



# Three SPDEs from branching interacting particle systems

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## Outline

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- ③ SPDE for density field
- ④ SPDE for “distribution” process



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- Between branching times, particle  $\alpha$  moves according to

$$dx_t^\alpha = b(x_t^\alpha)dt + c(x_t^\alpha)dW_t + e(x_t^\alpha)dB_t^\alpha$$

$W, B^\alpha$  indep. B.M.



Define measure-valued process

$$\mu_t^n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\alpha \sim t} \delta_{x_\alpha^n(t)}$$

where  $\alpha \sim t$  means particle  $\alpha$  is alive at time  $t$ .



## Convergence Theorem

$(\mu_t^n) \Rightarrow (\mu_t)$  unique sol. to MP:  $\mu_t$  is  $\mathcal{M}(R)$ -valued

$$M_t(f) \equiv \langle \mu_t, f \rangle - \langle \mu, f \rangle - \int_0^t \langle \mu_s, bf' + af'' \rangle ds$$

continuous martingale with

$$\langle M(f) \rangle_t = \int_0^t \left( \langle \mu_s, f^2 \rangle + \langle \mu_s, cf' \rangle^2 \right) ds$$

where  $a(x) = \frac{1}{2}(e(x)^2 + c(x)^2)$ .

Studied by Adler and Skoulakis (2001) and Wang (1998) among others.



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$$\begin{aligned} N_t(f) &\equiv \langle \mu_t, f \rangle - \langle \mu, f \rangle - \int_0^t \langle \mu_s, bf' + df'' \rangle ds \\ &\quad - \int_0^t \langle \mu_s, cf' \rangle dW_s \end{aligned}$$

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Formally,

$$\begin{aligned} N_t(f) &= \langle \mu_t, f \rangle - \langle \mu, f \rangle \\ &\quad - \int_0^t \left\langle \mu_s, (b + c\dot{W}_s)f' + df'' \right\rangle ds, \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$E^W \exp(-\langle \mu_t, f \rangle) = \exp(-\langle \mu, y_{0,t} \rangle),$$



where

$$\begin{aligned}y_{s,t} &= f + \int_s^t c \partial_x y_{r,t} \dot{W}_r dr \\&\quad + \int_s^t (b \partial_x y_{r,t} + a \partial_x^2 y_{r,t} - y_{r,t}(x)^2) dr.\end{aligned}$$

Stochastic integral is backward Itô integral.



## Theorem (Xiong, 2004, AP)

$$E^W \exp(-\langle \mu_t, f \rangle) = \exp(-\langle \mu, y_{0,t} \rangle),$$

where  $Lf = af'' + bf'$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} y_{s,t} &= f + \int_s^t c \partial_x y_{r,t} \hat{d}W_r \\ &\quad + \int_s^t (Ly_{r,t} - y_{r,t}(x)^2) dr. \end{aligned}$$

**Idea:** Existence Particle representation (Kurtz & Xiong, 1999, SPA) Conditional Laplace transform Divide  $[0, t]$  into small ones. Alternatively, without  $W$  or without branching.



## 2. SPDE for density field

### Random measure

Let  $(U, \mathcal{U}, \mu)$  be a measure space. A mapping

$$W : \Omega \times (\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}_+) \times \mathcal{U}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

is a *random measure* if

- $W(\omega, \cdot)$  is a signed measure on  $\mathbb{R}_+ \times U$  for each  $\omega$
- $W(\cdot, B)$  is a r.v. for each  $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}_+) \times \mathcal{U}$ .



## White noise random measure

r.m.  $W$  is *independently scattered* if for any disjoint  $B_1, \dots, B_n \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}_+) \times \mathcal{U}$ , r.v.'s

$$W(\cdot, B_1), \dots, W(\cdot, B_n)$$

are independent.

An independently scattered r.m. is a *white noise random measure* if for any  $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}_+) \times \mathcal{U}$  with  $(dtd\mu)(B) < \infty$ ,

$$W(\cdot, B) \sim N(0, (dtd\mu)(B)).$$

$\mu$  is the *intensity measure* of  $W$ .



Recall CMP:

$$\begin{aligned} N_t(f) &\equiv \langle \mu_t, f \rangle - \langle \mu, f \rangle - \int_0^t \langle \mu_s, Lf \rangle ds \\ &\quad - \int_0^t \langle \mu_s, cf' \rangle dW_s \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\langle N(f) \rangle_t &= \int_0^t \langle \mu_s, f^2 \rangle ds \\ &= \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left( \sqrt{X_s(x)} f(x) \right)^2 dx ds.\end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$N_t(f) = \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} \sqrt{X_s(x)} f(x) B(dx ds),$$

where  $B$  is WNRM.



