

# Random Attractors for Monotone SPDEs

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'Fully developed' dynamics (i.e. that have been run for a long time) have reduced complexity. There exists a 'small' set  $A \subseteq H$  ( $H$  the state space) such that

- $A$  is invariant under the flow
- Each trajectory can be approximated arbitrarily well by one lying in  $A$  (for large times)
- $A$  is minimal.

Sets with these properties are called attractors.

## Definition

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  be a probability space and  $\theta_t : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  be a family of maps. Then  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}, \theta_t)$  is said to be a metric dynamical system if

- $\theta : \mathbb{R} \times \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  is measurable
- $\theta_0 = id$ ,  $\theta_{t+s} = \theta_t \circ \theta_s$
- $(\theta_t)_* \mathbb{P} = \mathbb{P}$

e.g.  $\Omega = C_0(\mathbb{R}; \mathbb{R})$ ,  $\mathbb{P} = \gamma$ ,  $\theta_t(\omega) = \omega(t + \cdot) - \omega(t)$ .

## Definition

Let  $(H, d)$  be a complete and separable metric space,  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}, \theta_t)$  a metric dynamical system and  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}_+ \times \Omega \times H \rightarrow H$  measurable with

- $\varphi(0, \omega) = \text{id}$
- $\varphi(t + s, \omega) = \varphi(t, \theta_s \omega) \circ \varphi(s, \omega)$  (cocycle property)
- $\varphi(t, \omega) : H \rightarrow H$  continuous.

Then  $\varphi$  is a random dynamical system (RDS).

e.g.  $\varphi(t, \omega)x = X(t, 0, x)(\omega)$

## Definition

- $K : \Omega \rightarrow 2^H$  is measurable if  $\omega \mapsto d(x, K(\omega))$  is measurable for all  $x \in H$ , where  $d(A, B) = \sup_{x \in A} \inf_{y \in B} d(x, y)$ ,  $d(x, B) = d(\{x\}, B)$ . Then  $K$  is called a random set.
- Let  $A, B$  be random sets.  $A$  is said to absorb  $B$  if  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s. there exists an absorption time  $t_B(\omega)$  such that for all  $t \geq t_B(\omega)$

$$\varphi(t, \theta_{-t}\omega)B(\theta_{-t}\omega) \subseteq A(\omega).$$

- $A$  is said to attract  $B$  if

$$d(\varphi(t, \theta_{-t}\omega)B(\theta_{-t}\omega), A(\omega)) \xrightarrow[t \rightarrow \infty]{} 0, \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s. .}$$

## Definition

A random attractor for an RDS  $\varphi$  is a random set  $A$  satisfying  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s.

- (compactness):  $A(\omega)$  is compact.
- (invariance):  $\varphi(t, \omega)A(\omega) = A(\theta_t \omega)$  for all  $t > 0$ .
- (attraction):  $A$  attracts all deterministic bounded sets  $B \subseteq H$ , i.e.

$$d(\varphi(t, \theta_{-t}\omega)B, A(\omega)) \xrightarrow[t \rightarrow \infty]{} 0.$$

## Existing results:

- No general results. Each equation treated individually.
- Semilinear equations. (Porous medium, p-Laplace not covered)
- Only special cases for the noise.

**Remark:** Porous medium equation  
(Beyn, G., Lescot, Röckner; 2010)

$$dX_t = \Delta\Phi(X_t)dt + \sum_{j=1}^m \Phi_j d\beta_t^j,$$

$$X_t = 0, \text{ on } \partial\Lambda,$$

e.g.  $\Phi(s) = |s|^{p-1}s$  and  $\Phi_j \in W_0^{1,p+1}(\Lambda)$ .



## Variational framework for SPDE

Let  $V$  be a separable, reflexive Banach space,  $H$  a Hilbert space and  $V \hookrightarrow H$  continuous and dense. This yields the Gelfand triple

$$V \subseteq H \cong H^* \subseteq V^*.$$

Consider:

$$dX_t = A(X_t)dt + dN_t.$$

In the sense

$$X(t, s, \omega, x) = x + \int_s^t A(X(r, s, \omega, x))dr + N_t(\omega) - N_s(\omega),$$

for all  $t \geq s$  and all  $\omega \in \Omega$ .

