

# Efficiency of micro-macro acceleration for scale-separated SDEs

Hannes Vandecasteele<sup>1</sup>, Przemysław Zieliński<sup>1</sup> and Giovanni Samaey<sup>1</sup>  
<sup>1</sup>KU Leuven  
 ✉ Hannes.Vandecasteele@cs.kuleuven.be

## Problem Statement

Many stochastic systems have an inherent multiscale nature due to a time-scale separation  $\varepsilon$

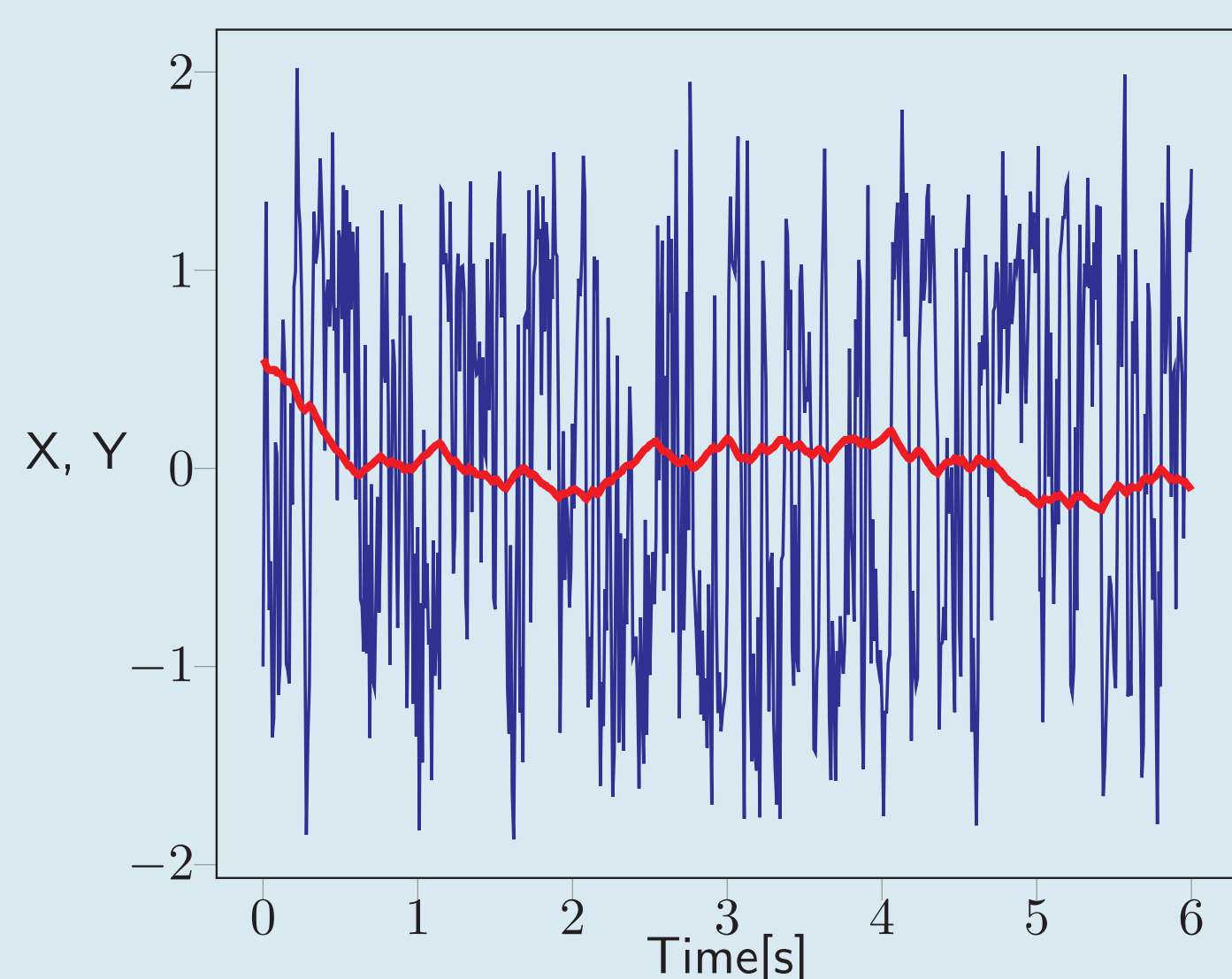
$$dX = -(2X + Y)dt + AdW_x$$

$$dY = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon}(Y^3 - Y)dt + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}dW_y$$

