

# Physikalisches Kolloquium



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## Modeling of equilibrium and non-equilibrium time-series data: from protein folding to weather forecasting

Most systems of scientific interest are interacting many-body systems. One typically describes their kinetics in terms of a low-dimensional reaction coordinate, which in general is influenced by the entire system. The dynamics of such a reaction coordinate is governed by the generalized Langevin equation (GLE), an integro-differential stochastic equation, and involves a memory function [1]. I will discuss a few examples where the GLE can be used to interpret and model data in different fields of science, from protein-folding [2], via the motion of living organisms [3] to weather data [4].

[1] Annu. Rev. Phys. Chem. **76**, 431–54 (2025)

[2] PNAS **120**, e2220068120 (2023)

[3] PRX Life **3**, 023015 (2025)

[4] Newton **1**, 100138 (2025)

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