# Anomalous Diffusion

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#### **Anomalous Diffusion**



Subdiffusion

Diffusion

H > 1/2

Super-diffusion



We suppose  $\tau_i$  identically distributed

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# Brownian motion

- 1. Local in time:  $\langle \tau \rangle < \infty$
- 2. Local in space:  $\langle \xi^2 \rangle < \infty$
- 3. Markovian:  $\langle \xi_i \xi_j \rangle = \delta_{i,j}$

$$x(t) \sim \sqrt{t}$$

$$Z(x, x_0, t) = \frac{e^{-\frac{(x-x_0)^2}{2t}}}{\sqrt{2\pi t}}$$

#### Fractional Brownian Motion (fBm)

$$Z(x, x_0, t) = \frac{e^{-\frac{(x-x_0)^2}{2t^{2H}}}}{\sqrt{2\pi t^H}} \quad \text{with} \quad 0 < H < 1$$

$$\left\{ [x(t_1) - x(t_2)]^2 \right\} \sim |t_1 - t_2|^{2H}$$

$$\xi_t = x(t+1) - x(t) \quad f(t) \sim -\frac{1}{t^{2-2H}} \quad H < 1/2$$

$$\left\{ \xi_0 \xi_t \right\} \sim f(t) \quad f(t) \sim +\frac{1}{t^{2-2H}} \quad H > 1/2$$

## Subdiffusion: H = 1/4



## Superdiffusion: H = 3/4



#### Continuous Time Random Walk (CTRW)

$$p(\tau) \xrightarrow{\tau \gg 1} \frac{1}{\tau^{\alpha+1}}$$

For 
$$0 < \alpha < 1$$
,  $x(t) \sim t^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}$ 

$$Z(x, x_0, t) = \frac{1}{t^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}} F(\frac{x - x_0}{t^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}})$$

# Non Gaussian Process

#### CTRW vs fBm



Lévy flights

$$p(\xi) \xrightarrow{\xi \gg 1} \frac{1}{\xi^{\mu+1}}$$

For 
$$0 < \mu < 2, x(t) \sim t^{\frac{1}{\mu}}$$

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# Non Gaussian Process

#### Lévy flights vs fBm



#### Polymer Translocation



s(T) = N, if  $s(t) \sim t^H$  then  $T \sim N^{1/H}$ 



Monte Carlo simulation of polymer translocation in d=2, Chatelain, Kantor, Kardar, PRE 78, 021129 (2008) **Question I: A polymer chain will ultimately succeed in translocating through a pore ?** 

# **Question II: Which portion of the polymer has translocated at time t?**

**Hitting probability** Q(x, L): probability of exiting through L



Markov process:

$$Q(x,L) = \langle Q(x+\xi_1,L) \rangle$$

# For BM $\langle \xi_1 \rangle = 0$ , $\langle \xi_1^2 \rangle = \delta$

$$\frac{\partial^2 Q}{\partial x^2} = 0 \quad Q(0,L) = 0, \ Q(L,L) = 1$$

$$Q(x,L) = \frac{x}{L}$$

- Self affine process:  $Q(x,L) = Q(z = \frac{x}{L})$
- Symmetric process: Q(1/2) = 1/2; Q(z) = 1 Q(1 z)
- Close to the origin:  $Q(z) \sim c_1 z^{\phi} + \dots$



Translocation is enhanced or suppressed by excluded volume effects?



$$Q(x,L) = \operatorname{Prob}[m > L]$$

means

 $\operatorname{Prob}[t_f > L^{1/H}]$ 

Survival probability:  $\operatorname{Prob}[t_f > t] \sim \left(\frac{x^{1/H}}{t}\right)^{\theta}$  $\theta$  persistence exponent  $Q(x,L) \sim \operatorname{Prob}[t_f > L^{\frac{1}{H}}] \sim \left(\frac{x}{\tau}\right)^{\frac{\theta}{H}}, \quad \phi = \frac{\theta}{\tau\tau}$  Numerical test  $\phi = \theta/H$ 



Persistence of fBm in known  $\theta = 1 - H$  (see Krug et al.)

Prediction: 
$$\phi = \frac{\theta}{H} = \frac{1-H}{H}$$
  
• Red:  $H = 2/3 \longrightarrow \phi = 1/3$ 

Conclusion: volume effects "suppress" Translocation

Other models  $\phi = \theta/H$ :

CTRW: 
$$H = \alpha/2, \ \theta = 2/\alpha$$
  
 $\frac{\partial^2 Q}{\partial x^2} = 0 \quad Q(0,L) = 0, \ Q(L,L) = 1$   
 $Q(x,L) = \frac{x}{L}$ 
 $\phi = 1$ 

Lévy flights:  $H = 1/\mu$ ,  $\theta = 1/2$  (Sparre Andersen)

Widom ('61):  $Q(z = \frac{x}{L}) = I_z[\frac{\mu}{2}, \frac{\mu}{2}]$ 

 $\phi = \mu/2$ 

#### Polymer Translocation



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#### Numerical Simulations:



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Monte Carlo simulation tagged monomer in a box (d=1) Kantor, Kardar, PRE 76,061121 (2007)

$$d = 2, \quad \nu = \frac{3}{4}, \quad H = \frac{1}{2\nu + 1} = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$d = 1, \quad H = \frac{1}{4}$$

# Single Boundary



For homogeneous processes, we predict  $\sim x^{\phi}$  with  $\phi = \frac{\theta}{H}$ 

