## 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 $i$,

$$
\mathcal{H}(\vec{s})=-\sum_{i j} J_{i j} s_{i} s_{j}
$$

with $s_{i}$ Ising spins, $s_{i}= \pm 1$.

Spin glass, perturbed gaussian distribution:

$$
J_{i j}=\left(K_{i j}+\Delta \cdot K_{i j}^{\prime}\right)\left(1+\Delta^{2}\right)^{-1 / 2}
$$

with $K_{i j}, K_{i j}^{\prime}$ variance 1, mean 0 , Gaussian, tune perturbation strength $\Delta$
Random bond, uniform distribution:

$$
P\left(J_{i j}\right)=1,0 \leq J_{i j}<1
$$




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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
$d_{f} \approx 1.27$.


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## Coarsening w/patches

Black $=A$ phase, white $=\bar{A}$ phase.

## SG



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\ell_{m}=1
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\ell_{m}=2
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\ell_{m}=4
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\ell_{m}=8
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## Chaos

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

- Temperature changes $\delta T$
- Random perturbations $\Delta$ in bonds

Apparent beyond some chaos scale $\xi_{c}$,

$$
\xi_{c} \sim(\delta T)^{-1 / \zeta}, \xi_{c} \sim \Delta^{-1 / \zeta}
$$

for a chaos exponent $\zeta$.

Adding up all configurations to get Z: thermal chaos


## Chaos and aging, rejuvenation, memory

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.


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- Ongoing work: replicate for finite temperature
ratio of recovery patch scale to chaos scale


## Controllability by boundary conditions

## Thermodynamic limit subtle in disordered matter

Convergence of correlation functions

$$
\left\langle s_{i} s_{j}\right\rangle \text { as } L \rightarrow \infty
$$

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 $2^{4 L}$ 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 $L^{2} \log (L)$.
$\Rightarrow$ Time to examine all $2^{4 L}$ ground states scales as $\#$ of spins.
$\Rightarrow 10^{6}$ samples of size $2048^{2}$ 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)
$\Rightarrow \#$ of independent sources $\sim L / L^{2 / 3}$.
$\Rightarrow$ 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 $=1$ )

## All domain wall paths, L=256


$P(r)=$ 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



Kac, Ward; Kasteleyn; Saul, Kardar; Gallucio, Loebl,Vondrak; D.Wilson, D. Randall; Thomas,AAM

- 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?