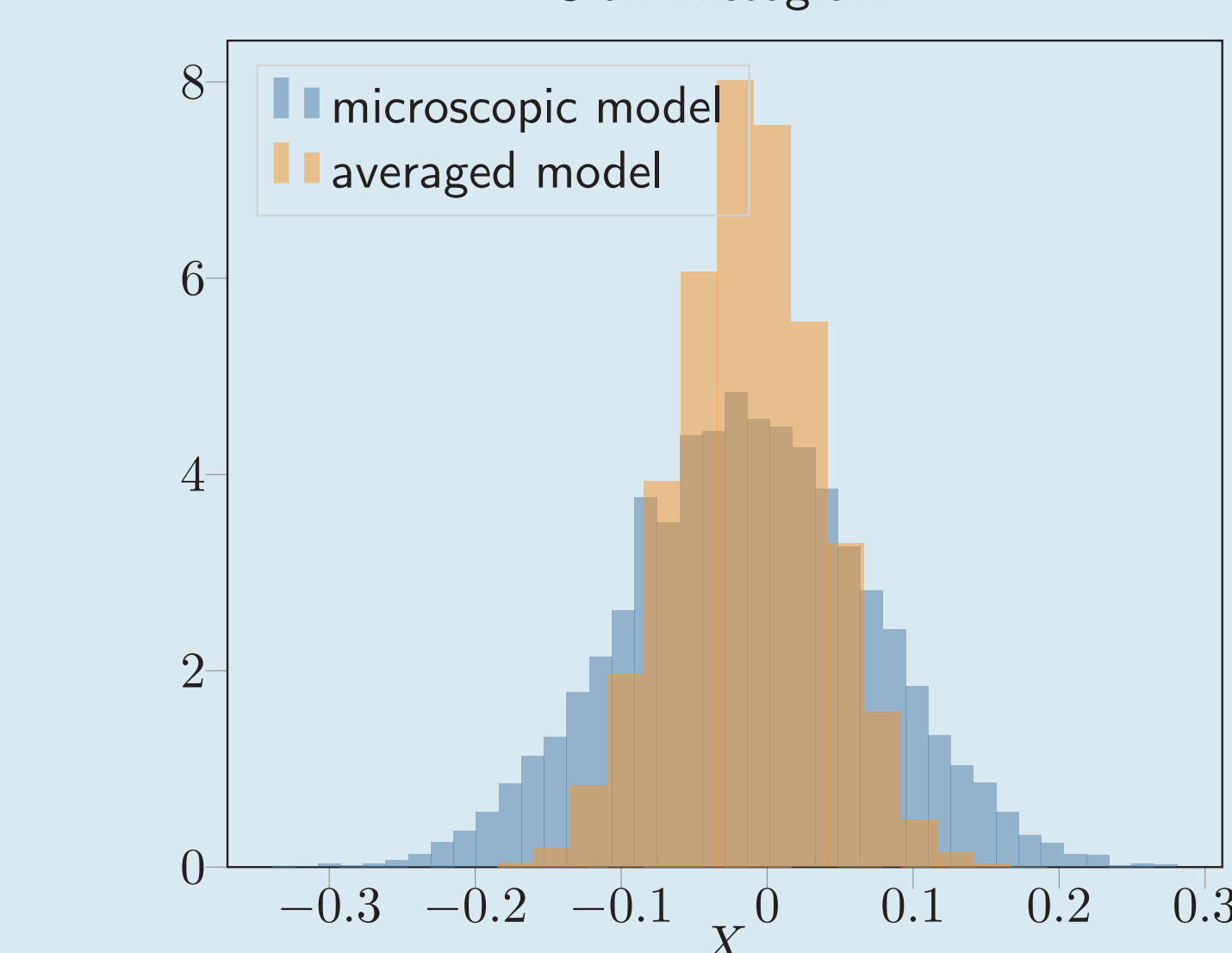
- When  $\varepsilon \ll 1$ , explicit methods are very inefficient. Averaging out the fast mode  $Y$  yields an approximate model for the slow mode  $X$ <sup>[2]</sup>

