

# Stochastic processes in Astrophysics and Cosmology

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A taste of what can be done in astrophysics and cosmology



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## Stochastic Dissipative Stormer Problem

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A taste of what can be done in astrophysics and cosmology

Harko & **Mocanu**, *The stochastic-dissipative Stormer problem – trajectories and radiation patterns*  
In preparation



What does stochastic mean and why is it necessary?

[\(classic\) Brownian Motion](#)

Inability to keep track of experiments

Need an analytical tool to quantify this lack of knowledge



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Beyond classical BM

Inability to model nature with deterministic equations

Intrinsic randomness in nature



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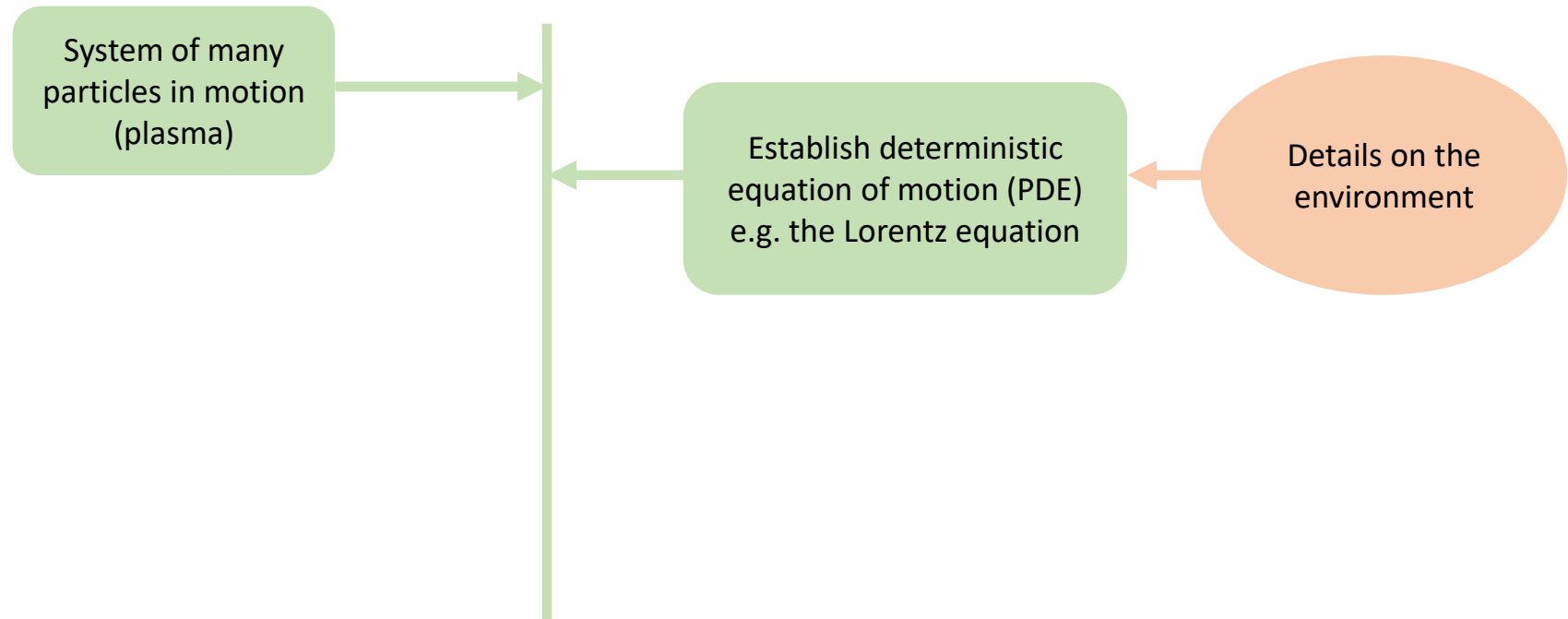
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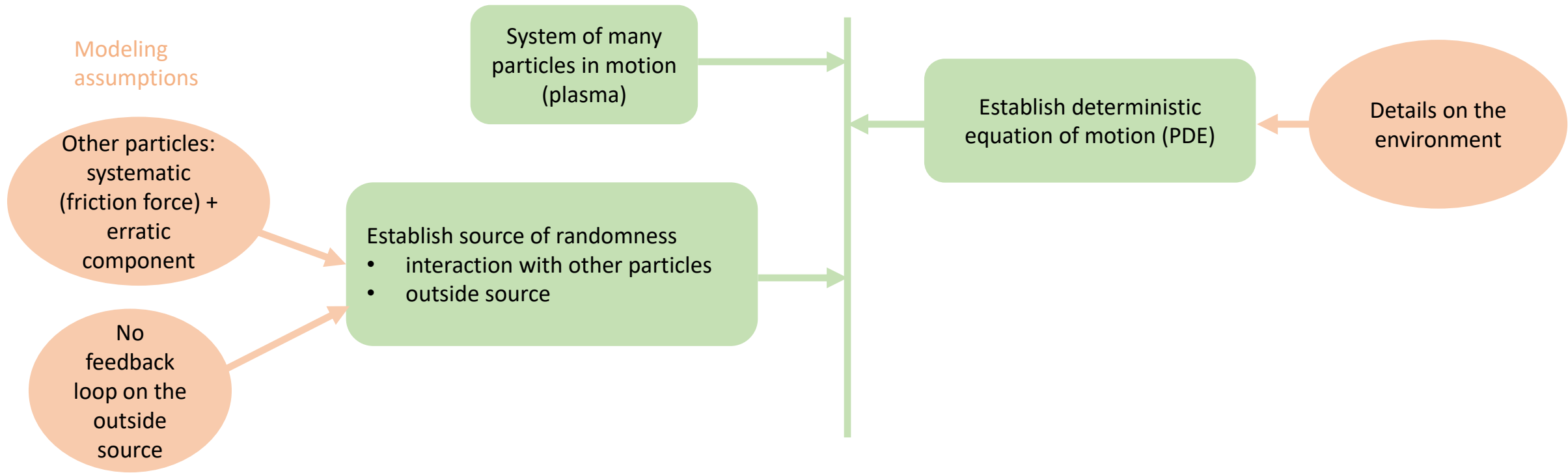
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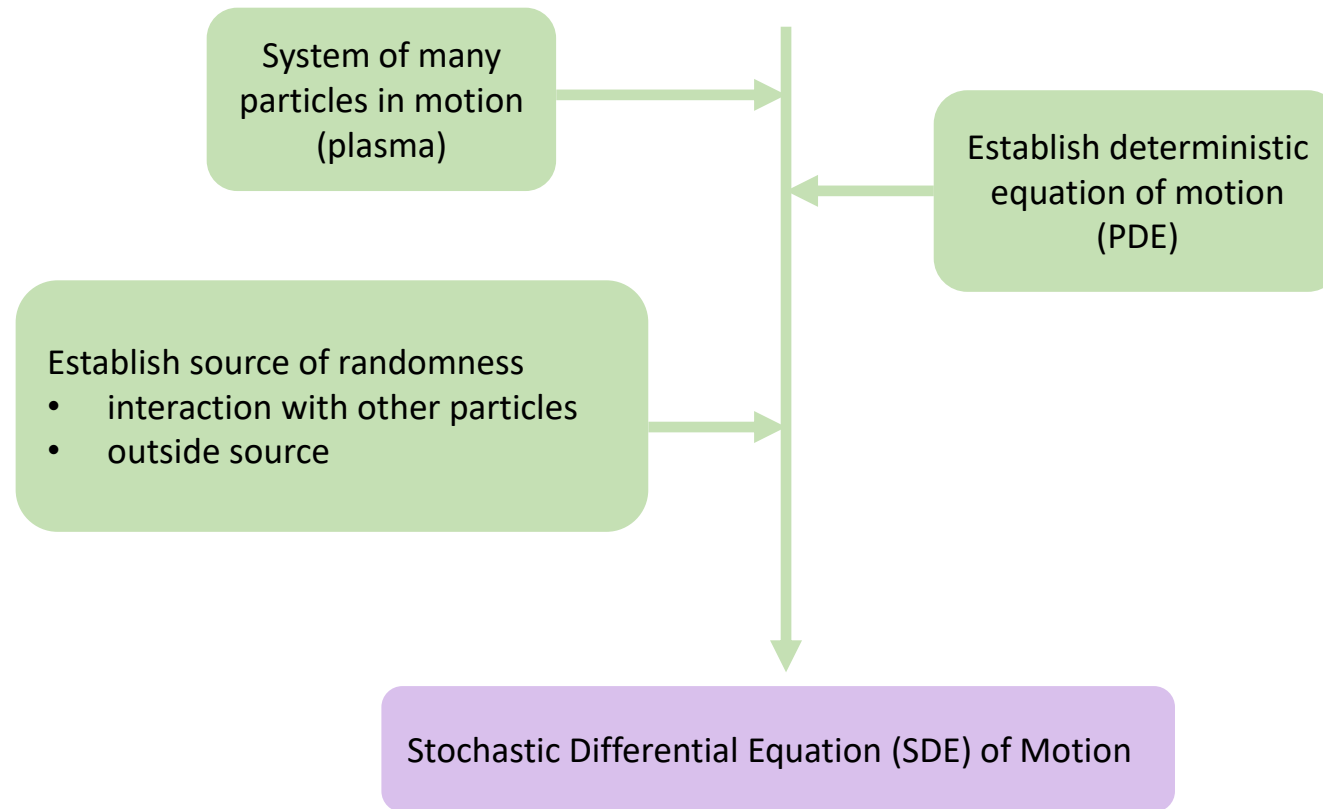


