Transition Trajectory for Equilibrium Droplet Formation

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Evaporated



Condensed



Balancing fluctuations vs interface free energy, i.e., entropy vs energy



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Droplet formation: nucleation of "wrong" phase

- fluid droplet in gas phase, or
- "-" Ising droplet in "+" phase



Fisher; Binder & Kalos; Furukawa & Binder; Pleimling & Selke; Neuhaus & Hager; ... Biskup, L. Chayes & Kotecký, Europhys. Lett. 60 (2002) 21; Comm. Math. Phys. 242 (2003) 137

Theory: Equilibrium Droplet Formation

2D Ising model formulation

lattice gas:

- spin up = black = vacancy
- spin down = white = particle





$$M = -m_0 \underbrace{v_L}_{\text{droplet}} + m_0 (\underbrace{V - v_L}_{\text{background}})$$
$$\Rightarrow \delta M \equiv M - M_0 = -2v_L m_0$$



Gaussian fluctuations around peak:

$$\exp\left[-\frac{(\delta M)^2}{2V\chi}\right] = \exp\left[-\frac{(2m_0v_L)^2}{2V\chi}\right]$$

 $\chi = \chi(\beta) = \beta V \left[\langle m^2 \rangle - \langle m \rangle^2 \right] = \text{susceptibility}$

Interface free energy of droplet:

$$\exp\left[-\tau_{\mathrm{W}}\sqrt{v_{L}}\right]$$

 $\tau_{\rm W} = \tau_{\rm W}(\beta) =$ interfacial free energy per unit volume of optimal Wulff shaped droplet

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2D Ising model Wulff shapes at various temperatures:



 \Rightarrow for 1.0 \lesssim T \leq T_c \approx 2.27 the Wulff shape is almost isotropic



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Balancing the exponents of the two limiting cases:

$$\Delta = \frac{(2m_0v_L)^2/(2V\chi)}{\tau_W\sqrt{v_L}} = 2\frac{m_0^2}{\chi\tau_W}\frac{v_L^{3/2}}{V}$$

Terms are equally important for $\Delta \stackrel{!}{=} 1$:

$$\Rightarrow v_L \Rightarrow -\delta M = \theta V^{2/3}$$
 with $\theta = \left(\frac{2\chi \tau_W}{\sqrt{2m_0}}\right)^{2/3}$

• $-\delta M \gg \theta V^{2/3}$: droplet dominates

• $-\delta M \ll \theta V^{2/3}$: fluctuations dominate

"Isoperimetric reasoning" (Biskup *et al.*) shows that either of these two cases dominate – but no droplets of intermediate size can exist.





In general, a single large droplet of size v_d coexists with small fluctuations taking $v_L - v_d$ of the total excess.

- large droplet costs $e^{-\tau_W \sqrt{V_d}}$, absorbs fraction $\delta M_d = -2v_d m_0$ of δM
- fluctuations cost $e^{-(\delta M \delta M_d)^2/(2V\chi)}$

For large systems, probability for magnetization excess:

$$\mathbf{e}^{- au_{\mathrm{W}}\sqrt{v_{\mathrm{d}}}-rac{\left(\delta M-\delta M_{\mathrm{d}}
ight)^{2}}{2V\chi}}=\mathbf{e}^{- au_{\mathrm{W}}\sqrt{rac{-\delta M}{2m_{0}}}\Phi_{\Delta}(\lambda)}\,,\quad\Phi_{\Delta}(\lambda)=\left[\sqrt{\lambda}+\Delta(1-\lambda)^{2}
ight]$$

where $\lambda = \delta M_d / \delta M$ is the fraction taken up by the droplet.

