Memory and boundary perturbations for disordered magnets

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- Memory: hysteresis upon bulk parameter changes?
- Large intermittent responses (avalanches)?
- Response to bulk perturbations (temperature, vibration)?
- Response to boundary perturbations (cracks, force chains)?
- "Landscapes"?

Memory under quenched bulk perturbations



Aging, rejuvenation, memory

2D disordered Ising magnet

 $L \times L$ grid, sites i,

 $\mathcal{H}(\vec{s}) = -\sum_{ij} J_{ij} s_i s_j$

with s_i Ising spins, $s_i = \pm 1$.

Spin glass, perturbed gaussian distribution: $J_{ij} = (K_{ij} + \Delta \cdot K'_{ij})(1 + \Delta^2)^{-1/2},$ with K_{ij}, K'_{ij} variance 1, mean 0, Gaussian, tune perturbation strength Δ Random bond, uniform distribution: $P(J_{ij}) = 1, \ 0 \le J_{ij} < 1$





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Algorithms exist to quickly find negative weight loops \Rightarrow ground state!

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 $(\Delta E)^2 \sim L^{2\theta},$ where for Gaussian disorder $\theta \approx -0.22$ and the domain wall has fractal dimension $d_f \approx 1.27.$

















Coarsening w/patches

Black = A phase, white = \overline{A} phase.



SG

RB

Chaos

[Bray & Moore, PRL, 1987] Sensitivity of equilibrium configuration to

- Temperature changes δT
- Random perturbations Δ in bonds

Apparent beyond some chaos scale ξ_c , $\xi_c \sim (\delta T)^{-1/\zeta}, \ \xi_c \sim \Delta^{-1/\zeta},$ for a chaos exponent ζ .

Adding up all configurations to get Z: thermal chaos



From Bray/Moore/Fisher/Huse chaos + droplet picture.

- Slow coarsening \Rightarrow aging.
- When lower T, chaos \Rightarrow rejuvenation.
- Higher T memory is not fully erased \Rightarrow memory.







- 1. Begin with ground state $s_i(1)$ for J_{ij} .
- 2. Add disorder Δ to J_{ij} , many patches at scale $\ell^{(2)}$. Overlap $q(2) = L^{-2} \sum s_i(1)s_i(2)$.
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Controllability by boundary conditions

Thermodynamic limit subtle in disordered matter

Convergence of correlation functions $\langle s_i s_j \rangle$ as $L \to \infty$

In a ferromagnet, have translation invariance, natural BCs.

How do you add to the boundary in a disordered material? Different subsequences of sample growth \Rightarrow different states?

[See D. Fisher, D. Huse, G. Parisi, C. Newman, D. Stein, and many others.]

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How to check 2^{4L} boundary conditions?

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Each domain wall piece is a global DW.

- For the RB magnet, examine all 2-ended DWs.
- Still a lot of paths: Naively something like $L^3 \log(L)$ computations.
- Use recent computer science algorithms to get down to $L^2 \log(L)$.

⇒Time to examine all 2^{4L} ground states scales as # of spins. ⇒10⁶ samples of size 2048² in a day on SU OrangeGrid. All crossing paths (domain walls) from a midpoint, L=512

All domain wall paths, L=256

Scaling for density of controllable points?

Wandering of paths $\sim L^{2/3}$. (Huse, Henley, Fisher, Johansson)

⇒# of independent sources ~ $L/L^{2/3}$. ⇒paths from same source $\Delta r \sim L^{2/3}$ at center.

 \Rightarrow central linear density $\sim L^{-1/3}$

(Compare ferromagnet, no disorder: density = 1)

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P(r) = prob a bond at distance r from bdy is controllable by BC.

- New algorithm.
- Uniqueness of thermodynamic limit
- Window of size w, all BCs: $L \sim w^3$.
- E.g., can reach a point by fracture by "smart paths"? Hide something from BCs?

[Currently: correlated disorder \Rightarrow vary scaling.]

Exact sampling from Boltzmann distribution

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- Memory (bulk perturbation)
 - Spin glass control parameters:
 - * Magnitude of distributed perturbation
 - * Length scale of "equilibration" (optimization)
 - How/where is memory stored? Multiscale for, e.g., colloidal?
- Controllability (boundary perturbation)
 - Random bond magnet example
 - * All boundary conditions [algorithm]
 - * Scaling of controllable points
 - Other disorders, models?

