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FRACTIONAL FOKKER-PLANCK-KOLMOGOROV
EQUATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH SDES
ON A BOUNDED DOMAIN

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*Dedicated to Professor Virginia Kiryakova on the occasion
of her 65th birthday and the 20th anniversary of FCAA*

Abstract

This paper is devoted to the fractional generalization of the Fokker-Planck equation associated with a nonlinear stochastic differential equation on a bounded domain. The driving process of the stochastic differential equation is a Lévy process subordinated to the inverse of Lévy's mixed stable subordinators. The Fokker-Planck equation is given through the general Waldenfels operator, while the boundary condition is given through the general Wentzel's boundary condition. As a fractional operator a distributed order differential operator with a Borel mixing measure is considered. In the paper fractional generalizations of the Fokker-Planck equation are derived and the existence of a unique solution of the corresponding initial-boundary value problems is proved.

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1. Introduction

The Fokker-Planck equation, including fractional versions, play an important role in the modeling of various random processes. Its applications can be found in statistical physics [6, 13, 35], quantum mechanics [6, 29], biology [7, 26], finance [23, 35], just to mention a few. The most of these applications assume an idealistic model in which a random quantity may take values in the whole d -dimensional space \mathbb{R}^d . Fractional generalizations of the Fokker-Planck equation in this case are obtained in works [9, 12, 14, 15, 24, 37]; see also references therein. The connection of a wide class of fractional Fokker-Planck equations with their associated stochastic differential equation driven by time-changed Lévy processes was studied in paper [14].

What concerns stochastic processes in a bounded domain, they are also spread out broadly, an example of which is a diffusion in a bounded region. The essential difference of the stochastic process in a bounded domain from the case of stochastic processes in \mathbb{R}^d is the influence of the boundary or near boundary processes to the whole picture. There is a rich literature on the stochastic processes and the associated (non fractional) Fokker-Planck equations on a bounded domain; see recent monograph by Taira [30].

In the present paper we will discuss fractional generalizations of Fokker-Planck-Kolmogorov (FPK for short) equations associated with nonlinear stochastic differential equations on a bounded domain with a smooth boundary. The fractional diffusion and associated FPK equation on a bounded domain was studied in papers [1, 8, 10, 21, 32] in various particular cases. Our goal in this paper is to study general initial-boundary value problems describing stochastic processes undergoing inside a bounded region, as well as on its boundary. We also discuss initial-boundary value problems for fractional FPK equations associated with stochastic differential equations driven by fractional Brownian motion on a bounded domain. Note that fractional FPK equation in the whole space \mathbb{R}^d associated with stochastic processes driven by fractional Brownian motion was considered in papers [2, 5, 15, 16].

For reader's convenience we start the discussion with a well known particular cases of the influence of the boundary and related boundary conditions. Consider a nonlinear stochastic differential equation

$$dX_t = b(t, X_t)dt + \sigma(t, X_t)dB_t, \quad X_0 = x, \quad (1.1)$$

where $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ is a random vector independent of m -dimensional Brownian motion B_t , and the mappings

$$b : (0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d, \quad \sigma : (0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d \times m}$$

satisfy Lipschitz and linear growth conditions. Namely, there exist positive constants C_1 and C_2 such that for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ the inequalities

$$\sum_{k=1}^d |b_k(t, x) - b_k(t, y)| + \sum_{k=1}^d \sum_{\ell=1}^m |\sigma_{k,\ell}(t, x) - \sigma_{k,\ell}(t, y)| \leq C_1|x - y|, \quad (1.2)$$

and

$$\sum_{k=1}^d |b_k(t, x)| + \sum_{k=1}^d \sum_{\ell=1}^m |\sigma_{k,\ell}(t, x)| \leq C_2(1 + |x|) \quad (1.3)$$

hold. The stochastic differential equation (1.1) is understood as

$$X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t b(s, X_s)ds + \int_0^t \sigma(s, X_s)dB_s, \quad (1.4)$$

with the second integral in the sense of Itô.

The backward Kolmogorov equation associated with SDE (1.1) in terms of the density function $u(t, x)$ of $X_t^x = (X_t|X_0 = x)$ is

$$\frac{\partial u(t, x)}{\partial t} = A(t)u(t, x), \quad t > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad (1.5)$$

where t -dependent differential operator $A(t)$ is defined in the form

$$A(t) = \sum_{k=1}^d b_k(t, x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} + \sum_{j,k=1}^d a_{j,k}(t, x) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j \partial x_k}, \quad (1.6)$$

with $(d \times d)$ -matrix-function $\{a_{j,k}(t, x), j, k = 1 \dots d\}$, coinciding with the matrix-function $\frac{1}{2}\sigma(t, x)\sigma^T(t, x)$. Here $\sigma^T(t, x)$ is the matrix transposed to the matrix-function $\sigma(t, x)$. The corresponding Fokker-Planck equation, or forward Kolmogorov equation, has the form

$$\frac{\partial u(t, x)}{\partial t} = A^*(t)u(t, x), \quad t > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad (1.7)$$

where A^* is the formally adjoint operator to $A(t)$. Both equations (1.5) and (1.7) are accompanied with the initial condition

$$u(0, x) = u_0(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad (1.8)$$

where $u_0(x)$ is the density function of the initial vector X_0 . Unifying the terminology used in these two equations we call the pair of equations (1.5) and (1.7) *the FPK equation*, the term used throughout the current paper.

If the solution process X_t of the stochastic differential equation in (1.1) is allowed to change only in a bounded region $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ with a smooth boundary $\partial\Omega$, then the probability $\mathbb{P}(X_t \in \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \Omega)$ of X_t being out of the region Ω is zero. The associated FPK equation in this case needs to be supplemented by boundary conditions. In order to see in what form the

boundary conditions emerge, we need to introduce the notion of *probability current*, a d -dimensional vector field $\Phi(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{x})$, components of which are defined by

$$\Phi_k(t, x) = b_k(t, x)p(t, x) - \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} [a_{j,k}(t, x)p(t, x)], \quad k = 1, \dots, d.$$

Using the probability current, one can write forward FPK equation (1.7) in the form of a conservation law:

$$\frac{\partial p(t, x)}{\partial t} + \sum_{k=1}^d \frac{\partial \Phi_k(t, x)}{\partial x_k} = 0,$$

or, the same,

$$\frac{\partial p(t, x)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \Phi(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{x}) = 0,$$

where $\nabla = (\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_d})$ is the gradient operator and the symbol “ \cdot ” means the dot product of two vector objects.

Let S be a $(d-1)$ -dimensional hyper-surface in Ω , and \mathbf{n}_x , $x \in S$, be an outward normal to S at the point $x \in S$. Then the total flow of probabilities through the hyper-surface S can be calculated by the surface integral

$$\int_S \Phi(t, x) \cdot \mathbf{n}_x dS.$$

Two boundary conditions are common in the study of stochastic processes in a bounded region:

- (a) *reflecting* boundary condition, and
- (b) *absorbing* boundary condition.

