

Modern Algorithms for Quantum Interacting Systems

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Scientific vision — «More is different»



Weakly- versus strongly-correlated systems

Hilbert space

Good approximations exist for weakly-correlated systems

- ▶ Density Functional Theory / Kohn-Sham equations
- ▶ Diagrammatic perturbation theory / Landau Fermi-liquid theory

$$\mathcal{O}(N)$$

Strongly-correlated systems are much less understood

- ▶ Interaction between a large number of quantum particles leads to new physical phenomena
 - Superconductors — Luttinger liquids — Correlated insulators — Quantum magnets — Quantum Hall systems
- ▶ Many open problems
 - Origin of high- T_c superconductivity
 - Ground states of frustrated quantum magnets
 - Quantum phase transitions
 - New types of excitations (collective modes, fractionalization, anyons)

$$\mathcal{O}(e^N)$$



«More is different»
(P. W. Anderson)

Scientific vision — «More is different»



Weakly- versus strongly-correlated systems

— One- and quasi-one dimensional systems

— Frustrated quantum magnets

— Fermions in two dimensions

Scientific vision — $(1+\varepsilon)$ dimension

Low dimensionality magnifies the role of interactions

- ▶ Long-range order is suppressed by quantum fluctuations
- ▶ Mean-field approaches fail
- ▶ Particle motion induces collective motion

New paradigm: Luttinger liquid

- ▶ Low-energy excitations are collective modes
- ▶ Spin and charge degrees of freedom are separated
- ▶ Dimensional crossovers with lowering temperature: $1D \rightarrow 2D \rightarrow 3D$

Good analytical methods exist in strict 1D...

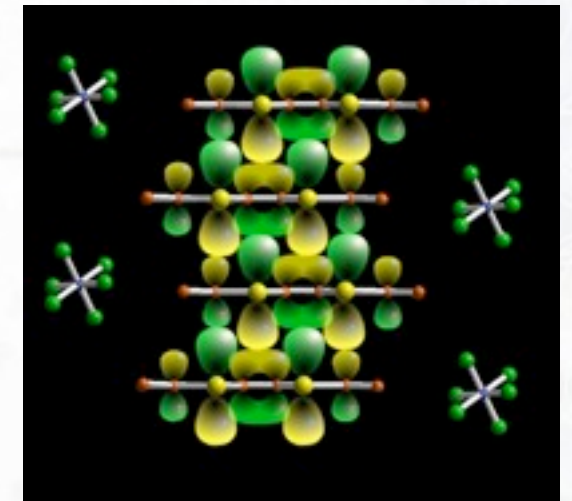
— Exact solutions (Bethe Ansatz) — Effective field theories (bosonization)

- ▶ ... but they are limited to simple models and/or low energy

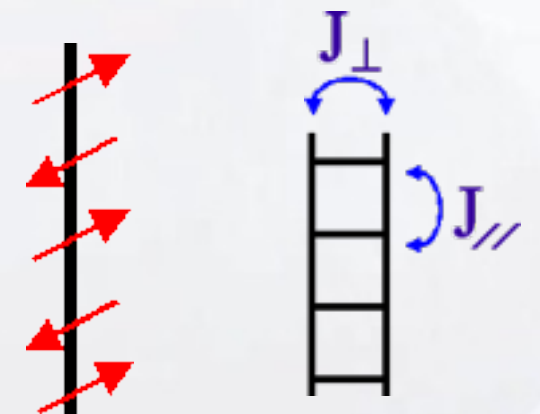
Density Matrix Renormalization Group (DMRG)

- ▶ Mature exact and powerful method for 1D and quasi-1D problems
- ▶ State-of-the-art: $N = 300$ in 1D or 8×20 in quasi-1D

Organic conductors



Spin chains and ladders



Quantum wires

Nanotubes

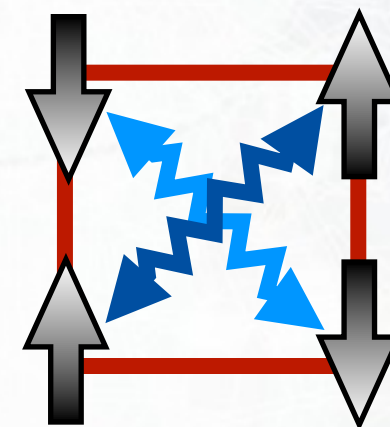
Quantum Hall edge states

1D cold atoms systems

Scientific vision — Frustrated magnetism

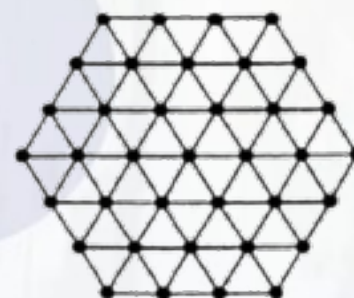
Frustration due to geometry or competing interactions

