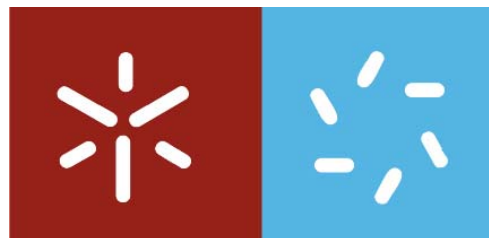


# **Superdiffusion and Lévy Flights**

## **A Particle Transport Monte Carlo Simulation Code**

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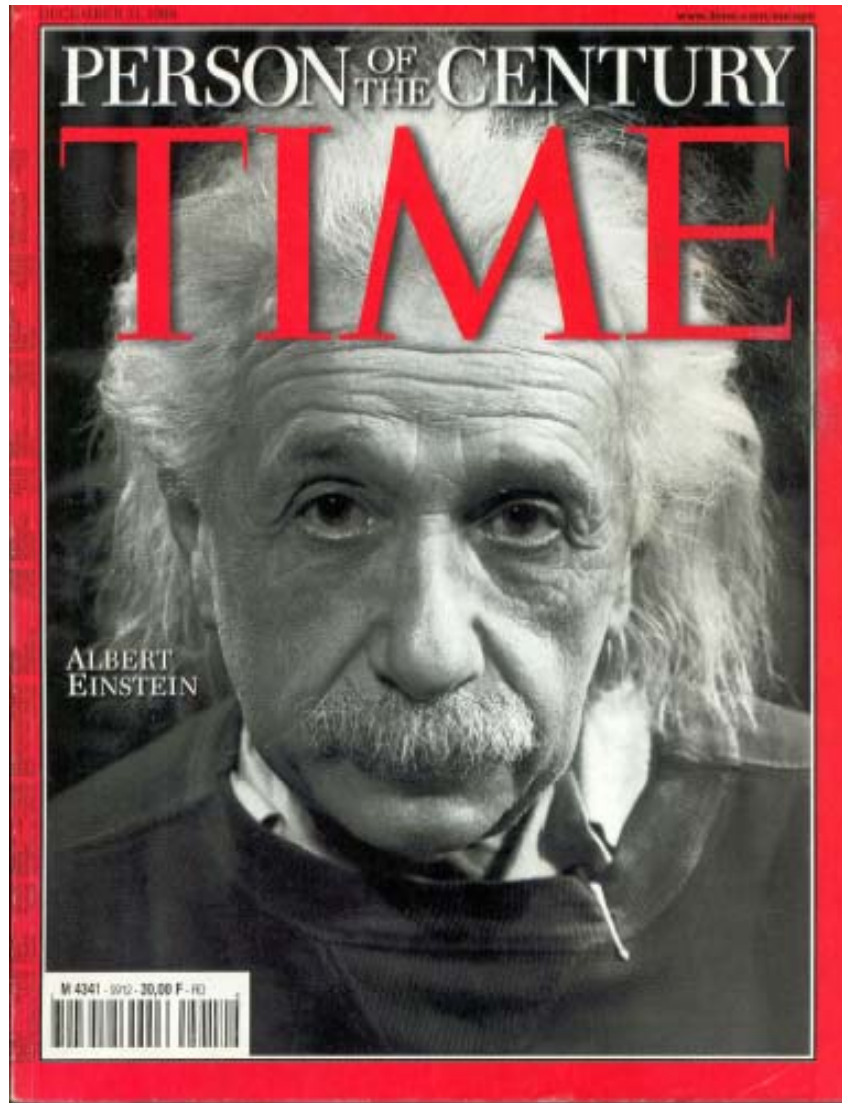


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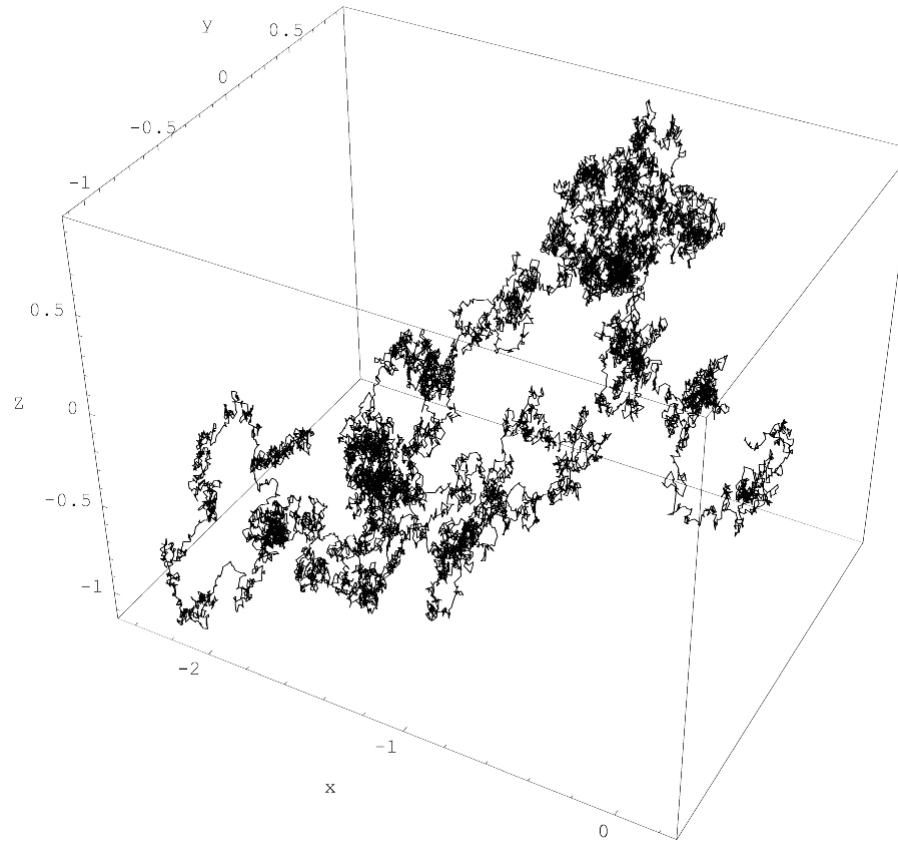
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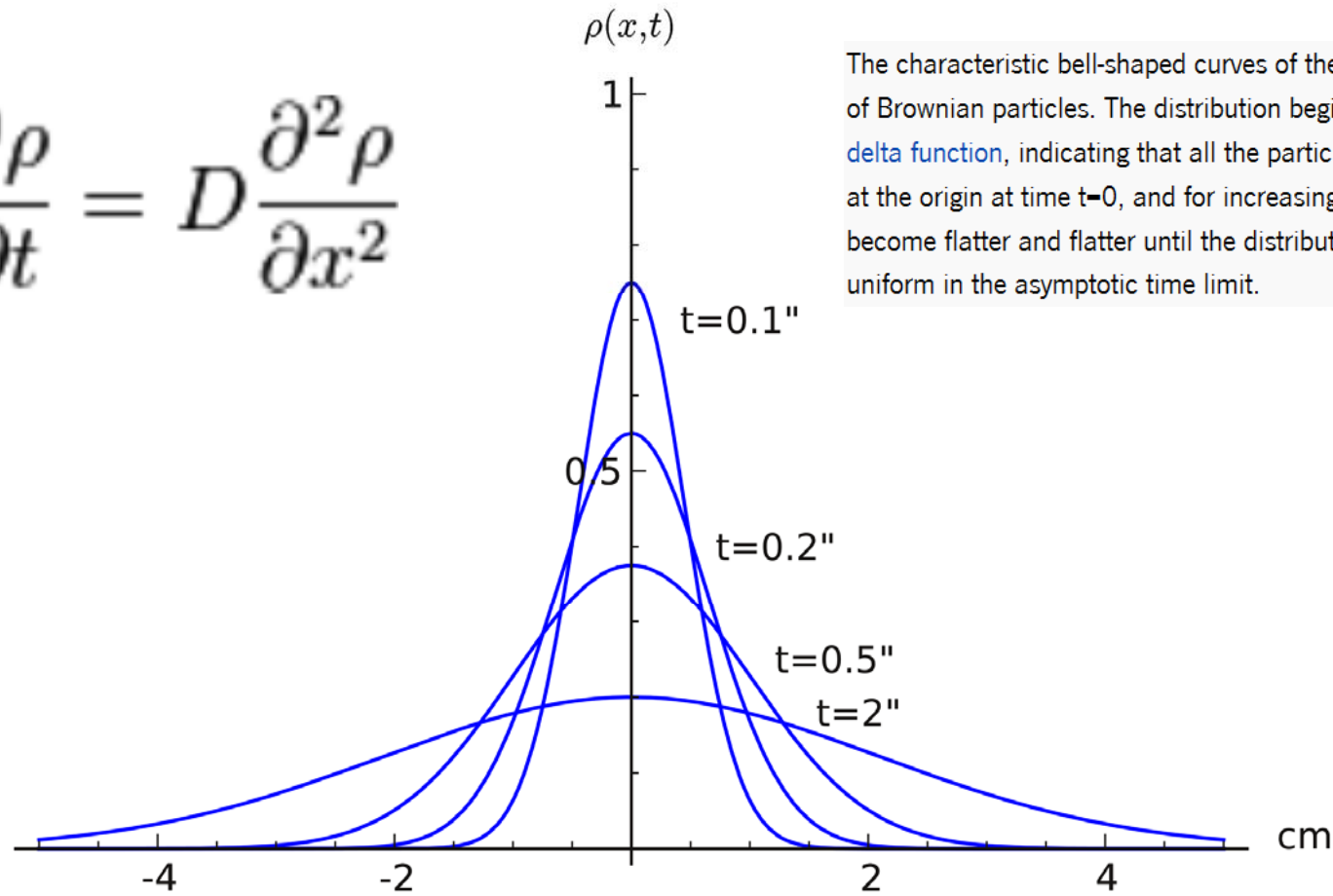
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ONE OF PARADIGMS OF XX CENTURY**



A single realisation of three-dimensional Brownian motion for times  $0 \leq t \leq 2$

**BROWNIAN MOTION  
DIFFUSION EQUATION**

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial x^2}$$



The characteristic bell-shaped curves of the diffusion of Brownian particles. The distribution begins as a [Dirac delta function](#), indicating that all the particles are located at the origin at time  $t=0$ , and for increasing times they become flatter and flatter until the distribution becomes uniform in the asymptotic time limit.

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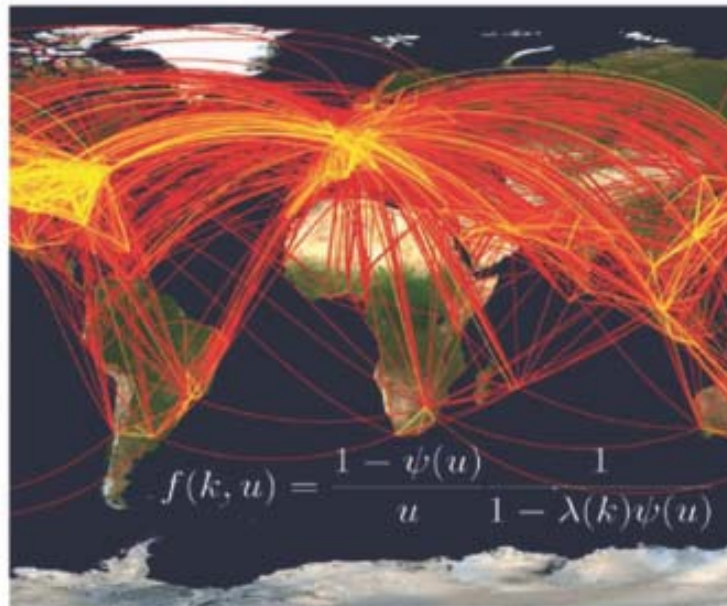
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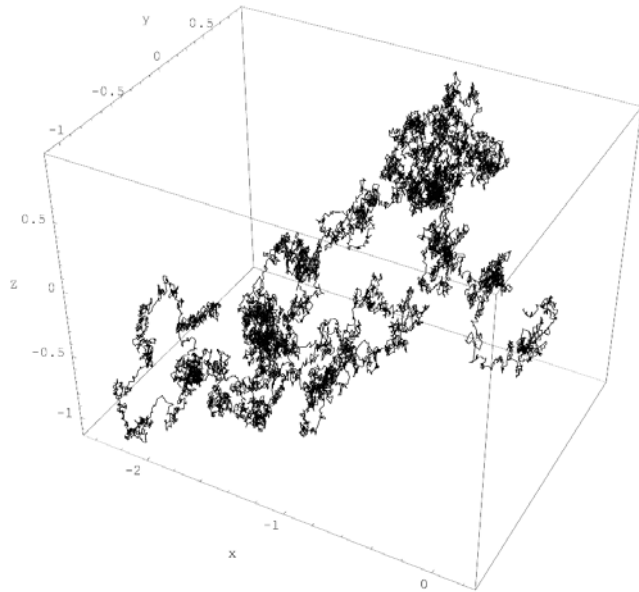
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# Anomalous Transport

Foundations and Applications





A single realisation of three-dimensional Brownian motion for times  $0 \leq t \leq 2$

