

# Macroscopic Fluctuation Theory (MFT) ①

- \* A set of techniques developed recently to study non-equilibrium system
- \* Addressing the following big problem:

To study thermodynamic properties of system in equilibrium  
we have a systematic theoretical framework given by  
Equilibrium statistical mechanics

Equi<sup>8</sup>      Microscopic       $\longrightarrow$  Macroscopic.

Non-equi<sup>8</sup>

X

No such general framework.

\* Over the past ~~few~~ decades: new direction started  
with a concept called Large deviation <sup>borrowed</sup> in probability theory [ S.R.S Varadhan  
Current Inst ]

A generalization of free energy to non-equilibrium.

large-deviation function

- ⊕ Non-equilibrium fluctuations are characterized in terms of large-D.F.
- ⊕ Typically very hard to compute

⊕ MFT provides a systematic framework to calculate and analyze large-deviation function in Non-equilibrium system of many degrees of freedom

\* Starts at

Coarse-grained description → ~~→~~ field theory  
 (fluctuating hydrodynamics) (effective action)



Min Action  $\equiv$  large deviation function.

Variation I will talk

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 Many in discussion with him.
- ③ Yair Katz ~~Beg. roku summer school lecture (2016)~~

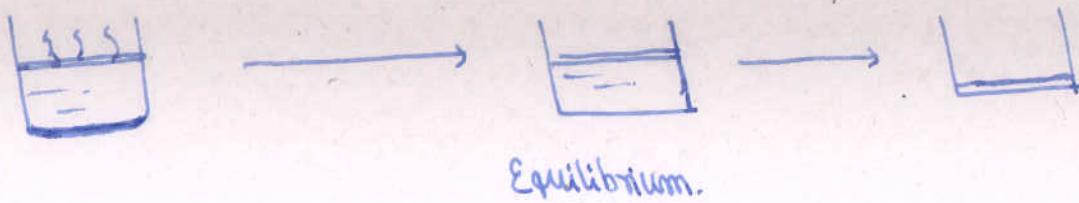
- Outline:
- ① Fluctuations in equilibrium, large-deviation.
  - ② Non-equilibrium fluctuation
    - \* Master eqn, FP, denavit, ~~backward~~ trajectory on configuration  
 their time reversibility,
  - ③ MEFT in Langevin equation (single-degree of freedom)
  - ④ Systems with many-degrees of freedom.

## Equilibrium fluctuations:

" If a system is very weakly coupled to a heat bath at a given "temperature", if the coupling is indefinite or not known precisely, if the coupling has been on for a long time, and if all the "fast" things happened and all the "slow" things not, the system is said to be in thermal equilibrium"

Richard Feynman: Stat mech a set of lectures.

\* Equilibrium defined on a time and length scale



## Principles of thermodynamics:

Many micro degrees of freedom  $\longrightarrow$  few macroscopic state variables

$V, E, N$  % Extensive variables

$P, T, \mu$  % Intensive variables

$S, F, G$  % Thermodynamic potentials

## Statistical Mechanics:



Microcom:

$E, V, N$

$$S(E, V, N) = k_B \log \Omega(E, V, N)$$

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$\beta$

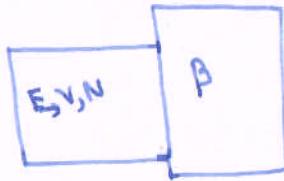
$$F(\beta, V, N) = -\log \Omega(\beta, V, N)$$

## Ensemble equivalences:

$$F(\beta) = \beta E - S(E); \quad \beta = \frac{1}{k_B T}$$

Legendre transform

Statistical properties calculated from thermodynamic potential.



• Average:  $\langle E \rangle = \frac{d}{d\beta} F(\beta)$

• Variance:  $\langle E^2 \rangle_c = \langle E^2 \rangle - \langle E \rangle^2 = -\frac{d^2 F(\beta)}{d\beta^2}$   
=  $T^2 C_V$

How about higher moments; Full distribution? [write in terms of  $F$ ?]

