Modeling Sea Ice in a changing climate

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ANTARCTICA

southern cryosphere

Weddell Sea

East Antarctic Ice Sheet

West Antarctic Ice Sheet

Ross Sea

sea ice

SEA ICE covers 7 - 10% of earth's ocean surface

- boundary between ocean and atmosphere
- mediates exchange of heat, gases, momentum
- global ocean circulation
- indicator and agent of climate change

polar ice caps critical to global climate in reflecting incoming solar radiation

white snow and ice reflect







dark water and land absorb

albedo
$$\alpha = \frac{\text{reflected sunlight}}{\text{incident sunlight}}$$

the summer Arctic sea ice pack is melting



National Snow and Ice Data Center

Change in Arctic Sea Ice Extent

September 1980 -- 7.8 million square kilometers September 2012 -- 3.4 million square kilometers



Arctic sea ice decline - faster than predicted by climate models

Stroeve et al., GRL, 2007



YEAR

challenge

represent sea ice more rigorously in climate models

account for key processes such as melt pond evolution



Impact of melt ponds on Arctic sea ice simulations from 1990 to 2007

Flocco, Schroeder, Feltham, Hunke, JGR Oceans 2012

For simulations with ponds September ice volume is nearly 40% lower.

... and other sub-grid scale structures and processes *linkage of scales*

sea ice is a multiscale composite displaying structure over 10 orders of magnitude

0.1 millimeter

1 meter



pancake ice

1 meter

100 kilometers



What is this talk about?

Using the mathematics of composite materials and statistical physics to study sea ice structures and processes ... to improve projections of climate change.

... and a brief tour through some of Joe's work!

- **1. Climate modeling and the polar ice packs** partial differential equations, stochastic differential equations
- 2. Sea ice microphysics and composite structure

homogenization, fluid flow, diffusion processes, percolation theory

3. EM monitoring of sea ice

homogenization, integral representations, random matrix theory

4. Advection diffusion; polycrystals; waves in the MIZ

homogenization, integral representations, bounds

5. Evolution of Arctic melt ponds, fractal geometry

continuum percolation, network and Ising models

critical behavior cross - pollination



Global Climate Models

Climate models are systems of partial differential equations (PDE) derived from the basic laws of physics, chemistry, and fluid motion.

They describe the state of the ocean, ice, atmosphere, land, and their interactions.

The equations are solved on 3-dimensional grids of the air-ice-ocean-land system (with horizontal grid size ~ 50 km), using very powerful computers.

key challenge :

incorporating sub - grid scale processes

linkage of scales



sea ice components of GCM's

What are the key ingredients -- or *governing equations* that need to be solved on grids using powerful computers?



2. Conservation of momentum, stress vs. strain relation (Hibler 1979)

(Maykut and Untersteiner 1971)

$$mrac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} = -mf\mathbf{k} imes \mathbf{u} + oldsymbol{ au}_a + oldsymbol{ au}_o - mg
abla H + \mathbf{F}_{int}$$
 $oldsymbol{F} = oldsymbol{ma}$ for sea ice dynamics

3. Heat equation of sea ice and snow

thermodynamics

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u}_{\scriptscriptstyle br} \cdot \nabla T = \nabla \cdot k(T) \, \nabla T$$

+ balance of radiative and thermal fluxes on interfaces

transform ice thickness distribution equation to Fokker-Planck type equation; Boltzmann framework

Toppaladoddi and Wettlaufer, PRL, 2015

thickness h is a diffusion process with probability density g(h,t)

"microscopic" mechanical processes that influence ice thickness distribution— rafting, ridging, and open water formation occur over very rapid time scales relative to geophysical-scale changes of g(h)

$$\Psi = \int_0^\infty [g(h+h')w(h+h',h') - g(h)w(h,h')]dh'$$
 w = transition probability moments k_1 , k_2

Fokker-Planck
$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial h} \left[\left(\frac{\epsilon}{h} - k_1 \right) g \right] + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial h^2} (k_2 g)$$

Langevin
$$\frac{dh}{dt} = \left(\frac{\epsilon}{h} - k_1\right) + \sqrt{2k_2} \xi(t)$$
 $\xi(t) = Gaussian white noise$

sea ice microphysics

fluid transport

fluid flow through the porous microstructure of sea ice governs key processes in polar climate and ecosystems

evolution of Arctic melt ponds and sea ice albedo



nutrient flux for algal communities







Antarctic surface flooding and snow-ice formation

evolution of salinity profiles
ocean-ice-air exchanges of heat, CO₂

sea ice ecosystem



sea ice algae support life in the polar oceans

fluid permeability k of a porous medium



porous

concrete

how much water gets through the sample per unit time?

