

# **Fluctuating Hydrodynamics of Flow through Porous Membranes**

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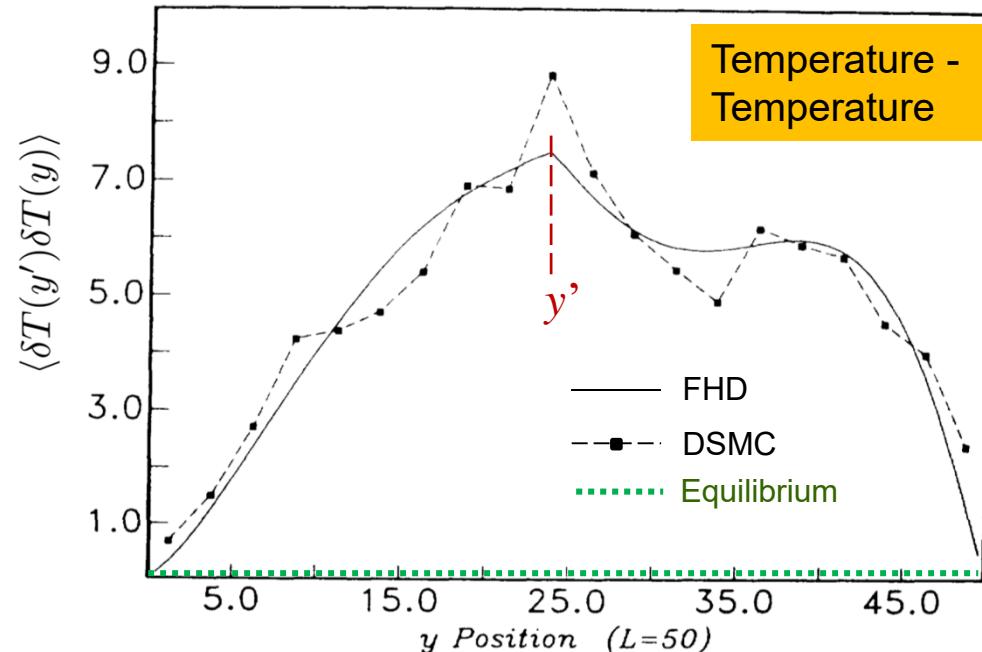
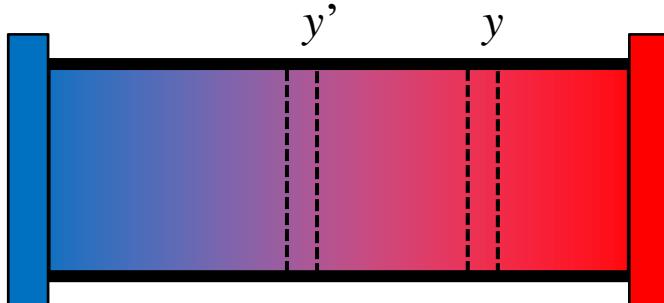


# Non-equilibrium Fluctuations

Hydrodynamic fluctuations are long-ranged in a fluid held at a non-equilibrium steady state.

$$\langle \delta\rho(y')\delta v(y) \rangle \propto \nabla T$$

$$\langle \delta T(y')\delta T(y) \rangle \propto (\nabla T)^2$$



M. Malek Mansour, ALG, G. Lie and E. Clementi, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **58** 874 (1987).

# Fluctuating Hydrodynamics (FHD)

Landau and Lifshitz introduced stochastic flux terms into the equations of hydrodynamics to model spontaneous fluctuations in fluids.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho) = -\nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}),$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho \mathbf{u}) = -\nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u}) - \nabla P - \nabla \cdot [\mathbf{\Pi} + \tilde{\mathbf{\Pi}}],$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho E) = -\nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u} E + P \mathbf{u}) - \nabla \cdot [\mathbf{Q} + \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}] - \nabla \cdot ([\mathbf{\Pi} + \tilde{\mathbf{\Pi}}] \cdot \mathbf{u}).$$

[Heat flux] [Stress tensor]

L. D. Landau E. M. Lifshitz, *Fluid Mechanics*, 1st Ed., Pergamon (1959).  
J. M. Ortiz de Zarate and J. V. Sengers, *Hydrodynamic Fluctuations in Fluids and Fluid Mixtures*, Elsevier (2006).