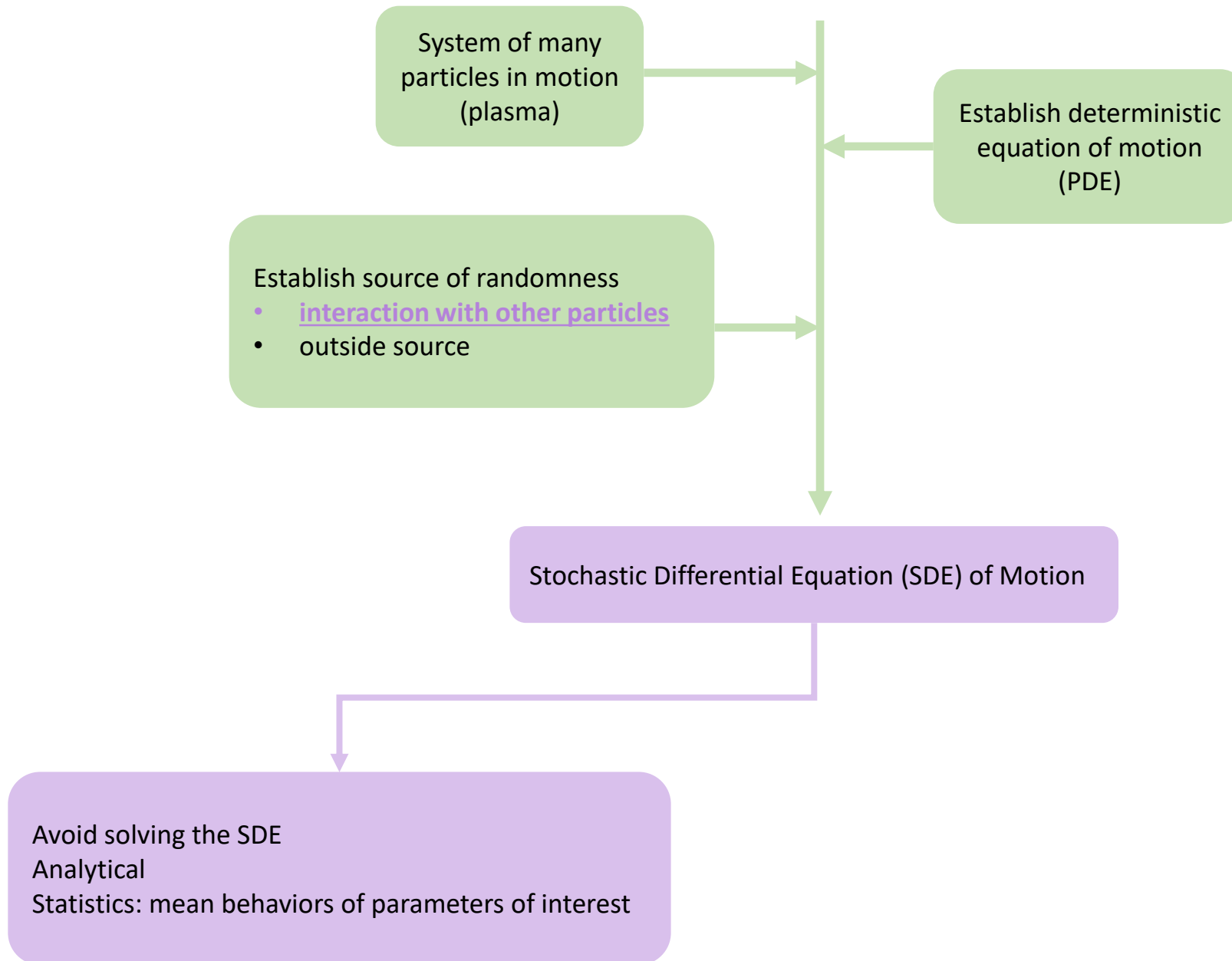
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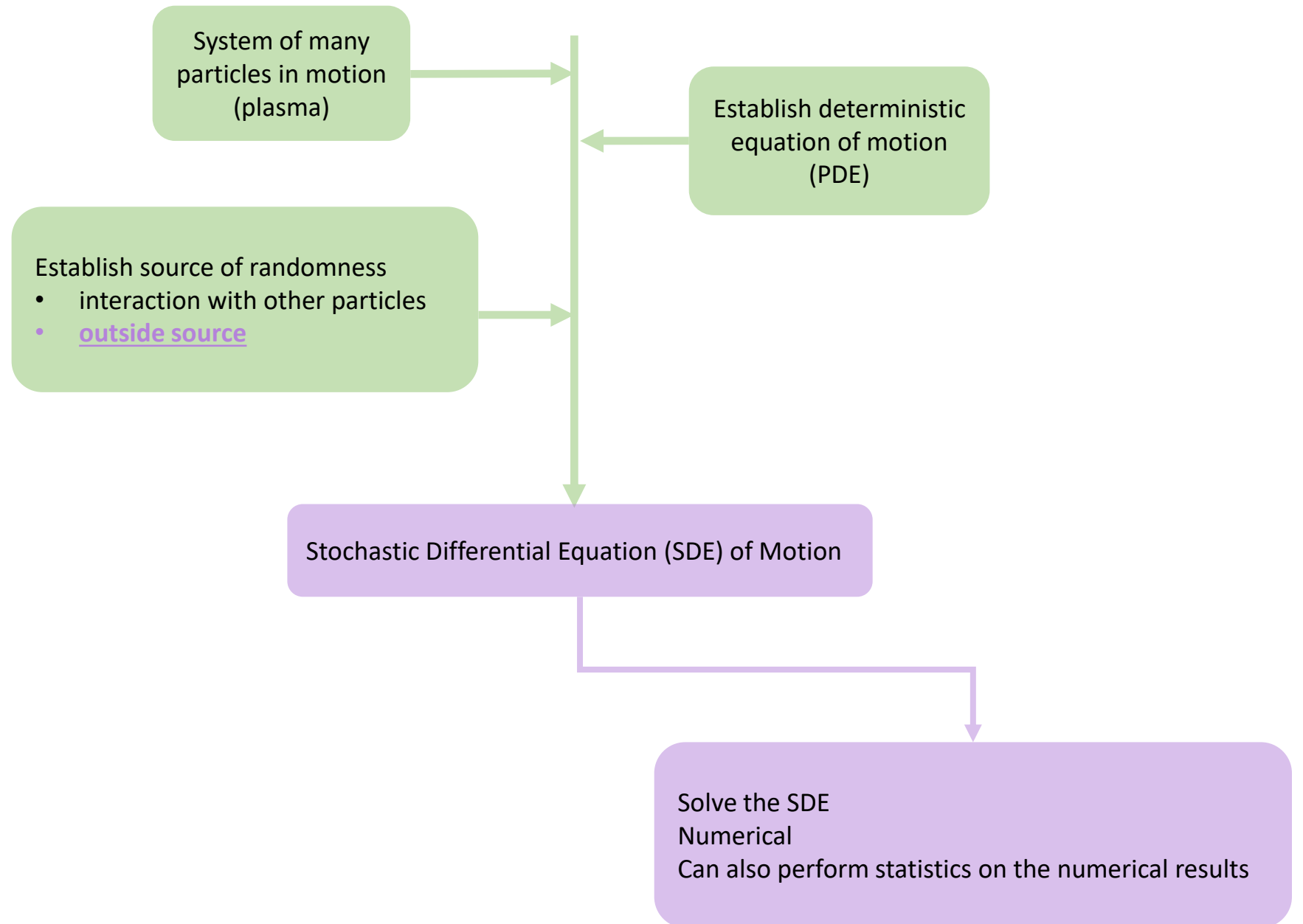












What actually happens to the equations?

We want to work our way up into describing the observed Brownian Motion of particles

Dynamical equation of the standard Wiener process  $W(t)$

$$W(t + dt) - W(t) = \sqrt{dt} N_t^{t+dt}(0,1)$$

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The hmmm moment

$$V(t + dt) - V(t) = \sqrt{dt}N_t^{t+dt}(0,1)$$

Lemons, *An introduction to stochastic processes in physics*, Baltimore, Maryland,  
The Johns Hopkins University Press (2002)



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Dynamical equation of the standard Brownian Motion  
Langevin equation – equation of motion

$$V(t + dt) - V(t) = -\gamma V(t)dt + \beta^2 dW(t)$$

Equation for displacement

$$X(t + dt) - X(t) = V(t)dt$$

Einstein fluctuation-dissipation

$$\beta^2 \gamma = 2k_B T$$

R. Kubo, *The fluctuation-dissipation theorem*, Reports on Progress in Physics, 29, 255 (1966)



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Mathematics: Ornstein–Uhlenbeck process

$$X(t + dt) - X(t) = -\gamma X(t)dt + \sigma dW(t)$$

Problems appearing in the mathematical description are addressed by  
Itô stochastic calculus

Øksendal, *Stochastic differential Equations, An introduction with applications*, Springer, 2003  
Särkkä, *Lecture 2: Itô Calculus and Stochastic Differential Equations*, 2013,  
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Use this framework for other processes that can be described by the OU process (not necessarily velocity of a Brownian Particle)

The evolution of the stochastic process  $X(t)$  is a succession of random variables:

$X(t)$  and  $X(t + dt)$  are two different random variables as they have the probability densities  $p(x, t)$  and  $p(x, t+dt)$  respectively

These two different random variables are related by a dynamical equation,

$$X(t + dt) - X(t) = F[X(t), t]$$

stochastic propagator

This is the update form of the differential equation  $\frac{dX(t)}{dt} = \frac{dF}{dt}$

But the stochastic process  $X(t)$  is not smooth so the derivative expression is technically incorrect