The reflecting boundary condition means that there is no probability flow across the boundary, leading to the condition

$$\Phi(t, x) \cdot \mathbf{n}_x = 0, \quad t > 0, \quad x \in \partial\Omega. \quad (1.9)$$

In this case X_t will stay in the region Ω forever and be reflected when X_t reaches the boundary $\partial\Omega$. The absorbing boundary means that X_t will be absorbed by boundary as soon as X_t reaches the boundary, leading to the condition

$$p(t, x) = 0, \quad t > 0, \quad x \in \partial\Omega. \quad (1.10)$$

Let a boundary operator \mathcal{B} be defined in the form

$$\mathcal{B}\varphi(x) = \mu(x)\varphi(x) + \nu(x)\frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial\mathbf{n}_x}, \quad t > 0, \quad x \in \partial\Omega, \quad (1.11)$$

where the functions $\mu(x)$ and $\nu(x)$ are continuous on the boundary $\partial\Omega$, satisfying some physical conditions discussed below, and \mathbf{n}_x is the outward normal at point $x \in \partial\Omega$. In order to define operators that will be used

in the FPK equations associated with the SDEs in a bounded domain we introduce the following spaces:

$$C_{\mathcal{B}}^2(\Omega) := \{\varphi \in C^2(\Omega) : \mathcal{B}\varphi(x) = 0, x \in \partial\Omega\},$$

with the boundary operator \mathcal{B} defined in (1.11). Introduce the operator $A_{\mathcal{B}}(t)$ on the space $C_{\mathcal{B}}^2(\Omega)$:

$$A_{\mathcal{B}}(t) := \left\{ A(t)\varphi(x) = \sum_{k=1}^d b_k(t, x) \frac{\partial\varphi(x)}{\partial x_k} + \sum_{j,k=1}^d a_{j,k}(t, x) \frac{\partial^2\varphi(x)}{\partial x_j \partial x_k}, \quad x \in \Omega \right\}.$$

In other words the operator $A_{\mathcal{B}}(t)$ formally is the same as the operator $A(t)$ defined in (1.6), but with the domain $Dom(A_{\mathcal{B}}(t)) = C_{\mathcal{B}}^2(\Omega)$ for each fixed $t > 0$. The operator $A_{\mathcal{B}}$ is linear and maps the space $C_{\mathcal{B}}^2(\Omega)$ to $C(\Omega)$.

Both boundary conditions for stochastic processes in a domain with absorbing or reflecting boundaries discussed above can be reduced to the boundary condition

$$\mathcal{B}p(t, x) = 0, \quad t > 0, \quad x \in \partial\Omega.$$

Therefore, the forward and backward FPK equations in the case of bounded domain in terms of the density function $u(t, x)$ of $X_t^x = (X_t | X_0 = x)$ can be formulated with the help of the operator $A_{\mathcal{B}}$. Namely, the backward FPK equation is given by

$$\frac{\partial u(t, x)}{\partial t} = A_{\mathcal{B}}(t)u(t, x), \quad t > 0, x \in \Omega,$$

and the forward FPK equation is given by

$$\frac{\partial u(t, x)}{\partial t} = A_{\mathcal{B}}^*(t)u(t, x), \quad t > 0, x \in \Omega,$$

where $A_{\mathcal{B}}^*$ is the formally adjoint operator to $A_{\mathcal{B}}$.

Thus, the explicit form of the FPK equation associated with a SDE with drift and diffusion coefficients independent of the time variable t is given by the initial-boundary value problem

$$\frac{\partial u(t, x)}{\partial t} = \sum_{j=1}^d b_j(x) \frac{\partial u(t, x)}{\partial x_j} + \sum_{i,j=1}^d a_{i,j}(x) \frac{\partial^2 u(t, x)}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \quad t > 0, \quad x \in \Omega, \tag{1.12}$$

$$\mathcal{B}u(t, x') \equiv \mu(x') \frac{\partial u(t, x')}{\partial \mathbf{n}} + \nu(x')u(t, x') = 0, \quad t > 0, \quad x' \in \partial\Omega, \tag{1.13}$$

$$u(0, x) = \delta_0(x), \quad x \in \Omega, \tag{1.14}$$

where $b_j(x), j = 1, \dots, d$, are drift coefficients and $a_{i,j}(x), i, j = 1, \dots, d$, are diffusion coefficients; the functions $\mu(x')$ and $\nu(x')$ are continuous functions defined on the boundary $\partial\Omega$. It is well known that the stochastic

process solving SDE corresponding to the FPK equation in (1.12)-(1.14) is continuous. Such a stochastic process represents a diffusion process of a Markovian particle.

The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 provides necessary preliminary information on general (integer order) FPK equations through the Waldenfels operator and Wentzel's boundary conditions. The corresponding stochastic processes represent solutions of associated stochastic differential equations on a bounded domain with combined continuous diffusion, jump, and other relevant phenomena. The main results of the paper is in Section 3. In this section we derive initial-boundary value problems for fractional order FPK equations. The associated stochastic processes represent solutions of stochastic differential equations in a bounded domain with an appropriate time-changed driving processes. In this section we also prove the existence of a unique solution to the obtained initial-boundary value problems.

2. Preliminaries and auxiliaries

FPK equation (1.12)-(1.14) does not take into account jumping events and some specific phenomena (diffusion on the boundary, jumps on the boundary or into the domain, viscosity, etc.) which may occur on the boundary. The general case with jump and viscosity effects involve pseudo-differential operators in the FPK equation and in the boundary condition. The theory of pseudo-differential operators was first developed by Kohn and Nirenberg [20] and Hörmander [17]. An operator A is called pseudo-differential with a symbol $\sigma_A(x, \xi)$, if

$$Af(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \sigma_A(x, \xi) e^{-ix\xi} \tilde{f}(\xi) d\xi, \quad (2.1)$$

where $\tilde{f}(\xi)$ is the Fourier transform of f :

$$\tilde{f}(\xi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) e^{ix\xi} dx.$$

The symbols of pseudo-differential operators in [20, 17] are smooth and satisfy some growth conditions as $|\xi| \rightarrow \infty$. However, symbols of pseudo-differential operators considered in the present paper are not smooth. We refer the reader to works [3, 18, 33] where appropriate classes of symbols are studied.

For simplicity we assume that $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ is a bounded domain with a smooth boundary $\partial\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^{d-1}$. In the general case the (backward) FPK

equation can be formulated as follows:

$$\frac{\partial u(t, x)}{\partial t} = \mathcal{A}(x, D)u(t, x), \quad t > 0, \quad x \in \Omega, \tag{2.2}$$

$$\mathcal{W}(x', D)u(t, x') = 0, \quad t > 0, \quad x' \in \partial\Omega, \tag{2.3}$$

$$u(0, x) = u_0(x), \quad x \in \Omega, \tag{2.4}$$

where $\mathcal{A}(x, D)$ is a second order Waldenfels operator acting on the space of twice differentiable functions defined on Ω , that is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}(x, D)\varphi(x) &= c_0(x)\varphi(x) \tag{2.5} \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^d b_i(x) \frac{\partial \varphi(x)}{\partial x_i} + \sum_{ij=1}^d a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial^2 \varphi(x)}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \\ &+ \int_{\Omega} \left[\varphi(y) - \phi(x, y) \left(\varphi(x) - \sum_{i=1}^d (y_i - x_i) \frac{\partial \varphi(x)}{\partial y_i} \right) \right] \nu(x, dy), \quad x \in \Omega, \end{aligned}$$

and $\mathcal{W}(x', D)$ is a boundary pseudo-differential operator defined on the space of twice differentiable functions defined on $\partial\Omega$ through the local coordinates $x' = (x_1, \dots, x_{d-1}) \in \partial\Omega$ (see [30]):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}(x', D) &= Q(x', D) \tag{2.6} \\ &+ \mu(x') \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}} - \delta(x')A(x', D) + \Gamma_1(x', D) + \Gamma_2(x', D), \end{aligned}$$