# Dissipative Fluxes in FHD

The deterministic stress tensor and heat flux take their standard linear forms (Stokes and Fourier laws),

$$\Pi_{ij} = -\eta \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right) + \delta_{ij} \left( \frac{2}{3} \eta \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} \right), \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{Q} = -\kappa \nabla T$$

Stochastic stress tensor and heat flux are independent noises, white in space and time, with zero mean and variances,

$$\langle \tilde{\Pi}_{ij}(\mathbf{r}, t) \tilde{\Pi}_{kl}(\mathbf{r}', t') \rangle = 2k_B \eta T \left[ (\delta_{ik} \delta_{jl} + \delta_{il} \delta_{jk}) - \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl} \right] \delta(t - t') \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'),$$

$$\langle \tilde{Q}_i(\mathbf{r}, t) \tilde{Q}_j(\mathbf{r}', t') \rangle = 2k_B \kappa T^2 \delta_{ij} \delta(t - t') \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}').$$

# Finite Volume SPDE solver

Write the FHD equations as:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{U} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} - \nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{S}}$

Time integration:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{U} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho, \rho \mathbf{u}, \rho E)$

- Three-stage Runge-Kutta

Hyperbolic:  $\mathbf{F} = (\rho \mathbf{u}, \rho \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u} + P \mathbf{I}, \rho \mathbf{u} E + \mathbf{u} P)$

- Four point centered

Parabolic:  $\mathbf{D} = (0, \mathbf{\Pi}, \mathbf{Q} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{\Pi})$

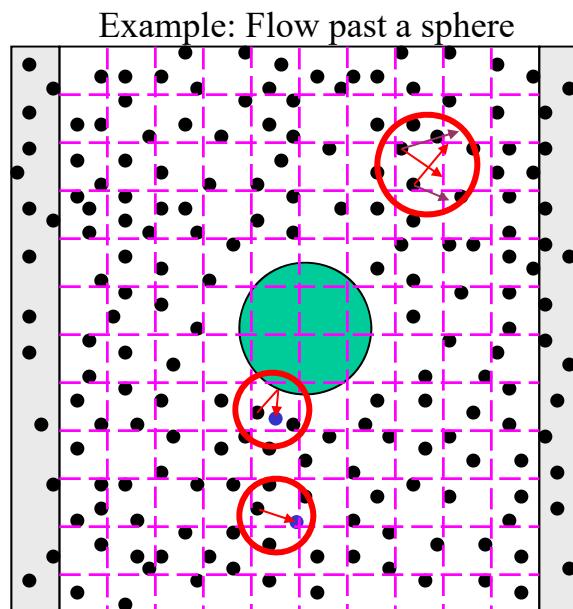
- Two point centered

Stochastic:  $\tilde{\mathbf{S}} = (0, \tilde{\mathbf{\Pi}}, \tilde{\mathbf{Q}} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{\Pi}})$

- Weighted 2 point centered

# Direct Simulation Monte Carlo (DSMC)

- Initialize system with particles
- Loop over time steps
  - Create particles at open boundaries
  - Move *all* the particles
  - Process any interactions of particle & boundaries
  - Sort particles into cells
  - Sample statistical values
  - Select and execute random collisions

