dc electric field effect on the anomalous exponent of the hopping conduction in the one-dimensional disorder model

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The dc electric field effect on the anomalous exponent of the hopping conduction in the disorder model is investigated. First, we explain the model and derive an analytical expression of the effective waiting time for the general case. We show that the exponent depends on the external field. Then we focus on a one-dimensional system in order to illustrate the features of the anomalous exponent. We derive approximate expressions of the anomalous exponent of the system analytically. For the case of a weak field, the anomalous exponent is consistent with that of diffusive systems. This is consistent with the treatments of Barkai *et al.* [Phys. Rev. E **63**, 046118 (2001)] and our result supports their theory. On the other hand, for the case of a strong field and a strong disorder, the time evolution of the anomalous exponent in the multiple trapping model at mesoscopic time scales. In the long-time limit, a transition of the anomalous exponent to the same value of the weak field occurs. These findings are verified by the Monte Carlo simulation.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Hopping conductance is a dominant mechanism of electric conductivity in noncrystalline materials. In the hopping conductance, each charge carrier hops from one localized state to another with the aid of thermal activation. Moreover, it is widely known that the collective behavior of carriers exhibits anomalous diffusion (subdiffusion) [1]. Experimentally, one can observe the anomaly in the long-tail of the time-of-flight (TOF) signal [1–3].

Anomalous diffusion is characterized by the anomalous exponent α , and has been studied in the context of continuoustime random walk (CTRW) thoroughly [4]. This exponent exhibits itself in the power-law behaviors of the mean and mean-squared displacement with respect to time *t*. The diffusion is referred to as the subdiffusion if $0 < \alpha < 1$ holds. In this case, the anomalous exponent and the exponent of the waiting time of the walker, $w(t) \sim t^{-(1+\alpha)}$, are consistent with each other. As generalized cases, the accelerating and retarding anomalous diffusions are known in various situations, both theoretically and experimentally [5–12]. In these cases, α *depends on time*; i.e., $\alpha = \alpha(t)$. To be precise, $\alpha(t)$ increases (decreases) as the time evolves in the accelerating (retarding) anomalous diffusion.

It is well known that CTRW has succeeded in describing the long-tail of the TOF signals in a certain range of time scales by treating α as a fitting parameter [1]. However, the relation of α to physical quantities of interest, such as the external field, the density of state (DOS) of the trap levels, or the spatial structure of the hopping sites, cannot be addressed in the framework of CTRW. Hence, it is significant to study this issue for physically understanding the mechanism of the hopping conductance.

Such relations have been partially given by two representative models of the hopping conductance, i.e., the "multiple

trapping model" (MTM) [13-15] and the "Scher-Montroll model" (SMM) [1,3,16,17]. The MTM is a well-known phenomenological model. In this model, carriers are trapped for certain times which are determined from the depths of trap levels, then released and trapped again in an another one. Repeating this process, the distribution of the carriers in the trap levels in the long-time limit is obtained. Using this, the mobility is determined. It is worth emphasizing that the drift process of carriers is treated as a single trap level problem [13]. The anomalous exponent is related to the typical width of the DOS of the trap levels T_c and the temperature T as $\alpha = T/T_c$ [13]. The DOS is assumed to be of the exponential type, $p(\varepsilon) = e^{(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_C)/(k_B T_c)}/(k_B T_c)$ ($\varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_C$), where ε is the energy and ε_C is that of the edge of the conduction band. This type of DOS is typical for disordered inorganic semiconductors and well explains the experimental results [14]. Although α is expressed in such a simple form, the relation of α to the external field and the spatial structure of hopping sites is unclear, since they are not considered in the MTM.

The SMM is an effective media model in mesoscopic scales. In the SMM, spatial structures of hopping sites are partially taken into account. The number density of the hopping sites is assumed to be constant, the lattices of the sites are smeared out into a continuum media, and the hopping activation energy is replaced by its average value [1,16,17]. The exact form of the waiting time is obtained with the aid of the mathematical technique in Ref. [18]. However, the relation of α to the external field, the DOS, and the microscopic spatial structure of hopping sites is unclear, since they are not taken into account in the SMM.

On the other hand, two microscopic models have been used in order to study the hopping conductance. One is the "polaron model" [19–21], and the other is the "disorder model" [22], which is studied in this paper. In these models, the external field, the microscopic spatial structure of the hopping sites, and the DOS are taken into account. The polaron model is suitable for a system with strong electron-phonon couplings and with relatively negligible effects of the energy disorder [23]. In the

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polaron model, the strong electron-phonon couplings strongly distort the surroundings of a carrier which is in the localized state, and this distortion lowers the energy of the carrier (self-trapping). Because the carrier moves together with the associated distortion, the carrier with the distortion can be regarded as a quasiparticle which is referred to as the polaron. As far as the authors know, the relation of α of the polaron model to the physical quantities is still an open issue.

In contrast to the polaron model, the disorder model is suitable for a system where the anomalous charge transport is dominantly activated by the static energy disorder of the hopping sites, and where the effect of the weak electronphonon coupling is relatively negligible. In the disorder model [22], as we will briefly review later, the hopping rate between two sites is described by the conventional model of [24], which is based on [25]. To solve the model of [24], a Monte Carlo (MC) simulation has been performed [22], and the effect of the electric field on the mobility has been studied recently [26]. From the viewpoint of the anomalous exponent, we have shown the relation of α to the microscopic spatial structure of the hopping sites for a diffusive system [27]. In addition, we have also shown that α depends on time. However, the effect of the external field on α is still unknown. In this paper, we study this issue.

The paper is organized as follows. In Sec. II, we present our theory. In particular, we explain the model we study and its related issues in Sec. II A, and we calculate the exact form of the effective waiting time and derive the asymptotic form of the anomalous exponent theoretically in Sec. II B. In Sec. III, the result is verified by the MC simulation. In Sec. IV, we discuss the relation of our results to the previous studies. In Sec. V, we summarize our study.

II. THEORY

A. Model

In this study, we consider the disorder model [22]. The basic framework is essentially the same as the one in Ref. [27], except that an external field acts on the carriers. In the following, we explain the DOS, the hopping rate, and the waiting time of the model which we use in this study.

1. Density of states

Amorphous semiconductors have conduction and valence band tails which are shown schematically in Fig. 1(a). The existence of the tail is first pointed out by Urbach [28] and it is referred to as the Urbach tail. The states in the band tails are localized; they are separated from the extended states by the critical energy which is referred to as the mobility edge [29]. The energies ε_C and ε'_C in Fig. 1(a) are the mobility edges in the conduction and the valence bands, respectively. Tiedje *et al.* have shown that the exponential band tail well explains the experimental results of the temperature dependence of the anomalous exponent for inorganic amorphous semiconductors [14]. A recent calculation of the electronic density of states also supports that the band tails are well approximated by the exponential functions [30]. In this study, we adopt as the DOS



FIG. 1. (Color online) Schematic figures of DOS. (a) Overall view: The conduction and valence bands (extended states) and their tails (localized states). States in the band tails are separated from the conduction (valence) bands by the mobility edges ϵ_C (ϵ'_C). (b) Exponential tail of the conduction band. Its typical width is denoted as T_c .

the exponential type. Then the DOS can be expressed as

$$p(\varepsilon) = \frac{1}{k_B T_c} e^{(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_C)/(k_B T_c)},$$
(1)

where $\varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_C$ and T_c is the typical width of the DOS [see Fig. 1(b)].

2. Hopping rate between two sites

The intuitive picture of the hopping conduction is that carriers hop between the localized states. This implies that the hopping conduction is dominant at low temperatures where thermal activation of the carriers to the extended states, which results in the band conduction, can be neglected. In such situations, we can adopt the approximation that the states above (below) the Fermi energy ε_F are unoccupied (occupied). Then, the carriers hop between the empty states in the conduction band tail, whose DOS is approximated by Eq. (1) (localized states in Fig. 1).

In this study, as an electric field $\vec{E}(\vec{r})$ at the position $\vec{r} = (x, y, z)$, we consider a constant field $\vec{E} = (-E, 0, 0)$ ($E \ge 0$) in the negative direction of the *x* axis. Under this electric field, an external force $\vec{F} = (F, 0, 0) \equiv (eE, 0, 0)$ acts on each carrier with charge -e. Here, e(>0) is the elementary charge. In addition, assuming that the number of the carriers is small enough compared to the number of the states, the occupation of the states can be neglected. Then, the hopping probability per unit time of the carrier to hop from site *i* to site *j*, which we denote v_{ij} , is approximately given as [24]

$$v_{ii} = v_0 e^{-2R_{ij}/\xi - (\epsilon_{ji} - Fx_{ji})\Theta(\epsilon_{ji} - Fx_{ji})/k_B T}.$$
 (2)

Here, ξ is the localization length of the localized state, ϵ_i is the energy of site *i* on the position $\vec{r}_i \equiv (x_i, y_i, z_i)$, R_{ij} is the distance of sites *i* and $j, x_{ji} \equiv x_j - x_i$ is the relative coordinate of sites *i* and *j* in the *x* direction, $\epsilon_{ji} \equiv \epsilon_j - \epsilon_i$ is the difference of the energy of site *i* and *j*, v_0 is the magnitude of the hopping rate, $\Theta(x)$ is the Heaviside step function, where $\Theta(x) = 1$ for x > 0 and 0 otherwise, and *T* is the temperature. This hopping rate is usually used in the disorder model and is well verified [22].

