Transport in heterogeneous media – diffusion, fractals and anomalous dynamics

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- Continuum Percolation Theory
- Dynamic Scaling Hypothesis
- Corrections to scaling





Motivation- Transport in Disordered Media







sandstone Okabe & Blunt, PRE (2004)

pumice M. Nyman, TERC

Na-silicate A. Meyer *et al*, PRL (2004)



cellular crowding O. Medalia *et al* (2002) Science



yeast J. Höög, EMBL



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Dense mixtures



Na-Silicate T. Voigtmann, J. Horbach





disparate soft spheres

A. Moreno, J. Colmenero

subdiffusive behavior in strongly disparate mixtures

disparate Yukawa particles N. Kikuchi, J. Horbach





Membranes



- avidin binds irreversibly to biotinylated supported lipid bilayer (SLB)
- Fluorescent correlation spectroscopy (FCS)



M. Horton, J. Rädler, LMU

subdiffusive behavior in crowded membranes





Molecular crowding

• Molecular crowding

"Molecular crowding is more accurately termed the excluded volume effect, because the mutual impenetrability of all solute molecules is its most basic characteristic. This nonspecific steric repulsion is always present, regardless of any other attractive or repulsive interactions that might occur between the solute molecules." R. John Ellis 2001

- 30% volume fraction by sugars, lipids, membranes
- anomalous transport in the cell
- chemical reactions are slow
- apparent density-dependent exponents?
 - alternatively: huge crossover regimes
 - origins: static heterogeneities, random traps, polymer networks





E-coli D. Goodsell



Living Cells





• particle tracking in video microscopy



Iva Tolić-Nørrelyke, MPI-CBG

subdiffusive behavior in crowded cells





Biopolymer Networks



Wong et al, PRL 2004



Bausch, Kroy



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- multiple particle tracking
- entangled F-actin filament networks
- particle diameter a comparable to mesh size ξ

subdiffusive behavior in crosslinked networks





Transport in heterogeneous media

Common Origin

Origin of anomalous transport?

- dense system constitutes course of obstacles
- long-living heterogeneities
- many length scales induce hierarchy of time scales
- Complex systems also other mechanisms
 - distribution of sticking times
 - spectrum of relaxation times in polymers
 - glassy dynamics
 - phase separation
 - non-equilibrium, aging
 - living, active systems







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fractals - picture gallery







Lorenz attractor

Mandelbrot set

Devils and Angels M.C. Escher



bubbles fractal



www.fractalarts.com



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fractals - picture gallery





Romanesco



site percolation

coastline

Sierpińksi



continuum percolation



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Site Percolation



- sites are occupied with probability p
- Occupied sites form clusters
- An infinite cluster is present above some threshold
- correlation length ξ(p): size of the largest finite cluster







Self-similarity

p=0.592746









Fractal dimension

- self-similarity at criticality
- mass of the infinite cluster

 $M(r) \sim r^{d_{\rm f}}$

*d*_f is the fractal dimension
Sierpiński gasket

$$d_{\rm f} = {\log 3 \over \log 2}$$

percolation

$$d_{\rm f} = 91/48 \approx 1.9 \ (d=2) \\ d_{\rm f} \approx 2.53 \ (d=3)$$









critical exponents

- self-similarity implies
 - correlation length $\xi \sim |\mathbf{p} \mathbf{p}_{c}|^{-\nu}$
 - infinite cluster $P_{\infty} \sim (p p_c)^{\beta}$
 - mean finite cluster size

$$\ell \sim |\boldsymbol{p} - \boldsymbol{p_c}|^{-\nu + \beta/2}$$

• cluster size distribution at $p = p_c$



- similar to continuous phase transitions
 - p plays rôle of temperature
 - P_∞ order parameter
- scaling relations
 - Fisher exponent and fractal dimension

$$au = 1 + d/d_{
m f}$$
 $d_{
m f} = d - eta/
u$



percolation



Ising model K. Binder and W. Kob, *Glassy Materials and Disordered Solids: An Introduction to Their Statistical Mechanics*





