

- In these 3 lectures I will describe what is called "disordered elastic systems (DES)" both static/equilibrium properties and when driven out of eq- focus  
e.g. external force  
connections  
better discuss both
- The DES also form what called glass phases A priori quite  $\neq$  from the glasses that Sid Nagel talked about Here the glassy properties (E. barriers, slow relax) emerge not from the interactions of the constituents alone (as in window glass) but because the system is put in presence of a substrate with quenched disorder. supposed to be
- The interactions within the DES are actually very simple enough to be modelled by a basic simple elastic energy (quadratic and by itself quite boring) but it is the interactions with the quenched disorder which makes it non-linear, non-trivial and glassy
- Systems with quenched disorder can also be very complex, in fact the most famous example being spin-glasses! In fact - there may be at present some convergence with window glasses (at least for theoreticians, common tools led progress recently for problem hard spheres) so looks like may be considered as in the same, very difficult class. I will not talk about them.
- The DES considered as simpler examples of glasses - What do I mean by simpler? Well for instance their ground states are complicated but in some cases there are algorithms to find them in <sup>matime</sup> polynomial <sup>with symmetric</sup> - This is not the case for the 3d Edwards Anderson model requires exp (Ising with random  $\pm J$  couplings)

Also they are a bit more tractable analytically. 2)  
In both cases there are mean-field theories, but in addition there ~~are~~ renormalization methods for DES (the functional RG which I will describe a bit)

Since they nevertheless exhibit many glass features → interesting study  
give idea more complex

Another big motivation to study them is that there are useful models for a surprisingly large # experimental systems (and fruitfully magnetic systems, CDW, vortex lattices, fluid wetting, fracture crack, earthquakes)

→ So you had an introduction to quenched disorder by Leo and in some sense we will pursue what he started. He treated the effect of quenched disorder <sup>first</sup> on phase transitions, and then on ordered states. It is this second part that we will pursue. We will consider small deformations around ordered state, induced by <sup>deformations</sup> disorder.

→ let me (as a ~~theoretician~~) write down the general model of a DES. It may appear a bit arbitrary at first, but this is the model towards which people have converged. I will explain why and show examples

~~We will~~  
One question we will ask is what remains of the glassy properties when the system is put in motion

# "Standard model" TOE

3)

Elastic manifold in a random potential

deformation

$u(x)$

displacement field

$u = (u_1, \dots, u_N)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^N$

embedding space

$x = (x_1, \dots, x_d)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$

internal space

internal dimension

energy  
functional

$$H_v[u] = \int d^d x \left( \frac{c}{2} (\nabla u)^2 + V(x, u(x)) \right)$$

$H_{\text{el}}$

$H_{\text{dis}}$

Leo told you  
about goldstone  
nodes when continuous  
symmetry broken spont.  
TI crystal / rot thru  
 $O(N)$  spin  
no mass pure gradient

symbolic  
quadratic form

s.t.  $u=0$  is G.S  
perfect order

( $u(\vec{x}) = u_0$  invariant  
transl.)

$c$  elastic constant

comes from  
substrate  
impurities

breaks  
Couples to  $\vec{u}$   
pinning disorder  
breaks T.I  
 $\propto u_0$ ,  $\vec{u} \neq u_0$

gaussian

in standard model  $V(x, u)$

$\neq$  structural  
disorder

$$\sum_i U_j = C_{ij}$$

random function

crystal size q. random

$$\overline{V(x, u)} = 0$$

think of it as gaussian

sphere

2pt correlator

$$\overline{V(x, u)V(x', u')} = \delta^d(x-x') R_0(u-u')$$

polydisperse

inv. by translation

- symmetries

smooth  
varies  
scale  $r_f$

$V(x, u)$  lives

- relevance

in  $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^N = \mathbb{R}^D$

- irrelevance

$$D = d+N$$

large scale (Leo)

note  
 $x-x'$ ,  $u-u'$   
Statistical TI

total space

+ equation of motion (eqmo)

involve  $H \rightarrow$  calculate forces

$$\text{pinning force } F(x, u) = -\partial_u V(x, u)$$

driven dyn F acquire life of their own... -- bare model --

~~not to be used~~

~~labeled with d+1  
in higher dimensions~~

## REMARKS

→ (as explained)

→ annealed disorder = another degree of freedom

→ quenched disorder which interacts w system

"frozen" degree of freedom

time scale for change  
much larger

it has his dynamics  
→ equil rates

"1 random config"

→ one observe only 1 sample one  $V(x, u)$

well defined  
statistical  
property

realization

- disorder averages..

