

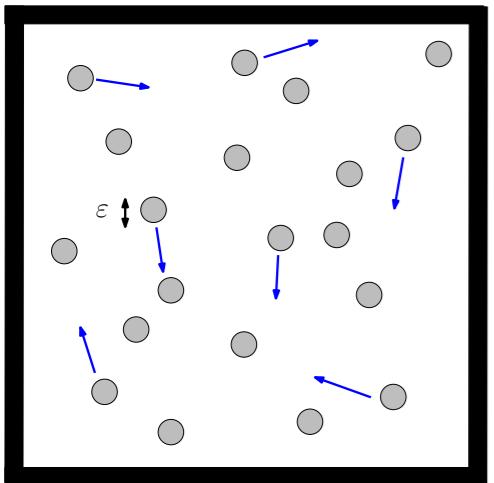
# Large time asymptotics of small perturbations of a deterministic dynamics of hard spheres

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# Outline.

- Linear Boltzmann equation & Brownian motion
- Linearized Boltzmann equation & acoustic equations
- Lanford's strategy & pruning procedure
- Coupling with the Boltzmann hierarchy



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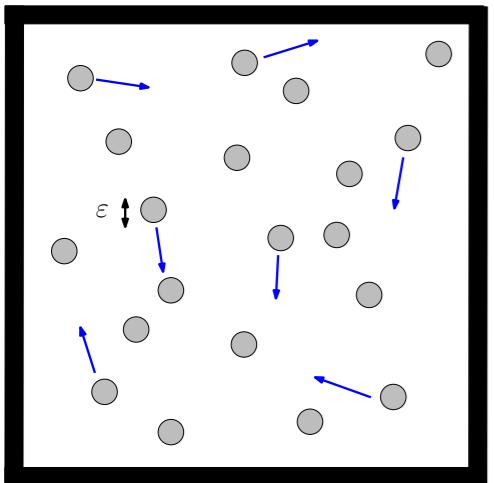
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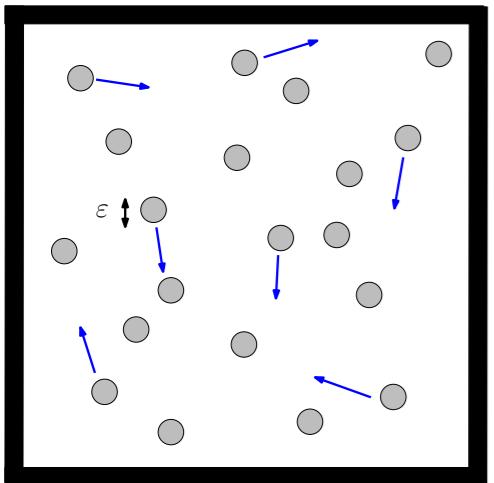
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*Low density limit*

## Mesoscopic scale

Boltzmann equation

*Fast relaxation limit:*  
Bardos, Golse, Levermore  
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# Diluted Gas of hard spheres

Gas of  $N$  hard spheres with deterministic Newtonian dynamics (elastic collisions).

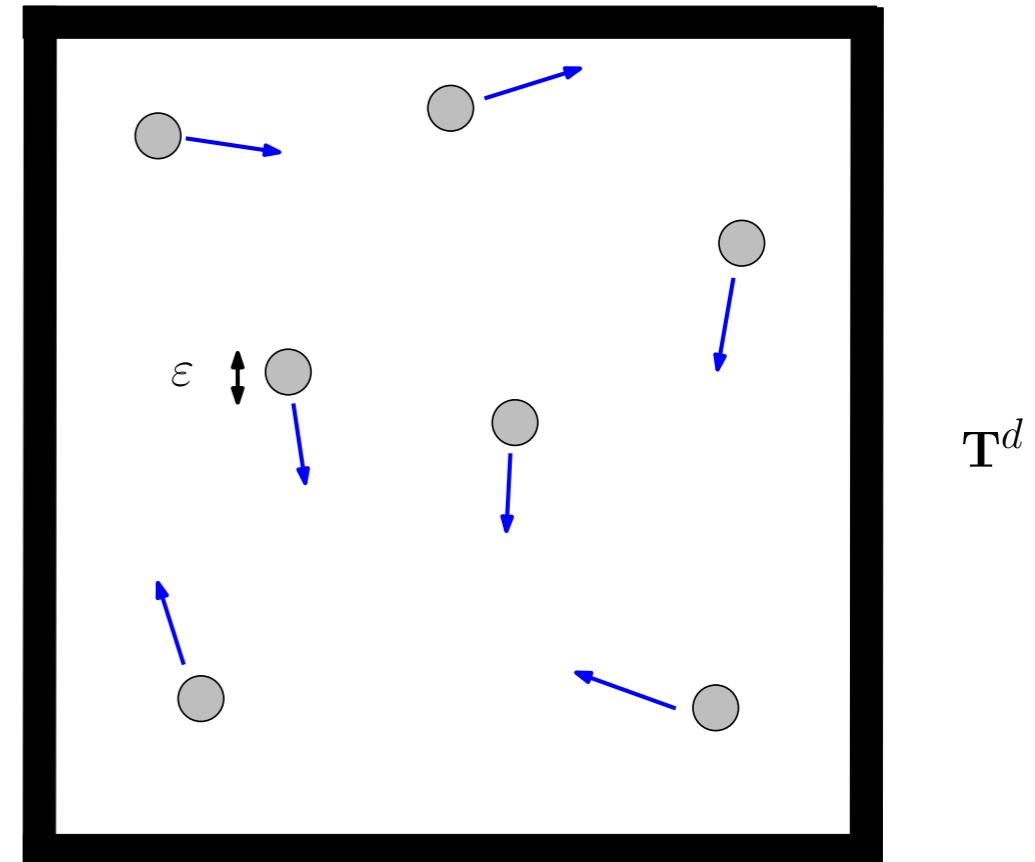
Dimension :  $d \geq 2$

Periodic domain:  $T^d = [0, 1]^d$

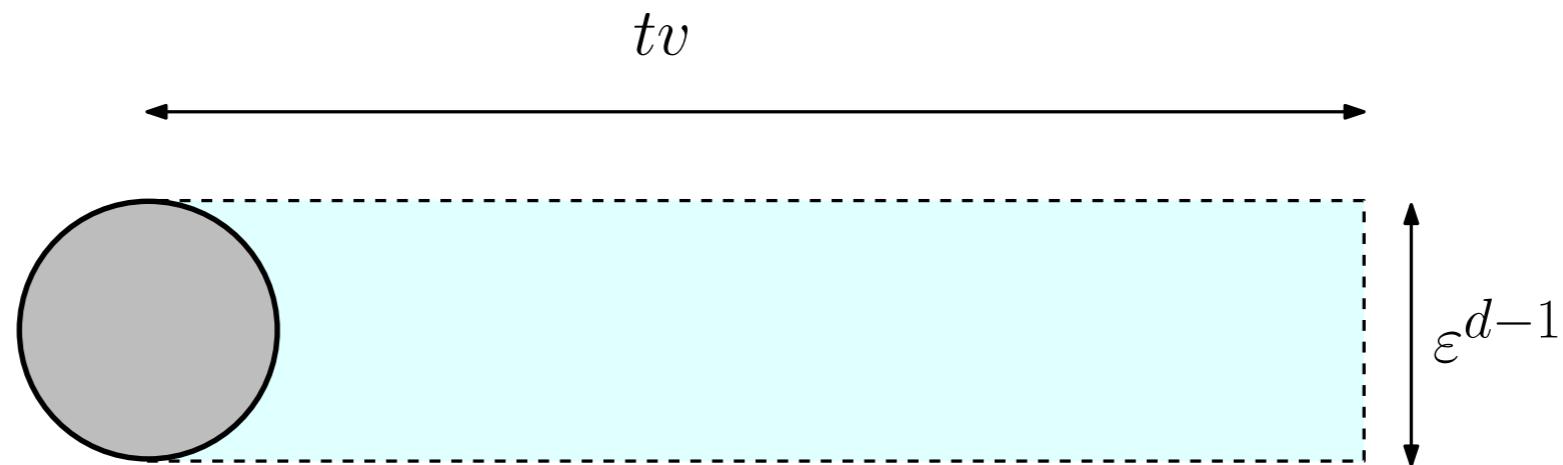
Sphere radius =  $\varepsilon$

Boltzmann-Grad scaling

$$N\varepsilon^{d-1} = \alpha$$



# Boltzmann-Grad scaling



- Volume covered by a particle  $= tv\varepsilon^{d-1}$
- On average  $N$  particles per unit volume

On average, a particle has  $\alpha$  collisions per unit of time

$$N \times \varepsilon^{d-1} \equiv \alpha$$

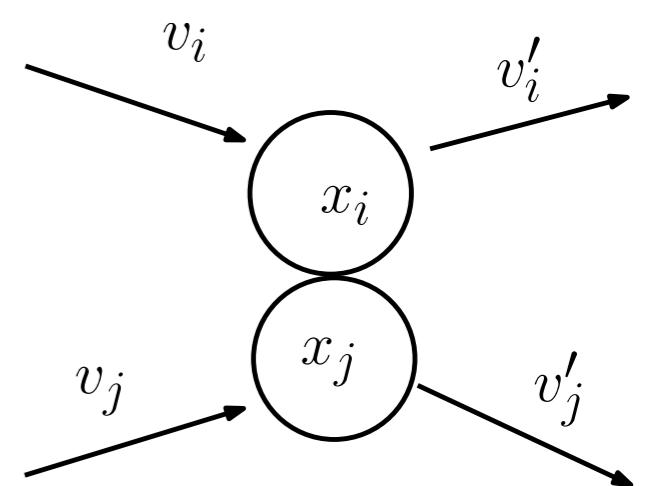
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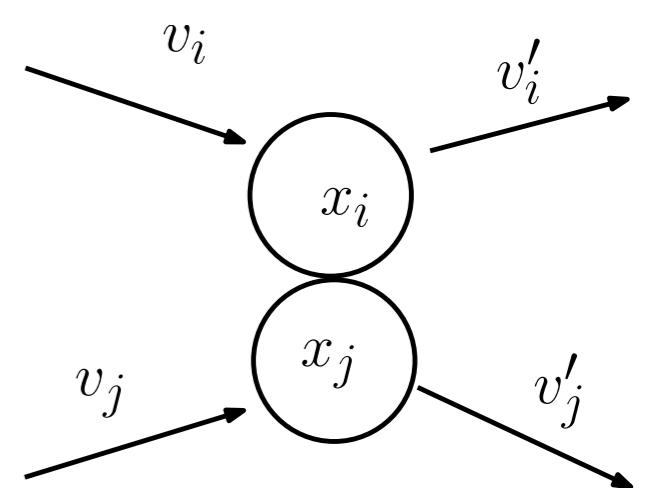
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Liouville equation for the particle density  $f_N(t, Z_N)$

$$\partial_t f_N + \sum_{i=1}^N v_i \cdot \nabla_{x_i} f_N = 0$$

in the phase space

$$\mathcal{D}_\varepsilon^N := \{Z_N \in \mathbf{T}^{dN} \times \mathbb{R}^{dN} / \forall i \neq j, \quad |x_i - x_j| > \varepsilon\}$$

with specular reflection on the boundary  $\partial \mathcal{D}_\varepsilon^N$ .

