Jorge's Mosaic of Interests

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Jorge's fest, 14-15 April 2025

From sometime ago & far way

to nearby & present times



Onsager Prize, APS Global Summit 2025

A bit of embarrassment

From sometime ago & far way

to nearby & intermediate times



thanks to Vicky Kurchan for the picture

Prix Servant Académie de Sciences 2005

More embarrassment



From long ago & far way to intermediate times



Prix Servant Académie de Sciences 2005



Prizes since very young age

for running very very fast (?)

Still more embarrassment



Universidad de Buenos Aires - Comisión de Energía Atómica







Undergrad

PhD

*From Buenos Aires. Not always loved by people from "province" – like me.



Universidad de Buenos Aires - Comisión de Energía Atómica







Chat chat chat at the cafeteria...

A lot of psychoanalysis (deep porteño culture)

Daniel Bes PhD Supervisor

Studies

Universidad de Buenos Aires - Comisión de Energía Atómica







Chat chat chat at the cafeteria...

Daniel Bes PhD Supervisor

but also Borges & literature

PhD Thesis

Nuclear Physics



Read sample

TREATMENT OF COLLECTIVE

See all formats and editions

These lecture notes deal with the problem of collective coordinates in many-body systems, which are treated as gauge systems in (0+1) dimensions. The resulting classical Dirac brackets are discussed, as well as the structure of the quantal space of wavefunctions. Emphasis is made on the application of the BRST formalism. Several systems displaying an approximate breakdown of symmetries are treated. Many-body physicists may find

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From Buenos Aires to La Plata with P. Leboeuf et al. to attend Field Theory Lectures with D. Bes to discuss with F. A. Schaposnik At the time, no highway, $\sim 3h$ by car along jammed Av. Calchaquí

Weizmann Institute

Post-doc: Nuclear Physics \longrightarrow **Statistical Physics**



Journal of Physics A: Mathematical and General

Critical capacity of noisy and asymmetrically constrained perceptrons

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Unfortunately Eytan had to cancel

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Phase-Space Localization: Topological Aspects of Quantum Chaos

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We study quantized classically chaotic maps on a toroidal two-dimensional phase space. A discrete, topological criterion for phase-space localization is presented. To each eigenfunction is associated an integer, analogous to a quantized Hall conductivity, which when nonzero reflects phase-space delocalization. A model system is studied, and a correspondence between delocalization and chaotic classical dynamics is discussed.

Roman times

La Sapienza



Roman times

La Sapienza - San Lorenzo



Miguel Virasoro

Two very porteños together:

lots of Argentinian/World politics discussed

Quartiere San Lorenzo



So many very good friends: Raff, Gae, Tassos & Paulette, Simona, Sergio, Giulia, Felix, Marco, David, Marc, Enzo Nicolas, Rémi, Thierry

Roman times

Early 90s in Rome



Daniel AmitMiguel VirasoroGiorgio ParisiNeural NetsDisordered SystemsRoma I SapienzaRoma II Tor Vergata

Very lively, socially & scientifically

Mean-Field Modelling

Classical p-spin Spherical Models

Potential energy

$$\mathcal{V} = -\sum_{i_1 \neq \dots \neq i_p} J_{i_1 \dots i_p} x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_p} \qquad p \text{ integer}$$

quenched random couplings $J_{i_1...i_p}$ drawn from a Gaussian $P[\{J_{i_1...i_p}\}]$

(over-damped) Langevin dynamics for continuous spins $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$ coupled to a white bath $\langle \xi(t) \rangle = 0$ and $\langle \xi(t)\xi(t') \rangle = 2\gamma k_B T \delta(t - t')$

$$\gamma \, \frac{dx_i}{dt} = -\frac{\delta \mathcal{V}}{\delta x_i} + z_t x_i + \xi_i$$

 z_t is a Lagrange multiplier that fixes the spherical constraint $\sum\limits_{i=1}^N x_i^2 = N$

p=2 mean-field coarsening $p\geq 3$ RFOT modelling of glasses

Kirkpatrick, Thirumalai & Wolynes 87-89

Dynamic equations

Integro-differential eqs. on the correlation and linear response

In the $N \to \infty$ limit exact and closed causal Schwinger-Dyson equations (Average over randomness, random initial conditions and thermal noise)

$$(\gamma \partial_t - \mathbf{z_t})C(t, t') = \int dt'' \left[\Sigma(t, t'')C(t'', t') + D(t, t'')R(t', t'') \right] + 2\gamma k_B T R(t', t) (\gamma \partial_t - \mathbf{z_t})R(t, t') = \int dt'' \Sigma(t, t'')R(t'', t') + \delta(t - t')$$

where Σ and D are the self-energy and vertex, which for p spin models read

$$D(t,t') = \frac{p}{2} C^{p-1}(t,t') \qquad \Sigma(t,t') = \frac{p(p-1)}{2} C^{p-2}(t,t') R(t,t')$$

 z_t is fixed by C(t,t)=1 Sompolinsky & Zippelius 82, LFC & Kurchan 93

Similar to Mode-Coupling Theory for liquids Götze et al 80s or DMFT for quantum systems Georges & Kotliar 90s, but not necessarily in equilibrium

