

# Construction of Random Low-dimensional Manifolds for Stochastic Chemical Reaction Systems with Stiffness

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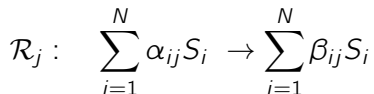
# Chemical Reaction Networks

A collection of chemical reactions that involves

- a set of  $N$  “species”:

$$S_i, \quad i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$$

- a set of  $M$  chemical reactions  $\mathcal{R}_j$ ,  $j \in \{1, \dots, M\}$ :



For  $i = 1, \dots, N$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, M$

- $\alpha_{ij}, \beta_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  - stoichiometry coefficients
- $v_{ij} = \beta_{ij} - \alpha_{ij}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_j := (v_{1j}, \dots, v_{Nj})$  - change in molecular population caused by one  $\mathcal{R}_j$  reaction
- $V = (v_{ij})_{N \times M}$  - stoichiometry matrix.

# Model Set-up

Assumption: the system is well-stirred:

- constant volume  $\Omega$
- in thermal equilibrium at some constant temperature
- positions and velocities of the individual molecules ignored

$X_i(t)$  - the number of the species  $S_i$  in the system at time  $t$ .

**Goal** estimate the state vector

$$\mathbf{X}(t) := (X_1(t), \dots, X_N(t))$$

given that the system was in state  $\mathbf{X}(t_0) = \mathbf{x}_0$  at initial time  $t_0$ .

# Reaction Rate Equation (RRE) - an ODE Model

- $k_j$ : reaction constant for reaction  $\mathcal{R}_j$
- $R_j(\mathbf{X})$ : algebraic form of the  $j$ th reaction ( $j = 1, \dots, M$ )  
e.g., mass-action kinetics assumption:  $R_j(\mathbf{X}) = k_j \prod_{i=1}^N X_i^{\alpha_{ij}}$

$$\mathbf{X}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} X_1(t) \\ X_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ X_N(t) \end{pmatrix} \quad R(\mathbf{X}) = \begin{pmatrix} R_1(t) \\ R_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ R_M(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

The system of ordinary differential equations (ODEs) governed by the chemical reaction network is:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{X}(t)}{dt} = V \cdot R(\mathbf{X}).$$

- \* Deterministic and continuous model - aggregate behavior of the system (works well for systems of test-tube size or larger).

# Stochastic Chemical Kinetics

Chemical systems - inherently stochastic, as reactions depend on random (thermal) motion.

Stochastic chemical kinetics - *describes time evolution of a well-stirred chemically reacting system, taking honest account of the system's discreteness and stochasticity.*

- Stochastic effects become important for small system size (e.g., modeling of surface kinetics for nano-structure materials in catalysis and gene regulation of cells in biology)
- Stoichiometry information is not sufficient to completely characterize the behavior of the system.
- Need to specify the **rates** at which the various reactions take place, by specifying “propensity” (or “intensity”) functions.

# Stochastic Models of Chemical Reactions

- $X_i(t)$ : number of species  $S_i$  at time  $t$  ( $i = 1, \dots, N$ ).
- $\mathbf{X}(t) = (X_1(t), \dots, X_N(t))^T$  - column-vector Markov stochastic process.
- $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_N)^T \in \mathbb{Z}_+^N$  - state of the process.
- $p_{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbb{P}[\mathbf{X}(t) = \mathbf{x}, \text{ given } \mathbf{X}(t_0) = \mathbf{x}_0]$  - the probability that, at time  $t$ , there are  $x_1$  units of species  $S_1$ ,  $x_2$  units of species  $S_2$ , ..., given  $\mathbf{X}(t_0) = \mathbf{x}_0$ .
- $\rho_j : \mathbb{Z}_+^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  - propensity function for the respective reaction  $\mathcal{R}_j$ .
- $\rho_j(\mathbf{x})dt$  - given  $\mathbf{X}(t) = \mathbf{x}$ , the probability that reaction  $\mathcal{R}_j$  takes place in the next infinitesimal time interval  $[t, t + dt)$ .
- $\mathbf{v}_j$  - the  $j$ th column of stoichiometry matrix  $V$ .

