

# Large Time Behavior of Periodic Viscosity Solutions of Integro-differential Equations

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# Partial Integro Differential Equations (PIDEs)

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$(\mu_x)_x$  family of Lévy measures s.t.  $\sup_x \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \min(1, |z|^2) \mu_x(dz) < \infty$ .

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with  $\mu$  a Lévy measure and  $j(x, z)$  the size of the jumps at  $x$ .

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- Fractional Laplacian of order  $\beta \in (0, 2)$

$$(-\Delta)^{\beta/2} u = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (u(x+z, t) - u(x, t) - Du(x, t) \cdot z 1_B(z)) \frac{dz}{|z|^{d+\beta}}$$

# Partial Integro-Differential Equations. Lévy Processes

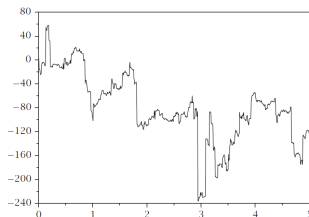


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The infinitesimal generator of a *Lévy process*

$$\begin{aligned}
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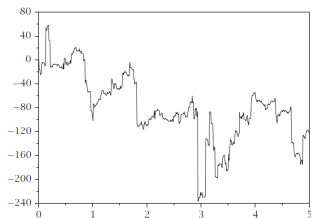


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The infinitesimal generator of a wider class of Markov processes of Courrège form

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# Partial Integro-Differential Equations. Lévy Processes

## Example (Drift diffusion PIDEs)

$$u_t + (-\Delta)^{\beta/2} u + b(x) \cdot Du = f(x)$$

## Example (Mixed PIDEs)

$$u_t - \Delta_{x_1} u + (-\Delta_{x_2})^{\beta/2} u + b(x) \cdot Du = f(x)$$

with  $1 < \beta < 2$ .

## Example (Coercive PIDEs)

$$u_t - \operatorname{tr}(A(x)D^2 u) - \mathcal{I}[u] + b(x)|Du|^m = f(x)$$

where

$$A(x) \geq a(x)I \geq 0, \quad b(x) \geq b_0 > 0, \quad m > 2.$$



# Large Time Behavior - periodic setting

## Problem

*Establish the long time behavior of periodic viscosity solutions:*

$$u(x, t) = \lambda t + v(x) + o_t(1), \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

- Nonlocal: Imbert, Monneau, Rouy '07
- Parabolic PDEs: Barles, Mitake, Ishii '09, Barles and Souganidis '06, '01, Barles Da Lio '05, Dirr and Souganidis, '95, Roquejoffre '01
- Hamilton Jacobi equations: Barles, Roquejoffre '06, Barles Souganidis '00, Lions, Papanicolau, Varadhan, Ishii' 10, Namah and Roquejoffre '99, Fathi '98, Fathi and Mather '00, Arisawa '97

# Large Time Behavior - periodic setting

Theorem (Barles, Chasseigne, C., Imbert '13)

*Under suitable assumptions, the solution of the initial value problem*

$$u_t + F(x, D^2 u, \mathcal{I}[u]) + H(x, Du) = f(x). \quad (2)$$

*with  $u_0 \in C^{0,\alpha}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}^d$  periodic satisfies*

$$u(x, t) - \lambda t \rightarrow v(x), \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty \text{ uniformly in } x,$$

*where  $v$  is the unique periodic solution (up to addition of constants) of the stationary ergodic problem*

$$F(x, D^2 v, \mathcal{I}[v]) + H(x, Dv) = f(x) - \lambda \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^d. \quad (3)$$

The study relies in general on two main ingredients:

- Strong Maximum Principle
- Regularity of viscosity solutions

# The Ergodic Problem

To solve the ergodic problem

$$\lambda + F(x, D^2v, \mathcal{I}[v]) + H(x, Dv) = f(x) \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^d, \quad (4)$$

use the classical approximation

$$\delta v^\delta + F(x, D^2v^\delta, \mathcal{I}[v^\delta]) + H(x, Dv^\delta) = f(x). \quad (5)$$

Perron's method and comparison principles: there exists a unique, bounded, periodic solution  $v^\delta$  s.t.  $\|\delta v^\delta\|_\infty \leq C$ , hence  $\delta v^\delta(0) \rightarrow \lambda$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ .

**Lemma**

$$\tilde{v}^\delta(x) = v^\delta(x) - v^\delta(0)$$

*is uniformly bounded and equicontinuous, hence  $\tilde{v}^\delta \rightarrow v$  (along subsequences).*

# The Ergodic Problem - Compactness Mixed PIDEs

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Provided the limiting equation satisfies **Strong Maximum Principle**,  $w \equiv 0!$  □



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# The Convergence

Proof.

Both  $u(x, t)$  and  $v(x) + \lambda t$  are solutions of (2). By comparison

$$m(t) := \sup_x (u(x, t) - \lambda t - v(x)) \searrow \bar{m}, \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

Take then the  $\mathbb{Z}^d$  periodic functions  $w(x, t) = u(x, t) - \lambda t$  and show  $w(x, t + t_n) \rightarrow \bar{w}(x, t)$  as  $t_n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $\bar{w}$  solves

$$\begin{cases} \bar{w}_t + F(x, D^2 \bar{w}, \mathcal{I}[\bar{w}]) + H(x, D\bar{w}) = f(x) - \lambda, & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^d \times (0, +\infty) \\ \bar{w}(x, 0) = v(x), & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^d \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

Passing to the limit in  $m(t + t_n)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$   $\bar{m} = \sup_x (\bar{w}(x, t) - v(x))$  By the Strong Maximum Principle for the evolution equation above we get

$$\bar{w}(x, t) = v(x) + \bar{m}.$$

The conclusion follows. □

# Strong Maximum Principle for PIDEs

## Problem

*Establish Strong Maximum Principle for Dirichlet boundary value problems*

$$\begin{cases} u_t + F(x, t, Du, D^2u, \mathcal{J}[x, u]) = 0, & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T) \\ u = \varphi & \text{on } \Omega^c \times [0, T]. \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

## Strong Maximum Principle and (Strong) Comparison Results

- nonlocal operators: Coville '08;
- elliptic second order equations:  
Bardi-Da Lio '01, '03, Da Lio '04, Nirenberg '53, Hopf '20s;
- \* comparison results and Jensen-Ishii's lemma:  
Jakobsen-Karlsen '06, Barles-Imbert '08, Jensen '88, Ishii '89, Crandall, Ishii, Lions '90s.

# Strong Maximum Principle

## Theorem (C. '11)

Any  $u \in USC(\mathbb{R}^d \times [0, T])$  viscosity subsolution of (8) that attains a maximum at  $(x_0, t_0) \in \Omega \times (0, T)$  is constant in  $\bar{\Omega} \times [0, t_0]$ .

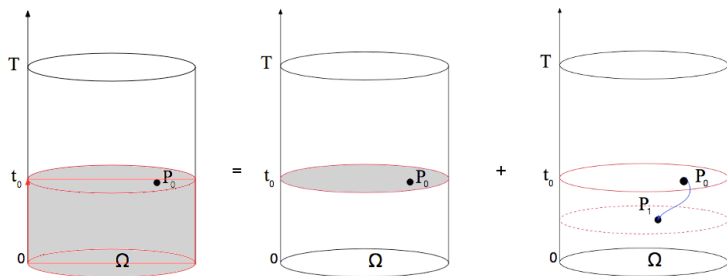


Figure: SMaxP = horizontal and vertical propagation of maxima.

