

# Un panorama de l'équation des gaz granulaires

## Modélisation, analyse théorique et numérique

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*Wm Wilson.**15<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1913.*

ON THE

*H.W. Phillips*  
*March 30/59*

## STABILITY OF THE MOTION

OF

## SATURN'S RINGS.

AN ESSAY,

WHICH OBTAINED THE ADAMS PRIZE FOR THE YEAR 1856, IN THE  
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

By J. CLERK MAXWELL, M.A.

LATE FELLOW OF TRINITY COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE  
PROFESSOR OF NATURAL PHILOSOPHY  
IN THE MARISCHAL COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN.*"E pur si muove."*

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1859.

in order to be permanent, and that this is inconsistent with its outer and inner parts moving with the same angular velocity. Supposing the ring to be fluid and continuous, we found that it will be necessarily broken up into small portions.

We conclude, therefore, that the rings must consist of disconnected particles; these may be either solid or liquid, but they must be independent. The entire system of rings must therefore consist either of a series of many concentric rings, each moving with its own velocity, and having its own systems of waves, or else of a confused multitude of revolving particles, not arranged in rings, and continually coming into collision with each other.

Taking the first case, we found that in an indefinite number of possible cases the mutual perturbations of two rings, stable in themselves, might mount up in time to a destructive magnitude, and that such cases must continually occur in an extensive system like that of Saturn, the only retarding cause being the possible irregularity of the rings.

The result of long-continued disturbance was found to be the spreading out of the rings in breadth, the outer rings pressing outwards, while the inner rings press inwards.

The final result, therefore, of the mechanical theory is, that the only system of rings which can exist is one composed of an indefinite number of unconnected particles, revolving round the planet with different velocities according to their respective distances. These particles may be arranged in series of narrow rings, or they may move through each other irregularly. In the first case the destruction of the system will be very slow, in the second case it will be more rapid, but there may be a tendency towards an arrangement in narrow rings, which may retard the process.

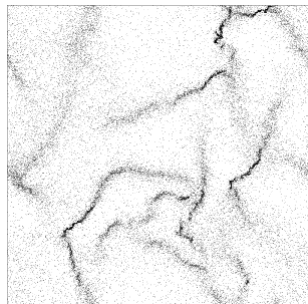
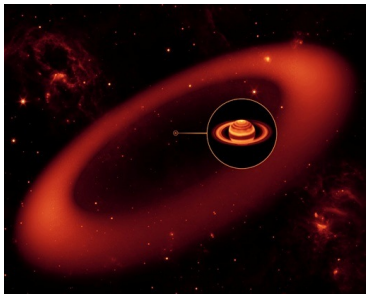
We are not able to ascertain by observation the constitution of the two outer divisions of the system of rings, but the inner ring is certainly transparent, for the limb of Saturn has been observed through it. It is also certain, that though the space occupied by the ring is transparent, it is not through the material parts of it that Saturn was seen, for his limb was observed without distortion; which shows that there was no refraction, and therefore that the rays did not pass through a medium at all, but between the solid or liquid particles of which the ring is composed. Here then we have an optical argument in favour of the theory of independent particles as the material of the rings. The two outer rings may be of the same nature, but not so exceedingly rare that a ray of light can pass through their whole thickness without encountering one of the particles.

Finally, the two outer rings have been observed for 200 years, and it appears, from the careful analysis of all the observations by M. Struvé, that the second ring is broader than when first observed, and that its inner edge is nearer the planet than formerly. The inner ring also is suspected to be approaching the planet ever since its discovery in 1850. These appearances

# The Granular Gases Equation

The granular gases equation describes the behavior of a dilute gas of particles when the only interactions taken into account are binary **inelastic** collisions

This concerns various systems, such as pollen dissemination, avalanches, **planetary rings**, etc.<sup>1</sup>, ...



