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# Motivation

Anomalous diffusion can be observed in many different areas of nature, in particular, related to heterogeneous media like porous rocks, random resistor networks and crowded biological media with its prominent phenomena macromolecular crowding, confinement and macromolecular adsorption [14]. These environments exhibit remarkable characteristics like anomalous diffusion with its most popular power-law behaviour of the Mean-Square-Displacement ( $MSD \propto t^\alpha$ ) [8], which violates the Einstein formula  $MSD = 2dDt$  and thereby the central limit theorem. Various theoretical models try to encounter anomalous diffusion. One of these models is fractional Brownian motion (fBm). It is modelling a stochastic process with strong correlations of the increments. fBm was first introduced as family of Gaussian random function by Mandelbrot and Van Ness in 1968 and motivated by examples in economics [12]. In contrast to different models of anomalous diffusion, the fBm approach is plainly phenomenological defined by a power-law of the MSD and thus perfectly qualifies as a starting point to study effects resulting from a power-law MSD.

This thesis focuses on the impact of fBm on enzymatic reactions. Pionier work by Leonor Michaelis and Maud Menten [13] simplified the enzymatic reaction scheme for a concentration based model. As one of the best known and important models of enzyme kinetics it is of great interest to study effects on Michaelis-Menten like reactions by fBm. For this purpose a particle based simulation with a fBm integrator of a Michaelis-Menten like reactions was set up. Spatial and temporal effects induced by fBm were studied.

The thesis is organized in four chapters: 1. Fractional Brownian Motion, 2. Particle Based Reaction Diffusion, 3. An Enzyme Reaction With Fractional Brownian Motion and 4. Summary. The first chapter sets up theoretical foundations for fBm. Subsequently, fBm generating algorithms are studied. The second chapter deals with models describing reactions in general but focuses on particle based reaction diffusion. A particle based Reaction Diffusion software RevReaDDy, which dealt as a starting point for the implementation is introduced. Chapter 3 focuses more specifically on enzyme reactions. Followed by an enzymatic simulation model set up with RevReaDDy. Finally results from the simulation are discussed and related to existing literature. Chapter 4 summarizes the content of the thesis.

# 1 Fractional Brownian Motion

## 1.1 Introduction

Wiener process is a continuous-time stochastic processes. It is applied to finance, biology, physics and many more because of no or only weak correlations of the underlying processes. Brownian motion is the random motion of particles suspended in a fluid, which is modeled by a Wiener process. Fractional Brownian Motion (fBm) is a more general family of Gaussian random function than standard Brownian motion with long-range correlations as its defining property. The main objective of this chapter is to explore the theoretical foundation for fBm starting with Brownian motion in the following section. Further algorithms generating fBm are introduced and analyzed in terms of accuracy and performance.

## 1.2 Brownian Motion

Standard Brownian Motion is a very important and good studied stochastic process. It describes the erratic motion of mesoscopic particles, which first were documented by Jan Ingenhousz in 1785, in particular for coal dust on the surface of alcohol [8]. Later on, in 1827 Robert Brown observed the erratic motion of pollen grains. Brownian Motion has a Gaussian propagator, which has its origin in the Central Limit Theorem (CLT) for a sum of independent and identically distributed random variables.

**Definition 1** *Let's assume a set of  $N$  independent variables  $\{X_i\}$  with a finite variance  $\sigma_i^2 = \langle X_i^2 \rangle$  and the mean  $\langle X_i \rangle = 0$ . The definition of another random variable  $Y$  is given by:*

$$Y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{j=1}^N X_j \quad (1.1)$$

This scenario in which a random variable is defined by the sum of another can be observed generically in nature. The seemingly innocent assumption of independence for the random variable  $\{X_i\}$  in the summation results in a Gaussian distribution  $\rho(y)$  in the limit of large  $N$  with  $\rho(y)dy = P(y < Y < y + dy)$

$$\rho(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad (1.2)$$

A calculation of this very interesting result can be found in the appendix 5.1. Microscopic processes with independent random position changes of a particle, thus

have a Gaussian distribution function for the overall change in position. Therefore a random walk converges toward the Wiener process.

With Bayes' theorem and an initial delta-distribution one can show that transition probability  $T_t(y|0) = \rho_t(y)$  is equivalent to the particle density distribution. One can find the calculation in the appendix section 5.2. The above-mentioned elaborations motivate the reason for a process with a Gaussian transition probability. A processes with Gaussian distributed transition probability and uncorrelated increments is called Wiener process (Standard Brownian motion).

**Definition 2** *Brownian motion described by the Wiener process is a stochastic process  $\{W_t\}_{t \geq 0} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  with  $W_t(\omega)$  being the position of a particle with  $\omega \in \Omega$  at time  $t \in T$  in the observation time  $T = [0, \infty)$ . It has a fixed  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  as its origin. The transition probabilities are [6]:*

$$\begin{aligned} T_t(y|x) &:= (2\pi t)^{-\frac{d}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{\|x-y\|^2}{2t}\right) \text{ for } y \in \mathbb{R}^d, t > 0 \\ T_0(y|x) &= \delta(x-y) \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

The Wiener process is a Gaussian process with mean  $\langle W_t \rangle_y = x$  and particle position  $W_0 = x$  at  $t = 0$ . Its variance is  $\langle W_t^2 \rangle_y = t$ . It has a property called Brownian scaling:

$$\{\hat{W}_t := \frac{1}{c} W_{c^2 t}\}_{t \geq 0} \quad \text{if } \{W_t\}_{t \geq 0} \quad (1.4)$$

A Wiener process has self-similar and fractal paths as a result from Brownian scaling. However it is a purely mathematical model with missing connection to the strength of diffusion of a particle. Fick's empirical second law describes how diffusion causes the concentration to change over time:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} c(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\nabla J(\mathbf{r}, t) = D \Delta c(\mathbf{r}, t) \quad \text{with} \quad \Delta = \nabla^2 \quad (1.5)$$

With Fick's first law  $J(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\nabla c(\mathbf{r}, t)$  and  $D$  being the flux of particles and the diffusion coefficient, respectively. Fick's first law is a result from the linear response theory. Fick's second law can be derived from the continuity equation and Fick's first law. The Concentration  $c(\mathbf{r}, t)$  can be interpreted as a probability distribution, if properly normalized  $\int d\mathbf{r} c(\mathbf{r}, t) = 1$ . The transition probability of the Wiener process builds the foundation for a more physical description of a propagator:

$$P(\mathbf{r}, t) = \left(\frac{2\pi\delta\mathbf{r}^2(t)}{d}\right)^{-\frac{d}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{\mathbf{r}^2 d}{2\delta\mathbf{r}^2(t)}\right) \quad (1.6)$$

One can show that the propagator is solving the diffusion equation eq. (1.5) with  $\delta\mathbf{r}^2(t) = 2dDt$  and the meaningful initial condition of vanishing concentration at

boundaries:

$$c(\pm\infty, t) = 0 \quad (1.7)$$

The calculation can be found in the appendix 5.3. Brownian scaling applies as a property also to the propagator of Brownian motion. There exists a scale-free form of the Gaussian propagator as a more intuitive consequence of Brownian scaling.

$$P(\mathbf{r}, t) = r^{-d} \mathcal{P}_{gauss}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \quad \text{with} \quad \hat{\mathbf{r}} = \frac{\mathbf{r}}{\sqrt{2Dt}} \quad (1.8)$$

For the sake of completeness, it was to be mentioned that velocities in reality are always correlated at least for very short lag times. It is often referred to as the ballistic regime. As an example a water molecule forgets its initial velocities in ca. 16Fs.

### 1.3 Fractional Brownian Motion

In this section the theoretical foundation for continuous-time and discrete-time Fractional Brownian Motion will be set. In the previous section the MSD has been shown

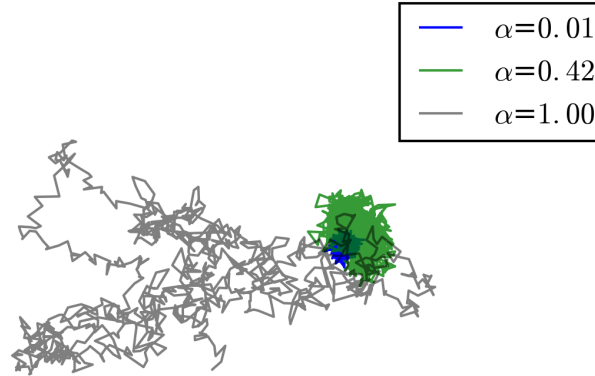


Figure 1.1: shows 3D trajectories of fBm for different  $\alpha$  generated with the Lowen algorithm for  $K_\alpha = 1$ ,  $\Delta t = 1$  and the trajectory length  $M = 1000$ .

to be linear with time as a result of the central limit theorem. In normal liquids this behaviour can be seen already at time scales higher than picoseconds [8]. Neverthe-



less, many experiments show that the MSD has a power law behaviour ( $\delta r^2(t) \propto t^\alpha$  for  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ). Thus, the central limit theorem does not hold, not even for long time scales. It can be shown that persistent correlations of the increments are present. In soft matter, like polymers, a subdiffusive behaviour is typically present in a time window but finally the linear MSD takes over. Fractional Brownian motion instead examines the case that the central limit theorem is violated for all time scales. The basic feature of fBm's is that the "span of interdependence" between their increments can be said to be infinite [12]

**Definition 3** *Just like the Wiener process, continuous-time Fractional Brownian motion (ctfBm) is a continuous-time Gaussian process  $\{B_t^\alpha\}_{t \geq 0} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ . Therefore it is fully specified by its mean  $\langle B_t \rangle = 0$  and its covariance function  $\text{Cov}[B_t^\alpha, B_s^\alpha] = \frac{\sigma^2}{2}[t^\alpha - 2(s-t)^\alpha + s^\alpha]$*

With the mean and the covariance defined, the mean square displacement can be calculated as:

$$\langle (B_t^\alpha - B_s^\alpha)^2 \rangle = (s - t)^\alpha \sigma^2 \quad (1.9)$$

Lets define another connected random variable: the continuous-time fractional Gaussian noise (ctfGn).

