Scaling behavior of domain walls at the $T = 0$ ferromagnet to spin-glass transition

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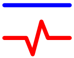
Model

- $N = L \times L$ Ising spins $\sigma_i = \pm 1$ on square lattice
- Periodic boundary conditions in one direction
- Edwards-Anderson Hamiltonian: $\mathcal{H}(\sigma) = -\sum_{\langle ij \rangle} J_{ij} \sigma_i \sigma_j$

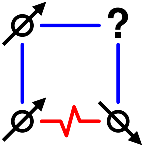
interaction strength:

$J_{ij} > 0$:
$J_{ij} < 0$:



quenched disorder

frustration:



- Here: “Gaussian-like” distributed bonds

$$P(J) = (1-\rho)\, e^{-J^2/2}/\sqrt{2\pi} \;+\; \rho\, \delta(J-1)$$

$\rho < \rho_c$: Spin-glass (SG)
$\rho > \rho_c$: Ferromagnet (FM)

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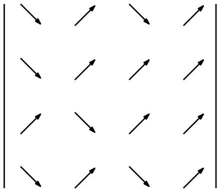

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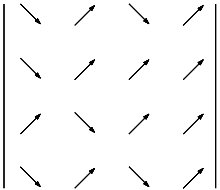

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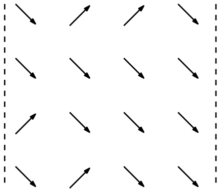

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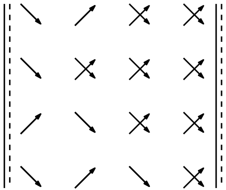

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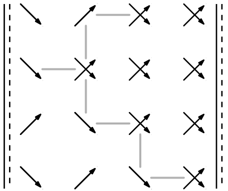

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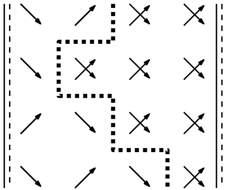

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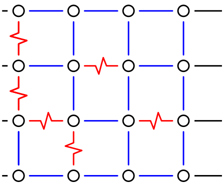

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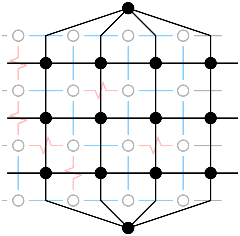

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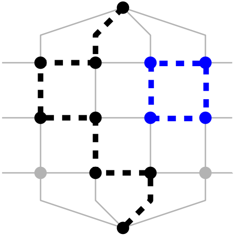


no loops with negative weight:

$$\omega(\mathcal{C}) = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle \in \mathcal{C}} J_{ij}\sigma_i\sigma_j \geq 0$$

- DW: minimum-weight $(\mathrm{top}, \mathrm{bottom})$ path

Minimum-Weight Paths

- G: undirected graph, allowing for negative edge weights
- Here: standard minimum-weight path algorithms, e.g. Bellman-Ford, Floyd-Warshall, don't work
- Minimum-weight path problem on dual requires matching techniques

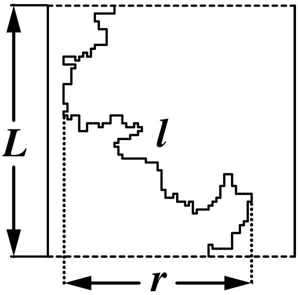
    i) Dual graph $\rightarrow$ auxiliary graph
    ii) Find minimum-weighted perfect matching (MWPM)
    iii) Interpret MWPM as min.-weight path

[R.K. Ahuja, T.L. Magnanti and J.B. Orlin, *Network flows*]

Previous results

- Excitation energy of DWs:
  $\langle|\delta E|\rangle \sim L^{\theta}$, $\theta = -0.287(4)$
  [AKH and A.P. Young, PRB 2001]

- Scaling behavior of DWs:
  $\langle \ell \rangle \sim L^{d_f}$, $d_f = 1.274(2)$
  $\langle r \rangle \sim L^{d_r}$, $d_r = 1.008(11)$
  [OM and AKH, PRB 2007]



DWs can be described by Schramm-Loewner evolutions (SLEs) [Amoruso *et. al.*, PRL 2006], possibility to relate exponents via

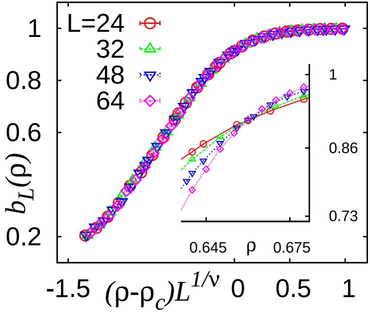
$$d_f = 1 + 3/[4(3+\theta)]$$

Universality: SLE scaling relation also valid for $\rho > 0$?

Location of the critical point

- Magnetization: $m_L = \sum_i \sigma_i / L^2$

  Binder ratio: $b_L = (3 - \frac{\langle m_L^4 \rangle}{\langle m_L^2 \rangle^2})/2$



finite size scaling:

$b_L \sim f[(\rho - \rho_c)L^{1/\nu}]$

$\rho_c = 0.660(1)$
$\nu = 1.49(7)$

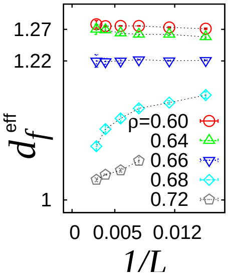
$S = 1.3$

- S = "quality" of the scaling assumption

Scaling behavior of DWs

- Scaling analysis up to $L = 512$

ρ	d_f	d_r	θ_2
0.00	1.274(2)	1.008(11)	-0.287(4)
0.60	1.275(1)	1.003(3)	-0.28(2)
0.64	1.275(2)	1.012(4)	-0.28(4)
0.66	1.222(1)	1.002(2)	0.16(1)
0.68	1.05(2)	0.74(3)	0.35(3)
0.72	1.022(1)	0.698(6)	0.27(2)



where
$\sigma(\delta E) = \sqrt{\langle \delta E^2 \rangle - \langle \delta E \rangle^2} \sim L^{\theta_2}$

- Spin glass phase up to ρ close to ρ_c: Scaling behavior of DW energy and DW length consistent with scaling relation

$$d_f = 1 + 3/[4(3+\theta)]$$

derived from SLE processes.

Summary

- Groundstate study on 2D Ising spin glasses with short ranged interactions
- DWs obtained via minimum-weight path approach
- Scaling behavior of DWs near SG-FM transition at $T = 0$
- $\rho < \rho_c$: SLE scaling relation consistent with exponents found from numerical simulations