3. Waiting time

In this subsubsection, we briefly review the waiting time w(t) of the CTRW [4], and that of the disorder model. In CTRW [4], if the carrier is at the position x = 0 at t = 0, the probability distribution that the carrier is found at position x at time t is given by

$$\rho(x,t) = \sum_{x' \neq x} \int_0^t d\tau \rho(x',\tau) \psi(x,x',t-\tau) + \Phi(x,t) \delta_{x0}.$$
 (3)

Here, $\Phi(x,t) \equiv 1 - \int_0^t d\tau w(x,\tau)$, and $\psi(x',x,t)$ denotes the probability density that the carrier hops from *x* to *x'* after waiting time *t*. Using $\psi(x',x,t)$, the waiting-time probability distribution w(x,t) is expressed as

$$w(x,t) = \sum_{x' \neq x} \psi(x',x,t).$$

In the disorder model, it is assumed that $\psi(x',x,t)$ is given by the product of w(t) and the spatial part of the probability distribution $\phi(x',x)$; i.e., $\psi(x',x,t) = w(t)\phi(x',x)$. Here, $\phi(x',x)$ is normalized as $\sum_{x'} \phi(x',x) = 1$. In this study, we are interested in the time-dependent part w(t).

Defining Λ_i by $\Lambda_i \equiv \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}} v_{ij}$ (\mathcal{N} represents the set of all the sites in the system), we can express the waiting time of the

carrier on site i as

$$w_i(t) = \Lambda_i e^{-\Lambda_i t}.$$
 (4)

The spatial distribution of the hopping sites causes the disorder of energy. In the disorder model, the disorder of the hopping sites is assumed to be moderate and their positions fluctuate around the structured lattice points. However, we incorporate the effect of the spatial disorder to that of the disorder of the site energy for the sake of simplicity, and an assumption that the sites are situated on structured lattice points with lattice spacing a is used in this study.

B. Anomalous exponent of disorder model in the dc electric field

1. General system

Now we calculate the anomalous exponent. We formulate general exact results for arbitrary spatial dimensional systems, where the carrier at each site can hop to all the sites in the system. It is important that the waiting-time probability distribution, Eq. (4), depends on the energy of the site. If the energy is distributed according to some probability distribution, then the effective waiting time of the system, which we denote $\langle w(t) \rangle_F$, is given by the ensemble average with respect to the energy distribution [31]. Its explicit expression is (see Appendix A)

$$\langle w(t) \rangle_F = \left(\prod_{j \in \mathcal{N}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\epsilon_{ji} p_L(\epsilon_{ij}) \right) w_i(t) = \left(\prod_{j \in \mathcal{N}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\epsilon_{ji} \frac{e^{-\frac{|\epsilon_{ji}|}{k_B T_c}}}{2k_B T_c} \right) \left(\sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}} K_{ki} e^{-\frac{(\epsilon_{ki} - F_{x_{ki}})\Theta(\epsilon_{ki} - F_{x_{ki}})}{k_B T}} e^{-\sum_{l \in \mathcal{N}} K_{li} \exp\left[-\frac{(\epsilon_{li} - F_{x_{li}})\Theta(\epsilon_{li} - F_{x_{li}})}{k_B T}\right] t} \right),$$
(5)

where

$$K_{ji} \equiv \nu_0 e^{-2R_{ji}/\xi}.$$
(6)

Here, $\langle \cdots \rangle_F$ denotes an ensemble average when the carriers are subject to an external driving field. We have omitted the subscript *i* in the expression $\langle w(t) \rangle_F$, because it is assumed that the system has a translational invariance, as a result of the spatial coarse graining due to the integration with respect to site energies. In Eq. (5), we have used the fact that the energy difference ϵ_{ji} obeys the Laplace distribution $p_L(\epsilon_{ji}) \equiv e^{-|\epsilon_{ji}|/k_BT_c}/(2k_BT_c)$. Using the transformations of integral variables [32], we can calculate the integrals in Eq. (5) analytically. After tedious but straightforward calculations which we show in Appendix B, we obtain the effective waiting time as follows:

$$\langle w(t) \rangle_{F} = \sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}_{+}} \left\{ K_{ki} I_{ki}^{(1)+} \prod_{j \in \mathcal{N}_{+}, j \neq k} I_{ji}^{(0)+} \prod_{m \in \mathcal{N}_{0}, m \neq k} I_{mi}^{(0)0} \prod_{l \in \mathcal{N}_{-}, l \neq k} I_{li}^{(0)-} \right\}$$

$$+ \sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}_{0}} \left\{ K_{ki} I_{ki}^{(1)0} \prod_{j \in \mathcal{N}_{+}, j \neq k} I_{ji}^{(0)+} \prod_{m \in \mathcal{N}_{0}, m \neq k} I_{mi}^{(0)0} \prod_{l \in \mathcal{N}_{-}, l \neq k} I_{li}^{(0)-} \right\}$$

$$+ \sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}_{-}} \left\{ K_{ki} I_{ki}^{(1)-} \prod_{j \in \mathcal{N}_{+}, j \neq k} I_{ji}^{(0)+} \prod_{m \in \mathcal{N}_{0}, m \neq k} I_{mi}^{(0)0} \prod_{l \in \mathcal{N}_{-}, l \neq k} I_{li}^{(0)-} \right\}.$$

$$(7)$$

Here, \mathcal{N}_+ (\mathcal{N}_-) represents a set of neighboring sites which satisfy the condition $x_{li} > 0$ ($x_{li} < 0$), \mathcal{N}_0 represents a set of neighboring sites which satisfy the condition $x_{li} = 0$, and

$$\begin{split} I_{li}^{(0)+} &\equiv \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}e^{-\frac{F_{X_{li}}}{K_BT}\frac{T}{T_c}}\right)e^{-K_{li}t} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-\frac{F_{X_{li}}}{K_BT}\frac{T}{T_c}}\frac{T}{T_c}(K_{li}t)^{-\frac{T}{T_c}}\gamma\left(\frac{T}{T_c},K_{li}t\right),\\ I_{li}^{(1)+} &\equiv \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}e^{-\frac{F_{X_{li}}}{K_BT}\frac{T}{T_c}}\right)e^{-K_{li}t} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-\frac{F_{X_{li}}}{K_BT}\frac{T}{T_c}}\frac{T}{T_c}(K_{li}t)^{-1-\frac{T}{T_c}}\gamma\left(\frac{T}{T_c} + 1,K_{li}t\right), \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} I_{li}^{(0)0} &\equiv \frac{1}{2} e^{-K_{li}t} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{T}{T_c} (K_{li}t)^{-\frac{T}{T_c}} \gamma \left(\frac{T}{T_c}, K_{li}t\right), \\ I_{li}^{(1)0} &\equiv \frac{1}{2} e^{-K_{li}t} + \frac{1}{2} (K_{li}t)^{-1-\frac{T}{T_c}} \gamma \left(\frac{T}{T_c} + 1, K_{li}t\right), \\ I_{li}^{(0)-} &\equiv \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{F_{xli}}{k_B T}} \frac{T}{T_c} (1-\frac{T}{T_c}) e^{-K_{li}} \exp(\frac{F_{xli}}{k_B T}) + \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{F_{xli}}{k_B T}} \frac{T}{T_c} (K_{li}t)^{\frac{T}{T_c}} \gamma \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_c}, K_{li}t\right) \\ &- \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{F_{xli}}{k_B T}} \frac{T}{T_c} (K_{li}t)^{\frac{T}{T_c}} \gamma \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_c}, K_{li} e^{\frac{F_{xli}}{k_B T}} \frac{T}{T_c} t\right) + \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{F_{xli}}{k_B T}} \frac{T}{T_c} (K_{li}t)^{-\frac{T}{T_c}} \gamma \left(\frac{T}{T_c}, K_{li} e^{\frac{F_{xli}}{k_B T}} t\right), \\ I_{li}^{(1)-} &\equiv \frac{1}{2} e^{F_{xli}/k_B T_c} e^{-K_{li}t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{F_{xli}}{k_B T}} \frac{T}{T_c} (K_{li}t)^{-1+\frac{T}{T_c}} \left[\gamma \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_c}, K_{li}t\right) - \gamma \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_c}, K_{li} e^{\frac{F_{xli}}{k_B T}} \frac{T}{T_c} t\right) \right] \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{F_{xli}}}{k_B T}} \frac{T}{T_c} (K_{li}t)^{-1-\frac{T}{T_c}} \gamma \left(\frac{T}{T_c} + 1, K_{li} e^{\frac{F_{xli}}{k_B T}} t\right). \end{split}$$

Here,

$$\gamma(T/T_c, K_{ij}t) \equiv \int_0^{K_{ij}t} d\tau \tau^{-1+T/T_c} e^{-\tau}$$
(8)

is the lower incomplete gamma function. Equation (7) is the exact form of the effective waiting time of the disorder model with a constant external field.

