# Stochastic regularization effects of semi-martingales on random functions

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#### STOCHASTIC REGULARIZATION IN A NUTSHELL

The following slides are based on the lecture notes of Franco Flandoli (2015) and on his St. Flour lecture Notes "Random Perturbation of PDEs and Fluid Dynamic Models" (2010).

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The map *u* is smooth and solves the Heat equation:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2}\Delta u, \quad u(0, \cdot) = \varphi(\cdot),$$

and

$$u(t,x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} P_t^{\text{heat}}(x-y)\varphi(y)dy.$$

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  - For instance, Bafico and Baldi (81') proved that for  $b(x) = 2\text{sgn}(x)\sqrt{|x|}$ and  $x_0 = 0$  it converges to:

$$\frac{1}{2}\delta_{+t^2} + \frac{1}{2}\delta_{-t^2}.$$

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• Idea: to express  $\int_0^t b(s, X_s) ds$  by means of more regular objects

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• So if *U* is solution to the Fokker-Planck (Backward) PDE

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + b \cdot \nabla U + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \Delta U = -b, \quad U(T, x) = 0,$$

then

#### Théorème (Itô-Tanaka Trick)

$$\int_0^T f(s, X_s) ds = -U(0, X_0) - \int_0^T \nabla U(s, X_s) dB_s, \ \mathbb{P} - a.s..$$

and so

$$X_t = x_0 + U(0, x_0) - U(t, X_t) + \sigma \int_0^t (\nabla U(s, X_s) + Id.) dB_s.$$

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- Limitation to other problems: (Flandoli et al.)

"The generalization to nonlinear transport equations, where b depends on u itself, would be a major next step for applications to fluid dynamics but it turns out to be a difficult problem. Specifically there are already some difficulties in dealing with a vector field b which depends itself on the random perturbation W. There is no obvious extension of the Itô-Tanaka trick to integrals of the form  $\int_0^T f(\omega, s, X_s^x(\omega)) ds$  with random f."

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• But: in that case *U*(*t*, *x*) is not adapted (even if the data *b*, *f* are adapted) so you can not use classical Itô calculus and the previous approach fails.

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• Idea: make it adapted, and consider rather the following Fokker-Planck BSPDE:

$$U^{a}(t,x) = -\int_{t}^{T} \mathcal{L}_{s} U^{a}(s,x) ds - \int_{t}^{T} f(s,\omega,x) ds - \int_{t}^{T} Z(s,x) dB_{s},$$

with 
$$\mathcal{L}_s := \frac{1}{2}\Delta + b(s, \boldsymbol{\omega}, x) \cdot \nabla$$
.

If solvable,  $U^a$  and Z are two predictable processes.

# ITÔ-WENTZELL-TANAKA TRICK

#### Théorème (Duboscq, R.)

Assume that  $U^a$  and Z exist and are regular enough, then

$$\int_0^T f(s,\omega,X_s)ds = - U^a(0,X_0) - \int_0^T \left(\nabla U^a(s,X_s) + Z(s,X_s)\right) dB_s$$
$$- \int_0^T \nabla Z(s,X_s)ds, \ \mathbb{P}-a.s..$$

Now we need to study the BSPDE and the regularity of  $(U^a, Z)$ .

To this end, we make use of the Malliavin calculus.

#### Some elements of Malliavin Caluclus

We consider S the set of *simple* random fields F:

 $F: \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}$ 

 $F(\omega, x) := \varphi \left( B_{t_1}(\omega), \cdots, B_{t_n}(\omega), x \right), \ \varphi \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{n+d}), \ n \ge 1, \ t_i \in [0, T].$ 

For any such *F* we set:

$$DF: \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^d \to L^p([0,T],dt)$$

defined as

$$D_t F := \sum_{i=1}^n \partial_i \varphi \left( B_{t_1}, \cdots, B_{t_n}, x \right) \mathbf{1}_{t \leq t_i}, \quad t \in [0, T].$$

 $\mathbb{D}^{1,m,p}$  := closure of S with respect to the Malliavin-Sobolev semi-norm:

$$\left\|F\right\|_{\mathbb{D}^{1,m,p}}^{p} := \mathbb{E}\left[\left\|F\right\|_{W^{m,p}(\mathbb{R}^{d})}^{p}\right] + \int_{0}^{T} \mathbb{E}\left[\left\|D_{\theta}F\right\|_{W^{m,p}(\mathbb{R}^{d})}^{p}\right] d\theta.$$

## ANALYSIS OF THE BSPDE

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Let  $p, q \ge 2$ . Assume that b, f are adapted and belong to  $L^q([0, T]; \mathbb{D}^{1,0,p})$  (+additional properties on Db, Df). There exists a unique strong (predictable) solution to the Fokker-Planck BSPDE

$$\int_{0}^{T} \mathbb{E}[\|U^{a}(t,\cdot)\|_{W^{2,p}(\mathbb{R}^{d}}]^{q/p} + \mathbb{E}[\|Z(t,\cdot)\|_{W^{2,p}(\mathbb{R}^{d}}]^{q/p}dt < +\infty$$

Futhermore, we have the following representation of  $U^a$ 

$$U^{a}(t,x) = \mathbb{E}\left[-\int_{t}^{T} P^{X}_{t,r}f(r,x)dr\Big|\mathcal{F}_{t}\right].$$
(1)

In addition, for a.e. (t, x),  $U^a(t, x)$  is Malliavin differentiable  $(\int_0^T ||U^a(t, \cdot)||_{\mathbb{D}^{1,2,p}}^q dt < +\infty)$ , and for a.e.  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , a version of the process  $(Z(t, x))_{t \in [0,T]}$  is given by

$$Z(t,x) = D_t U^a(t,x) = \mathbb{E}\left[-\int_t^T D_t P_{t,t}^X f(r,x) dr \Big| \mathcal{F}_t\right].$$
 (2)

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... Finally,  $U^a$  admits the following mild (a.k.a. Duhamel's formula) representation

$$U^{a}(t,x) = -\int_{t}^{T} P^{X}_{t,r}f(r,x)dr - \int_{t}^{T} P^{X}_{t,r}Z(r,x)dB_{r},$$
(3)

where  $P^X \phi$  is the unique solution to:

$$P_{s,t}^X\phi(x) = \phi(x) - \int_s^t \mathcal{L}_r P_{r,t}^X\phi(x)dr, \quad 0 \le s \le t.$$

## ANALYSIS OF THE BSPDE

#### Remarques

- We are not working in *L*<sup>2</sup>
- We provide an explicit representation which is a counterpart of the one for linear BSDEs (no reversibility of the semigroup)
- Malliavin differentiability in  $L^p L^q$  spaces is not completely trivial...there are catches
- Duhamel's formula in that context is new