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- analytical calculations from first principles of avalanche observables  
precise predictions, test numerics (and experiments!)
- interface depinning, sandpiles, reaction-diffusion: same universality

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- III. towards a unified theory of avalanches in sandpiles and interfaces ?

early work on FRG depinning,  
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avalanches from FRG:  
size distributions

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+ experimental tests

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Nonstationary dynamics of the ABBM model  
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Equilibrium avalanches in spin glasses, PLD,KW+ Markus Mueller  
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Long-range elasticity

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$$L_m \sim 1/m$$

$$m \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{critical}$$

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drive fixed distance  
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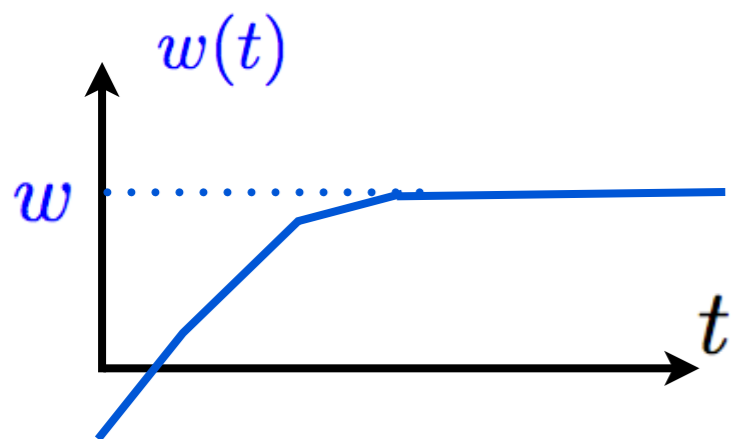
**Middleton theorem** - monotonicity  $\dot{u}(x, t_0) \geq 0 \quad \forall x$   
 $\dot{w}(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall t \geq t_0 \implies \dot{u}(x, t) \geq 0 \quad \forall x$   
 $\forall t \geq t_0$

$$c(x, x') \leq 0$$

$$\forall(x, x' \neq x)$$

- partial order, memory loss, Middleton states

if driven forward from infinite left, stopped driving at w



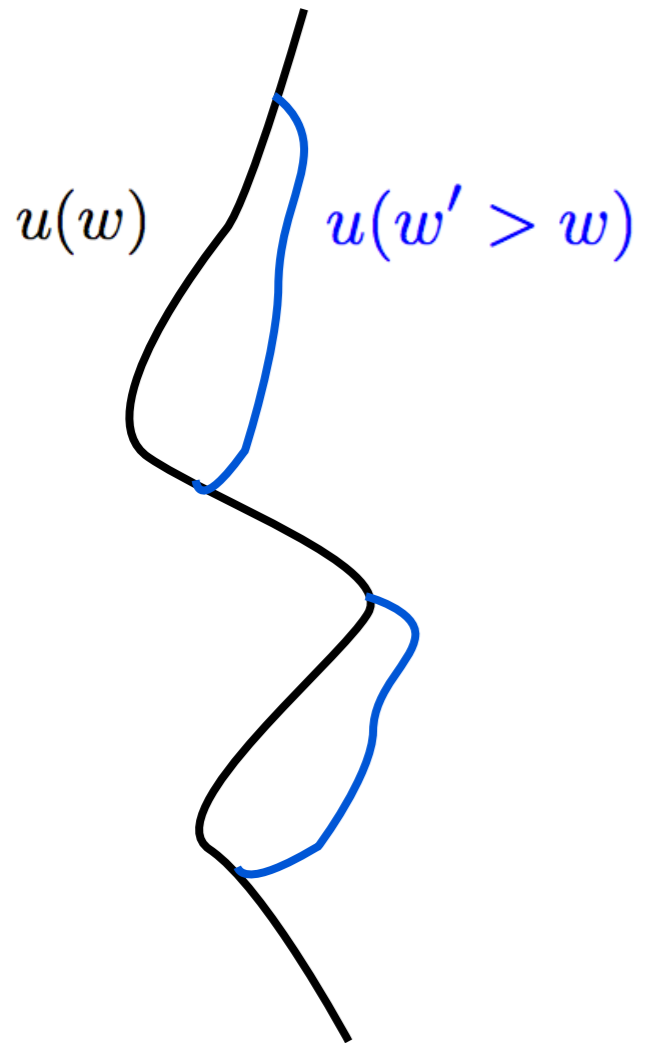
interface converges to Middleton state  $u(x; w)$   
 unique leftmost metastable state (for a fixed w)

$$\implies u(x, t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x; w)$$

$$u(w) = L^{-d} \int_x u(x, w)$$

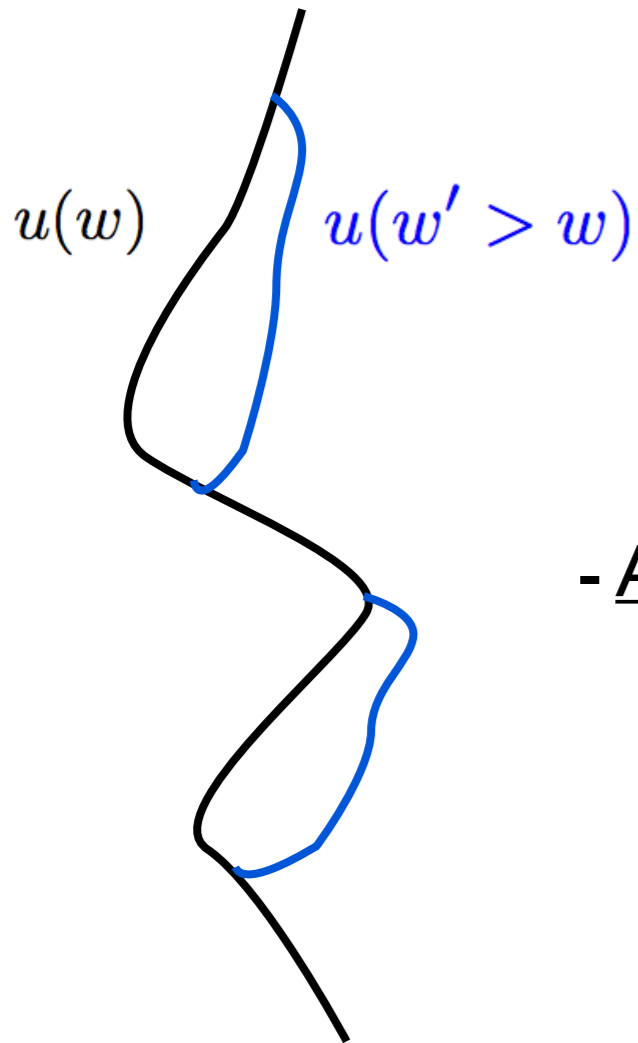
should be tested in experiments (when possible!)

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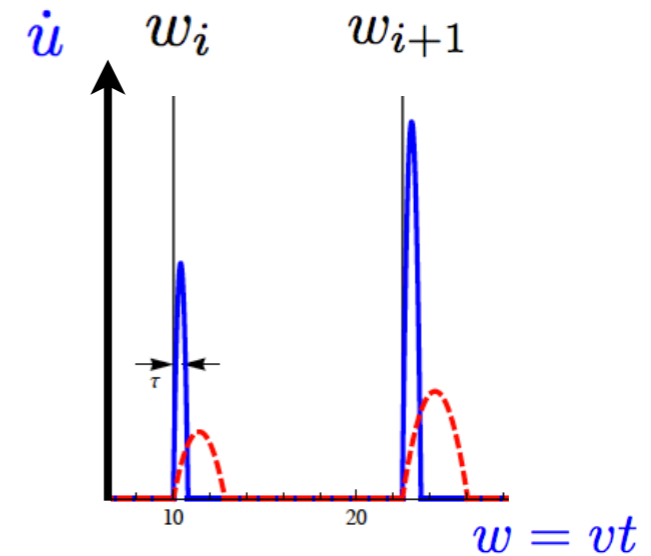
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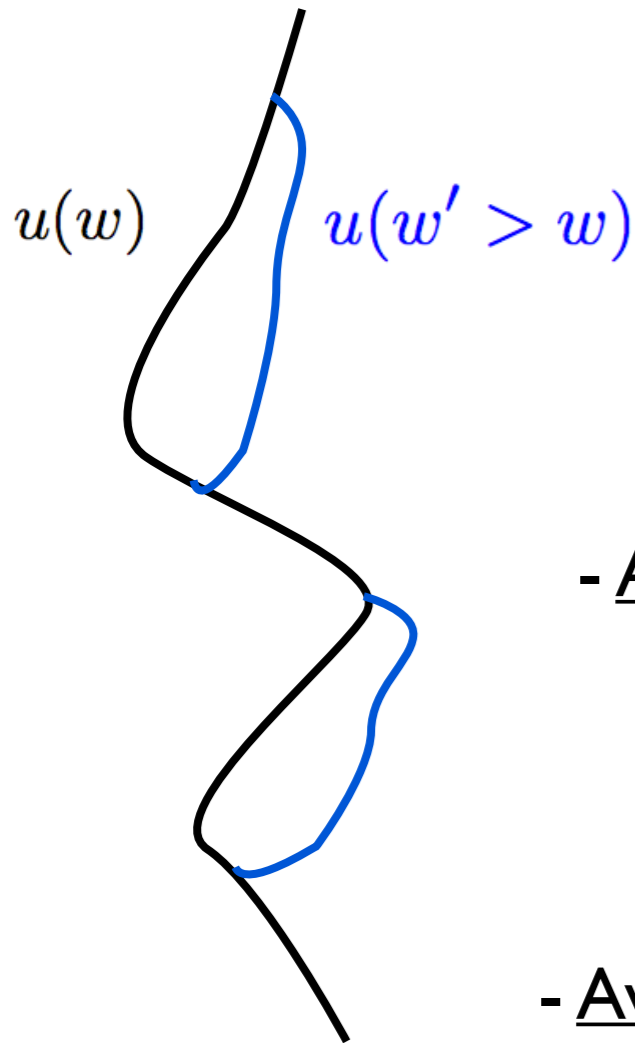
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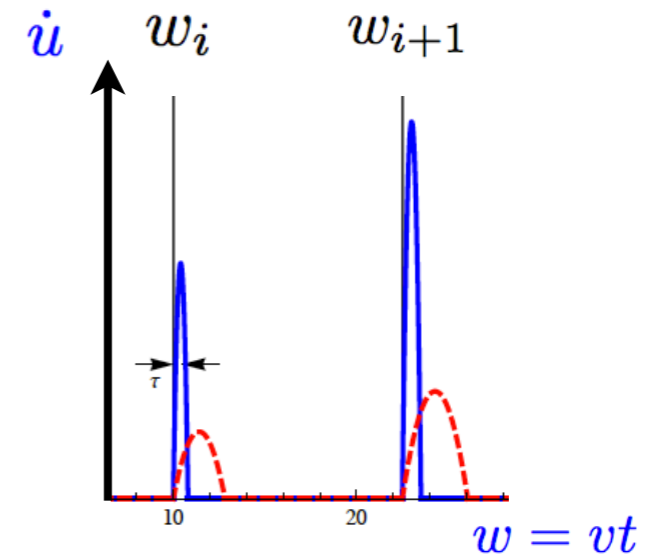
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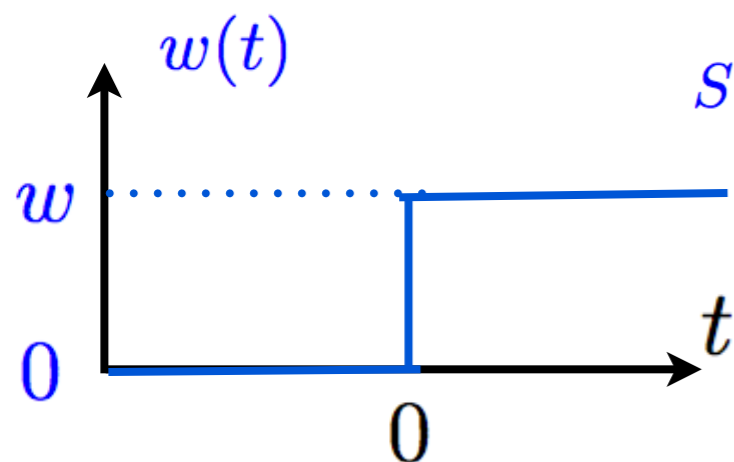
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- Avalanches following a kick:  $\dot{w}(t) = w\delta(t)$