HOMOGENIZATION

mathematics for analyzing effective behavior of heterogeneous systems

Random media

Joseph B. Keller

- 1964 F. Karal and J. B. Keller, *J. Math. Phys.* Elastic, Electromagnetic, and Other Waves in a Random Medium
- 1979 J. B. Keller, Mathematics of Wave Propagation in Random Media
- **1980** J. B. Keller, *Nonlinear PDE in Engineering and Applied Science* Darcy's law for flow in porous media and the two-space method
- 1991 R. Burridge and J. B. Keller, *J. Acoustical. Soc. Amer.* Poroelasticity equations derived from microstructure
- 2001 J. B. Keller, *Transport in Porous Media* Flow in random porous media

HOMOGENIZE as $\epsilon \to 0$

Stokes equations for fluid velocity \mathbf{v}^{ϵ} , pressure p^{ϵ} , force **f**:



$$\nabla p^{\epsilon} - \epsilon^2 \eta \Delta \mathbf{v}^{\epsilon} = \mathbf{f}, \quad x \in \mathcal{P}_{\epsilon}$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}^{\epsilon} = 0, \quad x \in \mathcal{P}_{\epsilon}$$
$$\mathbf{v}^{\epsilon} = 0, \quad x \in \partial \mathcal{P}_{\epsilon}$$
$$\eta = \text{fluid viscosity}$$

via two-scale expansion

MACROSCOPIC EQUATIONS $\mathbf{v}^{\epsilon} \rightarrow \mathbf{v}$, $p^{\epsilon} \rightarrow p$ as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ Darcy's law $\mathbf{v} = -\frac{1}{\eta} \mathbf{k} \nabla p$, $x \in \Omega$ $\mathbf{k}(x) =$ effective fluid
permeability
tensor $(\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{0})$ $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$, $x \in \Omega$ $\mathbf{k}(x) =$ effective fluid
permeability
tensor

[Keller '80, Tartar '80, Sanchez-Palencia '80, J. L. Lions '81, Allaire '89, '91,'97]

Darcy's Law for slow viscous flow in a porous medium



 $\mathbf{k} =$ fluid permeability tensor

PIPE BOUNDS on vertical fluid permeability k

Golden, Heaton, Eicken, Lytle, Mech. Materials 2006 Golden, Eicken, Heaton, Miner, Pringle, Zhu, Geophys. Res. Lett. 2007

> vertical pipes with appropriate radii maximize k





fluid analog of arithmetic mean upper bound for effective conductivity of composites (Wiener 1912)

optimal coated cylinder geometry



$$k \leq \frac{\phi \langle R^4 \rangle}{8 \langle R^2 \rangle} = \frac{\phi}{8} \langle R^2 \rangle e^{\sigma^2}$$

inclusion cross sectional areas A lognormally distributed

In(A) normally distributed, mean μ (increases with T) variance $\sigma^{_2}(\mbox{Gow and Perovich 96})$

get bounds through variational analyis of **trapping constant** γ for diffusion process in pore space with absorbing BC

Torquato and Pham, PRL 2004

 $\mathbf{k} \leq \gamma^{-1} \mathbf{I}$

for any ergodic porous medium (Torquato 2002, 2004)

Critical behavior of fluid transport in sea ice



RULE OF FIVES

Golden, Ackley, Lytle Science 1998Golden, Eicken, Heaton, Miner, Pringle, Zhu, Geophys. Res. Lett. 2007Pringle, Miner, Eicken, Golden J. Geophys. Res. 2009



sea ice algal communities

D. Thomas 2004

nutrient replenishment controlled by ice permeability

biological activity turns on or off according to *rule of fives*

Golden, Ackley, Lytle

Science 1998

Fritsen, Lytle, Ackley, Sullivan Science 1994

critical behavior of microbial activity



Why is the rule of fives true?

