

# Semigroups, large time behavior, hypodissipativity and weak dissipativity

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## Model case : the Fokker-Planck equation with weak confinement

We will mainly consider the longtime asymptotic of the solution  $f = f(t, x)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , to the Fokker-Planck equation

$$\partial_t f = \Delta f + \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{E}f) =: \mathcal{L}f$$

for a weakly confinement vectors field

$$\mathbf{E} \simeq x|x|^{\gamma-2} = \nabla\left(\frac{|x|^\gamma}{\gamma}\right), \quad \gamma \in (0, 1),$$

and an initial datum in a weighted Lebesgue space

$$f(0, \cdot) = f_0 \in L_m^p \subset L^1.$$

The equation is mass conservative

$$\langle f(t, \cdot) \rangle = \langle f_0 \rangle, \quad \langle g \rangle := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g \, dx$$

and it generates a semigroup  $S_t = S_{\mathcal{L}}(t)$  which is positive

$$S_t f_0 = f(t, \cdot) \geq 0 \quad \text{if} \quad f_0 \geq 0.$$

## Theorem 1

(1)  $\exists!$  stationary state  $G \geq 0$ ,  $\langle G \rangle = 1$ ,  $\mathcal{L}G = 0$ . It is smooth and positive.

(2) For any  $f_0 \in L_m^p$ ,  $\langle f_0 \rangle = 0$ , there holds,

$$\|f(t, \cdot)\|_{L^p} \leq \Theta(t) \|f_0\|_{L_m^p}, \quad \forall t \geq 0,$$

with

$$\Theta(t) \simeq t^{-\frac{k-k^*}{2-\gamma}}, \quad \text{if } m = \langle x \rangle^k, \quad k = k^*(E, p) = \frac{d}{p'}$$

$$\Theta(t) \simeq e^{-\lambda t^{\frac{s}{2-\gamma}}}, \quad \text{if } m = e^{\kappa \langle x \rangle^s}, \quad s \in (0, \gamma], \quad \kappa > 0.$$

(3) As a consequence, for any  $f_0 \in L^p(m)$ , there holds,

$$\|f(t, \cdot) - \langle f_0 \rangle G\|_{L^p} \leq \Theta(t) \|f_0 - \langle f_0 \rangle G\|_{L_m^p}, \quad \forall t \geq 0.$$

We use the notations  $\langle x \rangle := (1 + |x|^2)^{1/2}$  and  $\|f\|_{L_m^p} = \|fm\|_{L^p}$  for any weight function  $m : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow [1, \infty)$

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## A more general setting

We want to understand the longtime asymptotic behavior

$$f(t) \quad \text{as} \quad t \rightarrow \infty$$

of the solution to an evolution equation

$$\partial_t f = \mathcal{L}f, \quad f(0) = f_0,$$

when  $\mathcal{L}$  is a linear operator acting on a Banach space  $X$ .

We wish establish that the semigroup  $S_{\mathcal{L}}$ , defined by  $S_{\mathcal{L}}(t)f_0 := f(t)$ , splits as

$$S_{\mathcal{L}}(t) = S_0(t) + S_1(t), \quad S_1(t) \text{ "simple"}, \quad S_0(t) = o(S_1(t)).$$

The simplest situation is  $S_1(t) = P$  projection on  $N(\mathcal{L})$  of finite dimension, and the issue is

$$\|S_{\mathcal{L}}(t) - P\| = \Theta(t) \rightarrow 0? \Theta?$$

For the Fokker-Planck equation,  $Pf = \langle f \rangle G$ ,  $\dim P = 1$ .

