

Non-equilibrium stochastic dynamics in continuum: The free case

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We study the problem of identification of a proper state-space for the stochastic dynamics of free particles in continuum, with their possible birth and death. In this dynamics, the motion of each separate particle is described by a fixed Markov process M on a Riemannian manifold X . The main problem arising here is a possible collapse of the system, in the sense that, though the initial configuration of particles is locally finite, there could exist a compact set in X such that, with probability one, infinitely many particles will arrive at this set at some time $t > 0$. We assume that X has infinite volume and, for each $\alpha \geq 1$, we consider the set Θ_α of all infinite configurations in X for which the number of particles in a compact set is bounded by a constant times the α -th power of the volume of the set. We find quite general conditions on the process M which guarantee that the corresponding infinite particle process can start at each configuration from Θ_α , will never leave Θ_α , and has cadlag (or, even, continuous) sample paths in the vague topology. We consider the following examples of applications of our results: Brownian motion on the configuration space, free Glauber dynamics on the configuration space (or a birth-and-death process in X), and free Kawasaki dynamics on the configuration space. We also show that if $X = \mathbb{R}^d$, then for a wide class of starting distributions, the (non-equilibrium) free Glauber dynamics is a scaling limit of (non-equilibrium) free Kawasaki dynamics.

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1. Introduction

In this paper, we study the problem of identification of a proper state-space for the stochastic dynamics of free particles in continuum, with their possible birth and death. In this dynamics, the motion of each separate particle is described by a fixed Markov process M on a Riemannian manifold X .

A classical result by J.L. Doob [8] states that, if the initial distribution of free particles is Poissonian, then it will remain Poissonian at any moment of time $t > 0$, see also [7]. In [23,24], D. Surgails studied an independent infinite particle process as a Markov process whose generator is the second quantization of the generator of a Markov process in X . Following Surgailis' papers, equilibrium independent infinite particle processes have been studied by many authors, see e.g. [22]. However, the problem of identification of the allowed initial configurations of the system was not addressed in these papers.

Let us explain this problem, in more detail. When speaking about an infinite system of particles in continuum, we should consider such a system as an element of the configuration space Γ over X . This space is defined as the collection of all locally finite subsets of X . Now, consider, for example, a system of independent Brownian particles in \mathbb{R}^d . Then, one can easily find a configuration $\gamma \in \Gamma$

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such that, if γ is the initial configuration of Brownian particles, then at some time $t > 0$, with probability one, the system will collapse, in the sense that there will be an infinite number of particles in a compact set, i.e., the system will not be a configuration anymore. Thus, generally speaking, the configuration space Γ appears to be too big and cannot serve as a state-space for the process.

Thus, to study the non-equilibrium stochastic dynamics independent Markovian particles, one needs to identify a subset Θ of Γ such that the process starting at Θ will always remain in Θ with probability one. (We note, however, that, for a fixed independent infinite particle process, such a set Θ is not uniquely defined.) Next, if the underlying Markov process M has cadlag paths, then it is only natural to expect that the corresponding infinite particle process also has cadlag sample paths in Θ with respect to the vague topology. Again, this problem was not addressed in the above-mentioned papers.

In our previous paper [13], we considered the case where M is a Brownian motion in a complete, connected, oriented, stochastically complete Riemannian manifold X of dimension ≥ 2 . We explicitly constructed a subset Γ_∞ of the configuration space and proved that the corresponding infinite particle process can start at any $\gamma \in \Gamma_\infty$, will never leave Γ_∞ , and has continuous sample paths in the vague topology (and even in a stronger one). In the case of a one-dimensional underlying manifold X , one cannot exclude collisions of particles, so that a modification of the construction of Γ_∞ is necessary, see [13] for details.

As we mentioned above, the aim of this paper is to consider the case of general Markovian particles. The interest in such particles, rather than just independent Brownian motions, is, in particular, connected with the study of the Glauber and Kawasaki dynamics on the configuration space, see [3,5,12,14].

For simpler notations, we assume that the underlying process M is symmetric. However, this condition can be easily omitted. Instead of trying to generalize (quite complicated) arguments of [13], we propose a new, simpler approach to the construction of a state-space of the system (which was Γ_∞ in [13]), and to the proof that the process indeed has got the above discussed properties.

So, we fix a system of closed balls $B(r)$ of radius $r \in \mathbb{N}$, centered at some $x_0 \in X$, and for each $\alpha \geq 1$, define Θ_α as the set of those infinite configurations for which the number of particles in each $B(r)$ is bounded by a constant times the α -th power of the volume of $B(r)$. The Θ_α 's form an isotone sequence of sets, and we also define Θ as the union of all the Θ_α 's. Note that the sets Θ_α are "big enough", in the sense that already the smallest set Θ_1 is of full Poisson measure with any intensity parameter $z > 0$.

We find quite general conditions on a Markov process M which guarantee that the corresponding stochastic dynamics can start at each $\gamma \in \Theta_\alpha$ (or even at each $\gamma \in \Theta$), will never leave Θ_α (respectively Θ), and has cadlag (or, even, continuous) sample paths. We then consider the following examples of applicability of our results:

- Brownian motion on the configuration space, i.e., the case where the underlying process M is a Brownian motion on X . Compared with [13], our result here also covers the case of manifolds which are not stochastically complete;
- Free Glauber dynamics on the configuration space, or a birth-and-death process in X , compare with [5,12,14];
- Free Kawasaki dynamics on the configuration space, cf. [14].

We also show that, in the case where $X = \mathbb{R}^d$, for a probability measure μ on Θ which is translation invariant and has integrable Ursell functions, the (non-equilibrium) free Glauber dynamics having μ as initial distribution may be approximated by (non-equilibrium) Kawasaki dynamics. Note that, in the case of equilibrium dynamics, such an approximation can also be shown for interacting particles, see [10].

The paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we construct a Markov semigroup of kernels on the space Θ_α and prove that it corresponds to the second quantization of the (sub-)Markovian semigroup of the underlying process M . In section 3 we derive conditions which

guarantee that the corresponding infinite particle process can be realized as a Markov process on Θ_α with cadlag (respectively, continuous) sample paths. In section 4, we discuss the above mentioned examples. Finally, in section 5, we prove the result on approximation of the Glauber dynamics by the Kawasaki dynamics.

We would like to stress that this paper should be considered as a first step towards a construction of a non-equilibrium dynamics of interacting particles, compare with [2,12,14,16], where the corresponding equilibrium processes were discussed.

2. Markov semigroup of kernels for the stochastic dynamics

Let X be a complete, connected, oriented C^∞ Riemannian manifold. Let $\mathcal{B}(X)$ denote the Borel σ -algebra on X . Let dx denote the volume measure on X , and we suppose that $\int_X dx = \infty$.

The configuration space Γ over X is defined as the set of all infinite subsets of X which are locally finite:

$$\Gamma := \{ \gamma \subset X \mid |\gamma| = \infty, |\gamma_\Lambda| < \infty \text{ for each compact } \Lambda \subset X \}.$$

Here, $|\cdot|$ denotes the cardinality of a set and $\gamma_\Lambda := \gamma \cap \Lambda$. One can identify any $\gamma \in \Gamma$ with the positive Radon measure $\sum_{x \in \gamma} \varepsilon_x \in \mathcal{M}(X)$. Here, ε_x denotes the Dirac measure with mass at x and $\mathcal{M}(X)$ stands for the set of all positive Radon measures on $\mathcal{B}(X)$. The space Γ can be endowed with the relative topology as a subset of the space $\mathcal{M}(X)$ with the vague topology, i.e., the weakest topology on Γ with respect to which all maps

$$\Gamma \ni \gamma \mapsto \langle \varphi, \gamma \rangle := \int_X \varphi(x) \gamma(dx) = \sum_{x \in \gamma} \varphi(x), \quad \varphi \in C_0(X),$$

are continuous. Here, $C_0(X)$ denotes the set of all continuous functions on X with compact support. We shall denote the Borel σ -algebra on Γ by $\mathcal{B}(\Gamma)$. If Ξ is a subset of Γ , we shall denote by $\mathcal{B}(\Xi)$ the trace σ -algebra of $\mathcal{B}(\Gamma)$ on Ξ .

Let us fix any $x_0 \in X$ and denote by $B(r) := B(x_0, r)$ the closed ball in X of radius $r > 0$, centered at x_0 . For each $\alpha \geq 1$, we define

$$\Theta_\alpha := \{ \gamma \in \Gamma \mid \exists K \in \mathbb{N} : \forall r \in \mathbb{N} : |\gamma_{B(r)}| \leq K \text{vol}(B(r))^\alpha \},$$

where $\text{vol}(B(r))$ denotes the volume of $B(r)$. We evidently have that $\Theta_{\alpha_1} \subset \Theta_{\alpha_2}$ if $\alpha_2 \geq \alpha_1 \geq 1$. Denote also

$$\Theta := \bigcup_{\alpha \geq 1} \Theta_\alpha.$$

It is easy to see that $\Theta_\alpha \in \mathcal{B}(\Gamma)$ for each $\alpha \geq 1$, hence $\Theta \in \mathcal{B}(\Gamma)$.

For each $z > 0$, let π_z denote the Poisson measure on $(\Gamma, \mathcal{B}(\Gamma))$ with intensity measure $z dx$. This measure can be characterized by its Laplace transform

$$\int_\Gamma e^{\langle \varphi, \gamma \rangle} \pi_z(d\gamma) = \exp \left(\int_X (e^{\varphi(x)} - 1) z dx \right), \quad \varphi \in C_0(X). \tag{1}$$

We refer to e.g. [15] for a detailed discussion of the construction of the Poisson measure on the configuration space. By e.g. [19], we have, for each $z > 0$,

$$\pi_z(\Theta_1) = 1$$

(in fact, by [19], the Poisson measure π_z is concentrated on those configurations $\gamma \in \Gamma$ for which $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} |\gamma_{B(r)}| / \text{vol}(B(r)) = z$).

Using multiple stochastic integrals with respect to the Poisson random measure, one constructs a unitary isomorphism

$$I_z : \mathcal{F}(L^2(X, z dx)) \rightarrow L^2(\Gamma, \pi_z),$$

see e.g. [23]. Here, $\mathcal{F}(L^2(X, z dx))$ denotes the symmetric Fock space over $L^2(X, z dx)$, i.e.,

$$\mathcal{F}(L^2(X, z dx)) = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{F}_n(L^2(X, z dx)),$$

where

$$\mathcal{F}_n(L^2(X, z dx)) := L^2(X, z dx)^{\odot n n!},$$

\odot standing for symmetric tensor product.

