

From grains to rods

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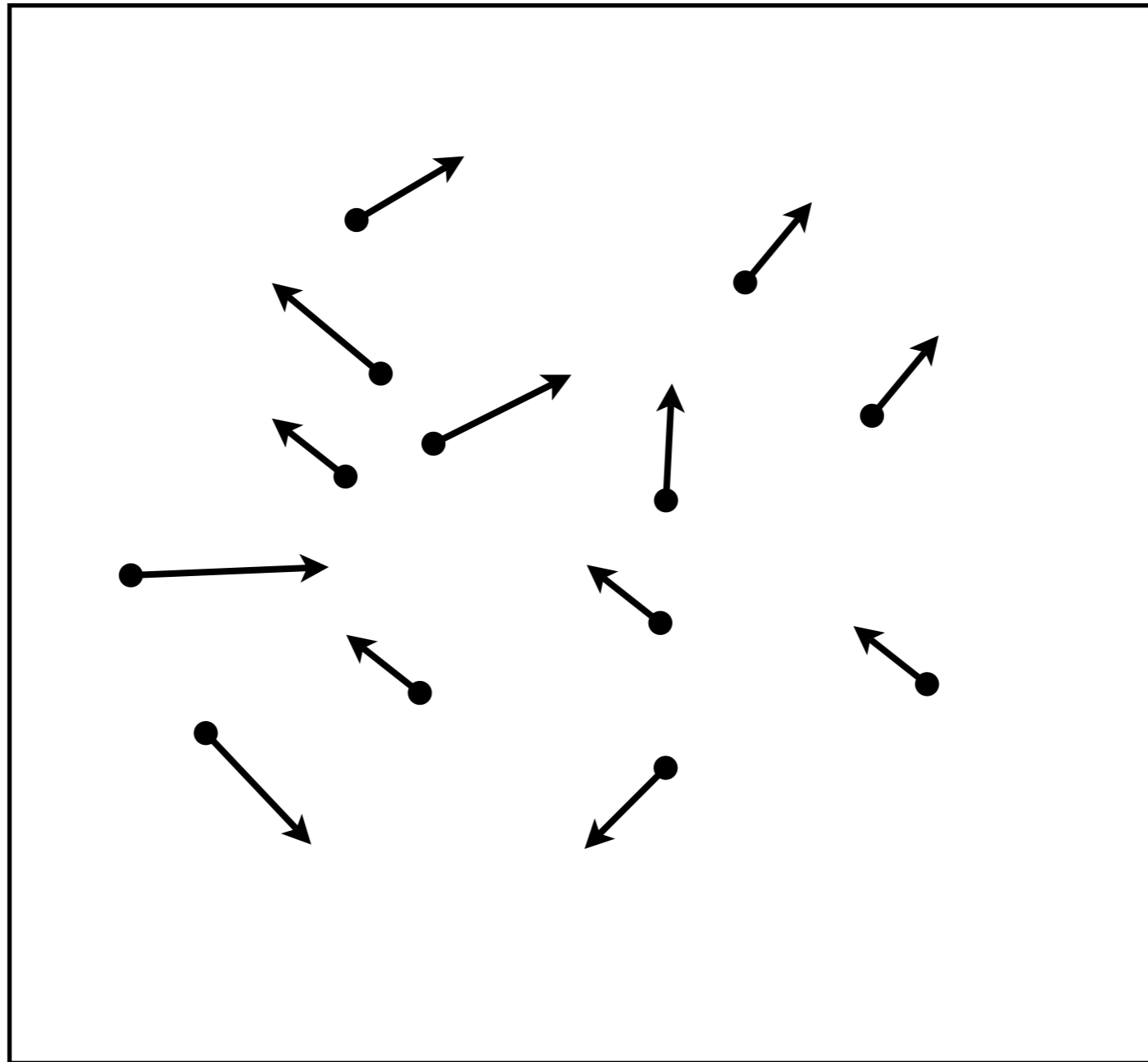
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Plan

- I. Driven Grains: nonequilibrium steady states
- II. Driven Rods: nonequilibrium phase transitions

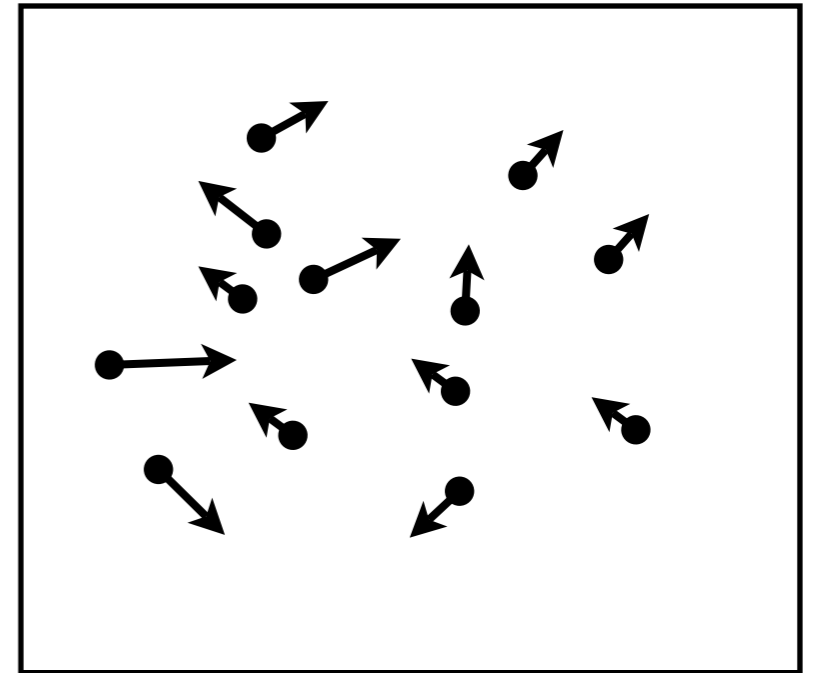
I. Driven grains

“A shaken box of marbles”