$$P_{V,N}(E) = \frac{\Omega(E, V, N) e^{-\beta E}}{\sum_{E'} \Omega(E', V, N) e^{-\beta E'}} = e^{S(E, V, N) - \beta E + F(\beta, V, N)}$$

$$\left[ S(E) = \beta E - F(\beta) \text{ with } \frac{\partial F}{\partial \beta} = E = \langle E \rangle \equiv E^* \right. \\ \left. \frac{\partial S}{\partial E} \Big|_{E^*} = \beta \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{V,N}(E) = e^{S(E, V, N) - \beta E + \beta E^* - S(E^*)}$$

$$* S(E, V, N) \approx \sqrt{S(e, \rho)} \Rightarrow P_{V,N}(E) \propto e^{\sqrt{S(e, \rho) - S(e^*, \rho)}} \\ - S'(e^*)(e - e^*)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(E = \nu e) \approx e^{-\sqrt{S(e, \rho)}} \quad \text{what this means?}$$

Where  $\phi(e, \rho) = S(e^*) - S(e) + S'(e^*)(e - e^*)$

④ Large-deviation form  $\rightarrow$  Large-deviation function.

Fluctuations of order  $\sqrt{\cdot}$

Ex 1:

one-dim.  
Isolated system

~~Percolation~~ ~~Random walk~~ ~~Diffusion~~

$$P\left[\frac{E_1}{l} = e_1\right] \propto e^{-l\phi(e_1)}$$

$$\boxed{\phi(e_i) = s(e^*) - s(e_i) + s'(e^*)(e_i - e^*)}$$

$\hookdownarrow E/L$

Ex 2:

$l \ll l \ll L$

$$x = \frac{i l}{L}; \quad \frac{E_i}{l} \approx e(x) \quad [\text{fluctuations beyond scale } l]$$

$$P(e(x)) \propto e^{-L\phi[e(x)]}$$

$$\boxed{\phi[e(x)] = \int dx \{ s(e^*) - s(e(x)) + s'(e^*)(e(x) - e^*) \}}$$

$\downarrow$   
vanish

Ex 3:

$$P[\rho(x)] \propto e^{-L\phi[\rho(x)]}$$

$$\boxed{\phi[\rho(x)] = \int dx \{ f(\rho) - f(\rho^*) - f'(\rho^*)(\rho(x) - \rho^*) \}}$$

$$f(\rho) = -\frac{1}{L} \ln \mathcal{Z}_n(\beta, L\rho, L)$$

$$f''(\rho) = \frac{1}{\rho^2 k}$$

Marginal

$$P[\rho(s)] \propto e^{-\nu \phi[\rho(s)]}$$

$$\phi[\rho(s)] = \left[ \beta s f(\rho(s)) - f(\rho^*) - f'(\rho^*)(\rho(s) - \rho^*) \right]$$

$$f = \frac{1}{\nu} \ln \Gamma_h(\beta, N, \nu)$$

$$f'' = \frac{1}{\nu^2 N}$$

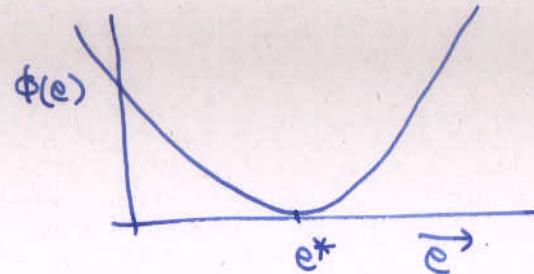
will be used later

Properties of  $\phi$ 

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \phi(e^*) = 0$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \underline{\text{Minimum:}}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial e} \right|_{e^*} = - [g(e) + g(e^*)] \Big|_{e^*} = 0$$



$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial e^2} = - g''(e^*) = \frac{1}{\tau^2 C_V} \geq 0$$

specific heat per unit volume

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \underline{\text{Fluctuations are Gaussian:}}$$

$$\phi(e) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left. \phi''(e) \right|_{e^*} (e - e^*)^2 + \mathcal{O}(e^3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\tau^2 C_V} \cdot \frac{(E - E^*)^2}{\sqrt{2}} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(E) \propto e^{-\nu \phi(E)} = e^{-\frac{(E-E^*)^2}{2\tau^2 C_V \cdot \nu}} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

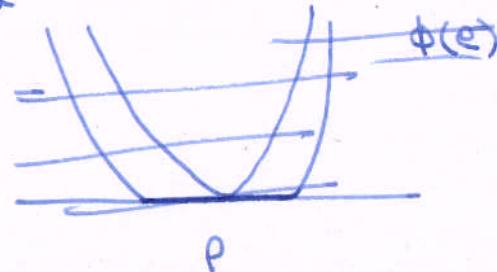
with  $\langle E^2 \rangle_c = \langle E^2 \rangle - \langle E \rangle^2 = \tau^2 C_V \cdot \nu$  Gaussian

