

# Monte Carlo study of improved lattice models in three dimensions

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## Talk based on

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## Plan of the talk

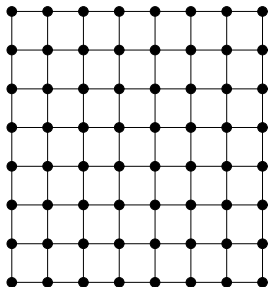
- ▶ lattice models
- ▶ algorithms (very briefly)
- ▶ RG and finite size scaling
- ▶ Results for critical exponents
- ▶ Work in progress

Lattice model can be seen either as

- ▶ discretisation of a field theory in the continuum
- ▶ microscopic model of an experimental system, e.g. a magnet

$d$ -dimensional regular lattice; here **simple cubic**

**periodic boundary conditions**: Reduce deviations of the finite system from thermodynamic limit; translational invariance



$x$ : site ,  $(x, \mu)$ : link;  
where  $\mu$  gives the direction

(Field) variables live on the sites  
and sometimes on the links.

## Statistical physics:

More or less accurate model of a real world system

Prototype:

Ising model:  $s_x \in \{-1, 1\}$  (Lenz/Ising 1924)

Classical Hamiltonian:

$$H(\{s\}) = -J \sum_{x,\mu} s_x s_{x+\hat{\mu}} - h \sum_x s_x$$

$\hat{\mu}$ : unit vector in  $\mu$ -direction

Partition function

$$Z = \sum_{\{s\}} \exp(-\beta H(\{s\}))$$

Note that there are  $2^V$  summands, where  $V$  is the number of sites.

## Computational methods

- ▶ Mean-field
- ▶ Lattice perturbation theory
- ▶ High/low temperature series expansions
- ▶ Transfermatrix (exact/numerical); mainly two dimensions
- ▶ Tensor-Network methods
- ▶ Monte Carlo simulation

$\phi^4$ -theory on the lattice; reduced Hamiltonian:

$$\mathcal{H}(\{\vec{\phi}\}) = -\beta \sum_{\langle xy \rangle} \vec{\phi}_x \cdot \vec{\phi}_y + \sum_x \left[ \vec{\phi}_x^2 + \lambda(\vec{\phi}_x^2 - 1)^2 + \vec{h} \cdot \vec{\phi}_x \right]$$

where  $\vec{\phi} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ . Partition function  $Z = \int D[\phi] \exp(-\mathcal{H}(\{\vec{\phi}\}))$

Universality (symmetry of the order parameter, range of the interaction, dimension of space)

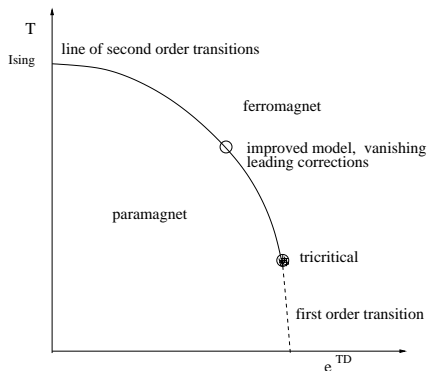
- ▶  $N = 1$ : Ising universality class; binary mixtures, bipolar magnets
- ▶  $N = 2$ : XY universality class;  $\lambda$ -transition of  $^4\text{He}$
- ▶  $N = 3$ : Heisenberg universality class; magnetic systems



The Blume-Capel model on a simple cubic lattice.

The reduced Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H} = -\beta \sum_{\langle xy \rangle} s_x s_y + D \sum_x s_x^2 - H \sum_x s_x, \quad \text{where } s_x \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$$

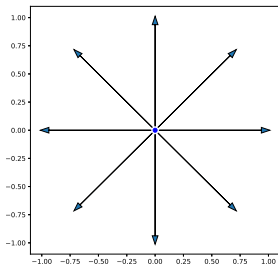


$N = 2$  , XY-universality class

Generalization of the  $q$ -state clock model. The field assumes one of the following values

$$\vec{s}_x \in \{(0, 0), (\cos(2\pi m/q), \sin(2\pi m/q))\} , \quad m \in \{1, \dots, q\}$$

$$q = 8$$



In the program, we store  $\vec{s}_x$  as  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots, q$  using an 8 bit `char` variable.

$N = 3$  , Heisenberg universality class

Similar to the XY case:

Field variable assumes one of **twelve vectors** of unit length which are given by the normalized **vertices** of the **icosahedron** as value. Similar to the Blume-Capel model, we add in the generalized model **(0, 0, 0)** as allowed value.

