Brown, Einstein, Smoluchowski & beyond

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Tentative outline

- 1. General introduction to diffusion & some history
- 2. Anomalous diffusion, general observables ("features")
- 3. Reaction time distributions & mean vs typical
- 4. Non-Gaussianity
- 5. Ageing, (non-)ergodicity
- 6. Bayesian & deep learning approaches

Data from experiments & simulations are guiding examples throughout

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SEPTEMBER 1828.

XXVII. A brief Account of Microscopical Observations made in the Months of June, July, and August, 1827, on the Particles contained in the Pollen of Plants; and on the general Existence of active Molecules in Organic and Inorganic Bodies. By ROBERT BROWN, F.R.S., Hon. M.R.S.E. & R.I. Acad., V.P.L.S., Corresponding Member of the Royal Institutes of France and of the Netherlands, &c. &c.

[We have been favoured by the Author with permission to insert the following paper, which has just been printed for private distribution.—ED.] My inquiry on this point was commenced in June 1827, and the first plant examined proved in some respects remarkably well adapted to the object in view.

This plant was Clarckia pulchella, of which the grains of pollen, taken from antheræ full grown, but before bursting, were filled with particles or granules of unusually large size, varying from nearly $\frac{1}{4000}$ th to about $\frac{1}{3000}$ th of an inch in length, and of a figure between cylindrical and oblong, perhaps slightly flattened, and having rounded and equal extremities. While examining the form of these particles immersed in water, I observed many of them very evidently in motion; their motion consisting not only of a change of place in the fluid, manifested by alterations in their relative positions, but also not unfrequently of a change of form in the particle itself; a contraction or curvature taking place repeatedly about the middle of one side, accompanied by a corresponding swelling or convexity on the opposite side of the particle. In a few instances the particle was seen to turn on its longer axis. These motions were such as to satisfy me, after frequently repeated observation, that they arose neither from currents in the fluid, nor from its gradual evaporation, but belonged to the particle itself.

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 minerals of granite, a fragment of the Sphinx being one of the specimens examined.



Fluxes, random walks, & fluctuating forces . . .



Paul Langevin (1872-1946) Albert Einstein (1879-1955)



Marian Smoluchowski (1872-1917)

William Sutherland (1859-1911)



Einstein's conditions on Brownian motion

Paul Lévy [Processus stochastiques & mouvement brownien (1948, 1965)]: «The stochastic process, that we will call linear Brownian motion, is a schematisation that well represents the properties of real Brownian motion, observable on a sufficiently small but not infinitely small scale, and which assumes that the same properties exist across the scales.»

Einstein's postulate: a stochastic process describes normal diffusion if

- (i) \exists finite correlation time beyond which displacements are independent
- (ii) displacements are identically distributed
- (iii) displacements have a finite second moment

Main characteristics: linear mean squared displacement & Gaussian probability density

$$\langle \mathbf{r}^2(t) \rangle = 2dK_1t, \quad P(\mathbf{r},t) = (4\pi K_1 t)^{-d/2} \exp\left(-\frac{\mathbf{r}^2}{4K_1 t}\right)$$

Violation of these conditions leads to anomalous diffusion with MSD $\langle \mathbf{r}^2(t) \rangle \simeq K_{\alpha} t^{\alpha}$ and/or non-Gaussian PDF

N van Kampen, Stochastic processes in physics & chemistry

Les atomes: Brownian motion and Avogadro's number



J Perrin, Comptes Rendus (Paris) 146 (1908) 967: $N_A = 70.5 \times 10^{22}$; I Nordlund, Z Physik (1914): $N_A = 5.91 \times 10^{23}$ 6



Kappler's diffusion measurements: mapping Boltzmann



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

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Single molecular insight & information from fluctuations



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

 \curvearrowright Anomalous diffusion:

$$\langle \mathbf{r}^2(t) \rangle \simeq t^{\alpha}$$

(non)ergodicity, ageing, quenched/annealed disorder

 \curvearrowright Fluctuations are prominent:

- spatiotemporally fluctuating diffusivity
- strongly fluctuating reaction times

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E Barkai, Y Garini & RM, Phys Today (2012)
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Courtesy Yuval Garini

How the data come in . . .

