

# From **random walks** to applications

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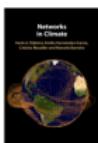


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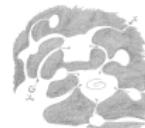
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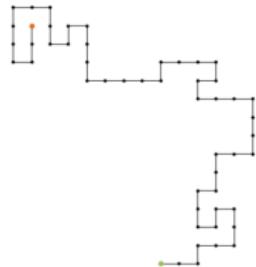
A joint project of PIK's Research Domains 1 and 4, dealing with the mid- and long-term coevolution of natural and socio-economic subsystems of the Earth system and its relationship to planetary boundaries

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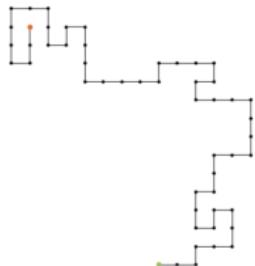
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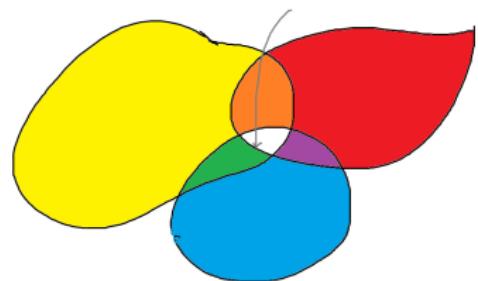


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**Scientists working on random walk theory:**  
Pearson, Smoluchowski,  
Langevin, Fermat, Bernoulli,  
Einstein, Kolmogorov, Pascal,  
Hughes, Brown, Wiener,  
Montroll, Weiss...

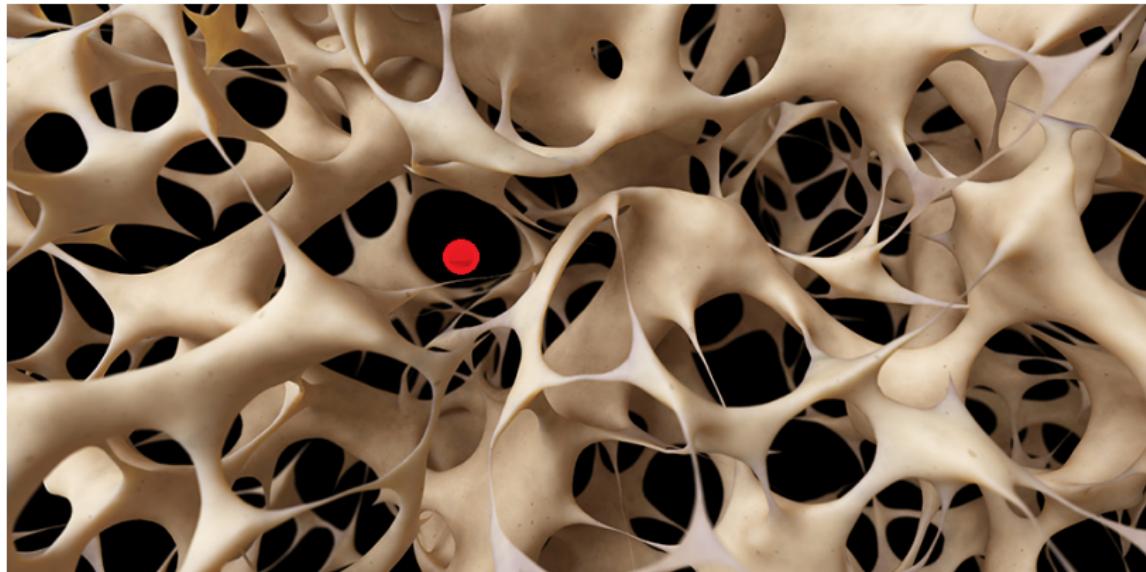


Intersection of Markov chain theory, Stochastic processes, Statistical physics, Disordered systems, Probability theory...