with (pseudo)-differential operators

$$\begin{aligned} Q(x', D)\varphi(x') &= \sum_{j,k=1}^{d-1} \alpha_{j,k}(x') \frac{\partial^2 \varphi(x')}{\partial x_j \partial x_k} \tag{2.7} \\ &+ \sum_{j=1}^{d-1} \beta(x') \frac{\partial \varphi(x')}{\partial x_j} + \gamma(x')\varphi(x'), \end{aligned}$$

$$\Gamma_1(x', D)\varphi(x') \tag{2.8}$$

$$= \int_{\partial\Omega} \left[\varphi(y') - \tau_1(x', y') \left(\varphi(x') + \sum_{k=1}^{d-1} (y_k - x_k) \frac{\partial \varphi(x')}{\partial x_k} \right) \right] \nu_1(x', dy'),$$

and

$$\Gamma_2(x', D)\varphi(x') \tag{2.9}$$

$$= \int_{\Omega} \left[\varphi(y) - \tau_2(x', y) \left(\varphi(x') + \sum_{k=1}^{d-1} (y_k - x_k) \frac{\partial \varphi(x')}{\partial x_k} \right) \right] \nu_2(x', dy).$$

Here $\tau_j(x', y')$, $j = 1, 2$, are local unit functions and $\nu_j(x', dy')$, $j = 1, 2$, are Lévy kernels satisfying some conditions indicated below, and u_0 is the density function of the initial state X_0 . If the initial state $X_0 = 0$, then $u_0(x) = \delta_0(x)$. The boundary condition (2.3) is called a *second order Wentzel's boundary condition*, to credit Wentzel's contribution [36] to the theory of diffusion processes.

Obviously, initial-boundary value problem (2.2)-(2.4) recovers (1.12)-(1.14) if $\nu(x, \cdot) = 0$, $Q(x', D)\varphi(x') = \gamma(x')\varphi(x')$, $\delta(x') = 0$, and $\nu_j(x', \cdot) = 0$, $j = 1, 2$. Moreover, one can work with coefficients $a_{ij}(x)$, $i, j = 1, \dots, n$, $b_j(x)$, $j = 1, \dots, d$, $c_0(x)$, and the symbol $\sigma_A(x, \xi)$ of the operator $A(x, D)$ in (2.5) satisfying mild conditions similar to Lipschitz (1.2) and linear growth condition (1.3). However, in this paper, for simplicity, we assume the following conditions:

- (i) $a_{ij}(x) \in C^\infty(\Omega) \cap C(\overline{\Omega})$ and $a_{ij}(x) = a_{ji}(x)$ for all $i, j = 1, \dots, d$, and $x \in \overline{\Omega}$, and there exists a constant $a_0 > 0$ such that

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^d a_{ij}(x)\xi_i\xi_j \geq a_0|\xi|^2, \quad x \in \overline{\Omega}, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d;$$

- (ii) $b_j(x) \in C^\infty(\Omega) \cap C(\overline{\Omega})$, $j = 1, \dots, d$;
 (iii) $c_0(x) \in C^\infty(\Omega) \cap C(\overline{\Omega})$, and $c_0(x) \leq 0$ in $\overline{\Omega}$;
 (iv) the local unity function $\phi(x, y)$ and the kernel function $\nu(x, dy)$ are such that the symbol $\sigma_A(x, \xi)$ of the operator $\mathcal{A}(x, D)$ belongs to the class of symbols $S(\Omega \times \mathbb{R}^d) = C(\overline{\Omega} \times \mathbb{R}^d) \cap C^\infty(\Omega \times (\mathbb{R}^d \setminus G))$, where $G \in \mathbb{R}^d$ is a set of d -dimensional measure zero; see [33] for the theory of pseudo-differential operators with such a nonregular symbols.

Equation (2.2) describes a diffusion process accompanied by jumps in Ω with the drift vector $(b_1(x), \dots, b_n(x))$ and diffusion coefficient defined by the matrix-function $a_{i,j}(x)$, and jumps governed by the Lévy measure $\nu(x, \cdot)$. We assume additionally that the condition

$$(C1) \quad \mathcal{A}(x, D)[1(x)] = c_0(x) + \int_{\Omega} [1 - \phi(x, y)]\nu(x, dy) \leq 0, \quad x \in \Omega,$$

is fulfilled to ensure that the jump phenomenon from $x \in \Omega$ to the outside of a neighborhood of x is "dominated" by the absorption phenomenon at x (see [30] for details).

The coefficients $\alpha_{ij}(x')$, $i, j = 1, \dots, d$, $\beta_j(x')$, $j = 1, \dots, d$, and $\gamma(x')$ of the operator $Q(x, D)$ in (2.5) satisfy the following conditions:

- (a) $\alpha_{ij}(x') \in C^\infty(\partial\Omega)$ and $\alpha_{ij}(x') = \alpha_{ji}(x')$ for all $i, j = 1, \dots, d - 1$, and $x' \in \partial\Omega$, and there exists a constant $\alpha_0 > 0$ such that

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^{d-1} \alpha_{ij}(x') \xi_i \xi_j \geq \alpha_0 |\xi|^2, \quad x' \in \partial\Omega, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}^{d-1};$$

- (b) $\beta_j(x') \in C^\infty(\partial\Omega)$, $j = 1, \dots, d$;
- (c) $\gamma(x') \in C^\infty(\partial\Omega)$, and $\gamma(x') \leq 0$ in $\partial\Omega$.

The symbols $\sigma_{\Gamma_1}(x', \xi)$ and $\sigma_{\Gamma_2}(x', \xi)$ of the boundary pseudo-differential operators $\Gamma_1(x', D)$ and $\Gamma_2(x', D)$ in equations (2.8) and (2.9) satisfy the following condition:

- (d) the local unity functions $\phi_k(x, y)$, $k = 1, 2$, and the kernel function $\nu_k(x, dy)$, $k = 1, 2$, are such that the symbols $\sigma_{\Gamma_k}(x', \xi)$ of operators $\Gamma_k(x', D)$, $k = 1, 2$, belong to the class of symbols $S(\partial\Omega, \mathbb{R}^d) = C^\infty(\partial\Omega \times (\mathbb{R}^d \setminus G_0))$, where $G_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ is a set of d -dimensional measure zero.

The boundary condition (2.3) with the operator $\mathcal{W}(x, D)$ defined in equations (2.6)-(2.9) describes a combination of continuous diffusion and jumping processes undergoing on the boundary, as well as jumps from the boundary into the region, and the viscosity phenomenon near the boundary. Namely, the term

$$\sum_{j,k=1}^{d-1} \alpha_{j,k}(x') \frac{\partial^2 u(t, x')}{\partial x_j \partial x_k} + \sum_{j=1}^{d-1} \left(\beta(x') \frac{\partial u(t, x')}{\partial x_j} + b(x') \frac{\partial u(t, x')}{\partial x_j} \right)$$

governs the diffusion process on the boundary, the term $\gamma(x')u(t, x')$ is responsible for the absorption phenomenon at the point $x' \in \partial\Omega$, the term $\mu(x') \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{n}_{x'}}$ expresses the reflexion phenomenon at $x' \in \partial\Omega$, the term $\delta(x')A(x', D)u(t, x')$ expresses the viscosity near $x' \in \partial\Omega$, and the terms $\Gamma_1(x', D)u(t, x')$ and $\Gamma_2(x', D)u(t, x')$ govern jump processes on the boundary and jump processes from the boundary into the region, respectively. We assume that the condition

$$(C2) \quad \mathcal{W}(x', D)[1(x)] = \gamma(x') + \int_{\partial\Omega} [1 - \tau_1(x', y')] \nu_1(x', dy') + \int_{\Omega} [1 - \tau_2(x', y)] \nu_2(x', dy) \leq 0, \quad x' \in \partial\Omega,$$

is fulfilled to ensure that the jump phenomenon from $x' \in \partial\Omega$ to the outside of a neighborhood of x' on the boundary $\partial\Omega$ or inward to the region Ω is “dominated” by the absorption phenomenon at x' .