- ▶ Large number of nearly degenerate ground states
- ▶ Rich excitation spectrum

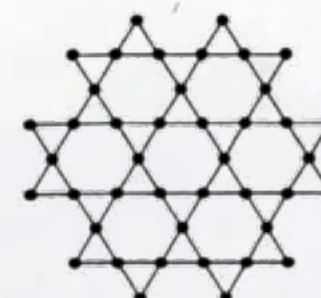


The only reliable information comes from exact diagonalization on small clusters

- ▶ Size of Hilbert space: 2^N for N spins $1/2$
- ▶ Sign problem in quantum Monte Carlo
- ▶ State-of-the-art: $N < 40$ (using lattice symmetries)
- ▶ Kagome lattice requires at least $N = 36$
- ▶ Pyrochlore lattice requires at least $N = 48$



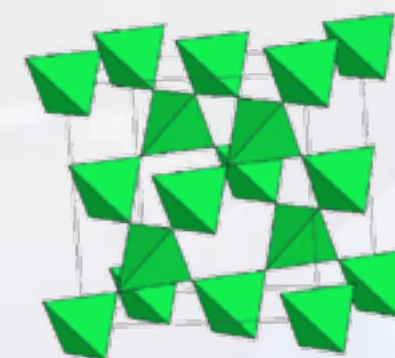
Triangular



Kagome



Face-centered cubic



Pyrochlore

Challenge

- ▶ Ground state and low-energy eigenvalues of sparse matrices of dimension 10^{12}

Scientific vision — Fermions in 2 dimensions

Fascinating open questions in 2D

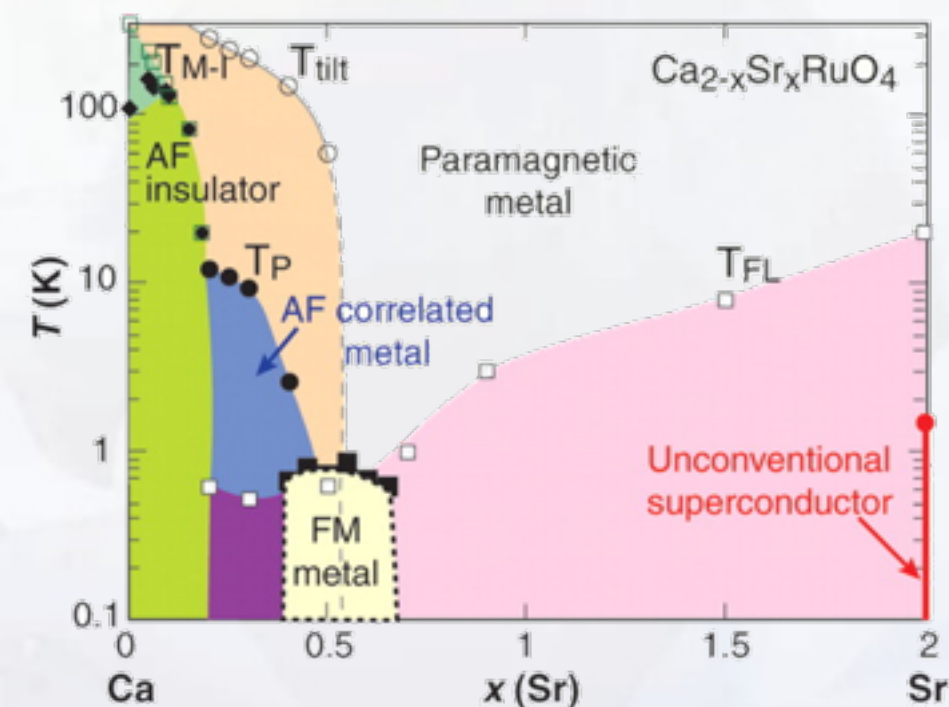
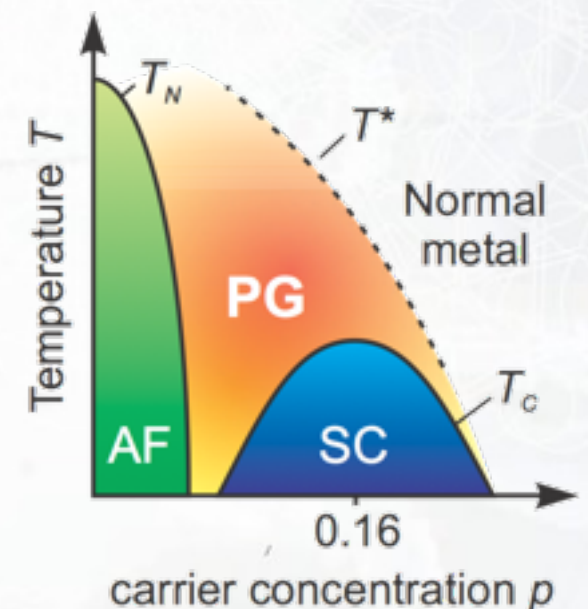
- ▶ Competing orders
- ▶ Quantum phase transitions
- ▶ Correlated insulators
- ▶ High- T_c superconductivity
- ▶ Quantum Hall effect (anyonic excitations)

