

# Dispersion with memory in porous media: fractal MIM MODEL

*fluxes and dispersion equation for the transport of particles, which  
can get trapped in some sites of the solid matrix*

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## *organization*

1. Motivation
2. Fractional MIM model for diffusion with memory
3. Random walk with IMMOBILIZATION PERIODS and limiting process
4. Non-Fickian flux with memory for such random walks
5. Illustration: comparisons random walks/discretization of Fractional MIM model

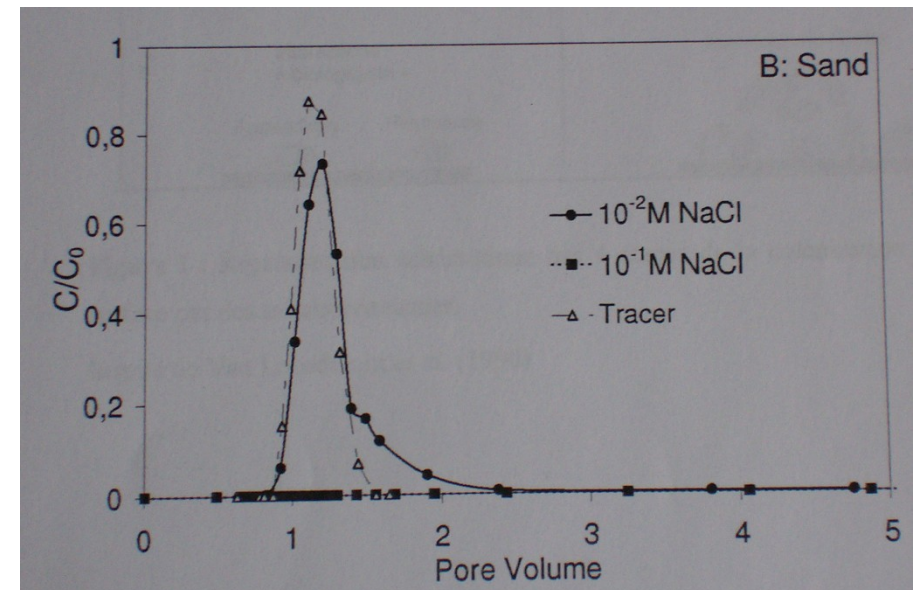
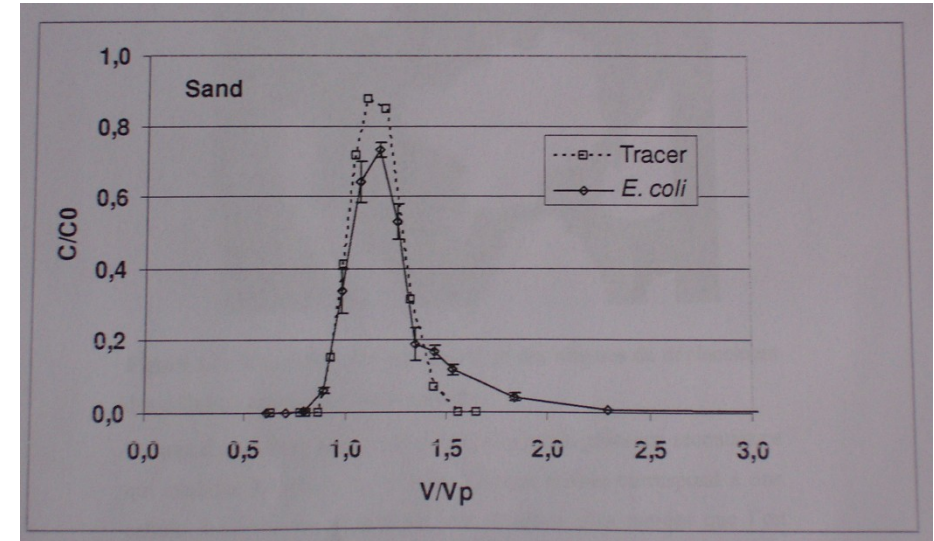
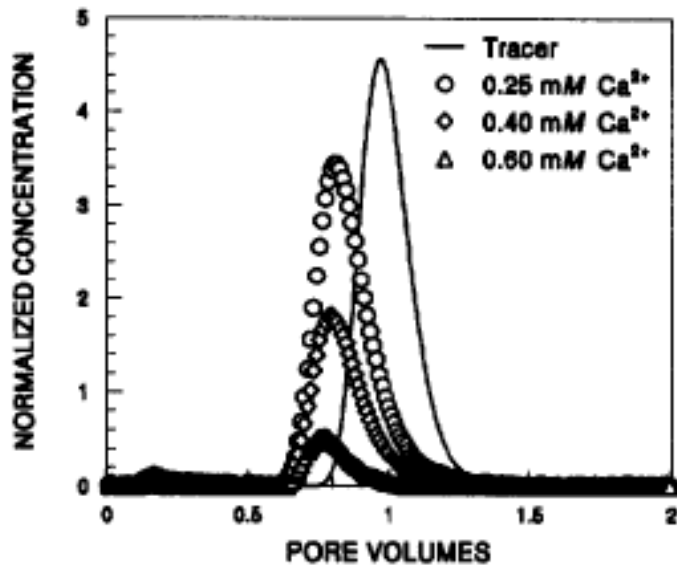
# 1. Motivation

