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Nonperturbative Renormalization Group for the Kardar-Parisi-Zhang Equation

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Nonperturbative renormalization group for the Kardar-Parisi-Zhang equation

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Presentation outline

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Some examples of moving interfaces

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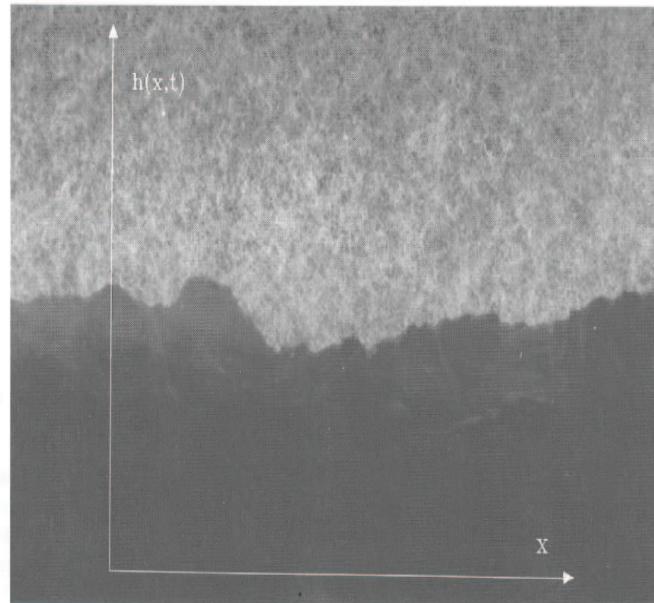
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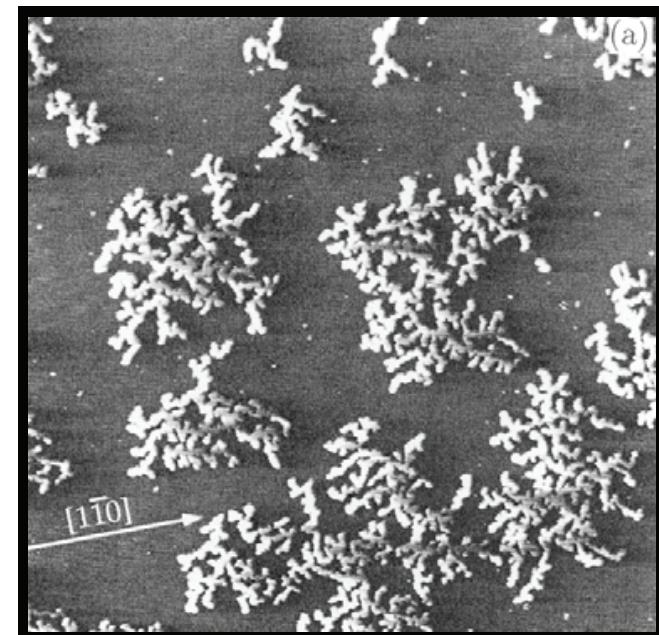
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Paper combustion (1D)



Molecular Beam Epitaxy (2D)



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Generic scaling in all dimensions

Stationary correlation function (in the co-moving frame) :

$$C(t, \vec{x}) = \langle h(t, \vec{x}) h(0, 0) \rangle$$

Has the following behavior :

$$C(t, \vec{x}) \sim t^{2\chi/z} \quad t \ll |\vec{x}|^z$$

$$C(t, \vec{x}) \sim |\vec{x}|^{2\chi} \quad t \gg |\vec{x}|^z$$

Scaling form : $C(t, \vec{x}) \sim |\vec{x}|^{2\chi} F(t/|\vec{x}|^z)$

- universal roughness χ and dynamical z exponents
- universal scaling function F



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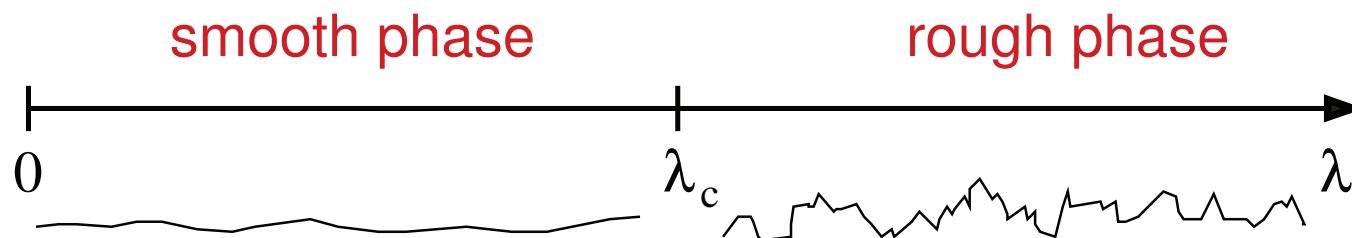
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Nonequilibrium continuous phase transition in $d > 2$



Edwards-Wilkinson

$$(\lambda_{\text{eff},IR} = 0)$$

rough phase of KPZ

$$(\lambda_{\text{eff},IR} \neq 0)$$

$$\chi = (2 - d)/d$$

$$z = 2$$

$$\chi > 0$$

$$z + \chi = 2$$



A continuous model : the KPZ equation

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One of the simplest nonlinear Langevin equations

$$\frac{\partial h(t, \vec{x})}{\partial t} = \nu \nabla^2 h(t, \vec{x}) + \frac{\lambda}{2} (\nabla h(t, \vec{x}))^2 + \eta(t, \vec{x})$$

