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#### Outline

#### Introduction

Overview of numerical methods for frustrated systems

- Principle and main idea of the method
- advantages / disadvantages
- illustration of applications of the method
- Introduction to ALPS
- Tutorial: ALPS hands-on session


http://alps.comp-phys.org



# Monte Carlo for Classical Systems

#### Monte Carlo for classical systems

In classical statistical mechanics the canonical partition function reads:

$$Z(T) = \sum_{i} e^{-E_i/T}$$

where  $E_i$  is the energy of the state i

The weight of an individual state is given as:

$$p_i = \frac{e^{-E_i/T}}{Z(T)}$$

How can we calculate efficiently expectation values ?

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \sum_{i} p_i \mathcal{O}_i$$

#### Monte Carlo for classical systems

- Problem: direct sampling of the distribution  $p_i$  is difficult for two reasons:
  - the number of states is exponentially large with system size
  - ullet the partition function Z is therefore not known !
- A breakthrough came with the invention of the Metropolis algorithm more than 50 years ago (in the really early days of scientific computing!)

$$W(i \to j) = \min\{1, \exp(-(E_j - E_i)/T)\}$$

no need to know Z anymore.

#### Metropolis Algorithm I

Main idea: Random walk in the space of configurations (Markov chain)

$$c_1 \to c_2 \to \ldots \to c_N$$

 Given a configuration i, propose a new configuration j and accept the new configuration with probability: (otherwise keep the old as current)

$$W(i \to j) = \min\{1, \exp(-(E_j - E_i)/T)\}$$

Observables are calculated as a simple arithmetic mean over the visited states:

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n} \mathcal{O}_{c_n}$$

One has to care about THERMALIZATION and ERROR ANALYSIS !! You might use the MC observables of the ALPS project if you write your own MC code. Binning / Jackknife / Timeseries etc available.

#### Metropolis Algorithm II

- This is therefore a very general algorithm which works in principle for all classical statistical physics problems.
- However there are a few challenges in an application to a specific model
  - The algorithm does not yet specify which state j to propose given state i. But this is a crucial point. First, the proposed moves need to be ergodic, and they commonly satisfy detailed balance.
  - For classical spin models on a lattice a simple algorithm is given by choosing a site, choosing a new orientation for that spin and accepting or discarding the new state according to the Metropolis formula.
  - While this prescription gives a working algorithm, these local updates generically have problems being efficient at low temperature or close to phase transitions (critical slowing down). Local updates can not cope with the diverging correlation length at the transitions.

#### Monte Carlo for classical frustrated systems

- In the context of unfrustrated classical spin models very powerful cluster updates have been found (Swendsen-Wang, Wolff) which were again breakthroughs and enabled the detailed study of critical phenomena (Ising, Potts, XY, Heisenberg models).
- While these algorithms can formally also be applied to frustrated systems, their performance is seldom better than the simple single spin updates.
- There is a generic lack of efficient updates for classical frustrated systems. In individual cases a good physical intuition can be helpful for devising efficient updates, but these are rather the exception than the rule.
- New "extended ensemble" techniques, such as "(optimized) parallel tempering" can help to better equilibrate the system and to yield shorter autocorrelation times.

#### Monte Carlo: Parallel Tempering



Observation: Systems at close temperatures have overlapping energy distributions. MC configurations at a given T can be valid configurations also at slightly higher / lower T.

 $\Rightarrow$  propose moves in temperature!



#### Monte Carlo Step

 $W(\beta_i \to \beta_j) = \min\{1, \exp[+(\beta_i - \beta_j)(E_i - E_j)]\}$ 

Measurements at constant T are averaged over samples which are much more decorrelated than in a poorly equilibrating simulation at the same T.

# Applications of Classical Monte Carlo I) Order by disorder in the J<sub>1</sub>-J<sub>2</sub> Square Lattice

• Heisenberg model with competing nearest and next-nearest AF couplings and  $J_2/J_1 > 1/2$  $\hat{\mathcal{H}} = J_1 \sum \hat{\mathbf{S}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_i + J_2 \sum \hat{\mathbf{S}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_i$ .

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = J_1 \sum_{n.n.} \hat{\mathbf{S}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_j + J_2 \sum_{n.n.n.} \hat{\mathbf{S}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_j ,$$

At finite but low T two collinear structures are locally selected (order by disorder), but without long-range order in the spin variables (Mermin-Wagner forbidden).

