

Natural and Modified Forms of Distributed Order Fractional Diffusion Equations

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Outline

- Introduction: fractional kinetics, relation to random walk scheme, time and space fractional derivatives
- Time and space fractional diffusion equations in *normal* and *modified* forms, equivalence of the two forms
- Distributed order fractional derivative
- Distributed order fractional diffusion equations (DODE) in *normal* and *modified* forms
 - \checkmark non-equivalence of the two forms
 - ✓ different regimes of anomalous diffusion

• Summary: the Table

FRACTIONAL KINETICS: DIFFUSION AND KINETIC EQUATIONS WITH FRACTIONAL DERIVATIVES⇔ "STRANGE" KINETICS (SHLESINGER, ZASLAVSKY, KLAFTER, 1993): CONNECTED WITH DEVIATIONS

	"Normal" Kinetics	Fractional Kinetics
Diffusion		$\left\langle x^2(t)\right\rangle \propto t^{\mu}$, $\mu \neq 1$
law	$\left\langle x^2(t)\right\rangle \propto t$	$\left\langle x^2(t)\right\rangle \propto \ln^{\nu} t , \nu > 0$
Relaxation	Exponential	Non-exponential
		"Lévy flights in time"
Stationary	Maxwell-	Confined Lévy flights
state	Boltzmann	as non-Boltzmann
	equilibrium	stationarity

Simplest Types of "Fractionalisation"

• time – fractional diff eq

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$$
 DIFFUSION EQ
Caputo/Riemann-Liouville derivative

DIFFUSION EQ

• space – fractional diff eq

 $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \to \frac{\partial^{\beta}}{\partial t^{\beta}} \quad , \quad 0 < \beta < 1$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \to \frac{\partial^\alpha}{\partial |x|^\alpha} \quad , \quad 0 < \alpha < 2$$

Riesz derivative : symmetric combination of left/right side RL derivatives

• multi-dimensional / anisotropic **Question** : Derivation ?

Answer: from Generalized Master Equation and/or and/or Generalized Langevin Description

• time-space / velocity fractional

Underlying physical picture: Random walk with long jumps and long waiting times

Random walk x(t), PDF f(x,t), consisting of

- Random jumps : $\xi_i = x(t_i) x(t_{i-1})$ \Longrightarrow Jump PDF : $\lambda(\xi)$ i=1,2,...
- Random waiting times : $\tau_i = t_i t_{i-1}$ \implies Waiting time PDF : $w(\tau)$

Question : Diffusion equation for f(x,t) in the long time – space limit ?

Answer : Depends on the asymptotic behavior of $\lambda(\xi)$ and $w(\tau)$.

mean square displacement

$$\left\langle \xi^2 \right\rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\xi \,\xi^2 \lambda(\xi)$$
 either finite or infinite

mean waiting time

$$\left\langle \tau \right\rangle = \int_{0}^{\infty} d\tau \, \tau w(\tau)$$

either finite or infinite



Time fractional derivatives HSC SM, Wroclaw in Caputo and Riemann-Liouville forms

Fractional integral

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 $\frac{d}{dt^{\beta}}$

$$J^{\beta}f(t) := \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta)} \int_{0}^{t} (t-\tau)^{\beta-1} f(\tau) d\tau \quad , \quad \beta \in \mathsf{R}^{+}$$

Caputo

$$\frac{d^{\beta}}{dt^{\beta}}f(t) \coloneqq J^{1-\beta}\frac{d}{dt}f(t)$$

$$f := \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\beta)} \int_{0}^{t} d\tau \ t - \tau^{-\beta} \frac{d}{d\tau} f(\tau)$$

0 < β < 1

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$$D_t^{\beta} f(t) \coloneqq \frac{d}{dt} J^{1-\beta} f(t)$$

 $D_t^{\beta} f \div s^{\beta} f(s)$

Riemann-Liouville

$$\int_{t}^{\beta} f := \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\beta)} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{0}^{t} d\tau \frac{f(\tau)}{(t-\tau)^{\beta}}$$