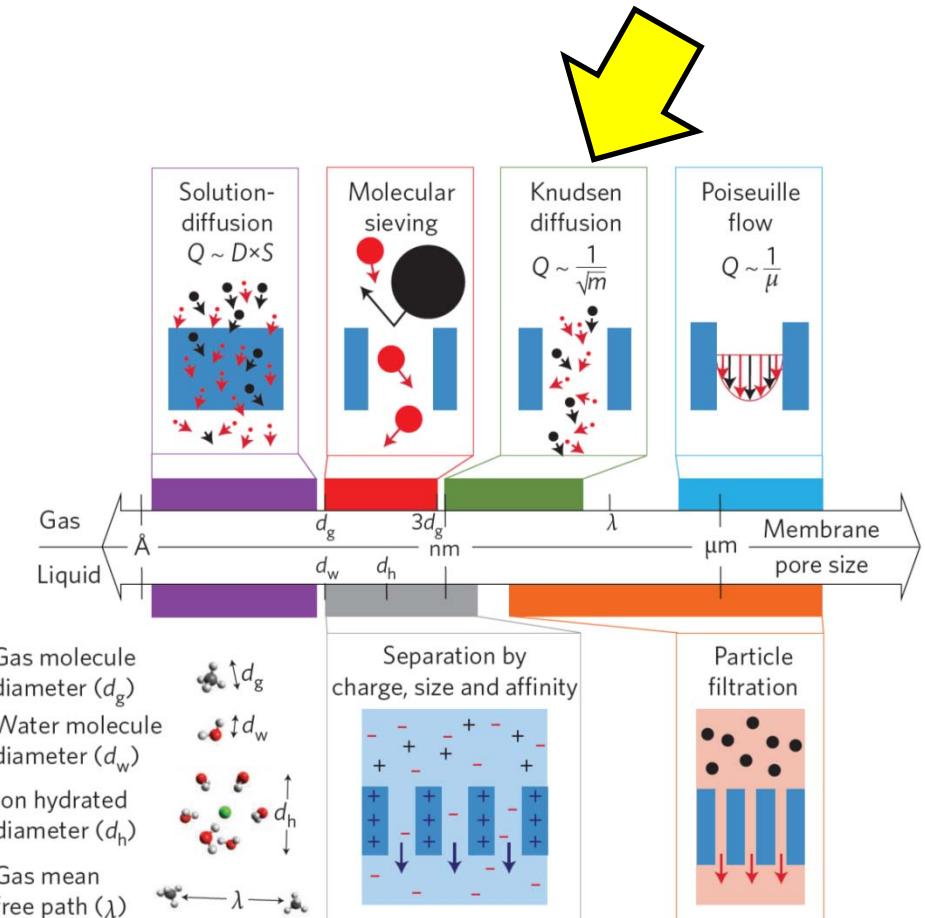


G.A. Bird, *Molecular Gas Dynamics and Direct Simulation of Gas Flows*, Clarendon, Oxford (1994)  
F. Alexander and ALG, *Computers in Physics*, **11** 588 (1997)

# Porous Membranes

Effusion (Knudsen diffusion) is gas transport through a membrane with pore sizes roughly between the mean free path and the molecule diameter.

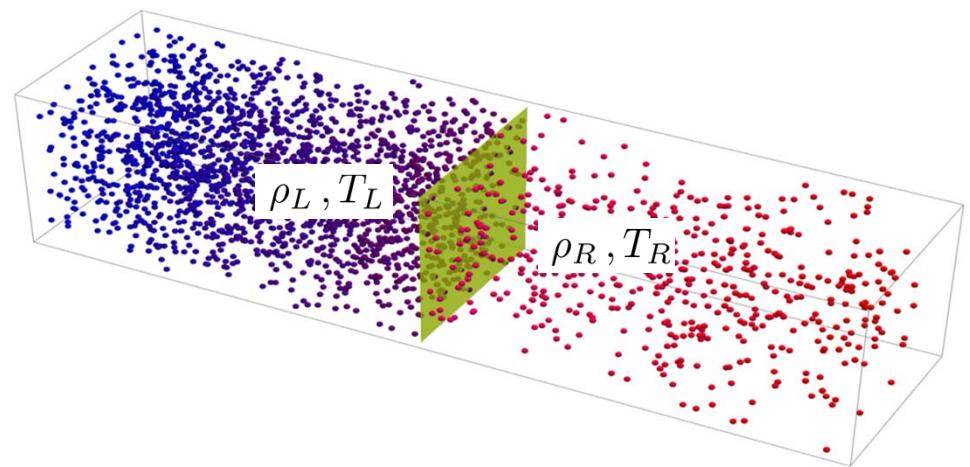
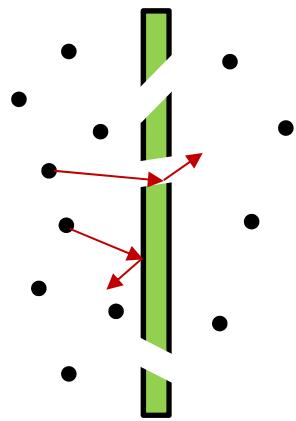
For standard conditions this range in pore size is between 100 nm to 2 nm.



L. Wang, et al., *Nature Nanotechnology* 12 509–522 (2017)

# Transport by Effusion

Molecules  
reaching the  
interface  
cross it with  
probability  $f$ .