$$dX = -2Xdt + AdW$$

$\varepsilon = 0.01$

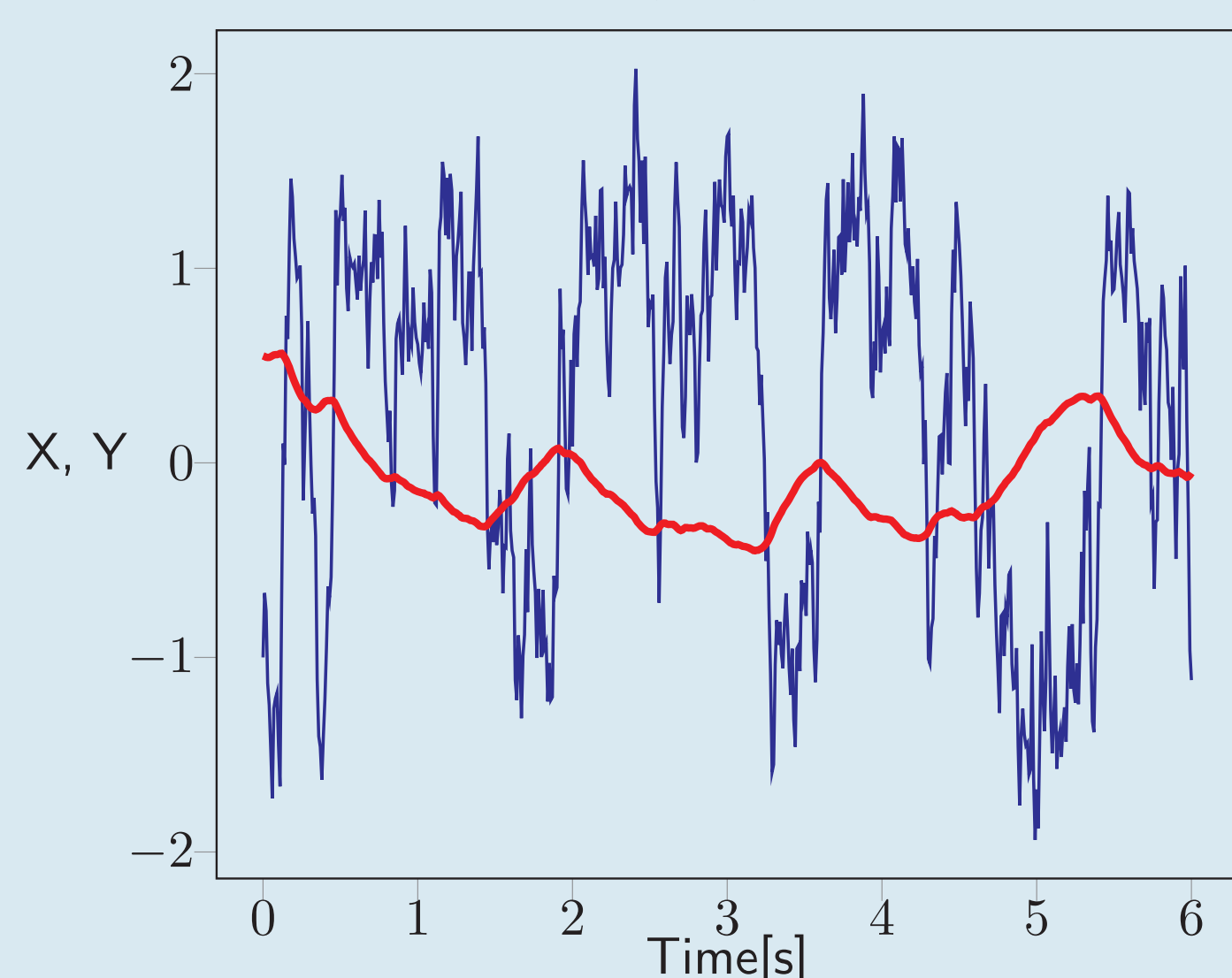


Slow Histogram

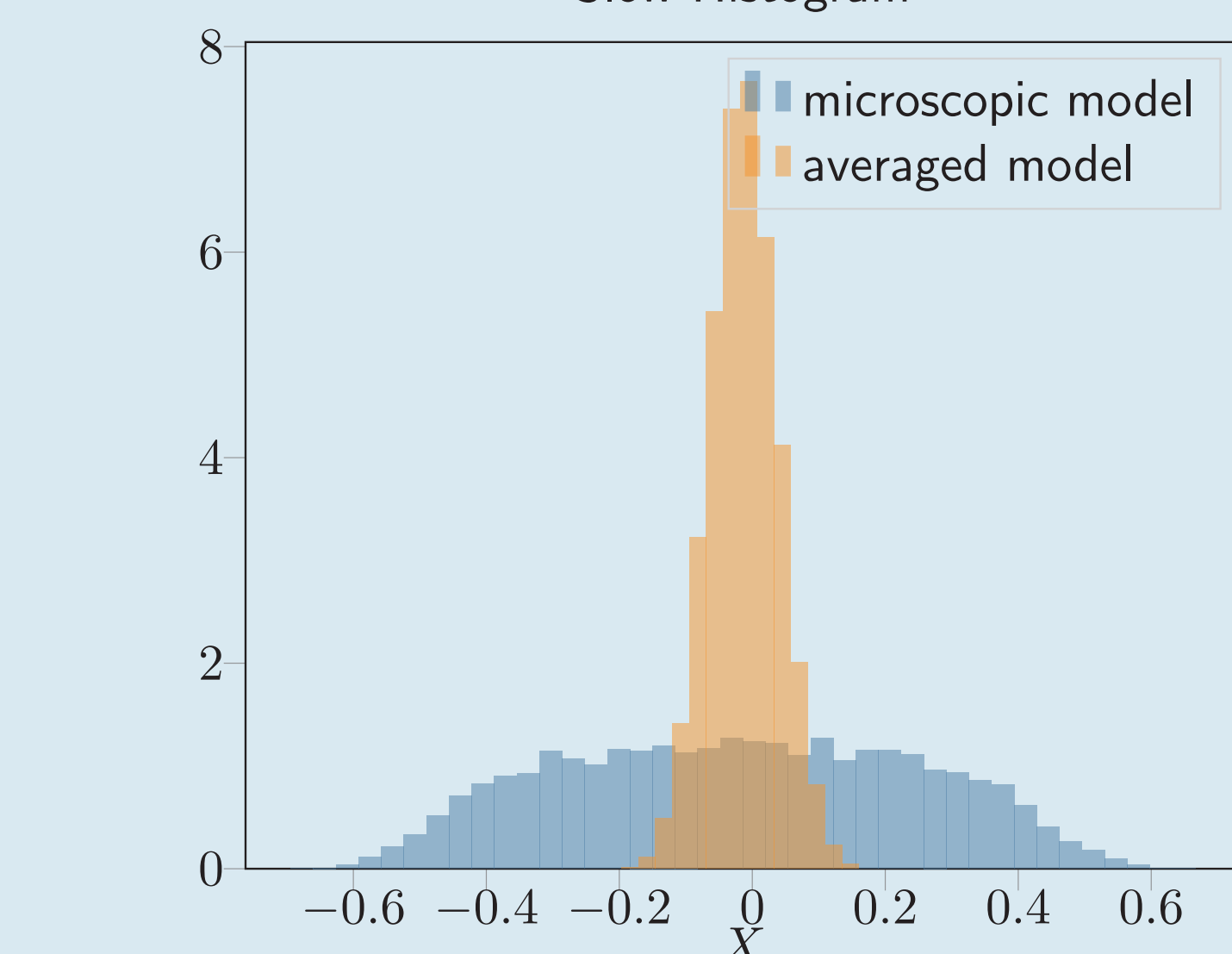


- For  $\varepsilon \approx 1$  direct methods are accurate and efficient
- For intermediate  $\varepsilon$ , explicit methods are still expensive and the averaged model is inaccurate

