

Physical ageing in non-equilibrium statistical systems without detailed balance

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Overview :

1. Ageing phenomena
2. Interface growth (KPZ universality class)
3. Interface growth on semi-infinite substrates
4. Interface growth and Arcetri model
5. Conclusions

1. Ageing phenomena

known & practically used since prehistoric times (metals, glasses)
systematically studied in physics since the 1970s

STRIJK '78

discovery : ageing effects **reproducible** & **universal** !

occur in widely different systems

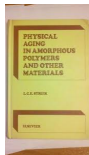
(structural glasses, spin glasses, polymers, simple magnets, ...)

Three **defining properties** of **ageing** :

- 1 slow relaxation (non-exponential!)
- 2 **no** time-translation-invariance (TTI)
- 3 dynamical scaling without fine-tuning of parameters

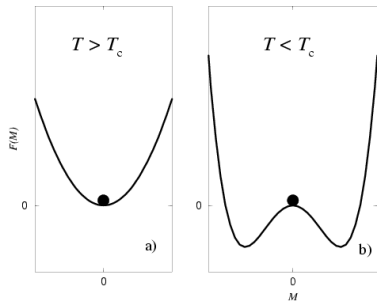
Most existing studies on 'magnets' : relaxation towards **equilibrium**

Question : what can be learned about intrinsically **irreversible**
systems by studying their **ageing behaviour** ?



consider a simple magnet (ferromagnet, i.e. Ising model)

- 1 prepare system initially at high temperature $T \gg T_c > 0$
- 2 **quench** to temperature $T < T_c$ (or $T = T_c$)
→ non-equilibrium state
- 3 fix T and observe dynamics

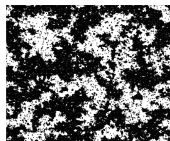
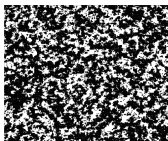
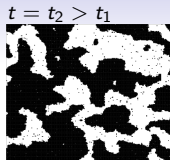
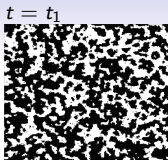


competition :

at least 2 equivalent ground states
local fields lead to rapid local ordering
no global order, relaxation time ∞

formation of ordered domains, of linear size $L = L(t) \sim t^{1/z}$

dynamical exponent z



magnet $T < T_c$

→ ordered cluster

magnet $T = T_c$

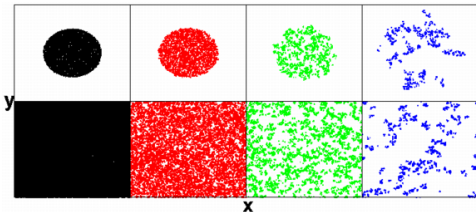
→ correlated cluster

critical contact process

⇒ cluster dilution

voter model, contact process,...

$$L(t) \sim t^{1/z}$$



common feature : growing length scale

z : dynamical exponent

Two-time observables : analogy with 'magnets'

time-dependent order-parameter $\phi(t, \mathbf{r})$

two-time **correlator** $C(t, s) := \langle \phi(t, \mathbf{r}) \phi(s, \mathbf{r}) \rangle - \langle \phi(t, \mathbf{r}) \rangle \langle \phi(s, \mathbf{r}) \rangle$

two-time **response** $R(t, s) := \left. \frac{\delta \langle \phi(t, \mathbf{r}) \rangle}{\delta h(s, \mathbf{r})} \right|_{h=0} = \langle \phi(t, \mathbf{r}) \tilde{\phi}(s, \mathbf{r}) \rangle$

t : observation time, s : waiting time

a) system **at equilibrium** : **fluctuation-dissipation theorem**

$$R(t-s) = \frac{1}{T} \frac{\partial C(t-s)}{\partial s}, \quad T : \text{temperature}$$

b) **far from equilibrium** : C and R **independent** !