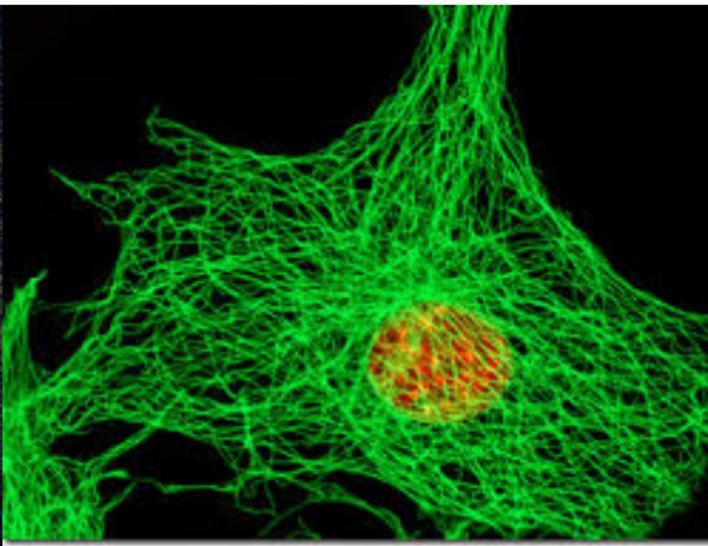
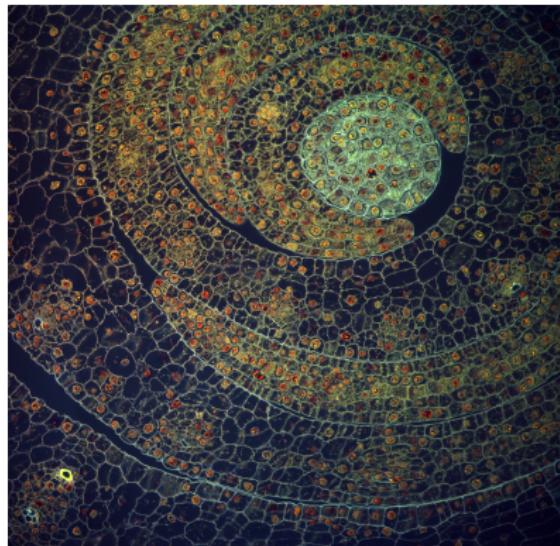
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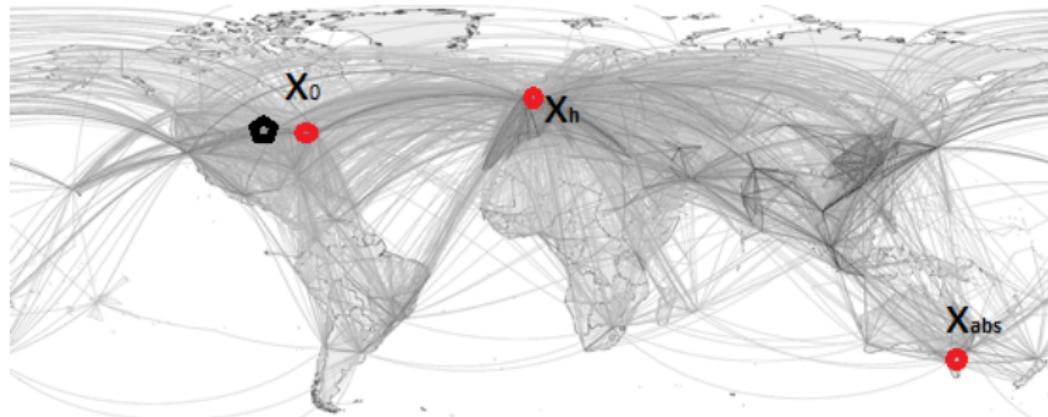
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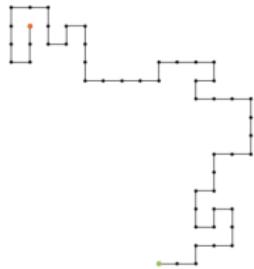
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# Part 1



