

PKU-HUST Lecture V

Nonlinear Waves II

shocks
collapse of shocks

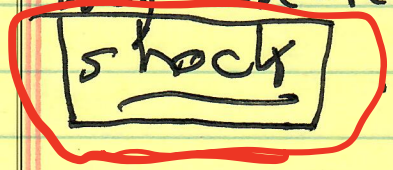
Why?

~ Why interested in pulse dynamics, fronts etc.

Paradigms for Avalanching, SOC (self-organized criticality) phenomena.

~ in particular: Burgers equation, Burgers turbulence are useful continuum models of Avalanching turbulence

~ key element in Burgers =>



Hence - discussion ...

SOC, Avalanches

"When something is trivial but interesting, I call it physics."

- Phil Nelson

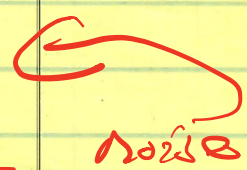
So now;

- Basic Ideas of SOC
- Development of the Theory / Ideas
- Hydrodynamic Models *
- Burgers Turbulence

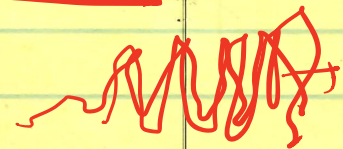
⇒ pulses

⇒ critical scaling

⇒ Avalanches ↔ L-H transition



Lothar Schmittz - APS



noise

A Brief Intellectual History of 'SOC'

Physics 235 website
Sunday 20/9

• Storylines

$(\delta B)^2 \sim \delta t^{2H}$

math II)

Hydrology

Hydrology
Characterizing Time Series

'Concentrated' pdf,
Intermittency
Multiplicative Processes

(50's) →

Arrow

Random Noise
not
diffuse

H, Hurst and Holder

Lognormality,
Pareto-Levy Distributions

Fractals are
unifying theme

Intermittency
Fractals, Self-similarity

MW '68 (70's)
(80's)

1/f noise
"universal"

1/f Noise

→ associated with
 $H \rightarrow 1$

SOC

BTW '87

(physical system realizing
1/f noise)

$\frac{dU}{dt} + \frac{\beta}{T} U = \dots$

1/f noise

b1

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = (r + \bar{r})N - \alpha N^2 + \bar{r}N$$

Lognormal \leftrightarrow Zipf \leftrightarrow 1/f related

i.e. \rightarrow Multiplicative process, CLT for logs.

Zipf's Law 1949

$$P\left(\frac{x}{\bar{x}}\right) = P(\log x) \frac{d \log x}{dx} = g\left(\frac{x}{\bar{x}}\right) d\left(\frac{x}{\bar{x}}\right)$$

\uparrow
Probability

$\log(g) = -\log f + \text{variance corrections}$

x/\bar{x} lies in $d(x/\bar{x})$ at x/\bar{x}

$$f = 1/(x/\bar{x})$$

$$P \sim 1/x$$

Lognormal well approximated by power law $P \sim \frac{1}{x}$ (Zipf's law), over finite range! (Montroll '82)

Multiplicative processes related to Zipf's law trend

Link to 1/f noise?

$$L. Q_i \rightarrow 1/f^\alpha$$

$$\propto 1/f$$

Events

Prob - mult.

4.1

$1/\Delta \leftrightarrow 1/f$ $\sigma_k = 0$

• 1/f Noise?

A few observations:

- Zipf and 1/f related but different

Zipf $\rightarrow P(\Delta B) \sim 1/|\Delta B|$

1/f $\rightarrow \langle (\Delta B)^2 \rangle_\omega \sim 1/\omega$

Both embody:

- Self-similarity \rightarrow power law
- Large events rare, small events frequent \rightarrow intermittency phenomena
- 1/f linked to $H \rightarrow 1$

- 1/f noise (flickers, shot...)

- Ubiquitous, suggests 'universality' \rightarrow why?!
- Poorly understood, circa 80's

- N.B.: Not easy to get 1/f ...
- In usual approach to ω spectrum; \leftrightarrow (DIA, EDQNM, Dupree, Kadomtsev, Kraichnan, Krommes):

$$\langle \phi(t_1)\phi(t_2) \rangle = |\hat{\phi}|^2 e^{-|\tau|/\tau_c}$$

$$1/\tau_c = ?$$

$$\rightarrow S(\omega) = \frac{1/\tau_c}{\omega^2 + 1/\tau_c^2} \sim \frac{1}{\omega^2}$$

$\neq 1/\omega$

i.e. τ_c imposes scale, but 1/f scale free !?

HW slow
 $\int dx = \int \frac{v \cdot x}{\tau}$
 $1/\tau_c \rightarrow \kappa^2 D_{\xi, \omega}$

- N.B.: Conserved order parameter may restore scale invariance
- But, consider ensemble of random processes each with own τ_c (Montroll, BTW)

REV.:
 TSH, P.O.
 2018

$$S(\omega)_{eff} = \int_{\tau_{c1}}^{\tau_{c2}} P(\tau_c) \delta_{\tau_c}(\omega) d\tau_c$$

Probability of τ_c

- And... demand $P(\tau_c)$ scale invariant, i.e.

$$P(\tau_c) = d\tau_c / \tau_c$$

$$S(\omega) = \frac{\tan^{-1}(\omega\tau_c)}{\omega} \Big|_{\tau_{c1}}^{\tau_{c2}} \sim \frac{1}{\omega}$$

recovers 1/f!

