

# Interfaces in Hierarchical (and finite D) Spin Glasses

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- Various definitions of interfaces in SG
- Overlap interfaces
- Dyson Hierarchical models
- 3d SG

## Interfaces

Regions separating Thermodynamically Stable Phases of matter in coexistence conditions.

Order parameter variation in space.

Stable phases imply an interface free-energy cost growing with  $L$  (system size).

$\Delta F$  becomes finite at the lower critical D  $D_{LC}$

e.g. :

Discrete O.P. values  $\Delta F \sim L^{D-1}$

Continuous O.P. values  $\Delta F \sim L^{D-2}$

Generating interfaces:

Fix the order parameter at different values at the boundaries along one direction.

## Spin Glasses

Order parameter does not allow to distinguish different phases.

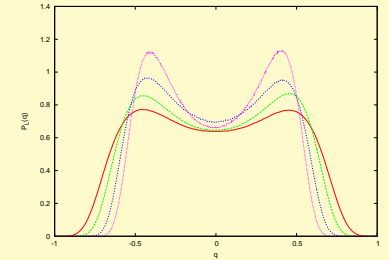
Different proposals on how to define interfaces

- Periodic-Antiperiodic B.C. (Bray-Moore)  $D_{LC} \approx 2.5$ .
- Zero modes associated to “gauge invariance” of Parisi solution (Brézin-De Dominicis)
- Overlap interfaces (F., Parisi, Virasoro)  $D_{LC} = 2.5$ .

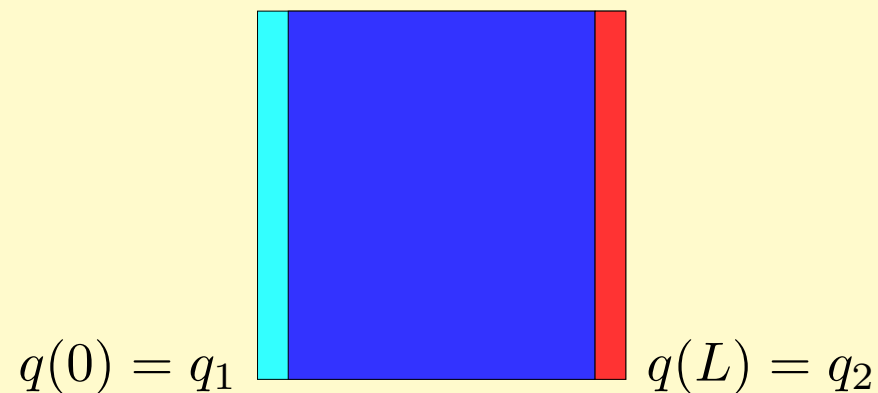
Astonishing prediction of RSB:

$$Q(\sigma, \tau) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i \tau_i$$

$p(q)$  overlap PDF: Large at low temperature



yet: given two configurations the overlap is homogeneous in space.



