_1, t_1) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx_1 \dots \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx_m \,\delta\Big(y_1 - f(x_1, \dots, x_m, t_1)\Big) \dots \\ \times \,\delta\Big(y_n - f(x_1, \dots, x_m, t_n)\Big) p_m^{(X)}(x_1, \dots, x_m).$$

Moments

$$\langle Y^{m_1}(t_1) \dots Y^{m_k}(t_k) \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \dots \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} y_1^{m_1} \dots y_k^{m_k} p_n^{(Y)}(y_n, t_n; \dots; y_1, t_1)$$

• Correlation functions

$$c_{yy}(t_2, t_1) := \langle (Y(t_2) - \langle Y(t_2) \rangle) (Y(t_1) - \langle Y(t_1) \rangle) \rangle$$

• At equilibrium - stationarity

$$p_n^{(Y)}(y_n, t_n; \dots; y_1, t_1) = p_n^{(Y)}(y_n, t_n + \tau; \dots; y_1, t_1 + \tau)$$

$$\langle Y(t_1) \rangle \equiv \langle Y \rangle$$
$$c_{yy}(t_2, t_1) = c_{yy}(|t_2 - t_1|, 0) \equiv c_{yy}(t_2 - t_1)$$

## Markov processes

#### Conditional probability densities

 $p_{r|n-r}(y_n, t_n; \dots; y_{n-r+1}, t_{n-r+1} | y_{n-r}, t_{n-r}; \dots; y_1, t_1)$  $:= \frac{p_n(y_n, t_n; \dots; y_1, t_1)}{p_{n-r}(y_{n-r}, t_{n-r}; \dots; y_1, t_1)}$ 

#### Markov property

$$p_{1|n-1}(y_n, t_n | y_{n-1}, t_{n-1}; \dots; y_1, t_1) = p_{1|1}(y_n, t_n | y_{n-1}, t_{n-1})$$

#### "Markov chain"

$$p_n(y_n, t_n; \dots; y_1, t_1) = p_{1|1}(y_n, t_n | y_{n-1}, t_{n-1}) \dots p_{1|1}(y_2, t_2 | y_1, t_1) p_1(y_1, t_1)$$

# **Chapman-Kolmogoroff relation**

For  $t_1 < t_2 < t_3$  $p_3(y_3, t_3; y_2, t_2; y_1, t_1) = p_{1|1}(y_3, t_3|y_2, t_2)p_{1|1}(y_2, t_2|y_1, t_1)p_1(y_1, t_1)$ 

Integration over 
$$y_2$$
  
 $p_2(y_3, t_3; y_1, t_1) = p_{1|1}(y_3, t_3|y_1, t_1)p_1(y_1, t_1)$   
 $= \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dy_2 \, p_{1|1}(y_3, t_3|y_2, t_2)p_{1|1}(y_2, t_2|y_1, t_1) \right\} p_1(y_1, t_1)$ 

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### Master equation

 $T(y_2, \tau | y_1) \equiv p_{1|1}(y_2, \tau | y_1, 0)$  Transition probability

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dy_2 T(y_2, \tau | y_1) = 1,$$
$$\lim_{\tau \to 0} T(y_2, \tau | y_1) = \delta(y_2 - y_1).$$

#### For short times $T(y_2, \tau | y_1) \approx (1 - \tau a_0(y_1)) \delta(y_2 - y_1) + \tau W(y_2 | y_1)$

•  $W(y_2|y_1)$  is a transition rate for the transition  $y_1 \rightarrow y_2 \in [y_2, y_2 + dy_2]$ 

• 
$$a_0(y_1) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dy_2 W(y_2|y_1)$$