- ▶ **Random walk theory**  
history  
types of random walks  
diffusion models



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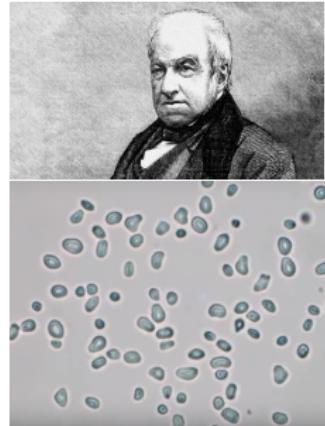
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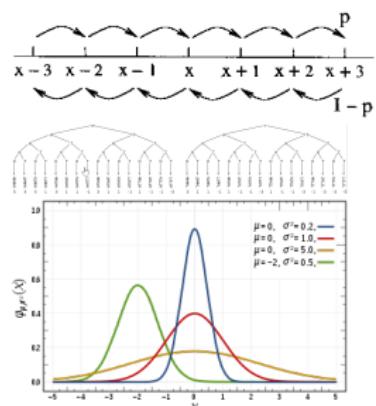
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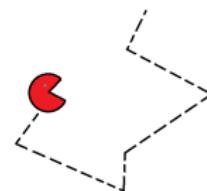
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# Types of random walks

Depending on the walk characteristics:

- on continuous or discrete structures (networks) [Redner, 2002]
- time: discrete or continuous [Montroll, Weiss, 1965]
- various probabilities of jumps from each node [Hedges, 2002]
- additional parameters: RW with resetting, self-avoiding random walk, adaptive random walks [Masuda, Lambiotte et al.2017]
- passive vs. active, e.g. node-centric active CTRWs.



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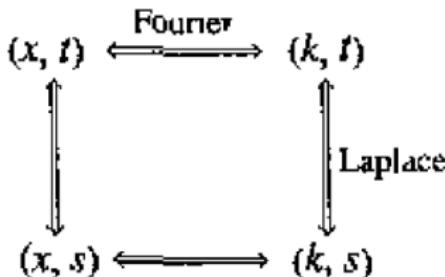
Looking forward to tutorial from Alexandre



# Main trick

$$P(x, t) = \frac{e^{-(x-vt)^2/4Dt}}{\sqrt{4\pi Dt}}$$

$$P(k, t) = e^{-(ikv + Dk^2 t)}$$



$$P(x, s) = \frac{e^{-(v \mp \sqrt{v^2 + 4Ds}) |x|/2D}}{\sqrt{v^2 + 4Ds}}$$

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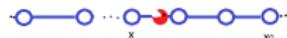
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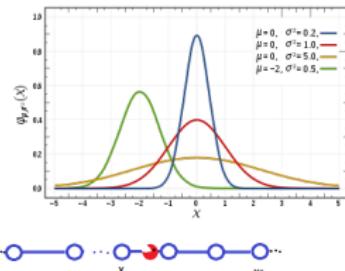
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Then the **final probability distribution** for DTRW

$$P(x, n) = \frac{N!}{(N+x)/2!(N-x)/2!} p^{(N+x)/2} (1-p)^{(N-x)/2}$$



Gaussian in the long-time limit

$$P(x, n) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi npq}} e^{-(x-np)^2/2npq}$$

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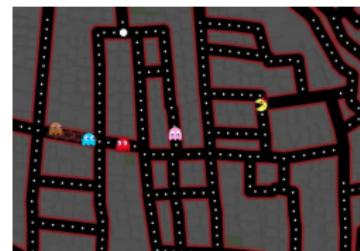
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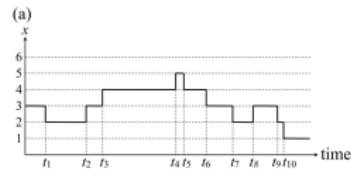
Yes! Probability distribution is independent from details of single-step hopping [Gnedenko, Kolmogorov 1954]



