

# Fractional kinetics

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## St. Petersburg paradox (N. Bernoulli, 1713)

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Sequence	Win	Probability	$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{mean gain} \\ 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \dots + 2^N \cdot \frac{1}{2^{N+1}} + \dots \\ \text{diverges} \end{array} \right\}$
<i>head</i>	1	1/2	
<i>tail, head</i>	2	1/4	
<i>2 tails, head</i>	2 <sup>2</sup>	1/8	
...	...	...	
<i>N tails, head</i>	2 <sup>N</sup>	1/2 <sup>N+1</sup>	
...	...	...	

## Central Limit Theorem

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$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \underbrace{(x_1 + \dots + x_N)}_{\substack{\text{identically distributed} \\ \text{statistically independent} \\ P(x_j), \langle x_j \rangle = 0}} & \xrightarrow{N \gg 1} & \underbrace{P_G(X) = \frac{\exp(-X^2/(2\sigma))}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}}}_{\substack{\text{Gaussian distribution} \\ \sigma = \langle x^2 \rangle}}
 \end{array}$$

## Lévy distribution

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Identical normalized distributions

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 cx_3 & = & c_1x_1 & + & c_2x_2 \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 P(x_3) & & P(x_1) & & P(x_2)
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(x)dx = 1, \quad \hat{P}(q) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(x)e^{iqx}dx$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 P(x_3) & = & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} & P(x_1)P(x_2)\delta\left(x_3 - \frac{c_1}{c}x_1 - \frac{c_2}{c}x_2\right) & dx_1 dx_2 \\
 \uparrow & & & \uparrow & \nwarrow \\
 e^{iqcx_3} & = & e^{iqc_1x_1} & \cdot & e^{iqc_2x_2}
 \end{array}$$

$$\hat{P}(cq) = \hat{P}(c_1q)\hat{P}(c_2q) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \ln \hat{P}(cq) = \ln \hat{P}(c_1q) + \ln \hat{P}(c_2q)$$

Class of solutions

$$\ln P_\gamma(cq) = (cq)^\gamma, \quad \left(\frac{c_1}{c}\right)^\gamma + \left(\frac{c_2}{c}\right)^\gamma = 1$$

$\gamma = 2$  Gaussian distribution

$$\hat{P}_\gamma(q) = \exp(-a|q|^\gamma)$$

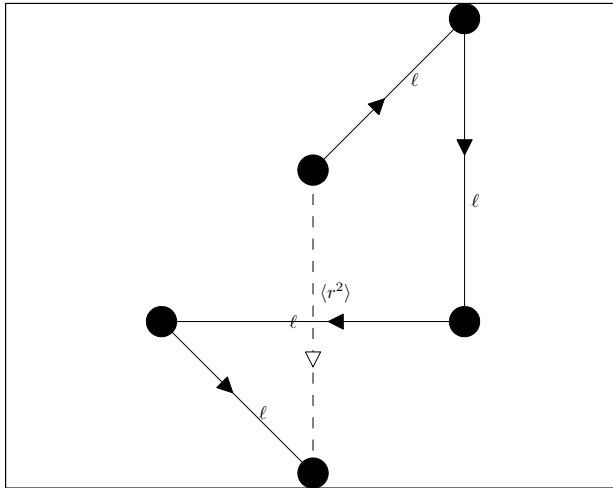
$0 < \gamma < 2$  Lévy distribution

$$P_\gamma(x) \sim |x|^{-\gamma-1}, \quad |x| \gg 1$$

$$\langle x^m \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^m P_\gamma(x) dx \quad \text{diverges for } m \geq \gamma$$

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \infty$$

## Normal diffusion: gases, liquids, solids ...



$$\langle r^2 \rangle = C \underbrace{\ell^2}_{\text{mean path length}} \cdot \underbrace{N}_{\text{number of jumps}}$$

$$N = \underbrace{\frac{t}{\tau}}_{\text{mean time between collisions or jumps}}$$

$$\langle r^2 \rangle \sim \underbrace{\frac{\ell^2}{\tau}}_{\text{diffusion coefficient}} t$$

## Continuous time random walk

Jump probability distribution function  $\psi(\vec{r}, t)$

$$\ell^2 = \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} r^2 \psi(\vec{r}, t) d\vec{r} dt$$

$$\tau = \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} t \psi(\vec{r}, t) d\vec{r} dt$$

Simplification

$$\psi(\vec{r}, t) = \underbrace{w(t)}_{\text{waiting time distribution function}} \cdot \underbrace{\lambda(r)}_{\text{step length distribution function}}$$