1.a. depending on medium AND tracer a contaminant can spread FASTER or SLOWER than according to ADE with  $v$ =Darcy's flow  
both effects may combine without equilibrating

SLOWER is apparently the more significant when tracer=colloid  
(more especially BACTERIA) and  
WITH PASSIVE TRACERS in UNSATURATED MEDIA  
more especially in bounded domains?

# 1.b. Memory effects, not included in ADE: Breakthrough curves with heavy tails

with bacteria



*particles seem to be retained in the medium then released*

## 2. Fract(ion)al MIM model

### 2.a Models for diffusion with that memory effects

MIM model

$$\partial_t C(x, t) = (K \Delta - v \nabla) C(x, t) - \beta(C - C_1)$$


$$\partial_t C_1(x, t) = \alpha(C - C_1)$$

fractional Fokker Planck equation

$$\partial_t^\gamma C(x, t) = (K \Delta - v \nabla) C(x, t)$$




$$(\partial_t + \lambda h(t) * \partial_t) C(x, t) = (K \Delta - v \nabla) C(x, t)$$


$$h(t) = e^{-\alpha t}$$

## 2.b Fractional MIM model /fractional diffusion equation

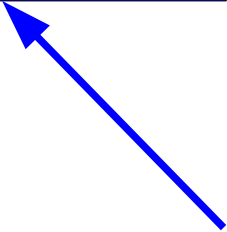

fractional MIM model

$$(Id + \lambda I^{1-\gamma}) \partial_t C(x, t) = -\nabla \cdot (K \nabla - v) C(x, t)$$


$$I^\beta f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^t (t-t')^{\beta-1} f(t') dt'$$

*convolution with power kernel*

conservative form

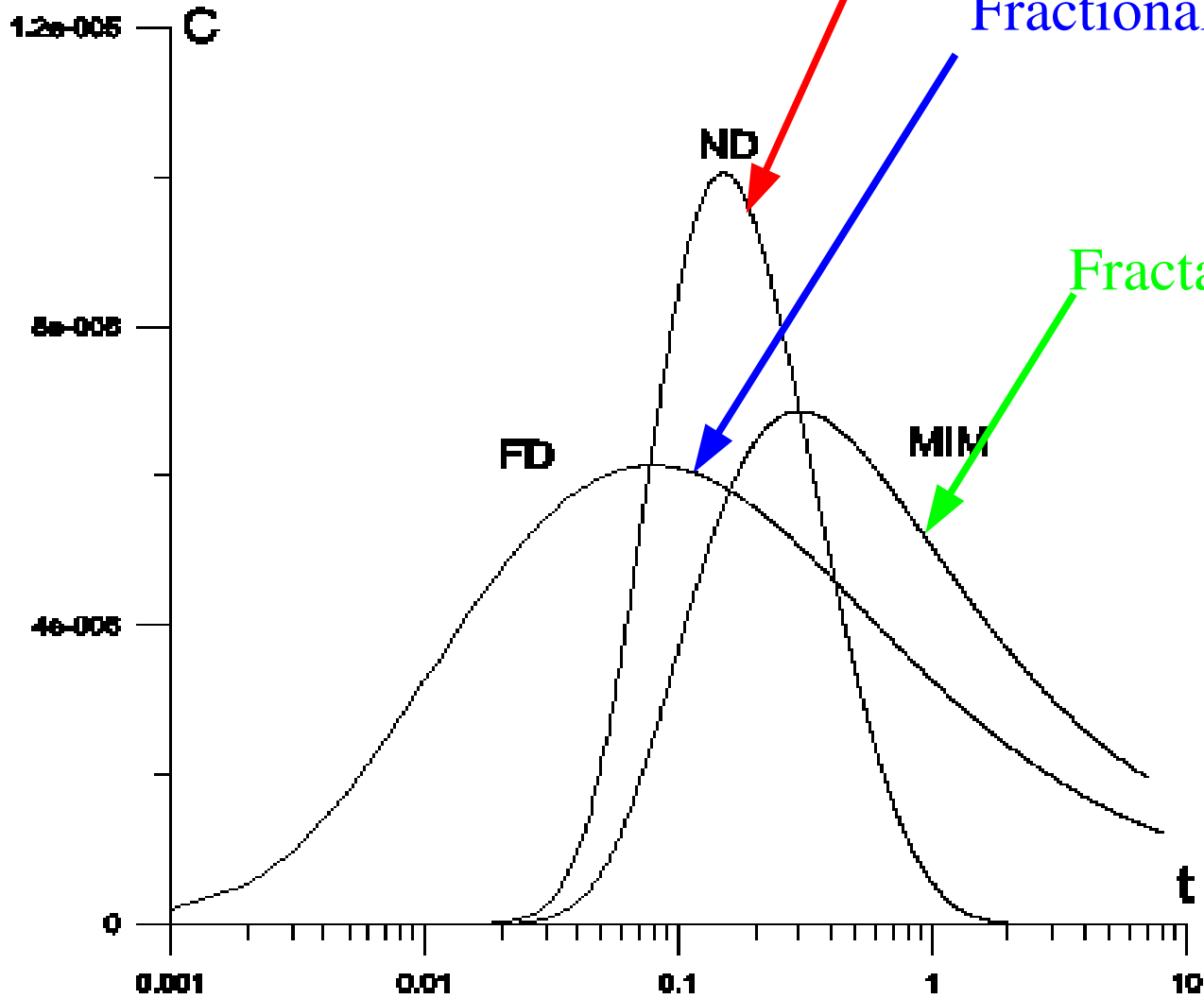
$$\partial_t C(x, t) = -\nabla \cdot (K \nabla - v) (Id + \lambda I^{1-\gamma})^{-1} C(x, t)$$