Weak ergodicity breaking

 $\lim_{t-t'\to\infty} \lim_{t'\to\infty} C(t,t') = q_{\rm EA}$

$$\lim_{t \gg t'} C(t, t') = 0$$

Bouchaud 92

Weak long-term memory

 $\lim_{t-t'\to\infty} \lim_{t'\to\infty} R(t,t') \simeq 0$

but

$$\sigma(t,t') = \int_0^{t'} dt'' \ R(t,t'') \longrightarrow f(C(t,t')) = \text{finite}$$

LFC & Kurchan 93

allow us to solve the integro-differential eqs. asymptotically

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LFC & Kurchan 93

and capture aging, non-stationary relaxations

TAP Free-energy Landscape

 $p\geq 3$ spin models



The dynamics is linked to the topography of the landscape

Both for physical and algorithmic dynamic rules

TAP Free-energy Landscape

 $p\geq 3$ spin models



Flat threshold as an attractor for the spherical *p*-spin relaxation

Both for physical and algorithmic dynamic rules

Fluctuation-dissipation

Induced vs. spontaneous fluctuations in the spherical *p*-spin model

A quench from $T_0
ightarrow \infty$ to $T < T_c$



parametric construction



used as a parameter



Breakdown of the equilibrium FDT $k_BT \chi = C$

Convergence to $k_BT \chi(C)$, two linear relations for $C \leq q_{ea}$

Mean-field models LFC & Kurchan 93

Fluctuation-dissipation

Interpretation in real & configurational space



Short-scale

equilibrium external bath

with the bath temperature T

The fluct-diss relation

Large-scale motion by the internal dynamics holds another temperature T^*



transverse longitudinal motion in the landscape

After cooling from equilibrium at $T_0 > T_d$, hotter $T^* > T$ After heating from equilibrium at $T_0 < T_d$, colder $T^* < T$

ruled

Support for the temperature interpretation later

$\textbf{Rome} \longrightarrow \textbf{France}$

 $\textbf{Post-doc} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \textbf{CNRS}$

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LPS - Dept. Physique ENS





Effective temperatures

Measurement with thermometers





Grigera & Israeloff 99 - Glassy D'Anna, Mayor, Barrat, Loreto & Nori 03 - Granular Boudet, Jagielka, Guerin, Barois, Pistolesi & Kellay 24 artificial active matter - robots, etc.

- Short internal time scale fast dynamics is tested and T is recorded.
- Long internal time scale slow dynamics is tested and T^* is recorded.

Related to the phenomenological *fictive temperatures* of **Tool 46**, **Gardon & Narayanaswamy 70**, **Moynihan et al 76**, **etc.** but measurable & with a thermodynamic interpretation Also appearing in stochastic thermodynamic relations

Effective temperatures

Induced by one (or more) baths

Exercise : motion in contact with a complex bath



LFC & Kurchan 00, Zamponi et al 05, Ilg & Barrat 07, etc., cfr. tracer in pasive & active bath

Interacting systems

Self-consistency

In classical interacting systems (*e.g.* glasses, active matter, powders) sometimes one selects some variables and treats the rest in some self-consistent way. Say this variable is ϕ

Results in an effective Langevin equation with a self-consistent friction

$$M\ddot{\phi}(t) + \int dt' \, \mathbf{\Gamma}^{\mathbf{f}}(t,t') \dot{\phi}(t') = -\frac{\delta V(\{\phi\})}{\delta \phi(t)} + \xi(t)$$

and coloured noise with correlation $\langle \xi(t)\xi(t') \rangle$

The friction $\Gamma^{\mathbf{f}}$ and noise $\langle \xi(t)\xi(t') \rangle$ kernels are self-consistently determined in terms of correlations C and linear responses R of the original variables, represented by ϕ . They also get contributions from the external bath *cfr.* **DMFT**

Sompolinsky & Zippelius 80s, LFC & Kurchan 90-early 2000s, Zamponi et al, Altieri et al beyond physics

