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## Emergence of Kardar-Parisi-Zhang dynamics from the etching model: A nonphenomenological description.

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In a recent work [1] a method to derive analytically the roughness evolution was exposed. The method allows to obtain analytically the growths exponents of a surface of  $1 + 1$  dimensions whose dynamics is ruled by cellular automata. The method was successfully applied to the etching model[2,3] and the dynamical exponents were obtained. Those exponents are exact and they are the same as those exhibited by the KPZ model[4] for this dimension. Here we revisit the dynamics of corrosion of an interface and we define a distribution of height difference  $P(h_i - h_j)$ , between a site  $i$  and its first neighbour  $j$ . We present a simple proof that in the continuous limit the etching mechanism leads us to the Kardar-Parisi-Zhang (KPZ) equation in a  $d + 1$  dimensional space. We show that the parameter  $\lambda$  associated with the nonlinear term of the KPZ equation is not phenomenological, rather it stems from  $P(h_i - h_j)$ . The Galilean invariance is recovered independent of  $d$ , and we illustrate this via very precise numerical simulations. Moreover, we strengthen the argument that there is no upper critical limit for the KPZ equation [6].

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