



The Use of Signed Low-Order Fractional Moments in the Parameterization of Asymmetric Lévy Noises

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Fractional Lévy noises arise naturally in a variety of geophysical processes. Unlike the case of Gaussian marginal probability distributions, other Lévy-stable distributions are heavy-tailed (their moments are finite only up to an order equal to their stability parameter α), and may be asymmetric. In this latter case, absolute fractional moments $E\{|X|^p\}$, $p < \alpha$, typically used to estimate the scale parameter, do not help for the estimation of the asymmetry parameter β . For the aforementioned purpose, we present herein the use of signed fractional moments $E\{|X|^p \text{sign}(X)\}$, $p < \alpha$, together with an application to hydrometeorological data.