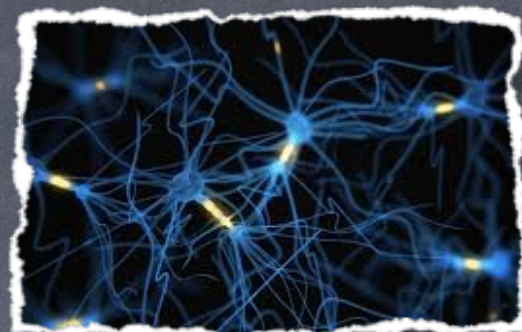


Γ -convergence approach for
Large Deviations Problems
In
Interacting Diffusion systems

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Goal: Introduce a Large Deviations approach to study the link between fluctuating kinetics and fluctuating hydrodynamics (e.g. in active matter models)

N particles

$$\varepsilon \ll 1$$

Velocity

$$\varepsilon V(\theta_i)$$

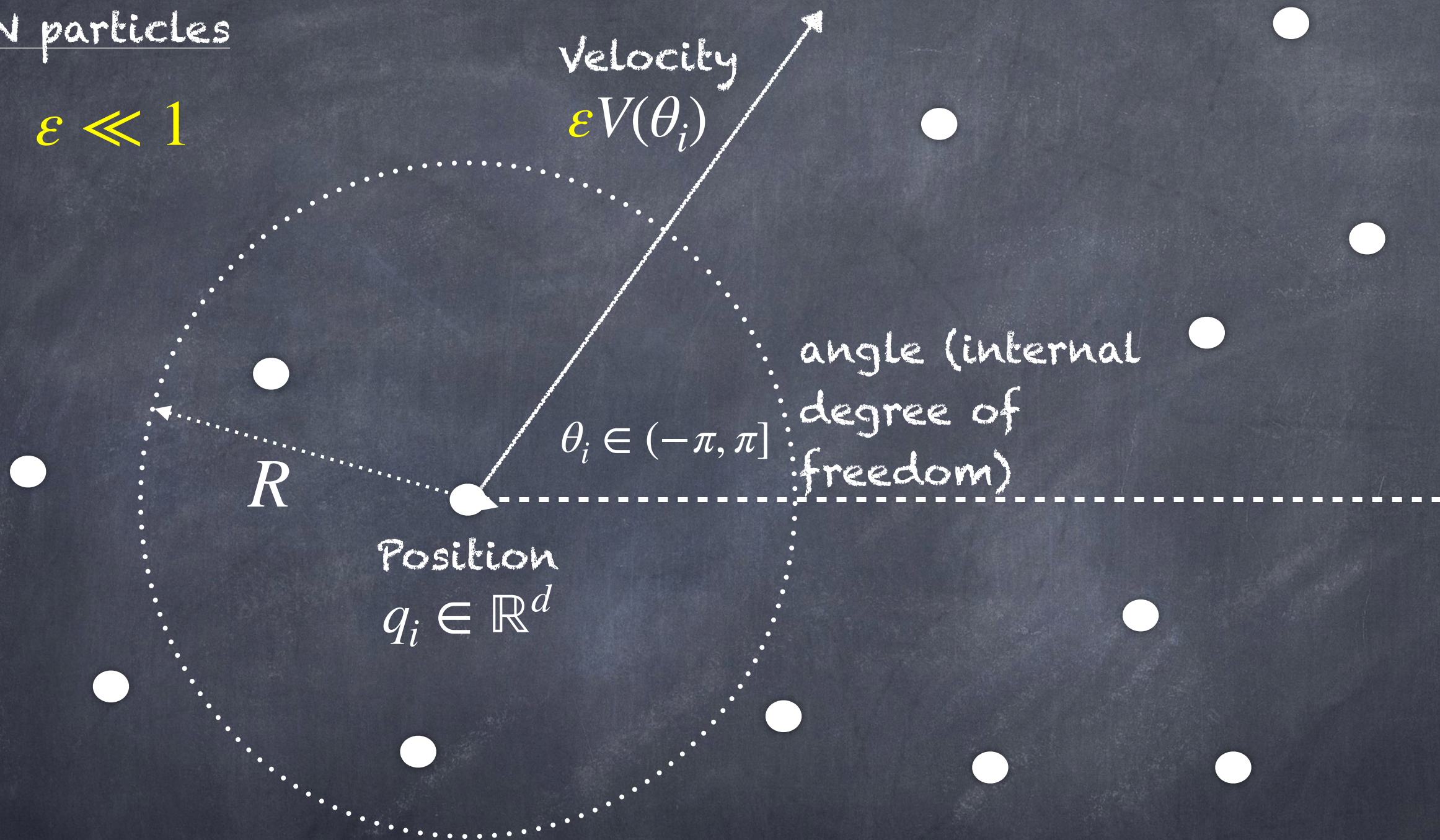
angle (internal
degree of
freedom)

