

# The Gonihedric Ising model and (probably not) its dual(s)

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# Gonihedric?

Gonia: angles

Hedra: face (seat)

# Plan of Talk

A spin model on a 3D cubic lattice

History of the Gonihedric model

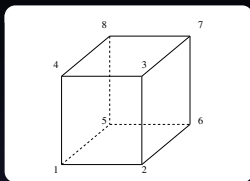
Phase Diagram

Non-equilibrium properties

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$$H = - \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \sigma_i \sigma_j \quad , \quad \sigma_i = \pm 1$$

$$Z = \sum_{\{\sigma\}} \exp(-\beta H) \quad , \quad \beta = 1/T$$

$$H = - \sum_{[ijkl]} U_{ij} U_{jk} U_{kl} U_{li} \quad , \quad U_{ij} = \pm 1$$

# What to do with such a Model

Calculate or measure: magnetization, energy...

$$M = \frac{1}{N_i} \sum_i \sigma_i \quad , \quad E = \frac{1}{N_e} \sum_{ij} \sigma_i \sigma_j$$

Specific heat, susceptibility

$$C \simeq \langle E^2 \rangle - \langle E \rangle^2 \quad , \quad \chi \simeq \langle M^2 \rangle - \langle M \rangle^2$$

Look for phase transitions

# Having done that...

Identify phase transition  $\beta_c$ , order parameter  $M$

Define a reduced temperature  $t = |(\beta - \beta_c)/\beta_c|$

Extract critical exponents (continuous transition)

$$M \sim t^\beta, \quad C \sim t^{-\alpha}, \quad \chi \sim t^{-\gamma}$$

Correlation length:

$$\xi \sim t^{-\nu}$$

Or observe a “jump” in order parameter (first order)

# History of the Gonihedric Model



# History of the Gonihedric (String) Model

String Theory

Polyakov Action

$$S = \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{\det g} g^{ab} \partial_a X_\mu \partial_b X^\mu$$

Partition function

$$Z = \int [Dg][DX] \exp(-S)$$

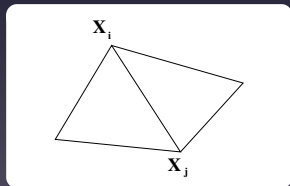
# Triangulated Surfaces

Discretize worldsheet with triangles (Eynard lectures)

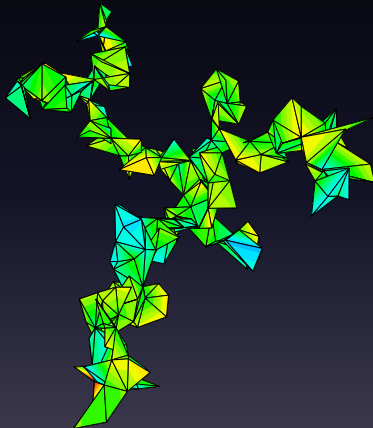
Gaussian Action

$$S \sim \sum_{ij} (X^\mu(i) - X^\mu(j))^2$$

$$Z = \sum_T \int \prod_i dX_i \exp(-S)$$



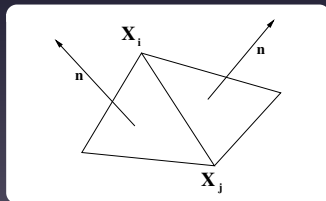
# Typical Surfaces



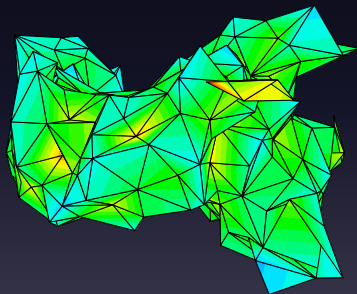
# Modifying the Gaussian Action

Add extrinsic curvature term

$$S = \sum_{ij} (X^\mu(i) - X^\mu(j))^2 + \lambda \sum_{\Delta_i, \Delta_j} (1 - \vec{n}_i \cdot \vec{n}_j)$$



# Smoothed Surfaces



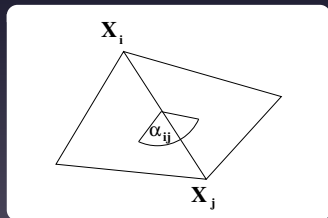
# The Gonihedric action

Savvidy “Gonihedric” action

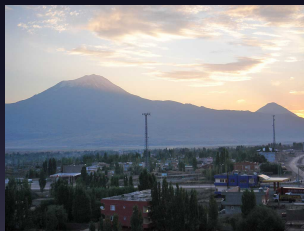
$$S = \sum_{ij} |X^\mu(i) - X^\mu(j)| \theta_{ij}$$
$$\theta_{ij} = |\pi - \alpha_{ij}|$$