# Initial Data

Equilibrium distribution

$$M_{N,\beta}(Z_N) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_{N,\beta}} \exp \left( -\frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N |v_i|^2 \right) \prod_{i \neq j} 1_{|x_i - x_j| > \varepsilon}$$

Initial data :

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Density of a particle at time t :

$$f_N^{(1)}(t, \textcolor{blue}{z}_1) = \int dz_2 \dots dz_N f_N(t, \textcolor{blue}{z}_1, z_2, \dots, z_N)$$

**Question.** Convergence

$$f_N^{(1)}(t, \textcolor{blue}{z}_1) \xrightarrow[N \xrightarrow{d-1=\alpha} \infty]{?} f(t, \textcolor{blue}{z}_1)$$

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## Theorem.

For chaotic initial data  $f_N^0(Z_N) \simeq \prod_{i=1}^N f^0(z_i)$  the density of the particle system converges up to a time  $t > 0$  to the solution of the Boltzmann equation when  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $N\varepsilon^{d-1} = \alpha$

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[**Lanford**], [King], [Alexander], [Uchiyama], [Cercignani, Illner, Pulvirenti], [Simonella], [*Gallagher, Saint-Raymond, Texier*], [Pulvirenti, Saffirio, Simonella]

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Lanford's strategy leads to a short time convergence which depends on  $f^0$ . The convergence time remains short even if initially the system starts from equilibrium !!!

# Large time asymptotics

Equilibrium distribution

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Initial data for Lanford's theorem

$$f_{N,\beta}^0(Z_N) = \left( \prod_{i=1}^N f^0(z_i) \right) M_{N,\beta}(Z_N)$$

$$\simeq \exp(N)$$

Perturbation of the equilibrium distribution :

- *Linear* Boltzmann equation: perturbation of a *tagged* particle
- *Linearized* Boltzmann equation:

$$f^0(z) = 1 + \frac{1}{N} g_0(z)$$

# The tagged particle

Gas of  $N$  hard spheres with deterministic Newtonian dynamics (elastic collisions).

Initial data at equilibrium and a tagged particle  $(x_1, v_1)$

## Questions.

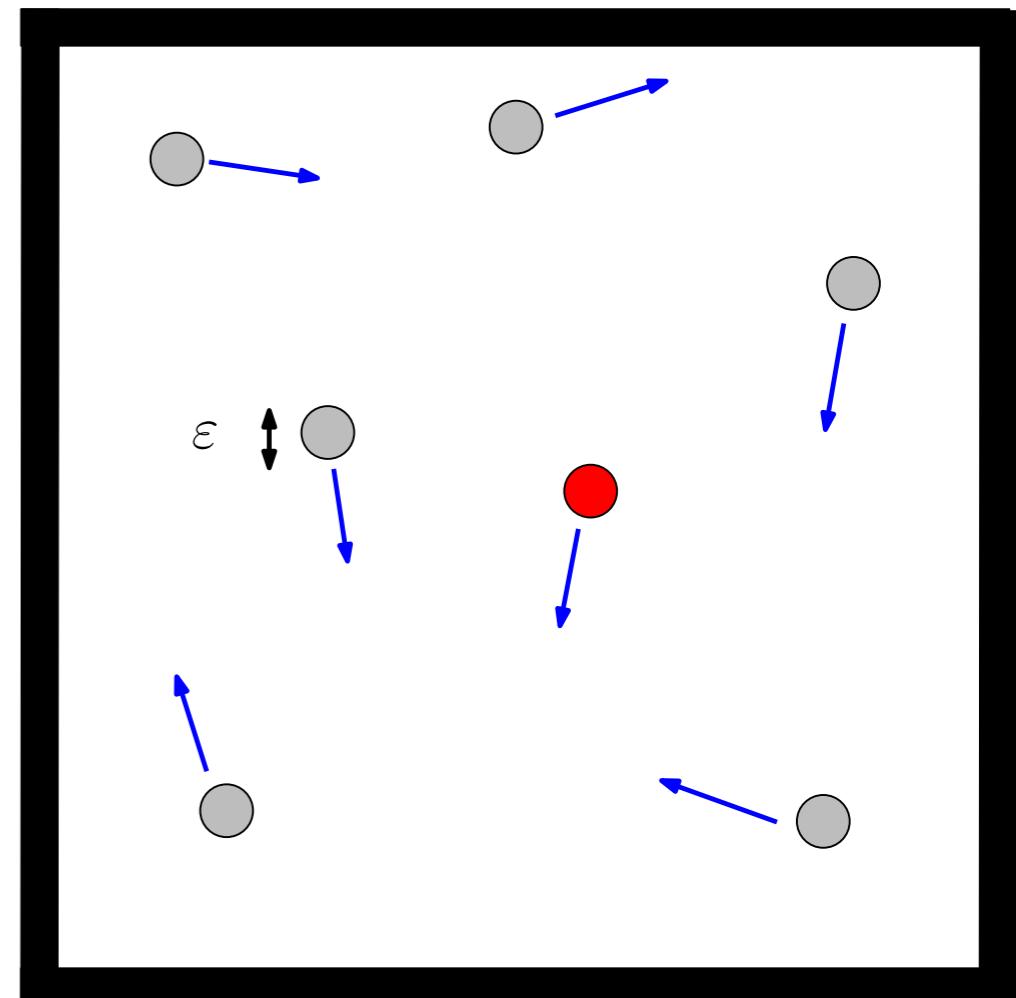
In the Boltzmann-Grad scaling

$$N \times \varepsilon^{d-1} \equiv \alpha \text{ and } N \rightarrow \infty$$

1. Distribution of  $(x_1(t), v_1(t))$

2. Position of the tagged particle

$$x_1(\alpha t) \text{ when } \alpha \rightarrow \infty$$



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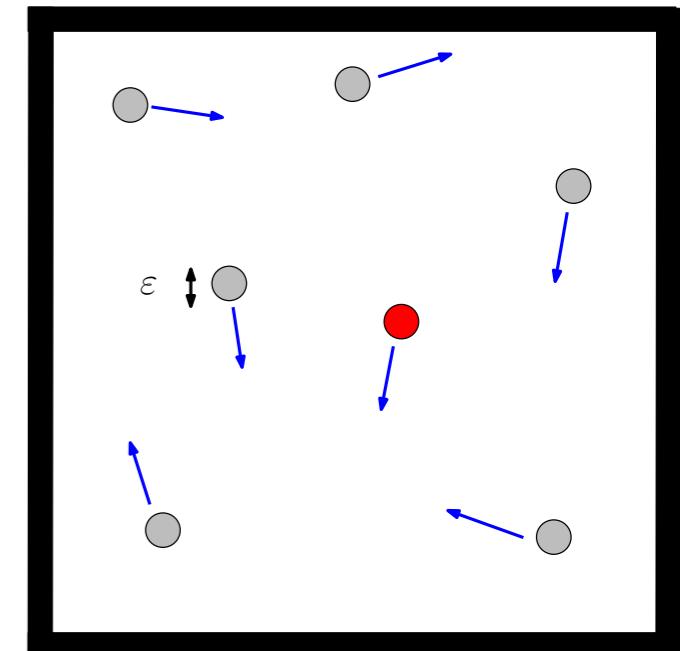
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Particle  $Z_1 = (x_1, v_1)$  is tagged. Initial distribution :

$$f_N^0(Z_N) = M_{N,\beta}(Z_N) \rho^0(x_1)$$

Uniform bound:  $\rho^0(x_1) \leq \mu$



Notation: Marginals

$$t \geq 0, \forall s \geq 1, \quad f_N^{(s)}(t, Z_s) = \iint f_N(t, Z_N) dz_{s+1} \dots dz_N$$

Tagged particle distribution  $f_N^{(1)}(t, (x_1, v_1))$

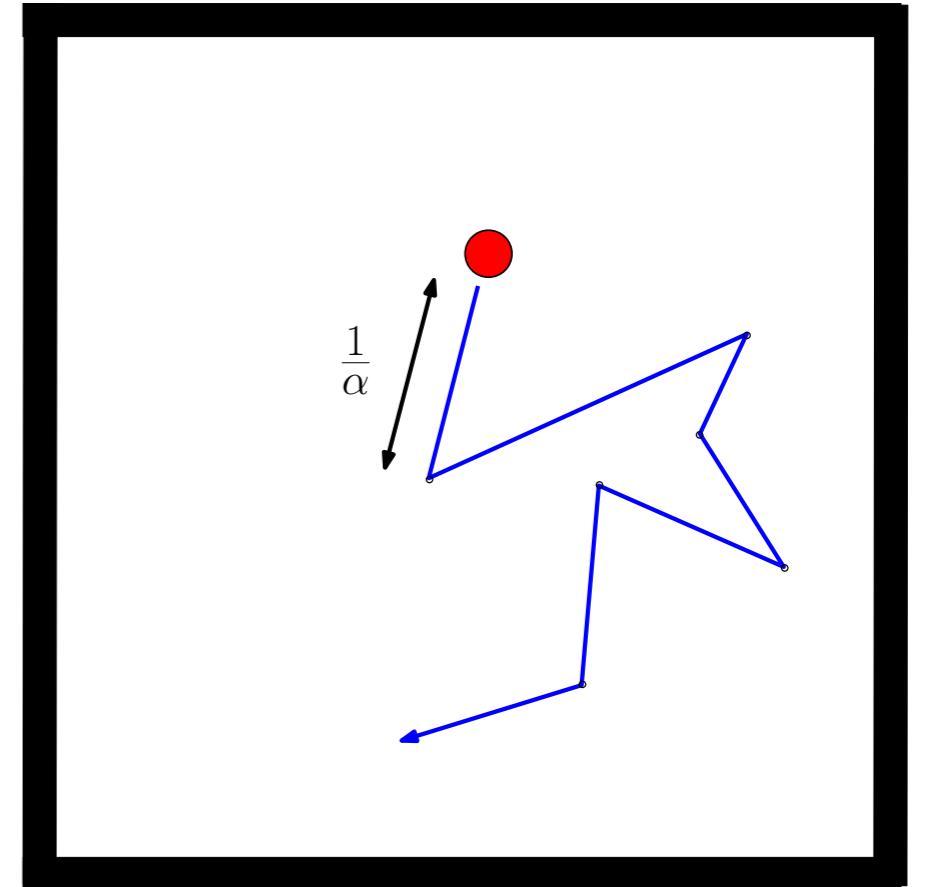
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single particle dynamics

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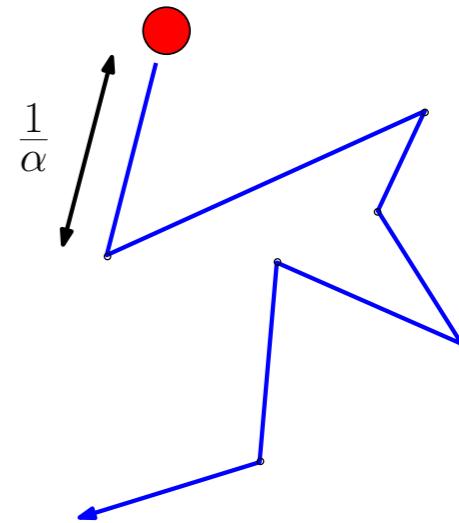
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Particle distribution  $M_\beta(v)\varphi_{\color{red}\alpha}(x, v, t)$  follows the

Linear Boltzmann equation

$$\partial_t \varphi + v \cdot \nabla_x \varphi = -\alpha L \varphi$$

Probabilist approaches :

Tanaka, Sznitman, Méléard, Graham, Fournier ...

