

Trapping in frozen electrostatic turbulence.

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Motivation

- Frozen turbulence is the extreme case of long range temporal correlations.
- The stable dynamical systems are destabilized by very small random perturbations with long range temporal correlations. Steinbrecher, G.; Weyssow, B. Phys. Rev. Lett. 2004, 92, 125003-1 - 125003-4.

The physical model

- Constant magnetic field. Frozen electrostatic turbulence, random electric field.
- 1 degree of freedom, autonomous Hamiltonian dynamical system.
- Randomness \Rightarrow non trivial problem.

The physical model

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The random electric field

- Long range spatial correlations in random electric field.
- Gaussian with mean zero.
- Self similarity.

The problem

- Consider that the initial position of the particles are distributed randomly, with a given probability density.
- The particles moves according some Hamiltonian equation with random parameters.
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- **COMPUTE** the fraction of trapped particles in a given domain.

The random electric field

- Generalization of the one dimensional fractional Brownian motion.
- Gaussian, homogenous.
- Plasma physical analogue of the Harrison-Zeldovich (scale free) mass distribution from astrophysics.
- **RANDOM CHARGE, RANDOM POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE**

Fractional Brownian motion, Hurst exponent H

1. The increments $W_\omega(t_2) - W_\omega(t_1)$ are centered Gaussian processes.
2. Invariance under time translation:

$$W_\omega(t_2 + a) - W_\omega(t_1 + a) \stackrel{d}{=} W_\omega(t_2) - W_\omega(t_1)$$

3. Self similarity $W_\omega(\lambda t_2) - W_\omega(\lambda t_1) \stackrel{d}{=} \lambda^H [W_\omega(t_2) - W_\omega(t_1)]$

Fractional Brownian charge, Hurst exp. H

1. $W_\omega(B)$ is centered Gaussian.
2. It is invariant under translations and rotations:
3. The scale free property, self similarity.

For any for any collection of sets $B_1, \dots, B_n \subset \mathbb{R}^2$,

$$\{W_\omega[B_1], \dots, W_\omega[B_n]\} \stackrel{d}{=} \lambda^{-H} \{W_\omega[\lambda B_1], \dots, W_\omega[\lambda B_n]\}$$

Generalization II, 2- dim

$\mathbf{x}=(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y})$

Random Gaussian potential differences , Hurst index H

1. $\Phi_\omega(\mathbf{x})-\Phi_\omega(\mathbf{y})$ is centered Gaussian

2. Euclidean invariance: $g = \text{translation or rotation}$, then

$$\Phi_\omega(g\mathbf{x})-\Phi_\omega(g\mathbf{y}) \stackrel{d}{=} \Phi_\omega(\mathbf{x})-\Phi_\omega(\mathbf{y})$$

3. Self-similarity: $\Phi_\omega(\lambda\mathbf{x})-\Phi_\omega(\lambda\mathbf{y}) \stackrel{d}{=} \lambda^H [\Phi_\omega(\mathbf{x})-\Phi_\omega(\mathbf{y})]$

Equation of motion

Random potential $\Phi_\omega(x, y)$.
Hamiltonian formalism

$$\frac{dx_\omega(t)}{dt} = \frac{c}{B_0} \frac{\partial \Phi_\omega(x_\omega, y_\omega)}{\partial y}$$

$$\frac{dy_\omega(t)}{dt} = -\frac{c}{B_0} \frac{\partial \Phi_\omega(x_\omega, y_\omega)}{\partial x}$$

The trapping fraction T_A

$$T_A = \left\langle \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \left[\int_A \chi_A(g_\omega^\tau(\mathbf{x})) d^2 \mathbf{x} \right] d\tau \right\rangle_\omega / S(A)$$

$\mathbf{x} \rightarrow g_\omega^\tau(\mathbf{x})$: evolution under $\Phi_\omega(\mathbf{x})$, time τ .

$\chi_A(\mathbf{x}) = 1$ if $x \in A$, otherwise $= 0$

$T_{\rho,A} =$ mean sojourn fraction in A .

$S(A) =$ area of A

Ergodic theorem

- Uniform distribution of the initial positions.
- Mixed average: over time t and the ensemble of the random potential $\langle \dots \rangle$.
- The Hamiltonian form \Rightarrow von Neumann mean ergodic theorem \Rightarrow
- Variational principle for computing the trapping fraction.

$$T_A = \frac{1}{S} \inf_{g_\omega(x)} J\{g_\omega(\cdot)\}$$

$$J\{g_\omega\} = \int_{\mathbf{R}^2} \left\langle \{\chi_A(x) - [g_\omega, \Phi_\omega]\}^2 \right\rangle_\omega d^2\mathbf{x}$$

$g_\omega(\mathbf{x})$ = *arbitrary stochastic function*

$[g_\omega(\mathbf{x}), \Phi_\omega(\mathbf{x})]$ *Poisson bracket*

Upper bound, trial functions 1

$$g_{\omega}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{n=1}^N f_n(\mathbf{x}) h_{n,\omega}$$

$$f_n(\mathbf{x}) = \text{arbitrary functions}$$

$$h_{n,\omega} = u_n \{ \Phi_{\omega}(\mathbf{a}_1), \Phi_{\omega}(\mathbf{a}_2), \dots, \Phi_{\omega}(\mathbf{a}_M) \}$$

$$\mathbf{a}_i = \text{arbitrary points in plane}$$

Trial functions 2

$$g_\omega(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{n=1}^N [\Phi_\omega(\mathbf{x}), f_n(\mathbf{x})] f_n(\mathbf{x}) h_{n,\omega}$$

$$f_n(\mathbf{x}) = \text{arbitrary functions}$$

$$h_{n,\omega} = u_n \{ \Phi_\omega(\mathbf{a}_1), \Phi_\omega(\mathbf{a}_2), \dots, \Phi_\omega(\mathbf{a}_M) \}$$

$$\mathbf{a}_i = \text{arbitrary points in plane}$$

Numerical method

- Set 2 of trial functions
- The χ functions vanishes outside the domain A .
- Optimisation with parameter a in the scaling $f(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow f(a\mathbf{x})$
- Domain A with radial symmetry
- In the case of self similar random potential the trapping coefficient is independent of radius.

Result, upper bound

Upper bound on trapping fraction