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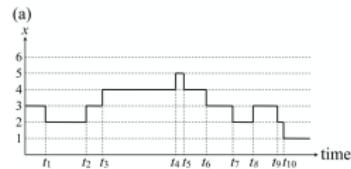
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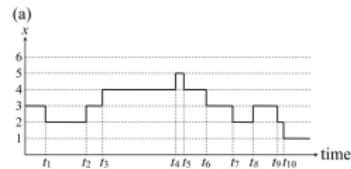
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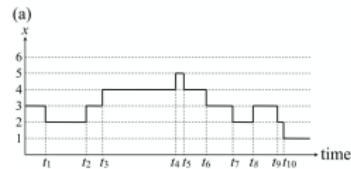
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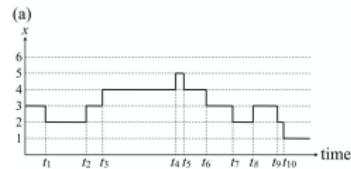
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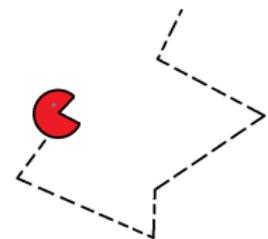


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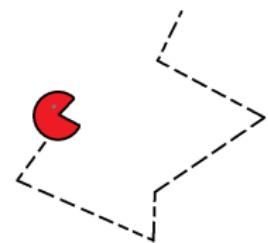
(CTRW): CTRW waits at each  $x$ , where CTRW jumps, it waits time step for  $\tau$  distributed with  $\psi(t)$ . The length of the steps are distributed with  $f(x)$  function.



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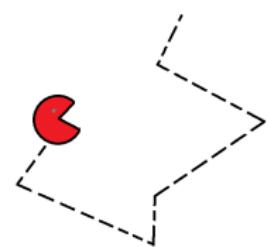
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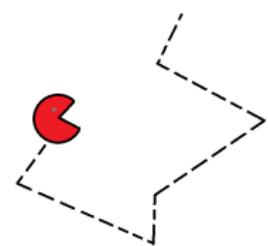
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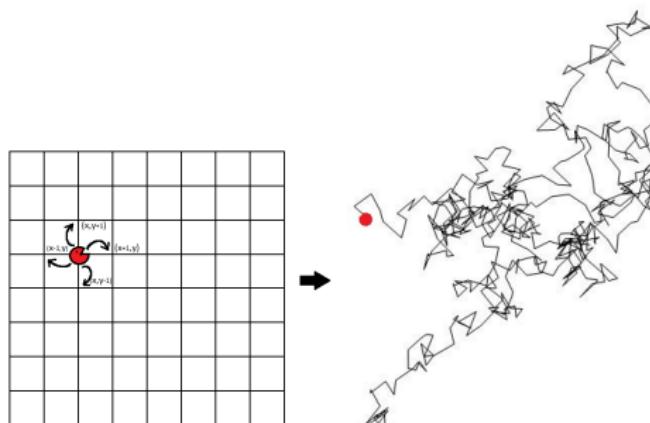
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# Generalization of random Walk framework



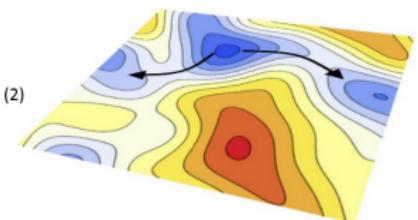
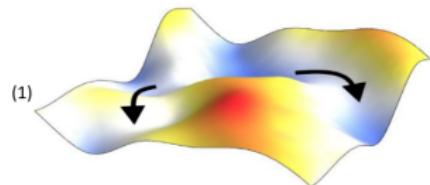
## Homogeneous random walk

(RW) on a discrete lattice in  
discrete time

R.Metzler, J.Klafter, Phys.Rep. (2000], M.Jaume et al., EPJ [2017]

What about heterogeneous motion?