[van Beijeren, Lanford, Lebowitz, Spohn]

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system

$$f_N^{(1)}(\textcolor{red}{x}_1, \textcolor{red}{v}_1, t)$$

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$$t > 0$$

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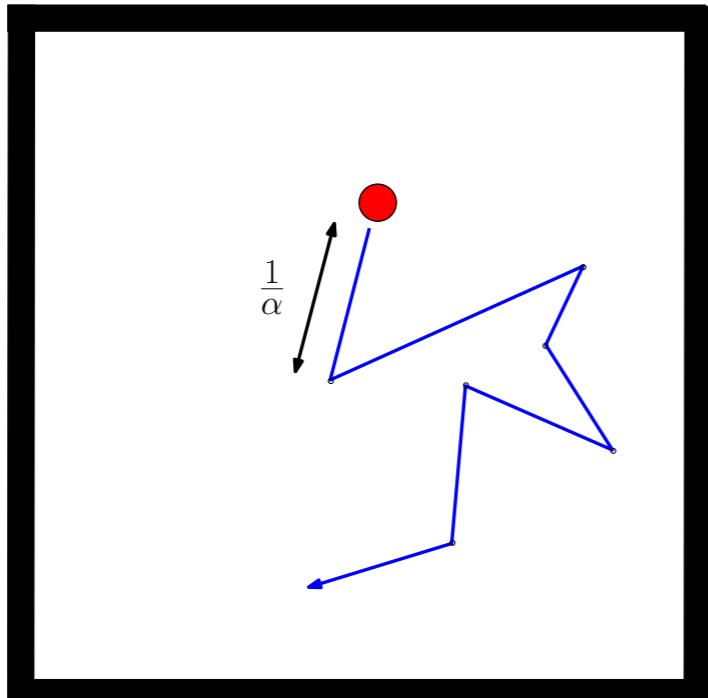
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Heat equation

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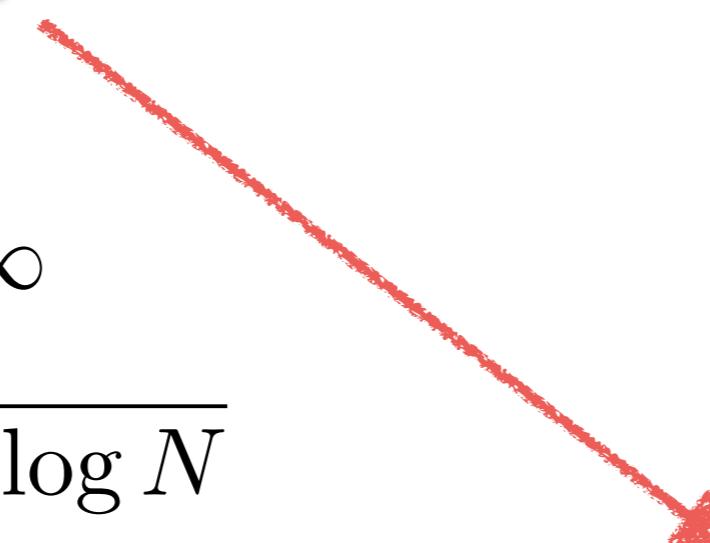
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# Convergence to the Brownian motion

Rescaled position of the tagged particle

$$\chi(\tau) = x_1(\alpha\tau) \quad \text{with} \quad \alpha = \sqrt{\log \log N}$$

Initial data  $f_N^0(Z_N) = M_{N,\beta}(Z_N) \rho^0(x_1)$

## Theorem [B., Gallagher, Saint-Raymond]

$\chi$  converges weakly to a brownian motion with variance  $\kappa_\beta$

The distribution of the tagged particle  $f_N^{(1)}(x_1, v_1, \alpha\tau)$

converges as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  to  $M_\beta(v_1) \rho(x_1, \tau)$

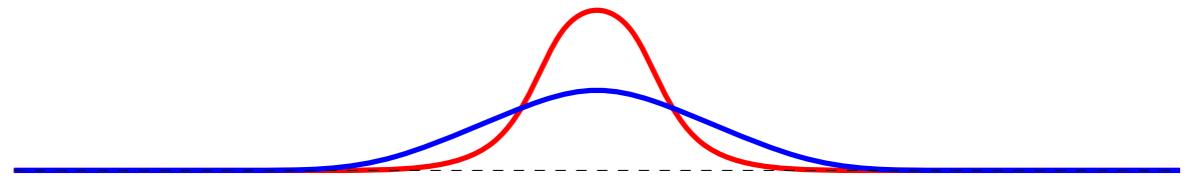
$$\partial_\tau \rho = \kappa_\beta \Delta_x \rho \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R}^+ \times [0, 1]^d, \quad \rho|_{\tau=0} = \rho^0$$

Quantum brownian motion: [Erdös, Salmhofer, Yau]

Lorentz gas: [Bunimovich, Sinai], [Basile, Nota, Pezzotti, Pulvirenti]

# Linearized Boltzmann equation

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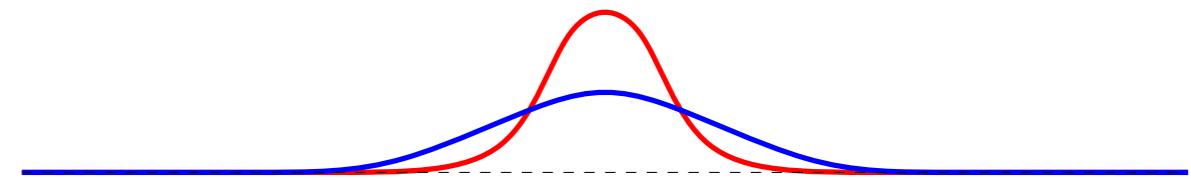


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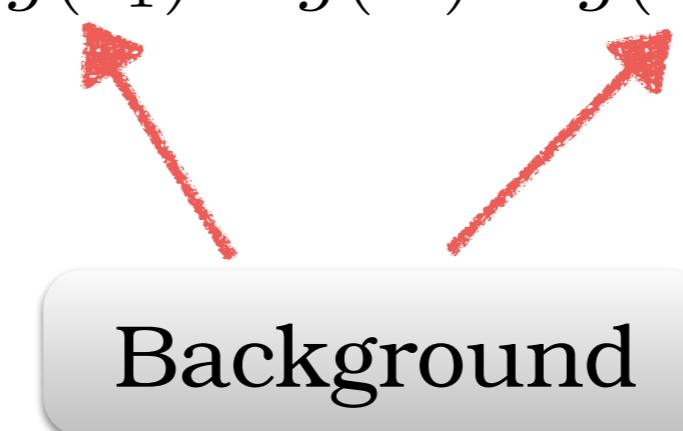
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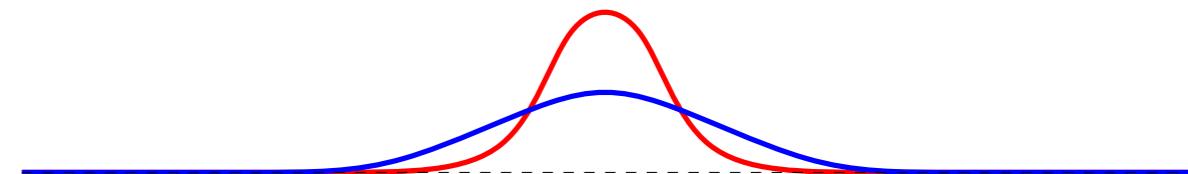