Kardar, Parisi and Zhang, PRL (1986)

- η : Gaussian uncorrelated white noise
 $\langle \eta(t, \vec{x}) \eta(t', \vec{x}') \rangle = 2 D \delta^d(\vec{x} - \vec{x}') \delta(t - t')$
- $\nu \nabla^2 h$: smoothening surface tension
- $\lambda (\nabla h)^2$: nonlinear growth along the local normal

Equivalence with other stochastic equations

- Burgers' equation for randomly stirred fluids ($\vec{u} \propto \nabla h$)
- Directed Polymer in Random Media ($Z = e^{(\lambda/2\nu)h}$)



The KPZ universality class

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Large universality class

- **discrete models** ballistic deposition, Eden clusters, RSOS models, polynuclear growth...
- **experiments** paper combustion, bacterial colony growth, turbulent liquid crystal...

Very studied theoretically :

- **before 2000** : numerics, RG, approximate methods
Frey and Täuber, **PRE** (1994), Wiese, **J. Stat. Phys.** (1998)
- **last decade** : exact results in $d = 1$ for $t \rightarrow \infty$
Johansson, **Commun. Math. Phys.** (2000), Prähofer and Spohn, **PRL** (2000),
Prähofer and Spohn, **J. Stat. Phys.** (2004), Sasamoto, **J. Phys. A** (2005).
- **since 2010** : solution at finite t in $d = 1$
Sasamoto and Spohn, **PRL** (2010), **J. Stat. Phys.** (2010), Amir, Corwin and Quastel, **Commun. Pure Appl. Math.** (2011), Dotsenko, **Europhys. Lett.** (2010), Calabrese, Le Doussal and Rosso, **Europhys. Lett.** (2010), Calabrese and Le Doussal, **PRL** (2011), Imamura and Sasamoto, **J. Phys. A** (2011), **PRL** (2012).



One-dimensional interface

High-precision experiments

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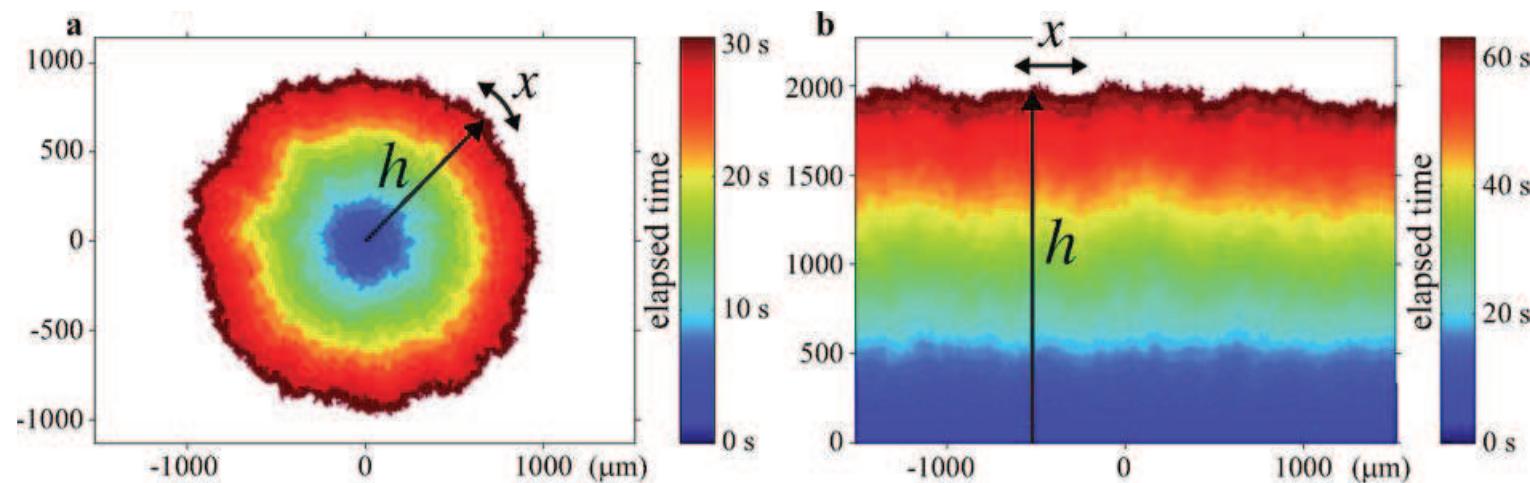
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Convection of turbulent nematic liquid crystals

high-precision measurements of growing clusters with circular and flat geometries



Takeuchi and Sano, **PRl** (2010), **J. Stat. Phys.** (2012), Takeuchi, Sano, Sasamoto, Spohn, **Sci. Rep.** (2011)

→ Compares favourably with exact results.



