

Hierarchical Noise-Intensity Fluctuations in Langevin Modeling

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abstract

Langevin models have become increasingly important in modeling systems subject to fluctuations. In general, fluctuations are space- and time-dependent phenomena; hence, the noise intensity fluctuates temporally and/or spatially. We consider a Langevin model, where the noise-intensity is governed by the Ornstein–Uhlenbeck process [1]:

$$\dot{x} = f(x) + g(x)s\xi_x(t); \quad \dot{s} = -\gamma(s - \alpha) + \sqrt{\gamma}\xi_s(t), \quad (1)$$

where α denotes the mean of $s(t)$, and $\xi_x(t)$ and $\xi_s(t)$ are white Gaussian noise with correlation functions $\langle \xi_x(t)\xi_x(t') \rangle = 2D_x\delta(t-t')$ and $\langle \xi_s(t)\xi_s(t') \rangle = 2D_s\delta(t-t')$ (D_x and D_s are the noise-intensity). In Eq. (1), we call a term $s\xi_x(t)$ *stochastic intensity noise* (SIN), because the noise-intensity is modulated by a stochastic process. The kurtosis of SIN is $\kappa = 9 - 6/(1 + \rho)^2$, where $\rho = D_s/\alpha^2$ represents the squared variation coefficient, ratio between the variance and the squared mean in Eq. (1). Figure 1 shows examples of time course of SIN [(a) and (b)] as well as their histograms [(c) and (d)].

Two dimensional Fokker–Planck equation (FPE) of Eq. (1) is given by $\partial_t P(x, s; t) = L_{\text{FP}} P(x, s; t)$, where L_{FP} is an FPE operator. We developed an approximation scheme for the FPE, which casts the two dimensional equation into one dimensional equation in terms of x , by using the adiabatic elimination. The obtained equation is given by [1]

$$\partial_t P(x; t) = [-\partial_x f(x) + \{D_x(D_s + \alpha^2)\} \Delta_g + \{(D_x^2 D_s(4\alpha^2 + D_s))/\gamma\} \Delta_g^2] P(x; t), \quad (2)$$

with $\Delta_g = \partial_x^2 g(x)^2 - \partial_x g'(x)g(x)$. Although Eq. (2) includes higher-order derivatives than the second, we have solved Eq. (2) with perturbation expansion and showed that it can be applied to several nonlinear systems including a gene expression mechanism [1].

We also investigated statistical properties of systems driven by SIN, specifically in bistable and ratchet potentials [1] with matrix continued fraction method. We calculated the mean first passage time and stochastic resonance in the bistable potential, and the current in the ratchet potentials.

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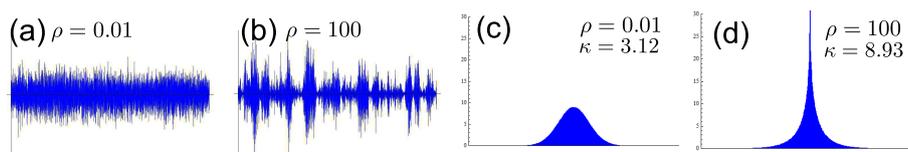


Figure 1: (a) and (b) Time course of SIN created by MC simulations. (c) and (d) Histograms of SIN. ρ and κ denote the squared variation coefficient and the kurtosis, respectively.