

Now consider displacement  $\vec{r}$  of a particle at time  $t$ , given that it started at  $\vec{r}_0$  with velocity  $\vec{u}_0$  @  $t=0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r} - \vec{r}_0 &= \int_0^t dt' \vec{u}(t') = \\ &= \int_0^t dt' \left[ \vec{u}_0 e^{-\beta t'} + e^{-\beta t'} \int_0^{t'} d\xi e^{\beta \xi} \vec{A}(\xi) \right], \text{ or} \\ \vec{r} - \vec{r}_0 - \beta^{-1} \vec{u}_0 (1 - e^{-\beta t}) &= \int_0^t dt' e^{-\beta t'} \int_0^{t'} d\xi e^{\beta \xi} \vec{A}(\xi) \equiv \end{aligned}$$

Further, we can integrate by parts:

$$\begin{aligned} \equiv & -\beta^{-1} e^{-\beta t'} \int_0^{t'} d\xi e^{\beta \xi} \vec{A}(\xi) \Big|_0^t + \\ & + \beta^{-1} \int_0^t dt' e^{-\beta t'} e^{\beta t'} \vec{A}(t') = \\ & = -\beta^{-1} e^{-\beta t} \int_0^t d\xi e^{\beta \xi} \vec{A}(\xi) + \beta^{-1} \int_0^t d\xi \vec{A}(\xi) \equiv \\ & \equiv \int_0^t d\xi \psi(\xi) \vec{A}(\xi), \text{ where} \\ & \psi(\xi) = \beta^{-1} [1 - e^{\beta(\xi-t)}]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } \int_0^t d\xi \psi^2(\xi) &= \frac{1}{\beta^2} \int_0^t d\xi [1 - e^{\beta(\xi-t)}]^2 = \\ &= \frac{2\beta t - 3 + 4e^{-\beta t} - e^{-2\beta t}}{2\beta^3}, \end{aligned}$$

we immediately have

$$W(\vec{r}, t; \vec{r}_0, \vec{u}_0) = \left[ \frac{m\beta^2}{2\pi k_B T [2\beta t - 3 + 4e^{-\beta t} - e^{-2\beta t}]} \right]^{3/2} \times e^{-\frac{m\beta^2 [\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0 - \vec{u}_0(1 - e^{-\beta t})\beta^{-1}]^2}{2k_B T (2\beta t - 3 + 4e^{-\beta t} - e^{-2\beta t})}}$$

for  $t \gg \beta^{-1}$ ,

$$W(\vec{r}, t; \vec{r}_0, \vec{u}_0) \approx \left[ \frac{m\beta}{4\pi k_B T t} \right]^{3/2} e^{-\frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0 - \frac{\vec{u}_0}{\beta}|^2}{4 \underbrace{\left( \frac{k_B T}{m\beta} \right)}_D t}}$$

Since  $\langle |\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|^2 \rangle$  is  $\mathcal{O}(t)$ , we can neglect the  $\frac{\vec{u}_0}{\beta}$  constant in the exponent, s.t.

$$W(\vec{r}, t; \vec{r}_0, \vec{u}_0) \approx \frac{1}{(4\pi D t)^{3/2}} e^{-\frac{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|^2}{4Dt}}, \quad (†)$$

$t \gg \beta^{-1}$

Finally, (†) gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (x - x_0)^2 \rangle &= \langle (y - y_0)^2 \rangle = \langle (z - z_0)^2 \rangle = \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \langle |\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|^2 \rangle = 2Dt = \frac{k_B T}{3\pi a \eta} t = 2 \frac{k_B T}{m\beta} t. \end{aligned}$$

Einstein's result, fluctuation-dissipation relation:

$$D\beta = \frac{k_B T}{m}$$

Perrin tested that  $\frac{\langle (x-x_0)^2 \rangle}{t}$  is a constant for many combinations of  $T, \eta$  &  $a$ .

Clearly, (+) shows that for  $t \gg \beta^{-1}$  Brownian motion is diffusive.

More generally,

$$\langle |\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|^2 \rangle = \frac{|\vec{u}_0|^2}{\beta^2} (1 - e^{-\beta t})^2 + \frac{3k_B T}{m\beta^2} \times (2\beta t - 3 + 4e^{-\beta t} - e^{-2\beta t}).$$

Average over all values of  $\vec{u}_0$ :

in equilibrium,  $\langle \frac{m|\vec{u}_0|^2}{2} \rangle = \frac{3k_B T}{2}$  by equipartition theorem  $\Rightarrow \langle |\vec{u}_0|^2 \rangle = \frac{3k_B T}{m}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \langle \langle |\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|^2 \rangle \rangle &= \frac{3k_B T}{m\beta^2} [1 - 2e^{-\beta t} + e^{-2\beta t} + \\ &+ 2\beta t - 3 + 4e^{-\beta t} - e^{-2\beta t}] = \\ &= 6 \frac{k_B T}{m\beta^2} [\beta t - 1 + e^{-\beta t}]. \end{aligned}$$

$$t \rightarrow \infty: \langle \langle |\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|^2 \rangle \rangle = 6 \underbrace{\frac{k_B T}{m\beta}}_D t = 6Dt \quad \text{as before}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t \rightarrow 0: \langle \langle |\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0|^2 \rangle \rangle &= 6 \frac{k_B T}{m\beta^2} [\beta t - 1 + 1 - \beta t + \frac{1}{2}\beta^2 t^2] = \\ &= 3 \frac{k_B T}{m} t^2 = \langle |\vec{u}_0|^2 \rangle t^2, \quad \text{inertial motion} \end{aligned}$$

