

# Brownian Motion, Langevin Dynamics, Harmonic Baths

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Suppose you have a big solute particle hanging out in solution:



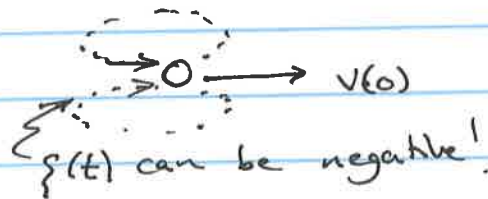
How does it move? What's the effect of solvent if you can't keep track of all the solvent molecules?

## Drag & Brownian Motion

The Langevin equation:

$$m\ddot{x} = \underbrace{-\frac{\partial V(x)}{\partial x}}_{\text{force from potential}} - \underbrace{\zeta \dot{x}(t)}_{\substack{\text{friction} \\ \text{velocity}}} + \underbrace{R(t)}_{\text{random force}}$$

We know that <sup>solvent</sup> sometimes responds to flow later:  
Hydrodynamics



That is friction due to hydrodynamic effects is

- 1) time dependent
- 2) Not always positive!

GLE:

$$m\ddot{x} = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} - \int_0^t d\tau \underbrace{\zeta(t-\tau)}_{\substack{\text{friction} \\ \text{kernel}}} \underbrace{\dot{x}(\tau)}_{\substack{\text{velocity at} \\ \text{earlier times}}} + R(t)$$

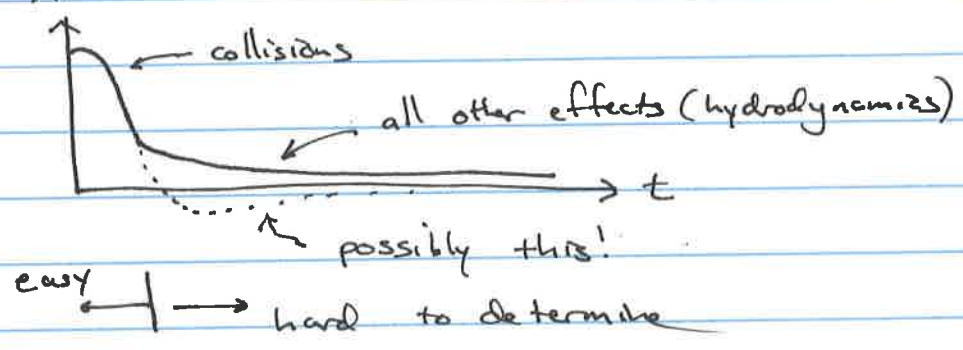
$\zeta(t)$  measures the effect of dynamic friction of a solvent

$\xi(t)$  is necessary for viscoelastic solvents  
 $R(t)$  is a fluctuating force or Brownian motion  
 often assumed to be a Gaussian random  
 process:  $\langle R(t) R(0) \rangle$  the second moment  
 describes the properties exactly

$\xi(t) = \frac{1}{k_B T} \langle R(t) \cdot R(0) \rangle$  is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fluctuation Dissipation  
 Theorem

(The 1<sup>st</sup> is linear response theory)

$\langle R(t) \cdot R(0) \rangle$  ← correlation of kicks by the solvent



Where does the GLE come from?

Let's assume the solvent is a harmonic bath:

$$H = \underbrace{\frac{p^2}{2m} + V(x)}_{\text{system}} + \underbrace{H_B}_{\text{Bath}} + \underbrace{\Delta V(x, x_1, \dots, x_N)}_{\text{system-bath coupling}}$$

$$H_B = \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \frac{p_{\alpha}^2}{2m_{\alpha}} + \frac{1}{2} m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2 x_{\alpha}^2$$

← a set of N Harmonic Oscillators (uncoupled!)

