

# Sharp spectral gap for non-reversible metastable diffusions

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# Brownian Dynamics

Given a vector field  $U(x)$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , consider the overdamped Langevin equation

$$dx_t = U(x_t) + \sqrt{2h}dB_t \quad (1)$$

where  $B_t$  is the Brownian motion,  $h > 0$  is proportional to the temperature of the system. The generator of this process is

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_U := h^2 \Delta + U(x)h\partial_x$$

Recall that

- for any bounded measurable function  $f$ ,  $u(t, x) = \mathbb{E}^x(f(x_t))$  solves

$$h\partial_t u = \mathcal{L}u$$

- the law  $\mu(t, x)$  of the Markov process  $(x_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is governed by the Fokker-Planck equation

$$h\partial_t \mu = \mathcal{L}^t \mu$$

## Assumption 1

The vector field decomposes  $U(x) = U_0(x) + h\nu(x)$  and there exists a smooth function  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\mathcal{L}_U^t(e^{-2\phi/h}) = 0$$

## Consequence

Denoting  $b_0(x) = U_0 - 2\nabla\phi(x)$ , one has  $U = -2\nabla\phi + b_0 + h\nu$  with

$$\begin{cases} b_0 \cdot \nabla\phi = 0, \\ \operatorname{div}(\nu) = 0, \\ \operatorname{div}(b_0) = 2\nu \cdot \nabla\phi. \end{cases}$$

## Particular case

A particular case is  $\nu = 0$ ,  $\operatorname{div} b_0 = 0$  and  $b_0 \perp \nabla\phi$  which can be obtained by taking  $b_0(x) = J\nabla\phi(x)$  for any antisymmetric matrix  $J$  independent of  $x$ .

- Throughout, we denote  $b_h = b_0 + h\nu$ . We have

$$\mathcal{L}_U = h^2 \Delta - 2\nabla\phi(x)h\partial_x - b_h(x)h\partial_x$$

We sometime denote  $\mathcal{L}_U = \mathcal{L}_{\phi, b_h}$

- Let  $\Omega\psi = e^{-\phi/h}\psi$ , then

$$\Omega\mathcal{L}_{\phi, b_h}\Omega^{-1} = -P_{\phi, b_h}$$

with

$$P_{\phi, b_h} = \Delta_\phi + b_h(x) \cdot \nabla_{\phi, h}$$

where

- $\Delta_\phi = -h^2\Delta + |\nabla\phi|^2 - h\Delta\phi$  is the Witten Laplacian associated to the function  $\phi$
- $\nabla_{\phi, h} = e^{-\phi/h} \circ h\nabla \circ e^{\phi/h}$ .

# Spectral study of the Witten Laplacian

## Assumption 2

There exists  $C > 0$  and a compact  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  such that for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d \setminus K$ , one has

$$|\nabla\phi(x)| \geq \frac{1}{C}, \quad |\text{Hess}(\phi(x))| \leq C|\nabla\phi|^2, \quad \text{and} \quad \phi(x) \geq C|x|.$$

Under this assumptions, one has the following properties on  $\Delta_\phi$ .

- $\Delta_\phi$  is essentially self-adjoint on  $C_c^\infty(X)$ .
- $\Delta_\phi \geq 0$
- there exists  $C_0, h_0 > 0$  such that for all  $0 < h < h_0$

$$\sigma_{\text{ess}}(\Delta_\phi) \subset [C_0, \infty[$$

- 0 is an eigenvalue of  $\Delta_\phi$  associated to the eigenstate  $e^{-\phi/h}$ .

### Assumption 3

$\phi$  is a Morse function

We denote

- $\mathcal{U}$  the set of critical points of  $\phi$  (since  $\phi$  is a Morse function, then  $\mathcal{U}$  is finite).
- $\mathcal{U}^{(p)}$  the set of critical points of  $\phi$  of index  $p$
- $n_p = \#\mathcal{U}^{(p)}$ .

### Theorem (Witten 82, Helffer-Sjöstrand 84):

There exists  $\epsilon_0, h_0 > 0$  such that for all  $0 < h < h_0$ , one has

$$\#\sigma(\Delta_\phi) \cap [0, \epsilon_0 h] = n_0(\phi).$$

Moreover, these  $n_0$  eigenvalues are  $\mathcal{O}(e^{-c/h})$  for some  $c > 0$ .

# Sharp asymptotics of small eigenvalues

Let us write  $\lambda(\mathbf{m}, h)$ ,  $\mathbf{m} \in \mathcal{U}^{(0)}$  the  $n_0$  small eigenvalues of  $\Delta_\phi$ .

## Theorem (Bovier-Gaynard-Klein, Helffer-Klein-Nier 2004)

Under a generic assumption, there exist an injective map  $\mathfrak{s} : \mathcal{U}^{(0)} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}^{(1)}$  such that the  $n_0$  small eigenvalues of  $\Delta_\phi$  satisfy

$$\lambda(\mathbf{m}, h) = h\zeta(\mathbf{m}, h)e^{-2S(\mathbf{m})/h}$$

where  $\zeta(\mathbf{m}, h) \sim \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} h^r \zeta_r(\mathbf{m})$  and

$$\zeta_0(\mathbf{m}) = \pi^{-1} |\mu(\mathfrak{s}(\mathbf{m}))| \sqrt{\frac{|\det \phi''(\mathbf{m})|}{|\det \phi''(\mathfrak{s}(\mathbf{m}))|}}$$

where  $S(\mathbf{m}) = \phi(\mathfrak{s}(\mathbf{m})) - \phi(\mathbf{m})$  and  $\mu(\mathfrak{s})$  is the unique negative eigenvalue of  $\phi''$  in  $\mathfrak{s}$ .

