

Sur la diffusion anormale des ions : Effet d'un champ électrique

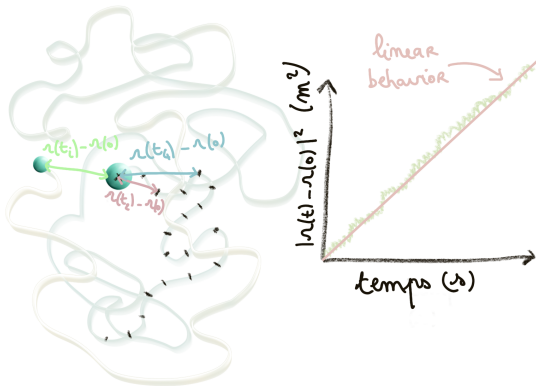
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Normal diffusion / anomalous diffusion

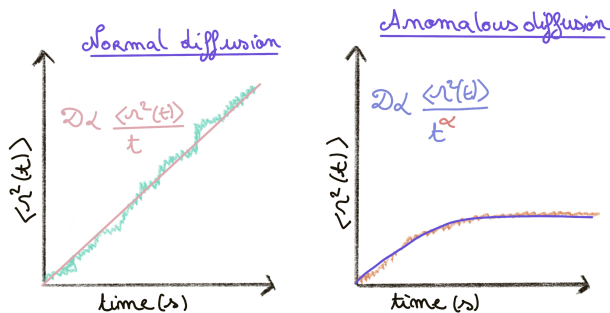
- ★ **At the microscopic scale** : particle displacements are due to thermal agitation and interactions with neighboring molecules/particles (collisions, repulsion, attraction).
Without external driving force : random.



Normal diffusion (Louis Bachelier (1900) and Einstein (1905)) : $\langle r^2(t) \rangle \propto Dt$



Normal diffusion / anomalous diffusion



Normal diffusion :

$$\langle r^2(t) \rangle \propto Dt \quad (1)$$

Anomalous diffusion :

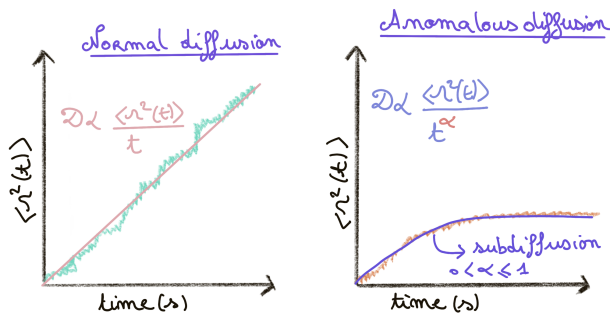
$$\langle r^\beta(t) \rangle \propto Dt^\alpha \quad (2)$$

Eq. 2 established by fractional derivative approach.

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Normal diffusion :

$$\langle r^2(t) \rangle \propto Dt \quad (3)$$

Anomalous diffusion :

$$\langle r^\beta(t) \rangle \propto Dt^\alpha \quad (4)$$

Eq. 4 established by fractional derivative approach.

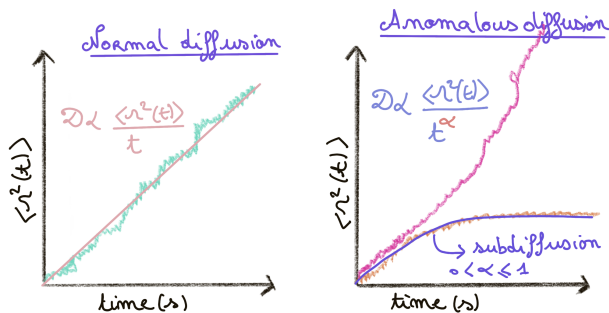
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Normal diffusion :

$$\langle r^2(t) \rangle \propto Dt \quad (5)$$

Anomalous diffusion :

$$\langle r^\beta(t) \rangle \propto Dt^\alpha \quad (6)$$

Eq. 6 established by fractional derivative approach.

