

Anomalous diffusion, nonergodicity, non-Gaussianity, and aging of fractional Brownian motion with nonlinear clocks

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How do nonlinear clocks in time and/or space affect the fundamental properties of a stochastic process? Specifically, how precisely may ergodic processes such as fractional Brownian motion (FBM) acquire predictable nonergodic and aging features being subjected to such conditions? We address these questions in the current study. To describe different types of non-Brownian motion of particles—including power-law anomalous, ultraslow or logarithmic, as well as superfast or exponential diffusion—we here develop and analyze a generalized stochastic process of scaled-fractional Brownian motion (SFBM). The time- and space-SFBM processes are, respectively, constructed based on FBM running with nonlinear time and space clocks. The fundamental statistical characteristics such as non-Gaussianity of particle displacements, nonergodicity, as well as aging are quantified for time- and space-SFBM by selecting different clocks. The latter parametrize power-law anomalous, ultraslow, and superfast diffusion. The results of our computer simulations are fully consistent with the analytical predictions for several functional forms of clocks. We thoroughly examine the behaviors of the probability-density function, the mean-squared displacement, the time-averaged mean-squared displacement, as well as the aging factor. Our results are applicable for rationalizing the impact of nonlinear time and space properties superimposed onto the FBM-type dynamics. SFBM offers a general framework for a universal and more precise model-based description of anomalous, nonergodic, non-Gaussian, and aging diffusion in single-molecule-tracking observations.

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. Background and motivation

The paradigmatic drift-free Brownian motion (BM) [1–7] features a Gaussian linear-in-time ergodic [8] spreading dynamics of test particles. BM is omnipresent in a multitude of rather simple interaction-free memoryless stationary physical systems of thermally agitated passive monodisperse tracers. The mean-squared displacement (MSD) for BM is

$$\langle x^2(t) \rangle = 2K_1 t^1 \quad (1)$$

and BM is ergodic in the Boltzmann-Birkhoff-Khinchin sense [9–11]. The latter means that the long-time average of a statistical observable converges to its ensemble-based average [11,12]. BM is nonaging in the sense of independence of statistical observables on the observation time T [12–14].

The central quest in analyzing ever-more-detailed experimental data from single-particle-tracking (SPT) assays [15,16] is to pinpoint the precise underlying physical stochastic process and confidently predict its associated parameters [17–20]. Single-parameter BM is, however, often insufficient for a satisfactory, parameter-sensitive, and robust-to-“perturbations” description of rich experimental data. The

latter stem from complex real-world systems, driven by processes with sometimes intricate long-ranged physicochemical interactions, multilevel couplings, interdependencies of parameters, memory functions, time-space variabilities, ensemble heterogeneities, polydispersity in the properties of particles, etc. These complications inevitably necessitate a theoretical development of more sophisticated, tunable, and predictive stochastic models, which are generally non-Brownian, non-Gaussian, nonergodic, and aging. Such a development is the main motivation of the current study.

B. Anomalous diffusion

Anomalous diffusion processes [14,18,19,21–31] featuring a nonlinear-in-time (non-Fickian [2] or non-Brownian [1]) growth of the MSD have been widely observed over the last couple of decades, ranging from superdiffusive cosmic-ray propagation in the interstellar medium [32] on the galactic scale [33–35] to subdiffusion of nanometer-sized tracers inside biological cells on the submicron scale [36–39] and to short-time superdiffusion of vortices in ultraquantum turbulence in superfluid helium-4 [40], to motion a few examples.

Physically, the MSD growth of the power-law form [14,25]

$$\langle x^2(t) \rangle = 2K_\rho t^\rho, \quad (2)$$

where K_ρ is the generalized diffusion coefficient (with the dimensions $\text{length}^2/\text{time}^\rho$) and ρ is the anomalous scaling exponent, describes the regimes of subdiffusion (for $0 < \rho < 1$), BM ($\rho = 1$) [1,3–6], superdiffusion ($1 < \rho < 2$),

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TABLE I. Some important and experimentally accessible properties (abbreviations used are Y = Yes and N = No) of some pure and hybrid SBM- and FBM-related stochastic processes. We present Fickianity in the sense of short-time linearity of the MSD and mean TAMSD, stationarity for the increment process, ergodicity in the sense of MSD=TAMSD equivalence for long trajectories, Markovianity as the absence of memory effects for consecutive particle's displacements, Gaussianity of the probability-density function (PDF) form, and aging as a TAMSD dependence on the trajectory length T . Note a transition of all diffusion properties being standard for processes on the top to all "canonical" postulates being violated for processes on the bottom of the table.

Processes ↓ Properties →	Fickianity (MSD)	Fickianity (TAMSD)	Stationarity	Ergodicity	Markovianity	Gaussianity	Nonaging
BM [1,3,5]	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
FBM [54,55]	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
SBM [56,57]	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N
HDP [58,59]	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N
FBM-HDP [60]	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
SBM-HDP [61]	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N
FBM-SBM [62]	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N
Time-SFBM, Sec. II	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N
Space-SFBM, Sec. III	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Time-space-SFBM, Sec. IV	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

ballistic motion ($\rho = 2$), and hyperdiffusion (or superballistic motion [41], with $\rho > 2$). Nonlinear forms of the MSD growth with time [Eq. (2)] are related to *non-Fickianity* or *non-Brownianity* of diffusion. Other functional forms of anomalous diffusion proposed and detected include the ultraslow [42,43] logarithmic and the superfast [44] exponential growth of the MSD. The first case is a part of the class of Sinai-type [45] diffusion, while the second scenario is realized, e.g., for the speculative growth [46–53] of stock-market indices. Note that an adequate and balanced referencing even to the most representative examples of anomalous-diffusion observations from various domains of physics, chemistry, and biochemistry is beyond the scope of this study.

C. Relevant stochastic anomalous-diffusion processes

The description of non-Brownian and non-Gaussian diffusion processes is often a challenging task in situations when the underlying physical mechanism and the associated stochastic model are to be extracted from data and justified. A number of frameworks and stochastic processes (see Table I) have been proposed in the statistical-physics community to unravel the properties of anomalous-diffusion processes, defining a subset of general processes satisfying Eq. (2). The list includes continuous-time random walks (CTRWs) [14,63–65], diffusion on fractals [23], fractional BM (FBM) [54,55] (see also recent Refs. [30,66–75]), concentration-dependent diffusion of power-law form [76,77], multistate diffusion (e.g., with stochastically changing diffusivities [78] and scaling exponents [38]), diffusing-diffusivity-based models [69,70,79–85], annealed transit-time models [19,86,87], heterogeneous diffusion processes (HDPs) [58,59,88–93], scaled BM (SBM) [56,94–97], diffusion in expanding media [98–101], and many other models [including geometric BM (GBM) [46,47,50,51,102] featuring the exponential MSD].

Let us shortly introduce a set of anomalous-diffusion models of a particular interest as mathematical frameworks that will be generalized by stochastic processes invented in the current study. The model of subdiffusive CTRWs [14] is nonergodic [103], being often used to capture the anomalous spreading of particles featuring long-tailed waiting-time

and/or jump-length distributions. *Nonergodicity*—a concept first introduced by Boltzmann [8] and developed by, among others, Birkhoff, von Neumann, and Khinchin [9–11]—is defined hereafter as the nonequivalence of ensemble- and time-based averaging [14,104,105]; namely, in the limit $\Delta \ll T$,

$$\langle x^2(\Delta) \rangle \neq \overline{\delta^2(\Delta)}. \quad (3)$$

It thus describes the situations when the MSD (2) is not equal to the long-observation-time time-averaged MSD (TAMSD) defined for a single trajectory as [14]

$$\overline{\delta^2(\Delta)} = \frac{1}{T - \Delta} \int_0^{T-\Delta} [x(t + \Delta) - x(t)]^2 dt. \quad (4)$$

Here T is the trajectory length and Δ is the lag time.

Similarly nonergodic (also quantitatively, as assessed in Ref. [59]) is the HDP [58,59,88,90], emerged based on several "classical" considerations of position- and/or concentration-dependent diffusion (see Refs. [106–110]). In its standard formulation, HDPs describe power-law-type anomalous diffusion in heterogeneous media with a position-dependent power-law-like diffusion coefficient, $D(x) \propto |x|^\beta$ [58,59,88,90], used, e.g., as a model of deterministically varying porosity, of dispersion in nonequilibrium systems with a temperature gradient, or of diffusion in quasi-one-dimensional channels with a variable cross section [111,112]. The "exponential" HDP gives rise to ultraslow diffusion for an exponential spatial dependence of the diffusivity $D(x) \propto e^{-\tilde{\lambda}x}$, namely, $\text{MSD}(t) \propto \log^2(t/\tau(\tilde{\lambda}))$ [88], and to GBM-like motion for $D(x) \propto x^2$ (this dependence is a critical point [59,110] of the power-law $D(x)$ variation). The process of logarithmic HDP with logarithmically dependent diffusivity was also studied [88]; $D(x)$ e.g. exponentially decaying in space [88] were used; for instance, to describe bombardment- [113] and irradiation-enhanced [114] diffusion. Recently, the theory of confined [89,93] and reset [115] HDPs was developed.

The process of SBM also describes nonergodic anomalous diffusion [56,57,94,116,117]. SBM is an inherently nonstationary memoryless Markovian stochastic process applicable to diffusion in aging or accelerating systems with, e.g., a time-varying temperature. The property of *Markovianity* means that



FIG. 1. Artistic representation of nonlinear time and space clocks running for the process of SFBM [175].

the value of a stochastic process in the next moment of time depends only on its value on the previous time step (i.e., no dependence on former “history” exists). One example of SBM is the dynamics of cooling granular gases [94]. In the standard formulation, SBM features a power-law-like dependence of the diffusivity with time, $D(t) \propto t^{\alpha-1}$ [56,57,94,116,117] (see Table I). For a “critical” exponent of this time dependence, namely, at $D(t) \propto 1/t$, SBM gives rise to ultraslow diffusion with a logarithmic growth of the MSD at long times, $\text{MSD}(t) \propto \log(t/\tau)$ [95]. The exponential growth of the long-time MSD and the linear growth of the short-time TAMSD are the characteristic features of GBM [49,50] as well as of exponential SBM with $D(t) \propto e^{\kappa t}$ introduced in Ref. [118]. These SBM-type processes exhibit a linear growth of the TAMSD with the lag time.

FBM [54,55] is a very widely used stochastic process employed to describe subdiffusion in viscoelastic [119] systems such as the cyto- and nucleoplasm of diverse classes of biological cells [38,120] on various length- and time-scales (among other numerous applications [14]). FBM is a Gaussian process [30,121] with stationary increments which are persistent and antipersistent for the anomalous Hurst exponent H in the range $2 > 2H > 1$ and $0 < 2H < 1$, respectively. FBM with $2H = 1$ reduces to BM. FBM is “nearly” ergodic [66,69,74], being one of few stochastic processes with a nonlinear and H -dependent scaling exponent of the TAMSD. The property of *Gaussianity* means a Gaussian form of the distribution of position displacements of the particles, $P(x, t)$, as measured after a diffusion time t . *Stationarity* of increments of a stochastic process means their independence on the actual time moment of measurement. In addition to free-space FBM, potential-confined [122–127] and externally reset [115] FBM versions were considered as well.

D. Generalizations of diffusion models

As an even smaller subset of stochastic processes mentioned in Sec. IC, several modifications of SBM [56,94–97,118,128], FBM [74,115], and HDPs [58,59,88–91] were studied recently. A number of recent SPT data sets [38,39,129–142] indicate a motion driven by a stochastic process featuring more than a single generating mechanism. Therefore, “compound” processes with more “multifaceted” statistical characteristics [143] can be beneficial.

In particular, nonergodic processes with a nonlinear growth of the TAMSD(Δ) and with additionally tunable aging dependence on the trajectory length T (denoted as $\overline{\langle \delta^2(\Delta, T) \rangle}$) are required to rationalize some SPT data sets, namely,

$$\overline{\langle \delta^2(\Delta, T) \rangle} \propto \Delta^\mu / T^{1-\nu} \neq \langle x^2(\Delta) \rangle. \quad (5)$$

Such desired processes would then serve as tools to physically describe a number of “mixed” statistical properties observed in experimental SPT time series [18,19,30,39,141,142,144–150]. *Aging* here means a particular dependence of the TAMSD magnitude on the measurement time T . For multiple power-law-type subdiffusive processes the magnitude of $\overline{\langle \delta^2(\Delta, T) \rangle}$ is a decaying power-law function of T , as measured at short lag times Δ (see Table I).