# Electrons in semi-conductors

Distribution of energy levels

$$\rho(\epsilon) = \rho_0 \exp \left( -\frac{\epsilon}{k T_0} \right)$$

Release rate

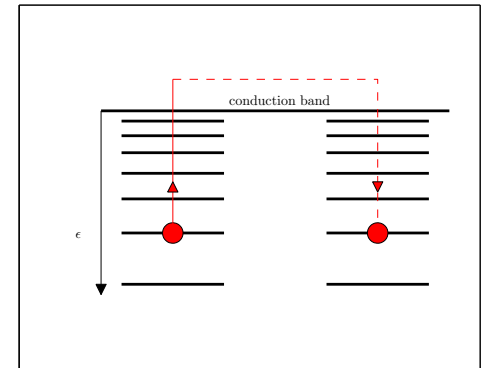
$$W(\epsilon) = W_0 \exp \left( -\frac{\epsilon}{k T} \right)$$

Waiting time distribution

$$w(t) \sim \int_0^\infty \rho(\epsilon) \exp(-W(\epsilon) t) W(\epsilon) d\epsilon = \int_{W_0}^0 \frac{d\epsilon}{dW} \rho(W) e^{-Wt} W dW$$

$$\epsilon = -kT \ln \frac{W}{W_0} \quad \rho(W) = C W^{T/T_0} \quad \frac{d\epsilon}{dW} = -\frac{kT}{W} \quad \frac{T}{T_0} \equiv \gamma$$

$$w(t) \sim \int_0^{W_0} W^\gamma e^{-Wt} dW \quad t \gg 1, \underset{\sim}{W} = z/t \quad t^{-(1+\gamma)} \underbrace{\int_0^\infty z^\gamma e^{-z} dz}_{\text{const}}$$



Take a waiting time distribution function  $\longrightarrow$  survival probability

$$w(t) = \frac{\gamma \tau_0^\gamma}{(\tau_0 + t)^{\gamma+1}}, \quad \int_0^\infty w(t) dt = 1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad P(t) = 1 - \int_0^t w(t') dt' = \frac{\tau_0^\gamma}{(\tau_0 + t)^\gamma}$$

Mean interval between jumps

$$\tau = \int_0^\infty t w(t) dt = \gamma \tau_0 \int_0^\infty \frac{t dt}{(\tau_0 + t)^{\gamma+1}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \nearrow \text{finite if } \gamma > 1 \\ \searrow \text{infinite if } \gamma \leq 1 \end{array}$$

Assume a step length distribution function

$$\lambda(x) = \exp(-x^2/(4\sigma^2))/\sqrt{4\pi\sigma^2}.$$

Probability distribution function of particles arriving at point  $x$  at time instant  $t$

$$\eta(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty \int_0^\infty \eta(x', t') w(t - t') \lambda(x - x') dt' dx' + \delta(x) \delta(t)$$

Probability distribution for being in point  $x$  at time instant  $t$

$$\rho(x, t) = \int_0^t \eta(x, t') \left[ 1 - \int_{t'}^t w(t'' - t') dt'' \right] dt'$$

Laplace transform

$$\tilde{w}(s) = 1 - (s\tau_0)^\gamma, \quad s \ll 1$$

Fourier transform

$$\hat{\lambda}(k) = 1 - \sigma^2 k^2 + \mathcal{O}(k^4)$$

$$\hat{\tilde{\eta}}(k, s) = \frac{1}{1 - \tilde{w}(s)\hat{\lambda}(k)}$$

$$\hat{\tilde{\rho}}(k, s) = \frac{1 - \tilde{w}(s)}{s \left( 1 - \tilde{w}(s)\hat{\lambda}(k) \right)} \sim \frac{(s\tau_0)^\gamma}{s [(s\tau_0)^\gamma + \sigma^2 k^2]} = \frac{1}{s(1 + K_\gamma s^{-\gamma} k^2)}$$

$$s\hat{\tilde{\rho}}(k, s) = K_\gamma(-k^2)s^{1-\gamma}\hat{\tilde{\rho}}(k, s) + 1$$

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$$\frac{\partial \rho(x, t)}{\partial t} = K_\gamma \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \underbrace{{}_0\mathfrak{D}_t^{1-\gamma} \rho(x, t)} + \delta(x)\delta(t)$$

*fractional  
derivative*

## Fractional calculus

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Fractional integral

$${}_a D_t^{-\alpha} f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^t (t - t')^{\alpha-1} f(t') dt' \quad 0 < \alpha < 1$$