① Near phase transition:  $C_V$  diverge

≡ Non-Gaussian fluctuations

\*  $\phi(\epsilon) \sim (\epsilon - \epsilon^*)^2$

Ex: in coexistence phase



② Any moment is derived from  $\phi(\epsilon)$ :

Cumulant generating function:

$$\log \langle e^{\lambda E} \rangle = \lambda \langle E \rangle_c + \frac{\lambda^2}{2!} \langle E^2 \rangle_c + \frac{\lambda^3}{3!} \langle E^3 \rangle_c + \dots$$

- $\langle E \rangle_c = \langle E \rangle$
- $\langle E^2 \rangle_c = \langle E^2 \rangle - \langle E \rangle^2$
- $\langle E^3 \rangle_c = \langle E^3 \rangle - 3\langle E^2 \rangle \langle E \rangle + 2\langle E \rangle^3$

$$\Rightarrow \langle E^n \rangle_c = a^{(n)}(\lambda)$$

How is  $a(\lambda)$  related to  $\phi(\epsilon)$ ?

$$\log \int dE e^{\lambda E} p(E) = \log \int dE e^{\lambda E - \phi(\epsilon)}$$

$$= \underbrace{\lambda}_{a(\lambda)} \max_E \{ \lambda E - \phi(\epsilon) \}$$

$$\Rightarrow a(\lambda) = \max_{\epsilon} (\lambda \epsilon - \phi(\epsilon))$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle E^n \rangle_c \approx \underbrace{1}_{a(\lambda)} \cdot a^{(n)}(\lambda)$$

## Spatial correlation



One-dim

What are correlations  $\langle E_i E_j \rangle_c$ ?

$g < l < L$

Ans:  $\frac{E_i}{l} \approx e(x)$  where  $x = \frac{iL}{L}$

Then

$$\langle E_i \rangle = l \langle e(x) \rangle$$

$$\langle E_i E_j \rangle_c = l^2 \langle e(x) e(y) \rangle$$

Cumulant generating function:

~~defining the cumulant generating function~~

$$\log \langle e^{\sum \lambda_i E_i} \rangle \rightarrow \log \langle e^{L \int dx \lambda(x) e(x)} \rangle$$

$\lambda_i \rightarrow \lambda(x)$

$\downarrow p(e(x)) \propto e^{-L \phi[e(x)]}$   
 $\hookrightarrow L \cdot \max_{e(x)} \underbrace{\left\{ \int dx \lambda(x) e(x) - \phi[e] \right\}}_{a[\lambda(x)]}$

By definition

$$L a[\lambda(x)] = L \int dx \lambda(x) \langle e(x) \rangle + \frac{L^2}{2!} \int dx dy \lambda(x) \lambda(y) \langle e(x) e(y) \rangle$$

$$L a[\lambda] = L \int dx \lambda(x) \frac{\delta a}{\delta \lambda} + \frac{L}{2!} \int dx dy \lambda(x) \lambda(y) \frac{\delta^2 a}{\delta \lambda(x) \delta \lambda(y)} + \dots$$

~~isolate terms with  $\lambda(x)$~~   $\Rightarrow$

$$\langle e(x) \rangle = \frac{\delta a}{\delta \lambda(x)}$$

$$\langle e(x) e(y) \rangle_c = \frac{1}{L} \frac{\delta^2 a}{\delta \lambda(x) \delta \lambda(y)}$$

④ ~~long~~ correlation of fluctuation of orders of  $\langle E_1 \cdots E_k \rangle \sim \frac{L^K}{k!}$

⑤ In equilibrium: Short-range correlation

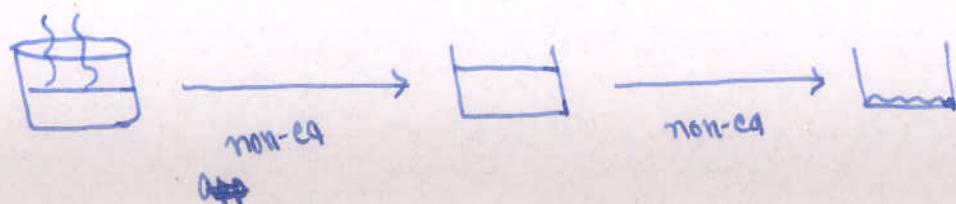
⊕  $\Phi(\text{ex}) = \int dx [f(x)]$  local function

⇒ Correlations are short ranged.