The list of hybrid processes developed by us in recent years includes the processes of SBM-HDP [61], FBM-HDP [60], FBM-diffusing diffusivity [69], FBM-SBM [62], SBM-diffusing diffusivity [96,151], exponential and logarithmic HDPs [88], exponential and logarithmic SBM [118], and SBM-GBM [152] (see a short overview in Table I). Note that a hybrid diffusion process with a power-law-like time- and space-dependent diffusivity was also proposed previously in Refs. [116,153–155]. Regarding the technicalities of the

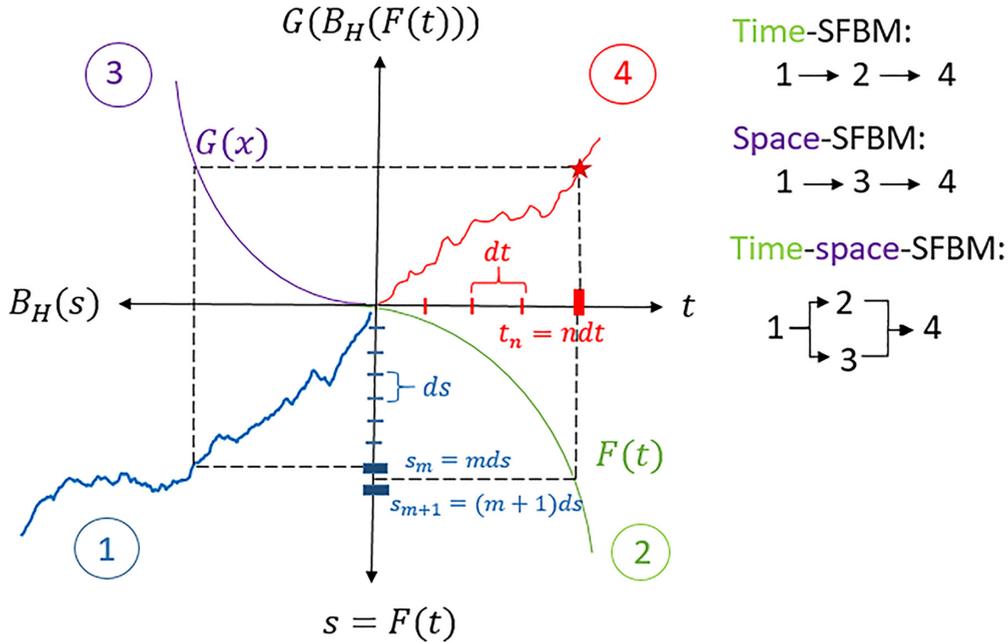


FIG. 2. Details of the simulation scheme for generating time- and space-SFBM from a parental FBM trajectory. The procedure to create SFBM from a finely simulated FBM (time-step ds) via a “projection” with rescaling functions $F(t)$ and $G(x)$ is illustrated here, see Sec. II C for details.

mathematical description and the applications of all these stochastic processes, we refer the interested reader to the original studies. Note also that an extensive collection of FBM- and SBM-related SPT experimental observations were tabulated in Ref. [62]. Recently, hybrid stochastic processes of CTRW type with a random walk on fractals [156], CTRW-FBM [18,157], and processes alternating between a Lévy walk and standard BM [158] as well as between a Lévy walk and CTRW [159,160] were proposed, in addition to other models of anomalous diffusion of mixed origin [156].

Various computational methods and statistical tests for the SPT-trajectory analysis of multiple origins (e.g., Bayesian inference, neural-network-based, power spectrum, p -variation test, and machine-learning-based approaches, etc.) have been invented in recent years [18–20,30,132,144–150,161–172] to estimate and to catalog the models of diffusion as well as to determine their parameters for a given data set (such as the MSD- and TAMSD-scaling exponents, the increment-autocorrelation functions, Mandelbrotian exponents [173], the TAMSD-aging functions, etc.). The state of the art of such analysis methods was recently assessed by the anomalous-diffusion (AnDi) challenge [18,174]. In the current investigation, we are particularly interested in these statistical quantifiers and answer the question how they change for various underlying functional forms of superimposed time and space clocks.

E. Plan of the paper

Here, we extend the arsenal of hybrid anomalous-diffusion models via presenting a generalized stochastic process of scaled fractional Brownian motion (SFBM) (see Fig. 1). The process of time-rescaled BM with nonlinear clocks in fact has some history: for power-law and logarithmic-like clock func-

tions it was first proposed on the MSD level in Refs. [67,68]. For power-law clocks this process was named compressed or stretched BM [67] and it describes sub- or superdiffusive SBM [56,96], respectively. The process of SFBM fills the gap in understanding the principles of composition of the MSD and TAMSD scaling exponents for many of the compound stochastic processes mentioned in Sec. ID, connecting them to the features of running time and space clocks.

Time-SFBM $B_H(F(t))$ and space-SFBM $G(B_H(t))$ processes are constructed based on FBM $B_H(t)$ running with a nonlinear time clock $F(t)$ and a nonlinear space clock $G(x)$, respectively. We explicitly investigate analytically and via *in silico* experiments the properties of diffusive motion of particles by selecting different clocks giving rise to a power-law anomalous, ultraslow, and superfast diffusion described by SFBM.

The rest of this study is organized as follows. In Sec. II the processes of FBM and time SFBM are introduced. In Sec. III we describe the probability-density function (PDF), the MSD, the TAMSD, as well as provide the analysis of the nonergodic and aging behaviors of *time*-SFBM with three special cases of nonlinear time clock. In Sec. IV we introduce *space*-SFBM, computing the same characteristics for three scenarios of nonlinear space clocks. In Sec. V the properties of time-space-SFBM are examined. Finally, in Sec. VI we present the main conclusions. A number of auxiliary figures are provided in the Appendix A, while all acronyms are provided in Appendix B.

II. FBM AND TIME-SFBM

In this section, we give a brief introduction into FBM and present some results for time-SFBM that can be regarded as “merging” of FBM with SBM.

A. FBM

The process of FBM,

$$x(t) = B_H(t), \quad (6)$$

studied by Mandelbrot and van Ness [55] and in fact considered earlier by Kolmogorov [54], is a centered continuous-time Gaussian process with the two-point autocovariance function of the form

$$\langle B_H(t_1)B_H(t_2) \rangle = \frac{K_{2H}}{2}(t_1^{2H} + t_2^{2H} - |t_2 - t_1|^{2H}), \quad (7)$$

where the generalized diffusion coefficient K_{2H} has physical units

$$[K_{2H}] = \text{m}^2 \text{s}^{-2H}, \quad (8)$$

and with the Gaussian particle-displacement form of the PDF,

$$P(x, t) = \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2K_{2H}t^{2H}}\right) / \sqrt{2\pi K_{2H}t^{2H}}. \quad (9)$$

Here, $x_0 = 0$ is the starting position and t is diffusion time. FBM is an ergodic [14] stochastic process, with the MSD equal to the TAMSD,

$$\langle x^2(\Delta) \rangle = \langle B_H^2(\Delta) \rangle = \langle \delta^2(\Delta) \rangle = K_{2H} \Delta^{2H}. \quad (10)$$

The mean TAMSD is generally defined as the arithmetic mean over N available statistically identical and independent particle trajectories, namely [14]

$$\langle \delta^2(\Delta) \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \overline{\delta_i^2(\Delta)}. \quad (11)$$

The stationarity of increments of FBM can be studied via its autocovariance function. Considering an increment [55]

$$B_H^{(\delta)}(t) = B_H(t + \delta) - B_H(t), \quad (12)$$

the autocovariance function between the increments in the intervals $[t_1, t_1 + \delta]$ and $[t_2, t_2 + \delta]$ is defined as

$$C^{(\delta)}(t_1, t_2) = \langle B_H^{(\delta)}(t_1)B_H^{(\delta)}(t_2) \rangle. \quad (13)$$

Using Eq. (7) we arrive at the autocovariance function of FBM that solely depends on the time difference $\Delta_{12} = |t_2 - t_1|$ (with $t_2 > t_1$), namely,

$$C^{(\delta)}(t_1, t_2) = \frac{K_{2H}}{2}((\Delta_{12} + \delta)^{2H} + |\Delta_{12} - \delta|^{2H} - 2\Delta_{12}^{2H}). \quad (14)$$

In particular, when $\Delta_{12} \gg \delta$ the autocovariance function has an approximate power-law form

$$C^{(\delta)}(t_1, t_2) \sim K_{2H}H(2H - 1)\delta^2 \times \Delta_{12}^{2H-2}, \quad (15)$$

indicating that FBM has positively and negatively correlated increments for $1 > H > 1/2$ and $0 < H < 1/2$, respectively [55].

B. Time-SFBM

Time-SFBM is defined as a stochastic process of FBM running with a nonlinear time clock, i.e.,

$$x(t) = B_H(F(t)). \quad (16)$$

Here $F(t)$ is a deterministic smooth monotonic function changing over time with a non-negative derivative $f(t)$ satisfying (see also Refs. [67,68] employing the same method for clarification of its requirements)

$$F(t) = \int_0^t D_\alpha f(s) ds. \quad (17)$$

Here D_α is a coefficient ensuring that $F(t)$ always has the dimension of time, $[F] = \text{s}^1$. Combining the property of FBM (7) and the definition (16) yields the two-point autocovariance function of time-SFBM as

$$\langle x(t_1)x(t_2) \rangle = \frac{K_{2H}}{2}([F(t_1)]^{2H} + [F(t_2)]^{2H} - |F(t_1) - F(t_2)|^{2H}). \quad (18)$$

When $t_1 = t_2 = t$ the MSD of time-SFBM reads

$$\langle x^2(t) \rangle = K_{2H}[F(t)]^{2H}. \quad (19)$$

Using definition (4), the mean TAMSD of time-SFBM is

$$\langle \delta^2(\Delta) \rangle = \frac{K_{2H}}{T - \Delta} \int_0^{T-\Delta} [F(t + \Delta) - F(t)]^{2H} dt. \quad (20)$$

When $\Delta \ll T$, using the Taylor expansion $F(t + \Delta) - F(t) \approx D_\alpha f(t)\Delta$, we get the leading term

$$\langle \delta^2(\Delta) \rangle \approx \frac{K_{2H}}{T} \left[\int_0^T [D_\alpha f(t)]^{2H} dt \right] \times \Delta^{2H}. \quad (21)$$

Obviously, the TAMSD (21) is not equivalent to the MSD (19), indicating weak ergodicity breaking as long as $F(t)$ is a nonlinear function. Notably, when $H = 1/2$ time-SFBM reduces to SBM [56,57,94,116,117] with

$$\langle \delta^2(\Delta) \rangle = K_1 F(T) \times \Delta/T. \quad (22)$$

Given the increments (12), for $x_\delta(t) = x(t + \delta) - x(t)$ of time-SFBM we have

$$x_\delta(t) = B_H(F(t + \delta)) - B_H(F(t)) \quad (23)$$

and the explicit autocovariance function can be obtained as

$$C^{(\delta)}(t_1, t_2) = \frac{K_{2H}}{2}(|F(t_1 + \delta) - F(t_2)|^{2H} + |F(t_1) - F(t_2 + \delta)|^{2H} - |F(t_1 + \delta) - F(t_2 + \delta)|^{2H} - |F(t_1) - F(t_2)|^{2H}). \quad (24)$$

This implies that, as expected, the property of stationarity is broken when FBM runs with a nonlinear clock. In particular, when $H = 1/2$ we get $C^{(\delta)}(t_1, t_2) = 0$ if the two increments in the intervals $[t_1, t_1 + \delta]$ and $[t_2, t_2 + \delta]$ are disjoint. This feature reveals that FBM with arbitrary nonlinear clocks has independent increments.

The PDF of time-SFBM with arbitrary nonlinear clock is— analogously to FBM expression (9)—a Gaussian function

$$P(x, t) = \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2K_{2H}[F(t)]^{2H}}\right) / \sqrt{2\pi K_{2H}[F(t)]^{2H}}. \quad (25)$$

C. Details of computer simulations

The trajectories of SFBM are generated below from those of standard FBM through the specific transformations of time-

and space-related variables. In short, several standard methods can be employed to generate FBM [176] including, e.g., the method of Hosking [177], the Choleski matrix-decomposition approach, or the method of Wood and Chan [178]. We adopt here the last one [178], used also in Refs. [69,70], due to its rapid simulation times achieved by using the discrete Fourier transformation [179].

To generate time-SFBM (16) as $x(t) = B_H(F(t))$ in Sec. III at discrete times $t_n = n \times dt$, where $dt = T/N$ is the time step and T is the measurement time, we find equivalent discrete points of $B_H(s)$ at times

$$s_m = m \times ds = F(t_n). \quad (26)$$

Here $ds < dt$ is a smaller time step to generate FBM. As the time-transformation function $F(t)$ is general, an integer m obeying (26) does not always exist. We thus find adjacent points t_m and t_{m+1} such that

$$m \times ds \leq F(t_n) < (m+1) \times ds \quad (27)$$

is fulfilled in order to approximate $F(t_n)$ (see the details in Fig. 2). This method is frequently employed to generate subordinated stochastic processes [180].

The discrete-time process (16) is thus approximated in two steps:

(i) We first generate FBM trajectories using the method of Wood and Chan [178]; e.g., we create $B_H(s_j)$ at discrete times and with the trajectory length $s_{\max} \geq F(T)$.

(ii) The values of $x(t_n)$ are equivalent to those of $B_H(s_j)$ with $s_j = \text{round}[F(t_n)/ds]$, where $\text{round}[x]$ produces a ceiling integer for x . The more rapid the variation of $F(t)$ with time is, the more detailed should the simulation grid ds for the initial FBM process be in order for the final time-SFBM process to be sufficiently accurate.

Figures 12, 15, and 18 demonstrate the consistency of the simulations and analytical results for the MSD and the mean TAMSD for time-SFBM with power-law, logarithmic, and exponential time clocks for the three relationships

$$ds = dt/2, \quad ds = dt/5, \quad ds = dt/10. \quad (28)$$

The last choice yields (naturally) the most accurate results.

To simulate space-SFBM defined via (48) as $y(t) = G(B_H(t))$ in Sec. IV, as the timescale does not change upon transformation $B_H(t) \rightarrow y(t)$, the discrete-time process $y(t_n)$ follows directly via finding the related point of FBM $B_H(t_m)$ at $t_m = t_n$, and then mapping the values of FBM with the specific nonlinear space transformation. The most general time-space-SFBM examined in Sec. V is simulated as a point process $z(t_n) = G(x(t_n))$ through a particular space transformation $G(x)$ and time transformation $F(t)$. This gives $x(t_n) = B_H(F(t_n))$ that yields $z(t_n) = G(B_H(F(t_n)))$. The time-transformed process $x(t_n) = B_H(F(t_n))$ is generated again by the approximate approach for time-SFBM outlined above.