Since the incomplete gamma function $\gamma(T/T_c, C_{\gamma})$ coincides with the Gamma function $\Gamma(T/T_c)$ at the same order of C_{γ} for the case $0.05 \leq T/T_c \leq 1$ [27], one can see that there are three characteristic time scales for $|x_{ki}|$; i.e.,

$$\tau_{li1} \equiv K_{li}^{-1}, \quad \tau_{li2} \equiv K_{li}^{-1} e^{\frac{F|x_{li}|}{k_B T} \frac{T}{T_c}}, \quad \tau_{li3} \equiv K_{li}^{-1} e^{\frac{F|x_{li}|}{k_B T}}.$$
(9)

From the viewpoint of the dependence of the anomalous exponent on the external field and disorder, it is important that τ_{li1} does not depend on either of them, τ_{li2} depends on both of them, and τ_{li3} depends only on Fa/k_BT . It is clear from Eq. (9) that these time scales reduce to a single value $\tau_{li1} = \tau_{li2} = \tau_{li3} = K_{li}^{-1}$ when no external field is applied. In other words, τ_{li2} and τ_{li3} are generated by the external field. We will see how these time scales characterize the time evolution of the exponent in a one-dimensional system in Sec. II B2.

If no external field is applied to carriers, Eq. (7) yields

$$\langle w(t) \rangle_{0} = \sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}} \frac{1}{2} K_{ki} \left[e^{-K_{ki}t} + \frac{T}{T_{c}} (K_{ki}t)^{-1 - \frac{T}{T_{c}}} \gamma \left(\frac{T}{T_{c}} + 1, K_{ki}t \right) \right] \prod_{j \in \mathcal{N}, j \neq k} \left[\frac{1}{2} e^{-K_{ji}t} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{T}{T_{c}} (K_{ji}t)^{-\frac{T}{T_{c}}} \gamma \left(\frac{T}{T_{c}}, K_{ji}t \right) \right].$$
(10)

Here, $\langle \cdots \rangle_0$ denotes an ensemble average when no external field is applied to the carriers. Equation (10) is just the effective waiting time for diffusive systems which we derived in Ref. [27].

2. One-dimensional system

Although Eq. (7) is exact, its physical meaning and dependence on the model parameters are not clear. In the following, in order to illuminate the features of the effective waiting time, Eq. (7), we consider a one-dimensional system where carriers can hop only to the nearest neighbors (Fig. 2) and derive approximate expressions of the anomalous exponent by extracting the dominant contribution from the neighboring sites and by simplifying its analytic structure. We concentrate on the time scale where effects of the next-nearest neighbors are negligible ($t < \tau_{2nd} \equiv v_0^{-1} e^{4a/\xi}$).

For the case mentioned above, Eq. (7) becomes (see Appendix C)

$$\langle w(t) \rangle_{F} = K_{1} \left[\left(1 - \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{Fa}{k_{B}T} \frac{T}{T_{c}}} \right) e^{-K_{1}t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{Fa}{k_{B}T} \frac{T}{T_{c}}} \frac{T}{T_{c}} (K_{1}t)^{-1 - \frac{T}{T_{c}}} \gamma \left(\frac{T}{T_{c}} + 1, K_{1}t \right) \right] \right]$$

$$\times \left[\frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{Fa}{k_{B}T} \frac{T}{T_{c}} (1 - \frac{T}{T_{c}})} e^{-K_{1} \exp\left(\frac{-Fa}{k_{B}T} \frac{T}{T_{c}}\right)t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{Fa}{k_{B}T} \frac{T}{T_{c}}} (K_{1}t)^{\frac{T}{T_{c}}} \gamma \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_{c}}, K_{1}t \right) \right]$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{-Fa}{k_{B}T} \frac{T}{T_{c}}} (K_{1}t)^{\frac{T}{T_{c}}} \gamma \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_{c}}, K_{1}e^{\frac{-Fa}{k_{B}T} \frac{T}{T_{c}}} t \right) + \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{Fa}{k_{B}T} \frac{T}{T_{c}}} \frac{T}{T_{c}} (K_{1}t)^{-\frac{T}{T_{c}}} \gamma \left(\frac{T}{T_{c}}, K_{1}e^{\frac{-Fa}{k_{B}T} \frac{T}{T_{c}}} t \right) \right]$$

$$+ K_{1} \left[\frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{-Fa}{k_{B}T} \frac{T}{T_{c}}} e^{-K_{1}t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{-Fa}{k_{B}T} \frac{T}{T_{c}}} \frac{T}{T_{c}} (K_{1}t)^{-1 + \frac{T}{T_{c}}} \left\{ \gamma \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_{c}}, K_{1}t \right) - \gamma \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_{c}}, K_{1}e^{\frac{-Fa}{k_{B}T} \frac{T}{T_{c}}} t \right) \right\}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{Fa}{k_{B}T} \frac{T}{T_{c}}} \frac{T}{T_{c}} (K_{1}t)^{-1 - \frac{T}{T_{c}}} \gamma \left(\frac{T}{T_{c}} + 1, K_{1}e^{\frac{-Fa}{k_{B}T}} t \right) \right]$$

$$\times \left[\left(1 - \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{Fa}{k_{B}T} \frac{T}{T_{c}}} \right) e^{-K_{1}t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{Fa}{k_{B}T} \frac{T}{T_{c}}} \frac{T}{T_{c}} (K_{1}t)^{-\frac{T}{T_{c}}} \gamma \left(\frac{T}{T_{c}}, K_{1}t \right) \right].$$

$$(11)$$



Here, $K_1 \equiv v_0 e^{-2a/\xi}$. The three characteristic time scales in this system are the following:

$$\tau_1 \equiv K_1^{-1}, \quad \tau_2 \equiv K_1^{-1} e^{\frac{Fa}{k_B T} \frac{T}{T_c}}, \quad \tau_3 \equiv K_1^{-1} e^{\frac{Fa}{k_B T}}.$$
(12)

Before further discussion, it is important to denote some relations we use later. First, for the sites which satisfy the condition $K_1 t \ll 1$, the following relations hold [27]:

$$\frac{T}{T_c} \frac{\gamma\left(\frac{T}{T_c}, K_1 t\right)}{(K_1 t)^{T/T_c}} \simeq 1, \quad e^{-K_1 t} \simeq 1.$$
(13)

$$\gamma(T/T_c, K_1 t) \simeq \Gamma(T/T_c), \quad e^{-K_1 t} \simeq 0.$$
(14)

Here, $\Gamma(T/T_c)$ is the Gamma function. Now we derive approximate expressions of the anomalous exponent, Eq. (11), for the cases of weak and strong fields, respectively.

Weak-field cases. First, we consider the weak-field case where the condition $\tau_1 \sim \tau_2 \sim \tau_3$ holds. In other words, we consider the case where $e^{Fa/k_BT} \simeq 1 + Fa/k_BT$ holds.

Substituting $e^{Fa/k_BT} \simeq 1 + Fa/k_BT$ into Eq. (11), we obtain

$$\langle w(t) \rangle_{w} \simeq K_{1} \left[e^{-K_{1}t} + \frac{T}{T_{c}} (K_{1}t)^{-1-\frac{T}{T_{c}}} \gamma \left(\frac{T}{T_{c}} + 1, K_{1}t \right) \right]$$

$$\times \frac{1}{2} \left[e^{-K_{1}t} + \frac{T}{T_{c}} (K_{1}t)^{-\frac{T}{T_{c}}} \gamma \left(\frac{T}{T_{c}}, K_{1}t \right) \right]$$

$$+ O\left(\frac{Fa}{k_{B}T} \right).$$

$$(15)$$

In order to obtain an asymptotic analytic form of the anomalous exponent, we consider a time scale where $t \gg \tau_1$ holds. From Eq. (14), we obtain the following approximate expression for Eq. (15),

$$\langle w(t) \rangle_{\rm w} \simeq K_1 \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{T}{T_c} \right)^2 (K_1 t)^{-1-2\frac{T}{T_c}} \Gamma\left(\frac{T}{T_c} + 1 \right) \Gamma\left(\frac{T}{T_c} \right)$$

$$+ O\left(\left(\frac{Fa}{k_B T} \right)^2 \right) \propto t^{-1-2\frac{T}{T_c}}.$$
(16)

It is worth noting that the leading correction term is quadratic in $Fa/(k_BT)$ for $t \gg \tau_1$, since the linear terms cancel out. Hence, we obtain the anomalous exponent in this limit α_w as follows:

$$\alpha_{\rm w} \simeq \frac{2T}{T_c} \quad (t \gg \tau_1). \tag{17}$$

This is coincident to the anomalous exponent for the purely diffusive case [27]. Because the condition $\tau_1 \sim \tau_2 \sim \tau_3$ holds in this case, both of the two nearest neighbors contribute to the

anomalous exponent at the same time scale, which is similar to the purely diffusive case. As a result, the time evolution of the anomalous exponent is also similar to that of the purely diffusive case.