$\varepsilon = 0.1$

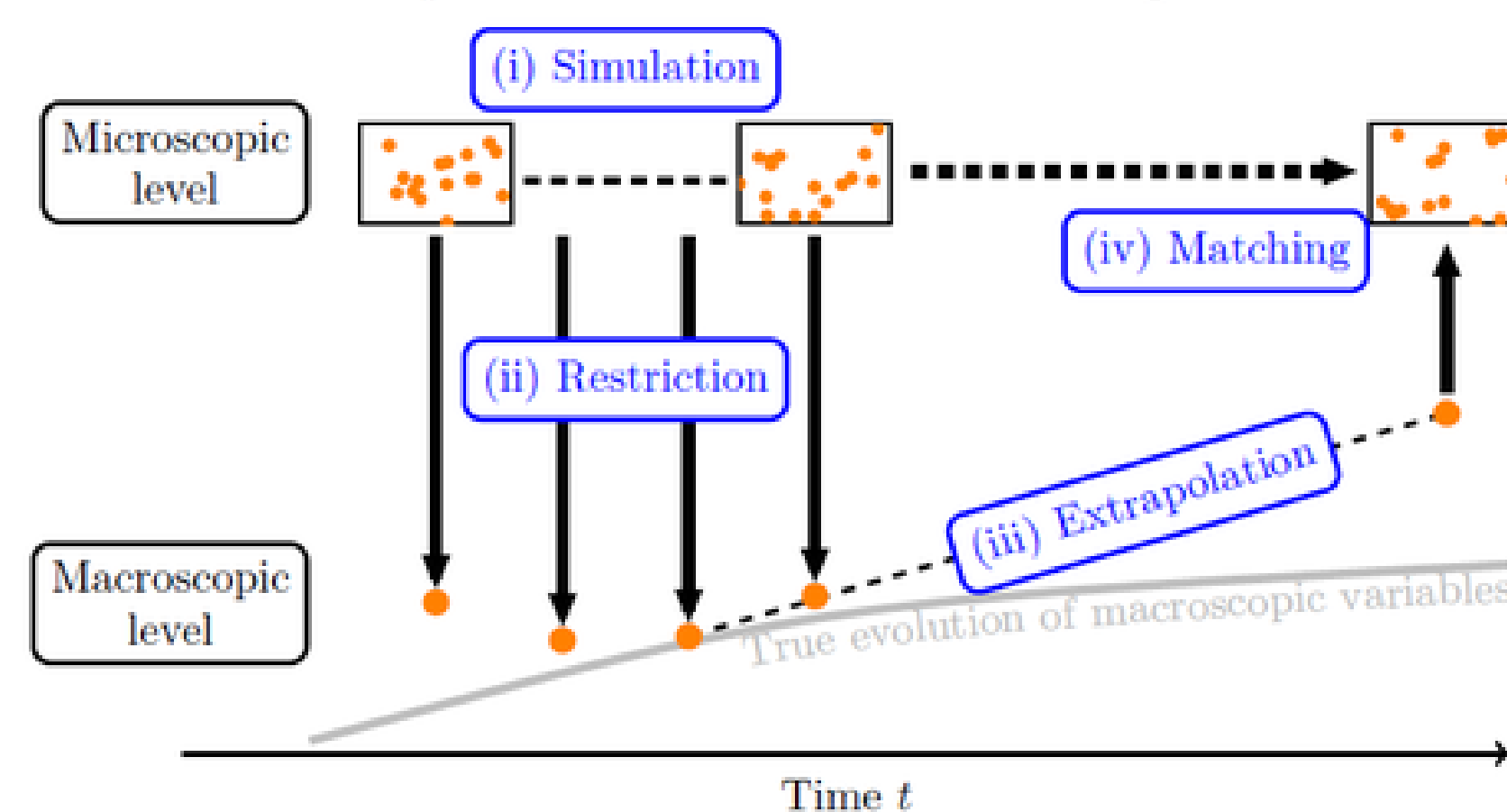


Slow Histogram



**Goal:** remove the modelling error while dealing with the inherent multiscale nature

## Micro-macro acceleration<sup>[1]</sup>



1. Simulate the Monte Carlo ensemble  $(X_j^n)_j$  at time  $t^n$  over  $K$  microscopic steps of small step size  $\delta t$