**Brownian motion**  
**Characteristic scale**  
**Mean Free Path**  
**Diffusion Equation**  
**Diffusion Coefficient**

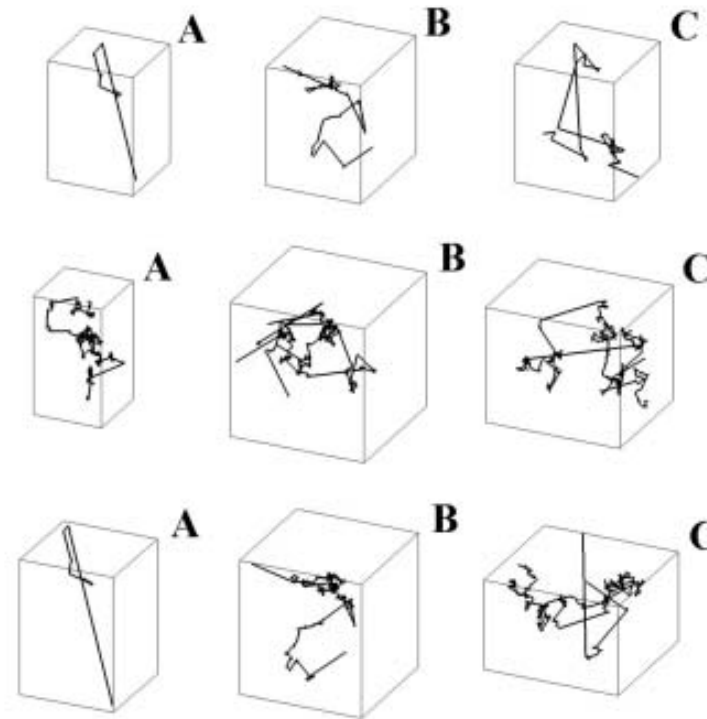


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**Anomalous Transport**  
**No characteristic scale (fractal self-similar)**  
**No second moment (sometimes no mean free path)**  
**Diffusion Equation not valid**  
**No Diffusion Coefficient**

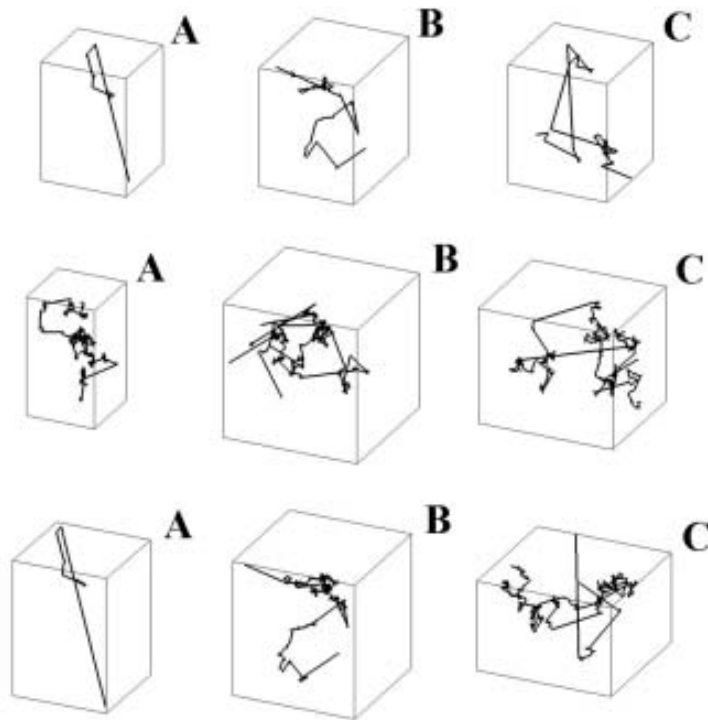


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**Anomalous Transport**  
**No characteristic scale**

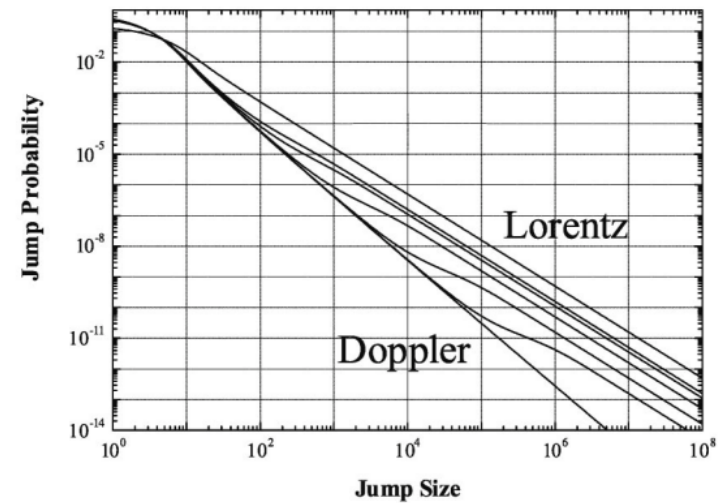


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**Jump size distribution**  
**Is a power law**  
**(all scales; self similar fractal)**



**Photon Trajectories in Incoherent Atomic Radiation Trapping as Lévy Flights**

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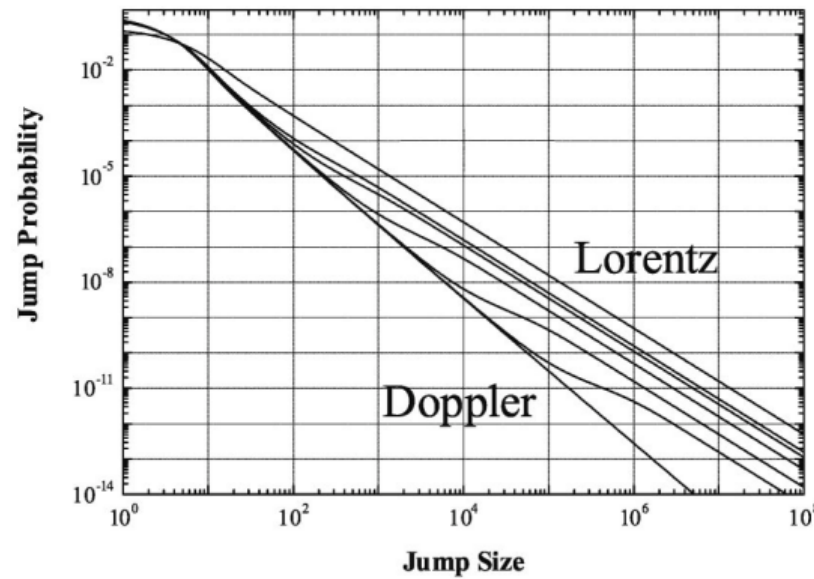
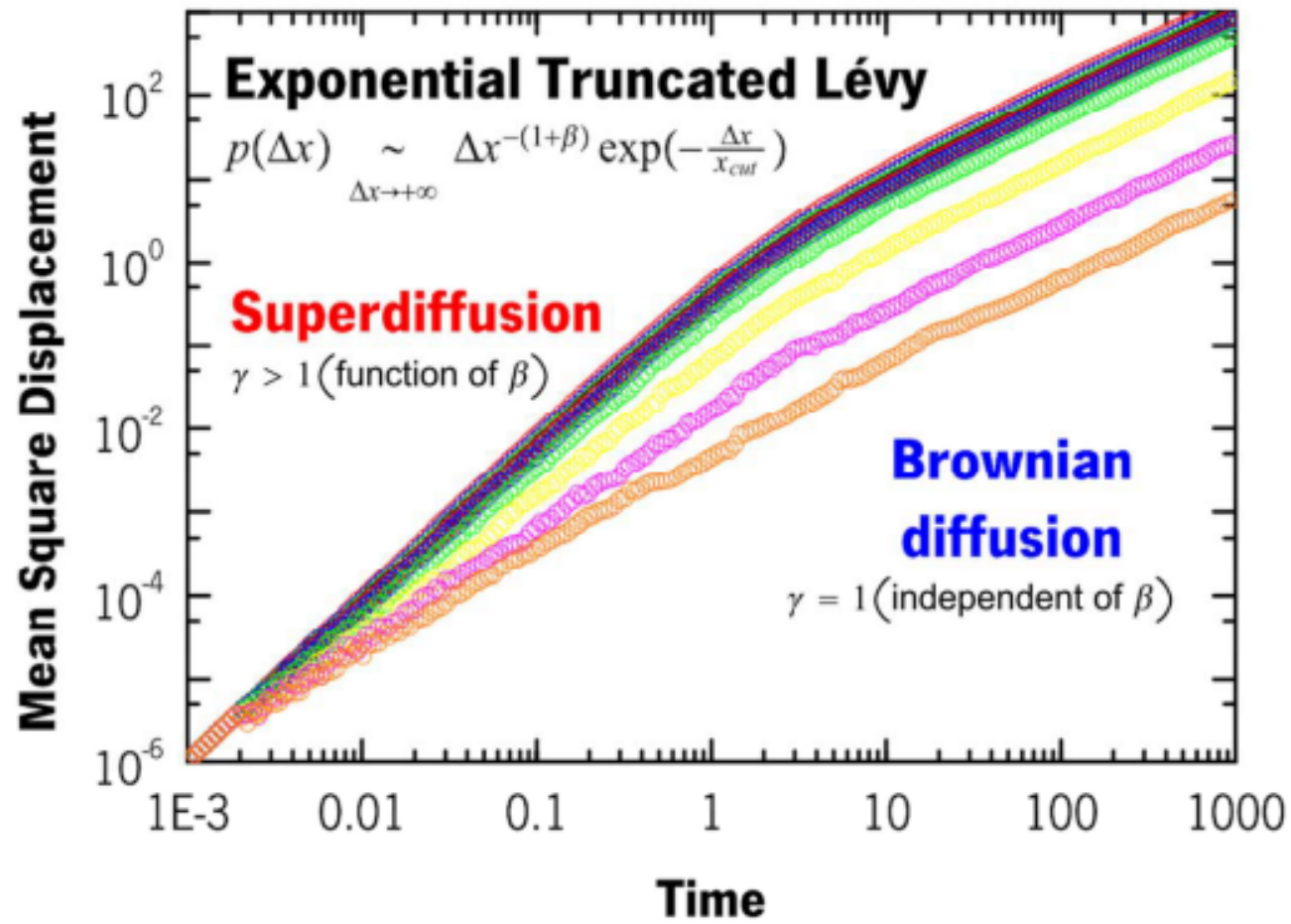


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**ANOMALOUS TRANSPORT (SUPERDIFFUSION)  
SUPERDIFFUSION IS FASTER  
(SUBDIFFUSION IS SLOWER; NOT SHOWN)**

