

# Relaxation dynamics and the free energy near the phase boundary of the 3D kinetic Ising model

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We study the relaxation dynamics of the three-dimensional kinetic Ising model along the phase boundary, focusing on the relaxation behavior [1] and the evolution of the underlying free-energy landscape[2]. We find that the average equilibration time increases significantly as the temperature moves far below the critical point  $T_c$ , and exhibits ultraslow relaxation along the first-order phase transition line. Dynamic scaling persists both near  $T_c$  and at  $T \ll T_c$ , with the latter showing a larger dynamic exponent. By tracking the time evolution of the free-energy landscape, we show that complex fine structures emerging at low temperatures trap random initial configurations, producing a strong delay in equilibration - the effect we identify as ultra-slow relaxation. This phenomenon is characterized by a self-divergence of the relative variance of equilibration times, revealing a previously unrecognized dynamic signature of first-order phase transitions.

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