

Ergodicity in bidimensional sphere systems

In the framework of Piecewise Deterministic Markov Processes

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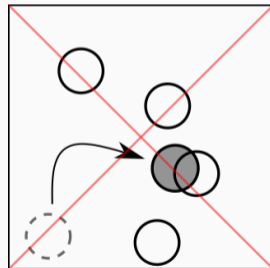
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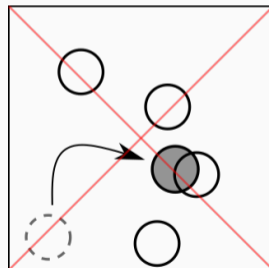
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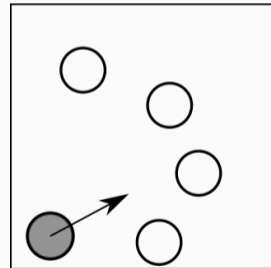
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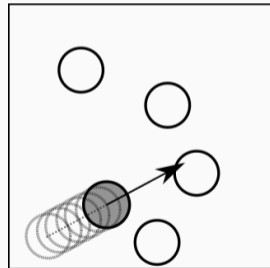
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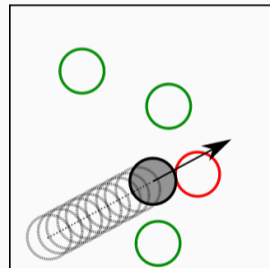
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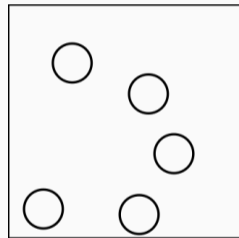
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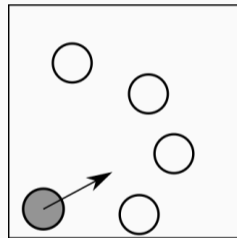
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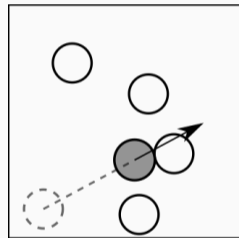
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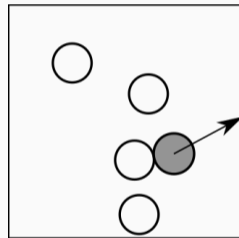
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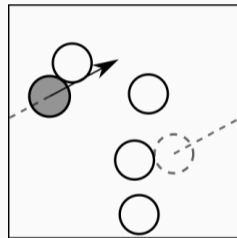
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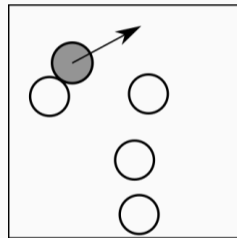
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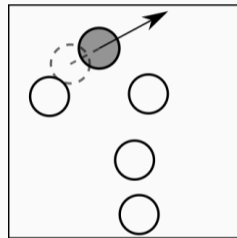
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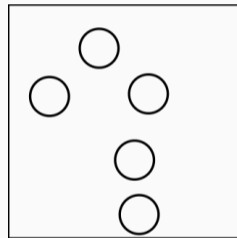
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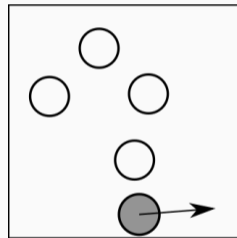
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- Piecewise deterministic Markov process

- Deterministic flow

$$\phi_t(x, v = (e, i)) = (x + te, v)$$

- Markov kernels $\{Q_k((x, v), d\tilde{v})\}$

$$Q_k((x, v), d\tilde{v}) = \delta(e - \tilde{e})\delta(i - \tilde{i})d\tilde{e}d\tilde{i}$$

- Jump rate $\lambda^{\text{tot}} = \sum_k \lambda_k + \lambda_r$

$$\lambda_k(x, v = (e, i)) = [\nabla_{x_i} E(x_i, x_k) \cdot e]^+$$

Refreshment rate $\lambda_r \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$