$$\theta_i \in (-\pi, \pi]$$

R

Position

$$q_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$$



Example ('Ising model' of active matter)

$$dq_i = \varepsilon (\cos(\theta_i), \sin(\theta_i)) dt,$$

$$d\theta_i = -\sin(\theta_i)dt - \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}_i} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{V}_i} \cos(\theta_i - \theta_j)dt + \sqrt{2} d\eta_i(t)$$

$$\mathcal{V}_i := \{j \in \{1, \dots, N\} ; |q_i - q_j| \leq R\}, \quad \mathcal{N}_i = \#\mathcal{V}_i$$

Independent
Brownian
motions

Slow-fast extended systems of interacting diffusions

$$\varepsilon \ll 1, \quad N \gg 1$$

$$dq_i = \varepsilon V(\theta_i)dt,$$

$$d\theta_i = -[\Gamma \partial_\theta \mathbb{U}](\theta_i)dt - \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}_i} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{V}_i} \Gamma(\theta_i) F(\theta_i, \theta_j)dt + \sqrt{2\Gamma(\theta_i)} d\eta_i(t)$$

$\mathbb{U}(\theta) := U(\theta) - \log \Gamma(\theta)$: Effective potential

$\Gamma(\theta)$: diffusion coefficient

$F(\theta, \theta') = \nabla_\theta W(\theta, \theta')$: binary interaction with radius R

Independent
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The dependence in the potentials on Γ is here to assure that if $R = \infty$ then the angles (autonomous) dynamics is reversible w.r.t. the Gibbs measure. Our results could bypass this assumption if the model does not present phase transitions.

Kinetic Limit: $\lim_{R \rightarrow 0} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{(q_i(t), \theta_i(t))} (dq, d\theta) = f^\varepsilon(q, \theta, t) dq d\theta$

$$\partial_t f^\varepsilon := \mathcal{D}_{f^\varepsilon}(f^\varepsilon) - \varepsilon \mathcal{T}(f^\varepsilon)$$

Dissipative
term

Transport
term

$$\mathcal{D}_f(g) := \partial_\theta \left(\Gamma \left[\partial_\theta U + \frac{F(f)}{\Pi(f)} \right] g + \Gamma \partial_\theta g \right),$$

$$\mathcal{T}(g) := V(\theta) \cdot \nabla g.$$

spatial density:

$$\rho(q) := \Pi(f)(q) := \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(q, \theta') d\theta'$$

effective force:

$$F(f)(q, \theta) := \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\theta' F(\theta, \theta') f(q, \theta') d\theta',$$

Local equilibria

$$\mathcal{D}_f(f) = 0$$

We assume all local equilibria (equilibria of the fast dynamics) are in the form

$$f_{le}(q, \theta) = \rho(q) G(\theta)$$

with

$$[\partial_\theta U + F(G)] G + \partial_\theta G = 0 \quad \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} G(\theta) d\theta = 1$$

Assumption
 G is unique

Valid for
small
interactions

Notation: $\langle h \rangle_G = \int h(\theta) G(\theta) d\theta$

Hydrodynamic limits via a Chapman-Enskog expansion

$$\tilde{f}^\varepsilon(q, \theta, t) = f^\varepsilon(q, \theta, t\varepsilon^{-1})$$

Density in a long (Euler) time scale

$$\tilde{\rho}_0^\varepsilon(q, t) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \tilde{f}^\varepsilon(q, \theta, t) d\theta$$

Spatial density

Hydrodynamic limit:

$$\partial_t \tilde{\rho}_0^\varepsilon + \langle V \rangle_G \cdot \nabla \tilde{\rho}_0^\varepsilon - \varepsilon \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} \nabla \tilde{\rho}_0^\varepsilon = O(\varepsilon^2)$$