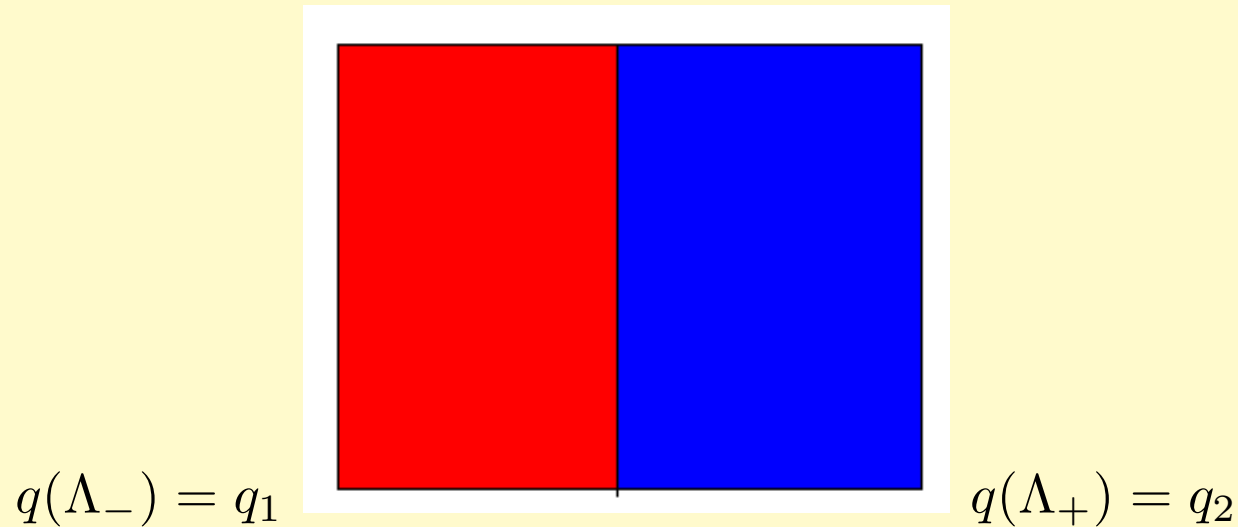
$$\Delta F_L(q_1, q_2) \propto L^{\theta_q} |q_1 - q_2|^{b_q}$$

$$\theta_q = D - 5/2$$

$$b_q = 5/2$$

## Equivalent method:

Fix the bulk value of the overlap in contiguous half spaces



For  $q_1 \neq q_2$

$$P_L(q_1, q_2) \approx \exp(-\Delta F_L(q_1, q_2))$$

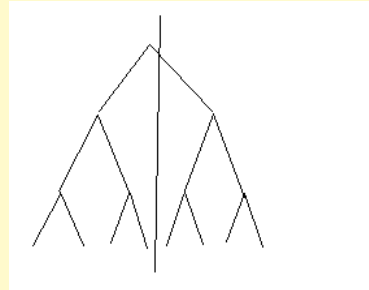
Easily measurable in numerical simulations.

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## Hierarchical spin glasses



$$H_{k+1}^{(J)}(S_1, \dots, S_{2^{k+1}}) = H_k^{(J_1)}(S_1, \dots, S_{2^k}) + H_k^{(J_2)}(S_{2^k+1}, \dots, S_{2^{k+1}}) \\ + \frac{1}{2^{\sigma(k+1)}} \sum_{i < j}^{1, 2^{k+1}} J_{ij} S_i S_j$$

$J_{ij}$  i.i.d. Gaussian  $N(0, 1)$  ( $E(J_{ij}) = 0$   $E(J_{ij}^2) = 1$ ). Model defined for  $\sigma \geq 1/2$  ( $\sigma = 1/2$  SK limit).

$1/2 \leq \sigma \leq 2/3$  MF like transition

$2/3 \leq \sigma \leq 1$  Non-MF finite  $T$  transition

Combine non-classical critical point with RSB / Accessible to analytic treatment

## Recursion

$Z_k[Q]$  Average partition function for  $n$  replicas with mutual overlaps  $Q_{ab}$

$$Z_{k+1}[Q] = e^{-\beta^2 2^{(2-2\sigma)(k+1)} \sum_{a,b}^{1,n} Q_{ab}^2} \int dP Z_k[Q+P] Z_k[Q-P]$$

Interface exponent:  $\theta_q = 2 - 2\sigma$

Prediction for  $b_q$  making a stability analysis supposing RSB

$$q = (q_1 + q_2)/2, \quad u = q_1 - q_2$$

$p(q)$  overlap PDF

$$\Delta F_k(q_1, q_2) = 2^{2(1-\sigma)k} \beta^2 p(q) |u|^3$$

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What about the *unconditioned*  $P_k(u)$  ?

