

From bulk descriptions to emergent interfaces

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Interfaces

Are ubiquitous in Nature



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Disordered elastic systems framework



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$$B(r,t) = \frac{Tr}{c} \left[1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}zr} \left(e^{-z^2r^2} - 1 \right) - \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{zr} e^{-t^2} dt \right] \quad z = \sqrt{\frac{\tilde{\eta}}{8ct}}$$



The framework allows us to perform very precise analytical calculations

Interface

Ginzburg-Landau approach

 $\mathcal{H}_{\rm GL}[\varphi] = \int d\vec{r} \, \frac{\gamma}{2} |\nabla_{\vec{r}}\varphi|^2 + V(\varphi) - h\varphi \qquad V(\varphi) = -\frac{\alpha}{2}\varphi^2 + \frac{\delta}{4}\varphi^4$

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Domains obtained with a Ginzburg-Landau approach

The most probable configuration is the one which minimizes the energy:

$$\frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \varphi} = 0 \to \varphi^* = \varphi_0 \tanh\left(\frac{x - x_0}{w}\right) \quad \varphi_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\delta}} \quad w = \sqrt{\frac{2\gamma}{\alpha}}$$

$V_{\zeta}(\varphi(\vec{r})) = V(\varphi(\vec{r}))(1 + \epsilon\zeta(\vec{r}))$ $\langle \zeta(\vec{r}_i)\zeta(\vec{r}_j)\rangle = \delta^2(\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j)$

We use an ansatz $\varphi(x, y, t) = \varphi^*(x - u(y, t))$ $-\frac{\delta \mathcal{H}_{\mathrm{GL}}[\varphi]}{\delta \varphi}\Big|_{\varphi^*} = \gamma \varphi^{*''} - V'(\varphi^*) = 0$

1) By using our ansatz, the Langevin equation becomes

$$-\eta \varphi^{*'} \partial_t u = \gamma \left(\varphi^{*''} (\partial_y u)^2 - \varphi^{*'} \partial_y^2 u \right) - \varepsilon \zeta(x, y) V'(\varphi^*) + \xi(x, y, t)$$

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3) We integrate x over the whole space

Quantitative system reduction

Evolution from an initially flat configuration with equivalent parameters

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 $T << T^* = \frac{\alpha}{\delta}\gamma$

Interfaces' fluctuating shape reveal the systems' microscopic physics

Roughness B(r)= $\overline{\langle [u(y+r) - u(y)]^2 \rangle}$

Quenched Edwards-Wilkinson equation

 $\langle \xi(y_1, t_1) \xi(y_2, t_2) \rangle = 2\eta T \delta(y_2 - y_1) \delta(t_2 - t_1)$

 $\eta \partial_t u(y,t) = c \partial_y^2 u(y,t) + \xi(y,t) + F_p(y,u(y,t))$

Thermal fluctuations

Pinning force with short-length correlations $\overline{F_p(y_1, u_1)F_p(y_2, u_2)} = \Delta_{\mathcal{E}}(u_2 - u_1) \,\delta(y_2 - y_1)$

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Rescaling arguments:

$$A_{\rm dis}(T) = \frac{B_{\rm dis}(r \leqslant r_0)}{r^{2\zeta_{\rm dis}}} \propto \frac{\xi^2 T_c^2}{(c\xi^2)^{2\zeta_{\rm dis}}} \left(\frac{f}{T}\right)^{2(1-\zeta_{\rm dis})}$$

 $\zeta_{dis} = 1$ would yield a temperature-independent

We have shown a numerical confirmation of this regime

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Allows us to emulate typical experimental I

$$\eta \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} = \gamma \nabla^2 \varphi + (D \alpha \varphi + H)(1 - \varphi^2) + \xi$$
$$D = D(\varepsilon, \vec{r}) = (1 + \epsilon \chi(\vec{r}))$$
$$\langle \chi(\vec{r}_i) \chi(\vec{r}_j) \rangle = \delta^2(\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j)$$

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Observation of the creep regime

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Applications

Recent experiments revealed complex interface behaviours



Typical PMOKE

protocol to estimate domain wall velocities

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DC protocol AC protocol Η ac pulses dc growth H_0 Saturation pulse τ Nucleation N pulses pulse -HAfter field pulses of same intensity but ppposite polarity domain grows field H_0 (c) time $-H_0$ domain shrinks

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Experiments and simulations have the same scaling behavior

Conclusions and perspectives

•Ginzburg-Landau type models allow us to emulate typical experimental protocols to study velocity-field responses

- •We show how a Ginzburg-Landau model can be reduced to an elastic line description
- •We are now developing new observables to characterise interfaces



