# Continuité de certaines fonctionnelles du mouvement brownien fractionnaire en fonction du paramètre de Hurst 

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for some measure $\mu$ and parametric family $t \in \mathbb{R}^{N} \mapsto U_{t} \in \mathcal{B}\left(\mathbb{R}^{N}\right)$.

Example (Brownian sheet)

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Example (Lévy fractional Brownian motion (Centsov's construction))
$S_{N}$ the unit sphere of $\mathbb{R}^{N}, S=S_{N} \times(0, \infty)$,
$\mu$ the product measure of the uniform measure on $S_{N}$ with the Lebesgue measure on $(0, \infty)$.

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## Abstract Wiener spaces

Definition ([Gross '67])
Given a separable Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$, a Banach space $E$ and a measure $\mu$ on $E$, we say that ( $\mathcal{H}, E, \mu$ ) is an abstract Wiener space if:

- $\mathcal{H}$ is densely and continuously embedded into $E$ (which we denote by $\mathcal{H} \hookrightarrow E$ ); denote by $S: E^{*} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ the canonical injection:

$$
E^{*} \stackrel{S}{\hookrightarrow} \mathcal{H}^{*} \equiv \mathcal{H} \stackrel{S^{*}}{\hookrightarrow} E ;
$$

- and

$$
\hat{\mu}(\xi)=\int_{E} e^{i\langle\xi, x\rangle} \mu(\mathrm{d} x)=e^{-\frac{1}{2}\|S \xi\|_{\mathcal{H}}^{2}}, \quad \forall \xi \in E^{*}
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$$

and

$$
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$$

## Application to solutions of an SPDE

On a bounded open domain $U \subset[0,1]^{N}$ with smooth boundary:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta u=\dot{\mathbb{W}}^{h} \quad \text { on } U \tag{h}
\end{equation*}
$$

and with the condition that $u=0$ on $\partial U$.
Proposition ([R. '15])
Let $u_{h}$ and $u_{h^{\prime}}$ be the mild solutions to $\left(\mathcal{L}_{h}\right)$ and $\left(\mathcal{L}_{h^{\prime}}\right)$ respectively. Then, for all $\varphi \in C_{c}^{\infty}(U)$,

$$
\mathbb{E}\left(\left\langle u_{h}, \varphi\right\rangle-\left\langle u_{h^{\prime}}, \varphi\right\rangle\right)^{2} \leq M_{\eta}\|\varphi\|_{\mathcal{H}}^{2}\left(h-h^{\prime}\right)^{2} L\left(h-h^{\prime}\right)^{2} .
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V_{\theta_{k}^{+}} & =0 \\
\theta_{k+1} & =\inf \left\{t>\theta_{k}: \quad V_{t}=1\right\} .
\end{aligned}\right.
$$

Hitting times of the fractional Brownian motion - a few properties

Joint work with Denis Talay.

$$
\tau_{H}=\inf \left\{t \geq 0: B_{t}^{H}=1\right\}
$$

- Laplace transform: [Decreusefond and Nualart 08], for $H \geq 1 / 2$,

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- Asymptotic behaviour: [Molchan 99] $\log \mathbb{P}\left(\tau_{H}>t\right)=-(1-H) \log (t)(1+o(1))$, lorsque $t \rightarrow \infty$.


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## Main results

Theorem ([R. \& Talay '15])
There exists a constant $\alpha>0$ such that for any $\epsilon>0$ small, there is $c_{\epsilon}>0$ satisfying: for any $\lambda \geq 0$ and any $H \in[1 / 2,1)$,

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(Young integral for $H>1 / 2$, Stratonovich for $H=1 / 2$ ).

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## Divergence operator of fBm

Let $T>0$ be a time horizon and $\mathcal{H}_{H}$ denote the Cameron-Martin of the fBm .
For $H>1 / 2$,

$$
K_{H}(\theta, \sigma):=c_{H}(H-1 / 2) \sigma^{1 / 2-H} \int_{\sigma}^{\theta} u^{H-1 / 2}(u-\sigma)^{H-3 / 2} \mathrm{~d} u
$$

Set $\tilde{c}_{H}=(H-1 / 2) c_{H}$ and, for $H>1 / 2$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
K_{H}^{*} u(s) & =\int_{s}^{T} \frac{\partial K_{H}}{\partial \theta}(\theta, s) u(\theta) \mathrm{d} \theta \\
& =\tilde{c}_{H} \int_{s}^{T}\left(\frac{\theta}{s}\right)^{H-1 / 2}(\theta-s)^{H-3 / 2} u(\theta) \mathrm{d} \theta
\end{aligned}
$$

Let $\delta_{H}\left(\right.$ resp. $\delta$ ) be the Skorokhod integral on $\mathcal{H}_{H}$ (resp. $\mathcal{H}_{1 / 2}$ ). For any $u$ such that $K_{H}^{*} u \in \operatorname{dom} \delta$,

$$
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\end{aligned}
$$

## Sketch of proof (HT of fractional SDE)

More terms in $\mathbb{E}\left(e^{-\lambda \tau_{H}^{X}}\right)-\mathbb{E}\left(e^{-\lambda \tau_{1 / 2}^{X}}\right)$.

## Additional ingredients:

1. A bound on $\mathbb{E}\left(\sup _{t \in[0, T]}\left|X_{t}^{H}-X_{t}^{1 / 2}\right|\right)$;
2. A good (Gaussian-type) estimate of the density $p_{t}^{X^{H}}(x)$ : $\forall t \in(0, \infty), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$
p_{t}^{X^{H}}(x) \leq \frac{C}{\sqrt{2 \pi t^{2 H}}} \exp \left(-\frac{\left(x-x_{0}\right)^{2}}{2 t^{2 H}}\right) e^{C t^{2-2 H}}
$$

where $C$ depends only on $b, \sigma$ (not $H, t$ ).

## Perspectives

- In the first part, treat more general SPDEs than $\Delta u=\dot{\mathbb{W}}^{h}$ (e.g. multiplicative noise);
- In the second part, remove the condition $\lambda \geq \lambda_{0}$, possibly by adding a kind of ergodicity condition on $b, \sigma$;
- Treat $H \leq 1 / 2$ (rough paths), ...


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Example
Replacing $\theta_{k}$ with $B_{k}^{H}$,

$$
n^{-H} R S(n) \Rightarrow \sup _{t \leq 1}\left(B_{t}^{H}-t B_{1}^{H}\right)-\inf _{t \leq 1}\left(B_{t}^{H}-t B_{1}^{H}\right)
$$

## Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space

## Definition

Let $(T, m)$ be a complete separable metric space and $R$ a continuous covariance function on $T \times T$. There exists a unique Hilbert space $H(R)$ such that:

1. $H(R)$ is a space of functions from $T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and for all $t \in T$, $R(\cdot, t) \in H(R) ;$
2. the scalar product is given by: $\forall t \in T, \forall f \in H(R)$,

$$
(f, R(\cdot, t))_{H(R)}=f(t)
$$

This is a separable Hilbert space. It satisfies
$H(R)=\overline{\operatorname{Span}\{R(\cdot, t), t \in T\}}{ }^{\|\cdot\|_{H(R)}}$.

