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# Self-Organised near to Criticality ( = scale invariance)

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### **Outline**:

- Criticality and self-similarity or scale invariance
- Macroscopic spatio-temporal scale invariance in the brain
- SOC or avalancheology
- The rain and brain approach Dantology







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|<M>| per site [μ]



#### What is so special about scale invariance ? Equilibrium critical phenomena The 2 dim Ising model Order parameter #Iterations: 300"size"size"size 1.0 size:50 #Measurements: #Iterations/2 y=P1\*((P2-x)/P2)^(P3) 0.8 1.11458 ±0.16318 0.12561 ±0.04858 0.6 P1:=Amplitude P2:=T<sub>C</sub> T<T<sub>C</sub> Γ=1<sub>c</sub> T>T<sub>C</sub> P3:=**β=1/8** 0.2 0.0 2.6 1.6 1.8 2.0 2.2 2.4 2.8 3.0 3.2 1.4 Temperature [J/k<sub>p</sub>] **Correlation function Correlation** length Susceptibility 0.12 -#Iterations: 300"size"size #Iterations: 300\*size\*size\*size P1 P2 P3 6 3457E-6 +0.0000 size:50 0.7 ±0.00001 2.26931 #Measurements: #It 800 #Measurements: #Iterations/2 0.10 1.74276 ±0.08736 y=P1\*(x^(-P2)) left side:v=P1\*((P2-x)/P2Y(-P3) P1:=Amp P2:=T<sub>C</sub> 0.6 0.42472 0.25396 ±0.10127 ±0.11234 P1 P2 0.97949 0.08 P3:=**%=7/4** 600 P3 0.99987 P1:=Amplitude 0.5 -P2)/P2)/(-P3) P2:=**η=1/4** right side:y=P1\*((x-P2)/P2)^(-P3) 0.06 P1 P2 P3 0.0007 ±0.00017 χ [μ/k] Cor(r) 0.51778 P1 2.2693 ±0.05259 0.4 400 P2 P3 2.26783 0.04 1.08838 $\mathcal{M}$ P1:=Amplitude 0.3 P2:=T<sub>C</sub> 0.02 200 P3:=V-1 0.2 0.00 2.8 0.1 1.4 1.6 1.8 2.0 2.2 2.4 2.6 3.0 3.2 25 Temperature [J/k<sub>P</sub>] 2.0 2.2 2.4 2.6 2.8 Temperature [J/k\_] Figures from: The Phase Transition of the 2D-Ising Model by Lilian Witthauer and Manuel Dieterle http://quantumtheory.physik.unibas.ch/bruder/Semesterprojekte2007/p1/index.html#nameddest=x1-110002.1.6

±0.64864

±0.13721 ±0.23524

±0.25623

±0.7175 ±0.19534

3.0





### Criticality - self-similarity



(or other information theoretic measures: mutual information, transfer entropy, etc.)





### What to probe?

Focus on correlation functions

$$C(\mathbf{r},t) = \langle A(\mathbf{r}_0,t_0)A(\mathbf{r}_0+\mathbf{r},t_0+t)\rangle_{\mathbf{r}_0,t_0} - \langle A(\mathbf{r}_0,t_0)\rangle^2$$

**Event** analysis

Identify control parameter (humidity, background activity)
Plot event sizes versus control parameter





# Brain, Bold and Correlations





Complexity

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### fMRI correlation functions

### Analysis of scale invariance



FIG. 6: (Left) Example of coarse graining in 2 dimensions where there are 4 boxes  $\mathcal{B}$  within a block-box  $\mathcal{B}'$ . (Right) The four dashed-colored signals from the four original boxes  $\mathcal{B}$  are averaged to produce the solid-black coarse-grained signal of  $\mathcal{B}'$ .





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150

 $10^{2}$ 

10<sup>2</sup>



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All Paul Expert 

Correlation functions of 53 prematurely born babies hierarchically grouped together to form clusters.

