

# Model Reduction for Density Dependent Population Processes on Multiple Scales

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# Density-dependent Population Processes

## Population Models:

- ▶ different **types** in the population
- ▶ **interactions** between the types
- ▶ rates of interactions depend on the current **density of types**

## Examples/Applications:

- ▶ **epidemic** models
- ▶ catalytic **branching** processes
- ▶ **chemical** reaction networks

- ▶ **Population Types:**  $m$  distinct types  $\mathbf{A}_1, \dots, \mathbf{A}_m$

$X(t) = (X_1(t), \dots, X_m(t)) =$  # of individuals at time  $t$

- ▶ **Interactions Between Them:**  $M$  distinct interactions

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \nu_{ik} \mathbf{A}_i \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^m \nu'_{ik} \mathbf{A}_i, \quad \nu_{ik}, \nu'_{ik} \in \mathbb{Z}^+ = \text{interaction } k$$

$(\nu'_{1k} - \nu_{1k}, \dots, \nu'_{mk} - \nu_{mk}) =$  change due to interaction  $k$

- ▶ **Interactions Rates:** depend on current **state of system**

$\lambda_k(t) = \lambda_k(X(t)) =$  rate of interaction  $k$  at time  $t$

► Example - **SIRS Model** :

$$S + I \mapsto 2I \quad \lambda_1 = c_I X_S X_I \quad \nu'_1 - \nu_1 = (-1, 1, 0)$$

$$I \mapsto R \quad \lambda_2 = c_R X_I \quad \nu'_2 - \nu_2 = (0, -1, 1)$$

$$R \mapsto S \quad \lambda_3 = c_S X_R \quad \nu'_3 - \nu_3 = (1, 0, -1)$$

► Example - **Catalytic Branching Process** :

$$C \mapsto 2C \text{ or } 0 \quad \lambda_1 = b_1 X_C X_R \quad \nu'_1 - \nu_1 = (\pm 1, 0)$$

$$R \mapsto 2R \text{ or } 0 \quad \lambda_2 = b_2 X_C X_R \quad \nu'_2 - \nu_2 = (0, \pm 1)$$

► Example - **Chemical Reaction Networks** :

viral infection model in B-Kurtz-Popovic-R '05

**typically:** large # of species & large system of reactions

# Stochastic framework

## ► Counting Processes:

$R_k(t) = \#$  of times  $k$ th reaction occurs by time  $t$

$$R_k(t) = Y_k \left( \int_0^t \lambda_k(X(s)) ds \right)$$

$(Y_1, \dots, Y_M) =$  independent Poisson rate 1 processes

**Lemma** [Meyer '71, Kurtz '80]

If  $R_1, \dots, R_M$  are counting processes with no common jumps and  $\lambda_k$  is the intensity of  $R_k$ , then there exist independent unit Poisson processes  $Y_1, \dots, Y_m$  such that

$$R_k(t) = Y_k \left( \int_0^t \lambda_k(R(s)) ds \right)$$

► **Evolution of the system:**

$$\begin{aligned}X(t) &= \text{\# of types in the system at time } t \\&= X(0) + \sum_k R_k(t)(\nu'_k - \nu_k) \\&= X(0) + \sum_k Y_k \left( \int_0^t \lambda_k(X(s)) ds \right) (\nu'_k - \nu_k)\end{aligned}$$

► **Scaling Laws:**

- if the total # of particles  $X$  is **large** =  $O(N)$
- the interaction rates  $\lambda_k$  are **fast** =  $O(N)$

► **Classical** scaling laws can **NOT** be applied if:

- amounts  $X_1, \dots, X_m$  are in different **orders of abundance**
- rates  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_M$  are of different **orders of magnitude**

# Multi-scale model

- ▶ **Scaling parameters:**  $N$  = order of most abundant species

For each species:  $\alpha_i \in [0, 1]$  chosen s.t.  $\mathbf{N}^{-\alpha_i} X_i(t) = \mathbf{O}(1)$

For each reaction:  $\beta_k \in [0, 1]$  chosen s.t.  $\mathbf{N}^{\beta_k} \lambda_k(X) = \mathbf{O}(1)$

