

FOURIER TRUNCATION METHOD FOR AN INVERSE SOURCE PROBLEM FOR SPACE-TIME FRACTIONAL DIFFUSION EQUATION

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ABSTRACT. In this article, we study an inverse problem to determine an unknown source term in a space time fractional diffusion equation, whereby the data are obtained at a certain time. In general, this problem is ill-posed in the sense of Hadamard, so the Fourier truncation method is proposed to solve the problem. In the theoretical results, we propose a priori and a posteriori parameter choice rules and analyze them.

1. INTRODUCTION

In this work, we consider the inverse problem of finding the source function f in the problem

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^\beta}{\partial t^\beta} u(x, t) &= -r^\beta (-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} u(x, t) + h(t)f(x), \quad (x, t) \in \Omega_T, \\ u(-1, t) &= u(1, t) = 0, \quad 0 < t < T, \\ u(x, 0) &= 0, \quad x \in \Omega, \\ u(x, T) &= g(x), \quad x \in \Omega, \end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

where $\Omega_T = (-1, 1) \times (0, T)$, $r > 0$ is a parameter, $h \in C[0, T]$ is a given function, $\beta \in (0, 1)$, $\alpha \in (1, 2)$ are fractional order of the time and the space derivatives, respectively, and $T > 0$ is a final time. The function $u = u(x, t)$ denotes a concentration of contaminant at a position x and time t . The symbol $\frac{\partial^\beta u}{\partial t^\beta}$ is the Caputo fractional derivative of order β for differentiable function u ; it writes

$$\frac{\partial^\beta}{\partial t^\beta} u(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 - \alpha)} \int_0^t \frac{u'(s)}{(t - s)^\beta} ds,$$

and $\Gamma(\cdot)$ denotes the standard Gamma function. Note that if the fractional order β tends to unity, the fractional derivative $\frac{\partial^\beta}{\partial t^\beta} u$ converges to the first-order derivative $\frac{du}{dt}$ [6], and thus the problem reproduces the diffusion model. See, e.g., [6, 12] for the definition and properties of Caputo's derivative.

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It is known that the inverse source problem mentioned above is ill-posed in general, i.e., a solution does not always exist, and in the case of existence of a solution, it does not depend continuously on the given data. In fact, from a small noise of a physical measurement, for example (h, g) is noised by observation data $(h^\varepsilon, g^\varepsilon)$ with order of $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\|h^\varepsilon - h\|_{C([0, T])} + \|g^\varepsilon - g\|_{L^2(-1, 1)} \leq \varepsilon \quad (1.2)$$

where we denote $\|\theta\|_{C([0, T])} = \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |\theta(t)|$ for any $\theta \in C([0, T])$. It is well-known that if ε is small, the sought solution f may have a large error. An example for illustrating this is given in Theorem 2.13. Hence some regularization method are required for stable computation of a sought solution.

The inverse source problem attracted many authors and its physical background can be found in [18]. Wei et al [20, 19, 21] studied an inverse source problem in a spatial fractional diffusion equation by quasi-boundary value and truncation methods. Recently, Kirane et al [7, 6] studied conditional well-posedness to determine a space dependent source in one-dimensional and two-dimensional time-fractional diffusion equations. Rundell et al [4, 13] considered an inverse problem for a one-dimensional time-fractional diffusion problem. However, the inverse source problem for both time and space fractional is limited. Recently, Tatar et al [17] considered Problem (1.1) with a general source $h(t, x)f(x)$. They show that the inverse source problem is well-posed in the sense of Hadamard except for a finite set of $r > 0$. However the source function is also unstable in L^2 norm (See Theorem 2.14 below). The topic in this paper is to finding approximate solution. Hence, our purpose is different and not contradict with the results in [17]. Motivated by above reasons, in this study, we apply the Fourier regularization method to establish a regularized solution. We estimate a convergence rate under an a priori bound assumption of the sought solution and a priori parameter choice rule. Because the a priori bound is difficult to obtain in practical application, so we also estimate a convergence rate under the a posteriori parameter choice rule which is independent on the a priori bound.

This article is organized as follows. In Section 2, we give a formula of the source function f and establish some lemmas and theorems which are useful to the next results. Moreover, the ill-posedness of the inverse source problem is also given in this section. In Section 2, we propose Fourier regularization method and give two convergence estimates under an a priori assumption for the exact solution and two regularization parameter choice rules.

2. INVERSE SOURCE PROBLEM

2.1. Formula of the source function. First, we introduce a few properties of the eigenvalues of the operator $(-\Delta)^{\alpha/2}$, see [5, 12].

Theorem 2.1 (Eigenvalues of the fractional Laplacian operator). *1. Each eigenvalues of $(-\Delta)^{\alpha/2}$ is real. The family of eigenvalues $\{\bar{\lambda}_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$ satisfy $0 \leq \bar{\lambda}_1 \leq \bar{\lambda}_2 \leq \bar{\lambda}_3 \leq \dots$, and $\bar{\lambda}_k \rightarrow \infty$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$.*

2. We take $\{\bar{\lambda}_k, \phi_k\}$ the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors of the fractional Laplacian operator in Ω with Dirichlet boundary conditions on $\partial\Omega$:

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta \phi_k(x) &= \bar{\lambda}_k \phi_k(x), & x \in \Omega, \\ \phi_k(x) &= 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

for $k = 1, 2, \dots$.