**Definition 4** *ctfGn is a continuous-time Gaussian process  $\{X_t^\alpha\}_{t \geq 0} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  with  $\langle X_t^\alpha \rangle = 0$  and variance  $\text{Var}[X_t^\alpha] = \langle (X_t^\alpha)^2 \rangle = \sigma^2$ . It is the derivative of  $B_t^\alpha$ :*

$$B_t^\alpha = \int_0^t X_\epsilon^\alpha d\epsilon \quad (1.10)$$

Thus  $X_t^\alpha = dB_t^\alpha/dt$  and the covariance function for ctfGn is:

$$\text{Cov}[X_t^\alpha, X_s^\alpha] = \frac{d^2 B_t^\alpha B_s^\alpha}{dt ds} = -\sigma^2 \frac{d^2 |t - s|^\alpha}{dt ds} \quad (1.11)$$

$$= \alpha(\alpha - 1)\sigma^2 |t - s|^{\alpha-2} + \alpha\sigma^2 |t - s|^{\alpha-1} \delta(t - s) \quad (1.12)$$

For Wiener white noise ( $\alpha = 1$ ) the first term (the correlation) disappears:

$$\text{Cov}[X_t, X_s] = \sigma^2 \delta(t - s) \quad (1.13)$$

The spectrum density function is defined as the Fourier transform of the autocovariance function:

$$S(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \text{Cov}[X_t, X_0] \exp[-2\pi i \omega t] dt \quad (1.14)$$

For algorithmic purpose discrete time fractional Brownian Motion (fGm) and Noise (fGn) are relevant as well:

$$B_t^\alpha = \sum_{i=0}^k X_i^\alpha \quad (1.15)$$

The covariance function for fGm is similar to ctfGm but different for fGn in comparison to ctfGn:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}[X_n^\alpha, X_m^\alpha] &= \langle (B_n^\alpha - B_{n-1}^\alpha)(B_m^\alpha - B_{m-1}^\alpha) \rangle \\ &= \frac{\sigma^2}{2} [(n-m-1)^\alpha - 2(n-m)^\alpha + (n-m+1)^\alpha] \end{aligned}$$

and with stationarity:

$$\text{Cov}[X_0^\alpha, X_m^\alpha] = \frac{\sigma^2}{2} [(n-1)^\alpha - 2n^\alpha + (n+1)^\alpha] \quad (1.16)$$

A more detailed study on fBm and fGm can be found in [15]. Similar to the argumentation for Brownian motion also fBm need a connection to the strength of diffusion. This connection is introduced by the variance of fGn as:

$$\sigma^2 = 2dK_\alpha \Delta t \quad (1.17)$$

The Mean square displacement for fBm follows from eq. (1.9) as:

$$\delta r^2(t) = \langle \Delta R(t)^2 \rangle = 2dK_\alpha t^\alpha \quad (1.18)$$

with  $K_\alpha > 0$  being the generalized diffusion coefficient. It is not quite the diffusion constant from Fick's law due to different units.

In the following properties of a more physical description of fBm will be discussed:

- The single particle density  $\rho(\mathbf{r}, t) = \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}(t))$  describes the density of a particle, which is localized at position  $\mathbf{R}(t)$ . Its correlation function  $P(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}', t - t') = V \langle \rho(\mathbf{r}, t) \rho(\mathbf{r}', t') \rangle$  is also called Van Hove self-correlation function (in this context the propagator).  $V$  refers to the volume. From now on we will consider an isotropic system  $r = |\mathbf{r}|$ . As for Brownian motion with independent increments the correlated increments  $\Delta R(t)$  of fractional Brownian motion are assumed to follow a Gaussian distribution with zero mean. Thus the correlation function of the single particle density results in:

$$P(r, t) = [2\pi \delta r^2(t)/d]^{-\frac{d}{2}} e^{-\frac{r^2 d}{2\delta r^2(t)}} \quad (1.19)$$

- The propagator of fBm can be transformed into a scale free form. It is related

to the scale free from of standard Brownian motion eq. (1.8):

$$P(\mathbf{r}, t) = \mathbf{r}^{-d} \mathcal{P}_{gauss}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \quad \text{with} \quad \hat{\mathbf{r}} = \frac{\mathbf{r}}{\sqrt{2K_\alpha t^\alpha}} \quad (1.20)$$

- The van hove correlation function can be transformed via the spatial Fourier transform into its wave-number representation, which is called the self-intermediate scattering function. Again for isotropic systems one can write  $|\mathbf{k}| = k$ .

$$F_s(k, t) = \langle \rho(k, t) \rho(k', t') \rangle = \int d^d r e^{-ikr} P(r, t) \quad (1.21)$$

$$= \langle e^{-ik\Delta R(t)} \rangle \quad (1.22)$$

- The intermediate scattering function for the single particle density turns out to be the characteristic or moment generating function of  $\Delta R(t)$  by expanding it for small wavenumbers  $k \rightarrow 0$  one can get the moments. Its logarithm returns the cumulants. For Gaussian propagators with zero-mean all but the second cumulants vanish. For non-Gaussian transport also further cumulants are non-zero. Therefore, it is used to indicate beyond Gaussian transport. The non-Gaussian parameter is defined as:

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{d\delta r^4(t)}{(d+2)[\delta r^2(t)]} - 1 \quad (1.23)$$

- An other important quantity is the dynamical structure factor, which is the time-frequency Fourier transform of the intermediate scattering function:

$$F_s(k, z) = \langle \rho(k, z) \rho(k', z') \rangle = \int_0^\infty dt e^{-itz} P(k, t) \text{ for } k \rightarrow 0, \text{Im}(z) > 0 \quad (1.24)$$

$$= \frac{1}{-iz} - \frac{k^2}{2d} \int_0^\infty dt e^{izt} \delta r^2(t) + \mathcal{O}(k^2) \quad (1.25)$$

For the velocities as our random variables  $\partial_t \mathbf{R}(t) = \boldsymbol{\xi}(t)$  also the Velocity auto correlation function is of interest. Velocities correspond to continuous-time fractional Gaussian noise in the mathematical description.

- Velocities can be used to calculate the Velocity Autocorrelation Function (VACF):

$$Z(|t - t'|) = \frac{1}{d} \langle \boldsymbol{\xi}(t) \boldsymbol{\xi}(t') \rangle = \frac{1}{2d} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \delta r^2(t - t') \quad (1.26)$$

The VACF in the frequency domain for fBm is:

$$\tilde{Z}(z) \stackrel{\text{Im}(z) > 0}{=} K_\alpha \Gamma(1 + \alpha) (iz)^{1-\alpha} \quad (1.27)$$

The calculation can be found in the appendix 5.4

### 1.3.1 Algorithm

The algorithm of choice will be needed as the integrator of motion in a particle based reaction-diffusion software with preferably long trajectories. Therefore exactness and performance of the algorithm matter. In literature several algorithms were studied. Promising exact methods are: Cholesky [18], Hosking [10], Davis-Harte [18] and Lowen [11] method. Cholesky method claim to perform  $\mathcal{O}(M^3)$  in respect to the length of trajectory  $M$  and even  $\mathcal{O}(M^2)$  for every next trajectory. Davis-Harte and Lowen method claim to be exact and fast  $\mathcal{O}(M \log(M))$  [3][11]. There are further algorithms with even faster performance (e.g. the  $RMD_{3,3}$ - method [18] with  $\mathcal{O}(M)$ ). However, they are approximations. In order to choose an algorithm. Three algorithms were analyzed in terms of accuracy and speed. 1. Cholesky 2. Lowen and 3. Our own algorithm.

#### Cholesky Method

(cite the thesis of Ton Dieker)  $\mathcal{O}(M^3)$

#### Our Algorithms

The VACF in the frequency domain will be used to modify standard Brownian motion velocities, which are easily computable, to generate increments. The starting point are the velocities  $\partial_t \mathbf{R}(t) = \boldsymbol{\xi}(t)$ . The increments can be decomposed in its Fourier modes for real frequencies  $z = \omega$ :

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\xi}}_T(\omega) = \int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{\frac{T}{2}} dt e^{i\omega t} \boldsymbol{\xi}(t) \quad (1.28)$$

For a finite observation time  $T$  the Wiener-Khinchin theorem applies :

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \langle |\tilde{\boldsymbol{\xi}}_T(\omega)|^2 \rangle = 2 \operatorname{Re} \left( \tilde{Z}(\omega) \right) \quad (1.29)$$

For white noise one gets:

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \langle |\tilde{\boldsymbol{\eta}}_T(\omega)|^2 \rangle = \text{const.} \quad (1.30)$$

Fractional correlations can be incorporated via its VACF:

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\xi}}(\omega) = \sqrt{2 \operatorname{Re} \left( \tilde{Z}(\omega) \right)} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\eta}}(\omega) \quad (1.31)$$

With  $\tilde{\xi}(\omega)$  being fractional Brownian velocities in the frequency domain. Its Fourier-back-transform results in fractional Brownian velocities in the time domain.

$$\xi(t) = \int d\omega e^{i\omega t} \tilde{\xi}(\omega) \quad (1.32)$$

In the following an algorithm, which generates fractional Brownian noise will be introduced. The algorithm is based on the Davis-Harte algorithm [2]. The idea is to use the calculated VACF and thereby modify conventionally generated Gaussian random variables. All the increments should be generated beforehand. With this concept it is difficult to include forces. For computational reasons the pervious elaborations on how to generate fractional Brownian increments have to be transformed into a discrete form, thereby the solution is no longer exact, which will be shown in the analysis part of the algorithm.

$$\eta(t) \longrightarrow \eta_j(t) \text{ with } j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n, \quad n = \text{amount of steps} \quad (1.33)$$

For a n-steps long trajectory one can write:

$$\Delta \mathbf{R}_n(t) = \sum_{j=0}^n \eta_j \Delta t \quad (1.34)$$

The following algorithm is explained for one dimension and can be easily extended for more dimensions. The MSD can be written as:

$$\langle \Delta R_j(t) \rangle = 2K_\alpha (\Delta t j)^\alpha \quad (1.35)$$

The algorithm goes as follows:

1.  $M$  independent normally distributed random increments are generated:

$$\eta_k(t) = \mathcal{N}(0, \sqrt{\Delta t}) \text{ with } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, M \quad (1.36)$$

$M > n$  more increments are generated to counteract the boundary problem in the discrete Fourier transform, which is shown in fig. 1.2(a) and fig. 1.2(b)

