

Eighth Workshop on Random Dynamical Systems

Regularity structures and renormalisation of FitzHugh–Nagumo SPDEs in three space dimensions

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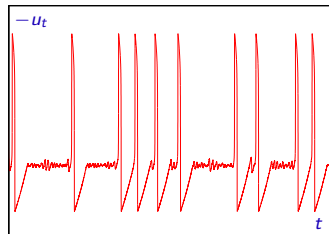
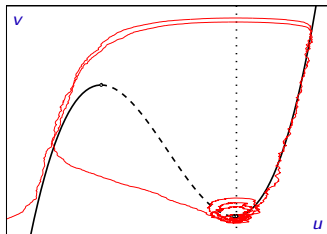
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FitzHugh–Nagumo SDE

$$\begin{aligned} du_t &= [u_t - u_t^3 + v_t] dt + \sigma dW_t \\ dv_t &= \varepsilon[a - u_t - bv_t] dt \end{aligned}$$

- ▷ u_t : membrane potential of neuron
- ▷ v_t : gating variable (proportion of open ion channels)

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &= 0.1 \\ b &= 0 \\ a &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + 0.02 \\ \sigma &= 0.03 \end{aligned}$$



FitzHugh–Nagumo SPDE

$$\partial_t u = \Delta u + u - u^3 + v + \xi$$

$$\partial_t v = a_1 u + a_2 v$$

- ▷ $u = u(t, x) \in \mathbb{R}$, $v = v(t, x) \in \mathbb{R}$ (or \mathbb{R}^n), $(t, x) \in D = \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{T}^d$, $d = 2, 3$
- ▷ $\xi(t, x)$ Gaussian space-time white noise: $\mathbb{E}[\xi(t, x)\xi(s, y)] = \delta(t-s)\delta(x-y)$
 ξ : distribution defined by $\langle \xi, \varphi \rangle = W_\varphi$, $\{W_h\}_{h \in L^2(D)}$, $\mathbb{E}[W_h W_{h'}] = \langle h, h' \rangle$

([Link to simulation](#))

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- ▶ Local solution means up to a random possible explosion time
- ▶ Initial conditions should be in appropriate Hölder spaces
- ▶ $C(\varepsilon) \asymp \log(\varepsilon^{-1})$ for $d = 2$ and $C(\varepsilon) \asymp \varepsilon^{-1}$ for $d = 3$
- ▶ Similar results for more general cubic nonlinearity and $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$

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Aim: use Banach's fixed-point theorem — but which function space?

Hölder spaces

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Case of the heat kernel: $(\partial_t - \Delta)u = f \Rightarrow u = G * f$

Parabolic scaling \mathcal{C}_5^α : $|x - y| \rightarrow |t - s|^{1/2} + \sum_{i=1}^d |x_i - y_i|$

$$\frac{1}{\delta} \eta\left(\frac{x-y}{\delta}\right) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\delta^{d+2}} \eta\left(\frac{t-s}{\delta^2}, \frac{x-y}{\delta}\right)$$

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- ▷ $d = 2$: $\xi \in C_s^{-2^-} \Rightarrow G * \xi \in C_s^{0^-} \Rightarrow F(u)$ not defined

Boundary case, can be treated with Besov spaces
[Da Prato & Debussche 2003]

Why not use mollified noise? Limit $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ does not exist

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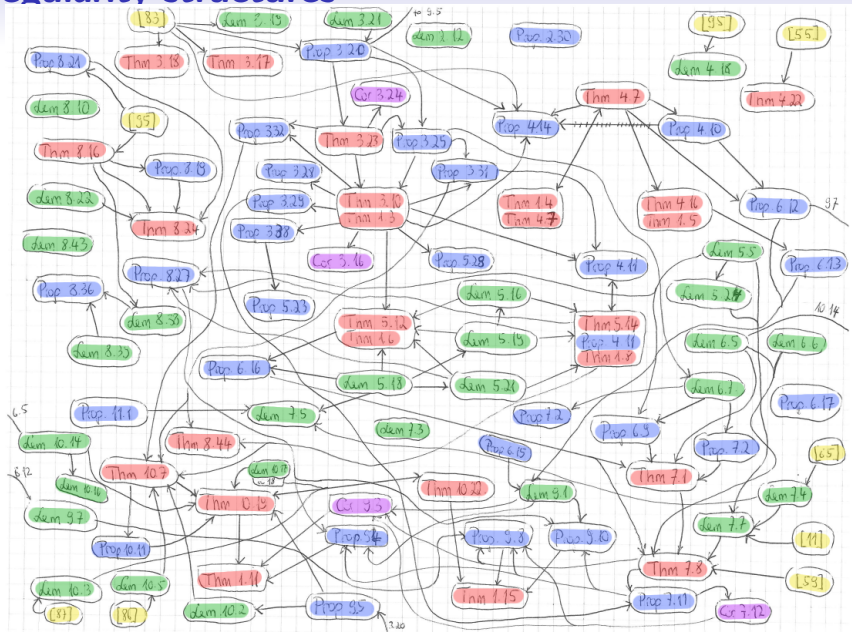
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- ▷ Renormalisation: modification of the lift Ψ

