

# SDEs with supercritical distribution drifts

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# Overview

- ▶ Consider the following SDE

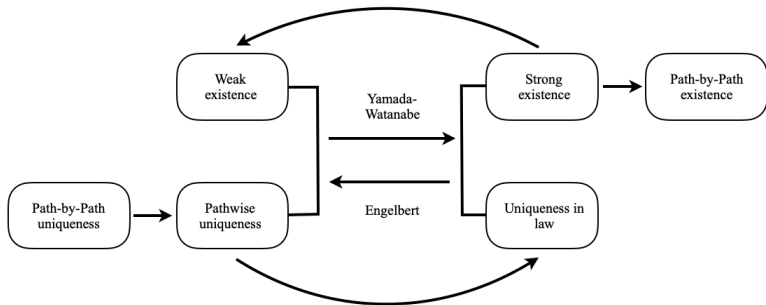
$$dX_t = b(t, X_t)dt + \sqrt{2}dW_t, \quad (1)$$

where  $(W_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is a standard  $d$ -dimensional Brownian motion and  $b : \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  is a measurable function.

- ▶ **Weak solution:**  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbf{P}, (\mathcal{F}_s)_{s \geq 0}, W, X)$ ;
- ▶ **Strong solution:**  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbf{P}, (\mathcal{F}_s)_{s \geq 0}, W) \Rightarrow X = \Phi(X_0, W)$ ;
- ▶ **Martingale solution:**  $\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{D}(C_T)$ , for all  $f \in \mathbf{C}^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$

$$f(\omega_t) - f(\omega_0) - \int_0^t (\Delta + b \cdot \nabla)f(\omega_s)ds \quad \text{is a } \mathbb{P}\text{-martingale;}$$

- ▶ **Path-by-path solution:** for any path  $t \rightarrow W_t(\omega)$ , the solution solves the ODE (1).
  - ▶ **Uniqueness in law; Pathwise uniqueness; Path-by-path uniqueness.**
- ▶ Regularization by noise.



- ▷ (Stroock-Varadhan): Weak solution  $\iff$  Martingale solution;
- ▷ (Barlow): Uniqueness in law  $\nRightarrow$  Existence of strong solution.
- ▷ (Shaposhnikov-Wresch, Anzeletti): Many counterexamples.

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- ▶ Brox diffusion (white noise); Other noises.
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- ▶ For any  $f \in \mathbf{C}_b(\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d)$ , consider the related BKE

$$\partial_t u + \Delta u + b \cdot \nabla u + f = 0, \quad u(T) = 0.$$

We call  $\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{C}_T)$  a martingale solution if

$$u(t, \omega_t) - u(t, \omega_0) - \int_0^t f(r, \omega_r) dr \quad \text{is a } \mathbb{P}\text{-martingale.}$$

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# Scale analysis

- ▶ Let  $\dot{\mathbf{H}}_p^\alpha$  be the homogenous Bessel potential space, where  $\alpha \leq 0$  and  $p \in [1, \infty]$  and suppose for some  $q \in [1, \infty]$

$$b \in L^q(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{\mathbf{H}}_p^\alpha),$$

and SDE (1) admits a solution denoted by  $X$ . For  $\lambda > 0$ , we define

$$X_t^\lambda := \lambda^{-1} X_{\lambda^2 t}, \quad W_t^\lambda := \lambda^{-1} W_{\lambda^2 t}, \quad b^\lambda(t, x) := \lambda b(\lambda^2 t, \lambda x).$$

- ▶ Then we have

$$dX_t^\lambda = b^\lambda(t, X_t^\lambda) dt + \sqrt{2} dW_t^\lambda,$$

where

$$\|b^\lambda\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{\mathbf{H}}_p^\alpha)} = \lambda^{1+\alpha-\frac{d}{p}-\frac{2}{q}} \|b\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{\mathbf{H}}_p^\alpha)}.$$

- ▶ As  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ ,

**Subcritical:**  $\frac{d}{p} + \frac{2}{q} < 1 + \alpha;$

**Critical:**  $\frac{d}{p} + \frac{2}{q} = 1 + \alpha;$

**Supercritical:**  $\frac{d}{p} + \frac{2}{q} > 1 + \alpha.$

## A well-defined restriction on $\alpha$

- ▶ Consider the related PDE:

$$\partial_t u = \Delta u + b \cdot \nabla u + f.$$

- ▶ Assume  $b \in \mathbf{C}^\alpha$  with the differentiability index  $\alpha < 0$ .
- ▶ By the Schauder theory,  $u$  is at most in  $\mathbf{C}^{2+\alpha}$ .
- ▶ To make the product  $b \cdot \nabla u$  meaningful, we need to stipulate that  $1 + 2\alpha > 0$ , which implies  $\alpha > -\frac{1}{2}$ .
  - ▷ (Delarue-Diel 2016) rough path  
& (Cannizzaro-Chouk 2018) paracontrolled calculus:  $b \in \mathbf{C}^{-2/3+}$   
is some Gaussian noise.
  - ▷ (Question) Arbitrary function  $b$ ?  $\alpha \rightarrow -1$ ?