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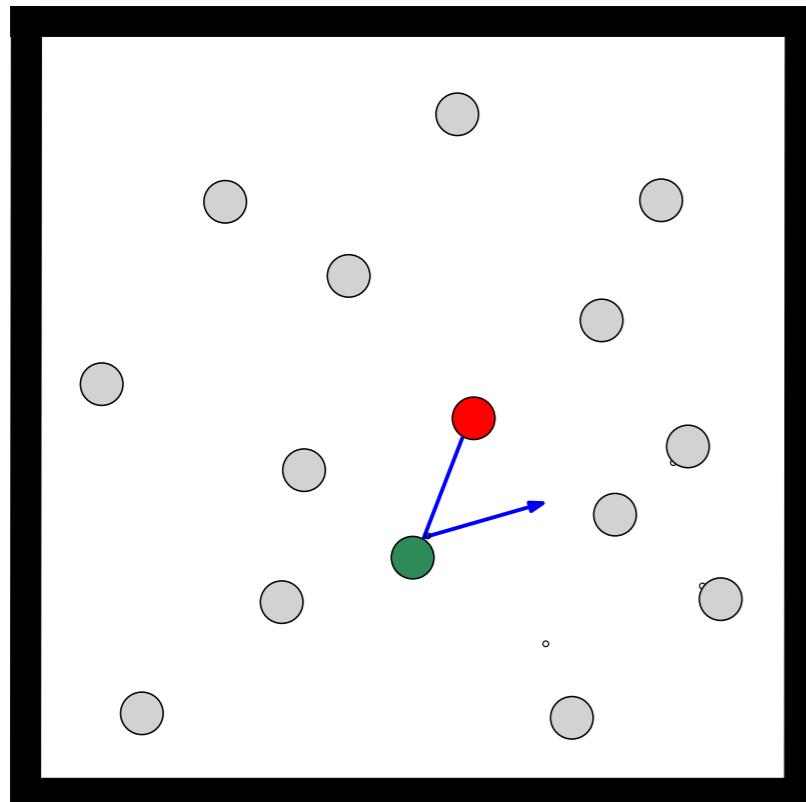
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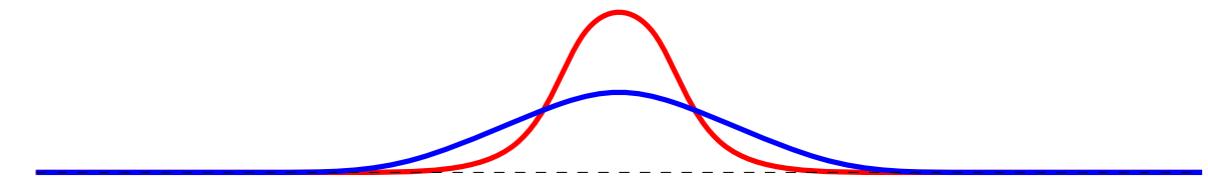
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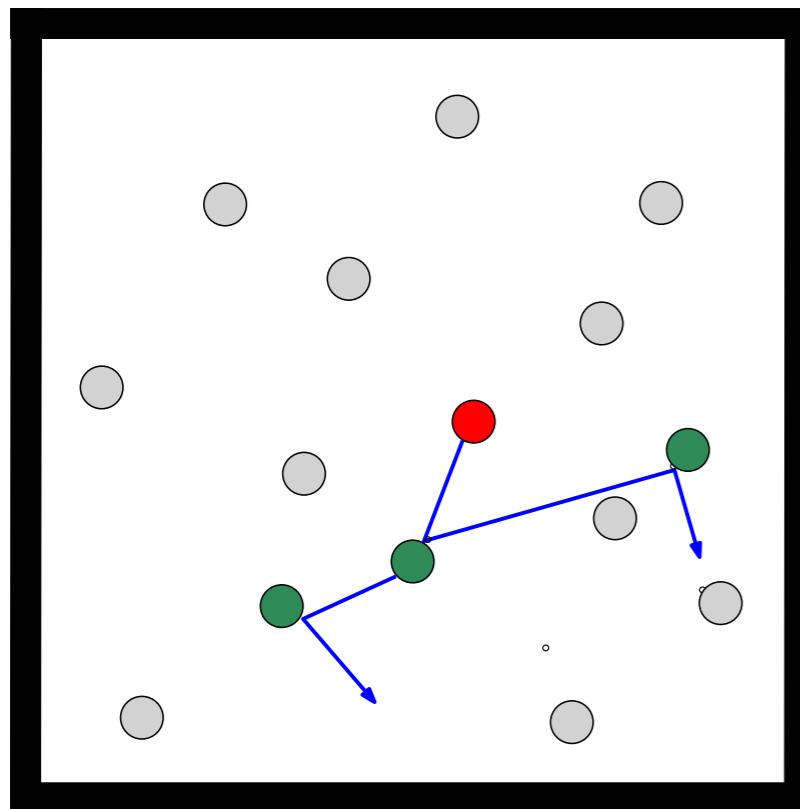
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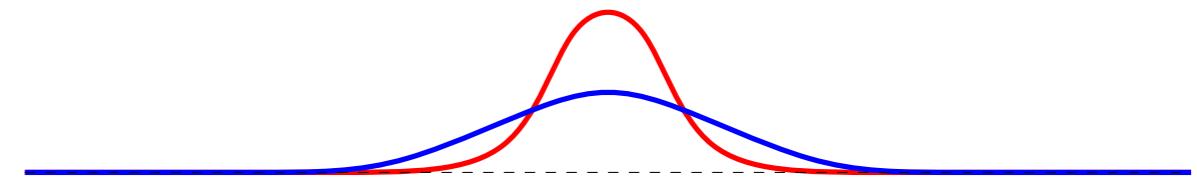
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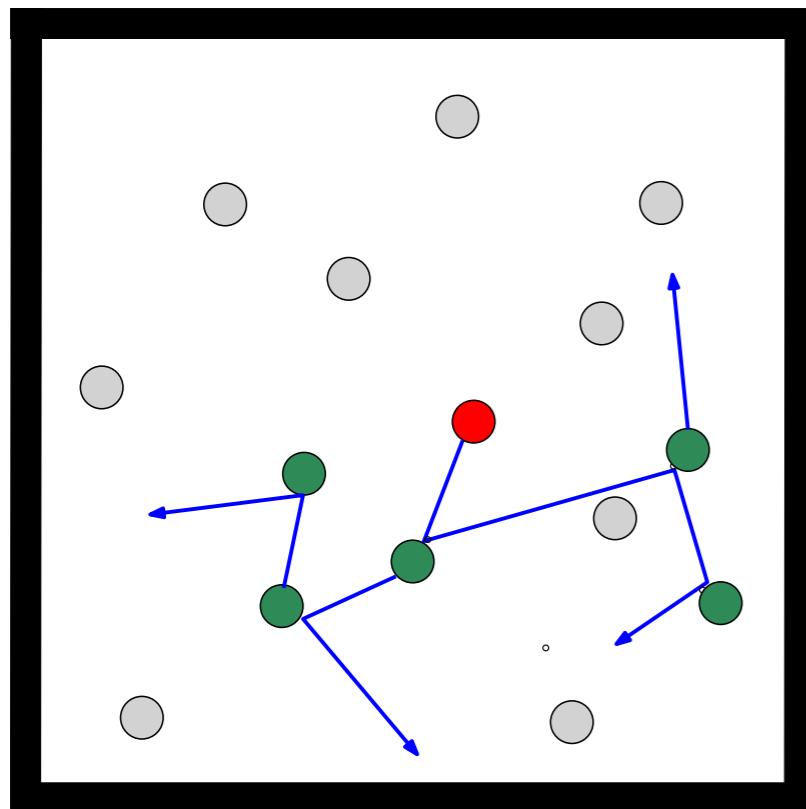
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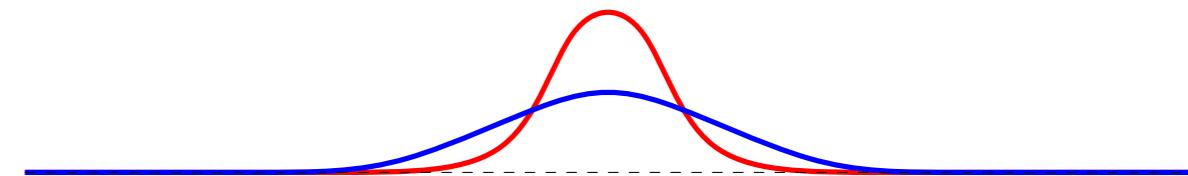
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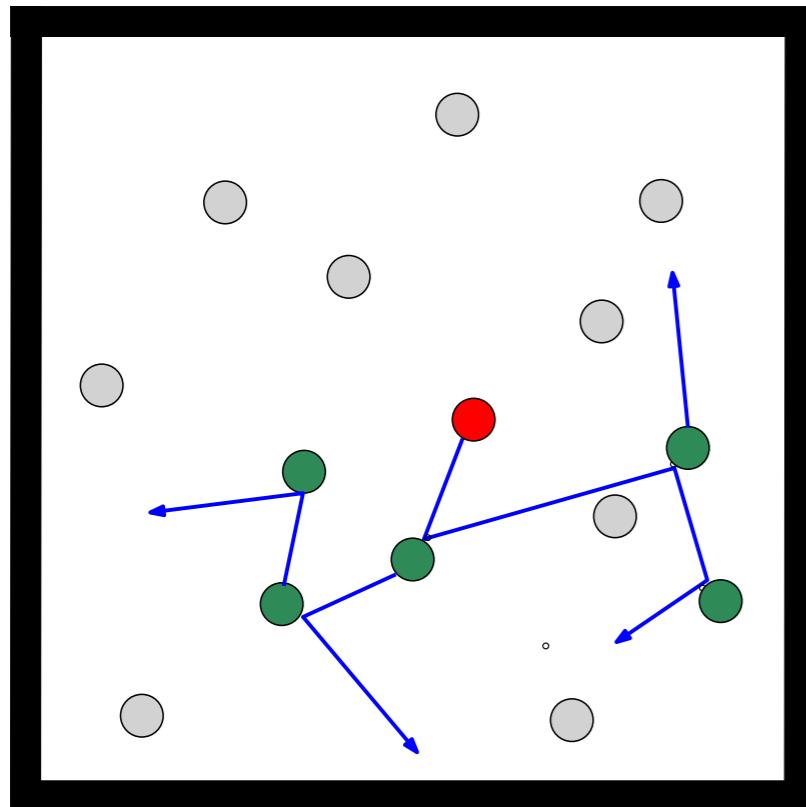
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**Goal:** Capture corrections  $\simeq \frac{1}{N}$

# Linearized Boltzmann equation

Perturbation of order 1

$$f_N^0(Z_N) = M_{N,\beta}(Z_N) g_0(z_1) \rightarrow \text{corrections of order } \simeq \frac{1}{N}$$

Perturbation of order N (symmetric version)

$$f_N^0(Z_N) = M_{N,\beta}(Z_N) \left( \sum_{i=1}^N g_0(z_i) \right) \rightarrow \text{corrections of order } \simeq 1$$

with  $\int M_\beta(v) g_0(z) dz = 0$

**Question.** Large time behavior of  $f_N^{(1)}(t, z_1)$

N particle  
system

$$f_N^{(1)}(\textcolor{red}{x}_1, \textcolor{red}{v}_1, t)$$

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Linearized Boltzmann  
equation

$$g_\alpha(\textcolor{red}{x}_1, \textcolor{red}{v}_1, t)$$

[van Beijeren, Lanford, Lebowitz, Spohn] (short time)

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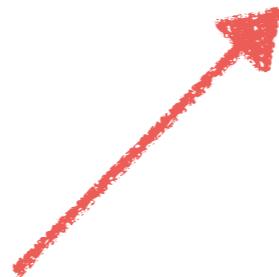
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[Bardos, Golse, Levermore]

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density fluctuation



momentum fluctuation



energy fluctuation



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Linearized Boltzmann equation  
 $g_\alpha(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{v}_1, t)$

### Theorem [BGSR]

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# **Derivation of the linear Boltzmann equation**

*Step 1. Control of the collision operators*

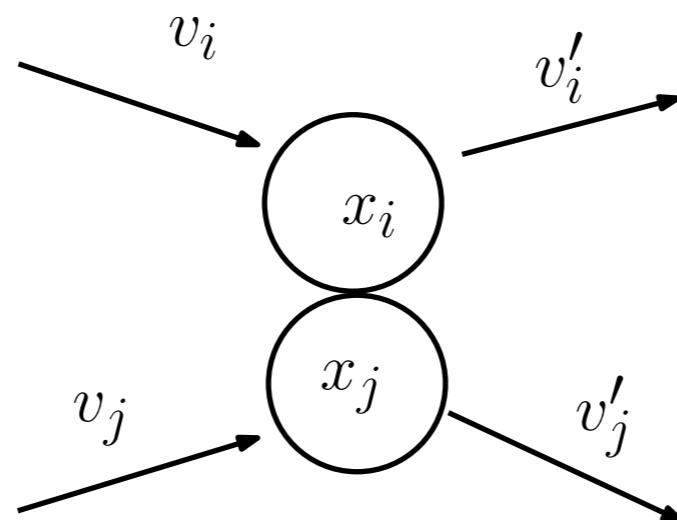
# BBGKY hierarchy for the marginals

Evolution of the first marginal

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Collision operator

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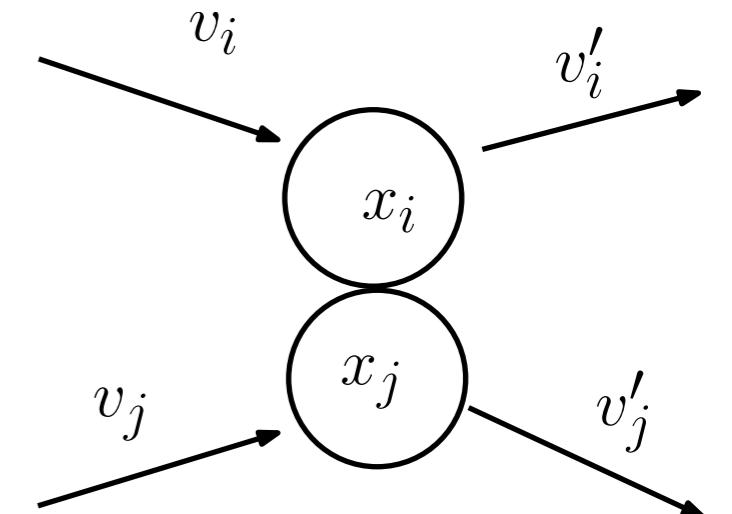
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**Hope** : Propagation of chaos

$$f_N^{(2)}(x_1, v_1, x_1 + \varepsilon\nu, v_2) \simeq f_N^{(1)}(x_1, v_1) f_N^{(1)}(x_1 + \varepsilon\nu, v_2)$$

Consequence: Boltzmann equation

$$\partial_t f + v \cdot \nabla_x f = \iint [f(v') f(v'_1) - f(v) f(v_1)] \left( (v - v_1) \cdot \nu \right)_+ d\nu_1 dv_1$$

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where  $\mathbf{S}^{d-1}$  denotes the unit sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

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Denote by  $\mathbf{S}_s$  the semi-group associated to free transport in  $\mathcal{D}_\varepsilon^s$

## Duhamel Formula

$$f_N^{(1)}(t) = \mathbf{S}_1(t)f_N^{(1)}(0) + \alpha \int_0^t \mathbf{S}_1(t-t_1)C_{1,2}f_N^{(2)}(t_1) dt_1 ,$$

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Idea : Use the initial randomness