flux

Advection diffusion equation

Fractional Fokker-Planck equation

Fractal MIM model



Breakthrough curves  
for different models

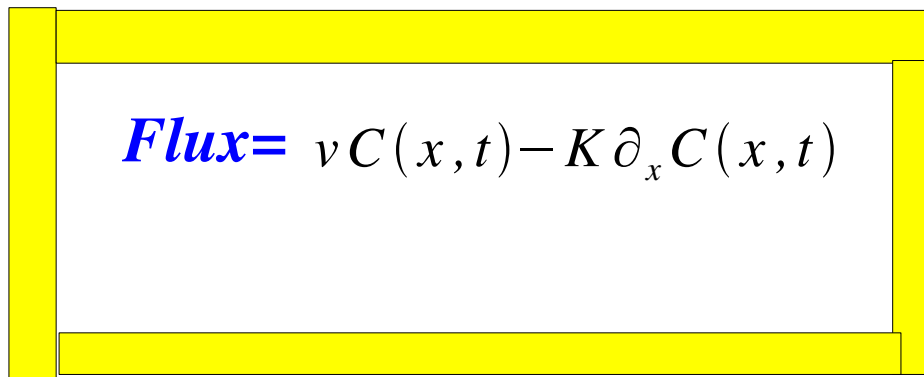
# 3. Random walks

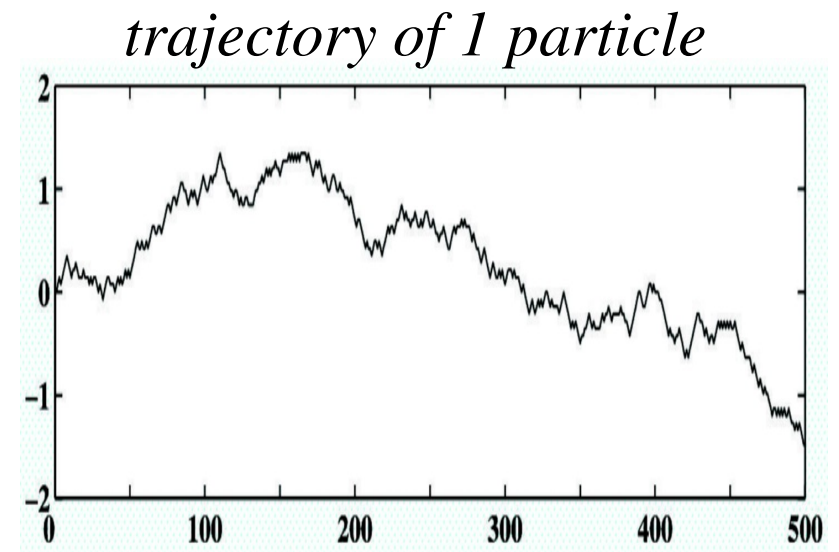
## 3.a. Brownian motion

For particles performing random jumps after each time step  $\tau$   
w.r.t. a *frame, moving at speed*  $v$

successive jumps: independent **gaussian** random variables,  
distributed as  $N(0, l)$

