

# Approach toward the anomalous diffusion in the soil by homogenization

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# Outline

- 1 Diffusion in the soil and our past approach
- 2 Homogenization and historical effect
  - Homogenization of highly heterogeneous media
  - Double porosity model and fractional derivative

## Diffusion in the soil is...

- **important in environmental problem.**

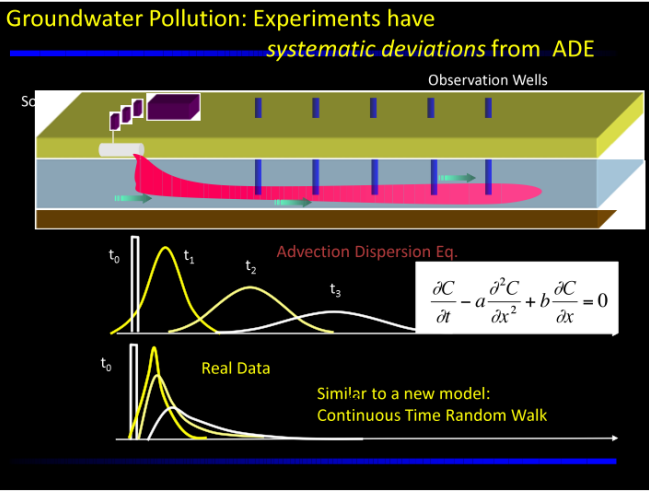
Prediction of the contamination: chemical contaminant,  
radioactive material

- **multi-scale problem**

- Field: 10km–100km
- Soil grain and pore: about  $100\mu\text{m}$

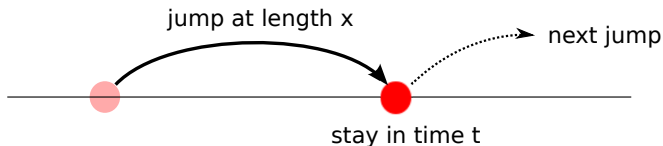
- **anomalous diffusion**

The diffusion cannot be described by the ordinary  
advection-diffusion equation.



# Approach to the anomalous diffusion

## Continuous Time Random Walk Model



- Two key probabilistic distribution functions(pdfs):
  - $\phi(x)$ : pdf of the jumping length
  - $w(t)$ : pdf of the waiting time
- If  $w(t) \sim e^{-t/\tau}$  (Exponentially) and  $\phi$  is a Gaussian distribution, then the master equation of this random walk is ordinary diffusion equation.
- cf. Metzler R and Klafter J, THE RANDOM WALK'S GUIDE TO ANOMALOUS DIFFUSION: A FRACTIONAL DYNAMICS APPROACH, Physics Reports 339(2000) 1–77

# CTRW to fractional diffusion equation

## CTRW → Fractional Diffusion Equation

Let  $w(t) \sim t^{-\alpha}$  and  $\phi(x)$  is a Gaussian distribution. Then the master equation is a **fractional differential equation**:

$$\partial_t^\alpha u(x, t) = D(x) \Delta u(x, t),$$

where

$$\partial_t^\alpha f(t) := \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-\tau)^{-\alpha} \frac{df}{d\tau}(\tau) d\tau.$$

This equation shows at most polynomial-order decay:

$$u(x, t) \sim t^{-\alpha}$$

cf. Sakamoto and Yamamoto (2011, JMAA).

# Problem

- CTRW & fractional diffusion equation leads to the anomaly but does not tell us the mechanism of anomaly.
- This mechanism depends on the micro-structure of the soil.

## Problem

What structure leads to the historical effect like

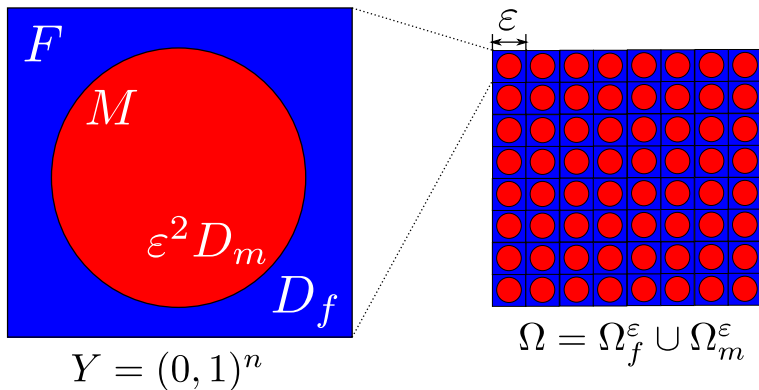
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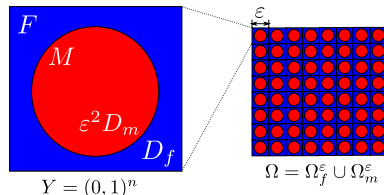
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$c^\varepsilon$  converges to the solution of following homogenized problem:

homogenized problem

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t c^* - \int_0^t K(t-\tau) \partial_\tau^2 c^* d\tau = \nabla \cdot (D^{\text{eff}} \nabla c^*) & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T); \\ c^*(x, 0) = c_0(x) & \text{in } \Omega; \\ \partial_\nu c^* = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times (0, T), \end{cases}$$

where  $D^{\text{eff}}$  and  $K$  are determined by  $D_m$ ,  $D_f$  and  $M$ . Especially  $K(t)$  is an inverse Laplace transform of the function  $f(p) = \frac{1}{p} \int_M k(y; p) dy$ , where  $k(y; p)$  is a solution of

$$\begin{cases} \nabla_y \cdot (D_m \nabla_y k(\cdot; p)) = p(k(\cdot; p) - 1) & \text{in } M; \\ k(\cdot, p) = 0 & \text{in } \partial M. \end{cases}$$

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No memory term appears in homogenized equation.

# Some double-porosity model

Amaziane, Goncharenko and Pankratov(2005, Euro. Jnl of Appl. Math.)

Flow in the porous media with thin fissure

$$\begin{cases} \omega^{\varepsilon,\delta} \partial_t u^{\varepsilon,\delta} - \nabla \cdot (K^{\varepsilon,\delta} \nabla u^{\varepsilon,\delta}) = f^{\varepsilon,\delta} & \text{in } (0, T) \times \Omega; \\ \partial_\nu u^{\varepsilon,\delta} = 0 & \text{on } (0, T) \times \partial\Omega; \\ u^{\varepsilon,\delta}(0, x) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

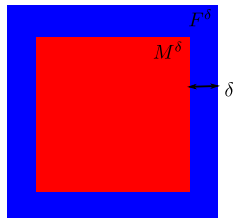
where

$$K^{\varepsilon,\delta}(x) := (\varepsilon\delta)^2 k_f \mathbf{1}_m^{\varepsilon,\delta}(x) + k_f \mathbf{1}_f^{\varepsilon,\delta}(x)$$

$$\omega^{\varepsilon,\delta}(x) := \omega_m \mathbf{1}_m^{\varepsilon,\delta}(x) + \omega_f \mathbf{1}_f^{\varepsilon,\delta}(x).$$

What happens as  $\varepsilon, \delta \rightarrow 0$ ?

$$Y = (0, 1)^3$$



# Fractional derivative appears!

Then for any  $t \in (0, T)$ , the following statements hold:

①

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \left\| \omega_{\varepsilon, \delta} u^{\varepsilon, \delta}(t) - t f_m \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 = 0;$$

② the function  $u^{\varepsilon, \delta}|_{\Omega_f^{\varepsilon, \delta}}$   $L_{\varepsilon, \delta}$ -converges to  $u^*$  which is the solution of

$$\begin{cases} \omega_m \partial_t u^* - \nabla \cdot ((2k_f/3) \nabla u^*) = f_0 + f_m + S(u^*) & \text{in } (0, T) \times \Omega; \\ \partial_\nu u^* = 0 & \text{on } (0, T) \times \partial\Omega; \\ u^*(0, x) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega, \end{cases}$$

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**Definition.** Let  $(u^{\varepsilon, \delta})_{\varepsilon, \delta}$  be a sequence with  $u^{\varepsilon, \delta} \in L^2(\Omega_f^{\varepsilon, \delta})$  for any  $\varepsilon, \delta > 0$ .  $(u^{\varepsilon, \delta})$  is said to  $L_{\varepsilon, \delta}$ -converge to a function  $u \in L^2(\Omega)$  if

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{|\Omega_f^{\varepsilon, \delta}|} \|u^{\varepsilon, \delta} - u\|_{L^2(\Omega_f^{\varepsilon, \delta})}^2 = 0.$$

# Summary

- Homogenization of highly heterogeneous media leads to the historical effect term.
- Characteristic scale relation between
  - the length scale of the structure and
  - the ratio of the diffusion coefficientexists.
- Can we find such kind of heterogeneity in the soil structure?
- Other mechanisms influence the anomaly:
  - Adsorption by the grain
  - Complicated path in the grain structure

Thank you for your attention!!