Introduction to spectral theory for weakly hypodissipative generators

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- Carrapatoso, M. Landau equation for very soft and Coulomb potentials near Maxwellians, submitted
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$$\langle f^*, \mathcal{B}f \rangle_X \leq a \|f\|_X^2$$
, for any $f \in X_1^{\mathcal{B}}$ and $f^* \in X'$ dual element;

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(1) \Rightarrow (2): consequence of Gronwall lemma and the closed differential inequality

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$$\|S_{\mathcal{B}}(t)\|_{X\to X} \leq \frac{C}{C} e^{at}, \quad \frac{C}{C} \geq 1.$$

 $(4) \Rightarrow (3)$: one may choose the equivalent handy norm defined by

$$\|\|f\|_X^2 := \eta \|f\|_X^2 + \int_0^\infty \|S_{\mathcal{B}}(\tau)f\|_X^2 e^{-b\tau} d\tau, \quad \eta > 0, \ b > a.$$

Weakly hypodissipative framework

Possible extension to a weakly dissipative framework?

We do not assume the dissipativity inequality (1) but the weaker inequality

$$\langle f^*, \mathcal{B}f \rangle_Y \le a \|f\|_Z^2, \qquad Y \subset Z, \quad a < 0.$$

> We cannot close a differential inequality with this only information.

However, assuming the additional (dissipativity) inequality

$$\langle f^*, \mathcal{B}f \rangle_X \leq 0, \quad X \subset Y,$$

we may exploit these two inequalities together with an interpolation argument in order to get some rate of decay to 0 (as for the Allen-Cahn equation)

That corresponds to the (no spectral gap) situation:

$$\Sigma_P(\mathcal{B}) \cap \bar{\Delta}_0 = \emptyset, \quad \Sigma(\mathcal{B}) \cap \bar{\Delta}_0 \neq \emptyset.$$

In this weakly dissipative framework, we will present:

- some (not all) abstract spectral analysis results
- some application to the Fokker-Planck equation with weak confinement force
- some application to the Landau equation for Coulomb potential near Maxwellians in the torus

The Fokker-Planck equation with weak confinement

Consider the Fokker-Planck equation

$$\partial_t f = \Lambda f = \Delta_v f + \operatorname{div}_v(F f)$$

on $f = f(t, v) \in \mathbb{R}$, $t \ge 0$, $v \in \mathbb{R}^d$, with a weak confinement force field term F such that

$$F(v) \approx v \langle v \rangle^{\gamma-2}, \quad \gamma \in (0,1)$$
 (say =)

and an initial datum

$$f(0)=f_0\in W^{r,p}(m)\quad (\text{means }m\,f_0\in W^{r,p}).$$

Here $p \in [1, \infty]$, r = 0 and m is a polynomial weight

$$m = \langle v \rangle^k, \quad k > k^*(p, r, \gamma),$$

or a exponential weight

$$m = e^{\kappa \langle v \rangle^s}, \quad s \in (0, \gamma], \ \kappa > 0.$$

Statement of the decay theorem

Theorem 1. (Kavian & M.)

There exists a unique "smooth", positive and normalized steady state f_{∞} . For any $f_0 \in L^p(m)$

$$||f(t)-\langle f_0\rangle f_\infty||_{L^p}\leq \Theta(t)||f_0-\langle f_0\rangle f_\infty||_{L^p(m)},$$

with

$$\begin{split} \Theta(t) &= \frac{C}{\langle t \rangle^K}, \quad K \sim \frac{k - k^*(p)}{2 - \gamma} \quad \text{if} \quad m = \langle x \rangle^k \\ &= C e^{-\lambda t^{\sigma}}, \quad \sigma \sim \frac{s}{2 - \gamma} \quad \text{if} \quad m = e^{\kappa \langle x \rangle^s}. \end{split}$$

> Improves (better rate and/or larger class of initial data) earlier results by Toscani, Villani, 2000 (based on log-Sobolev inequality)

& Röckner, Wang, 2001 (based on weak Poincaré inequality).

Both works deal with a force field $F = \nabla V$ what is not necessary here. See however Bakry-Cattiaux-Guillin.