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<sup>1</sup>see also Kawai, Shida, *J. Phys. Soc. Japan* (1990)

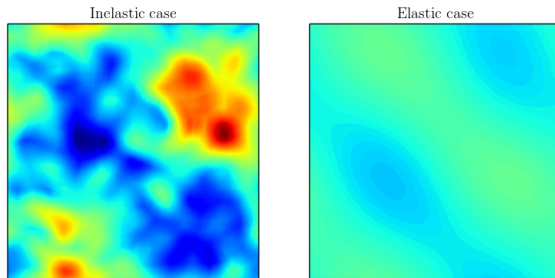
<sup>2</sup>Courtesy of T. Pöschel

# The clustering phenomenon

**Numerical method.** Rescaling velocity method, using some qualitative properties of the equation<sup>3</sup>.

**Results.** Local density,  $\varepsilon = 0.05$ : granular gas (left) vs. perfect elastic gas (right), at time  $T = 2$ .

**Numerical parameters.**  $2d_x \times 3d_v$  model,  $N_x = N_y = 100$ ,  $N_{v_x} = N_{v_y} = N_{v_z} = 32$ .



→ Consistent with experiments (Brillantov, Pöschel, 2004).

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<sup>3</sup>F. Filbet, TR, *JCP* (2013)

# A Boltzmann-like Kinetic Equation

## General Scaled Equation

Study of a particle distribution function  $f^\varepsilon(t, x, v)$ , depending on time  $t > 0$ , space  $x \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  and velocity  $v \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , solution to

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial f^\varepsilon}{\partial t} + v \cdot \nabla_x f^\varepsilon = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \mathcal{Q}_\varepsilon(f^\varepsilon, f^\varepsilon), \\ f^\varepsilon(0, x, v) = f_0(x, v), \end{cases}$$

where  $\mathcal{Q}_\varepsilon$  is the inelastic **collision operator**, describing the microscopic collision dynamic and  $\varepsilon$  is a scaling parameter.

- $\varepsilon$  is the **Knudsen number**, ratio of the mean free path between collision by the typical length scale of the problem;
- $\mathcal{Q}_\varepsilon$  only acts on the  $v$  variable;
- Boundary conditions in space needed to describe completely the problem.

# Modeling Assumptions

## Microscopic dynamics

- **Localized interactions:** particles interact only by contact (**collision**), at a given time  $t$  and a given position  $x$ ;
- **Diluted gases:** collisions occur between two particles at the same time (we neglect the collisions of three particles or more);
- ~~Micro-reversible collisions:~~ the collision dynamics is time-reversible (at the microscopic level);
- **Boltzmann chaos assumption:** the velocity of two colliding particles are uncorrelated before collision.

The microscopic collision process is said to be

- **elastic** when the kinetic energy is conserved during a collision (this is for example the case for a perfect molecular gas);
- **inelastic** when a fraction of the kinetic energy is dissipated during a collision (this is the case of a **granular gas**).

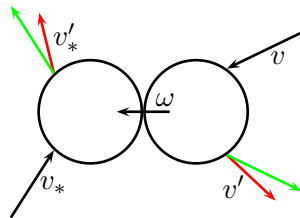


# Inelastic Hard Spheres

- Microscopic dynamics: conservation of impulsion and dissipation of kinetic energy;
- Normal restitution coefficient  $e \in [0, 1]$ ;
- Parametrization of the post-collisional velocities  $(v', v'_*)$  as a function of the pre-collisional velocities  $(v, v_*)$ :

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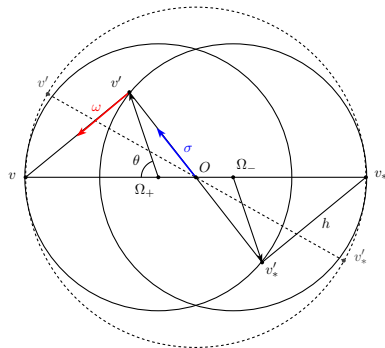
(green is elastic, red is inelastic)

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# The Inelastic Collision Operator (weak form)

For two velocities  $v, v_* \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , we set  $u := v - v_*$ ,  $\hat{u} := \frac{u}{|u|}$ ; if  $\psi$  is a smooth test function,  $\psi' := \psi(v')$ ,  $\psi_* := \psi(v_*)$ ,  $\psi'_* := \psi(v'_*)$ .