# The Chemical Master Equation (CME)

Goal: infer the probability

$$p_{\mathbf{x}}(t) = p(\mathbf{x}, t | \mathbf{x}_0, t_0)$$

Time evolution of  $p_{\mathbf{x}}(t)$ :

$$\frac{\partial p(\mathbf{x}, t | \mathbf{x}_0, t_0)}{\partial t} = \sum_{j=1}^M \rho_j(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{v}_j) p(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{v}_j, t | \mathbf{x}_0, t_0) - \sum_{j=1}^M \rho_j(\mathbf{x}) p(\mathbf{x}, t | \mathbf{x}_0, t_0).$$

or

$$\frac{dp_{\mathbf{x}}(t)}{dt} = \sum_{j=1}^M \rho_j(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{v}_j) p_{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{v}_j} - \sum_{j=1}^M \rho_j(\mathbf{x}) p_{\mathbf{x}}, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}_+^N$$

- The CME completely determines the function  $p(\mathbf{x}, t | \mathbf{x}_0, t_0)$ .
- The CME can be solved analytically for only a few simple cases.
- Even numerical solutions are prohibitively difficult in most cases.

# Stochastic Simulation Algorithm (SSA)

SSA (Gillespie Algorithm) - Construct simulated trajectories of  $\mathbf{X}(t)$  versus  $t$  by using Monte Carlo methods.

Key of construction: at time  $t$

- 1 When will the next reaction occur - random variable  $\tau$
- 2 Which reaction it will be - random variable  $j$

Seek  $p(\tau, j | \mathbf{x}, t)$  - the probability, given  $\mathbf{X}(t) = \mathbf{x}$ , that the next reaction will happen in the infinitesimal interval  $[t + \tau, t + \tau + d\tau)$  and will be an  $\mathcal{R}_j$  reaction.

$$p(\tau, j | \mathbf{x}, t) = \rho_j(\mathbf{x}) \exp\{-\rho^*(\mathbf{x})\tau\}, \quad \rho^*(\mathbf{x}) := \sum_{j=1}^M \rho_j(\mathbf{x})$$



## SSA (Cont.)

- $\tau$  - exponential random variable with mean and standard deviation  $1/\rho^*(\mathbf{x})$
- $j$  - statistically independent integer random variable with point probabilities  $\rho_j(\mathbf{x})/\rho^*(\mathbf{x})$

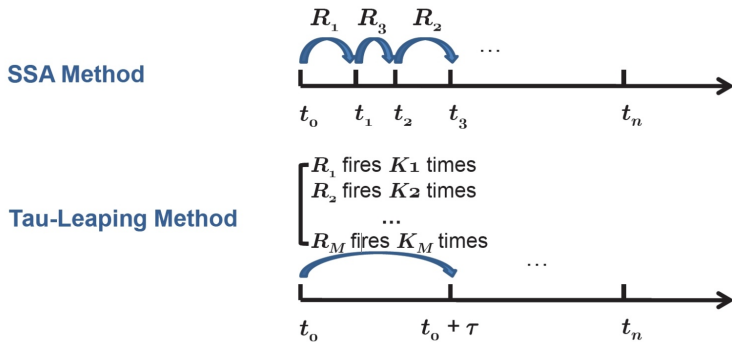
SSA is exact, but SLOW - computationally more efficient approximate sampling algorithms are desired.

- Tau-leaping method
- Implicit tau-leaping method
- Trapezoidal method
- Hybrid methods
- Slow-scale SSA
- ...

# Tau-leaping Method

Simulates multiple reactions that appear during one next time interval of length  $\tau$ .

