

# Porous medium equations with nonlocal pressure

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# The Porous Medium Equation

# Derivation of the Porous Medium Equation

- Physical Model: a continuum (fluid or population) with density distribution  $u(x, t) \geq 0$  and velocity field  $\mathbf{v}(x, t)$ .
- Continuity equation  $u_t = \nabla(u \cdot \mathbf{v})$ .
- Darcy's law (fluids in porous media):  $\mathbf{v} = -\nabla p$ .
- Leibenzon and Muskat (1930):

$$p = f(u),$$

where  $f$  is a nondecreasing scalar function.  $f(u)$  is linear when the flow is isothermal and is a higher power of  $u$  when the flow is adiabatic, i.e.  $f(u) = cu^{m-1}$  with  $c > 0$  and  $m > 1$ .

- $f(u) = cu \rightarrow$  Boussinesq (1903) modelling water infiltration  $\rightarrow u_t = c\Delta u^2$ .
- The model  $u_t = (c/m) \Delta u^m$ .

The Porous Medium Equation  $u_t = \Delta u^m$ .

# Porous Medium Equation / Fast Diffusion Equation

$$\text{PME/FDE} \quad u_t(x, t) = \Delta u^m(x, t) \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^N, t > 0$$

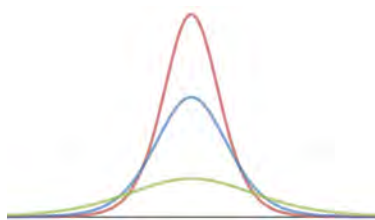
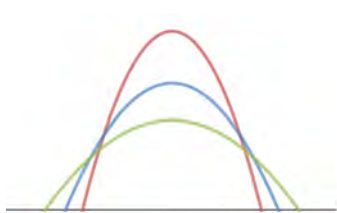
$$\text{Self Similar solutions: } \mathcal{U}(x, t) = t^{-\frac{N}{N(m-1)+2}} F(|x|t^{-\frac{1}{N(m-1)+2}})$$

Slow Diffusion  $m > 1$

Fast Diffusion  $m < 1$

$$F(y) \sim (R^2 - |y|^2)_+^{1/(m-1)}$$

$$F \sim (R^2 + |y|^2)^{-1/(1-m)}$$



## Nonlocal Diffusion

# Definition of the Fractional Laplacian

Several equivalent definitions of the nonlocal operator  $(-\Delta)^s$  (Laplacian of order  $2s$ ):

① Fourier transform  $\widehat{(-\Delta)^s g}(\xi) = (2\pi|\xi|)^{2s} \hat{g}(\xi)$ .

[ can be used for positive and negative values of  $s$  ]

② Singular Kernel  $(-\Delta)^s g(x) = c_{N,s} \text{P.V.} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \frac{g(x) - g(z)}{|x - z|^{N+2s}} dz$

[ can be used for  $0 < s < 1$ , where  $c_{N,s}$  is a normalization constant. ]

③ Heat semigroup

$$(-\Delta)^s g(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(-s)} \int_0^\infty (e^{t\Delta} g(x) - g(x)) \frac{dt}{t^{1+s}}.$$

④ Generator of the  $2s$ -stable Levy process:

$$(-\Delta)^s g(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \mathbb{E}[g(x) - g(x + X_h)].$$

# One of the first nonlocal porous medium models

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where  $\mathcal{H}$  is the Hilbert transform:

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{\pi} P.V. \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{u(y)}{x-y} dy \Leftrightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{H}(u)}(\xi) = -i \operatorname{sgn}(\xi) \widehat{u}(\xi) \Rightarrow \partial_x \mathcal{H} = (-\Delta)^{1/2}.$$



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Properties:

- Existence and uniqueness of viscosity solutions for (IP)
- Existence (and uniqueness) of weak energy solutions for (P)
- Explicit self-similar solutions, compactly supported for (P)



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- Exponential convergence towards stationary states in 1D: Carrillo, Huang, Santos and Vázquez, JDE 2015.

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## Our work

$$\partial_t u = \nabla \cdot (u^{m-1} \nabla p), \quad p = (-\Delta)^{-s}(u). \quad (\text{PMFP})$$

for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$ ,  $t > 0$ ,  $N \geq 1$ . We take  $m > 1$ ,  $0 < s < 1$  and  $u(x, t) \geq 0$ .