Then we define the operator $(-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}$ by

$$(-\Delta)^{\alpha/2}u := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k \phi_k(x) = - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k \bar{\lambda}_k^{\alpha/2} \phi_k(x),$$

which maps $H_0^\alpha(\Omega)$ into $L^2(\Omega)$. Let $0 \neq \gamma < \infty$. By $H^\gamma(\Omega)$ we denote the space of all functions $g \in L^2(\Omega)$ with the property

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 + \bar{\lambda}_k)^{2\gamma} |g_k|^2 < \infty, \quad (2.2)$$

where $g_k = \int_{\Omega} g(x) \phi_k(x) dx$. Then we also define

$$\|g\|_{H^\gamma(\Omega)} = \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 + \bar{\lambda}_k)^{2\gamma} |g_k|^2}. \text{ If } \gamma = 0 \text{ then } H^\gamma(\Omega) \text{ is } L^2(\Omega).$$

Now we use the separation of variables to yield the solution of (1.1). Suppose that the solution of (1.1) is defined by Fourier series

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} u_k(t) \phi_k(x), \quad \text{with } u_k(t) = \langle u(\cdot, t), \phi_k(x) \rangle. \quad (2.3)$$

Then the eigenfunction expansions can be defined by the Fourier method. That is, we multiply both sides of (1.1) by $\phi_k(x)$ and integrate the equation with respect to x . Using the Green formular and $\phi_k|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$, we obtain an uncouple system of initial value problem for the fractional differential equations for the unknown Fourier coefficient $u_k(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^\beta}{\partial t^\beta} u_k(t) &= -r^\beta (-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} u_k(t) + h(t) f_k(x), \quad (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T), \\ u_k(0) &= \langle u(x, 0), \varphi_k(x) \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

From the result in [17], the formula of solution corresponding to the initial value problem for (2.4) is obtained as follows, from $u(x, 0) = 0$.

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\int_0^t \tau^{\beta-1} E_{\beta,\beta} \left(- \left(\frac{k\pi}{2} \right)^{\alpha} r^\beta \tau^\beta \right) \langle f(x) h(t - \tau), \phi_k(x) \rangle d\tau \right) \phi_k(x). \quad (2.5)$$

By a change variable in the integral, we can rewrite

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\int_0^t (t - \tau)^{\beta-1} E_{\beta,\beta} \left(- \left(\frac{k\pi}{2} \right)^{\alpha} r^\beta (t - \tau)^\beta \right) h(\tau) d\tau \right) \langle f(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x). \quad (2.6)$$

Letting $t = T$ in the latter equality, we obtain

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x)}{\int_0^T (T - \tau)^{\beta-1} E_{\beta,\beta} \left(- \left(\frac{k\pi}{2} \right)^{\alpha} r^\beta (T - \tau)^\beta \right) h(\tau) d\tau}. \quad (2.7)$$

to abbreviate notation, we set

$$\Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) = (T - \tau)^{\beta-1} E_{\beta,\beta} \left(- \left(\frac{k\pi}{2} \right)^{\alpha} r^\beta (T - \tau)^\beta \right),$$

then the source function f is rewritten as

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x)}{\int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau}. \quad (2.8)$$

Remark 2.2. Applying [17, Theorem 2.1], we obtain the existence and uniqueness of problem (1.1) such that $u \in L^2(0, T; H^\alpha(\Omega))$. The regularity estimate for u as in (2.6) is mentioned in [17] and so, we omit it here.

2.2. Preliminary results. Now, we consider the following definition and lemmas which are useful for our main results.

Definition 2.3 ([12]). The Mittag-Leffler function is

$$E_{\alpha, \beta}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{\Gamma(\alpha k + \beta)}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}$$

where $\alpha > 0$ and $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ are arbitrary constants.

Lemma 2.4 ([14]). For $\lambda > 0$ and $0 < \beta < 1$, we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} E_{\beta, 1}(-\lambda t^\beta) = -\lambda t^{\beta-1} E_{\beta, \beta}(-\lambda t^\beta), \quad t > 0. \quad (2.9)$$

Lemma 2.5 ([12]). For $\alpha > 0$ and $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$, we have

$$E_{\alpha, \beta}(z) = z E_{\alpha, \alpha+\beta}(z) + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta)}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Lemma 2.6 ([14]). The following equality holds for $\lambda > 0$, $\alpha > 0$ and $m \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\frac{d^m}{dt^m} E_{\alpha, 1}(-\lambda t^\alpha) = -\lambda t^{\alpha-m} E_{\alpha, \alpha-m+1}(-\lambda t^\alpha), \quad t > 0. \quad (2.10)$$

Lemma 2.7 ([17]). If $\alpha \leq 2$, β is arbitrary real number, μ is such that $\frac{\pi\alpha}{2} < \mu < \min\{\pi\alpha, \pi\}$, $\mu \leq |\arg(z)| \leq \pi$ then there exists two constants $A_0 > 0$ and $A_1 > 0$ such that

$$\frac{A_0}{1 + |z|} \leq |E_{\alpha, \beta}(z)| \leq \frac{A_1}{1 + |z|}. \quad (2.11)$$

Lemma 2.8 ([14]). Let $E_{\beta, \beta}(-\eta) \geq 0$, $0 < \beta < 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^M |t^{\beta-1} E_{\beta, \beta}(-\bar{\lambda}_k t^\beta)| dt &= \int_0^M t^{\beta-1} E_{\beta, \beta}(-\bar{\lambda}_k t^\beta) dt \\ &= -\frac{1}{\lambda_k} \int_0^M \frac{d}{dt} E_{\beta, 1}(-\bar{\lambda}_k t^\beta) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda_k} (1 - E_{\beta, 1}(-\bar{\lambda}_k M^\beta)). \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