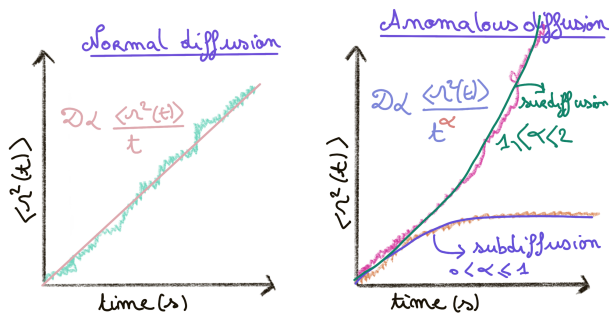
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Normal diffusion :

$$\langle r^2(t) \rangle \propto Dt \quad (7)$$

Anomalous diffusion :

$$\langle r^\beta(t) \rangle \propto Dt^\alpha \quad (8)$$

Eq. 8 established by fractional derivative approach.

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Observation of anomalous diffusion ?

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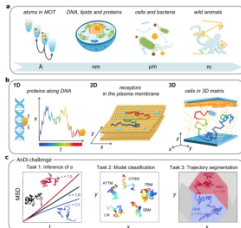
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$$\frac{D}{\mu} = \frac{kT}{q} \longrightarrow \frac{D_\alpha}{\mu^\alpha} = \frac{kT}{q} E^{\alpha-1} A_\alpha x^{1-\alpha}$$



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Anomalous diffusion mediated by atom deposition into a porous substrate.

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Experimental evidences of anomalous diffusion

Ionic diffusion in electrochemical cell ? Small scale, distance between electrodes : mm

Observations : Anomalous diffusion behavior

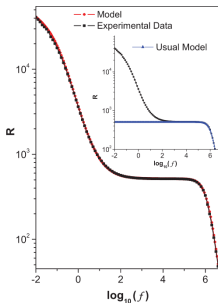


FIG. 1. (Color online) Real part of the electrical impedance of the cell versus the frequency of the applied voltage $f = \omega/2\pi$. The inset compares the behavior of the usual model with the experimental data of the real part of the impedance.

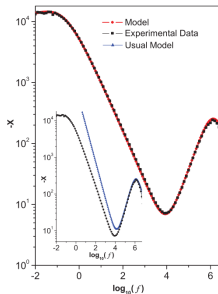


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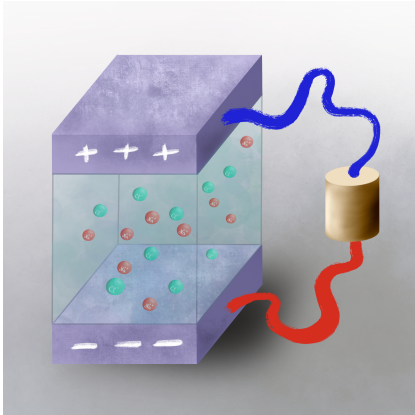
Experimental conditions :

- ★ Impedance spectroscopy : Milli-Q water, frequency from 10^{-2} Hz to 5 MHz, AC = 20 mV, resistivity $\rho = 18.2 \text{ M}\Omega\text{cm}$, pH = 6.1
- ★ electrodes : circular surface at 1 mm from each other, area 3.14 cm^2
- ★ Potassium chloride solution

Necessity to use a fractionnal derivative approach

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Ionic diffusion



- ★ Origin of anomalous diffusion ? Mechanisms at the atomic scale ?
- ★ How does **ionic concentration** affect diffusion in saline solution ?
- ★ How does **electric field** influence diffusion in saline solution ?