III. SPECIAL CASES OF TIME-SFBM

In this section, the results for three special situations of time-SFBM for nonlinear power-law, logarithmic, and exponential time clocks are presented. We demonstrate that

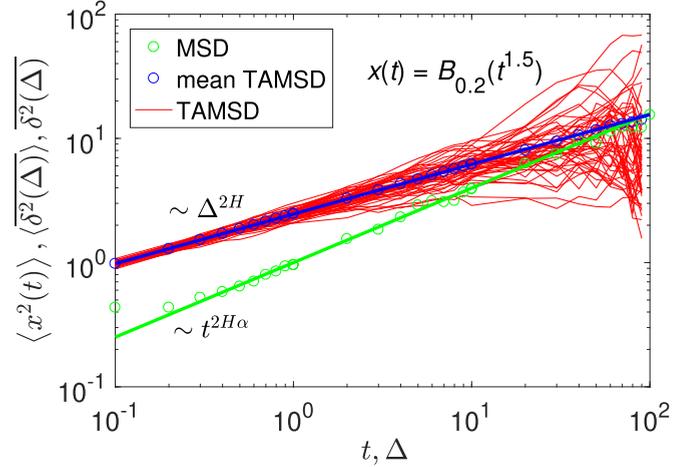


FIG. 3. Magnitude of the MSD (green circles), the spread of individual TAMSDs (thin red curves), and the mean time transformation TAMSD (blue circles) for the process of time-SFBM with time transformation (29) computed for the Hurst exponent $H = 0.2$ and the exponent $\alpha = 1.5$. Theoretical results for the MSD (thick solid green curves) and the mean TAMSD (thick solid blue curves) are given by Eqs. (31) and (32), respectively; the respective short-time scaling exponents are added in the graph for clarity. Parameters: the length of the trajectories is $T = 100$, the elementary time step in computer simulations is $dt = 0.1$, the FBM generalized diffusion coefficient is $K_{2H} = 1$ (hereafter, for all diffusion-coefficient-like quantities we do not mention their explicit units), the coefficient D_α is $D_\alpha = 1$, and the number of independent trajectories (ensemble size) is $N = 300$.

time-SFBM in all these situations is a nonergodic and aging stochastic process.

A. Anomalous diffusion with $F(t) = D_\alpha t^\alpha$

For the choice

$$F(t) = D_\alpha t^\alpha, \quad (29)$$

with $\alpha > 0$ and D_α having physical units

$$[D_\alpha] = s^{1-\alpha}, \quad (30)$$

the time-SFBM describes anomalous diffusion with the MSD

$$\langle x^2(t) \rangle = K_{2H} (D_\alpha)^{2H} t^{2H\alpha}, \quad (31)$$

while the mean TAMSD (at short lag times $\Delta \ll T$) is given by

$$\overline{\langle \delta^2(\Delta) \rangle} = \frac{K_{2H} (\alpha D_\alpha)^{2H}}{2H(\alpha - 1) + 1} \times \frac{\Delta^{2H}}{T^{2H(1-\alpha)}}. \quad (32)$$

Both the MSD and the mean TAMSD are power-law functions of time.

The TAMSD magnitude depends on the trajectory length T and thus the current process features aging [14]. Based on the mean-TAMSD result (32), the TAMSD aging factor can be quantified for short lag times as

$$\Lambda(T) \simeq T^{2H(\alpha-1)}. \quad (33)$$

Figure 3 demonstrates the consistency of the simulation results for the MSD and the mean TAMSD for time-SFBM

with the clock (29) with the analytical predictions. This agreement is found in the entire range of the lag times examined. In Fig. 13 we show the excellent agreement of the results from simulations and the theory for the Gaussian PDF of time-SFBM (29), for H and α values as in Fig. 3. Figure 14 shows the agreement of simulations and theory for the aging factor: it has a power-law dependence on T as a function of the values of H and α . Here and below, we present the dimensionless aging factor Λ .

B. Ultraslow diffusion with $F(t) = \mathcal{D}_\beta \log^\beta(t/\tau + 1)$

The process of time-SFBM describes ultraslow diffusion for the choice

$$F(t) = \mathcal{D}_\beta \log^\beta(t/\tau + 1), \quad (34)$$

with \mathcal{D}_β having physical units $[\mathcal{D}_\beta] = s^1$. We thus arrive at Sinai-type ultraslow growth of the MSD,

$$\langle x^2(t) \rangle = K_{2H} (\mathcal{D}_\beta)^{2H} [\log(t/\tau + 1)]^{2H\beta}, \quad (35)$$

where τ is a characteristic time of time variation of $F(t)$.

1. Case $0 < H < 1/2$

The mean TAMSD for this ultraslow-in-MSD diffusion at $0 < H < 1/2$ is a subdiffusive function of lag time, namely

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\langle \delta^2(\Delta) \rangle} &= \frac{K_{2H} (\beta \mathcal{D}_\beta)^{2H} \tau^{1-2H} \Delta^{2H}}{2H(\beta - 1) + 1} \frac{\Delta^{2H}}{T} [\log(T/\tau)]^{2H(\beta-1)+1} \\ &\times M[2H(\beta - 1) + 1, 2H(\beta - 1) + 2, \\ &(1 - 2H) \log(T/\tau)], \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

where $M(x, y, z)$ is the Kummer function [181] of the first kind,

$$M(x, y, z) = \frac{\Gamma(y)}{\Gamma(x)\Gamma(y-x)} \int_0^1 e^{zu} u^{x-1} (1-u)^{y-x-1} du. \quad (37)$$

The logarithmic as well as the linear dependencies on the trajectory length T enter the aging-related prefactor in expression (36), while the scaling with the lag time is FBM-like, $\overline{\langle \delta^2(\Delta) \rangle} \propto \Delta^{2H}$. When $T \rightarrow \infty$, the mean TAMSD in this domain of H exponents becomes considerably simpler, namely

$$\overline{\langle \delta^2(\Delta) \rangle} \simeq K_{2H} (\mathcal{D}_\beta)^{2H} \frac{\log^{2H(\beta-1)}(T/\tau)}{T^{2H}} \Delta^{2H}. \quad (38)$$

The TAMSD aging factor in this case can thus be quantified for short lag times (when $\Delta = 1$ and $T \rightarrow \infty$) in terms of the measurement time T as

$$\Lambda(T) \simeq \frac{\log^{2H(\beta-1)}(T/\tau)}{T^{2H}}. \quad (39)$$

2. Case $H > 1/2$

The MSD for ultraslow diffusion at $1 > H > 1/2$ still follows expression (35), while the mean TAMSD in this case is

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\langle \delta^2(\Delta) \rangle} &= \frac{K_{2H} (\beta \mathcal{D}_\beta)^{2H} \tau^{1-2H} \Delta^{2H}}{(2H - 1)^{2H(\beta-1)+1} T} \\ &\times \gamma(2H(\beta - 1) + 1, (2H - 1) \log(T/\tau)), \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

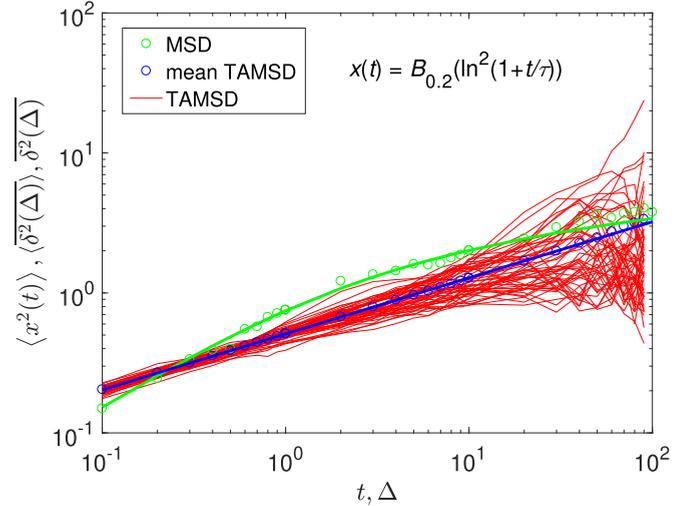


FIG. 4. MSD [Eq. (35)], TAMSDs, and mean TAMSD [Eq. (36)] for the time-SFBM with clock dependence (34) for $H = 0.2$, $\beta = 2$, $\tau = 10 \times dt$, $K_{2H} = 1$, and $\mathcal{D}_\beta = 1$. Other parameters are as in Fig. 3 (it is the case in this and all other plots of the main text and in the Appendix A, if not specified otherwise).

where $\gamma(x, y)$ is the lower incomplete Eulerian Gamma function [182]

$$\gamma(x, y) = \int_0^y u^{x-1} e^{-u} du. \quad (41)$$

When $T \rightarrow \infty$ the mean TAMSD in this case becomes

$$\overline{\langle \delta^2(\Delta) \rangle} \simeq K_{2H} (\mathcal{D}_\beta)^{2H} \tau^{1-2H} \frac{\Delta^{2H}}{T}. \quad (42)$$

This expression, again, demonstrates (in the leading order) the FBM-type growth TAMSD(Δ) $\propto \Delta^{2H}$ and the reciprocal dependence of TAMSD on the trajectory length T . The TAMSD aging factor at $\Delta/T \ll 1$ and for $H > 1/2$ is therefore

$$\Lambda(T) \simeq T^{-1}. \quad (43)$$

3. Graphical results

In Fig. 4 we observe a full consistency between the theory and simulation results for the MSD and the mean TAMSD of time-SFBM with Eq. (34), computed for $H = 0.2$ and $\beta = 2$. The MSD and the mean TAMSD agree both for short, intermediate, and long (lag) times. The stochastic process of time-SFBM running with a logarithmic time clock is evidently nonergodic. Figure 16 shows the Gaussian PDF of this process, with the analytical results fully consistent with the simulations. Figure 17 illustrates the excellent theory-vs-simulations agreement for the aging factor (39), computed for varying times T .

C. Superfast diffusion with $F(t) = \mathcal{D}_\kappa e^{\kappa t}$

The time-SFBM gives rise to superfast diffusion when the clock function is exponential,

$$F(t) = \mathcal{D}_\kappa e^{\kappa t}, \quad (44)$$

where κ is the reciprocal timescale of $F(t)$ variation and the coefficient \mathcal{D}_κ has physical dimension $[\mathcal{D}_\kappa] = \text{time}^1$. Note

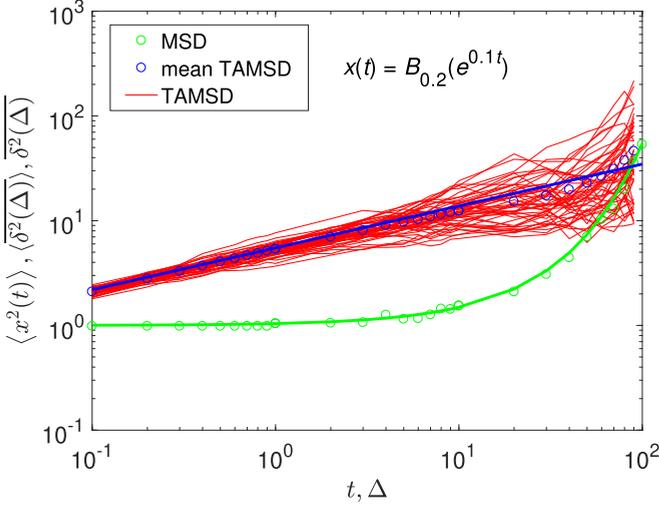


FIG. 5. MSD [Eq. (45)], TAMSdS, and mean TAMSd [Eq. (46)] for the time-SFBM with transformation (44) for $H = 0.2$, $\kappa = 0.1$, $K_{2H} = 1$, and $\mathcal{D}_\kappa = 1$.

that for each of the considered subcases of time-SFBM in subsections III A, III B, and III C we use distinct notations for the diffusion coefficients (\mathcal{D}_α , \mathcal{D}_β , and \mathcal{D}_κ) and specify their (different) physical units. This will help to avoid confusion due to possible misinterpretation of symbols and finally yield a more systematic presentation of the results. This yields the MSD

$$\langle x^2(t) \rangle = K_{2H} (\mathcal{D}_\kappa)^{2H} e^{2H\kappa t} \quad (45)$$

and the mean TAMSd

$$\overline{\langle \delta^2(\Delta) \rangle} = \frac{K_{2H} (\mathcal{D}_\kappa)^{2H} \kappa^{2H-1} e^{2H\kappa T} - 1}{H} \Delta^{2H}. \quad (46)$$

We thus find that MSD grows exponentially in time, while the TAMSd has a power-law FBM-type scaling (10) with the lag time.

Note that—similarly to Eq. (38)—the trajectory length T enters expression (46) both in a linear and logarithmic fashion, complicating the general aging behavior as compared to that known for other aging processes [14]. The mean TAMSdS of logarithmically slow MSD spreading in Sec. III B and exponentially fast MSD-related diffusion in Sec. III C have, therefore, very different functional forms. The aging function for this process can be quantified, as follows from Eq. (46), at short lag times $\Delta = 1$ for varying measurement times T as

$$\Lambda(T) \simeq \frac{e^{2H\kappa T} - 1}{T}. \quad (47)$$

Figure 5 illustrates the MSD and the mean TAMSd for time-SFBM with (44) for $H = 0.2$ and $\kappa = 0.1$, in full consistency with the theoretical expectations in the whole interval of lag times. In Fig. 19 we show that the PDF of this stochastic process is Gaussian, with theoretical and simulation results being fully consistent. In Fig. 20 we present the aging factor for time-SFBM with exponential clock (44), again in full agreement with the theoretical predictions.