# with Chapman-Kolmogorov $p_{1|1}(y_3, \tau + \tau'|y_1, 0) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dy_2 \, p_{1|1}(y_3, \tau + \tau'|y_2, \tau) p_{1|1}(y_2, \tau|y_1, 0)$ $\tau'$ small $T(y_3, \tau + \tau'|y_1) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dy_2 T(y_3, \tau'|y_2) T(y_2, \tau|y_1)$ $= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dy_2 \left\{ \left( 1 - \tau' a_0(y_2) \right) \delta(y_3 - y_2) + \tau' W(y_3 | y_2) \right\} T(y_2, \tau | y_1)$ $T(y_3, \tau + \tau'|y_1) = \left(1 - \tau'a_0(y_3)\right)T(y_3, \tau|y_1) + \tau' \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dy_2 W(y_3|y_2)T(y_2, \tau|y_1)$

$$\frac{T(y_3, \tau + \tau'|y_1) - T(y_3, \tau|y_1)}{\tau'} = -\underbrace{\left\{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dy_2 W(y_2|y_3)\right\}}_{a_0(y_3)} T(y_3, \tau|y_1) + \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dy_2 W(y_3|y_2) T(y_2, \tau|y_1).$$

#### Master equation



Compact notation  $P(y,t) \equiv T(y,t|y_0), \quad P(y,0) = \delta(y-y_0)$   $\frac{\partial P(y,t)}{\partial t} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dy' \left\{ W(y|y')P(y',t) - W(y'|y)P(y,t) \right\}$ 

# **Fokker-Planck equations**

$$\Omega(y - y', y') = W(y|y') \qquad \qquad \zeta(y') \equiv y - y'$$

$$\frac{\partial P(y,t)}{\partial t} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\zeta \left\{ \Omega(\zeta, y - \zeta) P(y - \zeta, t) - \Omega(-\zeta, y) P(y, t) \right\}$$

•  $\Omega(\zeta, y - \zeta)P(y - \zeta, t) \approx \Omega(\zeta, y)P(y, t)$  $-\zeta \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left\{ \Omega(\zeta, y)P(y, t) \right\} + \frac{\zeta^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \left\{ \Omega(\zeta, y)P(y, t) \right\}$ 

• 
$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\zeta \,\Omega(-\zeta, y) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\zeta \,\Omega(\zeta, y)$$

$$\frac{\partial P(y,t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \Big\{ a_1(y) P(y,t) \Big\} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \Big\{ a_2(y) P(y,t) \Big\}$$

$$a_k(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\zeta \, \zeta^k \Omega(\zeta, y)$$

# Equation of motion

Moment generating function

$$G(k,t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dy \, \exp(-iky) P(y,t)$$

$$G(k,\Delta t) \approx \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dy \, \exp(-iky) \Big\{ P(y,0) + \Delta t \, \frac{\partial P(y,t)}{\partial t} \Big|_{t=0} \Big\}$$
$$G(k,\Delta t) \approx \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dy \, \exp(-iky) \Big\{ \delta(y-y_0) + \Delta t \, \left( -\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \Big[ a_1(y) P(y,t) \Big] + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \Big[ a_2(y) P(y,t) \Big] \right) \Big|_{t=0} \Big\}$$

$$G(k,\Delta t) \approx \left(1 - ika_1(y_0)\Delta t - \frac{k^2}{2}a_2(y_0)\Delta t\right)\exp(-iky_0)$$

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$$\langle y \rangle = i\frac{\partial}{\partial k}G(k,\Delta t)\Big|_{k=0} = y_0 + \Delta ta_1(y_0),$$

$$\langle y^2 \rangle = i^2\frac{\partial^2}{\partial k^2}G(k,\Delta t)\Big|_{k=0} = y_0^2 + \Delta ta_2(y_0) + 2\Delta ta_1(y_0)y_0.$$

$$\langle y - y_0 \rangle = \Delta t a_1(y_0)$$
  
 $\langle (y - y_0)^2 \rangle = \Delta t a_2(y_0)$ 

Realization for a stochastic process

$$y(t_0 + \Delta t) = y(t_0) + \Delta t a_1(y(t_0)) + \xi$$

$$\overline{\xi} = 0$$
 and  $\overline{\xi^2} = \Delta t a_2(y(t_0))$ 

# Equilibrium, stationary solutions

$$\left[\frac{\partial P(y,t)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial J(y,t)}{\partial y} = 0\right]$$
 Equation of continuity

$$\begin{bmatrix} J(y,t) = a_1(y)P(y,t) - \frac{a_2(y)}{2}\frac{\partial P(y,t)}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}$$
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#### Equilibrium