• Large scale Monte Carlo simulations reveal Ising transition to ordered state of emerging  $\sigma$  degrees of freedom, while the individual spins remain disordered!

C. Weber et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 91, 177202 (2003).



# Applications of Classical Monte Carlo II) interacting classical dimer models

- Classical closed packed dimers on a 3D simple cubic lattice
- Interaction prefers parallel dimers.
- Highly efficient nonlocal worm updates !
   N=L<sup>3</sup> with L ~ 100
- Unconventional transition between dimer crystal and Coulomb phase.



F. Alet et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 97, 030403 (2006).



Alet / Misguich

## Monte Carlo for classical systems: Literature

A very pedagogical introduction to Monte Carlo methods in statistical physics by Werner Krauth:

There are also lecture notes available on his website <a href="http://www.lps.ens.fr/~krauth/">http://www.lps.ens.fr/~krauth/</a>



Fabien Alet (<u>http://www.lpt.ups-tlse.fr/alet</u>) has detailed lecture notes on MC and QMC methods available on his webpage. The first lecture discusses classical Monte Carlo for unfrustrated spin models in depth <u>http://www-spht.cea.fr/articles/T05/022/lecture1.pdf</u>.

 Introduction to parallel tempering and optimized ensembles can be found in: David J. Earl and Michael W. Deem, "Parallel tempering: Theory, applications, and new perspectives", Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys., 7 3910 (2005).

## Quantum Monte Carlo

#### Quantum Monte Carlo

In quantum statistical mechanics the canonical partition function now reads:

$$Z(T) = \operatorname{Tr} e^{-H/T}$$

Expectation values:

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z(T)} \operatorname{Tr}[\mathcal{O}e^{-H/T}] \equiv \operatorname{Tr}[\mathcal{O}\rho(T)]$$

- We need to find a mapping onto a "classical" problem in order to perform MC
  - World-line methods (Suzuki-Trotter, Worm algorithm, ...)
  - Stochastic Series Expansions (discussed in this lecture)
- Potential Problem: The mapping can give "probabilities" which are negative
  infamous sign problem. Common cause is frustration or fermionic statistics.

## Stochastic Series Expansion (SSE)

 Quantum to Classical mapping is done based on a Taylor series expansion of the partition function (Sandvik 1991, 1999, 2003)

$$Z(\beta) = \text{Tr } e^{-\beta H} = \sum_{\alpha} \sum_{n} \frac{(-\beta)^{n}}{n!} \langle \alpha | H^{n} | \alpha \rangle$$

• Split the Hamiltonian into (off-)diagonal bond pieces:  $H = \sum_{b} h_{b}$ 

One gets the following form

$$Z(\beta) = \sum_{n} \frac{\beta^{n}}{n!} \sum_{\alpha} \sum_{(b_{1},...,b_{n})} \langle \alpha | \prod_{i=1}^{n} (-h_{b_{i}}) | \alpha \rangle$$
$$\mathbf{k}_{\alpha P[n,\alpha,(b_{1},...,b_{n})] \geq 0$$

• In this form one can come up with a random walk in the space of the discrete indices  $n, \alpha, (b_1, \ldots, b_n)$ 

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A configuration looks like this:

$$n = 4$$
  $|\alpha\rangle = |01011\rangle$ 



#### Updates:

Insertion or Removal of diagonal bonds (changes n) Loop or Worm updates change diagonal into offdiagonal and vice-versa (n unchanged) and modify  $\alpha$ 

Measurements:

$$\langle H \rangle = -\frac{1}{\beta} \langle n \rangle \qquad \chi = \beta \left\langle \langle \alpha | \sum_{i} S_{i}^{z} | \alpha \rangle^{2} \right\rangle$$

# Applications of Quantum Monte Carlo Supersolids on the triangular lattice

Antiferromagnetic Ising Model on the triangular lattice augmented by a ferromagnetic transverse exchange SSE QMC is possible without a sign problem !

• AF Ising model has a macroscopic degeneracy at T=0 (Wannier, Houtappel).