Lemma 2.9 ([17]). For any $\lambda_k^\alpha = (\frac{k\pi}{2})^\alpha$ satisfying $\lambda_k^\alpha \geq \lambda_1^\alpha$ there exists positive constant C depending on $\{\beta, T, \frac{\pi}{2}\}$ such that

$$\frac{C}{r^\beta T^\beta \lambda_k^\alpha} \leq E_{\beta, \beta+1}(-\lambda_k^\alpha r^\beta T^\beta) \leq \frac{1}{r^\beta T^\beta \lambda_k^\alpha}. \quad (2.13)$$

Lemma 2.10. Let $h : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ be a continuous function such that $|\mathcal{I}(h)| = \inf_{t \in [0, T]} |h(t)| > 0$. Set $\|h\|_{C[0, T]} = \sup_{t \in [0, T]} |h(t)|$. Then we have

$$\frac{|\mathcal{I}(h)|(1 - E_{\beta, 1}(-\lambda_1^\alpha r^\beta T^\beta))}{\lambda_k^\alpha r^\beta} \leq \int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau \leq \frac{\|h\|_{C[0, T]}}{\lambda_k^\alpha r^\beta}. \quad (2.14)$$

A proof of the above lemma can be found in [17].

Theorem 2.11. *Let $g \in H^\alpha(\Omega)$. Then the inverse source problem has the solution $f \in L^2(\Omega)$.*

Proof. The solution f exists if and only if the series in the right-hand side of (2.8) converges. Hence, we show this point. Indeed, using Lemma 2.10 and noting that $g \in H^\alpha(\Omega)$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{\langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle}{\int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r)h(\tau)d\tau} \right|^2 &\geq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_k^{2\alpha} r^{2\beta} \langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle^2}{\|h\|_{C[0,T]}^2} \\ &= \frac{r^{2\beta}}{\|h\|_{C[0,T]}^2} \|g\|_{H^\alpha(\Omega)}^2, \end{aligned} \tag{2.15}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{\langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle}{\int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r)h(\tau)d\tau} \right|^2 &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_k^{2\alpha} r^{2\beta} \langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle^2}{|\mathcal{I}(h)|^2 (1 - E_{\beta,1}(-\lambda_1^\alpha r^\beta T^\beta))^2} \\ &= \frac{r^{2\beta}}{|\mathcal{I}(h)|^2 (1 - E_{\beta,1}(-\lambda_1^\alpha r^\beta T^\beta))^2} \|g\|_{H^\alpha(\Omega)}^2. \end{aligned} \tag{2.16}$$

From two latter inequality, we conclude that the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x)}{\int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r)h(\tau)d\tau}$ is convergent. The proof is complete. \square

Theorem 2.12. *Let $R : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be as in Lemma 2.10, then the solution $(u(x, t), f(x))$ of Problem (1) is unique.*

Proof. Let f_1 and f_2 be the source functions corresponding to the final values g_1 and g_2 respectively. Suppose that $g_1 = g_2$ then we prove that $f_1 = f_2$. In fact, it is well-known that $E_{\beta,\beta}(-(\frac{k\pi}{2})^\alpha r^\beta (t-\tau)^\beta) \geq 0$ for $\tau \leq t$. Since $\|h\|_{C[0,T]} \geq |\mathcal{I}(h)| > 0$ for $t \in [0, T]$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r)h(\tau)d\tau \\ &\geq |\mathcal{I}(h)| \int_0^T (T-\tau)^{\beta-1} E_{\beta,\beta} \left(-(\frac{k\pi}{2})^\alpha r^\beta (T-\tau)^\beta \right) d\tau \\ &= |\mathcal{I}(h)| T^\beta E_{\beta,\beta+1} \left(-(\frac{k\pi}{2})^\alpha (rT)^\beta \right) > 0. \end{aligned} \tag{2.17}$$

We have the estimate

$$f_1(x) - f_2(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\langle g_1(x) - g_2(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x)}{\int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r)h(\tau)d\tau} = 0. \tag{2.18}$$

The proof is complete. \square

Theorem 2.13. *The inverse source problem of finding the function f is ill-posed in the Hadamard sense in the L^2 norm.*

Proof. Let us Define a linear operator $\mathcal{P} : L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow L^2(\Omega)$ as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}f(x) &= \int_\Omega p(x, \omega) f(\omega) d\omega \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[\int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r)h(\tau)d\tau \right] \langle f(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x) \end{aligned} \tag{2.19}$$

where

$$p(x, \omega) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[\int_0^T \Phi_{\beta}(\lambda_k^{\alpha}, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau \right] \phi_k(x) \phi_k(\omega).$$

Because $p(x, \omega) = p(\omega, x)$ we know that \mathcal{K} is self-adjoint operator. Next, we prove its compactness. Defining the finite rank operators \mathcal{K}_N as follows

$$\mathcal{P}_N f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^N \left[\int_0^T \Phi_{\beta}(\lambda_k^{\alpha}, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau \right] \langle f(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x). \quad (2.20)$$

Then, from (2.19) and (2.20), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{P}_N f - \mathcal{P} f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 &= \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} \left[\int_0^T \Phi_{\beta}(\lambda_k^{\alpha}, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau \right]^2 |\langle f(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle|^2 \\ &\leq \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} \frac{\|h\|_{C[0,T]}^2}{\lambda_k^{2\alpha}} |\langle f(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle|^2 \\ &\leq \frac{\|h\|_{C[0,T]}^2}{\lambda_N^{2\alpha}} \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} |\langle f(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.21)$$

This implies

$$\|\mathcal{P}_N f - \mathcal{P} f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \left(\frac{\|h\|_{C[0,T]}^2}{\lambda_N^{2\alpha}} \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \right)^{1/2} = \frac{\|h\|_{C[0,T]}}{\lambda_N^{\alpha}} \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}. \quad (2.22)$$

