

# Single-File Diffusion far from thermal equilibrium

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# 1. Statistical Mechanics Far From Equilibrium



*„(Die Physik) verdankt ihren phänomenalen Erfolg ihrem Mut und ihrer Bereitschaft, Dinge auf abstraktester Ebene zu formulieren, vereinfachte, paradigmatische Anordnungen auszuwählen oder zu konstruieren, und ganze unterschiedliche Phänomene durch einfache Prinzipien zu verstehen.“*

*C. von der Malsburg, Phys. Blätt. 57 (2001), 3*

Physics owes its tremendous success to its courage and its readiness to handle matters on a most abstract level, to choose or construct simplified paradigmatic settings, and to understand entirely different phenomena in simple generic terms.

Statistical Mechanics: simple paradigmatic settings → simple models

❖ Address fundamental problems of many-body theory

emergence of new properties on coarse grained level of description

Universality provides for the study of highly stylized models (ideal gas, Ising model, ...)

❖ Applications to specific systems

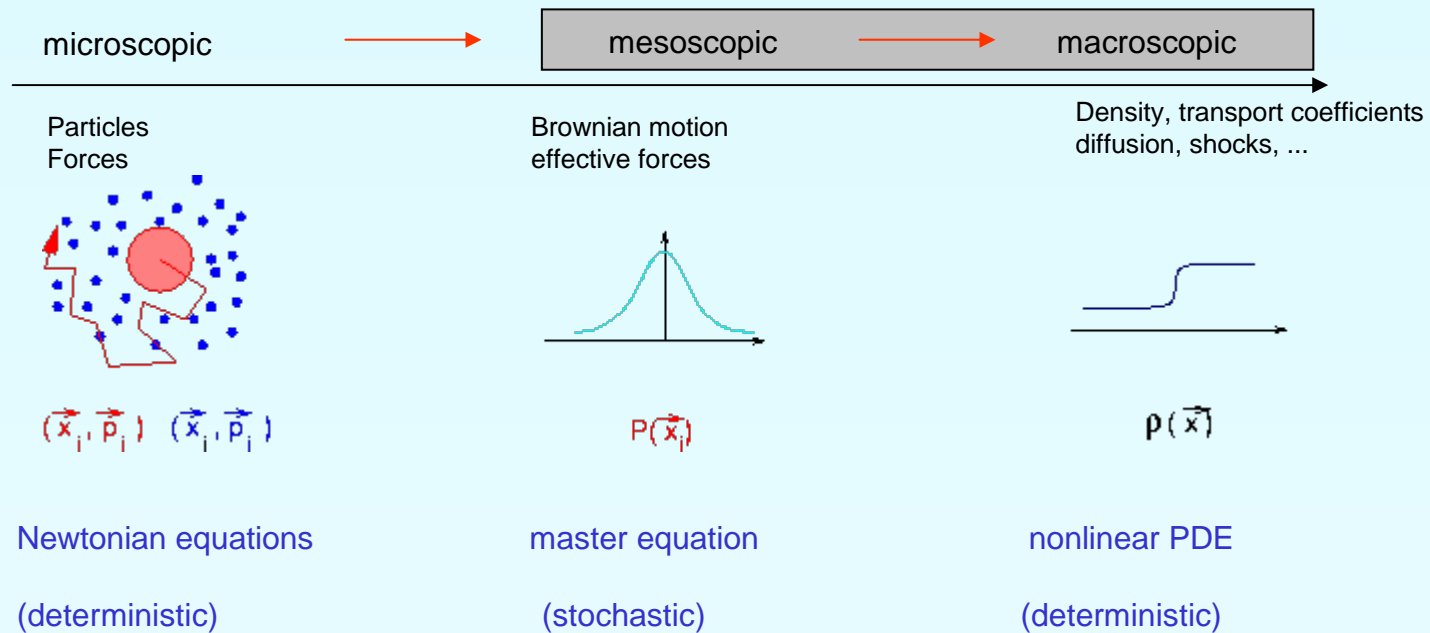
quantitative: critical exponents ... (exploiting scale invariance and universality)

semiquantitative: small number of fitting parameter for dominant mechanisms (and “easy” to simulate)

qualitative: existence of or mechanisms for specific phenomena (shocks, hysteresis, nucleation, ...)