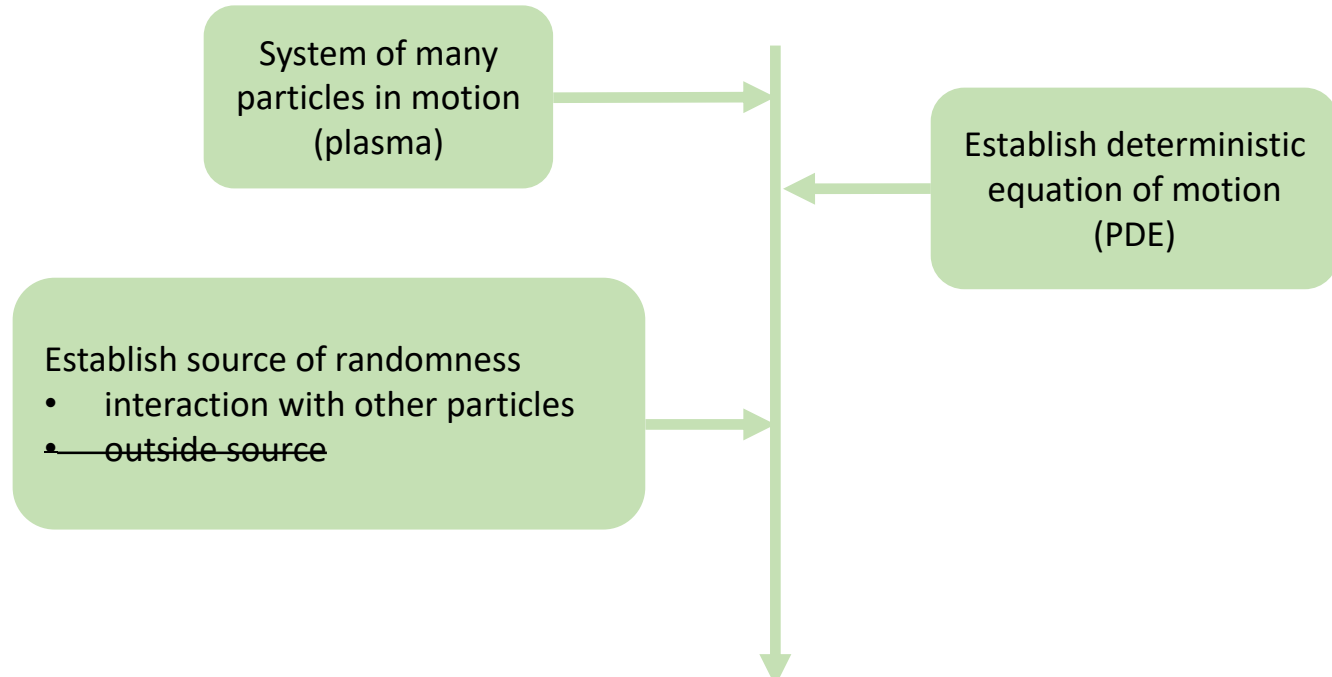




Name	Probability density	SDE	Mean and Variance	Physics
Gaussian white noise $\xi(t)$	$\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)$		standard: $\mu = 0$ , $\sigma = 1$	
Wiener process $W(t)$	$\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma(t))$	$W(t+dt) - W(t) = \sqrt{dt}N_t^{t+dt}(0, 1)$	standard: $\mu = 0$ , $\sigma = t$	
Wiener increment $dW(t) = W(t+dt) - W(t)$	$\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)$	$dW(t) = \sqrt{dt}N_t^{t+dt}(0, 1)$	standard: $\mu = 0$ , $\sigma = dt$	
OU process $X(t)$		$X(t+dt) - X(t) = \mu X(t)dt + \sigma dW(t)$		mathematical description
Brownian motion $V(t)$	$\mathcal{N}(\mu(t), \sigma(t))$	$V(t+dt) - V(t) = -\gamma V(t)dt + \sqrt{\beta^2 dt}N_t^{t+dt}(0, 1)$	$\mu(t)$ in Eq. (4.11), $\sigma(t)$ in Eq. (4.13)	as found in physics. Velocity of a particle in erratic motion in an environment at temperature $T$ , $\frac{\beta^2}{2\gamma} = \frac{k_B T}{2}$
Integral of Brownian motion $X(t)$	$\mathcal{N}(\mu(t), \sigma(t))$	$dX(t) = V(t)dt$	$\mu(t)$ in Eq. (4.15), $\sigma(t)$ in Eq. (4.17)	
Geometric Brownian motion $X(t)$				
		$X(t+dt) - X(t) = X(t) \left( \mu + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}dt + \sigma X(t)dW(t) \right)$		

Overview of some stochastic processes and their properties





Stochastic Differential Equation (SDE) of Motion  
Brownian Motion

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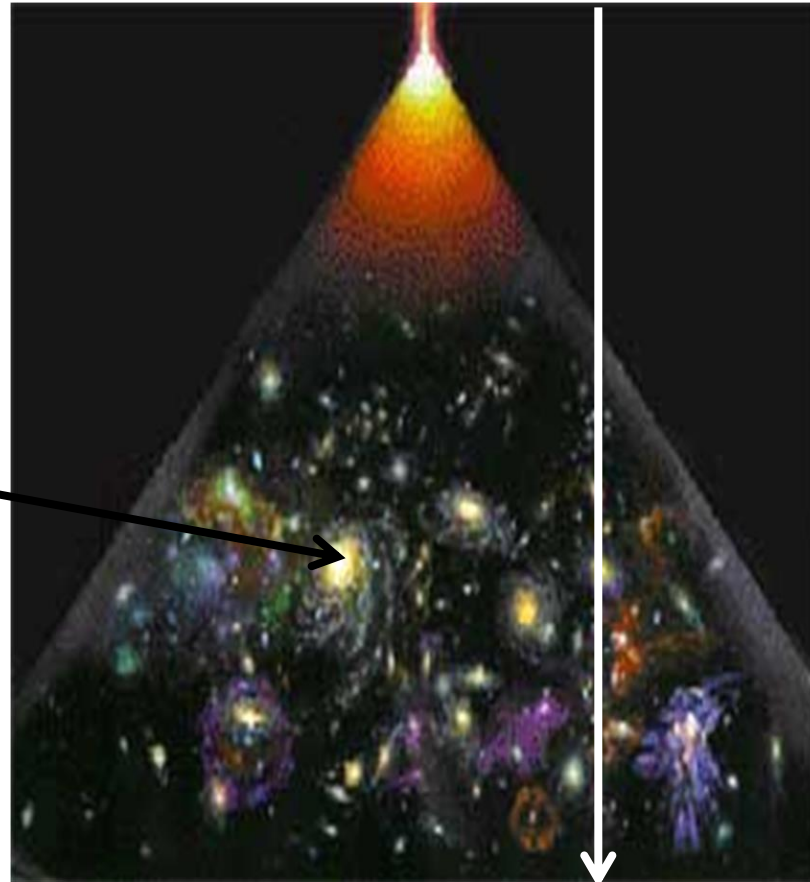
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$$\beta^2 \gamma = 2k_B T$$

Build on this to find trajectory and radiation of charged particles



Big Bang



Stochastic oscillations of general relativistic discs

Harko, **Mocanu**, *MNRAS*, 421, 3102–3110, 2012



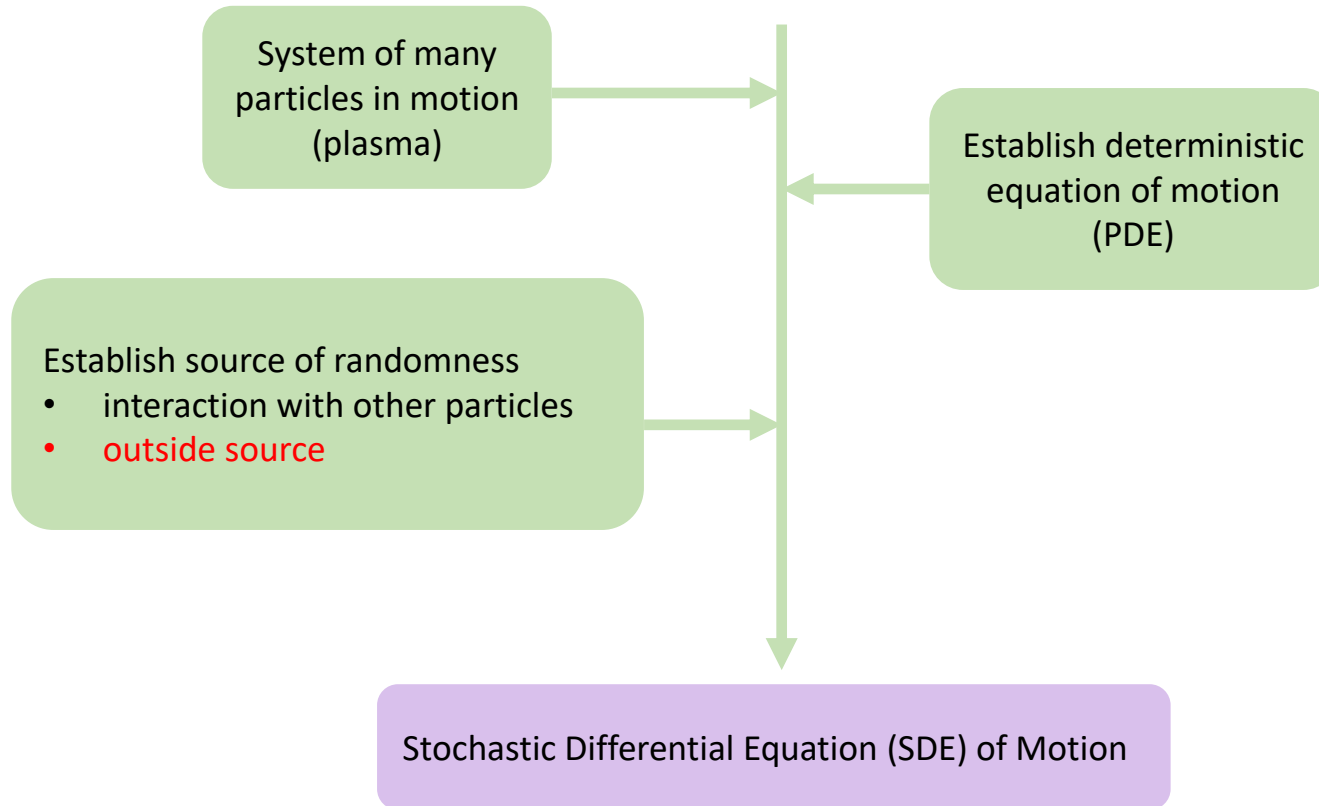
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MacLeod <i>et al.</i> (2010)	optical	9000 quasars	observation: the smooth PSD of LC on thermal timescale suggests a chaotic or stochastic origin for variability;
Carini <i>et al.</i> (2011)	optical	0716+714	observation: the observed variations are determined by the size of the turbulent regions (and not the electron cooling or acceleration timescales intrinsic to those timescales); LCs do not show any sign of periodicity; conclude that the observed variability is a result of a fractional noise process, consistent with the variations arising from a turbulent process;
Wagner & Witzel (1995)	optical	0954+658	observation: the outbursts are self similar, with exponential slopes of constant e-folding time <sup>1</sup>
Hoshino & Takeshima (1993)	X-Ray	X-Ray Binaries, Active Galactic Nuclei	observation: can be well interpreted as Self Organized state of plasma turbulence in the accreting plasmas;
Azarnia <i>et al.</i> (2005)	R, band	S5 0716+714	observation: analysis with Fourier transform show that a fractional noise process is responsible for the variations;
Leung <i>et al.</i> (2011a)	optic and X-Ray	Bl Lac	observation: calculate the fractal dimension and found that the source exhibits an almost pure random walk behaviour.
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Malzac <i>et al.</i> (2004)	X-Ray	XTE J1118+48	observation: $\text{rms} \propto B$
Ohsuga <i>et al.</i> (2005)	—	Sgr*	simulation: MC radiative transfer simulation in 3D MHD show that the MHD flow is intrinsically time varying and exhibits fractal structure;
Kawaguchi <i>et al.</i> (2000); Takeuchi <i>et al.</i> (1995); Kawaguchi <i>et al.</i> (1998)	—	—	theory and simulation: fractal magnetic fields produce $f^{-\beta}$ fluctuations;
Kelly <i>et al.</i> (2009)	optical	100 quasars	observation and simulation: LC on thermal timescales result from fluctuations that are driven by an underlying stochastic process, such as a turbulent magnetic field;
Kelly <i>et al.</i> (2009)	X-Ray	small mass (XRBs)	observation and theory: the black hole is a Gaussian stochastic process in the logarithm of the flux;
Janiuk & Czerny (2007)	X-Ray	—	simulation: variability is driven by variations in a magnetic field with the magnetic field density being modelled as an AR(1) process;  $dX(t) = -\frac{1}{\tau}X(t)dt + \sigma\sqrt{dt}\epsilon(t) + bdt,$ (B.1) where $b, \tau, \sigma > 0$ , $\epsilon(t) \in \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ , making $X(t) \in \mathcal{N}(b\tau, \frac{\sigma^2 t}{2})$ . If $X(t)$ is a CAR(1) process theory says that  $P_X(f) = \frac{2\sigma^2\tau^2}{1 + (2\pi\tau f)^2}.$ (B.2)
Kawaguchi <i>et al.</i> (2000)	—	—	simulation: examine the 3d MHD simulation data of Machida <i>et al.</i> (2000) and find that a magnetized accretion disk exhibits both $f^{-\beta}$ fluctuations and a fractal magnetic field structure, with the fractal dimension of $\approx 1.9$ ;