$$dX_j^{n,k+1} = X_j^{n,k} + a(X_j^{n,k})\delta t + b(X_j^{n,k})\delta W$$

2. Record the slow state functions of interest  $R_l$  at every time step

$$m_l^{n,k} = \mathbb{E}[R_l(x)], \quad l = 1, \dots, L$$

3. Extrapolate these states over a larger time step  $\Delta t$

$$\mathbf{m}^{n+1} = \mathbf{m}^n + \frac{\Delta t}{K\delta t}(\mathbf{m}^{n,K} - \mathbf{m}^n)$$

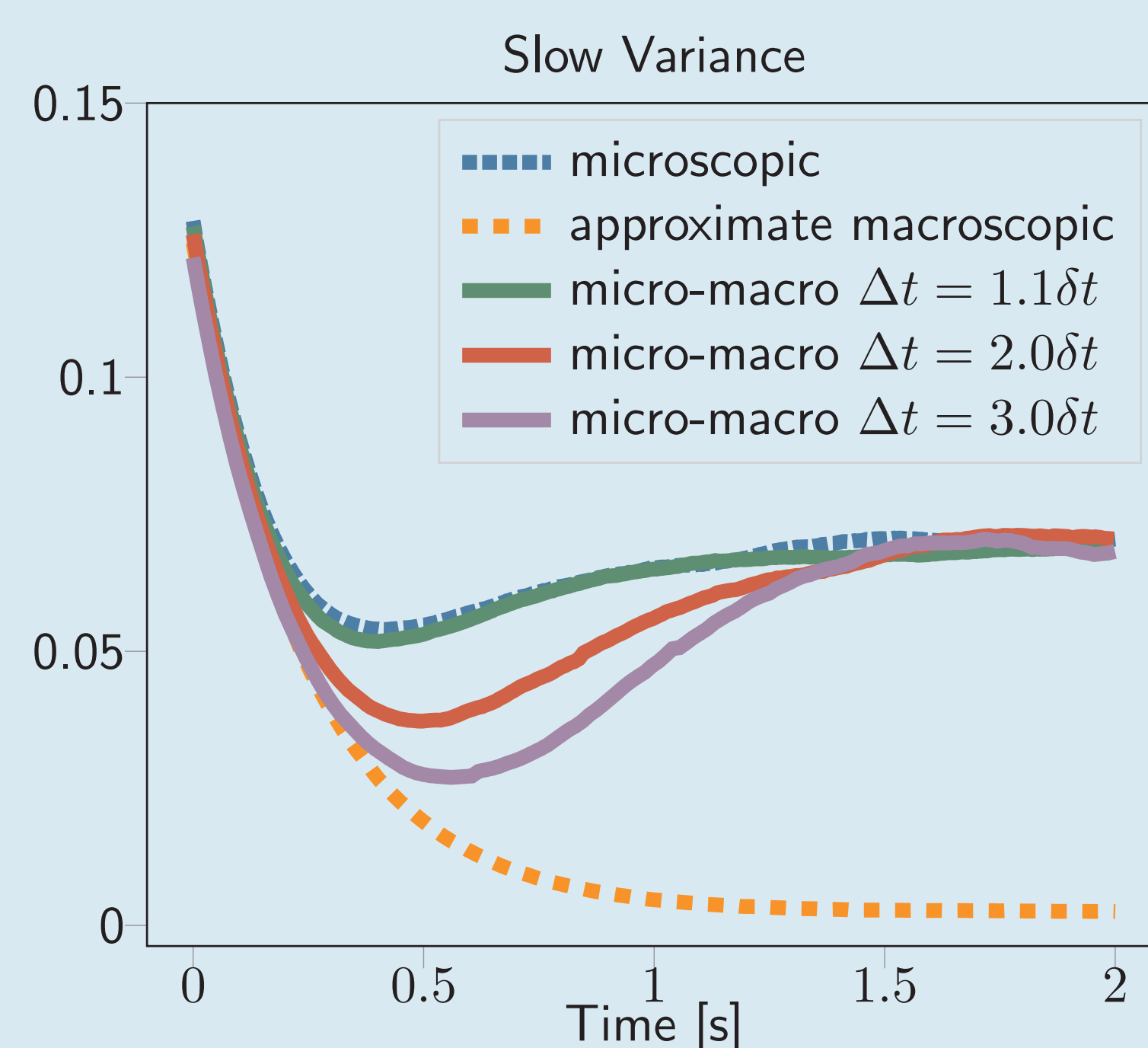
4. Find a new distribution at time  $t^{n+1} = t^n + \Delta t$ , consistent with  $\mathbf{m}^{n+1}$ , minimizing the relative entropy

$$\varphi(x) = \arg \min_{\varphi(x)} \int_G \varphi(x) \ln \left( \frac{\varphi(x)}{\pi(x)} \right) dx.$$