$$\langle x^2(t) \rangle \sim t^\gamma$$



**POWER LAWS (ARE EVERYWHERE)**

## Power laws, Pareto distributions and Zipf's law

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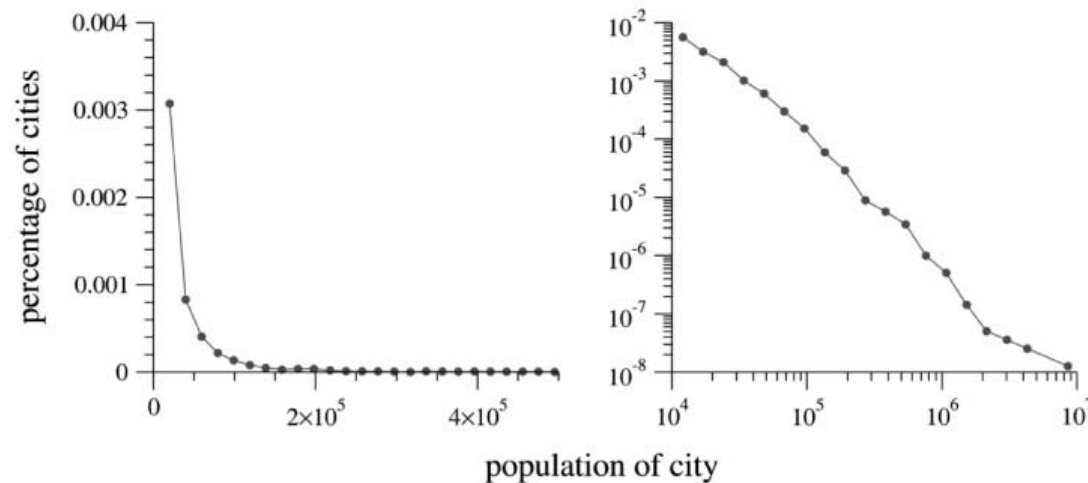
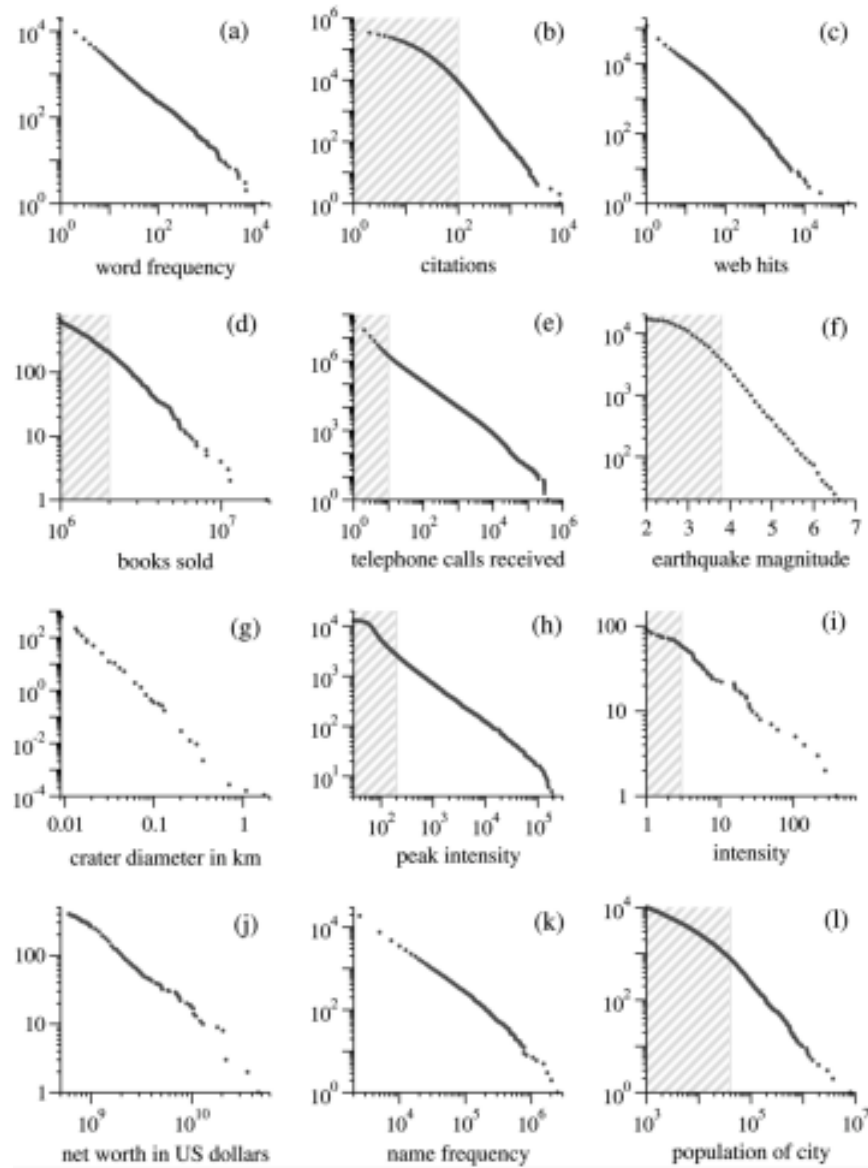


Figure 2. Left: histogram of the populations of all US cities with population of 10000 or more. Right: another histogram of the same data, but plotted on logarithmic scales. The approximate straight-line form of the histogram in the right panel implies that the distribution follows a power law. Data from the 2000 US Census.

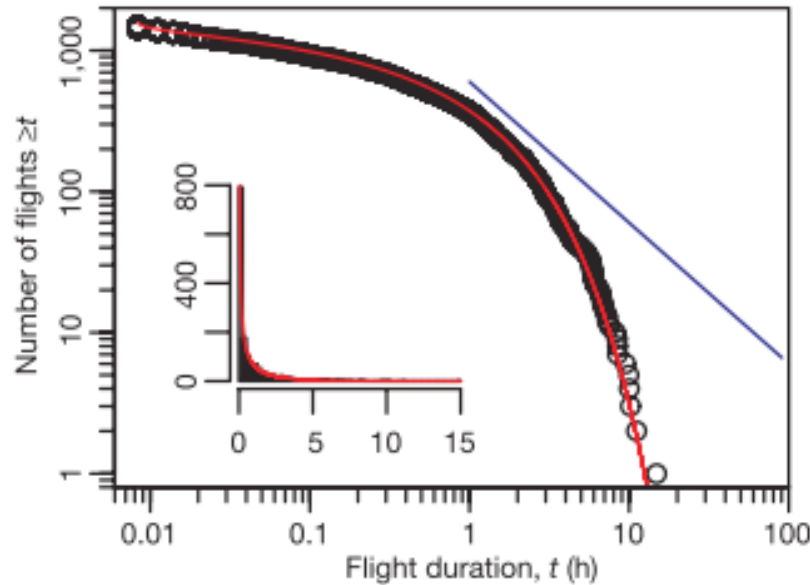
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## Revisiting Lévy flight search patterns of wandering albatrosses, bumblebees and deer

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**Figure 1 | Rank/frequency plot<sup>23</sup> of 2004 wandering albatross data, showing no evidence for Lévy flight behaviour.** Circles show number of flights  $\geq t$  for each flight duration  $t$  (calculated by ranking flights by size). The red curve is the fit to the shifted gamma distribution (equation (2)) with maximum likelihood estimates (MLEs) of  $s = 0.31$  (95% confidence interval (CI): 0.27–0.34) and  $r = 0.41 \text{ h}^{-1}$  (95% CI: 0.36–0.46), obtained by maximizing the multinomial likelihood function that takes into account the discrete sampling nature of the loggers (see Supplementary Information). The data are consistent with coming from this distribution ( $n = 1,416$ , degrees of freedom = 37,  $G = 28.9$ ,  $P = 0.83$ ). Flights are correct to within  $\pm 10 \text{ s}$  (see Supplementary Information). If the flights  $\geq 1 \text{ h}$  followed the power law with exponent  $\mu = 2$  as in ref. 7, the points would lie on the straight blue line<sup>23</sup> (that has been vertically shifted slightly for clarity)—this is clearly not the case. The inset shows the 2004 data as a conventional histogram on linear axes, with number of flights against flight duration in hours.

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## Scaling laws of marine predator search behaviour

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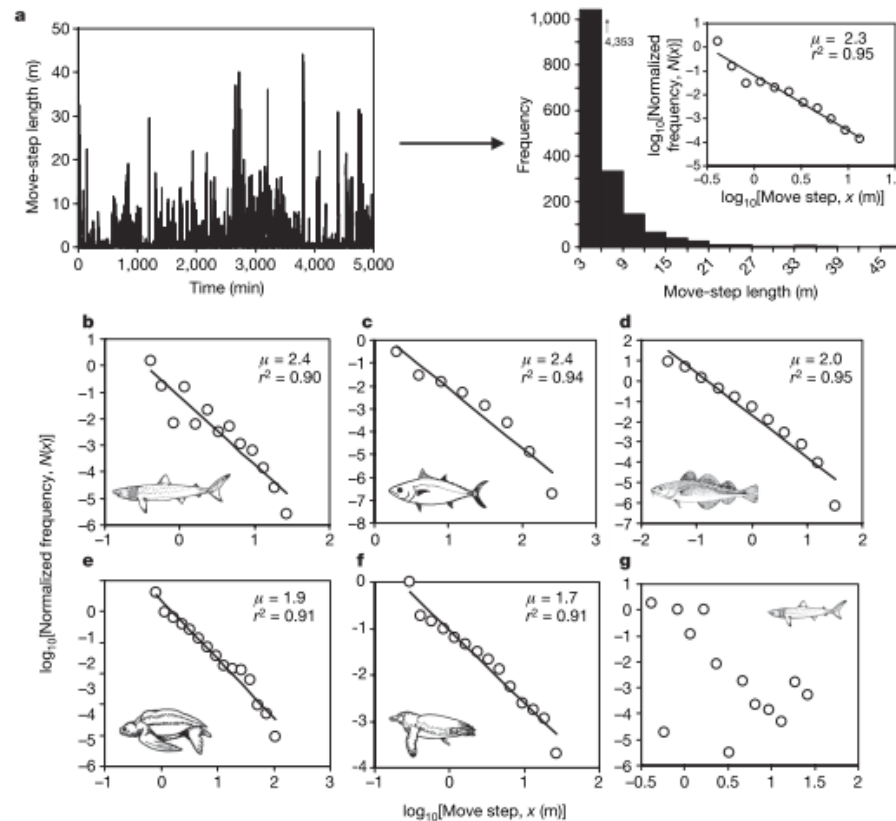
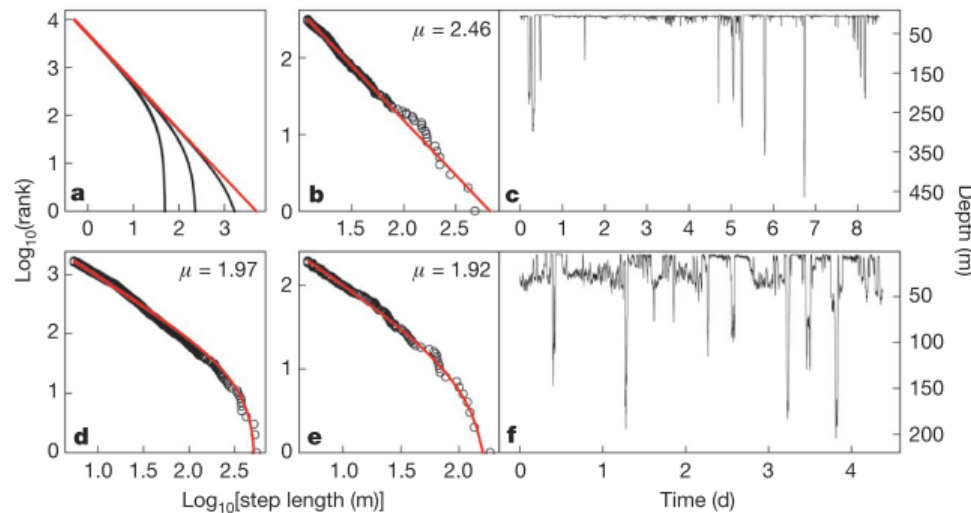


Figure 1 | Lévy-like scaling law among diverse marine vertebrates.

## Environmental context explains Lévy and Brownian movement patterns of marine predators

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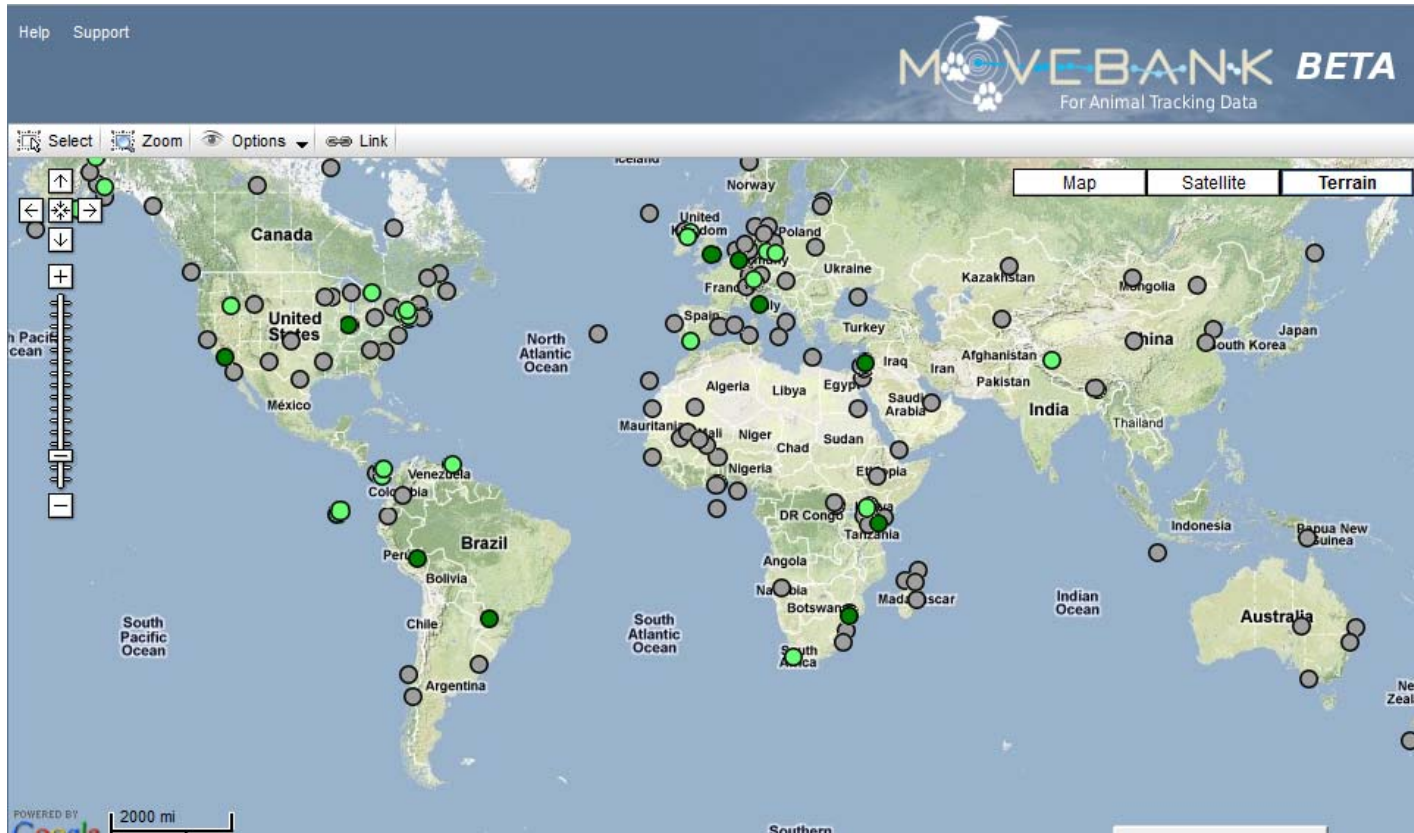


**Figure 1 | Examples of good fits to power-law and truncated power-law distributions.**

**a**, Synthetic power-law and truncated power-law (Pareto) distributions with upper truncations set to 50, 250, 5,000. **b–f**, Empirical power-law and truncated power-law fits to dive data from individual blue sharks (*Prionace glauca*; **b, d**) and an ocean sunfish (*Mola mola*, **e**), together with the diving time series for the individual in **b** (over ~8 d; **c**) and the individual in **e** (over ~4 d; **f**). The red line indicates a synthetic power law in **a**, a power law in **b** and truncated power-law MLE model fits to empirical data in **d** and **e**.