Finite size fluctuations: fluctuating kinetic equation

$$\partial_t \tilde{f}^\varepsilon + \mathcal{T}(\tilde{f}^\varepsilon) = \varepsilon^{-1} \mathcal{D}_{\tilde{f}^\varepsilon}(\tilde{f}^\varepsilon) + (\varepsilon N)^{-1/2} \mathcal{N} \left(\sqrt{\Gamma} \tilde{f}^\varepsilon \right)$$

Center transport term by changing
frame and look in a longer
(diffusive) time scale

$$\bar{f}^\varepsilon(q, \theta, t) := \tilde{f}^\varepsilon(q + t\varepsilon^{-1} \langle V \rangle_G, \theta, t\varepsilon^{-1}).$$

$$\mathcal{N}(g) := \sqrt{2} \partial_\theta(\eta g)$$
$$\eta := \eta(q, \theta, t)$$

White noise

$$\varepsilon \partial_t \bar{f}^\varepsilon + \mathcal{T}_0(\bar{f}^\varepsilon) = \varepsilon^{-1} \mathcal{D}_{\bar{f}^\varepsilon}(\bar{f}^\varepsilon) + N^{-1/2} \mathcal{N} \left(\sqrt{\Gamma} \bar{f}^\varepsilon \right)$$

Centered
transport
term:

$$\mathcal{T}_0(g) := \bar{V} \cdot \nabla g, \quad \bar{V}(\theta) = V(\theta) - \langle V \rangle_G$$

Fluctuating hydrodynamic limits via a Chapman-Enskog expansion

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Spatial density

Fluctuating hydrodynamic limit:

Semi-explicit matrices

$$\partial_t \tilde{\rho}_0^\varepsilon + \langle V \rangle_G \cdot \nabla \tilde{\rho}_0^\varepsilon - \varepsilon \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} \nabla \tilde{\rho}_0^\varepsilon + \sqrt{\frac{2\varepsilon}{N}} \nabla \cdot \left(\sqrt{\tilde{\rho}_0^\varepsilon} \sigma \zeta \right) = o(1)$$

$\zeta := \zeta(q, t)$ is a space-time white noise

A LD interpretation of these formal derivations

- The correct interpretation of the (ill defined) fluctuating equation is a large deviations principle for the corresponding density.
- The convergence of the fluctuating kinetic equation to the fluctuating hydrodynamic equation is established at the level of large deviations functionals.
- The right notion of convergence of LD functionals is the Gamma-convergence.

Dawson-Gärtner theory:

$$\mathbb{P} \left(\bar{f}_N^\varepsilon(q, \theta, t) \approx g(q, \theta, t) \text{ on } [0, T] \right) \sim \exp(-N \mathcal{J}_T^\varepsilon(g))$$

with the rate functional

$$\mathcal{J}_T^\varepsilon(f) = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left\| A_f^\varepsilon \right\|_{-1, \Gamma f}^2 dq dt$$

where

$$A_f^\varepsilon(f) = \varepsilon \partial_t f + \mathcal{T}_0(f) - \varepsilon^{-1} \mathcal{D}_f(f)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|g\|_{-1, h}^2 &= \inf_{\varphi} \left\{ \int \frac{\varphi^2}{h} dq d\theta, \partial_\theta \varphi = g \right\} \\ &= 2 \sup_{\varphi} \left\{ \int g \varphi dq d\theta - \frac{1}{2} \int (\partial_\theta \varphi)^2 h dq d\theta \right\} \end{aligned}$$

formally:

$$\|g\|_{-1, h}^2 = " \int h^{-1} (\partial_\theta^{-1} g)^2 dq d\theta "$$

This form is well understood in view of the fluctuating kinetic equation

$$A_{\bar{f}^\varepsilon}(\bar{f}^\varepsilon) = N^{-1/2} \mathcal{N} \left(\sqrt{\Gamma \bar{f}^\varepsilon} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{N}(g) := \sqrt{2} \partial_\theta (\eta g)$$

$$\eta := \eta(q, \theta, t)$$

White noise

since formally

$$\mathbb{P}(\eta(q, \theta, t) = g) \sim \exp \left(- \int g^2 dq d\theta dt \right)$$

The fluctuating hydrodynamic equation can be interpreted similarly as a large deviations principle for the empirical spatial density.