Tremendous potential for applications

Two is exactly between one and infinity

- ▶ Analytical methods work in 1D but fail in 2D
- ▶ Mean-field approaches are exact in ∞D , good in 3D, but dubious in 2D
- ▶ Numerical methods suffer from severe limitations
 - Sign problem in quantum Monte Carlo
 - Bad scaling and finite-size effects in exact diagonalization

Cuprates
Manganites
Ruthenates



2D organic conductors / Ferroelectrics / Multiferroics / 2D cold atomic gases

Models



Spin-1/2 Heisenberg model

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} J_{ij} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j - \mu_B \mathbf{H} \cdot \sum_i g_i \mathbf{S}_i$$

- ▶ Coupled quantum spins on a lattice
- ▶ Model for **quantum magnets, quantum phase transitions**



One-band Hubbard model

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{ij\sigma} t_{ij} \left(c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + \text{h.c.} \right) + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

- ▶ Fermions on a lattice, with local electron-electron interaction
- ▶ Model for **high- T_c superconductors, correlated insulators, quantum phase transitions**

$$n_{i\sigma} = c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{i\sigma}$$

Solution methods



Analytical

Diagrammatic theory

Bosonization

Slave particles

Bethe Ansatz

Renormalization group

Powerful, but not sufficient



Numerical

Exact diagonalization (ED)

Density-Matrix Renormalization Group (DMRG)

Quantum Monte Carlo (QMC)

Needed for

- Quantitative results
- Intractable problems

Algorithms — Exact diagonalization

Advantages

- ▶ Can be used for any model
- ▶ Similar to configuration-interaction in quantum chemistry

Goal

- ▶ Obtain low-lying eigenstates of a sparse matrix
- ▶ Matrix size increases exponentially with problem size
 - Heisenberg model: 2^N — Hubbard model: 4^N
 - Only order- N non-zero elements per row, but irregularly distributed

Implementation

- ▶ Lanczos algorithm

Challenges

- ▶ Large sparse and block-sparse linear algebra operations
 - Distributed sparse matrix-vector multiplications for matrices of size 10^{12} (state-of-the-art is 10^9)
 - Robust sparse matrix eigensolvers (treatment of roundoff errors requires MPI message ordering)
 - Generation of sparse matrices (distributed search in huge tables)



$$\beta_{n+1} \mathbf{v}_{n+1} = \mathcal{H} \mathbf{v}_n - \alpha_n \mathbf{v}_n - \beta_n \mathbf{v}_{n-1}$$

Diagram illustrating the Lanczos algorithm steps, showing the matrix-vector products $\mathbf{v}_n^\dagger \mathcal{H} \mathbf{v}_n$ and $|\mathbf{v}_n^\dagger \mathcal{H} \mathbf{v}_{n-1}|$ highlighted in callouts.

Algorithms — Density-Matrix Renormalization Group

Advantages

- ▶ The best numerical method so far for 1D
- ▶ Allows to compute equilibrium as well as out-of-equilibrium and time-dependent response