## Long history and still active domain of research

- **Kinetic school:** Hilbert, Weyl, Carleman, Grad, Vidav, Ukai, Arkeryd's school, french school, Guo's school, chinese school, ...
- **Semigroup school:** Phillips, Dyson, Krein-Rutman, Vidav, Voigt, Engel, Nagel, Gearhart, Metz, Diekmann, Prüss, Arendt, Greiner, Blake, Webb, Mokhtar-Kharoubi, Yao, Batty, ...
- **Probability school - Markovian approach / coupling method:** Doeblin, Harris, Meyn, Tweedie, Down, Douc, Fort, Guillin, Hairer, Mattingly, Eberle, ...
- **Probability school - Functional inequalities:** Toulouse school, Rockner, Wang, Wu, Guillin, Bolley, ...
- **Spectral analysis approach:** Gallay-Wayne, Nier, Helffer, Hérau, Lerner, Burq, Lebeau, ...

## The classical framework

The classical equivalent notions are coercive (in Hilbert space) / dissipative (in Banach space) operators and semigroup of contractions:

- $\mathcal{L}$  is coercive if  $(\mathcal{L}f, f)_H \leq 0, \forall f$ ;
- $S_{\mathcal{L}}$  is a contraction if  $\|S_{\mathcal{L}}(t)\|_{H \rightarrow H} \leq 1$ .

We are rather interested here by the two equivalent more accurate estimates

- $\mathcal{L}$  is coercive if  $(\mathcal{L}f, f)_H \leq a\|f\|_H^2, a < 0, \forall f \in N(\mathcal{L})^\perp$ ;
- $\|S_{\mathcal{L}}(t) - P\|_{H \rightarrow H} \leq \Theta(t) = Ce^{at}, C = 1, a < 0$ .

The classical proofs to get such estimates are

- $\mathcal{L}^* = \mathcal{L} \leq 0$  & compactness argument  $\Rightarrow \Sigma(\mathcal{L}) \subset \mathbb{R}$  and discrete;
- $S_{\mathcal{L}} > 0$  & compactness argument  $\Rightarrow \Sigma(\mathcal{L}) = \{\lambda_1\} \cup \Sigma', \sup \Re \Sigma' < \lambda_1$ ;
- $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$  small and  $\mathcal{B}$  known.

The three points give us the spectral description of  $\mathcal{L}$ . We get a growth description of  $S_{\mathcal{L}}$  thanks to the spectral mapping theorem

- Alternatively, we may use Doeblin-Harris argument giving convergence under recurrence assumption.



These tools give satisfactory answer for the FP equation with Harmonic potential. More precisely in  $X = H = L^2(G^{-1})$ ,  $G := e^{-|x|^2/2}$ , we get

$$\exists \lambda_1 \in \mathbb{R}, S_1(t) = e^{\lambda_1 t} P, S_0(t) = \mathcal{O}(e^{at}), a < \lambda_1 = 0.$$

Around 2000's at least four new (or more insistently) problems arise:

- (1) Explicit / constructive growth estimates ?
- (2) How to deal with operators  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{S} + \mathcal{T}$ ,  $\mathcal{S}^* = \mathcal{S}$ ,  $\mathcal{T}^* = -\mathcal{T}$  ?  
→ hypocoercivity
- (3) How to deal with the case without spectral gap ? → weak dissipativity
- (4) How to change the functional space in which the spectral analysis / growth estimate is obtained in order to fit with the nonlinear theory ?

## Some comments

(1) Exclude compactness argument but rather use robust constructive functional inequalities or tractable dynamic (semigroup) arguments. Goes back to Bakry-Emery  $\Gamma_2$  theory ?

(2) Hypocoercivity : change (by twisting) the norm in order that  $\mathcal{L}$  is coercive/dissipative or equivalently accept (in the spectral gap case)

$$\Theta(t) = Ce^{at}, \quad C > 1.$$

New name (and new techniques) but quite old idea !

(3) Weak dissipativity : Use two (in fact at least three) norms and  $\Theta$  does not decay exponentially fast. Motivated by

- Landau equation for Coulomb interaction (Guo-Strain, Carrapatoso-M., ...)
- Damped wave equation (Lebeau, Burq, Lerner, Léautaud, Anantharaman, ...)
- Free transport equation with Maxwellian reflexion (Aoki-Golse, ...)