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Spectral analysis for semigroups in an abstract weak hypodissipative framework

For a given Banach space X, we want to develop a spectral analysis theory for operators Λ enjoying the splitting structure

$$\Lambda = A + B$$
, $A \prec B$, B weakly hypodissipative.

We will

- clarify the links between dissipativity and decay;
- present an extension of the decay estimate result;
- present a possible version of spectral mapping theorem;
- present a possible version of Krein-Rutman theorem.
- We do not present any version of Weyl's theorem or perturbation theorem.
- Very few papers related to that topics. We may mention: Caflisch (CMP 1980),
 Toscani-Villani (JSP 2000), Röckner-Wang (JFA 2001), Lebeau & co-authors (1993 & after), Burq (Acta Math 1998), Batty-Duyckaerts (JEE 2008).

From weak dissipativity to decay estimate

Prop 1.

Consider three "regular" Banach spaces $X \subset Y \subset Z$ and a generator Λ . Assume

$$\begin{split} \forall\, f \in Y_1^\Lambda, & \langle f_Y^*, \Lambda f \rangle_Y & \lesssim & -\|f\|_Z^2 \\ \forall\, f \in X_1^\Lambda, & \langle f_X^*, \Lambda f \rangle_X & \leq & 0 \quad \text{(or S_Λ is bounded X)} \\ \forall\, R > 0, & \varepsilon_R \|f\|_Y^2 & \leq & \|f\|_Z^2 + \theta_R \|f\|_X^2, & \varepsilon_R, \frac{\theta_R}{\varepsilon_R} \to 0. \end{split}$$

There exists a decay function Θ such that

$$||S_{\Lambda}(t)||_{X\to Y} \leq \Theta(t) \to 0.$$

ullet We say that a Banach space E is regular if $\varphi: E \to \mathbb{R}$, $f \mapsto \|f\|_E^2/2$ is G-differentiable and

$$\{f^* \in E', \ \langle f^*, f \rangle_E = \|f\|_E^2 = \|f^*\|_{E'}^2\} = \{f_E^*\}, \quad f_E^* := D\varphi(f).$$

Hilbert spaces and L^p spaces, 1 , are regular spaces.

• We denote $E_s^{\Lambda} := \{ f \in E, \ \Lambda^s f \in E \}$ the abstract Sobolev spaces

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- We say that m is an admissible if $m=\langle v\rangle^k$ or $m=e^{\kappa\langle v\rangle^s}$. We then write $m_0\prec m_1$ or $m_1\succ m_0$ or if $m_0/m_1\to\infty$.
- For $X=L^p(m_1), Y=L^p(m_0), Z=L^p(m_0\langle v\rangle^{\alpha/p})$, with $\alpha<0$ and $m_1\succ m_0$, we get

$$\Theta(t) \simeq \left\{ egin{array}{ll} t^{-(k_1-k_0)/|lpha|} & ext{if } m_i = \langle v
angle^{k_i} \ e^{-\lambda t^{\mathfrak{s}/|lpha|}} & ext{if } m_1 = e^{\kappa |v|^{\mathfrak{s}}} \end{array}
ight.$$

Proof of Proposition 1

We define $f_t := S_{\Lambda}(t)f_0$, $f_0 \in X$, and we compute

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|f_t\|_X^2 \le 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \|f_t\|_X \le C \|f_0\|_X, \ C \ge 1,$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|f_t\|_Y^2 \lesssim -\|f_t\|_Z^2$$

$$\lesssim -\varepsilon_R \|f_t\|_Y^2 + \theta_R \|f_0\|_X^2,$$

and from Gronwall lemma

$$||f_t||_Y^2 \lesssim e^{-\varepsilon_R t} ||f_0||_Y^2 + \frac{\theta_R}{\varepsilon_R} ||f_0||_X^2$$

$$\lesssim \Theta(t)^2 ||f_0||_X^2,$$

with

$$\Theta(t)^2 := \inf_{R>0} \left(e^{-\varepsilon_R t} + \frac{\theta_R}{\varepsilon_R} \right).$$

