

Nonlinear PDE models with stochastic fractional perturbation

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The general model

We consider the following general nonlinear SPDE model:

$$\mathcal{L}u = u^2 + \dot{B}, \quad t \in [0, T], x \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

where:

- \mathcal{L} can be either

(h) the heat operator: $\mathcal{L}^{(h)}u = \partial_t u - \Delta u \quad (u_0 = \phi)$

(w) the wave operator: $\mathcal{L}^{(w)}u = \partial_t^2 u - \Delta u \quad (u_0 = \phi_1, (\partial_t u)_0 = \phi_2)$

(s) the Schrödinger operator: $\mathcal{L}^{(s)}u = i\partial_t u - \Delta u \quad (u_0 = \phi)$

- \dot{B} is a **space-time fractional noise**

Space-time fractional noise

Definition. We call a space-time fractional Brownian motion of Hurst index $H = (H_0, H_1, \dots, H_d) \in (0, 1)^{d+1}$ any centered Gaussian process $B : \Omega \times ([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with covariance given by

$$\mathbb{E}[B_s(x)B_t(y)] = R_{H_0}(s, t) \prod_{i=1}^d R_{H_i}(x_i, y_i),$$

where $R_H(a, b) := \frac{1}{2}(|a|^{2H} + |b|^{2H} - |a - b|^{2H})$.

Definition. We call a **space-time fractional noise** of Hurst index $H \in (0, 1)^{d+1}$ the derivative (in the sense of the distributions)

$$\dot{B} := \partial_t \partial_{x_1} \cdots \partial_{x_d} B.$$

Remark. $H_0 = H_1 = \dots = H_d = \frac{1}{2} \implies$ classical space-time white noise.

Possible motivations

$$\mathcal{L}u = u^2 + \dot{B}, \quad t \in [0, T], x \in \mathbb{R}^d. \quad (1)$$

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→ “Nonlinear PDE with power nonlinearity”

Eq. (1) is the most basic **nonlinear extension of the stochastic PDE**

$$\mathcal{L}u = \dot{B}$$

whose solution is explicitly given by

$$u = G * \dot{B}$$

where G is the Green kernel associated with \mathcal{L} .

Why a fractional noise ?

$$\mathcal{L}u = u^2 + \dot{B}, \quad t \in [0, T], x \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

- More general than a white noise + no need for “martingale” property
- Study the transition

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 H_i \approx 1 & \xrightarrow{\text{Continuous transition}} & H_i = \frac{1}{2} \\
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$$B^n := \rho_n * B, \quad \text{where } \rho_n(s, x) = 2^{(d+1)n} \rho(2^n s, 2^n x).$$

(ii) A **discrete approximation** along a grid: if $(t, x) \in [\frac{j}{n}, \frac{j+1}{n}] \times [\frac{i}{n}, \frac{i+1}{n}]$,

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Proposition. Let $H = (H_0, H_1, \dots, H_d) \in (0, 1)^{d+1}$.

Then, for all $T > 0$ and $\alpha < \alpha_{d,H}$, the sequence $(\varphi^n = G * \dot{B}^n)_{n \geq 1}$ converges (almost surely) to some limit φ in the space

$$\mathcal{C}([0, T]; \mathcal{W}^\alpha(\mathbb{R}^d)),$$

with $\alpha_{d,H} \in \mathbb{R}$ defined as

\mathcal{L}	α_H
$\mathcal{L}^{(h)} = \partial_t - \Delta$	$\alpha_{d,H}^{(h)} := 2H_0 + H_+ - d$
$\mathcal{L}^{(w)} = \partial_t^2 - \Delta$	$\alpha_{d,H}^{(w)} := H_0 + H_+ - (d - \frac{1}{2})$
$\mathcal{L}^{(s)} = \iota \partial_t - \Delta$	$\alpha_{d,H}^{(s)} := 2H_0 + H_+ - (d + 1)$

where $H_+ := \sum_{i=1}^d H_i$.

The limit φ is the same for the two approximations (i)-(ii) of B^n .

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A possible interpretation of renormalization

Corollary. In the setting of the “rough” theorem, let $(u^n)_{n \geq 1}$ be the sequence of solutions to the **renormalized** equation

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}u^n = (u^n)^2 - \sigma^n + \dot{B}^n, & t \in [0, T], x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \\ u^n(0, \cdot) = \phi. \end{cases}$$

Then, almost surely, there exists a time $T_0 > 0$ such that $u^n \rightarrow u$ in the space $\mathcal{C}([0, T_0]; \mathcal{W}^\alpha)$, for $\alpha < \alpha_{H,d} \leq 0$.