Driven Granular Gas

- Vigorous driving
- Spatially uniform system
- Velocities change due to:
 - ★ Collisions: lose energy
 - ★ Forcing: gain energy
- Time irreversibility



Nonequilibrium steady state

Theoretical Model

Two independent competing processes

1. Inelastic collisions (nonlinear)

$$(v_1, v_2) \rightarrow \left(\frac{v_1 + v_2}{2}, \frac{v_1 + v_2}{2} \right)$$

2. Random uncorrelated white noise (linear)

$$\frac{dv_j}{dt} = \eta_j(t) \quad \langle \eta_j(t) \eta_j(t') \rangle = 2D \delta(t - t')$$

System reaches a nontrivial steady-state

Energy injection balances dissipation

Kinetic theory

- Boltzmann equation

$$\frac{\partial P(v)}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 P(v)}{\partial v^2} + \iint dv_1 dv_2 P(v_1) P(v_2) \delta \left(v - \frac{v_1 + v_2}{2} \right) - P(v)$$

- Fourier transform

$$F(k) = \int dv e^{ikv} P(v)$$

- Closed nonlinear and nonlocal equation

$$(1 + Dk^2)F(k) = F^2(k/2)$$

- Invariance

$$v \rightarrow v/\sqrt{D}$$

Shape of distribution is independent of forcing strength

Infinite product solution

- Solution by iteration

$$F(k) = \frac{1}{1 + Dk^2} F^2(k/2) = \frac{1}{1 + Dk^2} \frac{1}{(1 + D(k/2)^2)^2} F^4(k/4) = \dots$$

- Infinite product solution

$$F(k) = \prod_{i=0}^{\infty} [1 + D(k/2^i)^2]^{-2^i}$$

- Exponential tail $v \rightarrow \infty$

$$P(v) \propto \exp\left(-|v|/\sqrt{D}\right)$$

$$P(k) \propto \frac{1}{1 + Dk^2} \\ \propto \frac{1}{k - i/\sqrt{D}}$$

- Also follows from

$$D \frac{\partial^2 P(v)}{\partial v^2} = -P(v)$$

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Non-Maxwellian distribution/Overpopulated tails

Cumulant solution

- **Steady-state equation**

$$F(k)(1 + Dk^2) = F^2(k/2)$$

- **Take the logarithm** $\psi(k) = \ln F(k)$

$$\psi(k) + \ln(1 + Dk^2) = 2\psi(k/2)$$

- **Cumulant solution**

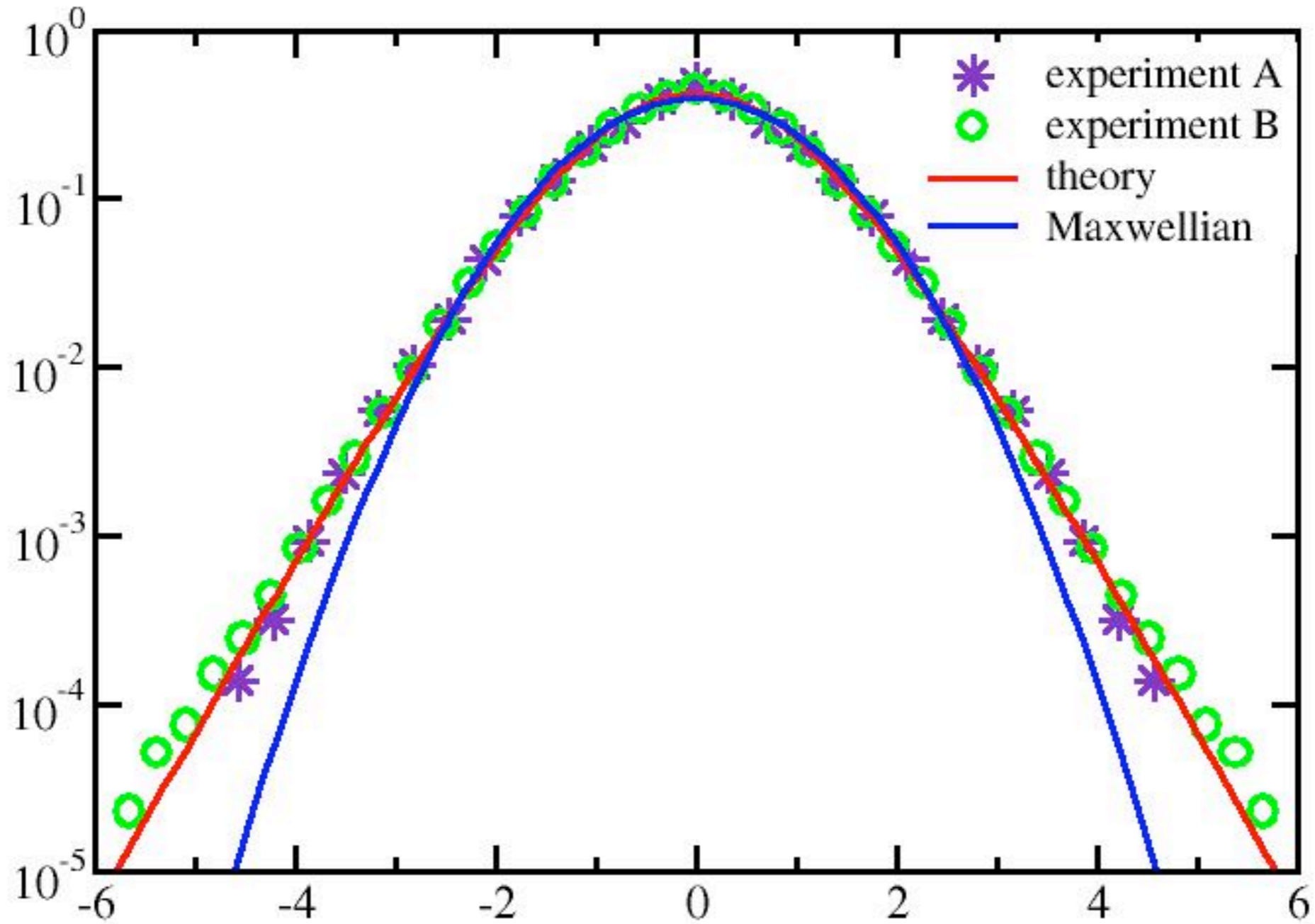
$$F(k) = \exp \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \psi_n (-Dk^2)^n / n \right]$$