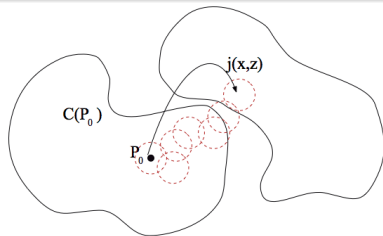


## Horizontal Propagation - Translations of Measure Supports

## Theorem (C. '11)

If  $u$  attains a global maximum at  $(x_0, t_0) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times (0, T)$ , then  $u$  is constant on  $\bigcup_{n \geq 0} A_n \times \{t_0\}$  with

$$A_0 = \{x_0\}, \quad A_{n+1} = \bigcup_{x \in A_n} (x + \text{supp}(\mu_x)). \quad (9)$$



$$\mu(dz) = \frac{dz}{|z|^{d+\beta}}.$$

# Horizontal Propagation - Translations of Measure Supports

Example (Measures supported in the unit ball)

$$\mu(dz) = 1_B(z) \frac{dz}{|z|^{d+\beta}}.$$

Example (Measures charging two axis meeting at the origin)

$$\mu_x(dz) = 1_{\{z_1 = \pm \alpha z_2\}}(z) \nu_x(dz),$$

Example (Pitfall of fractional diffusion on half space)

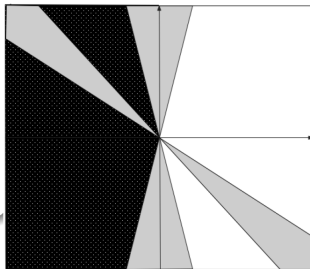
$$\mu(dz) = 1_{\{z_1 \geq 0\}}(z) \frac{dz}{|z|^{d+\beta}}.$$

# Horizontal Propagation - Nondegeneracy of the Measure

For any  $x \in \Omega$  there exist  $\beta \in (1, 2)$ ,  $\eta \in (0, 1)$  and a constant  $C_\mu(\eta) > 0$  s.t. for  $0 < |\rho| < R$

$$\int_{C_{\eta, \gamma}(\rho)} |z|^2 \mu_x(dz) \geq C_\mu(\eta) \gamma^{\beta-2}, \forall \gamma \geq 1$$

$$C_{\eta, \gamma}(\rho) = \{z; (1 - \eta)|z||\rho| \leq |\rho \cdot z| \leq 1/\gamma\}$$



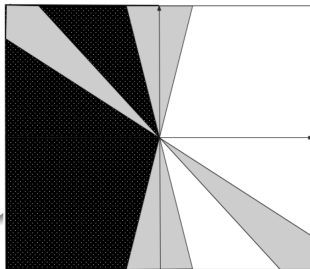
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# Horizontal Propagation - Nondegeneracy of the Measure

Example (Overcome fractional diffusion on half space)

$$\mu(dz) = 1_{\{z_1 \geq 0\}}(z) \frac{dz}{|z|^{d+\beta}}, \beta > 1.$$



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# Strong Maximum Principle

Example (SMaxP driven by differential terms)

$$u_t - \operatorname{tr}(\sigma(x)\sigma^*(x)D^2u) - c(x)\mathcal{I}[x, u] = f(x), \text{ in } \Omega \times (0, T)$$

where  $\sigma$  is a positive definite matrix and  $c(x) \geq 0$ .

Example (SMaxP driven by the nonlocal term)

$$u_t + b(x) \cdot Du + (-\Delta_x u)^{\beta/2} = f(x), \text{ in } \Omega \times (0, T)$$

where  $b(\cdot)$  is a bounded vector field and the fractional exponent  $\beta > 1$ .

Example (SMaxP for mixed differential-nonlocal terms)

$$u_t - a_1(x)\Delta_{x_1}u + a_2(x)(-\Delta_{x_2}u)^{\beta/2} = f(x), \text{ in } \Omega \times (0, T)$$

where  $a_1(x), a_2(x) \geq a_0 > 0$  and the fractional exponent  $\beta > 1$ .