Theorem (Li, Wang, Xiong, Zhou, 2012, PTRF)

$\mu_t$  has density  $X_t(x)$  satisfying SPDE

$$\partial_t X_t(x) = L^* X_t(x) - \partial_x(cX_t(x))\dot{W}_t + \sqrt{X_t(x)}\dot{B}_{tx}. \quad (2.1)$$

How about continuity?



Using Krylov's  $L_p$  theory

Lee-Mueller-Xiong (AIHP, 2008) proved, for a.e.  $t$ ,  $X_t \in C(\mathbb{R})$

When  $c = 0$ ,  $X_t$  Dawson-Watanabe process, the joint continuity studied by Konno-Shiga (PTRF, 1988) using a convolution technique.



If we apply the same technique here, then the density can be represented as

$$\begin{aligned} X_t(x) &= \int \varphi(t, x, y) \mu(y) dy \\ &+ \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} c(z) X_s(z) \partial_z \varphi(t-s, x, z) dz dW_s \\ &+ \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} \sqrt{X_s(z)} \varphi(t-s, x, z) B(ds dz). \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$



The second term is roughly equal to

$$\int_0^t (t-s)^{-1/2} dW_s$$

divergent.

Therefore, the convolution argument of Konno-Shiga **does not** apply to our model. Actually, this means that the SPDE (2.1) does not have a mild solution.



Let  $\{T_{r,t}(x) : r \leq t\}$  be the unique solution to

$$\begin{aligned} T_{r,t}(x) &= f(x) + \int_r^t LT_{s,t}(x)ds \\ &\quad + \int_r^t \partial_x T_{s,t}(x)c(x)\hat{d}W_s. \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

### Lemma 1

$$\langle X_t, f \rangle = \langle X_0, T_{0,t} \rangle + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} T_{s,t}(x) \sqrt{X_s(x)} B(dsdx).$$



## Lemma 2

Let  $p^W(s, x; t, y)$  be the sol. of (2.3) with  $f = \delta_y$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} X_t(y) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} X_0(x) p^W(s, x; t, y) dx \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} p^W(s, x; t, y) \sqrt{X_s(x)} B(dsdx). \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$



Theorem (Li-Wang-X-Zhou, PTRF, 2012)

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}|X_{t_1}(y_1) - X_{t_2}(y_2)|^{2p} \\ & \leq K (|t_1 - t_2| + |y_1 - y_2|)^{2+\epsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

### Remark

*Our Holder exponent is not optimal. Improved by Hu, Lu and Nualart (2012, PTRF) using Malliavin's calculus.*



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- ⑤ signed solution, non-uniqueness,  $\frac{1}{2} \leq \alpha < \frac{3}{4}$ ,  
Mueller-Mytnik-Perkins (2012)



Define

$$\tilde{u}_t(y) = \mu_t((-\infty, y]), \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (3.5)$$

Consider SPDE

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{u}_t(y) &= F(y) + \int_0^t \int_0^{\tilde{u}_s(y)} \tilde{B}(dsdu) \\ &\quad + \int_0^t L_2 \tilde{u}_s(y) ds + \int_0^t L_1 \tilde{u}_s(y) d\tilde{W}_s, \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$



where

$$F(y) = \int_{-\infty}^y \mu(x)dx,$$

and  $\tilde{B}(dsdu)$  is white noise on  $(0, \infty)^2$ ,

$$L_2 f = af'' + (a' - b)f', \quad L_1 f = -cf'.$$



When  $c = 0$ ,  $L_2$  is replaced by the bounded operator

$$Af(x) = (\gamma(x) - f(x))b,$$

the equation (3.6) is studied by Dawson-Li (2010, AP).  
When  $c = 0$  and  $L_2 = \Delta$ , studied by Xiong (2013, AP).