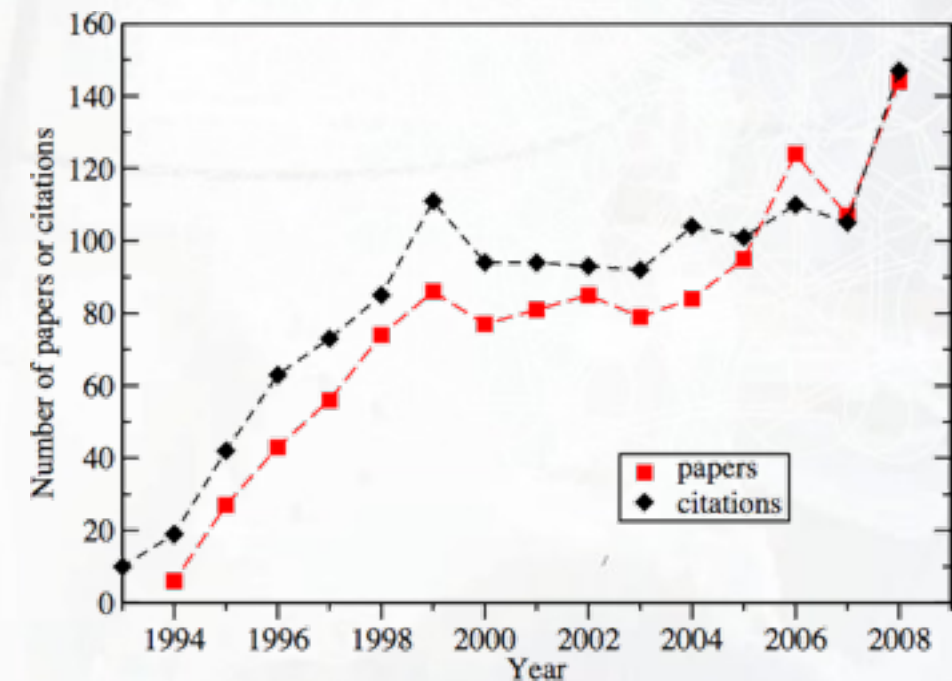
Goal

- ▶ N matrices of size $m \times m$. m grown as a low-order polynomial in N
- ▶ Operations on block-sparse matrix with large dense blocks
 - Block generation (outer products) — Singular value decomposition — Eigenvalues, eigenvectors

Challenges

- ▶ Extend method to 2D by coupling chains
 - m increases exponentially with number of chains W
- ▶ State-of-the-art
 - With $m = 10^3$ to 10^4 , 4 to 8 coupled chains of length 20 can be treated, depending on the model
- ▶ Target
 - 15 to 20 coupled chains, equivalent to a 20×20 2D lattice...

A new and promising technique



$$2^{20 \times 20} = 10^{120}$$

Algorithms — Others



Tensor network algorithms

These avoid the exponential scaling when extending DMRG to 2D

- ▶ $m \times m$ matrices are replaced by rank-4 tensors
- ▶ Projected Entangled Pair States (PEPS)
- ▶ Multi-scale Entanglement Renormalization Ansatz (MERA)

Main difficulty

- ▶ Contraction of rank-4 tensors (memory requirement $M \sim m^4$, time $T \sim m^{12} \Rightarrow T \sim M^3$)
- ▶ $m = 5$ possible on workstations, $m = 10$ needed for useful applications



Refactoring of perfectly parallel applications

Quantum Monte Carlo (QMC)

Stochastic Series Expansion (SSE)

- ▶ Importance sampling of terms in a Taylor expansion in coupling strength or inverse temperature

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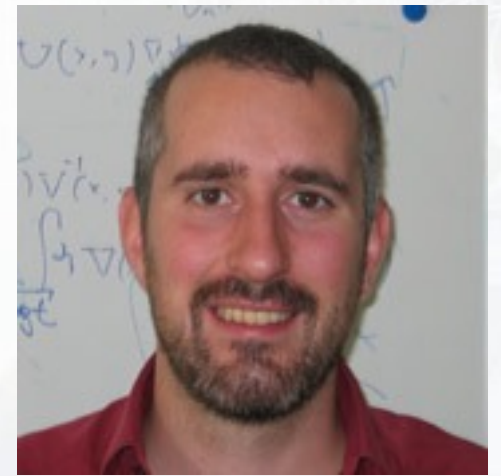
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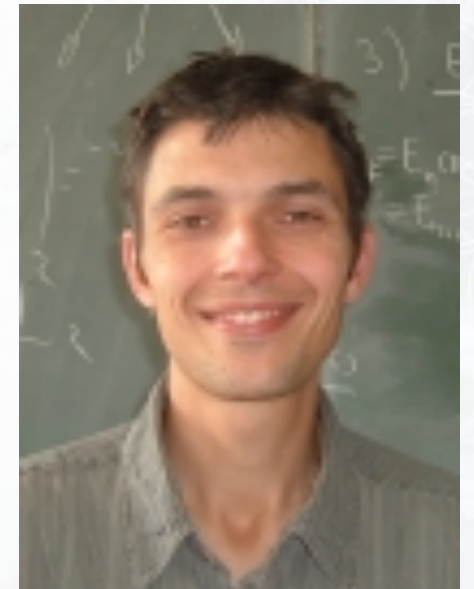
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Module 1
Exact diagonalization



Module 2
DMRG



Module 3
Tensor algorithms



Module 4
**Refactoring of
existing codes**