Therefore, $\|\mathcal{P}_N - \mathcal{P}\| \rightarrow 0$ in the sense of operator norm in $L(L^2(\Omega); L^2(\Omega))$ as $N \rightarrow \infty$. Also, \mathcal{P} is a compact operator. Next, the singular values for the linear self-adjoint compact operator \mathcal{P} are

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_k &= \int_0^T (T - \tau)^{\beta-1} E_{\beta, \beta} \left(- \left(\frac{k\pi}{2} \right)^{\alpha} r^{\beta} (T - \tau)^{\beta} \right) h(\tau) d\tau \\ &= \int_0^T \Phi_{\beta}(\lambda_k^{\alpha}, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau, \end{aligned} \quad (2.23)$$

and corresponding eigenvectors is ϕ_k which is known as an orthonormal basis in $L^2(\Omega)$. From (2.19), the inverse source problem we introduced above can be formulated as an operator equation.

$$\mathcal{P} f(x) = g(x) \quad (2.24)$$

and by Kirsch [8], we conclude that it is ill-posed. To illustrate an ill-posed problem, we present an example. Let us choose the input final data $g^m(x) = \frac{\phi_m(x)}{\sqrt{r^{2\beta} \lambda_m^{\alpha}}}$. Following (2.9), we know $\lambda_m^{\alpha} = (\frac{m\pi}{2})^{\alpha}$. By (2.8), the source term corresponding to g^m is

$$\begin{aligned} f^m(x) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\langle g^m(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x)}{\int_0^T \Phi_{\beta}(\lambda_k^{\alpha}, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\langle \frac{\phi_m(x)}{\sqrt{r^{2\beta} (\frac{m\pi}{2})^{\alpha}}}, \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x)}{\int_0^T \Phi_{\beta}(\lambda_k^{\alpha}, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau} \\ &= \frac{\phi_m(x)}{\sqrt{r^{2\beta} (\frac{m\pi}{2})^{\alpha}} \int_0^T \Phi_{\beta}(\lambda_m^{\alpha}, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.25)$$

Let us choose another input final data $g = 0$. By (2.7), the source term corresponding to g is $f = 0$. An error in L^2 norm between two input final data is

$$\|g^m - g\|_{L^2(\Omega)} = \left\| \frac{\phi_m(x)}{|r^\beta| \sqrt{\left(\frac{m\pi}{2}\right)^\alpha}} \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)} = \frac{1}{|r^\beta| \sqrt{\left(\frac{m\pi}{2}\right)^\alpha}}, \quad (2.26)$$

where $\alpha \in (1, 2)$. Therefore

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \|g^m - g\|_{L^2(\Omega)} = \lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{|r^\beta| \sqrt{\left(\frac{m\pi}{2}\right)^\alpha}} = 0. \quad (2.27)$$

And an error in $L^2(-1, 1)$ norm between two corresponding source term is

$$\begin{aligned} \|f^m - f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} &= \left\| \frac{\phi_m(x)}{|r^\beta| \sqrt{\left(\frac{m\pi}{2}\right)^\alpha} \int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau} \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \\ &= \frac{1}{|r^\beta| \sqrt{\left(\frac{m\pi}{2}\right)^\alpha} \int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.28)$$

which we note that $\beta \in (0, 1)$ and r is positive number. From (2.28) and using the inequality as in Lemma 2.10, we obtain

$$\|f^m - f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \geq \frac{\sqrt{\left(\frac{m\pi}{2}\right)^\alpha}}{\|h\|_{C[0, T]}}. \quad (2.29)$$

This leads to

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \|f^m - f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} > \lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\sqrt{\left(\frac{m\pi}{2}\right)^\alpha}}{\|h\|_{C[0, T]}} = +\infty. \quad (2.30)$$

Combining (2.27) with (2.30), we conclude that the inverse source problem is ill-posed. \square

Theorem 2.14 (A conditional stability estimate). *Assume that there exists $\gamma > 0$ such that $\|f\|_{H^{\alpha\gamma}(\Omega)} \leq M$ for $M > 0$. Then*

$$\|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \mathcal{K}_{\alpha, \beta}(h, r, T) M^{\frac{1}{\gamma+1}} \|g\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma+1}}, \quad (2.31)$$

where

$$\mathcal{K}_{\alpha, \beta}(h, r, T) = \frac{(r^\beta)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma+1}}}{|\mathcal{I}(h)|^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma+1}} \operatorname{big}(1 - E_{\alpha, 1}(-\lambda_1^\alpha r^\beta T^\beta))^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma+1}}}. \quad (2.32)$$

Proof. According (2.8), by Hölder's inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{\langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x)}{\int_0^T \Phi_{\beta}(\lambda_k^{\alpha}, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau} \right|^2 \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{|\langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle|^{\frac{2}{\gamma+1}} |\langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle|^{\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma+1}}}{\left| \int_0^T \Phi_{\beta}(\lambda_k^{\alpha}, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau \right|^2} \\
 &\leq \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{|\langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle|^2}{\left| \int_0^T \Phi_{\beta}(\lambda_k^{\alpha}, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau \right|^{2(\gamma+1)}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma+1}} \\
 &\quad \times \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |\langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle|^2 \right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma+1}} \\
 &\leq \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{|\langle f(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle|^2}{\left| \int_0^T \Phi_{\beta}(\lambda_k^{\alpha}, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau \right|^{2\gamma}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma+1}} \|g\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^{\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma+1}}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.33}$$

Here we have used the fact that

$$\langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle = \langle f(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \left| \int_0^T \Phi_{\beta}(\lambda_k^{\alpha}, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau \right|^2.$$