Let us go back to the general situation  $U(x) = -2\nabla\phi(x) - b_h(x)$  with  $b_h(x) = b_0(x) + h\nu(x)$  such that

$$\begin{cases} b_0 \cdot \nabla\phi = 0, \\ \operatorname{div}(\nu) = 0, \\ \operatorname{div}(b_0) = 2\nu \cdot \nabla\phi. \end{cases}$$

In that case

$$P_\phi = P_{\phi, b_0} = \Delta\phi + b_h(x) \cdot \nabla_{\phi, h}$$

#### Assumption 4

$$\exists C > 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d, |b_0(x)| + |\nu(x)| \leq C(1 + |\nabla\phi(x)|)$$

One aims to study the spectral properties of the unbounded operator  $P_{\phi, b_h}$  on  $L^2(dx)$ .

- One has  $P_{\phi, b_h}^* = P_{\phi, -b_h}$ , hence our result hold also for  $P_{\phi, b_h}^*$ .
- One has  $\mathcal{L}_{\phi, b_h} = \Omega P_{\phi, b_h} \Omega^{-1}$  with

$$\Omega : L^2(dx) \rightarrow L^2(e^{-2\phi/h} dx)$$

isometry. Hence, spectral properties of  $P_{\phi, b_h}$  yield

- spectral properties of  $\mathcal{L}_{\phi, b_h}$  on  $L^2(e^{-2\phi/h} dx)$
- spectral properties of  $\mathcal{L}_{\phi, b_h}^t$  on  $L^2(e^{2\phi/h} dx)$

# Accretivity

## Theorem (Le Peutrec-Michel)

- ① The operator  $P_\phi := P_{\phi, b_h}$  with domain  $D(\Delta_\phi)$  is accretive.
- ② It admits a unique maximal accretive extension  $P_\phi$  with domain  $D(P_\phi)$  and one has  $D(\Delta_\phi) \subset D(P_\phi^*)$ .
- ③ There exists  $C, \Lambda_0 > 0$  such that  $\sigma(P_\phi) \subset \Gamma_{\Lambda_0}$  where

$$\Gamma_{\Lambda_0} = \{z \in \mathbb{C}, \operatorname{Re}(z) \geq 0, |\operatorname{Im} z| \leq \Lambda_0(\operatorname{Re}(z) + \sqrt{\operatorname{Re}(z)})\}$$

- ④ One has

$$\|(P_\phi - z)^{-1}\|_{L^2 \rightarrow L^2} \leq \frac{C}{\operatorname{Re}(z)}$$

for all  $z \in \Gamma_{\Lambda_0}^c \cap \{\operatorname{Re}(z) \geq 0\}$ .

- ⑤ There exists  $c_1 > 0$  and  $h_0 > 0$  such that for all  $0 < h < h_0$  the map  $z \mapsto (P_\phi - z)^{-1}$  is meromorphic in  $\{\operatorname{Re}(z) < c_1\}$  with finite rank residues.

# First spectral localization

## Theorem (Le Peutrec-Michel) continued

There exists  $\epsilon_0 > 0$  and  $h_0 > 0$  such that for all  $h \in ]0, h_0]$ ,  $\sigma(P_\phi) \cap \{\operatorname{Re}(z) \leq \epsilon_0 h\}$  is finite and

$$\#\sigma(P_\phi) \cap \{\operatorname{Re}(z) \leq \epsilon_0 h\} \leq n_0$$

Moreover, one has

$$\sigma(P_\phi) \cap \{\operatorname{Re}(z) \leq \epsilon_0 h\} \subset B(0, e^{-C/h})$$

for some  $C > 0$ . Eventually, for any  $0 < \epsilon < \epsilon_0$ , one has

$$(P_\phi - z)^{-1} = \mathcal{O}(h^{-1})$$

uniformly with respect to  $z$  such that  $\epsilon h < |z| < \epsilon_0 h$ .

# Proof I

- Use

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \operatorname{Re} \langle P_{\phi, b_h} u, u \rangle &= \langle (P_{\phi, b_h} + P_{\phi, -b_h}) u, u \rangle \\ &= \langle \Delta_{\phi} u, u \rangle = \|\nabla_{\phi} u\|^2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$|\operatorname{Im} \langle P_{\phi, b_h} u, u \rangle| \leq C(\|\nabla_{\phi} u\|^2 + \|u\| \|\nabla_{\phi} u\|)$$

to prove accretivity and first spectral estimates.