#### Stationary regime

$$J_s(y) \equiv \lim_{t \to \infty} J(y, t), \qquad \frac{\partial J_s(y)}{\partial y} = 0$$

## Wiener process - free diffusion



### **Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process**

$$a_1(y) = -\eta y, \qquad a_2(y) = 2D$$

$$\frac{\partial P(y,t)}{\partial t} = \eta \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \Big\{ y P(y,t) \Big\} + D \frac{\partial^2 P(y,t)}{\partial y^2}$$

$$y(t_0 + \Delta t) = y(t_0) - \Delta t \eta y(t_0) + \xi$$

$$\overline{\xi} = 0$$
$$\overline{\xi^2} = 2D\Delta t$$

Processus de Ornstein-Uhlenbeck

$$P(y,t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma(t)}} \exp\left(-\frac{\{y - M(y_0,t)\}^2}{2\sigma(t)}\right)$$

$$M(y_0, t) = y_0 \exp(-\eta t),$$
  
$$\sigma(t) = \frac{D}{\eta} \Big\{ 1 - \exp(-2\eta t) \Big\}.$$

### Short and long time limits

•  $\sigma(t) \approx 2Dt$  si  $t \ll \eta^{-1}$ "free" diffusion

$$P(y,t) \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi Dt}} \exp\left(-\frac{(y-y_0)^2}{4Dt}\right)$$

• 
$$\sigma(t) \approx \frac{D}{\eta}$$
 si  $t \gg \eta^{-1}$   $P_{eq}(y) = \sqrt{\frac{\eta}{2\pi D}} \exp\left(-\frac{\eta y^2}{2D}\right)$ 

$$\langle y^2 \rangle_{eq} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dy \, y^2 P_{eq}(y) = \frac{D}{\eta}$$

# Position autocorrélation function

$$\begin{split} c_{yy}(t) &\equiv \langle y(t)y(0) \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dy_t dy_0 \, y_t y_0 p(y_t, t; y_0, 0) \\ \tilde{p}(k_t, t; k_0, 0) &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dy_t dy_0 \, \exp(-i[k_t y_t + k_0 y_0]) p(y_t, t; y_0, 0) \\ c_{yy}(t) &= -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial k_t \partial k_0} \tilde{p}(k_t, t; k_0, 0) \Big|_{k_t = 0, k_0 = 0} \\ \tilde{p}(k_t, t; k_0, 0) &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dy_0 \, \exp(-ik_0 y_0) p_{eq}(y_0) \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dy_t \, \exp(-ik_t y_t) p(y_t, t | y_0, 0)}_{\exp(-iM(t, y_0) - \frac{1}{2} k_t^2 \sigma(t))} \\ &= \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} k_t^2 \sigma(t)\right) \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dy_0 \, \exp(-i[k_0 + k_t \exp(-\eta t)] y_0) p_{eq}(y_0)}_{\exp(-\frac{1}{2} \langle y^2 \rangle_{eq} \{(k_t^2 + k_0^2) + 2k_0 k_t \exp(-\eta t)\} \Big)} \\ \tilde{p}(k_t, t; k_0, 0) &= \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \langle y^2 \rangle_{eq} \{(k_t^2 + k_0^2) + 2k_0 k_t \exp(-\eta t)\} \right) \end{split}$$

### Mean square displacement

Note that

$$\langle \{y(t) - y(0)\}^2 \rangle = \langle y^2(t) + y^2(0) - 2y(t)y(0) \rangle = 2\langle y^2 \rangle_{eq} - 2c_{yy}(t)$$

$$W(t) = 2\langle y^2 \rangle_{eq} \{1 - \exp(-\eta t)\}$$

• 
$$t \ll \eta^{-1}$$
  $W(t) \approx 2\langle y^2 \rangle_{eq} \eta t$   
 $D \approx 2\langle y^2 \rangle_{eq} \eta_1$  Short time diffusion coefficient

