Interplay of periodic dynamics and noise: insights from a simple adaptive system

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Tero et al., Journal of Theoretical Biology, Volume 244, Issue 4, 2007, Pages 553-564

Fig.: Different steps in selection of shortest path.

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Noise

- stochastic fluctuations of physical variables
- unavoidable in open physical systems
- often considered destructive
- can have non-trivial effects on dynamics
 - noise-induced phase transitions
 - noise-induced oscillations
 - noise-induced resonances

Mathematical model

Adaptation of conductivity:

$$\frac{\partial D_i}{\partial t} = f\left(\frac{D_i}{D_1 + D_2}\right) - (\gamma + \Phi_i(t))D_i + \alpha\xi_i(t)$$

Interaction function:

 $f(Q_i) = (1+\epsilon) \left(\frac{Q_i^{\mu}}{\epsilon + Q_i^{\mu}}\right)$

• Gaussian white noise: $\langle \xi_i(t)\xi_j(t')\rangle = \delta_{i,j}\delta(t-t')$ $\langle \xi_i\rangle = 0$



Meyer et al., The role of noise in self-organized decision making by the true slime mold Physarum polycephalum, 2017, PLOS ONE 12(3): e0172933.

Symmetric configuration





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Normalized correlation function:

$$g(\tau) = \frac{2}{t_{\text{end}}} \int_0^{t_{\text{end}}} \left(\theta(c(t)) - \frac{1}{2}\right) c_r(t-\tau) dt$$

Stochastic resonance:

 $t_s = \frac{\pi}{\omega}$

 Adaptation maximized at finite noise strength





Asymmetric configuration





$$\langle \Phi_1 \rangle = \frac{5}{6} \langle \Phi_2 \rangle$$

Dissipation minimization at finite noise strength
Convergence speed improved due to noise



Asymmetric configuration



$$0 = f\left(\frac{D_i^*}{D_1^* + D_2^*}\right) - (\gamma + \langle \Phi_i \rangle)D_i^*$$

 $c = \frac{\overline{D}_1 - \overline{D}_2}{\overline{D}_1 + \overline{D}_2}$

Optimal noise for dissipation minimization

Asymmetric configuration





Noise-induced metastable configurations

Conclusion

- Stochastic resonance enables the system to adapt
- Convergence speed is influenced by noise
- Occurrence of noise-induced metastable configurations
- Mapping to a one-dimensional system yields very good agreement

Outlook



- Extending the analysis to network dynamics
 - Transitions between network topologies
 - Robustness and transport efficiency of networks
- New algorithms for network growth under dynamical constraints
 - Reaction to time-dependent stimuli
 - Robustness against changes in the environment



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Flow of sol between neighboring nodes:

$$Q_{u,v}^i = \frac{D_{u,v}}{L_{u,v}} (p_u^i - p_v^i)$$

Adaptation of tube diameter:

$$\frac{\partial D_{u,v}}{\partial t} = f(Q_{u,v}^1, ..., Q_{u,v}^k) - \gamma_{u,v}(t)D_{u,v} + \tilde{\alpha}\xi_{u,v}(t)$$

Sol conservation:

 $\sum_{v \in E_u} Q_{u,v}^i = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{, if } u \text{ is a transit node of commodity } i \\ -I_0 & \text{, if } u \text{ is a source node of commodity } i \\ I_0 & \text{, if } u \text{ is a sink node of commodity } i \end{cases}, \forall i \in \{1, ..., k\},$









