

Non-Gaussian statistics in soft & bio-matter

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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.

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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.

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 $\frac{1}{5000}$ 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.



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 (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

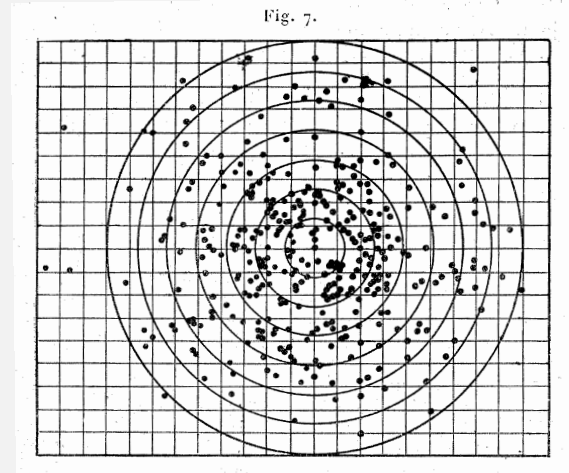
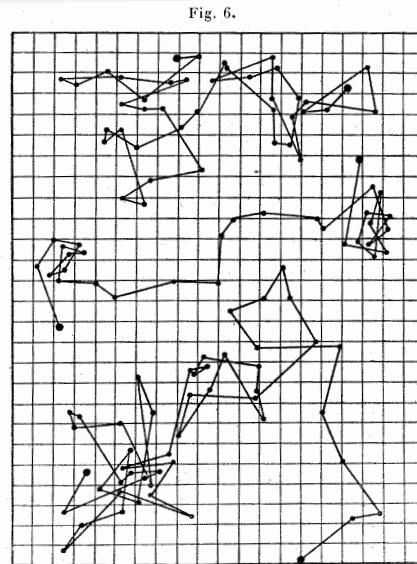
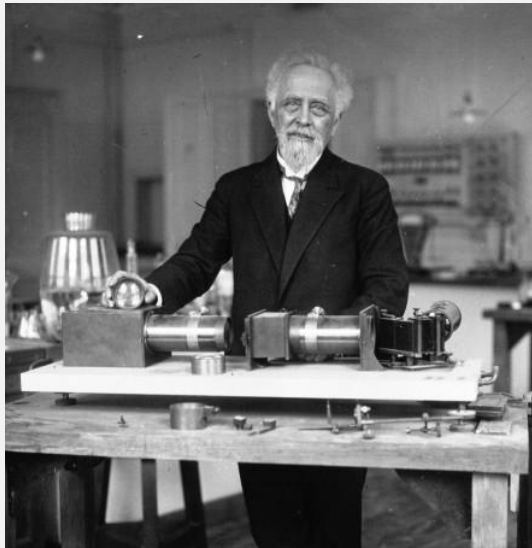
- (i) $\exists$ finite correlation time beyond which displacements are independent
- (ii) displacements are identically distributed
- (iii) displacements have a finite second moment

Main characteristics: linear mean squared displacement & Gaussian probability density

$$\langle \mathbf{r}^2(t) \rangle = 2dK_1t, \quad P(\mathbf{r}, t) = (4\pi K_1t)^{-d/2} \exp\left(-\frac{\mathbf{r}^2}{4K_1t}\right)$$

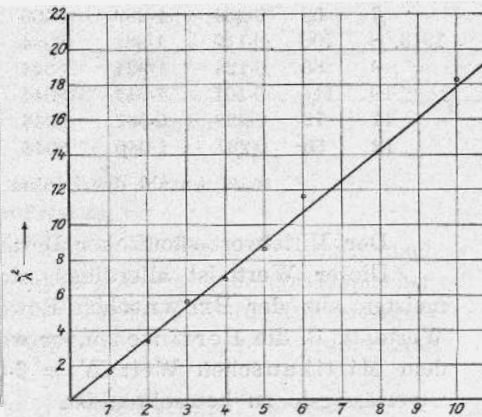
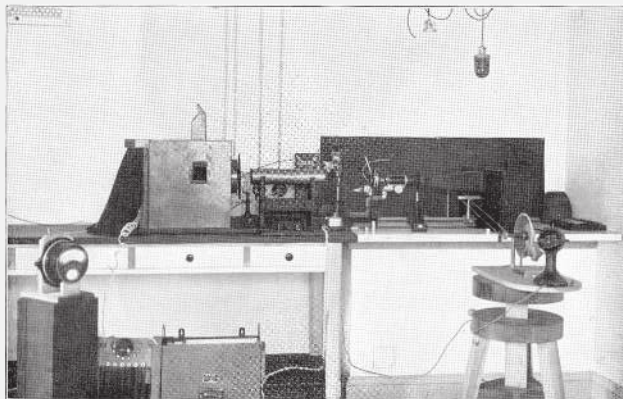
Violation of these conditions leads to anomalous diffusion with MSD $\langle \mathbf{r}^2(t) \rangle \simeq K_\alpha t^\alpha$ and/or non-Gaussian PDF

Les atomes: Brownian motion and Avogadro's number



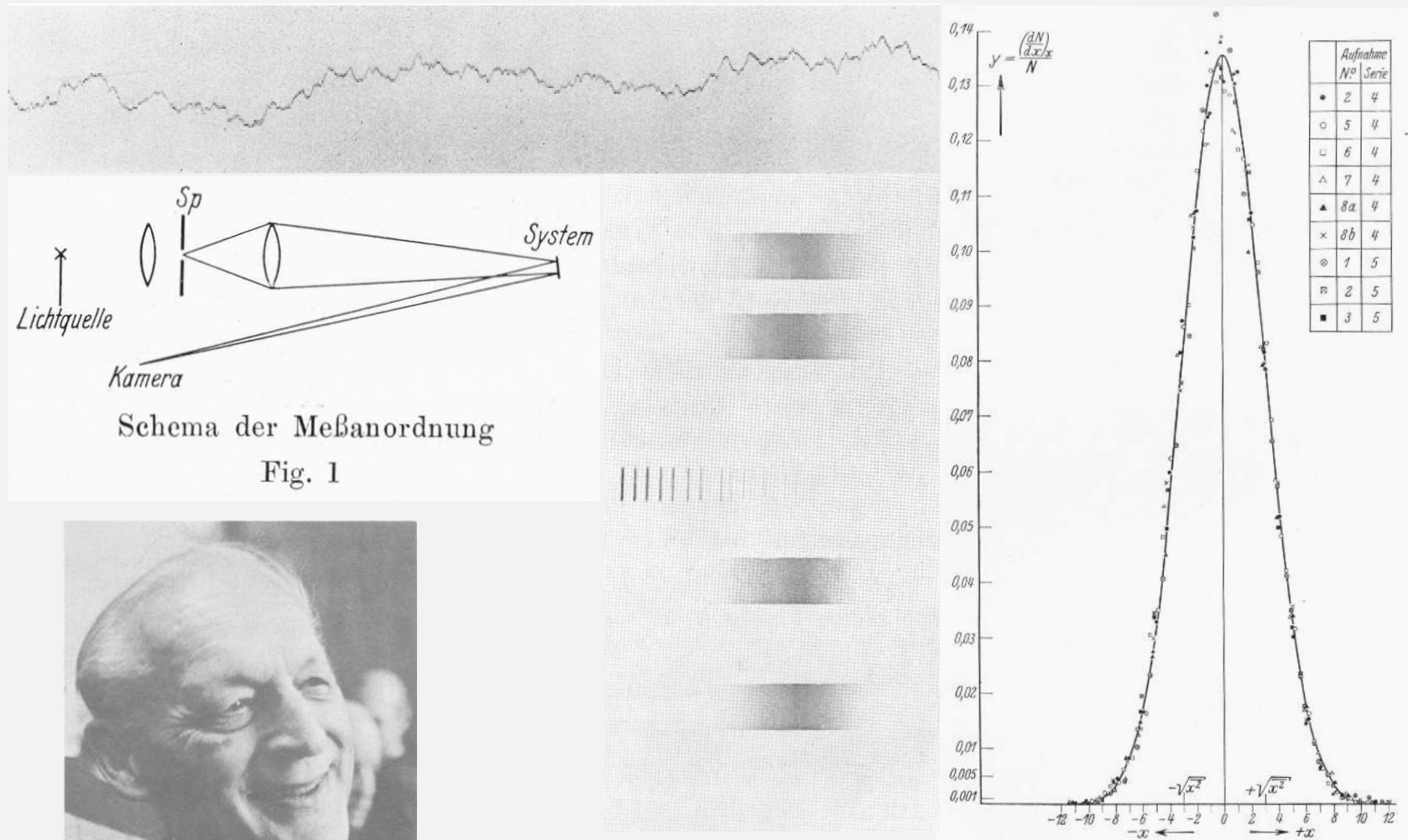
$\Delta t = 30 \text{ sec}$

$$K = \frac{k_B T}{m \eta} = \frac{(R/N_A) T}{m \eta}$$



J Perrin, Comptes Rendus (Paris) 146 (1908) 967: $N_A = 70.5 \times 10^{22}$; I Nordlund, Z Physik (1914): $N_A = 5.91 \times 10^{23}$ 5

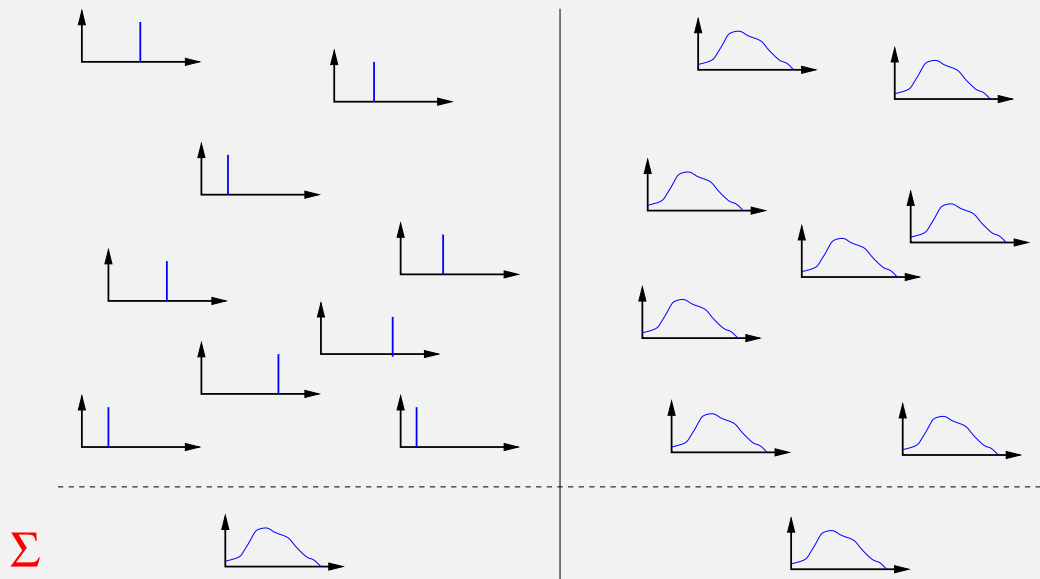
Kappler's diffusion measurements: mapping Boltzmann



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

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

Single molecular insight & information from fluctuations



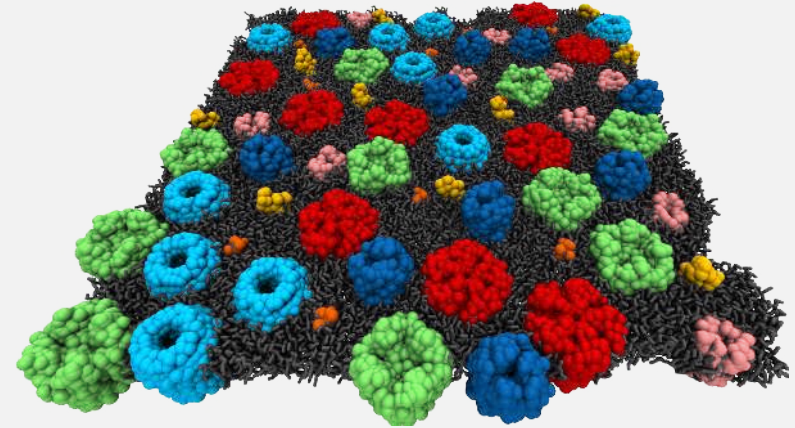
Novel insights from single particle tracking (e.g., superresolution microscopy, supercomputing)

↪ New physics: anomalous diffusion, (non)ergodicity, ageing, quenched & annealed disorder & c.

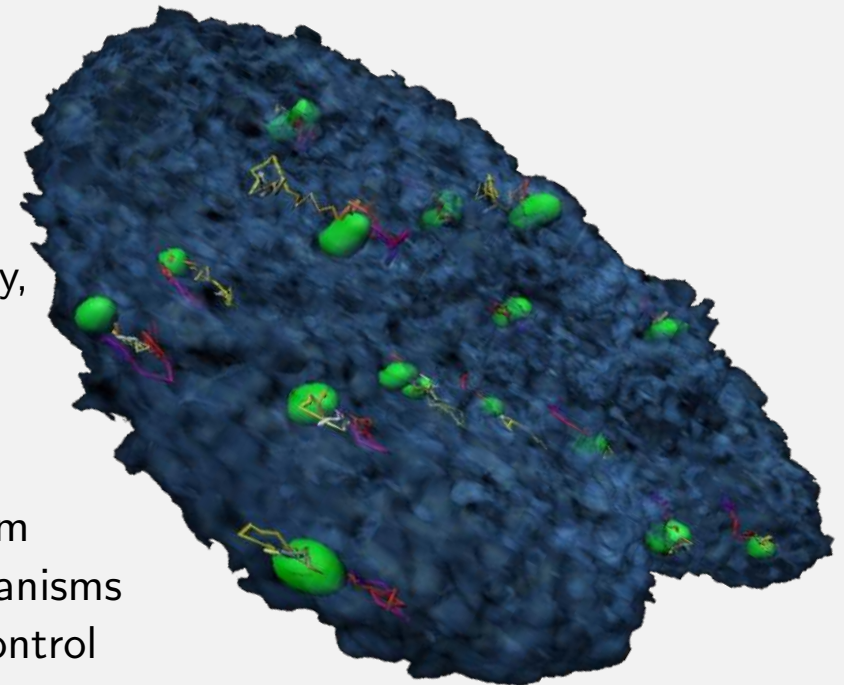
↪ Fluctuations & their distributions often provide important information on the system:

- fluctuating parameters reflect disorder in the system
- fluctuating single-particle observables reflect mechanisms
- fluctuating reaction times: geometry & reaction control

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

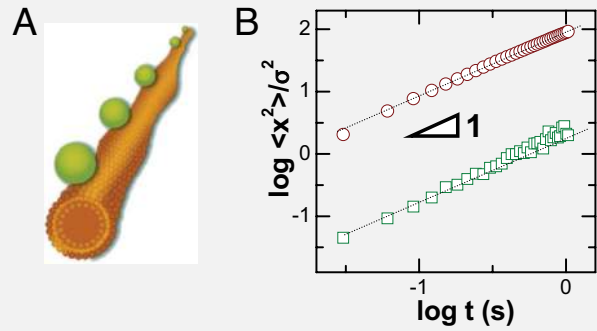


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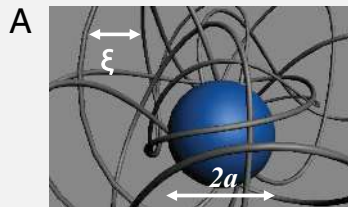
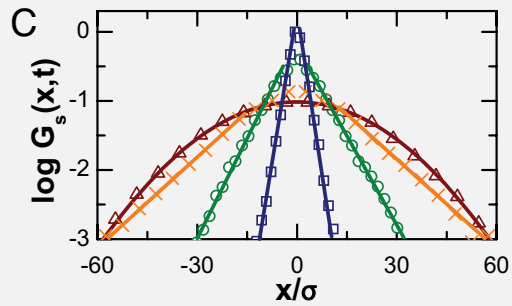


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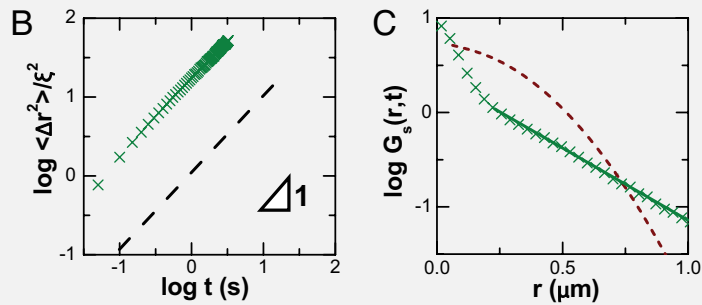
Brownian yet non-Gaussian diffusion in soft & bio-matter