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Laplace transform

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definition

$$\frac{d^{\beta}f}{dt^{\beta}} \div s^{\beta}\tilde{f}(s) - s^{\beta-1}f(0)$$

Laplace (Fourier) transform pair

"natural" generalization (take $\beta = 1$)

HSC SM, Wroclaw

Two Forms of Time Fractional Diffusion Equations

Caputo form

Riemann-Liouville form

"normal" form

"modified" form

$$\frac{\partial^{\beta}}{\partial t^{\beta}} f(x,t) = K_{\beta} \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x^{2}} f(x,t) \qquad 0 < \beta \le 1 \qquad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(x,t) = K_{\beta} D_{t}^{1-\beta} \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x^{2}} f(x,t)$$

$$f(x,t=0) = \delta(x)$$
Fourier-Laplace
$$f(x,t) \div f(k,s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{ikx} \int_{0}^{\infty} dt e^{-st} f(x,t)$$
normal form
$$\int f(k,s) = \frac{s^{\beta-1}}{s^{\beta} + K_{\beta}k^{2}} \qquad \text{modified form}$$

Normal and modified forms are equivalent



SPACE FRACTIONAL DERIVATIVE VIA ITS FOURIER TRANSFORM

 $f(x) \div f(k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \, e^{ikx} f(x) \quad , \quad f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dk}{2\pi} \, e^{-ikx} f(k)$

1st derivative:

Fourier

transform

pair



2nd derivative: $\frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} \div -ik^2 f(k) = -k^2 f(k)$

Symmetric Riesz der.:

$$\frac{d^{\alpha} f}{d|x|^{\alpha}} \equiv -\Delta^{\alpha/2} \div -|k|^{\alpha} f(k)$$

Coincide with the "usual" second order derivative :

$$\frac{d^{2}f}{d|x|^{2}} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dk}{2\pi} -k^{2} f(k)e^{-ikx} = \frac{d^{2}f}{dx^{2}}$$

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"modified" form

Two Forms of Space Fractional Diffusion Equations

"normal" form

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = K_{\alpha} \frac{\partial^{\alpha} f}{\partial |x|^{\alpha}} \qquad 0 < \alpha \le 2 \qquad \frac{\partial^{2-\alpha}}{\partial |x|^{2-\alpha}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = -K_{\alpha} \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x^{2}} f$ where $\frac{d^{\alpha}\phi(x)}{d|x|^{\alpha}} \div -|k|^{\alpha}\phi(k)$ $f(k,t) \div f(x,t)$ Characteristic function: $f(k,t) = \exp -K_{\alpha} |k|^{\alpha} t \quad \text{modified form}$ normal form

Normal and modified forms are equivalent

Applications of fractional diffusion / kinetic equations

Space fractional

- Fluid and plasma turbulence
- Strange diffusion on DNA
- Lévy flights of photons
- Propagation of light in fractal media
- Diffusion of guiding centers in turbulent magnetized plasmas
- Human travel
- Deterministic maps
- Hamiltonian chaos

See, e.g., R. Metzler, J. Klafter, *Phys Rep* 2000,
I. Sokolov, J. Klafter, A. Blumen, *Physics Today* 2002,
R. Metzler, A. Chechkin, J. Klafter, *Encyclopedia of Complexity and System Science*, 2009.

Time fractional

- Transport in amorphous materials
- Transport of passive tracers in underground water
- Financial markets, stock prices
- Deterministic maps
- Hamiltonian chaos

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Normal and Anomalous diffusion



 However: many (most of ?) systems demonstrate non-scaling or multiscaling anomalous behavior e.g.,

crossover between different power laws,

✓ non-power-law logarithmic behavior ...

Q: Is it possible to extend the notion of fractional derivative operator in order to describe such anomalous behavior ?

A: Different possibilities !