The **fluctuation-dissipation ratio** (FDR)

CUGLIANDOLO, KURCHAN, PARISI '94

$$X(t, s) := \frac{TR(t, s)}{\partial C(t, s) / \partial s}$$

measures the distance with respect to equilibrium : $X_{\text{eq}} = X(t-s) = 1$

Scaling regime : $t, s \gg \tau_{\text{micro}}$ and $t - s \gg \tau_{\text{micro}}$

$$C(t, s) = s^{-b} f_C \left(\frac{t}{s} \right), \quad R(t, s) = s^{-1-a} f_R \left(\frac{t}{s} \right)$$

asymptotics : $f_C(y) \sim y^{-\lambda_C/z}$, $f_R(y) \sim y^{-\lambda_R/z}$ for $y \gg 1$

λ_C : autocorrelation exponent, λ_R : autoresponse exponent,
 z : dynamical exponent, a, b : ageing exponents

Question : in critical **magnets**, typically find $a = b$ and $\lambda_C = \lambda_R$

* ? what can happen when relaxation towards **non-equilibrium** state ?

* ? are λ_C, λ_R independent of stationary exponents ?

Ex. critical contact process, **initial particle density** > 0

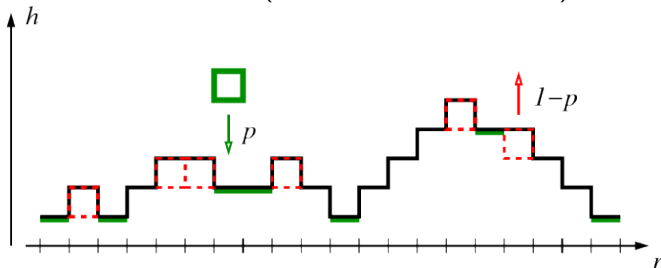
BAUMANN & GAMBASSI 07

$$\lambda_C = \lambda_R = d + z + \beta/\nu_{\perp}, \quad b = 2\beta'/\nu_{\parallel}$$

→ stationary-state critical exponents $\beta, \beta', \nu_{\perp}, \nu_{\parallel} = z\nu_{\perp}$

2. Interface growth

deposition (evaporation) of particles on a substrate \rightarrow height profile $h(t, \mathbf{r})$
generic situation : RSOS (restricted solid-on-solid) model KIM & KOSTERLITZ 89



p = deposition prob.
 $1 - p$ = evap. prob.

here $p = 0.98$

some universality classes :

(a) **KPZ** $\partial_t h = \nu \nabla^2 h + \frac{\mu}{2} (\nabla h)^2 + \eta$

KARDAR, PARISI, ZHANG 86

(b) **EW** $\partial_t h = \nu \nabla^2 h + \eta$

EDWARDS, WILKINSON 82

(c) **MH** $\partial_t h = -\nu \nabla^4 h + \eta$

MULLINS, HERRING 63; WOLF, VILLAIN 80

η is a gaussian white noise with $\langle \eta(t, \mathbf{r}) \eta(t', \mathbf{r}') \rangle = 2\nu T \delta(t - t') \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$

Family-Viscek scaling on a spatial lattice of extent L^d : $\bar{h}(t) = L^{-d} \sum_j h_j(t)$

FAMILY & VISCEK 85

$$w^2(t; L) = \frac{1}{L^d} \sum_{j=1}^{L^d} \langle (h_j(t) - \bar{h}(t))^2 \rangle = L^{2\zeta} f(tL^{-z}) \sim \begin{cases} L^{2\zeta} & ; \text{if } tL^{-z} \gg 1 \\ t^{2\beta} & ; \text{if } tL^{-z} \ll 1 \end{cases}$$