• In a whole region of magnetizations  $-1/3 < m/m_{\rm sat} < 1/3$ the system becomes supersolid upon switching on the ferromagnetic transverse exchange



In a bosonic language a supersolid is a state which shows charge order and superfluidity at the same time

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Many reviews: Evertz, Troyer et al, Kawashima & Harada

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# Series Expansions

#### Series Expansions

High-Temperature Expansions for quantum lattice models

Taylor Expansion of the partition function around  $\beta=0$  :

$$Z(\beta) = \operatorname{Tr} e^{-\beta H} = \sum_{n} \operatorname{Tr} \frac{(-\beta H)^{n}}{n!} = \sum_{n} \operatorname{Tr} \frac{(-\beta \sum_{k} h_{k})^{n}}{n!}$$

 In the discussion of SSE before, we were performing a stochastic evaluation of Z. Here in contrast we aim at an exact expression for each order β. Lowest order terms are often very easy to obtain.

 Higher orders require a computer assisted enumeration and identification of lattice animals, and the calculation of the trace for those graphs. Typical orders are up to n ~ 20 for quantum lattice models, but this depends a lot on the problem.

## Series Expansions

Perturbative Expansions for Quantum Lattice Models

Taylor Expansion of the Energy around a non-degenerate starting state

 $E(\lambda) = E_0 + \lambda E_1 + \lambda^2 E_2 + \lambda^3 E_3 + \ldots + \lambda^n E_n + O(\lambda^{n+1})$ 

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{E_{GS}}{L} = -J_{\perp} \left[\frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{8} \left(\frac{J}{J_{\perp}}\right)^2 + \frac{3}{16} \left(\frac{J}{J_{\perp}}\right)^3 + \ldots\right]$$

Multivariable expansions are also possible



The lowest orders are simple to obtain, but high orders in complex geometries require a fully developed graph manipulation machinery. Typical orders: 10 - 20

#### Series Expansions for frustrated systems

Series expansion have no intrinsic difficulty with frustrated systems.

 Symbolic expressions for thermodynamic quantities allow a rapid fit of model parameters to experimental data.

High-temperature series tend to not to converge at low temperatures. Series extrapolations, biased series extrapolations, numerical linked cluster techniques, combination with exact diagonalization etc, can help to get somewhat lower in temperature than the bare series.

 Perturbative series expansions are also very useful in deriving dispersion relations for elementary excitations. Collapse of excitation energies can indicate a quantum phase transition.

 Useful also to derive effective Hamiltonians in degenerate perturbation theory, which is a common theme in frustrated systems → talk of F. Mila this morning

# Applications of Series Expansions: High Temperature Series for the S=1/2 Kagome

Heisenberg S=1/2 model on the kagome lattice

Series for the specific heat:

TABLE I. For each quantity A we define the coefficients  $a_n$  by  $A = \sum_{n=0} \frac{a_n}{n!} \left(\frac{\beta}{4}\right)^n$ . The table shows the values of  $a_n$  for the specific heat C and the uniform susceptibility  $\chi$ .

N	4C	$ $ 4 $\chi$
0	0	0
1	0	4
2	48	-32
3	0	192
4	-9792	-384
<b>5</b>	0	-1280
6	4106880	-155136
7	-5193216	2711184
8	-2927834112	56705024
9	11470159872	-1716811776
10	3193027983360	-47711784960
11	-26121748561920	2004747075584
12	-4944246830899200	55843726884864
13	70892246893658112	-3367208347123712
14	10284867640404983808	-88720801213743104
15	-234226245436710912000	7723917022263705600
16	-27538523697287477329920	

Elstner & Young PRB 94



# Applications of Series Expansions: Dimerized Groundstate of the S=1/2 Kagome ?

- Expansion in the interdimer coupling, extrapolation to equal couplings on all bonds
- large unit cell of the unperturbed state (36 spins / 18 dimers)
- this specific dimer pattern is selected among others, according to their analysis
- obtained also series for triplet excitations, however less conclusive



R.R.P. Singh & D. Huse, arXiv:0707.0892

#### Series Expansions: Literature

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 M.P. Gelfand & R.R.P. Singh, *"High-order convergent expansions for quantum many-particle systems"* Advances in Physics 49, 93 (2000).

 C. Domb & M.S. Green "Phase Transitions and Critical Phenomena: Series Expansion for Lattice Models", Elsevier, 1974.

Talk by S. Trebst on "Cluster Expansions" http://www.kitp.ucsb.edu/~trebst/Talks/ClusterExpansions.pdf

 K. Wilson introduced the numerical renormalization group as a powerful numerical tool to solve the Kondo problem (Wilson RMP 75).