We also assume the following transversality condition of the boundary operator \mathcal{W} :

$$(C3) \quad \int_{\Omega} \nu_2(x', dy) = \infty, \quad \text{if } \mu(x') = \delta(x') = 0.$$

Fractional order FPK equations use fractional derivatives, and in more general case, fractional distributed order operators. Below we briefly recall the definitions and some properties of these operators referring the reader to the sources [19, 22, 33, 34] for details. By definition, the Caputo-Djrbashian derivative of order $0 < \beta < 1$ is defined by

$${}_{\tau} \mathcal{D}_*^{\beta} g(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 - \beta)} \int_{\tau}^t \frac{g'(s) ds}{(t - s)^{\beta}}, \quad \tau < t, \tag{2.10}$$

where $\tau \geq 0$ is an initial point and $\Gamma(z)$, $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{\dots, -2, -1, 0\}$, is Euler's gamma function. We assume that the function $g(t)$, $t \geq 0$, is a differentiable function. We write \mathcal{D}_*^{β} when $\tau = 0$. Making use of the fractional integration operator of order $\alpha > 0$

$${}_{\tau} J^{\alpha} f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{\tau}^t (t - s)^{\alpha-1} f(s) ds,$$

we can write ${}_{\tau} \mathcal{D}_*^{\beta}$ also in the operator form

$${}_{\tau} \mathcal{D}_*^{\beta} = {}_{\tau} J^{1-\beta} \frac{d}{dt}.$$

In our further analysis, without loss of generality, we assume that $\tau = 0$.

Let μ be a Borel measure defined on the Borel sets of the interval $(0, 1)$. The distributed order differential operator with the mixing measure μ , by definition, is

$$\mathcal{D}_{\mu,t} g(t) = \int_0^1 \mathcal{D}_*^{\beta} g(t) d\mu(\beta).$$

Two functions $\mathcal{K}_{\mu}(t)$ and $\Phi_{\mu}(s)$ defined with the help of the measure μ respectively by

$$\mathcal{K}_{\mu}(t) = \int_0^1 \frac{t^{-\beta}}{\Gamma(1 - \beta)} d\mu(\beta), \quad t > 0, \tag{2.11}$$

$$\Phi_{\mu}(s) = \int_0^1 s^{\beta} d\mu(\beta), \quad s > 0. \tag{2.12}$$

play an important role in our further analysis. We denote by $\tilde{g}(s)$ the Laplace transform of a function g , that is

$$\tilde{g}(s) = \int_0^{\infty} g(t) e^{-st} dt.$$

One can verify using the Laplace transform formula for fractional derivatives,

$$[\widetilde{\mathcal{D}}_*^\beta g](s) = s^\beta \tilde{g}(s) - s^{\beta-1} g(0+) \tag{2.13}$$

that the formula

$$[\widetilde{\mathcal{D}}_{\mu,t} g](s) = \Phi_\mu(s) \tilde{g}(s) - g(0+) \frac{\Phi_\mu(s)}{s}, \quad s > 0, \tag{2.14}$$

holds. Moreover, using the formula $[\widetilde{t^{-\beta}}](s) = \Gamma(1 - \beta) s^{\beta-1}$ (see [33]), one can also verify that the relation

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{K}}_\mu(s) = \frac{\Phi_\mu(s)}{s}, \quad s > 0, \tag{2.15}$$

holds.

The widest class of processes for which the Itô calculus can be extended is the class of semimartingales [27]. A semimartingale is a càdlàg process (the processes with paths which are right continuous and have left limits) which has the representation (see details in [27]) $Z_t = Z_0 + V_t + M_t$, where Z_0 is a d -dimensional random vector, V_t is an adapted finite variation process, and M_t is a local martingale. An example of a semimartingale is a Lévy process defined as follows. A stochastic process $L_t \in \mathbb{R}^d, t \geq 0$, is called a Lévy process if the following three conditions are verified: (1) $L_0 = 0$; (2) L_t has independent stationary increments; (3) for all $\epsilon, t > 0$, $\lim_{s \rightarrow t} \mathbb{P}(|L_t - L_s| > \epsilon) = 0$. Lévy processes have càdlàg modifications. Lévy processes are fully described by three parameters: a vector $b \in \mathbb{R}^d$, a non-negative definite matrix Σ , and a measure ν defined on $\mathbb{R}^d \setminus \{0\}$ such that $\int \min(1, |x|^2) d\nu < \infty$, called its Lévy measure. The Lévy-Khintchine formula provides a characterization of Lévy process through its characteristic function $\Phi_t(\xi) = e^{t\Psi(\xi)}$, with the Lévy symbol (see, e.g. [28])

$$\Psi(\xi) = i(b, \xi) - (\Sigma \xi, \xi) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus \{0\}} (e^{i(x, \xi)} - 1 - i(x, \xi) 1_{(|x| \leq 1)}) \nu(dx). \tag{2.16}$$

A Lévy subordinator is a nonnegative and nondecreasing Lévy process. A Lévy subordinator with the Lévy symbol $\Psi(s) = s^\beta, s > 0$, is called a β -stable Lévy subordinator. The composition of two Lévy processes is again a Lévy process. In particular, a time-changed process L_{D_t} with a stable Lévy subordinator D_t is again a Lévy process. Transition probabilities of such a time-changed process satisfy FPK type equation with a pseudo-differential operator on the right hand side, whose symbol is continuous but not smooth. However, the composition L_{W_t} , where $W_t = \inf\{\tau \geq 0 : D_\tau > t\}$, the inverse to the stable subordinator D_t is not a Lévy process, but still is a semimartingale. This drastically changes the associated FPK equation: now it is a time-fractional pseudo-differential equation [14, 15], implying non-Markovian behaviour of the process.

The properties of the density function of the inverse process W_t are listed below in the more general case when W_t represents the inverse of a process which belongs to the class \mathcal{S}_μ of mixtures of an arbitrary number of independent stable subordinators with a mixing measure μ . Namely, a non-negative increasing Lévy stochastic process D_t belongs to the class \mathcal{S}_μ if

$$\ln \mathbb{E} [e^{-sD_t}] = -t\Phi_\mu(s).$$

It is known (see e.g. [28]) that mixtures of independent stable processes of different indices are no longer stable. For a stochastic process in \mathcal{S}_μ we use the notation $D_{\mu,t}$ showing the dependence on the measure μ , and for their inverses the notation $W_{\mu,t}$. The density function of $W_{\mu,t}$ is denoted by $f_t^\mu(\tau)$. Note that such mixtures model complex diffusions and other types of stochastic processes with several simultaneous diffusion modes. Their associated FPK type equations are *distributed order differential equations* (see e.g. [19, 22, 34]).