• 
$$t \gg \eta^{-1}$$
  $\lim_{t \to \infty} D(t) = \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} W(t) = 0$ 

### Diffusion in a harmonic potential



$$\langle x^2 \rangle_{eq} = \frac{D}{\eta} = \frac{k_B T}{K}$$

### O.U. process for the velocity of a particle

$$\eta \to \gamma \qquad D \to \gamma k_B T / M$$

$$a_1(v) = -\gamma v, \qquad a_2(v) = 2\gamma \frac{k_B T}{M}$$

$$\frac{\partial P(v, t)}{\partial t} = \gamma \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \left\{ v P(v, t) \right\} + \gamma \frac{k_B T}{M} \frac{\partial^2 P(v, t)}{\partial v^2}$$

$$P(v,t) = \sqrt{\frac{M}{2\pi k_B T \{1 - \exp(-2\gamma t)\}}} \exp\left(-\frac{M\{v - v_0 \exp(-\gamma t)\}^2}{2k_B T \{1 - \exp(-2\gamma t)\}}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} v(t_0 + \Delta t) &= v(t_0) - \Delta t \gamma v(t_0) + \xi \\ \hline \xi &= 0 \\ \hline \overline{\xi^2} &= 2\gamma \frac{k_B T}{M} \Delta t. \\ \hline \dot{v} + \gamma v &= f_s(t) \end{aligned}$$



$$\lim_{t \to \infty} P(v, t) \equiv P_{eq}(v) = \sqrt{\frac{M}{2\pi k_B T}} \exp\left(-\frac{Mv^2}{2k_B T}\right)$$

#### Maxwell distribution

• Autocorrelation function

$$c_{vv}(t) = \langle v^2 \rangle_{eq} \exp(-\gamma t)$$

$$\langle v^2 \rangle_{eq} = \frac{k_B T}{M}$$

### O.U. process in phase space

• Fokker-Planck equation  $\mathbf{y} = (x, v)^T$ 

$$\mathbf{a}^{(1)}(\mathbf{y}) = -\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{y} \qquad \mathbf{a}^{(2)}(\mathbf{y}) = 2\mathbf{B}$$
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1\\ \omega_0^2 & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0\\ 0 & \frac{k_B T}{M} \gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial P(\mathbf{y},t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \cdot \left\{ \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{y} P(\mathbf{y},t) \right\} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \cdot \left\{ \mathbf{B} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{y}} P(\mathbf{y},t) \right\}$$

• Equation of motion  $\begin{pmatrix} x(t_0 + \Delta t) \\ v(t_0 + \Delta t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x(t_0) \\ v(t_0) \end{pmatrix} + \Delta t \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\omega_0^2 & -\gamma \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x(t_0) \\ v(t_0) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \xi \end{pmatrix}$ 



# Solution

• 
$$P(\mathbf{y},t) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{\det(\boldsymbol{\sigma}(t))}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\{\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{M}(t)\}^T \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{-1}(t) \cdot \{\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{M}(t)\}\right)$$

$$\mathbf{M}(t) = \mathbf{G}(t) \cdot \mathbf{y}_{0}, \qquad \mathbf{G}(t) = \exp(-\mathbf{A}t)$$
$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}(t) = 2 \int_{0}^{t} d\tau \, \mathbf{G}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{G}^{T}(\tau). \qquad \text{``propagator''}$$

• Equilibrium

$$P_{eq}(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{\det(\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\infty))}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{y}^T \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{-1}(\infty) \cdot \mathbf{y}\right) \qquad \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\infty) = \frac{k_B T}{M} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_0^{-2} & 0\\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \langle \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{y}^T \rangle$$

$$P_{eq}(x,v) = \frac{M\omega_0}{2\pi k_B T} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{k_B T} \left\{\frac{Mv^2}{2} + \frac{M\omega_0^2 x^2}{2}\right\}\right)$$