- **Generalized fluctuation-relaxation relations**

$$\psi_n = \lambda_n^{-1} = [1 - 2^{1-n}]^{-1}$$

$$\psi_n - \psi_n(\infty) \sim e^{-\lambda_n t}$$

Experiment



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Stationary Solutions

- Stationary solutions do exist!

$$F(k) = F^2(k/2)$$

- Family of exponential solutions

$$F(k) = \exp(-kv_0)$$

- Lorentz/Cauchy distribution

$$P(v) = \frac{1}{\pi v_0} \frac{1}{1 + (v/v_0)^2}$$

How is a stationary solution consistent with energy dissipation?

Extreme Statistics

- Large velocities, cascade process

$$v \rightarrow \left(\frac{v}{2}, \frac{v}{2} \right) \xrightarrow{(v_1, v_2)} \left(\frac{v_1 + v_2}{2}, \frac{v_1 + v_2}{2} \right)$$

- Linear evolution equation

$$\frac{\partial P(v)}{\partial t} = 4P\left(\frac{v}{2}\right) - P(v)$$

- Steady-state: power-law distribution

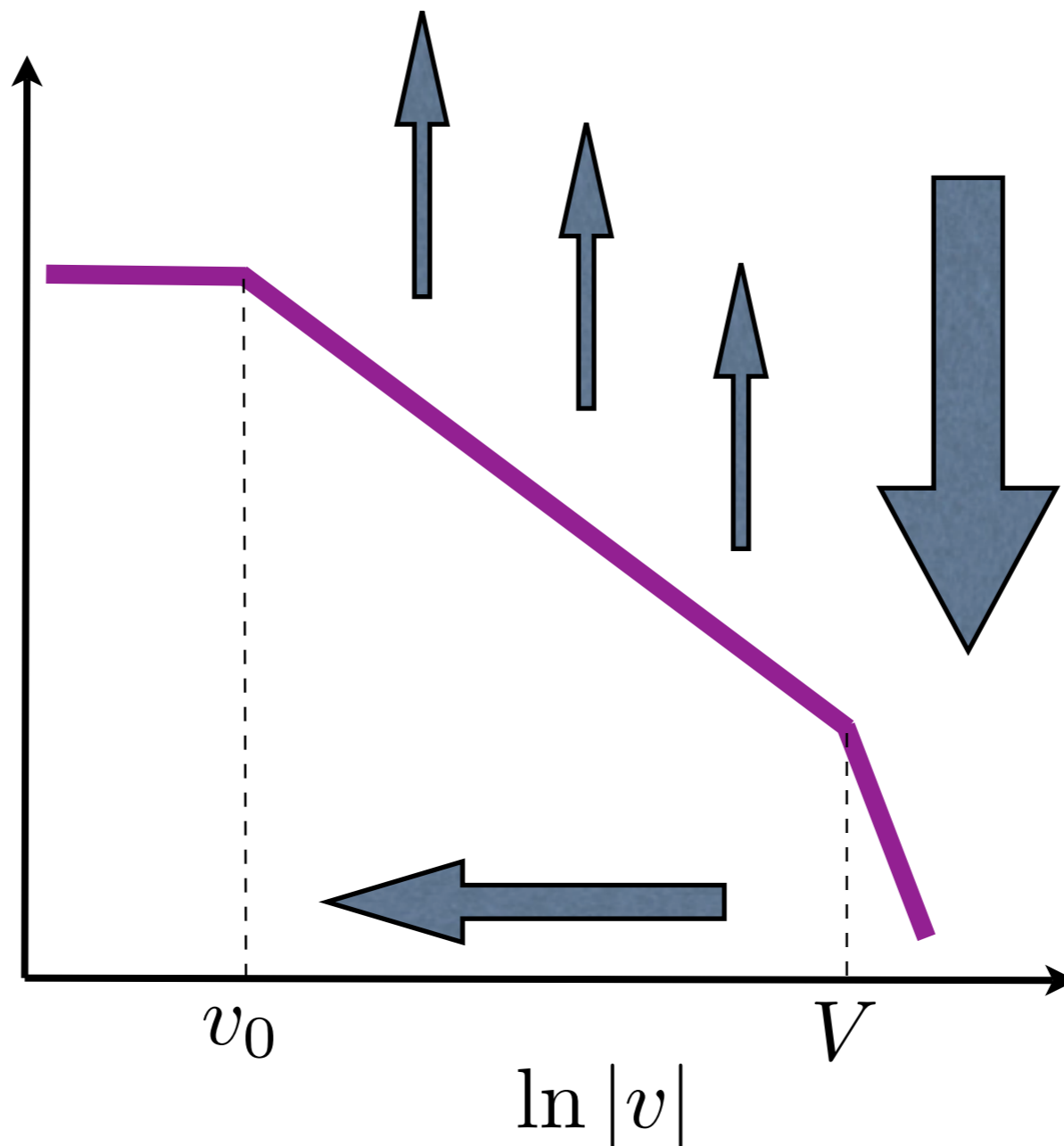
$$P(v) \sim v^{-2} \qquad 4P\left(\frac{v}{2}\right) = P(v)$$