Strong-field cases. Next, we consider the strong-field limit where $\tau_1 \ll \tau_3$ holds. In this limit, there are two situations according to the value of T/T_c : (i) the strong-disorder case $(T/T_c \ll 1)$ where $\tau_1 \leqslant \tau_2 \ll \tau_3$ holds, and (ii) the weakdisorder case $(T/T_c \sim 1)$ where $\tau_1 \ll \tau_2 \sim \tau_3$ holds. We investigate these two cases in the following.

First we consider the strong-disorder case. In a time scale where $\tau_2 \ll t \ll \tau_3$ holds, by substituting Eqs. (13) and (14) into Eq. (11), we obtain the effective waiting time in this limit $\langle w(t) \rangle_{ss}$ as follows:

$$\langle w(t) \rangle_{\rm ss} \simeq \frac{1}{4} K_1 e^{-\frac{Fa}{k_B T}} \frac{T}{T_c} (K_1 e^{-\frac{Fa}{k_B T}} t)^{-1 - \frac{T}{T_c}} \Gamma\left(\frac{T}{T_c} + 1\right)$$

 $\propto t^{-1 - \frac{T}{T_c}}.$ (18)

Therefore, $\alpha_{ss} \simeq T/T_c$. Next, in a time scale where $t \gg \tau_3$ holds, we obtain

$$\langle w(t) \rangle_{\rm ss} \simeq \frac{1}{4} K_1 e^{-\frac{Fa}{k_B T}} \left(\frac{T}{T_c}\right)^2 (K_1 e^{-\frac{Fa}{k_B T}} t)^{-1 - \frac{T}{T_c}}$$

$$\times \Gamma \left(\frac{T}{T_c} + 1\right) (K_1 t)^{-\frac{T}{T_c}} \Gamma \left(\frac{T}{T_c}\right)$$

$$\propto t^{-1 - 2\frac{T}{T_c}},$$
(19)

which gives $\alpha_{ss} \simeq 2T/T_c$. From Eqs. (18) and (19), we obtain the asymptotic expressions of the anomalous exponent in the strong-field limit as

$$\alpha_{\rm ss} \simeq \begin{cases} \frac{T}{T_c} & (\tau_3 \gg t \gg \tau_2), \\ \frac{2T}{T_c} & (t \gg \tau_3). \end{cases}$$
(20)

The time-dependent behavior in Eq. (20) is clearly different from that of the weak-field case in Eq. (17). This is caused by the strong external field. If the strong external field is applied to the carriers, hops to the opposite direction of the external field are suppressed and those in the same direction are enhanced strongly. As a result, the anomalous behavior of carriers which hop in the direction of the external field appears first. This is the time region where $\alpha \simeq T/T_c$ holds. Next, the anomalous behavior of carriers which hop to the opposite direction of the external field emerges. This is the time region where $\alpha \simeq 2T/T_c$ holds. It is worth mentioning that the microscopic spatial structure, especially the discreteness of the hopping sites, is necessary for the time-scale separation and the discrete asymptotic values of the anomalous exponent in Eq. (20). If the hopping sites distribute continuously, such a time-scale separation does not occur and the anomalous exponent would not be written in such simple approximate forms. Hence, the microscopic spatial structure of the hopping sites is important even in one-dimensional systems.

It is also worth noting that $\tau_2 \sim \tau_1$ holds for a finite Fa/k_BT if T/T_c is small enough. It implies that the time scale where α_{ss} approaches T/T_c is independent of Fa/k_BT , if T/T_c is small enough. On the contrary to this, since the time scale τ_3 has no dependence on T/T_c , the time scale where α_{ss} approaches $2T/T_c$ is determined by Fa/k_BT solely. Second, we consider the weak-disorder case where $\tau_1 \ll \tau_2 \sim \tau_3$ holds. In this case, the effective waiting time is the same as Eq. (19). Hence, the anomalous exponent α_{sw} is given by

$$\alpha_{\rm sw} \simeq \frac{2T}{T_c} \quad (t \gg \tau_3).$$
(21)

These findings are confirmed in the next section.

As stated before, we focus on the systems with the exponential DOS throughout this study. For other types of DOS, such as the Gaussian DOS, which is believed to be typical to organic semiconductors, it is hard in general to obtain simple asymptotic expressions of the anomalous exponent due to mathematical difficulties. However, the time-dependent behavior of the anomalous exponent can in principle be obtained, even for these cases, by performing numerical integrations of the effective waiting time.

III. SIMULATION

A. Anomalous behaviors

The approximate forms of the anomalous exponent in the weak and strong external field limits given by Eqs. (17), (20), and (21) are examined by the MC simulation of the hopping conductance. Throughout this article, we study a one-dimensional system with carriers allowed to hop up to the nearest-neighboring sites, which is shown in Fig. 2.

Before examining Eqs. (17), (20), and (21), we confirm that the time evolution of the spatial distribution of the carriers shows anomalous behaviors such as anomalous diffusion and anomalous advection-diffusion. We adopt the numerical algorithm of Ref. [27], where hoppings of the walkers are synchronized.

In Fig. 3, we show the time evolution of the spatial distribution of the carriers. The horizontal axes are the dimensionless positions of the carriers, which are normalized by the lattice spacing, and the vertical axes are the numbers of the carriers. The three symbols of figures (triangle, rectangle, and circle) correspond to three different times. From Fig. 3(a), one can see that the carriers exhibit anomalous diffusion if no external field is applied. From Fig. 3(b), one can see that the carriers exhibit anomalous diffusion if an external field is applied. Thus we have verified that the carriers show

TABLE I. Summary of simulation conditions. The parameter N_P is the number of carriers which is essentially the number of the trials of the simulation performed. Other parameters are defined in the text. All the carriers are initially rested at the origin for all cases.

Case	N_P	N_s	a/ξ	$v_0 [s^{-1}]$	T/T_c	Fa/k_BT
III A-1	10 ⁶	1010	10	1012	0.20	0
III A- 2	10^{6}	10^{10}	10	10^{12}	0.20	1
III B	10^{6}	10^{10}	10	10^{12}	0.10, 0.20, 0.30	1
III C-1	10^{5}	10^{10}	10	10^{12}	0.10, 0.20, 0.30	15
III C- 2	10^{5}	10^{10}	10	10^{12}	0.05, 0.20	15, 25
ШC-3	10 ⁵	10^{10}	10	10^{12}	0.20, 0.40, 0.60, 0.80	10

the anticipated anomalous behaviors. The conditions of the simulations are collected in "Case III A-1" and "Case III A-2" of Table I for the anomalous diffusion and the anomalous advection-diffusion, respectively.

The process we are considering consists of many small random steps. Each small random step is a hopping to the nearest neighbors. As a result of many random steps, the carriers diffuse and advect, and the statistical long-time behavior of the carriers is obtained.

B. Weak-field cases

Now, we examine the expression of the anomalous exponent in Eq. (17). In order to estimate the anomalous exponent, we have used the following relation [4]:

$$\langle x(t) \rangle_F \propto t^{\alpha_F}.$$
 (22)

Here, $\langle x(t) \rangle_F$ is the mean displacement and α_F is the anomalous exponent for the case when the external field is applied to the carriers. Equation (22) holds if all the carriers are rested at the origin initially. From Eq. (22), we can estimate α_F by fitting the simulation results at time *t* to the function $f(t) \propto t^{\alpha}$. In addition, we also consider the mean velocity of carriers $\langle v(t) \rangle$, to which the carrier current I(t) is proportional; i.e., $I(t) \propto \langle v(t) \rangle \equiv d \langle x(t) \rangle / dt$. It is also known that $\langle v(t) \rangle \propto t^{-1+\alpha_F}$ and $\langle v(t) \rangle \propto t^{-1-\alpha_F}$ holds for short and long time scales, respectively, when the absorbing boundary condition is implemented to the system. This behavior explains well the TOF signal [1,33]. In the present cases, the absorbing boundary condition is not implemented. Hence, $\langle v(t) \rangle$ is



FIG. 3. (Color online) The time evolution of the spatial distribution of the carriers, for the case (a) without and (b) with an external field. The carriers exhibit anomalous diffusion when no external field is applied, while they exhibit anomalous diffusion-advection when an external field is applied. The conditions of the simulation are shown in "Case III A-1" (left) and "Case III A-2" (right) in Table I, respectively.



FIG. 4. (Color online) The time evolution of (a) the mean velocity, (b) the effective waiting time, and (c) the anomalous exponent, for the case of a weak field. The anomalous exponent for the case of a weak field coincides with that for the diffusive case. The conditions of the simulation are shown in "Case III B" in Table I. The value of τ_1 is equal to 4.85×10^{-4} [s].

proportional to $t^{-1+\alpha_F}$. Moreover, we estimate Eq. (11) by calculating

$$\langle w(t) \rangle_F = \frac{1}{N_s} \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} (\nu_{ii+1} + \nu_{ii-1}) e^{-(\nu_{ii+1} + \nu_{ii-1})t}$$
 (23)

by MC simulation. Here, N_s is the number of the sample sites. As we have shown in Sec. II B, the effective waiting time is expected to scale as $\langle w(t) \rangle_F \propto t^{-1-\alpha_{wt}}$, where α_{wt} is the anomalous exponent whose asymptotic value is given by Eqs. (17), (20), and (21). We attach a subscript *wt* to α in order to avoid confusion with α_F .