LEMMA 2.1. *The density function $f_t^\mu(\tau)$ possesses the following properties:*

- (a) $\lim_{t \rightarrow +0} f_t^\mu(\tau) = \delta_0(\tau)$, $\tau \geq 0$;
- (b) $\lim_{\tau \rightarrow +0} f_t^\mu(\tau) = \mathcal{K}_\mu(t)$, $t > 0$;
- (c) $\lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} f_t^\mu(\tau) = 0$, $t \geq 0$;
- (d) $\mathcal{L}_{t \rightarrow s}[f_t^\mu(\tau)](s) = \frac{\Phi_\mu(s)}{s} e^{-\tau\Phi_\mu(s)}$, $s > 0$, $\tau \geq 0$.

LEMMA 2.2. *The function $f_t^\mu(\tau)$ satisfies for each $t > 0$ the equation*

$$\mathcal{D}_{\mu,t} f_t^\mu(\tau) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} f_t^\mu(\tau) - \delta_0(\tau)\mathcal{K}_\mu(t), \quad (2.17)$$

in the sense of distributions.

For the proofs of these lemmas we refer the reader to [33].

3. Main results: fractional FPK equations associated with SDEs on a bounded domain

In this section we derive fractional order FPK equations associated with SDEs on a bounded domain as initial-boundary value problems. We also prove existence of a unique solution to obtained initial-boundary value problems.

THEOREM 3.1. *Let X_t be a stochastic process associated with the FPK equation (2.2)-(2.4) and $W_{\mu,t}$ be the inverse to a Lévy's subordinator*

$D_{\mu,t} \in \mathcal{S}_\mu$ with a mixing measure μ . Then the FPK equation associated with the time changed stochastic process $X_{W_{\mu,t}}$ has the form

$$\mathcal{D}_{\mu,t}v(t, x) = \mathcal{A}(x, D)v(t, x), \quad t > 0, \quad x \in \Omega, \tag{3.1}$$

$$\mathcal{W}(x', D)v(t, x') = 0, \quad t > 0, \quad x' \in \partial\Omega, \tag{3.2}$$

$$v(0, x) = u_0(x), \quad x \in \Omega. \tag{3.3}$$

where $u_0 \in C^2_{\mathcal{W}}(\Omega) \equiv \{\varphi \in C^2(\Omega) : \mathcal{W}(x', D)\varphi(x') = 0\}$.

P r o o f. Let T_t be the semigroup with the infinitesimal generator $\mathbb{A} = \mathcal{A}(x, D) : C(\bar{\Omega}) \rightarrow C(\bar{\Omega})$, with the domain

$$\mathbb{D}(\mathbb{A}) = \{\phi \in C^2(\Omega) : \mathcal{W}(x', D)\phi(x') = 0, \quad x' \in \partial\Omega\}.$$

Then the unique solution of problem (2.2)-(2.4) has the form

$$u(t, x) = T_t u_0(x) = \mathbb{E}[u_0(X_t) | X_0 = x],$$

indicating connection of the solution $u(t, x)$ of the FPK equation in (2.2)-(2.4) with the stochastic process X_t . Now, consider the function $v(t, x)$ obtained from the latter replacing X_t by $X_{W_{\mu,t}}$, that is

$$\begin{aligned} v(t, x) &= \mathbb{E}[u_0(X_{W_{\mu,t}}) | X_0 = x] \\ &= \int_0^\infty \mathbb{E}[u_0(X_{W_{\mu,t}}) | W_{\mu,t} = \tau | X_0 = 0] d\tau \\ &= \int_0^\infty u(\tau, x) f_{W_{\mu,t}}(\tau) d\tau \\ &= \int_0^\infty f_{W_{\mu,t}}(\tau) T_\tau u_0(x) d\tau. \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

We will show that $v(t, x)$ defined above satisfies the initial-boundary value problem for fractional FPK equation in (3.1)-(3.3). First, we show that $v(t, x)$ satisfies equation (3.1). Indeed, one can readily see that

$$v(t, x) = - \int_0^\infty \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \{J f_{D_{\mu,\tau}}(t)\} (T_\tau u_0(x)) d\tau.$$

Now it follows from the definition of $D_{\mu,t}$ that the Laplace transform of $v(t, x)$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{v}(s, x) &= \frac{\int_0^1 s^\beta d\mu(\beta)}{s} \int_0^\infty e^{-\tau \int_0^1 s^\beta d\mu(\beta)} (T_\tau u_0(x)) d\tau \\ &= \frac{\Phi_\mu(s)}{s} \tilde{u}(\Phi_\mu(s), x), \quad s > \bar{\omega}, \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

where $\tilde{u}(s, x)$ is the Laplace transform of $u(t, x)$, the function $\Phi_\mu(s)$ is defined in (2.12), and $\bar{\omega} > 0$ is a number such that $s > \bar{\omega}$ if $\Phi_\mu(s) > \omega$ ($\bar{\omega}$ is

uniquely defined, since as is seen from Definition (2.12), the function $\Phi_\mu(s)$ is a strictly increasing function). The function $\tilde{u}(s, x)$ satisfies the equation

$$s\tilde{u}(s, x) - \mathcal{A}(x, D)\tilde{u}(s, x) = u_0(x), \quad x \in \Omega, \tag{3.6}$$

Indeed, applying the Laplace transform to both sides of equation (2.2) and taking into account the initial condition (2.4), we obtain equation (3.6). It follows from equations (3.5) and (3.6) that the composite function

$$\tilde{u}(\Phi_\mu(s), x) = s\tilde{v}(s, x)/\Phi_\mu(s)$$

satisfies the equation

$$\left(\Phi_\mu(s) - \mathcal{A}(x, D)\right) \frac{s\tilde{v}(s, x)}{\Phi_\mu(s)} = u_0(x), \quad s > \bar{\omega}, \quad x \in \Omega,$$

or, the same, the equation

$$\left(\Phi_\mu(s) - \mathcal{A}(x, D)\right) \tilde{v}(s, x) = u_0(x) \frac{\Phi_\mu(s)}{s}, \quad s > \bar{\omega}, \quad x \in \Omega.$$

We rewrite the latter in the form

$$\Phi_\mu(s)\tilde{v}(s, x) - \frac{\Phi_\mu(s)}{s}v(0+, x) = \mathcal{A}(x, D)\tilde{v}(s, x), \quad s > \bar{\omega}, \quad x \in \Omega. \tag{3.7}$$

We notice that the left hand side of the latter equation is the Laplace transform of the expression $\mathcal{D}_{\mu,t}v(t, x)$ due to formula (2.13). Therefore, equation (3.7) is equivalent to equation (3.1).

Further, using (2.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}(x', D)v(t, x') &= \mathcal{W}(x', D) \int_0^\infty u(\tau, x')f_{W_{\mu,t}}(\tau)d\tau \\ &= \int_0^\infty \mathcal{W}(x', D)u(\tau, x')f_{W_{\mu,t}}(\tau)d\tau = 0 \end{aligned}$$

since $\mathcal{W}(x', D)u(\tau, x') = 0$ for all $\tau > 0$ due to boundary condition (2.3).

Finally, making use of the dominated convergence theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} v(0, x) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0+} \mathbb{E}[u_0(X_{W_{\mu,t}})|X_{W_{\mu,0}} = x] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[u_0(X_{W_{\mu,t}})|X_{W_{\mu,0}} = x] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[u_0(X_0)|X_0 = x] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[u_0(x)] = u_0(x). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $v(t, x)$ defined in (3.4) satisfies the initial-boundary value problem in (3.1)-(3.3) for the fractional order FPK equation. □

In the particular case of W_t being the inverse of a single Lévy's subordinators D_t with the stability index $\beta \in (0, 1)$ this theorem implies the following result:

COROLLARY 3.2. *Let X_t be a stochastic process associated with the FPK equation (2.2)-(2.4) and W_t be the inverse to the Lévy's stable subordinator with a stability index $0 < \beta < 1$. Then the FPK equation associated with the time changed stochastic process X_{W_t} has the form*

$$\mathcal{D}_*^\beta v(t, x) = \mathcal{A}(x, D)v(t, x), \quad t > 0, x \in \Omega, \tag{3.8}$$

$$\mathcal{W}(x', D)v(t, x') = 0, \quad t > 0, x' \in \partial\Omega, \tag{3.9}$$

$$v(0, x) = u_0(x), \quad x \in \Omega. \tag{3.10}$$

An important question is the existence of a unique solution of the initial-boundary value problem in equations (3.13)-(3.15).