$$K = l^2 / 2\tau \quad l, \tau \longrightarrow 0$$

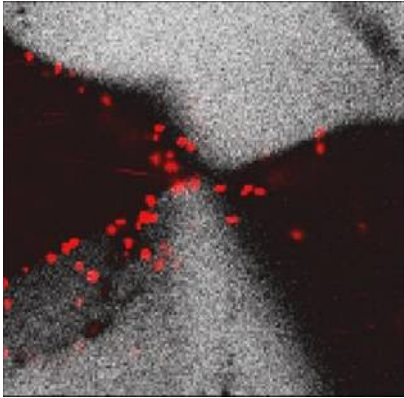

$$\mathbf{Flux} = vC(x, t) - K \partial_x C(x, t)$$



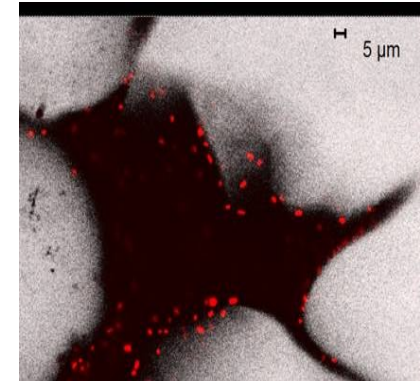
**Fick's law, Fourier's law, Einstein's reasoning**



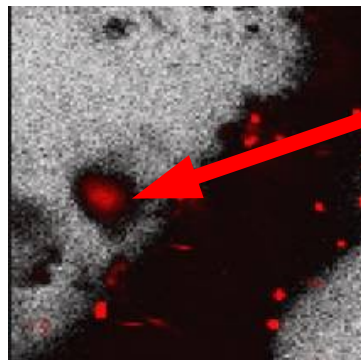
3.b. In some media, certain tracers stick the solid matrix or stay motionless during random periods



**bacteria**  
sand  
water



*in a column*



*1 bacteria, immobilized in a small cave on a sand grain*

# 4. The flux of walkers which can stick while performing a random walk

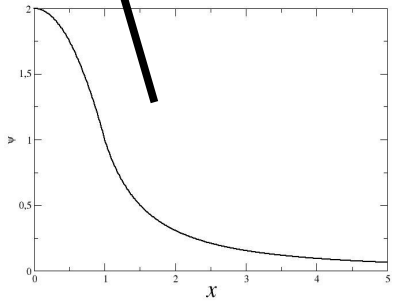
## 4.a. The random walk

Suppose, **particles stick** the solid matrix of a porous medium, after each time step and each gaussian jump during random **sticking periods**, of density

$$\psi(t) = \tau^{-1/\gamma} \varphi(t/\tau^{1/\gamma})$$

Laplace transform

$$\tilde{\psi}(s) = 1 - \lambda \tau s^\gamma + \dots$$



**2 phases: mobile and sticking**

$$C_{tot}(x, t) = C_m(x, t) + C_{imm}(x, t)$$

to be connected with

**Flux=**  $v C_m(x, t) - K \partial_x C_m(x, t)$

## 4.b. Mobile, immobile, or total population

Particles, sticking at  $x$  at time  $t$ , came from the mobile phase, at time  $[t', t' + dt']$

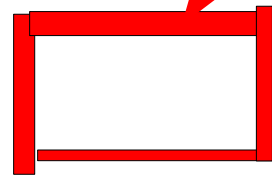
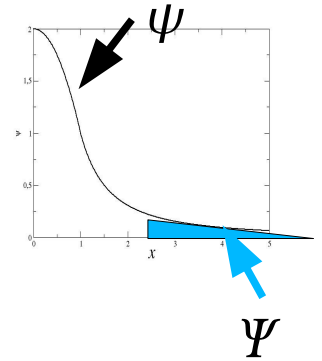
with probability  $\frac{dt'}{\tau} C_m(x, t')$

then, stucked there, with (survival) probability  $\Psi(t-t') = \int_{t-t'}^{+\infty} \psi(\theta) d\theta$

$$C_{imm}(x, t) = \int_0^t C_m(x, t') \Psi(t-t') \frac{dt'}{\tau}$$

$C_m(x, \cdot) * \Psi$

$$C_{tot}(x, t) = C_m(x, t) + \lambda \frac{\Psi}{\tau} * C_m(x, t)$$



$\longrightarrow I^{1-\gamma} C_m$  when  $\tau \longrightarrow 0$

$$I^{1-\gamma} f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\gamma)} \int_0^t (t-T)^{-\gamma} f(T) dT$$