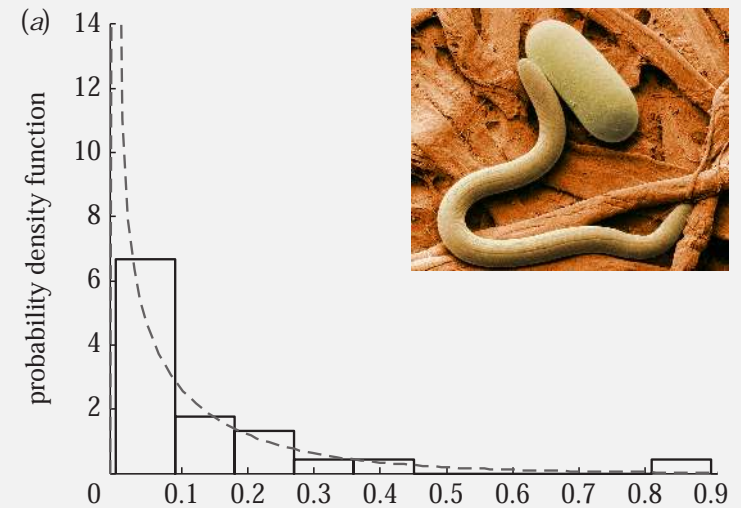
Colloidal beads on nanotubes



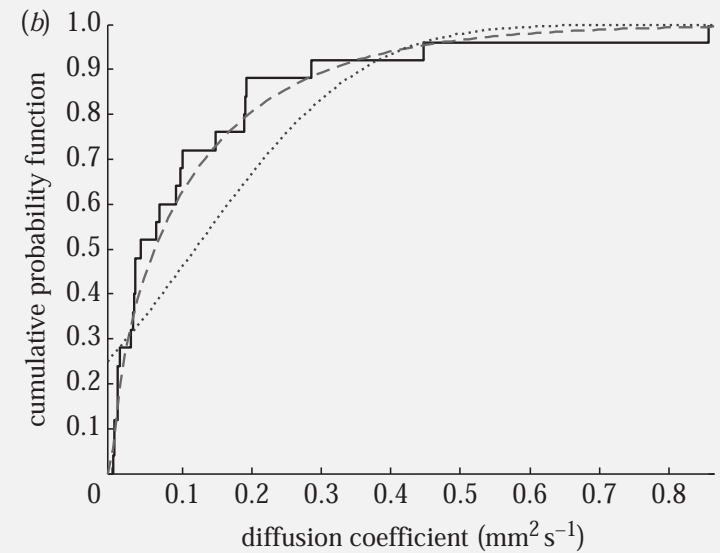
Nanospheres in entangled actin



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



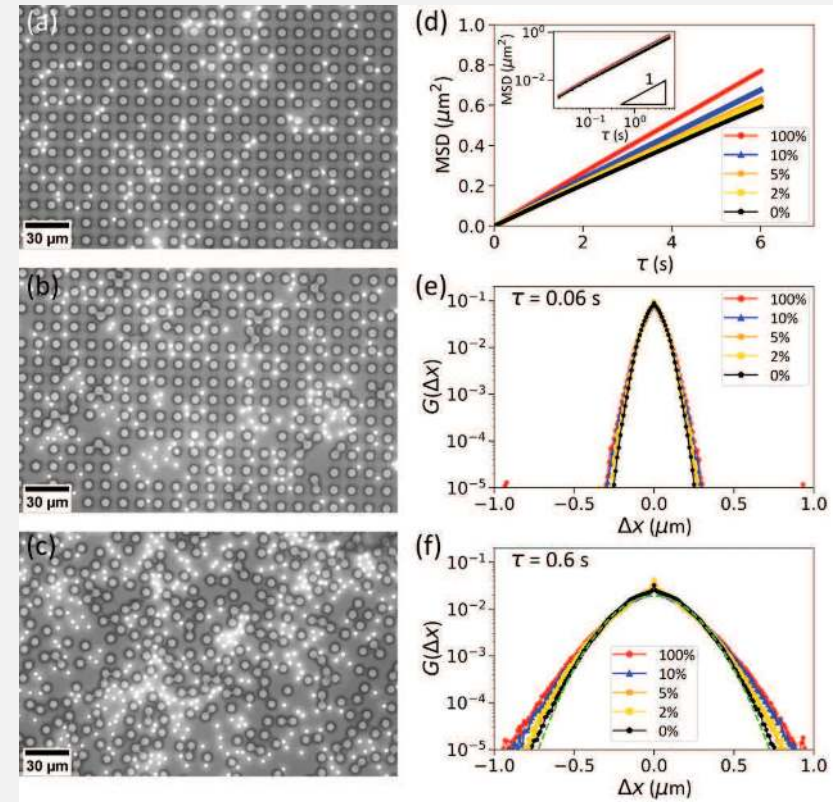
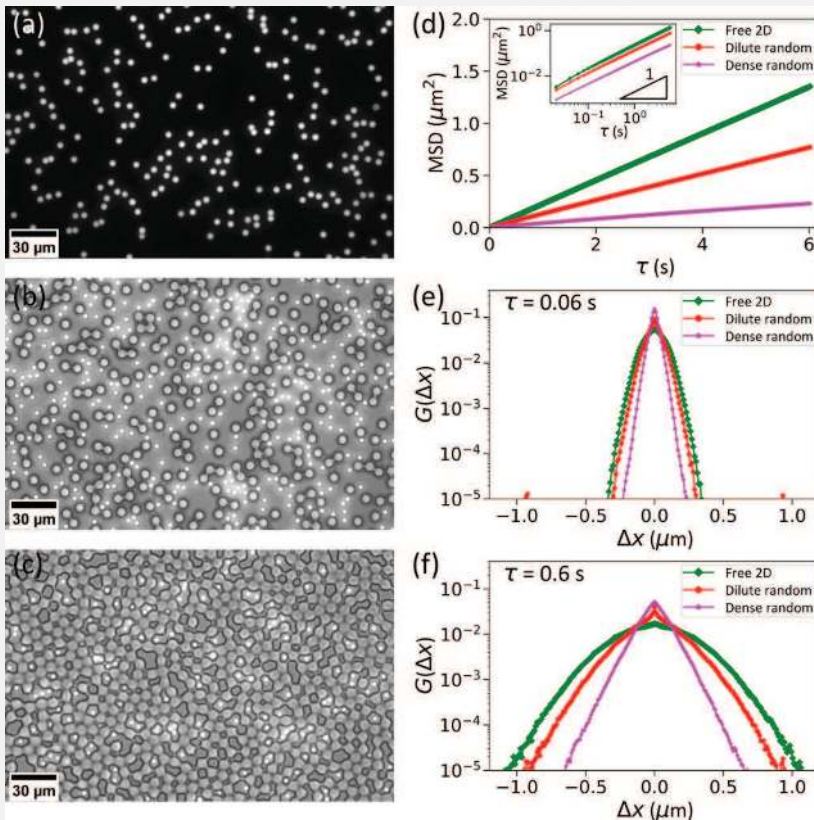
Motion of *Phasmarhabditis* nematodes



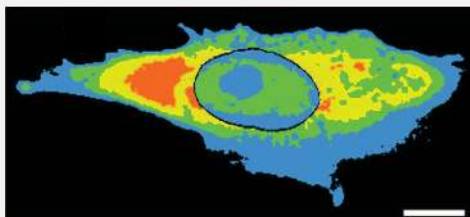
S Hapca, JW Crawford & IM Young, Interface (2009) 8

Fickian yet non-Gaussian diffusion in micropillar matrix

Increasing density
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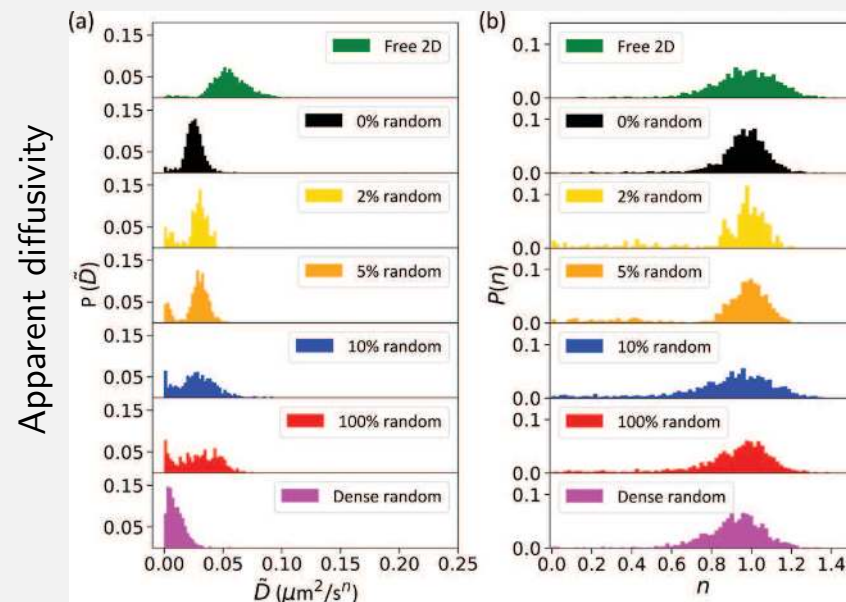


Increasing disorder →



[Kühn et al, PLoS ONE (2011)]

I Chakraborty & Y Roichman, PRR (2020)



Anomalous diffusion exponent

Superstatistics for non-Gaussian probability densities

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]:

$$P(x, t) = \int_0^\infty G(x, t|D) p(D) dD$$

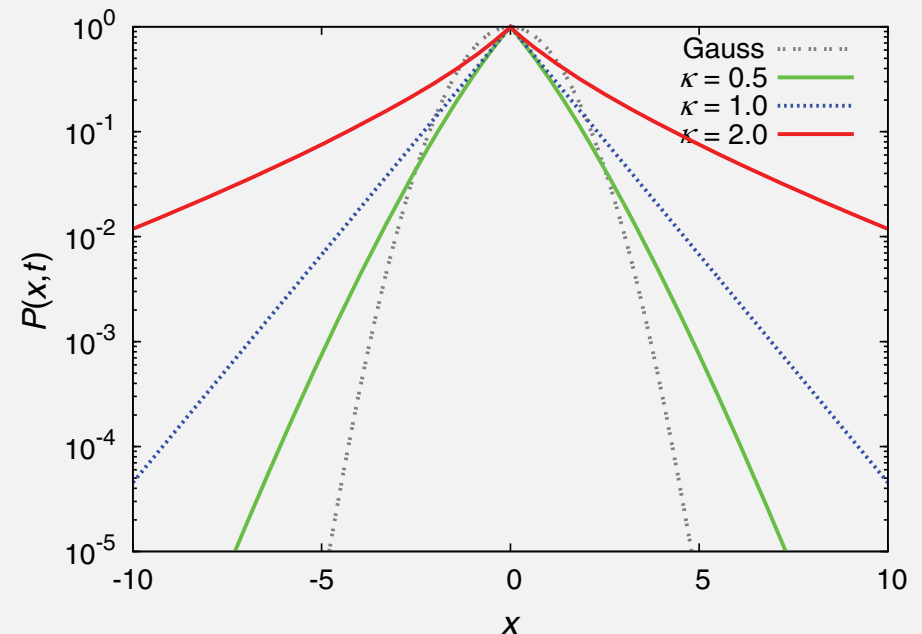
- $p(D) \propto \exp(-D/D^*) \rightsquigarrow$

$$P(x, t) = (4D^*t)^{-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{|x|}{[D^*t]^{1/2}}\right)$$

- $p(D) \propto \exp(-[D/D^*]^\kappa) \rightsquigarrow$

$$P(x, t) \simeq \frac{|x|^{(1-\kappa)/(1+\kappa)}}{(D^*t)^{1/(1+\kappa)}}$$

$$\times \exp\left(-a(\kappa) \left[\frac{x^2}{4D^*t}\right]^{\kappa/(1+\kappa)}\right)$$



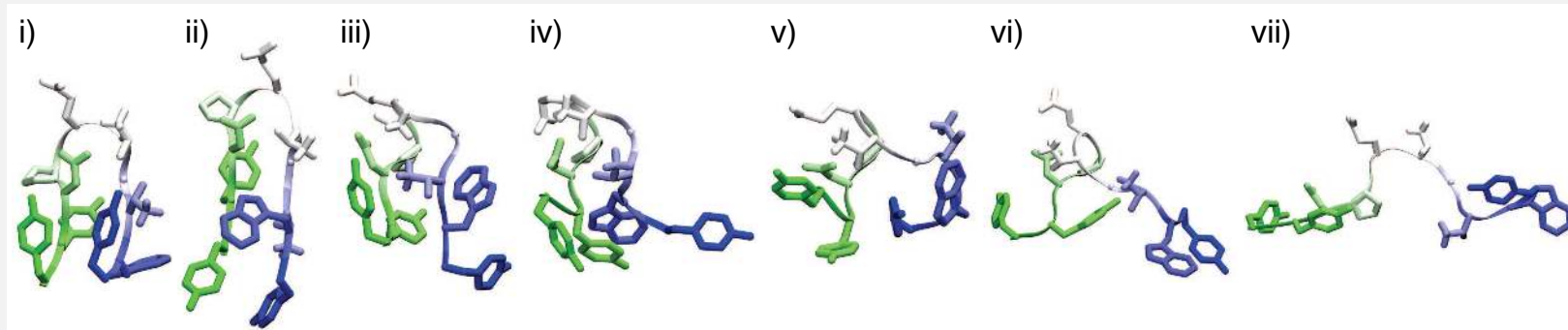
NB1: Superstatistics is closely related to (generalised) grey Brownian motion

[E.g., A Mura, MS Taqqu & F Mainardi, Physica (2008)]

NB2: $p(D)$ is static $\rightsquigarrow P(x, t)$ has fixed shape $\nwarrow$ observed cross-over

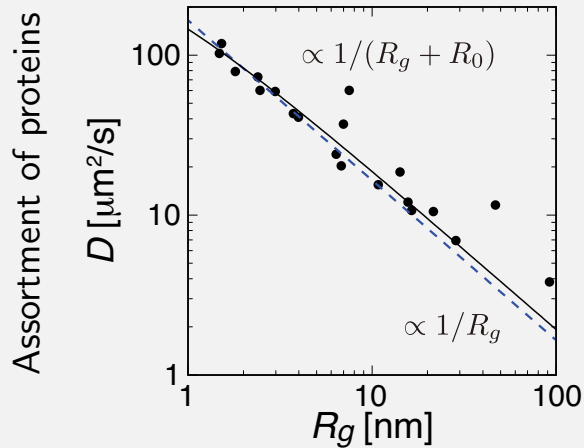
C Beck & EDB Cohen, Physica A (2003); AV Chechkin, F Seno, RM & IM Sokolov, PRX (2017)

Instantaneous diffusivity of shape-fluctuating proteins

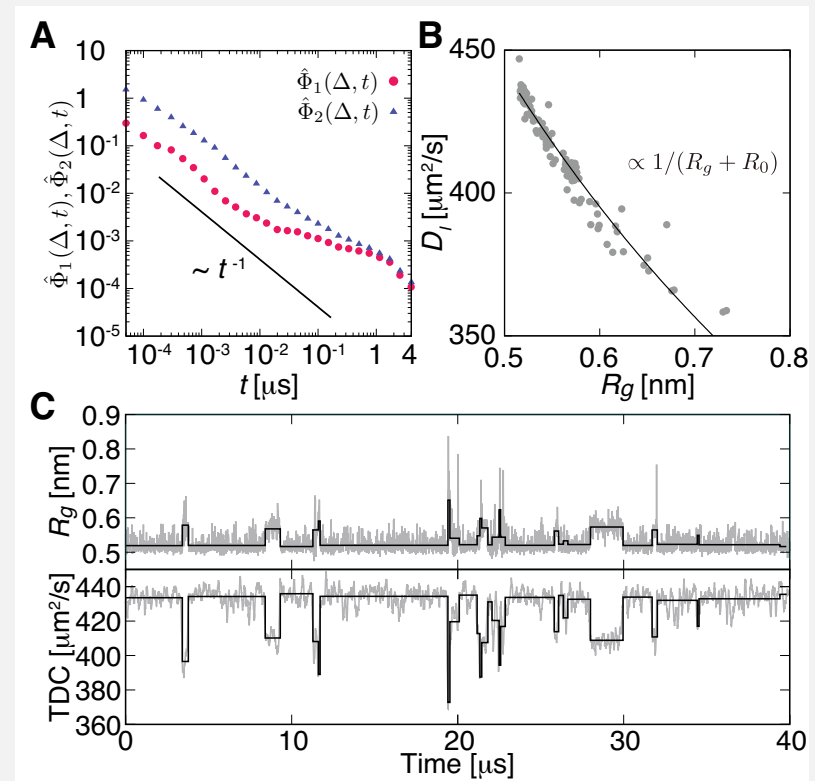


Instantaneous Einstein-Stokes-type relation (for different pressure & temperature):