Multi-dimensional interface

RG treatments

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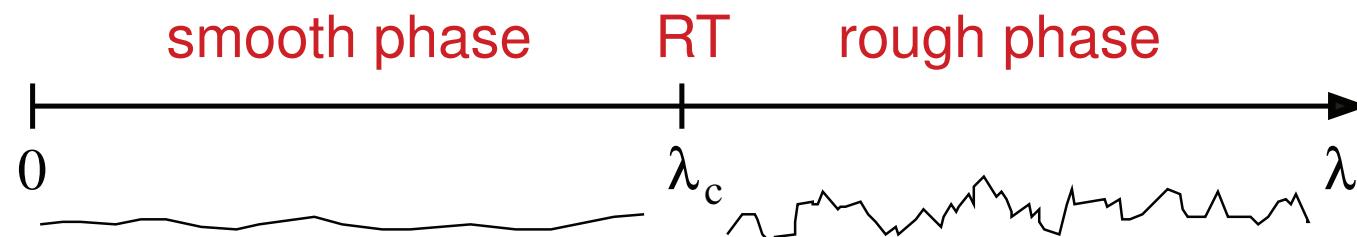
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Roughening Transition (RT) for $d > 2$



β -function for $g = \lambda^2 D / \nu^3$

- 2-loop in KPZ version
Frey and Täuber, **PRE** (1994)
- all-order in DPRM version
Wiese, **J. Stat. Phys.** (1998)

RT fixed point

critical exponents :

$\chi = 0$ and $z = 2$

superuniversal (in all d)

Rough phase fixed point

perturbative RG fails to all order → strong coupling !



Multi-dimensional interface

Other approaches

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Numerical approaches

- **discrete models** Tang *et al.*, (1992) Pagnani and Parisi , **PRE** (2013) E. Marinari *et al.*, (2012), Kelling and Ódor, **PRE** (2011) T. Halpin-Healy, **PRL** (2012)
- **direct integrations** Miranda and Reis, (2008)
- **real space NRG** Castellano *et al.*, (1998-99)

d	χ
2	0.384
3	0.304
4	0.256
$d_c = \infty$	0

Analytical approaches

- **perturbative FRG** $d_c \simeq 2.5$
Le Doussal and Wiese, **PRE** (2005)
- **Mode-Coupling Theory** $d_c = 4$
Frey, Täuber and Hwa, **PRE** (1996), Colaiori and Moore, **PRL** (2001)
- **Self-Consistent Expansion** $d_c = \infty$
Schwartz and Edwards, (1992), Schwartz and Katzav, (2008)

exponents

$1 d$ scaling function

For $d > 1$, an analytical nonperturbative approach is needed to control the rough phase



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Field theory for the KPZ equation

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Field theory for a Langevin equation

build generating functional to compute noise averages $\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_\eta$

Janssen, *Z. Phys. B* (1976), de Dominicis, *J. Phys. (Paris)* (1976)

- introduce **response field** \tilde{h} to enforce equation of motion
- integrate over the Gaussian noise distribution

Langevin dynamics :

$$\partial_t h = \nu \nabla^2 h + \frac{\lambda}{2} (\nabla h)^2 + \eta$$

generating functional :



$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}\varphi \mathcal{D}[i\tilde{\varphi}] e^{-\mathcal{S}[\varphi, \tilde{\varphi}] + \int (j\varphi + \tilde{j}\tilde{\varphi})}$$

KPZ action

$$\mathcal{S}_{KPZ}[\varphi, \tilde{\varphi}] = \int d^d \vec{x} dt \left\{ \tilde{\varphi} \left[\partial_t \varphi - \nu \nabla^2 \varphi - \frac{\lambda}{2} (\nabla \varphi)^2 \right] - D \tilde{\varphi}^2 \right\}$$



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Berges, Tetradis and Wetterich, **Phys. Rep.** (2002), Canet, Delamotte, Chaté, **J. Phys. A** (2011), Berges, Mesterházy, (2012), Kloss, Kopietz, **PRB** (2011)

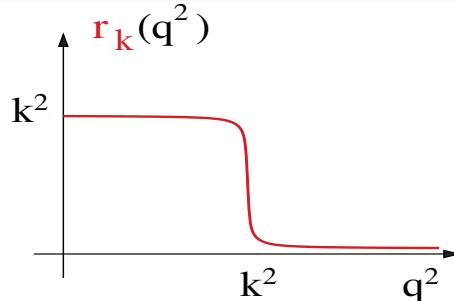
Wilson's philosophy : Scale dependent generating functional

$$\mathcal{Z}_\kappa[j, \tilde{j}] = \int \mathcal{D}\varphi \mathcal{D}\tilde{\varphi} e^{-\mathcal{S}[\varphi, \tilde{\varphi}] - \Delta\mathcal{S}_\kappa + \int (j\varphi + \tilde{j}\tilde{\varphi})}$$

$$\Delta\mathcal{S}_\kappa[\psi, \tilde{\psi}] = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\vec{x}, t} (\psi \tilde{\psi}) \mathcal{R}_\kappa(\nabla^2, \partial_t) \begin{pmatrix} \psi \\ \tilde{\psi} \end{pmatrix}$$

Special constraints for KPZ
from Ito's discretization, causality and symmetries

$$\mathcal{R}_\kappa(\omega, \vec{q}) = r_\kappa \left(\frac{q^2}{\kappa^2} \right) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \nu_\kappa q^2 \\ \nu_\kappa q^2 & -2D_\kappa \end{pmatrix}$$





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Legendre transform

$$\Gamma_\kappa[\varphi, \tilde{\varphi}] + \log \mathcal{Z}_\kappa[j, \tilde{j}] = \int j\varphi + \tilde{j}\tilde{\varphi} - \Delta\mathcal{S}_\kappa[\varphi, \tilde{\varphi}]$$

Exact flow equation for Γ_κ

$$\partial_\kappa \Gamma_\kappa = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \int_{\omega, \vec{q}} \partial_\kappa \mathcal{R}_\kappa \cdot \mathbf{G}_\kappa \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{G}_\kappa = [\Gamma_\kappa^{(2)} + \mathcal{R}_\kappa]^{-1}$$

No exact solution, but useful to implement approximations not based in perturbation theory.