IV. SPECIAL CASES OF SPACE-SFBM

In this section, we present some results for space-SFBM, a process that can be considered as a hybrid of FBM and HDPs. Space-SFBM is defined through FBM running with a nonlinear “space clock,”

$$y(t) = G(B_H(t)), \quad (48)$$

where $G(x)$ is a deterministic smooth function of the space coordinate x . Some special cases of space-SFBM for power-law, logarithmic, and exponential space clocks are presented below. Similarly to time-SFBM in Sec. III, we demonstrate here that space-SFBM with all these clocks represents a non-ergodic and aging stochastic process.

For the entire consideration to be systematic, similar to time-SFBM in Sec. III with

$$[F(t)] = \text{seconds}, \quad (49)$$

for each of the subcases of space-SFBM in Secs. VI A, VI B, and VI C we use distinct (and different) notations for the diffusion coefficients, with their dimensions chosen such that the physical units of clock functions $G(x)$ always remain the same, namely

$$[G(x)] = \text{meters}. \quad (50)$$

This helps in checking physical dimensions in the resulting expressions. This can also enable experimentalists (planning to use such hybrid processes) to adjust model predictions to the measurements using these generated diffusion coefficients as additional fitting coefficients. Different notations and subscripts with the bars used for the diffusion coefficients of space-SFBM in this section—as compared to diffusivities and indices in time-SFBM in the previous section—serve the same purpose and also help us categorize different functional dependencies emerging in all the subcases.

A. Anomalous diffusion with $G(x) = \bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}} |x|^{\bar{\alpha}}$

Space-SFBM with

$$G(x) = \bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}} |x|^{\bar{\alpha}} \quad (51)$$

describes anomalous diffusion for $\bar{\alpha} > 0$. Here, the units of $\bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}}$ are

$$[\bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}}] = \text{m}^{1-\bar{\alpha}}. \quad (52)$$

The MSD of this process grows as (for the MSD, we use $\langle y^2 \rangle$ for space-SFBM in Sec. IV and $\langle z^2 \rangle$ for time-space-SFBM in Sec. V)

$$\langle y^2(t) \rangle = \frac{\Gamma(\bar{\alpha} + 1/2)}{\sqrt{\pi}} 2^{\bar{\alpha}} (K_{2H})^{\bar{\alpha}} (\bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}})^2 t^{2H\bar{\alpha}}, \quad (53)$$

while the mean TAMSd at short lag times behaves as

$$\overline{\langle \delta^2(\Delta) \rangle} = \frac{\Gamma(\bar{\alpha} + 1/2)}{\sqrt{\pi}} 2^{\bar{\alpha}} (K_{2H})^{\bar{\alpha}} (\bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}})^2 \frac{\Delta^{2H}}{T^{2H(1-\bar{\alpha})}}. \quad (54)$$

The PDF of space-SFBM with clock (51) is described by a non-Gaussian distribution of the form

$$P(y, t) = 2 \frac{y^{1/\bar{\alpha}-1} \exp\left(-\frac{y^{2/\bar{\alpha}}}{2K_{2H}(\bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}})^{2/\bar{\alpha}} t^{2H}}\right)}{\sqrt{2\pi \bar{\alpha}^2 K_{2H} (\bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}})^{2/\bar{\alpha}} t^{2H}}}, \quad (55)$$

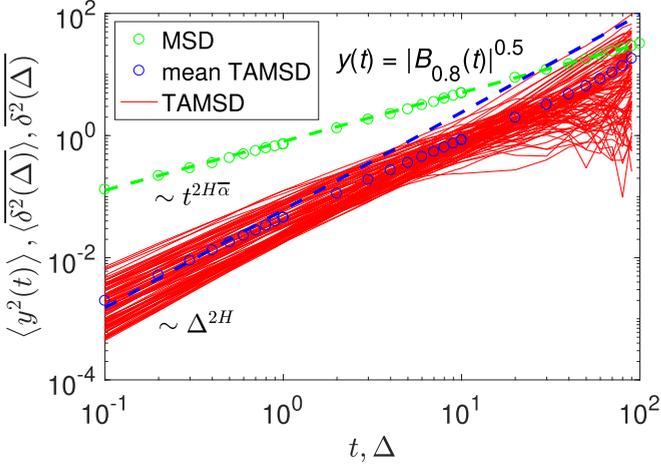


FIG. 6. MSD [Eq. (53)], TAMSDs, and mean TAMSD [Eq. (54)] for space-SFBM with clock (51) for $H = 0.8$, $\bar{\alpha} = 0.5$, $K_{2H} = 1$, and $\bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}} = 1$.

that follows from the PDF of FBM (9) after using a HDP-like variable substitution $y(x) = \bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}} |x|^{\bar{\alpha}} > 0$ and the probability-transformation law $P_{\text{FBM}}(x)dx = P(y)dy$. The aging factor of this process is (as follows from (54))

$$\Lambda(T) \simeq T^{2H(\bar{\alpha}-1)}. \quad (56)$$

In Fig. 6 the simulations-based MSD and the mean TAMSD of space-SFBM with Eq. (51) for $H = 0.8$ and $\bar{\alpha} = 0.5$ demonstrate good agreement with theory. Note that for the MSD the agreement is quantitative at all times, while for the TAMSD at $\Delta \ll T$ the magnitude agrees well, whereas for intermediate and long lag times some deviations between the theory and respective *in silico* experiments occur. The larger the exponent $\bar{\alpha}$ is, the better the agreement between the mean TAMSD from computer simulations and the analytical predictions become (results not shown). The PDF of space-SFBM with transformation (51) is non-Gaussian (see Fig. 21), with perfect agreement of theory and simulations. In Fig. 22 the aging factor—in its variation with T —is presented.

B. Ultraslow diffusion with $G(x) = \bar{D}_{\bar{\beta}} \log^{\bar{\beta}}(|x|/x_0 + 1)$

Space-SFBM with

$$G(x) = \bar{D}_{\bar{\beta}} \log^{\bar{\beta}}(|x|/x_0 + 1) \quad (57)$$

describes ultraslow diffusion, with $\bar{\beta} > 0$. With units

$$[\bar{D}_{\bar{\beta}}] = \text{m}^1, \quad (58)$$

the MSD describing the simulation data grows as

$$\langle y^2(t) \rangle \approx \bar{D}_{\bar{\beta}}^2 \log^{2\bar{\beta}} \left(\sqrt{2K_{2H}t^{2H}}/x_0 + 1 \right). \quad (59)$$

The PDF of space-SFBM with (57) has—for large particle displacements and at long times—the non-Gaussian form

$$P(y, t) = 2 \frac{(y/\bar{D}_{\bar{\beta}})^{1/\bar{\beta}-1} e^{(y/\bar{D}_{\bar{\beta}})^{1/\bar{\beta}}} \exp \left[-\frac{(e^{(y/\bar{D}_{\bar{\beta}})^{1/\bar{\beta}}}-1)^2}{2K_{2H}t^{2H}/x_0^2} \right]}{\bar{D}_{\bar{\beta}} \sqrt{2\pi \bar{\beta}^2 K_{2H}t^{2H}/x_0^2}}. \quad (60)$$

To derive MSD (59), as in Sec. IV A, we can use the PDF of FBM (9) and transform the variables $x = q\sqrt{2K_{2H}t^{2H}}$ that for $\langle y^2(t) \rangle = 2 \int_0^\infty G^2(x) P_{\text{FBM}}(x, t) dx$ yield

$$\langle y^2(t) \rangle = \frac{2\bar{D}_{\bar{\beta}}^2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\infty \log^{2\bar{\beta}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2K_{2H}t^{2H}}q}{x_0} + 1 \right) e^{-q^2} dq. \quad (61)$$

At long times, to the same level of approximation as in Eqs. (59) and (60), this can be written in terms of a polynomial expansion (with $n = 2\bar{\beta}$)

$$\begin{aligned} \langle y^2(t) \rangle &\approx \frac{2\bar{D}_{\bar{\beta}}^2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\infty \left(\log q + \log \frac{\sqrt{2K_{2H}t^{2H}}}{x_0} \right)^{2\bar{\beta}} e^{-q^2} dq \\ &\approx \frac{2\bar{D}_{\bar{\beta}}^2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \left[\log \frac{\sqrt{2K_{2H}t^{2H}}}{x_0} \right]^{n-k} \\ &\quad \times \int_0^\infty (\log q)^k e^{-q^2} dq. \end{aligned} \quad (62)$$

Here $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$ is the binomial coefficient. Due to the exponential decay, the integrals over q converge for all k values to $C_k = \int_0^\infty (\log q)^k e^{-q^2} dq$ (for $k = 0$, e.g., we get $C_0 = \sqrt{\pi}/2$). The leading term of Eq. (62) obtained at $k = 0$ gives the MSD expression (59); for small values of $\bar{\beta}$ this is the only term in the sum (62).

1. Case $0 < H < 1/2$

The mean TAMSD of space-SFBM at $0 < H < 1/2$ for $T/\Delta \rightarrow \infty$ is

$$\overline{\langle \delta^2(\Delta) \rangle} \approx \bar{D}_{\bar{\beta}}^2 \frac{\log^{2H(2\bar{\beta}-2)} \left[(2K_{2H}T^{2H}/x_0^2)^{1/(2H)} \right]}{T^{2H}} \Delta^{2H}, \quad (63)$$

with the aging function (given by its prefactor) as

$$\Lambda(T) \simeq \frac{\log^{2H(2\bar{\beta}-2)} \left[(2K_{2H}T^{2H}/x_0^2)^{1/(2H)} \right]}{T^{2H}}. \quad (64)$$

2. Case $H > 1/2$

The MSD for ultraslow diffusion for $H \geq 1/2$ still follows expression (59), while the mean TAMSD for $T/\Delta \gg \infty$ becomes

$$\overline{\langle \delta^2(\Delta) \rangle} \approx \bar{D}_{\bar{\beta}}^2 (2K_{2H}/x_0^2)^{1-1/(2H)} \frac{\Delta^{2H}}{T}. \quad (65)$$

The aging factor at $\Delta = 1$ for $H \geq 1/2$ is thus

$$\Lambda(T) \simeq (1/T). \quad (66)$$

3. Graphical results

The simulated MSD and the mean TAMSD presented in Fig. 7 for space-SFBM with Eq. (57) at $H = 0.8$ and $\bar{\beta} = 2$ agree nicely with the theory. The PDF of this process shown in Fig. 23 is non-Gaussian, with a similar consistency of theoretical and simulation results. The good consistency is also found for the aging factor in Fig. 24, as a function of varying observation time T .

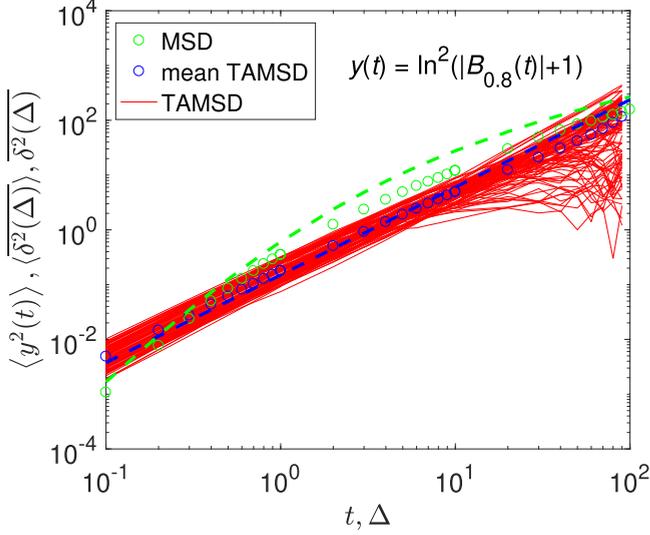


FIG. 7. MSD [Eq. (59)], TAMS, and mean TAMS [Eq. (65)] for space-SFBM with clock (57) for $H = 0.8$, $\bar{\beta} = 2$, $x_0 = 1$, $K_{2H} = 1$, and $\bar{D}_{\bar{\beta}} = 1$.

C. Superfast diffusion with $G(x) = \bar{D}_{\bar{\kappa}} e^{\bar{\kappa}x}$

The process of space-SFBM describes superfast diffusion when

$$G(x) = \bar{D}_{\bar{\kappa}} e^{\bar{\kappa}x}, \quad (67)$$

where $\bar{\kappa} > 0$ is the reciprocal length scale of $G(x)$ variation (with $[\bar{\kappa}] = 1/m$ and $[\bar{D}_{\bar{\kappa}}] = m^1$), with the MSD

$$\langle y^2(t) \rangle = \bar{D}_{\bar{\kappa}}^2 \exp(2\bar{\kappa}^2 K_{2H} t^{2H}). \quad (68)$$

The PDF of space-SFBM with clock (67) is expectedly not a Gaussian, but rather a modified log-normal distribution

$$P(y, t) = \exp\left(-\frac{[\log(y/\bar{D}_{\bar{\kappa}})]^2}{2K_{2H}\bar{\kappa}^2 t^{2H}}\right) / \sqrt{2\pi y^2 K_{2H}\bar{\kappa}^2 t^{2H}}. \quad (69)$$

The mean TAMS for this superfast MSD diffusion for $\Delta/T \ll 1$ is

$$\langle \delta^2(\Delta) \rangle = \bar{D}_{\bar{\kappa}}^2 \frac{e^{2K_{2H}\bar{\kappa}^2 T^{2H}}}{T^{2H}} \Delta^{2H}, \quad (70)$$

whereas the aging factor is

$$\Lambda(T) \simeq \frac{e^{2K_{2H}\bar{\kappa}^2 T^{2H}}}{T^{2H}}. \quad (71)$$

In Fig. 8 the results for the MSD and the mean TAMS for space-SFBM with (67) for $H = 0.8$ and $\bar{\kappa} = 0.05$ are illustrated. In Fig. 25 the log-normal PDF of this process is shown, also revealing a quantitative agreement of theory and simulations. In Fig. 26 the results for the aging factor (71) are presented.