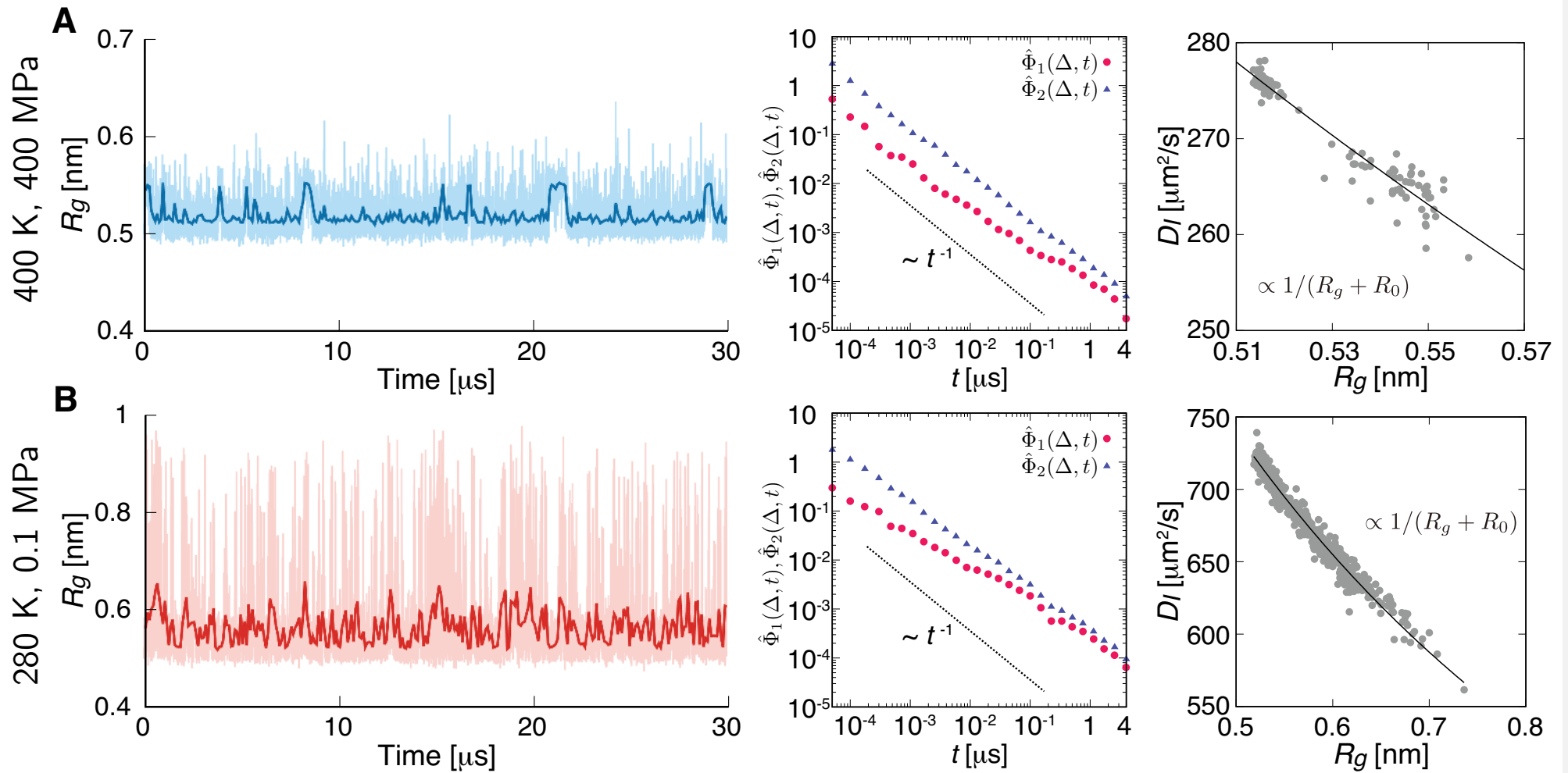
$$D \propto \frac{1}{R_g + R_0}, \quad R_0 \approx 0.3\text{nm}$$



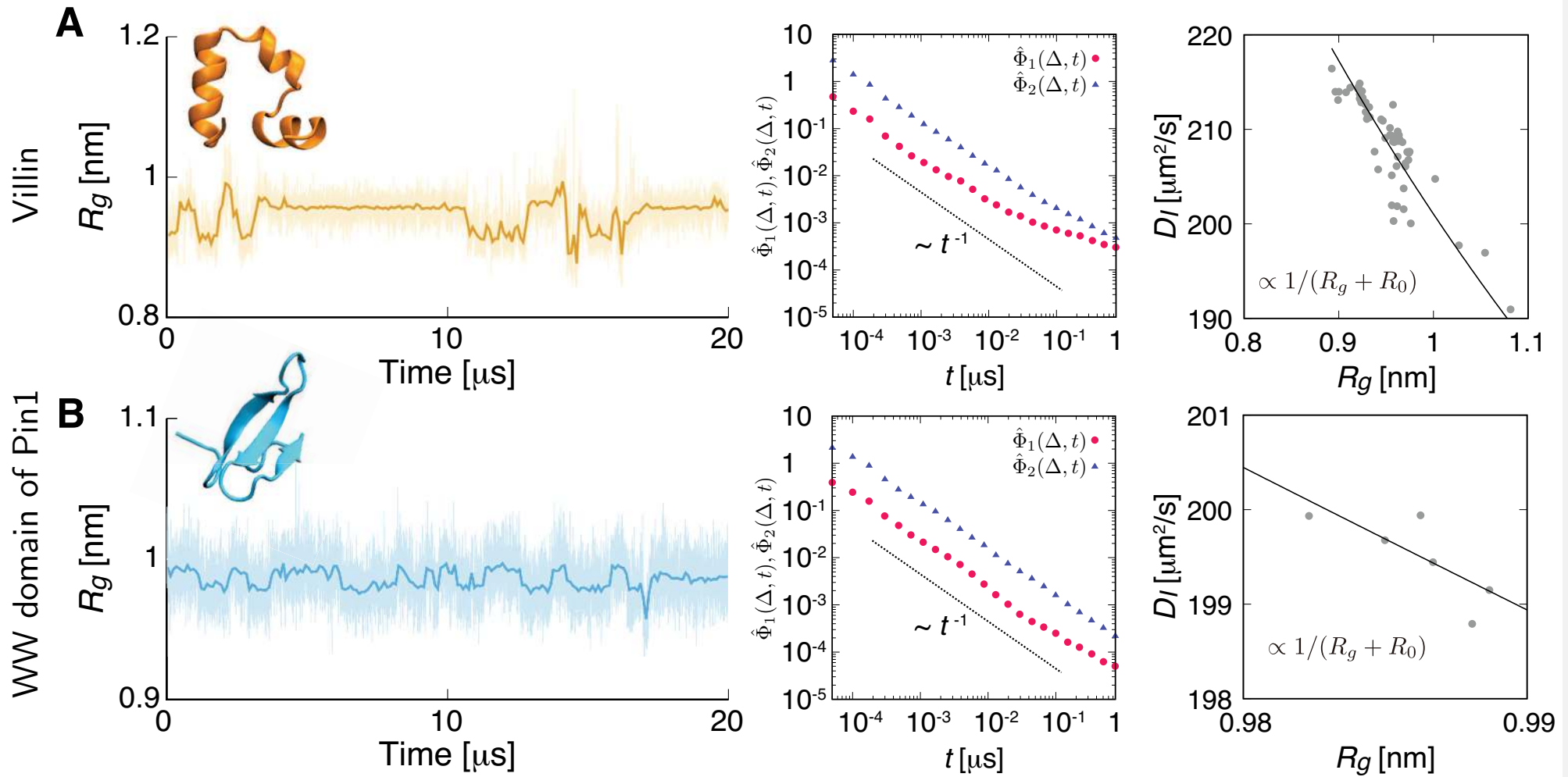
E Yamamoto, T Akimoto, A Mitsutake & RM, PRL (2021)



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Fickian, non-Gaussian diffusion with diffusing diffusivity

MV Chubinsky & G Slater, PRL (2014): diffusing diffusivity

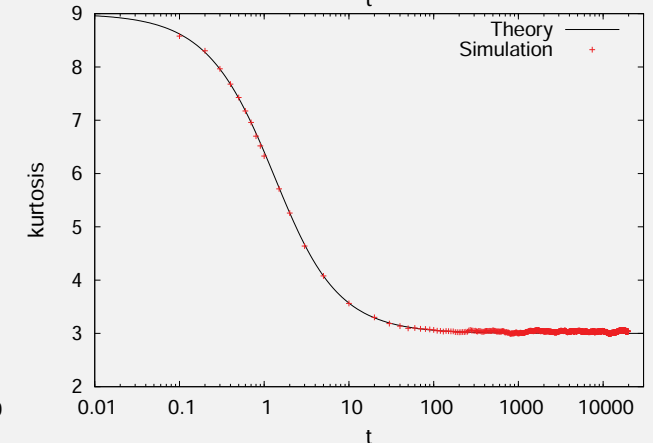
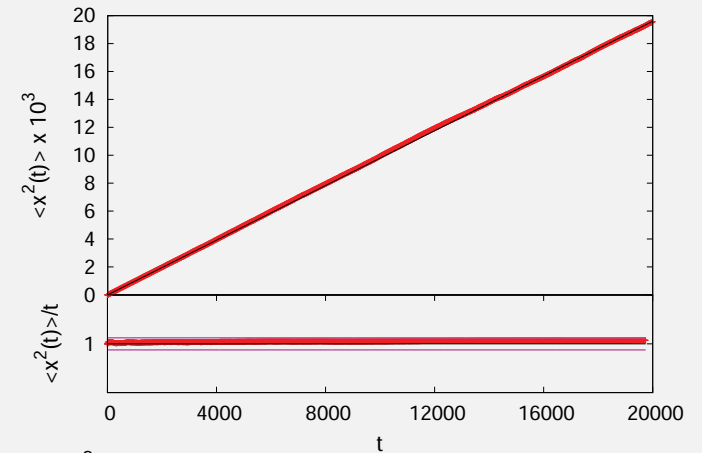
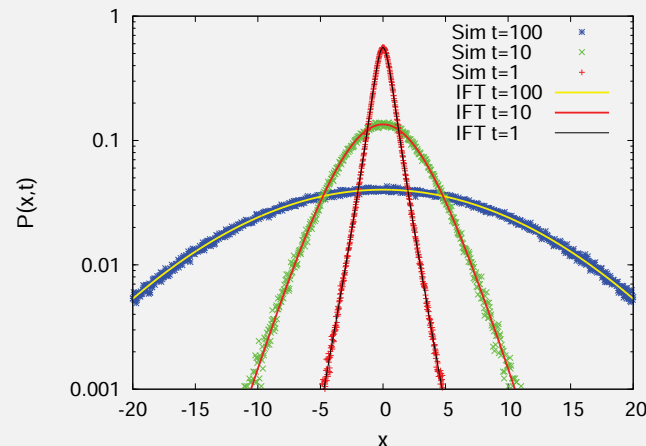
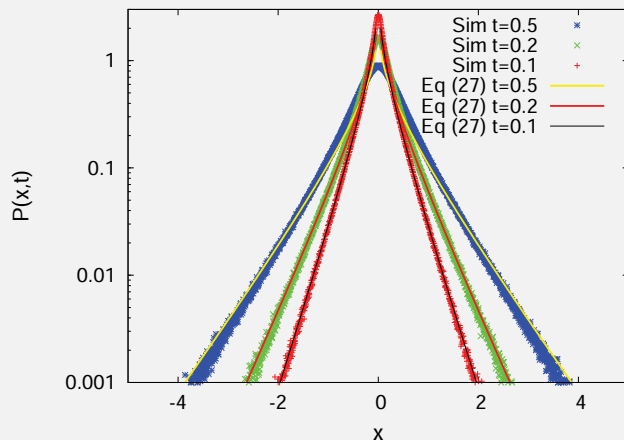
[see also R Jain & KL Sebastian, JPC B (2016)]

Our minimal model for diffusing diffusivity:

$$\dot{x}(t) = \sqrt{2D(t)}\xi(t)$$

$$D(t) = y^2(t)$$

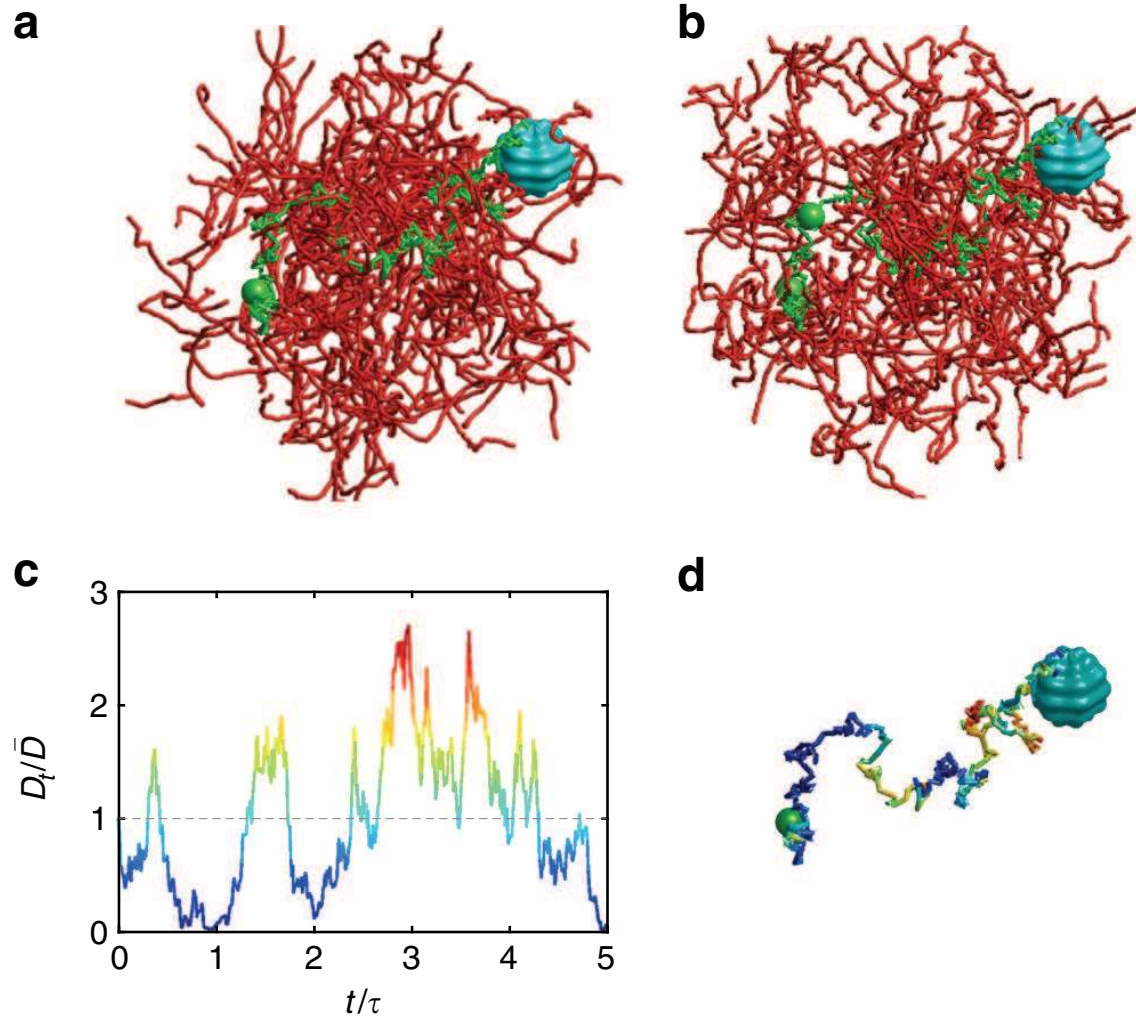
$$\dot{y}(t) = -\tau^{-1}y + \sigma\eta(t)$$



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)