Fisher exponent



Simulation based on Hoshen-Kopelman algorithm

- periodic boundary conditions reduce finite size correction
- box length L = 45,000
- realizations 195,000
- critical density $p_c = 0.5927460$





power-law corrections



$$n_s(p_c) = As^{-\tau}(1 + Bs^{-\Omega} + \ldots) \qquad s \to \infty$$

new universal correction exponent $\Omega = 0.77$





Scaling behavior



Scaling behavior

distance

 $arepsilon=(
hoho_c)/
ho_c$

- all cluster alike
- compare size $R_s \sim s^{1/d_f}$ with correlation length $\xi \sim |\varepsilon|^{-\nu}$

n: scaling function, excellent data collapse





Ant in the Labyrinth

Transport on percolating systems

- random walker on occupied sites
 ant in the labyrinth (de Gennes)
- fractal geometry causes anomalous transport
- mean-square displacement
 - all cluster average

$$\delta r^2(t) \sim t^{2/z}$$

infinite cluster

$$\delta r_{\infty}^2(t) \sim t^{2/d_W}$$

- -> subdiffusive
- → up to where the system is homogeneous







Ant Farmer John



www.AntFarmerJohn.com



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Crossover to homogeneous System



crossover to diffusion at scale ξ

$$\delta r_{ ext{Sierpiński}}^2 \sim egin{cases} t^{2/d_w} & ext{anomalous for } t \ll t_\xi \ t & ext{diffusive for } t \gg t_\xi \end{cases}$$

- crossover time $t_{\xi} \sim \xi^{d_w/2}$
- walk dimension for Sierpiński $d_w = \log 5 / \log 2$

D. ben Avraham and S. Havlin





mean-square displacement







scaling







cluster resolved transport







cluster resolved transport



Scaling: $\delta r_s^2(t) = t^{2/d_w} \delta \hat{r}_{\pm}^2(ts^{-d_w/d_f})$







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- classical gas of non-interacting, structureless particles
- randomly distributed, fixed obstacles:
 overlapping hard spheres
 Swiss Cheese model



 ballistic motion, elastic scattering or Brownian motion



- relevant for transport in disordered media
- single control parameter: reduced obstacle density $n^* = n\sigma^3$ (d = 3)













Mean-Square Displacement

 $\delta r^2(t) = \left< |{f R}(t) - {f R}(0)|^2
ight>$ (three dimensional system)



F. Höfling, T. Franosch, E. Frey, PRL 96, 165901 (2006)





Mean-Square Displacement

• two regimes for $t \to \infty$ • $n^* < n_c^* \twoheadrightarrow$ Diffusion $\delta r^2(t) \simeq 6Dt$ • $n^* > n_c^* \twoheadrightarrow$ Localization $\delta r^2(t) \simeq \ell^2$

- close to n_c^{*}: intermediate time window until δr²(t) ≈ ℓ²
 → subdiffusive motion, δr²(t) ~ t^{2/z}
- at $n^* = 0.84 \approx n_c^*$:
 - anomalous diffusion five time decades
 - dynamic exponent
 z ≈ 6.25





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Diffusion Coefficient

- *D* vanishes as $D \sim |\varepsilon|^{\mu}$, exponent $\mu \approx 2.88$
- ℓ diverges as $\ell \sim |\epsilon|^{-0.68}$
- critical density: $n_c^* = 0.839(4)$, $\phi_c = 0.9702(5)$





VACF – two dimensions



F. Höfling, T. Franosch, Phys. Rev. Lett. 98, 140601 (2007)

- Noise level 10⁻⁷ (!), power-law over several decades
- density-dependent exponents or crossover scenario?





VACF – rectification

- crossover scenario
- cancellation at intermediate density, $n^* \approx 0.1$ Alder and Alley (1978)
- long-time tails in the localized regime due to power-law distributed exit rates from cul-de-sac

$$\psi(t) \sim t^{-3}$$
 (d = 2)

Machta and Moore (1985)







- Voronoi tessellation of the obstacle centers
- gap width \rightarrow bond strength W
- bonds crossing the obstacles have zero strength
- random resistor network with fractal distribution of weak bonds,

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Results of Continuum Percolation Theory

• critical exponents:

 $P \sim |n-n_c|^{eta}, \qquad \xi \sim |n-n_c|^{-v}, \qquad D \sim |n-n_c|^{\mu}$

- mean-cluster radius: $\ell \sim |n n_c|^{-\nu + \beta/2}$
- scaling relation: $z 2 = \mu/(v \beta/2)$
- geometric exponents *v* and β are universal for lattice and continuum percolation
 Elam, Kerstein, and Rehr (1984)
- dynamical exponents as z and μ not weak conductances dominate or irrelevant

Halperin, Feng, and Sen (1985)

• hyperscaling relation:

 $\mu = (d-2)\mathbf{v} + 1/(1-\alpha) > \mu^{\text{lat}}, \qquad (\alpha \text{ sufficiently large})$