EXPERIMENT (Simulation) ->Trajectory X(t;) PRE-PROCESSING (Smoothing, fillering, & c) MAGIC & Cie (deep leasning, decision trees, &c.) MODEL & PARAMETERS

Extracting information from single Brownian trajectories



Ensemble averaged MSD for normal diffusion:

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

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

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

Brownian motion: on average # jumps \sim elapsed time t:

$$\left[\mathbf{r}(t'+\Delta)-\mathbf{r}(t')\right]^2 \sim \langle \delta \mathbf{r}^2 \rangle \frac{\Delta}{\tau}$$

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

$$\lim_{T \to \infty} \overline{\delta^2 \left(\Delta \right)} = \frac{2 d K_1 \Delta}{2 d \tau} = \left\langle \mathbf{r}^2 (\Delta) \right\rangle, \ \ K_1 = \frac{\left\langle \delta \mathbf{r}^2 \right\rangle}{2 d \tau}$$

E Barkai, Y Garini & RM, Phys Today (2012)

Challenges in single particle tracking in complex systems



Anomalous diffusion: $\left< \mathbf{r}^2(t) \right> \simeq K_lpha t^lpha$

Weak ergodicity breaking: $\lim_{T\to\infty} \overline{\delta^2(\Delta)} \neq \langle \mathbf{r}^2(\Delta) \rangle$ (Boltzmann-Khinchin)

 $\blacksquare Ageing: \overline{\delta^2(\Delta)} \text{ depends on measurement time & initiation-measurement start time}$ $\blacksquare Amplitude \text{ scatter: } \phi(\xi) \text{ with } \xi = \overline{\delta^2(\Delta)} / \left\langle \overline{\delta^2(\Delta)} \right\rangle$

I Golding & EC Cox, PRL (2006); AV Weigel, B Simon, MM Tamkun & D Krapf, PNAS (2011)

Anomalous diffusion is non-universal & weakly non-ergodic

Montroll-Scher-Weiss CTRW:

$$\begin{split} \psi(\tau) &\simeq \tau^{-1-\alpha} \& \langle \tau \rangle = \infty \qquad \langle \xi(t) \\ \left\langle \overline{\delta^2(\Delta)} \right\rangle &\simeq K_\alpha \Delta / T^{1-\alpha} \\ \left\langle \overline{\delta^2_a(\Delta)} \right\rangle &\sim \Lambda_\alpha(t_a/T) \left\langle \overline{\delta^2(\Delta)} \right\rangle \\ P(k,t) &= E_\alpha(-ck^2t^\alpha) \simeq [k^2t^\alpha]^{-1} \\ \wp(t) &\simeq t^{-1-\alpha} \\ \end{split}$$

Mandelbrot-van Ness FBM:

$$\langle \xi(t_1)\xi(t_2) \rangle \sim \alpha K_{\alpha}(\alpha - 1) |t_1 - t_2|^{\alpha - 2} \\ \left\langle \overline{\delta^2(\Delta)} \right\rangle \simeq K_{\alpha} \Delta^{\alpha} \\ \left\langle \overline{\delta^2(\Delta)} \right\rangle \sim \left\langle \overline{\delta^2(\Delta)} \right\rangle \\ P(k, t) = \exp(-c_1 k^2 t^{\alpha}) \\ \wp(t) \simeq \exp(-c_2 t)$$

Scaled Brownian motion:

$$K(t) \simeq K_{\alpha} t^{\alpha - 1}$$

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

$$\left\langle \overline{\delta^{2}_{a}(\Delta)} \right\rangle \sim \Lambda_{\alpha}(t_{a} / T) \left\langle \overline{\delta^{2}(\Delta)} \right\rangle$$

$$P(k, t) = \exp(-c_{3} k^{2} t^{\alpha})$$

$$\wp(t) \simeq \dots$$

Heterogeneous diffusion process: $K(x) \simeq K_{\beta} |x|^{\beta}, \ \alpha = 2/(2 - \beta)$ $\left\langle \overline{\delta^{2}(\Delta)} \right\rangle \simeq K_{\alpha} \Delta / T^{1-\alpha}$ $\left\langle \overline{\delta^{2}_{a}(\Delta)} \right\rangle \sim \Lambda_{\alpha}(t_{a}/T) \left\langle \overline{\delta^{2}(\Delta)} \right\rangle$ $P(k, t) = L_{2/\alpha}(c_{4}|k|^{2}t^{\alpha})$ $\wp(t) \simeq \dots$

System specific dynamics (α, K_{α}) with vastly different secondary processes (FPT . . .)