"Annealed" diffusing-diffusivity in rearranging heterogeneous environment



Random-diffusivity models for non-Gaussian diffusion

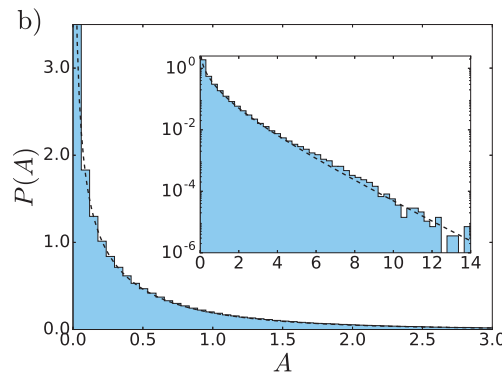
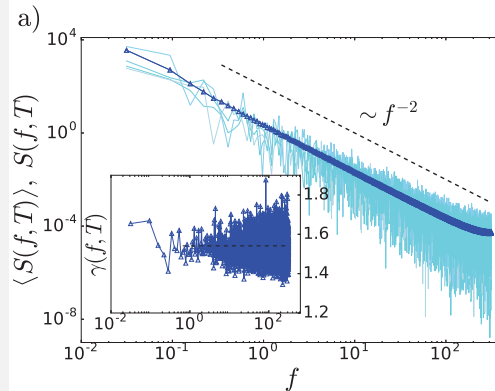
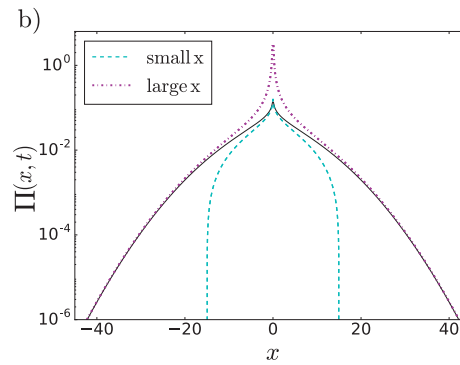
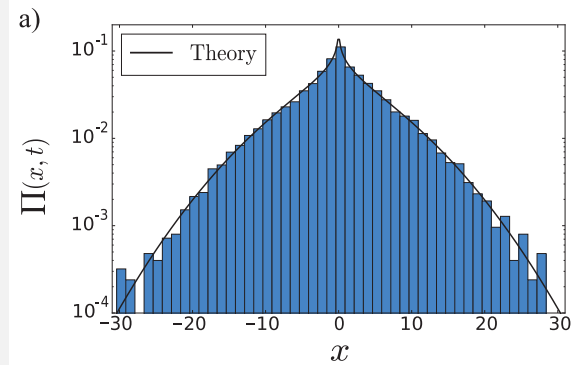
1 Multimerisation of tracer [F Baldovin, F Seno & E Orlandini, Frontiers (2019); M Hidalgo-Soria & E Barkai, PRE (2020)]

2 Two-state model [A Sabri, X Xu, D Krapf & M Weiss, PRL (2020)]

3 Extreme value statistic of tails for small # jumps [E Barkai & S Burov, PRL (2020)]

4 Compartmentalisation model with partial reflectivity [J Ślęzak & S Burov, E-print (2020)]

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

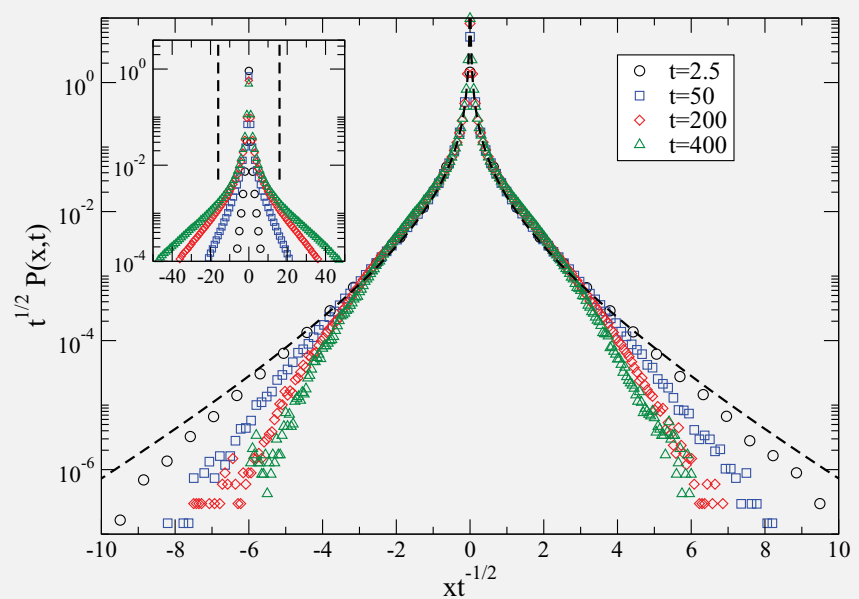
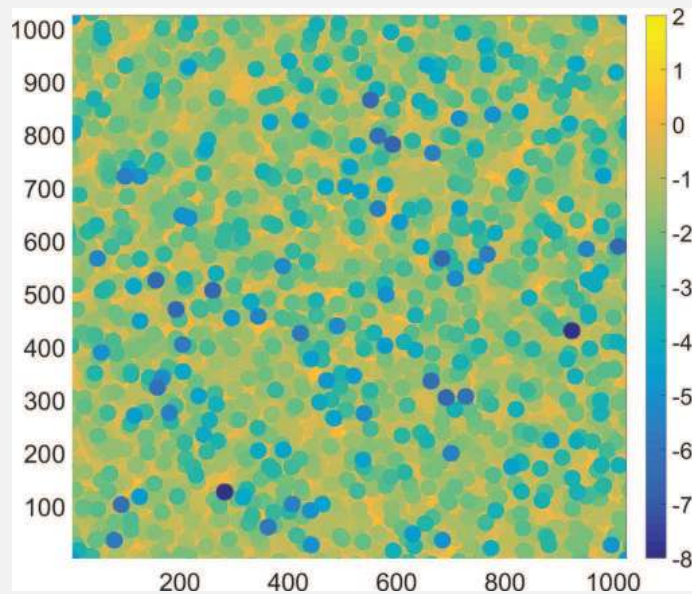


$$\dot{x}_t = \sqrt{2D_0\Psi_t}\xi_t \quad \therefore$$

Rectified BM: $\Psi_t\Theta(B_t)$:

$$P(x, t) = \frac{\exp(-x^2/[8D_0t])}{2\sqrt{\pi^3 D_0 t}} \times K_0\left(\frac{x^2}{8D_0 t}\right)$$

Non-Gaussian diffusion in quenched landscape models

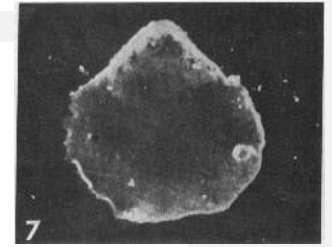
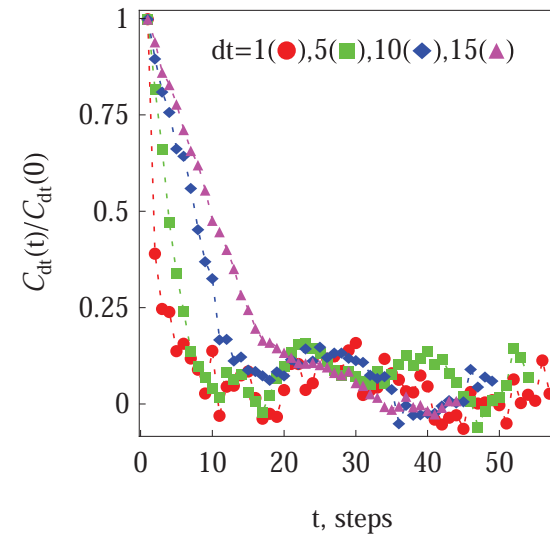
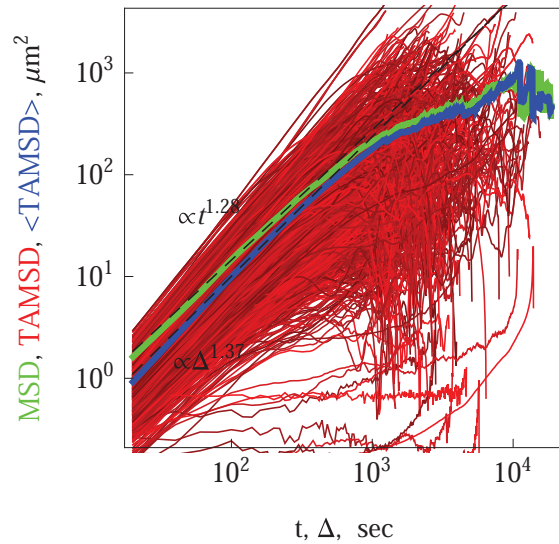
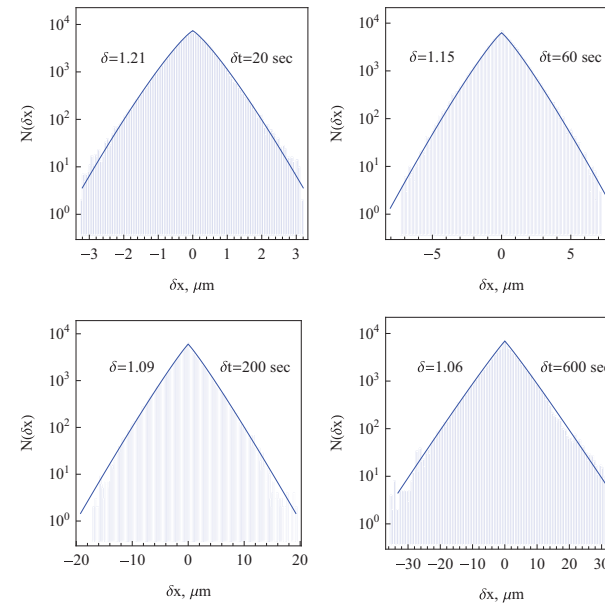
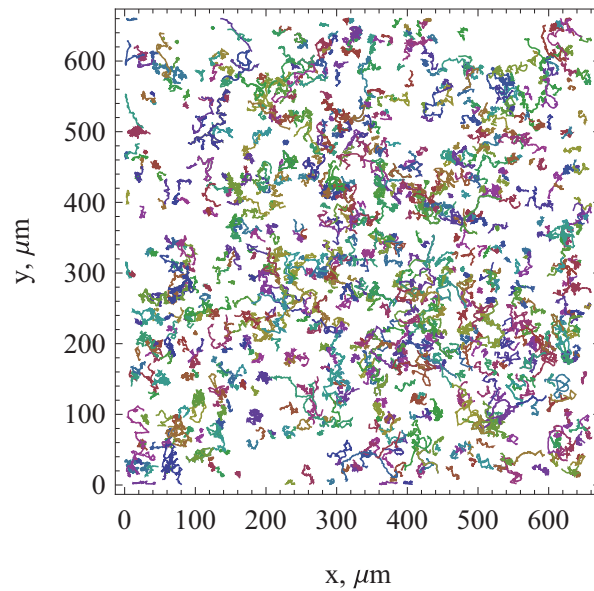


L Luo & M Yi, PRE (2018,2019)

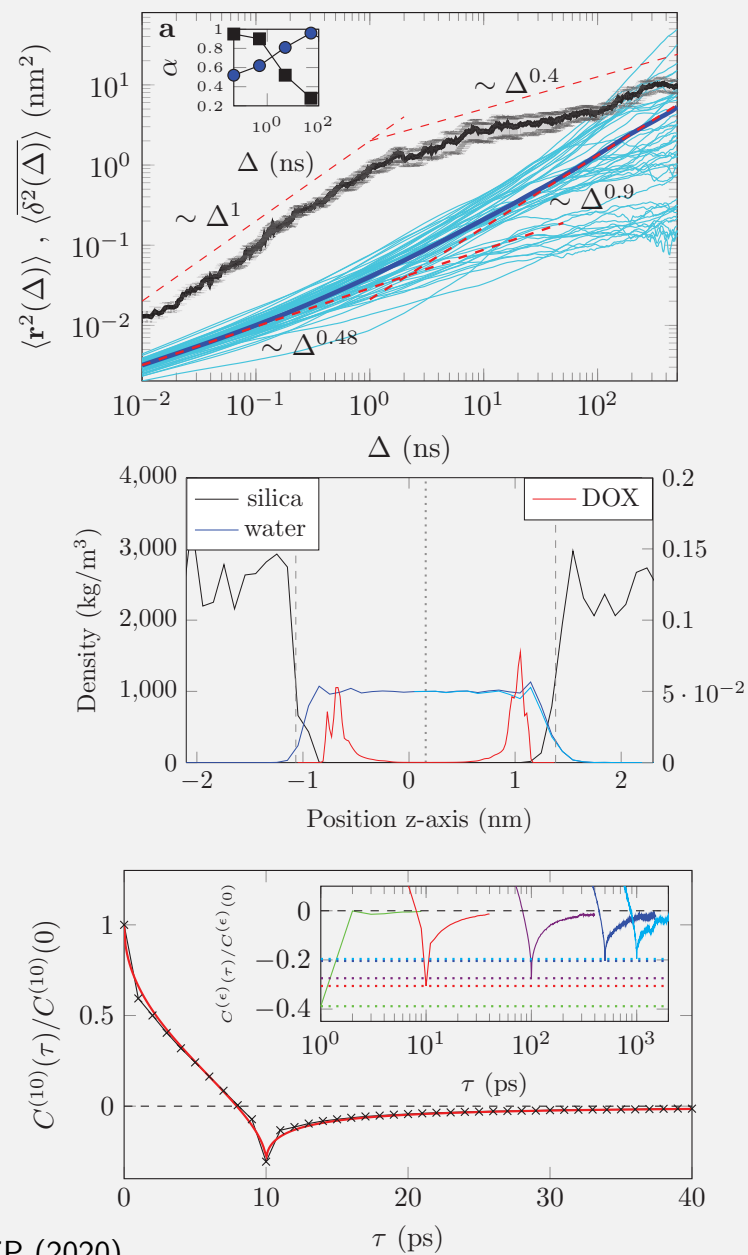
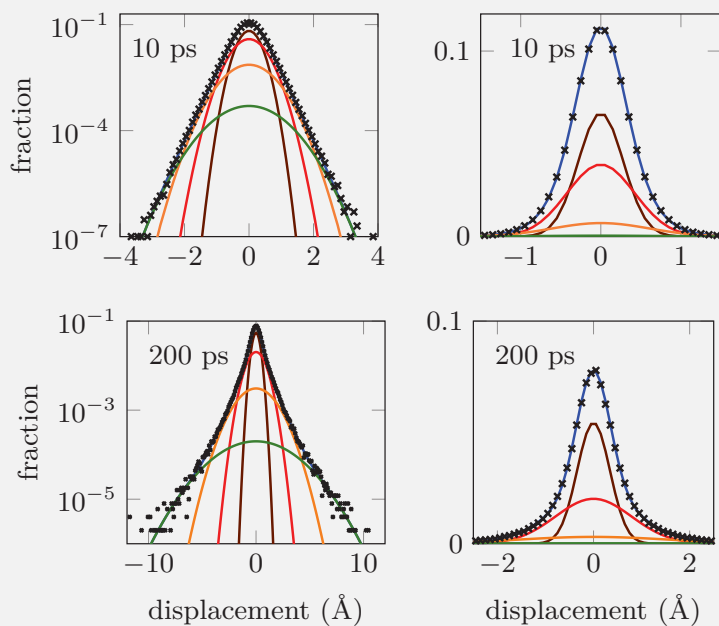
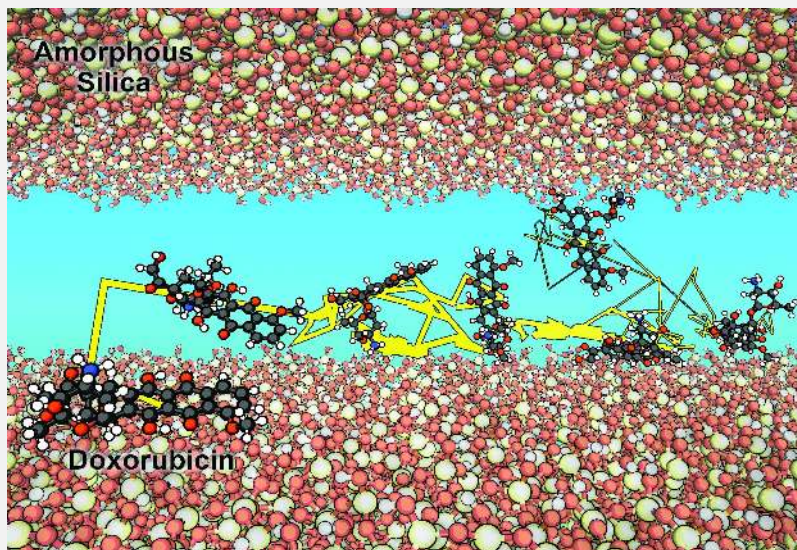
See also EB Postnikov, A Chechkin & IM Sokolov, NJP (2020)

Quenched landscape theory: P Massignan, C Manzo, JA Torreno-Pina, MF García-Parajo, M Lewenstein & GJ Lapeyre Jr, PRL (2014)