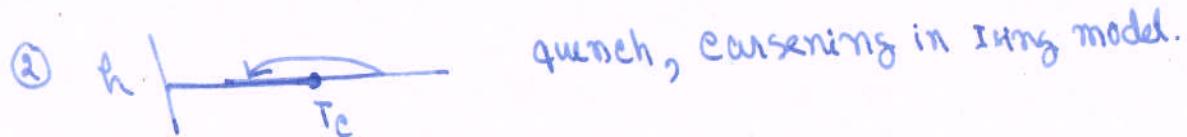
⊕ Difference in non-equilibrium

How much of these can be extended to non-equilibrium system?

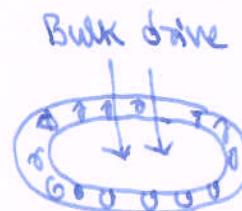
What is non-equilibrium: anything not in equilibrium.



⊕ Approach to equilibrium:



⊕ Non-equilibrium stationary state



Self-propelled particle: active matter



Bacteria colony  
Fish school  
Flock of Birds

Collective behavior

Granular matter

Epidemic spread

Traffic

Sand box

No-thermal mixing

Q8 Is there a general framework to describe macroscopic properties starting from microscopic dynamics

meso bridge macro

commutes on  
Some characteristics of non-equilibrium (relevant to us)

### Equilibrium

① zero average current

② Statistical properties (one-time)  
do not depend on specific  
details of the dynamics

③ ~~invariant~~  
Relevant state variables

④ Equation of state  
Thermodynamic potential

⑤ Universal distribution  
 $P(c) \propto e^{-\beta E(c)}$

⑥ Linear response

⑦ Universal properties  
 $\langle S \rangle > 0$

⑧ Critical phenomena

### Non-equilibrium

① non-zero.

② Dynamics is important

③ ?

④ None

⑤ Recent-progress.

⑥ Fluctuation theorem: Gallavotti-cohen  
Jarzynski equality

⑦ ~~Non-equilibrium phase transition~~.

# Non equilibrium studies:

④ Structural properties: Fluctuation theorem

Stochastic Thermodynamics

[Vanden Broek, Esposito]

Physica A, 418 (2015)]

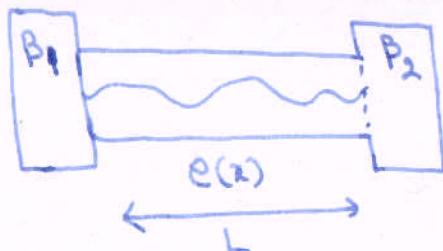
④ Method of exact solution: Microscopic models

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Models of heat conduction [A. Dhar] J. stat. phys.  
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④ Hydrodynamic approach: coarse-grained scale

Recent: Large-deviation out-side equilibrium



$$P[e(x)] \propto e^{-L\phi[e(x)]}$$

What is LDf

(A formal ~~definition~~ introduction to LDf)

Ref on large-deviation: H. Touchette 2009

Phys. Reports. 478, 1–69

## Typical example of large deviations

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Continuous

Discrete time Random walk

$$X_T = \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2 + \dots + \epsilon_T$$

① Law of large numbers:  $\frac{X_T}{T} \rightarrow 0$  for  $T$  large

② Central limit theorem:  $\langle X_T^2 \rangle \propto T$  Typical displacement  $\sim \sqrt{T}$

$$P\left(\frac{X_T}{\sqrt{T}} = x\right) \sim e^{-x^2}$$

③ What about a typical displacement

$$P\left(\frac{X_T}{T} = \sigma\right) \propto e^{-T\phi(\sigma)}$$

Exercise: Starting from Binomial distribution, show using sterling approximation

$$\boxed{\phi(\sigma) = \frac{1+\sigma}{2} \ln(1+\sigma) + \frac{1-\sigma}{2} \ln(1-\sigma)}$$

$$\underline{\text{Ex 2}} \quad \uparrow \uparrow \downarrow \downarrow \quad P_n = \frac{e^n}{e^n + e^{-n}} \quad P_m = \frac{e^m}{e^m + e^{-m}} \Rightarrow P\left(\frac{M}{L} = m\right) \sim e^{-L\phi(m)}$$

Example: single file diffusion

$$P\left(\frac{X_T}{\sqrt{T}} = \sigma\right) \propto e^{-\sqrt{T}\phi(\sigma)}$$

extreme value statistics  
 $e^{-e^{-\sigma}}$

Example:

Net Energy flow  $Q_t \approx t \cdot j$

$$P\left(\frac{Q_t}{t} = j\right) \propto e^{-t\phi(j)}$$

Example:

Activity  $A(t)$

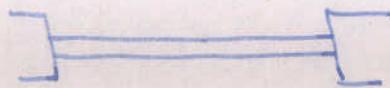


$$P\left(\frac{At}{t} = a\right) \asymp e^{-\lambda t} \phi(a)$$

\* When can one have large-deviation form?