(4) Explicit (basis decomposition) for Boltzmann (Bobylev) and harmonic FP (Gallay-Wayne). Abstract version (Mouhot, Gualdani-M.-Mouhot) based on a splitting  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B}$ , the (iterated) Duhamel formula

$$S_{\mathcal{L}} = S_{\mathcal{B}} + S_{\mathcal{L}} * (\mathcal{A}S_{\mathcal{B}}) = S_{\mathcal{B}} + \dots + S_{\mathcal{L}} * (\mathcal{A}S_{\mathcal{B}})^{(*n)},$$

providing that  $(\mathcal{A}S_{\mathcal{B}})^{(*n)}$  has some smoothing property.

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- Constructive rate of convergence through weak Poincaré inequality ( $L^2$  approach)
  - Existence of steady state under subgeometric Lyapunov condition [*ergodic theorem of Birkhoff-Von Neuman*]
  - Constructive rate of convergence under Doeblin-Harris condition ( $L^1$  approach)
  - Perspective: weakly hypodissipativity equations
- ▷ Natural PDE formulations / simple deterministic proofs
- ▷ All these results use a splitting structure:

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B}, \quad \mathcal{A} \prec \mathcal{B}, \quad \mathcal{B} \text{ weakly dissipative,}$$

and in particular, the **subgeometric** Foster-Lyapunov condition

$$\mathcal{L}^* w \leq -\xi + b \mathbf{1}_{\text{ball}}, \quad \xi \ll w$$

(geometric Lyapunov condition corresponds to  $\xi \sim w$ )

- Positive semigroup  $\approx$  weak maximum principle  $\approx$  Kato's inequality
- steady state = invariance measure
- spectral gap = geometric Lyapunov condition  
no spectral gap  $\approx$  subgeometric Lyapunov condition
- strong positivity  $\approx$  strong maximum principle  $\approx$  Doeblin-Harris recurrent condition
- A possible definition of weakly coercivity is

$$(\mathcal{L}f, f)_H \leq a \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2, \quad a < 0, \quad \mathcal{H} \subsetneq H,$$

but I do not know any kind of equivalent characterization in terms of semigroup decay.

- We define the convolution

$$(U * V)(t) = \int_0^t U(t-s)V(s)ds.$$

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**Theorem 1** is true.

(Toscani-Villani 00, Roegner-Wang 01, Bakry-Cattiaux-Guillin 08, Kavian-M.)

The proof is based on 4 ideas.

**Idea 1.** We can prove the estimate for **one value** of  $p \in [1, \infty]$  and  $m$ . Here  $p = 2$  and  $m = G^{-1-\bullet}$ . In the next part, we will choose  $p = 1$ .

**Idea 2.** **Subgeometric** Lyapunov condition. When  $p = 1$ , it is nothing but

$$\mathcal{L}^* m \leq -\nu |x|^{s+\gamma-2} m + b \mathbf{1}_{B_R},$$

with  $m = \langle x \rangle^k$  ( $s = 0$ ) and  $m = \exp(\kappa \langle x \rangle^s)$ . Here  $b, R, \nu > 0$  are constants.

**Idea 3.** **Dissipation** by local Poincaré inequality. In the next part, dissipation is given by the Doeblin-Harris recurrente condition.

**Idea 4.** A **system** of differential inequalities + **interpolation** (in contrast with the only one differential inequality in the spectral gap case).

## Elements of proof of (2) - potential case - Step 1

We assume  $E = \nabla V$ ,  $G = e^{-V}$ ,  $V = |x|^\gamma/\gamma$ . We fix  $f \in L^2(G^{-1})$ ,  $\langle f \rangle = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \int (\mathcal{L}f) f G^{-1} &= - \int |\nabla(f/G)|^2 G \\ &= - \int |\nabla(f/G^{1/2})|^2 + \int f^2 G^{-1} \psi \quad (\text{Idea 2}) \end{aligned}$$

with  $\psi \lesssim -|\nabla V|^2 + \mathbf{1}_{B_R}$ . Be careful with  $|\nabla V|^2 \sim |x|^{2(\gamma-1)} \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .