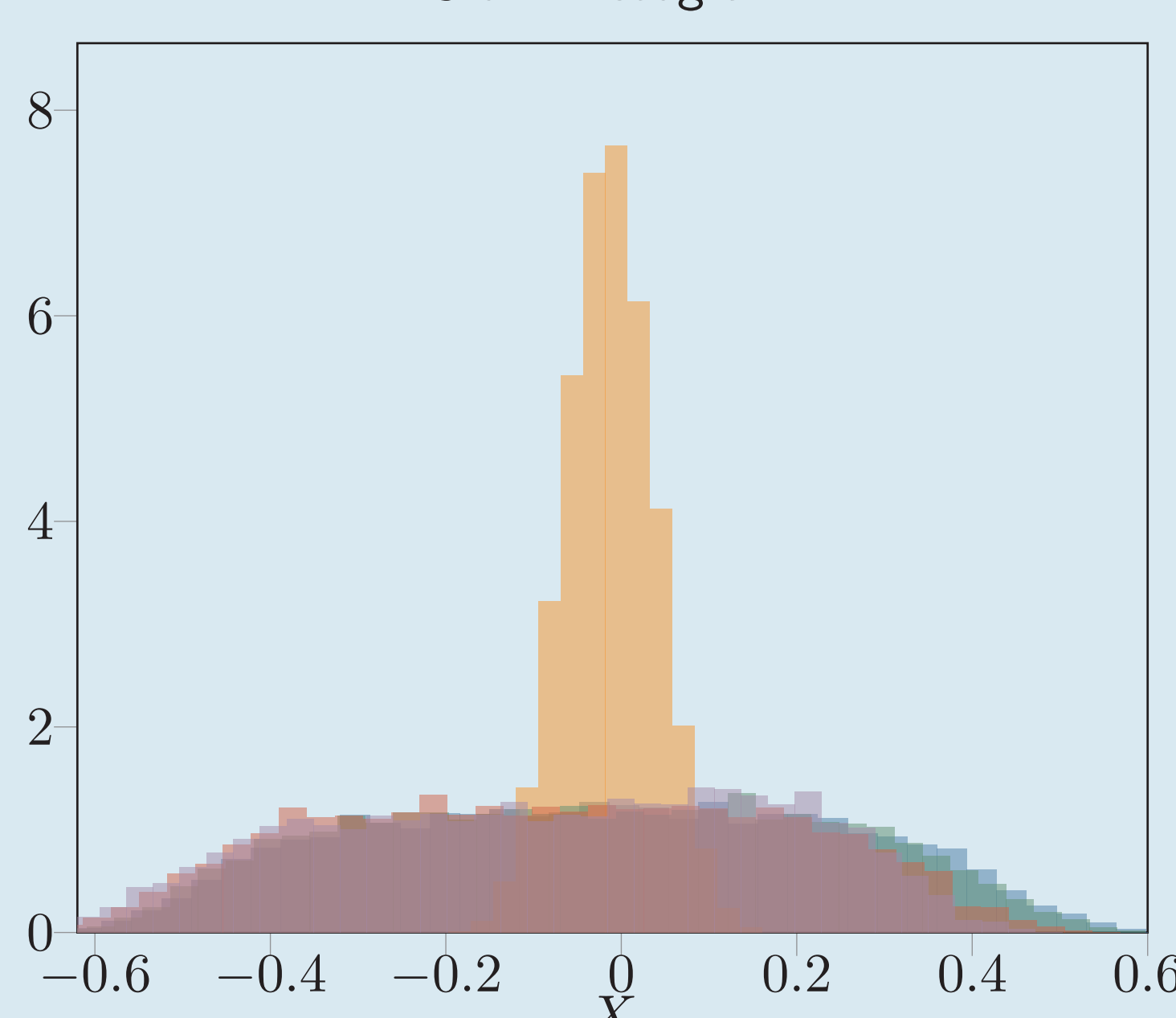
This method converges to the exact dynamics when  $\delta t, \Delta t \rightarrow 0$  and  $L \rightarrow \infty$ , and that the extrapolation stability bound is independent of  $\delta t$  and  $\varepsilon$ <sup>[3]</sup>

## Numerical Results

For moderate  $\varepsilon$ , micro-macro acceleration removes the modelling error, while taking larger time steps than the microscopic integrator  $\delta t$