For time scale: speed-up/slow-down time by  $\mathbf{N}^\gamma$

- ▶ **Normalized** stochastic system:

$$V_i^N(t) = V_i^N(0) + \sum_k \mathbf{N}^{-\alpha_i} Y_k \left( \int_0^t \mathbf{N}^{\beta_k + \gamma} \lambda_k(V^N(s)) ds \right) (\nu'_k - \nu_k)$$

Dynamics depends on the **relationship between  $\alpha_i$  &  $\beta_k$**

- ▶ **Model reduction:** approximate system by a simpler one



## Two time scales

Suppose the normalized abundances on a well chosen time scale fall essentially into two groups:

- ▶  $V_1^N$  = vector of all the '**fast**' components in the system
- ▶  $V_2^N$  = the vector of all the '**slow**' components in the system

Let  $N^\delta$  be the **scale along which the system separates**:

$\{1, 2, \dots, m\} = \mathcal{I}_f + \mathcal{I}_s = \mathbf{fast} + \mathbf{slow}$  components

$$V_{i_1}^N(t) = V_{i_1}^N(0) + \sum_k Y_k(\mathbf{N}^\delta) \int_0^t \lambda_k(V^N(s)) ds (\nu'_{i_1 k} - \nu_{i_1 k}), \quad i_1 \in \mathcal{I}_f$$

$$V_{i_2}^N(t) = V_{i_2}^N(0) + \sum_k \mathbf{N}^{-\delta} Y_k(\mathbf{N}^\delta) \int_0^t \lambda_k(V^N(s)) ds (\nu'_{i_2 k} - \nu_{i_2 k}), \quad i_2 \in \mathcal{I}_s$$

# Fluid limit

Suppose fast species are ergodic with unique stationary measure:

- ▶ limiting evolution of the slow species depends only on the **stationary distribution of the fast** quantities

**Theorem 1** [**Averaging and deterministic approximation**]

If  $\forall s > 0$ , when  $V_2^N(s) = v_2$  is fixed,  $V_1^N(s)$  has a stationary distribution  $\pi_s(\cdot | v_2)$ , then we have a **LLN result** for  $V_2^N(s)$ :

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} P \left[ \sup_{s \in [0, t]} |V_2^N(s) - V_2(s)| \geq \epsilon \right] = 0$$

where  $V_2$  is the deterministic process:  $\forall i_2 \in \mathcal{I}_s$

$$V_{i_2}(t) = V_{i_2}(0) + \sum_k \int_0^t (\nu'_{i_2 k} - \nu_{i_2 k}) \lambda_k(V_2(s)) ds$$

and  $\lambda_k(V_2(s)) = \int \lambda_k(v_1, V_2(s)) \pi_s(dv_1 | V_2(s))$ .

## proof of Theorem 1

- ▶ separate evolution of "fast" process in generator  $L^N$  of  $V^N$ ,  $L_1$  is  $N$  independent and operates on  $f$  as a function of  $v_1$  alone:

$$L^N f(v_1, v_2) = N^\delta L_1 f(v_1, v_2) + L_2^N f(v_1, v_2)$$

- ▶ let  $\Gamma_1^N$  be the occupation measure for the "fast" process:

$$\begin{aligned} f(V_1^N(t), V_2^N(t)) - N^\delta \int_{[0,t] \times E_1} L_1 f(v_1, V_2^N(s)) \Gamma_1^N(dv_1 \times ds) \\ - \int_{[0,t] \times E_1} L_2^N f(v_1, V_2^N(s)) \Gamma_1^N(dv_1 \times ds) = M_f^N(t) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ if  $(V_2^N, \Gamma_1^N)$  is tight then for every limit point  $(V_2, \Gamma_1)$ :

$$\int_{[0,t] \times E_1} L_1 f(v_1, V_2(s)) \Gamma_1(dv_1 \times ds) = 0$$

if for each  $v_2 \exists! \pi_s(\cdot | v_2)$  so that  $\int_0^t L_1 f(v_1, v_2) \pi_s(dv_1 | v_2) = 0$ :

$$\Gamma_1(dv_1 \times ds) = \pi_s(dv_1 | V_2(s)) ds$$

- ▶ apply the Stochastic Averaging Theorem (Kurtz '91) - limit of:

$$f(V_2^N(t)) - \int_{[0,t] \times E_1} L_2^N f(v_1, V_2^N(s)) \Gamma_1^N(dv_1 \times ds)$$

is a martingale for each function  $f$  of  $v_2$  where:

$$L_2^N f(v_1, V_2^N) = \sum_k \lambda_k(V^N) N^\delta \left( f(V^N + N^{-\delta}(\nu'_{2k} - \nu_{2k})) - f(V^N) \right)$$