The initial data  $u(x, 0) = u_0(x)$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$ ,  $u_0 : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is assumed to be a bounded integrable function.



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Regularize the kernel of  $(-\Delta)^{-s}$

$$\mathcal{K}_\epsilon = \rho_\epsilon \star \frac{1}{|x|^{N-2s}}$$



Energy estimates



passing to the limit in the approximation using suitable compactness estimates

## Existence for $m \in (1, 2)$

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- **Conservation of mass:** For all  $t > 0$  we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} u(x, t) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} u_0(x) dx.$$

- **$L^\infty$  estimate:** For all  $t > 0$  we have  $\|u(\cdot, t)\|_\infty \leq \|u_0\|_\infty$ .

- **Energy estimate:** For all  $t > 0$

$$C \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |\nabla(-\Delta)^{-s/2}(u)|^2 dx dt + \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} u(t)^{3-m} dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} u_0^{3-m} dx,$$

with  $C = (2 - m)(3 - m) > 0$ .

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- Energy estimate

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Difficult: the case  $m \geq 3$  !

New idea: existence for all  $m > 1$  when  $u_0 \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^N) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)$

Based on suitable energy methods.

Formally:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} u_0^p(x) dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} u(x, t)^p dx &= C_1 \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} u^{m+p-2} (-\Delta)^{1-s} u \, dx \, dt \\ &\geq C_2 \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \left| (-\Delta)^{\frac{1-s}{2}} u^{\frac{m+p-2}{2}} \right|^2 \, dx \, dt \end{aligned}$$

by the Stroock-Varoupolos Inequality.

Here  $C_1 = (p-1)/(m+p-2)$ .

# New approximation method

$$u_t = \nabla \cdot (u^{m-1} \nabla (-\Delta)^{-1} (-\Delta)^{1-s} u)$$

Then we approximate the operator  $\mathcal{L} = (-\Delta)^{1-s}$  by

$$\mathcal{L}_\epsilon^{1-s}(u)(x) = C_{N,1-s} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \frac{u(x) - u(y)}{(|x - y|^2 + \epsilon^2)^{\frac{N+2-2s}{2}}} dy.$$

- **Convergence:**  $\mathcal{L}_\epsilon^{1-s}[u] \rightarrow (-\Delta)^{1-s}u$  pointwise in  $\mathbb{R}^N$  as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$
- **Generalized Stroock-Varopoulos Inequality for  $\mathcal{L}_\epsilon^s$ :** Let  $u \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^N)$ . Let  $\psi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\psi \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\psi' \geq 0$ . Then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \psi(u) \mathcal{L}_\epsilon^s[u] dx \geq \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \left| (\mathcal{L}_\epsilon^s)^{\frac{1}{2}} [\Psi(u)] \right|^2 dx,$$

where  $\psi' = (\Psi')^2$ .

# Approximating problem

We consider the approximating problem  $(P_{\epsilon\delta\mu R})$

$$\begin{cases} (U_1)_t = \delta\Delta U_1 + \nabla \cdot ((U_1 + \mu)^{m-1} \nabla (-\Delta)^{-1} \mathcal{L}_\epsilon^{1-s}[U_1]), & (x, t) \in B_R \times (0, T) \\ U_1(x, 0) = \widehat{u}_0(x), & x \in B_R, \\ U_1(x, t) = 0, & x \in \partial B_R, t \in (0, T) \end{cases}$$

with parameters  $\epsilon, \delta, \mu, R > 0$ .

- **Existence of solutions of  $(P_{\epsilon\delta\mu R})$**   $\rightarrow$  fixed points of the following map given by the Duhamel's formula

$$\mathcal{T}(v)(x, t) = e^{\delta t \Delta} u_0(x) + \int_0^t \nabla e^{\delta(t-\tau)\Delta} \cdot G(v)(x, \tau) d\tau,$$

where  $G(v) = (v + \mu)^{m-1} \nabla (-\Delta)^{-1} \mathcal{L}_\epsilon^s[v]$  and  $e^{t\Delta}$  is the Heat Semigroup.