**Large deviation result:** Behavior at finite  $u$  dominated by  $q^*$  s.t.

$$p(q^*) = \max$$

**Suppose smooth crossover:** Scaling variable  $|u|^3 2^{2(1-\sigma)k}$

$$P_k(u) = 2^{\frac{2}{3}(1-\sigma)k} g(2^{\frac{2}{3}(1-\sigma)k} u)$$

$$\theta_q/b_q = \frac{2}{3}(1-\sigma)$$

Results of simulations (I):

Diluted model in the same universality class. (Details upon demand...)

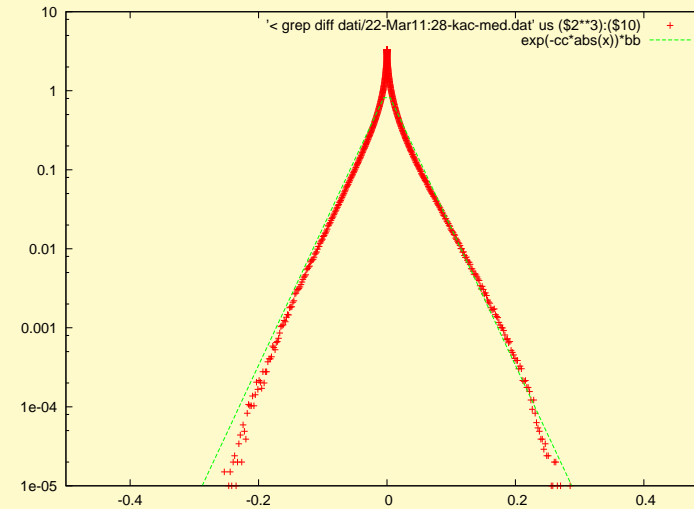
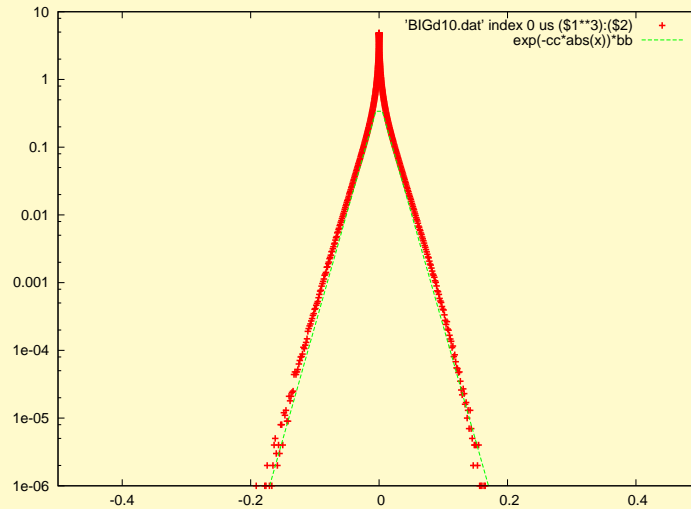
$$\sigma = 0.567 \text{ (MF region)}$$