V. TIME-SPACE-SFBM

A. General concepts

Here, we present some results for the process of time-space-SFBM, which generalizes FBM, SBM, and HDPs (see

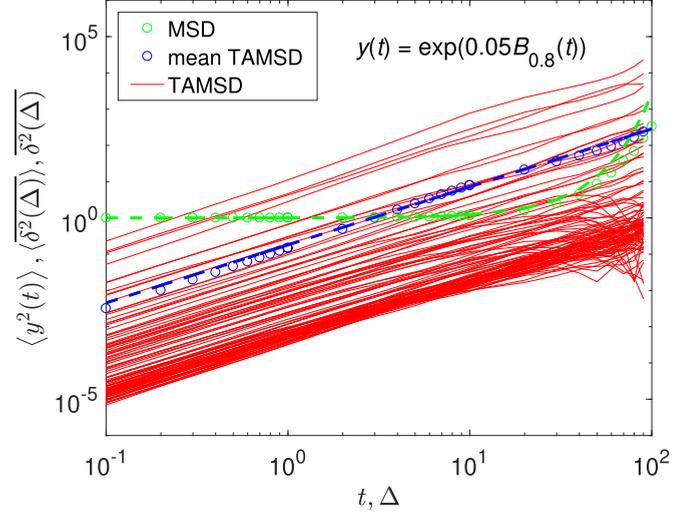


FIG. 8. MSD [Eq. (68)], TAMS, and mean TAMS [Eq. (70)] for the space SFBM with (67) for $H = 0.8$, $\bar{\kappa} = 0.05$, $K_{2H} = 1$, and $\bar{D}_{\bar{\kappa}} = 1$.

below). Time-space-SFBM is effectively FBM running with a nonlinear space- and time-clock

$$z(t) = G(B_H(F(t))), \quad (72)$$

where $F(t)$ and $G(x)$ are smooth functions. Below, to stay concise, we present the results for time-space-SFBM *only* for a power-law space clock

$$G(x) = \bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}} |x|^{\bar{\alpha}} \quad (73)$$

as per Eq. (51) used in the case of space-SFBM in Sec. IV and for the same three cases of the time-clock $F(t)$ used for time-SFBM in Sec. III. Analogously to time- and space-SFBM considered in Secs. III and IV, correspondingly, we demonstrate below that time-space-SFBM with all these choices of clocks is nonergodic and aging.

Combining the properties of time-SFBM [Eq. (19)] and space-SFBM [Eq. (53)], the PDF of time-space-SFBM is generally non-Gaussian,

$$P(z, t) = 2 \frac{z^{1/\bar{\alpha}-1} \exp\left(-\frac{z^2}{(2K_{2H})^{\bar{\alpha}} (\bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}})^2 [F(t)]^{2H\bar{\alpha}}}\right)^{1/\bar{\alpha}}}{\sqrt{2\pi \bar{\alpha}^2 [(K_{2H})^{\bar{\alpha}} (\bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}})^2 [F(t)]^{2H\bar{\alpha}}]^{1/\bar{\alpha}}}}, \quad (74)$$

and its MSD—with the chosen coefficients for fractional Gaussian noise, as well as of the space and time dependencies of the diffusion coefficient—reads

$$\langle z^2(t) \rangle = \frac{\Gamma(\bar{\alpha} + 1/2)}{\sqrt{\pi}} 2^{\bar{\alpha}} (K_{2H})^{\bar{\alpha}} (\bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}})^2 [F(t)]^{2H\bar{\alpha}}. \quad (75)$$

The factor 2 in Eq. (74) (and in the PDF relations below) stems from the definitions (72) and (51) reducing the domain of definition of this process to the $z > 0$ region. This fact finds its reflection also in the PDF plots presented in the Appendix A, all showing only one “wing” of the particle-position distribution functions.

B. Limiting behaviors of space-time-SFBM: HDP, SBM-HDP, SBM, FBM-HDP, and FBM with diffusing diffusivity

Naturally, the most general space-time-SFBM process reduces to a number of previously investigated anomalous stochastic processes for the following choices of exponents of the time- and space-transformation functions.

(i) For the choice $H = 1/2$, with $G(x) = \bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}}|x|^{\bar{\alpha}}$, and with $F(t) = D_1 t^1$ we arrive at the HDP with (after setting $\bar{\alpha} = p$ and redefining the coefficients as $\bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}}^{2/\bar{\alpha}} = \frac{(2/p)^2 D_{0,\text{HDP}}}{2K_1 D_1}$ to get the form of Eqs. (2) and (3) in Ref. [58]) the PDF

$$P(z, t) = 2 \frac{z^{1/p-1} \exp\left(-\frac{z^{2/p}}{(2/p)^2 D_{0,\text{HDP}} t}\right)}{\sqrt{4\pi D_{0,\text{HDP}} t}}, \quad (76)$$

and the MSD

$$\langle z^2(t) \rangle = \int_0^\infty z^2 P(z, t) dz = \frac{\Gamma(p+1/2)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{2}{p}\right)^{2p} (D_{0,\text{HDP}})^p t^p. \quad (77)$$

(ii) For $H = 1/2$, $G(x) = \bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}}|x|^{\bar{\alpha}}$, and $F(t) = D_\alpha t^\alpha$ the process of space-time-SFBM reduces to SBM-HDP with (setting $\bar{\alpha} = p$ and redefining the exponent $\alpha = \beta_{\text{SBM-HDP}} + 1$ and the coefficients $\bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}}^{2/\bar{\alpha}} = \frac{(2/p)^2 D_{0,\text{SBM-HDP}}}{2K_1 D_\alpha}$ to get Eqs. (18) and (20) in Ref. [61]) the general PDF (74) that turns into

$$P(z, t) = 2 \frac{z^{1/p-1} \exp\left(-\frac{z^{2/p}}{(2/p)^2 D_{0,\text{SBM-HDP}} t^\alpha}\right)}{\sqrt{4\pi D_{0,\text{SBM-HDP}} t^\alpha}}, \quad (78)$$

and the MSD

$$\langle z^2(t) \rangle = \frac{\Gamma(p+1/2)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{2}{p}\right)^{2p} (D_{0,\text{SBM-HDP}})^p t^{\alpha \times p}. \quad (79)$$

(iii) For $H = 1/2$, $\bar{\alpha} = 1$, and $F(t) = D_\alpha t^\alpha$ time-space-SFBM with Eqs. (74) and (75) yields (with the redefinition $\mathcal{K}_{\alpha,\text{SBM}} = K_1 \bar{D}_1^2 D_\alpha$) the process of SBM featuring the PDF

$$P(z, t) = 2 \exp\left(-\frac{z^2}{2\mathcal{K}_{\alpha,\text{SBM}} t^\alpha}\right) / \sqrt{2\pi \mathcal{K}_{\alpha,\text{SBM}} t^\alpha} \quad (80)$$

and the MSD

$$\langle z^2(t) \rangle = \mathcal{K}_{\alpha,\text{SBM}} t^\alpha. \quad (81)$$

(iv) For arbitrary H values, $G(x) = \bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}}|x|^{\bar{\alpha}}$, and $F(t) = D_1 t^1$ space-time-SFBM turns (with the substitution $\bar{\alpha} = p$ and $\bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}}^{2/\bar{\alpha}} = \frac{(2/p)^2 D_{0,\text{FBM-HDP}}}{2K_{2H} D_1^{2H}}$ to get the equivalence with Eqs. (38) and (40) in Ref. [60]) into the process of FBM-HDP with the PDF

$$P(z, t) = 2 \frac{z^{1/p-1} \exp\left(-\frac{z^{2/p}}{(2/p)^2 D_{0,\text{FBM-HDP}} t^{2H}}\right)}{\sqrt{4\pi D_{0,\text{FBM-HDP}} t^{2H}}}, \quad (82)$$

and the MSD

$$\langle z^2(t) \rangle = \frac{\Gamma(p+1/2)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{2}{p}\right)^{2p} (D_{0,\text{FBM-HDP}})^p t^{p \times 2H}. \quad (83)$$

In turn, FBM-HDP turns into HDP at $H = 1/2$ and into FBM at $p = 1$. Lastly, we note that—similarly to the limiting behaviors of space-time-SFBM—the process of space-SFBM considered in Sec. IV with $H = 1/2$ turns into HDP (with

variable $\bar{\alpha}$) and with $\bar{\alpha} = 1$ it becomes FBM (with variable $2H$).

(v) Finally, stochastic processes of BM with diffusing diffusivity and FBM with diffusing diffusivity with, respectively, normal $\text{MSD}(t) \propto t$ [82] and non-Fickian $\text{MSD}(t) \propto t^{2H}$ [69,70] can in some aspects be modeled by time-space-SFBM. Note that the PDFs of many diffusing-diffusivity models feature a crossover from a Laplacian at short times to a Gaussian at long times. This can be mimicked by time-space-SFBM with different model parameters in the current consideration. For instance, for time-space-SFBM (72) with functions $F(t)$ (29) and $G(x)$ (51) with $\alpha = 1/2$ and $\bar{\alpha} = 2$ we arrive at the Laplacian PDF

$$P(z, t) = \frac{z^{-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{z}{2K_{2H} \bar{D}_2 D_{1/2}^{2H} t^H}\right)}{\sqrt{2\pi K_{2H} \bar{D}_2 D_{1/2}^{2H} t^H}}, \quad (84)$$

and the MSD

$$\langle x^2(t) \rangle = 3K_{2H}^2 \bar{D}_2^2 D_{1/2}^{4H} \times t^H. \quad (85)$$

In contrast, for $\alpha = 1$ and $\bar{\alpha} = 1$ the Gaussian distribution

$$P(z, t) = 2 \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{z^2}{2K_{2H} \bar{D}_1^2 D_1^{2H} t^{2H}}\right)}{\sqrt{2\pi K_{2H} \bar{D}_1^2 D_1^{2H} t^{2H}}} \quad (86)$$

and the MSD

$$\langle x^2(t) \rangle = K_{2H} \bar{D}_1^2 D_1^{2H} \times t^{2H} \quad (87)$$

are obtained. For comparison, for the FBM-diffusing-diffusivity model in the entire range of times in the domain of the Hurst exponent $1/2 < H < 1$, the MSD is (see Eq. (20) in Ref. [69])

$$\langle z^2(t) \rangle \approx D_{2H,\text{FBM-DD}} \times t^{2H}. \quad (88)$$

Here, the diffusion coefficient is expressed via the strength of the noise σ causing diffusivity fluctuations and the correlation time of FBM-(diffusing diffusivity) τ as follows $D_{2H,\text{FBM-DD}} = (2\pi)^{-1} \bar{D}_{2H} \sigma^2 \tau$.

Note also that introduction of distinct diffusion coefficients for the parental processes enables a systematic consideration and allows us to change the contribution of the space, time, and noise effects into the final process separately. This, together with the unit definitions (8), (52), (30) and with a redefinition of the diffusivities (as conducted above), also helps in checking the physical dimensions at each step of the calculation.

C. Anomalous diffusion with $F(t) = D_\alpha t^\alpha$

For time-space-SFBM with clocks (51) and (29) the MSD is given by

$$\langle z^2(t) \rangle = \frac{\Gamma(\bar{\alpha} + 1/2)}{\sqrt{\pi}} 2^{\bar{\alpha}} (K_{2H})^{\bar{\alpha}} (\bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}})^2 (D_\alpha)^{2H\bar{\alpha}} t^{2H\bar{\alpha}}, \quad (89)$$

the mean TAMSD follows the dependence

$$\langle \delta^2(\Delta) \rangle = \frac{\Gamma(\bar{\alpha} + 1/2)}{\sqrt{\pi}} 2^{\bar{\alpha}} (K_{2H})^{\bar{\alpha}} (\bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}})^2 (D_\alpha)^{2H\bar{\alpha}} \frac{\Delta^{2H}}{T^{2H(1-\bar{\alpha}\alpha)}}, \quad (90)$$

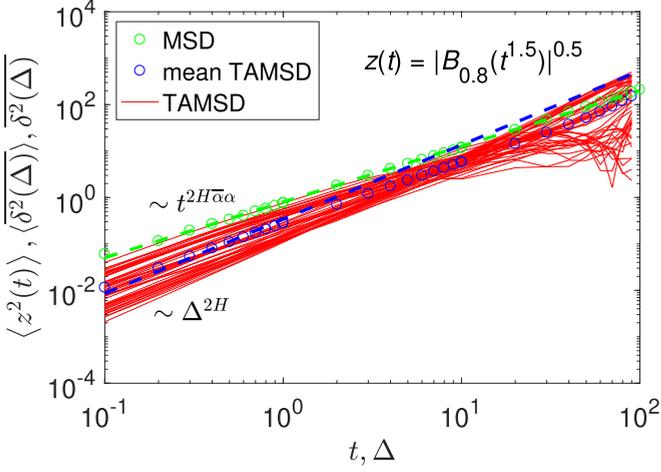


FIG. 9. MSD [Eq. (89)], TAMSDs, and mean TAMSD [Eq. (90)] for time-space-SFBM with clocks (29) and (51) for $H = 0.8$, $K_{2H} = 1$, $\alpha = 1.5$ (time clock), $\bar{\alpha} = 0.5$ (space clock), $\bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}} = 1$, and $D_{\alpha} = 1$.

and the aging factor at short lag times has the form

$$\Lambda(T) \simeq T^{2H(\bar{\alpha}\alpha-1)}. \quad (91)$$

The MSD, the TAMSDs, and the mean TAMSD of time-space-SFBM with (29) and (51) are illustrated in Fig. 9, revealing a nice consistency between the theoretical predictions and simulations. The PDF of this process is shown in Fig. 27 for the same values of the exponents and model parameters. The aging factor is presented for varying observation times T in Fig. 28.

