

THEORY OF RANDOM SOLID STATES

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Abstract

This text is a non-technical, elementary introduction to the theory of glassy phases and their ubiquity. The aim is to provide a guide, and some kind of coherent view, to the various topics which have been explored in recent years in this very diverse field, ranging from spin or structural glasses to protein folding, combinatorial optimization, neural networks, error correcting codes and game theory.

1.1 A few landmarks*Structural glasses*

From rubber to spin glass and proteins

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V r_i, r_j

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CuMn

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Networks of interacting individuals: global equilibrium

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \begin{array}{c} J_{ij} \\ J_{ij} \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} i, j \\ i \\ S_i \end{array} \\
 & \begin{array}{c} S_i \\ -J_{ij}S_iS_j \end{array} \begin{array}{c} i \\ j \\ S_i S_j \end{array} \\
 & \begin{array}{c} i, j, k \\ N \end{array} \begin{array}{c} J_{ij}J_{jk}J_{ki} \\ N \\ N \\ N \end{array} \\
 & \begin{array}{c} S_i \\ S_i \end{array} \begin{array}{c} i \\ S_i \end{array} - \\
 E &= -\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} J_{ij} S_i S_j
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$-N^2 \quad E_0 \quad N \quad - \quad N^{3/2}$$

$-E/T$

$$E_1 \quad N \quad E_0$$

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Networks of interacting individuals: dynamics

global

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symmetric
j i

i j

1.2 Tools and concepts

Statistical description

$$x_i \quad x_i \quad \rho x \quad \sum_i \langle \delta x - x_i \rangle$$

$$x \quad r \quad \rho \quad x \quad N$$

$$N$$

$$\ll \delta N \ll N$$

$$N \quad N \quad \delta N$$

Physics without symmetry: equilibrium.

T_c \pm $et al$ N
 T_c $\langle S_i \rangle$ $\langle . \rangle$

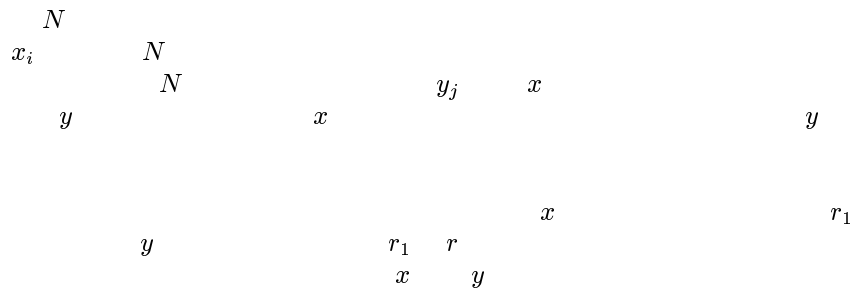
$$\langle S_i \rangle /$$

$$\bullet \quad \langle S_i \rangle$$

$$\bullet \quad q \quad /N \sum_i \langle S_i \rangle^2 \quad \alpha$$

$$i \langle S_i \rangle_\alpha$$

$$q_{\alpha\alpha} \quad /N \sum_i \langle S_i \rangle_\alpha^2 \quad \alpha$$



Replicas

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$n \rightarrow$ n Z^n
 n

n

S_n n

n

$P q$

q

$P q$

et al

et al

S_i

$$q = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N S_i S'_i$$

$P q$ δq

• $P q \quad \delta q - q_0$

q_0

• $x \delta q - q_0 \quad - x \delta q - q_1$ $P q$

q_1

q_0

q_0

• $- x \delta q - q_1$ $P q \quad xp q$

Z^n f $S_c f$ m $S_c f$ $F m$ $F m$ m $S_c f$

Physics without symmetry: dynamics

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$$q \quad t \rightarrow \infty \quad N \rightarrow \infty \quad \langle S_i \ t \ S_i \ \rangle$$

$$\alpha \quad t$$

$$q \quad N \rightarrow \infty \quad /N \sum_i \langle S_i \rangle_\alpha \langle S_i \rangle_\alpha$$

et

$$al \quad t$$

$$C \ t_w \ \tau, t_w \quad N \rightarrow \infty \quad /N \sum_i \langle S_i \ t_w \ S_i \ t_w \ \tau \ \rangle \quad t_w \quad t_w \ \tau$$

$$t_w \quad q \quad \tau \rightarrow \infty \quad t_w \rightarrow \infty \quad C \ t_w \ \tau, t_w$$

$$\tau \rightarrow \infty \quad C \ t_w \ \tau, t_w \quad t_w$$

PVC

$$t_w \quad \tau$$

et al

P q

Simulations

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1.3 Directions

Physical glasses

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & & & t_w \\
 & & & & & & \ell \sqrt{t_w} \\
 & & & \ell t_w & & & \\
 & & & & & & \\
 t_w & \tau & \tau \ll t_w & & \tau \gg t_w & & \\
 & & & & & & \\
 & & & \tau \ll t_w & & &
 \end{array}$$

Random systems

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The unreasonable inefficiency of mathematics

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