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Hypothesis Testing for Stochastic PDEs Driven by Additive Noise.

In this paper, we study the simple hypothesis testing problem for the drift/viscosity coefficient for stochastic fractional heat equation driven by additive space-time white noise colored in space. We assume that the first N Fourier modes of the solution are observed continuously over time interval $[0, T]$. We introduce the notion of asymptotically the most powerful test, and find explicit forms of such test in two asymptotic regimes: large time asymptotics $T \rightarrow \infty$, and increasing number of Fourier modes $N \rightarrow \infty$. The proposed statistics are derived based on Maximum Likelihood Ratio. Over the course of proving the main results, we obtain a series of technical results that are also of independent interest. In particular, we find the cumulant generating function of the log-likelihood ratio, we obtain some sharp large deviation type results for both $T \rightarrow \infty$ and $N \rightarrow \infty$, and find some useful asymptotics for the power of the likelihood ratio type tests. (Received August 09, 2013)