Slow Histogram



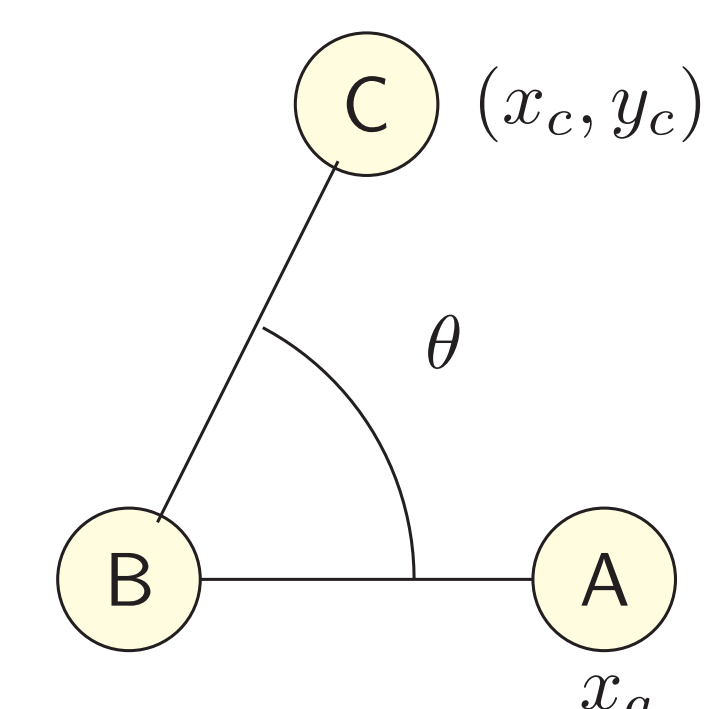
## A tri-atom molecule

Consider a simple slow-fast molecule

$$dx_a = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x_a} dt + \sqrt{2\beta^{-1}} dW_{x_a}$$

$$dx_c = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x_c} dt + \sqrt{2\beta^{-1}} dW_{x_c}$$

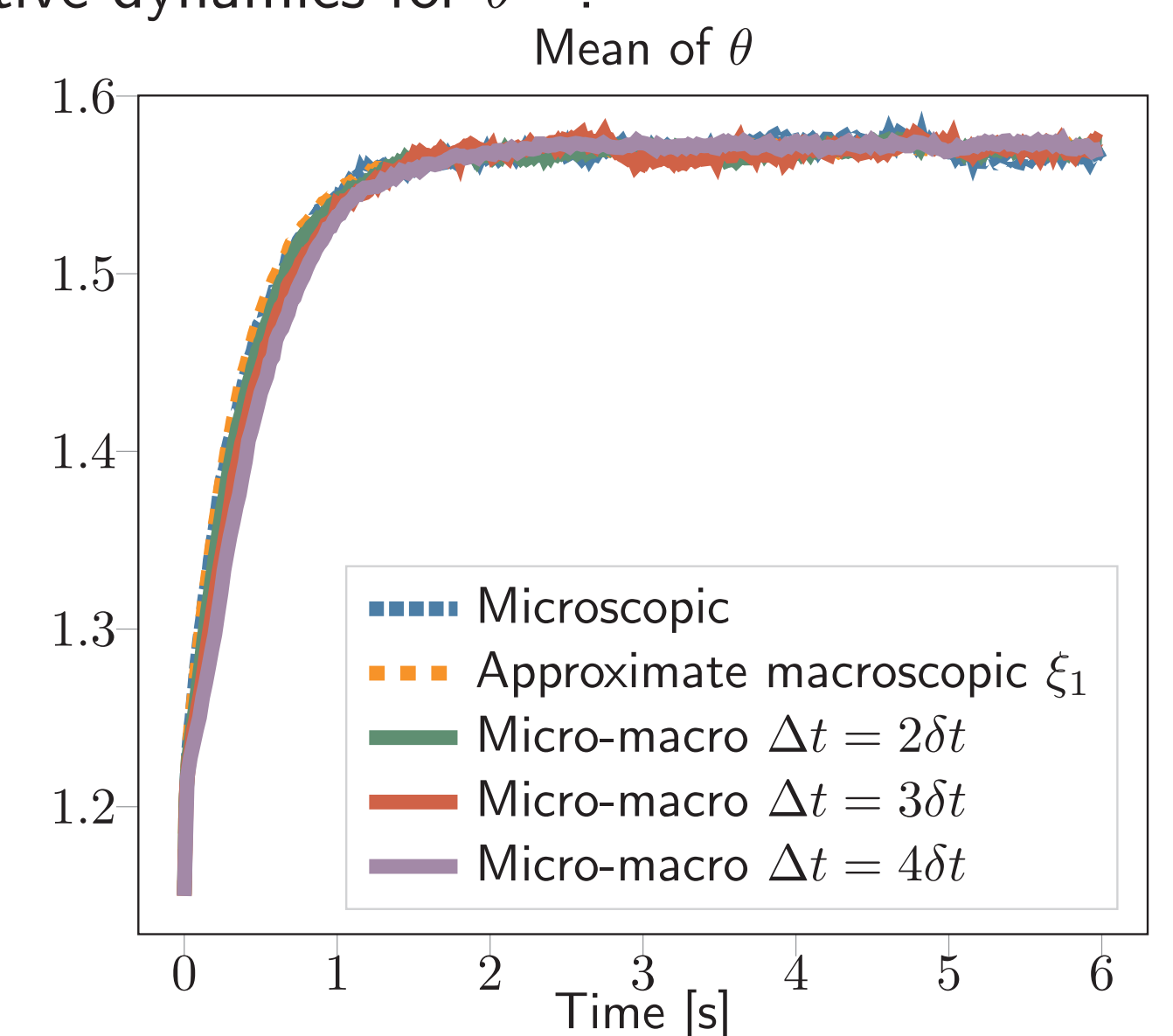
$$dy_c = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial y_c} dt + \sqrt{2\beta^{-1}} dW_{y_c}$$