Fractional derivative

$${}_a D_t^\alpha f(t) = \frac{d^n}{dt^n} {}_a D_t^{\alpha-n} f(t) \quad 0 < \alpha - n < 1$$

Examples

$$\begin{aligned} {}_0 D_t^\alpha t^\mu &= \frac{\Gamma(\mu+1)}{\Gamma(\mu-\alpha+1)} t^{\mu-\alpha} & {}_0 D_t^\alpha 1 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} t^{-\alpha} & {}_0 D_t^\alpha e^t &= e^t \frac{\gamma(-\alpha, t)}{\Gamma(-\alpha)} \\ {}_0 D_t^{-1/2} e^t &= \operatorname{erf}(\sqrt{t}) e^t & {}_0 D_t^{1/2} e^t &= \operatorname{erf}(\sqrt{t}) e^t + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi t}} & {}_0 D_t^{-1/2} \ln t &= 2\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{t}} [\ln(4t - 2)] \\ {}_0 D_t^{1/2} \ln t &= \frac{\ln(4t)}{\sqrt{\pi t}} & \mathcal{L} [{}_0 D_t^{-\alpha} f(t)] &= t^{-\alpha} \mathcal{L} [f(t)] & \mathcal{F} [-\infty D_t^\alpha f(t)] &= (iw)^\alpha \hat{f}(w) \end{aligned}$$

Riemann-Liouville operator

$${}_0\mathfrak{D}_t^{1-\gamma}\rho(x,t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_0^t \frac{\rho(x,t')}{(t-t')^{1-\gamma}} dt'$$

$$\langle x^2(t) \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \rho(x,t) dx$$

$$\widetilde{\langle x^2 \rangle}(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \tilde{\rho}(x,s) dx \sim \left. \frac{\partial^2}{\partial k^2} \hat{\rho}(k,s) \right|_{k=0} \sim s^{-(1+\gamma)}$$

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Sub-diffusion

$$\langle x^2 \rangle(t) \sim t^\gamma, \quad 0 < \gamma < 1$$

disordered systems

gels, glass forming systems

cell membranes, living cells ( caging )

## Continuous time random walk

Jump probability distribution function  $\psi(\vec{r}, t) = \underbrace{\lambda(r)}_{\substack{\text{step length} \\ \text{distribution}}} \underbrace{w(t)}_{\substack{\text{waiting time} \\ \text{distribution}}}$

$\lambda \sim \frac{a^\gamma}{r^{\gamma+1}}, \quad \gamma = \frac{2}{\nu}, \quad r \gg 1 \quad \longleftarrow \quad \begin{array}{ll} \swarrow & \searrow \\ \text{super-diffusion} & \text{sub-diffusion} \\ \text{(Levy flight)} & \end{array}$

$$\frac{\partial n(x, t)}{\partial t} = D \underbrace{\frac{\partial^\gamma n}{\partial |x|^\gamma}}_{\substack{\text{Riesz fractional} \\ \text{derivative}}} \quad \underbrace{\mathcal{F} \left[ \frac{d^\gamma g(x)}{d|x|^\gamma} \right]}_{\substack{\text{in } k\text{-space}}} = -|k|^\gamma \hat{g}(k), \quad 1 < \gamma < 2$$

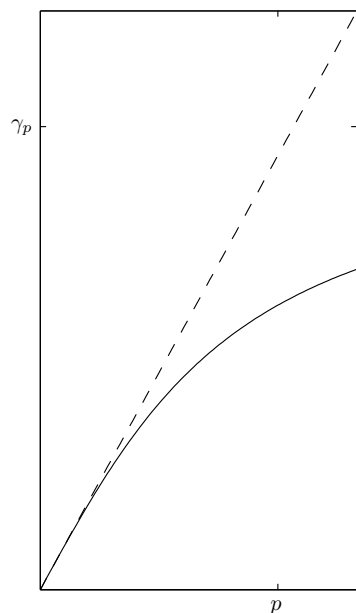
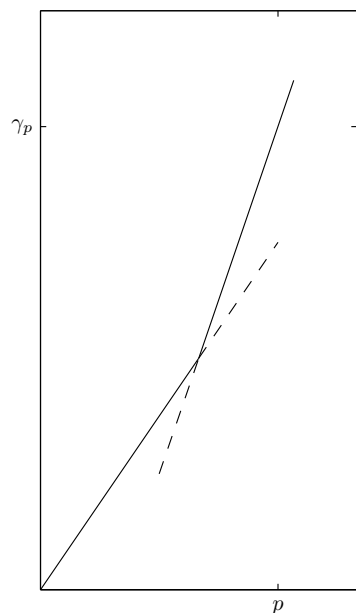
In  $x$ -space

$$\frac{\partial^\gamma n}{\partial |x|^\gamma} = -\frac{\sec(\pi\gamma/2)}{2\Gamma(2-\gamma)} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{n(\zeta)}{|x-\zeta|^{\gamma-1}} d\zeta = -\frac{\sec(\pi\gamma/2)}{2\Gamma(-\gamma)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{n(\zeta) - n(x)}{|x-\zeta|^{\gamma+1}} d\zeta$$