# Spectral representation of G(t)

• Left and right eigenvectors of A

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ \omega_0^2 & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{u}_k = \lambda_k \mathbf{u}_k, \qquad \mathbf{u}_i^T \cdot \mathbf{v}_j = \delta_{ij}$$
  

$$\mathbf{A}^T \cdot \mathbf{v}_k = \lambda_k \mathbf{v}_k. \qquad \text{Bi-orthonormal systems}$$
  

$$\delta_{1,2} = -\frac{\gamma}{2} \pm i\tilde{\omega}_0 \qquad \mathbf{u}_1 = (-1,\lambda_1)^T, \qquad \text{of eigenvectors}$$
  

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = (-1,\lambda_2)^T, \qquad \mathbf{u}_2 = (-1,\lambda_2)^T, \qquad \mathbf{v}_1 = \frac{1}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} (\lambda_2, 1)^T, \qquad \mathbf{v}_2 = \frac{1}{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1} (\lambda_1, 1)^T.$$
  

$$\mathbf{A} = \sum_k \lambda_k \mathbf{u}_k \cdot \mathbf{v}_k^T \qquad \mathbf{G}(t) = \sum_k \exp(-\lambda_k t) \mathbf{u}_k \cdot \mathbf{v}_k^T$$
  

$$\mathbf{G}(t) = \frac{\exp(-\lambda_1 t)}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda_2 & -1 \\ \lambda_1 \lambda_2 & \lambda_1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\exp(-\lambda_2 t)}{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1} \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda_1 & -1 \\ \lambda_1 \lambda_2 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

### **Correlation functions**

• Velocity 
$$k_BT$$

$$c_{vv}(t) = \frac{\kappa_B I}{M} G_{22}(t)$$

$$c_{vv}(t) = \frac{k_B T}{M} \exp\left(-\frac{\gamma t}{2}\right) \left\{\cos(\tilde{\omega}_0 t) - \frac{\gamma}{2\tilde{\omega}_0}\sin(\tilde{\omega}_0 t)\right\}$$

Position

$$c_{xx}(t) = \frac{k_B T}{M\omega_0^2} G_{11}(t)$$

$$c_{xx}(t) = \frac{k_B T}{M\omega_0^2} \exp\left(-\frac{\gamma t}{2}\right) \left\{\cos(\tilde{\omega}_0 t) + \frac{\gamma}{2\tilde{\omega}_0}\sin(\tilde{\omega}_0 t)\right\}$$

$$W(t) = \frac{2k_BT}{M\omega_0^2} \left[ 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\gamma t}{2}\right) \left\{ \cos(\tilde{\omega}_0 t) + \frac{\gamma}{2\tilde{\omega}_0} \sin(\tilde{\omega}_0 t) \right\} \right]$$

### Smoluchowski equation

$$J(y,t) = a_1(y)P(y,t) - \frac{a_2(y)}{2}\frac{\partial P(y,t)}{\partial y}$$

$$J(x,t) = D\left(\frac{F(x)}{k_B T}P(x,t) - \frac{\partial P(x,t)}{\partial x}\right)$$

$$F(x) = -\frac{\partial V(x)}{\partial x} = -Kx$$

General form of the probability current

Diffusion in a harmonic potential

Harmonic force



$$\frac{\partial P(x,t)}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left\{ \frac{1}{k_B T} \frac{\partial V(x)}{\partial x} P(x,t) + \frac{\partial P(x,t)}{\partial x} \right\}$$

Smoluchowski equation for an arbitrary potential

### **Kramers** equation

process in

$$\frac{\partial P(\mathbf{y},t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \cdot \left\{ \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{y} P(\mathbf{y},t) \right\} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \cdot \left\{ \mathbf{B} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{y}} P(\mathbf{y},t) \right\}$$
O.U. process is phase space
$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} - \omega_0^2 x \frac{\partial P}{\partial v} = \gamma \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \left\{ vP + \frac{k_B T}{M} \frac{\partial P}{\partial v} \right\}$$

$$\omega_0^2 x \rightarrow \frac{1}{M} \frac{\partial V}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{M} \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \frac{\partial P}{\partial v} = \gamma \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \left\{ vP + \frac{k_B T}{M} \frac{\partial P}{\partial v} \right\}$$