RM, J-H Jeon, AG Cherstvy & E Barkai, PCCP (2014)

Fitting power-laws & mean-maximal excursion method

(also studied by Erdös & Kac, Khinchine & Chung)

Maximal excursion in d dimensions: $M_t = \max\{||\mathbf{r}_u||_2, u \leq t\} : ||\mathbf{r}_u||_2 = \sqrt{\sum_i r_i^2}$ is Euclidean distance

Limit distribution: $P_d(a,t) = \Pr \{M_t < a\}$ is the survival probability to remain in hypersphere with radius a up to t

In Laplace domain a closed form is known for $D = D_0 r^{-2+1/\nu}$:

$$P_{d,\nu}(a,s) = \frac{1}{s} \left(1 - \frac{2^{1-d\nu}}{\Gamma(d\nu)} \frac{\left(4\nu^2 D_0^{-1} a^{1/\nu} s\right)^{(d\nu-1)/2}}{I_{d\nu-1} \left(\sqrt{4\nu^2 D_0^{-1} a^{1/\nu} s}\right)} \right)$$

In $d \to \infty$ and $\nu = 1/2$ (Brownian case): $P_{\infty}(a, s) = \frac{1}{s} \left(1 - \exp(-a^2 s) \right)$ to leading order peaking at $a = \sqrt{t}$: $P_{\infty}(a, t) = 1 - \Theta(t - a^2)$ or $p_{\infty}(a, t) = \delta(t - a^2)$

Moments are known for certain processes or can be obtained numerically

R Bidaux, J Chave & R Vočka, JPA (1999)

Fitting power-laws & mean-maximal excursion method

Coefficient of variation is smaller for MME PDF than for regular PDF



Analysis of an experimental set of 67 trajectories, the longest consisting of 210 points, for quantum dots freely diffusing in a solvent. MSD (black \times), fitted by a power law with exponents $\alpha = 0.81$ (red line). We also show a fit with fixed exponent $\alpha = 1$ (green line, expected behavior for Brownian motion). MME (blue \times), fitted by a power law (red line, $\alpha = 1.02$). Time is in seconds, distances are in μ m². Inset: double-logarithmic plot of the same data.

$$\gamma = \frac{\sqrt{\langle \mathbf{r}^2(t) \rangle - \langle \mathbf{r}(t) \rangle^2}}{\langle \mathbf{r}(t) \rangle} \implies \frac{\gamma(\mathsf{MSD})}{\gamma(\mathsf{MME})} = 1.61 \text{ (1D)}, \ 1.44 \text{ (2D)}, \ 1.34 \text{ (3D)}$$

V Tejedor, O Bénichou, R Voituriez, R Jungmann, F Simmel, C Selhuber-Unkel, L Oddershede, BPJ (2010)

From classical statistical observables to decision tress . . .



Apparent anomalous diffusion & non-Gaussianity

Anomalous diffusion in groundwater dispersal may persist over km-scales [N Goeppert, N Goldscheider & B Berkowitz, Wat Res Res (2020)]

Transient anomalous diffusion may occur in simple rate-exchange mobile-immobile models:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}n_{\rm m}(x,t) = -\frac{1}{\tau_{\rm m}}n_{\rm m}(x,t) + \frac{1}{\tau_{\rm im}}n_{\rm im}(x,t) + D\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}n_{\rm m}(x,t)$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}n_{\rm im}(x,t) = -\frac{1}{\tau_{\rm im}}n_{\rm im}(x,t) + \frac{1}{\tau_{\rm m}}n_{\rm m}(x,t)$$



Apparent anomalous diffusion & non-Gaussianity



& now it's time for something completely different



Molecular reaction times: macro vs micro

Search rate for particle with diffusivity D_{3d} to find an immobile target of radius a (assuming immediate binding):

$$k_{\rm on} = 4\pi D_{\rm 3d} a$$



Yu et al, Science (2006)



M v Smoluchowski, Physikal Zeitschr (1916)

Uniformity index for two independent first-passage times τ_1 , τ_2 :

$$\omega = rac{ au_1}{ au_1 + au_2}$$

 $\curvearrowright \omega = 1/2 \text{ means good}$ reproducibility $\not \!\!\!\!/ many$ processes



T Mattos, C Mejía-Monasterio, RM & G Oshanin, PRE (2012) 20

Transient intracellular signalling is geometry-controlled



TF concentration @ TU (long time) 100 $r = 0.05 \ \mu m$ $K_{NS}(1\!+\!K_{SP})\phi(\Omega,t)$ 10 $r = 0.33 \,\mu m$ TF 15 TU mRNA number $r = 0.33 \,\mu m$ 10 $r = 0.05 \,\mu m$ 0 20 40 60 80 100 120 0 ♠ ↑ t (min) $K_{\rm NS}(l+K_{\rm SP})\phi(\Omega,t)$ 0.8 $r = 0.05 \ \mu m$ $r = 0.15 \ \mu m$

