Brownian motion & beyond

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190+ years after Brown: Microscopical observations

on the particles contained in the pollen of plants; and on the general existence of *active molecules* in organic and inorganic bodies

Grains of pollen, taken from Clarkia pulchella antherae fully grown but before bursting, were filled with particles or granules of unusually large size, varying from nearly 1/4000th to 1/5000th of an inch in length . . .

Rocks of all ages, including those in which organic remains have never been found, yielded the molecules in abundance. Their existence was ascertained in each of the constituent molecules of granite, a fragment of the Sphinx being one of the specimens examined.





Brownian motion





J Perrin, Comptes Rendus (Paris) 146 (1908) 967:
$$N_A=70.5 imes 10^{22}$$

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Ivar Nordlund (1887-1918)



Verksam ved fysikalisk-kemiska institutionen vid Uppsala universitet. Arbetade även som amatörfotograf. Svåger till A Hamberg 5

Ivar Nordlund: 100+ years of SPT with time series analysis



Eugen Kappler (1905-1977)



Obiturary by L Reimer, Physikalische Blätter Feb 1978 pp 86



Eugen Kappler: ultimate diffusion measurements



Registrieraufnahme der Brownschen Bewegung (natürliche Größe). Direktionskraft 9,428 $\cdot 10^{-9}$ abs. Einh. Trägheitsmoment $1 \cdot 10^{-7}$ abs. Einh. Abstand Spiegel-Kamera: 72,1 cm. Zeitmarke: 30 sec dx = 1 mm. b) $1 \cdot 10^{-9}$ mm Hg. Temperatur 13° C

Fig. 5b

E Kappler, Ann d Physik (1931): $N_A = 60.59 imes 10^{22} \pm 1\%$

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Kappler's diffusion measurements: mapping Boltzmann



$$P_{\rm eq}(x) = \mathscr{N} \exp\left(-\frac{\theta x^2}{k_B T}\right)$$

E Kappler, Ann d Physik (1931): $N_A = 60.59 \times 10^{22} \pm 1\%$



Stochastic processes in 2019: why should we care?





Novel insights from single particle tracking (e.g., superresolution microscopy, supercomputing)

- \sim Normal diffusion /w random parameters
- \curvearrowright Anomalous diffusion of all sorts

 \curvearrowright New physics: time averages, (non)ergodicity, ageing, non-Gaussianity

- \curvearrowright Information from fluctuations
- \curvearrowright Data analysis strategies





Extracting information from single Brownian trajectories

Ensemble averaged MSD for normal diffusion (on average # jumps \sim elapsed time t):

$$\left\langle \mathbf{r}^{2}(t)\right\rangle = \int \mathbf{r}^{2} P(\mathbf{r}, t) d\mathbf{r} = 2 dK_{1} t \quad \left(=\left\langle \delta \mathbf{r}^{2} \right\rangle \frac{t}{\tau}, \quad K_{1} = \frac{\left\langle \delta \mathbf{r}^{2} \right\rangle}{2 d\tau} \right)$$

Single particle trajectory $\mathbf{r}(t)$, $t \in [0, T]$:

$$\overline{\delta^2\left(t\right)} = \frac{1}{T-t} \int_0^{T-t} \left[\mathbf{r}(t'+t) - \mathbf{r}(t') \right]^2 dt' = \frac{1}{T-t} \int_0^{T-t} \langle \delta \mathbf{r}^2 \rangle \frac{t}{\tau} dt'$$

Single trajectory information equals ensemble information (*Boltzmann-Khinchin*):

$$\lim_{T \to \infty} \overline{\delta^2(t)} = \frac{2dK_1t}{t} = \left\langle \mathbf{r}^2(t) \right\rangle$$

Anomalous diffusion is not always ergodic (weak or strong violoation):

$$\left\langle \mathbf{r}^{2}(t)\right\rangle \simeq K_{\alpha}t^{\alpha}\neq\overline{\delta^{2}\left(t\right)}\simeq t/T^{1-\alpha}$$

WEB: signature of non-stationarity of process. SEB: discontinuity of phase space

E Barkai, Y Garini & RM, Phys Today (2012); Y He, S Burov, RM & E Barkai, PRL (2008); S Burov, RM & E Barkai, PNAS (2010) 12