- Divergent energy, divergent dissipation rate

Injection, Cascade, Dissipation

Experiment:
rare, powerful
energy injections

$\ln P(|v|)$



Lottery MC:
award one particle
all dissipated energy

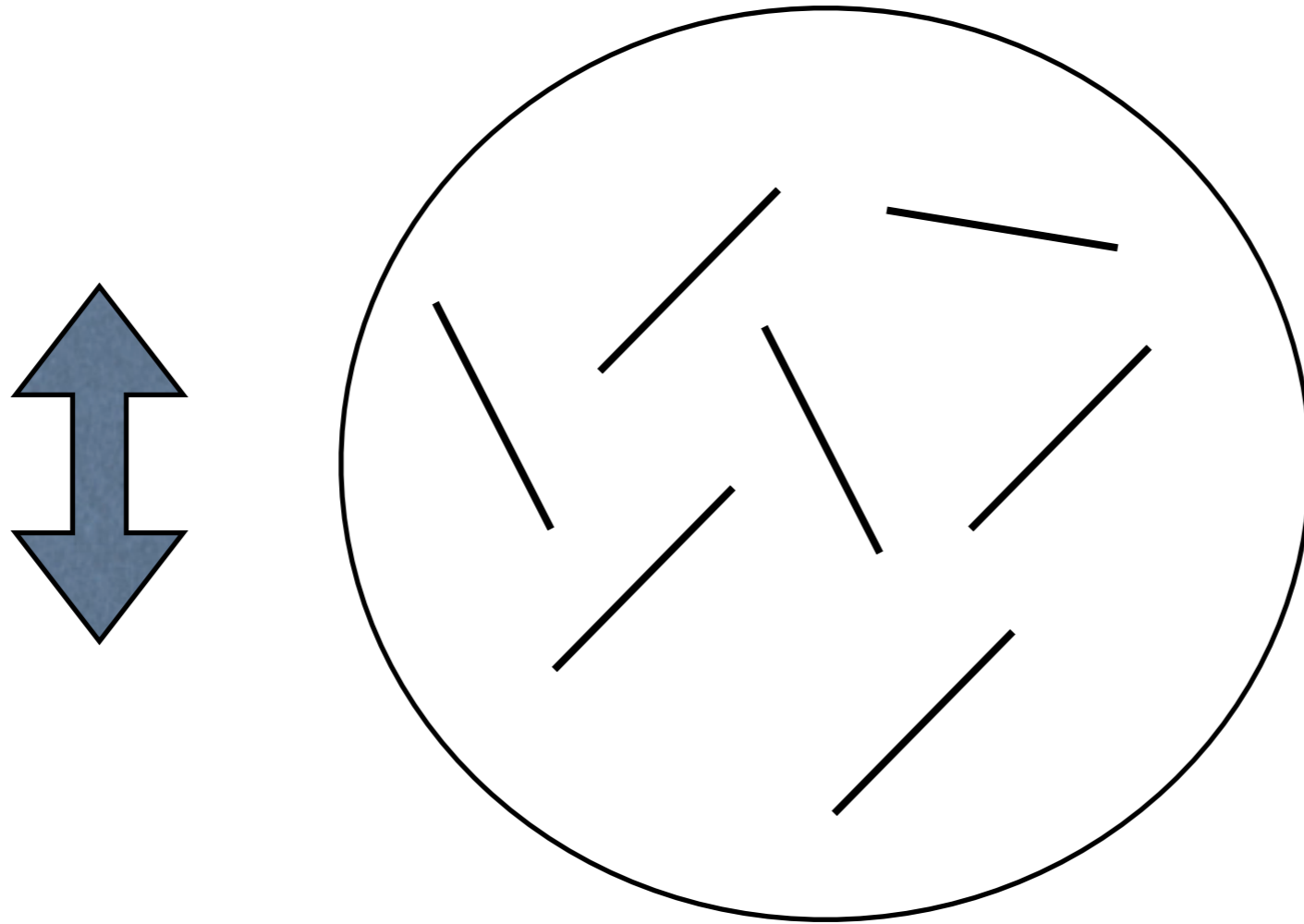
Injection selects the typical scale!

