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The macroscopic fluctuation theory (MFT) is a consistent and self-contained description of macroscopic fluctuations using

only transport coefficients. In the formulation of the Rome group an important motivation was the discovery that we could reproduce by a purely macroscopic calculation the result of Derrida, Lebowitz and Speer obtained solving the microscopic symmetric simple exclusion process.

Then the MFT developed in several directions allowing a unified treatment of different physical problems where a

separation of scales is possible . Directions for future research include: i) extension of the MFT to the quantum case; ii) the possible use of an additional Hamiltonian structure discovered on the way; iii) a formula which recalls Clausius view of entropy; iv) developing the recent work on the integrability of the time dependent MFT. Time permitting I will discuss some perspectives.

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