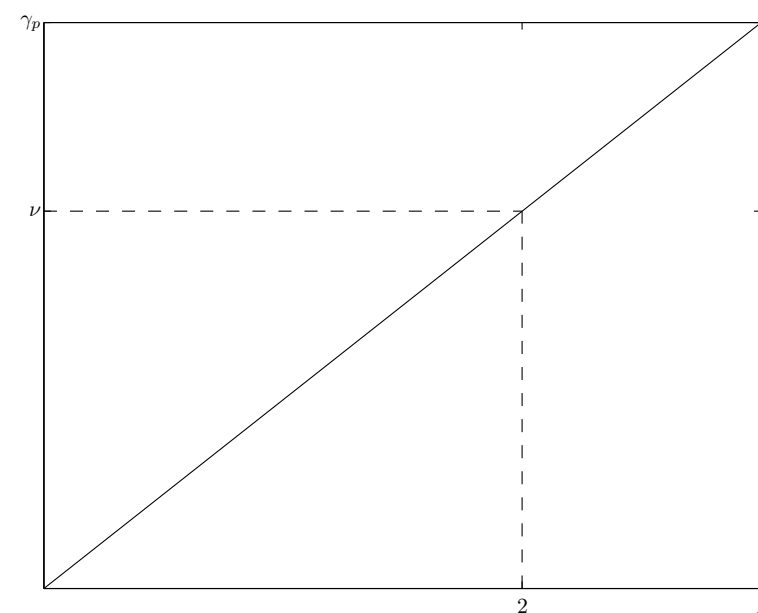
## Strong anomalous diffusion

$$\langle x^p \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N |x_n(t)|^p \sim t^{\gamma_p}$$

large  $p$  characterize tails in the probability distribution



strong (multi-fractal) anomalous diffusion



weak (self-similar) anomalous diffusion

## Alternative approach: generalized Langevin equation

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$$m \frac{d^2 x(t)}{dt^2} + \underbrace{\int_0^t \eta(t-t') \frac{dx(t')}{dt'} dt'}_{\text{viscoelastic force}} + \frac{\partial V(x, t)}{\partial x} = \underbrace{\xi(t)}_{\substack{\text{fractional} \\ \text{Gaussian} \\ \text{noise}}}$$

$$\eta(t) = \frac{\eta_\alpha}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} t^{-\alpha}, \quad \langle \xi(t) \xi(t') \rangle = k_B T \eta(|t-t'|) \quad 0 < \alpha < 1$$

$$m \rightarrow 0 : \langle \delta x^2(t) \rangle = \frac{2K_\alpha}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)} t^\alpha, \quad K_\alpha = \frac{k_B T}{\eta_\alpha}$$

Fractional Brownian motion

$$D(t) = \frac{K_\alpha}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)} t^{\alpha-1}$$

antipersistent velocity correlation

## Transport in fluid flows

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Anomalous diffusion  $\langle r^2 \rangle \sim t^{\nu/2} \quad \nu \neq 2$

Effective diffusion coefficients

$$D_{ij} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2t} \langle (x_i(t) - \langle x_i \rangle) (x_j(t) - \langle x_j \rangle) \rangle$$

Taylor, 1921

$$D_{ii} = \int_0^\infty \langle v_i(\vec{x}(t)) v_i(\vec{x}(t + \tau)) \rangle d\tau$$

Avellaneda and Majda, 1989

$$D_{ij} \text{ is finite if } \int \frac{1}{k^2} \left| \hat{v}(\vec{k}) \right|^2 dk < \infty$$

Richardson, 1926

$$\langle |\vec{x}_1(t) - \vec{x}_2(t)|^2 \rangle \sim t^3$$

Observations

- two dimensional flow in a rotating annulus {Solomon et al. 1993, 1994, Weeks et al. 1996}
- decaying two dimensional turbulence {Hansen et al. 1998}
- also: surface diffusion, animals' migration, living cells, wave turbulence, non-local transport in plasma, porous media

