

Mean-field limits for log/Coulomb/Riesz interacting diffusions

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Evolution equation

$$\dot{x}_i = -\frac{1}{N} (\nabla_i H_N(x_1, \dots, x_N)) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\beta}} dW_i^t \quad \text{gradient flow}$$

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$$\ddot{x}_i = -\frac{1}{N} \nabla_i H_N(x_1, \dots, x_N) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\beta}} dW_i^t \quad \text{Newton's law}$$

possibly with added noise $1/\sqrt{\beta} dW_i^t$, N independent Brownian motions,
 β = inverse temperature

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$$f_N^t(x_1, \dots, x_N) \simeq \mu^t(x_1) \dots \mu^t(x_N)?$$

in the sense of convergence of the k -point marginal $f_{N,k}$.

Formal limit

Use

$$\partial_t \delta_{x(t)} + \operatorname{div} (\dot{x} \delta_{x(t)}) = 0$$

or Liouville equation + BBGKY hierarchy

$$\partial_t f_N + \sum_{i=1}^N \nabla_{x_i} \left(f_N \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N K(x_i - x_j) \right) = 0$$

We *formally* expect $\mu_N^t := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{x_i^t} \rightarrow \mu^t$ where μ^t solves the mean-field equation

$$\partial_t \mu = \operatorname{div} ((K * \mu) \mu) + \frac{1}{2\beta} \Delta \mu \quad (\text{MF})$$

or in the second order case the Vlasov / McKean-Vlasov equation

$$\partial_t \rho + v \cdot \nabla_x \rho + (K * \mu) \cdot \nabla_v \rho + \frac{1}{2\beta} \Delta \rho = 0 \quad \mu = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho(x, v) dv$$

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- ▶ for convergence to Vlasov-Poisson/Riesz
 - ▶ [Hauray-Jabin '15, Jabin-Wang '17] $s < d - 2$, Coulomb interaction (or more singular) remains open.
 - ▶ [Boers-Pickl '16, Lazarovici '16, Lazarovici-Pickl '17] Coulomb with N -dependent cut-off

The modulated energy method

Idea: use **Riesz-based metric**:

$$\|\mu - \nu\|^2 = \iint_{\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d} g(x-y) d(\mu - \nu)(x) d(\mu - \nu)(y).$$

Observe weak-strong uniqueness property of the solutions to (MF) for $\|\cdot\|$:

$$\|\mu_1^t - \mu_2^t\|^2 \leq e^{Ct} \|\mu_1^0 - \mu_2^0\|^2 \quad C = C(\|\nabla^2(g * \mu_2)\|_{L^\infty})$$

In the discrete case, let X_N denote (x_1, \dots, x_N) and take for modulated energy,

$$F_N(X_N, \mu) = \iint_{\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \Delta} g(x-y) d\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{x_i} - \mu\right)(x) d\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{x_i} - \mu\right)(y)$$

where Δ denotes the diagonal in $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d$, and μ^t solves (MF).

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- ▶ [Rosenzweig '20] improved the result in the Coulomb case: $\mu^0 \in L^\infty$ suffices (for short times if $d \geq 3$).
- ▶ Now sharp rate $N^{-\gamma} = N^{\frac{s}{d}-1}$ [Rosenzweig-S '23]

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Theorem (Duerinckx-S '18)

Assume Z_N^t solves Newton's law with initial data Z_N^0 . Assume (μ, u) is a sufficiently regular solution to (PEP) on $[0, T]$. Then

$$E_N(Z_N^t, (\mu^t, u^t)) \leq (E_N(Z_N^0, (\mu^0, u^0)) + N^{-\beta}) e^{C_2 t}$$

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with $\psi = \nabla g * \mu^t$ or $\mathbb{J} \nabla g * \mu^t$.

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Estimate used to treat the *quantum Coulomb mean-field limit*

[Golse-Paul, Rosenzweig], *quasi-neutral limits* [Iacobelli-Han Kwan, Rosenzweig, RS, Ben Porat]

With noise : the modulated free energy

- ▶ If $\beta < \infty$, [Bresch-Jabin-Wang '19] incorporate the modulated energy into their relative entropy method: use a **modulated free energy**

$$\mathcal{F}_N^\beta(f_N, \mu) = \frac{1}{\beta} \mathcal{H}_N(f_N | \mu^{\otimes N}) + \int f_N(X_N) F_N(X_N, \mu) dx_1 \dots dx_N$$

where f_N = probability density on configurations.