Both together, with  $h = f/G$ , we get

$$\int h^2 |\nabla V|^2 G \lesssim \int |\nabla h|^2 G + \int_{B_R} h^2 G$$

We use Poincaré-Wirtinger inequality (Idea 3) in order to bound the red color term

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{B_R} h^2 G &\lesssim \int_{B_R} |\nabla h|^2 G + \left( \int_{B_R} h G \right)^2 \\ &= \int_{B_R} |\nabla h|^2 G + \left( \int_{B_R^c} h G \right)^2 \\ &\lesssim \int_{B_R} |\nabla h|^2 G + \int_{B_R^c} h^2 |\nabla V|^2 G \int_{B_R^c} |\nabla V|^{-2} G \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } R \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

All together and for  $R$  large enough, we get the weak Poincaré inequality

$$\int h^2 |\nabla V|^2 G \lesssim \int |\nabla h|^2 G$$

or equivalently

$$\int f^2 |\nabla V|^2 G^{-1} \lesssim (\mathcal{L}f, f)_{L^2(G^{-1})}$$

The consequence on the solution to the FP equation is the differential inequality

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int f^2 G^{-1} \lesssim - \int f^2 |\nabla V|^2 G^{-1}$$

- When  $\gamma \geq 1$ , then  $|\nabla V|^2 \gtrsim 1$ , and we may close the equation on the above quantity (denoted by  $u$ ), namely

$$\frac{d}{dt} u \leq au, \quad a < 0, \quad \Rightarrow \quad u(t) \leq e^{at} u_0.$$

- When  $\gamma \in (0, 1)$  we need another information



We may prove the additional bound

$$(A) \quad \int (f_t/G)^p G \leq \int (f_0/G)^p G, \quad \forall p \in [1, \infty], \text{ take } p > 2;$$

as well as

$$(B) \quad \int f_t^2 m^2 \leq C \int f_0^2 m^2, \quad \forall f_0 \in L_m^2.$$

As a consequence, we have

$$\begin{cases} u_1' \lesssim -u_0, & u_2 \lesssim u_2(0) \\ (C) \ u_1 \lesssim u_0^{\frac{\alpha}{1+\alpha}} u_2^{\frac{1}{1+\alpha}} \text{ or } (D) \ u_1 \lesssim \varepsilon_R^{-1} u_0 + \eta_R u_2, \end{cases}$$

with  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\varepsilon_R, \eta_R \rightarrow 0$  as  $R \rightarrow \infty$ .

• In case (C), we then have

$$u_1' \lesssim -u_1^{1+1/\alpha} u_2(0)^{-1/\alpha} \quad \Rightarrow \quad u_1 \lesssim \frac{u_2(0)}{t^\alpha}.$$

• In case (D), we then have

$$u_1' \lesssim -\varepsilon_R u_1 + \varepsilon_R \eta_R u_2(0) \quad \Rightarrow \quad u_1 \lesssim \Theta(t) u_2(0), \quad \Theta(t) := \inf_R \{ e^{-\varepsilon_R t} + \eta_R \}.$$

## Elements of proof of (2) - potential case - Step 2 (A), (B), (C), (D)

- We get (A) by writing the FP equation in gradient flow form

$$\partial_t f = \operatorname{div}(G \nabla(f/G)),$$

from what we have

$$\frac{1}{p} \frac{d}{dt} \int (f/G)^p G = - \int G \nabla(f/G)^{p-1} \cdot \nabla(f/G) \leq 0$$

- The proof of (B) is more tricky. It is similar to the Step 4 (4th idea) about the change of functional space.
- To prove (D), we write

$$\int f^2 G^{-1} \leq R^{2(1-\gamma)} \int_{B_R} f^2 G^{-1} |\nabla V|^2 + \|f/G\|_{L^\infty}^2 \int_{B_R^c} G |\nabla V|^2.$$

- From a rough version of (D) we deduce (C) by optimising over  $R \in (0, \infty)$ .