Let  $A : V \rightarrow V^*$  measurable and for some  $C \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\alpha \geq 2$ ,  $\delta > 0$

(H1) (Hemicontinuity) The map  $s \mapsto v^* \langle A(v_1 + sv_2), v \rangle_V$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(H2) (Monotonicity)

$$2v^* \langle A(v_1) - A(v_2), v_1 - v_2 \rangle_V \leq C \|v_1 - v_2\|_H^2.$$

(H3) (Coercivity)

$$2v^* \langle A(v), v \rangle_V + \delta \|v\|_V^\alpha \leq C + K \|v\|_H^2.$$

(H4) (Growth)

$$\|A(v)\|_{V^*} \leq C + C \|v\|_V^{\alpha-1}.$$

## Generation of RDS

Let  $Y(t, s, \omega, x)$  be the unique  $\omega$ -wise solution of

$$Y_t = x - N_s(\omega) + \int_s^t A(Y_r + N_r(\omega))dr, \quad t \geq s.$$

Define

$$\begin{aligned} S(t, s, \omega)x &:= Y(t, s, x, \omega) + N_t(\omega), \\ \varphi(t, \omega)x &:= S(t, 0, \omega)x = Y(t, 0, x, \omega) + N_t(\omega). \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $S_t$  satisfies

$$S(t, s, \omega)x = x + \int_s^t A(S(r, s, \omega)x)dr + N_t(\omega) - N_s(\omega),$$

for each fixed  $\omega \in \Omega$  and all  $t \geq s$ .

## Theorem

Let  $A : V \rightarrow V^*$  satisfy (H1)-(H4),  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}, \theta_t)$  be a metric dynamical system and  $N_t : \Omega \rightarrow V$  be a process such that

(S1) (Regularity) For each  $\omega \in \Omega$ ,  $N_\cdot(\omega) \in L_{loc}^\alpha(\mathbb{R}; V)$ .

(S2) For all  $t, s \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\omega \in \Omega$ :  $N_t(\omega) - N_s(\omega) = N_{t-s}(\theta_s \omega) - N_0(\theta_s \omega)$ .

Then

$$dX_t = A(X_t)dt + dN_t$$

generates a RDS  $\varphi$  (defined as above).

## Single point attraction

Recall:

(H2) (Monotonicity)

$$2_{V^*} \langle A(v_1) - A(v_2), v_1 - v_2 \rangle_V \leq C \|v_1 - v_2\|_H^2.$$

Stronger monotonicity:

(H2') There exists a constant  $\beta \geq 2$  and  $\eta > 0$  such that

$$2_{V^*} \langle A(v_1) - A(v_2), v_1 - v_2 \rangle_V \leq -\eta \|v_1 - v_2\|_H^\beta, \quad v_1, v_2 \in V.$$

## Theorem

*Suppose (H1),(H2'), (H3),(H4) and (S1)-(S2) hold. Then  $\varphi$  has a compact random attractor  $\mathcal{A}(\omega)$  consisting of a single point*

$$\mathcal{A}(\omega) = \{\eta_0(\omega)\}.$$

*In particular there is a unique stationary solution  $\eta_0(\omega)$  and a unique invariant random measure  $\mu_\cdot \in \mathcal{P}_\Omega(H)$  which is given by*

$$\mu_\omega = \delta_{\eta_0(\omega)}, \quad \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s. .}$$

Speed of convergence:

(i) If  $\beta > 2$ , then the speed of convergence is polynomial, more precisely

$$\|S(t, s, \omega)x - \eta_t(\omega)\|_H^2 \leq \left\{ \frac{\delta}{2}(\beta - 2)(t - s) \right\}^{-\frac{2}{\beta-2}},$$

uniformly in  $x \in H$ .

(ii) If  $\beta = 2$ , then the speed of convergence is exponential, more precisely

$$\|S(t, s, \omega)x - \eta_t(\omega)\|_H^2 \leq 2(2\|x\|_H^2 + C)e^{-\delta(t-s)},$$

where  $C > 0$  is a constant.

## Existence of the random attractor

Proposition (cf. [CDF97, Theorem 3.11])

Let  $\varphi$  be an RDS and assume the existence of a compact random set  $K$  absorbing every deterministic bounded set  $B \subseteq H$ . Then there exists a random attractor  $A$ .



## How to find a compact absorbing random set $K(\omega)$ :

- Choose a subspace  $S \subseteq H$  compact and

$$K(\omega) = B_{r(\omega)}^S(0) = \{x \in S \mid \|x\|_S \leq r(\omega)\}.$$

Then  $K(\omega) \subseteq H$  is compact. T.b.s.:  $\forall t \geq T(\omega, B)$

$$\varphi(t, \theta_{-t}\omega)B \subseteq K(\omega)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sup_{x \in B} \|\varphi(t, \theta_{-t}\omega)x\|_S = \sup_{x \in B} \|S(0, -t, \omega)x\|_S \leq r(\omega)$$