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$$\Delta V = - \sum_{\alpha=1}^N g_{\alpha} X_{\alpha} X$$

← Bilinear system (x) -  
Bath ( $X_{\alpha}$ ) coupling.  
 $g_{\alpha}$  is a coupling constant

$$H_B + \Delta V = \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \frac{p_{\alpha}^2}{2m_{\alpha}} + \frac{1}{2} m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2 X_{\alpha}^2 - g_{\alpha} X_{\alpha} X$$

lets complete the square

$$\frac{1}{2} m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2 \left( X_{\alpha}^2 - \frac{2g_{\alpha} X}{m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2} X_{\alpha} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2 \left( X_{\alpha} - \frac{g_{\alpha} X}{m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2} \right)^2 - \frac{g_{\alpha}^2 X^2}{2m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2}$$

$$H_B + \Delta V = \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \left[ \frac{p_{\alpha}^2}{2m_{\alpha}} + \frac{1}{2} m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2 \left( X_{\alpha} - \frac{g_{\alpha} X}{m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2} \right)^2 \right] - \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \frac{g_{\alpha}^2 X^2}{2m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2}$$

only system coordinate!

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + V(x) - \underbrace{\sum_{\alpha=1}^N \frac{g_{\alpha}^2}{2m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2} X^2}_{W(x)} + \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \left[ \frac{p_{\alpha}^2}{2m_{\alpha}} + \frac{1}{2} m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2 \left( X_{\alpha} - \frac{g_{\alpha} X}{m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2} \right)^2 \right]$$

$W(x)$  or potential of mean force

We can get to the GLE by using Hamilton's equations:

$$m \ddot{x} = \dot{p} = - \frac{\partial H}{\partial x}$$

$$m_{\alpha} \ddot{X}_{\alpha} = \dot{p}_{\alpha} = - \frac{\partial H}{\partial X_{\alpha}}$$

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$$m\ddot{x} = -\frac{\partial W(x)}{\partial x} - \sum_{\alpha=1}^N m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2 \left( x_{\alpha} - \frac{g_{\alpha}}{m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2} x \right) \frac{g_{\alpha}}{m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2}$$

$$= -\frac{\partial W(x)}{\partial x} - \sum_{\alpha=1}^N g_{\alpha} \left( x_{\alpha} - \frac{g_{\alpha}}{m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2} x \right)$$

$$m\ddot{x}_{\alpha} = -m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2 \left( x_{\alpha} - \frac{g_{\alpha}}{m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2} x \right)$$

$$\ddot{x}_{\alpha} = -\omega_{\alpha}^2 x_{\alpha} + \frac{g_{\alpha}}{m_{\alpha}} x$$

2<sup>nd</sup> order diff  
eqs that are  
coupled

A brief interlude on Laplace transforms  
 $x(t)$  is a function of time  $t$

$$L(x) \equiv \int_0^{\infty} x(t) e^{-pt} dt$$

← Like a Real-valued Fourier transform

Provable properties:

$$L(x+y) = L(x) + L(y)$$

$$L(ax) = aL(x)$$

$$L(\dot{x}) = pL(x) - px(0)$$

$$L(\ddot{x}) = p^2L(x) - px(0) - \dot{x}(0)$$

$$L\left(\int_0^t g(t-\tau)h(\tau) d\tau\right) = G(p)H(p)$$

← convolution theorem

Some important ones:

$$L(\cos at) = \frac{p}{p^2 + a^2}$$

$$L(\sin at) = \frac{a}{p^2 + a^2}$$

$$L(1) = \frac{1}{p}$$

What we're transforming

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$$\ddot{x}_\alpha = -\omega_\alpha^2 x_\alpha + \frac{g_\alpha}{m_\alpha} x$$

$$m\ddot{x} = -\frac{\partial W(x)}{\partial x} - \sum_{\alpha=1}^N g_\alpha \left( x_\alpha - \frac{g_\alpha}{m_\alpha \omega_\alpha^2} x \right)$$

Both first:

$$p^2 L(x_\alpha) - p x_\alpha(0) - \dot{x}_\alpha(0) = -\omega_\alpha^2 L(x_\alpha) + \frac{g}{m_\alpha} L(x)$$

$$(p^2 + \omega_\alpha^2) L(x_\alpha) = \frac{g_\alpha}{m_\alpha} L(x) + p x_\alpha(0) + \dot{x}_\alpha(0)$$

$$L(x_\alpha) = \frac{\frac{g_\alpha}{m_\alpha} L(x) + p x_\alpha(0) + \dot{x}_\alpha(0)}{p^2 + \omega_\alpha^2}$$