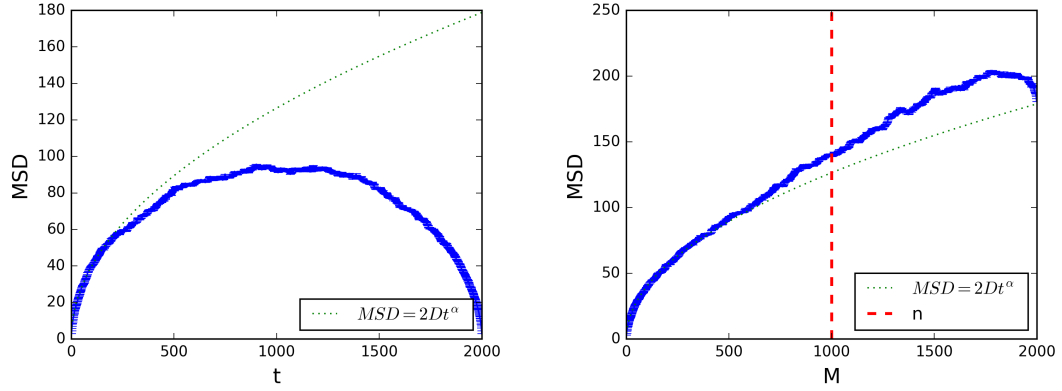
2. Via discrete Fourier transform these increments are transformed into the frequency domain:

$$\tilde{\eta}_l(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} \eta_k e^{\frac{-i2\pi l k}{M}} \Delta t \text{ with } l = 0, 1, 2, \dots, M \quad (1.37)$$

$$(1.38)$$

By comparison with the eq. (1.28) one can see that:

$$z \rightarrow l\Delta z, \quad \Delta z = \frac{2\pi}{M\Delta t}, \quad t \rightarrow j\Delta t \text{ and } \int dt \rightarrow \sum \Delta t \quad (1.39)$$



(a) Ensemble MSD without the correction introduced in eq. (1.42) (b) Ensemble MSD with correction introduced in eq. (1.42). The side of the red bar indicates the threshold for the remaining increments for  $M = 2n$

3. Comparable to eq. (1.31) correlations are incorporated:

$$\tilde{\xi}_l(z) = \tilde{\eta}_l(z) \sqrt{2\text{Re}(\tilde{Z}_l(z))} \quad (1.40)$$

with  $\tilde{Z}(z) \rightarrow \tilde{Z}_l(z)$  as introduced in eq. (1.39):

$$\tilde{Z}_l(z) = K_\alpha \Gamma(1 + \alpha) (i2\pi l \Delta z)^{1-\alpha} = K_\alpha \Gamma(1 + \alpha) (il \frac{2\pi}{M\Delta t})^{1-\alpha} \quad (1.41)$$

4. The discrete Fourier transform has a downside compared to the continuous Fourier transform, as already noted in the beginning of this section. The VACF is zero at zero-frequency  $\tilde{Z}_{l=0}(z=0) = 0$ . From eq. (1.40) also the first increment in the frequency domain is zero  $\tilde{\xi}_{l=0}(z=0) = 0$ . Due to eq. (1.37) also the following relation holds:

$$\tilde{\xi}_{l=0}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} \xi_k e^0 \Delta t = \Delta R_M \quad (1.42)$$

$\Delta R$  is the distance between the starting point and the position of the particle. Therefore, the particle would travel after  $M$  steps back to its initial position. The effect on the ensemble averaged mean square displacement can be seen in fig. 1.2(a). Instead, the zero-increment in the frequency domain is calculated as follows:

$$\tilde{\xi}_{l=0}(z) = \mathcal{N}(0, \sqrt{2K_\alpha(M\Delta t)^\alpha}) \quad (1.43)$$

This equation would be correct if we assumed fractional Brownian motion to be a Markovian process, which certainly is not the cause. This is also the

reason why  $M$  have been chosen to be bigger than  $n$ . The presumption is, that the impact of the approximation would be negligible with increasing distance to  $\Delta R_M$  and negligible at  $\Delta R_n$ . The impact on the ensemble averaged MSD can be seen in fig. 1.2(b). This can be thought of as a finite-time correction.

5. Fractional Brownian increments in the time domain result from the reverse Fourier transform:

$$\xi_k = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{l=0}^{2n-1} \tilde{\xi}_l e^{\frac{2\pi i l k}{2n}} \Delta z \quad (1.44)$$

Only  $n$  increments are taken into account  $\xi_j$  for  $j = (0, 1, \dots, n)$ .

The described algorithm can be performed independently for every Cartesian component of the three dimensional fractional Brownian motion. The Cartesian component are not correlated.

### Lowen

The previous algorithm had down draws in terms of convergence close to 0 and close to the overall simulation time. therefore a algorithm of Steven B. Lowen [11] had been implemented. Lowens algorithm claims to be both both fast ( $\mathcal{O}(N \log N)$ ) and exact. However our implementation show not to be exact, which can be seen in the analysis part. The algorithm goes as follows:

1. Compute a periodic auto-covariance function of  $R_\xi(n)$  of a stochastic process  $\xi(n)$ :

$$R_\xi(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} [1 - (\frac{n}{N})^\alpha] & \text{for } 0 \leq n \leq N \\ R_\xi(2N - n) & \text{for } N \leq n \leq 2N \end{cases} \quad (1.45)$$

2. Transform the auto-covariance function via FFT. The result is called the spectral density of the stochastic process  $\xi(n)$ :

$$S_\xi(k) = FFT(R_\xi(n)) \quad (1.46)$$

3. Calculate  $\tilde{\xi}(k)$  the Fourier transform of the stochastic process  $\xi(n)$ :

$$\tilde{\xi}(k) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } k = 0 \\ \exp(i\theta)\eta\sqrt{S_\xi(k)} & \text{for } 0 \leq k \leq N \\ \eta\sqrt{S_\xi(k)} & \text{for } k = N \\ \tilde{\xi}^*(2N - k) & \text{for } N \leq k \leq 2N \end{cases} \quad (1.47)$$

$\tilde{\xi}^*$  denotes the complex conjugate of  $\tilde{\xi}$ .  $\theta$  is a random variable uniformly distributed in  $(0, 2\pi]$ .  $\eta$  is a random Gaussian variable with zero mean and variance 1 ( $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ ).

4. Perform the inverse Fourier transform on  $\tilde{\xi}(k)$  and use the first half of the resulting stochastic process  $\xi(n)$  multiplied by a factor:

$$\xi(n) = FFT^{-1}(\tilde{\xi}(k)) \quad (1.48)$$

$$B_n^\alpha = \sqrt{2K_\alpha N^\alpha \Delta t^\alpha} (\xi(n) - \xi(0)) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq n \leq N \quad (1.49)$$

Lets check the resulting auto-covariance function.

$$Cov[B_n^\alpha, B_m^\alpha] = 2K_\alpha \Delta t^\alpha N^\alpha \langle (\xi(n) - \xi(0))(\xi(m) - \xi(0)) \rangle \quad (1.50)$$

$$= 2K_\alpha \Delta t^\alpha N^\alpha \langle \xi(n)\xi(m) \rangle - \langle \xi(0)\xi(m) \rangle - \langle \xi(0)\xi(n) \rangle + \langle \xi(0)^2 \rangle \quad (1.51)$$

$$= \frac{2K_\alpha \Delta t^\alpha}{2} [n^\alpha - 2(m-n)^\alpha + n^\alpha] \quad \text{for } n < m \quad (1.52)$$

The auto-covariance function indeed satisfies the condition for fBm with variance similar to eq. (1.17). In step 3 the phase and amplitude of the Fourier transform  $\xi(m)$  were chosen to be random as suggested in [17]. The second derivative of  $R_\xi(n)$  is positive.  $R_\xi(n)$  results in a periodic function with non negative curvature. Its Fourier transform  $S_\xi(k)$  is, real, symmetric and non-negative for all k.  $S_\xi(k)$  is then a valid power spectral density function of the discrete-time periodic process  $\xi(n)$  with period  $2n$  and  $R_\xi(n)$  its valid auto-covariance function [11]. This algorithm is actually using the property of Brownian scaling eq. (1.4) to generate a realization of fBm with non negative auto-covariance function. The algorithm was implemented in c++ with a 1 dimension Fast Fourier transform from the package FFTW3. FFTW computes an unnormalized DFT. Thus, computing a forward followed by a backward transform results in the original array scaled by the size of the array. The size of the array is  $2M$  in Lowens algorithm. Thus a random variable should be divided by  $\sqrt{2N}$  to have a normalized FFT.

### Accuracy Analysis

The algorithms were implemented in python and c++. For the c++ implementation a wrapper to python was added. All algorithms have been analyzed by an analysis class. The c++ implementation is using FFTW library for the Fast Fourier Transform and Mersenne-Twister (gsl\_rng\_mt19937) as the random number generator. Python implementations were developed beforehand and only serve as reference. Python uses the numpy.fft library for the Fast Fourier Transform and also the Mersenne-Twister random number generator.

To get insight into stochastic algorithms observables have to be studied. Observables of a stochastic process are generally averaged values. The motivation of choosing fBm was its power law behaviour of the MSD. It is therefore to be reasonable to analyze first this observable. It can be calculated as the ensemble- or time average. A difference in time and ensemble average would show a violation of ergodicity. A comparison for all the three implemented algorithms can be seen in fig. 1.2. All algorithm show good accuracy between ensemble and time averaged MSD, besides for long lag times for the time averaged MSD due to decreasing statis-



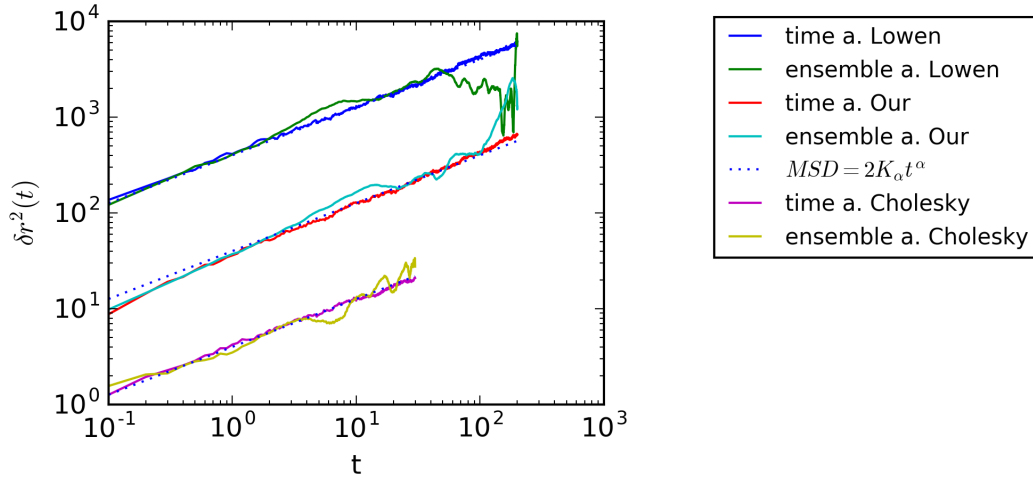


Figure 1.2: Comparison of MSD between time-average, ensemble-average ( $N = 1000$ ),  $\alpha = 0.5$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.1$  for the three algorithms.