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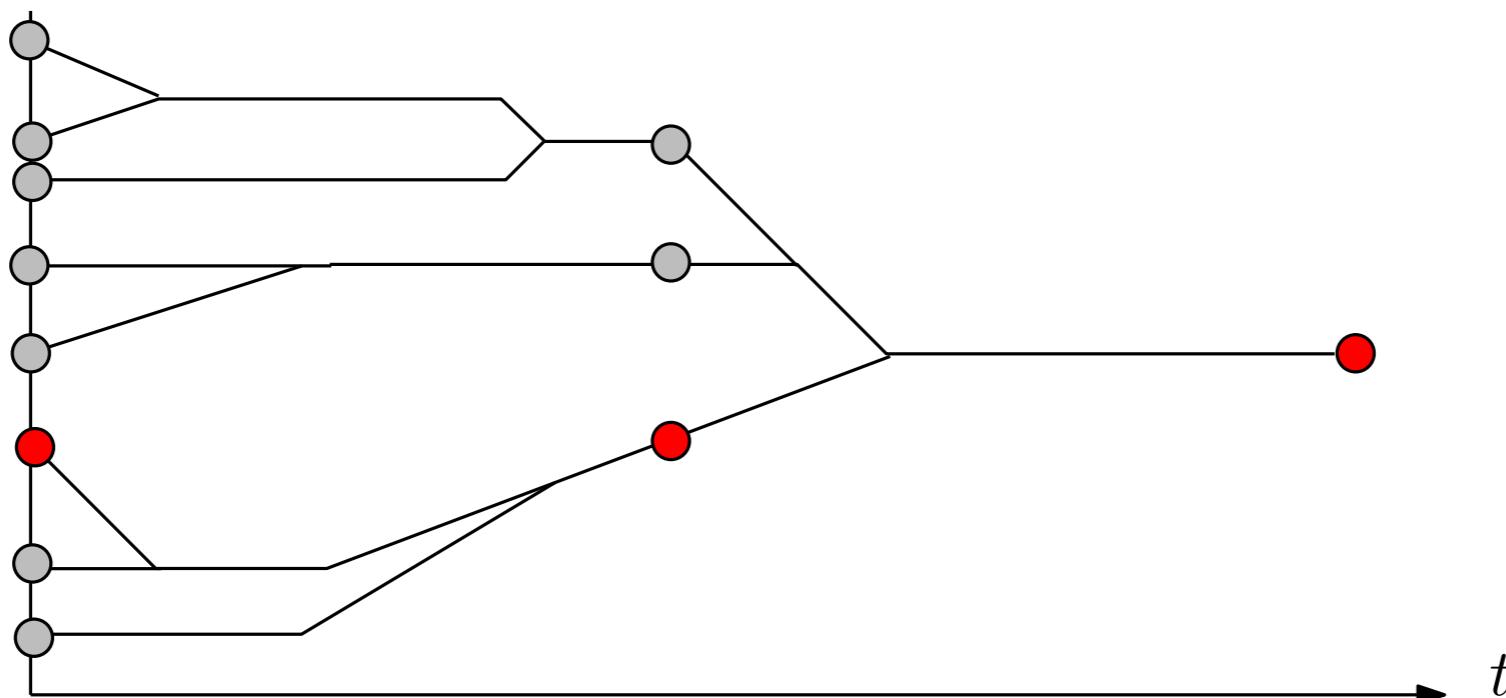
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## Interpretation as a collision tree

- Transport operator
- Addition of a particle to the tree after each collision



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## $\mathbb{L}^\infty$ bound

Initial distribution :

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Uniform bound:  $\rho^0(\textcolor{red}{x}_1) \leq \mu$

The measure  $M_{N,\beta}(Z_N)$  is **stationary** thus the maximum principle implies bounds **uniform in time**

For any  $s \geq 1$

$$\sup_{t \geq 0} f_N^{(s)}(t, Z_s) \leq \mu M_{N,\beta}^{(s)}(Z_s) \leq \mu (1 - \varepsilon c_d)^{-s} M_\beta^{\otimes s}(V_s)$$

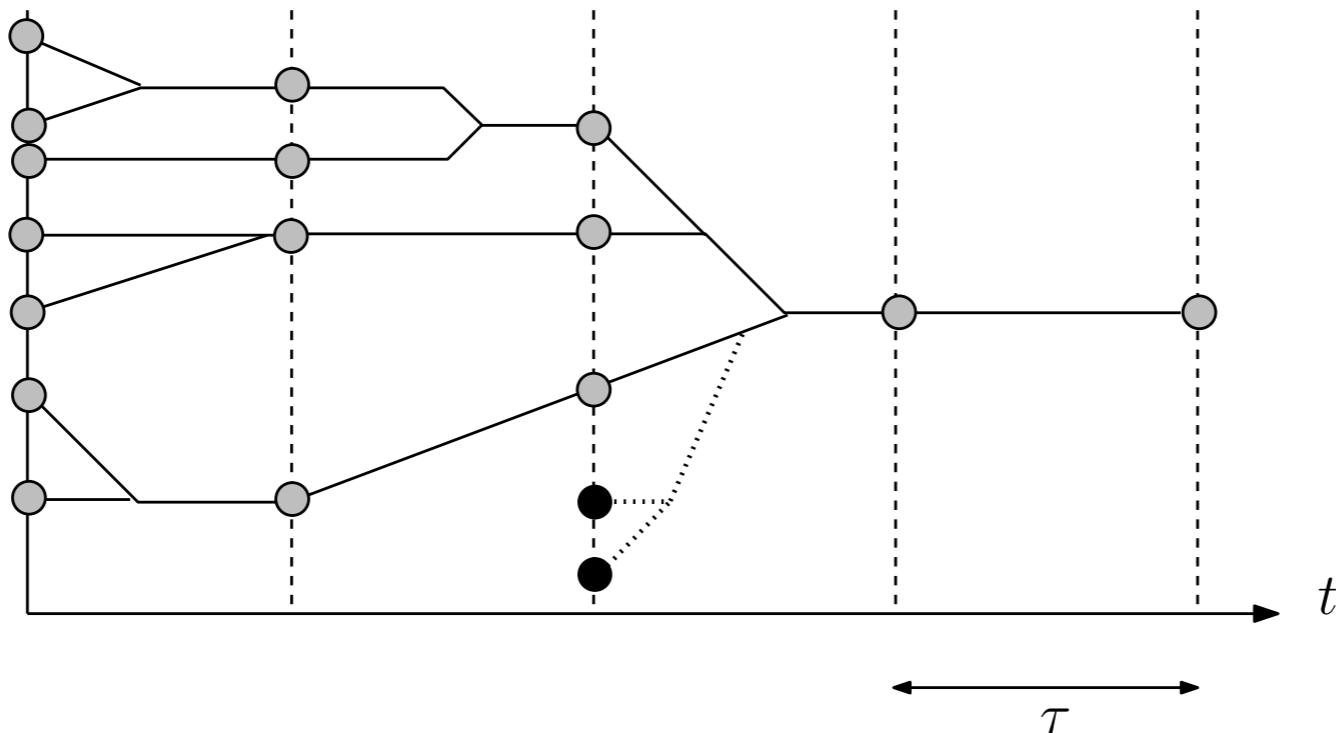
In this way the cancellations in the collision operator are recovered.

# Pruning procedure

Decompose :  $[0, t] = \bigcup_{k=1}^K [(k-1)\tau, k\tau]$  for some  $\tau > 0$

Good collision trees.

Less than  $n_k = 2^k$  collisions during  $[(K-k)\tau, (K-k+1)\tau]$



In each time interval  $[(K-k)\tau, (K-k+1)\tau]$

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Truncated iterated Duhamel formula:

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with  $J_\ell = 1 + j_1 + \dots + j_\ell$

- The main contribution is given by the good collision trees with  $j_k \leq 2^k$  during the time interval  $[(K-k)\tau, (K-k+1)\tau]$
- The contribution of the large trees  $R_N^K(t)$  is controlled

$$\|R_N^K(t)\|_{\mathbb{L}^\infty} \leq \mu \frac{t^2}{K}$$

⇒ If  $t$  is large, then  $K$  has to be very large and  $\tau$  very small.

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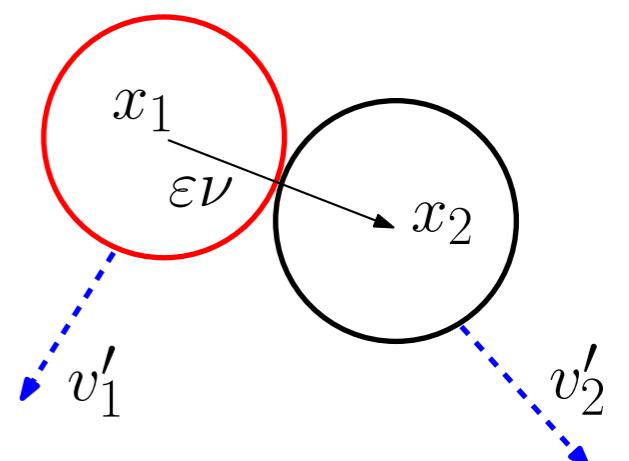
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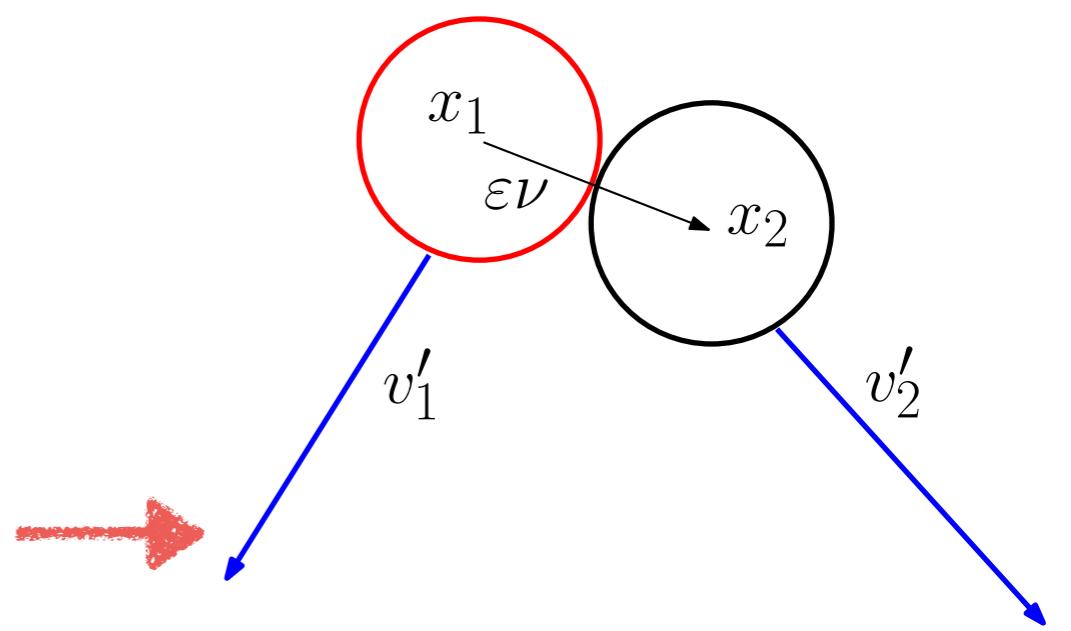
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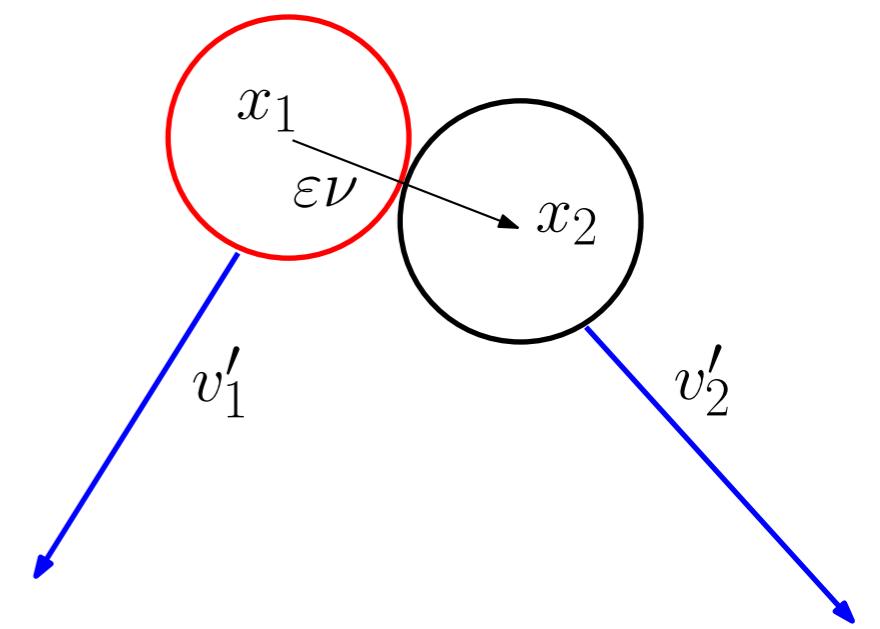
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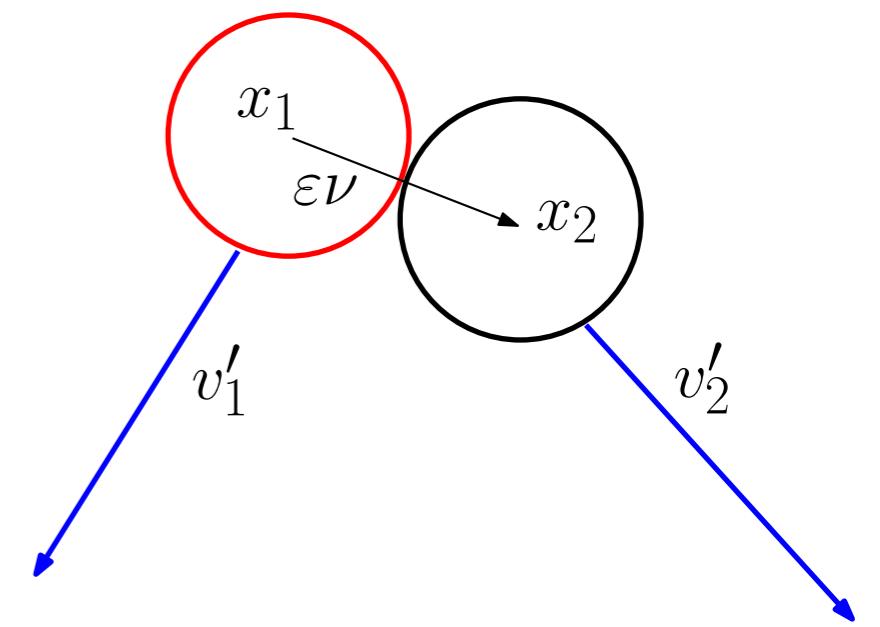
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bad estimate 