- **Existence of solutions of  $(P)$**

$$(P_{\epsilon\delta\mu R}) \xrightarrow{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} (P_{\delta\mu R}) \xrightarrow{R \rightarrow \infty} (P_{\delta\mu}) \xrightarrow{\mu \rightarrow 0} (P_\delta) \xrightarrow{\delta \rightarrow 0} (P).$$

# Existence of weak solutions for $m > 1$

**Theorem.** Let  $1 < m < \infty$ ,  $N \geq 1$ , and let  $u_0 \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^N) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)$  and nonnegative. Then we prove:

- Existence of a weak solution  $u \geq 0$  of Problem (P) with data  $u_0$ .
- Conservation of mass: For all  $0 < t < T$ : 
$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} u(x, t) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} u_0(x) dx.$$
- $L^\infty$  estimate:  $\|u(\cdot, t)\|_\infty \leq \|u_0\|_\infty, \forall 0 < t < T$
- $L^p$  energy estimate: For all  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $0 < t < T$  we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} u^p(x, t) dx + C(m, p) \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \left| (-\Delta)^{\frac{1-s}{2}} u^{\frac{m+p-1}{2}} \right|^2 dx dt \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} u_0^p(x) dx.$$

- Second energy estimate: For all  $0 < t < T$  we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \left| (-\Delta)^{-\frac{s}{2}} u(t) \right|^2 dx + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} u^{m-1} |\nabla (-\Delta)^{-s} u(t)|^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \left| (-\Delta)^{-\frac{s}{2}} u_0 \right|^2 dx.$$



## Theorem

Let  $u \geq 0$  be a constructed weak solution of Problem (P) with  $u_0 \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^N) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)$ ,  $u_0 \geq 0$ . Then

$$\|u(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)} \leq C_{N,s,m,p} t^{-\gamma_p} \|u_0\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^N)}^{\delta_p} \quad \text{for all } t > 0,$$

where  $\gamma_p = \frac{N}{(m-1)N+2p(1-s)}$ ,  $\delta_p = \frac{2p(1-s)}{(m-1)N+2p(1-s)}$ .

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$\Rightarrow$  Existence of weak solutions for only  $u_0 \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^N)$ .

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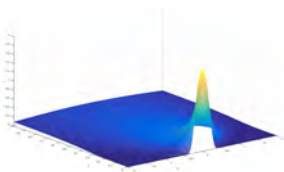


Figure:  $m = 1.5, s = 0.25$

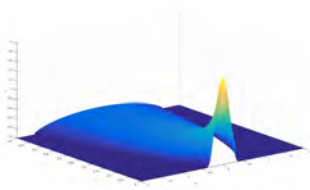


Figure:  $m = 2, s = 0.25$

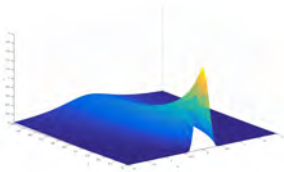


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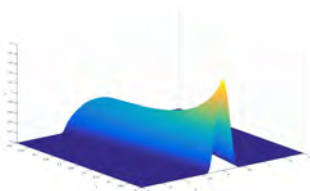


Figure:  $m = 2, s = 0.75$

→ Finite speed of propagation for  $m \geq 2$  / infinite speed of propagation for  $1 < m < 2$

# Finite speed of propagation for $m \geq 2$

## Theorem

Assume that  $u_0$  has compact support and  $u(x, t)$  is bounded for all  $x, t$ . Then  $u(\cdot, t)$  is compactly supported for all  $t > 0$ .

If

$$u_0(x) \leq U_0(x) := a(|x| - b)^2,$$

then  $\exists C = C(t)$  large enough s.t.

$$u(x, t) \leq \mathcal{U}(x, t) := a(Ct - (|x| - b))^2.$$

**Consequence: Free Boundaries!**



Figure:  $u_0 \leq \mathcal{U}_0$

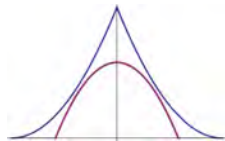


Figure:  $u(x, t) \leq \mathcal{U}(x, t)$

# Infinite speed of propagation for $m \in (1, 2)$ and $N = 1$

## Theorem

Let  $m \in (1, 2)$ ,  $s \in (0, 1)$  and  $N = 1$ . Let  $u$  be the solution of Problem (P) with data  $u_0 \geq 0$ . Then  $u(x, t) > 0$  for all  $t > 0$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

*Idea of the proof:* Prove that

$$v(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^x u(y, t) dy > 0 \quad \text{for } t > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