Let us recall the following result of Surgailis [23]. Let A be a contraction in $L^2(X, z dx)$, and let $\text{Exp}(A)$ denote the second quantization of A , i.e., $\text{Exp}(A)$ is the contraction in $\mathcal{F}(L^2(X, z dx))$ given by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Exp}(A) \upharpoonright \mathcal{F}_0(L^2(X, z dx)) &= \mathbf{1}, \\ \text{Exp}(A) f^{\otimes n} &= (Af)^{\otimes n}, \quad f \in L^2(X, z dx), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

We shall keep the notation $\text{Exp}(A)$ for the image of this operator under the isomorphism I_z .

In the following, we shall restrict our attention to the case of a self-adjoint A (though the general case may be treated by an easy modification of the results below).

Theorem 2.1 (Surgailis [23]) *Let A be a self-adjoint contraction in $L^2(X, z dx)$. Then the operator $\text{Exp}(A)$ is positivity preserving if and only if A is sub-Markov. In the latter case, $\text{Exp}(A)$ is Markov.*

We recall that A being sub-Markov means that $0 \leq Af \leq 1$ a.e. for each $0 \leq f \leq 1$ a.e., $f \in L^2(X, z dx)$. If, additionally, $Af_n \nearrow 1$ a.e. for some sequence $f_n \nearrow 1$, $f_n \in L^2(X, z dx)$, then A is called Markov.

Let $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$ be a Markov semigroup in $L^2(X, z dx)$, and let $p_t(x, \cdot)$, $t \geq 0$, $x \in X$, be a corresponding Markov semigroup of kernels. Consider the semigroup $(\text{Exp}(T_t))_{t \geq 0}$ in $L^2(\Gamma, \pi_z)$, which is Markov by Theorem 2.1. Note that each operator $\text{Exp}(T_t)$ is defined only π_z -almost everywhere. We are now interested in an explicit *point-wise* realization of a Markov semigroup of kernels which would correspond to the semigroup $(\text{Exp}(T_t))_{t \geq 0}$.

We consider the infinite product $X^{\mathbb{N}}$ with the cylinder σ -algebra on it, denoted by $\mathcal{C}(X^{\mathbb{N}})$. Let us recall the construction of a probability measure on Γ through a product measure on $X^{\mathbb{N}}$, see [13,25].

We define $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{C}(X^{\mathbb{N}})$ as the set of all elements $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} \in X^{\mathbb{N}}$ such that $x_i \neq x_j$ when $i \neq j$, and the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ has no accumulation points in X . Let

$$D := \{(x, y) \in X^2 : x = y\}.$$

Let ν_n , $n \in \mathbb{N}$, be probability measures on $(X, \mathcal{B}(X))$ such that

$$\nu_n \otimes \nu_m(D) = 0, \quad n \neq m.$$

Consider the product measure $\nu := \bigotimes_{n=1}^{\infty} \nu_n$ on $(X^{\mathbb{N}}, \mathcal{C}(X^{\mathbb{N}}))$. Then, by the Borel–Cantelli lemma, $\nu(\mathcal{A}) = 1$ if and only if, for each $r \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \nu_n(B(r)) < \infty.$$

In the latter case, we can consider ν as a probability measure on $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A}))$, where $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A})$ denotes the trace σ -algebra of $\mathcal{C}(X^{\mathbb{N}})$ on \mathcal{A} . Define the mapping

$$\mathcal{A} \ni (x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} \mapsto \mathcal{E}((x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varepsilon_{x_n} \in \Gamma, \tag{2}$$

which is measurable. Thus, we can define a probability measure μ on $(\Gamma, \mathcal{B}(\Gamma))$ as the image of ν under the mapping (2). Evidently, the measure μ is independent of the order of the ν_n 's.

Assume now that

$$p_t(x, \cdot) \otimes p_t(y, \cdot)(D) = 0, \quad x \neq y, \quad t > 0, \quad (3)$$

and let $\gamma \in \Gamma$ be such that

$$\sum_{x \in \gamma} p_t(x, B(r)) < \infty, \quad t > 0, \quad r \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (4)$$

Then, for each $t \geq 0$, we define $\mathbf{P}_t(\gamma, \cdot)$ as the probability measure on Γ given through the product measure

$$\mathbb{P}_t((x_n)_{n=1}^\infty, \cdot) := \bigotimes_{n=1}^\infty p_t(x_n, \cdot),$$

where $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ is an arbitrary numeration of the elements of γ .

In what follows, we will always assume that the manifold X satisfies the following condition: there exist $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and $C > 0$ such that

$$\text{vol}(B(\beta r)) \leq C\beta^m \text{vol}(B(r)), \quad r > 0, \quad \beta \geq 1. \quad (5)$$

By e.g. [6, Proposition 5.5.1], if X has non-negative Ricci curvature, then (5) is satisfied with $C = 1$ and m being equal to the dimension of X .

Theorem 2.2 *Let $(p_t)_{t \geq 0}$ be a Markov semigroup of kernels on X satisfying (3) and let $\alpha \geq 1$. Assume that*

$$\exists \epsilon > 0 : \forall t \in (0, \epsilon) \forall \delta > 0 : \sum_{n=1}^\infty \sup_{x \in X} p_t(x, B(x, \delta n^{1/(\alpha m)})^c) < \infty. \quad (6)$$

Then, each $\gamma \in \Theta_\alpha$ satisfies (4), so that $\mathbf{P}_t(\gamma, \cdot)$ is a probability measure on Γ for each $t \geq 0$, and furthermore, $(\mathbf{P}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is a Markov semigroup of kernels on $(\Theta_\alpha, \mathcal{B}(\Theta_\alpha))$.

Additionally, for each $z > 0$ and $t > 0$ and $F \in L^2(\Gamma, \pi_z)$, the function

$$\Theta_\alpha \ni \gamma \mapsto \int_{\Theta_\alpha} F(\xi) \mathbf{P}_t(\gamma, d\xi)$$

is a π_z -version of the function $\text{Exp}(T_t)F \in L^2(\Gamma, \pi_z)$.

Remark 2.1 Under the assumptions of Theorem 2.2, if the condition (6) is satisfied for all $\alpha \geq 1$, then $(\mathbf{P}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ becomes a Markov semigroup of kernels on $(\Theta, \mathcal{B}(\Theta))$.

Proof of Theorem 2.2. For any $x \in X$, denote $|x| := \text{dist}(x_0, x)$, where dist denotes the Riemannian distance.

Lemma 2.1 *Let the conditions of Theorem 2.2 be satisfied. Then, for any $\gamma \in \Theta_\alpha$ and $t \in (0, \epsilon)$,*

$$\sum_{x \in \gamma} p_t(x, B(x, |x|/2)^c) < \infty.$$

Proof. Fix any $\gamma \in \Theta_\alpha$ and choose any numeration $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ of points of γ such that $|x_{n+1}| \geq |x_n|$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $\gamma \in \Theta_\alpha$, there exists $K \in \mathbb{N}$ for which

$$|\gamma_{B(r)}| \leq K \text{vol}(B(r))^\alpha, \quad r \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (7)$$

Define

$$r(n) := \max \left\{ i \in \mathbb{Z}_+ : i < (n / (K C^\alpha \text{vol}(B(1))^\alpha))^{1/(\alpha m)} \right\}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad (8)$$

where C is the constant from (5). By (5), (7), and (8),

$$\begin{aligned} |\gamma_{B(r(n))}| &\leq K \operatorname{vol}(B(r(n)))^\alpha \\ &\leq KC^\alpha r(n)^{\alpha m} \operatorname{vol}(B(1))^\alpha \\ &< n, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $x_n \notin B(r(n))$. Hence, by (8),

$$|x_n| > r(n) > (n/(KC^\alpha \operatorname{vol}(B(1))^\alpha))^{1/(\alpha m)} - 1.$$

Therefore, to prove the lemma, it suffices to show that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p_t(x_n, B(x_n, ((n/KC^\alpha \operatorname{vol}(B(1))^\alpha)^{1/(\alpha m)} - 1)/2)^c) < \infty,$$

which evidently follows from (6). \square

Fix any $(x_n)_{n=1}^\infty \in \mathcal{E}^{-1}(\Theta_\alpha)$, where the mapping \mathcal{E} is given by (2). Denote

$$\mathcal{A}_n := \{ (y_k)_{k=1}^\infty \in X^\mathbb{N} : y_n \in B(x_n, |x_n|/2) \}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{9}$$

By Lemma 2.1, (9) and the Borel–Cantelli lemma,

$$\mathbb{P}_t \left((x_n)_{n=1}^\infty, \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{A}_n \right) = 1, \quad t \in (0, \epsilon). \tag{10}$$

Next, define

$$\mathcal{A}' := \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{A}_n \cap \{ (y_n)_{n=1}^\infty \in X^\mathbb{N} : y_i \neq y_j \text{ if } i \neq j, i, j \in \mathbb{N} \}.$$

By (3) and (10),

$$\mathbb{P}_t((x_n)_{n=1}^\infty, \mathcal{A}') = 1, \quad t \in (0, \epsilon). \tag{11}$$

We evidently have

$$|x_n| \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

and therefore $\mathcal{A}' \subset \mathcal{A}$. Hence, condition (4) is satisfied for $\gamma = \mathcal{E}((x_n)_{n=1}^\infty)$.

Let us show that

$$\mathcal{E}^{-1}(\Theta_\alpha) \subset \mathcal{A}'. \tag{12}$$

Indeed, fix any $(y_n)_{n=1}^\infty \in \mathcal{A}'$ and define $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ as the number of those y_n 's which do not belong to $B(x_n, |x_n|/2)$. Then

$$|\mathcal{E}((y_n)_{n=1}^\infty)_{B(r)}| \leq |\mathcal{E}((x_n)_{n=1}^\infty)_{B(2r)}| + k. \tag{13}$$

Then, by (5) and (13), we have, for each $r \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{E}((y_n)_{n=1}^\infty)_{B(r)}| &\leq K \operatorname{vol}(B(2r))^\alpha + k \\ &\leq K(C2^m \operatorname{vol}(B(r)))^\alpha + k \\ &\leq K' \operatorname{vol}(B(r))^\alpha \end{aligned}$$

for some $K' \in \mathbb{N}$ which is independent of r (note that $\operatorname{vol}(B(r)) \rightarrow \infty$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$ since X has infinite volume). Hence $\mathcal{E}((y_n)_{n=1}^\infty) \in \Theta_\alpha$.