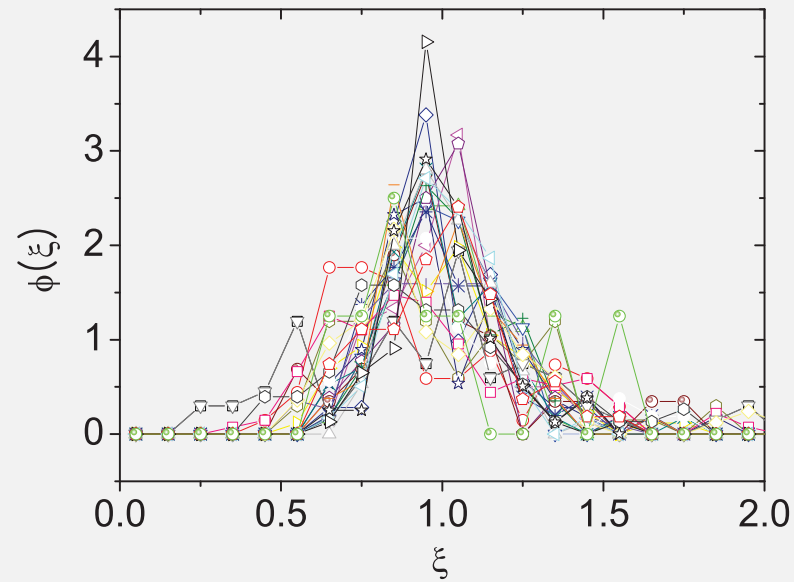
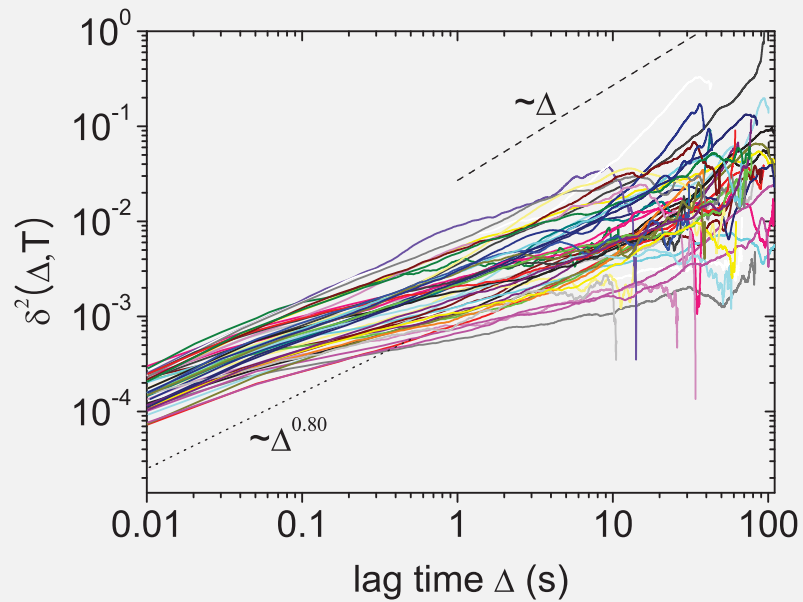
Increasing non-Gaussianity in moving amoeba cells



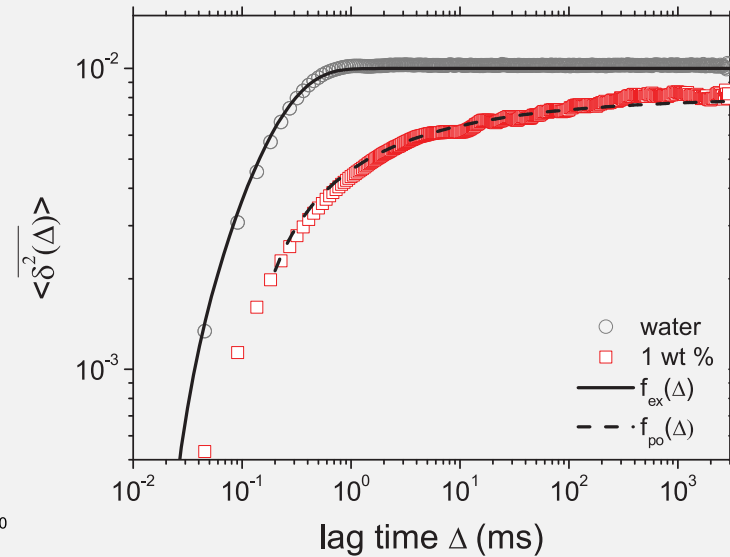
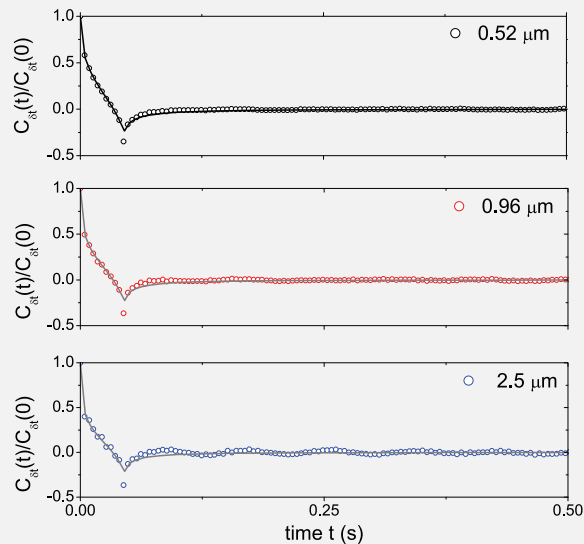
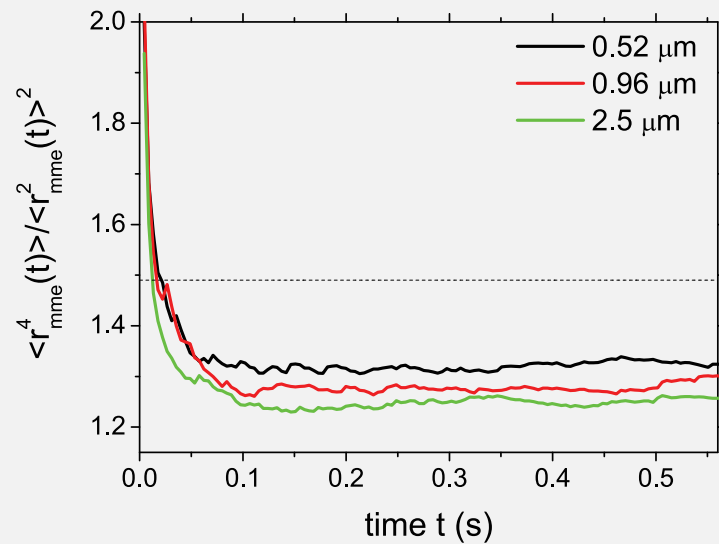
Doxorubicin drug molecule diffusion in silica nanochannels



Passive motion of submicron tracers in cells is viscoelastic



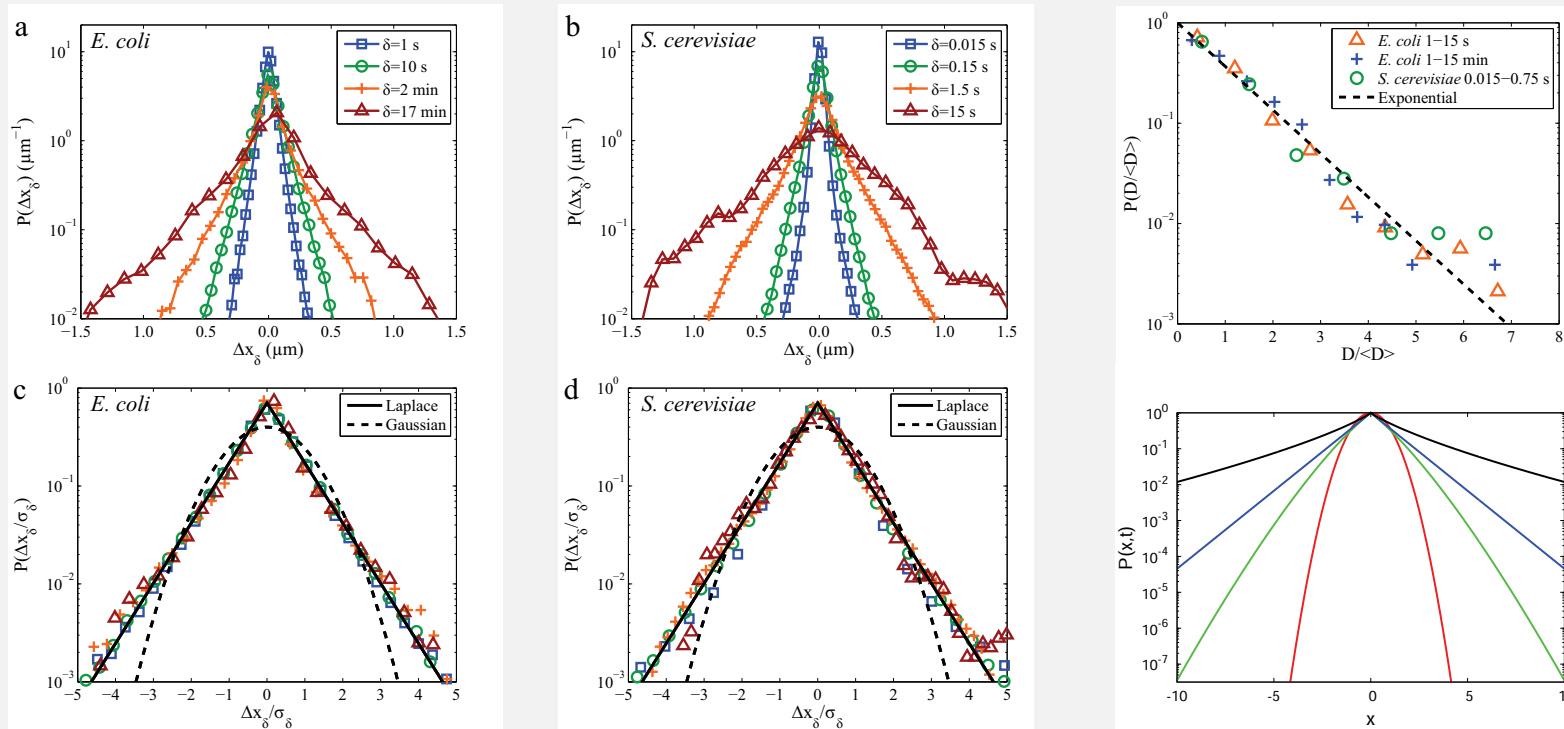
Tracer beads in wormlike micellar solution $\downarrow$
Lipid granules in living yeast cells $\downarrow$



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

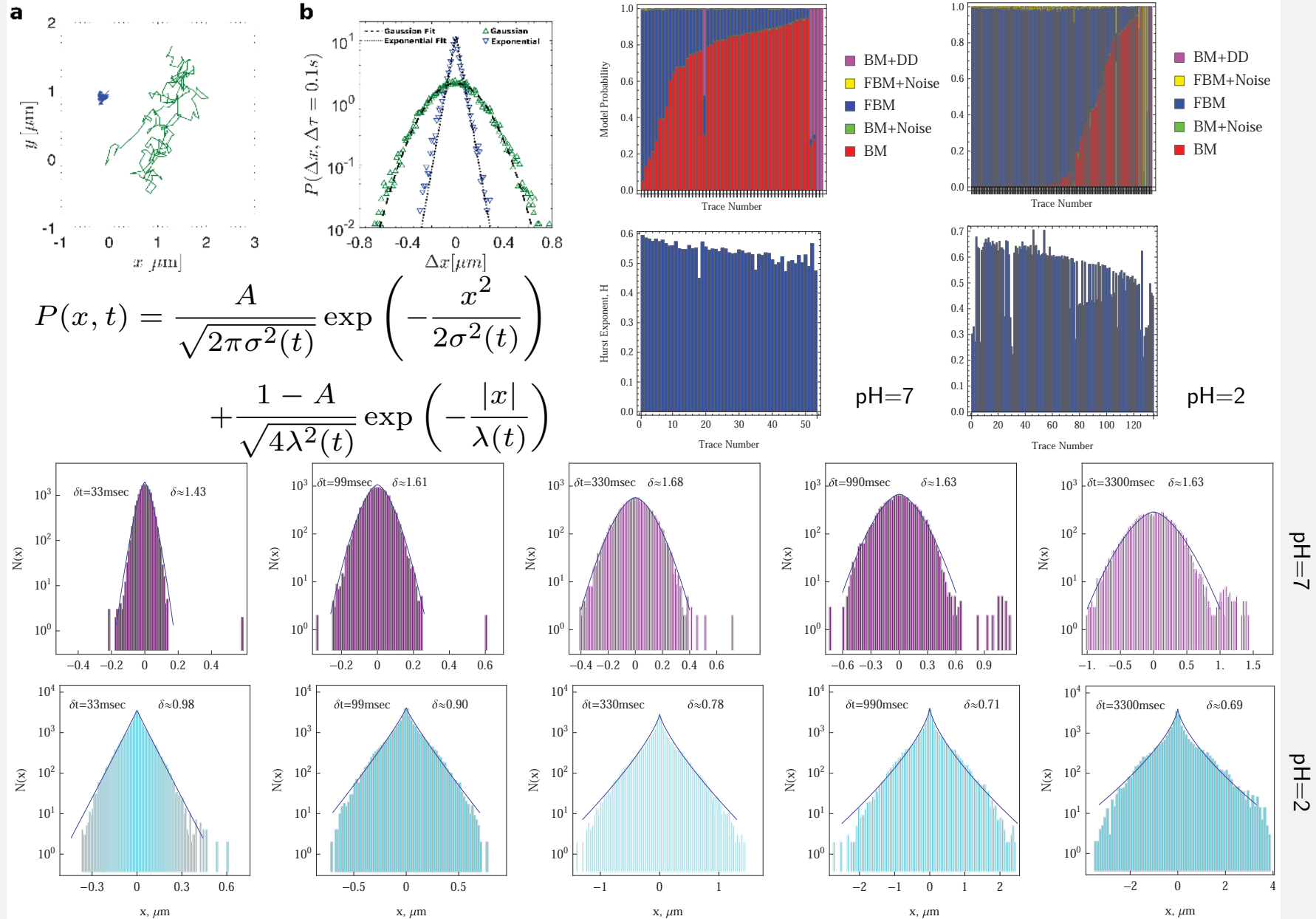
Non-Gaussian diffusion in viscoelastic systems

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:



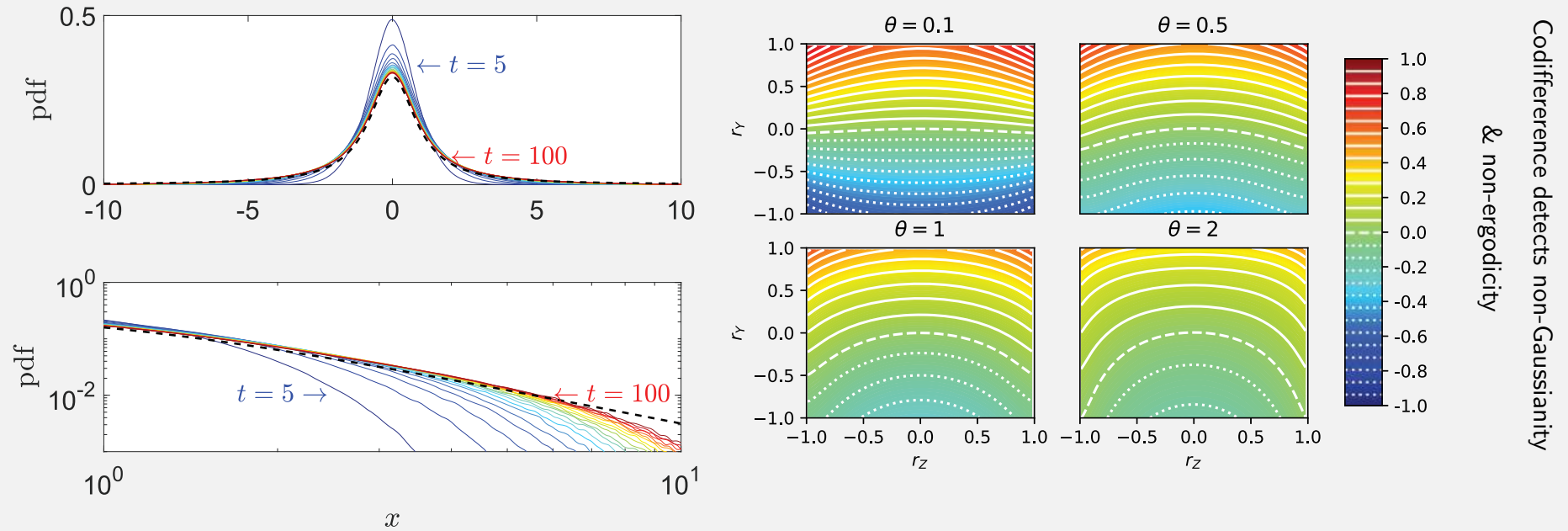
Non-Gaussian & non-Fickian diffusion in mucin hydrogels

CE Wagner et al, Biomacromol (2017)