Theorem (Barré, B., Chetrite, Chopra, Mariani)

The large deviations functional $\mathcal{J}_T^\varepsilon$ converges to
(for the Gamma-convergence)

$$\mathcal{J}_T(f) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4} \int_0^T \left\| \partial_t \rho - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} \nabla \rho \right\|_{-1, \rho \sigma}^2 dt & \text{if } f(q, \theta, t) = f_{\text{le}}(q, \theta, t) = \rho(q, t) G(\theta), \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

Gamma-convergence (motivating example)

$$F_\varepsilon(u) = \int_0^1 a\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right) |u'(x)|^2 dx$$

$$a : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$$

1-periodic function

For any u , we have that

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} F_\varepsilon(u) = F_0(u)$$

with

$$F_0(u) = \bar{a} \int_0^1 |u'(x)|^2 dx$$

$$\bar{a} = \int_0^1 a(x) dx$$

We have that

$$\Gamma\text{-}\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} F_\varepsilon(u) = F(u)$$

with

$$F(u) = \underline{a}^{-1} \int_0^1 |u'(x)|^2 dx$$

$$\underline{a} = \int_0^1 a^{-1}(x) dx$$

This is the correct answer!

The minimizer of F_ε converge to the minimizer of F , not of F_0 .

Linearized operator

$$\mathcal{L}_f(g) := \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mathcal{D}_{f+\delta g}(f + \delta g) - \mathcal{D}_f(f)}{\delta}$$

Recall that G is the unique local equilibrium

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_G(g) = & \partial_\theta \left(\Gamma [\partial_\theta U + F(G) + \partial_\theta] g \right) \\ & + \partial_\theta \left(\Gamma G \left[F(g) - \left\langle \frac{g}{G} \right\rangle_G F(G) \right] \right) \end{aligned}$$

Our main assumption is that (can be proved for weak interactions)

$$\text{Ker}(\mathcal{L}_G^\dagger) = \text{Span}(\mathbf{1}), \quad \text{Ker}(\mathcal{L}_G) = \text{Span}(\mathbf{G})$$

$$\text{Range}(\mathcal{L}_G^\dagger) = \left\{ u ; \langle u \rangle_G = 0 \right\}, \quad \text{Range}(\mathcal{L}_G) = \left\{ u ; \left\langle \frac{u}{G} \right\rangle_G = 0 \right\}$$

Gamma-convergence

Definition

A sequence of functional $F^\nu : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined on some topological space E Γ -converges to $F : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ as $\nu \rightarrow 0$ if

- for any $x \in E$ and any sequence $x^\nu \rightarrow x$,

$$\liminf_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \inf_{\nu \leq \mu} F^\nu(x^\nu) \geq F(x)$$

- for any $x \in E$ there is a sequence $x^\nu \rightarrow x$,

$$\limsup_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \sup_{\nu \leq \mu} F^\nu(x^\nu) \leq F(x)$$

$\Gamma - \lim \inf$

Consider any sequence $f^\varepsilon = f + \varepsilon f_1 + \varepsilon^2 f_2 + O(\varepsilon^3)$

We have to prove

$$\boxed{\liminf_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{J}_T^\varepsilon(f^\varepsilon) \geq \mathcal{J}_T(f)} \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{J}_T(f) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4} \int_0^T \left\| \partial_t \rho - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} \nabla \rho \right\|_{-1, \rho \sigma}^2 dt & \text{if } f(q, \theta, t) = f_{\text{le}}(q, \theta, t) = \rho(q, t) G(\theta), \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

Sup-formula for the H_{-1} -norm gives

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}_T^\varepsilon(f^\varepsilon) &= \frac{1}{4} \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left\| A_{f^\varepsilon}^\varepsilon(f^\varepsilon) \right\|_{-1, \Gamma f^\varepsilon}^2 dq dt \\ &\geq \frac{1}{4} \int_0^T dt \left\{ 2 \langle \varphi, A_{f^\varepsilon}^\varepsilon(f^\varepsilon) \rangle - \langle [\partial_\theta \varphi]^2, \Gamma f^\varepsilon \rangle \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Choose the
best test
function φ

$$A_f^\varepsilon(f) = \varepsilon \partial_t f + \mathcal{T}_0(f) - \varepsilon^{-1} \mathcal{D}_f(f)$$

We see that
 f shall be a local
equilibrium
 $f(q, \theta, t) = \rho(q, t) G(\theta)$
Otherwise
Infinite

