

Simulations in Statistical Physics

Course for MSc physics students

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Ising-model

- ▶ Spins
 - ▶ Interact with external field h_i
 - ▶ Interact with neighbors with coeff. J_{ij}
- ▶ The Hamiltonian:

$$H(\sigma) = - \sum_{\langle i j \rangle} J_{ij} \sigma_i \sigma_j - \mu \sum_i h_i \sigma_i$$

- ▶ Order parameter magnetization

$$M = \sum_i \sigma_i$$

Variants

- ▶ Potts model:

- ▶ Spin is two dimensional unit vector with q possible values at angles

$$\theta_n = \frac{2\pi n}{q}$$

- ▶ Hamiltonian (vector, or clock model):

$$H_c = J_c \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \cos(\theta_i - \theta_j)$$

- ▶ Hamiltonian (standard):

$$H_p = -J_p \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \delta(s_i, s_j)$$

- ▶ Results in two dimensions ($J > 0$):
- ▶ First order phase transition for $q > 4$
- ▶ Second order phase transition for $q \leq 4$

Variants

- ▶ Classical XY model

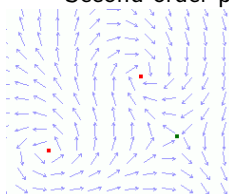
- ▶ Spin is two dimensional unit vector with θ_i angle

$$s_i = (\cos \theta_i, \sin \theta_i)$$

- ▶ Hamiltonian:

$$H_{XY} = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} J_{ij} s_i s_j$$

- ▶ Results in two dimensions ($J > 0$):
 - ▶ Nearest neighbor interaction: No phase transition in 2d
 - ▶ Long range interaction ($J_{ij} \sim |r_i - r_j|^{-\alpha}$)
 - ▶ No phase transition
 - ▶ Kosterlitz-Thouless transition: Correlation function decays exponentially or as a power law
 - ▶ Second order phase transition in 3d



Variants

- ▶ Classical Hamilton model
 - ▶ Spin is **three** dimensional unit vector with θ_i angle
 - ▶ Hamiltonian:

$$H_H = \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} J_{ij} s_i s_j$$

- ▶ Similar results to XY model

Standard opinion models

- ▶ Would vote for *democrats/republicans*
- ▶ Can be represented by a spin
- ▶ One takes the opinion of the neighborhood majority
- ▶ Plus some noise
- ▶ This the Ising model
- ▶ More opinions than this is the Potts model with Hamming distance instead of cos

Voter model

- ▶ Spins/agents on a lattice (can be network)
- ▶ Spin can have q different values
- ▶ Interaction: copy one of the neighbors opinion
- ▶ Similar as Ising-model at temperatures slightly below the transition
- ▶ Note, that in social science nearest neighbors are the 8 surrounding sites
- ▶ Only domain boundaries are active
- ▶ Steady state a homogeneous system
- ▶ Convergence is slow $T(N) \sim N \log N$ in $d = 2$ and $T(N) \sim N$ in $d > 2$

Majority model

- ▶ Spins/agents on a lattice (can be network)
- ▶ Spin can have q different values
- ▶ Interaction: Select r neighbors (from 8 neighbors)
- ▶ If there is a majority opinion copy that
- ▶ Similar to Voter model

Synchronization



Synchronization



Kuramoto model

- ▶ Oscillator with angle θ_i

$$\frac{d\theta_i}{dt} = \omega_i + \frac{K}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \sin(\theta_j - \theta_i)$$

- ▶ Two phases: Phase locking and random

MOVIE [Wikipedia](#)

Kuramoto model for 2 oscillators

- ▶ Two oscillators with own frequency ω_1, ω_2
- ▶ In general:

$$\frac{d\phi_1}{dt} = \omega_1 + H_{12}(\phi_1, \phi_2) \quad \frac{d\phi_2}{dt} = \omega_2 + H_{21}(\phi_2, \phi_1)$$