- ▶ so for each function  $f$  of  $v_2$  the limit of  $V_2^N$  satisfies:

$$f(V_2(t)) - \sum_k \int_0^t \partial_{v_2} f(V_2(s)) (\nu'_{i_2k} - \nu_{i_2k}) \lambda_k(V_2(s)) ds = f(V_2(0))$$

where:

$$\lambda_k(V_2(s)) = \int \lambda_k(v_1, V_2(s)) \pi_s(dv_1 | V_2(s))$$

# Diffusion limit

For the variability correction to this LLN deterministic approximation:

- ▶ we get a centered Gaussian process that is mean-reverting
- ▶ diffusion coefficient  $\sigma$  in the FCLT law depends on the **interaction of slow and fast** quantities

**Theorem 2 [Diffusion correction to the fluid limit]**

If  $U_2^N(t) = N^{\frac{\delta}{2}}(V_2^N(t) - V_2(t))$ , then we have a **FCLT result**:

$$U_2^N \Rightarrow U_2$$

where  $U_2$  is the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process:  $\forall i_2 \in \mathcal{I}_s$

$$U_2(t) = \int_0^t \sqrt{\sigma^2(V_2(s))} dW(s) + \int_0^t \mu(V_2(s)) U_2(s) ds$$

with  $W = |\mathcal{I}_s|$ -dimensional BM,  $\sigma^2(v_2), \mu(v_2)$  matrix functions

### Note:

- ▶ expression for  $\mu(v_2)$  is simple  $\rightarrow$  gradient of the drift of  $V_2$
- ▶ expression for  $\sigma^2(v_2)$  is more complicated  $\rightarrow$  uses the gradient of the solution of the Poisson equation for the fast process  $V_1$

### Note:

- ▶ analogous results for diffusion approximation of multi-scale SDEs - Pardoux-Veretennikov '01, '03, '05
- ▶ results for more general scaling exponents - separation into slow set and a fast set, but the vector of slow/fast components can have different exponents  $\alpha_{i_1}/\alpha_{i_2}$  - Kurtz-Popovic '09

## proof of Theorem 2

- ▶ let  $m(v_1, v_2)$  and  $\mathbf{m}(v_2)$  be the drift of the slow process and of its limit:

$$m_{i_2}(v_1, v_2) = \sum_k (\nu'_{i_2 k} - \nu_{i_2 k}) \lambda_k(v_1, v_2)$$

$$\mathbf{m}_{i_2}(v_2) = \sum_k (\nu'_{i_2 k} - \nu_{i_2 k}) \lambda_k(v_2)$$

- ▶ let  $\tilde{Y}_k^N(t) = Y_k(t) - t$  and  $\tilde{R}_k(t) = \tilde{Y}_k(N^\delta \int_0^t \lambda_k(V^N(s)) ds)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} N^{\frac{\delta}{2}}(V_{i_2}^N(t) - V_{i_2}(t)) &= N^{\frac{\delta}{2}}(V_{i_2}^N(0) - V_{i_2}(0)) \\ &+ \sum_k (\nu'_{i_2 k} - \nu_{i_2 k}) N^{-\frac{\delta}{2}} \tilde{R}_k(t) + N^{\frac{\delta}{2}} \int_0^t (m_{i_2}(V^N(s)) - \mathbf{m}_{i_2}(V_2(s))) ds \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ let  $u(v_1, v_2)$  be the solution to Poisson equation:

$$L_1 u(v_1, v_2) = m(v_1, v_2) - \mathbf{m}(v_2)$$

where  $L_1$  is the generator of the "fast" process  $v_1$  with  $v_2$  fixed

- ▶ then the deviation from the fluid limit can be written as:

$$U_{i_2}^N(t) = U_{i_2}^N(0) + \sum_k (\nu'_{i_2k} - \nu_{i_2k}) N^{-\frac{\delta}{2}} \tilde{R}_k(t) \\ + N^{\frac{\delta}{2}} \int_0^t L_1 u_{i_2}(V^N(s)) ds + N^{\frac{\delta}{2}} \left( \int_0^t \mathbf{m}_{i_2}(V_2^N(s)) ds - \int_0^t \mathbf{m}_{i_2}(V_2(s)) ds \right)$$