Regular convex polyhedra:

tetrahedron is selfdual

octahedron is dual to the cube

dodecahedron dual to the icosahedron

We study a simple cubic lattice with periodic/anti-periodic boundary conditions. The reduced Hamiltonian of the  $(q + 1)$ -state clock model

$$\mathcal{H} = -\beta \sum_{\langle xy \rangle} \vec{s}_x \cdot \vec{s}_y - D \sum_x \vec{s}_x^2 - \vec{H} \sum_x \vec{s}_x ,$$

Partition function

$$Z = \sum_{\{\vec{s}\}} \prod_x w(\vec{s}_x) \exp(-\mathcal{H}) ,$$

where

$$w(\vec{s}_x) = \delta_{0, \vec{s}_x^2} + \frac{1}{q} \delta_{1, \vec{s}_x^2} = \delta_{0, m_x} + \frac{1}{q} \sum_{n=1}^q \delta_{n, m_x}$$

# Algorithms

Hybrid of local updates and cluster updates

local updates

- ▶ Metropolis
- ▶ Overrelaxation
- ▶ Toda-Suwa (does not fulfil detail balance)

critical slowing down cured by cluster algorithms:

R.H. Swendsen and J.-S. Wang, *Nonuniversal critical dynamics in Monte Carlo simulations*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **58**, 86 (1987).

U. Wolff, *Collective Monte Carlo Updating for Spin Systems*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **62**, 361 (1989).

# Finite Size Scaling

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*Scaling Theory and Finite Systems*, Physica 83A, 561 (1976)

K. Binder,  
*Finite Size Scaling Analysis of Ising Model Block Distribution Functions*, Z. Phys. B: Condens. Matter **43**, 119 (1981).

M. N. Barber,  
Finite-size Scaling in *Phase Transitions and Critical Phenomena*,  
Vol. 8, eds. C. Domb and J. L. Lebowitz, (Academic Press, 1983)

Dimensionless quantities  $R$  used in finite size scaling study

Binder cumulant

$$U_4 = \frac{\langle m^4 \rangle}{\langle m^2 \rangle^2}$$

Second moment correlation length over lattice size

$$\frac{\xi_{2nd}}{L}$$

Ratio of partition functions

$$\frac{Z_a}{Z_p}$$

with **periodic** boundary conditions in all  $d$  directions ( $p$ ) and **antiperiodic** in one and periodic in the remaining ( $a$ )

General Hamiltonian with infinitely many terms with some hierarchy

$$H = - \sum_{\alpha} K_{\alpha} \sum_x S_{\alpha,x}$$

A **blockspin transformation** with a scale factor  $b$  defines a **mapping** in the space of coupling constants

$$\vec{K}' = \mathcal{R}(\vec{K})$$

linearize in the neighbourhood of a fixed point  $\vec{K}^*$

$$\delta\vec{K}' = T\delta\vec{K}$$

where  $\delta\vec{K} = \vec{K} - \vec{K}^*$  and the matrix  $T$  is not symmetric in general. Left eigenvectors, values  $\vec{\phi}_j T = \lambda_j \vec{\phi}_j$ , **RG-exponents**  $y_j = \frac{\log(\lambda_j)}{\log(b)}$

**Scaling field**  $u_j = \vec{\phi}_j \delta\vec{K}$  transforms as  $u'_j = \vec{\phi}_j \delta\vec{K}' = \vec{\phi}_j T \delta\vec{K} = \lambda_j u_j$



Our **starting point**, derived using basic ideas of the RG, see textbooks, reviews (For vanishing external field):

$$R_i(\beta, \lambda, L) = R_i(u_t L^{y_t}, \{u_j L^{y_j}\})$$

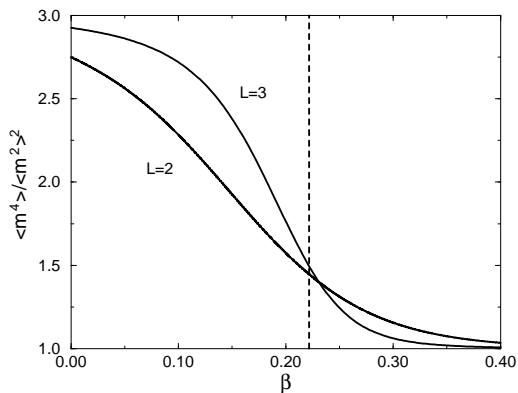
The scaling fields  $u_t(\lambda, t) = O(t)$ ,  $u_j(\lambda, t)$  are **analytic functions** of the model parameter  $\lambda$ , and the reduced temperature  $t = \beta - \beta_c(\lambda)$ . In particular, there is **no singular behaviour at the transition**.