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with friction
$$\Gamma^{\mathbf{f}} = \underbrace{\Gamma^{\mathbf{f}}_{\mathbf{B}}}_{bath} + \underbrace{\Gamma^{\mathbf{f}}_{int}}_{syst} = \Gamma_{\mathbf{B}} + \Gamma^{\mathbf{f}}_{int}(C, R)$$

$$\& \text{ correlated coloured noise } \langle \xi(t)\xi(t') \rangle = \underbrace{k_BT\Gamma_{\mathbf{B}}}_{tart} + \overline{\Gamma}^{\mathbf{n}}_{int}(C, R)$$

bath syst While for an equilibrium external bath $k_B T \Gamma_B^f = \overline{\Gamma}_B^n$ the equilibrium fluctuation dissipation relation is not ensured for the internal contributions and it does not apply below T_g

Glassy Dynamics

Quenched random systems \leftrightarrow **Structural Glasses**



Collaboration with Jean-Philippe Bouchaud & Marc Mézard

A global picture for the dynamics of different glassy systems

Kirkpatrick, Thirumalai & Wolynes, late 80s

Kurchan & Laloux, Phase space geometry and slow dynamics, J. Phys. A 29, 1929 (1996)

Glassy Dynamics

Quenched random systems \leftrightarrow **Structural Glasses**

Jorge & Marc



Jorge & Jean-Philippe



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Fluctuation Theorems

for Langevin dynamics: rendering them understandable

Journal of Physics A: Mathematical and General

Fluctuation theorem for stochastic dynamics

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Abstract

The fluctuation theorem of Gallavotti and Cohen holds for finite systems undergoing Langevin dynamics. In such a context all non-trivial ergodic theory issues are bypassed, and the theorem takes a particularly simple form. As a particular case, we obtain a nonlinear fluctuation-dissipation theorem valid for equilibrium systems perturbed by arbitrarily strong fields.

with
$$\sigma_t = \int_0^t dt' \; {f f}({f x}(t')) \cdot {f v}(t')/\langle \sigma_t
angle$$
 the fluctuating power of a force ${f f}({f x}(t'))$

CNRS at ENS-Lyon - 1996 - 1999

 $\frac{P(\sigma_t)}{P(-\sigma_t)} = e^{\sigma_t}$

Sheared super-cooled liquids

Non-reciprocal interaction ante tempus



Ludovic Berthier (PhD Student)

Jean-Louis Barrat (Co-supervisor)

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A two-time-scale, two-temperature scenario for nonlinear rheology

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We investigate a general scenario for "glassy" or "jammed" systems driven by an external, nonconservative force, analogous to a shear force in a fluid. In this scenario, the drive results in the suppression of the usual aging process, and the correlation and response functions become time translation invariant. The relaxation time and the response functions are then dependent on the intensity of the drive and on temperature. We

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Organization skills

Les Houches 2002 - collaboration with Jean-Louis Barrat



Slow Relaxations and Nonequilibrium Dynamics in Condensed Matter: Les Houches Session LXXVII, 1-26 July, 2002 (Les Houches - Ecole d'Ete de Physique Theorique, 77) 2003rd Edition by Jean-Louis Barrat (Editor), & 3 more See all formats and editions

Intended for graduate students in physics and chemistry, this book touches on granular matter, protein folding, phase separating and evolution kinetics. Taking glasses as a central theme, it presents the problem of slow dynamics from several angles, a ubiquitous feature in condensed matter, mechanics and biological physics. Some of the best established workers in the field present different theoretical and experimental approaches to the subject.

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Do not know what happened to the students of the parallel Russian session 😀

Les Houches 2002

First steps into fatherhood



Quantum annealing

and their failure to solve hard problems

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Simple Glass Models and Their Quantum Annealing

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We study first-order quantum phase transitions in mean-field spin glasses. We solve the quantum random energy model using elementary methods and show that at the transition the eigenstate suddenly projects onto the unperturbed ground state and that the gap between the lowest states is exponentially small in the system size. We argue that this is a generic feature of all "random first-order" models, which includes benchmarks such as random satisfiability. We introduce a two-time instanton to calculate this gap in general, and discuss the consequences for quantum annealing.

First order quantum phase transitions at T = 0hinder quantum annealing algorithms



José Eduardo Wesfreid

CNRS PMMH at ESPCI - 1999 - 2012

Simulating Rare Events

part of J. Tailleur's PhD Thesis





Figure 6: **Typical Configurations for** $\alpha = \pm 0.04$. Phase space trajectories of the standard map are shown in light red whereas the trajectories localized by the Lyapunov Weighted Dynamics appear in dark blue.

J Stat Phys (2011) 145:787–811 DOI 10.1007/s10955-011-0350-4

Simulating Rare Events in Dynamical Processes

Cristian Giardina \cdot Jorge Kurchan \cdot Vivien Lecomte \cdot Julien Tailleur

Abstract Atypical, rare trajectories of dynamical systems are important: they are often the paths for chemical reactions, the haven of (relative) stability of planetary systems, the rogue waves that are detected in oil platforms, the structures that are responsible for intermittency in a turbulent liquid, the active regions that allow a supercooled liquid to flow.... Simulating them in an efficient, accelerated way, is in fact quite simple.