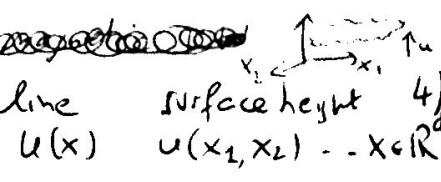
- translational averages..

$$\langle S_i S_j \rangle = N \delta_{ij}$$

1d Ising

No SA

$\ln C$  is

A bit abstract, let us go to examples + experiment ~~experiments~~ 

$\rightarrow u(x)$  scalar  $N = 1$  interfaces line  $u(x)$  surface height 4)  
 $u(x_1, x_2) \dots x \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$\rightarrow N > 1$  • lines in higher dim (transverse d.o.f)

• crystals

periodic

versus non periodic

CDW  $N=1$

Start with exp. DW ferromagnet

Simple Model

Phenomena

Exp?

## Exp

## Model

## Phenomena

3)

Best is start experiment

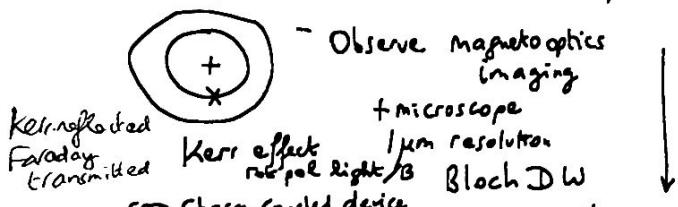
Exp: DW in ferromagnet Ferre et al.  
Orsay PRL 98  
film Co 0.5 nm Pt/Co/Pt



exchange  
e-repulsion  
Heisenberg  $H = -J \sum_i \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_{i+1}$ ,  $J > 0$

Crystal anisotropy  $-K S_z^2$   
Crystal field  
Spin orbit  
all directions inequivalent  
symmetries  
→ interactions dipolaires  $1/r^3$   
weaker but L.R. / boundaries  
demag

→ apply  $H_2$  reverse domains  
grow from few  
nucleation centers to circular shape



Kerr reflected  
Faraday transmitted  
Kerr effect  
repel light/B  
Charge coupled device  
photoelectric → analogic  $E_{el} = 4\pi K^{1/2} L_2$   
 $E/\text{length}$  - tension - minimize elastic  
energy width  $\Delta$  ~ 8 nm

→ observe DW → rough

static → quenched disorder (energy)

impurities = surface steps

 terrace  $\pm 0.2$  nm  
 $\gtrsim 10$  nm

$$\frac{(u(x+\ell) - u(x))^2}{(u(x+\ell) - u(x))^2 \text{ trans}} \sim \ell^{2/3}$$

$$\zeta = 0.69 \pm 0.07$$

2 orders mag  $\ell_c^{out} \approx 25$  nm

move + stop → thermal eq (?)

$$\ln 10 = 2.3$$

$$u(x)$$

w.r.t average direction  
directed line

$$H_{el}[u]$$

$$u(x) = 0 \text{ G.S.}$$

+ SR disorder

$$H_{dis}[u]$$

→ pinned  
roughness

disorder?

$$\frac{(u(x) - u(x+\ell))^2}{(u(x) - u(x+\ell))^2} = u_c^2 \left(\frac{\ell}{\ell_c}\right)^{2/3}$$