Construction of an approximation scheme

Quest of a scheme preserving symmetries

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Our aim

calculate full *momentum and frequency dependent* two-point functions in the stationary regime.

$$\partial_\kappa [\Gamma_\kappa^{(2)}]_{ij} = \text{Tr} \int \partial_\kappa \mathcal{R}_\kappa \cdot G_\kappa \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2} [\Gamma_\kappa^{(4)}]_{ij} + [\Gamma_\kappa^{(3)}]_i \cdot G_\kappa \cdot [\Gamma_\kappa^{(3)}]_j \right) \cdot G_\kappa$$

→ An extremely efficient approximation scheme exist for correlation functions : close equations by expanding vertices in internal momentum and frequency.

Blaizot, Méndez-Galain and Wschebor, **Phys. Lett. B** (2006), Benitez *et al.*, **PRE** (2009)

Problem

Hard to make compatible with Ward identities amongst $\Gamma_\kappa^{(l,m)}$'s !



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Symmetries

gauged shift symmetry

$$\varphi(t, \vec{x}) \rightarrow \varphi(t, \vec{x}) + \textcolor{red}{c}(t)$$

gauged Galilean symmetry

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(t, \vec{x}) &\rightarrow \vec{x} \cdot \partial_t \vec{v}(t) + \varphi(t, \vec{x} + \lambda \vec{v}(t)) \\ \tilde{\varphi}(t, \vec{x}) &\rightarrow \tilde{\varphi}(t, \vec{x} + \lambda \vec{v}(t)) \end{aligned}$$

time reversal symmetry in $d = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(t, \vec{x}) &\rightarrow -\varphi(-\textcolor{red}{t}, \vec{x}) \\ \tilde{\varphi}(t, \vec{x}) &\rightarrow \tilde{\varphi}(-\textcolor{red}{t}, \vec{x}) + \frac{\nu}{D} \nabla^2 \varphi(-\textcolor{red}{t}, \vec{x}) \end{aligned}$$

Ward identities

$$\Gamma_{\kappa}^{(1,1)}(\omega, \vec{p} = 0) = i\omega$$

$$\begin{aligned} i\omega \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{p}} \Gamma_{\kappa}^{(2,1)}(\omega, \vec{p} = 0; \omega_1, \vec{p}_1) &= \\ \lambda \vec{p}_1 \left[\Gamma_{\kappa}^{(1,1)}(\omega + \omega_1, \vec{p}_1) \right. & \\ \left. - \Gamma_{\kappa}^{(1,1)}(\omega_1, \vec{p}_1) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$2\Re \Gamma_{\kappa}^{(1,1)}(\omega, \vec{p}) = -\frac{\nu}{D} p^2 \Gamma_{\kappa}^{(0,2)}(\omega, \vec{p})$$



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Strategy

build a non-trivial Galilean invariant ansatz for Γ_κ

Analogy with fluid mechanics

introduce covariant time derivatives

$$\tilde{D}_t \equiv \partial_t - \lambda \nabla \varphi(t, \vec{x}) \cdot \nabla \quad D_t \varphi(t, \vec{x}) \equiv \partial_t \varphi(t, \vec{x}) - \frac{\lambda}{2} (\nabla \varphi(t, \vec{x}))^2$$

Second Order (SO) Ansatz for the effective action

$$\Gamma_\kappa[\psi, \tilde{\psi}] = \int_{t, \vec{x}} \left\{ \tilde{\psi} f_\kappa^\lambda D_t \psi - \frac{1}{2} \left[\nabla^2 \psi f_\kappa^\nu \tilde{\psi} + \tilde{\psi} f_\kappa^\nu \nabla^2 \psi \right] - \tilde{\psi} f_\kappa^D \tilde{\psi} \right\}$$

with f_κ^x three arbitrary functions $f_\kappa^x \equiv f_\kappa^x(-\tilde{D}_t^2, -\nabla^2)$



Integration of the flow equations

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It is convenient to use dimensionless renormalised quantities

- three running functions

$$\hat{f}_\kappa^D(\hat{\omega}^2, \hat{p}^2) = f_\kappa^D(\omega^2, p^2)/D_\kappa \quad \hat{p} = p/\kappa$$

$$\hat{f}_\kappa^\nu(\hat{\omega}^2, \hat{p}^2) = f_\kappa^\nu(\omega^2, p^2)/\nu_\kappa \quad \hat{\omega} = \omega/(D_\kappa \kappa^2)$$

$$\hat{f}_\kappa^\lambda(\hat{\omega}^2, \hat{p}^2) = f_\kappa^\lambda(\omega^2, p^2)$$

- two anomalous dimensions $\eta_\kappa^D = -\partial_s \ln D_\kappa$, $\eta_\kappa^\nu = -\partial_s \ln \nu_\kappa$
- one dimensionless coupling $\hat{g}_\kappa = \lambda^2 D_\kappa / \nu_\kappa^3 \kappa^{d-2}$

Numerical integration of the flow equations

at SO for $d = 1$ and performing the further approximation
 $\hat{f}_\kappa^x(\omega, \vec{p}) \rightarrow \hat{f}_\kappa^x(\vec{p})$ for $d > 1$.)