Gonia: angle

Hedra: face



# George Savvidy, Franz Wegner and the end of the Soviet Union

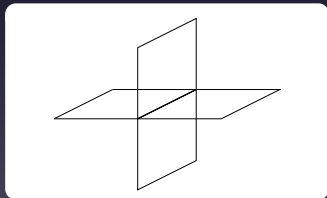


# Gonihedric Surfaces on a Cubic Lattice

Edge lengths the same

$$S = \sum_{ij} |X^\mu(i) - X^\mu(j)| \theta_{ij}$$

$$\theta_{ij} = |\pi - \alpha_{ij}|$$





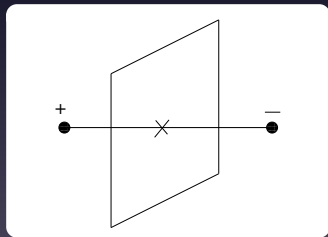
# Gonihedric Surfaces on a Cubic Lattice II

Spins on dual lattice  $\rightarrow$  plaquettes

Spin cluster boundaries  $\rightarrow$  surfaces

Edge spins:  $U_{ij} = -1$

Vertex spins:  $\sigma_i \sigma_j = -1$



# Counting configurations with spins

Spin gadgets to count area, bends and intersections

Area

$$S(\sigma) = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \frac{1}{2} (1 - \sigma_i \sigma_j)$$

Self intersection

$$I = -\frac{1}{8} (\sigma_1 \sigma_2 + \sigma_2 \sigma_3 + \sigma_3 \sigma_4 + \sigma_4 \sigma_1) \\ + \frac{1}{8} (\sigma_1 \sigma_3 + \sigma_2 \sigma_4) + \frac{1}{8} (\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_3 \sigma_4) + \frac{1}{8}$$

# Still Counting configurations with spins

Bends (and two from a crossing)

$$C = -\frac{1}{4}(\sigma_1\sigma_2 + \sigma_2\sigma_3 + \sigma_3\sigma_4 + \sigma_4\sigma_1) \\ + \frac{1}{4}(\sigma_1\sigma_3 + \sigma_2\sigma_4) - \frac{1}{4}(\sigma_1\sigma_2\sigma_3\sigma_4) + \frac{3}{4}$$

# A Generalized Ising action

In general energy comes from areas, edges and intersections (*A. Cappi, P Colangelo, G. Gonella and A. Maritan*)

$$H = J_1 \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \sigma_i \sigma_j + J_2 \sum_{\langle\langle ij \rangle\rangle} \sigma_i \sigma_j + J_3 \sum_{[i,j,k,l]} \sigma_i \sigma_j \sigma_k \sigma_l$$

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$$\beta_A = 2J_1 + 8J_2, \quad \beta_C = 2J_3 - 2J_2, \quad \beta_I = -4J_2 - 4J_3$$

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$$H = \sum (\beta_A n_A + \beta_C n_C + \beta_I n_I)$$

# A Particular Generalized Ising action

For the Gonihedric model, we want *no* area weight

$$H = 2\kappa \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \sigma_i \sigma_j - \frac{\kappa}{2} \sum_{\langle\langle ij \rangle\rangle} \sigma_i \sigma_j + \frac{1-\kappa}{2} \sum_{[i,j,k,l]} \sigma_i \sigma_j \sigma_k \sigma_l$$

$\kappa = 0$  simple (and interesting)

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{[i,j,k,l]} \sigma_i \sigma_j \sigma_k \sigma_l$$

# Phase Diagram

# Phase Diagram: Known knowns

What can we say analytically  $\kappa = 0$  plaquette?

2D, solvable

In 3D, no exact solution for isotropic model

3D *anisotropic*, solvable (Suzuki)

# Phase Diagram: 2D Knowns

In 2D weight corners (rather than edges)

$$H = \kappa \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \sigma_i \sigma_j - \frac{\kappa}{2} \sum_{\langle\langle ij \rangle\rangle} \sigma_i \sigma_j + \frac{1-\kappa}{2} \sum_{[i,j,k,l]} \sigma_i \sigma_j \sigma_k \sigma_l$$