Thus, by (11) and (12),

$$\mathbb{P}_t((x_n)_{n=1}^\infty, \mathcal{E}^{-1}(\Theta_\alpha)) = 1, \quad (x_n)_{n=1}^\infty \in \mathcal{E}^{-1}(\Theta_\alpha), \quad t \in (0, \epsilon). \tag{14}$$

Then, it easily follows from (14) and the construction of $\mathbb{P}_t((x_n)_{n=0}^\infty, \cdot)$ that $(\mathbb{P}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is a Markov semigroup of kernels on $\mathcal{E}^{-1}(\Theta_\alpha)$. Therefore, $(\mathbf{P}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is a Markov semigroup of kernels on Θ_α .

The proof of the last statement of the theorem is quite analogous to the proof of [13, Theorem 5.1], so we only outline this. Let

$$\mathcal{D} := \{ \varphi \in C_0(X) : -1 < \varphi \leq 0 \}. \tag{15}$$

Then, for any $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$, $\gamma \in \Theta_\alpha$, and $t \geq 0$, we easily get from the definition of $\mathbf{P}_t(\gamma, \cdot)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Theta_\alpha} \exp[\langle \log(1 + \varphi), \xi \rangle] \mathbf{P}_t(\gamma, d\xi) &= \prod_{x \in \gamma} \int_X (1 + \varphi(y)) p_t(x, dy) \\ &= \prod_{x \in \gamma} (1 + (T_t \varphi)(x)) = \exp[\langle \log(1 + T_t \varphi), \gamma \rangle]. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Next, it is well known (see e.g. [23, Corollary 2.1]) that, for any $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$,

$$I_z^{-1} \exp[\langle \log(1 + \varphi), \cdot \rangle] = \exp \left[\int_X \varphi(x) z dx \right] \left((1/n!) \varphi^{\otimes n} \right)_{n=0}^\infty. \quad (17)$$

Since $\int_X (T_t \varphi)(x) z dx = \int_X \varphi(x) z dx$, it follows from (16), (17) and the definition of $\text{Exp}(T_t)$ that the statement holds for $F = \exp[\langle \log(1 + \varphi), \cdot \rangle]$, $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$. Hence, analogously to the proof of [13, Theorem 5.1], we conclude the statement in the general case. \square

Let us now outline the case where the semigroup $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is sub-Markov, but not Markov. We shall assume for simplicity that

$$\inf_{x \in X} p_t(x, X) > 0, \quad t > 0. \quad (18)$$

Let $\hat{X} := X \cup \{\Delta\}$ be a one-point extension of X , and, as usual, consider $(\hat{p}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ as the extension of $(p_t)_{t \geq 0}$ to a Markov semigroup of kernels on \hat{X} . Let conditions (3) and (6) be satisfied. Consider the mapping

$$\hat{X}^{\mathbb{N}} \ni (x_n)_{n=1}^\infty \mapsto \hat{\mathcal{E}}((x_n)_{n=1}^\infty) := \sum_{n=1}^\infty \mathbf{1}_X(x_n) \varepsilon_{x_n}.$$

Then $\hat{\mathbb{P}}_t((x_n)_{n=1}^\infty, \cdot) := \bigotimes_{n=1}^\infty \hat{p}_t(x_n, \cdot)$, $t \geq 0$, is a Markov semigroup of kernels on $\hat{\mathcal{E}}^{-1}(\Theta_\alpha)$ (notice that condition (18) guarantees that, for $\hat{\mathbb{P}}_t((x_n)_{n=1}^\infty, \cdot)$ -a.e. $(y_n)_{n=1}^\infty \in \hat{X}^{\mathbb{N}}$, an infinite number of y_n 's belong to X).

Set $\hat{\mathbf{P}}_t(\gamma, \cdot)$ to be the image of $\hat{\mathbb{P}}_t((x_n)_{n=1}^\infty, \cdot)$ under $\hat{\mathcal{E}}$, where $\gamma = \{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \in \Theta_\alpha$, $t \geq 0$. Then, $(\hat{\mathbf{P}}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ becomes a Markov semigroup of kernels on Θ_α .

Next, we denote by $\pi_{z,t}$ the Poisson random measure over X with intensity measure $(1 - p_t(x, X)) z dx$ (notice that $\pi_{z,t}$ is concentrated on finite or infinite configurations in X , depending on whether the integral $\int_X (1 - p_t(x, X)) z dx$ is finite or infinite.) Define $\mathbf{P}_{z,t}(\gamma, \cdot)$ as the convolution of the measures $\hat{\mathbf{P}}_t(\gamma, \cdot)$ and $\pi_{z,t}$, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{P}_{z,t}(\gamma, A) = \int \hat{\mathbf{P}}_t(\gamma, d\xi_1) \int \pi_{z,t}(d\xi_2) \mathbf{1}_A(\xi_1 + \xi_2). \quad (19)$$

Note that $\mathbf{P}_{z,t}(\gamma, \cdot)$ is indeed concentrated on Γ , since for any fixed $\xi_1 \in \Gamma$, the $\pi_{z,t}$ probability of those ξ_2 which satisfy $\xi_1 \cap \xi_2 \neq \emptyset$ is equal to zero. Furthermore, we have $\mathbf{P}_{z,t}(\gamma, \Theta_\alpha) = 1$ for each $t \geq 0$ and $\gamma \in \Theta_\alpha$. Indeed, for each $t > 0$, $\pi_{z,t}$ is either concentrated on finite configurations or $\pi_{z,t}(\Theta_\alpha) = 1$, the latter being a consequence of the estimate $1 - p_t(x, X) \leq 1$ and the support property of a Poisson measure [19]. Now, the equality $\mathbf{P}_{z,t}(\gamma, \Theta_\alpha) = 1$ follows from the definition (19).

Next, for any $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$ (see (15)), $\gamma \in \Theta_\alpha$, and $t \geq 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\Theta_\alpha} \exp[\log(1 + \varphi), \xi] \mathbf{P}_{z,t}(\gamma, d\xi) \\ &= \int \exp[\langle \log(1 + \varphi), \xi_1 \rangle] \hat{\mathbf{P}}_t(\gamma, d\xi) \int \exp[\log(1 + \varphi), \xi_2] \pi_{z,t}(d\xi_2) \\ &= \left(\prod_{x \in \gamma} \left(1 - p_t(x, X) + \int_X (1 + \varphi(y)) p_t(x, dy) \right) \right) \exp \left[\int_X \varphi(x) (1 - p_t(x, X)) z dx \right] \\ &= \exp[\langle \log(1 + T_t \varphi), \gamma \rangle] \exp \left[\int_X (\varphi(x) - (T_t \varphi)(x)) z dx \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

From here we conclude that $\Theta_\alpha \ni \gamma \mapsto \int_{\Theta_\alpha} F(\xi) \mathbf{P}_{z,t}(\gamma, d\xi)$ is a π_z -version of $\text{Exp}(T_t)F$.

Finally, using (20), we have, for any $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$, $t, s > 0$, and $\gamma \in \Theta_\alpha$,

$$\int_{\Theta_\alpha} \int_{\Theta_\alpha} \exp[\langle \log(1 + \varphi), \xi_2 \rangle] \mathbf{P}_{z,s}(\xi_1, d\xi_2) \mathbf{P}_{z,t}(\gamma, d\xi_1) = \int_{\Theta} \exp[\langle \log(1 + \varphi), \xi \rangle] \mathbf{P}_{z,s+t}(\gamma, d\xi),$$

from where it easily follows that $(\mathbf{P}_{z,t})_{t \geq 0}$ is a Markov semigroup of kernels on Θ_α .

Remark 2.2 Note that, in the case where the semigroup $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is Markov, the construction of the Markov semigroup of kernels $(\mathbf{P}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is independent of z , whereas in the case where $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is sub-Markov, the $(\mathbf{P}_{z,t})_{t \geq 0}$ does depend on z .

3. Non-equilibrium independent infinite particle process

Our next aim is to study the Markov process corresponding to the Markov semigroup of kernels $(\mathbf{P}_t)_{t \geq 0}$, respectively $(\mathbf{P}_{z,t})_{t \geq 0}$.

For a metric space E , we denote by $D([0, \infty), E)$ the space of all cadlag functions from $[0, \infty)$ to E , i.e., right continuous functions on $[0, \infty)$ having left limits on $(0, \infty)$. We equip $D([0, \infty), E)$ with the cylinder σ -algebra $\mathcal{C}(D([0, \infty), E))$ constructed through the Borel σ -algebra $\mathcal{B}(E)$.

In what follows, we will assume that a Markov process on X corresponding to the semigroup $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$ has cadlag paths. The latter, in particular, holds if the kernels $(p_t)_{t \geq 0}$ determine a Feller semigroup (see e.g. [9, Chapter 2, Theorem 2.7]).

We first consider the case where the semigroup $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is Markov. For each $x \in X$, let P^x denote the law of the Markov process $(X_t)_{t \geq 0}$ corresponding to $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$ which starts at x . By our assumption, each P^x is a probability measure on $D([0, \infty), X)$. We will also assume that

$$P^x \otimes P^y((X_t^{(1)}, X_t^{(2)})_{t \geq 0} \mid \exists t > 0 : X_t^{(1)} = X_t^{(2)}) = 0, \quad x \neq y, \tag{21}$$

i.e., two independent Markov processes starting at x and y , $x \neq y$, will a.s. never meet. (If this condition is not satisfied, all the results below remain true, but for a corresponding space of multiple configurations.) Notice that condition (21) is stronger than (3).

For each $x \in X$ and $r > 0$, denote by $\tau_{B(x,r)^c}$ the hitting time of $B(x, r)^c$:

$$D([0, \infty), X) \ni \omega \mapsto \tau_{B(x,r)^c}(\omega) := \inf\{t > 0 : \omega(t) \in B(x, r)^c\}.$$

Let $\alpha \geq 1$ and assume:

$$\exists \epsilon > 0 : \forall \delta > 0 : \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sup_{x \in X} P^x(\tau_{B(x, \delta n^{1/(\alpha m)})^c} > \epsilon) < \infty. \tag{22}$$

Condition (22) is evidently stronger than (6).