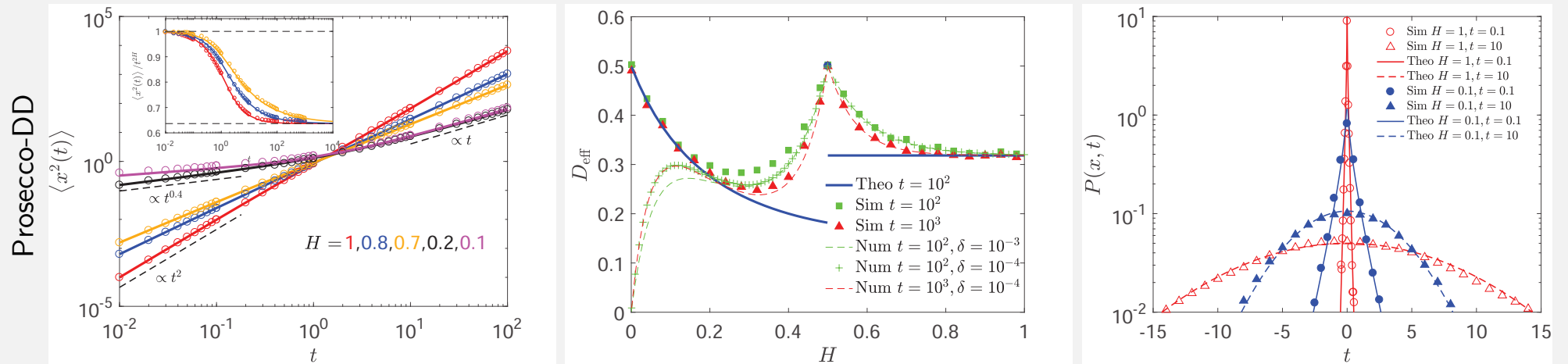


AG Cherstvy, S Thapa, CE Wagner & RM, Soft Matter (2019); Bayes: S Thapa, AG Cherstvy & RM, PCCP (2018)

Non-Gaussian dynamics in the presence of correlated noise

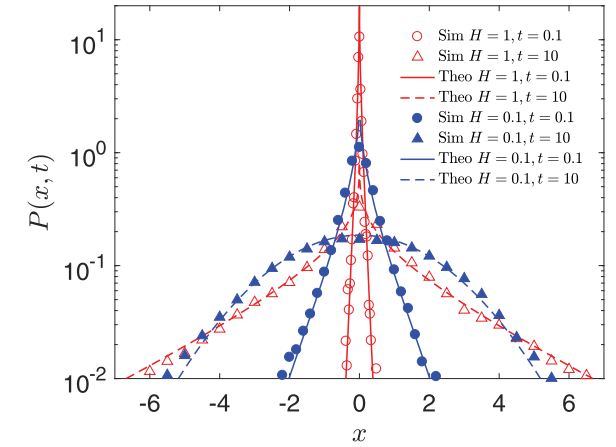
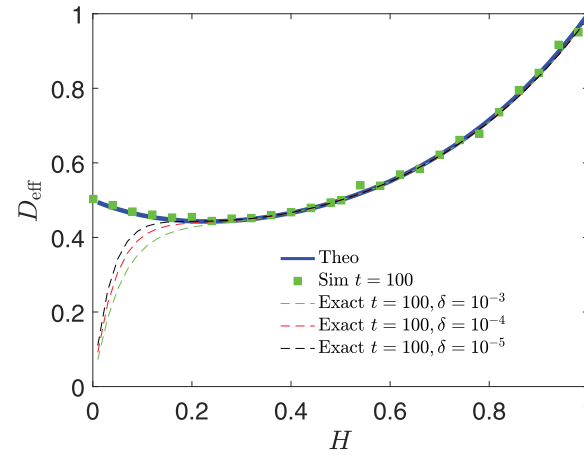
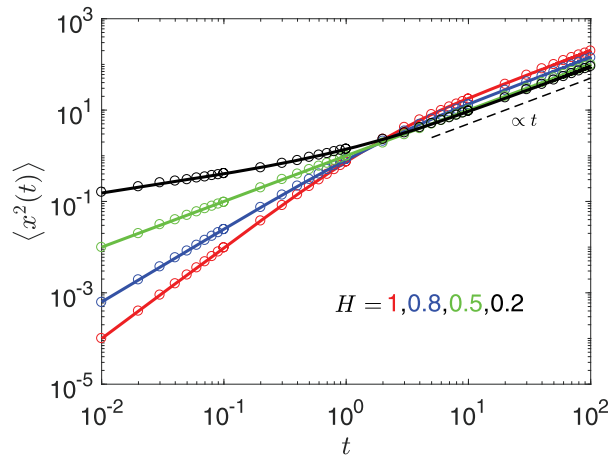


Viscoelastic diffusing-diffusivity model

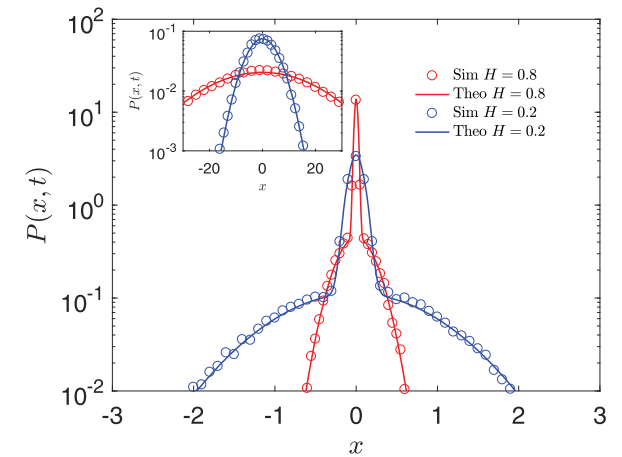
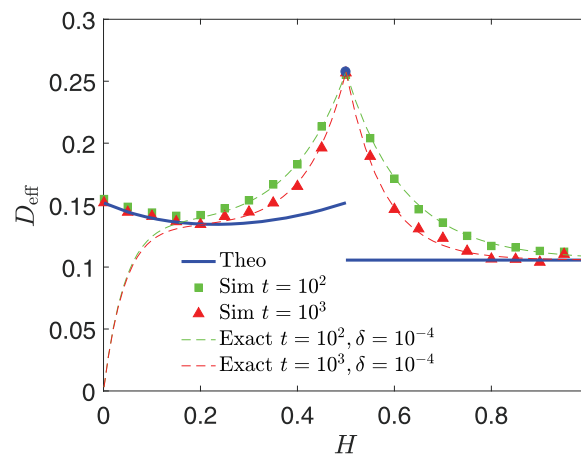
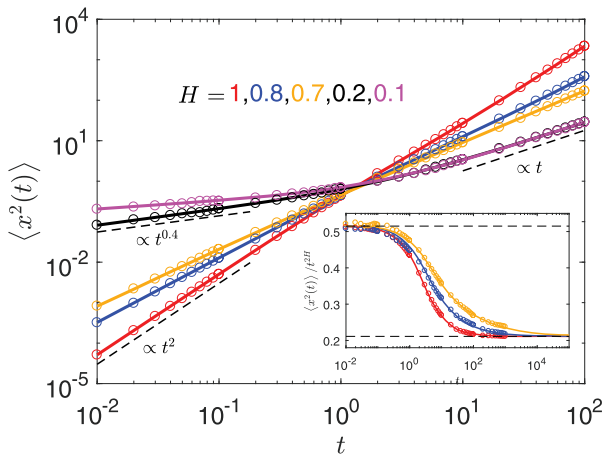


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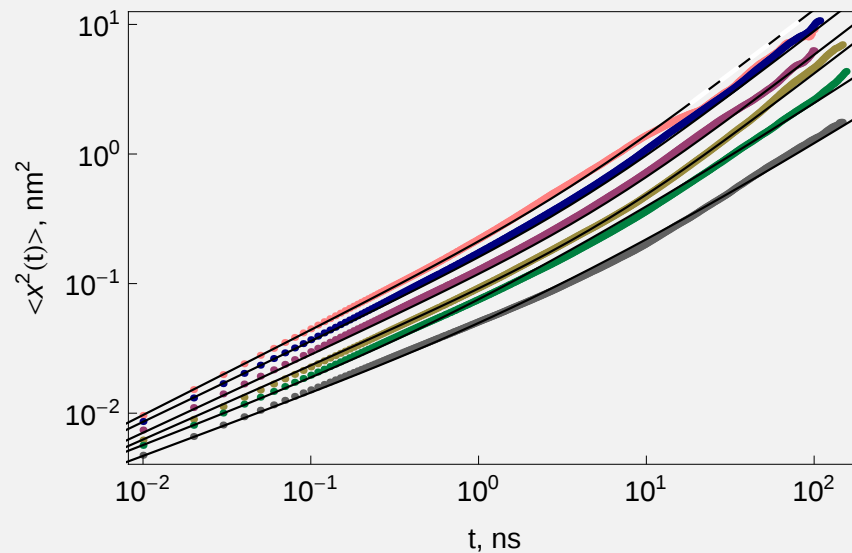
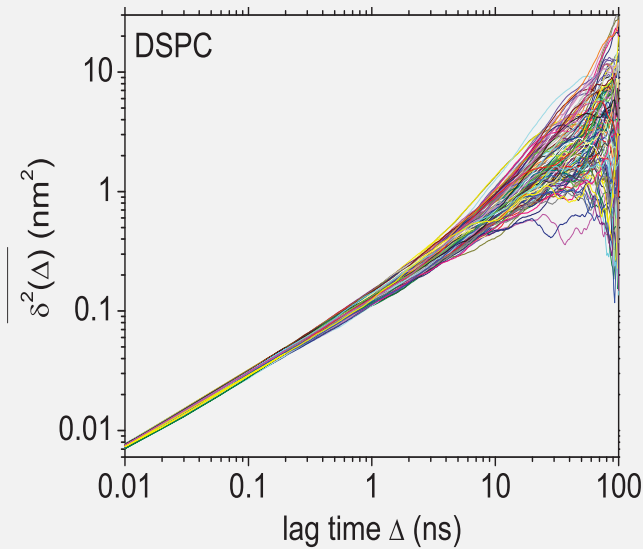
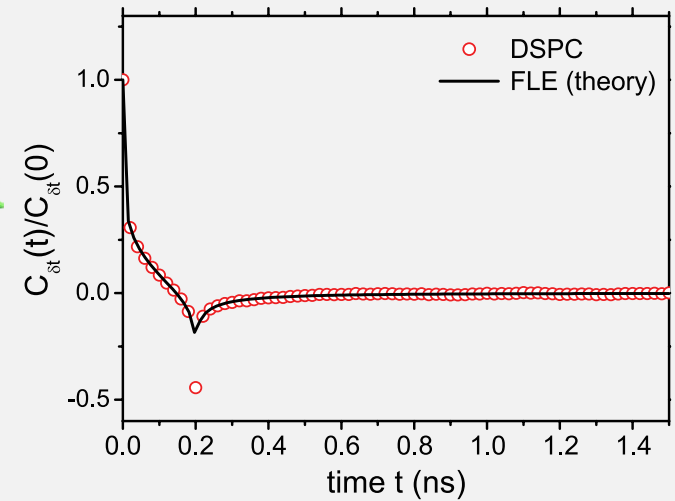
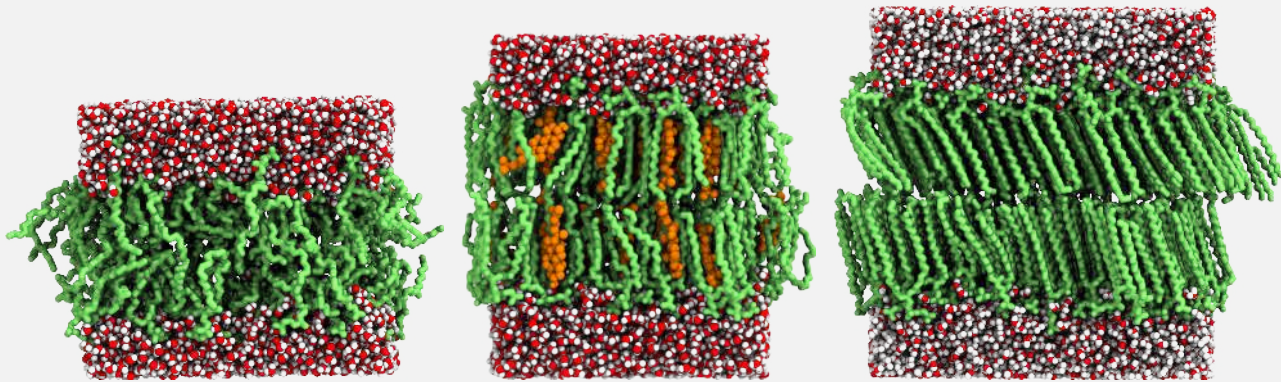
Tyagi model



Switching model



Single lipid motion in bilayer membranes



Pure bilayer:

$$t^{2/3} \longrightarrow t^1$$

/w cholesterol/gel:

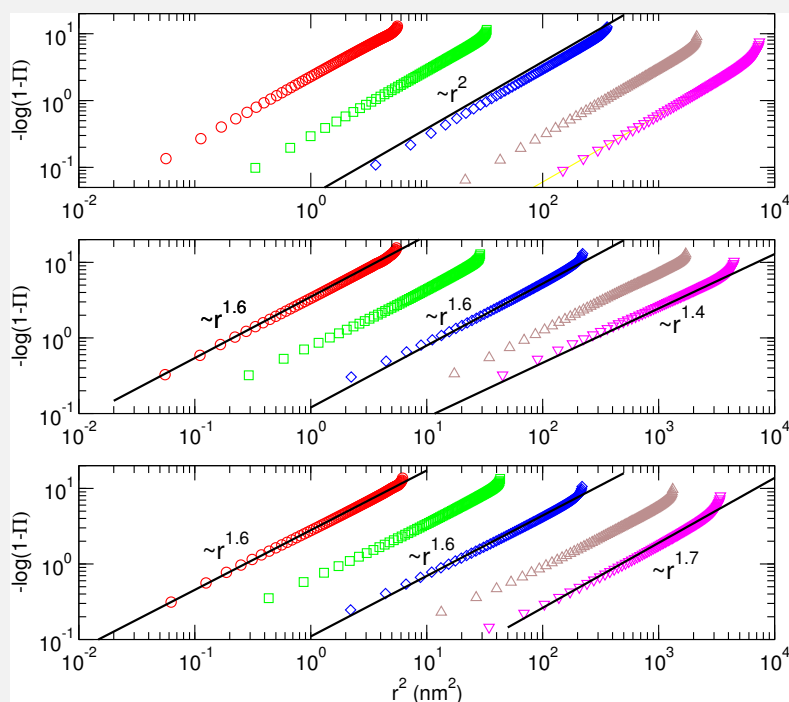
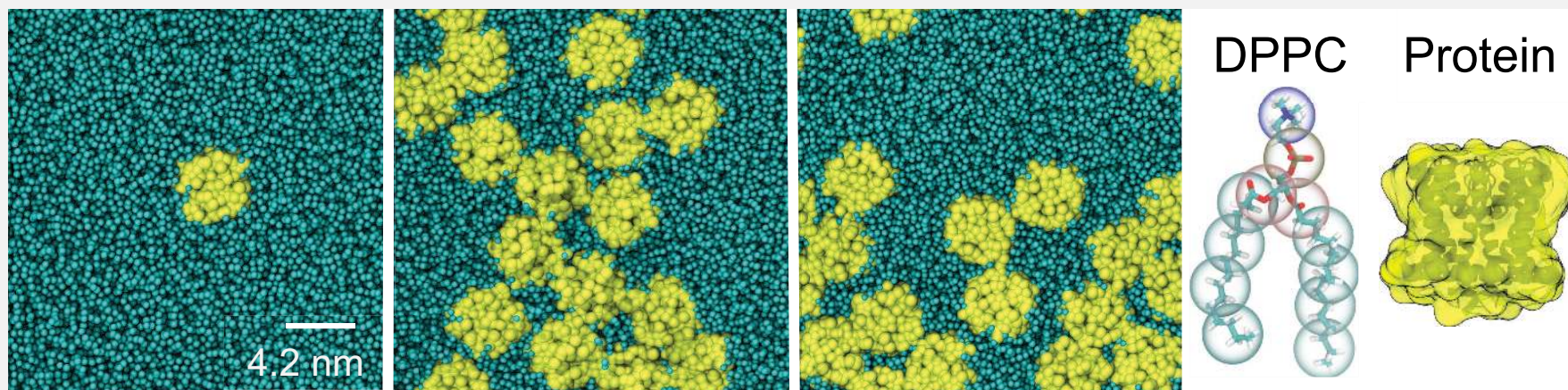
$$t^\alpha \longrightarrow t^{\alpha' > \alpha}$$

Tempered GLE

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

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

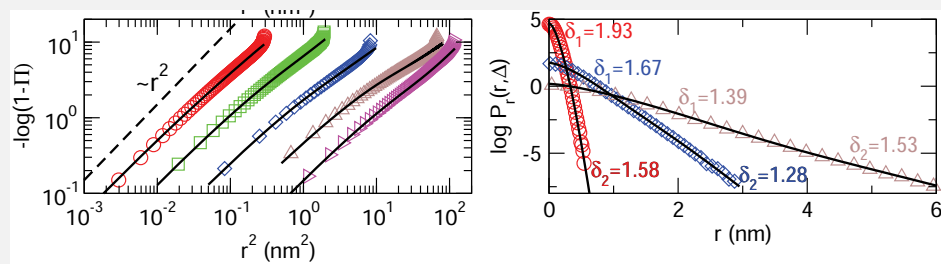
Crowding in membranes: non-Gaussian lipid/protein diffusion