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Explanation of Active Galactic Nuclei observational features

Modelling tools for accretion disk dynamics

Magnetized disk and fractal perturbation

**Mocanu**, Marcu,  
**Mocanu**, Sándor,  
**Mocanu**, Grumiller,  
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Harko, Leung, **Mocanu**,  
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*Astronomische Nachrichten*, 333, pages 166–173, 2012  
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*Phys. Rev. D*, 85, 105022, 2012  
*MNRAS*, 439, 3790 – 3797, 2014  
*European Physical Journal C*, (2014), 74:2900  
*Journal of Astrophysics and Astronomy* (2014) 35, 449-452  
*MNRAS*, 453, 3, 2982–2991, 2015  
*Astrophysics and Space Science* 357 (2015), 1-9  
*Research in Astronomy and Astrophysics*, 15 (2015), 3, 327-332  
*European Journal of Physics C*, 76, 160 (2016)

Brownian Motion in an environment in which a deterministic Magnetic field exists, but it is not time dependent





## Theoretical and numerical update of the model



**Mocanu**, *Romanian Astronomical Journal*, 29, 1, 41-57, 2019

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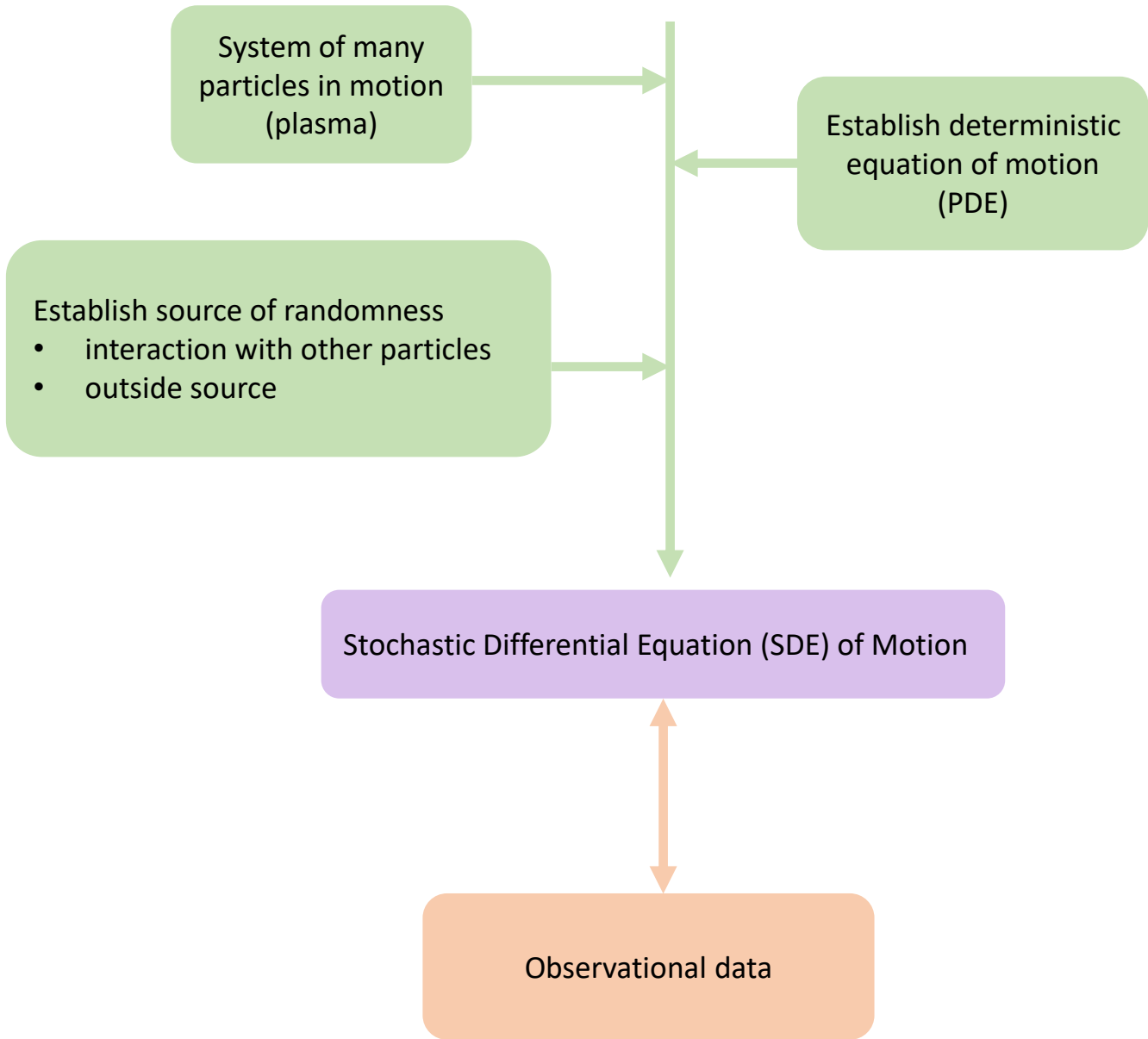
**Main result:** Trajectories of Charged Particles Undergoing Brownian Motion in a Time-Dependent Magnetic Field (deterministic)

In the limit of constant magnetic field, recovers the results in Lemons & Kaufman, *Brownian Motion of a Charged Particle in a Magnetic Field*, *IEEE Transactions on Plasma Science* 27, 5, 1288 (1999)

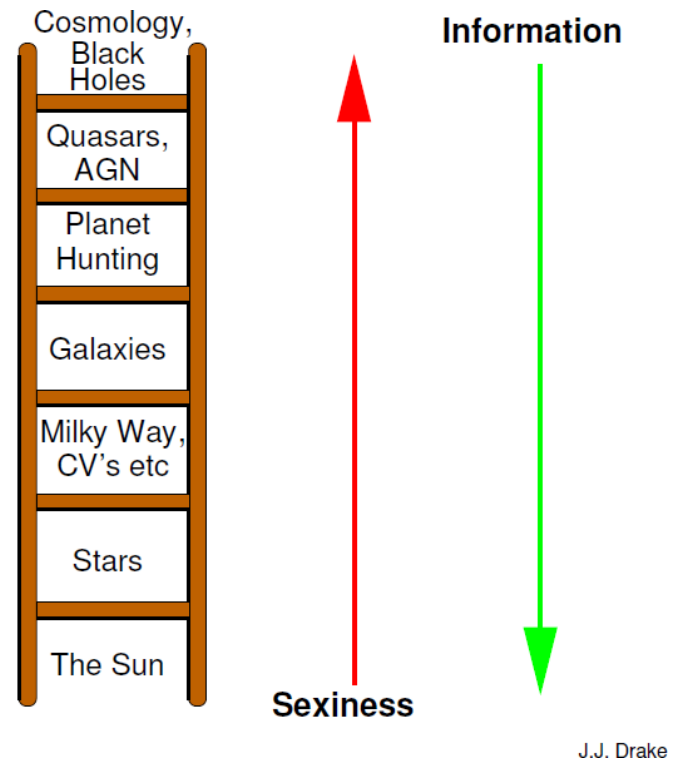
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## The Cosmic Sexiness Ladder



Harko & Mocanu, *The stochastic-dissipative Stormer problem – trajectories and radiation patterns*  
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Charged particle in motion:	classical and non-relativistic Stormer (motion in a dipole magnetic field) dissipation Brownian Motion – Stochastic differential equation of motion
Results:	dynamical behavior radiation (by different mediation procedures) escape rate
Tools employed:	analytic numerical solve SDE (Milstein Scheme) apply the 0-1 test for chaos

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Applications to observations: ?