4.c. A mapping connecting total and mobile concentration, hence giving the flux

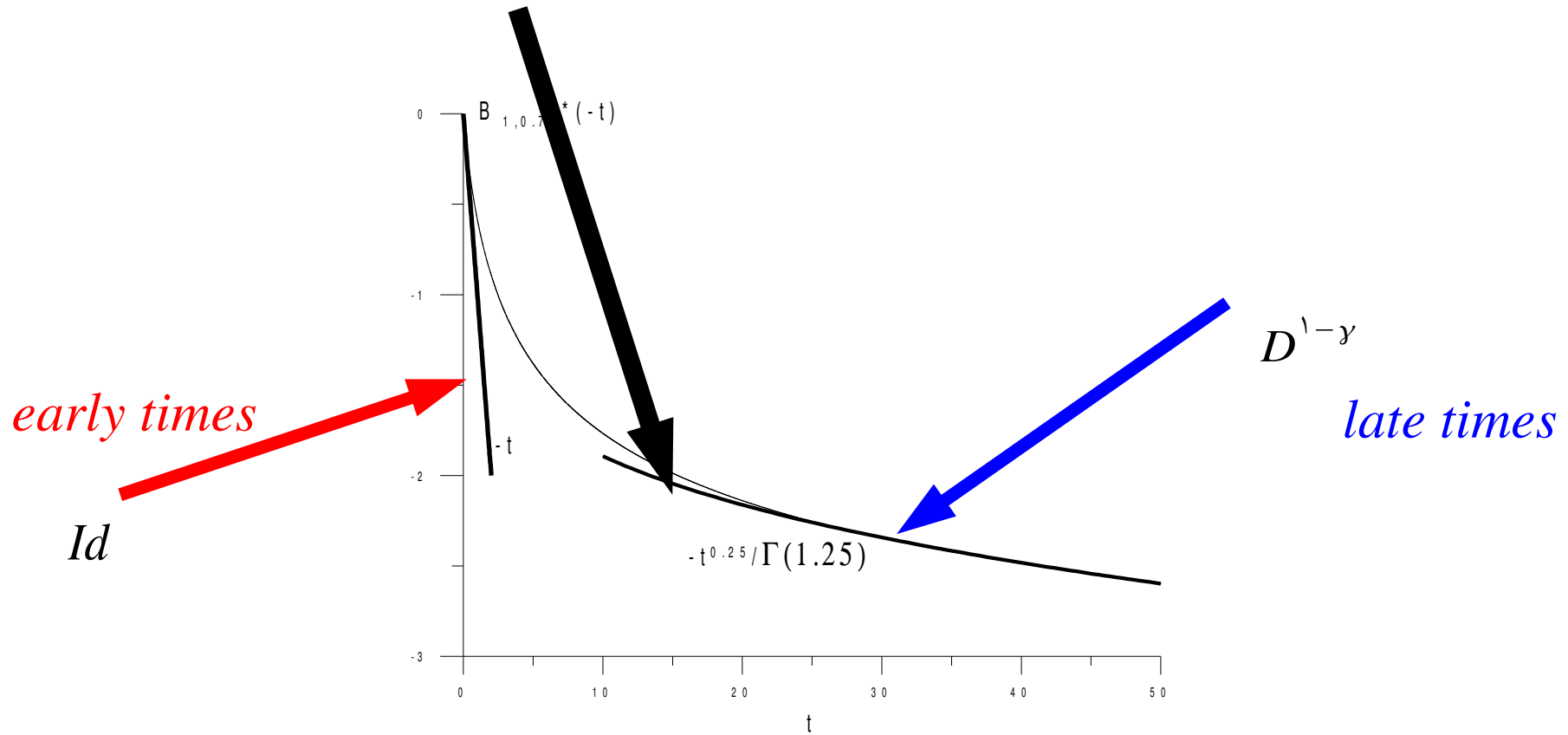
*in the limit*  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \tau \\ l \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow 0$  with  $K = l^2 / 2\tau$

$$C_{tot} = (Id + \lambda I^{1-\gamma}) C_m \quad \longrightarrow \quad C_m = (Id + \lambda I^{1-\gamma})^{-1} C_{tot}$$

$$\mathbf{Flux} = (v - K \partial_x) (Id + \lambda I^{1-\gamma})^{-1} C_{tot}$$

**Fick's law for media where particles stick some immobile matrix**

the mapping  $(Id + \lambda I^{1-\gamma})^{-1}$



*Riemann-Liouville derivative of the order of*

$$1-\gamma$$

*with the definition*

$$D^\alpha f(t) = \partial_t I^{1-\alpha} f(t)$$

#### 4.d. Consequence: Fractional MIM model with sources

$$\partial_t C(x, t) = -\nabla \cdot (K \nabla - v)(Id + \lambda I^{1-\gamma})^{-1} C(x, t) + r(x, t)$$

  
*source rate*

*equivalent to*

$$(\partial_t + \lambda \partial_t^\gamma) C(x, t) = -\nabla \cdot (K \nabla - v) C(x, t) + (Id + \lambda I^{1-\gamma}) r(x, t)$$

*when  $K$  and  $v$  are constant*

## 5. Numerical illustration

### constant coefficients

#### 5.a. Schemes for

$$\partial_t C(x, t) = -\nabla \cdot (K \nabla - v)(Id + \lambda I^{1-\gamma})^{-1} C(x, t) + r(x, t)$$

equivalent to

$$(\partial_t + \lambda \partial_t^\gamma) C(x, t) = -\nabla \cdot (K \nabla - v) C(x, t) + (Id + \lambda I^{1-\gamma}) r(x, t)$$