Cholesky:  $D = 2$ ,  $M = 300$ .

Our  $D = 20$   $M = 2000$ ,

Lowen:  $D = 200$   $M = 2000$ .

tics. Our algorithm tend to result in too small MSDs for small lag times particularly for small  $\alpha$ , which is going be shown later on. This is caused by the finite amount of samples in the discrete Fourier transform. In the following figures all MSD plots are ensemble averages. They are computationally cheaper.

Secondly time-reversibility had been checked. FBM should be time reversible as shown in [9]. In fig. 1.3 MSDs for forward time and for backward time were plotted. No difference can be seen.  $\alpha$  had been chosen to be 0.1. Thereby our algorithm has an even stronger deviation from the desired power law. A strong influence of  $\alpha$  on the accuracy of MSD for our algorithm can be seen. The influence of  $\alpha$  on the MSD for the three algorithms are shown in fig. 1.4. In the limit of Brownian motion  $\alpha = 1$  the artifacts for small lag-times in the our algorithm vanish. Cholesky and Lowen show no deviation to the expected MSD for all  $\alpha$ .

FBMs property of self similarity can be used to plot a scale free version of the density distribution. The scale free version was introduced in eq. (1.20). The scaled density distribution is not depended on time but overlaps for all times. In fig. 1.5 histograms over  $N = 10000$  single trajectories at various times ( $100 \leq t \leq 1000$ ) were calculated and rescaled according to eq. (1.20). The dashed line show the expected distribution. For Cholesky and our algorithm no deviations from the analytical line is obvious. For Lowens algorithm systematically small changes to the analytical value can be observed. However, the distribution of fBm should stay a Gaussian for all times. As introduced in eq. (1.23) the non-Gaussian parameter should be zero. The Non-Gaussian parameter has been plotted for  $0 \leq t \leq 1000$  ( $\leq 356$  for Cholesky)  $\alpha = 0.5$  in fig. 1.6 a). Our and Cholesky algorithm perform as expected. Lowen

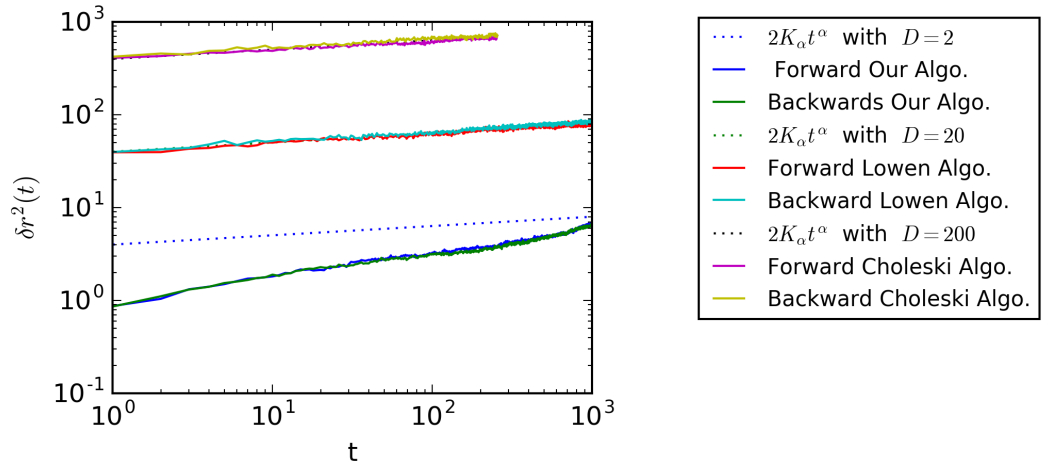


Figure 1.3: The plot show ensemble averaged MSDs for forward time and backward time over  $N = 2000$  trajectories for  $\alpha = 0.1$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.1$  and trajectory length  $M = 1000$  and  $K_\alpha = 2$  for Our algorithm,  $M = 1000$   $K_\alpha = 20$  for Lowen algorithm and  $M = 256$   $K_\alpha = 200$  for Cholesky algorithm.

however show deviation from a Gaussian distribution increasingly towards the end of the trajectory. In fig. 1.6 b) the influence of  $\alpha$  on the non-Gaussian parameter for the Lowen algorithm was tested. For small  $\alpha$  the distribution is closer to a Gaussian. In our implementation Lowens algorithm is not exact as claimed in [11].

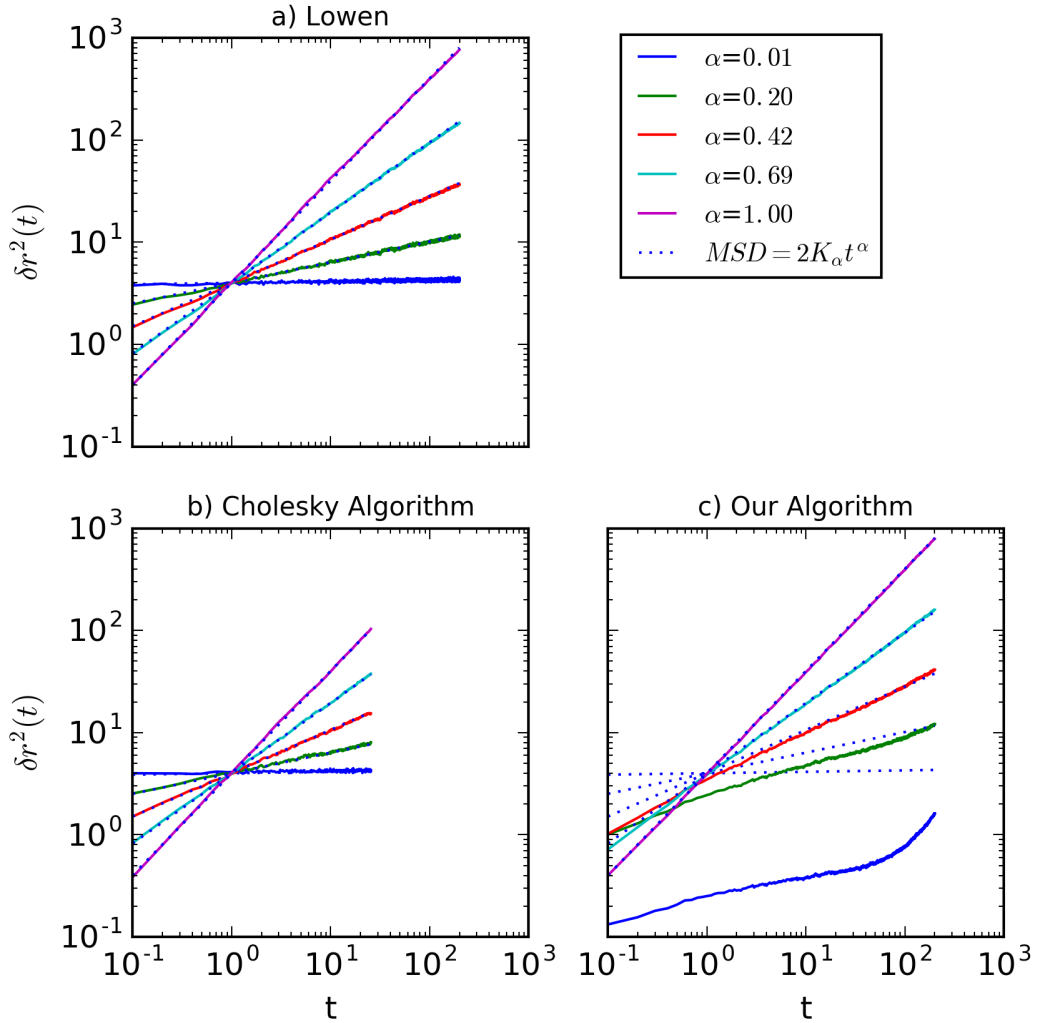


Figure 1.4: All three plots show an ensemble averaged MSD over  $N = 2000$  trajectories for  $0.1 < \alpha < 1.0$  with  $K_\alpha = 2$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.1$  and trajectory length  $M = 2000$  for Our and Lowen algorithm,  $M = 256$  for Choleski algorithm. a) Our algorithm and b) Lowen algorithm c) Choleski algorithm.

### Performance Analysis

The performance in respected to sample size (trajectory length) and number of samples (amount of trajectories) was analyzed in fig. 1.7 b) . Thereby the most promising, in terms of exactness, Cholesky algorithm scales in respect to the trajectory length  $M$  with  $\mathcal{O}(M^3)$ . Our application of the integrator desire long trajectories. It is not reasonable to use such a slow algorithm. Even if every next trajectory with the same  $\alpha$  and length is of  $\mathcal{O}(M^2)$  [18]. In fig. 1.7 a) one can see Cholesky to scale slow with the amount of trajectories  $N$ . Although one should keep in mind that the trajectory length had to be chosen  $M = 128$  compared to  $M = 1000$  as for Our

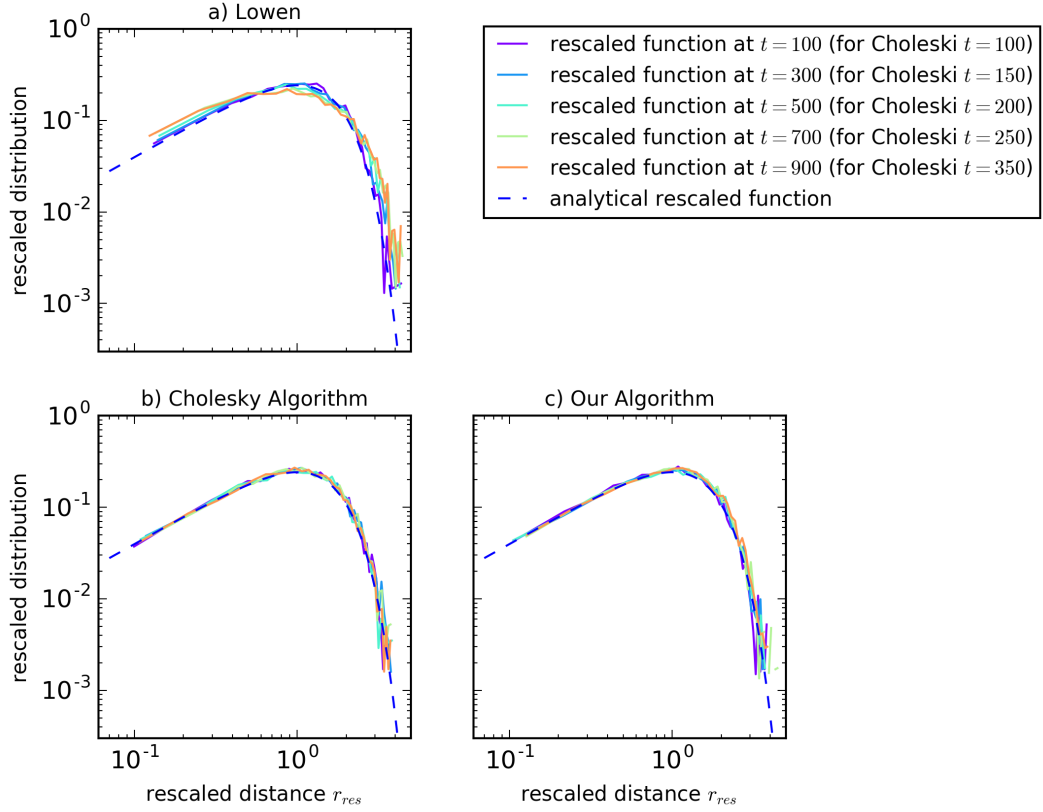


Figure 1.5: All three plots show the scale free form of the propagator at different times as introduced in eq. (1.20) as an histogram over  $N = 10000$  trajectories for  $\alpha = 0.5$  with  $K_\alpha = 2$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.1$  for all three algorithm, at different times  $100 < t < 900$

and Lowens algorithm to get comparably small values. Lowens and Our algorithm perform both  $\mathcal{O}(M \log(M))$  in respect to the trajectory length as a result of the FFT and  $\mathcal{O}(N)$  in respect to the amount of trajectories.