- ▶ Kuramoto model:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} H_{12}(\phi_1, \phi_2) &= \frac{K}{2} \sin(\phi_2 - \phi_1) \\ H_{21}(\phi_2, \phi_1) &= \frac{K}{2} \sin(\phi_1 - \phi_2) \end{aligned} \right\} \frac{d\Delta\phi}{dt} = \Delta\omega - K \sin \Delta\phi$$

with

$$\Delta\phi = \phi_2 - \phi_1 \quad \Delta\omega = \omega_2 - \omega_1$$

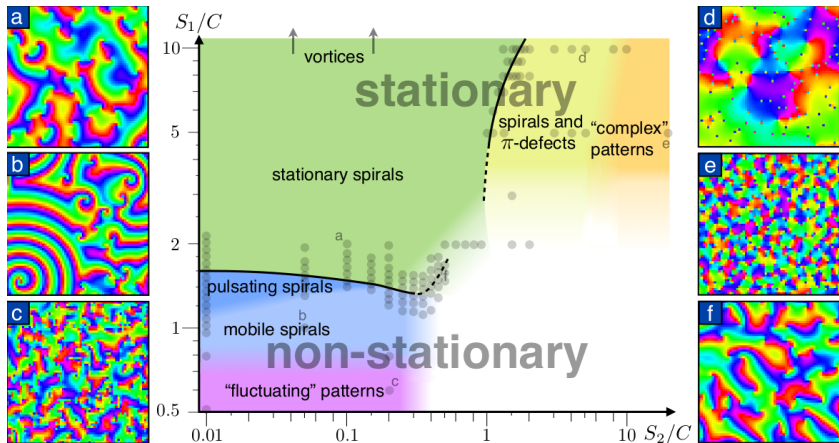
- ▶ Stationary solution:

$$\sin \Delta\phi = \frac{\Delta\omega}{K}$$

for

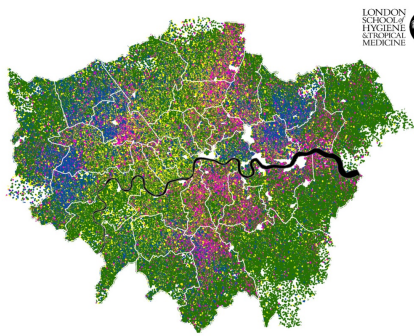
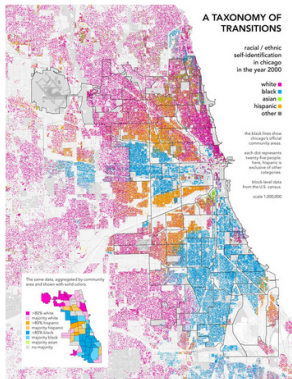
$$\left| \frac{\Delta\omega}{K} \right| \leq 1$$

Synchronization



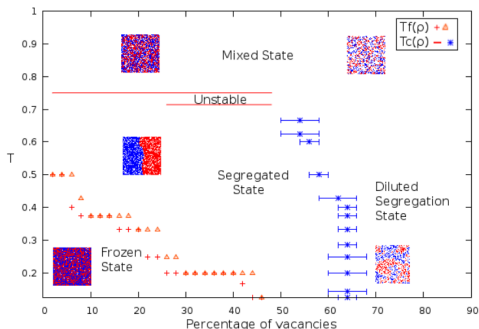
Schelling model

- ▶ Schelling model of segregation:
 1. Segregated neighborhoods reflect ethnic preferences of individuals
 2. Individual preferences reflect ethnic segregation.
 3. Is the answer “the chicken and the egg”?
 4. Or are both sides wrong?