Power spectral density of a single Brownian trajectory



Standard ensemble-averaged power spectrum à la textbook definition:

$$\mu_S(f) = \lim_{T \to \infty} \left\langle S(f, T) \right\rangle$$

Single trajectory power spectrum suitable for finite-length & few trajectories:

$$S(f,T) = \frac{1}{T} \left| \int_0^T \exp(ift) X_t dt \right|^2$$

D Krapf, E Marinari, RM, G Oshanin, A Squarcini & X Xu, NJP (2018); Perspective: ND Schnellbächer & US Schwarz, NJP (2018) 13

Strongly defocused reaction times: geometry/reaction control

Mean/global mean first passage & cover times: O Bénichou, R Voituriez et al.: Nature (2007), Nature Phys (2008), Nature Chem (2010), Nature Phys (2015) @ nM concentrations even on μ m scale distance matters: O Pulkkinen & RM, PRL (2013)

10⁻³ 10^{-1} 10^{3} 10⁵ 10¹ r_o (a) $\kappa R/D = \infty$ 10⁰ $\kappa R/D = 10$ $\kappa R/D = 1$ $(R^2/D)H(r,t)$ $\kappa R/D = 0.1$ 10⁻² $\langle t \rangle = rac{(r_0 - r_a)(2R^3 - r_0r_a[r_0 + r_a])}{6Dr_0r_a}$ 10⁻⁴ $\frac{R^3 - r_a^3}{r_a^3 - r_a^3}$ 10⁻⁶ 10^{1} 10^{3} 10⁵ 10^{-3} 10^{-1} Dt/R^2

Full first passage time density:

Direct vs indirect trajectories:

D Grebenkov, RM & G Oshanin, Comm Chem (2019), PCCP (2018); A Godec & RM, PRX (2016), Sci Rep (2016) 14

When Brownian diffusion is not Gaussian



Wang et al, PNAS (2009); Nature Mat (2012)

AG Cherstvy, O Nagel, C Beta & RM, PCCP (2018) 15

Fickian, non-Gaussian diffusion with diffusing diffusivity

B Wang, J Kuo, SC Bae & S Granick, Nat Mat (2012): $\langle x^2(t) \rangle = 2K_1 t$, yet P(x, t)non-Gaussian. Superstatistical approach $P(x, t) = \int_0^\infty G(x, t|D)p(D)dD$ [C Beck & EDB Cohen, Physica A (2003); C Beck Prog Theor Phys Suppl (2006)]

MV Chubinsky & G Slater, PRL (2014): diffusing diffusivity [see also R Jain & KL Sebastian, JPC B (2016)]

0.1

0.01

0.001

-20

-15

-10

-5

P(x,t)

Our minimal model for diffusing diffusivity:

$$\dot{x}(t) = \sqrt{2D(t)}\xi(t)$$
$$D(t) = y^{2}(t)$$
$$\dot{y}(t) = -\tau^{-1}y + \sigma\eta(t)$$

Sim t=0.5

Sim t=0.2

Sim t=0.1

Eq (27) t=0.5 Eq (27) t=0.2

Eq (27) t=0.1

2

4

1

0.1

0.01

0.001

-4

-2

0

x

P(x,t)



t

AV Chechkin, F Seno, RM & IM Sokolov, PRX (2017); generalised $\gamma(D)$: V Sposini, AV Chechkin, G Pagnini, F Seno & RM, NJP (2018) 16

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0

Sim t=100 Sim t=10

IFT t=100 IFT t=10

10

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Sim t=1

IFT t=1

Non-equilibrium initial conditions for D(t) dynamics



First passage statistics for diffusing diffusivity



[See also Y Lanoiselée, N Moutal & D Grebenkov, Nat Comm (2019)]

V Sposini, AV Chechkin, G Pagnini, F Seno & RM, NJP (2018); V Sposini, AV Chechkin & RM, JPA (2019)

Fractional Langevin equations in viscoelastic systems

Coupled set of Markovian processes (e.g., Rouse model for polymers):

$$m_i \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_i(t) = k(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_{i+1}) + k(\mathbf{r}_{i-1} - \mathbf{r}_i) - \eta \dot{\mathbf{r}}_i + \sqrt{2\eta k_B T} \times \boldsymbol{\zeta}_i(t)$$