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$$\int_0^{t_{ik}} \lambda_k(\phi_s(x, v), v) ds$$

Piecewise Deterministic Markov Process (PDMP)

General formulation

The PDMP (X_t, V_t) defined on $\Omega \times V$ is characterized by

- A deterministic flow $(\phi_t)_{t \geq 0}$,
- A Markov kernel $Q((x, v), d\tilde{v}) = \delta(v - \tilde{v})d\tilde{v}$
- A jump rate $\lambda^{\text{tot}} = \lambda + \lambda_r$, $\lambda(x, v) = [\nabla_x E(x) \cdot v]^+$, $\lambda_r \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$

and targets the extended probability distribution $\bar{\pi} = \pi \otimes \mu_V$.

It defines a Markov semi-group $(P_t)_{t \geq 0}$, writing for $A \in \mathcal{B}(\Omega \times V)$

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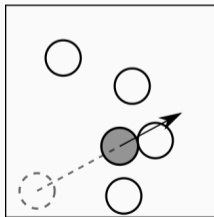
The infinitesimal generator, encoding infinitesimal changes in $(P_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is defined as

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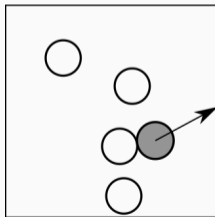
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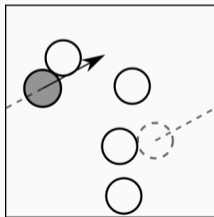
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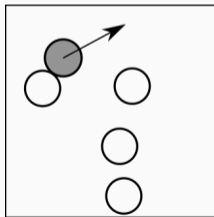
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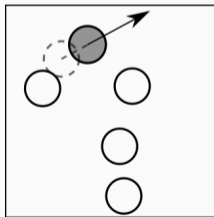
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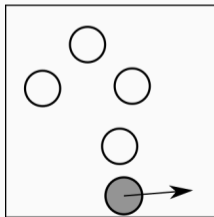
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and with $\bar{\pi} = \pi \otimes \mu_V$, if $\bar{\pi} P_t = \bar{\pi}$,

$$\int_{\Omega \times V} \mathcal{A}f d\bar{\pi} = 0 \quad (\text{Invariance})$$

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Uniform ergodicity

For any $(x_0, v_0) \in \Omega \times V$ and $A \in \mathcal{B}(\Omega \times V)$,

$$\int \mathbb{P}_{(x_0, v_0)}((X_t, V_t) \in A) \geq c\nu(A) \quad (\text{Petite set})$$

where $c \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ and ν a non-trivial measure.

- Difficulties

- $\int \mathbb{P}_{(x_0, v_0)}((X_t, V_t) \in A) \propto d(x_{t,i}, x_{t,j})$ for all $t \geq 0$
- Metropolis algorithm : density obtained at each step
ECMC / PDMP : uses only events and refreshments to create density

- Solutions

- Control of distances for all intermediate sets of configurations
- Create a density of paths connecting any two states through refreshments

Connectivity in bidimensional hard sphere systems

Connectivity of Ω_H : there is a path connecting any two points in Ω_H

With $\Omega_H = \{x \in \Omega, \forall (i, j) \in \llbracket 1, N \rrbracket^2, d(x_i, x_j) > 2\sigma\}$, and $\sqrt{N}\sigma < \alpha_0$,

$$\int \mathbb{P}_{(x_0, v_0)}((X_t, V_t) \in A) > 0$$

which improves on Diaconis, P., Lebeau, G., & Michel, L. (2011).

- Difficulties
 - Too strict condition on the density to apply the same scheme as the previous proof
 - Critical density for connectivity is still an open question
- Scheme of proof
 - Expansion of a configuration to ensure a minimal distance between each pair of spheres
 - Connectivity of the set of expanded configurations
 - Existence of paths connecting the expanded and the contracted sets

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