# Well-known results

**SEU**: Strong existence-uniqueness; **WEU**: Weak existence-uniqueness;  
**WE**: Weak existence; **EUP**: Existence-uniqueness of path-by-path solution;  
**EUE**: Existence-uniqueness of energy solution.

Value of $\alpha$	Subcritical	Critical	Supercritical
$\alpha = 0$	SEU: V <sup>79</sup> <sub>[1]</sub> , KR <sup>05</sup> <sub>[2]</sub> , Z <sup>05,10</sup> <sub>[3,4]</sub> EUP: D <sup>07</sup> <sub>[5]</sub> , ALL <sup>23</sup> <sub>[6]</sub>	WEU&SEU: BFGM <sup>19</sup> <sub>[7]</sub> , K <sup>21</sup> <sub>[8]</sub> , RZ <sup>21</sup> <sub>[9]</sub> , KM <sup>23</sup> <sub>[10]</sub>	WE: ZZ <sup>21</sup> <sub>[11]</sub>
$\alpha \in [-\frac{1}{2}, 0)$	WEU: BC <sup>01</sup> <sub>[12]</sub> , FIR <sup>17</sup> <sub>[13]</sub> , ZZ <sup>17</sup> <sub>[14]</sub>	-	-
$\alpha \in [-1, -\frac{1}{2})$	EUE: GP <sup>23</sup> <sub>[15]</sub>	-	-

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# Main results

**(H<sup>sub</sup>)** Let  $(\alpha, p, q) \in (-1, -\frac{1}{2}] \times [2, \infty)^2$  with  $\frac{d}{p} + \frac{2}{q} < 1 + \alpha$ . Suppose that

$$\kappa_1^b := \|b\|_{\mathbb{L}_T^q \mathbf{B}_{p,q}^\alpha} < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \kappa_2^b := \|\operatorname{div} b\|_{\mathbb{L}_T^q \mathbf{B}_{p,q/(q-1)}^{-2-\alpha}} < \infty.$$

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- ▶ Suppose that  $b \in \mathbb{L}_T^q \mathbf{B}_{p,1}^{-1/2}$  with  $\frac{d}{p} + \frac{2}{q} < \frac{1}{2}$ . Then (H<sup>sub</sup>) holds for  $\alpha = -\frac{1}{2}$ . Moreover, when  $\operatorname{div} b = 0$ , (H<sup>sub</sup>) holds.
- ▶ For any Lipschitz function  $g : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\int_0^t g(X_s) dA_s^b \quad \text{is a Young integral.}$$

## Example: Gaussian noises

- ▶ For given  $\gamma \in (d - 2, d)$ , we define the Gaussian noise  $b$  by the following covariance

$$\mathbb{E}b(f)b(g) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \hat{f}(\xi)\hat{g}(-\xi)|\xi|^{-\gamma} \left( \mathbb{I}_{d \times d} - \frac{\xi \otimes \xi}{|\xi|^2} \right) d\xi.$$

- ▶ Then we have for almost surely  $\omega$

$$b(\omega, \cdot) \in \bigcap_{p \in [1, \infty)} \mathbf{B}_{p, loc}^{-1+}(\mathbb{R}^d) \quad \operatorname{div} b(\omega) = 0.$$



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- ▶ Let  $b_n \in \mathbf{C}_b^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d)$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|b_n - b\|_{L_T^q \mathbf{H}_p^{-1}} = 0$  and consider the following approximating SDE

$$X_t^n = X_0 + \int_0^t b_n(s, X_s^n) ds + \sqrt{2} W_t.$$

- ▶ We denote the distribution of  $(X_t^n)_{t \in [0, T]}$  by  $\mathbb{P}_n \in \mathcal{P}(C([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^d))$ .