- Approximate  $\|\cdot\|_S$  by weaker norms  $\|\cdot\|_n \sim \|\cdot\|_H$  such that

$$\|\cdot\|_n \uparrow \|\cdot\|_S$$

**Condition (H5):**

Let  $S \subseteq H$  be a compactly embedded subspace of  $H$  such that  $V \subseteq S$ . Let  $T_n : H \rightarrow H$  be positive definite, self-adjoint operators and set

$$\langle x, y \rangle_n := \langle x, T_n y \rangle, \quad \|x\|_n^2 = \langle x, x \rangle_n.$$

e.g.  $V = H_0^1(\Lambda) \cap L^p(\Lambda) \subseteq S = H_0^1(\Lambda) \subseteq H = L^2(\Lambda)$ .  
 $T_n = \Delta(1 - \frac{1}{n}\Delta)^{-1} = n(I - (I - \frac{1}{n}\Delta)^{-1})$ .

Further assume

- 1  $\|\cdot\|_n \sim \|\cdot\|_H$

- 2 For all  $x \in S$ ,

$$\|x\|_n \uparrow \|x\|_S .$$

- 3  $T_n : V \rightarrow V$  are continuous

- 4 There exists a  $C > 0$  such that

$$2_{V^*} \langle A(v), T_n v \rangle_V \leq C(\|v\|_n^2 + 1), \quad v \in V. \quad (3.1)$$

- 5 There exists a measurable operator  $T_\infty : \mathcal{D}(T_\infty) \subseteq V \rightarrow V$  such that  $T_\infty N_t(\omega) \in L_{loc}^\alpha(\mathbb{R}; V)$  and

$$\|T_n N_t\|_V \leq C \|T_\infty N_t\|_V, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, n \geq 1. \quad (3.2)$$

e.g.  $T_n = \Delta(1 - \frac{1}{n}\Delta)^{-1} = n(I - (I - \frac{1}{n}\Delta)^{-1})$  and  $T_\infty = \Delta$ .

## Theorem

Suppose (H1) – (H5) hold for  $\alpha = 2, K = 0$  or  $\alpha > 2$  and (S1)-(S2) are satisfied. For the noise assume further

- (S3) (Subexponential growth) For  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.a.  $\omega \in \Omega$  and  $|t| \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $N_t(\omega)$  is of subexponential growth, i.e.  $\|N_t(\omega)\|_V = o(e^{\lambda|t|})$  for every  $\lambda > 0$ .
- (S4) (joint measurability):  $N : \mathbb{R} \times \Omega \rightarrow V$  is  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \otimes \mathcal{B}(\Omega)$  measurable.

Then the RDS  $\varphi$  associated to

$$dX_t = A(X_t)dt + dN_t$$

has a compact random attractor.

Bounded absorption of  $Y(t, s, x, \omega)$  at  $t = -1$ :

If  $\alpha > 2$  or  $\alpha = 2, K = 0$ , then  $\exists \lambda > 0$  and  $C$  such that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|Y_t\|_H^2 + \frac{\delta_0}{2} \|Y_t\|_V^\alpha \leq -\lambda \|Y_t\|_H^2 + f_t + C.$$

By Gronwall's Lemma, for  $s \leq -1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|Y_{-1}\|_H^2 &\leq e^{-\lambda(-1-s)} \|Y_s\|_H^2 + \int_s^{-1} e^{-\lambda(-1-r)} (f_r + C) dr \\ &\leq 2e^{-\lambda(-1-s)} \|x\|_H^2 + 2 \sup_{r \leq -1} e^{-\lambda(-1-r)} \|N_r(\omega)\|_H^2 \\ &\quad + \int_{-\infty}^{-1} e^{-\lambda(-1-r)} (f_r + C) dr \leq r_1(\omega), \text{ for } s \leq S(\omega, B). \end{aligned}$$

implies:  $\frac{\delta_0}{2} \int_{-1}^0 \|Y_r\|_V^\alpha dr \leq \|Y_{-1}\|_H^2 + \int_{-1}^0 (f_r + C) dr.$

□

Compact absorption of  $Y(t, s, x, \omega)$  at  $t = 0$ :

Using Itô's formula

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \|Y_t\|_n^2 &= 2_{V^*} \langle A(Y_t + N_t), T_n Y_t \rangle_V \\ &\leq C(\|Y_t + N_t\|_n^2 + 1) - 2_{V^*} \langle A(Y_t + N_t), T_n N_t \rangle_V \\ &\leq C_1 (\|Y_t\|_n^2 + \|Y_t\|_V^\alpha) + g_t. \end{aligned}$$