percolation theory

probabilistic theory of connectedness



bond \longrightarrow *open with probability p closed with probability 1-p*

percolation threshold $p_c = 1/2$ for d = 2

smallest *p* for which there is an infinite open cluster

order parameters in percolation theory

geometry

transport



UNIVERSAL critical exponents for lattices -- depend only on dimension

 $1 \le t \le 2$ (for idealized model), Golden, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 1990; *Comm. Math. Phys.* 1992

non-universal behavior in continuum

Continuum percolation model for *stealthy* materials applied to sea ice microstructure explains **Rule of Fives** and Antarctic data on ice production and algal growth

 $\phi_c \approx 5\%$ Golden, Ackley, Lytle, *Science*, 1998



sea ice is radar absorbing

Thermal evolution of permeability and microstructure in sea ice Golden, Eicken, Heaton, Miner, Pringle, Zhu



rigorous bounds percolation theory hierarchical model network model

field data

X-ray tomography for brine inclusions

unprecedented look at thermal evolution of brine phase and its connectivity

controls

micro-scale

macro-scale processes

brine connectivity (over cm scale)

8 x 8 x 2 mm



-15 °C, $\phi = 0.033$ -6 °C, $\phi = 0.075$ -3 °C, $\phi = 0.143$

X-ray tomography confirms percolation threshold

3-D images 3-D graph ores and throats nodes and edges

analyze graph connectivity as function of temperature and sample size

- use finite size scaling techniques to confirm rule of fives
- order parameter data from a natural material

Pringle, Miner, Eicken, Golden, J. Geophys. Res. 2009

lattice and continuum percolation theories yield:

$$k(\phi) = k_0 (\phi - 0.05)^2 \qquad \text{critical} \\ \text{exponent} \\ k_0 = 3 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}^2 \qquad t$$

- exponent is UNIVERSAL lattice value $t \approx 2.0$
- sedimentary rocks like sandstones also exhibit universality
- critical path analysis -- developed for electronic hopping conduction -- yields scaling factor k_0

$$y = \log k \xrightarrow{-7}_{-8}_{-10}$$

theory: $y = 2 \times -7.5$
 $y = \log k \xrightarrow{-9}_{-10}_{-11}_{-12}_{-13}_{-14}_{-12}_{-13}_{-14}_{-15}_{-2.2 -2}_{-2.2 -2}_{-1.8 -1.6 -1.4 -1.2 -1}_{-1.6 -1.4 -1.2 -1}_{x = \log(\phi - 0.05)}$

Sea ice algae secrete extracellular polymeric substances (EPS) affecting evolution of brine microstructure.

How does EPS affect fluid transport?



Krembs, Eicken, Deming, PNAS 2011

- Bimodal lognormal distribution for brine inclusions
- Develop random pipe network model with bimodal distribution; Use numerical methods that can handle larger variances in sizes.
- Results predict observed drop in fluid permeability k.
- Rigorous bound on k for bimodal distribution of pore sizes
 Steffen, Epshteyn, Zhu, Bowler, Deming, Golden 2017
 How does the biology affect the physics?





Zhu, Jabini, Golden, Eicken, Morris Ann. Glac. 2006

Remote sensing of sea ice



sea ice thickness ice concentration

INVERSE PROBLEM

Recover sea ice properties from electromagnetic (EM) data

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effective complex permittivity (dielectric constant, conductivity)



brine volume fraction brine inclusion connectivity Effective complex permittivity of a two phase composite in the quasistatic (long wavelength) limit



the components

 $\epsilon^* = \epsilon^* \left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2} , \text{ composite geometry} \right)$

Analytic continuation method for bounding complex ϵ^*

Bergman (1978), Milton (1979), Golden and Papanicolaou (1983)

$$m(h) = \frac{\epsilon^*}{\epsilon_2} \left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2}\right) \qquad h = \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2}$$



Theory of Effective Electromagnetic Behavior of Composites analytic continuation method

Forward Homogenization Bergman (1978), Milton (1979), Golden and Papanicolaou (1983) *Theory of Composites*, Milton (2002)

> **composite geometry** (spectral measure μ)



integral representations, rigorous bounds, approximations, etc.