β : growth exponent, ζ : roughness exponent, $\zeta = \beta z$

two-time correlator :

limit $L \rightarrow \infty$

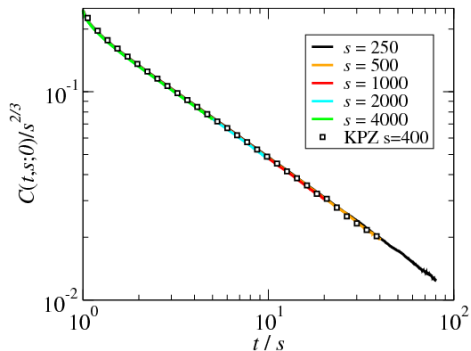
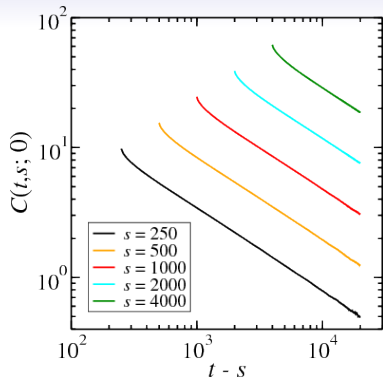
$$C(t, s; \mathbf{r}) = \langle (h(t, \mathbf{r}) - \langle \bar{h}(t) \rangle) (h(s, \mathbf{0}) - \langle \bar{h}(s) \rangle) \rangle = s^{-b} F_C \left(\frac{t}{s}, \frac{\mathbf{r}}{s^{1/z}} \right)$$

with ageing exponent : $b = -2\beta$

KALLABIS & KRUG 96

expect for $y = t/s \gg 1$: $F_C(y, \mathbf{0}) \sim y^{-\lambda_c/z}$ autocorrelation exponent

1D relaxation dynamics, starting from an initially flat interface



observe all **3** properties of **ageing** : $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{slow dynamics} \\ \text{no TTI} \\ \text{dynamical scaling} \end{array} \right.$

confirm **simple ageing** for the 1D KPZ universality class

pars pro toto

extend **Family-Viscek scaling** to two-time responses :

analogue : TRM integrated response in magnetic systems

two-time integrated response :

* sample **A** with deposition rates $p_i = p \pm \epsilon_i$, up to time s ,

* sample **B** with $p_i = p$ up to time s ;

then switch to common dynamics $p_i = p$ for all times $t > s$

$$\chi(t, s; \mathbf{r}) = \int_0^s du R(t, u; \mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{j=1}^L \left\langle \frac{h_{j+r}^{(\mathbf{A})}(t; s) - h_{j+r}^{(\mathbf{B})}(t)}{\epsilon_j} \right\rangle = s^{-a} F_\chi \left(\frac{t}{s}, \frac{|\mathbf{r}|^z}{s} \right)$$

with a : ageing exponent

expect for $y = t/s \gg 1$: $F_R(y, \mathbf{0}) \sim y^{-\lambda_R/z}$ autoresponse exponent

? Values of these exponents ?

Effective action of the KPZ equation :

$$\mathcal{J}[\phi, \tilde{\phi}] = \int dt d\mathbf{r} \left[\tilde{\phi} \left(\partial_t \phi - \nu \nabla^2 \phi - \frac{\mu}{2} (\nabla \phi)^2 \right) - \nu T \tilde{\phi}^2 \right]$$

⇒ **Very special properties of KPZ in $d = 1$ spatial dimension !**

Exact critical exponents $\beta = 1/3, \zeta = 1/2, z = 3/2, \lambda_C = 1$ KPZ 86 ; KRECH 97

related to precise symmetry properties :

A) **tilt-invariance** (Galilei-invariance)

FORSTER, NELSON, STEPHEN 77

kept under renormalisation !