Gronwall's Lemma, for  $s \leq 0$ ,

$$\|Y_0\|_n^2 \leq e^{-C_1 s} \|Y_s\|_n^2 + C_1 \int_s^0 e^{-C_1 r} \|Y_r\|_V^\alpha dr + \int_s^0 e^{-C_1 r} g_r dr.$$

Integrating over  $s \in [-1, 0]$  and  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\|Y_0\|_S^2 \leq C_3 \int_{-1}^0 e^{-C_1 r} (1 + \|Y_r\|_V^\alpha) dr + \int_{-1}^0 e^{-C_1 r} g_r dr \leq r_2(\omega).$$



## Applications

- 1 Examples of noise  $N_t$
- 2 Examples of SPDEs

## The conditions on the noise

**For generation of an RDS and singleton attractor:**

- 1  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}, \theta_t)$  metric dynamical system
- 2  $N_t : \Omega \rightarrow V \subseteq H$
- 3 (S1) (Regularity)  $N_t(\omega) \in L_{loc}^\alpha(\mathbb{R}; V)$ ,  $\forall \omega$ .
- 4 (S2)  $N_t(\omega) - N_s(\omega) = N_{t-s}(\theta_s \omega) - N_0(\theta_s \omega)$ ,  $\forall t, s, \omega$ .

**For the existence of a random attractor:**

5. (S3) (Subexponential growth)  $\|N_t(\omega)\|_V = o(e^{\lambda|t|})$ ,  $\forall \lambda > 0$ ,  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.a.  $\omega$ ,  $|t| \rightarrow \infty$ .
6. (S4) (joint measurability):  $N : \mathbb{R} \times \Omega \rightarrow V$  is  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \otimes \mathcal{B}(\Omega)$  measurable.



### Lemma

Let  $(N_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$  be a  $V$ -valued process with stationary increments and a.s. càdlàg paths. Then the canonical version  $\tilde{N}_t$  satisfies (S1), (S2), (S4).

Note:  $\Omega = D(\mathbb{R}; V)$ ,  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{B}(V)_{|\Omega}^{\mathbb{R}}$ ,  $\theta_t(\omega) = \omega(t + \cdot) - \omega(t)$ ,  $\mathbb{P} = \mathcal{L}(N)$ .

## Lemma

Let  $N_t$  be a Lévy process with values in a separable Banach space  $V$  and with first moment, i.e.  $\mathbf{E}\|N_1\|_V < \infty$ . Then  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s.

$$\frac{N_t}{t} \rightarrow \mathbf{E}[N_1], \text{ for } |t| \rightarrow \infty.$$

In particular  $N_t$  satisfies (S3).

## Lemma

Let  $N_t$  be a  $V$ -valued process such that (S2) holds. Let there be constants  $\gamma > 1$ ,  $\alpha > 0$  and  $C \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\mathbf{E}[\|N_t - N_s\|_V^\gamma] \leq C|t - s|^{1+\alpha}, \text{ for all } t, s \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (4.1)$$

Then there exists a constant  $C = C(\omega) \in \mathbb{R}$  for which

$$\|N_t(\omega)\|_V \leq |t|^2 + C,$$

in particular  $N_t$  satisfies (S3).

## Example (Stochastic Porous Media equation)

For  $r > 1$  we consider the triple

$$V := L^{r+1}(\Lambda) \subseteq H := (W_0^1(\Lambda))^* \subseteq V^*$$

and the stochastic porous media equation

$$dX_t = (\Delta(|X_t|^{r-1}X_t) + \eta X_t) dt + dN_t, \quad (4.2)$$

$\eta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $N_t$  satisfies (S1) – (S4).

Then

- 1 The RDS  $\varphi$  associated with (4.2) has a compact random attractor.
- 2 If  $\eta \leq 0$ , then all assertions in Theorem 6 also hold for (4.2).

Let  $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  be open, bounded, convex and smooth.

### Example (Stochastic $p$ -Laplace equation)

Consider the triple

$$W^{1,p}(\Lambda) \subseteq L^2(\Lambda) \subseteq (W^{1,p}(\Lambda))^*$$

and the stochastic  $p$ -Laplace equation

$$dX_t = [\mathbf{div}(|\nabla X_t|^{p-2} \nabla X_t) - \eta_1 |X_t|^{\tilde{p}-2} X_t + \eta_2 X_t] dt + dN_t, \quad (4.3)$$

where  $2 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $1 \leq \tilde{p} \leq p$ ,  $\eta_1 \geq 0$ ,  $\eta_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $N_t$  satisfies (S1) – (S4).

Then

- 1 The RDS  $\varphi$  associated with (4.3) has a compact random attractor.
- 2 If  $\eta_2 \leq 0$ , then all assertions in Theorem 6 also hold for (4.3).



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