- The spectral localization 'in the small' is obtained by mean of a Grushin problem associated to the eigenvectors  $(e_k)_{k=1, \dots, n_0}$  associated to small eigenvalues of  $\Delta_{\phi}$  noticing
  - $\Delta_{\phi} \geq Ch$  on  $\operatorname{Span}(e_1, \dots, e_{n_0})^{\perp}$
  - $b_h \cdot \nabla_{\phi} e_k = \mathcal{O}(h^{1/2} e^{-S/h})$ .

# A geometric Lemma

## Lemma [Landim-Seo, 17]

Let  $\mathbf{s} \in \mathcal{U}^{(1)}$  be saddle point of  $\phi$ . Denote  $B(\mathbf{s}) = db(\mathbf{s})$ .

- i) The (in general non symmetric) matrix  $2 \text{Hess } \phi(\mathbf{s}) + B^*(\mathbf{s}) \in \mathcal{M}_d(\mathbb{R})$  admits precisely one eigenvalue with negative real part. This eigenvalue, denoted by  $\mu(\mathbf{s})$ , is real and has geometric multiplicity one.
- ii) We denote by  $\xi = \xi(\mathbf{s})$  one of the two (real) unitary eigenvectors of  $2 \text{Hess } \phi(\mathbf{s}) + B^*(\mathbf{s})$  associated with  $\mu(\mathbf{s})$ . The real symmetric matrix

$$M_\phi := \text{Hess } \phi(\mathbf{s}) + |\mu| \xi \xi^*$$

is then positive definite and its determinant satisfies:

$$\det M_\phi = - \det \text{Hess } \phi(\mathbf{s}).$$

# Sharp asymptotics of small spectral values

## Theorem [Le Peutrec-Michel]

Suppose that the above Assumptions and that the generic assumption of Helffer-Klein-Nier hold true and let  $\mathfrak{s} : \mathcal{U}^{(0)} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}^{(1)}$  denote the corresponding map. Then, there exists  $c > 0$  such that the following holds for every  $h > 0$  small enough:

$$\text{Spec}(P_{\phi, b_h}) \cap \{\text{Re } z < ch\} = \{\lambda(\mathbf{m}, h), \mathbf{m} \in \mathcal{U}^{(0)}\},$$

where  $\lambda(\underline{\mathbf{m}}, h) = 0$  and for all  $\mathbf{m} \neq \underline{\mathbf{m}}$

$$\lambda(\mathbf{m}, h) =$$

$$h \frac{|\mu(\mathfrak{s}(\mathbf{m}))|}{2\pi} \frac{\det \text{Hess } \phi(\mathbf{m})^{\frac{1}{2}}}{|\det \text{Hess } \phi(\mathfrak{s}(\mathbf{m}))|^{\frac{1}{2}}} e^{-2 \frac{\phi(\mathfrak{s}(\mathbf{m})) - \phi(\mathbf{m})}{h}} (1 + \mathcal{O}(h^{\frac{1}{2}})).$$

# Return to equilibrium

## Corollary

Suppose that the above Assumptions and that the generic assumption of Helffer-Klein-Nier holds true. Suppose also that for all  $\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{m}' \in \mathcal{U}^{(0)}$  one has

$$(\mathbf{m} \neq \mathbf{m}' \text{ and } S(\mathbf{m}) = S(\mathbf{m}')) \implies \zeta(\mathbf{m}) \neq \zeta(\mathbf{m}')$$

Then,  $\text{Spec}(P_{\phi, b_h}) \cap \{\text{Re } z < ch\}$  is made of  $n_0$  real eigenvalues and there exists  $C > 0$  and  $h_0 > 0$  such that for all  $0 < h < h_0$  and all  $s > 0$ , one has

$$\|e^{-s\mathcal{L}_{\phi, b_h}^t} - \Pi_0\|_{\mathcal{L}(L^2(e^{2\phi/h} dx))} \leq Ce^{-\lambda(h)s}$$

where  $\lambda(h) = \min\{\lambda(\mathbf{m}, h), \mathbf{m} \neq \underline{\mathbf{m}}\}$  and  $\Pi_0$  is the orthogonal projection onto  $\mathbb{R}e^{-2\phi/h}$  in  $L^2(e^{2\phi/h} dx)$ .

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- **[Hérau-Hitrik-Sjöstrand, 2011]** Results for the Kramers-Fokker-Planck equation. More difficult situation since it is hypoelliptic only. Uses supersymmetry and PT-symmetry in a crucial way.