## Exact SSA vs. Tau-leaping method



# Tau-leaping: The Bridge to RRE

- \* Leap condition (on  $\tau$ ): no propensity function will change significantly, i.e.  $\rho_j(\mathbf{x})$  remains essentially constant.
- \* The number of times that each reaction  $\mathcal{R}_j$  fires in  $[t, t + \tau)$  is a Poisson random variable ( $\mathcal{P}_j$ ) with mean and variance  $\rho_j(\mathbf{x})\tau$

Leap the system approximately ahead by

$$\mathbf{X}(t + \tau) = \mathbf{X}(t) + \sum_{j=1}^M \mathcal{P}_j(\rho_j(\mathbf{x})\tau) \mathbf{v}_j$$

## Further Approximation

Assume that the leap  $\tau$  is

- small enough to satisfy the leap condition
- large enough that the expected firing times of each reaction  $\mathcal{R}_j$  during  $\tau$  is large, i.e.,  $\rho_j(\mathbf{x})\tau \gg 1$ .

Notice

- \* a Poisson random variable with a mean and variance  $\gg 1$  can be approximated by a normal random variable with the same mean and variance.

Then

$$\mathbf{X}(t + \tau) = \mathbf{X}(t) + \sum_{j=1}^M \mathcal{N}_j(\rho_j(\mathbf{x})\tau, \rho_j(\mathbf{x})\tau) \mathbf{v}_j$$

# Chemical Langevin Equation (CLE)

Using  $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) = \mu + \sigma\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  to get

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{X}(t + \tau) &= \mathbf{X}(t) + \sum_{j=1}^M \left\{ \rho_j(\mathbf{x})\tau + \sqrt{\rho_j(\mathbf{x})\tau} \mathcal{N}_j(0, 1) \right\} \mathbf{v}_j \\ &= \mathbf{X}(t) + \sum_{j=1}^M \mathbf{v}_j \rho_j(\mathbf{x})\tau + \sum_{j=1}^M \mathbf{v}_j \sqrt{\rho_j(\mathbf{x})} \mathcal{N}_j(0, 1) \sqrt{\tau}\end{aligned}$$

By theory of continuous Markov processes

$$d\mathbf{X}(t) = \sum_{j=1}^M \mathbf{v}_j \rho_j(\mathbf{X}(t)) dt + \sum_{j=1}^M \mathbf{v}_j \sqrt{\rho_j(\mathbf{X}(t))} dW_j(t)$$

$W_j(t)$  - independent Gaussian white noise processes.

# Stiff Chemical Reaction Systems

- Deterministic and continuous - modeled by a system of coupled ODEs, associated with stiffness in the governing equations.
- Stochastic and continuous - perturb both the fast and slow variables in its deterministic counterpart by noise to obtain singularly perturbed SDE system.

First characterization:

- deals with systems with clear separation of time-scales  $t$  and  $\tau = \varepsilon t$ , with  $0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$ .
- uses invariant manifolds to approximate the full system.
- combination of analysis and numerics.

# General Singular Perturbation

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = f(x, y; \varepsilon); \quad \varepsilon \frac{dy(t)}{dt} = g(x, y; \varepsilon)$$

- $\varepsilon$  - small parameter.
- $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}_+^m$  - slow variable;  $y(t) \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$  - fast variable.

Two ways to perform the limit  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ :

- 1  $\varepsilon = 0$ : reduced equation:

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = f(x, y^*(x); 0)$$

Slow manifold:  $y = y^*(x)$ . (differentiable manifold)

- 2  $\tau = t/\varepsilon$ : associated system:

$$\frac{dx}{d\tau} = 0, \quad \frac{dy}{d\tau} = g(x, y; 0)$$

# Stochastic singular perturbation

Perturb both fast and slow variables by noise with different intensities according to timescales (the diffusive nature to the Brownian motion causes paths to spread like  $\sigma\sqrt{t}$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}dX(t) &= f(X(t), Y(t), \varepsilon)dt + \sigma_X F(X(t), Y(t), \varepsilon)dW(t) \\ \varepsilon dY(t) &= g(X(t), Y(t), \varepsilon)dt + \sqrt{\varepsilon}\sigma_Y F(X(t), Y(t), \varepsilon)dW(t)\end{aligned}$$

- $\sigma_X^2, \sigma_Y^2$  - (rate of diffusion)<sup>2</sup>/the speed of drift.
- $W(t)$  - standard Brownian motion.