$$T = 0.794 = 0.635 T_c$$

$$L = 2^{10}$$

$$\sigma = 0.707 \text{ (Non-Classical region)}$$

$$T = 0.740 = 0.65 T_c$$

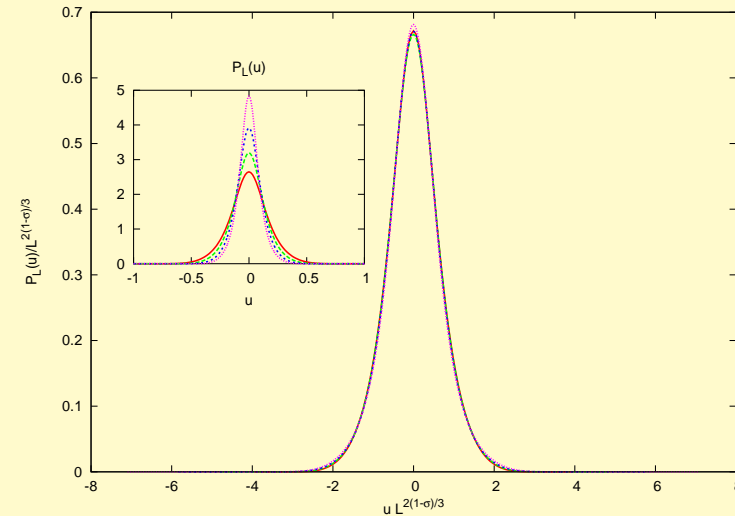
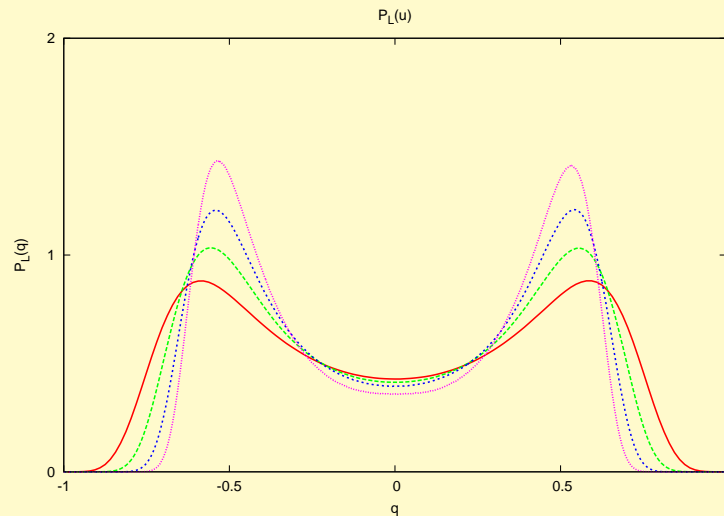


$\log P_k(u)$  versus  $u^3$

Results of simulations (II):

$\sigma = 0.567$  (MF region)

$T_c = 1.25$



$L = 2^k \quad k = 7, 8, 9, 10$

$T = 0.794 = 0.635T_c \quad \theta_q/b_q = 0.28$

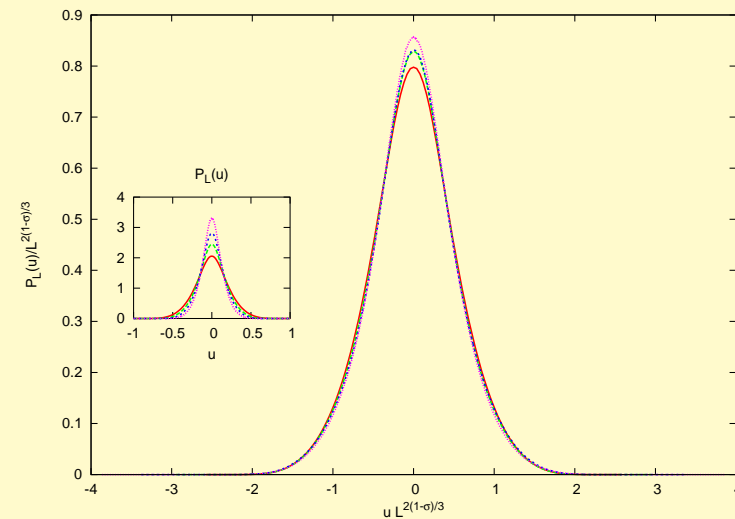
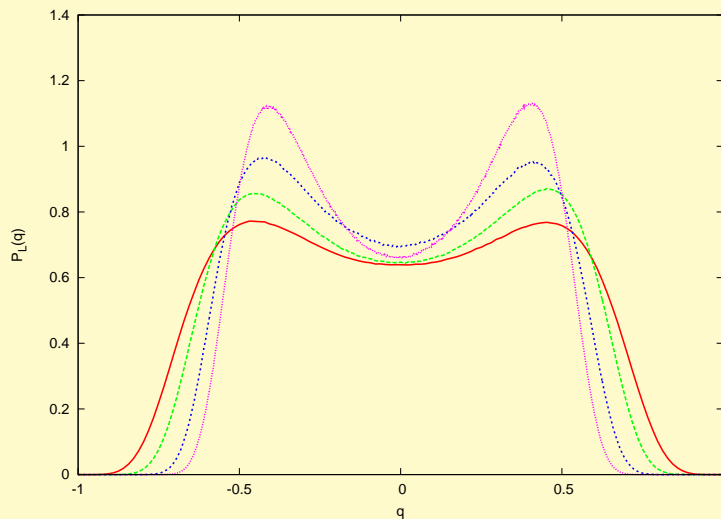
Notice the non-Gaussian shape of  $P(u)$ .