I. Conclusions

- Nonequilibrium steady-states
- Energy pumped and dissipated by different mechanisms
- Overpopulation of high-energy tail with respect to equilibrium distribution

II. Driven rods

“A shaken dish of toothpicks”



Motivation

- Biology: molecular motors
- Ecology: flocking
- Granular matter: granular rods and chains
- Phase synchronization

The rod alignment model

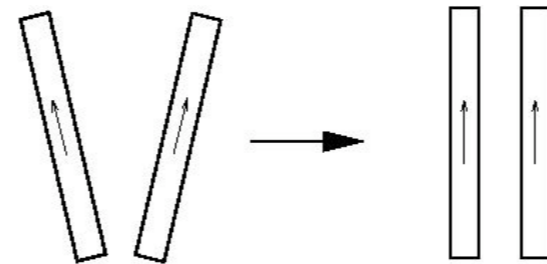
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- Each rod has an orientation

$$-\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi$$

I. Alignment by pairwise interactions (nonlinear)

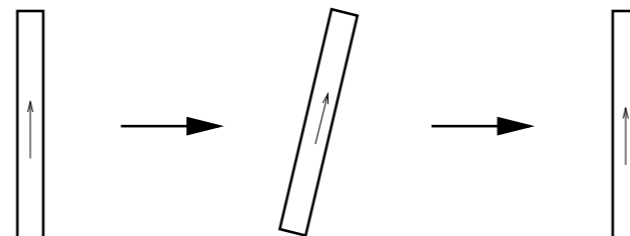
$$(\theta_1, \theta_2) \rightarrow \begin{cases} \left(\frac{\theta_1 + \theta_2}{2}, \frac{\theta_1 + \theta_2}{2} \right) & |\theta_1 - \theta_2| < \pi \\ \left(\frac{\theta_1 + \theta_2 + 2\pi}{2}, \frac{\theta_1 + \theta_2 + 2\pi}{2} \right) & |\theta_1 - \theta_2| > \pi \end{cases}$$



II. Diffusive wiggling (linear)

$$\frac{d\theta_j}{dt} = \eta_j(t)$$

$$\langle \eta_j(t) \eta_j(t') \rangle = 2D\delta(t - t')$$



Kinetic theory

- Nonlinear integro-differential equation

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial \theta^2} + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\phi P \left(\theta - \frac{\phi}{2} \right) P \left(\theta + \frac{\phi}{2} \right) - P.$$

- Fourier transform

$$P_k = \langle e^{-ik\theta} \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\theta e^{-ik\theta} P(\theta) \quad P(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} P_k e^{ik\theta}$$

- Closed nonlinear equation

$$(1 + Dk^2)P_k = \sum_{i+j=k} A_{i-j} P_i P_j$$

- Coupling constants

$$A_q = \frac{\sin \frac{\pi q}{2}}{\frac{\pi q}{2}} = \begin{cases} 1 & q = 0 \\ 0 & q = 2, 4, \dots \\ (-1)^{\frac{q-1}{2}} \frac{2}{\pi |q|} & q = 1, 3, \dots \end{cases}$$

Linear Stability Analysis

Aronson, Tsimring

- Small perturbation to uniform state

$$P(\theta, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} + p(\theta, t)$$

- Linear evolution equation for small perturbation

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial \theta^2} + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\phi \frac{p(\theta - \phi/2) + p(\theta + \phi/2)}{2\pi} - p$$

- Growth rate of perturbation

$$p(\theta, t) \propto e^{ik\theta + \lambda t} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \lambda_k = 2A_k - 1 - Dk^2$$

- Uniform state stable only when diffusion large

$$D > D_c = 2A_1 - 1 = \frac{4}{\pi} - 1$$

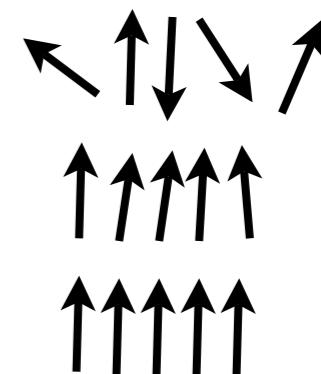
The order parameter

- Lowest order Fourier mode

$$R = |\langle e^{i\theta} \rangle| = |P_{-1}|$$

- Probes the state of the system

$$R = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{disordered} \\ 0.4 & \text{partially ordered} \\ 1 & \text{perfectly ordered} \end{cases}$$