Using Lemma 2.10, we have

$$\left| \int_0^T \Phi_{\beta}(\lambda_k^{\alpha}, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau \right|^{2\gamma} \geq \frac{|\mathcal{I}(h)|^{2\gamma}}{\lambda_k^{2\alpha\gamma} r^{2\beta\gamma}} (1 - E_{\beta,1}(-\lambda_1^{\alpha} r^{\beta} T^{\beta}))^{2\gamma} \tag{2.34}$$

and this inequality leads to

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{|\langle f(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle|^2}{\left| \int_0^T \Phi_{\beta}(\lambda_k^{\alpha}, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau \right|^{2\gamma}} \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{r^{2\beta\gamma} \lambda_k^{2\alpha\gamma} |\langle f(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle|^2}{|\mathcal{I}(h)|^{2\gamma} (1 - E_{\beta,1}(-\lambda_1^{\alpha} r^{\beta} T^{\beta}))^{2\gamma}} \\
 &\leq \frac{r^{2\beta\gamma}}{|\mathcal{I}(h)|^{2\gamma} (1 - E_{\beta,1}(-\lambda_1^{\alpha} r^{\beta} T^{\beta}))^{2\gamma}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_k^{2\alpha\gamma} |\langle f(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle|^2 \\
 &= \frac{r^{2\beta\gamma} \|f\|_{H^{\alpha\gamma}(\Omega)}^2}{|\mathcal{I}(h)|^{2\gamma} (1 - E_{\beta,1}(-\lambda_1^{\alpha} r^{\beta} T^{\beta}))^{2\gamma}}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.35}$$

Combining (2.33) with (2.35), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 &\leq \frac{r^{\frac{2\beta\gamma}{\gamma+1}} \|f\|_{H^{\alpha\gamma}(\Omega)}^{\frac{2}{\gamma+1}}}{|\mathcal{I}(h)|^{\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma+1}} (1 - E_{\beta,1}(-\lambda_1^{\alpha} r^{\beta} T^{\beta}))^{\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma+1}}} \|g\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^{\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma+1}} \\
 &\leq |\mathcal{K}_{\alpha,\beta}(h, r, T)|^2 M^{\frac{2}{\gamma+1}} \|g\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^{\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma+1}}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.36}$$

□

3. FOURIER TRUNCATION REGULARIZATION AND ERROR ESTIMATE

In this section, we eliminate all the components of large k from the solution and define the truncation regularized solution as follows:

$$f^{\epsilon, N}(x) = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\langle g^\epsilon(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x)}{\int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) h^\epsilon(\tau) d\tau} \quad (3.1)$$

where the positive integer N plays the role of regularization parameter. Next, we consider an *a-priori* and an *a-posteriori* choice to find the regularization parameter. Under each choice of the regularization parameter, the error estimates between the exact solution f given by (2.7) and the regularized approximation solution $f^{\epsilon, N}$ given by (3.1) can be obtained.

3.1. An a priori parameter choice. Afterwards, we will give an error estimation for $\|f(x) - f^{\epsilon, N}(x)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$ and show convergence rate under a suitable choice for the regularization parameter.

Theorem 3.1. *Let $f^{\epsilon, N}$ be the regularized solution for problem (1.1) with noisy data g^ϵ and $f(x)$ be the exact solution for problem (1.1). Let us choose parameter regularization $N = [\mu]$, where $[\mu]$ denotes the largest integer less than or equal to μ . Then we have the following:*

- If $0 < \gamma \leq 1$ then choose $\mu = \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{M}{\epsilon} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha(\gamma+1)}}$, we have the estimate

$$\|f(x) - f^{\epsilon, N}(x)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \varepsilon^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma+1}} M^{\frac{1}{\gamma+1}} \mathcal{D}_{\alpha, \beta}(f, h, h^\epsilon, r, T). \quad (3.2)$$

- If $\gamma > 1$, choose $\mu = \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{M}{\epsilon} \right)^{\frac{1}{2\alpha}}$, we obtain the error estimate

$$\|f(x) - f^{\epsilon, N}(x)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} M^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathcal{D}_{\alpha, \beta}(f, h, h^\epsilon, r, T), \quad (3.3)$$

where

$$\mathcal{D}_{\alpha, \beta}(f, h, h^\epsilon, r, T) = \left[1 + \max \left\{ \frac{r^\beta}{|\mathcal{I}(h)|(1 - E_{\beta, 1}(-\lambda_1^\alpha r^\beta T^\beta))}, \frac{\|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}}{|\mathcal{I}(h^\epsilon)|} \right\} \right]. \quad (3.4)$$

Remark 3.2. If the function h depends on x and t , i.e. $h = h(t, x)$ then we can not represent f as the Fourier series as (2.8). Hence, we can not use some usual regularization methods. The regularized problem is open and difficult when h depends on x and t .

Proof of Theorem 3.1. Using (2.7) and (3.1) and the triangle inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) - f^{\epsilon, N}(x) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x)}{\int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau} - \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\langle g^\epsilon(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x)}{\int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) h^\epsilon(\tau) d\tau} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x)}{\int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau} - \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x)}{\int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau} \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x)}{\int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau} - \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\langle g^\epsilon(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x)}{\int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) h^\epsilon(\tau) d\tau}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 & f(x) - f^{\epsilon, N}(x) \\
 &= \underbrace{\sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} \frac{\langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x)}{\int_0^T \Phi_{\beta}(\lambda_k^{\alpha}, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau}}_{\mathcal{Q}_1} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\langle g(x) - g^{\epsilon}(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x)}{\int_0^T \Phi_{\beta}(\lambda_k^{\alpha}, \tau, r) h^{\epsilon}(\tau) d\tau}}_{\mathcal{Q}_2} \\
 &+ \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x)}{\int_0^T \Phi_{\beta}(\lambda_k^{\alpha}, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau} \times \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\int_0^T \Phi_{\beta}(\lambda_k^{\alpha}, \tau, r) (h^{\epsilon}(\tau) - h(\tau)) d\tau}{\int_0^T \Phi_{\beta}(\lambda_k^{\alpha}, \tau, r) h^{\epsilon}(\tau) d\tau}}_{\mathcal{Q}_3}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