## Weak form of the collision operator ( $\sigma$ -representation)

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathcal{Q}_\varepsilon(f, f)(v) \psi(v) dv = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{S}^{d-1}} |u| f_* f (\psi' + \psi'_* - \psi - \psi_*) b(\hat{u} \cdot \sigma) d\sigma dv dv_*,$$

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Setting  $\tilde{b}(t) := 3|t|b(1 - 2t^2)$ , one also has the  $\omega$ -representation:

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# The Inelastic Collision Operator (strong form)

If  $e$  is non-zero,  $(v, v_*, \sigma) \rightarrow (v', v'_*, \sigma)$  is not an involution, so one has to work a little bit more than in the elastic case for the strong form of the collision operator:

## Strong form of the collision operator ( $\sigma$ -representation)

$$\mathcal{Q}_e(f, f)(v) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{S}^{d-1}} \frac{|u|}{e} b_e^+(\hat{u} \cdot \sigma) ({}'f' f_* - |u| f f_*) d\sigma dv_*,$$

with  $b_e^+(s)$  given by

$$(2) \quad b_e^+(s) = b \left( \frac{(1+e^2)s - (1-e^2)}{(1+e^2) - (1-e^2)s} \right) \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{(1+e^2) - (1-e^2)s}}.$$

In these expressions, the precollisional velocities are given in the  $\sigma$ -representation by

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} {}'v &= \frac{v + v_*}{2} + \frac{1-e}{4e}(v - v_*) + \frac{1+e}{4e}|v - v_*|\sigma, \\ {}'v_* &= \frac{v + v_*}{2} - \frac{1-e}{4e}(v - v_*) - \frac{1+e}{4e}|v - v_*|\sigma. \end{aligned}$$

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# Macroscopic Properties of the Operator

Conservation of mass and momentum, dissipation of kinetic energy:

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**Microscopic consequence:** Concentration in the velocity space!



# Some Consequences of the Energy Dissipation 1/2

If  $e < 1$  (true inelasticity),

- **Trivial equilibria** (Dirac masses) because of the temperature dissipation: linearized study difficult;
- Particle velocities highly **correlated**;
- Mathematical analysis possible only in the  $L^1$  Banach setting: no scalar products, perturbative theory intricate;
- No formal **entropy dissipation** structure<sup>4</sup>: very few energy estimates available, large time behavior difficult to investigate:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathcal{Q}_e(f, f)(v) \log f(v) dv &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{S}^{d-1}} f_* f \left[ \log \left( \frac{f' f'_*}{f f_*} \right) - \frac{f' f'_*}{f f_*} + 1 \right] B d\sigma dv_* \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{S}^{d-1}} (f'_* f' - f_* f) B d\sigma dv dv_*. \end{aligned}$$

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<sup>4</sup>Nevertheless, extensive numerical experiments show that the Boltzmann entropy would be a good candidate, see Garcia, Maynar, Mischler, Mouhot, TR, Trizac, *JSM* (2015)

# Some Consequences of the Energy Dissipation 2/2

If  $e < 1$  (true inelasticity),

- Macroscopic description formally given by the **pressureless gas dynamics**: creation of singularities in finite time;
- Creation of spatial d'**inhomogeneities** and zero temperature zones (clustering phenomenon).
- Meaningful even in dimension **1**: the collision process is given by

$$\{v', v'_*\} = \{v, v_*\} \quad \text{or} \quad \left\{ \frac{v + v_*}{2} \pm \frac{e}{2}(v - v_*) \right\}.$$

# Monokinetic Distribution and Pressureless Dynamics

Define the first **moments** of  $f$  as

$$(\rho, \rho \mathbf{u}, \mathcal{E}, d\rho T) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(v) \varphi(v) dv, \quad \varphi(v) = (1, v, |v|^2/2, |v - \mathbf{u}|^2).$$

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**Pressureless Euler/Sticky particles equation:** Generation of  $\delta$ -singularity in finite time and transient clusters formation.