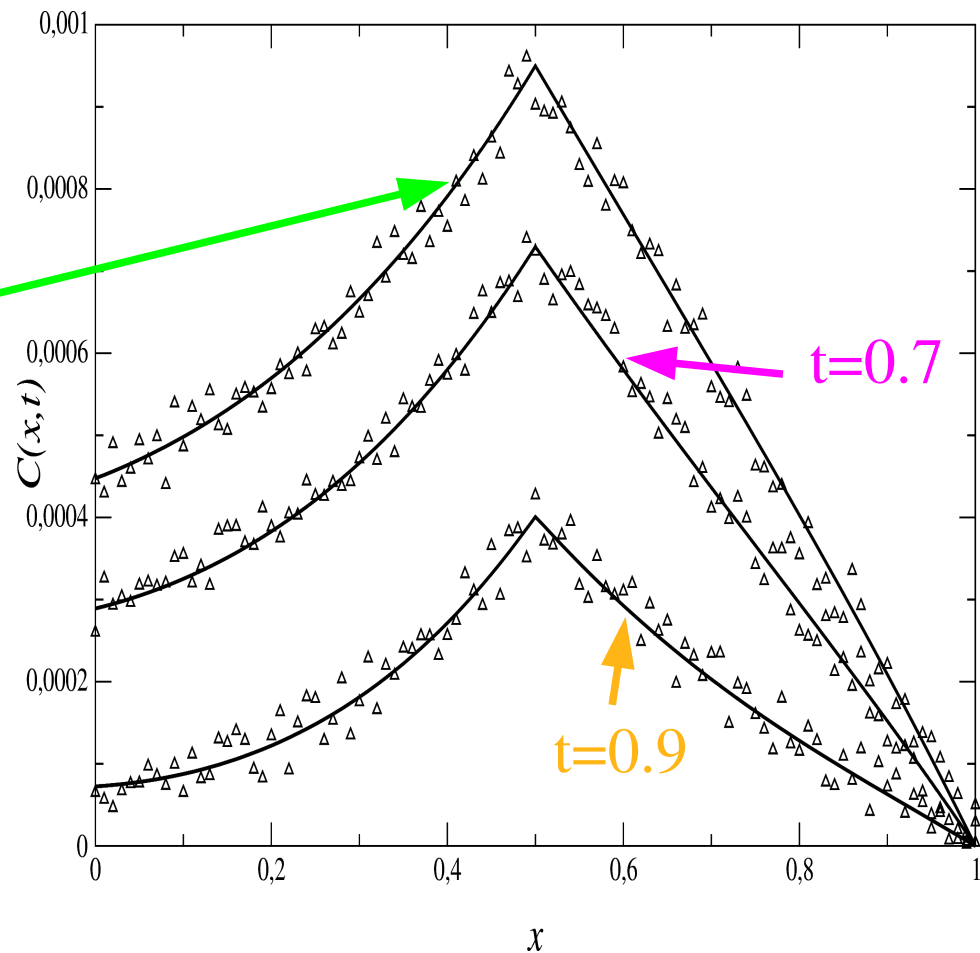
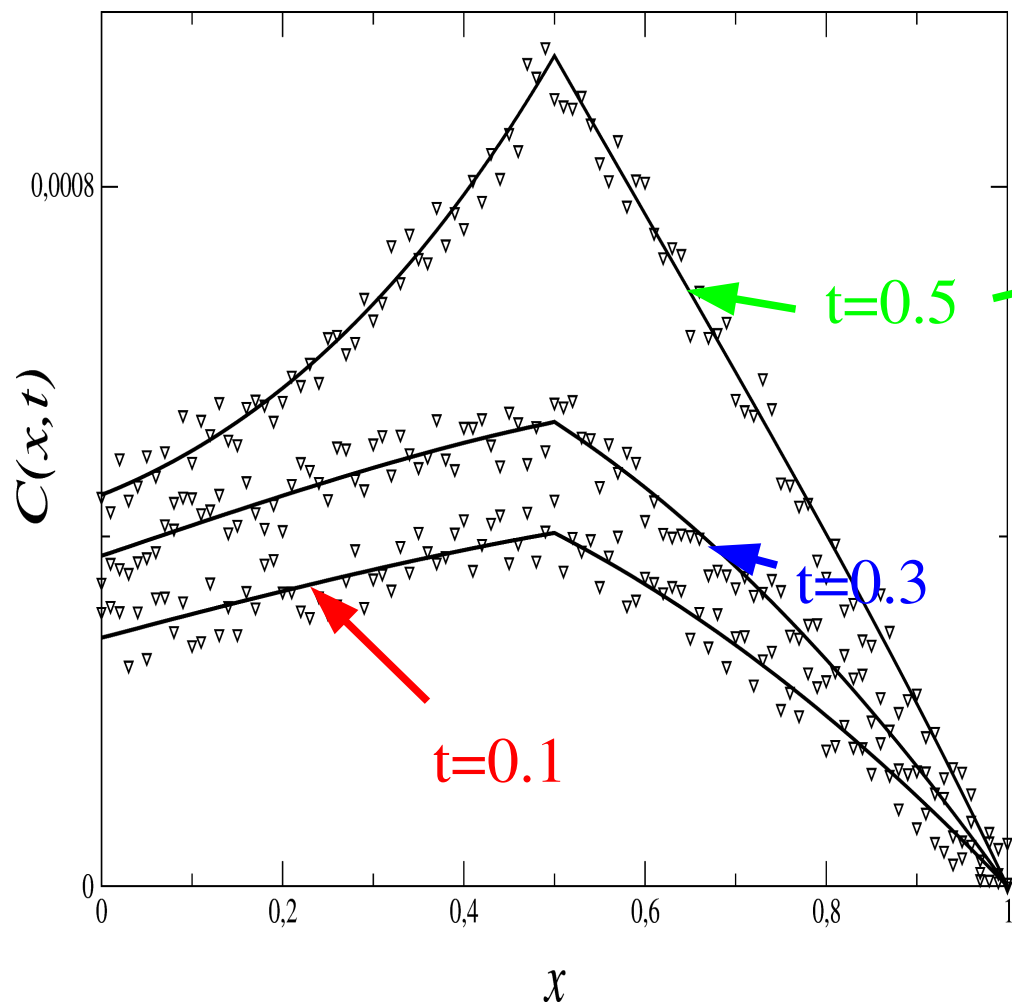
discretize  $Id + \lambda I^{1-\gamma}$  then invert