$$F(s) = 1 - \frac{\epsilon^*}{\epsilon_2} = \int_0^1 \frac{d\mu(z)}{s-z} \qquad s = \frac{1}{1 - \epsilon_1/\epsilon_2} \qquad \xrightarrow{\circ} \qquad$$

Inverse Homogenization Cherkaev and Golden (1998), Day and Thorpe (1999), Cherkaev (2001) McPhedran, McKenzie, Milton (1982), *Theory of Composites*, Milton (2002)



recover brine volume fraction, connectivity, etc.

$$F(s) = 1 - \frac{\epsilon^*}{\epsilon_2} = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{a\mu(z)}{s-z}$$

spectral measure of self adjoint operator Γ χ
 mass = p₁
 higher moments depend on *n*-point correlations

$$\Gamma = \nabla (-\Delta)^{-1} \nabla \cdot$$

 $\chi = {\rm characteristic} \, {\rm function} \\ {\rm of} \, {\rm the} \, {\rm brine} \, {\rm phase}$

$$E = (s + \Gamma \chi)^{-1} e_k$$

Golden and Papanicolaou, Comm. Math. Phys. 1983

using the Stieltjes integral representation to obtain bounds "linear programming" Golden and Papanicolaou, CMP 1983 M_1 = the set of positive Borel measures on [0,1], compact, convex $F_s(\mu): M_1 \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ linear functional extremal values (bounds) are images of extreme points of M_1 $\frac{\mu_0}{s-z^*}$ **Dirac point measures**

higher order bounds -- iterated fractional linear transformations

Rakar 1060

$$F_1(s) = \frac{1}{\mu_0} - \frac{1}{sF(s)} \qquad \longleftarrow \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{Milton 1981} \\ \text{Bergman 1982} \\ \text{Felderhof 1984} \\ \text{Golden 1986} \end{array}$$

Keller Interchange Theorem

J. B. Keller, J. Math. Phys. 1964



$$\sigma_{xx}^*(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\sigma_{yy}^*(\sigma_2, \sigma_1) = \sigma_1\sigma_2$$

isotropic media $\sigma^*(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)\sigma^*(\sigma_2, \sigma_1) = \sigma_1\sigma_2$

d = 3 inequality Shulgasser *JMP* 1976

d = 2 square bond lattice 1, h conductivity of random checkerboard

effective transport in two dimensional quasiperiodic media

$$\sigma^*(p_c = 1/2) = \sqrt{h} \,, \ h \longrightarrow 0$$

Golden, Goldestein, Lebowitz, J. Stat. Phys. 1990





Multiphase Media

polydisc representation formula for Herglotz function in several complex variables; bounds on effective parameters

> Golden and Papanicolaou, J. Stat. Phys. 1985 Golden, J. Mech. Phys. Solids 1986

$$m(h_1, h_2) = \epsilon^* / \epsilon_3 \qquad h_i = \epsilon_i / \epsilon_3 \qquad i = 1, 2$$
$$F(s_1, s_2) = 1 - m(h_1, h_2)$$
$$s_i = 1/(1 - h_i) \qquad \zeta_j = \frac{s_j - i}{s_j + i}$$

 $f(\zeta_1, \zeta_2) = iF(s_1, s_2) \quad f(\zeta_1, \zeta_2) : D^2 \to \{Ref > 0\}$

 $f(\zeta_1, \zeta_2) = iImf(0, 0) + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (H_1H_2 + H_1 + H_2 - 1)\mu(dt_1, dt_2)$ $H_1 = (e^{it_1} + \zeta_1)/(e^{it_1} - \zeta_1) \qquad H_2 = (e^{it_2} + \zeta_2)/(e^{it_2} - \zeta_2)$ $\mu \text{ is a positive Borel measure on the torus } T^2$

satisfying a Fourier condition (excludes point measures)



set of extremal measures = ??