In this paper we review a computational technique to study such rare events in both stochastic and Hamiltonian systems. The method is based on the evolution of a family of copies of the system which are replicated or killed in such a way as to favor the realization of the atypical trajectories. We illustrate this with various examples.



José Eduardo Wesfreid

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More on Glasses

in large dimensions

Derivation & analysis of the free-energy density and use of Gardner's ideas:

"Random First Order Transition (RFOT) scenario is realized here with two thermodynamic transitions : the usual Kauzmann point associated with entropy crisis, and a further transition at higher pressures in which a glassy structure of micro-states is developed within each amorphous state."

+ P. Charbonneau, G. Parisi, PF Urbani & F. Zamponi

The derivation and analysis of the effective Langevin equation for glasses

$$M\ddot{\phi}(t) + \int^t dt' \,\mathbf{\Gamma}^{\mathbf{f}}(t,t')\dot{\phi}(t') = -\frac{\delta V(\{\phi\})}{\delta\phi(t)} + \xi(t)$$

+ T. Maimburg & F. Zamponi

Just a little bit about my own work Time reparametrization invariance and fluctuations

more in Jorge's talk tomorrow, I presume

Time reparametrization invariance

In the long t_w limit

Fast $t - t_w \ll t_w$



The aging part is **slow** $\mathcal{R}(t)/\mathcal{R}(t_w) = \mathcal{O}(1)$ $C_{ag}(t, t_w) \sim f_{ag}\left(\frac{\mathcal{R}(t)}{\mathcal{R}(t_w)}\right)$ $\partial_t C_{ag}(t, t_w) \propto \frac{\dot{\mathcal{R}}(t)}{\mathcal{R}(t)} \xrightarrow[t \to \infty]{}$

$$\partial_t C_{\rm ag}(t, t_w) \ll C_{\rm ag}(t, t_w)$$

Eqs. for the slow relaxation $C_{
m ag} < q_{
m ea}$ are invariant under

 $t \to h(t) \quad C(t, t_w) \to C(h(t), h(t_w)) \quad R(t, t_w) \to \dot{h}(t') / h(t_w) R(h(t), h(t_w))$



Characterize the spatial fluctuations

• There is an approximate dynamic symmetry :

global time reparametrization invariance

• There is a **soft/massless** dynamic mode associated to it,

with a two-time diverging correlation length $\xi(t, t_w)$

Extract it from, e.g

 $C_4(r,t,t_w) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i,j/|\vec{r_i}-\vec{r_j}|=r} \langle s_i(t)s_i(t_w)s_j(t)s_j(t_w)\rangle_c$

Characterize dynamic fluctuations - heterogeneities

 $C_{\vec{r}}(t, t_w; \ell, \xi)$, $\rho(C_{\vec{r}}, \chi_{\vec{r}}; t, t_w; \ell, \xi)$, multi-time functions, *etc.*

 Disentangle simple dynamic scaling implications from time reparametrization invariance ones.

Leading fluctuations

Global to local correlations & linear responses

$$C_{\rm ag}(t, t_w) \approx f_{\rm ag} \left(\frac{\mathcal{R}(t)}{\mathcal{R}(t_w)} \right)$$

global correlation

Global time-reparametrization invariance

$$C_{\vec{r}}^{\mathrm{ag}}(t,t_w) \sim f_{\mathrm{ag}}\left(\frac{h_{\vec{r}}(t)}{h_{\vec{r}}(t_w)}\right)$$

Ex.
$$h_{\vec{r_1}} = \frac{t}{t_0}$$
, $h_{\vec{r_2}} = \ln\left(\frac{t}{t_0}\right)$, $h_{\vec{r_3}} = e^{\ln^a > 1\left(\frac{t}{t_0}\right)}$ in different spatial regions

 \Rightarrow



Castillo, Chamon, LFC, Iguain & Kennett 02, 03

Chamon, Charbonneau, LFC, Reichman & Sellitto 04

Jaubert, Chamon, LFC & Picco 07

More recent perspective: time-reparametrization invariance in SYK models Kitaev 15, Maldacena & Stanford 16, more in J. Kurchan's talk

Concluding words

Super imaginative:

Strong ideas:

Very generous with his ideas

Hard worker, although it may not seem so...

Passion for debate

Acid humor (?)

Julien, Guilhem, Laurette, etc. disagreeing



Nadie ignora**



The best result

and an excellent father



and now I embarrassed the boys who should be sitting in the audience too