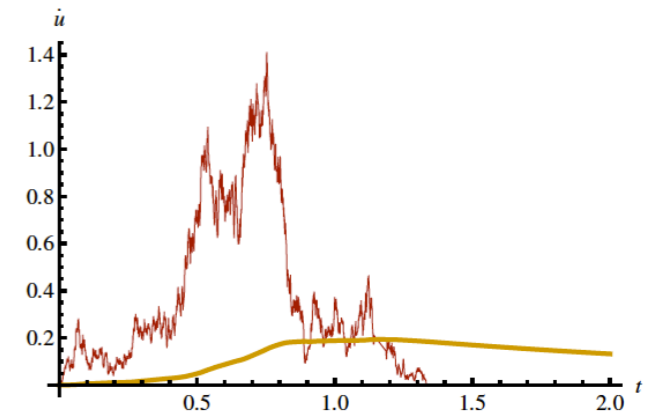
at rest in Middleton state  $u(w=0)$  at  $t < 0$



$$S = L^d \int_0^{+\infty} \dot{w}(t) dt = L^d (u(w) - u(0))$$

in limit  $w=0^+$  same as steady state avalanches

$$\rho(S) = \partial_w P_w(S) |_{w=0^+}$$



# Functional RG and field theory

PLD, EPL (2006)

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$$\overline{(u(w) - w)(u(w) - w')^c} = m^{-4} L^d \Delta(w - w')$$

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$$\tilde{\Delta}^*(u) = \epsilon d_1(u) + \epsilon^2 d_2(u) + \dots \quad \epsilon = d_{uc} - d$$

All universal observables can be obtained in perturbation in  $\tilde{\Delta}^*(u)$  i.e. in  $\epsilon$

Allows to calculate depinning critical exponents: two independent exponents

$u \sim x^\zeta$	SR	$\zeta = \frac{\epsilon}{3}(1 + 0.1433\epsilon)$	$\epsilon = 4 - d$	SR d=1	$\zeta = 1.250 \pm 0.005$
$x \sim t^z$	LR	$0.39735\epsilon$	$\epsilon = 2 - d$		$z = 1.433 \pm 0.007$

Ferrero (2013)

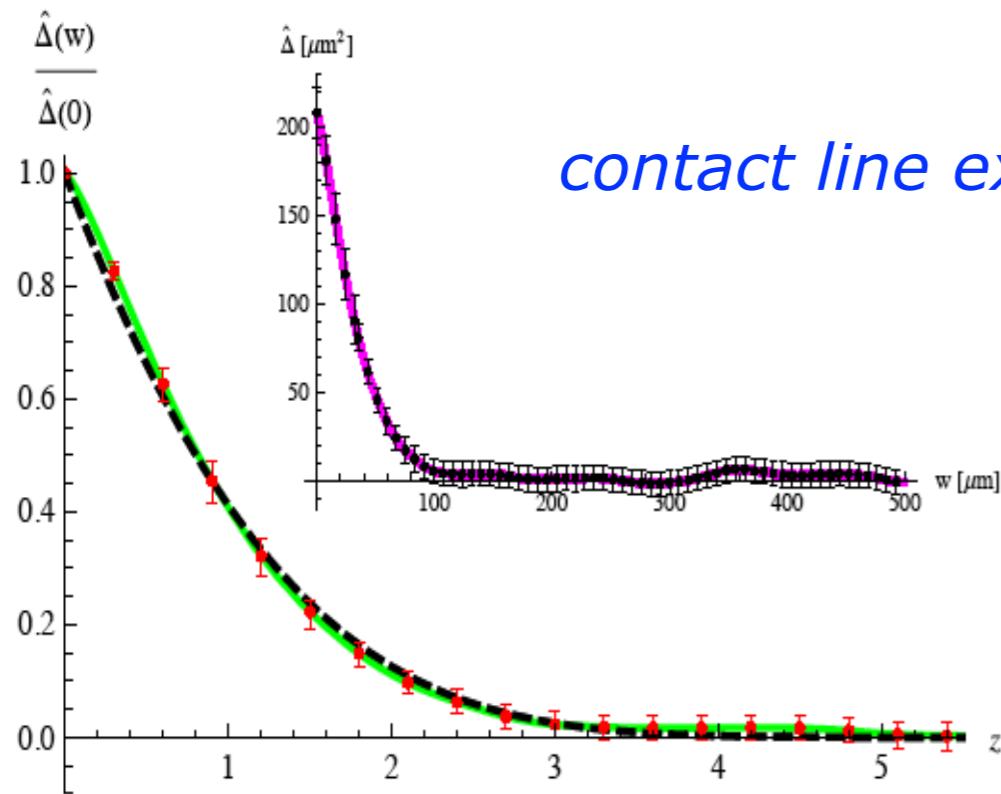
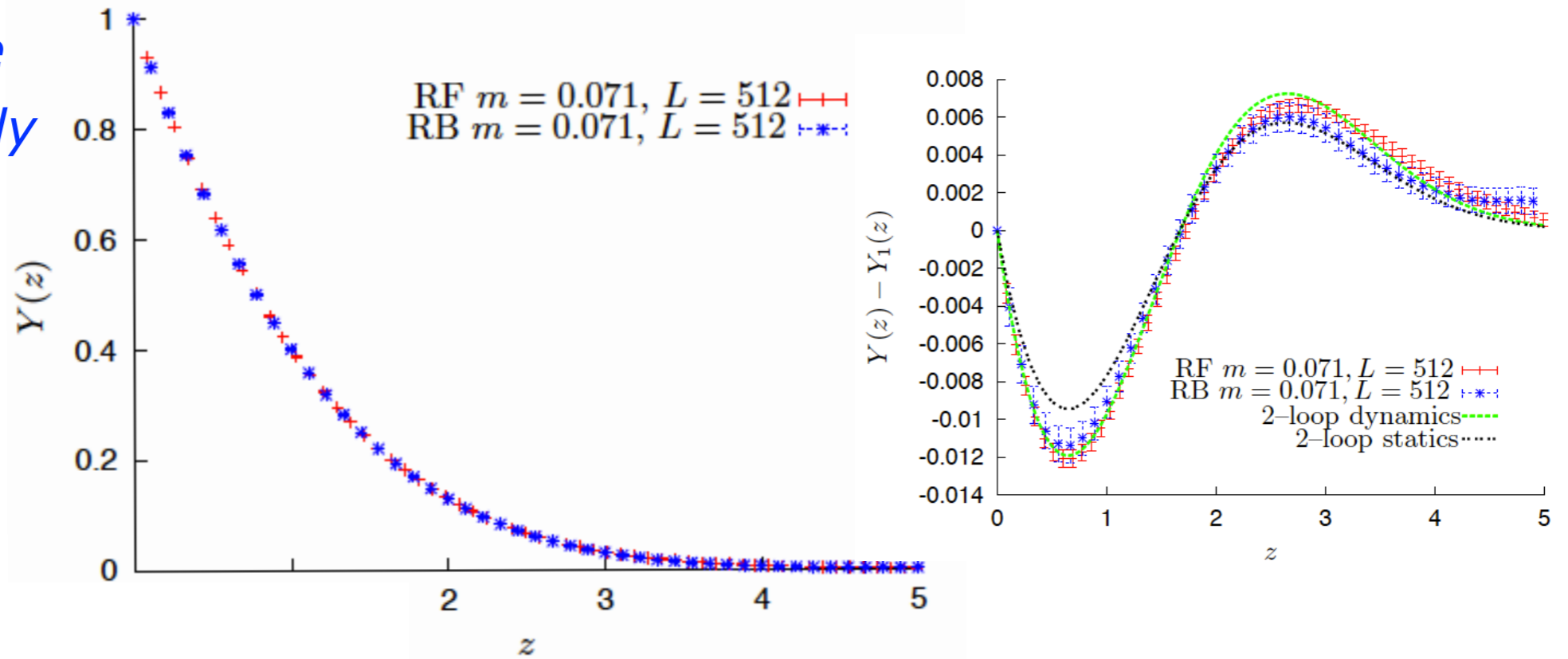
$$z = 2 - \frac{2}{9}\epsilon - 0.0432\epsilon^2 - 0.1133\epsilon^2$$

LR d=1 predicts 0.4 confirmed numerics  
Rosso, Krauth  $\zeta = 0.39..$   
fracture: Ponson, Santucci,..