⇒ **Model system : Water + NaCl**

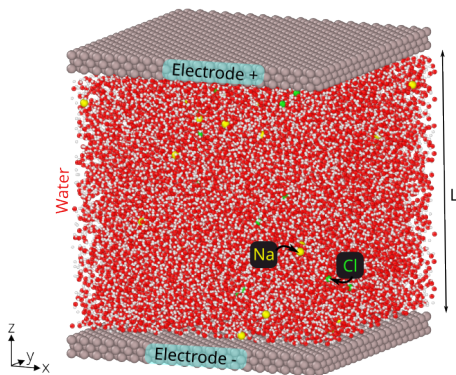
Ionic diffusion under electric field ?

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System : Nanometric electrochemical cell

Molecular dynamics simulations were conducted using the Large-scale Atomic/Molecular Massively Parallel Simulator (**LAMMPS**)¹

The atomic visualization was performed using **OVITO**²



L (Å)	d_x (Å)	d_y (Å)	d_z (Å)
90	79	79	95

★ L : inter-electrode distance

★ d_x, d_y, d_z : cell dimensions in x, y, z

n_{H_2O}	n_M
18218	4800

★ n_{H_2O} : number of water molecules

★ n_M : number of atoms in the electrodes

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Atomic scale simulations : Molecular Dynamic

Total energy :

$$E = \sum_i \frac{p_i^2}{2m_i} + V(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_N) \quad (9)$$

Canonical ensemble : 2nd Newton law + thermostat

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}_i(t)}{dt} = -\frac{1}{m_i} \nabla V(\mathbf{r}(t)) - \zeta(t) \mathbf{v}_i(t) \quad (10)$$

where

$$\frac{d\zeta(t)}{dt} = \frac{1}{Q} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N m_i \mathbf{v}_i^2(t) - g N k_B T \right) \quad (11)$$

$\mathbf{v}_i(t)$ velocity of atom i

$\zeta(t)$ friction term, Q effective mass, g degree of freedom

Molecular Dynamics : Interatomic potential

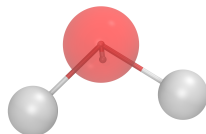
The interatomic potential used is a combination of Coulombic interactions and a simple Lennard-Jones (LJ) potential :

$$V_{ij}(r_{ij}) = \sum_i \sum_j \frac{q_i q_j e^2}{r_{ij}} + 4\epsilon_{ij} \left[\left(\frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \right] \quad (12)$$

- ★ A rigid water model based on TIP4P/2005 ¹
- ★ Parameters for Na⁺ and Cl⁻ ions were derived from the CHARMM-27 force field ².
- ★ The long-range Coulombic interactions were accounted for using the FFT-based particle-particle/particle-mesh (PPPM) method in LAMMPS ³.

Table – LJ pair potential parameters used in this study [?, ?].

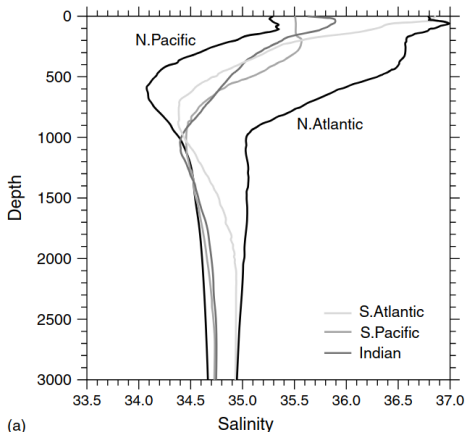
	σ_{ij} (Å)	ϵ_{ij} (kcal/mol)
O-O	0.185199	3.1589
Na-Na	0.04690	2.4299
Cl-Cl	0.1500	4.04470
M-M	11.697	2.574
O - M	0.4	2.86645



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Choice of salinity and electric field

Salinity : How many ions Na^+ and Cl^- in the system ?