From decay estimate to weak dissipativity / perturbation of weak dissipativity

Prop 2. Consider three "regular" Banach spaces $X \subset Y \subset Z$ and a generator \mathcal{L} . Assume

- $||S_{\mathcal{L}}(t)||_{X\to Z} \leq \Theta(t)$, with $\Theta \in L^2(\mathbb{R}_+)$ a decay function (i.e. which tends to 0)
- $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B}$, $\mathcal{A} \prec \mathcal{B}$, with

$$\forall f \in X_1^{\mathcal{B}}, \qquad \langle f^*, \mathcal{B}f \rangle_X \quad \lesssim \quad -\|f\|_Y^2$$

$$\forall f \in X_1^{\mathcal{A}}, \qquad \langle f^*, \mathcal{A}f \rangle_X \quad \lesssim \quad \|f\|_Z^2.$$

Then, $\mathcal L$ is weakly hypodissipative

$$\langle\!\langle f^*, \mathcal{L}f \rangle\!\rangle_X \lesssim -\|f\|_Y^2$$

for the duality product $\langle\!\langle , \rangle\!\rangle_X$ associated to the norm defined by

$$|||f|||^2 := \eta ||f||_X^2 + \int_0^\infty ||S_{\mathcal{L}}(\tau)f||_Z^2 d\tau,$$

for $\eta > 0$ small enough. That norm is equivalent to the initial norm in X.

Proof of Proposition 2

We observe that $\|\cdot\| \sim \|\cdot\|_X$ because $\Theta \in L^2(\mathbb{R}_+)$.

We set $f_t := S_{\mathcal{L}}(t) f_0$ and we compute

$$\frac{d}{dt} \| f_t \|^2 = 2\eta \langle f_t^*, \mathcal{L} f_t \rangle_X + \int_0^\infty \frac{d}{d\tau} \| S_{\mathcal{L}}(\tau + t) f_0 \|_Z^2 d\tau
= 2\eta \langle f_t^*, \mathcal{B} f_t \rangle_X + \eta \langle f_t^*, \mathcal{A} f_t \rangle_X - \| f_t \|_Z^2
\leq -2\eta C_1 \| f_t \|_Y^2 + (\eta C_2 - 1) \| f_t \|_Z^2
\lesssim -\| f_t \|_Y^2$$

as well as

$$\frac{d}{dt} \| f_t \|^2 \simeq \langle \langle f_t^*, \mathcal{L} f_t \rangle \rangle_X$$

Functional space extension (enlargement and shrinkage)

Prop 3. Consider a decay function Θ such that

$$\Theta^{-1}(t) \lesssim \Theta^{-1}(t-s)\Theta^{-1}(s)$$
 for any $0 < s < t$.

We consider two sets of Banach spaces $X_1\subset X_0$ and $Y_1\subset Y_0$ and a generator Λ . We assume

- $\bullet \ \|S_{\Lambda}(t)\|_{X_1\to X_0}\Theta^{-1}\in L^{\infty}$
- $\Lambda = A + B$, $A \prec B$, with

$$\begin{array}{ll} \forall \, \ell, & \|S_{\mathcal{B}} * (\mathcal{A}S_{\mathcal{B}})^{(*\ell)}\|_{Y_1 \to Y_0} \Theta^{-1} \in L^{\infty} \\ \exists \, n, & \|(\mathcal{A}S_{\mathcal{B}})^{(*n)}\|_{Y_1 \to X_1} \Theta^{-1} \in L^1 \text{ if } X_0 \subset Y_0 \text{ (enlargement)} \\ \exists \, n, & \|(S_{\mathcal{B}}\mathcal{A})^{(*n)}\|_{X_0 \to Y_1} \Theta^{-1} \in L^1 \text{ if } Y_1 \subset X_1 \text{ (shrinkage)} \end{array}$$