Results of simulations (III):

Diluted model in the same universality class.

$\sigma = 0.707$  (Non-classical region)

$T_c = 1.14$



$k = 7, 8, 9, 10$

$T = 0.740 = 0.65 T_c$  ( $\theta_q/b_q$ )<sub>theo</sub> = 0.19

$\theta_q/b_q = 0.22$  fits better the data

Results of simulations (IV):

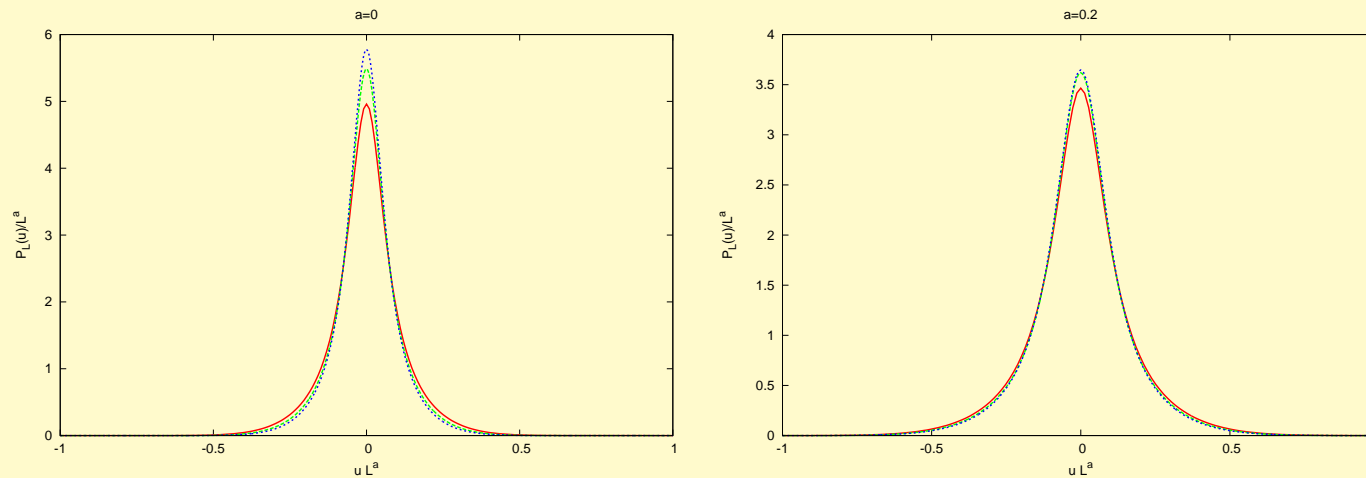
3D model in the universality class of Edwards-Anderson  $T_c = 1.47$

$T = 1 = 0.68 T_c$

MF RSB prediction: Scaling variable  $L^{D-5/2}u^{5/2}$   $D = 3$

$L = 6, 8, 10$

$$P_L(u) = L^{1/5}g(uL^{1/5})$$



Again  $\theta_q/b_q = 0.27$  fits better the data

## Summary

- New method to study numerically overlap interfaces  $P_L(q_1, q_2)$ .
- RSB give predictions for the interface exponents  $\theta_q$  and  $b_q$ .
- Good results in hierarchical and 3D spin glasses.
- Systematic numerical studies needed.
- Are MF exponents exact ?
- Hierarchical models  $P_L(q|u)$  should lead to an independent measure of  $p(q)$ .