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From power laws to shapes: Identifying non-equilibrium universality classes



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- Universality in theory and experiments and identifying a universality beyond v, β , σ , $\kappa\tau\lambda$ (etc)

 Delving into theory: directed percolation depinning, windowing and multiple scaling variables

- Merging theory with experiment: Barkhausen crackling noise in the mean-field universality class



- Scaling exists when observables of systems with many degrees of freedom show power law (scale-free) behavior:

$$C(r,t,h) = \langle S(0)S(r)\rangle_{t,h} = r^{-\eta}\mathcal{C}(r/\xi,\xi t^{\nu},\xi h^{\frac{\nu}{\beta\delta}})$$

- Why so important?
 - a) Classifiable "universal" behavior, according to symmetries,
 - b) Low energy behavior of nearby phases "controlled" by it...

Universality and Scaling: All over us or maybe not?



- Even though hard to find, they control their surrounding phase diagram: Understanding a single point is equivalent to looking everywhere...

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- Exponents with 20% error are not well defined...

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- A first access to shapes...

Shapes better than Slopes: When and Why?

- Differences are small but there are many points of comparison, in contrast to 2 exponent values,

- Strong check of a universality class...



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Quenched Kardar-Parisi-Zhang Equation



With k > 0, the interface is always stationary;
 avalanches as F increases

- As λ -> 0, crossover to the Eduards - Wilkinson model



Avalanche spatial structure

- Multivariate distributions (s,k,h,w)







A(w,k): Area covered by avalanches of width w





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- "Simple enough" scaling functions motivated by some known analytical results
 32 parameters(!), 370 data points

- Simultaneous fits of all data taken with consequent inference of full scaling behavior

- Non-trivial error bar analysis (colored regions)

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Playground for studying scaling: Barkhausen Noise

- A system where experimentalists have been seeing scaling for decades,
- From a moving interface to hysteresis and to an avalanche timeseries...















 S_2

S₃





















Average temporal avalanche shape & Eddy currents

- Retardation effects (eddy currents), present in thick samples, distort scaling.
- Time correlation due to the interface motion, scales as (film thickness)²



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Get scaling out of the "noisy" noise!



Data analysis: "Fixing" a timeseries

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- Multiple methods to efficiently filter experimental data...

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Effects of filtering on distributions



- The predictability of the power law remains similar before and after filtering.

Mean - Field Avalanches: The Shell model



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- Different interpretation corresponds to a different drift term. For our case, it is a "-1" difference in the right-hand side (Exponent sensitivity)

Avalanche — A first passage problem

- Avalanche: first return to the origin
- Time to the first return Duration of the avalanche
- The shape of the avalanche $\longrightarrow VP(V = \epsilon, t = 0; V = V, t = t')P(V = V, t = t'; V = 0, t = T)$

$$\langle V(t,T) \rangle = \lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \frac{\int_0^\infty dV P(\epsilon,0;V,t) P(V,t;0,T)}{\int_0^\infty dV P(\epsilon,0;V,t) P(V,t;0,T)}$$

$$- \text{ Target: calculate } P(\epsilon,0;V,t)$$

$$analytical formulas, simulations$$

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Analytical formulas in different limits...

$$\frac{d\sqrt{V}}{dt} = \frac{c/2}{\sqrt{V}} - \frac{k}{2}\sqrt{V} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\xi(t)$$

- Motion in a logarithmic potential with a drift...
- c = 0: Free random walk -- Absorbing BCs with images

$$\langle V_{c=0,k}(t|T) \rangle = \frac{1}{2k} \frac{(e^{2k(T-t)} - 1)(e^{2kt} - 1)}{e^{2kT} - 1}$$

Also, [P. Le Doussal and C. Wiese, arxiv 2011]

- k=0: Shape integral over Bessel functions -- invariant at long durations
- c, k, k_1 (Eddy current term ~ $\int_0^t v(t')e^{-\frac{t'}{\tau}}dt'$) : Weak-noise perturbation expansion (method of images generically applicable) effects from Eddy currents

$$\frac{\partial \langle x^n \rangle}{\partial t} = \dots$$

$$\sigma(t)^2 = \langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2$$

$$P(x,t) \simeq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma(t)^2}} e^{-(x-\mu(t))^2/2\sigma(t)^2}$$

$$\mu(t) = \langle x \rangle$$



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- Quantitative agreement between theory and experiments

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Confirmed mean-field universality



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Simultaneous fits of simulations of similar size samples to experimental data

 Successful comparison between theory and experiments of avalanche behavior

- Processing techniques on scale invariant timeseries

- Systematic ways of inferring scaling properties from spatial or temporal raw, distorted data

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