THEOREM 3.3. *Let the conditions (i) – (iv), (a) – (d), and (C1) – (C3) are verified. Then initial-boundary value problem (3.13)-(3.15) for fractional order FPK equation has a unique solution $v(t, x)$ in the space $C((0, \infty) \times \bar{\Omega}) \cap C^1(t > 0; C_{\mathcal{W}}^2(\Omega))$.*

REMARK 3.1. Here $C^1(t > 0; C_{\mathcal{W}}^2(\Omega))$ is the space of vector-functions differentiable in t and belonging to $C_{\mathcal{W}}^2(\Omega)$ for each fixed $t > 0$.

P r o o f. Introduce the operator $\mathfrak{U}_{\mathcal{W}}$ as follows: $\mathfrak{U}_{\mathcal{W}} = \mathcal{A}(x, D)$ with the domain $Dom(\mathfrak{U}_{\mathcal{W}}) = \{\phi \in C(\bar{\Omega}) : \mathcal{A}(x, D)\phi \in C(\bar{\Omega}), \mathcal{W}(x', D)\phi(x') = 0, \forall x' \in \partial\Omega\}$. As is proved in [31] if the conditions of the theorem are verified, then there exists a Feller semigroup $\{T_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ (nonnegative and contractive) on $\bar{\Omega}$ generated by $\mathfrak{U}_{\mathcal{W}}$. That is for any $\varphi \in C(\bar{\Omega})$ such that $0 \leq \varphi(x) \leq 1$ on $\bar{\Omega}$ one has $0 \leq T_t\varphi(x) \leq 1$ on $\bar{\Omega}$. Moreover, it follows from the general semigroup theory (see, e.g. [30]) that the equation $T_t\varphi(x) = e^{t\mathfrak{U}_{\mathcal{W}}}\varphi(x)$ holds. Hence, for an arbitrary $u_0 \in C(\bar{\Omega})$ the function $u(t, x) = T_t u_0(x)$, $t \geq 0, x \in \Omega$, exists and solves the following initial value problem for a differential-operator equation

$$\frac{\partial u(t, x)}{\partial t} = \mathfrak{U}_{\mathcal{W}} u(t, x), \quad t \geq 0, x \in \Omega, \tag{3.11}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} u(t, x) = u_0(x), \quad x \in \Omega. \tag{3.12}$$

Since the operator $\mathcal{A}(x, D)$ is elliptic with the spectrum in the negative real axis, it follows from the smoothness of a solution to parabolic equations that $u(t, x)$ has all the derivatives if $t > 0$ and $x \in \Omega$. Thus, in particular, this function belongs to the space $C((0, \infty) \times \bar{\Omega}) \cap C^1(t > 0; C_{\mathcal{W}}^2(\Omega))$. The existence and uniqueness of a solution of initial-boundary value problem (3.1)-(3.3) immediately follows from representation (3.4). Also, it follows from this representation that $v(t, x)$ has all derivatives if $t > 0$ and that

the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} |v(t, x)| &\leq \int_0^\infty f_t^\mu(\tau) |T_\tau u_0(x)| d\tau \leq \sup_{t \geq 0} \|T_t u_0(x)\|_{C(\bar{\Omega})} \\ &= \sup_{t \geq 0} \|u(t, x)\|_{C(\bar{\Omega})}, \quad t \geq 0, \quad x \in \bar{\Omega}, \end{aligned}$$

holds. Thus, the function $v(t, x)$ inherits all the properties of $u(t, x)$, including the property $C((0, \infty) \times \bar{\Omega}) \cap C^1(t > 0; C_{\mathcal{W}}^2(\bar{\Omega}))$. \square

Now consider the following initial-boundary value problem (2.2)-(2.4) for t -dependent generalization of the FPK equation

$$\frac{\partial u(t, x)}{\partial t} = \mathcal{B}(x, D)u(t, x) + \frac{(\gamma + 1)t^\gamma}{2} \mathcal{A}(x, D)u(t, x), \quad t > 0, \quad x \in \Omega, \tag{3.13}$$

$$\mathcal{W}(x', D)u(t, x') = 0, \quad t > 0, \quad x' \in \partial\Omega, \tag{3.14}$$

$$u(0, x) = \varphi(x), \quad x \in \Omega, \tag{3.15}$$

where $\mathcal{B}(x, D)$ is a pseudo-differential operator whose order is strictly less than the order of the operator $\mathcal{A}(x, D)$. We assume that $\mathcal{A}(x, D)$ is an elliptic Waldenfels operator defined in (2.5) and $\mathcal{W}(x', D)$ is a Wentzel's boundary pseudo-differential operator defined in (2.6). The parameter γ runs in the interval $(-1, 1)$. Equation (3.13) is a parabolic equation: if $0 < \gamma < 1$, then it is degenerate; if $-1 < \gamma < 0$, then it is singular. Obviously, the initial-boundary value problem in (3.13)-(3.15) recovers problem (2.2)-(2.4), if $\mathcal{B}(x, D) = 0$ and $\gamma = 0$.

Here is the motivating example: if $\mathcal{B}(x, D) = 0$, $\gamma = 2H - 1$ and $\mathcal{A}(x, D) = \Delta$, Laplace operator, then equation (3.13) reduces to

$$\frac{\partial u(t, x)}{\partial t} = Ht^{2H-1} \Delta u(t, x), \quad t > 0, \quad x \in \Omega,$$

which represents the FPK equation associated with the fractional Brownian motion with the Hurst parameter $H \in (0, 1)$ (see, e.g. [5, 16]). Therefore, initial-boundary value problem (3.13)-(3.15) can be considered as a FPK equation of a stochastic process driven by fractional Brownian motion. By definition, the fractional Brownian motion with the Hurst parameter H is a stochastic process B_t^H , Gaussian with mean zero for each fixed $t \geq 0$, with continuous paths and the following covariance function:

$$R_H(s, t) = \mathbb{E}(B_t^H B_s^H) = \frac{1}{2} (t^{2H} + s^{2H} - |t - s|^{2H}).$$

Fractional Brownian motion is not Markovian and is not a semimartingale. Therefore, a stochastic integral and stochastic differential equation driven by a fractional Brownian motion can not be defined in the Itô sense.

Nevertheless, one can define stochastic differential equations driven by fractional Brownian motion in a meaningful sense [4, 11, 25]. Thus, the class of initial-boundary value problems of the form (3.13)-(3.15) describes stochastic processes in a bounded region Ω driven by not only Lévy processes, but also fractional Brownian motion. Below we derive the fractional FPK equation associated with such a stochastic process with a time-changed driving process.