# FRG fixed point at depinning: numerics and experiments

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by quadratic well

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condmat/0610821



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E. Rolley, S. Moulinet, PLD, KW  
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$$\hat{\Delta}(w - w') := \langle \bar{h}_l(w) \bar{h}_l(w') \rangle$$

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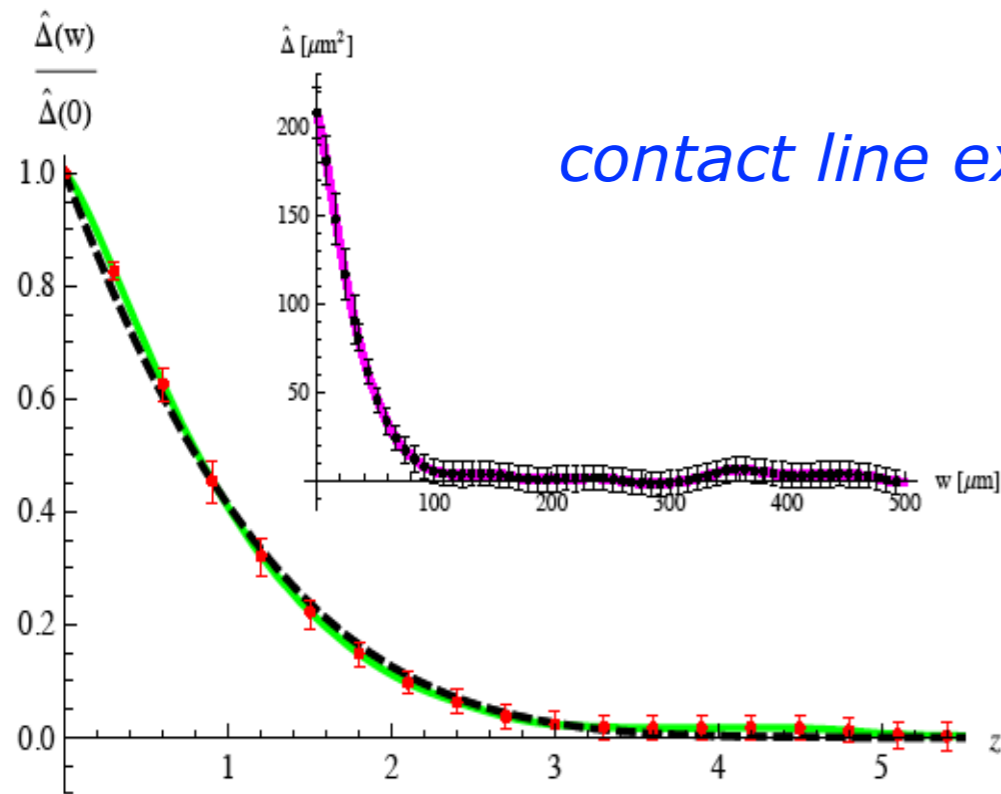
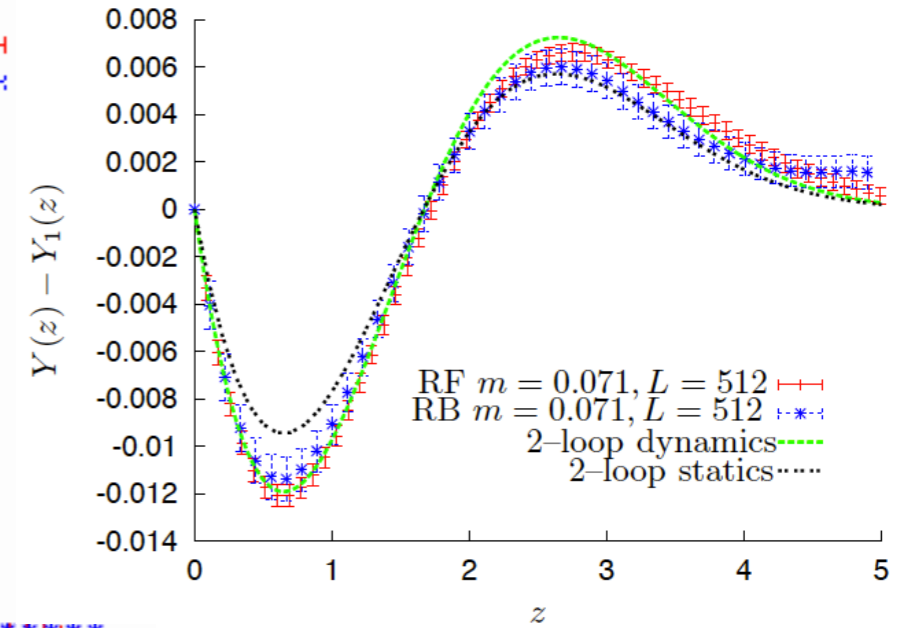
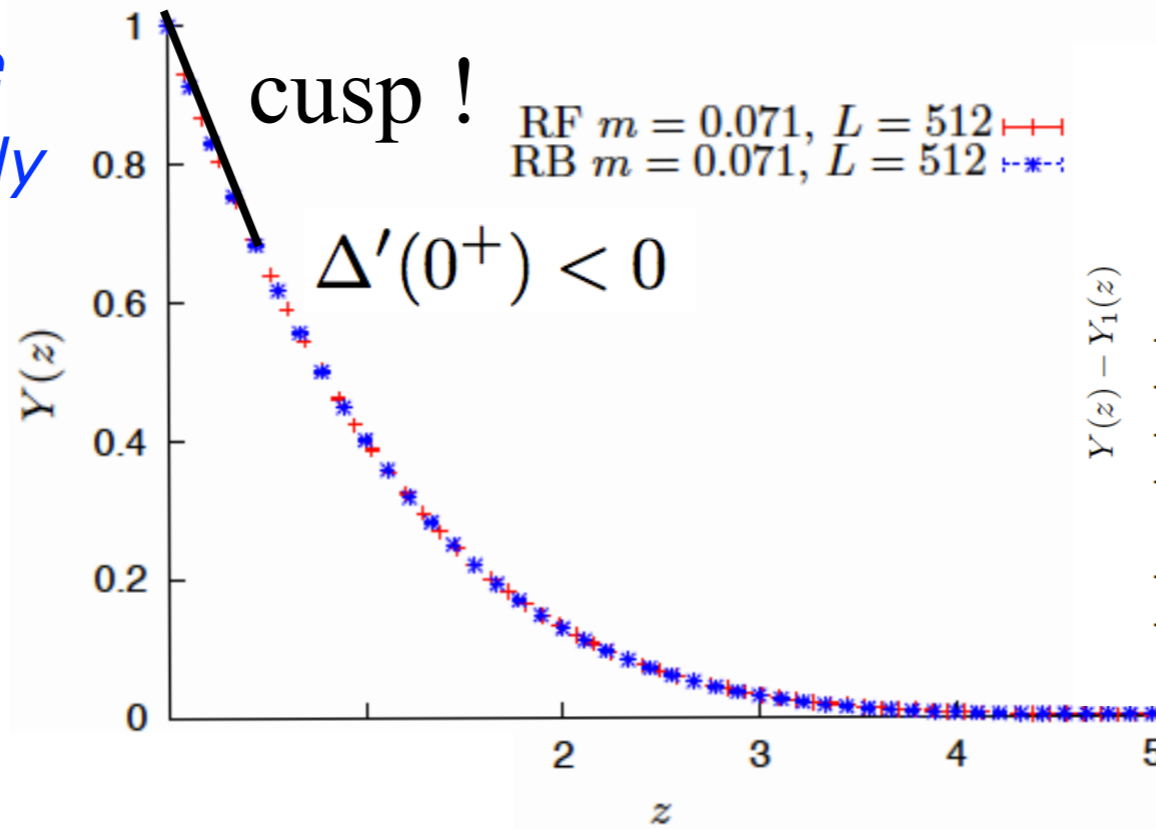
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# Avalanches :

Two characteristic scales:

large size cutoff:

$$S_m := \frac{\langle S^2 \rangle}{2\langle S \rangle} = \frac{|\Delta'(0^+)|}{m^4} \simeq c_S m^{-(d+\zeta)}$$

relaxation time of  
large avalanches:

$$\tau_m = \frac{\eta_m}{m^2} \simeq c_\tau m^{-z}$$

from linear response function  
at  $q=0$  and small frequency

$$1/R_{q,\omega} \simeq q^2 + m^2 + i\omega\eta_m + ..$$

$$\frac{1}{\eta_m} = \frac{\delta\dot{u}}{\delta f}$$

Mean field :

$$d \geq d_{uc}$$

$$S_m = \frac{\sigma}{m^4}$$

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log(m) corrections in  $d=d_{uc}$

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$$d = 4 - \epsilon$$

$$p(s) = \frac{A}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{1}{s^\tau} e^{Cs^{1/2} - \frac{B}{4}s^\delta}$$

$$\gamma_E = 0.577216$$

$$A = 1 - \frac{2 - 3\gamma_E}{36} \epsilon$$

$$B = 1 + \frac{2}{9} \left(1 + \frac{\gamma_E}{4}\right) \epsilon$$

$$C = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{9} \epsilon$$

$$d = 1$$

avalanche exponent:

$$\tau = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{\epsilon}{12}$$

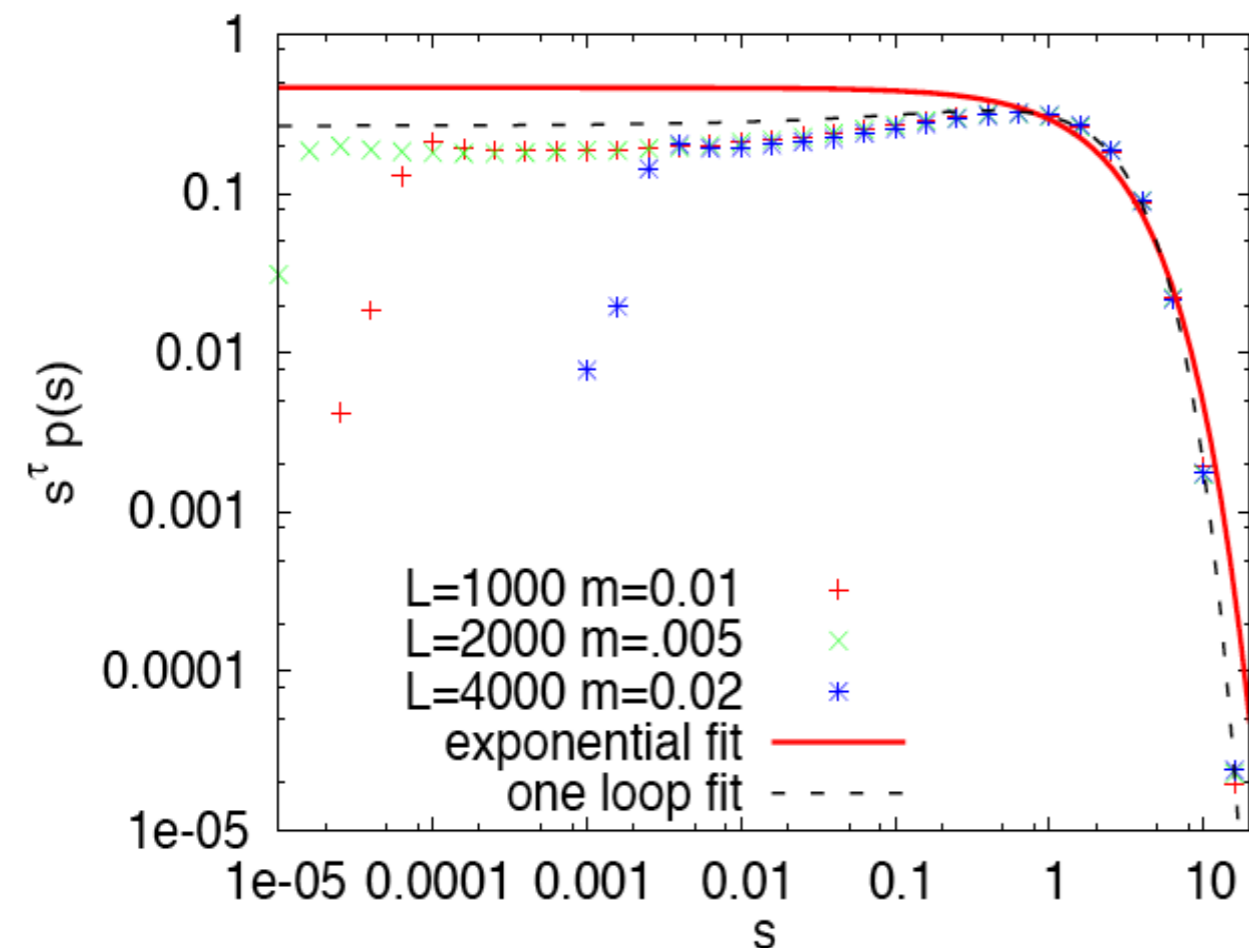
$$\delta = 1 + \frac{\epsilon}{6}$$

agrees to  $O(\epsilon)$  with Narayan-Fisher conjecture

$$\tau_{\text{conj}} = 2 - \frac{2}{d + \zeta}$$

$$\tau_{\text{num}}^{d=1} = 1.08 \pm 0.02$$

$$\text{NF} = 1.11$$



# Mean-field theory of avalanche dynamics for driven interfaces

# mean field theory of elastic interfaces: the Brownian Force Model (BFM)

“theorem”: - for  $d \geq d_{uc}$  the joint velocity distribution of all  $\dot{u}(x, t)$   
in an avalanche are described by the BFM

single avalanche, monotonicity  $v \rightarrow 0^+$   $\dot{w} = 0^+$

large scale, only velocity, not position NOT a MFT for depinning

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$$\sigma = -\Delta'(0^+) \equiv \sigma_m$$

renormalized disorder

$$\eta_0 \rightarrow \eta_m$$

- interface does not “revisit” same disorder

- renormalized disorder is rough (cusp) and locally Brownian

log(m) diverg. at  $d_{uc}$

$$\Delta(0) - \Delta(u) = \sigma |u| + O(\Delta''(0))$$

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time derivative of exact equation of motion  $\sqrt{\dot{u}(x, t)} \xi(x, t) \equiv \partial_t F(u(x, t), x)$