→ small thermal  
fluctuations  
 $E_{dis} \gg T$   
thermal equil. ?  
→ pinned

laisser tableau

$$\rightarrow v(f)$$

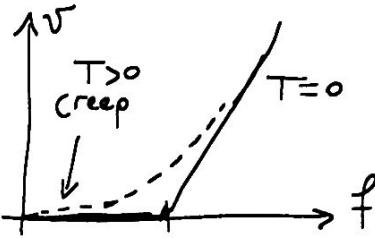
→ depinning transition

→ thermal  
actv. motion  
energy barriers

$$T \sim e^{-\frac{E_b}{T}}$$

$$v \sim e^{-\frac{v_c}{T}(f_f) + \mu}$$

barriers diverge  
 $f \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow$  statics  
GLASS



sharp transition  
 $T=0$   
order parameter  $v$

→ increase  $H_2$   
DW feels force/length  $\sim H$

$$\frac{\delta u}{\delta u} \Delta E \sim -H L \delta u$$

$$\Delta E = G$$

Should grow  $\infty$  size  
pinned by impurities  
(average)  
Velocity measured

pulse  $\tau$  e.m response coils

$$H_c \approx 692 \text{ Oe} \approx f_c$$

velocities  $\approx 0.3 \text{ nm/s}$   
 $40 \text{ m/s}$

11 orders of magnitude  
in  $v$   $\mu \approx 1/4$

(creep, T, easier to  
see in films thin  
→ weaker pinning  
→ less stiff  
less magnetostat.)

Build a simple model

### 1) STATIC

energy cost for deformations

### 1) elastic energy

Small def

$\text{Hee}[u] = \int_x \frac{1}{2} c (\partial_x u)^2 = \int_q \frac{1}{2} c q^2 u_{-q} u_q$

Clastic constant

$\partial_x u$  small

$u = u_0$  can be large

ins. transl.

$$u(x)$$

$$\text{Hee}[u]$$

$$u(x) = 0 \quad \text{G.S.} \quad u = u_0$$

w.r.t average direction  
directed line

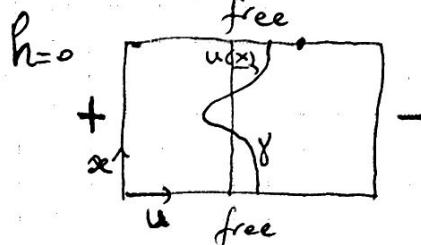
$$u_q = \int_x e^{iqx} u(x) \quad \int_q \equiv \int \frac{dq}{(2\pi)} d$$

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$$\text{like energy tension surface tension}$$

→ where is this energy coming from?

$$E_{DW} \sim \text{length} = c \int dx \sqrt{1 + (\partial_x u)^2} \approx c L + \text{Heel} + \int dx \frac{c}{2} (\partial_x u)^2 + \dots$$



$$S_i = \pm 1 \quad \text{excl. Ising model}$$

$$H = -J \sum_{ij} S_i S_j \quad \text{lattice} \quad a_0$$

ferro

Here Bloch domain wall

$$1) \text{ external field} \quad \Delta E = -h l \delta u$$

$$2) \text{ disorder energy}$$

modifies energy cost locally

$\delta u$

energy cost 2J per unsatisfied +/- bond  
→ length  $c = 2J/a_0$

$$\text{valid } q_x \ll 1/a_0$$

short scale overhangs, bubbles  
→ CCT in ferrophase

a) Random bond, SR disorder

$$H = - \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} (J + \delta J_{ij}) S_i S_j$$

$$b = (x, u) \quad b_{\text{ey}} \quad \delta J_{ij} = \frac{\delta J^2}{a_0^2} = \sigma^2$$

$$E_{DW} = \sum_{b \in \text{ey}} J + \delta J_b$$

$$E_{\text{dis}} = \sum_x \delta J(x, u(x)) = \int \frac{dx}{a_0} \delta J(x, u(x))$$

disorder averages

$$H_{\text{dis}}[u] = \int dx V(x, u(x))$$

SR

$$V(x, u) V(x', u') = \delta_{a_0}(x-x') \delta_{r_f}(u-u')$$

thermal

max ( $r_f$ , thickness)  
 $r_f(T)$

Leo Lecture 6) Random field, LR disorder

general model

$$\int_q \frac{1}{2} \phi(q) u_{-q} u_q + \int_x V(x, u(x)) dx$$

SR or LR fit

$$\text{or } q^\mu \quad \mu < 2$$

$$\overline{V(u, x) V(u, x')} = \delta^d(x-x') R(u-u')$$

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gaussian proba  
and roughness