The mean fluxes of mass and energy are,

$$\langle J_M \rangle = \frac{f A k_B^{1/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi m}} \left( \rho_L T_L^{1/2} - \rho_R T_R^{1/2} \right), \quad \langle J_E \rangle = \frac{2 f A k_B^{3/2}}{m \sqrt{2\pi m}} \left( \rho_L T_L^{3/2} - \rho_R T_R^{3/2} \right).$$

# Langevin Model for Effusion Membrane

In FHD we model the mass and energy crossing the membrane with the Langevin equations,

$$\frac{d}{dt}M = \langle J_M \rangle + \tilde{J}_M, \quad \frac{d}{dt}\mathcal{E} = \langle J_{\mathcal{E}} \rangle + \tilde{J}_{\mathcal{E}},$$

where the white noises have variances and covariances,

$$\langle \tilde{J}_M(t)\tilde{J}_M(t') \rangle = \frac{mfA k_B^{1/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi m}} \left( \rho_R T_R^{1/2} + \rho_L T_L^{1/2} \right) \delta(t - t')$$

$$\langle \tilde{J}_{\mathcal{E}}(t)\tilde{J}_{\mathcal{E}}(t') \rangle = \frac{6fA k_B^{5/2}}{m\sqrt{2\pi m}} \left( \rho_R T_R^{5/2} + \rho_L T_L^{5/2} \right) \delta(t - t'),$$

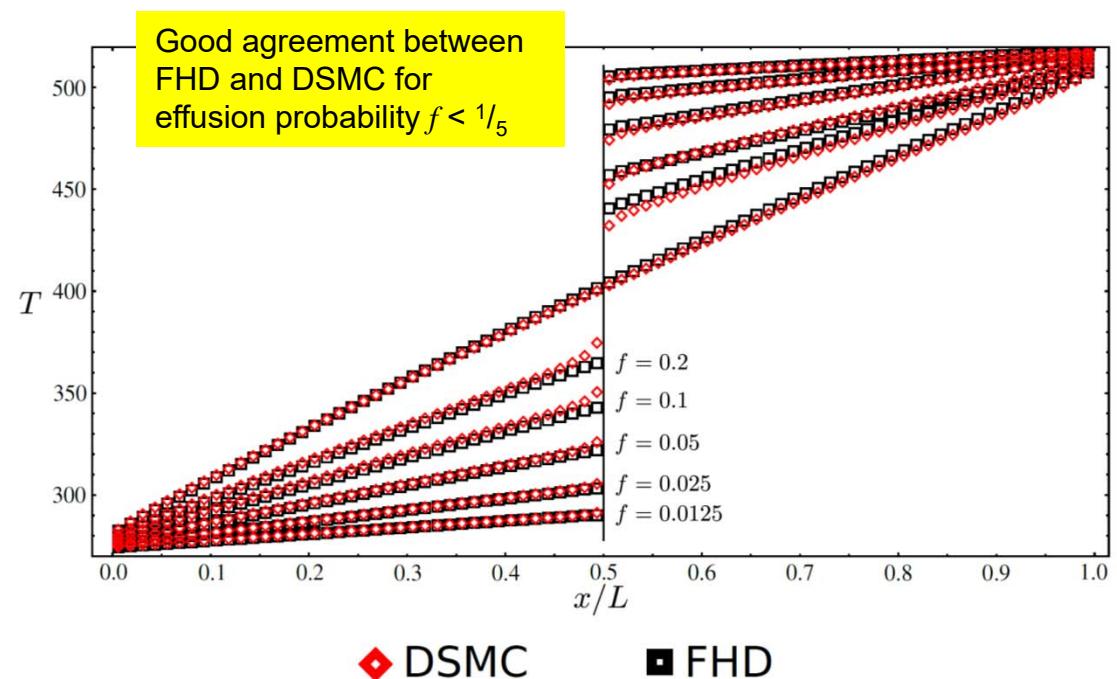
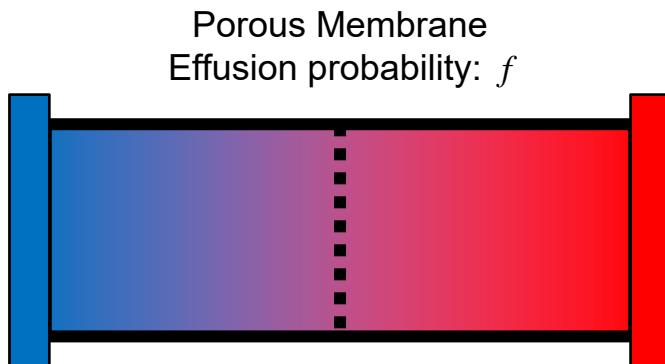
$$\langle \tilde{J}_{\mathcal{E}}(t)\tilde{J}_M(t') \rangle = \frac{2fA k_B^{3/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi m}} \left( \rho_R T_R^{3/2} + \rho_L T_L^{3/2} \right) \delta(t - t').$$



Note: Mass and energy noises are correlated

# Temperature Profiles

Simulated a dilute gas with a temperature gradient in a system bisected by a porous effusion membrane.