D. Ultraslow diffusion with $F(t) = \mathcal{D}_{\beta}[\log(t/\tau + 1)]^{\beta}$

Time-space-SFBM represents ultraslow diffusion with clocks (51) and (34) yielding the MSD

$$\langle z^2(t) \rangle = \frac{\Gamma(\bar{\alpha} + 1/2)}{\sqrt{\pi}} 2^{\bar{\alpha}} (K_{2H})^{\bar{\alpha}} (\bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}})^2 (\mathcal{D}_{\beta})^{2H\bar{\alpha}} \times [\log(t/\tau + 1)]^{2H\bar{\alpha}\beta}. \quad (92)$$

1. Case $0 < H < 1/2$

The mean TAMSD at $0 < H < 1/2$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\langle \delta^2(\Delta) \rangle} &= \frac{\Gamma(\bar{\alpha} + 1/2)}{\sqrt{\pi}} 2^{\bar{\alpha}} \frac{(K_{2H})^{\bar{\alpha}} (\bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}})^2 (\mathcal{D}_{\beta})^{2H\bar{\alpha}}}{\tau^{2H-1}} \\ &\times \frac{\Delta^{2H}}{T} \left[\log\left(\frac{T}{\tau}\right) \right]^{2H(\bar{\alpha}\beta-1)+1} \\ &\times M[2H(\bar{\alpha}\beta - 1) + 1, 2H(\bar{\alpha}\beta - 1) + 2, \\ &(1 - 2H) \log(T/\tau)], \end{aligned} \quad (93)$$

that for long trajectories and short lag times turns into

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\langle \delta^2(\Delta) \rangle} &\simeq (K_{2H})^{\bar{\alpha}} (\bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}})^2 (\mathcal{D}_{\beta})^{2H\bar{\alpha}} \\ &\times \frac{\log^{2H(\bar{\alpha}\beta-1)}(T/\tau)}{T^{2H}} \Delta^{2H}. \end{aligned} \quad (94)$$

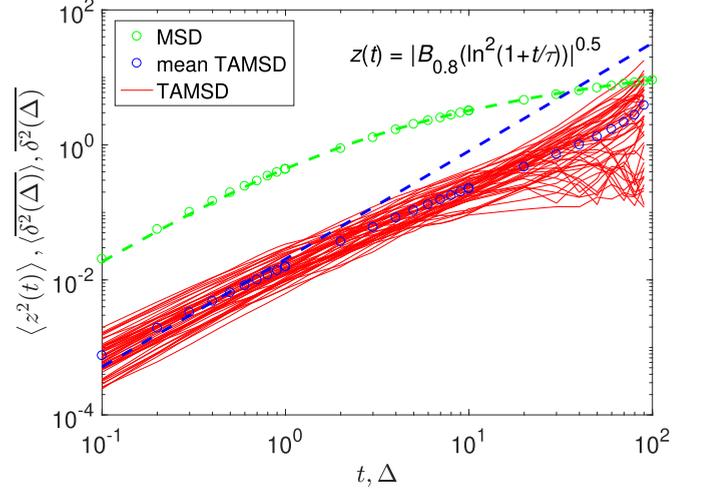


FIG. 10. MSD [Eq. (92)], TAMSDs, and mean TAMSD [Eq. (96)] of time-space-SFBM with clocks (51) and (34) for $H = 0.8$, $K_{2H} = 1$, $\beta = 2$, $\bar{\alpha} = 0.5$, $\tau = 10 \times dt$, $\bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}} = 1$, and $\mathcal{D}_{\beta} = 1$.

The aging factor of this process at $H < 1/2$ is thus

$$\Lambda(T) \simeq \frac{\log^{2H(\bar{\alpha}\beta-1)}(T/\tau)}{T^{2H}}. \quad (95)$$

2. Case $H > 1/2$

The mean TAMSD of space-time-SFBM at $H > 1/2$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\langle \delta^2(\Delta) \rangle} &= \frac{\Gamma(\bar{\alpha} + 1/2)}{\sqrt{\pi}} 2^{\bar{\alpha}} (K_{2H})^{\bar{\alpha}} (\bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}})^2 (\mathcal{D}_{\beta})^{2H\bar{\alpha}} \\ &\times \tau^{1-2H} (1/T) \Delta^{2H} \\ &\times \gamma[2H(\bar{\alpha}\beta - 1) + 1, (2H - 1) \log(T/\tau)], \end{aligned} \quad (96)$$

where the function γ is given by Eq. (41). At $T \rightarrow \infty$ this mean TAMSD turns into

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\langle \delta^2(\Delta) \rangle} &\simeq (K_{2H})^{\bar{\alpha}} (\bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}})^2 (\mathcal{D}_{\beta})^{2H\bar{\alpha}} \\ &\times \tau^{1-2H} (1/T) \Delta^{2H}. \end{aligned} \quad (97)$$

The aging effect for $H > 1/2$ is (cf. Sec. III B)

$$\Lambda(T) \simeq (1/T). \quad (98)$$

3. Graphical results

Figure 10 summarizes the results for the MSD, the spread of the TAMSDs, and the mean TAMSD for time-space-SFBM with space- and time-transformations (51) and (34) for $H = 0.8$, $\bar{\alpha} = 0.5$, and $\beta = 2$. Figure 29 illustrates the non-Gaussian PDF of this process, with full consistency of the theory and simulations. Figure 30 portrays the results for the aging factor.

E. Superfast diffusion with $F(t) = \mathcal{D}_{\kappa} e^{\kappa t}$

Time-space-SFBM with clocks (51) and (44), with $1/\kappa$ being a characteristic timescale, has the exponentially fast

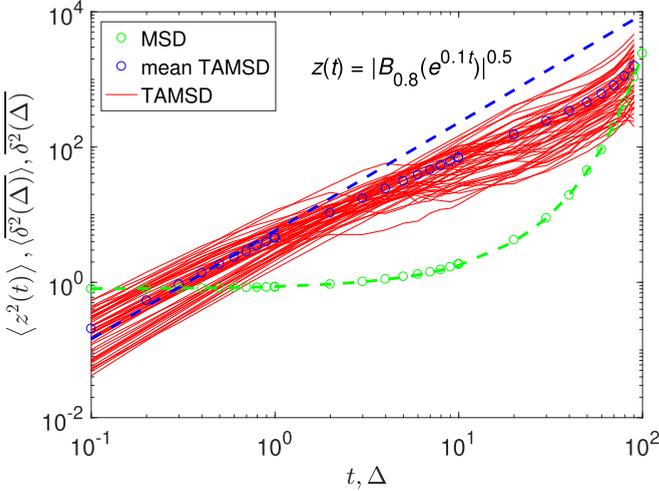


FIG. 11. MSD [Eq. (99)], TAMSDs, and mean TAMSD [Eq. (100)] for time-space-SFBM with dependencies (51) and (44) for $H = 0.8$, $K_{2H} = 1$, $\kappa = 0.1$, $\bar{\alpha} = 0.5$, $\bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}} = 1$, and $\mathcal{D}_{\kappa} = 1$.

growth of the MSD,

$$\langle z^2(t) \rangle = \frac{\Gamma(\bar{\alpha} + 1/2)}{\sqrt{\pi}} 2^{\bar{\alpha}} (K_{2H})^{\bar{\alpha}} (\bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}})^2 (\mathcal{D}_{\kappa})^{2H\bar{\alpha}} e^{2H\bar{\alpha}\kappa t}, \quad (99)$$

and the power-law evolution of the mean TAMSD,

$$\overline{\langle \delta^2(\Delta) \rangle} = \frac{\Gamma(\bar{\alpha} + 1/2)}{\sqrt{\pi}} 2^{\bar{\alpha}} \frac{(K_{2H})^{\bar{\alpha}} (\bar{D}_{\bar{\alpha}})^2 (\mathcal{D}_{\kappa})^{2H\bar{\alpha}}}{\kappa^{1-2H}} \times (e^{2H\bar{\alpha}\kappa T} / T) \Delta^{2H}. \quad (100)$$

The aging factor can therefore be expressed as

$$\Lambda(T) \simeq (e^{2H\bar{\alpha}\kappa T} / T). \quad (101)$$

In Fig. 11 we illustrate the results for the MSD, the TAMSDs, and the mean TAMSD of time-space-SFBM with (51) and (44). Similarly to the observations for the MSD and the TAMSD presented in Secs. IV A, V C, and V D, the results for the mean TAMSD in Fig. 11 are in close agreement with the simulations at short lag times only, while the MSD agrees in the entire range of times; the mean TAMSD at intermediate and long lag times deviates somewhat from the theoretical predictions. Statistically most meaningful is the region of short lag times, however [14]. In Fig. 31 we show the simulated non-Gaussian PDF of this process, fully corroborating the theoretical results. Figure 32 demonstrates the behavior of the aging factor.

VI. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

A. Main results

This paper extends the arsenal of “hybrid” models of anomalous diffusion via presenting a compound stochastic process of SFBM with nonlinear time- and space-related clocks. The diffusion process of time-SFBM is anomalous, Gaussian, nonergodic, and aging. The process of space-SFBM is anomalous, non-Gaussian, nonergodic, and aging. Therefore, the combined process of time-space-SFBM is anomalous, non-Gaussian, nonergodic, and aging. The multifacetedness of all possible situations and functional forms of

the MSD, the TAMSD, and the TAMSD-aging dependencies are summarized in Table II (see also Table I to compare these scaling relations to those for other pure and hybrid diffusion processes).

Time- and space-SFBM processes provide a general and versatile framework for generating anomalous diffusion, offering a great flexibility to describe a wide spectrum of possible mechanisms, as observed in SPT studies. Generalizations of a nonlinear-clock approach to processes other than FBM are possible. This underlines the significance of the current theoretical SFBM development: as shown in Sec. VB, SFBM includes a multitude of previously studied stochastic processes as special cases. From the application viewpoint, the spectrum of physical systems and observations where the proposed processes of time- and space-SFBM are applicable include all physical systems describable by parental processes (see Secs. IC and ID) and goes well beyond these. With an input from a given system helping to infer the transformation functions $F(t)$ and $G(x)$, SFBM enables to design the best suited stochastic process to describe a given SPT data set.

Time-space-SFBM is a general process describing power-law anomalous, ultraslow, and superfast diffusion. A variability of the scaling exponents of the MSD and the mean TAMSD and their tunability via varying the clock parameters is not only the strength and an essential distinction of SFBM from the state-of-the-art approaches, but it also fits demands of the SPT data [164] description. The assessment procedure of the best-suited underlying diffusion process can thus be conducted more accurately. The “pure” processes are often too idealistic in terms of their initial basic postulates and have an insufficient number of tunable parameters to properly reflect the richness of a physical reality.

Based on the statistical features detected in a given data set to be studied—including the scaling exponents in expression (5), a distinct combination of the properties of nonergodicity, non-Fickianity, non-Gaussianity, aging, etc.—a decision should be taken whether a time-, space-, or time-space-SFBM is the most appropriate process. For this, possible combinations of the MSD and TAMSD exponents, TAMSD-aging functional forms, as well as of the PDF forms derived for each of these processes (as listed in Table II) should be compared to those from the experimental data. As Table II manifests, in contrast to a universal $\propto \Delta^{2H}$ scaling of the mean TAMSD, the exponents of the MSD, the space dependence of the PDFs, and the form of the TAMSD aging functions are highly variable for the chosen realizations of clock transformations in time-, space-, and time-space-SFBM. For instance, only time-SFBM is a Gaussian process, as Table I indicates. This offers a broad spectrum of possibilities for the SPT experimentalists to find a suitable SFBM to describe a given data set.

B. Other models and applications of SFBM

Let us now discuss and acknowledge other models and alternative approaches implementing the concepts similar to nonlinear clocks. Time-SBM running with a nonlinear clock—so-called compressed and stretched BM—was first constructed with independent nonstationary increments and with an *a priori* MSD in Ref. [67]. Later, based on it, time-SFBM was proposed and extensively studied on the MSD

TABLE II. Summarized functional forms of the MSD, the TAMSD, and the TAMSD-aging dependencies for time-SFBM, space-SFBM, time-space-SFBM, as well as some experimental SPT data sets as potential applications.