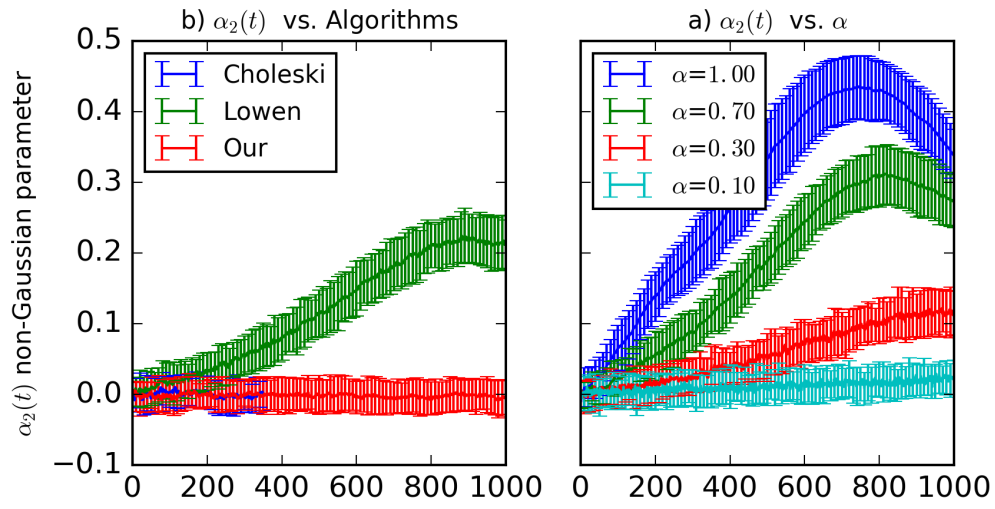


Figure 1.6: a) Non-Gaussian-Parameter as introduced in eq. (1.23) for all three algorithms with  $K_\alpha = 2$ ,  $N = 5000$ ,  $\alpha = 0.5$  (Lowen and Our  $M = 1001$ ; Choleski  $M = 356$ ),  $\Delta t = 1$  averaged over 50 non-Gaussian-Parameter with its variance displayed as an error bar.

b) Non-Gaussian-Parameter for Lowen algorithms with  $K_\alpha = 2$ ,  $N = 5000$ ,  $M = 1001$ ,  $\Delta t = 1$  and for various  $0.1 \leq \alpha \leq 1.0$  averaged over 50 non-Gaussian-Parameter with its variance displayed as an error bar.

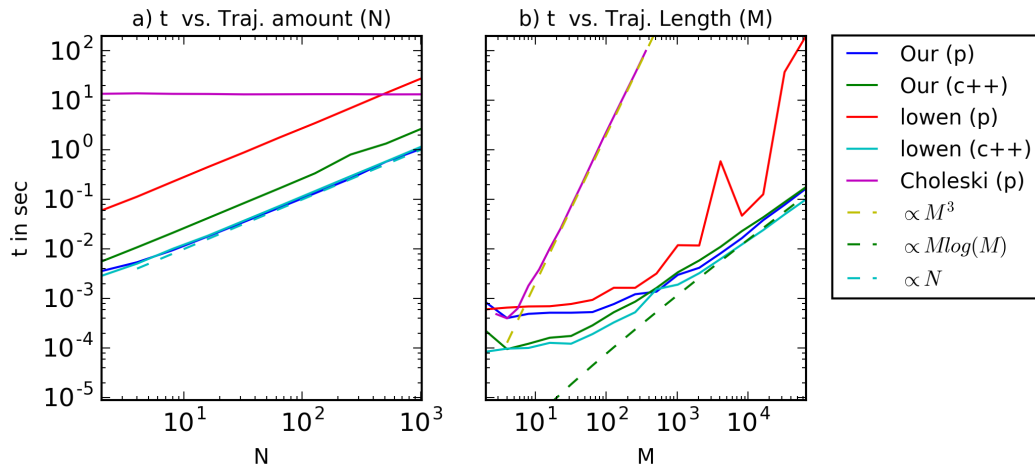


Figure 1.7: a) Algorithmic scaling of computational time in respect to the amount of trajectories  $N$  for trajectory length  $M = 1000$ , ( $D = 2$ ,  $\alpha = 0.5$ ,  $\Delta t = 1$ ) of Lowen and our own algorithm. Both implemented in c++ and python (p). The Cholesky algorithm was implemented in python with  $M = 128$ .

b) Algorithmic scaling of computational time in respect to the trajectory length  $M$  for a single trajectory  $N = 1$ , ( $D = 2$ ,  $\alpha = 0.5$ ,  $\Delta t = 1$ ). Lowen and our own algorithms are implemented in c++ and python (p). Cholesky is only implemented in python (p).

## 2 Particle Based Reaction Diffusion

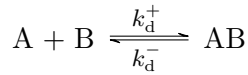
Chemical reactions are generically found in nature. They describe a transformation of chemical substances to one another, transformation of chemical substances are described by formation and breaking of chemical bonds. These bonds are formed due to electromagnetic forces. Physically correct these bonds should be described quantum mechanically. For large systems this calculation cannot be performed, so coarsened grained models for the description were developed. But reactions in a broader sense can also be a transformation of a state to another. A protein changing its transformation can be thought of as an example. Interesting quantities are reaction kinetics, amount of reactants in equilibrium and spatial distributions. Most commonly chemical kinetics are modelled by ordinary differential equations (ODEs) based on the mass action law. Thereby any concentrations are assumed to be constant in space. In the first section this law is shown to follow from the diffusion eq. (1.5) motivated and introduced in the first chapter. In the process fundamental derivations for the kinetics of a bimolecular reaction limited and influenced by diffusion are shown. These derivations motivate the description of chemical reactions in a concentration or particle based model. The interesting topic of chemical reactions with concentrations based models will not be part of the elaborations. Nevertheless, for the sake of completeness, it was to be mentioned that concentration based models following from the chemical master equation can describe reactions with the Gillespie algorithm [7] very efficiently. Even spatial resolutions can be achieved with compartment based chemical master equations. This chapter examines a particle based model more specifically. Both models can be further categorised into two fundamental mathematical approaches: deterministic models which are based on differential equations; and stochastic simulations. Stochastic models provide a more detailed understanding of the reaction-diffusion processes. Such a description is often necessary for the modelling of biological systems where small molecular abundances of some chemical species make deterministic models inaccurate or even inapplicable [4]. Stochastic particle based models conventionally rely on Brownian or Langevin dynamics for the description of diffusion. Brownian dynamics was introduced in chapter 1. Langevin dynamics will not be examined explicitly. In short, it is further considering momentum and reaches Brownian dynamics in the limit of vanishing momentum. Fractional Brownian motion was also introduced in the first chapter. It is less frequently used for the description of diffusion in reaction diffusion models. However, in chapter three a reaction with fractional Brownian motion is studied. For fractional diffusion mass action law does not apply. Thus conventional concentration based models with time independent rate coefficients are no longer suitable [1] [16]. After setting up the foundations a particle based simulation package with fractional Brownian motion will be introduced, which is going to be applied in chapter three

for a particular enzymatic reaction.

## 2.1 Smoluchowski Problem

Lets start our considerations on chemical reactions with the Smoluchowski problem for kinetics of a bi-molecular chemical reaction in solution. The following derivation shell give the kinetics of an easy model for a bi-molecular reaction and motivate convection-diffusion equation.

The reaction sceme for a bi-molecular reaction with reactants A and B fusion to a complex AB with a rate  $k_d^+$  and fission back to A and B with a rate  $k_d^-$  can be written as:



Free diffusion of particle A and B with the diffusion constants  $D_A$  and  $D_B$ , respectively, are assumed. Further no interactions between them are present. In fact this problem can be described by a modified version of the diffusion eq. (1.5) motivated in the first chapter. The joint concentration field for a bi-molecular system in a solution can be written as:

$$\frac{\partial \rho_t(\mathbf{r}_A, \mathbf{r}_B)}{\partial t} = (D_A \nabla_A^2 + D_B \nabla_B^2) \rho_t(\mathbf{r}_A, \mathbf{r}_B) \quad (2.1)$$

The complexity of the problem can be reduced by substituting the positions of the particles A and B with their relative distance  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_A - \mathbf{r}_B$ . It is convenient to introduce even further substitutions:

$$D = D_A + D_B \quad \mathbf{R} = \frac{D_B \mathbf{r}_A + D_A \mathbf{r}_B}{D_A + D_B} \quad (2.2)$$

the Laplace operator in terms of new coordinates result in:

$$\nabla_A^2 = \left( \nabla_r + \frac{D_B}{D} \nabla_R \right)^2 \quad (2.3)$$

$$\nabla_B^2 = \left( \nabla_r + \frac{D_A}{D} \nabla_R \right)^2 \quad (2.4)$$

Inserting these in eq. (2.1) one gets:

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{\rho}_t(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R})}{\partial t} = \left( D \nabla_r^2 + \frac{D_B D_A}{D_A + D_B} \nabla_R^2 \right) \tilde{\rho}_t(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) \quad (2.5)$$

The equation is describing two independent diffusion processes, one in the coordinate  $\mathbf{r}$  and one in the coordinate  $\mathbf{R}$ . The solution can be obtained by the product ansatz



