

McKean-Vlasov (S)PDEs with additive noise

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Object of interest in this talk

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 - ▶ PDE nicely equilibrates to a stationary state

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Taking one step back

Finding all the stationary solutions is a difficult problem

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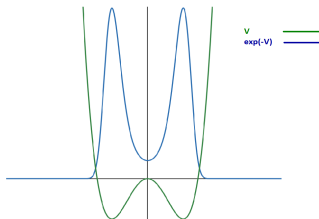
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 - ▶ Series of works of Kurtz et al on derivation of *non-linear* SPDEs with (multiplicative) noise

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- For less than the martingale term,

$$\begin{aligned} d(\rho_t^{N,\epsilon}, f) &\simeq \sigma(\rho_t^{N,\epsilon}, f'') + \left(\frac{fQ}{\eta_t^{N,\epsilon} * \phi_\epsilon}, \eta_t^{N,\epsilon} \right) dW_t \quad \eta_t^{N,\epsilon} = \frac{1}{N} \sum \delta_{X_t^i} \\ &\xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(\rho_t^\epsilon, f'') + \left(\frac{fQ}{\eta_t^\epsilon * \phi_\epsilon}, \eta_t^\epsilon \right) dW_t \\ &\xrightarrow{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \sigma(\rho_t, f'') + \left(\frac{fQ}{\eta_t}, \eta_t \right) dW_t \\ &= \sigma(\rho_t, f'') + (f, Q) dW_t \end{aligned}$$

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- ▶ Results for perturbations of type

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where \mathcal{U}_t is

- ▶ a piecewise smooth **deterministic path**
- ▶ a α -Hölder continuous deterministic path (**fix the noise**)
- ▶ a finite sum of Brownian Motions
- ▶ a trace class Wiener process

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- ▶ Fixing the noise is ‘natural’ as the noise we fix is the ‘common noise’ on the weights

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