THEOREM 3.4. *Let X_t be a stochastic process associated with the FPK equation (3.13)-(3.15) and $W_{\mu,t}$ be the inverse to a Lévy's subordinator $D_{\mu,t} \in \mathcal{S}_\mu$ with a mixing measure μ . Then the FPK equation associated with the time changed stochastic process $X_{W_{\mu,t}}$ has the form*

$$\mathcal{D}_{\mu,t}v(t,x) = \mathcal{B}(x,D)v(t,x) + \frac{\gamma+1}{2}G_{\mu,\gamma,t}\mathcal{A}(x,D)v(t,x), \quad t > 0, x \in \Omega, \tag{3.16}$$

$$\mathcal{W}(x',D)v(t,x') = 0, \quad t > 0, x' \in \partial\Omega, \tag{3.17}$$

$$v(0,x) = u_0(x), \quad x \in \Omega. \tag{3.18}$$

where the operator $G_{\mu,\gamma,t}$ is defined as

$$G_{\mu,\gamma,t}v(t,x) = \Phi_\mu(t) * \mathcal{L}_{s \rightarrow t}^{-1} \left[\frac{\Gamma(\gamma+1)}{2\pi i} \int_{C-i\infty}^{C+i\infty} \frac{m_\mu(z)\tilde{v}(z,x)}{(\rho(s)-\rho(z))^{\gamma+1}} dz \right] (t), \tag{3.19}$$

where $*$ denotes the convolution operation, the symbol $\mathcal{L}_{s \rightarrow t}^{-1}$ means the inverse Laplace transform, $0 < C < s$, the functions $\rho(z)$ and $m_\mu(z)$ are defined by

$$\rho(z) = \int_0^1 e^{\beta \text{Ln}(z)} d\mu(\beta), \quad m_\mu(z) = \frac{\int_0^1 \beta z^\beta d\mu(\beta)}{\rho(z)},$$

the function $\Phi_\mu(t)$ is defined in (2.12), and $u_0 \in C_{\mathcal{W}}^2(\Omega) \equiv \{\phi \in C^2(\Omega) : \mathcal{W}(x',D)\phi(x') = 0\}$.

P r o o f. Let $u(t,x)$ and $v(t,x)$ be density functions of X_t and $X_{W_{\mu,t}}$, respectively. Then due to the formula for the conditional density, we have

$$\begin{aligned} v(t,x) &= f_{X_{W_{\mu,t}}}(x) \\ &= \int_0^\infty f_{(X_{W_{\mu,t}}|W_{\mu,t}=\tau)} \mathbb{P}(W_{\mu,t} \in d\tau) \\ &= \int_0^\infty u(\tau,x) \mathbb{P}(W_{\mu,t} \in d\tau) \\ &= \int_0^\infty f_t^\mu(\tau) u(\tau,x) d\tau, \quad t \geq 0, x \in \Omega. \end{aligned} \tag{3.20}$$

By definition of X_t the function $u(t, x)$ solves problem (3.13)-(3.15). We will show that $v(t, x)$ satisfies problem (3.16)-(3.18). To show that $v(t, x)$ satisfies equation (3.16), we compute

$$D_{\mu,t}v(t, x) = \int_0^\infty D_{\mu,t}f_t^\mu(\tau)u(\tau, x)d\tau.$$

Here the change of the order of $D_{\mu,t}$ and the integral is valid thanks to the estimate obtained in [15] for the density function $f_t^\mu(\tau)$ of a mixture of stable subordinators having mixing measure μ with $supp \mu \subset (0, 1)$. It follows from Lemma 2.2 that

$$D_{\mu,t}v(t, x) = - \int_0^\infty \frac{\partial f_t^\mu(\tau)}{\partial \tau}u(\tau)d\tau - \mathcal{K}_\mu(t) \int_0^\infty \delta_0(\tau)u(\tau)d\tau. \tag{3.21}$$

Integration by parts in the first integral, we have

$$\begin{aligned} - \int_0^\infty \frac{\partial f_t^\mu(\tau)}{\partial \tau}u(\tau)d\tau &= \int_0^\infty f_t^\mu(\tau) \frac{\partial u(\tau)}{\partial \tau}d\tau \\ &\quad - \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} f_t^\mu(\tau)u(\tau) + \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} f_t^\mu(\tau)u(\tau). \end{aligned} \tag{3.22}$$

The first limit on the right hand side is zero due to part (c) of Lemma 2.1. Due to part (b) of Lemma 2.1 the second limit on the right hand side of (3.22) has the same value as the second integral on the right side of (3.21), but with the opposite sign. Hence, it follows that

$$D_{\mu,t}v(t, x) = \int_0^\infty f_t^\mu(\tau) \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau}u(\tau, x)d\tau.$$

Now using equation (3.13), we have

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\mu,t}v(t, x) &= \int_0^\infty f_t^\mu(\tau) \left[\mathcal{B}(x, D)u(\tau, x) + \frac{(\gamma + 1)\tau^\gamma}{2} \mathcal{A}(x, D)u(\tau, x) \right] d\tau \\ &= \mathcal{B}(x, D) \int_0^\infty f_t^\mu(\tau)u(\tau, x)d\tau + \frac{\gamma + 1}{2} \mathcal{A}(x, D) \int_0^\infty f_t^\mu(\tau)\tau^\gamma u(\tau, x)d\tau \\ &= \mathcal{B}(x, D)v(t, x) + \frac{\gamma + 1}{2} \mathcal{A}(x, D) \int_0^\infty f_t^\mu(\tau)\tau^\gamma u(\tau, x)d\tau \\ &= \mathcal{B}(x, D)v(t, x) + \frac{\gamma + 1}{2} \mathcal{A}(x, D)G_{\mu,\gamma,t}v(t, x), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$G_{\mu,\gamma,t}v(t, x) = \int_0^\infty f_t^\mu(\tau)\tau^\gamma u(\tau, x)d\tau. \tag{3.23}$$

The fact that the operator $G_{\mu,\gamma,t}$ has the representation (3.19) is proved in [16].

Further, we show that $\mathcal{W}(x', D)v(t, x') = 0$ if $x' \in \partial\Omega$. Indeed, using $\mathcal{W}(x', D)u(\tau, x') = 0$ for all $\tau \geq 0$, we have

$$\mathcal{W}(x', D)v(t, x') = \int_0^\infty \mathcal{W}(x', D)u(\tau, x')f_{W_{\mu,t}}(\tau)d\tau = 0, \quad x' \in \partial\Omega,$$

for any fixed $t \geq 0$.

Finally, making use of part (a) of Lemma 2.1 and the dominated convergence theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} v(t, x) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \int_0^\infty f_t^\mu(\tau)u(\tau, x)d\tau \\ &= \int_0^\infty \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} f_t^\mu(\tau) u(\tau, x)d\tau = \int_0^\infty \delta_0(\tau) u(\tau, x)d\tau = u(0, x) = u_0(x). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $v(t, x)$ defined in (3.20) satisfies the initial-boundary value problem in (3.16)-(3.18) for time dependent fractional order FPK equation. \square

REMARK 3.2. The properties of the operator $G_{\gamma,t}$ are studied in paper [16], including the fact that the family $\{G_{\gamma,t}, -1 < \gamma < 1\}$ possesses the semigroup property. Namely, for any $\gamma, \delta \in (-1, 1), \gamma + \delta \in (-1, 1)$, one has $G_{\gamma,t}^\mu \circ G_{\delta,t}^\mu = G_{\gamma+\delta,t}^\mu = G_{\delta,t}^\mu \circ G_{\gamma,t}^\mu$, where “ \circ ” denotes the composition of two operators.