Consider the space $D([0, \infty), X)^{\mathbb{N}}$ equipped with the cylinder σ -algebra $\mathcal{C}(D([0, \infty), X)^{\mathbb{N}})$. Denote by $\Omega_{\alpha,1}$ the set of those $(\omega_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} \in D([0, \infty), X)^{\mathbb{N}}$ which satisfy the following conditions:

- (i) for all $t \geq 0$, $\omega_i(t) \neq \omega_j(t)$ if $i \neq j$;
- (ii) $\{\omega_n(0)\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \in \Theta_\alpha$;
- (iii) there are only a finite number of ω_n 's for which $\tau_{B(x_n, |x_n|/2)^c}(\omega_n) \leq \epsilon$, where ϵ is as in (22).

It is easy to see that $\Omega_{\alpha,1} \in \mathcal{C}(D([0, \infty), X)^{\mathbb{N}})$.

Fix any $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} \in \mathcal{E}^{-1}(\Theta_\alpha)$ and consider the product measure

$$\mathbb{P}^{(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}} := \bigotimes_{n=1}^{\infty} P^{x_n}$$

on $D([0, \infty), X)^{\mathbb{N}}$. Absolutely analogously to the proof of Theorem 2.2 we conclude from (21) and (22) that

$$\mathbb{P}^{(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}}(\Omega_{\alpha,1}) = 1. \tag{23}$$

Furthermore, it follows from the proof of Theorem 2.2 that, for each $(\omega_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} \in \Omega_{\alpha,1}$, we have $\{\omega_n(t)\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \in \Theta_{\alpha}$ for all $t \in (0, \epsilon]$.

For each $k \in \mathbb{N}$, we now recurrently define $\Omega_{\alpha,k+1}$ as the subset of $\Omega_{\alpha,k}$ consisting of those $(\omega_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ which satisfy the following condition: there are only a finite number of ω_n 's for which

$$\tau_{B(\omega_n(\epsilon k), |\omega_n(\epsilon k)|/2)^c}(\omega_n(\epsilon k + \cdot)) \leq \epsilon.$$

Since under P^x , $X_t(\omega) = \omega(t)$, $t \geq 0$, is a time homogeneous Markov process starting at x , $x \in X$, we conclude, analogously to the above, that

$$\mathbb{P}^{(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}}(\Omega_{\alpha,k}) = 1, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Therefore,

$$\mathbb{P}^{(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}}(\Omega_{\alpha}) = 1, \quad \Omega_{\alpha} := \bigcap_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \Omega_{\alpha,k}.$$

Hence, we can consider $\mathbb{P}^{(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}}$ as a probability measure on Ω_{α} equipped with the trace σ -algebra of $\mathcal{C}(D([0, \infty), X^{\mathbb{N}}))$ on Ω_{α} .

Fix any $(\omega_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} \in \Omega_{\alpha}$. Then, we evidently have $\{\omega_n(t)\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \in \Theta_{\alpha}$ for all $t \geq 0$. Furthermore, for any compact $\Lambda \subset X$ and for any $T > 0$, there are only a finite number of ω_n 's which meet Λ during the time interval $[0, T]$. Therefore, $\{\omega_n(\cdot)\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \in D([0, \infty), \Theta_{\alpha})$, where Θ_{α} is equipped with the relative topology as a subset of Γ . Thus, the following mapping is well-defined:

$$\Omega_{\alpha} \ni (\omega_n(\cdot))_{n=1}^{\infty} \mapsto \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varepsilon_{\omega_n(\cdot)} \in D([0, \infty), \Theta_{\alpha}). \tag{24}$$

Furthermore, it easily follows from the definition of a cylinder σ -algebra that the mapping (24) is measurable. Thus, we can consider the image of the measure $\mathbb{P}^{(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}}$ under (24). This probability measure on $D([0, \infty), \Theta_{\alpha})$ will be denoted by $\mathbf{P}^{\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}}$ (note that this measure is, indeed, independent of the numeration of points of $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \in \Theta_{\alpha}$).

Next, it is easy to see that the finite-dimensional distributions of \mathbf{P}^{γ} , $\gamma \in \Theta_{\alpha}$, are given through the Markov semigroup of kernels $\mathbf{P}_t(\gamma, \cdot)$ on Θ_{α} (see Theorem 2.2). Hence, analogously to [13, Theorem 8.1], we get the following

Theorem 3.1 *Let $(p_t)_{t \geq 0}$ be a Markov semigroup of kernels on X and let (21) and (22) hold. Then there exists a time homogeneous Markov process*

$$\mathbf{M} = (\mathbf{\Omega}, \mathbf{F}, (\mathbf{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}, (\mathbf{\theta}_t)_{t \geq 0}, (\mathbf{P}^{\gamma})_{\gamma \in \Theta}, (\mathbf{X}_t)_{t \geq 0})$$

on the state space $(\Theta_{\alpha}, \mathcal{B}(\Theta_{\alpha}))$ with cadlag paths and with transition probability function $(\mathbf{P}_t)_{t \geq 0}$.

Remark 3.1 In Theorem 3.1, \mathbf{M} can be taken canonical, i.e., $\mathbf{\Omega} = D([0, \infty), \Theta_{\alpha})$, $\mathbf{X}(t)(\omega) = \omega(t)$ for $t \geq 0$ and $\omega \in \mathbf{\Omega}$, $\mathbf{F}_t = \sigma\{\mathbf{X}_s, 0 \leq s \leq t\}$ for $t \geq 0$, $\mathbf{F} = \sigma\{\mathbf{X}_t, t \geq 0\}$, $(\mathbf{\theta}_t \omega)(s) = \omega(s+t)$ for $t, s \geq 0$.

Remark 3.2 From the proof of Theorem 3.1 we see that the Markov process \mathbf{M} is a realization of the independent infinite particle process.

Remark 3.3 If the underlying Markov process on X has continuous sample paths, then the Markov process \mathbf{M} in Theorem 3.1 has continuous sample paths in Θ_{α} .

Remark 3.4 Analogously to Remark 2.1, we note that if, under the assumptions of Theorem 3.1, condition (22) is satisfied for each $\alpha \geq 1$, then Θ_{α} can be replaced by Θ in the statement of this theorem.

Corollary 3.1 *The statement of Theorem 3.1 remains true if, instead of (22), one demands that the following stronger condition be satisfied:*

$$\exists \epsilon > 0 : \forall \delta > 0 : \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sup_{t \in (0, \epsilon]} \sup_{x \in X} p_t(x, B(x, \delta n^{1/(\alpha m)})^c) < \infty. \quad (25)$$

Proof. For any $x \in X$, $r > 0$, and $\epsilon > 0$, we have:

$$P^x(\tau_{B(x,r)^c} > \epsilon) \leq 2 \sup_{t \in (0, \epsilon]} \sup_{x \in X} p_t(x, B(x, r/2)^c). \quad (26)$$

This estimate follows by a straightforward generalization of (the proof of) [18, Appendix A, Lemma 4] (see also [13, Lemma 8.1]) to the case of an arbitrary Markov process on X with cadlag paths. Now, by (26), condition (25) implies (22). \square

Let us consider the case where $(p_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is sub-Markov. We will assume that, for each $x \in X$, $p_t(x, X)$ is continuously differentiable in $t \in [0, \infty)$ and there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\left| \frac{\partial}{\partial t} p_{t,x}(X) \right| \leq C, \quad t \in [0, \delta], \quad x \in X, \quad (27)$$

for some $C > 0$.

We set

$$g(x) := - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} p_{t,x}(X) \Big|_{t=0}, \quad x \in X, \quad (28)$$

which is a bounded non-negative function. Using the semigroup property of $(p_t)_{t \geq 0}$, we then conclude from (27) and (28) that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} p_{t,x}(X) = - \int_X g(y) p_{t,x}(dy), \quad t > 0, \quad x \in X. \quad (29)$$

We will now assume that (18), (21), and (22) hold. Analogously to the Markovian case, for each $\gamma \in \Theta_\alpha$, we define a probability measure $\hat{\mathbf{P}}^\gamma$ on $D([0, \infty), \Theta_\alpha)$ through the mapping

$$\hat{\Omega}_\alpha \ni (\omega_n(\cdot))_{n=1}^\infty \mapsto \sum_{n=1}^\infty \mathbf{1}_X(\omega_n(\cdot)) \varepsilon_{\omega_n(\cdot)} \in D([0, \infty), \Theta_\alpha), \quad (30)$$

where $\hat{\Omega}_\alpha$ is a corresponding subset of $D([0, \infty), \hat{X})^\mathbb{N}$ (compare with (24)).

Let Π_z denote the Poisson random measure over $X \times [0, \infty)$ with intensity measure $g(x) z dx dt$. Since the measure dx has no atoms in X , Π_z is concentrated on the set of those configurations ξ which satisfy the following condition: for any different $(x_1, t_1), (x_2, t_2) \in \xi$, we have $x_1 \neq x_2$. Any such configuration can be represented as the disjoint union

$$\xi = \bigcup_{k=1}^\infty \xi^{(k)},$$

where each $\xi^{(k)}$ is a configuration in $X \times [k-1, k)$, and to each $\xi^{(k)}$ there corresponds a configuration $\gamma^{(k)}$ in X that is obtained by taking the X -components of the points from $\xi^{(k)}$.

Denote $\bar{\Theta}_\alpha := \Theta_\alpha \cup \Gamma_{\text{fin}}$, where Γ_{fin} is the set of all finite configurations in X . We endow $\bar{\Theta}_\alpha$ with the vague topology. We note that, since the function $g(x)$ is bounded, we have Π_z -a.s. that $\gamma^{(k)} \in \bar{\Theta}_\alpha$.

For each $\xi^{(k)}$, we now construct a probability measure $\mathbf{M}^{\xi^{(k)}}$ on $D([0, \infty), \bar{\Theta}_\alpha)$. This measure is defined in the same way as the measure $\hat{\mathbf{P}}^{\gamma^{(k)}}$, but only, instead of (30), one uses the mapping

$$(\omega_n(\cdot))_{n \geq 1} \mapsto \sum_{n \geq 1} \mathbf{1}_{[t_n, \infty)}(\cdot) \mathbf{1}_X(\omega_n(\cdot - t_n)) \varepsilon_{\omega_n(\cdot - t_n)},$$

where $\xi^{(k)} = \{(x_n, t_n)\}_{n \geq 1}$, so that $\gamma^{(k)} = \{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$.