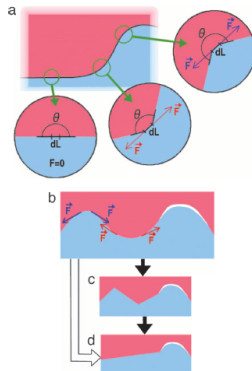
Schelling model

- ▶ Two equal-sized ethnic groups randomly distributed on a regular lattice
- ▶ Each agent has 8 neighbors 15% of cells are vacant
- ▶ If dissatisfied, agents pick the closest vacant slot that is satisfactory
- ▶ Dissatisfaction means that the fraction of alike neighbors is less than a parameter T
- ▶ Nobel prize in 2005



Schelling model

- ▶ In principle Ising model with conserved magnetization
- ▶ Only surface is important for the dynamics.
- ▶ Tolerance parameter sets minimal surface curvature (acts as surface tension)
- ▶ Surface curvature defines also volume/surface ratio which diverges easily

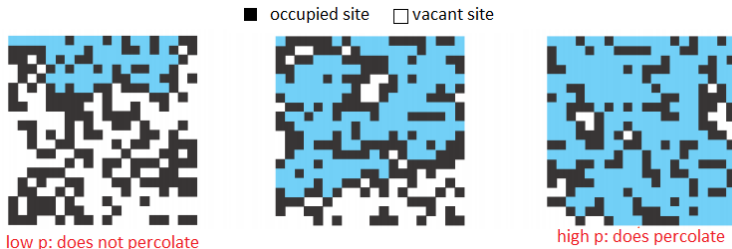


Percolation



Percolation model

- ▶ Random environment
- ▶ With probability p site vacant (conducts)
- ▶ Two states: percolates or not!



Percolation theory

Questions (in infinite systems):

1. Is there an infinite cluster in infinite systems?
2. How many infinite clusters are there?
3. Mean cluster size (without the infinite one)?
4. Cluster size distribution

Answers:

1. Above a critical density with probability 1 below it with probability 0
2. Only 1!
3. Decreases as a power law away from the critical density
4. Power law

Percolation theory

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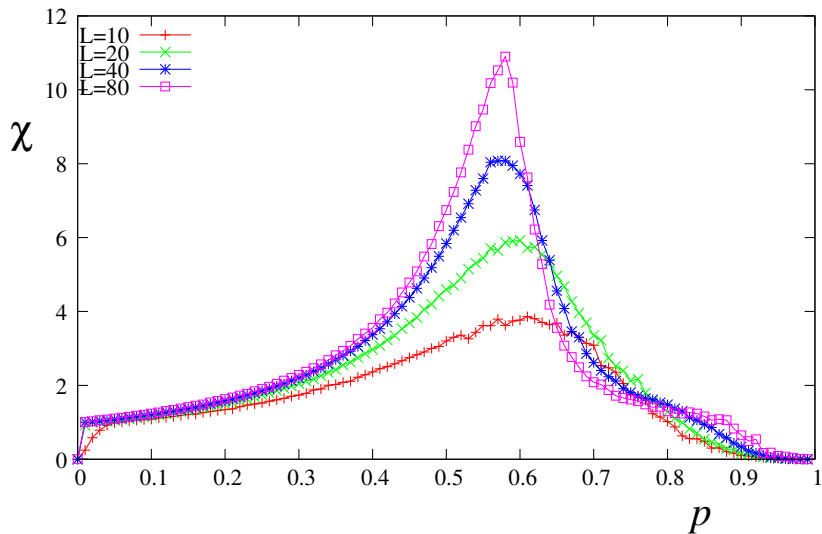
1. Is there an infinite cluster in infinite systems?
2. How many infinite clusters are there?
3. Cluster size distribution (n_s)
4. Mean cluster size (without the infinite one)? ($S = \sum_s s^2 n_s$)

Answers:

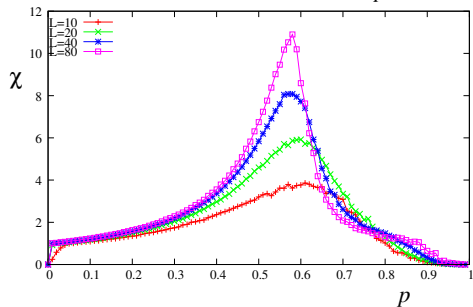
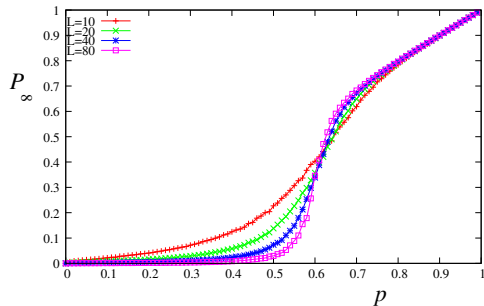
1. if $p > p_c$ then yes, otherwise no
2. Only 1!
3. $n_s \sim s^{-\tau}$
4. $S \sim |p - p_c|^{-\gamma}$

Like a second order phase transition in a geometric system!

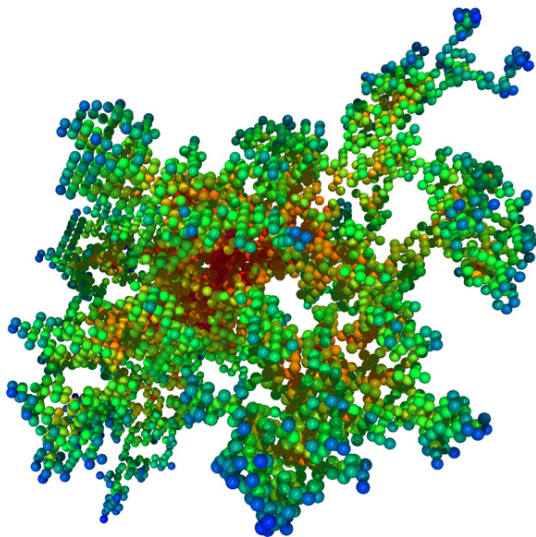
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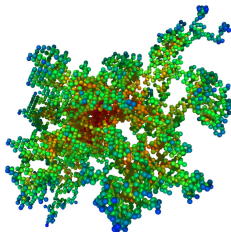
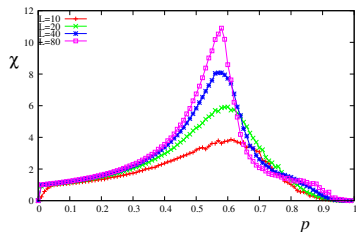
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Percolating cluster



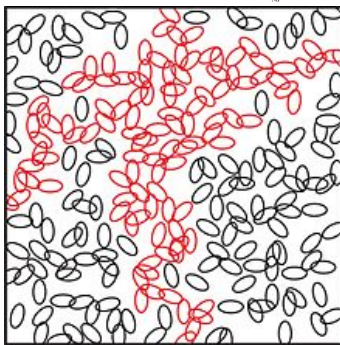
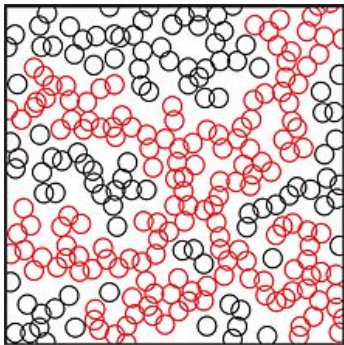
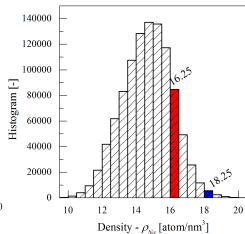
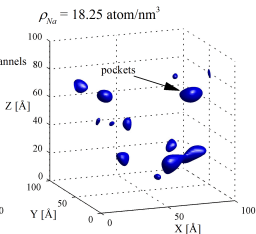
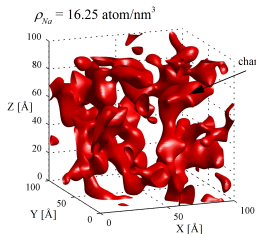
▶ Largest cluster