**ANOMALOUS TRANSPORT – EXAMPLE 1**  
**ANIMAL TRACKING**





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**The scaling laws of human travel**

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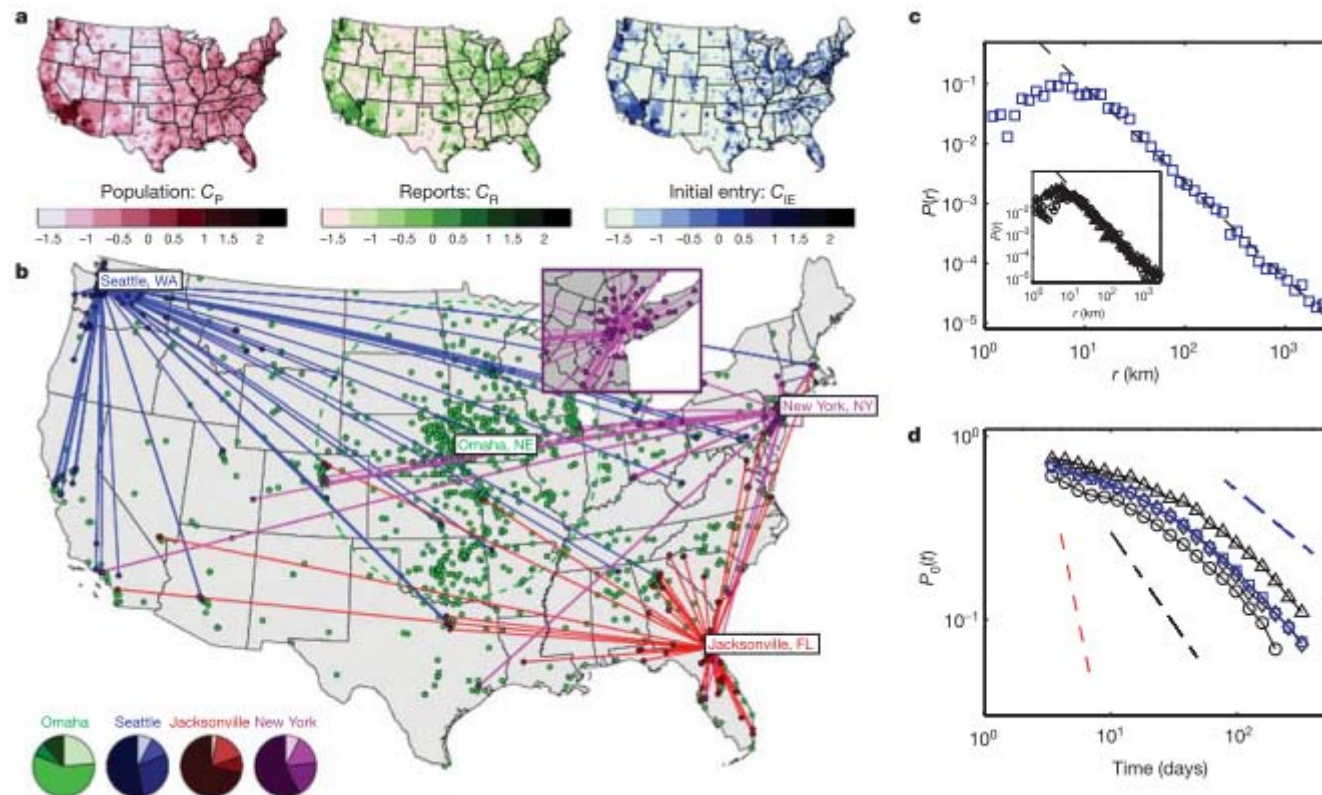


Figure 1 | Dispersal of bank notes and humans on geographical scales.

## Understanding individual human mobility patterns

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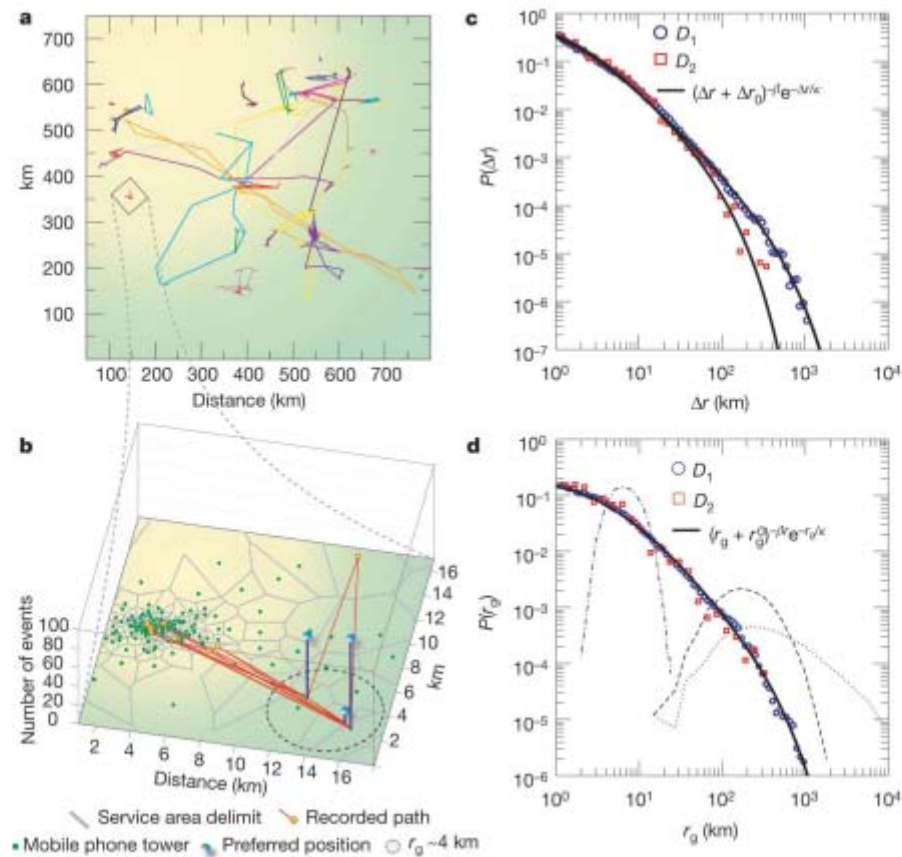
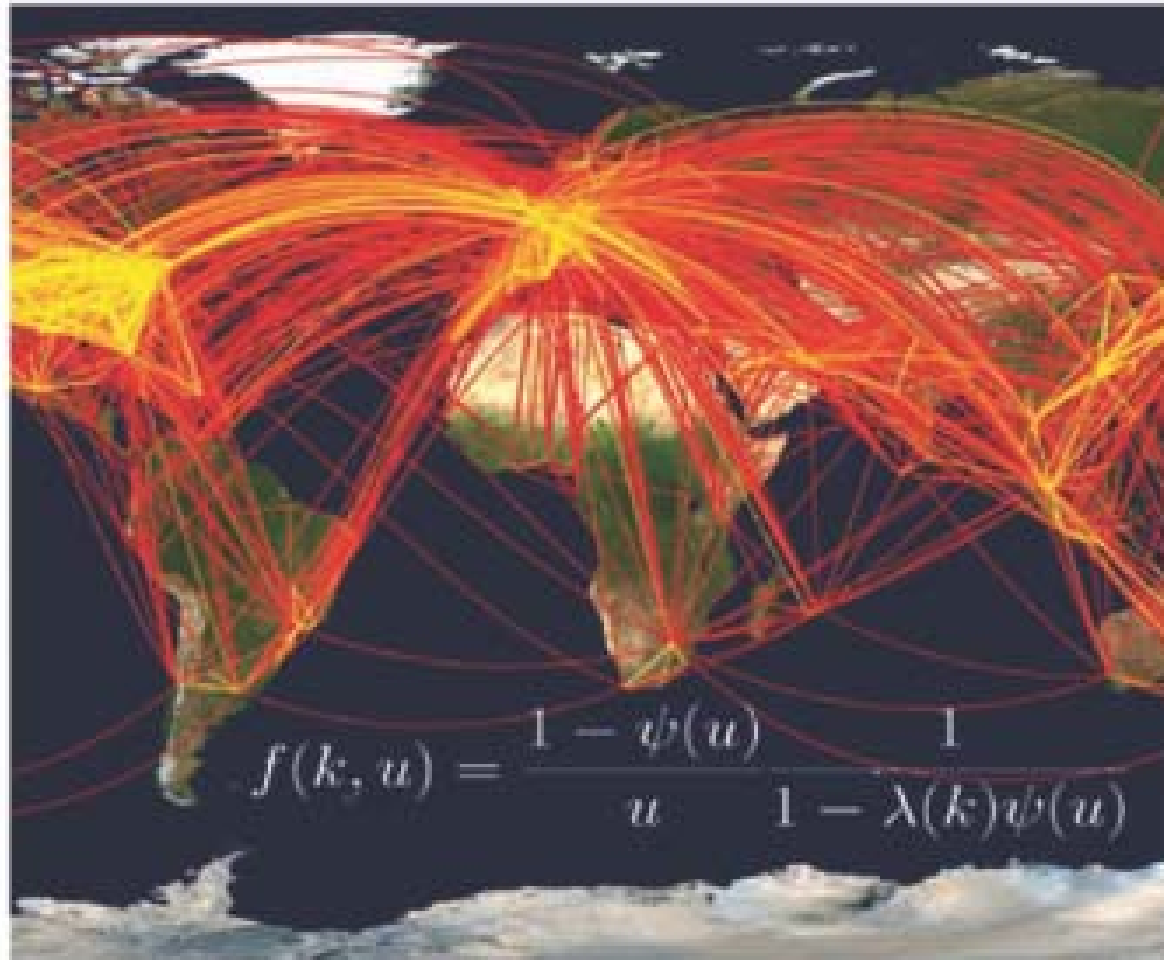


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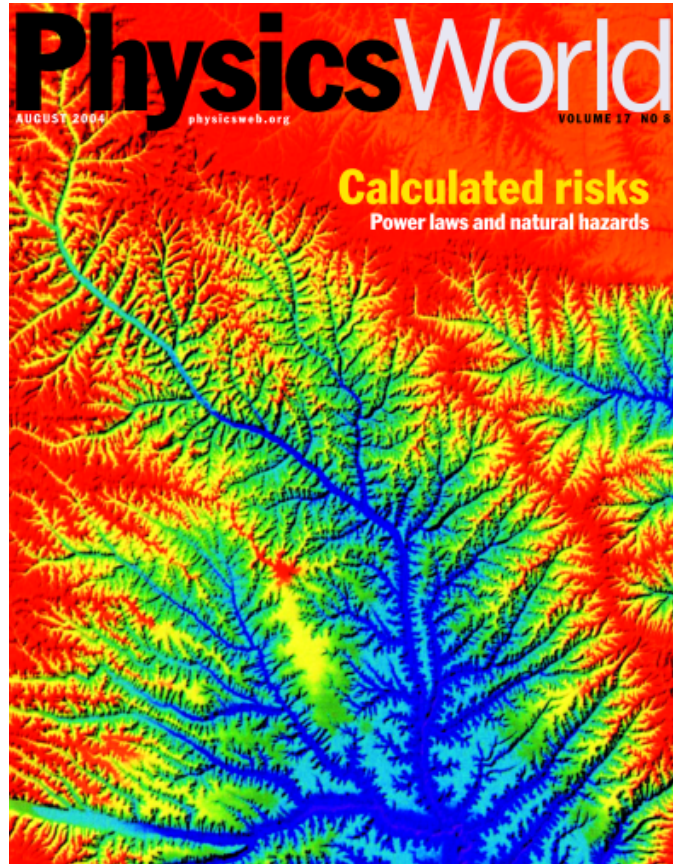
**ANOMALOUS TRANSPORT – EXAMPLE 2**  
**POPULATION DYNAMICS AND EPIDEMICS**



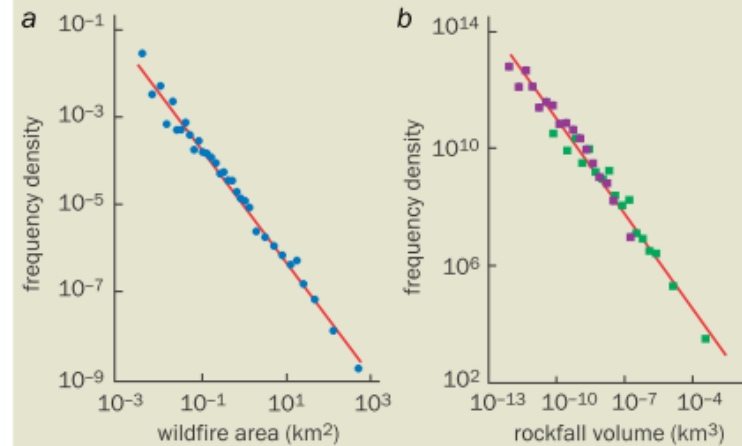
Power laws are helping researchers assess the risks posed by extreme natural hazards, while statistical physics may reveal an underlying universality in nature

# Tails of natural hazards

Bruce D Malamud



## 4 Examples of power-law distributions



Power laws have been found to describe the frequency–size distributions of many natural hazards. (a) Wildfires in the Mediterranean eco-region of the US. Frequency densities,  $f$ , (i.e. the number of fires per unit area “bin” per year per eco-region area) are plotted as a function of the area of the wildfire,  $A_F$ . Fitting the data with a power law gives excellent agreement with  $f = 1.0 \times 10^{-5} A_F^{-1.3}$  (i.e. a straight line on logarithmic axes) for wildfire areas between about 0.01 to 1000 km<sup>2</sup>. (b) Rockfalls also follow such power-law behaviour. Here the number of rockfalls per unit volume bin is plotted as a function of their volume,  $V_R$ , for two different datasets: an earthquake-triggered rockslide event in Umbria, Italy, in 1997 (purple) and historical data from Yosemite between 1980 and 2002 (green). Despite taking place under very different conditions, the datasets follow a power law of the form  $2.34 V_R^{-1.07}$  remarkably well for rock volumes between 0.001 to 1000 000 m<sup>3</sup>.