$\kappa = 0$  is a 5-vertex model in disordered regime

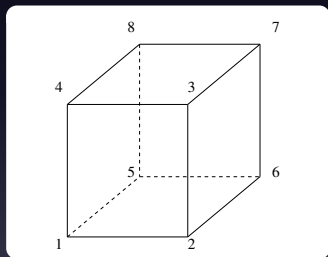
No transition

Also appears to be true for  $\kappa \neq 0$



# Phase Diagram: 3D Anisotropic Knowns $\kappa = 0$

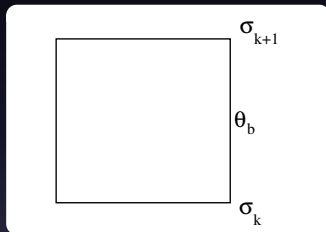
Switch off coupling



Vertical - Stack of 2D Goniherdic Ising

Horizontal (“Fuki-nuke”)- Stack of 2D Ising

# Phase Diagram: Stack of 2D Ising Models



$$b = (i, j, k + 1/2)$$

$$H = -J \sum_b (\theta_b \theta_{b+\hat{x}} + \theta_b \theta_{b+\hat{y}})$$

# What can we say in 3D?: Isotropic Ground States

Table: *Elementary cube ground state energies*

Top	Bottom	Energy	Multiplicity
++	++	$-3/2 - 3\kappa/2$	2
++	++		
- +	+ -	$-3/2 + 21\kappa/2$	2
+ -	- +		
--	++	$-3/2 - 3\kappa/2$	6
--	++		
++	--	$-3/2 + 5\kappa/2$	6
--	++		

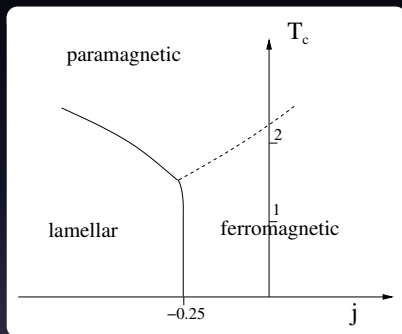
# Known Unknowns: Mean Field/Series/Monte Carlo

Layered ground state

Series expansions (Pietig, Wegner) and Monte-Carlo suggest this has higher energy at finite temperature when  $\kappa \neq 0$

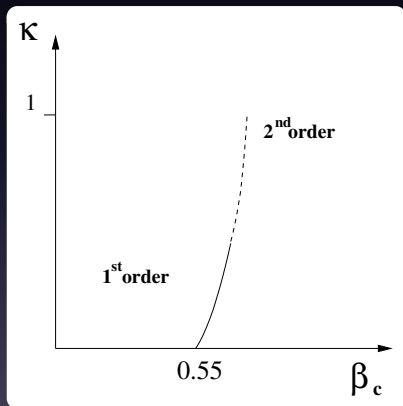
- *But* layered phase still present at  $T \neq 0$  when  $\kappa = 0$

# Known Unknowns: Phase Diagram by Monte-Carlo



$$H = - \sum \sigma_i \sigma_j - j \sum \sigma_i \sigma_j - \frac{1 - \kappa}{4\kappa} \sum \sigma_i \sigma_j \sigma_k \sigma_l$$

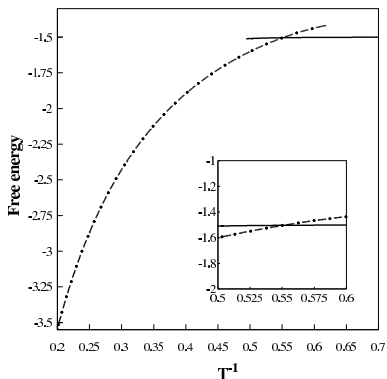
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# Non-equilibrium Properties

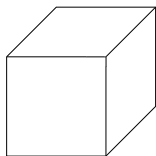
# Known Unknowns: $\kappa = 0$

## Metastability

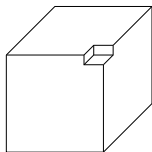




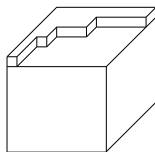
# Dynamics - Heuristics



(a)



(b)



(c)

# (Spin) glasses

Similar Hamiltonian to standard Ising model

$$H = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} J_{ij} \sigma_i \sigma_j$$

But couplings are now random

$$J_{ij} = \pm 1$$

Frustration

Glassy phase

# Dynamics

• Usual glassy observables

$$C(t, t_w) = \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \sigma_i(t_w) \sigma_i(t + t_w) \right\rangle$$

$$Q(t_w + t, t_w + t) = \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \sigma_i^{(1)}(t + t_w) \sigma_i^{(2)}(t + t_w) \right\rangle$$