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# The labelling procedure I

For any  $\mathbf{s} \in \mathcal{U}^{(1)}$  and  $r > 0$  small enough, the set

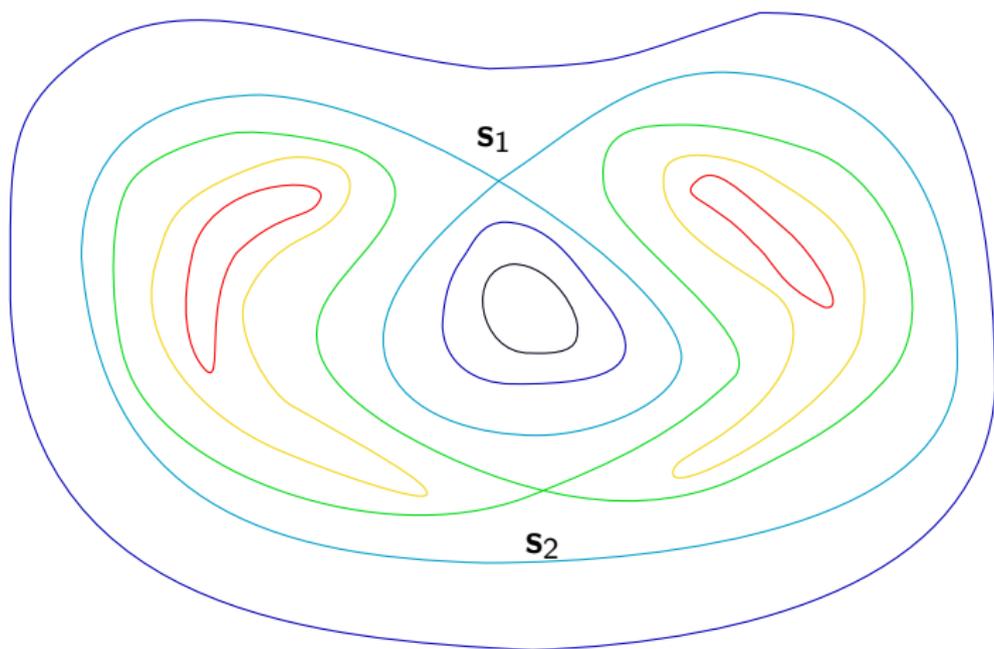
$$B(\mathbf{s}, r) \cap \{x \in X, \phi(x) < \phi(\mathbf{s})\}$$

has exactly two connected components  $C_j(\mathbf{s}, r)$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ .

## Definition (Hérou-Hitrik-Sjöstrand, 2011)

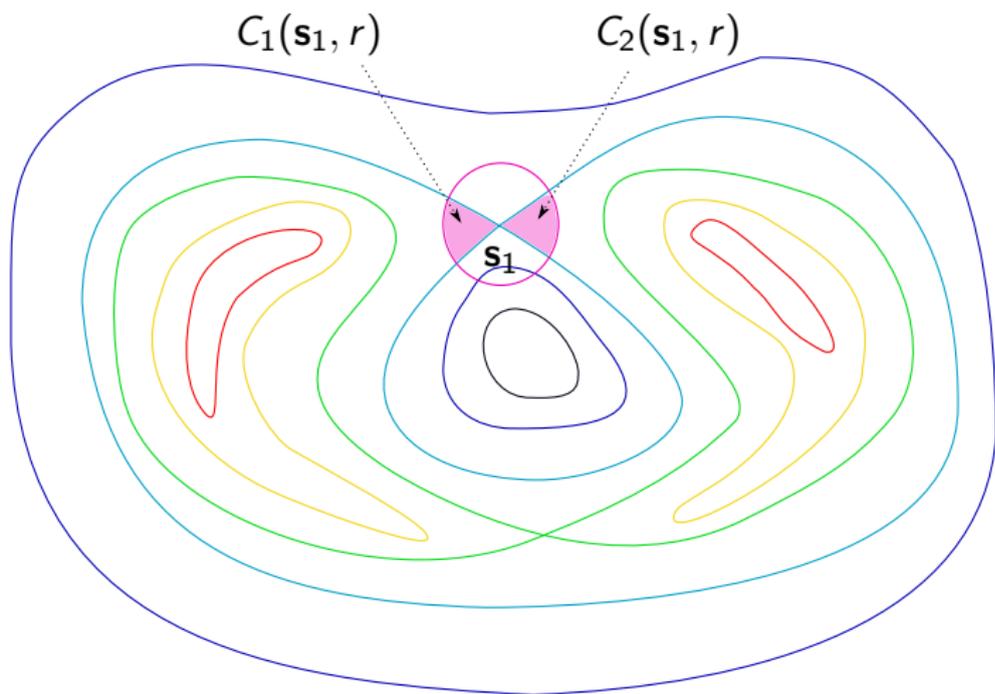
- $\mathbf{s} \in \mathcal{U}^{(1)}$  is a separating saddle point (ssp) iff  $C_1(\mathbf{s}, r)$  and  $C_2(\mathbf{s}, r)$  are contained in two different connected components of  $\{x \in X, \phi(x) < \phi(\mathbf{s})\}$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{V}^{(1)}$  the set of ssp.
- $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$  is a separating saddle value (ssv) if it is of the form  $\sigma = \phi(\mathbf{s})$  with  $\mathbf{s} \in \mathcal{V}^{(1)}$ . We denote  $\underline{\Sigma} = \phi(\mathcal{V}^{(1)}) = \{\sigma_2 > \sigma_3 > \dots > \sigma_N\}$ .