## Reaction – super-diffusion ( Lévy flight )

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$$\partial_t n_j = D_{ij} \mathfrak{D}_{|x|}^{\gamma_j} n_j + f_j(\mathbf{n}), \quad 1 < \gamma_j \leq 2, \quad j = 1, \dots, m.$$

Riesz derivative

$$\mathfrak{D}_{|x|}^{\gamma_j} e^{iq\xi} = -|q|^{\gamma_j} e^{iq\xi}.$$

Homogeneous steady state

$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{n}_0) = \mathbf{0}.$$

Hopf super-critical bifurcation via the kinetics sensitivity matrix trace (  $\mu > 0$   
super-criticality parameter )

$$F = \begin{pmatrix} F_{11} & F_{12} \\ F_{21} & -F_{11} + \epsilon^2 \mu \end{pmatrix} = F_0 + \epsilon^2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mu \end{pmatrix}.$$

## Multiple scales method

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$$\mathbf{n}(x, t) = \mathbf{N}(\xi, t_0, \tau; \epsilon), \quad t_0 = t, \quad \tau = \epsilon^2 t,$$

$$\xi = \delta x, \quad \delta = \epsilon^{2/\min\{\gamma_1, \gamma_2\}}.$$

Analogue of complex Ginzburg-Landau equation

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial \tau} = A + (1 + \alpha i) \mathfrak{D}_{|\xi|}^{\min\{\gamma_1, \gamma_2\}} A \mp (1 + \beta i) A |A|^2,$$

$$\alpha = \frac{F_{11}}{\sqrt{\det F_0}} \times \begin{cases} (d-1)/(d+1) & \gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = \gamma \\ \text{sign}(\gamma_1 - \gamma_2) & \gamma_1 \neq \gamma_2, \end{cases}$$

$\beta$  and the sign of the cubic term depends on higher derivatives of  $\mathbf{f}$ .

## Non-linear phase diffusion

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Bifurcation at Benjamin-Feir domain boundary

$$0 < -(1 + \alpha\beta) = \epsilon \ll 1.$$

Non-linear evolution of a general complex disturbance to the homogeneous oscillation solution

$$A = e^{-i\beta\tau_2/\epsilon^2} r(\tau_2, \xi_{1/\gamma}) e^{i\varphi(\tau_2, \xi_{1/\gamma})}$$

on the scales

$$\xi_{1/\gamma} = \epsilon^{1/\gamma} \xi, \quad \tau_2 = \epsilon^2 \tau$$

leads to an analogue of the Kuramoto-Sivashinsky equation ( scaled )

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \tau} = -\mathfrak{D}_{|\xi|}^\gamma \varphi - (\mathfrak{D}_{|\xi|}^\gamma)^2 \varphi + \frac{1}{2} \mathfrak{D}_{|\xi|}^\gamma \varphi^2 - \varphi \mathfrak{D}_{|\xi|}^\gamma \varphi.$$