Straley (1982); Stenull and Janssen (2001)





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• hyperscaling relation (3D Lorentz model):

$$\mu = \nu + 2 \qquad (\alpha = \frac{1}{2})$$

Machta and Moore (1985)





Testing the Dynamic Scaling Ansatz



$$\delta r^2(t;\varepsilon) = t^{2/z} \delta \hat{r}_{\pm}^2(\hat{t})$$

- excellent data collapse in the diffusive regime
- rapid convergence towards large-*î* asymptotes
- small \hat{t} : asymptotic convergence as $n^* \rightarrow n_c^*$
- corrections to scaling relevant for $\hat{t} \ll 1$
- apparent densitydependent exponents





Corrections to Scaling

corrections to scaling approximately

$$\delta r^2(t;\varepsilon) = t^{2/z} \delta \hat{r}_{\pm}^2(\hat{t}) \left(1 + C t^{-y}\right)$$







Corrections to scaling

 Corrections to scaling for the cluster distribution at criticality

$$n_s(\varepsilon=0)=s^{-d/d_{
m f}-1}[A+Bs^{-\Omega}]$$

- Extensive Monte Carlo Simulation for Lattice Percolation $\Omega = 0.64 \pm 0.02$
- Extended scaling hypothesis

$$y = rac{d_{\mathrm{f}}}{d_{\mathrm{w}}}\Omega = rac{vd-eta}{z(v-eta/2)}\Omega$$

→ *y* = 0.34





Anomalous Transport

- Subdiffusion quite common
 - heterogeneous media, strong size disparities
 - obstructed motion
- Lorentz model generic model for anomalous transport
 - Origin: fractal nature of the clusters
 - continuum percolation, random resistor network
 - mean-square displacement, non-Gaussian parameter
 - also: VACF (long-time tails), non-fickian diffusion, van Hove correlation function, intermediate scattering function,
- exponents and scaling
 - universality fixes exponents
 - large crossover regimes
 - → apparent density-dependent exponents
 - analogy to molecular crowding





Outlook







Further Research interests



 entangled dynamics of a stiff rod



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Further Interests – Driven Transport

Molecular Motors Kinesin "walks" along a microtubule track Transport vesicle Kinesin Microtubule Microtubule





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Further Interests – Hydrodynamics at Microscales

10

 10^{-2}

10⁻³

 10^{-5}

10-5

C(t)/C(0)

5 uN/m

=19iJN/m



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10⁻³

Brownian motion

 $10^4 \times C(t)/C(0)$

 $10^{-3}_{t[s]} 10^{-2}$

 10^{-2}

10

-10

t [s]

10-4

b) top view

h=10um



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 10^{-4}



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Two dimensional lattice percolation

- fractal dimension $d_{\rm f} = 91/48 \approx 1.90$
- correlation length v = 4/3
- infinite cluster $\beta = 5/36$
- Fisher exponent $\tau = 187/91$





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Van Hove self-correlation function

$$G(\mathbf{r},t) := \left\langle \delta(\mathbf{R}(t) - \mathbf{R}(0) - \mathbf{r}) \right\rangle$$

 probability distribution of the particle positions

vanHove-0,75

- diffusive peak vanishes
- sharp peak at a definite distance remains

consider long-time limit:

- $G(\mathbf{r}, t \rightarrow \infty) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow$ all particles can diffuse away
- finite peak → localization of some particles
- coexistence of localized and diffusing particles below n^{*}_c, phase space is decomposed into finite and infinite subsets





Non-ergodicity Parameters f_q

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{q}}^{s}(t) := \left\langle e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot(\mathbf{R}(t) - \mathbf{R}(0))} \right\rangle$$

- Fourier transform of $G(\mathbf{r}, t)$
- incoherent inelastic scattering function Φ^s_q(t)
- non-ergodicity parameter: $f_q := \Phi_q^s(t \to \infty)$



- *f_q* > 0 at *all* densities
 → phase space is always decomposed
- transition affects f_q in next-to-leading order only: $f_q \sim const + |\varepsilon|^{\beta}$

Kertész and Metzger (1983)





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Gaussian approximation:

 $\Phi_q^s(t) \approx e^{-Dq^2t} \rightarrow f_q$ should vanish in diffusive systems

• in presence of non-Gaussian corrections: valid only for $q \ll 1/\sqrt{Dt} \rightarrow$ breaks down as $t \rightarrow \infty$







| μ | n _c * | Δn_c^* |
|------|------------------|----------------|
| 2.87 | 0.8388 | 0.0041 |
| 2.88 | 0.8390 | 0.0040 |
| 2.89 | 0.8392 | 0.0040 |