Integrating out all d.o.f. but one \curvearrowright Generalised Langevin equation (GLE):

$$m\ddot{\mathbf{r}}(t) + \int_{0}^{t} \eta(t-t')\dot{\mathbf{r}}(t')dt' = \boldsymbol{\zeta}(t) \therefore \eta(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} a_{i}(k)e^{-\nu_{i}t} \rightarrow t^{-\alpha}$$

$$k \qquad k$$

$$(1-1) \quad i \qquad i+1$$

Kubo fluctuation dissipation theorem (in conti limit $\eta(t) \simeq t^{-\alpha}$ fractional Gaussian noise): $\langle \zeta_i(t)\zeta_j(t') \rangle = \delta_{ij}k_B T \eta(|t-t'|), \qquad p(\eta)$ Gauss

 \curvearrowright fractional Langevin equation & anomalous diffusion: $\langle {f r}^2(t)\rangle \simeq t^2\ldots t^\alpha$

Quantum mechanics: Nakajima-Zwanzig equation using projection operators

Hydrodynamics: Basset force with $\eta(t) \simeq t^{-1/2}$ due to hydrodynamic backflow

Passive motion of submicron tracers in cells is viscoelastic



JH Jeon, . . . L Oddershede & RM, PRL (2011); JH Jeon, N Leijnse, L Oddershede & RM, NJP (2013)

Superdiffusion in supercrowded Acanthamoeba castellani



JF Reverey, J-H Jeon, H Bao, M Leippe, RM & C Selhuber-Unkel, Sci Rep (2015); see also S Thapa, ... RM JCP (2019) 20

Power spectral density of a single FBM trajectory



D Krapf, N Lukat, E Marinari, RM, G Oshanin, C Selhuber-Unkel, A Squarcini, L Stadler, M Weiss & X Xu, PRX (2019) 21

FBM: accretion & depletion effects near boundaries



T Guggenberger, G Pagnini, T Vojta & RM, NJP (2019); AHO Wada & T Vojta, PRE (2018); T Vojta, S Skinner & RM, PRE (2019) 22

Single lipid motion in bilayer membrane MD simulations



Liquid disordered

Liquid ordered

Gel phase

J-H Jeon, H Martinez-Seara Monne, M Javanainen & RM, PRL (2012)

Liquid ordered/gel phases: extended anomalous diffusion



J-H Jeon, H Martinez-Seara Monne, M Javanainen & RM, PRL (2012)

Tempered FLE motion: crossover to faster diffusion

Tempered fractional Gaussian noise:

$$\langle \xi(t)\xi(t+\tau)\rangle = \begin{cases} \frac{C}{\Gamma(2H-1)}\tau^{2H-2}e^{-\tau/\tau_{\star}}\\ \frac{C}{\Gamma(2H-1)}\tau^{2H-2}\left(1+\frac{\tau}{\tau_{\star}}\right)^{-\mu} \end{cases}$$





D Molina-Garcia, T Sandev, H Safdari, G Pagnini, AV Chechkin & RM, NJP (2018)

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Extreme short time non-Gaussian subdiffusion



Authors suggest short time regime $\langle {f r}^2(t) \rangle \simeq t^{0.26}$ & transient trapping of lipids leading to non-Gaussian displacement distribution

[NB: Non-Gaussianity could also come from inhomogeneity]

S Gupta, JU de Mel, RM Perera, P Zolnierczuk, M Bleuel, A Faraone & GJ Schneider, JPC Lett (2018)

Protein crowded membranes reduce effective mobility



Protein crowding effects anomalous lipid diffusion



Left: DPPC (protein-aggregating) case. Right: DLPC protein non-aggregating case.

M Javanainen, H Hammaren, L Monticelli, JH Jeon, RM & I Vattulainen, Faraday Disc (2013)



Crowding in membranes: non-Gaussian lipid/protein diffusion



J-H Jeon, M Javanainen, H Martinez-Seara, RM & I Vattulainen, PRX (2016); see also Faraday Disc (2013)

Crowding in membranes increases dynamic heterogeneity



Diffusivity(t) for two lipids

J-H Jeon, M Javanainen, H Seara Monne, RM & I Vattulainen, PRX (2016)

2D "blocked" argon

2D argon liquid

Non-Gaussianity of acetylcholine receptors in Xenopus cells



W He, H Song, Y Su, L Geng, BJ Ackerson, HB Peng & P Tong, Nat Comm (2016)

Non-Gaussian diffusion in viscoelastic systems

So far consensus: submicron tracer motion in cytoplasm is FBM-like, i.e., Gaussian RNA-protein particles in E.coli & S.cerevisiae perform exponential anomalous diffusion:





Diffusing-diffusivity driven by FBM



W Wei, F Seno, AV Chechkin, IM Sokolov & RM (2019)

Superstatistical GLE: non-Gaussian viscoelastic diffusion



Codifference detects non-ergodicity & non-Gaussianity



J Ślęzak, RM & M Magdziarz, NJP (2018), NJP (2019)

Geometry-induced violation of Saffman-Delbrück relation



Crowded membrane & 2DLJ discs:

 $D(R) \simeq 1/R$

M Javanainen, H Seara Monne, RM & I Vattulainen, JPC Lett (2017)

Transient non-Gaussianity in disordered systems



S Ghosh, AG Cherstvy & RM, PCCP (2016); S Ghosh, AG Cherstvy, D Grebenkov & RM, NJP (2016)

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CTRW-like motion of Ka channels in plasma membrane



AV Weigel, B Simon, MM Tamkun & D Krapf, PNAS (2011); theory: Y He, S Burov, RM & E Barkai, PRL (2008)

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Ageing in the motion of membrane embedded proteins



C Manzo . . . M Garcia Parajo, PRX (2015)

Time averaged MSD & weak ergodicity breaking (WEB)

Time averaged MSD
$$\simeq \Delta$$
 is pseudo-Brownian and ageing $(\langle x^2(t) \rangle \simeq K_{\alpha} t^{\alpha})$:
 $\left\langle \overline{\delta^2(\Delta)} \right\rangle \sim \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i}^{N} \overline{\delta_i^2(\Delta)} \sim \frac{2dK_{\alpha}}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)} \frac{\Delta}{T^{1-\alpha}} \quad \therefore \quad K_{\alpha} \equiv \frac{\langle \delta \mathbf{r}^2 \rangle}{2\tau^{\alpha}}$



Y He, S Burov, RM & E Barkai, PRL (2008); Generalised Khinchin theorem: S Burov, RM, & E Barkai, PNAS (2010)



J-H Jeon, ..., K Berg-Sørensen, L Oddershede & RM, PRL (2011); S Burov, RM, & E Barkai, PNAS (2010)



J-H Jeon, V Tejedor, S Burov, E Barkai, C Selhuber-Unkel, K Berg-Sørensen, L Oddershede & RM, PRL (2011)



JH Jeon, E Barkai & RM, JCP (2013)

Self-similar internal protein dynamics: 13 decades of ageing



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Intermittent localisation of surface water on proteins



[P Tan, Y Liang, Q Xu, E Mamontov, J Li, X Xing & L Hong, Phys Rev Lett (2018); see also RM, Viewpoint Phys (2018)]

Intermittency of surface water & proteins on membranes



E Yamamoto, T Akimoto, M Yasui & K Yasuoka; E Yamamoto, AC Kalli, T Akimoto, K Yasuoka & MSP Sansom, Sci Rep (2014,2015) 43



Probability to make at least one step during $[t_a, t_a + T]$: population splitting $m_{\alpha}(T/t_a) \simeq (T/t_a)^{1-\alpha}, \ T \ll t_a$



Maximum likelihood Bayesian data analyses



S Thapa, AG Cherstvy & RM, PCCP (2018); AG Cherstvy, S Thapa, CE Wagner & RM, Soft Matter (2019)

Popular articles

STRANGE KINETICS of single molecules in living cells

Eli Barkai, Yuval Garini, and Ralf Metzler

The irreproducibility of time-averaged observables in living cells poses fundamental questions for statistical mechanics and reshapes our views on cell biology.



E Barkai, Y Garini & RM, Phys Today (2012); D Krapf & RM, Phys Today (2019)

Gumbel universal limit law for Min-Max/Max-Min reliability



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- Brownian yet non-Gaussian or non-Gaussian viscoelastic diffusion quite ubiquitously observed in heterogeneous media
- Excluded volume effects can explain basic features in 2D membranes
- Non-stationary processes such as CTRW are non-Gaussian by nature
- III Non-ergodic, ageing dynamics on molecular scale
- **W** Bayes/max likelihood model determination: PCCP (2018), Soft Matter (2019)
- 8 Membrane dynamics: RM, JH Jeon & AG Cherstvy, Biochimica et Biophysica Acta - Biomembranes 1858, 2451 (2016)
- Single molecule experiments: C Nørregaard, RM, CM Ritter, K Berg-Sørensen & LB Oddershede, Chem Rev 117, 4342 (2017)
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