(a) Figure from : Talley (2002)

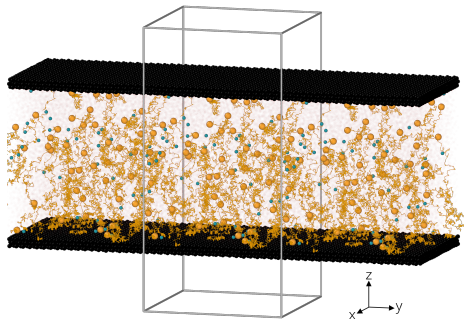
- ★ Salinity : between 5 and 40 g/kg of water (Baltic sea - Red sea)
- ★ $n_{Cl^-} = n_{Na^+}$
- ★ For $n_{H_2O} = 18218$: $25 < n_{Cl^-} < 200$
- ★ Electric field : between 1×10^5 V/m ($q^M \approx 0.001e$) and 1×10^7 V/m ($q^M \approx 0.05e$).

Diffusion measurement (canonical, NVT), $T = 300\text{K}$

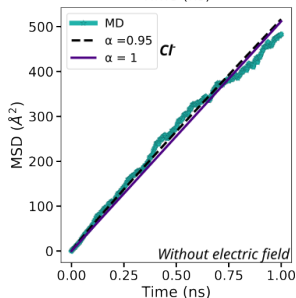
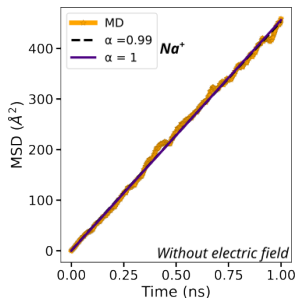
- 1) Water equilibration at 300K
- 2) All system equilibration
- 3) Mean Squared Displacement (MSD) :

$$\langle r_{ion}^2(t) \rangle = \frac{1}{N_{ion}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{ion}} |r_i(t) - r_i(0)|^2 \quad (13)$$

- ★ N_{ion} : number of ions in the solution
- ★ $r_i(t)$: ion position at time t



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MSD without electric field at $T = 300\text{K}$ 

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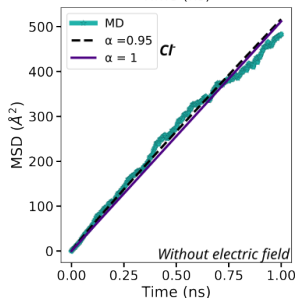
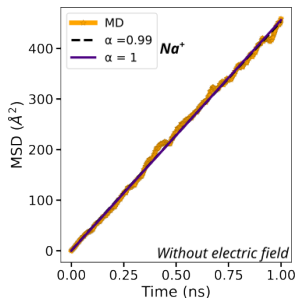
★ $r_i(t)$: ion position at time t

$$\langle \hat{r}_{ion}^2(t) \rangle = \frac{6D_{ion}}{\Gamma(1 + \alpha)} t^\alpha \quad (15)$$

★ D_{ion} : diffusion coefficient

★ α : fractionnal coefficient

MSD without electric field at $T = 300\text{K}$

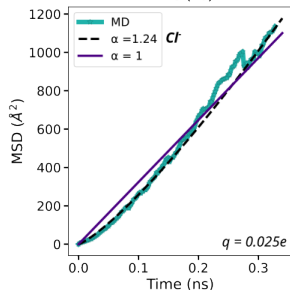
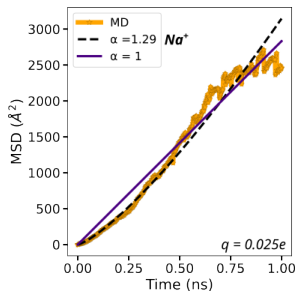