Then,

$$||S_{\Lambda}(t)||_{Y_1\to Y_0}\Theta^{-1}\in L^{\infty}.$$

Proof of Proposition 3

Enlargement result. We iterate the Duhamel formula

$$S_{\Lambda} = S_{\mathcal{B}} + S_{\Lambda} * (\mathcal{A}S_{\mathcal{B}})$$

to get a "stopped Dyson-Phillips series" (the D-P series corresponds to $n=\infty$)

$$S_{\Lambda} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} S_{\mathcal{B}} * (\mathcal{A}S_{\mathcal{B}})^{(*\ell)} + S_{\Lambda} * (\mathcal{A}S_{\mathcal{B}})^{(*n)} =: S_1 + S_2.$$

From the assumptions, we immediately have

$$\|S_{\Lambda}\|_{Y_{1}\to Y_{0}}\Theta^{-1}\leq \|S_{1}\|_{Y_{1}\to Y_{0}}\Theta^{-1}+\|S_{\Lambda}\Theta^{-1}\|_{X_{1}\to X_{0}}*\|(\mathcal{A}S_{\mathcal{B}})^{(*n)}\Theta^{-1}\|_{Y_{1}\to X_{1}}\in L^{\infty}$$

Shrinkage result. We argue similarly staring with the iterated the Duhamel formula / stopped Dyson-Phillips series

$$S_{\Lambda} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} S_{\mathcal{B}} * (\mathcal{A}S_{\mathcal{B}})^{(*\ell)} + (S_{\mathcal{B}}\mathcal{A})^{(*n)} * S_{\Lambda}.$$

Spectral mapping theorem

Prop 4. (rough version) We consider two Banach spaces $X \subset Y$ and a generator

Λ. We assume $X^1_Λ ⊂ Y$ is compact and $Θ(t) ≈ e^{-λt^{1/(1+j)}}$

•
$$\Sigma_P(\Lambda) \cap \bar{\Delta}_0 = \emptyset$$
, with $\Delta_0 := \{z \in \mathbb{C}; \Re ez > 0\}$

• $\Lambda = \mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B}$, with $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbf{B}(Y, X)$, $\zeta \in (0, 1]$ and

(a1)
$$\forall \ell$$
, $\|S_{\mathcal{B}} * (\mathcal{A}S_{\mathcal{B}})^{(*\ell)}\|_{X \to Y} \Theta^{-1} \in L^{\infty}$

(a2)
$$\forall \ell$$
, $\sup_{z \in \overline{\Delta}_0} \|(R_{\mathcal{B}}(z))^{\ell}\|_{X \to Y} \leq C \left(\ell!\right)^{j}$

(a3)
$$\forall \ell$$
, $\sup_{z \in \bar{\Delta}_0} \|R_{\mathcal{B}}(z)\|_{Y \to X_{\zeta}^{\Lambda}} \leq C (\ell!)^{j}$

Then,

$$||S_{\Lambda}(t)||_{X\to Y}\Theta^{-1}\in L^{\infty}.$$

Proof of Proposition 4

We start again with the stopped Dyson-Phillips series

$$S_{\Lambda} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{N-1} S_{\mathcal{B}} * (\mathcal{A}S_{\mathcal{B}})^{(*\ell)} + S_{\Lambda} * (\mathcal{A}S_{\mathcal{B}})^{(*N)} = S_1 + S_2$$

The first ${\it N}-1$ terms are fine. For the last one, we use the inverse Laplace formula

$$\begin{split} S_2(t)f &= \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{\uparrow_0} e^{zt} \, R_{\Lambda}(z) (\mathcal{A}R_{\mathcal{B}}(z))^N f \, dz \\ &\approx \frac{1}{t^k} \int_{\uparrow_0} e^{zt} \, \frac{d^k \Phi}{dz^k} \, dz \, f \\ &\lesssim \frac{C^k}{t^k} k! \int_{\uparrow_0} \sup_{|\alpha| \leq k} \underbrace{\|R_{\Lambda}^{1+\alpha_1}(z)\|_{X \to Y}}_{\in L^{\infty}(\uparrow_0)?} \underbrace{\|\mathcal{A}R_{\mathcal{B}}^{1+\alpha_1}...\mathcal{A}R_{\mathcal{B}}^{1+\alpha_N}(z)\|_{X \to X}}_{\in L^1(\uparrow_0)?} \, dz \, \|f\|_X, \end{split}$$

where $\uparrow_0 := \{z = 0 + iy, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$ and because

$$\frac{d^{k}\Phi}{dz^{k}} \approx \sum_{|\alpha| \leq k} \alpha! R_{\Lambda}^{1+\alpha_{0}} \mathcal{A} R_{\mathcal{B}}^{1+\alpha_{1}} ... \mathcal{A} R_{\mathcal{B}}^{1+\alpha_{N}}$$