We show the result of the MC simulation for the time evolution of the mean velocity [Fig. 4(a)], the effective waiting time [Fig. 4(b)], and the anomalous exponent α_F derived from the result of the mean displacement [Fig. 4(c)]. The exponents can be read off from the slope of Figs. 4(a) and 4(b), which are expected to be α_F and α_{wt} , respectively. The condition of the simulation is shown in "Case III B" in Table I. We have chosen $Fa/k_BT = 1$ so that the condition $\tau_1 \sim \tau_2 \sim \tau_3$ holds. Then, the value of τ_1 is equal to 4.85×10^{-4} [s]. The horizontal axes are the time and the vertical axes are the mean velocity [Fig. 4(a)], the waiting time [Fig. 4(b)], and the anomalous exponent [Fig. 4(c)], respectively. The three symbols in the figures (triangle, rectangle, and circle) correspond to three different values of T/T_c . One can see that α_{wt} is compatible with Eq. (17), and that the asymptotic value of α_F from Figs. 4(a) and 4(c) is also compatible with Eq. (17).

C. Strong-field cases

We consider the strong-field limit. First, we examine the validity of Eq. (20). We show the result of the MC simulation for the time evolution of the mean velocity [Fig. 5(a)], the effective waiting time [Fig. 5(b)], and the anomalous exponent α_F derived from the result of the mean displacement [Fig. 5(c)]. The condition of the simulation is shown in "Case III C-1" in Table I. We have chosen $Fa/k_BT = 15$ so that the condition $\tau_1 \leq \tau_2 \ll \tau_3$ holds. Then, the values of τ_1 and τ_3 are equal to 4.85×10^{-4} [s] and 1.59×10^{3} [s], respectively. The horizontal axes are the time and the vertical axes are the mean velocity and the anomalous exponent, respectively. The three symbols in the figures (triangle, rectangle, and circle) correspond to three different values of T/T_c . One can see that α_{wt} is compatible with Eq. (20), and that the asymptotic value of α_F from Figs. 5(a) and 5(c) is also compatible with Eq. (20). From Fig. 5(c), one can see that α_F first decreases from 1 to T/T_c , and then increases up to $2T/T_c$. Moreover, one can also see that the time scales where α_F reaches $2T/T_c$ are independent of the value of T/T_c .

In the previous section, it is also predicted that the time scale where α_F approaches T/T_c is independent of Fa/k_BT , if T/T_c is small enough. In order to confirm this, we performed simulations, where the conditions are shown in "Case III C-2" in Table I. We have chosen $T/T_c = 0.05$, 0.2 and $Fa/k_BT = 15$, 25. For the case $T/T_c = 0.05$, $\tau_2 = 1.03 \times 10^{-3}$ [s⁻¹] for $Fa/k_BT = 15$ and $\tau_2 = 1.69 \times 10^{-3}$ [s⁻¹] for $Fa/k_BT = 25$. For the case $T/T_c = 0.2$, $\tau_2 = 2.06 \times 10^{-2}$ for $Fa/k_BT = 15$ and $\tau_2 = 2.51 \times 10^{-1}$ for



FIG. 5. (Color online) The time evolution of (a) the mean velocity, (b) the effective waiting time, and (c) the anomalous exponent, for the case of a strong field. The conditions of the simulation are in "Case III C-1" in Table I. The values of τ_1 and τ_3 are equal to 4.85×10^{-4} [s] and 1.59×10^3 [s], respectively.



FIG. 6. (Color online) The time evolution of (a) the mean velocity, (b) the effective waiting time, and (c) the anomalous exponent, for the case of a strong field and a strong disorder. The time required for the anomalous exponent α_F to approach T/T_c is almost independent of the value of Fa/k_BT for the case of $T/T_c = 0.05$, while it is not for the case of $T/T_c = 0.20$. The conditions of the simulation are shown in "Case III C-2" in Table I.

 $Fa/k_BT = 25$. We show the results of the MC simulation for the time evolutions of the mean velocity [Fig. 6(a)], the effective waiting time [Fig. 6(b)], and the anomalous exponent α_F derived from the result of the mean displacement [Fig. 6(c)]. The four symbols in the figures correspond to four different pairs of T/T_c and Fa/k_BT . From Figs. 6(a) and 6(c), one can see that the time scale where α_F approaches T/T_c is almost independent of the value of Fa/k_BT for the cases of $T/T_c = 0.05$. On the contrary, it depends on the value of Fa/k_BT for the cases of $T/T_c =$ 0.20, as expected. This is consistent with the theoretical prediction.

Finally, we confirm the validity of Eq. (21). We show the results of the MC simulation for the time evolutions of the mean velocity [Fig. 7(a)], the effective waiting time [Fig. 7(b)], and the anomalous exponent α_F derived from the result of the mean displacement [Fig. 7(c)]. The conditions of the simulation are shown in "Case IIIC-3" in Table I. We have set $Fa/k_BT = 10$ so that the condition $\tau_1 \ll \tau_3$ holds. Then, $\tau_1 = 4.85 \times 10^{-4}$ [s] and $\tau_3 = 1.07 \times 10^{1}$ [s], respectively. The horizontal axes are the time and the vertical axes are the mean velocity, the waiting time, and the anomalous exponent, respectively. The three symbols in the figures (triangle, rectangle, and circle) correspond to three different values of T/T_c . We also show the results of $T/T_c = 0.2$ (cross) for reference. One can see that α_{wt} is equal to $2T/T_c$ for all four cases [Fig. 7(b)]. This is consistent with the theoretical prediction, Eq. (21). On the other hand, it is known that α_F is equal to 1 for the case $\alpha_{wt} > 1$ [4]. This is also

consistent with the results of the MC simulation [Figs. 7(a) and 7(c)].

IV. DISCUSSION

In this section, we discuss the relation of our results to previous studies for both the weak- and strong-field cases. For the weak-field cases, Barkai et al. [33,34] have shown that CTRW with the anomalous exponent α is described by the fractional Fokker-Planck equation (FFPE) and the FFPE describes the behavior of the SMM qualitatively. Because the disorder model can be regarded as a CTRW model with the anomalous exponent of Eq. (17), by the coarse graining performed above, it is expected that the disorder model in this limit is described by the FFPE and its behavior is qualitatively consistent with the SMM. Moreover, although α is a parameter in their theory, we have derived it from a microscopic physical model. Therefore, our results make it possible to estimate the transport coefficients in the FFPE quantitatively, and to compare the results of the simulations with experiments or other models, such as the SMM, quantitatively. These are future works.

It is also worth noting that Richert *et al.* [35] have shown that the Einstein relation [36]

$$\frac{D}{\mu} = \frac{k_B T}{e} \tag{24}$$



does not hold in the disorder model. Here, D is the diffusion constant and μ is the mobility. They have shown that

FIG. 7. (Color online) The time evolutions of (a) the mean velocity, (b) the effective waiting time, and (c) the anomalous exponent, for the case of a strong field and a weak disorder. The anomalous exponent α_F approaches 1 as T/T_c increases. The conditions of the simulation are shown in "Case III C-3" in Table I.

the disorder model shows a deviation from the Einstein relation and the magnitude of the deviation increases as time evolves.

On the other hand, Barkai *et al.* [33,37] have shown the following features. If the anomalous exponents of the waiting time of a system with and without a driving force, α_F and α_0 , are the same, i.e., the condition

$$\alpha_0 = \alpha_F = \alpha \tag{25}$$

holds, the corresponding mean square displacements, $\langle x(t) \rangle_F$ and $\langle x^2(t) \rangle_0$, are proportional to t^{α} , and the generalized Einstein relation

$$\langle x^2(t) \rangle_0 = 2 \frac{k_B T}{F} \langle x(t) \rangle_F \tag{26}$$

holds instead of Eq. (24) [37]. Moreover, Barkai [33] has conjectured that the generalized Einstein relation would hold for the hopping conduction by assuming that the condition $\alpha_0 = \alpha_F$ holds. Because we have shown that Eq. (25) holds for the disorder model in the weak-field limit, our results support their assumptions. Therefore, the generalized Einstein relation Eq. (26), rather than Eq. (24), holds in the disorder model.

For the strong-field and strong-disorder cases, it is important that α takes the value of T/T_c , which is the same as that of the MTM, before approaching $2T/T_c$. This implies that there is a time region in this case that the anomalous exponent of the disorder model coincides with that of the MTM. The relation of the disorder model to the MTM has been studied by Hartenstein *et al.* [38]. They have *numerically* shown that the waiting times of both models are similar if α of both models are equal. In this study, we have *theoretically* found a time region where α of both models are equal.

Throughout this study, we have mainly focused on the one-dimensional system with a dc electric field. It is worth noting that the extrapolation of our analytical results to threedimensional systems would not be straightforward, because the behaviors of the hopping conduction depend on the dimensionality of the system in the presence of an external field. In addition, it is significant to analyze systems with ac fields and compare the result with previous studies, such as the coherent medium approximation, the bond percolation model [39,40]. These are future works. Finally, we note that a model which has a different type of the hopping rate and the energy barrier has been studied in Ref. [41]. The exact form of the anomalous exponent has been obtained and is different from our results. Detailed comparison of the two works might be intriguing.