Processes ↓ Properties →	$\langle x^2(t) \rangle$	$\langle \delta^2(\Delta) \rangle$	$\langle \delta^2(\Delta = 1, T) \rangle$
Time-SFBM			
$F(t) = D_\alpha t^\alpha$	$\propto t^{2H\alpha}$, Eq. (31)	$\propto \Delta^{2H}$, Eq. (32)	$\propto T^{2H(\alpha-1)}$, Eq. (33)
$F(t) = \mathcal{D}_\beta \log^\beta(t/\tau + 1)$			
$0 < H < 1/2$	$\propto \log^{2H\beta}(t/\tau)$, Eq. (35)	$\propto \Delta^{2H}$, Eq. (38)	$\propto \frac{\log^{2H(\beta-1)}(T)}{T^{2H}}$, Eq. (39)
$H > 1/2$	$\propto \log^{2H\beta}(t/\tau)$, Eq. (35)	$\propto \Delta^{2H}$, Eq. (42)	$\propto T^{-1}$, Eq. (43)
$F(t) = \mathcal{D}_\kappa e^{\kappa t}$	$\propto e^{2H\kappa t}$, Eq. (45)	$\propto \Delta^{2H}$, Eq. (46)	$\propto \frac{e^{2H\kappa T} - 1}{T}$, Eq. (47)
Space-SFBM			
$G(x) = \bar{D}_\alpha x ^\alpha$	$\propto t^{2H\bar{\alpha}}$, Eq. (53)	$\propto \Delta^{2H}$, Eq. (54)	$\propto T^{2H(\bar{\alpha}-1)}$, Eq. (56)
$G(x) = \bar{D}_\beta \log^\beta(x /x_0 + 1)$			
$0 < H < 1/2$	$\propto \log^{2H\bar{\beta}}(\sqrt{2}t^H + 1)$, Eq. (59)	$\propto \Delta^{2H}$, Eq. (63)	$\propto \frac{\log^{2H(2\bar{\beta}-2)}(T)}{T^{2H}}$, Eq. (64)
$H \geq 1/2$	$\propto \log^{2H\bar{\beta}}(\sqrt{2}t^H + 1)$, Eq. (59)	$\propto \Delta^{2H}$, Eq. (65)	$\propto (1/T)$, Eq. (66)
$G(x) = \bar{D}_\kappa e^{\bar{\kappa}x}$	$\propto e^{2\bar{\kappa}^2 t^{2H}}$, Eq. (68)	$\propto \Delta^{2H}$, Eq. (70)	$\propto \frac{e^{2\bar{\kappa}^2 T^{2H}}}{T^{2H}}$, Eq. (71)
Time-space-SFBM			
$G(x) = \bar{D}_\alpha x ^\alpha$ for all $F(t)$			
$F(t) = D_\alpha t^\alpha$	$\propto t^{2H\bar{\alpha}\alpha}$, Eq. (89)	$\propto \Delta^{2H}$, Eq. (90)	$\propto T^{2H(\bar{\alpha}\alpha-1)}$, Eq. (91)
$F(t) = \mathcal{D}_\beta \log^\beta(t/\tau + 1)$			
$0 < H < 1/2$	$\propto \log^{2H\bar{\alpha}\beta}(t)$, Eq. (92)	$\propto \Delta^{2H}$, Eq. (94)	$\propto \frac{\log^{2H(\bar{\alpha}\beta-1)}(T)}{T^{2H}}$, Eq. (95)
$H > 1/2$	$\propto \log^{2H\bar{\alpha}\beta}(t)$, Eq. (92)	$\propto \Delta^{2H}$, Eq. (97)	$\propto (1/T)$, Eq. (98)
$F(t) = \mathcal{D}_\kappa e^{\kappa t}$	$\propto e^{2H\bar{\alpha}\kappa t}$, Eq. (99)	$\propto \Delta^{2H}$, Eq. (100)	$\propto (e^{2H\bar{\alpha}\kappa T}/T)$, Eq. (101)
Subordinated FBM [183]:			
Nav1.6 diffusion in hippocampal neurons	$\propto t^{0.35}$	$\propto \Delta^{0.81}$	$\propto 1/T^{0.46}$
BM with random diffusivity [184]: receptor motion in living cells	$\propto t^{0.84 \pm 0.05}$	$\propto \Delta^{0.95 \pm 0.05}$	$\propto 1/T^{0.17 \pm 0.05}$
Subordinated FBM [185]: intracellular transport of insulin granules	Not presented	$\propto \Delta^{0.76 \dots 0.84}$	$\propto 1/T^{0.2 \dots 0.28}$
Random walk with power-law forgetting [186]: time series of word counts in languages	$\propto \log^\alpha(t)$	$\propto \log(\Delta)$	Not presented
Stochastic process of GBM [49,50]: financial time series of stock-market prices	$\propto e^{\sigma^2 t}$	$\propto \Delta^1$	$\propto (e^{\sigma^2 T} - 1)/T$
Heterogeneous FBM (in time and space) [138]: diffusion of hemocytes of <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>	$\propto t^{1.2 \dots 1.5}$	$\propto \Delta^{1.2 \dots 1.5}$	Not presented
Subdiffusive CTRW, SBM, or HDPs [133]: ergodicity breaking in silo unclogging via broken arches	$\propto t^{0.4}$	$\propto \Delta^1$	$\propto T^{-0.6}$

level [68,187], in terms of p variation [68], from the first-passage-time [188] and multiscaling [189] perspective, as well as for FBM sheets [190]. The advantage of our current work is the invention of a *general framework* to generate arbitrary time and space clocks for SFBM. It is also the examination of *both* the MSD and the TAMSD (used much more often in SPT) that enabled for the resulting compound process to study the MSD-to-TAMSD nonequivalence and nonergodicity as well as the properties of TAMSD aging.

As examples of applications, time-SBM with a power-law clock was used to describe diffusion in confined nanofilms near a strain-induced critical point [191], and time-SFBM with the Mittag-Leffler clock function to rationalize ultra-slow diffusion in porous media [192] (see also Ref. [193]). Diffusion of chloride ions in concrete was also recently accurately described with power-law time-SFBM [194]. FBM

with multiscaled clocks was also used, e.g., to mimic diffusion of colloidal particles in microstructural fluids [195]. Interestingly, the extension of FBM [196] with nonlinearly transforming spatial variables was investigated based on a flexible covariance structure and fractal dimension, opening new areas for random-field generation. More general examples where nonstationary processes with nonlinear clocks emerge are, among others, the dynamics of the expanding universe, processes in growing biological cells, non-Fickian dispersion in hierarchically permeable [197,198] multiscale porous media [199–201] for hydrological applications, price fluctuations of stock-market indices in time-varying conditions (e.g., in inflationary scenarios such as in scaled GBM [152]), as well as the dispersion of particles in variably (e.g., with acceleration) aging systems [202].

C. Perspective

From a theoretical viewpoint, as possible directions for future developments of generalized stochastic processes with nonlinear space and time clocks one can propose scenarios of confined and reset time-space-SFBM. For the parental processes, the studies of the potential- and box-confined FBM [125–127], SBM [56], HDPs [89,90], and GBM [203] are available as “landmarks”; the reset versions of FBM [115], SBM [204,205], HDPs [115,206,207], and GBM [52,53] were also examined recently. Additionally, other classes of specific clock functions can be proposed [e.g., piecewise different functional forms of $F(t)$ and $G(x)$] for addressing the physical reality of a given system under investigation.

Finally, *multifractal* [208,209] scenarios of diffusion with, e.g., power-law clocks $F(t) \propto t^{\alpha(t)}$ with time-varying exponent can further be proposed. Moreover, from a data-driven perspective, choosing the most appropriate general stochastic process of SFBM type for a given SPT data set based on the values of the so-called Joseph, Moses, and Noah auxiliary exponents [210,211], computed for the data vs the theory, could offer one more model-assessment criterion, to supplement those based on the MSD and TAMSD scaling relations as well as the TAMSD trace-length dependence (5).

We believe that the process of SFBM will form a good basis for development of advanced machine-learning or Bayesian-inference approaches for *in silico* deciphering of diffusion models behind measured anomalous-diffusion trajectories. Such further developments will move forward the field of generalized stochastic processes used as mathematical tools for description of anomalous-diffusion data.

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APPENDIX A: SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES

Here, we present Figs. 12–32 supporting the claims of the main text.

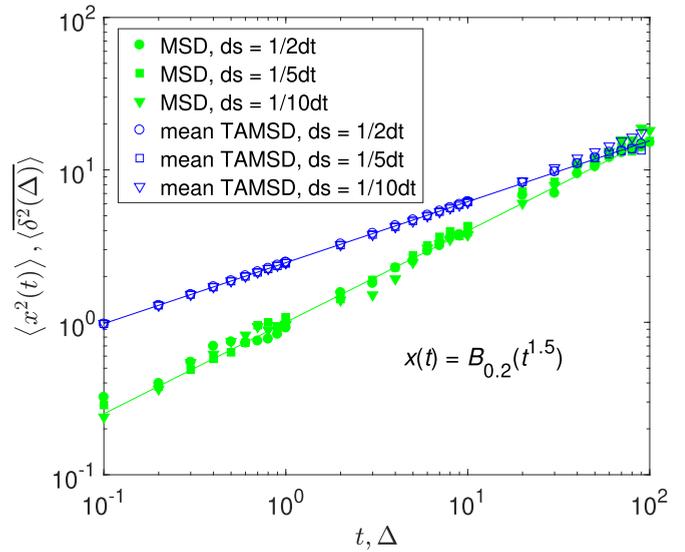


FIG. 12. The same as in Fig. 3 computed for the choices (28) of the time step ds .

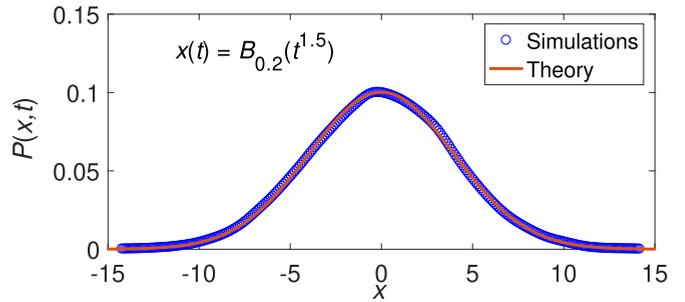


FIG. 13. Simulation (blue circles) and theoretical results (solid red curve) given by Eq. (25) of the PDF for the time-SFBM with (29) at the specific time $t = 100$ for the values of H and α as in Fig. 3.

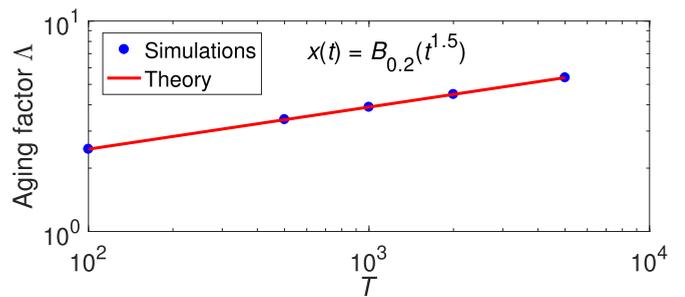


FIG. 14. Simulations (blue circles) and theoretical results (solid curve) given by Eq. (33) for the aging factor Δ for time-SFBM with Eq. (29), for H and α values as in Fig. 3.

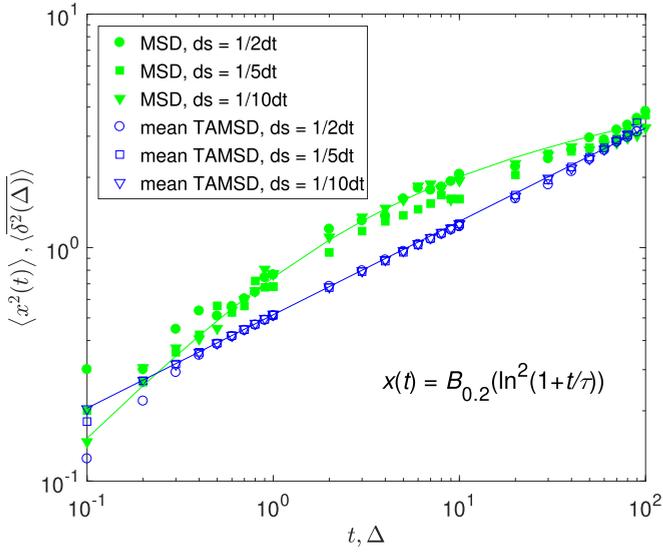


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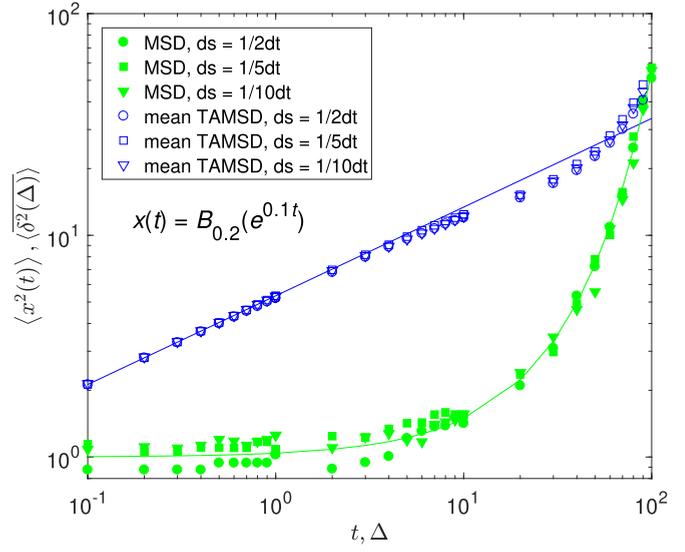


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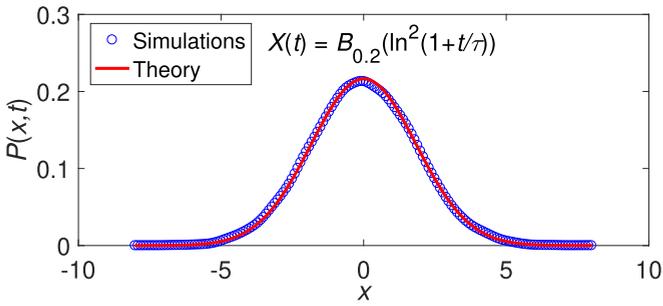


FIG. 16. PDF (25) of time-SFBM with (34) at $t = 100$, computed for H and β as in Fig. 4.