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**Key** :  $L^2$  control of the higher order correlations at **any** time

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$$\text{with } \|g_N^m(t)\|_{L_\beta^2} \leq \frac{C}{\sqrt{N^{m-1}}} \|g_{\alpha,0}\|_{L_\beta^2}$$



Propagation of  
the initial bounds

Mild version of local equilibrium

This leads to bounds uniform in time.

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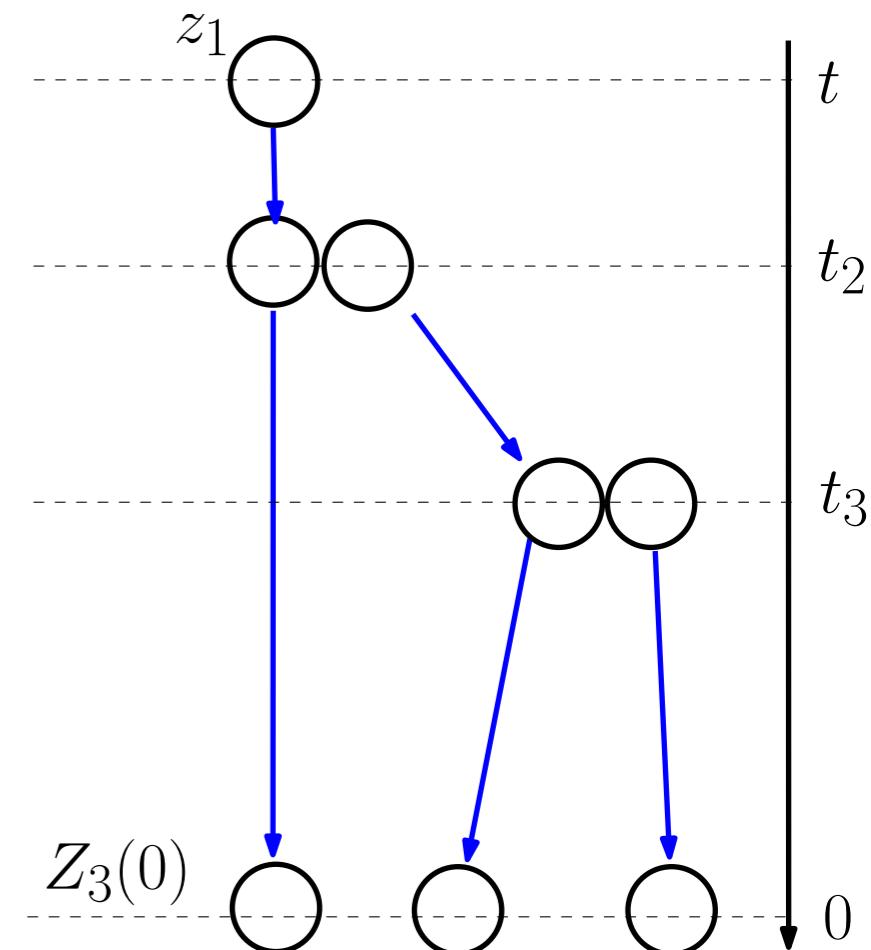
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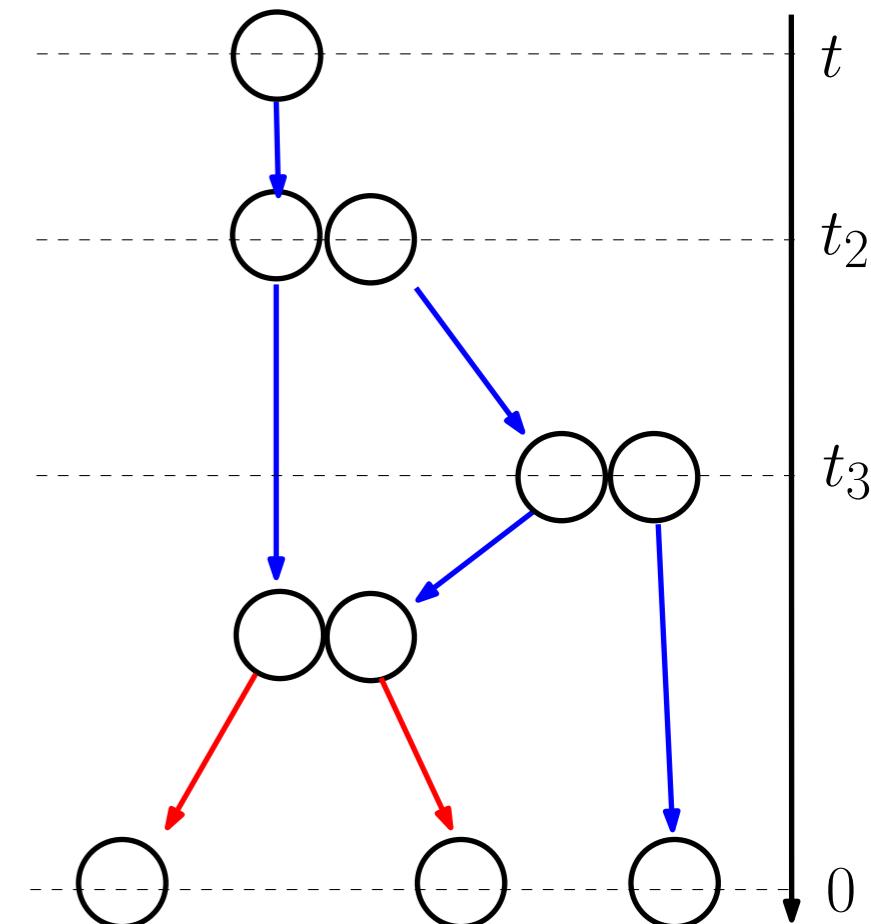
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**Problem.** This mapping is not bijective

One has to control the recollisions.



# **Derivation of the linear Boltzmann equation**

*Step 2. Comparison with the  
Boltzmann hierarchy*

# Boltzmann hierarchy

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This is the **limit** hierarchy when  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  and  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

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Explicit solution :  $\mathbf{g}^{(s)}(t) = g(t, \mathbf{z}_1) \prod_{i=2}^s M_\beta(v_i)$

with  $g(t, \mathbf{z}_1) = \varphi_\alpha(t, \mathbf{z}_1) M_\beta(v_1)$  solution of the **Linear Boltzmann equation**

$$\partial_t \varphi_\alpha + v \cdot \nabla_x \varphi_\alpha = -\alpha L \varphi_\alpha$$

and  $M_\beta(v) := \left(\frac{\beta}{2\pi}\right)^{\frac{d}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{\beta}{2}|v|^2\right)$

# Comparing the BBGKY and Boltzmann hierarchies

As  $N \rightarrow \infty$  in the scaling  $N\varepsilon^{d-1} = \alpha$ ,

$$\left| \left( f_N^{0(s)} - g^{0(s)} \right) \prod_{i \neq j} 1_{|x_i - x_j| > \varepsilon} \right| \leq C^s \varepsilon^\alpha \mu M_\beta^{\otimes s}$$

for the initial distributions

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Main Goal

$$\| f_N^{(1)} - g^{(1)} \|_{L^\infty([0,t] \times \mathbf{T}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d)} \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } N \rightarrow \infty$$