## Homogeneous continuous time random walk (CTRW) in continuous space



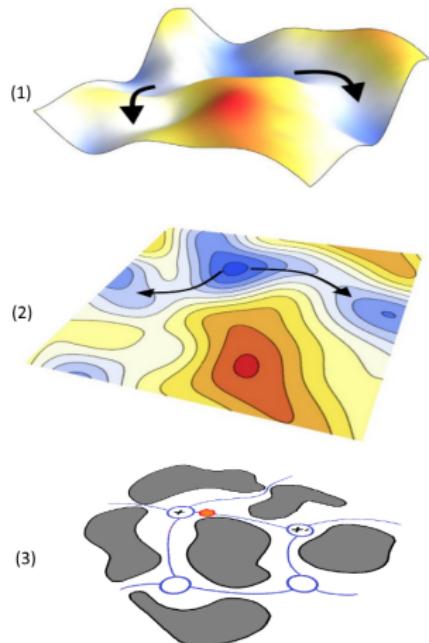
## Heterogeneous Continuous Time Random Walk model

on a graph:

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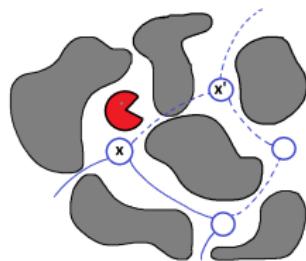
The generalized transition matrix

$$Q_{xx'}(t) = Q_{xx'} \psi_{xx'}(t)$$



HCTRW is a formalism for studying diffusion in heterogeneous structures (1),(2).

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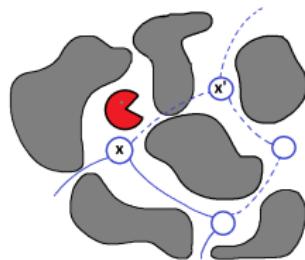
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**Analytic formula for HCTRW propagator  $\tilde{P}_{x_0 x}(s)$ :**



$$\tilde{P}_{x_0 x}(s) = \frac{1 - \sum_{x'} \tilde{Q}(s)_{xx'}}{s} [(I - \tilde{Q}(s))^{-1}]_{x_0 x}, \quad (1)$$

where  $\tilde{Q}_{xx'}(s) = Q_{xx'} \tilde{\psi}_{xx'}(s)$ .

**Long-time behaviour for HCTRW propagator  $P_{x_0 x}(t)$ :**

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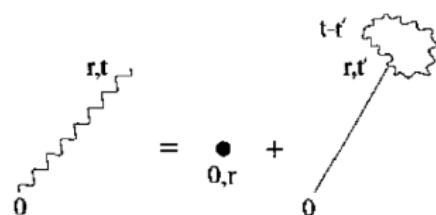
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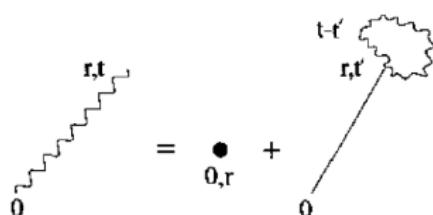
$$\tilde{P}_{x_0 x}(s) \simeq \underbrace{p_{st}(x)}_{\text{stat.dist.}} + t(x) \sum_{k>0} \frac{u_{0k}^\dagger(x) v_{0k}(x_0)}{\lambda_{0k} + s\lambda_{1k}} \quad (2)$$

$\lambda_{0k}$  are eigenvalues,  $u_{0k}, v_{0k}$  eigenvectors of  $I - Q$ .  
 $\lambda_{0k} + s\lambda_{1k}$  is the 1<sup>st</sup> order correction for  $I - Q + sT$ ,  
 $T_{xx'} = Q_{xx'} \langle T_{xx'} \rangle$ ,  $t(x) = \sum_{x'} T_{xx'}$ .