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$$\overline{\partial_t F(u(x, t), x) \partial_{t'} F(u(x', t'), x')} = \dot{u}(x, t) \overline{\partial_{t'} \partial_u F(u(x, t), x) F(u(x', t'), x')}$$

$$= \dot{u}(x, t) \Delta'(u(x, t) - u(x, t')) \delta^d(x - x') = \dot{u}(x, t) \partial_{t'} \Delta'(0^+) \text{sgn}(t - t') \delta^d(x - x') + O(\Delta'') + ..$$

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*dynamical action:*

$$\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{S}_0 + \mathcal{S}_{\text{dis}}$$

$$\mathcal{S}_0 = \int_{xt} \tilde{u}_{xt} (\eta \partial_t - \nabla_x^2 + m^2) \dot{u}_{xt}$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{dis}} = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{xtt'} \tilde{u}_{xt} \tilde{u}_{xt'} \partial_t \partial_{t'} \Delta(v(t-t') + u_{xt} - u_{xt'}).$$

*expansion in derivatives:*

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial_t \partial_{t'} \Delta(v(t-t') + u_{xt} - u_{xt'}) \\ &= (v + \dot{u}_{xt}) \partial_{t'} \Delta'(v(t-t') + u_{xt} - u_{xt'}) \\ &= (v + \dot{u}_{xt}) \Delta'(0^+) \partial_{t'} \text{sgn}(t-t') + \dots \end{aligned}$$

*this is BFM*



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_{\text{dis}} &= -\sigma \int_{xtt'} \tilde{u}_{xt} \tilde{u}_{xt} (v + \dot{u}_{xt}) & (302) & \quad \Delta(u) = -\sigma |u| + \Delta_{\text{reg}}(u) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \int_{xtt'} \tilde{u}_{xt} \tilde{u}_{xt'} (v + \dot{u}_{xt}) (v + \dot{u}_{xt'}) \Delta''_{\text{reg}}(v(t-t') + u_{xtt'}) . \end{aligned}$$



*this is small, arises to  $O(d_c - d)$*

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II - exact formula for generating function (Laplace transform of multi-point correlations)

Obtained from dynamical field theory, MSR action

$$\overline{e^{\int d^d x dt \lambda(x, t) \dot{u}(x, t)}} = e^{\int d^d x dt \dot{f}(x, t) \tilde{u}(x, t)} \quad \dot{f}(t) = m^2 \dot{w}(t)$$

$\tilde{u}(x, t)$  solution of the “instanton equation” :

$$(\eta \partial_t + \nabla_x^2 - m^2) \tilde{u} + \sigma \tilde{u}^2 = -\lambda(x, t) \quad \tilde{u}(x, +\infty) = 0$$



BFM: center of mass observables

following a finite kick

$$\dot{w}(t) = w\delta(t)$$

- size distribution

$$S = \int_0^\infty dt \dot{u}(t)$$

$$\lambda(x, t) = \lambda\theta(t)$$

$$\overline{e^{L^d \lambda S}} = e^{m^2 L^d w \tilde{u}}$$

$$-m^2 \tilde{u} + \sigma \tilde{u}^2 = -\lambda$$

dimensionless units

$$S_m = \frac{\sigma}{m^4}$$

$$P_w(S) = \frac{w L^d}{2\sqrt{\pi} S^{3/2}} e^{-\frac{(S - w L^d)^2}{4S}}$$

- "single" avalanche regime  $w \sim L^{-d}$

- fixed  $w$   $L \rightarrow \infty$

converges to Gaussian

independent avalanches along  $x$

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symmetric for  $w \rightarrow 0$

skewed to beginning at finite  $w$

- joint  $P(S, T)$

$$\bar{S} = 2T \coth(T/2) - 4 \sim T^2 \quad \gamma = 2$$

$$\sim T \quad \text{large } T$$

# BFM: local or q-dependent observables

example

local size distribution

$$S^\phi = \int d^d x \phi(x) S(x)$$

$$S^\phi = \int d^{d-1} x S_{x_1=0,x}$$

$$\rho(S^\phi) = \frac{L^d}{(S_m^\phi)^2} p(S/S_m^\phi)$$

$$p(s) = \frac{2}{\pi s} K_{1/3}(2s/\sqrt{3}) \sim s^{-\tau_\phi}$$

$$\tau_\phi = \frac{4}{3}$$

finite q- asymmetry

$$A(t_1) := \frac{\overline{\dot{u}_{-T/2} \dot{u}_{q,t_1} \dot{u}_{-q,t_1} \dot{u}_{T/2}}}{\overline{\dot{u}_{-T/2} \dot{u}_{q,0} \dot{u}_{-q,0} \dot{u}_{T/2}}}$$

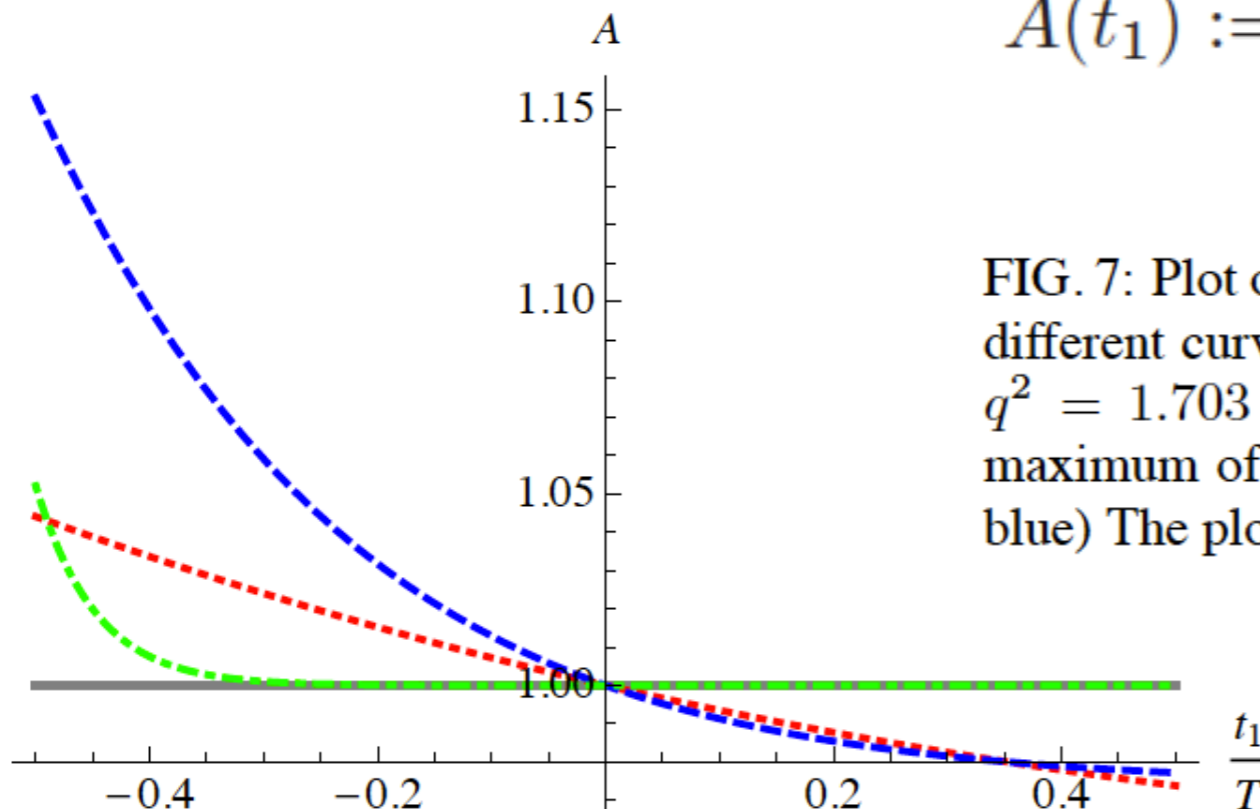


FIG. 7: Plot of the asymmetry ratio  $A$  defined in equation (291). The different curves are for  $q^2 = 0$  (solid gray),  $q^2 = 0.2$  (dotted red),  $q^2 = 1.703$  (dashed blue), and  $q^2 = 10$  (dot-dashed, green). The maximum of  $A$  at  $t_1 = -T/2$  is attained for  $q^2 = 1.703$  (dashed blue) The plot is for  $T = 1$ .

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more general:

e.g. local sizes exponent

$$\rho_f = \frac{\partial_{\dot{f}_{xt}} e^{\int_{xt} \lambda_{xt} \dot{u}_{xt}}}{\dot{f}_{xt} = m^2 \dot{w}_{xt}} \Big|_{f=0} = \langle \tilde{u}_{xt} \rangle \mathcal{S}[\tilde{u}, \dot{u}, \lambda]$$

has  $m=0$  limit

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$$\tau_{MF, d-1} = 4/3$$

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GNF argument:

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has  $m=0$  limit

1-loop agrees with GNF

$$a = 2 - \frac{2}{d + \zeta - z}$$

More: local velocity exponent

$$a_\phi = 2 - \frac{2}{d_\phi + \zeta - z}$$

Long Range elasticity:  $c(q) = (q^2 + \mu^2)^{\gamma/2}$   $\mu^\gamma = m^2$

$$S_\mu = \sigma_\mu / \mu^4 \sim \mu^{-(d+\zeta)} \quad \tau_\mu = \eta_\mu / \mu^2 \sim \mu^{-z}$$

generalized NF:  $S_\mu^{\tau-2} \sim m^2$   $\tau = 2 - \frac{\gamma}{d+\zeta}$

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	3	0.34	1.74	1.40	-3.88	1.77	0.75	3.43	1.92
LR	1	0.39	0.74	1.28	-0.56	1.53	0.46	4.86	1.88

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TABLE II: Critical exponents obtained via the scaling relations. For the localized avalanche exponents we consider a point,  $d_\phi = 0$ .