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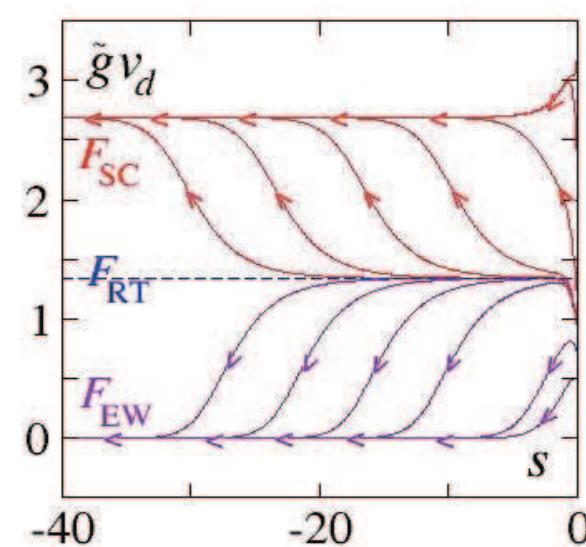
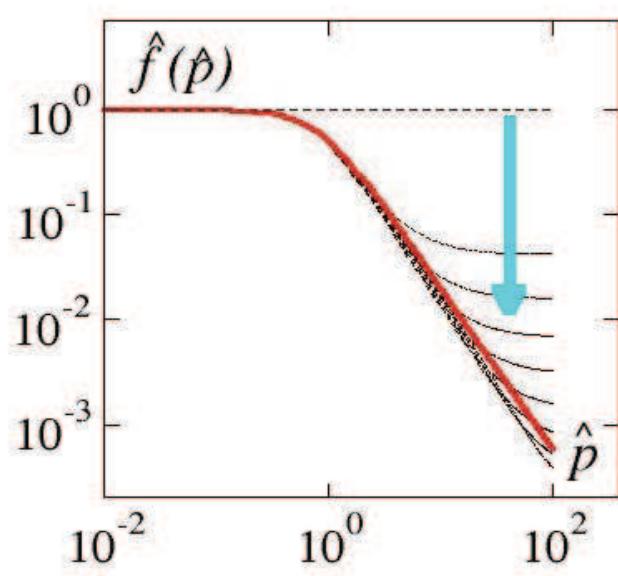
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Numerical integration of the flow equations

Renormalisation scale $s = \ln(\kappa/\Lambda)$ from $s = 0$ to $s \rightarrow -\infty$



In dimensions $d > 2$, the flow always leads to one of the three fixed points **EW**, **RT** or **KPZ**.



Results in physical dimensions (NLO)

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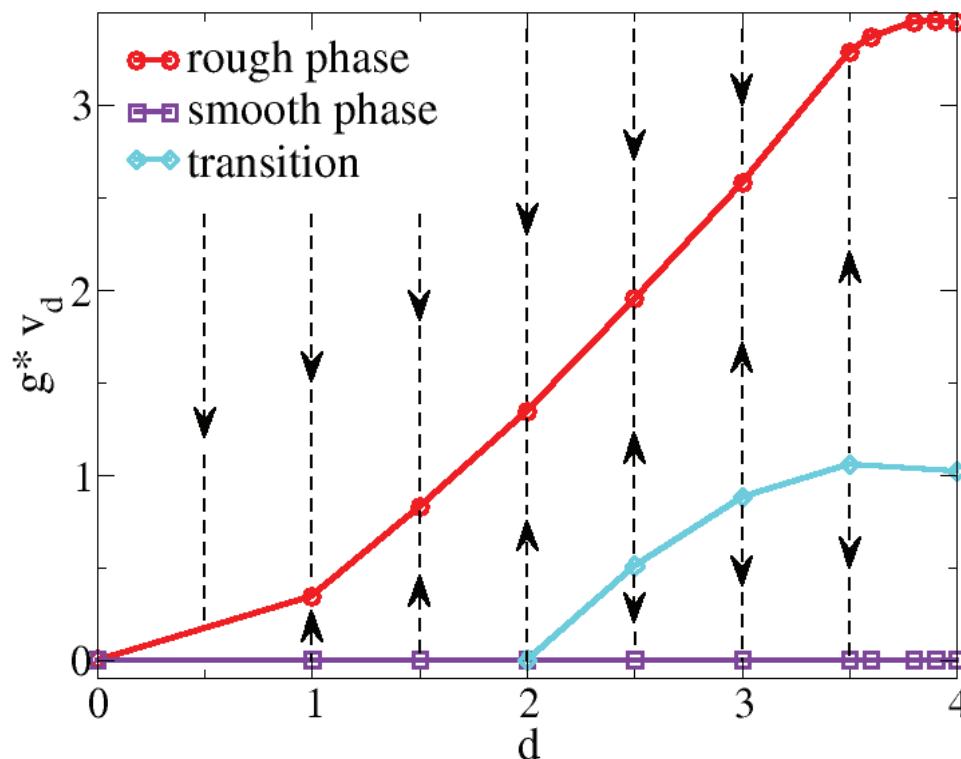
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Critical exponents
at the fixed point
 $\nu_\kappa \sim \kappa^{-\eta_*^\nu} = \kappa^{-\chi}$
and $\zeta + \chi = 2$

