# Transport properties of suspensions of spherical particles

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# Introduction - suspensions

#### minute particles in liquid



Particles: -radius -density of material -volume fraction

 $\boldsymbol{a}$  $ho_p$ Ф

milk, blood,...

## Goal of the research

Suspension of spherical particles



Transport properties (short time): -effective viscosity -sedimentation coefficient -diffusion coefficient

Over 100 years of theoretical research - still an open question

## Hard-sphere suspension

Unbounded liquid, N particles in configuration  $X \equiv \mathbf{R}_1, \dots, \mathbf{R}_N$ 



Stokes equations:

$$\nabla p(\mathbf{r}) - \eta \Delta \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r}) = 0$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r}) = 0$$

Stick boundary conditions,

$${f v}({f r}) o {f v}_0({f r})$$
 for  $r o \infty$ 

Aristotelian world...

## Stokes (1851)



## Hydrodynamic interactions – Smoluchowski (1911)





*Well defined expression for effective viscosity?* 

## Hydrodynamic interactions

Strong interactions of close particles



For constant velocities asymptotically infinite drag force (Jeffrey, Onishi (1984))

(Lubrication force)

### Effective Green function

Flow caused by force acting on particles in the area



## Transport properties – history and scattering series



Einstein 1905 (corrected):

$$\eta_{eff} = \eta (1 + \frac{5}{2}\phi)$$

$$\phi = \frac{4}{3}\pi a^3 n$$

#### Single particle problem in shear flow





Finite system
Hydrodynamic interactions neglected (no reflections)
Diluted suspensions (volume fraction below about 3%)

## **Beyond diluted suspensions**

Saito (1950):

-extension of Einstein work on mean-field level





$$\frac{\eta_{eff}}{\eta} = \frac{1 + \frac{3}{2}\phi}{1 - \phi}$$

non-absolutely convergent integrals!

Two-particle hydrodynamic interactions (1963)



Problem with long-range HI still not solved

## 1982 – problem of long-range HI solved



#### B. U. Felderhof,<sup>1</sup> G. W. Ford,<sup>2</sup> and E. G. D. Cohen<sup>3</sup>

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We derive a cluster expansion for the electric susceptibility kernel of a dielectric suspension of spherically symmetric inclusions in a uniform background. This also leads to a cluster expansion for the effective dielectric constant. It is shown that the cluster integrals of any order are absolutely convergent, so that the dielectric constant is well defined and independent of the shape of the sample in the limit of a large system. We compare with virial expansions derived earlier in

dielectric <=> suspension

## Response of suspension (effective viscosity)

Landau's book: Viscosity from the following relation:



Effective viscosity coefficient is given directly by the response operator  $T^{irr}$ 

Felderhof, Ford, Cohen – cluster expansion (1982)



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Felderhof, Ford and Cohen also identified terms, which lead to Saito formula for effective viscosity:

$$\frac{\eta_{eff}}{\eta} = \frac{1 + \frac{3}{2}\phi}{1 - \phi}$$

#### Beenakker-Mazur method (1983)

Idea of the method – resummation of certain class of hydrodynamic interactions – 'ring-selfcorrelations'



#### Beenakker and Mazur method

Beenakker and Mazur scheme – expansion in density fluctuations (1983). The state of the art statistical physics theory for short times properties of suspension nowadays

Many-body character
 Long-range character
 Strong interactions of close particles (lubrication)

No satisfactory statistical physics method including the above three features.

Numerical simulation shows that lubrication is indispensable!

To construct the method taking into consideration lubrication is an open problem of theoretical physics.

## Our approach – renormalization of the propagator



Ring expansion (2015):



convergence

## Generalization of Clausius-Mossotti approximation

Constructing approximate method by carrying over approximation from cluster expansion to ring expansion with the following modification:

$$G \Longrightarrow G_{\text{eff}}$$

Clausius-Mossotti (Saito) approximation



Generalized (renormalized) Clausius-Mossotti approximation

(two-body hydrodynamic interactions incomplete – the same as in Beenakker and Mazur scheme)

Volume fraction, two-body correlation function  $\implies$ 



## **Effective viscosity**



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## Sedimentation coefficient



# Summary

Long-range, many-body hydrodynamic interactions and strong interactions of close particles are important in suspensions (still an open problem)
Rigorous ring expansion can grasp all of the above features (opposite to Beenakker-Mazur method)
Generalized Clausius-Mossotti approximation (two-body hydrodynamic

interactions not fully taken; comparable to Beenakker-Mazur scheme)



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### Scattering series



suspension <=> dielectrics <=> other systems

Felderhof, Ford, Cohen – microscopic explanation of Clausius-Mossotti (Saito) formula (1983)

$$\mathbf{T}^{irr} \leftarrow \mathbf{O} + \mathbf$$

$$\mathbf{T}_{CM}^{irr} = \mathbf{T}^{irr} \left( 1 + \left[ h\mathbf{G} \right] \mathbf{T}^{irr} \right)^{-1}$$

and approximate closure relation

 $\mathbf{T}_{CM}^{irr} \approx n_1 \mathbf{\hat{M}}$ 

lead to Saito formula

$$\frac{\eta_{eff}}{\eta} = \frac{1 + \frac{3}{2}\phi}{1 - \phi}$$

## Single particle