Lorentz-Langevin equation

$$m \frac{d^2 \mathbf{r}}{dt^2} = q \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} - \gamma m \mathbf{v} + m \mathbf{f}^s$$

$$\langle f_i^s(t) \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle f_i^s(t_1) f_j^s(t_2) \rangle = \frac{a}{m^2} \delta_{ij} \delta(t_1 - t_2)$$

Magnetic dipole created by a current loop in the  $xOy$  plane

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{M_z}{r^3} (-y \hat{x} + x \hat{y}), \mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$$

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = \frac{3\alpha z}{r^5} (\dot{y}z - \dot{z}y) - \alpha \frac{1}{r^3} \dot{y} - \gamma \dot{x} + f_x^s$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = -\frac{3\alpha z}{r^5} (\dot{x}z - \dot{z}x) - \alpha \frac{1}{r^3} \dot{x} - \gamma \dot{y} + f_y^s$$

$$\frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} = \frac{3\alpha z}{r^5} (\dot{x}y - \dot{y}x) - \gamma \dot{z} + f_z^s$$

$$\alpha = \frac{qM_z}{m}$$

Stochastic processes are not smooth, so the derivative notation is understood to be formal



Make equations dimensionless

$$X_i = \frac{x_i}{r_0}$$

$$\tau = \beta t$$

$$\frac{d^2 X}{d\tau^2} = 3 \frac{Z}{R^5} (\dot{Y}Z - \dot{Z}Y) - \frac{1}{R^3} \dot{Y} - \Gamma \dot{X} + \Phi_X^S$$

$$\frac{d^2 Y}{d\tau^2} = -3 \frac{Z}{R^5} (\dot{X}Z - \dot{Z}X) - \frac{1}{R^3} \dot{X} - \Gamma \dot{Y} + \Phi_Y^S$$

$$\frac{d^2 Z}{d\tau^2} = 3 \frac{Z}{R^5} (\dot{X}Y - \dot{Y}X) - \Gamma \dot{Z} + \Phi_Z^S$$

$$\dot{X}_i = \frac{dX_i}{d\tau}$$



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$$\dot{X}_i = \frac{dX_i}{d\tau}$$

Solve coupled system of dimensionless SDEs with Millstein scheme

$$d\mathbf{S}(\tau) = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{S})d\tau + \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{S})d\mathbf{W}(\tau)$$

Giles, *Advanced Monte Carlo Methods*, Oxford University  
Mathematical Institute,  
[https://people.maths.ox.ac.uk/gilesm/talks/giles\\_module6.pdf](https://people.maths.ox.ac.uk/gilesm/talks/giles_module6.pdf)

$$d\mathbf{S}(\tau) = (dV_X, dX, dV_Y, dY, dV_Z, dZ)$$

$$A_1(\mathbf{S}) = 3 \frac{Z}{R^5} (V_Y Z - V_Z Y) - \frac{1}{R^3} V_Y - \Gamma V_X \quad A_2(\mathbf{S}) = V_X$$

$$A_3(\mathbf{S}) = -3 \frac{Z}{R^5} (V_X Z - V_Z X) - \frac{1}{R^3} V_X - \Gamma V_Y \quad A_4(\mathbf{S}) = V_Y$$

$$A_5(\mathbf{S}) = 3 \frac{Z}{R^5} (V_X Y - V_Y X) - \Gamma V_Z \quad A_6(\mathbf{S}) = V_Z$$

$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{S})$   $6 \times 6$  matrix

$$B_{11} = B_{33} = B_{55} = 1; B_{other} = 0$$

$$d\mathbf{W}(\tau) = (dW_X(\tau), 0, dW_Y(\tau), 0, dW_Z(\tau))$$



Solve coupled system of SDEs with Millstein scheme

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$$d\mathbf{S}(\tau) = (dV_X, dX, dV_Y, dY, dV_Z, dZ)$$

$$\tau = nh$$

Dimensionless velocity and position

$$S_i(n+1) = S_i(n) + A_i(\mathbf{S}(n))h + B_{ij}(n)dW_i(n)\delta_{ij}$$

Dimensionless acceleration

$$a_i = A_i(\mathbf{S}) + \sigma_{\Phi_i} N_{2i}$$

$N_{2i}$  –no. drawn at each timestep and for each vector component from a standard unit normal

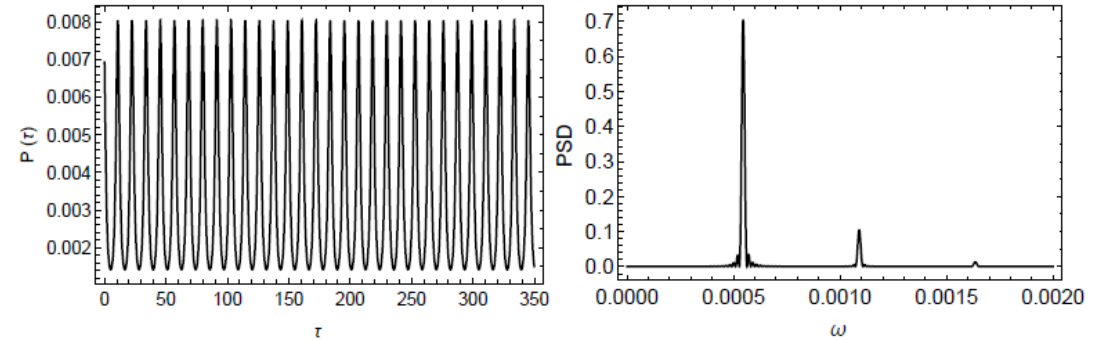
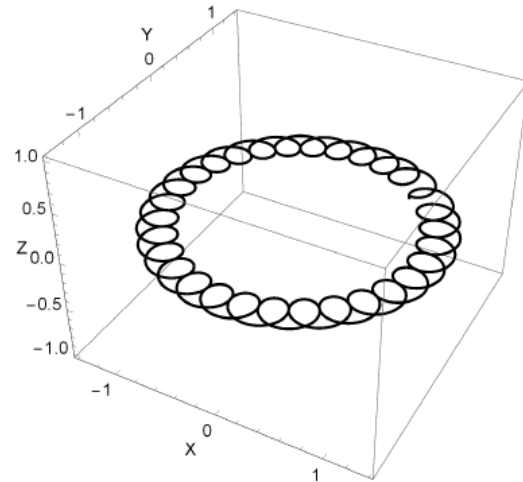


## Classical Stormer Problem (CSP)

$$\frac{d^2X}{d\tau^2} = 3\frac{Z}{R^5}(\dot{Y}Z - \dot{Z}Y) - \frac{1}{R^3}\dot{Y}$$

$$\frac{d^2Y}{d\tau^2} = -3\frac{Z}{R^5}(\dot{X}Z - \dot{Z}X) - \frac{1}{R^3}\dot{X}$$

$$\frac{d^2Z}{d\tau^2} = 3\frac{Z}{R^5}(\dot{X}Y - \dot{Y}X)$$



**Figure 1.** Trajectory, emitted power, and PSD of the emitted power for  $X_0 = 0.7$ ,  $Y_0 = 0.8$ ,  $Z_0 = 0$ ,  $V_{x0} = 0.1$ ,  $V_{y0} = 0$ ,  $V_{z0} = 0$ ,  $h = 0.001$ ,  $L = 350000$ , the PSD was obtained by sampling the  $P(\tau)$  at timesteps of  $h = 0.001$ , making the length of the array  $L = 350000$ . The PSD is applied to the same space as for the other cases and is thus comparable directly to the other PSDs.