MEDINA, HWA, KARDAR, ZHANG 89

⇒ exponent relation $\zeta + z = 2$

(holds for any dimension d)

B) **time-reversal invariance**

LVOV, LEBEDEV, PATON, PROCACCIA 93
FREY, TÄUBER, HWA 96

special property in $1D$, where also $\zeta = \frac{1}{2}$

Special KPZ symmetry in 1D : let $v = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r}$, $\tilde{\phi} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (\tilde{p} + \frac{v}{2T})$

$$\mathcal{J} = \int dt dr \left[\tilde{p} \partial_t v - \frac{\nu}{4T} (\partial_r v)^2 - \frac{\mu}{2} v^2 \partial_r \tilde{p} + \nu T (\partial_r \tilde{p})^2 \right]$$

is invariant under **time-reversal**

$$t \mapsto -t, \quad v(t, r) \mapsto -v(-t, r), \quad \tilde{p} \mapsto +\tilde{p}(-t, r)$$

\Rightarrow **fluctuation-dissipation relation** for $t \gg s$

$$TR(t, s; r) = -\partial_r^2 C(t, s; r)$$

distinct from the equilibrium FDT $TR(t-s) = \partial_s C(t-s)$

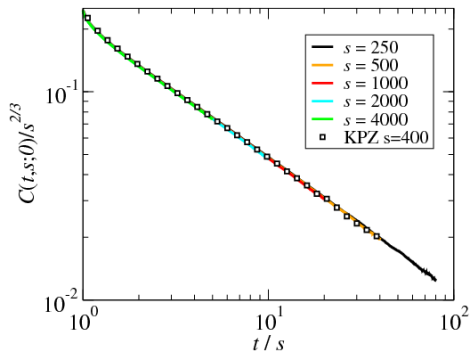
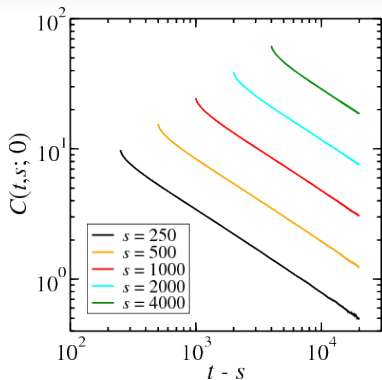
Combination with ageing scaling, gives the ageing exponents :

$$\lambda_R = \lambda_C = 1$$

and

$$1 + a = b + \frac{2}{z}$$

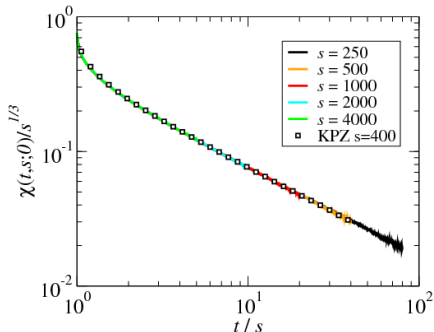
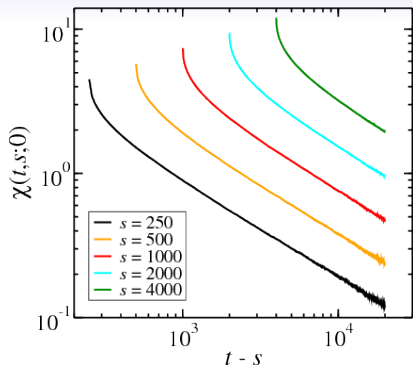
1D relaxation dynamics, starting from an initially flat interface