V. SUMMARY

In this study, we have theoretically investigated the dc electric field effect on the anomalous exponent of the hopping conduction in the disorder model. First of all, we have calculated the effective waiting time of a general system with an external field and shown that the time evolution of the anomalous exponent depends on the external field. We have found that there are three typical time scales for each pair of sites, which are (1) the typical time scale of the diffusion, (2) the time scale in which the anomalous behavior of the hopping in the direction of the field appears, which depends on the strength of the disorder and the external field, and (3) the time scale in which the anomalous behavior of the hopping in the *opposite* direction of the field appears, which is independent of the strength of the disorder.

Next, we have focused on a one-dimensional system where carriers can hop only to the nearest neighbors, and calculated the effective waiting time of this system. We have analytically identified the anomalous exponent from the asymptotic form of the effective waiting time. For the case of a weak field, we have shown that the anomalous exponent is given by $2T/T_c$ and is consistent with that of diffusive systems. For the case of a strong field, we have considered strong- and weak-disorder cases. For the strong field and the strong-disorder case, the time evolution of the anomalous exponent clearly differs from that for the case of a weak field. The anomalous exponent first decreases from 1 to T/T_c , and then increases up to $2T/T_c$. We have also shown that the time scale in which the anomalous exponent approaches T/T_c is independent of Fa/k_BT , if T/T_c is small enough. In contrast, the time scale in which the anomalous exponent approaches $2T/T_c$ is determined by Fa/k_BT solely. For the strong field and the weak-disorder case, the exponent is equal to 1. It is reasonable that the transport is normal in the weak-disorder limit.

We have verified the above theoretical predictions by means of MC simulation of the hopping conductance. We have chosen a one-dimensional system with carriers allowed to hop only to the nearest-neighboring sites. The hopping process consists of many small random steps, which results in the statistical long-time behavior of the carriers, i.e., anomalous diffusion and advection. We have demonstrated that the carriers actually show the expected anomalous behavior.

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APPENDIX A: DERIVATION OF EQ. (5)

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$$v_{ii} = v_0 e^{-2R_{ij}/\xi - (\epsilon_{ji} - Fx_{ji})\Theta(\epsilon_{ji} - Fx_{ji})/k_B T}.$$
(A1)

Then, defining Λ_i by $\Lambda_i \equiv \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}} v_{ij}$ (\mathcal{N} represents the set of all the sites in the system) and $K_{ji} \equiv v_0 e^{-2R_{ji}/\xi}$, the waiting

time of a carrier on site *i* is expressed as

$$w_{i}(t) = \Lambda_{i}e^{-\Lambda_{i}t} = \sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}} K_{ki}e^{-\frac{(\epsilon_{ki} - F_{ki})\Theta(\epsilon_{ki} - F_{ki})}{k_{B}T}}e^{-\sum_{l \in \mathcal{N}} K_{li} \exp[-\frac{(\epsilon_{li} - F_{kli})\Theta(\epsilon_{li} - F_{kli})}{k_{B}T}]t}.$$
(A2)

Finally, using the fact that the energy difference ϵ_{ji} obeys the Laplace distribution $p_L(\epsilon_{ji}) \equiv e^{-|\epsilon_{ji}|/k_BT_c}/(2k_BT_c)$, the effective waiting time of the system is given by the ensemble average with respect to the energy distribution,

$$\langle w(t) \rangle_F = \left(\prod_{j \in \mathcal{N}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\epsilon_{ji} p_L(\epsilon_{ij}) \right) w_i(t) = \left(\prod_{j \in \mathcal{N}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\epsilon_{ji} \frac{e^{-\frac{|\epsilon_{ji}|}{k_B T_c}}}{2k_B T_c} \right) \left(\sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}} K_{ki} e^{-\frac{(\epsilon_{ki} - Fx_{ki})\Theta(\epsilon_{kl} - Fx_{ki})}{k_B T}} e^{-\sum_{l \in \mathcal{N}} K_{li} \exp\left[-\frac{(\epsilon_{ll} - Fx_{li})\Theta(\epsilon_{ll} - Fx_{li})}{k_B T}\right] t} \right).$$
(A3)

Thus, we have derived Eq. (5).

APPENDIX B: DERIVATION OF EQ. (7)

In this Appendix, we derive Eq. (7). In the following we consider the case $T/T_c < 1$ and $F \ge 0$ in which we are interested in this study. For other cases, e.g., $F \le 0$, similar techniques would be applicable. We start from Eq. (5):

$$\langle w(t) \rangle_F = \left(\prod_{j \in \mathcal{N}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\epsilon_{ji} \frac{e^{-\frac{|\epsilon_{ji}|}{k_B T_c}}}{2k_B T_c} \right) \left(\sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}} K_{ki} e^{-\frac{(\epsilon_{ki} - F x_{ki})\Theta(\epsilon_{ki} - F x_{ki})}{k_B T}} e^{-\sum_{l \in \mathcal{N}} K_{li} \exp\left[-\frac{(\epsilon_{li} - F x_{li})\Theta(\epsilon_{li} - F x_{li})}{k_B T}\right] t} \right).$$
(B1)

We can calculate the integrals in Eq. (B1) by two successive transformations of the integration variables [32].

We divide N into three sets N_+ , N_0 , and N_- , according to the sign of x_{li} . Here, N_+ represents a set of neighboring sites which satisfy the condition $x_{li} > 0$, N_0 represents that of neighboring sites which satisfy the condition $x_{li} = 0$, and N_- represents that of neighboring sites which satisfy $x_{li} < 0$.

First, we consider the case $x_{li} > 0$. In this case, we can calculate the integral as follows:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\epsilon_{li} \frac{e^{-\frac{|e_{li}|}{k_B T_c}}}{2k_B T_c} e^{-K_{li} \exp[-\frac{(\epsilon_{li}-Fx_{li})\Theta(\epsilon_{li}-Fx_{li})}{k_B T}]t} = \int_{-\infty}^{Fx_{li}} d\epsilon_{li} \frac{e^{-\frac{|e_{li}|}{k_B T_c}}}{2k_B T_c} e^{-K_{li}t} + \int_{Fx_{li}}^{\infty} d\epsilon_{li} \frac{e^{-\frac{\epsilon_{li}}{k_B T_c}}}{2k_B T_c} e^{-K_{li} \exp(-\frac{\epsilon_{li}-Fx_{li}}{k_B T})t}.$$
 (B2)

The first term in Eq. (B2) can be calculated as

$$\int_{-\infty}^{F_{X_{li}}} d\epsilon_{li} \frac{e^{-|\epsilon_{li}|/k_B T_c}}{2k_B T_c} e^{-K_{li}t} = e^{-K_{li}t} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{F_{X_{li}}}{k_B T} \frac{T}{T_c}} e^{-K_{li}t}.$$
(B3)

The second term in Eq. (B2) can be calculated by two successive transformations of the integration variables, i.e., $A_{li} = e^{-(\epsilon_{li} - Fx_{li})/k_BT}$ for the first step, and $C_{li} = K_{li}A_{li}t$ for the second. By the first transformation $A_{li} = e^{-(\epsilon_{li} - Fx_{li})/k_BT}$, and using $dA_{li}/d\epsilon_{li} = -A_{li}/k_BT$, we obtain

$$\int_{F_{x_{li}}}^{\infty} d\epsilon_{li} \frac{e^{-\frac{k_{li}}{k_{B}T_{c}}}}{2k_{B}T_{c}} e^{-K_{li} \exp[-(\epsilon_{li}-F_{x_{li}})/k_{B}T]t} = \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{F_{x_{li}}}{k_{B}T}\frac{T}{T_{c}}} \frac{T}{T_{c}} \int_{0}^{1} dA_{li} A_{li}^{-1+\frac{T}{T_{c}}} e^{-K_{li}A_{li}t}.$$
(B4)

Then, by the second transformation $C_{li} = K_{li}A_{li}t$, we obtain

$$\frac{1}{2}e^{-\frac{F_{X_{li}}}{k_BT}\frac{T}{T_c}}\frac{T}{T_c}\int_0^1 dA_{ji}A_{ji}^{-1+\frac{T}{T_c}}e^{-K_{ji}A_{ji}t} = \frac{1}{2}e^{-\frac{F_{X_{li}}}{k_BT}\frac{T}{T_c}}\frac{T}{T_c}(K_{li}t)^{-\frac{T}{T_c}}\gamma\left(\frac{T}{T_c},K_{li}t\right).$$
(B5)

Here,

$$\gamma(T/T_c, K_{ij}t) \equiv \int_0^{K_{ij}t} d\tau \tau^{-1+T/T_c} e^{-\tau}$$
(B6)

is the lower incomplete gamma function. Substituting Eqs. (B3) and (B5) into Eq. (B2), we obtain