$\tilde{\rho}_t(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) = \rho_t(\mathbf{r})q_t(\mathbf{R})$ . Integration over  $\mathbf{R}$  results in:

$$\frac{\partial \rho_t(\mathbf{r})}{\partial t} = D \nabla_r^2 \rho_t(\mathbf{r}) + \frac{D_B D_A}{D_A + D_B} \nabla_R^2 \rho_t(\mathbf{r}) \int_{\partial V} q_t(\mathbf{R}) d\mathbf{a} \quad (2.6)$$

In the previous equation the stokes theorem was applied. The second term is zero due to conservation of probability. The problem is isotropic, hence  $r = |\mathbf{r}|$  and  $\nabla_r^2 = (\partial_r + \frac{2}{r}) \partial_r$ . The equation reduce to one dimension:

$$\frac{\partial \rho_t(r)}{\partial t} = - \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{2}{r} \right) j_t(r) \quad j_t(r) = D \frac{\partial \rho_t(r)}{\partial r} \quad (2.7)$$

The stationary distribution results in:

$$0 = - \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{2}{r} \right) j_t^s(r) \quad (2.8)$$

$$\frac{dj_t^s(r)}{j_t^s(r)} = - \frac{2}{r} dr \quad (2.9)$$

$$j_t^s(r) = A r^{-2} \quad (2.10)$$

$$\rho^s(r) = \rho^s(r_0) - \frac{\int_{r_0}^r j_t^s(r') dr'}{D} = \rho^s(r_0) + \frac{A}{D} \left( \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r_0} \right) \quad (2.11)$$

Now assuming only a single B molecule being at the position  $r = 0$ . Instantaneous reactions occur for  $r \leq \sigma \Rightarrow \rho_t(r \leq \sigma) = 0$ . For  $r \rightarrow \infty$  the distribution is than defined as the concentration of particle A  $\rho_t(r \rightarrow \infty) = c_A$ . The solutions for  $\rho^s(r)$  and  $j_t^s(r)$  for theses boundary conditions are then:

$$\rho^s(r) = c_A \left( 1 - \frac{\sigma}{r} \right) \quad j_t^s(r) = -D \sigma c_A r^{-2} \quad (2.12)$$

The change of the concentration of  $C_{AB}$  is then:

$$\frac{dC_{AB}}{dt} = 4\pi \sigma D C_A C_B \quad (2.13)$$

Along the way several assumptions were made:

- The system can be described by a diffusion constant which is in depended of time and position.
- no interaction between particles (ideal gas).
- System has a constant concentration of A particles at boundary  $\rho_t(r \rightarrow \infty) = c_A$ .
- System is in a stationary distribution.
- System of one B particle with a concentration  $C_B = 1/V$  can generalised for a system with many particles and still a constant concentration.

- The limit of instantaneous reactions is called diffusion limited reaction.

Still the solution gives the kinetics for a simple bi-molecular system. It is consistent with collision theory, which states that the collision frequency is proportional to the concentrations of the colliding particles. Pioneer work in reaction kinetics by Guldberg and Waage already in 1864 [19] resulted in the law of mass action, which states the proportionality of the reaction rate ( $r_f$ ) to the concentration for elementary uni- and bi molecular reactions.

$$r_f = k_f C_A C_B \quad (2.14)$$

It builds up the basis for a description of reaction kinetics in terms of ordinary differential equations (ODEs) like eq. (2.13).

Smoluchowski's problem can be in fact generalised for reaction to occur with a microscopic rate  $\lambda_+$  within a radius  $\sigma$ . Derived by R. Erban and S. J. Chapman in [5]. However, as a small remark, the microscopic rate has to be distinguished from the macroscopic rate. As an example microscopic rates are related to the Kramers problem, describing the time dependence of a particle passing a potential barrier like commonly in biology protein binding / unbinding. The problem can be described similar to Smoluchowski's problem eq. (2.12) with similar boundary conditions for  $r > \sigma$  but different for  $r \leq \sigma$ :

$$r \leq \sigma \Rightarrow R = \frac{\partial \rho_t(r \leq \sigma)}{\partial t} = -\lambda_+ \rho_t(r \leq \sigma) \quad (2.15)$$

It can also be interpreted as the production term in the continuity equation. In literature it referred to as the convection-diffusion equation:

$$\frac{\partial \rho_t(r)}{\partial t} = - \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{2}{r} \right) j_t(r) + R \quad (2.16)$$

The calculation to the solution of the second-order ODEs can be found in the Appendix section 5.5. The solution shows again the possibility of describing the overall change of concentration with a macroscopic reaction rate  $k_+(\lambda_+, \sigma, D)$ :

$$k_+ = 4\pi D \left( \sigma - \sqrt{\frac{D}{\lambda_+}} \tanh \sigma \sqrt{\frac{D}{\lambda_+}} \right) \quad (2.17)$$

Not only in the diffusion limit but also for reactions occurring with a certain microscopic rate the law of mass action can describe a reaction. For a given reaction scheme it is generally possible to formulate a system of ODEs. Their solutions give the kinetics and concentrations in equilibrium, but no information on the spatial distribution is present. For easy problems analytical solutions to spatial distribution can be obtained by solving the convection diffusion eq. (2.16).

A particle based model for diffusion is Brownian motion introduced in the first chapter. Thereby similar to the setup of the previous elaborations by Erban and

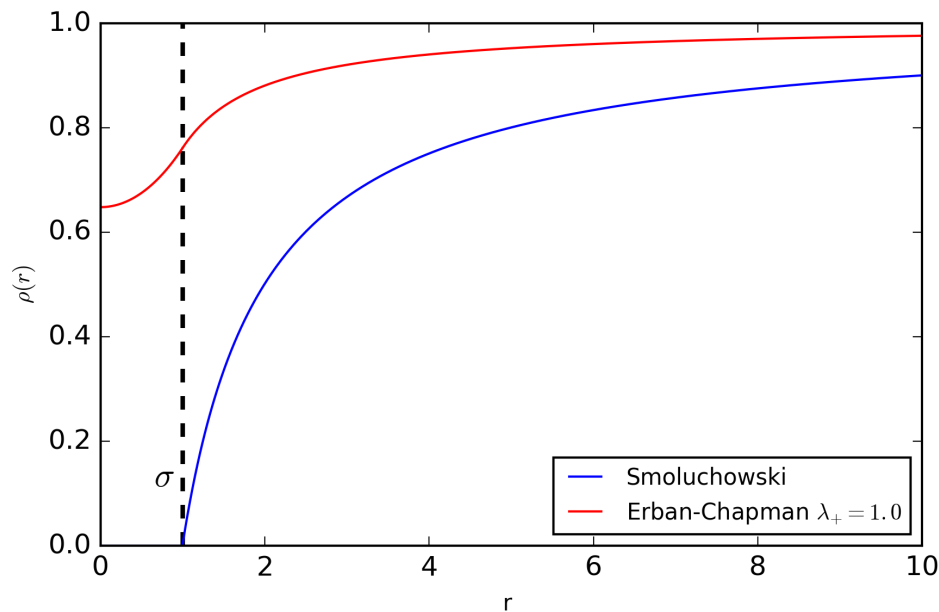


Figure 2.1: Density distribution of Smoluchowski and Erban-Chapman

Chapman particles can react within a certain distance  $\sigma$  with a certain microscopic reaction rate  $\lambda$ . These calculation most

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## 2.2 chemical reactions

With no information on The classical theory of reaction

In biological systems, phenomena often depend on stochastic fluctuations. De-

terministic models often are often inaccurate or even not applicable at all. (von franks Vortrag das Bild mit den unterschiedlichen Methoden zur generierung von Reactiondiffusions systemen). This chapter is going to discuss particle based reaction diffusion. Particle based reaction diffusion is going to be put in relation to different reaction diffusion studying methods. Analytical solutions for resulting ordinary differencial equation exist under certain conditions like Quasi-Steady-State assumption or equilibrium assumption. In any case the mass action law is assumed. For fractional diffusion mass action law does not apply. Thus concentration based models had been upgraded by time depended rate coefficients [1] [16]

## 2.3 Smoluchowski

## 2.4 Erban Chapmann

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## 3 An Enzymatic Reaction With Fractional Brownian Motion

Biochemical reactions are mainly controlled by enzymes.