confirm simple ageing in the autocorrelator

confirm expected exponents $b = -2/3$, $\lambda_C/z = 2/3$

N.B. : this confirmation is out of the stationary state

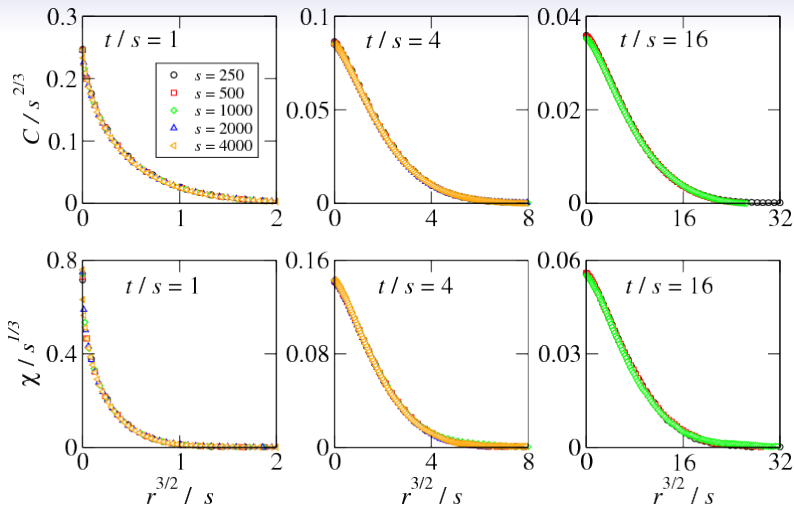


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exponents $a = -1/3$, $\lambda_R/z = 2/3$, as expected from FDR

N.B. : numerical tests for 2 models in KPZ class

Simple ageing is also seen in space-time observables



correlator $C(t, s; r) = s^{2/3} F_C \left(\frac{t}{s}, \frac{r^{3/2}}{s} \right)$
 integrated response $\chi(t, s; r) = s^{1/3} F_\chi \left(\frac{t}{s}, \frac{r^{3/2}}{s} \right)$ } confirm $z = 3/2$

Values of some growth and ageing exponents in 1D

model	z	a	b	$\lambda_R = \lambda_C$	β	ζ
KPZ	3/2	-1/3	-2/3	1	1/3	1/2
exp 1			$\approx -2/3^\dagger$	$\approx 1^\dagger$	0.336(11)	0.50(5)
exp 2	1.5(2)				0.32(4)	0.50(5)
EW	2	-1/2	-1/2	1	1/4	1/2
MH	4	-3/4	-3/4	1	3/8	3/2

liquid crystals
cancer cells

Takeuchi, Sano, Sasamoto, Spohn 10/11/12

Huergo, Pasquale, Gonzalez, Bolzan, Arvia 12

[†] scaling holds only for flat interface

Two-time space-time responses and correlators consistent with **simple ageing** for 1D KPZ

Similar results known for EW and MH universality classes

3. Interface growth on semi-infinite substrates

properties of growing interfaces near to a boundary?

→ crystal dislocations, face boundaries ...

Experiments : Family-Vicsek scaling not always sufficient

FERREIRA *et al.* 11
RAMASCO *et al.* 00, 06
YIM & JONES 09, ...

→ **distinct** global and local interface fluctuations

{ **anomalous scaling**, growth exponent β larger than expected
grainy interface morphology, faceting

! analyse simple models on a **semi**-infinite substrate !

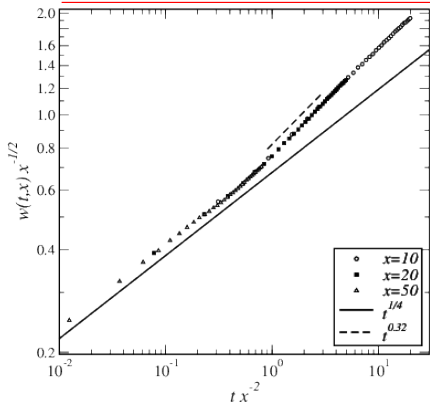
frame co-moving with average interface deep in the bulk

characterise interface by

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{height profile} \quad \langle h(t, \mathbf{r}) \rangle \\ \text{width profile} \quad w(t, \mathbf{r}) = \left\langle [h(t, \mathbf{r}) - \langle h(t, \mathbf{r}) \rangle]^2 \right\rangle^{1/2} \end{array} \right. \quad h \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } |\mathbf{r}| \rightarrow \infty$$

specialise to $d = 1$ space dimensions; boundary at $x = 0$, bulk $x \rightarrow \infty$

cross-over for the phenomenological growth exponent β near to boundary



bulk behaviour $w \sim t^\beta$

'surface behaviour' $w_1 \sim t^{\beta_1}$?