- 2d translocation: simulations give  $\phi \sim 1.44$  we predict  $\phi = 1.5$
- Tagged monomer: Simulations give  $\phi > 2$  we predict  $\phi = 3$
- Direct simulations on fBm agree with scaling argument





#### Images method: Brownian motion



 $Z_{+}(x, x_{0}, t) = Z(x, x_{0}, t) - Z(x, -x_{0}, t)$ 

#### Images method: Brownian motion

$$P_{+}(x, x_{0}, t) = \frac{Z_{+}(x, x_{0}, t)}{\int_{0}^{\infty} dx \, Z_{+}(x, x_{0}, t)} \xrightarrow{t \to \infty} P_{+}(x, t)$$

Using 
$$y = \frac{x}{\sqrt{t}}$$
  $P_+(x,t) \, dx = R_+(y) \, dy = y \, e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} \, dy$ 

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$$R_{+}(y) = y \, e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}}$$

### For images method $\phi = 1$ always.

#### Path integral method: Perturbation Theory



$$Z_{+}(x_{0}, x, t) = \int_{x(0)=x_{0}}^{x(t)=x} \mathcal{D}[x] e^{-\mathcal{S}[x]} \Theta[x]$$

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$$e^{-\mathcal{S}[x]} \sim e^{-\mathcal{S}^{(0)}[x]} \left(1 + \epsilon \mathcal{S}^{(1)}[x]\right)$$

$$Z_+(x_0, x, t) \sim Z_+^{(0)}(x_0, x, t) + \epsilon Z_+^{(1)}(x_0, x, t)$$

$$Z_{+}^{(1)}(x_0, x, t) = \int_{x(0)=x_0}^{x(t)=x} \mathcal{D}[x] \,\mathcal{S}^{(1)}[x] \,e^{-\mathcal{S}^{(0)}[x]} \,\Theta[x]$$

#### For Brownian Motion

$$\mathcal{S}[x] = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t dt \, \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2$$

# For Gaussian process $\mathcal{S}[x] = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t dt_1 \int_0^t dt_2 x(t_1) G(t_1, t_2) x(t_2)$

$$\langle x(t_1)x(t_2)\rangle = G^{-1}(t_1,t_2)$$

#### Brownian motion

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \langle x(t_1)x(t_2) \rangle = 2\min(t_1, t_2) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{S}^{(0)}[x] = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^t dt' \, (\partial_{t'} x)^2$$

#### Fractional Brownian motion

$$H - \mathrm{fBm} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \langle x(t_1)x(t_2) \rangle = t_1^{2H} + t_2^{2H} - |t_1 - t_2|^{2H} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{S}[x] ??$$

#### Perturbation

$$H = \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon \quad \Rightarrow \quad \langle x(t_1)x(t_2) \rangle = 2 \min(t_1, t_2) - \epsilon \Sigma(t_1, t_2) + O(\epsilon^2)$$

 $\Sigma(t_1, t_2) = -2 \left[ t_1 \ln t_1 + t_2 \ln t_2 - |t_1 - t_2| \ln |t_1 - t_2| \right]$ 

$$G^{-1}(t_1, t_2) = [G^{(0)}]^{-1}(t_1, t_2) - \epsilon \Sigma(t_1, t_2) \implies \epsilon \Sigma = [G^{(0)}]^{-1} - G^{-1}$$

$$G = G^{(0)} + \epsilon G^{(0)} \Sigma G \implies G = G^{(0)} + \epsilon G^{(0)} \Sigma G^{(0)}$$

$$\mathcal{S}[x] = \mathcal{S}^{(0)}[x] + \epsilon \,\mathcal{S}^{(1)}[x]$$

$$\mathcal{S}^{(1)}[x] \propto -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^t dt_1 \int_{t_1}^t dt_2 \, \frac{\partial_{t_1} x(t_1) \partial_{t_2} x(t_2)}{|t_1 - t_2|}$$



Brownian 2-points correlation function

# Final Result I

$$R_{+}(y) = R_{+}^{(0)}(y) \left[1 + \epsilon W(y) + O(\epsilon^{2})\right]$$
$$W(y) = \frac{1}{6}y^{4} {}_{2}F_{2}\left(1, 1; \frac{5}{2}, 3; \frac{y^{2}}{2}\right)$$
$$+\pi(1 - y^{2}) \operatorname{erfi}\left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{2}}\right) + \sqrt{2\pi}e^{\frac{y^{2}}{2}}y$$
$$+ \left(y^{2} - 2\right) \left[\log(2y^{2}) + \gamma_{\mathrm{E}}\right] - 3y^{2}$$

# Final Result II



$$\phi = 1 - 4\epsilon + O(\epsilon^2) , \quad \gamma = 1 - 2\epsilon + O(\epsilon^2)$$

- $\epsilon$  expansion in agreement with the conjecute  $\phi = \frac{1-H}{H}$
- At large y, Free Gaussian Propagator
- + a New Exponent  $\gamma \neq \phi$

The exponent 
$$\gamma$$
  
 $r_+(y) = e^{\frac{y^2}{2}} R_+(y)$ 



### Conclusions

- We have introduced different models displaying anomalous diffusion
- *H* is not enough to identify the universal behavior of the process
- $\phi = \theta/H$  characterizes the spatial properties of these processes
- Perturbation approach are possible around the Brownian results
- A new exponent  $\gamma$  has been found for the fBm