# Quasi-Elastic Limit and Compressible Euler Dynamics

One can show<sup>5</sup> that if  $1 - e \sim \varepsilon$ , then

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + v \cdot \nabla_x f = \frac{\mathcal{Q}_1(f, f)}{\varepsilon} + \frac{1 - e}{\varepsilon} \mathcal{I}(f, f) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{(1 - e)^2}{\varepsilon}\right).$$

for an explicit friction operator  $\mathcal{I}$ .

When  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , there is a **compressible Euler-like** dynamics<sup>6</sup>

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \rho + \nabla_x \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0, \\ \partial_t (\rho \mathbf{u}) + \nabla_x \cdot (\rho (\mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u} + T \mathbf{I})) = \mathbf{0}, \\ \partial_t \mathcal{E} + \nabla_x \cdot (\mathbf{u} (\mathcal{E} + \rho T)) = -C_d \rho^2 T^{\frac{3}{2}}, \end{cases}$$

which also exhibits **cluster formation**<sup>7</sup>.

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<sup>5</sup>G. Toscani (2004)

<sup>6</sup>The closure is made thanks to the Maxwellian

$$\mathcal{M}_{\rho, \mathbf{u}, T}(v) = \frac{\rho}{(2\pi T)^{d/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{|v - \mathbf{u}|^2}{2T}\right).$$

<sup>7</sup>Carrillo-Salueña, 2006 and then Carrillo-Poëschel-Salueña 2009 for the Navier-Stokes case

# Space homogeneous setting

Let us consider the space-independent equation  $\partial_t f = \mathcal{Q}_e(f, f)$

- **Cauchy problem** for different types of kernels: Toscani (2000), Bobylev-Carrillo-Gamba (2000), Bobylev-Cercignani-Toscani (2003), Mischler-Mouhot-Ricard (2006);
- **Qualitative behavior**: Bobylev-Gamba-Panferov (2004), Gamba-Panferov-Villani (2004);
- **Cooling process** and asymptotic/self-similar behavior: Li-Toscani (2004), Mischler-Mouhot (2006), Alonso-Lods (2010, 2012), TR (2012);
- **Stability** and convergence towards the (unique) self-similar solution: Mischler-Mouhot (2009), Alonso-Lods (2011, 2013), Cañizo-Lods (2016), Alonso-Bagland-Cheng-Lods (2017);
- **Entropy decay**: No rigorous result but some study in that direction by Garcia-Maynar-Mischler-Mouhot-TR-Trizac (2015);
- **Review papers**: Villani (2006), Carrillo-Hu-Ma-TR (2021).

# Space inhomogeneous setting

Full space-dependent equation  $\partial_t f + v \cdot \nabla_x f = \mathcal{Q}_e(f, f)$

- **Cauchy problem** 1d: Benedetto-Caglioti-Pulvirenti (1997, 2001, 2002), with an idea due to Bony (1987);
- **Cauchy problem** near vacuum: Alonso (2009);
- **Cauchy problem** quasi-homogeneous, in the torus, thermal bath: Tristani (2013);
- **Hydrodynamic limits:**
  - ▶ Formal derivation: Toscani (2004), Carlen-Chow-Grigo (2010);
  - ▶ Spectral analysis of the linearized model: TR (2014);
  - ▶ Pressureless-Euler limit: Jabin-TR (2016);
  - ▶ Incompressible Navier-Stokes-Fourier with forcing: Alonso-Lods-Tristani (2020).