# The Fokker-Planck Equation (FP)

[ FP eq'n in ~~phase~~ velocity space : Brownian motion of a free particle ]

Consider

$$(*) \quad W(\vec{u}, t + \Delta t) = \int d(\Delta \vec{u}) W(\vec{u} - \Delta \vec{u}, t) \Psi(\vec{u} - \Delta \vec{u}; \Delta \vec{u})$$

Transition prob. density:

$$\Psi(\vec{u}; \Delta \vec{u}) \quad \vec{u} \rightarrow \vec{u} + \Delta \vec{u} \text{ in time } \Delta t$$

Now,  $\frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = -\beta \vec{u} + \vec{A}(t)$  gives

$$\underbrace{\Delta \vec{u}}_{\vec{u}(t+\Delta t) - \vec{u}(t)} = -\beta \vec{u} \Delta t + \underbrace{\int_t^{t+\Delta t} dt' \vec{A}(t')}_{\vec{B}(\Delta t)}$$

So,  $\Delta \vec{u} + \beta \vec{u} \Delta t$  is distributed as  $\vec{B}(\Delta t)$ :

$$(**) \quad \frac{1}{(4\pi q \Delta t)^{3/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{|\Delta \vec{u} + \beta \vec{u} \Delta t|^2}{4q \Delta t}\right] \quad \left[ q = \frac{\beta k_B T}{m} \right]$$

But this is exactly  $\Psi(\vec{u}; \Delta \vec{u})$ , since  $\vec{B}(\Delta t)$  is the change in velocity over  $\Delta t$ . (\*\*\*) is convenient since it explicitly depends on  $\Delta \vec{u}$  &  $\Delta t$ .

Expand everything in (\*):

$$W(\vec{u}, t) + \frac{\partial W}{\partial t} \Delta t + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2) \quad \square$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d(\Delta u_1) d(\Delta u_2) d(\Delta u_3) \times \left[ w(\vec{u}, t) - \sum_i \frac{\partial w}{\partial u_i} \Delta u_i + \right. \\
 & \left. + \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial u_i^2} \Delta u_i^2 + \sum_{i < j} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial u_i \partial u_j} \Delta u_i \Delta u_j + \dots \right] \times \\
 & \times \left[ \Psi(\vec{u}; \Delta \vec{u}) - \sum_i \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial u_i} \Delta u_i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial u_i^2} \Delta u_i^2 + \right. \\
 & \left. + \sum_{i < j} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial u_i \partial u_j} \Delta u_i \Delta u_j + \dots \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Define  $\langle \Delta u_i \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d(\Delta \vec{u}) \Delta u_i \Psi(\vec{u}; \Delta \vec{u})$ , etc.

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} \Delta t + \theta(\Delta t^2) &= - \sum_i \frac{\partial w}{\partial u_i} \langle \Delta u_i \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial u_i^2} \langle \Delta u_i^2 \rangle + \\
 &+ \sum_{i < j} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial u_i \partial u_j} \langle \Delta u_i \Delta u_j \rangle - \sum_i w \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} \langle \Delta u_i \rangle + \\
 &+ \sum_i \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} \langle \Delta u_i^2 \rangle \frac{\partial w}{\partial u_i} + \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_j} \langle \Delta u_i \Delta u_j \rangle \frac{\partial w}{\partial u_i} + \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \frac{\partial^2}{\partial u_i^2} \langle \Delta u_i^2 \rangle w + \sum_{i < j} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial u_i \partial u_j} \langle \Delta u_i \Delta u_j \rangle w + \\
 &+ \theta(\Delta u^3).
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So, } \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} \Delta t + \theta(\Delta t^2) &= - \sum_i \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} (w \langle \Delta u_i \rangle) + \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \frac{\partial^2}{\partial u_i^2} (w \langle \Delta u_i^2 \rangle) + \sum_{i < j} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial u_i \partial u_j} (w \langle \Delta u_i \Delta u_j \rangle) + \\
 &\quad \theta(\Delta u^3).
 \end{aligned}$$

↑ FP eq'n

Now, with (\*\*) we have:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle \Delta u_i \rangle = -\beta u_i \Delta t, \\ \langle \Delta u_i \Delta u_j \rangle = \langle \Delta u_i \rangle \langle \Delta u_j \rangle = \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2) \quad (i \neq j) \\ \langle \Delta u_i^2 \rangle = 2q_0 \Delta t + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2) \end{array} \right.$$

Then in the  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$  limit:

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} = \beta \sum_i \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} (W u_i) + q_0 \sum_i \frac{\partial^2}{\partial u_i^2} W$$

One can show that this eq'n is satisfied by

$$W(\vec{u}, t; \vec{u}_0) = \frac{1}{(2\pi q_0 (1 - e^{-2\beta t}) / \beta)^{3/2}} e^{-\frac{\beta \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}_0 e^{-\beta t/2}}{2q_0 (1 - e^{-2\beta t})}}$$

which was previously derived directly from Langevin's equations.