Dissipative case only

- ▶ commutator estimate then suffices to complete the proof
- ▶ allows to treat Riesz cases $s < d$ and attractive logarithmic interactions \rightsquigarrow convergence to Patlak-Keller-Segel

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$$- \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \int df_N^t \iint_{\Delta^c} (v^t(x) - v^t(y)) \cdot \nabla g(x - y) d \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{x_i} - \mu^t \right)^{\otimes 2}}_{\text{commutator term}}(x, y) dx dy$$

where $v^t = \nabla g * \mu^t + \frac{1}{\beta} \nabla \log \mu^t$

Global in time convergence?

- Use Fisher information term and assume uniform “modulated” **Log-Sobolev inequality**

$$\underbrace{N \mathcal{H}_N(f_N^t | \mathbb{Q}_{N,\beta}(\mu^t))}_{\text{relative entropy}} \leq C_{LS} \underbrace{\int \left| \nabla \sqrt{\frac{f_N^t}{\mathbb{Q}_{N,\beta}(\mu^t)}} \right|^2 d\mathbb{Q}_{N,\beta}(\mu^t)}_{\text{relative Fisher}}$$

then this + commutator estimate gives

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{F}_N^\beta \leq -C \mathcal{F}_N^\beta + o(1)$$

so exponential convergence to tensorized state (**generation of chaos**) [Rosenzweig-S '23]

Global-in-time convergence?

- ▶ [Guillin, Le Bris, Monmarché '21]: Jabin-Wang's relative entropy approach combined with logarithmic Sobolev inequality to control the entropy dissipation (= Fisher information) by the relative entropy itself.
- ▶ [RS '21] take advantage of decay of solution / velocity field to obtain uniform in time convergence in the sub-Coulomb case.
- ▶ [Hess-Childs '23] obtains LDP around the mean-field limit in the same sub-Coulomb case
- ▶ prove and exploit the **decay** rate of ∇v^t as $t \rightarrow \infty$ to insert into optimized commutator estimate. Works in torus super-Coulomb setting with exponential decay rate [Chodron de Courcel-Rosenzweig-S '23]

Global in time result: subcoulomb case via modulated energy

Step 1. Prove that μ^t **decays** fast enough in long time thanks to the dissipation.

Proposition (RS)

Let $1 \leq p \leq q \leq \infty$.

$$\|\mu^t\|_{L^q} \leq C_{p,q} \left(\frac{2\pi t}{\beta(1/p - 1/q)} \right)^{-\frac{d}{2}(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q})} \|\mu^0\|_{L^p}$$

Inspired by [Carlen-Loss] (case of divergence-free vector field).

Step 2. Optimized version of the functional inequality: use that

$$\psi^t = \mathbb{M} \nabla g * \mu^t$$

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Theorem (Rosenzweig-S '21)

Assume $d \geq 3$, $0 < s < d - 2$, first order evolution with additive noise, dissipative or conservative. Assume μ^t is a global in time bounded solution to the limiting equation

$$\partial_t \mu = -\operatorname{div}(\mu M \nabla g * \mu) + \frac{1}{2\beta} \Delta \mu.$$

Then

$$\mathbb{E}(|F_N(X_N^t, \mu^t)|) \leq C|F_N(X_N^0, \mu^0)| + N^{-\gamma}.$$

In the logarithmic case, we get instead a t^σ control.

Supercoulomb case via modulated free energy method

In the case of the torus: prove **exponential decay** of the (derivatives of the) limiting solution

Theorem (Chodron de Courcel - Rosenzweig - S '23)

Riesz case $s \in [d - 2, d)$, gradient flow with additive noise. We have global in time convergence:

$$\mathcal{F}_N^\beta(f_N^t, \mu^t) \leq C \left(\mathcal{F}_N^\beta(f_N^0, \mu^0) + N^{\frac{s}{d}-1} \right).$$

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The modulated energy is no longer coercive. We show that it can be absorbed into the relative entropy if $\beta < \beta_i$:

$$\int F_N(X_N, \mu) df_N(X_N) \leq \frac{1}{\beta} H_N(f_N | \mu^{\otimes N}) + o(1)$$

modulated Log Hardy-Littlewood-Sobolev inequality

Theorem (CdC - R -S)

If $\beta < \beta_i$, there exists $\delta_\beta > 0$ s.t. if μ solution to (MF) with $\|\log \mu^0\|_{L^\infty} \leq \delta_\beta$ and f_N^t an entropy solution to the fwd Kolmogorov eq, then

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