Thermal RG-exponent  $y_t = 1/\nu > 0$  relevant.

RG-exponents  $y_j = d - \Delta_j < 0$  for  $j = 3, 4, \dots$  irrelevant

Correction exponent  $\omega = -y_3 \approx 0.8$ ,  $-2 \gtrsim y_j$  for  $j \geq 4$ .

# Ising model on the simple cubic lattice, summation over all configurations



$$\begin{aligned}
& \left. \frac{\partial R_i(\beta, \lambda, L)}{\partial \beta} \right|_{\beta=\beta_c} = \left. \frac{\partial R_i(u_t L^{y_t}, \{u_j L^{y_j}\})}{\partial t} \right|_{t=0} \\
& = \left. \frac{\partial R_i(u_t L^{y_t}, \{u_j(\lambda, 0) L^{y_j}\})}{\partial u_t L^{y_t}} \right|_{u_t L^{y_t}=0} \left. \frac{\partial u_t}{\partial t} \right|_{t=0} L^{y_t} \\
& + \sum_j \left. \frac{\partial R_i(0, \{u_j(\lambda, t) L^{y_j}\})}{\partial u_j L^{y_j}} \right|_{u_j L^{y_j}=0} \left. \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial t} \right|_{t=0} L^{y_j}
\end{aligned}$$

Taylor-expansion:

$$\begin{aligned}
& = \left. \frac{\partial R_i(u_t L^{y_t}, \{u_j = 0\})}{\partial u_t L^{y_t}} \right|_{u_t L^{y_t}=0} \left( 1 + \sum_j c_{ij} L^{y_j} + \dots \right) L^{y_t} + \sum_j d_{ij} L^{y_j} \\
& = a_i \left( 1 + \sum_j c_{ij} u_j(\lambda, 0) L^{y_j} + \dots \right) L^{y_t} + \sum_j d_{ij} L^{y_j}
\end{aligned}$$

## Improved models

Find value  $\lambda^*$  of the parameter  $\lambda$  such that  $u_3(\lambda^*, 0) = 0$

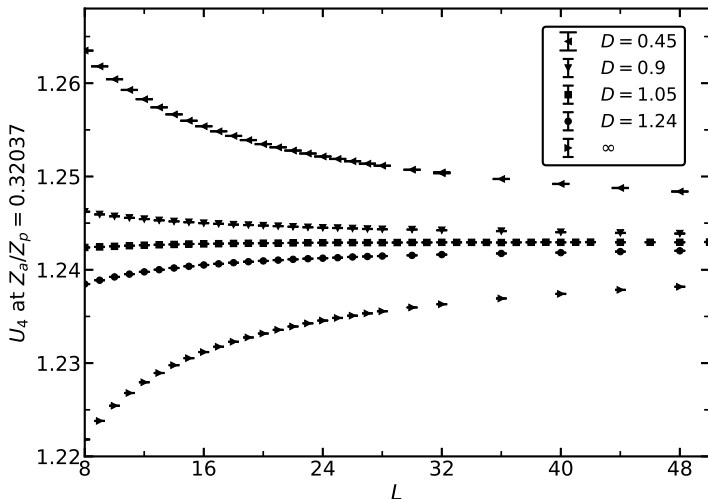
Use  $U_4$  at a given value of  $Z_a/Z_p$  or  $\xi_{2nd}/L$ :

Find value  $\beta_f$  of  $\beta$  such that  $Z_a/Z_p$  or  $\xi_{2nd}/L$  assumes the desired value.

Then evaluate  $U_4$  at  $\beta_f$ .

Technically: In the simulation we determine the Taylor-coefficient up to third order around the simulation point  $\beta_s \approx \beta_f \approx \beta_c$ .

$$\bar{U}_4 = \bar{U}_4^* + b(D)L^{-\omega} + cb^2(D)L^{-2\omega} + d(D)L^{\omega'} + \dots$$