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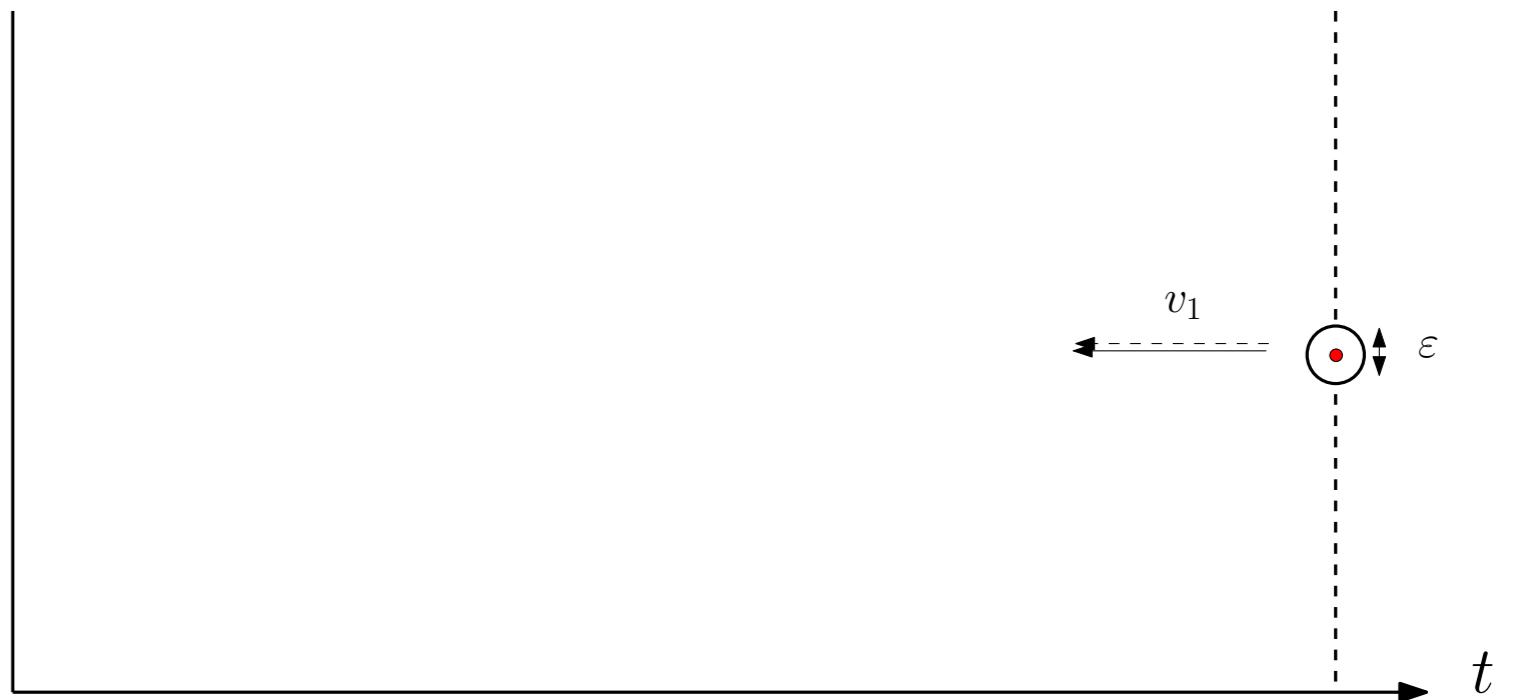
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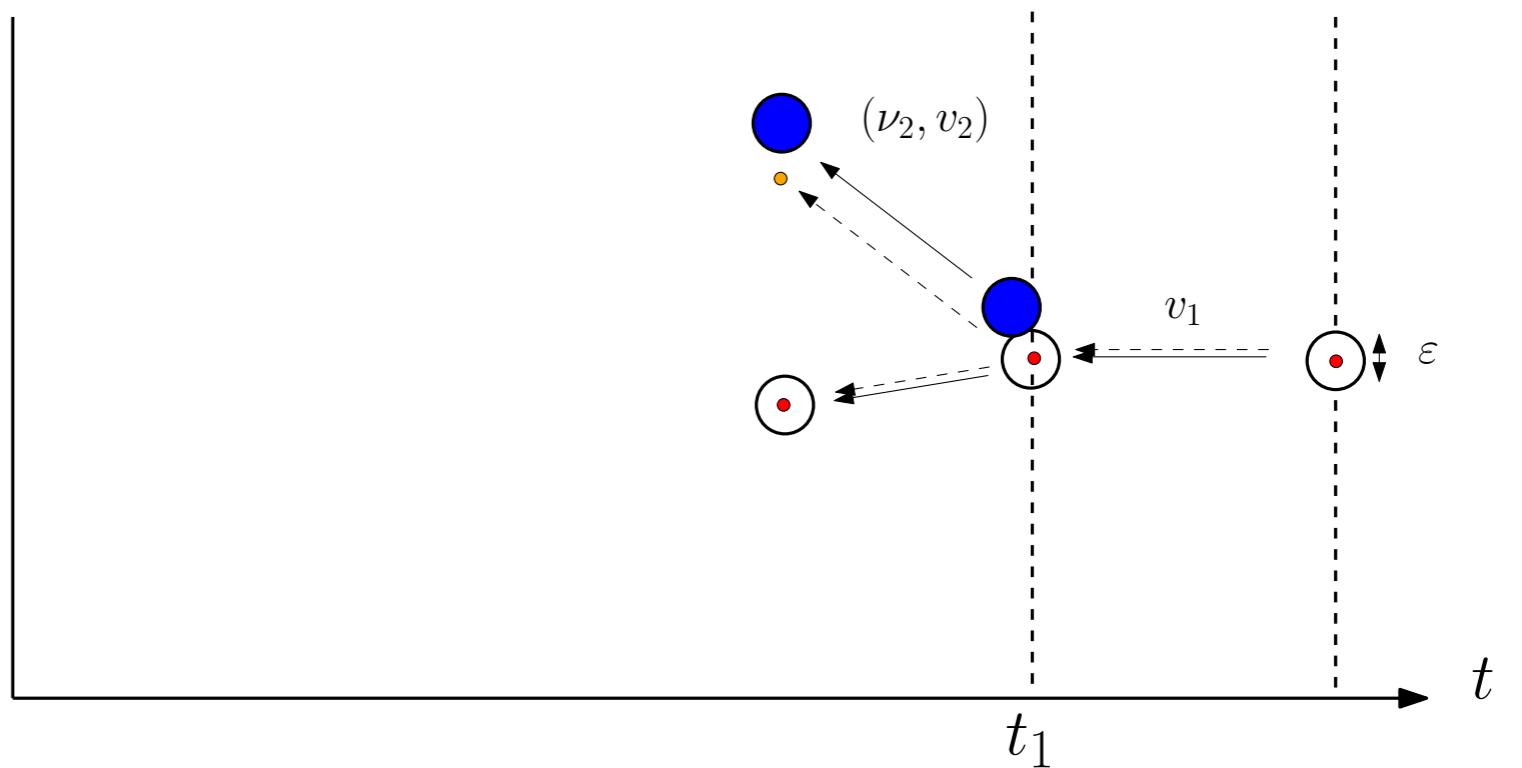
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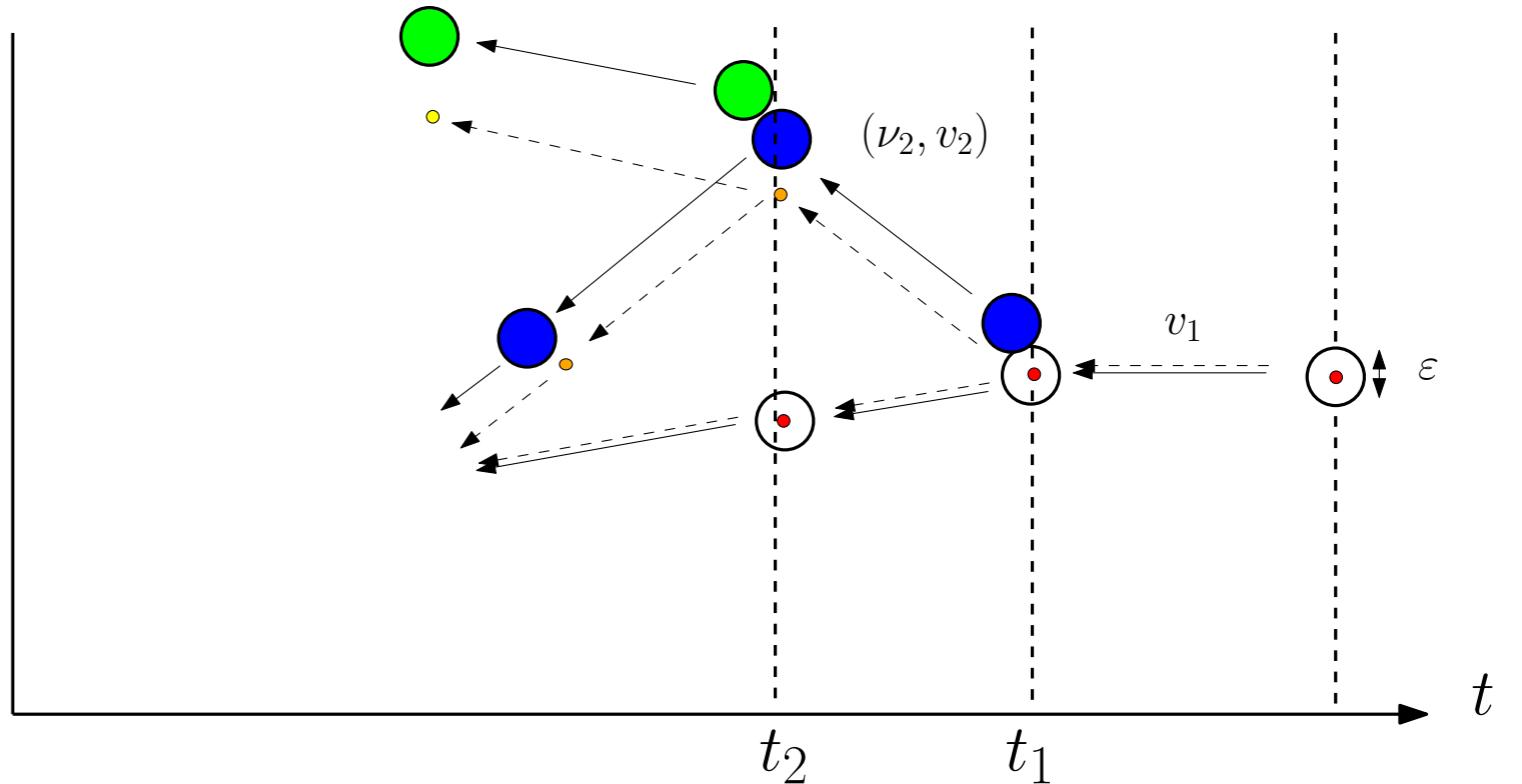
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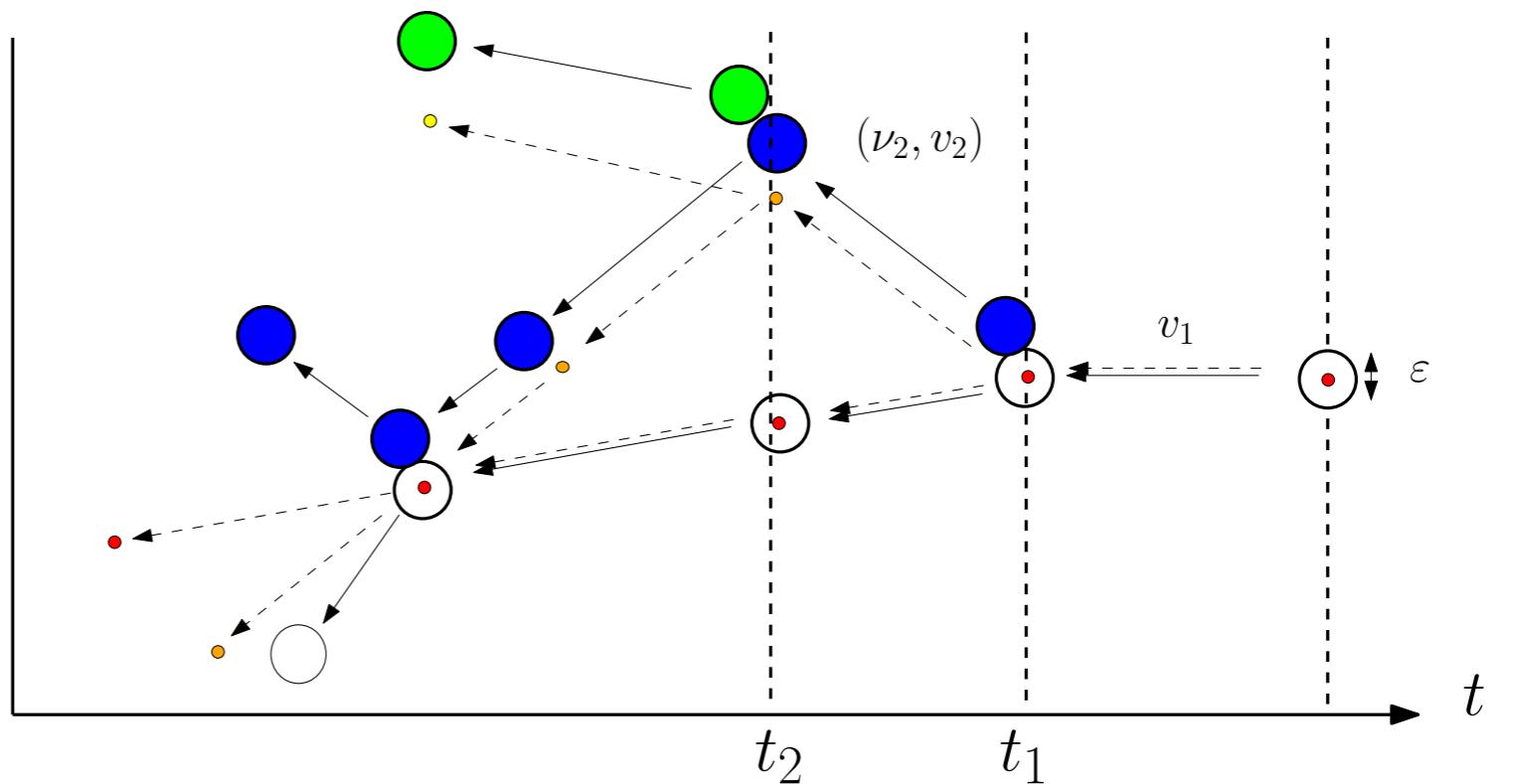
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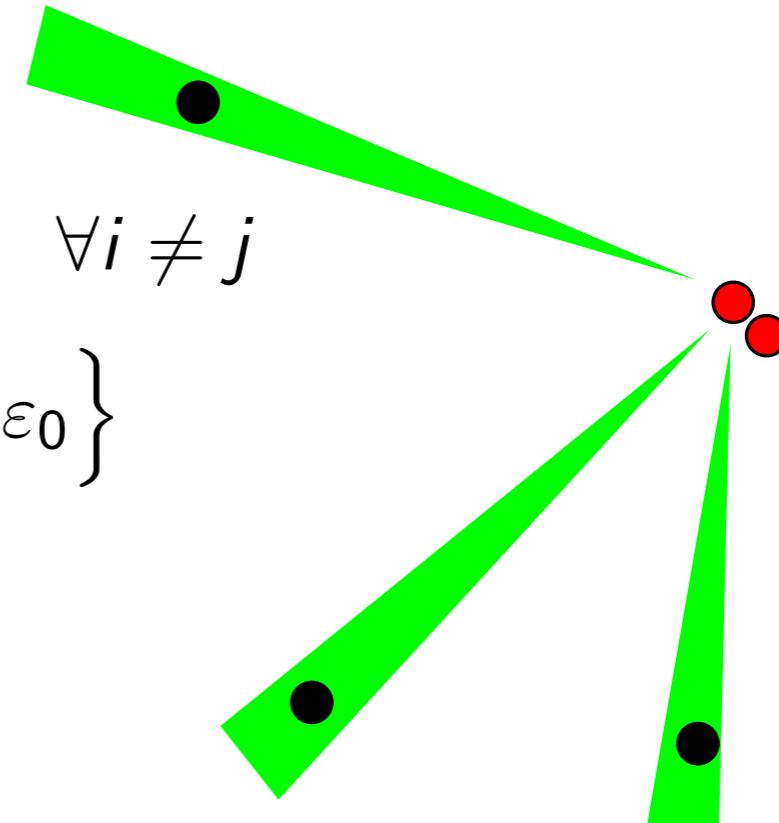
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BBGKY and Boltzmann trajectories can be coupled if there are no recollisions