→ but what does it mean? ...

- So, circa mid 80's, need a simple, intuitive model which:

– Captures 'Noah', 'Joseph' effects in non-Brownian random process ($H \rightarrow 1$)

– Display 1/f noise

(large events)

Bible Flood Noah } Conf. Classics Flood Da Yu

Bosporus

SOC at last !

- Enter BTW '87:

Self-Organized Criticality: An Explanation of $1/f$ Noise

(7000+ cites)

Per Bak, Chao Tang, and Kurt Wiesenfeld

Physics Department, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, New York 11973

(Received 13 March 1987)

We show that dynamical systems with spatial degrees of freedom naturally evolve into a self-organized critical point. Flicker noise, or $1/f$ noise, can be identified with the dynamics of the critical state. This picture also yields insight into the origin of fractal objects.

- Key elements:

- Motivated by ubiquity and challenge of $1/f$ noise (scale invariant)

- Spatially extended excitations (avalanches) *

Comment: statistical ensemble of collective excitations/avalanches is intrinsic

- Evolve to 'self-organized critical structures of states which are barely stable'

Comment: SOC state \neq linearly marginal state!

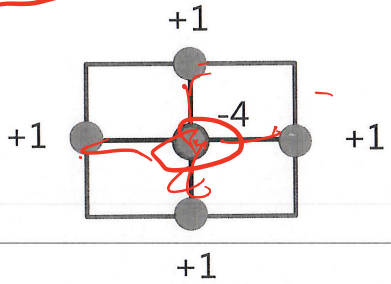
SOC state is dynamic

Very well written paper.

Ensemble eval.

• Avalanches and Clusters:

- BTW - 2D CA model



$Z \equiv$ occupation

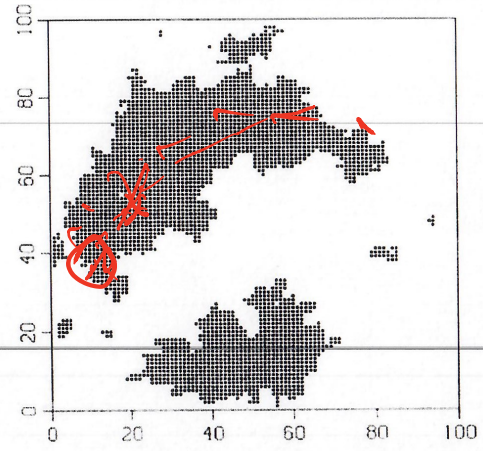
$Z > Z_{crit} = K$

$Z(x, y) \rightarrow Z(x, y) - 4$

$Z(x \pm 1, y) \rightarrow Z(x \pm 1, y) + 1$

$Z(x, y \pm 1) \rightarrow Z(x, y \pm 1) + 1$

Point + noise



avalanche - avalanche

- SOC state with minimally stable clusters

- 'Cluster' \equiv set of points reached from toppling of single site (akin percolation)

- Cluster size distribution $D(s) \sim s^{-\alpha}$, $\alpha \sim 0.98$

\rightarrow Zipf, again

FIG. 1. Self-organized critical state of minimally stable clusters, for a 100×100 array.

21

1/5

- Key elements, cont'd:

- “The combination of dynamical minimal stability and spatial scaling leads to a power law for temporal fluctuations”

- “Noise propagates through the scaling clusters by means of a “domino” effect upsetting the minimally stable states”

Comment: space-time propagation of avalanching events *

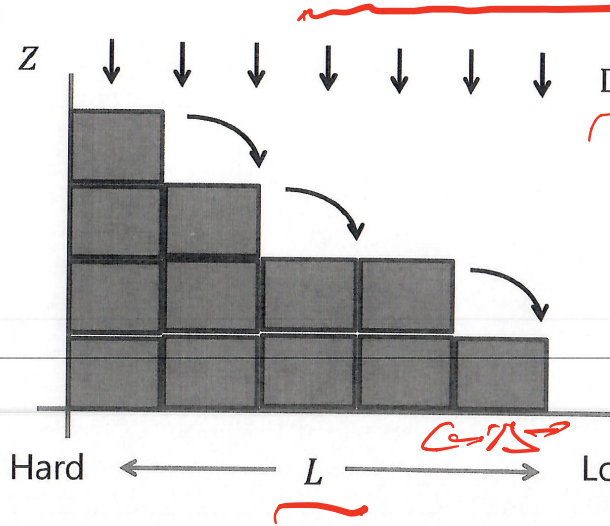
[avalanche]

- “The critical point in the dynamical systems studied here is an attractor reached by starting far from equilibrium: ~~the scaling properties of the model~~”

Comment: Noise essential to probe dynamic state *

N.B.: BTW is example of well-written PRL

• The Classic – Kadanoff et al '89 1D driven lossy CA



Deposition → random, can profile

If

$$\begin{cases} Z_i - Z_{i+1} > \Delta Z_{crt} \\ Z_{i+1} \rightarrow Z_{i+1} + N \\ Z_i \rightarrow Z_i - N \\ \text{Etc.} \end{cases}$$

Lossy bndry Grains ejected at boundary

Why of interest for MFE? ~~AK~~

- Interesting dynamics only if $L/\Delta \cdot N \gg 1 \leftrightarrow$ equivalent to $\rho_* \ll 1$ condition – analogy with turbulent transport obvious

TABLE 1. Analogies between the sandpile transport model and a turbulent transport model.