# Distribution of global velocity

with A. Kolton

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Ferrero (2013)

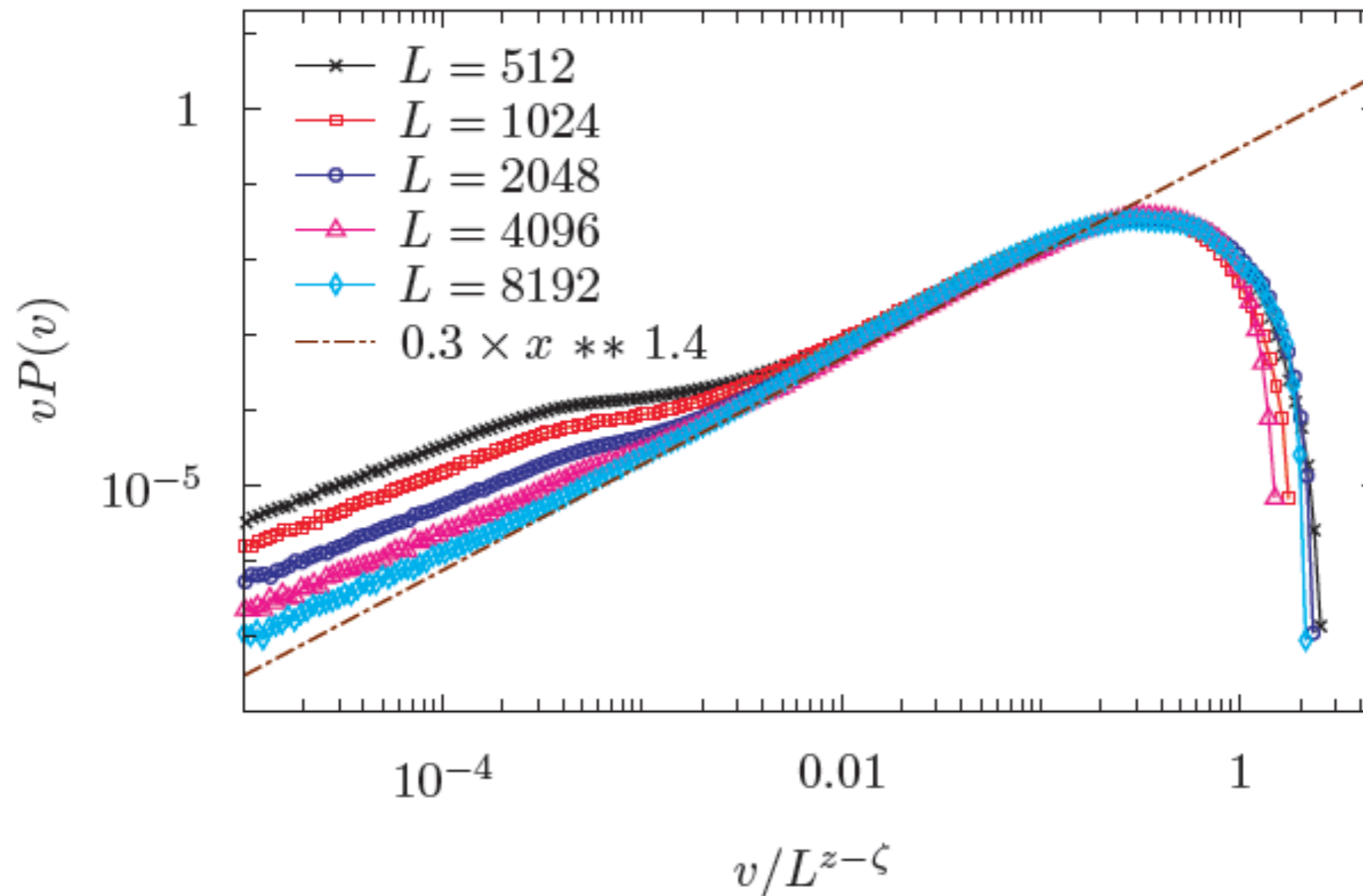
$$\zeta = 1.250 \pm 0.005$$

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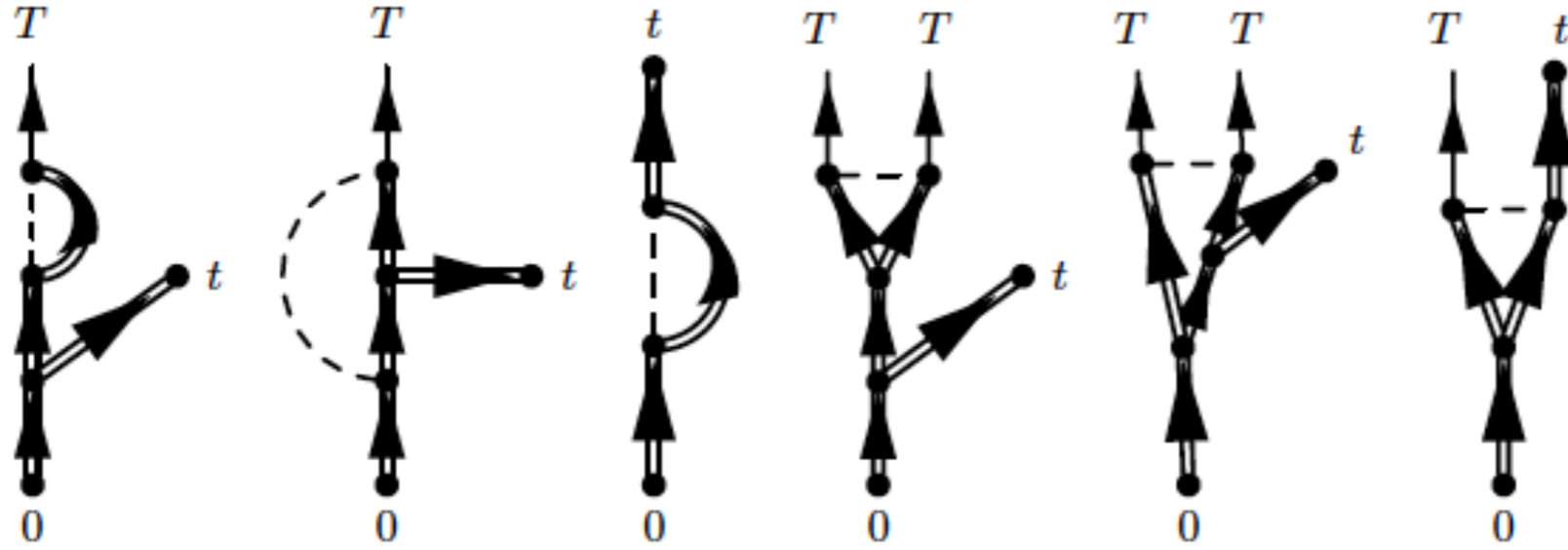


Fig. 1: Diagrammatic representation of the 1-loop corrections to the shape at fixed duration (28) (similarly for (34)). Solid lines are response functions, doubled for dressed ones, defined in [27]; they account for the non-vanishing expectation of  $\tilde{u}_{xt}$  in Eq. (13). Dashed lines are  $g$ -vertices, the other vertices are  $\sigma$ . Internal times and the loop momentum are integrated over.

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$$h(x) = \text{Li}_2(1-x) - \text{Li}_2\left(\frac{1-x}{2}\right) + \frac{x \ln(2x)}{x-1} + \frac{(x+1) \ln(x+1)}{2(1-x)}$$

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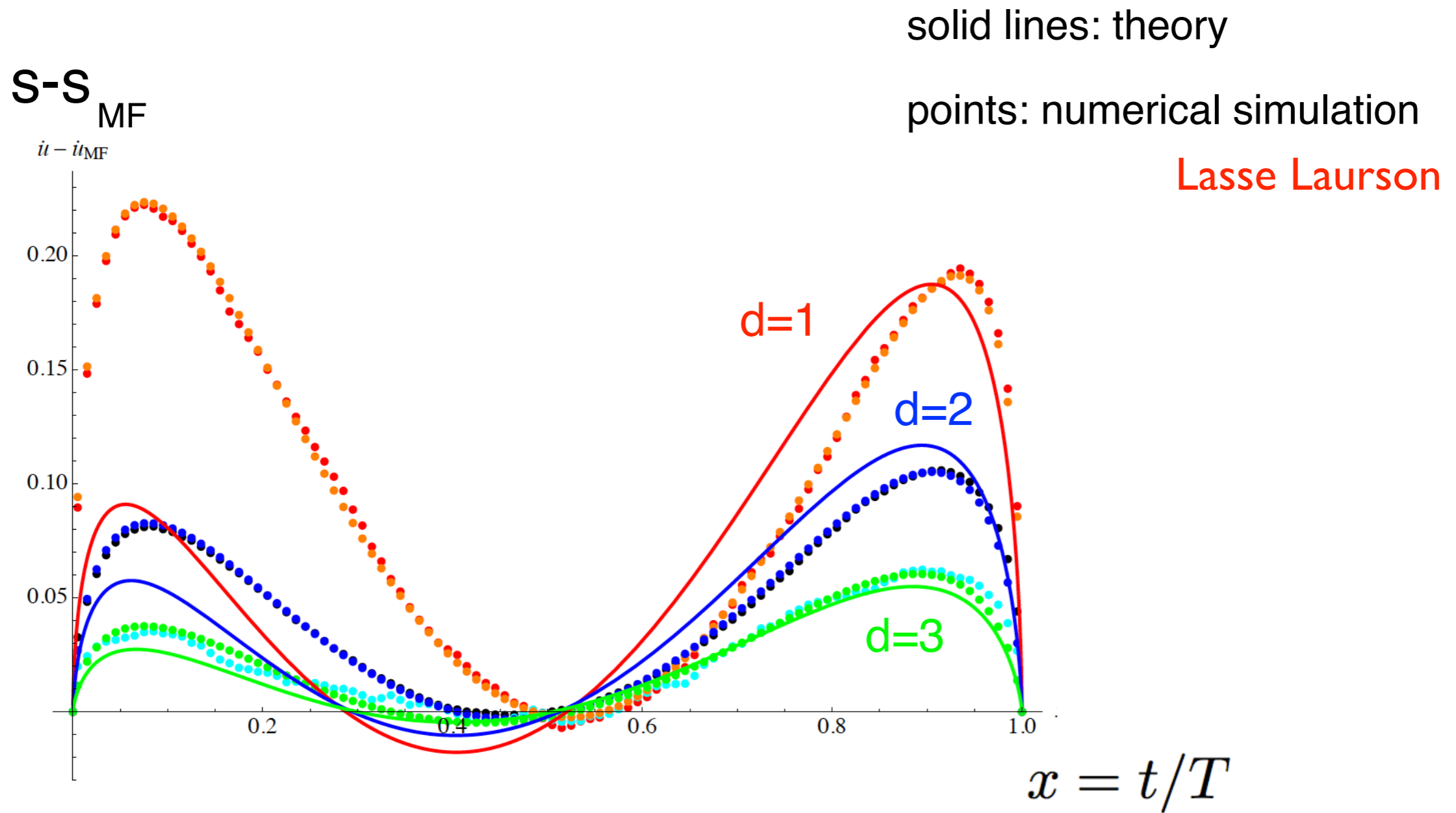
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# Normalized shape minus normalized MF shape