d	χ NLO	χ num.
1	1/2	1/2
2	0.373	0.384
3	0.180	0.304

Canet, Chaté, Delamotte, Wschebor, **PRL** (2010), **PRE** (2011), Kloss, Canet, Wschebor, **PRE** (2012)



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Generalized fluctuation-dissipation theorem in $d = 1$

- only one function left $\hat{f}_\kappa^\nu = \hat{f}_\kappa^D \equiv \hat{f}_\kappa$, $\hat{f}_\kappa^\lambda = 1$.
- Exponents**

$$\nu_\kappa = D_\kappa, \quad \eta_\kappa^\nu = \eta_\kappa^D \equiv \eta_\kappa \rightarrow \eta_* \stackrel{d=1}{=} 1/2$$

$$\chi = (2 - d + \eta_\kappa^D - \eta_\kappa^\nu)/2 \stackrel{d=1}{=} 1/2,$$

$$z = 2 - \chi \stackrel{d=1}{=} 3/2$$

Dimensionless flow equations

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_s \hat{f}_\kappa(\hat{\omega}, \hat{p}) &= \eta_\kappa \hat{f}_\kappa + \hat{p} \partial_{\hat{p}} \hat{f}_\kappa + (2 - \eta_\kappa) \hat{\omega} \partial_{\hat{\omega}} \hat{f}_\kappa + I_\kappa(\hat{\omega}, \hat{p}) \\ \partial_s \hat{g}_\kappa &= \hat{g}_\kappa (2\eta_\kappa - 1) \end{aligned}$$

Decoupling of the nonlinear term

$I_\kappa \rightarrow 0$ in the regime \hat{p} and/or $\hat{\omega} \gg 1$



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General solution at the fixed point

in the regime \hat{p} and/or $\hat{\omega} \gg 1$

$$\hat{f}_*^D(\hat{\omega}, \hat{p}) = \frac{1}{\hat{p}^{\eta_D}} \hat{\zeta}_*^D \left(\frac{\hat{\omega}}{\hat{p}^z} \right) \stackrel{d=1}{=} \frac{1}{\hat{p}^{1/2}} \hat{\zeta} \left(\frac{\hat{\omega}}{\hat{p}^{3/2}} \right)$$

Generic scaling for the dimensionful correlation function

physical limit $\kappa \rightarrow 0$ at fixed ω, p

equivalent to $\hat{p} = p/\kappa$ and/or $\hat{\omega} = \omega/(\kappa^2 D_\kappa) \gg 1$

$$C(\omega, p) = -\frac{\Gamma^{(0,2)}(\omega, p)}{|\Gamma^{(1,1)}(\omega, p)|^2} \stackrel{d=1}{=} \frac{2}{p^{7/2}} \frac{\hat{\zeta} \left(\frac{\hat{\omega}}{\hat{p}^{3/2}} \right)}{\frac{\hat{\omega}^2}{\hat{p}^3} + \hat{\zeta}^2 \left(\frac{\hat{\omega}}{\hat{p}^{3/2}} \right)}$$

$$\equiv \frac{2}{D_0 p^{7/2}} \mathring{F} \left(\frac{\omega}{D_0 p^{3/2}} \right) \quad D_\kappa = D_0 \kappa^{-\eta_*^D}$$