The Fourier Equation

- Compact Form

$$P_k = \sum_{\substack{i+j=k \\ i \neq 0, j \neq 0}} G_{i,j} P_i P_j$$

- Transformed coupling constants

$$G_{i,j} = \frac{A_{i-j}}{1 + D(i+j)^2 - 2A_{i+j}}$$

- Properties

$$G_{i,j} = G_{j,i}$$

$$G_{i,j} = G_{-i,-j}$$

$$G_{i,j} = 0, \quad \text{for} \quad |i - j| = 2, 4, \dots$$

Solution

- Repeated iterations (product of three modes)

$$P_k = \sum_{\substack{i+j=k \\ i \neq 0, j \neq 0}} \sum_{\substack{l+m=j \\ l \neq 0, m \neq 0}} G_{i,j} G_{l,m} P_i P_l P_m.$$

- When $k=2,4,8,\dots$

$$P_2 = G_{1,1} P_1^2$$

$$P_4 = G_{2,2} P_2^2 = G_{2,2} G_{1,1}^2 P_1^4$$

- Generally

$$P_3 = 2G_{1,2} P_1 P_2 + 2G_{-1,4} P_{-1} P_4 + \dots$$

$$= 2G_{1,2} G_{1,1} P_1^3 + 2G_{-1,4} G_{2,2} G_{1,1}^2 P_1^4 P_{-1} \dots$$

Partition of Integers

- Diagrammatic solution

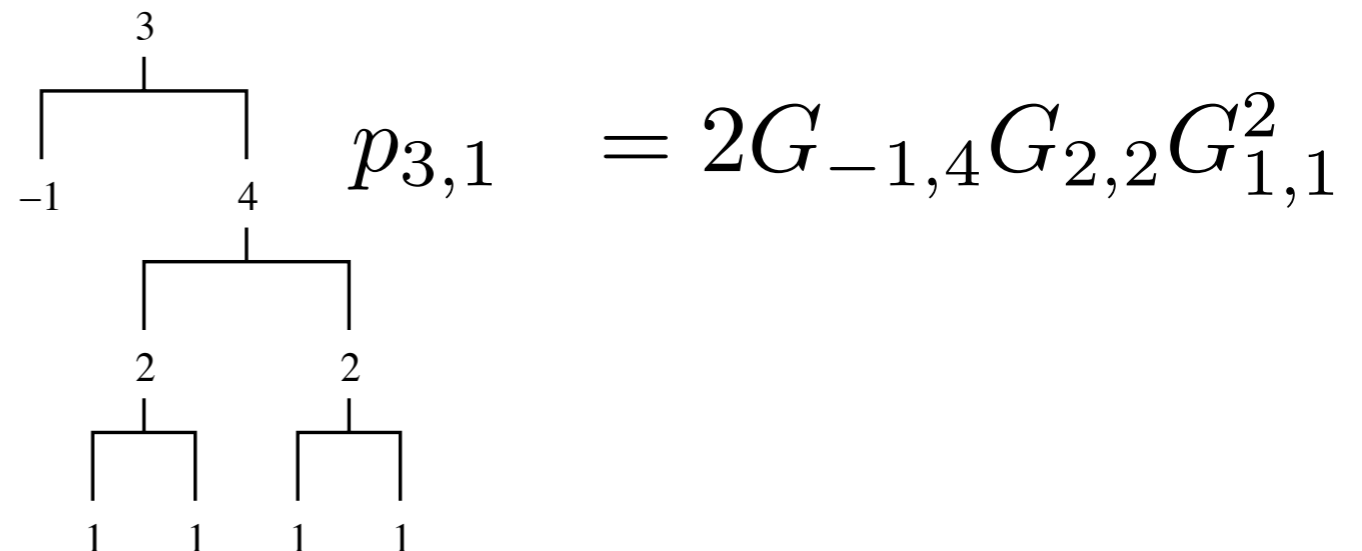
$$P_k = R^k \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{k,n} R^{2n}$$

- Partition

$$k = \underbrace{1 + 1 + \dots + 1 + 1}_{k+n} \underbrace{-1 - \dots - 1}_n.$$

- Partitions rules

$$\begin{aligned} k &= i + j \\ i &\neq 0 \\ j &\neq 0 \\ G_{i,j} &\neq 0 \end{aligned}$$