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\epsilon_{li} \frac{e^{-|\epsilon_{li}|/k_B T_c}}{2k_B T_c} e^{-K_{li} \exp[-(\epsilon_{li} - F_{X_{li}})\Theta(\epsilon_{li} - F_{X_{li}})/k_B T]t} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}e^{-\frac{F_{X_{li}}}{k_B T}\frac{T}{T_c}}\right) e^{-K_{li}t} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-\frac{F_{X_{li}}}{k_B T}\frac{T}{T_c}}\frac{T}{T_c}(K_{li}t)^{-\frac{T}{T_c}}\gamma\left(\frac{T}{T_c}, K_{li}t\right) \equiv I_{li}^{(0)+}.$$
(B7)

Similarly, we obtain

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\epsilon_{li} \frac{e^{-|\epsilon_{li}|/k_B T_c}}{2k_B T_c} e^{-\frac{(\epsilon_{li}-F_{X_{li}})\Theta(\epsilon_{li}-F_{X_{li}})}{k_B T}} e^{-K_{li} \exp[-(\epsilon_{li}-F_{X_{li}})\Theta(\epsilon_{li}-F_{X_{li}})/k_B T]t} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}e^{-\frac{F_{X_{li}}}{k_B T} \frac{T}{T_c}}\right) e^{-K_{li}t} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-\frac{F_{X_{li}}}{k_B T} \frac{T}{T_c}} \frac{T}{T_c} (K_{li}t)^{-1 - \frac{T}{T_c}} \gamma\left(\frac{T}{T_c} + 1, K_{li}t\right) \equiv I_{li}^{(1)+}.$$
(B8)

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Next, we consider the case $x_{li} = 0$. For this case, we can adapt the above mathematical techniques again:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\epsilon_{li} \frac{e^{-|\epsilon_{li}|/k_B T_c}}{2k_B T_c} e^{-K_{li} \exp[-(\epsilon_{li})\Theta(\epsilon_{li})/k_B T]t} = \int_{-\infty}^{0} d\epsilon_{li} \frac{e^{-|\epsilon_{li}|/k_B T_c}}{2k_B T_c} e^{-K_{li}t} + \int_{0}^{\infty} d\epsilon_{li} \frac{e^{-|\epsilon_{li}|/k_B T_c}}{2k_B T_c} e^{-K_{li} \exp(-\epsilon_{li}/k_B T)t}.$$
 (B9)

The first term in Eq. (B9) can be calculated as

$$\int_{-\infty}^{0} d\epsilon_{li} \frac{e^{-|\epsilon_{li}|/k_B T_c}}{2k_B T_c} e^{-K_{li}t} = \frac{1}{2} e^{-K_{li}t}.$$
(B10)

Using the variable transformations in the above, the second term in Eq. (B9) can be calculated as follows:

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} d\epsilon_{li} \frac{e^{-\epsilon_{li}/k_B T_c}}{2k_B T_c} e^{-K_{li} \exp(-\epsilon_{li}/k_B T)t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{T}{T_c} (K_{li}t)^{-\frac{T}{T_c}} \gamma\left(\frac{T}{T_c}, K_{li}t\right).$$
(B11)

Substituting Eqs. (B10) and (B11) into Eq. (B9), we obtain

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\epsilon_{li} \frac{e^{-|\epsilon_{li}|/k_B T_c}}{2k_B T_c} e^{-K_{li} \exp[-\epsilon_{li}\Theta(\epsilon_{li})/k_B T]t} = \frac{1}{2} e^{-K_{li}t} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{T}{T_c} (K_{li}t)^{-\frac{T}{T_c}} \gamma\left(\frac{T}{T_c}, K_{li}t\right) \equiv I_{li}^{(0)0}.$$
 (B12)

Similarly, we obtain

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\epsilon_{li} \frac{e^{-|\epsilon_{li}|/k_B T_c}}{2k_B T_c} e^{-\epsilon_{li}\Theta(\epsilon_{li})/k_B T} e^{-K_{li}\exp[-\epsilon_{li}\Theta(\epsilon_{li})/k_B T]t} = \frac{1}{2}e^{-K_{li}t} + \frac{1}{2}(K_{li}t)^{-1-\frac{T}{T_c}}\gamma\left(\frac{T}{T_c} + 1, K_{li}t\right) \equiv I_{li}^{(1)0}.$$
(B13)

Finally, we consider the case $x_{li} < 0$. For this case, we can adapt the above mathematical techniques again:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\epsilon_{li} \frac{e^{-|\epsilon_{li}|/k_B T_c}}{2k_B T_c} e^{-K_{li} \exp[-(\epsilon_{li} - F_{x_{li}})\Theta(\epsilon_{li} - F_{x_{li}})/k_B T]t}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{F_{x_{li}}} d\epsilon_{li} \frac{e^{-|\epsilon_{li}|/k_B T_c}}{2k_B T_c} e^{-K_{li}t} + \int_{F_{x_{li}}}^{\infty} d\epsilon_{li} \frac{e^{-|\epsilon_{li}|/k_B T_c}}{2k_B T_c} e^{-K_{li} \exp[-(\epsilon_{li} - F_{x_{li}})/k_B T]t}.$$
(B14)

The first term in Eq. (B14) can be calculated as

$$\int_{-\infty}^{F_{X_{li}}} d\epsilon_{li} \frac{e^{-|\epsilon_{li}|/k_B T_c}}{2k_B T_c} e^{-K_{li}t} = \frac{1}{2} e^{F_{X_{li}}/k_B T_c} e^{-K_{li}t}.$$
(B15)

The second term in Eq. (B14) can be calculated as

$$\int_{F_{x_{li}}}^{\infty} d\epsilon_{li} \frac{e^{-|\epsilon_{li}|/k_B T_c}}{2k_B T_c} e^{-K_{li} \exp[-(\epsilon_{li} - F_{x_{li}})/k_B T]t} \\ = \int_{F_{x_{li}}}^{0} d\epsilon_{li} \frac{e^{\epsilon_{li}/k_B T_c}}{2k_B T_c} e^{-K_{li} \exp[-(\epsilon_{li} - F_{x_{li}})/k_B T]t} + \int_{0}^{\infty} d\epsilon_{li} \frac{e^{-\epsilon_{li}/k_B T_c}}{2k_B T_c} e^{-K_{li} \exp[-(\epsilon_{li} - F_{x_{li}})/k_B T]t}.$$
 (B16)

Using the variable transformations in the above, the first term in Eq. (B16) can be calculated as

$$\int_{F_{x_{li}}}^{0} d\epsilon_{li} \frac{e^{\epsilon_{li}/k_{B}T_{c}}}{2k_{B}T_{c}} e^{-K_{li} \exp[-(\epsilon_{li}-F_{x_{li}})/k_{B}T]t} = -\frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{F_{x_{li}}}{k_{B}T}\frac{T}{T_{c}}} e^{-K_{li}t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{F_{x_{li}}}{k_{B}T}\frac{T}{T_{c}}} e^{-K_{li}} \exp[\frac{F_{x_{li}}}{k_{B}T}\frac{T}{T_{c}})t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{F_{x_{li}}}{k_{B}T}\frac{T}{T_{c}}} (K_{li}t)^{\frac{T}{T_{c}}}} \gamma \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_{c}}, K_{li}t\right) - \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{F_{x_{li}}}{k_{B}T}\frac{T}{T_{c}}} (K_{li}t)^{\frac{T}{T_{c}}} \gamma \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_{c}}, K_{li}e^{\frac{F_{x_{li}}}{k_{B}T}\frac{T}{T_{c}}}t\right).$$
(B17)

The second term in Eq. (B16) can be calculated as

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} d\epsilon_{li} \frac{e^{-\epsilon_{li}/k_B T_c}}{2k_B T_c} e^{-K_{li} \exp[-(\epsilon_{li}-Fx_{li})/k_B T]t} = \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{Fx_{li}}{k_B T} \frac{T}{T_c}} \frac{T}{T_c} (K_{li}t)^{-\frac{T}{T_c}} \gamma\left(\frac{T}{T_c}, K_{li}e^{\frac{Fx_{li}}{k_B T}}t\right).$$
(B18)

Substituting Eqs. (B15), (B17), and (B18)) into Eq. ((B14), we obtain

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\epsilon_{li} \frac{e^{-|\epsilon_{li}|/k_B T_c}}{2k_B T_c} e^{-K_{li} \exp[-(\epsilon_{li} - F_{x_{li}})\Theta(\epsilon_{li} - F_{x_{li}})/k_B T]t}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{F_{x_{li}}}{k_B T} \frac{T}{T_c}(1 - \frac{T}{T_c})} e^{-K_{li} \exp(\frac{F_{x_{li}}}{k_B T} \frac{T}{T_c})t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{F_{x_{li}}}{k_B T} \frac{T}{T_c}} (K_{li}t)^{\frac{T}{T_c}} \gamma \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_c}, K_{li}t\right)$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{F_{x_{li}}}{k_B T} \frac{T}{T_c}} (K_{li}t)^{\frac{T}{T_c}} \gamma \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_c}, K_{li}e^{\frac{F_{x_{li}}}{k_B T} \frac{T}{T_c}} t\right) + \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{F_{x_{li}}}{k_B T} \frac{T}{T_c}} \frac{T}{T_c} (K_{li}t)^{-\frac{T}{T_c}} \gamma \left(\frac{T}{T_c}, K_{li}e^{\frac{F_{x_{li}}}{k_B T}} t\right) \equiv I_{li}^{(0)-}. \tag{B19}$$