 $= 0.33 \ \mu m$

 $r = 0.05 \ \mu m$

10

15

5

0

20

25

35

30

t(s)

Probability that target gene TU is active

0.6

0.4

0.2

 $p_{on}(r,t)$

21

45

50

55 60

10

 $r = 0.33 \ \mu m$

t (s) TF concentration @TU

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O Pulkkinen & RM, PRL (2013)

Strongly defocused (fluctuating) reaction times

Geometry control: direct trajectories independent of outer boundary Reaction control: finite reactivity requires multiple collisions

Full first passage time density:

Direct vs indirect trajectories:



D Grebenkov, RM & G Oshanin, Comm Chem (2019), PCCP (2018), NJP (2019); A Godec & RM, PRX (2016), Sci Rep (2016) 22



$\label{eq:Reaction} \mbox{Reaction/search speedup for N "molecules" in parallel}$

Fixed starting point: fastest FPT $\langle t \rangle \simeq 1/\ln N$

Uniformly distributed initial conditions: $\langle t \rangle \simeq \begin{cases} 1/N^2, \text{ perfect reactivity} \\ 1/N, \text{ partial reactivity} \end{cases}$



 \rightsquigarrow Particles initially located close to target are purely reaction controlled

 \rightsquigarrow Initial conditions matter significantly & chemical rate approach requires sufficiently high concentrations

Computational models for intracellular signalling



[J Ma . . . SA Isaacson, PLoS Comp Biol (2021)]

Reaction cascades & reaction in onion-like shell regions



DS Grebenkov, RM & G Oshanin, NJP (2021); E-print (2021)

Typical versus mean, a lesson from disordered systems

N searchers with initial position \mathbf{r}_i & single-searcher survival probability $Q_i(\mathbf{r}_i, t)$:

$$\mathscr{S}(t) = \prod_{i=1}^{N} Q_i(\mathbf{r}_i, t)$$

 $\mathscr{S}(t)$ is random variable, mean:

 $\langle \mathscr{S} \rangle_{\mathbf{r}_i}$

Typical $\mathscr{S}(t)$:

$$\mathscr{S}_{\mathrm{typ}}(t) = \exp\left(\left\langle \ln \mathscr{S}(t) \right\rangle_{\mathbf{r}_i}\right)$$

In language of disordered systems $\mathscr{S}(t)$ is the partition function, \mathbf{r}_i are disorder variables. Average: annealed limit, i.e., average over partition function \mathscr{Z} . Typical: quenched, i.e., average over free energy $\ln \mathscr{Z}$

MR Evans & SN Majumdar, PRL (2011)

Application to maximum of random diffusivity processes

Maximal positive displacement $M_T = \max_{0 \le t \le T} \{x_t\} \ge 0$ of random process x_t

As shown by Paul Lévy [Processus stochastiques et mouvement brownien (Paris: Gauthier-Villars. 1948)], the PDF of M_T is

$$P_T(M_T) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi DT}} \exp\left(-\frac{M_T^2}{4DT}\right)$$

Analogous typical PDF (p auxiliary parameter to fix dimensions, normalisation \mathcal{N}_M):

$$P_T^{(\mathrm{typ})}(M_T) = p \mathscr{N}_M \exp\left(\left\langle \ln \frac{\mathscr{P}(M_T)}{p} \right\rangle \right),$$

where $\mathscr{P}(M_T)$ is the PDF of a single realisation

DS Grebenkov, V Sposini, RM, G Oshanin & F Seno, NJP (2020)

Application to maximum of random diffusivity processes



DS Grebenkov, V Sposini, RM, G Oshanin & F Seno, NJP (2020)



Brownian yet non-Gaussian diffusion in soft & bio-matter



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

S Hapca, JW Crawford & IM Young, Interface (2009) 29

Fickian yet non-Gaussian diffusion in micropillar matrix



Superstatistics for non-Gaussian displacement PDFs

Superstatistical approach: patches of different diffusivities/mobilities or particles with different diffusivities (sizes/shapes) [G(x, t|D) Gaussian Green's function for given D]:



NB1: Superstatistics is closely related to (generalised) grey Brownian motion [E.g., A Mura, MS Taqqu & F Mainardi, Physica (2008)] NB2: p(D) is static $\rightsquigarrow P(x, t)$ has fixed shape \checkmark observed cross-over NB3: \exists also long history of superstatistics in turbulence

C Beck & EGD Cohen, Physica A (2003); AV Chechkin, F Seno, RM & IM Sokolov, PRX (2017)