2 interesting schemes:

or

use schemes for Caputo derivative

## 5.b.Comparisons against random walks

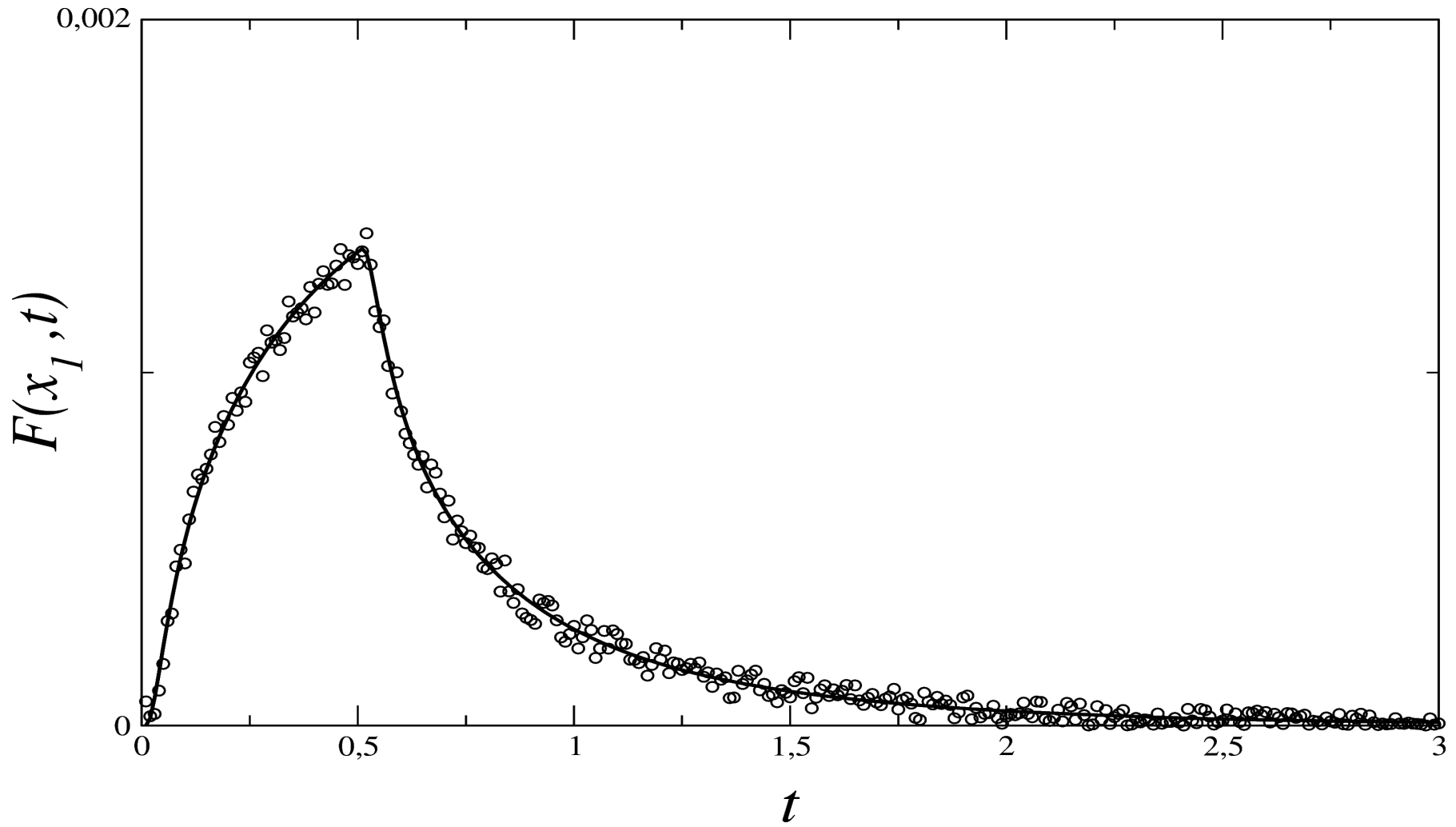


constant source at  $x=0.5$  for  $t$  between 0 and 0.5

*concentration profiles*



*flux at the outlet*



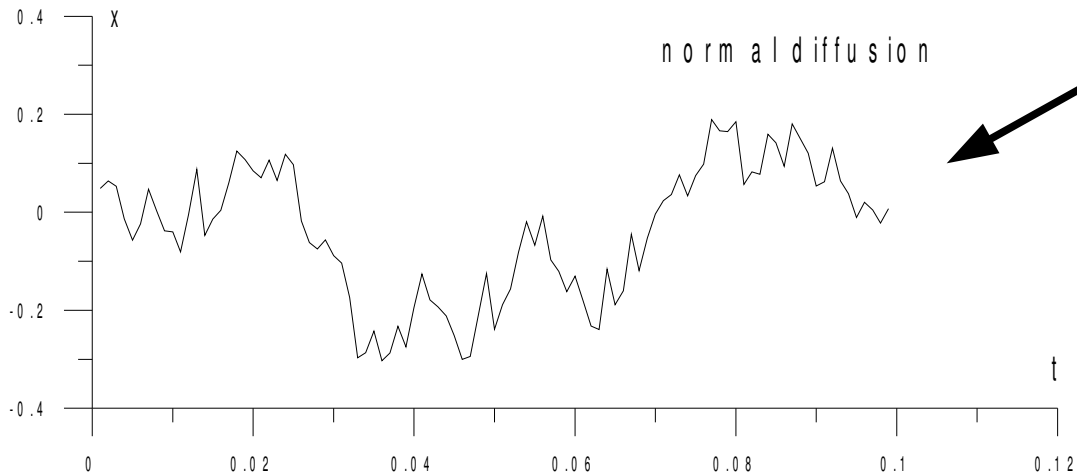
# *Conclusion*

A model for memory effects, coherent with immobilization periods

In terms of fluxes