★ Na^+ and Cl^- ions
 → **quasi-Brownian motion**, $\alpha \simeq 1$

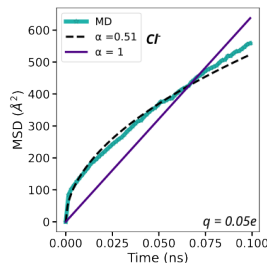
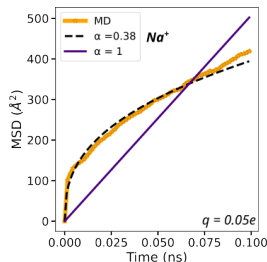
★ D_{Na^+} between **0.7 and $0.9 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$**
 Experimental value : **$\simeq 1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$**

★ D_{Cl^-} between **0.8 and $1.1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$**
 Experimental value : **$\simeq 2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$** ^a

^a Mills, J. ACS (1955); Mills, J. Chem. Phys. (1957); Wang et al. J ACS (1953), Passiniemi J Sol. Chem. (1983)

MSD with electric field at $T = 300\text{K}$ 

- ★ Nonlinear time dependence
→ **anomalous diffusion** $\alpha \neq 1$
- ★ Diffusion is slightly accelerated ($\alpha > 1$)
→ Surdiffusion regime
- ★ At the end of the simulations :
all ions become fixed on the electrodes

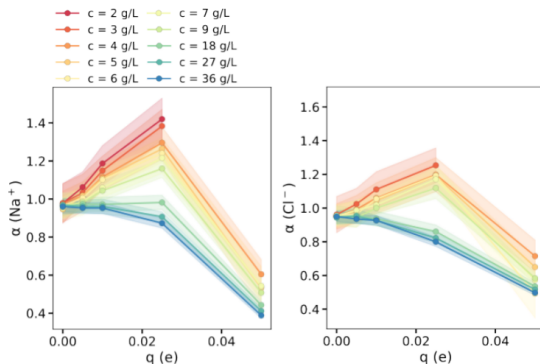
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- ★ Nonlinear time dependence
→ **anomalous diffusion** $\alpha \neq 1$
- ★ Diffusion is slightly slowdown ($\alpha < 1$)
→ Subdiffusion regime

Remarques

- ★ Without electric field : $\alpha \simeq 1$
MSD follow normal diffusion (Bachelier, Einstein)
- ★ With electrical field : $\alpha \neq 1$
Anomalous diffusion →
Sub/Surdiffusion regime ?
Depend on electric field level

Effect of concentration and q on the fractionnal exponent α



- ★ **Without electric field** : *normal* ionic diffusion $\rightarrow \alpha \simeq 1$
- ★ **Under electric field** : *anomalous* ionic diffusion
 - ★ **Superdiffusion** regime at low concentration for $q < 0.05e \rightarrow 2 > \alpha > 1$
 - ★ **Subdiffusion** for salt concentration above 20 g/L :
due to higher effect of Coulombic interaction between ions?
 - ★ **Subdiffusion/balistic** regime at $q = 0.5e ? \rightarrow \alpha \simeq 0.5$

Effective activity coefficient : Confrontation between MD simulations, Extend Debye Hückel Model and experiments.

From MD simulation

The effective activity coefficient γ :

$$\gamma \propto \frac{N_{ion} - N_{pairs}}{N_{ion}} \quad (16)$$

Chemical model : Extend Debye Hückel (EDH) model

$$-\log_{10} \gamma = \frac{A_m |q_{Na^+} q_{Cl^-}| I_m^{1/2}}{1 + B_m a_i I_m^{1/2}} \quad (17)$$

with A_m and B_m two coefficient and I_m the ionic strength :