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Attract a lot of interest from the physics community because of its description of the large scale structure of the universe: Silk-Szalay-Zeldovich (1983)

- A rather delicate equation. Exhibits shocks because  $\mathbf{u}$  (formally) solves Burgers equation where  $\rho > 0 \Rightarrow$  concentration in  $\rho \Rightarrow$  ill-posed system!
- Nevertheless, wellposedness theory exists by imposing semi-Lipschitz condition on  $\mathbf{u}$ : Bouchut-James (1999), Boudin (2000), Huang-Wang (2001-2004);
- Model obtained as the hydrodynamic limit of the sticky particle model
  - ▶ In dimension 1: E-Rykov-Sinai (1996), Brenier-Grenier (1998),
  - ▶ In dimension 2: Berthon-Breuss-Titeux (2006), Chertock-Kurganov-Rykov (2007).

# One Dimensional Sticky Particles

- **Known results.** Hydrodynamic limit of the one dimensional  $N$ -particles system with sticky collisions<sup>8</sup> towards the **pressureless Euler** equations<sup>9</sup>

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- **Method.** Convergence of the empirical density towards a monokinetic distribution, using (among other arguments) the (microscopic) **Oleinik** property

$$\sup_{i \in \{1, \dots, N\}} \frac{(v_{i+1} - v_i)_+}{(x_{i+1} - x_i)_+} < \frac{1}{t},$$

where  $(x_i, v_i)$  represents the position and velocity of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  particle at time  $t$ .

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Convergence of the particle distribution function  $f(t, x, v)$  solution to the granular gases equation towards the **monokinetic** density

$$f(t, x, v) = \rho(t, x) \delta(x - u(t, x)),$$

where  $(\rho, u)$  solution to the pressureless Euler system (4)?

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# Hydrodynamic Limit of the Granular Gases Equation

## Theorem (P.-E. Jabin, TR, QAM 2017)

Consider a sequence of weak solutions  $f_\varepsilon(t, x, v) \in L^\infty([0, T], L^p(\mathbb{R}^2))$  for some  $p > 2$  and with total mass 1 to the granular gases Eq. (1) such that for any  $k$

$$\sup_{\varepsilon} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |v|^k f_\varepsilon^0(x, v) dx dv < \infty, \quad \sup_{\varepsilon} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |x|^2 f_\varepsilon^0(x, v) dx dv < \infty,$$

and  $f_\varepsilon^0$  is, uniformly in  $\varepsilon$ , in some  $L^p$  for  $p > 1$

$$(5) \quad \sup_{\varepsilon} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} (f_\varepsilon^0(x, v))^p dx dv < \infty.$$

Then any weak-\* limit  $f$  of  $f_\varepsilon$  is monokinetic,  $f = \rho(t, x) \delta(v - u(t, x))$  for a.e.  $t$ , where  $\rho$ ,  $u$  are a solution in the sense of distributions to the pressureless system (4) while  $u$  has the Oleinik property for any  $t > 0$

$$u(t, x) - u(t, y) \leq \frac{x - y}{t}, \quad \text{for } \rho \text{ a.e. } x \geq y.$$

# A global, dissipated functional?

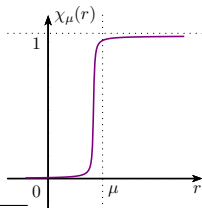
→ **Setting.** Assume that  $f \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+, M^1(\mathbb{R}^2))$  is a positive, bounded measure with compact support in  $(x, v) \in [-R, R]^2$ , and solves

$$(6) \quad \partial_t f + v \partial_x f = -\partial_{vv} m / \varepsilon,$$

where  $m$  is an unknown positive measure in  $M^1(\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^2)$ .

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# A global, dissipated functional?

