

# Bayesian inference of multiscale diffusion processes

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# Motivation

## Bayesian inference

- Fit model to data
- Full UQ approach

## Diffusion processes

- Intrinsically stochastic phenomena
- Analysis for BM noise

## Multiscale

- Numerous real-world applications
- Theory of homogenization applies

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Posterior distribution  $\mu^\varepsilon(\theta^\varepsilon \mid \mathbf{y})$  with density

$$p^\varepsilon(\theta^\varepsilon \mid \mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{Z^\varepsilon} \underbrace{p(\theta^\varepsilon)}_{\text{prior}} \underbrace{p^\varepsilon(\mathbf{y} \mid \theta^\varepsilon)}_{\text{likelihood}}, \quad Z^\varepsilon \text{ s.t. } \int p^\varepsilon(\theta \mid \mathbf{y}) d\theta = 1.$$

**Prior:** Easy to evaluate (e.g. Gaussian), independent of  $\varepsilon$

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where (Markov property)

$$p^\varepsilon(\mathbf{x} \mid \theta^\varepsilon) = p(x_0) \prod_{k=1}^N p^\varepsilon(x_k \mid x_{k-1}, \theta^\varepsilon).$$

Transition density:  $p^\varepsilon(x_k \mid x_{k-1}, \theta^\varepsilon) \Rightarrow$  only “ingredient” depending on  $\varepsilon$ .

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**High-dimensional integral**  $\Rightarrow$  Compute unbiased estimator  $\hat{p}^0(\mathbf{y} \mid \theta^\varepsilon)$ .

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### Proposition

Hellinger distance  $d_{\text{Hell}}(\mu^\varepsilon(\cdot \mid \mathbf{y}), \mu^0(\cdot \mid \mathbf{y})) \rightarrow 0$  for  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

Thank you for your attention!

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