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Mean-field:

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independent of m

Gianfranco Durin

Barkhausen noise

1  $\mu$ m polycrystals

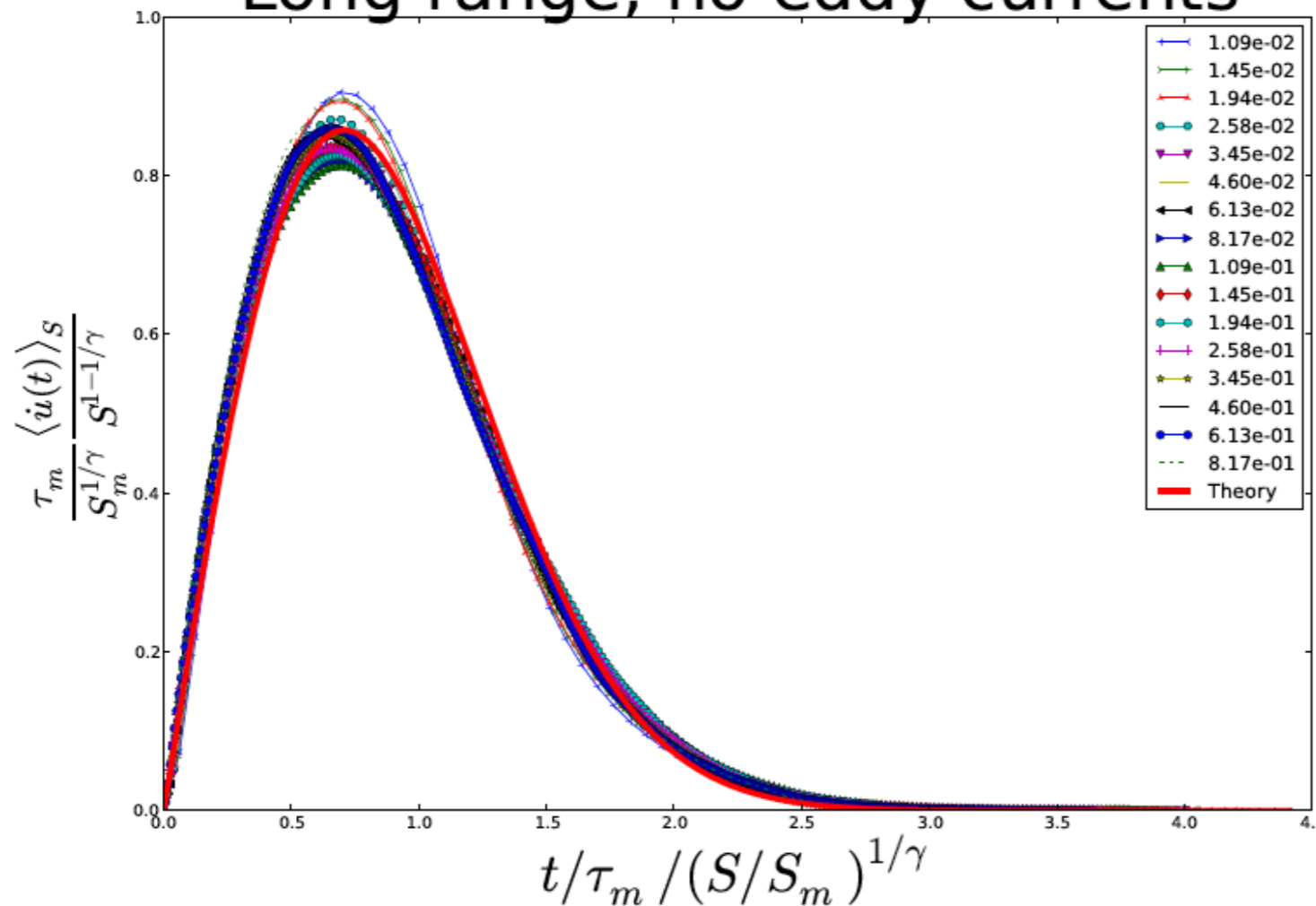
$$S_m := \frac{\langle S^2 \rangle}{2\langle S \rangle}$$

$$\tau_m = 3.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s.}$$

only parameter

m = k0 demag. field

Long range, no eddy currents



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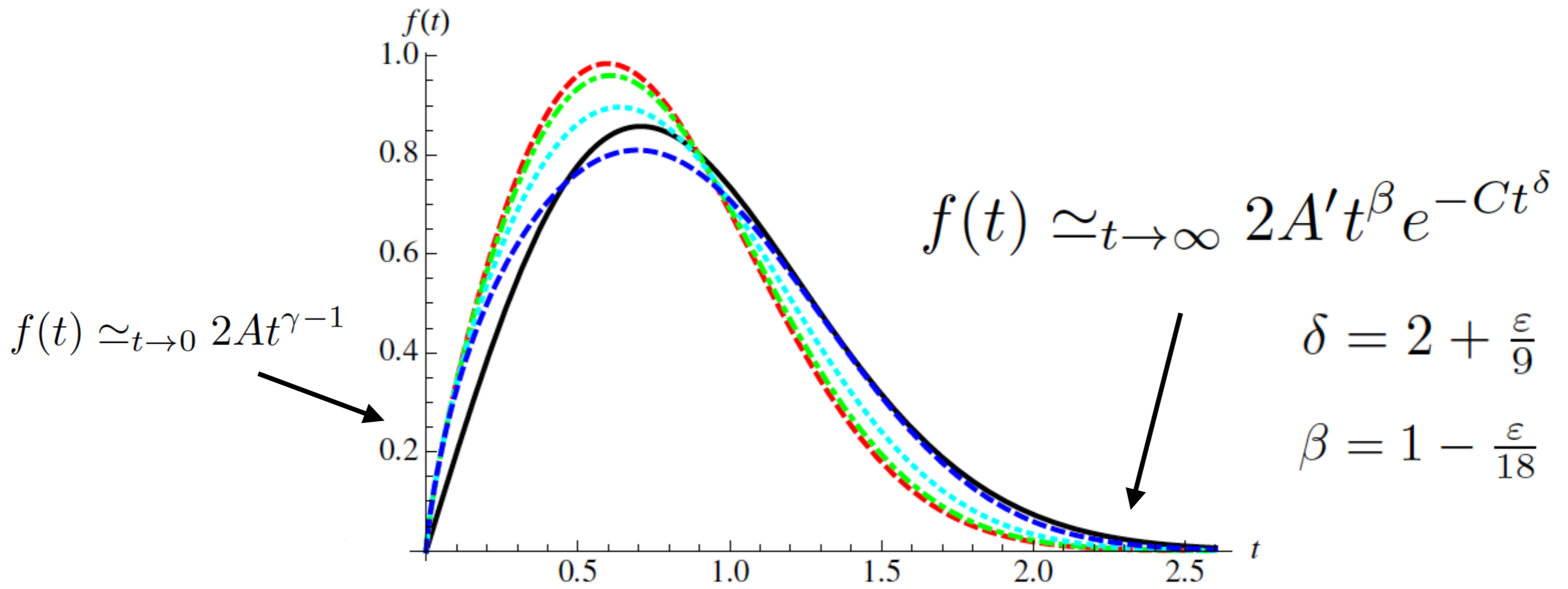


Fig. 3: The shape at fixed size, as given by Eq. (37). Mean field (black solid line). The remaining curves are for  $\varepsilon = 2$ : small  $S/S_m = 0^+$  limit (red dashed) and  $S/S_m = 1, 10, 30$  (green dot-dashed, cyan dotted, and blue dashed).

$$A = 1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{9}(1 - \gamma_E)$$

$$A' = 1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{36}(5 - 3\gamma_E - \ln 4)$$

$$C = 1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{9} \ln 2$$

## ABBM model + relaxation:

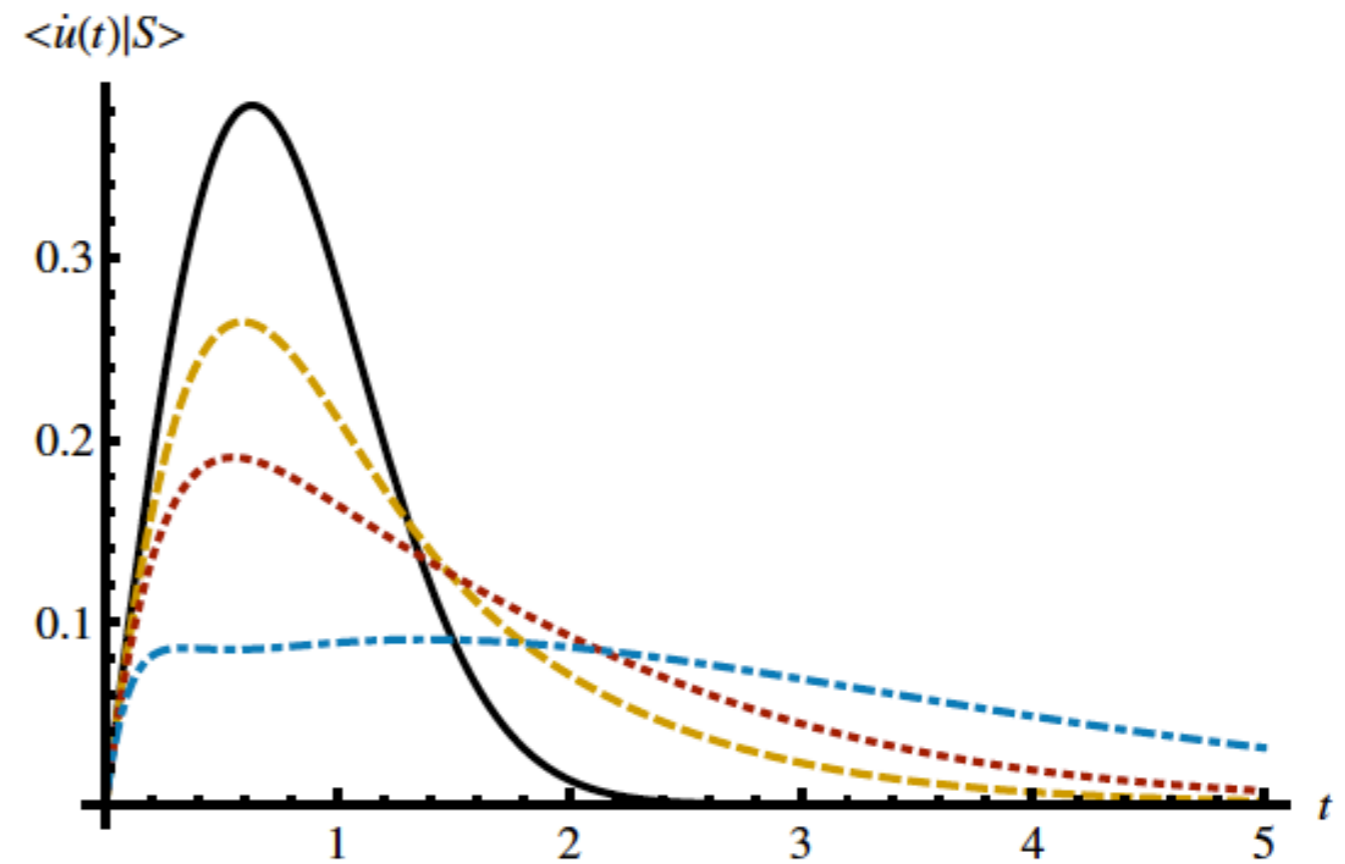
$$\eta \dot{u}(t) + a \int_{-\infty}^t ds f(t-s) \dot{u}(s) = F(u(t)) + m^2 [w(t) - u(t)].$$