## Self-organisation on all scales



Mesoscopic level: we use lattice gas models with diffusive motion and particle interactions

Macroscopic level: we wish to derive hydrodynamic equations (Burgers, shallow-water, Fisher, ...) and generic properties of transport coefficients



### Fundamental problems:

- novel phenomena: **existence and dynamical origin of phase transitions**
- hydrodynamic limit
- large deviation theory for nonequilibrium steady states (fluctuation theorems, equations of state)

### Applications of quasi one-dimensional diffusive particle systems (single-file diffusion):

- physics: **diffusion in zeolites**, colloidal systems in confined geometry, entangled polymers ...
- biology: molecular motors, protein synthesis, ant trails ...
- other: automobile traffic, option pricing, ...



### Methods:

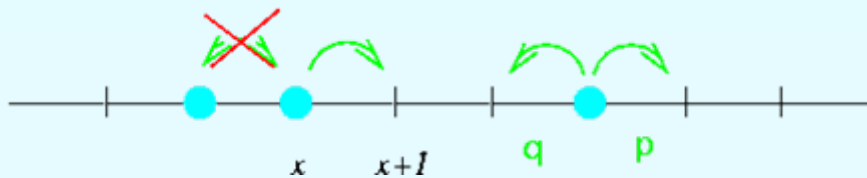
- ❖ Exact results: Integrability, probabilistic concepts, PDE theory
- ❖ Scaling theory
- ❖ Numerics: Monte-Carlo simulation, DMRG, PDE
- ❖ ~~Mean field~~ (coincidental if it works, no physics)

## 2. Stochastic Processes and Quantum Field Theory



### Asymmetric Simple Exclusion Process (ASEP)

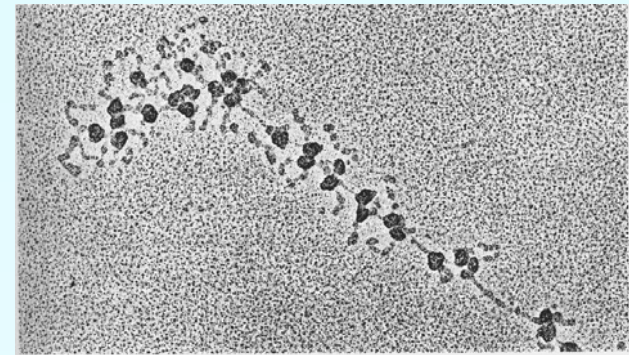
- short range interaction (excluded volume)
- diffusive motion (random walk with exponential waiting time)
- drift (external potential or self-propelled)
- open boundaries → permanent nonequilibrium state



MacDonald, Gibbs, Pipkin (1968); Spitzer (1970)

$$\text{density } \rho_x(t) = \langle n_x(t) \rangle \quad \text{current } j_x = p \langle n_x(1-n_{x+1}) \rangle - q \langle (1-n_x)n_{x+1} \rangle$$

$$\text{continuity equation } \rho_x(t) = j_{x-1}(t) - j_x(t)$$



Polysom, Spinndrüse einer Raupe

0.25  $\mu\text{m}$

Proteinsynthese: Übersetzung der mRNA durch mehrere Ribosomen. Die Polypeptidketten werden in Translationsrichtung länger.