### 3.1 Michaelis Menten

### 3.2 Simulation Model

### 3.3 Results From Normal Diffusion

### 3.4 Results from fBm

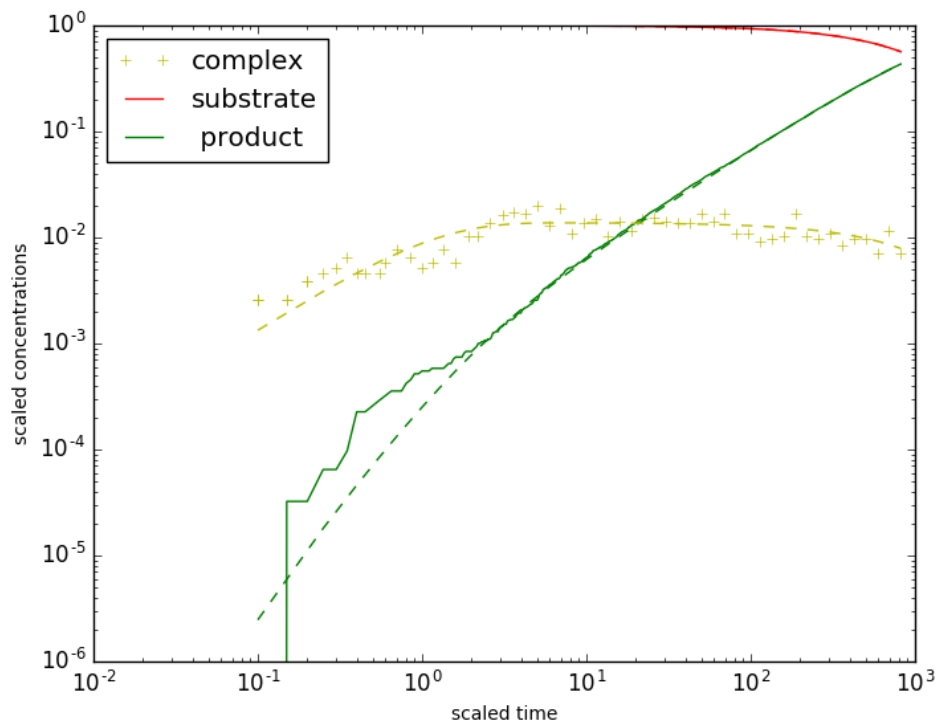


Figure 3.1: Erban Chapmann Concentrations

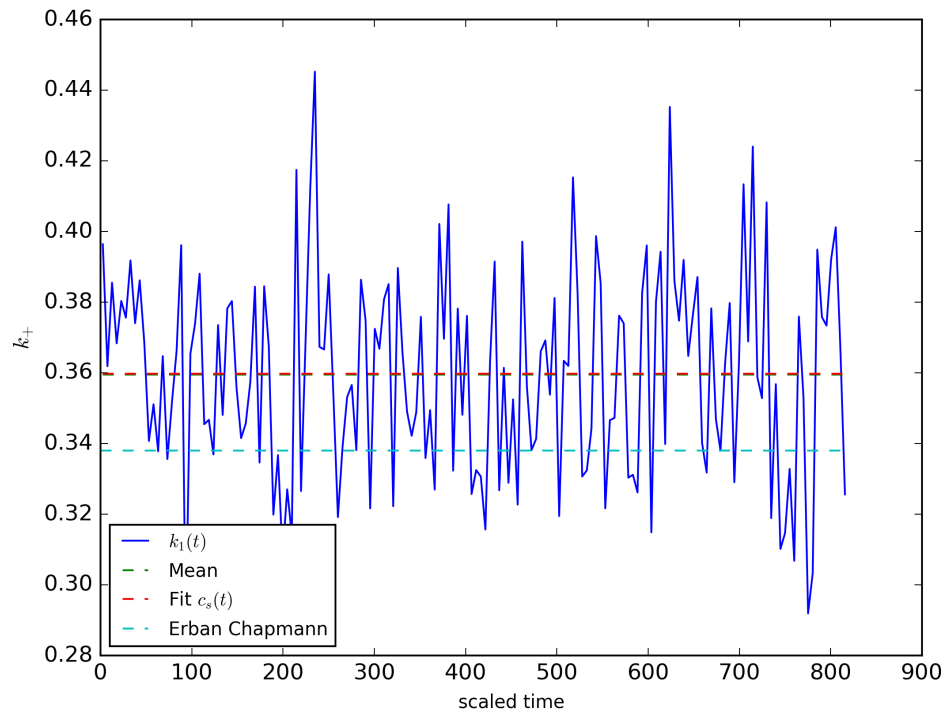


Figure 3.2: Erban Chapmann  $k_1$

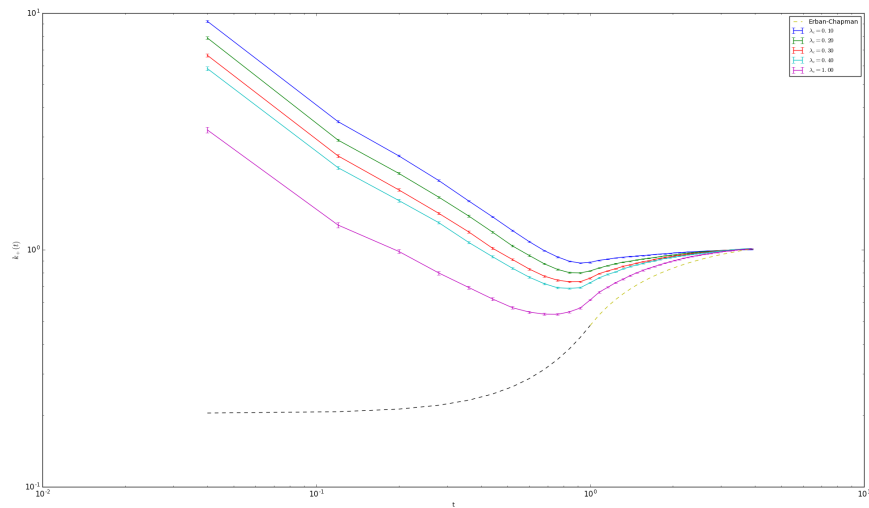


Figure 3.3: Radial distribution for differnt  $k_c$

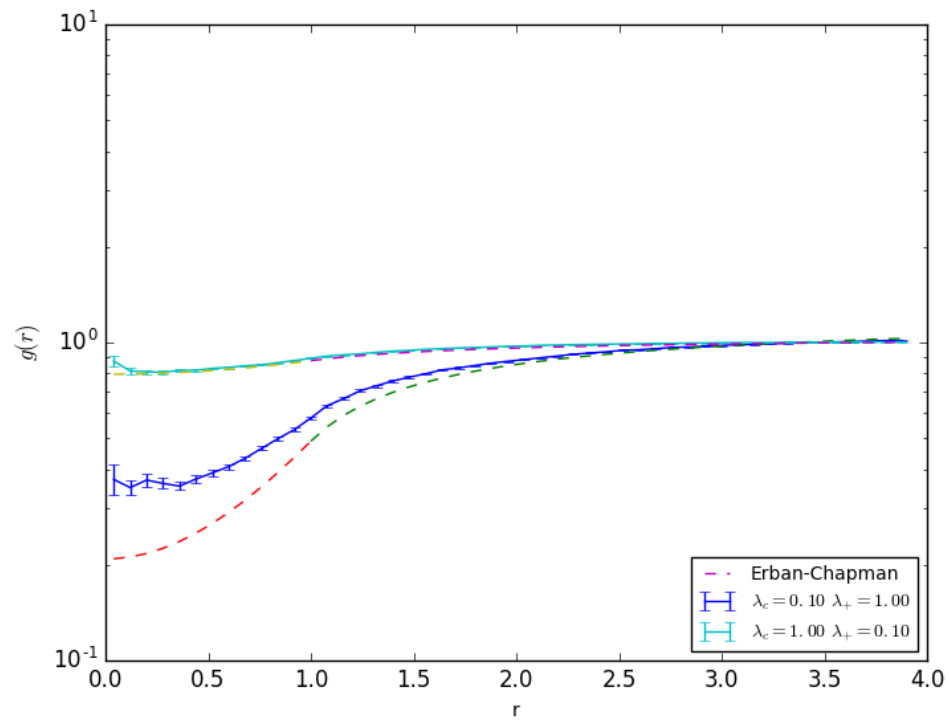


Figure 3.4: Radial distribution for  $\lambda_- = 0$

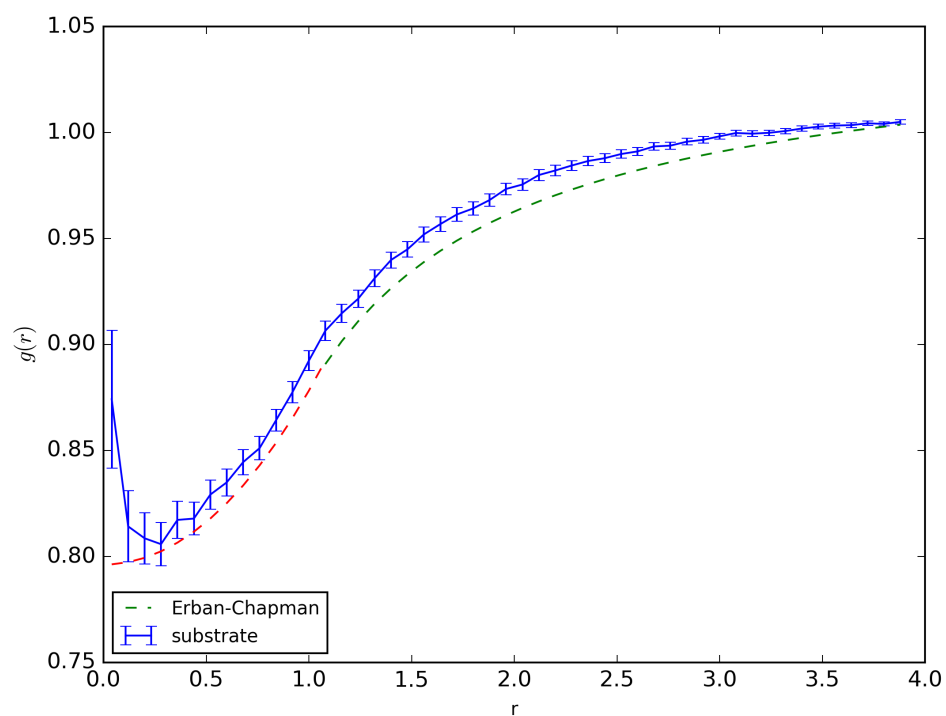


Figure 3.5: Erban Chapmann radial distribution

thesis:  $k_1(t) \propto t^{-h}$

### 3.5 Conclusion



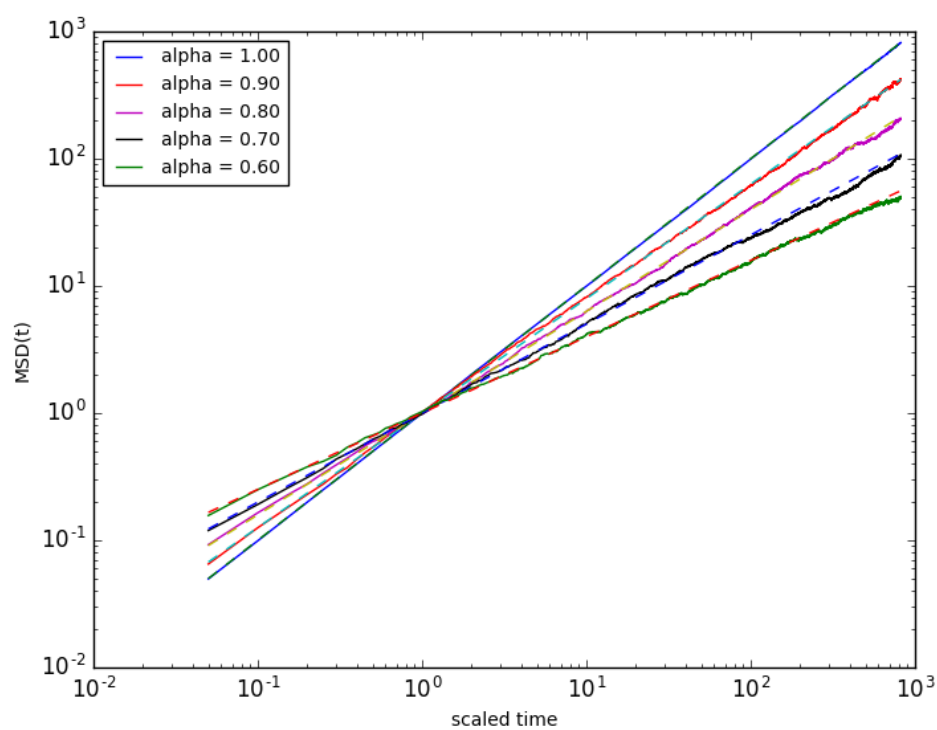
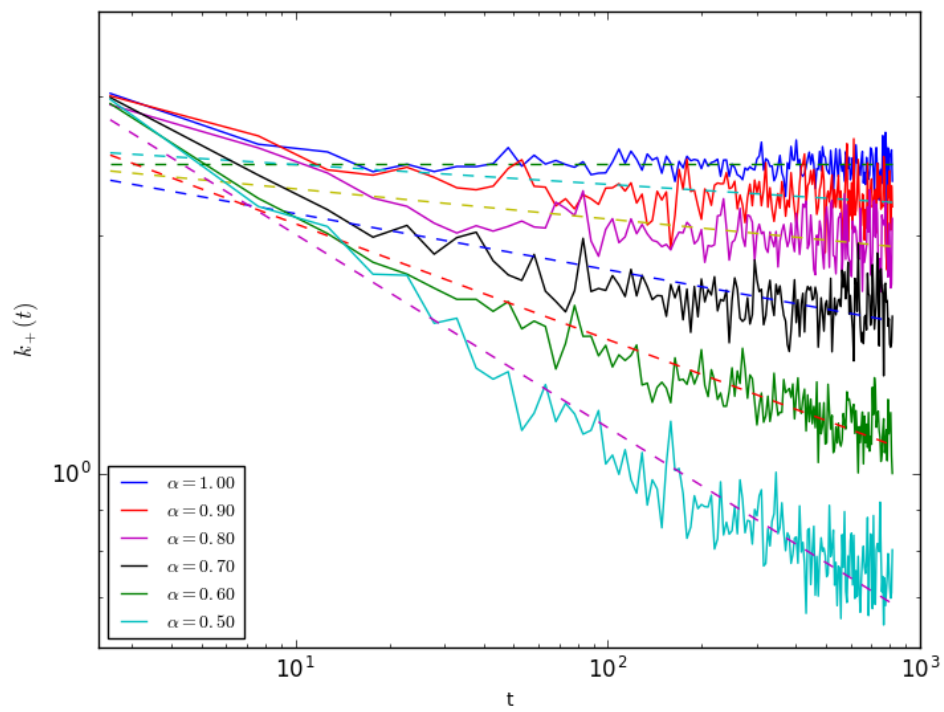


Figure 3.6: different alpha

Figure 3.7:  $k_1(t)$  for different  $\alpha$  with fitted  $h$

## 4 Summary

## 5 Appendix

### 5.1 From Central Limit Theorem to Gaussian Distribution

In the following the Central Limit Theorem will be applied to calculate the distribution of  $Y$ ,  $\rho(y)dy = P(y < Y < y + dy)$  in the limit of large  $N$ , with  $Y$  being defined as the sum of a random variable:

$$Y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{j=1}^N X_j \quad (5.1)$$

The Generating function for a random variable  $Y$  is:

$$G_Y(k) = \langle e^{ikY} \rangle = \int e^{ikY} \rho(y) dy \quad (5.2)$$

eq. (5.1) can be inserted into the generating function, which results in:

$$\begin{aligned} G_Y(k) &= \langle e^{\frac{ik}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{j=1}^N X_j} \rangle \\ G_Y(k) &= \langle \prod_{j=1}^N e^{\frac{ik}{\sqrt{N}} X_j} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

If all  $X_j$  are independent, then:

$$\begin{aligned} G_Y(k) &= \prod_{j=1}^N \langle e^{\frac{ik}{\sqrt{N}} X_j} \rangle = e^{\sum_{j=1}^N A_j(\frac{k}{\sqrt{N}})} \\ \text{with } A_j(\frac{k}{\sqrt{N}}) &= \ln \langle e^{\frac{ik}{\sqrt{N}} X_j} \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (5.3)$$

For large  $N$  behavior, we assume  $\frac{k}{\sqrt{N}} \ll 1$  and expand

$$A_j(\frac{k}{\sqrt{N}}) = \ln(1 + \langle X_j \rangle \frac{ik}{\sqrt{N}} - \langle X_j^2 \rangle \frac{k^2}{2N} + \mathcal{O}(N^{-\frac{3}{2}})) \quad (5.4)$$

with a finite variance  $\sigma_i^2 = \langle X_i^2 \rangle$  and the mean  $\langle X_i \rangle = 0$

$$A_j(\frac{k}{\sqrt{N}}) = -\sigma_j^2 \frac{k^2}{2N} + \mathcal{O}(N^{-\frac{3}{2}}) \quad (5.5)$$

Thus, the generating function for large  $N$  is:

$$G_Y(k) = e^{-\frac{\sigma^2 k^2}{2}} \quad (5.6)$$

with  $\sigma = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \sigma_j^2$

The distribution of Y can be calculated via the inverse Fourier Transform:

$$\rho(y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{\sigma^2 k^2}{2}} e^{iky} dk \quad (5.7)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad (5.8)$$

$\rho(y)$  results in a Gaussian distribution.

## 5.2 From Gaussian Distribution to Gaussian Transition Probability

The conditional distribution function to be in  $x$  at time  $t$  if visited position  $y$  at time  $s$  can be written due to Bayes' theorem as a transition probability from  $y$  to  $x$  in time  $t - s$  multiplied with the probability to be in  $y$  at time  $s$ :

$$\rho_{t,s}(x, y) = T_{t-s}(x|y)\rho_s(y) \quad (5.9)$$

Further due to particle conservation another relation holds:

$$\rho_t(x) = \int \rho_{t,s}(x, y) dy \quad (5.10)$$

Having an initial condition  $\rho_s(x) = \delta(x - y)$ :

$$\rho_{t,s}(x|y) = \int \rho_{t,s}(x, y) dy = \int T_{t-s}(x|y)\rho_s(y) dy \quad (5.11)$$

$$= \int T_{t-s}(x|y)\delta(x - y) dy = T_{t-s}(x|y) \quad (5.12)$$