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Key in the proof

$$\langle \mu_t, f \rangle = - \langle \tilde{u}_t, f' \rangle$$

and

$$\int_0^\infty f (\tilde{u}_s^{-1}(u))^2 du = \langle \mu_s, f^2 \rangle .$$



Consider general SPDE

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{u}_t(y) = & F(y) + \int_0^t \int_0^\infty G(u, \tilde{u}_s(y)) \tilde{B}(dsdu) \\ & + \int_0^t L_2 \tilde{u}_s(y) ds + \int_0^t L_1 \tilde{u}_s(y) d\tilde{W}_s.\end{aligned}\quad (3.7)$$

Special case,

$$G(u, v) = 1_{u \leq v}.$$



Conditions:

$$\int_0^\infty |G(u, y_1) - G(u, y_2)|^2 du \leq K|y_1 - y_2|, \quad (3.8)$$

and

$$\int_0^\infty |G(u, y)|^2 du \leq K(1 + |y|^2). \quad (3.9)$$



## Backward SPDE

$$\begin{aligned} u_t(y) &= F(y) + \int_t^T \int_0^\infty G(u, u_s(y)) B(\hat{d}s du) \\ &\quad + \int_t^T L_2 u_s(y) ds + \int_t^T L_1 u_s(y) \hat{d}W_s. \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

For simplicity of notation, take  $a = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $b = 0$ .



Consider the following BDSDE:  $t \leq s \leq T$

$$\begin{aligned} Y_s &= f(X_T) + \int_s^T \int_0^\infty G(u, Y_r) B(\hat{d}r du) \\ &\quad - \int_s^T c Z_r \hat{d}W_r - \int_s^T Z_r dB_r^1, \end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

where

$$X_s = X_s^{t,x} = x + B_s^1 - B_t^1.$$

Denote solution as  $(Y_s^{t,x}, Z_s^{t,x})$ .

Pardoux-Peng (1994, PTRF), Xiong (2013, AP)



## Definition

The pair  $(X_t, Y_t, Z_t)$  solution to (3.11) if they are  $\mathcal{G}_t$ -adapted and  $\forall t \in [0, T]$ , (3.11) holds a.s., where

$$\mathcal{G}_t = \sigma \left( B_s^1, s \leq t; B([r, T] \times A), W_T - W_r, r \in [t, T], A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \right).$$

Note that  $\mathcal{G}_t$  is the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by  $B$  before time  $t$  and by  $W$  after time  $t$ .



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The following backward Itô's formula is useful.

### Lemma (Pardoux-Peng)

Suppose

$$y_t = \xi + \int_t^T \int_U \alpha(s, u) W(\hat{ds}du) - \int_t^T z_s dB_s,$$

where  $\alpha : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R} \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a  $\mathcal{G}_t$ -adapted random field.  
Then,  $\forall f \in C_b^2(\mathbb{R})$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(y_t) &= f(\xi) - \int_t^T \int_U f'(y_s) \alpha(s, u) W(\hat{ds}du) - \int_t^T z_s f'(y_s) dB_s \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \int_t^T \int_U f''(y_s) \alpha(s, u)^2 du ds - \frac{1}{2} \int_t^T z_s^2 f''(y_s) ds. \end{aligned}$$



Here is one of the main results.

### Theorem

The FBDSDE (3.11) has at most one solution.

Key to proof Yamada-Watanabe argument.



By Pardoux-Peng's formula, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi_k(Y_t^1 - Y_t^2) \\ = & - \int_t^T \int_0^\infty \phi'_k(Y_s^1 - Y_s^2) (G(u, Y_s^1) - G(u, Y_s^2)) W(\hat{d}sdu) \\ & - \int_t^T \phi'_k(Y_s^1 - Y_s^2) (Z_s^1 - Z_s^2) dB_s \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \int_t^T \int_0^\infty \phi''_k(Y_s^1 - Y_s^2) (G(u, Y_s^1) - G(u, Y_s^2))^2 duds \\ & - \frac{1}{2} \int_t^T \phi''_k(Y_s^1 - Y_s^2) (Z_s^1 - Z_s^2)^2 ds. \end{aligned} \tag{3.12}$$



## Theorem

If  $\{u_t(x)\}$  is a solution to (3.10), then

$$u_t(x) = Y_t^{t,x},$$

where  $Y_s^{t,x}$  is a solution to the BDSDE (3.11).

**Sketch of proof** Let

$$Y_s^{t,x} = u_s(X_s^{t,x}) \text{ and } Z_s^{t,x} = \nabla u_s(X_s^{t,x}), \quad t \leq s \leq T. \quad (3.13)$$



## Uniqueness

### Theorem

Under (3.8) and (3.9), the SPDE (3.7) has at most one solution such that  $u \in C^{0,1}([0, T] \times \mathbb{R})$  a.s.



Thanks!