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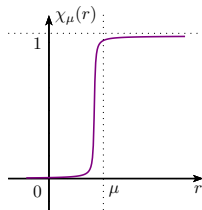
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# A More General Result

## Theorem (P.-E. Jabin, TR, QAM 2017)

Consider a sequence  $f_\varepsilon \in L^\infty([0, T], M^1(\mathbb{R}^2))$  of solutions to (6) with mass 1 for a corresponding sequence of non negative measures  $m_\varepsilon$ . Assume that for any  $k$

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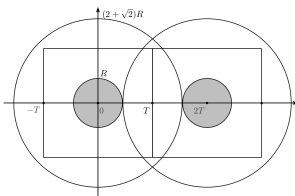
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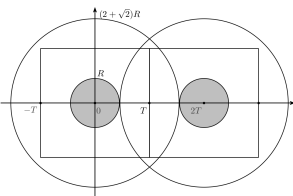
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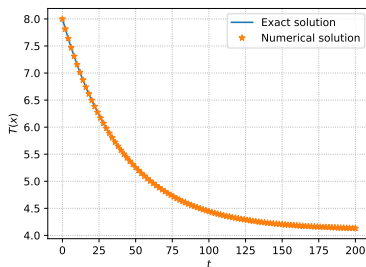
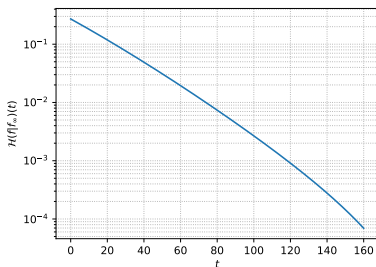
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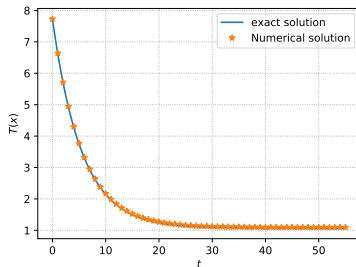
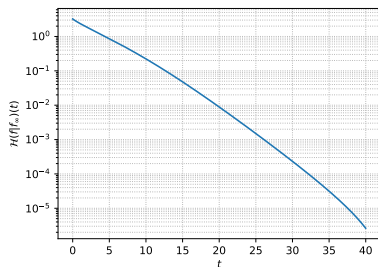
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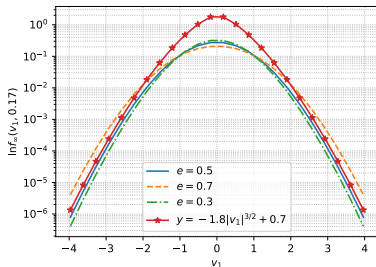
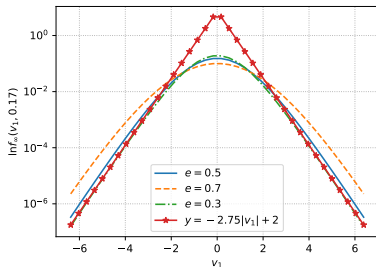
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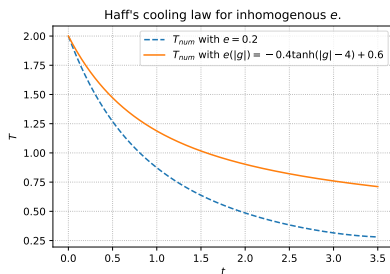
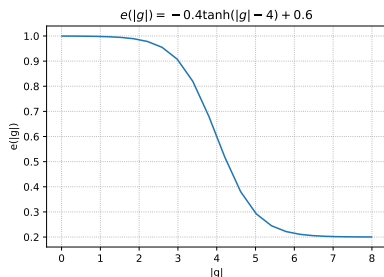
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# Haff's cooling law

$$\partial_t f = \mathcal{Q}_e(f, f)$$



**Initial data** is a shifted Maxwellian.

*Left:* plot of inhomogeneous  $e$ .

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**Numerical parameters.**  $N_v^3 = 32 \times 32 \times 32$ ,  $N_\rho = 30$ ,  $M_{\hat{g}} = 32$ ,  $R = 8$ ,  $L = 5(3 + \sqrt{2})$  and  $\Delta t = 0.01$ .

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