# First passage time



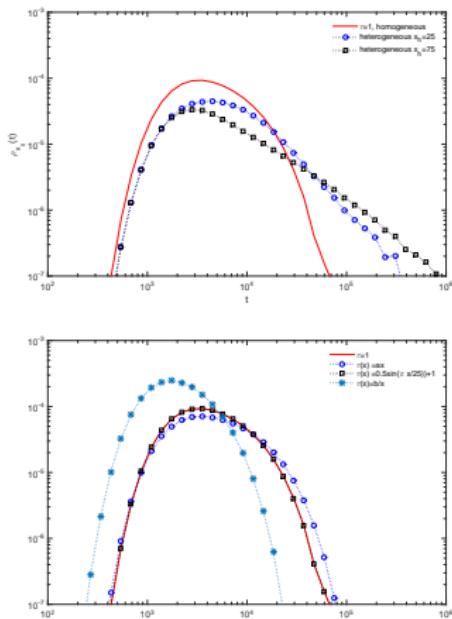
# First passage time



$F(x, t)$  - first passage time probability, then using renewal approach, [Redner, 2002]:

$$P(x, t) = \delta_{x,0}\delta_{t_0} + \sum_{t' \neq t} F(r, t') P(0, t - t')$$

# Results for Heterogeneous random walks



The FPT density of HCTRW on an interval, absorbing  $x = 100$ : (top) hetero-nodes  $x_h = 25, 75$  with heavy-t.distr.  $\alpha = 0.5$ ; (bottom)  $\tau_{\pm} = 1$ ;  $\tau_{xx \pm 1} = ax$ ;  $\tau_{xx \pm 1} = 0.5 \sin(\pi x/25) + 1$ ;  $\tau_{xx \pm 1} = b/x$ .

## Analytic formula for HCTRW

propagator  $P_{x0x}(t)$  on a graph is derived.

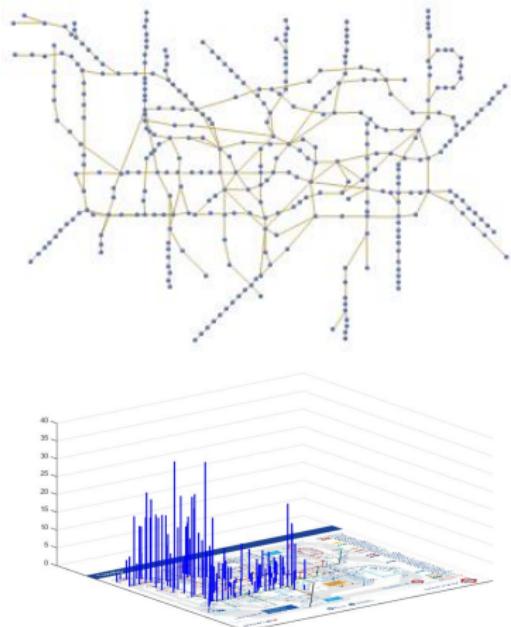
## Analytic framework of HCTRW

links structural graph properties and dynamical RW properties

**HCTRW** framework allows of study asymptotic solutions, FPT for processes on graphs.

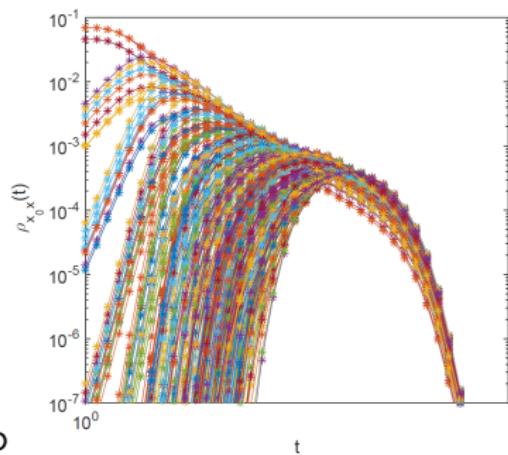
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## Applications: HCTRW model

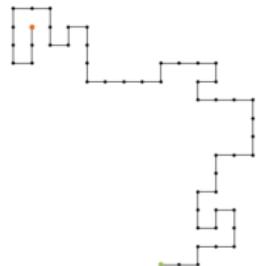


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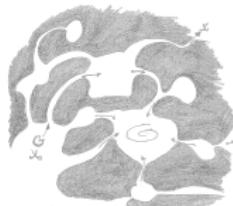
First passage time distributions  $\rho_{x_0 x}(t)$  for a graph of London metro. Dependence on the initial node  $x_0$ .