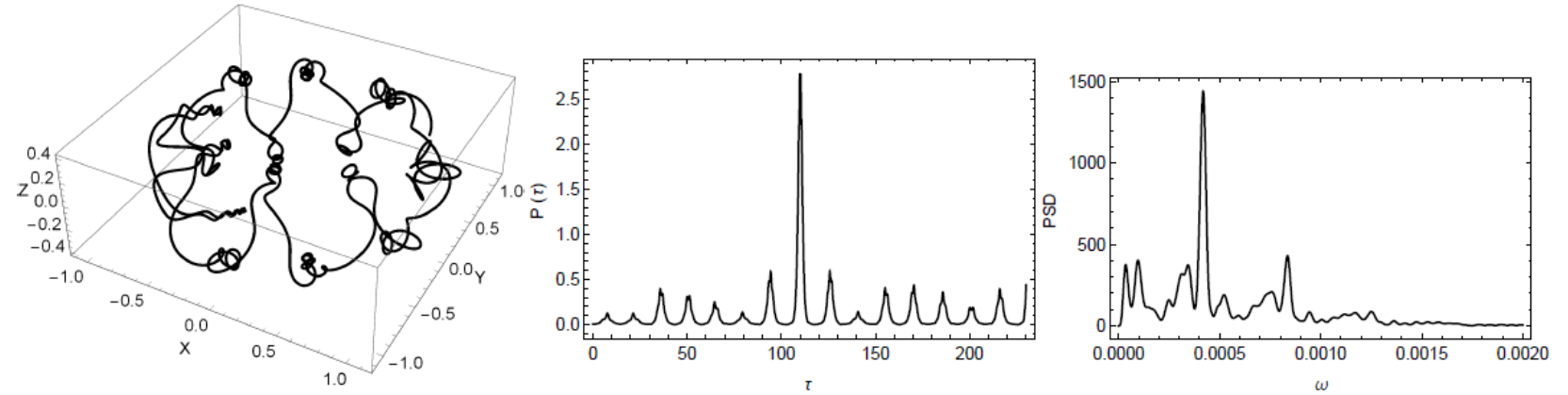


## Classical Störmer Problem

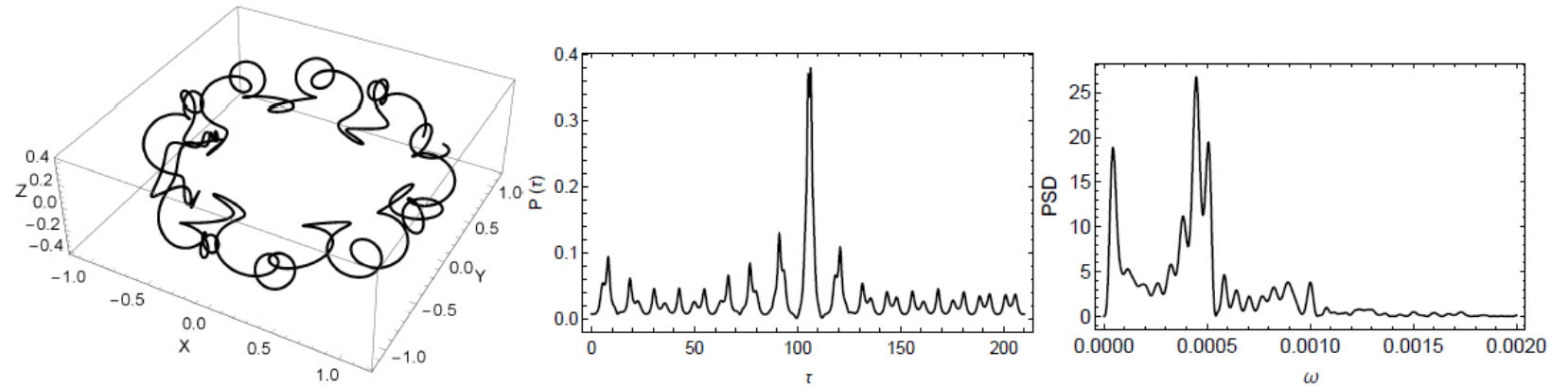
$$\frac{d^2X}{d\tau^2} = 3 \frac{Z}{R^5} (\dot{Y}Z - \dot{Z}Y) - \frac{1}{R^3} \dot{Y}$$

$$\frac{d^2Y}{d\tau^2} = -3 \frac{Z}{R^5} (\dot{X}Z - \dot{Z}X) - \frac{1}{R^3} \dot{X}$$

$$\frac{d^2Z}{d\tau^2} = 3 \frac{Z}{R^5} (\dot{X}Y - \dot{Y}X)$$



**Figure 2.** Trajectory, emitted power, and PSD of the emitted power for  $X_0 = 0.7$ ,  $Y_0 = 0.8$ ,  $Z_0 = 0$ ,  $V_{x0} = 0$ ,  $V_{y0} = 0.1$ ,  $V_{z0} = 0.1$ ,  $h = 0.001$ ,  $L = 230000$



**Figure 3.** Trajectory, emitted power, and PSD of the emitted power for  $X_0 = 0.7$ ,  $Y_0 = 0.8$ ,  $Z_0 = 0$ ,  $V_{x0} = 0.01$ ,  $V_{y0} = 0.1$ ,  $V_{z0} = 0.1$ ,  $h = 0.001$ ,  $L = 210000$



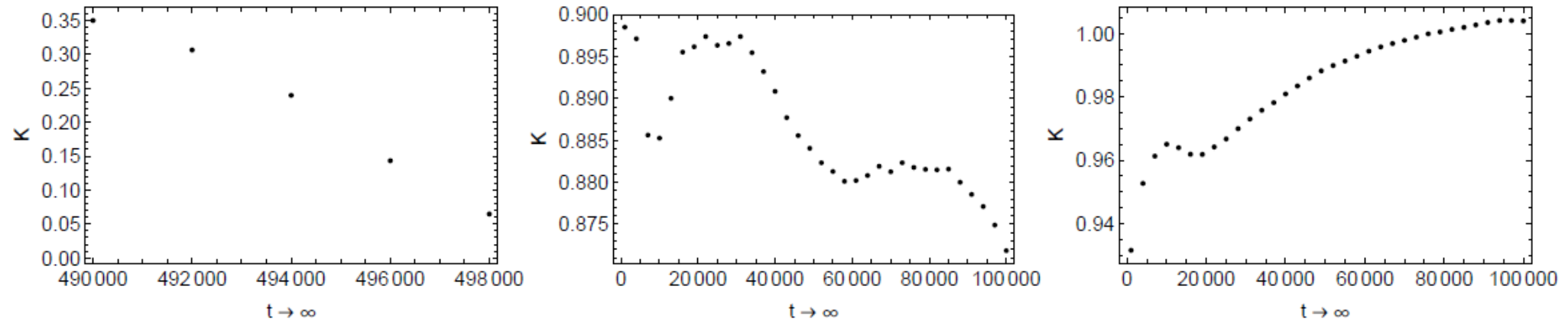


Figure 4. Results of the 0-1 chaos test for  $T = 500000$  and different values of  $t$  for the three CSP cases discussed to far.

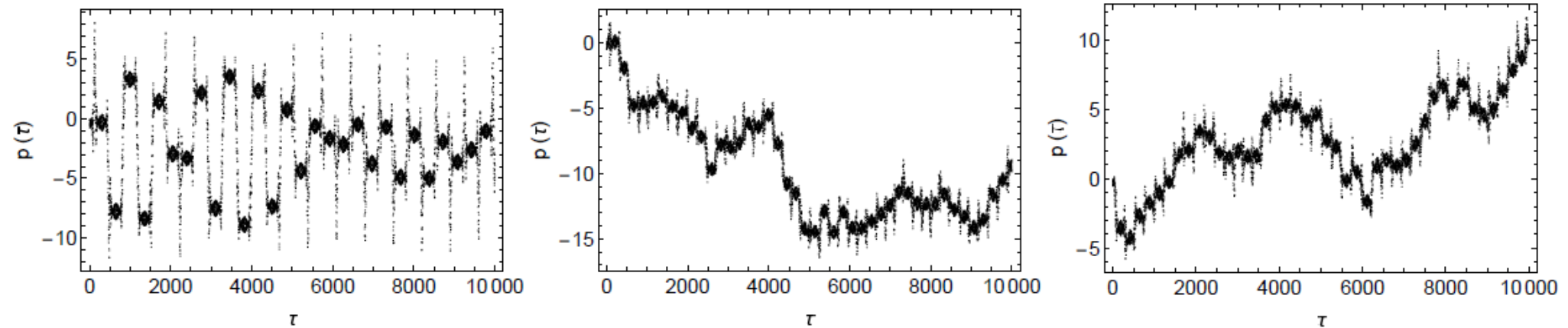


Figure 5. The function  $p(\tau)$  for the CSP problem; left: trajectory from Figure 1, middle: trajectory from Figure 2, right: trajectory from Figure 3

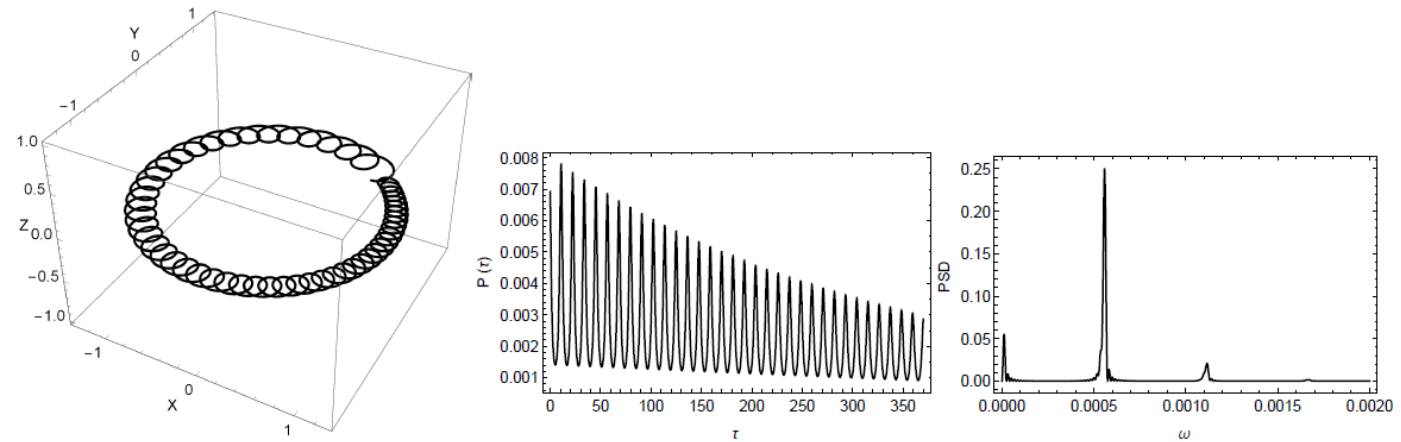


## Classical Störmer Problem with Friction

$$\frac{d^2X}{dt^2} = 3\frac{Z}{R^5}(\dot{Y}Z - \dot{Z}Y) - \frac{1}{R^3}\dot{Y} - \Gamma\dot{X}$$

$$\frac{d^2Y}{dt^2} = -3\frac{Z}{R^5}(\dot{X}Z - \dot{Z}X) - \frac{1}{R^3}\dot{X} - \Gamma\dot{Y}$$

$$\frac{d^2Z}{dt^2} = 3\frac{Z}{R^5}(\dot{X}Y - \dot{Y}X) - \Gamma\dot{Z}$$



**Figure 8.** Trajectory, emitted power, and PSD of the emitted power in the Dissipative Störmer Problem for  $X_0 = 0.7$ ,  $Y_0 = 0.8$ ,  $Z_0 = 0$ ,  $V_{x0} = 0.1$ ,  $V_{y0} = 0$ ,  $V_{z0} = 0$ ,  $h = 0.001$ ,  $L = 580000$  and  $\Gamma = 10^{-3}$ .