Similarly to Corollary 3.2, in the particular case of W_t being the inverse of a single Lévy’s subordinator D_t with the stability index $\beta \in (0, 1)$ Theorem 3.4 implies the following result:

COROLLARY 3.5. *Let X_t be a stochastic process associated with the FPK equation (3.13)-(3.15) and W_t be the inverse to the Lévy’s stable subordinator with a stability index $0 < \beta < 1$. Then the FPK equation associated with the time changed stochastic process X_{W_t} has the form*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_*^\beta v(t, x) &= \mathcal{B}(x, D)v(t, x) + \frac{\gamma + 1}{2}G_{\mu,\gamma,t}\mathcal{A}(x, D)v(t, x), \quad t > 0, x \in \Omega, \\ \mathcal{W}(x', D)v(t, x') &= 0, \quad t > 0, x' \in \partial\Omega, \\ v(0, x) &= u_0(x), \quad x \in \Omega. \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM 3.6. *Let the operators $\mathcal{A}(x, D), \mathcal{B}(x, D)$, and $\mathcal{W}(x', D)$ in problem (3.16)-(3.18) satisfy the following conditions:*

- (A) *The pseudo-differential operator $\mathcal{A}(x, D)$ is an elliptic Waldenfels operator defined in (2.5) with the conditions (i) – (iv) and (C1) satisfied;*
- (B) *The operator $\mathcal{B}(x, D)$ is a pseudo-differential operator whose order is strictly less than the order of $\mathcal{A}(x, D)$;*

(W) *The pseudo-differential operator $\mathcal{W}(x', D)$ is a Wentzel's boundary operator defined in (2.6) with the conditions (a) – (d), (C2), and (C3) satisfied.*

Then for an arbitrary $u_0 \in C_{\mathcal{W}}^2(\Omega)$ initial-boundary value problem (3.16)-(3.18) has a unique solution $v(t, x)$ in the space $C([0, \infty) \times \bar{\Omega}) \cap C^1(t > 0; C_{\mathcal{W}}^2(\Omega))$.

P r o o f. The arguments used in the proof of Theorem 3.3 do not work in the case of problem (3.16)-(3.18), since the solution $u(t, x)$ of problem (3.13)-(3.15) does not have a representation through the Feller semigroup. To prove the theorem we will use the properties of pseudo-differential operators.

Consider the operator

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{W}}(t) = \frac{t^\gamma}{2} \mathcal{A}(x, D) + \mathcal{B}(x, D)$$

with the domain $Dom(\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{W}}(t)) = \{\phi \in C^2(\bar{\Omega}) : \mathcal{W}(x', D)\phi(x') = 0, x' \in \partial\Omega\}$. This operator is a pseudo-differential operator with the symbol

$$\sigma(t, x, \xi) = \frac{t^\gamma}{2} \sigma_{\mathcal{A}}(x, \xi) + \sigma_{\mathcal{B}}(x, \xi), \quad t \geq 0, x \in \Omega, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad (3.24)$$

where $\sigma_{\mathcal{A}}(x, \xi)$ and $\sigma_{\mathcal{B}}(x, \xi)$ are symbols of the operators $\mathcal{A}(x, D)$ and $\mathcal{B}(x, D)$, respectively. Due to conditions (A) and (B) of the theorem, for each fixed $t > 0$ the symbol $\sigma(t, x, \xi)$ satisfies the following ellipticity estimate

$$-\sigma(t, x, \xi) \geq \kappa_t |\xi|^\delta, \quad |\xi| \geq C, \quad (3.25)$$

with some constants $\kappa_t > 0$, $C > 0$, and $\delta > 0$.

One can see that the solution of problem (3.13)-(3.15) has a formal representation

$$u(t, x) = \mathcal{S}(t, x, D)u_0(x), \quad t \geq 0, x \in \Omega, \quad (3.26)$$

where the solution pseudo-differential operator $\mathcal{S}(t, x, D)$ has the symbol

$$s(t, x, \xi) = e^{t\sigma(t, x, \xi)}, \quad t \geq 0, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d. \quad (3.27)$$

The fact that $u(t, x)$ satisfies equation (3.13) can be verified by direct calculation. To show this fact let us extend $u_0(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \Omega$ by zero, and denote the extended function again by $u_0(x)$. Let $\tilde{u}_0(\xi)$ is the Fourier

transform of $u_0(x)$. Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u(t, x)}{\partial t} &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{S}(t, x, D)u_0(x)}{\partial t} \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{t\sigma(t, x, \xi)} e^{-ix\xi} \tilde{u}_0(\xi) d\xi \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left[\sigma(t, x, \xi) + t \frac{\partial \sigma(t, x, \xi)}{\partial t} \right] e^{t\sigma(t, x, \xi)} e^{-ix\xi} \tilde{u}_0(\xi) d\xi \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left[\frac{(\gamma + 1)t^\gamma}{2} \sigma_{\mathcal{A}}(x, \xi) + \sigma_{\mathcal{B}}(x, \xi) \right] e^{-ix\xi} e^{t\sigma(t, x, \xi)} \tilde{u}_0(\xi) d\xi \\ &= \left[\frac{(\gamma + 1)t^\gamma}{2} \mathcal{A}(x, D) + \mathcal{B}(x, D) \right] w(t, x), \quad t > 0, \quad x \in \Omega, \end{aligned}$$

where $w(t, x)$ has the Fourier transform

$$\tilde{w}(t, \xi) = e^{t\sigma(t, x, \xi)} \tilde{u}_0(\xi), \quad t > 0, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

Changing the differentiation and integration operators in the above calculation is legitimate due to estimate (3.25). Now calculating the inverse Fourier transform of $\tilde{w}(t, \xi)$, and using the definition (2.1) of pseudo-differential operators, we have

$$\begin{aligned} w(t, x) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{t\sigma(t, x, \xi)} e^{-ix\xi} \tilde{u}_0(\xi) d\xi \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} s(t, x, \xi) e^{-ix\xi} \tilde{u}_0(\xi) d\xi = \mathcal{S}(t, x, D)u_0(x), \quad t > 0, \quad x \in \Omega. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $w(t, x) = u(t, x)$, and hence $u(t, x)$ defined by (3.26) satisfies equation (3.13). Further, since $\mathcal{W}(x', D)u_0(x') = 0$ for $x' \in \partial\Omega$, it follows from (3.26) that

$$\mathcal{W}(x', D)u(t, x') = 0, \quad t > 0 \quad x' \in \partial\Omega.$$

Moreover, it follows from (3.27) that $\mathcal{S}(0, x, D) = I$, the identity operator, implying $u(0, x) = u_0(x)$. Finally, estimate (3.25) and representation (3.26) of the solution imply the inclusion of the solution to the space $C([0, \infty) \times \bar{\Omega}) \cap C^1(t > 0; C_{\mathcal{W}}^2(\Omega))$.

The existence and uniqueness of a solution to initial-boundary value problem (3.16)-(3.18) immediately follows from representation (3.20), namely

$$v(t, x) = \int_0^\infty f_t(\tau)u(\tau, x)d\tau,$$

where $u(t, x)$ is the solution of problem (3.13)-(3.15). The arguments here are similar to the proof of Theorem 3.3. Also, similar to Theorem 3.3, the

function $v(t, x)$ inherits all the properties of $u(t, x)$, including the property $C((0, \infty) \times \bar{\Omega}) \cap C^1(t > 0; C_{\mathcal{W}}^2(\Omega))$. \square

REMARK 3.3. The technique used to prove Theorem 3.6 is applicable for FPK equations in the whole space \mathbb{R}^d obtained in papers [15, 16].

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