## Master equation:

$$\frac{d}{dt} P(\eta, t) = \sum_{\eta' \neq \eta} [w(\eta', \eta) P(\eta', t) - w(\eta, \eta') P(\eta, t)] \quad \eta \in \{0, 1\}^L$$

Quantum hamiltonian representation:

$$\eta \rightarrow |\eta\rangle \in \mathbb{C}^L \quad P(\eta, t) = \langle \eta | P(t) \rangle$$

Schrödinger equation  
in imaginary time

$$\frac{d}{dt} |P(t)\rangle = -H |P(t)\rangle$$

$$H = - \sum_k [ \sigma_k^x \sigma_{k+1}^x + \sigma_k^y \sigma_{k+1}^y + \Delta \sigma_k^z \sigma_{k+1}^z ] - \text{n.h. boundary terms} \quad (\text{Heisenberg ferromagnet; spinless fermions})$$

Bethe ansatz  $\rightarrow$  dynamical exponent, current fluctuations [Gwa, Spohn (1992), Derrida, Lebowitz, Speer (1999)]

quantum group  $\rightarrow$  dynamics and microscopic structure of shocks [Belitsky, G.M.S. (2002)]

matrix product ansatz  $\rightarrow$  Bethe ansatz, **open boundaries**

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## Dynamic matrix product ansatz (DMPA)

Derrida, Evans, Pasquier, Saleur (1993); Stinchcombe, G.M.S. (1995); Alcaraz, Lazo (2004)

periodic n-component system:  $\langle P(t) \rangle = \text{Tr} \left( \begin{pmatrix} E \\ A_1 \\ A_2 \\ \dots \\ A_n \end{pmatrix}^{-L} \right) \quad \langle 00101110\dots \rangle = \text{Tr} (EEAEAAAE\dots)$

Fourier transformation of  $E^{k-1} A_i E^{-k}$   $D(p) = \begin{pmatrix} D_1(p) \\ D_2(p) \\ \dots \\ D_n(p) \end{pmatrix}$

$$D(p) - D(q) = \Sigma(p,q) D(q) - D(p)$$

$$S_{12} S_{13} S_{23} = S_{23} S_{13} S_{12}$$

$\Sigma(p,q) \Sigma(q,p) = 1$  (unitarity)  $S = \Sigma P$  (S-matrix of integrable Zamolodchikov field theory (1979))



periodic system: DMPA → functional equation → Bethe wave function → relaxation spectrum



stationary state (periodic und open): recursion relations → stationary nonequilibrium distribution

TASEP: density profile from empty-interval probabilities  $Y^k_L = \langle \dots 0000 \rangle$ ,  $X^k_L(p) = \langle \dots 1 \dots 0000 \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} Y^k_L &= Y^{k-1}_L + \alpha\beta Y^k_{L-1} & 1 < k < L+1 \\ Y^1_L &= \beta Y^1_{L-1} \\ Y^{L+1}_L &= Y^L_L + \alpha Y^L_{L-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} X^k_L(p) &= X^{k-1}_L(p) + \alpha\beta X^k_{L-1}(p) & p+1 < k < L+1 \\ X^{1+p}_L(p) &= \alpha\beta Y^{1+p}_{L-1} \\ X^{L+1}_L(p) &= X^L_L(p) + \alpha X^L_{L-1}(p) \end{aligned}$$

$$Y^1_1 = \beta, Y^2_1 = \alpha + \beta$$

Guess solution from explicit computation for small system size:

$$j = Z_{L-1} / Z_L$$

$$\rho_k = \frac{1}{Z_L} \sum_{p=1}^k \Phi_p(\alpha) \Phi_{L-p}(\beta)$$

$$\Phi_N(x) = 2 \binom{2N}{N} {}_2F_1(1, N+1/2, 1/2; (1-2x)^2) + (1/2-x)/[x(1-x)]^N$$

G.M.S., Domany (1993)  
Derrida, Evans, Hakim, Pasquier (1993)