# Example of SSP I

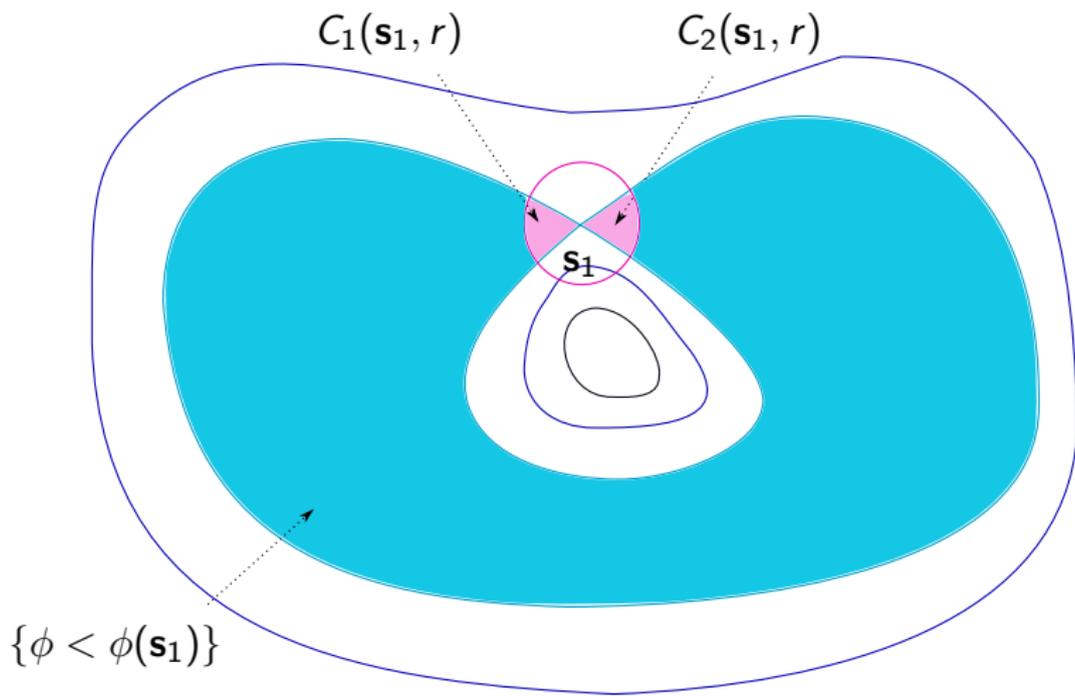


Level set of a potential with 2 minima, 2 saddle points and 1 maximum

# Example of SSP II

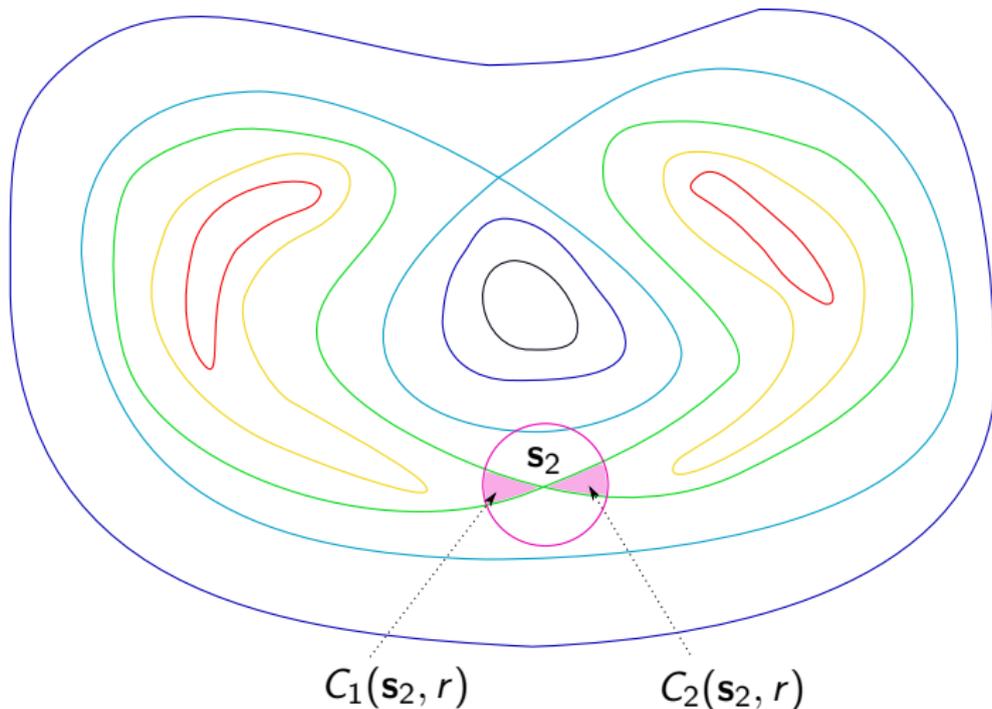


# Example of SSP II



$s_1$  is not separating

# Example of SSP III





# The labelling procedure II

Add a fictive infinite saddle value  $\sigma_1 = +\infty$  to  $\underline{\Sigma}$  and let

$$\Sigma = \{\sigma_1\} \cup \underline{\Sigma} = \{\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > \dots > \sigma_N\}$$

- To  $\sigma_1 = +\infty$  associate the unique connected component  $E_{1,1} = X$  of  $\{\phi < \sigma_1\}$ . In  $E_{1,1}$ , pick up  $m_{1,1}$  one (non necessarily unique) minimum of  $\phi|_{E_{1,1}}$ .
- The set  $\{\phi < \sigma_2\}$  has finitely many connected components. One of them contains  $m_{1,1}$ . The others are denoted  $E_{2,1}, \dots, E_{2,N_2}$ . In each of these CC, one choses one **absolute minimum**  $m_{2,j}$  of  $\phi|_{E_{2,j}}$ .
- The set  $\{\phi < \sigma_k\}$  has finitely many CC. One denotes by  $E_{k,1}, \dots, E_{k,N_k}$  those of these CC which do not contain any  $m_{i,j}$ ,  $i < k$ . In each  $E_{k,j}$  one choses one **absolute minimum**  $m_{k,j}$  of  $\phi|_{E_{k,j}}$ .

