# Diffusion in Reduced Dimensions

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## **Colloids As Model Systems**

Colloids: = Solid particles ranging between 10 nm and 10 µm dispersed in liquids



Colloids are "giant" atoms

# **Epitaxial growth of monolayers**

#### morphology depends on

- lattice mismatch
- substrate strength
- adsorbate-adsorbate interactions

#### parameters difficult to vary in atomic systems

colloids on light-induced substrate potentials









### **Stochastic Thermodynamics**

Driven colloidal systems beyond linear response

Generalized Einstein relation

 $D = k_{\rm B} T \mu + \int_{0}^{\infty} d\tau I(\tau)$ 



Blickle, Speck, Lutz, Seifert, Bechinger, PRL 98, 210601 (2007)

# **Critical Casimir Forces**

Confinement of critical fluctuations in binary liquid mixtures near T<sub>c</sub>

→ long-ranged forces





Hertlein, Helden, Gambassi, Dietrich, Bechinger, submitted

# **Single-file Diffusion of colloids**

**Experiments:** *Q.-H. Wei, C. Lutz* 

**Theorie:** *M. Kollmann* 

### **Diffusion in narrow Channels**

t = 0

3D, 2D: mixing

 $\underline{t} = \underline{t}_1$ 

**1D**: sequence unchanged

1D diffusion entirely different

## **Realization of SF conditions**

- molecular sieves (zeolites)
- carbon nanotubes
- ionic transport through membranes
- reptation in polymer melts
- microfluid devices



0.73nm







### **Single-File Diffusion**

$$\lim_{t\to\infty} \left< \Delta x(t)^2 \right> = 2F\sqrt{t}$$

Levitt, Phys. Rev. A 8, 3050 (1973) Fedders, Phys. Rev. B 17, 40 (1978) van Beijeren, Kehr, Kutner, Phys. Rev. B, 28, 5711 (1983) Kärger, J. Phys. Rev. A 45, 4173 (1992)



Hahn, Kärger, J. Phys. Chem. B, 102, 5766 (1998)

# Kärger ´s Derivation of t<sup>1/2</sup> - Law

J. Kärger, Phys. Rev. A 45, 4173 (1992)

#### 1D exclusion model

 $\Theta \approx 1$ : motion of particles and vacancies highly correlated

 $\rightarrow$  consider vacancy motion



$$\left\langle x^{2}(t)\right\rangle = L^{2}(1-\Theta)\int_{m'=0}^{\infty}\int_{m''=-\infty}^{0} \left[P(m',m'',t) + P(m'',m',t)\right]dm'dm''$$

normal diffusion of vacancies

$$P(m',m'',t) = \left[\frac{L^2}{4\pi D_v t}\right]^{1/2} \exp[-(Lm'-Lm'')^2/(4D_v t)]$$

$$\left\langle x^{2}(t)\right\rangle = \left[\frac{2}{\pi}\right]^{1/2} L^{2} \frac{1-\Theta}{\Theta} \left[\frac{t}{\tau}\right]^{1/2}$$

# **SFD in Zeolites**



Hahn, Kärger, Kukla, Phys. Rev. Lett. 76, 2762 (1996)

However: controversial results for CH<sub>4</sub> / AlPO<sub>4</sub>-5: SFD and ND

no ideal pore structure?

interaction across adjacent pores ?

### SFD in colloidal systems

#### channel structures:



### **Direct Observation of SFD**



Wei, Bechinger, Leiderer, Science 287, 625 (2000)

### **Propagator**

$$p(x,t)_{x=0,t=0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi F}t^{1/4}} \exp(-x^2/4Ft^{1/2}) \qquad (hard rods)$$



# Channels Made by Optical Tweezers



#### Single moving trap





#### intermediate regime

quasi-static toroidal trap

Lutz, Reichert, Stark, Bechinger, EPL 74, 719 (2006)

# **Scanning Optical Fields**



Faucheux, Stolovitzky, Libchaber, Phys. Rev. E 51, 5239 (1995)

### **Channels Made by Optical Tweezers**

$$f_T \approx 300 \text{ Hz}$$
  
2.9 µm PS particles  
 $\beta u(\mathbf{r}) = (Z^*)^2 \lambda_B \left(\frac{\exp(\kappa\sigma)}{1+\kappa\sigma}\right)^2 \frac{\exp(-\kappa \mathbf{r})}{\mathbf{r}}$ 



#### **Advantages**

- In situ control of channel geometry and particle number density
- Higher particle mobility due to absence of sticking boundary conditions @ walls

### **Crossover: Normal Diffusion to SFD**



Lutz, Kollmann, Bechinger, PRL 93, 026001 (2004)

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Lutz, Kollmann, C. Bechinger, J. Phys. Cond. Mat. 16, S4075 (2004)

# **SF Mobility**



Lutz, Kollmann, Bechinger, PRL 93, 026001 (2004)

### **F from Intrinsic System Properties**

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \left\langle \Delta x^{2}(t) \right\rangle = \frac{2S(q, t = 0)}{Q} \sqrt{\frac{D^{\text{eff}}(q)}{\pi}} \sqrt{t}$$

Kollmann PRL 90, 180602 (2003)

Valid for any pair interaction HI treated pairwise additive infinite system long-wavelength limit  $(q \ll a^{-1})$ 

Why MSD is related to collective diffusion coefficient D<sup>eff</sup>(q)?



1D: Decay of density mode  $\iff$  trajectory of every single particle

# **Dynamic Structure Factor** $S(q,t) = \frac{1}{N} \left\langle \sum_{i,j} \exp(-iq[x_j(t+\tau) - x_i(\tau)]) \right\rangle_{\tau}$



F can be obtained at short times  $(t < t_c)$  !!

### **F** from Short-Time Behavior



### **SFD** - Mobility



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### **Finite Size Effects ?**







# **From Diffusive to Driven Motion**



Single moving trap

intermediate regime



quasi-static toroidal trap

Lutz, Reichert, Stark, Bechinger, EPL 74, 719 (2006)

### **Phase-Slipe Regime**



silica particles, σ = 3μm
ethanol (3D tweezing)
f<sub>T</sub> = 76Hz

constant, non-conservative force

# **Circling Particles in Toroidal Trap**

- silica particles,  $\sigma = 3\mu m$
- electrostatic interaction ,  $\kappa^{-1} \approx 300$ nm
- ethanol (3D tweezing)
- $f_T = 76Hz$



#### mechanism:



particle pair catches up with isolated sphere

max. screeningfrom fluid flow→ highest mobility

escape of the two front particles particle pair catches up with isolated sphere

Lutz, Reichert, Stark, Bechinger, Europhys. Lett., 74, 719 (2006)

## Summary

Colloids are versatile model systems for statistical physics

"Colloids are the computer simulator's dream" (Daan Frenkel)

- realization of SF-conditions in colloidal systems topographic structures, optical tweezers
- transition from normal diffusion to SFD *dependence of crossover from particle interaction and density*
- F obtained from collective system behavior asymptotic single-particle properties derived from short-time collective behavior