Turbulent transport in toroidal plasmas	Sandpile model
Localized fluctuation (eddy)	Grid site (cell)
Local turbulence mechanism:	Automata rules:
Critical gradient for local instability	Critical sandpile slope (Z_{crt})
Local eddy-induced transport	Number of grains moved if unstable (N_f)
Total energy/particle content	Total number of grains (total mass)
Heating noise/background fluctuations	Random rain of grains — location
Energy/particle flux	Sand flux
Mean temperature/density profiles	Average slope of sandpile
Transport event	Avalanche
Sheared electric field	Sheared flow (sheared wind)

What is SOC?

General Thoughts

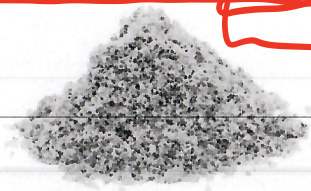
(cf: Jensen)

Aspects
checks

- (Constructive)

⇒ Slowly driven, interaction dominated threshold system

Classic example: sandpile



- (Phenomenological)

⇒ System exhibiting power law scaling without tuning.

contrast
T → T_c
etc

Special note: 1/f noise; flicker shot noise of special interest

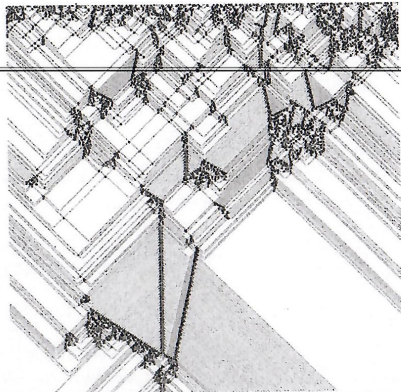
See also: sandpile

(TAT)

N.B.: 1/f means 1/f^β, β ≤ 1

Candy → Fractal

What is SOC?, cont'd



- Elements:

→ Interaction dominated *

- Many d-o-fs [Cells Modes]

- Dynamics dominated by d-o-f interaction i.e. couplings

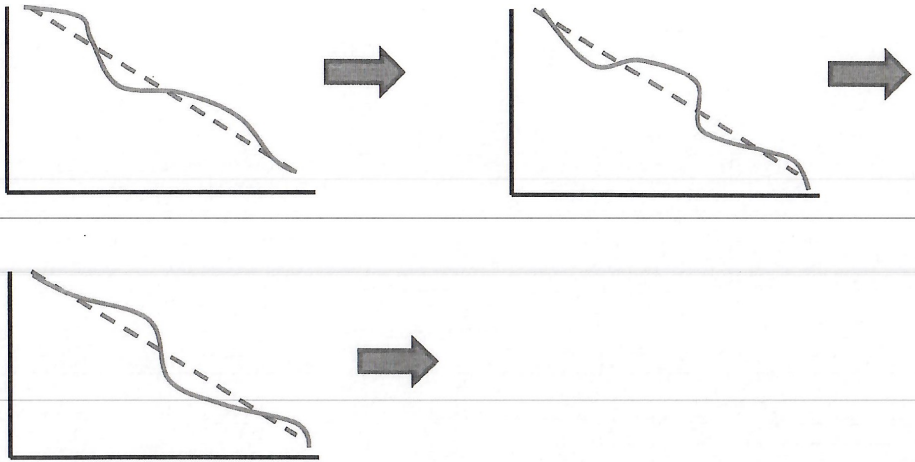
→ Threshold and slow drive

- Local criterion for excitation ↗

- Large number of accessible meta-stable, quasi-static configuration

- 'Local rigidity' ↔ "stiffness" !? ↗ profile stiffness

- Multiple, metastable states



- Proximity to a 'SOC' state \rightarrow local rigidity

*• Unresolved: precise relation of 'SOC' state to marginal state *

• Threshold and slow drive, cont'd

- Slow drive uncovers threshold, metastability ↙
- Strong drive buries threshold - does not allow relaxation between metastable configurations *
- How strong is 'strong'? - set by toppling/mixing rules, box size, b.c. etc.

• Power law ↔ self-similarity

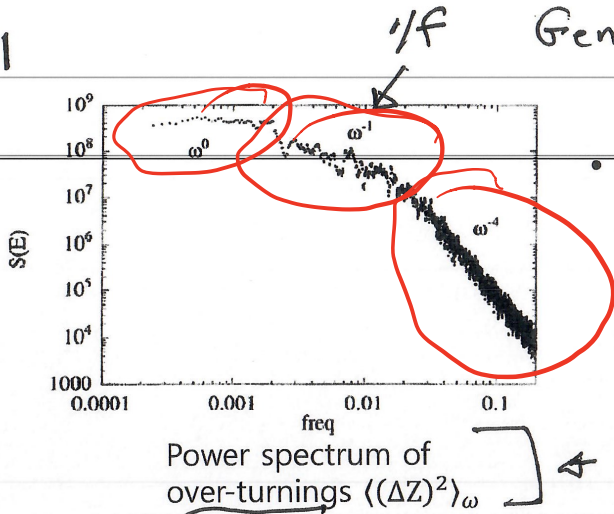
- 'SOC' intimately related to:

- Zipf's law: $P(\text{event}) \sim 1/(\text{size})$ (1949)
- 1/f noise: $S(f) \sim 1/f$



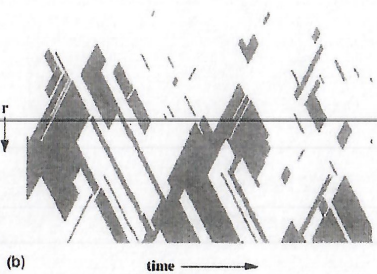
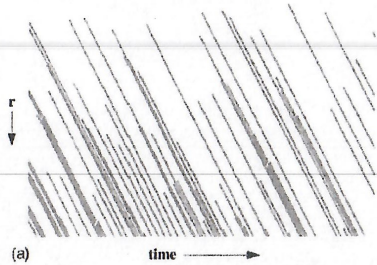
14

Generic structure - Spectra.



• Some generic results

- 1/f range manifest ←
- Large power in slowest, lowest frequencies *
- Loosely, 3 ranges:



Avalanching

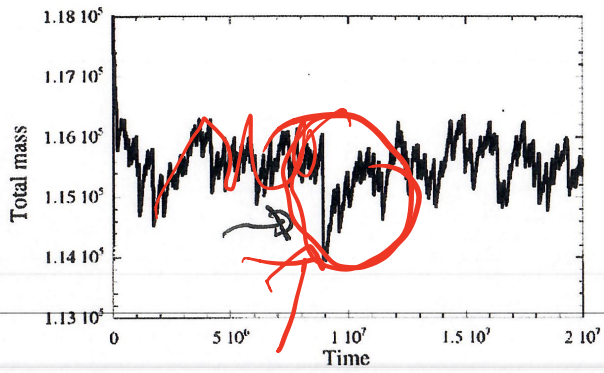
{ dark → over-turning
light → stable

→ Outward, inward avalanching ...

- $\omega^0 \rightarrow$ 'Noah'
- 1/f \rightarrow self-similar, interaction dominated (Joseph)
- $1/f^4 \rightarrow$ self correlation dominated
- Space-time \rightarrow distribution of avalanche sizes evident

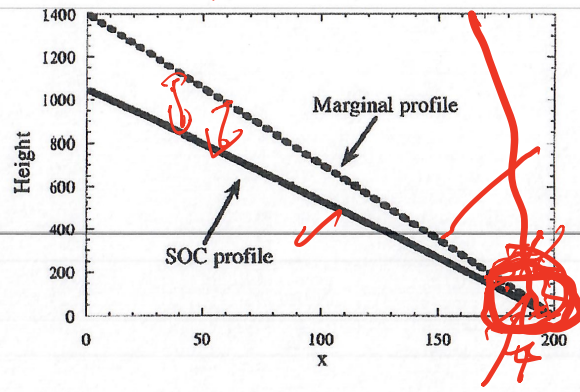
51

• Global Structure



- Time history of total grain content
- Infrequent, large discharge events *

SOC vs Marginal?



- SOC \neq Marginal
- SOC \rightarrow marginal at boundary
- Increasing $N_{dep} \rightarrow$ SOC exceeds marginal at boundary *
- Transport bifurcation if bi-stable rule
- Simple argument for L-H at edge *

with bi-stable

• An Important Connection Hwa, Kardar '92; P.D., T.S.H. '95; et seq.

- 'SOC' intimately connected to self-similarity, 'cascade' etc ultimately rooted in fluid turbulence - relate?

avalanches → cascades

And:

- C in 'SOC' → criticality
- Textbook paradigm of criticality (tunable) is ferromagnetic ala' Ginzburg, Landau → symmetry principle?

And:

$$\frac{dM}{dt} - \Delta \nabla^2 M = - (T - T_c) M - b M^3$$

- Seek hydro model for MFE connections

$$H = \Delta (M)^2 + (T - T_c) \alpha \frac{M^3}{2} + b \frac{M^4}{4}$$

MFE? → Pde

→ Fluidy Continuum Model

→ NL waves

Avalanches and Self-Organized Criticality II

Intro to (Avalanche Turbulence)
Recall

- soc idea
- sandpile Model (CA)

Hydrodynamic Models
 (aka "Flipping Burgers")
 see: FNS
 = Hwa and Kardar
 = Gil-Sornette

Now, natural to ask: Analogy soc - Turbulence.

- is there a continuum model of
avalanche $\gg \Delta$ \rightarrow skin granular flow
 also sand

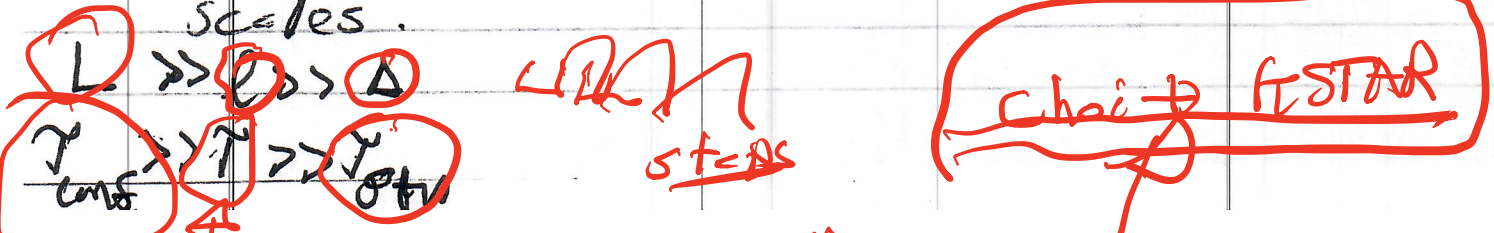
Can one think in terms of avalanche turbulence criticality Ginzburg-Landau

- can one exploit symmetry in deriving
 soc model, much as symmetry
 exploited in Ginzburg-Landau model
 i.e. $n \rightarrow -n$ symmetry - even terms.