# Singular Perturbation to Chemical Reaction Systems

- General stochastic fast-slow reaction mechanism

$$\begin{aligned}dX(t) &= V_X R(X(t), Y(t), \varepsilon) + \sigma_X F_X(X(t), Y(t), \varepsilon) dW(t) \\ \varepsilon dY(t) &= V_Y R(X(t), Y(t), \varepsilon) + \sqrt{\varepsilon} \sigma_Y F_Y(X(t), Y(t), \varepsilon) dW(t)\end{aligned}$$

- Fast-slow CLE

$$\begin{aligned}dX(t) &= V_X R(X(t), Y(t), \varepsilon) + V_X \sqrt{R(X(t), Y(t), \varepsilon)} dW(t) \\ \varepsilon dY(t) &= V_Y R(X(t), Y(t), \varepsilon) + \sqrt{\varepsilon} V_Y \sqrt{R(X(t), Y(t), \varepsilon)} dW(t)\end{aligned}$$

- Stochastic fast-slow system with multiplicative noise

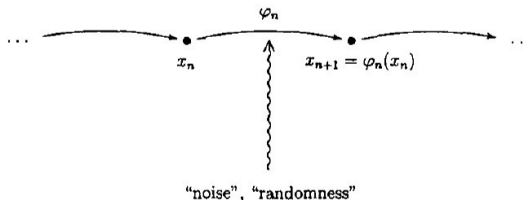
$$\begin{aligned}dX(t) &= V_X R(X(t), Y(t), \varepsilon) + \sigma_X X(t) dW(t) \\ \varepsilon dY(t) &= V_Y R(X(t), Y(t), \varepsilon) + \sqrt{\varepsilon} \sigma_Y Y(t) dW(t)\end{aligned}$$

# Noise Effect on Invariant Manifold

- ① Find stationary solutions to the Fokker-Planck equation.
  - boundedness of domain for chemical reaction systems
  - separation of time scales
  - numerical simulation by integrating the system forward in time and performing ensemble to obtain PDF.
  - provide purely statistical information
- ② Random dynamical system approach
  - based on path-wise analysis rather than simple ensemble of realizations
  - random invariant measures as its fundamental objects
  - a pullback approach where system runs from a time in the past until the present time
  - geometric structures emerge naturally

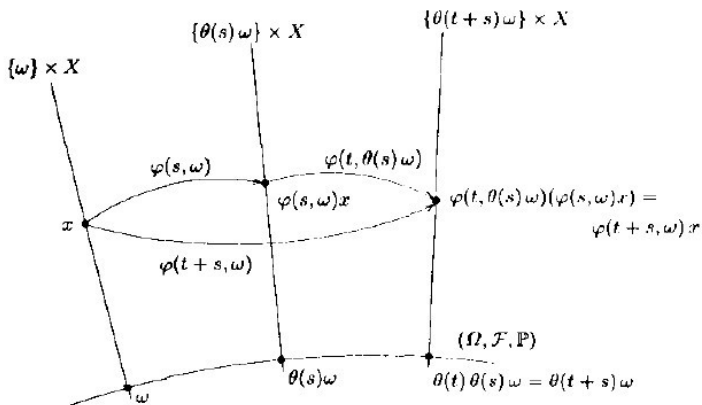
# Random Dynamical System (RDS)

- One prototype - product of random mappings



- Two basic ingredients
  - ① a model of the noise
  - ② a model of the system which is perturbed by the noise

# A RDS as an action on a bundle



# Random Invariant Manifold

$\{\mathcal{S}(t, \omega)\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}, \omega \in \Omega}$  - RDS over  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}, \theta)$  with state space  $X$ .