Critical exponents are obtained by fitting

Magnetic susceptibility at criticality

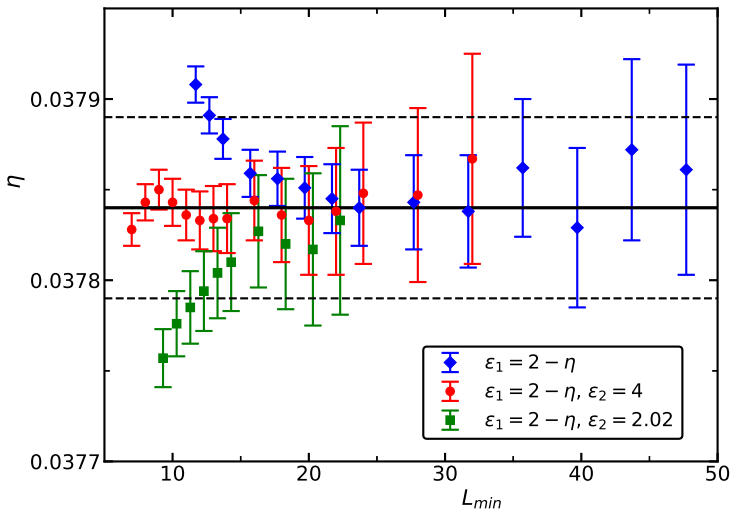
$$\chi \propto L^{2-\eta}$$

The slope of dimensionless quantities at criticality

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial \beta} \propto L^{1/\nu}$$

and more or less correction terms added (not the leading one)

Fitting data for  $\chi$  at  $Z_a/Z_p = 0.19477$ , improved icosahedral model:



## Ising universality class

method	year	$\nu$	$\eta$	$\omega$
CB	2016	0.6299709(40)	0.0362978(20)	0.82968(23)
$\epsilon$ -exp., 6-loop	2017	0.6292(5)	0.0362(6)	0.820(7)
FRG	2020	0.63012(16)	0.0361(11)	0.832(14)
HT, var	2002	0.63012(16)	0.03639(15)	0.825(50)
MC, var	2003	0.63020(12)	0.0368(2)	0.821(5)
MC, BC	2010	0.63002(10)	0.03627(10)	0.832(6)
MC, Ising	2018	0.629912(86)	0.03610(45)	
MC, BC, iso	2021	0.62998(5)	0.036284(40)	0.825(20)

taken from Table VI of M. H., *Restoring isotropy in a three-dimensional lattice model: The Ising universality class*, arXiv:2105.09781, Phys. Rev. B 104, 014426 (2021)



## XY universality class

method	year	$\nu$	$\eta$	$\omega$
$\epsilon$ -exp. 5l	1998	0.6680(35)	0.0380(50)	0.802(18)
$\epsilon$ -exp. 6l	2017	0.6690(10)	0.0380(6)	0.804(3)
3D-expansion	1998	0.6703(15)	0.0354(25)	0.789(11)
MC+HT	2006	0.6717(1)	0.0381(2)	0.785(20)
MC	2019	0.67183(18)	0.03853(48)	0.77(13)
CB	2016	0.6719(11)	0.03852(64)	
CB	2020	0.67175(10)	0.038176(44)	0.794(8)
MC	2019	0.67169(7)	0.03810(8)	0.789(4)
<sup>4</sup> He experiment	1996	0.6709(1)		

## Heisenberg universality class

method	year	$\nu$	$\eta$	$\omega$
3D-exp.	1998	0.7073(35)	0.0355(25)	0.782(13)
$\epsilon$ -exp. 5l	1998	0.7045(55)	0.0375(45)	0.794(18)
$\epsilon$ -exp. 6l	2017	0.7059(20)	0.0378(5)	0.795(7)
CB	2016	0.7121(28)	0.03856(124)	-
CB	2021	0.71168(41)	0.037872(134)	-
NRG	2020	0.7114(9)	0.0376(13)	0.769(11)
MC	2001	0.710(2)	0.0380(10)	-
MC+HT	2002	0.7112(5)	0.0375(5)	-
MC+HT	2002	0.7117(5)	0.0378(5)	-
MC	2011	0.7116(10)	0.0378(3)	-
MC, icosahedral	2020	0.71164(10)	0.03784(5)	0.759(2)

Bootstrapping Heisenberg Magnets and their Cubic Instability, Shai M. Chester, ..., Phys. Rev. D 104, 105013, Editors' Suggestion, (2021) [arXiv:2011.14647]

## Work in progress: Cubic perturbation

$$\mathcal{H}(\{\vec{\phi}\}) = -\beta \sum_{\langle xy \rangle} \vec{\phi}_x \cdot \vec{\phi}_y + \sum_x \left[ \vec{\phi}_x^2 + \lambda(\vec{\phi}_x^2 - 1)^2 + \mu \left( \sum_a \phi_{x,a}^4 - \frac{3}{N+2} (\vec{\phi}_x^2)^2 \right) \right]$$

Generalization of the improvement to a two-parameter theory!  
Here mandatory since there is a correction with  $0 < \omega_2 \ll 1$   
Preliminary results very encouraging, clearly more accurate than field-theoretic results.

Thank you for your attention!

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