$$\mathcal{P}[u] \sim e^{-\frac{1}{2} \int_q \phi(q) u_{-q}^* u_q}$$

$$\int_q \equiv \int \frac{d^d q}{(2\pi)^d}$$

$$\langle u_q u_{q'} \rangle_p = 2\pi \delta^d(q+q') \frac{1}{\phi(q)} \delta_{q', -q}$$

$$u_q = \int d^d x u(x) e^{iqx} \\ = \int_x u_x e^{iqx}$$

$$\int_x \equiv \int d^d x$$

$\alpha \beta$  components  $N$   
replica.

$$\text{gen } e^{-\frac{1}{2} \int_q \sum_{\alpha\beta} u_{-q}^\alpha \phi(q)_{\alpha\beta} u_q^\beta}$$

$$\langle u_q u_{q'} \rangle_p = \delta_{q', -q} (\phi(q)^{-1})_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\phi(q) = \frac{1}{A} q^\alpha \quad \langle u_q u_{q'} \rangle_p = \frac{A}{q^\alpha} \delta_{q', -q}$$

ex: thermal fluct  $A = \frac{T}{c}$   
 $\omega = 2$

$$\langle u_q u_{q'} \rangle_p = \frac{T}{cq^2} \delta_{q', -q}$$

T1 Set 1

$$\langle u_0 u_0 \rangle_p = A \int \frac{d^d q}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{q^\alpha} e^{iqx} \quad \frac{1}{L} < q < \Lambda = \frac{1}{a_0}$$

(survive  
order  
broken  
TS broken)

$$\langle u_0^2 \rangle \sim A \Lambda^{d-\alpha} \quad d > \alpha \quad \text{bounded}$$

$$\langle u_0^2 \rangle \sim A \ln(\Lambda L) \quad d = \alpha \quad \text{critical dim}$$

$$\langle u_0^2 \rangle \sim A L^{\alpha-d} \quad d < \alpha$$

$$\langle (u_x - u_0)^2 \rangle_p = 2A \int \frac{d^d q}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{q^\alpha} (1 - \cos qx)$$

$$\underset{x \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} 2A \Lambda^{d-\alpha} = 2 \langle u_0^2 \rangle (-\alpha^{d-\alpha}) \quad d > \alpha$$

bounded

$$\underset{x \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} A \ln \left| \frac{x}{a_0} \right| \quad d = \alpha$$

$$\underset{x \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} A x^{\alpha-d} \quad d < \alpha$$

$$\boxed{\zeta = \frac{\alpha-d}{2}}$$

$L = \infty$   
can be taken  
except  $\alpha \geq d+2$

$$x^2 L^{\alpha-d-2} = x^2 L^{2(3-1)}$$

Metric constraint becomes very relevant

Q: See pinned?

how pinned and also at equilibrium?

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Energy minimum  
locally - does  
not fluct. thermally  
see it  
from  
 $T \ll E_{\text{dis}}$

Q: What would be  $\zeta$  if thermal eq no disorder  
random walk

$$\langle u_q u_{q'} \rangle \sim T / c q^2 \delta_{q,q'} \rightarrow x \quad \zeta_{\text{th}} = 1/2 \quad u \sim x^{1/2}$$

what value?