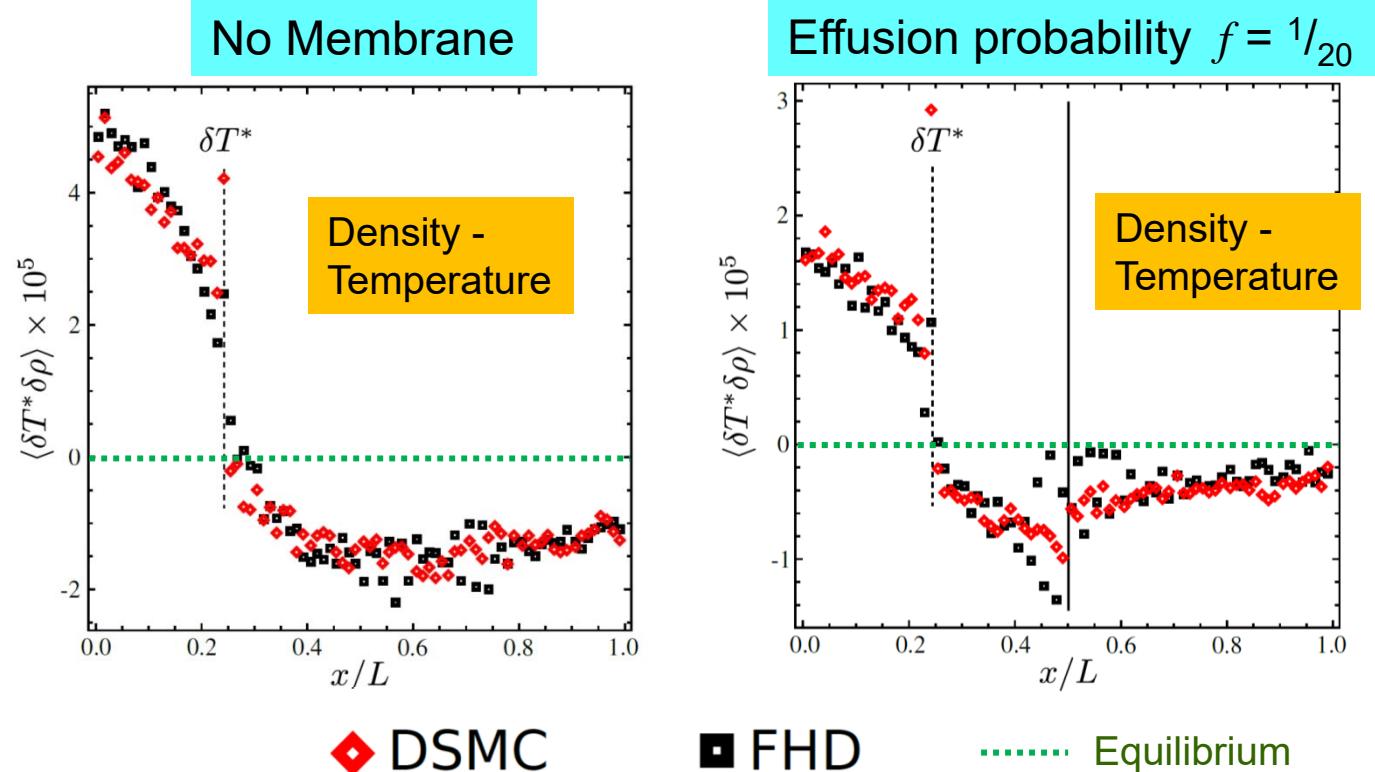


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*Physics of Fluids* **31**, 052002 (2019)

# Correlations of Fluctuations

Temperature gradient is reduced by  $\sim 3$  and so is density-temperature correlation