## Travelling shock waves

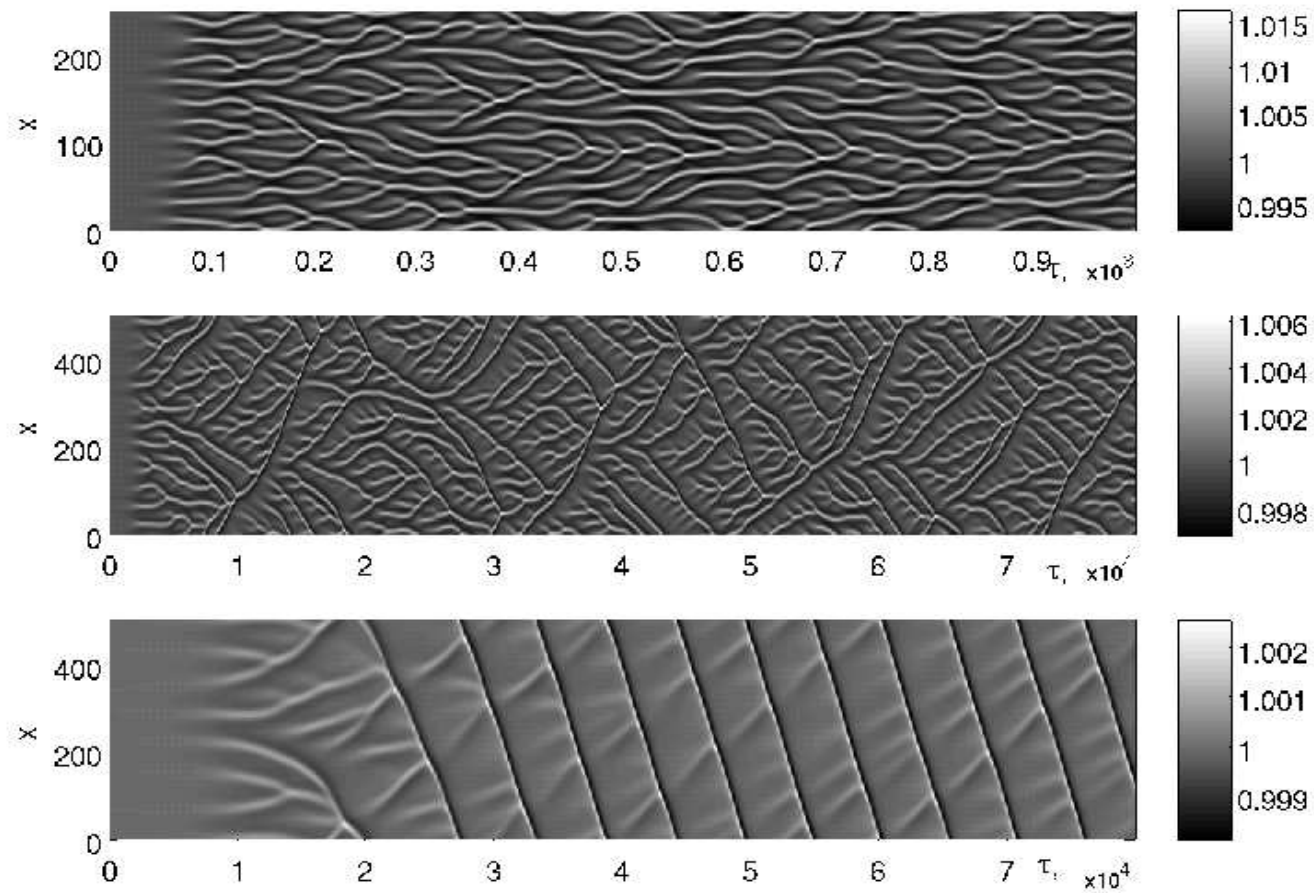


Figure 1

## Phase to amplitude turbulence transition

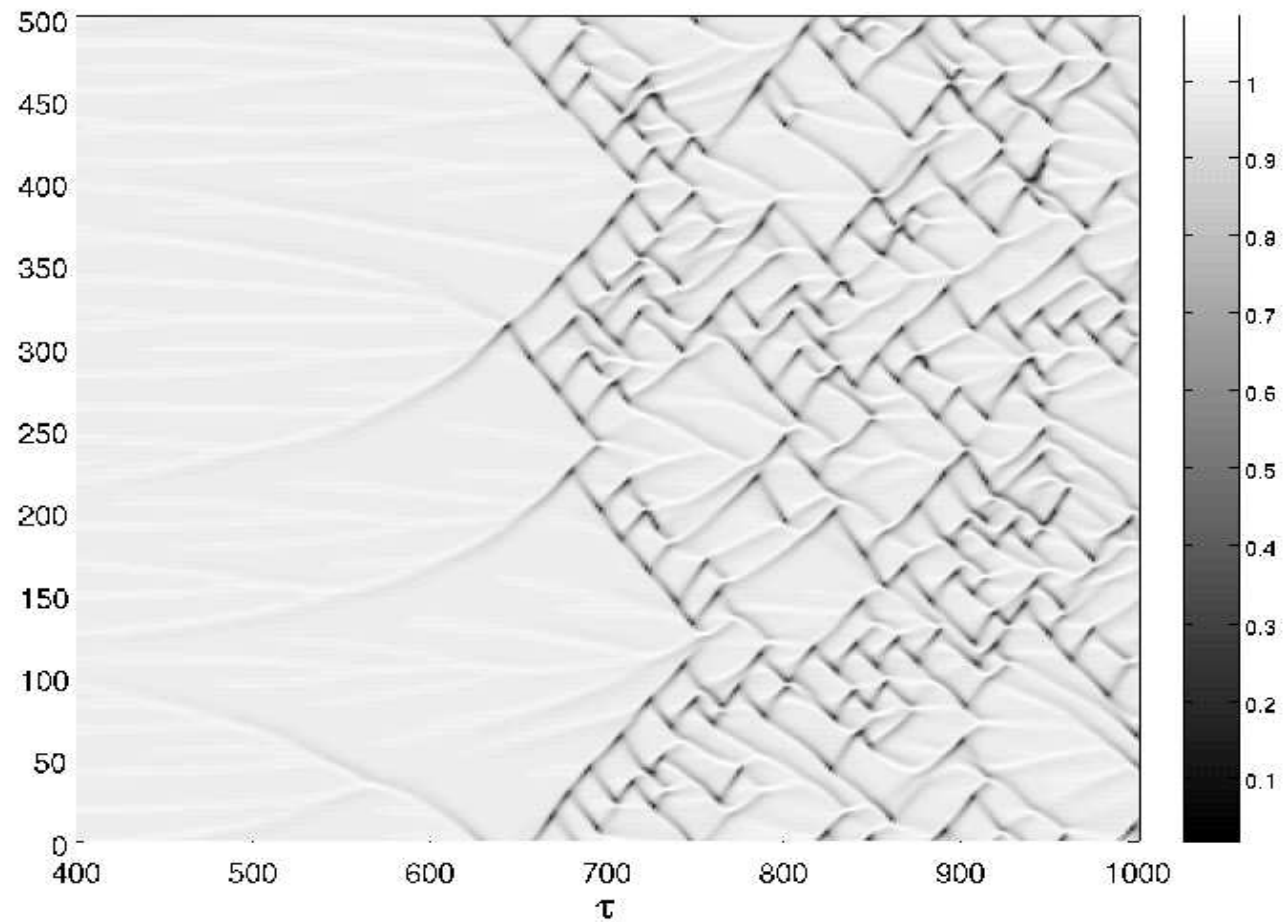


Figure 2

## Amplitude turbulence regime

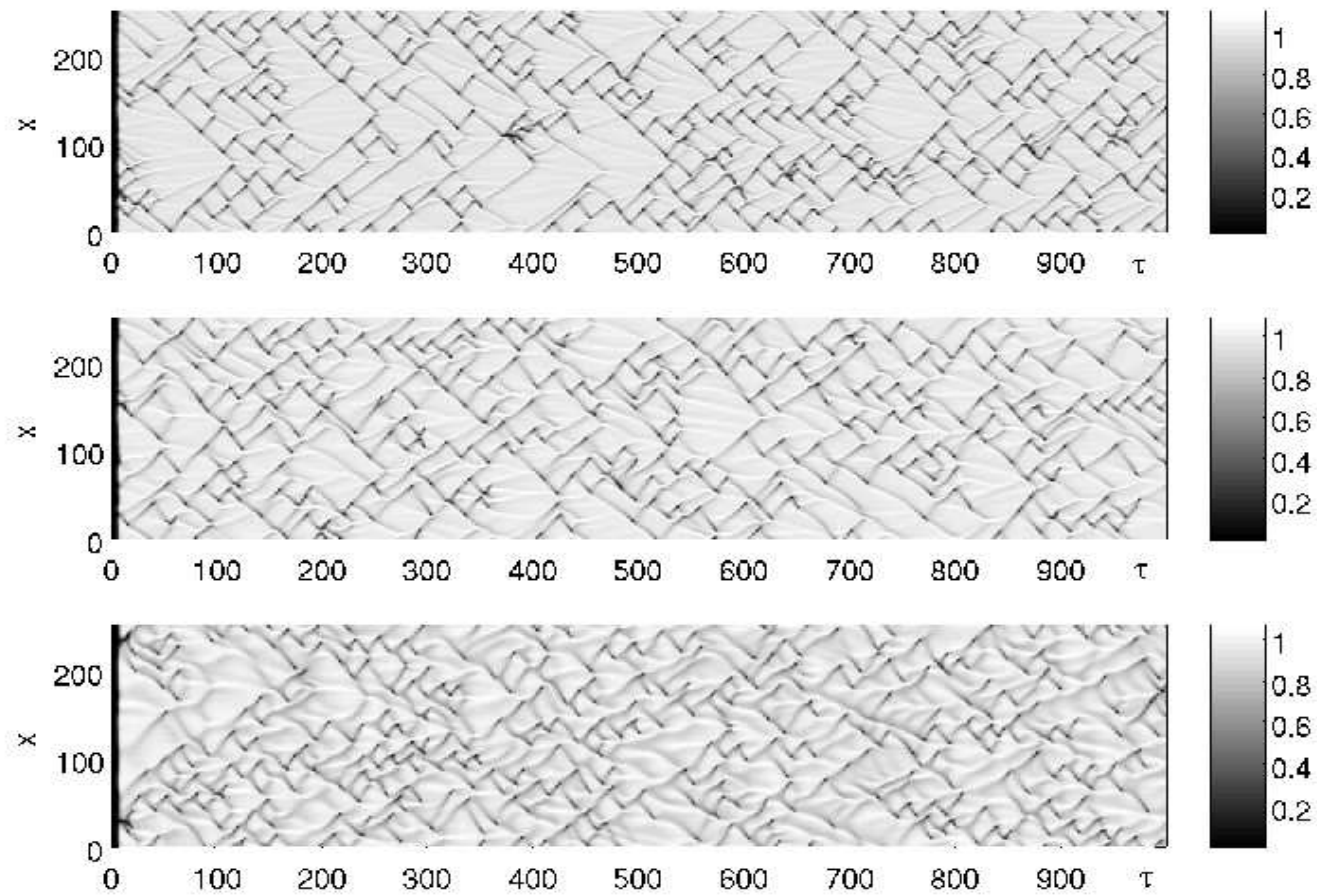


Figure 3

## Reaction – sub-diffusion with aging: introduction

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Continuous time random walk without reaction

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = m(\mathbf{r})w(t),$$

$$\mathcal{F}m(\mathbf{q}) \sim 1 - |\mathbf{q}|^2 \sigma D, \quad \mathcal{L}w(s) \sim 1 - \Gamma(1 - \gamma) \tau_0^\gamma s^\gamma,$$

$$\partial_t \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r}, t) = D \mathfrak{D}^{1-\gamma} \nabla^2 \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r}, t), \quad 0 < \gamma < 1.$$

Decay concept

$$\partial_t \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r}, t, t') = -w(t - t') \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r}, t', t'),$$