Herglotz-Nevanlinna functions and their applications 8-12 May 2017, Institut Mittag-Leffler, Stockholm

> field equation recursion method Milton, Comm. Math. Phys. (I and II) 1987

effective elasticity tensor Ou, Complex Vars. Elliptic. Eqs. 2011

forward and inverse bounds on the complex permittivity of sea ice









0 < q < 1

Golden 1995, 1997 Bruno 1991

inverse bounds and recovery of brine porosity

Gully, Backstrom, Eicken, Golden *Physica B, 2007*



inversion for brine inclusion separations in sea ice from measurements of effective complex permittivity ϵ^*

rigorous inverse bound on spectral gap

construct algebraic curves which bound admissible region in (p,q)-space

Orum, Cherkaev, Golden *Proc. Roy. Soc. A, 2012*

the math doesn't care if it's sea ice or bone!

HUMAN BONE





SEA ICE

apply spectral measure analysis of brine connectivity and spectral inversion to electromagnetic monitoring osteoporosis

Golden, Murphy, Cherkaev, J. Biomechanics 2011

spectral characterization of porous microstructures in bone

Golden, Murphy, Cherkaev, J. Biomechanics 2011

(a) young healthy trabecular bone



2 mm

(c) spectral measure - young



(b) old osteoporotic trabecular bone



(d) spectral measure - old bone volume fraction = 0.24 porosity = 0.76

0.5

λ

0

0



+

reconstruction of spectral measures from complex permittivity data

using regularized inversion scheme

EM monitoring of osteoporosis

loss of bone connectivity

reconstruction of spectral measures from simulated complex permittivity data



regularized inversion scheme

direct calculation of spectral measure

- 1. Discretization of composite microstructure gives lattice of 1's and 0's (random resistor network).
- 2. The fundamental operator $\chi\Gamma\chi$ becomes a random matrix depending only on the composite geometry.
- 3. Compute the eigenvalues λ_i and eigenvectors of $\chi \Gamma \chi$ with inner product weights α_i

$$\mu(\lambda) = \sum_{i} \alpha_{i} \delta(\lambda - \lambda_{i})$$

Dirac point measure (Dirac delta)

earlier studies of spectral measures

Day and Thorpe 1996 Helsing, McPhedran, Milton 2011

Continuum composite



Spectral measures of

 $\chi_1 \Gamma \chi_1$

Murphy, Hohenegger, Cherkaev, Golden Comm. Math. Sci. 2015



Integro-differential projection operator $\Gamma = \vec{\nabla} (\Delta^{-1}) \vec{\nabla} \cdot$

Point-wise indicator function

 χ_1

Resolvent representation of electric field

$$\chi_1 \vec{E} = sE_0(sI - \chi_1 \Gamma \chi_1)^{-1} \chi_1 \vec{e}_k$$

Integral representation

$$F(s) = \int_0^1 \frac{d\mu(\lambda)}{s - \lambda}$$

Projection matrix $\Gamma = \nabla (\nabla^{\mathrm{T}} \nabla)^{-1} \nabla^{\mathrm{T}}$

Diagonal projection matrix

 χ_1

Series representation of electric field

$$\chi_1 \vec{E} = sE_0 \sum_j \frac{\vec{v}_j \cdot \chi_1 \vec{e}_k}{s - \lambda_j} \, \vec{v}_j$$

Series representation

$$F(s) = \sum_{j} \frac{(\vec{v}_j \cdot \chi_1 \vec{e}_k)^2}{s - \lambda_j}$$

Spectral statistics for 2D random resistor network



Eigenvalue Statistics of Random Matrix Theory

Wigner (1951) and Dyson (1953) first used random matrix theory (RMT) to describe quantized energy levels of heavy atomic nuclei.

 $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{N} \end{bmatrix}_{ij} \sim N(0,1), \qquad \mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{N} + \mathbf{N}^{\mathsf{T}})/2 \qquad \textbf{Gaussian orthogonal ensemble (GOE)}$ $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{N} \end{bmatrix}_{ij} \sim N(0,1) + iN(0,1), \qquad \mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{N} + \mathbf{N}^{\dagger})/2 \qquad \textbf{Gaussian unitary ensemble (GUE)}$

Short range and long range correlations of eigenvalues are measured by various eigenvalue statistics



RMT used to characterize **disorder-driven transitions** in mesoscopic conductors, neural networks, random graph theory, etc.

Phase transitions ~ transitions in universal eigenvalue statistics.