All modes expressed in terms of order parameter

The order parameter

- Infinite series solution

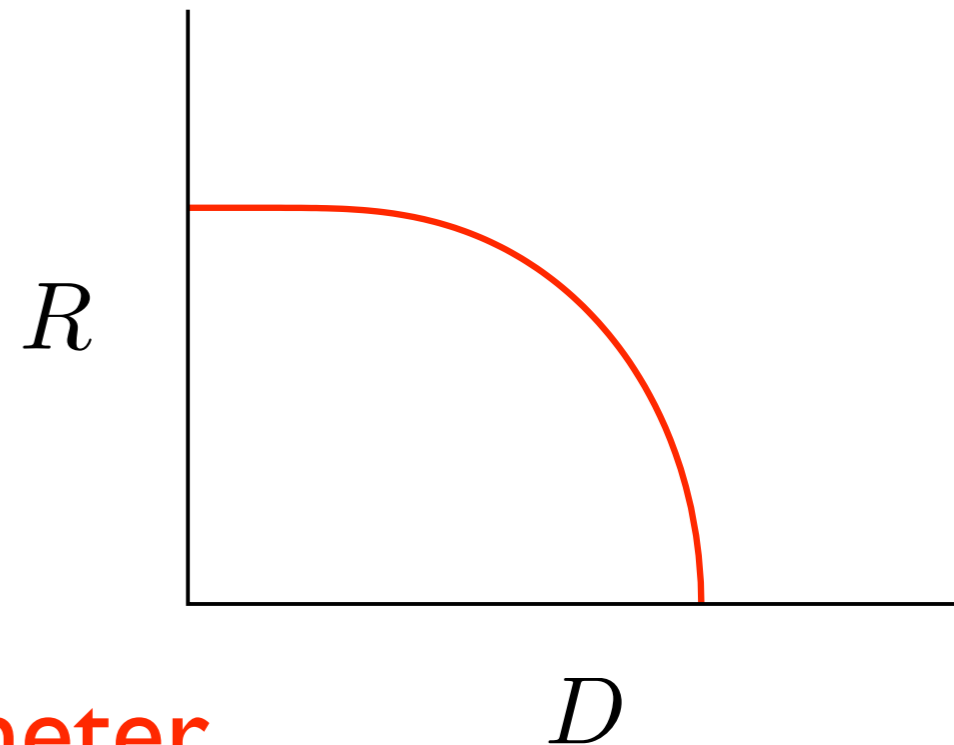
$$R = R^k \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{1,n} R^{2n}$$

- Landau theory

$$R = \frac{C}{D_c - D} R^3 + \dots$$

- Critical diffusion constant

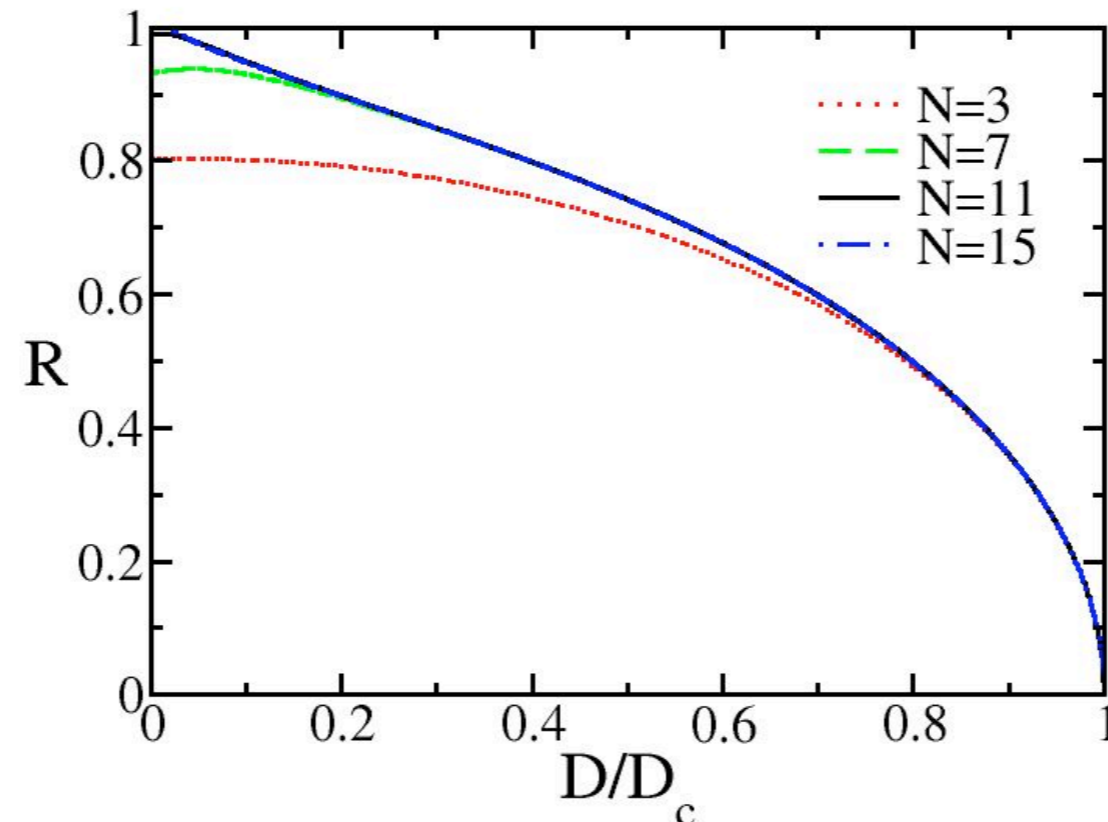
$$D_c = \frac{4}{\pi} - 1$$



Close equation for order parameter

Nonequilibrium phase transition

- Critical diffusion constant $D_c = \frac{4}{\pi} - 1$
- Subcritical: ordered phase $R > 0$
- Supercritical: disordered phase $R = 0$
- Critical behavior $R \sim (D_c - D)^{1/2}$