First, we have the following estimate

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\mathcal{Q}_1\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 &= \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} \frac{|\langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle|^2}{\left| \int_0^T \Phi_{\beta}(\lambda_k^{\alpha}, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau \right|^2} \\
 &= |\langle f(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle|^2 \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} (1 + \lambda_k)^{-2\alpha\gamma} (1 + \lambda_k)^{2\alpha\gamma} |\langle f(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle|^2 \\
 &\leq (1 + \lambda_N)^{-2\alpha\gamma} M^2.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

Hence, we obtain

$$\|\mathcal{Q}_1\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq (1 + \lambda_N)^{-\alpha\gamma} M. \tag{3.8}$$

Second, the term $\|\mathcal{Q}_2\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$ is bounded by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\mathcal{Q}_2\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 &\leq \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{|\langle g(x) - g^{\epsilon}(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle|^2}{\left| \int_0^T \Phi_{\beta}(\lambda_k^{\alpha}, \tau, r) h^{\epsilon}(\tau) d\tau \right|^2} \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\lambda_k^{2\alpha} r^{2\beta} |\langle g(x) - g^{\epsilon}(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle|^2}{|\mathcal{I}(h^{\epsilon})|^2 (1 - E_{\beta,1}(-\lambda_1^{\alpha} r^{\beta} T^{\beta}))^2} \\
 &\leq \sup_{1 \leq k \leq N} \frac{\lambda_k^{2\alpha} r^{2\beta}}{|\mathcal{I}(h^{\epsilon})|^2 (1 - E_{\beta,1}(-\lambda_1^{\alpha} r^{\beta} T^{\beta}))^2} \\
 &\quad \times \sum_{k=1}^N |\langle g(x) - g^{\epsilon}(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle|^2 \\
 &\leq \frac{\lambda_N^{2\alpha} r^{2\beta}}{|\mathcal{I}(h^{\epsilon})|^2 (1 - E_{\beta,1}(-\lambda_1^{\alpha} r^{\beta} T^{\beta}))^2} \|g^{\epsilon} - g\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \\
 &\leq \frac{\lambda_N^{2\alpha} r^{2\beta}}{|\mathcal{I}(h^{\epsilon})|^2 (1 - E_{\beta,1}(-\lambda_1^{\alpha} r^{\beta} T^{\beta}))^2} \epsilon^2.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

Hence

$$\|\mathcal{Q}_2\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \frac{\lambda_N^{\alpha} r^{\beta}}{|\mathcal{I}(h^{\epsilon})| (1 - E_{\beta,1}(-\lambda_1^{\alpha} r^{\beta} T^{\beta}))} \epsilon. \tag{3.10}$$

Finally, the term $\|\mathcal{Q}_3\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$ can be estimated as follows

$$\|\mathcal{Q}_3\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq \left[\sum_{k=1}^N \left| \frac{\langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x)}{\int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau} \right|^2 \right] \left[\sum_{k=1}^N \left| \frac{\int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) (h^\varepsilon(\tau) - h(\tau)) d\tau}{\int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) h^\varepsilon(\tau) d\tau} \right|^2 \right] \\
 &\leq \left[\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\left| \int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) (h^\varepsilon(\tau) - h(\tau)) d\tau \right|^2}{\left| \int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) h^\varepsilon(\tau) d\tau \right|^2} \right] \left[\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{|\langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle|^2}{\left| \int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau \right|^2} \right] \\
 &\leq \frac{\|h^\varepsilon - h\|_{C[0,T]}^2}{|\mathcal{I}(h^\varepsilon)|^2} \sum_{k=1}^\infty \frac{|\langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle|^2}{\left| \int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau \right|^2} \tag{3.11} \\
 &= \frac{\|h^\varepsilon - h\|_{C[0,T]}^2}{|\mathcal{I}(h^\varepsilon)|^2} \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \\
 &\leq \frac{\varepsilon^2 \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2}{|\mathcal{I}(h^\varepsilon)|^2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\|\mathcal{Q}_3\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \frac{\varepsilon \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}}{|\mathcal{I}(h^\varepsilon)|}. \tag{3.12}$$

Combining (3.7), (3.9) and (3.11), it yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\|f(x) - f^{\varepsilon,N}(x)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \\
 &\leq (1 + \lambda_N)^{-\alpha\gamma} M + \varepsilon \frac{\|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}}{|\mathcal{I}(h^\varepsilon)|} + \varepsilon \frac{\lambda_N^\alpha r^\beta}{|\mathcal{I}(h^\varepsilon)| (1 - E_{\beta,1}(-\lambda_1^\alpha r^\beta T^\beta))}. \tag{3.13}
 \end{aligned}$$

This and the fact that $N \leq \mu \leq N + 1$ give

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\|f(x) - f^{\varepsilon,N}(x)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \\
 &\leq \left(\frac{\mu\pi}{2}\right)^{-\gamma\alpha} M + \varepsilon \left(\frac{\mu\pi}{2}\right)^\alpha \max \left\{ \frac{r^\beta}{|\mathcal{I}(h^\varepsilon)| (1 - E_{\beta,1}(-\lambda_1^\alpha r^\beta T^\beta))}, \frac{\|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}}{|\mathcal{I}(h^\varepsilon)|} \right\} \\
 &\leq \varepsilon^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma+1}} M^{\frac{1}{\gamma+1}} \left[1 + \max \left\{ \frac{r^\beta}{|\mathcal{I}(h^\varepsilon)| (1 - E_{\beta,1}(-\lambda_1^\alpha r^\beta T^\beta))}, \frac{\|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}}{|\mathcal{I}(h^\varepsilon)|} \right\} \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