## Elements of proof of (2) - general case - Step 3

We assume (in particular, that we have yet established point (1) in Theorem 1)

$$x \cdot \mathbf{E} \sim |x|^\gamma \quad \text{and} \quad \exists ! G \text{ stationary state, } G \sim e^{-|x|^\gamma}.$$

We observe that for any **weight function**\*  $W : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow [1, \infty]$  we have

$$D[f] := \int (-Lh)h WG = \int |\nabla h|^2 GW - \frac{1}{2} \int h^2 (\mathcal{L}^* W) G.$$

For the choice  $W := w + \lambda^*$  with  $w$  a Lyapunov function associated to  $\mathcal{L}$  in the sense that

$$\mathcal{L}^* w \leq -\xi + b \mathbf{1}_{U_0},$$

for  $\xi \simeq |x|^{s+\gamma-2} w$ , the same computation as in the potential case leads to

$$\int |\nabla h|^2 GW^* - \frac{1}{2} \int h^2 (\mathcal{L}^* W) G \geq \frac{1}{4} \int |\nabla h|^2 G \xi$$

for some  $\lambda > 0$  large enough. We immediately deduce our first differential inequality

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int f^2 WG^{-1} \leq -\frac{1}{4} \int f^2 \xi G^{-1}.$$

\* **modified norm**  $\simeq$  "hypodissipativity trick"

## Elements of proof of (2) - general case - Step 4

- $L^2$  estimate from mass conservation. We split

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B}, \quad \mathcal{A} := M\chi(x/R), \quad \mathbf{1}_{B(0,1)} \leq \chi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^d),$$

we use iterated Duhamel formula

$$S_{\mathcal{L}} = S_{\mathcal{B}} + \dots + (S_{\mathcal{B}}\mathcal{A})^{(*n)} * S_{\mathcal{L}}$$

and we have to prove  $S_{\mathcal{B}} : L^p(m_2) \rightarrow L^p(m_1)$  with decay  $\Theta \in L_t^1$ ,  $m_1 \ll m_2$ , and  $(S_{\mathcal{B}}\mathcal{A})^{(*n)}$  has some smoothing property (by Nash technique), namely  $(S_{\mathcal{B}}\mathcal{A})^{(*n)} : L^1(m_1) \rightarrow L^2$ .

- $L^p$  decay from  $L^2$  decay. We use the iterated Duhamel formula

$$S_{\mathcal{L}} = S_{\mathcal{B}} + \dots + S_{\mathcal{L}} * (\mathcal{A}S_{\mathcal{B}})^{(*n)}$$

and  $(\mathcal{A}S_{\mathcal{B}})^{(*n)} : L^p(m_2) \rightarrow L^2(G^{-1})$  if  $p < 2$ .

We use the iterated Duhamel formula

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**(H1) Subgeometric Lyapunov condition.** There are two weight functions  $m_0, m_1 : E = \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow [1, \infty)$ ,  $m_1 \geq m_0$ ,  $m_0(x) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , and two real constants  $b, R > 0$  such that

$$\mathcal{L}^* m_1 \leq -m_0 + b \mathbf{1}_{B_R}.$$

**Theorem 2** Douc, Fort, Guillin ? deterministic proof by Cañizo, M.

Any Feller-Markov semigroup  $(S_t)$  which fulfills the above Lyapunov condition has at least one invariant borelian measure  $G \in M^1(m_0)$ .

**Remark.**

- $m_0 = m_1$  : geometric Lyapunov condition = spectral gap (the result is true, the proof is simpler)
- Feller-Markov semigroup acts on  $C_0(E)$  and  $S_t := (S_{\mathcal{L}^*}(t))^*$ .

