

Complexity: crackling noise, avalanches and hysteresis.

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Earning credits

- lecture contains introduction to the lab
- during the lab you can earn 1.0 point; one week later 0.8 points
- extra take-home task (0.2 bonus points)
- one short (5min) presentation; final presentations last week
- written exam/test 3.2 points (on 8.06 and 9.06)

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Physics of crackling

- system responds through discrete, impulsive events
- events span huge range of sizes
- unimportant microscopic details \Rightarrow simple models, universality



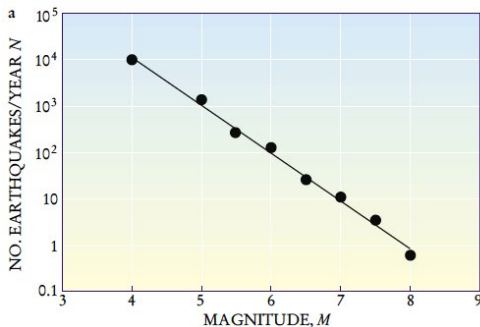
Different systems

- fireplace
- earthquakes
- crumpled paper
- magnetic material in an external field



Gutenberg-Richter law '50

- relation: frequency versus magnitude $N \propto 10^{-\alpha M} \propto E^{-2\alpha/3}$
- power laws are associated with scale invariance
- scale invariance: phenomena that span over many length scales



Avalanches and SOC

- Bak's explanation: systems end up naturally at the critical point
- the process is named "self organized criticality" (SOC)
- *however: sandpile models don't crackle*



Recent developments

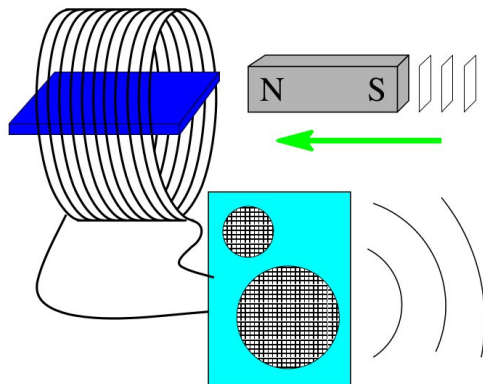
Physics of crackling studied for

- fluids invading porous materials
- fracture in disordered materials
- fluctuations in the stock markets
- bubbles in foams
- cascading failures in power grids

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Barkhausen noise experiment



- magnetic domains flip over in an external $H(t)$
- mag. field jumps are turned into electric signal

Random field Ising model

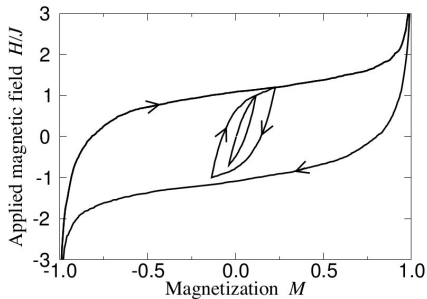
The energy function is

$$\mathcal{H} = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} s_i s_j - \sum_i (H(t) + h_i) s_i$$

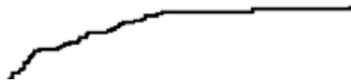
- local, Gaussian distributed h_i , with standard deviation R
- all spins pointing down initially (no thermal noise) $s_i = -1$
- slowly increasing $H(t)$
- spin flips over – only to decrease energy

Hysteresis

→ magnetizations lags behind the field



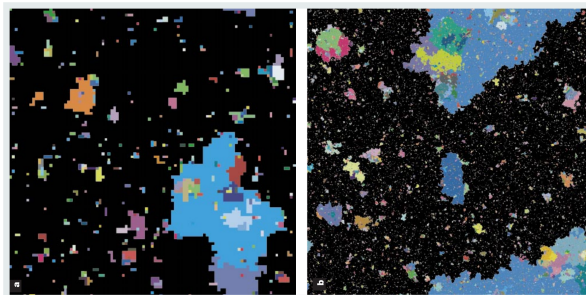
→ growing in a series of sharp jumps



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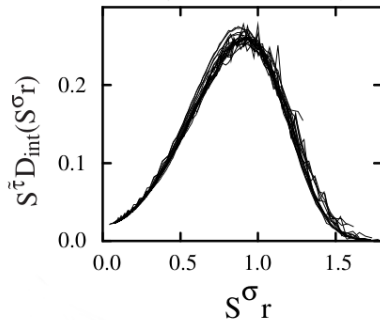
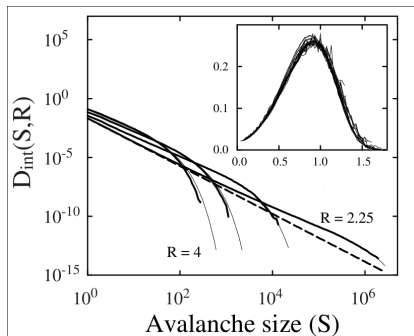
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Self-similarity



- cross-section of 3D simulation for 100^3 and 1000^3 spins at R_c
- black background is the avalanche spanning over whole system
- at criticality system looks similar on all scales

Scaling laws



- number of avalanches D of a given size follow a power law
- straight line only at criticality ($R_c = 2.16$)
- *universality*: rescaled plots follow a common curve (different R)