Exponents



•
$$\mu = (d-2)v + 1/(1-\alpha)$$

- compatible only with Machta and Moore
- $\alpha = 1/2$





Finite Size Effects



 Finite-size scaling prediction

 $D(\varepsilon; L) = |arepsilon|^{\mu} \hat{D}^{\pm}(\xi/L)$

- large boxes $D(\varepsilon < 0; L \gg \xi) \sim |\varepsilon|^{\mu}$
- small boxes $D(\varepsilon; L \ll \xi) \sim L^{-\mu/\nu}$





Correlation Length



- Divergence of the correlation length
- ξ extracted from non-gaussian parameter





Corrections to Scaling







VACF in 3d







Long-time tails

- rectification, sensitive test
- crossover scenario Götze, Leutheusser, and Yip (1981)
- cancellation effects
- growth close to n_c
- Iow-density: difficult
- predicted tail in localized regime $\psi(t) \propto t^{-3}$ Machta and Moore (1985)
- prediction for super-Burnett, non-gaussian parameter
- 3d ..







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• extend scaling by irrelevant coupling:

 $\delta r^2(t;\varepsilon) = t^{2/z} \delta \hat{r}_{\pm}^2(\hat{t}) \left[1 + t^{-y} \Delta_{\pm}(\hat{t}) \right]$

- new universal correction exponent y
- at criticality $(\hat{t} = 0)$: $\delta r^2(t; \varepsilon) \propto t^{2/z} (1 + Ct^{-y})$
- approximate correction function $\Delta_{\pm}(\hat{t}) = C$
- scaling plots for y = 0.34

Non-Gaussian Parameter

• mean-quartic displacement, $\delta r^4(t;\varepsilon) = \int d\mathbf{r} r^4 G(\mathbf{r},t;\varepsilon)$:

$$\delta r^4(t) \sim t^{4/\tilde{z}}$$
 $(\varepsilon = 0),$ $\delta r^4(t \to \infty) \sim \begin{cases} \xi^2 \ell^2 & (\varepsilon > 0) \\ (Dt)^2 |\varepsilon|^{-\beta} & (\varepsilon < 0) \end{cases}$

• different exponent $\tilde{z} \approx 5.4 \neq z$

$$\alpha_2(t) := \frac{3}{5} \delta r^4(t) / [\delta r^2(t)]^2 - 1$$

- sensitive to heterogeneities
- diffusive regime: $\alpha_2(\infty) > 0$
- critical law: $\alpha_2(t) \sim t^{4/\tilde{z}-4/z} \sim t^{0.097}$ divergent



Brownian particles

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Dynamic Scaling Ansatz

van Hove self-correlation function G(**r**, t) = ⟨δ(**R**(t) − **R**(0) − **r**)⟩
 → Probability to travel distance **r** in time t

$$G(\mathbf{r},t;\varepsilon) = \xi^{-eta/
u-d} \mathscr{G}_{\pm}(\mathbf{r}/\xi,t\ell^{-z})$$

• two diverging length scales:

- correlation length $\xi \sim |\varepsilon|^{-\nu}$ rescales geometry
- cross-over length $\ell \sim |\varepsilon|^{-\nu+\beta/2}$ rescales time
- three non-trivial exponents \rightarrow no CTRW, fractional FP, ...
- scaling ansatz for the MSD from $\delta r^2(t;\varepsilon) = \int d\mathbf{r} r^2 G(\mathbf{r},t;\varepsilon)$:

 $\delta r^2(t;\varepsilon) = t^{2/z} \delta \hat{r}_{\pm}^2(\hat{t}), \quad \text{where} \quad \hat{t} \sim t \ell^{-z}$

• critical dynamics ($\hat{t} = 0$) recovered: $\delta r^2(t) \sim t^{2/z}$.





Corrections to Scaling

• extend scaling ansatz by including an irrelevant coupling:

$$\delta r^2(t;\varepsilon) = t^{2/z} \delta \hat{r}_{\pm}^2(\hat{t}) \left(1 + t^{-y} \Delta_{\pm}(\hat{t})\right)$$

new universal correction exponent y



- data at *n*^{*} = 0.84:
 0.15 ≤ *y* ≤ 0.4
- approximate correction function $\Delta_{\pm}(\hat{t}) = C$
- scaling plots for y = 0.34 and C = -0.8





Lorentz Model

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