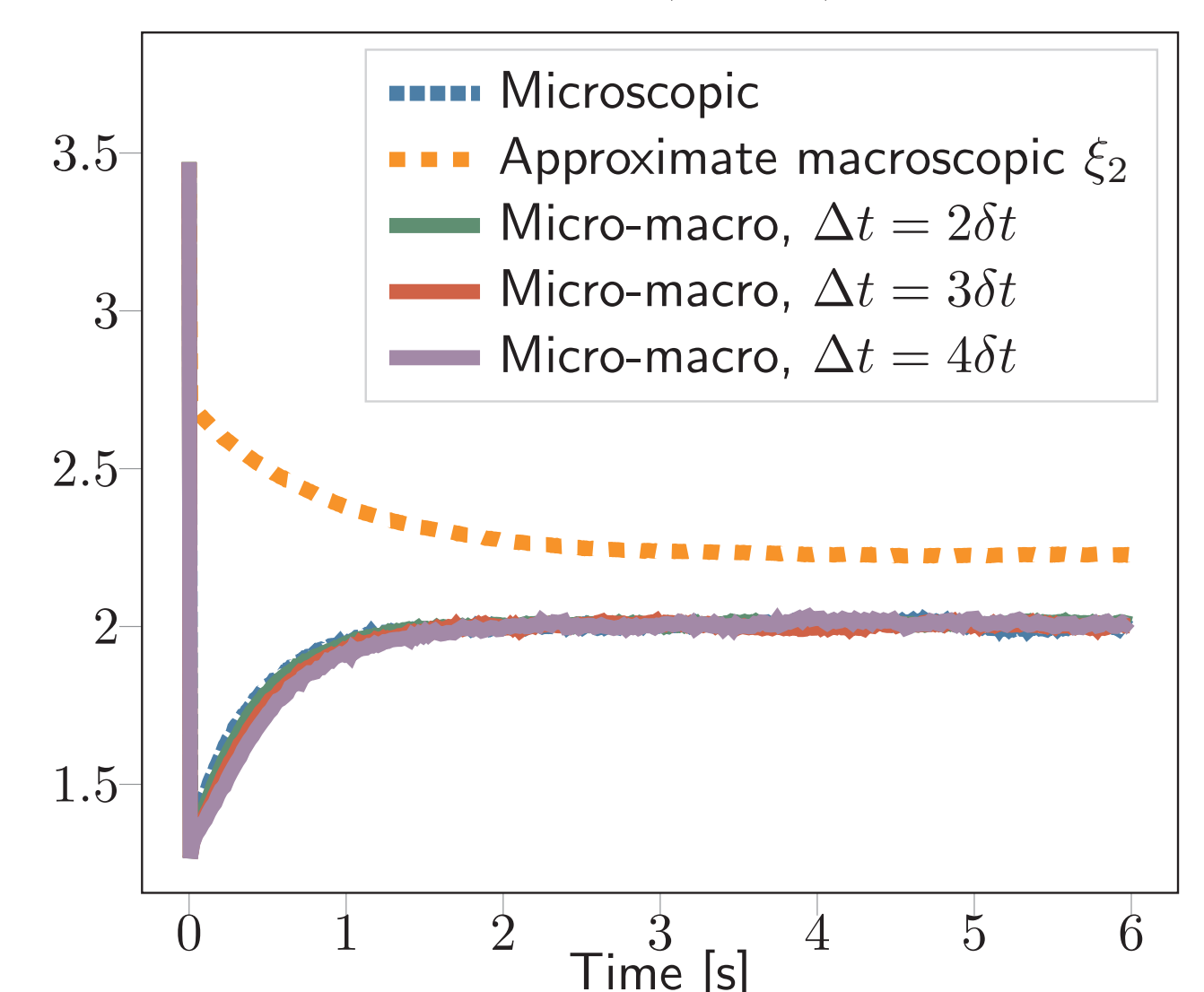
With a bimodal potential energy function

$$V = \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} ((x_a - 1)^2 + (r_c - 1)^2) + \frac{k}{2} \left( \left( \theta - \frac{\pi}{2} \right)^2 - \delta\theta^2 \right)$$

Effective dynamics for  $\theta$ <sup>[4]</sup>:



Effective dynamics for  $(A - C)^2$ :  
Mean of  $(A - C)^2$



## References

- [1] DEBRABANT, Kristian; SAMAHEY, Giovanni; ZIELINSKI, Przemysław. A micro-macro acceleration method for the Monte Carlo simulation of stochastic differential equations. *SIAM Journal on Numerical Analysis*, 2017, 55.6: 2745-2786.
- [2] PAVLIOTIS, Grigoris; STUART, Andrew. *Multiscale methods: averaging and homogenization*. Springer Science & Business Media, 2008.
- [3] DEBRABANT, Kristian; SAMAHEY, Giovanni; ZIELINSKI, Przemysław; Study of micro-macro acceleration schemes for linear slow-fast stochastic differential equations with additive noise, In preparation.
- [4] LEGOLL, Frédéric; LELIEVRE, Tony. Effective dynamics using conditional expectations. *Nonlinearity*, 2010, 23.9: 2131.