## The integrated problem

$$\partial_t v = -|v_x|^{m-1} (-\Delta)^{1-s} v \quad (\text{II})$$

The initial data is given by

$$v_0(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x u_0(y) dy.$$

$\implies \exists$  unique viscosity solution  $v$

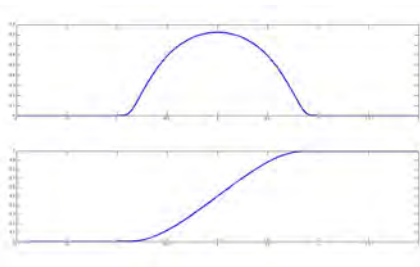


Figure: Typical initial data for models (P) and (IP).

## Theorem

*Let  $m \in (1, +\infty)$ ,  $s \in (0, 1)$ ,  $N = 1$  and  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}^+(\mathbb{R}^N)$ . Then there exists a unique constructed weak solution to Problem (P).*

The proof is done via the integrated problem.

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$$t^{\frac{N(1-\frac{1}{p})}{(m-1)N+2-2s}} \|u(\cdot, t) - U_M(\cdot, t)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^N)} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

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Notice that  $U_M$  can be transformed into a self-similar solution of other nonlocal PDEs as we will explain.



# Transformation to other nonlocal models

Biler, Imbert, Karch

Dolbeault, Zhang,...

de Pablo, Quiros, Rodríguez, Vázquez,  
Bonforte, del Teso, Volzone,...

$$u_t = \nabla \cdot (u \nabla (-\Delta)^{-s} u^{n-1})$$

explicit self-similar solutions

$$u_t = \nabla \cdot (u^{m-1} \nabla (-\Delta)^{-s} u^{n-1})$$

$$u_t + (-\Delta)^{1-s} u^m = 0$$

comparison principle

$n \in (2, +\infty)$

$m \in (1, 2)$

$$u_t + \nabla \cdot (u (-\Delta)^{-s} u) = 0$$

$$u_t = \nabla \cdot (u^{m-1} \nabla (-\Delta)^{-s} u)$$

no comparison principle

$m = 2$

Biler, Karch, Monneau  $N = 1$

Caffarelli, Vázquez  $N \geq 1$

Lisini, Mainini, Segatti

Carrillo, Huang

$$v = \int_{-\infty}^x u$$

$m \in (2, +\infty)$

$$v_t + v^{m-1} (-\Delta)^{1-s} v = 0$$

maximum principle, viscosity solutions

Biler, Karch, Monneau

$$v_t + v^2 (-\Delta)^{1-s} v^m = 0$$

to be studied!

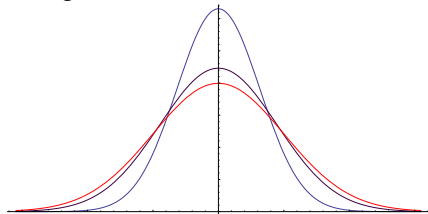
## Fractional Porous Medium Equation

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$$\forall s \in (0, 1) \rightarrow m = \frac{N+2-2s}{N+2s} > m_c = \frac{N-2s}{N}$$

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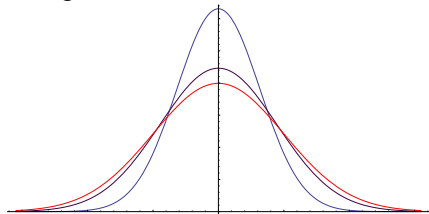
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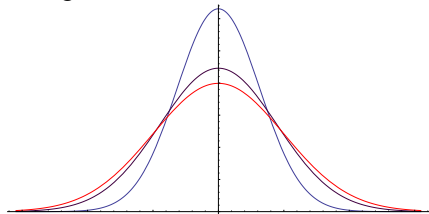
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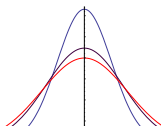


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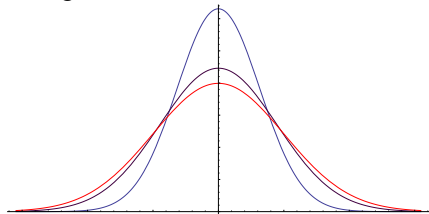
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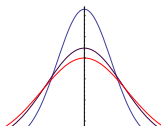


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