For each $\gamma \in \Theta_\alpha$, we now define a probability measure \mathbf{P}_z^γ on $D([0, \infty), \Theta_\alpha)$ by setting, for each $C \in \mathcal{C}(D([0, \infty), \Theta_\alpha))$,

$$\mathbf{P}_z^\gamma(C) := \int \hat{\mathbf{P}}^\gamma(d\boldsymbol{\omega}^{(0)}) \int \Pi_z(d\xi) \int \left(\bigotimes_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbf{M}^{\xi^{(k)}} \right) (d\boldsymbol{\omega}^{(1)}(\cdot), d\boldsymbol{\omega}^{(2)}(\cdot), \dots) \mathbf{1}_C \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \boldsymbol{\omega}^{(k)}(\cdot) \right).$$

We note that $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \boldsymbol{\omega}^{(k)}(\cdot)$ indeed a.s. belongs to $D([0, \infty), \Theta_\alpha)$, since for any $K \in \mathbb{N}$ and $t < K$, we have $\sum_{k=K}^{\infty} \boldsymbol{\omega}^{(k)}(t) = 0$.

Let us show that the finite-dimensional distributions of \mathbf{P}_z^γ are given through the Markov semigroup of kernels $\mathbf{P}_{z,t}(\gamma, \cdot)$ on Θ_α . For $0 = t_0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and any $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n \in \mathcal{D}$ (see (15)), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \Pi_z(d\xi) \int \left(\bigotimes_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbf{M}^{\xi^{(k)}} \right) (d\boldsymbol{\omega}^{(1)}(\cdot), d\boldsymbol{\omega}^{(2)}(\cdot), \dots) \prod_{i=1}^n \exp \left[\left\langle \log(1 + \varphi_i), \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \boldsymbol{\omega}^{(k)}(t_i) \right\rangle \right] \\ &= \int \Pi_z(d\xi) \prod_{(x,\tau) \in \xi} \int \hat{P}^x(d\boldsymbol{\omega}(\cdot)) \prod_{i=1}^n \exp \left[\langle \log(1 + \varphi_i), \mathbf{1}_{[t, \infty)}(t_i) \mathbf{1}_X(\boldsymbol{\omega}(t_i - \tau)) \varepsilon_{\boldsymbol{\omega}(t_i - \tau)} \rangle \right] \\ &= \exp \left[\int_X z dx g(x) \int_0^\infty d\tau \left(-1 + \int \hat{P}^x(d\boldsymbol{\omega}(\cdot)) \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. \times \prod_{i=1}^n \exp[\langle \log(1 + \varphi_i), \mathbf{1}_{[t, \infty)}(t_i) \mathbf{1}_X(\boldsymbol{\omega}(t_i - \tau)) \varepsilon_{\boldsymbol{\omega}(t_i - \tau)} \rangle] \right) \right] \\ &= \exp \left[\sum_{j=1}^n \int_X z dx g(x) \int_{t_{j-1}}^{t_j} d\tau \left(-1 + \int \hat{P}^x(d\boldsymbol{\omega}(\cdot)) \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. \times \prod_{i=1}^n \exp[\langle \log(1 + \varphi_i), \mathbf{1}_X(\boldsymbol{\omega}(t_i - \tau)) \varepsilon_{\boldsymbol{\omega}(t_i - \tau)} \rangle] \right) \right] \\ &= \exp \left[\sum_{j=1}^n \int_X z dx g(x) \int_{t_{j-1}}^{t_j} d\tau \left(-1 + (1 - p_{t_j - \tau}(x, X)) + \int_X p_{t_j - \tau}(x, dy) (1 + \varphi_j(y)) \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. \times \int_X \hat{P}^y(d\boldsymbol{\omega}(\cdot)) \prod_{i=j+1}^n \exp[\langle \log(1 + \varphi_i), \mathbf{1}_X(\boldsymbol{\omega}(t_i - t_j)) \varepsilon_{\boldsymbol{\omega}(t_i - t_j)} \rangle] \right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

Denote

$$F_j(x) := -1 + (1 + \varphi_j(x)) \int \hat{P}^x(d\boldsymbol{\omega}(\cdot)) \prod_{i=j+1}^n \exp[\langle \log(1 + \varphi_i), \mathbf{1}_X(\boldsymbol{\omega}(t_i - t_j)) \varepsilon_{\boldsymbol{\omega}(t_i - t_j)} \rangle],$$

where $x \in X$. Then we can proceed in (31) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \exp \left[\sum_{j=1}^n \int_X z dx g(x) \int_0^{t_j - t_{j-1}} d\tau \int_X p_{t_j - t_{j-1} - \tau}(x, dy) F_j(y) \right] \\ &= \exp \left[\sum_{j=1}^n \int_0^{t_j - t_{j-1}} d\tau \int_X z dx F_j(x) \int p_{t_j - t_{j-1} - \tau}(x, dy) g(y) \right] \\ &= \exp \left[\sum_{j=1}^n \int_X F_j(x) (1 - p_{t_j - t_{j-1}}(x, X)) z dx \right], \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

where we used (29).

On the other hand, by (19),

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \mathbf{P}_{z,t_1}(\gamma, d\gamma_1) \int \mathbf{P}_{z,t_2-t_1}(\gamma_1, d\gamma_2) \cdots \int \mathbf{P}_{z,t_n-t_{n-1}}(\gamma_{n-1}, d\gamma_n) \prod_{i=1}^n \exp[\langle \log(1 + \varphi_i), \gamma_i \rangle] \\ &= \int \hat{\mathbf{P}}_{t_1}(\gamma, d\gamma_1) \int \hat{\mathbf{P}}_{t_2-t_1}(\gamma_1, d\gamma_2) \cdots \int \hat{\mathbf{P}}_{t_n-t_{n-1}}(\gamma_{n-1}, d\gamma_n) \prod_{i=1}^n \exp[\langle \log(1 + \varphi_i), \gamma_i \rangle] \prod_{j=1}^n A_j, \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A_j &= \int \pi_{z,t_j-t_{j-1}}(d\theta_j) \exp[\langle \log(1 + \varphi_j), \theta_j \rangle] \\ &\quad \times \int \hat{\mathbf{P}}_{t_{j+1}-t_j}(\theta_j, d\eta_{j+1}) \cdots \int \hat{\mathbf{P}}_{t_n-t_{n-1}}(\eta_{n-1}, d\eta_n) \prod_{k=j+1}^n \exp[\langle \log(1 + \varphi_k), \eta_k \rangle] \\ &= \int \pi_{z,t_j-t_{j-1}}(d\theta_j) \prod_{x \in \theta_j} \left((1 + \varphi_j(x)) \int \hat{p}_{t_{j+1}-t_j}(x, dy_1) \cdots \int \hat{p}_{t_n-t_{n-1}}(y_{n-1}, dy_n) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \prod_{k=j+1}^n \exp[\langle \log(1 + \varphi_k), \mathbf{1}_X(y_k) \varepsilon_{y_k} \rangle] \right) \\ &= \exp \left[\int_X F_j(x) (1 - p_{t_j-t_{j-1}}(x, X)) z \, dx \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

By (31)–(34), we conclude that the finite-dimensional distributions of \mathbf{P}_z^γ are indeed given through the Markov semigroup of kernels $\mathbf{P}_{z,t}(\gamma, \cdot)$

Thus, analogously to Theorem 3.1, we obtain a time homogeneous Markov process \mathbf{M}_z on the state space Θ_α (or Θ , provided (22) holds for all $\alpha \geq 1$) with cadlag paths and with transition probability function $(\mathbf{P}_{z,t})_{t \geq 0}$.

Remark 3.5 Analogously to Remark 2.2, we see that, in the case where $(p_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is Markov, the process \mathbf{M} from Theorem 3.1 has *any* Poisson measure π_z , $z > 0$ as invariant measure, whereas, in the case of a sub-Markov $(p_t)_{t \geq 0}$, only the measure π_z is invariant for the process \mathbf{M}_z .

4. Examples

4.1. Brownian motion on the configuration space

Assume that $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is the heat semigroup on X with generator $\frac{1}{2} \Delta^X$, the Laplace–Beltrami operator on X . We will denote by $p(t, x, y)$ the corresponding heat kernel on X (see e.g. [6]). We recall that the corresponding Markov process on X is called Brownian motion on X . In the case where the manifold X is not stochastically complete, we will assume that condition (27) is satisfied.

Theorem 4.1 *Assume that the dimension of the manifold X is ≥ 2 . Assume that $(p_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is either Markov, or (18) and (27) hold. Further assume that the heat kernel $p(t, x, y)$ satisfies the Gaussian upper bound for small values of t :*

$$p(t, x, y) \leq Ct^{-n/2} \exp \left[- \frac{\text{dist}(x, y)^2}{Dt} \right], \quad t \in (0, \epsilon], \quad x, y \in X, \tag{35}$$

where $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\epsilon > 0$ and C and D are positive constants. Then the corresponding independent infinite particle process exists as a Markov process \mathbf{M}^B on $(\Theta, \mathcal{C}(\Theta))$ with either continuous paths if $(p_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is Markov, or cadlag paths if $(p_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is sub-Markov.

Remark 4.1 According to [1] and [13], the Markov process \mathbf{M}^B in Theorem 4.1 may be interpreted as a Brownian motion in the configuration space over X .