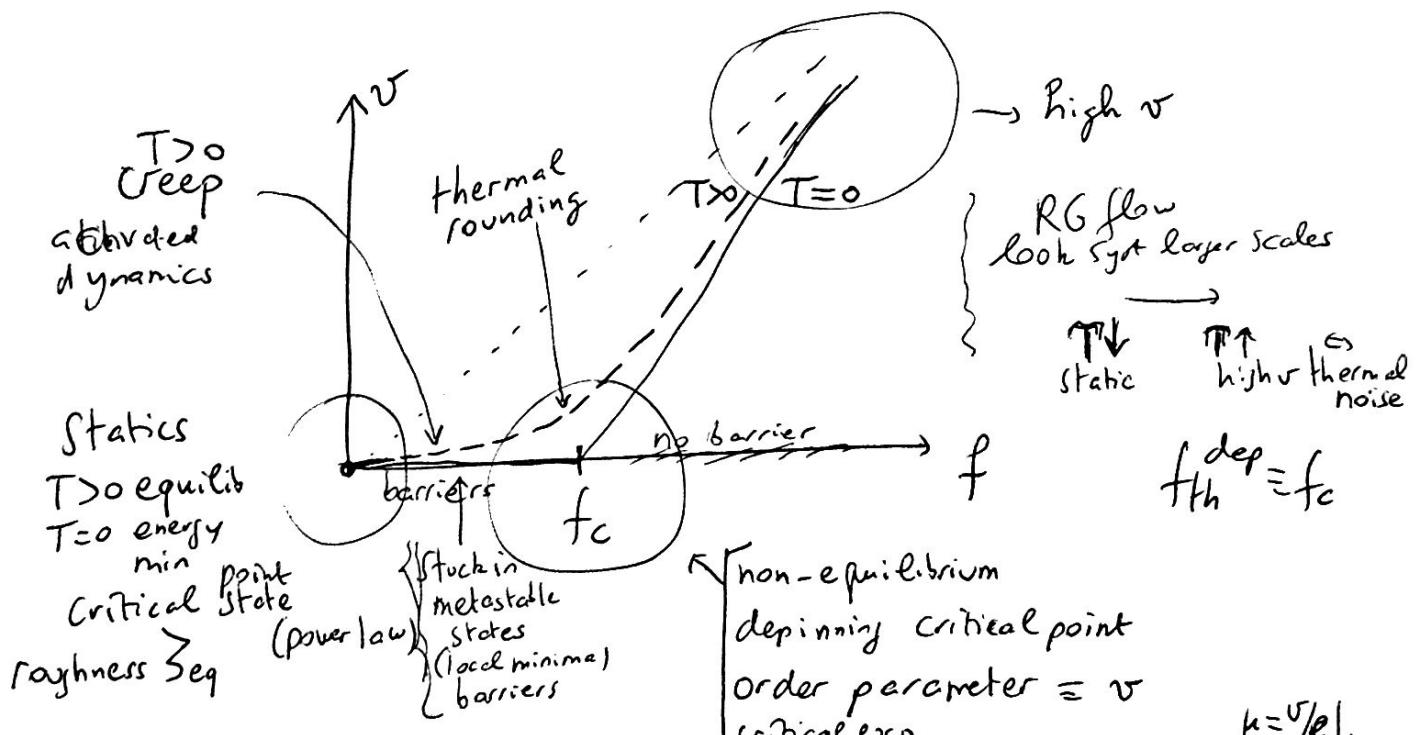
Q: why larger  $\zeta > \zeta_{\text{th}} = 1/2$

we want to extend to visit favorable regions  
balance between energy gain from disorder spot  
finding good

and elastic energy cost.

$$D = 1+1 \quad \zeta_{\text{eq}}^{\text{exact}} = 2/3 \quad \text{see later why}$$

$$\zeta \approx 0.69 \pm 0.07 \quad 0.66$$



thermal activation

$$t \sim e^{+E_b/T}$$

$$E_b \sim U_c (f_c/f)^{\mu} \quad f \rightarrow 0$$

1)  $v \sim v_0 e^{-E_b/T}$

Creep  
2)

$$v \sim v_0 e^{-\frac{U_c}{T} (f_c/f)^{\mu}}$$

glassy  
diverging  
barriers

$\mu = U_c/f|_{T=0}$   
finite mobility  
finite barrier

go back to model

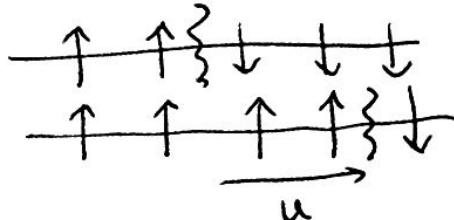
$R(u)$

$\Rightarrow$  explain RFIM

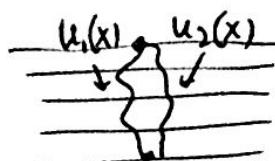
$\Rightarrow$  limitations

## 2) random field disorder

$$\mathcal{D} = 0+1$$



$$\mathcal{D} = 1+1$$



discret

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \overline{V(x,u) V(x',u')} = \delta_{xx'} R(u-u') \\ \overline{(V(x,u) - V(x,u'))^2} = 2(R(0) - R(u)) = 4g|u| \end{array} \right.$$