□

3.2. An a posteriori parameter choice. In this subsection, we consider an a posteriori regularization parameter choice by the discrepancy principle. Define

$$F_N g^\varepsilon = \sum_{k=1}^N \langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x). \tag{3.14}$$

By the discrepancy principle, we take $K = K(\varepsilon, g^\varepsilon)$ as the solution of

$$\|(I - F_N)g^\varepsilon\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq m\varepsilon \leq \|(I - F_{N-1})g^\varepsilon\|_{L^2(\Omega)}, \quad m > 1. \tag{3.15}$$

Lemma 3.3. *We have*

$$N \leq \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{\|h\|_{C[0,T]} M}{r^\beta (m-1)\varepsilon} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha(\gamma+1)}}. \tag{3.16}$$

Proof. From $\|g^\varepsilon - g\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \varepsilon$ and (3.15), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|F_{N-1}g - g\|_{L^2(\Omega)} &= \|(F_{N-1} - I)g^\varepsilon - (I - F_{N-1})(g - g^\varepsilon)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \\
 &\geq \|(F_{N-1} - I)g^\varepsilon\|_{L^2(\Omega)} - \|(I - F_{N-1})(g - g^\varepsilon)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \tag{3.17} \\
 &\geq (m-1)\varepsilon.
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, for $k \geq N$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau \right| &\leq \|h\|_{C[0,T]} \int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) d\tau \\ &= \|h\|_{C[0,T]} \frac{(1 - E_{\beta,1}(-\lambda_k^\alpha r^\beta T^\beta))}{\lambda_k^\alpha r^\beta} \\ &\leq \frac{\|h\|_{C[0,T]}}{\lambda_N^\alpha r^\beta}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.18)$$

This implies

$$\begin{aligned} &\|F_{N-1}g - g\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \\ &= \sum_{k=N}^{\infty} |\langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle|^2 \\ &= \sum_{k=N}^{\infty} \left| \int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau \langle f(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \right|^2 \\ &\leq \frac{\|h\|_{C[0,T]}^2}{\lambda_N^{2\alpha} r^{2\beta}} \sum_{k=N}^{\infty} |\langle f(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle|^2 \\ &\leq \frac{\|h\|_{C[0,T]}^2}{\lambda_N^{2\alpha} r^{2\beta}} \sum_{k=N}^{\infty} (1 + \lambda_k)^{-2\alpha\gamma} (1 + \lambda_k)^{2\alpha\gamma} |\langle f(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle|^2 \\ &\leq \frac{\|h\|_{C[0,T]}^2}{\lambda_N^{2\alpha} r^{2\beta} \lambda_N^{2\alpha\gamma}} \sum_{k=N}^{\infty} (1 + \lambda_k)^{2\alpha\gamma} |\langle f(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle|^2 \\ &\leq \frac{\|h\|_{C[0,T]}^2}{\lambda_N^{2\alpha} r^{2\beta} \lambda_N^{2\alpha\gamma}} \|f\|_{H^{\alpha\gamma}(\Omega)}^2 \\ &\leq \|h\|_{C[0,T]}^2 \frac{M^2}{r^{2\beta}} \frac{1}{\lambda_N^{2\alpha(\gamma+1)}}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.19)$$

Hence,

$$\|F_{N-1}g - g\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \frac{M}{r^\beta} \frac{\|h\|_{C[0,T]}}{\lambda_N^{\alpha(\gamma+1)}}. \quad (3.20)$$

From (3.17) and (3.20), we have

$$(m-1)\epsilon \leq \frac{M}{r^\beta} \frac{\|h\|_{C[0,T]}}{\lambda_N^{\alpha(\gamma+1)}}. \quad (3.21)$$

It follows from $\lambda_k^\alpha = (\frac{k\pi}{2})^\alpha$ and (3.21) that

$$N \leq \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{\|h\|_{C[0,T]} M}{r^\beta (m-1)\epsilon} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha(\gamma+1)}}. \quad (3.22)$$

□

Next we present an error estimate for the approximate solution of problem (1.1).

Theorem 3.4. *Let $f^{\varepsilon, N}$ and f be as in Theorem 3.1. Then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(x) - f^{\varepsilon, N}(x)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \\ & \leq \varepsilon^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma+1}} M^{\frac{1}{\gamma+1}} \left[\mathcal{L}_\beta(f, h^\varepsilon, h, r, m, T) + \mathcal{K}_{\alpha, \beta}(h, r, T)(m+1)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma+1}} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.23)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{L}_\beta(f, h^\varepsilon, h, r, m, T) \\ & = \left(\frac{\|h\|_{C[0, T]}}{r^\beta(m-1)|\mathcal{I}(h^\varepsilon)|^{\gamma+1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma+1}} \max \left\{ \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}, \frac{r^\beta}{(1 - E_{\beta, 1}(-\lambda_1^\alpha r^\beta T^\beta))} \right\}, \\ & \mathcal{K}_{\alpha, \beta}(h, r, T) = \frac{(r^\beta)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma+1}}}{|\mathcal{I}(h)|^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma+1}} (1 - E_{\alpha, 1}(-\lambda_1^\alpha r^\beta T^\beta))^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma+1}}}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Using the triangle inequality,

$$\|f(x) - f^{\varepsilon, N}(x)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \|f(x) - f^N(x)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|f(x) - f^{\varepsilon, N}(x)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}. \quad (3.24)$$

We split the proof into three steps.