Middleton OK => avalanches sizes unchanged,  
splitted in subavalanches (aftershocks)

exactly solvable  
by the “instanton” equation

analytical calculation of  
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asymmetry in shapes (Zapperi  
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**From sandpiles to interfaces**

# Sandpile models

integer height  $z(x,t)$

$x$  in square lattice

1) BTW model

$x$  topples if

$$z(x, t) > z_c$$

$$z_c = 2d - 1$$

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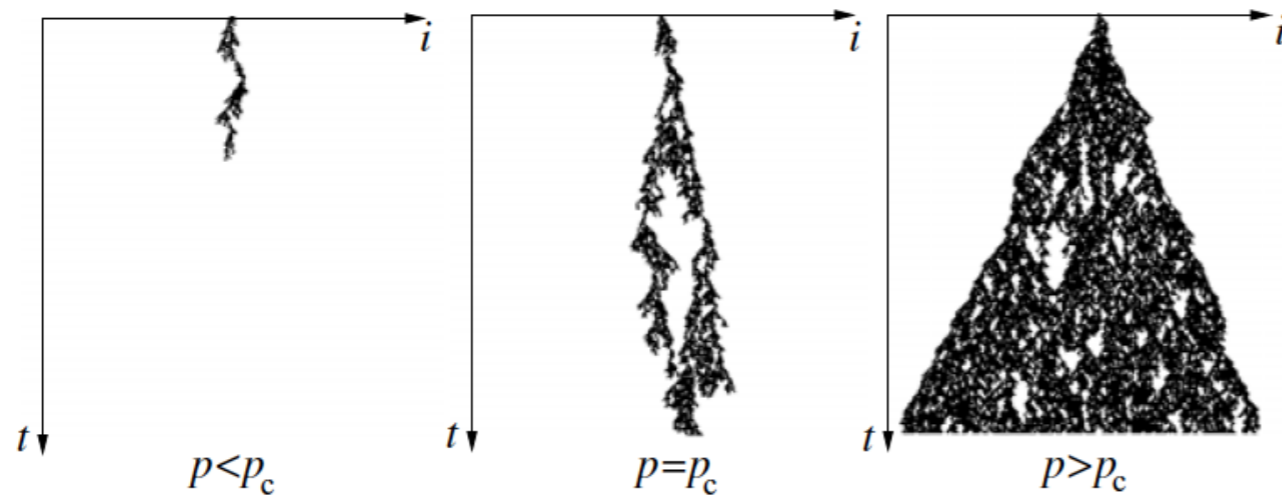
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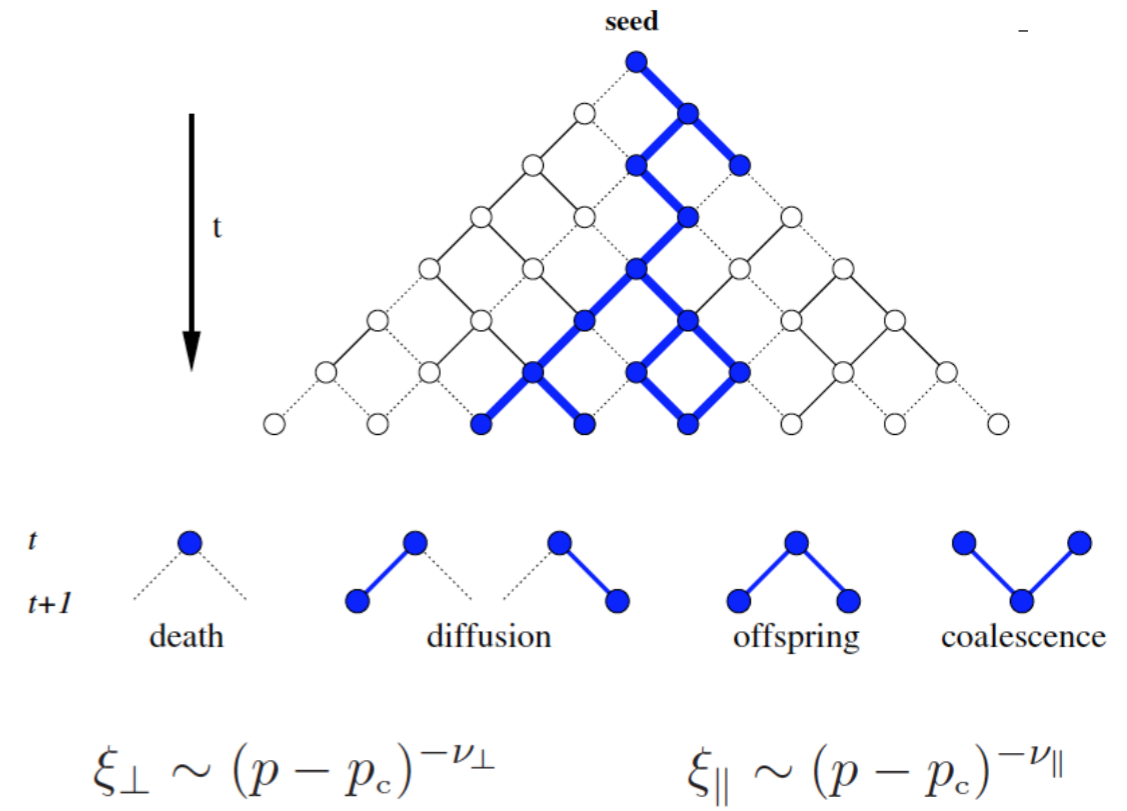


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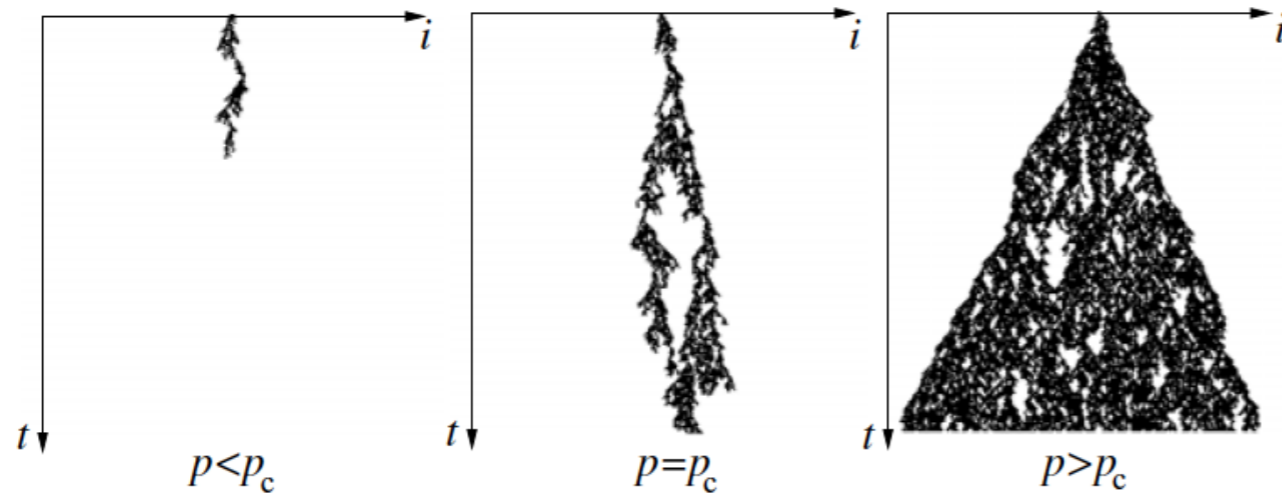
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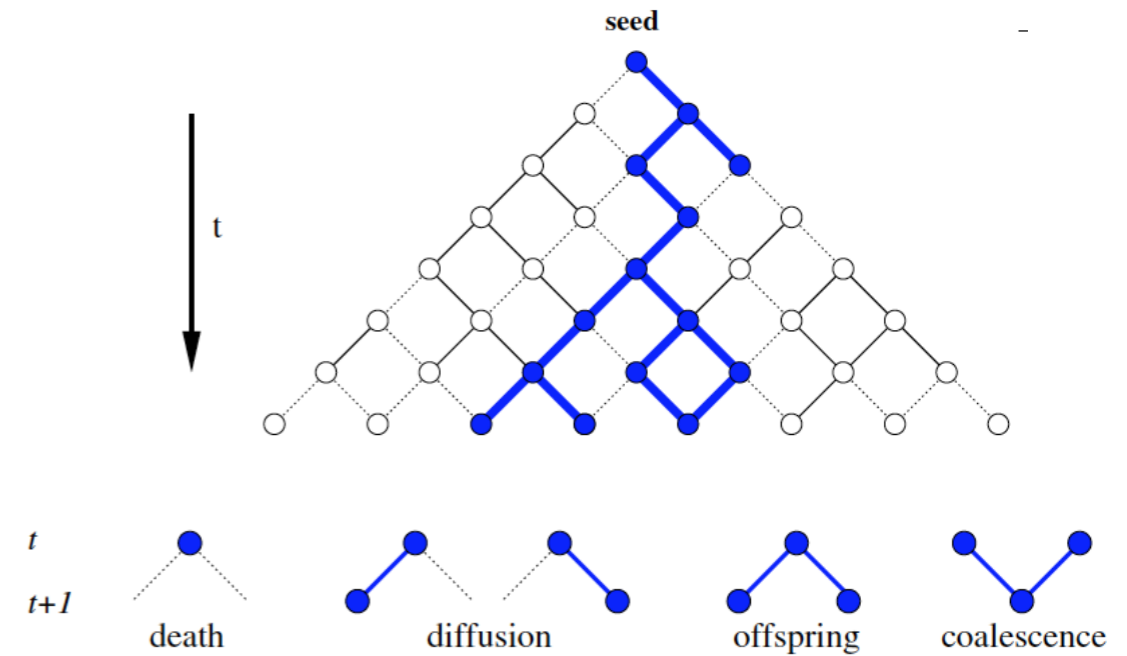