cross-over, if causal interaction with boundary

experimentally observed, e.g. for semiconductor films

NASCIMENTO, FERREIRA, FERREIRA 11

EW-class

ALLEGRA, FORTIN, MH 13

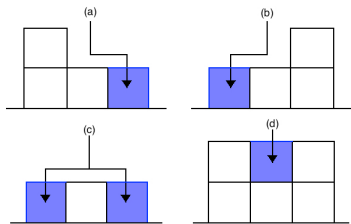
values of growth exponents (bulk & surface) :

$\beta = 0.25$ $\beta_{1,\text{eff}} \simeq 0.32$ Edwards-Wilkinson class

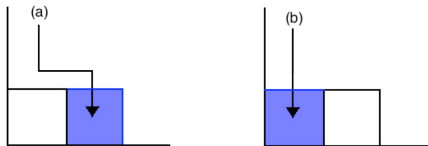
$\beta \simeq 0.32$ $\beta_{1,\text{eff}} \simeq 0.35$ Kardar-Parisi-Zhang class

simulations of RSOS models :

well-known bulk adsorption processes (& immediate relaxation)



description of immediate relaxation if particle is adsorbed at the boundary



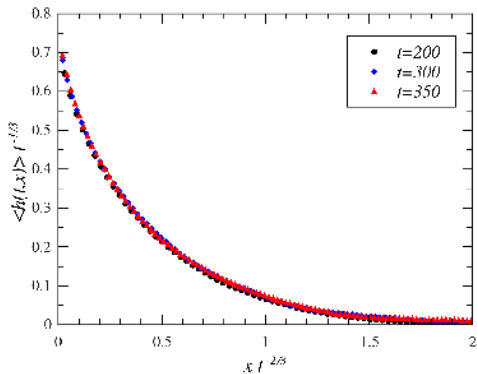
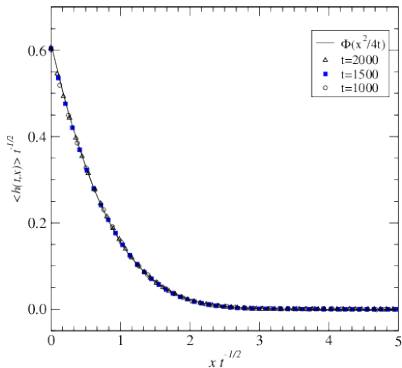
explicit boundary interactions in Langevin equation $h_1(t) = \partial_x h(t, x)|_{x=0}$

$$(\partial_t - \nu \partial_x^2) h(t, x) - \frac{\mu}{2} (\partial_x h(t, x))^2 - \eta(t, x) = \nu (\kappa_1 + \kappa_2 h_1(t)) \delta(x)$$

height profile $\langle h(t, x) \rangle = t^{1/\gamma} \Phi(xt^{-1/z})$, $\gamma = \frac{z}{z-1} = \frac{\zeta}{\zeta - \beta}$

EW & exact solution, $h(t, 0) \sim \sqrt{t}$ self-consistently

KPZ



Scaling of the width profile :

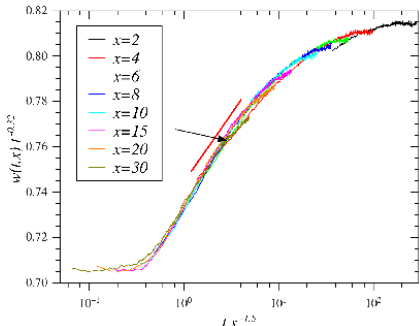
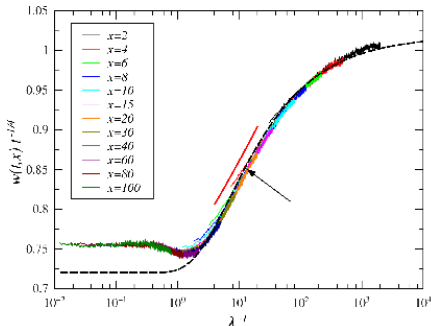
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EW & exact solution $\lambda^{-1} = 4tx^{-2}$

KPZ

bulk

boundary



same growth scaling exponents in the bulk and near to the boundary
large intermediate scaling regime with effective exponent (slopes)

agreement with RG for non-disordered, local interactions

LOPÉZ, CASTRO, GALEGO 05

? ageing behaviour near to a boundary ?