Step 1: Estimate $\|f(\cdot) - f^N(\cdot)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(x) - f^N(x)\|_{H^\gamma(\Omega)} & \leq \left\| \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} \langle f(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x) \right\| \\ & = \left(\sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} (1 + \lambda_k^\alpha)^{2\gamma} |\langle f(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq M. \end{aligned} \quad (3.25)$$

By triangle inequality and (3.15),

$$\begin{aligned} \|Af(x) - Af^N(x)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} & \leq \|(I - F_N)g\| \\ & \leq \|(I - F_N)g^\varepsilon + (I - F_N)(g - g^\varepsilon)\| \\ & \leq \|(I - F_N)g^\varepsilon\| + \|(I - F_N)(g - g^\varepsilon)\| \\ & \leq (m+1)\varepsilon. \end{aligned} \quad (3.26)$$

Therefore, by the conditional stability (2.31), we have

$$\|f(\cdot) - f^N(\cdot)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \mathcal{K}_{\alpha, \beta}(h, r, T)(m+1)\varepsilon^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma+1}}. \quad (3.27)$$

Next, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & f^N(x) - f^{\epsilon,N}(x) \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x)}{\int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau} - \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\langle g^\epsilon(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x)}{\int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) h^\epsilon(\tau) d\tau} \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x)}{\int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau} - \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x)}{\int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) h^\epsilon(\tau) d\tau} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\langle g(x) - g^\epsilon(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x)}{\int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) h^\epsilon(\tau) d\tau} \\
 &\leq \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) (h(\tau) - h^\epsilon(\tau)) d\tau}{\int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) h^\epsilon(\tau) d\tau} \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\langle g(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x)}{\int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) h(\tau) d\tau}}_{:=\mathcal{Q}_3} \\
 &\quad + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\langle g(x) - g^\epsilon(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle \phi_k(x)}{\int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) h^\epsilon(\tau) d\tau}}_{:=\mathcal{Q}_4}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.28}$$

Using (3.12), we obtain

$$\|\mathcal{Q}_3\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \epsilon \frac{\|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}}{|\mathcal{I}(h^\epsilon)|}. \tag{3.29}$$

We now estimate the norm of \mathcal{Q}_4 . Using Lemma 2.8, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\mathcal{Q}_4\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 &= \sum_{k=1}^N \left| \frac{\langle g(x) - g^\epsilon(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle}{\int_0^T \Phi_\beta(\lambda_k^\alpha, \tau, r) h^\epsilon(\tau) d\tau} \right|^2 \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\langle g(x) - g^\epsilon(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle^2}{\frac{|\mathcal{I}(h_\epsilon)|^2 (1 - E_{\beta,1}(-\lambda_1^\alpha r^\beta T^\beta))}{\lambda_k^{2\alpha} r^{2\beta}}} \\
 &\leq \frac{\lambda_N^{2\alpha} r^{2\beta}}{|\mathcal{I}(h_\epsilon)|^2 (1 - E_{\beta,1}(-\lambda_1^\alpha r^\beta T^\beta))^2} \sum_{k=1}^N \langle g(x) - g^\epsilon(x), \phi_k(x) \rangle^2 \\
 &\leq \frac{\epsilon^2 \lambda_N^{2\alpha} r^{2\beta}}{|\mathcal{I}(h_\epsilon)|^2 (1 - E_{\beta,1}(-\lambda_1^\alpha r^\beta T^\beta))^2}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.30}$$

Hence

$$\|\mathcal{Q}_4\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \left(\frac{N\pi}{2}\right)^\alpha \frac{\epsilon}{|\mathcal{I}(h^\epsilon)|} \frac{r^\beta}{(1 - E_{\beta,1}(-\lambda_1^\alpha r^\beta T^\beta))}. \tag{3.31}$$

From above observations, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|f^N(x) - f^{\epsilon,N}(x)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \\
 &\leq \left(\frac{N\pi}{2}\right)^\alpha \frac{\epsilon}{|\mathcal{I}(h^\epsilon)|} \max \left\{ \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}, \frac{r^\beta}{(1 - E_{\beta,1}(-\lambda_1^\alpha r^\beta T^\beta))} \right\}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.32}$$

Substituting (3.22) in (3.32), we obtain

$$\|f^N(x) - f^{\epsilon,N}(x)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \epsilon^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma+1}} M^{\frac{1}{\gamma+1}} \mathcal{L}_\beta(f, h^\epsilon, h, r, m, T). \tag{3.33}$$

Combining (3.27) with (3.32), we obtain the final estimate as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(x) - f^{\varepsilon, N}(x)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \\ & \leq \varepsilon^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma+1}} M^{\frac{1}{\gamma+1}} [\mathcal{L}_\beta(f, h^\varepsilon, h, r, m, T) + \mathcal{K}_{\alpha, \beta}(h, r, T)(m+1)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma+1}}]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.34)$$

hereby

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{L}_\beta(f, h^\varepsilon, h, r, m, T) \\ & = \left(\frac{\|h\|_{C[0, T]}}{r^\beta(m-1)|\mathcal{I}(h^\varepsilon)|^{\gamma+1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma+1}} \max \left\{ \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}, \frac{r^\beta}{(1 - E_{\beta, 1}(-\lambda_1^\alpha r^\beta T^\beta))} \right\}, \\ & \mathcal{K}_{\alpha, \beta}(h, r, T) = \frac{(r^\beta)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma+1}}}{|\mathcal{I}(h)|^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma+1}} (1 - E_{\alpha, 1}(-\lambda_1^\alpha r^\beta T^\beta))^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma+1}}}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. \square

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