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Similarly, we obtain

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\epsilon_{li} \frac{e^{-|\epsilon_{li}|/k_B T_c}}{2k_B T_c} e^{-(\epsilon_{li} - F_{x_{li}})\Theta(\epsilon_{li} - F_{x_{li}})/k_B T} e^{-K_{li}} \exp[-(\epsilon_{li} - F_{x_{li}})\Theta(\epsilon_{li} - F_{x_{li}})/k_B T]t$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} e^{F_{x_{li}}/k_B T_c} e^{-K_{li}t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{F_{x_{li}}}{k_B T} \frac{T}{T_c}} \frac{T}{T_c} (K_{li}t)^{-1 + \frac{T}{T_c}} \left[\gamma \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_c}, K_{li}t \right) - \gamma \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_c}, K_{li}e^{\frac{F_{x_{li}}}{k_B T} \frac{T}{T_c}} t \right) \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{F_{x_{li}}}{k_B T} \frac{T}{T_c}} \frac{T}{T_c} (K_{li}t)^{-1 - \frac{T}{T_c}} \gamma \left(\frac{T}{T_c} + 1, K_{li}e^{\frac{F_{x_{li}}}{k_B T}} t \right) \equiv I_{li}^{(1)-}.$$
(B20)

Substituting Eqs. (B7), (B8), (B12), (B13), (B19), and (B20) into Eq. (B1), we finally obtain the effective waiting time as follows:

$$\langle w(t) \rangle_{F} = \sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}_{+}} \left\{ K_{ki} I_{ki}^{(1)+} \prod_{j \in \mathcal{N}_{+}, j \neq k} I_{ji}^{(0)+} \prod_{m \in \mathcal{N}_{0}, m \neq k} I_{mi}^{(0)0} \prod_{l \in \mathcal{N}_{-}, l \neq k} I_{li}^{(0)-} \right\}$$

$$+ \sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}_{0}} \left\{ K_{ki} I_{ki}^{(1)0} \prod_{j \in \mathcal{N}_{+}, j \neq k} I_{ji}^{(0)+} \prod_{m \in \mathcal{N}_{0}, m \neq k} I_{mi}^{(0)0} \prod_{l \in \mathcal{N}_{-}, l \neq k} I_{li}^{(0)-} \right\}$$

$$+ \sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}_{-}} \left\{ K_{ki} I_{ki}^{(1)-} \prod_{j \in \mathcal{N}_{+}, j \neq k} I_{ji}^{(0)+} \prod_{m \in \mathcal{N}_{0}, m \neq k} I_{mi}^{(0)0} \prod_{l \in \mathcal{N}_{-}, l \neq k} I_{li}^{(0)-} \right\}.$$

$$(B21)$$

Thus, we have derived Eq. (7).

APPENDIX C: DERIVATION OF EQ. (11)

In this Appendix, we derive Eq. (11). For a one-dimensional system where carriers can hop only to the nearest neighbors, Eq. (7) becomes

$$\langle w(t) \rangle_F = K_1 I_{i+1i}^{(1)+} I_{i-1i}^{(0)-} + K_1 I_{i-1i}^{(1)-} I_{i+1i}^{(0)+}.$$
(C1)

Here, $K_1 \equiv v_0 e^{-2a/\xi}$ and $I_{i+1i}^{(1)+}$, $I_{i-1i}^{(1)-}$, $I_{i+1i}^{(0)+}$ and $I_{i-1i}^{(0)-}$ are given by

$$I_{i+1i}^{(1)+} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}e^{-\frac{Fa}{k_BT}\frac{T}{T_c}}\right)e^{-K_1t} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-\frac{Fa}{k_BT}\frac{T}{T_c}}\frac{T}{T_c}(K_1t)^{-1 - \frac{T}{T_c}}\gamma\left(\frac{T}{T_c} + 1, K_1t\right),\tag{C2}$$

$$I_{i-1i}^{(1)-} = \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{-Fa}{k_B T} \frac{T}{T_c}} e^{-K_1 t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{-Fa}{k_B T} \frac{T}{T_c}} \frac{T}{T_c} (K_1 t)^{-1 + \frac{T}{T_c}} \left\{ \gamma \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_c}, K_1 t \right) - \gamma \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_c}, K_1 e^{\frac{-Fa}{k_B T} \frac{T}{T_c}} t \right) \right\} + \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{Fa}{k_B T} \frac{T}{T_c}} \frac{T}{T_c} (K_1 t)^{-1 - \frac{T}{T_c}} \gamma \left(\frac{T}{T_c} + 1, K_1 e^{\frac{-Fa}{k_B T} t} \right),$$
(C3)

$$I_{i+1i}^{(0)+} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}e^{-\frac{Fa}{k_BT}\frac{T}{T_c}}\right)e^{-K_1t} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-\frac{Fa}{k_BT}\frac{T}{T_c}}\frac{T}{T_c}(K_1t)^{-\frac{T}{T_c}}\gamma\left(\frac{T}{T_c}, K_1t\right),$$
(C4)

$$I_{i-1i}^{(0)-} = \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{-Fa}{k_BT} \frac{T}{T_c} (1 - \frac{T}{T_c})} e^{-K_1 \exp(\frac{-Fa}{k_BT} \frac{T}{T_c})t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{-Fa}{k_BT} \frac{T}{T_c}} (K_1 t)^{\frac{T}{T_c}} \gamma \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_c}, K_1 t\right) - \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{-Fa}{k_BT} \frac{T}{T_c}} (K_1 t)^{\frac{T}{T_c}} \gamma \left(1 - \frac{T}{T_c}, K_1 e^{\frac{-Fa}{k_BT} \frac{T}{T_c}} t\right) + \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{Fa}{k_BT} \frac{T}{T_c}} \frac{T}{T_c} (K_1 t)^{-\frac{T}{T_c}} \gamma \left(\frac{T}{T_c}, K_1 e^{\frac{-Fa}{k_BT}} t\right).$$
(C5)

Substituting Eqs. (C2)–(C5) into Eq. (C1), we obtain

$$\langle w(t) \rangle_{F} = K_{1} \bigg[\bigg(1 - \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{Fa}{k_{B}T} \frac{T}{T_{c}}} \bigg) e^{-K_{1}t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{Fa}{k_{B}T} \frac{T}{T_{c}}} \frac{T}{T_{c}} (K_{1}t)^{-1 - \frac{T}{T_{c}}} \gamma \bigg(\frac{T}{T_{c}} + 1, K_{1}t \bigg) \bigg] \\ \times \bigg[\frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{-Fa}{k_{B}T} \frac{T}{T_{c}} (1 - \frac{T}{T_{c}})} e^{-K_{1} \exp(\frac{-Fa}{k_{B}T} \frac{T}{T_{c}})t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{-Fa}{k_{B}T} \frac{T}{T_{c}}} (K_{1}t)^{\frac{T}{T_{c}}} \gamma \bigg(1 - \frac{T}{T_{c}}, K_{1}t \bigg) \\ - \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{-Fa}{k_{B}T} \frac{T}{T_{c}}} (K_{1}t)^{\frac{T}{T_{c}}} \gamma \bigg(1 - \frac{T}{T_{c}}, K_{1}e^{\frac{-Fa}{k_{B}T} \frac{T}{T_{c}}} t \bigg) + \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{Fa}{k_{B}T} \frac{T}{T_{c}}} \frac{T}{T_{c}} (K_{1}t)^{-\frac{T}{T_{c}}} \gamma \bigg(\frac{T}{T_{c}}, K_{1}e^{\frac{-Fa}{k_{B}T}} t \bigg) \bigg]$$

$$+K_{1}\left[\frac{1}{2}e^{\frac{-Fa}{k_{B}T}\frac{T}{T_{c}}}e^{-K_{1}t}+\frac{1}{2}e^{\frac{-Fa}{k_{B}T}\frac{T}{T_{c}}}\frac{T}{T_{c}}(K_{1}t)^{-1+\frac{T}{T_{c}}}\left\{\gamma\left(1-\frac{T}{T_{c}},K_{1}t\right)-\gamma\left(1-\frac{T}{T_{c}},K_{1}e^{\frac{-Fa}{k_{B}T}\frac{T}{T_{c}}}t\right)\right\}$$
$$+\frac{1}{2}e^{\frac{Fa}{k_{B}T}\frac{T}{T_{c}}}\frac{T}{T_{c}}(K_{1}t)^{-1-\frac{T}{T_{c}}}\gamma\left(\frac{T}{T_{c}}+1,K_{1}e^{\frac{-Fa}{k_{B}T}}t\right)\right]$$
$$\times\left[\left(1-\frac{1}{2}e^{-\frac{Fa}{k_{B}T}\frac{T}{T_{c}}}\right)e^{-K_{1}t}+\frac{1}{2}e^{-\frac{Fa}{k_{B}T}\frac{T}{T_{c}}}\frac{T}{T_{c}}(K_{1}t)^{-\frac{T}{T_{c}}}\gamma\left(\frac{T}{T_{c}},K_{1}t\right)\right].$$
(C6)

Thus, we have derived Eq. (11).

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