# The labelling procedure III

Denote  $\underline{\mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{m}_{1,1}$  the absolute minimum of  $\phi$  that was chosen at the first step of the labelling procedure, and let

$$\underline{\mathcal{U}}^{(0)} = \mathcal{U}^{(0)} \setminus \{\underline{\mathbf{m}}\}.$$

Using the preceding labelling one constructs the following applications:

- $\sigma : \mathcal{U}^{(0)} \rightarrow \Sigma$ , defined by  $\sigma(\mathbf{m}_{i,j}) = \sigma_i$ .
- $E(\mathbf{m})$  is the connected component of  $\{\phi < \sigma(\mathbf{m})\}$  that contains  $\mathbf{m}$ .
- $S(\mathbf{m}) = \sigma(\mathbf{m}) - \phi(\mathbf{m})$

# The Generic Assumption

The following hypothesis introduced by Hérau-Hitrik-Sjöstrand (2011) is a generalization of Helffer-Klein-Nier assumption (2004).

## Generic Assumption (GA):

For all  $\mathbf{m} \in \mathcal{U}^{(0)}$ , the following hold true:

- i)  $\phi|_E(\mathbf{m})$  has a unique point of minimum
- ii) if  $E$  is any connected component of  $\{\phi < \sigma(\mathbf{m})\}$  and  $\bar{E} \cap \mathcal{V}^{(1)} \neq \emptyset$ , there exists a unique  $\mathbf{s} \in \mathcal{V}^{(1)}$  such that  $\phi(\mathbf{s}) = \sup \phi(\bar{E} \cap \mathcal{V}^{(1)})$ .

Under this assumption, there exists a bijection

$$\mathfrak{s} : \mathcal{U}^{(0)} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}^{(1)} \cup \{\infty\}$$

such that  $S(\mathbf{m}) = \phi(\mathfrak{s}(\mathbf{m})) - \phi(\mathbf{m})$  with the convention  $\phi(\infty) = \infty$ .

# The simplified Generic Assumption

## Simplified Generic Assumption:

The map

$$(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{s}) \in \mathcal{U}^{(0)} \times \mathcal{V}^{(1)} \mapsto \phi(\mathbf{s}) - \phi(\mathbf{m})$$

is injective.

## Consequence

For any  $\mathbf{m} \in \mathcal{U}^{(0)}$ , there exists a unique  $\mathbf{s} \in \partial E(\mathbf{m}) \cap \mathcal{V}^{(1)}$  and the map

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{s} : \mathcal{U}^{(0)} &\rightarrow \mathcal{V}^{(1)} \cup \{\infty\} \\ \mathbf{m} &\mapsto \mathbf{s} \end{aligned}$$

is injective. Moreover, one has  $S(\mathbf{m}) = \phi(\mathfrak{s}(\mathbf{m})) - \phi(\mathbf{m})$  with the convention  $\phi(\infty) = \infty$ .

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Let

$$\Pi_h = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{|z|=\epsilon h} (P_\phi - z)^{-1} dz$$

and  $E_h = \text{Ran } \Pi_h$ . Then  $\dim E_h = n_0$  and  $P_\phi : E_h \rightarrow E_h$ .

### Goal

Compute the spectrum of the restriction of  $P_\phi$  to  $E_h$ . This is a problem in finite dimension.

The general strategy is the following:

- 1) Construct suitable approximated eigenfunctions  $f_{\mathbf{m}}$ ,  $\mathbf{m} \in \mathcal{U}^{(0)}$  of the operator  $P_\phi$
- 2) Project these eigenfunctions on  $E_h$ ,  $e_{\mathbf{m}} = \Pi_h f_{\mathbf{m}}$  and estimate the difference  $e_{\mathbf{m}} - f_{\mathbf{m}}$ .
- 3) Compute the matrix  $M_\phi$  of  $P_\phi$  in the base  $(e_{\mathbf{m}}, \mathbf{m} \in \mathcal{U}^{(0)})$
- 4) Compute the spectrum of  $M_\phi$

## Some comments

- The better the quasimodes are, the smaller  $\|e_{\mathbf{m}} - f_{\mathbf{m}}\|$  is. Indeed:

$$\begin{aligned} e_{\mathbf{m}} - f_{\mathbf{m}} &= \Pi_h f_{\mathbf{m}} - f_{\mathbf{m}} = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{|z|=\epsilon h} ((P_\phi - z)^{-1} - z^{-1}) f_{\mathbf{m}} dz \\ &= \frac{-1}{2i\pi} \int_{|z|=\epsilon h} (P_\phi - z)^{-1} z^{-1} P_\phi f_{\mathbf{m}} dz \end{aligned}$$