$T_g < T < T_C$  stretched exponential

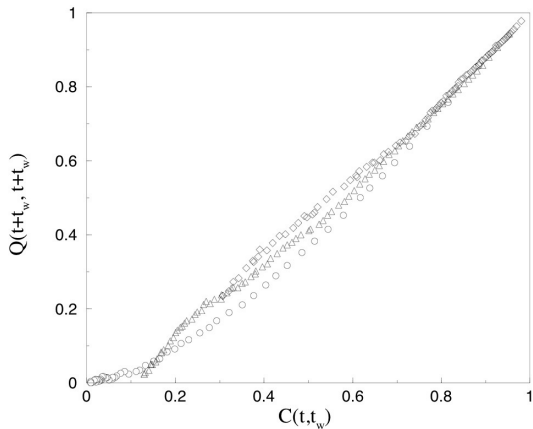
$$A(t, t_w) = \langle E(t_w) E(t + t_w) \rangle$$

$$A(t, t_w) \sim A_0 \exp \left( - \left( \frac{t}{\tau} \right)^\beta \right)$$

- $\tau \sim \frac{A}{T - T^*}$

# Aging (Type II)

$$T < T_g$$



# Summary

Glassy behaviour *without* quenched disorder

# Conclusions

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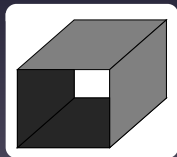
Savvidy/Wegner  $\kappa = 0$  dual, by hand

$$Z(\beta) = \sum_{\{\sigma\}} \prod_{[ijkl]} \cosh(\beta) [1 + \tanh(\beta) (\sigma_i \sigma_j \sigma_k \sigma_l)]$$

which can be written as

$$Z(\beta) = [2 \cosh(\beta)]^{3L^3} \sum_{\{S\}} [\tanh(\beta)]^{n(S)}$$

“Matchbox” spins





# Dual(s)

Hamiltonian

$$H_{dual0} = - \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \sigma_i \sigma_j - \sum_{\langle ik \rangle} \tau_i \tau_k - \sum_{\langle jk \rangle} \eta_j \eta_k$$

Spins

$$e\sigma = \sigma, \quad e\tau = \tau, \quad e\eta = \eta$$

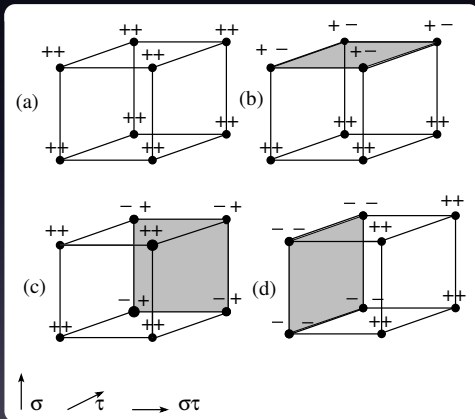
$$\sigma^2 = \tau^2 = \eta^2 = e$$

$$\sigma\tau = \eta, \quad \tau\eta = \sigma, \quad \eta\sigma = \tau$$

Ashkin-Teller style dual

$$H_{dual1} = - \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \sigma_i \sigma_j - \sum_{\langle ik \rangle} \tau_i \tau_k - \sum_{\langle jk \rangle} \sigma_j \sigma_k \tau_j \tau_k.$$

# Dual ground states (Ashkin-Teller style)



# Other (?) Duals

Wegner wrote a general framework for duality in  $D$  dimensional spin models

*Two* ways of thinking about surfaces in 3D Gonihedric models

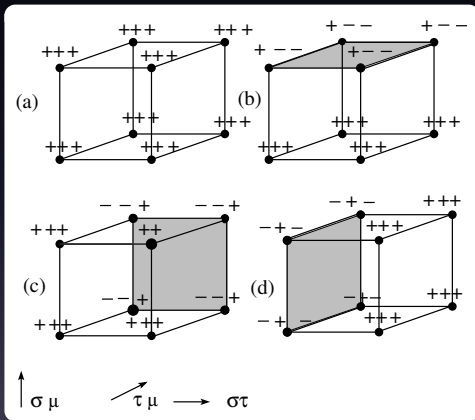
2D surfaces, codimension 1 surfaces

$$\begin{aligned}
H_{dual3} &= - \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} (\sigma_i U_{ij}^1 \sigma_j + \mu_i U_{ij}^1 \mu_j) - \sum_{\langle ik \rangle} (\tau_i U_{ik}^2 \tau_k + \mu_i U_{ik}^2 \mu_k) \\
&\quad - \sum_{\langle jk \rangle} (\sigma_j U_{jk}^3 \sigma_k + \tau_j U_{jk}^3 \tau_k) \\
&\quad \longrightarrow \text{(Un)Decoration} \longrightarrow
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
H_{dual2} &= - \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \sigma_i \sigma_j \mu_i \mu_j - \sum_{\langle ik \rangle} \tau_i \tau_k \mu_i \mu_k - \sum_{\langle jk \rangle} \sigma_j \sigma_k \tau_j \tau_k \\
&\quad \longrightarrow \text{Gauge-Fixing} \longrightarrow
\end{aligned}$$

$$H_{dual1} = - \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \sigma_i \sigma_j - \sum_{\langle ik \rangle} \tau_i \tau_k - \sum_{\langle jk \rangle} \sigma_j \sigma_k \tau_j \tau_k$$

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- Dual(s) are anisotropic, interesting beasts in their own right