- ▶ fractal with fractal dimension of d_f

$$\text{▶ } S_\infty \sim \begin{cases} \xi_f^d \log(N/\xi_f^d) & p < p_c \\ N^{d_f/d} & p = p_c \\ NP_\infty(p) & p > p_c \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Largest not infinite cluster: size $\sim |p - p_c|^{-\nu}$

Percolation theory: Importance



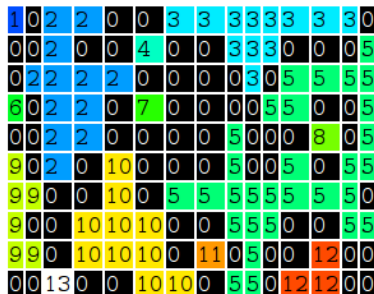
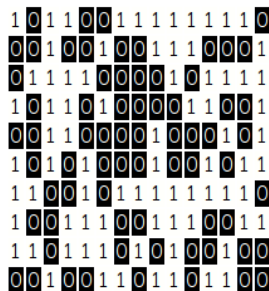
Percolation model

Bond [site] percolation

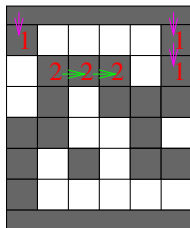
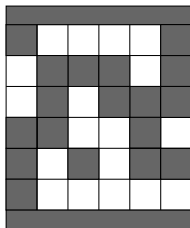
- ▶ Let us have a lattice (network)
- ▶ Each bond [site] is occupied with probability p
- ▶ (unoccupied with probability $1 - p$)
- ▶ A cluster is a set of sites connected by occupied bonds
[A cluster is a set of occupied sites]

Hoshen-Kopelman Algorithm

- ▶ Numerical task: find clusters
- ▶ Identify clusters
- ▶ Visit all sites
- ▶ Mark them with numbers



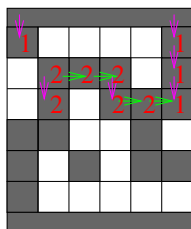
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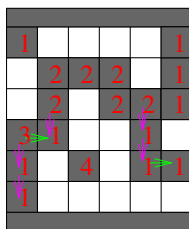
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- ▶ Go through sample in typewriter style
- ▶ If site is occupied, look left and up
 - ▶ if no neighbour \rightarrow new number
 - ▶ if only one is occupied \rightarrow inherit number

Hoshen-Kopelman Algorithm



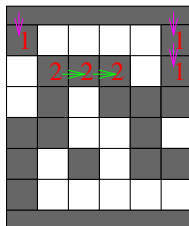
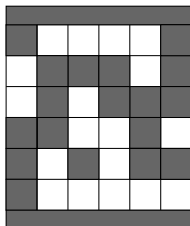
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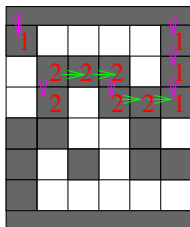
- ▶ ...
- ▶ If site is occupied, look left and up
 - ▶ ...
 - ▶ if both sites are occupied → then link the two
 - ▶ a link which points to itself is a root link
 - ▶ find the root of both sites
 - ▶ connect the larger to the smaller
 - ▶ use this number

Hoshen-Kopelman Algorithm



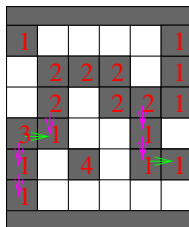
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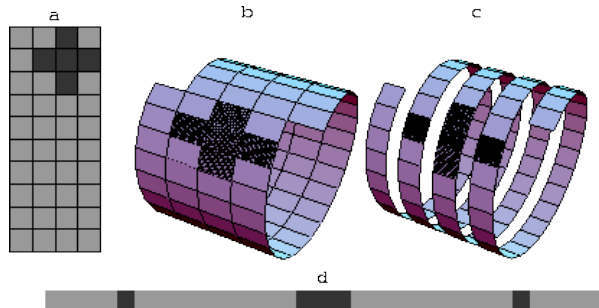
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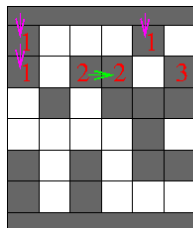
- ▶ Site percolation
- ▶ Helical boundary conditions (rolled up onto dimensional lattice)
- ▶ Go through site in typewriter style
- ▶ Check left and above (as before)