- ▶ when  $U_2^N \Rightarrow U_2$  the last term converges to the drift of  $U_2$ :

$$\int_0^t \nabla \mathbf{m}_{i_2}(V_2(s)) U_2(s) ds$$

- ▶ the second term can be expressed as

$$N^{\frac{\delta}{2}} \int_0^t L_1 u_{i_2}(V^N(s)) ds = M_{u,i_2}^N(t) + O(N^{-\frac{\delta}{2}})$$

for  $M_u^N(t)$  a martingale correlated with  $\sum_k (\nu'_{2k} - \nu_{2k}) N^{-\frac{\delta}{2}} \tilde{R}_k(t)$



- ▶ to find  $M_u^N(t)$  let  $\Delta_{i_1 k} = \nu'_{i_1 k} - \nu_{i_1 k}$ ,  $\Delta_{i_2 k} = N^{-\delta}(\nu'_{i_2 k} - \nu_{i_2 k})$  and use Ito's formula:

$$\begin{aligned}
 u(V^N(t)) &= u(V^N(0)) + \sum_k \int_0^t \left( u(V^N(s^-) + \Delta_k) - u(V^N(s^-)) \right) d\tilde{R}_k^N(s) \\
 &+ \int_0^t \left( L^N u(V^N(s)) - N^\delta L_1 u(V^N(s)) \right) ds + \int_0^t N^\delta L_1 u(V^N(s)) ds \\
 &\Rightarrow N^{\frac{\delta}{2}} \int_0^t L_1 u_{i_2}(V^N(s)) ds = -M_{u,i_2}^N(t) - \varepsilon_{u,i_2}^N(t) + O(N^{-\frac{\delta}{2}})
 \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ where  $M_{u,i_2}^N(t)$  is the  $i_2$  coordinate of the martingale:

$$M_u^N(t) = N^{-\frac{\delta}{2}} \sum_k \int_0^t \left( u(V^N(s^-) + \Delta_k) - u(V^N(s^-)) \right) d\tilde{R}_k^N(s)$$

- ▶ and  $\varepsilon_{u,i_2}^N(t)$  is the  $i_2$  coordinate of the error term:

$$\varepsilon_u^N(t) = N^{-\frac{\delta}{2}} \int_0^t \left( L^N u(V^N(s)) - N^\delta L_1 u(V^N(s)) \right) ds = O(N^{-\frac{\delta}{2}})$$

- ▶ the deviation from the fluid limit can now be written as:

$$U_{i_2}^N(t) = U_{i_2}^N(0) + \sum_k \Delta_{i_2 k} N^{-\frac{\delta}{2}} \tilde{R}_k(t) - M_{u, i_2}^N(t) \\ + O(N^{-\frac{\delta}{2}}) + N^{\frac{\delta}{2}} \left( \int_0^t \mathbf{m}_{i_2}(V_2^N(s)) ds - \int_0^t \mathbf{m}_{i_2}(V_2(s)) ds \right)$$

- ▶ let  $\Delta_{2k} = (\Delta_{i_2 k})_{i_2 \in \mathcal{I}_s}$  and  $\Delta_{1k} = (\Delta_{i_1 k})_{i_1 \in \mathcal{I}_f}$   
the fluctuations of  $U^N(t)$  follow from the quadratic variation of two martingale terms above:

$$\sigma^2(V^N(t)) = \left[ \sum_k \int_0^t \Delta_{2k} N^{-\frac{\delta}{2}} d\tilde{R}_k^N(s) \right. \\ \left. - \sum_k \int_0^t \left( u(V^N(s^-) + \Delta_k) - u(V^N(s^-)) \right) N^{-\frac{\delta}{2}} d\tilde{R}_k^N(s) \right] (t)$$

$$\tilde{R}_k(t) = \tilde{Y}_k(N^\delta \int_0^t \lambda_k(V^N(s)) ds), \Delta_{1k} = O(1), \Delta_{2k} = O(N^{-\delta})$$