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Proof of generic scaling

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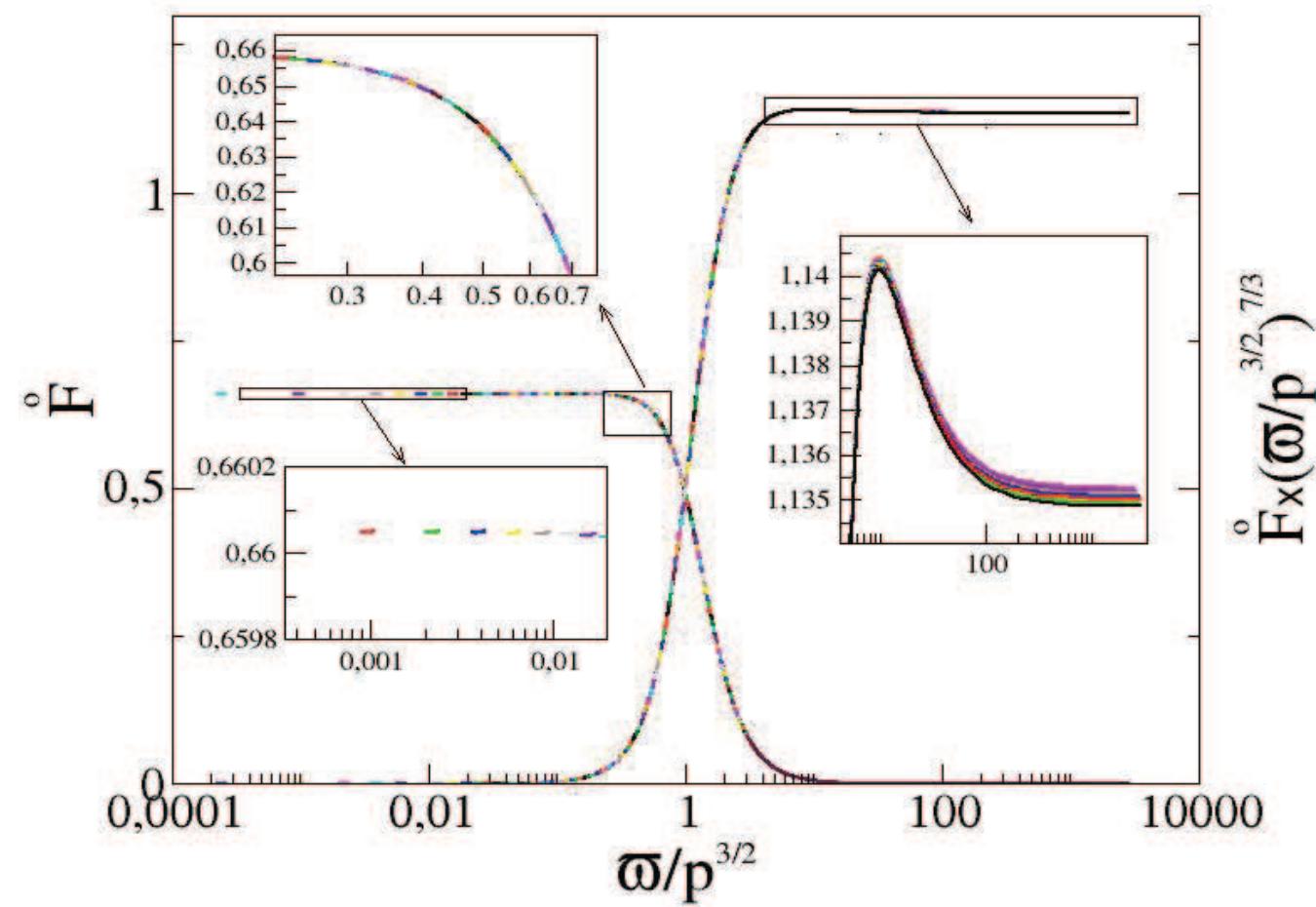
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Scaling function \mathring{F} associated with the correlation function





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Definition of different scaling functions

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Normalisations

scaling function g defined as $C(t, x) = \alpha t^{2/3} g(\beta x/t^{3/2})$
with arbitrary constants α and β

- g dimensionless → fixes dependence in λ, ν, D
- g universal → fixes dependence in D_0
- numerical normalisation fixed according to [*]

Introduction of 3 functions

Normalized functions

$$f(y) = g''(y)/4$$

$$\tilde{f}(k) = 2 \int_0^\infty dy \cos(ky) f(y)$$

$$\mathring{f}(\tau) = 2 \int_0^\infty dk \cos(k\tau) \tilde{f}(k^{2/3})$$

$$\mathring{F}(\tau) \rightarrow 2 \sqrt{A} \mathring{f}(\sqrt{A} \tau)$$

$$A = 2\lambda^2 D / (\nu^3 D_0^2)$$

Canet, Delamotte, Chaté, Wschebor, PRE (2011)

* Prähofer and Spohn, J. Stat. Phys. (2004)



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NPRG at SO scaling function in Fourier space

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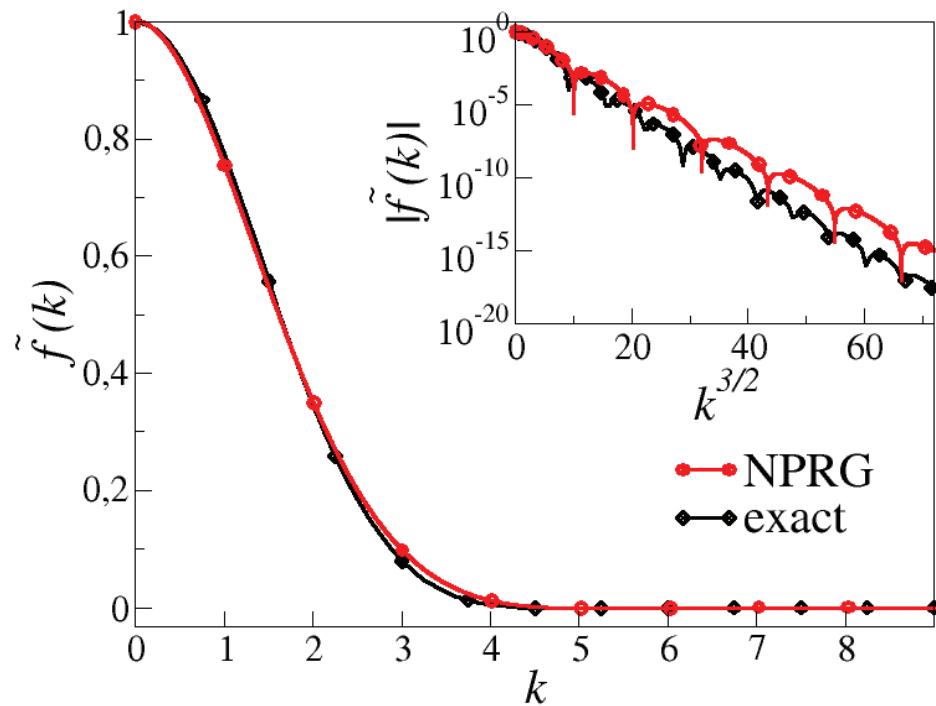
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$$\text{Scaling function } \tilde{f}(k) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\tau}{\pi} \cos(\tau k^{3/2}) \dot{f}(\tau)$$