RFIM  $\mathcal{D} = 3$  ferro phase exists (Imrie,..)

description holds in ferro & below

$\mathcal{D} = 2$  destroyed beyond Imry-Ma

→ GOTO MODEL

RFIM Ising +  $h_i s_i$   $h_i h_j = g \delta_{ij}^{(4)}$

$$V(u) - V(0) = 2 \sum_{i=1}^u h_i \quad \text{random walk}$$

$$\overline{(V(u) - V(0))^2} \sim 4g|u|$$

$$\Delta V = \sum_x \sum_{\substack{u=u_2(x) \\ u=u_1(x)}} 2 h_{x,u}$$

$$= \sum_x V(x, u_2(x)) - V(x, u_1(x))$$

$$V(x,u) = 2 \sum_{i=1}^u h_{x,i}$$

$$R(u) \sim -\sigma/u \quad u \rightarrow \infty$$

more general LR

other systems  
interface 2 phases w  
random local  $\neq$  infree  
energy  
(ash contact line)

1) ordered state

+ small deformations  
displacement field

$\in \mathbb{R}^N$   
embedding space

$\vec{u}(\vec{x})$

$\hookrightarrow \in \mathbb{R}^d$  internal space

total  $D = d + N$

$$H_{\text{ee}}(u) = \frac{1}{2} \int d^d x c (\nabla_x u)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \int_q c q^2 u_q u_q$$

$\vec{u} = 0$  G.S perfect order

$\vec{u} = cst$

transl. inv  $\vec{u}(x) \rightarrow \vec{u}(x) + \vec{u}_0$

( $u = \theta x$  costs  $\theta^2 L^d$  directed oriente)

$$\boxed{u_q = \int_{\mathcal{X}} e^{iqx} u(x)}$$

$$\int_{\mathcal{X}} := \int d^d x$$

$$\int_q := \int \frac{dq}{(2\pi)^d}$$

2) substrate impurities

$\neq$  structural disorder  $\propto \nabla u$   
internal no pinning

couple to  $\vec{u}$  pinning disorder

breaks T.I

$$H_{\text{dis}}[u] = \int d^d x V(x, u(x))$$

$V(x, u)$  random potential

lives in  $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^N$  total

$\mathbb{R}^D, D = d + N$

in standard model

LATER  $V(x, u)$

2 pt correlator

$$\overline{V(x, u) V(x', u')} = \delta^d(x - x') R_b(u - u')$$

$R_b(u)$   
bare

$R_b(u)$  smooth  
varies scale  $r_p$

main classes

•  $R_b(u)$  SR (random bond)

•  $R_b(u)$  LR generic  $\sim |u|^{-\alpha}$

(random field)  $\sim \sigma / |u|$   
log-correlated  $\sim \ln |u|$

•  $R_b(u)$  periodic (random periodic)  
same periodicity as lattice

limitations/universality  
Note: standard model

Continuum

Cautious keep track of  
cutoff  $a$  Continuum  
 $\lim L/a \rightarrow \infty$

define universality classes

$\Rightarrow$  Model  $\nabla u \ll 1$ ,  $V$  gaussian (naive)  
higher cumulants  $V$  much broader  
irrelevant

except some extreme situations

• higher non linearities in  $\nabla u$   
irrelevant (not in dynamics)

more severe  
limitations = defects in ordered structure

interface overhangs

Crystal Vacancies, dislocations, ...

no single valued  $u(x)$

BUT if defects only (paired disloc)  
below some scales  $\rightarrow$

for a coarse grained  $u(x)$   
described by this model