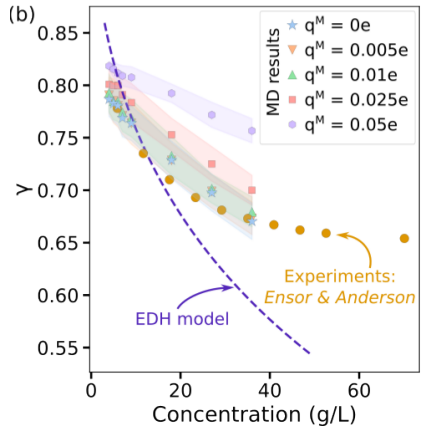
$$A_m = \left(\frac{2\pi N_a}{1000} \right)^{1/2} \times \frac{e^3}{2.3026 (k_B T \epsilon_r)^{3/2}}, B_m = \left(\frac{8\pi N_a}{1000} \right)^{1/2} \times \frac{e}{(k_B T \epsilon_r)^{1/2}} \quad (18)$$

and

$$I_m = \frac{1}{2} \frac{c}{m_{NaCl}} (v_{Na^+} + v_{Cl^-}) \quad (19)$$

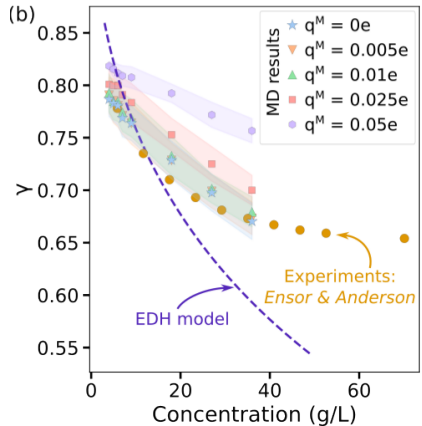
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- ★ EDH model underestimate γ at high concentrations : cannot capture ion-ion interactions, particularly salt effects and short-range correlations.
- ★ Higher concentration = more quasi neutral ion pairs = less impact of q
- ★ explain why the deviation of α from 1 indicative of anomalous diffusion tends to diminish as the ion concentration increases

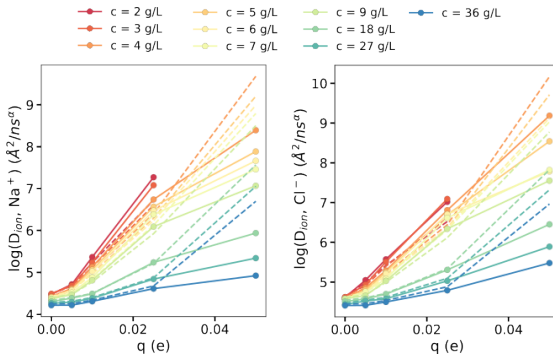


Effective activity coefficient : Confrontation between MD simulations, Extend Debye Hückel Model and experiments.

- ★ stronger electric field = higher γ .
- ★ electric field counteract the attractive Coulomb interactions.



Effect of concentration and q on D_{ion}



- ★ Decrease of ionic diffusion coefficient with salt concentration due to Coulombic interaction
- ★ Same order of magnitude than experiments ($4 < \log(D) < 5$, D being in $\text{\AA}^2/\text{ns}$) (Mills, Wang, Passiniemi)
- ★ Increase of diffusion concentration with electric field
- ★ Comparison with Nernst Einstein equation : $D = \mu \frac{RT}{F}$?

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Conclusion & perspectives

Conclusion :

- ★ Anomalous diffusion behavior appears from the application of an electric field : $q = 0e \Leftrightarrow \alpha \simeq 1$, normal diffusion.
- ★ At low concentrations, superdiffusion phenomenon ($\alpha > 1$), which diminishes as the concentration increases, eventually leading to subdiffusion ($\alpha < 1$) explain by the formation of neutral pairs
- ★ D_{ion} increases with the applied electric charge. Electric field biases diffusion and promotes migration in a preferred direction.
- ★ Higher the ion concentration in the solution, the lower D_{ion} . Competition between the driving force pushing the ions toward the electrodes and the Coulombic interactions between ions.

Perspectives :

- ★ **Origin of the anomalous diffusion :**
Non ergodicity due to boundary conditions? To do : simulations in a 3D periodic system
- ★ Poisson Nernst Planck model?
- ★ Impedance experiments?