Denote by $\mathcal{FC}_b^\infty(C_0^\infty(X), \Theta)$ the set of all real-valued functions on Θ of the form $F(\gamma) = g_F(\langle \varphi_1, \gamma \rangle, \dots, \langle \varphi_N, \gamma \rangle)$, where $g_F \in C_b^\infty(\mathbb{R})$, $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_N \in C_0^\infty(X)$, $N \in \mathbb{N}$. Assume first that $(p_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is Markov. Then, the L^2 -generator of the process \mathbf{M}^B has the following representation on the set $\mathcal{FC}_b^\infty(C_0^\infty(X), \Theta)$ (which is a core for this operator):

$$(\mathbf{L}^B F)(\gamma) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x \in \gamma} \Delta_x^X F(\gamma),$$

where

$$\Delta_x^X F(\gamma) := \Delta_y^X F(\gamma \setminus \{y\} \cup \{x\}) \Big|_{y=x},$$

see [1,13] for details. In the case where $(p_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is sub-Markov, one can analogously show that the L^2 -generator of \mathbf{M}^B is given on the set $\mathcal{FC}_b^\infty(C_0^\infty(X), \Theta)$ by

$$(\mathbf{L}^B F)(\gamma) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x \in \gamma} \Delta_y^X (F(\gamma \setminus \{x\} \cup \{y\}) - F(\gamma \setminus \{x\})) \Big|_{y=x} + \int_X (F(\gamma \cup \{x\}) - F(\gamma)) g(x) dx.$$

Proof of Theorem 4.1. Since the dimension of X is ≥ 2 , (21) is now satisfied, see e.g. (8.29) in [13]. Next, by [13, Lemma 8.2], (35) implies that there exists $C > 0$ such that

$$\sup_{t \in (0, \epsilon]} \sup_{x \in X} p_t(x, B(x, r)^c) \leq C e^{-r}, \quad r > 0.$$

It follows from here that (25) is satisfied. Now, the theorem follows from Corollary 3.1. \square

4.2. Free Glauber dynamics on the configuration space

Let $a : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a bounded measurable function. Consider a Markov process on X with a finite lifetime that corresponds to the semigroup $(T_t f)(x) = e^{-a(x)t} f(x)$. Thus, the process stays at a starting point for some random time and then dies away, with

$$p_t(x, \{x\}) = p_t(x, X) = e^{-a(x)t}, \quad x \in X, t > 0.$$

The function g is now equal to a . Note also that $p_t(x, B(x, r)^c) = 0$ for each $r > 0$. Thus, all the above conditions are evidently satisfied and the corresponding infinite particle process exists as a Markov process \mathbf{M}^G on $(\Theta, \mathcal{C}(\Theta))$ with cadlag paths. This process can be interpreted as a free Glauber dynamics on the configuration space, or a birth-and-death process in X , see [3,12,14] for details. The L^2 -generator of the process \mathbf{M}^G is given on its core $\mathcal{FC}_b^\infty(C_0^\infty(X), \Theta)$ by

$$(\mathbf{L}^G F)(\gamma) = \sum_{x \in \gamma} a(x) (F(\gamma \setminus \{x\}) - F(\gamma)) + \int_X a(x) (F(\gamma \cup \{x\}) - F(\gamma)) dx,$$

see [12,14].

4.3. Free Kawasaki dynamics on the configuration space

We now consider a Markov jump process on X . The generator of this process has the following representation on the set of all bounded functions on X :

$$(Lf)(x) = \int_X (f(y) - f(x)) \varkappa(x, y) dy, \tag{36}$$

and we assume that

$$\varkappa : X^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$$

is a measurable function satisfying

$$\varkappa(x, y) = \varkappa(y, x), \quad x, y \in X, \tag{37}$$

and

$$\lambda := \sup_{x \in X} \int_X \varkappa(x, y) \, dy \in (0, \infty). \tag{38}$$

Following [9], we can explicitly construct this Markov process as follows. For each $x_0 \in X$, let $\{Y(k), k = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ be a Markov chain in X starting at x_0 , with transition function

$$\mu(x, dy) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_X \varkappa(x, y) \, dy\right) \varepsilon_x(dy) + \frac{1}{\lambda} \varkappa(x, y) \, dy.$$

Let $(Z_t)_{t \geq 0}$ be an independent Poisson process with parameter λ . We now define the Markov process $(X_t)_{t \geq 0}$ starting at x_0 by

$$X_t := Y(Z_t), \quad t \geq 0.$$

By [9], this process has generator (36).

Theorem 4.2 *Assume that (37) and (38) hold and assume that there exist $C > 0$ and $\alpha > m$ (m being as in (5)) such that*

$$\sup_{x \in X} \int_{B(x,r)^c} \varkappa(x, y) \, dy \leq \frac{C}{r^\alpha}, \quad r > 0. \tag{39}$$

Then the corresponding independent infinite particle process exists as a Markov process \mathbf{M}^K on $(\Theta_\alpha, \mathcal{B}(\Theta_\alpha))$ with cadlag paths.

Remark 4.2 According to [14], the Markov process \mathbf{M}^K can be interpreted as a free Kawasaki dynamics on the configuration space. The L^2 -generator of the process \mathbf{M}^K has the following representation on $\mathcal{F}C_b^\infty(C_0^\infty(X), \Theta)$:

$$(\mathbf{L}^K F)(\gamma) = \int_X \gamma(dx) \int_X dy \varkappa(x, y) (F(\gamma \setminus \{x\} \cup \{y\}) - F(\gamma)),$$

see [14].

Proof. By construction, the process $(X_t)_{t \geq 0}$ has cadlag paths in X . Furthermore, as easily seen, condition (21) is now satisfied. In a standard way, the process $(X_t)_{t \geq 0}$ leads to a Markov semigroup $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$ in $L^2(X, dx)$. Using (37) and the construction of the process, we see that each T_t is self-adjoint.

By Theorem 3.1, it suffices to prove that condition (22) is satisfied. By using (39) and the construction of the process $(X_t)_{t \geq 0}$, we get, for any $\delta > 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sup_{x \in X} P^x(\tau_{B(x, \delta n^{1/m})^c} > 1) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sup_{x \in X} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P^x(\tau_{B(x, \delta n^{1/m})^c} > 1, Z_1 = k) \\ &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sup_{x \in X} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P^x(Z_1 = k, \exists i \in \{1, \dots, k\} : \text{dist}(Y(i-1), Y(i)) \geq \delta n^{1/m}/k) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sup_{x \in X} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} P^x(\exists i \in \{1, \dots, k\} : \text{dist}(Y(i-1), Y(i)) \geq \delta n^{1/m}/k) \\ &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \sum_{i=1}^k \sup_{x \in X} P^x(\text{dist}(Y(i-1), Y(i)) \geq \delta n^{1/m}/k) \\ &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k k}{k! \lambda} \sup_{x \in X} \int_{B(x, \delta n^{1/m}/k)^c} \varkappa(x, y) \, dy \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} C \left(\frac{k}{\delta n^{1/m}} \right)^{\alpha} \\ &= \frac{e^{-\lambda} C}{\delta^{\alpha}} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\alpha/m}} \right) \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{k-1} k^{\alpha}}{(k-1)!} \right) < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

since $\alpha > m$. \square

5. Free Glauber dynamics as a scaling limit of free Kawasaki dynamics

Let μ be a probability measure on $(\Gamma, \mathcal{B}(\Gamma))$. Assume that, for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists a non-negative measurable symmetric function $k_{\mu}^{(n)}$ on X^n such that, for any measurable symmetric function $f^{(n)} : X^n \rightarrow [0, \infty]$,

$$\int_{\Gamma} \sum_{\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \subset \gamma} f^{(n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mu(d\gamma) = \frac{1}{n!} \int_{X^n} f^{(n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n) k_{\mu}^{(n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \cdots dx_n. \quad (40)$$

Then, the functions $k_{\mu}^{(n)}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, are referred to as the correlation functions of the measure μ .

Via a recursion formula, one can transform the correlation functions $k_{\mu}^{(n)}$ into the Ursell functions $u_{\mu}^{(n)}$ and vice versa, see e.g. [21]. Their relation is given by

$$k_{\mu}(\eta) = \sum u_{\mu}(\eta_1) \cdots u_{\mu}(\eta_j), \quad \eta \in \Gamma_0, \quad (41)$$

where

$$\Gamma_0 := \{\eta \subset X : 1 \leq |\eta| < \infty\},$$

for any $\eta = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \in \Gamma_0$

$$k_{\mu}(\eta) := k_{\mu}^{(n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n), \quad u_{\mu}(\eta) := u_{\mu}^{(n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n),$$

and the summation in (41) is over all partitions of the set η into nonempty mutually disjoint subsets $\eta_1, \dots, \eta_j \subset \eta$ such that $\eta_1 \cup \cdots \cup \eta_j = \eta$, $j \in \mathbb{N}$. Note that $k_{\mu}^{(1)} = u_{\mu}^{(1)}$.

Let now $X = \mathbb{R}^d$. We fix an arbitrary function $\xi \in S(\mathbb{R}^d)$ such that $\xi(-x) = \xi(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$. Here, $S(\mathbb{R}^d)$ denotes the Schwartz space of rapidly decreasing, infinitely differentiable functions on \mathbb{R}^d . We define

$$\varkappa(x, y) := \xi(x - y), \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

It can be easily checked that, by Theorem 4.2, the corresponding Kawasaki dynamics exists as a Markov process \mathbf{M}^K on $(\Theta, \mathcal{B}(\Theta))$ with cadlag paths.

Let μ be a probability measure on $(\Theta, \mathcal{B}(\Theta))$ that satisfies the following conditions:

(i) μ has correlation functions $(k_{\mu}^{(n)})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, and there exist $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ and $C > 0$ such that

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in (\mathbb{R}^d)^n : k_{\mu}^{(n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leq (n!)^{\gamma} C^n. \quad (42)$$

(ii) μ is translation invariant. In particular, the first correlation function $k_{\mu}^{(1)}$ is a constant.

(iii) μ has decay of correlations in the following sense: for each $n \geq 2$ and $1 \leq i \leq n$

$$u_{\mu}^{(n)} \left(\frac{x_1}{\varepsilon}, \dots, \frac{x_i}{\varepsilon}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n \right) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0, \quad (43)$$

where the convergence is in the $dx_1 \cdots dx_n$ -measure on each compact set in \mathbb{R}^d .

For example, any double-potential Gibbs measure in the low activity-high temperature regime satisfies the above assumptions, see [4,17,21]

Let us assume that the initial distribution of the Kawasaki dynamics is μ . We denote this stochastic process by \mathbf{M}_μ^K . We scale this dynamics as follows. Instead of the function ξ used for the construction of \mathbf{M}_μ^K , use the function

$$\xi_\varepsilon(x) := \varepsilon^d \xi(\varepsilon x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

and denote the corresponding Kawasaki dynamics with initial distribution μ by $\mathbf{M}_{\mu,\varepsilon}^K$. We are interested in the limit of this dynamics as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$.

As in subsection 4.2, we construct the Glauber dynamics \mathbf{M}^G using $a(x) := \langle \xi \rangle$ and $z = k_\mu^{(1)}$. Here and below, for any $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d, dx)$, we denote

$$\langle f \rangle := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx.$$

We assume that the initial distribution of the Glauber dynamics is μ and denote this stochastic process by \mathbf{M}_μ^G .

Below, we will use $\ddot{\Gamma}$ to denote the space of multiple configurations over \mathbb{R}^d equipped with the vague topology, see e.g. [11] for details. We have $\Theta \in \mathcal{B}(\ddot{\Gamma})$.