Instantaneous diffusivity of shape-fluctuating proteins



Instantaneous Einstein-Stokes-type relation (for different pressure & temperature):



E Yamamoto, T Akimoto, A Mitsutake & RM, PRL (2021)

"Annealed" diffusing-diffusivity in rearranging heterogeneous enironment



Y Lanoiselée, N Moutal & D Grebenkov, Nat Comm (2018)

Fickian, non-Gaussian diffusion with diffusing diffusivity

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

Our minimal model for diffusing diffusivity:



Generalised γ distribution & non-equilibrium diffusivity initial conditions: V Sposini, AV Chechkin, G Pagnini, F Seno & RM, NJP (2018)

AV Chechkin, F Seno, RM & IM Sokolov, PRX (2017)

Random-diffusivity models for non-Gaussian diffusion

[†] Multimerisation of tracer [F Baldovin, F Seno & E Orlandini, Frontiers (2019); M Hidalgo-Soria & E Barkai, PRE (2020)]

- **2** Two-state model [A Sabri, X Xu, D Krapf & M Weiss, PRL (2020)]
- **B** Extreme value statistic of tails for small # jumps [E Barkai & S Burov, PRL (2020)]
- 4 Compartmenalisation model with partial reflectivity [J Ślęzak & S Burov, Sci Rep (2021)]

5 Jump processes & functionals of Brownian motion [V Sposini, D Grebenkov, RM, G Oshanin & F Seno, NJP (2020)]



Non-Gaussian & non-Fickian diffusion in mucin hydrogels



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

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Doxorubicin drug molecule diffusion in silica nanochannels



A Díez Fernández, P Charchar, AG Cherstvy, RM & MW Finnis, PCCP (2020)

Non-Gaussian diffusion in viscoelastic systems

Passive motion of submicron tracers in the cytoplasm of living cells & crowded media is viscoelastic [L Oddershede & RM, PRL (2011); JH Jeon, N Leijnse, L Oddershede & RM, NJP (2013)]

RNA-protein particles in E.coli & S.cerevisiae perform exponential anomalous diffusion:



TJ Lampo, S Stylianidou, MP Backlund, PA Wiggins & AJ Spakowitz, BPJ (2017); N&V: RM, BPJ (2017)

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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 \frown 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): $\langle \zeta_i(t)\zeta_j(t') \rangle = \delta_{ij}k_B T \eta(|t-t'|)$

 \curvearrowright fractional Langevin equation. Overdamped limit: Mandelbrot's FBM Quantum mechanics: Nakajima-Zwanzig equation using projection operators Hydrodynamics: Basset force with $\eta(t) \simeq t^{-1/2}$ due to hydrodynamic backflow

Viscoelastic diffusion $\langle \mathbf{r}^2(t) \rangle \simeq K_{\alpha} t^{\alpha}$ is asymptotically ergodic

Fractional Langevin equation:

$$\ddot{\mathbf{r}}(t) + \int_0^t \eta(t - t') \dot{\mathbf{r}}(t') dt' = \boldsymbol{\zeta}(t)$$

with $\eta(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} a_i(k) e^{-\nu_i t} \rightarrow t^{-\alpha}$ & $\langle \zeta_i(t)\zeta_j(t')\rangle = \delta_{ij}k_BT\eta(|t-t'|)$, Gauss

Fractional Brownian motion:

 $\dot{\mathbf{r}}(t) = \boldsymbol{\zeta}(t)$

In both cases:
$$\lim_{T \to \infty} \overline{\delta^2(\Delta)} = \langle \mathrm{r}^2(\Delta) \rangle$$

Ergodicity breaking parameter:



W Deng & E Barkai, PRE (2009); JH Jeon & RM, PRE (2010); M Schwarzl, A Godec & RM, Sci Rep (2017)



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Fractional Brownian motion

FLE: fluctuation-dissipation ~> asymptotic thermal equilibrium [books by Zwanzig, Kubo]

FBM: "external noise" for non-equilibrium systems or "open systems" [Klimontovich, Statistical physics of open systems]

Mandelbrot-van Ness smoothed FBM [SIAM Rev (1968)]:

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = \sqrt{2D(t)}\xi_H(t)$$

 $\xi_H(t)$ is fractional Gaussian noise, understood as the derivative of smoothed FBM:

$$\langle \xi_H(t)\xi_H(t+\tau)\rangle = \frac{1}{2\delta} \Big(|t+\delta|^{2H} - 2|\tau|^{2H} + |t-\delta|^{2H} \Big) \sim H(2H-1)\tau^{2H-2}$$