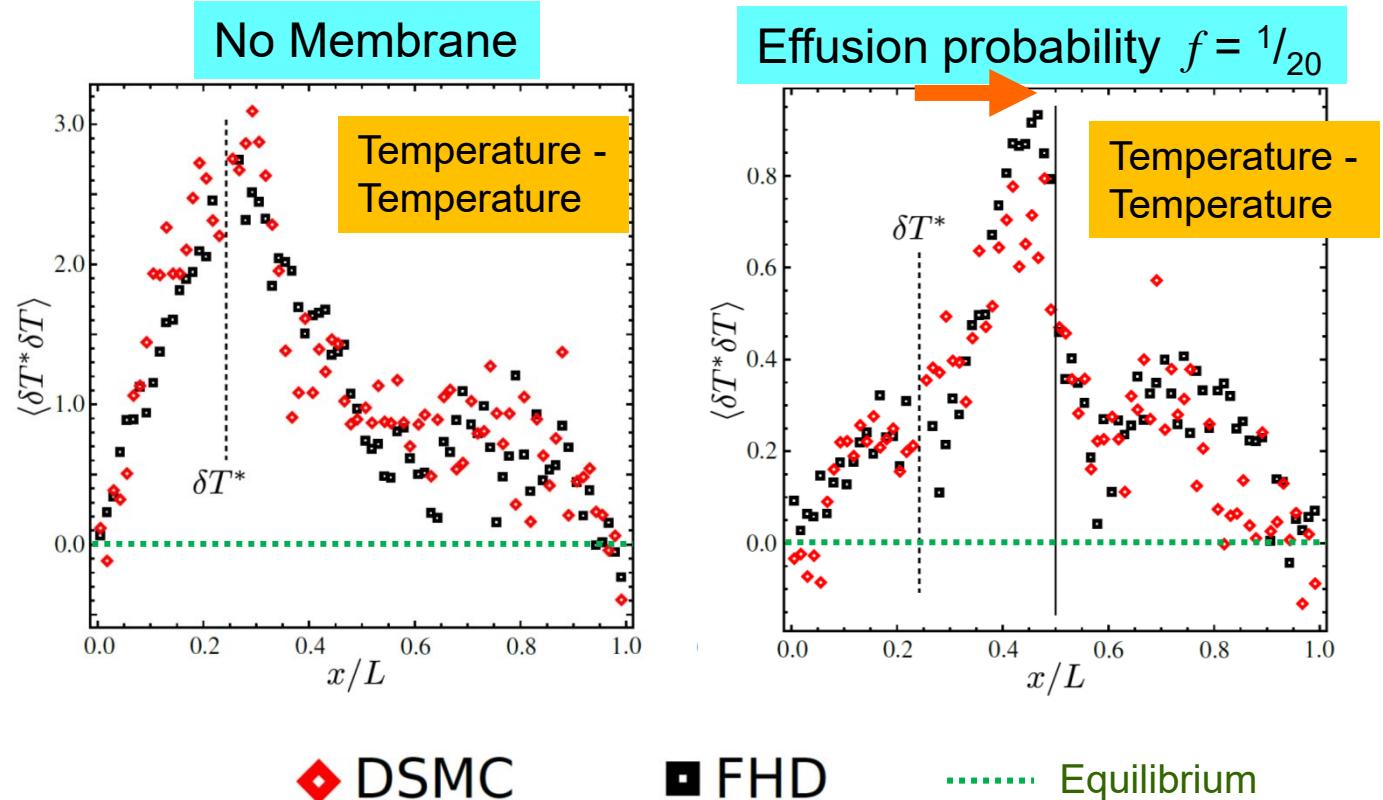
Correlation persists across the membrane



# Correlations of Fluctuations

Temperature-temperature correlation is reduced but persists across the membrane

Correlation peak is significantly shifted towards the membrane



# Master Equation Interface Model

Also tested a Master equation formulation using the Gillespie (SSA) algorithm in FHD.

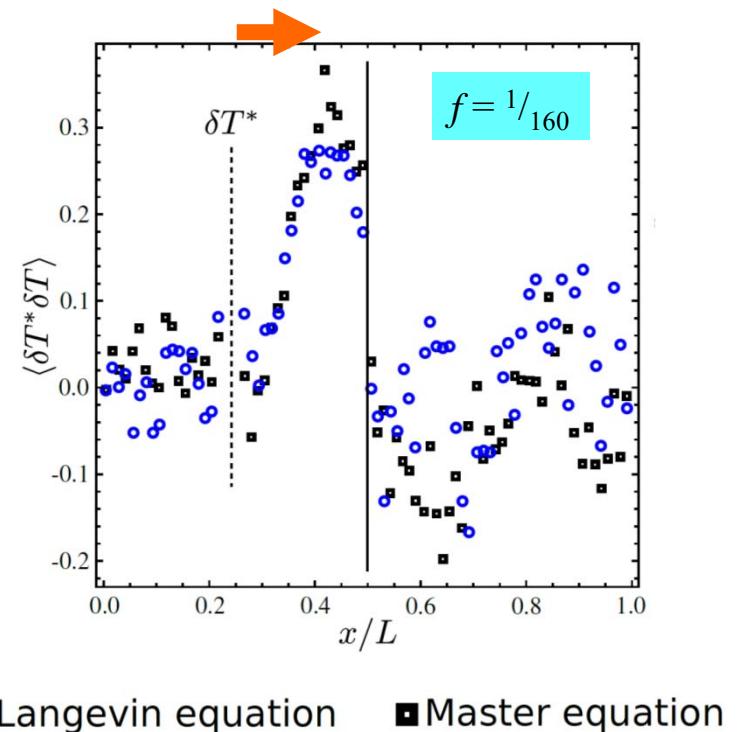
$$\tau_e = \frac{m}{\rho f A} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi m}{k_B T}}$$