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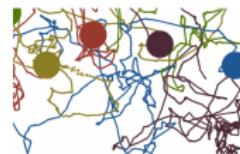
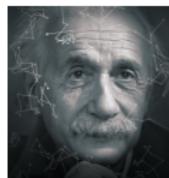


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Applications of random walk theory

# Random walks applications: diffusion

## Physics view:

In 1905 the paper "About particles suspended in the liquid(...)" appeared. Molecular motion was suggested the explanation.



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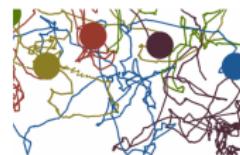
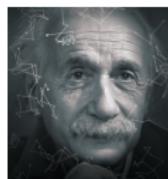
# Random walks applications: diffusion

## Physics view:

In 1905 the paper "About particles suspended in the liquid(...)" appeared. Molecular motion was suggested the explanation.

## Diffusion equations:

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = D \frac{d^2 T}{dx^2} \rightarrow D(x, t) \frac{d^2 T}{dx^2}$$



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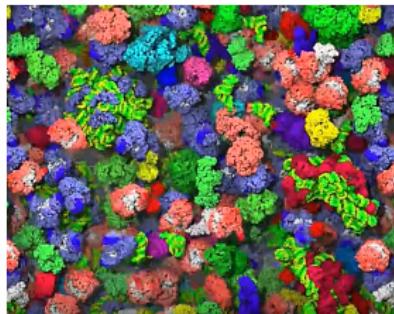
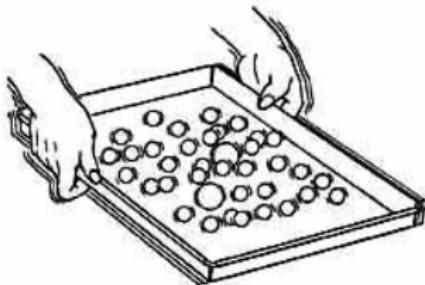
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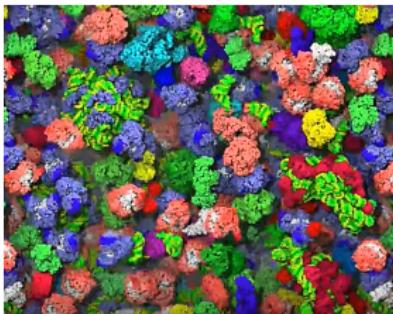
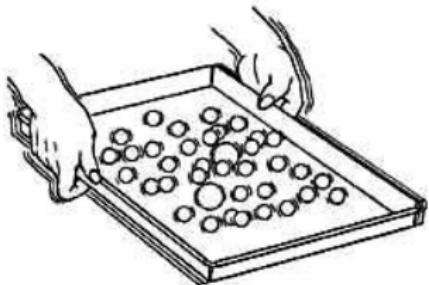
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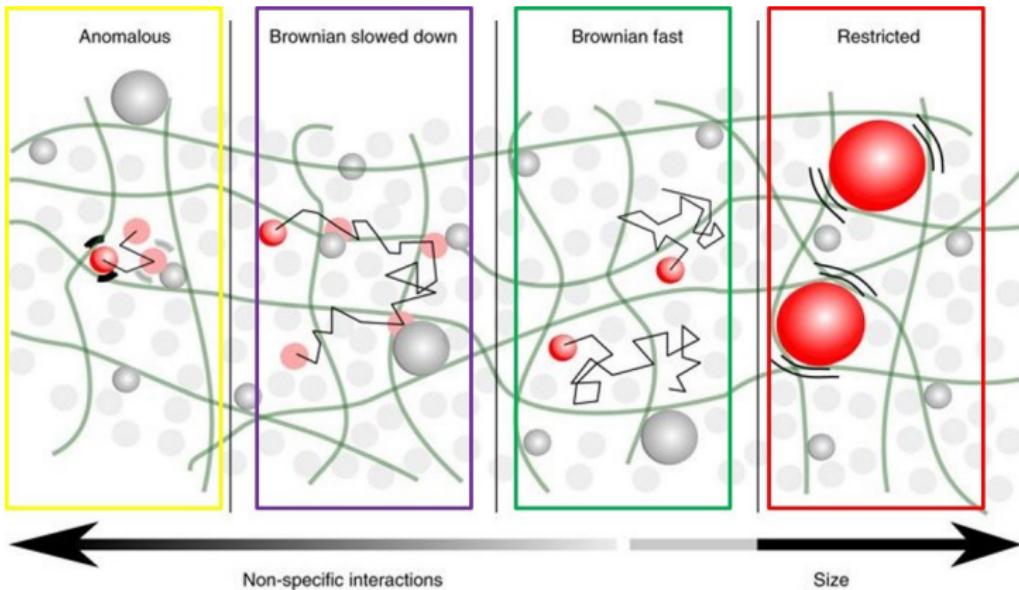
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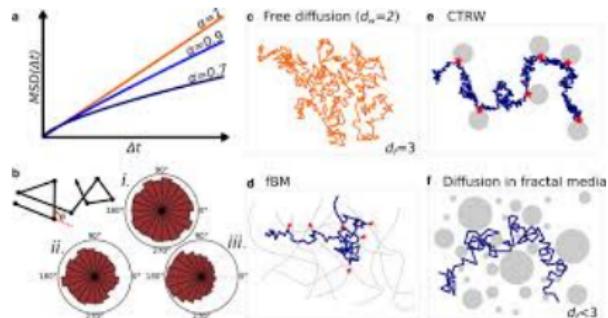
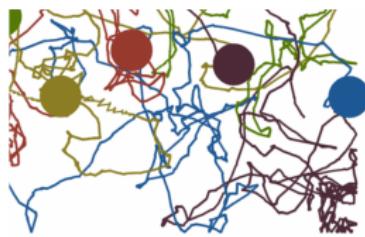