Spectral computations for Arctic melt ponds



Ben Murphy Elena Cherkaev Ken Golden 2017

eigenvalue statistics for transport tend toward the UNIVERSAL Wigner-Dyson distribution as the "conducting" phase percolates



metal / insulator transition localization

Anderson 1958 Mott 1949 Shklovshii et al 1993 Evangelou 1992

Anderson transition in wave physics: quantum, optics, acoustics, water waves, ...

we find a surprising analog

Anderson transition for classical transport in composites

Murphy, Cherkaev, Golden Phys. Rev. Lett. 2017





transition to universal eigenvalue statistics (GOE) extended states, mobility edges

-- but without wave interference or scattering effects ! --

eigenvector localization and mobility edges

Inverse Participation Ratio:
$$I(\vec{v}_n) = \sum_{i=1}^N |(\vec{v}_n)_i|^4$$

Completely Localized: $I(\vec{e}_n) = 1$

Completely Extended: $I\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}\vec{1}\right) = \frac{1}{N}$



FIG. 4. (Color online) IPR for Anderson model in two dimensions with x = 6.25 (w = 50) from exact diagonalization (solid line) and from LDRG with different values of the cutoff m_0 . LDRG data are averaged over 100 runs of systems with 100 × 100 sites.

PHYSICAL REVIEW B 90, 060205(R) (2014)

Localization properties of eigenvectors in random resistor networks





$$I_n = \sum_i (\vec{v}_n)_i^4$$

Homogenization for composite materials



Find the homogeneous medium which behaves macroscopically the same as the inhomogeneous medium



Bounds on the complex permittivity of polycrystalline materials by analytic continuation

> Adam Gully, Joyce Lin, Elena Cherkaev, Ken Golden

 Stieltjes integral representation for effective complex permittivity

Milton (1981, 2002), Barabash and Stroud (1999), ...

- Forward and inverse bounds
- Applied to sea ice using two-scale homogenization
- Inverse bounds give method for distinguishing ice types using remote sensing techniques





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A method to distinguish between different types of sea ice using remote sensing techniques A computer model to determine how a human should walk so as to expend the least energy



two scale homogenization for polycrystalline sea ice



Gully, Lin, Cherkaev, Golden, Proc. Roy. Soc. A (and cover) 2015

advection enhanced diffusion

effective diffusivity

tracers, buoys diffusing in ocean eddies diffusion of pollutants in atmosphere salt and heat transport in ocean heat transport in sea ice with convection

advection diffusion equation with a velocity field $\,ec u\,$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla}T = \kappa_0 \Delta T$$
$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{u} = 0$$
$$homogenize$$
$$\frac{\partial \overline{T}}{\partial t} = \kappa^* \Delta \overline{T}$$

κ^{*} effective diffusivity

Stieltjes integral for κ^* with spectral measure

Avellaneda and Majda, PRL 89, CMP 91

Murphy, Cherkaev, Xin, Zhu, Golden, *Ann. Math. Sci. Appl.* 2017 Murphy, Cherkaev, Zhu, Xin, Golden, 2017







Spectral measures and eigenvalue spacings for cat's eye flow

 $H(x,y) = sin(x) sin(y) + A cos(x) cos(y), \quad A \sim U(-p,p)$



Murphy, Cherkaev, Xin, Golden, 2017

bounds on the effective thermal conductivity of sea ice with convection (BC flow model)



Hardenbrook, Kraitzman, Zhu, Murphy, Cherkaev, Golden

Storm-induced sea-ice breakup and the implications for ice extent

Kohout et al., Nature 2014

- during three large-wave events, significant wave heights did not decay exponentially, enabling large waves to persist deep into the pack ice.
- Iarge waves break sea ice much farther from the ice edge than would be predicted by the commonly assumed exponential decay





ice extent compared with significant wave height

Waves have strong influence on both the floe size distribution and ice extent.