Possibility 1. Tempered α - stable Lévy distributions and exponentially truncated Lévy flights

Possibility 2. Diffusion equations with variable order derivatives

Time fractional, inhomoheneous media

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} K(x) D_t^{1-\beta(x)} f$$

Ch, Gorenflo, Sokolov, 2005

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Time fractional, non-stationary media





Possibility 3. Diffusion equations with distributed order fractional derivative

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C form

 $\int_{a}^{b} d\mu p(\mu) \frac{d^{\mu}}{dt^{\mu}} \phi(t)$

Ordinary differential equations:

• Caputo form: generalizing stress-strain relation of inelastic media (M. Caputo, *Elasticita e Dissipazione*. Zanichelli Printer, Bologna, 1969)

R-L form

- R-L form with constant weight (Nakhushev, 1998)
- Ordinary diff equations containing sums of fractional derivatives (Podlubny, 1999)
- Distributed order eqs within functional calculus technique (Kochubei, 2008)
- Bagley and Torvik (2000), Diethelm and Ford (2001), numerical methods
- Hartley and Lorenzo, review (2002)

I. Natural Form of Distributed Order Time Fractional Diffusion Equation

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$$\int_{0}^{1} d\beta p(\beta) \frac{\partial^{\beta} f}{\partial t^{\beta}} = \frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial x^{2}}$$

If $p(\beta) = \delta(\beta - \beta_0)$

Solution of Eq(1) is a PDF

 $f(k,s) = \frac{1}{s} \frac{I_C(s)}{I_C(s) + k^2}$

(1)
$$p(\beta) \ge 0$$
, $\int_0^1 d\beta p(\beta) = 1$

Ch.,Gorenflo, Sokolov, 2002

(mono)fractional diffusion equation

0

$$f(x,t) \div f(k,s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{ikx} \int_{0}^{\infty} dt e^{-st} f(x,t)$$
$$I_{C}(s\tau) = \int_{0}^{1} d\beta \, s^{\beta} \, p(\beta)$$

$$f(k,s) = \frac{I}{s} \int_{0}^{\infty} du \ e^{-u \left[I_{C} + k^{2}\right]} = \int_{0}^{\infty} du$$

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{\infty} du \ \frac{e^{-x^{2}/(4\pi u)}}{\sqrt{4\pi u}} G(u,t) > 0$$

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{\infty} du \ \frac{e^{-x^{2}/(4\pi u)}}{\sqrt{4\pi u}} G(u,t) > 0$$

Random process is subordinated to a Gaussian process using operational time

du $e^{-uk^2} \tilde{G}(u,s)$, where $\tilde{G}(u,s) = \frac{I_C(s)}{s} e^{-uI_C(s)}$ G(u,t) is a PDF providing subordination transformation from t to u. Indeed,

1.
$$\tilde{G}(u,s)$$
 is completely monotonic
2 $\int_0^\infty du G(u,t) = 1$

Fundamental solution in terms of Mellin-Barnes integral

Decelerating Subdiffusion: more anomalous in course of time

$$\int_{0}^{1} d\beta p(\beta) \frac{\partial^{\beta} f}{\partial t^{\beta}} = \frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial x^{2}}$$

Ch, Gonchar, Gorenflo, Sokolov, 2003

Generic case
$$p(\beta) = B_1 \delta(\beta - \beta_1) + B_2 \delta(\beta - \beta_2)$$
, $\beta_1 < \beta_2$

$$\left\langle x^{2}(s)\right\rangle = \left(-\frac{\partial^{2}f(k,s)}{\partial k^{2}}\right)_{k=0}$$

$$\left\langle x^{2}(t)\right\rangle \propto \begin{cases} t^{\beta_{2}} & , t \to 0\\ t^{\beta_{1}} & , t \to \infty \end{cases}$$

2-parametric Mittag-Leffler

19 t

lg t

Tauberian theorems: small / large $s \rightarrow \log$ / short t



Distributed order diffusion equation for superslow diffusion

 $f(x,t) \Box \exp \left| -\left(\frac{\Gamma(\nu+1)}{D\tau}\right)^{1/2} \frac{|x|}{\ln^{\nu/2} t/\tau} \right|$