- Standard quasimodes  $\tilde{f}_{\mathbf{m}} = \chi_{\mathbf{m}} e^{-(\phi - \phi(\mathbf{m}))/h}$  with  $\chi_{\mathbf{m}}$  cut-off function in  $E(\mathbf{m})$  yield

$$P_\phi \tilde{f}_{\mathbf{m}} = \mathcal{O}(e^{-(S(\mathbf{m}) - \epsilon)/h})$$

- We need to construct accurate quasimodes
- The operator  $P_\phi$  is non-self-adjoint, hence the matrix  $M_\phi$  is **not symmetric**. We have to be careful of **Jordan's block**.

# Construction of quasimodes

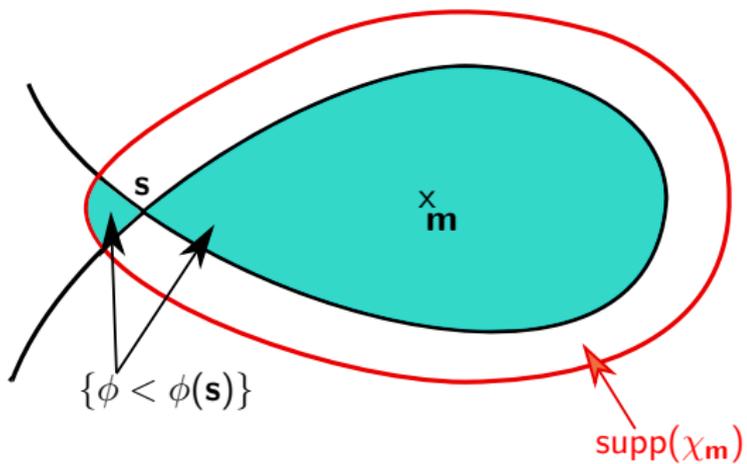
- Let  $\mathbf{s} = \mathfrak{s}(\mathbf{m})$  the saddle point associated to  $\mathbf{m}$  and let  $\xi(\mathbf{s})$  be given by the geometric Lemma:
  - $\xi(\mathbf{s})$  is a unitary eigenvector associated to the unique negative eigenvalue  $\mu(\mathbf{s})$  of  $2 \text{Hess}(\phi)(\mathbf{s}) + db(\mathbf{s})$ .
  - the matrix  $\text{Hess} \phi(\mathbf{s}) + |\mu(\mathbf{s})|\xi\xi^*$  is positive definite.
- Define the quasimode

$$f_{\mathbf{m}}(x) = c_h^{-1} \kappa_h((x - \mathbf{s}) \cdot \xi(\mathbf{s})) \chi_{\mathbf{m}}(x) e^{-(\phi(x) - \phi(\mathbf{m}))/h}$$

where  $c_h$  is a  $L^2$ -normalization constant and  $\kappa_h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a cut-off function such that

- $\kappa_h(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < -1 \\ 1 & \text{if } t > 1 \end{cases}$
- $\frac{d\kappa_h}{dt}(t) = h^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-|\mu(\mathbf{s})|t^2/2h}$  si  $t \in [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]$ .
- $\text{supp}(\kappa_h(\cdot)\partial_x \chi) \subset \{\phi > \phi(\mathbf{s}) + \epsilon\}$ .

# The cutoff function $\chi_m$





# Quasimodal estimates I

## Lemma

Suppose that the generic assumption is satisfied and let  $\mathbf{m} \neq \mathbf{m}'$  in  $\mathcal{U}^{(0)}$ . Then, either  $\text{supp}(f_{\mathbf{m}}) \cap \text{supp}(f_{\mathbf{m}'}) = \emptyset$  or  $f_{\mathbf{m}} = 1$  on  $\text{supp}(f_{\mathbf{m}'})$  or  $f_{\mathbf{m}'} = 1$  on  $\text{supp}(f_{\mathbf{m}})$ . In particular, there exists  $c > 0$  such that

$$\langle f_{\mathbf{m}}, f_{\mathbf{m}'} \rangle = \delta_{\mathbf{m}\mathbf{m}'} + \mathcal{O}(e^{-c/h}).$$

## Lemma

For all  $\mathbf{m} \in \mathcal{U}^{(0)}$ , one has

$$\langle P_{\phi} f_{\mathbf{m}}, f_{\mathbf{m}} \rangle = h \frac{|\mu(\mathbf{s})|}{2\pi} \frac{D_{\mathbf{m}}}{D_{\mathbf{s}}} e^{-2S(\mathbf{m})/h} (1 + \mathcal{O}(h))$$

where  $\mathbf{s} = \mathfrak{s}(\mathbf{m})$ ,  $S(\mathbf{m}) = \phi(\mathbf{s}) - \phi(\mathbf{m})$ ,  $D_{\mathbf{x}} = |\det \text{Hess}(\phi)(\mathbf{x})|^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