These bring us to the hydrodynamic theory/model of soc

→ continuum model \rightarrow NL wave model

→ valid for large scales, long time scales.



→ Berig

Consider:

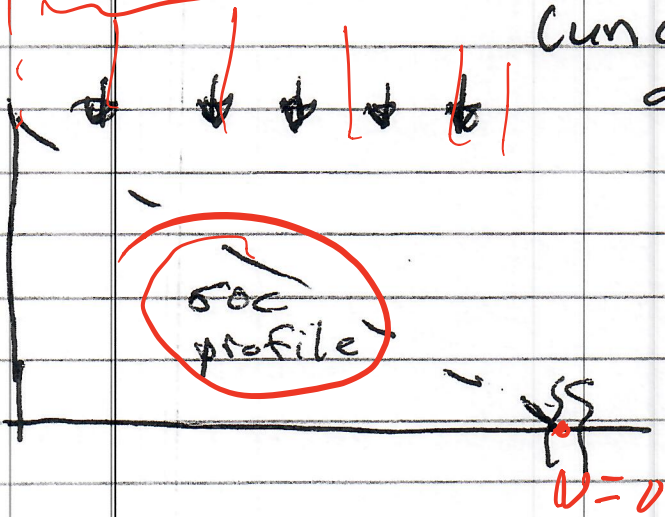
→ box with ejecting boundary on RHS, accumulating boundary on LHS

→ SOC profile, TRD

n.b. what is SOC profile?

→ Noise → random rain

(uncorrelated, correlated drops irrelevant.)



→ Now, consider deviations from SOC profile, i.e.

→ bumps, blobs

→ voids, holes

(no self-binding mechanism).

Conservative Process

→ Also assume conservation of "stuff" in the profile up to boundary layers and noise source. Call "stuff" p , (could represent pressure)

→ Idea is to describe dynamics of deviation from SOC state

de. $p = p_{SOC} + \delta p$

formally positive, not calculated.

→ but evolve only deviation
→ only small deviation theory

we have

$$\partial_t \delta p + \partial_x [\Gamma(\delta p) - D_0 \partial_x \delta p] = S$$

- $\Gamma(\delta p)$ is flux induced by deviation from SOC state

- obviously, p conserved so δp evolves via $D \cdot \Gamma$ only

- background diffusion positive.

- can generalize to higher dimensions. See HW 9 + handout.

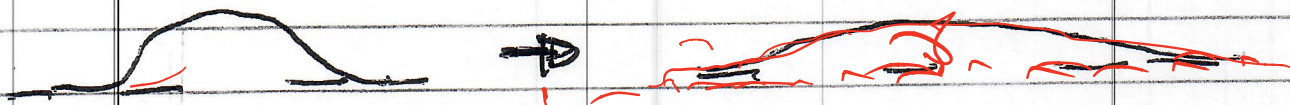
$\Gamma(\delta P) \rightarrow 0$ as $\delta P \rightarrow 0$

$\delta P \rightarrow 0$ as $\Sigma \rightarrow 0$

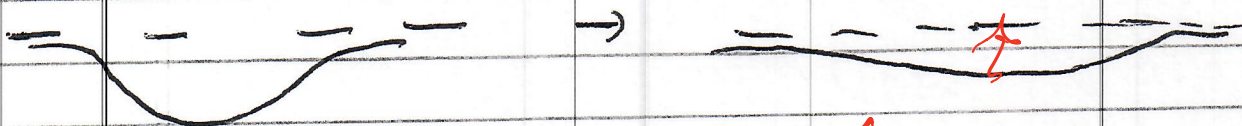
How constrain $\Gamma(\delta P)$ \rightarrow **Symmetry!**
in spirit of Ginzburg / Landau prescription, $H(\psi)$

Now, consider!

level



blob spreads out, conserving area

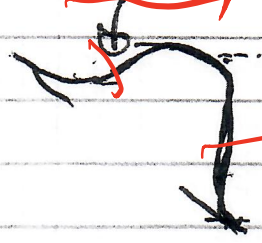


line-wise wave

left-right

Now if symmetry broken by

$\rho_{soil} \neq 0$
inst. narrow
up slope

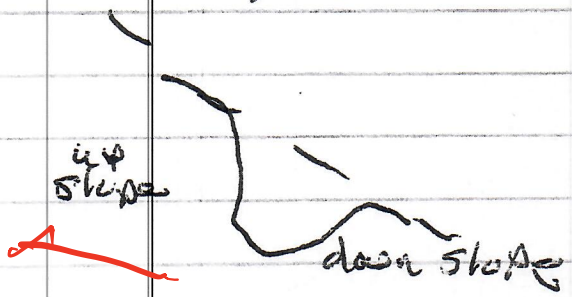


down slope

dump \Rightarrow
greater extent
(steeper)
on down slope

\Rightarrow dumps / local excesses propagate
down gradient, to right

Necessarily:



void \Rightarrow
greater extent on up-slope
(steeper)
than down slope

\Rightarrow voids / local deficits propagate
up gradient, to left

→ Both criteria locally

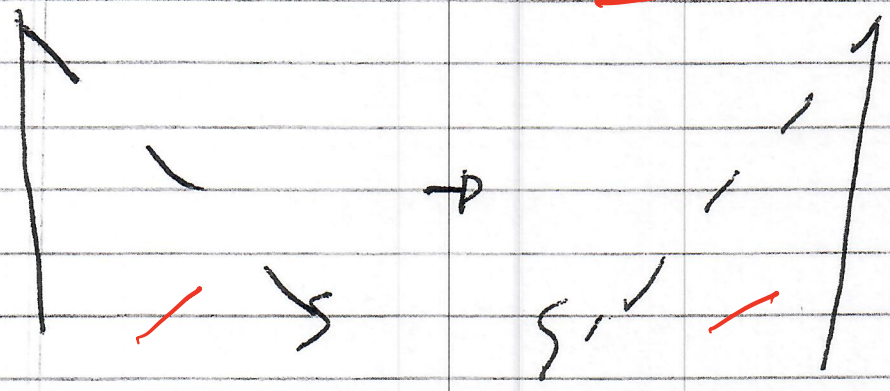
→ Both criteria common sense.

Now, observe:

① reflection

$x \rightarrow -x$

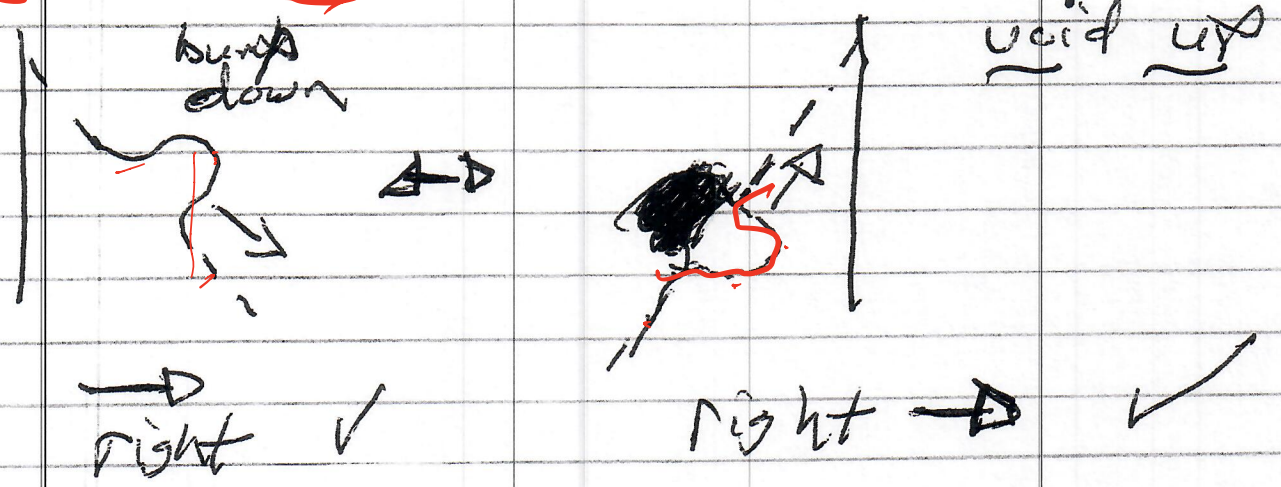
i.e.



2 changes
 $x \rightarrow -x$
 $\delta p \rightarrow -\delta p$

and

② bump + hole interchange



same flux direction

Extended HW: 2 channels

up-grad. σ_{10} σ_{10} σ_{10}
reducing

7

→ This brings us to the principle of joint reflection symmetry!

$$\Gamma = \Gamma$$
$$x \rightarrow -x$$
$$\sigma p \rightarrow -\sigma p$$

constraint

akin Γ invariant under direction flip

This constrains the form of $\Gamma(\sigma p)$!

How? $\gamma_{\sigma p} < \gamma < \gamma_{\text{total}}$
 $\Delta < \Omega < L$

N.B.: - Full flux is complicated. low ω low k

- seek flux in large scale, long time limit \Rightarrow smoothest form
interested in long time large scale $>$ biggest non-trivial

$$\partial_t \sigma p + \partial_x [\Gamma(\sigma p) - \kappa_0 \partial_x \sigma p] = S$$

$\Gamma(\sigma p)$ must satisfy joint reflection symmetry.

Then formally:

$$\Gamma(\mathcal{L}) = \sum_{\substack{m, n \\ \epsilon, \alpha, x}} \left[\underbrace{A_n (\mathcal{L})^n}_{\textcircled{1}} + \underbrace{B_m (\partial_x \mathcal{L})^m}_{\textcircled{2}} + \underbrace{D_x (\partial_x^2 \mathcal{L})^x}_{\textcircled{3}} \right]$$

$$\text{JRS} \equiv \int \left[\underbrace{C_n (\mathcal{L})^n (\partial_x \mathcal{L})^n}_{\text{joint reflection symmetry}} + \dots \right]$$

① $n=1$ violates JRS

$$\textcircled{1} \approx \alpha \mathcal{L}^2 + \text{h.o.t.}$$

$\alpha > 0$

② $m=1$ OK

$m=2$ OK

$m=2$

$$\textcircled{2} \approx -D \partial_x \mathcal{L} + \text{h.o.t.}$$

$D > 0$ (well behaved)

③ $x=1$ violates JRS

$x=2$ too fine scaled,
gauge.