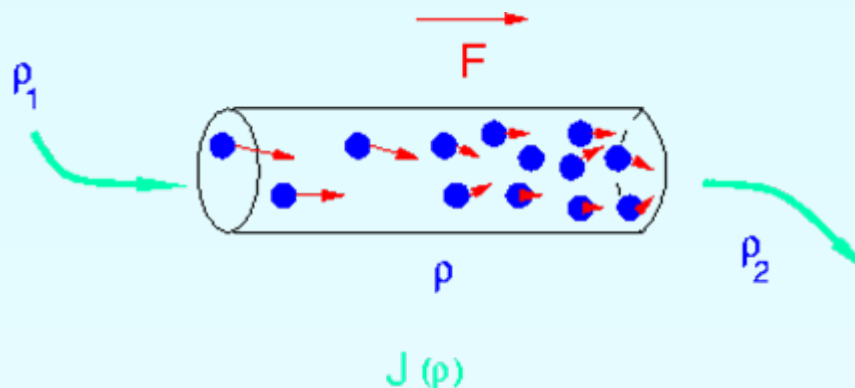




### 3. Boundary induced phase transitions

#### Driven diffusive systems (DDS)

- bulk: (i) biased random motion, (ii) short range interaction, (iii) particle conservation
- boundaries: coupling to external reservoirs with fixed densities



**stationary particle current after relaxation**

**→ permanent nonequilibrium steady state**

selection of NESS?

dynamical mechanism?

} no answer from known principles



phase diagram of ASEP with open boundaries, reservoir densities  $\rho_{+/-}$ .

→ current  $j = (p-q) \rho (1-\rho) + \text{f.s. corrections}$  (approx. uncorrelated bulk state)

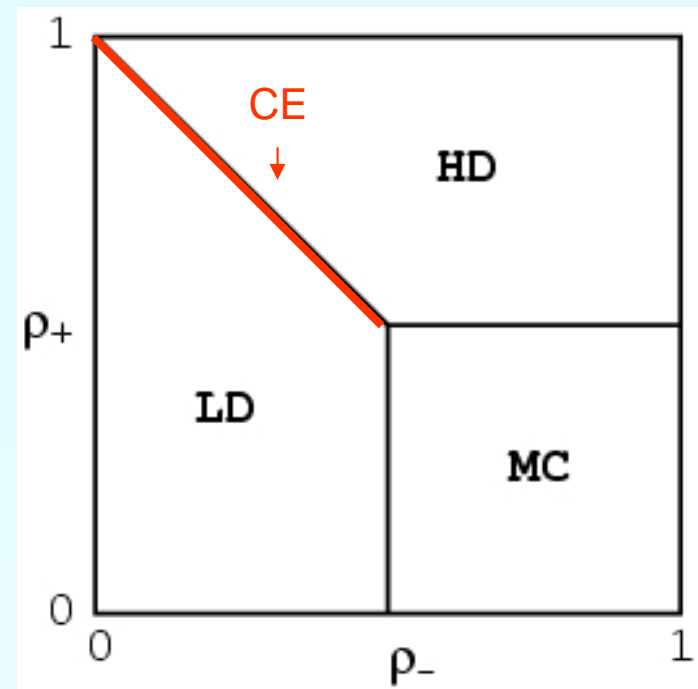
→ three phases with different bulk densities  $\rho$

LD: low density,  $\rho = \rho_- < 1/2$ ,

HD: high density,  $\rho = \rho_+ > 1/2$ ,

MC: maximal current  $\rho = 1/2$ , self-organized  
(second-order transition)

CE: coexistence line, linear density profile  
(first-order transition)





macroscopic theory (hydrodynamic limit  $a \rightarrow 0$ ):

$$\partial_t \rho + \partial_x j(\rho) = 0$$

Rezakhanlou (1991)

shock discontinuities, nonuniqueness of solutions of initial- and boundary-value problem resp.  
→ entropy solutions or: regularization with phenomenological infinitesimal viscosity

regularization: excess current (Krug 1991), lattice constant (Popkov, G.M.S. 2003)



Generic extremal principle for stationary current

$$j = \begin{cases} \max \{ j(\rho) \} & \rho_- > \rho_+ \\ \min \{ j(\rho) \} & \rho_+ > \rho_- \end{cases}$$

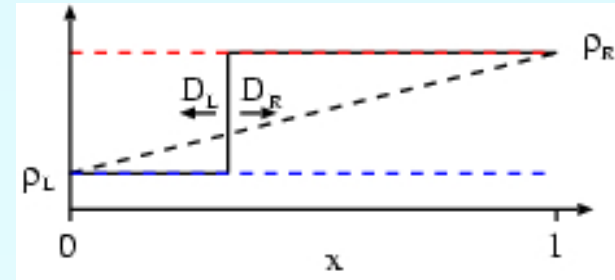
Popkov, G.M.S. (1999)  
rigorous proof: Bahadoran (2005)



microscopic derivation:

shock diffusion (first order transition)