- A multifunction  $\{\mathcal{M}(\omega)\}_{\omega \in \Omega}$  of nonempty closed sets  $\{\mathcal{M}(\omega)\}_{\omega \in \Omega}$  contained in  $X$  is called a **random set** if  $\omega \mapsto \inf_{y \in \mathcal{M}(\omega)} \|x - y\|$  is a random variable for any  $x \in X$ .
- A random set  $\mathcal{M}(\omega)$  is said to be random invariant for a RDS  $\mathcal{S}(t, \omega)$  if

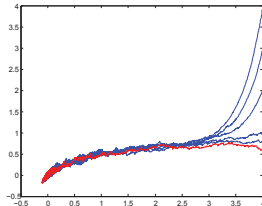
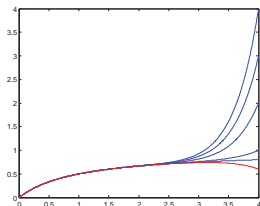
$$\mathcal{S}(t, \omega, \mathcal{M}(\omega)) = \mathcal{M}(\theta_t \omega), \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}, \omega \in \Omega.$$

- If a random invariant set  $\mathcal{M}(\omega)$  can be represented as a graph of a mapping  $f(t, \omega) : X_1 \rightarrow X_2$ ,  $X = X_1 \times X_2$ , i.e.  $\mathcal{M}(\omega) = \{x_1, f(x_1, \omega)\} : x_1 \in X_1\}$ , then  $\mathcal{M}(\omega)$  is called a **random invariant manifold** (RIM).

# The Davis-Skodje Model

$$\dot{x}(t) = -x(t),$$

$$\dot{y}(t) = -\gamma y(t) + \gamma \frac{x(t)}{1+x(t)} - \frac{x(t)}{(1+x(t))^2}.$$



$$dX(t) = -X(t)dt + \mu X(t)dW(t)$$

$$dY(t) = \left( -\gamma Y(t) + \gamma \frac{X(t)}{1+X(t)} - \frac{X(t)}{(1+X(t))^2} \right) dt + \sigma \sqrt{\gamma} Y(t) dW(t)$$

# Stochastic to Random Davis-Skodje System

- 1 Introduce the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck (O-U) processes satisfy

$$d\delta = -\delta dt + \mu dW(t)$$

$$d\eta = -\gamma\eta dt + \sigma\sqrt{\gamma}dW(t)$$

- the only nontrivial process which is stationary, Gaussian and Markovian, up to allowing linear transformation of the space and time variables
- 2 Change of variables  $u(t, \omega) = X(t)e^{-\delta(\theta_t\omega)}$  and  $v(t, \omega) = Y(t)e^{-\eta(\theta_t\omega)}$ :

$$\dot{u} = -u + \delta(\theta_t\omega)u$$

$$\dot{v} = -\gamma v + \gamma\eta(\theta_t\omega)v + \gamma \frac{e^{\delta-\eta}u}{1+ue^{\delta}} - \frac{e^{\delta-\eta}u}{(1+ue^{\delta})^2}$$

# Generation of RDS

- 1 For any fixed initial data  $(u_0, v_0)$  and for every  $\omega \in \Omega$ , the  $u$ - $v$  system admits a unique non-negative solution  $(u(t, \omega, u_0, v_0), v(t, \omega, u_0, v_0))$  that depends continuously on the initial data.
- 2 The solution operator

$$\varphi(t, \omega, u_0, v_0) = (u(t, \omega, u_0, v_0), v(t, \omega, u_0, v_0))$$

defines a random dynamical system in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

- 3

$$\Phi(t, \omega) := \varphi(t, \omega) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} e^{\delta(\theta_t \omega)} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\eta(\theta_t \omega)} \end{pmatrix}$$

is the random dynamical system generated by the original  $X - Y$  system .