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$$\int_{0}^{1} d\beta \tau^{\beta-1} p(\beta) \frac{\partial^{\beta} f}{\partial t^{\beta}} = \frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial x^{2}} \text{ with } p \beta = \nu \beta^{\nu-1} \Longrightarrow \left\langle x^{2}(t) \right\rangle \propto \ln^{\nu} t$$

Laplace distribution

Relation to CTRW: Extremely broad waiting time PDF :

$$w(t) \propto rac{1}{t \log(t/\tau)^{\nu+1}}$$

No moments

Havlin, Weiss (1990): disordered systems

Example: iterated map (J. Drager, J. Klafter, 2000)

$$x_{t+1} = x_t + ax_t^z \exp\left[-\left(\frac{b}{x_t}\right)^{z-1}\right] \quad , \quad z > 1$$

Aging, ergodicity breaking etc ???



Chechkin, Klafter, Sokolov, 2003

Fractional Fokker-Planck equation for superslow diffusion

$$\int_{0}^{1} d\beta \tau^{\beta-1} p(\beta) \partial^{\beta} f / \partial t^{\beta} = L_{FP} f(x,t) \quad f(x,0) = \delta(x) \qquad L_{FP} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{U'(x)}{m\gamma} + D \frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial x^{2}}$$
Separation ansatz: $f(x,t) = T(t)\varphi(x) \quad r_{n}(t) \quad \frac{T_{n}(t)}{\lambda_{n}\tau \ln^{\nu}(t/\tau)}, \quad t \to \infty \quad r \to \infty$

$$\begin{cases} \text{Contrasts with } Mittag-Leffler \\ relaxation \\ -t^{\beta} \end{cases}$$

Difference from Sinai model

Einstein relation (contrasts with Sinai diffusion)

$$\left\langle x(t)\right\rangle_{F} = \frac{F\left\langle x^{2}(t)\right\rangle_{0}}{2k_{B}T}$$

Interesting mathematical aspects of superslow diffusion equation: Meerschaert & Scheffler, 2005, 2006; Hanyga, 2007, Kochubei, 2008.

II. Modified Form of Distributed Order Time Fractional Diffusion Equation

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \int_{0}^{1} d\beta p(\beta) D_{t}^{1-\beta} \frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial x^{2}}$$

Thermodynamical interpretation

(no such for normal form)

$$j(x,t) = \Phi_t \partial f(x,t) / \partial x$$

 $\partial f / \partial t = -\partial j / \partial x$

Flux dependent on the past history

Solution in F-L space

$$F(k,s) = \frac{I_{RL}}{s I_{RL} + k^2} I_{I}$$

$$I_{RL}(s) = \left[\int_0^1 d\beta \, s^{-\beta} \, p(\beta)\right]^{-1}$$

No general proof of positivity

Accelerating subdiffusion

Generic case of two exponents :

$$p(\beta) = B_1 \delta(\beta - \beta_1) + B_2 \delta(\beta - \beta_2), \quad 0 < \beta_1 < \beta_2 \le 1$$

Positivity proved !

$$\left\langle x^{2}(t) \right\rangle \propto \begin{cases} t^{\beta_{1}} &, short times \\ t^{\beta_{2}} &, long times \end{cases}$$

Behavior is opposite to that for normal form demonstrating decelerating subdiffusion

PDF in terms of infinite series of the Fox functions

Numerical simulation of accelerating subdiffusion: approximation by single order solution in the whole time domain



Rescaled PDF for

t = 0.001; 0.01; 0.1; 1.0; 10; 100

• Solution of double order eq

with $\beta 1 = 0.5$; $\beta 2 = 1$

- Solution of single order eq

with β eff = 0.5; 0.5; 0.6; 0.73; 0.8; 0.95

Deff = 1; 1.05; 1.7; 1.95; 2.0; 1.4

The system governed by the distributed-order time-fractional diffusion equation has the properties very similar to the system whose exponent varies in time : $\beta = \beta(t) \Rightarrow$ similarity

to fractional diffusion equations of variable order



 \Rightarrow Decelerating subdiffusion

$$\frac{dx(s)}{ds} = \eta(s), \frac{dt(s)}{ds} = \tau_1(s) + \tau_2(s) + \dots$$

Distributed order time fractional diffusion equations and random walk models (continued)



Fig. 1. The pooling of outputs.