# Quasimodal estimates II

- One has

$$\langle P_\phi f_{\mathbf{m}}, f_{\mathbf{m}} \rangle = \langle \Delta_\phi f_{\mathbf{m}}, f_{\mathbf{m}} \rangle = \langle d_\phi^* d_\phi f_{\mathbf{m}}, f_{\mathbf{m}} \rangle = \|d_\phi f_{\mathbf{m}}\|^2$$

with

$$f_{\mathbf{m}}(x) = c_h^{-1} \chi_{\mathbf{m}}(x) \kappa_h((x - \mathbf{s})\xi) e^{-(\phi(x) - \phi(\mathbf{m}))/h}$$

Hence

$$d_\phi f_{\mathbf{m}} = h c_h^{-1} \chi_{\mathbf{m}}(x) \kappa'_h((x - \mathbf{s})\xi) \xi e^{-(\phi(x) - \phi(\mathbf{m}))/h} + \mathcal{O}(e^{-(S(\mathbf{m}) + \epsilon)/h})$$

- near  $\mathbf{s}$ , one has

$$\kappa'_h((x - \mathbf{s})\xi) e^{-(\phi(x) - \phi(\mathbf{m}))/h} = e^{-\langle (\frac{1}{2} \text{Hess } \phi(\mathbf{s}) + |\mu| \xi \xi^*) (x - \mathbf{s}), (x - \mathbf{s}) \rangle} + \mathcal{O}(\|x - \mathbf{s}\|)$$

and  $\frac{1}{2} \text{Hess } \phi(\mathbf{s}) + |\mu| \xi \xi^*$  positive definite.

- Apply Laplace method to complete the computation.

## Quasimodal estimates III

## Lemma

For all  $\mathbf{m} \in \mathcal{U}^{(0)}$ , one has

$$\|P_\phi f_{\mathbf{m}}\|^2 = \langle P_\phi f_{\mathbf{m}}, f_{\mathbf{m}} \rangle \mathcal{O}(h^2)$$

$$\|P_\phi^* f_{\mathbf{m}}\|^2 = \langle P_\phi f_{\mathbf{m}}, f_{\mathbf{m}} \rangle \mathcal{O}(h)$$

*Proof.* One has

$$P_\phi(f_{\mathbf{m}}) = (-h^2\Delta + h(2\nabla\phi + b_h)\nabla)(\kappa_h) c_h^{-1} \chi(x) e^{-(\phi(x)-\phi(\mathbf{s}))/h} + \mathcal{O}(e^{-(S(\mathbf{m})+\epsilon)/h}).$$

and for  $x$  close to  $\mathbf{s}$ , one has

$$\begin{aligned} (-h^2\Delta + h(2\nabla\phi + b_h)\nabla)(\kappa_h) &= h((2\nabla\phi + b)\xi + |\mu|\xi(x - \mathbf{s}) + \mathcal{O}(h))e^{-} \\ &= h\mathcal{O}((x - \mathbf{s})^2 + h)e^{-\frac{|\mu|(\xi(x-\mathbf{s}))^2}{2h}} \end{aligned}$$

# Graded structure of the interaction matrix

We enumerate the minima  $\mathcal{U}^{(0)} = \{\mathbf{m}_1, \dots, \mathbf{m}_{n_0}\}$  in such way that the sequence  $(S(\mathbf{m}_j))_j$  is non-decreasing. We denote

- $\tilde{\lambda}_j = \langle P_\phi f_{\mathbf{m}_j}, f_{\mathbf{m}_j} \rangle$
- $(e_{m_j})_{1 \leq j \leq n_0}$  the basis of  $E_h$  obtained from  $\Pi_h f_{m_j}$  by Gram-Schmidt procedure.

## Proposition

For all  $j, k = 1, \dots, n_0$ , one has

$$\langle P_\phi e_j, e_k \rangle = \delta_{jk} \tilde{\lambda}_j + \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{h \tilde{\lambda}_j \tilde{\lambda}_k})$$

- Let  $\mathcal{M}_\phi = (\langle P_\phi e_j, e_k \rangle)_{j,k}$  be the matrix of  $P_\phi$  in the basis  $(e_j)$ .
- Let  $\Omega = \text{diag}(\sqrt{\lambda_1}, \dots, \sqrt{\lambda_d})$ , then

$$\mathcal{M}_\phi = \Omega(\text{Id} + \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{h}))\Omega$$

# Schur complement method for graded matrices

- Suppose that  $\mathcal{M}_\phi = \Omega(\text{Id} + \mathcal{O}(h))\Omega$  with  $\Omega$  as above. We can compute the spectrum of  $\mathcal{M}_\phi$  by Schur complement method.
- Computation for 2x2 matrices. Suppose

$$\mathcal{M}_\phi = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\lambda}_1 & B_h \\ B_h^* & \tilde{\lambda}_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $B_h = \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{h\tilde{\lambda}_1\tilde{\lambda}_2})$ .

- The spectral values of  $\mathcal{M}_\phi$  are the poles of

$$z \mapsto (\tilde{\lambda}_1 - z - B_h^*(\tilde{\lambda}_2 - z)^{-1}B_h)^{-1}$$

and

$$z \mapsto (\tilde{\lambda}_2 - z - B_h^*(\tilde{\lambda}_1 - z)^{-1}B_h)^{-1}$$