We introduce the splitting

$$A := b\mathbf{1}_{B_R}, \quad B := \mathcal{L} - A.$$

We observe that  $S_B$  is a submarkovian semigroup and

$$0 \leq S_B \in L_t^\infty(\mathcal{B}(M^1(m_i))); \quad \int_0^\infty \|S_B(t)f_0\|_{M^1(m_0)} dt \leq \|f_0\|_{M^1(m_1)}.$$

We write the Duhamel formula

$$S_{\mathcal{L}} = S_B + S_B * \mathcal{A}S_{\mathcal{L}},$$

and we consider the associated Cezaro means

$$U_T := \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T S_{\mathcal{L}} dt, \quad V_T := \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T S_B dt, \quad W_T := \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T S_B * \mathcal{A}S_{\mathcal{L}} dt.$$

## Idea of the proof - Birkhoff, Von Neuman ergodic theorem

We define  $X := M^1(m_0)$ ,  $0 \leq f_0 \in X$ ,  $\langle f_0 \rangle = 1$ , and we observe that

$$\|V_T\|_{X \rightarrow X} := \frac{1}{T} \left\| \int_0^T S_B dt \right\|_{X \rightarrow X} \leq 1$$

On the other hand, by Fubini and positivity

$$\begin{aligned} \|W_T f_0\|_{M^1(m_0)} &= \left\| \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T S_B(\tau) \int_0^{T-\tau} \mathcal{A} S_{\mathcal{L}}(s) f_0 d\tau ds \right\|_{M^1(m_0)} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{T} \int_0^\infty \left\| S_B(\tau) \int_0^T \mathcal{A} S_{\mathcal{L}}(s) ds f_0 \right\|_{M^1(m_0)} d\tau \\ &\leq \frac{1}{T} \left\| \int_0^T \mathcal{A} S_{\mathcal{L}}(s) ds f_0 \right\|_{M^1(m_1)} \leq C_{\mathcal{A}} \|f_0\|_{M^1(m_0)}, \end{aligned}$$

We deduce  $U_{T_k} f_0 \rightarrow G$  weakly and  $G$  satisfies  $\mathcal{L}G = 0$  because for any  $s > 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\mathcal{L}}(s)G - G &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{T_k} \int_0^{T_k} S_{\mathcal{L}}(s) S_{\mathcal{L}}(t) f_0 dt - \frac{1}{T_k} \int_0^{T_k} S_{\mathcal{L}}(t) f_0 dt \right\} \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T_k} \left\{ \int_{T_k}^{T_k+s} S_{\mathcal{L}}(\tau) f_0 d\tau - \int_0^s S_{\mathcal{L}}(t) f_0 dt \right\} = 0. \end{aligned}$$



Let us denote by  $G$  the steady state for the Fokker-Planck equation provided by Theorem 2 under the general assumption  $x \cdot \mathbf{E} \sim |x|^\gamma$ ,  $\gamma \in (0, 1)$ .

- Thanks to a bootstrap argument:  $G$  is smooth, or at least a bit smoother than  $E$ , and in any cases  $G \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  for any  $p \in [1, \infty)$ .
- From Step 4 in the proof of Theorem 1 (2), we get

$$G \leq e^{-\kappa_1|x|^\gamma}, \quad \kappa_1 > 0.$$

- Because of the strong maximum principle, we have  $G > 0$ . More accurately, using a comparison to a subsolution technique, we have

$$G \geq e^{-\kappa_2|x|^\gamma}, \quad \kappa_2 > 0.$$

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$$\mathcal{L}^* m_1 \leq -m_0 + b \mathbf{1}_{B_R}.$$

**(H2) Doeblin-Harris condition.**  $\exists T > 0 \forall R > 0 \exists \nu \geq 0, \neq 0$ , such that

$$S_T g \geq \nu \int_{B_R} g, \quad \forall g \in X_+.$$

**(H3)** There are two other weight functions  $m_2, m_3 : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow [1, \infty)$ ,  $m_3 \geq m_2 \geq m_1$  such that

$$\mathcal{L}^* m_i \leq -m_0 + b \mathbf{1}_{B_R}$$

and  $m_2 \leq m_0^\theta m_3^{1-\theta}$  with  $\theta \in (1/2, 1]$ .