Displacement correlator:

$$C_{\delta t}(t) = \frac{\langle [\mathbf{r}(t+\delta t) - \mathbf{r}(t)] \cdot \mathbf{r}(\delta t) - \mathbf{r}(0)] \rangle}{\delta t^2}$$

$$\frac{C_{\delta t}(t)}{C_{\delta t}(0)} = \frac{(t+\delta t)^{2H} - 2t^{2H} + (t-\delta t)^{2H}}{2\delta t^{2H}}$$

Sample trajectories for the lipid & cholesterol motion



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

Reproducible TA MSD & antipersistent correlations



Rattling dynamics: exptl first passage PDF \sim FLE motion



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

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)



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)



Non-Gaussian dynamics in the presence of correlated noise



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Viscoelastic diffusing-diffusivity model



J Ślęzak, M Magdziarz & RM, NJP (2018), NJP (2019); W Wang, AV Chechkin, F Seno, IM Sokolov & RM, NJP (2020) 50

Viscoelastic diffusing-diffusivity model

FBM-generalised diffusing-diffusivity model:

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = \sqrt{2D(t)}\xi_H(t)$$

with D(t) as squared Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process Y(t):

$$D(t) = Y^{2}(t), \quad \frac{dY(t)}{dt} = -Y + \eta(t)$$

Here, $\eta(t)$ is white Gaussian noise with zero mean & unit variance

 $\xi_H(t)$ is fractional Gaussian noise, understood as the derivative of the Mandelbrot-van Ness smoothed FBM [SIAM Rev (1968)]:

$$\langle \xi_H(t)\xi_H(t+\tau)\rangle = \frac{1}{2\delta} \Big(|t+\delta|^{2H} - 2|\tau|^{2H} + |t-\delta|^{2H} \Big) \sim H(2H-1)\tau^{2H-2}$$

J Ślęzak, M Magdziarz & RM, NJP (2018), NJP (2019); W Wang, AV Chechkin, F Seno, IM Sokolov & RM, NJP (2020) 51

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Crowding in membranes: non-Gaussian lipid/protein diffusion



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

Intermittent lipid diffusion in protein-crowded membranes



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

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 quenched landscape models



L Luo & M Yi, PRE (2018,2019); see also EB Postnikov, A Chechkin & IM Sokolov, NJP (2020)

Increasing non-Gaussianity in moving amoeba cells



Inertial and active Brownian particles /w distributed speeds

Inertial model [Mikhailov & Meinköhn (1997)]:

$$\dot{\mathbf{r}}(t) = v_0 \mathbf{e}_v, \quad \dot{\phi}(t) = \frac{\sqrt{2\sigma}}{mv_0} \left(\xi_y \cos \phi - \xi_x \sin \phi \right)$$
$$\langle \Delta \mathbf{r}^2(t) \rangle = \frac{2v_0^4 m^2 t}{\sigma} + \frac{v^6 m^4}{\sigma^2} \left[\exp\left(-\frac{2\sigma t}{m^2 v_0^2}\right) - 1 \right] \sim v_0^2 t^2 \dots \frac{2v_0^4 m^2}{\sigma} t$$

Active Brownian particle [Sevilla & Sandoval (2015)]:

$$\dot{\mathbf{r}}(t) = v_0 \mathbf{e}_v + \sqrt{2D_T} \boldsymbol{\xi}_T(t), \quad \dot{\phi}(t) = \sqrt{2D_R} \boldsymbol{\xi}_R(t)$$
$$\langle \Delta \mathbf{r}^2(t) \rangle \sim 4D_T t + (2D_T D_R + v_0^2) t^2 \dots 4 \left(D_T + \frac{v_0^2}{2D_R} \right) t$$

Consider (i) distribution of diffusivities p(D) or (ii) of speeds $p(v_0)$

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Inertial and active Brownian particles /w distributed speeds

Inertial case:

$$p(D) = \frac{1}{D_{\star}} \exp\left(-\frac{D}{D_{\star}}\right) \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad P(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{2v_0^4 t}{\pi D_{\star} (\mathbf{r}^2 + 2v_0^4 t/D_{\star})}$$

To get asymptotic exponential PDF: Inertial case uses Weibulll-p(v)

$$p(v) = \frac{4v^3}{2DD_{\star}^{\text{eff}}} \exp\left(-\frac{v^4}{2DD_{\star}^{\text{eff}}}\right)$$

ABP Rayleigh-p(v):

$$p(v) = \frac{\exp(-D_T/D_{\star}^{\text{eff},o})}{D_R D_{\star}^{\text{eff},o}} v \exp\left(-\frac{v^2}{2D_R D_{\star}^{\text{eff},o}}\right)$$