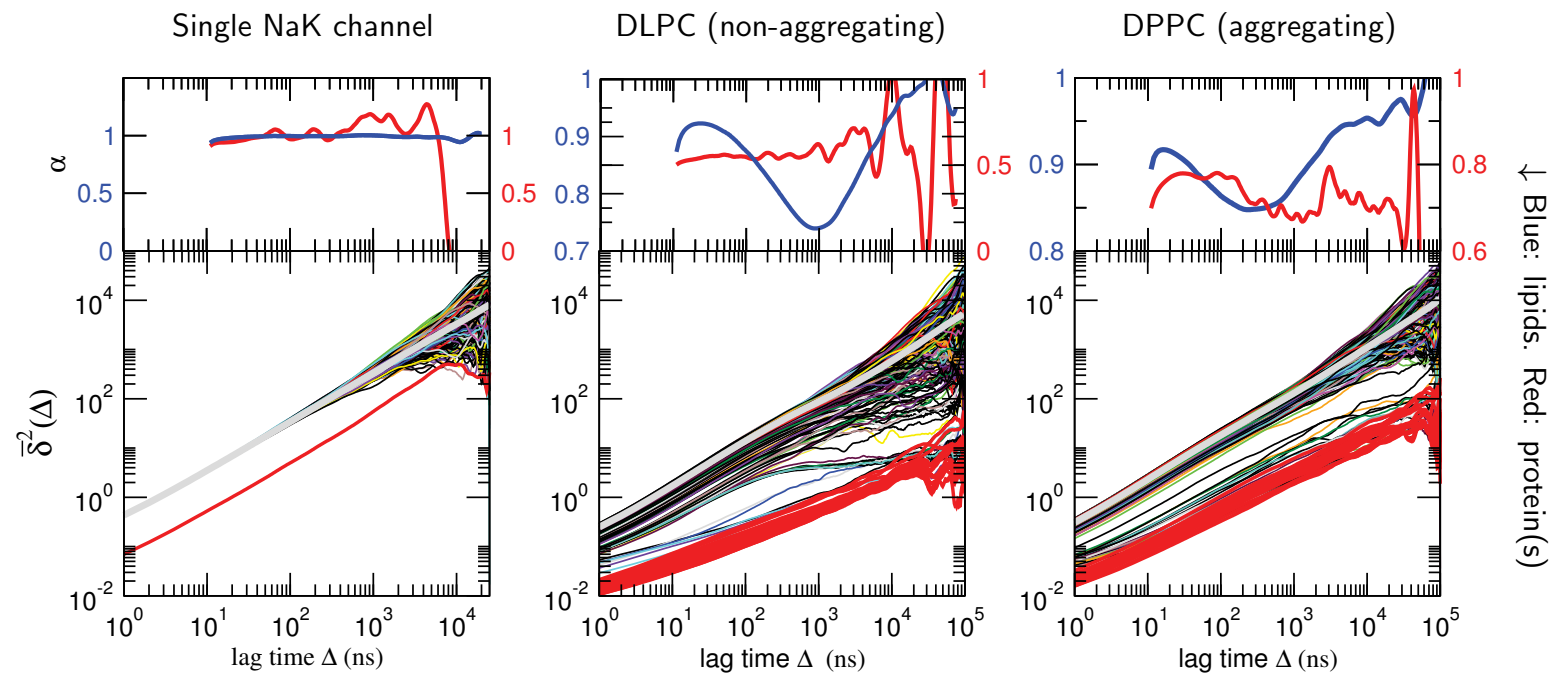
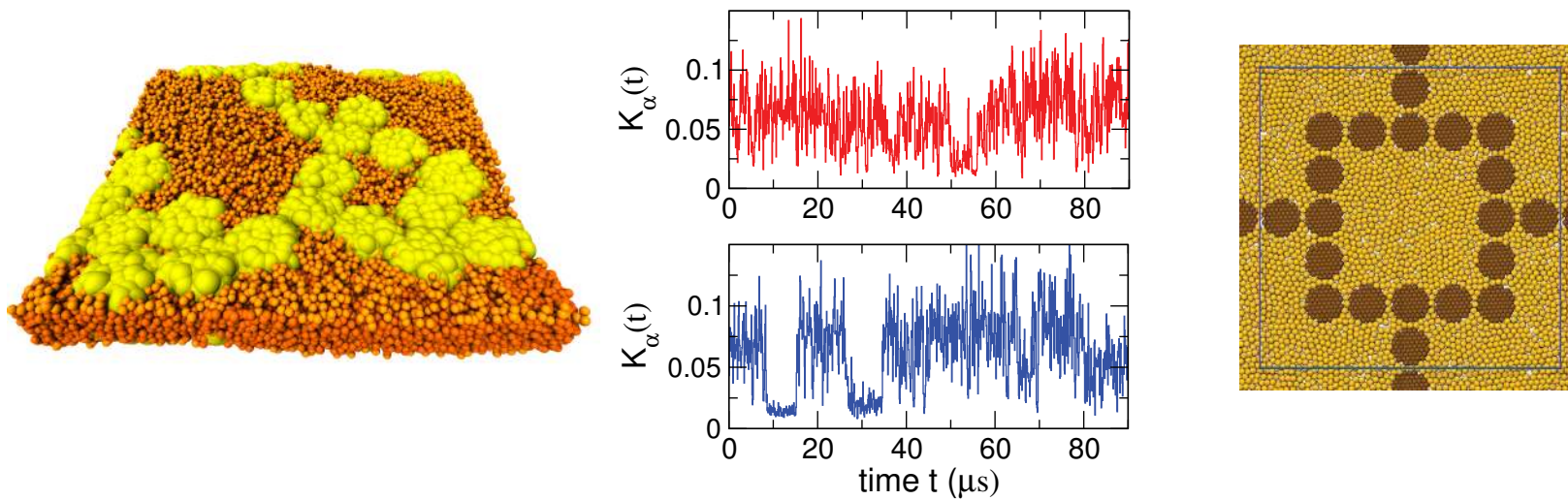
Dilute membrane: $P(r, t)$ Gauss

Crowded membrane ($\delta \approx 1.3 \dots 1.7$):

$$P(r, t) \propto \exp \left(- \left[\frac{r}{ct^{\alpha/2}} \right]^{\delta} \right)$$

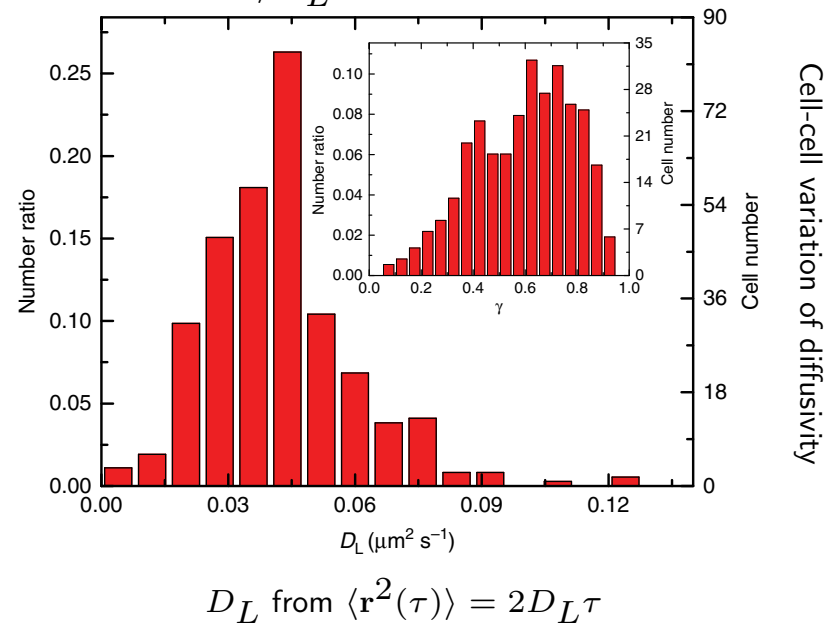
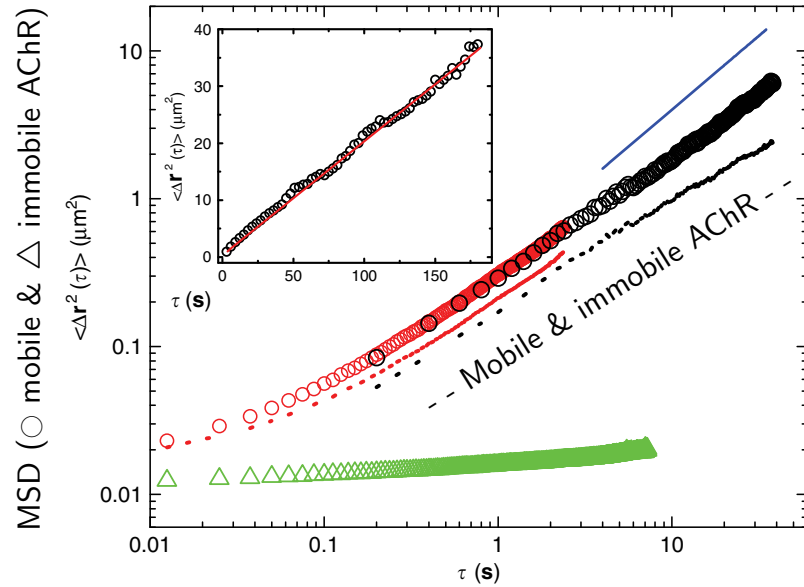
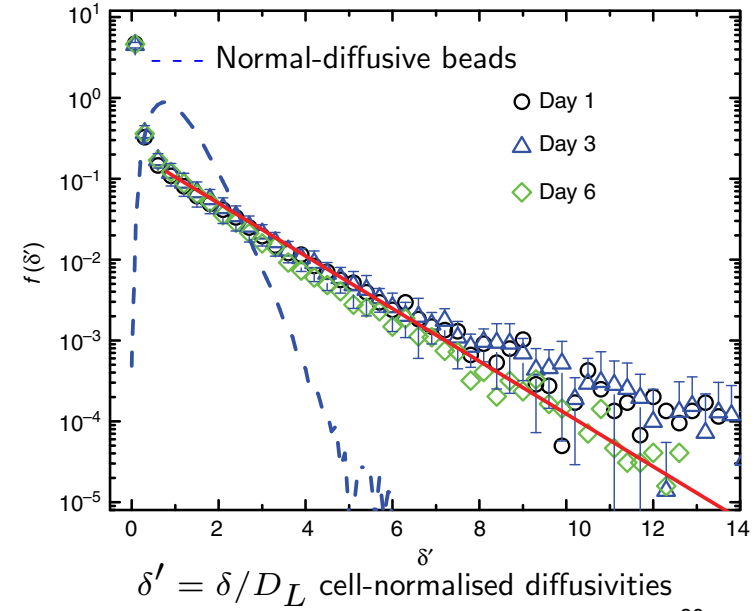
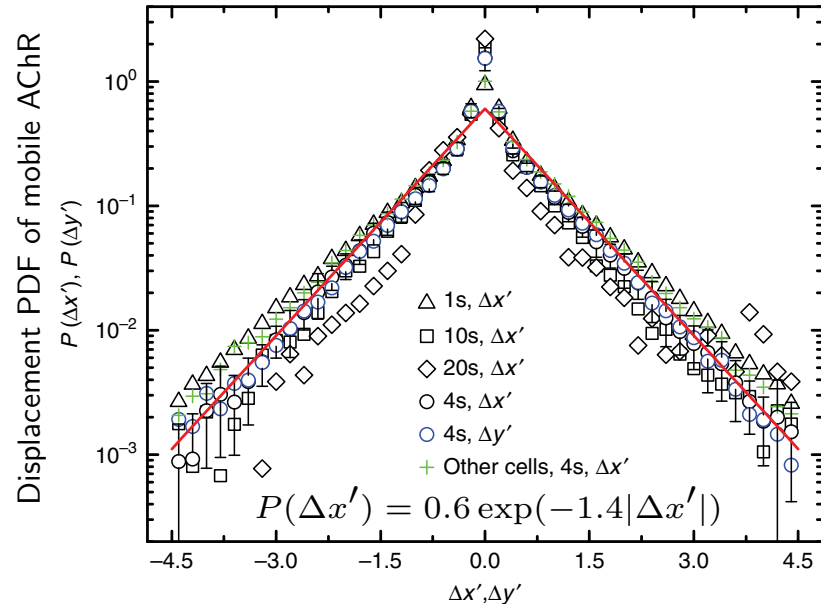


Intermittent lipid diffusion in protein-crowded membranes

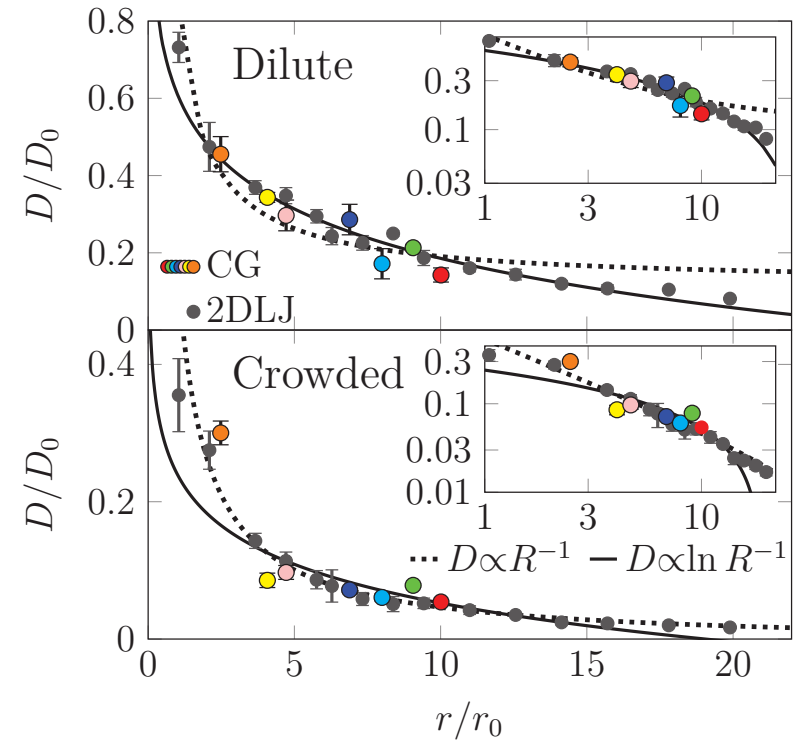
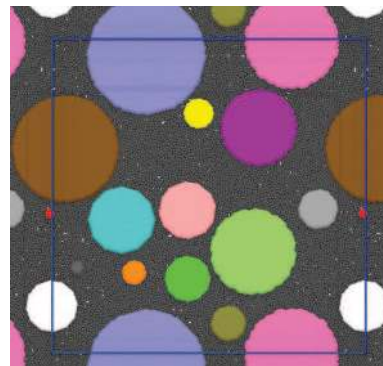
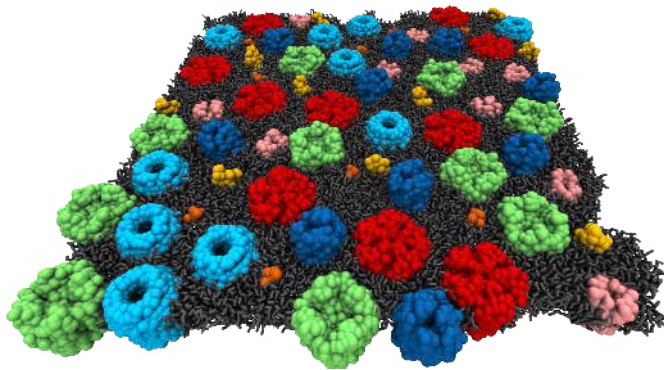
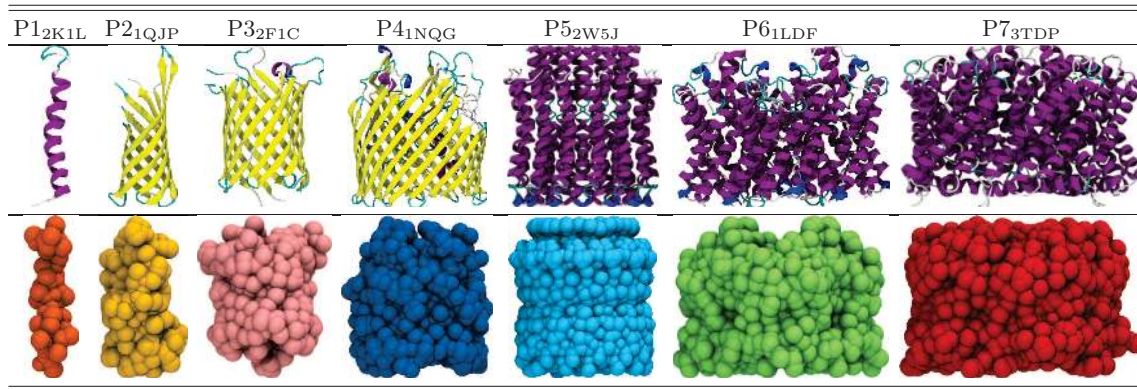