Data from Valentina Doria and Professor David Edwards Neonatal Medicine, MRC Clinical Sciences Centre Hammersmith Hospital, Imperial College London





# SOC or avalancheology





### Scale free behaviour out of equilibrium

### **Spatial fractals**

- Clouds
- Mountains
- Cauliflower







Canopy

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### An explanation needed!

If critical behaviour is so common there must surely be one universal mechanism behind (??)

### PHYSICAL REVIEW

### LETTERS

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

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.





# Many more models:

- Earth quake model (Olami-Feder-Christensen)
- Forest fires or epidemics (Drossel-Schwabl)
- Deterministic lattice gas
   (Jensen)

All exhibit scale invariance in the form of power laws for the distributions of events or avalanches and the DLG has 1/f.

Well, at least to some degree





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### The real situation



### The Drossel-Schwabl forest fire model



From G. Prussner & HJJ,

Phys. Rev. E. 65, 056707 (2002).

See also Grassberger.

Why: the dynamics keeps moving the system away from criticality

















### The branching process







Tree size distribution

$$P(S) \sim S^{-3/2} \exp(-S/S_c)$$

where 
$$S_c \to \infty$$
 for  $\sigma \to 1$ 

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### Proper many body criticality only if space and time exhibit scale invariance / power laws





# The rain and brain approach

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Peters & Neelin, Nature Physics, 2006



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**Figure 3 Residence times.** The number of times N(w) an atmospheric pixel of  $0.25^{\circ} \times 0.25^{\circ}$  was observed at water vapour *w* in the western Pacific, given an SST within a 1 °C bin at 30 °C. The green and blue lines show residence time for all points and precipitating points, respectively. The red line shows the order-parameter pick-up  $\langle P \rangle(w)$  for orientation (precipitation scale on the right).

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**Dante Chialvo** 

of voxels) in one individual. (C) Instantaneous relation between the number of clusters vs. the number of active sites (i.e., voxels above the threshold) showing a positive/negative correlation depending whether activity is below/above a critical value [~2500 voxels, indicated by the dashed line here and in (B)]. (D) The cluster size distribution follows a power law spanning four orders of magnitude. Individual statistics for each of the ten subjects are plotted with lines and the average with symbols. (E) The order parameter, defined here as the (normalized) size of the largest cluster is plotted as a function of the number of active sites (isolated data points denoted by dots, averages plotted with circles joined by lines). The calculation of the residence time density distribution (R. time, filled circles) indicates that the brain spends relatively more time near the transition point (which corresponds to about 0.4 of the largest giant cluster observed). Notice that the peak of the R. Time in this panel coincides with the peak of the number of clusters in (C). Note also that the variance of the order parameter (squares) increases as expected for a phase transition. (F) The computation of the cluster size distribution calculated for three ranges of activity (low: 0-800; middle: 800-5000; and high >5000) reveals the same scale invariance plotted in (D) for relatively small clusters, but shows changes in the cut-off for large clusters.





# Question

# What do we learn about the degree of criticality form this kind of analysis ?





# Forest fire and percolation































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### Forest fire model

Drossel & Schwabl Phys Rev Lett 69, 1629 (1992)

- Consider a square lattice
- Plant trees with probability p
- Ignite trees with probability f << p
- Tree neighbour to a burning tree catches fire
- If one tree in a cluster is on fire the entire cluster will burn down.
- Related to percolation

Investigate the statistics of cluster sizes in percolation and in the forest fire model









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### Forest fire

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### Order parameter plot for different growth probabilities























### Cluster size histogram averaged over

coverages







Effect of the coupling between the order parameter and the dynamics







# Lattice gas

### Deterministic lattice gas

Periodic boundary condition to avoid surface effects

N(t)



### Density dependence



FIG. 12: Scaling behaviour of the spectrum  $S(f) \propto f^{-\mu}$  of the total number of particles N(t) in the dDLG for different boundary drives p and particles densities  $\rho$ . S(f) has been multiplied by different constants for different drives p to visualise the scaling exponents properly. With small lattice sizes one observes scaling with  $\beta = 1$ . Lattice size L = 64.