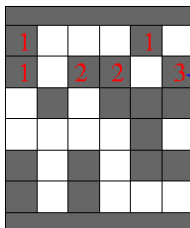
Hoshen-Kopelman Algorithm

- ▶ Site percolation
- ▶ Periodic boundary conditions
- ▶ Go through site in typewriter style
- ▶ Check left and above (as before)
- ▶ After each line if first and last site is occupied link them

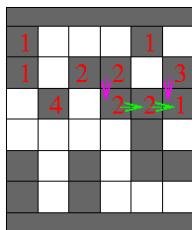
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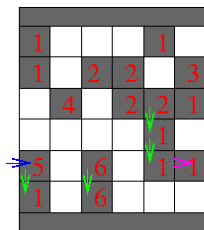
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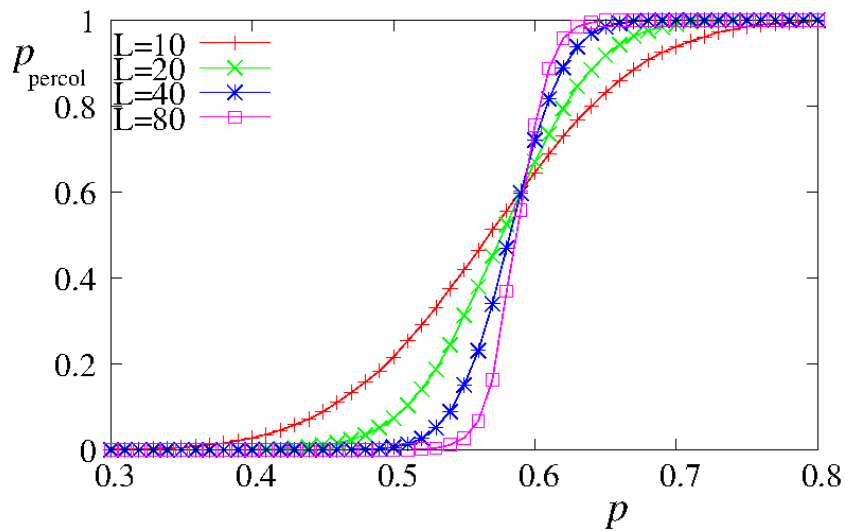


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link[5]=1
link[6]=6

Result



Practice: Hoshen-Kopelman Algorithm

- ▶ Fill a square lattice by 1 with probability p and by 0 otherwise
- ▶ Create a large enough array where `link[i]=i`
- ▶ Write a root finding function which recursively sets $i \leftarrow \text{link}[i]$ until $i == \text{link}[i]$
- ▶ Go through the lattice in a typewriter style
- ▶ If the site is not empty check the sites to the top and left (if they exist)
 - ▶ if both neighbors are empty \rightarrow assign it a new label (you can keep the labels in the original array)
 - ▶ if only one neighbor is empty \rightarrow assign it the root label of the neighbor
 - ▶ if both neighbors are occupied \rightarrow search for the root labels of the sites connect the larger to the smaller and assign this value to this site
- ▶ (Bonus): Measure the distribution of the size of the clusters, or the size of the largest as function of p , etc.

Practice

Simulate the Schelling model

- ▶ There are three parameters: L , T , fraction of vacant sites
- ▶ Start from random configuration
- ▶ Agents have 8 neighbors
- ▶ Identify dissatisfied agents (empty houses does not count!)
- ▶ Move dissatisfied agents to a random empty space
- ▶ Stop if everybody is satisfied or enough time is lapsed