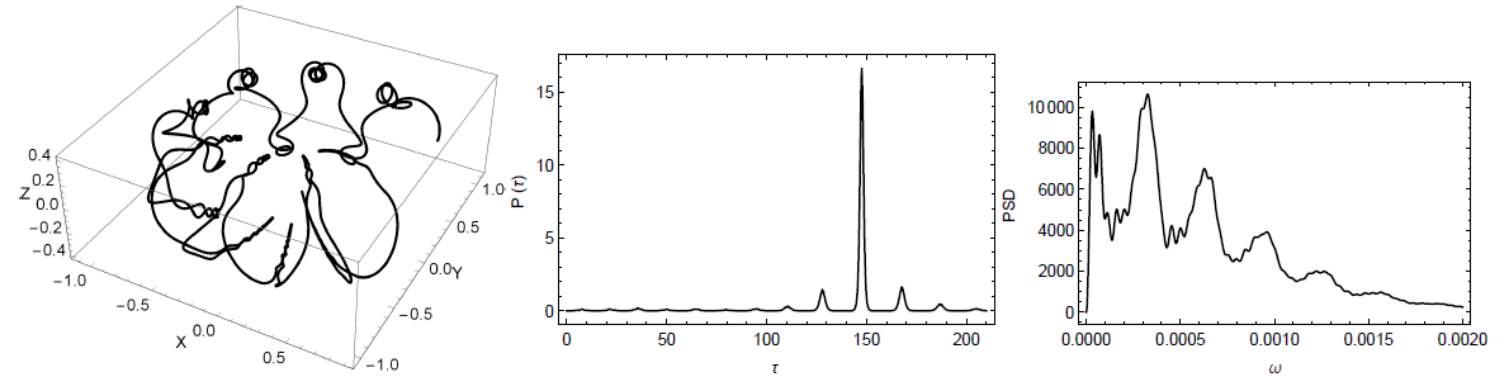


## Classical Störmer Problem with Friction

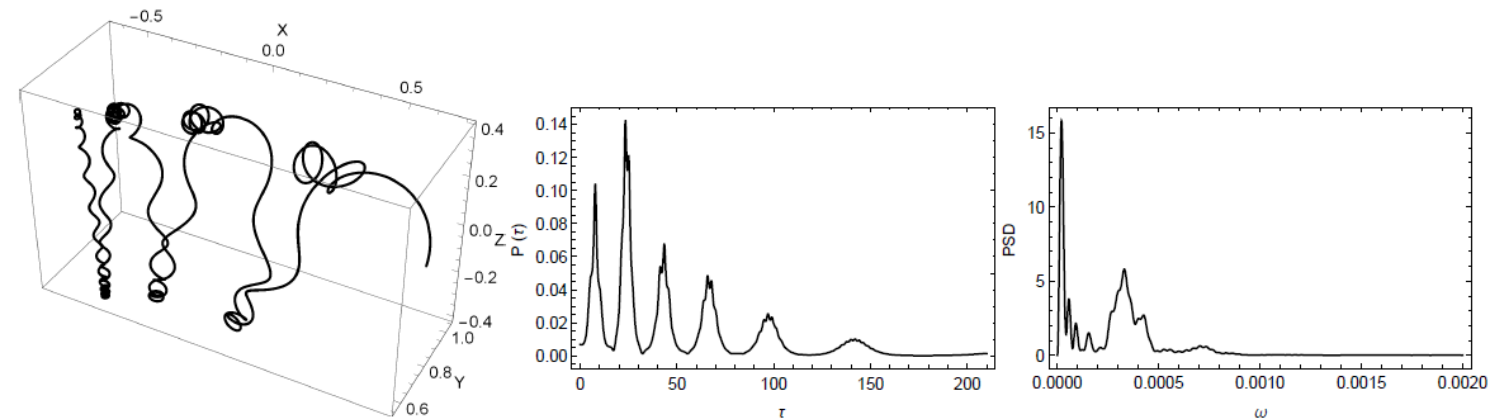
$$\frac{d^2X}{dt^2} = 3 \frac{Z}{R^5} (\dot{Y}Z - \dot{Z}Y) - \frac{1}{R^3} \dot{Y} - \Gamma \dot{X}$$

$$\frac{d^2Y}{dt^2} = -3 \frac{Z}{R^5} (\dot{X}Z - \dot{Z}X) - \frac{1}{R^3} \dot{X} - \Gamma \dot{Y}$$

$$\frac{d^2Z}{dt^2} = 3 \frac{Z}{R^5} (\dot{X}Y - \dot{Y}X) - \Gamma \dot{Z}$$



**Figure 12.** Trajectory, emitted power, and PSD of the emitted power in the Dissipative Störmer Problem for  $X_0 = 0.7$ ,  $Y_0 = 0.8$ ,  $Z_0 = 0$ ,  $V_{x0} = 0$ ,  $V_{y0} = 0.1$ ,  $V_{z0} = 0.1$ ,  $h = 0.001$ ,  $L = 260000$  and  $\Gamma = 10^{-3}$ .

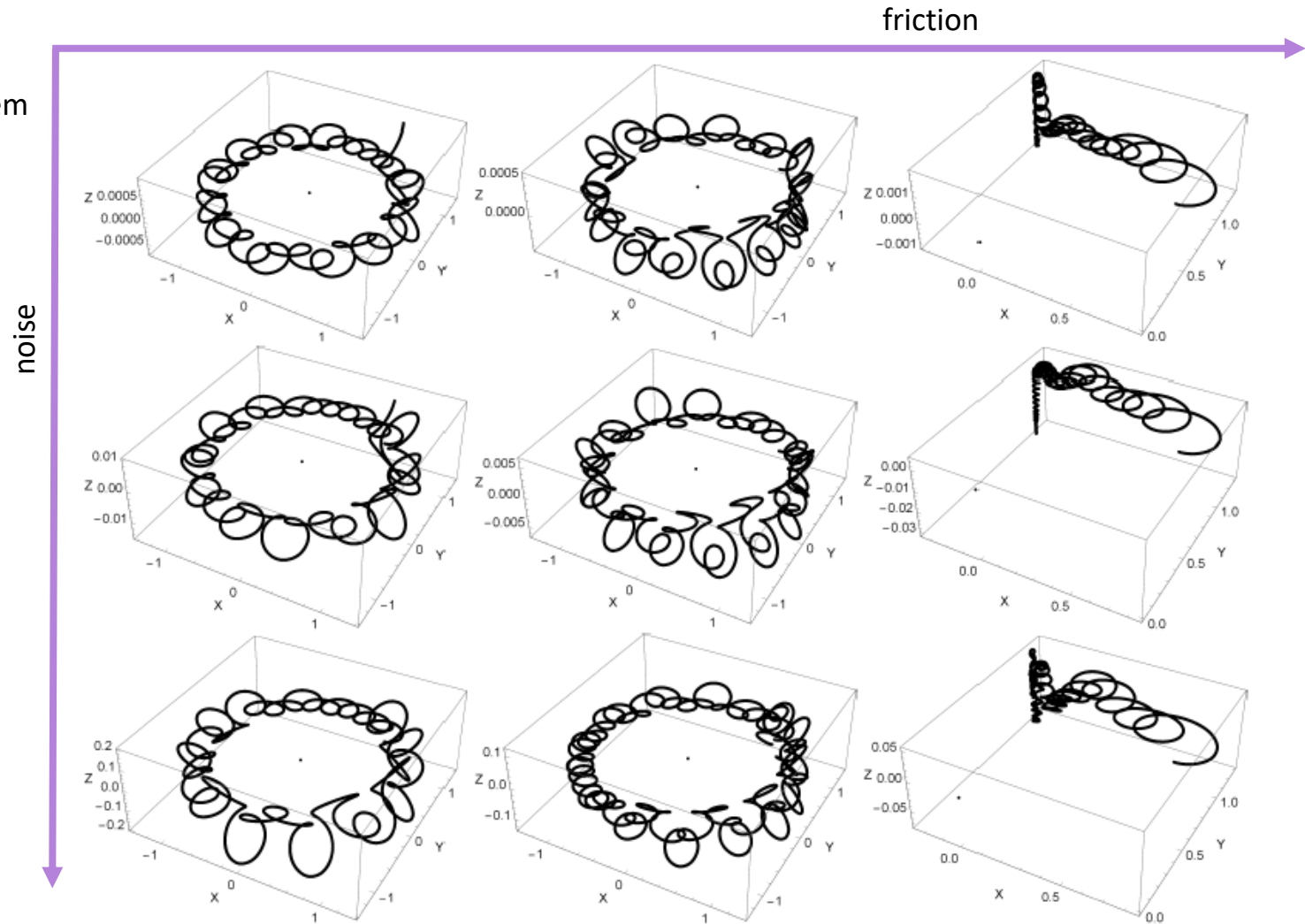
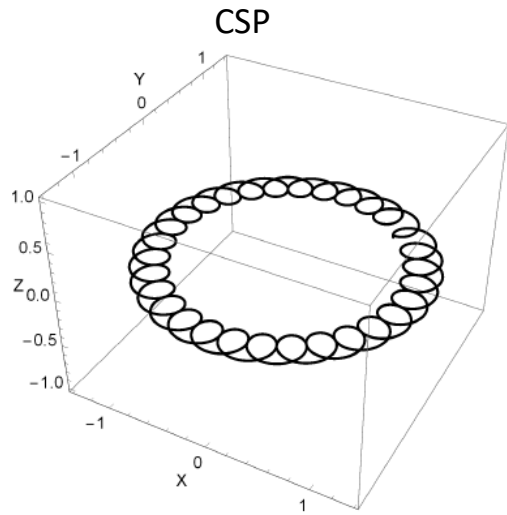


**Figure 13.** Trajectory, radiation and PSD for  $X_0 = 0.7$ ,  $Y_0 = 0.8$ ,  $Z_0 = 0$ ,  $V_{x0} = 0$ ,  $V_{y0} = 0.1$ ,  $V_{z0} = 0.1$ ,  $h = 0.001$ ,  $L = 200000$  and  $\Gamma = 10^{-2}$ .