From Master thesis Andrea Giomette

### Individual particles behave as random walkers at times later than about 100 time steps



Figure 2.1: pDLG: Mean square displacement  $\langle R^2(t) \rangle$  versus time t for different particles densities. Individual particles asymptotically experience ordinary random walks. L = 250.

### Even bigger systems

1e+14 1e+13 1e+12 =10001e+11 1e+10 Slope -1.5 S(f) 1e+09 1e+08 1e+07 1e+06 Slope -1 100000 10000 1e-05 0.0001 0.001 0.01 0.1 f

FIG. 1: Scaling behavior of the spectrum  $S(f) \propto f^{-\mu}$  of the total number of particles N(t) in the DLG for increasing linear sizes of the lattice L. A crossover from  $\mu = 1$  for small L to  $\mu = 1.5$  for large L is observed. Particle density  $\rho = 0.5$ .

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### Even bigger systems - and density dependence



FIG. 10: DLG: Scaling behavior of the spectrum  $S(f) \propto f^{-\mu}$ of the total number of particles in the box N(t) and of the spectrum  $S_a(f)$  of the total number of active particles near the critical density  $\rho = 0.24506 \simeq \rho_c$ . The spectra have been multiplied by arbitrary factors to visualize the scaling exponent properly. Lattice linear size L = 1000.

From Master thesis Andrea Giomette Larger systems > at higher densities =>  $\mu$  = 3/2

> at low density =>  $\mu$  = 1.8

### **Explanation** The $\beta = 3/2$ at high density

As the system increases a bulk noise term is generated

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### **Explanation** The $\beta$ = 1.8 at low density

The absorbing state phase transition: > as density decreases motion will stop



High density



Low density



Density of active particles

$$\rho_a \sim (\rho - \rho_c)^{\beta}$$

Survival probability

 $P_{\infty} \sim (\rho - \rho_c)^{\beta'}$ 



FIG. 3: Density of active sites  $\rho_a$  as a function of  $\delta \rho = \rho - \rho_c$ . The determination of the critical density  $\rho_c$  is obtained varying its value until data points are aligned on a straight line in a log-log plot. Lattice linear size L = 1000. Error bars are smaller than symbols.

### $\beta = 0.634$

## Study all the critical exponents Determine universality class

	β	$ u_{\perp}$	$ u_{\parallel} $	σ
Manna	0.639(9)	0.799(14)	1.225(29)	2.229(32)
DLG	0.634(2)	0.83(5)	1.2(1)	2.19(1)
	,			
	$\gamma'$	$\gamma$	$\alpha$	z
Manna	$\frac{\gamma'}{0.367(19)}$	$\frac{\gamma}{1.590(33)}$	$\frac{\alpha}{0.419(15)}$	$\frac{z}{1.533(24)}$

TABLE I: The measured critical exponents for the DLG and the corresponding critical exponents for the Manna universality class in d = 2[12].

#### **Conclude**:

Deterministic Lattice Gas belongs to the Manna universality class.

Hitherto unexpected because because all other members are stochastic models.

### Back to power spectrum

$$\mu = 1 + \frac{1}{z} \left(2 - \frac{\beta}{\nu_{\perp}}\right)$$
$$\beta = 0.634$$
$$z = 1.5$$
$$\nu = \perp = 0.83$$

 $\mu = 1.78(2)$ 



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 $ho pprox 
ho_a$  near transition

### Summary of lattice gas behaivour:

> phenomenology well described by Langevin Eq. with bulk noise at elevated densities

> at low densities near the frozen state critical properties describes the fluctuations



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# The morale



- Combination of theory and simulations established proper critical behaviour only at the absorbing state phase transition
  - Take a close look at the fluctuations

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### Cluster analysis of sites involved in dissipation

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# Conclusion

Brain and rain certainly not in a critical state

### but certainly wanders around near one

Identify the "order parameter"
and study the fluctuations of it
= susceptibility





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