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Then the system coordinate:

$$m L(\ddot{x}) = -\frac{1}{p} \frac{\partial W(x)}{\partial x} - \sum_{\alpha=1}^N g_{\alpha} \left( L(x_{\alpha}) - \frac{g_{\alpha}}{m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2} L(x) \right)$$

Substitute in  $L(x_{\alpha})$ :

$$m L(\ddot{x}) = -\frac{1}{p} \frac{\partial W(x)}{\partial x} - \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \left[ \frac{g_{\alpha}^2}{m_{\alpha}} \frac{1}{p^2 + \omega_{\alpha}^2} L(x) + g_{\alpha} \frac{p}{p^2 + \omega_{\alpha}^2} x_{\alpha}(0) + g_{\alpha} \dot{x}_{\alpha}(0) \frac{1}{p^2 + \omega_{\alpha}^2} - \frac{g_{\alpha}^2}{m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2} L(x) \right]$$

Collect like terms:

$$m L(\ddot{x}) = -\frac{1}{p} \frac{\partial W(x)}{\partial x} - \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \frac{g_{\alpha}^2}{m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2} \left[ \frac{\omega_{\alpha}^2}{p^2 + \omega_{\alpha}^2} - \frac{p^2 + \omega_{\alpha}^2}{p^2 + \omega_{\alpha}^2} \right] L(x) + g_{\alpha} x_{\alpha}(0) \frac{p}{p^2 + \omega_{\alpha}^2} + g_{\alpha} \dot{x}_{\alpha}(0) \frac{1}{p^2 + \omega_{\alpha}^2}$$

$$m L(\ddot{x}) = -\frac{1}{p} \frac{\partial W(x)}{\partial x} - \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \frac{g_{\alpha}^2}{m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2} \left[ \frac{-p}{p^2 + \omega_{\alpha}^2} \right] \left( p L(x) \right) + g_{\alpha} x_{\alpha}(0) \frac{p}{p^2 + \omega_{\alpha}^2} + (-p x(0) + p x(0)) \frac{g_{\alpha}^2}{m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2} \frac{p}{p^2 + \omega_{\alpha}^2} + \frac{g_{\alpha} \dot{x}_{\alpha}(0)}{\omega_{\alpha}} \frac{\omega_{\alpha}}{p^2 + \omega_{\alpha}^2}$$

Inverse Laplace Transform:

$$m \ddot{x} = -\frac{\partial W(x)}{\partial x} - \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \left[ \frac{g_{\alpha}^2}{m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2} \int_0^t \cos(\omega_{\alpha} \tau) \dot{x}(t-\tau) d\tau + g_{\alpha} x_{\alpha}(0) \cos(\omega_{\alpha} t) + \frac{g_{\alpha} \dot{x}_{\alpha}(0)}{m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2} \cos(\omega_{\alpha} t) + \frac{g_{\alpha} x_{\alpha}(0)}{\omega_{\alpha}} \sin(\omega_{\alpha} t) \right]$$

$$m \ddot{x} = -\frac{\partial W(x)}{\partial x} - \int_0^t \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \left( \frac{g_{\alpha}^2}{m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2} \right) \cos \omega_{\alpha} \tau \right) \dot{x}(t-\tau) d\tau + \sum_{\alpha} \left[ \left\{ g_{\alpha} x_{\alpha}(0) - \frac{g_{\alpha}^2 x(0)}{m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2} \right\} \cos \omega_{\alpha} t + \frac{g_{\alpha} \dot{x}_{\alpha}(0)}{\omega_{\alpha}} \sin \omega_{\alpha} t \right]$$

So we've arrived at the GLF with:

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$$\xi(t) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \left( \frac{-g_{\alpha}^2}{m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2} \right) \cos \omega_{\alpha} t$$

$$R(t) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \left( g_{\alpha} x_{\alpha}(0) - \frac{g_{\alpha}^2}{m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2} x(0) \right) \cos(\omega_{\alpha} t) + \frac{\dot{x}_{\alpha}(0) g_{\alpha}}{\omega_{\alpha}} \sin(\omega_{\alpha} t)$$

① If our bath is infinite, we can use an integral over the spectral density:  $J(\omega) = \frac{-g_{\alpha}^2}{m_{\alpha}}$

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^N \frac{-g_{\alpha}^2}{m_{\alpha}} = \int_0^{\infty} J(\omega) d\omega$$

$$\xi(t) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{J(\omega)}{\omega^2} \cos(\omega t) d\omega$$

② The "Random" forces depend only on initial conditions of the coordinates  $x(0)$ ,  $x_{\alpha}(0)$ ,  $\dot{x}_{\alpha}(0)$ :

$$R(t) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \left\{ \left( g_{\alpha} x_{\alpha}(0) - \frac{g_{\alpha}^2}{m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2} x(0) \right) \cos \omega_{\alpha} t + \frac{\dot{x}_{\alpha}(0) g_{\alpha}}{\omega_{\alpha}} \sin(\omega_{\alpha} t) \right\}$$

To connect everything together, we define a new set of "phase-shifted" coordinates:

$$q_{\alpha}(t) = x_{\alpha}(t) - \frac{g_{\alpha}}{m_{\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}^2} x(0)$$

$$\dot{q}_{\alpha}(t) = \dot{x}_{\alpha}(t)$$

$$\therefore R(t) = \sum_{\alpha} g_{\alpha} q_{\alpha}(t)$$

Since the  $q_{\alpha}$  coordinates are uncoupled harmonic oscillators, we can use the Harmonic Oscillator

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partition function (or Gaussian integrals) to find:

$$\langle q_\alpha^2 \rangle = \frac{k_B T}{m_\alpha \omega_\alpha^2}$$

and:  $\langle q_\alpha(t) q_\alpha(0) \rangle = \langle q_\alpha(0)^2 \rangle \cos(\omega_\alpha t)$

and:  $\langle q_\alpha(t) q_\beta(0) \rangle = \langle q_\alpha(t) q_\alpha(0) \rangle \delta_{\alpha\beta}$

So to correlate the Random forces:

$$\langle R(t) \cdot R(0) \rangle = \left\langle \left( \sum_\alpha g_\alpha q_\alpha(t) \right) \left( \sum_\beta g_\beta q_\beta(0) \right) \right\rangle$$

$$= \sum_\alpha \sum_\beta g_\alpha g_\beta \langle q_\alpha(t) q_\beta(0) \rangle$$

$$= \sum_\alpha \sum_\beta g_\alpha g_\beta \langle q_\alpha(t) q_\alpha(0) \rangle \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$= \sum_\alpha g_\alpha^2 \langle q_\alpha(0)^2 \rangle \cos \omega_\alpha t$$

$$= \left( \sum_\alpha \frac{g_\alpha^2}{m_\alpha \omega_\alpha^2} \cos \omega_\alpha t \right) k_B T$$

$$= k_B T \zeta(t)$$

$\therefore$

$$\boxed{\zeta(t) = \frac{1}{k_B T} \langle R(t) \cdot R(0) \rangle}$$

← 2<sup>nd</sup> Fluctuation  
Dissipation  
Theorem!



What we know so far:

$$m\ddot{x} = \frac{-\partial W(x)}{\partial x} - \int_0^t \zeta(\tau) \dot{x}(t-\tau) d\tau + R(t)$$

$$\zeta(\omega) = \int_0^\infty \frac{J(\omega)}{\omega^2} \cos \omega t d\omega$$

$$\langle R(t) \cdot R(0) \rangle = k_B T \zeta(t) \leftarrow \text{exact for Harmonic Baths!}$$

Applications of the GLE:

Static Friction:

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(t) &= \zeta_0 \delta(t) \\ \langle R(t) \cdot R(0) \rangle &= k_B T \zeta_0 \delta(t) \\ &= \frac{k_B T \zeta_0}{2\Delta t} \end{aligned}$$

This Recovers the Langevin Equation with Static Friction but requires a random force that is truly random (ie. uncorrelated at later times). This is not very realistic!