4. Interface growth & Arcetri model

? KPZ \longrightarrow **intermediate model** \longrightarrow EW ?

preferentially exactly solvable, and this in $d \geq 1$ dimensions

inspiration : **spherical model** of a ferromagnet

BERLIN & KAC 52
LEWIS & WANNIER 52

Ising spins $s_i = \pm 1$

spherical spins $s_i \in \mathbb{R}$

obey $\sum_i s_i^2 = \mathcal{N} = \# \text{ sites}$

spherical constraint $\langle \sum_i s_i^2 \rangle = \mathcal{N}$

hamiltonian $\mathcal{H} = -J \sum_{(i,j)} s_i s_j - \lambda \sum_i s_i^2$

Lagrange multiplier λ

{ gives critical point $T_c > 0$ for $d > 2$
exponents **non**-mean-field for $2 < d < 4$

kinetic spherical model : write Langevin equation

$$\partial_t \phi = -D \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}[\phi]}{\delta \phi} + \lambda(t) \phi + \eta$$

η is the standard white noise : $\langle \eta(t, \mathbf{r}) \rangle = 0$,

$$\langle \eta(t, \mathbf{r}) \eta(t', \mathbf{r}') \rangle = 2DT \delta(t - t') \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$$

with Lagrange multiplier $\lambda(t)$, fixed by spherical constraint

auxiliary function $g(t) = \exp\left(-2 \int_0^t d\tau \lambda(\tau)\right)$, satisfies Volterra equation

$$g(t) = f(t) + 2T \int_0^t d\tau g(\tau) f(t - \tau) \quad , \quad f(t) := (e^{-4t} I_0(4t))^d$$

* all equilibrium and ageing exponents exactly known,

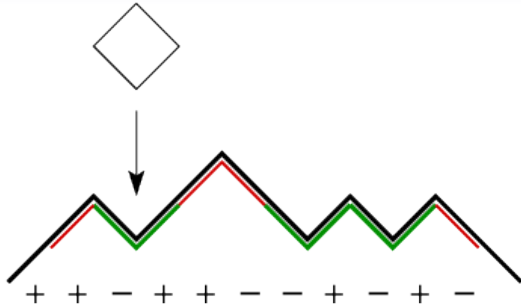
for both $T < T_c$ and $T = T_c$

GODRÈCHE & LUCK '00

* for $d = 3$: same universality class as 'spherical spin glass'

CUGLIANDOLO & DEAN '95

consider RSOS-adsorption process :



use not the heights $h_n(t) \in \mathbb{N}$ on a discrete lattice,

but rather the slopes $u_n(t) = \frac{1}{2} (h_{n+1}(t) - h_{n-1}(t))$

? can one let $u_n(t) \in \mathbb{R}$, but impose a spherical constraint ?

? consequences of the 'hardening' of a soft EW-interface by a 'spherical constraint' on the u_n ?

since $u(t, x) = \partial_x h(t, x)$: go from KPZ to Burgers' equation, and replace its non-linearity by a mean spherical condition

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t u_n(t) &= \nu (u_{n+1}(t) + u_{n-1}(t) - 2u_n(t)) + \beta(t) u_n(t) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} (\eta_{n+1}(t) - \eta_{n-1}(t))\end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_n \langle u_n(t)^2 \rangle = N$$