- ▶ when  $U_2^N \Rightarrow U_2$  the diffusion coefficient is:

$$\sigma^2(V^N(s)) \Rightarrow \int \sum_k \mathbf{S}(v_1, v_2)^t \mathbf{S}(v_1, v_2) \lambda_k(v_1, v_2) \pi_s(v_1 | v_2)$$

$$\text{for } \mathbf{S}(v_1, v_2) = \Delta_{2k} - \partial_{v_1} u(v_1, v_2) \Delta_{1k}$$

- ▶ while the drift coefficient is:

$$\mu(V_2^N(s)) \Rightarrow \int \sum_k \Delta_{2k} \partial_{v_2} \lambda_k(v_1, v_2) \pi_s(v_1 | v_2) = \nabla \mathbf{m}(v_2)$$

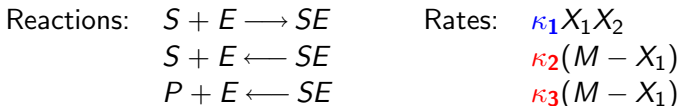
**Note:** the expression for  $\sigma^2$  depends on solving the Poisson equation  $L_1 u(v_1, v_2) = m(v_1, v_2) - \mathbf{m}(v_2)$  for  $u(v_1, v_2)$  explicitly

- ▶ when the rates  $\lambda_k(v_1, v_2)$  are polynomial in  $v_1, v_2$

$$\lambda_k(v_1, v_2) = c_k \prod_{i_1 \in \mathcal{I}_f, i_2 \in \mathcal{I}_s} v_{i_1}^{n_{i_1 k}} v_{i_2}^{n_{i_2 k}}$$

this may be done using a polynomial for  $u(v_1, v_2)$

## Example: Michaelis-Menten enzymatic reactions



Species:  $X_1 = \#$  of **unbound enzymes E**  
 $X_2 = \#$  of **unbound substrate S**  
 $X_3 = \#$  of **enzymatic product P**  
 $M - X_1 = \#$  of **bound enzymes SE**

$\#$  of unbound enzymes +  $\#$  of bound enzymes =  $M$

$\kappa_2, \kappa_3 \gg \kappa_1$ , then  $N = O(X_2) \gg M$  while  $X_1 + X_3 = M$

**Fast species:** bound & unbound enzymes  $SE, E$

**Slow species:** unbound substrate  $S$

**Stationary** distribution for  $V_1^N(s)$  (# of unbound enzymes) is:

$$\pi_s(\cdot | V_2(s)) \sim \text{Binomial}(M, \rho(V_2(s)))$$

$$\rho(V_2(s)) = (\kappa_2 + \kappa_3) / (\kappa_2 + \kappa_3 + \kappa_1 V_2(s))$$

**LLN** limit for  $V_2^N$  (# of unbound substrate) is:

$$V_2(t) = V_2(0) - M \int_0^t \frac{\kappa_1 \kappa_3 V_2(s)}{\kappa_2 + \kappa_3 + \kappa_1 V_2(s)} ds$$

**CLT** for the deviation of  $V_2^N$  from  $V_2$  satisfies:

$$U_2(t) = \int_0^t \sqrt{\sigma^2(V_2(s))} dW(s) + \int_0^t \mu(V_2(s)) U_2(s) ds$$

where we can explicitly calculate:

$$\mu(v_2) = \frac{-M\kappa_1\kappa_3(\kappa_2 + \kappa_3)}{(\kappa_2 + \kappa_3 + \kappa_1 v_2)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma^2(v_2) &= M \int_0^t (1 + u_1(v_2)^2) (v_2 \kappa_1 p(s) + \kappa_2(1 - p(s))) ds \\ &\quad + M \int_0^t u_1(v_2)^2 \kappa_3(1 - p(s)) ds\end{aligned}$$

for  $u_1(v_2) = (\kappa_1 v_2 + \kappa_2) / (\kappa_1 v_2 + \kappa_2 + \kappa_3)$

since  $u^{v_2}(v_1) = v_1 u_1(v_2)$  solves

$$L_1^{v_2} u(v_1) = -\kappa_1 v_1 v_2 + \kappa_2(M - v_1) + M \frac{\kappa_1 \kappa_3 v_2}{\kappa_2 + \kappa_3 + \kappa_1 v_2}$$

$$L_1^{v_2} f(v_1) = [\kappa_1 v_1 v_2 (f(v_1 - 1) - f) + (\kappa_2 + \kappa_3)(M - v_1)(f(v_1 + 1) - f)]$$