Likewise, we can generalize to:

$$\frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = -\beta \vec{u} + \vec{A}(t) + \underbrace{\vec{K}(\vec{r}, t)}_{\substack{\text{acceleration due to} \\ \text{external field: } \frac{\vec{F}_{\text{ext}}}{m}}}$$

Then as before  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta \vec{u} = -(\beta \vec{u} - \vec{K}) \Delta t + \vec{B}(\Delta t), \\ \Delta \vec{r} = \vec{u} \Delta t. \end{array} \right.$

we have:  
 prob. density in phase space

$$W(\vec{r}, \vec{u}, t + \Delta t) = \iint d(\Delta \vec{r}) d(\Delta \vec{u}) \times$$

$$\times W(\vec{r} - \Delta \vec{r}, \vec{u} - \Delta \vec{u}, t) \underbrace{\Psi(\vec{r} - \Delta \vec{r}, \vec{u} - \Delta \vec{u}; \Delta \vec{r}, \Delta \vec{u})}_{\text{transition prob. in phase space}}$$

$$\Psi(\vec{r}, \vec{u}; \Delta \vec{r}, \Delta \vec{u}) = \underbrace{\Psi(\vec{u}; \Delta \vec{u})}_{\text{trans'n prob. in velocity space}} \delta(\Delta x - u_1 \Delta t) \times \\ \times \delta(\Delta y - u_2 \Delta t) \delta(\Delta z - u_3 \Delta t).$$

Then  $\int d(\Delta \vec{r})$  is trivial, and we obtain:

$$W(\vec{r}, \vec{u}, t + \Delta t) = \int d(\Delta \vec{u}) W(\vec{r} - \vec{u} \Delta t, \vec{u} - \Delta \vec{u}, t) \times \\ \times \Psi(\vec{u} - \Delta \vec{u}; \Delta \vec{u}).$$

Alternatively,

$$W(\vec{r} + \vec{u} \Delta t, \vec{u}, t + \Delta t) = \int d(\Delta \vec{u}) W(\vec{r}, \vec{u} - \Delta \vec{u}, t) \times \\ \times \Psi(\vec{u} - \Delta \vec{u}; \Delta \vec{u})$$

Expand in  $\Delta \vec{u}$  &  $\Delta t$ :

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} \Delta t + \underbrace{(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_{\vec{r}})}_{\sum_i u_i \frac{\partial}{\partial r_i}} W \Delta t + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2) = \\ = - \sum_i \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} (W \langle \Delta u_i \rangle) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \frac{\partial^2}{\partial u_i^2} (W \langle \Delta u_i^2 \rangle) \oplus$$

$$\oplus \sum_{i < j} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial u_i \partial u_j} (W \langle \Delta u_i \Delta u_j \rangle) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta u^3)$$

Here,

$$\Psi(\vec{u}; \vec{\Delta u}) = \frac{1}{(4\pi q_0 \Delta t)^{3/2}} e^{-\frac{|\Delta \vec{u} + (\beta \vec{u} - \vec{K}) \Delta t|^2}{4q_0 \Delta t}}$$

This expression gives

$$\begin{cases} \langle \Delta u_i \rangle = -(\beta u_i - K_i) \Delta t, \\ \langle \Delta u_i^2 \rangle = 2q_0 \Delta t + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2), \\ \langle \Delta u_i \Delta u_j \rangle = \langle \Delta u_i \rangle \langle \Delta u_j \rangle = \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2). \end{cases}$$

Accordingly,

$$\left[ \frac{\partial W}{\partial t} + \sum_i u_i \frac{\partial W}{\partial r_i} \right] \Delta t + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2) =$$

$$= \left[ \sum_i \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} [(\beta u_i - K_i) W] + q_0 \sum_i \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial u_i^2} \right] \Delta t + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2)$$

In the  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$  limit we obtain:  $[q_0 = \frac{\beta^2 D}{m}]$

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_{\vec{r}} W + \vec{K} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_{\vec{u}} W = \beta \vec{\nabla}_{\vec{u}} (W \vec{u}) + q_0 \nabla_{\vec{u}}^2 W$$

FP eq'n in phase space;  
generalizes Liouville's theorem to  
include Brownian motion (through  
two terms on the RHS)