**Applications of the random walks theory:**  
simulations of the crowded cell environment [McGuffee, Elcock, 2010] (video)

estimation of the properties for biological cells (first passage times distribution for the medical substance, etc.) [Klafter, Sokolov, 2010], [Metzler, Chechkin et al.]



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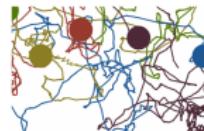


Modelling of the intracellular environment (R.Metzler, A.Cherstvyj, D.Grebenkov, A.Chechkin)

# Random walks: What did we learn?

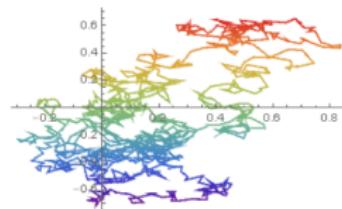
How to analyze motion inside  
the heterogeneous media?

What is the full distribution of  
the first passage time  
probability?



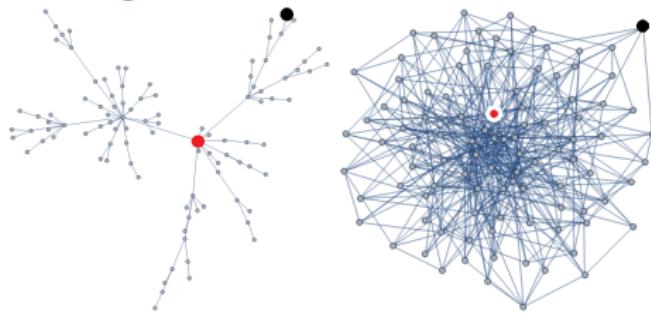
BrownianBridgeProcess

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sample = RandomFunction[WienerProcess[], {0, 1, .001}, 2][\"States\"];
ListLinePlot[Transpose@sample, ColorFunction -> \"Rainbow\", ImageSize -> 300]
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# Various open problems

Looking forward to tutorial from Alexandre



# Applications of random walk theory

## What happens if we violate the assumptions?

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# "Thank you for your attention"-slide

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