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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)

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)

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



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

Self-similar internal protein dynamics: 13 decades of ageing





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



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) 68

PSD analysis of *noisy* **FBM** trajectories



Open symbols: dominant static error Filled symbols: dominant dynamic error

V Sposini, D Krapf, E Marinari, R Sunyer, F Ritort, F Taheri, C C Selhuber-Unkel, M Weiss, RM & G Oshanin, (2022) 69

Brain serotonergic axons as FBM paths



Correlated fluctuations effect non-flat profile



S Janušonis, N Detering, RM & T Vojta, Front Comp Neurosc (2020); T Guggenberger, T Vojta & RM, NJP (2019) 70

Large-deviation statistics for TAMSD

Chebyshev's inequality for Brownian motion $X(1), X(2), \ldots, X(N)$, given deviation ε :

$$P\Big((\xi-1) \ge \varepsilon\Big) \le \frac{4\Delta}{4\Delta + 3N\varepsilon^2}, \quad \xi = \frac{\delta^2(\Delta)}{\langle \overline{\delta^2(\Delta)} \rangle}, \quad \langle \xi \rangle = 1$$

Large-deviation result:

$$P((\xi-1) \ge \varepsilon) \le \exp(-a\mathcal{H}(b)), \quad \mathcal{H}(b) = 1+b-\sqrt{1+2b}; \quad a,b = f(\Delta,\ldots)$$



S Thapa, A Wyłomańska, G Sikora, CE Wagner, D Krapf, H Kantz, AV Chechkin & RM, NJP (2021)



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A word on input data for analyses



- Gaps in trajectories
- **I** Smoothing artifacts
- Different resolution along trajectory
- III Trajectories of different length
- If Different regimes in single trajectory (e.g., nesting, cruising, eating . . .)
- HI Ageing effects (trajectory record starts after system initiation

Data from Florian Jeltsch & Damaris Zurell's groups

Scaling analysis of anomalous diffusion





O Vilk, E Aghion, T Avgar, C Beta, O Nagel, M Weiss, A Sabri, D Krapf, R Sarfati, DK Schwartz, RM, R Nathan, M Assaf, E-print (2021) 74

Scaling analysis of anomalous diffusion

Joseph: long-range correlations; Noah: fat tails of increment PDF; Moses: non-stationarity



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Maximum likelihood Bayesian data analyses



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

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Machine learning approach to classification





Feature-based methods



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Deep learning methods



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Convolutional neural networks



 each convolution uses a different filter sliding over the input and producing its own feature map

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- pooling reduces the dimensionality of feature maps
- state-of-the-art in image processing

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Objective comparison of methods to decode anomalous diffusion

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Bayesian-weighted deep learning model selection

Long Short-Term Memory approach (recurrent neural network architecture)



Feature-based classification schemes



FIG. 1. Comparison between (a) random forest and (b) gradient boosting methods. In the random forest, N independent learners (trees) are built in parallel from random subsets of the input data set. In gradient boosting, the next tree is constructed from the pseudoresiduals of the ensemble and added to it.



FIG. 4. Feature importance in (a) the random forest model and (b) the gradient boosting models.

P Kowalek, H Loch-Olszewska & J Szwabiński, PRE (2019)

Feature-based classification schemes



H Loch-Olszewska & J Szwabiński, Entropy (2020)

List of the features - Table

The features used to characterize the SPT trajectories. The original set of features for the AnDi challenge (left column) have been extended afterwards (right columns) to improve the performance of the classifier. See [1] for definitions and further details

Original features	Additional features		
Anomalous exponent	D'Agostino-Pearson test statistic		
Diffusion coefficient	Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistic		
	against χ^2 distribution		
Asymmetry	Noah exponent		
Efficiency	Moses exponent		
Empirical velocity autocorrelation function	Joseph exponent		
Fractal dimension	Detrending moving average		
Maximal excursion	Average moving window characteristics		
Mean maximal excursion	Maximum standard deviation		
Mean gaussianity			
Mean squared displacement ratio			
Kurtosis			
Statistics based on <i>p</i> -variation			
Straightness			
Trappedness			

P Kowalek, H Loch-Olszewska, Ł LŁaszczuk, J Opała & J Szwabiński, arXiv:2112.15143