We choose the test function in the form

$$\varphi^\varepsilon(q, \theta, t) = \varepsilon^{-1} \varphi_{-1}(q, \theta, t) + \varphi_0(q, \theta, t)$$

Then we have

$$\mathcal{J}_T^\varepsilon(f^\varepsilon) \geq \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T dt \{ \varepsilon^{-2} X_t + \varepsilon^{-1} Y_t + Z_t \} + O(\varepsilon)$$

with

$$X = -\frac{1}{2} \langle (\partial_\theta \varphi_{-1})^2, \Gamma f_{1e} \rangle \leq 0$$

$$Y = \langle \varphi_{-1}, \mathcal{T}_0(f_{1e}) - \mathcal{L}_G(f_1) \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle (\partial_\theta \varphi_{-1})^2, \Gamma f_1 \rangle - \langle (\partial_\theta \varphi_{-1})(\partial_\theta \varphi_0), \Gamma f_{1e} \rangle$$

$$Z = \langle \varphi_0, \mathcal{T}_0(f_{1e}) - \mathcal{L}_G(f_1) \rangle + \left\langle \varphi_{-1}, \left[\partial_t f_{1e} + \mathcal{T}_0(f_1) - \partial_\theta \mathcal{Q}(f_{1e}, f_1, f_2) \right] \right\rangle \\ - \frac{1}{2} \langle (\partial_\theta \varphi_{-1})^2, \Gamma f_2 \rangle - \langle (\partial_\theta \varphi_{-1})(\partial_\theta \varphi_0), \Gamma f_1 \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle (\partial_\theta \varphi_0)^2, \Gamma f_{1e} \rangle$$

This sign implies
 φ_{-1} shall not
depend on θ

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since φ_{-1} doesn't
depend on θ one
can check it
vanishes

$$Z = \langle \varphi_0, \mathcal{T}_0(f_{1e}) - \mathcal{L}_G(f_1) \rangle + \langle \varphi_{-1}, [\partial_t f_{1e} + \mathcal{T}_0(f_1)] \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle (\partial_\theta \varphi_0)^2, \Gamma f_{1e} \rangle$$

Choose then φ_0, φ_{-1} such that

$$\mathcal{L}_G^\dagger \varphi_0 - \mathcal{T}_0^\dagger \varphi_{-1} = 0 = \mathcal{L}_G^\dagger \varphi_0 + \mathcal{T}_0 \varphi_{-1}$$

The terms with f_1
disappear

Observe then that

$$\mathcal{T}_0(\varphi_{-1})(q, \theta, t) = \bar{V}(\theta) \cdot \nabla \varphi_{-1}(q, t)$$

and choose $\varphi_0(q, \theta, t) = \psi(\theta) \cdot \nabla \varphi_{-1}(q, t), \quad (\mathcal{L}_G^\dagger \psi)(\theta) = -\bar{V}(\theta)$

$$\langle \varphi_0, \mathcal{T}_0(f_{1e}) \rangle = - \int dq \varphi_{-1}(q, t) \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} \nabla \rho(q, t)$$

$$\langle \varphi_{-1}, \partial_t f_{1e} \rangle = \int dq \varphi_{-1}(q, t) \partial_t \rho(q, t)$$

$$\langle (\partial_\theta \varphi_0)^2, \Gamma f_{1e} \rangle = \int dq \rho(q, t) \nabla \varphi_{-1}(q, t) \cdot \sigma \nabla \varphi_{-1}(q, t)$$

We got

$$\mathcal{F}_T^\varepsilon(f^\varepsilon) \geq \frac{1}{4} \int_0^T dt \left\{ 2 \int dq \, \varphi_{-1}(q, t) \left[\partial_t \rho(q, t) dq - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} \nabla \rho(q, t) \right] \right. \\ \left. - \int dq \, \rho(q, t) \nabla \varphi_{-1}(q, t) \cdot \sigma \nabla \varphi_{-1}(q, t) \right\} + O(\varepsilon).$$

We can optimize over φ_{-1} to get the result (the sup of the rhs becomes the H_{-1} norm we were looking for).

Summary:

- We introduced a LD approach to connect fluctuating kinetics to fluctuating hydrodynamics
- This approach is based on clean mathematical statements, even if a totally rigorous proof is still missing (work for some variations of the model)
- Open problem 1: extend this approach in the presence of phase transitions.
- Open problem 2: extend this approach when the velocity depends V also on the position $V(q, \theta)$.