Mixture "pooling" of CTRW processes: The fastest survives at $t \rightarrow \infty$ \Rightarrow Accelerating subdiffusion

$$X(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} c_i X_i(t)$$
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Subordination picture ?

Multifractal properties of underlying random processes

$$\left\langle \left| X(t) \right|^{q} \right\rangle = C(q) t^{\mu q}$$

 $\mu = \frac{\beta}{2}$ Time fract $\mu = \frac{1}{\alpha}$ Space fract

Random fractal (self-affine) process, μ = const

In particular, the processes whose PDFs obey (mono)fractional diffusion equations:

$$\left\langle \left| X(t) \right|^{q} \right\rangle = C(q) t^{\varphi(q)}$$

φ (q) – nonlinear function"standard" characterization ofnon-self-affinity (multifractality)

$$\left\langle \left| X(t) \right|^{q} \right\rangle = C(q) t^{\varphi(q,t)}$$

Processes whose PDFs obey distributed order fractional diffusion equations

III. Natural Form of Distributed Order Space Fractional Diffusion Equation

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \int_{0}^{2} d\alpha p(\alpha) \frac{\partial^{\alpha} f}{\partial |x|^{\alpha}}, \quad p(x,0) = \delta(x)$$

$$f(k,t) = \exp -t \int_{0}^{2} d\alpha p(\alpha) |k|^{\alpha}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx f(x,t) = f(k = 0, t) = 1$$
Proved:
$$f(x,t) = 0$$

$$f(k,t) = \exp -a_{1} |k|^{\alpha_{1}} t - a_{2} |k|^{\alpha_{2}} t$$

$$Lévy \text{ stable law}$$

$$L_{\alpha,0}(k) = \exp -|k|^{\alpha}$$

$$f(x,t) = \frac{t^{-1/\alpha_{1}-1/\alpha_{2}}}{a_{1}^{1/\alpha_{1}}a_{2}^{1/\alpha_{2}}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx' L_{\alpha_{1},0} \left(\frac{x - x'}{a_{1}t^{1/\alpha_{1}}}\right) L_{\alpha_{2},0} \left(\frac{x'}{a_{2}t^{1/\alpha_{2}}}\right) > 0$$
Analogue of the second

Analogue of the second moment, $q < \alpha_1$, as a measure of diffusion properties

Do

$$M_{q}(t;\alpha) = \left\langle |x|^{q} \right\rangle^{2/q} \propto \begin{cases} t^{2/\alpha_{2}}, & t \to 0\\ t^{2/\alpha_{1}}, & t \to \infty \end{cases} \qquad 1/\alpha_{1} > 1/\alpha_{2}$$

Natural form leads to accelerating superdiffusion

Interesting application: together with A. Iomin (in progress)

IV. Modified Form of Distributed Order Space Fractional Diffusion Equation

$$\int_{0}^{2} d\alpha p(\alpha) \frac{\partial^{2-\alpha}}{\partial |x|^{2-\alpha}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial x^{2}}, \quad f(x,0) = \delta(x)$$
Characteristic function :

$$f(k,t) = \exp\left\{-\frac{t}{\int_{0}^{2} d\alpha p(\alpha) |k|^{\alpha}}\right\}$$
No general proof of positivity
Double order case
$$p(\alpha) = A_{1}\delta(\alpha - \alpha_{1}) + A_{2}\delta(\alpha - \alpha_{2}) \qquad 0 < \alpha_{1} < \alpha_{2} \le 2, A_{1} > 0, A_{2} > 0$$

$$proved : \qquad f(x,t) > 0$$

$$M_{q}(t;\alpha) = \left\langle |x|^{q} \right\rangle^{2/q} \propto \begin{cases} t^{2/\alpha_{1}}, \quad t \to 0 \\ t^{2/\alpha_{2}}, \quad t \to \infty \end{cases}$$
Modified form leads to decelerating superdiffusion, in contrast to natural form

