On a scaling limit of the parabolic Anderson model with exclusion interaction

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Joint work in progress with Martin Hairer

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- Example: Generalized KPZ (Bruned, Hairer, Zambotti)

$$\partial_t u = \Delta u + f(u)(\partial_x u)^2 + k(u)\partial_x u + h(u) + g(u)\xi$$

 \longrightarrow 120 terms need to be controlled \Rightarrow not doable by hands.

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Examples:

KPZ (Shen/Hairer)

$$\partial_t u_{\varepsilon} = \Delta u_{\varepsilon} + (\partial_x u_{\varepsilon})^2 + \xi_{\varepsilon}$$

• "generalised" Φ_3^4 equation (Shen/Xu)

$$\partial_t u_{\varepsilon} = \Delta u_{\varepsilon} + V(u_{\varepsilon}) + \xi_{\varepsilon},$$

for some suitable polynomial V.

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Successfully dealt with by Hairer/Matetski who studied

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Goal: Investigate the above equation under an appropriate space-time scaling.

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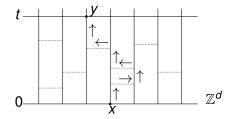
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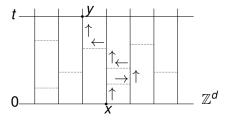
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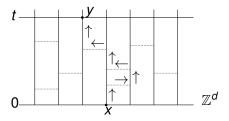


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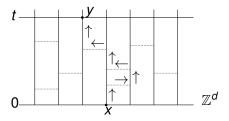
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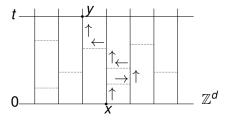


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Reasonable (and correct) guess:

• $2^{Nd/2}\xi(x2^N, t2^{2N})$ converges to a Gaussian process Φ such that $\mathbb{E}[\Phi(x, s)\Phi(y, t)] = \rho(1-\rho)(4\pi(t-s))^{-d/2}e^{-||x-y||^2/(t-s)}.$

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Taking expectation with respect to ξ of the last term we get approximately

$$E_{2^{N_{X}}} \left[\int_{0 \le s_{1}, s_{2} \le t} \frac{1}{|s_{1} - s_{2}|^{d/2}} e^{-||X(2^{N}s_{1}) - X(2^{N}s_{2})||^{2}/(s_{1} - s_{2})} \, ds_{1} \, ds_{2} \right]$$

 \rightarrow problematic as soon as $d \ge 2$.

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Main result. Let $d \in \{2,3\}$. There is a sequence of constants C_N tending to infinity and T > 0 such that w_N converges in distribution in $C^{\alpha,\alpha/2}(\mathbb{T}^d \times [0,T])$ with $\alpha < 2 - d/2$. The limit *w* formally satisfies

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t}(x,t) = \Delta w(x,t) + (\Phi(x,t) - \infty)w(x,t).$$

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Remark:

- Cumulants are a mean to measure joint interaction of all random variables involved.
- If the X_i 's are gaussian, then $E_c(X_B) = 0$ unless $|B| \le 2$.

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Introduction to Wick products

Definition

The Wick product $: X_A:$ is recursively defined via $: X_{\emptyset}: = 1$ and

$$X^{\mathcal{A}} = \sum_{B \subseteq \mathcal{A}} : X_B : \sum_{\pi \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{A} \setminus B)} \prod_{\bar{B} \in \pi} E_c(X_{\bar{B}}).$$

Examples:

• : X: = X - EX, and if the X_i 's have mean zero,

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$$: X_1 X_2 := X_1 X_2 - E X_1 X_2,$$

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Remark: Expectations of Wick products can be expressed in terms of cumulants.

Application to the PAM equation

Recall that

$$2^{Nd-1}\mathbb{E}\left(E_{2^{N}}\left[\int_{0\leq s_{1},s_{2}\leq t}\prod_{i=1}^{2}\xi(2^{N}X(2^{2N}s_{i}),2^{2N}s_{i})ds_{i}\right]\right)$$

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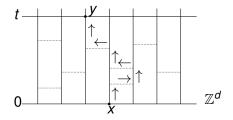
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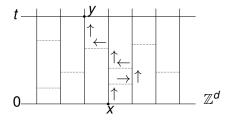
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Idea: Replace $\prod_{i=1}^{2} \xi(2^{N}X(2^{2N}s_{i}), 2^{2N}s_{i})$ by its Wick product. \longrightarrow need to control cumulants of ξ .

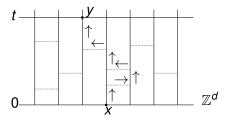


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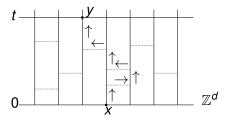
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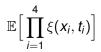
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Since ξ has mean zero,

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