Floe Scale Model of Anomalous Diffusion in Sea Ice Dynamics

Huy Dinh, Elena Cherkaev, Court Strong, Ken Golden 2020

$$\langle |\mathbf{x}(t) - \mathbf{x}(0) - \langle \mathbf{x}(t) - \mathbf{x}(0) \rangle|^2 \rangle \sim t^{\alpha}$$

 $\alpha = \text{Hurst}$ exponent, a measure of anomalous diffusion.

Measured from bouy position data. Detects ice pack crowding and advective forcing.

J.V. Lukovich, J.K. Hutchings, D.G. Barber Annals of Glaciology 2015

diffusive $\alpha = 1$ Sparse packing, uncorrelated advective field.

sub-diffusive $\alpha < 1$ Dense packing, crowding dominates advection.

super-diffusive $\alpha = 5/4$ Sparse packing, shear dominates advection.

 $\alpha = 5/3$ Sparse packing, vorticity dominates advection.

Goal: Develop numerical model to analyze regimes of transport in terms of ice pack crowding and advective conditions.