Now: Take particular case $\alpha_2 = 2$

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Sokolov, Ch, Klafter, Acta Phys Polonica 2004

Fractional Diffusion Equation for Power Law Truncated Lévy Process

(observation: Stanley's group (2003): PDF of commodity prices; Cohen, Venkatesh (2006): database of S&P index) Sokolov, Ch, Klafter, 2005 • "PLT LFs" : PDF resembles Lévy stable distribution in the central part • at greater scales the asymptotics decay in a power-law way, but faster, than the Lévy stable ones, therefore, $\langle x^2 \rangle < \infty \Rightarrow$ the Central Limit Theorem is applied \Rightarrow

• at large times the PDF tends to Gaussian, however, *very slowly*

Governing equation: Particular case of the modified form of *distributed order space FDE*:

At small times the Lévy distribution is truncated by a power law with a power between 3 and 5. Due to the finiteness of the second moment the PDF *i(x,i)* slowly converges to a Gaussian

Power-law truncated Lévy flights: Probability to stay at the origin

$$LFs: f(0,t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dk}{2\pi} e^{-|k|^{\alpha}t} \propto t^{-1/\alpha} \quad , \quad 0 < \alpha \le 2$$

The slope $-1/\alpha$ in the double logarithmic scale changes into -1/2 for the Gaussian



Theory, $\alpha = 1$

Experiment on the ADITYA: probabilities of return to the origin for different radial positions of the probes [R.Jha et al. Phys. Plasmas.2003.Vol.10.No.3.PP.699-704]. Insets: rescaled PDFs.

Experiment on the ADITYA tokamak

Power-law truncated Lévy flights: Fractional-order moments

• "Normal" behavior of the 2nd moment for PLT LFs

$$\left\langle x^{2}(t) \right\rangle = -\frac{\partial^{2} f(k,t)}{\partial k^{2}} \bigg|_{k=0} = 2Dt$$
(1) Ch, Gonchar,
Gorenflo,
Korabel,
Sokolov, 2008

• Analogue of the 2nd moment for LFs to characterize superdiffusive behavior, $q < \alpha$

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$$M_q t; \alpha \equiv \left\langle \left| x t \right|^q \right\rangle^{2/q} \propto t^{2/\alpha}$$
: faster than t^1 , $q < \alpha < 2$ (2)

Superdiffusive behavior of fractional moments. Example: $\alpha = 1$.

1. Fractional moments for LFs:



Left: *Mq* versus time in log-log scale for q = 2.0, 1.5, 1.0, and 0.5 (lines 1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively). Right: the quantity $\alpha_q(t)$ for the same q values as in the left panel.

Power-law truncated LFs: Evolution of the PDFfrom truncated Cauchy (α = 1)to the Gaussian with a power-law tail

Ch, Gonchar, Gorenflo, Korabel, Sokolov, 2008



log-log scale



Conclusions

normal form

modified form

$\int_{0}^{1} d\beta p(\beta) \frac{\partial^{\beta} f}{\partial t^{\beta}} = K \frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial x^{2}}$	$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \int_{0}^{1} d\beta p(\beta) K D_{t}^{1-\beta} \frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial x^{2}}$
Decelerating subdiffusion and superslow diffusion	Accelerating subdiffusion
$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \int_{0}^{2} d\alpha p(\alpha) K \frac{\partial^{\alpha} f}{\partial x ^{\alpha}}$	$\int_{0}^{2} d\alpha p(\alpha) \frac{\partial^{2-\alpha}}{\partial x ^{2-\alpha}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = -K \frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial x^{2}}$

Might be useful for description of the different anomalous diffusion phenomena demonstrating non-scaling behavior

superdiffusion