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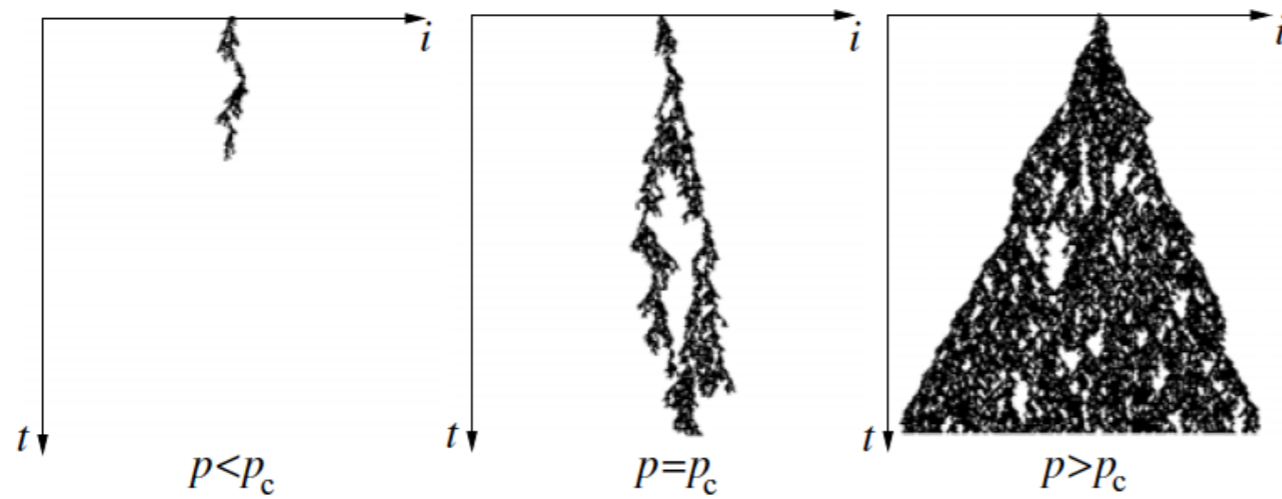
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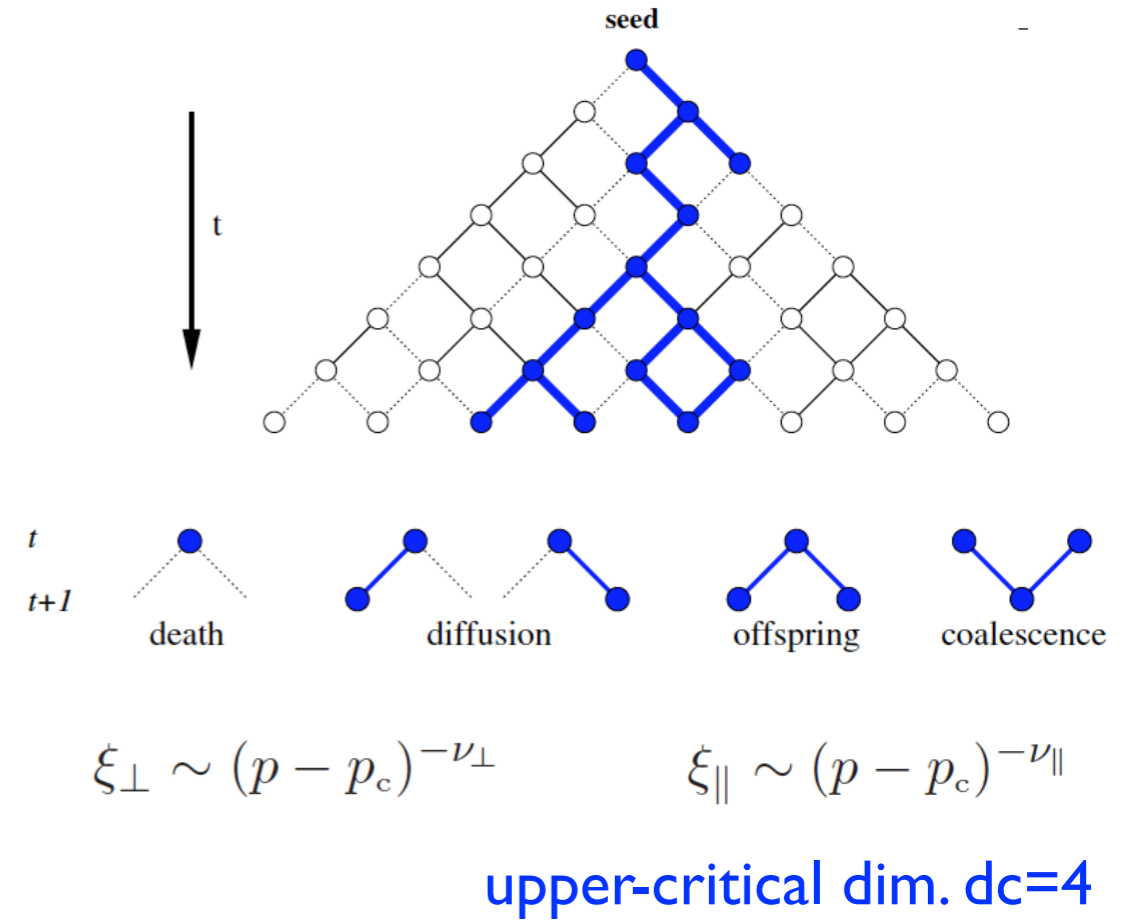
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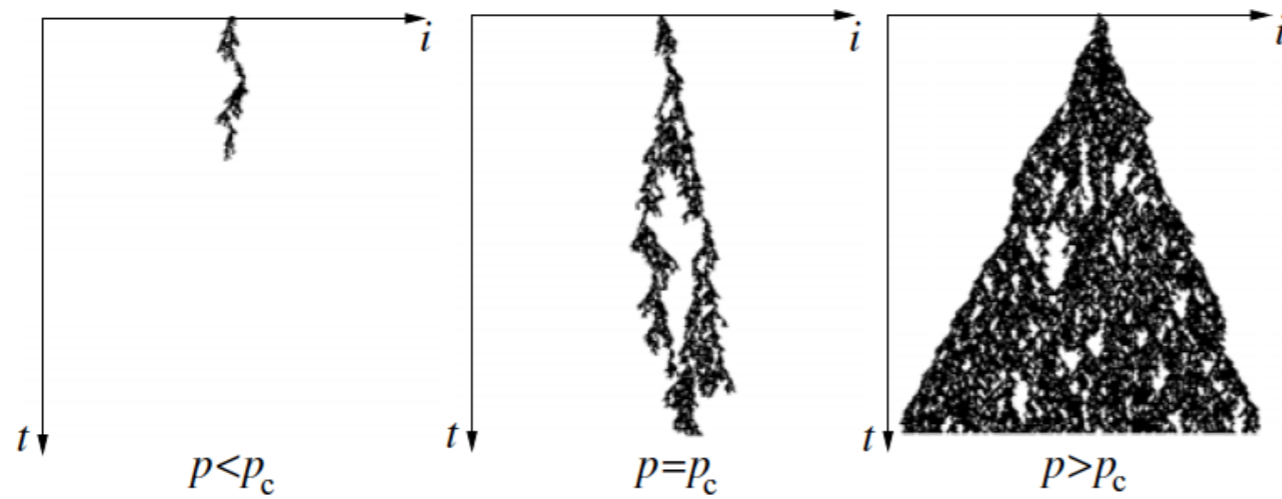
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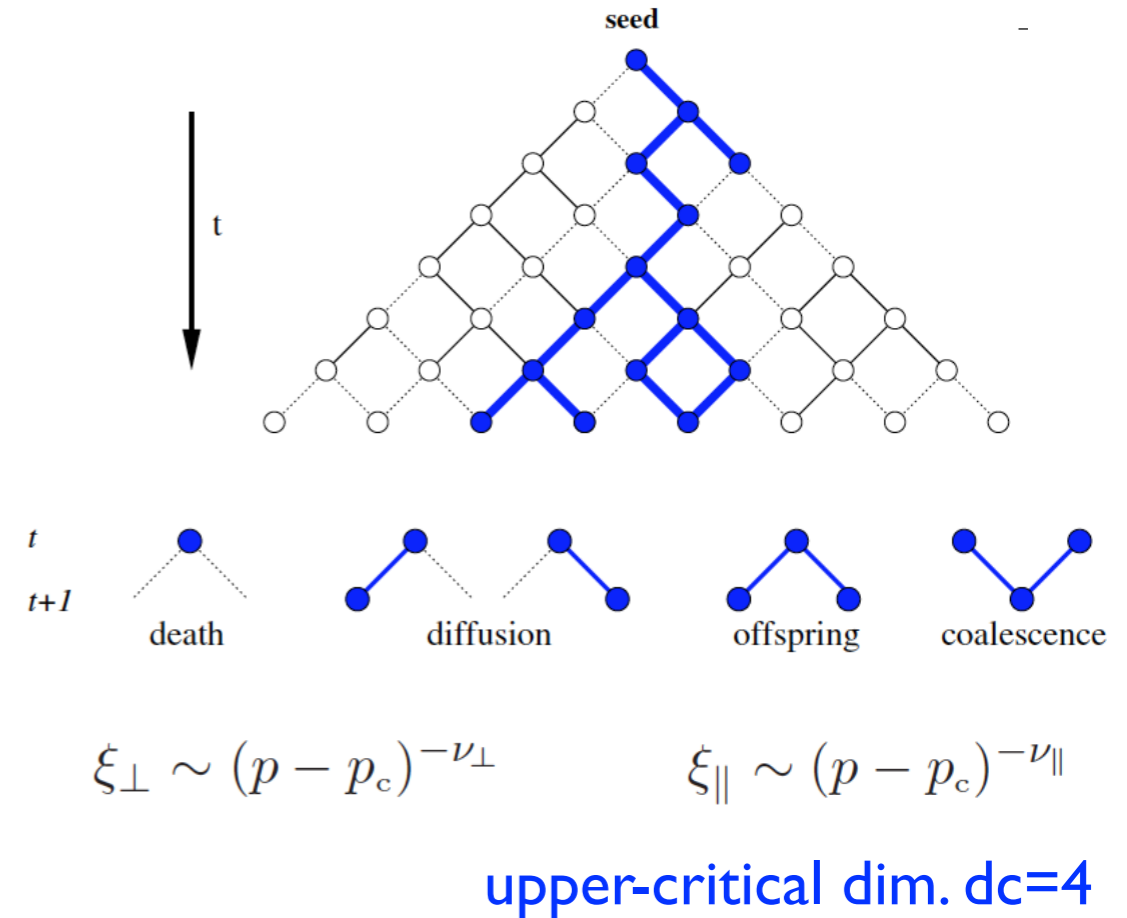
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C-DP effective field theory for Manna sandpiles

Vespignani, Dickmann, Munoz, Zapperi (1998)

Bonachela, Alava, Munoz (2009)

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- interface depinning (quenched edwards wilkinson)

- stochastic sandpile models

=> same (avalanche, transition..) exponents !

- conserved directed percolation (reaction-diffusions etc..)

# Conclusion

- precise theory avalanches for elastic interfaces /with Middleton theorem
- correct MFT is BFM, reproduces ABBM for center of mass, L,w dependence
- exact solution BFM using instanton equation: many observables for arbitrary non-stationary driving  $w(t)$ , finite  $q$  assymetry etc..

in progress: many more observables, spatial shape,  $P(l)$ ,  
other joint distributions, LR elasticity etc..

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- beyond MFT: scaling relations avalanche exponents

loop calculation of scaling functions of many observables  
avalanche shape at fixed  $T$ , at fixed  $S$  U-shape, joint  $S, T$ , second shape etc..

in progress: avalanche correlations

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- open questions: finite  $v$ , non-monotonous, away from Middleton, etc..

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- FRG for stochastic sandpiles, reaction-diffusion models, epidemics ..
- generalizations, stochastic PDE for quenched KPZ, glasses, yielding?
- BTW sandpiles  $\Leftrightarrow$  periodic depinning ??



$$f(t) - f_{MF}(t)$$