# Main results

## Theorem 2 (H.-Zhang 2023)

i) For any  $\mathcal{F}_0$  measurable random variable  $X_0$ ,  $\{\mathbb{P}_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is **tight** in  $\mathcal{P}(C([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^d))$ .

ii) Moreover, if the distribution of  $X_0$  has an  $L^2$  density w.r.t. the Lebesgue measure, then there is a continuous process  $(X_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$  such that

$$X_t = X_0 + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t b_n(r, X_r) dr + \sqrt{2} W_t,$$

where the limit here is taken in  $L^2(\Omega)$ .

iii) Let  $\mathbb{P}$  be the law of the solution  $(X_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ . The following **almost surely** Markov property holds: there is a Lebesgue zero set  $\mathcal{N} \subset (0, T)$  such that for all  $s \in [0, T] \setminus \mathcal{N}$

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}}[f(\omega_t) | \mathcal{B}_s] = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}}[f(\omega_t) | \omega_s], \quad 0 \leq s \leq t \leq T, \quad f \in \mathbf{C}_b(\mathbb{R}^d).$$

iv) When  $b \in L^2([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d)$  or  $b \in L_T^\infty \mathbf{B}_{\infty, 2}^{-1}$  (**critical & ill-defined**), there is only one accumulation point of  $\{\mathbb{P}_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ . That is for any  $b_n \rightarrow b$ ,  $\mathbb{P}_n$  converges to the distribution of  $(X_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ .

## Example: Particle system with singular kernels

- ▶ Consider the following singular interaction particle system in  $\mathbb{R}^{Nd}$ :

$$dX_t^{N,i} = \sum_{j \neq i} \gamma_j K(X_t^{N,i} - X_t^{N,j}) dt + \sqrt{2} dW_t^{N,i}, \quad i = 1, \dots, N, \quad (2)$$

where  $K \in \mathbf{H}_{\infty}^{-1}(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{R}^d)$  is divergence free,  $W_t^{N,i}, i = 1, \dots, N$  are  $N$ -independent standard  $d$ -dimensional Brownian motions,  $\gamma_j \in \mathbb{R}$  and initial value has an  $L^2$ -density.

- ▶ (Jabin-Wang 2018) Existence of the related FPE and propagation of chaos. (The existence of a solution to the SDE (2) appears to be open).
- ▶ As a result, we have the weak existence to the  $N$ -particle system SDE (2).

## Example: GFF and super-diffusive

- ▶ Let  $d = 2$ ,  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1]$  and  $b_\varepsilon$  be a Gaussian field with

$$\mathbb{E}b_\varepsilon(f)b_\varepsilon(g) = \int_{|\xi| \leq 1/\varepsilon} \hat{f}(\xi)\hat{g}(-\xi) \left( \mathbb{I}_{d \times d} - \frac{\xi \otimes \xi}{|\xi|^2} \right) d\xi.$$

- ▶ When  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ ,  $b := \lim_\varepsilon b_\varepsilon$  formally satisfies

$$b := \nabla^\perp \xi := (-\partial_{x_2} \xi_1, \partial_{x_1} \xi_2) \in \mathbf{C}^{-1-} \quad \operatorname{div} b = 0,$$

where  $\xi = \xi(x)$  is the two-dimensional Gaussian Free Field (GFF)

- ▶ **(Super-diffusive)**

When  $\varepsilon = 1$ ,  $\mathbb{E}|X_t|^2 \asymp t\sqrt{\ln t}$

(Cannizzaro-HaunschmidSibitz-Toninelli 2022)

(Chatzigeorgiou-Morfe-Otto-Wang 2022).

- ▶ For any  $p \in (2, \infty)$

$$\sup_{\varepsilon < 1/2} \left\| \frac{b_\varepsilon}{\sqrt{\ln(1/\varepsilon)}} \right\|_{\mathbf{H}_{p,loc}^{-1}} < \infty, \quad a.s.$$

By our results, one sees that the solutions  $\{X_t^\varepsilon\}_{[0,T]}$  to the following approximation SDEs is tight

$$dX_t^\varepsilon = \frac{b_\varepsilon(X_t^\varepsilon)}{\sqrt{\ln(1/\varepsilon)}} dt + \sqrt{2} dW_t.$$

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- ▶ (Yang-Yang 2024):

$$dX_t^\varepsilon = \frac{b_\varepsilon(X_t^\varepsilon)}{\sqrt{\ln(1/\varepsilon)}} dt + \sqrt{2} dW_t.$$

- ▶  $X_t^\varepsilon$  converges to a **Brownian motion** as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ .
- ▶ Imply the assumption  $\alpha \geq -1$  is sharp.



Thank you!