Numerical discretization

Some parameters are visible in the asymptotic behaviour

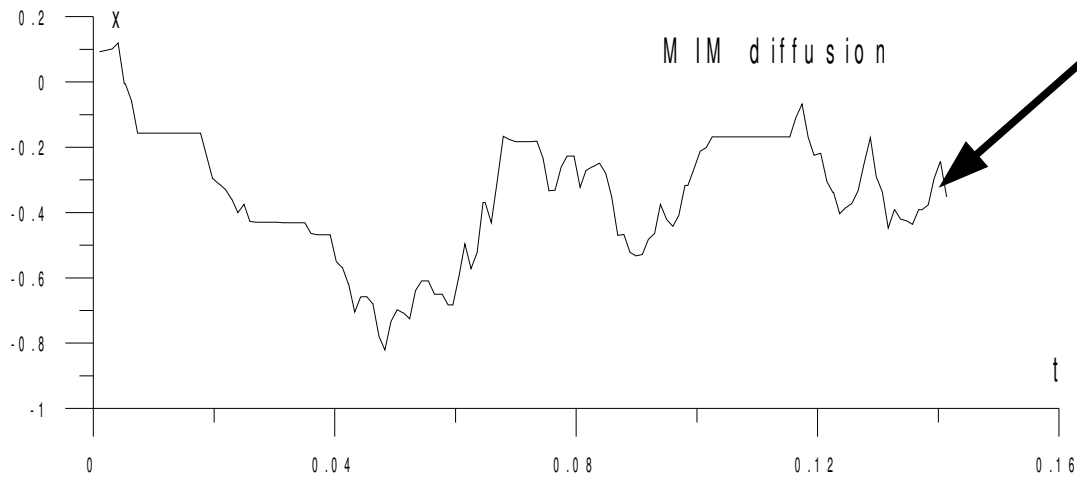


Gaussian jumps, separated by  
time intervals of duration  $\tau$

*hydrodynamic limit:*

*U: Brownian motion*

*operational time = clock time t*



with random immobilizations  
inserted

*hydrodynamic limit:*

*operational time +  
U(operational time)*

*= clock time t*