Waves on ice-covered seas

Joseph B. Keller

- 1950 M. L. Weitz and J. B. Keller, *Comm. Pure Appl. Math.* Reflection of waves from floating ice in water of finite depth
- 1953 M. L. Weitz and J. B. Keller, *Comm. Pure Appl. Math.* Reflection and transmission coefficients for water waves entering or leaving an ice field
- 1953 E. Goldstein and J. B. Keller, *EOS Trans. AGU* Water wave reflection due to surface tension and floating ice
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 - 1984 K. C. Nunan and J. B. Keller, *J. Fluid Mech.* Effective viscosity of a periodic suspension
- 1998 J. B. Keller, J. Geophys. Res. (Oceans) Gravity waves on ice-covered water

Two Layer Models and Effective Parameters



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Viscous fluid layer (Keller 1998) Effective Viscosity ν

Equations of $\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\rho}\nabla P + \nu\nabla^2 U + g$

Viscoelastic fluid layer (Wang-Shen 2010) Effective Complex Viscosity $\nu_e = \nu + iG/\rho\omega$

Equations of $\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\rho}\nabla P + \nu_e \nabla^2 U + g$

Viscoelastic thin beam (Mosig et al. 2015) Effective Complex Shear Modulus $G_v = G - i\omega\rho\nu$

> **Stieltjes integral representation** for effective complex viscoelastic parameter; bounds

Sampson, Murphy, Golden 2017

wave propagation in the marginal ice zone





Homogenization Problem for Quasistatic Waves

$$\nabla \cdot \sigma = 0 \quad \sigma = C_{ijkl}; \epsilon_{kl} \quad \langle \sigma \rangle = C_{ijkl}^* \langle \epsilon_{kl} \rangle \qquad \text{Strain Field}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{local} \quad C_{ijkl} &= (\nu_1 \chi + (1 - \chi)\nu_2)\lambda_s \qquad \epsilon = \frac{1}{2} [\nabla u + (\nabla u)^T] = \nabla^s u \\ \nabla \cdot ((\nu_1 \chi + (1 - \chi)\nu_2)\lambda_s; \epsilon) = 0 \qquad \epsilon = \epsilon_0 + \epsilon_f \text{ where } \epsilon_f = \nabla^s \phi \\ s &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2}} \qquad \text{Elasticity Tensor} \\ c_{ijkl}^* &= \nu^* \left(\delta_{ik}\delta_{jl} + \delta_{il}\delta_{jk} - \frac{2}{3}\delta_{ij}\delta_{kl} \right) = \nu^* \lambda_s \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RESOLVENT} \quad \epsilon = \left(1 - \frac{1}{s} \Gamma \chi \right)^{-1} \epsilon_0 \qquad \Gamma = \nabla^s (\nabla \cdot \nabla^s)^{-1} \nabla \cdot \quad \epsilon_0 \text{ avg strain} \end{aligned}$$

$$F(s) = 1 - \frac{\nu^*}{\nu_2} \qquad F(s) = ||\epsilon_0||^{-2} \int_{\Sigma} \frac{d\mu(\lambda)}{s - \lambda}$$

bounds on the effective complex viscoelasticity



complex elementary bounds (fixed area fraction of floes)

 $V_1 = 10^7 + i\,4875$ pancake ice $V_2 = 5 + i 0.0975$

slush / frazil

Sampson, Murphy, Golden 2017



Marginal Ice Zone

- biologically active region
- intense ocean-sea ice-atmosphere interactions
- region of significant wave-ice interactions



transitional region between dense interior pack (*c* > 80%) sparse outer fringes (*c* < 15%)

MIZ WIDTH fundamental length scale of ecological and climate dynamics

Strong, *Climate Dynamics* 2012 Strong and Rigor, *GRL* 2013 How to objectively measure the "width" of this complex, non-convex region?

Objective method for measuring MIZ width motivated by medical imaging and diagnostics



Arctic Marginal Ice Zone

crossection of the cerebral cortex of a rodent brain

analysis of different MIZ WIDTH definitions

Strong, Foster, Cherkaev, Eisenman, Golden J. Atmos. Oceanic Tech. 2017

> Strong and Golden Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics News, April 2017

Filling the polar data gap

hole in satellite coverage of sea ice concentration field

previously assumed ice covered

Gap radius: 611 km 06 January 1985

Gap radius: 311 km 30 August 2007



fill with harmonic function satisfying satellite BC's plus stochastic term

Strong and Golden, *Remote Sensing* 2016 Strong and Golden, *SIAM News* 2017

Arctic and Antarctic field experiments

develop electromagnetic methods of monitoring fluid transport and microstructural transitions

extensive measurements of fluid and electrical transport properties of sea ice:

2007 Antarctic SIPEX	
2010 Antarctic McMu	urdo Sound
2011 Arctic Barro	w AK
2012 Arctic Barro	w AK
2012 Antarctic SIPEX	
2013 Arctic Barro	w AK
2014 Arctic Chuke	chi Sea



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photo by Jan Lieser

Real analysis in polar coordinates (see page 613)



measuring fluid permeability of Antarctic sea ice

SIPEX 2007

higher threshold for fluid flow in Antarctic granular sea ice

columnar

5%

granular



10%

Golden, Sampson, Gully, Lubbers, Tison 2017

tracers flowing through inverted sea ice blocks






critical behavior of electrical transport in sea ice electrical signature of the on-off switch for fluid flow



cross-borehole tomography - electrical classification of sea ice layers

Golden, Eicken, Gully, Ingham, Jones, Lin, Reid, Sampson, Worby 2017

fractals and multiscale structure



melt pond formation and albedo evolution:

- major drivers in polar climate
- key challenge for global climate models

numerical models of melt pond evolution, including topography, drainage (permeability), etc.

Lüthje, Feltham, Taylor, Worster 2006 Flocco, Feltham 2007 Skyllingstad, Paulson, Perovich 2009 Flocco, Feltham, Hunke 2012



Are there universal features of the evolution similar to phase transitions in statistical physics?

Transition in the fractal geometry of Arctic melt ponds

The Cryosphere, 2012

Christel Hohenegger, Bacim Alali, Kyle Steffen, Don Perovich, Ken Golden



transition in the fractal dimension

complexity grows with length scale



compute "derivative" of area - perimeter data

small simple ponds coalesce to form large connected structures with complex boundaries



melt pond percolation

results on percolation threshold, correlation length, cluster behavior

Anthony Cheng (Hillcrest HS), Dylan Webb (Skyline HS), Court Strong, Ken Golden

Continuum percolation model for melt pond evolution level sets of random surfaces

Brady Bowen, Court Strong, Ken Golden, J. Fractal Geometry 2017



random Fourier series representation of surface topography



intersections of a plane with the surface define melt ponds







electronic transport in disordered media

diffusion in turbulent plasmas

Isichenko, Rev. Mod. Phys., 1992

melt pond evolution depends also on large-scale "pores" in ice cover

drainage vortex

photo courtesy of C. Polashenski and D. Perovich

Melt pond connectivity enables vast expanses of melt water to drain down seal holes, thaw holes, and leads in the ice.

Network modeling of Arctic melt ponds

Barjatia, Tasdizen, Song, Sampson, Golden Cold Regions Science and Tecnology, 2016



develop algorithms to map images of melt ponds onto

random resistor networks

graphs of nodes and edges with edge conductances

edge conductance ~ neck width

compute effective horizontal fluid conductivity



"melt ponds" are clusters of magnetic spins that align with the applied field

predictions of fractal transition, pond size exponent Ma, Sudakov, Strong, Golden 2017



2011 massive under-ice algal bloom Arrigo et al., Science 2012 melt ponds act as WNDOWS

allowing light through sea ice



Have we crossed into a new ecological regime?

no bloom

bloom

The Melt Pond Conundrum:

How can ponds form on top of sea ice that is highly permeable?

C. Polashenski, K. M. Golden, D. K. Perovich, E. Skyllingstad, A. Arnsten, C. Stwertka, N. Wright

Percolation Blockage: A Process that Enables Melt Pond Formation on First Year Arctic Sea Ice

J. Geophys. Res. Oceans 2017

2014 Study of Under Ice Blooms in the Chuckchi Ecosystem (SUBICE) aboard USCGC Healy





Conclusions

- 1. Summer Arctic sea ice is **melting rapidly**, and **melt ponds** and other processes must be accounted for in order to predict melting rates.
- 2. Fluid flow through sea ice mediates melt pond evolution and many processes important to climate change and polar ecosystems.
- 3. Statistical physics and homogenization help *link scales*, provide rigorous methods for finding effective behavior, and advance how sea ice is represented in climate models.
- 4. Critical behavior (in many forms) is inherent in the climate system.
- 5. Field experiments are essential to developing relevant mathematics.
- 6. Our research will help to improve projections of climate change, the fate of Earth's sea ice packs, and the ecosystems they support.

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