Key estimates

• Using (a2), (a3), the compact embedding $X^1_{\Lambda} \subset Y$ and the fact that there is not punctual spectrum in $\bar{\Delta}_0$, we get

$$\sup_{z\in\bar{\Delta}_0}\|R_{\Lambda}(z)^{\ell}\|_{X\to Y}\leq C\,(\ell!)^{j}$$

• $A \in \mathbf{B}(Y,X)$ and the resolvent identity

$$R_{\mathcal{B}}(z) = \frac{1}{z}(R_{\mathcal{B}}(z)\mathcal{B} - I) \in \mathbf{B}(X_1, X)$$

imply

$$\|\mathcal{A}R_{\mathcal{B}}(z)\|_{X_1\to X}\leq C/|z|\quad\forall\,z\in\bar{\Delta}_0.$$

Together with (a2) (where we assume that $\zeta=1$ in order to make the proof simpler) we get

$$\|\mathcal{A}R_{\mathcal{B}}(z)^{\ell_1}\mathcal{A}R_{\mathcal{B}}(z)^{\ell_2}\|_{X\to X}\leq C\,(\ell_1!)^{j}(\ell_2!)^{j}\,\langle z\rangle^{-1}$$

• Choosing N = 4 and gathering the two estimates, we get

$$\|\frac{d^k\Phi}{dz^k}(z)\|_{X\to Y}\leq C^k(k!)^j\langle z\rangle^{-2}\in L^1(\uparrow_0).$$

End of the proof

Coming back to the term S_2 , we have

$$S_2(t) \lesssim C^k k^{(1+j)k} t^{-k}.$$

 $\lesssim e^{-\lambda t^{1/(1+j)}} = \Theta(t),$

by choosing appropriately k = k(t)

Krein-Rutman theorem

Prop 5.

Consider a semigroup generator Λ on a Banach lattice X, and assume

- (1) A such as the spectral mapping Theorem holds (for $||f||_Y = \langle |f|, \phi \rangle$);
- (2) $\phi \in D(\Lambda^*), \ \phi \succ 0$ such that $\Lambda^* \phi = 0$;
- (3) S_{Λ} is positive (and Λ satisfies Kato's inequalities);
- (4) $-\Lambda$ satisfies a strong maximum principle.

There exists $0 < f_{\infty} \in D(\Lambda)$ such that

$$\Lambda \textit{f}_{\infty} = 0, \quad \Sigma_{\textit{P}}(\Lambda) \cap \bar{\Delta}_0 = \{0\}, \quad \Sigma_{\textit{P}}(\Lambda_1) \cap \bar{\Delta}_0 = \emptyset$$

with
$$\Lambda_1:=\Lambda_{|X_1}$$
, $X_1=R(I-\Pi_0)=(I-\Pi_0)X$,

$$\Pi_0 f = \langle f, \phi \rangle f_{\infty} \quad \forall f \in X.$$

Moreover the decay function Θ defined in the spectral mapping Theorem :

$$||S_{\Lambda}(t)(I-\Pi_0)f_0||_Y \lesssim \Theta(t)||(I-\Pi_0)f_0||_X \quad \forall t \geq 0, \ \forall f_0 \in X.$$

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Elements of proof of Theorem 1 - The case : $F = \nabla V$, $V = |v|^{\gamma}/\gamma$

Weak Poincaré inequality

$$\langle \Lambda f, f \rangle_{E_0} \lesssim -\|f\|_{E_*}^2, \quad \forall f \in E_0, \ \langle f \rangle = 0,$$

with $E_0 := L^2(f_{\infty}^{-1/2})$, $f_{\infty} := e^{-V}$, and $E_* := L^2(\langle v \rangle^{\gamma-1} f_{\infty}^{-1/2})$.

