# Advanced quantum methods for the largest magnetic molecules

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Problem

# The problem

### You have got a molecule!



**Congratulations!** 

### You have got an idea about the modeling!

$$\begin{array}{lll} H &=& -2\sum_{i < j} \,\, J_{ij} \,\, \vec{\underline{s}}(i) \cdot \vec{\underline{s}}(j) & + \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ &$$

$$g \mu_B B \sum_{i}^{N} \underline{s}_{z}(i)$$
Zeeman

### In the end it's always a big matrix!



Fe<sup>III</sup>: N = 10, s = 5/2Dimension=60,466,176. Maybe too big?  $\longleftrightarrow \ \Leftrightarrow \ \blacksquare \ ? \qquad \mathsf{X}$ 

#### Thank God, we have computers



#### "Espresso-doped multi-core"

#### 128 cores, 384 GB RAM

#### ... but that's not enough!

#### **Contents for you today**

#### **Traditional approach**

1. Complete diagonalization

#### **Approximate methods**

- 1. Finite-temperature Lanczos
- 2. DMRG & DDMRG
- 3. QMC

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# Complete diagonalization: SU(2) & point group symmetry



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#### Spin rotational symmetry SU(2):

- $H_{\sim} = -2 \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} \, \vec{\underline{s}}_i \cdot \vec{\underline{s}}_j + g \mu_B \vec{\underline{S}} \cdot \vec{B}$ ;
- $\left[ \underset{\sim}{H}, \overset{\overrightarrow{S}^2}{\underset{\sim}{\Sigma}} \right] = 0, \left[ \underset{\sim}{H}, \underset{\sim}{S}_z \right] = 0;$
- Irreducible Tensor Operator (ITO) approach;
- Free program MAGPACK (2) available.

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#### **Point Group Symmetry**

$$|\alpha' S M \Gamma\rangle = \mathcal{P}^{(\Gamma)} |\alpha S M\rangle = \left(\frac{l_{\Gamma}}{h} \sum_{R} \left(\chi^{(\Gamma)}(R)\right)^* \tilde{G}(R)\right) |\alpha S M\rangle$$

#### Method:

- Projection on irreducible representations  $\Gamma$  of the point group (1,2);
- No free program, things are a bit complicated (3,4).
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Spin ring, N = 10, s = 5/2, Hilbert space dimension 60,466,176; symmetry  $D_2$  (1).

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# Finite-temperature Lanczos Method

(Good for dimensions up to  $10^{10}$ .)

#### **Finite-temperature Lanczos Method I**

$$Z(T,B) = \sum_{\nu} \langle \nu | \exp\left\{-\beta H\right\} | \nu \rangle$$
$$\langle \nu | \exp\left\{-\beta H\right\} | \nu \rangle \approx \sum_{n} \langle \nu | n(\nu) \rangle \exp\left\{-\beta \epsilon_{n}\right\} \langle n(\nu) | \nu \rangle$$
$$Z(T,B) \approx \frac{\dim(\mathcal{H})}{R} \sum_{\nu=1}^{R} \sum_{n=1}^{N_{L}} \exp\left\{-\beta \epsilon_{n}\right\} |\langle n(\nu) | \nu \rangle|^{2}$$

- $|n(\nu)\rangle$  n-th Lanczos eigenvector starting from  $|\nu\rangle$
- Partition function replaced by a small sum:  $R = 1 \dots 10, N_L \approx 100$ .
- J. Jaklic and P. Prelovsek, Phys. Rev. B 49, 5065 (1994).

#### How good is finite-temperature Lanczos?



• Works very well: compare frustrated cuboctahedron.

• N = 12, s = 3/2: Considered < 100,000 states instead of 16,777,216.

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#### $Gd_4M_8$ – Susceptibility



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### Density Matrix Renormalization Group

(Best for one-dimensional systems, even for huge sizes.)

#### **Density Matrix Renormatization Group**



#### Variational method:

- Naive idea: start with small system, diagonalize *H*, keep only *m* lowest states, enlarge system, diagonalize *H*, keep only *m* lowest states, ...
- Better: similar idea, use low-lying eigenstates of density matrix of part of system (1,2,3).
- Technical procedure: growth of system & sweeps.

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#### **Density Matrix Renormatization Group**



- DMRG yields ground states + very few low-lying states in orthogonal subspaces.
- Magnetization curve for T = 0, resonance energies for spectroscopy.
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#### **Dynamical Density Matrix Renormatization Group**



#### **Evaluation of correlation functions, e.g. for INS:**

- $S_{jj'}^{zz}(\omega) \equiv \sum_{n} \langle 0| \underset{j}{s_j^z} |n\rangle \langle n| \underset{j'}{s_{j'}^z} |0\rangle \,\delta(\hbar\omega E_n + E_0);$ transitions from the ground state;
- $S_{jj'}^{zz}(\omega) \approx \frac{1}{\pi} \langle 0| \underset{j}{s_j^z} \frac{\eta}{(E_0 + \hbar\omega H)^2 + \eta^2} \underset{j'}{s_{j'}^z} |0\rangle;$
- Use DMRG ground state and DMRG representation of  $\underline{H}$  (1,2);  $\eta$  finite broadening.

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#### **Dynmical Density Matrix Renormatization Group**



- Accurate description of low-lying excitations for the giant ferric wheel  $Fe_{18}$ . Hilbert space dimension  $10^{14}$ .
- Determination of model parameters.

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### Quantum Monte Carlo

(Very good for non-frustrated systems, even for huge sizes.)

#### **Quantum Monte Carlo**



#### **Chopped (sliced) partition function:**

- $Z(T,B) = \sum_{\nu} \langle \nu | \exp \left\{ -\beta H \right\} | \nu \rangle$   $= \sum_{\nu} \langle \nu | \left[ \exp \left\{ -\beta H / m \right\} \right]^{m} | \nu \rangle$   $= \sum_{\nu,\alpha,\beta,\dots} \langle \nu | \exp \left\{ -\beta H / m \right\} | \alpha \rangle \langle \alpha | \cdots$  $\approx \sum_{\nu,\alpha,\beta,\dots} \langle \nu | \left\{ 1 - \beta H / m \right\} | \alpha \rangle \langle \alpha | \cdots$
- Bad/no convergence for frustrated systems (negative sign problem).

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- [(CuCl<sub>2</sub>tachH)<sub>3</sub>Cl]Cl<sub>2</sub>: spins on triangles effectively coupled to s = 3/2, treatment as chain  $\Rightarrow$  Luttinger liquid behavior, i.e.  $C \propto T$ .
- 100 spins s = 3/2 are no problem for QMC.

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### Summary

- Exact diagonalization is great but limited.
- Finite-temperature Lanczos is a good approximate method for Hilbert space dimensions smaller than  $10^{10}$ .
- Density Matrix Renormalization Group for big 1-d systems.
- Quantum Monte Carlo very powerful for nonfrustrated systems.
- Most of it is freely available in ALPS (1).

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# Thank you very much for your attention.

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