**Theorem 3** Douc, Fort, Guillin, Hairer, deterministic proof by Cañizo, M.

Consider a Markov semigroup  $S$  on  $X := L^1(m_2)$  which satisfies (H1), (H2), (H3). There holds

$$\|S_t f_0\|_{L^1} \lesssim \Theta(t) \|f_0\|_{L^1(m_2)}, \quad \forall t \geq 0, \forall f_0 \in X, \langle f_0 \rangle = 0,$$

for the function  $\Theta$  given by

$$\Theta(t) := \inf_{\lambda > 0} \{ e^{-\varepsilon_\lambda t} + \xi_\lambda \},$$

where

$$m_1 \leq \frac{1}{2\varepsilon_\lambda} m_0 + \eta_\lambda m_2, \quad \forall \lambda, \quad \varepsilon_\lambda, \eta_\lambda \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \lambda \rightarrow \infty.$$

- For the Fokker-Planck equation, assumption (H2) can be proved in a similar way (maybe a bit more tricky) as for the lower bound in Theorem 1 (1).
- The assumption (H3) is not necessary:  $m_1$  satisfies a Lyapunov condition implies that  $\phi(m_1)$  satisfies a Lyapunov condition for any  $\phi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  concave.
- The probabilistic proof use Martingale argument, renewal theory and (if possible?) constants are not easily tractable.
- In the probabilistic result, one writes  $m_0 = \xi(m_1)$ ,  $\xi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  concave, and

$$\tilde{\Theta}(t) := \frac{C}{\xi(H^{-1}(t))}, \quad H(u) := \int_1^u \frac{ds}{\xi(s)}.$$

- If  $\xi(s) = s$  then  $\tilde{\Theta}(t) = e^{-\lambda t}$ ;
- If  $m_1 = \langle x \rangle^k$ ,  $m_0 := \langle x \rangle^{k+\gamma-2}$  then  $\tilde{\Theta}(t) = t^{1-\frac{k}{2-\gamma}} \gg \Theta(t)$ ;
- If  $m_1 = e^{\kappa \langle x \rangle^s}$ ,  $m_0 := \langle x \rangle^{s+\gamma-2} e^{\kappa \langle x \rangle^s}$  then  $\tilde{\Theta}(t) \simeq e^{-\lambda t^{\frac{s}{2-\gamma}}} \simeq \Theta(t)$ .

## Contraction and strict contraction

**Rk 1.** Assuming just that  $(S_t)$  is a Markov semigroup, we have

$$|S_t f| = |S_t f_+ - S_t f_-| \leq |S_t f_+| + |S_t f_-| = S_t |f|.$$

Integrating, we deduce that  $(S_t)$  is a  $L^1$  contraction

$$\int |S_t f| \leq \int S_t |f| = \int |f| S_t^* \mathbf{1} = \int |f|.$$

**Rk 2.** We assume furthermore the **strong** Doeblin-Harris condition:

$$(H2') \quad \exists T, \exists \nu, \quad S_T g \geq \nu \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g, \quad \forall g \in X_+.$$

For  $f \in L^1$ ,  $\langle f \rangle = 0$ , we have

$$S_T f_{\pm} \geq \nu \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_{\pm} = \frac{\nu}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f| =: \eta.$$

We may adapt the proof in Rk 1 in the following way

$$\begin{aligned} |S_T f| &= |S_T f_+ - \eta - (S_T f_- - \eta)| \\ &\leq |S_T f_+ - \eta| + |S_T f_- - \eta| = S_T |f| - 2\eta. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating, we deduce that  $(S_T)$  is a strict contraction

$$\|S_T f\|_{L^1} \leq \|f\|_{L^1} - 2\|\eta\|_{L^1} = (1 - \langle \nu \rangle) \|f\|_{L^1}$$

## Step 1. Variant under Doeblin-Harris condition (H2)

Rk 3. Assuming (H2), we have similarly

$$\int |S_T f| \leq \theta \int |f| \quad \text{if} \quad \int |f| m_0 \leq \frac{m_0(R)}{4} \int |f|,$$

with

$$\theta := 1 - \langle \nu \rangle / 2 \in (0, 1).$$

Indeed, we mainly observe that

$$\begin{aligned} S_T f_{\pm} &\geq \nu \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_{\pm} - \nu \int_{B_R^c} f_{\pm} \\ &\geq \frac{\nu}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f| - \nu \int_{B_R^c} |f| \\ &\geq \frac{\nu}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f| - \frac{\nu}{m_0(R)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f| m_0 \\ &\geq \frac{\nu}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f| - \frac{\nu}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f| \\ &= \frac{\nu}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f|, \end{aligned}$$

and we then follow the same proof as when we have assumed (H2').