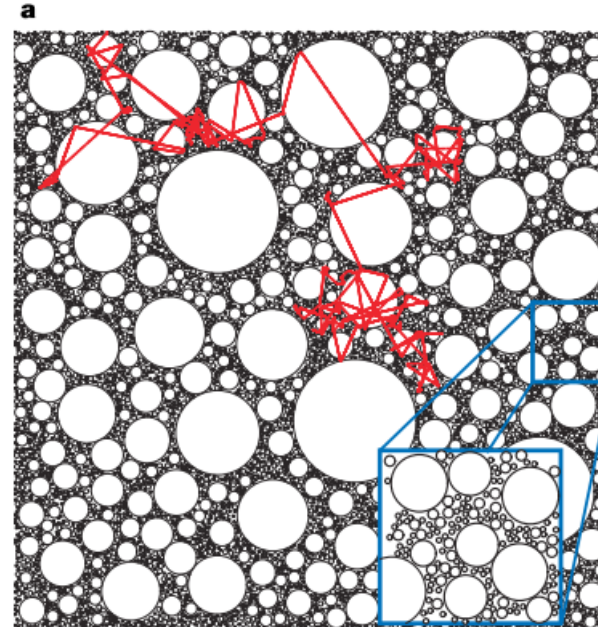


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**ANOMALOUS TRANSPORT – EXAMPLE 4  
ANOMALOUS TRANSPORT FOR LIGHT  
SUPERDIFFUSIVE RADIATIVE TRANSPORT**

**A Lévy flight for light**

Pierre Barthelemy<sup>1</sup>, Jacopo Bertolotti<sup>1</sup> & Diederik S. Wiersma<sup>1</sup>



**Figure 5 | Lévy walk in an inhomogeneous medium.** a, Random walker trajectory, obtained by Monte Carlo simulation. Owing to the strong density fluctuations, the scattering material permits Lévy flights (red). Inset, magnification showing the scale invariance of the material's structure.

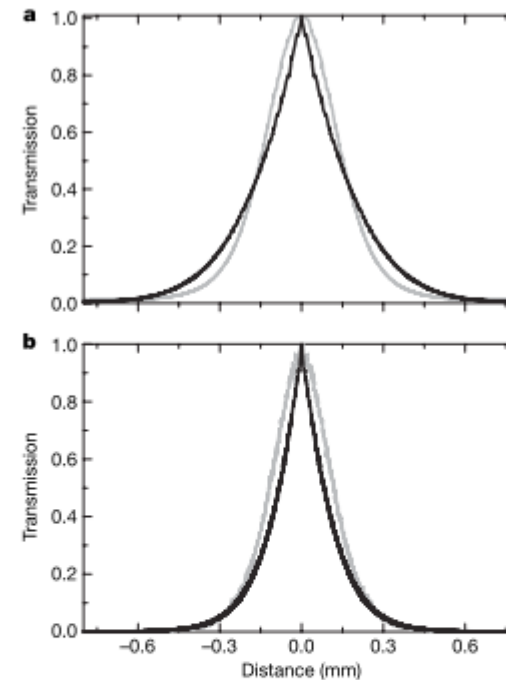
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**Figure 4 | Average transmission on the output surface versus radial distance from the centre. a**, Experimental data. In the Lévy case (black) an average over 3,000 sample configurations was needed to obtain the average behaviour. The profile of the Lévy sample shows a pronounced cusp, and slowly decaying tails. The normal diffusive sample (grey) has a profile close to a gaussian lineshape: the top is rounded and long tails are absent. **b**, Result of Monte Carlo simulations of a normal diffusive random walk (grey) and a Lévy random walk (black) in a slab. The superdiffusive profile again displays a sharp cusp and decays more slowly than does the normal diffusive profile. The difference in absolute widths between experiment and simulation is due to internal reflections at the boundary of the sample, which were not taken in account in the simulations.

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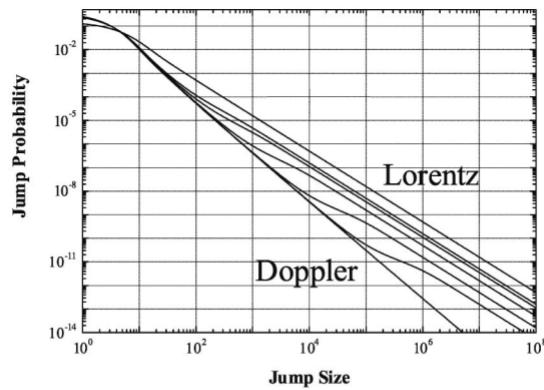


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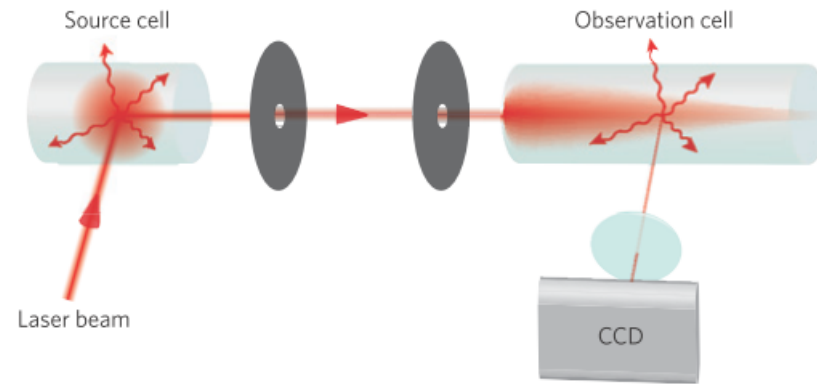
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**Lévy flights of photons in hot atomic vapours**

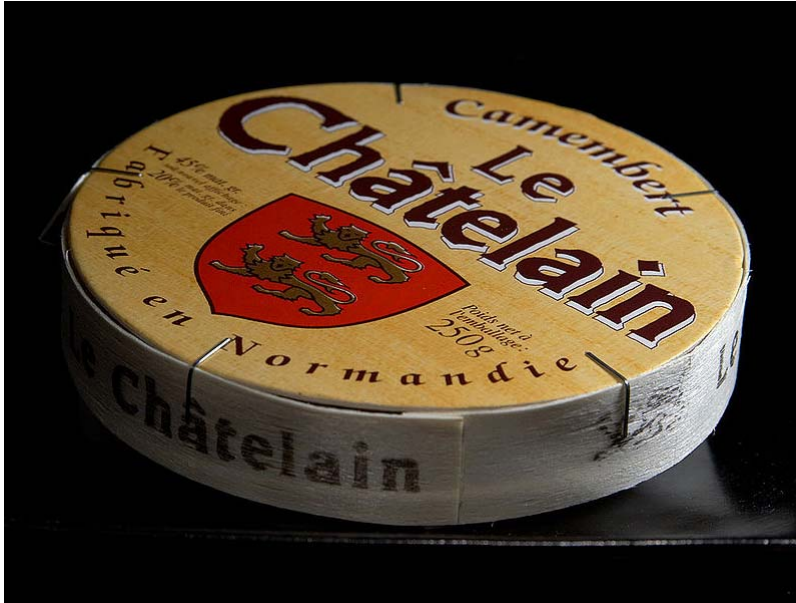
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**Figure 1 | The experimental set-up.** A laser beam is incident on a so-called source cell filled with rubidium vapour. Scattered light propagating at an orthogonal direction is selected with two diaphragms and illuminates a second, observation cell. The light scattered in this second cell is imaged on a cooled CCD camera. This fluorescence signal is proportional to the step-size distribution function.

**VERIFIED EXPERIMENTALLY**





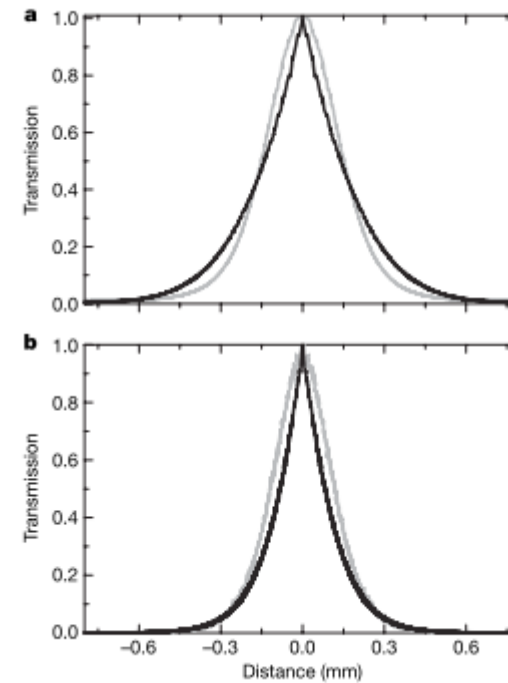
**“LE CAMEMBERT” EXPERIMENT**  
**(with R.KAISER, NICE)**  
**Transmission profile under**  
**superdiffusion ...**

**SUPERDIFFUSIVE RADIATIVE TRANSPORT**  
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**PARTICLE (LIGHT) TRANSPORT MONTE CARLO SIMULATION**

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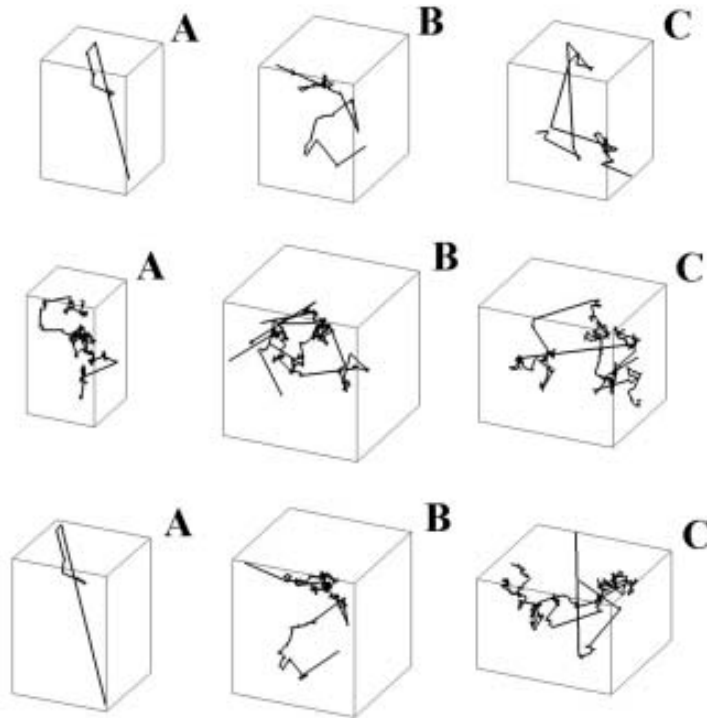


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**PARTICLE (LIGHT) TRANSPORT  
MONTE CARLO SIMULATION  
GENERATE TRAJECTORIES AND  
KEEP TRACK AND ACCUMULATE**

**MONTE CARLO  
MASSIVE USE OF RANDOM NUMBERS  
SLOW CONVERGENCE STATISTICS  
(MONTE CARLO)  
AND  
POWER LAWS (EVENTS IN THE TAIL  
OF THE DISTRIBUTION DOMINANT)**

**HIGH NUMBER OF TRAJECTORIES**

# SERIAL RANDOM NUMBER GENERATORS

## PORTABLE, PSEUDO-RANDOM NUMBERS GENERATORS

### STEP 1: UNIFORM DEVIATES IN [0,1[

$$p(x)dx = \begin{cases} dx & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$x \sim U(0, 1)$  **x is distributed uniformly in [0,1[**