Extension to $d \geq 1$ dimensions :

define gradient fields $u_a(t, \mathbf{r}) := \nabla_a h(t, \mathbf{r})$, $a = 1, \dots, d$:

$$\partial_t u_a(t, \mathbf{r}) = \nu \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} u_a(t, \mathbf{r}) + \beta(t) u_a(t, \mathbf{r}) + \nabla_a \eta(t, \mathbf{r})$$

$$\sum_{a=1}^d \langle u_a(t, \mathbf{r})^2 \rangle = N^d$$

interface height : $\hat{u}_a(t, \mathbf{p}) = i \sin p_a \hat{h}(t, \mathbf{p})$

in Fourier space

exact solution :

$$\widehat{h}(t, \mathbf{p}) = \widehat{h}(0, \mathbf{p}) e^{-2t\omega(\mathbf{p})} g(t)^{-1/2} + \int_0^t d\tau \widehat{\eta}(\tau, \mathbf{p}) \sqrt{\frac{g(\tau)}{g(t)}} e^{-2(t-\tau)\omega(\mathbf{p})}$$

in terms of the auxiliary function $g(t) = \exp\left(-2 \int_0^t d\tau \mathfrak{z}(\tau)\right)$,
satisfies Volterra equation

$$g(t) = f(t) + 2T \int_0^t d\tau g(\tau) f(t-\tau) \quad , \quad f(t) := d \frac{e^{-4t} I_1(4t)}{4t} \left(e^{-4t} I_0(4t) \right)^{d-1}$$

* for $d = 1$, identical to 'spherical spin glass', with $T = 2T_{\text{SG}}$:
hamiltonian $\mathcal{H} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} J_{ij} s_i s_j$; J_{ij} random matrix, its eigenvalues
distributed

according to Wigner's semi-circle law

CUGLIANDOLO & DEAN 95

* correspondence spherical spins $s_i \leftrightarrow$ slopes u_n .

* kinetics of heights $h_n(t)$ is driven by phase-ordering of the spherical
spin glass = 3D kinetic spherical model

phase transition : long-range correlated surface growth for $T \leq T_c$

$$\frac{1}{T_c(d)} = \frac{d}{2} \int_0^\infty dt e^{-dt} t^{-1} I_1(t) I_0(t)^{d-1} ; \quad T_c(1) = 2, T_c(2) = \frac{\pi}{\pi - 2}$$

Some results :

upper critical dimension $d^* = 2$

1. $T = T_c, d < 2$: sub-diffusive interface motion $\langle h(t) \rangle \sim t^{(2-d)/4}$

$$\text{interface width } w(t) = t^{(2-d)/4} \implies \beta = \frac{2-d}{4}$$

$$\text{ageing exponents } a = b = \frac{d}{2} - 1, \lambda_R = \lambda_C = \frac{3d}{2} - 1, z = 2$$

2. $T = T_c, d > 2$:

$$\text{interface width } w(t) = \text{cste.} \implies \beta = 0$$

$$\text{ageing exponents } a = b = \frac{d}{2} - 1, \lambda_R = \lambda_C = d, z = 2$$

3. $T < T_c, d < 2$:

$$\text{sub-diffusive interface motion } \langle h(t) \rangle \sim (1 - T/T_c) t^{(d+2)/4}$$

$$\text{interface width } w(t) = (1 - T/T_c) t \implies \beta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{ageing exponents } a = b = \frac{d}{2} - 1, \lambda_R = \lambda_C = \frac{d-2}{2}, z = 2$$

5. Conclusions

- physical ageing occurs naturally in many **irreversible** systems relaxing towards **non**-equilibrium stationary states considered here : absorbing phase transitions & surface growth
- scaling phenomenology analogous to simple magnets
- **but** finer differences in relationships between non-equilibrium exponents
- **surprises** in scaling near a boundary : height/width profiles
- the **Arcetri model** captures at least some qualitative properties of KPZ :
 - sub-diffusive motion of the interface
 - interface becomes more smooth as $d \rightarrow d^* = 2$
 - at $T = T_c$, the stationary exponents (β, z) are those of EW, but the ageing exponents are different
 - new kind of behaviour at $T < T_c$

studies of the ageing properties, via **two-time observables**, might become a **new tool**, also for the analysis of complex systems !