Other applications: NC, Kruse, Giamarchi. Phase separation in surfaces due to matter exchange. Arxiv: 2205.03306

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Stochastic Landau-Lifshitz-Gilbert equation

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{sLLG} \quad d_t \vec{M} &= \frac{-\gamma_0}{1 + \eta_0^2} \vec{M} \times \left[(\vec{H}_{eff} + \vec{H}_t) + \frac{\eta_0}{M_S} \vec{M} \times (\vec{H}_{eff} + \vec{H}_t) \right] \\ \mathbf{Stochastic field} \quad \vec{H}_t &= (f_x, f_y, f_z) \\ \langle f_i \rangle &= 0 \quad \langle f_i(t_1) f_j(t_2) \rangle = 2D\delta_{ij} \delta(t_2 - t_1) \quad D = \frac{\eta_0 k_B T}{\gamma_0 V M_S} \end{aligned}$$

Effective field Zeeman + Exchange + Perpendicular magnetic anisotropy (z-direction)

$$\begin{split} \vec{H}_{eff} &= -\frac{1}{M_S} \frac{\delta E}{\delta \vec{m}} \\ H_{eff}^{x,y} &= \frac{2A}{M_S} \nabla^2 m_{x,y} + H_{x,y} \\ H_{eff}^z &= \frac{2A}{M_S} \nabla^2 m_z + \frac{2K_u}{M_S} m_z + H_z \end{split}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial m_z}{\partial t} &= \frac{-\gamma_0}{1+\eta_0^2} \left\{ \frac{2A}{M_S} (m_x \nabla^2 m_y - m_y \nabla^2 m_x) \right. \\ &+ m_x f_y + m_y f_x \\ &+ \eta_0 \left[\frac{2A}{M_S} (-m_z) ((\nabla m_x)^2 + (\nabla m_y)^2 + (\nabla m_z)^2) \right. \\ &+ m_x m_z f_x - m_y m_z f_y + \\ \\ \frac{\eta_0 \gamma_0}{1+\eta_0^2} (1-m_z^2) (\frac{2K_u}{M_S} m_z + H_z + f_z) - \frac{2A}{M_S} \nabla^2 m_z \right] \end{aligned}$$

Ginzburg-Landau

sLLG

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} = \Gamma(1 - \phi^2) \left(\alpha \phi + h_0\right) + \Gamma \gamma \nabla^2 \phi + \xi$$



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$$\boldsymbol{m}_{xy} = \sqrt{1 - m_z^2} \left[\cos \theta \frac{\nabla m_z}{|\nabla m_z|} + \sin \theta \frac{\nabla \times (m_z \hat{\boldsymbol{e}}_z)}{|\nabla \times (m_z \hat{\boldsymbol{e}}_z)|} \right]$$



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Elastic approximation

The energy required to create an interface may be written as

$$E_{el} = \varepsilon_0 \ell.$$

where ε_0 is the energy cost of the interface per unit length. We can approximate

$$d\ell = \sqrt{dy^2 + du^2} = dz \sqrt{1 + (\frac{du}{dy})^2}.$$

So, $E_{el} = \varepsilon_0 \int_0^L d\ell = \epsilon_0 \int_0^L dy \sqrt{1 + (\frac{du}{dy})^2}$. If u varies smoothly with y, then $\frac{du}{dy}$ is small, and

$$E_{el} \simeq \frac{\varepsilon_0}{2} \int_0^L dy (\nabla u(y))^2.$$

Assuming an Ansatz:

$$\varphi(x, y, t) = \varphi^*(x - u(y, t)),$$

its derivatives are given by

$$\partial_t \varphi^* = -\varphi^{*'} \partial_t u$$

$$\partial_x \varphi^* = \varphi^{*'}; \quad \partial_x^2 \varphi^* = \varphi^{*''}$$

$$\partial_y \varphi^* = -\varphi^{*'} \partial_y u; \quad \partial_y^2 \varphi^* = \varphi^{*''} (\partial_y u)^2 - \varphi^{*'} \partial_y^2 u.$$





















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With our method we find

$$c = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \frac{\alpha}{\delta} \sqrt{\alpha \gamma}$$



Which is the same relation that one finds by computing the energy cost of creating a domain wall in th



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With AC cycles the disorde

The area is lost due to local curvatures that induce a force: the effective field felt by the interface is



a)
But that is not all...







When domains are subjected to AC dynamics:

the disorder correlation length is changed (compared to the DC case)

This explains:

- the change in the observed exponent

 $\zeta_{DC} \rightarrow \zeta_{AC}$

- the non linear part of the area loss