- Truncating high velocities
- Truncating collisions in short time intervals
- Recursive construction of the [good trajectories](#)

$$\mathcal{G}_k(\varepsilon_0) = \left\{ Z_k \in \mathbf{T}_\lambda^{dk} \times \mathbb{R}^{dk} / \forall s \in [0, t], \quad \forall i \neq j \right. \\ \left. d(x_i - sv_i, x_j - sv_j) \geq \varepsilon_0 \right\}$$

Up to a small set of velocities, the system  
is stable by addition of the  $k + 1$  particle



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Choosing the velocities such that the particles in both hierarchies remain at distance less than  $2^K \varepsilon$  and that there are no recollisions. This boils down to remove a set of velocities with small probability.

**Quantitative controls : [Gallagher, Saint-Raymond, Texier]**

$$\text{Error} \leq (Ct)^{\mathcal{N}_t} \varepsilon \quad \text{with } \mathcal{N}_t \text{ particles in the tree at time } t$$

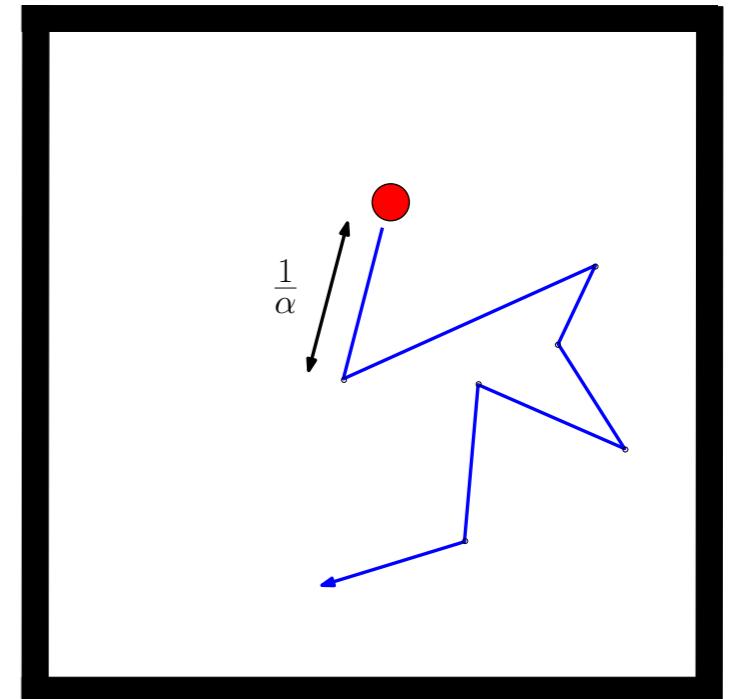
Estimates are valid up to times :  $t_N = o\left(\sqrt{\log \log(N)}\right)$

$$\|f_N^{(1)} - g^{(1)}\|_{L^\infty([0, t_N] \times \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}^d)} \leq C\mu \left( \frac{t_N^2}{\log \log N} \right)^2$$

# Coupling both hierarchies

**Position :**  $x_1^0(t) = \int_0^t v(u) du$

Markov process on the velocities  
 $\{v(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  with generator  $\alpha \mathcal{L}$



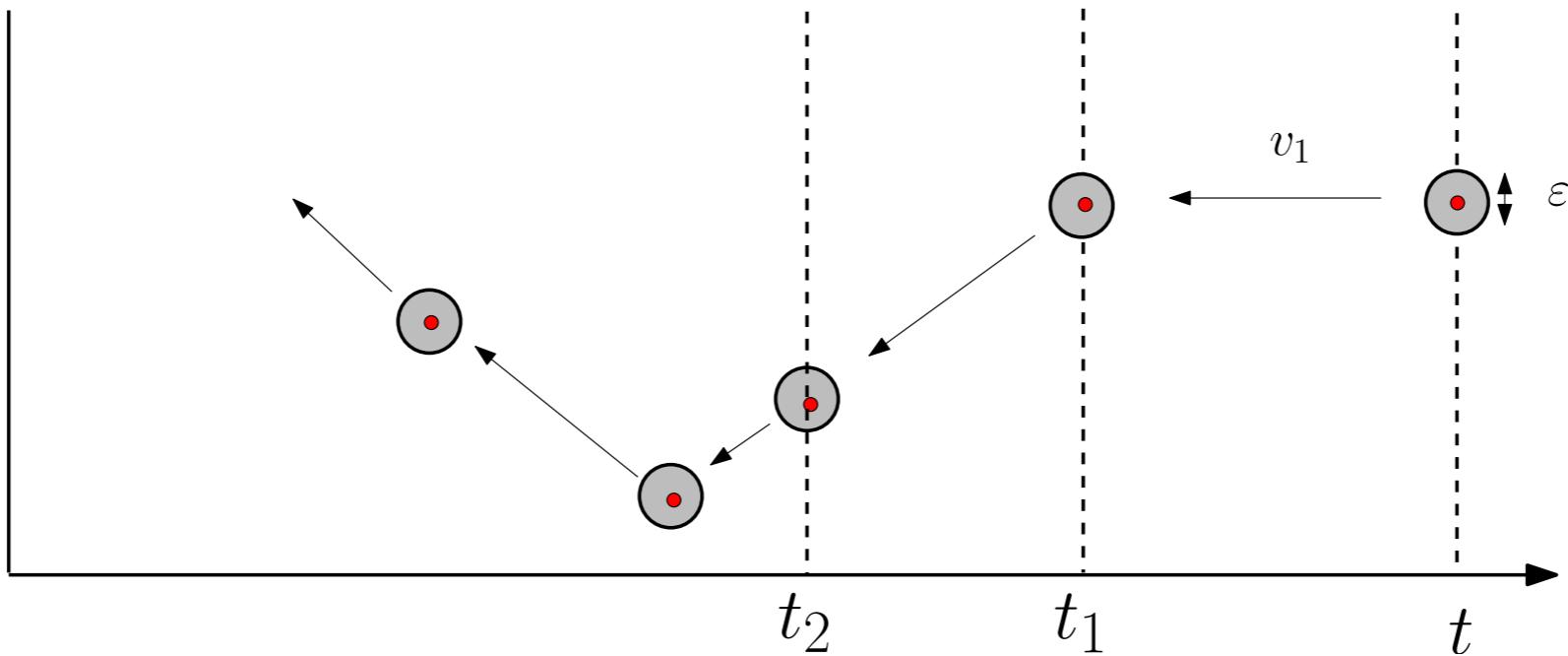
$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}g(v) := \iint M_\beta(v_1)[g(v') - g(v)] ((v - v_1) \cdot \nu)_+ dv_1 d\nu, \\ v' = v + (\nu \cdot (v_1 - v)) \nu \quad v'_1 = v_1 - (\nu \cdot (v_1 - v)) \nu \end{cases}$$

**Central limit Theorem** for additive functionals of Markov chains  
( $\mathcal{L}$  has a spectral gap)

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}\left(h(x_1^0(\alpha \tau))\right) = \mathbb{E}\left(h(B(\tau))\right)$$

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Coupling the trajectories  $x_1$  and  $x_1^0$  to get estimates at different times



The diffusion coefficient  $\kappa_\beta$  is given by

$$\kappa_\beta = \frac{1}{d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} v \mathcal{L}^{-1} v M_\beta(v) dv$$

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*Open problems.*

- Linearized Boltzmann equation in dimension 3
- Stochastic fluctuations [Spohn]
- Understanding the dissipation
- Boltzmann equation for large times