## Rescaling $\varepsilon = 1/\gamma$ , $t \rightarrow \varepsilon t$

Introduce another O-U process  $\xi$  satisfying

$$d\xi(t) = -\xi(t)dt + \sigma dW(t)$$

By the scale property of Wiener processes  $\eta(\theta_{\frac{1}{t}}\omega) \stackrel{d}{=} \xi(t)$ .

$$\frac{du}{dt} = -\varepsilon u + \varepsilon \delta(\theta_t \omega) u \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = -v + \xi(\theta_t \omega) v + g(u, \theta_t \omega; \varepsilon) \quad (2)$$

$$g(u(t), \theta_t \omega; \varepsilon) = \frac{u(t) e^{\delta(\theta_t \omega) - \xi(\theta_t \omega)}}{1 + u(t) e^{\delta(\theta_t \omega)}} - \varepsilon \frac{u(t) e^{\delta(\theta_t \omega) - \xi(\theta_t \omega)}}{(1 + u(t) e^{\delta(\theta_t \omega)})^2}$$

# Existence of Invariant Manifold

Assume that  $\varepsilon > 0$  is sufficiently small. Then the above random dynamical system generated by (1)-(2) has a random invariant manifold  $\mathcal{M}(\omega; \varepsilon)$  which can be represented as a graph

$$\mathcal{M}(\omega; \varepsilon) = \{(u, f(u, \omega; \varepsilon)) : u \in \mathbb{R}_+\},$$

where

$$f(u, \omega; \varepsilon) = \int_0^\infty g(u, \theta_\tau \omega; \varepsilon) e^{-\int_\tau^\infty (1 - \xi(\theta_s \omega)) ds} d\tau.$$

Moreover, the invariant manifold  $\mathcal{M}(\omega; \varepsilon)$  is exponentially tracking, i.e.  $\mathcal{M}(\omega; \varepsilon)$  attracts exponentially all the solution orbits of (1)-(2).

# Random Slow Manifold

Change back of variables

$$X(t) = u(t, \omega) e^{\delta(\theta_t \omega)}$$

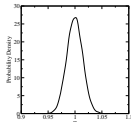
$$Y(t) = v(t, \omega) e^{\eta(\theta_t \omega)}$$

Taking the limit of  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , using stationarity of  $\delta, \eta, \xi$  to obtain the random slow manifold of Stochastic Davis-Skodjes system:

$$\mathcal{S}(\omega) = \left\{ (X(\omega), Y(\omega)) : Y(\omega) = c(\omega) \frac{X(\omega)}{1 + X(\omega)}, \quad X(\omega) \geq 0 \right\}$$

where

$$c(\omega) = \int_0^\infty e^{-\xi(\theta_\tau \omega) - \int_\tau^\infty (1 - \xi(\theta_s \omega)) ds} d\tau.$$



# Active Project I: Polynomial Chaos Application for RDS

The two random processes  $(\delta, \eta)$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned}d\delta &= -\delta dt + \mu dW \\d\eta &= -\gamma\eta dt + \sigma\sqrt{\gamma} dW.\end{aligned}$$

have the following properties

$$\begin{aligned}E(\delta_t) &= 0 \\E(\eta_t) &= 0 \\Cov(\delta_s, \delta_t) &= \frac{\mu^2}{2} e^{-|s-t|} \\Cov(\eta_s, \eta_t) &= \frac{\sigma^2}{2} e^{-\gamma|s-t|}.\end{aligned}$$