Gärtner-Ellis theorem [H. Touchette (2009)]

Characteristic of Large-deviation out-side equilibrium:

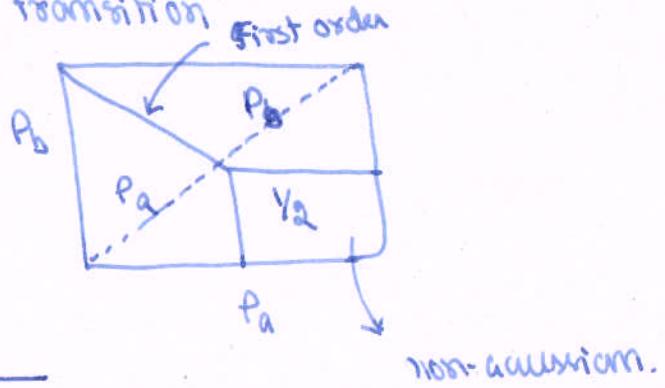
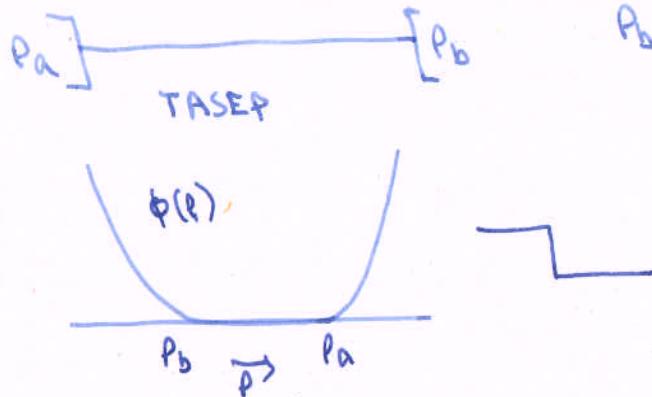


Density, Current:

- ① + All moments can be derived from derivative.
- ② non-local:  $\phi[p(x)] = \int dx \int dy f(x,y)$

⇒ long-range correlations at generic parameters value.

- ③ Non-analyticity near phase transition



non-equilibrium.

Dynamical phase transition: where  $\phi$  is non-analytic.



\* Symmetries in Large-deviation

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$$\text{Prob} \left( \frac{Q_t}{t} = \dot{\delta} \right) \propto e^{-t\phi(\dot{\delta})}$$

$$\phi(-\dot{\delta}) - \phi(\dot{\delta}) = \dot{\delta} \left( \frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right)$$

(Gallavotti-Cohen  
symmetry relation;  
fluctuation theorem)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P(-\dot{\delta})}{P(\dot{\delta})} \propto e^{-t[\phi(-\dot{\delta}) - \phi(\dot{\delta})]} = e^{-t \cdot \dot{\delta} \left( \frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right)}$$

(\* Generalization of Kubo linear response theory)

at eq: both equal  
no-eq: are not

④ Fluctuation

Broad goal: Characterize non-equilibrium fluctuation in terms of Large-deviation.

I MF T gives a tool.

## \* Why Large deviation important!

① Plays the role of thermodynamic potential (Free energy)

in non-equilibrium system:

Correlations,

non-analyticity  $\leftrightarrow$  phase transition.

long-goal "Landau-type" theory for non-equilibrium  
and its critical phenomena.

(built them from symmetry ground,

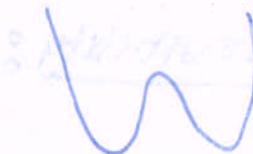
Examples Active matter



Active Brownian particle

(liquid-gas phase coexistence)

can one understand from  
a free energy-like function



structural properties

② Contains information of the

non-equilibrium: a

$$\phi(-\delta) - \phi(\delta) = \delta \cdot \left( \frac{1}{T_2} - \frac{1}{T_1} \right)$$

③ Large ~~fluctuation~~ does not mean not measurable.



Macroscopic observable  
as in standard thermodynamics.

- Total Energy; Fluctuation of "measurable" macroscopic density.