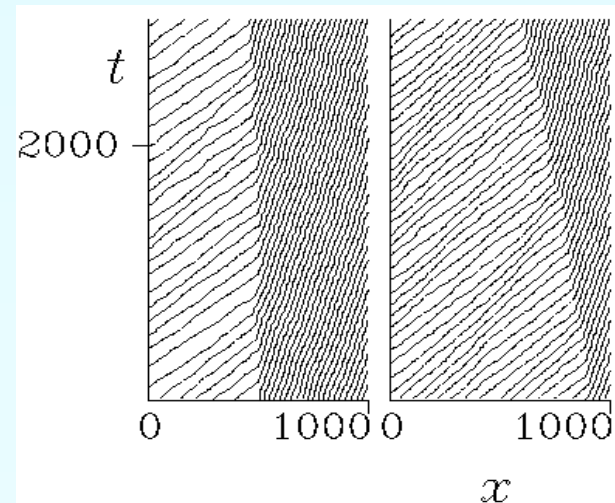
biased Brownian motion of  
microscopically sharp shock



shock velocity:

$$v_s = \frac{j_L - j_R}{\rho_L - \rho_R}$$

(mass conservation)





## flow of microscopically localized perturbations

biased (superdiffusive) motion  
with collective velocity

$$v_c = j'(\rho)$$

(Nonequilibrium-FDT, mass conservation)



- microscopic shock stability  $v_c^L > v_s > v_c^R$
- saturation (second order transition) at  $v_\lambda^L = 0$

→ explicit construction of steady state selection → extremal principle

No model-dependent assumption → generic behaviour

hydrodynamic limit: collective velocity → speed of characteristics  
shock stability → Lax-criterion for shocks



## DDS with slow reaction kinetics

ASEP + bulk Langmuir kinetics  $A \Leftrightarrow 0$  [Willmann, GMS, Challet (2002); Parmeggiani, Franosch, Frey (2003); Klumpp, Lipowsky (2004)]

- Localization of shock (“freezing”) despite extra noise (“heating”)
- effective potential for shock
- hydrodynamic description (continuity equation with source term)

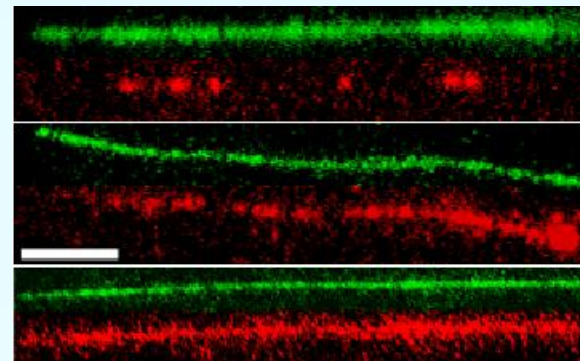
ASEP + activated bulk Langmuir kinetics  $A0A \Leftrightarrow AAA$  [Rakos, Paessens, GMS (2003)]

- new phase of broken ergodicity (despite 1-d nonconservative short range interactions)

## Experiment: transport of molecular motors along microtubuli

[Nishinari, Okada, Schadschneider, Chowdhury (2005)]

- (1) low density regime of kinesin
- (2) Formation of comet-like accumulation of kinesin at the end of microtubule:
- (3) high density regime





## Two-component DDS: two-species (A,B) exclusion process, two-lane models, bricklayer models, ...

### New physics:

- Spontaneous symmetry breaking [Evans, Foster, Godreche, Mukamel (1995)]

**origin:** amplification of fluctuations [Willmann, GMS, Grosskinsky (2005)]  
boundary blockage [Godreche et al. (1995); Willmann et al (2005)]

- Phase separation:

1) Strong [Lahiri and Ramaswamy (1997), Arndt, Heinzel, Rittenberg (1998); Evans, Kafri, Koduvily, Mukamel (1998)]

2) Soft (condensation transition) [Kafri, Levine, Mukamel, GMS, Willmann (2002)]

**origin:** nucleation [Mahnke, Kaupusz, Harris (2005)], ←  
coarsening [Evans et al. (1998); Grosskinsky, GMS, Spohn (2003); Godreche (2003)]

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- Infinite boundary reflection of shocks [Popkov (2002)]

origin: unclear

Challenge: No coherent picture, not even hydrodynamic description (except strong phase separation)

# 4. Boundary-driven systems



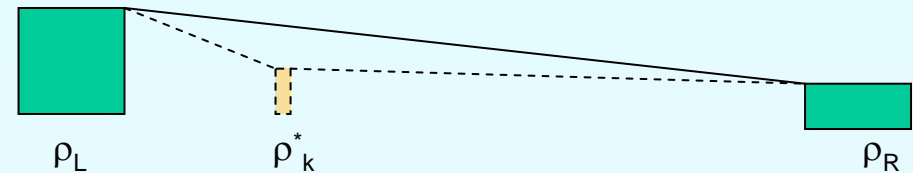
Absence of bulk force:

- macroscopic gradient current  $j = -D(\rho) \rho'/L$
- no shocks
- example: symmetric exclusion process ( $p=q=D$ ):  $j_k = D (\rho_{k-1} - \rho_k)$

Large deviation function for NESS (SEP): Derrida, Lebowitz, Speer (2002)

$$P[\rho_x = c(x)] \sim \exp(-L g[c(x)])$$

- exact calculation using MPA
- Additivity principle  $\rightarrow$  differential equation für  $g$
- $g$  nonlocal  $\Leftrightarrow$  long-range correlations [Spohn (1983)]



General macroscopic theory Bertini, De Sole, Gabrielli, Jona-Lasinio, Landim (2002)

- Additivity  $\rightarrow g$
- arbitrary dimension

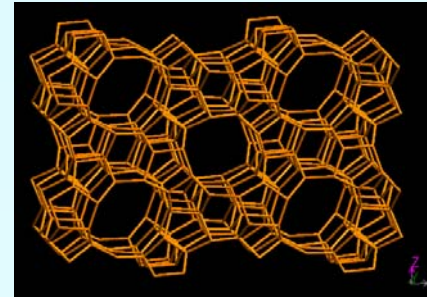




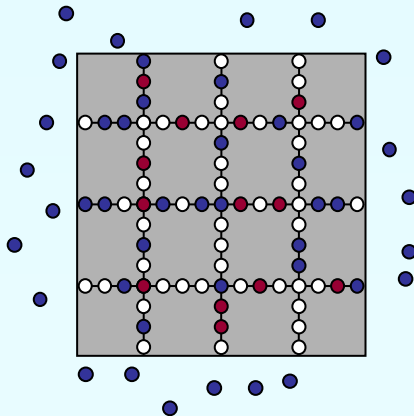
## Molekulare Verkehrskontrolle in katalytischen Reaktionen:

Zeolithe: Ionentauscher, Adsorbenten, Katalyse

Korngröße 60-70  $\mu\text{m}$ ,  
Porendurchmesser Benzolmolekül  
Single-File-Diffusion  
 $N=O(10^4)$  Kanäle pro Korn

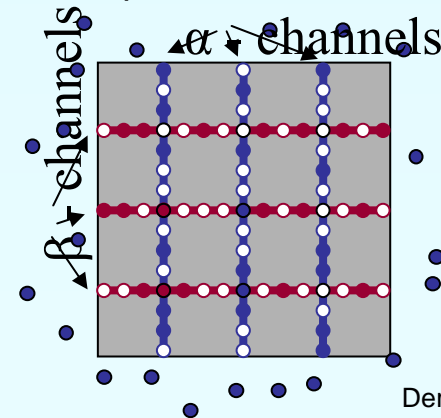


Katalyse: Gegenseitige Behinderung von  
Reaktand und Produkt durch Single-File-Effekt