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Asymptotics

$$\tilde{f} \sim \cos(a_0 k^{3/2}) e^{-b_0 k^{3/2}}$$

for $k \rightarrow \infty$

	a_0	b_0
NPRG	0.28(5)	0.49(1)
exact	1/2	1/2

correct scale $k^{3/2} \neq k$
(contrary to MCT and
SCE)



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Universal
amplitude ratio

$$g_0 = c \int_0^\infty d\tau \tau^{2/3} \dot{f}(\tau)$$

$$c = 2\Gamma(1/3)/\pi^2$$

	g_0
exact	1.15039
NPRG	1.19(1)

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Correlation and response functions in $d \neq 1$

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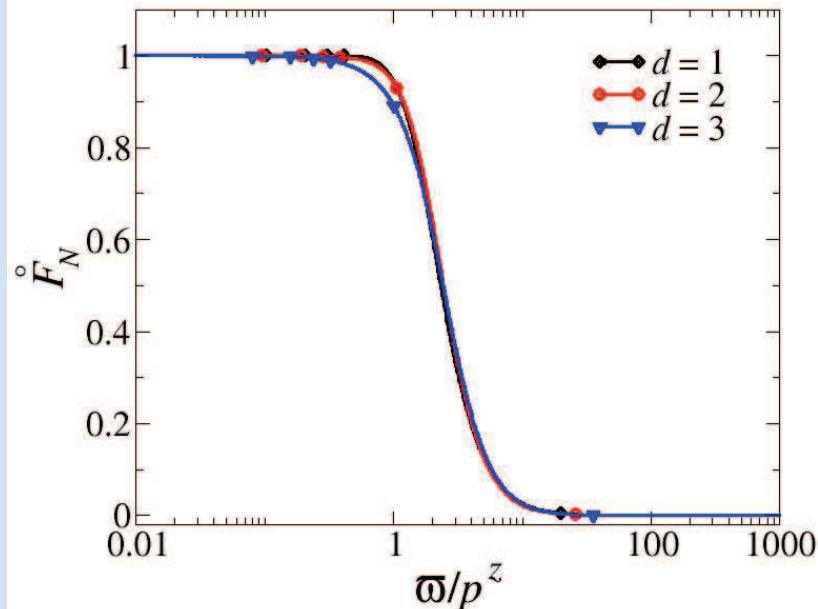
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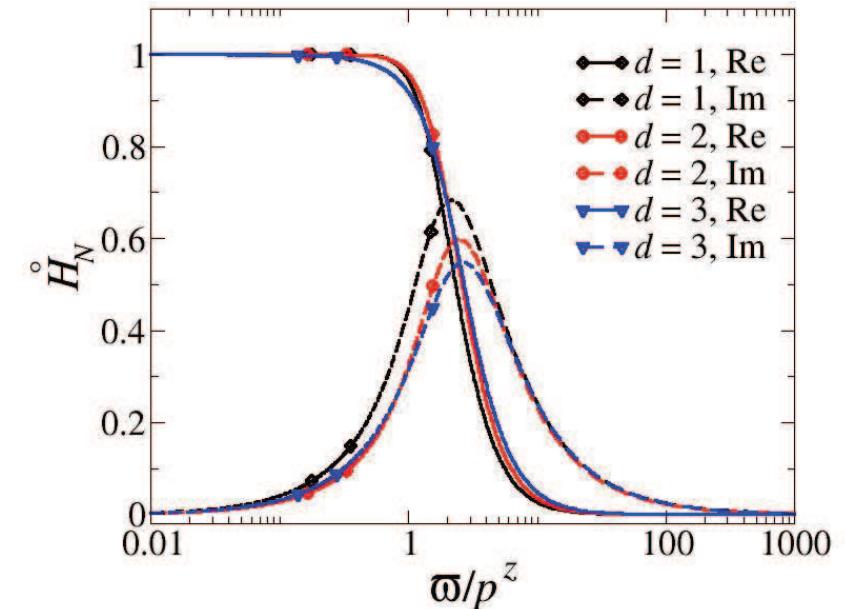
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Correlation function



Response function



Kloss, Canet and Wschebor, **PRE** (2012)



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Summary

- NPRG framework for **nonequilibrium** systems
- **approximation scheme** for the KPZ equation
- **scaling functions** match very well exact results in $d = 1$
- first predictions of **scaling functions** for $d > 1$

Outlook

- height probability distribution
- upper critical dimension d_c
- Navier and Stokes equation



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