### STEP 2 (EXAMPLE): EXPONENTIAL DEVIATES

$$p(y)dy$$
$$|p(y)dy| = |p(x)dx| \qquad y(x) = -\ln(x) \quad x \sim U(0, 1)$$
$$p(y) = p(x) \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right| \qquad p(y)dy = \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right| dy = e^{-y} dy$$

# SERIAL RANDOM NUMBER GENERATORS PORTABLE, PSEUDO-RANDOM NUMBERS GENERATORS

## STEP 3: GENERAL TRANSFORMATION METHOD (FOR ANY STATISTICAL DISTRIBUTION)

Solve ...  $\frac{dx}{dy} = f(y)$  with  $x \sim U(0, 1)$

$$x = F(y)$$

$$F(y) = \int_0^y p(y) dy$$

Indefinite integral of desired distribution

$$y(x) = F^{-1}(x)$$

**SOLVE ANALYTICALLY OR  
NUMERICALLY**

## STEP 2 (EXAMPLE): EXPONENTIAL DEVIATES – ANALYTICAL

$$F(y) = \int_0^y p(y) dy = \int_0^y e^{-y} dy = 1 - e^{-y}$$

$$x = F(y)$$

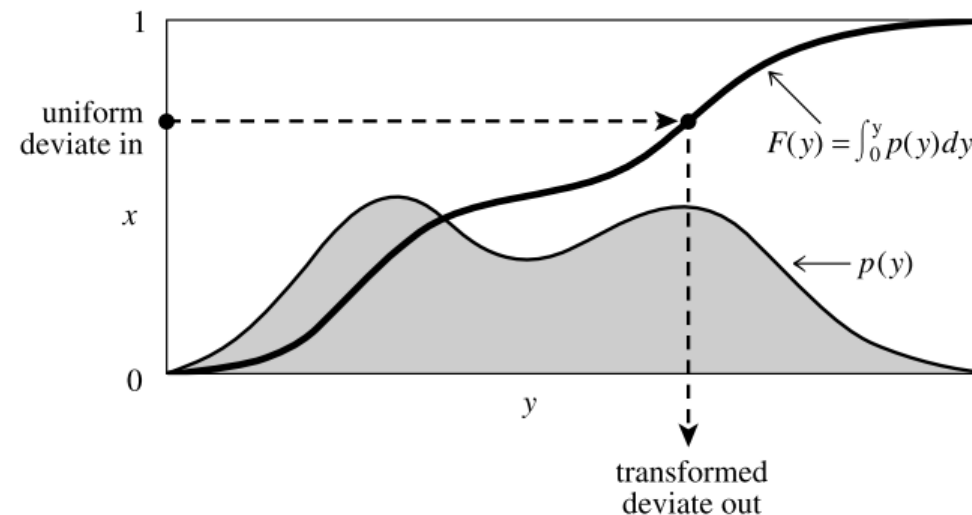
$$y(x) = F^{-1}(x) = -\ln(1 - x) = -\ln(x)$$

# SERIAL RANDOM NUMBER GENERATORS PORTABLE, PSEUDO-RANDOM NUMBERS GENERATORS

## STEP 3: GENERAL TRANSFORMATION METHOD (FOR ANY STATISTICAL DISTRIBUTION)

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**SOLVE ANALYTICALLY OR  
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**Figure 7.3.1.** Transformation method for generating a random deviate  $y$  from a known probability distribution  $p(y)$ . The indefinite integral of  $p(y)$  must be known and invertible. A uniform deviate  $x$  is chosen between 0 and 1. Its corresponding  $y$  on the definite-integral curve is the desired deviate.

# **RANDOM NUMBER GENERATORS IN SERIAL CODE FOR SUPERDIFFUSIVE RADIATIVE TRANSPORT**

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## **BASIC ALGORITHM – LINEAR CONGRENTIAL GENERATOR**

$$I_{j+1} = aI_j + c \pmod{m}$$

**INTEGER ARITHMETIC**

$$I_{j+1} / m$$

**IS THE DESIRED REAL RANDOM NUMBER**

**SEED + “SET OF MAGIC NUMBERS”, FOR  
MAXIMUM REPETITION PERIOD**

**ran2 “NUMERICAL RECIPES”  
2 GENERATORS PLUS ADDITIONAL SHUFFLING  
PROCEDURE  
(BREAK SEQUENTIAL CORRELATION)**

## **RANDOM NUMBER GENERATORS IN SERIAL CODE FOR SUPERDIFFUSIVE RADIATIVE TRANSPORT**

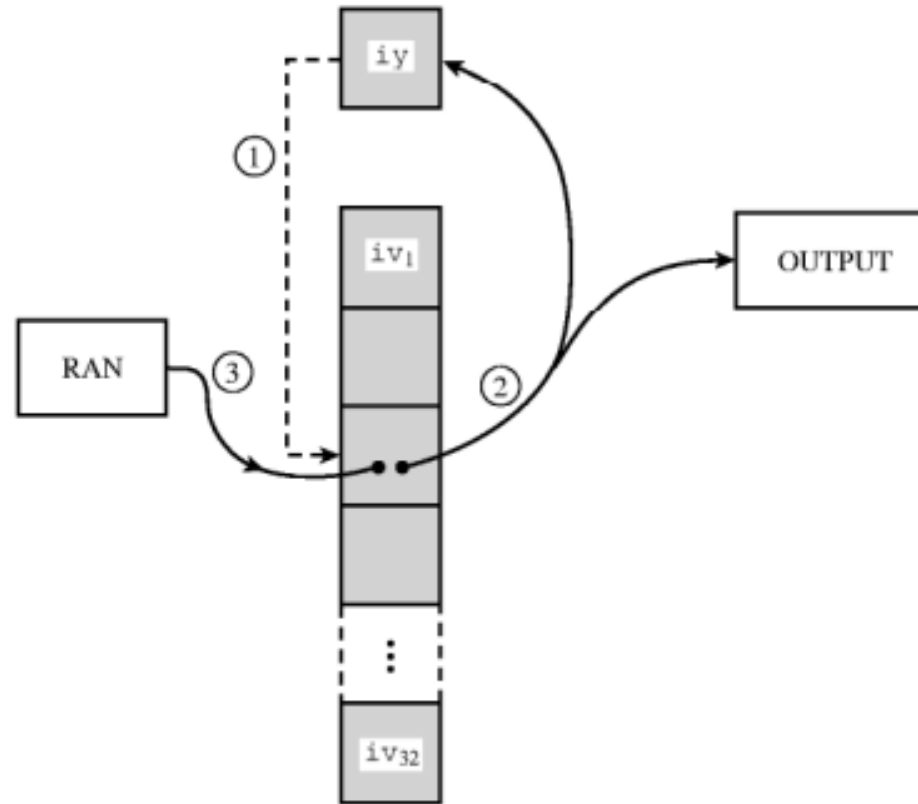
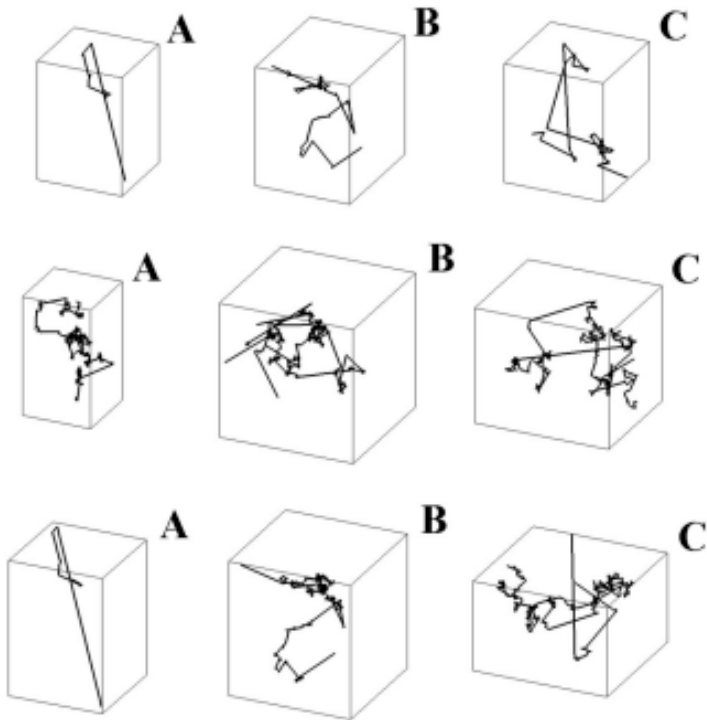


Figure 7.1.1. Shuffling procedure used in `ran1` to break up sequential correlations in the Minimal Standard generator. Circled numbers indicate the sequence of events: On each call, the random number in  $iy$  is used to choose a random element in the array  $iv$ . That element becomes the output random number, and also is the next  $iy$ . Its spot in  $iv$  is refilled from the Minimal Standard routine.

# RANDOM NUMBER GENERATORS IN SERIAL CODE FOR SUPERDIFFUSIVE RADIATIVE TRANSPORT

## ANALYTICAL GENERAL TRANSFORMATION METHOD IN MONTE CARLO TRAJECTORIES



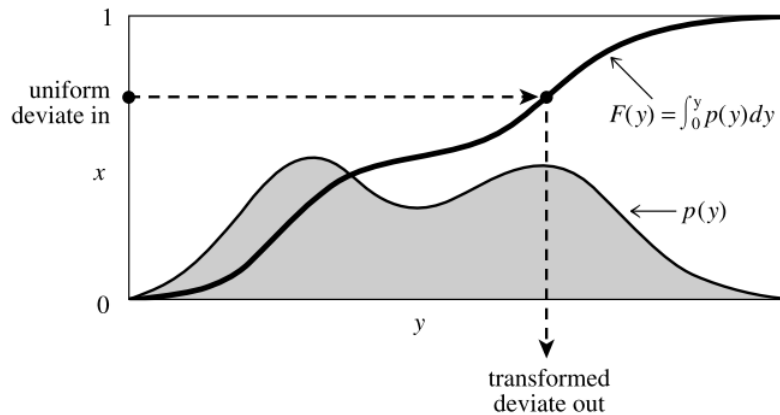
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THE DIRECTION OF THE NEXT STEP  
IS ANALYTICAL**

**... HOWEVER, THE STEP LENGTH  
IS NOT ANALYTICAL**

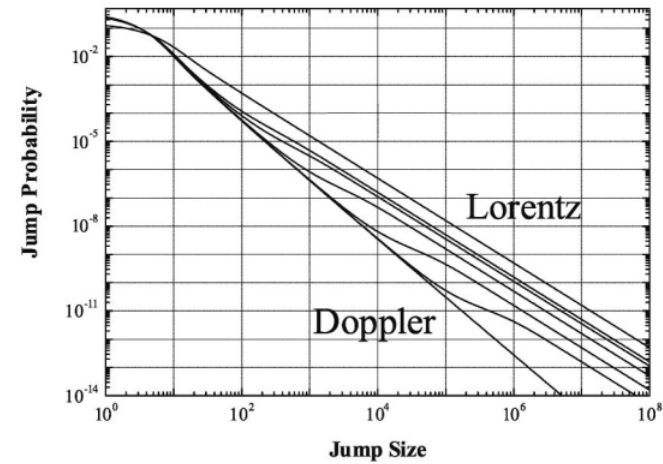


# RANDOM NUMBER GENERATORS IN SERIAL CODE FOR SUPERDIFFUSIVE RADIATIVE TRANSPORT

## NUMERICAL GENERAL TRANSFORMATION METHOD IN MONTE CARLO TRAJECTORIES



**Figure 7.3.1.** Transformation method for generating a random deviate  $y$  from a known probability distribution  $p(y)$ . The indefinite integral of  $p(y)$  must be known and invertible. A uniform deviate  $x$  is chosen between 0 and 1. Its corresponding  $y$  on the definite-integral curve is the desired deviate.