Many people tried to apply this idea in a straightforward way to quantum many body problems and failed. The reason for this failure was understood in a study of the tight-binding problem on a chain (White & Noack PRL 92):



## $\psi[2L] \neq \psi[L] \otimes \psi[L]$

The groundstate of the large system is not at all well approximated by the tensor product of the groundstates of the smaller systems

The next crucial step was to realize how one has to choose the states to be kept in a partition of the universe:



The answer is given by the subsystem density matrix

$$\rho_{i,j} = \mathrm{Tr}_E |\psi\rangle \langle \psi|$$

• With the help of the Schmidt decomposition one can show that the m eigenfunctions of  $\rho$  associated with the largest eigenvalues  $w_n$  give the best approximation of  $|\psi\rangle$ . (and not the lowest eigenstates of  $H_s$ )

The error can be estimated to be

$$\left| \left| \tilde{\psi} \right\rangle - \left| \psi \right\rangle \right|^2 \approx 1 - \sum_n^m w_n = P_m$$

Based on these condsiderations, S.R. White came up with the DMRG S.R. White, PRL 69, 2863 (1992); PRB 48,10345 (1993).



#### DMRG for frustrated systems

- Very efficient groundstate simulations for many 1D systems.
  Frustration or fermions pose no particular problem.
- Typical system sizes and number of states: unfrustrated spin systems: 100-1000 sites, lower hundred states frustrated spin systems: hundred sites, larger hundred to thousand states fermionic systems, wide systems, many low energy states, they all increase m
- Variational, quasi-exact method.
- Wavefunction method, therefore many observables are easily available.
- Drawbacks: it is not yet possible to simulate large 2D systems, open boundaries might not always be what we desire, especially because of the lack of spatial quantum numbers.

# DMRG Applications The S=1/2 Kagome Strips



#### **DMRG** Further Developments

#### • TMRG

Finite temperature properties based on the transfer matrix

#### DDMRG

Calculation of dynamical response functions

#### • t-DMRG

Real-time evolution of quantum many body systems Imaginary-time evolution for finite temperature properties

#### PEPS / MERA

new ideas coming from the Quantum Information community might strengthen our understanding on how to simulate D>1 quantum many body systems efficiently.

#### **DMRG** Literature

#### Original papers:

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Talk by E. Jeckelmann at <u>http://heraeus2006.physik.uni-greifswald.de/invited.html</u>

### **Exact Diagonalization**

# $H|\psi\rangle = E|\psi\rangle$

The Quantum Mechanics Toolbox

## **Exact Diagonalization**

 Solve the time-independent Schrödinger equation for a many body Hamiltonian on a finite (lattice) system ⇒ (Sparse) Matrix Eigenvalue problem:

$$H|\psi\rangle = E|\psi\rangle$$

Within this approach we can basically simulate any model.

- However due to the exponentially growth of the computational cost the method is most useful where more powerful methods fail:
  - Fermionic Models in 1D and 2D (no sign problem)
  - Frustrated Quantum Magnets in 1D/2D/(3D)
  - Well suited for detection of (exotic) ordered phases, somewhat less useful for critical points in d>1
  - Quantum number resolved quantities
  - Calculation of basically any observable possible, also time dynamics
  - Benchmark for all other methods

## Exact Diagonalization : Present Day Limits

Spin S=1/2 models:

40 spins square lattice, 39 sites triangular, 42 sites star lattice Dimension: up to 1.5 billion basis states

t-J models:

32 sites checkerboard with 2 holes 32 sites square lattice with 4 holes Dimension: up to 2.8 billion basis states

Holstein models 14 sites on a chain + phonon pseudo-sites Dimension: up to 30 billion basis states

Hubbard models 20 sites square lattice at half filling, 20 sites quantum dot structure 22-25 sites in ultracold atoms setting Dimension: **up to 80 billion basis states (on the earth simulator @ TFlop speed !)** 

## Exact Diagonalization : Not just "Lanczos"

- Hilbert space
  - Symmetries
  - Site-Basis represention, Lookup techniques
- Hamiltonian Matrix
  - Sparse Matrix representation (memory/disk)
  - Matrix recalculation on the fly (matrix-free)
- Linear Algebra : Eigensolver / Time propagation
  - LAPACK full diagonalization
  - Lanczos type diagonalization (needs only  $|v\rangle = H|u\rangle$  operations)
  - More exotic techniques, time propagation
- Observables
  - Static quantities (multipoint correlation functions, correlation density matrices,...)
  - Dynamic observables (spectral functions, density of states,...)
  - Real-time evolution

#### Exact Diagonalization: Symmetries

Symmetries in ED are useful for two reasons:

- 1) They reduce the dimension of the linear algebra problem to be solved.
- 2) The symmetry classification of eigenstates is the foundation of further, more sophisticated analyses, such as the "Tower of States" technique (later in this talk).