Theorem 5.1 *Under the above assumptions, consider $\mathbf{M}_{\mu,\varepsilon}^K$, $\varepsilon > 0$, and \mathbf{M}_μ^G as stochastic processes taking values in $\ddot{\Gamma}$. Then, $\mathbf{M}_{\mu,\varepsilon}^K \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_\mu^G$ as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ in the sense of weak convergence of finite-dimensional distributions.*

Proof. Let $(p_{t,\varepsilon})_{t \geq 0}$ denote the semigroup in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d, dx)$ with generator

$$(L_\varepsilon f)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (f(y) - f(x)) \xi_\varepsilon(x - y) dy.$$

Let \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{F}^{-1} denote the Fourier transform and its inverse, respectively, which we normalize so that they become unitary operators in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, dx)$. As usual, we denote $\hat{f} := \mathcal{F}f$ and $\check{f} := \mathcal{F}^{-1}f$.

We easily have:

$$(p_{t,\varepsilon} f)(x) = e^{-t\langle \xi \rangle} f(x) + (K_{t,\varepsilon} f)(x), \tag{44}$$

where

$$(K_{t,\varepsilon} f)(x) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \varepsilon^d G_t(\varepsilon(x - y)) f(y) dy, \quad t > 0. \tag{45}$$

Here

$$G_t(x) := e^{-t\langle \xi \rangle} (\exp[t(2\pi)^{d/2} \hat{\xi}] - 1), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d. \tag{46}$$

We note that, since $\xi \in S(\mathbb{R}^d)$, we have $\hat{\xi} \in S(\mathbb{R}^d)$, and therefore $\exp[t(2\pi)^{d/2} \hat{\xi}] - 1 \in S(\mathbb{R}^d)$. Hence, for each $t > 0$, $G_t \in S(\mathbb{R}^d)$. Furthermore, since $\xi(-x) = \xi(x)$, we get $G_t(x) = G_t(-x)$.

We fix any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $0 = t_0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n$, and $\varphi_0, \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^d)$ with $-1 < \varphi_i \leq 0$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$. We denote by $(\mathbf{P}_t^\varepsilon(\gamma, \cdot))_{t \geq 0, \gamma \in \Theta}$ the transition semigroup of the ε -Kawasaki dynamics for $\varepsilon > 0$ and that of the Glauber dynamics for $\varepsilon = 0$. We also denote by $(p_t^\varepsilon(x, \cdot))_{t \geq 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^d}$ the transition semigroup of the one-particle ε -dynamics, $\varepsilon > 0$.

By (40), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Theta} \mu(d\gamma_0) \int_{\Theta} \mathbf{P}_{t_1}^\varepsilon(\gamma_0, d\gamma_1) \int_{\Theta} \mathbf{P}_{t_2-t_1}^\varepsilon(\gamma_1, d\gamma_2) \\ & \quad \times \dots \times \int_{\Theta} \mathbf{P}_{t_n-t_{n-1}}^\varepsilon(\gamma_{n-1}, d\gamma_n) \prod_{i=0}^n \exp[(\log(1 + \varphi_i), \gamma_i)] \\ & = \int_{\Theta} \mu(d\gamma) \prod_{x \in \gamma} (1 + \varphi_0(x)) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} p_{t_1}^\varepsilon(x, dx_1) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} p_{t_2-t_1}^\varepsilon(x_1, dx_2) \\ & \quad \times \dots \times \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} p_{t_n-t_{n-1}}^\varepsilon(x_{n-1}, dx_n) \prod_{i=1}^n (1 + \varphi_i(x_i)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_{\Theta} \mu(d\gamma) \prod_{x \in \gamma} (1 + g^\varepsilon(x)), \\
 &= 1 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m!} \int_{(\mathbb{R}^d)^m} g^\varepsilon(x_1) \cdots g^\varepsilon(x_m) k_\mu^{(m)}(x_1, \dots, x_m) dx_1 \cdots dx_m. \quad (47)
 \end{aligned}$$

Here,

$$g^\varepsilon(x) := \varphi_0(x) + f^\varepsilon(x) + \varphi_0(x)f^\varepsilon(x) \quad (48)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}
 f^\varepsilon(x) := & \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_k \leq n, k \geq 1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} p_{t_{i_1}}^\varepsilon(x, dx_1) \\
 & \times \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} p_{t_{i_2}-t_{i_1}}^\varepsilon(x_1, dx_2) \times \cdots \times p_{t_{i_k}-t_{i_{k-1}}}^\varepsilon(x_{k-1}, dx_k) \varphi_{i_1}(x_1) \cdots \varphi_{i_k}(x_k). \quad (49)
 \end{aligned}$$

We easily have from (48) and (49):

$$\sup_{\varepsilon > 0} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |g^\varepsilon(x)| dx < \infty.$$

Hence, by (42), in order to find the limit of (47) as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$, it suffices to find the limit of each term in the sum.

By (44)–(46), (48), and (49),

$$\begin{aligned}
 g^\varepsilon(x) = & \varphi_0(x) + (1 + \varphi_0(x)) \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_k \leq n, k \geq 1} (e^{-t_{i_1}(\xi)} + K_{t_{i_1}, \varepsilon}) M_{\varphi_{i_1}} \\
 & \times (e^{-(t_{i_2}-t_{i_1})(\xi)} + K_{t_{i_2}-t_{i_1}, \varepsilon}) M_{\varphi_{i_2}} \times \cdots \times (e^{-(t_{i_k}-t_{i_{k-1}})(\xi)} + K_{t_{i_k}-t_{i_{k-1}}, \varepsilon}) \varphi_{i_k}, \quad (50)
 \end{aligned}$$

where M_f denotes the operator of multiplication by a function f .

By (41), for each $m \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{(\mathbb{R}^d)^m} g^\varepsilon(x_1) \cdots g^\varepsilon(x_m) k_\mu^{(m)}(x_1, \dots, x_m) dx_1 \cdots dx_m \\
 &= \sum_{\{\eta_1, \dots, \eta_j\}} \prod_{i=1}^j \int_{(\mathbb{R}^d)^{|\eta_i|}} g^\varepsilon(x_1) \cdots g^\varepsilon(x_{|\eta_i|}) u_\mu^{(|\eta_i|)}(x_1, \dots, x_{|\eta_i|}) dx_1 \cdots dx_{|\eta_i|}, \quad (51)
 \end{aligned}$$

where the summation is over all partitions $\{\eta_1, \dots, \eta_j\}$, $j \geq 1$, of the set $\{1, \dots, n\}$ into nonempty, mutually disjoint subsets $\eta_1, \dots, \eta_j \subset \eta$.

We next have the following

Lemma 5.1 *Let the above assumptions be satisfied. Let $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$, $k \leq n$, $l_1, \dots, l_k \in \mathbb{N}$, $t_i^{(j)} > 0$, $j = 1, \dots, l_i$, $i = 1, \dots, k$. Let $f_i^{(1)}, \dots, f_i^{(l_i)} \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $i = 1, \dots, k$. Let $F : (\mathbb{R}^d)^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $f_1, \dots, f_k : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be measurable and bounded, and $f_{k+1}, \dots, f_n \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^d)$. For any $\varepsilon > 0$, set*

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_\varepsilon := & \int_{(\mathbb{R}^d)^n} dx_1 \cdots dx_n F(x_1, \dots, x_n) \prod_{i=1}^k \left(f_i(x_i) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} dx_i^{(1)} \varepsilon^d G_{t_i^{(1)}}(\varepsilon(x_i - x_i^{(1)})) f_i^{(1)}(x_i^{(1)}) \right. \\
 & \times \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} dx_i^{(2)} \varepsilon^d G_{t_i^{(2)}}(\varepsilon(x_i^{(2)} - x_i^{(1)})) f_i^{(2)}(x_i^{(2)}) \\
 & \times \cdots \times \left. \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} dx_i^{(l_i)} \varepsilon^d G_{t_i^{(l_i)}}(\varepsilon(x_i^{(l_i)} - x_i^{(l_i-1)})) f_i^{(l_i)}(x_i^{(l_i)}) \right) \prod_{j=k+1}^n f_j(x_j). \quad (52)
 \end{aligned}$$

We then have:

- (i) If at least one $l_i \geq 2$, then $I_\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$.
- (ii) If $n \geq 2$, $l_1 = \dots = l_k = 1$ and $F = u_\mu^{(n)}$, then $I_\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$.
- (iii) If $l_1 = \dots = l_k = 1$, $F = 1$, and at least one $f_i \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^d)$. Then. $I_\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$.
- (iv) If $l_1 = \dots = l_k = 1$, $f_1 = \dots = f_k = 1$, and $F = 1$, then for each $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$I_\varepsilon = \left(\prod_{i=1}^k (1 - e^{-t_i^{(1)} \langle \xi \rangle} \langle f_i^{(1)} \rangle) \right) \times \prod_{j=k+1}^n \langle f_j \rangle.$$

Proof. In the right hand side of (52), make the following change of variables

$$x'_i = \varepsilon(x_i), \quad (x_i^{(j)})' = \varepsilon x_i^{(j)}, \quad j = 1, \dots, l_i - 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

Then by the dominated convergence theorem and (43), we get the statements (i)–(iii). In the same way, in the case of (iv), we get

$$I_\varepsilon = \left(\prod_{i=1}^k \langle G_{t_i^{(1)}} \rangle \langle f_i^{(1)} \rangle \right) \times \prod_{j=k+1}^n \langle f_j \rangle.$$

By (44), we have, for any $t > 0$:

$$\langle G_t \rangle = 1 - e^{-t \langle \xi \rangle},$$

from where the lemma follows. \square

By (41), (50), (51), and Lemma 5.1, and taking into account that each Ursell function $u_\mu^{(n)}$ is bounded, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{(\mathbb{R}^d)^m} g^\varepsilon(x_1) \cdots g^\varepsilon(x_m) k_\mu^{(m)}(x_1, \dots, x_m) dx_1 \cdots dx_m \\ & \rightarrow \sum_{l=0}^m \binom{m}{l} \int_{(\mathbb{R}^d)^l} \prod_{j=1}^l \left(\varphi_0(x_j) + (1 + \varphi_0(x_j)) \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n, k \geq 1} e^{-t_{i_k} \langle \xi \rangle} (\varphi_{i_1} \cdots \varphi_{i_k})(x_j) \right) \\ & \quad \times k_\mu^{(l)}(x_1, \dots, x_l) dx_1 \cdots dx_l \left(\sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n, k \geq 1} k_\mu^{(1)}(1 - e^{-t_{i_1} \langle \xi \rangle}) e^{-(t_{i_k} - t_{i_1}) \langle \xi \rangle} \langle \varphi_{i_1} \cdots \varphi_{i_k} \rangle \right)^{m-l}. \end{aligned} \tag{53}$$

Therefore, by (40), the left hand side of (47) converges to

$$\begin{aligned} & \exp \left[\sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n, k \geq 1} k_\mu^{(1)}(1 - e^{-t_{i_1} \langle \xi \rangle}) e^{-(t_{i_k} - t_{i_1}) \langle \xi \rangle} \langle \varphi_{i_1} \cdots \varphi_{i_k} \rangle \right] \\ & \quad \times \int_{\Theta} \exp[\langle \log(1 + \varphi_0), \gamma \rangle] \prod_{x \in \gamma} \left(1 + \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n, k \geq 1} e^{-t_{i_k} \langle \xi \rangle} (\varphi_{i_1} \cdots \varphi_{i_k})(x) \right) \mu(d\gamma) \end{aligned} \tag{54}$$

as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$.