# Strong Comparison Principle

## Theorem (C.)

If  $u$  and  $v$  are an usc viscosity subsolution, lsc viscosity supersolution s.t.  $u - v$  attains a maximum at  $P_0$ , then  $u - v$  is constant in  $S(P_0)$ .

## Example (Mixed PIDEs)

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if the fractional exponent  $\beta > 1$  and

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## Example (Coercive PIDEs)

$$u_t - \mathcal{I}[u] + b(x)|Du|^m = f(x)$$

if  $u$  is Lipschitz continuous,  $b(x) \geq b_0 > 0$  and  $m > 2$ .

# Hölder and Lipschitz Regularity

## Problem

*Viscosity solutions of PIDEs are  $C^{0,\alpha}$ /Lipschitz continuous in space (dep. on  $\beta$ )*

$$\|u\|_{C^{0,\alpha}} \leq C \|u\|_{\infty}.$$

Main approaches for proving the Hölder regularity of *viscosity solutions* of local/nonlocal equations

- *Harnack estimates*, for uniformly elliptic equations: Guillen Schwab '11, Silvestre Imbert '14, Silvestre Cardaliaguet '12, Silvestre Vicol '12, Silvestre '06,'11, Caffarelli, Silvestre '09, '11 Caffarelli Cabré '95  
Regularity and ABP estimates for a larger class of PIDEs left open!
- *direct viscosity methods* such as Ishii-Lions's '90, for degenerate elliptic equations: Barles, Chasseigne and Imbert '11, Cardaliaguet-Rainer '10  
Lipschitz or further regularity, e.g.  $C^{1,\alpha}$  left open!

# Model equations for Hölder and Lipschitz regularity

## Advection fractional diffusion

$$u_t + (-\Delta u)^{\beta/2} + b(x) \cdot Du = f$$

- Subcritical case  $\beta > 1$ : for  $b \in L^\infty$  the solution is Lipschitz continuous.
- Critical case  $\beta = 1$ : for  $b \in C^\tau$ ,  $\tau > 0$  the solution is  $C^\beta$ .
- Supercritical case  $\beta < 1$ : for  $b \in C^{1-\beta+\tau}$ , the solution is  $C^\beta$ .



# Model equations for Hölder and Lipschitz regularity

Fractional diffusion with superlinear gradient growth

$$u_t - \operatorname{tr}(A(x)D^2u) + a_2(x)(-\Delta)^{\beta/2}u + b(x)|Du|^k = f$$

with nondegenerate diffusion  $A(x) \geq a_1(x)I$ , with

$$a_1(x) + a_2(x) \geq a_0 > 0.$$

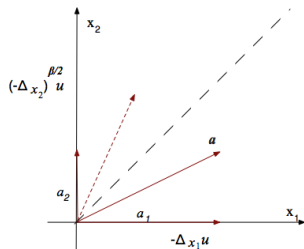
- When  $\beta > 1$ : for  $b \in C^{0,\tau}$  and  $k \leq \tau + \beta$  the solution is Lipschitz.
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- When  $\beta < 1$ : for  $b \in C^{1-\beta+\tau}$ , and  $k \leq \beta$  the solution is  $C^\beta$ .

# Horizontal Propagation - Nondegeneracy of the Measure

Mixed ellipticity

$$-a_1(x_1)\Delta_{x_1}u + a_2(x_2)(-\Delta_{x_2}u)^{\beta/2} = f(x_1, x_2)$$

with  $a_i(x) \geq a_0 > 0$ .



Problem

*Solutions are Lipschitz continuous in the  $x_1$ -variable and Hölder, resp. Lipschitz continuous in the  $x_2$  variable if  $\beta \leq 1$ , resp.  $\beta > 1$ .*

# Partial Regularity

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# Extensions of the regularity results

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- parabolic case

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- fully nonlinear Bellman - Isaacs equations

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- multiple nonlinearities.

Thank you for your attention!