Alternative approaches for $d = 3$: [Catellier & Chouk '13], [Kupiainen '15]

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Structure of Hairer, Invent. Math. 198:269-504 (2014)

Drawing by Christian Kuehn

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Regularity structure: Generalised Taylor basis whose basis elements can also be singular distributions

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Polynomial regularity structure on \mathbb{R} :

- ▷ $A = \mathbb{N}_0$
- ▷ $T_k \simeq \mathbb{R}$, $T_k = \text{span}(X^k)$
- ▷ $\Gamma_h(X^k) = (X - h)^k \forall h \in \mathbb{R}$

Polynomial reg. structure on \mathbb{R}^d : $X^k = X_1^{k_1} \dots X_d^{k_d} \in T_{|k|}$, $|k| = \sum_{i=1}^d k_i$

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To prove convergence, we need

- ▶ A **model** (Π, Γ) : $\forall z \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$, $\Pi_z \tau$ is distribution describing τ near z
 $\Gamma_{z\bar{z}} \in \mathcal{G}$ describes translations: $\Pi_{\bar{z}} = \Pi_z \Gamma_{z\bar{z}}$

- ▶ Spaces of **modelled distributions**

$$\mathcal{D}^\gamma = \left\{ f : \mathbb{R}^{d+1} \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\beta < \gamma} T_\beta : \|f(z) - \Gamma_{z\bar{z}} f(\bar{z})\|_\beta \lesssim \|z - \bar{z}\|_s^{\gamma - \beta} \right\}$$

equipped with a seminorm

- ▶ The **Reconstruction theorem**: provides a unique map $\mathcal{R} : \mathcal{D}^\gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_s^{\alpha_*}$
 $(\alpha_* = \inf A)$ s.t. $|\langle \mathcal{R}f - \Pi_z f(z), \eta_{s,z}^\delta \rangle| \lesssim \delta^\gamma$
 (constructed using **wavelets**)

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Then $\exists \mathcal{K}$ s.t. $\mathcal{R}\mathcal{K}f = G * \mathcal{R}f$ and the following diagrams commute:

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where $\alpha_* = \inf A$ and $\mathcal{K}f = \mathcal{I}f + \text{polynomial term} + \text{nonlocal term}$

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Wick product: $\xi(z_1) \diamond \xi(z_2) = \xi(z_1) \xi(z_2) - \delta(z_1 - z_2)$

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Renormalised model: $(\widehat{\Pi}_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}^\varepsilon \heartsuit)(z) = (\Pi_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}^\varepsilon \heartsuit)(z) - C_1(\varepsilon)$

The case of the FitzHugh–Nagumo equations

Fixed-point equation

$$u(t, x) = G * [\xi^\varepsilon + u - u^3 + v](t, x) + Gu_0(t, x)$$
$$v(t, x) = \int_0^t u(s, x) e^{(t-s)a_2} a_1 ds + e^{ta_2} v_0$$

Lifted version

$$U = \mathcal{I}[\Xi + U - U^3 + V] + Gu_0$$
$$V = \mathcal{E}U + Qv_0$$

where \mathcal{E} is an integration map which is not regularising in space

New symbols $\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{I}(\Xi)) = \mathfrak{I}$, etc. . .

We expect U , and thus also V to be α -Hölder for $\alpha < -\frac{1}{2}$

Thus $\mathcal{I}(U - U^3 + V)$ should be well-defined

The standard theory has to be extended, because \mathcal{E} does not correspond to a smooth kernel

► Details

Concluding remarks

- ▶ Models with $\partial_t u$ of order $u^4 + v^4$ and $\partial_t v$ of order $u^2 + v$ should be renormalisable
Current approach does not work when singular part (t, x) -dependent
- ▶ Global existence: recent progress by J.-C. Mourrat and H. Weber on 2D Allen–Cahn
- ▶ More quantitative results?

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 \Rightarrow can take $\mathcal{R}f = \Pi_{t,x} f(t, x)$ and thus $\mathcal{N}f = 0$ for these f
- ▷ Time-convolution with Q lifted to

$$(\mathcal{K}^Q f)(t, x) = \sum_{|\tau|_s < 0} c_\tau \mathcal{E}\tau + \sum_{|\tau|_s \geq 0} \int Q(t-s) c_\tau(s, x) ds \tau =: (\mathcal{E}f_- + Qf_+)(t, x)$$

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FHN eq. with cubic nonlinearity

$$F = \alpha_1 u + \alpha_2 v + \beta_1 u^2 + \beta_2 uv + \beta_3 v^2 + \gamma_1 u^3 + \gamma_2 u^2 v + \gamma_3 uv^2 + \gamma_4 v^3$$

$$\hat{F}(u, v) = F(u, v) - c_0(\varepsilon) - c_1(\varepsilon)u - c_2(\varepsilon)v$$

with the $c_i(\varepsilon)$ depending on C_1, C_2 , provided either $d = 2$ or $\gamma_2 = 0$