J-H Jeon, M Javanainen, H Martinez-Seara, RM & I Vattulainen, PRX (2016); compare Faraday Disc (2013)

Non-Gaussianity of acetylcholine receptors in *Xenopus* cells



Geometry-induced violation of Saffman-Delbrück relation



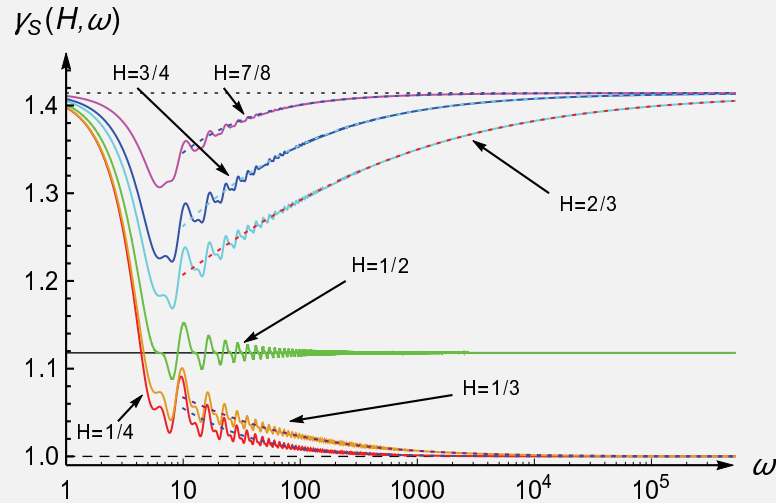
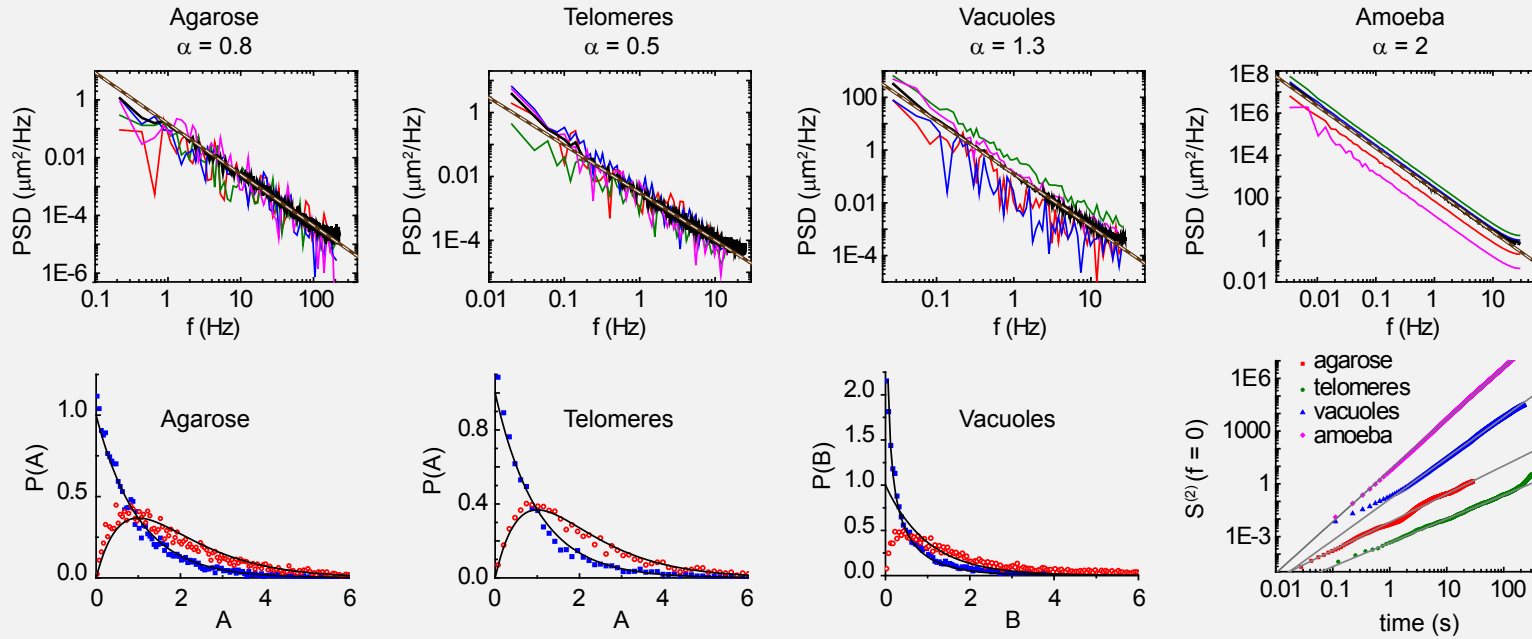
Dilute system: Saffman-Delbrück law

$$D(R) \simeq \log(1/R)$$

Crowded membrane & 2DLJ discs:

$$D(R) \simeq 1/R$$

Power spectral density of a single FBM trajectory



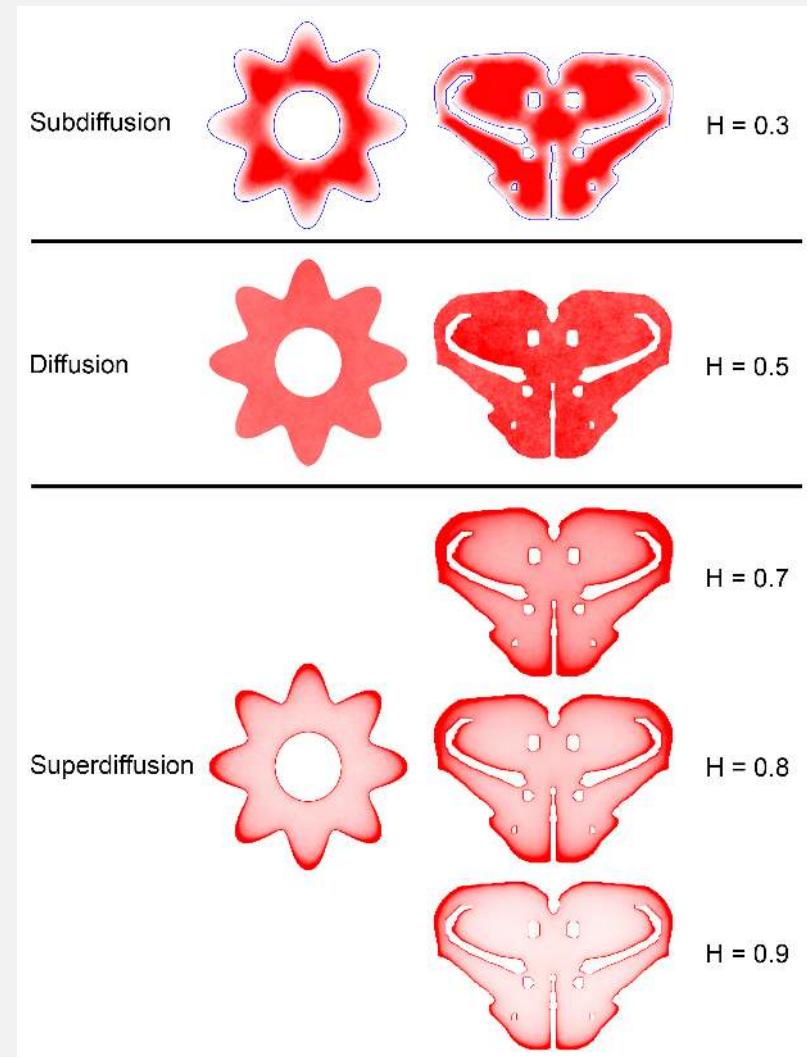
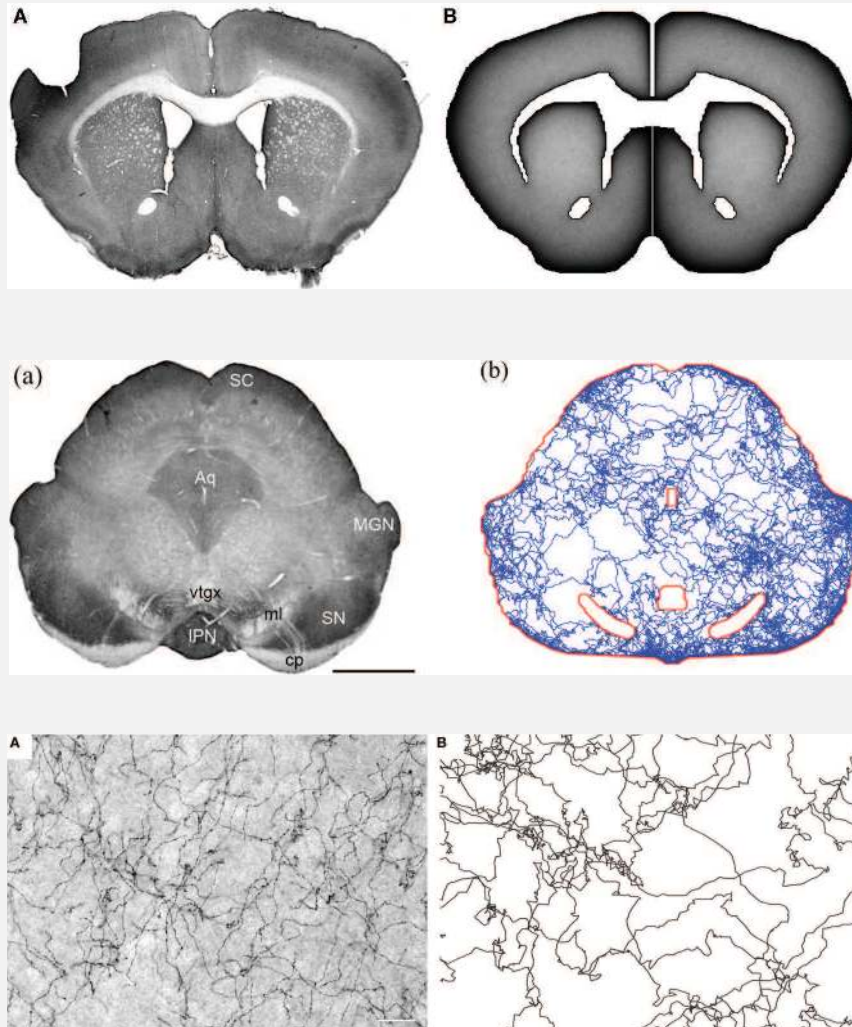
$$S(f, T) = \frac{1}{T} \left| \int_0^T \exp(i f t) X_t dt \right|^2$$

$$\gamma = \frac{(\langle S_T^2(f) \rangle - \langle S_T(f) \rangle^2)^{1/2}}{\langle S_T(f) \rangle}$$

Brain serotonergic axons as FBM paths

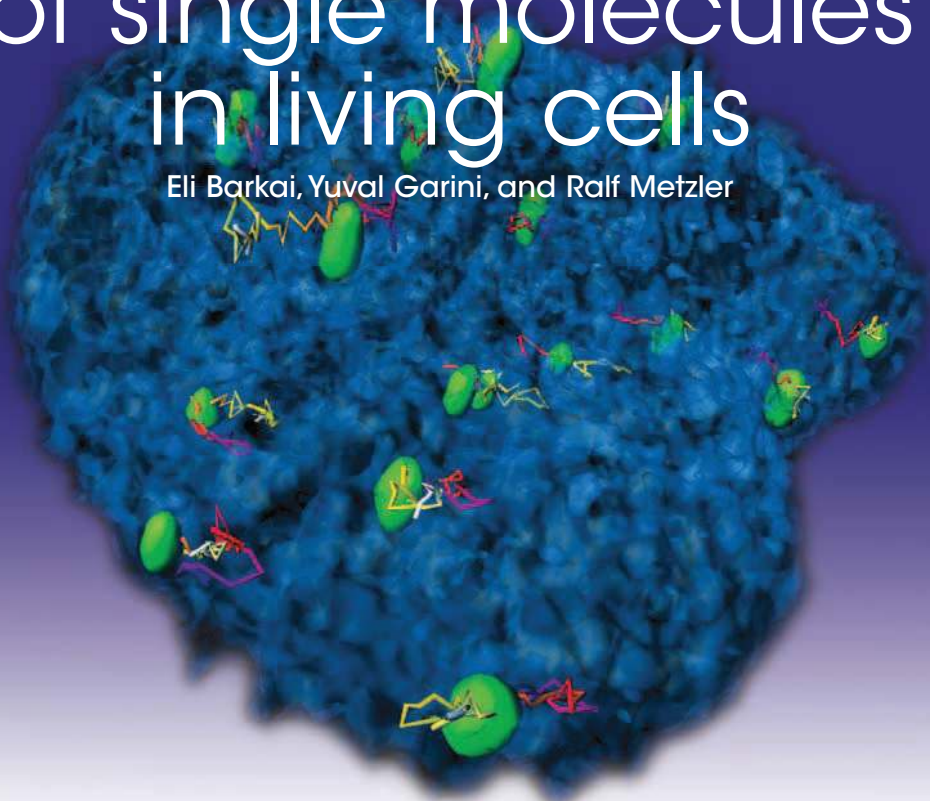
DIVERSION
AHEAD

Correlated fluctuations effect non-flat profile

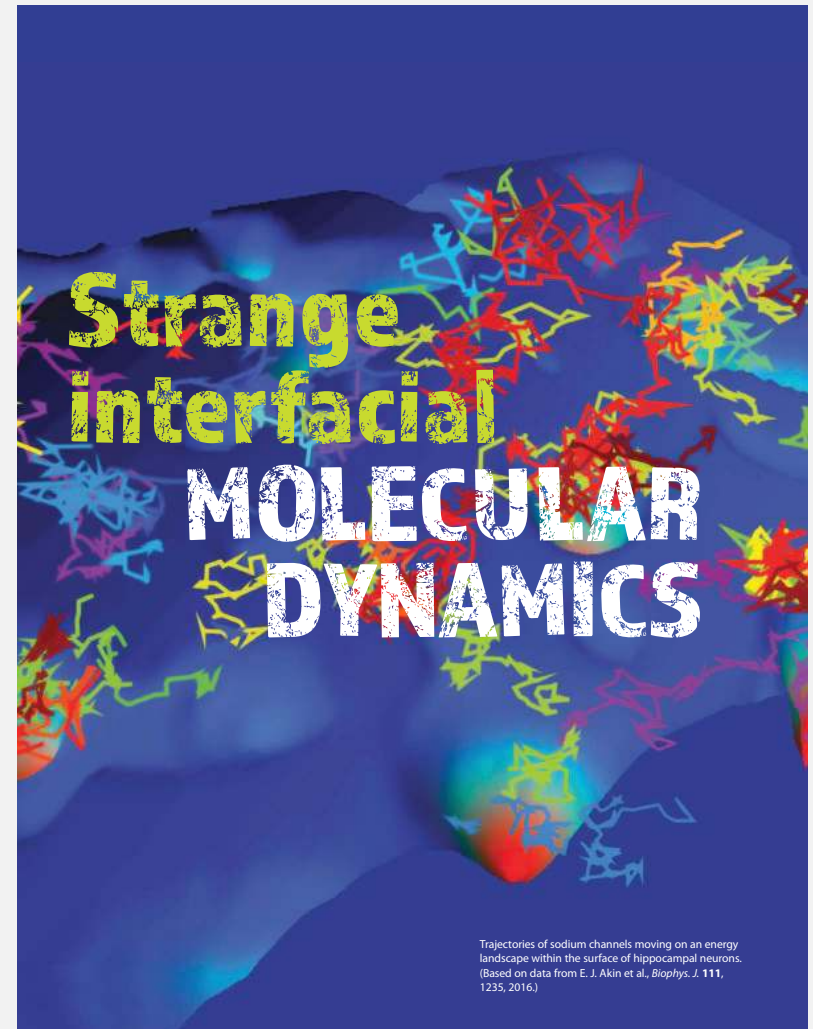


STRANGE KINETICS of single molecules in living cells

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 - IIII Disorder-induced non-Gaussianity & annealed limit
 - IIII Detection of non-Gaussianity by codifference [J Ślęzak, RM & M Magdziarz, NJP (2018)] & large deviation TAMSD statistic [S Thapa & al, NJP (2021)]
 - IIII Physics $\leftrightarrow$ ARIMA time series analysis [J Ślęzak, K Burnecki & RM, NJP (2019)]
 - IIII Bayes/max likelihood model determination
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