Consider a XXZ spin model on a lattice. What are the symmetries of the problem ?

$$H = \sum_{i,j} J_{i,j}^{xy} (S_i^x S_j^x + S_i^y S_j^y) + J_{i,j}^z S_i^z S_j^z$$

- The Hamiltonian conserves S<sup>z</sup>, we can therefore work within a given S<sup>z</sup> sector
- The Hamiltonian is invariant under the space group (SG=Translations x Pointgroup) Usually 1 dimensional irreducible representations are used only, but larger irreps are possible too (somewhat more complicated). Bookkeeping of norms and phases of individual states.
- At the Heisenberg point, the total spin is conserved. It is however very difficult to combine the SU(2) symmetry with the lattice symmetries in a computationally useful way (non-sparse and computationally expensive matrices). At S<sup>z</sup>=0 one can however use the spin-flip symmetry which seperates even and odd spin sectors.

## Exact Diagonalization: State representation

- States of the Hilbert space (Fock space) need to be represented in the computer.
- Choose a representation which makes it simple to act with the Hamiltonian or other operators on the states
- Simple example: ensemble of S=1/2 sites in binary coding

$$|\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow\rangle \rightarrow [1\ 1\ 0\ 1]_2 = 13$$

detection of up or down spin can be done with bit-test. transverse exchange  $S^+S^- + S^-S^+$  can be performed by an XOR operation:

# $[1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1]_2 \text{ XOR } [0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0]_2 = [1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1]_2$

initial config

bit 1 at the two sites coupled

final config

One of the key problems for a fast ED code is to find the index of the new configuration in the list of all configurations (index f in H<sub>i,f</sub>). Lookup / Hashing / ...

#### Exact Diagonalization: Linear Algebra

Lanczos Algorithm (C. Lanczos, 1950), but others are possible too (Davidson,...)



## Full Diagonalization: Thermodynamics

- Lapack / Householder complete diagonalization of the spectrum.
- Calculate partition function and all the thermodynamic quantities you want, often the only pedestrian method available for frustrated systems.
- Symmetries are also very important, because the computational requirements scale as O(D<sup>3</sup>), where D is the dimension of the block Hilbert space. Typical D's for a workstation are a few 1'000, up to a few 100'000 on supercomputers.







# Exact Diagonalization Frequency Dynamics

• 
$$G_A(\omega + i\eta) = \langle \psi | A^{\dagger} \frac{1}{E_0 + \omega + i\eta - H} A | \psi \rangle$$
  $A = S^{\alpha}(\mathbf{q}), c_{\mathbf{k}}, \dots$ 

Generate Krylov space of  $A|\psi\rangle$ Use continued fraction used to invert  $(E_0 + \omega + i\eta - H)$ More information in talk by D. Poilblanc on monday!



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# Exact Diagonalization Real-Time Dynamics

ullet It is expensive to obtain the full propagator  $\exp[-itH]$ 

- Krylov methods exist to approximate the propagator for a given state  $|\psi(0)\rangle$ One can get the time propagated state  $|\psi(t)\rangle$  with only  $|v\rangle = H|u\rangle$  operations.
- Example: time evolution of a strongly correlated quantum systems after an abrupt change in the parameters in the Hamiltonian. Revivals and Relaxation.
- Real-time evolution of spin excitations in frustrated quantum magnets ?



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#### Miscellanea

- Dynamical Mean-Field Theory Ohashi et al
- Classical Spin Dynamics Simulations (Spin Molecular Dynamics)
   Shastry, Keren, D. Landau, Moessner & Chalker



- Variational Monte Carlo, Fixed node ... talk on tuesday by S. Sorella
- Valence Bond basis Monte Carlo Sandvik, talk on thursday by F. Alet









# Thank you!