Mean waiting time  
for crossings

$$P_\epsilon(\epsilon) = \frac{\epsilon}{k_B^2 T^2} e^{-\epsilon/(k_B T)}$$

Distribution of  
molecule energies

The Langevin and Master equation models produced equivalent results.



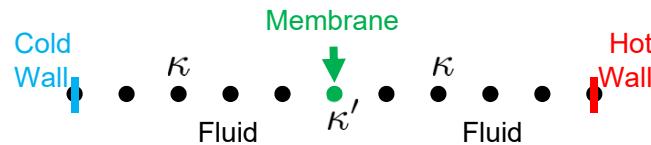
# Stochastic Heat Equation

To investigate the shift in the peak we consider the linearized stochastic heat equation,

$$\rho c_v \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \delta T(y, t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \kappa(y) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \delta T - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \tilde{Q} \quad \text{with} \quad \langle \tilde{Q}(y, t) \tilde{Q}(y', t') \rangle = 2k_B \kappa(y) T_0(y)^2 \delta(t - t') \delta(y - y').$$

Discretizing in space,  $\mathbf{U} = [\delta T_1, \dots, \delta T_N]$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{U} = -\mathbf{A}\mathbf{U} + \mathbf{B}\xi$$



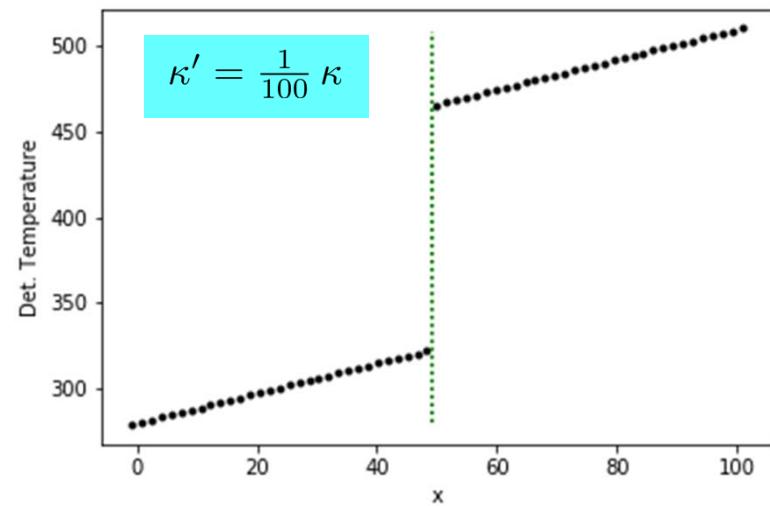
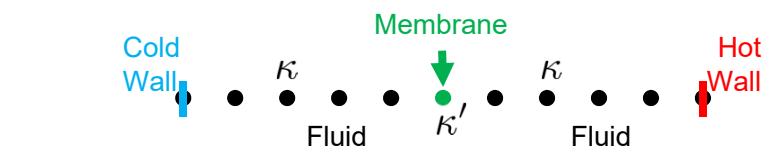
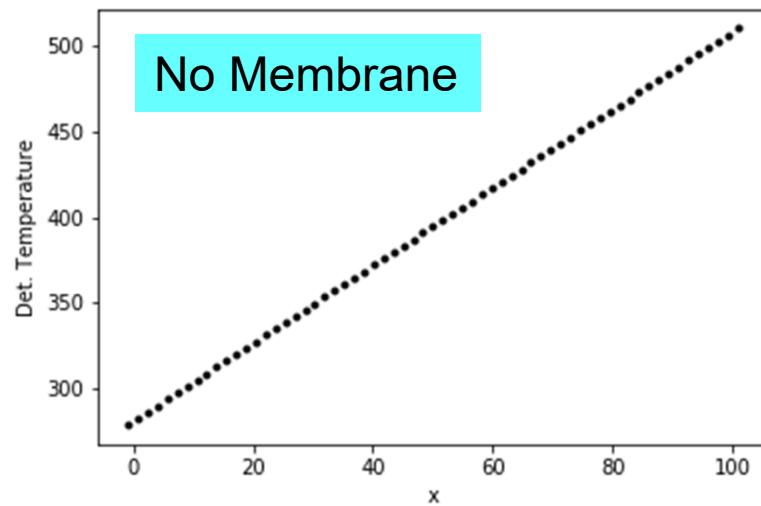
For this Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process we find the covariance  $\sigma_{i,j} = \langle \delta T_i \delta T_j \rangle$  by solving

