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**New coupling techniques for exponential ergodicity of stochastic delay equations and SPDEs**

**Abstract**

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We will present new coupling techniques for analyzing ergodicity of infinite dimensional Markov processes including stochastic delay equations and SPDEs. These methods complement the Hairer-Mattingly approach (2006, 2008, 2011). In the first part of the talk, we demonstrate how a generalized coupling approach can be used to study ergodicity for a broad class of nonlinear SPDEs, including 2D stochastic Navier-Stokes equations. The second part of the talk is devoted to SPDEs that satisfy comparison principle (e.g., stochastic reaction-diffusion equation). Using a new version of the coupling method, we establish exponential ergodicity of such SPDEs in the hypoelliptic setting and show how the corresponding Hairer–Mattingly results can be refined.

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