Kramers equation for an arbitrary potential

# Solutions of FP equation in terms of eigenfunctions

$$\frac{\partial P(y,t)}{\partial t} = \mathcal{L}_{FP} P(y,t)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{FP} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y}a_1(y) + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}a_2(y)$$

Fokker-Planck operator

Laplace transform

$$s\hat{P}(y,s) - \underbrace{P(y,0)}_{FP} = \mathcal{L}_{FP}\hat{P}(y,s) \qquad \qquad \hat{P}(y,s) = \frac{1}{s - \mathcal{L}_{FP}}\delta(y - y_0)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{FP}P_n(y) = -\lambda_n P_n(y) \qquad \mathcal{L}_{FP}^+ = a_1(y)\frac{\partial}{\partial y} + a_2(y)\frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}$$
  
$$\mathcal{L}_{FP}^+Q_n(y) = -\lambda_n Q_n(y) \qquad P_n(y) = Q_n(y)P_{eq}(y)$$

$$\delta(y - y_0) = \sum_n P_n(y)Q_n(y_0) \qquad \qquad P(y,t) = \sum_n \exp(-\lambda_n t)P_n(y)Q_n(y_0)$$

### **Correlation function**

$$c_{yy}(t) = \int \int dy_0 dy \, yy_0 P(y, t | y_0, 0) P_{eq}(y_0)$$
$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \int dy \, y P_n(y) \right)^2 \exp(-\lambda_n t)$$

#### **Multiexponential relaxation**

$$\tau_{max} = \frac{1}{\lambda_1}$$

Slowest relaxation time scale

### Example

$$\mathcal{L}_{FP} = \eta \frac{\partial}{\partial x} x + D \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2},$$
  
$$\mathcal{L}_{FP}^+ = -\eta x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + D \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}.$$

$$\lambda_n = n\eta, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$P_n(y) = Q_n(y)P_{eq}(y)$$

$$Q_n(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n n!}}H_n(x\sqrt{\eta/2D})$$

$$P_{eq}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\eta}{2\pi D}}\exp\left(-\frac{\eta x^2}{2D}\right)$$

$$\xi = \frac{x}{\sqrt{\pi^2 \lambda}}$$

$$P(\xi,t) = \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{\xi^2}{2}\right)}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n n!} H_n\left(\frac{\xi}{\sqrt{2}}\right) H_n\left(\frac{\xi_0}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \exp\left(-n\eta t\right) \left| \begin{array}{l} \xi = \frac{x}{\sqrt{\langle x^2 \rangle}} \\ \frac{D}{\eta} = \frac{k_B T}{K} = \langle x^2 \rangle \end{array} \right|$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^n}{n!} H_n(x) H_n(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-4\alpha^2}} \exp\left(\frac{4\alpha}{1-4\alpha^2} (xy - \alpha x^2 - \alpha y^2)\right)$$
$$P(\xi, t) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\{1 - \exp(-2\eta t)\}}} \exp\left(-\frac{\{\xi - \xi_0 \exp(-\eta t)\}^2}{2\{1 - \exp(-2\eta t)\}}\right)$$

### Correlation function

$$c_{yy}(t) = \int \int dy_0 dy \, yy_0 P(y, t|y_0, 0) P_{eq}(y_0)$$
  
$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \int dy \, y P_n(y) \right)^2 \exp(-\lambda_n t)$$
  
$$y \to \xi$$
  
$$\int d\xi \, \xi P_n(\xi) = \delta_{n,1}$$

$$c_{\xi\xi}(t) = \exp(-\eta t)$$

$$x = \sqrt{\langle x^2 \rangle} \xi$$

$$c_{xx}(t) = \langle x^2 \rangle \exp(-\eta t)$$

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