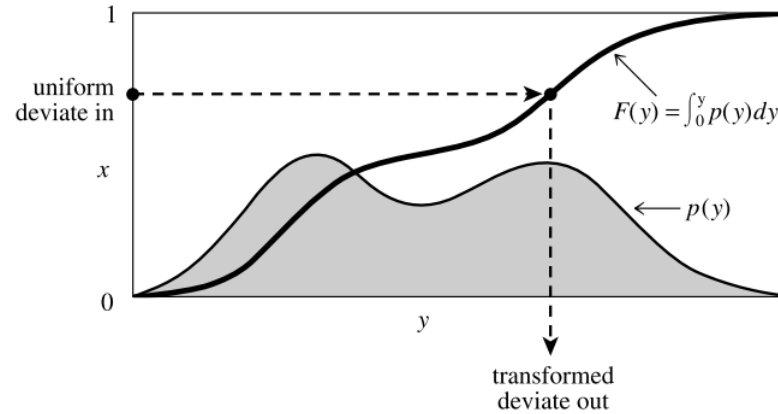


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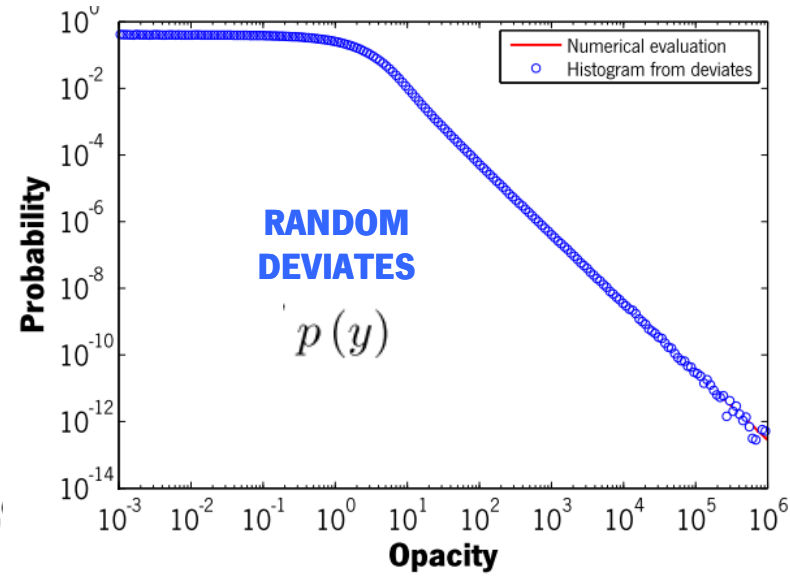
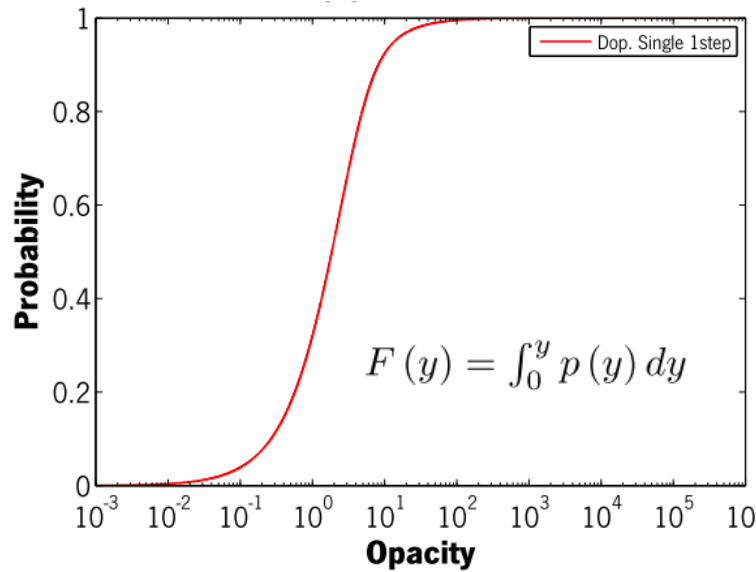
$$p(r) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \Phi^2(x) e^{-\Phi(x)r} dx.$$

**THE SINGLE STEP  $F(y)$  IS COMPUTED NUMERICALLY ONCE  
IN A SET OF DISCRETE DATA POINTS**

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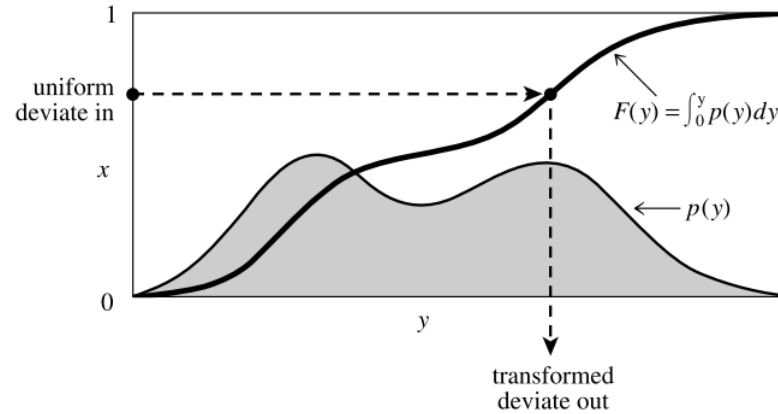


**CASE I – DOPPLER**

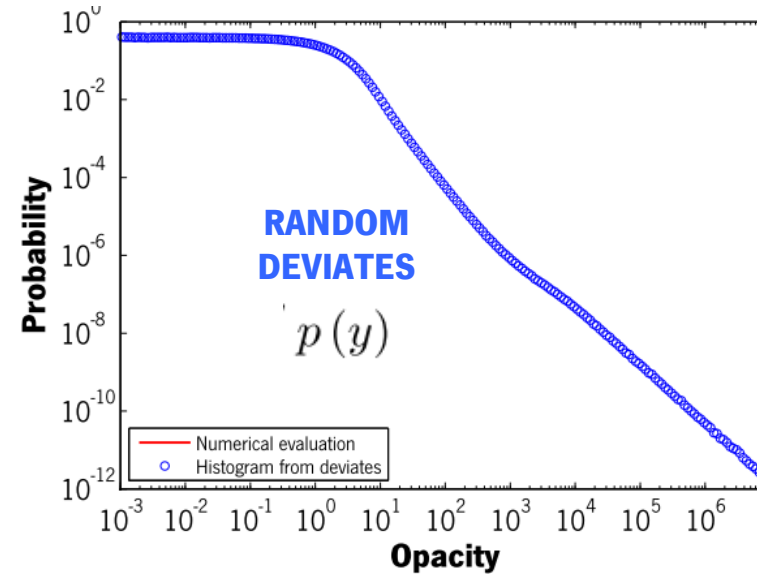
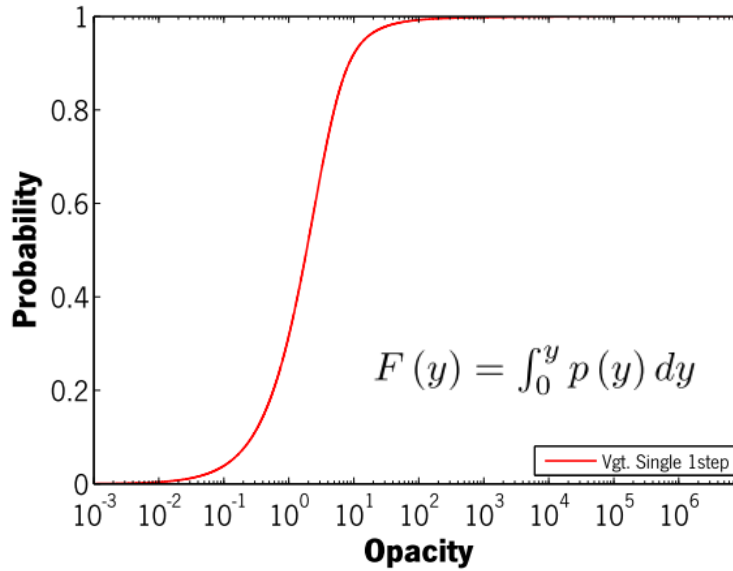


**... THEN A NATURAL CUBIC SPLINE INTERPOLATION  
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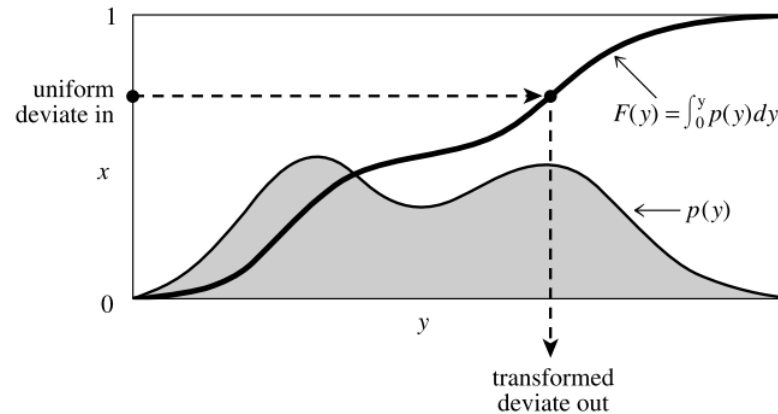


**CASE II – VOIGT**



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**... THEN A NATURAL CUBIC SPLINE INTERPOLATION  
IMPLEMENTS THE TRANSFORMATION METHOD**

**THE CUBIC SPLINE INTERPOLATION IS A 2 STEP ALGORITHM:**

- **STEP 1: SOLVE LINEAR TRIDIAGONAL SYSTEM (ONCE; NO TIME COST)**
- **STEP 2: INTERPOLATE BY TABLE LOOKUP AND BISECTION (REPEAT ...)**

**THE MONTE CARLO CODE IS EXPECTED TO SPENT MOST OF THE TIME:**

- **GENERATING UNIFORM RANDOM NUMBERS IN  $[0,1[$   $I_{j+1} = aI_j + c \pmod{m}$**
- **IMPLEMENTING NUMERICALLY THE TRANSFORMATION METHOD (BISECTION)**

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARALLELIZATION (PROVIDE FEEDBACK)**

### **MONTE CARLO PARTICLE TRANSPORT CODE FOR SUPERDIFFUSIVE RADIATIVE TRANSPORT:**

- **SERIAL CODE IN FORTRAN 90**
- **BOTTLENECK RANDOM NUMBERS (UNIFORM DEVIATES & TRANSFORMATION METHOD)**
- **EACH TIME A RANDOM NUMBER IS NEEDED, IS GENERATED**
- **FIGURE OF MERIT TO STOP SIMULATION TOTAL NUMBER TRAJECTORIES**

### **MONTE CARLO PARTICLE TRANSPORT CODE FOR SUPERDIFFUSIVE RADIATIVE TRANSPORT ALGORITHM:**

- **GENERATE TRAJECTORIES**
- **ACUMULATE POSITIONS**
- **REPEAT UNTIL TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAJECTORIES**

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARALLELIZATION (PROVIDE FEEDBACK)**

### **OPPORTUNITY #1 – MODEL MPI**

- **MASTER/SLAVE MODEL WITH DYNAMIC LOAD BALANCE IN HETEROGENEOUS SYSTEMS**
- **TIME IS LINEAR IN # TRAJECTORIES => LAUNCH REPLICAS OF SMALL MONTE CARLO SIMULATIONS IN EACH COMPUTATIONAL NODE AND, BASED ON FEEDBACK, PARTITION TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAJECTORIES TO OBTAIN OVERALL LOAD BALANCE**
- **DISADVANTAGE: EACH NODE IS INDEPENDENT AND DOES NOT SHARES RANDOM NUMBER SEQUENCES**
- **TESTED IN PROTOTYPE CODE**

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARALLELIZATION (PROVIDE FEEDBACK)**

### **OPPORTUNITY #2 – PARALLEL RANDOM NUMBER GENERATORS**

- DATA SHARING – THE UNIFORM RANDOM NUMBER SEQUENCE IS GLOBALLY ACCESSIBLE FROM ALL COMPUTING NODES**
- POSSIBLY COMBINE WITH OPPORTUNITY #1; MASTER/SLAVE MODEL WITH DYNAMIC LOAD BALANCE IN HETEROGENEOUS SYSTEMS**
- NO EXPERIENCE WITH PARALLEL RANDOM NUMBER GENERATORS**

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARALLELIZATION (PROVIDE FEEDBACK)**

### **OPPORTUNITY #3 – HYBRID CPU/GPU MODELS**

- LEVEL #1: LINEAR CONGRUENTIAL GENERATOR USES INTEGER ARITHMETIC (IS THIS STILL RELEVANT TO EXPLORE, BASED IN LATEST HARDWARE?)**
- LEVEL #2: RANDOM NUMBER GENERATOR BY NUMERICAL INTERPOLATION IS A “LOOKUP” ALGORITHM IN AN ORDERED TABLE; COULD BE MORE EFFICIENTLY RECODED IN GPU ?**