 \Rightarrow Optimize $\Phi_{\Delta}(\lambda)$ in λ for given Δ

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General *d*: $\Delta_c = \frac{1}{d} \left(\frac{d+1}{2} \right)^{\frac{d+1}{d}}, \lambda_c = \frac{2}{d+1}$

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Solution:

$$\lambda = \delta M_{\rm d} / \delta M \simeq$$
 droplet size
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Numerical Studies

Suppressed two-phase region: use multicanonical type of simulation in magnetisation



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Droplet/strip barrier rather well understood in 2D:

- strip: interface length = 2L
- circular droplet: Same length for radius $R = L/\pi$, area $= L^2/\pi$
- # overturned spins = L²/π, hence (assuming isotropic interface tension)

• barrier located at about $m = m_0/\pi$

But $2R = \frac{2}{\pi}L < L$:



Leung & Zia, J. Phys. A 23 (1990) 4593

MC Simulations: Equilibrium Droplet Formation

Three goals:

- Test analytical prediction for the thermodynamic limit
- Investigate finite-size corrections
- Study lattice universality

Simulation strategy:

- fix the total excess v_L
- v_L together with the "known constants" m_0 , χ , τ_W yields $\Delta(m_0, \chi, \tau_W, v_L)$.
- "micro-magnetical" simulation at:

$$M = -m_0 v_L + m_0 (V - v_L) \quad \Rightarrow \quad M = m_0 V \left(1 - 2 \frac{v_L}{V}\right)$$

• measure λ (\simeq relative size of largest droplet)

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Algorithm:

- Kawasaki dynamics (M = const.)
- measure

$$\lambda = \mathbf{v}_{\rm d}/\mathbf{v}_{\rm L}\,,$$

the largest droplet size v_d (i.e., second largest cluster), by using the Hoshen-Kopelman algorithm

Difficulty: v_d is the area of the second largest cluster \Rightarrow What is inside and what is outside?





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Idea: The Hoshen-Kopelman algorithm assigns to every cluster a unique number \Rightarrow interface between spins of the largest and second largest cluster

Droplet algorithm:

- o do Hoshen-Kopelman
- for every new cluster, mark positions of spins belonging to that cluster
- starting from a spin inside the second largest cluster, apply "flood-fill"
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m range between arrows scanned with Kawasaki dynamics



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Square lattice NN Ising model

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$$m_0(\beta) = (1 - \sinh^{-4} (2\beta))^{1/8}$$

• $\chi(\beta) = \beta \sum_{i=0}^{n} c_i u^{2i}$ with $u = 1/(2\sinh(2\beta))$
with $c = \{0, 0, 4, 16, 104, 416, 2224, 8896, 43840, 175296, 825648, 3300480, 15101920, ...\}$ up to order 323
(last term at $T = 1.5$: 10^{-158}). 2008–10: order 2000 ...
• $\tau_W(\beta) = 2\sqrt{W}$ with

$$W = \frac{4}{\beta^2} \int_0^{\beta\sigma_0} dx \cosh^{-1} \left[\frac{\cosh^2(2\beta)}{\sinh(2\beta)} - \cosh(x) \right]$$

and $\sigma_0 = 2 + \ln[\tanh(\beta)] / \beta$ the tension of an (1,0) interface.

Note: At $T = 1.5 \approx 0.66 T_c$, assuming isotropy: $\tau_W \approx 2\sqrt{\pi}\sigma_0 = 4.219$; exact $\tau_W = 4.245$ (0.6% difference).
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Square lattice NN Ising model $(T/T_c \approx 0.66)$



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Numerical problem: "Hidden" barrier is reflected in simulations



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Similar "hidden droplet barriers" in spin glasses?





Evaporation/condensation barrier:





Evaporation/condensation barrier:







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Distribution of fraction $\lambda = v_d/v_L$ for Δ close to Δ_c



\Rightarrow Clear coexistence signal !

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Free-energy barrier resp. autocorrelation time scaling with system size



Theory: $\beta \Delta F \approx 0.1522 L^{2/3}$ (at T = 1.5)

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Square lattice NNN Ising model ($T/T_c \approx 0.66$)





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Check lattice universality ($L = 640, T/T_c \approx 0.66$)



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Summary

- Analytical predictions for the asymptotic behaviour of the evaporation/condensation transition of the 2D square lattice NN Ising model confirmed numerically
- Finite-size corrections investigated
- Universality tested by studying triangular lattice and square lattice NNN Ising models

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Footballphysics

How probable is the next goal in soccer?

or

Football fever: goal distributions and non-Gaussian statistics



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Simplest possible idea:





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