$$\mathbf{A}\sigma + \sigma\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^T$$

using linear algebra (e.g., by numerical relaxation)

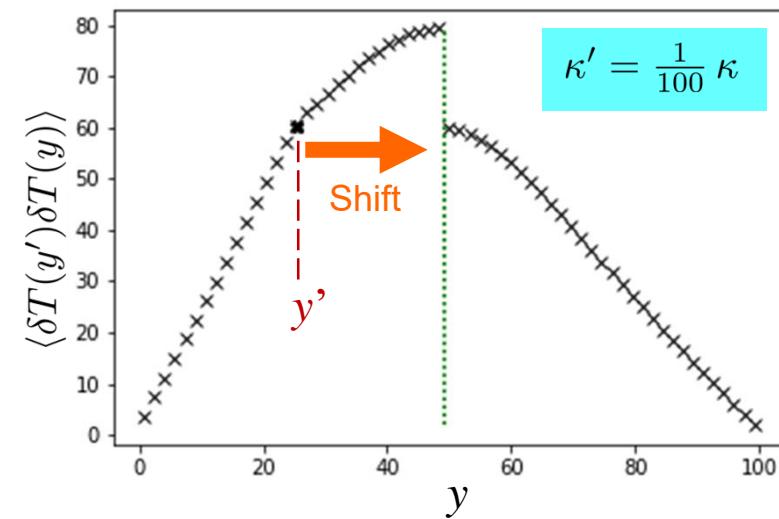
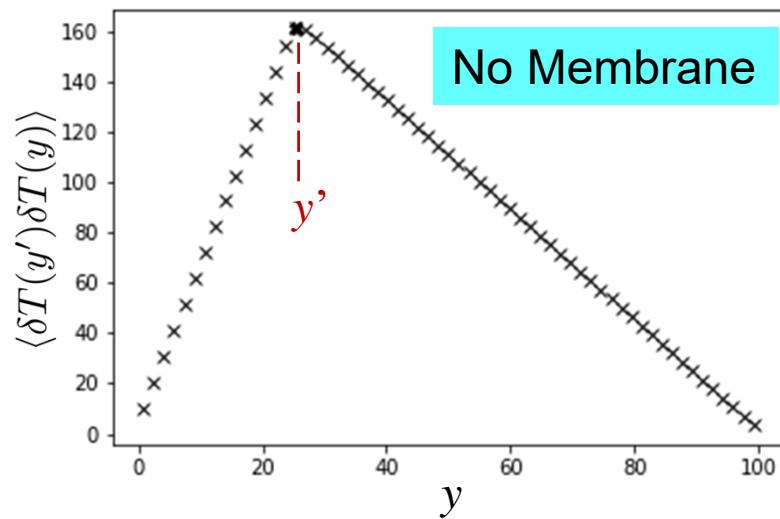
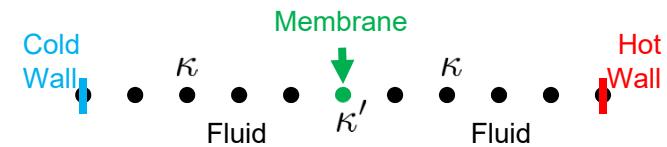
# Temperature Profile

Deterministic temperature profiles are qualitatively similar to FHD and DSMC results



# Correlations of Fluctuations

Temperature-temperature correlation is qualitatively similar to the FHD and DSMC result.



# Summary & Future Work

## Summary:

- Long range correlations persist through an effusive interface.
- Reduced magnitude largely due to change in  $\nabla T$ .
- Distortion predicted by the stochastic heat equation.
- FHD can simulate gas transpiration; faster than DSMC.

## Future work:

- Shear gradient; Concentration gradient
- Correlations parallel to the membrane
- Molecular sieving
- Ion transport in electrolytes
- Active transport (transport & chemistry)

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