We next have the following

Lemma 5.2 For each $\gamma \in \Theta$ and any $0 < t_1 < t_2, \dots < t_n, n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{\Theta} \mathbf{P}_{t_1}^0(\gamma, d\gamma_1) \int_{\Theta} \mathbf{P}_{t_2-t_1}^0(\gamma_1, d\gamma_2) \times \dots \times \int_{\Theta} \mathbf{P}_{t_n-t_{n-1}}^0(\gamma_{n-1}, d\gamma_n) \prod_{i=1}^n \exp[\langle \log(1 + \varphi_i), \gamma_i \rangle] \\
 &= \exp \left[\sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n, k \geq 1} k_{\mu}^{(1)} (1 - e^{-t_{i_1} \langle \xi \rangle}) e^{-(t_{i_k} - t_{i_1}) \langle \xi \rangle} \langle \varphi_{i_1} \dots \varphi_{i_k} \rangle \right] \\
 & \times \prod_{x \in \gamma} \left(1 + \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n, k \geq 1} e^{-t_{i_k} \langle \xi \rangle} (\varphi_{i_1} \dots \varphi_{i_k})(x) \right). \tag{55}
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. By section 2 and subsection 4.2, for $n = 1$, we have:

$$\int_{\Theta} \exp[\langle \log(1 + \varphi_1), \gamma_1 \rangle] \mathbf{P}_{t_1}^0(\gamma, d\gamma_1) = \exp \left[k_{\mu}^{(1)} (1 - e^{-t_1 \langle \xi \rangle}) \langle \varphi_1 \rangle \right] \prod_{x \in \gamma} (1 + e^{-t_1 \langle \xi \rangle} \varphi_1(x)),$$

which is (55) in this case.

Now, assume that (55) holds for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and let us prove it for $n + 1$. We then have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{\Theta} \mathbf{P}_{t_1}^0(\gamma, d\gamma_1) \int_{\Theta} \mathbf{P}_{t_2-t_1}^0(\gamma_1, d\gamma_2) \times \dots \times \int_{\Theta} \mathbf{P}_{t_{n+1}-t_n}^0(\gamma_n, d\gamma_{n+1}) \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \exp[\langle \log(1 + \varphi_i), \gamma_i \rangle] \\
 &= \int_{\Theta} \mathbf{P}_{t_1}^0(\gamma, d\gamma_1) \exp[\langle \log(1 + \varphi_1), \gamma_1 \rangle] \\
 & \times \prod_{x \in \gamma_1} \left(1 + \sum_{2 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n+1, k \geq 1} e^{-(t_{i_k} - t_1) \langle \xi \rangle} (\varphi_{i_1} \dots \varphi_{i_k})(x) \right) \\
 & \times \exp \left[\sum_{2 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n+1, k \geq 1} k_{\mu}^{(1)} (1 - e^{-(t_1 - t_1) \langle \xi \rangle}) e^{-(t_{i_k} - t_1) \langle \xi \rangle} \langle \varphi_{i_1} \dots \varphi_{i_k} \rangle \right] \\
 &= \prod_{x \in \gamma} \left(e^{-t_1 \langle \xi \rangle} (1 + \varphi_1(x)) \left(1 + \sum_{2 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n+1, k \geq 1} e^{-(t_{i_k} - t_1) \langle \xi \rangle} (\varphi_{i_1} \dots \varphi_{i_k})(x) \right) + 1 - e^{-t_1 \langle \xi \rangle} \right) \\
 & \times \int_{\Theta} \pi_{(1+e^{-t_1 \langle \xi \rangle}) k_{\mu}^{(1)}}(d\gamma_1) \prod_{x \in \gamma_1} (1 + \varphi_1(x)) \left(1 + \sum_{2 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n+1, k \geq 1} e^{-(t_{i_k} - t_1) \langle \xi \rangle} (\varphi_{i_1} \dots \varphi_{i_k})(x) \right) \\
 & \times \exp \left[\sum_{2 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n+1, k \geq 1} k_{\mu}^{(1)} (1 - e^{-(t_1 - t_1) \langle \xi \rangle}) e^{-(t_{i_k} - t_1) \langle \xi \rangle} \langle \varphi_{i_1} \dots \varphi_{i_k} \rangle \right] \\
 &= \prod_{x \in \gamma} \left(1 + \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n+1, k \geq 1} e^{-t_{i_k} \langle \xi \rangle} (\varphi_{i_1} \dots \varphi_{i_k})(x) \right) \exp \left[(1 - e^{-t_1 \langle \xi \rangle}) k_{\mu}^{(1)} \right. \\
 & \times \left. \left\langle -1 + (1 + \varphi_1) \left(1 + \sum_{2 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n+1, k \geq 1} e^{-(t_{i_k} - t_1) \langle \xi \rangle} (\varphi_{i_1} \dots \varphi_{i_k})(x) \right) \right\rangle \right. \\
 & \left. + \sum_{2 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n+1, k \geq 1} k_{\mu}^{(1)} (1 - e^{-(t_1 - t_1) \langle \xi \rangle}) e^{-(t_{i_k} - t_1) \langle \xi \rangle} \langle \varphi_{i_1} \dots \varphi_{i_k} \rangle \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \prod_{x \in \gamma} \left(1 + \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n+1, k \geq 1} e^{-t_{i_k} \langle \xi \rangle} (\varphi_{i_1} \dots \varphi_{i_k})(x) \right) \\ \times \exp \left[\sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n+1, k \geq 1} k_{\mu}^{(1)} (1 - e^{-t_{i_1} \langle \xi \rangle}) e^{-(t_{i_k} - t_{i_1}) \langle \xi \rangle} \langle \varphi_{i_1} \dots \varphi_{i_k} \rangle \right].$$

Thus, by induction, the lemma is proved. \square

Let $0 \leq t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n$, and let $\mu_{t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n}^{\varepsilon}$, $\varepsilon \geq 0$, denote the joint distribution of the process $\mathbf{M}_{\mu, \varepsilon}^K$ at times t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n for $\varepsilon > 0$, and respectively that of the process \mathbf{M}_{μ}^G for $\varepsilon = 0$.

By (54) and Lemma 5.2, for any $\varphi_0, \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $\varphi_i \leq 0$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$,

$$\int_{\ddot{\Gamma}^{n+1}} \prod_{i=0}^n \exp[\langle \varphi_i, \gamma_i \rangle] d\mu_{t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n}^{\varepsilon}(\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n) \rightarrow \int_{\ddot{\Gamma}^{n+1}} \prod_{i=0}^n \exp[\langle \varphi_i, \gamma_i \rangle] d\mu_{t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n}^0(\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n) \quad (56)$$

as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$. By (56), we, in particular, get, for any $t > 0$ and any $\varphi \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $\varphi \leq 0$,

$$\int_{\ddot{\Gamma}} \exp[\langle \varphi, \gamma \rangle] d\mu_t^{\varepsilon}(\gamma) \rightarrow \int_{\ddot{\Gamma}} \exp[\langle \varphi, \gamma \rangle] d\mu_t^0(\gamma)$$

as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$. Hence, by [11, Theorem 4.2], $\mu_t^{\varepsilon} \rightarrow \mu_t^0$ weakly in $\mathcal{M}(\ddot{\Gamma})$ as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$. Here, $\mathcal{M}(\ddot{\Gamma})$ denotes the space of probability measures on $\ddot{\Gamma}$, see e.g. [20] for details. Therefore, the set $\{\mu_t^{\varepsilon} \mid 0 < \varepsilon \leq 1\}$ is tight in $\mathcal{M}(\ddot{\Gamma})$. This implies that, for any $0 \leq t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n$, the set $\{\mu_{t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n}^{\varepsilon} \mid 0 < \varepsilon \leq 1\}$ is tight in $\mathcal{M}(\ddot{\Gamma}^{n+1})$. Hence, by (56), $\mu_{t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n}^{\varepsilon} \rightarrow \mu_{t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n}^0$ weakly in $\mathcal{M}(\ddot{\Gamma}^{n+1})$ as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$. Thus, the theorem is proved. \square

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Нерівноважна стохастична динаміка в континуумі: випадок вільної системи

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Ми досліджуємо проблему ідентифікації відповідного простору станів для стохастичної динаміки вільних частинок у континуумі з їх можливим народженням і знищенням. В цій динаміці рух окремої частинки описується за допомогою фіксованого марківського процесу M на рімановому многовиді X . Головною проблемою тут є можливий колапс системи у наступному сенсі. Незважаючи на те, що початковий розподіл частинок є локально скінченний, може існувати в X така компактна множина, що з ймовірністю 1 в момент часу $t > 0$ у цю множину потрапить безмежна кількість частинок. Ми вважаємо, що X має безмежний об'єм, а також, для кожного $\alpha \geq 1$, розглядаємо множину Θ_α всіх безмежних конфігурацій в X , для яких число частинок в компактній множині є обмежене добутком певної сталої і α -го степеня об'єму цієї множини. Ми знайшли цілком загальні умови на процес M , за яких відповідний безмежно-частинковий процес, стартуючи з довільної конфігурації Θ_α , ніколи не залишить Θ_α , маючи при цьому cadlag (або, навіть, неперервні) траєкторії в ультра-слабкій топології. Можливі такі застосування наших результатів: броунівський рух на конфігураційному просторі і вільна динаміка Глаубера на конфігураційному просторі (процес народження-знищення на X): вільна динаміка Кавасаки на конфігураційному просторі. Ми також показуємо, що у випадку $X = R^d$, для широкого класу стартових розкладів (нерівноважна) вільна динаміка Глаубера є скейлінговою границею (нерівноважної) вільної динаміки Кавасаки.

Ключові слова: процеси народження-знищення, броунівський рух у конфігураційному просторі, неперервні системи, динаміка Глаубера, динаміка Кавасаки, міра Пуассона

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