The Sluggish Bath:

$$\zeta(t) = \zeta_0$$

$$\int_0^t \dot{x}(t-\tau) \zeta_0 d\tau \equiv \int_0^t \zeta_0 \dot{x}(t') dt'$$

$$= \zeta_0 (x(t) - x(0))$$

This is a form of

Dynamic Caging

$$m\ddot{x} = \frac{-\partial}{\partial x} \left[ W(x) + \frac{1}{2} \zeta_0 (x-x_0)^2 \right] + R(t)$$

Sluggish Baths confine system coordinates!

How to get the spectral density:

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$$I(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \langle v(t) \cdot v(0) \rangle e^{i\omega t} dt$$

We still need a model for how bath modes of a specific frequency interact with the system coordinate

If we have an isotropic fluid (with an atom moving through the fluid), at equilibrium, there is no net force on the particle, so

$$\frac{\partial \omega(x)}{\partial x} = 0$$

$\therefore$

$$m \ddot{x}(t) = - \int_0^t d\tau \gamma(t-\tau) \dot{x}(\tau) + R(t)$$

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$$m \dot{v}(t) = \int_0^t d\tau \gamma(t-\tau) v(\tau) + R(t)$$

Now multiply through by the initial velocity  $v(0)$ :

$$m \frac{d}{dt} v(t) v(0) = - \int_0^t d\tau \gamma(t-\tau) v(0) v(\tau) + v(0) R(t)$$

Now, let's average over initial conditions:

$$m \frac{d}{dt} \langle v(t) v(0) \rangle = - \int_0^t d\tau \gamma(t-\tau) \langle v(0) v(\tau) \rangle + \langle v(0) R(t) \rangle$$

Random ↗

$$\dot{C}_{vv}(t) = - \int_0^t d\tau \gamma(t-\tau) C_{vv}(\tau)$$

$$\gamma(t) = \xi(t)/m$$

Using Laplace transforms:

$$p L[C_{vv}] - C_{vv}(0) = -L[\gamma] L[C_{vv}]$$

$$\therefore L[C_{vv}] = \frac{C_{vv}(0)}{p + L[\gamma]}$$

In the static friction limit,  $\zeta(t) = \zeta_0 \delta(t)$   
and  $L[\gamma] = \gamma$

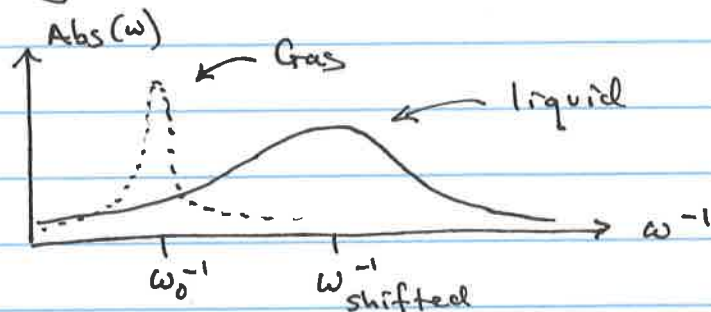
$$\therefore L[C_{vv}] = \frac{C_{vv}(0)}{p + \gamma}$$

$$\therefore C_{vv}(t) = \underbrace{C_{vv}(0)}_{\substack{\text{"} \\ \langle v^2 \rangle = \frac{k_B T}{m}}} e^{-\gamma t}$$

$\therefore$  Static Friction  $\Rightarrow$  velocity correlation functions decay exponentially!