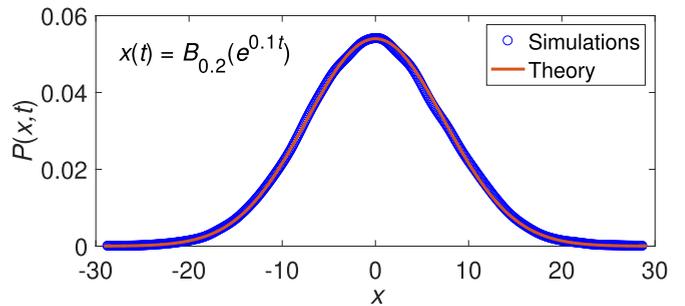


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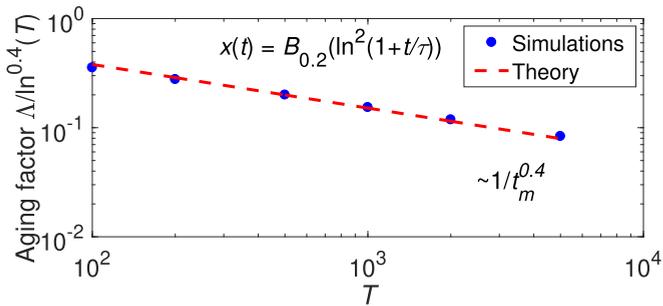


FIG. 17. Aging factor $\Lambda / [\log(T/\tau)]^{2H(\beta-1)}$ [Eq. (39)] of time-SFBM with $F(t)$ [Eq. (34)], shown for the same H and β as in Fig. 4.

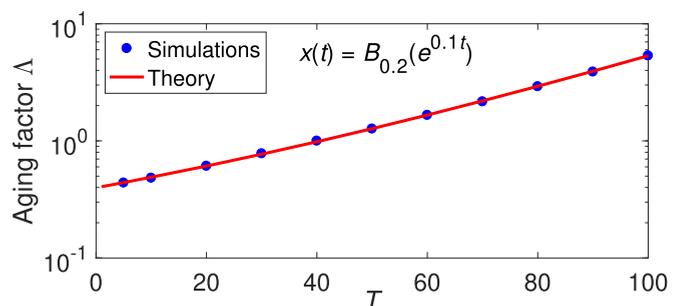


FIG. 20. Aging factor Λ [Eq. (47)] for time-SFBM with (44), for H and κ as in Fig. 5.

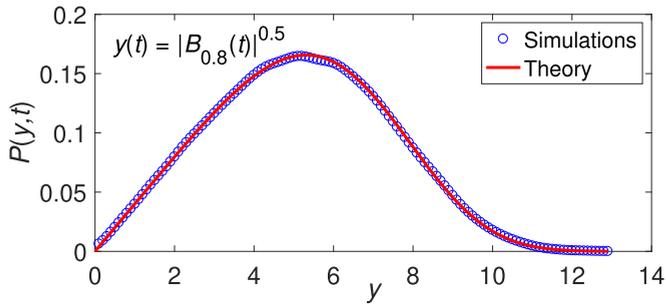


FIG. 21. PDF (55) of space-SFBM with (51) at $t = 100$, computed for H and $\bar{\alpha}$ as in Fig. 6.

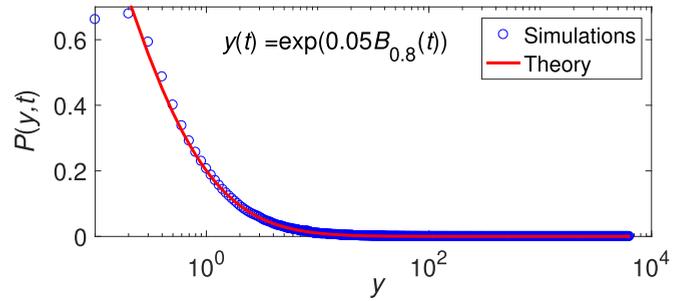


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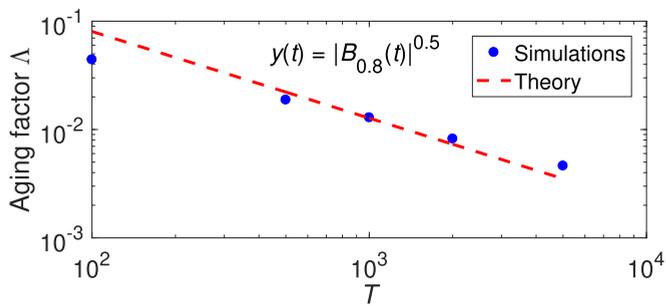


FIG. 22. Aging factor Δ [Eq. (56)] for space-SFBM with (51) for H and $\bar{\alpha}$ as in Fig. 6.

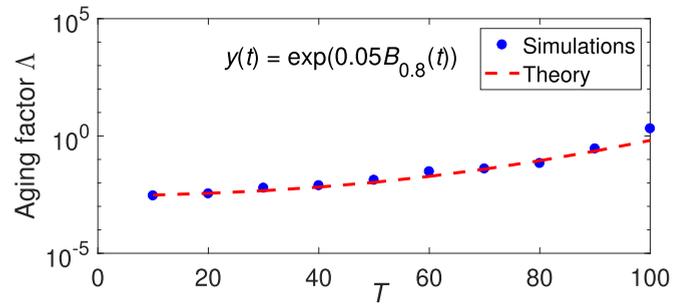


FIG. 26. Aging factor Δ [Eq. (67)] for space-SFBM with (67) for H and $\bar{\kappa}$ as in Fig. 8.

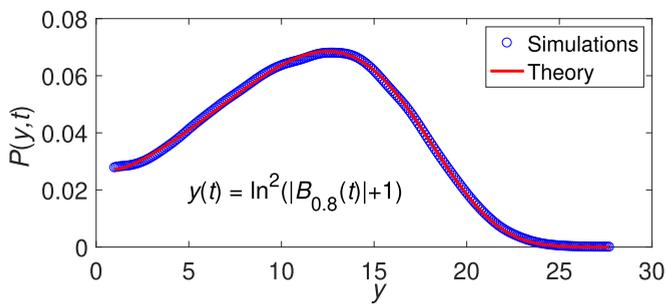


FIG. 23. PDF (55) of space-SFBM with (57) at $t = 100$, computed for H and $\bar{\beta}$ as in Fig. 7.

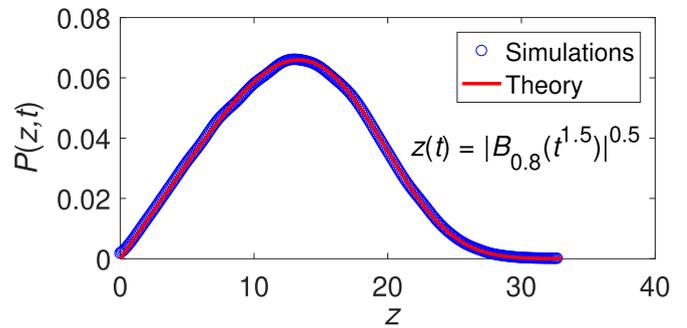


FIG. 27. PDF (74) of time-space-SFBM with (29) and (51) at $t = 100$, computed for H , α , and $\bar{\alpha}$ as in Fig. 9.

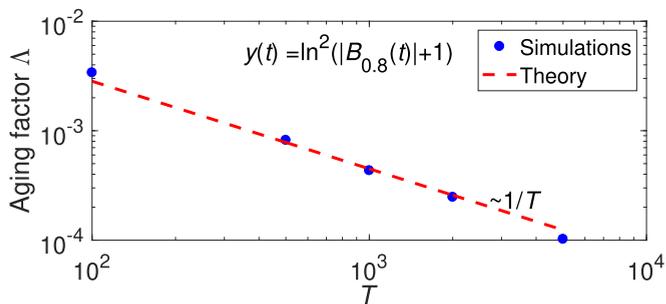


FIG. 24. Aging factor Δ [Eq. (66)] for space-SFBM with (57) for H and $\bar{\beta}$ as in Fig. 7.

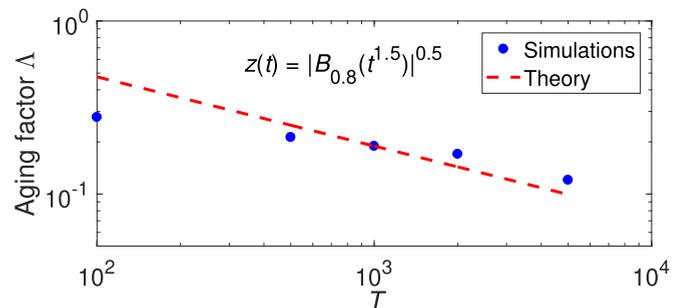


FIG. 28. Aging factor Δ [Eq. (91)] for time-space-SFBM with (29) and (51) for H , α , and $\bar{\alpha}$ as in Fig. 9.

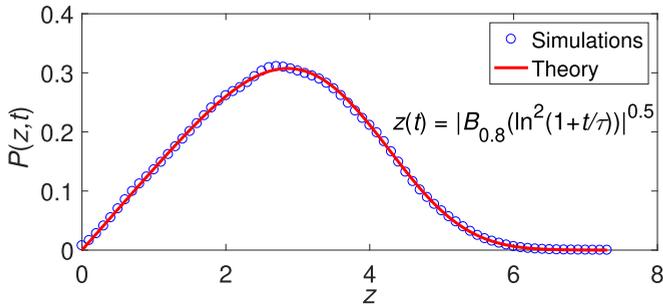


FIG. 29. PDF (74) of time-space-SFBM with (51) and (34) at $t = 100$, computed for H , $\bar{\alpha}$, and β as in Fig. 10.

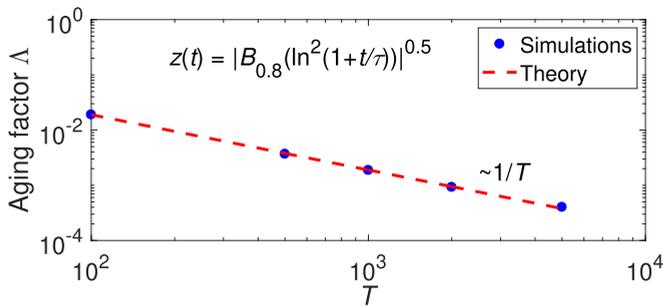


FIG. 30. Aging factor Λ [Eq. (98)] for time-space-SFBM with (51) and (34) for H , $\bar{\alpha}$, and β as in Fig. 10.

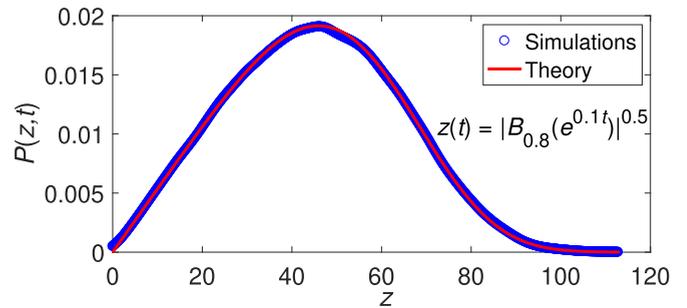


FIG. 31. PDF (74) of time-space-SFBM with (51) and (44) at $t = 100$, computed for H , κ , and $\bar{\alpha}$ as in Fig. 11.

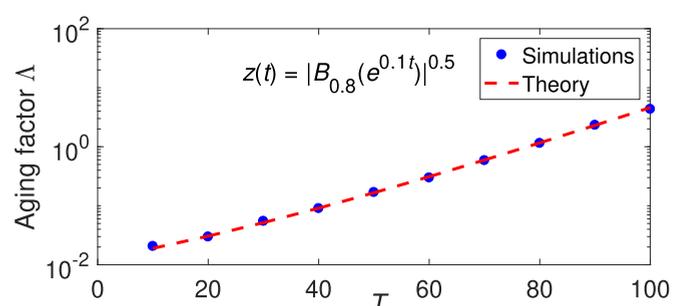


FIG. 32. Aging factor Λ [Eq. (101)] for time-space-SFBM with (51) and (34) for H , κ , and $\bar{\alpha}$ as in Fig. 11.

APPENDIX B: ABBREVIATIONS

Single-particle tracking, SPT; probability-density function, PDF; mean-squared displacement, MSD; time-averaged MSD, TAMSD; Brownian motion, BM; scaled BM, SBM; fractional BM, FBM; scaled FBM, SFBM; geometric BM, GBM; continuous-time random walks, CTRWs; heterogeneous diffusion processes, HDPs.

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