# PCE for RDE Solutions

Gaussian germ  $\xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)$

- Defining the PCEs for  $(u, v)$  via the PCEs for  $(\delta, \eta)$ :

$$u = \sum_{k=0}^P u_k(t) \Psi_k(\xi)$$

$$v = \sum_{k=0}^P v_k(t) \Psi_k(\xi),$$

- Projection integrals for their mode coefficients evaluated via quadrature using the RDE solutions evaluated at the quadrature points in  $\xi$ -space

$$u_k(t) = \frac{1}{\langle \Psi_k^2 \rangle} \int u(t, \xi) \Psi_k(\xi) p_\xi d\xi$$

$$v_k(t) = \frac{1}{\langle \Psi_k^2 \rangle} \int v(t, \xi) \Psi_k(\xi) p_\xi d\xi.$$

## Active Project II: Stochastic Computational Singular Perturbation

$$\frac{d\mathbf{y}}{dt} = F(\mathbf{y}) + G(\mathbf{y}) \frac{dW(t)}{dt} \quad (3)$$

Alternative representations of  $F$  and  $G$

$$F = \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{a}_i f_i, \quad G = \sum_{i=1}^N \boldsymbol{\alpha}_i g_i, \quad (4)$$

Evolution of  $f_i$  and  $g_i$ :

$$\frac{df_i}{dt} = \sum_{j=1}^N \left\{ \frac{d\mathbf{b}_i}{dt} \cdot \mathbf{a}_j f_j + \mathbf{b}_i \cdot J_F \cdot \left( \mathbf{a}_j f_j + \boldsymbol{\alpha}_j g_j \frac{dW(t)}{dt} \right) \right\}$$

$$\frac{dg_i}{dt} = \sum_{j=1}^N \left( \frac{d\boldsymbol{\beta}_i}{dt} \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha}_j g_j + \boldsymbol{\beta}_i \cdot J_G \cdot \mathbf{a}_j f_j \right) + \sum_{j=1}^N \boldsymbol{\beta}_i \cdot J_G \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha}_j g_j \frac{dW(t)}{dt}$$

$$\mathbf{b}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j = \boldsymbol{\beta}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha}_j = \delta_j^i, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, N.$$

# Choice of Ideal Basis

Choose  $a_j$  and  $\alpha_j$  such that

- 1 the inverse row vectors  $b_i$  and  $\beta_i$  can be computed accurately.
- 2 the matrix  $\Lambda_j^i = \left( \frac{db_i}{dt} + \mathbf{b}_i \cdot J_F \right) \cdot \mathbf{a}_j$  is diagonal and the diagonal elements are ordered in descending magnitudes.
- 3 the matrix  $\Gamma_j^i = \frac{d\beta_i}{dt} \cdot \alpha_j + \beta_i \cdot J_G \cdot \mathbf{a}_j$  is diagonalized.
- 4 Refinements (to be developed).

# Active Project III: Stochastic Quasi-Steady State Analysis [Rao (2003)]

Start from CME:

$$\frac{\partial p(\mathbf{x}; t)}{\partial t} = \sum_{j=1}^M \rho_j(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{v}_j) p(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{v}_j, t) - \sum_{j=1}^M \rho_j(\mathbf{x}) p(\mathbf{x}; t)$$

- $\mathbf{x} := (y, z)$
- $p(y, z; t) = p(z|y; t)p(y; t)$
- $\frac{dp(z|y; t)}{dt} \approx 0$  (by QSSA)



# Consistency of Different Pathways to Slow CLE

Approximated slow CME:

$$\frac{dp(y; t)}{dt} = \sum_{j=1}^M \gamma_j(y - \mathbf{v}_j^y) p(y - \mathbf{v}_j^y, t) - \sum_{j=1}^M \gamma_j(\mathbf{x}) p(\mathbf{y}; t),$$

where  $\gamma_j := \sum_z \rho_j(y, z) p(z|y)$  is the conditional expectation of the functional  $\rho_j(\cdot)$ .

Two pathways to get the slow CLE:

- 1 Stiff CME  $\rightarrow$  slow CME  $\rightarrow$  slow CLE
- 2 Stiff CLE  $\rightarrow$  slow CLE

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