## 5.3 Einstein Formula

The derivative of the mean variance of the Gaussian distribution in respect to time is defined as:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \delta \mathbf{r}^2(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \langle \Delta \mathbf{R}^2(t) \rangle = \frac{d}{dt} \int d\mathbf{r} \mathbf{r}^2 c(\mathbf{r}, t) = \int d\mathbf{r} \mathbf{r}^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} c(\mathbf{r}, t) \quad (5.13)$$

Fick's second law can be applied:

$$= D \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\mathbf{r} \mathbf{r}^2 \Delta c(\mathbf{r}, t) \quad (5.14)$$

Assuming a reasonable assumption  $c(\pm\infty, t) = 0$  and two times partial integration one can derive:

$$= -2D \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\mathbf{r} \mathbf{r} \nabla c(\mathbf{r}, t) \quad (5.15)$$

$$= 2Dd \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\mathbf{r} c(\mathbf{r}, t) = 2dD \quad (5.16)$$

For the initial condition  $\mathbf{r}(0) = 0$ , one gets the Einstein Formula:  $\langle (\mathbf{r}(t) - \mathbf{r}(0))^2 \rangle = 2dDt$

## 5.4 Autocorrelation Function for fBm

Subsequently, the VACF in the frequency domain for Fractional Brownian motion can be calculated. The MSD is  $\delta r^2(t) = \langle \Delta R(t) \rangle = 2dK_\alpha t^\alpha$  with  $K_\alpha$  being the generalized diffusion-coefficient:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{Z}(z) &= \int_0^\infty dt e^{izt} Z(t) \\ &= \frac{1}{2d} \int_0^\infty dt e^{izt} \left[ \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \delta r^2(t) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Partial integration:

$$\underset{\text{par.integ.}}{=} \frac{1}{2d} \left( \underbrace{\left[ e^{izt} \overbrace{\frac{d}{dt} 2dK_\alpha t^\alpha}^{=A(t)} \right]_0^\infty}_{\alpha \leq 2} - iz \int_0^\infty dt e^{izt} \left[ \frac{d}{dt} \delta r^2(t) \right] \right)$$

$$A(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \overbrace{\left[ \frac{2dK_\alpha t^{\alpha-1}}{\alpha} \right]}^{B(t)} = \frac{2dK_\alpha t^{\alpha-2}}{\alpha + (\alpha - 1)}$$

Partial integration and Tauber theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{Z}(z) &\stackrel{\text{par.integ.}}{=} -\frac{1}{2d} \left( \underbrace{\left[ \overbrace{e^{izt} 2dK_\alpha t^\alpha}^{=B(t)} \right]_0^\infty}_{\alpha \leq 1_0} - (iz)^2 \int_0^\infty dt e^{izt} \delta r^2(t) \right) \\ &= -\frac{z^2}{2d} \int_0^\infty dt e^{izt} \delta r^2(t) \stackrel{\text{Im}(z) > 0}{=} K_\alpha \Gamma(1 + \alpha) (iz)^{1-\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

## 5.5 Erban-Chapman

The solution of Erban problem:

## 5.6 Michaelis-Menten Kinetics

Michaelis-Menten kinetics are describing the following system:

$S + E \xrightleftharpoons[k'_1]{k_1} ES \xrightarrow{k_2} P + E$ . A range of differential equations can be formulated as a result of particle conservation and the assumption for a bi-molecular chemical reaction to be proportional to the product of the reactants concentration.

$$\frac{d[P]}{dt} = k_2[ES] \quad (5.17)$$

$$\frac{d[E]}{dt} = k_2[ES] + k'_1[ES] - k'_1[E][S] \quad (5.18)$$

$$\frac{d[S]}{dt} = k'_1[ES] - k'_1[E][S] \quad (5.19)$$

$$\frac{d[ES]}{dt} = -k_2[ES] - k'_1[ES] + k'_1[E][S] \quad (5.20)$$

With a quasi-steady-state approximation:  $\frac{d[ES]}{dt} = 0 \rightarrow k_1[E][S] = k'_1[ES] + k_2[ES]$ . A Rearrangement of this equation results in the Michaelis-Menten constant:  $K_M = \frac{k'_1 + k_2}{k_1} = \frac{[E][S]}{[ES]}$ . From the enzyme conservation law one gets:

$$[E] = [E]_0 - [ES] \quad (5.21)$$

After inserting eq. (5.21) into the quasi-steady-state approximation, one gets:

$$[ES] = \frac{[E]_0[S]}{K_M + [S]} \quad (5.22)$$

Combining it with the first differential eq. (5.18) one gets the rate of Product production:

$$v = \frac{d[P]}{dt} = k_2 \frac{[E]_0 [S]}{K_M + [S]} = V_{max} \frac{[S]}{K_M + [S]} \quad (5.23)$$



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