Confusion matrices

Base XGB model						Extended XGB model					
ATTM	37% 3363	22% 1965	3% 268	1% 62	37% 3348	ATTM	61% 5508	13% 1131	5% 418	1% 47	21% 1905
CTRW	11% 993	85% 7702	1% 120	0% 3	2% 198	CTRW	5% 452	94% 8461	1% 79	0% 2	0% 30
FBM	1% 104	1% 113	72% 6425	7% 621	19% 1722	FBM	3% 278	1% 93	82% 7399	2% 157	12% 1044
ΓM	0% 38	0% 5	5% 472	92% 8276	2% 220	LW	0% 24	0% 2	1% 123	98% 8795	1% 63
SBM	11% 996	1% 114	6% 517	1% 87	81% 7269	SBM	10% 893	0% 17	7% 596	0% 39	83% 7445
	ATTM	CTRW	FBM	LW	SBM		ATTM	CTRW	FBM	LW	SBM

Figure: Normalized confusion matrices for the AnDi contribution (left) and the extended model (right). Rows correspond to the true labels and columns to the predicted ones.

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Feature importances

ATTM		FBM		SBM		
feature	importance	feature	importance	feature	importance	
M	0.13	Μ	0.07	М	0.20	
max_std_x	0.08	alpha	0.06	dagostino_y	0.05	
max_std_y	0.08	dagostino_y	0.06	dagostino_x	0.04	
dagostino_y	0.07	dagostino_x	0.06	alpha	0.03	
mw_x_mean10 0.06		max_std_x	0.05	max_std_y	0.03	
mw_y_mean10 0.06		max_std_y	0.05	max_std_x	0.03	
mean_gaussianity 0.06		max_std_change_y	0.03	mw_y_mean10	0.02	
dagostino_x	0.06	mean_gaussianity	0.03	ksstat_chi2	0.02	
p_var_1	0.05	p_var_1	0.03	vac_lag_1	0.02	
alpha	0.05	vac_lag_1	0.03	mean_gaussianity	0.02	
CTRW		LW				
feature	importance	feature	importance			
mw_x_mean10	0.07	max_std_x	0.05			
mw_y_mean10	0.07	max_std_y	0.05			
fractal_dimension	0.04	dagostino_y	0.02			
dagostino_x	0.03	p_var_1	0.02			
ksstat_chi2	0.02	dagostino_x	0.02			
mw_x_mean20	0.02	alpha	0.02			
mw_y_mean20	0.02	vac_lag_2	0.01			
dagostino_y	0.02	max_std_change_y	0.01			
mean_gaussianity	0.02	max_std_change_x	0.01			
p_var_1	0.01	mw_y_mean10	0.01			

Table: Ranking of most important features (based on SHAP values) in case of the extended classifier.



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Time averages & ageing in financial market time series



AG Cherstvy, D Vinod, E Aghion, AV Chechkin & RM, NJP (2017)

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Universality of delay-time averages for financial time series



Figure 9. Delayed TAMSDs calculated for the stocks- and cryptocurrency-data plotted versus the delay time t_d . The time periods of the FTS used for the determination of optimal drift and volatilities are 1962–2020 and 2014–2019, for the classical stocks and cryptocurrencies (**BitCoin**), respectively. The optimal annualized volatility found from equation (C5) and the value of drift found from the single-parameter fit of $\delta_{d,i}^2(\Delta)$ are listed in the legend. The two vertical dashed lines shown on the t_d -axis at the end of 1995 and 2017 help to assess the positions, respectively, of the 1997–1999 financial crisis for the stocks and of the crash late December 2017 for **BitCoin**. These lines define the range of the delayed-TAMSD data used to obtain the parameter μ from the respective fits to the data, see appendix C for details.

Soft resets of Lévy walk



Soft reset phase: motion in harmonic potential with Hooke constant γ :

$$m\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -\gamma x$$

Free Lévy walk phase:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \pm v_0$$

P Xu, T Zhou, RM & W Deng (2021)



Stochastic resets with random amplitude & stratigraphy



M Dahlenburg, R Schumer, A Chechkin & RM, PRE (2021)

Income inequality & mobility in GBM /w stochastic resetting



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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.



Trajectories of sodium channels moving on an energy landscape within the surface of hippocampal neurons (Based on data from E. J. Akin et al., *Biophys. J.* **111**, 1235, 2016.)

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



General theme: modelling, i.e., from data to models

- **I** Ever better data from experiments & simulations, especially single time series $\mathbf{r}(t)$. Finite measurement time & often few
- Anomalous diffusion is non-universal: big question what is the underlying physical process
- III Classical observables ("features") \sim decision trees
- Deep learning strategies combined with random forest or gradient boosting: many imponderables. Feature-based approaches allow for physical interpretation
- **H** Bayesian evaluation of deep learning. More approaches?

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