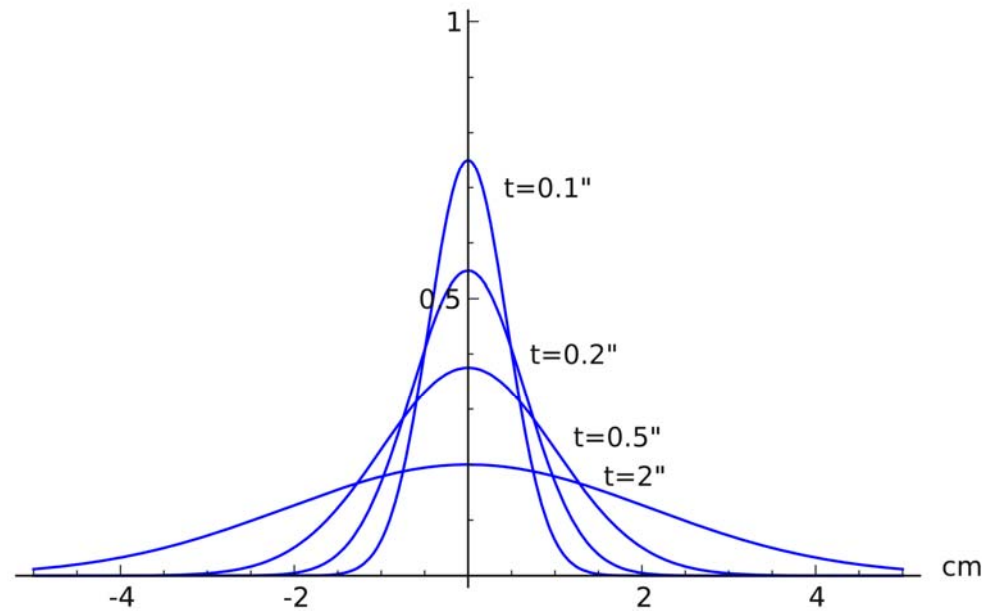
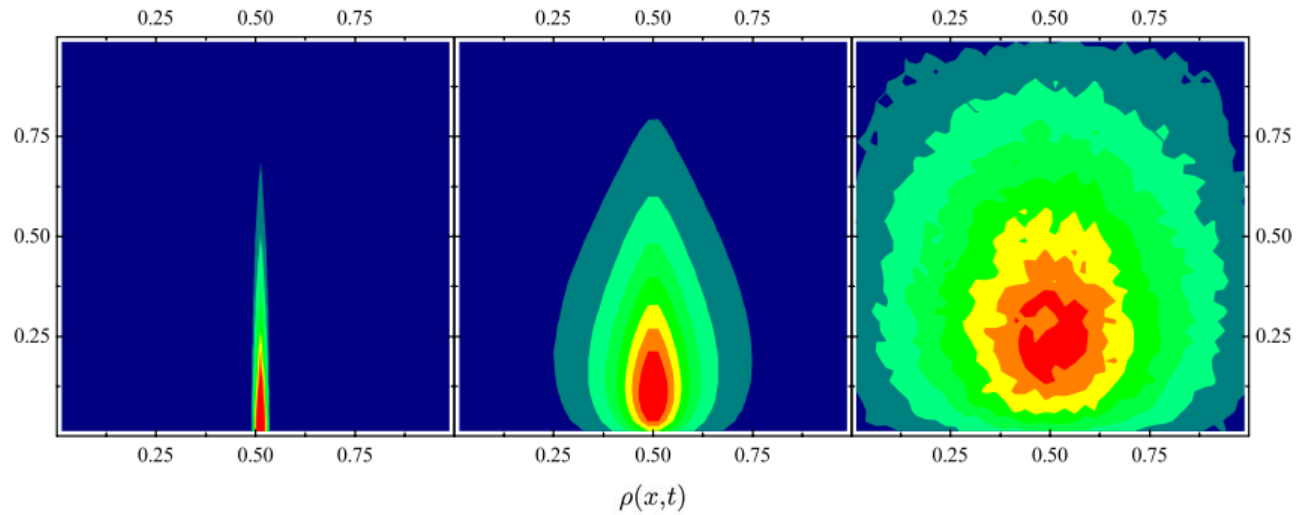


**ANOMALOUS TRANSPORT**  
**Definitions and Examples**

**SUPERDIFFUSION AND LÉVY FLIGHTS**  
**Serial code and opportunities for  
parallelization**

**DYNAMICS OF SUPERDIFFUSION**  
**Numerical algorithms**

# GOAL – ALGORITHM/NUMERICAL CODE DYNAMICS OF ANOMALOUS TRANSPORT



## Photon Trajectories in Incoherent Atomic Radiation Trapping as Lévy Flights

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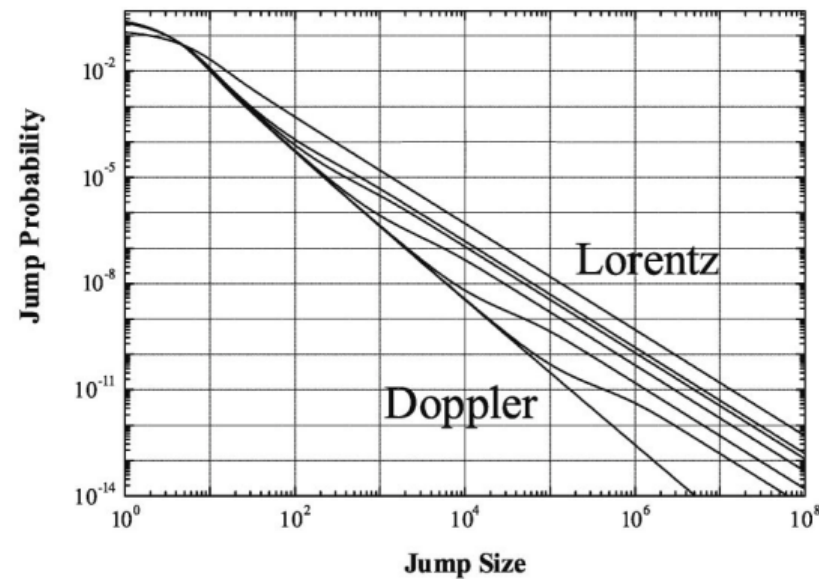


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**... APPLICABLE FOR OTHER POWER LAW CASES**

**SUPERDIFFUSION (POWER LAWS)**

**MASTER EQUATION  
INTEGRO-DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION DESCRIBES  
DYNAMICS**

$$\frac{\partial n(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} = -\Gamma n(\mathbf{r}, t) + \Gamma \phi_0 \int_V f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') n(\mathbf{r}', t) d\mathbf{r}'$$

**1. LINEAR REGIME AND EXPANSION IN “# OF JUMPS”  
(MONTE CARLO CODE)**

$$n(\mathbf{r}, t) = \sum_n a_n p_n(\mathbf{r}) g_n(t)$$

**2. LINEAR REGIME AND EXPANSION IN EIGENVALUES/EIGENVECTORS**

$$n(\mathbf{r}, t) = \sum_n n_n(\mathbf{r}) e^{-\beta_n t}$$

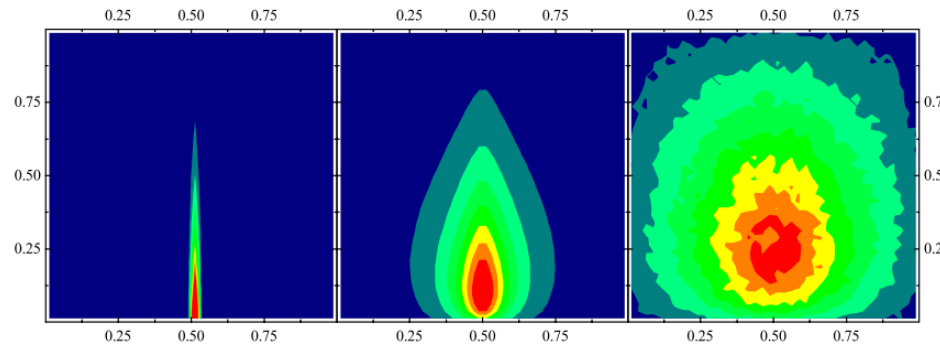
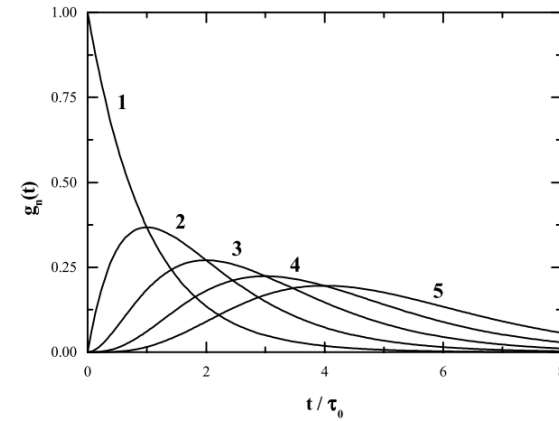
**3. LINEAR/NON LINEAR REGIME AND INTEGRATION MASTER  
EQUATION IN TIME AND SPACE**

**1. LINEAR EXPANSION IN “# OF JUMPS”  
+ MONTE CARLO SIMULATION**

$$n(\mathbf{r}, t) = \sum_n a_n p_n(\mathbf{r}) g_n(t)$$

**SPATIAL DISTRIBUTIONS IN # JUMPS  
(MONTE CARLO)**

**TEMPORAL DISTRIBUTIONS ARE ANALYTICAL  
(DECOUPLED FROM SPACE)**



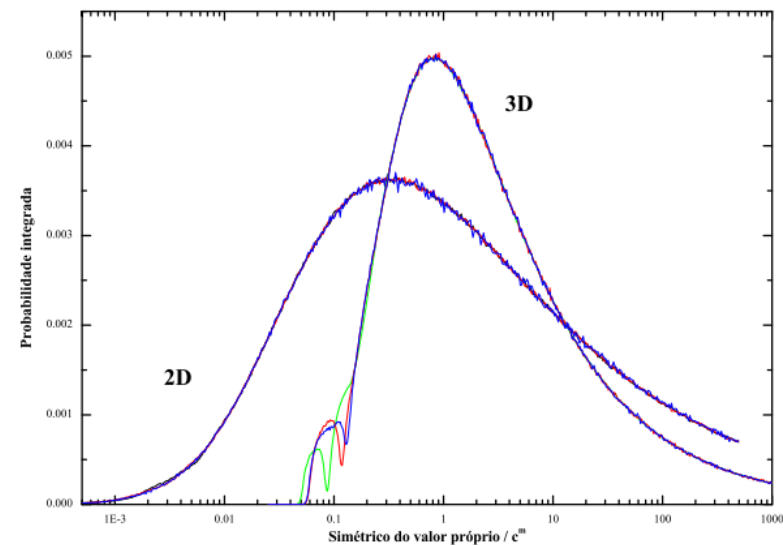
**MONTE CARLO SIMULATION OF TRAJECTORIES (ONLY SPACE)  
BOTTLENECK RANDOM NUMBER GENERATION/MANIPULATION**

## 2. LINEAR REGIME AND EIGENVALUE/EIGENVECTOR DECOMPOSITION + MONTE CARLO SIMULATION (FOR RANDOM CONFIGURATIONS)

$$n(\mathbf{r}, t) = \sum_n n_n(\mathbf{r}) e^{-\beta_n t}$$

Distribuição de valores próprios  
Meio 3D/2D infinito - Simulação de Monte-Carlo

TRANSITION MATRIX FOR EACH  
CONFIGURATION  
(EIGENVALUES/EIGENVECTORS)  
+  
CONFIGURATIONAL ENSEMBLES  
(MONTE CARLO REPLICAS OF  
DIFFERENT CONFIGURATIONS)



“CORE” COMPUTACIONAL LINEAR ALGEBRA (EIGENVALUES/EIGENVECTORS) +  
RANDOM NUMBERS  
CPU or CPU/GPU HYBRID LIBRARIES

### 3. LINEAR/NON LINEAR REGIME USING FRACTIONAL DERIVATIVES MODELS FOR SPACE AND TIME DISCRETIZATION

$$\frac{\partial n(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} = -\Gamma n(\mathbf{r}, t) + \Gamma \phi_0 \int_V f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') n(\mathbf{r}', t) d\mathbf{r}'$$

THE MASTER EQUATION CAN BE WRITTE AS A GENERALIZATION OF THE  
DIFFUSION EQUATION, BUT NOW USING (FRACTIONAL) DERIVATIVE ORDER

FRACTIONAL CALCULUS / FRACTIONAL DIFFUSION / FRACTIONAL KINETICS

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### 3. LINEAR/NON LINEAR REGIME USING FRACTIONAL DERIVATIVES MODELS FOR SPACE AND TIME DISCRETIZATION

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \chi \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad (t > 0, a < x < b)$$

**@ TIME  
(SUBDIFFUSION)**

$${}_0^C D_t^\alpha u = \chi \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad (t > 0, a < x < b)$$

fractional derivative of order  $\alpha$  less than 1  
 ${}_0^C D_t^\alpha$  is the Caputo fractional derivative

**@ SPACE  
(SUPERDIFFUSION)**

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \chi \frac{\partial^\beta u}{\partial |x|^\beta} \quad (t > 0, a < x < b)$$

fractional derivative of the  
order  $\beta$  between 1 and 2  
symmetric Riesz

**“CORE” COMPUTATIONAL LINEAR ALGEBRA  
“HOT TOPIC” AND matlab CODE**

### 3. LINEAR/NON LINEAR REGIME USING FRACTIONAL DERIVATIVES MODELS FOR SPACE AND TIME DISCRETIZATION

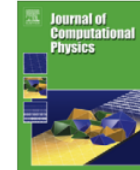
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The realm of fractional kinetics is growing, and therefore it is desirable to have at hand a method for numerical solution which would be relatively simple and at the same time general enough to deal effectively with different forms of fractional kinetic equations. However, while different numerical tools for ordinary fractional equations exist and a basic framework of their numerical solution is already established, relatively few numerical methods exist to solve fractional equations with partial derivatives, and the development of effective numerical schemes is now on the agenda.

In the present paper, we propose a general approach to the numerical solution of partial fractional differential equations, which is based on the matrix form representation of discretized fractional operators introduced in [51]. This approach unifies the numerical differentiation of arbitrary (including integer) order and the  $n$ -fold integration, using the so-called triangular matrices. Applied to numerical solution of differential equations, it also unifies the solution of integer- and fractional-order partial differential equations. The suggested approach leads to significant simplification of the numerical solution of partial differential equations, and it is general enough to deal with different types of partial fractional differential equations, even with delays.