• By the generalized relative entropy inequality

$$\forall f, \ \forall p \geq 1, \quad \langle \Lambda f, (f/f_{\infty})^{p-1} \rangle \leq 0,$$

and passing to the limit as $p \to \infty$, we deduce the semigroup (of contractions) estimate

$$||f_t||_{E_1} \leq ||f_0||_{E_1}, \quad E_1 := L^{\infty}(f_{\infty}^{-1}).$$

• For any $f_0 \in E_1$, $\langle f_0 \rangle = 0$, both inequalities and an interpolation argument imply (as in Prop 1)

$$||f_t||_{E_0} \leq \Theta(t)||f_0||_{E_1}, \quad \Theta(t) \simeq e^{-t^{\frac{\gamma}{2-\gamma}}}.$$

Elements of proof of Theorem 1 - General case

We introduce the splitting $\Lambda = A + B$, with A a multiplication operator

$$\mathcal{A}f = M\chi_R(v)f$$
, $\chi_R(v) = \chi(v/R)$, $0 \le \chi \le 1$, $\chi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^d)$

 $\triangleright A \in \mathbf{B}(X_0, X_1), X_i = W^{r,p}(m_i), m_1 \succeq m_0$

 $\triangleright \mathcal{B}$ is not a-dissipative in $X = W^{r,p}(m)$ with a < 0. However, it is weakly dissipative. For $p \in (1, \infty)$, and M, R > 0 large enough, we have

$$\langle f^*, \mathcal{B}f \rangle_{L^p} \lesssim -\|f\|_{L^p(m\langle v \rangle^{(\gamma-2+s)/p})}^2, \quad s := 0 \text{ for polynomial weight}$$

That is a consequence of the identity

$$\int (\Lambda f) f^{p-1} m^p = (1-p) \int |\nabla (fm)|^2 (fm)^{p-1} + \int (fm)^p \psi$$

$$\psi = \left(\frac{2}{p} - 1\right) \frac{\Delta m}{m} + 2\left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right) \frac{|\nabla m|^2}{m^2} + \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right) \operatorname{div} F - F \cdot \frac{\nabla m}{m}$$
$$\sim -F \cdot \frac{\nabla m}{m} \sim -\langle v \rangle^{s + \gamma - 2}$$

the estimate

(1)
$$||S_{\mathcal{B}}*(AS_{\mathcal{B}})^{(*\ell)}||_{X_1\to X_0}\leq \Theta(t)$$

follows from Proposition 1.

the estimate

(2)
$$\|(\mathcal{A}S_{\mathcal{B}})^{(*n)}\|_{\mathsf{B}(L^{1}(m_{1}),H^{1}(m_{2}))} \leq \Theta(t)$$

follows from (1) and the use a "Nash + regularity" trick for small time. More precisely, introducing

$$\mathcal{F}(t,h) := \|h\|_{L^1(m)}^2 + t^{\bullet} \|h\|_{L^2(m)}^2 + t^{\bullet} \|\nabla_{\nu} h\|_{L^2(m)}^2$$

we are able to prove (for convenient exponents $\bullet > 1$)

$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathcal{F}(t,S_{\mathcal{B}}(t)h) \leq 0 \quad \text{and then} \quad \|S_{\mathcal{B}}(t)h\|_{H^1(m)}^2 \leq \frac{1}{t^\bullet}\|h\|_{L^1(m)}^2$$

- In the case $F = \nabla V$, we conclude thanks to Prop 3 (enlargement argument)
- For the general case, we use the Krein-Rutman theory. The Fokker-Planck semigroup is obviously mass conservative and positive and the Fokker-Planck operator satisfies the strong maximum principle. The last point in order to apply Proposition 5 is to verify that assumption (a2) in Proposition 4 is satisfied.

Open problems:

- Suitable spectral analysis theory in an abstract setting and a weakly dissipative framework ?
- What about the Boltzmann equation without Grad's cut-off (∼ fractional diffusion in the velocity variable)?
- What about the grazing collisions limit (from Boltzmann to Landau)?