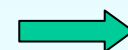


stark diffusionslimitierte eff. Reaktivität

Molekulare Verkehrskontrolle: Verschiedene  
Diffusionspfade für Reaktand und Produkt



Deroune, Gabelica (1980)



erhöhte eff. Reaktivität? (MTC-Effekt)

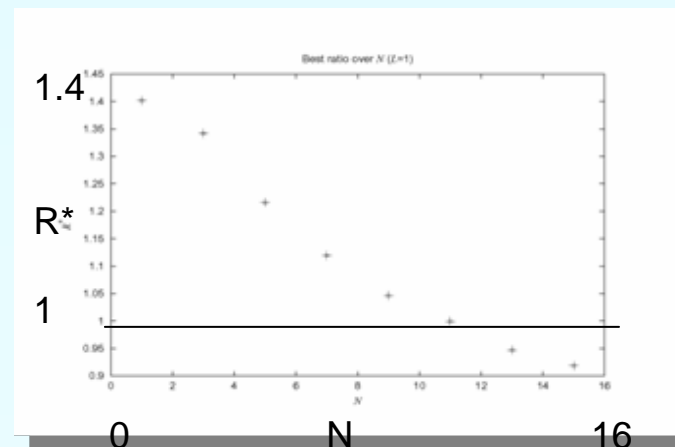
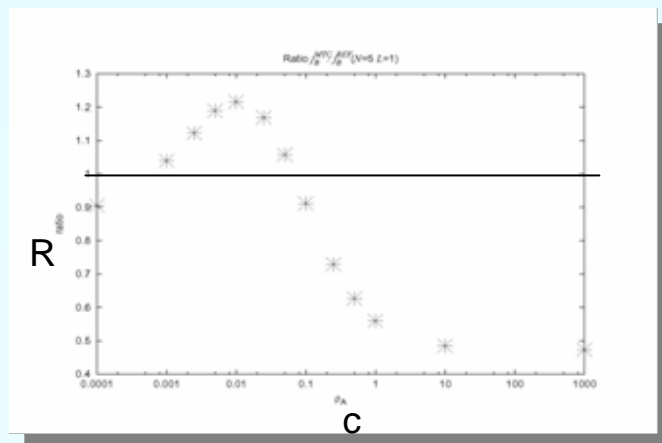


Kanalselektivität: Ja (MD-Simulationen) [Clarrk, Ye, Snurr (2000)]

NBK-Modell: quadratische Anordnung von SEP mit katalytischen Kreuzungspunkten mit Rate  $c$   
[Neugebauer, Bräuer, Kärger (2000)]

Resultate:

- MTC-Effekt für Kanallänge  $L > L^*$  (Single-File-Diffusion:  $D \sim 1/L$ ), aber  $j_{\text{out}} \sim 1/L^2$
- Sättigung (randinduzierter Phasenübergang) für  $c \gg 1$  (Ansatz: **effektive Dichten an Kreuzungspunkten**)
- kleines  $L$ :  $R \sim 1/N$  (Sättigung), aber MTC-Effekt bei  $j_{\text{out}} \sim 1/L$  ← **Poster Brzank**
- MTC-Effekt mit neuer Kanaltopologie



# 5. Conclusions



## Results:

- Description of stochastic many-body dynamics in field-theoretic terms → exact results
- microscopic derivation of macroscopic notions in DDS (collective velocity, shock stability, shock localization)
- shocks as collective one-particle excitations (bound states)
- phase diagram of open one-component DDS: shock motion, effective potential, saturation
- experimental evidence for boundary-induced phase transition in molecular motors
- large deviation theory for boundary-driven systems
- Two-component systems: amplification of fluctuations, blocking, coarsening
- molecular traffic control in structured binary pore systems



## Open problems:

- detailed experimental verification of phase diagram of open DDS
- phase diagram and hydrodynamic description of two-component systems
- large deviation theory for bulk driven and n-component systems

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