④ $\gamma=1, \beta=1$ violates JRS

so, to lowest order in roughness

$$\partial_t dp + \partial_x [\alpha dp^2 - D \partial_x dp] - D_0 \partial_x dp = S$$

α, D are constants to be specified, as a, b in G-L theory are

Burgers \rightarrow Shock

Re-works D_0 into D :

$$\partial_t dp + \partial_x [\alpha dp^2 - D \partial_x dp] = S$$

Burgers eqn

$$\partial_t v + v \partial_x v - \nu \partial_x^2 v = S$$

- hydro model limit is noisy

Burgers

$$\partial_t v + v \partial_x v - \nu \partial_x^2 v = S$$

- exactly solvable for $S=0$

- basic solution structure is

shocks

(shock structure entry)

- shock skin stretched, ...
 shock front $\rightarrow \rightarrow$

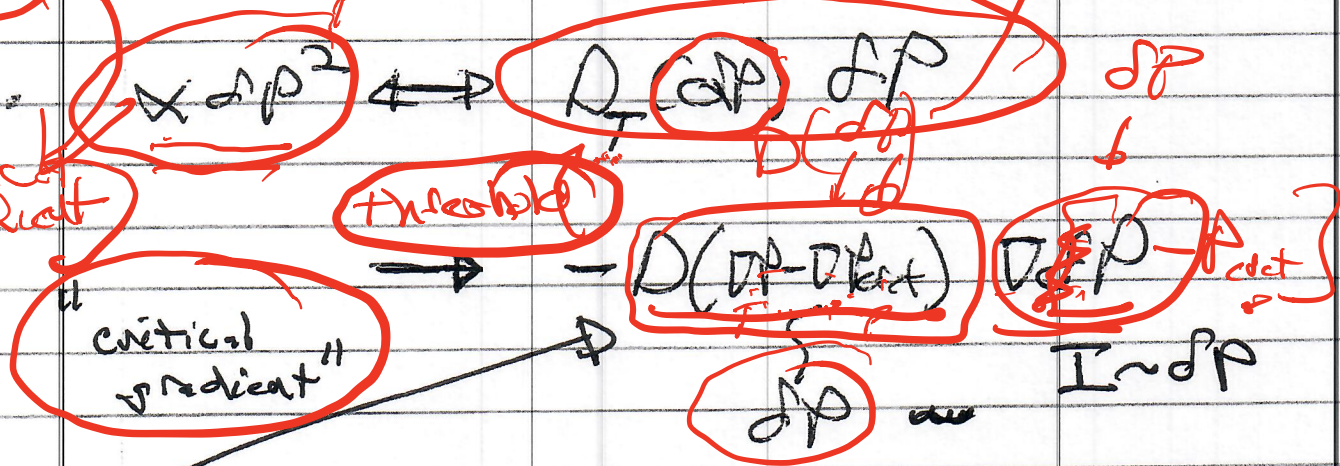
Now, seek long wavelength approximation to nonlinear flux

de. $[\alpha x \delta p^2]_n \rightarrow d_n \delta p_n$
 \uparrow $\equiv \nu k^2 \delta p_n$

turbulent viscosity

$\Delta(\rho) \sim \delta p \delta p$

$\frac{1}{L_p}$ $\alpha \delta p^2$
 $\delta p \sim \delta p \alpha x$
 N.B. critical gradient



DBS

clear correspondence to expected Q1 expression for flux, with threshold.

$I \sim \delta p^2 \rightarrow \nu (\delta p - \delta p_{crit}) \delta p$

Now,

non-analytic of NL

$$N_{k,\omega} = \left[\alpha \delta p^2 \right]_{k,\omega} \rightarrow r k^2 \delta p_{k,\omega}$$

on spirit of Q.L.

$$= c k \alpha \sum_{k', \omega'} \delta p_{\substack{-k \\ -\omega}} \delta p_{\substack{k+k' \\ \omega+\omega'}} \quad \text{②}$$

$$\approx c k \alpha \sum_{k', \omega'} \delta p_{\substack{-k \\ -\omega}} \delta p_{\substack{k+k' \\ \omega+\omega'}}$$

where:

nonlinear scrambling of coupling time

$$\left[-i(\omega+\omega') + (k+k')^2 D_0 + (k+k')^2 \gamma_k \right] \delta p^2$$

$$= -i \alpha (k+k') \delta p_{\substack{k \\ \omega}} \delta p_{\substack{k \\ \omega}}$$

and substituting gives:

$$N_{k,\omega} = r k^2 \delta p_{k,\omega}$$

where:

Strong turb + v_T, Ω_T

WTT $\rightarrow \delta(\omega)$, v_{coll}

For $k, \omega \rightarrow 0$

long, smooth
slow limit

$$\frac{v_T}{T} \approx \sum_{k', \omega'} \left| \frac{\delta P_{k', \omega'}}{k' \omega'} \right|^2 \frac{k'^2 v_T^2}{\omega'^2 + (k'^2 v_T)^2}$$

where neglected γ_0 relative to v_T .
Note remains in defn v_T ~~sub~~

Now, need related $\delta P_{k'}$ to noise

(i.e. $k' \omega' \rightarrow$ high freq, short wavelength

mode excited). This must also

include nonlinear response, self-consistently

5 drop $\approx \omega T$

$$\left(-i\omega' + k'^2 v_T \right) \delta P_{k', \omega'} = \int_{\omega'}^{\infty} \dots$$

88

$$\langle \delta \rangle = \alpha^2 \sum_{k, \omega} \frac{1}{\left[1 + \left(\frac{\omega}{v k^2} \right)^2 \right]^2}$$

$$\sum_{k, \omega} = \int_{k_{min}}^{\infty} dk \int d\omega'$$

noise color in space time significant

and

$$\langle \delta_{k=0} \rangle^2 = \rho_0^2 \rightarrow \text{white noise}$$

conserved order param.

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -D \nabla^2 \rho$$

$$\chi = \frac{C_1 \alpha^2 \rho_0^2}{v^2} \int_{k_{min}}^{\infty} \frac{dk}{k^4}$$

$$\sim \frac{1}{k_{min}^3} \sim \frac{1}{v^2}$$

infrared divergence?

conserved order parameter (flux form) $\partial_x \rho$

Why? \Rightarrow

$$\sim \frac{1}{v_0} \sim \frac{1}{k^2 v}$$

criticality

soft modes

14.

$\propto k^2$

slow modes \rightarrow damping drops

$$\gamma \sim -k^2 \nu$$

$$\rightarrow \gamma \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow 0$$

weak noise + tiny decay \Rightarrow

strong intensity

weakly damped modes

\Rightarrow general point: weakly damped

modes dangerous if any excitation

available

$\lambda = 0$

118

1/3

$$\chi_T = \left(C_1 \alpha^2 S_0^2 \int_{k_{min}}^{\infty} \frac{dk}{k^4} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$\approx \left(C_1 \alpha^2 S_0^2 \right)^{1/3} k_{min}^{-1}$$

\Rightarrow χ_T depends explicitly on cut-off scale.

Now meaning?

→ what is physics message of critical divergence?

$k_{min}^{-1} \equiv \phi$

→ scale being observed

$d\ell'$ & $d\ell$ → scattering

so

$v_T \sim v_{T0} d\ell$

v_T grows with scale of interest

but v_T is diffusion ⇒

$\frac{d \langle d\ell^2 \rangle}{dt} \sim v_T$

but

ballistic

$d\ell^2 \sim v_{T0} d\ell t$

⇒ $d\ell \sim v_{T0} t$

pulse

⇒ $d\ell$ pulse propagates
ballistically
not diffusively.

→ inferred divergence } ultimately

identified ballistic propagation
uncovers ↔ conserved order param. is key

→ supported by scaling analysis
see { $H = K \Delta$
FNS Δ

→ if 2D, anisotropic pile:

$$\partial_x \partial P + \partial_{||} \left\{ x \partial P^2 - D \partial_{||} \partial P \right\} = v_0 \partial_L \partial P$$

Cons. Order Param = $\partial_{||}$

$\partial_{||} = \frac{\nabla P \cdot \nabla}{|\nabla P|}$ → derivative parallel to pile gradient

Avalanche SOC → Hydro - Budget → $v_{cr} - v_{min}$
limit mode NL wood ∂P surface
 $dL \sim t$

see refs for more.

See also: Gol + Sornette
I and ρ sym.



aggregation

- More on Burgers/hydro model (mesoscale)

- Akin threshold scattering

$$\partial_t \delta P + \alpha \delta P \partial_x \delta P + \dots$$

$$\partial_x v + v \partial_x U$$

- $V \sim \alpha \delta P$ relation \rightarrow bigger perturbations, faster, over-take \star

- Extendable to higher dimensions

- Cannot predict SOC state, only describe dynamics about it

And α, D //

to be specified

- $\langle \delta P \rangle ? \rightarrow$ corrugation (!?)

- Introducing delay time \rightarrow traffic jams, flood waves, etc (c.f. Whitham;

Kosuga et al '12)

jam

- Avalanche Turbulence

- Statistical understanding of nonlinear dynamics \rightarrow renormalization

- Conserved order parameter

$$\partial_x (\alpha \delta P^2) \rightarrow \nu_T k^2 \delta P_k$$

$$\nu_T \approx \left(\alpha^2 S_0^2 \int_{k_{min}}^0 dk / k^4 \right)^{1/3} \rightarrow (\alpha^2 S_0^2)^{1/3} k_{min}^{-1}$$

$$\sim (\alpha^2 S_0^2) (\delta l)$$

Infrared divergence
due slow relaxation

- $(\delta l)^2 \sim \nu_T \delta t \rightarrow \delta l \sim \delta t$

- $H \rightarrow 1$

- 'Ballistic' scaling

- Infrared trends \leftrightarrow non-diffusive scaling, recover self-similarity
- Amenable to more general analyses using scaling, RG theory
- Pivotal element of 'SOC' theory as connects 'SOC' world to turbulence world, and enables continuum analysis

$$\partial_t \rho + \partial_x U \rho + \dots$$

Approximation



TCF