## Step 2. $S_T$ is bounded in $L^1(m_2)$

We fix  $f_0 \in L^1(m_3)$ , we denote  $f_{\mathcal{B}t} := S_{\mathcal{B}}(t)f_0$ .

From (H1) and (H3), we have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt} \|f_{\mathcal{B}t}\|_{m_3} &\leq -\|f_{\mathcal{B}t}\|_{m_0} \leq 0 \\ \frac{d}{dt} \|f_{\mathcal{B}t}\|_{m_2} &\leq -\|f_{\mathcal{B}t}\|_{m_0} \leq -\|f_{\mathcal{B}t}\|_{m_2}^{1/\theta} \|f_0\|_{m_3}^{1-1/\theta} \leq 0\end{aligned}$$

so that  $t \mapsto \|f_{\mathcal{B}t}\|_{m_2} \lesssim \langle t \rangle^{-\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}} \|f_0\|_{m_3} \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ .

Using the splitting

$$S_{\mathcal{L}} = S_{\mathcal{B}} + S_{\mathcal{B}} * \mathcal{A}S_{\mathcal{L}}$$

and the  $L^1$  contraction, we deduce

$$\|S_{\mathcal{L}}(t)f_0\|_{m_2} \leq M_2 \|f_0\|_{m_2}.$$



### Step 3. An alternative

We set  $t_{n+1} \simeq t_n + T$ ,  $A := m_0(R)/4 \geq 2b$  and we have the following alternative:

• Or 
$$\exists t \in [t_n, t_n + T), \quad \int |f_t| m_0 \leq A \int |f_t|$$

and assuming  $t := t_n$  (to make the discussion simpler) we get from the variant of Doeblin-Harris contraction argument (using (H2) assumption)

$$\int |f_{t_{n+1}}| \leq \theta \int |f_{t_n}|$$

• Or 
$$\forall t \in [t_n, t_n + T), \quad \int |f_t| m_0 \geq A \int |f_t|,$$

and we simply compute (thanks to assumption (H2) and (H3))

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int |f| m_1 &\leq b \int |f| - \int |f| m_0 \\ &\leq -\frac{1}{2} \int |f| m_0 \leq -\varepsilon_\lambda \int |f| m_1 + \varepsilon_\lambda \eta_\lambda C \int |f_0| m_2. \end{aligned}$$

We deduce

$$\int |f_{t_{n+1}}| m_1 \leq e^{-\varepsilon_\lambda T} \int |f_{t_n}| m_1 + (1 - e^{-\varepsilon_\lambda T}) \eta_\lambda C \int |f_0| m_2.$$

## Step 4. Conclusion

We define

$$\|f\|_\beta := \|f\|_{L^1} + \beta \|f\|_{m_1}^*, \quad \beta > 0.$$

In both cases and for  $\beta > 0$  small enough\*, we have

$$\|f_{t_{n+1}}\|_\beta \leq e^{-\varepsilon\lambda T} \|f_{t_n}\|_\beta + (1 - e^{-\varepsilon\lambda T}) \eta_\lambda C \int |f_0|_{m_2}.$$

After iteration, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} \|f_{t_n}\|_\beta &\leq e^{-\varepsilon\lambda t_n} \|f_0\|_\beta + (1 - e^{-\varepsilon\lambda t_n}) \eta_\lambda C \int |f_0|_{m_2}. \\ &\leq [e^{-\varepsilon\lambda t_n} + \eta_\lambda] C_\beta \|f_0\|_{L^1(m_2)}. \end{aligned}$$

\* modified norm  $\simeq$  “hypodissipativity trick”

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