

# White noise perturbation of a reaction-diffusion equation with explosions

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- ▶ Semilinear Stochastic Partial Differential Equations.
- ▶ Explosions in the deterministic case.
- ▶ Explosions in the perturbed equation.
- ▶ Numerical approximations.
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Useful to model:

- ▶ Chemical reactions,
- ▶ Chemotaxis in biological systems,
- ▶ Population dynamics,
- ▶ etc.

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Example: The ODE

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The solution

$$u(t) = \frac{1}{1-t},$$

blows up at time  $T = 1$



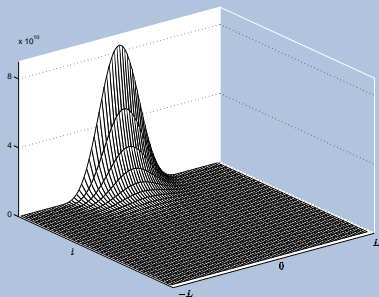
# In PDEs

$$u_t = \Delta u + f(u) \quad \text{in } U \times (0, T)$$

If  $f$  verifies

- ▶  $f \geq 0$
- ▶  $f$  convex
- ▶  $\int^{\infty} \frac{1}{f} < \infty$

Then, there exist initial data  $u_0$  such that  $u$  blows-up in finite time.



### Remark:

- ▶ Solutions are classical up to time  $T$ .
- ▶ There is no reasonable way to extend the solution after time  $T$  (Complete blow-up).

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For  $\varphi(x) = \mathbf{1}_A$  we define

$$\int \int \varphi(x) dW(x, t) := W(A)$$

and we extend this definition for  $\varphi \in C^2(U) \cap C_0(\bar{U})$

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## Solutions to the SPDE

Walsh, 1986, Gyöngy and Pardoux, 1993, Buckdahn and Pardoux, 1989:

This formulation is equivalent to the integral formulation in terms of the fundamental solution of the Heat Equation.

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) = & \int_U G(x - y, t) u_0(y) dy + \\ & \int_0^t \int_U G(x - y, t - s) f(u(s, y)) ds dy + \\ & \int_0^t \int_U G(x - y, t - s) dW(y, s) \end{aligned}$$

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**Remark:** If  $T(\omega) < \infty$  then

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As  $f$  is convex, by Jensen's inequality, we get

$$\int_0^1 \varphi(x) f(u(x, s)) dx \geq \alpha f\left(\int_0^1 \varphi(x) u(x, s) dx\right) = \alpha f(\Phi(s)).$$

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**Lema.** Let  $z$  be the solution of

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Then  $z$  explodes in finite time with probability one.

**Proof.**

Apply the *Feller Test for explosions*.



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$y$  verifies a random differential equation (i.e. an Ordinary differential equation for each  $\omega$ ), in fact

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**Alternative:** Semidiscretization in space.

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We discretize the space variable with second order finite differences for the drift and integration in space for the noise, arriving to the following system of SDEs

$$du_i = \frac{1}{h^2}(u_{i+1} - 2u_i + u_{i-1})dt + f(u_i)dt + \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{h}}dw_i, \quad 2 \leq i \leq n-1.$$

$$u_1 = u_n = 0,$$

$$u_i(0) = u_0(ih), \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

Equivalently

$$dU = (-AU + f(U)) dt + \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{h}} dW, \quad U(0) = U^0. \quad (*)$$

# Properties of the semidiscrete scheme

## Theorem

Let  $f$  be a nonnegative, convex function such that

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Then, for every nonnegative initial datum  $U^0 \geq 0$  the solution  $U$  to (\*) blows-up in finite (random) time  $T^n$  with

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# Convergence of the Numerical Scheme

## Theorem

Assume  $f$  is a nonnegative convex function with  $\int \frac{1}{f} < \infty$ . Let  $u$  be the solution to (P) and  $u^n$  its (semidiscrete) numerical approximation given by (\*). Then

1. For every  $p \geq 1$  and for every  $T > 0$  there exists a constant  $K = K(p, T)$  such that

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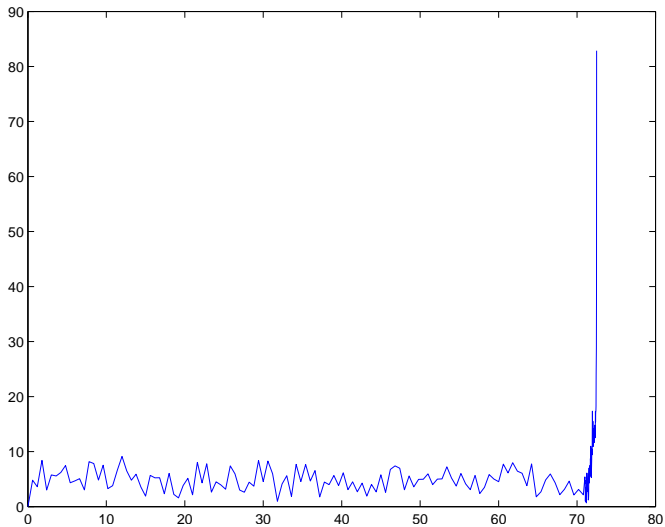
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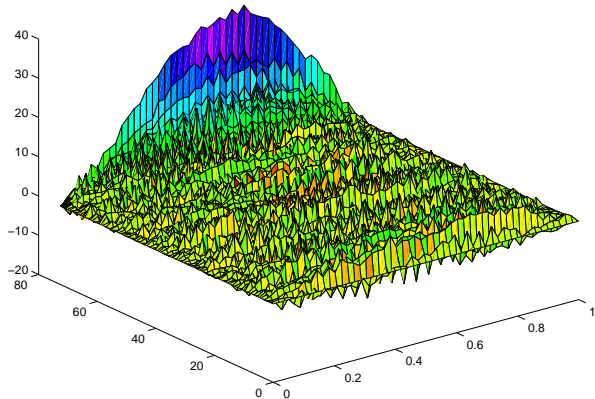
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