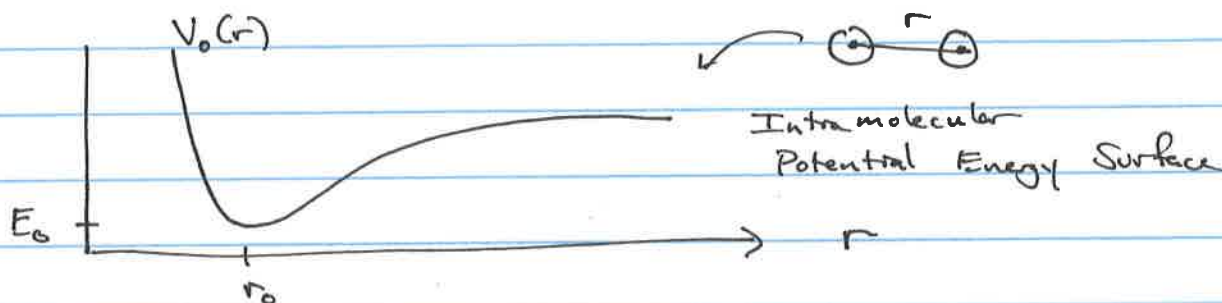
# Vibrating Molecules in a Liquid

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- 1) Condensed phase causes absorption frequency to shift
- 2) width of line  $\rightarrow$  relaxation rate = higher in liquid

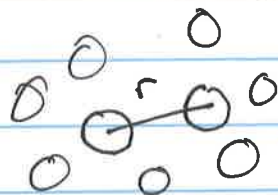
How do we get there?



$$\Delta r = r(t) - r_0$$

$Abs(\omega) \propto$  Fourier Transform of  $\langle \Delta r(t) \Delta r(t) \rangle$   
 $\uparrow$  why? (Dipole  $\propto$  bond length)

The same diatomic in a liquid:



The spectral shifts are almost always due to anharmonicity

$$V_0(r) = E_0 + \frac{1}{2} m \omega_0^2 (r - r_0)^2 - \frac{g}{6} (r - r_0)^3 + \dots$$

$g =$  anharmonicity constant

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When interacting with a solvent, some things change with  $r$

- 1) Dipole (changes coupling to local field  $E$ )
- 2) Volume (changes short range repulsive forces between liquid & molecule)

$$V_{\text{interaction}} = -\mu(r) E - \eta(r) F$$

$\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   
 electric field field due to repulsive forces (positive)

↙ excluded volume effects

Things we know:

$$\frac{d\mu}{dr} > 0 \quad \text{i.e. Dipole gets bigger with bigger } r$$

$$\frac{d\eta}{dr} < 0 \quad \text{excluded volume effects are overall bigger & more positive with increasing } r$$

If both  $E$  &  $F$  are governed by Gaussian statistics:

$$\bar{V}(r) = V_0(r) - \underbrace{\frac{\mu^2 \beta \langle E^2 \rangle}{2} - \frac{\eta^2 \beta \langle F^2 \rangle}{2}}_k$$

equipartition for Gaussian distributed things

$$\frac{d\bar{V}}{dr} = m\omega_0^2 (r-r_0) - \frac{g}{2} (r-r_0)^2 - \mu \frac{d\mu}{dr} \beta \langle E^2 \rangle - \eta \frac{d\eta}{dr} \langle F^2 \rangle$$

At the new minimum,  $\frac{d\bar{V}}{dr} = 0$

At the old minimum,  $\frac{dV_0(r)}{dr} = 0 \implies r_0$

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$$0 = m\omega_0^2 (r_{eq} - r_0) - \frac{g}{2} (r_{eq} - r_0)^2 - \frac{d \ln \mu}{dr} \mu^2 \beta \langle E^2 \rangle$$

$$r_{eq} - r_0 \approx \frac{1}{m\omega_0^2} \left[ \frac{d \ln \mu}{dr} \mu^2 \beta \langle E^2 \rangle + \frac{d \ln \eta}{dr} \eta^2 \beta \langle F^2 \rangle \right]$$

$\therefore$  potential minimum is shifted

$$\frac{1}{m} \bar{V}''(r_{eq}) = \omega_{eff}^2 = \omega_0^2 - \frac{g}{m} (r_{eq} - r_0)$$

linear solvent response causes a shift in equilibrium  $r$ , and this shift causes a frequency shift.