Inclusion of linear kinetics

$$\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r}, t, t) = \int_{\Omega} m(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \int_0^t w(t - t') e^{\mathbf{M}(t-t')} \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r}', t', t') dt' d\mathbf{r}'$$

(Nec & Nepomnyashchy, J. Physics A, 2007)

(Sokolov, Schmidt & Sagués, PRE, 2006)

## Reaction – sub-diffusion with aging: problem formulation

Aging concept

$$\partial_t \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r}, t, t') = -W(t - t') \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r}, t, t'),$$

$$w(t - t') = W(t - t') \left( 1 - \int_{t'}^t w(y - t') dy \right).$$

Inclusion of non-linear kinetics

$$\partial_t \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r}, t, t') = [-W(t - t')\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{M}(\boldsymbol{\rho})] \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r}, t, t'),$$

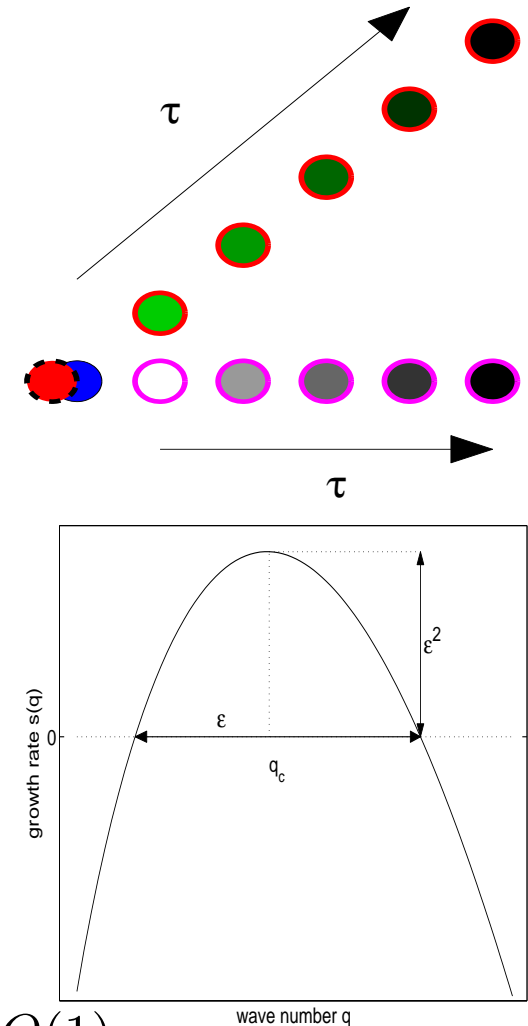
$$\boldsymbol{\rho}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \int_0^t \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r}, t, t') dt', \quad \mathbf{r} \in \Omega, \quad 0 < t' < t < \infty,$$

$$\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r}, t, t) = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \int_0^t W(t - t') \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r}', t, t') dt' d\mathbf{r}'.$$

Possible bifurcation points

Turing ( short wave instability )  $q_c \sim O(1)$

Hopf ( long wave limit )  $q_c = 0$ .



## Outlook

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1. Asymmetric fractional derivatives
2. Fractional derivatives of distributed order
3. Truncated Lévy flights
4. Lévy walks
5. Lévy walks in search processes
6. Multifractal random walks