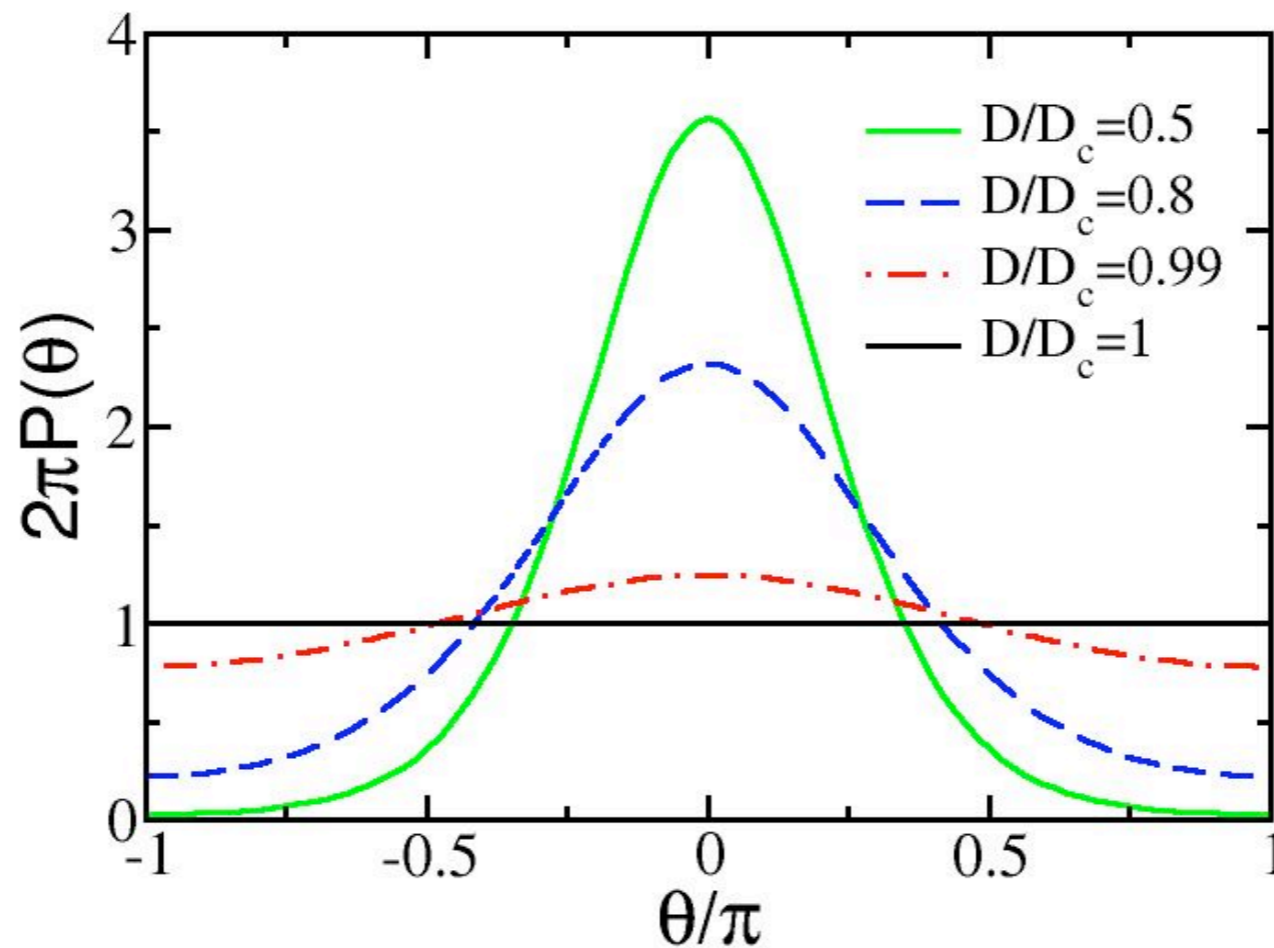


Distribution of orientation

- Fourier modes decay exponentially with R

$$P_k \sim R^k$$

- Small number of modes sufficient in practice



$$P(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[1 + 2R \cos \theta + 2G_{1,1} R^2 \cos(2\theta) + 4G_{1,2} G_{1,1} R^3 \cos(3\theta) + \dots \right]$$

General alignment rates

- Alignment rate

$$K(|\theta_1 - \theta_2|)$$

- Diagrammatic solution holds

- Hard-rods

$$K(\phi) \propto |\sin \phi| \quad D_c = \frac{1}{3}$$

- Hard-spheres: system always disordered

$$K(\phi) \propto |\phi|$$

Boltzmann equation can be solved!
Phase transition may or may not exist

Arbitrary alignment rates

- Kinetic theory: arbitrary alignment rates

$$0 = D \frac{d^2 P}{d\theta^2} + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\phi \underline{K(\phi)} P\left(\theta - \frac{\phi}{2}\right) P\left(\theta + \frac{\phi}{2}\right) - P(\theta) \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\phi \underline{K(\phi)} P(\theta + \phi)$$

- Fourier transform of alignment rate

$$A_q = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\phi e^{iq\phi/2} K(\phi)$$

- Recover same Fourier equation using

$$G_{i,j} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{A_{i-j} + A_{j-i} - A_{2i} - A_{2j}}{1 + D(i+j)^2 - 2A_{i+j}}$$

**When Fourier spectrum is discrete:
exact solution is possible for
arbitrary alignment rates**

Experiments



II. Conclusions

- Nonequilibrium phase transition
- Weak noise: ordered phase (nematic)
- Strong noise: disordered phase
- Solution relates to iterated partition of integers
- Only when Fourier spectrum is discrete: exact solution possible for arbitrary averaging rates