# Brownian Motion in the Classical Stormer Problem

Escape appearing in otherwise closed orbits  
(non-chaotic ICs)

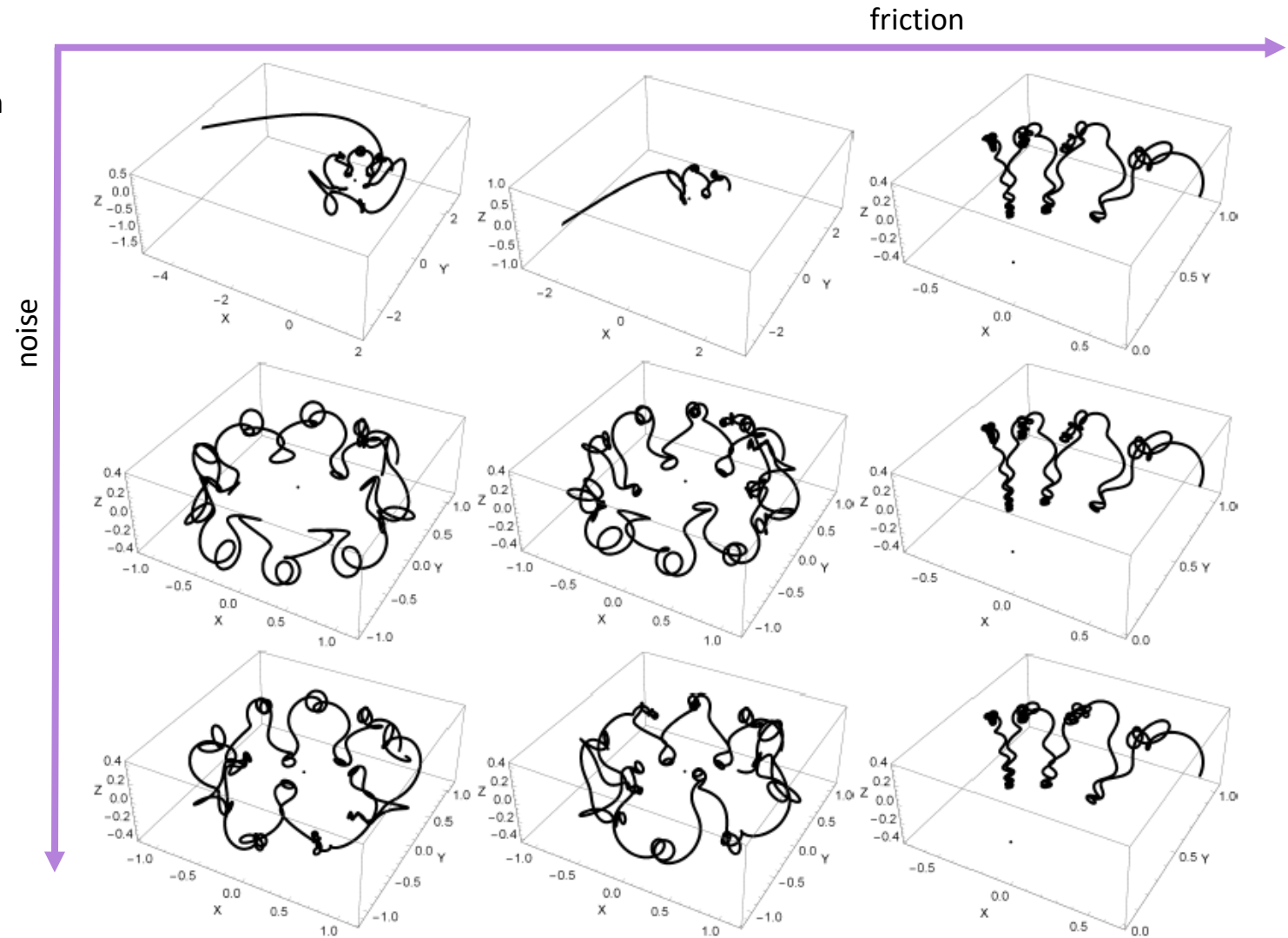


**Figure 19.** Brownian Motion in the Stormer Problem: trajectories for  $X_0 = 0.7, Y_0 = 0.8, Z_0 = 0, V_{x0} = 0.1, V_{y0} = 0, V_{z0} = 0$ , with upper row:  $\sigma_S = 10^{-7}$ , middle row  $\sigma_S = 10^{-6}$  and lower row  $\sigma_S = 10^{-5}$ ; for all rows, from left to right  $\Gamma \in \{10^{-4}, 10^{-3}, 10^{-2}\}$



## Brownian Motion in the Classical Störmer Problem

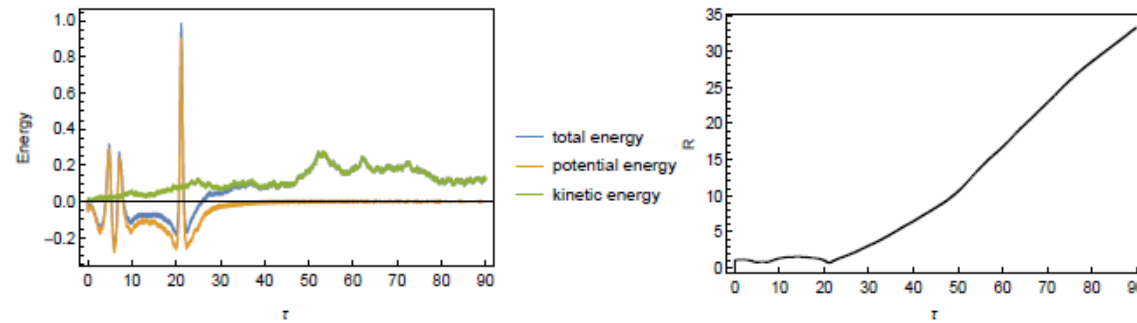
Escape appearing in otherwise closed orbits  
(chaotic ICs)



**Figure 20.** Brownian Motion in the Störmer Problem: trajectories for  $X_0 = 0.7$ ,  $Y_0 = 0.8$ ,  $Z_0 = 0$ ,  $V_{x0} = 0$ ,  $V_{y0} = 0.1$ ,  $V_{z0} = 0.1$ , with upper row:  $\sigma_S = 10^{-7}$ , middle row  $\sigma_S = 10^{-6}$  and lower row  $\sigma_S = 10^{-5}$ ; for all rows, from left to right  $\Gamma \in \{10^{-4}, 10^{-3}, 10^{-2}\}$



## Brownian Motion in the Classical Stormer Problem



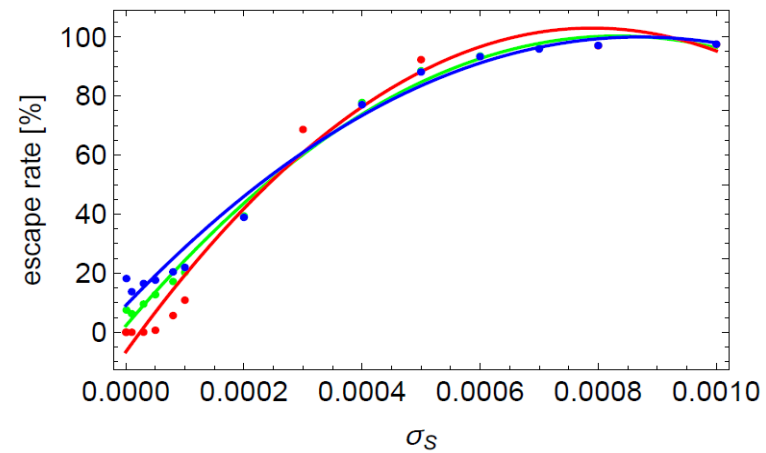
**Figure 44.** Brownian Motion in the Störmer Problem: energy (left) and distance (right) for a sample trajectory with  $X_0 = 0.7, Y_0 = 0.8, Z_0 = 0, V_{x,0} = 0.01, V_{y,0} = 0.1, V_{z,0} = 0.1, h = 0.001, L = 150000, \sigma_S = 10^{-3}, \Gamma = 10^{-3}$

Escape rate = percent of escape trajectories out of  $10^4$  identically set trajectories

Escape trajectory = trajectory for which the last  $10^3$  steps are well fitted ( $R^2 > 0.9$ ) by a straight line



## Brownian Motion in the Classical Stormer Problem – Escape rate



Brownian Motion in the Störmer Problem: escape rate as a function of noise magnitude for an ensemble of trajectories for  $h = 0.001$ ,  $L = 150000$ ,  $\Gamma = 10^{-3}$ ,  $X_0 = 0.7$ ,  $Y_0 = 0.8$ ,  $Z_0 = 0$ , with  $V_{x0} = 0.01$ ,  $V_{y0} = 0.1$ ,  $V_{z0} = 0.1$  green,  $V_{x0} = 0.1$ ,  $V_{y0} = 0$ ,  $V_{z0} = 0$  red, and  $V_{x0} = 0.1$ ,  $V_{y0} = 0.1$ ,  $V_{z0} = 0.1$  blue. Each ensemble has  $N_{traj}$  realizations and  $\sigma_S$  is the only parameter which varies between ensembles. The fitting function has the equation  $-1.40 \times 10^8 \sigma_S^2 + 2.34 \times 10^5 \sigma_S + 3.09$  for the green fit,  $-1.75 \times 10^8 \sigma_S^2 + 2.77 \times 10^5 \sigma_S - 6.2$  for the red fit and  $-1.19 \times 10^8 \sigma_S^2 + 2.08 \times 10^5 \sigma_S + 9.07$  for the blue fit.





Thank you!

